

# Recent results on central exclusive production within the tensor-pomeron and vector-odderon approach

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# Plan

1) Central Exclusive Production (CEP) in  $pp$  collisions

2) Model for high-energy soft reactions  
(tensor-Pomeron and vector-Odderon)

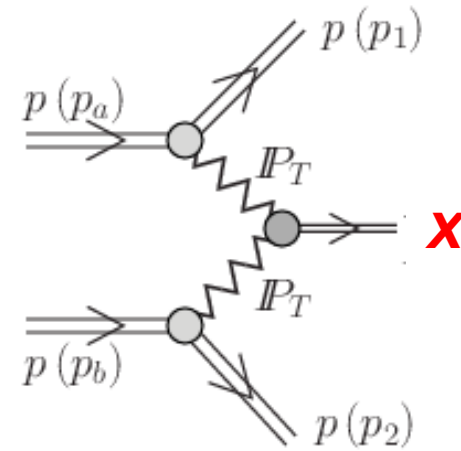
3) Recent results on CEP

- $pp \rightarrow pp (\phi \rightarrow K^+ K^-)$
- $pp \rightarrow pp (\phi \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)$
- $pp \rightarrow pp K^+ K^- K^+ K^-$  (via intermediate  $\phi\phi$  state)

4) Conclusions

# Central Exclusive Production (CEP) in $pp$ collisions

What can we hope to learn from CEP ?



- (1) Properties and the coupling of the exchange objects **Pomeron (IP), Odderon (O), Reggeon (IR)** to the external protons and the system **X**
- (2) Properties of the system **X**.  
Search for and characterisation of resonances, e.g. glueballs (gluonic bound states)

From the theory point of view the topics (1) - (2) are, mainly nonperturbative, QCD problems.

We have to resort to models.

# Tensor-Pomeron model for high-energy soft reactions

**C. Ewerz, M. Maniatis, O. Nachtmann, Ann. Phys. 342 (2014) 31**

The main feature of the model is that the Pomeron exchange is described as effective exchange of a symmetric rank 2 tensor:

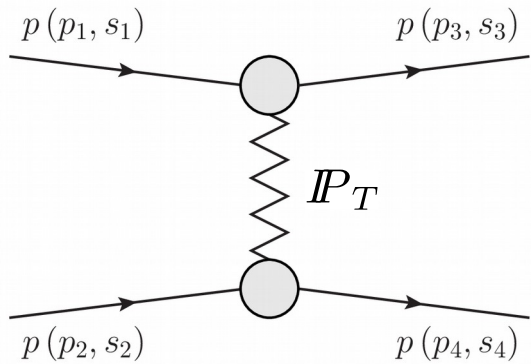
$$i\Delta_{\mu\nu,\kappa\lambda}^{(P)}(s, t) = \frac{1}{4s} \left( g_{\mu\kappa}g_{\nu\lambda} + g_{\mu\lambda}g_{\nu\kappa} - \frac{1}{2}g_{\mu\nu}g_{\kappa\lambda} \right) (-is\alpha'_{\mathbb{P}})^{\alpha_{\mathbb{P}}(t)-1}$$

$$\alpha_{\mathbb{P}}(t) = \alpha_{\mathbb{P}}(0) + \alpha'_{\mathbb{P}}t, \quad \alpha_{\mathbb{P}}(0) = 1.0808, \quad \alpha'_{\mathbb{P}} = 0.25 \text{ GeV}^{-2}$$

$$i\Gamma_{\mu\nu}^{(Ppp)}(p', p) = -i3\beta_{\mathbb{P}NN}F_1((p' - p)^2) \left\{ \frac{1}{2}[\gamma_{\mu}(p' + p)_{\nu} + \gamma_{\nu}(p' + p)_{\mu}] - \frac{1}{4}g_{\mu\nu}(p' + p) \right\}$$

$$\beta_{\mathbb{P}NN} = 1.87 \text{ GeV}^{-1}$$

**pp elastic scattering** (helicity amplitudes)



$$\begin{aligned} \langle 2s_3, 2s_4 | \mathcal{T} | 2s_1, 2s_2 \rangle &= (-i)\bar{u}(p_3, s_3) i\Gamma_{\mu\nu}^{(Ppp)}(p_3, p_1) u(p_1, s_1) \\ &\quad \times i\Delta^{(P)\mu\nu,\kappa\lambda}(s, t) \\ &\quad \times \bar{u}(p_4, s_4) i\Gamma_{\kappa\lambda}^{(Ppp)}(p_4, p_2) u(p_2, s_2) \end{aligned}$$

Only 5 out of 16 helicity amplitudes are independent, e.g.

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \phi_1(s, t) &= \langle ++ | \mathcal{T} | ++ \rangle \\ \phi_3(s, t) &= \langle +- | \mathcal{T} | +- \rangle \end{aligned} \right\} \text{helicity-conserving amplitudes}$$

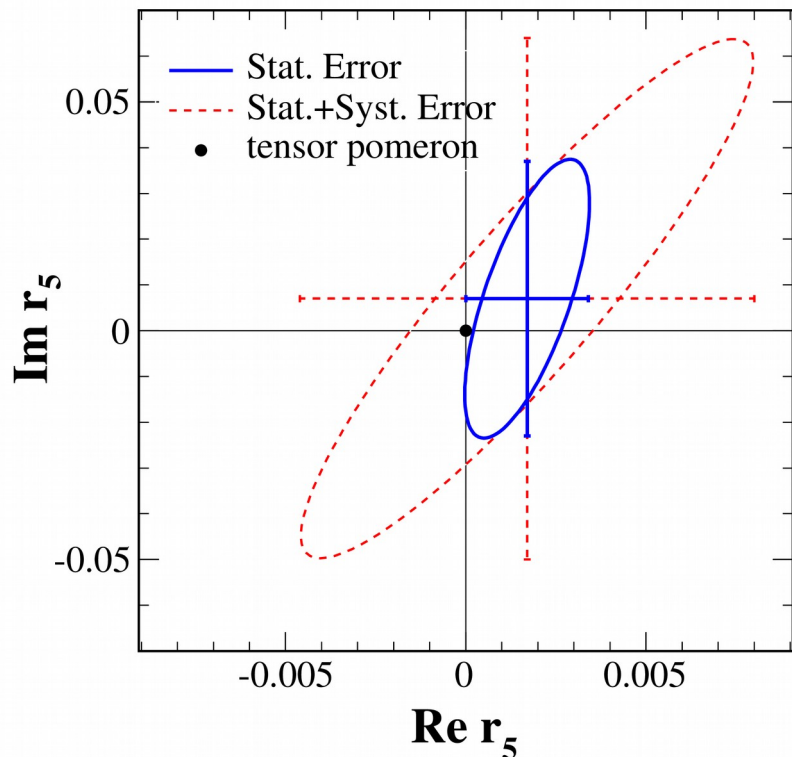
$$\phi_5(s, t) = \langle ++ | \mathcal{T} | +- \rangle \text{ single-helicity-flip amplitude}$$

# Tensor, vector, or scalar Pomeron ?

C. Ewerz, P. L., O. Nachtmann, A. Szczurek, **Helicity in proton-proton elastic scattering and the spin structure of the pomeron**, PLB 763 (2016) 382

We choose our ansätze for three the effective  $IP$  propagators and  $IPpp$  couplings such that at high energies the  $\phi_1$  and  $\phi_3$  are the same for all three cases. This gives the same  $\sigma_{tot}^{pp}$ . The Donnachie-Landshoff (DL) model treats the Pomeron as effective vector exchange and gives a phenomenologically successful fit to  $\sigma_{tot}^{pp}$  and  $d\sigma/dt$ . Our ansätze are chosen such that  $\phi_1$  and  $\phi_3$  are as in the DL model.

- **Vector exchange  $IP_V$**  has  $C = -1$  than  $\sigma_{tot}^{pp} = -\sigma_{tot}^{\bar{p}p}$  (not a viable option).
- **We are left with  $IP_T$  and  $IP_S$**  (both correspond to  $C=+1$  exchanges)  
To decide between them we turn to the **STAR experiment** [ PLB 719 (2013) ] which measured the single spin asymmetry  $A_N$  in polarised  $pp$  elastic scattering.



$$\sqrt{s} = 200 \text{ GeV} \quad 0.003 \leq |t| \leq 0.035 \text{ GeV}^2$$

$$r_5(s, t) = \frac{2m_p \phi_5(s, t)}{\sqrt{-t} \text{Im}[\phi_1(s, t) + \phi_3(s, t)]}$$

$$r_5^{IP_T}(s, t) = -\frac{m_p^2}{s} \left[ i + \tan \left( \frac{\pi}{2} (\alpha_P(t) - 1) \right) \right]$$

$$r_5^{IP_T}(s, 0) = (-0.28 - i2.20) \times 10^{-5}$$

$$r_5^{IP_S}(s, t) = -\frac{1}{2} \left[ i + \tan \left( \frac{\pi}{2} (\alpha_P(t) - 1) \right) \right]$$

$$r_5^{IP_S}(s, 0) = -0.064 - i0.500 \quad \text{Very far from data !}$$

Only the tensor-Pomeron is compatible with the general rules of QFT and the STAR experimental result

# Other applications of the tensor-Pomeron model

$\gamma p \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- p$  *Bolz, Ewerz, Maniatis, Nachtmann, Sauter, Schöning, JHEP 01 (2015) 151*

There will be interference between  $\gamma p \rightarrow (\rho^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-) p$  (IP exchange) and  $\gamma p \rightarrow (f_2(1270) \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-) p$  (Odderon exchange) processes and as a consequence  $\pi^+ \pi^-$  charge asymmetries.

**Photoproduction and low x DIS** *Britzger, Ewerz, Glazov, Nachtmann, Schmitt, arXiv:1901.08524*

A “vector Pomeron” cannot couple in the total photoabsorption cross section  $\sigma_{\gamma p}$ .

## Central Exclusive Production

$p p \rightarrow p p$  **X**

*P.L., Nachtmann, Szczurek:*

**X:**  $\eta, \eta', f_0$   
 $\rho^0$

*Ann. Phys. 344 (2014) 301*

$\pi^+ \pi^-, f_0, f_2$

*PRD91 (2015) 074023*

$\pi^+ \pi^- \pi^+ \pi^-, \rho^0 \rho^0$

*PRD93 (2016) 054015, and arXiv:1901.07788*

$\rho^0$  with proton diss.

*PRD94 (2016) 034017*

$K^+ K^-, f_0, f_2', \phi$

*PRD95 (2017) 034036*

$p\bar{p}$

*PRD98 (2018) 014001*

$K^+ K^- K^+ K^-, \phi\phi$

*PRD97 (2018) 094027*

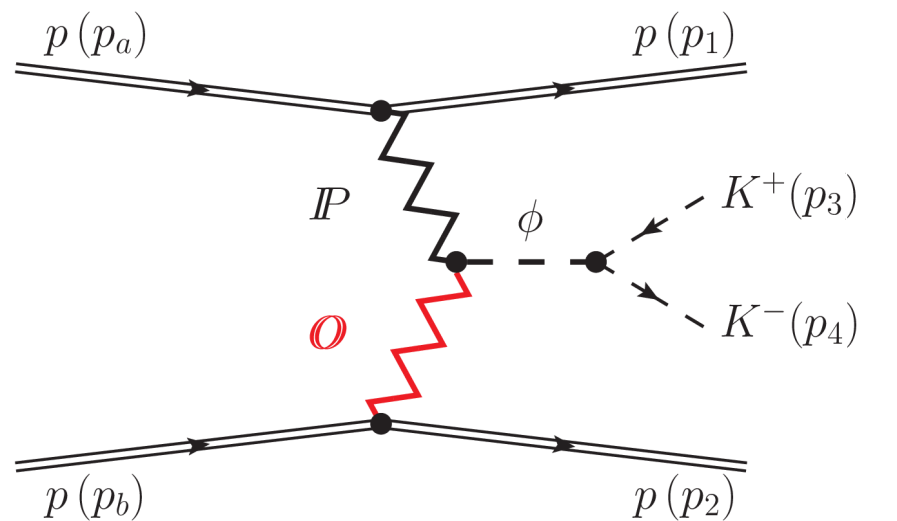
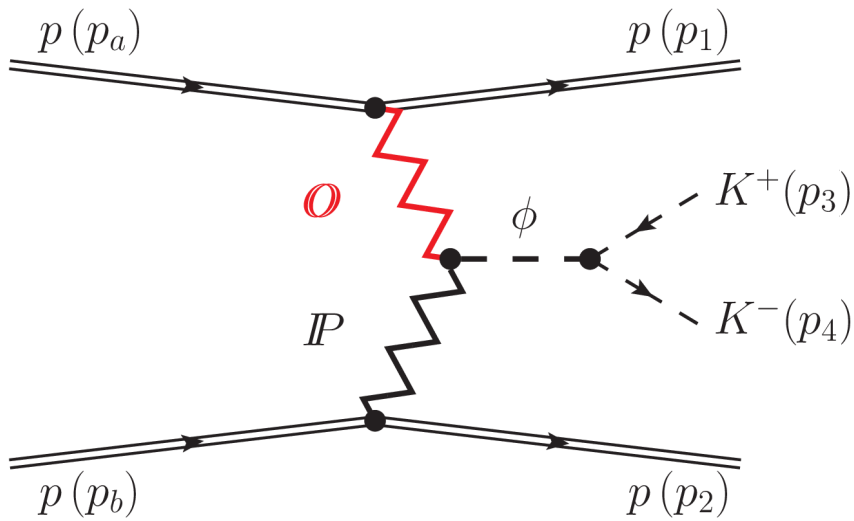
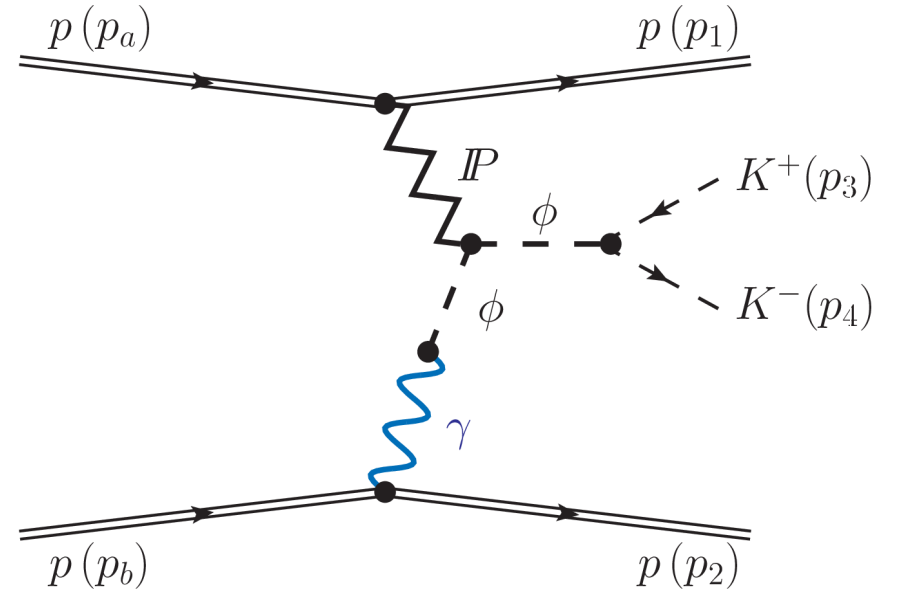
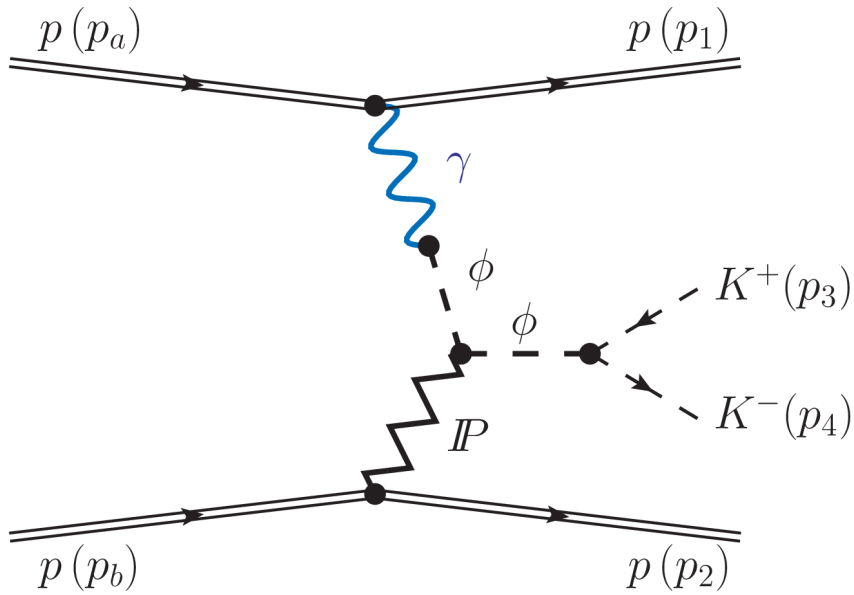
*PRD99 (2019) 094034*

**For reactions investigated so far the tensor-Pomeron model works well**

# Searching for Odderon

- Odderon ( $C = -1$  partner of Pomeron)  
[L. Łukaszuk and B. Nicolescu, Lett. Nuovo Cim. 8 \(1973\) 405](#)
- A hint of the Odderon was seen in ISR results ([PRL54 \(1985\)2180](#)) as a small difference between the differential cross sections of elastic  $pp$  and  $p\bar{p}$  scattering in the diffractive dip region at  $\sqrt{s} = 53$  GeV.
- New data for  $pp$  elastic scattering at  $\sqrt{s} = 2.76$  TeV of TOTEM collaboration:  
[Antchev et al. \[TOTEM collaboration\], arXiv:1812.04732, 1812.08610](#)  
→ suggestion of presence of Odderon  
→ some last year analyses of Nicolescu *et al.*
- It is of great importance to study possible Odderon effects in other reactions than  $pp$  elastic scattering:
  - central  $J/\Psi$  production in high-energy  $pp$  and  $p\bar{p}$  collisions  
[A.Schafer, L.Mankiewicz, O.Nachtmann, PLB272 \(1991\) 419;](#) [A. Bzdak et al. PRD75 \(2007\) 094023](#)
  - photoproduction of  $f_2(1270)$  and  $a_2(1320)$ , exclusive neutral pseudoscalar mesons  
[Berger, Donnachie, Dosch, Nachtmann, EPJC14 \(2000\) 673](#)
  - photoproduction and electroproduction of heavy  $C = +1$  quarkonia
  - the asymmetry in the fractional energy of charm versus anticharm jets, [Brodsky et al., PLB461 \(1999\) 114](#)  
which is sensitive to Odderon-Pomeron interference
  - observation of charge asymmetry in the  $\pi^+ \pi^-$  production [Ginzburg, Ivanov, Nikolaev,](#)
  - ultraperipheral proton-ion collisions [Harland-Lang et al., arXiv:1811.12705](#) [EPJC5 \(2003\) 02](#)  
[Goncalves et al., arXiv: 1811.07622](#)
- Nice review on Odderon physics: [C. Ewerz, arXiv: 0306137](#)

# $pp \rightarrow pp (\phi \rightarrow K^+K^-)$



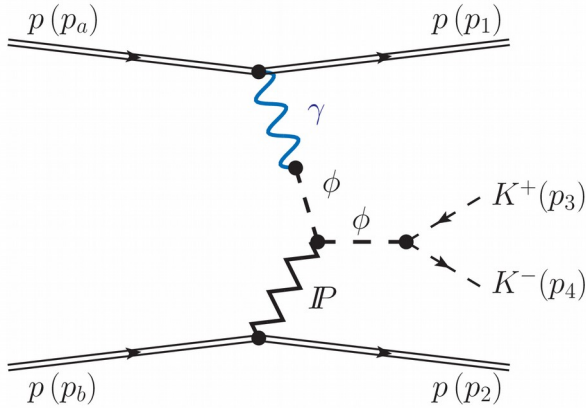


# $pp \rightarrow pp (\phi \rightarrow K^+K^-)$

- We consider the  $2 \rightarrow 4$  exclusive reaction

$$p(p_a, \lambda_a) + p(p_b, \lambda_b) \rightarrow p(p_1, \lambda_1) + [\phi(p_{34}) \rightarrow K^+(p_3) + K^-(p_4)] + p(p_2, \lambda_2)$$

where  $p_{a,b}$ ,  $p_{1,2}$  and  $\lambda_{a,b}$ ,  $\lambda_{1,2} = \pm \frac{1}{2}$  denote the four-momenta and helicities of the protons and  $p_{3,4}$  denote the four-momenta of the  $K$  mesons, respectively



The kinematic variables are

$$p_{34} = p_3 + p_4, \quad q_1 = p_a - p_1, \quad q_2 = p_b - p_2,$$

$$s = (p_a + p_b)^2 = (p_1 + p_2 + p_{34})^2,$$

$$t_1 = q_1^2, \quad t_2 = q_2^2,$$

$$s_1 = (p_1 + p_{34})^2, \quad s_2 = (p_2 + p_{34})^2$$

- Born-level amplitude:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}_{pp \rightarrow pp K^+ K^-}^{(\gamma \mathbb{P})} &= (-i) \bar{u}(p_1, \lambda_1) i \Gamma_{\mu}^{(\gamma pp)}(p_1, p_a) u(p_a, \lambda_a) \\ &\quad \times i \Delta^{(\gamma) \mu \sigma}(q_1) i \Gamma_{\sigma \nu}^{(\gamma \rightarrow \phi)}(q_1) i \Delta^{(\phi) \nu \rho_1}(q_1) i \Gamma_{\rho_2 \rho_1 \alpha \beta}^{(\mathbb{P} \phi \phi)}(p_{34}, q_1) i \Delta^{(\phi) \rho_2 \kappa}(p_{34}) i \Gamma_{\kappa}^{(\phi K K)}(p_3, p_4) \\ &\quad \times i \Delta^{(\mathbb{P}) \alpha \beta, \delta \eta}(s_2, t_2) \bar{u}(p_2, \lambda_2) i \Gamma_{\delta \eta}^{(\mathbb{P} pp)}(p_2, p_b) u(p_b, \lambda_b) \end{aligned}$$

For the  $\mathbb{P}\gamma$ -exchange we have the same structure as for the above amplitude with  $(p(p_a, \lambda_a), p(p_1, \lambda_1)) \leftrightarrow (p(p_b, \lambda_b), p(p_2, \lambda_2))$ ,  $t_1 \leftrightarrow t_2$ ,  $q_1 \leftrightarrow q_2$ ,  $s_1 \leftrightarrow s_2$

# $pp \rightarrow pp (\phi \rightarrow K^+K^-)$

- Our ansatz for the effective propagator and proton vertex function

$$i\Delta_{\mu\nu,\kappa\lambda}^{(P)}(s, t) = \frac{1}{4s} \left( g_{\mu\kappa}g_{\nu\lambda} + g_{\mu\lambda}g_{\nu\kappa} - \frac{1}{2}g_{\mu\nu}g_{\kappa\lambda} \right) (-is\alpha'_P)^{\alpha_P(t)-1}$$

$$i\Gamma_{\mu\nu}^{(Ppp)}(p', p) = -i3\beta_{PNN}F_1(t) \left\{ \frac{1}{2} [\gamma_\mu(p' + p)_\nu + \gamma_\nu(p' + p)_\mu] - \frac{1}{4}g_{\mu\nu}(\not{p}' + \not{p}) \right\}$$

where  $\beta_{PNN} = 1.87 \text{ GeV}^{-1}$

$$\alpha_P(t) = \alpha_P(0) + \alpha'_P t$$

$$\alpha_P(0) = 1.0808, \quad \alpha'_P = 0.25 \text{ GeV}^{-2}$$

- For the  $P\phi\phi$  vertex we have

$$i\Gamma_{\mu\nu\kappa\lambda}^{(P\phi\phi)}(k', k) = iF_M((k' - k)^2) \left[ 2a_{P\phi\phi} \Gamma_{\mu\nu\kappa\lambda}^{(0)}(k', -k) - b_{P\phi\phi} \Gamma_{\mu\nu\kappa\lambda}^{(2)}(k', -k) \right]$$

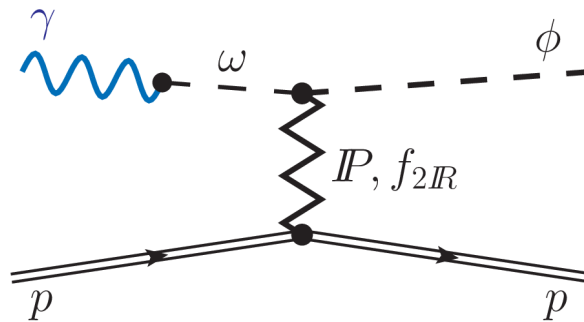
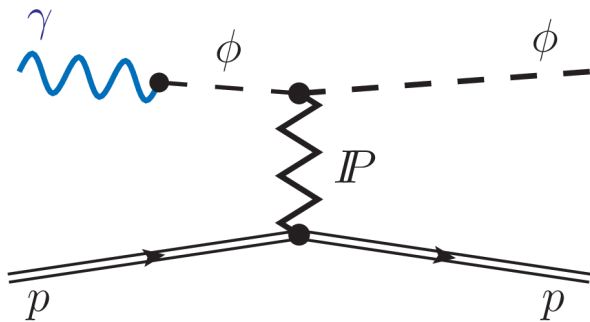
with two rank-four tensor functions: [Ewerz, Maniatis, Nachtmann, Ann. Phys. 342 \(2014\) 31](#)

$$\Gamma_{\mu\nu\kappa\lambda}^{(0)}(k_1, k_2) = \left[ (k_1 \cdot k_2)g_{\mu\nu} - k_{2\mu}k_{1\nu} \right] \left[ k_{1\kappa}k_{2\lambda} + k_{2\kappa}k_{1\lambda} - \frac{1}{2}(k_1 \cdot k_2)g_{\kappa\lambda} \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma_{\mu\nu\kappa\lambda}^{(2)}(k_1, k_2) = & (k_1 \cdot k_2)(g_{\mu\kappa}g_{\nu\lambda} + g_{\mu\lambda}g_{\nu\kappa}) + g_{\mu\nu}(k_{1\kappa}k_{2\lambda} + k_{2\kappa}k_{1\lambda}) \\ & - k_{1\nu}k_{2\lambda}g_{\mu\kappa} - k_{1\nu}k_{2\kappa}g_{\mu\lambda} - k_{2\mu}k_{1\lambda}g_{\nu\kappa} - k_{2\mu}k_{1\kappa}g_{\nu\lambda} \\ & - [(k_1 \cdot k_2)g_{\mu\nu} - k_{2\mu}k_{1\nu}]g_{\kappa\lambda} \end{aligned}$$

- We take  $F_1(t) = \frac{4m_p^2 - 2.79t}{(4m_p^2 - t)(1 - t/m_D^2)^2}$ ,  $F_M(t) = \frac{1}{1 - t/\Lambda_{0,P\phi\phi}^2}$

# Photoproduction of $\phi(1020)$ meson

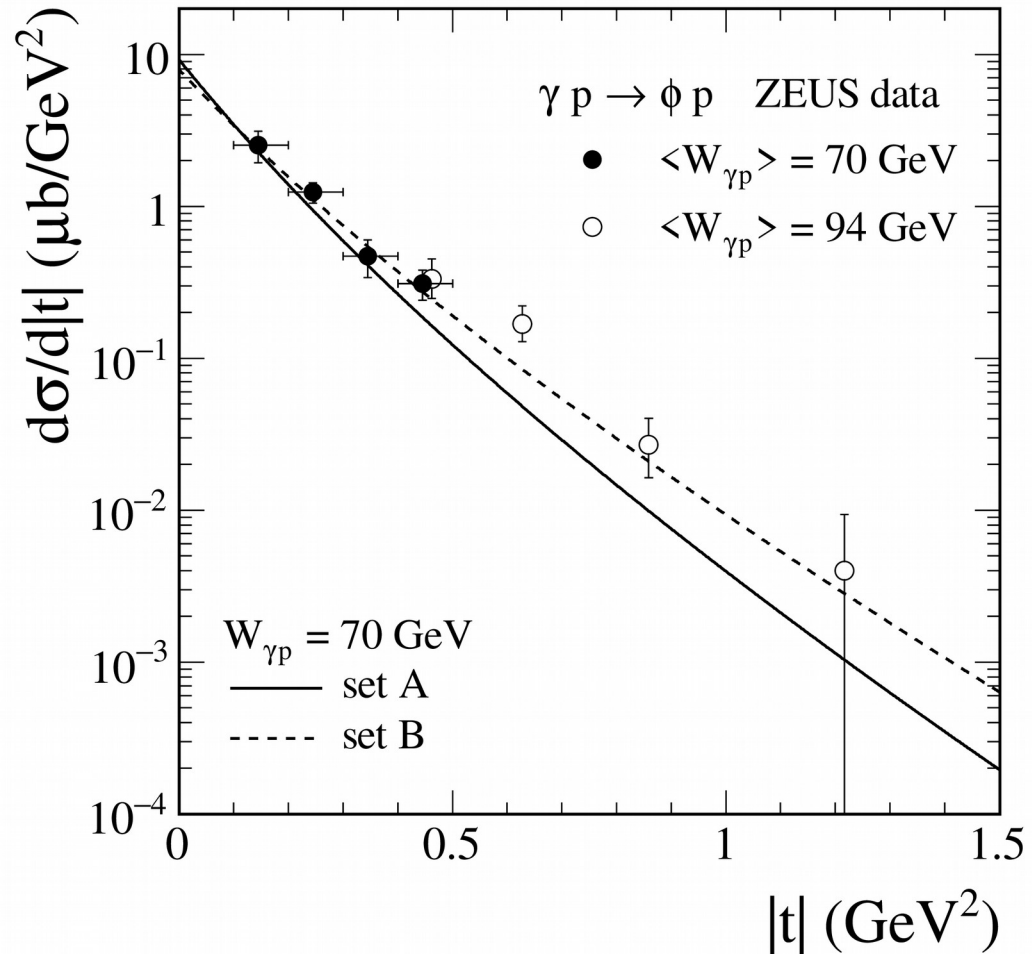
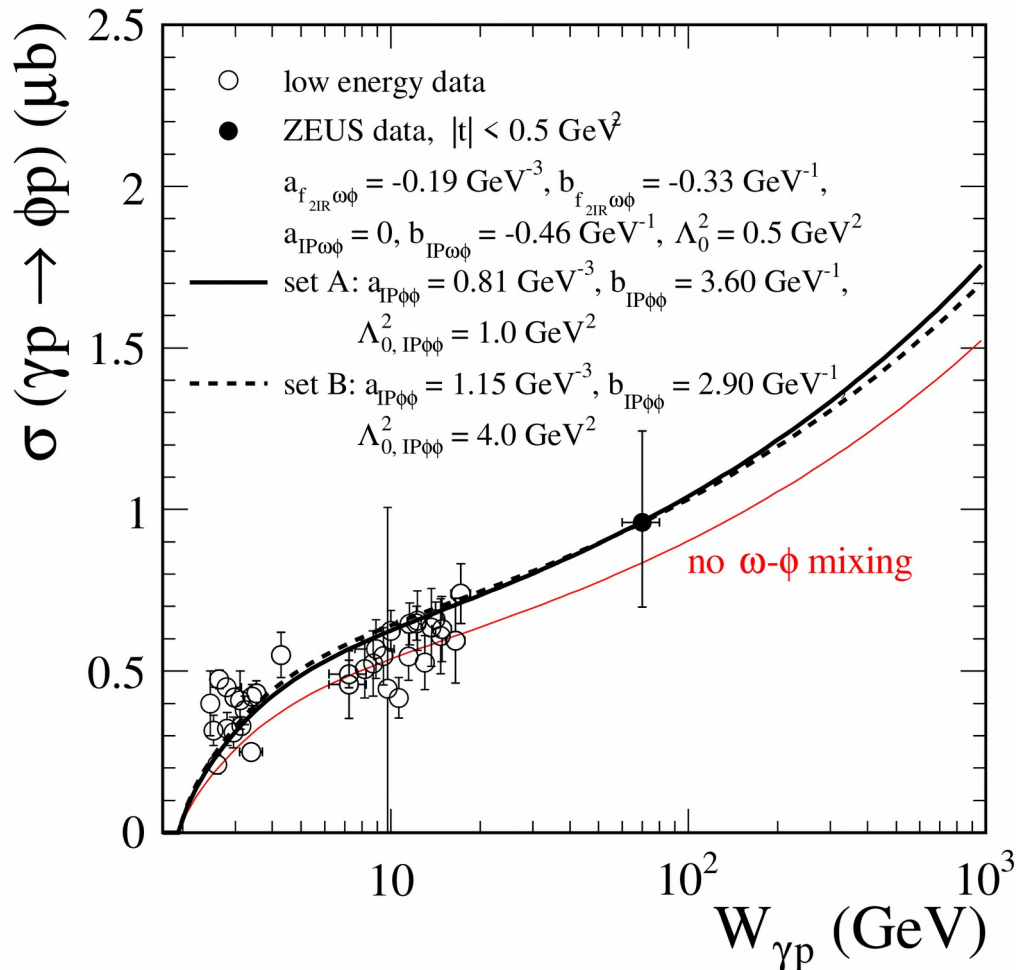


$\omega$  -  $\phi$  mixing effect

$$b_{\mathbb{P}\omega\phi} = -b_{\mathbb{P}\omega\omega} \tan(\Delta\theta_V)$$

$$b_{\mathbb{P}\omega\omega} = 7.04 \text{ GeV}^{-1}$$

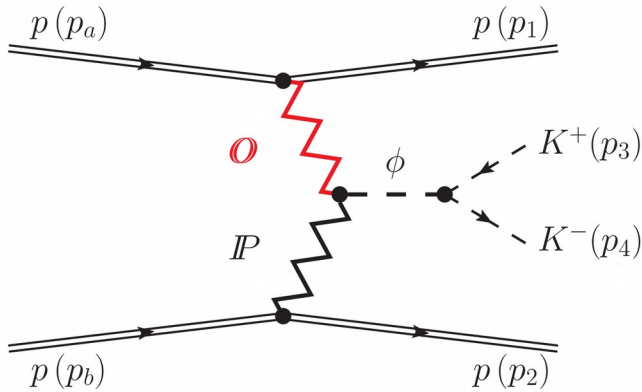
$$\Delta\theta_V = 3.7^\circ$$



# Odderon-Pomeron fusion process

Born-level amplitude:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{M}_{pp \rightarrow pp K^+ K^-}^{(\mathbb{O}\mathbb{P})} &= (-i) \bar{u}(p_1, \lambda_1) i\Gamma_{\mu}^{(\mathbb{O}pp)}(p_1, p_a) u(p_a, \lambda_a) \\
 &\times i\Delta^{(\mathbb{O}) \mu\rho_1}(s_1, t_1) i\Gamma_{\rho_1\rho_2\alpha\beta}^{(\mathbb{P}\mathbb{O}\phi)}(-q_1, p_{34}) i\Delta^{(\phi) \rho_2\kappa}(p_{34}) i\Gamma_{\kappa}^{(\phi KK)}(p_3, p_4) \\
 &\times i\Delta^{(\mathbb{P}) \alpha\beta, \delta\eta}(s_2, t_2) \bar{u}(p_2, \lambda_2) i\Gamma_{\delta\eta}^{(\mathbb{P}pp)}(p_2, p_b) u(p_b, \lambda_b)
 \end{aligned}$$



Our ansatz for the effective propagator of C = -1 Odderon:

$$i\Delta_{\mu\nu}^{(\mathbb{O})}(s, t) = -ig_{\mu\nu} \frac{\eta_{\mathbb{O}}}{M_0^2} (-is\alpha'_{\mathbb{O}})^{\alpha_{\mathbb{O}}(t)-1}$$

$$i\Gamma_{\mu}^{(\mathbb{O}pp)}(p', p) = -i3\beta_{\mathbb{O}pp} M_0 F_1((p' - p)^2) \gamma_{\mu}$$

where  $\eta_{\mathbb{O}}$  is a parameter with value  $\eta_{\mathbb{O}} = \pm 1$ ;  $M_0 = 1$  GeV is inserted for dimensional reasons;  $\alpha_{\mathbb{O}}(t)$  is the odderon trajectory, assumed to be linear in  $t$ :

$$\alpha_{\mathbb{O}}(t) = \alpha_{\mathbb{O}}(0) + \alpha'_{\mathbb{O}} t$$

The odderon parameters are not yet known from experiment.

In our calculations we shall choose as default values

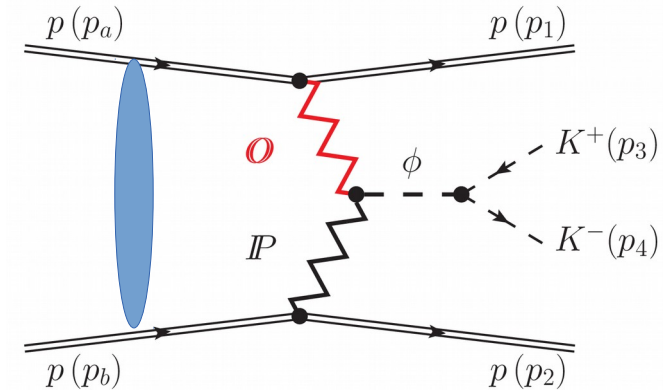
$$\alpha_{\mathbb{O}}(0) = 1.05, \quad \alpha'_{\mathbb{O}} = 0.25 \text{ GeV}^{-2}, \quad \eta_{\mathbb{O}} = -1, \quad \beta_{\mathbb{O}pp} = 0.1 \times \beta_{\mathbb{P}NN} \simeq 0.18 \text{ GeV}^{-1}$$

# Odderon-Pomeron fusion process

For the  $\mathbb{P}\mathbb{O}\phi$  vertex we use an ansatz analogous to the  $\mathbb{P}\phi\phi$  vertex:

$$i\Gamma_{\rho_1\rho_2\alpha\beta}^{(\mathbb{P}\mathbb{O}\phi)}(-q_1, p_{34}) = i \left[ 2 a_{\mathbb{P}\mathbb{O}\phi} \Gamma_{\rho_2\rho_1\alpha\beta}^{(0)}(p_{34}, -q_1) - b_{\mathbb{P}\mathbb{O}\phi} \Gamma_{\rho_2\rho_1\alpha\beta}^{(2)}(p_{34}, -q_1) \right] \\ \times F_M(q_2^2) F_M(q_1^2) F^{(\phi)}(p_{34}^2)$$

The coupling parameters  $a_{\mathbb{P}\mathbb{O}\phi}$ ,  $b_{\mathbb{P}\mathbb{O}\phi}$  and the cut-off parameter  $\Lambda_{0,\mathbb{P}\mathbb{O}\phi}^2$  in  $F_M(q^2) = \frac{1}{1-t/\Lambda_{0,\mathbb{P}\mathbb{O}\phi}^2}$  could be adjusted to experimental data.



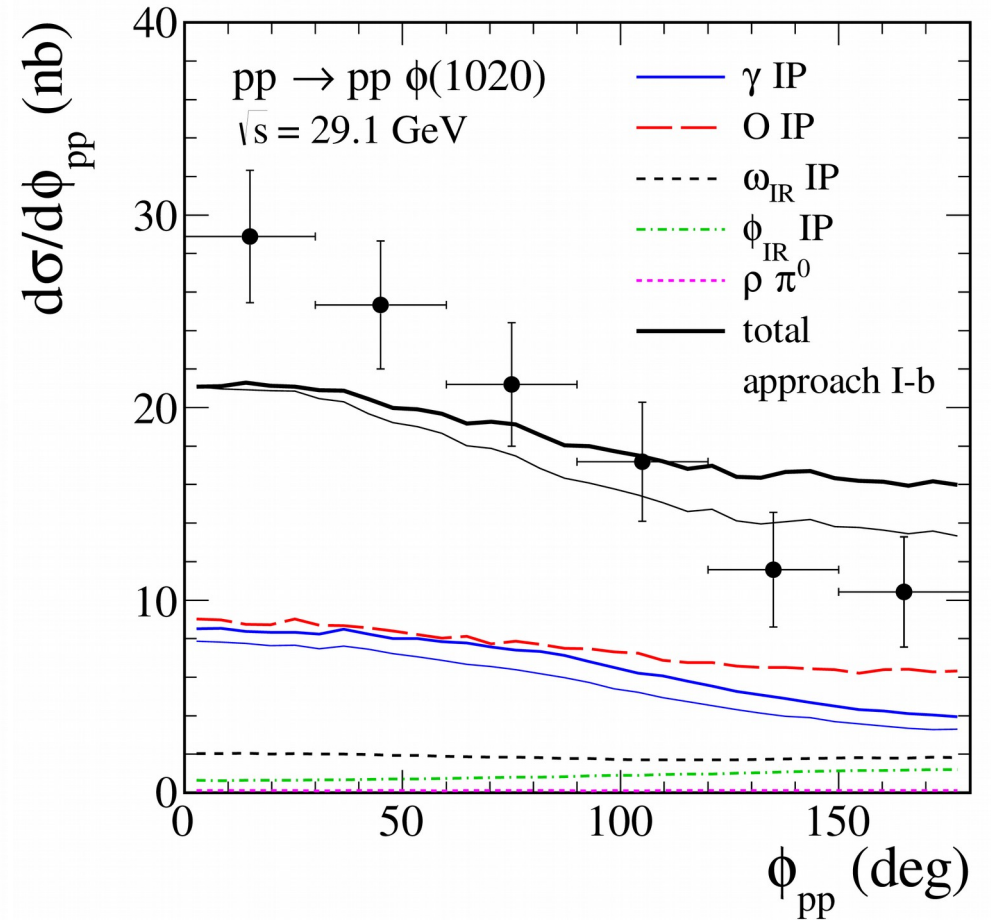
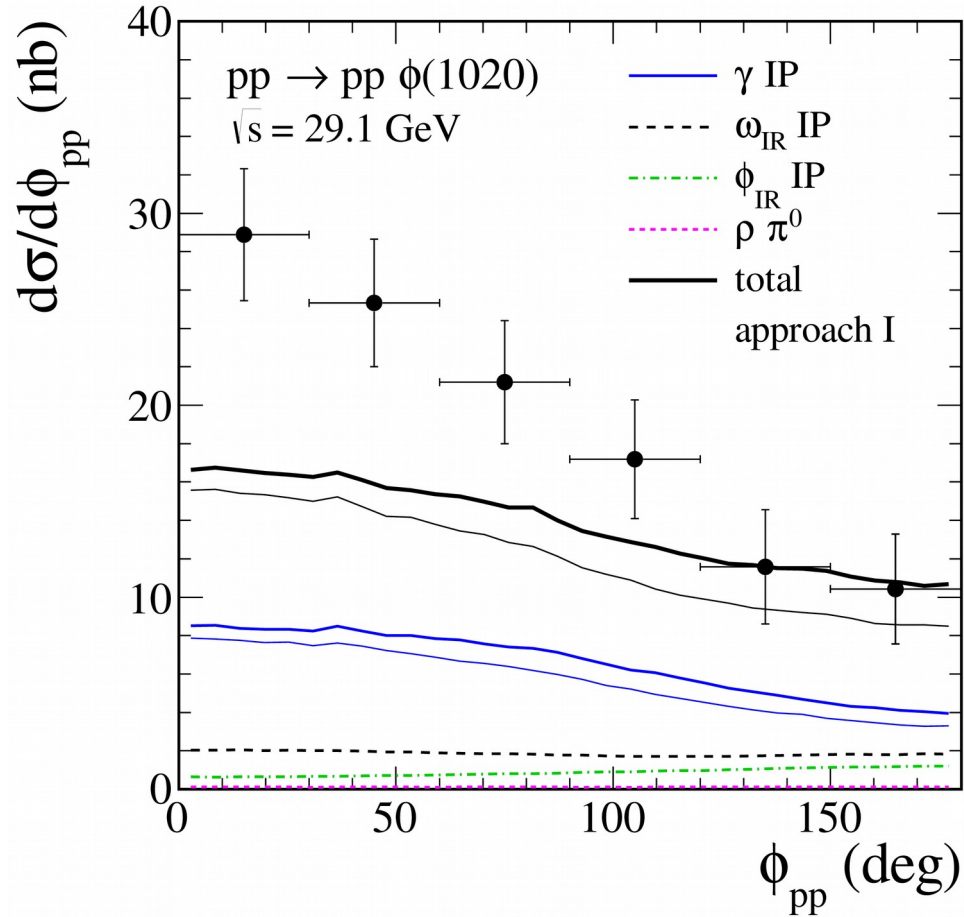
## Absorption effects should be included

$$\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{M}^{Born} + \mathcal{M}^{pp-rescattering}$$

$$\mathcal{M}^{pp-rescattering}(s, \vec{p}_{1\perp}, \vec{p}_{2\perp}) = \frac{i}{8\pi^2 s} \int d^2\vec{k}_{\perp} \mathcal{M}^{Born}(s, \vec{p}_{1\perp} - \vec{k}_{\perp}, \vec{p}_{2\perp} + \vec{k}_{\perp}) \mathcal{M}_{pp \rightarrow pp}^{P-exch.}(s, -\vec{k}_{\perp}^2)$$

here  $\vec{k}_{\perp}$  is the transverse momentum carried around the loop

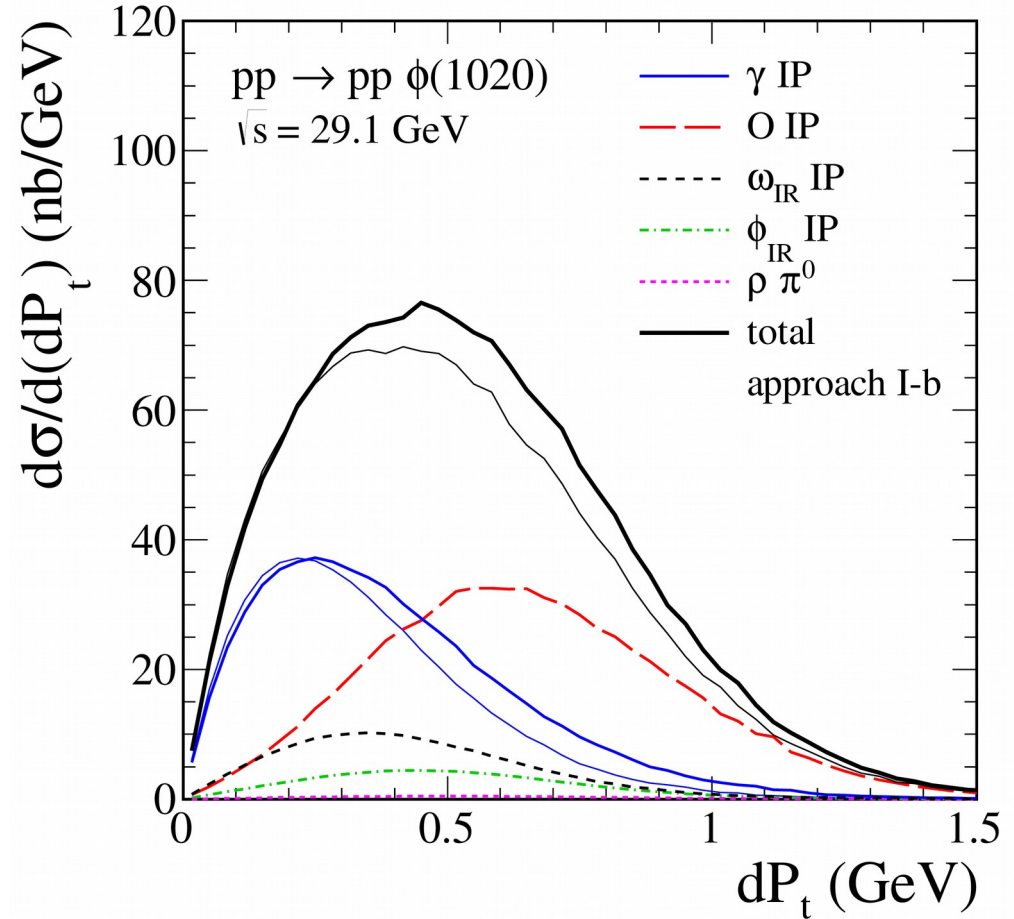
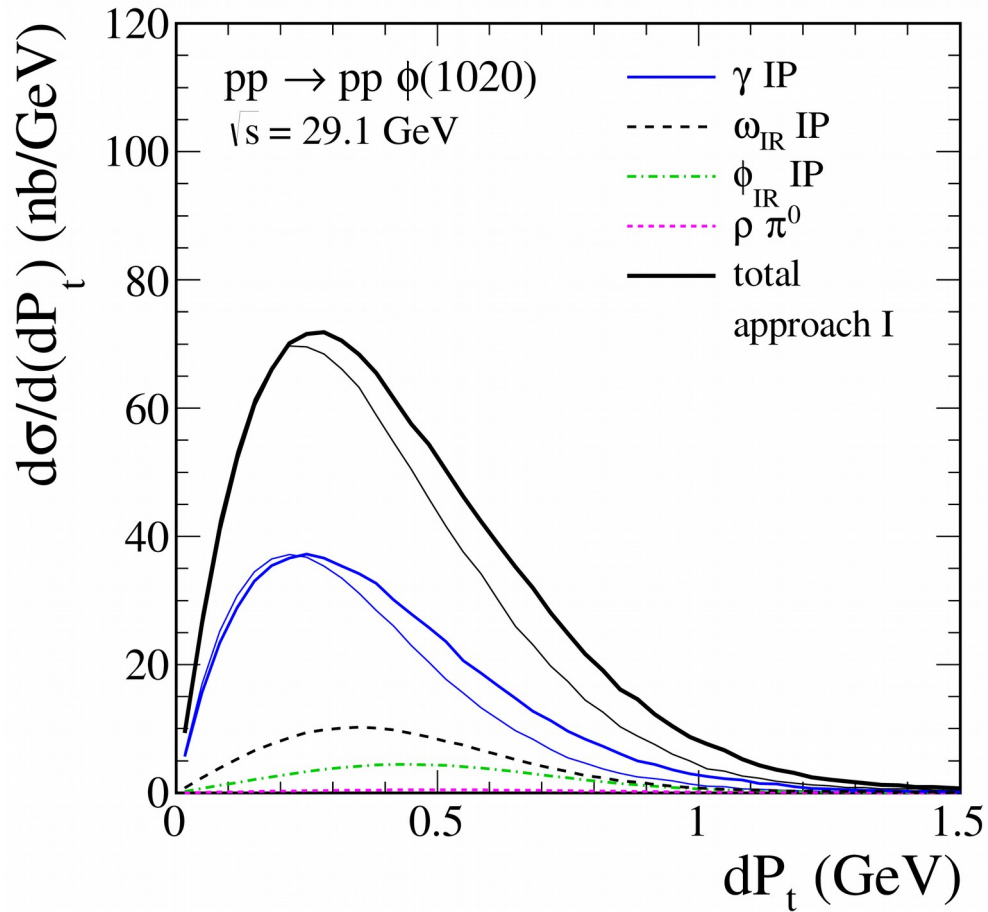
## Comparison with WA102 data



- WA102 data from [PLB489 \(2000\) 29](#),  $\sigma_{\text{exp}} = (60 \pm 21)$  nb
- Different fusion processes were considered. Large interference effects. The  $\phi_{\text{pp}}$  distribution allow us to determine the respective coupling constants  

$$a_{\text{PO}\phi} = -0.8 \text{ GeV}^{-3}, \quad b_{\text{PO}\phi} = 1.6 \text{ GeV}^{-1}, \quad \Lambda_{0, \text{PO}\phi}^2 = 0.5 \text{ GeV}^2$$
- We obtain the gap survival factor  $\langle S^2 \rangle = 0.8$  for the photoproduction term and  $\langle S^2 \rangle = 0.4$  for the diffractive contributions

# Comparison with WA102 data



$$dP_t = |d\mathbf{P}_t|, \quad d\mathbf{P}_t = \mathbf{q}_{t,1} - \mathbf{q}_{t,2} = \mathbf{p}_{t,2} - \mathbf{p}_{t,1}$$

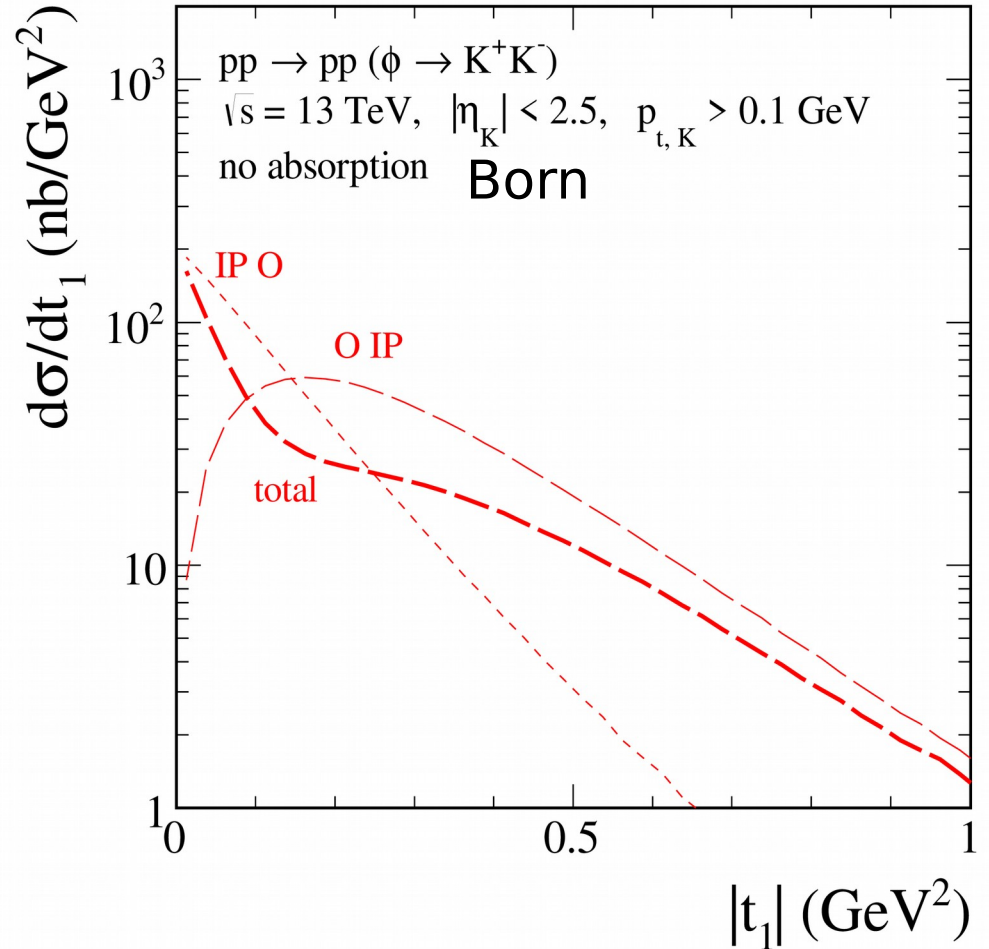
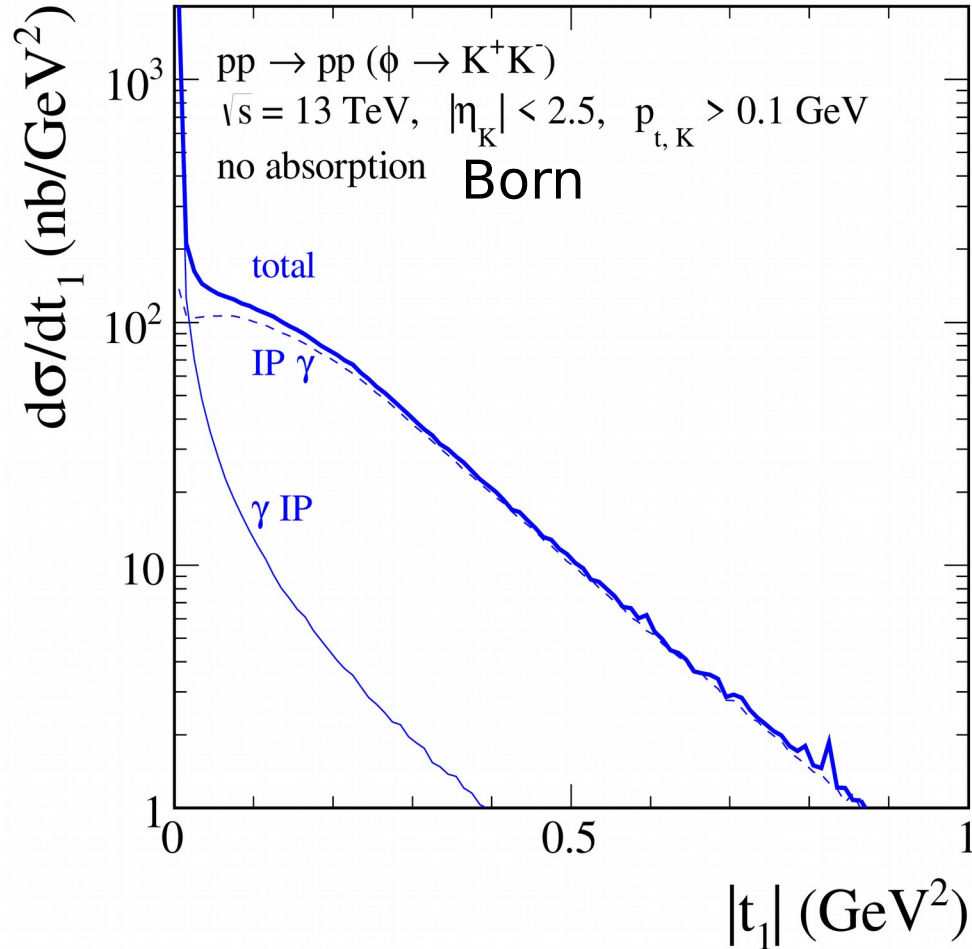
$$R = \frac{d\sigma/d(dP_t \leq 0.2 \text{ GeV})}{d\sigma/d(dP_t \geq 0.5 \text{ GeV})}$$

$$R_{\text{WA102}} = 0.18 \pm 0.07 \text{ [from PLB489 (2000) 29]}$$

$$R = 0.56 \text{ (no Odderon), } R = 0.23 \text{ (with Odderon)}$$

- We find that two couplings  $a_{\text{IPO}\phi}$  and  $b_{\text{IPO}\phi}$  are needed
- The WA102 data support the existence of Odderon exchange !
- It would be very useful to measure the outgoing protons at the LHC

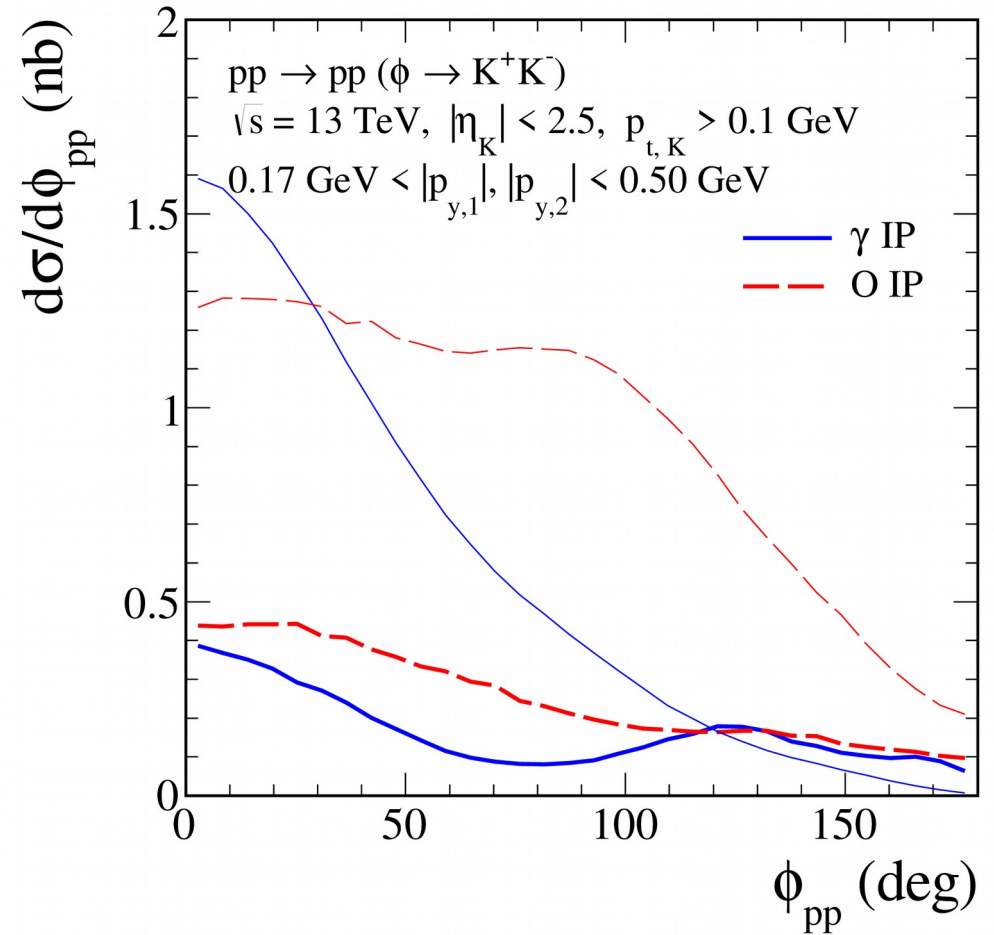
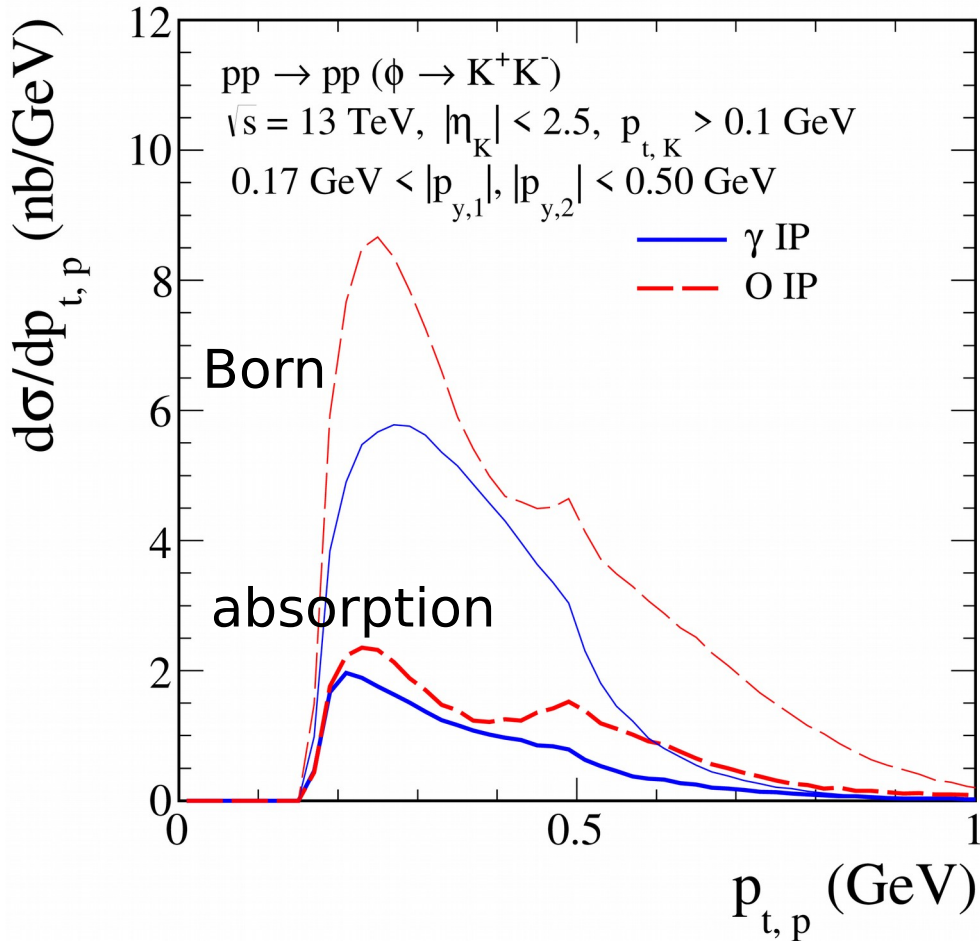
# Predictions for the $pp \rightarrow pp K^+K^-$ reaction



- Shown are the results for two diagrams separately and their coherent sum (total)
- The interference effects between the two diagrams is clearly visible, especially for the OP-fusion mechanism
- Due to the photon exchange the protons are scattered only at small angles and the  $\gamma P$  distribution has a singularity for  $|t_1| \rightarrow 0$ . In contrast, the OP-distribution shows a dip for  $|t_1| \rightarrow 0$

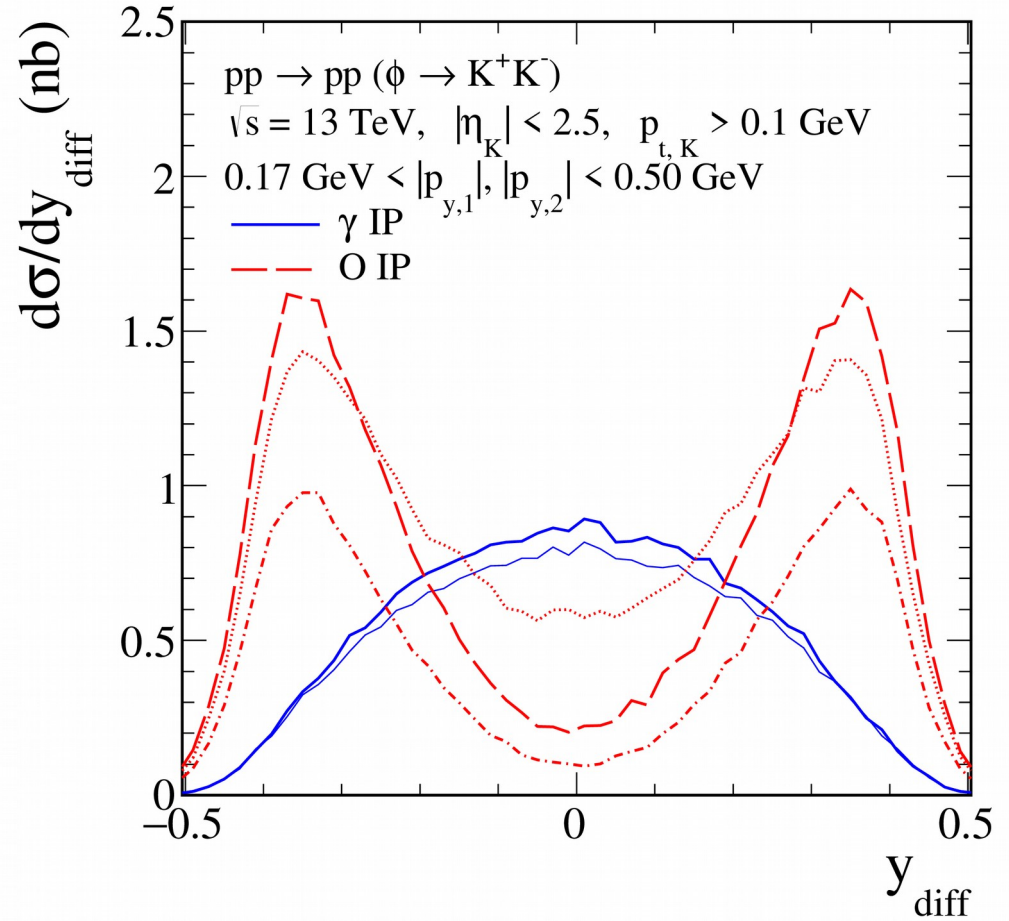
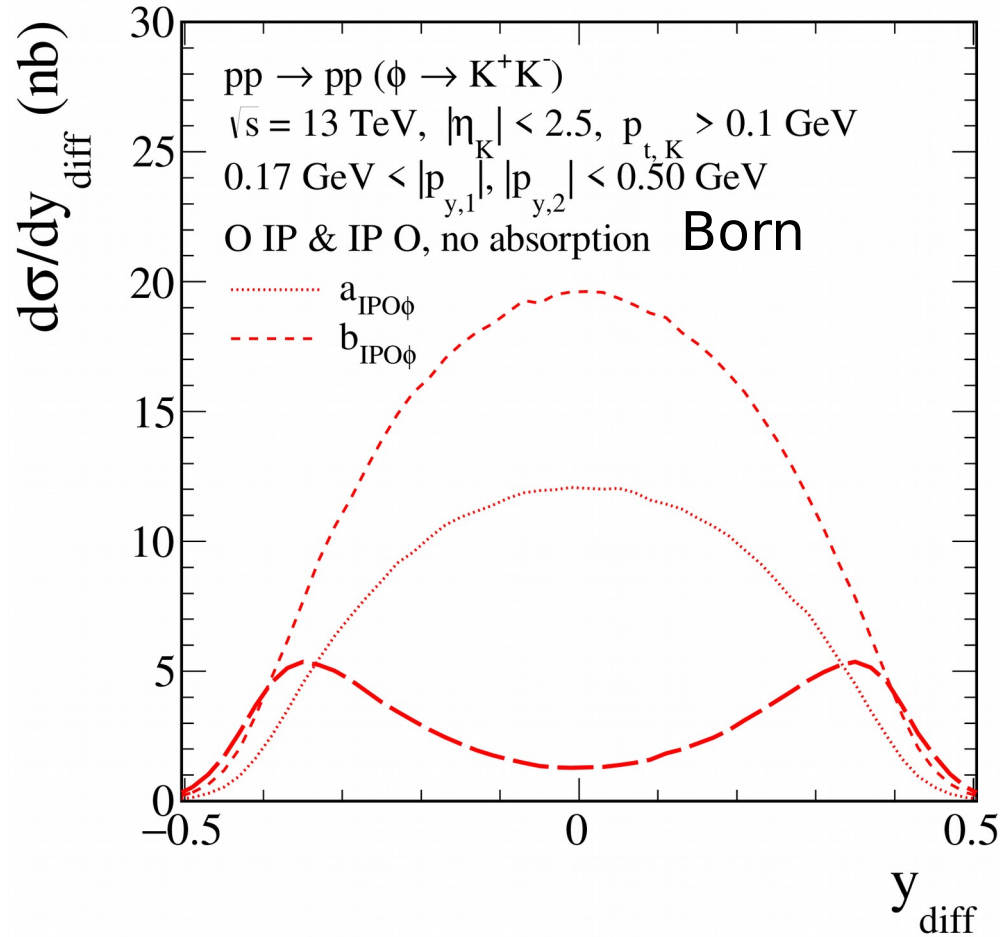


# Predictions for the $pp \rightarrow pp K^+K^-$ reaction (ATLAS + ALFA)



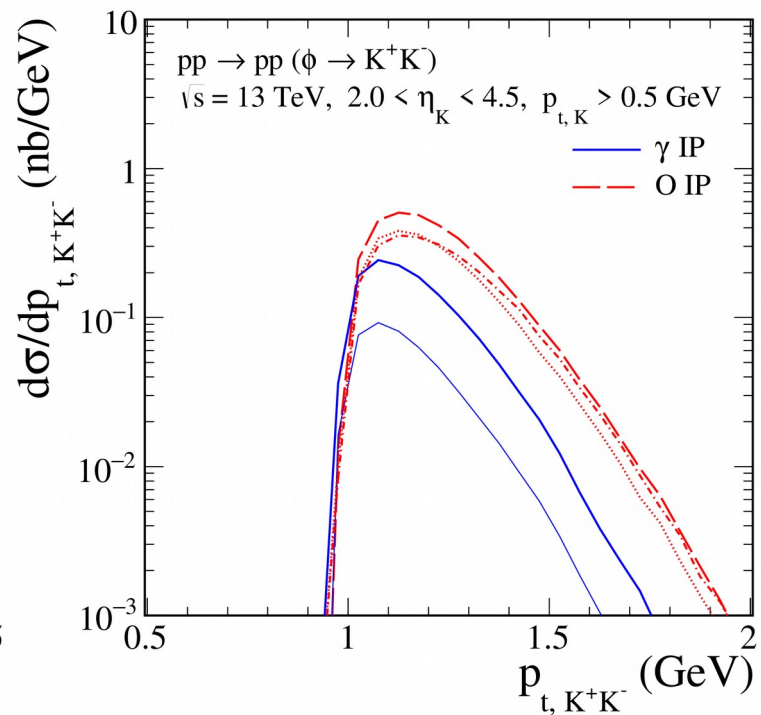
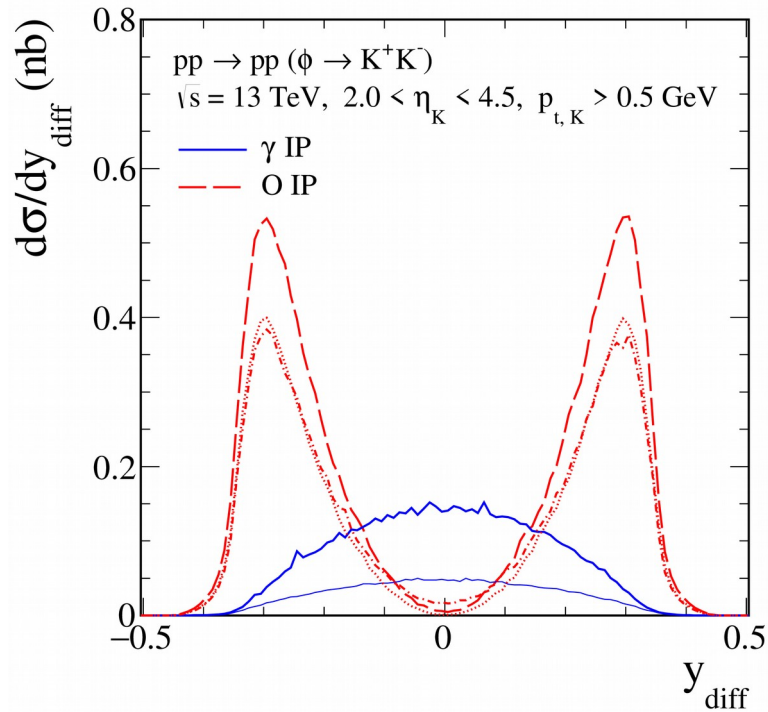
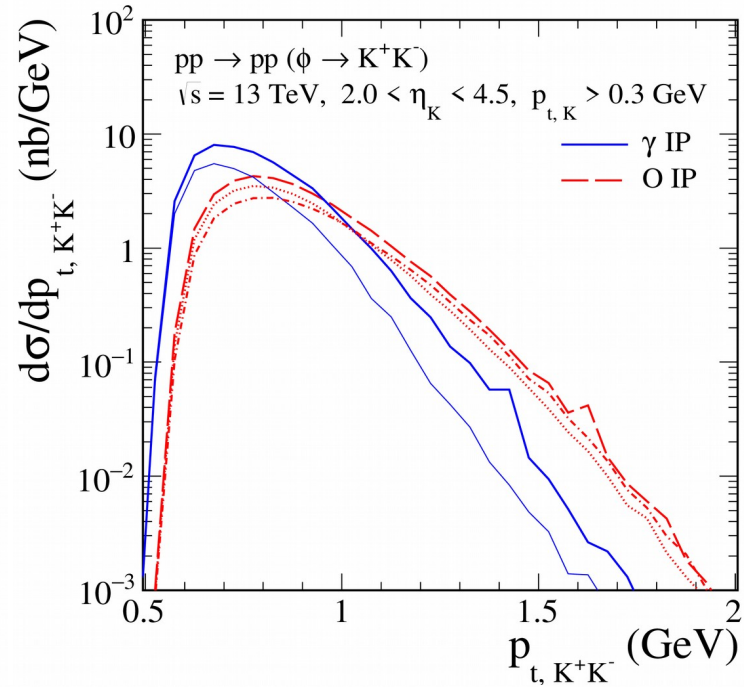
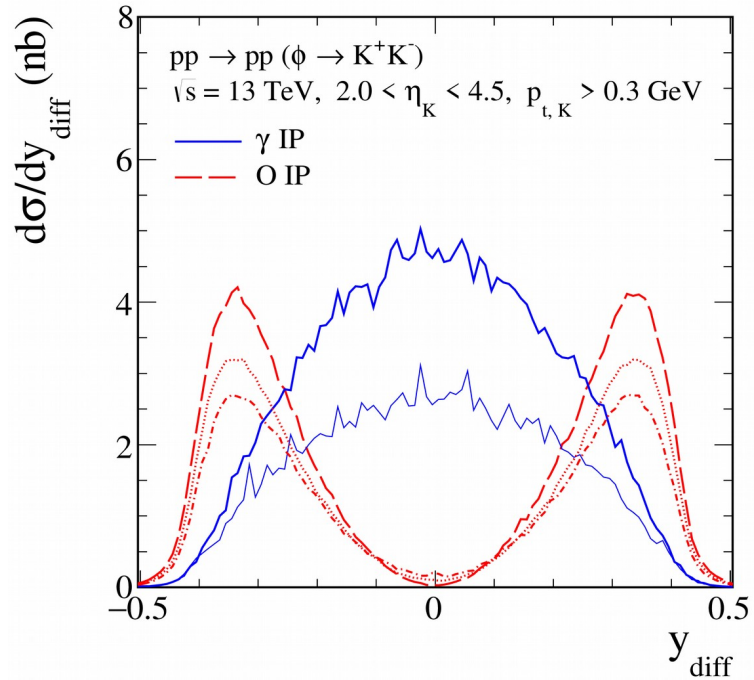
- Results within (Born) and with (the thick lines) absorption effects are shown. For the ATLAS-ALFA kinematics the absorption effects lead to a large damping of the cross section both for the purely diffractive and for the photoproduction mechanisms.
- This effect could be verified in future experiments when both protons are measured, e.g. by the ATLAS-ALFA and CMS-TOTEM experimental groups.

# Predictions for the $pp \rightarrow pp K^+K^-$ reaction (ATLAS + ALFA)



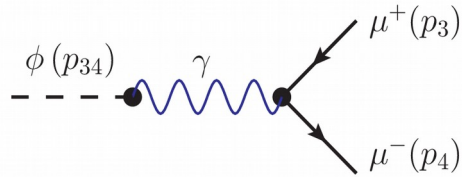
- (left panel) For the OP-fusion process the complete result indicates a large (destructive) interference effect of the two type of couplings, a and b, in the  $\text{PO}\phi$  vertex  
 $\rightarrow$  minimum at  $y_{\text{diff}} = y_3 - y_4 = 0$
- (right panel) Different behaviour is seen for  $\gamma\text{P}$  and OP contributions. The results for different choices of parameters are shown. The red dash-dotted line, the long-dashed line, and the dotted line correspond to  $(a [\text{GeV}^{-3}], b [\text{GeV}^{-1}]) = (-0.8, 1.0), (-0.8, 1.6),$  and  $(-0.6, 1.6),$  respectively.

# Predictions for the $pp \rightarrow pp K^+K^-$ reaction (LHCb)



## Predictions for the $pp \rightarrow pp \mu^+ \mu^-$ reaction (LHCb)

The amplitudes for the  $pp \rightarrow pp \mu^+ \mu^-$  reaction through  $\phi$  resonance production can be obtained from the  $pp \rightarrow pp K^+ K^-$  amplitudes with  $i\Gamma_{\kappa}^{(\phi K K)}(p_3, p_4)$  replaced by  $\bar{u}(p_4, \lambda_4) i\Gamma_{\kappa}^{(\phi \mu \mu)}(p_3, p_4) v(p_3, \lambda_3)$ .



Here we describe the transition  $\phi \rightarrow \gamma \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$  by an effective vertex:

$$i\Gamma_{\kappa}^{(\phi \mu \mu)}(p_3, p_4) = ig_{\phi \mu^+ \mu^-} \gamma_{\kappa}$$

The decay rate  $\phi \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$  is calculated from the diagram (neglecting radiative corrections) as

$$\Gamma(\phi \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) = \frac{1}{12\pi} |g_{\phi \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-}|^2 m_{\phi} \left(1 + \frac{2m_{\mu}^2}{m_{\phi}^2}\right) \left(1 - \frac{4m_{\mu}^2}{m_{\phi}^2}\right)^{1/2}$$

From the experimental values (PDG)

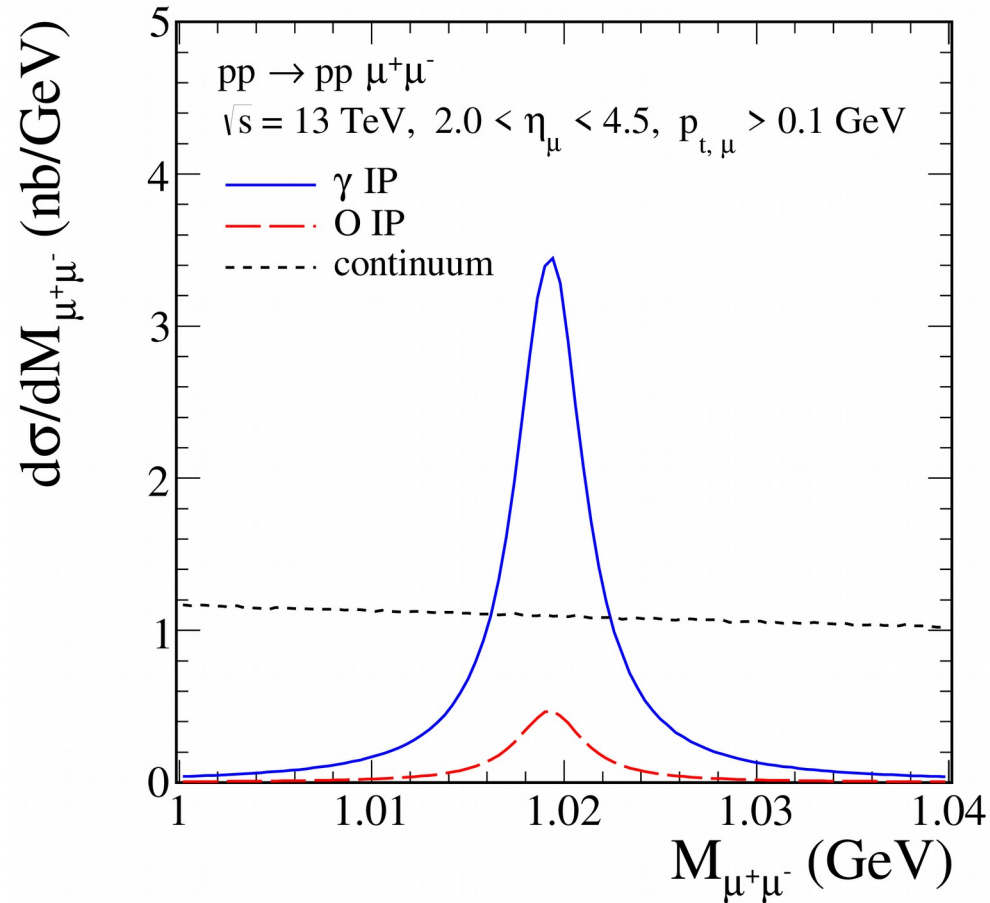
$$m_{\phi} = (1019.461 \pm 0.016) \text{ MeV},$$

$$\Gamma(\phi \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) / \Gamma_{\phi} = (2.86 \pm 0.19) \times 10^{-4},$$

$$\Gamma_{\phi} = (4.249 \pm 0.013) \text{ MeV}$$

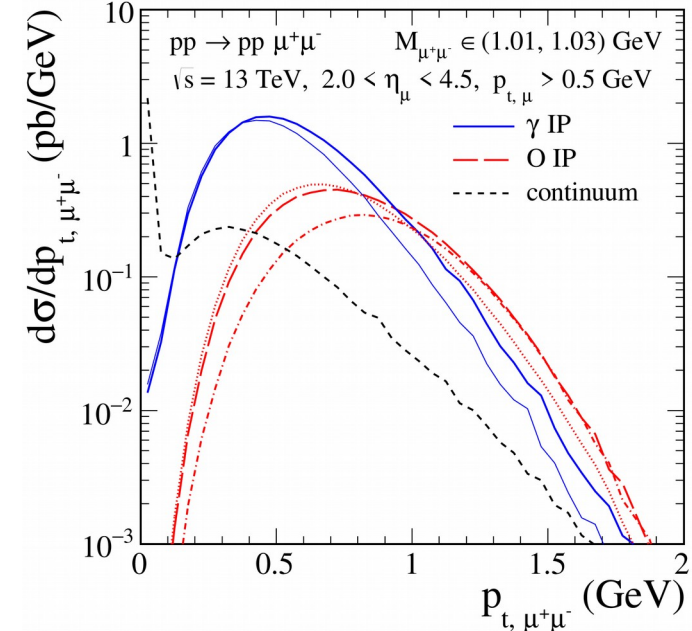
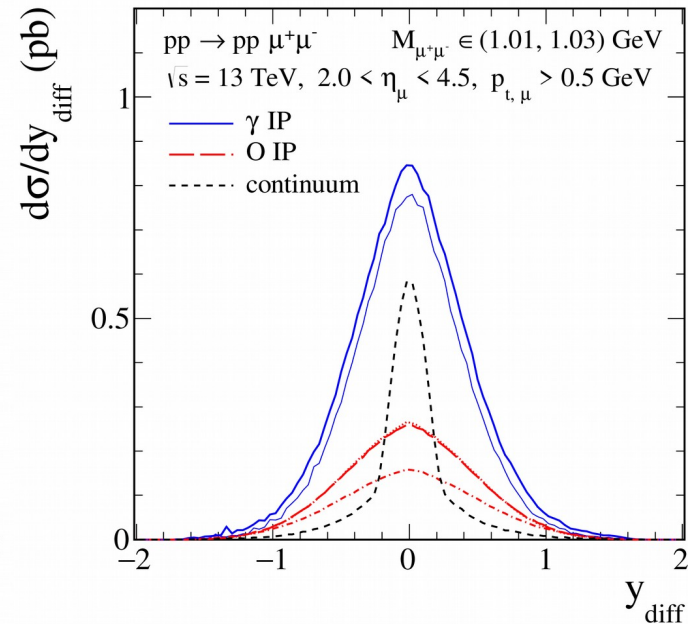
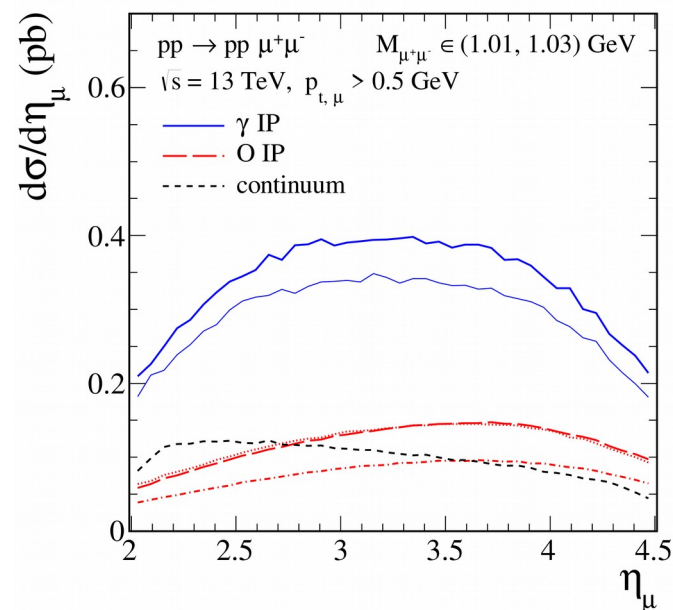
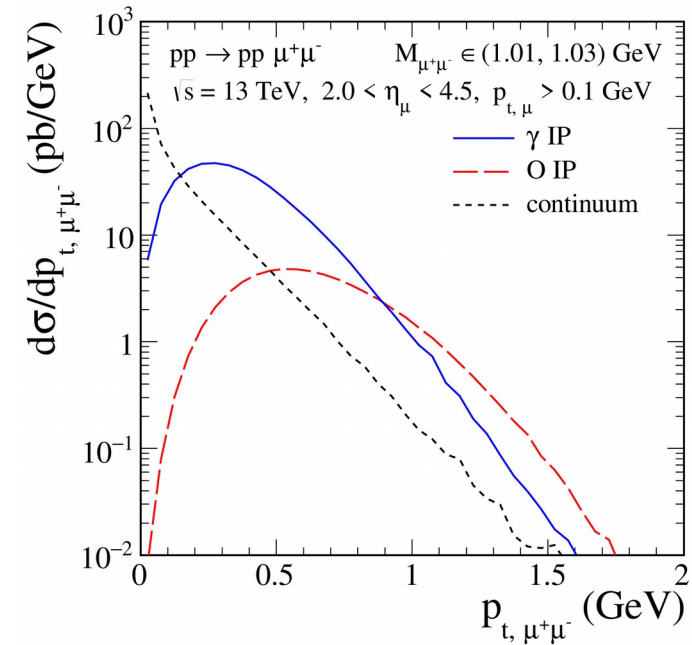
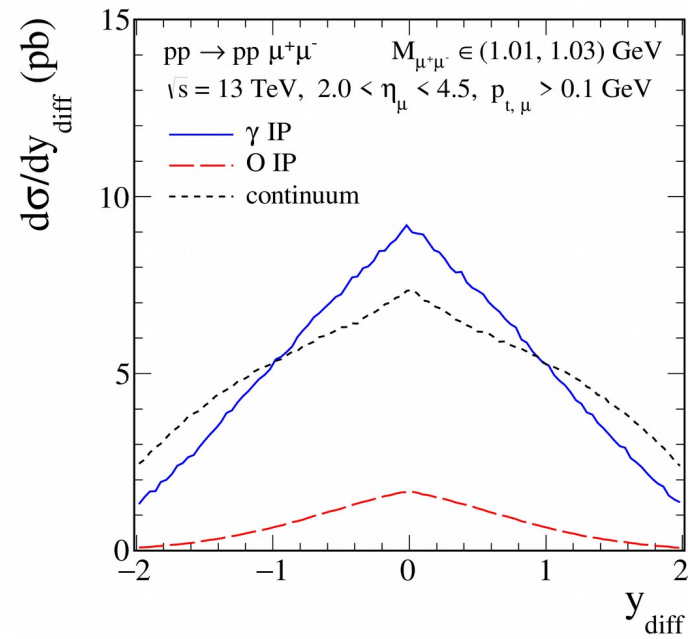
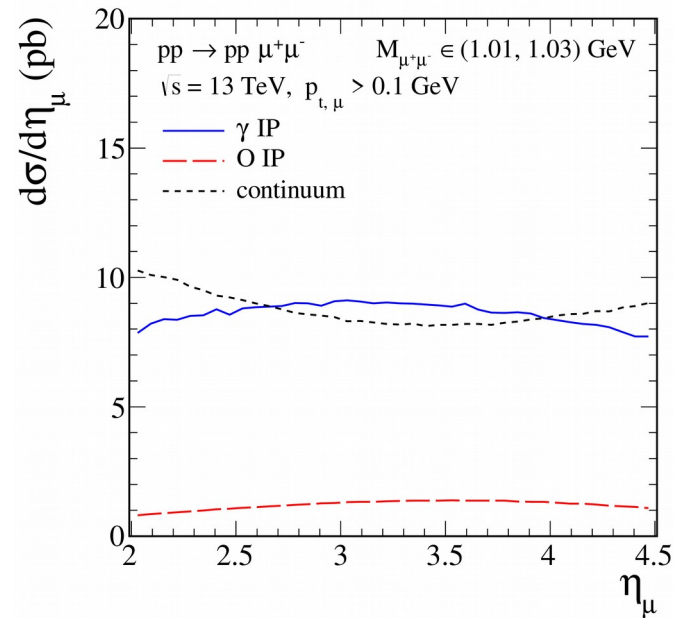
we get  $g_{\phi \mu^+ \mu^-} = (6.71 \pm 0.22) \times 10^{-3}$

# Predictions for the $pp \rightarrow pp \mu^+\mu^-$ reaction (LHCb)



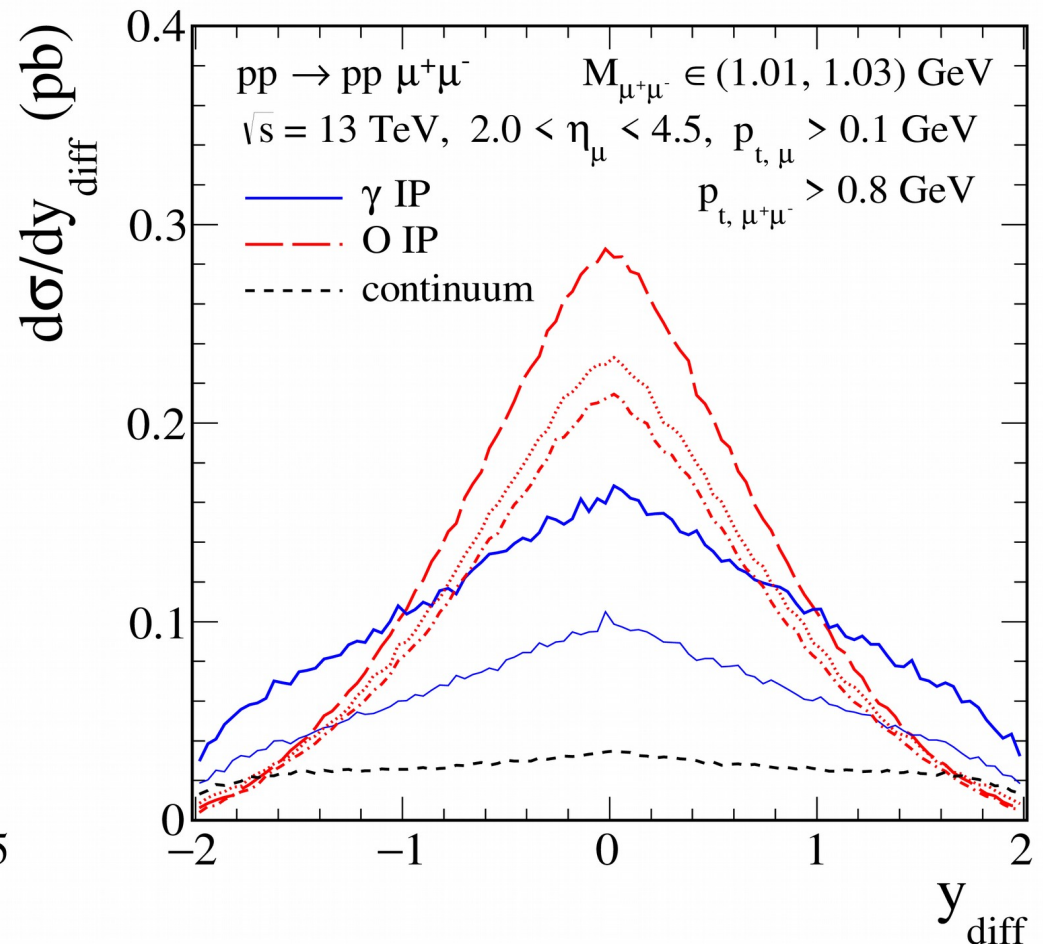
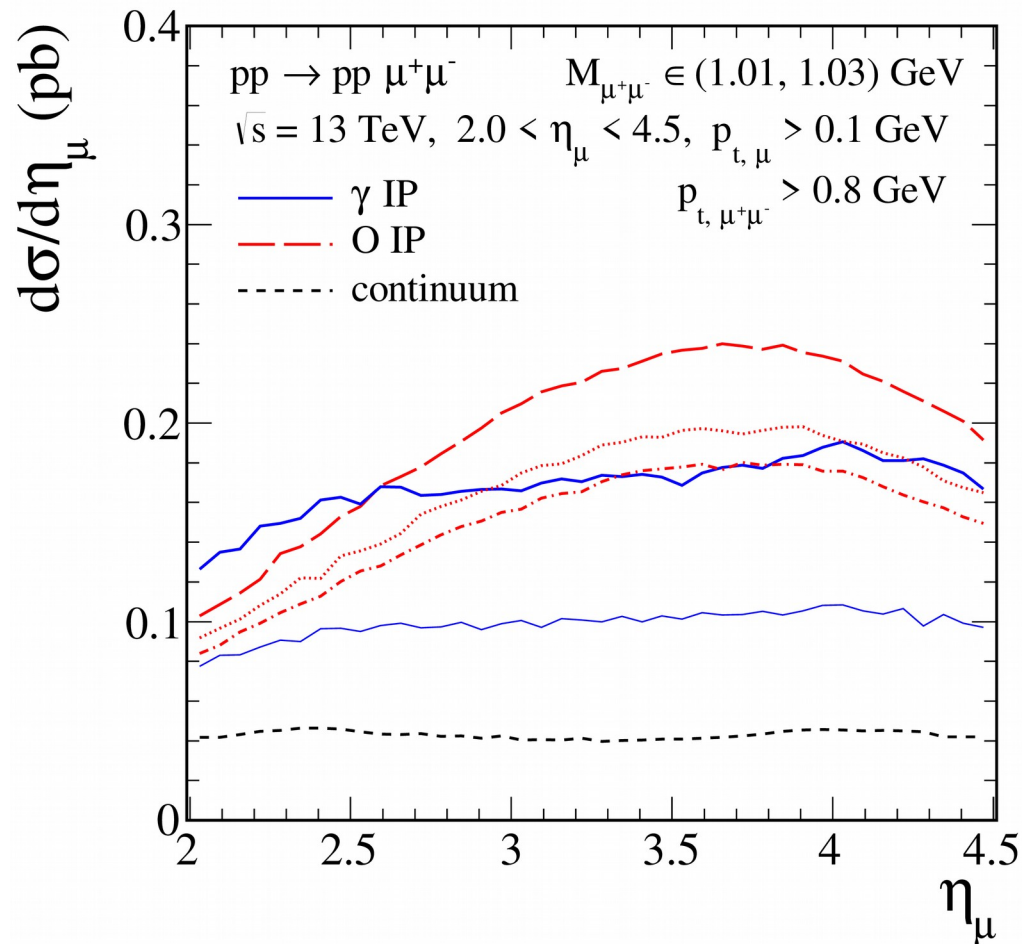
We show the contributions from the  $\gamma\mathbb{P}$ - and  $\mathbb{O}\mathbb{P}$ -fusion processes and the continuum  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$  term.

# Predictions for the $pp \rightarrow pp \mu^+\mu^-$ reaction (LHCb)



- $p_{t,\mu^+\mu^-} > 0.8$  GeV cut can be helpful to reduce the  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ -continuum and  $\gamma$ P-fusion contributions

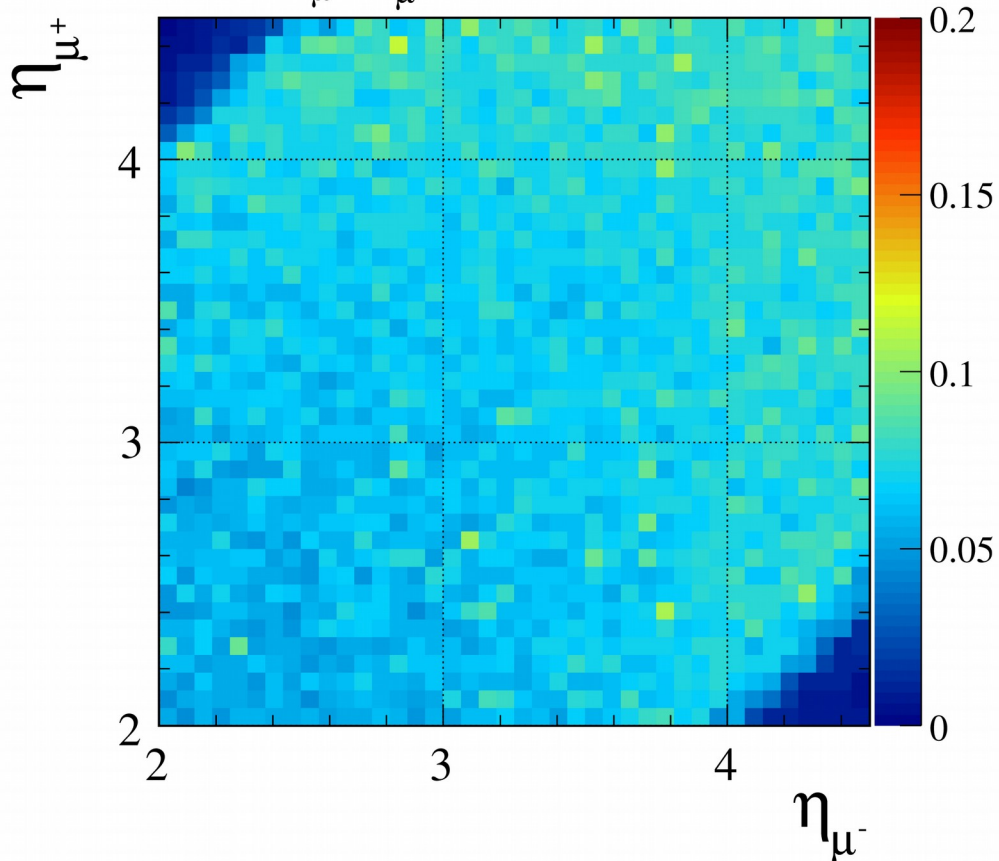
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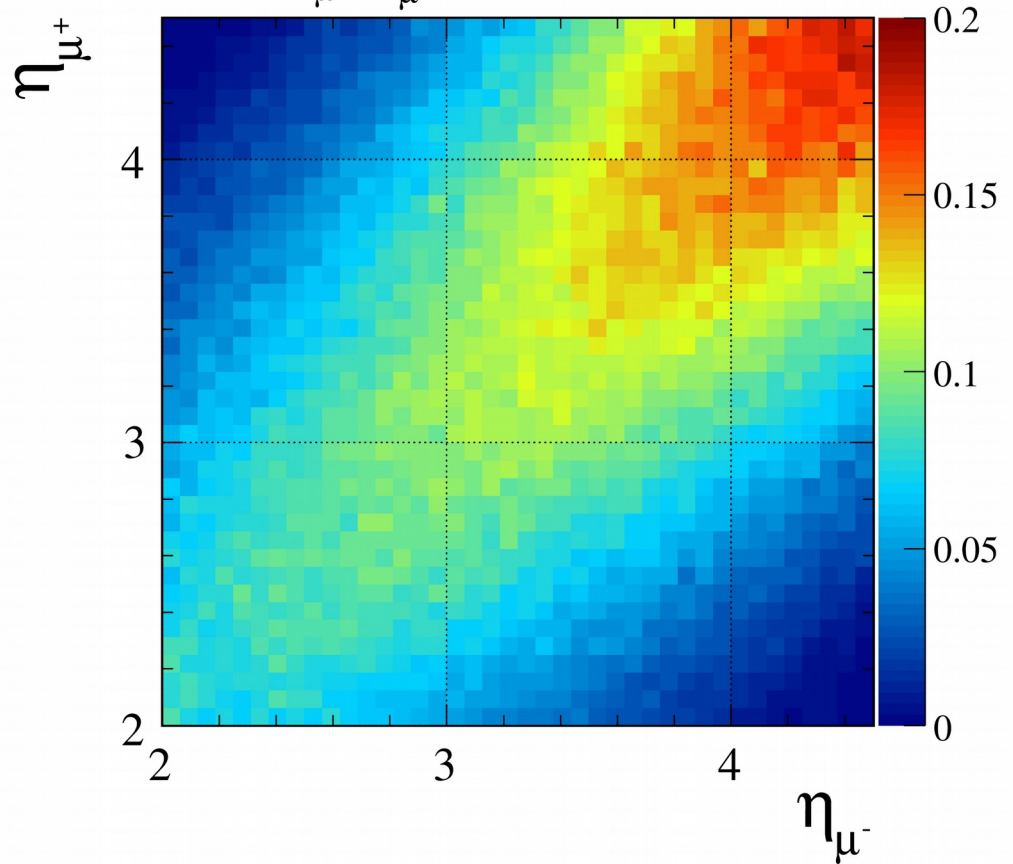
- In general, the  $\mu^+\mu^-$  channel seems to be less promising in identifying the Odderon exchange. In this case the absolute normalization of the cross section or detailed studies of shapes of distributions should provide a hint whether one observes the Odderon effect

# Predictions for the $pp \rightarrow pp \mu^+ \mu^-$ reaction (LHCb)

$pp \rightarrow pp (\phi \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-), \quad \gamma \text{ IP \& IP } \gamma$   
 $d^2\sigma/d\eta_{\mu^-} d\eta_{\mu^+}$  (pb)



$pp \rightarrow pp (\phi \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-), \quad \text{O IP \& IP O}$   
 $d^2\sigma/d\eta_{\mu^-} d\eta_{\mu^+}$  (pb)



- The calculations were done for  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV and with cuts on  $2.0 < \eta_{\mu} < 4.5$ ,  $p_{t,\mu} > 0.1$  GeV, and  $p_{t,\mu^+\mu^-} > 0.8$  GeV
- The Odderon-exchange contribution shows an enhancement at  $\eta_{\mu^+} \sim \eta_{\mu^-} \sim (4.0 - 4.5)$



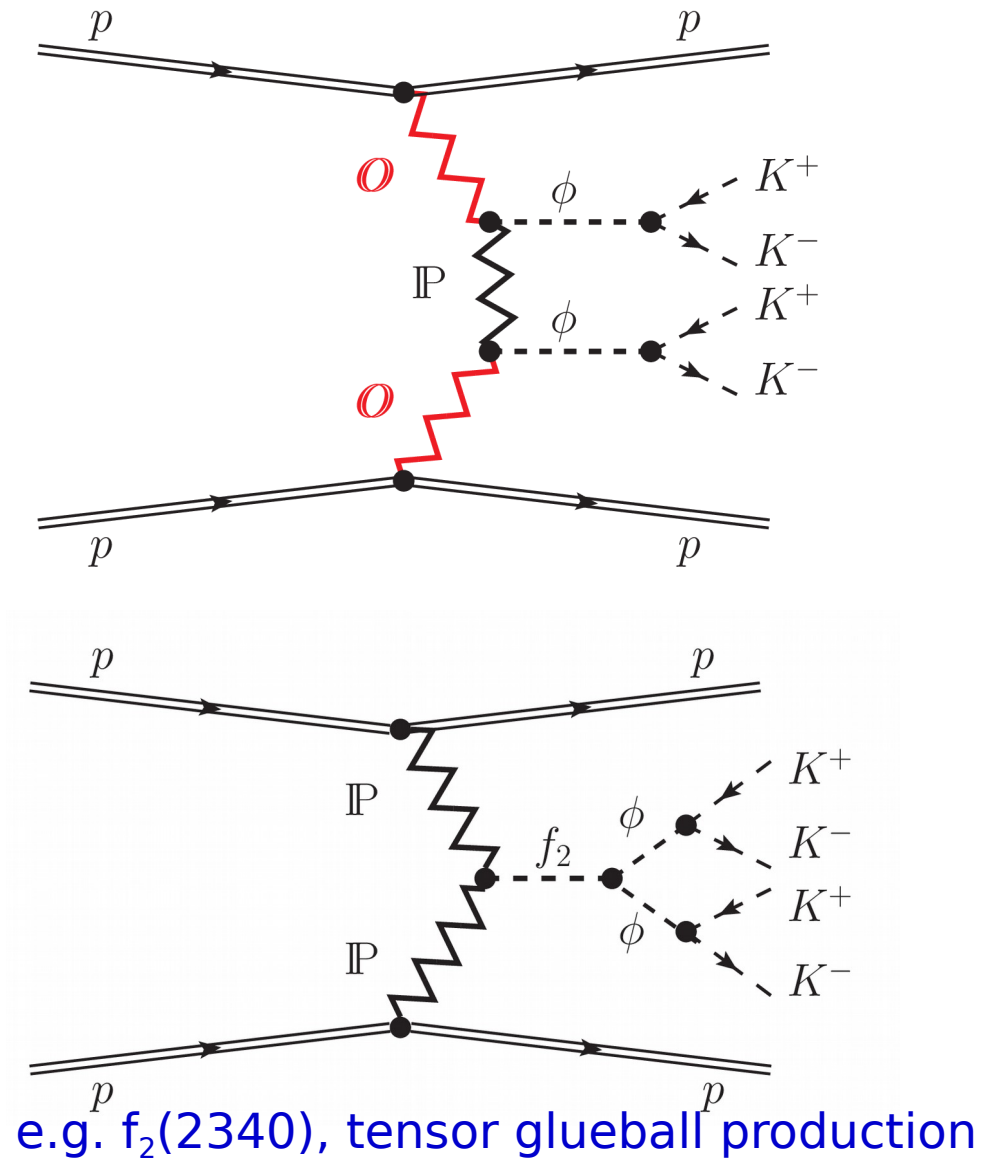
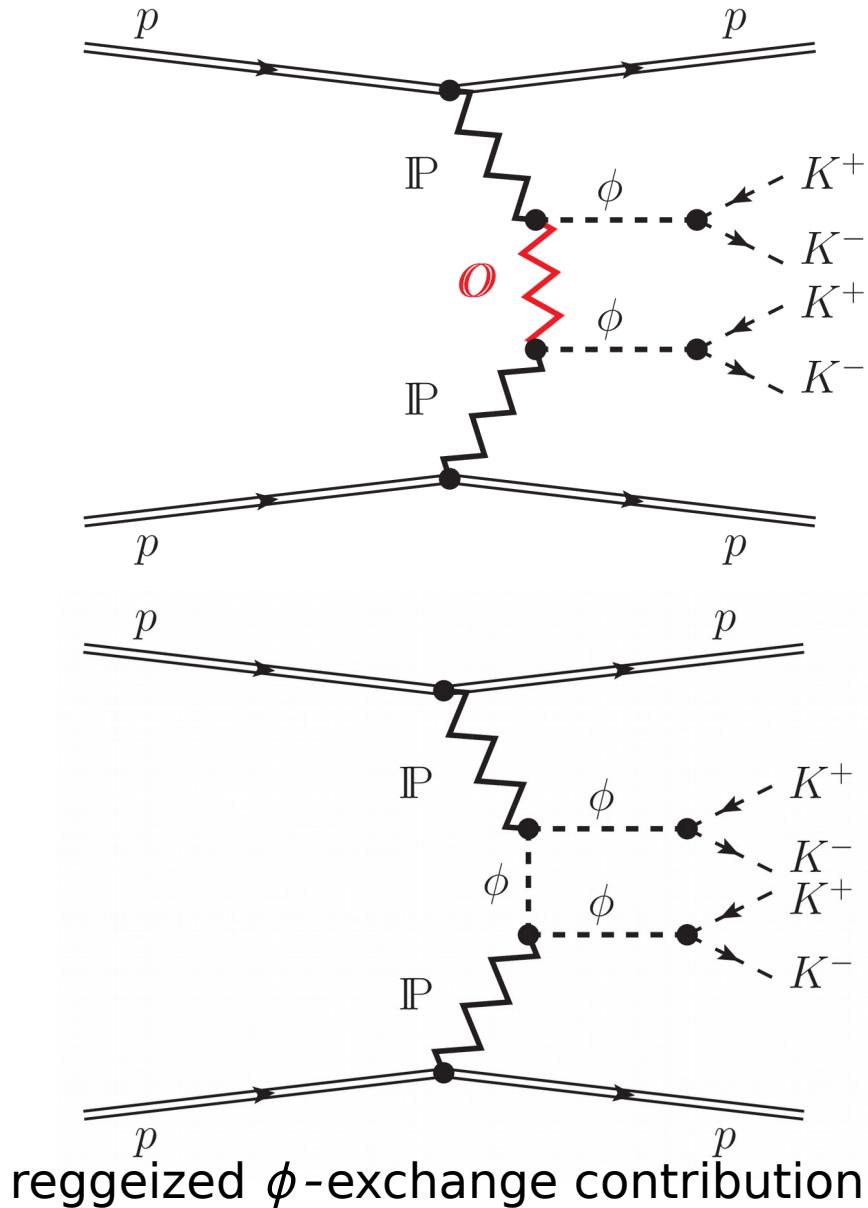
# Cross sections

Table 1: The integrated cross sections in nb for the central exclusive  $K^+K^-$  and  $\mu^+\mu^-$  production of  $\phi$  meson in proton-proton collisions. The results have been calculated for  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV in the dikaon/dimuon invariant mass region  $M_{34} \in (1.01, 1.03)$  GeV and for some typical experimental cuts. The ratios of full and Born cross sections  $\langle S^2 \rangle$  (the gap survival factors) are also shown.

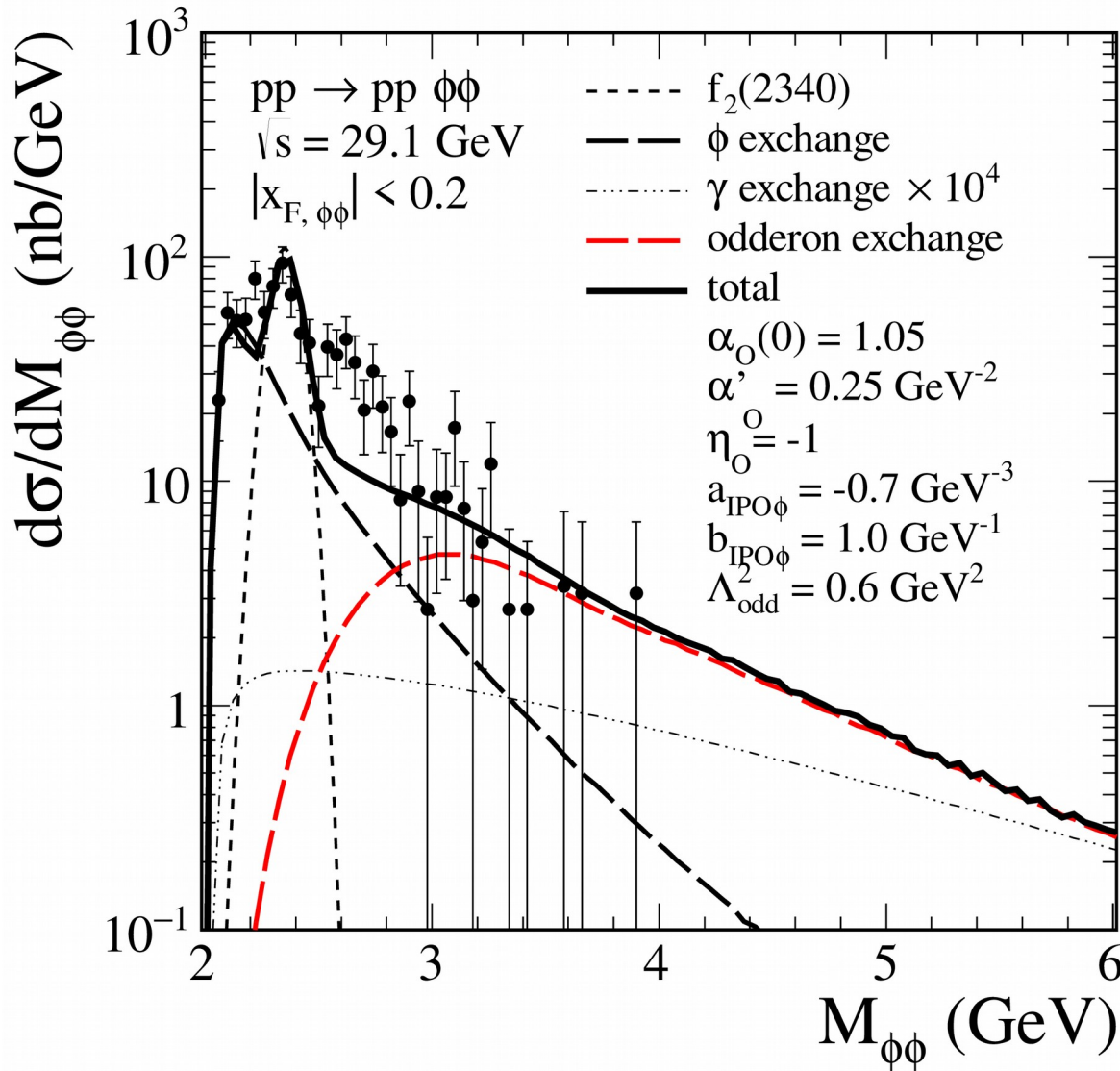
Cuts	Process	$\sigma^{(\text{Born})}$ (nb)	$\sigma^{(\text{full})}$ (nb)	$\langle S^2 \rangle$
$ \eta_K  < 2.5, p_{t,K} > 0.1$ GeV, $0.17$ GeV $<  p_{y,1} ,  p_{y,2}  < 0.5$ GeV	$\gamma\mathbb{P}$ -fusion	1.77	0.52	0.3
	$\mathbb{O}\mathbb{P}$ -fusion	2.91	0.79	0.3
$2.0 < \eta_K < 4.5, p_{t,K} > 0.1$ GeV	$\gamma\mathbb{P}$ -fusion	43.18	40.07	0.9
	$\mathbb{O}\mathbb{P}$ -fusion	16.73	4.70	0.3
$2.0 < \eta_K < 4.5, p_{t,K} > 0.3$ GeV	$\gamma\mathbb{P}$ -fusion	3.09	2.57	0.8
	$\mathbb{O}\mathbb{P}$ -fusion	6.57	1.64	0.3
$2.0 < \eta_K < 4.5, p_{t,K} > 0.5$ GeV	$\gamma\mathbb{P}$ -fusion	$0.93 \times 10^{-1}$	$0.66 \times 10^{-1}$	0.7
	$\mathbb{O}\mathbb{P}$ -fusion	0.88	0.16	0.2
$2.0 < \eta_\mu < 4.5, p_{t,\mu} > 0.1$ GeV	$\gamma\mathbb{P}$ -fusion	$23.93 \times 10^{-3}$	$20.96 \times 10^{-3}$	0.9
	$\mathbb{O}\mathbb{P}$ -fusion	$10.06 \times 10^{-3}$	$3.02 \times 10^{-3}$	0.3
$2.0 < \eta_\mu < 4.5, p_{t,\mu} > 0.5$ GeV	$\gamma\mathbb{P}$ -fusion	$1.21 \times 10^{-3}$	$0.85 \times 10^{-3}$	0.7
	$\mathbb{O}\mathbb{P}$ -fusion	$1.49 \times 10^{-3}$	$0.45 \times 10^{-3}$	0.2
$2.0 < \eta_\mu < 4.5, p_{t,\mu} > 0.1$ GeV, $p_{t,\mu^+\mu^-} > 0.8$ GeV	$\gamma\mathbb{P}$ -fusion	$0.70 \times 10^{-3}$	$0.42 \times 10^{-3}$	0.6
	$\mathbb{O}\mathbb{P}$ -fusion	$2.46 \times 10^{-3}$	$0.49 \times 10^{-3}$	0.2

# $pp \rightarrow pp\phi\phi$

- Central Exclusive Production (CEP) of  $\phi\phi$  state offers a very nice way to look for Odderon effects *P.L., O. Nachtmann, A. Szczurek, PRD99 (2019) 094034*



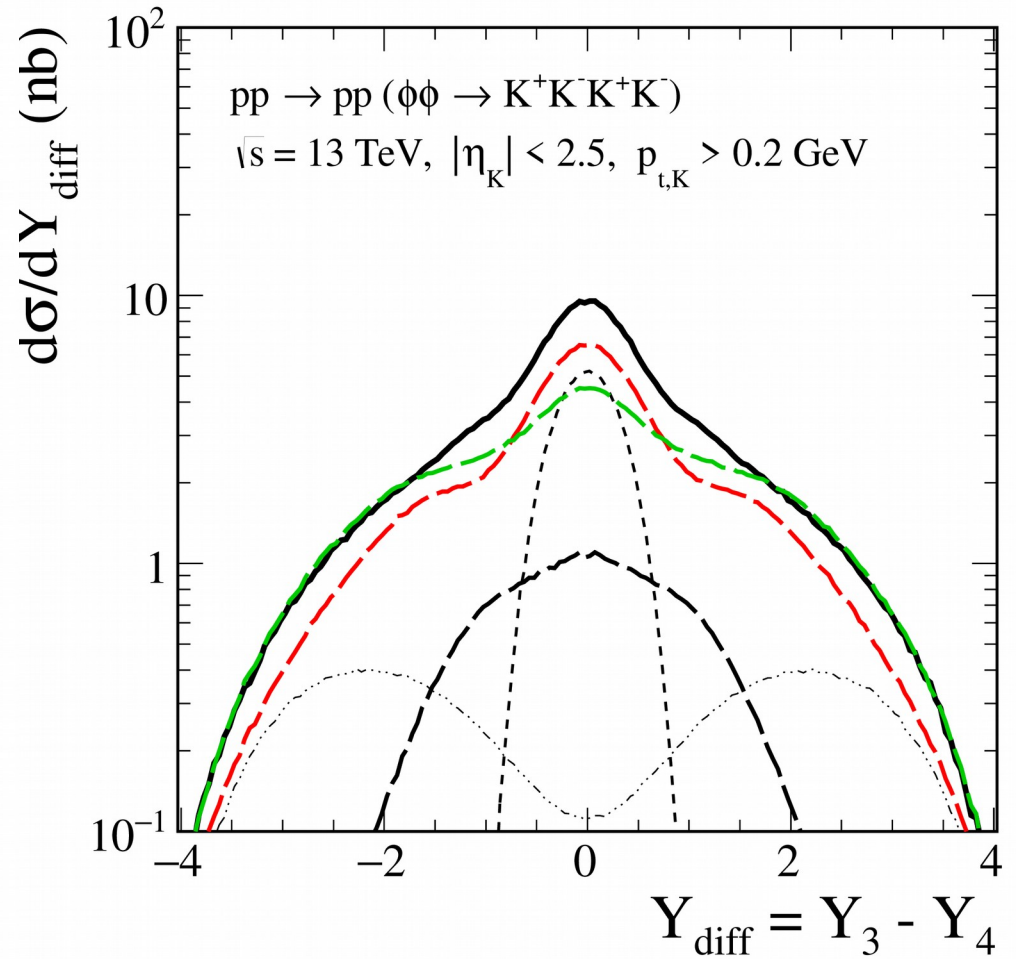
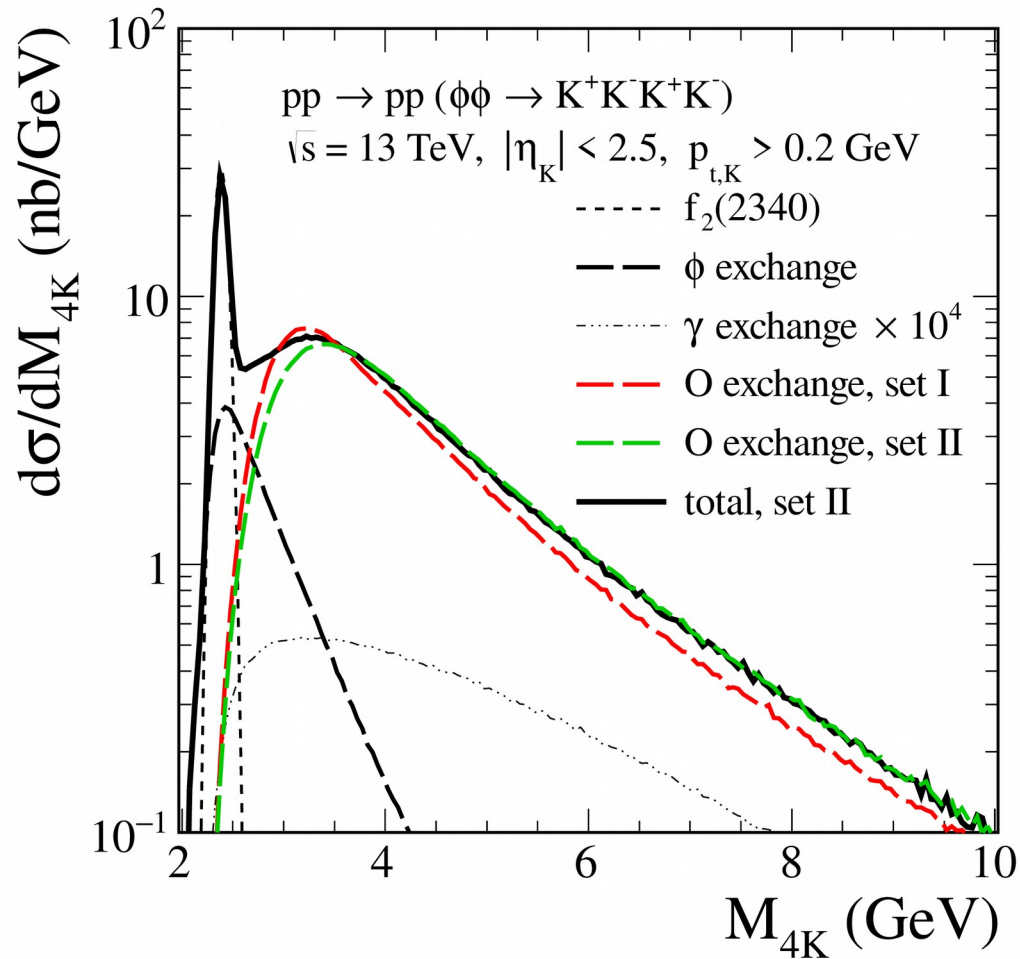
# $pp \rightarrow pp\phi\phi$



WA102 data  
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- An upper limit for the Odderon exchange has been established based on the WA102 data

# $pp \rightarrow pp (\phi\phi \rightarrow K^+K^-K^+K^-)$



The small intercept of the  $\phi$  reggeon exchange,  $\alpha_\phi(0) = 0.1$  makes the  $\phi$ -exchange contribution steeply falling with increasing  $M_{4K}$  and  $|Y_{\text{diff}}|$ . Therefore, an Odderon with an intercept  $\alpha(0) \sim 1.0$  should be clearly visible in these distributions.

# Conclusions

- The  $pp \rightarrow pp \phi$  and  $pp \rightarrow pp \phi\phi$  reactions have been studied within the tensor-Pomeron and vector-Odderon approach. All amplitudes are formulated in terms of effective propagators and vertices respecting the standard crossing and charge conjugation relations of QFT

## $pp \rightarrow pp \phi$

- WA102 data give an indication for Odderon-exchange contribution
- We have presented distributions which are sensitive to the Odderon-exchange contributions and where the background from the photon-Pomeron fusion can be rather reliably calculated
- To observe a sizeable deviation from photoproduction a  $p_{t,\mu^+\mu^-} > 0.8$  GeV cut on transverse momentum of the  $\mu^+\mu^-$  pair seems necessary

## $pp \rightarrow pp \phi\phi$

- The  $\phi\phi$  invariant mass distribution has a rich structure (continuum, resonances, interference effects)
  - The Odderon exchange contribution should be distinguishable from other contributions for large rapidity distance between the  $\phi$  mesons and in the region of large four-kaon invariant masses
- Comparison with 'exclusive' data expected from LHCb, ALICE, CMS+TOTEM, ATLAS+ALFA, and STAR experiments should provide further information on CEP and should be very valuable for clarifying the status of the Odderon

# Backup

# $pp \rightarrow pp (\phi\phi \rightarrow K^+K^-K^+K^-)$

- Some modifications are needed to simulate  $2 \rightarrow 6$  reaction (e.g. smearing of  $\phi$  masses due to their resonance distribution)

$$\sigma_{2 \rightarrow 6} = [\mathcal{B}(\phi \rightarrow K^+K^-)]^2 \int_{2m_K} \int_{2m_K} \sigma_{2 \rightarrow 4}(\dots, m_{X_3}, m_{X_4}) f_\phi(m_{X_3}) f_\phi(m_{X_4}) dm_{X_3} dm_{X_4}$$

with the branching fraction  $\mathcal{B}(\phi(1020) \rightarrow K^+K^-) = 0.492$  [PDG] and the spectral function of  $\phi$  meson:

$$f_\phi(m_{X_i}) = C_\phi \left(1 - \frac{4m_K^2}{m_{X_i}^2}\right)^{3/2} \frac{\frac{2}{\pi} m_\phi^2 \Gamma_\phi}{(m_{X_i}^2 - m_\phi^2)^2 + m_\phi^2 \Gamma_\phi^2}$$

$C_\phi$  is found from the condition  $\int_{2m_K}^{\infty} f_\phi(m_{X_i}) dm_{X_i} = 1$

- Any differential distribution can be calculated.

To include experimental cuts on produced kaons we perform the decays of  $\phi$  mesons isotropically in the  $\phi$  rest frames and then use relativistic transformations to the overall c.m. frame

# $pp \rightarrow pp\phi\phi$ ( $\phi$ -exchange continuum)

We consider the  $2 \rightarrow 4$  exclusive reaction:

$$p(p_a, \lambda_a) + p(p_b, \lambda_b) \rightarrow p(p_1, \lambda_1) + \phi(p_3, \lambda_3) + \phi(p_4, \lambda_4) + p(p_2, \lambda_2)$$

The Born-level amplitude ( $\phi$ -exchange continuum) can be written as the sum

$$\mathcal{M}_{\lambda_a \lambda_b \rightarrow \lambda_1 \lambda_2 \phi\phi}^{(\phi\text{-exchange}) \rho_3 \rho_4} = \mathcal{M}_{\lambda_a \lambda_b \rightarrow \lambda_1 \lambda_2 \phi\phi}^{(\hat{t}) \rho_3 \rho_4} + \mathcal{M}_{\lambda_a \lambda_b \rightarrow \lambda_1 \lambda_2 \phi\phi}^{(\hat{u}) \rho_3 \rho_4}$$

with the  $\hat{t}$ -channel amplitude:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}_{\rho_3 \rho_4}^{(\hat{t})} = & (-i) \bar{u}(p_1, \lambda_1) i\Gamma_{\mu_1 \nu_1}^{(\mathbb{P}pp)}(p_1, p_a) u(p_a, \lambda_a) i\Delta^{(\mathbb{P}) \mu_1 \nu_1, \alpha_1 \beta_1}(s_{13}, t_1) \\ & \times i\Gamma_{\rho_1 \rho_3 \alpha_1 \beta_1}^{(\mathbb{P}\phi\phi)}(\hat{p}_t, -p_3) i\Delta^{(\phi) \rho_1 \rho_2}(\hat{p}_t) i\Gamma_{\rho_4 \rho_2 \alpha_2 \beta_2}^{(\mathbb{P}\phi\phi)}(p_4, \hat{p}_t) \\ & \times i\Delta^{(\mathbb{P}) \alpha_2 \beta_2, \mu_2 \nu_2}(s_{24}, t_2) \bar{u}(p_2, \lambda_2) i\Gamma_{\mu_2 \nu_2}^{(\mathbb{P}pp)}(p_2, p_b) u(p_b, \lambda_b) \end{aligned}$$

where  $\hat{p}_t = p_a - p_1 - p_3$ ,  $s_{ij} = (p_i + p_j)^2$ ,  $t_1 = (p_1 - p_a)^2$ ,  $t_2 = (p_2 - p_b)^2$

Absorptive corrections should be included:

$$\mathcal{M}_{pp \rightarrow pp\phi\phi} = \mathcal{M}_{pp \rightarrow pp\phi\phi}^{Born} + \mathcal{M}_{pp \rightarrow pp\phi\phi}^{pp\text{-rescattering}}$$



# $pp \rightarrow pp\phi\phi$ ( $\phi$ -exchange continuum)

In the high-energy approximation we can write

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}_{\lambda_a \lambda_b \rightarrow \lambda_1 \lambda_2 \phi\phi}^{(\phi\text{-exchange}) \rho_3 \rho_4} &= 2(p_1 + p_a)_{\mu_1} (p_1 + p_a)_{\nu_1} \delta_{\lambda_1 \lambda_a} F_1(t_1) F_M(t_1) \\ &\times \left\{ V^{\rho_3 \rho_1 \mu_1 \nu_1}(s_{13}, t_1, \hat{p}_t, p_3) \Delta_{\rho_1 \rho_2}^{(\phi)}(\hat{p}_t) V^{\rho_4 \rho_2 \mu_2 \nu_2}(s_{24}, t_2, -\hat{p}_t, p_4) \left[ \hat{F}_\phi(\hat{p}_t^2) \right]^2 \right. \\ &\quad \left. + V^{\rho_4 \rho_1 \mu_1 \nu_1}(s_{14}, t_1, -\hat{p}_u, p_4) \Delta_{\rho_1 \rho_2}^{(\phi)}(\hat{p}_u) V^{\rho_3 \rho_2 \mu_2 \nu_2}(s_{23}, t_2, \hat{p}_u, p_3) \left[ \hat{F}_\phi(\hat{p}_u^2) \right]^2 \right\} \\ &\times 2(p_2 + p_b)_{\mu_2} (p_2 + p_b)_{\nu_2} \delta_{\lambda_2 \lambda_b} F_1(t_2) F_M(t_2) \end{aligned}$$

where

$$V_{\mu\nu\kappa\lambda}(s, t, k_2, k_1) = \frac{1}{4s} 3\beta_{\mathbb{P}NN} (-is\alpha'_{\mathbb{P}})^{\alpha_{\mathbb{P}}(t)-1} \left[ 2a_{\mathbb{P}\phi\phi} \Gamma_{\mu\nu\kappa\lambda}^{(0)}(k_1, k_2) - b_{\mathbb{P}\phi\phi} \Gamma_{\mu\nu\kappa\lambda}^{(2)}(k_1, k_2) \right]$$

The amplitude contains a form factor taking into account the off-shell dependences of the intermediate  $\phi$ -mesons

$$\hat{F}_\phi(\hat{p}^2) = \exp\left(\frac{\hat{p}^2 - m_\phi^2}{\Lambda_{off,E}^2}\right)$$

where the cut-off parameter  $\Lambda_{off,E}$  could be adjusted to experimental data.

# $\rho\rho \rightarrow \rho\rho\phi\phi$ ( $\phi$ -exchange continuum)

We should take into account the fact that the exchanged intermediate object is not a simple spin-1 particle ( $\phi$  meson) but may correspond to a Regge exchange, that is, the reggeization of the intermediate  $\phi$  meson is necessary.

$$\Delta_{\rho_1\rho_2}^{(\phi)}(\hat{p}) \rightarrow \Delta_{\rho_1\rho_2}^{(\phi)}(\hat{p}) \left( \exp(i\phi(s_{34})) \frac{s_{34}}{s_{\text{thr}}} \right)^{\alpha_\phi(\hat{p}^2)-1} \quad \text{Eq. (3.21)}$$

in Figure

where  $s_{34} = (p_3 + p_4)^2 = M_{\phi\phi}^2$ ,  $s_{\text{thr}} = 4m_\phi^2$

We assume for the  $\phi$  Regge trajectory (from Collins book)

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_\phi(\hat{p}^2) &= \alpha_\phi(0) + \alpha'_\phi \hat{p}^2 \\ \alpha_\phi(0) &= 0.1, \quad \alpha'_\phi = 0.9 \text{ GeV}^{-2} \end{aligned}$$

In order to have the correct phase behaviour we introduced the function  $\exp(i\phi(s_{34}))$  with

$$\phi(s_{34}) = \frac{\pi}{2} \exp\left(\frac{s_{\text{thr}} - s_{34}}{s_{\text{thr}}}\right) - \frac{\pi}{2}$$

This procedure of reggeization assures agreement with mesonic physics in the  $\phi\phi$  system close to threshold,  $s_{34} = 4m_\phi^2$  (no suppression), and it gives the Regge behaviour at large  $s_{34}$ .

# $\rho\rho \rightarrow \rho\rho\phi\phi$ ( $\phi$ -exchange continuum)

- Regge formalism applies when  $|\hat{p}_t^2|, |\hat{p}_u^2| \ll s_{34}$   
 At the threshold ( $M_{\phi\phi} = 2m_\phi$ ) both  $|\hat{p}_t^2|$  and  $|\hat{p}_u^2|$  are not very small
- Another idea of reggeization:  
 At  $Y_{\text{diff}} = Y_3 - Y_4 = 0$  (i.e. for  $|\hat{p}^2| \sim s_{34}$ ) reproduce meson physics, suggested by **Harland-Lang, Khoze, Ryskin**

We propose a formula for the  $\phi$  propagator which interpolates between the regions of low  $Y_{\text{diff}}$ , where we use the standard  $\phi$  propagator, and of high  $Y_{\text{diff}}$  where we use the reggeized form:

$$\Delta_{\rho_1\rho_2}^{(\phi)}(\hat{p}) \rightarrow \Delta_{\rho_1\rho_2}^{(\phi)}(\hat{p}) F(Y_{\text{diff}}) + \Delta_{\rho_1\rho_2}^{(\phi)}(\hat{p}) [1 - F(Y_{\text{diff}})] \left( \exp(i\phi(s_{34})) \frac{s_{34}}{s_{\text{thr}}} \right)^{\alpha_\phi(\hat{p}^2)-1} \quad \text{Eq. (3.25)}$$

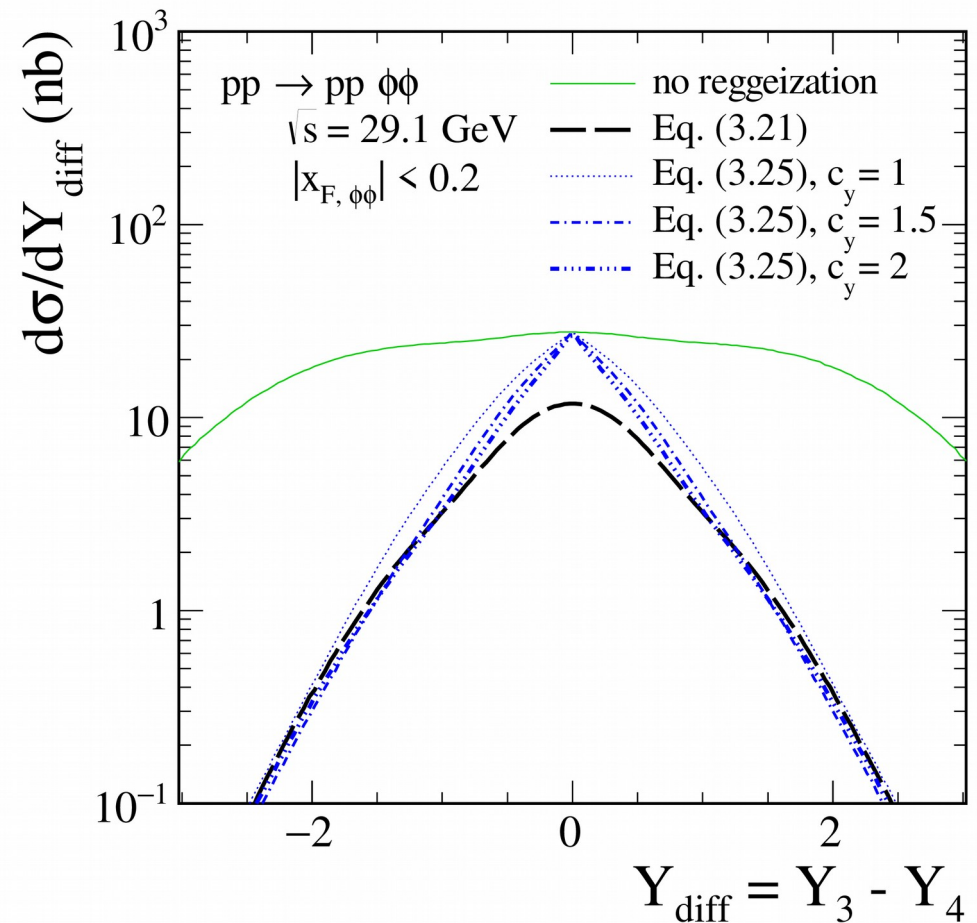
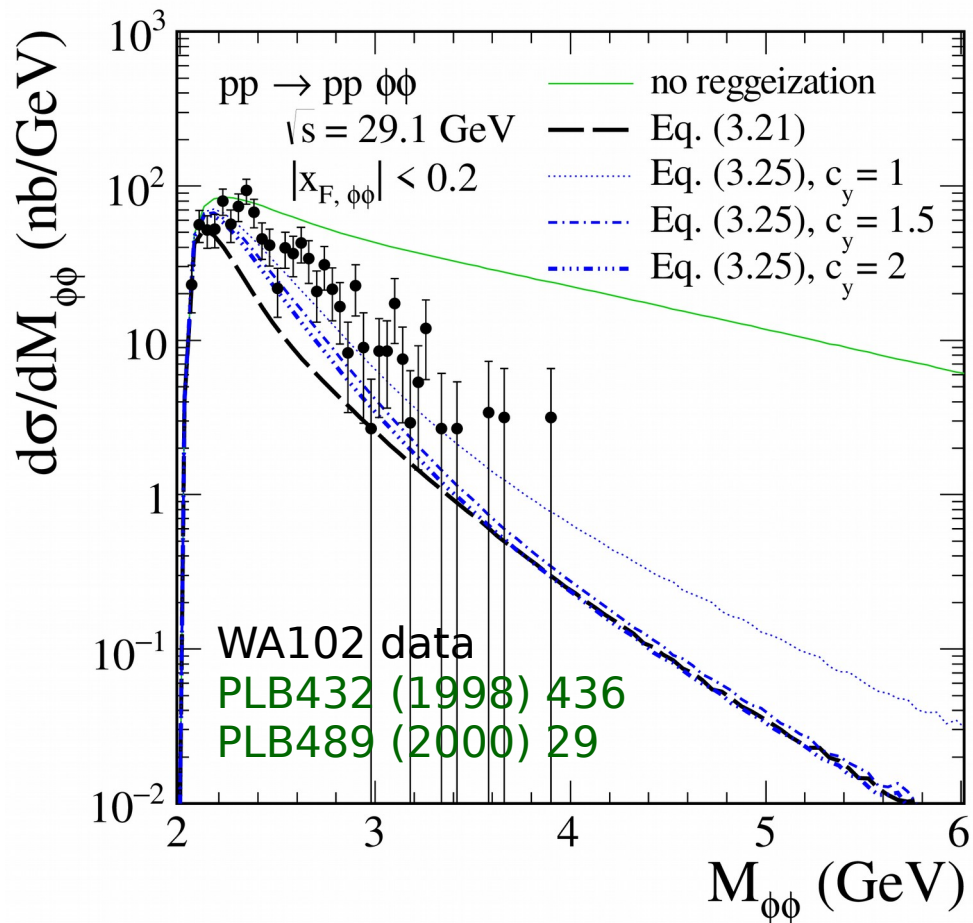
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$$F(Y_{\text{diff}}) = \exp(-c_y |Y_{\text{diff}}|)$$

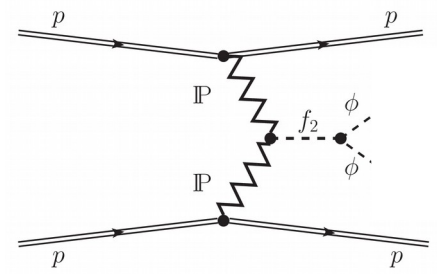
Here  $c_y$  is an unknown parameter which measures how fast one approaches to the Regge regime.

# $pp \rightarrow pp\phi\phi$ ( $\phi$ -exchange continuum)



- The distributions in  $\phi\phi$  invariant mass and in  $Y_{\text{diff}}$ , the rapidity distance between the two  $\phi\phi$  mesons, for the  $\phi$ -exchange continuum contribution
- The green solid line corresponds to the **non-reggeized contribution**. The results for the two prescription of reggeization are shown by the black and blue lines
- The absorption effects calculated at the amplitude level ( $pp$  nonperturbative interactions) are included

Table 1: A list of resonances, up to a mass of 2500 MeV, that decay into a vector meson pair. The meson masses  $m$  and their total widths  $\Gamma$  are taken from PDG. For  $\eta(2100)$  and  $X(2500)$  the information is taken from BESIII experiment (arXiv:1602.01523). In the columns:  $\bullet$  indicates rather established particles, (?) denotes the states that need further experimental confirmation.



Meson	$I^G J^{PC}$	$m$ (MeV)	$\Gamma$ (MeV)	$\phi\phi$	$K^{*0}\bar{K}^{*0}$	$\rho^0\rho^0$	$\omega\omega$
$\bullet f_1(1285)$	$0^+1^{++}$	$1281.9 \pm 0.5$	$22.7 \pm 1.1$			Seen	
$\bullet f_0(1370)$	$0^+0^{++}$	$1200 - 1500$	$200 - 500$			Dominant	Not seen
$\bullet f_0(1500)$	$0^+0^{++}$	$1504 \pm 6$	$109 \pm 7$			Seen	
$f_2(1565)$	$0^+2^{++}$	$1562 \pm 13$	$134 \pm 8$			Seen	Seen
$f_2(1640)$	$0^+2^{++}$	$1639 \pm 6$	$99^{+60}_{-40}$				Seen
$\bullet f_0(1710)$	$0^+0^{++}$	$1723^{+6}_{-5}$	$139 \pm 8$				Seen
$\eta(1760)$	$0^+0^{-+}$	$1751 \pm 15$	$240 \pm 30$			Seen	Seen
$f_2(1910)$	$0^+2^{++}$	$1903 \pm 9$	$196 \pm 31$			Seen	Seen
$\bullet f_2(1950)$	$0^+2^{++}$	$1944 \pm 12$	$472 \pm 18$		Seen		
$\bullet f_2(2010)$	$0^+2^{++}$	$2011^{+60}_{-80}$	$202 \pm 60$	Seen			
$f_0(2020)$	$0^+0^{++}$	$1992 \pm 16$	$442 \pm 60$			Seen	Seen
$f_0(2100)$	$0^+0^{++}$	$2101 \pm 7$	$224^{+23}_{-21}$	Seen (?)			
$\eta(2100)$	$0^+0^{-+}$	$2050^{+30+75}_{-24-26}$	$250^{+36+181}_{-30-164}$	Seen (?)			
$\bullet f_4(2050)$	$0^+4^{++}$	$2018 \pm 11$	$237 \pm 18$				Seen
$f_J(2220)$	$0^+(2^{++} \text{ or } 4^{++})$	$2231.1 \pm 3.5$	$23^{+8}_{-7}$	Not seen			
$\eta(2225)$	$0^+0^{-+}$	$2221^{+13}_{-10}$	$185^{+40}_{-20}$	Seen (?)			
$\bullet f_2(2300)$	$0^+2^{++}$	$2297 \pm 28$	$149 \pm 40$	Seen			
$f_4(2300)$	$0^+4^{++}$	$2320 \pm 60$	$250 \pm 80$			Seen	Seen
$\bullet f_2(2340)$	$0^+2^{++}$	$2345^{+50}_{-40}$	$322^{+70}_{-60}$	Seen			
$X(2500)$	$0^+0^{-+}$	$2470^{+15+101}_{-19-23}$	$230^{+64+56}_{-35-33}$	Seen (?)			

The nature of these resonances is not understood at present and a tensor glueball has still not been clearly identified. According to lattice-QCD simulations, the lightest tensor glueball has a mass between 2.2 and 2.4 GeV.

# $\rho\rho \rightarrow \rho\rho\phi\phi$ via $IP\ IP \rightarrow f_2 \rightarrow \phi\phi$

- Now we consider the amplitude through s-channel  $f_2$  meson exchange
- $f_2(2010)$ ,  $f_2(2300)$  and  $f_2(2340)$  mesons could be considered as potential candidates

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}_{\lambda_a \lambda_b \rightarrow \lambda_1 \lambda_2 \phi\phi}^{(\mathbb{P}\mathbb{P} \rightarrow f_2 \rightarrow \phi\phi) \rho_3 \rho_4} &= (-i) \bar{u}(p_1, \lambda_1) i\Gamma^{(\mathbb{P}\rho\rho)} \mu_1 \nu_1 (p_1, p_a) u(p_a, \lambda_a) i\Delta_{\mu_1 \nu_1, \alpha_1 \beta_1}^{(\mathbb{P})}(s_1, t_1) \\ &\times i\Gamma^{(\mathbb{P}\mathbb{P}f_2) \alpha_1 \beta_1, \alpha_2 \beta_2, \rho\sigma} (q_1, q_2) i\Delta_{\rho\sigma, \alpha\beta}^{(f_2)}(p_{34}) i\Gamma^{(f_2\phi\phi) \alpha\beta\rho_3\rho_4} (p_3, p_4) \\ &\times i\Delta_{\alpha_2 \beta_2, \mu_2 \nu_2}^{(\mathbb{P})}(s_2, t_2) \bar{u}(p_2, \lambda_2) i\Gamma^{(\mathbb{P}\rho\rho)} \mu_2 \nu_2 (p_2, p_b) u(p_b, \lambda_b) \end{aligned}$$

where  $s_1 = (p_1 + p_3 + p_4)^2$ ,  $s_2 = (p_2 + p_3 + p_4)^2$ ,  $q_1 = p_a - p_1$ ,  $q_2 = p_b - p_2$ ,  $t_1 = q_1^2$ ,  $t_2 = q_2^2$ , and  $p_{34} = q_1 + q_2 = p_3 + p_4$ .

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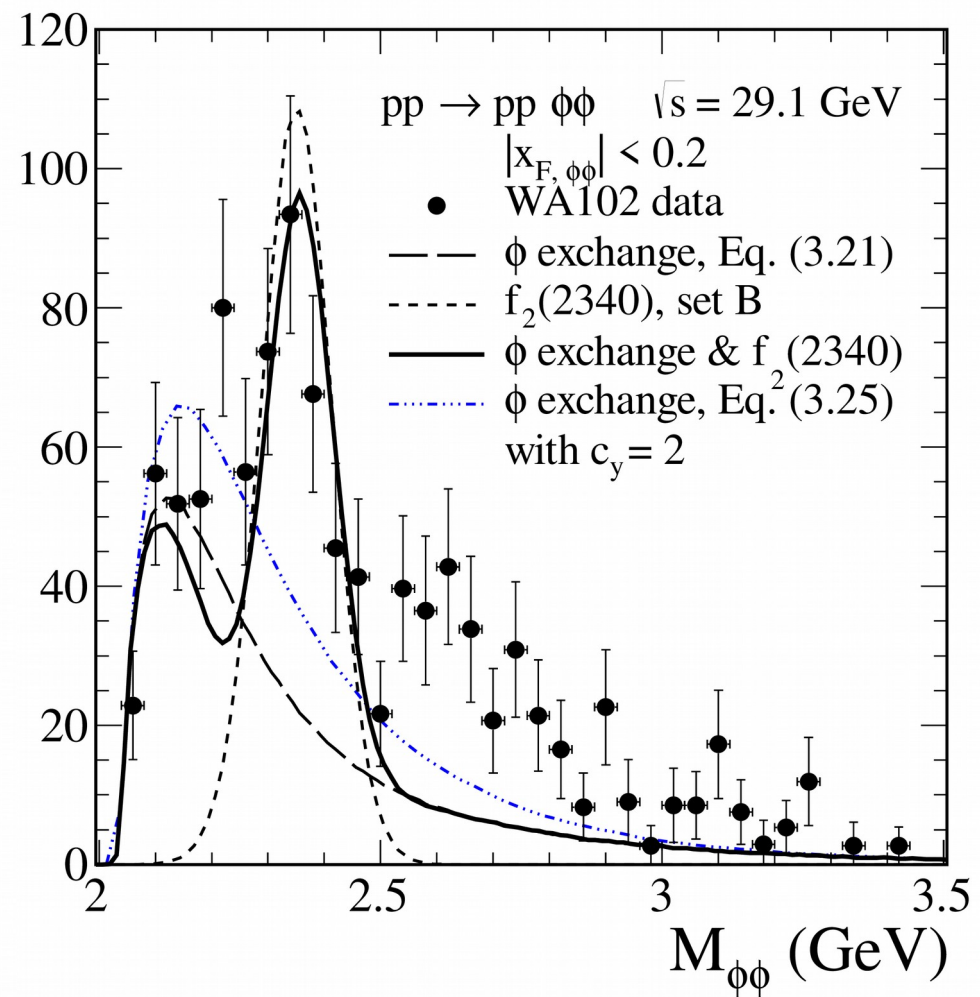
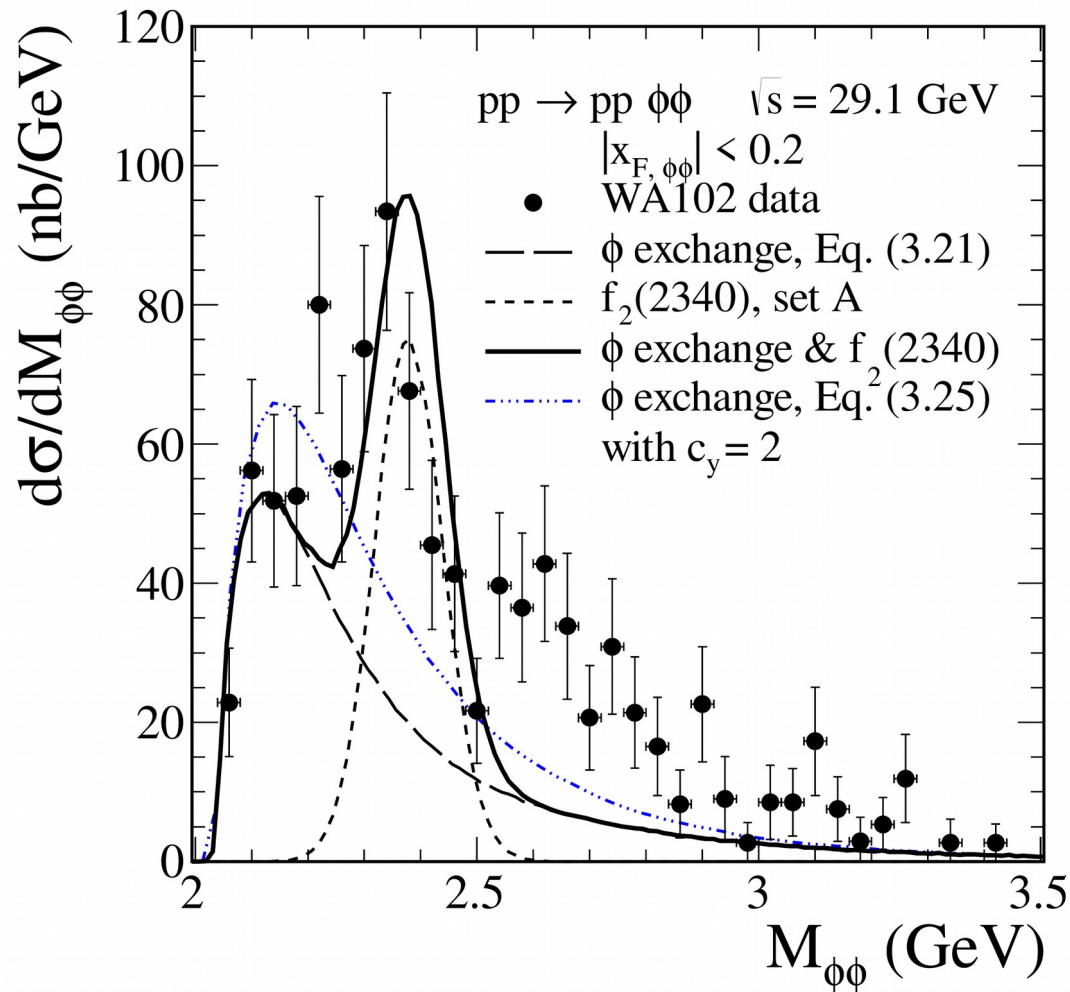
- The  $IP\ IP f_2$  vertex, including a form factor, can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} i\Gamma_{\mu\nu, \kappa\lambda, \rho\sigma}^{(\mathbb{P}\mathbb{P}f_2)}(q_1, q_2) &= \left( i\Gamma_{\mu\nu, \kappa\lambda, \rho\sigma}^{(\mathbb{P}\mathbb{P}f_2)(1)} \Big|_{\text{bare}} + \sum_{j=2}^7 i\Gamma_{\mu\nu, \kappa\lambda, \rho\sigma}^{(\mathbb{P}\mathbb{P}f_2)(j)} \Big|_{\text{bare}} \right) \tilde{F}^{(\mathbb{P}\mathbb{P}f_2)}(q_1^2, q_2^2, p_{34}^2) \\ i\Gamma_{\mu\nu, \kappa\lambda, \rho\sigma}^{(IP\ IP f_2)(1)} &= 2i g_{IP\ IP f_2}^{(1)} M_0 R_{\mu\nu\mu_1\nu_1} R_{\kappa\lambda\alpha_1\lambda_1} R_{\rho\sigma\rho_1\sigma_1} g^{\nu_1\alpha_1} g^{\lambda_1\rho_1} g^{\sigma_1\mu_1} \\ &\quad R_{\mu\nu\kappa\lambda} = \frac{1}{2}g_{\mu\kappa}g_{\nu\lambda} + \frac{1}{2}g_{\mu\lambda}g_{\nu\kappa} - \frac{1}{4}g_{\mu\nu}g_{\kappa\lambda} \end{aligned}$$

- For the  $f_2\phi\phi$  vertex we take (in analogy to  $f_2\gamma\gamma$  vertex)

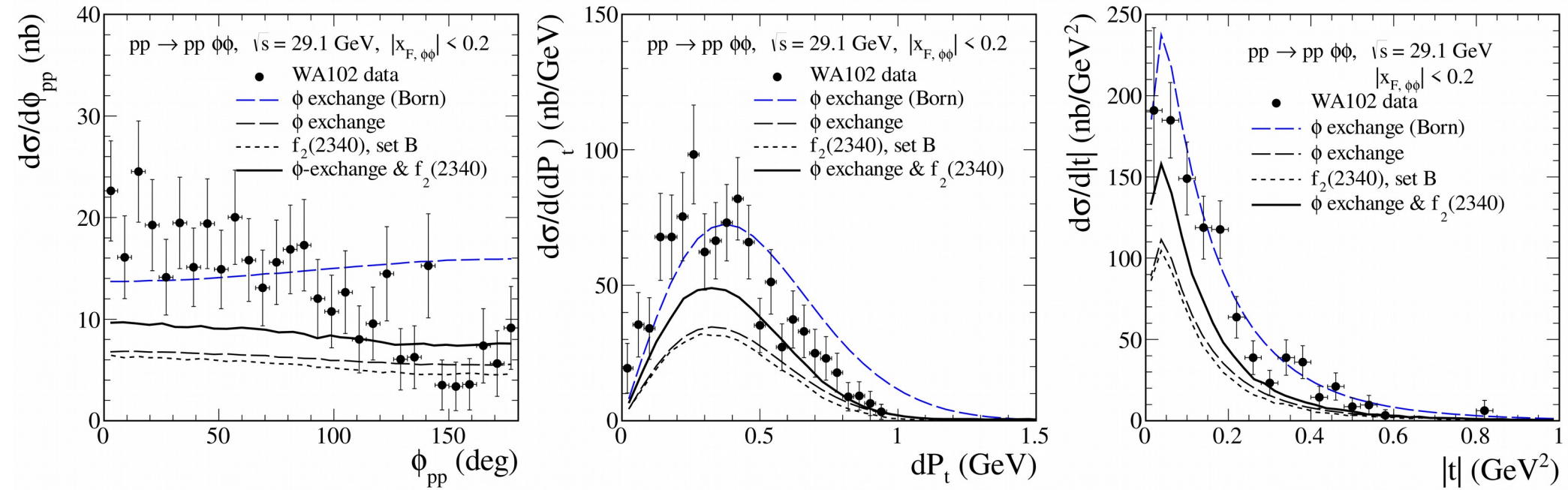
$$\begin{aligned} i\Gamma_{\mu\nu\kappa\lambda}^{(f_2\phi\phi)}(p_3, p_4) &= i \frac{2}{M_0^3} g'_{f_2\phi\phi} \Gamma_{\mu\nu\kappa\lambda}^{(0)}(p_3, p_4) F'^{(f_2\phi\phi)}(p_{34}^2) \\ &\quad - i \frac{1}{M_0} g''_{f_2\phi\phi} \Gamma_{\mu\nu\kappa\lambda}^{(2)}(p_3, p_4) F''^{(f_2\phi\phi)}(p_{34}^2) \end{aligned}$$

# $pp \rightarrow pp\phi\phi$



- We show results for two sets of parameters:  
 set A (left panel)  $g_{\mathbb{P}\mathbb{P}f_2}^{(1)} g'_{f_2\phi\phi} \neq 0$  and set B (right panel)  $g_{\mathbb{P}\mathbb{P}f_2}^{(1)} g''_{f_2\phi\phi} \neq 0$
- The interference of the continuum and resonance contributions depends on subtle details (choice of the couplings for resonant term, reggeization)

# $pp \rightarrow pp\phi\phi$

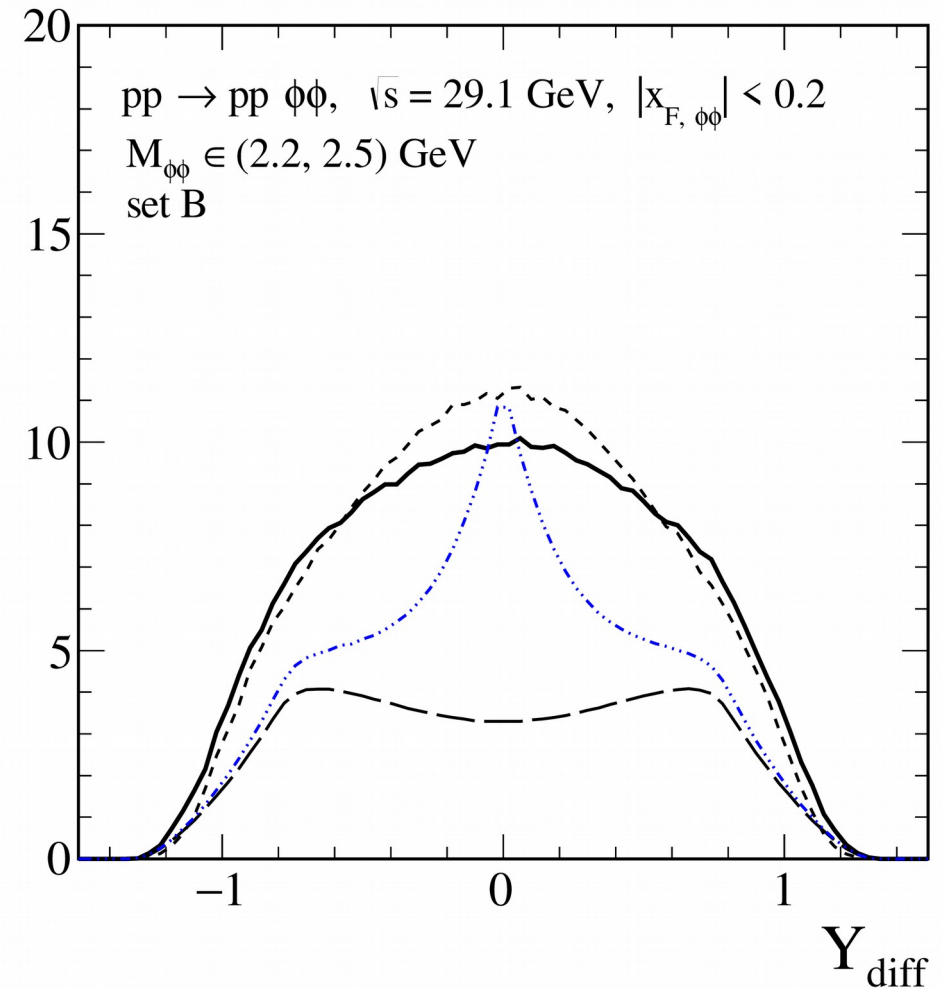
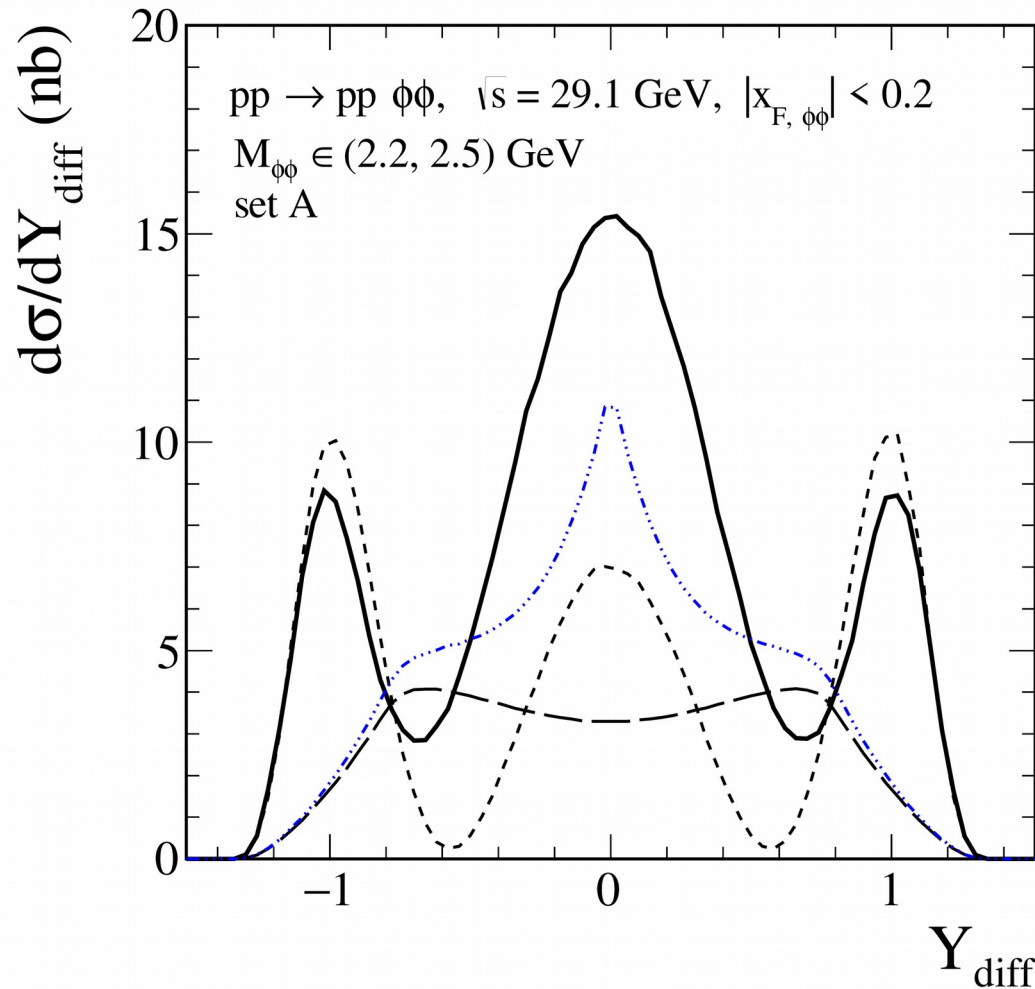


Here  $dP_t$  is the “glueball-filter variable”  $d\mathbf{P}_t = \mathbf{q}_{t,1} - \mathbf{q}_{t,2} = \mathbf{p}_{t,2} - \mathbf{p}_{t,1}$ ,  $dP_t = |d\mathbf{P}_t|$  and  $\phi_{pp}$  is the azimuthal angle between the transverse momentum vectors  $\mathbf{p}_{t,1}$ ,  $\mathbf{p}_{t,2}$  of the outgoing protons.

- Quite a different pattern can be seen for the Born case and for the case with absorption. The ratio of full and Born cross sections is  $\langle S^2 \rangle \sim 0.4$  (WA102 kinematics).
- Glueball candidates should be prominent for  $dP_t \rightarrow 0$ .

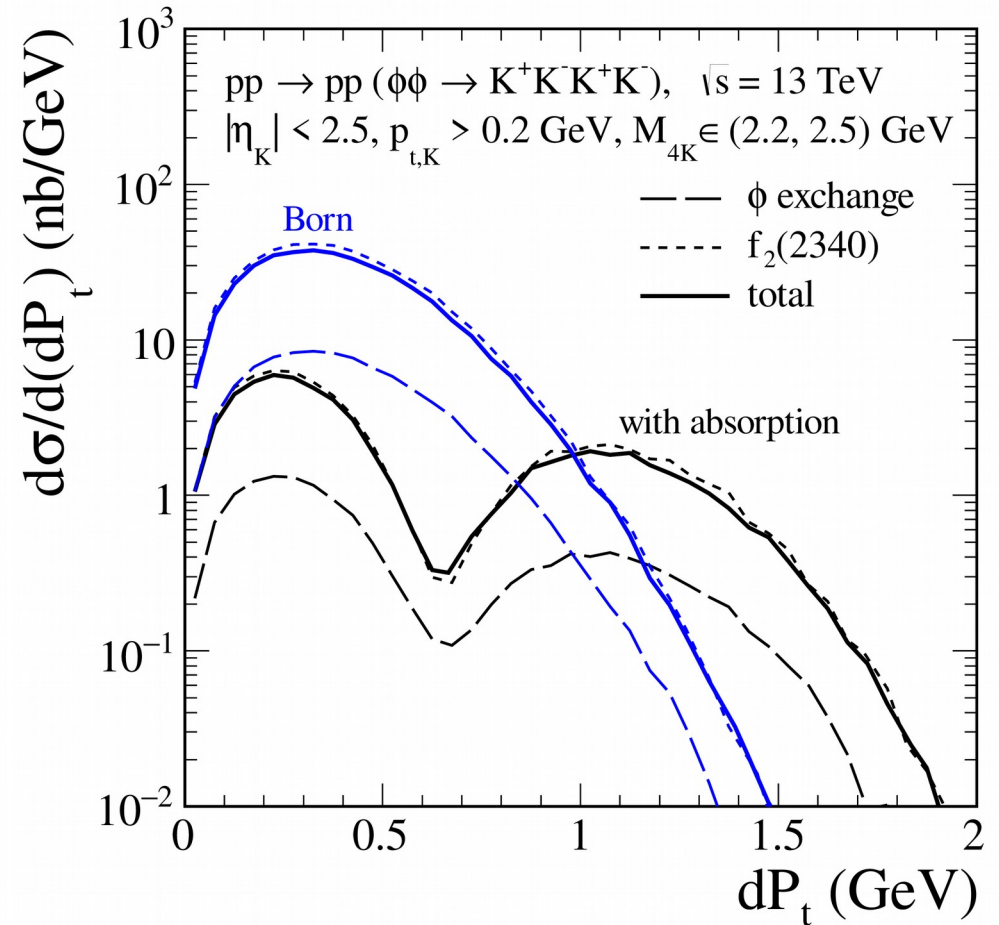
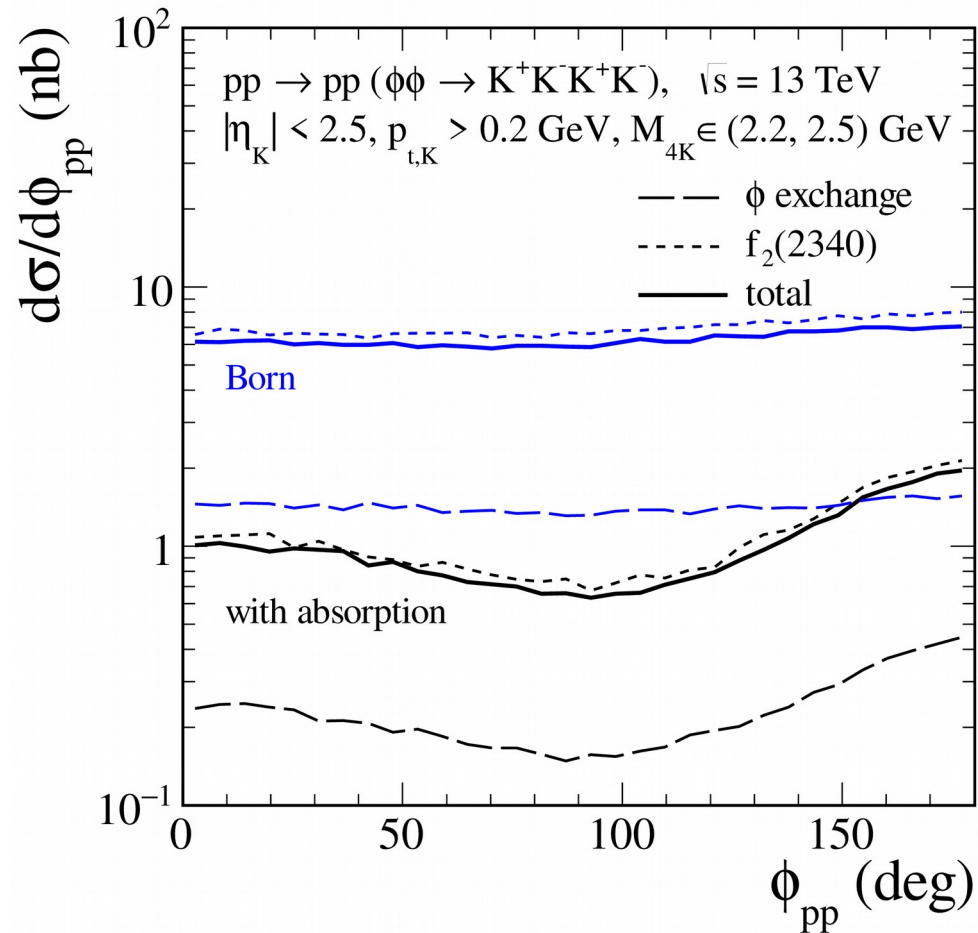


# $pp \rightarrow pp\phi\phi$



- We have checked that the shapes of  $Y_{\text{diff}}$  distributions do not depend significantly on the choice of the IP IP  $f_2$  vertex coupling
- The distribution in  $Y_{\text{diff}}$  can be used to determine the  $f_2(2340) \rightarrow \phi\phi$  coupling  
→ using results expected from LHC measurements, in particular, if they cover a wider range of rapidities

# $pp \rightarrow pp (\phi\phi \rightarrow K^+K^-K^+K^-)$



The ratio of full and Born cross sections is  $S_g \sim 0.2$  (LHC kinematics).

Absorption effect leads to significant modification of these distributions.

# $pp \rightarrow pp (\phi\phi \rightarrow K^+K^-K^+K^-)$

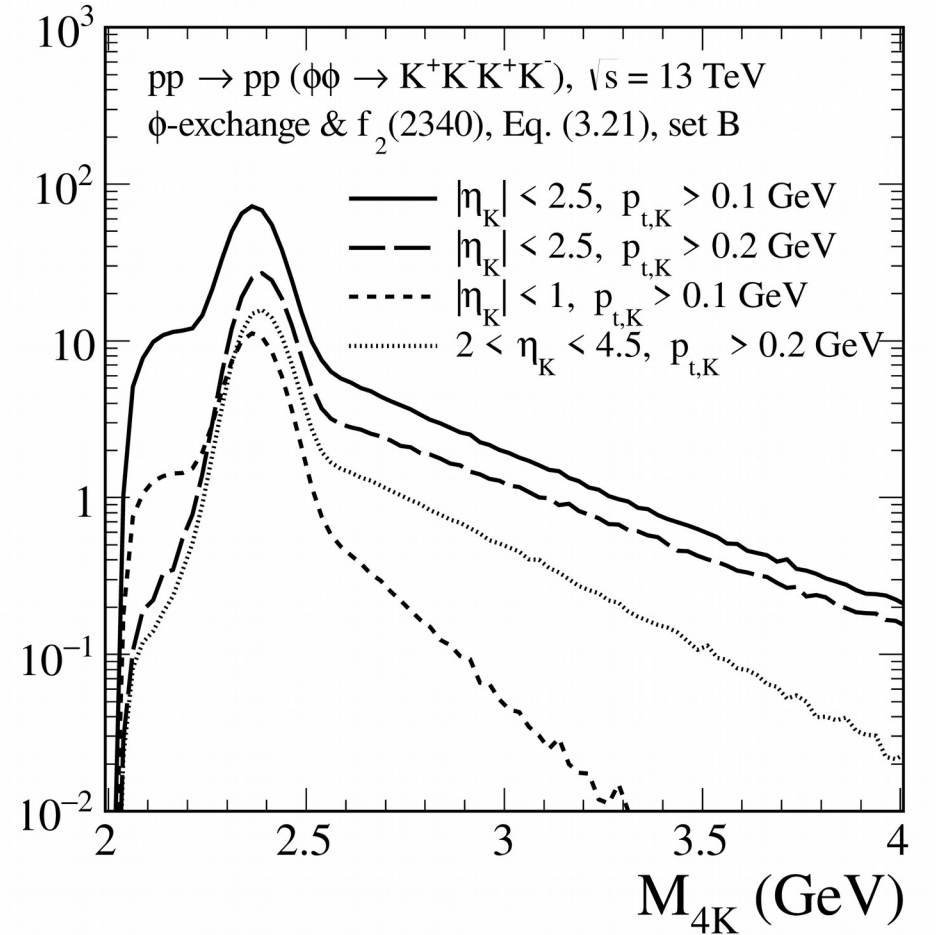
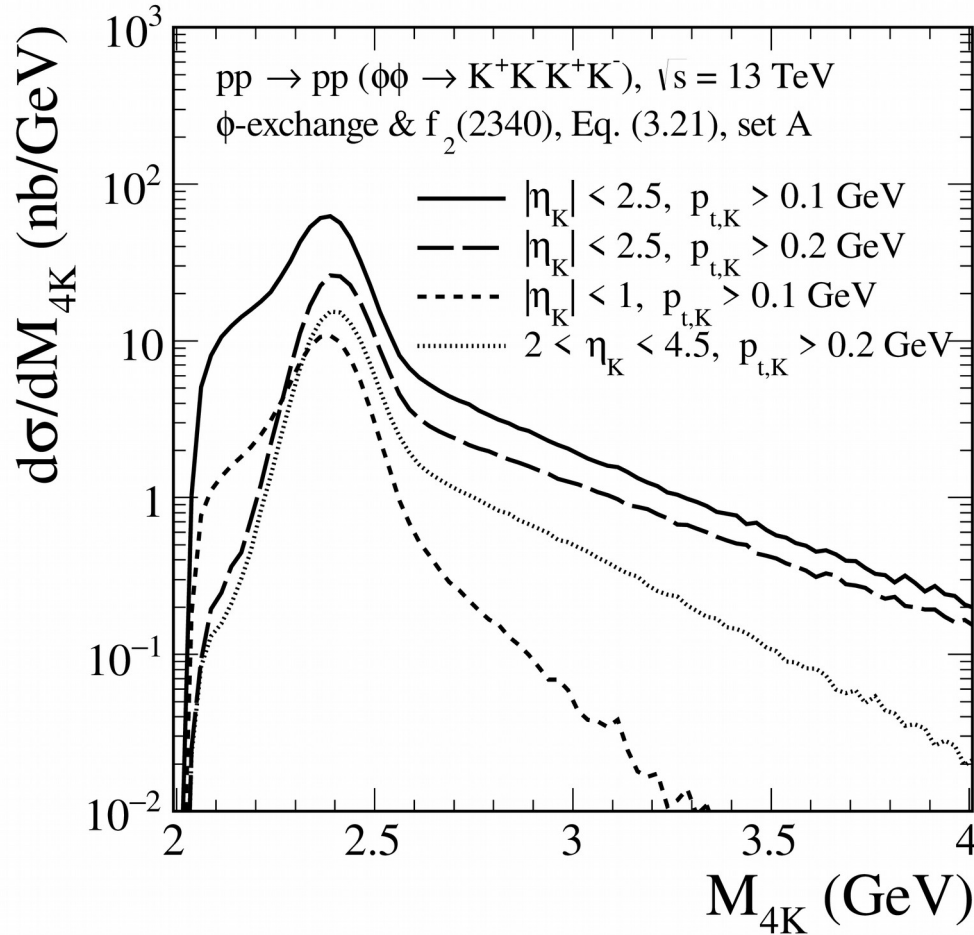


Table 1: The integrated **cross sections** in nb for the  $pp \rightarrow pp(4K)$  reaction. The absorption effects are included here.

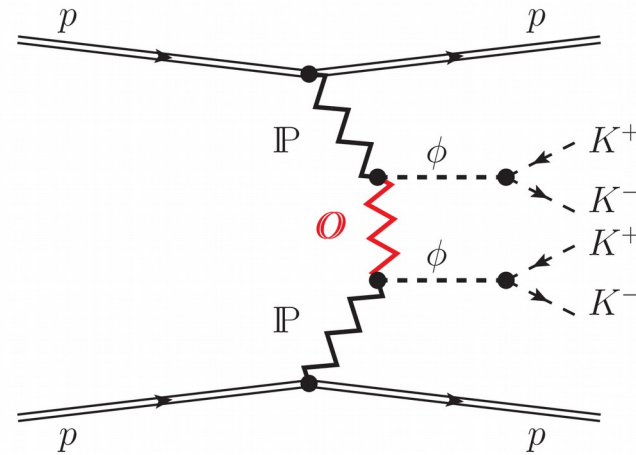
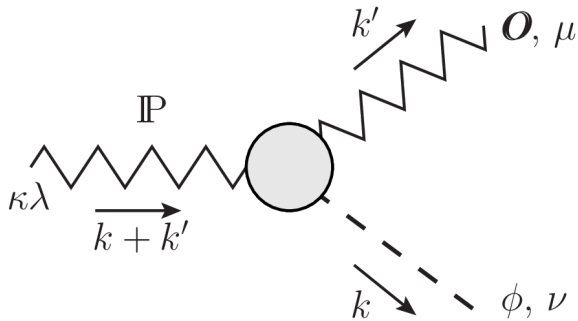
$\sqrt{s}$ , TeV	Cuts	Total	$\phi$ exchange	$f_2(2340)$ (set B)
13	$ \eta_K  < 1, p_{t,K} > 0.1$ GeV	2.11	0.83	2.00
13	$ \eta_K  < 2.5, p_{t,K} > 0.1$ GeV	16.16	8.30	12.80
13	$ \eta_K  < 2.5, p_{t,K} > 0.2$ GeV	5.75	2.67	4.47
13	$2 < \eta_K < 4.5, p_{t,K} > 0.2$ GeV	3.06	1.26	2.62

# Continuum with Odderon exchange

- The amplitude as for  $\phi$ -exchange contribution, but we have to make:

$$i\Delta_{\mu\nu}^{(\phi)}(\hat{p}) \rightarrow i\Delta_{\mu\nu}^{(\mathbb{O})}(s_{34}, \hat{p}^2)$$

$$i\Gamma_{\mu\nu\kappa\lambda}^{(\mathbb{P}\phi\phi)}(k', k) \rightarrow i\Gamma_{\mu\nu\kappa\lambda}^{(\mathbb{P}\mathbb{O}\phi)}(k', k)$$



- For the  $\mathbb{P}\mathbb{O}\phi$  vertex we use an ansatz analogous to  $\mathbb{P}\phi\phi$  vertex:

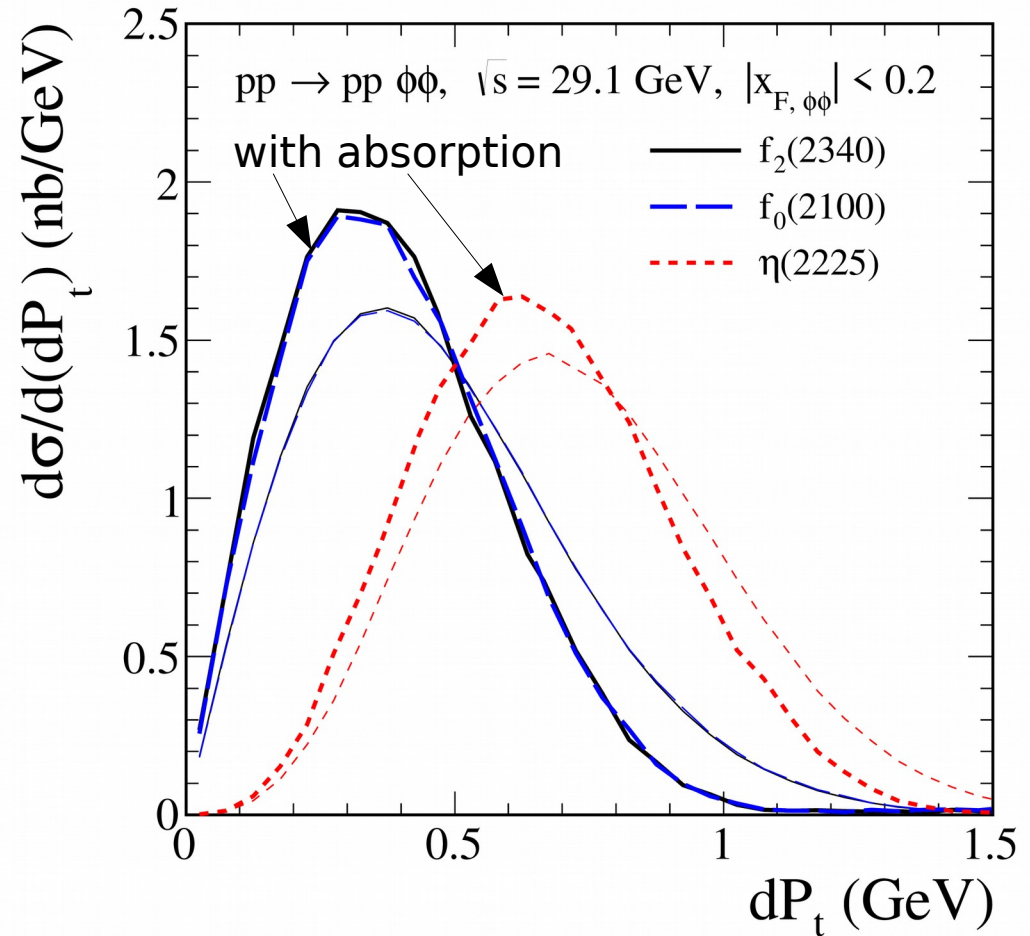
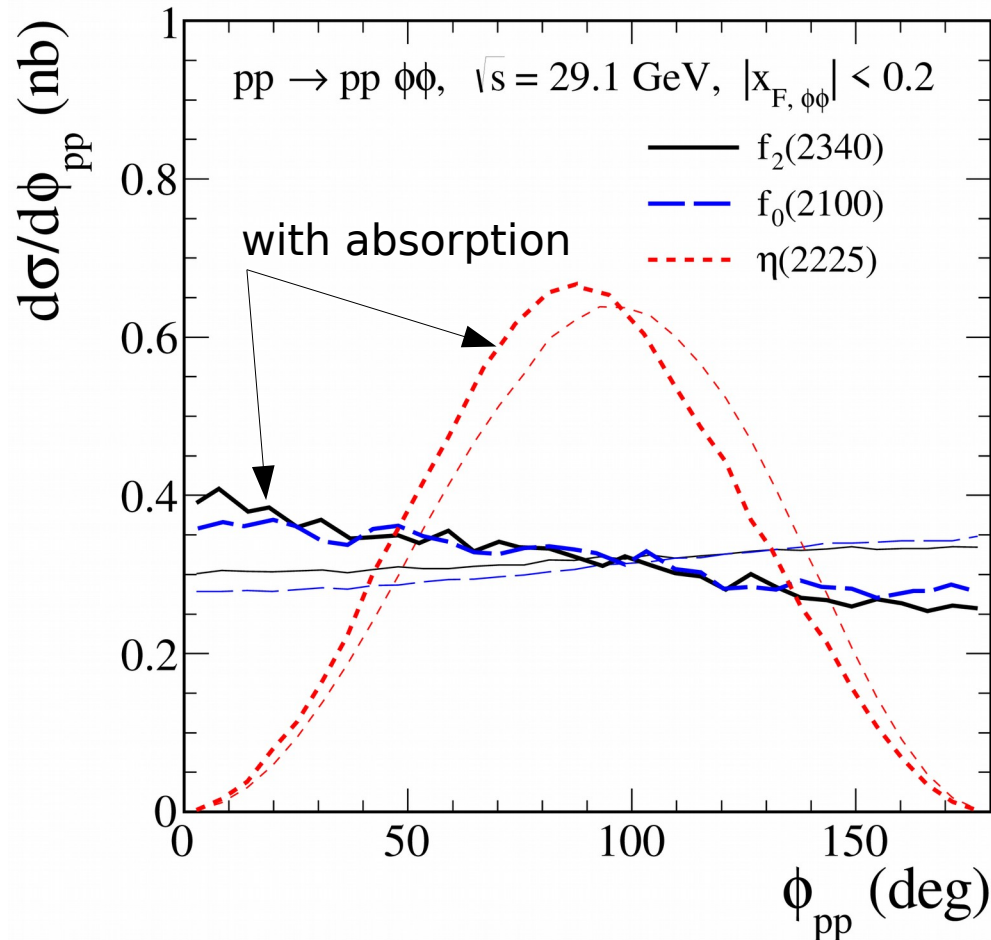
$$i\Gamma_{\mu\nu\kappa\lambda}^{(\mathbb{P}\mathbb{O}\phi)}(k', k) = iF^{(\mathbb{P}\mathbb{O}\phi)}((k+k')^2, k'^2, k^2) \left[ 2a_{\mathbb{P}\mathbb{O}\phi} \Gamma_{\mu\nu\kappa\lambda}^{(0)}(k', k) - b_{\mathbb{P}\mathbb{O}\phi} \Gamma_{\mu\nu\kappa\lambda}^{(2)}(k', k) \right]$$

In practical calculations we take the factorized form for the  $\mathbb{P}\mathbb{O}\phi$  form factor

$$F^{(\mathbb{P}\mathbb{O}\phi)}((k+k')^2, k'^2, k^2) = F((k+k')^2) F(k'^2) F^{(\mathbb{P}\mathbb{O}\phi)}(k^2),$$

$$F(k^2) = \frac{1}{1 - k^2/\Lambda_{\text{odd}}^2}, \quad F^{(\mathbb{P}\mathbb{O}\phi)}(0, 0, m_\phi^2) = 1$$

# $pp \rightarrow pp \phi\phi$



The distribution in  $dP_t$  and in  $\phi_{pp}$  for the central exclusive  $\phi\phi$  production at  $\sqrt{s} = 29.1$  GeV and  $|x_{F,\phi\phi}| \leq 0.2$ . The results for scalar, pseudoscalar and tensor resonances without (the thin lines) and with (the thick lines) absorptive corrections are shown. Because here we are interested only in the shape of the distributions we normalised the differential distributions arbitrarily to 1 nb for both cases, with and without absorption corrections.

# IP IP M couplings

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$l$  – orbital angular momentum

$S$  – total spin, we have  $S \in \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$

$J$  – total angular momentum (spin of the produced meson)

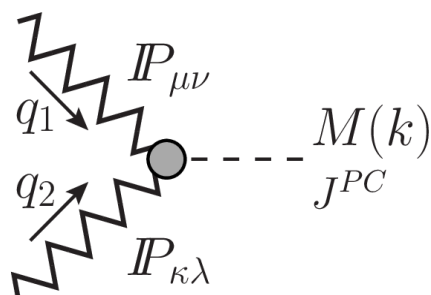
$P$  – parity of meson

and Bose symmetry requires  $l - S$  to be even

In table we list the values of  $J$  and  $P$  of mesons which can be produced in annihilation of two “real tensor pomerons”.

For each value of  $l$ ,  $S$ ,  $J$ , and  $P$  we can construct a covariant Lagrangian density coupling  $L'$  the field operator for the meson  $M$  to the pomeron fields and then we can obtain the “bare” vertices corresponding to the  $l$  and  $S$ .

The lowest  $(l,S)$  term for a scalar meson  $J^{PC} = 0^{++}$  is  $(0,0)$  while for a tensor meson  $J^{PC} = 2^{++}$  is  $(0,2)$ .

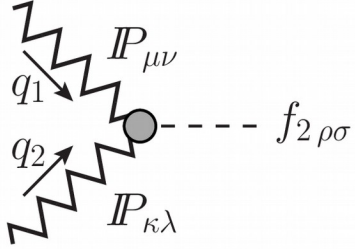


There,  $l$  is related to the number of derivatives in  $L'$  thus giving an indication of the angular momentum barrier in the production of  $M$ .

$l$	$S$	$ l - S  \leq J \leq l + S$	$P = (-1)^l$
0	0	0	+
	2	2	
	4	4	
1	1	0, 1, 2	-
	3	2, 3, 4	
2	0	2	+
	2	0, 1, 2, 3, 4	
	4	2, 3, 4, 5, 6	
3	1	2, 3, 4	-
	3	0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	
4	0	4	+
	2	2, 3, 4, 5, 6	
	4	0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	
5	1	4, 5, 6	-
	3	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	
6	0	6	+
	2	4, 5, 6, 7, 8	
	4	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10	

# $IP-IP-f_2$ couplings

In order to write the corresponding formulae of vertices in a compact and convenient form we find it useful to define the tensor  $R_{\mu\nu\kappa\lambda} = \frac{1}{2}g_{\mu\kappa}g_{\nu\lambda} + \frac{1}{2}g_{\mu\lambda}g_{\nu\kappa} - \frac{1}{4}g_{\mu\nu}g_{\kappa\lambda}$



$$i\Gamma_{\mu\nu,\kappa\lambda,\rho\sigma}^{(IPf_2)(1)} = 2i g_{IPf_2}^{(1)} M_0 R_{\mu\nu\mu_1\nu_1} R_{\kappa\lambda\alpha_1\lambda_1} R_{\rho\sigma\rho_1\sigma_1} g^{\nu_1\alpha_1} g^{\lambda_1\rho_1} g^{\sigma_1\mu_1}$$

$$i\Gamma_{\mu\nu,\kappa\lambda,\rho\sigma}^{(IPf_2)(2)}(q_1, q_2) = -\frac{2i}{M_0} g_{IPf_2}^{(2)} \left( (q_1 \cdot q_2) R_{\mu\nu\rho_1\alpha} R_{\kappa\lambda\sigma_1}{}^\alpha - q_{1\rho_1} q_2^{\mu_1} R_{\mu\nu\mu_1\alpha} R_{\kappa\lambda\sigma_1}{}^\alpha \right. \\ \left. - q_1^{\mu_1} q_{2\sigma_1} R_{\mu\nu\rho_1\alpha} R_{\kappa\lambda\mu_1}{}^\alpha + q_{1\rho_1} q_{2\sigma_1} R_{\mu\nu\kappa\lambda} \right) R_{\rho\sigma}{}^{\rho_1\sigma_1}$$

$$i\Gamma_{\mu\nu,\kappa\lambda,\rho\sigma}^{(IPf_2)(3)}(q_1, q_2) = -\frac{2i}{M_0} g_{IPf_2}^{(3)} \left( (q_1 \cdot q_2) R_{\mu\nu\rho_1\alpha} R_{\kappa\lambda\sigma_1}{}^\alpha + q_{1\rho_1} q_2^{\mu_1} R_{\mu\nu\mu_1\alpha} R_{\kappa\lambda\sigma_1}{}^\alpha \right. \\ \left. + q_1^{\mu_1} q_{2\sigma_1} R_{\mu\nu\rho_1\alpha} R_{\kappa\lambda\mu_1}{}^\alpha + q_{1\rho_1} q_{2\sigma_1} R_{\mu\nu\kappa\lambda} \right) R_{\rho\sigma}{}^{\rho_1\sigma_1}$$

$$i\Gamma_{\mu\nu,\kappa\lambda,\rho\sigma}^{(IPf_2)(4)}(q_1, q_2) = -\frac{i}{M_0} g_{IPf_2}^{(4)} \left( q_1^{\alpha_1} q_2^{\mu_1} R_{\mu\nu\mu_1\nu_1} R_{\kappa\lambda\alpha_1\lambda_1} + q_2^{\alpha_1} q_1^{\mu_1} R_{\mu\nu\alpha_1\lambda_1} R_{\kappa\lambda\mu_1\nu_1} \right) R^{\nu_1\lambda_1}{}_{\rho\sigma}$$

$$i\Gamma_{\mu\nu,\kappa\lambda,\rho\sigma}^{(IPf_2)(5)}(q_1, q_2) = -\frac{2i}{M_0^3} g_{IPf_2}^{(5)} \left( q_1^{\mu_1} q_2^{\nu_1} R_{\mu\nu\nu_1\alpha} R_{\kappa\lambda\mu_1}{}^\alpha + q_1^{\nu_1} q_2^{\mu_1} R_{\mu\nu\mu_1\alpha} R_{\kappa\lambda\nu_1}{}^\alpha \right. \\ \left. - 2(q_1 \cdot q_2) R_{\mu\nu\kappa\lambda} \right) q_{1\alpha_1} q_{2\lambda_1} R^{\alpha_1\lambda_1}{}_{\rho\sigma}$$

$$i\Gamma_{\mu\nu,\kappa\lambda,\rho\sigma}^{(IPf_2)(6)}(q_1, q_2) = \frac{i}{M_0^3} g_{IPf_2}^{(6)} \left( q_1^{\alpha_1} q_1^{\lambda_1} q_2^{\mu_1} q_{2\rho_1} R_{\mu\nu\mu_1\nu_1} R_{\kappa\lambda\alpha_1\lambda_1} \right. \\ \left. + q_2^{\alpha_1} q_2^{\lambda_1} q_1^{\mu_1} q_{1\rho_1} R_{\mu\nu\alpha_1\lambda_1} R_{\kappa\lambda\mu_1\nu_1} \right) R^{\nu_1\rho_1}{}_{\rho\sigma}$$

$$i\Gamma_{\mu\nu,\kappa\lambda,\rho\sigma}^{(IPf_2)(7)}(q_1, q_2) = -\frac{2i}{M_0^5} g_{IPf_2}^{(7)} q_1^{\rho_1} q_1^{\alpha_1} q_1^{\lambda_1} q_2^{\sigma_1} q_2^{\mu_1} q_2^{\nu_1} R_{\mu\nu\mu_1\nu_1} R_{\kappa\lambda\alpha_1\lambda_1} R_{\rho\sigma\rho_1\sigma_1}$$

We can associate the couplings  $j = 1, \dots, 7$  with  $(l,S)$  values:  
 $(0,2), (2,0) - (2,2), (2,0) + (2,2), (2,4), (4,2), (4,4), (6,4)$ , respectively.

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