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# **PHYSICS MOTIVATION**

 Pomeron : Strongly interacting color singlet exchange Carrier of 4-momentum (t-channel) in elastic scattering and other diffractive – large rapidity gap – interactions.

Non-perturbative QCD : models required for calculations. At leading order gluon pair  $\{gg\}$  in color singlet. Vacuum quantum numbers I PC = 0 ++ s-channel continuation would be a glueball  $\{gg\}$ 

Double Pomeron Exchange (DPE) : P + P → X
 Excellent channel for meson spectroscopy I<sup>G</sup>J<sup>PC</sup> = 0<sup>+</sup>even<sup>++</sup>
 Especially for scalar and tensor (J=2) glueballs
 Uniquely produced in isolation (or an isolated pair)

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## Introduction

 $p + \overline{p} \longrightarrow p(*) + X + \overline{p}(*)$ 

In this study  $X = \pi^+\pi^-$  and central :  $|y(\pi^+\pi^-)| < 1.0$ + : Rapidity gaps  $\Delta \eta > 4.6$  with no detected particles. Allowed t-channel exchanges only  $\gamma$  or P(dominant)

Quantum numbers of state X have to be Q = S = B = 0Isospin I = 0, Parity = +1, C-parity = +1, spin J = 0 or 2

Established states (PDG) : f0(500, 980, 1370, 1500, 1710) f2(1270, 1525, 1950, 2010, 2300, 2340)  $\chi_{c0}(1P), \chi_{c2}(1P), \chi_{c0}(2P), \chi_{c2}(2P) - \chi_{b0}(1P), \chi_{b2}(1P), \chi_{b0}(2P), \chi_{b2}(2P)$ & Higgs(125) ! (@ LHC?)



Central exclusive pion production in CDF

J = 0, 2 GLUEBALL IN HERE?

# **Tevatron and CDF**



 $\sqrt{s} = 1960 \text{ GeV p-pbar}$ &  $\sqrt{s} = 900 \text{ GeV}$ (special run for this & ...)

Outgoing protons not detected – Dissociation e.g.  $p\pi\pi$ allowed if all  $|\eta| > 5.9$ 



Level 1 Trigger:

2 Calo towers  $|\eta| < 1.3$  with  $E_T > 0.5$  GeV

& all these in VETO :

BSC = Beam Shower Counters  $|\eta| = 5.4 - 5.9$ CLC = Cherenkov Lumi Counters  $|\eta| = 3.75 - 4.75$ Plug Calorimeter  $|\eta| = 2.11 - 3.64$ 

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Only single, no pile-up, interactions usable Data mostly at end of stores when pile-up is low.

Off-line select exactly two tracks on a common vertex & excluding cones of R = 0.3 in calo around extrapolated tracks, full detector  $-5.9 < \eta < +5.9$  "empty" = consistent with noise.

 $R = \sqrt{\Delta \phi^2 + \Delta \eta^2}$ Determining noise levels (exclusivity cuts)
Zero bias (bunch crossing) triggers, same periods
Make two distinct classes:
A)"No Interaction" = no tracks, no CLC hits, no muon stubs
B) "Interaction" = All other events

Plot distributions of A and B for  $\Sigma E$ ,  $\Sigma ADC$  counts, hottest PMT for each subdetector

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#### Examples of determining noise levels = exclusivity cuts

![](_page_6_Figure_1.jpeg)

Good noise-hits separation Red under noise = genuine gaps

Shift cuts for systematics

These are for the "west" side. East side plots ~ identical

Applying all exclusivity cuts to zero-bias data  $\rightarrow$ Probability empty detector fn L<sub>bunch</sub>  $\epsilon(excl)$  vs L<sub>bunch</sub> -- 36 x 36 bunches not all equal Intercept = 1.0 (no beams no noise!) P(0) is exponential Slope  $\rightarrow$  detected inelastic cross section

	1960 GeV	900 GeV
σ <sub>obs</sub> ( η <5.9)	55.9(4) mb	65.8(4) mb
L <sub>eff</sub>	1.15/pb	0.059/pb

Higher M(diss.) allowed at 1960 GeV Provides the effective no-pileup luminosity, convoluting  $L_{bunch}$ distribution of data

![](_page_7_Figure_3.jpeg)

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Further analysis:

Exactly two tracks, opposite charge (|Q| = 2 kept for B/G control) on a common vertex in interaction region.

Track quality ( $\chi^2$ ) cuts, and  $p_T(\text{track}) > 0.4 \text{ GeV/c}$ ,  $|\eta(\text{track})| < 1.3 |y(\pi+\pi-)| < 1.0$ 

Additional noise cut on hottest EM tower ( $E_T < 90$  MeV) outside track cones.

![](_page_8_Figure_4.jpeg)

Cosmic ray background = 0 after cuts

Final sample: 127,340 events at  $\sqrt{s} = 1960 \text{ GeV}$ 6,240 events at  $\sqrt{s} = 900 \text{ GeV}$ 

The "hottest" EM tower must be less than 90 MeV

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#### Invariant mass distribution, not corrected for acceptance

![](_page_9_Figure_1.jpeg)

Acceptance very low for  $M_{\pi\pi} < 1 \text{ GeV/c}^2 (p_T \text{ cut})$ But no significant  $\rho$  (forbidden in DPE) f0(980)/cusp at KK threshold Strong f2(1270) with f0(1300) shoulder Structures at higher masses Need to correct for acceptance!

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#### <u>Components to acceptance x efficiency:</u>

Trigger efficiency  $(p_T, \eta, \phi)$ Single track acceptance  $(p_T, \eta, \phi)$ Two track acceptance ( $M_{\pi\pi}$ ,  $p_{T\pi\pi}$ ,  $y_{\pi\pi}$ ) we assume isotropic decay (S-wave): the only model dependence Will be checked by comparing with data ... compatible with isotropic?

![](_page_10_Figure_2.jpeg)

![](_page_10_Figure_3.jpeg)

Single track acceptance  $(p_T, \eta, \phi)$ 

Probability of triggering exactly 1 tower > At high p<sub>T</sub> 2 or more towers trigger

Track Pt [GeV/c]

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0.0 Probability of 1

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# Acceptance x efficiency for $\pi\pi$ , function of M<sub> $\pi\pi$ </sub> and p<sub>T $\pi\pi$ </sub>

![](_page_11_Figure_1.jpeg)

Avoid (low M, low  $p_T$ ) hole and edges: select two regions

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Data, corrected for acceptance and efficiencies in M,  $p_T$  and effective luminosity:

Cross sections, integrated over p<sub>T</sub> in two regions (1960 GeV)

Broad continuum below 1  $\text{GeV/c}^2$ "Cusp" at KK threshold/f0(980)  $\overline{\text{Resonance}(s)} \text{ up to } 1500 \text{ MeV/c}^2$ dominated by f2(1270) $\dots$ asymmetric: probable f0(1300) Change (~dip) at 1500 MeV/c<sup>2</sup> Possible higher mass structures

![](_page_12_Figure_4.jpeg)

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#### $M_{\pi\pi} > 1600 \text{ MeV/c}^2 \text{ structures}?$ Fit $1600 - 3600 \text{ MeV/c}^2$ to $4^{\text{th}}$ order polynomial

![](_page_13_Figure_1.jpeg)

Cannot say more now: other channels e.g. KK, KK $\pi\pi$ ,  $\phi\phi$  etc very desirable. (LHC Low pile-up running?) Peak at 3100 MeV/c<sup>2</sup> is consistent with photoproduced J/ $\psi \rightarrow e^+e^-$  (muon stubs were veto'd)

#### $\sqrt{s}$ dependence 0.9 TeV and 1.96 TeV

![](_page_14_Figure_1.jpeg)

R(0.9:1.96) from  $1000 - 2000 \text{ MeV/c}^2 = 1.284 \pm 0.039$ Consistent with R ~ 1.3 from Regge phenomenology,  $\sigma(p+X+p) \sim 1/\ln(s)$  [but p\* included] R(0.9:1.96) from  $2000 < M < 3000 \text{ MeV/c}^2 = 1.560 \pm 0.056$ . Why higher?

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# **Backgrounds**

# I: Same sign sample (non-exclusive)

- Remove  $Q(\pi\pi) = 0$  requirement. Same charge pairs are
- 6.1% (900 GeV) and 7.1% (1960 GeV)
- Some non-exclusive background with 2 or more undetected charged particles. Can be:
- $\rightarrow$  very low  $p_T$  (with no reconstructed track
- and calorimeter  $E/E_T$  below the noise level or in a crack)
- $\rightarrow$  very forward  $|\eta| = 4.75 5.40$  or  $|\eta| > 5.9$

The M( $\pi\pi$ ) distribution for ++/- - pairs is featureless  $\rightarrow$  But is indication of a similar background from  $\pi^+\pi^-\pi^+\pi^-$  (e.g.) events in  $\pi^+\pi^-$  sample  $\rightarrow$  We do not subtract.

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# II: Non- $\pi^+\pi^-$ background

ToF counter hodoscope information used (coverage only  $|\eta| < 0.9$ )

For  $|\eta| < 1.3$ : 67% of the pairs have both particles identified. Of those 89% are  $\pi^+\pi^-$  pairs

For  $|\eta| < 0.7$ : 90% of the pairs have both particles identified (cracks in coverage)  $\rightarrow$  No significant change in the composition

![](_page_16_Figure_4.jpeg)

#### Assigning pion masses

# We do not subtract non- $\pi^+\pi^-$ backgrounds; systematics would be large.

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#### Mean $p_T(\pi^+\pi^-)$ as a function of $M_{\pi^+\pi^-}$

![](_page_17_Figure_1.jpeg)

Decrease above 1 GeV/c2 can be acceptance effect Sharp jump at 1.5 GeV/c2 cannot be. Interesting region

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Angular distributions (not a full partial wave analysis)

In  $\pi^+\pi^-$  frame, cos 9 distribution of  $\pi^+$  w.r.t. X direction. Flat for J = 0 S-wave if  $4\pi$  coverage, sculpted by central acceptance. Black points are data, red histogram is S-wave Monte Carlo with acceptance. Four mass bands: 0.8 < M < 1.5 GeV isotropic (even through f2(1270) peak) Above 1.5 GeV Forward-Backward peaking.

![](_page_18_Figure_2.jpeg)

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# Conclusions

- We have measured π<sup>+</sup>π<sup>-</sup> pairs between large rapidity gaps Δη > 4.6 in CDF at the Tevatron, which should be dominated by double pomeron exchange.
- Contribution of non-π<sup>+</sup>π<sup>-</sup> pairs background and nonexclusive backgrounds is small
- The mass spectra show several structures:
  - Broad continuum below 1 GeV/c<sup>2</sup>,
  - Sharp drop at 1 GeV/c<sup>2</sup>
  - Resonant enhancement around  $1.0 1.5 \text{ GeV/c}^2$ .
- This is the only measurement from the Tevatron, and has much higher statistics than preliminary data from the LHC experiments.

Glueballs remain elusive, but this is a promising channel (LHC!)

Thank you

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**Back Ups** 

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![](_page_22_Figure_0.jpeg)

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#### **Trigger Efficiency**

![](_page_23_Figure_1.jpeg)

![](_page_23_Figure_2.jpeg)

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#### 1500 MeV/c<sup>2</sup> region ? f0(1500) as dip in $\pi\pi$ , peak in KK, $\sigma\sigma$ ?

![](_page_24_Figure_1.jpeg)

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