

# Holographic Odderon at TOTEM?

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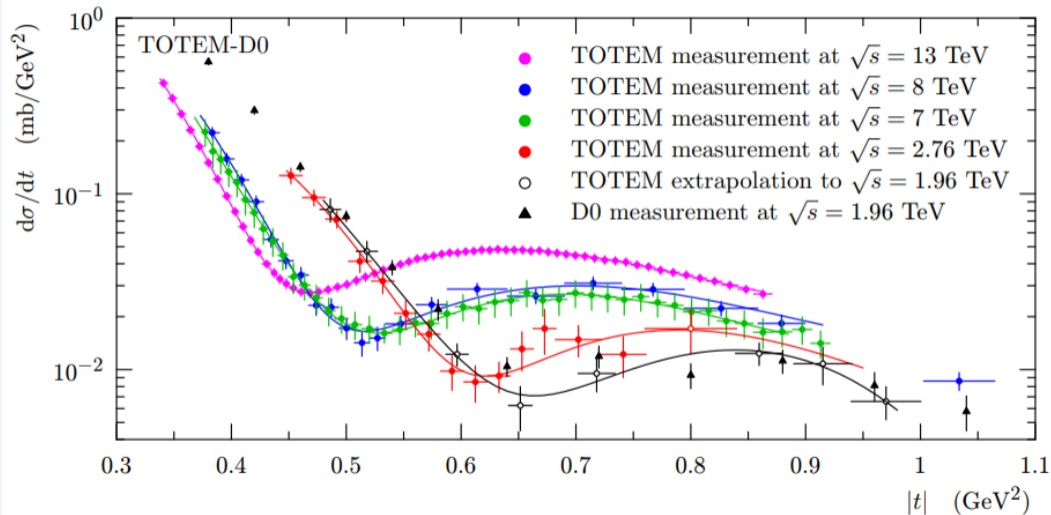
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# Introduction

- The Pomeron arose out of necessity to describe the slow rise of  $pp$  and  $p\bar{p}$  total cross sections. Phenomenologically:  $\sigma_{tot} \sim s^{j_{\mathbb{P}}(0)-1}$ ,  $j_{\mathbb{P}}(0) \approx 1.08$
- No known meson trajectory fits the bill  $\rightarrow$  Collective glueball phenomenon?
- In perturbative QCD, the Pomeron arises through the resummation of a C-even gluon ladder (BFKL).
- Similarly, the Odderon is obtained through a resummation of a C-odd gluon ladder (BKP).

# TOTEM and DØ claimed the Odderon discovery in 2020



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# Holographic principle

## Different forms of the AdS/CFT correspondence

	4d $\mathcal{N} = 4$ Super Yang-Mills (SYM)	IIB String Theory on $AdS_5 \times S^5$
Strongest form	any $N$ and $\lambda$	Quantum string theory, $g_s \neq 0$ , $l_s/L \neq 0$
Strong form	$N \rightarrow \infty$ , $\lambda$ fixed but arbitrary	Classical string theory, $g_s \rightarrow 0$ , $l_s/L \neq 0$
<b>Weak form</b>	<b><math>N \rightarrow \infty</math>, <math>\lambda</math> large</b>	<b>Classical supergravity, <math>g_s \rightarrow 0</math>, <math>l_s/L \rightarrow 0</math></b>

## Pomeron and Odderon in gauge/gravity duality

The Pomeron arises as a reggeized version of  $h_{MN}$ , while the Odderon is a mixture of reggeized  $B_2$  and  $C_p$  fields. They are sourced by the QCD boundary operators

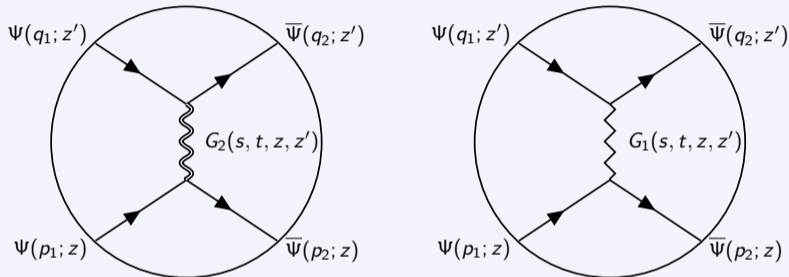
$$\begin{aligned} h^{\mu\nu}[2^{++}] &: G^{a\mu\alpha} G_{\alpha}^{a\nu} \\ B^{\mu\nu}[1^{+-}] &: d^{abc} G^{a\alpha\beta} G_{\alpha\beta}^b G^{c\mu\nu} \\ C^{\mu\nu}[1^{--}] &: d^{abc} G^{a\alpha\beta} G_{\alpha\beta}^b \tilde{G}^{c\mu\nu} \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

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# The setup

## Anatomy of scattering in AdS: Witten diagrams



## The repulsive-wall model

$$ds^2 = e^{2A(z)}(dz^2 + \eta_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu),$$
$$e^{2A(z)} = \left(\frac{R}{z}\right)^2 e^{a_c a_o \kappa^2 z^2}, \quad a_c = a = 4, \quad a_o = 1, \quad (2)$$

## Reggeized bulk-to-bulk propagator

We seek the scalar bulk-to-bulk propagator analytically continued to spin- $j$  by the closed string quantized mass spectrum

$$\Delta_g(j) = 2 + \sqrt{4 + S_j}, \quad S_j = m_5^2 R^2 + m_j^2 R^2 \quad (3)$$

$$\text{Pomeron : } j = 2 + \frac{1}{2} \alpha' m_j^2, \quad \text{Odderon : } j = 1 + \frac{1}{2} \alpha' \tilde{m}_j^2 \quad (4)$$

Analytically continued scalar bulk-to-bulk propagator follows from

$$-\frac{1}{\sqrt{g}} \partial_z (\sqrt{g} e^{-2A(z)} \partial_z G_0(j, t, z, z')) + (S_j - e^{-2A(z)} t) G_0(j, t, z, z') = \frac{\delta(z - z')}{\sqrt{g}}. \quad (5)$$

Spin-1 and spin-2 are related to spin-0 via

$$G_{j_{\pm}}(j, t, z, z') = e^{-(A(z)+A(z'))(j-j_{\pm})} G_0(j, t, z, z'), \quad j_+ = 2, \quad j_- = 1 \quad (6)$$

After certain field redefinitions and rescalings we arrive at the Whittaker equation

$$K_0(v, v') = \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{A} K_2(v_>) K_1(v_<), \quad \mathcal{A}^{-1} = -\frac{\sqrt{6} a \kappa \Gamma(1 + 2\alpha)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2} + \alpha - \beta\right)}. \quad (7)$$

$$\alpha = (\Delta_g(j) - 2)/2, \quad \beta = (3 - S_j - m_5^2 + t/a\kappa^2)/6. \quad (8)$$

The branch cuts of  $\mathcal{A}$  determine the Regge trajectories

$$j_{\mathbb{P}}(t) = 2 - \frac{3}{2\sqrt{\lambda}} + \frac{\alpha'}{2} t, \quad j_{\mathbb{O}}(t) = 1 - \frac{m_k^2 - 1}{2\sqrt{\lambda}} + \frac{\alpha'}{2} t. \quad (9)$$

### Note:

- The diffusion in AdS shifts...
  - ...the Pomeron intercept from 2 to  $2 - 3/2\sqrt{\lambda}$
  - ...the Odderon intercept from 1 to  $1 - (m_k^2 - 1)/2\sqrt{\lambda}$
- For  $\lambda \rightarrow \infty$  we recover the spin-2 and spin-1 exchange

# Sommerfeld-Watson transform

$$G_{j_{\pm}}(s, t, z, z') = \oint \frac{dj}{4\pi i} \frac{(\alpha' s)^{j-j_{\pm}} + (-\alpha' s)^{j-j_{\pm}}}{\sin \pi(j-j_{\pm})} G_{j_{\pm}}(j, t, z, z') \quad (10)$$

- At large rapidities, the integral can be evaluated via saddlepoint approximation
- Odderon pole at  $j = 1$  ("Maximal Odderon") not regulated  $\rightarrow m_k = k = 2$

$$G_{j_{\pm}}(s, t, z, z') = -f^{\pm}(\lambda) \sqrt{\frac{3}{10\sqrt{\lambda}\pi \log s/s_0}} \left(\frac{s}{s_0}\right)^{j_{\mathbb{R}}(t)-j_{\pm}} \times \dots ,$$
$$f^{+}(\lambda) = i + \frac{4\sqrt{\lambda}}{3\pi} - \frac{\pi}{4\sqrt{\lambda}}, \quad f^{-}(\lambda) = i + \frac{4\sqrt{\lambda}}{(m_k^2-1)\pi} - \frac{(m_k^2-1)\pi}{12\sqrt{\lambda}} \quad (11)$$

## Note:

- The standard hard- and soft-wall fail to capture the Gribov diffusion

# Eikonalization

The Pomeron violates unitarity, a simple remedy is eikonalization. In AdS this is achieved by

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{A}_{pp}(s, t, z, z') &= -2is \int d^2 b_{\perp} e^{-iq_{\perp} \cdot b_{\perp}} \left( e^{i(\chi_{\mathbb{P}} + \chi_{\mathbb{O}})} - 1 \right) \\ \mathcal{A}_{p\bar{p}}(s, t, z, z') &= -2is \int d^2 b_{\perp} e^{-iq_{\perp} \cdot b_{\perp}} \left( e^{i(\chi_{\mathbb{P}} - \chi_{\mathbb{O}})} - 1 \right),\end{aligned}\quad (12)$$

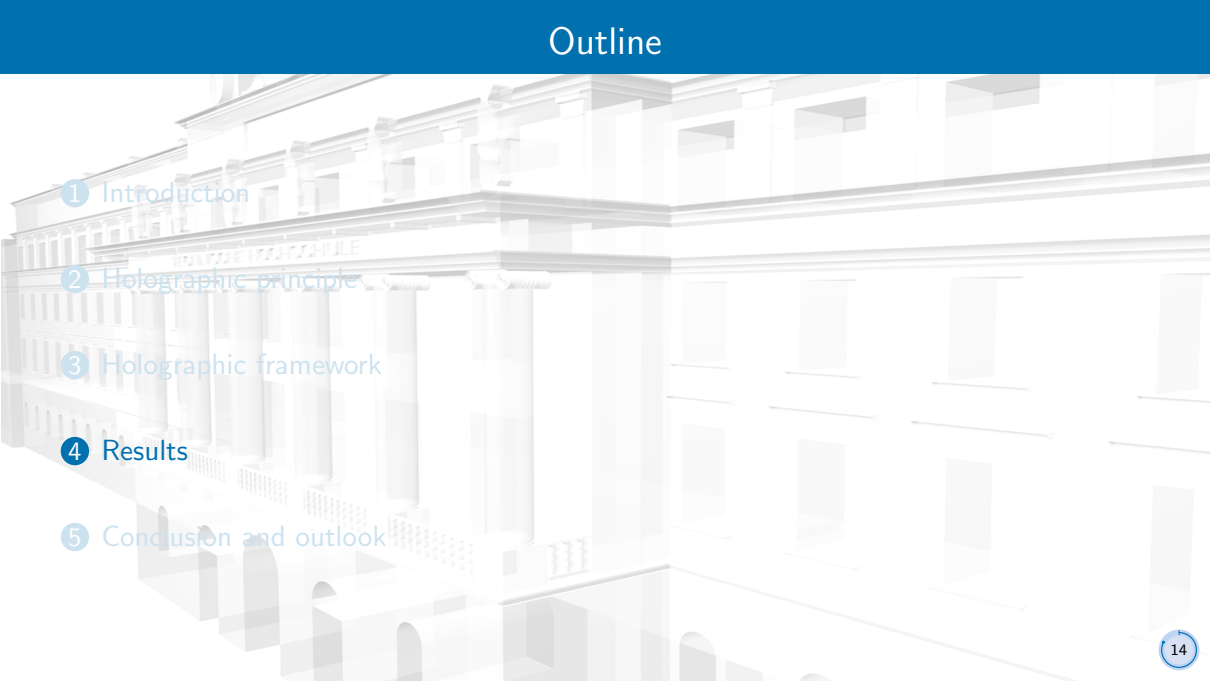
with the eikonal phase  $\chi_{\mathbb{R}}(s, b_{\perp}, z, z') = s^{j_{\pm} - 1} G_{j_{\pm}}(j_{\mathbb{R}}, s, b_{\perp}, z, z')$ .

The 4D amplitudes are then obtained via

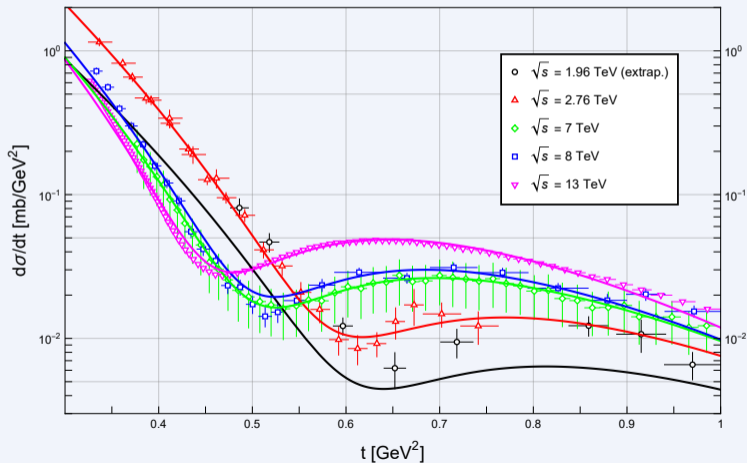
$$\mathcal{A}(s, t) = \int dz dz' \sqrt{g(z)} \Psi_{12}(z) \mathcal{A}(s, t, z, z') \sqrt{g(z')} \Psi_{34}(z'),\quad (13)$$

with vertex factors implicit.

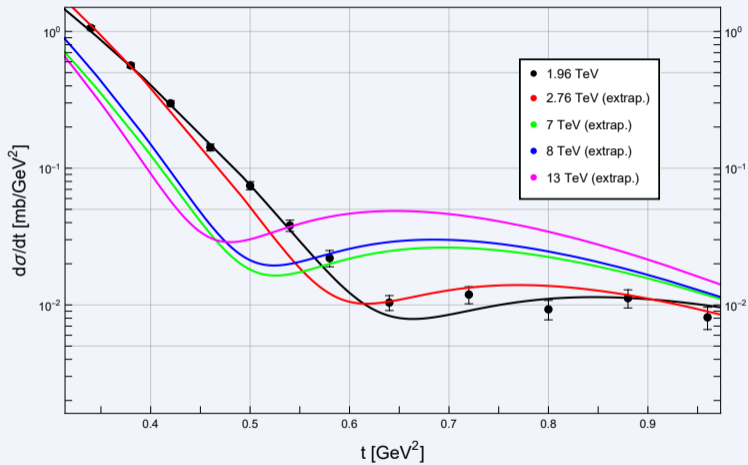
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- Dependence on Odderon subtle, since  $j_0(0) < 1 \rightarrow$  obtain upper bound for Odderon coupling from forward quantities  $\sigma_{tot}(s)$ ,  $\rho(s)$



$p\bar{p}$



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# Conclusion and outlook

## Conclusion

- Construction of a holographic model that captures the necessary forward as well as off-forward behaviour to describe the total and differential  $pp$  and  $p\bar{p}$  cross section
- The data is well reproduced without an Odderon contribution with intercept  $< 1$
- Unfortunately, in our model the pole of the maximal Odderon can not be regulated

## Outlook

Our study suggest to look for (holographic) Odderon physics at lower energies:

- Threshold production of  $\eta_c$  and  $\eta_b$  (hep-ph/2401.121628)
- Nucleon structure via GPDs  $\rightarrow$  Gluon helicity contribution to proton spin?
- Single-Spin asymmetry in semi-inclusive DIS due to Odderon?

All these processes can be studied at the future EIC at BNL!

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# Fit results

$g_{\text{O}\bar{\Psi}\Psi}^{(2)}$	$\alpha'$ (GeV $^{-2}$ )	$g_{\text{P}\bar{\Psi}\Psi}$	$\mathcal{N}_\sigma$	$\mathcal{N}_\rho$
0	1.098(2)	2.1856(40)	$4.6 \cdot 10^{-3}(07)$	0.787(190)
15	1.098(2)	2.1856(40)	$4.6 \cdot 10^{-3}(07)$	0.787(190)
25	1.098(2)	2.1857(40)	$4.6 \cdot 10^{-3}(07)$	0.787(190)

$\sqrt{s}$	$\alpha'$ [GeV $^{-2}$ ]	$g_{\text{P}\bar{\Psi}\Psi}$	$\mathcal{N}_{d\sigma}$
1.96 TeV	0.640(21)	1.071(15)	0.003
2.76 TeV	0.715(27)	1.009(3)	0.007
7 TeV	0.607(5)	1.089(3)	0.002
8 TeV	0.626(15)	1.046(9)	0.003
13 TeV	0.587(5)	1.0782(3)	0.002

## Homogeneous solution

The resulting mode equation is the Whittaker equation with homogeneous solutions

$$\begin{aligned}K_1(v) &= e^{-\frac{v}{2}} v^{\frac{1}{2}+\alpha} \mathbb{M}\left(\frac{1}{2} + \alpha - \beta, 1 + 2\alpha, v\right) \\K_2(v) &= e^{-\frac{v}{2}} v^{\frac{1}{2}+\alpha} \mathbb{U}\left(\frac{1}{2} + \alpha - \beta, 1 + 2\alpha, v\right) \\ \alpha &= \frac{\Delta_g(j) - 2}{2}, \quad \beta = \frac{3 - S_j - m_5^2 + t/a\kappa^2}{6}.\end{aligned}\tag{14}$$

## Inhomogeneous solution

$$K_0(v, v') = \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{A} K_2(v_{>}) K_1(v_{<}), \quad \mathcal{A}^{-1} = -\frac{\sqrt{6} a \kappa \Gamma(1 + 2\alpha)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2} + \alpha - \beta\right)},\tag{15}$$

with the normalization fixed by the Wronskian.