

# Lévy $\alpha$ -stable model for the non-exponential low- $|t|$ proton-proton differential cross section

Lévy  $\alpha$ -stable generalization of the Bialas-Bzdak model

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# Preliminaries: ReBB model analysis of pp and p $\bar{p}$ data

- the Real extended Bialas-Bzdak (ReBB) model describes elastic pp and p $\bar{p}$   $d\sigma/dt$  data in a statistically acceptable way (CL $\geq$ 0.1%) in the kinematic region:

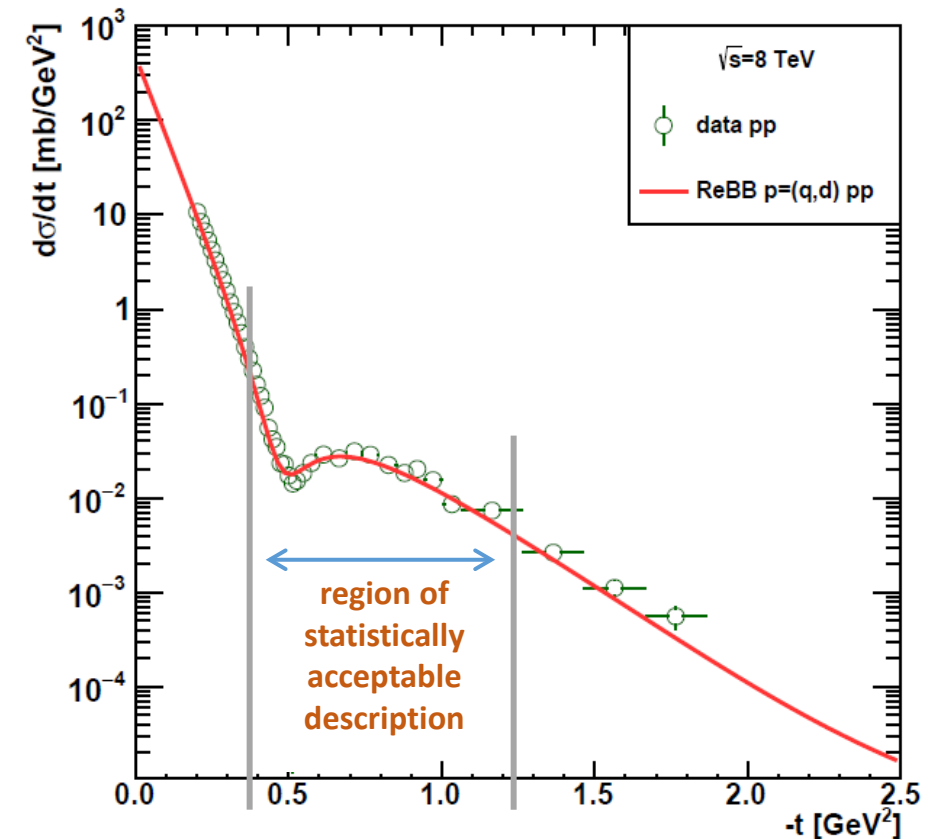
$$546 \text{ GeV} \leq \sqrt{s} \leq 8 \text{ TeV}$$

$$0.37 \text{ GeV}^2 \leq -t \leq 1.2 \text{ GeV}^2$$

- significant model dependent odderon signal observation
- main goal:** to improve the ReBB model to have a statistically acceptable (CL $\geq$ 0.1%) description to elastic pp and p $\bar{p}$  data in a wider kinematic range

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ReBB model description to the 8 TeV pp data

# Unitarity and the elastic scattering amplitude

- the  $S$ -matrix is unitary expressing the conservation of probability

$$SS^\dagger = I$$

- the unitarity constraint can be rewritten in impact parameter ( $\vec{b}$ ) representation

$$2 \operatorname{Im} t_{el}(s, \vec{b}) = |t_{el}(s, \vec{b})|^2 + \tilde{\sigma}_{in}(s, \vec{b}) \quad (\sqrt{s} \text{ is the CM energy})$$

- the elastic scattering amplitude  $t_{el}(s, \vec{b})$  is a solution of the unitarity equation and written in terms of the inelastic cross section  $\tilde{\sigma}_{in}(s, \vec{b})$

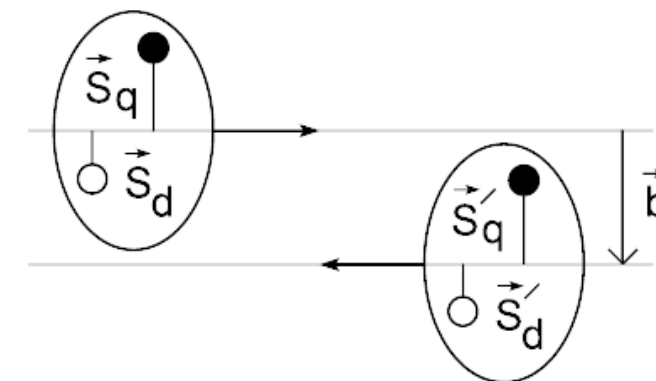
$$0 \leq \tilde{\sigma}_{in}(s, \vec{b}) \leq 1$$

- at a given energy  $\tilde{\sigma}_{in}(s, \vec{b})$  is the probability of inelastic scattering as function of  $\vec{b}$  and can be calculated with the methods of probability calculus based on R. J. Glauber's multiple diffractive scattering theory

# The Bialas-Bzdak (BB) $p=(q,d)$ model

A. Bialas, A. Bzdak, *Acta Phys.Polon. B 38, 159-168 (2007)*

- in the Bialas-Bzdak (BB)  $p=(q,d)$  model the proton is a bound state of a constituent quark and constituent a diquark
- the probability of inelastic scattering of protons as a function of transverse positions of quarks and diquarks inside the protons ( $\vec{s}_q, \vec{s}_d, \vec{s}'_q, \vec{s}'_d$ ) and the impact parameter ( $\vec{b}$ ) at given energy is given by a Glauber expansion



Proton-proton collision in the quark-diquark model

$$\sigma(\vec{s}_q, \vec{s}_d; \vec{s}'_q, \vec{s}'_d; \vec{b}) = 1 - [1 - \sigma_{qq}(\vec{s}_q, \vec{s}'_q; \vec{b})] [1 - \sigma_{qd}(\vec{s}_q, \vec{s}'_d; \vec{b})] \times \\ \times [1 - \sigma_{dq}(\vec{s}_d, \vec{s}'_q; \vec{b})] [1 - \sigma_{dd}(\vec{s}_d, \vec{s}'_d; \vec{b})]$$

$\sigma_{ab}(\vec{s}_a, \vec{s}'_b; \vec{b})$  is the inelastic differential cross section for the collision of two constituents determined by the parton distributions of the constituents

$$\tilde{\sigma}_{in}(\vec{b}) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \dots \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} d^2 s_q d^2 s'_q d^2 s_d d^2 s'_d D(\vec{s}_q, \vec{s}_d) D(\vec{s}'_q, \vec{s}'_d) \sigma(\vec{s}_q, \vec{s}_d; \vec{s}'_q, \vec{s}'_d; \vec{b})$$

$D(\vec{s}_q, \vec{s}_d)$  is the distribution of the quark-diquark distance inside a proton

# Real extended Bialas-Bzdak (ReBB) model

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- the elastic scattering amplitude was extended with a real part respecting unitarity

$$\tilde{t}_{el}(s, \vec{b}) = i \left( 1 - \sqrt{1 - \tilde{\sigma}_{in}(s, \vec{b})} \right)$$



$$\tilde{t}_{el}(s, \vec{b}) = i \left( 1 - e^{i\alpha_R} \tilde{\sigma}_{in}(s, \vec{b}) \sqrt{1 - \tilde{\sigma}_{in}(s, \vec{b})} \right)$$

new free parameter

- statistically acceptable description (CL $\geq$ 0.1%) to the elastic pp and p $\bar{p}$   $d\sigma/dt$  in the kinematic region  $0.546 \text{ TeV} \leq \sqrt{s} \leq 8 \text{ TeV}$  &  $0.37 \text{ GeV}^2 \leq -t \leq 1.2 \text{ GeV}^2$

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- the strong non-exponential low- $|t|$  pp  $d\sigma/dt$  measured by TOTEM at LHC and earlier efficient modelling with Lévy  $\alpha$ -stable distribution motivates the Lévy  $\alpha$ -stable generalization of the BB model for having a statistically acceptable descriptions in a wider kinematic range

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# Lévy $\alpha$ -stable generalized Bialas-Bzdak (LBB) model

- the parton distributions of the constituent quark and diquark are Levy  $\alpha$ -stable distributions and the inelastic differential cross section for the collision of two constituents is:

$$\sigma_{ab}(\vec{x}) = A_{ab}\pi S_{ab}^2 \int d^2 r_a L(\vec{r}_a | \alpha_L, R_a/2) L(\vec{x} - \vec{r}_a | \alpha_L, R_b/2) \equiv A_{ab}\pi S_{ab}^2 L(\vec{x} | \alpha_L, S_{ab}/2)$$

$$S_{ab}^{\alpha_L} = R_a^{\alpha_L} + R_b^{\alpha_L}$$

another new free parameter:  $\alpha_L$

- the quark-diquark relative distance has a Levy  $\alpha$ -stable distribution:

$$D(\vec{s}_q, \vec{s}_d) = (1 + \lambda)^2 L(\vec{s}_q - \vec{s}_d | R_{qd}/2) \delta^2(\vec{s}_q + \lambda \vec{s}_d)$$

$$\int d^2 s_q d^2 s_d D(\vec{s}_q, \vec{s}_d) = 1$$

$$L(\vec{x} | \alpha_L, R_L) \equiv L(\vec{x} | \beta = 0, \vec{\delta} = 0, \alpha_L, R_L) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \int d^2 q e^{i\vec{q}^T \vec{x}} e^{-|\vec{q}^2 R_L^2|^{\alpha_L/2}}$$

$$L(\vec{x} | \alpha_L = 2, R_L = R_G/\sqrt{2}) \equiv G(\vec{x} | R_G) = \frac{1}{2\pi R_G^2} e^{-\frac{\vec{x}^2}{2R_G^2}}$$

# Difficulties with LBB model fits to the data

- difficulties with the calculation of integrals of products of Lévy  $\alpha$ -stable distributions
- calculation is easy only if the integral can be written in a convolution form as in case of the leading order terms in  $\tilde{\sigma}_{in}(s, \vec{b})$
- since multivariate Lévy  $\alpha$ -stable distributions have forms in terms of special functions, it is hard to perform a numerical fitting procedure
- a relatively high computing capacity or improved analytic insight is needed to proceed
- **quick solution:** approximations that are valid at low  $-t$  (in the domain where the original ReBB model had difficulties to describe the strongly non-exponential features of the experimental data)

# Simple Lévy $\alpha$ -stable model for low- $|t|$ pp $d\sigma/dt$

- low- $|t|$  scattering corresponds to high- $b$  scattering and at high  $b$  values  $\tilde{\sigma}_{in}(s, b)$  is small
- leading order term in the Taylor expansion of the amplitude in  $\tilde{\sigma}_{in}(s, b)$  dominates at low  $-t$  values if  $\alpha_R$  is small too

$$\tilde{t}_{el}(s, \vec{b}) = i \left( 1 - e^{i \alpha_R(s) \tilde{\sigma}_{in}(s, \vec{b})} \sqrt{1 - \tilde{\sigma}_{in}(s, \vec{b})} \right) \longrightarrow \tilde{t}_{el}(s, \vec{b}) = \left( \alpha_R(s) + \frac{i}{2} \right) \tilde{\sigma}_{in}(s, \vec{b})$$

- motivated by the fact that the leading order terms in  $\tilde{\sigma}_{in}(s, \vec{b})$  have Lévy  $\alpha$ -stable shapes in the LBB model,  $\tilde{\sigma}_{in}(s, \vec{b})$  is approximated with a single Lévy  $\alpha$ -stable shape

$$\tilde{\sigma}_{in}(s, \vec{b}) = \tilde{c}(s) L(\vec{b} | \alpha_L(s), r(s))$$

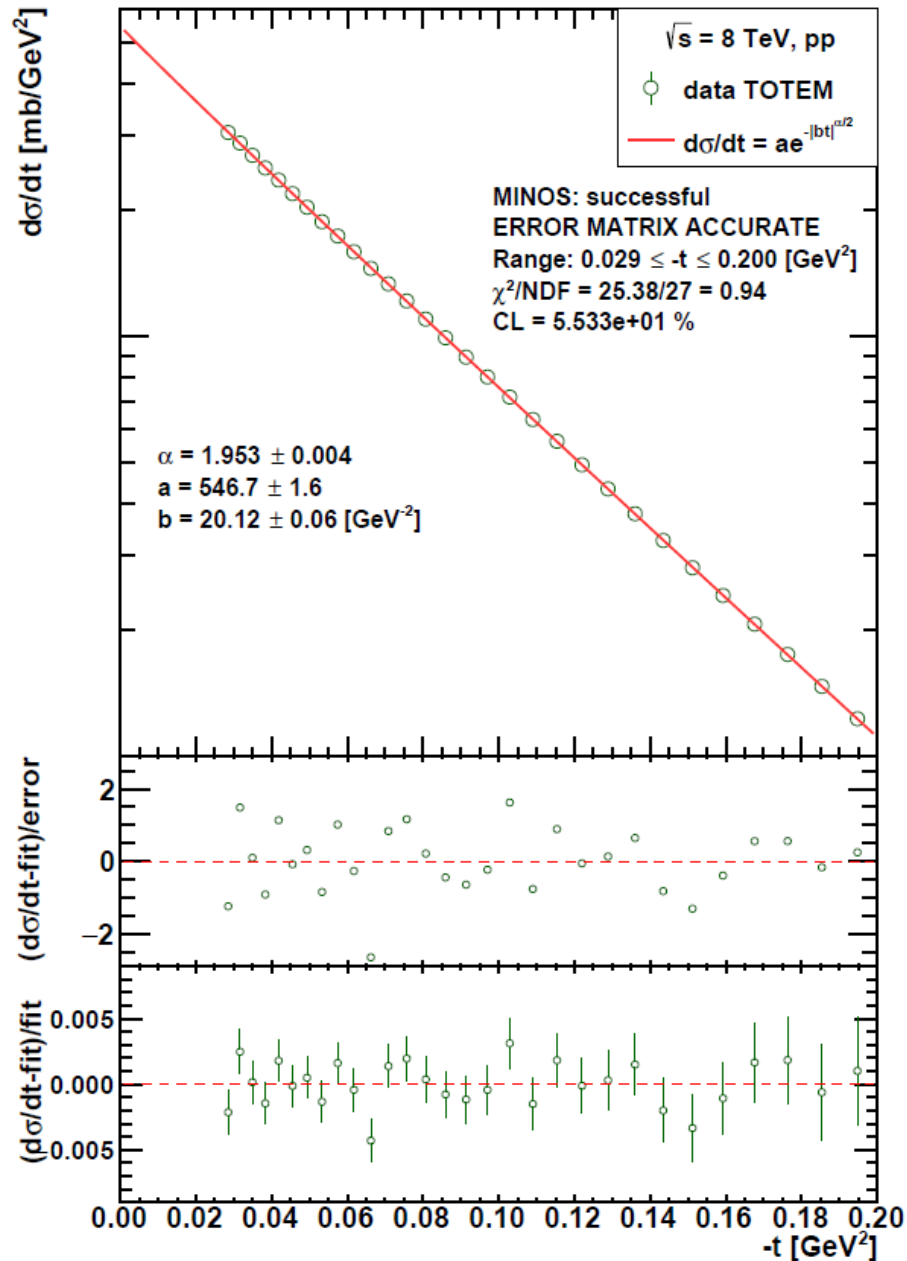
- **a simple Lévy  $\alpha$ -stable model model for low- $|t|$  pp  $d\sigma/dt$  arises**

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dt}(s, t) = a(s) e^{-|tb(s)|^{\alpha_L(s)/2}}$$

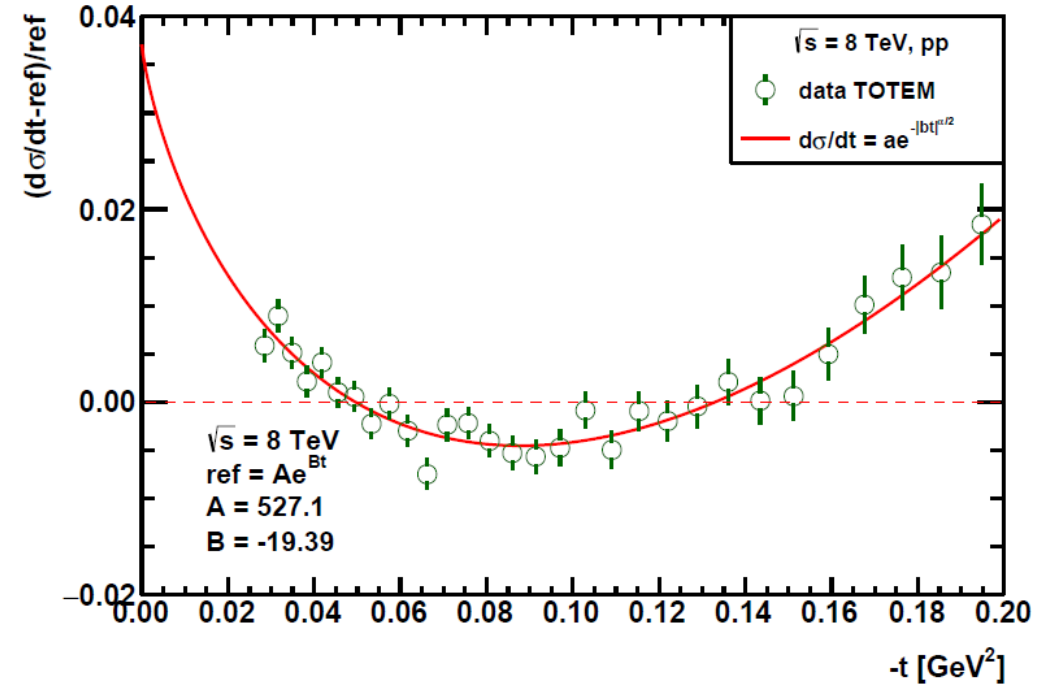
- the model has three adjustable parameters,  $\alpha_L$ ,  $a$ , and  $b$ , to be determined at a given energy



# Simple Lévy $\alpha$ -stable model and the data



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- the non-exponential Lévy  $\alpha$ -stable model with  $\alpha_L = 1.953 \pm 0.004$  represents the LHC TOTEM  $\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}$  low- $|t|$  differential cross section data with a confidence level of 55% (published)
- similarly good description is obtained to all the LHC data on low- $|t|$  pp  $d\sigma/dt$  (yet unpublished)

# Simple Lévy $\alpha$ -stable & LBB model parameters

- parameters of the simple Levy  $\alpha$ -stable model and the measurable quantities at  $t \rightarrow 0$  can be approximately expressed in terms of the parameters of the LBB model
- only leading order terms in  $\tilde{\sigma}_{in}(s, \vec{b})$  are considered;  $A_{qq} = 1$  and  $\lambda = 1/2$  are fixed

$$a(s) = \frac{81}{16} \pi \left( 2R_q^{\alpha_L(s)}(s) \right)^{4/\alpha_L} (1 + \rho_0^2(s))$$

$$b(s) = \frac{1}{36} \left( \frac{4}{3} \right)^{2/\alpha_L(s)} \left( (2 + 2^{\alpha_L(s)}) R_{qd}^{\alpha_L(s)}(s) + 3^{\alpha_L(s)} \left( 2R_d^{\alpha_L(s)}(s) + R_q^{\alpha_L(s)}(s) \right) \right)^{2/\alpha_L(s)}$$

(obtained after a Taylor expansion in  $t^{\alpha_L/2}$ )

$$\sigma_{tot}(s) = 9\pi \left( 2R_q^{\alpha_L(s)}(s) \right)^{2/\alpha_L(s)}$$

$$\rho_0(s) = 2\alpha_R(s)$$

$$\sigma_{el}(s) = \frac{a(s)}{b(s)} \Gamma \left( \frac{2 + \alpha_L(s)}{\alpha_L(s)} \right)$$

- According to the analysis of elastic pp and  $p\bar{p}$  data in the energy region  $0.5 \text{ TeV} \leq \sqrt{s} \leq 13 \text{ TeV}$  only  $\alpha_R$  is different for pp and  $p\bar{p}$  scattering
- difference between pp and  $p\bar{p}$  scattering could be seen in the data on  $d\sigma/dt$ ,  $\rho_0$ ,  $a$  (optical point), and  $\sigma_{el}$

# Summary

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- The formal Lévy  $\alpha$ -stable generalization of the Bialas-Bzdak model is done, the  $\alpha_L = 2$  limit corresponds to the original model
- solution of difficult and complex technical (mathematical and computational) problems is needed to fit the experimental data with the generalized model
- based on approximations a highly simplified Levy  $\alpha$ -stable model of the  $pp$  (and  $p\bar{p}$ ) differential cross section is deduced and successfully fitted to the data in the low- $|t|$  region
- the results indicate promising prospect for the future utility of the Lévy  $\alpha$ -stable generalized real extended Bialas-Bzdak (LBB) model in describing experimental data

# Thank you for your attention!

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# Inelastic pp collision probability

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- the **proton-proton inelastic collision probability** as a function of  $\vec{b}$  at a given energy is calculated using the rules of probability calculus:

$$\tilde{\sigma}_{in}(\vec{b}) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \dots \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} d^2 s_q d^2 s'_q d^2 s_d d^2 s'_d D(\vec{s}_q, \vec{s}_d) D(\vec{s}'_q, \vec{s}'_d) \sigma(\vec{s}_q, \vec{s}_d; \vec{s}'_q, \vec{s}'_d; \vec{b})$$

( $D(\vec{s}_q, \vec{s}_d)$  is the distribution of the quark-diquark distance inside a proton)

- $\tilde{\sigma}_{in}(\vec{b})$  can be written as sum of 11 different terms

$$\tilde{\sigma}_{in}(\vec{b}) = \tilde{\sigma}_{in}^{qq}(\vec{b}) + 2\tilde{\sigma}_{in}^{qd}(\vec{b}) + \tilde{\sigma}_{in}^{dd}(\vec{b}) - [2\tilde{\sigma}_{in}^{qq,qd}(\vec{b}) + \tilde{\sigma}_{in}^{qd,dq}(\vec{b}) + \tilde{\sigma}_{in}^{qq,dd}(\vec{b}) + 2\tilde{\sigma}_{in}^{qd,dd}(\vec{b})] \\ + [\tilde{\sigma}_{in}^{qq,qd,dq}(\vec{b}) + 2\tilde{\sigma}_{in}^{qq,qd,dd}(\vec{b}) + \tilde{\sigma}_{in}^{dd,qd,dq}(\vec{b})] - \tilde{\sigma}_{in}^{qq,qd,dq,dd}(\vec{b})$$

# Inelastic constituent-constituent collisions

- the inelastic differential cross section for the collision of two constituents can be written **in terms of a convolution of their parton distributions**
- in the original BB model the parton distributions of the constituents are Gaussian distributions

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_{ab}(\vec{x}) &= A_{ab}\pi S_{ab}^2 \int d^2r_a G(\vec{r}_a|R_a/\sqrt{2})G(\vec{x} - \vec{r}_a|R_b/\sqrt{2}) \\ &\equiv A_{ab}\pi S_{ab}^2 G(\vec{x}|S_{ab}/\sqrt{2})\end{aligned}$$

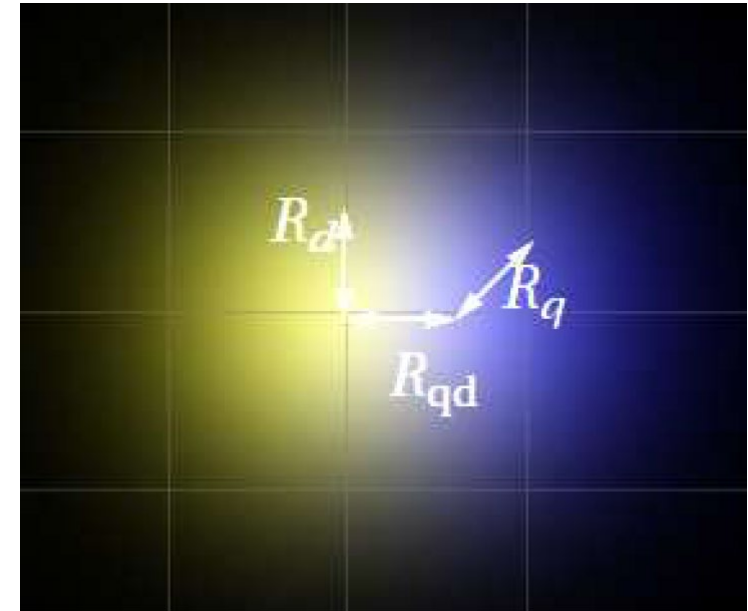
$$\vec{x} = \vec{b} + \vec{s}'_b - \vec{s}_a$$

$$S_{ab}^2 = R_a^2 + R_b^2$$

$$a, b \in \{q, d\}$$

- if the integrated cross sections  $\sigma_{ab}^{int} = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \sigma_{ab}(\vec{x}) d^2x$  have the ratio  $\sigma_{qq}^{int} : \sigma_{qd}^{int} : \sigma_{dd}^{int} = 1 : 2 : 4$  expressing the idea that the diquark contains twice as many partons than the quark and the colliding constituents do not shadow each other the number of free parameters can be reduced by two

$$G(\vec{x}|R_G) = \frac{1}{2\pi R_G^2} e^{-\frac{\vec{x}^2}{2R_G^2}}$$



The picture of the proton in the quark-diquark model

Free parameters by now:

$$R_q, R_d, A_{qq}$$

# The quark-diquark distance

- in the original BB model the the distribution of the quark-diquark distance follows Gaussian distribution
- **considering the relative distance between** the quark and diquark ( $\vec{s}_q - \vec{s}_d$ ) one can write  $D(\vec{s}_q, \vec{s}_d)$  in terms of a single Gaussian distribution:

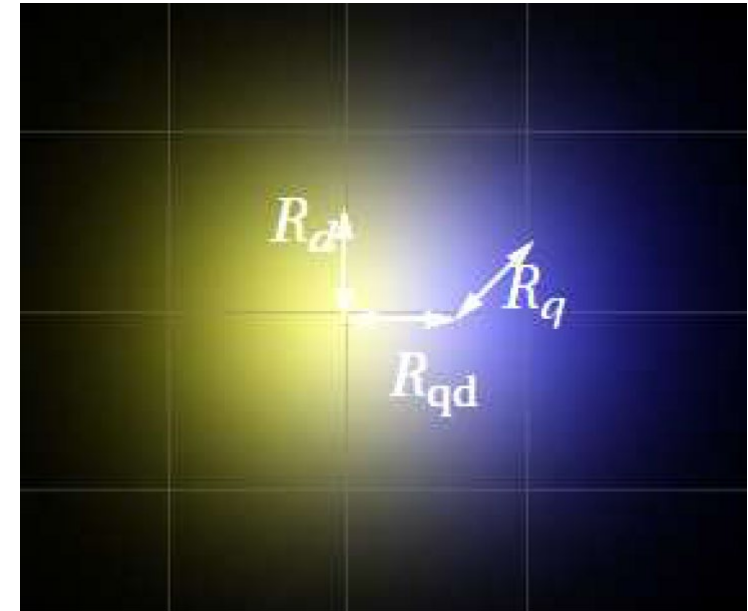
$$D(\vec{s}_q, \vec{s}_d) = (1 + \lambda)^2 G(\vec{s}_q - \vec{s}_d | R_{qd}/\sqrt{2}) \delta^2(\vec{s}_q + \lambda \vec{s}_d)$$

$$\lambda = m_q/m_d$$

- the Dirac  $\delta$  fixes the center of the mass of the proton making the calculations easier
- $D(\vec{s}_q, \vec{s}_d)$  is normalized as  $\int d^2 s_q d^2 s_d D(\vec{s}_q, \vec{s}_d) = 1$   
( $A_{qq} = 1$  and  $\lambda = 1/2$  can be fixed)

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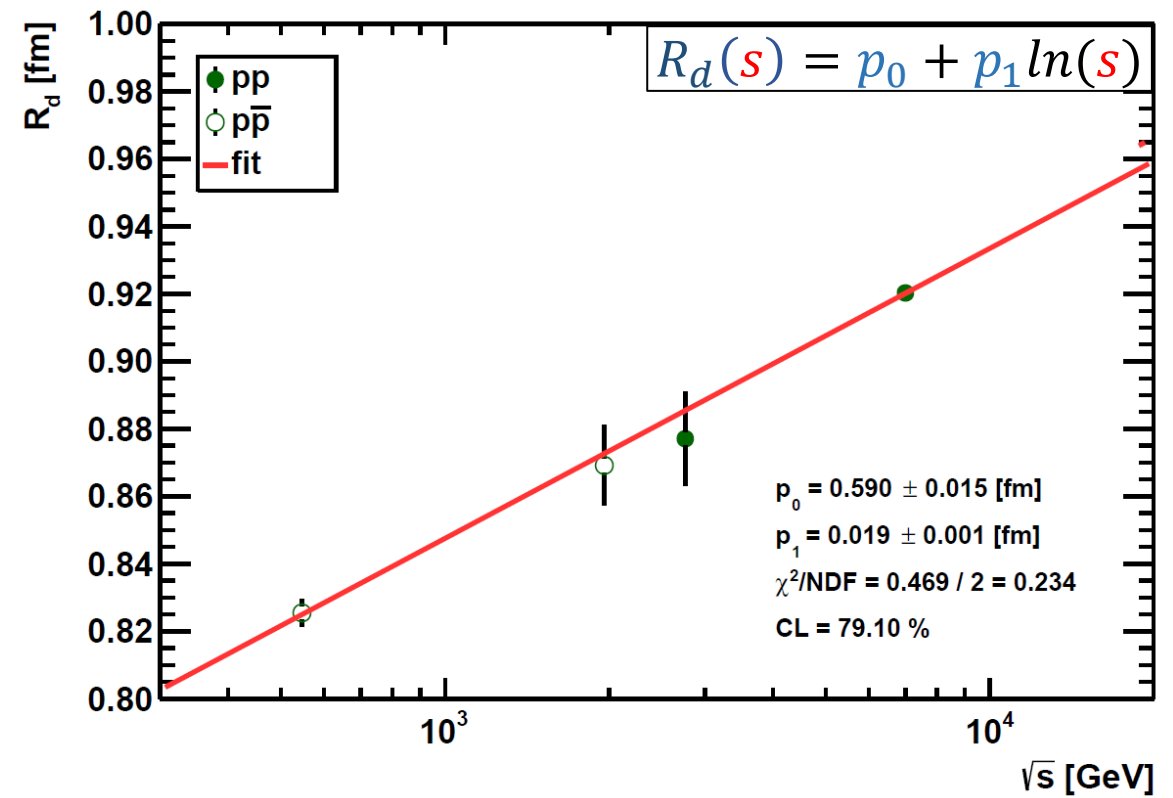
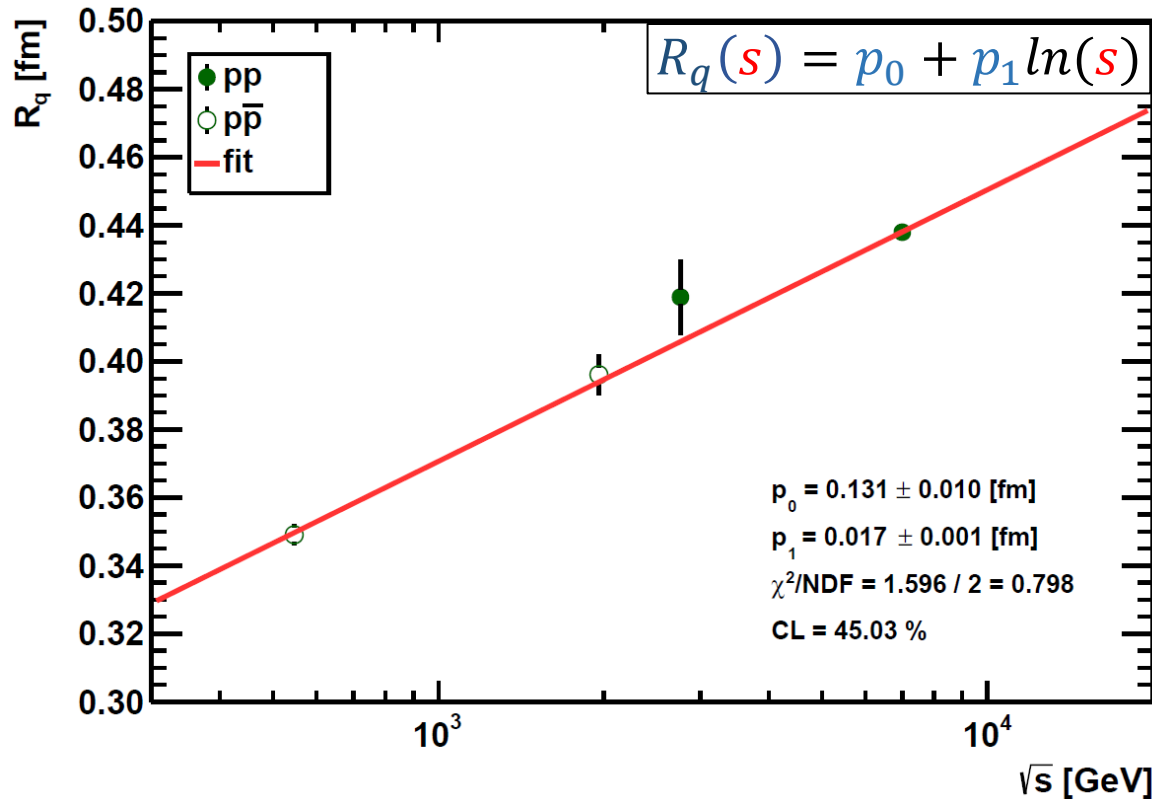
Free parameters by now:

$R_q, R_d, A_{qq}, R_{qd}, \lambda$



# Energy dependences of the ReBB model parameters

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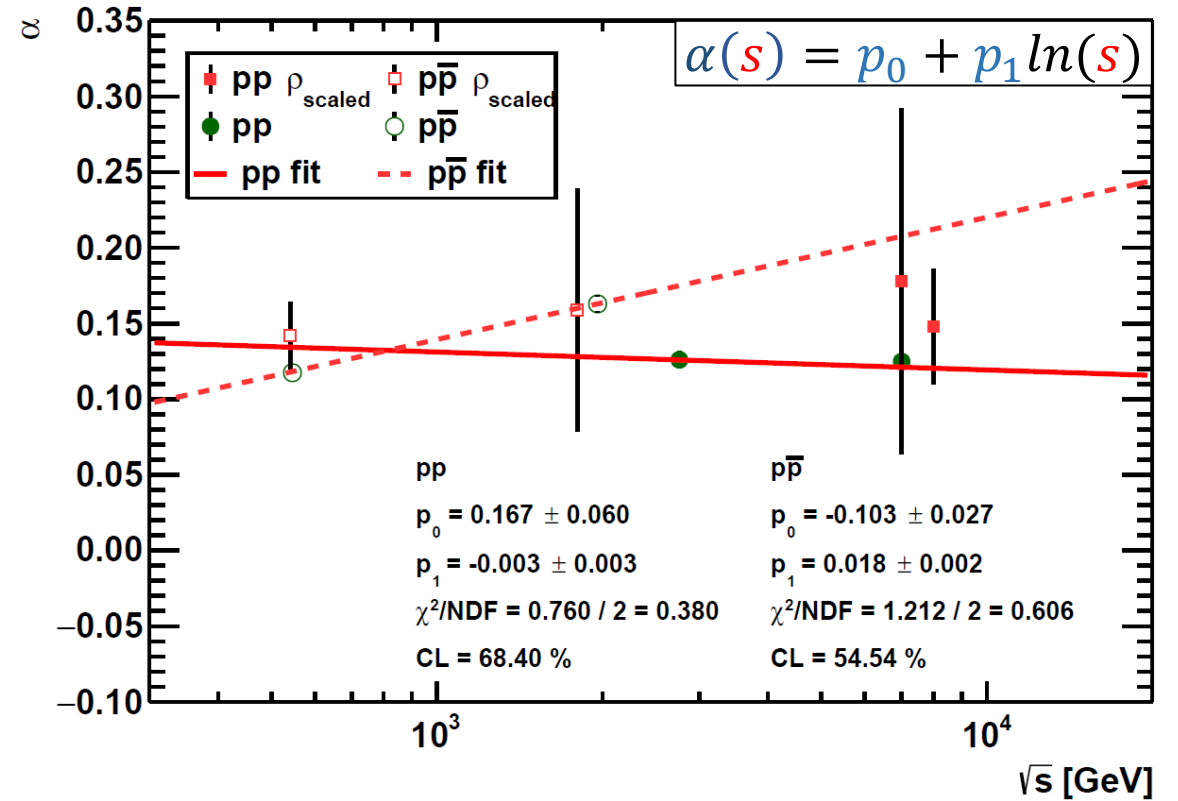
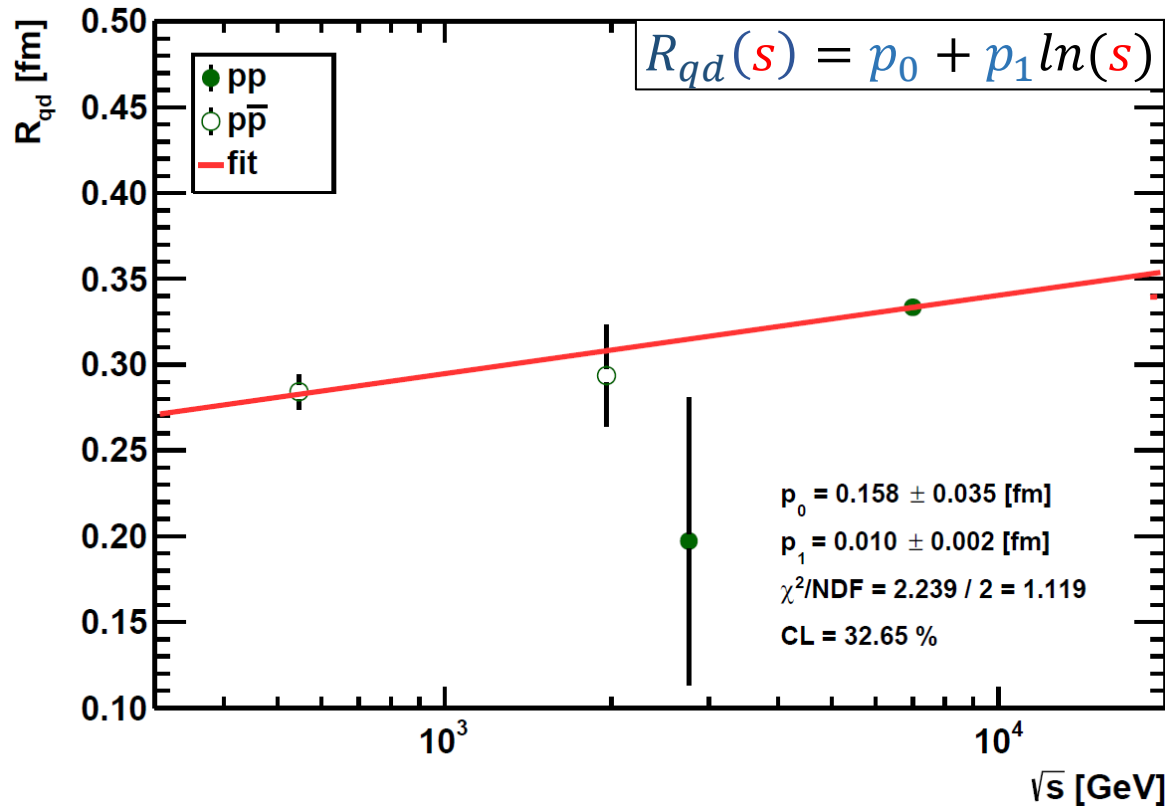


The energy dependences of the scale parameters,  $R_q(s)$ ,  $R_d(s)$ , and  $R_{qd}(s)$  are **linear logarithmic** and the **same** for  $pp$  and  $p\bar{p}$  processes!

The energy dependence of the  $\alpha$  parameter,  $\alpha(s)$  is **linear logarithmic** too, but **not** the same for  $pp$  and  $p\bar{p}$  processes!

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# Odderon observation within the ReBB model analysis

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> **6  $\sigma$  combined Odderon signal from the data-model comparison at the two lowest energies, 1.96 & 2.76 TeV**

> **30  $\sigma$  combined Odderon signal from the data-model comparison at all the four energies, 1.96, 2.76, 7 & 8 TeV**

$\sqrt{s}$ of combined data (TeV)	$\chi^2$	NDF	CL	combined significance ( $\sigma$ ) $\chi^2$ /NDF method	combined significance ( $\sigma$ ) Stouffner method
1.96 & 2.76	124.63	36	$1.0688 \times 10^{-11}$	6.79	6.3
1.96 & 2.76 & 7	2936.09	94	$< 9.1328 \times 10^{-312}$	$> 37.7$	$> 26.9$
1.96 & 2.76 & 8	551.183	61	$4.6307 \times 10^{-80}$	$> 18.9$	$> 15.7$
1.96 & 2.76 & 7 & 8	3362.64	119	$< 8.0654 \times 10^{-312}$	$> 37.7$	$> 32.4$

- combination of significances by summing the individual  $\chi^2$  and  $NDF$  values:

$$\chi^2 = \sum_i \chi_i^2$$

$$NDF = \sum_i NDF_i$$

- combination of significances  $s_i$  by Stouffner method:

$$s = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N s_i}{\sqrt{N}}$$

# Analytical approximation for significance calculation

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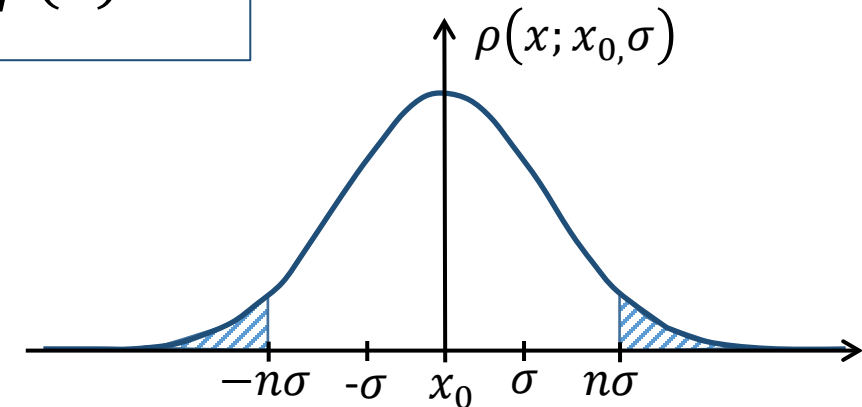
- the Gaussian probability density function with mean  $x_0$  and variance  $\sigma^2$  :

$$\rho(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{(x-x_0)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \rho(x) = 1$$

- the confidence level corresponding to  $n\sigma$  significance:

$$CL = 2 \int_{x_0+n\sigma}^{\infty} dx \rho(x)$$



- applying a variable change,  $x \rightarrow x' = x - (x_0 + n\sigma)$  :

$$CL = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi\sigma^2}} \int_0^{\infty} dx' e^{-\frac{(x'+n\sigma)^2}{2\sigma^2}} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{n^2}{2}} \int_0^{\infty} dx' e^{-\frac{x'^2+2x'n\sigma}{2\sigma^2}} \leq \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{n^2}{2}} \int_0^{\infty} dx' e^{-\frac{x'n}{\sigma}}$$

$$CL \leq \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi n^2}} e^{-\frac{n^2}{2}}$$

this formula gives the lower limit for the significance  $n$  in  $\sigma$ -s corresponding to a  $CL$  value

# Proportionality between $\rho_0(s)$ and $\alpha(s)$

$$t_{el}(s, b) = i \left( 1 - e^{i \alpha \tilde{\sigma}_{in}(s, b)} \sqrt{1 - \tilde{\sigma}_{in}(s, b)} \right)$$

$$\alpha \tilde{\sigma}_{in} \ll 1$$

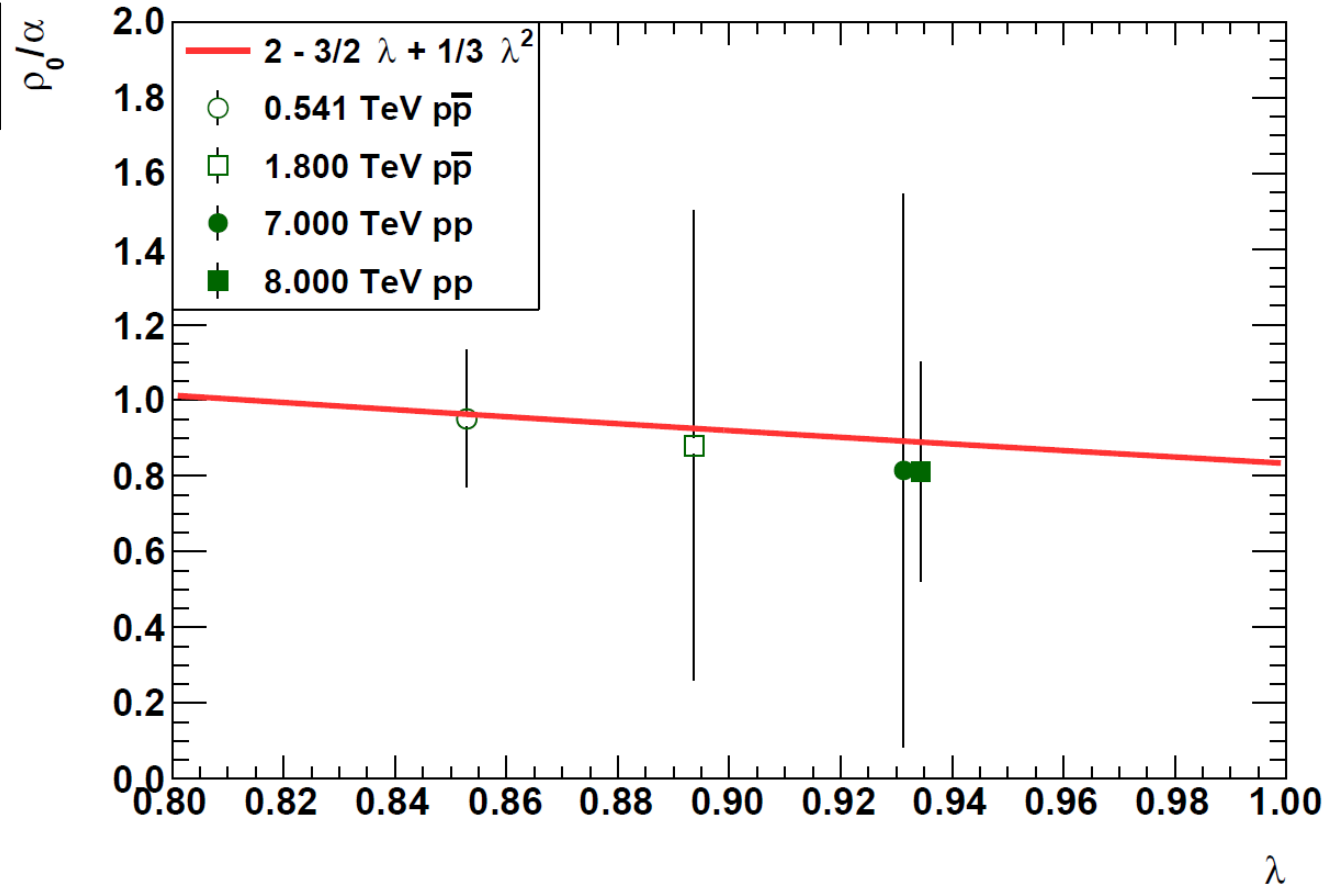
$$\text{Im } t_{el}(s, b) \simeq \lambda(s) \exp\left(-\frac{b^2}{2R^2(s)}\right)$$



$$\rho_0(s) = \alpha(s) \left( 2 - \frac{3}{2} \lambda(s) + \frac{1}{3} \lambda^2(s) \right)$$

$$\lambda(s) = \text{Im } t_{el}(s, b = 0)$$

→ by rescaling one can get additional  $\alpha$  parameter values at energies where  $\rho_0$  is measured (and vice versa)



The dependence of  $\rho_0/\alpha$  on  $\lambda = \text{Im } t_{el}(s, b = 0)$  in the TeV energy range. The data points are generated numerically by using the trends of the ReBB model scale parameters and the experimentally measured  $\rho$ -parameter values.

# Measurable quantities

- differential cross section:

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dt}(s, t) = \frac{1}{4\pi} |T(s, t)|^2$$

- total, elastic and inelastic cross sections:

$$\sigma_{tot}(s) = 2\text{Im}T(s, t = 0)$$

$$\sigma_{el}(s) = \int_{-\infty}^0 \frac{d\sigma(s, t)}{dt} dt$$

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

- ratio  $\rho_0$ :

$$\rho_0(s) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \rho(s, t) \equiv \frac{\text{Re}T(s, t \rightarrow 0)}{\text{Im}T(s, t \rightarrow 0)}$$

- slope of  $d\sigma/dt$ :

$$B(s, t) = \frac{d}{dt} \left( \ln \frac{d\sigma}{dt}(s, t) \right)$$

$$B_0(s) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} B(s, t)$$

# Extrapolations: ODDERON

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