

Forward physics and diffraction at the LHC

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| 14:00 Introduction to the landscape of forward and diffractive physics at the LHC: an overview of the studies documented in the report by the LHC Fwd Phys WG | Christophe Royon (The University of Kansas (US)) ,
Nicolo Cartiglia (INFN)
Full Report lhcc2016.pdf |
| 14:30 Input from ATLAS | Ulla Blumenschein (University of London (GB))
AtlasForward.pdf |
| 14:55 Input from CMS | Arthur Moraes (CBPF - Brazilian Center for Physics Research (BR))
Forward physics with CMS_ planning for 2017-18 data-taking.pdf |
| 15:20 input from TOTEM | Mario Deile (CERN) , Mario Deile (CERN)
lpcc20161031.pdf |
| 15:45 Input from ALICE | Christoph Mayer (Polish Academy of Sciences (PL))
2016.10.31_LPCC_ALICE_forward_physics.pdf |
| 16:00 Input from LHCb | Daniel Johnson (CERN)
16-10Oct-31_DanJohnson.pdf |
| 16:15 The LHC perspective, including a first assessment of the implications of these requests, also based on the experience accumulated so far | Helmut Burkhardt (CERN)
LPCc_Forward_2016_10_31.pdf |



LHC Forward Physics

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**Short 10-page
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The three branches of the programme

$\sigma \sim \text{mb}$

- cross sections: total, elastic, inelastic
- elastic scattering: Coulomb-nuclear interference and small-t behaviour, diffractive structure at large t
- event structure at ~ 0 degrees (LHCf — done for run2, may come back in run 3 for pA runs with light A)

=> dedicated optics, $\mu \sim 0$, time-limited and one-off runs

$\sigma \sim \mu\text{b} - \text{nb}$

- Central exclusive production in the few GeV-100 GeV mass range (elastic, inelastic) cross sections
- Spectroscopy (glueballs, charmonium)
- Missing-energy searches
- dijets/hvqs/DY production, pomeron structure and PDFs
- ...

=> varied needs in terms of μ , $\int L$ and optics

The three branches of the programme

$\sigma \sim \text{pb} - \text{fb}$

- Central exclusive production above few 100 GeV
- Hard dijets
- $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow VV$ ($V=W,Z,\gamma$) and anomalous couplings
- Heavy resonances in $\gamma\gamma$ fusion
- ...

=> high- μ , high-lumi optics, adapted to maximize acceptance at low mass, but without compromising fL

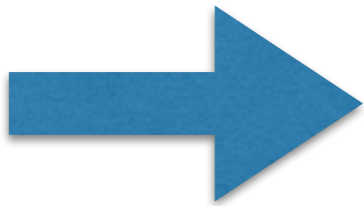
With the final deployment and commissioning of the new detector components (AFP and CT-PPS) through 2016-17, it's becoming integral part of standard data taking

=> no need of special discussion today

Total cross sections

$$\sigma_{\text{tot}} = \frac{1}{\mathcal{L}} (N_{\text{el}} + N_{\text{inel}})$$

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

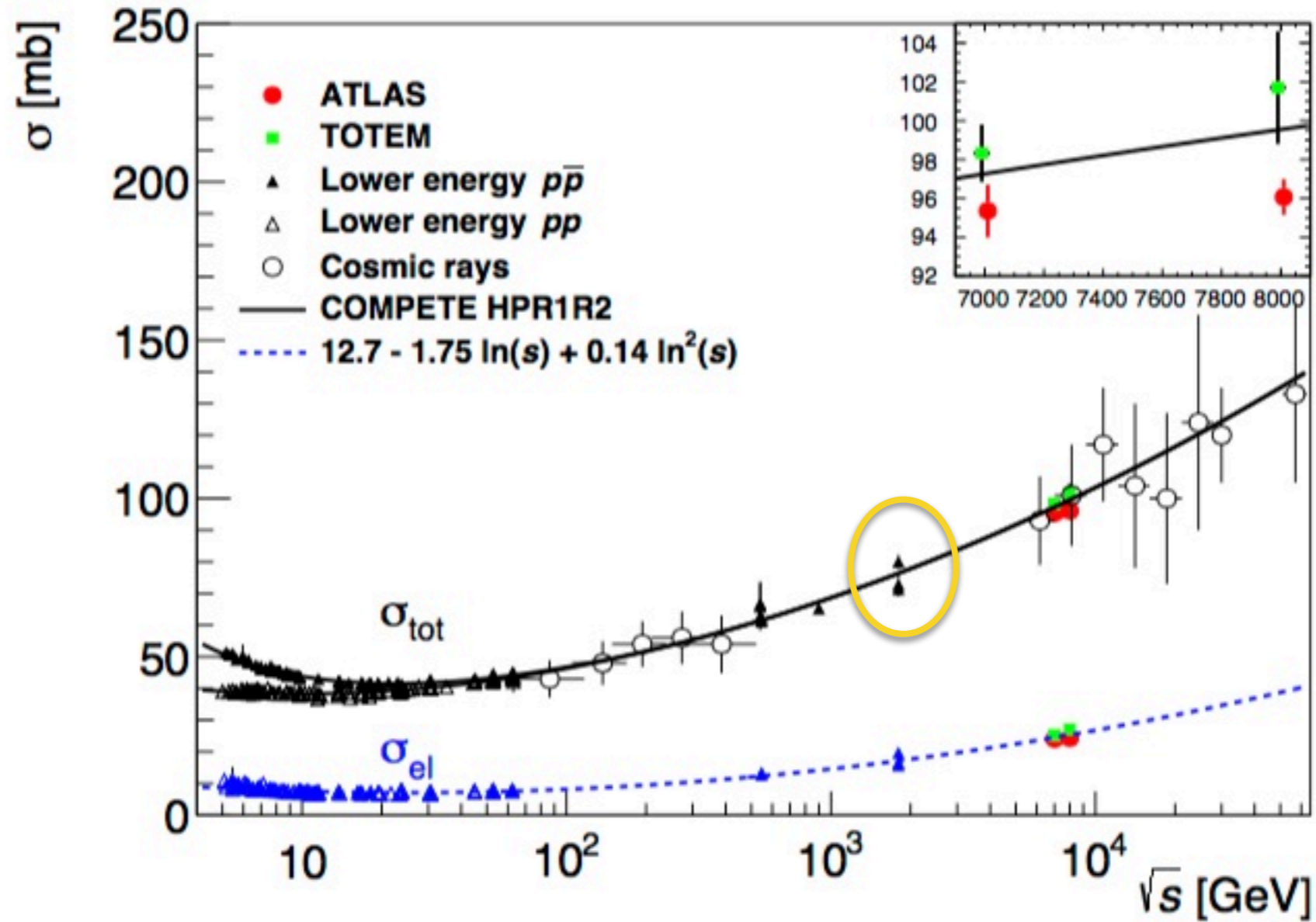


$$\sigma_{\text{tot}} = \frac{16\pi}{1 + \rho^2} \frac{dN_{\text{el}}/dt|_{t=0}}{N_{\text{el}} + N_{\text{inel}}},$$

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

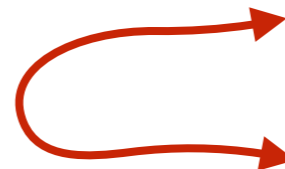
ATLAS and TOTEM obtained measurements at 7 and 8 TeV, and are working on 13 TeV ($\beta^* = 2.5\text{km}$ run)

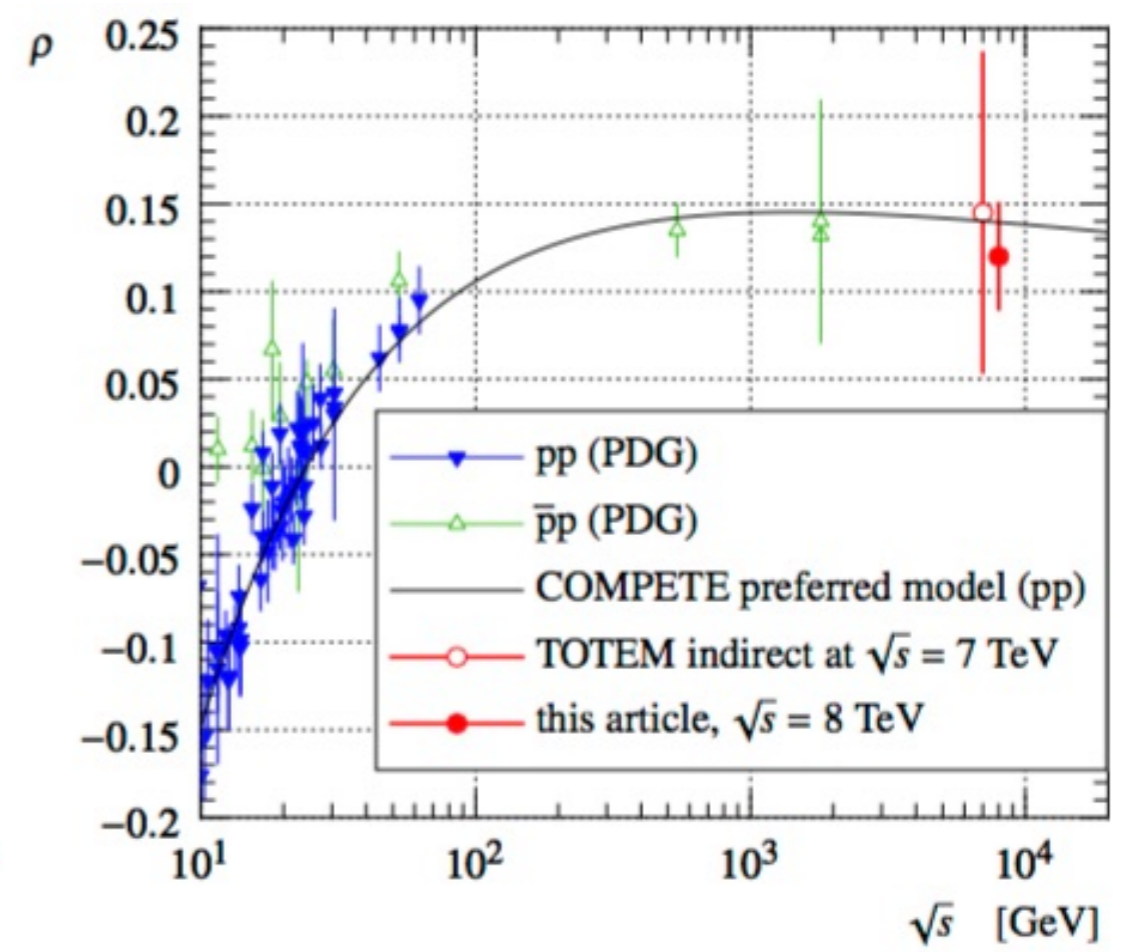
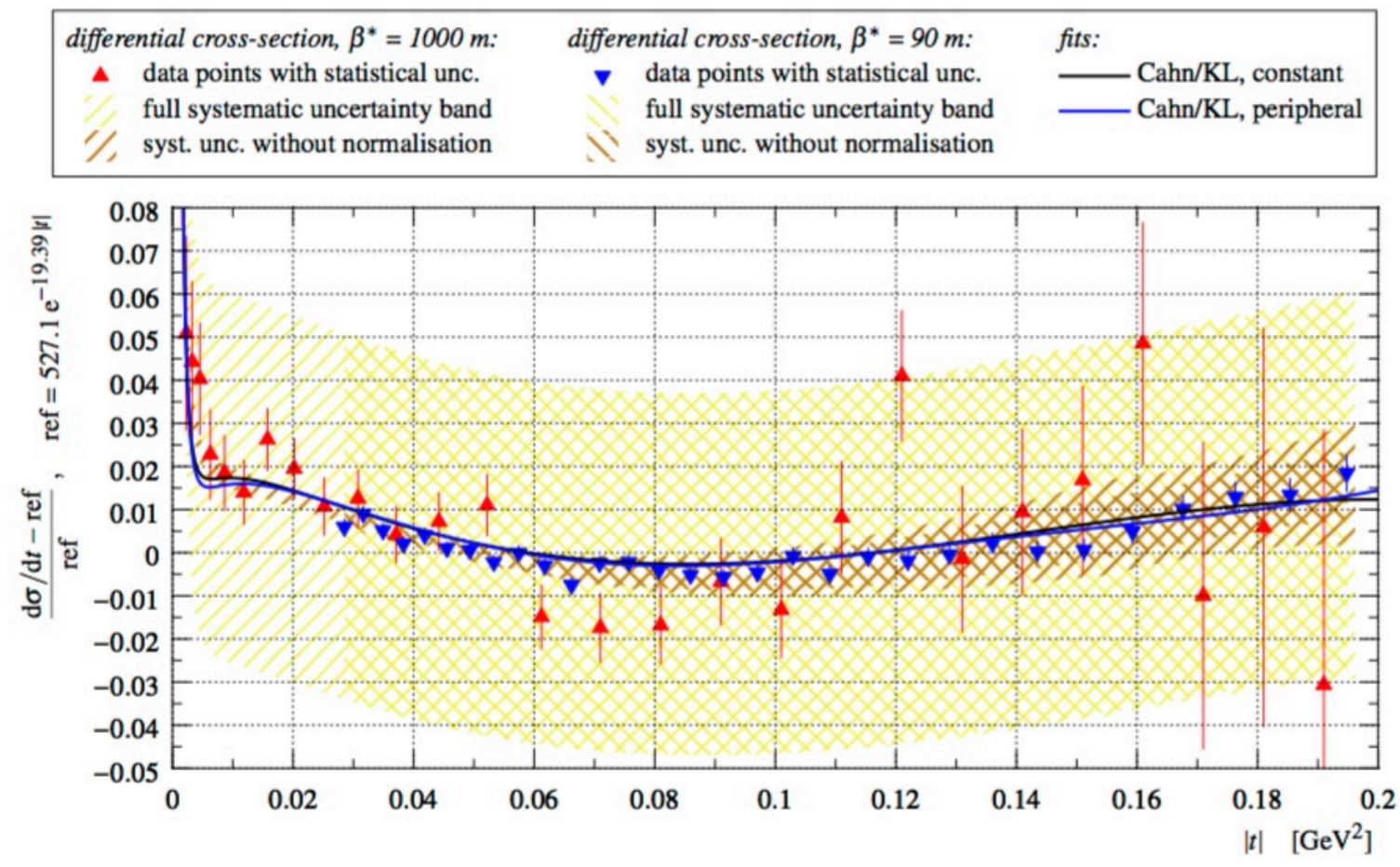
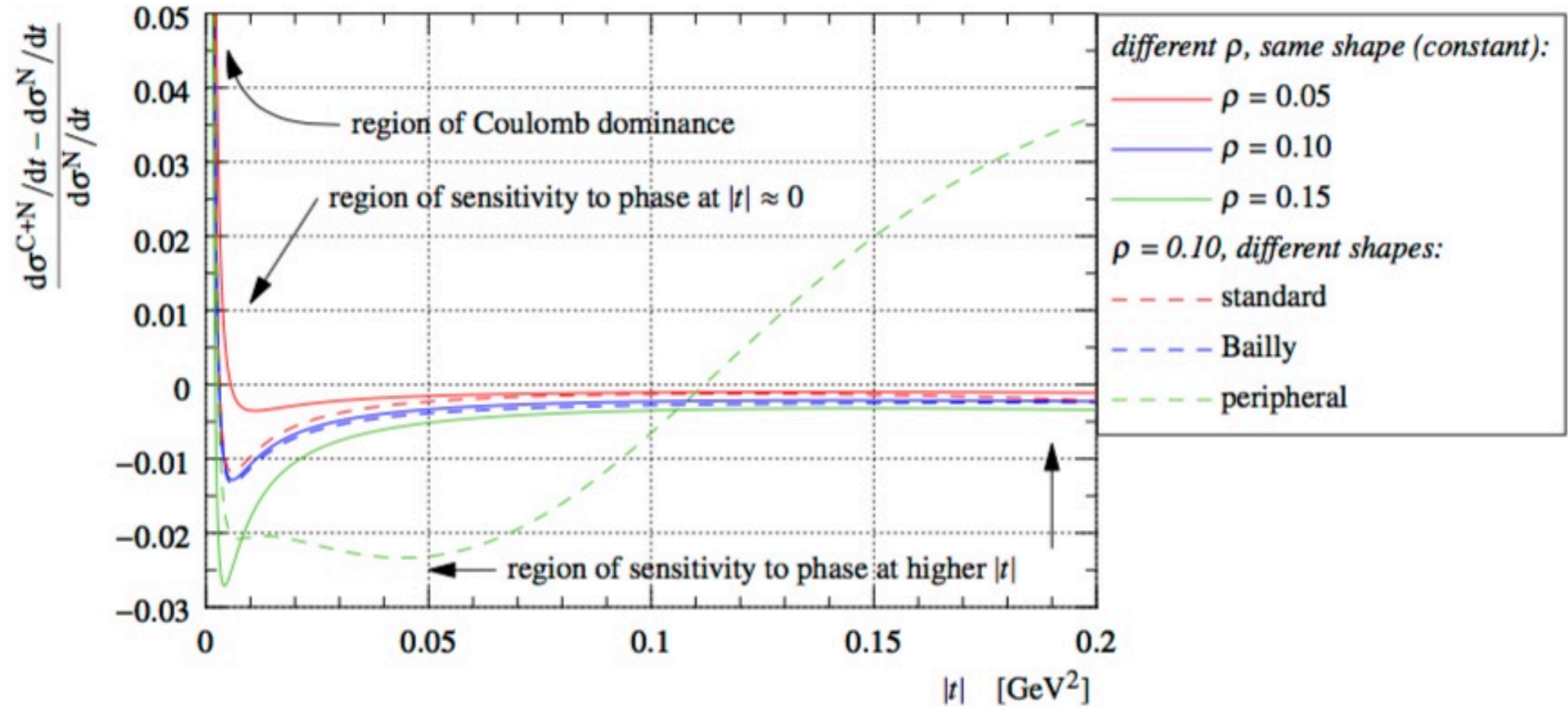
Total cross sections

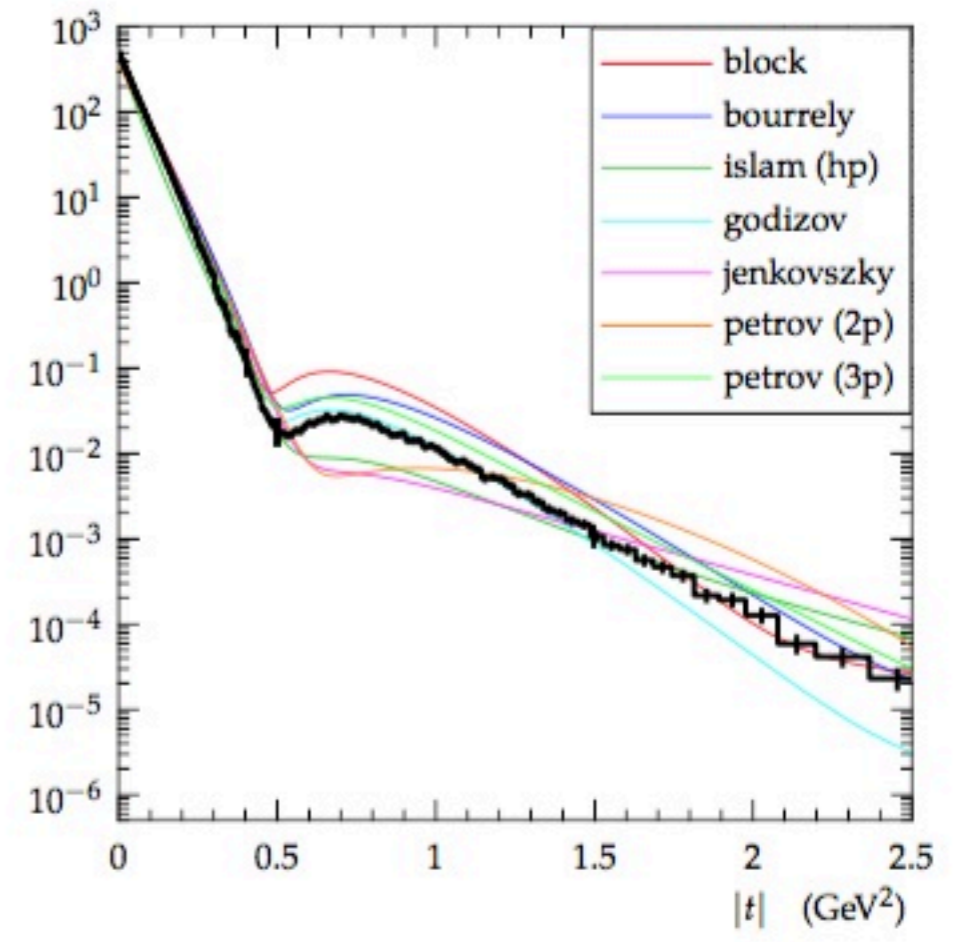
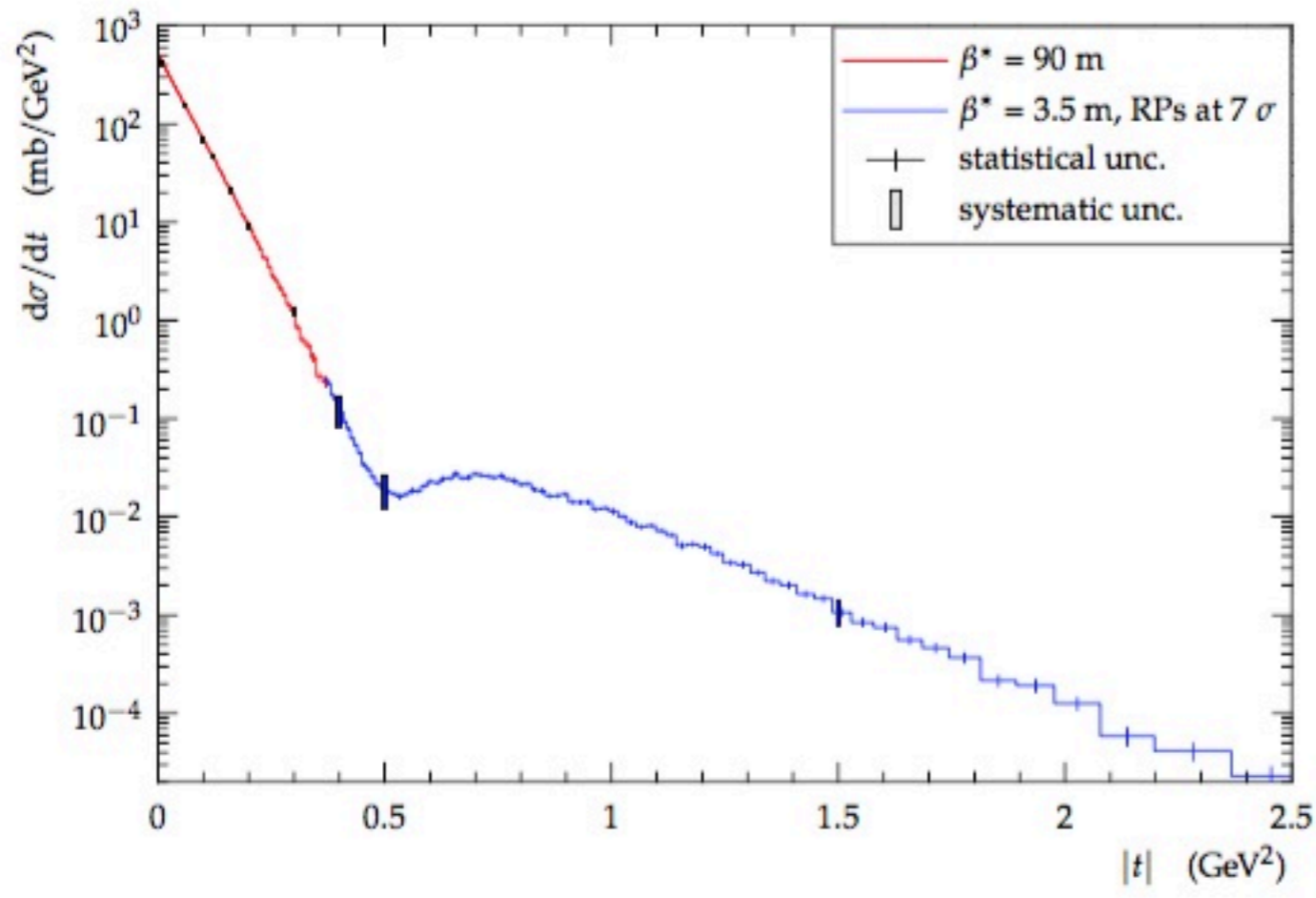


\sqrt{s}	Experiment	σ_{tot} [mb]
546 GeV	UA4	61.9 ± 1.5
	CDF	61.26 ± 0.93
1.8 TeV	CDF	80.03 ± 2.24
	E710	72.8 ± 3.1
	E811	71.42 ± 2.41

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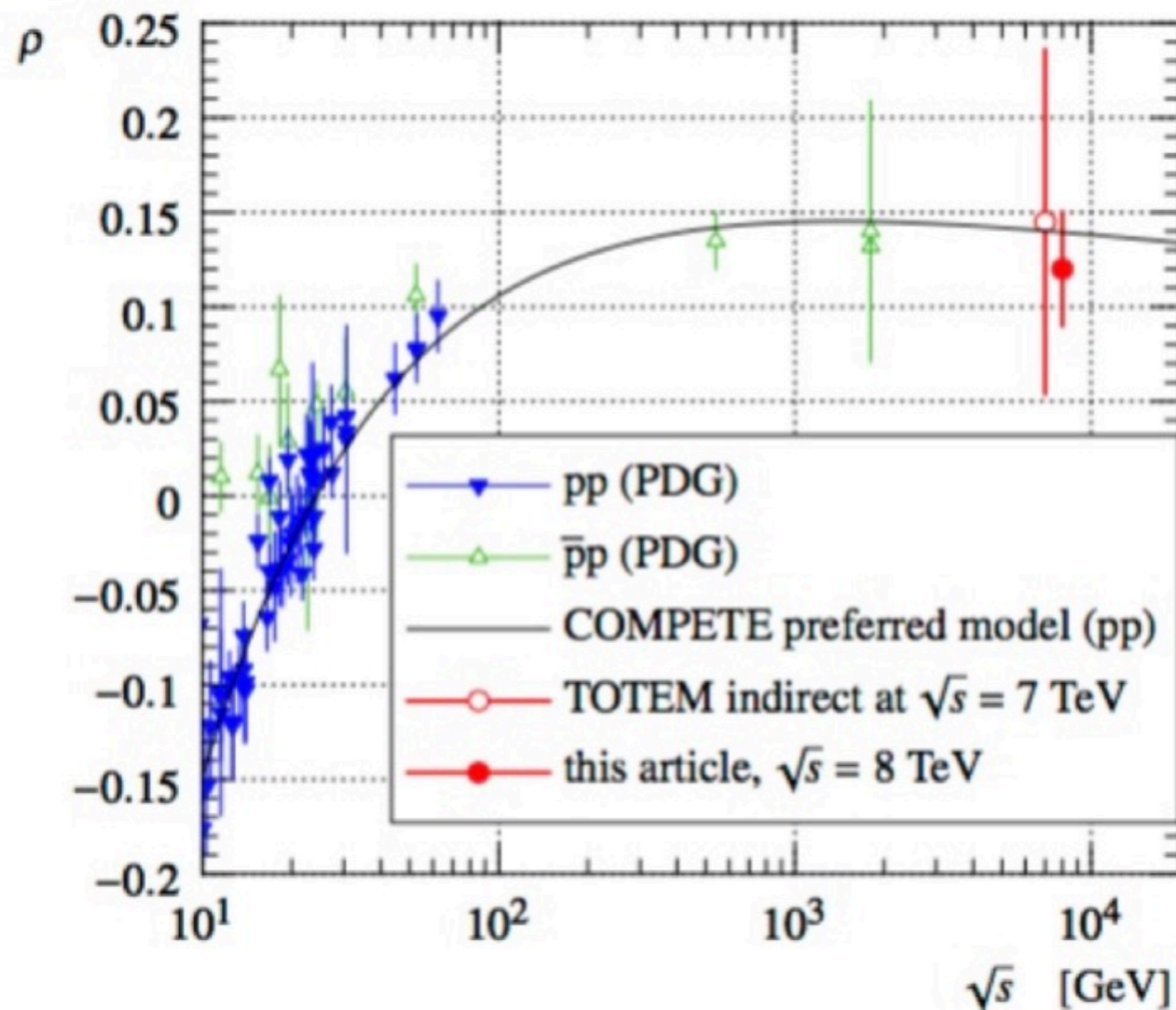






Future measurements

- Extend energy range, ideally from injection energy up to the maximum to be reached by the LHC in the future. In particular:
 - match the Tevatron energy (2 TeV), and possibly go to 900 GeV
 - map out the energy dependence of the ρ parameter, with precision at least $O(10\%)$ to establish turn-over at $\sim 1\text{-}2$ TeV
 - map out the energy dependence of the nuclear slope parameter(s)



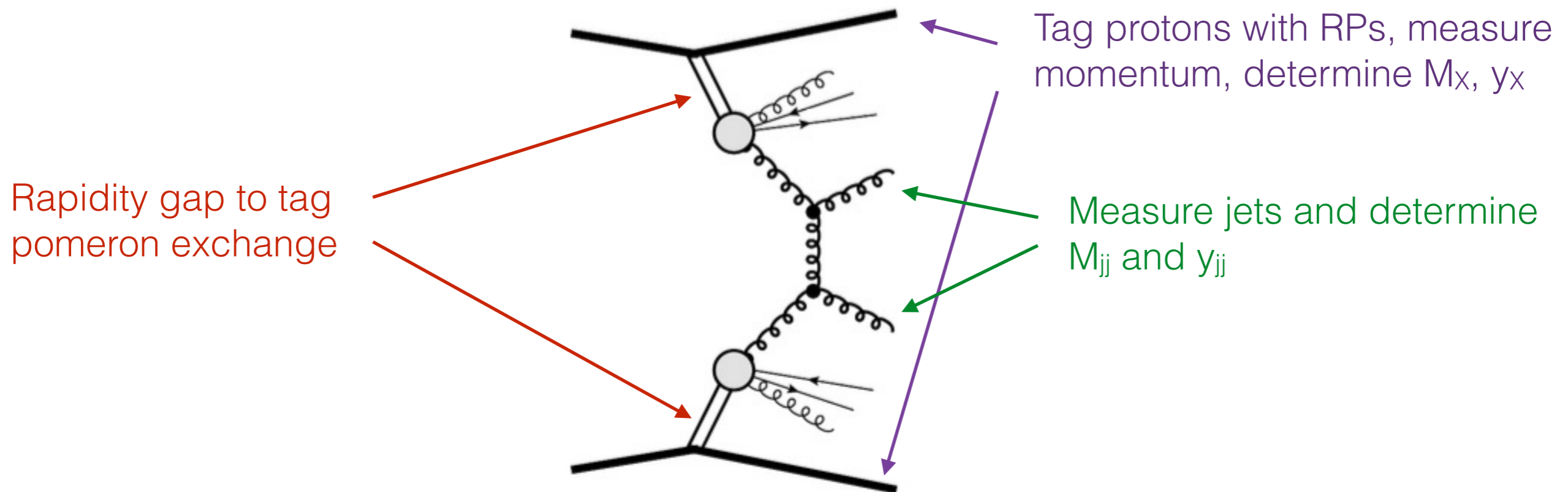
$$\rho_{14 \text{ TeV}} - \rho_{2 \text{ TeV}} \sim 0.1 \sim 10\% \rho$$

Forward physics at intermediate XS's

Keywords: soft/hard diffraction, double diffraction, central exclusive production, rapidity gaps, pomeron structure

Example 1: dijets in double-pomeron exchange

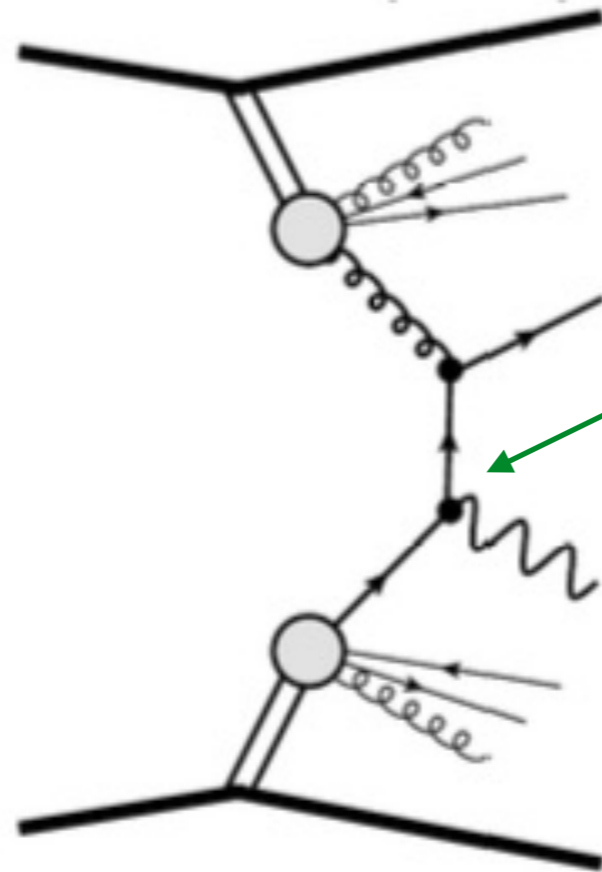
Goal: determine the gluonic structure ("PDF") of the pomeron — *if such a thing exists*



- $M_{X,jj}$ vs $y_{X,jj}$ gives the momentum fraction of the gluon w.r.t. pomeron, x_{gluon}^P
- Beam optics defines the range of proton acceptance for a given M_X .
- Higher β^* gives access to smaller M_X , but this not crucial for this measurement: at M_X values accessible to $\beta^* = 0.4-0.5\text{m}$, and with $L \sim 1-10 \text{ pb}^{-1}$, there is enough lever arm in M_{jj}/M_X to probe a useful range of x_{gluon}^P

Example 2: gamma+jet in double-pomeron exchange

Goal: determine the quark structure ("PDF") of the pomeron

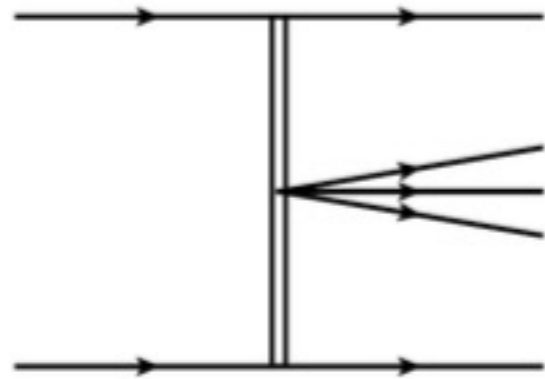


Rate sensitive to relative fraction of up and down quarks. Pomeron interpretation would require $u=d=-s$

Additional info from W production (including charge asymmetry)

Generalization to heavy quark production, etc

Example 3: exclusive low-mass production

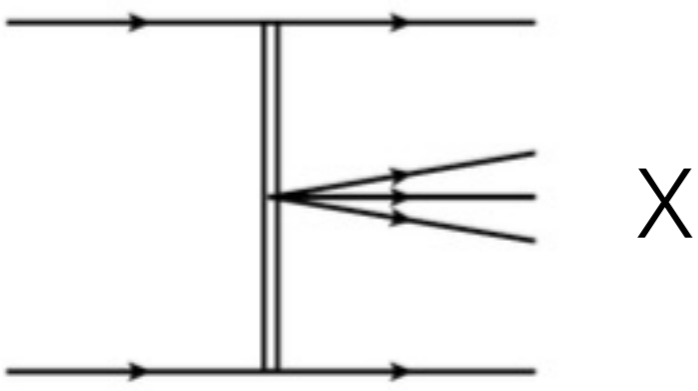


X

glueball, charmonium states,
spectroscopy in the 1.5 - 4 GeV
mass region

- Demands coincidence of mass reconstruction from X decays products and from proton momentum reconstruction
- Proton acceptance at low M_X crucial => demands high β^* (70-90m)
- Detection of relevant resonances (e.g. $f_0(1710)$) expected to require $O(1 \text{ pb}^{-1})$. Full study of decay modes, partial wave analysis in mass bins, etc, => $O(10 \text{ pb}^{-1})$
- TOTEM vertical timing upgrade designed to allow data-taking at $\mu \sim O(1)$

Example 4: exclusive missing mass detection



X includes invisible particles, detect mismatch between observed mass and what reconstructed from pp system

$$\tilde{t} \rightarrow c \tilde{\chi}_1^0$$

Missing mass: hidden SUSY example

Standard ATLAS/CMS \tilde{q} searches insensitive to $m_{\tilde{q}} - m_{\tilde{\chi}_0^0} \leq 30-40$ GeV.
 $\sigma(pp \rightarrow p + X\tilde{q}\tilde{q} + p) \approx O(\text{pb})? \Rightarrow$ discovery with $O(100 \text{ pb}^{-1}) \beta^* = 90 \text{ m}$ data?
 characterized by large $M_{\text{miss}} (= M_{\text{pp}} - M_{\text{CMS}})$ & p_{miss} in instrumented region

$\tilde{t}\text{-}\tilde{t}$ production, $\tilde{t} \rightarrow t \tilde{\chi}_1^0 / c \tilde{\chi}_1^0$ August 2015

Test case: $\tilde{t}\tilde{t}$ pair production with fpmc

- ✓ kinematics constrained
- ✓ good M_{miss} resolution
- ✓ less background
- ✓ no ISR q or final state l required
- ✓ lower cross-section & luminosity 7

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- Acceptance at low masses ($O(100 \text{ GeV})$ and below) requires high β^* (70-90m)
- Requires at least 50 pb^{-1} to give sensitivity to potential signals
- Its interest may be enhanced by detection during the standard running, or to conclusively exclude corners of phase-space for DM candidates

Conclusions

- Rich programme of forward physics is within reach of the LHC
- This should be seen as integral part of the LHC deliverables
- A good fraction of it can now be done during standard running ops (ATLAS-AFB, CT-PPS, LHCb, ALICE)
- A very important element, however, does require special runs and cannot be avoided:
 - total cross sections at different energies
 - low-mass exclusive production and spectroscopy