

TOTEM experiment: Pomeron and Odderon exchange at LHC energies



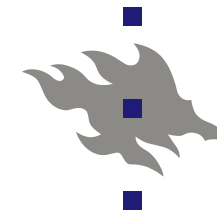
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**Forward Physics and QCD
at the LHC and the EIC**

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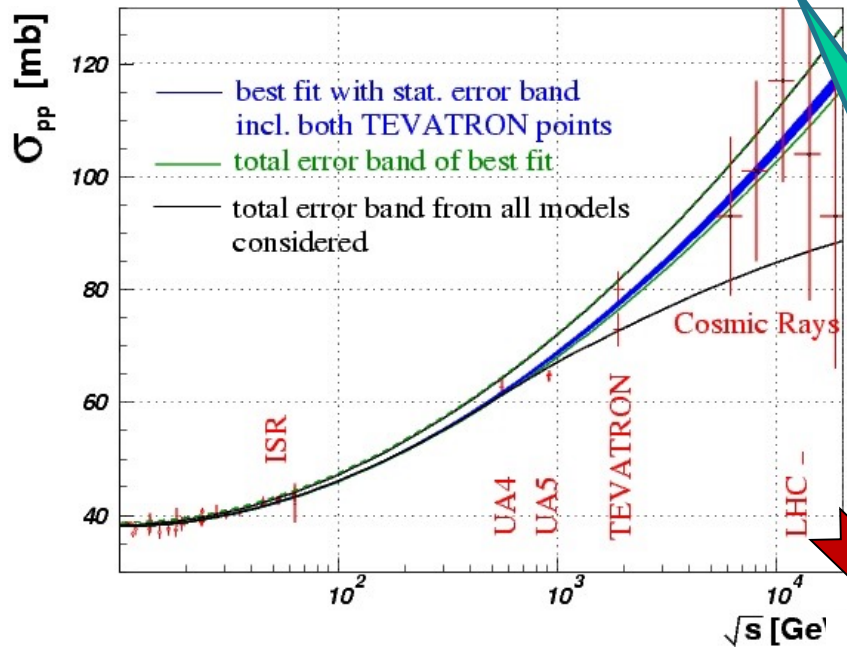
Outline:

- ✓ Introduction: TOTEM experiment / Pomeron & Odderon
- ✓ Elastic scattering: trends & $pp - p\bar{p}$ comparison
- ✓ Total cross section: trends & comparisons
- ✓ Measurement of ρ & Odderon
- ✓ Central exclusive production & Pomeron studies

TOTEM physics menu



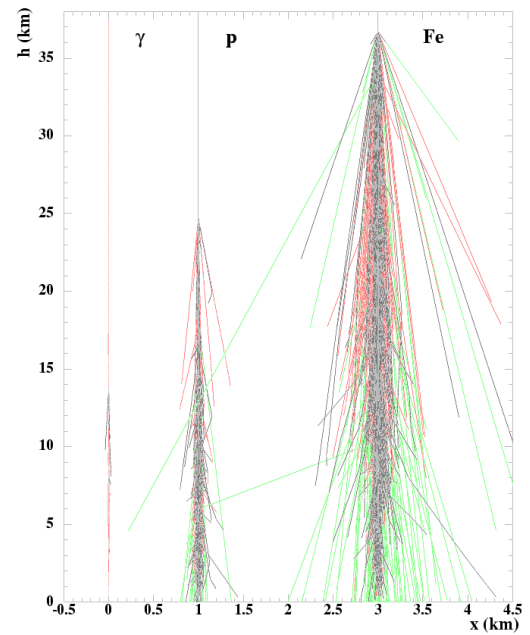
Total pp cross-section



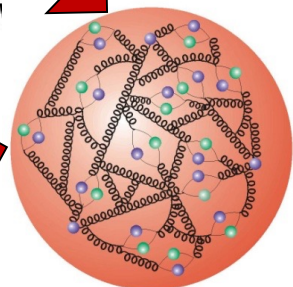
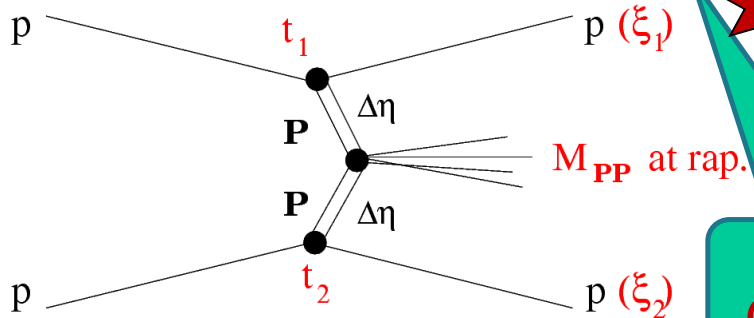
Cosmic ray connection

Ultimately few % precision

Forward particle production



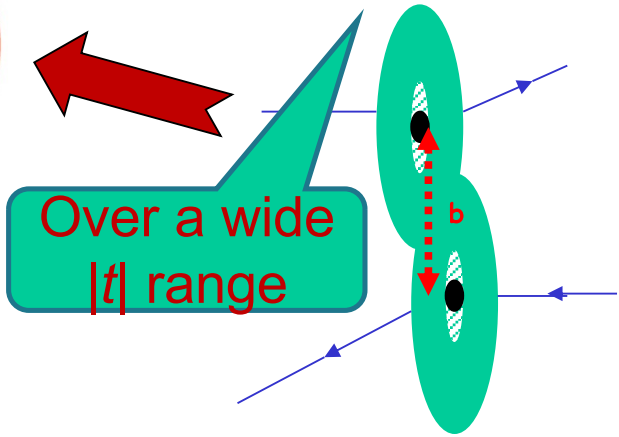
Diffraction: soft and hard



Proton

Understand QCD nature

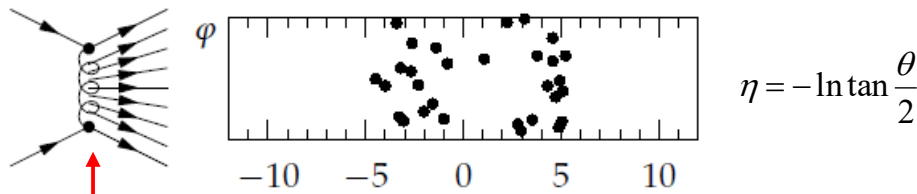
Elastic pp scattering



Over a wide |t| range

Classification of soft pp collisions

Non-Diffractive process (ND) ≈ 60 mb @ $\sqrt{s} = 7 - 8$ TeV



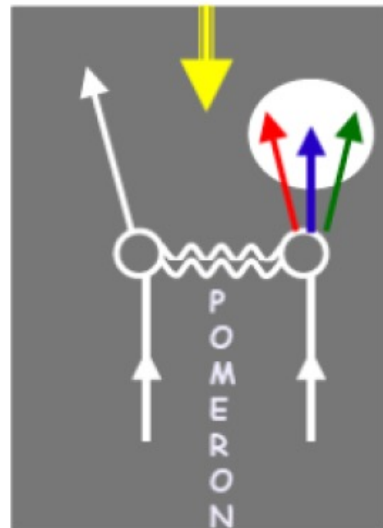
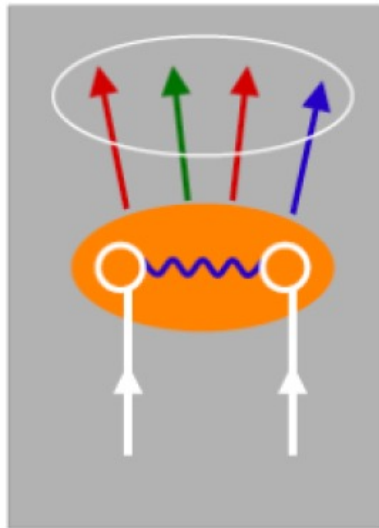
Non-diffractive
Colour exchange

$$dN / d\Delta\eta = \exp(-\Delta\eta)$$

Diffractive
Colourless exchange with vacuum quantum numbers

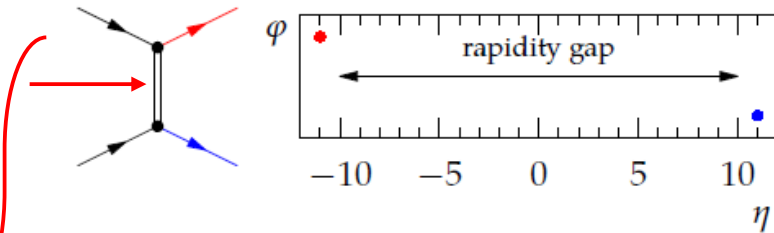
$$dN / d\Delta\eta = \text{const}$$

rapidity gap

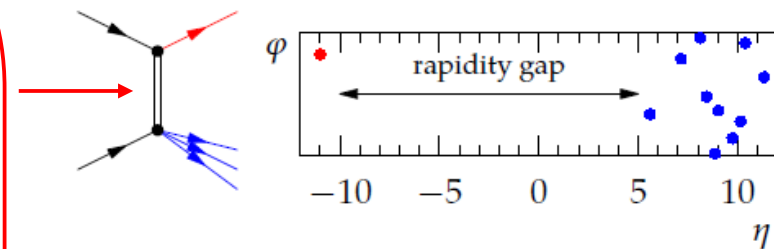


Incident hadrons retain their quantum numbers remaining colourless

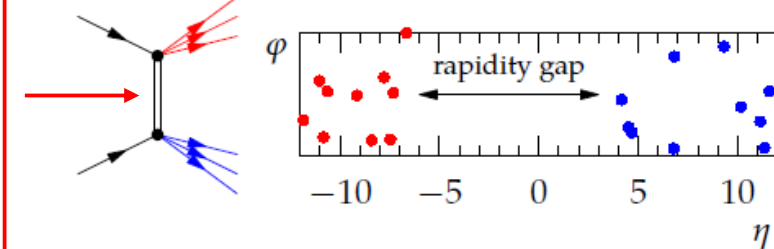
Elastic Scattering (ES), ≈ 25 mb



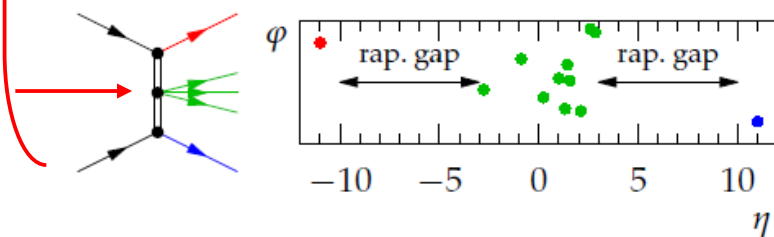
Single Diffraction (SD), ≈ 10 mb



Double Diffraction (DD), ≈ 5 mb



Central Diffraction (CD), ≈ 1 mb



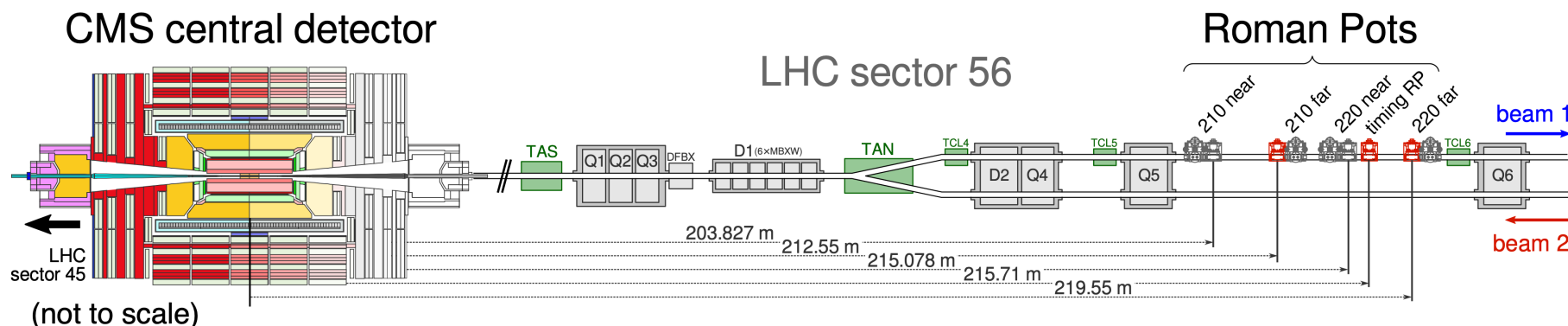
Measure topologies and cross sections:
Substantial fraction of particle and energy flow goes forward; often surviving protons.

TOTEM physics programme

- ✓ **Dedicated special optics runs: TOTEM forward physics experiment**
 - special high /very high β^* optics to access leading protons with Romans Pots (RP) at small / very small scattering angles ($\sim \mu\text{rad}$)
 - total & elastic cross-section, low & medium mass ($m \sim 0.3\text{-}100 \text{ GeV}$) exclusive & diffractive processes (together with CMS)
 - common data taking with CMS to be able to reconstruct central system

- ✓ **High luminosity: (CMS-TOTEM) Precision Proton Spectrometer (PPS)**
 - continuous data taking as integral part of CMS; **since 2018 fully CMS**
 - high mass exclusive processes ($m > \sim 350 \text{ GeV}$) & BSM searches

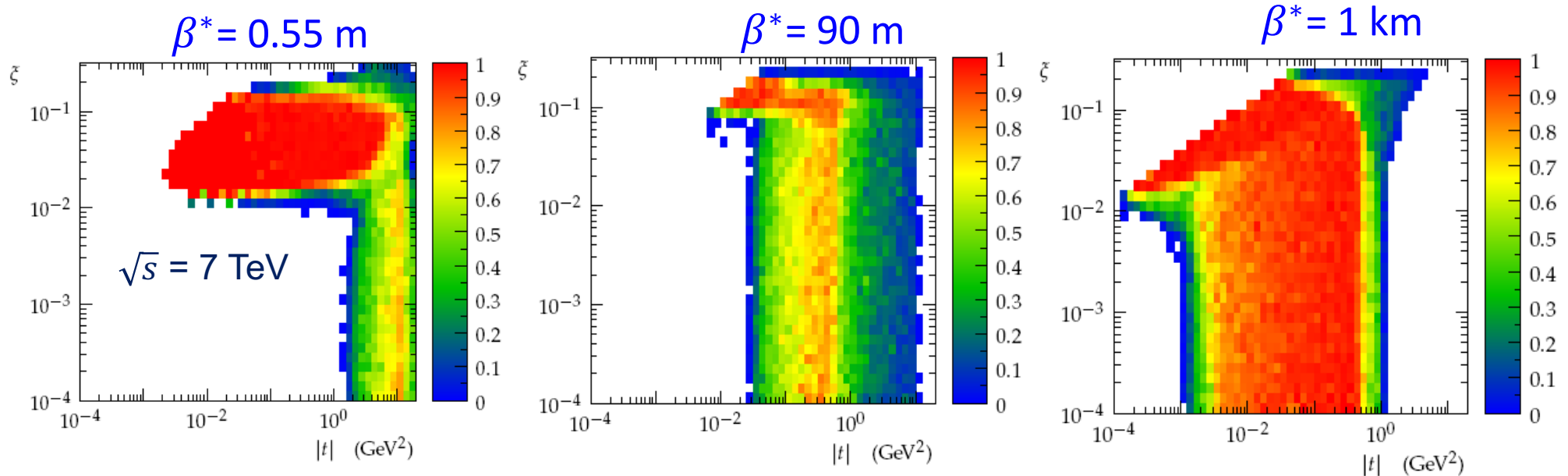
see talk by Andrea Bellora



LHC optics & proton acceptance



$t \approx -p^2\theta^2$: four-momentum transfer squared; $\xi = \Delta p/p$: fractional momentum loss



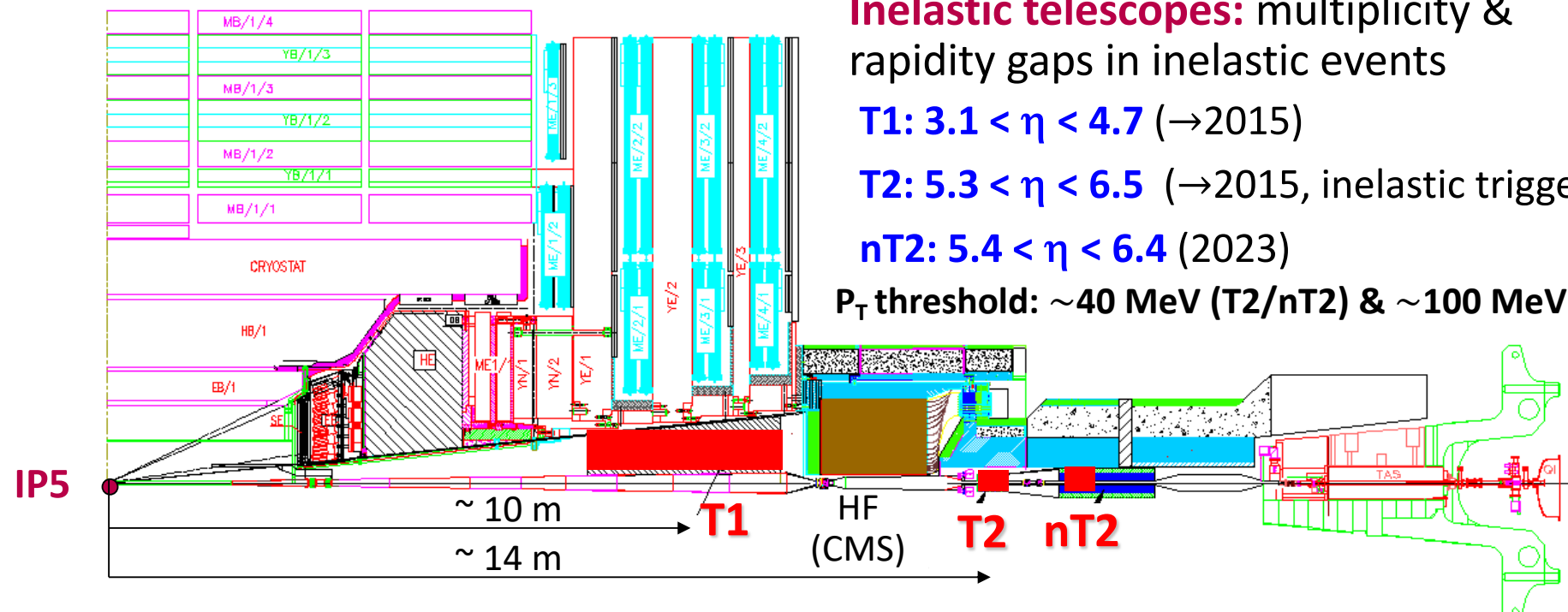
$> 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ← $\mathcal{L} \propto 1/\beta^*$ → $\sim 10^{27} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$

High mass central exclusive production & diffraction:
 $\xi > \sim 0.03$, low cross-section processes → high luminosity (PPS)

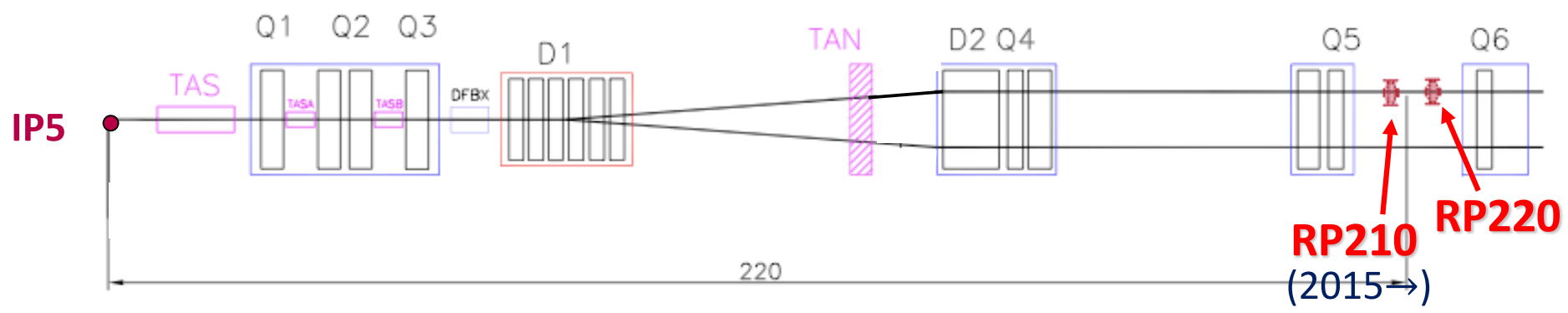
Low mass central exclusive production & diffraction:
 all ξ if $|t| > \sim 10^{-2} \text{ GeV}^2$,
 Elastic scattering: low-mid $|t|$
 Total cross section (TOTEM, CMS-TOTEM)

Elastic scattering: very low $|t|$, Coulomb-Nuclear Interference (CNI)
 Total cross section (TOTEM only)

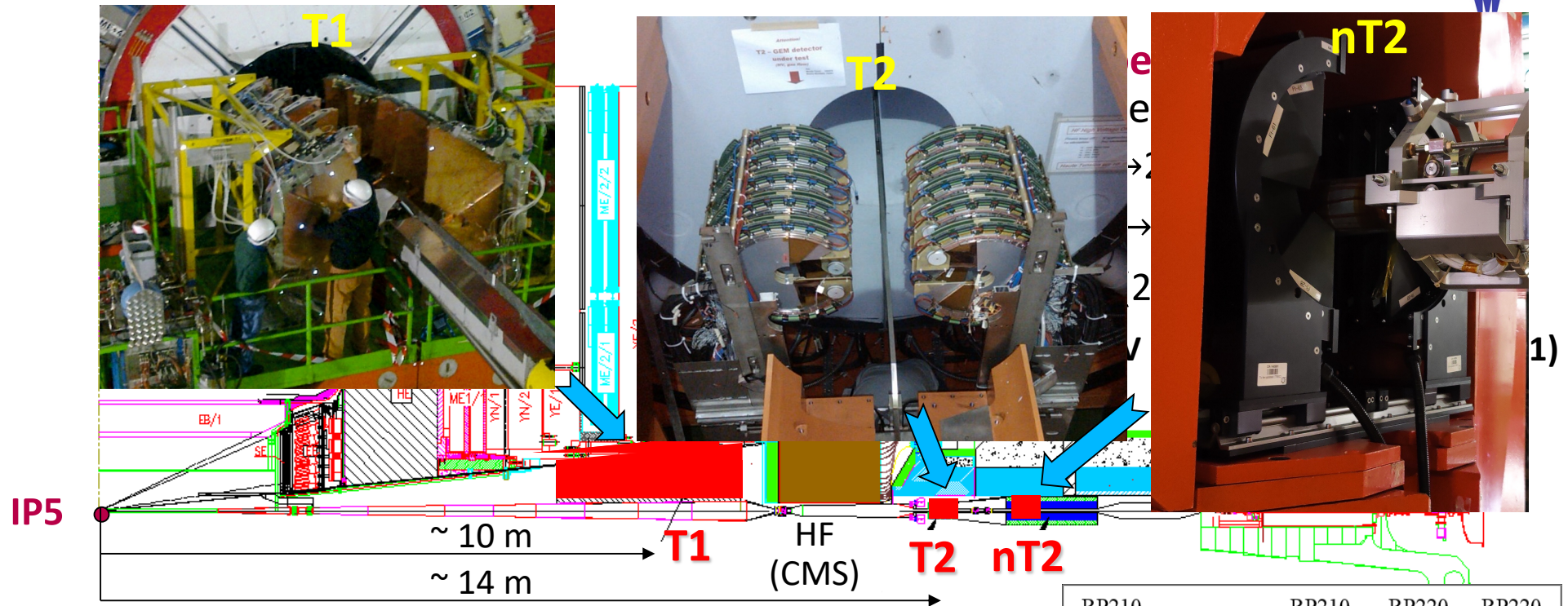
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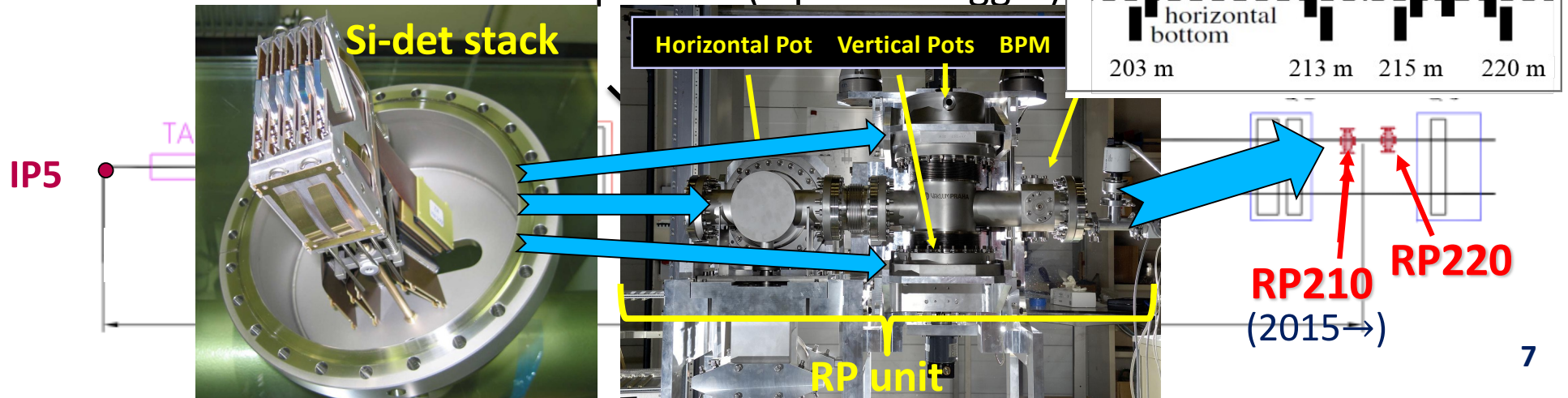
Roman Pots: elastic & diffractive protons (diproton trigger)



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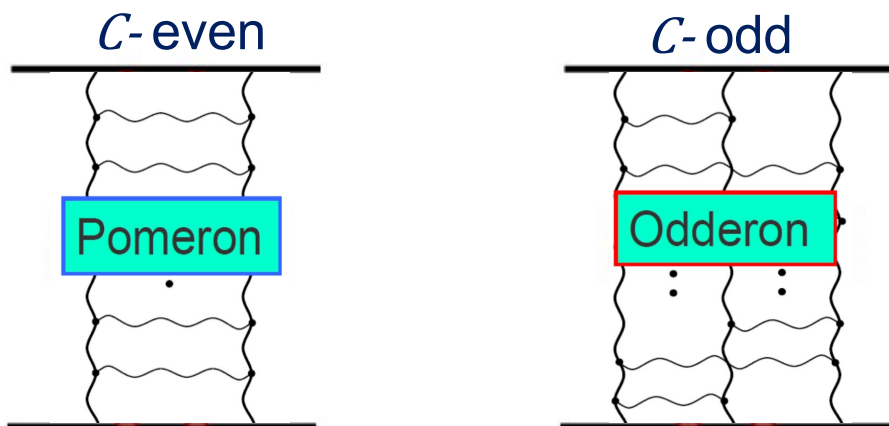


Roman Pots: elastic & diffractive protons (diproton trigger)



Elastic scattering: multi-gluon exchanges

Elastic hadron-hadron scattering: colourless multi-gluon t-channel exchanges



dominates at low $|t|$,

$$\approx \text{Im}[A_{\text{el}}^{\text{had}}]$$

identical for pp & $p\bar{p}$ different sign for pp & $p\bar{p}$

suppressed,

$$\text{mainly } \text{Re}[A_{\text{el}}^{\text{had}}] \text{ contr.}$$

@ TeV-scale: gluon exchanges dominate \Rightarrow
 pp & $p\bar{p}$ difference due to C -odd exchange

gluonic compounds: colourless gluon combinations bound sufficiently strongly not to interact with individual p/\bar{p} partons

odderon/ C -odd gluon compound:

- ✓ C -odd exchange contribution predicted in Regge-theory

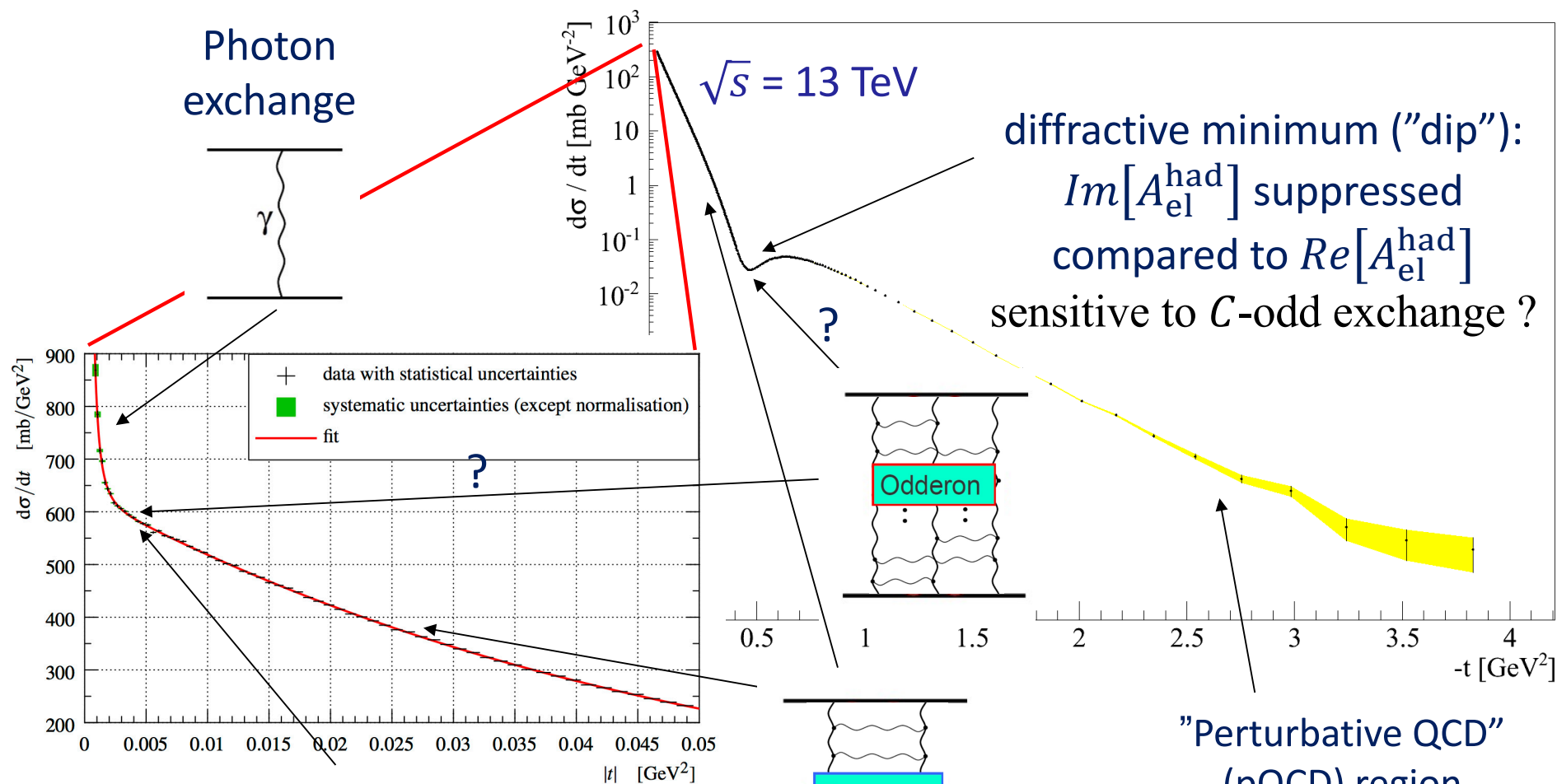
L. Lukaszuk & B. Nicolescu, Lett. Nuovo Cim. 8 (1973) 405

- ✓ confirmed in QCD as C -odd exchange of 3 (or odd #) gluons at leading order

J. Bartels, Nucl. Phys. B 175 (1980) 365; J. Kwiecinski & M. Praszlowics Phys. Lett. B 94 (1980) 413.

- ✓ searched for last 50 years, until recently no convincing experimental evidence

Elastic pp differential cross-section



"Coulomb-nuclear interference" (CNI) region

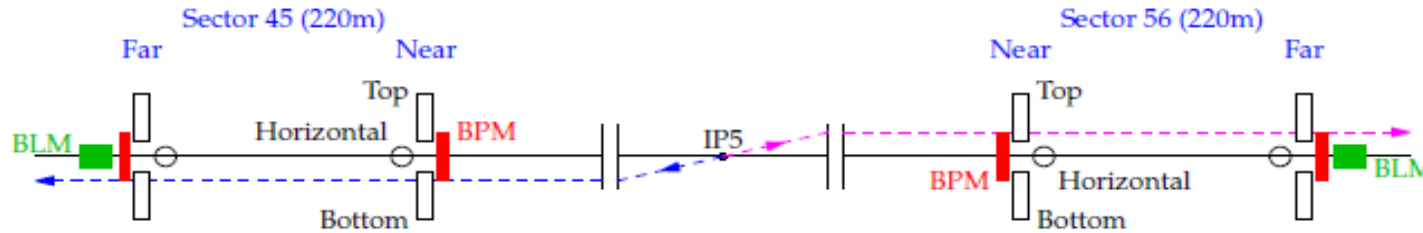
$$\rho \equiv \left. \frac{Re[A_{el}^{had}]}{Im[A_{el}^{had}]} \right|_{t=0}$$

sensitive to C -odd exchange ?

Elastic pp scattering: selection & data sets

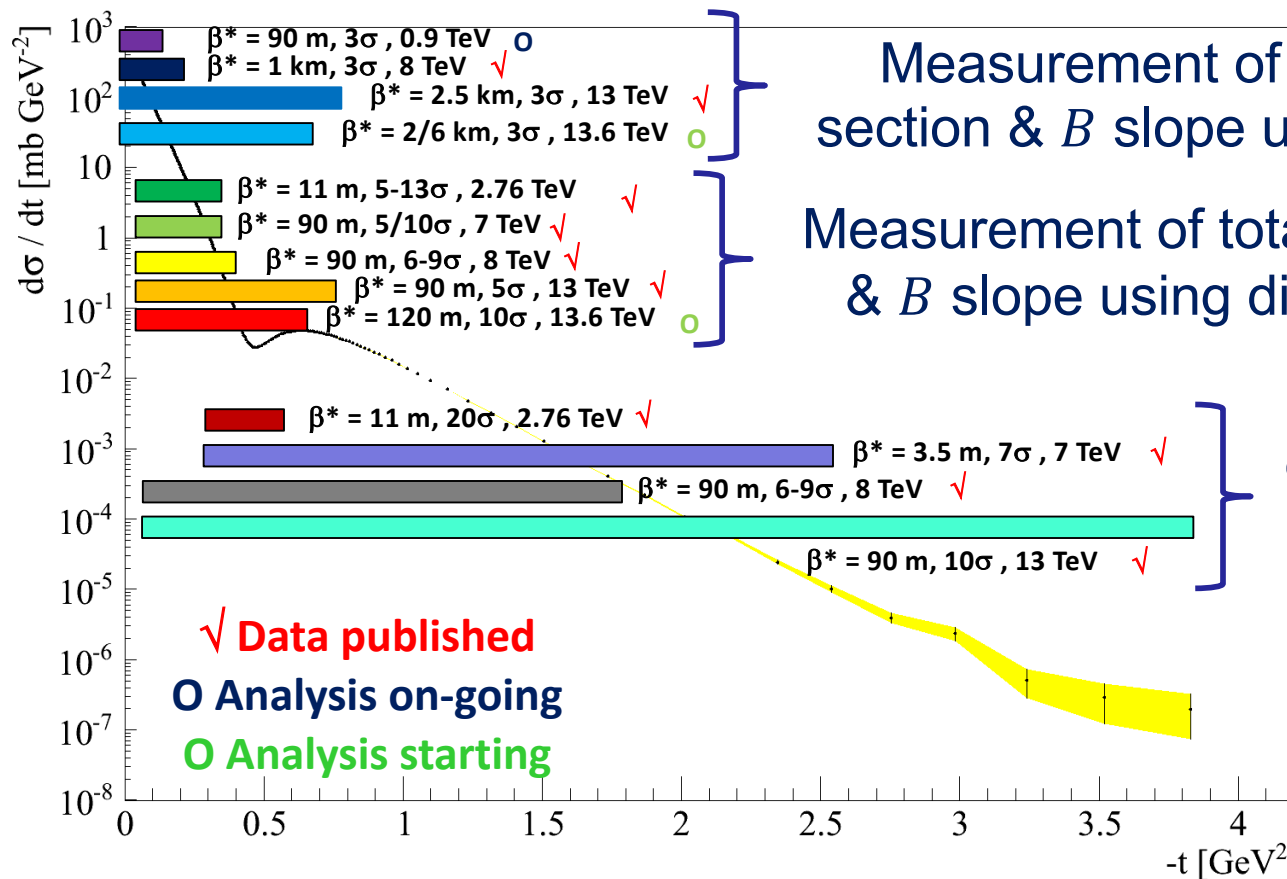


Selected based on topology, low $|\xi|$, anti-collinearity & vertex



Key issues: RP alignment & beam optics

Data sets at different conditions to measure over as wide $|t|$ -range as possible



Measurement of ρ , total cross section & B slope using CNI region

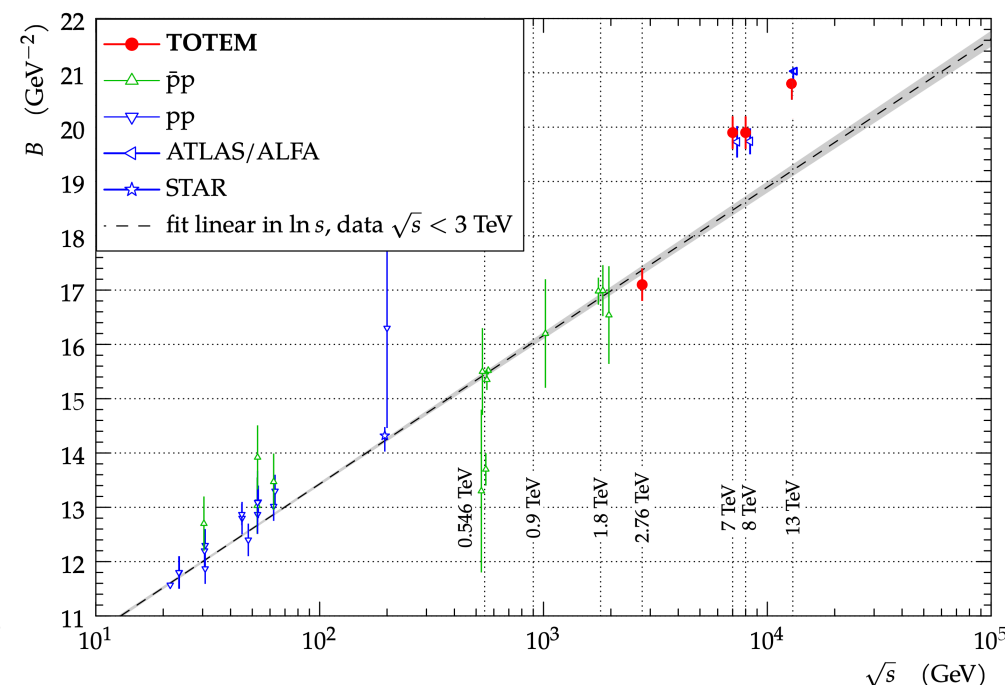
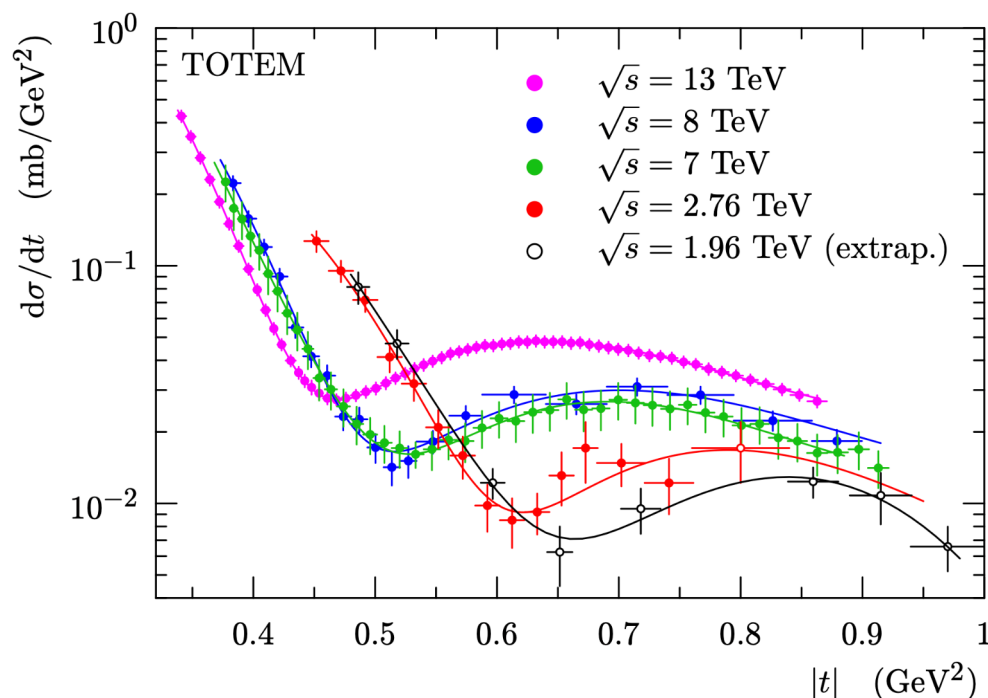
Measurement of total cross section & B slope using diffractive cone

Measurement of diffractive minimum & secondary maximum

Elastic pp scattering: trends

$|t|$ -value of dip position
decreases with increasing \sqrt{s}

diffractive slope parameter $B = \frac{d}{dt} \ln\left(\frac{d\sigma}{dt}\bigg|_{t=0}\right)$ increase with \sqrt{s}



Even if method (CNI sensitivity or not, B polynomial) & $|t|$ range differences give some variation of B -value, a clear trend can be observed

$B \propto \ln s \rightarrow \ln^2 s$ @ LHC: larger impact from contribution of multi-Pomeron exchanges

V. A. Schegelsky and M. G. Ryskin, PRD 85 (2012) 094024

Elastic pp scattering: non-single-exponentiality



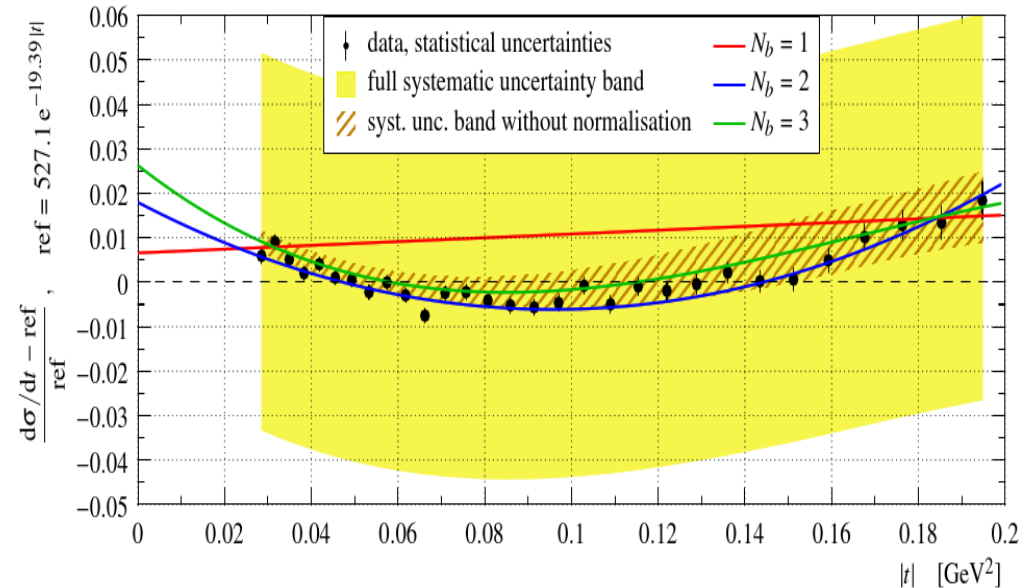
- ✓ Diffractive cone looks almost "perfectly single exponential"
magnify possible deviations $\Rightarrow (d\sigma_{el}/dt - \text{ref. exp.})/\text{ref. exp.}$

Pure (constant B) exponential slope excluded with $> 7\sigma$ @ $\sqrt{s} = 8$ TeV

TOTEM collaboration, NPB 899 (2015) 527

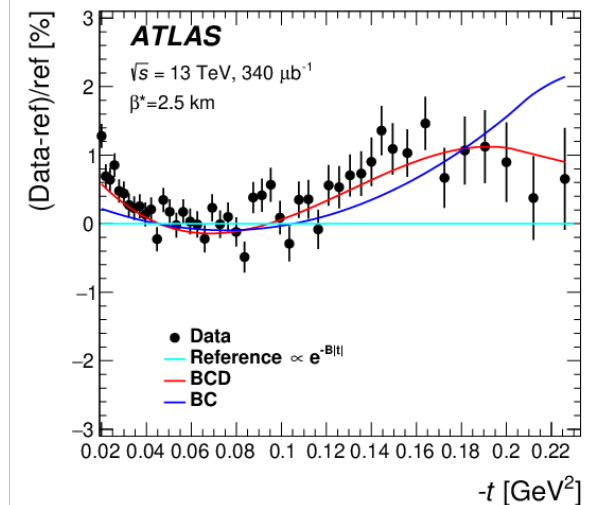
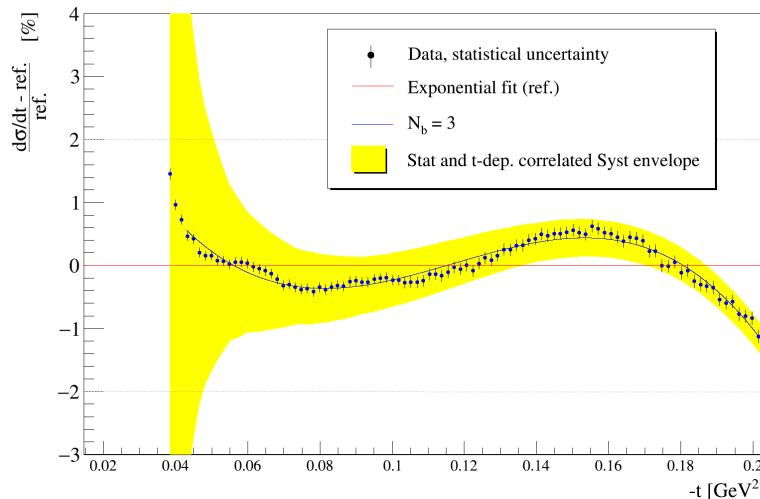
Can only be due to hadronic amplitude having a non-purely exponential slope

Not only one single hadronic elastic pp scattering diagram \Rightarrow multiple exchange channels exists



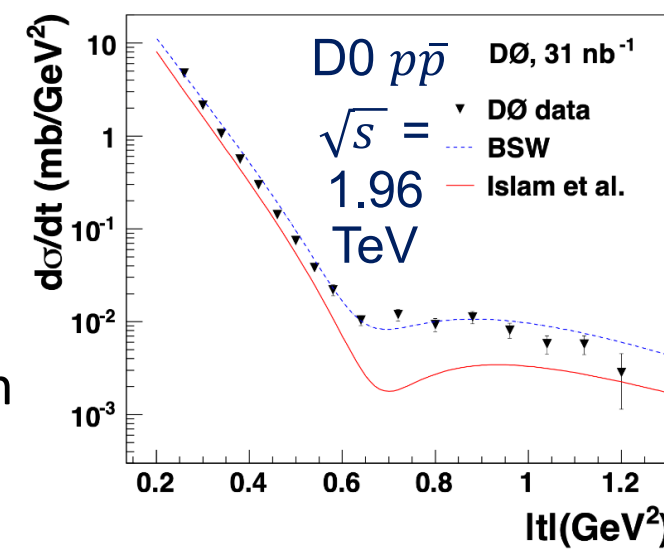
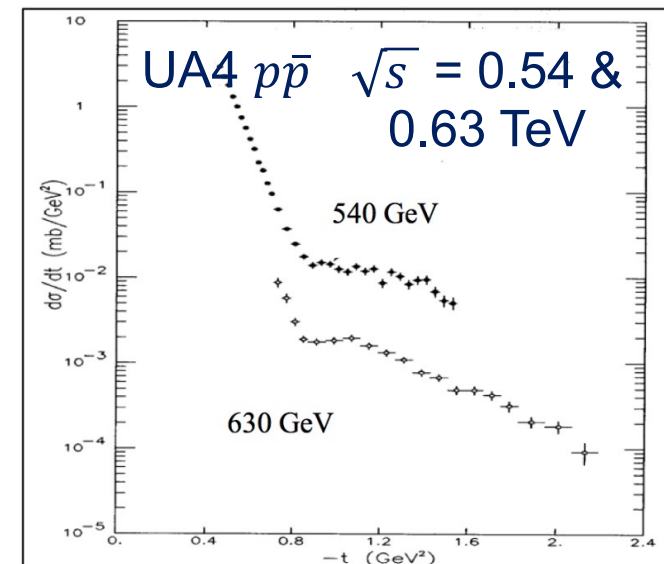
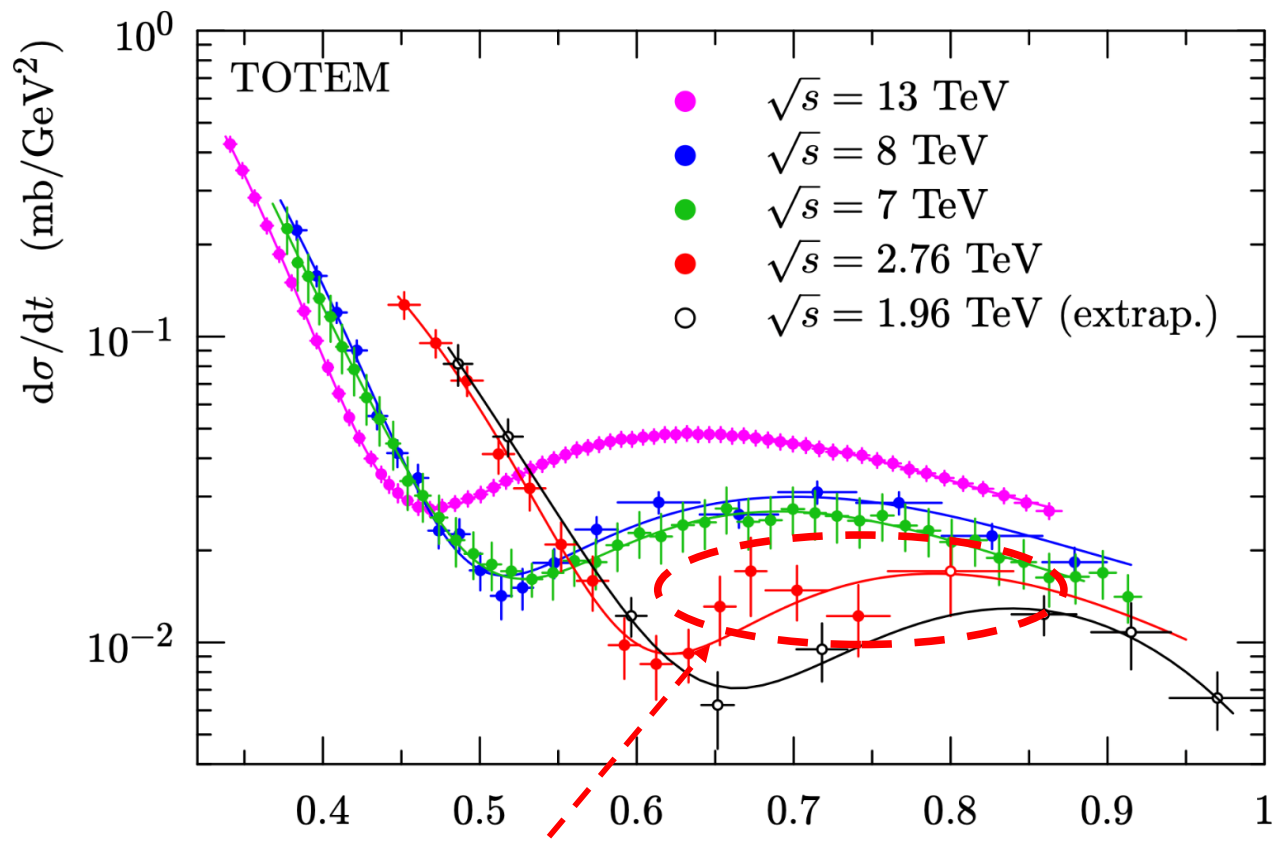
Similar effect observed also at 13 TeV; at 13 TeV also adopted by ATLAS

A.D. Martin, V.A. Khoze, M.G. Ryskin, JPG 42 (2015) 025003; D.A. Fagundes et al., IJMPA 31 (2016) 1645022





$d\sigma_{el}/dt$ measurements in $pp/p\bar{p}$



NB! acceptance cutoff @ $\sqrt{s} = 2.76$ TeV $\Rightarrow |t|$ (GeV²)
 bump NOT expt'ly visible (open circles extrapolations)

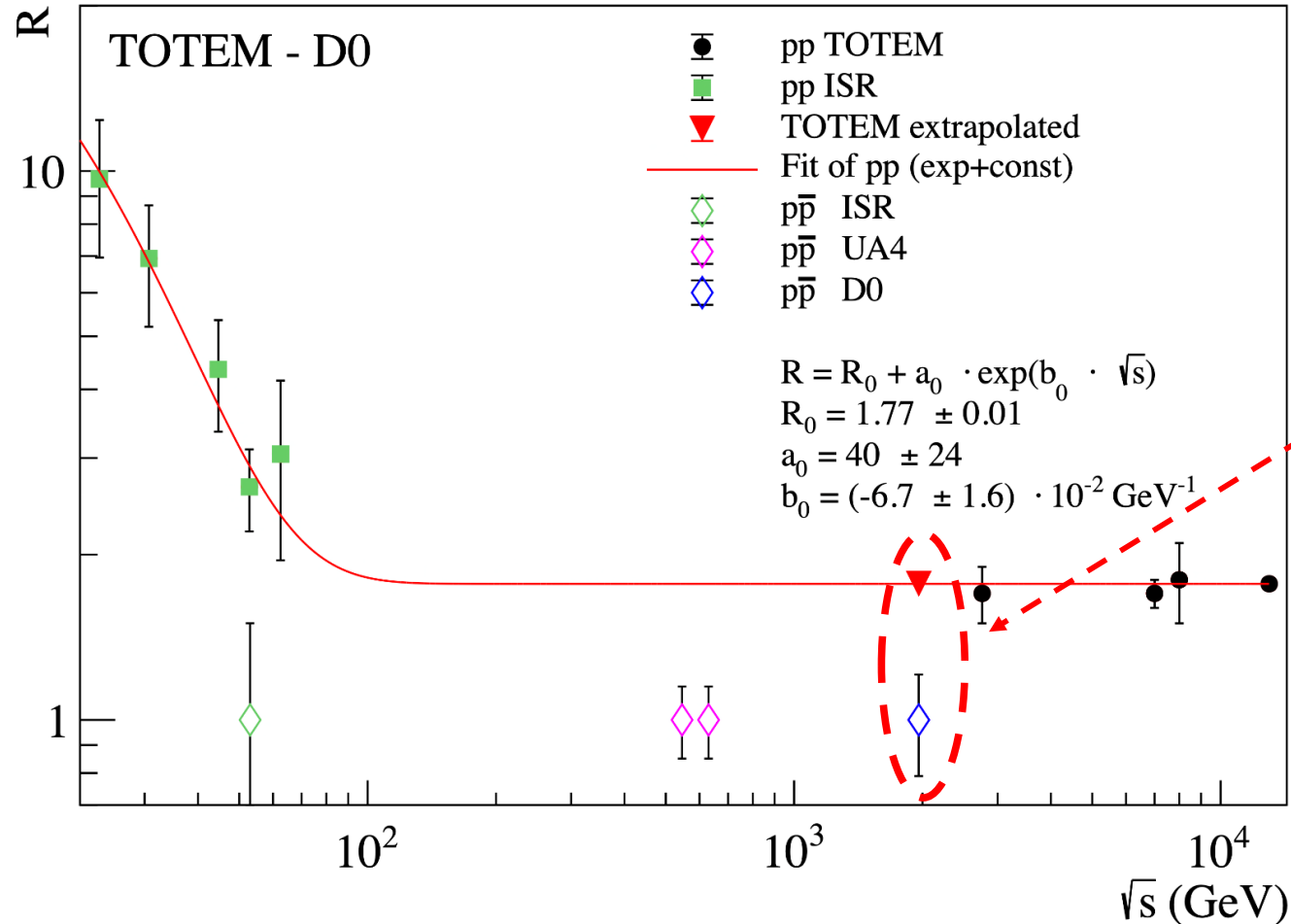
- ✓ Diffractive minimum ("dip") & secondary maximum ("bump") clearly observable in pp (contrary to $p\bar{p}$)
- ✓ pp $d\sigma_{el}/dt$ in dip-bump region well described by
$$h(t) = a_1 e^{-a_2|t|^2 - a_3|t|} + a_4 e^{-a_5|t|^3 - a_6|t|^2 - a_7|t|}$$



Ratio of bump & dip cross sections



$$R \equiv d\sigma/dt_{\text{bump}}/d\sigma/dt_{\text{dip}}$$



> 3 σ difference
between pp & $p\bar{p}$
@ $\sqrt{s} = 1.96 \text{ TeV}$
(assuming flat
behaviour above
 $\sqrt{s} \sim 100 \text{ GeV}$)

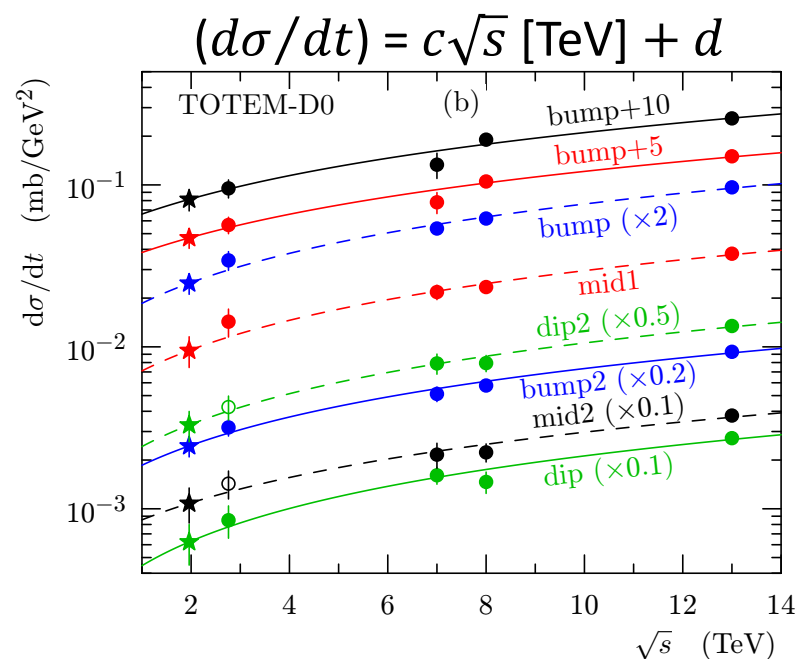
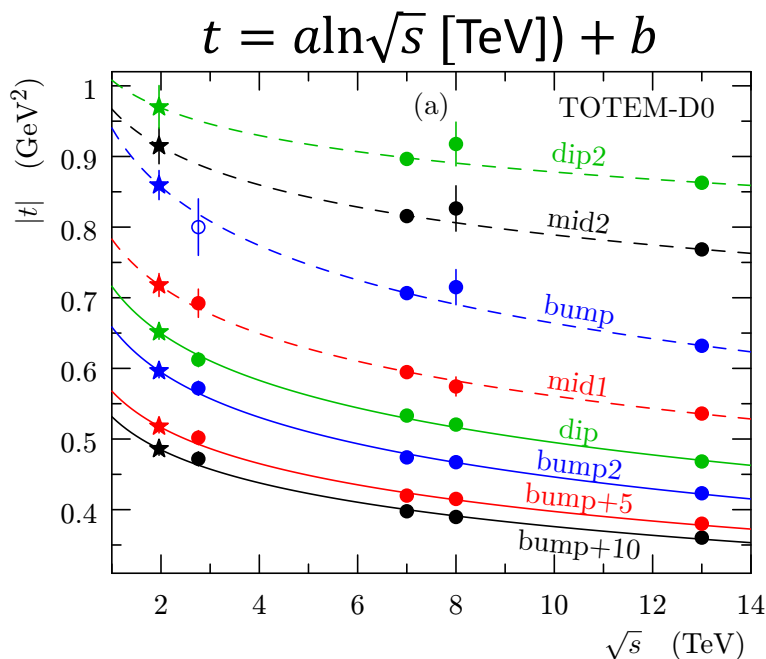
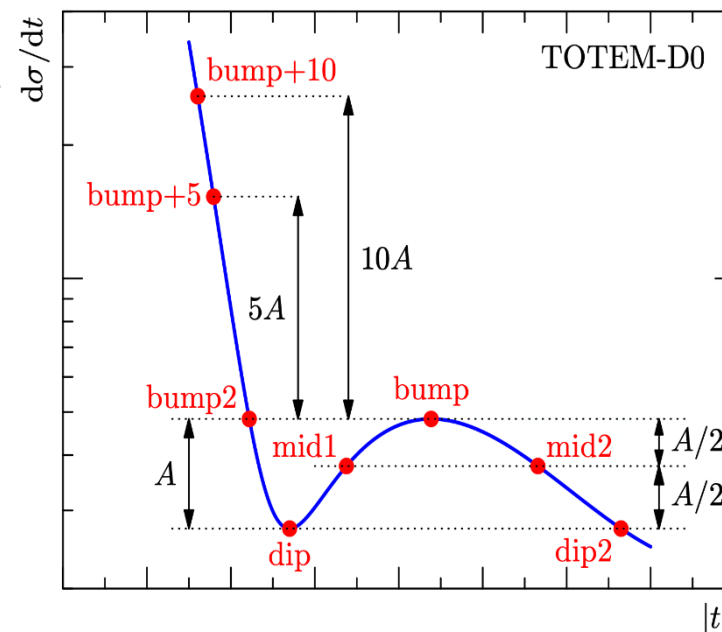
For $p\bar{p}$ R estimate, use t -bins close to expected pp bump & dip position



Data-driven $pp d\sigma_{el}/dt$ extrapolation



- ✓ Short ($\sim 8\%$ of fit range) extrapolation of the **8 characteristic $pp d\sigma_{el}/dt$ points** to $\sqrt{s} = 1.96$ TeV.
- ✓ **Interpolation of $pp d\sigma_{el}/dt$ characteristic points using $h(t)$** (see slide 13) allows comparison with D0 measured $p\bar{p} d\sigma_{el}/dt$.
- ✓ 1.96 TeV $pp d\sigma_{el}/dt$ normalized by assuming $p\bar{p}$ optical point (OP) equal to pp extracted from σ_{tot}^{pp} **extrapolation** to $\sqrt{s} = 1.96$ TeV using TOTEM σ_{tot}^{pp} measurement & $\sigma_{tot} = e \ln^2 \sqrt{s} ([\text{TeV}]) + f$





Comparison of pp & $p\bar{p}$ cross section



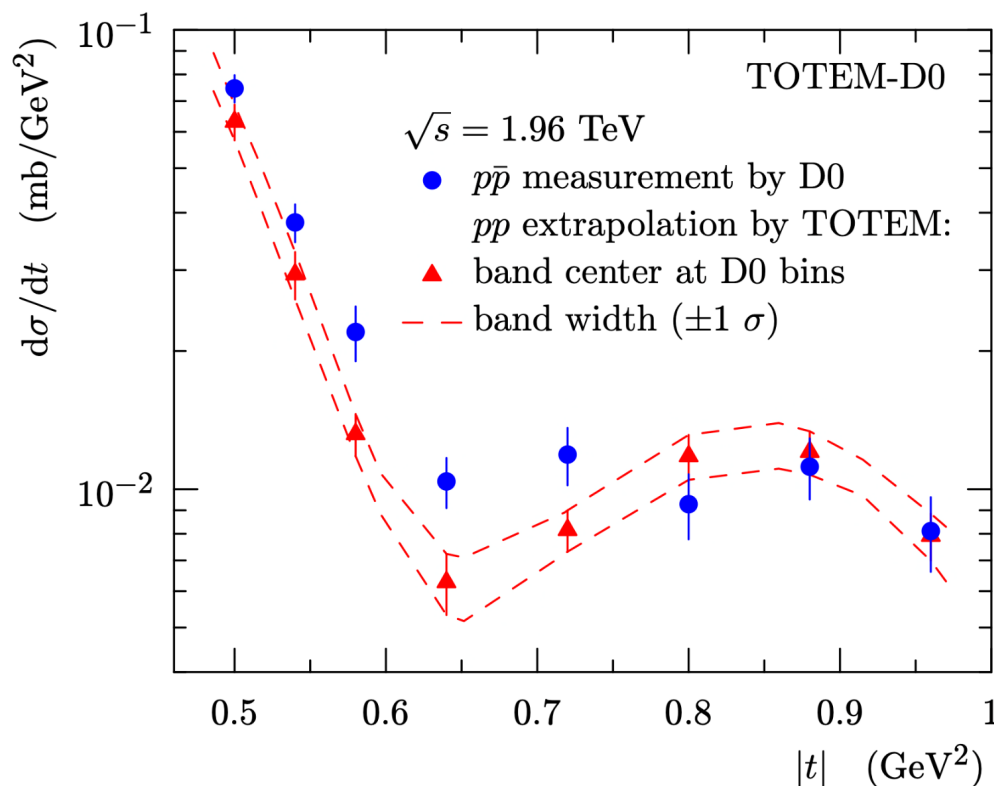
- Due to interpolation, extrapolated pp $d\sigma_{el}/dt$ values at neighbouring D0 $|t|$ -values strongly correlated \Rightarrow full covariance matrix $C_{i,j}$ must be included in χ^2

$$\chi^2 = \sum_{\text{points } i,j} \left\{ \left(\frac{d\sigma_{el,i}^{pp}}{dt} - \frac{d\sigma_{el,i}^{p\bar{p}}}{dt} \right) C_{i,j}^{-1} \left(\frac{d\sigma_{el,j}^{pp}}{dt} - \frac{d\sigma_{el,j}^{p\bar{p}}}{dt} \right) \right\} + \frac{(A - A_0)^2}{\sigma_A^2} + \frac{(B - B_0)^2}{\sigma_B^2}$$

- $A =$ normalization $\overline{OP(pp) = OP(p\bar{p})}$ (also expt'ly true within uncertainties)
- $B =$ elastic slope $\overline{B(pp) = B(p\bar{p})}$ (also expt'ly true within uncertainties)
- pp $OP = p\bar{p}$ OP valid as long as maximal possible C-odd & $pp/p\bar{p}$ ρ differences included as systematics (2.9 %).

Extrapolated TOTEM pp $d\sigma_{el}/dt$ in dip-bump region directly compared to D0 $p\bar{p}$ $d\sigma_{el}/dt$

Elastic pp & $p\bar{p}$ $d\sigma/dt$ differ by 3.4σ at $\sqrt{s} = 1.96$ TeV \Rightarrow evidence of odderon exchange (C-odd gluonic compound exchange) in TeV energy range (where secondary Reggeons are negligible)





Updated χ^2 for pp & $p\bar{p}$ comparison



TOTEM-D0 preparing a longer (more detailed) paper that also will include an updated version of the pp & $p\bar{p}$ comparison at $\sqrt{s} = 1.96$ TeV

- ✓ Improved TOTEM pp covariance matrix (with refined diagonal protection)
- ✓ MC method for combining the diagonal D0 $p\bar{p}$ covariance matrix (Gaussian) with the non-diagonal TOTEM pp covariance matrix (Cholesky)
- ✓ Explicit affine transformation assuring pp & $p\bar{p}$ equality of elastic slope B & integrated cross section A in χ^2 calculation
- ✓ D0 cross-sections placed at cross section weighted t -positions
- ✓ Improved estimate of $\sigma_{tot}^{pp}(\sqrt{s} = 1.96 \text{ TeV})$ using $a \ln^2 \sqrt{s} + b \ln \sqrt{s} + c$

$$\chi^2 = \sum_{\text{points } i,j} \left\{ \left(\frac{d\sigma_{el,i}^{pp}}{dt} - \frac{d\sigma_{el,i}^{p\bar{p}}}{dt} \right) C_{i,j}^{-1} \left(\frac{d\sigma_{el,j}^{pp}}{dt} - \frac{d\sigma_{el,j}^{p\bar{p}}}{dt} \right) \right\} + \frac{(A - A_0)^2}{\sigma_A^2} + \frac{(B - B_0)^2}{\sigma_B^2}$$

⇒ a small increase of significance in pp & $p\bar{p}$ comparison at $\sqrt{s} = 1.96$ TeV

Preliminary

Significance confirmed with a MC based Kolmogorov-Smirnov test, including data point correlations, combined with normalisation using Stouffer method

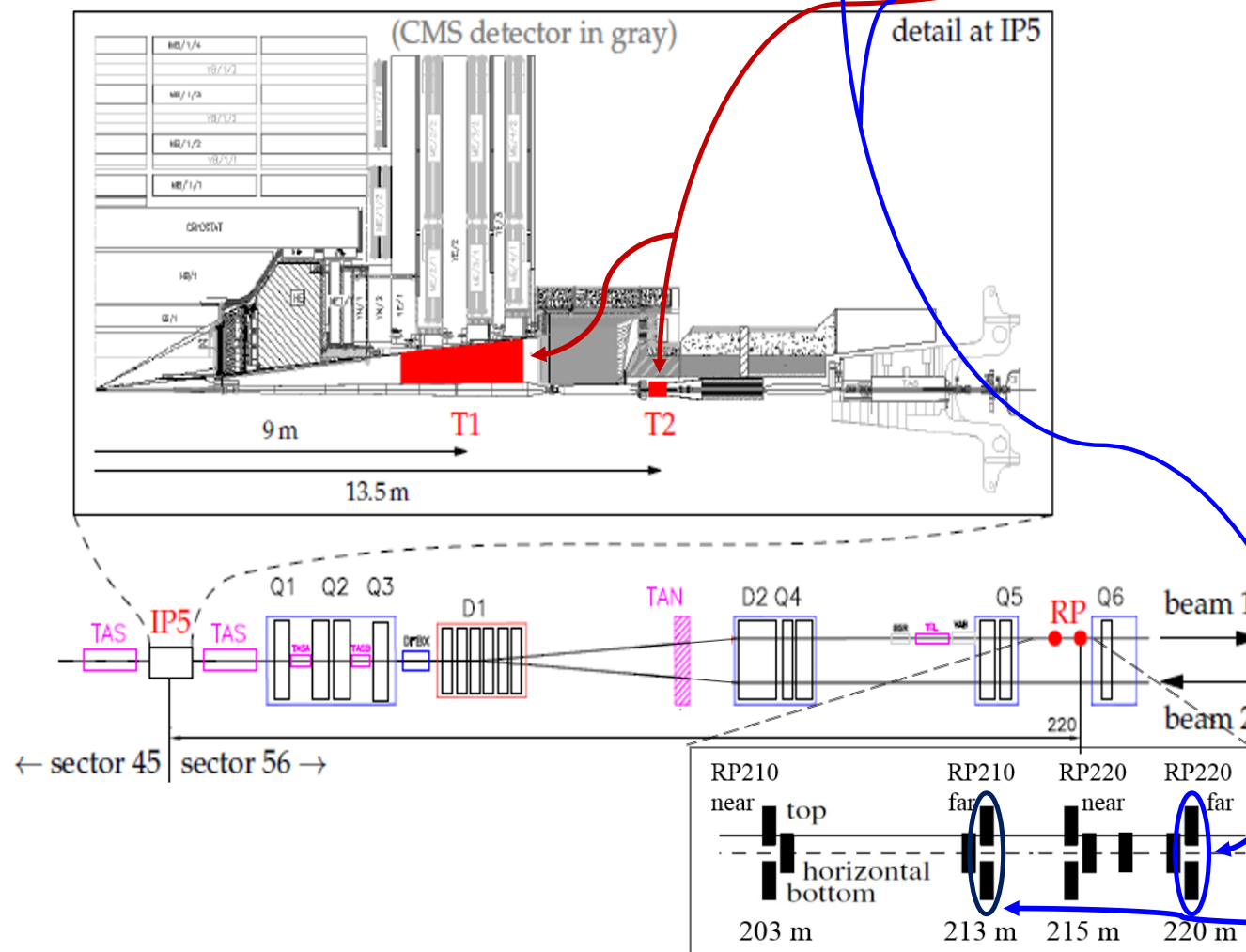
More improvements of the pp & $p\bar{p}$ comparison at $\sqrt{s} = 1.96$ TeV to come!

Stay tuned !

Luminosity independent total cross section

Luminosity independent method:

$$\sigma_{tot} = \frac{16\pi}{(1 + \rho^2)} \frac{(dN_{el}/dt)_{t=0}}{(N_{el} + N_{inel})}$$



Total pp cross section: methods & results



Excellent agreement between 7 TeV σ_{tot} measurements (without CNI sensitivity):

$$\sigma_{tot}^2 = \frac{16\pi}{(1+\rho^2)} \frac{1}{\mathcal{L}} \left(\frac{dN_{el}}{dt} \right)_{t=0}$$

testing validity of optical theorem at ~5 % level

$$\sigma_{tot} = \sigma_{el} + \sigma_{inel}$$

Using CMS $\mathcal{L} \Rightarrow$
independent of low mass diffraction

optical theorem & ρ independent

$$\sigma_{tot} = 98.3 \text{ mb} \pm 2.0 \text{ mb}$$

TOTEM Coll., EPL 96 (2011) 21002

$$\sigma_{tot} = 98.6 \text{ mb} \pm 2.3 \text{ mb}$$

TOTEM Coll., EPL 101 (2013) 21002

$$\sigma_{tot} = 99.1 \text{ mb} \pm 4.3 \text{ mb}$$

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7 TeV

$$\sigma_{tot} = \frac{16\pi}{(1+\rho^2)} \frac{(dN_{el}/dt)_{t=0}}{(N_{el} + N_{inel})}$$

\mathcal{L} independent

$$\sigma_{tot} = 98.1 \text{ mb} \pm 2.4 \text{ mb}$$

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Excellent agreement between 13 TeV σ_{tot} measurements (with/without CNI sensitivity):

$$\sigma_{tot} = \frac{16\pi}{(1+\rho^2)} \frac{(dN_{el}/dt)_{t=0}}{(N_{el} + N_{inel})}$$

\mathcal{L} independent

$$\sigma_{tot} = 110.6 \text{ mb} \pm 3.4 \text{ mb}$$

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Fully independent datasets & methods:

$$\sigma_{tot,comb} = 110.5 \pm 2.4 \text{ mb}$$

$$\sigma_{tot}^2 = \frac{16\pi}{(1+\rho^2)} \left(\frac{d\sigma_{el}}{dt} \right)_{t=0}$$

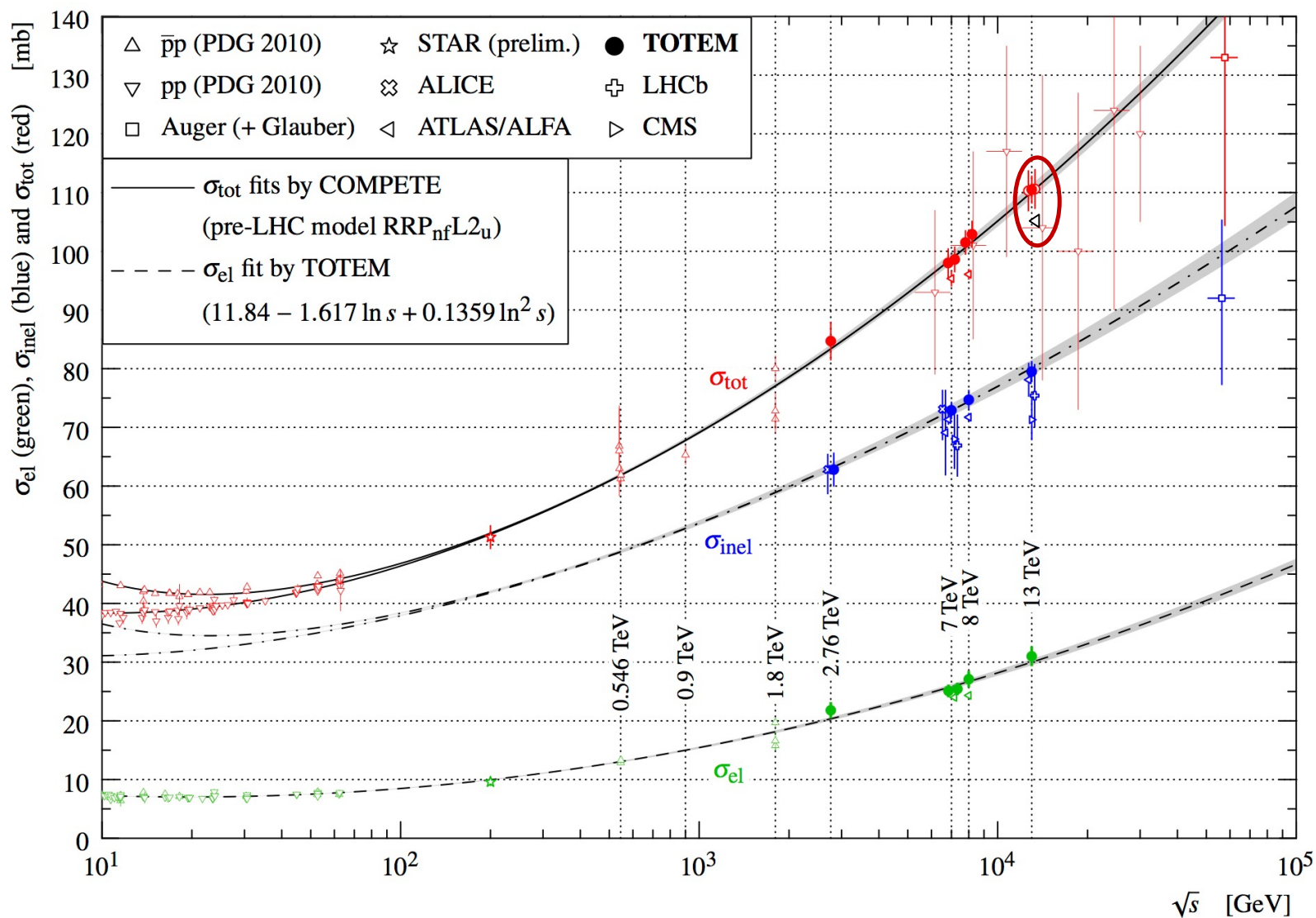
Coulomb normalisation

$$\sigma_{tot} = 110.3 \text{ mb} \pm 3.5 \text{ mb}$$

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13 TeV

Total pp cross section: summary



$\sigma_{tot} \propto \ln \sqrt{s} \rightarrow \ln^2 \sqrt{s}$ @ LHC: good agreement with COMPETE preferred model

TOTEM & ATLAS σ_{tot} comparison



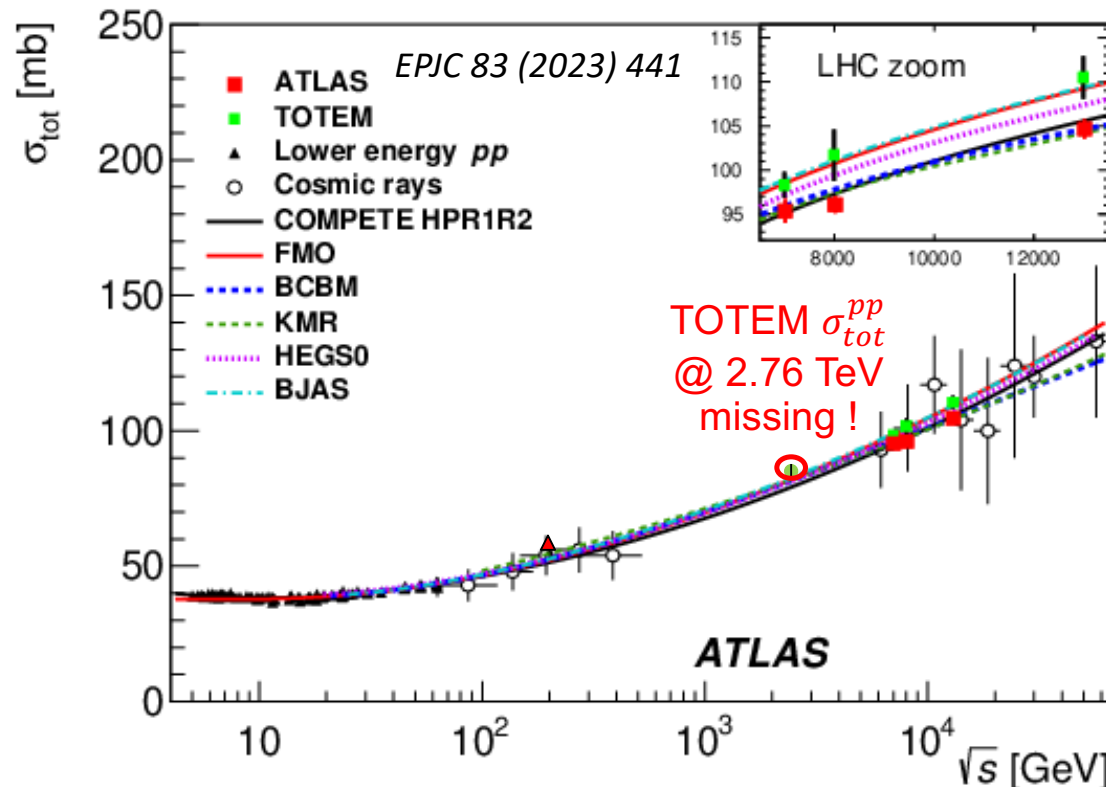
- ✓ 13 TeV TOTEM $\sigma_{tot,comb}^{pp} = 110.5 \pm 2.4$ mb combining rate counting experiment & Coulomb normalisation measurements

2.2 σ difference

- ✓ 13 TeV ATLAS $\sigma_{tot}^{pp} = 104.7 \pm 1.1$ mb relying on precise luminosity determination

$$\sigma_{tot} = \frac{16\pi}{(1 + \rho^2)} \frac{(dN_{el}/dt)_{t=0}}{(N_{el} + N_{inel})}$$

$$\sigma_{tot}^2 = \frac{16\pi}{(1 + \rho^2)} \frac{1}{\mathcal{L}} \left(\frac{dN_{el}}{dt} \right)_{t=0}$$



Trend same as @ $\sqrt{s} = 7$ & 8 TeV, essentially only a normalisation difference!

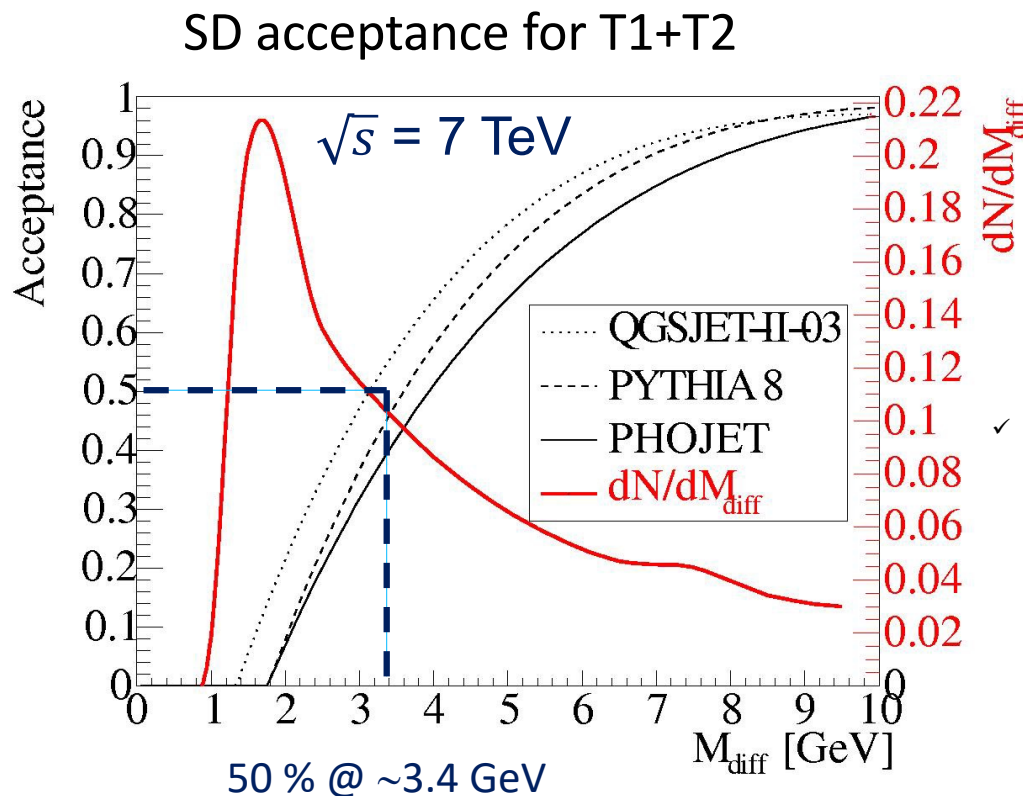
Not whole story: TOTEM has 2-4 consistent σ_{tot}^{pp} measurements using (slightly) different techniques /energy vs. 1 measurement/energy using same technique for ATLAS

Measuring σ_{tot} & low mass diffraction



- ✓ NB! Any σ_{tot}^{pp} measurement makes assumptions e.g. elastic hadronic slope used for dN_{el}/dt extrapolation to $t = 0$ ($e^{-B|t|}$ vs. $e^{-B|t|-C|t|^2-D|t|^3}$) and treatment of Coulomb & CNI (fitted/subtracted/ignored depending on $|t|$ -range) easily resulting in $O(1 \text{ mb})$ changes \Rightarrow **not viable to claim precision $\leq \sim 1.5 \text{ mb}$**

Difference due to non-measured low mass diffraction in TOTEM N_{inel} ? Not likely



TOTEM@7 TeV:

$\sigma_{inelastic, |\eta| > 6.5} = 2.62 \pm 2.17 \text{ mb}$

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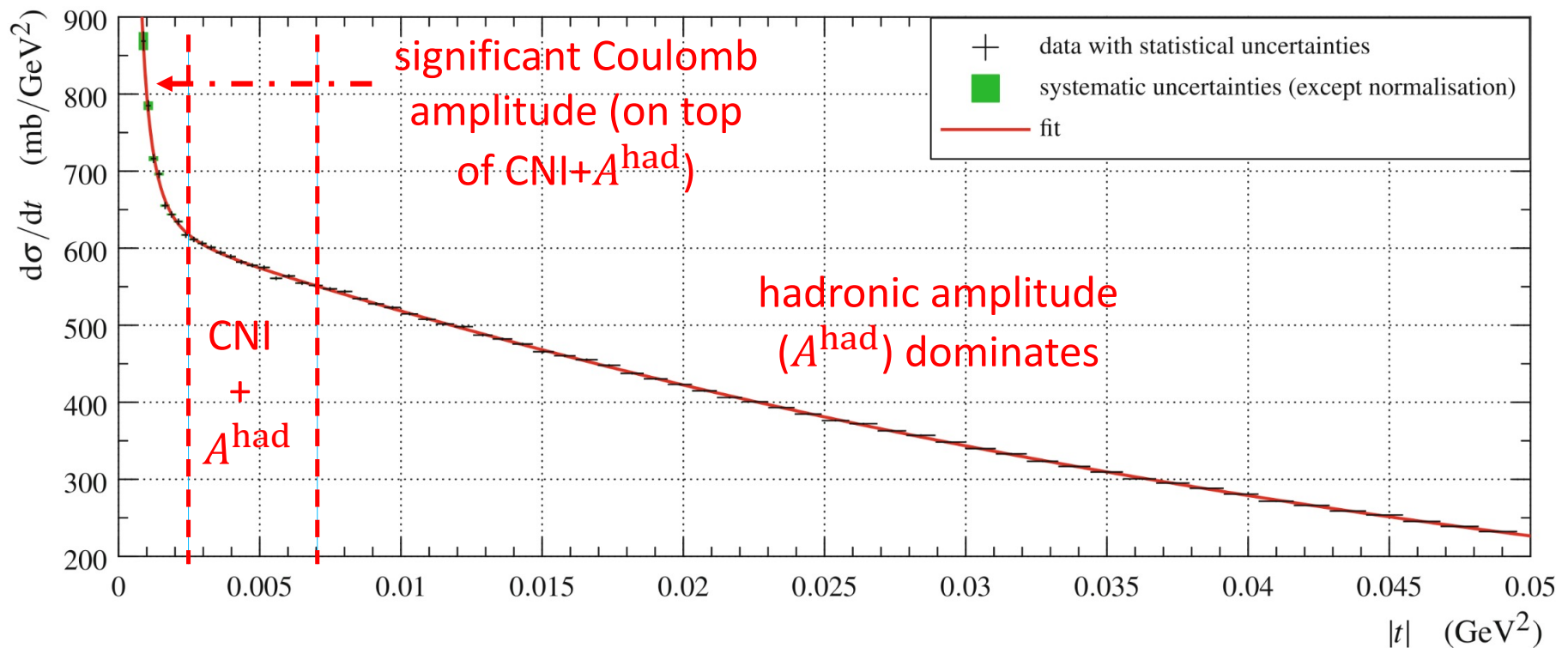
Low mass diffraction correction to N_{inel} estimated from MCs & data

- ✓ ATLAS σ_{tot}^{pp} : How reliable are absolute luminosity calibrations (precision@13 TeV: 2.15 %) made in van de Meer scans at $\beta^* = 11 \text{ m}$ for beam luminosity at $\beta^* = 2500 \text{ m}$ (very different LHC optics and interaction point transverse size 15 times larger)?

ρ measurements using CNI data

$$\rho \equiv \frac{\text{Re}[A_{\text{el}}^{\text{had}}]}{\text{Im}[A_{\text{el}}^{\text{had}}]} \Big|_{t=0}$$

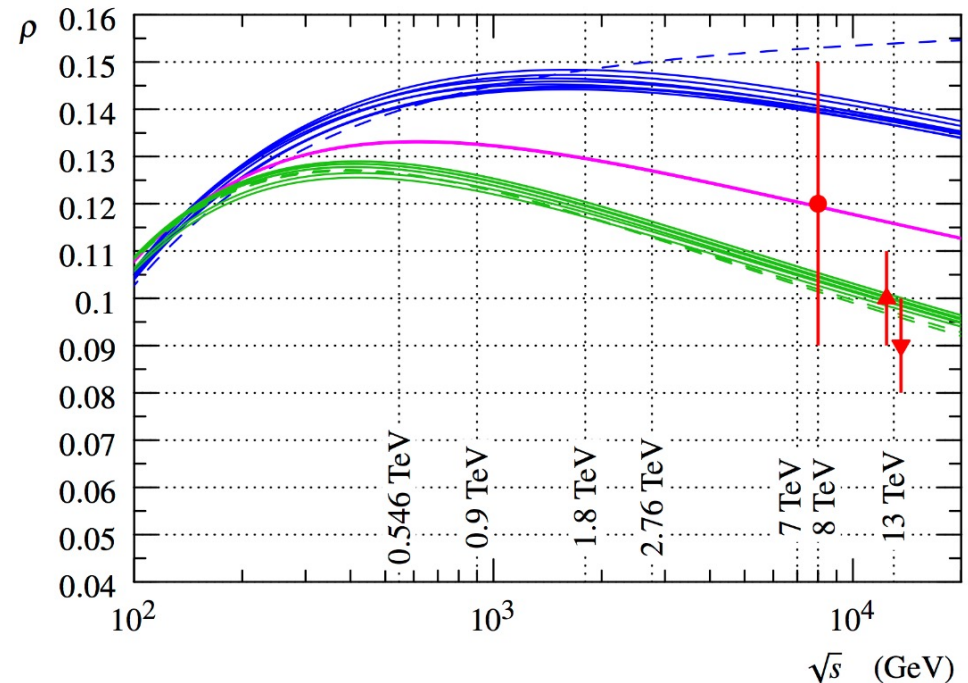
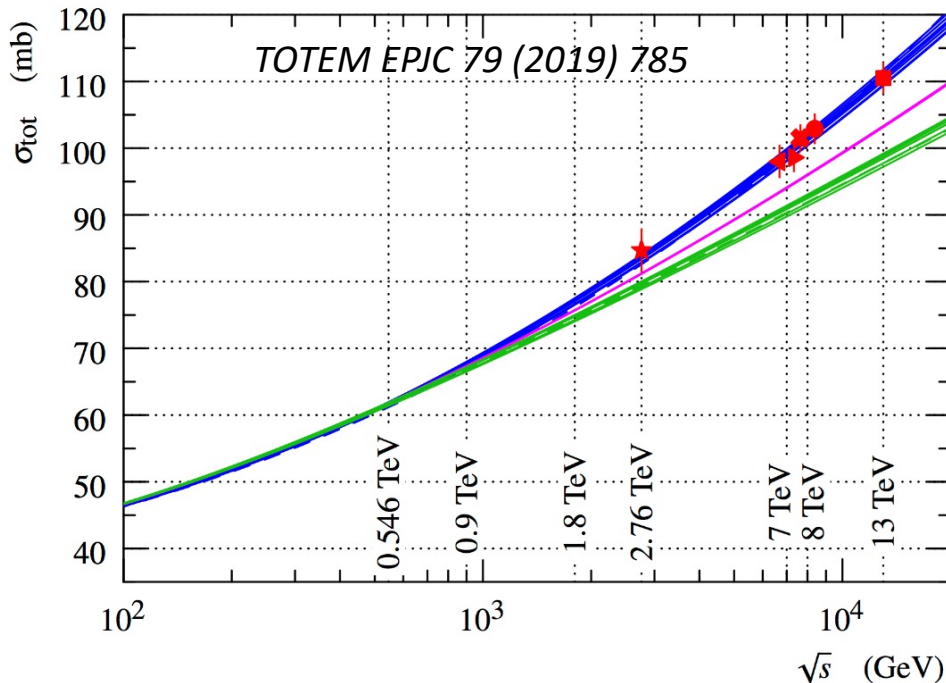
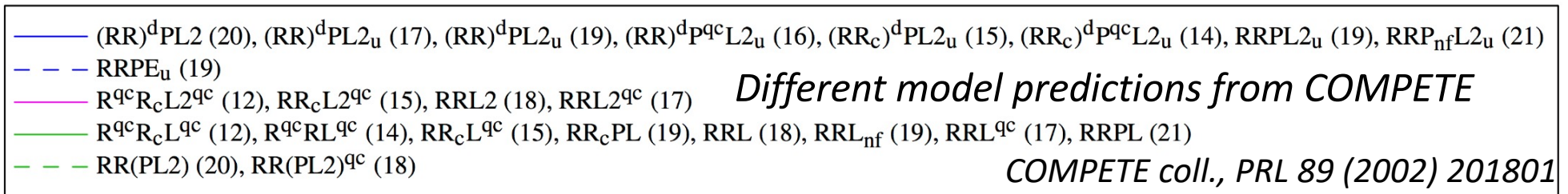
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TOTEM ρ & σ_{tot} in pp



- ✓ @ $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV: $\rho^{pp} = 0.10 \pm 0.01 / 0.09 \pm 0.01$ (TOTEM Coll., EPJC 79 (2019) 785)
- ✓ Models (COMPETE, Durham, Block-Halzen) unable to describe TOTEM ρ & σ_{tot}^{pp} measurements at 3.4-4.6 σ level without adding odderon exchange
- ✓ Alternative not excluded explanation for low ρ^{pp} : slower rise of σ_{tot}^{pp} @ $\sqrt{s} > \sqrt{s}_{LHC}$



ATLAS confirmed: ρ^{pp} @ 13 TeV = 0.098 ± 0.011 (EPJC 83 (2023) 441)

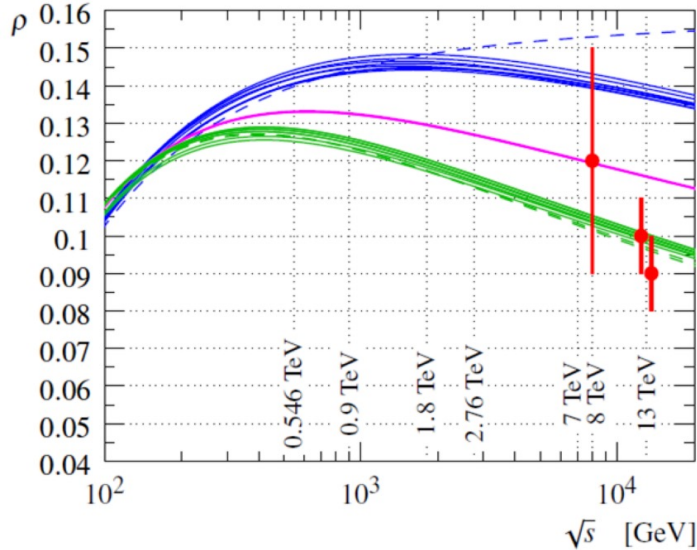


Combine $pp/p\bar{p}$ comparison & $pp \rho + \sigma_{tot}$

using Stouffer method (S. Bityukov et al., Proc. Sci. ACAT08 (2009) 18).



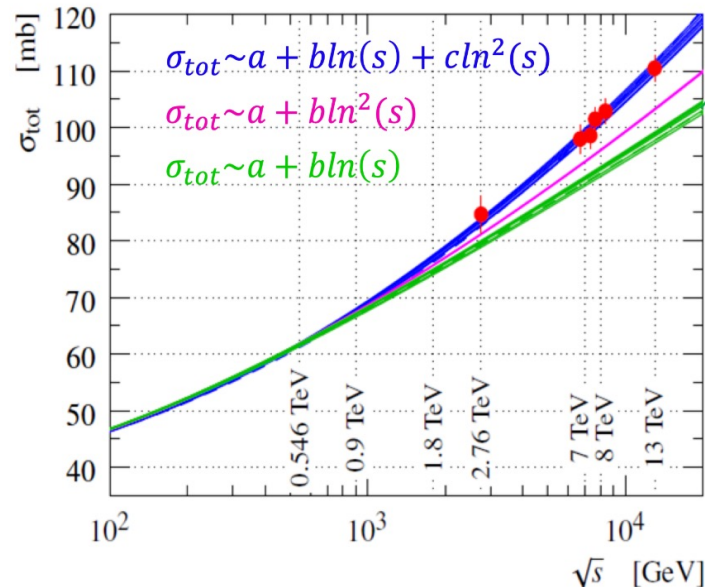
COMPETE Coll., PRL 89 (2002) 201801



- Excluded at 4.6σ level with $\rho(13 \text{ TeV}) = 0.09$
- Excluded at 5.7σ level when combining significance from ρ and from difference in pp and $p\bar{p} \frac{d\sigma}{dt}$.

- Excluded at 4.0σ level with TOTEM $\rho + \sigma_{tot}$ data.
- Excluded at 5.3σ level when combining significance from TOTEM $\rho + \sigma_{tot}$ data and from difference in pp and $p\bar{p} \frac{d\sigma}{dt}$.

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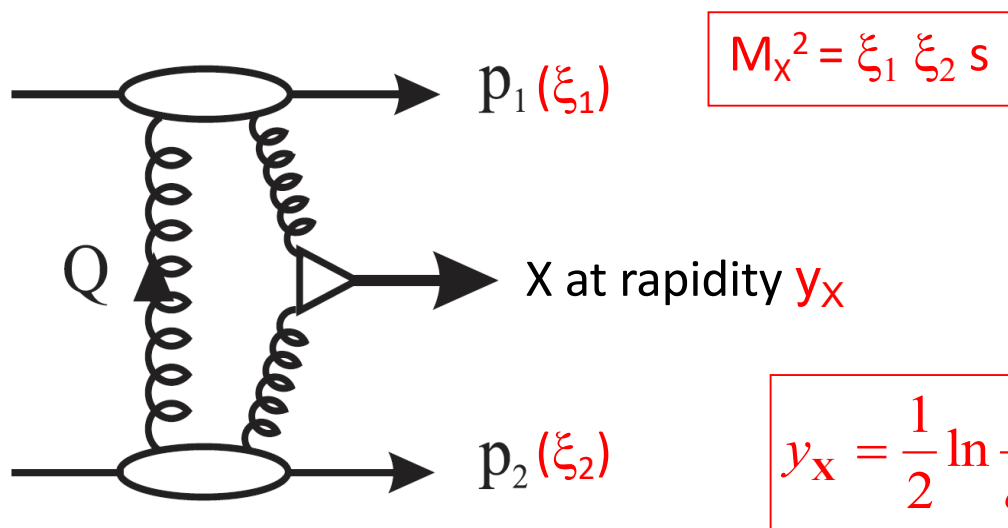


- Durham Model: PLB 748 (2018) 192
- Excluded at 3.4σ level with TOTEM $\rho + \sigma_{tot}$ data.
 - Excluded at 5.2σ level when combining significance from TOTEM $\rho + \sigma_{tot}$ data and from Durham prediction for DO $p\bar{p} \frac{d\sigma}{dt}$.

- Block-Halzen Model: PRD 92 (2015) 114021
- Excluded at 3.9σ level with TOTEM ρ data.
 - Excluded at 5.2σ level when combining significance from TOTEM ρ data and from difference in pp and $p\bar{p} \frac{d\sigma}{dt}$.

No Odderon hypothesis excluded @ $> 5\sigma$

Central exclusive production (CEP)



selection rules for system X:
 $J^{PC} = 0^{++}, 2^{++}, \dots$ ($\mathbb{P}\mathbb{P}, gg, \gamma\gamma$)
 $J^{PC} = 1^{-}$ ($\gamma\mathbb{P}$)

- ✓ CEP exclusivity verified by **rapidity gaps** or **intact forward protons** (p)
- ✓ Rapidity gap method: p dissociation contamination (giving only particles outside instrumented η regions)
- ✓ Intact forward protons: possible contamination from pileup p 's
- ✓ Intact proton method: require forward vs central system compatibility: $M(pp) = M(\text{central}), y(pp) = y(\text{central}), p_{T,z}(pp) = p_{T,z}(\text{central}), \text{vertex}(pp) = \text{vertex}(\text{central})$ but limited p acceptance at LHC: high β^* : $|t_p| > 0.01 \text{ GeV}^2$, low β^* : $M_X > 350 \text{ GeV}$



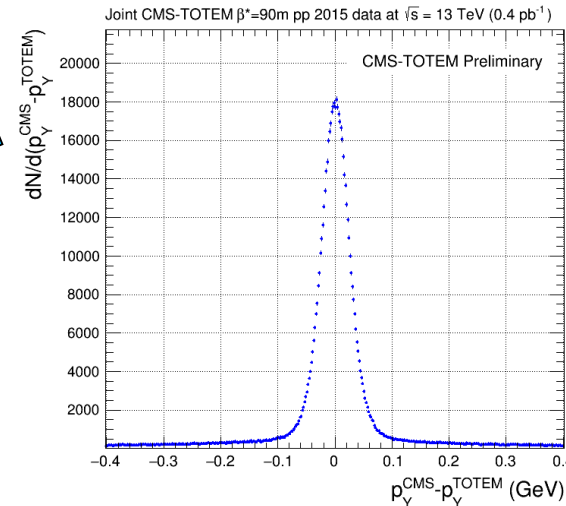
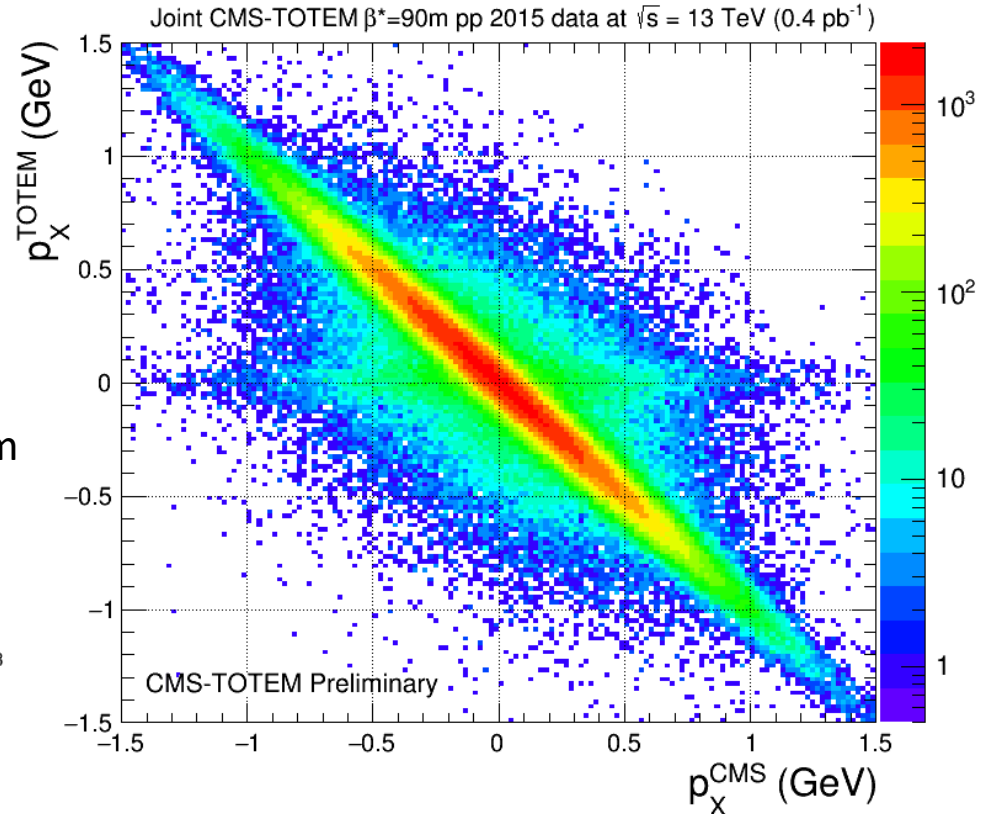
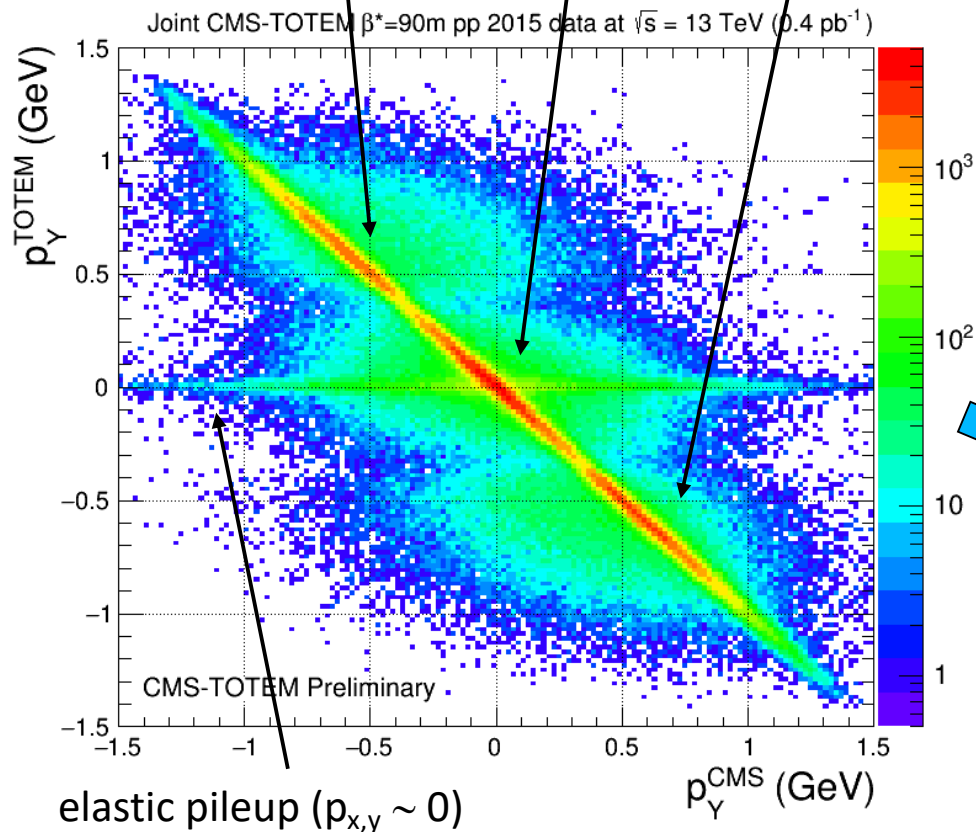
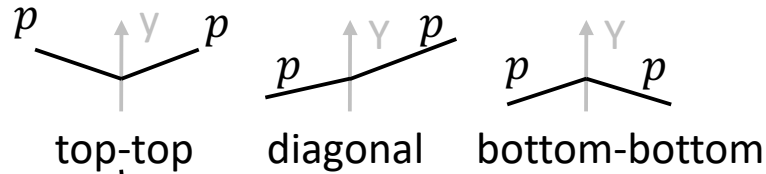
Low mass resonance CEP



$pp \rightarrow p + \pi^+\pi^- + p$ candidates

Transverse momentum sum of protons
 $(p_{x,y}^{\text{TOTEM}})$ vs transverse momentum sum
of charged particles in tracker $(p_{x,y}^{\text{CMS}})$

Different
RP combi-
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Very pure
exclusive
sample
selected !!



Non-resonant exclusive dipion production

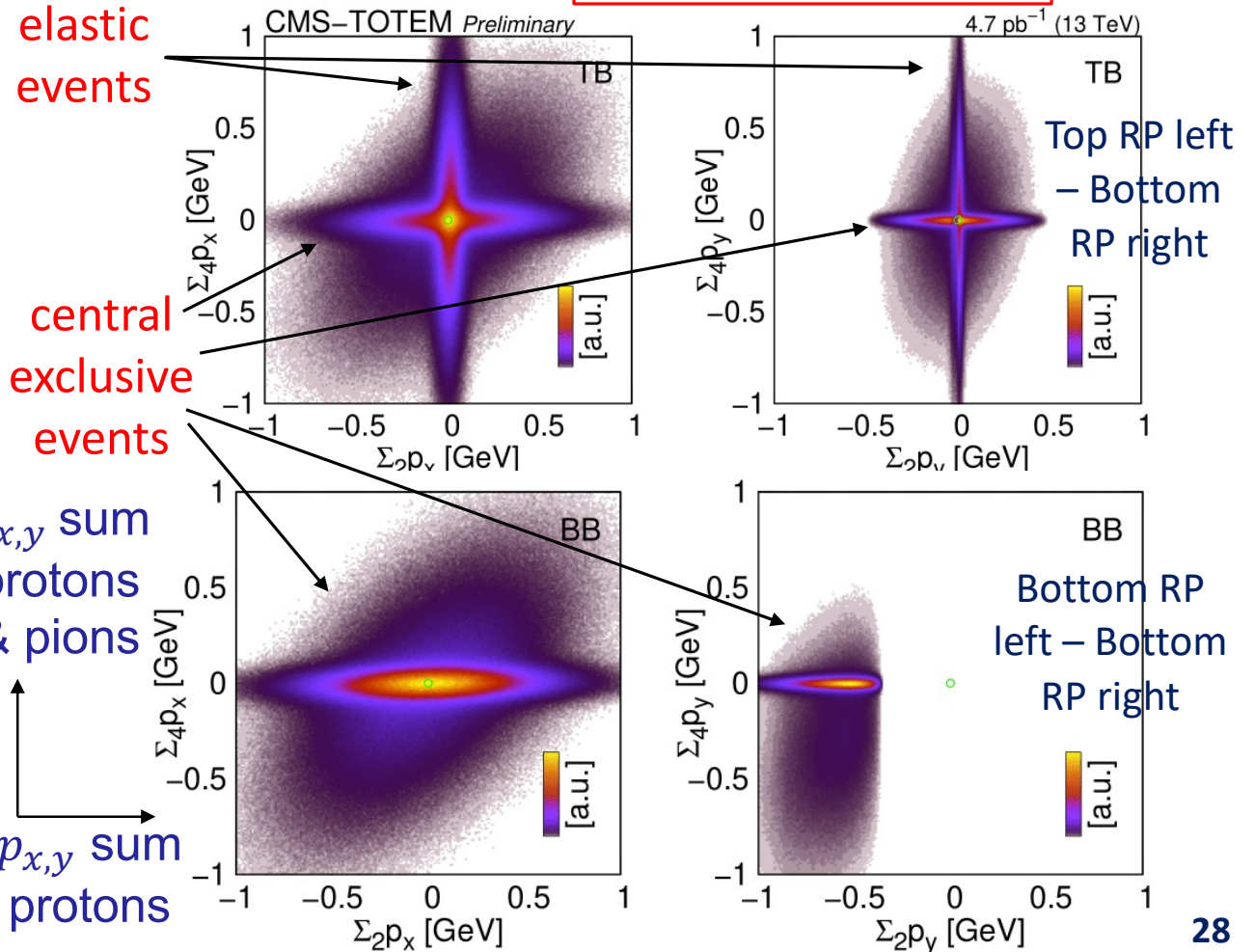
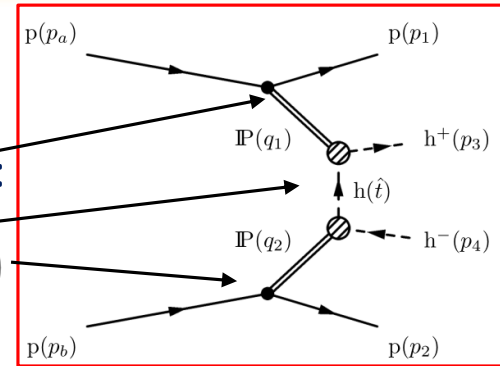


CMS PAS SMP-21-004, TOTEM NOTE
2023-001, <https://cds.cern.ch/record/2867988>

- ✓ Detailed study of Pomeron interactions using a very large sample (~ 80 M) non-resonant central exclusive $\pi^+\pi^-$ with protons measured in TOTEM RPs & charged pions in CMS tracker
- ✓ Require diproton and dipion p_x & p_y to match ($\sum_4 p_x \approx 0$ & $\sum_4 p_y \approx 0$)
- ✓ Main background: elastic + inelastic pileup ($\sum_2 p_x \approx 0$ & $\sum_2 p_y \approx 0$)

Matrix element non-resonant PP:

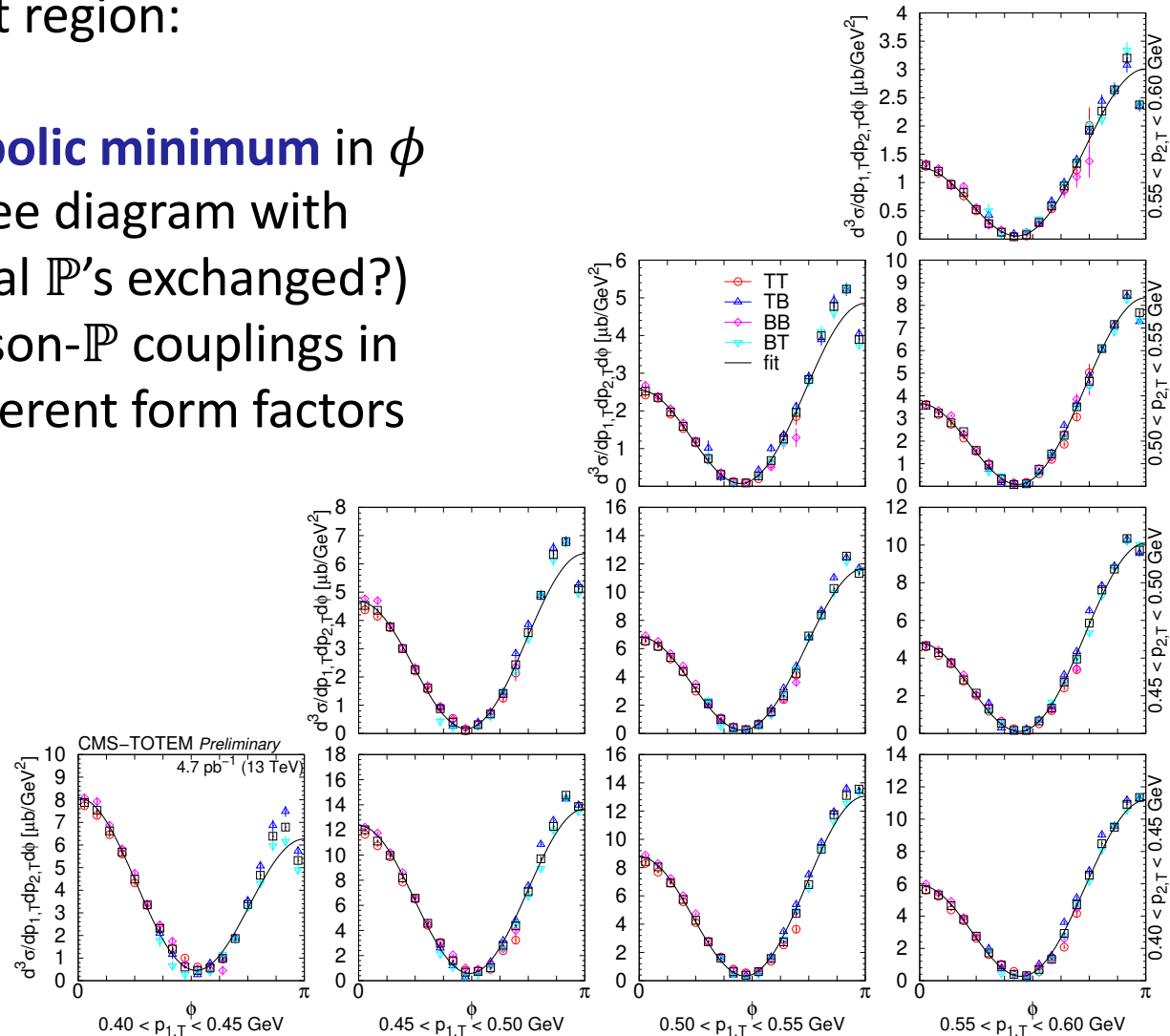
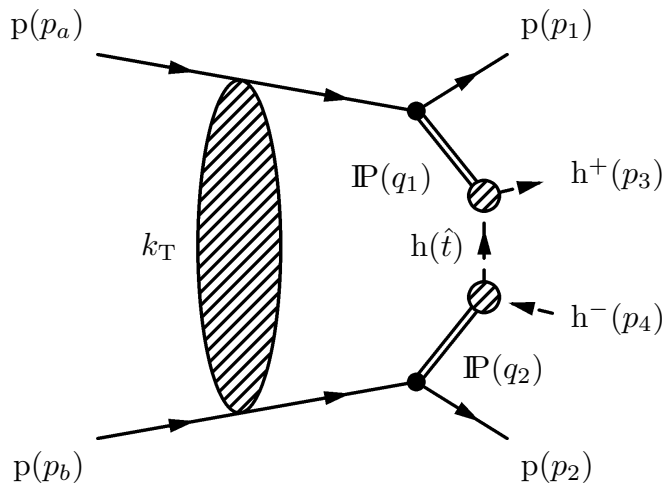
$$\mathcal{M} = M_{13}(t_1, s_{13}) \frac{F^2(\hat{t})}{\hat{t} - m^2} M_{24}(t_2, s_{24})$$



Non-resonant exclusive dipion production

- Variables studied: $m_{\pi^+\pi^-}$, proton p_T 's and ϕ (2-proton azimuthal angle difference)
- Focusing on non-resonant region: $0.35 < m_{\pi^+\pi^-} < 0.65$ GeV
- First observation of **parabolic minimum** in ϕ (due to interference of tree diagram with diagrams having additional \mathbb{P} 's exchanged?)
- Study nucleon- \mathbb{P} and meson- \mathbb{P} couplings in different models with different form factors

$$\frac{d^3\sigma}{dp_{1,T}dp_{2,T}d\phi} = [A(R - \cos\phi)]^2 + c^2,$$





Exclusive dipion production: model tuning



Proton-pion “matrix element”:

$$M_{ik}(t_i, s_{ik}) = i s_{ik} C_{\mathbb{P}} \left(\frac{s_{ik}}{s_0} \right)^{\alpha_{\mathbb{P}}(t_i) - 1} F_i$$

✓ **Models:**

- empirical (measured $d\sigma_{el}/dt$)
- one channel (p in ground state)

$$F_p(t) = \exp(B_{\mathbb{P}}/2 \cdot t)$$

- two channel ($p + N^*$)

$$F_i(t) = \exp \left[-(b_i(c_i - t))^{d_i} + (b_i c_i)^{d_i} \right]$$

✓ **Form factors:**

- \mathbb{P} -meson (exponential, Orear-like power-law):

$$\exp(b_{\text{exp}}(\hat{t} - m^2))$$

$$\exp(b_{\text{ore}}[a_{\text{ore}} - \sqrt{a_{\text{ore}}^2 - (\hat{t} - m^2)}])$$

$$1/(1 - b_{\text{pow}}(\hat{t} - m^2)),$$

- p - \mathbb{P}

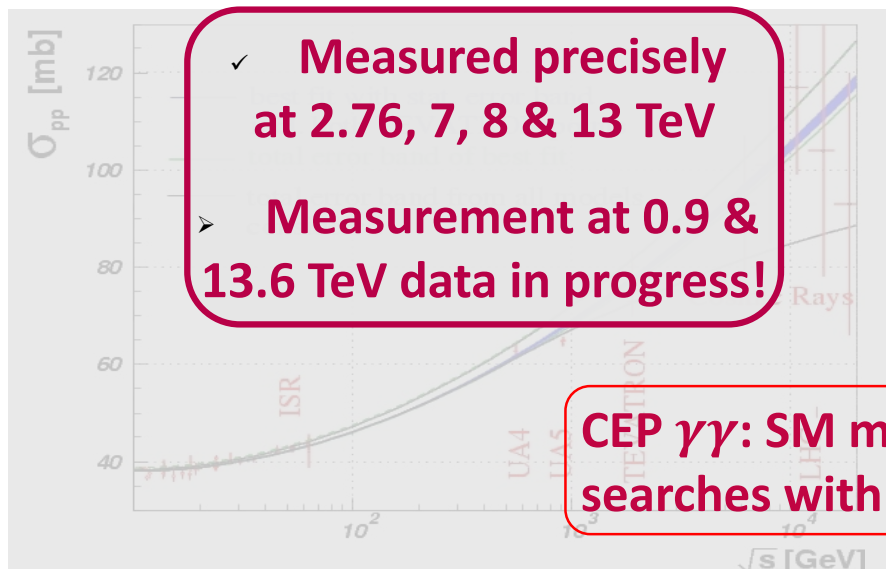
Parameter	Exponential	Orear-type	Power-law	DIME 1 / 2
empirical model				
$a_{\text{ore}}[\text{GeV}]$	—	0.735 ± 0.015	—	
$b_{\text{exp/ore/pow}}[\text{GeV}^{-2} \text{ or }^{-1}]$	1.084 ± 0.004	1.782 ± 0.014	1.356 ± 0.001	
$B_{\mathbb{P}}[\text{GeV}^{-2}]$	3.757 ± 0.033	3.934 ± 0.027	4.159 ± 0.019	
χ^2/dof	9470/5796	10059/5795	11409/5796	
one-channel model				
$\sigma_0[\text{mb}]$	34.99 ± 0.79	27.98 ± 0.40	26.87 ± 0.30	
$\alpha_p - 1$	0.129 ± 0.002	0.127 ± 0.001	0.134 ± 0.001	
$\alpha'_p[\text{GeV}^{-2}]$	0.084 ± 0.005	0.034 ± 0.002	0.037 ± 0.002	
$a_{\text{ore}}[\text{GeV}]$	—	0.578 ± 0.022	—	
$b_{\text{exp/ore/pow}}[\text{GeV}^{-2} \text{ or }^{-1}]$	0.820 ± 0.011	1.385 ± 0.015	1.222 ± 0.004	
$B_{\mathbb{P}}[\text{GeV}^{-2}]$	2.745 ± 0.046	4.271 ± 0.021	4.072 ± 0.017	
χ^2/dof	7356/5793	7448/5792	8339/5793	
two-channel model				
$\sigma_0[\text{mb}]$	20.97 ± 0.48	22.89 ± 0.17	23.02 ± 0.23	23 / 33
$\alpha_p - 1$	0.136 ± 0.001	0.129 ± 0.001	0.131 ± 0.001	0.13 / 0.115
$\alpha'_p[\text{GeV}^{-2}]$	0.078 ± 0.001	0.075 ± 0.001	0.071 ± 0.001	0.08 / 0.11
$a_{\text{ore}}[\text{GeV}]$	—	0.718 ± 0.012	—	
$b_{\text{exp/ore/pow}}[\text{GeV}^{-2} \text{ or }^{-1}]$	0.917 ± 0.007	1.517 ± 0.008	0.931 ± 0.002	0.45
$\Delta a ^2$	0.070 ± 0.026	-0.058 ± 0.009	0.042 ± 0.011	-0.04 / -0.25
$\Delta\gamma$	0.052 ± 0.042	0.131 ± 0.018	0.273 ± 0.023	0.55 / 0.4
$b_1[\text{GeV}^2]$	8.438 ± 0.108	8.951 ± 0.041	8.877 ± 0.040	8.5 / 8.0
$c_1[\text{GeV}^2]$	0.298 ± 0.012	0.278 ± 0.004	0.266 ± 0.006	0.18 / 0.18
d_1	0.472 ± 0.007	0.465 ± 0.002	0.465 ± 0.003	0.45 / 0.63
$b_2[\text{GeV}^2]$	4.982 ± 0.133	4.222 ± 0.052	4.780 ± 0.060	4.5 / 6.0
$c_2[\text{GeV}^2]$	0.542 ± 0.015	0.522 ± 0.006	0.615 ± 0.006	0.58 / 0.58
d_2	0.453 ± 0.009	0.452 ± 0.003	0.431 ± 0.004	0.45 / 0.47
χ^2/dof	5741/5786	6415/5785	7879/5786	

Remarkable agreement with DIME (“soft model 1”)

Two-channel model with exponential \mathbb{P} -meson form factor seems to be favoured by data

TOTEM summary

Total pp cross-section

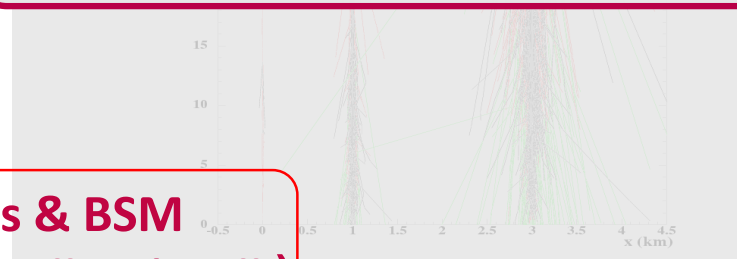


- ✓ Measured precisely at 2.76, 7, 8 & 13 TeV
- Measurement at 0.9 & 13.6 TeV data in progress!

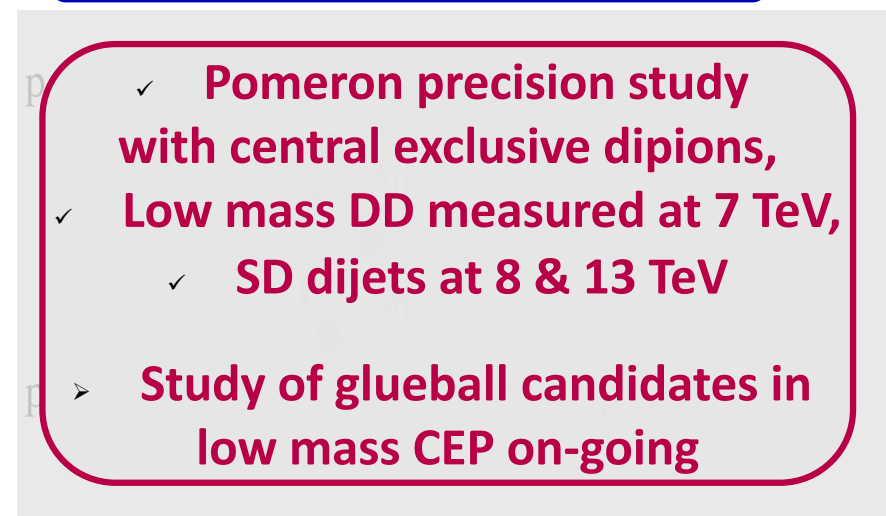
CEP $\gamma\gamma$: SM measurements & BSM searches with PPS (see A. Bellora's talk)

Forward particle production

- ✓ Forward charged multiplicity measured at 7 & 8 TeV (displaced IP \Rightarrow beyond nom. $|\eta|$)



Diffraction: soft and hard



- ✓ Pomeron precision study with central exclusive dipions,
- ✓ Low mass DD measured at 7 TeV,
 - ✓ SD dijets at 8 & 13 TeV
- Study of glueball candidates in low mass CEP on-going

Elastic pp scattering

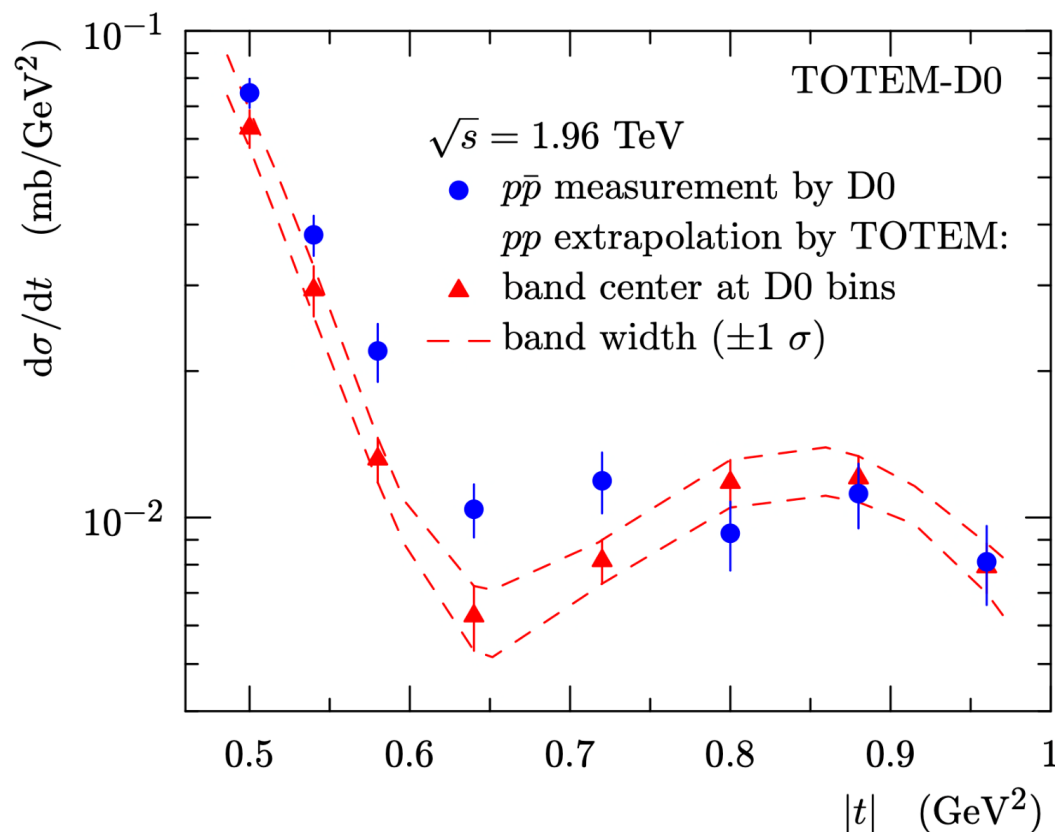
- ✓ Differential cross section measured at 2.76, 7, 8 & 13 TeV for wide $|t|$ -range
- ✓ ρ parameter measured at 8 & 13 TeV
 - ✓ Odderon observation! (from $pp/p\bar{p}$ comparison + ρ & σ_{tot})
- Analysis for Odderon as well as of 0.9 & 13.6 TeV elastic continuing!



Backup

Comparison of pp & $p\bar{p}$ cross section

- ✓ Extrapolation of TOTEM pp $d\sigma_{el}/dt$ at $\sqrt{s} = 2.76, 7, 8$ and 13 TeV in dip-bump region to $\sqrt{s} = 1.96$ TeV for direct comparison with D0 $p\bar{p}$ $d\sigma_{el}/dt$



Elastic pp & $p\bar{p}$ $d\sigma/dt$ differ by 3.4σ at $\sqrt{s} = 1.96$ TeV \Rightarrow **evidence of odderon exchange** (C -odd gluonic compound exchange) in TeV energy range (where secondary Reggeons are negligible)

Cui et al. (*PLB* 839 (2023) 137826) aims at reproducing the D0-TOTEM analysis obtaining significances of 2.2 - 2.6σ : fails on 2.76 TeV bump location (@ too low $|t|$), adds ISR pp data (involves secondary Reggeons?) & full correlation of normalisation error not taken into account.

Measuring σ_{tot} & low mass diffraction



- ✓ NB! Any σ_{tot}^{pp} measurement makes assumptions e.g. elastic hadronic slope used for dN_{el}/dt extrapolation to $t = 0$ ($e^{-B|t|}$ vs. $e^{-B|t|-C|t|^2-D|t|^3}$) and treatment of Coulomb & CNI (fitted/subtracted/ignored depending on $|t|$ -range) easily resulting in $O(1 \text{ mb})$ changes \Rightarrow **not viable to claim precision $\leq \sim 1.5 \text{ mb}$**

difference due to non-measured low mass diffraction in N_{inel} ?

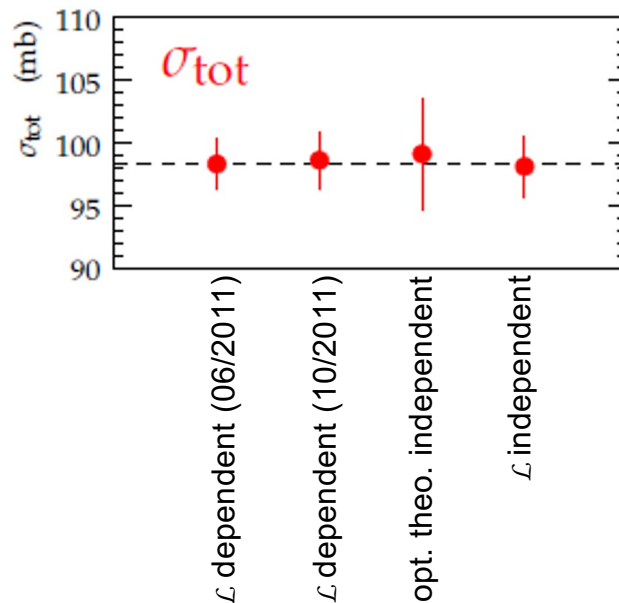
(P. Grafström, ArXiv: 2209.01058)

13 TeV TOTEM correction: $5.3 \pm 2.6 \text{ mb} \rightarrow 8.2 \pm 1.4 \text{ mb} \Rightarrow$

smaller σ_{tot}^{pp} ATLAS-TOTEM difference but only slightly in # of σ 's & no explain. of $\sigma_{tot,C}^{pp}$ norm
 Also if full σ_{tot}^{pp} difference low mass diffraction \Rightarrow correction \geq ATLAS ($\sigma_{incl}^{ALFA} - \sigma_{inel}^{central}$)!

TOTEM @ 7 TeV:

4 consistent measurements of σ_{tot}^{pp} using 3 different methods:



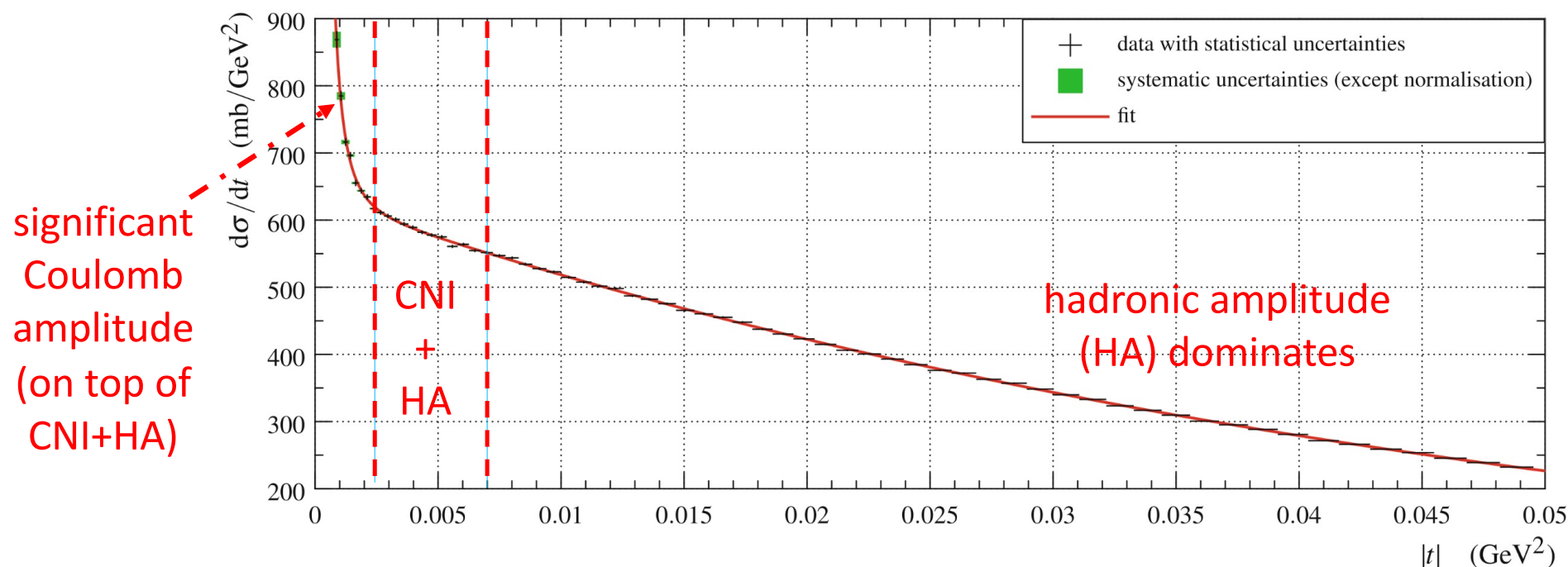
- ✓ Regarding ATLAS σ_{tot}^{pp} : How reliable are absolute luminosity calibrations (precision @ $\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$: 2.15 %) made in van de Meer scans at $\beta^* = 11 \text{ m}$ for the luminosity of beams at $\beta^* = 2500 \text{ m}$ (with very different LHC optics and an interaction point transverse size 15 times larger)?

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ρ measurements using CNI data

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Not properly taken into account by V. A. Petrov and N.P. Tkachenko, PRD 106 (2022) 054003 & A. Donnachie and P.V. Landshoff, PLB 798 (2019) 135008 + PLB 831 (2022)137199

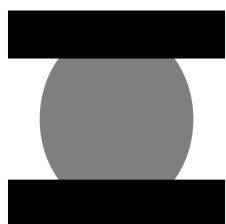


- ✓ TOTEM (/ATLAS?) data described within 1σ and $\rho = 0.14$ for pp at 13 TeV without odderon (A. Donnachie & P.V. Landshoff, PLB 798 (2019) 135008 & PLB 831 (2022)137199):
Are not taking the Coulomb phase into account ($\Delta\rho = +0.02$)

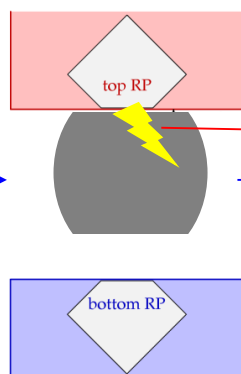
Beam based RP alignment

Standard Procedure for LHC Collimators

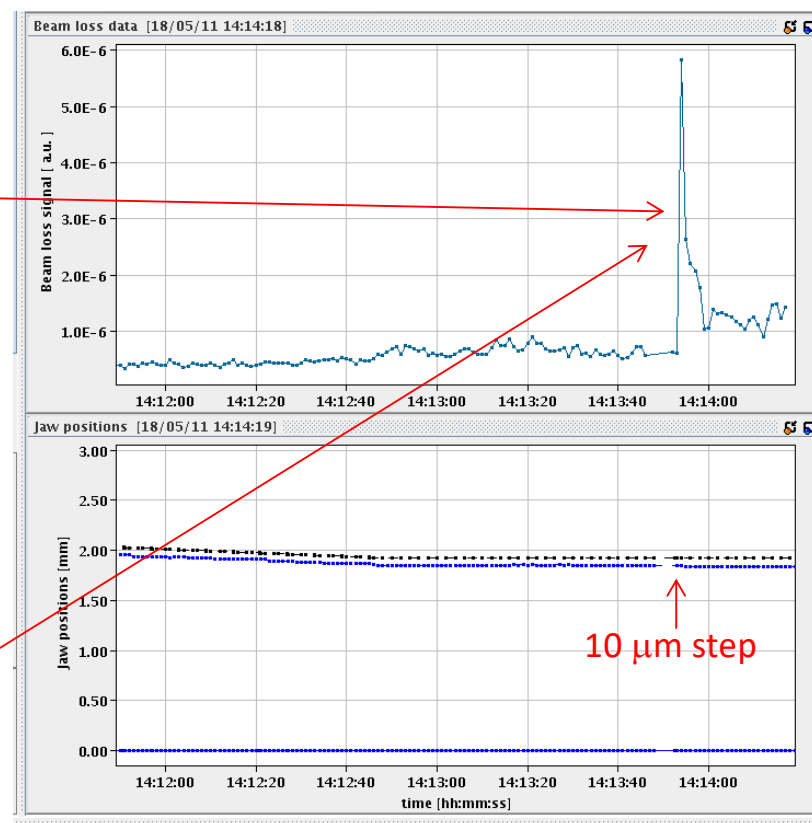
A primary collimator cuts a sharp edge into the beam, symmetrical to the centre



The top RP approaches the beam until it touches the edge



The last 10 μm step produces a spike in a **Beam Loss Monitor** downstream of the RP

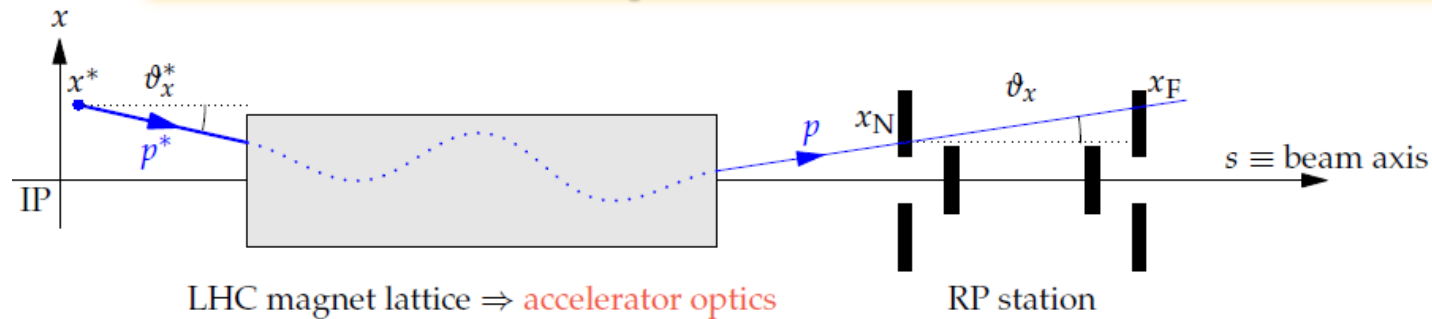


When both top and bottom pots are touching the beam edge:

- they are at the same number of sigmas from the beam centre as the collimator
- the beam centre is exactly in the middle between top and bottom pot

→ **Alignment of the RP windows relative to the beam ($\sim 20 \mu\text{m}$)**

Proton transport & reconstruction



(x^*, y^*) : vertex position
 (θ_x^*, θ_y^*) : emission angle: $t \approx -p^2 (\theta_x^{*2} + \theta_y^{*2})$
 $\xi = \Delta p/p$: momentum loss (**elastic case: $\xi = 0$**)

Measured in RP

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ \Theta_x \\ y \\ \Theta_y \\ \Delta p/p \end{pmatrix}_{\text{RP}} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} v_x & L_x & 0 & 0 & D_x \\ v'_x & L'_x & 0 & 0 & D'_x \\ 0 & 0 & v_y & L_y & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & v'_y & L'_y & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{Product of all lattice element matrices}} \begin{pmatrix} x^* \\ \Theta_x^* \\ y^* \\ \Theta_y^* \\ \Delta p/p \end{pmatrix}_{\text{IP5}}$$

Values at IP5 to be reconstructed

$$x_{RP} = L_x \Theta_x^* + v_x x^* + D_x \xi$$

$$y_{RP} = L_y \Theta_y^* + v_y y^*$$

L_x, L_y : effective lengths (sensitivity to scattering angle)
 v_x, v_y : magnifications (sensitivity to vertex position)
 D_x : dispersion (sensitivity to momentum loss); $D_y \sim 0$

Reconstruction of proton kinematics = inversion of transport equation

Transport matrix elements depend on $\xi \rightarrow$ non-linear problem (except in elastic case!)

Excellent optics understanding needed.

Optics reconstruction

Machine imperfections alter the optics:

- Strength conversion error, $\sigma(B)/B \approx 10^{-3}$
- Beam momentum offset, $\sigma(p)/p \approx 10^{-3}$
- Magnet rotations, $\sigma(\phi) \approx 1$ mrad
- Magnetic field harmonics, $\sigma(B)/B \approx 10^{-4}$
- Power converter errors, $\sigma(I)/I \approx 10^{-4}$
- Magnet positions $\Delta x, \Delta y \approx 100 \mu\text{m}$

$$t(v_x, L_x, L_y, \dots, p) = -p^2 \cdot (\Theta_x^{*2} + \Theta_y^{*2})$$

→ Precise model of the LHC optics is indispensable!

Novel method from TOTEM:

- Use **measured** proton data from RPs
- Based on kinematics of elastic candidates
- Published in New Journal of Physics
- <http://iopscience.iop.org/1367-2630/16/10/103041/>

