Two photon collisions: physics at CEPC energies

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Every ee collider is at the same time a gamma-gamma collider!



$\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^-X) \sim \alpha^4 \log^2(E)/m_e$

to be compared with annihilation:

 $\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow X) \thicksim \alpha^2/E^2$



- CEPC will provide several fb⁻¹ at γγ collision energy >100GeV
- It is our duty to produce good physics from this "free" statistics

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Kinematics



Photon virtuality: $Q^2 = 4E_BE'_Bsin^2(\theta/2)$ Gamma-gamma mass: $W = M(\gamma\gamma)$ Bjorken x: $x = Q^2/(Q^2+W^2)$

- Untagged events: collisions of quasi-real photons (low Q²)
- Single-tag events: collision of a quasi-real photon with a highly virtual one. One beam particle detected in the calorimeter
- Double-tag: 2 highvirtuality photons, both beam particles detected, event kinematics fully reconstructed

How to select $\gamma\gamma$ events

- Good P_T balance
- Quite strong imbalance in P_z
 - Tracks tend to be in the forward region
- Small visible invariant mass
 - Well separated from the radiative return to Z
- Single-tag (and especially double-tag) simplify selection a lot

What can we study at CEPC?

- Higgs production!
- QED test: anomalous magnetic moment from γγ→ττ
- Spectroscopy of heavy quarkonia
- Photon structure function

Anomalous magnetic moment of the tau lepton

- Anomalous magnetic moments of electron and muon $(a_e \text{ and } a_{\mu})$ are known with astonishing precision of 10^{-12} and 10^{-9}
- a_τ is known only at 10⁻² level (LEP2)
- Sensitivity to the new physics growth typically as M²

 At LEP the magnetic moment of tau lepton has been measured via the cross-section of untagged events
 ee → eeττ



$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \tau\tau \rightarrow e\mu$ events at 240 GeV



- 570 pb will provide 3B events with 5 ab⁻¹, or 165M events in eµ final state
- We assume extremely severe kinematic cuts: P_T above 5 GeV/c for the leading track, and 3 GeV/c for the second track
- Tracks with θ>20°, total energy E<30 GeV to remove annihilation events

Estimation of sensitivity

- Selection efficiency: 0.42% (at LEP: 15-20%).
- Number of events at CEPC: 700K
- Statistical error at permille level.
- Systematics:
 - tracking 0.15% per track;
 - PID 0.15% per track;
 - luminosity: 0.1%;
 - trigger efficiency: 0.1%
- Total systematics: 0.5%



DELPHI measurement: ± 4% CEPC will improve tau magnetic moment by order of magnitude Systematics-dominated after just

1/10 of the total luminosity

Higgs photoproduction

- Never has been observed
- $H\gamma\gamma$ vertex forbidden in SM at tree level
- We know for sure that $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow H$ does occur, because $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ decay was observed
- Predicted cross-section 0.26fb @240 GeV
 O(1000) events expected at CEPC
- Background:
 - ZZ→H: 0.50fb
 - $-\gamma\gamma \rightarrow bb$: 1000 fb (background for channel H $\rightarrow bb$)
 - $-\gamma\gamma \rightarrow cc$: 240000 fb (wrong tagging c as b)

ZZ fusion background



CEPC is the ideal place to study $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow H \parallel$

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Electron scattering angle



- Single tag (Θ>30mrad) reduces signal by ~5 and γγ→ bb by ~15
- For ZZ→H electrons are scattered at a very large angle in nearly all events
- We cut 30mrad< Θ <24°
- The lower cut is dictated by the lumical acceptance; upper is from S/√B optimization

Detector acceptance



- Cut on jet angle
 >20°
 reduces qq background
 by factor of 2, almost
 "for free", since efficiency
 in Very Forward will be
 low anyway
- We assume that cc background is reduced by factor of 100 with 64% signal efficiency (CDR numbers)
- Within the acceptance (⊕_{jet}>20°) we assume 75% efficiency to reconstruct both jets

The Higgs signal



- Assuming 5 GeV mass resolution (CDR), we expect for 118<Mbb<132:
 - Signal: 57 events
 - $ZZ \rightarrow H$: 33 events
 - $-\gamma\gamma \rightarrow bb: 223 \text{ events}$
 - $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow$ cc: 55 events
- Signal significance: 4.1σ from H→bb alone
- Including other Higgs decay channels, the signal will be reliably observed (even 5σ discovery possible)

Photon structure function $F_2^{\gamma}(x, Q^2)$

- Hadronic structure function in single-tag
- Can be extracted from $d^3\sigma/dQ^2dxdy$ $Q^2 = 2E_{beam}E_{tag}(1 - \cos\theta_{tag}), \ x = Q^2/(Q^2 + W^2)$
- Most difficult part is the reconstruction of the hadronic invariant mass W
- Required complicated unfolding procedure, detailed understanding of the detector

Structure function at LEP



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Statistics estimation with Galuga





- W > 3 / 5 / 10 GeV:
- No tag: 70B/50B/25B events
- Single tag: 4M/3.5M/3M
- Double tag: 6K/5K/3.5K events
- Note: tags assuming $\theta > 6^{\circ}$
- Much, much more double tags within luminosity monitor

Double-tag $\gamma^*\gamma^*$ collisions



- Kinematics is fully defined by the tagged electrons
- No need of sophisticated unfolding procedure
- Statistics! Must tag electrons as close as possible to the beam line

Double-tag from L3

• BFKL prediction:

$$\sigma_{\gamma^*\gamma^*} = \frac{\sigma_0}{Q_1 Q_2 Y} \left(\frac{s}{s_0}\right)^{\alpha_P - 1}$$

$$s_0 = \frac{KQ_1Q_2}{y_1y_2}$$
, $Y = \ln(s/s_0)$
 $y_i = 1 - (E_i/E_b)\cos^2(\theta_i/2)$

• "Hard pomeron intercept"

 $(\alpha_P - 1) = (4\ln 2)N_c \alpha_s / \pi$

- LO BFKL: $\alpha_P \sim 0.53$
- NLO BFKL: $\alpha_P \sim 0.17$



- L3 result (30<θ<66mrad)
- $\alpha_{\rm P} = 0.36 \pm 0.02$

Charmonium substructure

- Exclusive charmonium production in single-tag events can be used to measure the transition form-factor
- $\sigma(\gamma\gamma \rightarrow R) \sim \Gamma\gamma\gamma F^2(Q^2)BW(W)$
- In VDM:

$$F(Q^2) = \frac{1}{1+Q^2/\Lambda^2},$$

with
$$\Lambda^2 = M_V^2$$
, $V = \rho, \omega, \phi, J...$



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Quarkonium statistics from Galuga



- Expected event number for no tag/single tag/double tag:
- η_c : 1G / 85K / 90
- η_b : 1.2M / 1K / 15
- Note: tags assuming $\theta > 6^{\circ}$
- Enormous number of no-tag events, but very difficult to select
- Single tag: nice statistics of η_c and η_b

Summary

- The abundant gamma-gamma collisions will be not only background, but a rich source of physics studies
 - QED tests
 - Perturbative QCD
 - Non-perturbative QCD
 - Hadron structure
- Many studies have been done at LEP, mostly statistically dominated
- Enormous CEPC luminosity will improve our knowledge by a huge factor
- It is vital to have the luminosity tagger as close as possible to the beam line