## No unique definition of diffraction

1. Diffraction is elastic (or quasi-elastic) scattering caused, via s-channel unitarity, by the absorption of components of the wave functions of the incoming particles

- but not high-mass dissoc<sup>n</sup>

2. A diffractive process is characterized by a large rapidity gap (LRG), which is caused by t-channel Pomeron exch. (or, to be more precise, by the exchange corresponding to the rightmost singularity in the complex angular momentum plane with vacuum quantum numbers).

Only good for very LRG events – otherwise Reggeon/fluctuation contaminations

## Why study diffraction?

Intrinsic interest. The LHC should reach, for the first time, sufficiently HE to distinguish between the different theoretical asymptotic scenarios for HE interactions.

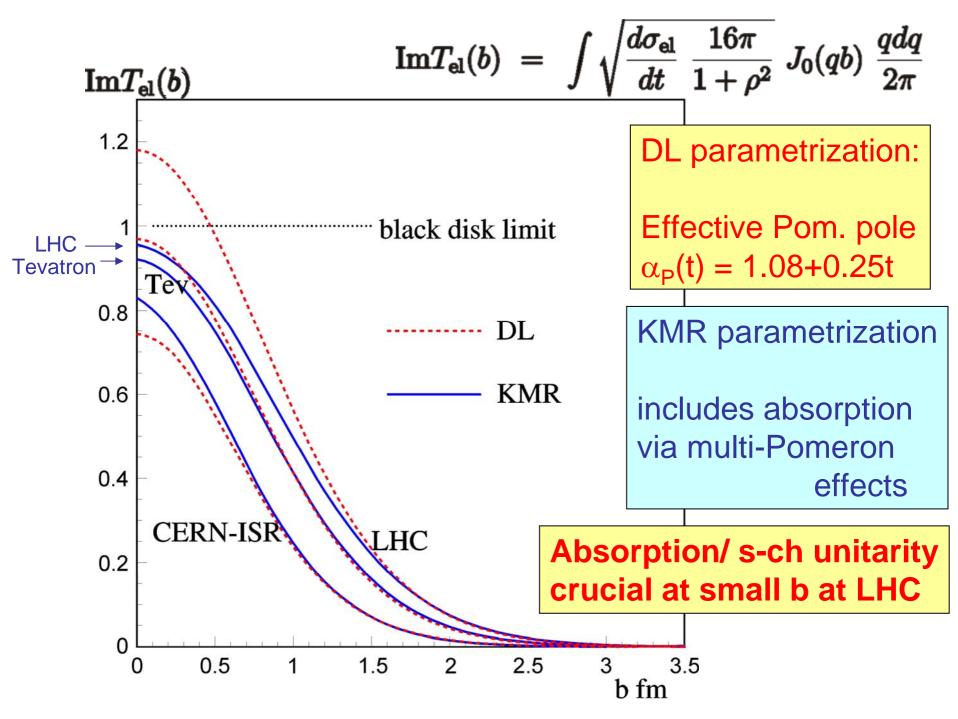
In HE pp collisions about 40% of  $\sigma_{tot}$  comes from diffractive processes, like elastic scatt., SD, DD. Need to study diffraction to understand the structure of  $\sigma_{tot}$  and the nature of the underlying events which accompany the sought-after rare hard subprocesses. (Note LHC detectors do not have  $4\pi$  geometry and do not cover the whole rapidity interval. So minimum-bias events account for only part of total  $\sigma_{inelastic}$ .)

Study needed to estimate the survival probabilities of LRG to soft rescattering.

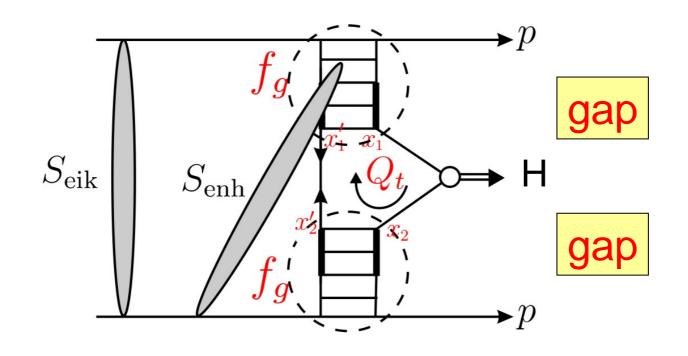
Recall "hard" exclusive diffractive processes (e.g.,  $pp \rightarrow p + Higgs + p$ ) are an excellent means of suppressing the background for New Physics signals

Needed so as to understand the structure of HE cosmic ray phenomena (e.g. Auger experiment).

Finally, the hope is that a study of diffraction may allow the construction of a MC which merges "soft" and "hard" HE hadron interactions in a reliable and consistent way.



## ... "soft" scatt. can easily destroy the gaps



soft-hard factoriz<sup>n</sup>

eikonal rescatt: between protons 

conserved

enhanced rescatt: involving intermediate partons - broken

→ need a model for soft physics at HE, see later...

### Recall the 2<sup>nd</sup> definition of diffraction

Diffraction is any process caused by Pomeron exchange.

(Old convention was any event with LRG of size  $\delta \eta > 3$ , since Pomeron exchange gives the major contribution)

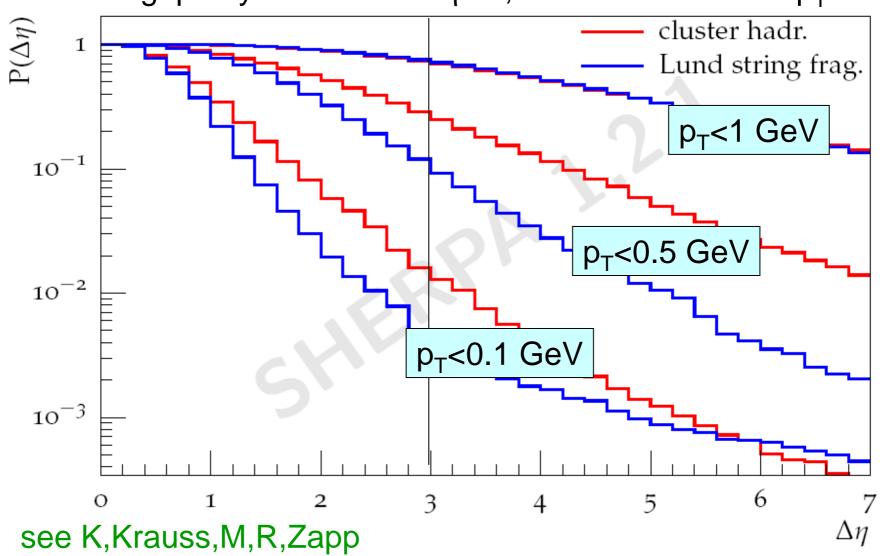
However LRG in the distribution of secondaries can also arise from

- (a) Reggeon exchange
- (b) fluctuations during the hadronization process

Indeed, at LHC energies LRG of size  $\delta\eta$ >3 do not unambiguously select diffractive events.

# Prob. of finding gap larger than $\Delta \eta$ in inclusive event at 7 TeV due to fluctuations in hadronization



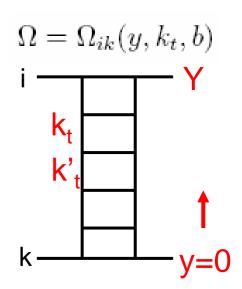


### Partonic structure of "bare" Pomeron

BFKL evol<sup>n</sup> in rapidity generates ladder

$$\frac{\partial \Omega(y, k_t)}{\partial y} = \bar{\alpha}_s \int d^2k_t' K(k_t, k_t') \Omega(y, k_t')$$

At each step k<sub>t</sub> and b of parton can be be changed – so, in principle, we have
 3-variable integro-diff. eq. to solve



- Inclusion of k<sub>t</sub> crucial to match soft and hard domains.
   Moreover, embodies less screening for larger k<sub>t</sub> comp<sup>ts</sup>.
- We use a simplified form of the kernel K with the main features of BFKL diffusion in log  $k_t^2$ ,  $\Delta = \alpha_P(0) 1 \sim 0.3$
- b dependence during the evolution is prop' to the Pomeron slope  $\alpha$ ', which is v.small ( $\alpha$ '<0.05 GeV<sup>-2</sup>) -- so ignore. Only b dependence comes from the starting evol<sup>n</sup> distrib<sup>n</sup>
- lacktriangle Evolution gives lacktriangle  $\Omega = \Omega_{ik}(y,k_t,b)$

### Multi-Pomeron contributions

S \_\_

Now include rescatt of intermediate partons with the "beam" i and "target" k

evolve up from y=0

$$\frac{\partial \Omega_k(y)}{\partial y} = \bar{\alpha}_s \int d^2k'_t \exp(-\lambda(\Omega_k(y) + \Omega_i(y'))/2) K(k_t, k'_t) \Omega_k(y)$$

evolve down from y'=Y-y=0

$$\frac{\partial \Omega_i(y')}{\partial y'} = \bar{\alpha}_s \int d^2k'_t \exp(-\lambda(\Omega_i(y') + \Omega_k(y))/2) K(k_t, k'_t) \Omega_i(y')$$

y 0

where  $\lambda\Omega_{i,k}$  reflects the different opacity of protons felt by intermediate parton, rather the proton-proton opacity  $\Omega_{i,k}$   $\lambda \sim 0.2$ 

solve iteratively for  $\Omega_{ik}(y,k_t,b)$  inclusion of  $k_t$  crucial

Note: data prefer  $\exp(-\lambda\Omega)$   $\rightarrow$   $[1 - \exp(-\lambda\Omega)] / \lambda\Omega$ Form is consistent with generalisation of AGK cutting rules In principle, knowledge of  $\Omega_{ik}(y,k_t,b)$  allows the description of all soft, semi-hard pp high-energy data:

 $\sigma_{tot}$ ,  $d\sigma_{el}/dt$ ,  $d\sigma_{SD}/dtdM^2$ , DD, DPE...

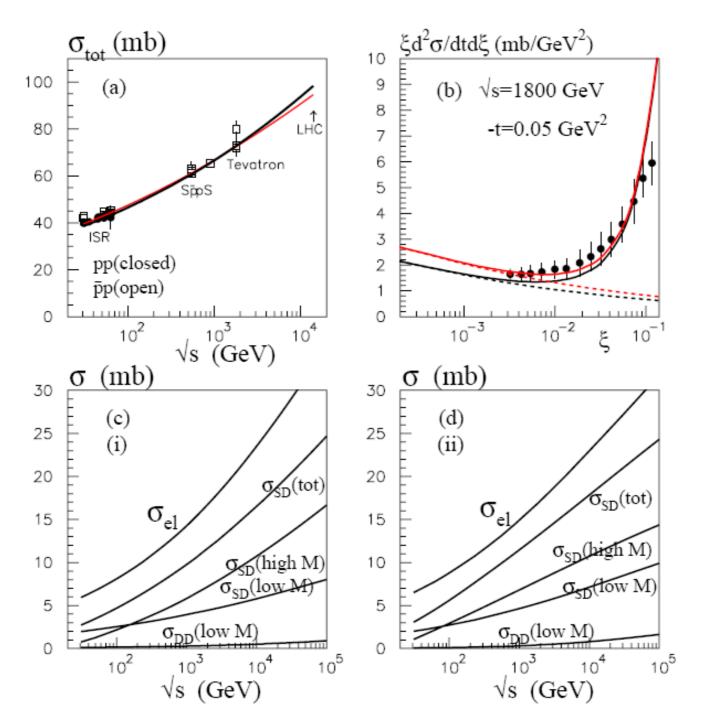
LRG survival factors S<sup>2</sup> (to both eikonal, enhanced rescatt) PDFs and diffractive PDFs at low x and low scales

Indeed, such a model can describe the main features of all the data, in a semi-quantitative way, with just a few physically motivated parameters.

energy	$\sigma_{ m tot}$	$\sigma_{ m el}$	$\sigma_{\mathrm{SD}}^{\mathrm{low}M}$	$\sigma_{ m SD}^{{ m high}M}$	$\sigma_{ m SD}^{ m tot}$	$\sigma_{ m DD}^{{ m low}M}$
1.8	72.8/72.5	16.3/16.8	4.4/5.2	8.3/11.1	12.7/16.3	0.8/1.7
7	89.0/86.8	21.9/21.6	5.5/6.7	12.0/14.4	17.5/21.1	1.4/2.8
14	98.3/94.6	25.1/24.2	6.1/7.5	14.0/15.9	20.1/23.4	1.8/3.6
100	127.1/117.4	35.2/31.8	8.0/9.9	20.6/20.0	28.6/29.9	3.4/6.2

 $d\sigma/dy \sim s^{0.2}$  like the LHC data for 0.9 to 7 TeV

 $S^2 = 0.010-0.016$  for gaps in pp  $\rightarrow$  p + H + p (120GeV SM Higgs at 14TeV)



## Conclusions

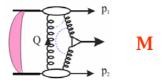
- s-ch unitarity is important for quasi-elastic scatt or LRG events
- Multi-Pomeron exchange diagrams restore unitarity:
   (i) eikonal pp rescatt. (ii) enhanced with intermediate partons
- Altho' g<sub>3P</sub>~0.2g<sub>N</sub>, high-mass p dissoc<sup>n</sup> is enhanced at the LHC
- Unitarity is restored for LRG by small survival prob.  $S^2$  of gaps e.g.  $S^2 \sim 0.015$  for pp  $\rightarrow$  p + H + p (M<sub>H</sub>=120 GeV at 14 TeV)
- LRG also from fluct<sup>ns</sup> in had<sup>n</sup>: study different p<sub>T</sub> cuts and ∆y also study long-range rapidity correlations at the LHC
- QCD/BFKL Pom. → Pomeron describing soft physics
- Partonic struct. of Pom, with multi-Pom contrib<sup>ns</sup> can describe all soft (σ<sub>tot,el,SD</sub>...) and semihard (PDFs, minijets...) physics-KMR
- Forms the basis of "all purpose" MC
   Krauss, Hoeth, Zapp

# CEP as a way to study old and new heavy resonances.



Heavy Quarkonia

Zoo of charmonium –like XYZ states



- $\chi_{c,b}$  production is of special interest: (star reactions!)
  - Heavy quarkonium production can shed light on the physics of bound states (lattice, NRQCD···).
  - Potential to produce different J<sup>P</sup> states, which exhibit characteristic features (e.g. angular distributions of forward protons).
  - Oculd shed light on the nature of the various 'exotic' charmonium states observed recently.
    (X,Y,Z) charmonium-like states.

Spin-Parity Analyzer

(KKMR-2003)





## Zoo of charmonium –like XYZ states

Tetraquark:

four tightly bound quarks

Molecular state:

two loosely bound mesons

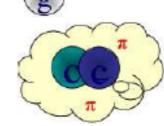
- X(3872) –

- XYZ(3940) & X(3915) -

Y(4140)/Y(4280) & X(4350)

Hybrid: states with excited gluonic degrees of freedom

Hadrocharmonium: charmonium state, "coated" by excited light-hadron matter



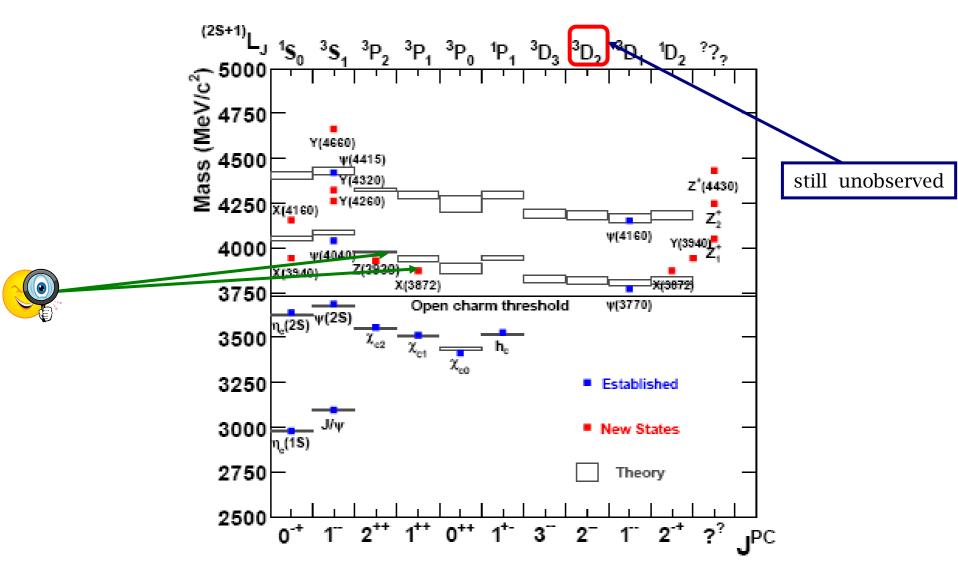


Figure 1: The mass versus the quantum numbers  $(J^{PC})$  for the charmonium-like states. The boxes represent the predictions; blue boxes show the established states, and the red boxes indicate the new states discovered at the B-factories.



# Overview of exotic/charmonium spectroscopy (2)

State	M, MeV	Γ, MeV	$J^{PC}$	Process
X(3872)	$3871.52 \pm 0.20$	$1.3 \pm 0.6$	1++/2-+	$B \rightarrow K(\pi^+\pi^-J/\psi)$
		(< 2.2)		$p\bar{p} \rightarrow (\pi^+\pi^- J/\psi) + \dots$
				$B \to K(\omega J/\psi)$
				$B \to K(D^{*0}D^0)$
				$B \rightarrow K(\gamma J/\psi)$ $B \rightarrow K(\gamma \psi(2S))$
X(3915)	$3915.6 \pm 3.1$	$28 \pm 10$	0/2?+	$B \to K(\omega J/\psi)$
()			-,-	$\gamma\gamma  ightarrow (\omega J/\psi)$
X(3940)	$3942^{+9}_{-8}$	$37^{+27}_{-17}$	??+	$e^+e^- \rightarrow J/\psi(D\bar{D}^*)$
				$e^+e^- \rightarrow J/\psi \; ()$
Y(4008)	$4008^{+121}_{-49}$	$226 \pm 97$	1	$e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma(\pi^+\pi^-J/\psi)$
$Z_1(4050)^+$	$4051^{+24}_{-43}$	$82^{+51}_{-55}$	?	$B \rightarrow K(\pi^{+}\chi_{c1}(1P))$
Y(4140)	$4143.4 \pm 3.0$	$15^{+11}_{-2}$	??+	$B \rightarrow K(\phi J/\psi)$
X(4160)	$4156^{+29}_{-25}$	$139^{+113}_{-65}$	??+	$e^+e^- \rightarrow J/\psi(D\bar{D}^*)$
$Z_2(4250)^+$	$4248_{-45}^{+185}$	$177^{+321}_{-72}$	?	$B \rightarrow K(\pi^{+}\chi_{c1}(1P))$
Y(4260)	$4263 \pm 5$	$108 \pm 14$	1	$e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma(\pi^+\pi^-J/\psi)$
				$e^+e^- \rightarrow (\pi^+\pi^-J/\psi)$
				$e^{+}e^{-} \rightarrow (\pi^{0}\pi^{0}J/\psi)$
Y(4360)	$4353 \pm 11$	$96 \pm 42$	1	$e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma (\pi^+\pi^-\psi')$
$Z(4430)^{+}$	$4443^{+24}_{-18}$	$107^{+113}_{-171}$	?	$B \rightarrow K(\pi^+\psi(2S))$
X(4630)	$4634^{+\ 9}_{-11}$	$92^{+41}_{-32}$	1	$e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma (\Lambda_c^+\Lambda_c^-)$
Y(4660)	$4664 \pm 12$	$48 \pm 15$	1	$e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma(\pi^+\pi^-\psi(2S))$

X(3872)

## first and most puzzling state (observed in 2003 at Belle)



- Discovered by BELLE in 2003, confirmed by BaBar, CDF, D0
- Possible spin-parity assignment: 1++ or 2-+
- May well be of exotic nature: loosely bound molecule, diquark-antidiquark, hybrid,.... but a conventional 2 P-wave charmonium interpretation is still on the table (recent renewal of interest).
- BaBar (2010) seems to favour 2<sup>-+</sup> though various theory groups find this assignment highly problematic.
- According to PDG  $\Gamma(\pi^+\pi^-J/\psi(1S))/\Gamma_{\text{total}} > 2.6 \%$ ;  $\Gamma(\gamma\psi(2S))/\Gamma_{\text{total}} > 3.0 \%$ ,  $\Gamma$  < 2.3 MeV. (maybe two different states X(3872), X(3875))

CEP as a spin-parity analyzer could help to resolve the X(3872) puzzle.

- Above DD threshold .
- Vertex detection at LHCb & RHIC→
- exclusive open charm:  $D^+D^-, D^0\bar{D}^0$ ,
- Roughly the same expectations for CEP as for  $~\chi_{c2}$



## X(3872) properties

B-factories

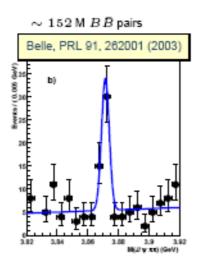
 Spectroscopy overview

 $\phi \eta_C \& \eta_C(2S)$ properties

#### X(3872)

- $\Phi \omega J/\psi$
- $\Phi$  Charmonium in  $\Upsilon(1S)$  decays
- Summary
- Backup

Discovered by Belle in  $B^{\pm} \to J/\psi \pi^+ \pi^- K^{\pm}$  decays. Confirmed by D0, CDF, BaBar. What do we know about it?



$$\begin{split} M(X) - (m_{D^0} + m_{D^{*0}}) &= -0.32 \pm 0.35 \, \text{MeV} \\ X(3872) \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- J/\psi \\ M(\pi^+ \pi^-) &\text{ is consistent with } \rho \Rightarrow \\ &\text{ large isospin violation;} \\ C &= +1. \end{split}$$

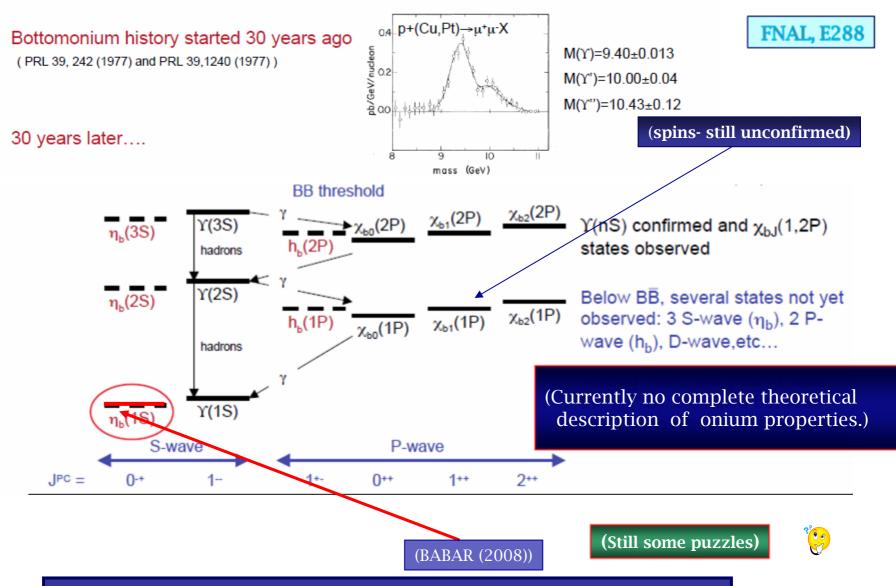
$$X(3872) \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0 J/\psi \Rightarrow$$
  
 $M(\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0)$  is consistent with  $\omega$ ,  
different isospin then  $\rho J/\psi$ .

Angular analysis:  $J^{PC} = 1^{++}$  or  $2^{-+}$ 

S-wave  $D^0\bar{D}^{*0}$  molecular state?

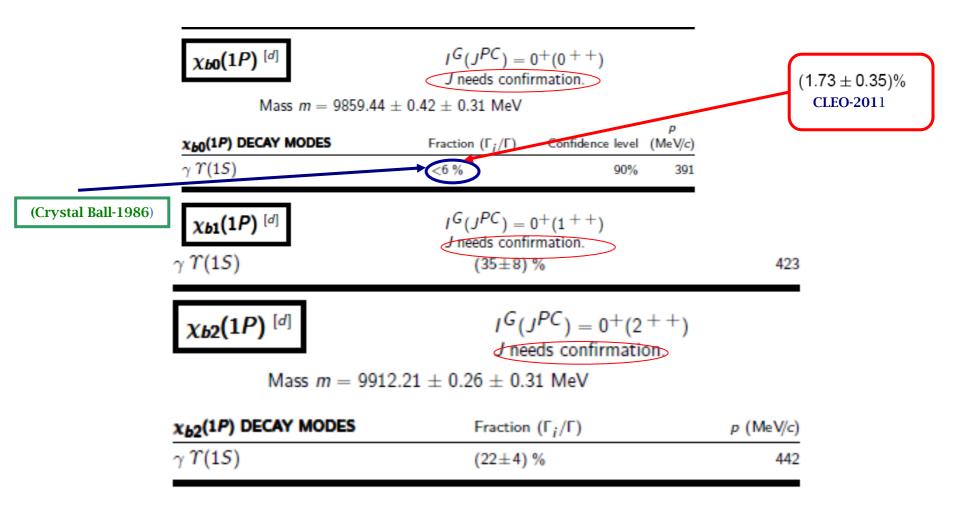
E.S.Swanson, PLB 588, 189 (2004)

## P-wave Bottomonia



The heaviest and most compact quark-antiquark bound state in nature





#### Towards Full Acceptance Detector (bj. 1992)





CMS (& ATLAS) currently blind between  $\eta = 6.4$  (CASTOR) and beam rapidity ( $y_p = 8.9 @ 7 \text{ TeV}$ ) except ZDC (neutrals). Cannot distinguish most diffractive/non-diffractive events.

#### IS THERE A WAY OUT?

Yes, an addition of Forward Shower Counters around beam pipes at CMS!



(8 FSC per side see showers from particles with  $|\eta| = 7-9$ )

( Alice is installing such counters, ongoing studies for LHCb)

**(FSC→** at least a good foot in the door)



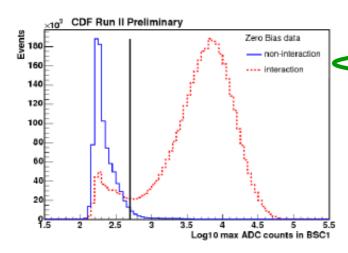
## BSC very important as rap gap detectors. All LHC experiments should have them!

#### FORWARD PHYSICS WITH RAPIDITY GAPS AT THE LHC

arXiv:0811.0120

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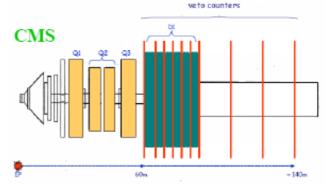
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Warm accessible vacuum pipe (circular – elliptical)

Do not see primary particles, but showers in pipe ++

Simple scintillator paddles: Gap detectors in no P-U events



Take 0-bias events (Essential!)

{1} = prob no interaction

 $\{2\} = prob \ge 1$  interaction

Take hottest PMT of 8 BSC1

Plot log max ADC for {1} and {2}

Separates empty / not empty

Repeat for all detectors



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#### The Compact Muon Solenoid Experiment

## **CMS Note**



July 19, 2010

#### Physics and Beam Monitoring with Forward Shower Counters (FSC) in CMS

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Station 3 (114m) Installed on both sides.

March Techn. Stop (28-31.03.11).
Stations 1&2- installed during May
Techn. stop. Commissioning with beam.

#### CMS NOTE-2010/015

## Approved by CMS MB for Jan-Feb 2011 installation.

"Limited approval":
Go ahead without detracting from necessary shutdown work.

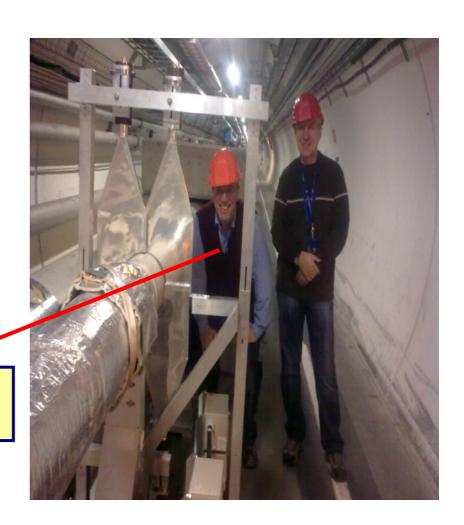
Most value is 2011 running & when  $< n/x > < \sim 5$  (Do not expect to use > 2012)

### The FSC- these are for real!

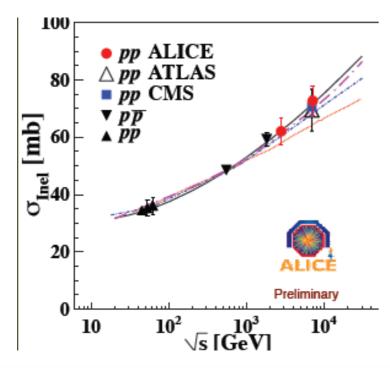
- The installation and commissioning phase of FSC during the March Technical Stop.
- Main concern- lumi per bunch crossing might be too high.

What about precise measurement of SD?

Don't hold your breath, Valery.
This certainly needs all the counters and some low lumi run, or at least bunches. (Mike Albrow)



#### Recent LHC results



Gostman et al., arXiv:1010.5323, EPJ. C74, 1553 (2011) Kaidalov et al., arXiv:0909.5156, EPJ. C67, 397 (2010) Ostapchenko, arXiv:1010.1869, PR D83 114018 (2011) Khoze et al., EPJ. C60 249 (2009), C71 1617 (2011) ATLAS  $\sigma_{inel}(\xi > m_p^2/s) = 69.4 \pm 2.4 (exp.) \pm 6.9 (extr.) mb$ 

CMS  $66.8 \le \sigma_t^{inel} \le 74.8 \text{ mb.}$ 

LICE  $\sigma_{\text{Inel}} (\sqrt{s} = 7 \text{ TeV}) = 72.7 \pm 1.1 \text{(model)} \pm 5.1 \text{(lum)}) \text{ mb}$ 

 $|\eta| < 2$ .  $-3.7 < \eta < -1.7$  and  $2.8 < \eta < 5.1$ .

M.Poghosyan Quark Matter 2011

## Can we measure $\sigma_{ m inel}$ , $\sigma_{SD},\sigma_{DD}$ with high accuracy?



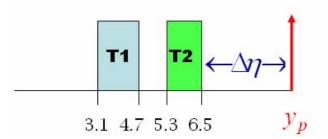
Achilles' Heel of 'inelastic' measurements: low mass SD,DD

Uninstrumented regions: Totem-CMS:  $M_X \le 2.5 - 3.5 GeV$ 

(at least)

**Atlas:**  $M_X \le 7 GeV$  (<15.7 GeV)

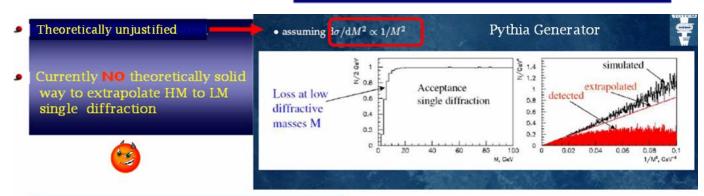
(Castor)



$$\eta = -\ln \tan \frac{\vartheta}{2}$$

$$y_p = \ln(\sqrt{s}/m_p), \Delta \eta \simeq (2.4 - 3.1)$$

#### Can we extrapolate from HM SD?



(UA4-experience ଙ factor of 2 for M<4 GeV)

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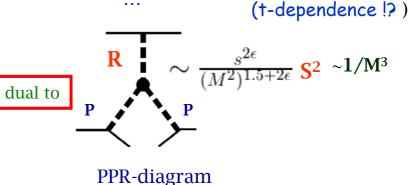
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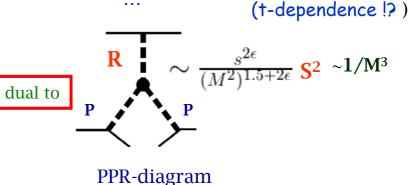
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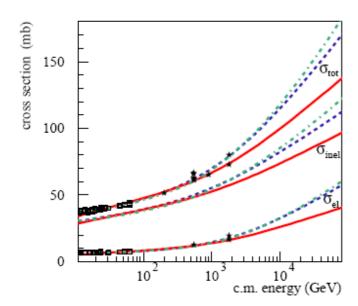


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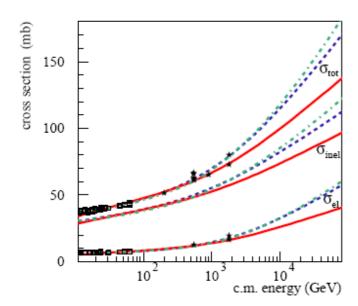


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#### What about current theoretical uncertainties?

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$\sqrt{s}$	14	TeV.

	$\sigma^{\rm tot}$	$\sigma^{el}$	$\sigma^{\mathrm{SD}}$	$\sigma^{\mathrm{DD}}$	$\sigma_{\mathrm{LM}}^{\mathrm{SD}}$	HM	$\sigma_{\mathrm{LM}}^{\mathrm{DD}}$	$\sigma_{\mathbf{HM}}^{\mathrm{DD}}$
Set (A)	128	37.5	12.1	4.61	8.48	3(3) (3.54)	1.15	2.06
Set (B)	126	37.3	12.4	5.18	8.22	4 24 (4.14)	1.08	2.50
Set (C)	114	33.0	11.0	4.83	5.00	5.22 (5.12)	0.47	3.15
KMR-08	91.7	21.5	19.0		19	14.1		
GLMM-08	92.1	20.9	11.8	6.0	10.5	1.28		
KP-10	108	29.5	14.8 x					
			143 x	CL	R-08: KMR, MM-08: GLM	pchenko, Phys.Rev EPJ C54,199(2008); M,EPJ C57,689 (2008 . Kaidalov, M.Poghos	ibid C60,249 3).	



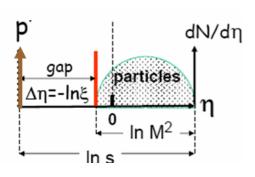
#### 5. A flavour of diffraction in the first LHC runs.

First measurement of

at 7 TeV.



(arXiv:1104.0326 [hep-ex], 2 Apr. 2011)



$$\xi = M_X^2/s > 5 \times 10^{-6}$$

$$M_X > 15.7 \text{ GeV for } \sqrt{s} = 7 \text{ TeV}$$

$\sigma(\xi > 5)$	$\times 10^{-6}$ ) [mb]
ATLAS Data 2010	$60.33 \pm 2.10$ (exp.)
Schuler and Sjöstrand	66.4
Рнојет	74.2
Ryskin et al.	51.8 / . 56.2

$\sigma(\xi >$	$m_p^2/s$ [mb]
ATLAS Data 2010	$69.4 \pm 2.4$ (exp.) $\pm 6.9$ (extr.)
Schuler and Sjöstrand	71.5
Рнојет	77.3
Block and Halzen	69
Ryskin et al.	$65.2 / \cdot 67.1$
Gotsman et al.	68
Achilli et al.	60 - 75

(model dependence in the definition of  $\xi$ )



 $\Delta \eta \simeq \ln 1/\, \xi + \ln < p_\perp > /\, m_p$ 



• 
$$\frac{d\sigma_{el}}{dt} = \frac{\pi}{sp^2} |F_{el}(t)|^2$$

• optical theorem:  $\sigma_{tot} = \frac{4\pi}{\rho\sqrt{s}} \operatorname{Im} F_{el}(s, t=0)$ 

With known lumi (3.5% VdM)



- $L\sigma_{tot} = N_{el} + N_{inel}$
- Need to separate the Coulomb and hadron scattering

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

$$L = \frac{1 + \rho^2}{16\pi} \frac{(N_{el} + N_{inel})^2}{\frac{dN_{el}}{dt}\Big|_{t=0}}$$

(Lumi independent)

0.123
0.111
0.121
0.114
.1316

- measure  $\frac{dN_{el}}{dt}$  and extrapolate it to t=0 o needs RP acceptance at small small beam divergence  $\rightarrow$  high  $\beta^*$  (parallel to point focusing)
- ALFA- measurement of elastic scattering in the Coulomb interference region Will require special LHC runs at high

 $oldsymbol{eta}^*$  and low  $oldsymbol{\mathcal{L}_{\mathit{inst}}}$ : 90m (2011), 2km

## How Large is Large?



Diffraction is any process caused by Pomeron exchange.

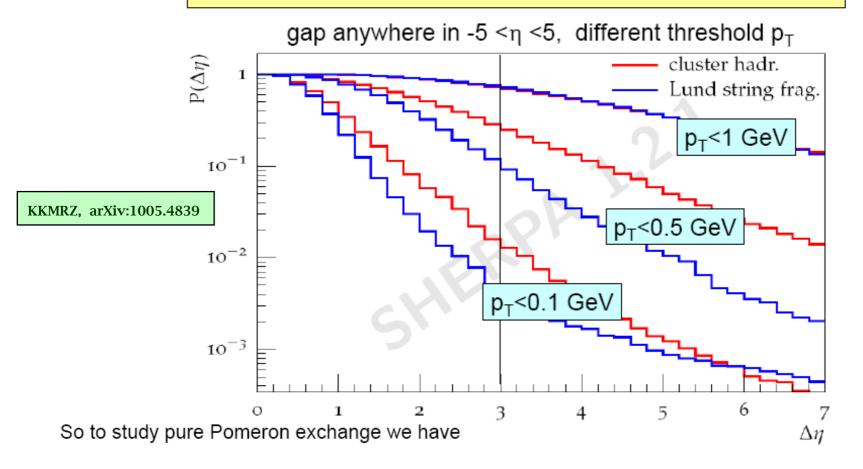
(Old convention was any event with LRG of size  $\delta\eta$ >3, since Pomeron exchange gives the major contribution)

However LRG in the distribution of secondaries can also arise from

- (a) Reggeon exchange
- (b) fluctuations during the hadronization process

Indeed, at LHC energies LRG of size  $\delta\eta$ >3 do not unambiguously select diffractive events.

## Prob. of finding gap larger than $\Delta \eta$ in inclusive event at 7 TeV due to fluctuations in hadronization



either to select much larger gaps

or to study the  $\Delta y$  dependence of the data, fitting so as to subtract the part caused by Reggeon and/or fluctuations.