





J/ψ inclusive photoproduction in ultra peripheral collisions

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Quarkonium Production

J.-P. Lansberg, Phys.Rept. 889 (2020), 1-106;

• We are concerned with quarkonia which are bound states of heavy quarks.



- Because of its scale $Q\bar{Q}$ production can be calculated perturbatively.
- However quarkonium production has two associated scales heavy-quark pair production (perturbative part) and hadronisation (non-perturbative part).
- Presently no consensus on the mechanism for quarkonium production.

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Quarkonium Production Model

See Phys.Rept. 889 (2020) 1-106 and EPJC (2016) 76:107 for reviews

Popular approaches assume a factorisation between the production of the heavy quark pair (perturbative part) and its hadronisation into a meson (non-perturbative part).

- No agreement on which mechanism is dominant
- Differences in the treatment of the hadronisation
- 3 common models:
 - COLOUR EVAPORATION MODEL: based on quark-hadron duality; only the invariant mass matters; semi-soft gluons emissions; colour-wise decorrelated cc production and hadronisation;
 - COLOUR SINGLET MODEL: hadronisation w/o gluon emission; colour and spin are preserved during the hadronisation
 - NRQCD AND COLOUR OCTET MECHANISM: higher Fock states of the mesons taken into account; $Q\bar{Q}$ can be produced in octet states with different quantum # to the meson.

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- This motivates the study of new observables

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Different colliding systems; different conclusions



Plot from M. Butenschön (ICHEP 2012); Discussion in JPL, Phys.Rept. 889 (2020) 1)

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Need for a new data set



 $\gamma g \rightarrow J/\psi X$

- This process is normally studied in lepton-proton colliders.
- Such a process is ideal because;
 - Constraints can be placed on the lepton to ensure $(p p')^2 = Q^2$ is small.
 - It is a clean environment; no difficulty in distinguishing inclusive and exclusive interactions.
- However, there are no high-energy lepton-proton colliders in function at present;
 - ▶ HERA at DESY (Hamburg, DE) was shut down in 2007.
 - ▶ EIC (BNL, US) ~10 years from data collecting.

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- $\rightarrow\,$ The photon probes the contents of the hadron.

Exclusive J/ψ production in *pp* collisions

Colourless exchanges via \mathbb{P}, \mathbb{O} or γ emission.



- Clean signal
 - only quarkonia and its decay products are produced.
 - protons stay intact



ALICE candidate signal for exclusive J/ψ production via UPC

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 - Description The gluon emitting proton breaks up.

Question: can we distinguish these processes in practice? Or do the particles emitted by the inclusive hard reaction pollute the region where the intact proton emerges?

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Why inclusive UPC ?

See JPL, Phys.Rept. 889 (2020) 1

It offers new ways to test the mechanisms of inclusive production (octet vs singlet, etc ...).



Also allows one to study J/ψ inclusive photoproduction which probes the gluon PDFs

As will be discussed by Liza.

Supporting data

H1 Collaboration/Nuclear Physics B 472 (1996) 3-31

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Exclusive and Inclusive J/ψ photoproduction data from H1 *ep* collsions (left and right).

• Similar rates for exclusive and inclusive photoproduction in ep.

LHCb have \sim 1400 J/ψ candidates for exclusive photoproduction in pp collions with 100 pb⁻¹ at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV.

LHCb JHEP10(2018)167;

Goal

- To understand inclusive photoproduction mechanism in UPCs.
- To characterise inclusive J/ψ photoproduction in UPCs.
- This will be achieved by using HELAC-Onia and PYTHIA.

HELAC-Onia is a code that is able to calculate heavy quarkonium amplitudes.

H. S. Shao; Comput.Phys.Commun. 184 (2013) 2562-2570

PYTHIA 8 is the tool that will be used to hadronise the outgoing gluon and proton remnants broken by the photon.

T. Sjöstrand et. al:Comput.Phys.Commun. 178 (2008), 852-867

Les Houches event file

The Les Houches event file is produced by HELAC-Onia. It contains information about all of the particles involved in the partonic collision; particle Id, energy, momentum etc.

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Results

- Used HELAC-Onia to generate the partonic event $[\gamma + g \rightarrow J/\psi + g]$ (*pp* photoproduction mode colpar=10).
- J/ψ decays via the dimuon channel [cc~(3S11) > m+ m- @ 0.06].
- Implemented cuts based on various experimental configurations (ATLAS, LHCb, ALICE and CMS) at the analysis level.

| | LHCb | ALICE | CMS | ATLAS |
|--------------------------|----------|----------|------------|----------|
| $p_T^{J/\psi}$ | < 0 GeV | < 0 GeV | < 6.5 GeV | <8.5 GeV |
| ${\sf y}^{\dot{J}/\psi}$ | (2,4.5) | (2.5,4) | < 2.4* | <2.1* |
| η^{μ} | (2,4.5) | (2.5,4) | <2.4* | <2.5* |

*absolute value

Process without cuts



 $\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV in pp collision

• p_T of ~10 GeV cross section reduced by a factor of 10^5 . 2 Asymmetry; J/ψ slightly favour moving in the direction of the γ emitting proton. October 29th 2021 K. Lynch (IJClab & UCD)

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LHCb



LHCb detector acceptance (~ 16%) : 2 < η^{μ} < 4.5 and p_T^{μ} > 0.4 GeV, 2 < $y^{J/\psi}$ < 4.5 and $p_T^{J/\psi}$ > 0 GeV.

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ALICE



ALICE detector acceptance (~ 5%): 2.5 < η^{μ} < 4, 2.5 < $y^{J/\psi}$ < 4 and $p_T^{J/\psi}$ > 0 GeV.

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CMS with low p_T



CMS detector acceptance (~7%):
$$|\eta^{\mu}| < 2.4$$
,
 $p_T^{J/\psi} > 6.5$ GeV and $|y^{J/\psi}| < 1.2$,
 $p_T^{J/\psi} > 2$ GeV and $1.2 < |y^{J/\psi}| < 1.6$,
 $p_T^{J/\psi} > 0$ and $1.6 < |y^{J/\psi}| < 2.4$.

Image: A matrix and a matrix

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CMS



CMS detector acceptance (\sim 0.05%): $|\eta^{\mu}|<$ 2.4, $p_{T}^{J/\psi}>$ 6.5 GeV and $|y^{J/\psi}|<$ 2.4.

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ATLAS



ATLAS detector acceptance (\sim 0.01%): $|\eta^{\mu}|<$ 2.5, $p_T^{J/\psi}>$ 8.5 GeV and $|y^{J/\psi}|<$ 2.1.

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Outlook

• Aim to learn the mechanism of quarkonium production through studying inclusive J/ψ photoproduction.



- The same study should be extended to the case of *pPb*.
- It has advantages over pp:
 - \blacktriangleright ~95% of photon emission is from the Pb.
 - Less pileup

Summary

- ALICE* and LHCb are sensitive in the forward rapidity region with low *p*_T, which has good statistics.
- CMS and ATLAS are sensitive in the central rapidity region but with large p_T constraint, reduced statistics but good tagging possibilities.
- CMS, ATLAS and ALICE all have a ZDC capable of vetoing an intact proton.
- In the LHCb the HeRSCHeL detector has been decommissioned.
- Currently working on understanding the output of PYTHIA 8 to see if it is in fact possible to tag J/ψ photoproduction.
- This preliminary study of the production rates with HELAC-Onia is encouraging.
- The study of the proton tagging remains to be done with PYTHIA 8 in the aforementionned experimental set ups.
- *ALICE can detect low p_T central electrons, not considered here.

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J/ψ ; a mode to study quarkonium

- It is a vector meson, $\mathsf{J}^{PC}=1^{--},$ with same quantum numbers as a photon.
- Easy to detect via decay into a dimuon pair ightarrow B($\mu^+\mu^-$) pprox 6%.



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- 3 Colour Octet Mechanism
- one non-perturbative parameter per Fock State
- expansion in v²; series can be truncated
- the phenomenology partly depends on this
- The non-perterbative parameter for each fock state is related to HQSS