

Hollowness in pp scattering at the LHC

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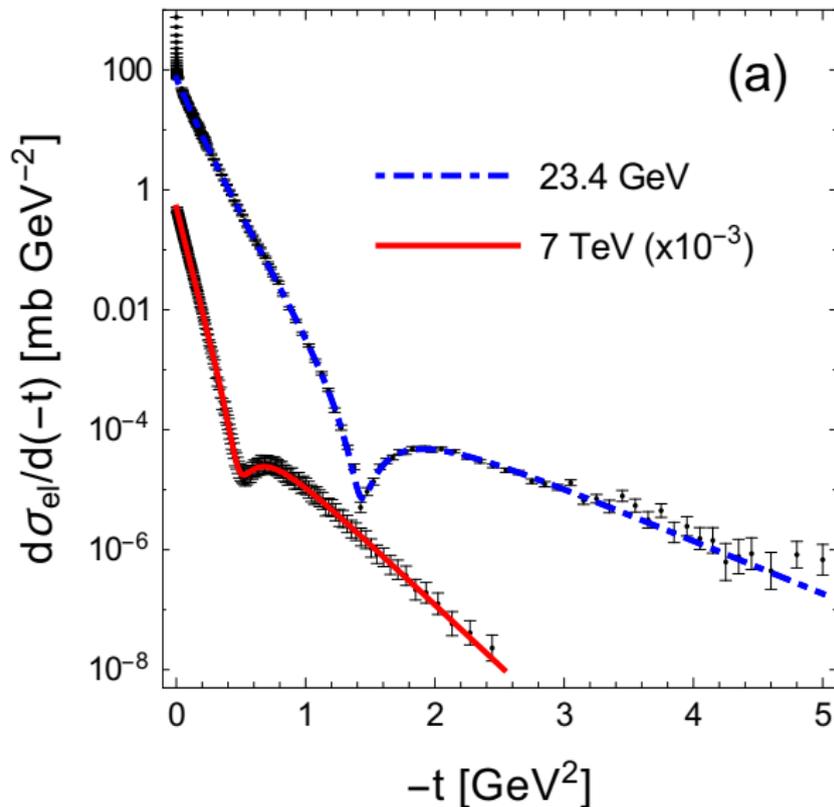
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Parametrization of the scattering amplitude

Parametrization by [Fagundes 2013], based on [Barger-Phillips 1974], motivated by the Regge asymptotics:

$$\frac{f(s, t)}{p} = \sum_n c_n(s) F_n(t) s^{\alpha_n(t)} = \frac{i\sqrt{A} e^{\frac{Bt}{2}}}{\left(1 - \frac{t}{t_0}\right)^4} + i\sqrt{C} e^{\frac{Dt}{2} + i\phi}$$

s -dependent (real) parameters are fitted separately to all known differential pp cross sections for $\sqrt{s} = 23.4, 30.5, 44.6, 52.8, 62.0,$ and 7000 GeV with $\chi^2/\text{d.o.f} \sim 1.2 - 1.7$

$$\frac{d\sigma_{\text{el}}}{dt} = \frac{\pi}{p^2} |f(s, t)|^2, \quad \sigma_T = \frac{4\pi}{p} \text{Im} f(s, 0)$$

Eikonal approximation

$$\begin{aligned} f(s, t) &= \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} (2l + 1) f_l(p) P_l(\cos \theta) \\ &= \frac{p^2}{\pi} \int d^2b h(\vec{b}, s) e^{i\vec{q}\cdot\vec{b}} = 2p^2 \int_0^{\infty} b db J_0(bq) h(b, s) \end{aligned}$$

$t = -\vec{q}^2$, $q = 2p \sin(\theta/2)$, $bp = l + 1/2 + \mathcal{O}(s^{-1})$, $P_l(\cos \theta) \rightarrow J_0(qb)$,
hence the amplitude in the impact-parameter representation becomes

$$h(b, s) = \frac{i}{2p} \left[1 - e^{i\chi(b)} \right] = f_l(p) + \mathcal{O}(s^{-1})$$

The eikonal approximation works well for $b < 2$ fm and $\sqrt{s} > 20$ GeV

Procedure: $f(s, t) \rightarrow h(b, s) \rightarrow \chi(b) \dots$

Eikonal approximation 2

The standard formulas for the total, elastic, and total inelastic cross sections read

$$\sigma_T = \frac{4\pi}{p} \text{Im}f(s, 0) = 4p \int d^2b \text{Im}h(\vec{b}, s) = 2 \int d^2b \left[1 - \text{Re} e^{i\chi(b)} \right]$$

$$\sigma_{\text{el}} = \int d\Omega |f(s, t)|^2 = 4p^2 \int d^2b |h(\vec{b}, s)|^2 = \int d^2b |1 - e^{i\chi(b)}|^2$$

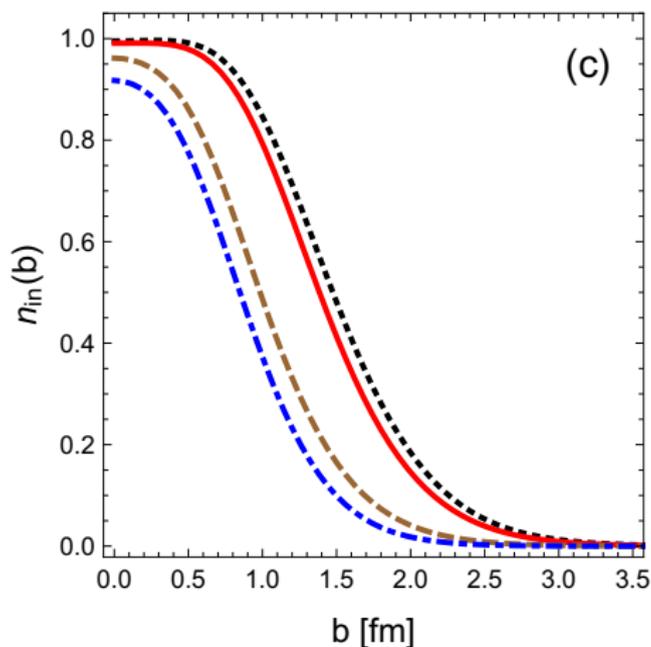
$$\sigma_{\text{in}} \equiv \sigma_T - \sigma_{\text{el}} = \int d^2b n_{\text{in}}(b) = \int d^2b \left[1 - e^{-2\text{Im}\chi(b)} \right]$$

The inelasticity profile

$$n_{\text{in}}(b) = 4p \text{Im}h(b, s) - 4p^2 |h(b, s)|^2$$

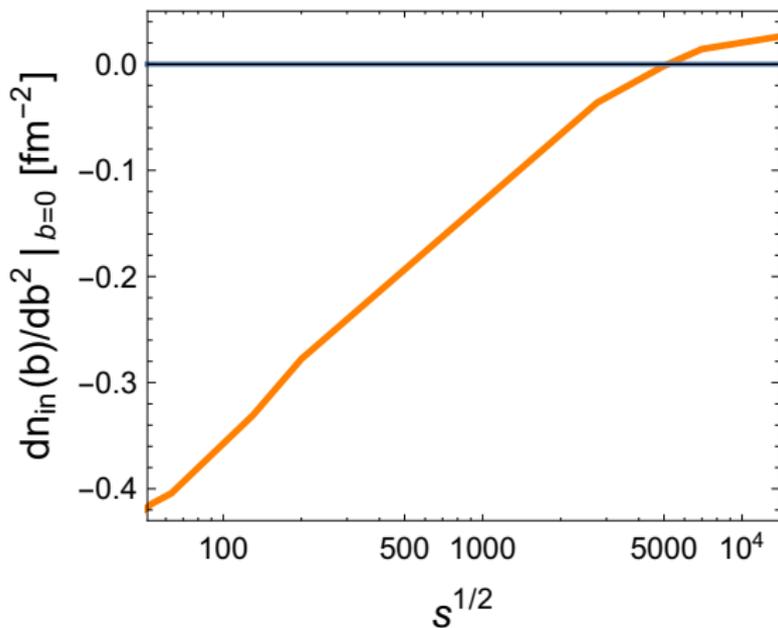
satisfies $n_{\text{in}}(b) \leq 1$ (unitarity)

Dip in the inelasticity profile



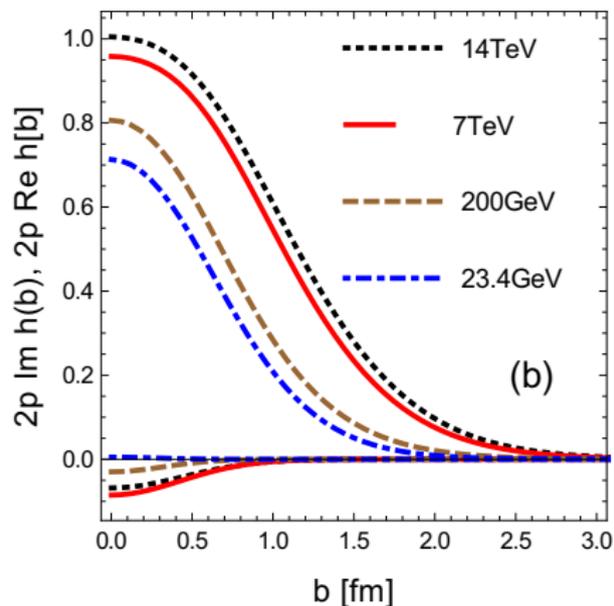
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Slope of the inelasticity profile

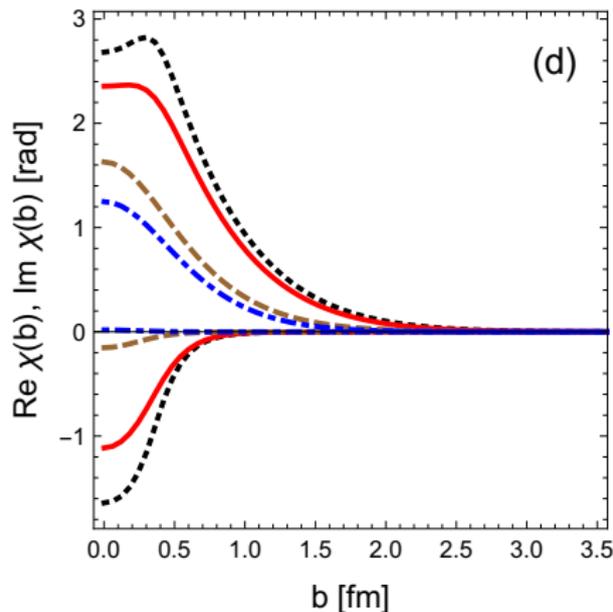


Transition around $\sqrt{s} = 5$ TeV

Amplitude and eikonal phase



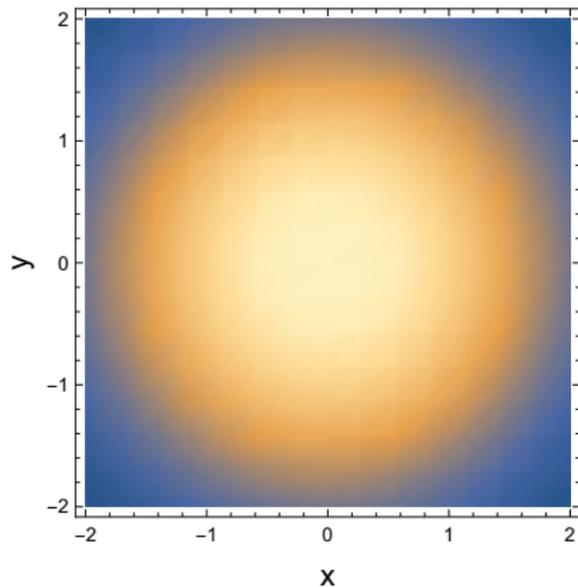
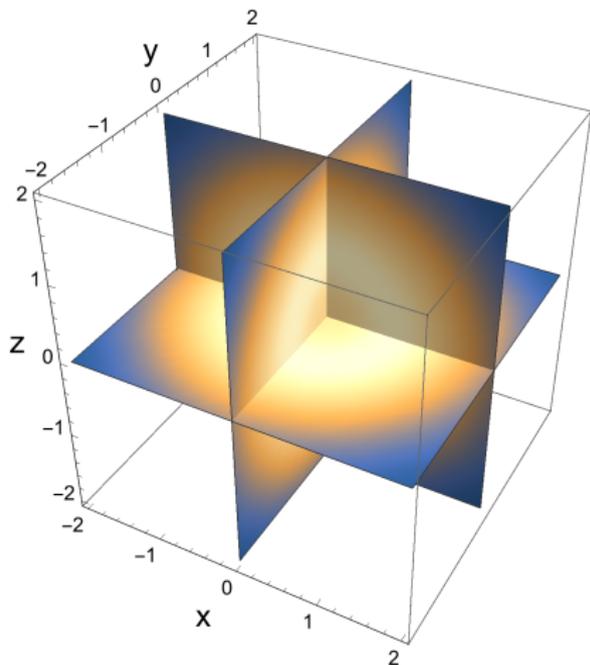
$$2p h(b) = i \left[1 - e^{i\chi(b)} \right]$$



(top curves - Im, bottom - Re)

2D vs 3D opacity

Projection of 3D on 2D covers up the hollow: $f(x, y, z)$ vs $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dz f(x, y, z)$



The hollow is covered up

Optical potential

Phenomenological optical potential introduced by [Allen, Payne, Polyzou 2000] via the total squared mass operator for the pp system:

$$\mathcal{M}^2 = P^\mu P_\mu \stackrel{CM}{=} 4(p^2 + M_N^2) + \mathcal{V}$$

P^μ – total four-momentum, p – CM momentum of each nucleon, M_N – nucleon mass, \mathcal{V} – invariant interaction, determined in the CM frame by matching in the non-relativistic limit to a non-relativistic potential, i.e., $\mathcal{V} = 4U = 4M_N V$

The prescription transforms the relativistic Schrödinger equation $\hat{\mathcal{M}}^2 \Psi = s \Psi$, into an equivalent non-relativistic Schrödinger equation

$$(-\nabla^2 + U)\Psi = (s/4 - M_N^2)\Psi$$

with the reduced potential $U = M_N V$ (to be determined by inverse scattering)

Eikonal limit and optical potential

As in WKB $-\hbar^2 \nabla^2 \Psi = 2m(E - V)\Psi$, where $\Psi = Ae^{iS/\hbar}$

$$(\nabla S)^2 - \cancel{i\hbar \nabla^2 S} = 2m(E - V)$$

$$\nabla S/\hbar = \sqrt{p^2 - 2mV/\hbar^2}$$

In one dimension and for $k \gg$ other scales

$$S/\hbar = pz - \frac{m}{\hbar^2 p} \int_{-\infty}^z dz' V(z')$$

Inverse scattering and optical potential

In the eikonal approximation one has

$$\Psi(\vec{x}) = \exp \left[ipz - \frac{i}{2p} \int_{-\infty}^z U(\vec{b}, z') dz' \right]$$

$$\chi(b) = -\frac{1}{2p} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} U(\sqrt{b^2 + z^2}) dz = -\frac{1}{p} \int_b^{\infty} \frac{rU(r) dr}{\sqrt{r^2 - b^2}}$$

is the (complex) eikonal phase [Glauber 1959]. This Abel-type equation can be inverted:

$$U(r) = M_N V(r) = \frac{2p}{\pi} \int_r^{\infty} db \frac{\chi'(b)}{\sqrt{b^2 - r^2}}$$

On-shell optical potential

From the definition of the inelastic cross section

$$\sigma_{\text{in}} = -\frac{1}{p} \int d^3x \operatorname{Im} U(\vec{x}) |\Psi(\vec{x})|^2$$

→ density of inelasticity is proportional to the absorptive part of the optical potential times the square of the modulus of the wave function. One can identify the *on-shell optical potential* as

$$\operatorname{Im} W(\vec{x}) = \operatorname{Im} U(\vec{x}) |\Psi(\vec{x})|^2$$

Upon z integration,

$$-\frac{1}{p} \int dz \operatorname{Im} W(\vec{b}, z) = n_{\text{in}}(b)$$

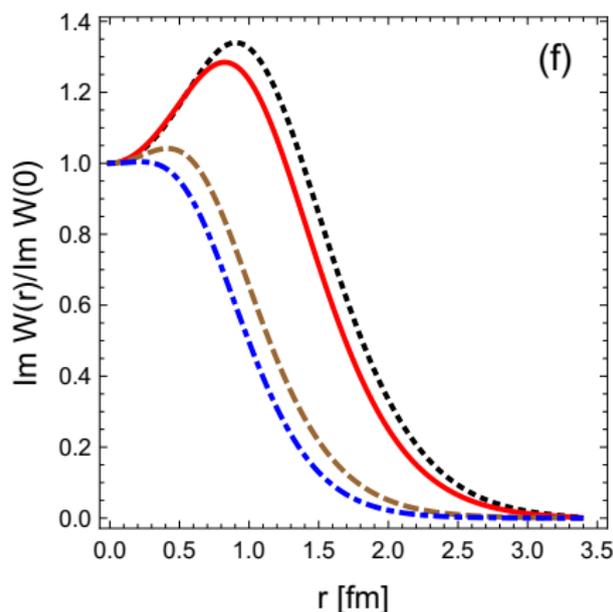
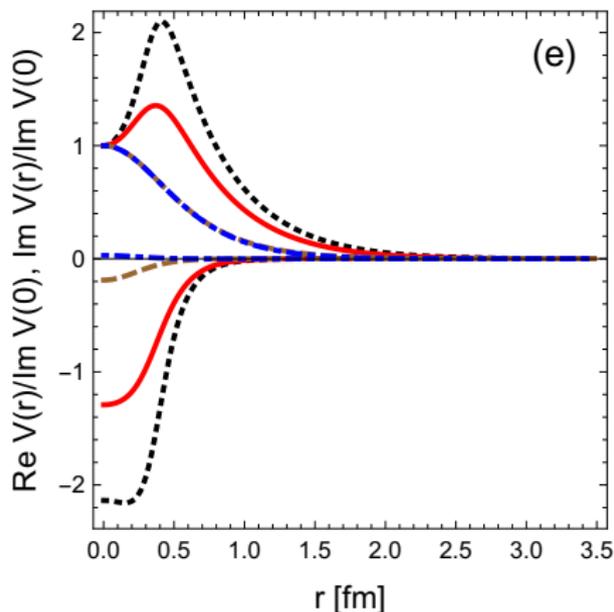
Inversion yields

$$\operatorname{Im} W(r) = \frac{2p}{\pi} \int_r^\infty db \frac{n'(b)}{\sqrt{b^2 - r^2}}$$

Results of inverse scattering

exp. amplitude \rightarrow eikonal phase $\rightarrow U(r) = M_N V(r)$

exp. amplitude \rightarrow inelasticity profile $\rightarrow W(r)$



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Large dip in the absorptive parts, in $W(r)$ starts already at RHIC!

No classical folding of absorptive parts

The hollowness effect cannot be reproduced by by folding of uncorrelated proton structures. We would then get, small r

$$\begin{aligned} W(r) &= \int d^3y \rho(\vec{y} + \vec{r}/2) \rho(\vec{y} - \vec{r}/2) \\ &= \int d^3y \rho(\vec{y})^2 - \frac{1}{4} \int d^3y [\vec{r} \cdot \nabla \rho(\vec{y})]^2 + \dots \end{aligned}$$

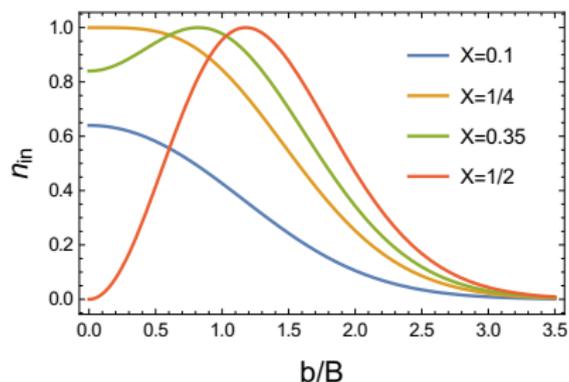
→ $W(r)$ would necessarily have a local maximum at $r = 0$, in contrast to the phenomenological result

→ not possible to obtain hollowness classically by folding the absorptive parts from uncorrelated constituents

Aspects of unitarity: model of [Dremin 2014]

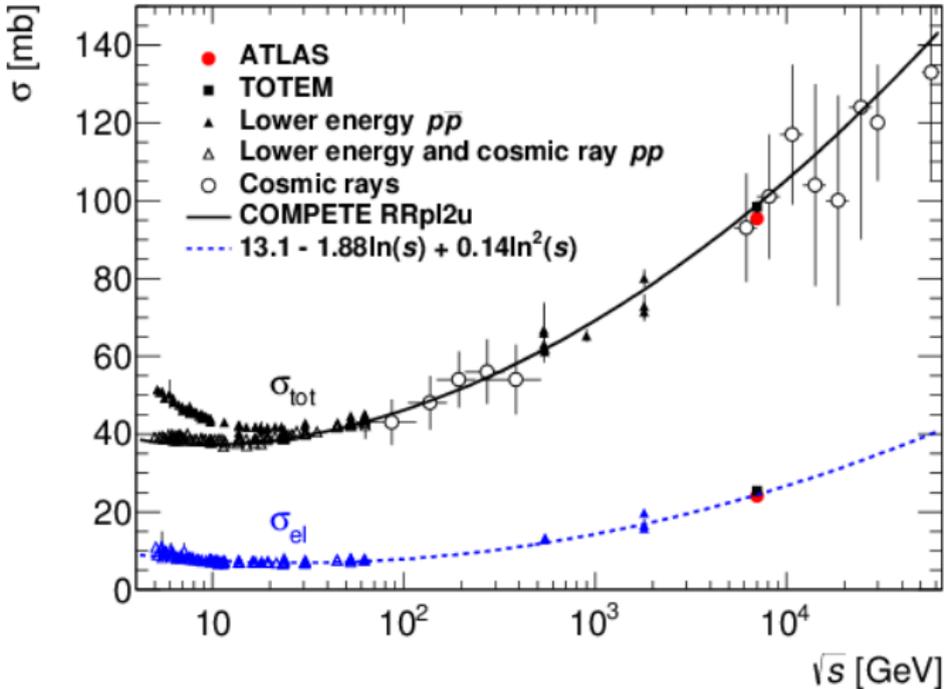
$$2p\text{Im}h(b) \equiv k(b) = 4Xe^{-b^2/(2B)}, \quad \text{Re}h(b) = 0, \quad X = \sigma_{el}/\sigma_T$$

$$n_{in}(b) = 2k(b) - k(b)^2 = 8Xe^{-b^2/(2B^2)} - 16X^2e^{-b^2/B^2}$$



- $X > 1/4$: $n_{in}(b)$ has a maximum at $b_0 = \sqrt{2}B \log(4X) > 0$, with $k(b_0) = 1$
- $X = 1/2$: black disk limit
- $W(r)$ develops a dip when $X > \sqrt{2}/8 = 0.177$

Cross sections



Ratio goes above 1/4 as energy increases!

Aspects of unitarity 2

If $2ph(b) = k(b)$ is not necessarily Gaussian but purely imaginary, then

$$n_{in}(b) = 2k(b) - k(b)^2$$

$$\frac{dn_{in}(b)}{db^2} = 2\frac{dk(b)}{db^2}[1 - k(b)]$$

hence the minimum of $n(b)$ moves away from the origin when $k(0) > 1$

The real part of the amplitude, which is $\sim 10\%$, brings in corrections at the level of 1%

Conclusions

- Hollowness in $n_{in}(b)$ inferred from the parametrization of the data
- Quantum effect, rise of $2p\text{Im}h(b)$ above 1
- Not possible to obtain classically by folding the absorptive parts from uncorrelated constituents
- 2D \rightarrow 3D magnifies the effect (flat in 2D means hollow in 3D)
- Interpretation via optical potential in the relativized problem
- Microscopic/dynamical explanations open [Alba Soto, Albacete 2016]
- Similar hollowness effect in low-energy n-A scattering