

# A new model for Minimum Bias and the Underlying Event in Sherpa

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# Motivation

- ▶ minimum bias and diffractive physics interesting in its own right (most complete view of physics)
  - ▶ first day physics at LHC
  - ▶ intimate connection to underlying event
  - ▶ many search strategies (Higgs, ...) at LHC largely rely on event topologies with rapidity gaps → can be filled by underlying event
- ⇒ important to have model embedding hard and semi-hard QCD, diffraction, elastic scattering
- ▶ so far, no such a model has never been directly implemented in a standard MC like
  - ▶ convincing model for inclusive properties by KMR, started implementing this into SHERPA

# s-Channel Unitarity and Cross Sections

- ▶ **optical theorem** relates **total cross section**  $\sigma_{\text{tot}}$  to **elastic forward scattering amplitude**  $\mathcal{A}(s, t)$  through

$$\sigma_{\text{tot}}(s) = \frac{1}{s} \text{Im}[\mathcal{A}(s, t = 0)]$$

- ▶ rewrite  $\mathcal{A}(s, t)$  as  $A(s, b)$  in **impact parameter space**

$$\mathcal{A}(s, t = -\mathbf{q}_{\perp}^2) = 2s \int d\mathbf{b} e^{i\mathbf{q}_{\perp} \cdot \mathbf{b}} A(s, b)$$

- ▶ cross sections

$$\sigma_{\text{tot}}(s) = 2 \int d\mathbf{b} \text{Im}[A(s, b)]$$

$$\sigma_{\text{el}}(s) = 2 \int d\mathbf{b} |A(s, b)|^2$$

$$\sigma_{\text{inel}}(s) = \sigma_{\text{tot}}(s) - \sigma_{\text{el}}(s)$$

- ▶ N.B.: real part of  $A(s, b)$  vanishes

# Single-Channel Eikonal Model

- ▶ in **eikonal model** elastic amplitude given by **sum of all Regge exchange diagrams**:

$$A(s, b) = i \left( 1 - e^{-\Omega(s, b)/2} \right)$$

- ▶  $\Omega(s, b)$  is called **eikonal** or **opacity**
- ▶ eikonal is Fourier transform of **two-particle irreducible amplitude**  $a(s, q_{\perp})$

$$\Omega(s, b) = \frac{-i}{4\pi^2} \int d\mathbf{q}_{\perp} e^{i\mathbf{q}_{\perp} \cdot \mathbf{b}_{\perp}} a(s, q_{\perp})$$

- ▶ pictorially:

$$\text{Im}A(s, b) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \underbrace{\text{Diagram}_n}_{n} \rightarrow \Omega(s, b_{\perp})$$

## Motivation

- ▶ impossible to describe “diffractive excitation” (like e.g.  $p \rightarrow N(1440)$ ) with one eikonal only: such processes are a consequence of the internal structure of the colliding hadrons
- ▶ for description employ high-energy limit:  
in this limit the Fock states of the hadrons “frozen”,  
(lifetime of fluctuations  $\tau = E/m^2$  large)  
and each component can interact separately, destroying coherence of the colliding hadrons

## Good-Walker states

- ▶ introduce **Good-Walker states** (diffractive eigenstates):

$$|p\rangle = \sum_i a_i |\phi_i\rangle, \text{ where } \langle \phi_i | \phi_k \rangle = \delta_{ik} \text{ and } \sum_i |a_i|^2 = 1$$

- ▶ these states **diagonalise** the  $\mathcal{T}$ -matrix:

$$\langle \phi_i | \text{Im} \mathcal{T} | \phi_k \rangle = T_k^D \delta_{ik}$$

- ▶ therefore only “elastic scattering” of these states
- ▶ N.B.: use two states (more later),

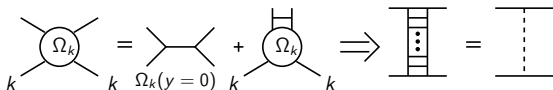
$$|p, N^*\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [|\phi_1\rangle \pm |\phi_2\rangle],$$

## Bare Pomeron Contribution

- ▶ evolution equation for **elastic bare Pomeron exchange amplitude**

$$\frac{d\Omega_k(y)}{dy} = \Delta\Omega_k(y)$$

where  $\Delta = \alpha_{\mathbb{P}}(0) - 1$



- ▶ can be interpreted as evolution of **parton density** of “hadron”  $k$  with  $\Delta$  being probability for emitting an additional gluon per unit rapidity

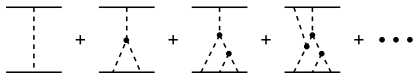


## Rescattering

- ▶ high density & strong coupling regime  $\rightarrow$  **rescattering important** ( $\iff$  large triple pomeron vertex)
- ▶ sum over rescattering/absorption diagrams on  $k$  and  $i$

$$\frac{d\Omega_k(y)}{dy} = \Delta\Omega_k(y)e^{-\lambda[\Omega_k(y)+\Omega_i(y)]/2}$$

with  $\lambda = g_{3\mathbb{P}}/g_{\mathbb{P}N}$



- ▶ multi-pomeron diagrams give rise to **high mass dissociation**

## Eikonal

eikonal given by **overlap of parton densities**

$$\Omega_{ik}(\mathbf{b}) = \frac{1}{2\beta_0^2} \int d\mathbf{b}_1 d\mathbf{b}_2 \delta^2(\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{b}_1 - \mathbf{b}_2) \Omega_i(\mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{b}_2, y) \Omega_k(\mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{b}_2, y)$$

## Cross Sections

$$\sigma_{\text{tot}}^{pp} = 2 \int d\mathbf{b} \sum_{i,k=1}^S \left\{ |a_i|^2 |a_k|^2 \left[ 1 - e^{-\Omega_{ik}(b)/2} \right] \right\}$$

$$\sigma_{\text{inel}}^{pp} = \int d\mathbf{b} \sum_{i,k=1}^S \left\{ |a_i|^2 |a_k|^2 \left[ 1 - e^{-\Omega_{ik}(b)} \right] \right\}$$

$$\sigma_{\text{el}}^{pp} = \int d\mathbf{b} \left\{ \sum_{i,k=1}^S \left[ |a_i|^2 |a_k|^2 \left( 1 - e^{-\Omega_{ik}(b)/2} \right) \right] \right\}^2$$

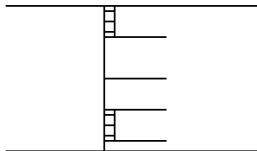
# Event Generation

## Elastic Scattering

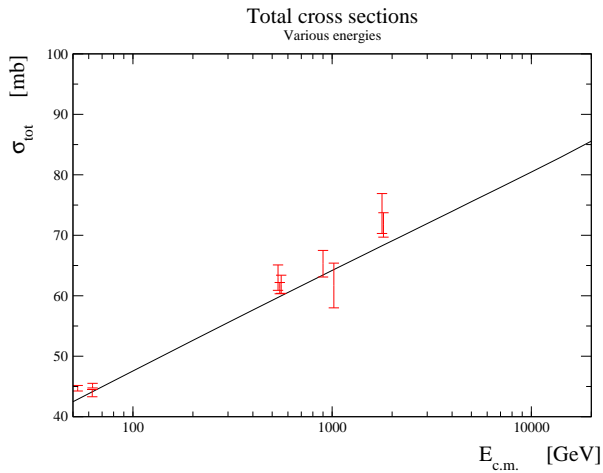
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## Non-Elastic Scattering

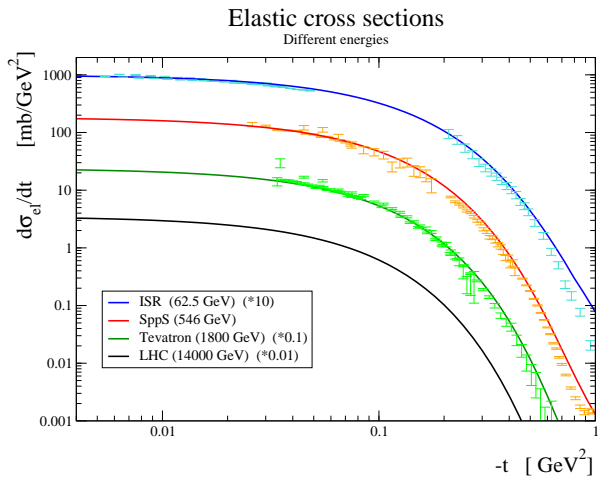
- ▶ number of (cut) ladders
- ▶ impact parameter of each ladder
- ▶ number of gluons per ladder, rapidities
- ▶ singlet/octet  $t$ -channel propagators (singlets give rise to rapidity gaps)
- ▶ kinematics
- ▶ parton shower, hadronisation



# Total Cross Section



# Elastic Cross Section



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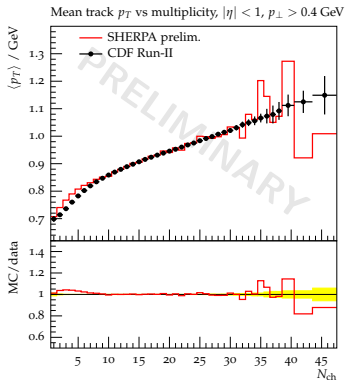
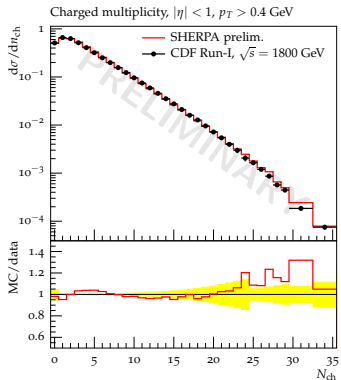
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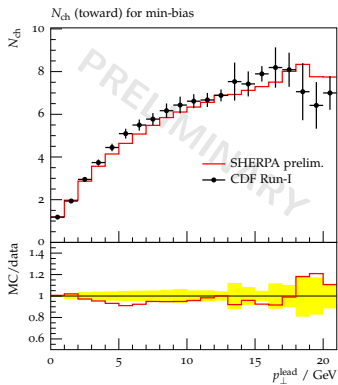
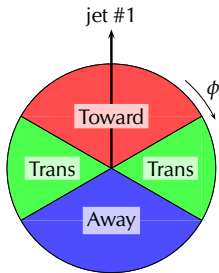
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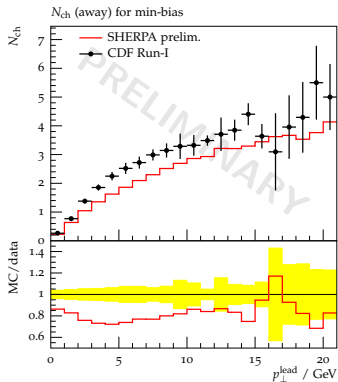
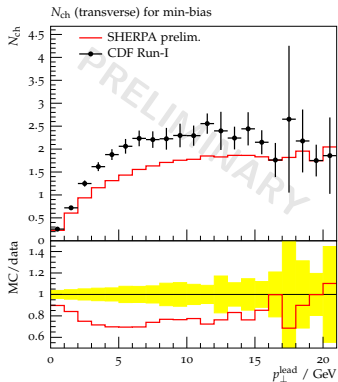
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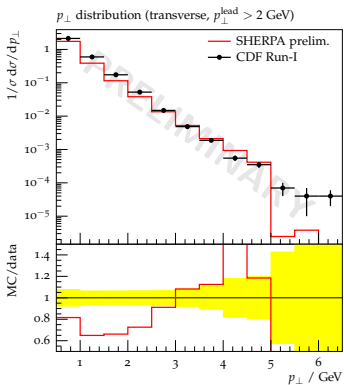
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- ▶ Next steps (short timescale):
  - ▶ improved colour treatment (larger rapidity gaps)
  - ▶ include single and double low-mass diffraction
  - ▶ formulate as underlying event model
  - ▶ validate the physics/tune the parameters & publish the module as part of SHERPA 1.3.
- ▶ Near future:
  - ▶ include secondary Reggeon (quarks!)
  - ▶ allow for open and closed heavy flavour production
  - ▶ include  $k_{\perp}$  dependence into differential equations

# Pion Spectrum and Jet cross section at STAR

( $pp$  @200 GeV)

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