

# Lévy $\alpha$ -stable generalization of the ReBB 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:

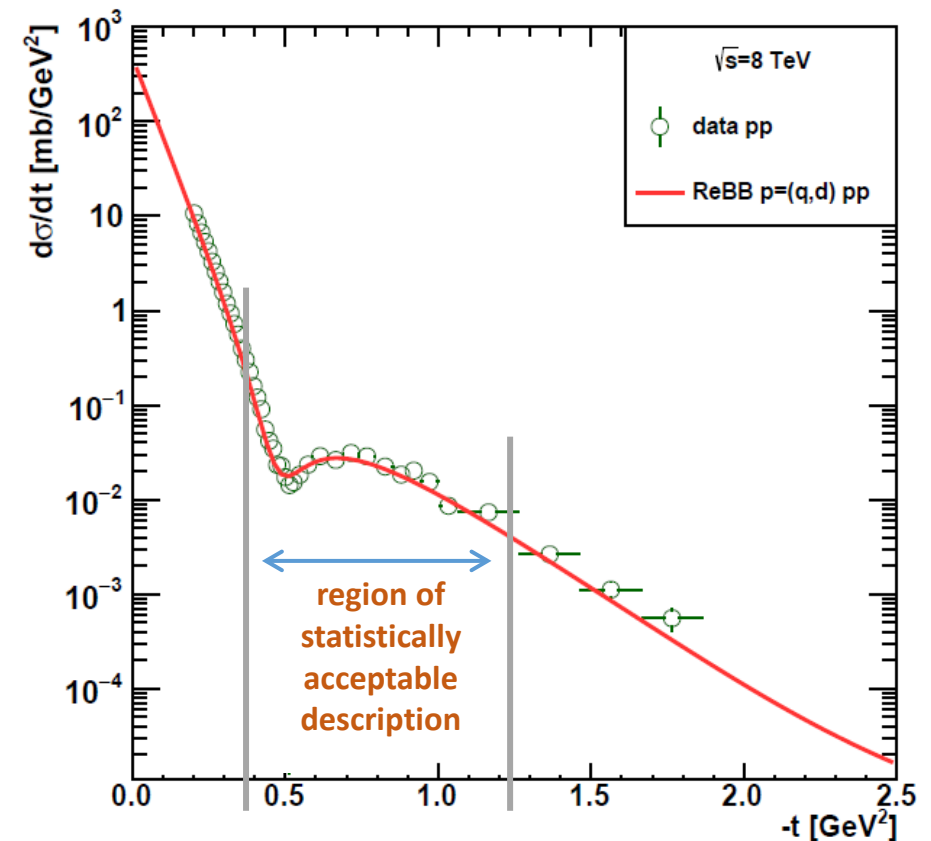
$$546 \text{ GeV} \leq \sqrt{s} \leq 8 \text{ TeV}$$

$$0.38 \text{ GeV}^2 \leq -t \leq 1.2 \text{ GeV}^2$$

- significant model dependent odderon signal is observed
- 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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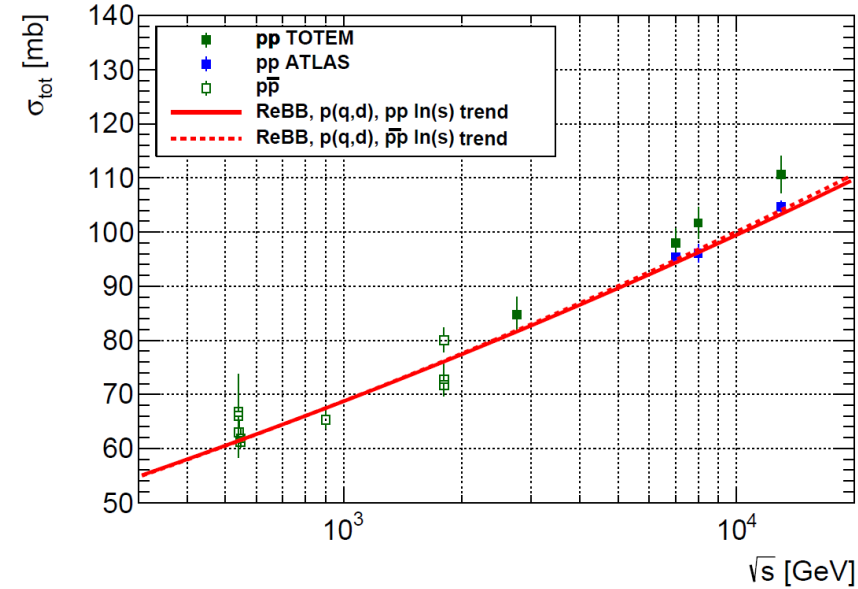
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ReBB model description to the 8 TeV pp data

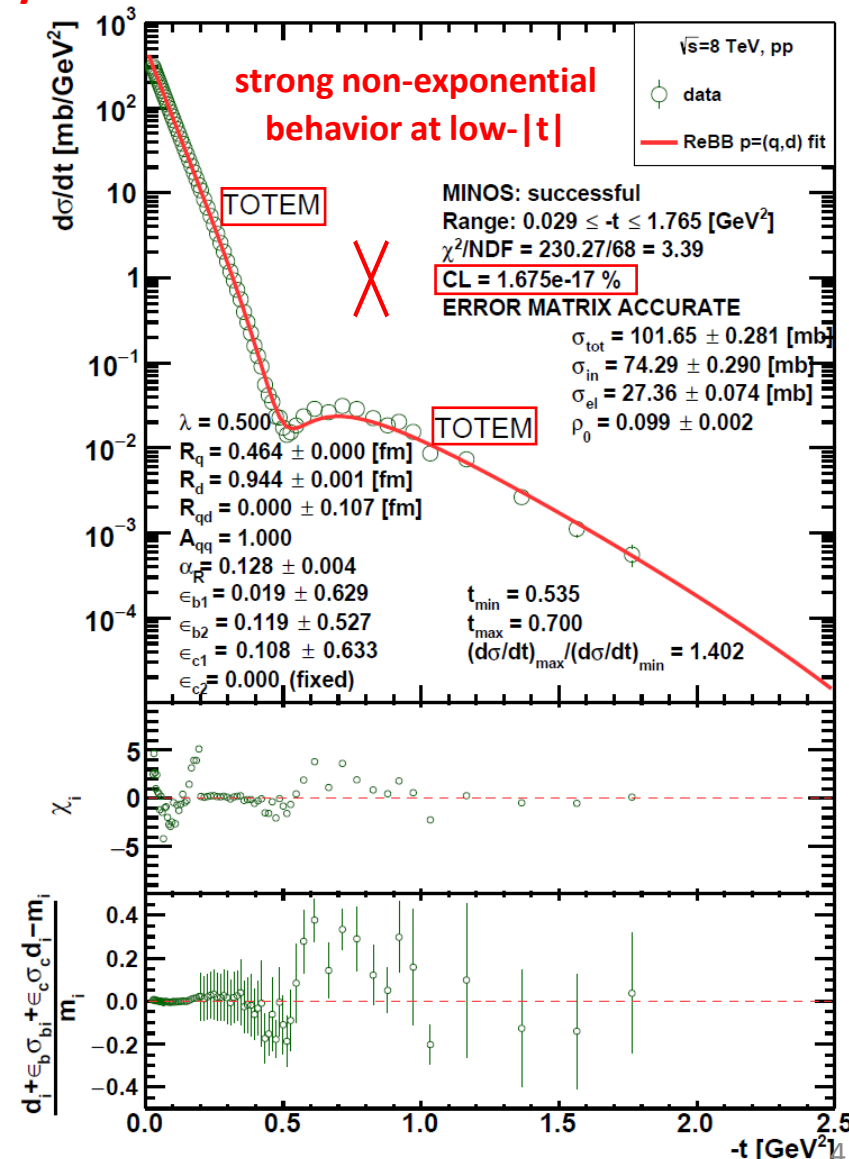
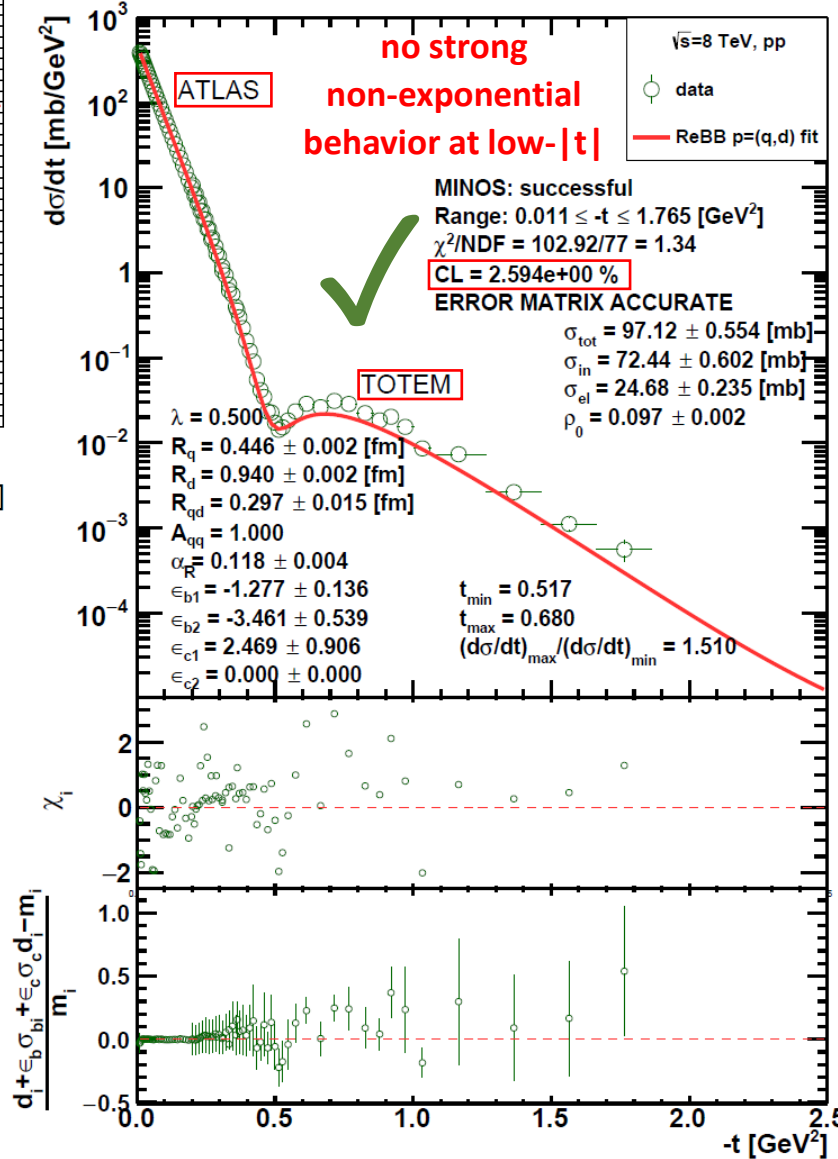
# Motivation: study of low- $|t|$ TOTEM-ATLAS discrepancy

the ReBB model fails to describe the TOTEM low- $|t|$  and higher- $|t|$  data simultaneously with  $CL \geq 0.1\%$



the ReBB model calibrated to  $d\sigma_{el}/dt$  data in the higher- $|t|$  domain perfectly describes the pp ATLAS  $\sigma_{tot}$  data being systematically below the TOTEM data

further studies needed within a model that describes the elastic data both at low- $|t|$  and high- $|t|$  with  $CL \geq 0.1\%$



# Unitarity and the elastic scattering amplitude

- the unitarity of the  $S$ -matrix expresses the conservation of probability

$$SS^\dagger = I$$

- the unitarity relation in the impact parameter ( $b$ ) representation at high energies is

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

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

- the elastic scattering amplitude  $t_{el}(s, b)$  can be written as a solution of the unitarity equation in terms of the inelastic cross section  $\tilde{\sigma}_{in}(s, b)$
- at a given energy  $\tilde{\sigma}_{in}(s, b)$  is the probability of inelastic scattering as a function of  $b$  and it can be calculated by using probability calculus and R. J. Glauber's multiple diffractive scattering theory



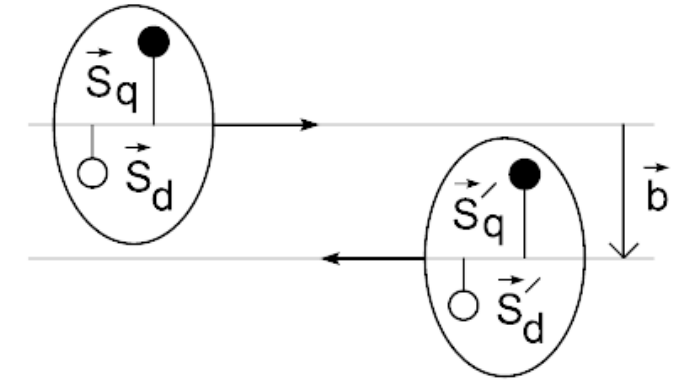
# The Bialas-Bzdak (BB) $p=(q,d)$ model

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- in the **Bialas-Bzdak (BB)  $p=(q,d)$  model** the proton is a **bound state of a constituent quark and constituent a diquark**
- the inelastic scattering probability of two protons at a fixed impact parameter vector ( $\vec{b}$ ) and at fixed constituent transverse position vectors ( $\vec{s}_q, \vec{s}_d, \vec{s}'_q, \vec{s}'_d$ ) is given by a **Glauber expansion**:

$$\sigma(\vec{s}_q, \vec{s}_d; \vec{s}'_q, \vec{s}'_d; \vec{b}) = 1 - \prod_{a \in \{q,d\}} \prod_{b \in \{q,d\}} [1 - \sigma_{ab}(\vec{b} + \vec{s}'_b - \vec{s}_a)]$$

- $\sigma_{ab}(\vec{x}) \equiv \frac{d^2\sigma_{ab}(\vec{x})}{dx^2}$  is the inelastic differential cross section (inelastic scattering probability) for the collision of two constituents at a fixed relative transverse position  $\vec{x}$  of the constituents
- the **Glauber expansion sums the probabilities of all possible single and multiple binary inelastic collisions of the constituents (back scattering is prohibited)**
- the collision of two protons is inelastic if at least one constituent-constituent collision is inelastic



Proton-proton collision in the quark-diquark model

- the **probability of inelastic scattering** of protons at a fixed impact parameter vector ( $\vec{b}$ ) is given by averaging over the constituent positions inside the protons:

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

- $D(\vec{s}_q, \vec{s}_d)$  is the (transverse) distribution of constituents inside a proton
- the scattering amplitude in the original BB model is considered to be completely imaginary by neglecting its relatively small real part

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

$$b = |\vec{b}|$$

$$T(s, t) = 2\pi \int_0^{\infty} \tilde{t}_{el}(s, b) J_0(qb) b db$$

$$q = \sqrt{-t}$$

- the  $s$ -dependence of the amplitude happens through the  $s$ -dependencies of the model parameters

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- in the original BB model the distribution of constituents inside a proton is given in terms of products of Gaussians

$$D(\vec{s}_q, \vec{s}_d) = \frac{1 + \lambda^2}{R_{qd}^2 \pi} e^{-\frac{\vec{s}_q^2}{R_{qd}^2}} e^{-\frac{\vec{s}_d^2}{R_{qd}^2}} \delta^2(\vec{s}_d + \lambda \vec{s}_q)$$

$$\lambda = \frac{m_q}{m_d}$$

$$\vec{s}_d = -\lambda \vec{s}_q$$

$$\vec{s}'_d = -\lambda \vec{s}'_q$$

- the constituent-constituent inelastic differential cross sections have also Gaussian shapes

$$\sigma_{ab}(\vec{x}) = A_{ab} e^{-\frac{\vec{x}^2}{R_a^2 + R_b^2}}$$

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

- the constituent-constituent inelastic integrated cross sections are

$$\sigma_{ab}^{int} = \iint \sigma_{ab}(\vec{x}) d^2x = \pi A_{ab} (R_a^2 + R_b^2)$$

- assuming that the diquark contains twice as many partons than the quark and the colliding constituents do not shadow each other,  $\sigma_{qq}^{int} : \sigma_{qd}^{int} : \sigma_{dd}^{int} = 1 : 2 : 4$  and the number of free parameters reduces to five:  $A_{qq}$ ,  $\lambda$ ,  $R_q$ ,  $R_d$ , and  $R_{qd}$



# Real extended Bialas-Bzdak (ReBB) model

- in the original BB model the differential cross section is zero around the position of the diffractive minimum
- as a solution, the elastic scattering amplitude was extended in a unitary manner leading to the Real extended Bialas-Bzdak (ReBB) model

*F. Nemes, T. Csörgő, M. Csanád, Int. J. Mod. Phys. A Vol. 30, 1550076 (2015)*

$$\begin{array}{l} \tilde{t}_{el}(s, b) = i[1 - e^{-\Omega(s, b)}] \\ \text{Re}\Omega(s, b) = -1/2 \ln[1 - \tilde{\sigma}_{in}(s, b)] \\ \text{Im}\Omega(s, b) = 0 \end{array} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{new free parameter} \\ \text{Im}\Omega(s, \vec{b}) = -\alpha_R \tilde{\sigma}_{in}(s, \vec{b}) \end{array}$$

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

- the ReBB model gives a statistically acceptable description (CL $\geq$ 0.1%) to elastic pp and p $\bar{p}$  scattering in the kinematic region:

$$0.546 \text{ TeV} \leq \sqrt{s} \leq 8 \text{ TeV} \quad \& \quad 0.38 \text{ GeV}^2 \leq -t \leq 1.2 \text{ GeV}^2$$

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- the main goal is to have a statistically acceptable description in a wider kinematic range
- the TOTEM measurement at LHC at  $\sqrt{s} = 8$  TeV excluded a purely exponential pp differential cross-section in the range of four-momentum transfer squared  $0.027 \text{ GeV}^2 \leq -t \leq 0.2 \text{ GeV}^2$  with a significance greater than  $7\sigma$  TOTEM Collab., *Nucl. Phys. B*, 899, 527 (2015)
- a simple model with Gaussian impact parameter amplitude yields a purely exponential t-distribution while a simple model with Levy  $\alpha$ -stable impact parameter amplitude and  $\alpha_L < 2$  yields a non-exponential t-distribution

$$\tilde{T}_{el}(s, b) = \frac{i + \rho_0(s)}{2} \sigma_{tot}(s) \frac{1}{2\pi B_0(s)} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \frac{b^2}{B_0(s)}} \quad \rightarrow \quad \tilde{T}_{el}(s, b) = \frac{i + \rho_0(s)}{2} \sigma_{tot}(s) \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \int d^2 q e^{-i\vec{q} \cdot \vec{b}} e^{-\frac{1}{2} |q^2 B_L(s)|^{\alpha_L(s)/2}}$$

$$T_{el}(s, t) = \int d^2 b e^{i\vec{q} \cdot \vec{b}} \tilde{T}_{el}(s, b) \quad \frac{d\sigma_{el}}{dt}(s, t) = \frac{1}{4\pi} |T_{el}(s, t)|^2 \quad a(s) = \frac{1 + \rho_0^2(s)}{16\pi} \sigma_{tot}^2(s)$$

$$\frac{d\sigma_{el}}{dt}(s, -t) = a(s) e^{-t B_0(s)} \quad \rightarrow \quad \frac{d\sigma_{el}}{dt}(s, -t) = a(s) e^{-|t B_L(s)|^{\alpha_L(s)/2}}$$

# Gaussian vs Lévy $\alpha$ -stable distribution

- the bivariate Gaussian distribution centered at  $\vec{0}$  is

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

- the bivariate symmetric Lévy  $\alpha$ -stable distribution centered at  $\vec{0}$  is

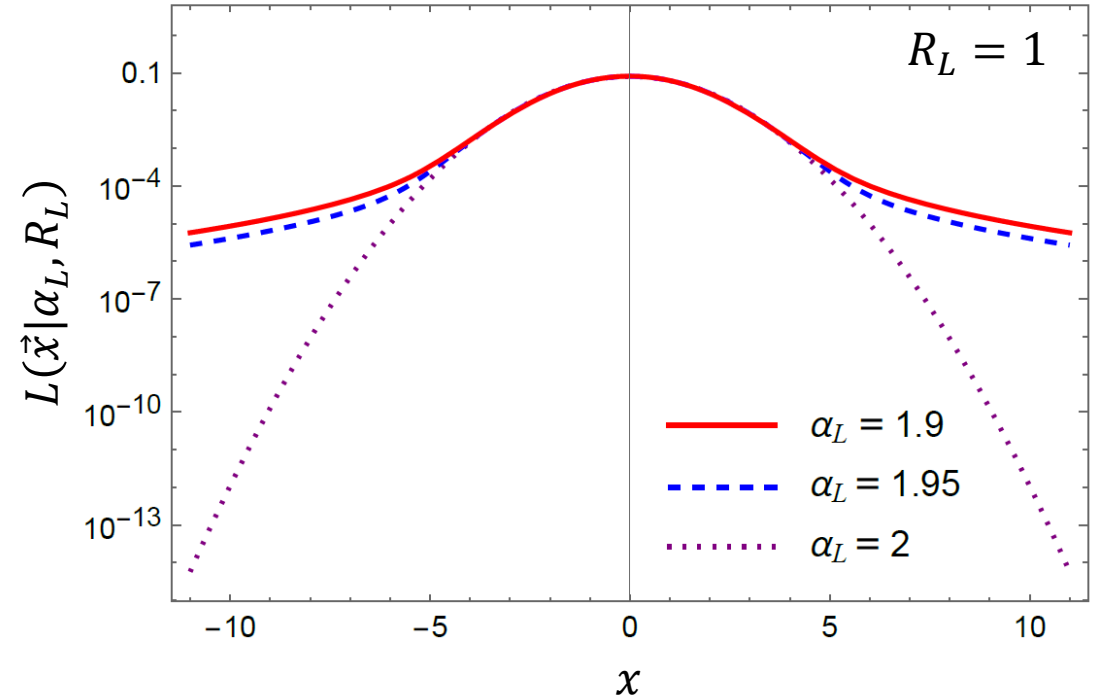
$$L(\vec{x}|\alpha_L, R_L) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \int d^2 q e^{-i\vec{q}\cdot\vec{x}} e^{-|\vec{q}^2 R_L^2|^{\alpha_L/2}}$$

$$0 < \alpha_L \leq 2$$

- for  $\alpha_L = 2$  the the Lévy  $\alpha$ -stable distribution is the Gaussian distribution

$$L(\vec{x}|\alpha_L = 2, R_L = R_G/\sqrt{2}) \equiv G(\vec{x}|R_G)$$

The emergence of Gaussian distribution can be explained by the central limit theorem. The emergence of Lévy  $\alpha$ -stable distributions can be expected based on generalized central limit theorems.



The bivariate symmetric Lévy  $\alpha$ -stable distribution for  $R_L = 1$  as a function of  $x = |x|$

$$\text{for large } x \text{ and } \alpha_L < 2, \\ L(x|\alpha_L, R_L) \sim |x|^{-(1+\alpha_L)}$$

**Lévy  $\alpha$ -stable distributions with  $\alpha_L < 2$  have tails behaving asymptotically as a power law (infinite variance)**

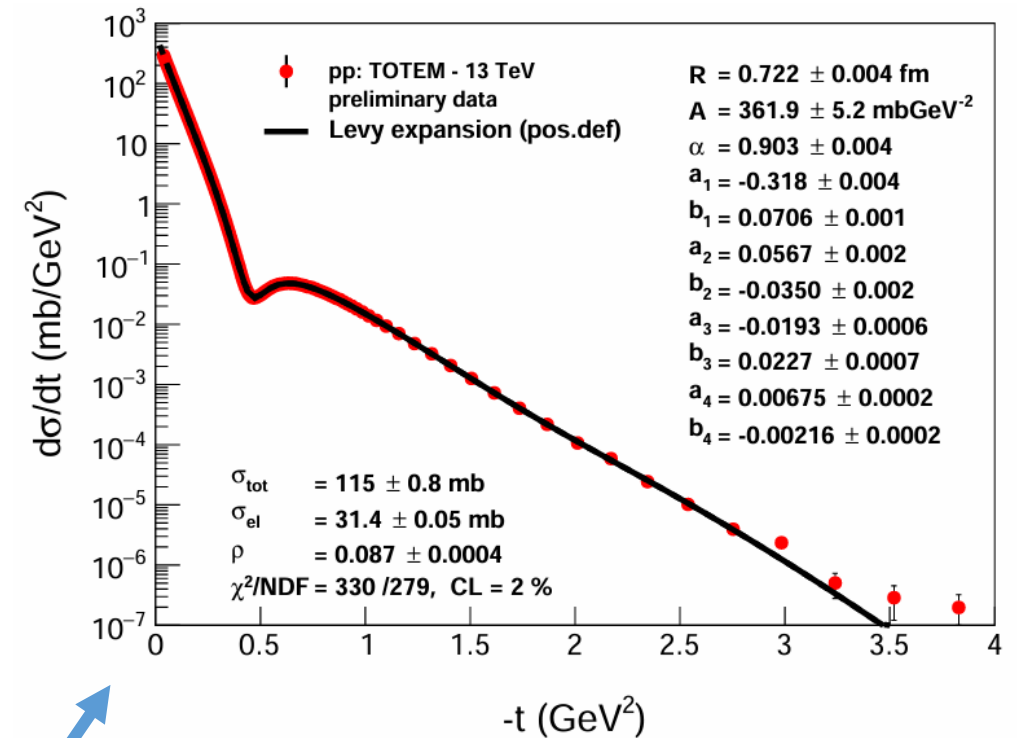
# Lévy $\alpha$ -stable distributions in HEP

- the application of Lévy  $\alpha$ -stable distributions is not new in the field of high-energy physics
- the Cauchy-Lorentz or Breit-Wigner distribution ( $\alpha_L = 1$  case) is used to model unstable particles
- the application of stable distributions (with  $0 < \alpha_L \leq 2$ ) is widespread in heavy ion physics
- the Lévy expansion technique was successfully applied to describe elastic pp scattering

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M. Csanád, D. Kincses, *Universe* 10 (2024) 2, 54

T. Csörgő, R. Pasechnik, A. Ster, *Eur. Phys. J. C* 79, 62 (2019)



Description to pp elastic differential cross section data at 13 TeV using the Lévy expansion technique

- 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

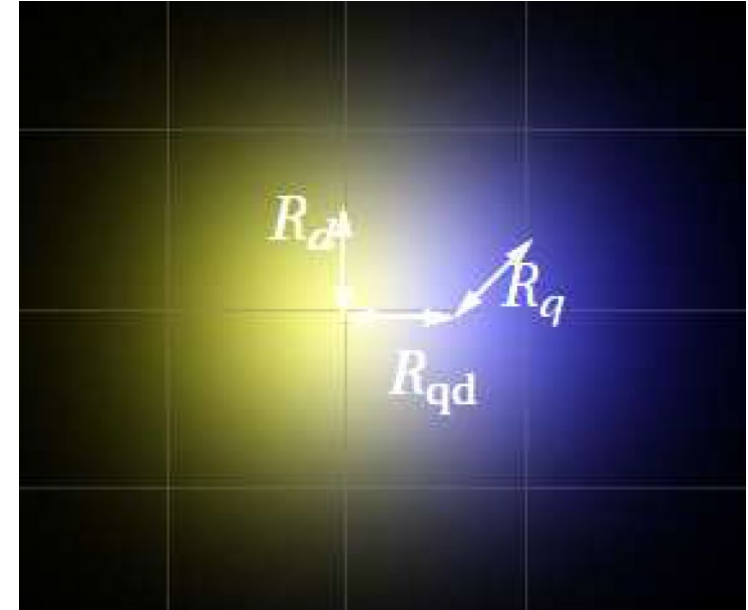
$$\sigma_{ab}(\vec{x}) = A_{ab} \pi S_{ab}^2 \int d^2 \vec{r}_a G(\vec{r}_a | R_a / \sqrt{2}) G(\vec{x} - \vec{r}_a | R_b / \sqrt{2})$$

$$\equiv A_{ab} \pi S_{ab}^2 G(\vec{x} | S_{ab} / \sqrt{2})$$

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

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

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



The picture of the proton in the quark-diquark model

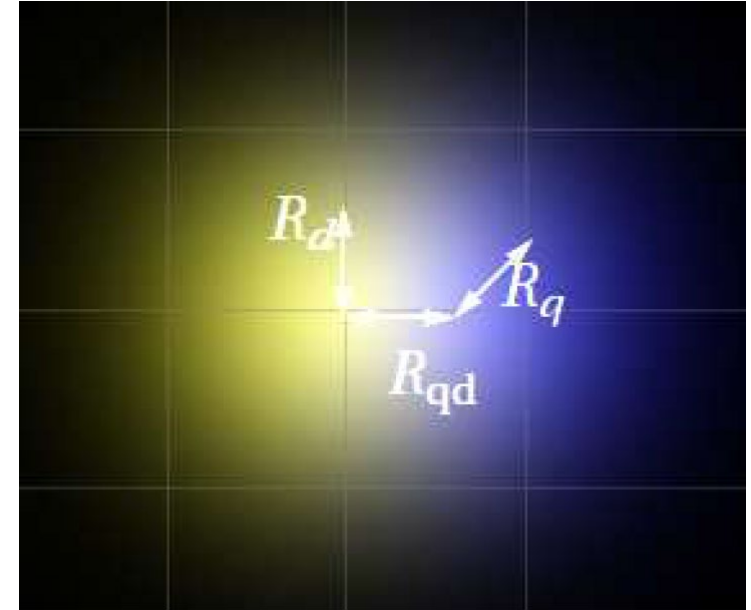
# The quark-diquark distribution

- in the original BB model  $D(\vec{s}_q, \vec{s}_d)$ , the distribution of constituents inside a proton is given in terms of products of Gaussians
- **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  $\int d^2 s_q d^2 s_d D(\vec{s}_q, \vec{s}_d) = 1$



The picture of the proton in the quark-diquark model



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

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

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

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

- **the distribution of the constituents inside the proton is now given in terms of a Levy  $\alpha$ -stable distribution:**

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

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

**$\alpha_L$  is a new free parameter of the model and if  $\alpha_L = 2$  the BB model with Gaussian distributions is recovered**

# Difficulties with LBB model

- $\tilde{\sigma}_{in}(\vec{b})$  can be written as sum of 11 different terms that are integrals of products of Lévy  $\alpha$ -stable distributions

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

- difficulties with the calculation of integrals of products of Lévy  $\alpha$ -stable distributions
- the calculation is easy only if the integral can be written in a convolution form as in case of the leading order terms in  $\tilde{\sigma}_{in}(s, \vec{b})$

# Leading order terms in $\tilde{\sigma}_{in}$ in the LBB model

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$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{\sigma}_{in}^{qq}(\vec{b}) &= \pi A_{qq} (2R_q^{\alpha_L})^{2/\alpha_L} \times \\ &\times \int d^2 s_q d^2 s'_q L(\vec{s}_q | \alpha_L, R_{qd^*}/2) L(\vec{s}'_q | R_{qd^*}/2) L(\vec{b} + \vec{s}'_q - \vec{s}_q | (2R_q^{\alpha_L})^{1/\alpha_L}/2) \\ &= \pi A_{qq} (2R_q^{\alpha_L})^{2/\alpha_L} L(\vec{b} | \alpha_L, (2R_{qd^*}^{\alpha_L} + 2R_q^{\alpha_L})^{1/\alpha_L}/2),\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{\sigma}_{in}^{qd}(\vec{b}) &= 2\pi A_{qq} (2R_q^{\alpha_L})^{2/\alpha_L} \times \\ &\times \int d^2 s_q d^2 s'_q L(\vec{s}_q | R_{qd^*}/2) L(\vec{s}'_q | R_{qd^*}/2) L(\vec{b} - \lambda \vec{s}'_q - \vec{s}_q | \alpha_L, (R_q^{\alpha_L} + R_d^{\alpha_L})^{1/\alpha_L}/2) \\ &= 2\pi A_{qq} (2R_q^{\alpha_L})^{2/\alpha_L} L(\vec{b} | \alpha_L, ((1 + \lambda^{\alpha_L})R_{qd^*}^{\alpha_L} + R_q^{\alpha_L} + R_d^{\alpha_L})^{1/\alpha_L}/2),\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{\sigma}_{in}^{dd}(\vec{b}) &= 4\pi A_{qq} (2R_q^{\alpha_L})^{2/\alpha_L} \times \\ &\times \int d^2 s_q d^2 s'_q L(\vec{s}_q | R_{qd^*}/2) L(\vec{s}'_q | R_{qd^*}/2) L(\vec{b} + \lambda(\vec{s}_q - \vec{s}'_q) | \alpha_L, (2R_d^{\alpha_L})^{1/\alpha_L}/2) \\ &= 4\pi A_{qq} (2R_q^{\alpha_L})^{2/\alpha_L} L(\vec{b} | \alpha_L, (2\lambda^{\alpha_L} R_{qd^*}^{\alpha_L} + 2R_d^{\alpha_L})^{1/\alpha_L}/2).\end{aligned}$$

# Difficulties with LBB model fits to the data

- since multivariate Lévy  $\alpha$ -stable distributions can be given only in terms of special functions, it is hard to perform a numerical fitting procedure
- numerical calculations with the present form of the LBB model are time-consuming: a sequence of three integral calculations where the result of an integral is an integrand of the next integral  $\rightarrow$  a relatively high computing capacity and improved analytic insight is needed to proceed with the full model
- **quick solution:** approximations that are valid at the low  $-t$  domain
- at low  $-t$  values, the original ReBB model had difficulties to describe the strongly non-exponential features of the experimental data on  $d\sigma/dt$
- a simple model which is valid at the low  $-t$  domain easily illustrates the power of the Lévy  $\alpha$ -stable generalization

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

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- 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

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

- 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

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

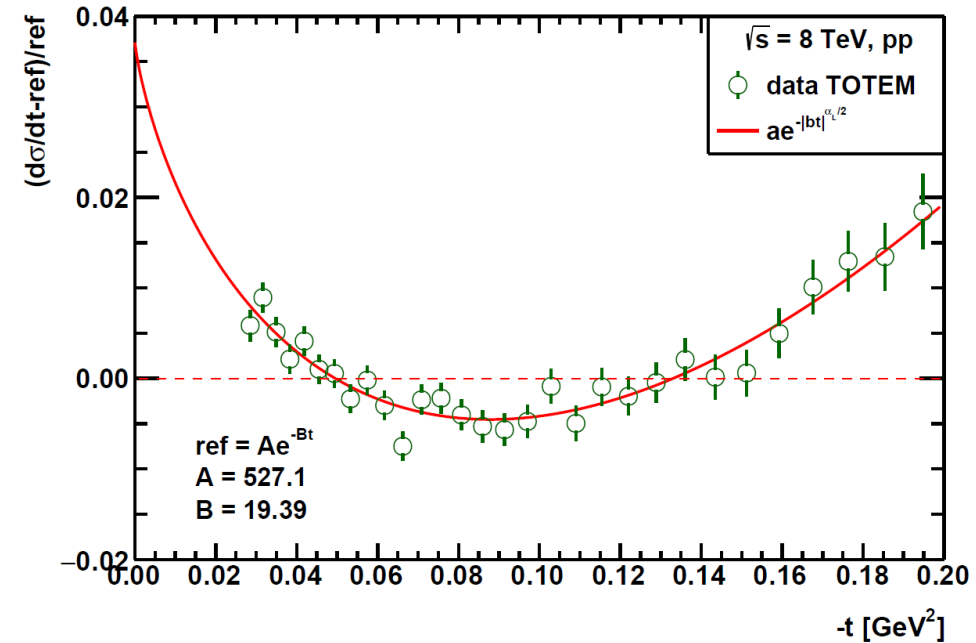
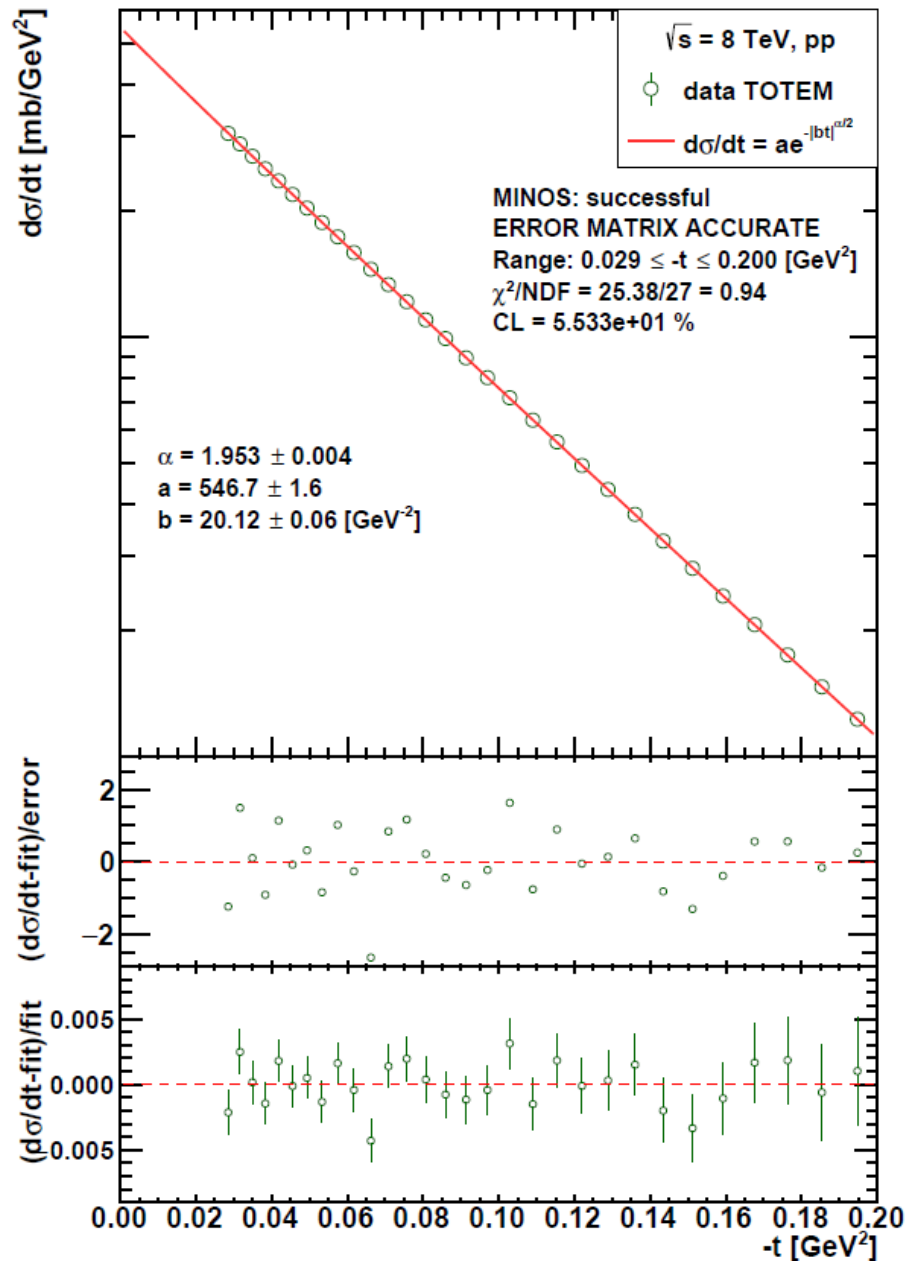
- **a simple Lévy  $\alpha$ -stable model model for low- $|t|$  pp  $d\sigma/dt$  arises**

$$t_{el}(s, t) = \int d^2 b e^{i\vec{q}\cdot\vec{b}} \tilde{t}_{el}(s, \vec{b}), |\vec{\Delta}| = \sqrt{-t} \longrightarrow \frac{d\sigma}{dt}(s, t) = \frac{1}{4\pi} |t_{el}(s, t)|^2 = a(s) e^{-|tb(s)|^{\alpha_L(s)/2}}$$

- 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 (and  $p\bar{p}$ )  $d\sigma/dt$



# Fits with simple Lévy $\alpha$ -stable model

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- fits to the existing pp and p $\bar{p}$   $d\sigma/dt$  data in the kinematic range:

$$546 \text{ GeV} \leq \sqrt{s} \leq 13 \text{ TeV}$$

$$0.02 \text{ GeV}^2 \leq -t \leq 0.15 \text{ GeV}^2$$

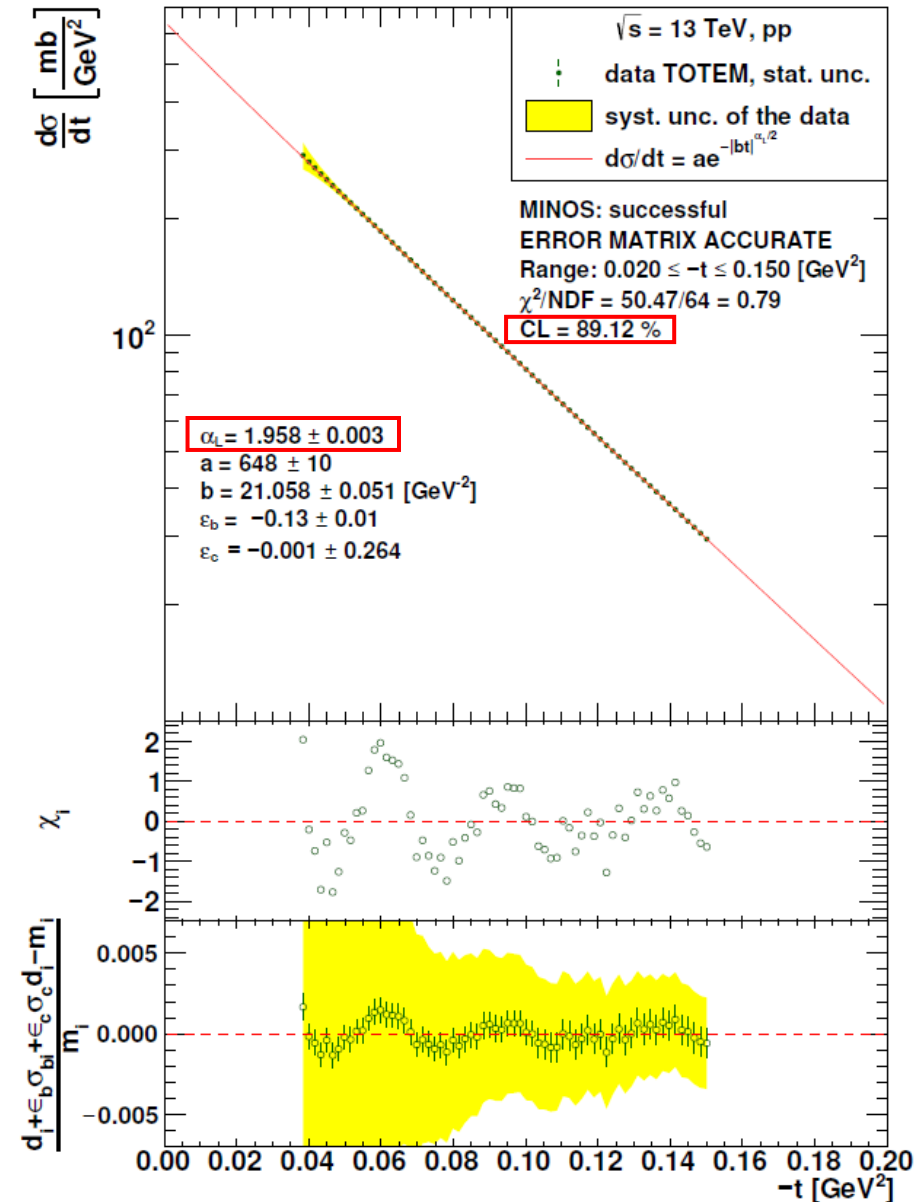
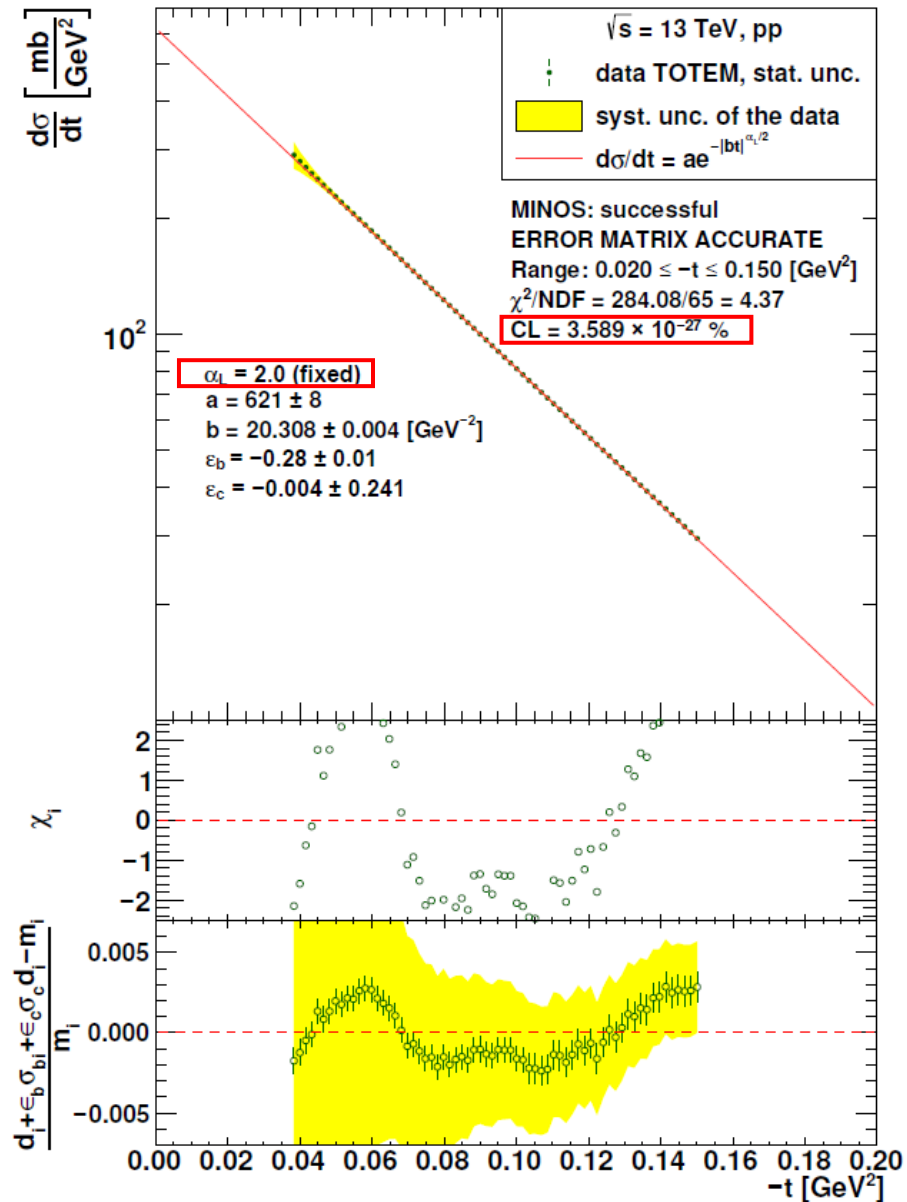
- the CL values of the fits range between 8.8% and 96%.
- statistical, systematic and normalization errors are taken into account using the  $\chi^2$  definition developed by PHENIX Collab.

$\sqrt{s}$ , GeV	$\alpha_L$	$a$ , mb/GeV <sup>2</sup>	$b$ , GeV <sup>-2</sup>	CL, %
546	1.93 ± 0.09	209 ± 15	15.8 ± 0.9	18.1
1800	2.0 ± 1.5	270 ± 24	16.2 ± 0.2	77.1
2760	1.600 ± 0.3	637 ± 252	28 ± 11	20.5
7000 (T)	1.95 ± 0.01	535 ± 30	20.5 ± 0.2	8.8
7000 (A)	1.97 ± 0.01	463 ± 13	19.8 ± 0.2	96.0
8000 (T1)	1.955 ± 0.005	566 ± 31	20.09 ± 0.08	43.86
8000 (T2)	1.90 ± 0.03	582 ± 33	20.9 ± 0.4	19.6
8000 (A)	1.97 ± 0.01	480 ± 11	19.9 ± 0.1	55.8
13000 (T1)	1.959 ± 0.006	677 ± 36	20.99 ± 0.08	76.5
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13000 (A)	1.968 ± 0.006	569 ± 17	20.84 ± 0.07	29.7

Values of the fitted parameters of the simple Lévy- $\alpha$  stable model at different energies

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# $\alpha_L = 2$ versus $\alpha_L < 2$ results @ 13 TeV

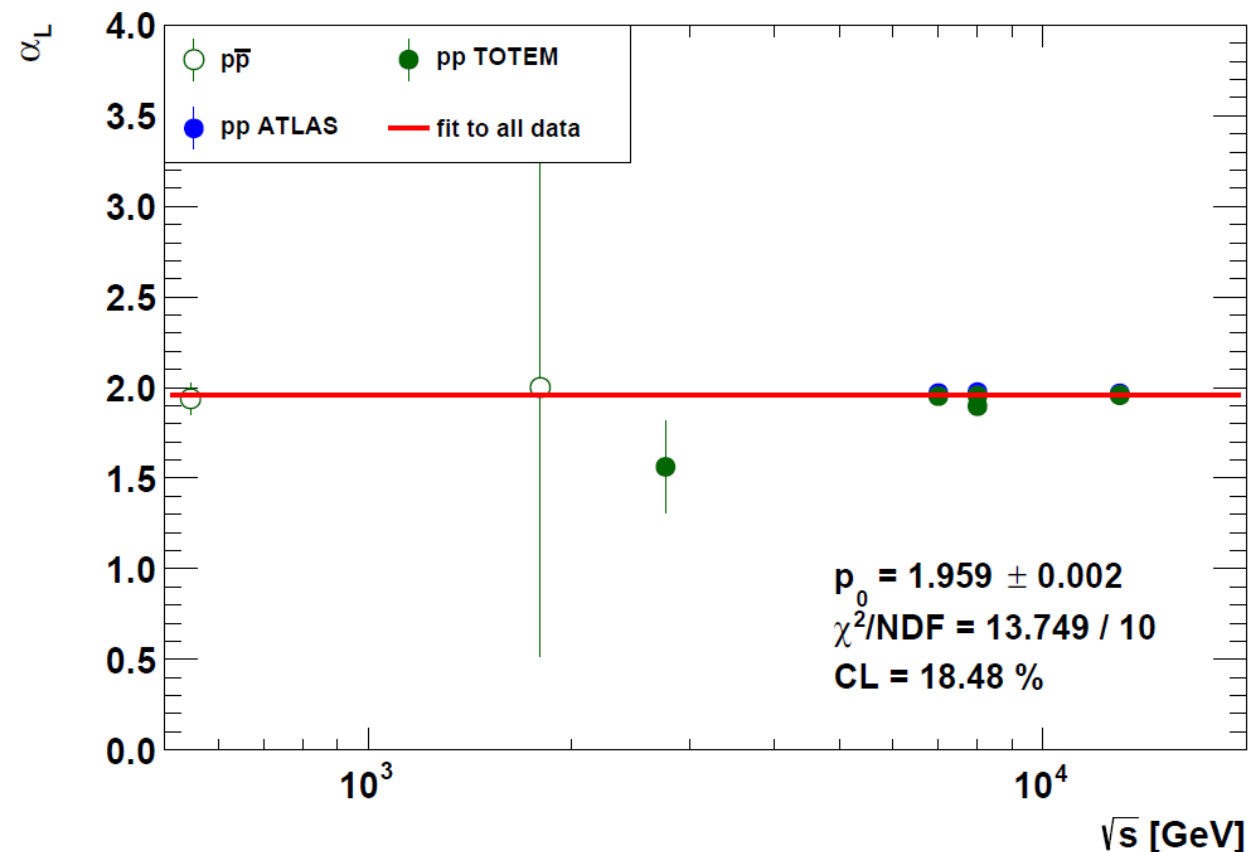


# Energy dependence of the $\alpha_L$ parameter

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- the value of the  $\alpha_L$  parameter does not depend on energy
- its value is  $1.959 \pm 0.002$ , i.e., slightly but in a statistical sense significantly different from 2

→ strong non-exponential behavior at low  $-t$  in the differential cross section, power law tail at high- $\vec{b}$  in  $\tilde{\sigma}_{in}(s, \vec{b})$



Energy dependence of the  $\alpha_L$  parameter of the simple Lévy- $\alpha$  stable model

# Energy dependence of the optical point parameter

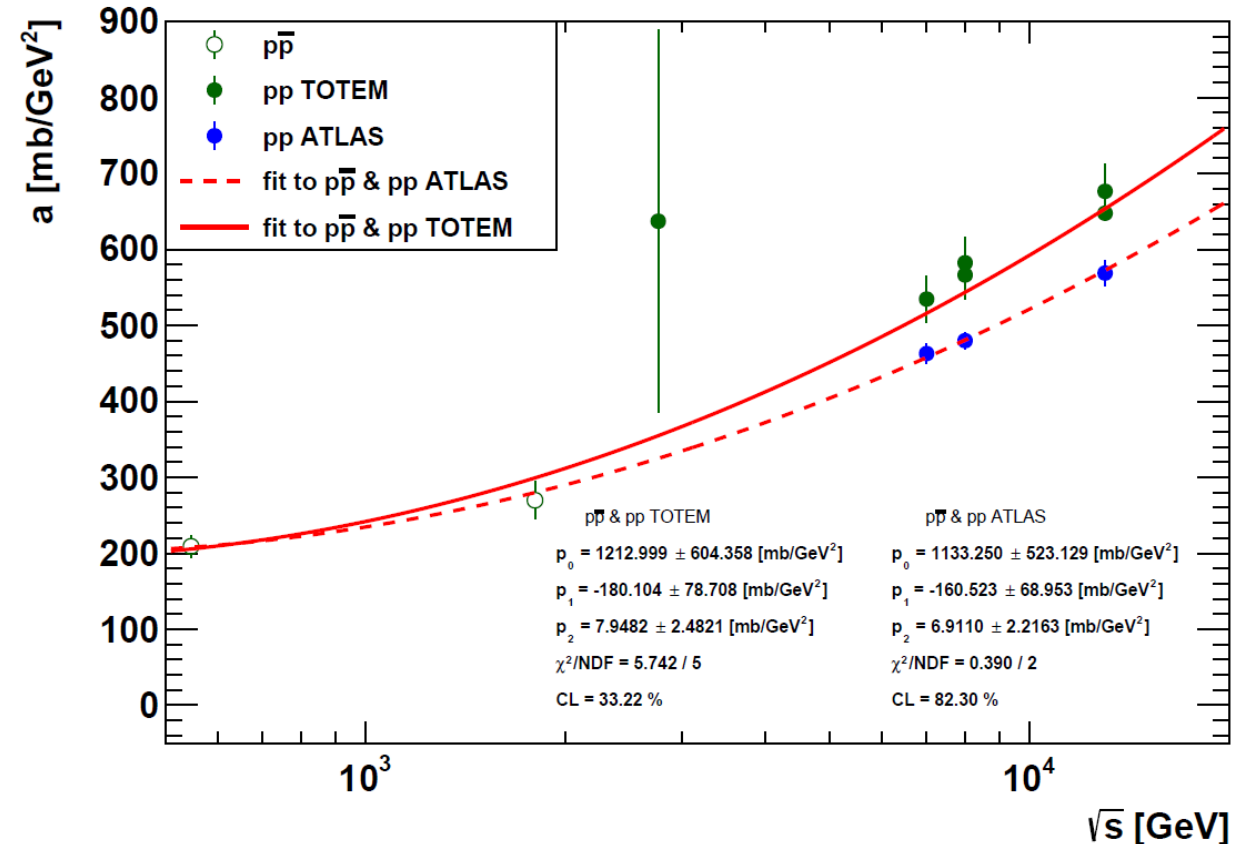
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- the energy dependence of the  $a$  parameter is quadratically logarithmic:

$$a(s) = p_0 + p_1 \ln \frac{s}{1 \text{ GeV}^2} + p_2 \ln^2 \frac{s}{1 \text{ GeV}^2}$$

- ATLAS and TOTEM data result slightly different energy dependencies
- reason: ATLAS and TOTEM use different methods to obtain the absolute normalization of the measurements

ATLAS Collab., *Eur. Phys. J. C* 83 (2023) 441



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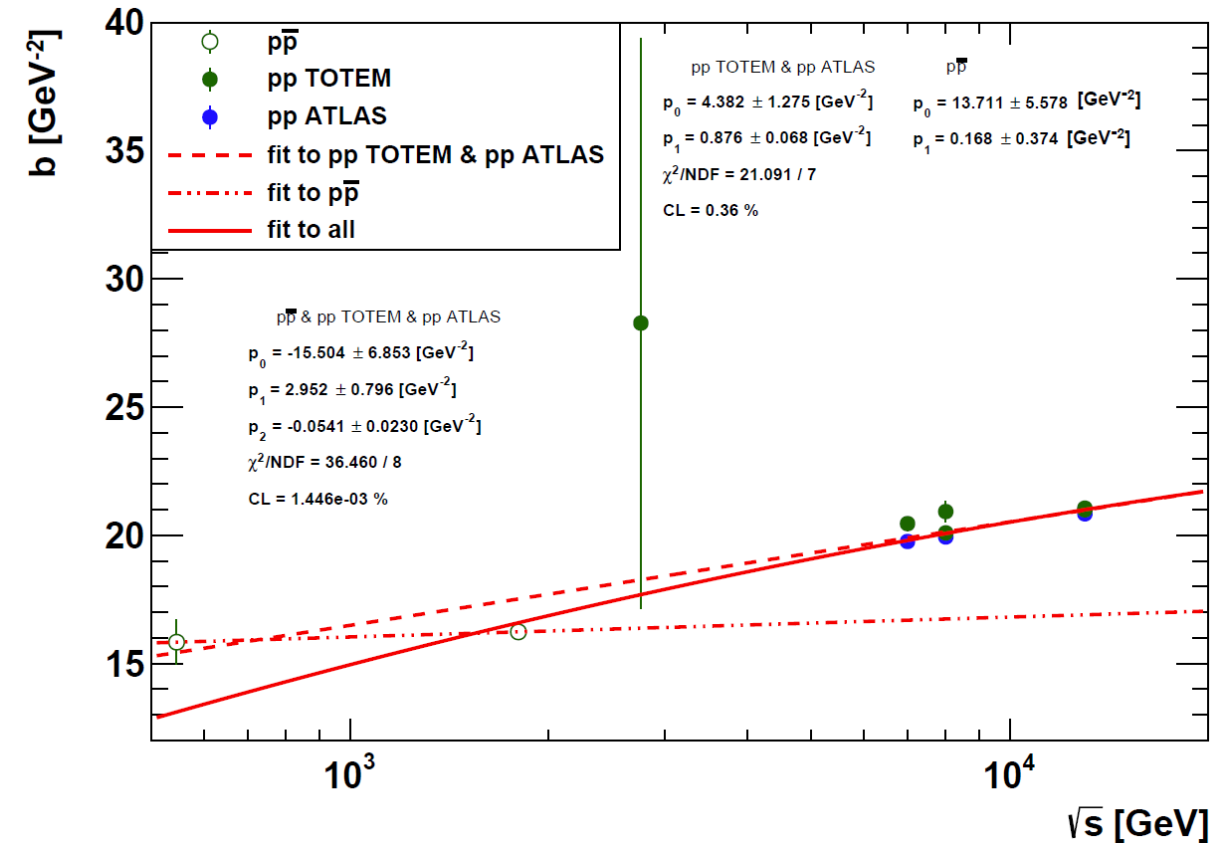
# Energy dependence of the slope parameter

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- the energy dependence of the  $b$  parameter for TOTEM and ATLAS data together, and for  $p\bar{p}$  data alone are linearly logarithmic:

$$b(s) = p_0 + p_1 \ln \frac{s}{1 \text{ GeV}^2}$$

- the LHC pp and the lower energy  $p\bar{p}$  data do not lie on the same curve
- reason: the slope parameter data have a jump in the energy dependence around 3-4 TeV



Energy dependence of the  $b$  parameter of the simple Lévy- $\alpha$  stable model

TOTEM Collab., *Eur. Phys. J. C* (2019) 79:103

# 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 *Universe 2023, 9(8), 361*
- only leading order terms in  $\tilde{\sigma}_{in}(s, \vec{b})$  are considered;  $A_{qq} = 1$  and  $\lambda = 1/2$  are fixed

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dt}(s, t = 0) = a(s) = \frac{81}{16} \pi \left( 2R_q^{\alpha_L(s)}(s) \right)^{4/\alpha_L} (1 + 4\alpha_R^2(s))$$

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

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

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

$$\rho_0(s) = \frac{Ret_{el}(s, t = 0)}{Imt_{el}(s, t = 0)} = 2\alpha_R$$

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

- according to the analysis of elastic pp and  $p\bar{p}$  data in the energy region  $0.5 \text{ TeV} \leq \sqrt{s} \leq 8 \text{ TeV}$  only  $\alpha_R$  is different for pp and  $p\bar{p}$  scattering (T. Csörgő, I. Szanyi, *Eur. Phys. J. C* **81**, 611 (2021))
- in the low- $|t|$  approximation, difference between pp and  $p\bar{p}$  scattering could be seen in the data on  $d\sigma/dt$ ,  $\rho_0$ ,  $a$  (optical point), and  $\sigma_{el}$ , no difference in the data on  $\sigma_{tot}$  and  $b$



# 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 energy dependences of the parameters of the simple model are determined; the parameters of the simple model are related to the parameters of the Lévy  $\alpha$ -stable generalized real extended Bialas-Bzdak (LBB) model
- final conclusion: the successful fit results indicate promising prospect for the future utility of the LBB model in describing experimental data

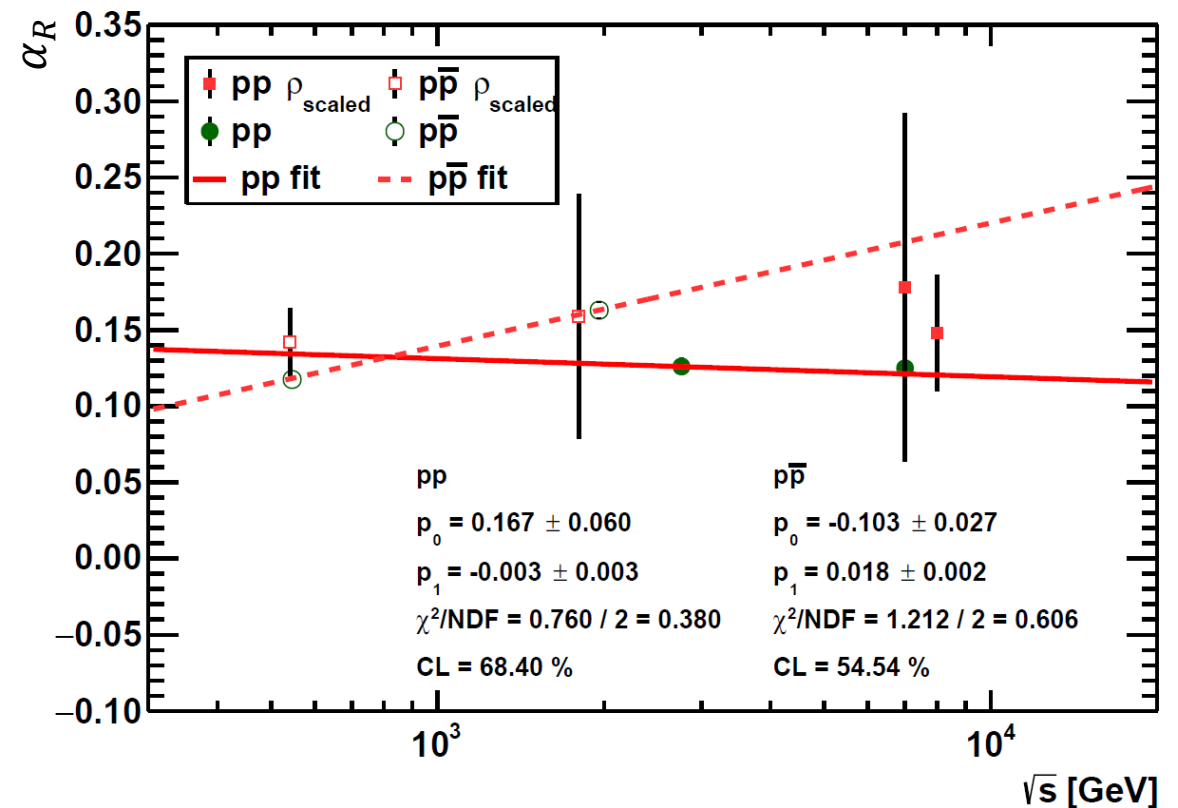
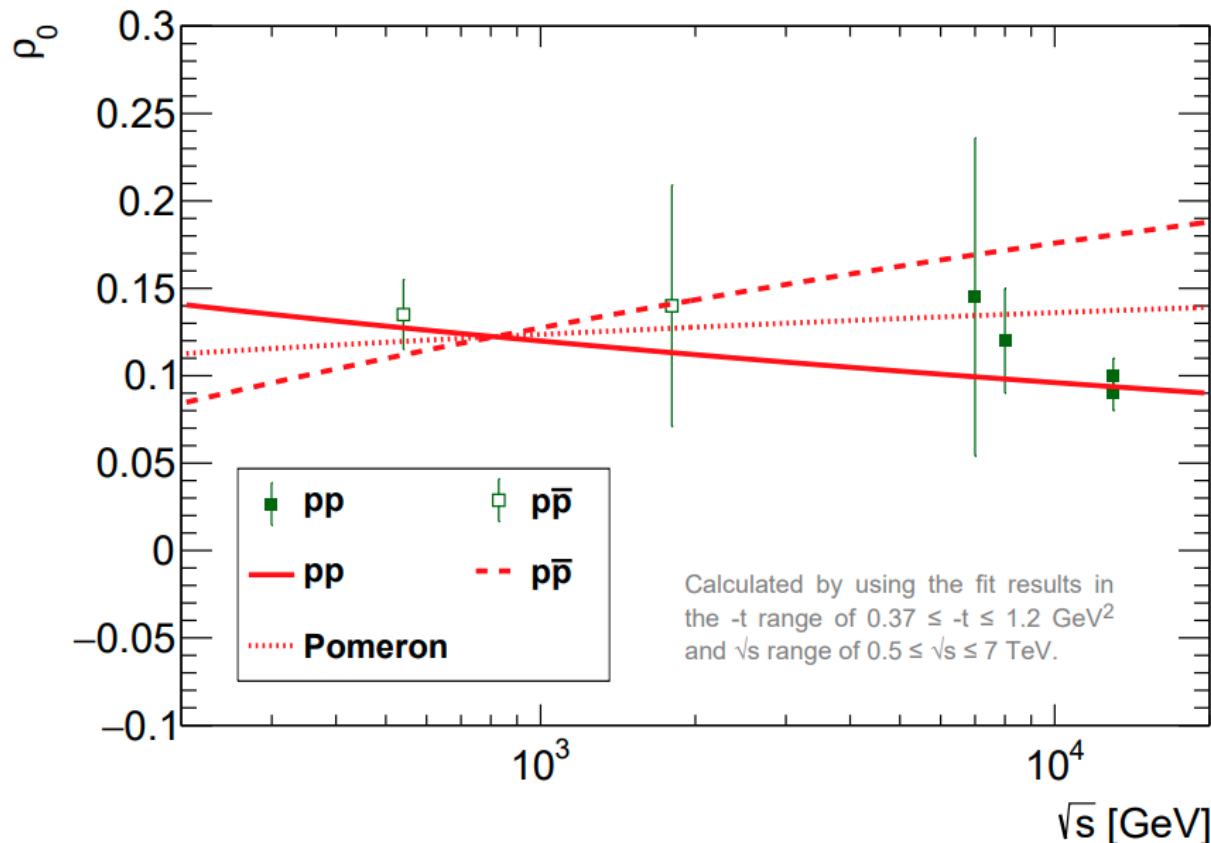
Thank you for your attention!

Backup slides

# $\rho_0$ & $\alpha_R$ : connection between $t = 0$ and $t \neq 0$ data

- there is a connection between the  $\rho_0$  parameter and the  $\alpha_R$  parameter of the ReBB model regulating the real part of the scattering amplitude and the minimum-maximum structure of the  $d\sigma/dt$
- $\alpha_R$  is determined by the  $d\sigma/dt$  data at the minimum-maximum region but at the same time specifies the value of the  $\rho_0$  in the ReBB model

T. Csörgő, I. Szanyi, *Eur. Phys. J. C* **81**, 611 (2021)



# Most general term in $\tilde{\sigma}_{in}$

$$\tilde{\sigma}_{in}^{qq,qd,dq,dd}(\vec{b}) = \int d^2 s_q d^2 s'_q L(\vec{s}_q | R_{qd^*}/2) L(\vec{s}'_q | R_{qd^*}/2) \times \sigma_{qq}(\vec{s}_q, \vec{s}'_q; \vec{b}) \sigma_{qd}(\vec{s}_q, -\lambda \vec{s}'_q; \vec{b}) \sigma_{dq}(\vec{s}'_q, -\lambda \vec{s}_q; \vec{b}) \sigma_{dd}(-\lambda \vec{s}_q, -\lambda \vec{s}'_q; \vec{b})$$

$$\sigma_{qq}(\vec{s}_q, \vec{s}'_q; \vec{b}) = \pi A_{qq} (2R_q^\alpha)^{2/\alpha} \times L(\vec{b} + \vec{s}'_q - \vec{s}_q | \alpha, (2R_q^\alpha)^{1/\alpha} / \sqrt{2})$$

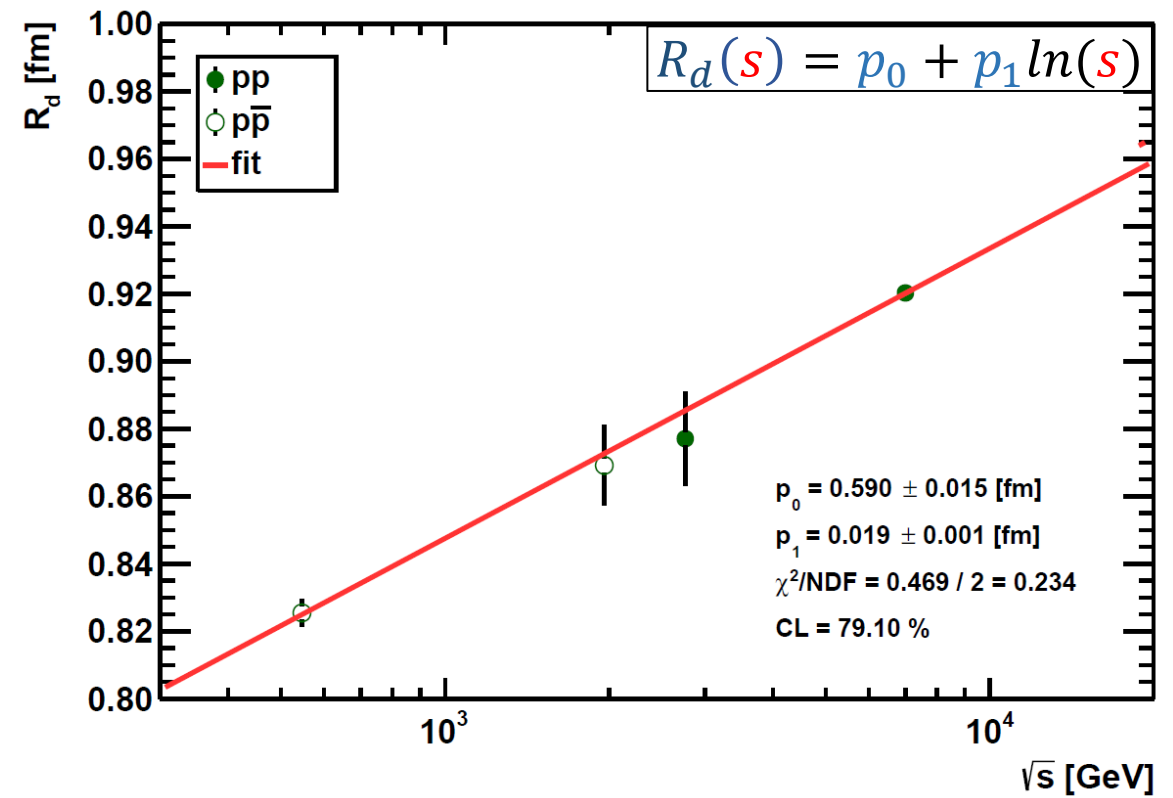
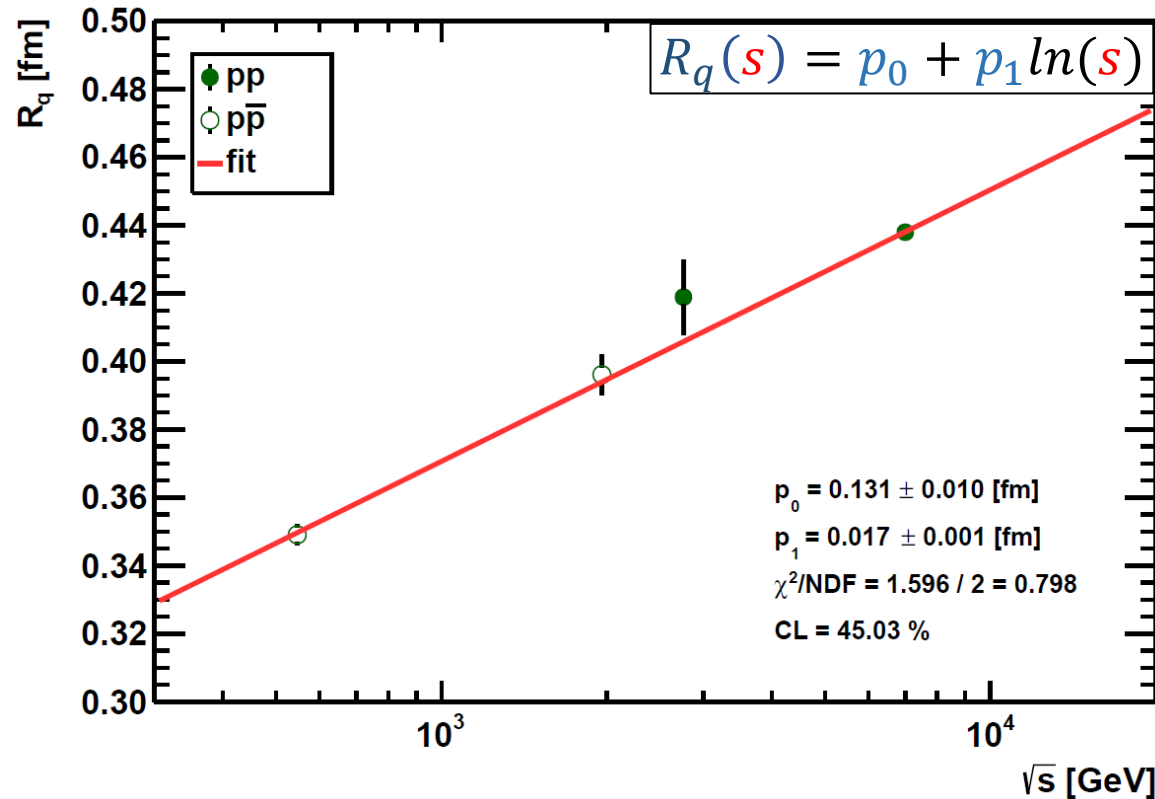
$$\sigma_{qd}(\vec{s}_q, \vec{s}'_d; \vec{b}) = 2\pi A_{qq} (2R_q^\alpha)^{2/\alpha} \times L(\vec{b} + \vec{s}'_d - \vec{s}_q | \alpha, (R_q^\alpha + R_d^\alpha)^{1/\alpha} / \sqrt{2})$$

$$\sigma_{dd}(\vec{s}_d, \vec{s}'_d; \vec{b}) = 4\pi A_{qq} (2R_q^\alpha)^{2/\alpha} \times L(\vec{b} + \vec{s}'_d - \vec{s}_d | \alpha, (2R_d^\alpha)^{1/\alpha} / 2)$$

$$\sigma_{dq}(\vec{s}_d, \vec{s}'_q; \vec{b}) = 2\pi A_{qq} (2R_q^\alpha)^{2/\alpha} \times L(\vec{b} + \vec{s}'_q - \vec{s}_d | \alpha, (R_q^\alpha + R_d^\alpha)^{1/\alpha} / 2)$$

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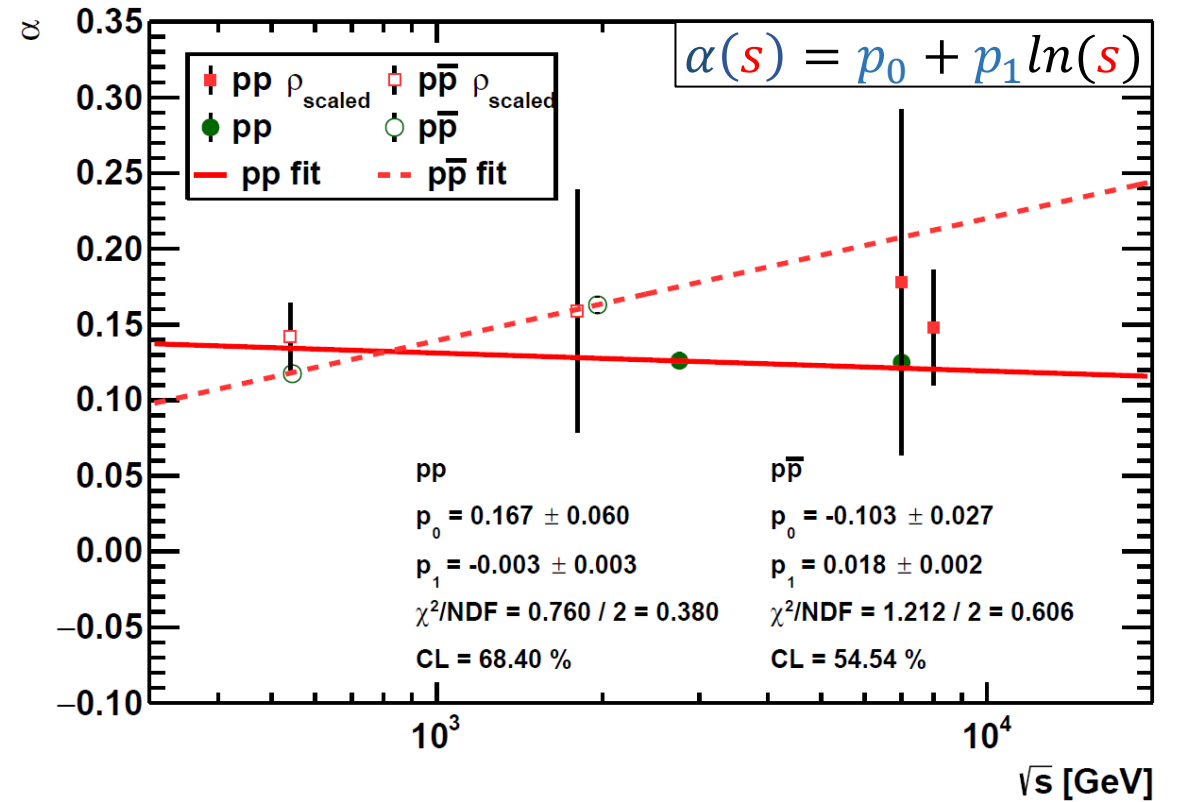
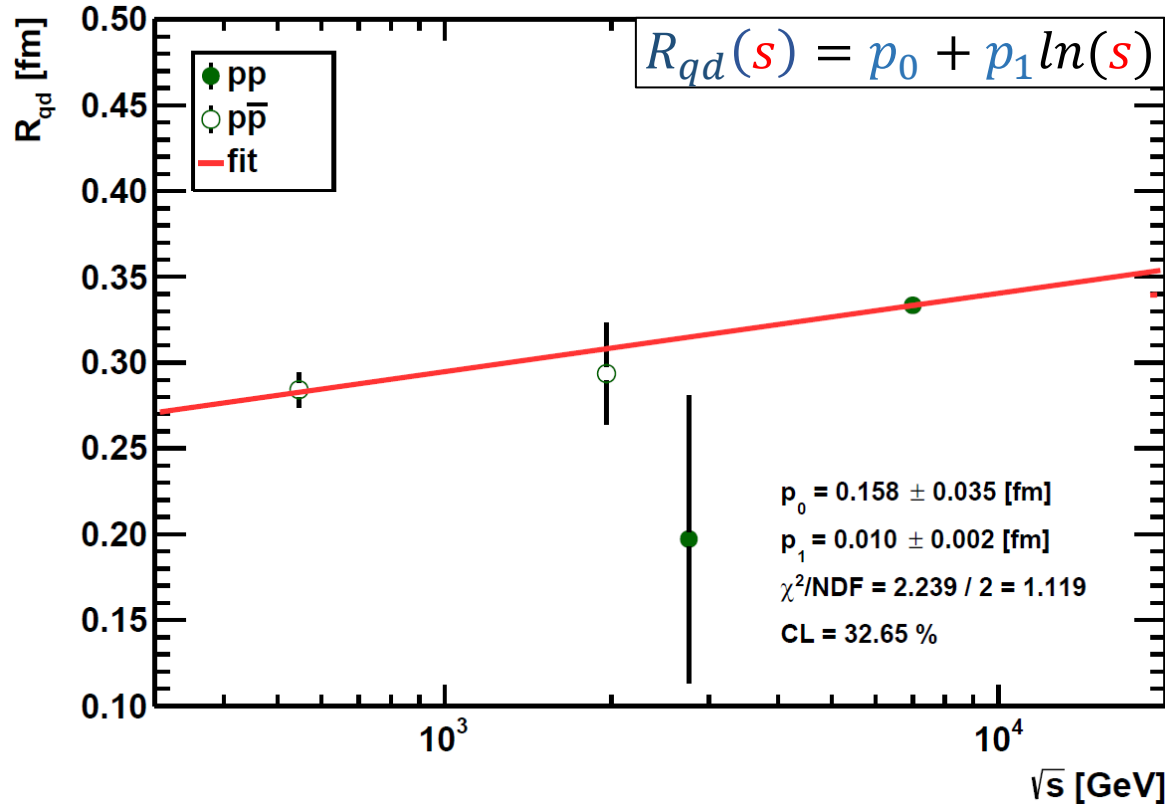


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# Fit method

- least squares fitting with the method developed by the PHENIX collaboration
- this method is **equivalent to the diagonalization of the covariance matrix** if the experimental errors are separated into three different types:
  - type A: point-to-point varying uncorrelated statistical and systematic errors
  - type B: point-to-point varying 100% correlated systematic errors
  - type C: point-independent, overall systematic uncertainties
- i.e least squares fitting with:

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  - the  $t$ -independent  $\sigma_c$  normalization uncertainties (**type C**)  $\rightarrow \epsilon_c$  parameters;
  - the measured total cross-section  $d_{\sigma_{tot}}$  and ratio  $d_{\rho_0}$  and their total uncertainties  $\delta\sigma_{tot}$  and  $\delta\rho_0$ .

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

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

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

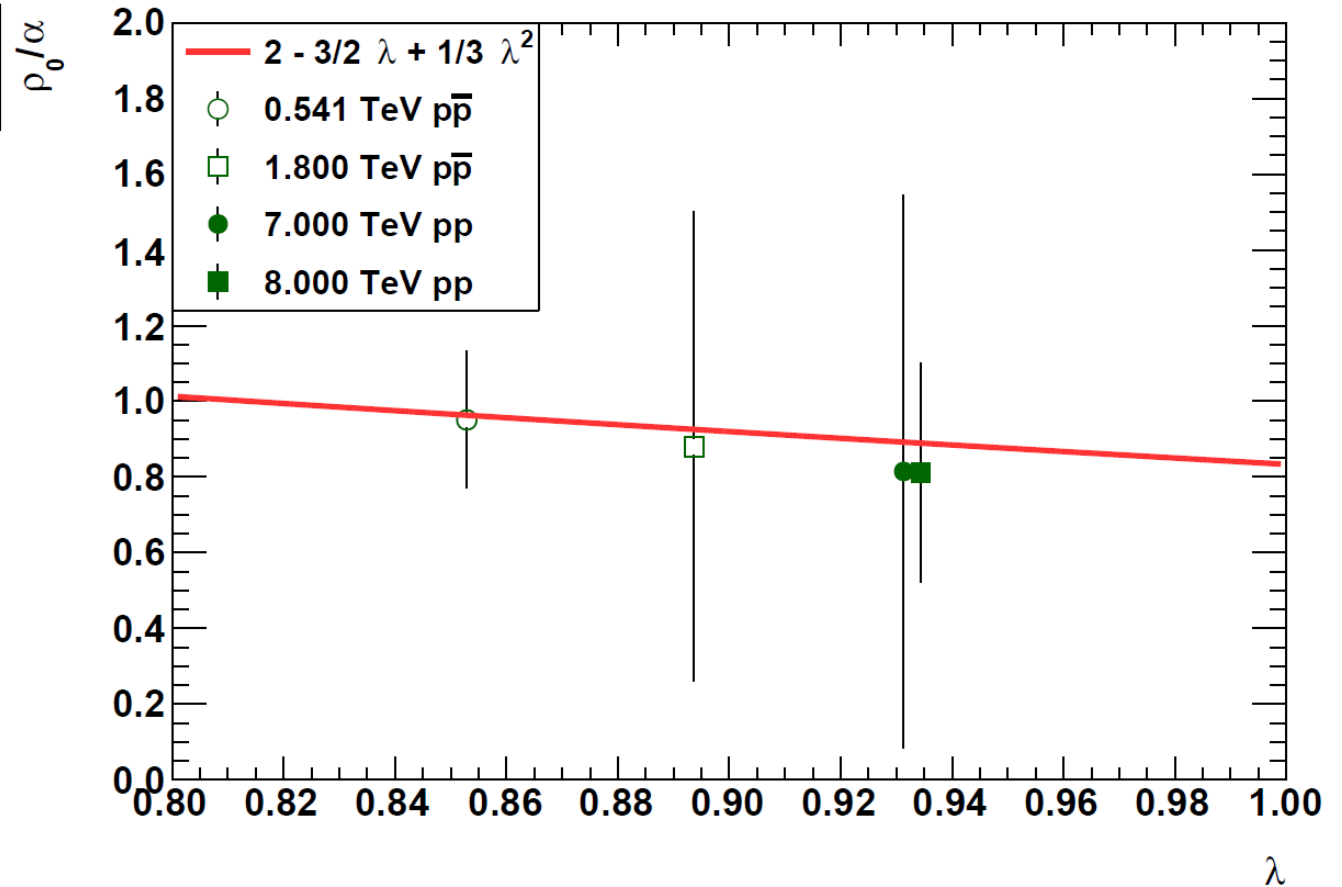
$$\text{Im } t_{el}(s, b) \simeq \lambda(s) \exp\left(-\frac{b^2}{2R^2(s)}\right)$$



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

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

→ 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  $d\sigma/dt$ :

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

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