

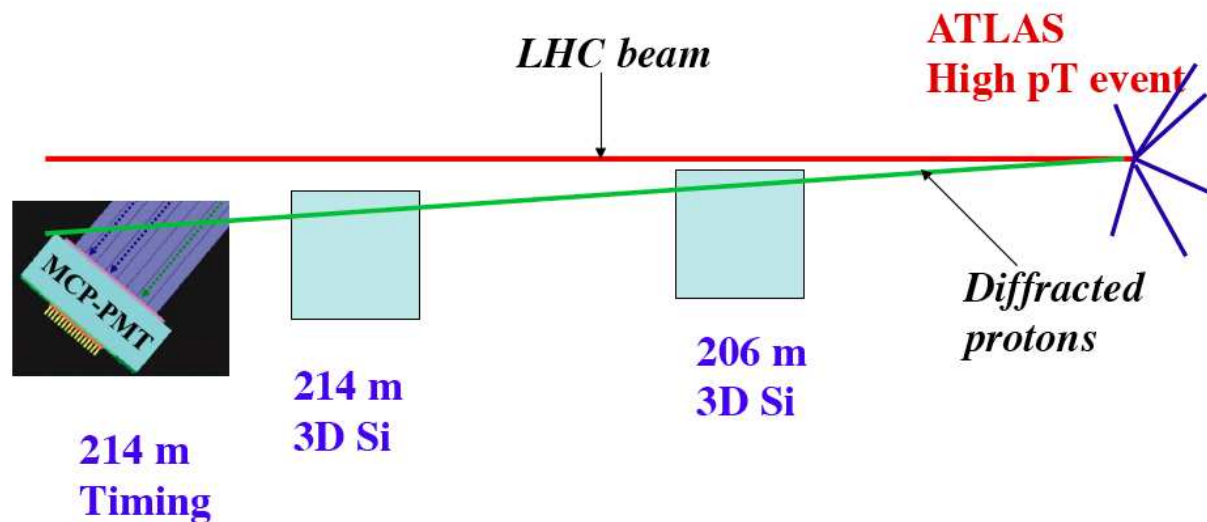
# Exploring the Pomeron structure at the LHC

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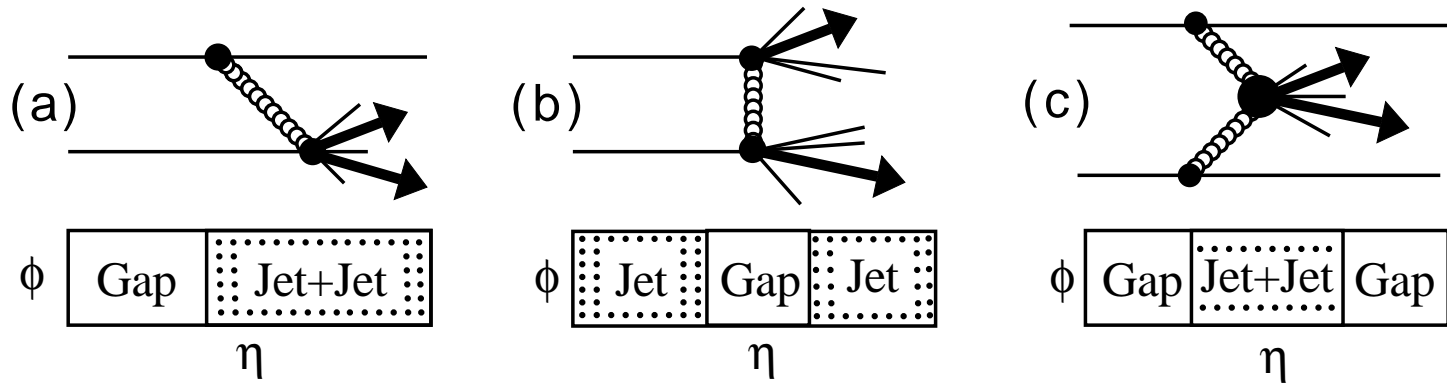
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## Contents:

- Pomeron structure: DPE dijets and  $\gamma$ +jet
- Soft colour interaction models
- BFKL tests: Jet gap jets
- Anomalous couplings:  $\gamma\gamma WW$ ,  $\gamma\gamma ZZ$ ,  $\gamma\gamma\gamma\gamma$ : see talk by Matthias



## Diffraction at Tevatron/LHC



### Kinematic variables

- $t$ : 4-momentum transfer squared
- $\xi_1, \xi_2$ : proton fractional momentum loss (momentum fraction of the proton carried by the pomeron)
- $\beta_{1,2} = x_{Bj,1,2}/\xi_{1,2}$ : Bjorken- $x$  of parton inside the pomeron
- $M^2 = s\xi_1\xi_2$ : diffractive mass produced
- $\Delta y_{1,2} \sim \Delta\eta \sim \log 1/\xi_{1,2}$ : rapidity gap

## Running conditions: proton tagging

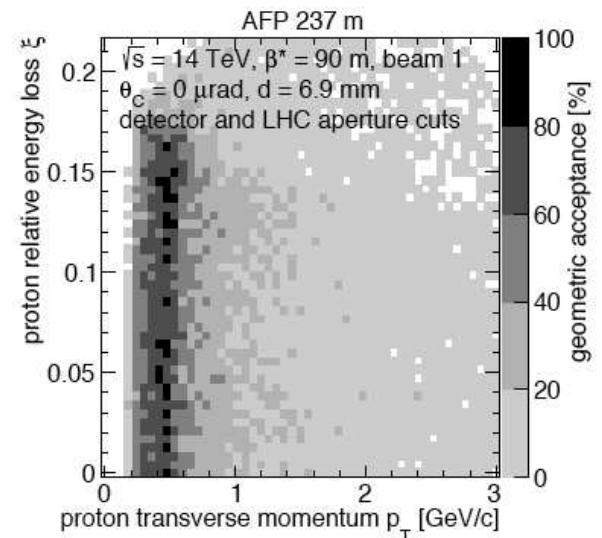
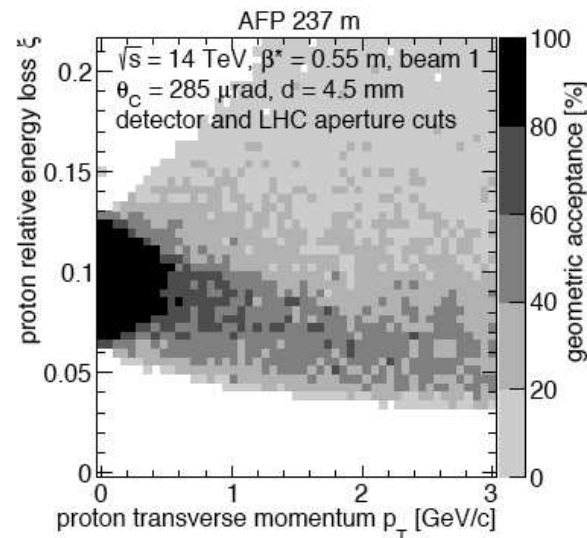
- Possibility to tag intact protons in the final state in CMS-TOTEM and in ATLAS
- High and low  $\beta^*$  runnings: complementarity in kinematical domain, see  $\xi$  versus  $t$  plots

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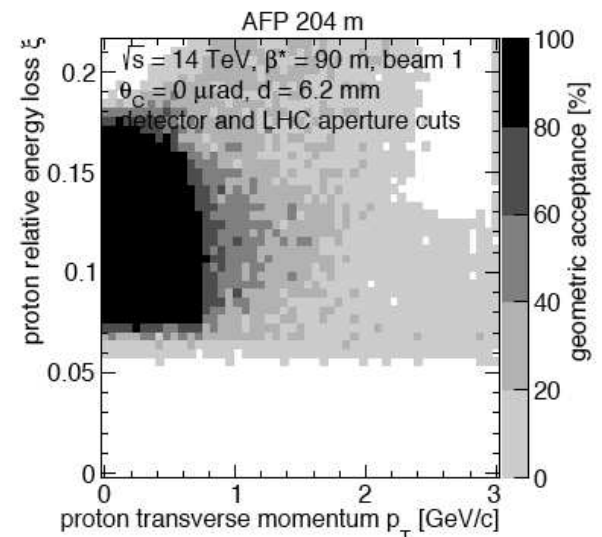
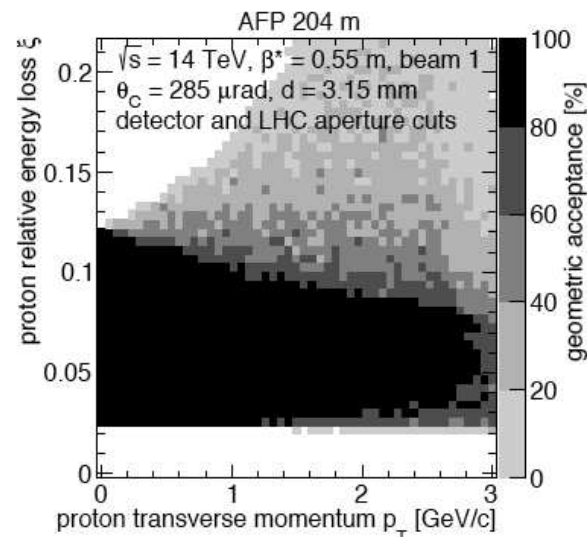
$\beta^* = 0.55$  m  
nominal (*collision*)

$\beta^* = 90$  m  
special (*high- $\beta^*$* )

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## LHC running conditions vs experiments

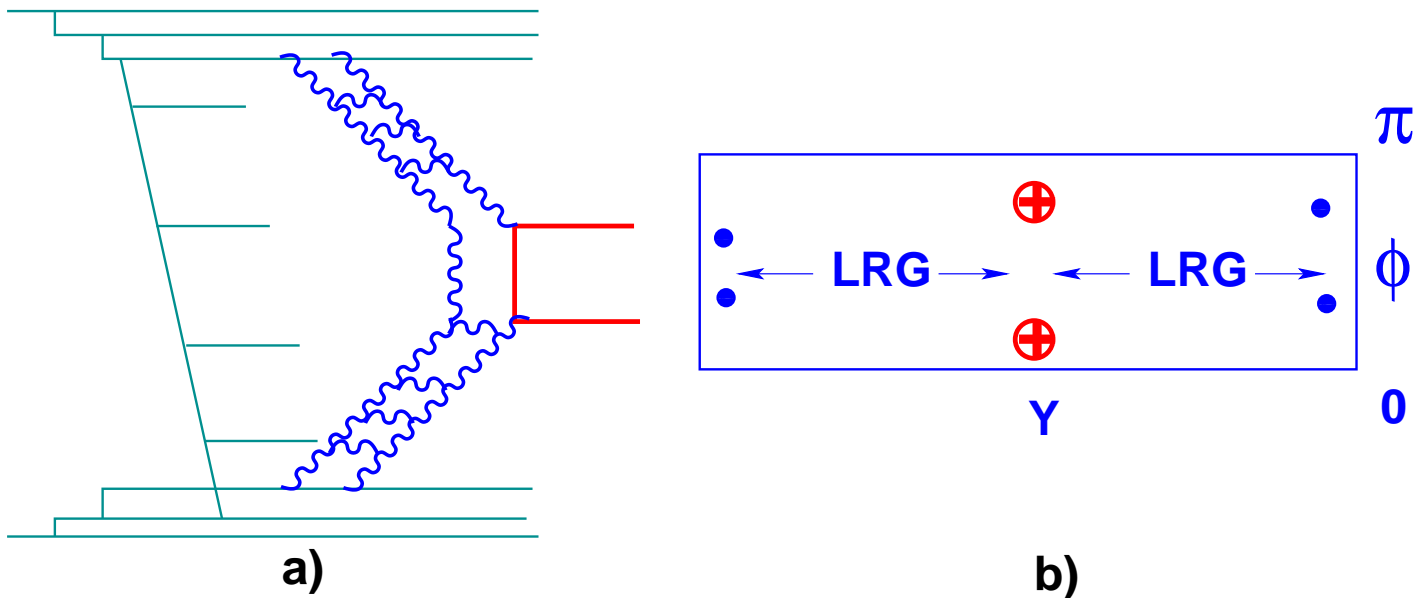
- Low luminosity runs
  - No pile up ( $\mu \ll 1$ ) (very low luminosity) - dedicated to multiplicity, energy flow measurements (dedicated to LHC f, together with all other LHC experiments)
  - No pile up high  $\beta^*$ , total cross section (ALFA and TOTEM)
  - Very low pile up with proton tagged or not (soft physics): 0.1 to 1  $\text{pb}^{-1}$ , a few days are needed
- Medium luminosity runs: QCD studies, Pomeron structure, exclusive diffraction...
  - LHCb runs with little pile up, a few  $\text{fb}^{-1}$  accumulated
  - Alice, ATLAS, CMS runs at low pile up, rapidity gap measurements
  - CMS-TOTEM and ALFA/AFP special runs at high  $\beta^*$ ,  $\mu \sim 1$ , a few days needed to accumulate 1 to 10  $\text{pb}^{-1}$
  - AFP and CMS/TOTEM running at low  $\beta^*$ , low pile up ( $\mu = 2, \dots, 5$ ), between one and two weeks of data taking, 10 to 100  $\text{pb}^{-1}$
- High pile up ( $\mu = 20, \dots, 100$ ) (high luminosity) with proton tagging; Possibility to collect data with high pile up (50 and above) and also at  $\mu \sim 25$  by restricting to end of store data taking and tails of the vertex distribution: 40% of total luminosity can be collected

## Forward Physics Monte Carlo (FPMC)

- FPMC (Forward Physics Monte Carlo): implementation of all diffractive/photon induced processes
- List of processes
  - two-photon exchange
  - single diffraction
  - double pomeron exchange
  - central exclusive production
- Inclusive diffraction: Use of diffractive PDFs measured at HERA, with a survival probability of 0.03 applied for LHC
- Central exclusive production: Higgs, jets...
- FPMC manual (see M. Boonekamp, A. Dechambre, O. Kepka, V. Juraneck, C. Royon, R. Staszewski, M. Rangel, ArXiv:1102.2531)
- Survival probability: 0.1 for Tevatron (jet production), 0.03 for LHC, 0.9 for  $\gamma$ -induced processes
- Output of FPMC generator interfaced with the fast simulation of the ATLAS detector in the standalone ATLFast++ package and also to the full simulation including pile up

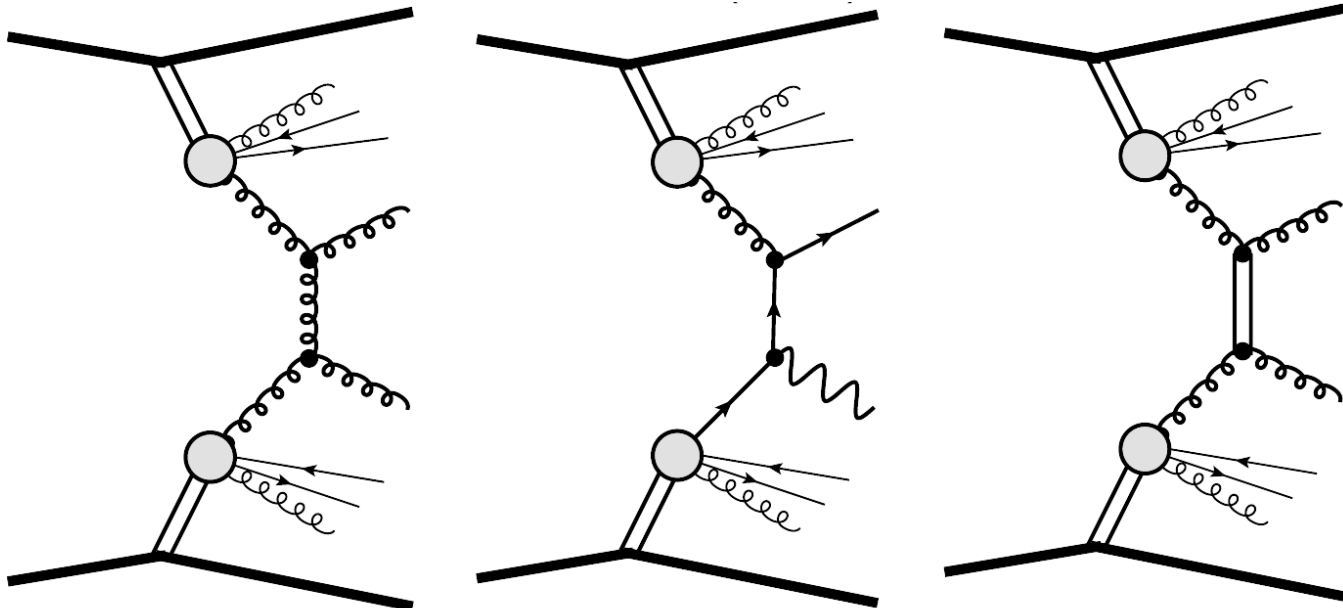
## Going from HERA to Tevatron: survival probability

- Use parton densities measured at HERA to predict diffractive cross section at the LHC
- Factorisation is not expected to hold: soft gluon exchanges in initial/final states
- **Survival probability:** Probability that there is no soft additional interaction, that the diffractive event is kept
- Value of survival probability assumed in these studies: 0.1 at Tevatron (measured), 0.03 at LHC (extrapolated)



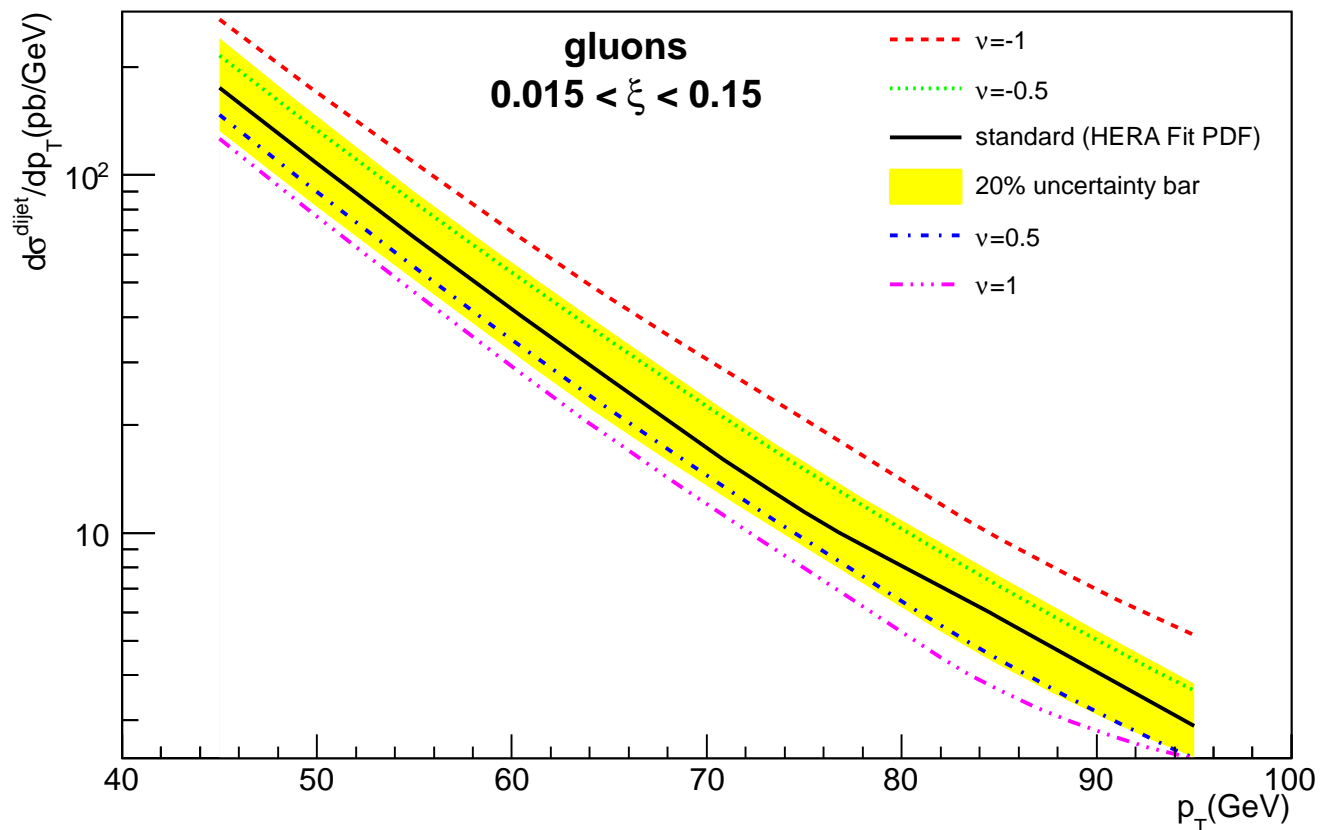
## Hard diffraction at the LHC

- Dijet production: dominated by  $gg$  exchanges;  $\gamma$ +jet production: dominated by  $qg$  exchanges (C. Marquet, C. Royon, M. Saimpert, D. Werder, arXiv:1306.4901)
- Jet gap jet in diffraction: Probe BFKL (C. Marquet, C. Royon, M. Trzebinski, R. Zlebcik, Phys. Rev. D 87 (2013) 034010; O. Kepka, C. Marquet, C. Royon, Phys. Rev. D79 (2009) 094019; Phys.Rev. D83 (2011) 034036 )
- Three aims
  - Is it the same object which explains diffraction in  $pp$  and  $ep$ ?
  - Further constraints on the structure of the Pomeron as was determined at HERA
  - Survival probability: difficult to compute theoretically, needs to be measured, inclusive diffraction is optimal place for measurement



## Inclusive diffraction at the LHC: sensitivity to gluon density

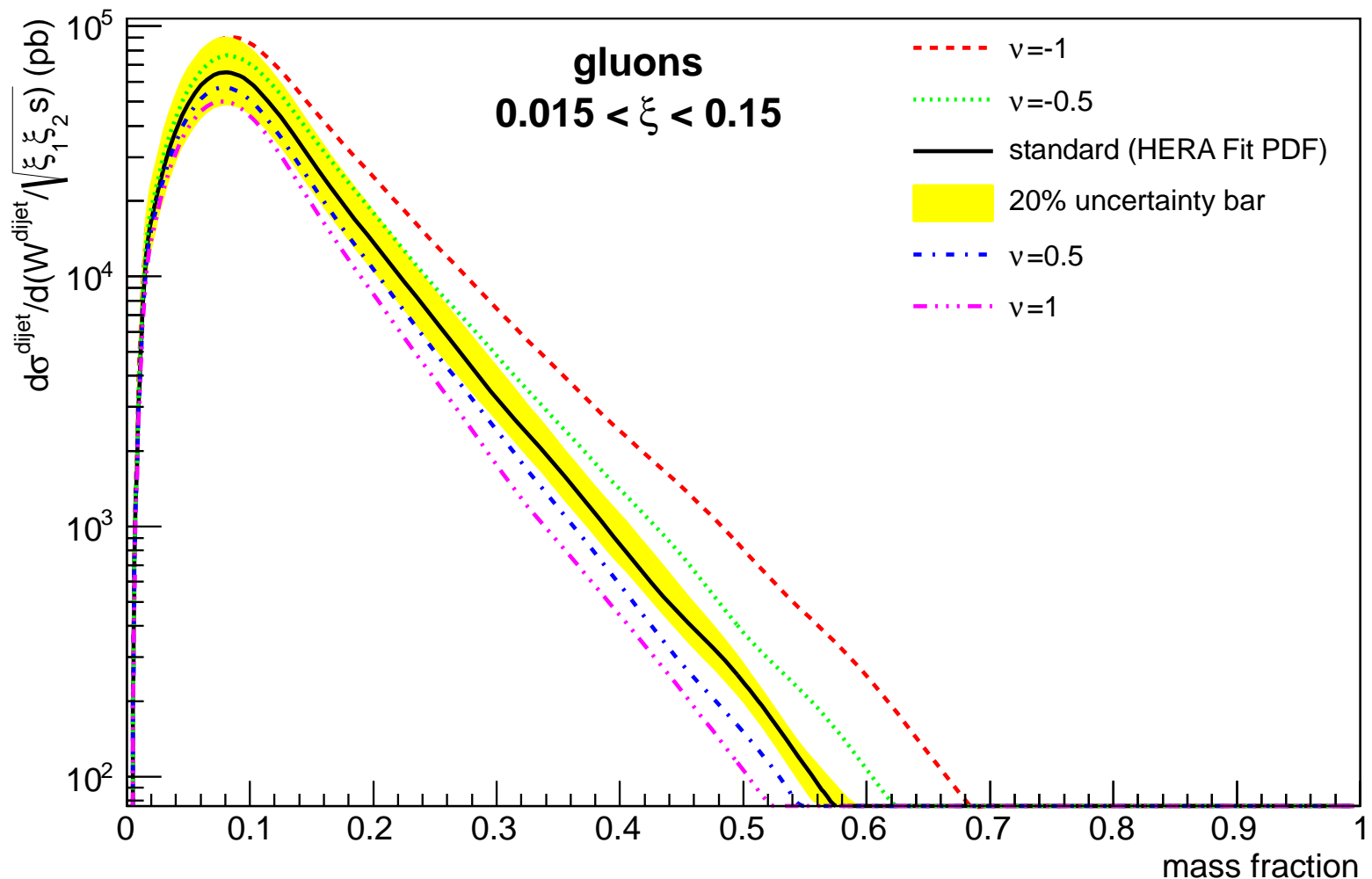
- Predict DPE dijet cross section at the LHC in AFP acceptance, jets with  $p_T > 20$  GeV, reconstructed at particle level using anti- $k_T$  algorithm
- Sensitivity to gluon density in Pomeron especially the gluon density on Pomeron at high  $\beta$ : multiply the gluon density by  $(1 - \beta)^\nu$  with  $\nu = -1, \dots, 1$
- Measurement possible with  $10 \text{ pb}^{-1}$ , allows to test if gluon density is similar between HERA and LHC (universality of Pomeron model)
- If a difference is observed, it will be difficult to know if it is related to the survival probability or different gluon density





## Dijet mass fraction: sensitivity to gluon density

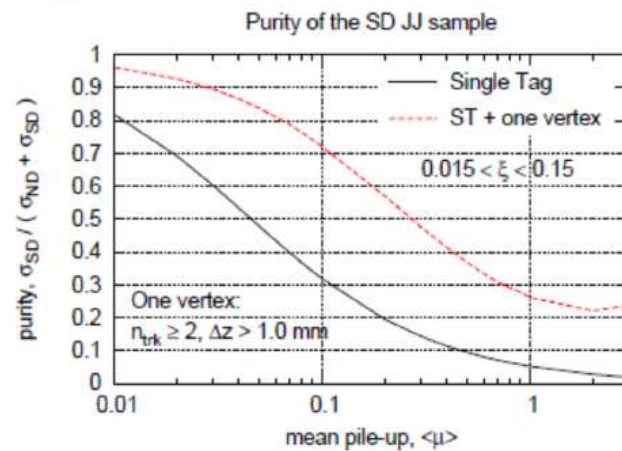
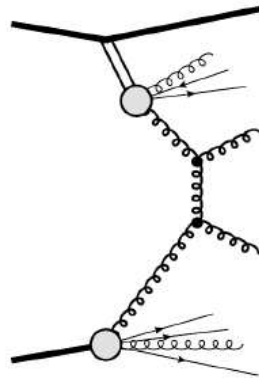
- Dijet mass fraction: dijet mass divided by total diffractive mass ( $\sqrt{\xi_1 \xi_2 S}$ )
- Sensitivity to gluon density in Pomeron especially the gluon density on Pomeron at high  $\beta$
- Exclusive jet contribution will appear at high dijet mass fraction



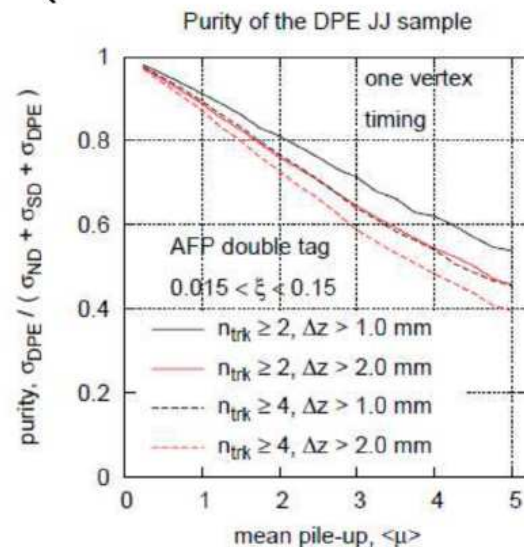
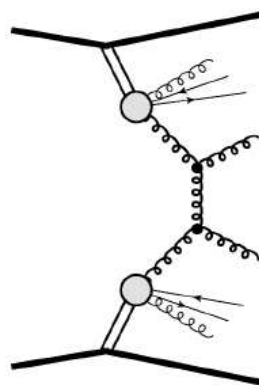
# Single Diffractive and Double Diffractive jets: feasibility studies

- Study by ATLAS including pile up (CMS-TOTEM at 8 TeV on data)
- Low Pile up runs (0.1) to get a sample of high purity for SD events
- Moderate pile up for DPE jet measurements (2-3)
- Possibility also to run at high  $\beta^*$  with less pile up, low masses

## Single diffractive jets

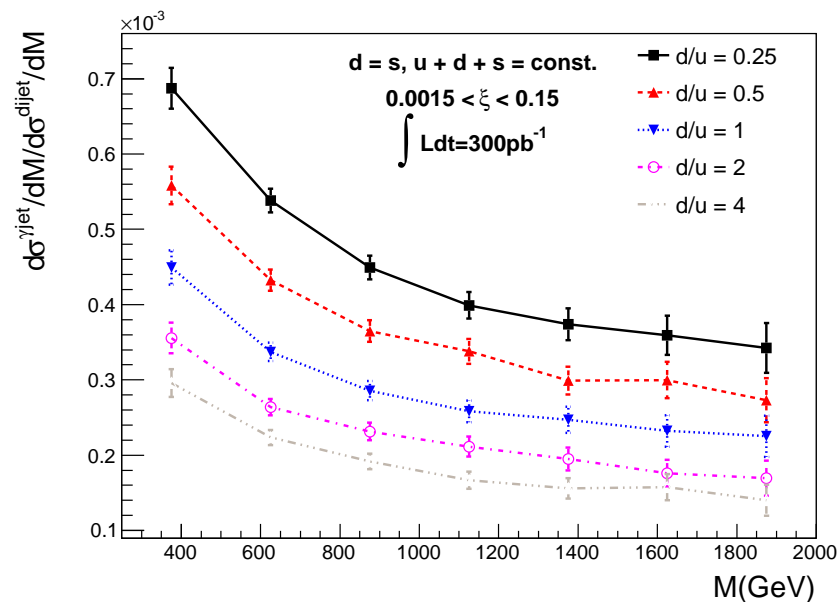
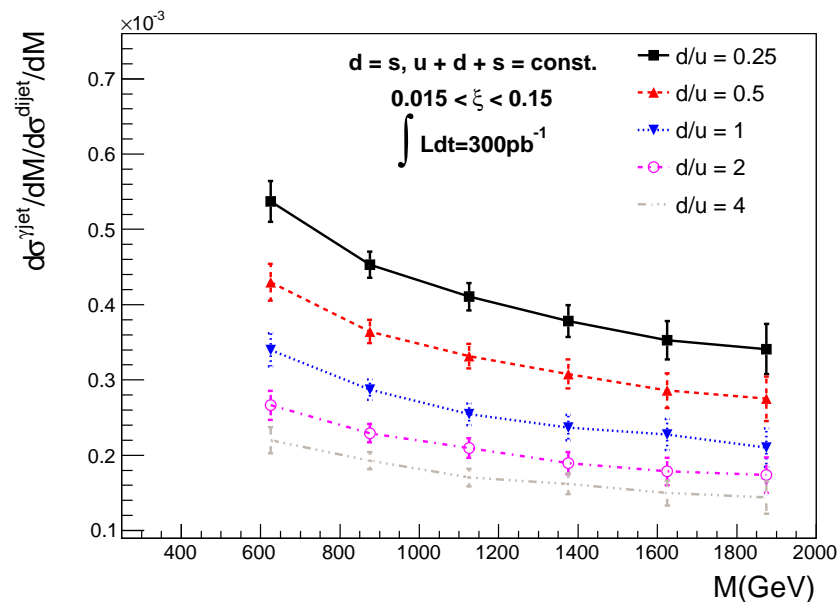


## Central diffractive (double Pomeron exchange)



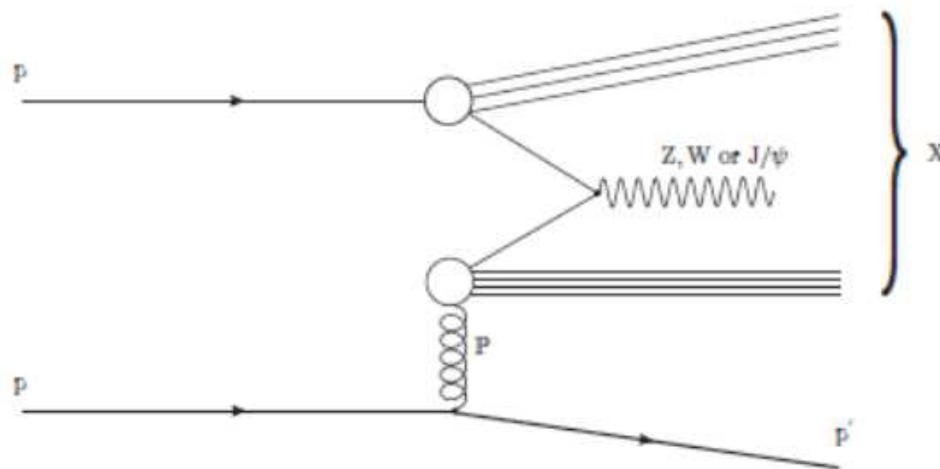
## Inclusive diffraction at the LHC: sensitivity to quark densities

- Predict DPE  $\gamma$ +jet divided by dijet cross section at the LHC
- Sensitivity to universality of Pomeron model
- Sensitivity to gluon density in Pomeron, of assumption:  
 $u = d = s = \bar{u} = \bar{d} = \bar{s}$  used in QCD fits at HERA



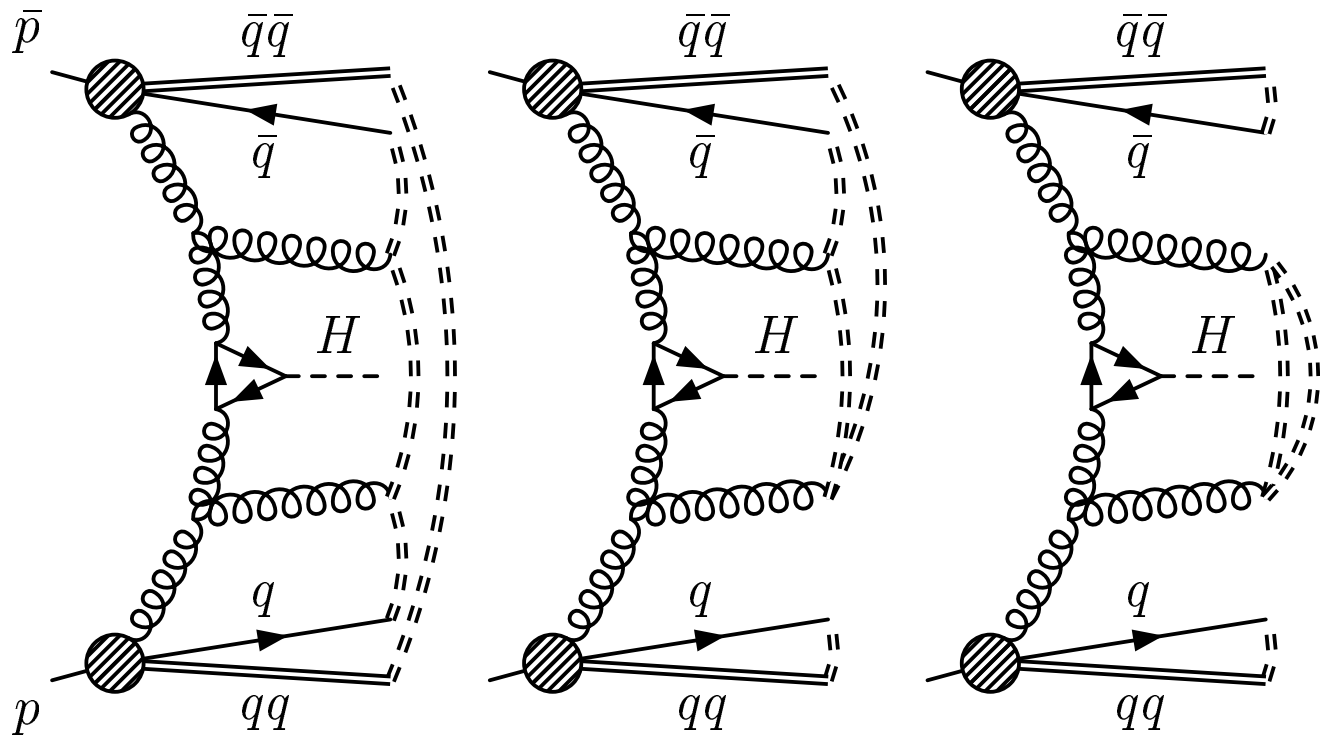
## Single diffraction with proton tagging at high $\beta^*$

- Run at high  $\beta^*$  (no  $\xi$  cut)
- Study different single diffractive processes with low pile up
  - $J/\Psi$  production: Two muons with opposite charge,  $3.05 < M_{\mu\mu} < 3.15$  GeV,  $3080 \pm 90$  for  $10 \text{ pb}^{-1}$
  - $W$  production: leading lepton  $p_T > 20$  GeV,  $60 < M_T < 110$ , about  $340 \pm 10$  events for  $10 \text{ pb}^{-1}$
  - $Z$  production: same cuts,  $30 \pm 1$  events for  $10 \text{ pb}^{-1}$
- SD jet production...



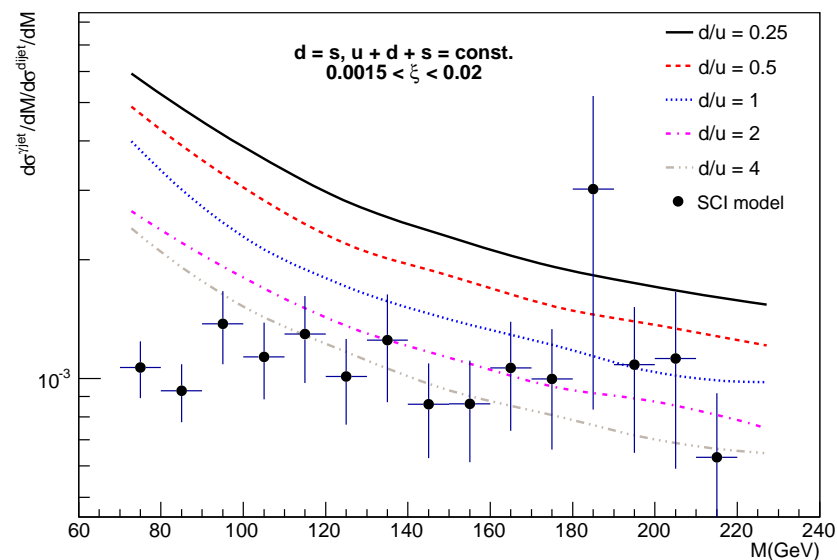
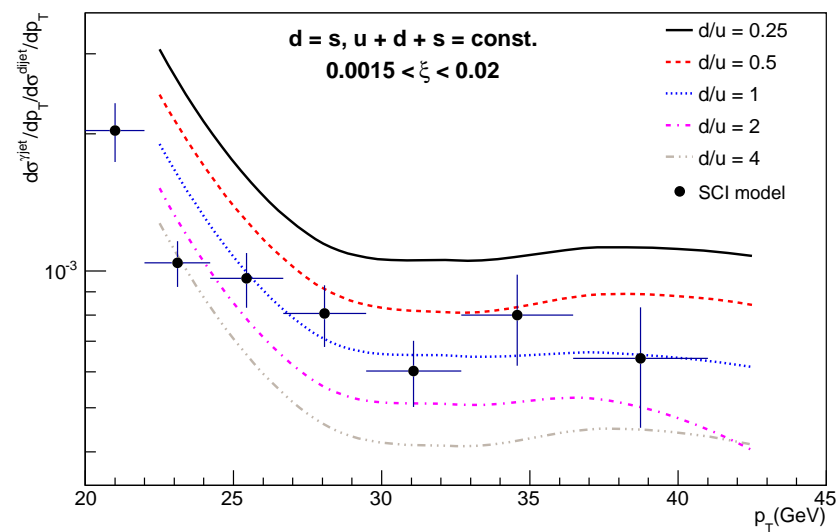
## Soft Colour Interaction models

- A completely different model to explain diffractive events: Soft Colour Interaction (R.Enberg, G.Ingelman, N.Timneanu, hep-ph/0106246)
- **Principle:** Variation of colour string topologies, giving a unified description of final states for diffractive and non-diffractive events
- **No survival probability** for SCI models



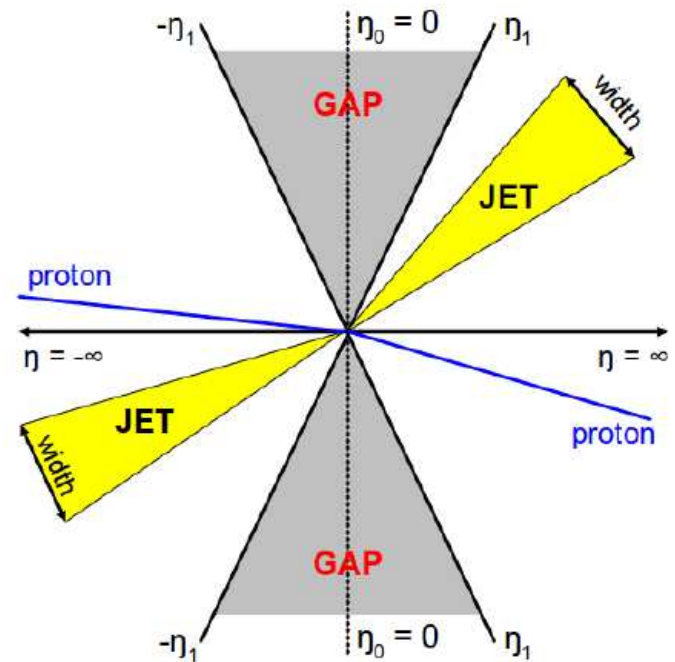
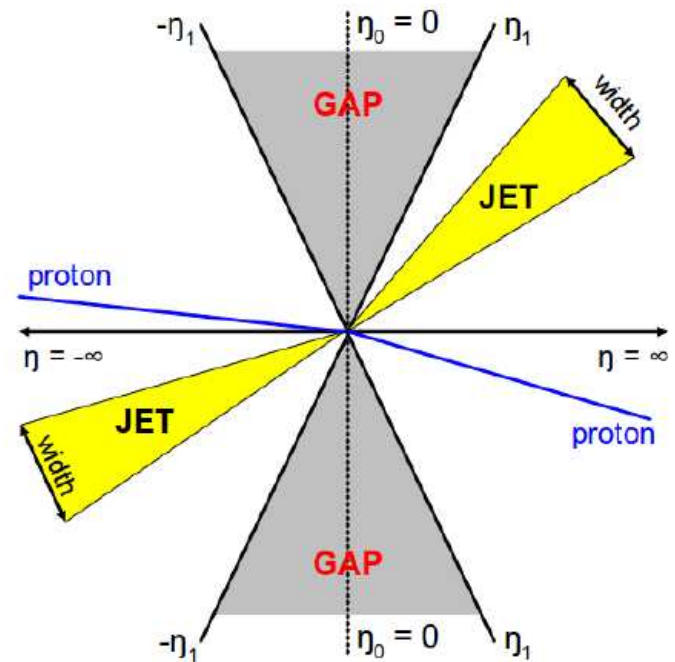
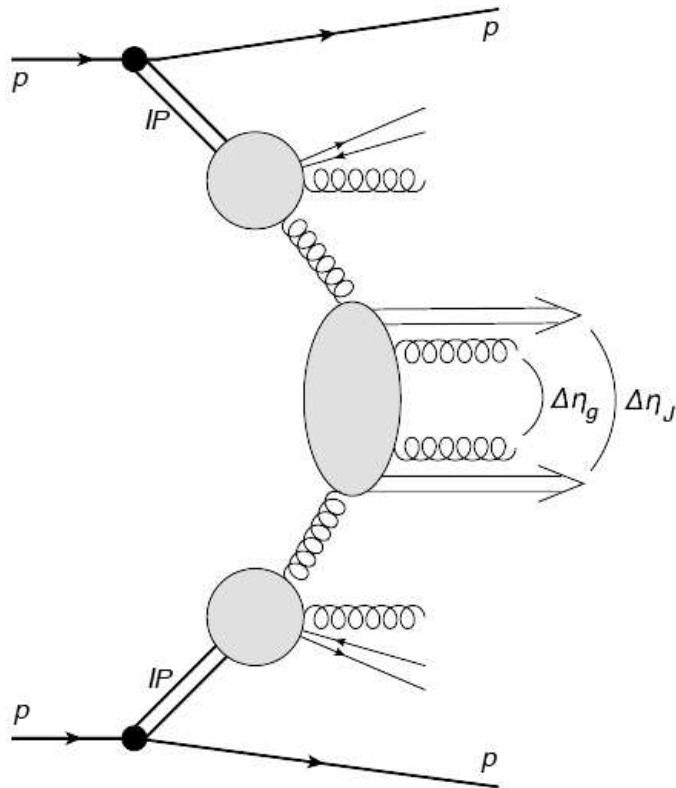
# Inclusive diffraction at the LHC: sensitivity to soft colour interaction

- Predict DPE  $\gamma$ +jet divided by dijet cross section at the LHC for pomeron like and SCI models
- In particular, the diffractive mass distribution (the measurement with lowest systematics) allows to distinguish between the two sets of models: flat distribution for SCI



## Jet gap jet events in diffraction

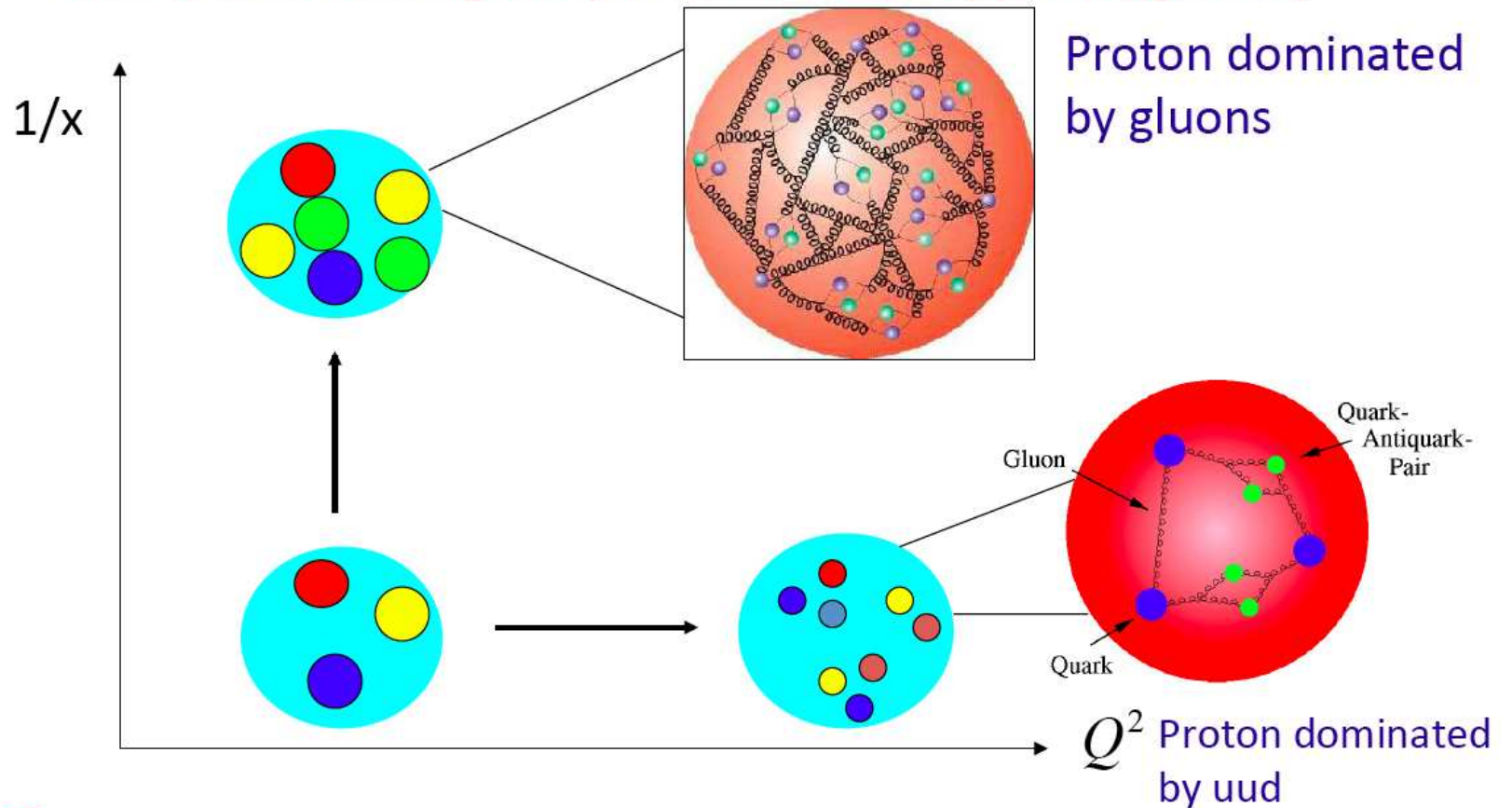
- Study BFKL dynamics using jet gap jet events
- Jet gap jet events in DPE processes: clean process, allows to go to larger  $\Delta\eta$  between jets
- See: Gaps between jets in double-Pomeron-exchange processes at the LHC, C. Marquet, C. Royon, M. Trzebinski, R. Zlebcik, Phys. Rev. D 87 (2013) 034010



## Looking for BFKL effects

- Dokshitzer Gribov Lipatov Altarelli Parisi (DGLAP): Evolution in  $Q^2$
- Balitski Fadin Kuraev Lipatov (BFKL): Evolution in  $x$

Aim: Understanding the proton structure (quarks, gluons)



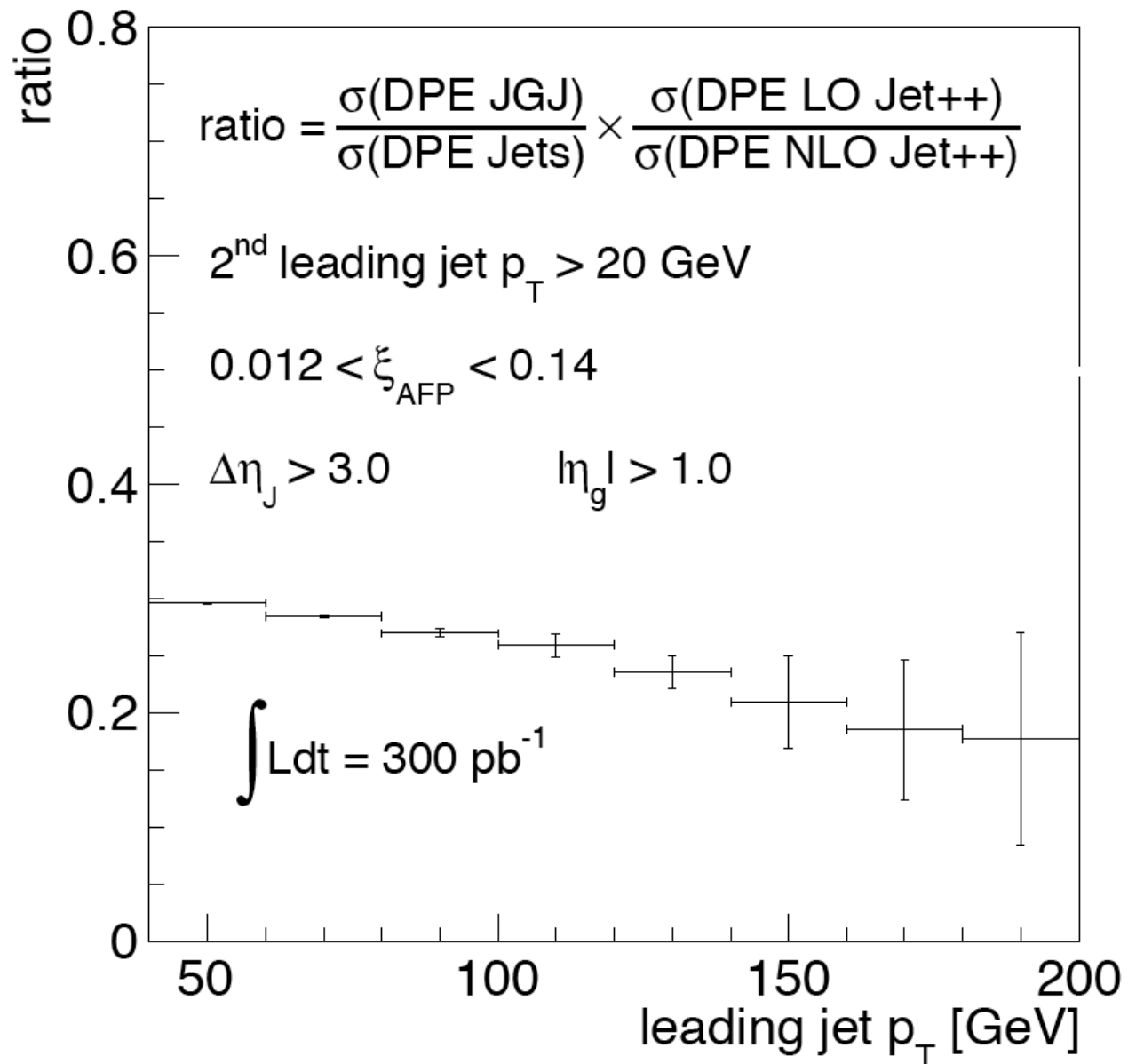
$Q^2$  : resolution inside the proton (like a microscope)

$x$  : Proton momentum fraction carried away by the interacting quark

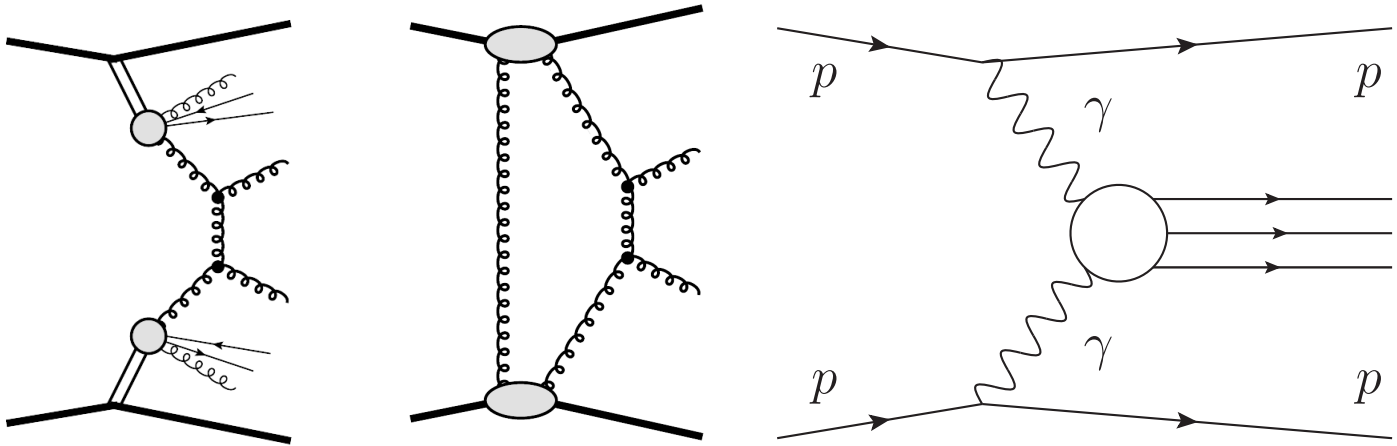


## Jet gap jet events in diffraction

- Measure the ratio of the jet gap jet to the dijet cross sections: sensitivity to BFKL dynamics
- As an example, study as a function of leading jet  $p_T$



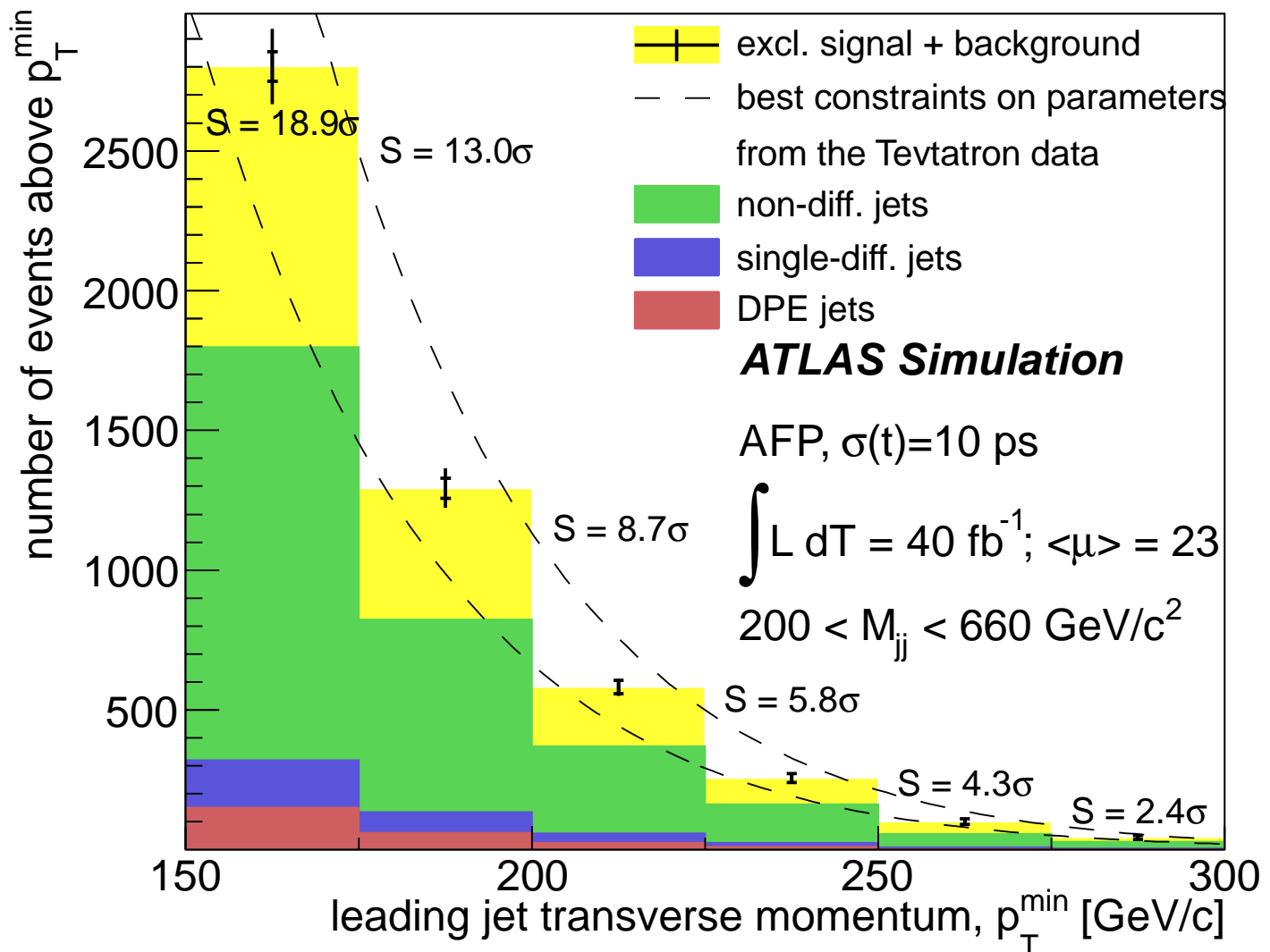
## Exclusive and inclusive diffraction



- Exclusive diffraction: All the energy is used to produce the dijets, namely  $xG \sim \delta$
- Possibility to reconstruct the properties of the object produced exclusively (via photon and gluon exchanges) from the tagged proton: system completely constrained
- Possibility of constraining the background by asking the matching between the information of the two protons and the produced object

## Exclusive jet production at the LHC

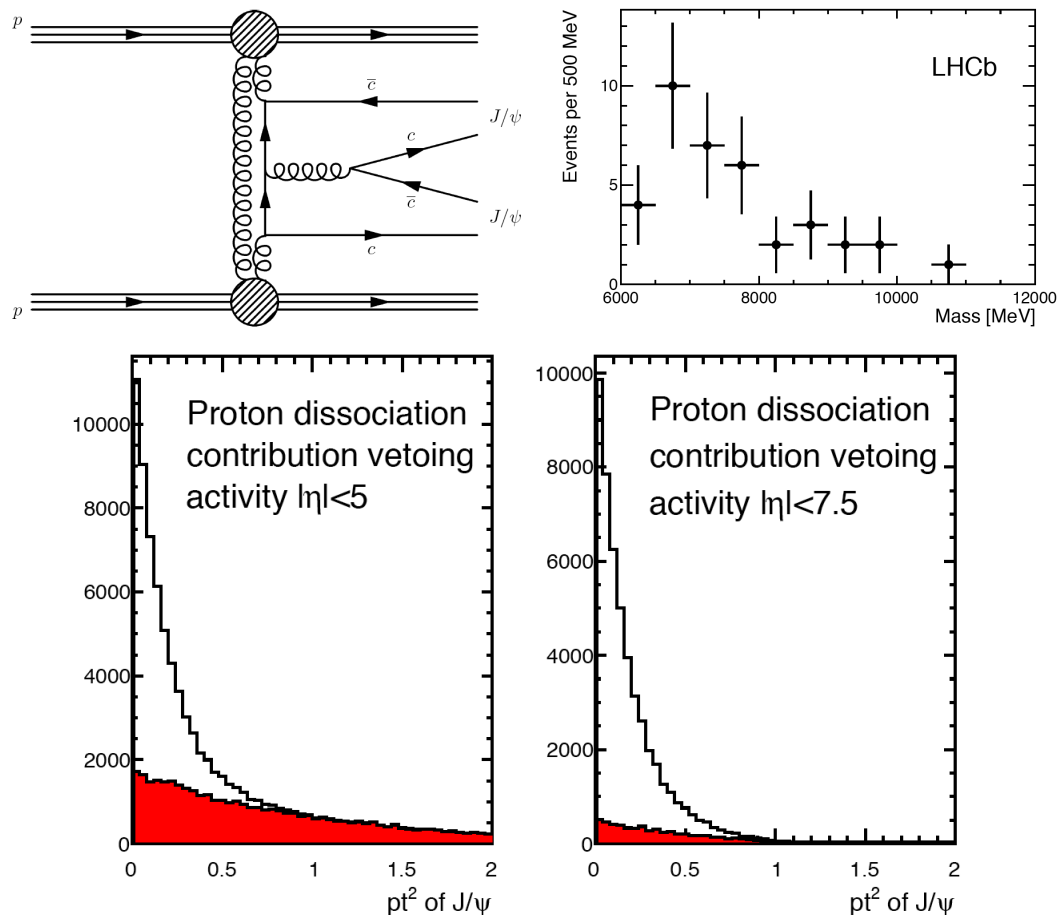
- Jet cross section measurements: up to  $18.9\sigma$  for exclusive signal with  $40\text{ fb}^{-1}$  ( $\mu = 23$ ): highly significant measurement in high pile up environment, improvement over measurement coming from Tevatron (CDF) studies using  $\bar{p}$  forward tagging by about one order of magnitude



- Important to perform these measurements to constrain exclusive Higgs production: background/signal ratio close to 1 for central values at 120 GeV

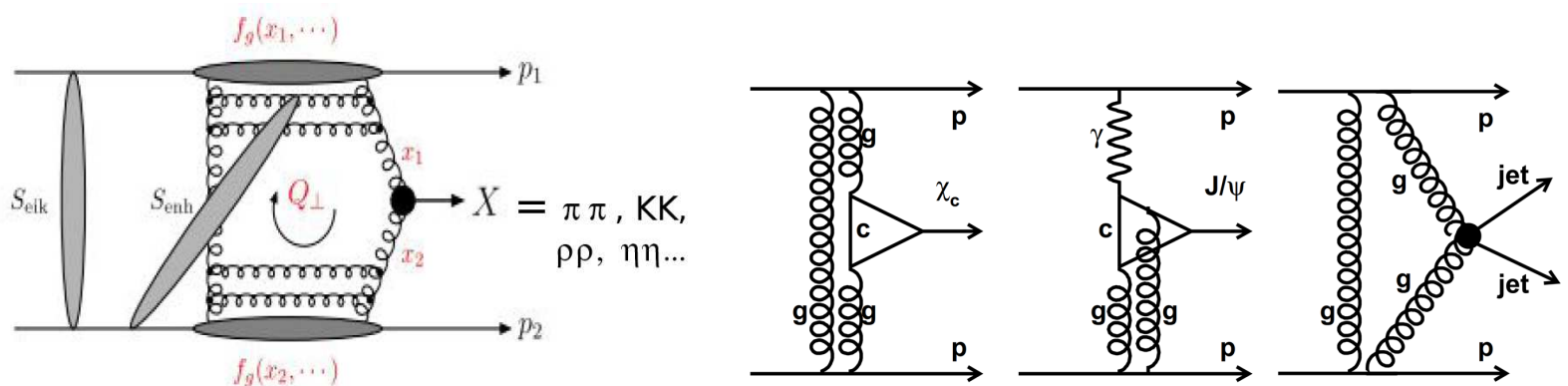
## Exclusive vector mesons - LHCb

- Measurement of vector mesons: very clean sample, example of LHCb, no proton tagging (charmonium with  $3 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ )
- Measurement performed in parallel with theory developments
- Herschel: Scintillators being installed in LHCb in order to get a better control of non exclusive background (some scintillators in the forward region already installed in CMS as well as CASTOR)
- Such channels are sensitive to new physics: if one has a medium mass resonance, (glueball or tetraquark state or exotic), it could lead to a bump in such a spectrum

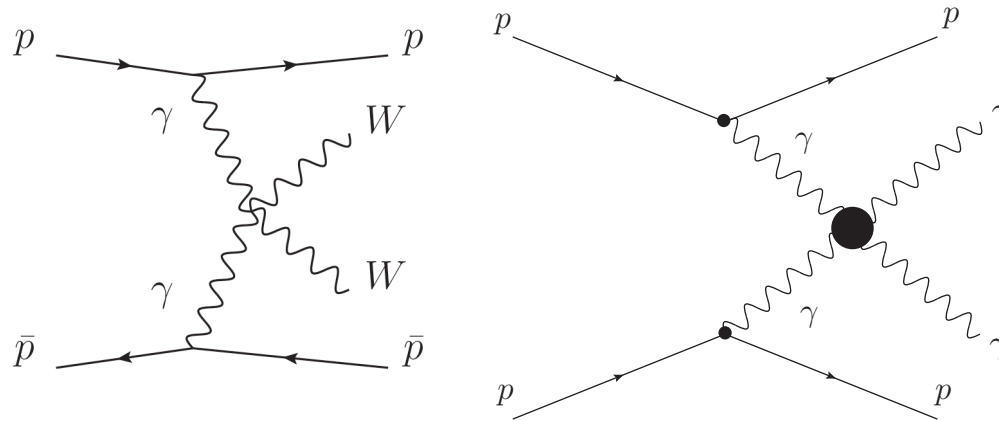


## Exclusive state measurements

- Many exclusive states can be measured in high  $\beta^*$  runs in ALFA-CMS/TOTEM, and in standard runs in LHCb
- ALFA-CMS/TOTEM: Detect both protons, information from central detector, particle Id (pions, kaons with tracker), timing detectors
- Search for glueball states and probing low  $x$  gluon down to  $x \sim 10^{-4}$
- With  $1 \text{ pb}^{-1}$ : confirmation of unobserved possible  $f_0(1710)$  and  $f_0(1500)$  decay modes and first cross-section  $\times$  branching ratio estimates
- With  $5\text{-}10 \text{ pb}^{-1}$ : cross-section  $\times$  branching ratio estimates for all three  $\chi_{C,0,1,2}$  states, comparison with perturbative QCD
- Low mass exclusive dijet production:  $M_X > 60 \text{ GeV}$ , cross section of  $\sim 100 \text{ pb}$

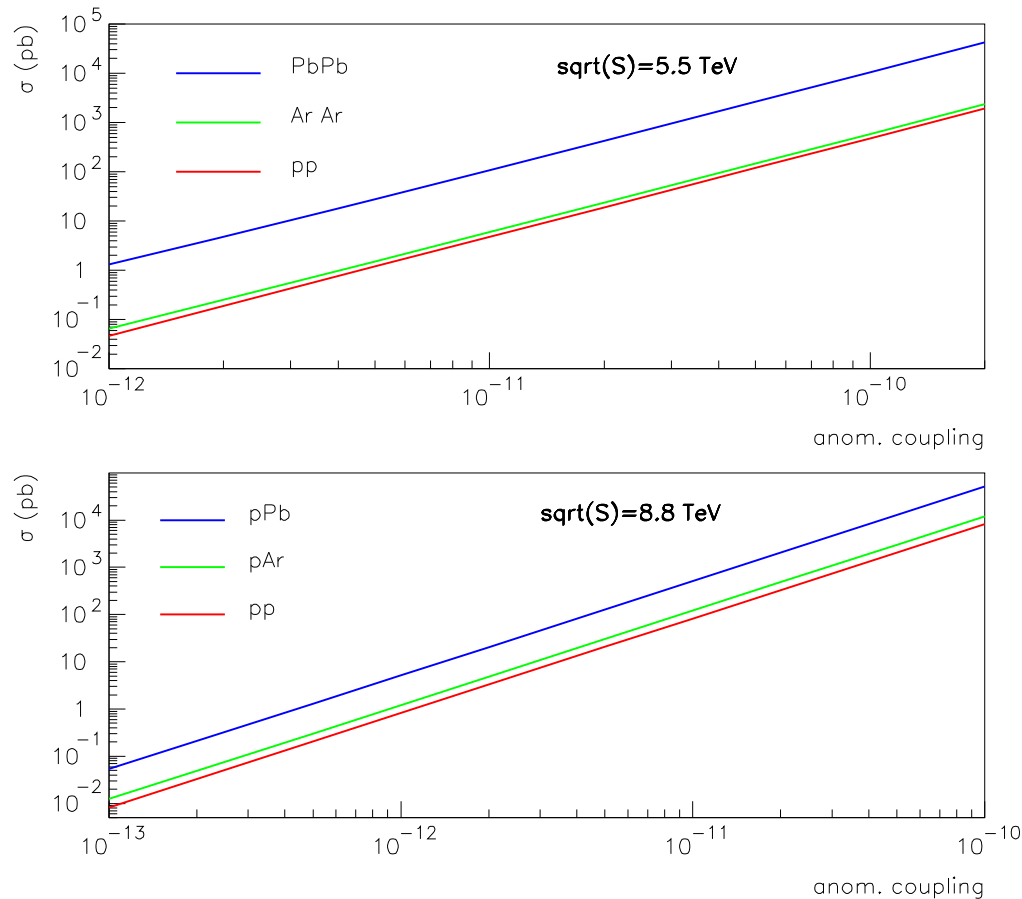


## Search for $\gamma\gamma WW$ , $\gamma\gamma\gamma\gamma$ quartic anomalous coupling



- Study of the process:  $pp \rightarrow ppWW$ ,  $pp \rightarrow ppZZ$ ,  $pp \rightarrow pp\gamma\gamma$
- Standard Model:  $\sigma_{WW} = 95.6 \text{ fb}$ ,  $\sigma_{WW}(W = M_X > 1\text{TeV}) = 5.9 \text{ fb}$
- Process sensitive to anomalous couplings:  $\gamma\gamma WW$ ,  $\gamma\gamma ZZ$ ,  $\gamma\gamma\gamma\gamma$ ;  
motivated by studying in detail the mechanism of electroweak symmetry breaking, predicted by extradim. models
- See talk by Matthias

# $\gamma\gamma WW, \gamma\gamma\gamma\gamma$ quartic anomalous coupling in heavy ion mode



- UPCs: Cross section in the heavy ion case increased by  $Z^4$
- High mass flux cut off because of impact parameter condition to be greater than the heavy ion size
- Typical luminosity of  $10 \text{ nb}^{-1}$  ( $1 \text{ pb}^{-1}$ ) for Pb Pb (p-Pb) runs: not such a good reach on anomalous coupling as in the  $pp$  case but interesting to study further

## Conclusion

- **QCD: structure of Pomeron:** constrain the gluon density in Pomeron in a new kinematical domain using especially the dijet mass fraction
- **QCD: structure of Pomeron:** constrain for the first time the quark densities in Pomeron using  $\gamma$ +jet events
- **Test alternative models of diffraction:** soft colour interaction models leading to a flat dependence of the  $\gamma$ +jet to dijet cross section ratios as a function of diffractive mass
- **Probe BFKL resummation effects:** using jet gap jet in diffraction
- **Exclusive diffraction:** Jets, vector mesons
- **Exploratory physics:** look for  $\gamma\gamma WW$ ,  $\gamma\gamma ZZ$ ,  $\gamma\gamma\gamma\gamma$  anomalous couplings, see talk by Matthias
- **Double complementarity:**
  - Between experiments: LHCb/Alice without proton tagging (rapidity gap methods) and ALFA/AFP, CMS-TOTEM/CT-PPS
  - Within experiments between high  $\beta^*$  and low  $\beta^*$  measurements (resp. low and high mass diffraction using vertical pots in ALFA-CMS/TOTEM and horizontal pots in CT-PPS/AFP)