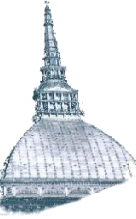


# Total pp cross section measurements at 2, 7, 8 and 57 TeV

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- A) One (out of several) theoretical framework
- B) Topologies of events in  $\sigma_{\text{tot}}$
- C) Direct measurement of  $\sigma_{\text{inel}}$ :
  - 1) cosmic-ray experiments
  - 2) collider experiments
- D) The art of elastic scattering
- E ) Results:  $\sigma_{\text{Tot}}$ ,  $\sigma_{\text{SD}}$ ,  $\sigma_{\text{DD}}$
- F ) Implication of the new results

# Let's set the scale...

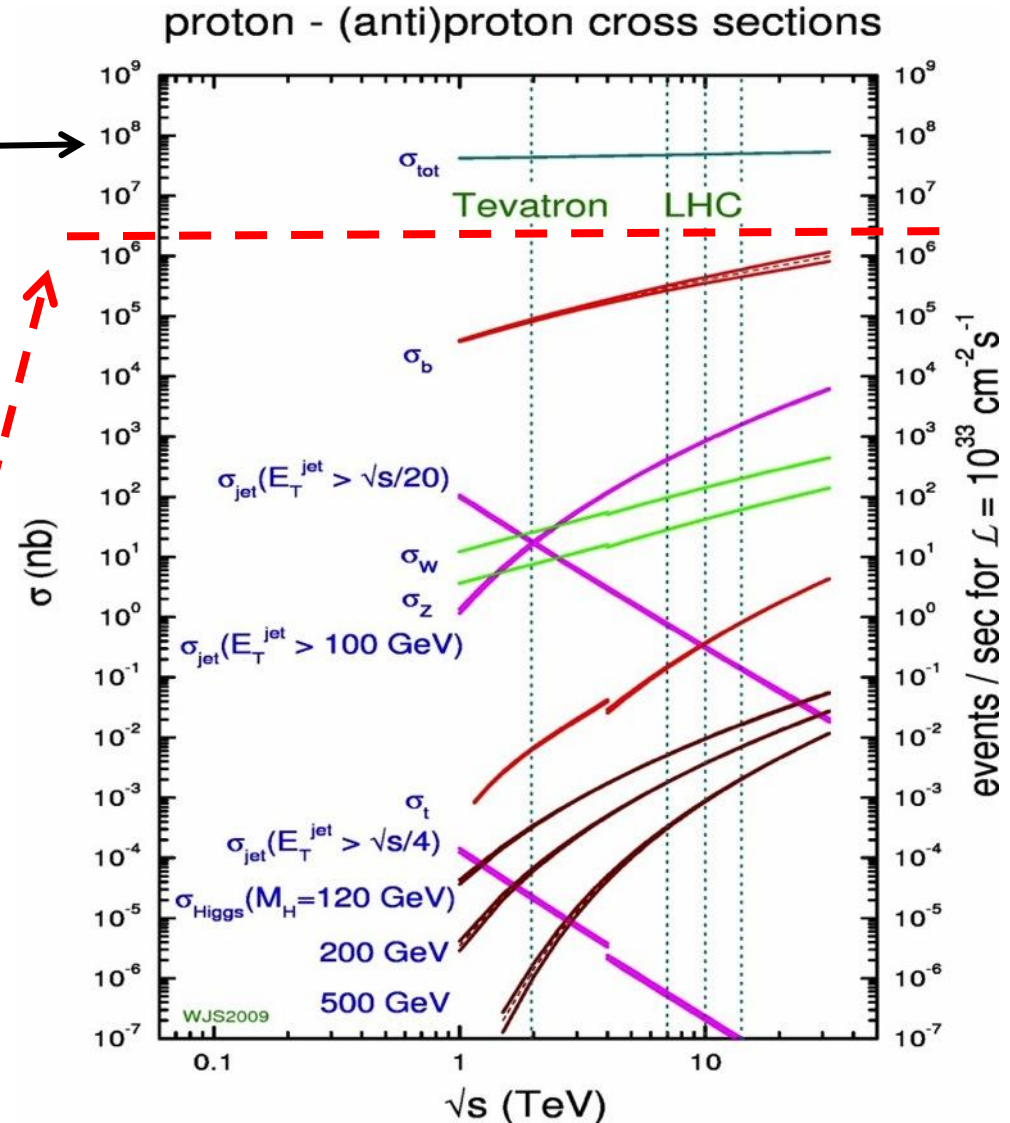


The total cross section is dominated by soft processes.

If you were to eliminate every process below the first line (even the Higgs, the first AND the second one..!) the value of the total cross section would be the same

If  $R_1 = R_2 = 10^{-13}$  cm (one fermi)  
 $\rightarrow \sigma \sim 10^{-25}$  cm<sup>2</sup> = 100 mb

100 mb



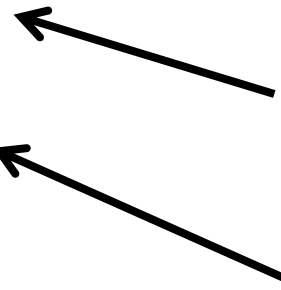
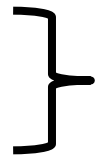


The cross section between composite particles has a much more complex dependence from the center-of-mass energy, and it's not calculable.

Let's consider a proton.

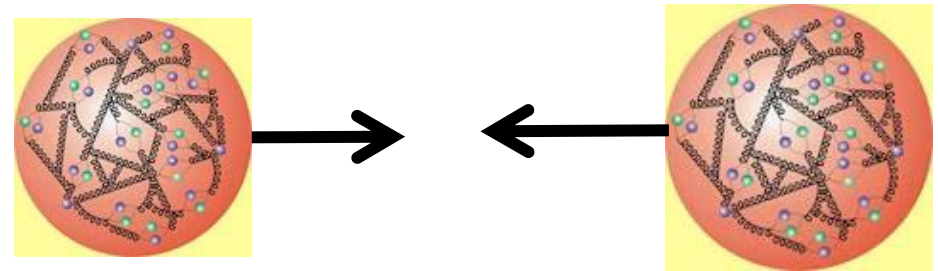
It contains:

- valence quarks
- sea quarks
- gluons



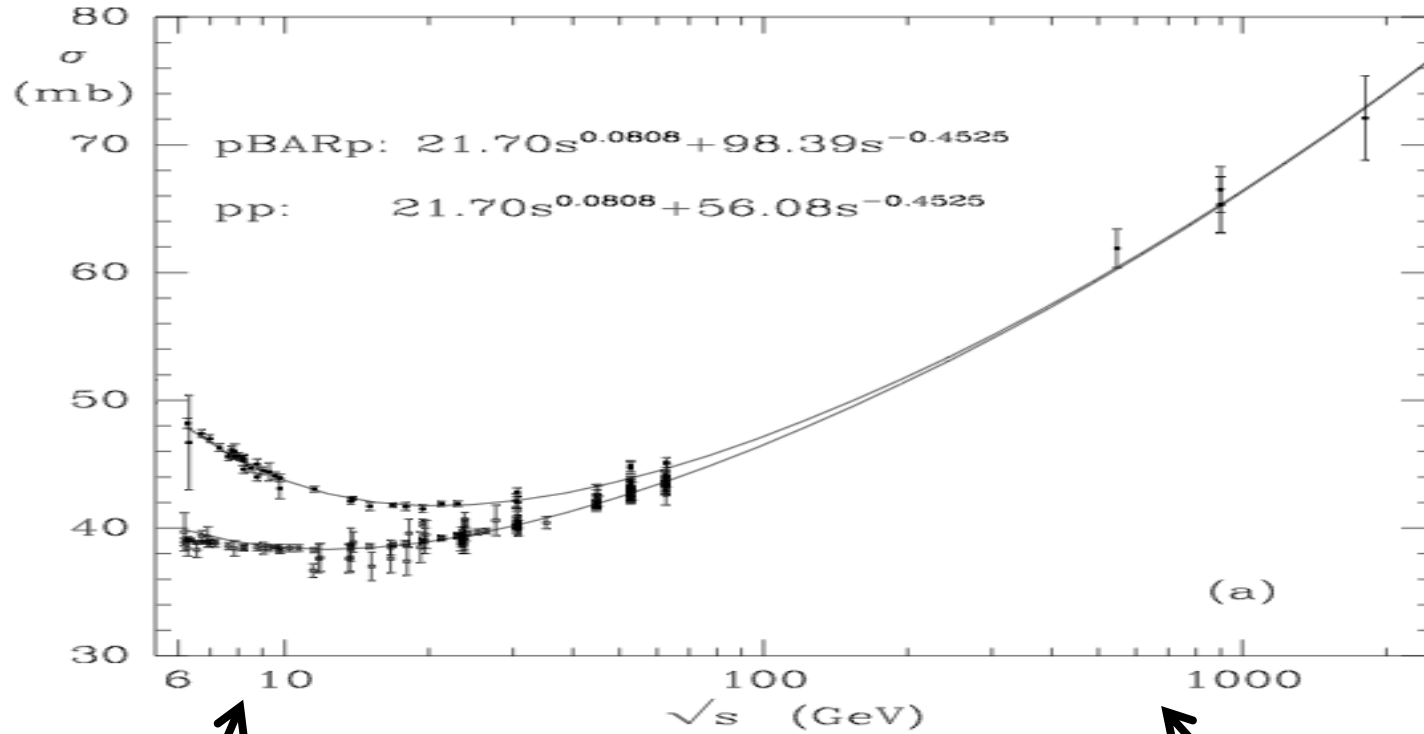
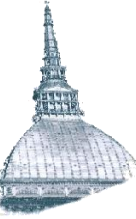
These define the particle to be a proton

Mostly SU(3) color symmetric,  
common to protons and anti-protons  
(almost true..)



What part is controlling the total cross section?

# pp vs pBARp cross section



At low energy  $\sigma$  is different:  
valence quarks need to be  
important here

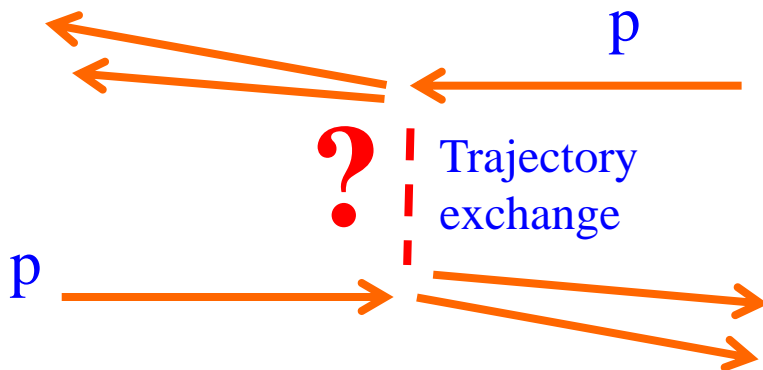
At high energy  $\sigma$  is the same:  
only sea quarks and gluons can  
contribute



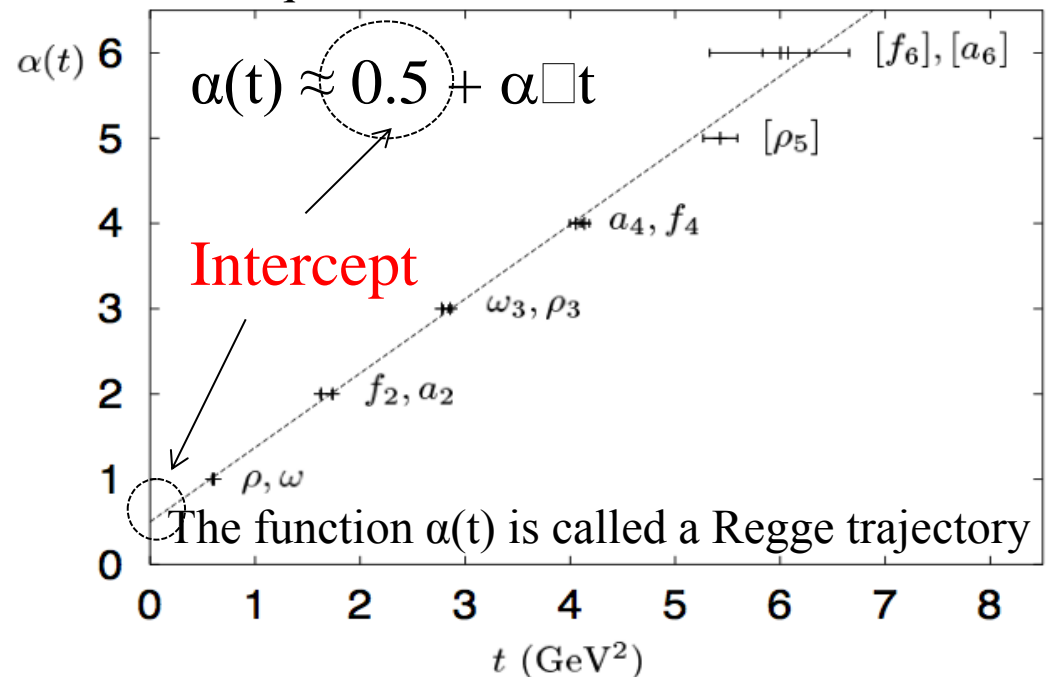
“Regge Theory”, and derivations, is the language used to describe the total cross sections of hadron-hadron scattering.

The value of the total cross section depends on the exchanges of many particles.

- 1) Particles, when plotted in the mass ( $t$ ) - spin plane, form lines, called trajectories.
- 2) You cannot exchange a single particle, you exchange all the particles on the trajectory.



Plot of spins of families of particles against their squared masses:



# Contribution of each trajectory to $\sigma$

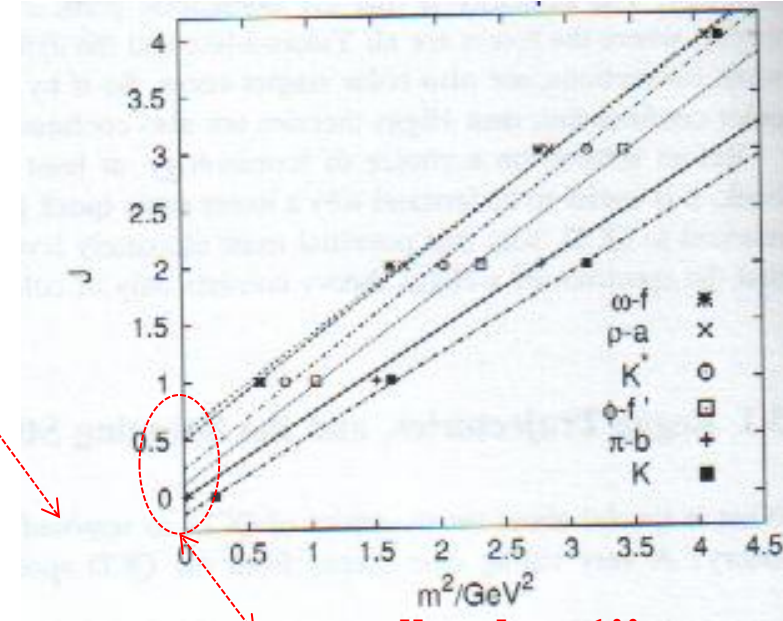


All known particles lie on trajectories such as:

$$\alpha(t) \approx \alpha + \alpha' t$$

Each trajectory contributes to  $\sigma$  according to:

$$\sigma_{\text{TOT}}(s) = \text{Im } A(s, t = 0) = s^{\alpha-1}$$



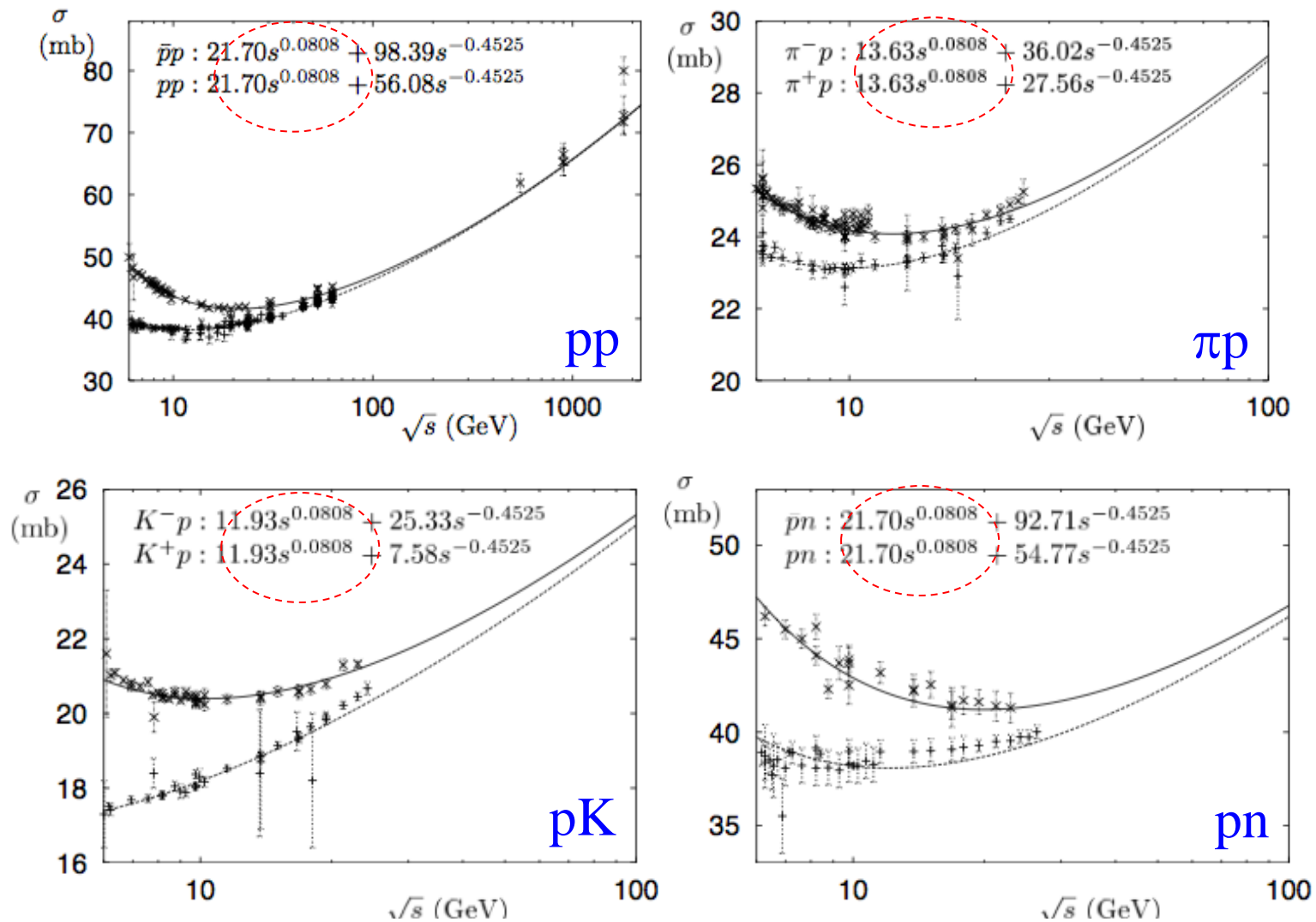
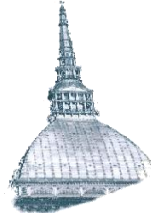
And therefore the prediction for the total cross section is:  **$\alpha$  smaller than 1!!**

$$\sigma_{\text{TOT}}(s) = s^{\alpha(0)-1} = s^{-1/2}$$

So, it should decrease with  $s$ .

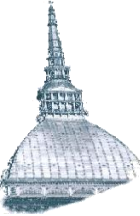
However....

# Overview of hadronic cross sections



The cross section is raising at high energy: every process requires a trajectory with the same positive exponent:  $s^{0.08}$ .....something is clearly missing

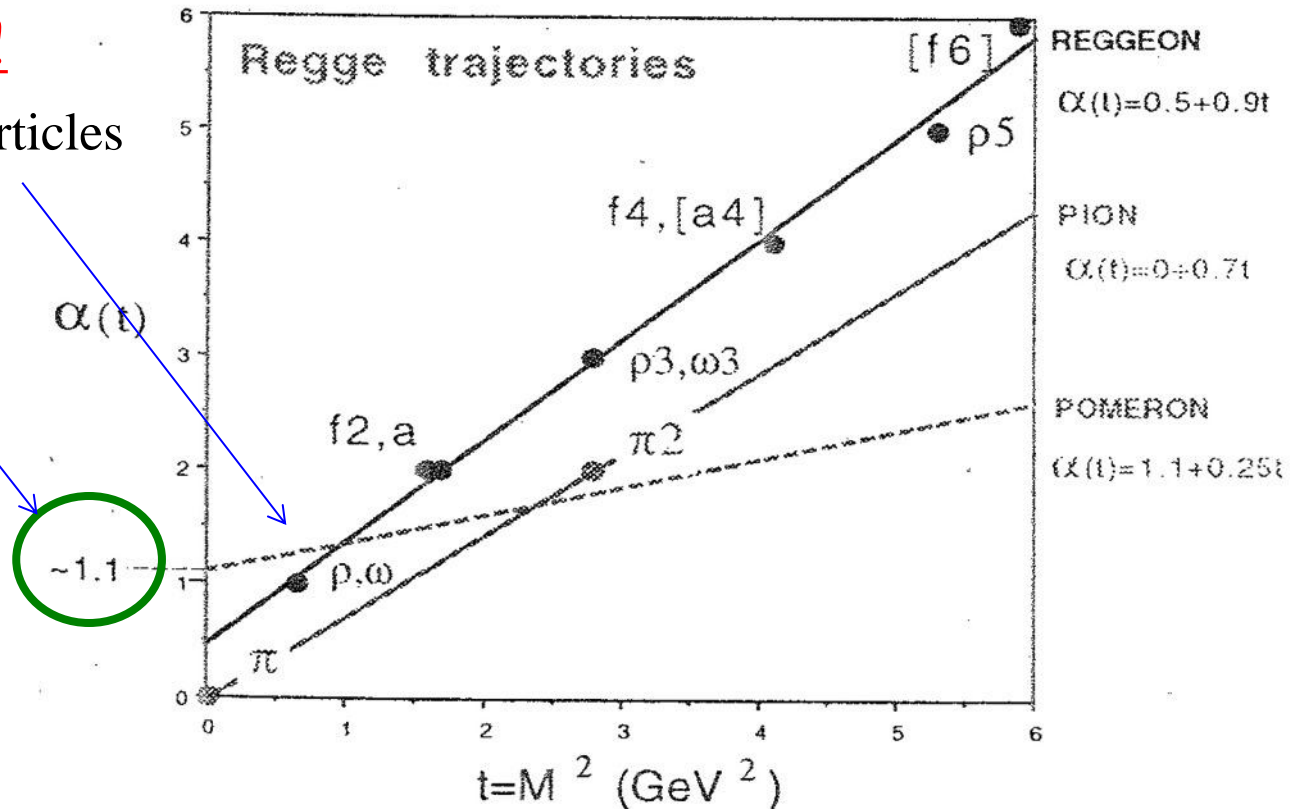




## Intercept larger than one!

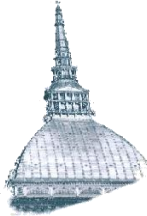
A trajectory without known particles

Intercept larger than one



V. Gribov introduced, within Regge theory, a vacuum pole (**Pomeron** with  $\alpha(0) \sim 1.1$ ) in order to have a constant (or rising) total cross section.





The exchanged particles (poles) on Reggeon and pion trajectories offer guidance on how to write the scattering amplitude  $A(s)$

There is little spectroscopic guidance from the pomeron trajectory, as it has no particles.

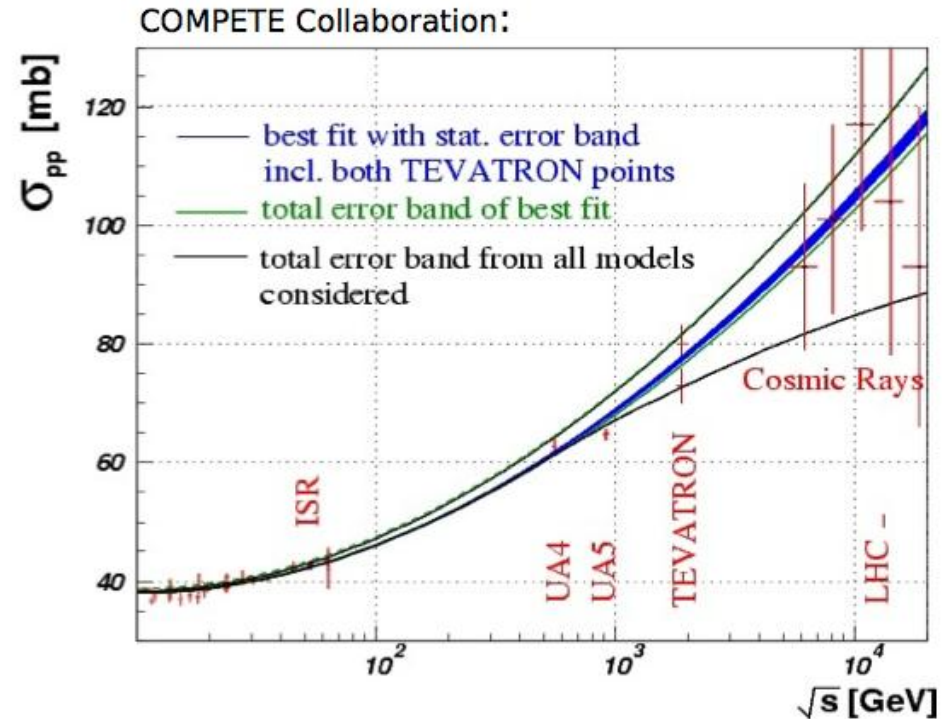
Pomerons exchange contribute as:

$$\sigma_{TOT}(s) = \text{Im } A(s, t = 0) \sim s^\epsilon \text{ (simple pole)}$$

$$\sigma_{TOT}(s) = \text{Im } A(s, t = 0) \sim \ln(s) \text{ (double pole)}$$

$$\sigma_{TOT}(s) = \text{Im } A(s, t = 0) \sim \ln^2(s) \text{ (triple pole)}$$

The COMPETE collaboration has scanned a large selection of models compared with all available experimental data points and has produced a comprehensive set of predictions.



COMPETE Collaboration fits all available hadronic data and predicts at LHC:

$$\sigma_{tot} = 111.5 \pm 1.2 \begin{matrix} +4.1 \\ -2.1 \end{matrix} \text{ mb}$$

$$\sigma_{tot}^{\text{COMPETE}}(7 \text{ TeV}) = 98 \pm 5 \text{ mb}$$

$$\sigma_{tot}^{\text{COMPETE}}(8 \text{ TeV}) = 101 \pm 5 \text{ mb}$$



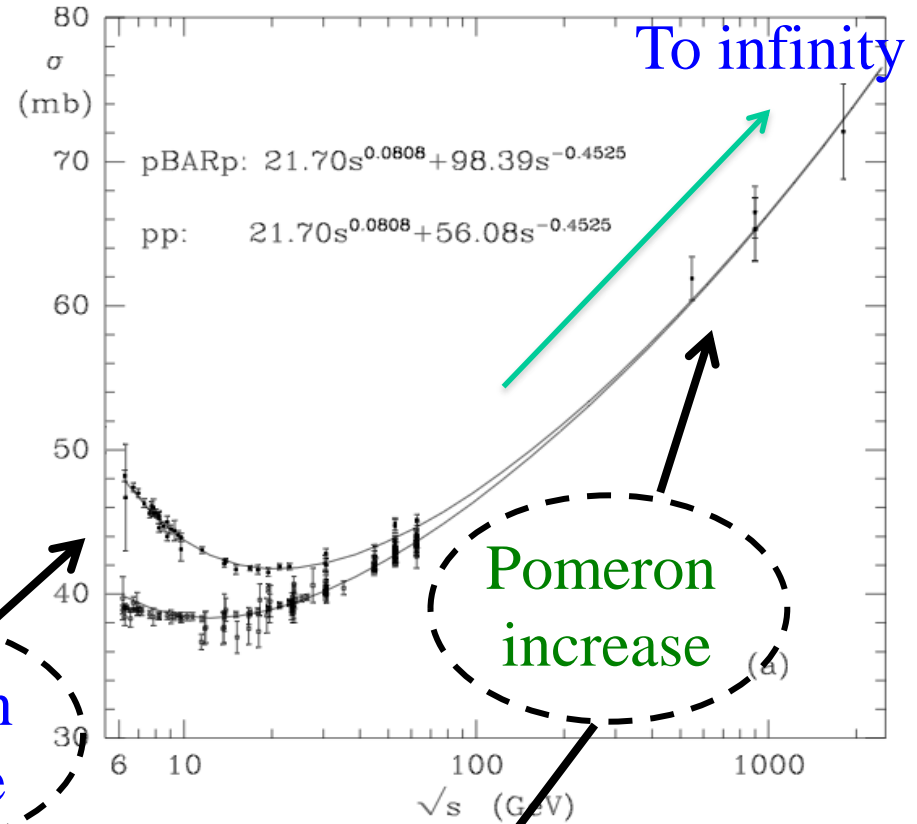
Three large families of parametrization:

$$\sigma_{\text{TOT}}(s) = c + \alpha s^{-0.5} + \beta s^{0.08}$$

$$\sigma_{\text{TOT}}(s) = c + \alpha s^{-0.5} + \gamma \ln^2(s)$$

(most favorite COMPETE prediction)

$$\sigma_{\text{TOT}}(s) = c + \alpha s^{-0.5} + \beta \ln(s) + \gamma \ln^2(s)$$



Reggeon decrease

Pomeron increase

QCD: exchange of valence quark

QCD: exchange of sea quark and gluons, glueballs..

# The Rise of the gluons

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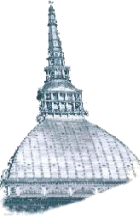


As measured at HERA, the gluon PDFs experience a very strong rise as the energy increases.

If the pomeron is related to “gluons”, it’s reasonable to assume a modification of the pomeron term:

the cross section will start rising more rapidly at higher energy.

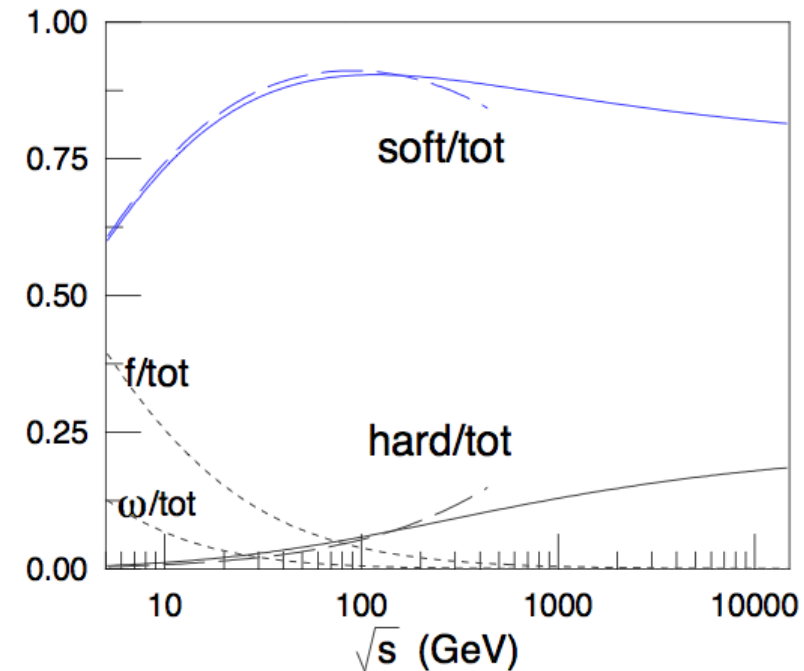
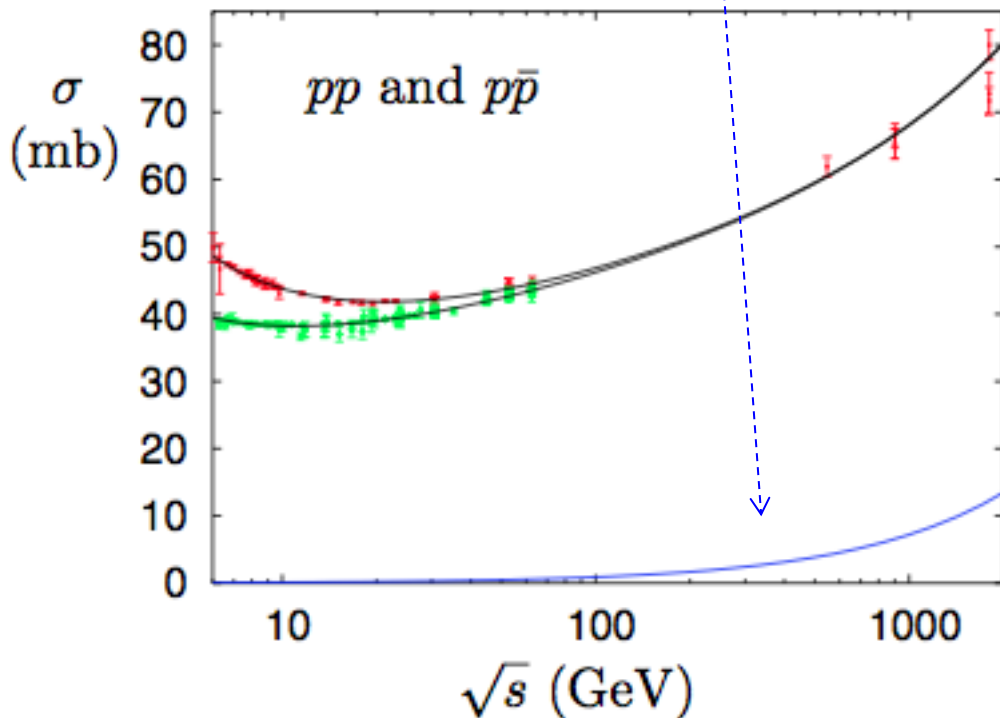
# 2-pomeron formula for higher energy



In a simple model (DL, Cudel et al.) an additional term called “hardPomeron” can be introduced in  $\sigma_{TOT}$  to account for this effect. It gives a steeper energy behavior:

$$\sigma_{TOT}(s) = \alpha s^{-0.5} + \beta s^{0.067} + \gamma s^{0.45} \quad (2 \text{ simple poles})$$

Hard pomeron contribution



DL for LHC:

$$\sigma_{TOT}(\sqrt{s} = 7) = 100 \pm 25 \text{ mb}$$

$$\sigma_{TOT}(\sqrt{s} = 14) = 125 \pm 25 \text{ mb}$$

# Total cross section and elastic scattering

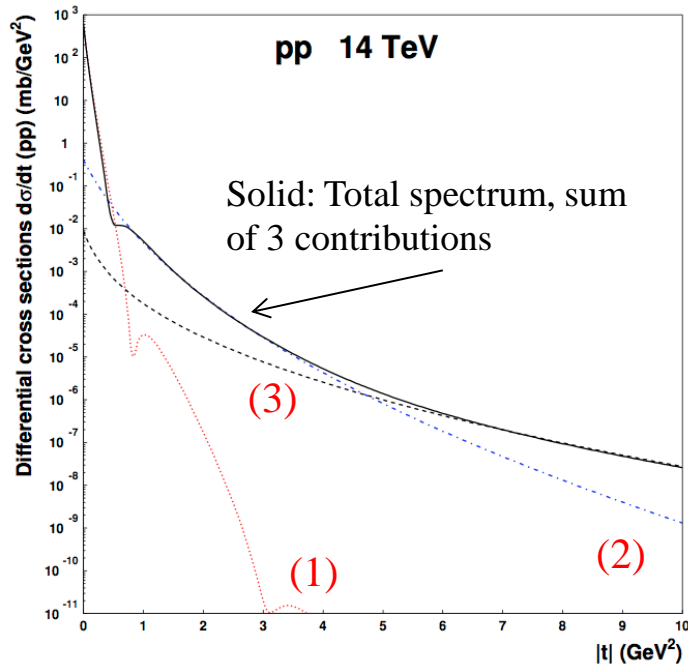
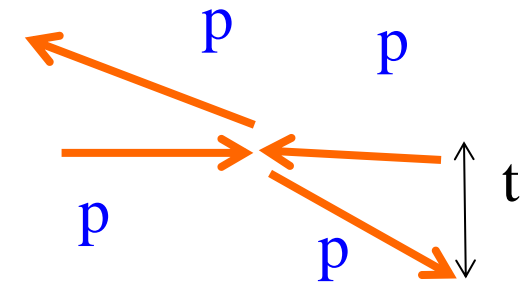


At small  $t$ , elastic scattering is governed by an exponential law.

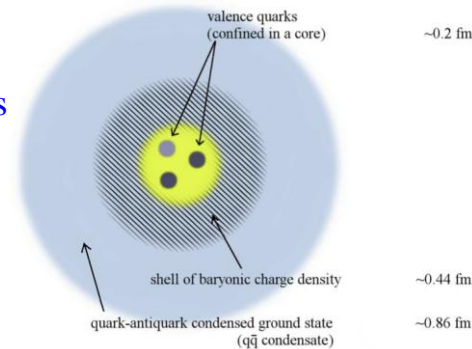
Elastic scattering probes the proton at a distance

$$b \sim 1/\sqrt{|t|}$$

$$\frac{dS_{EL}}{dt} = Ae^{-B|t|}$$

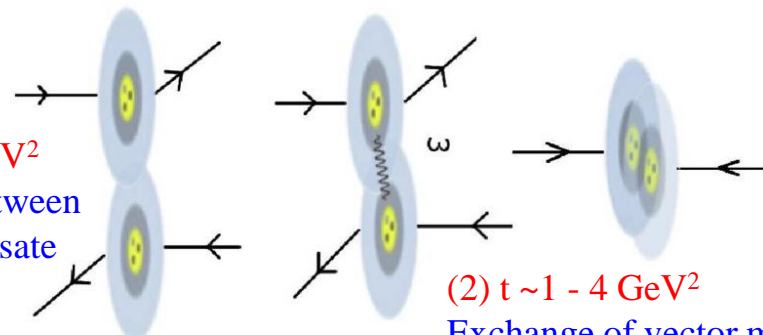


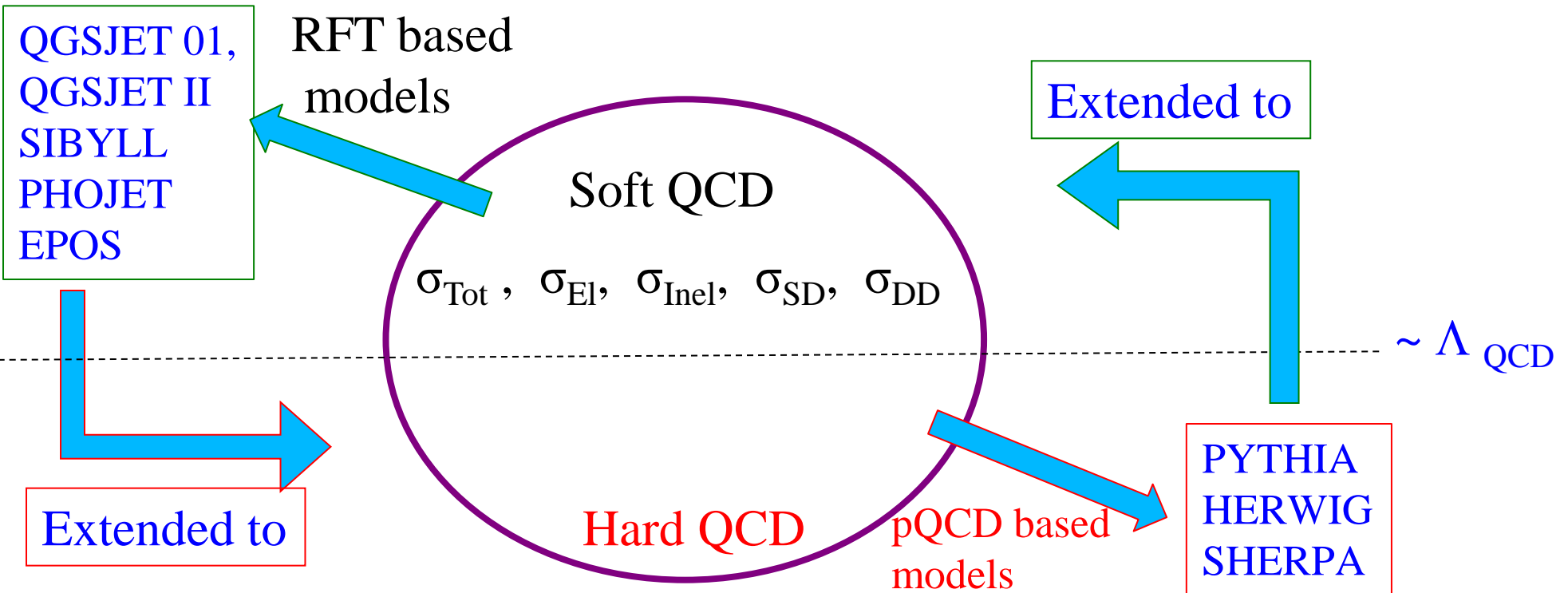
Different models predicts different  $t$  spectrum and contributions

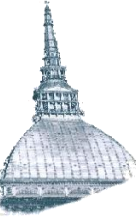


The proton is made of different layers, each contributing differently to the cross section

(1)  $t < \sim 1 \text{ GeV}^2$   
Scattering between qqbar condensate  $> \sim 0.4 \text{ fm}$



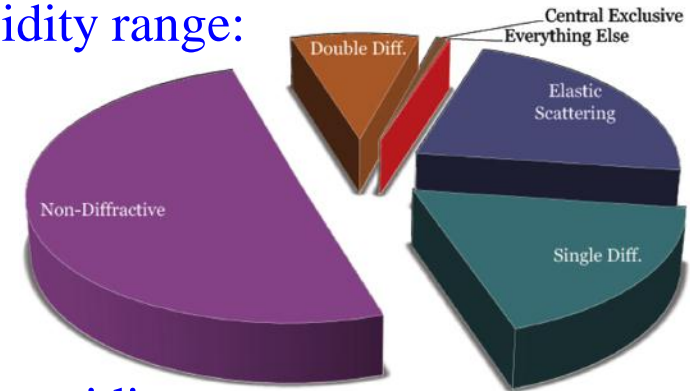




**TOTAL** cross section means measuring **everything**...

We need to measure every kind of events, in the full rapidity range:

$$S_{\text{Tot}} = S_{\text{elastic}} + S_{\text{diffractive}} (S_{SD} + S_{DD} + \dots) + S$$



**Elastic**: two-particle final state, very low  $p_t$ , at very high rapidity.

→ **Very difficult**, needs dedicated detectors near the beam

**Diffractive**: Single, Double, Central diffractions, gaps everywhere.

→ **Quite difficult**, some events have very small mass, difficult to distinguish diffraction from standard QCD.

**Everything else**: jets, multi-particles, Higgs....

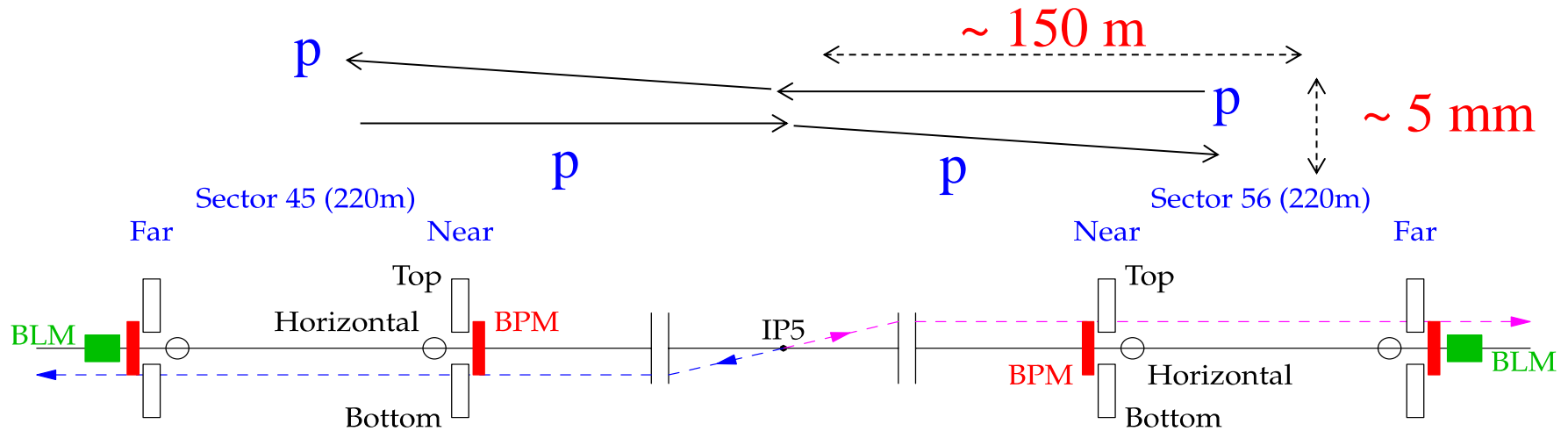
→ **Easy**



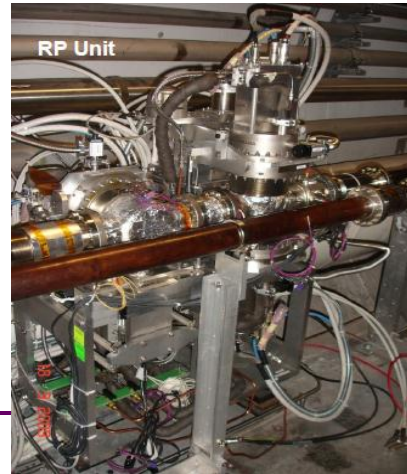
# The very difficult part: elastic scattering



Need dedicated experiments able to detect scattered particles very close to the beam line:  $pp \rightarrow pp$

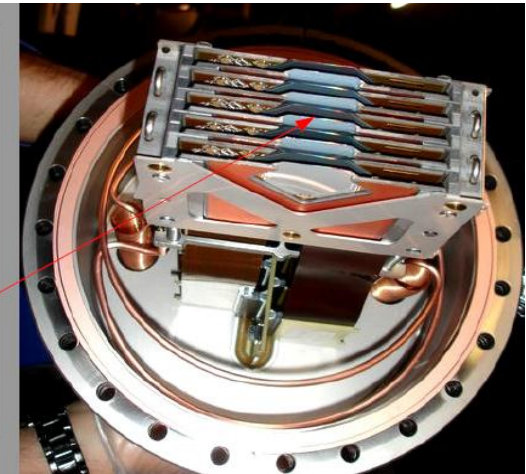


TOTEM @ LHC  
Roman Pot and silicon detector



4 Stations  
→ 2 Units  
→ 3 pots  
1 BPM  
(Beam Position Monitor)

Edgeless Silicon Detectors



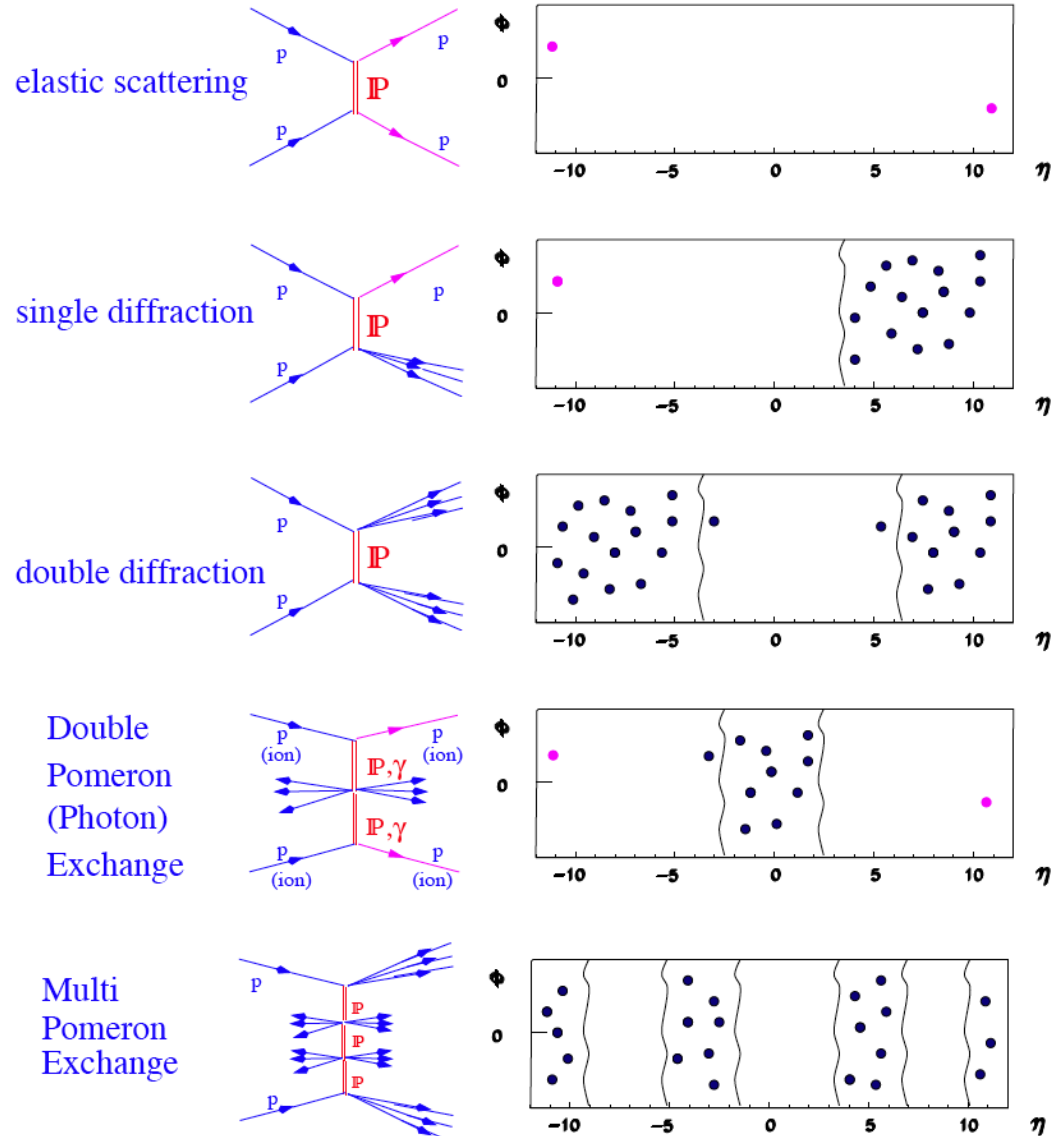
# The difficult part: pomeron exchange



Pomeron exchange is a synonym of colour singlet exchange (diffraction)

Many different topologies to measure

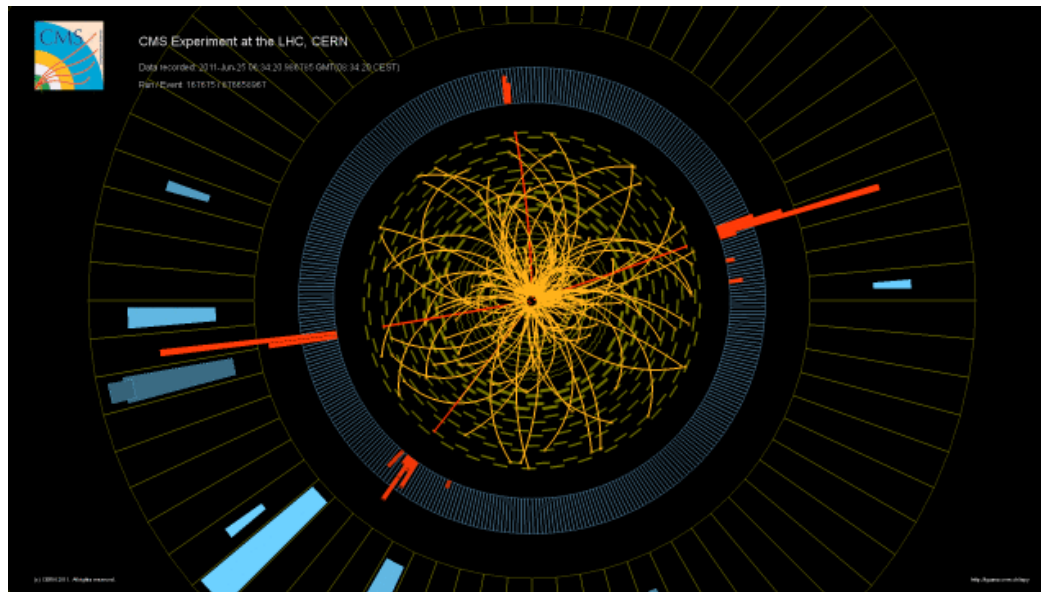
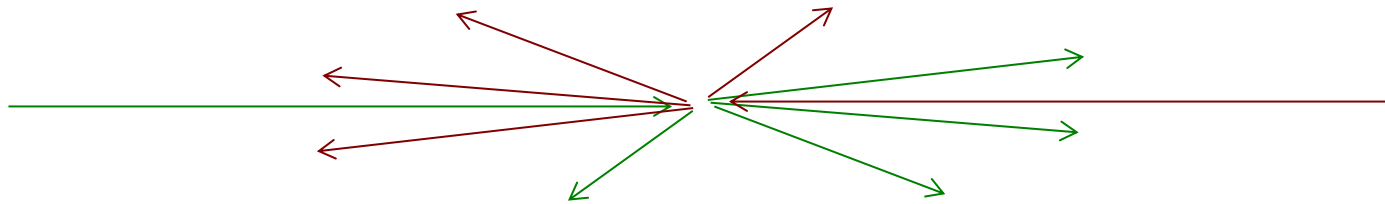
Importance of very low mass events



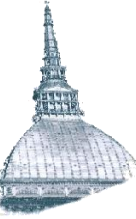
# The easy part: everything else



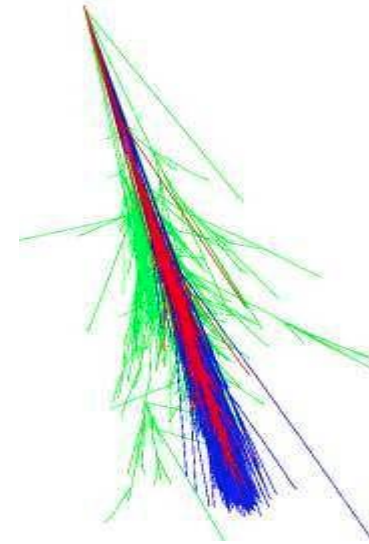
The non-diffractive inelastic events are usually not difficult to detect:



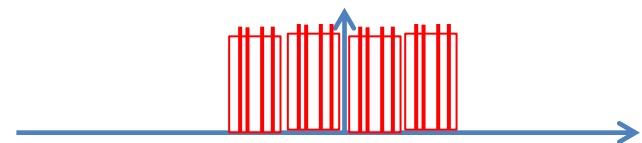
# Direct measurement of parts of $\sigma_{\text{TOT}}$ : cosmic-ray and collider experiments



In cosmic-ray experiments (AUGER just completed its analysis), the shower is seen from below. Using models, the value of  $\sigma_{\text{inel}}$  (p-air) is inferred, and then using a technique based on the Glauber method,  $\sigma_{\text{inel}}$  (pp) is evaluated.



In collider experiments (currently ALICE, ATLAS, CMS, and TOTEM @ LHC), the detector covers a part of the possible rapidity space. The measurement is performed in that range, and then it might be extrapolated to  $\sigma_{\text{inel}}$ .

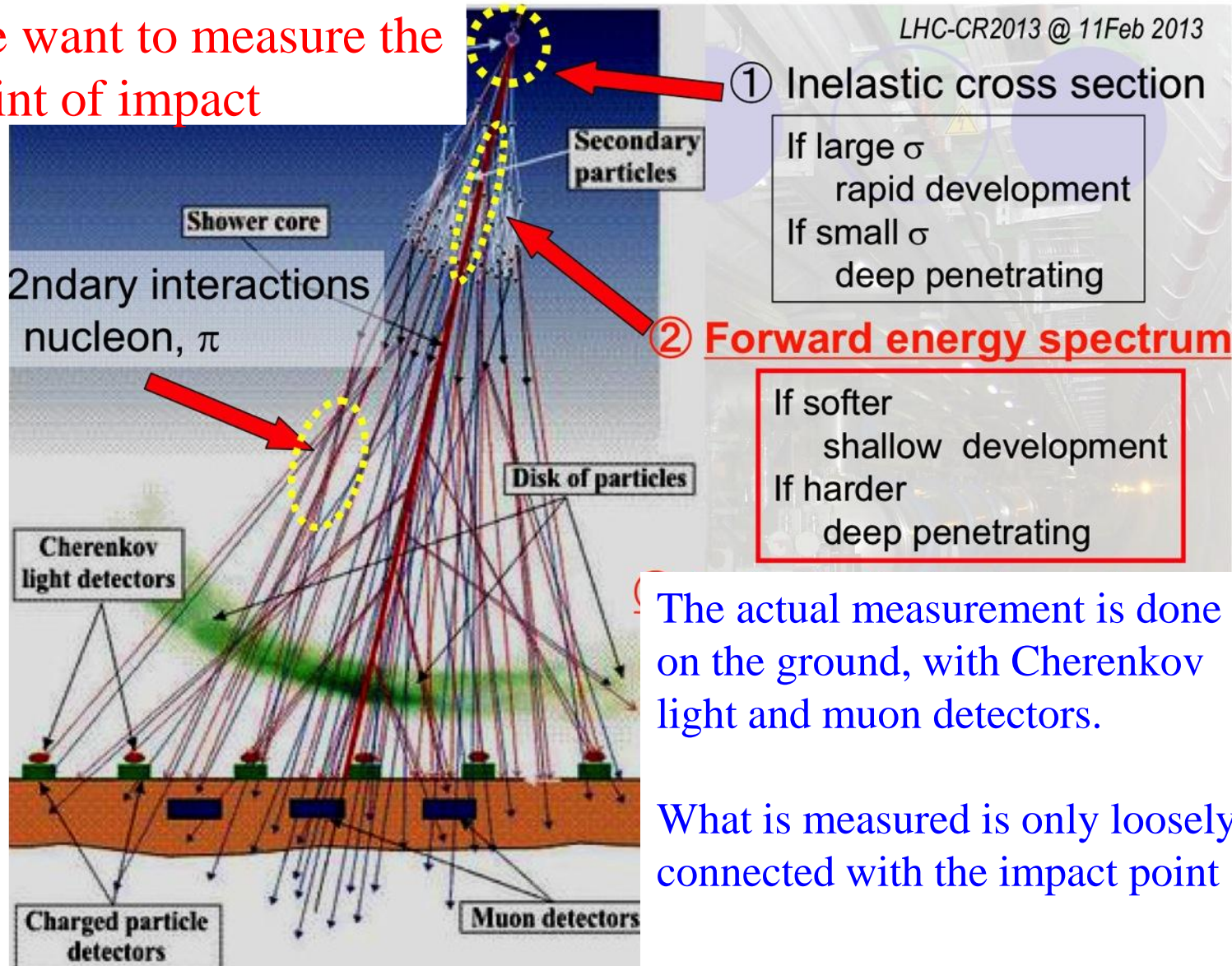




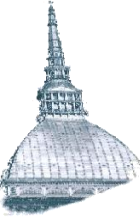
# Cosmic-ray shower



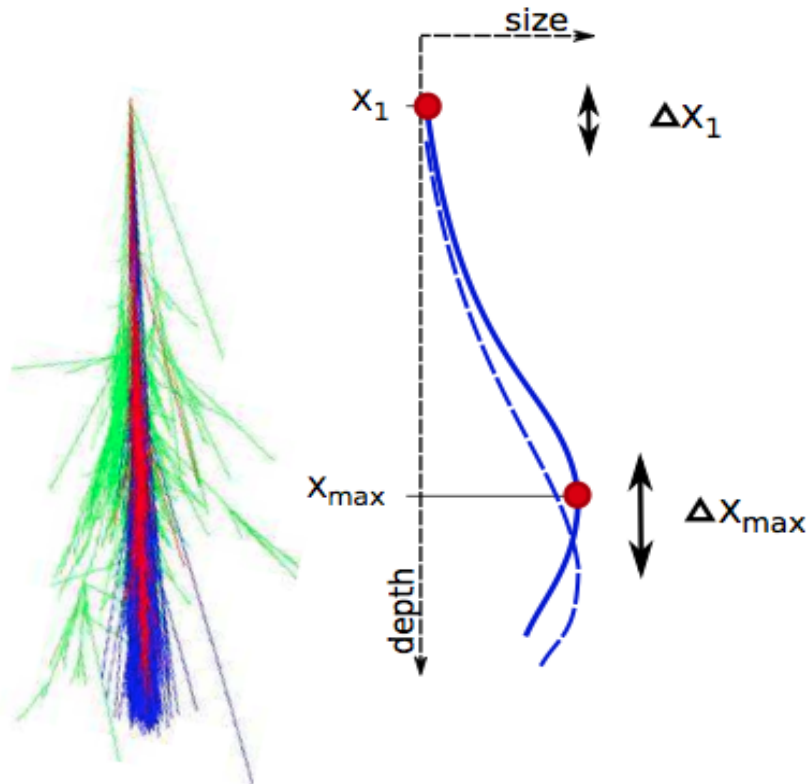
We want to measure the point of impact



# Cosmic-ray experiments: the method to measure $\sigma_{\text{inel}}$



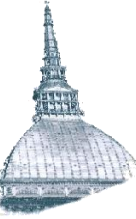
- The path before interaction,  $X_1$ , is a function of the p-air cross section.
- The experiments measure the position of the maximum of the shower,  $X_{\text{max}}$
- Use MC models to related  $X_{\text{max}}$  to  $X_1$ , and then  $\sigma$  (p-air)



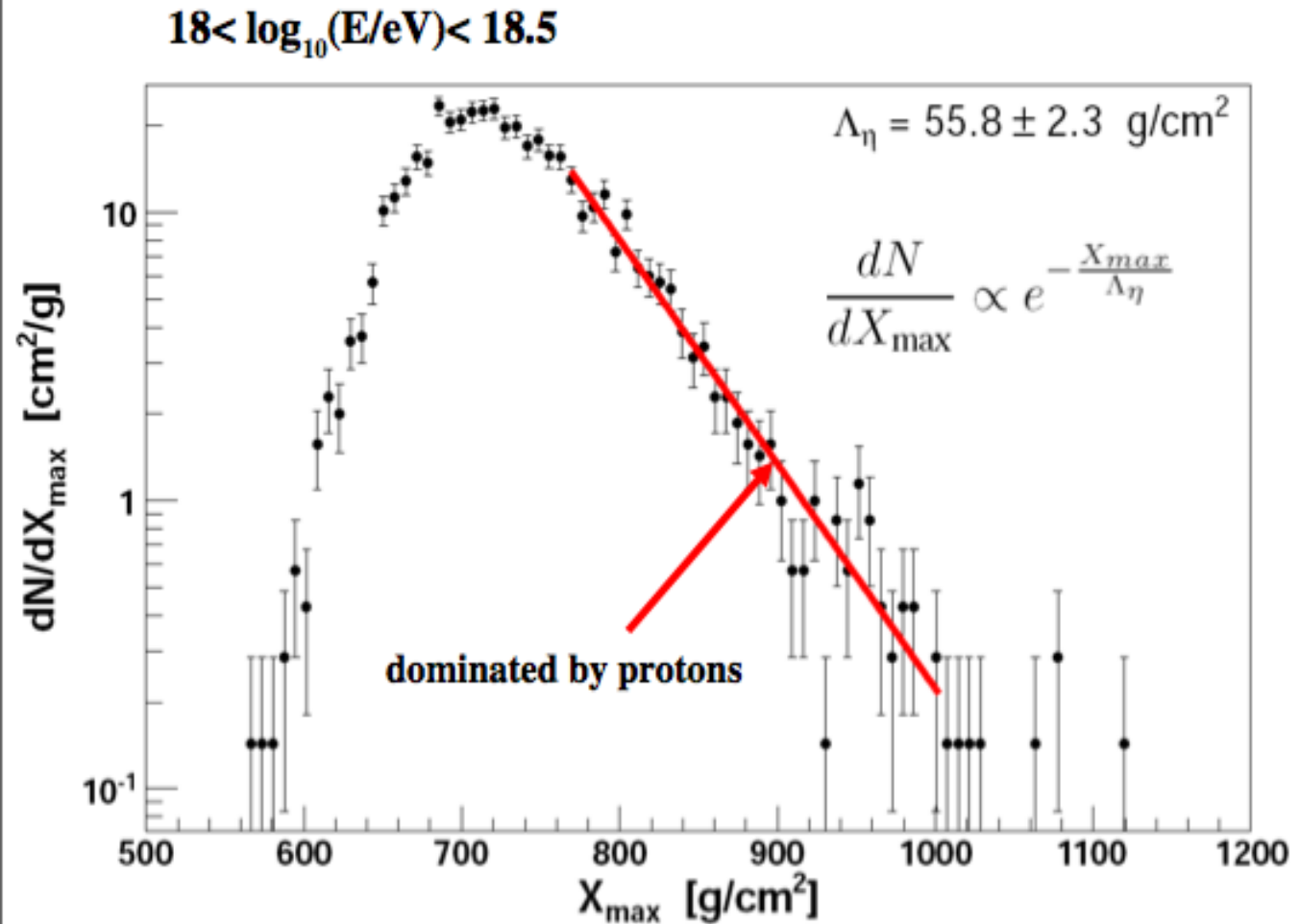
$$\frac{d\rho}{dX_1} = \frac{1}{\lambda_{\text{int}}} e^{-X_1/\lambda_{\text{int}}}$$

### Difficulties:

- mass composition
  - fluctuations in shower development
- $\text{RMS}(X_1) \sim \text{RMS}(X_{\text{max}} - X_1)$   
 $\Rightarrow$  model needed for correction



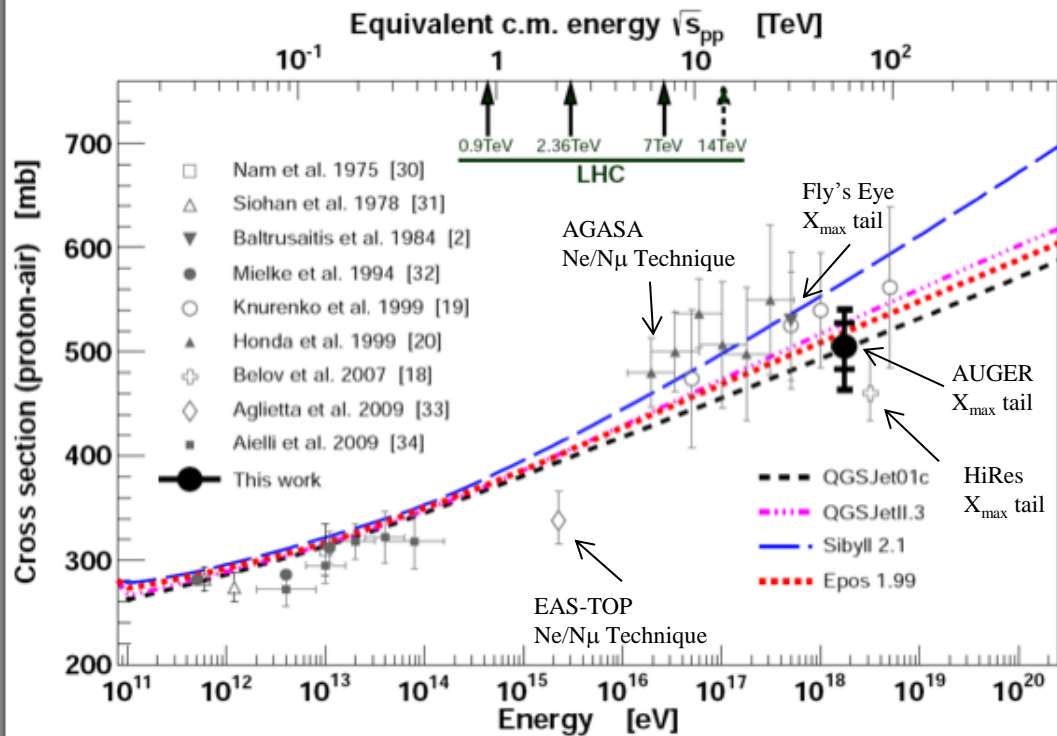
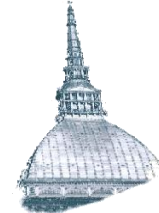
The position of the air shower maximum, at fixed energy,  $X_{\max}$ , is sensitive to the cross section



The Pierre Auger Collaboration, Phys. Rev. Lett. 109, 062002 (2012)



# Auger: p-air cross section



**Energy well above the LHC measurements**

- Systematic Uncertainties**
- hadr. Models up to 19 mb
  - energy scale 7 mb
  - $\Lambda_\eta$  systematics 15 mb
  - conversion of  $\Lambda_\eta$  7 mb

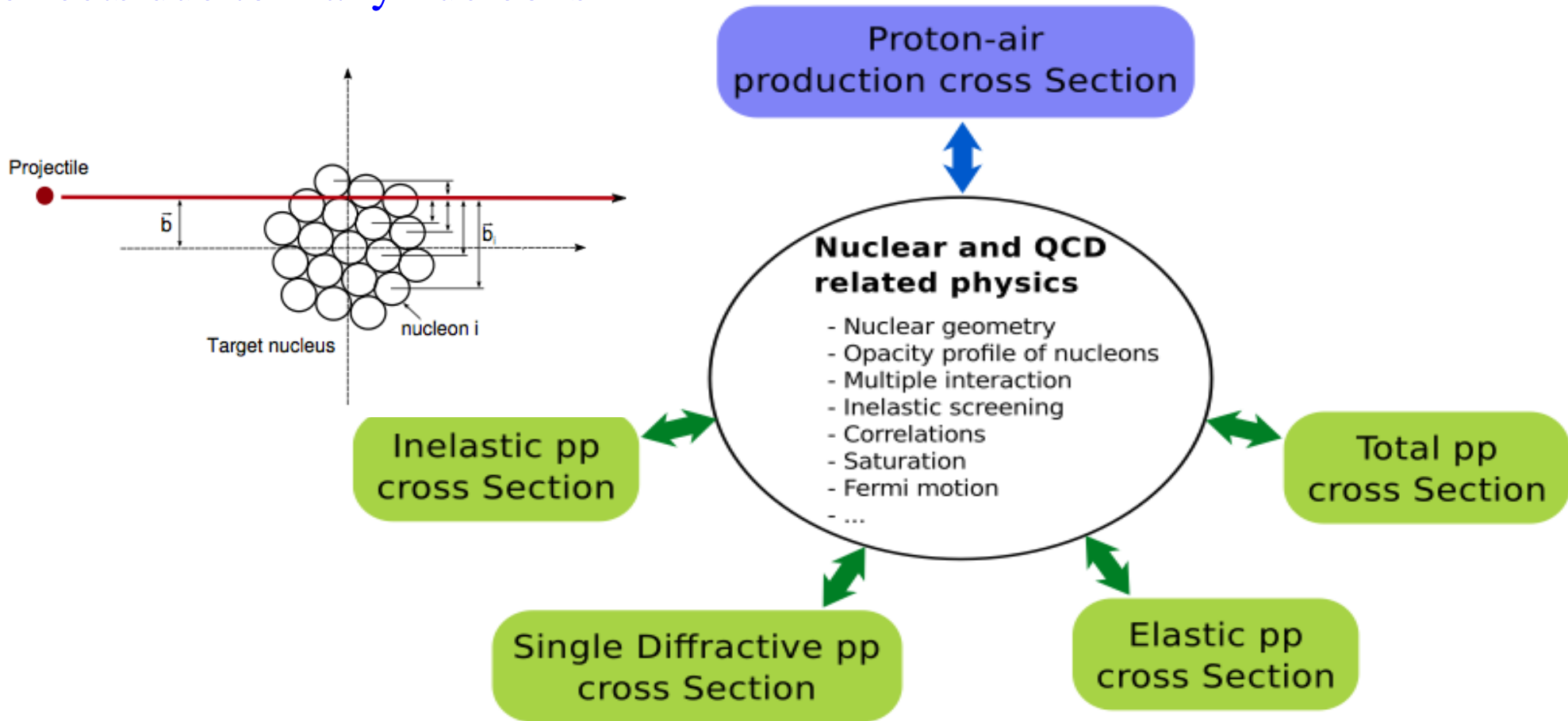
$\langle E \rangle \sim 1.7 \text{ EeV} \quad \sqrt{s} = 57 \text{ TeV} \pm 0.3_{\text{stat}} \pm 6_{\text{sys}}$

$$\sigma_{\text{p-air}} = (505 \pm 22_{\text{stat}} \begin{matrix} +28 \\ -36 \end{matrix}_{\text{syst}}) \text{ mb}$$

- Additional Uncertainties** due to diverse contaminations:
- photon fraction 0.5% +10 mb
  - helium fraction 10% -12 mb
  - **helium fraction 25% -30 mb**

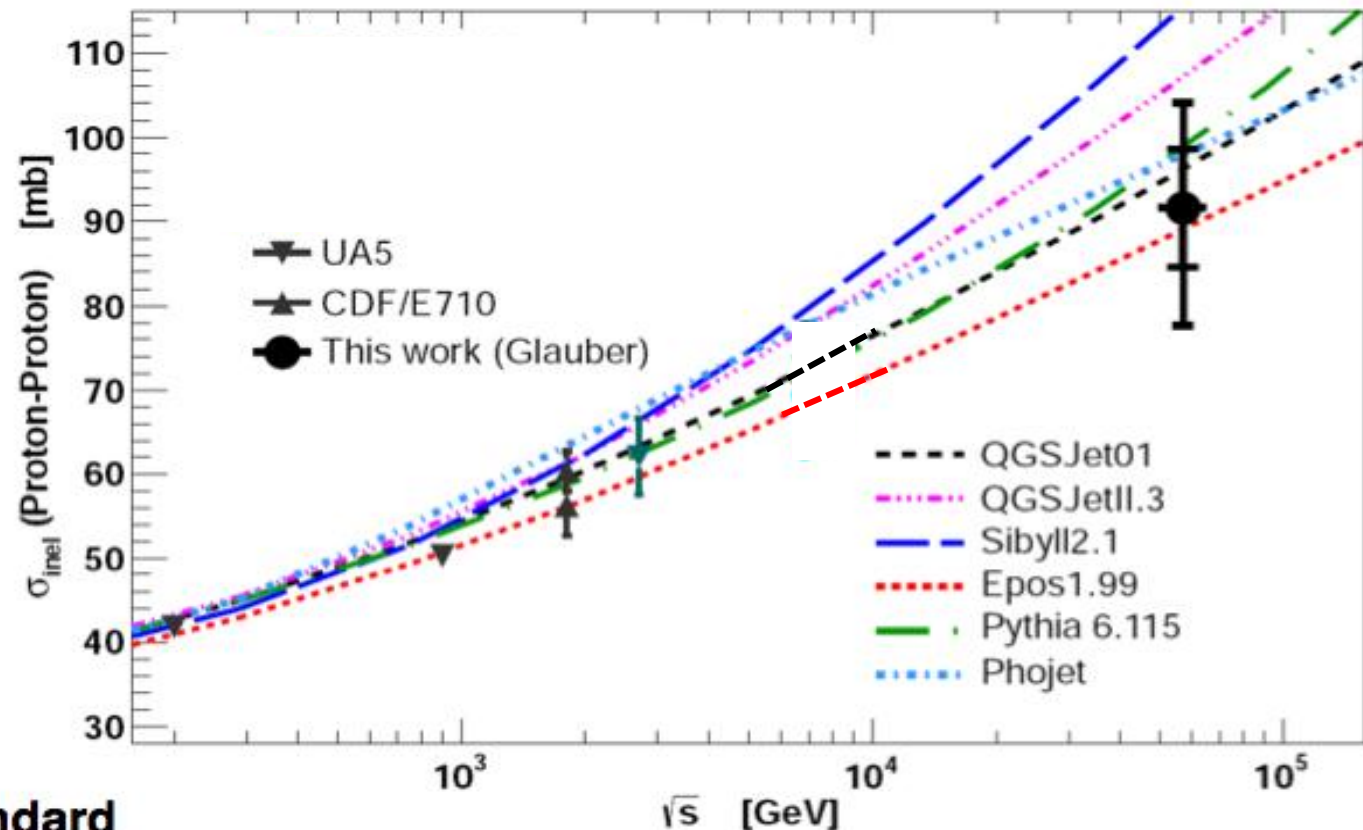


The p-air cross section is interpreted as the convolution of effects due to many nucleons





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**Using standard  
Glauber formalism**

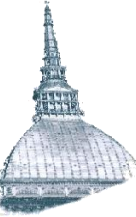
$$\sigma_{pp}^{\text{inel}} = [92 \pm 7(\text{stat}) \pm 9_{-11}(\text{sys}) \pm 7(\text{Glauber})] \text{ mb}$$

$$\sigma_{pp}^{\text{tot}} = [133 \pm 13(\text{stat}) \pm 17_{-20}(\text{sys}) \pm 16(\text{Glauber})] \text{ mb}$$

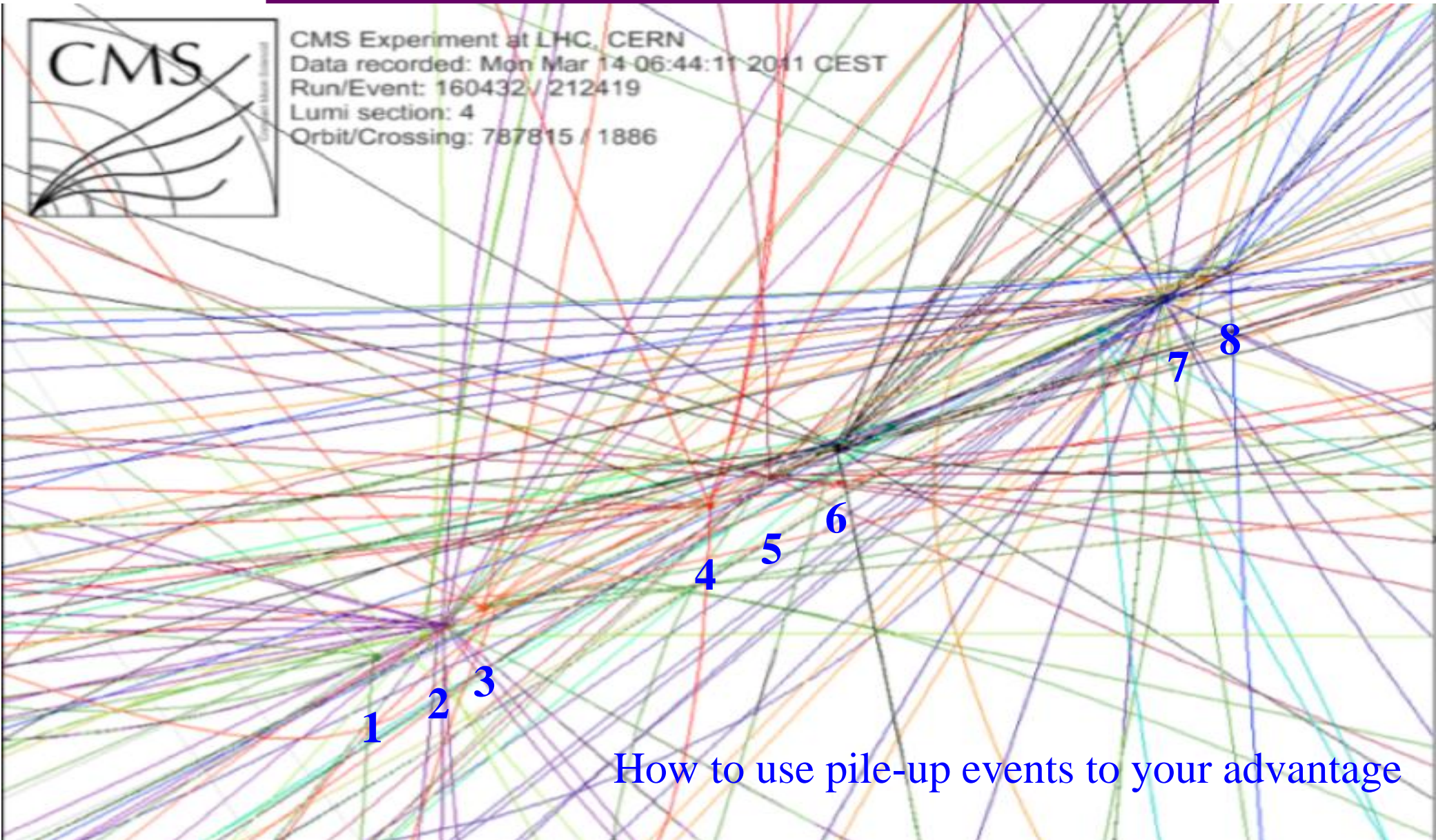


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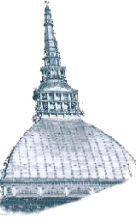
measure  $\sigma_{\text{inel}}$  by counting number of vertexes



CMS Experiment at LHC, CERN  
 Data recorded: Mon Mar 14 06:44:11 2011 CEST  
 Run/Event: 160432 / 212419  
 Lumi section: 4  
 Orbit/Crossing: 787815 / 1886



How to use pile-up events to your advantage



The probability of having  $n_{\text{pileup}}$  depends only on the *visible*  $\sigma(pp)$  cross section:

$$P(n) = \frac{(L \cdot \sigma)^n}{n!} e^{-L \cdot \sigma}$$

If we count the number of pile-up events as a function of luminosity  $L$ , we can measure  $\sigma_{\text{vis}}(pp)$ .

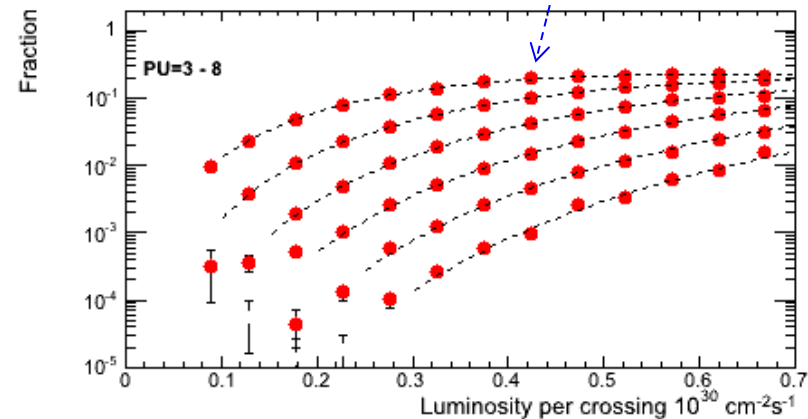
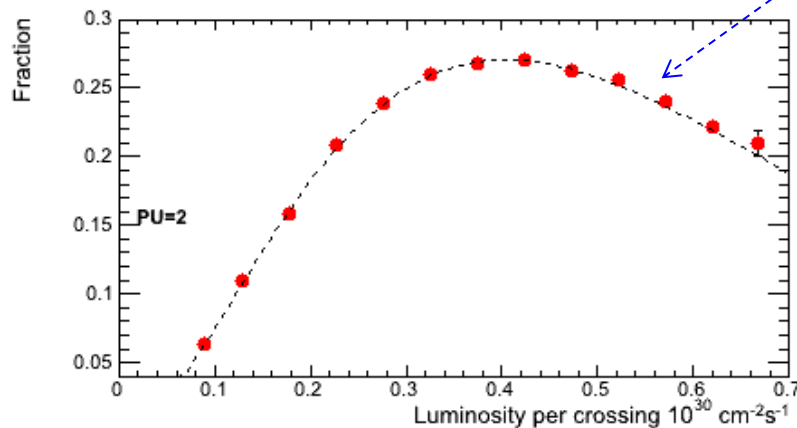
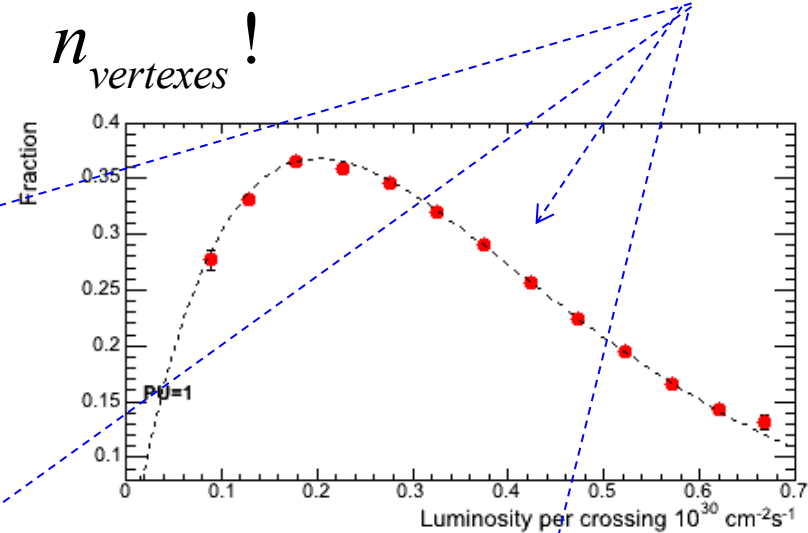
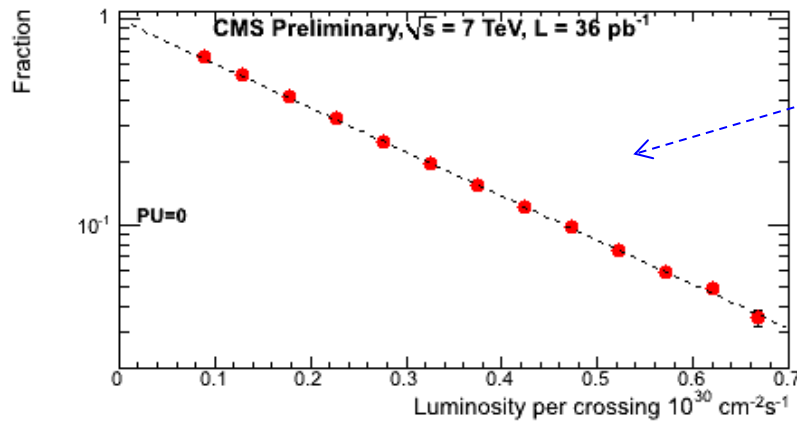
For an accurate measurement we need a large luminosity interval.

# Probability of $n$ extra vertices depends upon $\sigma$



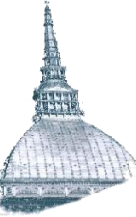
$$P(n_{\text{vertexes}}) = \frac{(LS)^{n_{\text{vertexes}}} e^{-(LS)}}{n_{\text{vertexes}}!}$$

Fit to  $\sigma$



# Collider experiments:

measure  $\sigma_{\text{inel}}$  by counting number of events

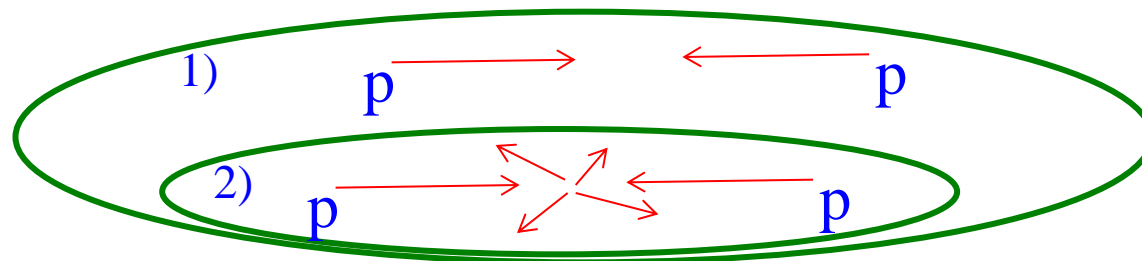
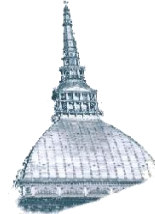


The total inelastic proton-proton cross section is obtained by measuring the number of times opposite beams of protons hit each other and leave some energy in the most Hadronic Forward calorimeter (HF)



$E_{\text{HF}} > 5 \text{ GeV}$  is converted, using MC correction, into  $M_x > 15 \text{ GeV}$   
 $(M_x^2/s = \xi > 5 * 10^{-6})$

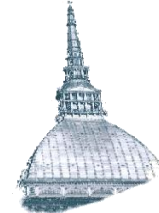




- 1) Count the number of times (i.e. the luminosity,  $\int L dt$ ) in which there could have been scattering, for example using beam monitors that signal the presence of both beams.
- 2) Measure the number of times there was a scattering, for example measuring a minimum energy deposition in the detector
- 3) Correct for detection efficiency  $\varepsilon$
- 4) Correct for the possibility of having more than one scattering (pileup)  $F_{pu}$ .

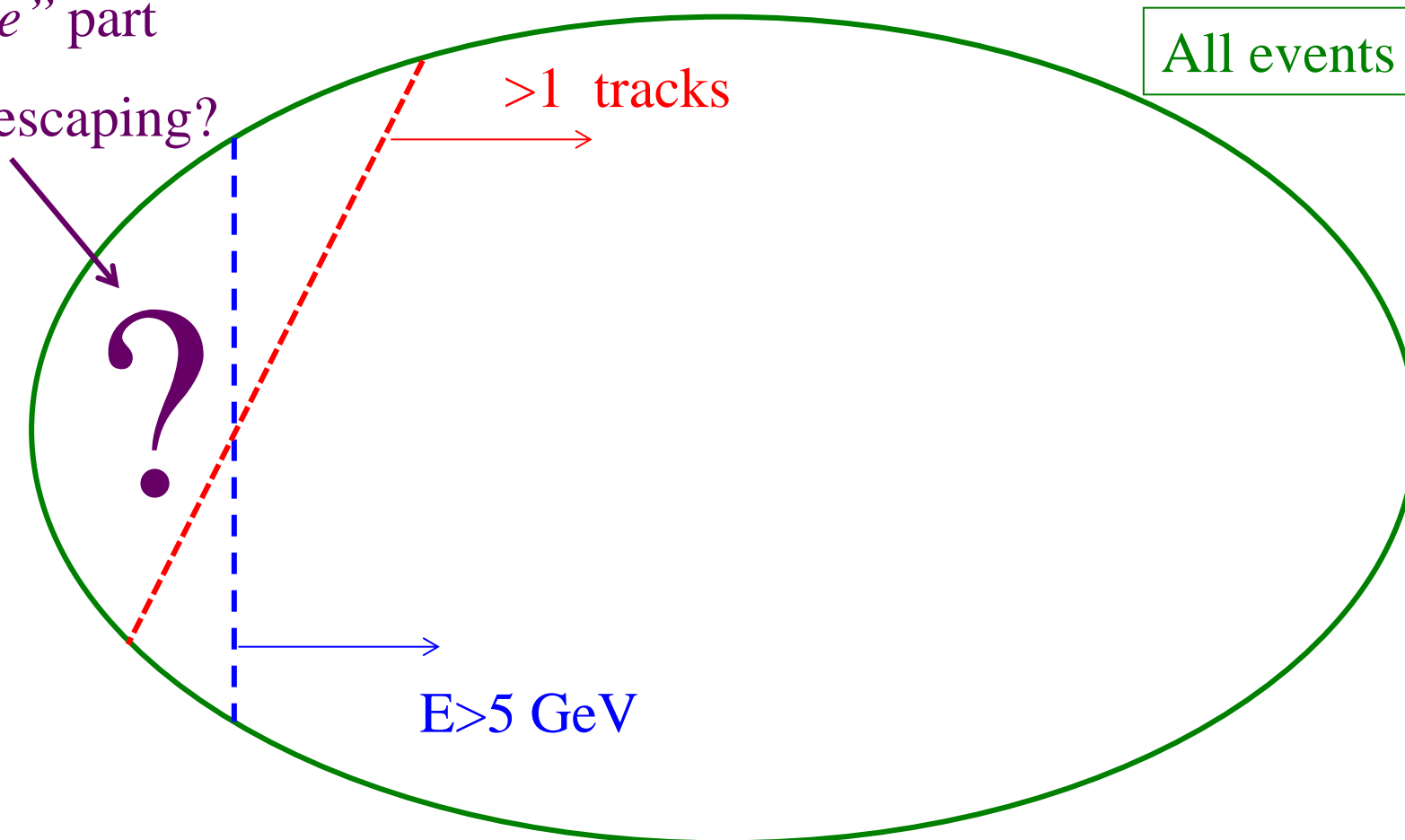
$$S_{Inel} = \frac{N_{Event} F_{pu}}{e \int L dt}$$

This method works only at low luminosity



Very small masses,  
 “invisible” part

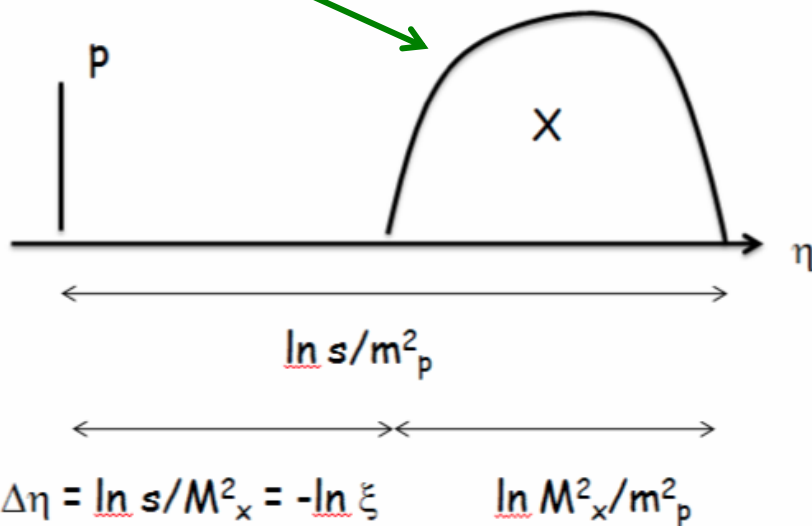
What is escaping?





The difficult part of the measurement is the detection of low mass states ( $M_x$ ). A given mass  $M_x$  covers an interval of rapidity:

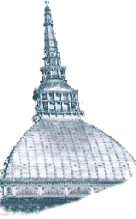
$$\Delta\eta = -\ln(M_x^2/m_p)$$



$M_x$ [GeV]	$\Delta\eta$	$\xi = M_x^2/s$
3	2.2	$2 \cdot 10^{-7}$
10	4.6	$2 \cdot 10^{-6}$
20	6	$8 \cdot 10^{-6}$
40	7.4	$3 \cdot 10^{-5}$
100	9.2	$2 \cdot 10^{-4}$
200	10.6	$8 \cdot 10^{-4}$
7000	17.7	

Escape ↑

$\xi = M_x^2/s$  characterizes the reach of a given measurement.



Optical theorem: elastic scattering at  $t = 0 \rightarrow \sigma_{TOT}$   $d\sigma_{EL} / dt = Ae^{-B|t|}$

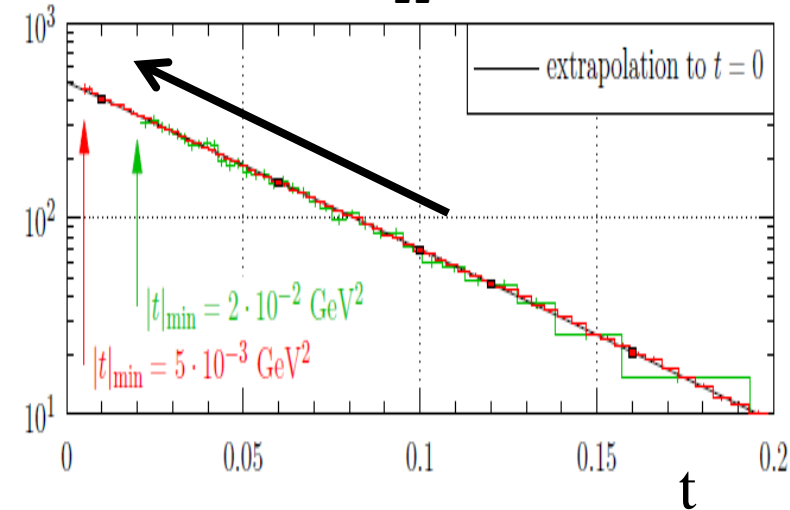
Optical Theorem: 
$$\sigma_{TOT}^2 = \frac{16\pi(\hbar c)^2}{1 + \rho^2} \cdot \left. \frac{d\sigma_{EL}}{dt} \right|_{t=0}$$

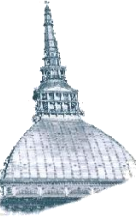
Using luminosity from CMS: 
$$\frac{d\sigma_{EL}}{dt} = \frac{1}{L} \cdot \frac{dN_{EL}}{dt}$$

$\rho$  from COMPETE fit: 
$$\rho = 0.14^{+0.01}_{-0.08}$$

$$\rho = \text{Re}f_{el}|_{t=0} / \text{Im}f_{el}|_{t=0}$$

$$\sigma_{TOT} = \sqrt{19.20 \text{ mb GeV}^2 \cdot \left. \frac{d\sigma_{EL}}{dt} \right|_{t=0}}$$





Three basic type of results:

- 1) Elastic scattering
- 1) Comparison of the total value of the cross section between data and parameterizations as a function of the center-of-mass energy
- 2) Comparison of the value of parts of the cross section (elastic, diffractive, soft) with hadronic models (for example MCs) of pp interactions.



Elastic cross section:

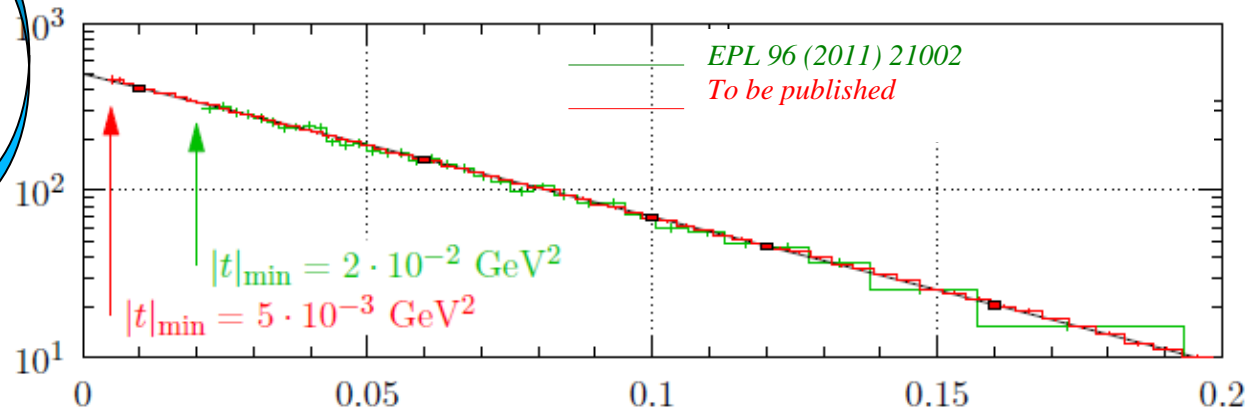
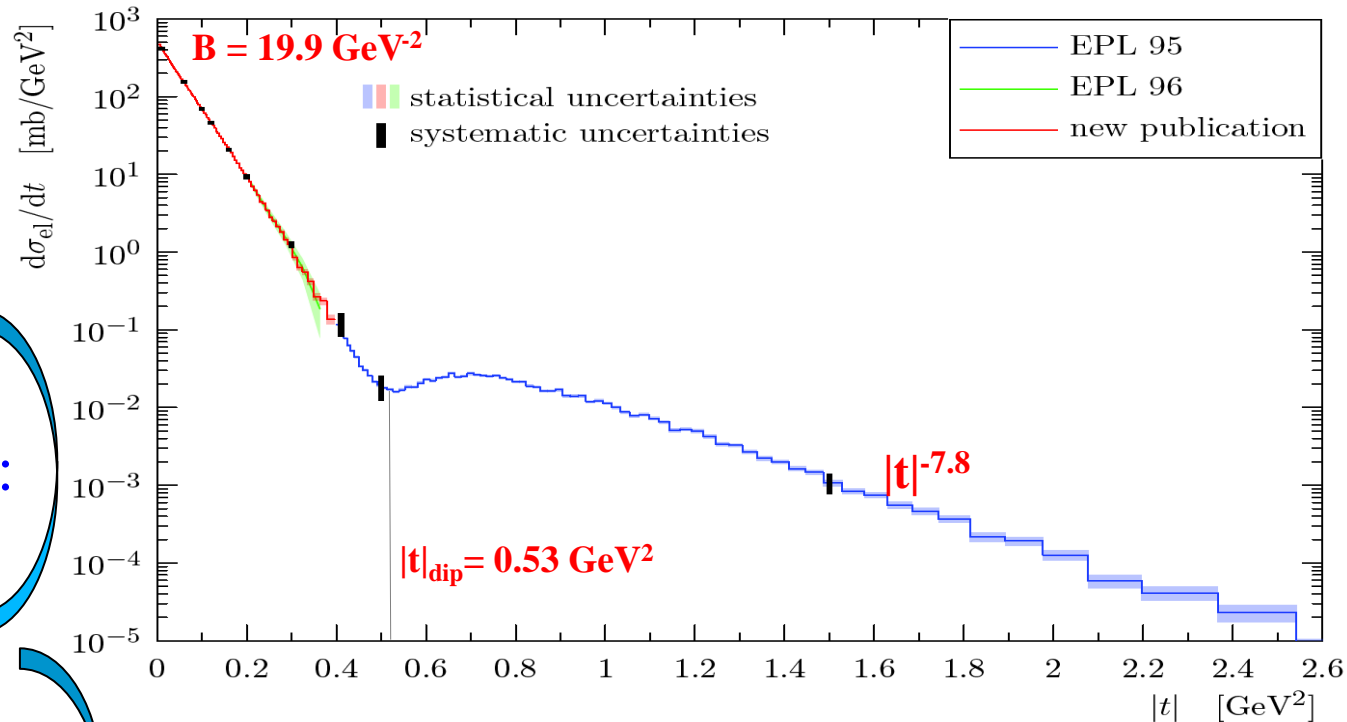
$$\sigma_{el} = 25.4 \pm 1.1 \text{ mb}$$

Using the optical theorem:

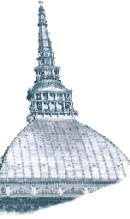
$$\sigma_{TOT} = 98.6 \text{ mb} \pm 2.2 \text{ mb}$$

And then:  $\sigma_{inel} = \sigma_{TOT} - \sigma_{el}$

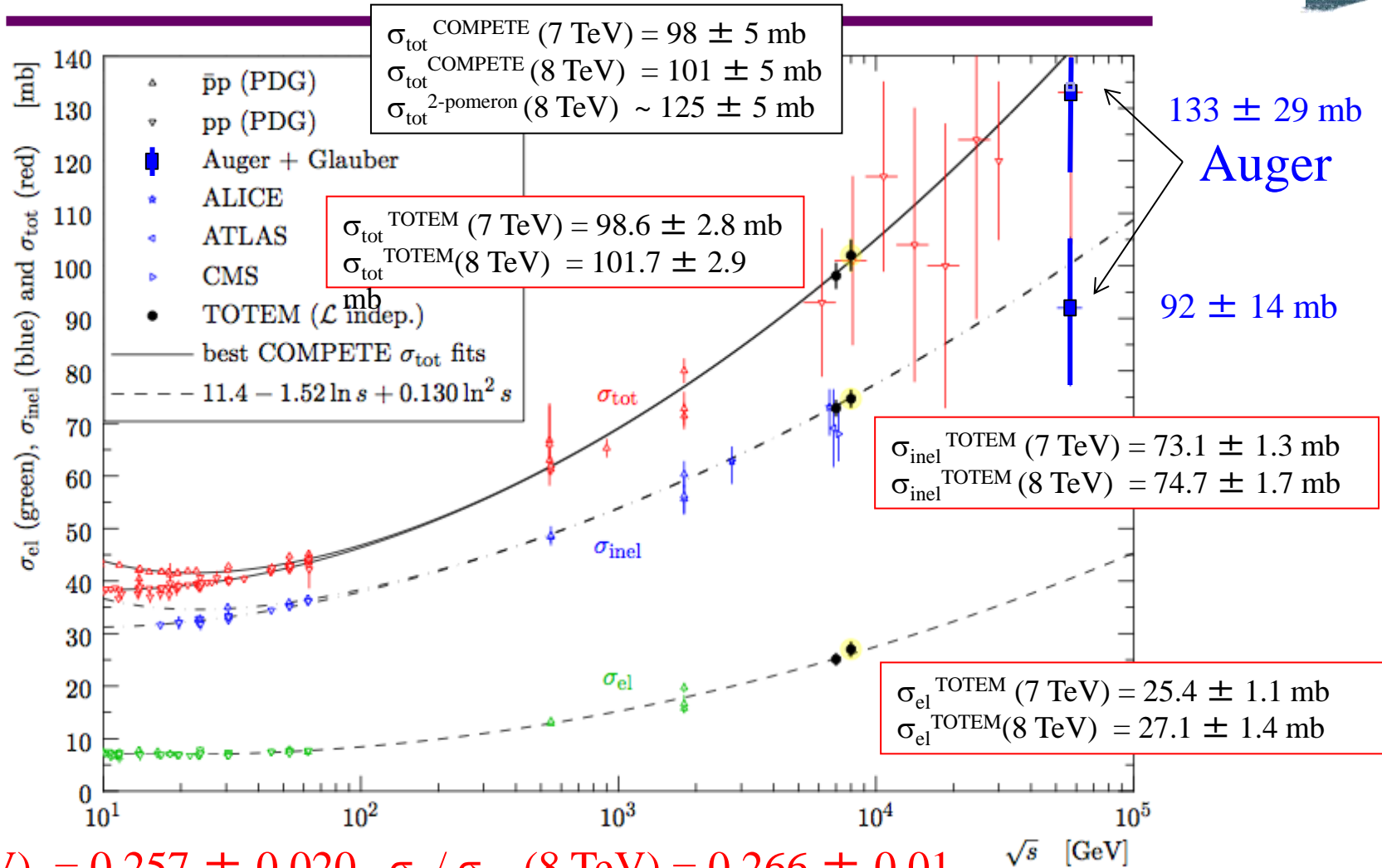
$$\sigma_{inel} = 73.1 \text{ mb} \pm 1.3 \text{ mb}$$





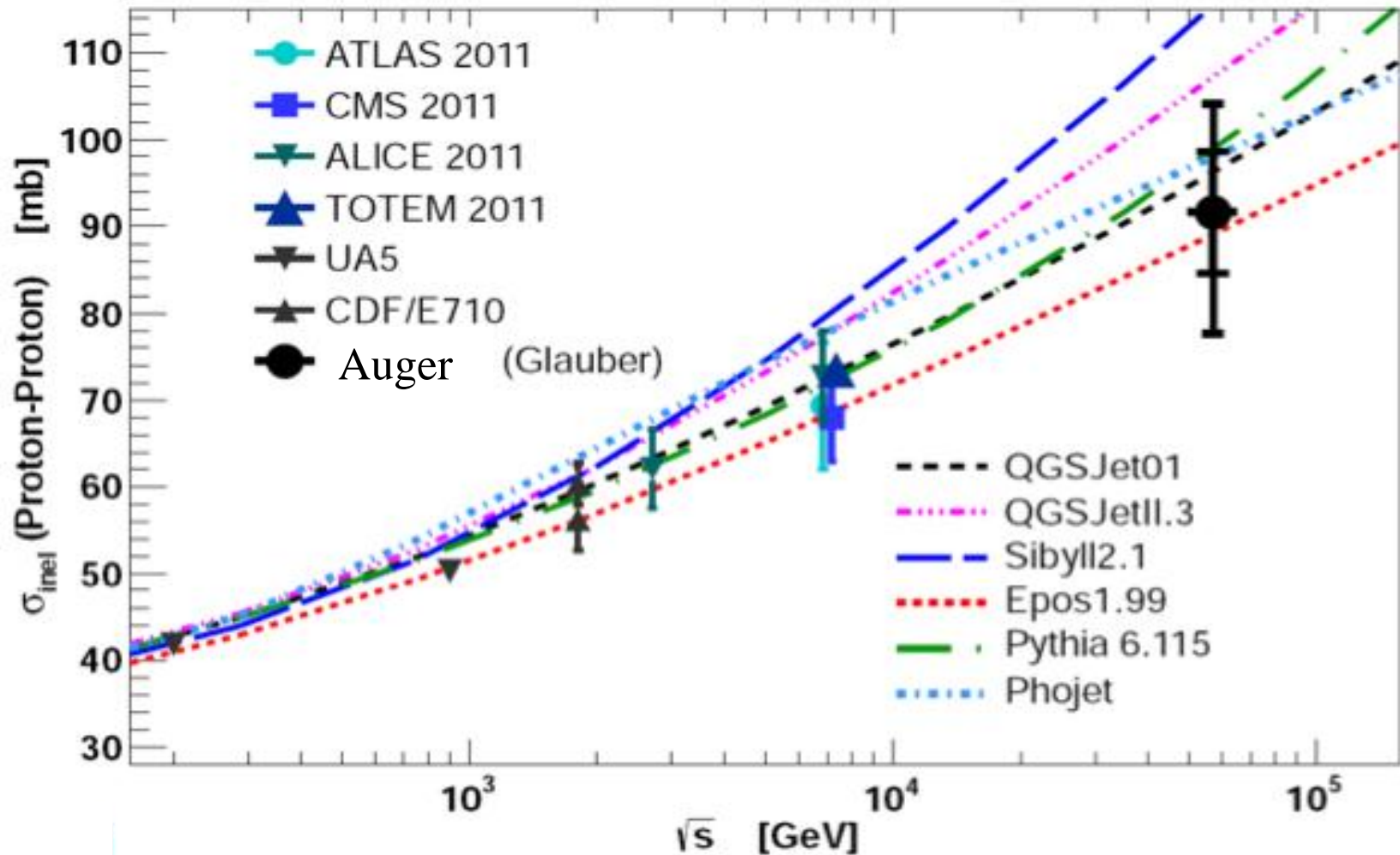


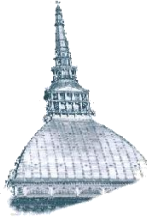
# $\sigma_{\text{tot}}$ , $\sigma_{\text{inel}}$ , and $\sigma_{\text{el}}$



$\sigma_{\text{el}} / \sigma_{\text{tot}}(7 \text{ TeV}) = 0.257 \pm 0.020$      $\sigma_{\text{el}} / \sigma_{\text{tot}}(8 \text{ TeV}) = 0.266 \pm 0.01$   
 $\sigma_{\text{el}} / \sigma_{\text{inel}}(7 \text{ TeV}) = 0.354 \pm 0.026$      $\sigma_{\text{el}} / \sigma_{\text{inel}}(8 \text{ TeV}) = 0.362 \pm 0.011$

# Compilation of inelastic pp cross section

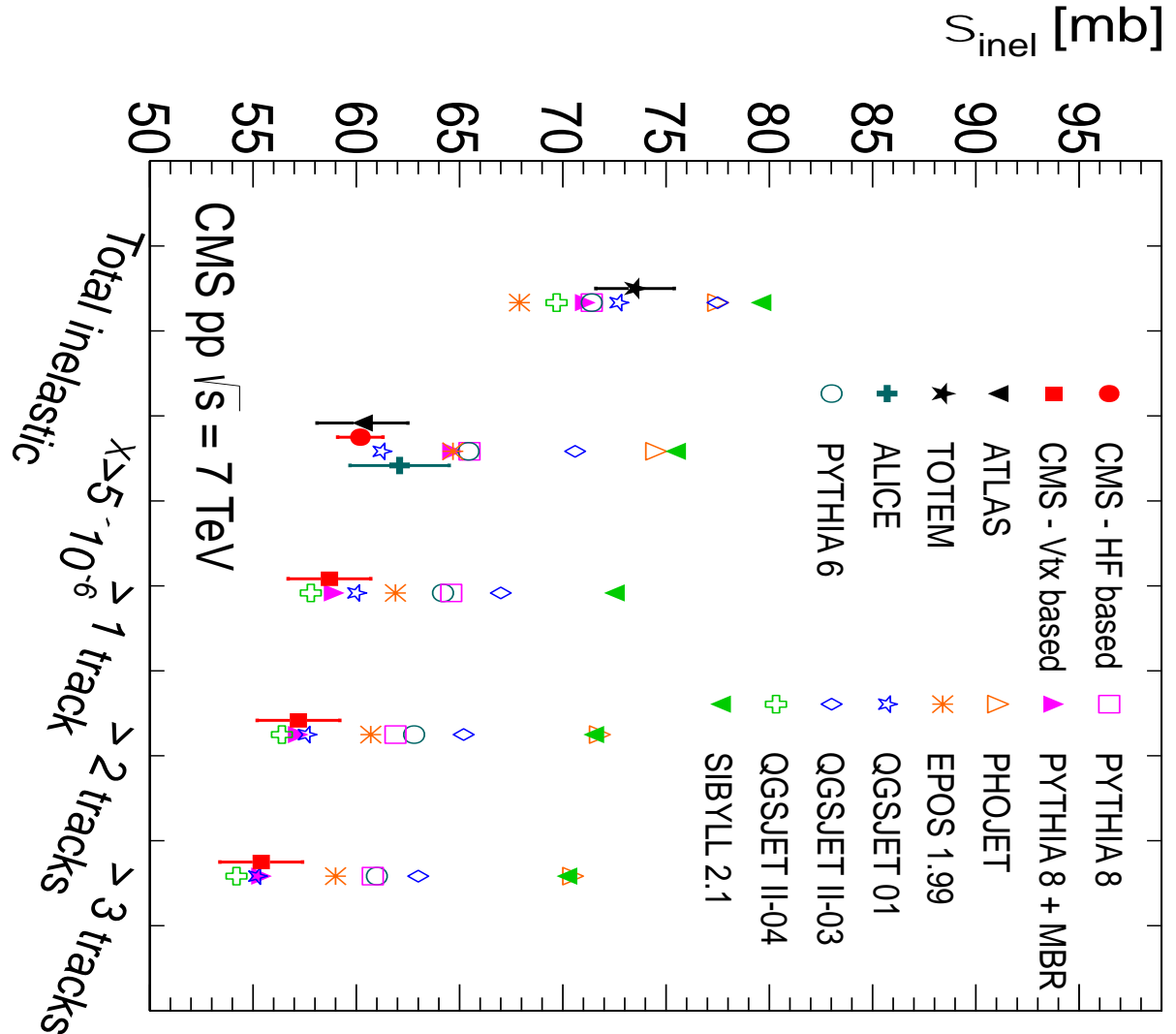


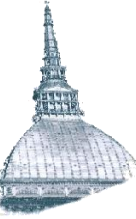


LHC experiments have measured the cross section for specific final states.

These results are really useful to distinguish the importance of the various processes that are making up  $\sigma_{tot}$

Very few models predict concurrently the correct values of  $\sigma$  for specific final states and  $\sigma_{Tot}$





The study of the total cross section and its components is very active.  
A large set of new results have been presented in the last year:

- $\sigma_{\text{Tot}}(7 \text{ TeV})$ ,  $\sigma_{\text{El}}(7 \text{ TeV})$ ,  $\sigma_{\text{Ine}}(7 \text{ TeV})$ ,  $\sigma_{\text{SD}}(7 \text{ TeV})$ ,  $\sigma_{\text{DD}}(7 \text{ TeV})$

- $\sigma_{\text{Tot}}(8 \text{ TeV})$ ,  $\sigma_{\text{El}}(8 \text{ TeV})$ ,  $\sigma_{\text{Ine}}(8 \text{ TeV})$

- B slope and dip position of elastic scattering at 7 TeV

- $\sigma_{\text{Tot}}(57 \text{ TeV})$ ,  $\sigma_{\text{Inel}}(57 \text{ TeV})$

- $\sigma_{\text{Mx}>15}(7 \text{ TeV})$ ,  $\sigma_{>1\text{trk}}(7 \text{ TeV})$ ,  $\sigma_{2\text{trk}}(7 \text{ TeV})$ ,  $\sigma_{3\text{trk}}(7 \text{ TeV})$



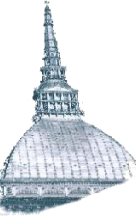
The value of the total cross section  $\sigma_{\text{tot}}^{\text{TOTEM}}(8 \text{ TeV}) = 101.7 \pm 2.9 \text{ mb}$  is well reproduced by the preferred COMPETE fits,  $\sigma_{\text{tot}}^{\text{COMPETE}}(8 \text{ TeV}) = 101 \pm 5 \text{ mb}$  ( $\sim \ln^2(s)$ ) while the 2-pomeron prediction,  $\sigma_{\text{tot}}^{2\text{-pomeron}}(8 \text{ TeV}) \sim 125 \pm 5 \text{ mb}$ , is disfavored.

Commonly used MCs such as PYTHIA do not reproduce correctly the “sub-components” of the total cross section.

LHC data at 7 & 8 TeV, together with cosmic-ray results, are becoming more and more precise, and they are constraining the available models.

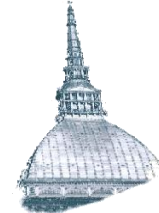
A very interesting contact is happening: measurements at LHC detectors are used to constrain cosmic-ray models, as finally collider energies are high enough: the extrapolation between LHC @ 14 GeV and AUGER is the same as Tevatron → LHC.

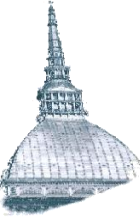
**Please invite me back in 3 years, 14 TeV in 2015!!**



1. Several talks from the TOTEM home page: [http://totem.web.cern.ch/Totem/conferences/conf\\_tab2012.html](http://totem.web.cern.ch/Totem/conferences/conf_tab2012.html)
2. Donnachie & Landshoff: <http://arxiv.org/abs/0709.0395v1>
3. AUGER: <http://lanl.arxiv.org/abs/1208.1520v2>
4. ALICE results, ISVHECRI 2012, Berlin, August 2012
5. D'Enteria et al, Constraints from the first LHC data on hadronic event generators for ultra-high energy cosmic-ray physics
6. ATLAS <http://arxiv.org/abs/1104.0326v1>
7. COMPETE collaboration (and reference in the linked page): <http://hermes.ihep.su:8001/compas/kuyanov/OK/eng/intro.html>
8. Many articles from the “13th Int. Conf. on Elastic and Diffractive Scattering CERN”, <http://indico.cern.ch/conferenceOtherViews.py?confId=41547&view=standard&showDate=all&showSession=all&detailLevel=contribution>







Beam angular spread:

$$\sigma(\theta) \sim \sqrt{1/\beta^*}$$

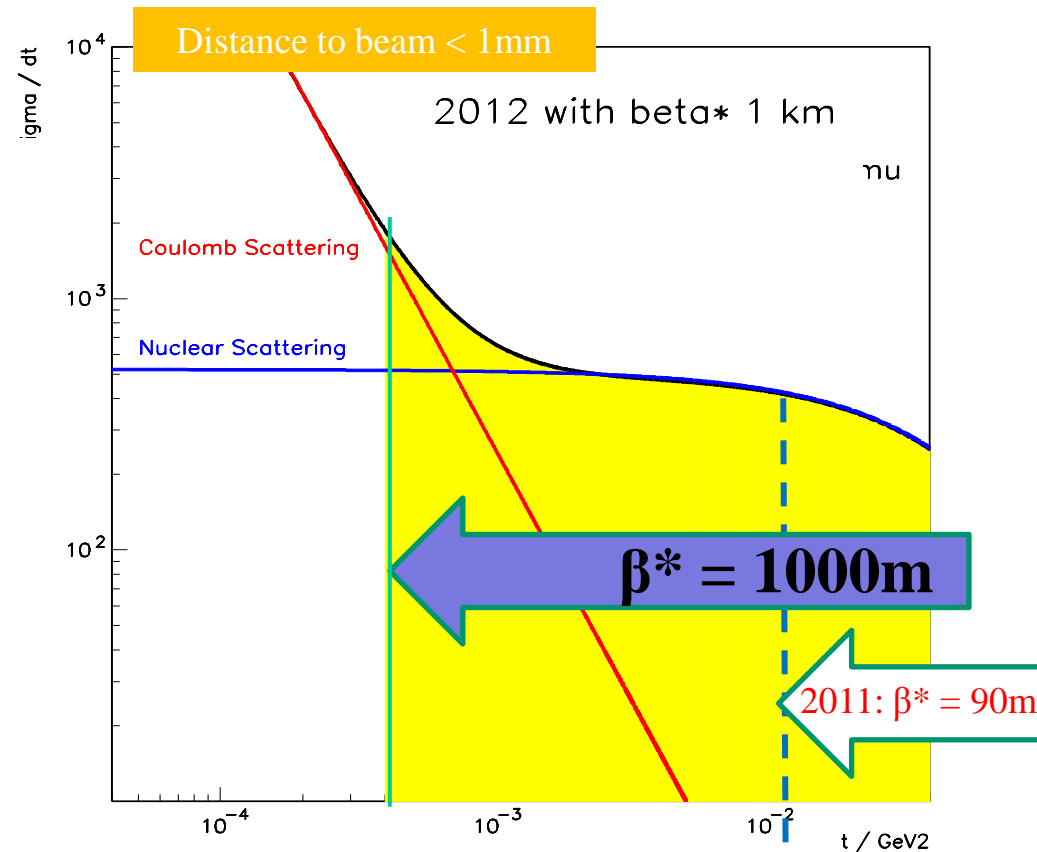
Low  $t$  requires very small angular spread  $\rightarrow$  very large  $\beta^*$

October 24-25, 2012:

$\beta^*$ : 11  $\rightarrow$  90  $\rightarrow$  500  $\rightarrow$  1000m

de-squeeze in 45 minutes

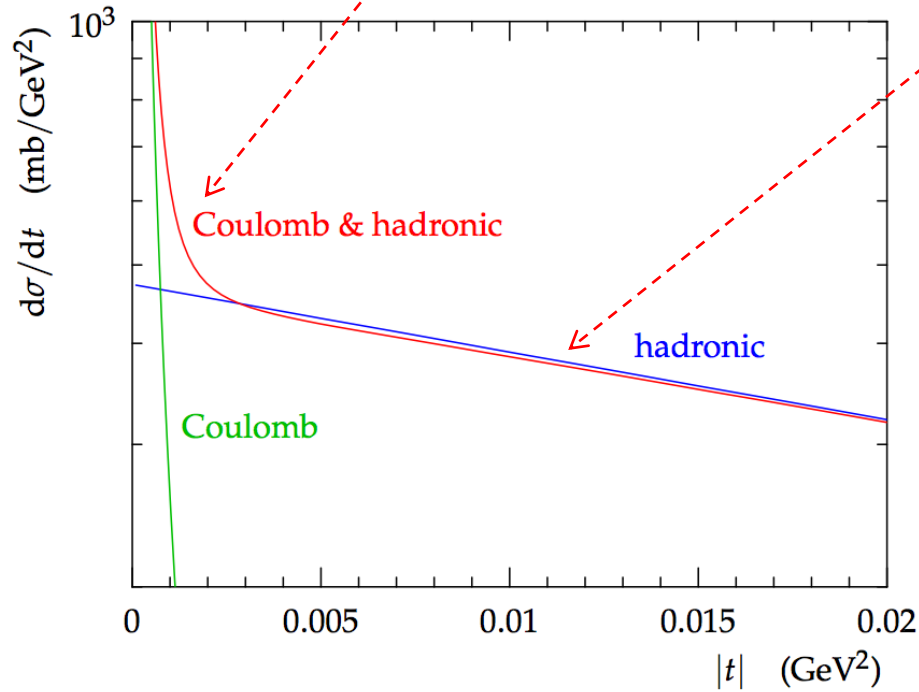
2012:  $\beta^* = 1000\text{m}$





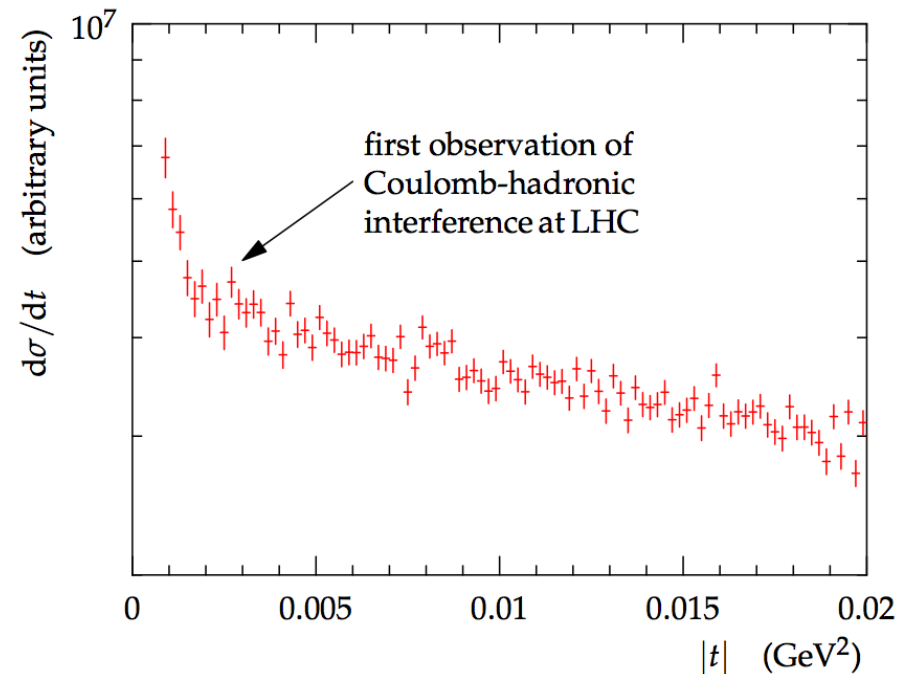
The  $t$  slope changes as a function of  $t$  value.

Do no use: Coulomb part



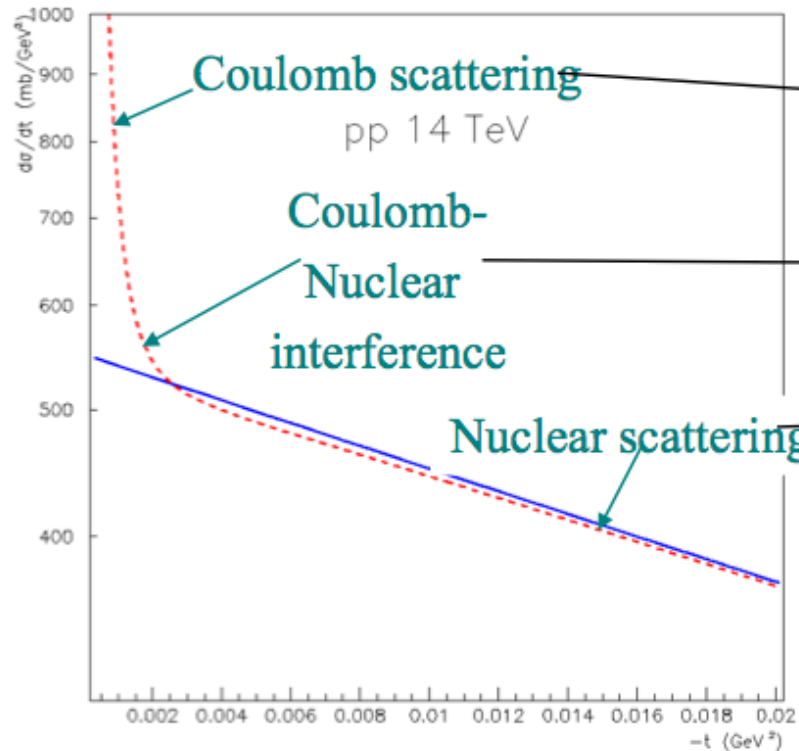
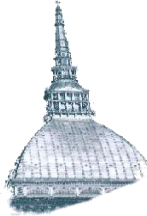
We need to measure this part

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



Measurement of  $\rho$  by studying the Coulomb – Nuclear interference region down to  $|t| \sim 6 \times 10^{-4} \text{ GeV}^2$

# Measuring $\rho$ using the Coulomb part



$$\frac{d\sigma}{dt} = \frac{4\pi\alpha^2(c)^2 G^4(t)}{|t|^2} + \frac{\alpha(\rho - \alpha\phi)\sigma_{tot} G^2(t)}{|t|} e^{-B|t|/2} + \frac{\sigma_{tot}^2(1 + \rho^2)}{16\pi(c)^2} e^{-B'|t|}$$

- $\alpha$  = fine structure constant
- $\phi$  = relative Coulomb-nuclear phase
- $G(t)$  = nucleon em form factor =  $(1 + |t|/0.71)^{-2}$
- $\rho$  =  $\text{Re}/\text{Im } f(\mathbf{p} \leftarrow \mathbf{p})$

Measure the exponential slope  $B$  in the  $t$ -range  $0.002 - 0.2 \text{ GeV}^2$

From Marco Bozzo



ATLAS and CMS measure up to  $\eta = \pm 5$ , which means they can reach values as low as  $\xi > 5 * 10^{-6}$  ( $M_x \sim 17$  GeV)

LHC detectors coverage

ALICE covers  $-3.7 < \eta < 5.1$

TOTEM has two detectors:

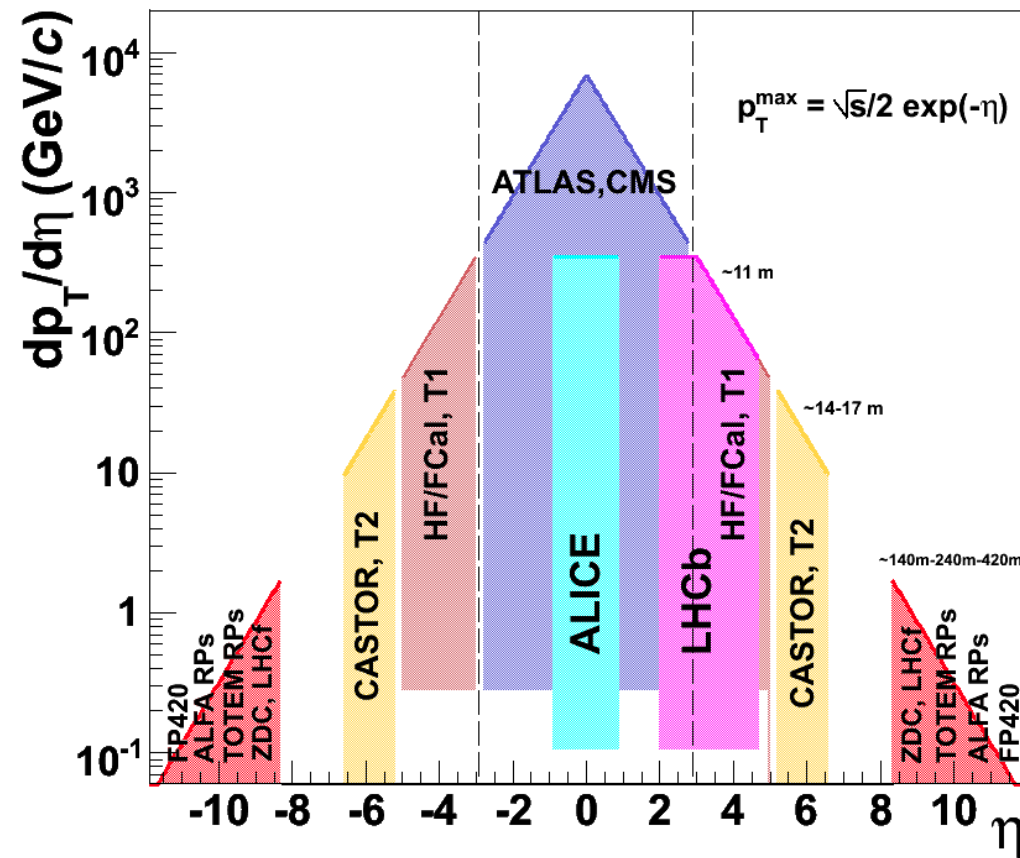
T1:  $3.1 < |\eta| < 4.7$ , T2:  $5.3 < |\eta| < 6.5$ ,  
 $\xi > 2 * 10^{-7}$  ( $M_x \sim 3.4$  GeV)

Main problem:

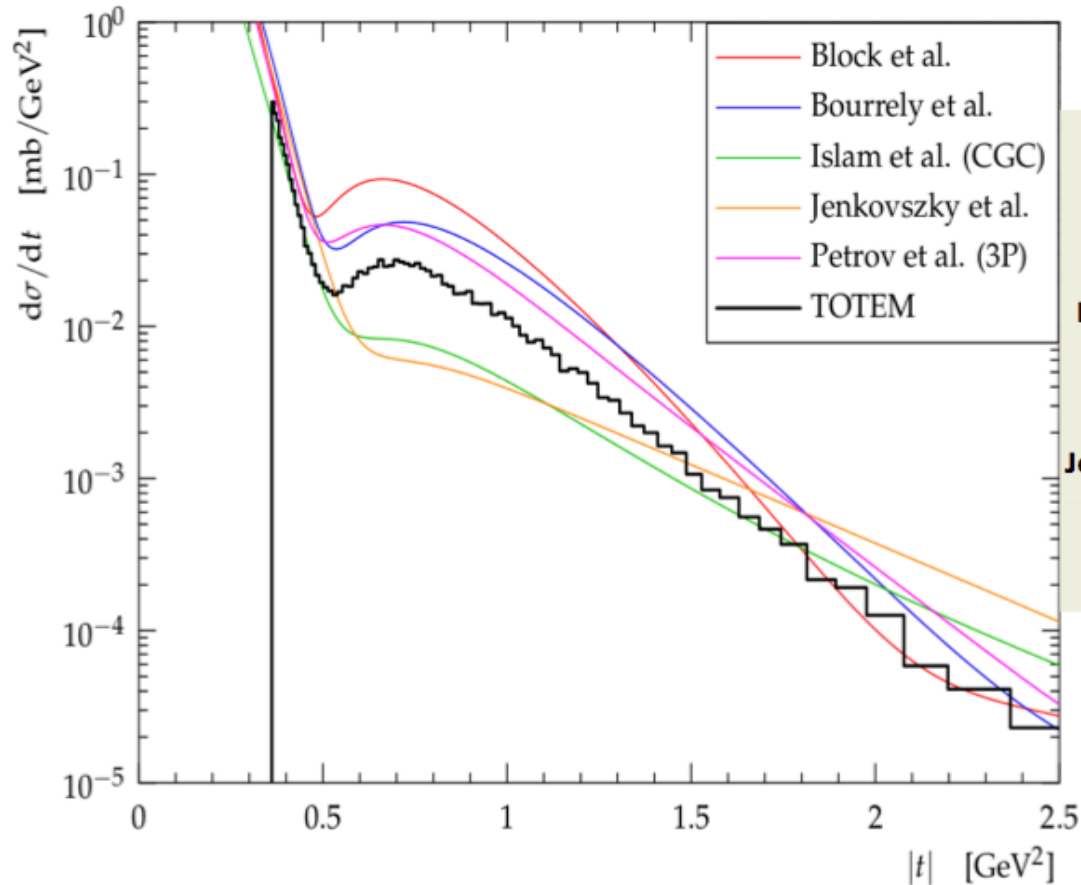
from  $\sigma_{inel}^{vis}$  to the total value  $\sigma_{inel}$

Solutions:

- 1) Don't do it
- 2) Put large error bars



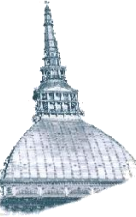
# TOTEM: t-distribution of pp elastic scattering at @ 7 TeV



	B ( $t=-0.4 \text{ GeV}^2$ )	$t_{\text{DIP}}$	$t^{-x}$ [1.5–2 GeV <sup>2</sup> ]
Block	25.3	0.48	10.4
Bourrely	22.0	0.54	8.4
Islam	20.2	0.60	5.0
Jenkovsky	20.1	0.72	4.2
Petrov	23.3	0.51	7.0
<b>TOTEM</b>	<b>23.6 ± 0.3</b>	<b>0.53 ± 0.01</b>	<b>7.8 ± 0.3</b>

The t-distribution measured by TOTEM was not predicted by any of the dynamical models of the proton

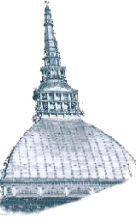




J. R. Cudell:

The measurement of the total cross section at the LHC will tell us a lot about the analytic structure of the amplitude, as there is a variety of predictions that span the region from 90 to 230 mb:

- $\sigma_{\text{tot}} > 200 \text{ mb}$ : the only unitarisation scheme able to accommodate such a large number is the U matrix. It basically predicts the same inelastic cross section as more standard schemes, but the elastic cross section is much larger, and accounts for the difference.
- $120 \text{ mb} < \sigma_{\text{tot}} < 160 \text{ mb}$ : this would be a clear signal for a two-pomeron model, and would also tell us about the unitarisation scheme.
- $\sigma_{\text{tot}} \approx 110 \text{ mb}$ : this is the standard prediction not only of the COMPETE fits, but also of many models based on a simple eikonal and only one pomeron pole.
- $\sigma_{\text{tot}} < 100 \text{ mb}$ : this would indicate either the validity of double-pole parametrisations, or that of unitarisation schemes in which multiple-pomeron vertices are important.



**Problem:** the infinite rise of the cross section violates unitarity. The predictions have incorporated various processes and unitarity constrains that tame the rise of the value of the cross section.

This process is called “unitarization”

Froissart-Martin bound:  $\sigma_{TOT}(s) < \pi/m_\pi^2 \log^2(s)$

However it's not a big deal for LHC:

$$\sigma_{TOT} < 4.3 \text{ barns}$$

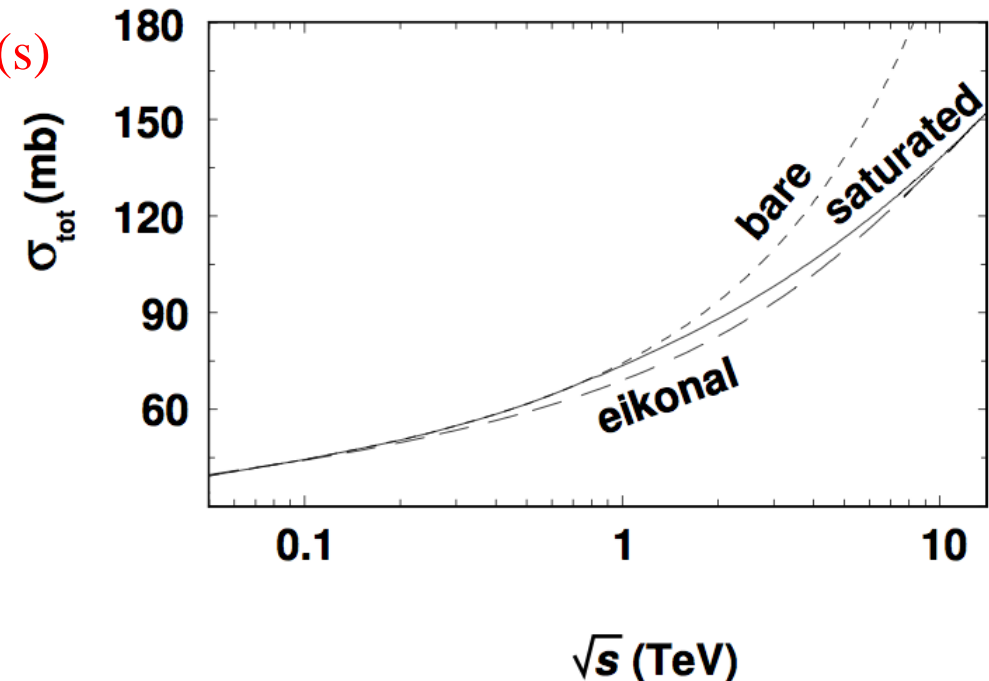
Pumplin bound:  $\sigma_{EI}(s) < 1/2 \sigma_{TOT}(s)$

$$\sigma_{EI}(s) \sim s^{2\varepsilon}$$

$$\sigma_{Tot}(s) \sim s^\varepsilon$$

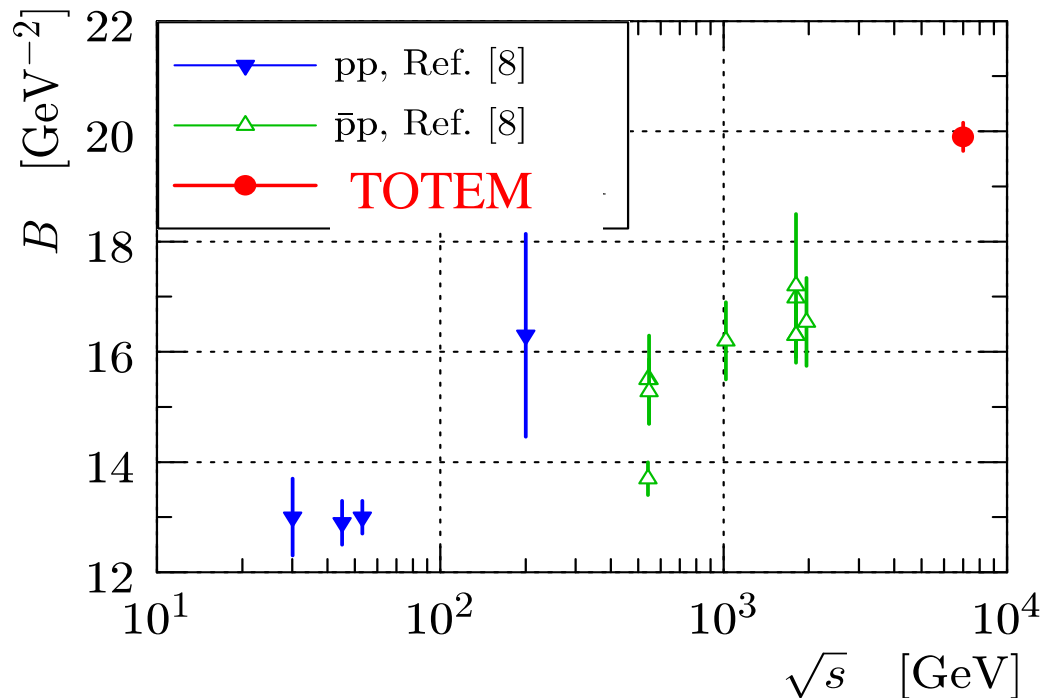
At high energy:  $s^{2\varepsilon} > s^\varepsilon$

Two-pomeron model without and with simple unitarization models





The shrinkage of the forward peak continues, the proton becomes larger and larger.



The elastic component is becoming more important with energy

