# WI Group Physics on ZEUS at the HERA *ep* Collider

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## Extensive Contributions to ZEUS Physics

- 19 PhD students graduated from 1995-2008
  - Some jointly with Don Reeder and Sridhara Dasu
- Wide range of physics topics
  - Total & Differential DIS Cross Sections
  - Proton Structure Function and Gluon Distribution
  - Event shapes & multiplicities in DIS
  - Multi-jet production
  - Photoproduction
  - Search for Leptoquarks



 $e^\pm p$  collider

1992-2007

## Deep Inelastic Scattering (DIS)



Virtuality of the exchange boson

$$Q^2 \equiv -q^2 = -(k - k')^2$$

 Bjorken x: fraction of proton's momentum carried by struck parton

$$x = \frac{Q^2}{2p \cdot q}$$

A Neutral Current data event with  $Q^2=20000$  GeV<sup>2</sup> and x=0.27



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Anna Goussiou 1995 A Search for Non-Resonant Effects of Leptoquarks in Electron-Proton Collisions

> Sam Silverstein 1996

- Leptoquarks: hypothetical particles carrying both baryon number (B) and lepton number (L)
- They appear in various BSM models:
  - Compositeness of quarks and leptons
  - SUSY with R-parity violation
  - GUTs
- In DIS:  $e + q \rightarrow LQ$
- Look for enhancement in high-Q<sup>2</sup> cross section
- Set limits using LQ Monte Carlo Generator (LQMGEN) for 14 LQ types

#### Mass/Coupling limits for 14 LQ types



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#### Di-Jet Production in DIS at LO

#### QCD Compton

**Boson Gluon Fusion** 



Multi-Jet Production at Low *x* 

Tom Danielson 2007

Now, momentum fraction of incident parton is:

$$\xi = x \left( 1 + rac{M_{jj}^2}{Q^2} 
ight)$$
 where  $M_{jj}$  = di-jet mass

#### Inclusive Differential Di-Jet & Tri-Jet Cross Sections (Neutral Current DIS)



Data agree with NLO QCD predictions

Multi-Jet Production at Low *x* 

Tom Danielson <u>2007</u>

### Prompt Photons in Photoproduction and DIS

Eric Brownson 2008 For  $Q^2 \approx 0$ , interaction predominantly electromagnetic, photon almost real: Photoproduction



Entire photon interacts in the hard scatter Photon briefly fluctuates into hadronic state

# Prompt photons (from hard scatter) test quark and gluon content of proton



Prompt Photons in Photoproduction and DIS

> Eric Brownson 2008

### Multi-Jet Production in Charged Current DIS

Homer Wolfe 2008



#### Leading Order

Leading Order Boson-Gluon Fusion



### Multi-Jet Production in Charged Current DIS

Homer Wolfe 2008

## In conclusion...

- Wesley's group on ZEUS was instrumental not only for the Calorimeter First Level Trigger, but also for a wide range of physics contributions, over the whole life span of the experiment
- A personal note: Wesley gave me complete freedom in selecting my thesis topic and absolute support in pursuing my research. And has also eagerly supported me through every step of my career.

# Thank you!!!

### Tony Vaiciulis, 1999

### Observation of Isolated High-ET Photons in Photoproduction at HERA

Observation of Isolated High Transverse Energy Photons in Photoproduction at HERA Anthony Vaiciulis (ZEUS Collaboration, 1999)

27.5 Gev x 820 GeV e x p

Photon is generated as part of the hard scatter, not from fragmenting partons Direct link to parton level of interaction – no ambiguities from jet identification



Xγ is fraction of photon momentum involved in hard scatter

"direct" process: entire photon interacts

"resolved" process: photon provides quark or gluon which interacts

# Result agrees with LO QCD expectations (Pythia Monte Carlo)



Cross section measurement  $ep \rightarrow e + \gamma_{prompt} + jet + X$   $\sigma$  = 15.3 +/- 3.8 (stat.) +/- 1.8 (sys.) pb

NLO calculation ranges from 13 to 18 pb, depending on assumptions for photon parton density (L. Gordon)

Experimental result agrees with theory

Figure 4: (a) Distribution in  $x_{\gamma}^{meas}$  of prompt photon events after background subtraction. Points = data; dotted histogram = MC radiative contribution; dash-dotted = radiative + resolved; dashed = radiative + resolved + direct. Plotted values represent numbers of events per 0.025 interval of  $x_{\gamma}^{meas}$ ; i.e. total number of events in bin = plotted value × bin width / 0.025. Errors are statistical only and no corrections have been applied to the data.



## Dijets at HERA: A QCD Story

Douglas Chapin University of Wisconsin–Madison 15 May 2001



#### OUTLINE

HERA and ZEUS Deep Inelastic Scattering and pQCD Structure functions and the gluon Dijets and pQCD Dijet cross section measurement The Future



### **Dijet Production at HERA**



**DIS variables still apply** 

$$Q^2 = -q^2 = -(k-k')^2$$

$$y = \frac{p \cdot q}{p \cdot k} \quad x = \frac{Q^2}{2p \cdot q}$$

But now the momentum fraction of the incident parton (at LO) is

$$\xi = x(1 + \frac{M_{jj}^2}{Q^2})$$
  $M_{jj}$ =dijet mass

## **Inclusive Dijet Cross Section vs Q<sup>2</sup>**



#### NLO Comparison

Success for pQCD!

Within NLO scale uncertainty estimate, NLO calculations reproduce measured cross section to within 10%

- over three orders of magnitude in Q<sup>2</sup>
- over 2 orders of magnitude in value

For Q<sup>2</sup><~200 measurement uncertainties less than renormalization scale uncertainty

 Need improved theoretical calculations with reduced renormalization scale dependence

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### A Few Lessons Learned

- It's OK to let things go
  - Circular logic
  - Bucky Bus
- But don't let everything go
  - Teleconferences
  - Slide titles
- People, then results
  - Personalities
  - Summer students
  - Ski trips
  - PhD -> Industry



## Total Photon-Proton Cross Section Measurement Method

- Treat the e<sup>+</sup> as a photon source, 35 m Tagger measured energy tells you how much energy the photon has
  - $e^+$  (initial) =  $\gamma$  +  $e^+$ (35 m tagger)
- Trigger was 35 m tagger signal + some sort of signal in the calorimeter.
  - These events were normally thrown out as background "junk" during regular runs.
  - (35 m tagger signal was a veto for most Zeus physics)
- Wγp = 209 GeV measured in a dedicated 8 hour run
- That run gave integrated luminosity of 49 nb<sup>-1</sup>
- Dedicated run yielded a measurement of  $\sigma^{\gamma p}_{tot} = 174 \pm 1(stat.) \pm 13(syst.) \, \mu b$

## Regge Theory, the physics

- Regge Theory parameterized several hadronic cross sections as
  - $\sigma_{tot} = A \cdot s^{\epsilon} + B \cdot s^{-\eta}$ . Where s center of mass energy...
- Does a Proton Photon interaction behave hadronically?
  - Yes, we showed that
- s  $\varepsilon$  Is the "Pomeron term", a term that rises with increasing energy
  - What is it, really?
  - A colorless mess (~nonlocalized) of something that transfers momentum
- Recall, dedicated run yielded a measurement of  $\sigma^{\gamma p}_{tot} = 174 \pm 1(stat.) \pm 13(syst.) \, \mu b$ 
  - Would be almost 0 if proton-photon interaction did not behave hadronically
  - And/Or if the Pomeron term was small
- Conclusions:
  - At high energy, the photon behaves hadronically
  - A colorless soft interaction dominates the proton-photon interaction
  - Gluon ladder is the best interpretation



### Sabine Lammers, 2004

### Thesis: A Study of Parton Dynamics at Low x with ZEUS at HERA

## Forward Jet Production in DIS and low-x parton dynamics



Forward Jet Production in Deep Inelastic ep Scattering and low-x Parton Dynamics at HERA, S. Chekanov, *et al.*, Phys. Lett. **B632** 13, 2005.

x

10 -2

0.5

10 -3

### Liang Li, 2005

# Three Jet Production in NC DIS with Zeus at HERA

### **Ph.D. Thesis**

- Three Jet Production in Neutral Current Deep Inelastic Scattering with ZEUS at HERA
- Liang Li: graduated in 2005
- Thesis work published at Eur. Jour. Phys. C44 ,183
  - Alive and kicking after 14 years, latest citation in 2019
  - Total citation 51 (INSPIRES)
  - Owe great gratitude to Wesley: babysitting the analysis from the beginning

#### Hardware and service work

- Worked on ZEUS Calorimeter First Level Trigger (CFLT) and Data Quality Monitoring System (DQM)
- CFLT: Wesley's oyster!

### Why Jets?

## Quarks and gluons cannot be observed directly by detector

- They interact by strong interactions
  - Hadrons: molecules of strong interactions
  - Jet: "spray" of hadrons
- Jet: experimental observables
  - What we "see" are all jets
  - Theory calculation made possible by renormalization and perturbative QCD calculations

#### **Direct test to QCD calculations**

- Precise tests
  - Multiple (N) jet calculation ~  $\alpha_{\rm s}{}^{\rm N}$
- Ratio  $\sigma_{3jet}/\sigma_{2jet} = O(\alpha_s)$  some uncertainties cancel -- more precise measurement of strong interaction constant

#### Foundation work for new physics searches





## **Multijets Measurement**



#### Precise tests across wide kinematic ranges

• High order calculation ( $\alpha_s^3$ )

#### First measurement on $\alpha_{\rm s}$ in multijets environment at HERA

• First experimental results using jet( $\alpha_s^2$ ) cross section to extract  $\alpha_s$ 

Eur. Jour. Phys. C44, 183 (2005) 5014

 $\alpha_{\rm S}({\rm M_Z}) = 0.1179 \pm 0.0013({\rm stat.}) \stackrel{+0.0028}{_{-0.0046}} ({\rm syst.}) \stackrel{+0.0064}{_{-0.0046}} ({\rm th.})$