Elastic *pp* scattering at the LHC from an empirical standpoint

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- Differential elastic cross section at LHC data vs theory
- Barger-Phillips empirical amplitude
- Modified BP amplitudes correcting the small t behaviour
- Model predictions for LHC8 and LHC14, asymptotic behaviour and geometric scaling

Elastic *pp* scattering at LHC

Differential elastic cross section at $\sqrt{s} = 7 \text{ TeV}^*$

Diffractive events measured by TOTEM



processes mediated by colorless exchange \rightarrow quantum numbers preserved in the final state

^{*} Left: G. Antchev, et al., Europhys.Lett. 101 (2013) 21002. Right: Jan Kaspar, Doctoral Thesis, CERN-Thesis-2011-214, 23

Elastic *pp* scattering from ISR to LHC

Diffractive pattern at high-energies revealed with scanned t



one dip present in the pp channel and a *shoulder* in $\bar{p}p$

Elastic differential cross section

at LHC7 and model predictions

Failure of representative models †



[†]Left: G. Antchev et al., Europhys.Lett. 95 (2011) 41001. Right: A.A. Godizov, PoS (IHEP-LHC-2011) 005.

Physics of the 'dip-shoulder' region

delicate cancelation between $C = \pm 1$ amplitudes

The dip/shoulder occur through cancellations in elastic amplitude due to t-channel processes:

$$A^{pp,ar{p}p}(s,t)=rac{A^+(s,t)\pm A^-(s,t)}{2}$$

 $A^{\pm}(s, t)$ are even/odd amplitudes corresponding to $C = \pm 1$ exchanges in the *t*-channel. In *Regge Phenomenology*, they are called "Pomeron" and "Odderon" terms, which can be translated into QCD (LO) language as 2g-exchange[‡] and 3g-exchange[§]. Eventually, the nonleading contribution of secondary *Reggeons* and *Pomeron cuts* make their relative phase $\phi \neq \pi$.

[‡]F.E. Low, *Phys.Rev. D12 (1975) 163* and S. Nussinov, *Phys.Rev.Lett. 34 (1975) 1286*

[§]A. Donnachie and P.V. Landshoff, Z.Phys. C2 (1979) 55

Parametrizing the elastic differential cross-section

Barger-Phillips amplitude and observables

$$\mathcal{A}_{el}^{BP}(s,t) = i[\underbrace{\sqrt{A(s)}e^{B(s)t/2}}_{leading : C=+1} + \underbrace{e^{i\phi(s)}\sqrt{C(s)}e^{D(s)t/2}}_{non-leading : C=\pm1}]$$

 \downarrow at t = 0

$$\begin{split} \sigma_{tot}(s) &= 4\sqrt{\pi}(\sqrt{A(s)} + \sqrt{C(s)}\cos\phi)\\ \sigma_{el}(s) &= \frac{A(s)}{B(s)} + \frac{C(s)}{D(s)} + 4\frac{\sqrt{A(s)C(s)}}{B(s) + D(s)}\cos\phi\\ \frac{d\sigma_{el}}{dt}\Big|_{t=0} &= A(s) + C(s) + 2\sqrt{A(s)C(s)}\cos\phi\\ &\downarrow \text{ at } t \leqslant 0 \end{split}$$

$$\frac{d\sigma_{el}}{dt} = A(s)e^{B(s)t} + C(s)e^{D(s)t} + 2\sqrt{A(s)C(s)}e^{(B(s)+D(s))t/2}\cos\phi$$

A simple Regge-model for the non-leading term

for constant average ϕ

A standard C = +1 state contribution to the elastic amplitude follows

$$\mathcal{A}_{R}^{(+)}(s,t) = iC_{+}(\frac{1}{s})[(\frac{se^{-i\pi/2}}{s_{o}})]^{\alpha_{+}(t)},$$

with $\alpha_+(t)$ is the positive signature trajectory and for a C=-1 state,

$$\mathcal{A}_{R}^{(-)}(s,t) = C_{-}(\frac{1}{s})[(\frac{se^{-i\pi/2}}{s_{o}})]^{\alpha_{-}(t)},$$

with $\alpha_{-}(t)$ a negative signature trajectory. Having $\alpha_{+}(t) = \alpha_{-}(t)$, degenerate trajectories, linear and assuming that $\alpha_{\pm}(0) = 1$ - the critical Pomeron - their total contribution follows

$$A_R(s,t) = i \frac{C_+ - iC_-}{s_o} e^{t \alpha' (ln(s/s_o) - i\pi/2)}.$$

Defining

$$C_+ = s_o C cos \phi; \ C_- = -s_o C sin \phi,$$

one gets

$$\mathcal{A}_{R}(s,t) = iCe^{t\alpha'(\ln(s/s_{o}) - i\pi/2)}e^{i\phi}$$

Apart from the "extra" phase $e^{-it\alpha' \pi/2}$, this corresponds to the second term of the Barger-Phillips amplitude - the "C-term" - with $D(s) = 2\alpha' \ln(s/s_o)$. Notice that this phase is present in any Regge amplitude.

Parametrizing the elastic differential cross-section

the original Barger-Phillips model[¶]

We have applied the old Barger-Phillips parametrization to LHC7 data



 $\mathcal{A}_{el}^{BP}(s,t) = i[\sqrt{A(s)}e^{-B(s)|t|/2} + \sqrt{C(s)}e^{i\phi(s)}e^{-D(s)|t|/2}]$

excellent description for |t| > 0.4 GeV $^2
ightarrow$ need to correct small -t behaviour

¶ Phillips and Barger, *Phys.Lett. B46 (1973) 412*; Grau et al., *Phys.Lett. B714 (2012) 70*

Parametrizing the elastic differential cross-section modified BP model - mBP1

Our first attempt - introduction of a square root threshold at small |t| (normalized)^{||}:



^{||} the *two – pion loop* insertion in the Pomeron trajectory: A.A. Anselm and V.N. Gribov, *Phys.Lett. B* 40 (1972); Fiore et al. *Int.J.Mod.Phys. A24 (2009) 2551*

Parametrizing the elastic differential cross-section

modified BP model - *mBP*2

We correct the small -t behaviour with the proton's FF at the BP amplitude **



^{††} for \sqrt{s} > 7TeV we make the ansatz $t_0
ightarrow$ 0.71 GeV² (the EM FF scale)

Asymptotic sum rules

and impact parameter structure

Asymptotic sum rules - total absorption of partial waves $(\eta(s, b)
ightarrow 0)$



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Energy dependendence of fit parameters

amplitudes and slopes with $t_0 \rightarrow 0.71 \text{ GeV}^2$



Energy evolution of the dip position

using Geometric Scaling (GS)

We assume GS is valid asymptotically, thus



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This model predictions

for LHC8 and LHC14

Asymptotic SR dictate the energy behaviour of fit parameters, allowing to make predictions



Uncertainty in ϕ specifies the band of predictions

This model predictions

from ISR to AUGER and asymptotia



Dip position, the Black Disk limit and Geometrical scaling

two scales at non-asymptotic energy

No scaling with $\sigma_{tot}(s)$ and central opacity, $R_{el} = \sigma_{el}/\sigma_{tot}$, plays a role in GS at LHC energies



 $R_{el} \neq 1/2$ at present energies \Rightarrow influence of two scales with different energy behaviour, $\sigma_{el}(s)$ and $\sigma_{tot}(s)$, through the geometric average cross section $\bar{\sigma} = \sqrt{\sigma_{el}(s)\sigma_{tot}(s)}$

Summary

What have we learned from this simple model?

- 1. the Barger-Phillips amplitude dissects the differential cross section in building blocks: diff. peak, dip region and tail
- 2. when augmented by the proton FF, the BP amplitude reproduce data from ISR to LHC \rightarrow giving $\sigma_{tot}(s), \sigma_{el}(s), B_{el}(s)$
- 3. the dip structure arising from the interference of two terms with a relative phase (mixing of $C = \pm 1$ processes)
- 4. the first term (leading) is well understood, A(s) giving $\sigma_{tot}(s)$ and $B(s)+t_0(s)$ giving the forward slope;
- 5. the second term (nonleading) carries an energy dependece through the slope D(s), which requires deeper understanding
- sum rules in impact parameter space and asymptotic theorems → hints towards energy dependence of parameters → predictions for LHC8 and LHC14
- 7. Geometric scaling with σ_{tot} achieved at asymptotic energies and at LHC two scales, σ_{el} and σ_{tot} still present

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Differential elastic cross section at $\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}^{\ddagger\ddagger}$



^{‡‡}from Jan Kašpar talk "Total, elastic and diffractive cross sections with TOTEM", CERN, December 4th, 2012

Backup

parameters of the modified BP model *mBP*1

However, the new term does not behave as expected, with $\gamma(s) \sim \ln s$...



…instead it 'swings' with increasing c.m. energy \rightarrow interpretation fails

Backup

modified BP model mBP2 applied to $\bar{p}p$ data

As an empirical formula, it can be applied for the crossed channel just as well



Backup local and forward slopess

