

Diffraction at the LHC

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Outline

- Diffraction a very wide subject, with much to cover, with lots of talks at this year's EDS on the topic: W. Schaefer, K. Goulianos, E. Gotsman, P. Lebiedowicz, M. Luszczak, J. Kaspar, R. Ciesielski, ATLAS, CMS/TOTEM, LHCb and ALICE talks on Tuesday, R. McNulty, M. Ruspa, A. Valkarova....
- Here, I will focus on two broad topics of relevance at the LHC:
 - ▶ Soft diffraction: models for soft elastic and inelastic scattering, information from the LHC...
 - ▶ Exclusive processes: topical 'hard diffractive' process, involving pQCD and soft effects. Outline theoretical approach and experimental status and outlook for some example processes.

Diffraction: definitions

M. L. GOOD AND W. D. WALKER
University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin
 (Received May 26, 1960)

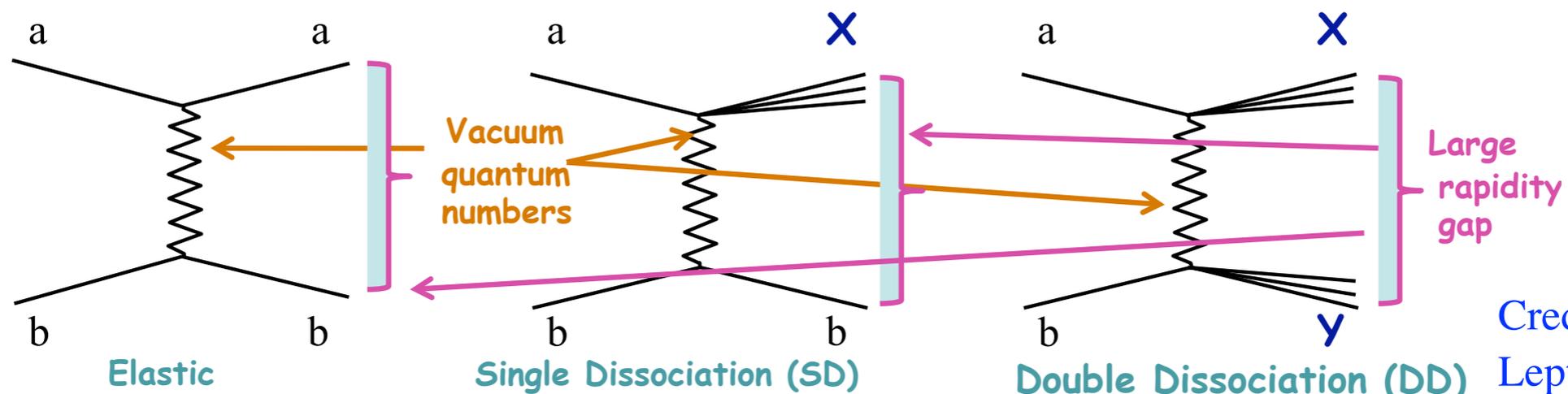
A phenomenon is predicted in which a high-energy particle beam undergoing diffraction scattering from a nucleus will acquire components corresponding to various products of the virtual dissociations of the incident particle, as $p \rightarrow \Lambda + K^+$ or $\pi^- \rightarrow \bar{p} + n$. These diffraction-produced systems would have a characteristic extremely narrow distribution in transverse momentum, and would have all the same quantum numbers as the initial particle; i.e., the same spin, isotopic spin, and parity. The process is related to that discussed

→ Vacuum quantum number exchange at high energies.

J. D. Bjorken
Stanford Linear Accelerator Center, Stanford University, Stanford, California 94309
 (Received 30 March 1992)

In hadron-hadron collisions, production of Higgs bosons and other color-singlet systems can occur via fusion of electroweak bosons, occasionally leaving a “rapidity gap” in the underlying-event structure.

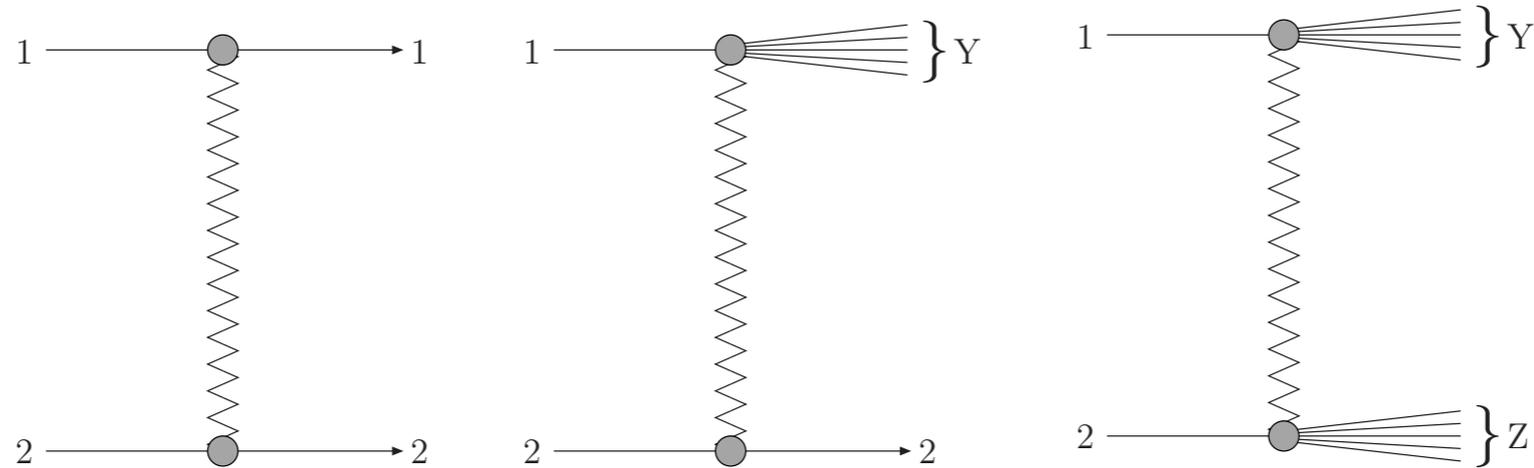
→ Large, non-exponentially suppressed rapidity gaps.



Credit: M. Ruspa,
 Lepton Photon 2009

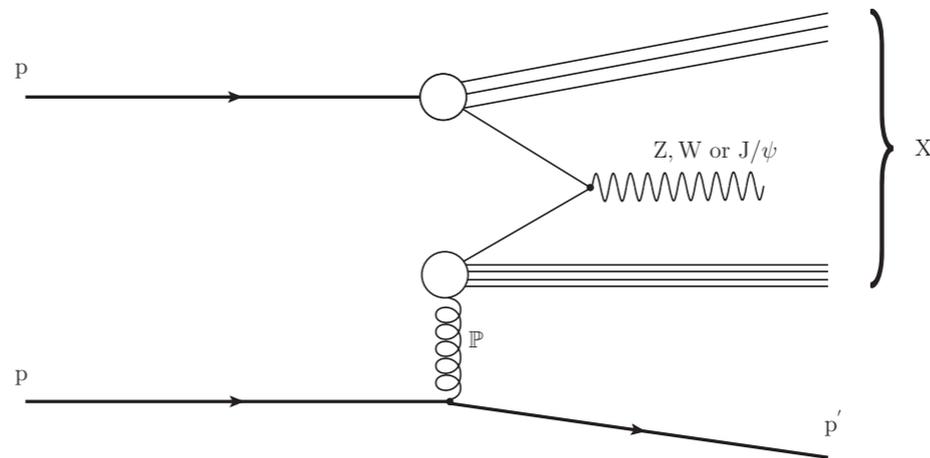
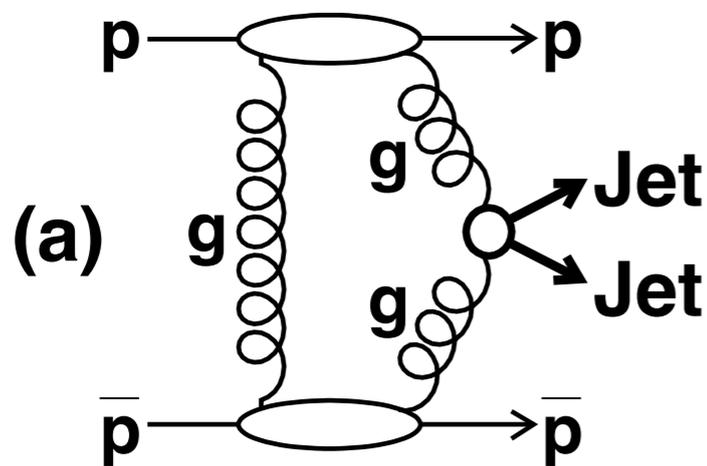
Diffractive processes

► Soft diffraction:



→ Non-perturbative approach needed. Typically use the well known tools of Regge theory/ general principles of unitarity etc but also depends sensitively on the model of structure of the proton.

► Hard diffraction:



→ Production of object with high mass/large momentum, requires ‘non-standard’ application of pQCD, as well as modeling of physics at soft scales.

Diffraction at the LHC

- The LHC has allowed measurement of diffraction to be made out to unprecedented collider energies, with broad rapidity coverage and proton tagging.
 - Already measurements of the elastic, total and diffractive cross sections in Run I have thrown up some interesting ‘surprises’ and a hard diffraction program is developing.
- Run II has a lot to offer: discussed in detail in upcoming **yellow** report...



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Soft Diffraction

Soft diffraction- theory recap

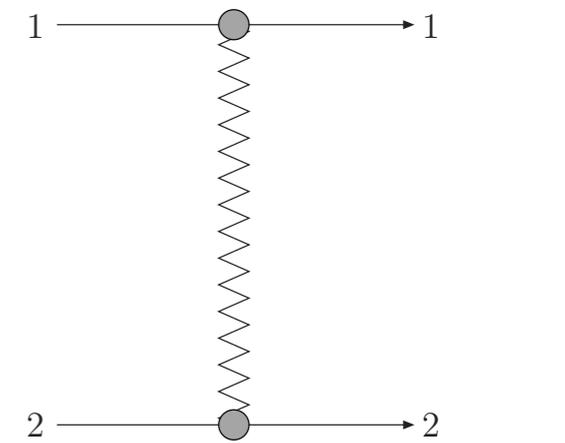
- Simple (t-channel) approach- elastic scattering due to single pomeron exchange:

elastic amplitude

$$A(s, t) \sim \beta(t) \left(\frac{s}{s_0} \right)^{\alpha_{\mathbb{P}}(t)}$$

optical theorem

$$\sigma_{\text{tot}}(s) = 2 \text{Im} A(s, 0) \sim \left(\frac{s}{s_0} \right)^{\alpha_{\mathbb{P}}(0) - 1}$$



- Donnachie-Landshoff fit:

$$\alpha_{\mathbb{P}}(t) = 1.08 + 0.25 \text{ GeV}^{-2} t$$

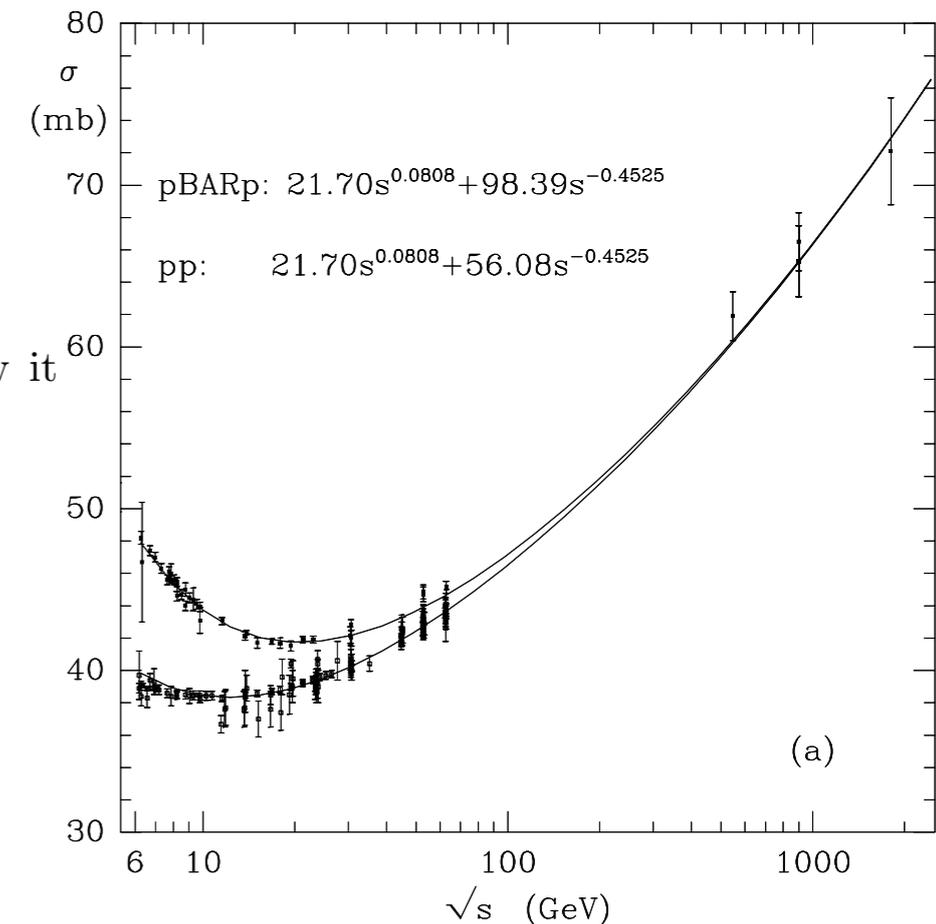
A. Donnachie, P.V. Landshoff,
Phys. Lett. B296 (1992) 227-232

Conclusions

Regge theory remains one of the great truths of particle physics. We have shown how it provides an extremely simple and economical parametrisation of all total cross sections.

- However such a simple single pomeron exchange picture cannot account for the entire diffractive sector. Unitarizing effects due to multi-Pomeron exchange and internal structure of protons must be accounted for.

→ s-channel ‘Regge Field Theory’ (RFT) approach, including Good-Walker decomposition of protons.



s-channel approach

- Write in terms of impact parameter b .

$$\sigma_{\text{inel}} \equiv \int d^2b_t G_{\text{inel}}(s, b_t)$$

$$\sigma_{\text{tot}} = \sigma_{\text{el}} + \sigma_{\text{inel}} \quad \text{absorption prob.}$$

Elastic unitarity: $2\text{Im} T_{\text{el}}(s, b) = |T_{\text{el}}(s, b)|^2 + G_{\text{inel}}(s, b)$

solved for $T_{\text{el}}(s, b) = i \left(1 - e^{-\Omega(s, b)/2} \right)$

$\Omega(s, b)$: proton opacity

$e^{-\Omega(s, b)}$: prob. of no inelastic scattering

$$\frac{d\sigma_{\text{tot}}}{d^2b} = 2\text{Im}T_{\text{el}}(s, b) = 2(1 - e^{-\Omega/2})$$

$$\frac{d\sigma_{\text{el}}}{d^2b} = |T_{\text{el}}(s, b)|^2 = (1 - e^{-\Omega/2})^2,$$

$$\frac{d\sigma_{\text{inel}}}{d^2b} = 2\text{Im}T_{\text{el}}(s, b) - |T_{\text{el}}(s, b)|^2 = 1 - e^{-\Omega}$$

- Can interpret in terms of pomeron exchange picture, but with:

$$\Omega(s, b) = \frac{-i}{s} \int \frac{d^2q_t}{4\pi^2} e^{i\mathbf{q}_t \cdot \mathbf{b}} A(s, t = -q_t^2)$$

$$\text{Im} T_{\text{el}} = \overline{\text{I}} = 1 - e^{-\Omega/2} = \frac{\Omega}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\Omega}{2} \right)^2 + \dots = \text{I} + \text{II} + \dots$$

i.e. $\Omega(s, b)$ related to Fourier transform of single pomeron exchange amplitude, and full elastic amplitude $T_{\text{el}}(s, b)$ given by summing over all exchanges.

→ multi-pomeron/screening effects.

Diffractive dissociation

$$p \rightarrow N^*$$

- Low mass dissociation- proton may be excited into heavier mass state.
- Need to account for internal structure of proton: decompose into different ‘Good-Walker’ eigenstates, each of which undergoes elastic scattering.

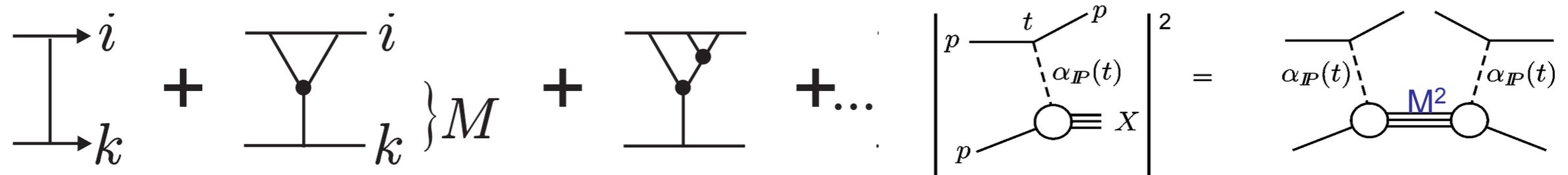
$$|p\rangle = \sum_i a_i |\phi_i\rangle \quad \langle \phi_j | T | \phi_k \rangle = T_i \delta_{ij}$$

- If these have different interaction probabilities then outgoing superposition of states will be different from the incoming.

If T_i indep. of i then $= 0$

$$\rightarrow \text{Inelastic diffraction} \quad \frac{d\sigma_{SD}}{d^2b} = \sum_i |a_i|^2 T_i^2 - \left(\sum_i |a_i|^2 T_i \right)^2$$

- Valid for low mass diffraction. For high mass diffraction can use triple Regge:



Models/MCs

- Some well developed models based on the basic approach described above are available. However, much room for differences in the implementation.

Some examples:

- ▶ V. A. Khoze, A. D. Martin and M.G. Ryskin (KMR). MC implementation: SHRiMPS module of Sherpa.
[Eur. Phys. J. C71 \(2011\) 1617, 73 \(2013\) 2503...](#)
- ▶ E. Gotsman, E. Levin, U. Maor (GLM).
[Eur. Phys. J. C71 \(2011\) 1553, Int. J. Mod. Phys. A30 \(2015\) 08, 1542005...](#)
- ▶ Kaidalov & Poghosyan
[arXiv:0909.5156](#)
- ▶ Ostapchenko/QGSJET MC
[S. Ostapchenko, AIP Conf. Proc. 928 \(2007\) 118, Phys. Rev. D 81, 11402 \(2010\)](#)
- ▶ EPOS MC
[T. Pierog et al., arxiv:1306.0121, K. Werner, F.M Liu and T. Pierog, Phys Rev. C74 \(2006\) 044902](#)
- ▶ MBR model
[R. Ciesielki and K. Goulianos, arXiv:1205.1446](#)

Not all- PYTHIA, PHOJET....

Lessons from LHC run I - total cross section

- TOTEM and ALFA measurements of **total** cross sections at $\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV :

TOTEM, EPL, 96 (2011) 21002

ALFA, Nucl. Phys. B 889 (2014) 486-548

$$\sigma_{\text{tot}} = \left(98.3 \pm 0.2^{\text{stat}} \begin{matrix} +2.8 \\ -2.7 \end{matrix}^{\text{syst}} \right) \text{mb.} \quad \sigma_{\text{tot}}(pp \rightarrow X) = 95.35 \pm 0.38 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 1.25 \text{ (exp.)} \pm 0.37 \text{ (extr.) mb,}$$

- D-L would predict something lower $\sigma_{\text{tot}} = 21.7 \text{ mb} \cdot 7000^{0.0162} = 90.7 \text{ mb}$

Disagreement perhaps unsurprising for his simple approach. DL exceeds

black disk limit at LHC. $\frac{\sigma_{\text{tot}}}{8\pi B_{\text{el}}} > 1$

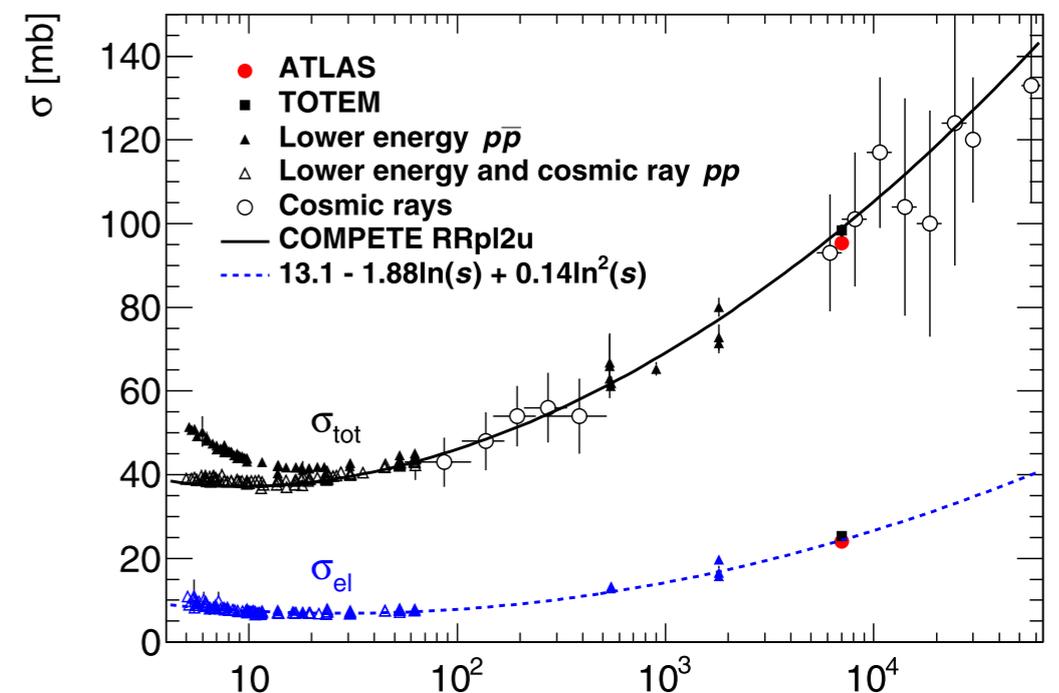
→ Screening/unitarizing effects important. **But** we would expect these to damp the DL prediction, not the other way round. More complex models also failed to predict these data, e.g.:

GLM, Eur. Phys. J. C71 (2011) 1553

GLM: $\sigma_{\text{tot}} = 91.3 \text{ mb}$

KMR, Eur. Phys. J. C71 (2011) 1617

KMR: $\sigma_{\text{tot}} = 88 \text{ mb}$



Lessons from LHC run I - elastic slope

- TOTEM and ALFA measurements of elastic slope: $\frac{d\sigma_{el}}{dt} = \frac{d\sigma_{el}}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} e^{-B|t|}$

ALFA, Nucl. Phys. B 889 (2014) 486-548

TOTEM EPL, 95 (2013) 21002

$$B = 19.73 \pm 0.14 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.26 \text{ (syst.) GeV}^{-2}, \quad B = (19.9 \pm 0.3) \text{ GeV}^{-2}$$

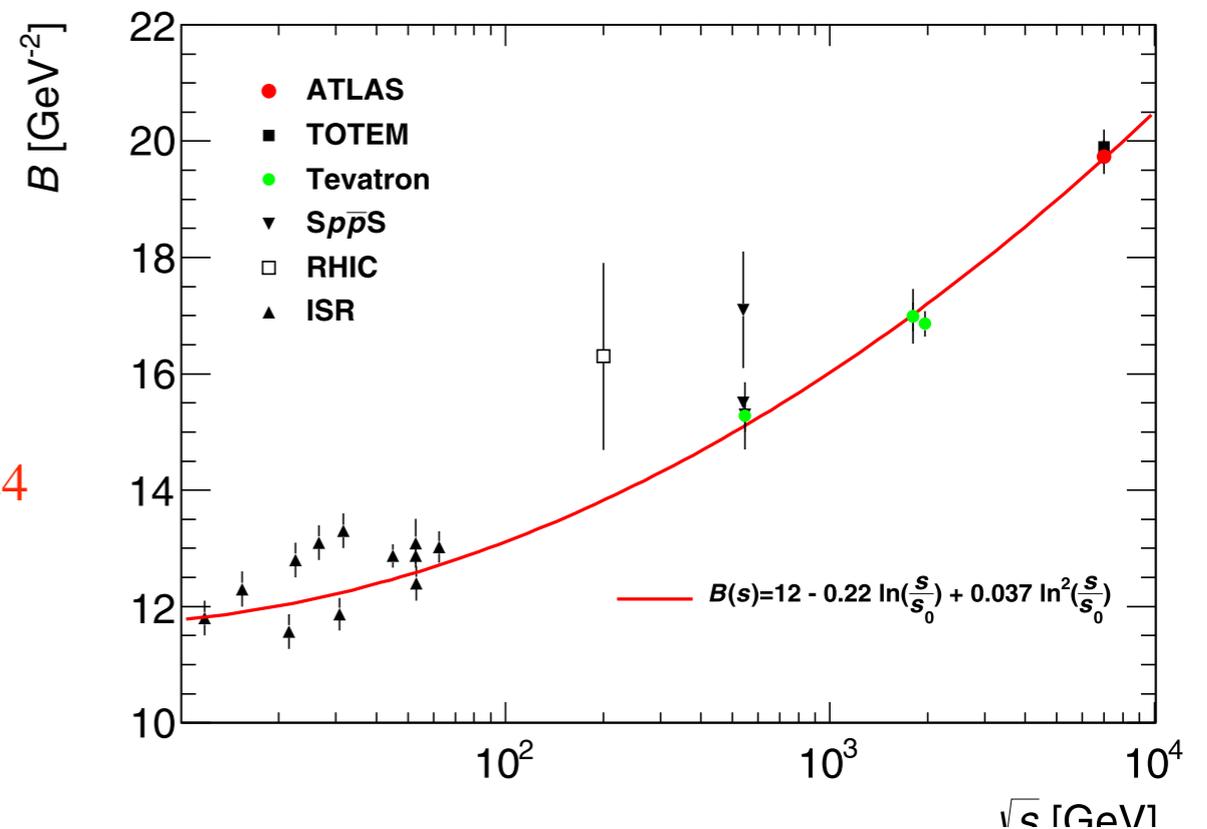
- Even taking higher CDF value at 1.8 TeV and $\alpha' = 0.25 \text{ GeV}^{-2}$ DL predicts:

$$B_{el} = 16.98 + 4 \times 0.25 \times \ln(7/1.8) = 18.34 \text{ GeV}^{-2}$$

→ Simple linear Regge scaling ruled out: $B_{el} \neq 2b_0 + \alpha' \ln\left(\frac{s}{s_0}\right)$

- Energy dependence fit well by second-order polyn. May be expected from ladder structure of pomeron exchange.

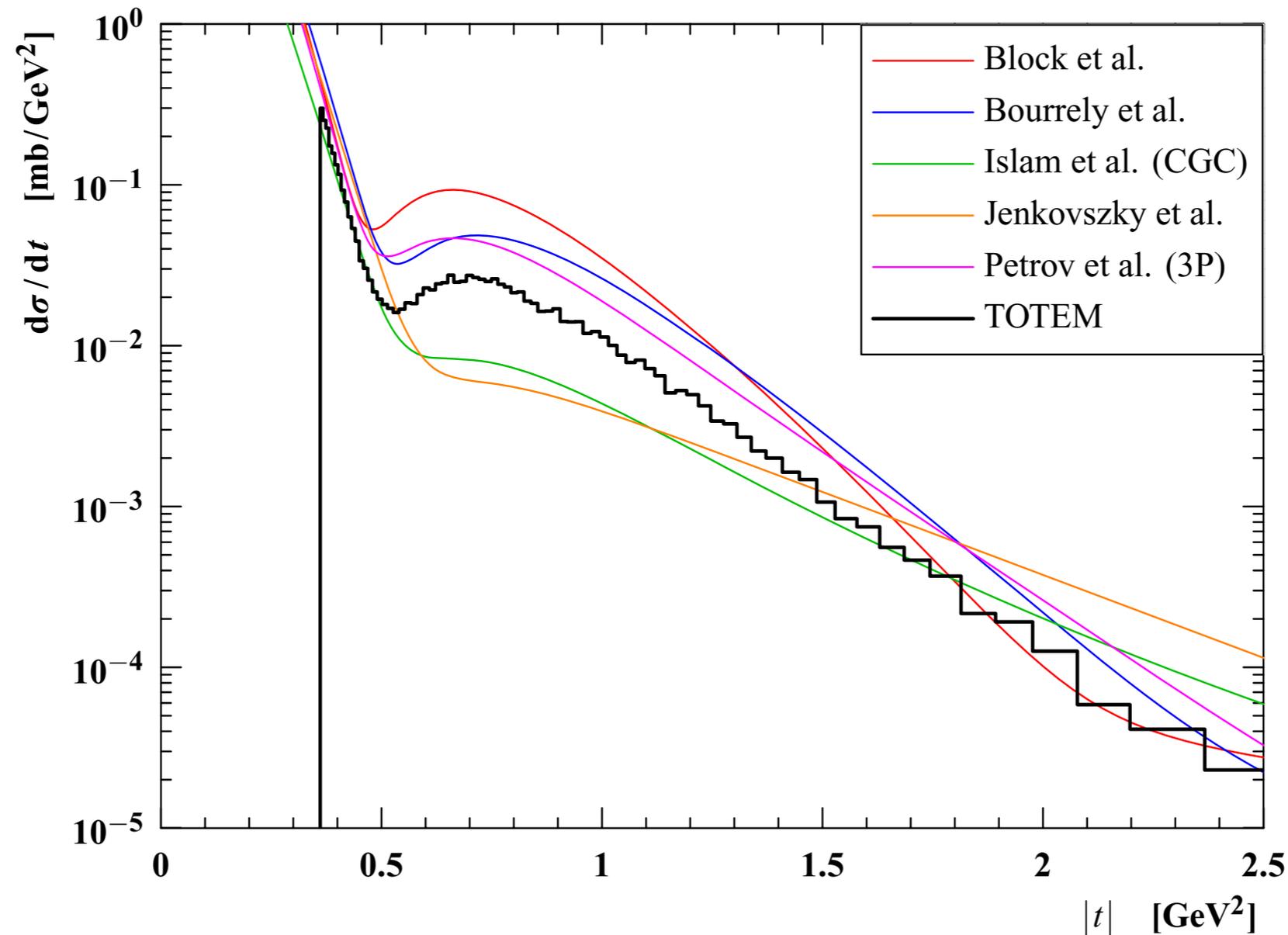
V. A. Schegelsky, M.G. Ryskin, Phys. Rev. D85 (2012) 094024



Lessons from LHC run I - elastic cross section

- TOTEM 7 TeV measurement of differential elastic cross section. No models predict data completely:

TOTEM EPL, 95 (2011) 41001



Lessons from LHC run I - low mass diffraction

TOTEM EPL, 101 (2013) 21003

- TOTEM give **direct** measurement of low mass diff. at 7 TeV:

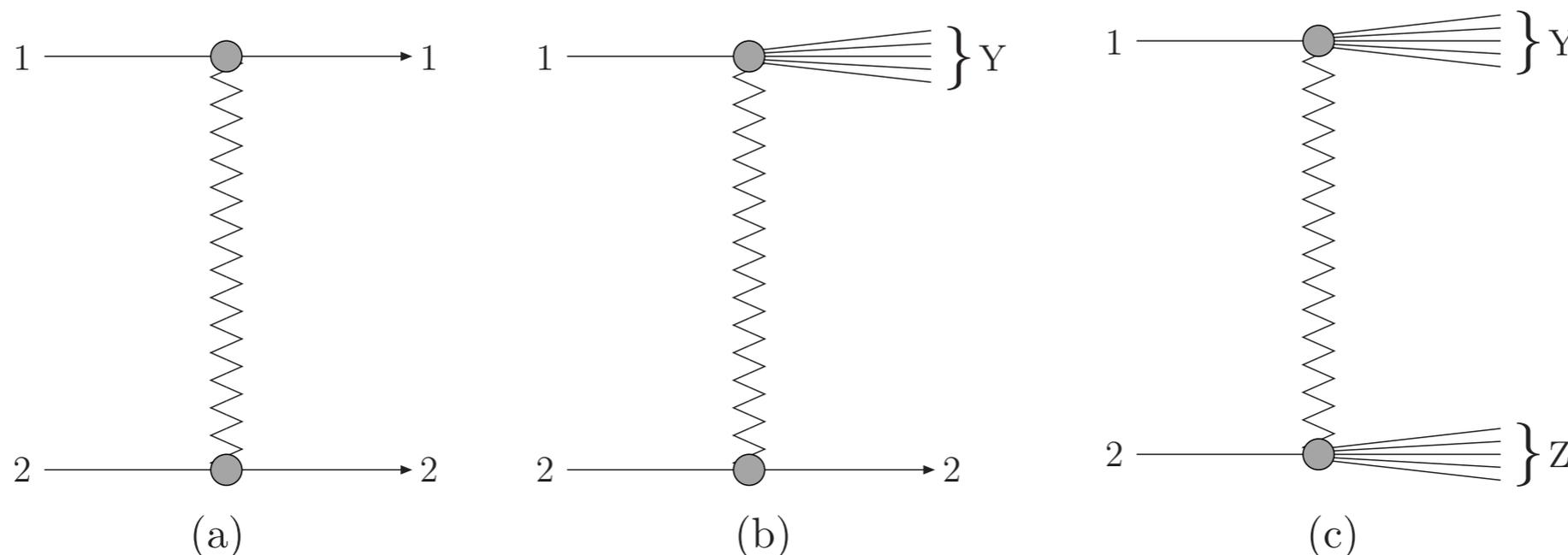
$$\sigma_{\text{tot}}^{\text{RP}} - \sigma_{\text{el}}^{\text{RP}} - \sigma_{\text{inel}, |\eta| < 6.5}^{\text{T2}} = 2.62 \pm 2.17 \text{ mb} \quad M_X < 3.4 \text{ GeV}$$

compare to lower energy measurements:

Other inelastic measurements:
 ATLAS, Eur. Phys. J C72 (2012)
 1926, CMS-PAS-FSQ-12-005,
 ALICE, Eur. Phys. J C73 (2013)
 2456

	CERN-ISR: 31-62.5 GeV	UA4: 516 GeV	TOTEM: 7 TeV
$\frac{\sigma_{\text{D}}^{\text{lowM}}}{\sigma_{\text{el}}}$	$\frac{2-3}{7}$,	$\frac{3}{12}$,	$\frac{2.6}{25}$,

→ Ratio decreases with energy. Naively, driven by (the same) Pomeron exchange, expect to be ~ constant, i.e. one pomeron exchange **overestimates** data.



Lessons from LHC run I - high mass diffraction

- Range of results from ALICE, ATLAS, CMS and TOTEM on high mass inelastic diffraction.

TOTEM prelim., M. Berreti, talk at Diffraction 2014, ATLAS, Eur. Phys. J C72 (2012) 1926, CMS-PAS-FSQ-12-005, ALICE, Eur. Phys. J C73 (2013) 2456

- Appears to be some tension between TOTEM and ATLAS/CMS data, even accounting for model dependence in their extraction.
- S. Ostapchenko ([Phys. Rev. D89 \(2014\) 7, 074009](#)) : two models SD+ and SD-, for better agreement with ATLAS/CMS and TOTEM, respectively.
- Give quite different results for primary cosmic ray composition:

	$E_0 = 10^{18} - 10^{20} \text{ eV}$			
	$d_p(1)$	$d_p(100)$	$\chi^2/\text{d.o.f.}$	
▶ SD- : consistent with almost pure proton.	QGSJET-II-04	0.79	0.77	35.6/33
	option SD+	0.77	0.75	41.4/33
▶ SD+ : requires substantial heavy nuclei frac.	option SD-	0.84	0.85	31.8/33

→ Consequence for astrophysical interpretation of cosmic ray data!

Post Run I- status of models

- No pre-LHC model successfully describe the Run I diffractive data. Wide range of data and trends in elastic, total and dissociative cross sections give much information for model improvements.
- Subsequently good description of LHC data claimed by:
 - ▶ KMR: now take $\phi_i - \mathbb{P}$ coupling $\gamma_i \propto 1/(k_i^2 + k_{\mathbb{P}}^2)$ where $k_{\mathbb{P}}(k_i)$ is characteristic mom. in pomeron (diff. eigenstate), with $k_{\mathbb{P}}^2 = k_0^2 s^{0.28}$. Then as $s \rightarrow \infty$, $\gamma_i \sim 1/k_{\mathbb{P}}^2$, indep. of i , and $\sigma_{\text{SD}}^{\text{low M}}/\sigma_{\text{el}} \rightarrow 0$. Also leads to less absorption and thus faster rise in $\sigma_{\text{tot}}(s)$.
 - ▶ GLM: new approach, matching the pomeron in N=4 SYM (\leftrightarrow BFKL pomeron) to pQCD. see E. Gotsman talk on Tuesday.
 - ▶ EPOS/QGSJET: post-LHC tunes and updates developed
 - ▶ MBR: see K. Goulianos talk on Tuesday.

Another handle- rapidity gap survival

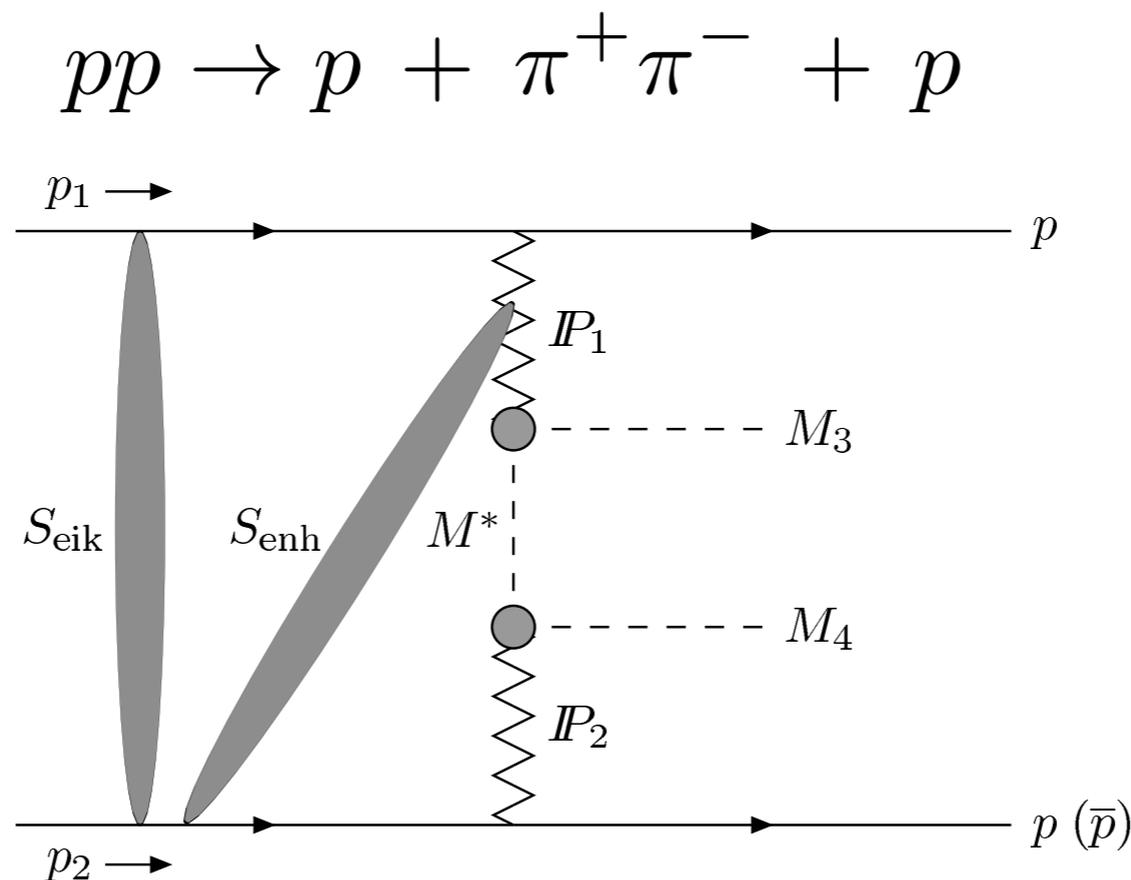
- For processes where exclusive final-states/rapidity gaps are demanded, must include the probability that additional soft particles are not produced: the soft survival factor, S^2 .
- Relevant for diffractive jets, W/Z+gaps, exclusive photoproduction, central exclusive production (including semi-exclusive, with proton diss.)...
- ‘Eikonal’ survival factor due to proton-proton interactions, and ‘enhanced’ due to proton-parton interactions. Typically $\langle S_{\text{eik}}^2 \rangle \ll \langle S_{\text{enh}}^2 \rangle$.
- Can write down the average $\langle S_{\text{eik}}^2 \rangle$ within particular model:

$$S_{\text{eik}}^2(\mathbf{b}) = \frac{\left| \sum_{i,k} |a_i|^2 |a_k|^2 \mathcal{M}_{ik}(\mathbf{b}) \exp(-\Omega_{ik}^{\text{tot}}(s, \mathbf{b})/2) \right|^2}{\left| \sum_{i,k} |a_i|^2 |a_k|^2 \mathcal{M}_{ik}(\mathbf{b}) \right|^2}.$$

→ Can provide additional test of model of soft diffraction.

Rapidity gap survival - proton distributions

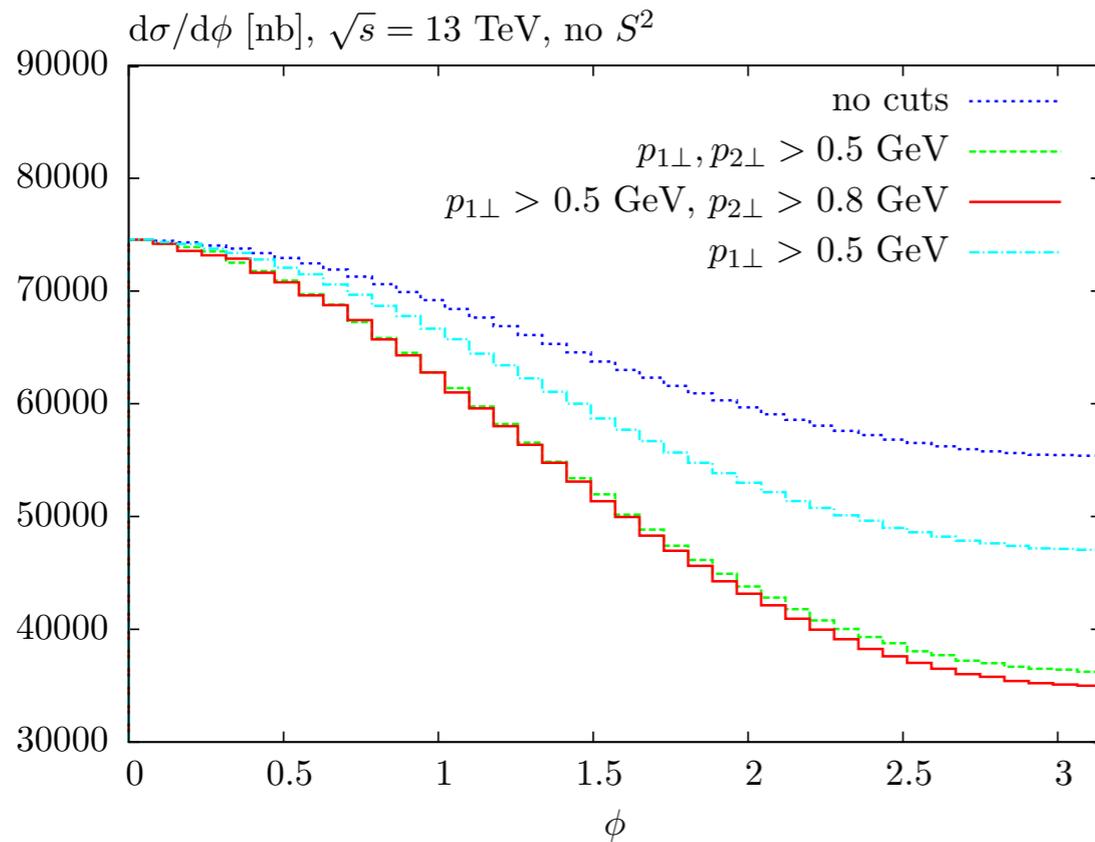
- The average $\langle S^2 \rangle$ can often get lost in other model uncertainties.
 → Look to more differential tests.
- Consider e.g. the central exclusive production of meson pairs, e.g.



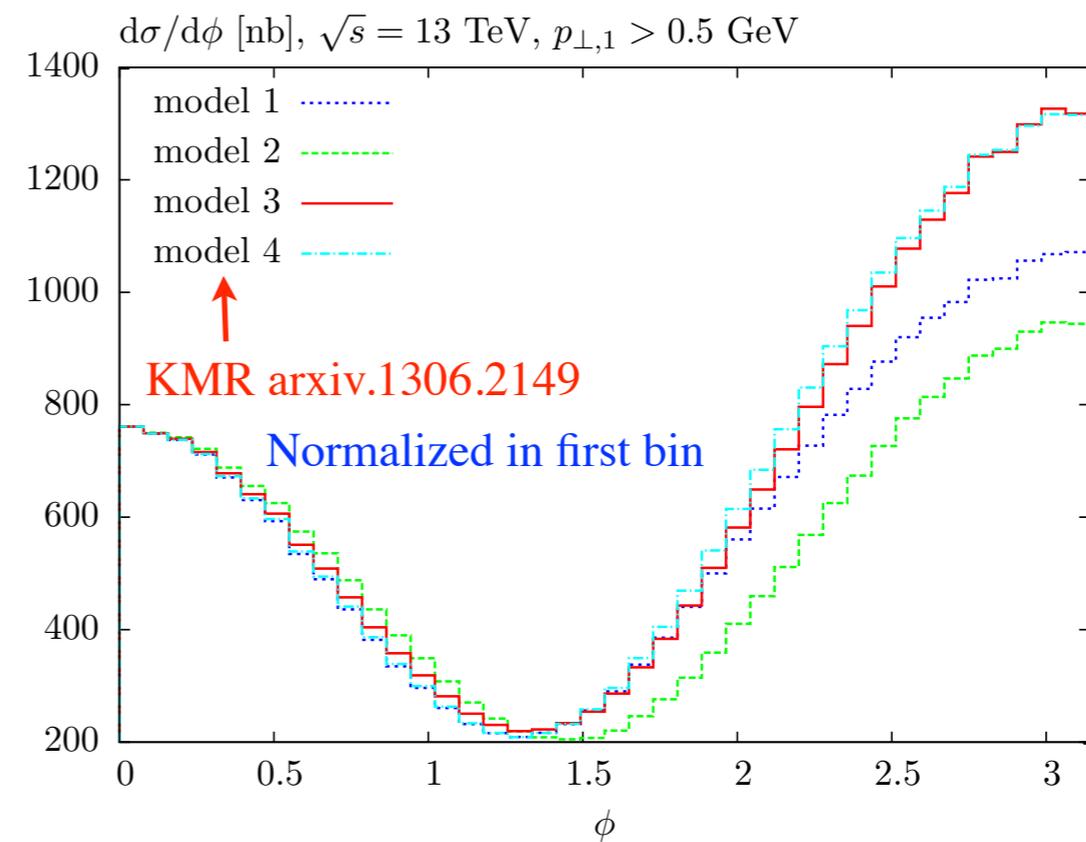
- Measured by CDF and ALICE, CMS by vetoing on additional activity, but without tagging protons. Realistic proposal to measure with tagged protons by ATLAS+ALFA and CMS+TOTEM in Run II.

- The observation of such a process with tagged protons also provides additional information about survival factors...

S^2 off



S^2 on



LHL, V.A. Khoze and M.G. Ryskin, arXiv:1312.4553

- Distribution in angle ϕ between outgoing protons strongly effected, in model dependent way.
- In particular true when larger values of proton p_{\perp} are selected. Cancellation between screened and unscreened amplitudes leads to characteristic ‘diffractive dip’ structure
- Largely independent of production subprocess in central region.

V. A. Khoze, A.D. Martin and M.G. Ryskin, hep-ph/0203122

LHL, V.A. Khoze, M.G. Ryskin and W.J. Stirling, arXiv:1011.0

Rapidity gap survival - differential measurements

- Another possibility: central diffractive lepton pair production.
- In pure exclusive case $\langle S^2 \rangle \sim 1$, but for proton dissociation have larger p_{\perp} transfer and therefore smaller $\langle S^2 \rangle$.

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- CMS $\mu^+ \mu^-$ measurement: compare p_{\perp} of $\mu^+ \mu^-$ system against LPAIR.

Overestimates data at higher p_{\perp} , due to survival factor.

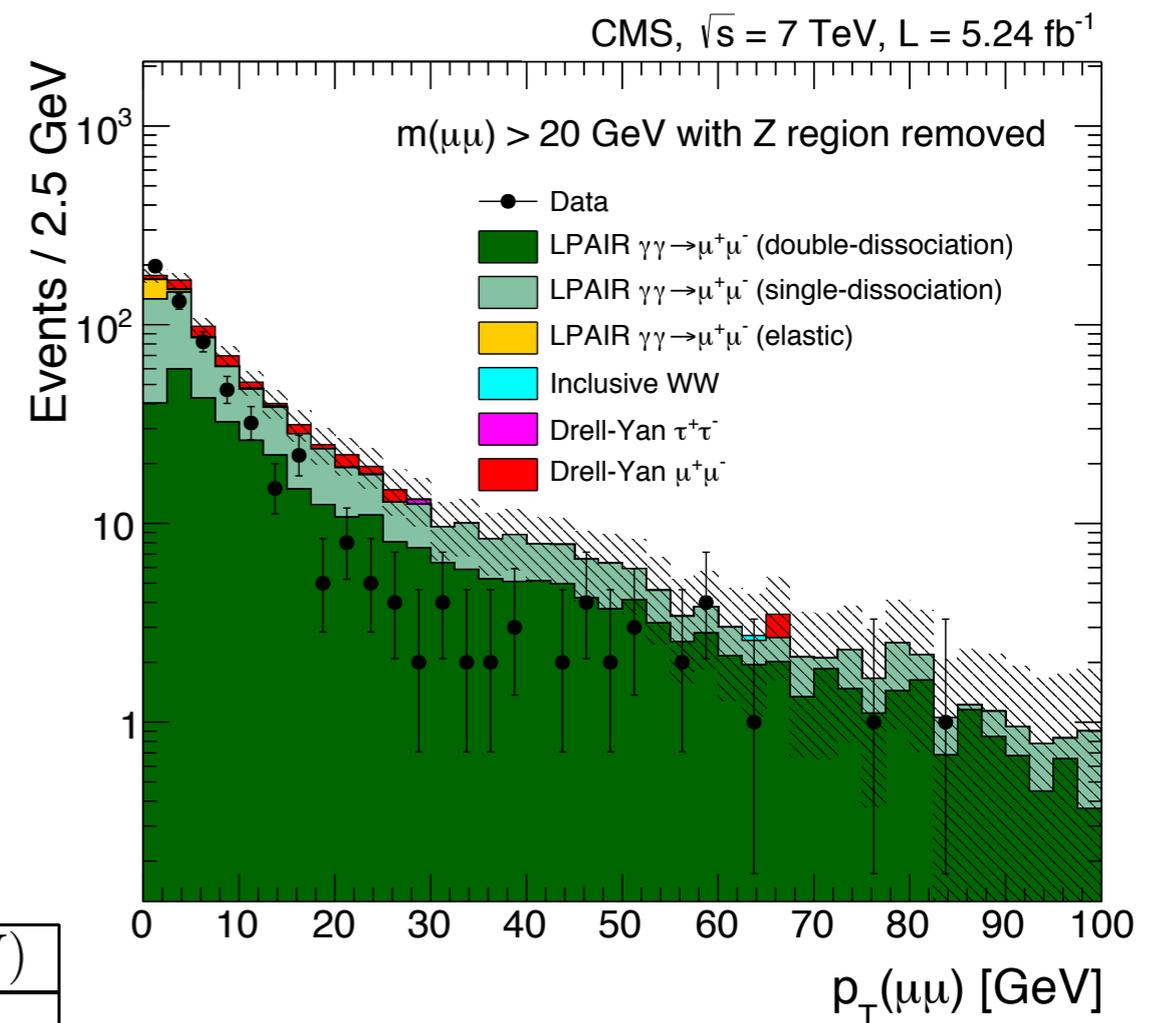
→ Measurement sensitive to $\langle S^2(p_{\perp}^{\mu\mu}) \rangle$.

$$pp \rightarrow Y + l^+ l^- + Z$$

Not most up to date numbers, but give qualitative picture

Single	Low $M_{Y,Z}$ ($\lesssim 2.5$ GeV)	High $M_{Y,Z}$ ($\gtrsim 2.5$ GeV)	
S^2	0.86 ± 0.03	0.81 ± 0.03	
Double	(Low M_Y , Low M_Z)	(Low M_Y , High M_Z)	(High M_Y , High M_Z)
S^2	$0.3 - 0.45$	$0.2 - 0.28$	$0.08 - 0.16$

LHL, V.A. Khoze, M.G. Ryskin, W.J. Stirling, Eur. Phys. J. C72 (2012) 2110

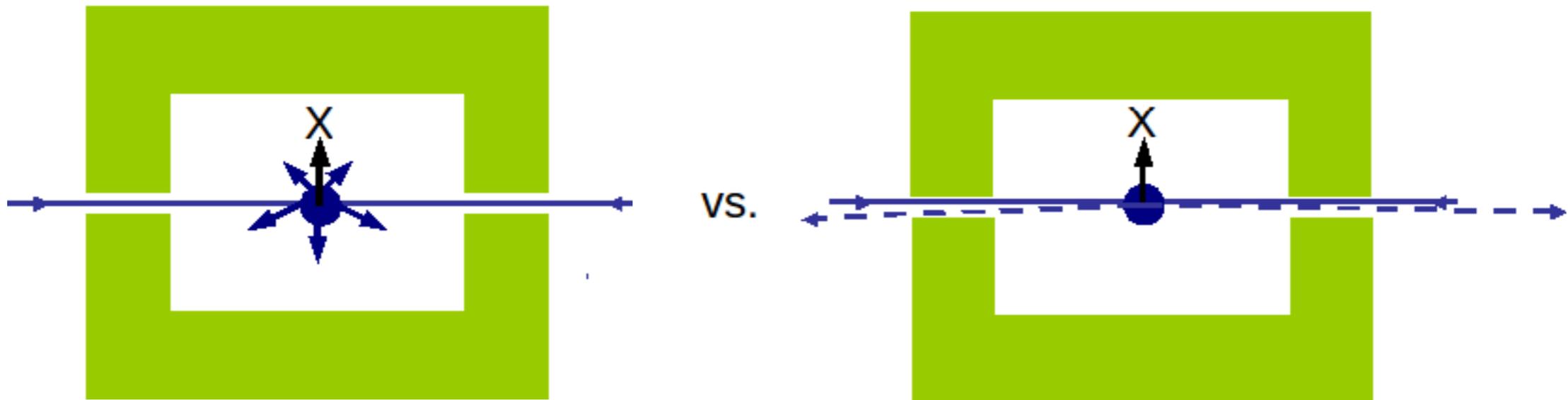


Exclusive Processes

Central Exclusive Production

$$pp \rightarrow p + X + p$$

- Protons remain intact after collision. Only object of interest X is produced ($X = \text{jets}, J/\psi, \pi^+\pi^-, W^+W^- \dots$).
- Generally interested in case where M_X is sufficiently high that a pQCD based approach may be taken.
 - Diffractive (colour singlet, rapidity gaps) but perturbative.



Also: Odderon

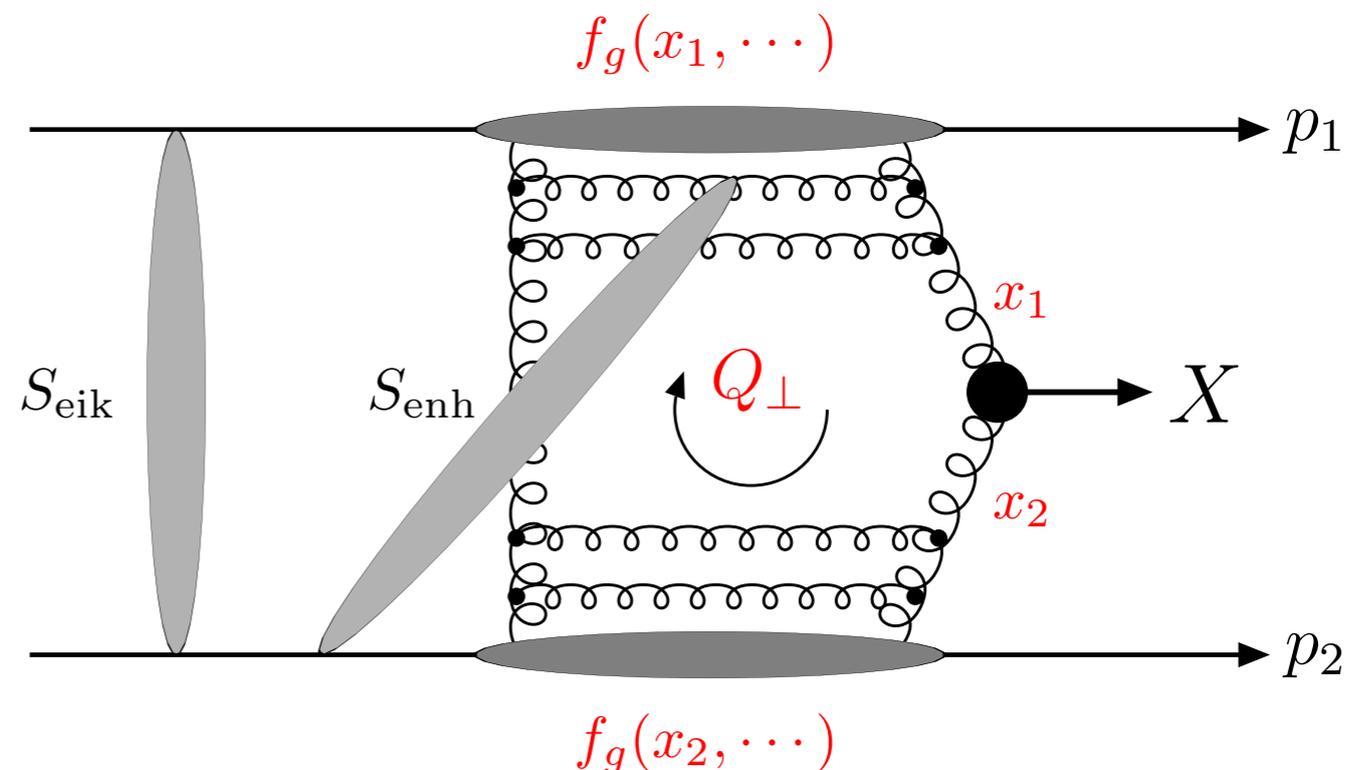
Can (principally) occur through IP IP , $IP\gamma$ and $\gamma\gamma$ interactions

‘Durham Model’ of Central Exclusive Production

- Model via diagram shown: two gluons exchange in the t-channel. Use of pQCD justified by hard scale $\sim M_X$. IR stable result due to Sudakov factor: probability of no additional hard radiation.
- However must also include probability of no additional soft secondary particle production, independent of hard process: the soft survival factor S^2 , discussed before.

→ Both soft and hard QCD must be included.

- $J_z^{PC} = 0^{++}$ selection rule: these quantum numbers are dominantly preferred, i.e. only certain $gg \rightarrow X$ helicity amplitudes contribute, not the usual inclusive sum.



See my talk tomorrow for details of new ‘superchic 2’ MC implementation.

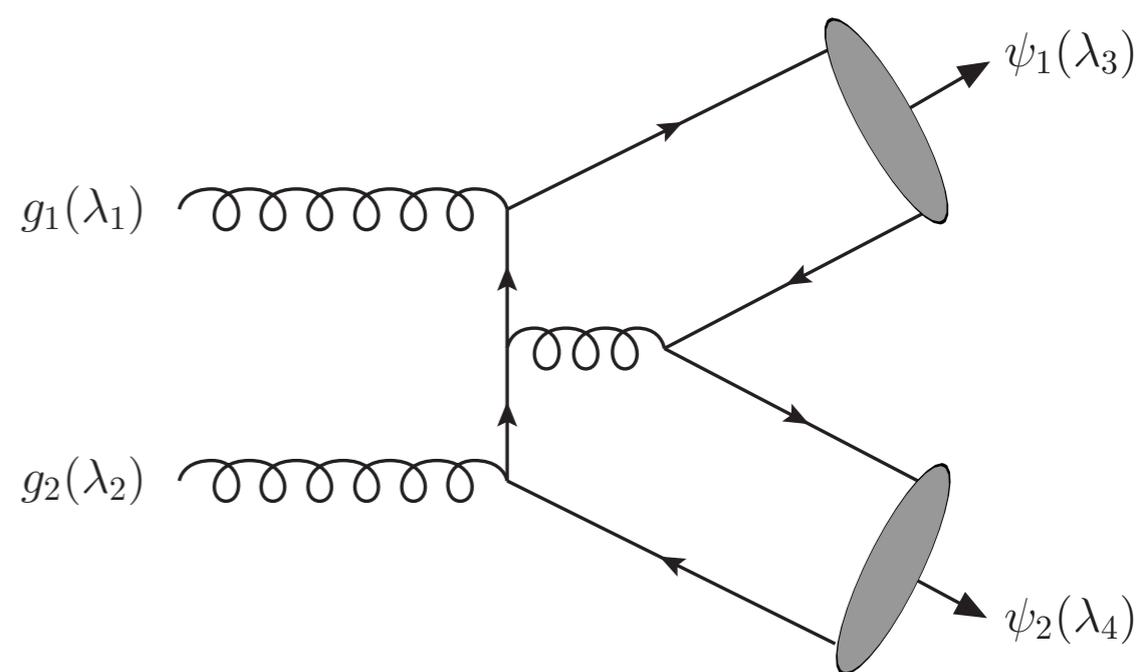
Example: exclusive $J/\psi J/\psi$ production

- Heavy quark mass ensures this is perturbative. Highly topical as a probe of (inclusive) double parton scattering, as well as tetraquark decays...

- Generically we write the CEP process in terms of the $gg \rightarrow X$ helicity amplitudes, in this case $gg \rightarrow J/\psi J/\psi$.

- In high subprocess energy ($\hat{s} \gg M_\psi^2$) limit find that amplitudes with initial-state gluons in $J_z = 0$ config. vanish, while numerically suppressed away from this limit.

→ Expect $J/\psi J/\psi$ CEP cross section to be suppressed below naive estimates. Specific result of exclusive channel, relies upon selection rule.



Recently LHCb have released the first exclusive measurement:



Observation of charmonium pairs produced exclusively in pp collisions

J. Phys. G41 (2014) 11, 115002

The LHCb collaboration[†]

Abstract

A search is performed for the central exclusive production of pairs of charmonia produced in proton-proton collisions. Using data corresponding to an integrated luminosity of 3 fb^{-1} collected at centre-of-mass energies of 7 and 8 TeV, $J/\psi J/\psi$ and $J/\psi \psi(2S)$ pairs are observed, which have been produced in the absence of any other activity inside the LHCb acceptance that is sensitive to charged particles in the pseudorapidity ranges $(-3.5, -1.5)$ and $(1.5, 5.0)$. Searches are also performed for pairs of P-wave charmonia and limits are set on their production. The cross-sections for these processes, where the dimeson system has a rapidity between 2.0 and 4.5, are measured to be

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma^{J/\psi J/\psi} &= 58 \pm 10(\text{stat}) \pm 6(\text{syst}) \text{ pb}, \\ \sigma^{J/\psi \psi(2S)} &= 63_{-18}^{+27}(\text{stat}) \pm 10(\text{syst}) \text{ pb}, \\ \sigma^{\psi(2S)\psi(2S)} &< 237 \text{ pb}, \\ \sigma^{\chi_{c0}\chi_{c0}} &< 69 \text{ nb}, \\ \sigma^{\chi_{c1}\chi_{c1}} &< 45 \text{ pb}, \\ \sigma^{\chi_{c2}\chi_{c2}} &< 141 \text{ pb},\end{aligned}$$

where the upper limits are set at the 90% confidence level. The measured $J/\psi J/\psi$ and $J/\psi \psi(2S)$ cross-sections are consistent with theoretical expectations.

- We find, for the LHCb kinematics:

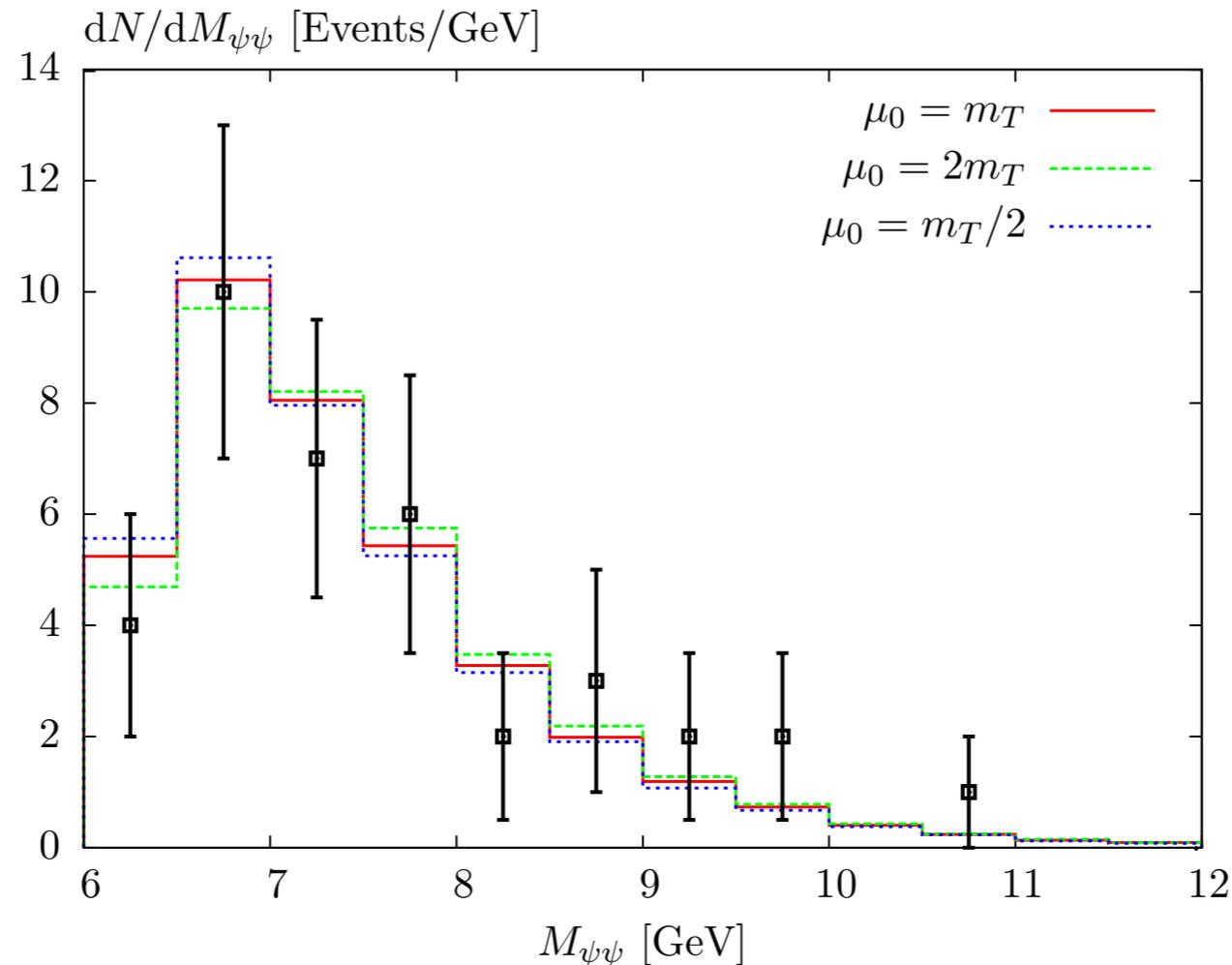
	MSTW08LO		CTEQ6L		GJR08LO	
	model 1	model 4	model 2	model 3	model 1	model 4
$\sqrt{s} = 8$ TeV	5.8	6.7	2.5	1.5	4.6	5.3
$\sqrt{s} = 14$ TeV	11.8	14.2	4.6	3.6	9.1	10.8

Table 2: Cross section, in pb, for the $J/\psi J/\psi$ CEP at $\sqrt{s} = 8$ and 14 TeV, using different models of the soft survival factor taken from [23], and with different PDF choices. The J/ψ pair is required to lie in the the forward rapidity region $2 < Y_X < 4.5$.

- After correcting for non-exclusive contamination, LHCb report an exclusive $J/\psi J/\psi$ cross section of 24 ± 9 pb,
 - Larger (MSTW/GJR) cross sections in fair agreement, within (reasonably large) theoretical and experimental uncertainties, but interesting possibility that predicted cross section are a little low.
- Worth recalling that this level of agreement requires getting the perturbative Sudakov suppression (no extra hard radiation), soft survival factor (no extra soft radiation) and dynamics of process ($J_z = 0$ selection rule) right. Plenty of physics going on...

- Can compare $J/\psi J/\psi$ invariant mass distribution to LHCb measurement

Normalized
to data

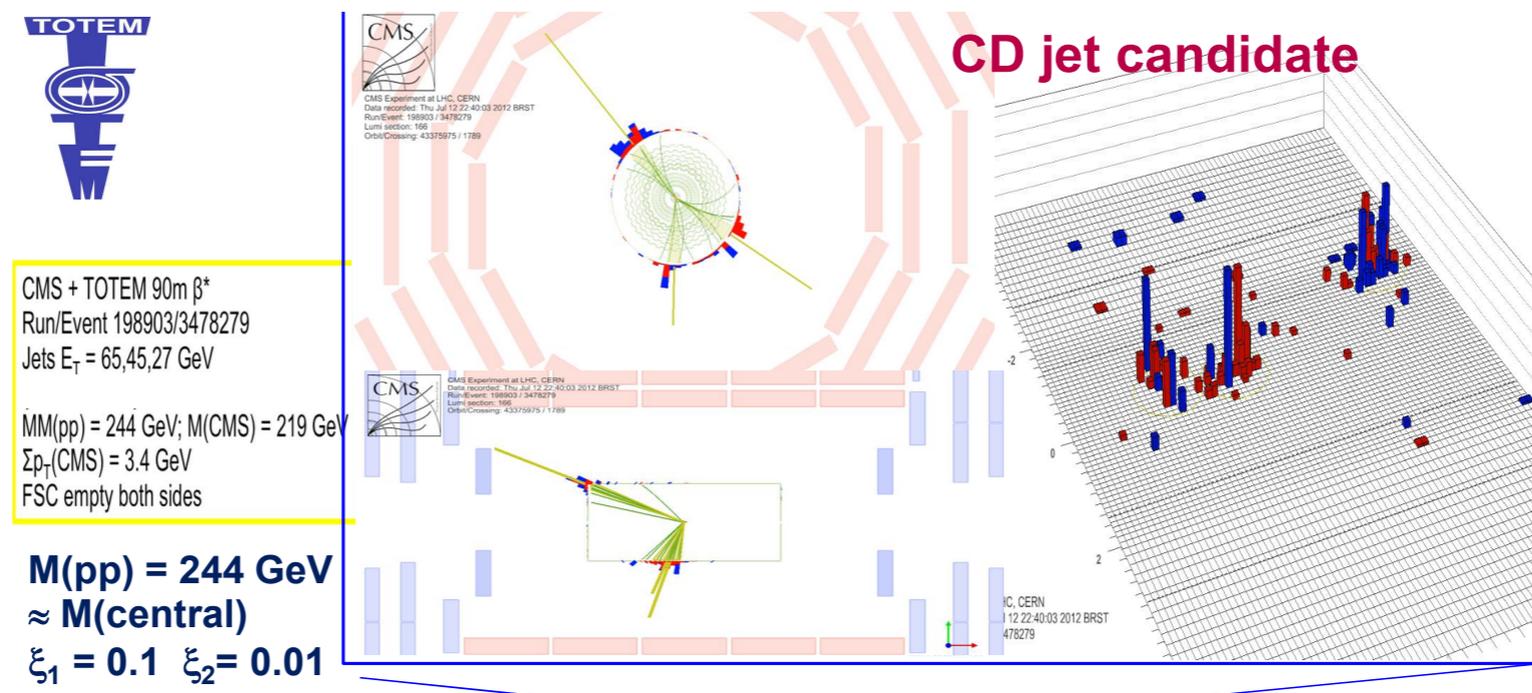


→ Encouraging agreement, within experimental uncertainties. But absolute cross section perhaps a bit higher in data.

- Outlook: during Run II we can anticipate (hope for) further, higher statistics, measurements of this from LHCb (defocused beams + HERSCHEL): $J/\psi J/\psi$, $\psi(2S)\psi(2S)$, $\chi_c\chi_c(?) \dots$

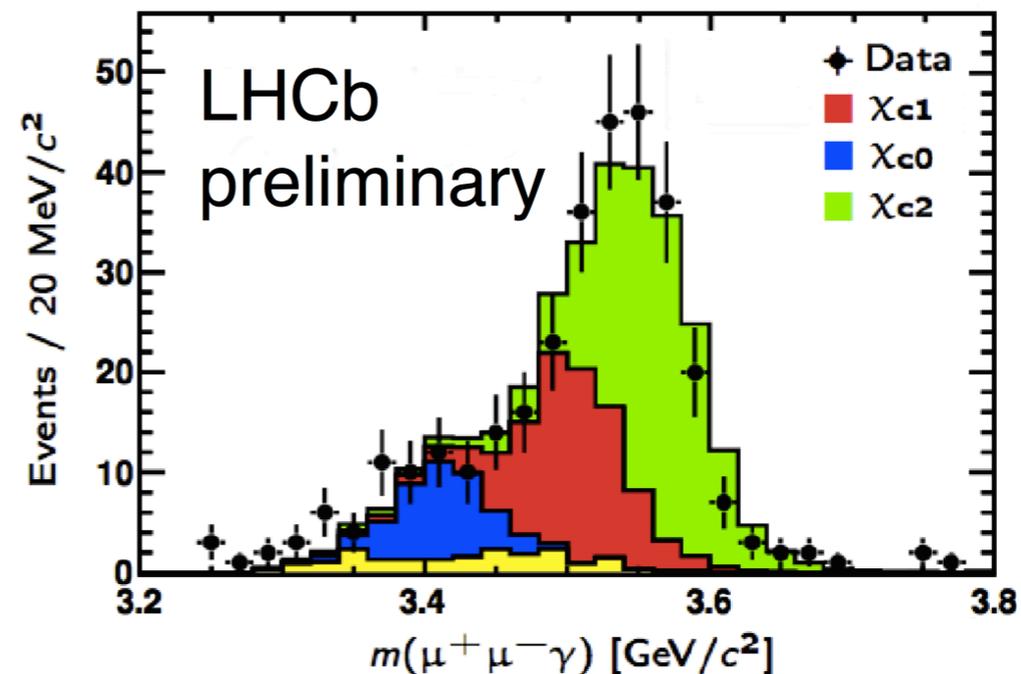
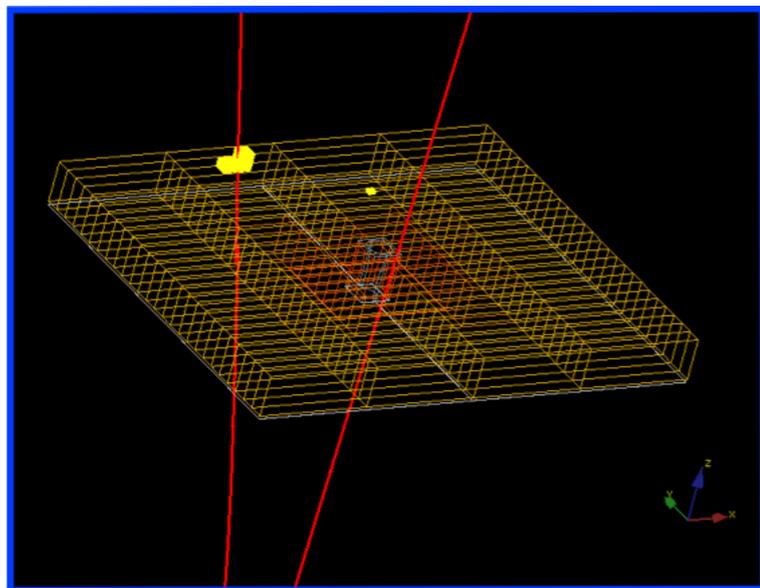
Other processes: jet production

- ▶ Large cross sections, expect strong gg dominance, i.e. isolated gluon jets at the LHC. \rightarrow possible clean probe of properties of gluon jets.
- ▶ 3-jet events: expect enhancement in ‘Mercedes’ configurations in $q\bar{q}g$ case and potential for (first) observation of QCD ‘radiation zeros’ in $ggg/q\bar{q}g$ channels.
LHL, JHEP 1505 (2015) 146
- ▶ Proposals for measurements during Run II with tagged protons, both during low lumi. running with CMS-TOTEM, ATLAS+ALFA (can expect ~ 10000 events for 100 pb^{-1}) and during normal running with CT-PPS and AFP (detailed studies have been performed and S/B found to be viable).



Other processes: heavy quarkonia

- ▶ Conventional quarkonia: χ_c CEP observed by CDF and LHCb. Expect hierarchy in cross sections ($\sigma(\chi_{c0}) \gg \sigma(\chi_{c1,2})$) unique to exclusive mode and expected/observed inclusively. The higher mass χ_b a useful possibility for the future. Measurements by LHCb and CMS-TOTEM during Run II proposed.
- ▶ Exotic quarkonia: for example, the very topical $X(3872)$. Quantum numbers known but assignment as e.g. a $D\bar{D}$ molecular state or a conventional $\chi_{c0}(2P)$ (or admixture of two) still undetermined. If dominantly $D\bar{D}$ then expect extra particles to be produced \longrightarrow exclusive mode can distinguish between interpretations.



Run II measurements of interest

- Soft diffraction

- ▶ Measurement of σ_{tot} and elastic slope B_{el} at 13 TeV (in particular to confirm rise of effective $\alpha'_{\mathbb{P}}$).
c.f. ‘tensions’ in inelastic diffraction data
- ▶ Accurate determination of σ_{SD} in different mass intervals: TOTEM-CMS (w/ FSCs), ATLAS+ALFA, and prospects at LHCb (HERSCHEL installed).
- ▶ Detailed comparison of $d\sigma_{\text{el}}/dt$ over wide t interval with different models.
- ▶ CEP ‘interferometry’: e.g. correlations in proton distributions sensitive to soft survival factor.
sensitive to proton opacity

- CEP processes:

- ▶ Wide program of experimental studies proposed and possible during Run II, many not mentioned in this talk. Studies of jets, heavy quarkonia, exotic quarkonia, Higgs, two--photon induced processes photoproduction etc all of interest. The extensive rapidity coverage and proton tagging capabilities make the LHC ideal for these measurements.

See yellow report for further details!

Summary

- Diffraction very broad topic, covering soft and hard QCD physics.
- Soft diffraction: many models/MCs available, have been put to the test by the Run I LHC data at unprecedented collider energies, and often found to fall short. Testing our understanding of QCD, as well as having consequences for e.g. cosmic ray physics.
- Central exclusive production: ‘hard diffractive’ process, requiring non-trivial combination of soft and hard QCD. Can produce in principle any object that couples to gluons \rightarrow wide menu of processes to study
- LHC Run II has the potential to greatly increase our understanding of these processes. Please see the Forward Physics and Diffraction yellow report for status and prospects!