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Outline

- Diffraction at colliders and in cosmic rays
- RFT: quasi-eikonal approach
- Enhanced Pomeron graphs: elastic amplitude

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- AGK cuts: diffractive final states
- Multi-Pomeron vertices



diffraction in collider physics:

valuable information about interaction dynamics clean experimental environment for new physics (e.g. production of Higgs)

diffraction in cosmic ray physics:
 direct impact on air shower maximum

Strictly speaking, EAS physics is sensitive to non-diffractive interactions only

Example: remove all events with less than 10% energy loss in the 1st interaction and use the rescaled cross section:





- about 7 $\cdot\,10^{10}$ charged particles at $X_{\rm max}$ in EAS with $E_0=10^{20}~{\rm eV}$

Diffraction - microscopic picture

non-diffr. production virtual rescattering diffraction



Reggeon Field Theory (schematic):



DQA

elementary parton cascades - Pomeron exchanges intermediate states between Pomeron exchanges include inelastic excitations: $\sum_{i} |X_i\rangle\langle X_i| = |p\rangle\langle p| + \sum_{i\neq p} |X_i\rangle\langle X_i|$ Things get simplier in the multi-component (Good-Walker-like) scheme - use elastic scattering eigenstates: $|X_i\rangle \rightarrow |j\rangle$

e.g., using eikonal vertices for Pomeron emission:

$$\begin{split} \sigma_{ad}^{\text{inel}}(s) &= \sum_{i,j} C_{i/a} C_{j/d} \int d^2 b \left[1 - e^{-2\lambda_{i/a}\lambda_{j/d}} \chi_{ad}^{\mathbb{P}}(s,b) \right] \\ \sigma_{ad}^{\text{diffr-proj}}(s) &= \sum_{i,j,k,l} \left(C_{i/a} \delta_{ik} - C_{i/a} C_{k/a} \right) C_{j/d} C_{l/d} \\ &\times \int d^2 b \left[1 - e^{-\lambda_{i/a}\lambda_{j/d}} \chi_{ad}^{\mathbb{P}}(s,b) \right] \left[1 - e^{-\lambda_{k/a}\lambda_{l/d}} \chi_{ad}^{\mathbb{P}}(s,b) \right] \end{split}$$

 $\chi^{\mathbb{P}}_{ad}$ - Pomeron exchange eikonal

 $C_{i/a}, \lambda_{i/a}$ - relative weights & strengths of the eigenstates

 important: for low mass excitations (M²_X ≪ s): C_{i/a}, λ_{i/a} - independent of s
 M²_X-dependence for LMD - usually PPR-asymptotics: f(M²_X) ~ (M²_X)^{α_R(0)-2+2(α_P(0)-1)} ~ (M²_X)^{-3/2}

High mass diffraction - Pomeron asymptotics \Rightarrow enhanced diagrams



- sign-indefinite contributions
- higher orders increasingly important with energy
- \blacktriangleright \Rightarrow all order resummation needed

Let us start with the resummation of 'net'-like graphs (anything except Pomeron 'loops'):



Introduce 'net fan' contributions via Schwinger-Dyson equation:



correspond to arbitrary Pomeron 'nets' coupled to given vertex



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Sum of all irredicible contributions of non-loop enhanced diagrams to elastic scattering amplitude:



any diagram with *n* multi-Pomeron vertices is generated *n* times by the 1st term and (n-1) times - by the 2nd

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generalization: replace single Pomerons by 2-point sequences of Pomerons and Pomeron loops, e.g.





examples of graphs which can not be included in this scheme:



One has to be more specific about the Pomeron eikonal and about multi-Pomeron vertices

to judge the importance of neglected graphs to verify the very convegence of the series

However, let us first discuss the structure of final states in general

- Iet us assume the validity of AGK cutting rules
- we start from AGK-cuts of 'net fans'; there are 2 kinds of cuts:
 - with 'fan'-like structure of cut Pomerons
 - with 'zigzag'-like structure of cut Pomerons



Important observations:

- \blacktriangleright summary contribution of 'zigzag' cuts of 'net fans' $\equiv 0$
- ▶ ⇒ only 'tree'-like final states contribute to $\sigma_{\rm tot}$
- 'zigzag'-like final states have minor influence on the rap-gap structure of the events

e.g., simpliest contributions do not generate rap-gaps:



higher order contributions - small in peripheral collisions:



Difffractive cuts of 'net fans' (incomplete):



 \blacktriangleright \Rightarrow central diffraction (DPE) contributions (incomplete):



► to calculate DPE cross section:

choose elastic channel in the cut plane include rap-gap suppression factors (left & right from the cut) $\sim \sim \sim$

What is the meaning on 'net fan' contributions?

compare inclusive and exclusive (certain structure of final states) jet production:



'fan' diagrams - low-x PDFs as 'seen' in DIS & inclusive cross sections

'net fans' - 'reaction-dependent PDFs' (without 'soft' production in parallel to the hard process):



Diffractive cuts of 'net fans' - low-x diffractive PDFs

rapidity gap survival factor includes:

elastic form factor - to suppress additional multiple
 production processes ('eikonal' suppression)
absorptive corrections due to rescattering on the target - to
 suppress soft production in the same process
 large hard scale (e.g., Higgs production) ⇒ smaller

corrections of the 2nd kind (reduced phase space)

When the approach is self-consistent?

Iet us consider simple Pomeron pole amplitude:

$$\chi^{\mathbb{P}}(\hat{s},b) = \mathrm{Im} f^{\mathbb{P}}(\hat{s},b) \sim \frac{\hat{s}^{\alpha_{\mathbb{P}}(0)-1}}{\lambda_{\mathbb{P}}} e^{-\frac{b^2}{4\lambda_{\mathbb{P}}}}$$

- clearly, no problem arises at moderate s and large b: enhanced graphs provide small corrections
- ▶ ⇒ we have to investigate the 'dense' limit: $s \rightarrow \infty$, $b \rightarrow 0$
- well-behaving scheme proposed by Cardi / Kaidalov:

$$G^{(m,n)} = G \gamma^{m+n-3}$$

'Loop' graphs - dissapear in the dense limit (suppressed by exponential factors):



 \blacktriangleright \Rightarrow one is left with 'net'-like graphs

Both 'net fan' contributions and elastic scattering amplitude approach at $s \rightarrow \infty$, $b \rightarrow 0$ the Kaidalov's limit: renormalization of the Pomeron intercept:



- ▶ for $ilde{lpha_{\mathbb{P}}}(0) < 1$ saturation solution; $\sigma_{tot}(s) o const$ at $s \to \infty$
- in particular, this is the case if one restricts himself with triple-Pomeron vertex only!

Durham group:

$$G^{(m,n)} = m n G \gamma^{m+n-3}$$

- same 'dense' limit (renormalization of the Pomeron intercept)
- one Pomeron is 'more equal' than others
- \blacktriangleright \Rightarrow analysis of unitarity cuts difficult
- diffraction cross sections inconsistent with AGK rules