# HOT SPOTS AND THE HOLLOWNESS OF PROTON-PROTON INTERACTIONS





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#### • TOTEM data on elastic differential cross section in *pp* collisions at 7 TeV



1. Motivation

#### Hollowness effect

• The *hollowness/grayness* effect in *pp* interactions @LHC



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## Hollowness effect

• We have performed an independent analysis



• The inelasticity density of the collision does not reach a maximum at b=0!!

- The inelasticity density exhibits a maximum at b>0: *hollowness* effect
  - Peripheral collisions are more *destructive*.
  - Pure convolution models are precluded.
  - It disappears at ISR energies.
- Constrain the transverse structure of the proton
  - Implications in harmonic flow coefficients.





• To construct the elastic scattering amplitude in *pp* collisions



2.Ingredients

• Assumption: the gluon content of the proton concentrated in small domains

• Open debate: they may be radiatively generated from valence quarks in DGLAP or BFKL-like cascades (growth with energy)

 $R_{hs} \ll R_p$ 

Hot spot Fock space of the valence partons

/instantons/combination of perturbative and non perturbative physics

[Kopeliovich et Al. '99, Braun et Al. '93, Schafer et Al. '98, Kovner '02, Shuryak'04, Schenke et Al.'15...]

✓ Smallness of the correlation length of the gluon field in lattice QCD. [DiGiacomo et Al. '92]

✓Phenomenological tool [Kopeliovich et Al. '07]

## **Glauber model**

• *pp* interactions as a collision of two systems A and B, each one composed of 3 hot spots. [Similar to A. Bialas et al '70s]. Model works for  $N_{hs} \ge 3$ 

$$\widetilde{T}_{\rm el}(\vec{b}) = \int \prod_{k,l} \mathrm{d}^2 s_k^A \mathrm{d}^2 s_l^B D_A(\{\vec{s}_k^A\}) D_B(\{\vec{s}_l^B\}) \left(1 - \prod_i \prod_j \left[1 - \Theta_{ij}(\vec{b} + \vec{s}_i^A - \vec{s}_j^B)\right]\right)$$

- $\vec{b}$  : impact parameter of the collision.
- $\vec{s_i}$ : transverse positions the hot spots.
- $D(\vec{s}_1, \vec{s}_2, \vec{s}_3)$ : density distribution of hot spots.
- $-\Theta_{ij}(\vec{b} + \vec{s}_i^A \vec{s}_j^B) : \text{elastic amplitude of the } i\text{-th and } j\text{-th hot spot}$ interaction.  $\Theta(s_{ij}) = \exp\left(-s_{ij}^2/2R_{hs}^2\right) \left(1 - i\rho_{hs}\right)$

• The general structure that we consider for  $D(\vec{s}_1, \vec{s}_2, \vec{s}_3)$ 

$$D(\{\vec{s}_i\}) = C\left(\prod_{i=1}^3 d(\vec{s}_i; R)\right) \times f(\vec{s}_1, \vec{s}_2, \vec{s}_3)$$

-*C*: normalization constant.

- $d(\vec{s}_i; R)$ : uncorrelated probability distribution for a single hot spot.  $d(\vec{s}_i; R) = \exp\left(-s_i^2/R^2\right)$ 

 $-f(\vec{s}_1, \vec{s}_2, \vec{s}_3): \text{ correlation structure.}$   $f(\vec{s}_1, \vec{s}_2, \vec{s}_3) = \delta^{(2)}(\vec{s}_1 + \vec{s}_2 + \vec{s}_3) \prod_{\substack{i < j \\ i, j = 1}}^3 \left(1 - e^{-\mu |\vec{s}_i - \vec{s}_j|^2 / R^2}\right)$ 

## **Spatial correlations**

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-  $\delta^{(2)}(\vec{s}_1 + \vec{s}_2 + \vec{s}_3)$ : fixes the center of mass of the hot spots system. - $\prod_{\substack{i < j \\ i,j=1}}^{3} \left(1 - e^{-\mu |\vec{s}_i - \vec{s}_j|^2 / R^2}\right)$ : repulsive short-range correlations controlled by

• Similar correlation structure than 3D models (when projected)

Quark-Diquark:

Baryon junction:



• Averaged hot spot-hot spot transverse distance for different  $D(\vec{s}_1, \vec{s}_2, \vec{s}_3)$ 



2.Ingredients

# Conventions

• 
$$\frac{\mathrm{d}\sigma_{\mathrm{el}}}{\mathrm{d}t} = \frac{1}{4\pi} |T_{\mathrm{el}}(s,t)|^{2}$$
  
• 
$$T_{\mathrm{el}}(s,t) = \int \mathrm{d}^{2}b \ \widetilde{T}_{\mathrm{el}}(s,\vec{b})e^{-\mathrm{i}\vec{q}\cdot\vec{b}}$$
  
• 
$$\sigma_{\mathrm{el}} = \int \mathrm{d}^{2}b \ |\widetilde{T}_{\mathrm{el}}(s,\vec{b})|^{2}$$
  
• 
$$\sigma_{\mathrm{tot}} = 2\mathrm{Im}T_{\mathrm{el}}(s,0) = 2 \int \mathrm{d}^{2}b \ \mathrm{Im}\widetilde{T}_{\mathrm{el}}(s,\vec{b})$$
  
• 
$$\sigma_{\mathrm{in}} = \sigma_{\mathrm{tot}} - \sigma_{\mathrm{el}} = \int \mathrm{d}^{2}b \ 2\mathrm{Im}\widetilde{T}_{\mathrm{el}}(s,\vec{b}) - |\widetilde{T}_{\mathrm{el}}(s,\vec{b})|^{2}$$
  
• 
$$\rho = \frac{\mathrm{Re}T_{\mathrm{el}}(s,0)}{\mathrm{Im}T_{\mathrm{el}}(s,0)}$$
  
• 
$$G_{\mathrm{in}}(s,\vec{b}) = 2\mathrm{Im}\widetilde{T}_{\mathrm{el}}(s,\vec{b}) - |\widetilde{T}_{\mathrm{el}}(s,\vec{b})|^{2}$$





• We scan the parameter space with the conditions

$$\frac{d^2 T(s,0)}{d^2 b} < 0$$

Maximum of the inelastic density:

$$\frac{d^2 G_{\rm in}(s,0)}{d^2 b} > 0$$



• For  $r_c = 0.5 \text{ fm and } \rho_{hs} = 0.1$ ,



• Up to this point, purely geometric approach. No energy dependence.



• To be compatible with the phenomenology

Maximum of the elastic amplitude:

$$\frac{d^2 \widetilde{T}(s,0)}{d^2 b} < 0$$

Maximum of the inelastic density:  $\frac{a}{a}$ 

$$\frac{d^2 G_{\rm in}(s,0)}{d^2 b} > 0 \Big|_{\rm LHC}$$
$$\frac{d^2 G_{\rm in}(s,0)}{d^2 b} < 0 \Big|_{\rm ISR}$$

Phenomenological constraints:

- LHC, 7 TeV:  $\sigma_{\text{tot}} = 9,83 \pm 0.28 \text{ [fm}^2\text{]}$   $\rho = 0.14^{+0.01}_{-0.08}$
- ISR, 62.5 GeV:  $\sigma_{\text{tot}} = 4,332 \pm 0.023 \text{ [fm}^2 \text{]} \ \rho = 0.095 \pm 0.018$



















- LHC, 13 TeV:  $\sigma_{tot} = 11, 15 \pm 1 [\text{fm}^2] \ \rho = 0.14^{+0.01}_{-0.08}$ [COMPETE Collab. '02]



- New and intriguing feature of hadronic interactions: *hollowness* effect.
- We propose a dynamical explanation based on:
  - Hot spots as the effective degrees of freedom.
  - Non-trivial correlations between the transverse positions of the hot spots.
  - Scattering amplitude from a Glauber-like multiple scattering series.
- Diffusion / growth of the hot spots in the transverse plane with increasing collision energy is the key mechanism to explain the *hollowness* effect.
- Future work: impact of this new effect in other observables in *pp* and heavy ion collisions: flow harmonics, multiplicities...



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 $\sigma_{el}/\sigma_{tot}(s \to \infty) =$ 



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- Future work: Better understanding of the role of correlations in a manybody scattering problem. Artefact of the eikonal unitarization?
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Round vs. structured proton: IP-Glasma + MUSIC

#### It makes a huge difference!



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• Our approach starts from a generic parametrization

$$Im T_{el}(s,t) = a_1 e^{b_1 t} + a_2 e^{b_2 t} + a_3 e^{b_3 t}$$
$$Re T_{el}(s,t) = c_1 e^{d_1 t}$$

• Fit parameters are subject to two phenomenological constraints

$$\sigma_{\text{tot}} = 2 \sum_{i} a_{i}$$
$$\rho = \sum_{i} c_{i} / a_{i}$$

• Minimal number of parameters to reduce correlations

1.Motivation

## pp elastic scattering



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