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Particle ID (PID)

Neutron event

Photon event

1.6 interaction lengthev Neutron 44 r.l. 400 GeV photon (Adriani et al., PRD, 2012) $M_{\gamma\gamma} = \theta \sqrt{E_1 E_2}$ Events 006 800 12 LHOf √s=13TeV, η>10.94, Δφ=180° Y2 1.1TeV<E_{rec}<1.2TeV 700 500 -Arm1. Data rm1, photon template LHCf-Arm1 vs=7TeV, Ldt=2.53nb⁻¹ 600 Arm1, hadron template 400 - 9.0 < y < 9.2 An 1, photon + hadron 500 Events / (1 MeV) 400 300 300 200 200 100 100 01 25 5 10 15 20 30 35 40 45 140 160 100 120 180 L_{90%} [r.l.] Reconstructed m_{yy} [MeV] Shower depth parameter Invariant mass of photon pair (Adriani et al., PLB, 2018) Peak @ 135MeV from π^0 decay events

Photon ($\pi^0 \rightarrow 2\gamma$) production cross section in LHC 13TeV p-p collision



EPOS-LHC shows best agreement (slight overestimate near maximum @nergy)

Origin of photons



• ATLAS inner tracker enables to categorize events in diffractive-like and non-diffractive-like

ATLAS-LHCf joint analysis



Neutron in 13TeV p-p collisions

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- Peak structure around 0 degree is similar to the previous results (NOTE: p_T range is wider than the previous analyses. Analysis for direct comparison in progress.)
- Effect of 40% energy resolution is unfolded

RHICf: Successful operation in 2017

 $vs = 510GeV p + p => 1.4 \times 10^{14} eV CR$

- Energy spectrum of EM-like showers in a 30 minutes run
- High-energy EM showers and π^0 were selectively triggered to compensate the limited DAQ speed.





RHICf: common run with STAR



- Hadron-like (deep penetrating) showers were selected
- Anticorrelation between the RHICf raw (folded) energy and ZDC measured energy (in ADC unit) is confirmed
- (Anti)correlation only with West ZDC as expected => correct event matching $_{13}$

RHICf: π^0 single spin asymmetry

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LHCf Run3

LHCf

Technical Proposal for the LHC Run3

Addressing Cosmic Ray physics with forward measurements in proton–proton and proton–light

nuclei collisions at LHC

Approved by Research Board

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p+p: Operation under higher luminosity



- Sophisticated trigger and faster DAQ read out allow
 - More π^0
 - More η
 - Possibly K⁰



Oxygen, finally...

- Not only more atmosphere-like...
- π^0 measured by LHCf in p-Pb collision
- Half of events comes from UPC, not relevant for atmospheric air shower



Forward photons in p-Pb (LHCf) PRC 89, 065209 (2014)



- Forward photons in LHC p-O collisions
- Less systematic uncertainty to study hadronic interaction than p-Pb

First discussion of light ion collisions at CERN 30-Aug-2012

Dear all,

here's a summary of our discussion, corrections/comments welcome.

Cheers

Django

Preliminary discussion on the feasibility of N-N, p-N and Fe-N collisions in the LHC

Present:

Sako, Hannes, Detlef, Simone, John, Reine, Michaela, Django.

Introduction by Sako:

The experiment LHCf is motivated to understand the interaction between cosmic-rays and atmosphere, and hence the origin of the cosmic-ray particles up to 10^20 eV. The p-p and p-Pb collisions at LHC give important fundamental information for this study. However, clearly, in the atmosphere the target of the interaction is light nuclei like Nitrogen and Oxygen. The direct measurements of p-N,

N-N to Fe-N are very interesting to understand the nuclear effect in the interaction but there are no such experiment carried out using colliders. LHCf is interested in using the LHC as a light ion collider in the future.

Of course, these collisions are not prime target of the LHC science. But is it technically possible? And what is necessary to realize such experiments in future?

Discussion:

- As there is only one ion source at present, only p-N and N-N can be considered in the near future.

- Production of nitrogen in the ECR source is not a problem as it is a gas, neither is Fe as there are techniques to produce it easily (MIVOC). But afterwards the source needs several weeks to repliably produce Pb in a stable manner.

- LHCf does not need a lot of running time, only a few days, and since it is looking at high cross-section events, the luminosity does not need to be very high.

- ALICE is not interested in other ions than Pb, but an N-N ion run would not take many days out of the LHC programme. It would, however, use a lot of resources from the injectors team. In fact the schedule would be dominated by the setting up and commissioning in the

injectors, not by the collisions. Preparation of a N-N run would also take a lot of time from the regular fixed target programme.

– One can imagine to start preparing the source with N in early January, commission the circular accelerators, and have a N-N or p-N run in autumn, before switching to Pb. But then it would take too long for the source to stabilise to have a Pb-Pb run before Xmas. This would only work during a year where there is no Pb-Pb run, or when it is postponed to after Xmas like this year.

- Oxygen on the other hand is also abundant in the atmsophere and could be a viable alternative. It is used in the ECR as a support gas for Pb production. One can consider tuning the source and transport systems for oxygen while preparing for a Pb run, still using Pb in order to keep conditions optimal. A short 0-0 or p-0 run could be compatible with a "normal" collider schedule, possibly in 2020.

- Nitrogen could be used as support gas too, but would be less efficient for Pb production so the idea is not retained.

- In the longer term future, if the medical facility is approved, a switchyard and a second source, able to provide any ion from p to Ne, will be built. It should then be possible to collide Pb-N, or even Fe-N, after 2022.

- As a conclusion, there is no technical show-stopper, and LHCf can go ahead with a letter of intent.

Minutes by Django

Summary

- LHCf and RHICf cover CR energy from 10¹⁴eV to 10¹⁷eV, important for air shower studies and for interpolation/extrapolation
- LHCf and RHICf demonstrated unique measurements at zero degrees
 - Forward photons, neutrons and $\pi^{0's}$
 - Combination with other detectors, central, roman pots,...
 - ZDC, having wider acceptance and good hadron energy resolution, is an interesting opportunity!!
- LHC Run3, from 13TeV to 14TeV...
 - Not a repeat of Run2
 - More exclusive measurements help model improve
 - Oxygen!!!

Backup

LHCf/RHICf Detectors

- Imaging sampling shower calorimeters \checkmark
- \checkmark Two calorimeter towers in each of Arm1 and Arm2
- \checkmark Each tower has 44 r.l. (1.6 λ) of Tungsten, 16 sampling scintillator and 4 position sensitive layers
- ✓ Plastic scintillators => GSO scintillators, SciFi => GSO bars in Run2 (13TeV p-p, 8.16TeV p-Pb)



LHCf Arm#2 Detector 25mmx25mm+32mmx32mm **4 XY Silicon strip detectors**

LHCf Arm#1 Detector = RHICf 20mmx20mm+40mmx40mm **4 XY SciFi+MAPMT**



low-mass diffraction事象の感度



- ◆ Central-veto は low-mass diffraction (log₁₀(ξ_x) < -6.0)に対し て約100%の検出効率がある。
- ◆ ATLAS-LHCf連動実験によるこれ まで測定例のないlow-mass diffraction事象の選別方法を確立。



π⁰ p_z spectra in 7TeV p-p collisions (PRD, 94 (2016) 032007)



DPMJET3 and PYTHIA8 overestimate over all E-p_T range

π^0 in 7TeV p-p collision LHCf and models



π^0 in 7TeV p-p collision LHCf and models (ratio to data)



Vs scaling ; π^0

- \checkmark Scaling is essential to extrapolate beyond LHC
- ✓ (630GeV −) 2.76TeV − 7TeV good scaling within uncertainties
- ✓ Wider coverage in y and p_T with 13TeV data
- ✓ Wider √s coverage with RHICf experiment in 2017 at √s=510GeV



