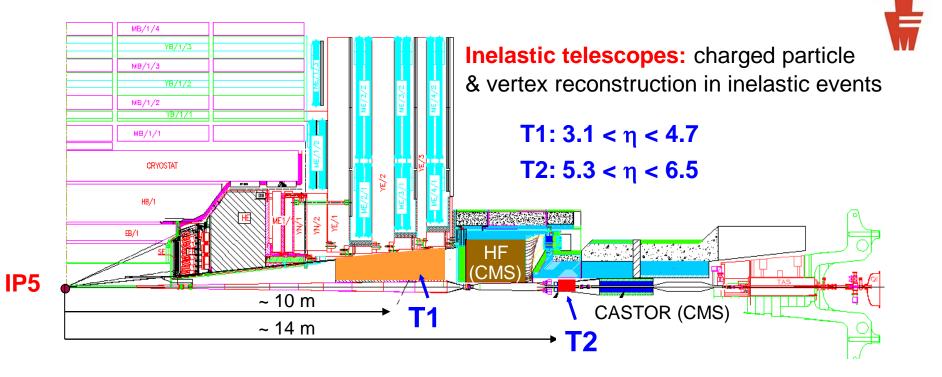
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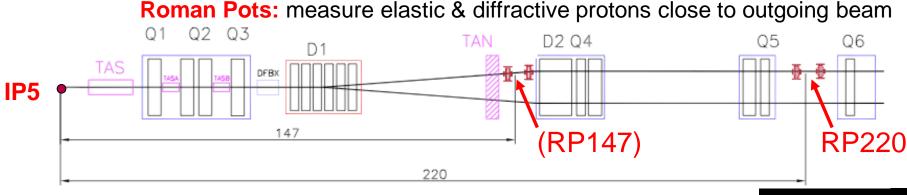


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# **Experimental Setup @ IP5**



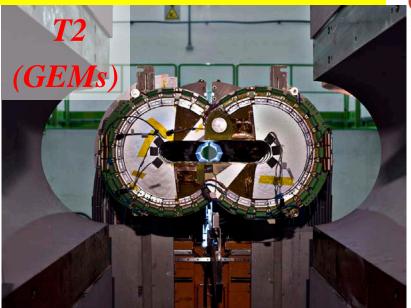


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## **Inelastic Telescopes T1, T2**



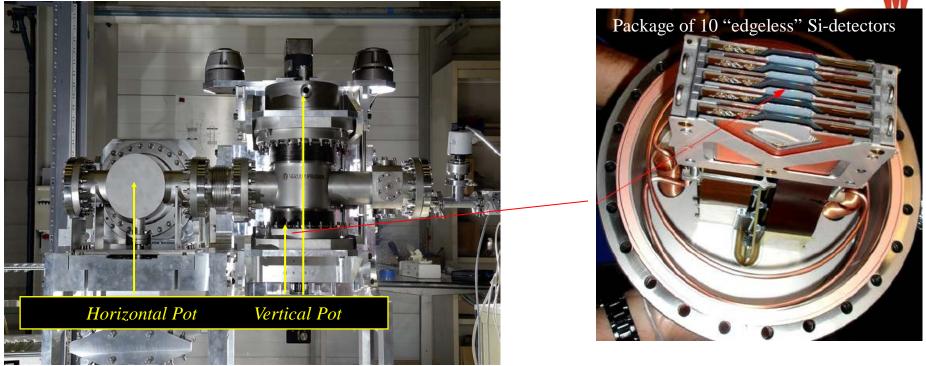






#### **Roman Pots**





Roman Pot = movable box inside the beam pipe, housing silicon detectors.

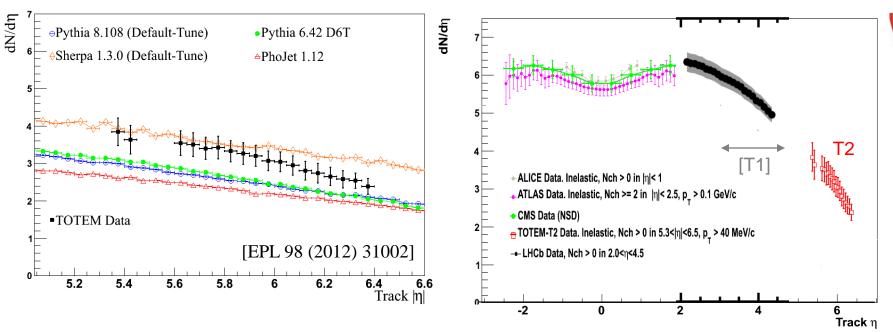
Detectors can approach the beam centre to < 1 mm.

## **Overview**



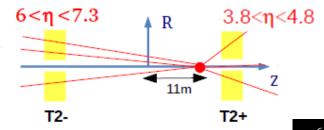
- Charged Particle Pseudorapidity Density dN /  $d\eta$
- pp Elastic Scattering (7 TeV, 8 TeV)
- Total pp Cross-Section (7 TeV, 8 TeV)
- Coulomb-Nuclear Interference (CNI), ρ Parameter
- Outlook: Diffractive Physics Analyses
   Future Runs

# **Charged Particle Pseudorapidity Density dN / d**η



#### Analyses in progress:

- T1 measurement at 7 TeV  $(3.1 < |\eta| < 4.7)$
- NEW: combined analysis CMS + TOTEM (0 < |η| < 6.5) on low-pileup run of 1<sup>st</sup> May 2012 (8 TeV): common trigger (T2, bunch crossings), both experiments read out
- NEW: parasitical collision at β\* = 90 m (7 July 2012)
   → vertex at ~11m → shifted η acceptance:

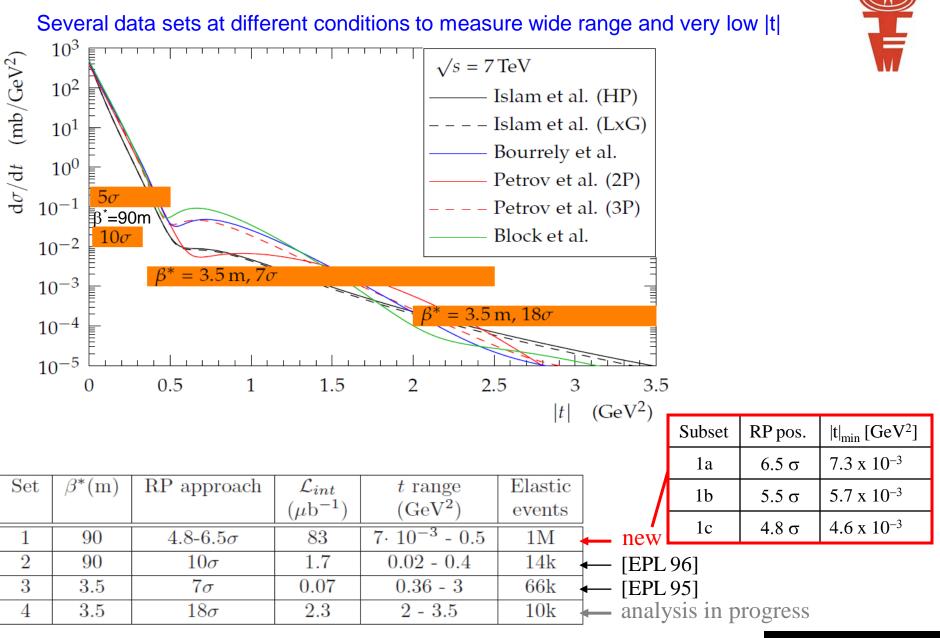




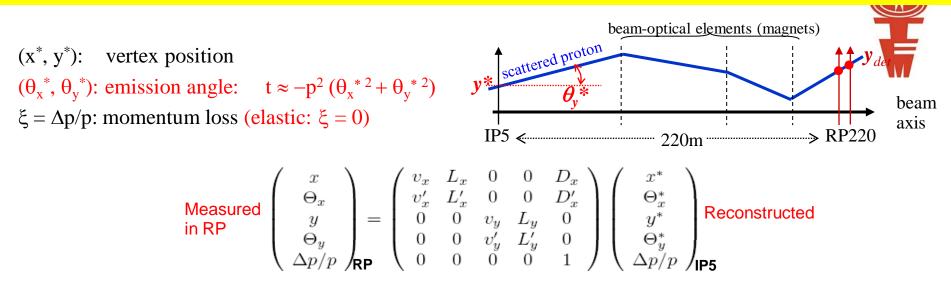
pp Elastic Scattering 7 TeV 8 TeV

"Measurement of proton-proton elastic scattering and total cross-section at  $\sqrt{s} = 7$  TeV" [CERN-PH-EP-2012-239]

#### **Elastic Scattering at 7 TeV: Data Collection**



## **Proton Transport and Reconstruction via Beam Optics**

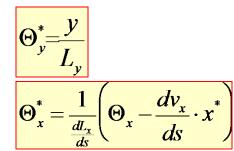


**Reconstruction of scattering angles**  $\Theta_x^*$  and  $\Theta_y^*$ : Optics with  $\beta^* = 90$  m:

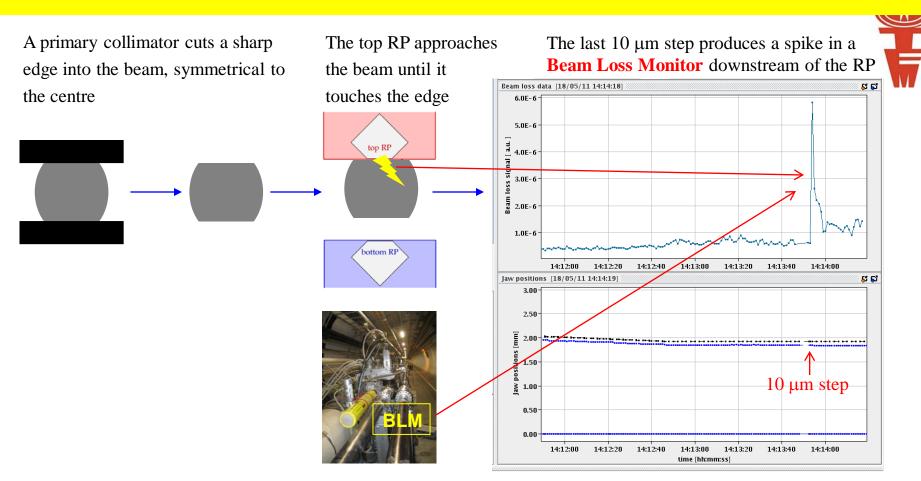
 $L_v = 263 \text{ m}, v_v \approx 0 \rightarrow \text{Reconstruct via track positions}$ 

 $L_x \approx 0$ ,  $v_x = -1.9 \rightarrow$  Use derivative (reconstruct via local track angles):

#### Excellent optics understanding (transfer matrix elements) needed. See talk by F. Nemes (later today).



#### **Beam-Based Roman Pot Alignment (Scraping)**

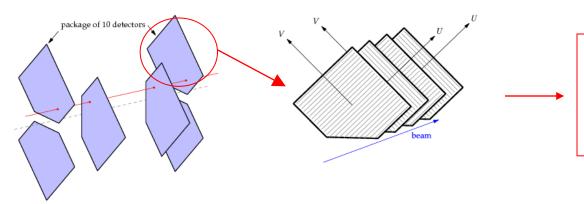


When both top and bottom pots are touching the beam edge:

- they are at the same number of sigmas from the beam centre as the collimator
- the beam centre is exactly in the middle between top and bottom pot
- $\rightarrow$  Alignment of the RP windows relative to the beam (~ 20  $\mu$ m)

# **Software Alignment**

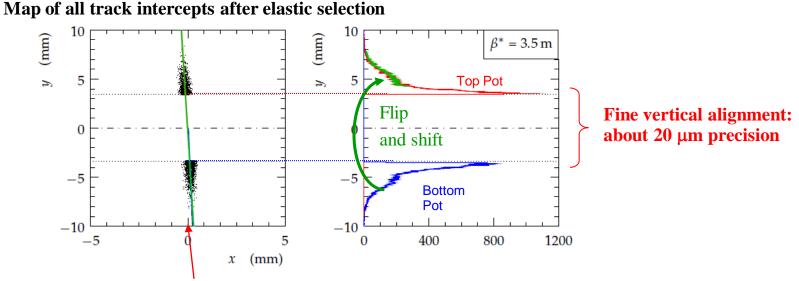
#### **Track-Based Alignment**



Residual-based alignment technique: shifts and rotations within a RP unit

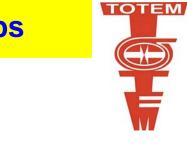
Important: overlap between horizontal and vertical detectors !

#### **Alignment Exploiting Symmetries of Hit Profiles**



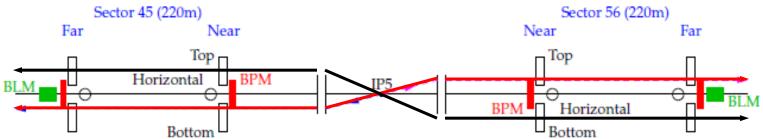
 $\rightarrow$  Fine horizontal alignment: precision better than 10  $\mu$ m

## **Elastic pp Scattering: Event Topology and Hit Maps**



β\***=90m** 



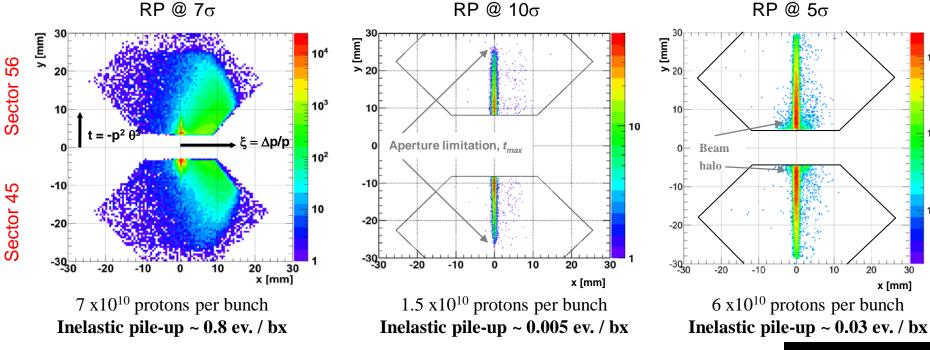


Hit Maps of a single diagonal (left-right coincidences)

β\***=90m** 



RP @ 7σ



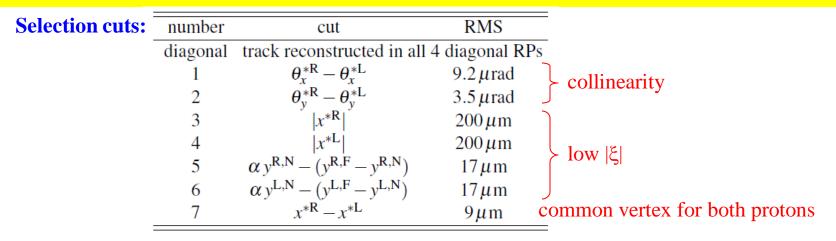
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x [mm]

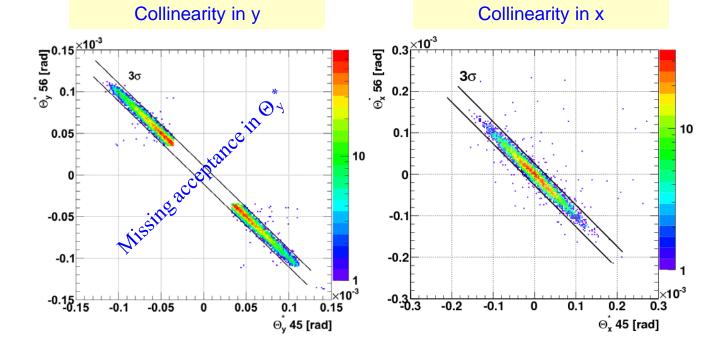
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# **Elastic Tagging**



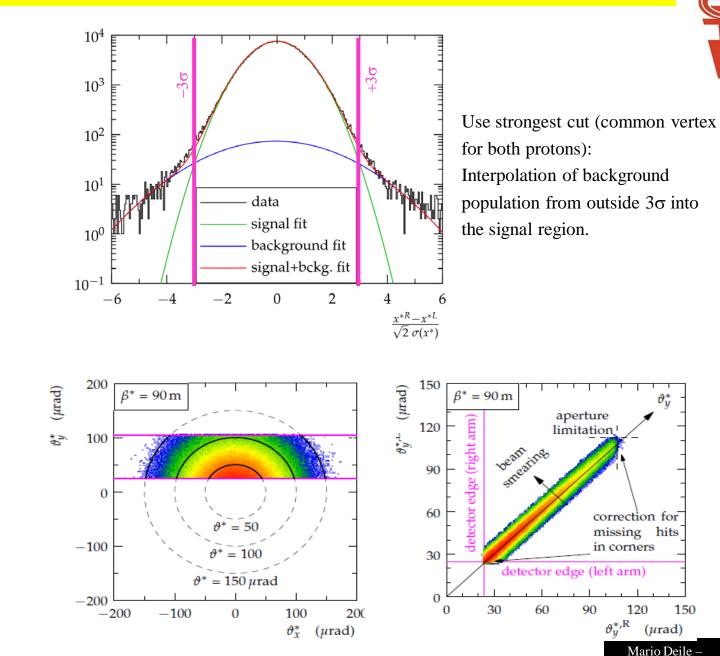
Example: elastic collinearity : Scattering angle on one side versus the opposite side



Width of correlation band in agreement with beam divergence (~ 2.4  $\mu$ rad)

## **Analysis Overview I**

Background subtraction



Acceptance correction

θ<sup>\*</sup><sub>V</sub>

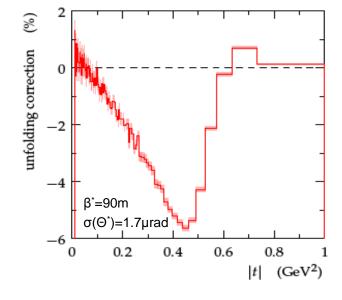
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#### **Analysis Overview II**



#### **Resolution unfolding**

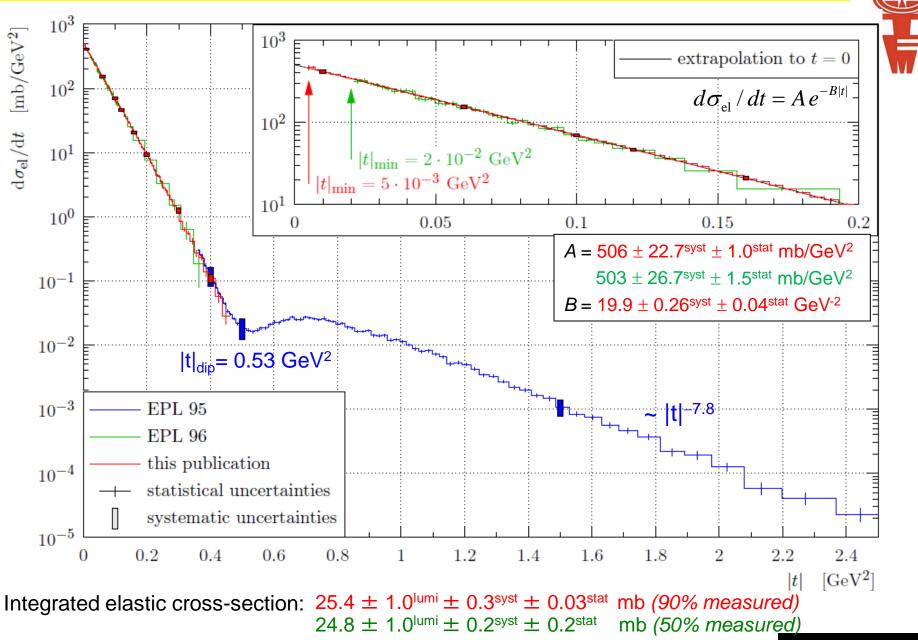


#### Efficiency (→ normalisation)

Trigger Efficiency (from zero-bias data stream)	> 99.8% (68% CL)
DAQ Efficiency	$(98.142 \pm 0.001)$ %
Reconstruction Efficiency	
<ul> <li>intrinsic detector inefficiency:</li> </ul>	1.5 – 3 % / pot
<ul> <li>elastic proton lost due to interaction:</li> </ul>	1.5% / pot
<ul> <li>event lost due to overlap with beam halo, depends on RP position</li> </ul>	
$\rightarrow$ advantage from 3 data sets, 2 diagonals	4 – 8 %

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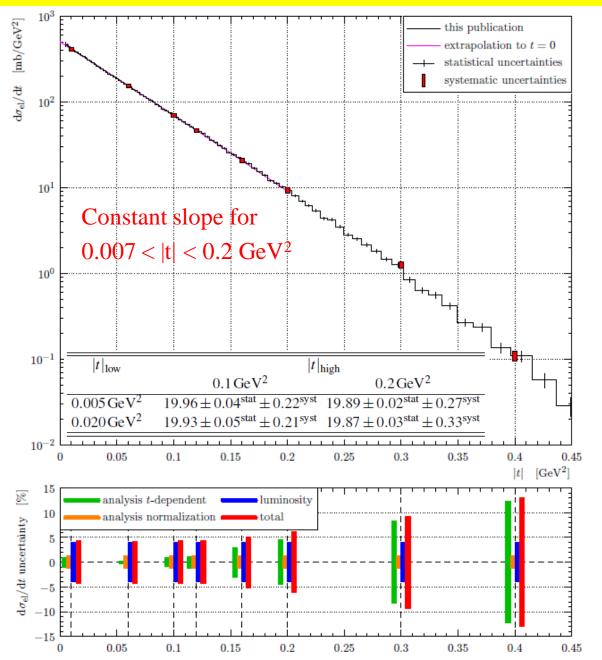
#### Elastic pp Scattering at 7 TeV: Differential Cross-Section



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## 7 TeV: Elastic Scattering at low |t|: Systematics



# TOTEM

#### Individual contributions:

#### analysis t-dependent:

- misalignments
- optics imperfections
- energy offset
- acceptance correction
- unsmearing correction

#### analysis normalization:

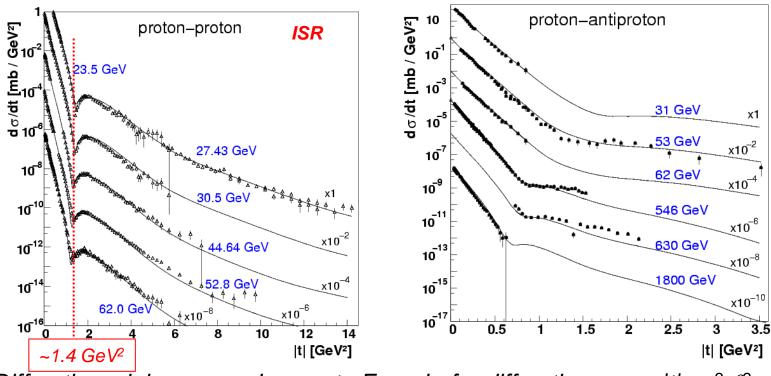
- event tagging
- background subtraction
- detector efficiency
- reconstruction efficiency
- trigger efficiency
- "pile-up" correction

#### Luminosity from CMS $(\pm 4\%)$

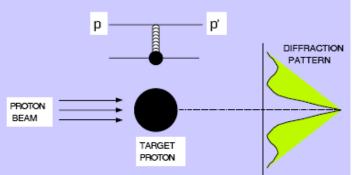
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## **Elastic scattering – from ISR to Tevatron**



Diffractive minimum: analogous to Fraunhofer diffraction:  $|t| \sim p^2 \theta^2$ 



- PROTON-PROTON ELASTIC SCATTERING
- exponential slope B at low |t| increases
- minimum moves to lower |t| with increasing s
  - $\rightarrow$  interaction region grows (as also seen from  $\sigma_{tot}$ )
- depth of minimum changes
   → shape of proton profile changes
- depth of minimum differs between pp, p<sup>-</sup>p
   → different mix of processes



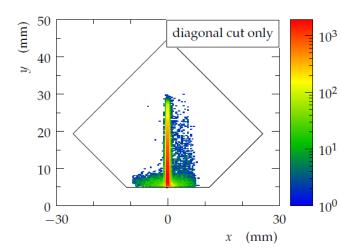
# **Elastic Scattering at 8 TeV**



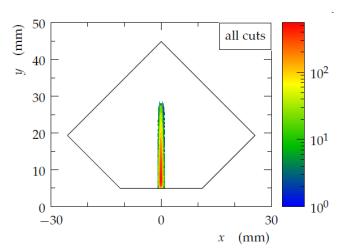
#### July 2012: runs at $\beta^* = 90$ m

dataset	date	bunches	RPs	$ t _{\min}$ (GeV <sup>2</sup> )	$\mathcal{L}$ (mb <sup>-1</sup> )
1	7 July, 1st fill	1	3σ	$4 \cdot 10^{-3}$	_
2	7 July, 2nd fill	1	6σ	$7 \cdot 10^{-3}$	pprox 40
За	12–13 July	1	9.5 <i>σ</i>	$15 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$\approx 30$
3 <i>b</i>	12–13 July	2 or 3	<b>9.5</b> σ	$15 \cdot 10^{-3}$	pprox 820

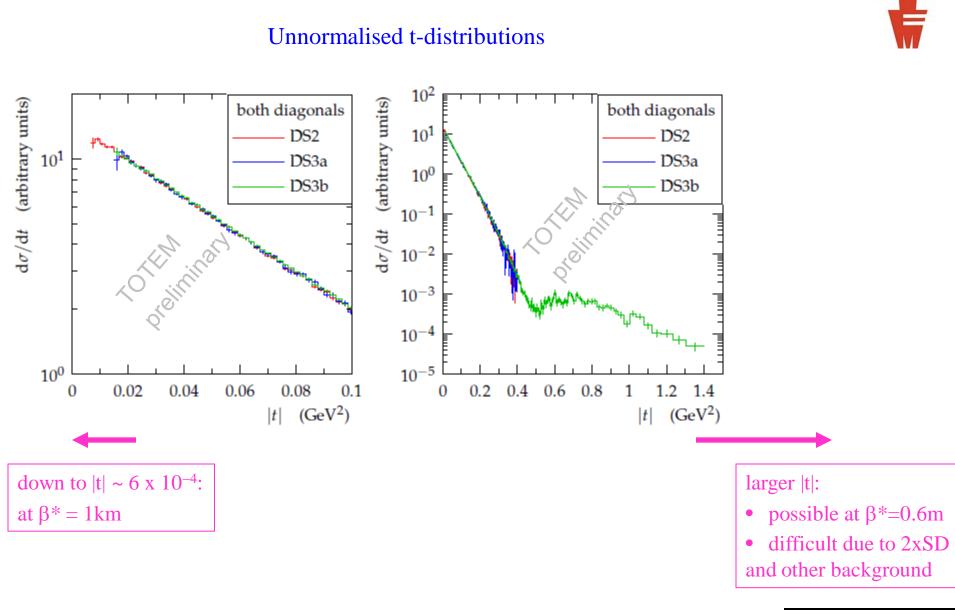
only RP alignment, RPs moving



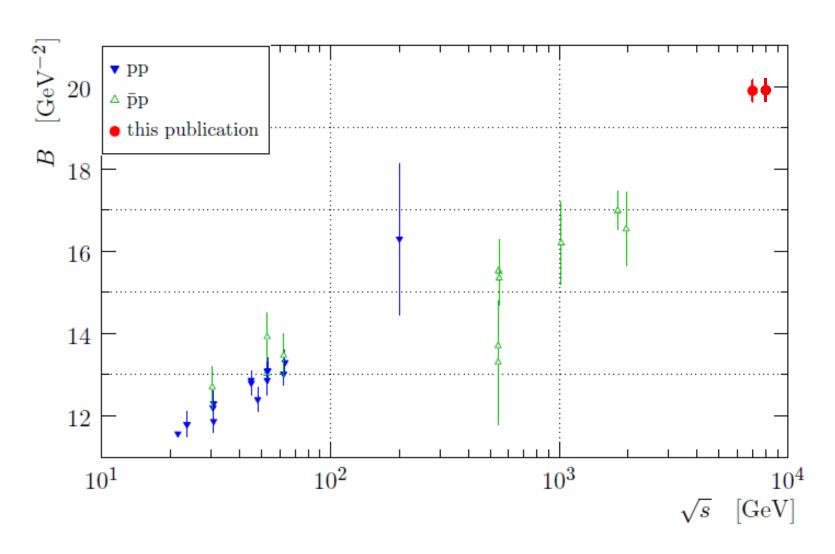
collinearity, low ξ, common vertex				
cut	quantities			
diagonal	4 RP hits			
1	$\vartheta_{\chi}^{*R}$ vs. $\vartheta_{\chi}^{*L}$			
2	$\vartheta_{\mathcal{V}}^{*R}$ vs. $\vartheta_{\mathcal{V}}^{*L}$			
3	$ x^{*R} $			
4	$ x^{*L} $			
5	$\vartheta_{y}^{*R}$ vs. $y^{R,F} - y^{R,N}$			
6	$\begin{array}{l} \vartheta_{y}^{*R} \text{ vs. } y^{R,F} - y^{R,N} \\ \vartheta_{y}^{*L} \text{ vs. } y^{L,F} - y^{L,N} \end{array}$			
7	$x^{*R}$ vs. $x^{*L}$			



# **Elastic Scattering at 8 TeV**



## **Energy dependence of the exponential slope B**





# **Ongoing Elastic Analyses**

Data already available and being analysed:

#### 7 TeV:

 $\beta^* = 3.5$  m: Elastic scattering extended to larger |t|: up to  $3.5 \text{ GeV}^2$ 

#### **8 TeV:**

$$\begin{split} \beta^* &= 90 \text{ m: July 2012: Elastic scattering for 7 x } 10^{-3} \text{ GeV}^2 < |t| < \sim 1 \text{ GeV}^2 \\ & (\text{low } |t| \text{ part done for total cross-section, } d\sigma/dt \text{ not yet published}) \end{split}$$

 $\beta^* = 1$ km: October 2012: Elastic scattering for 6 x 10<sup>-4</sup> GeV<sup>2</sup> < |t| < 0.2 GeV<sup>2</sup>





# Total pp Cross-Section Measurements 7 TeV 8 TeV

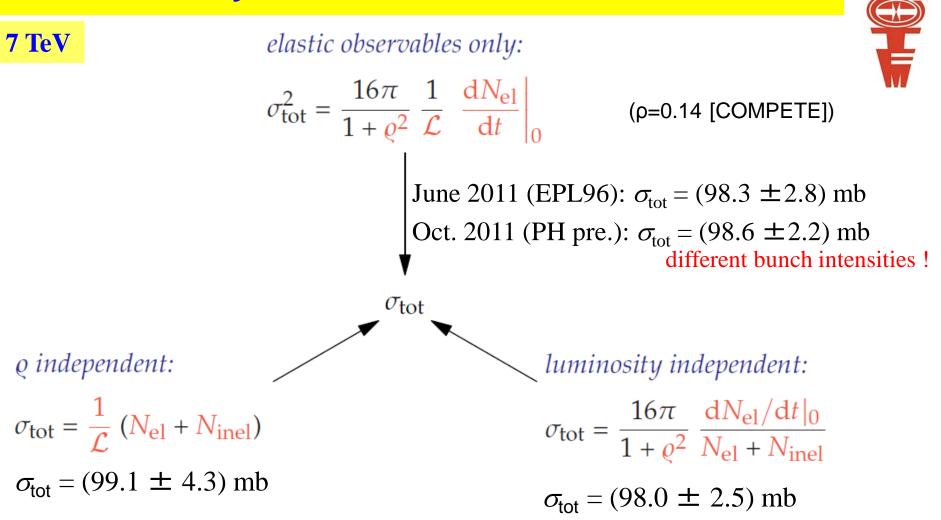
Measurement of proton-proton elastic scattering and total cross-section at  $\sqrt{s} = 7$  TeV [CERN-PH-EP-2012-239]

Measurement of proton-proton inelastic scattering cross-section at  $\sqrt{s} = 7$  TeV [CERN-PH-EP-2012-352]

Luminosity-independent measurements of total, elastic and inelastic cross-sections at  $\sqrt{s} = 7$  TeV [CERN-PH-EP-2012-353]

A luminosity-independent measurement of the proton-proton total cross-section at  $\sqrt{s} = 8$  TeV [CERN-PH-EP-2012-354]

#### **3 Ways to the Total Cross-Section**



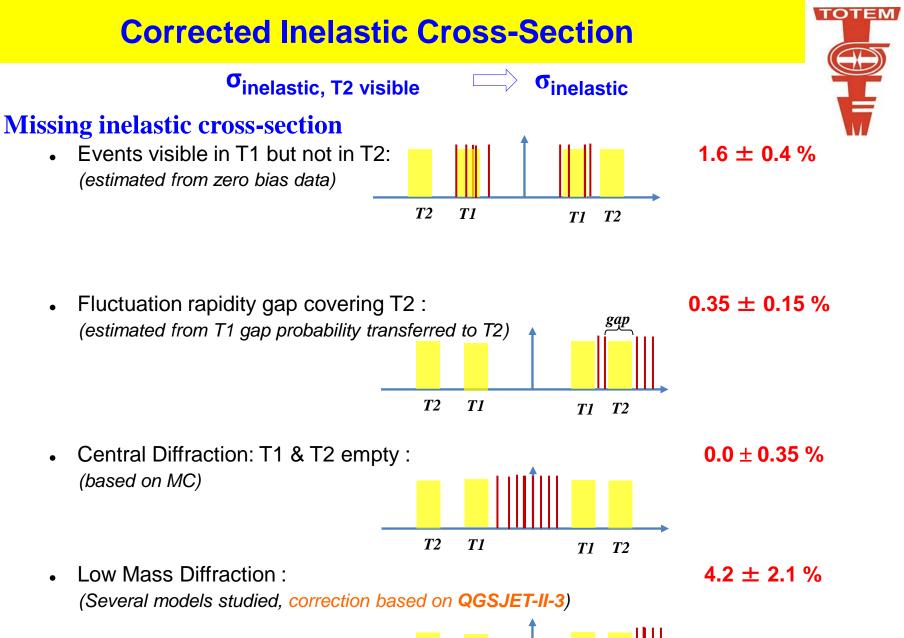
Excellent agreement between cross-section measurements at 7 TeV using - runs with different bunch intensities, - different methods.

# **Inelastic Cross-Section Visible in T2**

<b>Corrections to the T2 visible events</b>				
<ul> <li>Trigger Inefficiency: (measured from zero bias data with respect to track multiplicity)</li> </ul>	2.3 ± 0.7 %			
<ul> <li>Track reconstruction efficiency: (based on MC tuned with data)</li> </ul>	1.0 ± 0.5 %			
<ul> <li>Beam-gas background: (measured with non colliding bunch data)</li> </ul>	$\textbf{0.6} \pm \textbf{0.4\%}$			
<ul> <li>Pile-up (µ =0.03): (contribution measured from zero bias data)</li> </ul>	1.5 ± 0.4%			

## $\sigma_{\text{inelastic, T2 visible}}$ = 69.7 $\pm$ 0.1 (stat) $\pm$ 0.7 (syst) $\pm$ 2.8 (lumi) mb

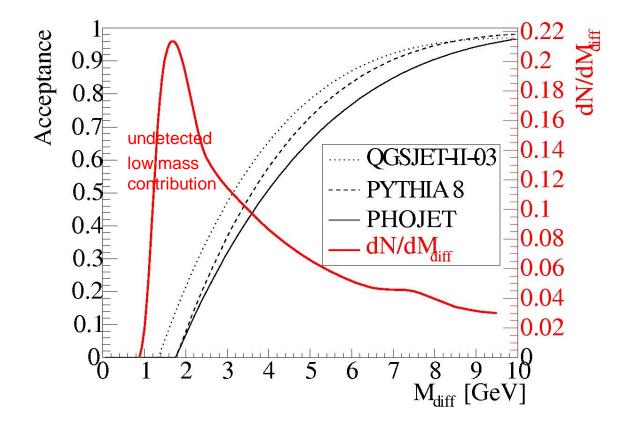




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#### **Low-Mass Diffraction**





Correction based on QGSJET-II-3

Correction for the low mass single diffractive cross-section:  $\sigma_{Mx < 3.4 \text{ GeV}} = 3.2 \pm 1.6 \text{ mb}$ 

 $\sigma_{\text{inelastic}} = 73.7 \pm 0.1^{(\text{stat})} \pm 1.7^{(\text{syst})} \pm 2.9^{(\text{lumi})} \text{ mb}$ 

#### **Estimate of the Low-Mass Diffractive Cross-Section from the Data**

#### 7 TeV

Use the total cross-section determined from elastic observables,  $\mathcal{L}$  and  $\rho$  (via the Optical Theorem)

 $\sigma_{\text{tot}}^2 = \frac{16\pi}{1+\varrho^2} \left. \frac{1}{\mathcal{L}} \left. \frac{dN_{\text{el}}}{dt} \right|_0 \qquad \Rightarrow \quad \sigma_{\text{inel}} = \sigma_{\text{tot}} - \sigma_{\text{el}} = 73.15 \pm 1.26 \text{ mb}$ 

and the measured inelastic cross-section for  $|\eta| < 6.5$  (T1, T2)

 $\sigma_{inel, \ |\eta| \, < \, 6.5} = 70.53 \pm 2.93 \ mb$ 

to obtain the low-mass diffractive cross-section ( $|\eta| > 6.5$  or M < 3.4 GeV):

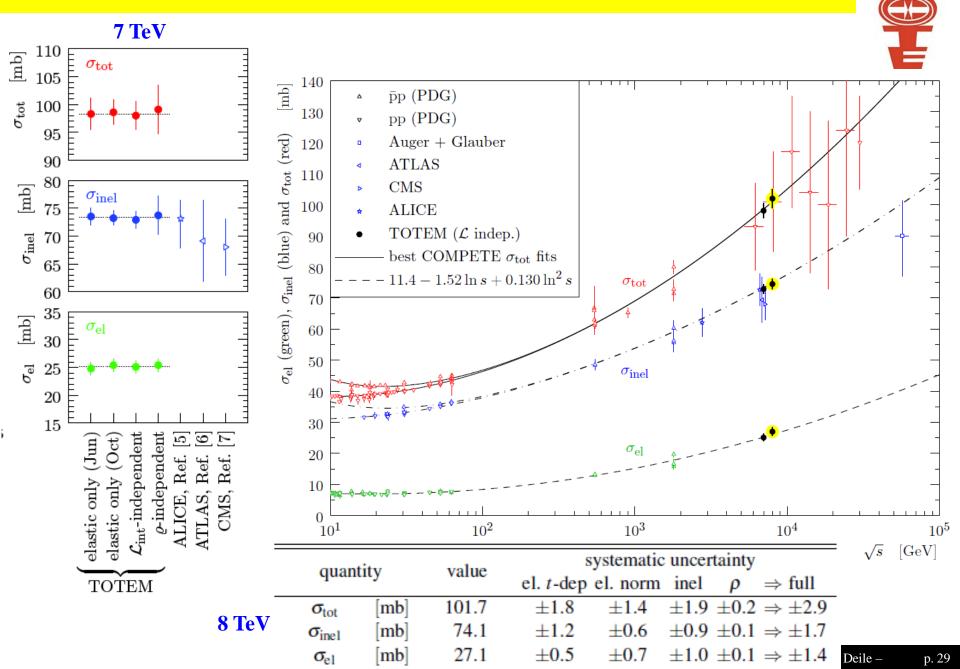
 $\sigma_{\text{inel, }|\eta| > 6.5} = \sigma_{\text{ inel}} - \sigma_{\text{inel, }|\eta| < 6.5} = 2.62 \pm 2.17 \text{ mb}$  [MC: 3.2 mb]

or

 $\sigma_{\text{inel, }|\eta| > 6.5} < 6.31 \text{ mb} \quad (95\% \text{ CL})$ 



#### **pp Cross-Section Measurements**



# **Absolute Luminosity Calibration**

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



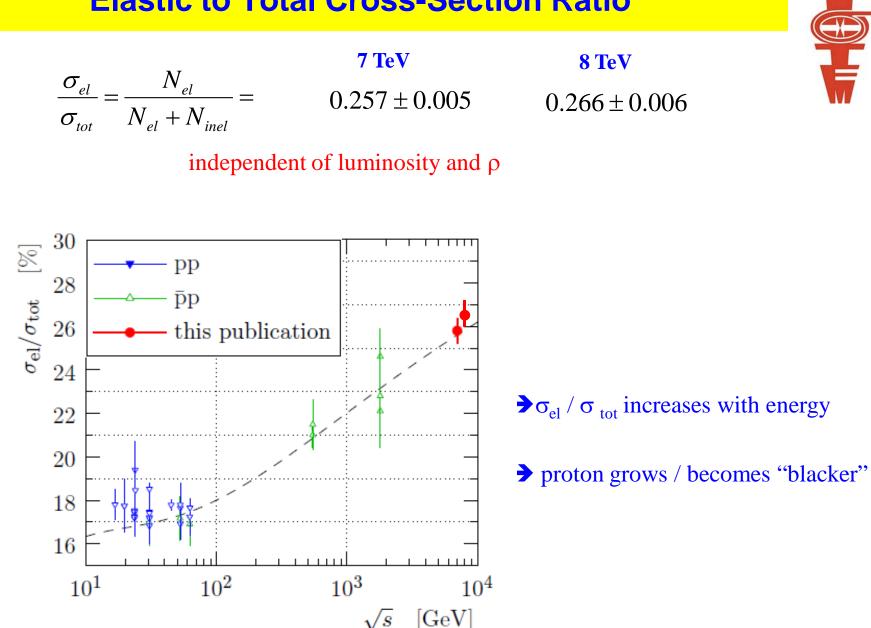
#### **7 TeV**

June 2011:  $\mathcal{L}_{int} = (1.65 \pm 0.07) \,\mu b^{-1}$  [CMS:  $(1.65 \pm 0.07) \,\mu b^{-1}$ ] October 2011:  $\mathcal{L}_{int} = (83.7 \pm 3.2) \,\mu b^{-1}$  [CMS:  $(82.0 \pm 3.3) \,\mu b^{-1}$ ]

Excellent agreement with CMS luminosity measurement.

Absolute luminosity calibration for T2

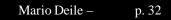
# **Elastic to Total Cross-Section Ratio**





#### **Elastic Scattering in the Coulomb-Nuclear Interference Region**

Measurement of the  $\rho$  Parameter



# A First, Very Crude ρ Estimate at 7 TeV

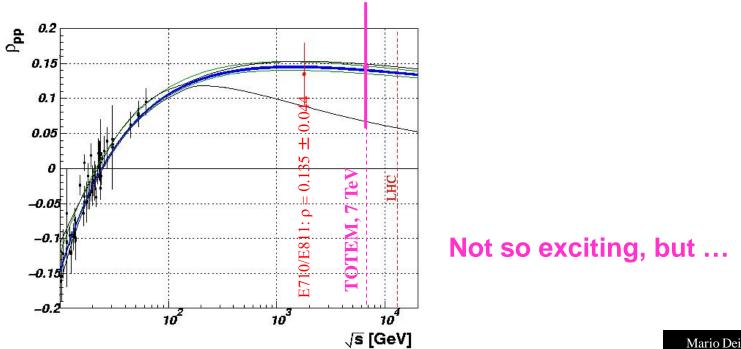
 $\rho = \frac{\text{Re } T(t=0)}{\text{Im } T(t=0)} \quad \text{where } T(t=0) = \text{forward elastic scattering amplitude}$ 

From optical theorem:

$$\rho^{2} = 16\pi \mathcal{L}_{int} \frac{\frac{dN_{el}}{dt}\Big|_{t=0}}{\left(N_{el} + N_{inel}\right)^{2}} - 1 = 0.009 \pm 0.056$$

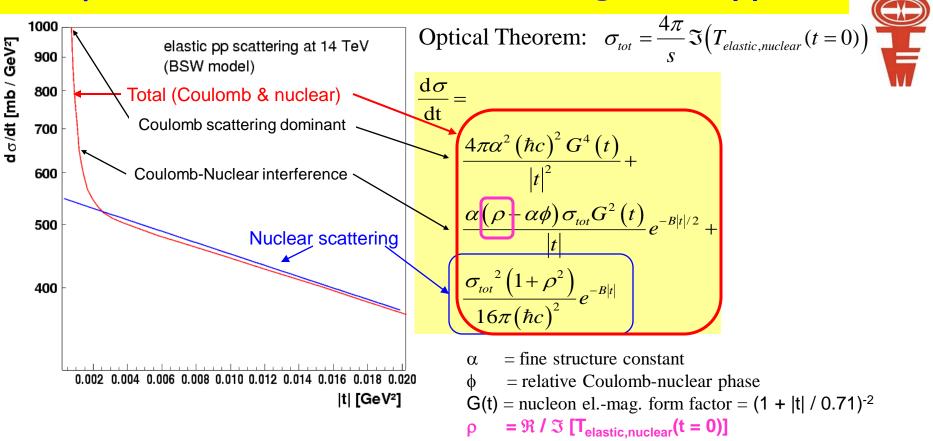
ρ < 0.32 (95% CL),

or, using Bayes' approach (with uniform prior  $|\rho|$  distribution):  $|\rho| = 0.145 \pm 0.091$  [COMPETE extrapolation:  $\rho = 0.141 \pm 0.007$ ]





## ρ Measurement: Elastic Scattering at Low [t]



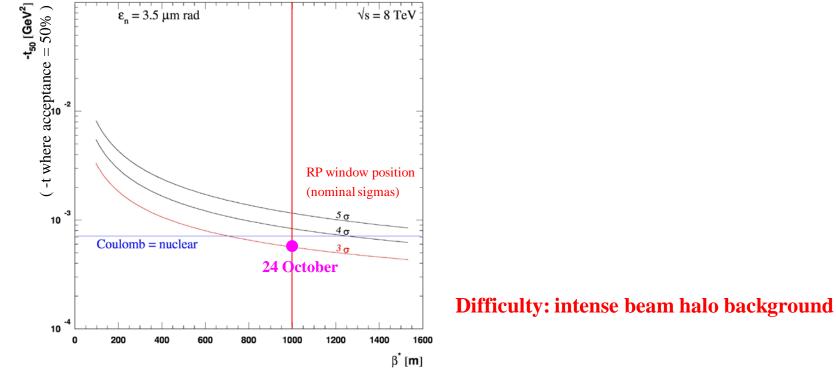
Measurement of  $\rho$  by studying the Coulomb – Nuclear interference region down to  $|t| \sim 6 \ge 10^{-4} \text{ GeV}^2$ 

# The Run at $\beta^* = 1$ km

#### **Objective:**

Measure pp elastic scattering at very small momentum transfers (CNI region:  $|t| \sim 6 \times 10^{-4} \text{ GeV}^2$ )

- $\rightarrow$  special optics optimising acceptance for small scattering angles
- $\rightarrow$  Roman Pots very close to the beam (3 nominal beam sigmas)



#### **Strategy:**

Beams with 3 bunches of ~  $10^{11}$  p (2 colliding, 1 non-colliding)

Roman Pot beam-based alignment  $\rightarrow$  beam cleaning  $\rightarrow$  data taking -



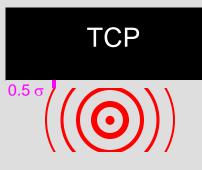
# **Beam Cleaning with Primary Collimators (TCPs)**



1. Scrape the beam with TCP at 2  $\sigma$ 



**2.** Retract TCP from 2  $\sigma$  to 2.5  $\sigma \rightarrow$  gap of 0.5  $\sigma$ 



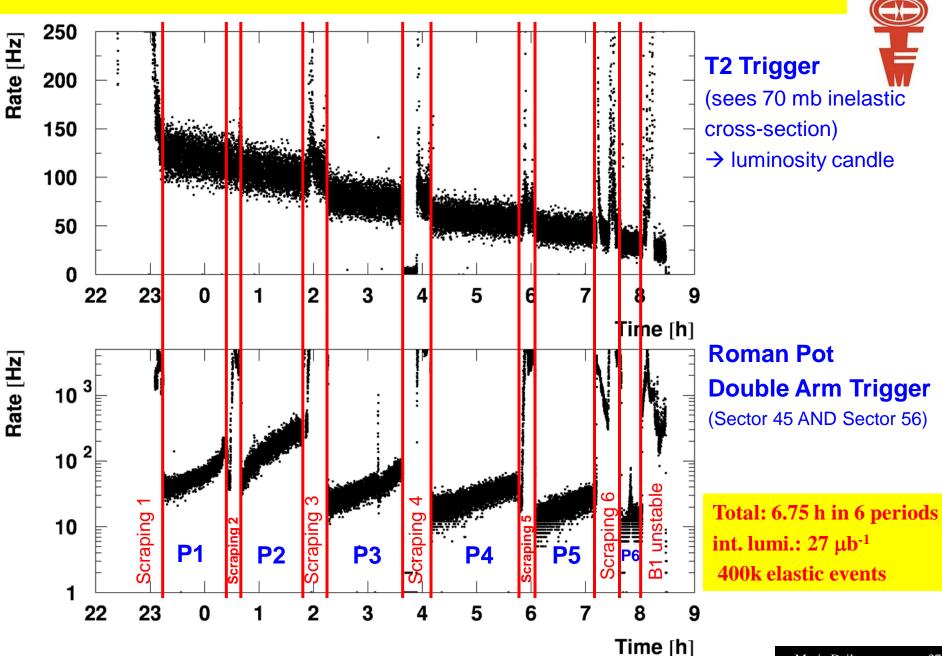
RP at 3  $\sigma$  is protected by the gap

Roman Pot

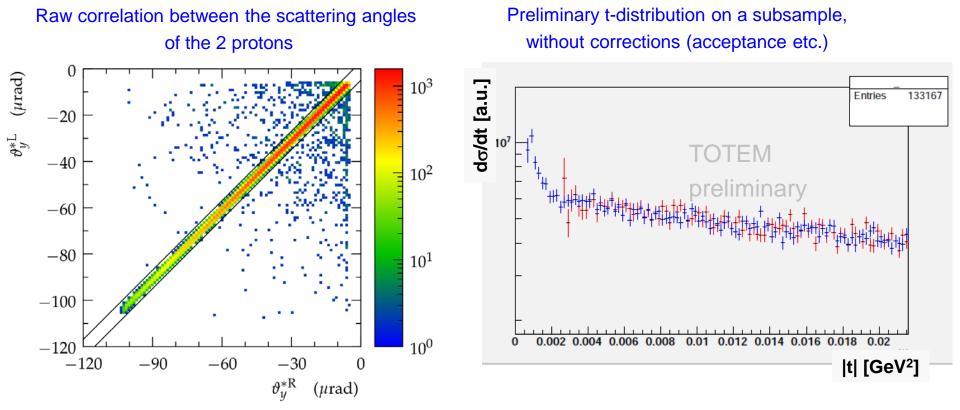
TCP Scatter products from TCP edge hit the RP **Roman Pot** 

**3.** Gap refills within ~ 1h

#### **Data Taking Periods as Seen by T2 and Roman Pots**







... to be continued soon.

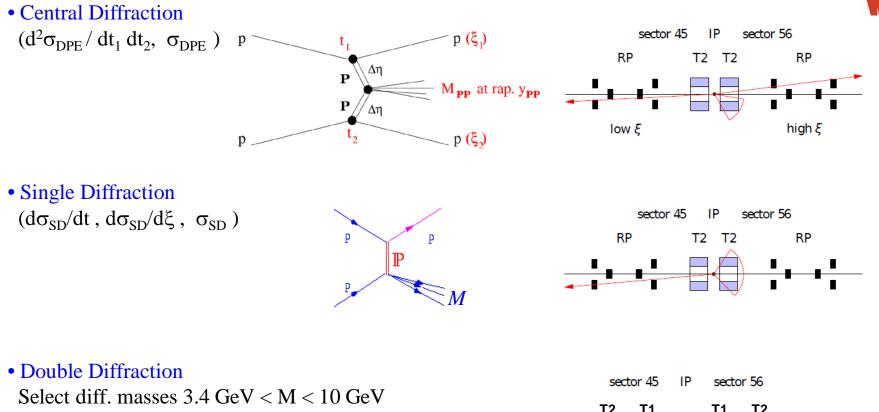


#### **Ongoing Analyses of Diffractive Processes**

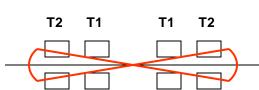
#### **Common Runs with CMS**

# **Diffractive Analyses Ongoing**

#### Based on $\beta^* = 90$ m (7 TeV) run in Oct. 2011 (RP @ 4.8 $\sigma$ – 6.5 $\sigma$ ):



requiring tracks in both T2s, veto on T1s



→ Extend studies over full  $\eta$  range with CMS (2012 data)

# **Joint Data Taking with CMS**

#### Realisation of common running much earlier than ever anticipated

- 1. Hardware: electrical from RP220 to CMS  $\rightarrow$  trigger within CMS latency
- 2. Trigger: bi-directional level-1 exchange  $\rightarrow$  same events taken
- 3. Synchronisation: orbit number and bunch number in data streams
- 4. Offline:
  - common repository for independently reconstructed data
  - merging procedure  $\rightarrow$  common n-tuples



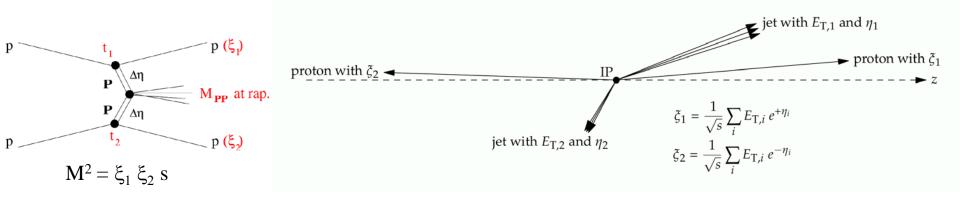
# Hard Diffraction with CMS in 2012

#### July 2012: $\beta^* = 90 \text{ m}, \sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}$ :

mixed trigger:

CMS [dijet(20GeV) .or. di-muon .or. zero-bias] .or. TOTEM [T2 .or. RP double-arm]

#### Study dijets in central diffraction:



Compare  $\xi_1, \xi_2$  from RPs and from CMS : kinematics of final state over-constrained

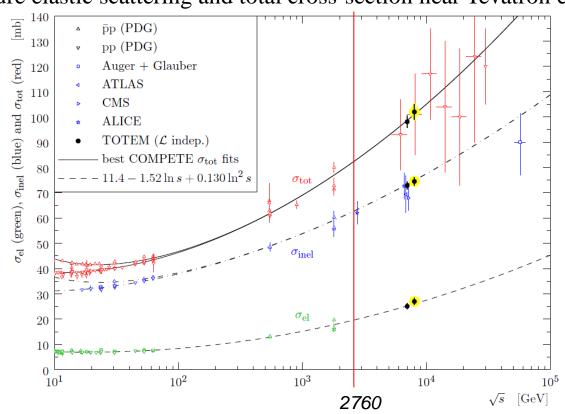
Analysis in progress

Requested a low-pileup run ( $\mu \sim 30$  %) at  $\beta^* = 0.6$  m to increase statistics



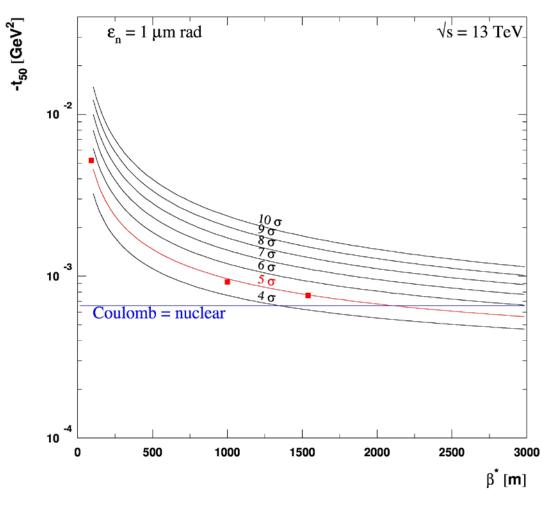
# Runs Still Planned for 2012 / 2013

- p-Pb runs with insertions of the RPs on the proton side
   → study diffractive/electromagnetic and quasi-elastic p-Pb scattering
   → dN<sub>ch</sub> / dη
   p-Pb test run in September with CMS was successful (T2 trigger given to CMS)
- Low-energy pp run (√s = 2.76 TeV) with insertions of the RPs if possible with β\* = 90m optics
   → measure elastic scattering and total cross-section near Tevatron energy





#### After LS1: Low-|t| Elastic Scattering at 13 TeV



- To reach CNI region, push  $\beta^*$  to > 2000 m
- At 13 TeV: good t-resolution needs parallel-to-point focussing in both x and y (phase advance  $\pi/2$ )

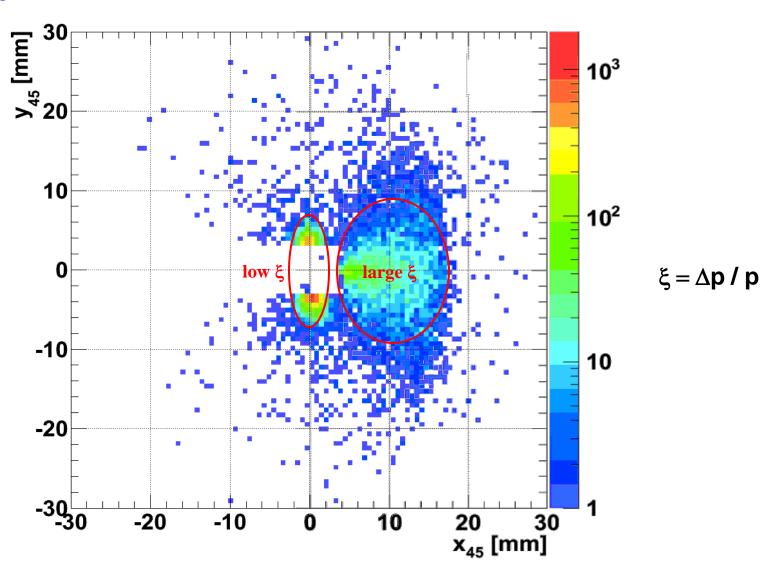
# **Backup**



#### Track distribution for an inclusive trigger (global "OR")

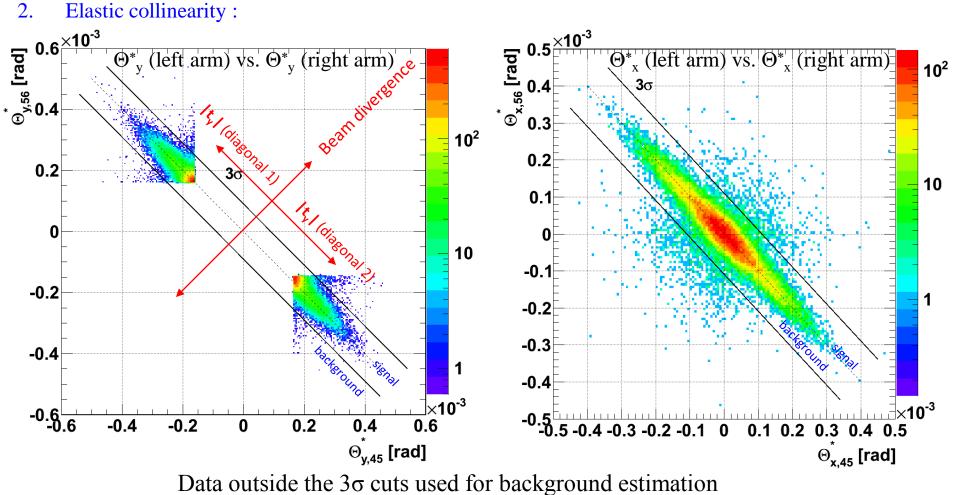


 $\beta^* = 3.5 \text{ m}$ 



#### **Elastic Tagging**

- 1. Low  $|\xi|$  selection :  $|x| < 3 \sigma_x @ L_x = 0$  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{L}_{\mathbf{x}} \Theta_{\mathbf{x}} + \xi \mathbf{D} + \mathbf{v}_{\mathbf{x}} \mathbf{x}^*$
- Elastic collinearity : 2.



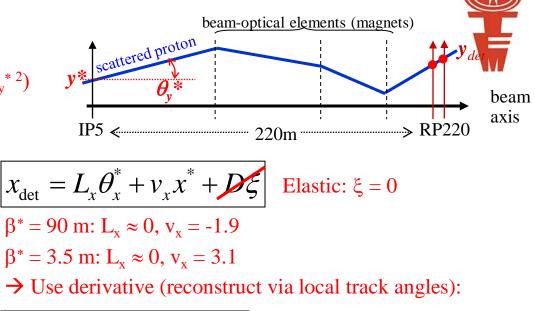
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### **Proton Transport (Beam Optics)**

(x<sup>\*</sup>, y<sup>\*</sup>): vertex position ( $\theta_x^*, \theta_y^*$ ): emission angle:  $t \approx -p^2 (\theta_x^* + \theta_y^* + \theta_y^*)$  $\xi = \Delta p/p$ : momentum loss (diffraction)

$$y_{\rm det} = L_y \theta_y^* + v_y y^*$$

 $\beta^* = 90 \text{ m: } L_y = 263 \text{ m}, v_y \approx 0$  $\beta^* = 3.5 \text{ m: } L_y \sim 20 \text{ m}, v_y = 4.3$  $\rightarrow$  Reconstruct via track positions



$$\frac{dx_{\text{det}}}{ds} = \frac{dL_x}{ds} \theta_x^* + \frac{dv_x}{ds} x^*$$

		Beam width @ vertex	Angular beam divergence	Min. reachable  t
		$\sigma_{x,y}^* = \sqrt{\frac{\varepsilon_n \beta^*}{\gamma}}$	$\sigma_{x,y}^* = \sqrt{\frac{\varepsilon_n}{\beta^* \gamma}}$	$\left t_{\min}\right  = \frac{n_{\sigma}^2 p \varepsilon_n m_p}{\beta^*}$
Standard optics	$\beta^* \sim 1-3.5 \text{ m}$	$\sigma_{x,y}^{*}$ small	$\sigma(\theta_{x,y}^{*})$ large	$ t_{min}  \sim 0.3 - 1 \text{ GeV}^2$
Special optics	$\beta^* = 90 \text{ m}$	$\sigma_{x,y}^{*}$ large	$\sigma(\theta_{x,y}^{*})$ small	$ \mathbf{t}_{\min}  \sim 10^{-2} \text{ GeV}^2$



# **pA Minimum Bias Physics**

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Charged particle acceptance (together with CMS):  $|\eta| \le 6.5$ 

Trigger: one T2 track(?)

 $dN/d\eta_{pPb}$  using T1 & T2 (vs centrality from CMS)

Forward-backward multiplicity correlations?

Central-forward multiplicity correlations?

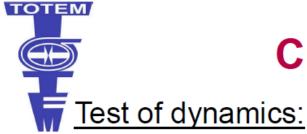
Levin at al. Levin at al. PPb PPb T2 T1 KLNgluon sat model, p+Pb mb \s=4.4 TeV \*1 A 2 0 2 4 6 N

Pattern recognition at high multiplicity to be optimized

Energy flow & small x: T1+HF, T2+Castor

[K. Oesterberg, pA @ LHC workshop, June 2012]

CASTOR



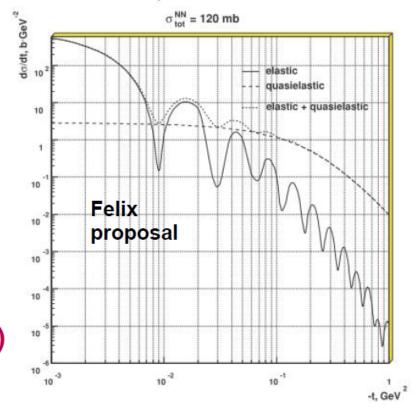
# **Cross-sections**

· knockout: p Pb → p + d + (A–2)\*  $\xi^{p}_{fragment}$  = (1– (A/Z)<sub>fragment</sub>/ (A/Z)<sub>Pb</sub>) - measure both p & d (= "p with Δp/p = -0.21") + veto hadron activity. Need large t for p or significant Δp/p. Study Δp/p & t dependence.

quasielastic: p Pb → p Pb\*
 dominates at large t
 measure xi & t of p + only γ
 on opposite side (veto hadrons)

Diffraction & yy

very large Pomeron & γ fluxes but nothing measured in RP on outgoing Pb side (rate problem?)
p with significant Δp/p (or large t)
+ central object (jets, J/Ψ, Y etc..)



p + Pb at LHC

# pA run scenarios at LHC J. Jowett

TOTEM

 $P_A = Z \cdot P_p$ 

(both beams in same dipole  $\Rightarrow$  same B-field)

Z = 82, A = 208 for Pb  $\Rightarrow$  cm frame boosted  $\beta$  = 0.98 – 0.975

 $\cdot P_{p} > 2.7 \text{ TeV}$  (RF unequal for injection+ramp, then matched)

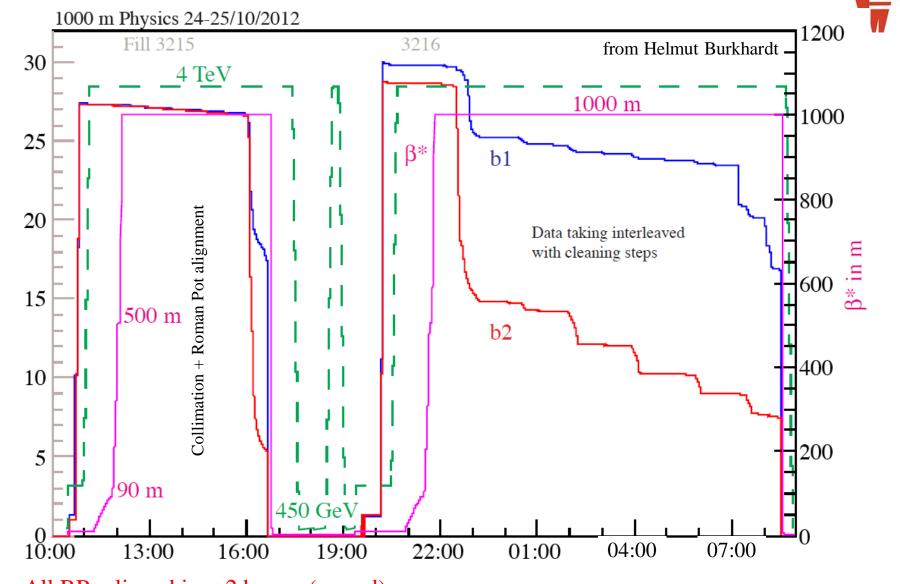
	p-p	Pb-Pb	p-Pb	
E/TeV	0.45-7	287-574	(2.7-7,287-574)	
$E_N/{\rm TeV}$	0.45-7	1.38-2.76	(2.7-7, 1.38-2.76)	
$\sqrt{s}/\text{TeV}$	7-14	73.8-1148	48.9-126.8	
$\sqrt{s_{_{\rm NN}}}$ / TeV	7-14	0.355-5.52	3.39-8.79	
${\cal Y}_{\rm CM}$	0	0	-2.20	(soft interactions)
$\mathcal{Y}_{\rm NN}$	0	0	+0.46	(hard interactions

· Pb filling scheme (few-300 bunches,  $N_p = \sim 10^{10}$ ,  $N_{Pb} = \sim 10^8$ )

 $\begin{array}{l} \cdot \mbox{ Rates: } \ensuremath{\mathcal{L}}\xspace = 10^{26} - 10^{28}\mbox{ cm}^{-2}\mbox{s}^{-1,}\mbox{ } \sigma_{inelastic} \sim 2\mbox{ } b \Rightarrow 200\mbox{ } Hz - 20\mbox{ } \text{kHz} \\ \hline \sqrt{s_{NN}} \approx 2\mbox{P}_p \sqrt{Z_1 Z_2 / A_1 A_2} \qquad y_{NN} = \frac{1}{2}\mbox{ } \log\mbox{ } (Z_1 A_2 / A_1 Z_2) \end{array}$ 

#### The Run at $\beta^* = 1$ km: Overview

2 fills with 3 bunches of ~ $10^{11}$  p (2 colliding, 1 non-colliding)



All RPs aligned in < 2 hours (record)

Intensity, in 10<sup>10</sup> protons

# Joint Data Taking with CMS in 2012

#### May 2012: low pileup run: $\beta^* = 0.6$ m, $\sqrt{s} = 8$ TeV, T1 & T2 & CMS read out

Date	Trigger	Inelastic events		dN/dη correla
May 1	T2    BX	~5 M	no RP	underl

dN/dη, correlations, underlying event

#### July 2012: $\beta^* = 90 \text{ m}, \sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}, \text{RP & T1 & T2 & CMS read out}$

Date, Set	Trigger	Inelastic events	RP position
July 7, DS 2	$T2 \parallel RP_{2arms} \parallel BX$	~2 M	6 σ
July 12-13, DS 3a	$T2 \parallel RP_{2arms} \parallel BX$	~10 M	9.5 σ V, 11σ H
July 12-13, DS 3b	$T2 \parallel RP_{2arms} \parallel CMS$ (CMS = 2 jets @ p <sup>T</sup> > 20GeV, 2 $\mu$ , 2 central e/ $\gamma$ )	~3.5 M	9.5 σ V, 11σ H

 $\sigma_{\text{tot}},\,\sigma_{\text{inel}}$  with CMS, soft & semi-hard diffraction, correlations

#### Analyses in progress:

- hard diffraction: p + dijets
- combined  $dN_{ch}$  /  $d\eta$  and multiplicity correlations

•requested a low-pileup run ( $\mu \sim 30$  %) with RPs at  $\beta^* = 0.6$  m

→ study hard central diffraction (e.g. di-jets) with 2 leading protons defining Pomeron-Pomeron mass  $M^2 = \xi_1 \xi_2 s$ (good  $\xi$  resolution at  $\beta^* = 0.6 \text{ m} \rightarrow \sigma(M) \sim 5 \text{ GeV}$ )



## $dN_{ch}/d\eta$ in T2: Analysis Highlights

# Data sample:

events at low luminosity and low pile-up, triggered with T2 ( $5.3 < |\eta| < 6.5$ )

#### Selection:

at least one track reconstructed in T2

Primary particle definition:

charged particle with  $t > 0.3 \times 10^{-10}$  s,  $p_T > 40$  MeV/c

## **Primary particle selection:**

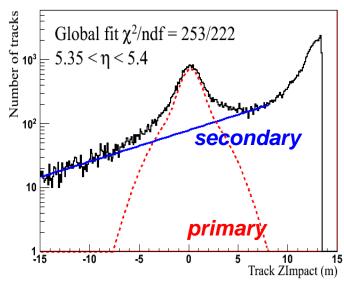
-primary/secondary discrimination, data-driven based on reconstructed track parameters (Z<sub>Impact</sub>)

#### **Primary track reconstruction efficiency:**

- evaluated as a function of the track  $\eta$  and multiplicity
- efficiency of 80%
- fraction of primary tracks within the cuts of 75% 90% ( $\eta$  dependent)

# Un-folding of $(\eta)$ resolution effects:

MC driven bin "migration" corrections



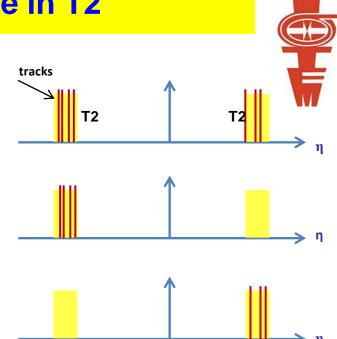
## **Inelastic Cross-Section Visible in T2**

#### **Inelastic events in T2: classification**

tracks in both hemispheres

non-diffractive minimum bias double diffraction

tracks in a single hemisphere mainly single diffraction  $M_X > 3.4 \ GeV/c^2$ 



#### **Corrections to the T2 visible events**

Trigger Efficiency: 2.3 %

(measured from zero bias data with respect to track multiplicity)

Track reconstruction efficiency:

(based on MC tuned with data)

Beam-gas background: 0.6%

(measured with non colliding bunch data)

Pile-up (μ =0.03):
 1.5 %

(contribution measured from zero bias data)

 $\sigma_{\text{inelastic, T2 visible}}$  = 69.7 ± 0.1 (stat) ± 0.7 (syst) ± 2.8 (lumi) mb

# **Comparison to some models**

