High energy hadron physics at zero-degree



Zero-degree of collisions











Arrival direction of UHECRs



UHECR observations



Composition measurement

 Improvement of hadronic interaction models is one of the keys for UHECR studies.

✓ LHC provide unique opportunities to verify the models at √s=14TeV (E_{CR}=10¹⁷eV)

Very forward energy spectrum

- If softer, shallow development
- If harder, deep penetrating

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Elasticity $k = \frac{E_{lead}}{E_{avail}}$

- If small k (π⁰s carry more energy): rapid development
- If large k (baryons carry more energy): deep penetrating

Cross section

If large σ_{ine} : rapid development If small σ_{ine} : deep penetrating

(n, p, π)

Forward angular emission Secondary particle multiplicity

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Experimental Setup

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The LHCf detectors

40mm

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Sampling and Positioning Calorimeters

- W (44 r.l $\,$, $\,1.7\lambda_{I}$) and Scintillator x 16 Layers
- Four positioning sensitive layers XY-Scintillator bars (Arm1) and XY-Silicon strip(Arm2)
- Each detector has two calorimeter towers, which allow to reconstruct π^0 Expected Performance
 - Expected Performance Energy resolution (> 100GeV) < 5% for Photons 40% for Neutrons Position resolution < 200µm for Photons a few mm for Neutrons

Front Counter

- thin scintillators with 80x80mm²
- To monitor beam condition.
- For background rejection of beam-residual gas collisions by coincidence analysis

The LHCf detectors

LHCF

silicon strip detector

Detector in the LHC tunnel

The LHCf history

- May 2004 LOI
- Feb 2006 TDR
- June 2006 LHCC approved

Jul 2006 construction

Aug 2007 SPS beam test

Jan 2008 Installation Sep 1st LHC beam

Dec 2009 - Jul 2010 **0.9TeV & 7TeV p-p** (detector removal)

Dec 2012- Feb 2013

5TeV/n p-Pb, 2.76TeV p-p Arm2 only (detector removal and <u>upgrade</u>)

P May-June 2015

13 TeV dedicated p-p (detector removal)

Nov. 2016 **5TeV/n & 8TeV/n p+Pb** Arm2 only (detector removal)

LHCf operations and results

Run	Elab (eV)	Photon	Neutron	π0	
p-p √s=0.9TeV (2009/2010)	4.3x10 ¹⁴	PLB 715, 298 (2012)		-	
p-p √s=2.76TeV (2013)	4.1x10 ¹⁵			PRC 86, 065209 (2014)	PRD 94 032007
p-p √s=7TeV (2010)	2.6x10 ¹⁶	PLB 703, 128 (2011)	PLB 750 360 (2015)	PRD 86, 092001 (2012)	(2016)
p-p √s=13TeV (2015)	9.0x10 ¹⁶	PLB 780, 233 (2018)	JHEP, 2018, 73 (2018)	on-going	
p-Pb √s _{NN} =5TeV (2013,2016)	1.4x10 ¹⁶			PRC 86, 065209 (2014)	
р-Pb √s _{NN} =8TeV (2016)	3.6x10 ¹⁶	Preliminary			
RHICf p-p √s=510GeV (2017)	1.4x10 ¹⁴		on-going		

Photon Energy Flow

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Neutral Pions at 7TeV p-p

Neutron, p-p √s=13TeV Unfolded Spectra

- In η > 10.76, data shows a strong increasing of neutron production in the high energy region. This behavior is not predicted by all models.
- EPOS-LHC and SIBYLL 2.3 have the best agreement in 8.99 < η < 9.22, 8.81 < η < 8.99, respectively.

Neutron, p-p √s=13TeV Unfolded Spectra

Photon, p-Pb √s_{NN}=8TeV

Motivation

- Measurement of the nuclear effect CR interaction (p-N,O) ≠ p-p
- Large suppression of forward π^0 production was measured at p-Pb, $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=5$ TeV

<u>Data</u>

- 2 hour operation in November 2016
- Low pile-up, μ~0.01

Analysis

- Use the well-developed method for photon analysis at p-p,13TeV
- Contribution of UPC collisions
 20 50 % of total photon events
 Estimated by the STARLIGHT simulator

Photon, p-Pb √s_{NN}=8TeV

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What's next?

- Complete the analysis for inclusive γ, π^0, n .
- Additionally,
 - Process-based measurement
 For understanding the sources of discrepancy between data and models
 ⇒ LHCf+ATLAS joint analysis

<u>First target:</u>

Measurement of contribution of diffractive processes to the forward particle production

- Collision-energy dependence (Feynman Scaling) For improving the predictive power in > ELHC
 - \Rightarrow RHIC forward (RHICf) at pp, $\sqrt{s}=0.5$ TeV

Diffractive processes

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N_{track}

Measurement of contributions of diffractive processes to forward photon spectra in *pp* collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV

Preliminary result of the measurement for forward photons is published in a conference-note; ATLAS-CONF-2017-075

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Measurement of contributions of diffractive processes to forward photon spectra in *pp* collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV

ATLAS-CONF-2017-075

Ratio (N_{ch=0}/Inclusive)

- At η >10.94, the ratio of data increased from 0.15 to 0.4. with increasing of the photon energy up to 4TeV.
- PYTHIA8212DL predicts higher fraction at higher energies.
- SIBYLL2.3 show small fraction compare with data at η >10.94.
- At 8.81 < η < 8.99, the ratio of data keep almost constant as 0.17.
- EPOS-LHC and PYTHIA8212DL show good agreement with data at 8.81 < η < 8.99.

Update plan of the joint analysis

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RHICf experiment

RHIC at BNL

• p+p √s = 510 GeV

(polarized beam)

- Test of energy scaling with the wide p_T range. (The X_F-pT coverage is almost same as LHCf @ p+p √s=7TeV)
- The operation was successfully completed in June 2017
- Common operation with STAR

Armil detector in RHIC tunnel

- LHCf measures the energy spectra of neutral particles, γ,π⁰,n in the very forward regions of collisions (η > 8.4), which is important for understanding air-shower developments.
- Operations have successfully completed for p-p: √s = 0.9, 2.76, 7, 13 TeV and p-Pb: √s_{NN} = 5, 8 TeV.
- Combine analysis with ATLAS and the measurement at RHIC are also proceeded to understand the hadronic interaction better.
- Future plan
 - Operation with p-O collisions at LHC

Backup

Photon Energy Flow

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Joint Analysis with ATLAS - Selection of Diffractive interactions -

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LHCf results: single γ energy - p+p @ 7 TeV

- No model can reproduce the **LHCf data** perfectly.
- **DPMJET** and **PYTHIA** are in good agreement at high- η for E_v<1.5TeV, but harder in E>1.5TeV.
- QGSJET and SIBYLL shows reasonable agreement of shapes in high- η but not in low- η
- EPOS has less η dependency against the LHCf data.

π⁰ p_T spectra at p+p,7TeV

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DPMJET and **Pythia** overestimate over all E-p_T range