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New approach to the rescatterings on the supercritical Pomeron is developed. Rescattering vertices  $\gamma_n$  are determined in the form corresponding to the contribution of two diffraction particles beams.

Their general properties are discussed and different particles production cross sections are written in terms of  $\gamma_n$ .

Some examples of the simultaneous description of high energy elastic scattering, diffraction production and pionization processes are considered.

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## 1. The general rescattering picture

At extremely high energies  $s/m_N^2 \rightarrow \infty$  the supercritical Pomeron theory (having  $\Delta = \alpha_P(0) - 1 > 0, \Delta \simeq 0.1 - 0.2$ ) determines the elastic scattering amplitude  $M(s, t) = \int_0^\infty \frac{i}{2} F(b, s) \cdot J_0(bp_\perp) b db$  in the form of the sum of a large number ( $\langle n \rangle \sim (s/m_N^2)^\Delta$ ) of rescatterings:  $F(b, s) = 1 - S(b, s)$ ,

$$S(b, s) = \exp[2i\delta(b, s)] = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-v(b, s))^n}{n!} \gamma_n(b, s) \quad (1)$$

where  $\gamma_n$  are some unknown rescattering Gribov's coefficients;

$$v(b, s) = \frac{2}{i} \int M_P(p_\perp, s) J_0(p_\perp b) p_\perp dp_\perp$$

- is the one Pomeron contribution,  $M_P \simeq i\lambda_P(p_\perp^2) \exp[\xi\Delta - \alpha'_P(0)\xi_1 p_\perp^2]$ ,  $\xi_1 = \ln s/m_N^2 - i\pi/2$  and the decreasing dependence of the Pomeron residue  $\lambda_P(p_\perp^2) = g^{(1)}(p_\perp^2)g^{(2)}(p_\perp^2)$  on  $t = -p_\perp^2$  is not determined by the theory. The function  $S(b, s)$  will be called below "S - matrix". We remind that the Gaussian form of the residue  $\lambda_P = \lambda_P^0 \exp(-R^2 p_\perp^2)$ , valid only for small  $p_\perp^2 < M^2$ , leads to a simple  $v(b, s) = (\lambda_P^0/r_0^2) \exp(\xi\Delta - b^2/4r_0^2)$ ,  $r_0^2 = R^2 + \alpha'_P \xi$ , which is at  $\xi \gg 1$  very large for small  $b < b_0$  (where  $v \sim \exp(\xi_1 \Delta) \simeq (s/m_N^2)^\Delta \gg 1$ ) and is small:  $v \ll 1$ , at large  $b$ .<sup>1</sup>

Considering  $\gamma_n$  as an analytic function of  $n$ :  $\gamma_n = \gamma(n)$  at  $n = 1, 2, \dots$  and demanding that  $S = S(v)$  in Eq.(1) has to decrease for  $v \rightarrow \infty$ , as this corresponds to the black disk absorption  $F(b, s) \rightarrow 1$ , at small  $b < b_0$  and at  $s/m_N^2 \rightarrow \infty$  (see Fig.1 where  $b_0 = b_0(\xi) \simeq a_0 \xi$  is the interaction radius) it is easy to show that  $\gamma(n)$  can have singularities only at the left half-plane of the complex  $n$ -plane<sup>2</sup> and, the conditions must hold:

$$\gamma(0) = 1, \quad \gamma(1) = 1. \quad (2)$$

<sup>1</sup>At  $b^2/4r_0^2 = \xi\Delta$ , i.e. at  $b = b_0$ ,  $b_0^2 = 4(R^2 + \alpha'_P \xi)\xi\Delta$ , the value of  $v(b, s)$  is of order of unity. Thus, the interaction radius  $b_0 = 2\sqrt{\alpha'_P \Delta \xi}$  rise like  $\ln(s/m_N^2)$ , what leads to the Froissart limit:  $\sigma^{\text{tot}} \simeq 2\pi b_0^2 \simeq (8\pi\alpha'_P \Delta)\xi^2$  in this model.

<sup>2</sup>Authors thank M.Braun for this remark. General features of  $\gamma(n)$  will be considered in a separate publication.

Note that:

i) The dependence of  $\gamma_n$  on  $\xi \simeq \ln(s/m_N^2)$  is not essential at all, as this dependence can be reproduced by a small change of the parameter  $\Delta$  in  $\exp(\xi\Delta) \sim (s/m_N^2)^\Delta$ .

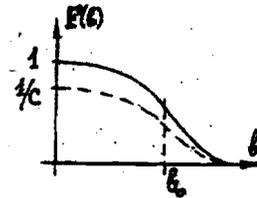


Fig.1 The profile  $F(b)$  of the scattering, dashed line shows the result of quasieikonal approach.

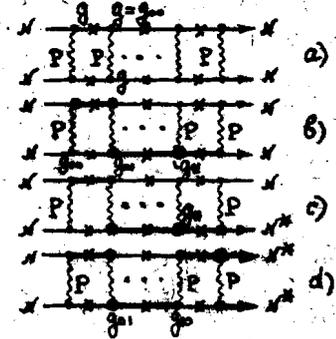


Fig.2 Eikonal model graphs a); b), c), d)-two chanal picture.

ii) The so called eikonal approximation  $\gamma_n \equiv 1, n \geq 1$ , corresponding to the graphs shown in Fig.2a, leads to zero values of diffraction dissociation (DD) cross section  $\sigma^{DD} = 2\sigma_{1D} + \sigma_{2D}$  and gives  $S = \exp[-v(b, s)]$ ,  $F = 1 - \exp(-v)$ . However, even in this approximation, the Harvard-Marseille group [1] was able to obtain a perfect description of  $pp, \bar{p}p$  elastic scattering up to  $p_\perp^2 \sim 2(\frac{GeV}{c})^2$  choosing the power type residue

$$\lambda_P(p_\perp^2) = \lambda_P^0 \cdot [(1 + p_\perp^2/m_1^2)(1 + p_\perp^2/m_2^2)]^{-2} \frac{1 - p_\perp^2/\alpha^2}{1 + p_\perp^2/\alpha^2}, \quad (3)$$

where the first  $p_\perp^2$  depending factor corresponds to a matter distribution in the proton analogous to a charge distribution, with  $m_1 \simeq 0.58 \text{ GeV}, m_2 \simeq 1.7 \text{ GeV}$  and the zero at large  $p_\perp = \alpha$  in  $\lambda_P(p_\perp^2)$  was introduced in [1] by hand ( $\lambda_P^0 \simeq 2.1(\text{GeV}/c)^{-2}$ ,  $\alpha \simeq 2.0 \text{ GeV}/c$ ).

iii) The "quasi-eikonal" approximation [3], which corresponds to  $\gamma_n = C^{n-1}$ ,  $C = 1 + \sigma^{DD}/\sigma^{\text{el}}$ ,  $n \neq 0$  and to  $\gamma_0 = 1 - C^{-1}$ , i.e. to  $F = \frac{1}{C}(1 - \exp(-Cv))$ , was successfully used [2] to describe, simultaneously, the

$pp, \bar{p}p$  scattering at small  $p_1^2 \leq p_0^2 \leq 0.2 - 0.3(\text{Gev}/c)^2$  and, also, all available information about the particle production at high energies. However it does not describe the  $d\sigma^{el}/dp_1^2$  behaviour at  $p_1^2 \geq p_0^2$  and instead of the black disk at  $s/m_N^2 \rightarrow \infty, v \rightarrow \infty$  (at  $b < b_0$ ), leads to the constant grey disk (see dashed line in Fig.1) due to violation of the condition  $\gamma(0) = 1$ .

Below, all particle production cross-section will be expressed in terms of the coefficients  $\gamma_n(b)$  and some simple models will be considered, where  $\gamma_n \neq -1$  arises due to the production, in the rescattering process, of two diffraction beams of particles with small masses  $M_1 \sim M_2 \sim m_N$  (see Fig.3a). The particular model of such a beam in the  $NN - NN$  interaction cases can be the production of an excited state  $N^*$  of the nucleon in rescatterings (as is shown in Fig.2b). Fig.2c and 2d show graphs describing one jet and two jets  $DD$  processes.

## 2. Particles production cross-sections

Our normalization corresponds to  $\sigma^{tot} = 8\pi \text{Im}M(s, 0)$ ,  $d\sigma^{el}/dp_1^2 = 4\pi |M(s, p_1^2)|^2$ . Writing any type of cross section in the form

$$\sigma^i(s) = \int \bar{\sigma}^i(b, s) d^2b = 2\pi \int_0^\infty \bar{\sigma}^i(b, s) b db$$

one finds:  $\bar{\sigma}^{tot}(b) = 2[1 - \text{Re}S(v)]$ ,  $\bar{\sigma}^{in}(b) = 1 - |S(v)|^2$  and also  $\bar{\sigma}^{el}(b) = |F(b)|^2 = |1 - S(v)|^2$ . Now, using AGK rules one obtains, (with  $v = v_1 + iv_2$ ), the cross section  $\bar{\sigma}_k(b)$  for the production of some number  $k = 1, 2, \dots$  of Pomeron showers of hadrons in the form:

$$\bar{\sigma}_k(b) = \frac{(2v_1)^k}{k!} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-2v_1)^n}{n!} \gamma_{n+k}, \quad \bar{\sigma}^{pion}(b) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \bar{\sigma}_n(b) = 1 - S(2v_1) \quad (4)$$

where  $S(2v_1)$  is just the sum Eq.(1) with  $2v_1$  substituted for  $v(b, \xi)$ . The difference

$$\bar{\sigma}^{DD}(b) = \bar{\sigma}^{in}(b) - \bar{\sigma}^{pion}(b) = S(2v_1) - |S(v)|^2 \quad (5)$$

is the  $DD$  cross-section  $\bar{\sigma}^{DD} = 2\bar{\sigma}_{1D} + \bar{\sigma}_{2D}$  - the sum of the cross-sections of one and two sides diffraction beams or jets production. In  $S$ -unitary theory  $\bar{\sigma}^{DD}(b)$  and all other  $\bar{\sigma}^i(b)$  naturally must be positive for all values of  $b$ .

Considering the square of the modulus of the amplitude corresponding to the graphs shown in Fig.3b and 3c one obtains  $DD$  cross-sections  $\bar{\sigma}_{1D}(b)$  and

$\bar{\sigma}_{2D}(b)$  for  $NN$  scattering in the form of the following sums:

$$\bar{\sigma}_{1D} = \sum_{n_1, n_2=1}^{\infty} \sigma_{n_1, n_2} [\sqrt{\gamma_{n_1+n_2} \gamma_{n_1} \gamma_{n_2}} - \gamma_{n_1} \gamma_{n_2}],$$

$$\bar{\sigma}_{2D} = \sum_{n_1, n_2=1}^{\infty} \sigma_{n_1, n_2} [\sqrt{\gamma_{n_1+n_2}} - \sqrt{\gamma_{n_1} \gamma_{n_2}}]^2 \quad (6)$$

where  $\sigma_{n_1, n_2} = \frac{(-v)^{n_1} (-v)^{n_2}}{n_1! n_2!}$ . Note that the term  $2\sqrt{\gamma_{n_1+n_2} \gamma_{n_1} \gamma_{n_2}}$  cancels out in the sum  $2\bar{\sigma}_{1D} + \bar{\sigma}_{2D}$  and Eq.(5) is thus reopened.

## 3. Particles beams at rescatterings and $\gamma_n$ factors; some attempts of data fit

There exist many functions  $\gamma_n(b) = \gamma(n, b)$  of variable  $n$  which satisfy Eqs.(2) and have singularities only in the left half  $n$ -plane. To have some orientation in the form of  $\gamma_n = \gamma(n)$  let us consider the physical picture of production of two diffraction beams of particles with small effective mass  $M_1 \sim M_2 \sim m_N$  in the rescattering process shown in Fig.3: for elastic scattering (Fig.3a), for one  $DD$  jet production (Fig.3b) and for two  $DD$  jets production (Fig.3c).

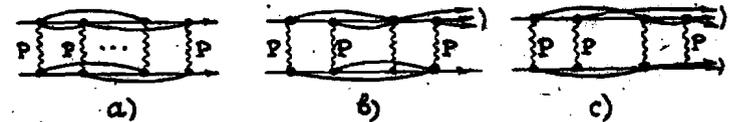


Fig.3 Two diffraction beams pictures:

a) for elastic scattering, b) for  $\sigma_{1D}$ , c) for  $\sigma_{2D}$ .

The upper and lower beams are separated by a large rapidity interval; we can consider their effect separately putting  $\gamma_n = \beta_{1n} \beta_{2n}$ , or  $\gamma_n = \beta_n^2$  for  $NN$  interaction case. The longer is the length of these beams (i.e. the more links  $k \leq n - 1$  they pass in upper or in lower parts in Fig.3) the smaller must be

<sup>3</sup>As the smaller is the probability for the beam to reach the finite target with area  $\pi R_0^2$  ( $R_0 \sim 1/m_N$ ) in the diffusion in the impact parameter space.

their contribution  $\sim \frac{\lambda}{k+a}$  to the eikonal value  $\beta_n = 1$ , where  $\lambda, a \leq 1$  are some parameters. Therefore:

$$\beta_n = \beta(n) = \prod_{k=1}^{n-1} \left(1 + \frac{\lambda}{k+a}\right)^{n-k}, \quad \text{with } \beta_0(0) = \beta(1) = 1, \quad (7)$$

as, for  $k=1$  the enhanced factor  $C_1 = 1 + \frac{\lambda}{1+a}$ , which corresponds to each link in Fig.3, enters  $n-1$  times. Comparing this factor with old "quasieikonal" model [2] where  $\gamma_2 \simeq C_1^2 \simeq 1 + 1/2$  one concludes that  $\lambda/(1+a) \simeq 1/4$ . The factor  $C_2 = 1 + \lambda/(2+a)$  enters  $n-2$  times in  $\beta_n$  and corresponds to beams avoiding one Pomeron vertex, factor  $C_3 = 1 + \lambda/(3+a)$  corresponds to beams avoiding two vertices in Fig.3 and enters  $n-3$  times e.t.c. This results in Eq.(7).

The function  $\beta(n)$  in Eq.(7) can be shown to have the simple pole at  $n = -n_0, n_0 = 1 + a$  and has at  $n \gg 1$  the asymptotic form

$$\beta(n) = [\Gamma(n+n_0)/\Gamma(n_0)n_0^n]^\nu, \quad \nu/n_0 \simeq 1/4 \quad (8)$$

(or, simply,  $\beta = (\Gamma(n+1))^\nu, \nu \sim 1/4$  at  $a=0, n_0=1$ ). For  $\gamma_n = \beta^2(n)$  in Eq.(1) it leads to  $S(v) \sim (\ln v)/v^{n_0}$  at  $v(b, \xi) \gg 1$  what seems quite reasonable physically. However, the  $b$ -dependence of  $\gamma_n$  factors is lost at all in Eqs.(7), (8) (note, by the way, that equalities  $\beta(0) = \beta(1) = 1$  still holds in the form (8)).

To reproduce this dependence let us remind the old two channel ( $N$  and  $N^*$ ) picture of Fig.2b,c,d resulting [3] in  $\gamma_n = \gamma'(n) = (\beta'(n))^2$  with

$$\beta'(n) = \frac{\varepsilon\eta^n + 1}{1 + \varepsilon} \left(\frac{1 + \varepsilon}{1 + \eta\varepsilon}\right)^n = t_1^n \lambda_1 + t_2^n \lambda_2 \quad (9)$$

where  $\varepsilon, \eta \sim 1$  are some  $DD$ -parameters determining (see [3] for details) the form of  $2 \times 2$ - Pomeron vertex  $\hat{g}_P$ , and (9) is obtained by trivial diagonalization of it:  $\hat{g}_P \rightarrow (\hat{g}_P^{diag})_{ij} = g_i(p_1^2) \delta_{ij}, g_i = t_i g_0(p_1^2), i, j = 1, 2$ , using diagonal "beam" states  $\varphi_i = a_1^{(i)} N + a_2^{(i)} N^*$ . In Eq.(9)  $\lambda_1 = \varepsilon \lambda_2 = \varepsilon/(1 + \varepsilon), t_1 = \varepsilon \eta t_2, t_2 = (1 + \varepsilon)/(1 + \varepsilon \eta)$  and  $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = 1, \lambda_1 t_1 + \lambda_2 t_2 = 1$ . Considering each of beams in Fig.3 as consisting of an infinite number of similar diagonal states  $\varphi_i$  one obtains the more general form:

$$\beta'(n) = \sum_i \lambda_i \cdot t_i^n \quad (10)$$

where  $\lambda_i$  and  $t_i$  are some parameters constrained by the conditions  $\sum_i \lambda_i = \sum_i \lambda_i t_i = 1$ . Putting in Eq.(1)  $\gamma'_n = (\beta'(n))^2$  one obtains:

$$S(b, s) = \sum_{ij} \lambda_i \lambda_j \exp[-t_i t_j v_{ij}(b, s)] \quad (11)$$

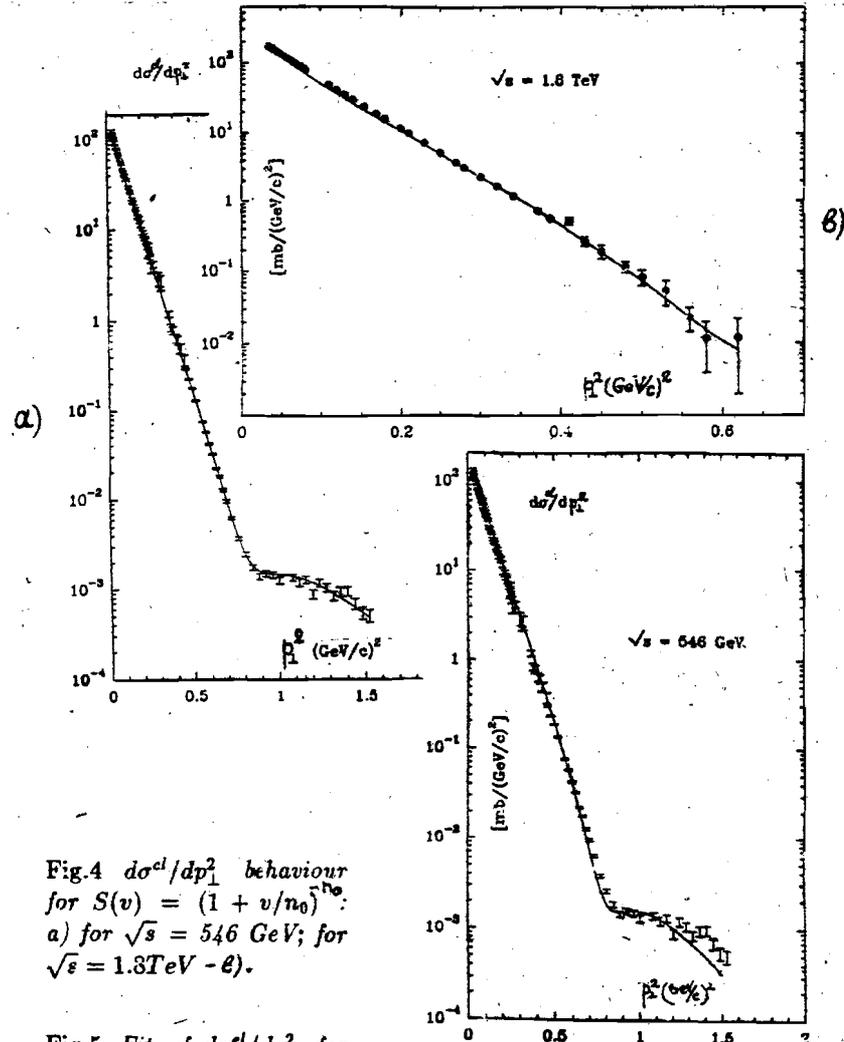


Fig.4  $d\sigma^{el}/dp_T^2$  behaviour for  $S(v) = (1 + v/n_0)^{-\nu}$ : a) for  $\sqrt{s} = 546$  GeV; for  $\sqrt{s} = 1.8$  TeV - b).

Fig.5 Fit of  $d\sigma^{el}/dp_T^2$  for  $\gamma_n = (\beta'(n))^2 \gamma_n^{(1)}$ .

where it was taken into accounts that Pomeron vertices  $g_i(p_1^2)$  for different diagonal beam states can have different dependence on  $p_1^2$  (i.e. can have different parameters  $m_1, m_2$  in Eq.(3);  $\lambda_P(p_1^2) \rightarrow \lambda_P^{ij} \sim g_i g_j$  in  $v_{ij}$ ). This will just reproduce effectively the  $b$ -dependence of  $\gamma_n$ -coefficients.

Note, that Eq.(10) is the particular case of a more general representation:

$$\beta'(n) = \int_0^\infty \lambda(t) t^n dt \quad \text{for} \quad \lambda(t) = \sum_i \lambda_i \delta(t - t_i).$$

We note also, that the simplest form for  $\gamma_n = \beta^2(n)$  is given by Eq.(8) at  $\nu = 1/2$ :  $\gamma_n = \gamma_n^{(1)} = \frac{\Gamma(n+n_0)}{\Gamma(n_0)n_0^n}$ ; in Eq.(1) it leads to the simple  $S$ -matrix  $S(v) = (1 + v/n_0)^{-n_0}$  discussed by Braun and Pajares [4] (with,  $-n$  at the place of  $n$ .)

Eqs.(7)-(11) can be used for description of  $d\sigma^{el}/dp_1^2$  and of particle production data at high energy. Two simplest examples are considered below:

a) Using  $S(v) = (1 + v/n_0)^{-n_0}$  one obtains the following set of the best values of parameters:  $n_0 = 2.27$ , while in the Pomeron amplitude:  $\Delta = 0.1$ , and  $\alpha'_P(0) = 0.03$ ,  $\lambda_P^0 = 2.9$  in  $(GeV/c)^{-2}$  and also in Eq.(3)  $m_1 = 0.58$ ,  $m_2 = 13.7$ ,  $\alpha = 16.6$  in  $GeV/c$ . The  $d\sigma^{el}/dp_1^2$  behaviour is very good and is shown in Fig.4a for  $\sqrt{s} = 546 GeV$  and in Fig.4b for  $\sqrt{s} = 1.8 TeV$ . The resulting values of  $\sigma^{tot}$  are: 63 and 74 mb correspondingly, while values of  $\rho = (ReM/ImM)_{p_1=0}$  are: 0.106 and 0.100.

However, too small  $\sigma^{DD}$  value was obtained here from Eq.(5): at  $\sqrt{s} = 546 GeV$ ,  $\sigma^{DD} = 2\sigma_{1D} + \sigma_{2D} \simeq 2.4 mb$  was found as compared with  $(\sigma^{DD})_{exp} \simeq 0.42\sigma^{el} \simeq 5.5 mb$ .

b) Using  $\gamma_n = (\beta'(n))^2 \gamma_n^{(1)}$  with the same  $\gamma_n^{(1)} = \Gamma(n + n_0)/\Gamma(n_0)n_0^n$  as above and  $\beta'_0(n)$  in the form (9) one finds the parameters (in the same units as above):  $n_0 = 3.92$ ,  $\Delta = 0.112$ ,  $\alpha'_P = 0.03$ ,  $\lambda_P^0 = 4.66$ ;  $m_1 = 0.75$ ,  $m_2 = 13.7$ ,  $\alpha = 16.6$  - being taken the same in both poles  $t_1 = 2.92$ ,  $t_2 = 0.55$  (what corresponds to  $\epsilon = 4.31$ ,  $\eta = 0.19$ , or to  $\lambda_1 = 0.19$ ,  $\lambda_2 = 0.81$  in Eq.(9)). The fit of  $d\sigma^{el}/dp_1^2$  at  $\sqrt{s} = 546 GeV$ , shown in Fig.5, is not so good as in Fig.4, however  $\sigma^{DD} = 4.1 mb$  is here much closer to the experiment  $(\sigma^{DD}(546))_{exp} \simeq 5.5 mb$ .

These first results are promising and show that calculations have to be extended to a more realistic version of  $\gamma_n$ , e.g. defined in Eqs.(9), (10) with different parameters  $m_1, m_2$  of Pomeron vertices for different  $v_{ij}(b, s)$  in Eq.(11).

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