

Hard diffraction at HERA, Tevatron and LHC

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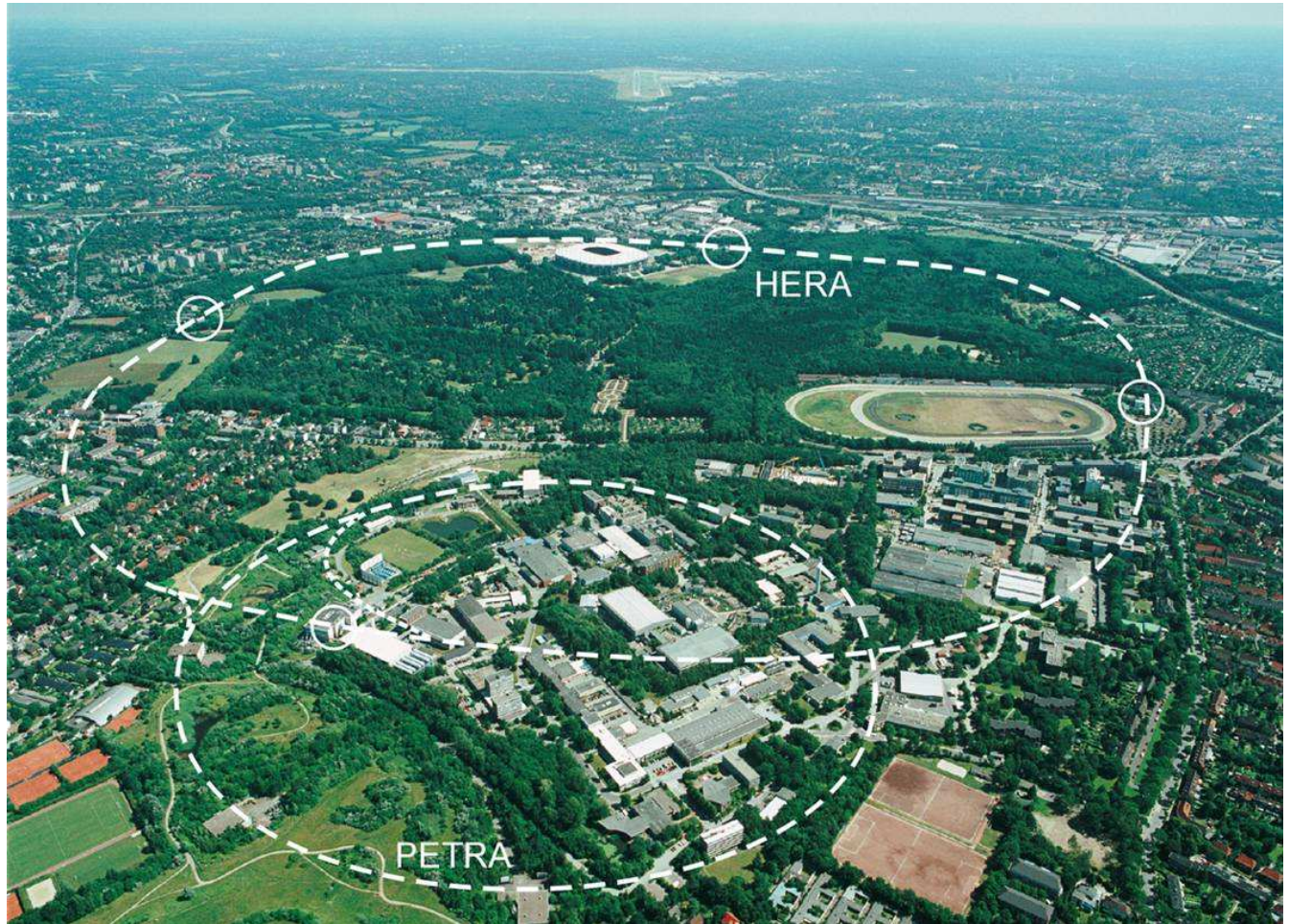
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The HERA accelerator

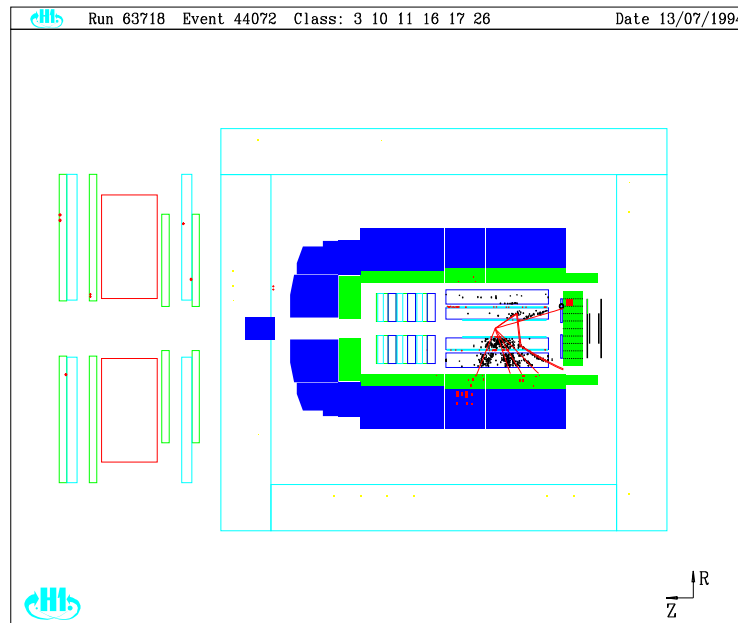
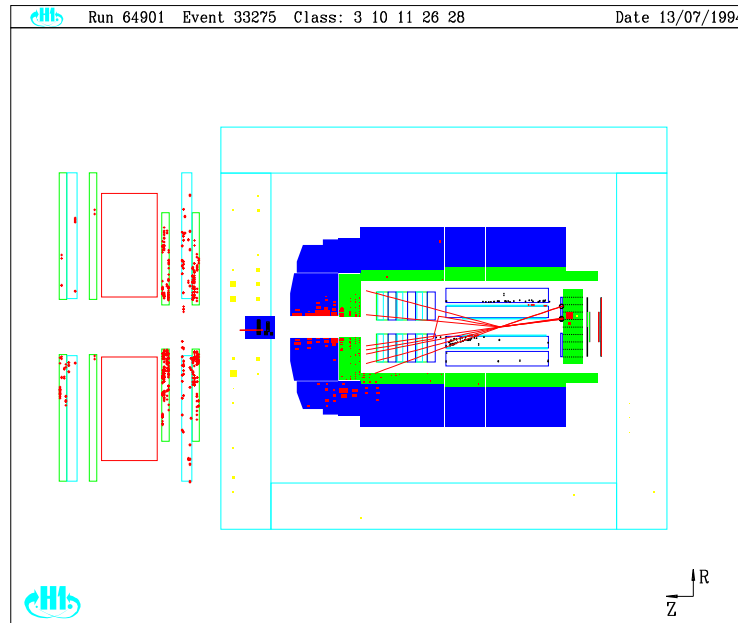
- HERA accelerator: ep , $E_e = 27.5$ GeV, $E_p = 920$ GeV
- Standard event: QCD event $ep \rightarrow eX$



Diffraction at HERA

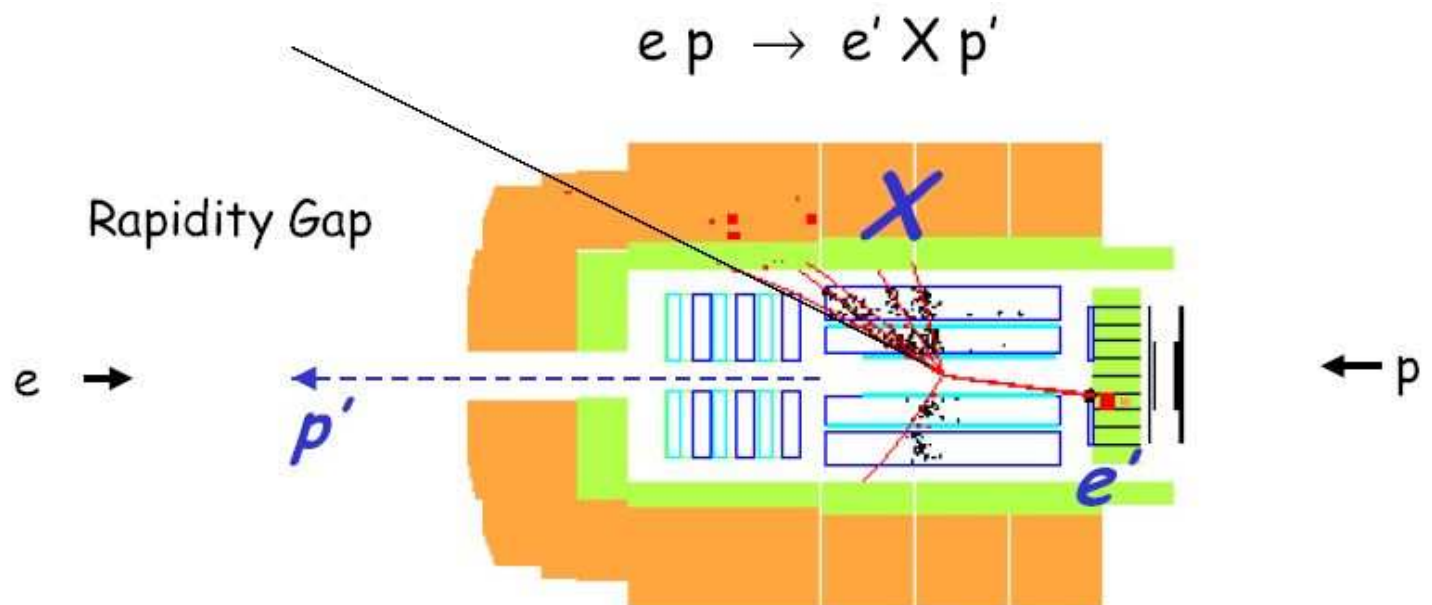
- Typical DIS event: part of proton remnants seen in detectors in forward region (calorimeter, forward muon...)
- HERA observation: in some events, no energy in forward region, or in other words no colour exchange between proton and jets produced in the hard interaction
- Leads to the first experimental definition of diffractive event: rapidity gap in calorimeter

DIS and Diffractive event at HERA



How to see diffractive events at HERA (I)?

- Require a rapidity gap ($\eta = \log(\tan\theta/2)$) where θ is the polar angle) in the proton direction
- Method used by H1 (and ZEUS) collaboration:
 $3.3 < \eta < 7.5$
- Does not insure that the proton is intact after interaction (proton dissociation), but represents a limit on mass of the produced object: $M_Y < 1.6\text{GeV}$
- **Advantage:** large acceptance in the diffractive kinematical plane

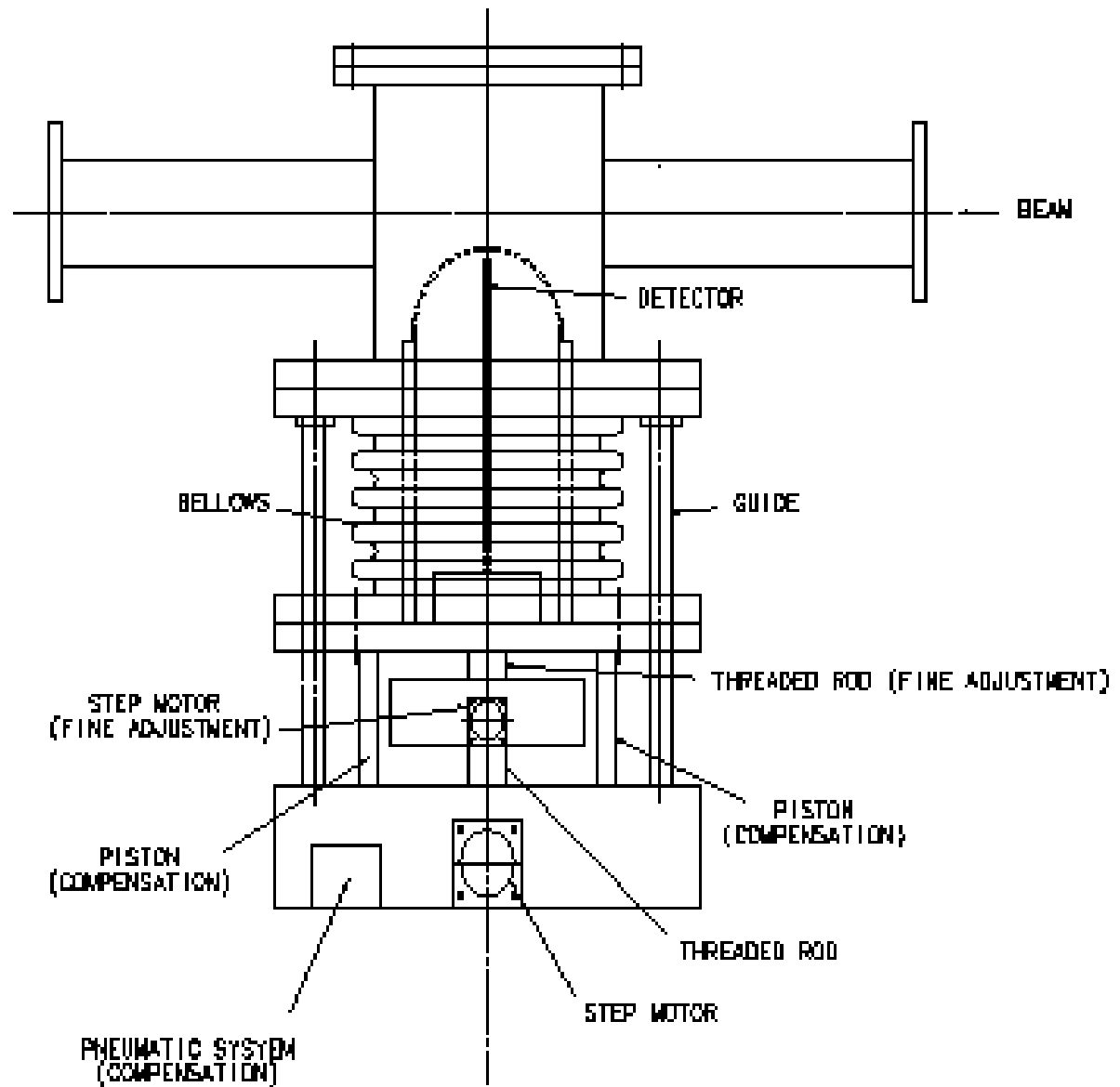


How to see diffractive events at HERA (II)?

- **Second natural idea:** tag scattered proton in the final state
- The proton loses a small fraction of its energy and is thus scattered at very small angle with respect to the beam direction
- **Detection of these scattered protons:** dedicated detectors called roman pots which can go close to the beam (when beam is stable) and located far away from the interaction point
- **Inconvenient:** limited acceptance in diffractive kinematical variables

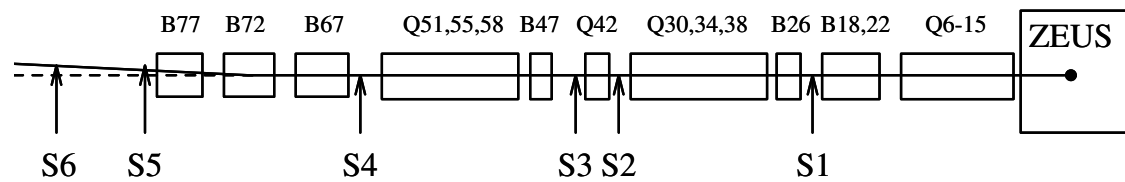
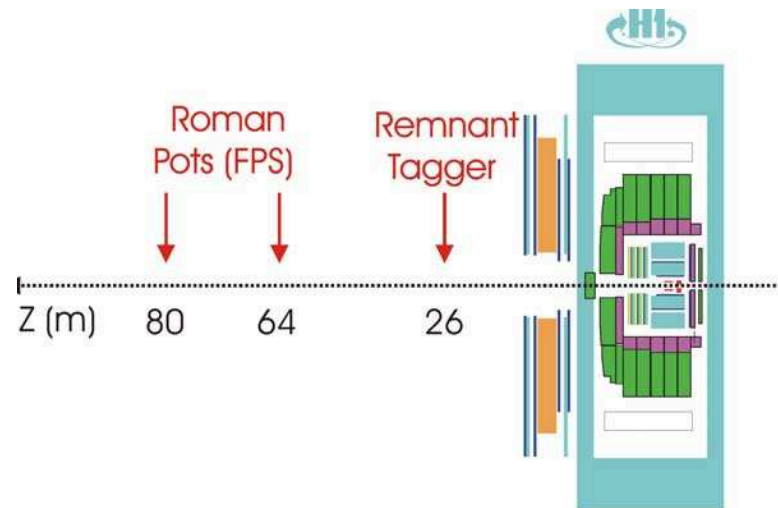
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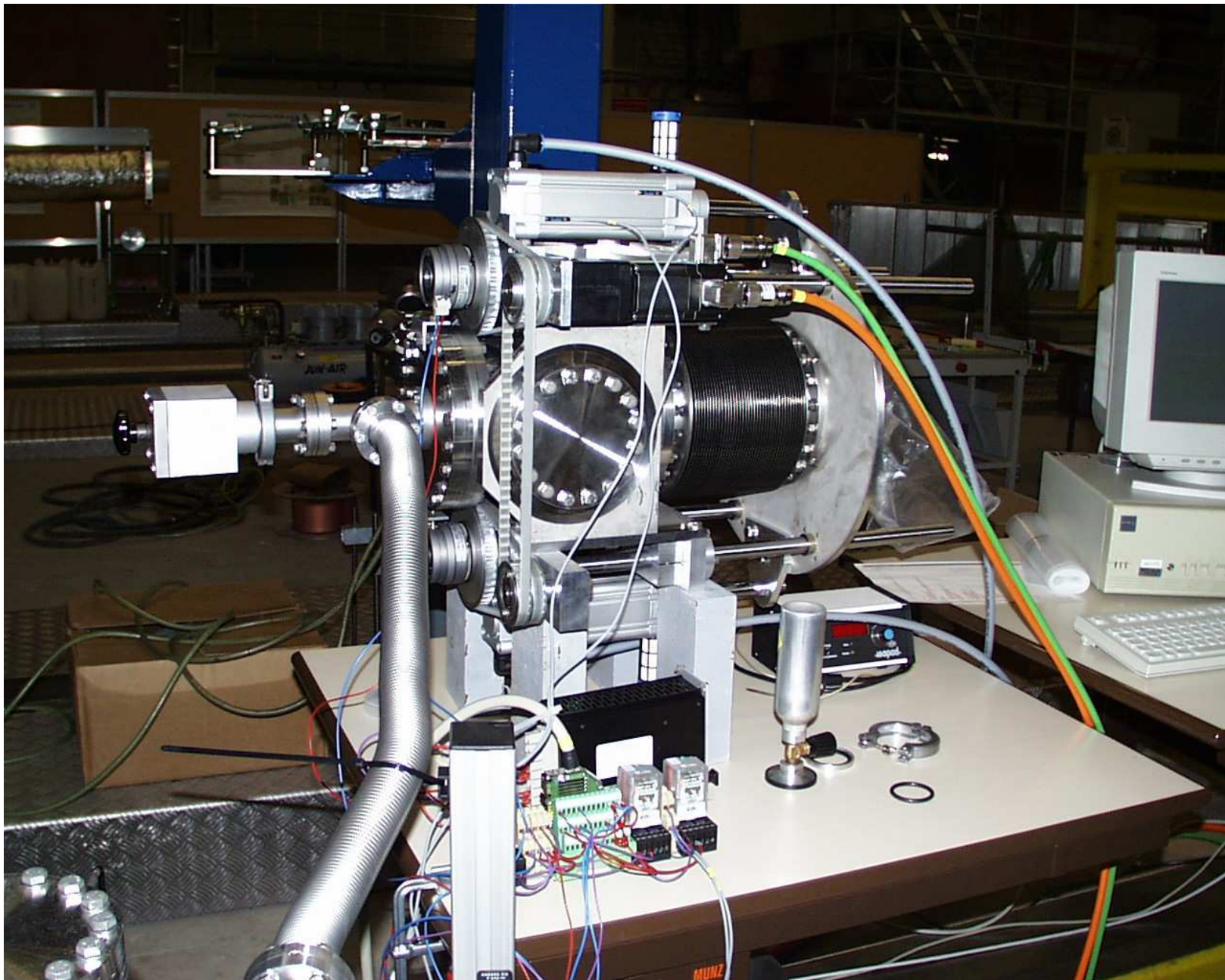
Scheme of roman pot detectors from H1 and ZEUS (H1: VFPS at about 200m)



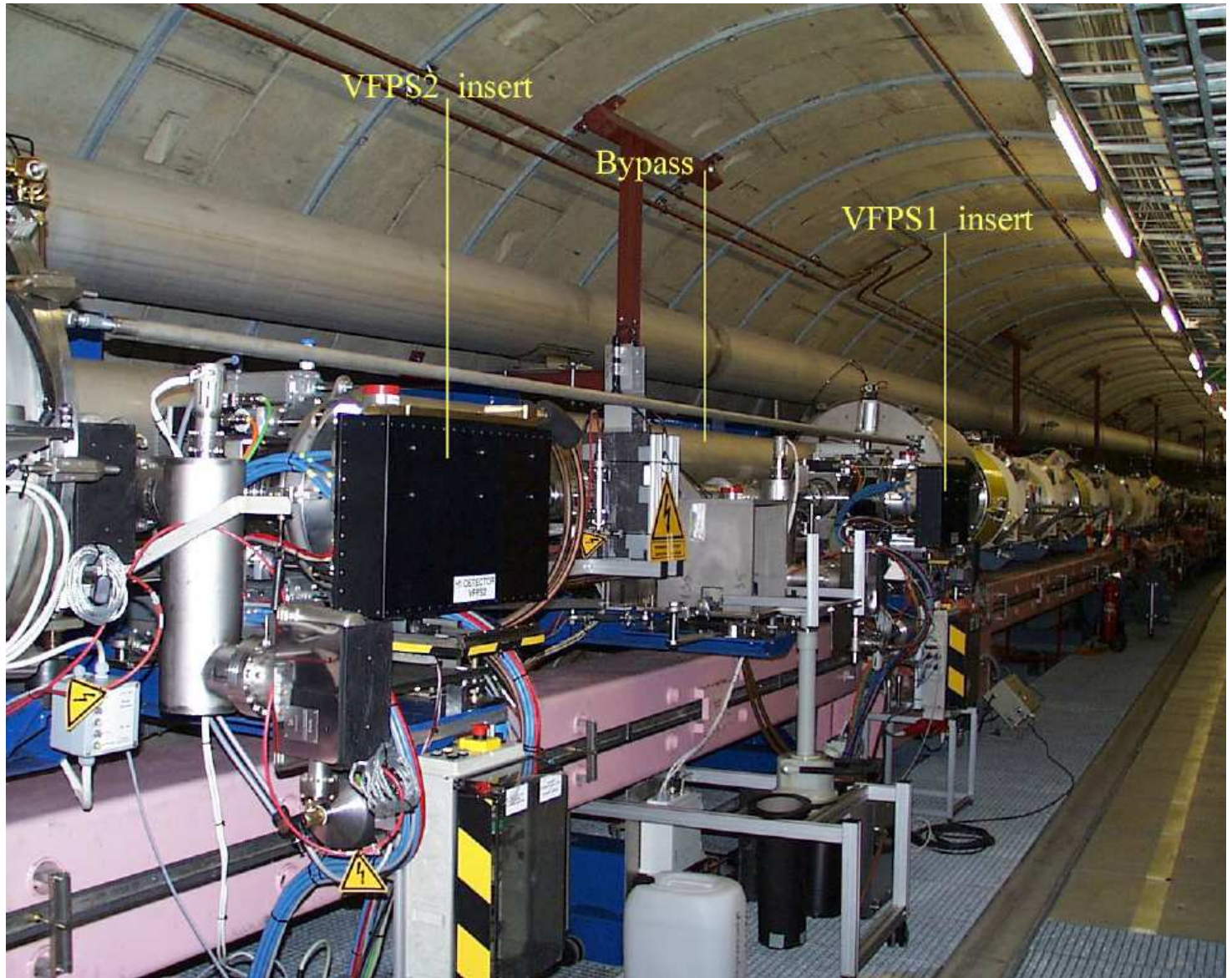
Leading Proton Spectrometer

- . silicon μ strips (6 stations)
- . $\sigma_{x_L} < 1\%$, $\sigma_{p_T} \sim 5 \text{ MeV}$

H1 roman pots



H1 roman pot detector



How to see diffractive events at HERA (III)?

- M_X method used by ZEUS: different behaviour in $\log M_X^2$ for diffractive and non diffractive events where M_X is the mass produced in the interaction

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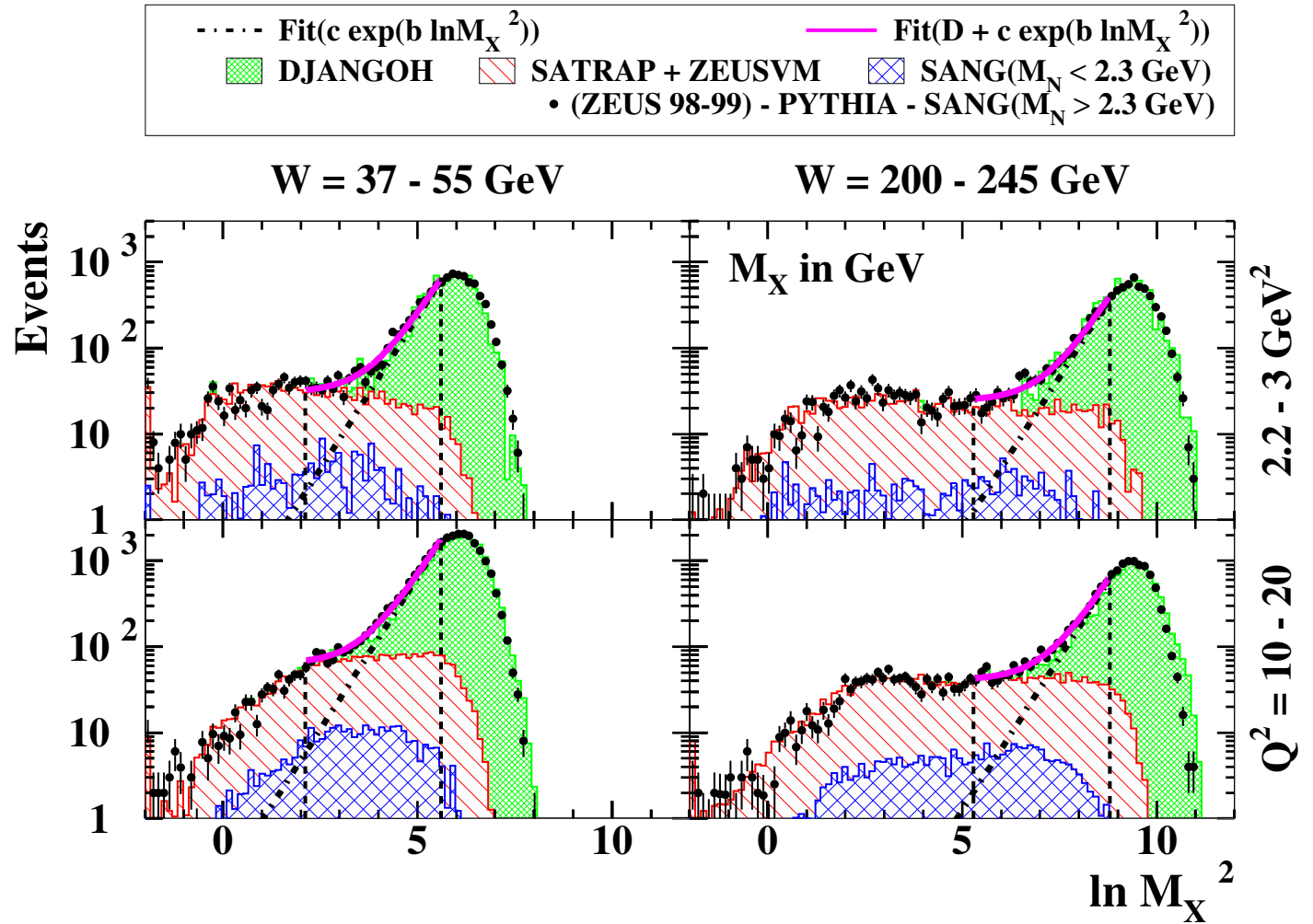
$$\frac{d\sigma_{diff}}{dM_X^2} = \left(\frac{s}{M_X^2} \right)^{\alpha-1} = cte \text{ if } \alpha \sim 1$$

- Diffractive component exponentially suppressed (not perfectly theoretically justified):

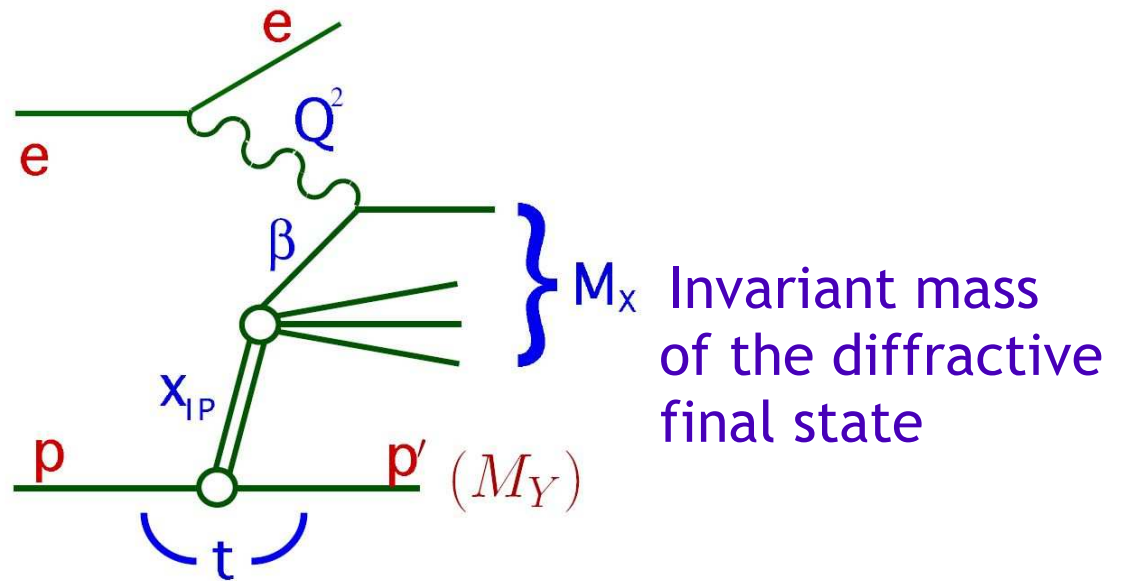
$$\frac{d\sigma}{dM_X^2} = D + c \exp(b \log M_X^2)$$

How to see diffractive events at HERA (III)?

ZEUS

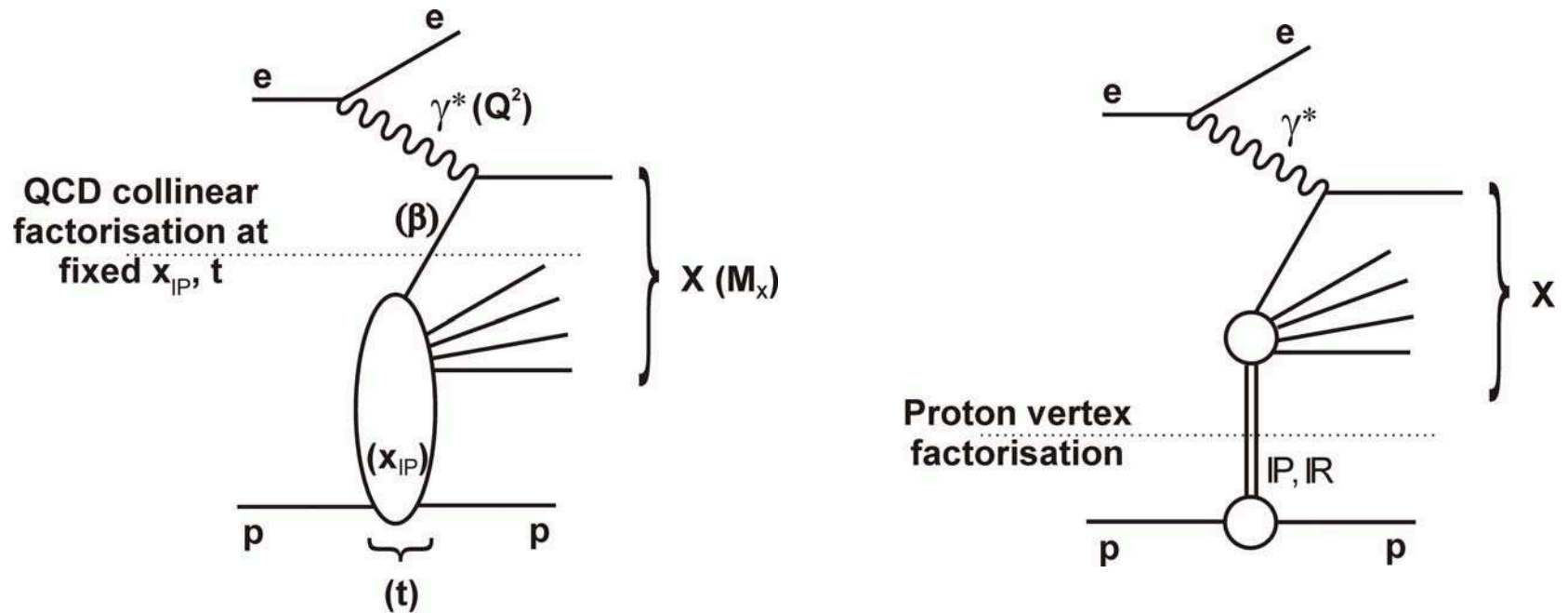


Diffractive kinematical variables



- Momentum fraction of the proton carried by the colourless object (pomeron): $x_p = \xi = \frac{Q^2 + M_X^2}{Q^2 + W^2}$
- Momentum fraction of the pomeron carried by the interacting parton if we assume the colourless object to be made of quarks and gluons: $\beta = \frac{Q^2}{Q^2 + M_X^2} = \frac{x_{Bj}}{x_P}$
- 4-momentum squared transferred: $t = (p - p')^2$

Diffractive factorisation



- QCD hard scattering collinear factorisation at fixed x_P and t (Collins):

$$d\sigma(ep \rightarrow eXY) = f_D(x, Q^2, x_P, t) \times d\hat{\sigma}(x, Q^2)$$
- Proton vertex factorisation: factorises the (x_P, t) and the (x, Q^2) dependences,

$$f_D(x, Q^2, x_P, t) = f_P(x_P, t) f(\beta = x/x_P, Q^2)$$

Measurement of the diffractive structure function F_2^D

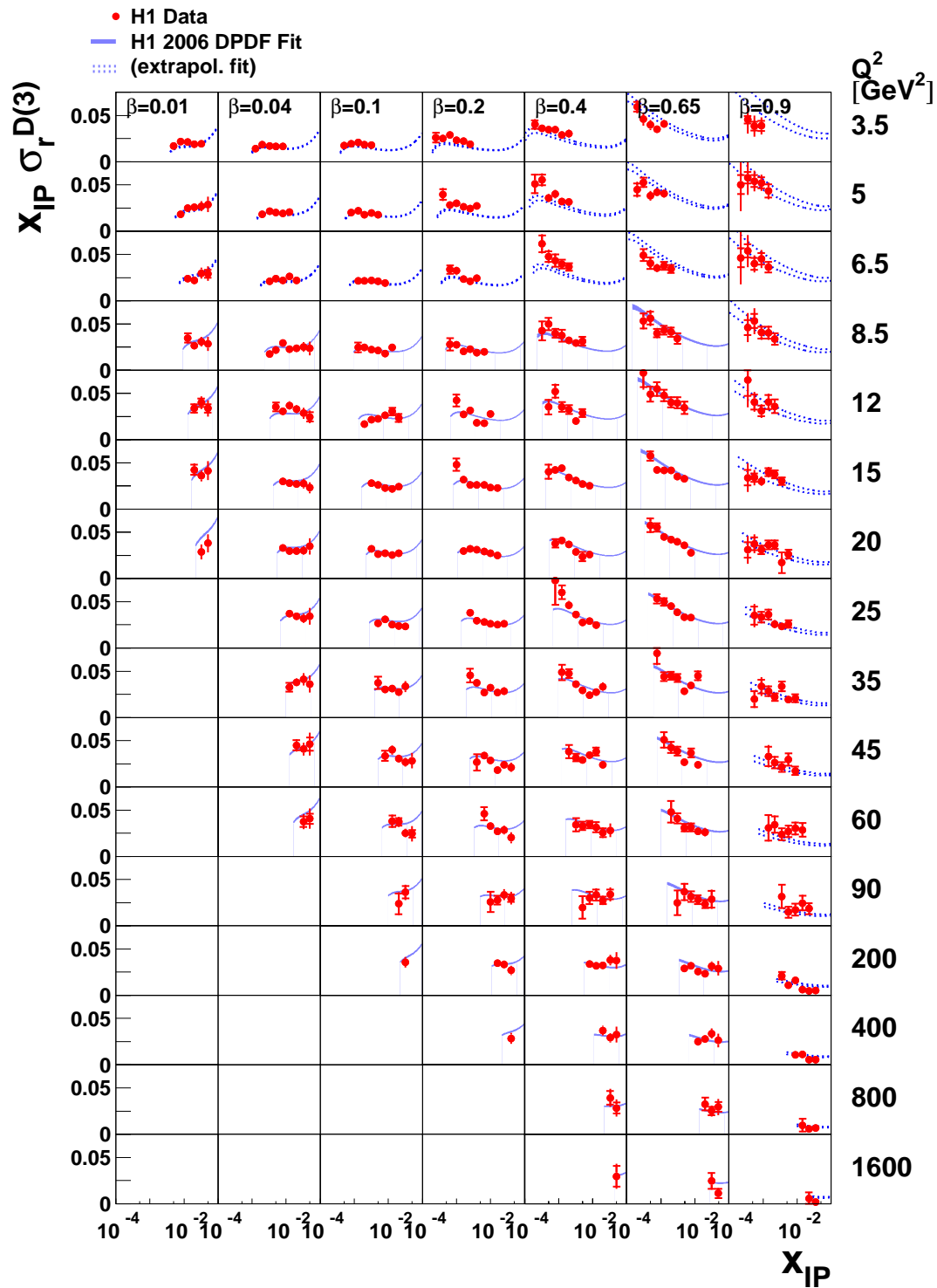
- Measurement of the diffractive cross section using the rapidity gap selection over a wide kinematical domain in (x_P, β, Q^2)

- Definition of the reduced cross section:

$$\frac{d^3\sigma^D}{dx_P dQ^2 d\beta} = \frac{2\pi\alpha_{em}^2}{\beta Q^4} \left(1 - y + \frac{y^2}{2}\right) \sigma_r^D(x_P, Q^2, \beta)$$

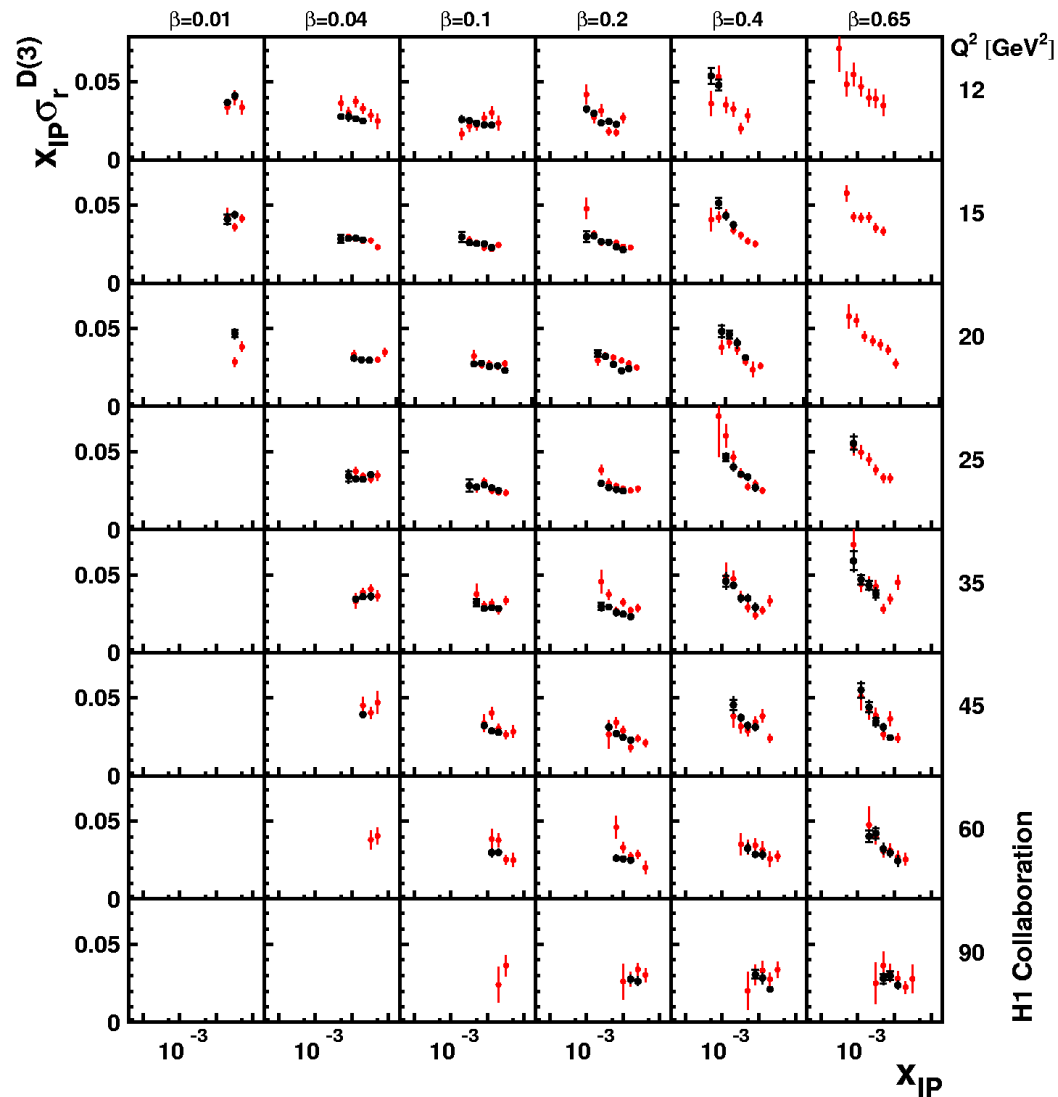
- As an example: H1 data

Measurement of the diffractive structure function F_2^D



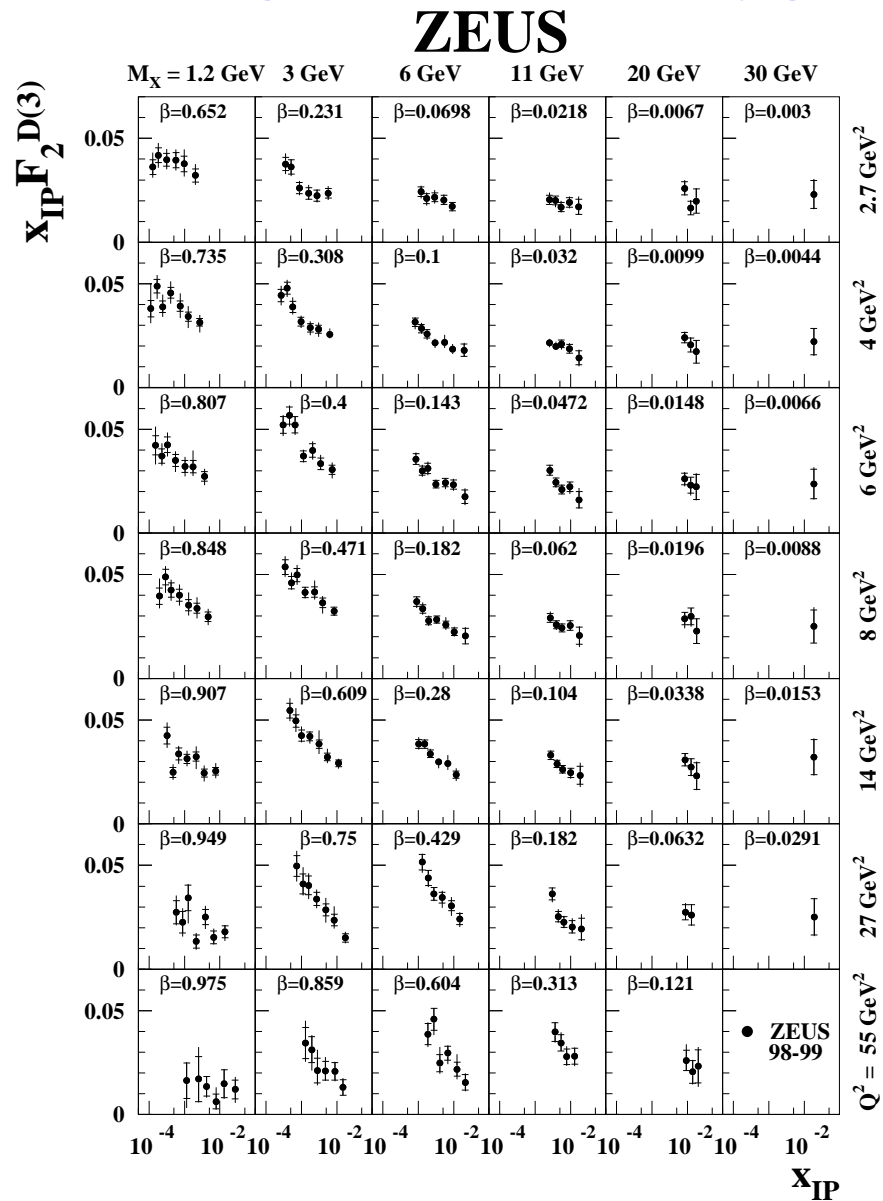
Measurement of the diffractive structure function F_2^D

Measurement using 1999-2000 data compared with 1997 data: better statistics (6 times more accumulated), good agreement between both sets



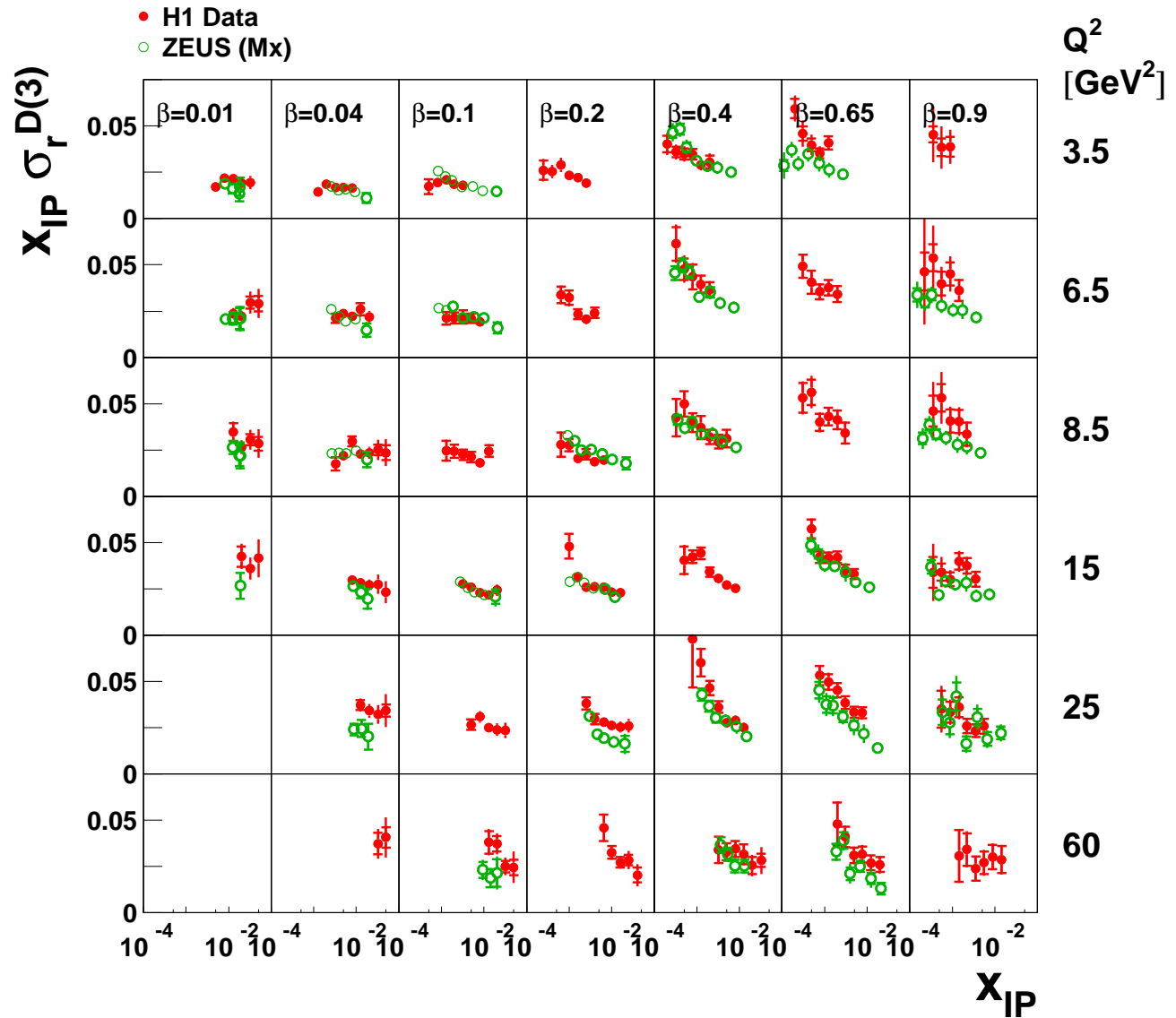
Measurement of the diffractive structure function F_2^D

- Measurement performed by ZEUS using the “ M_X method”
- Good agreement with rapidity gap method?



Measurement of the diffractive structure function F_2^D

- Comparison between the rapidity gap and M_X methods
- Good agreement between both methods within errors



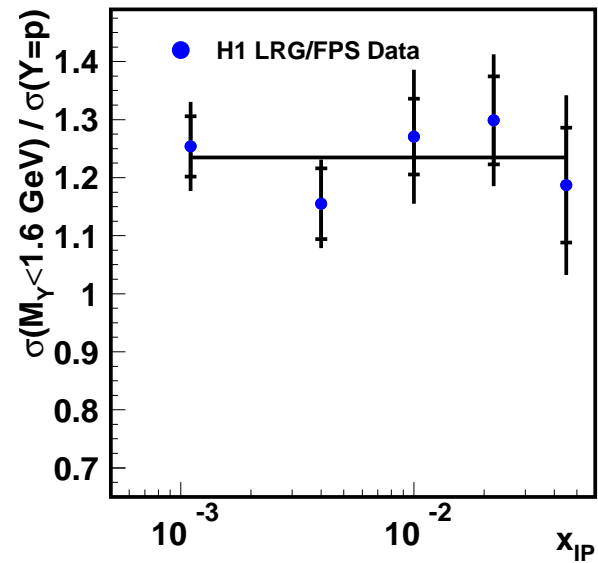
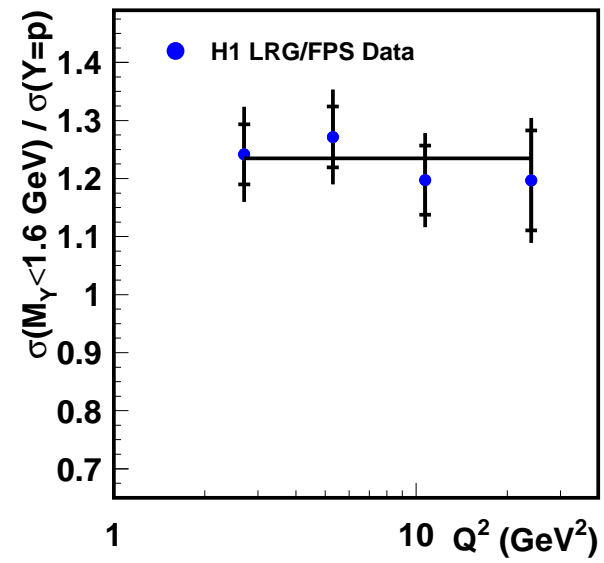
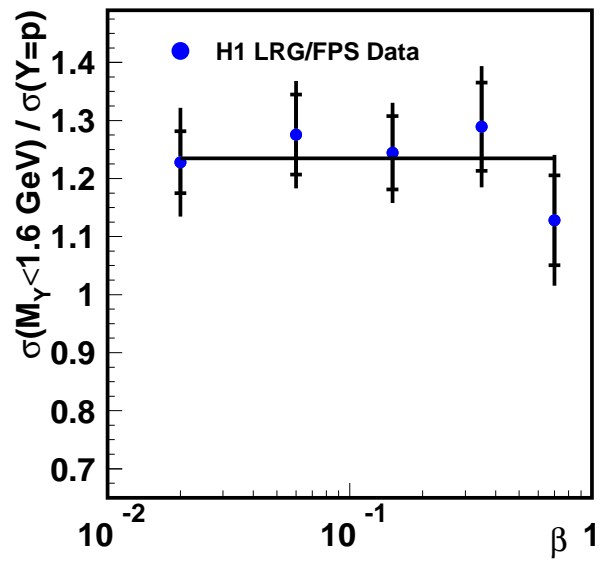
Measurement of the diffractive structure function F_2^D

- Comparison between rapidity gap and proton tagged method in roman pot detector: no direct comparison possible because of proton dissociation included in rapidity gap measurement
- Compute the ratio of rapidity gap and forward proton spectrometer measurements:

$$\frac{\sigma(M_Y < 1.6\text{GeV})}{\sigma(Y = p)} = 1.23 \pm 0.03(\text{stat}) \pm 0.16(\text{syst})$$

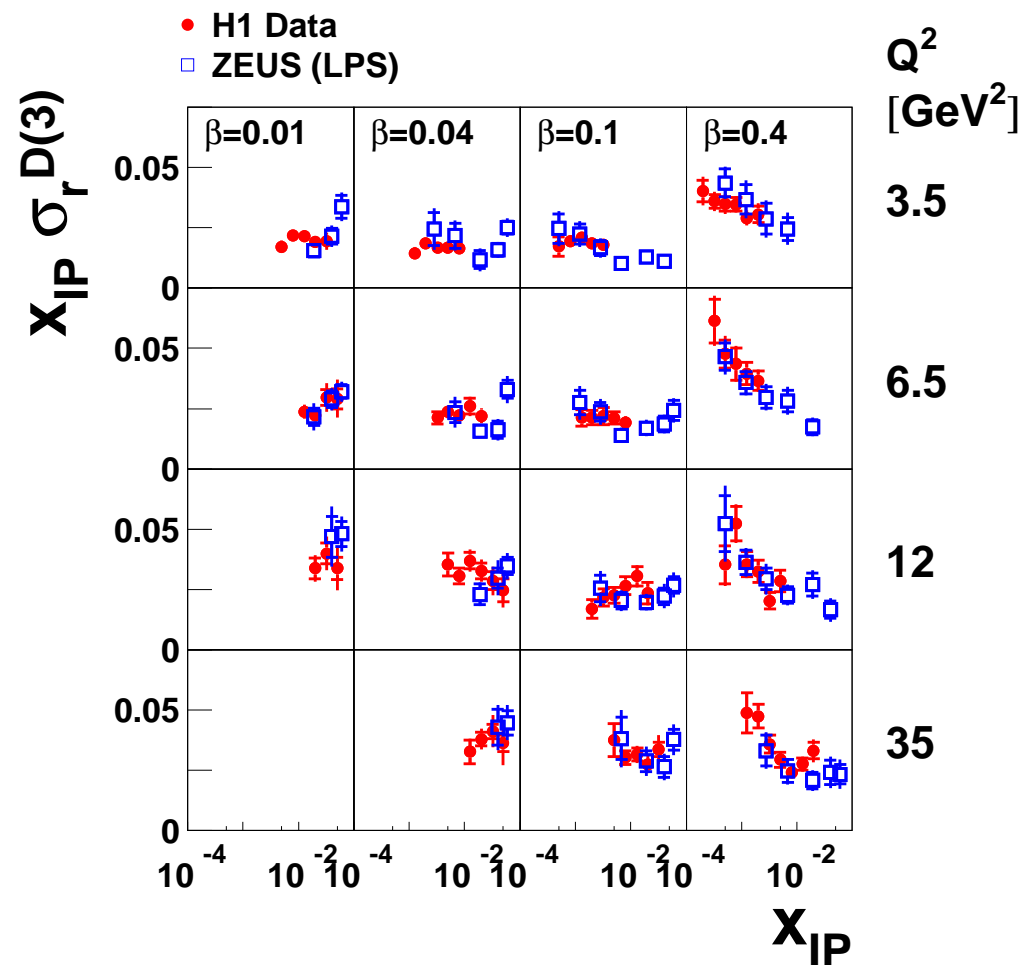
- Ratio independent of kinematical variables within errors

Measurement of the diffractive structure function F_2^D



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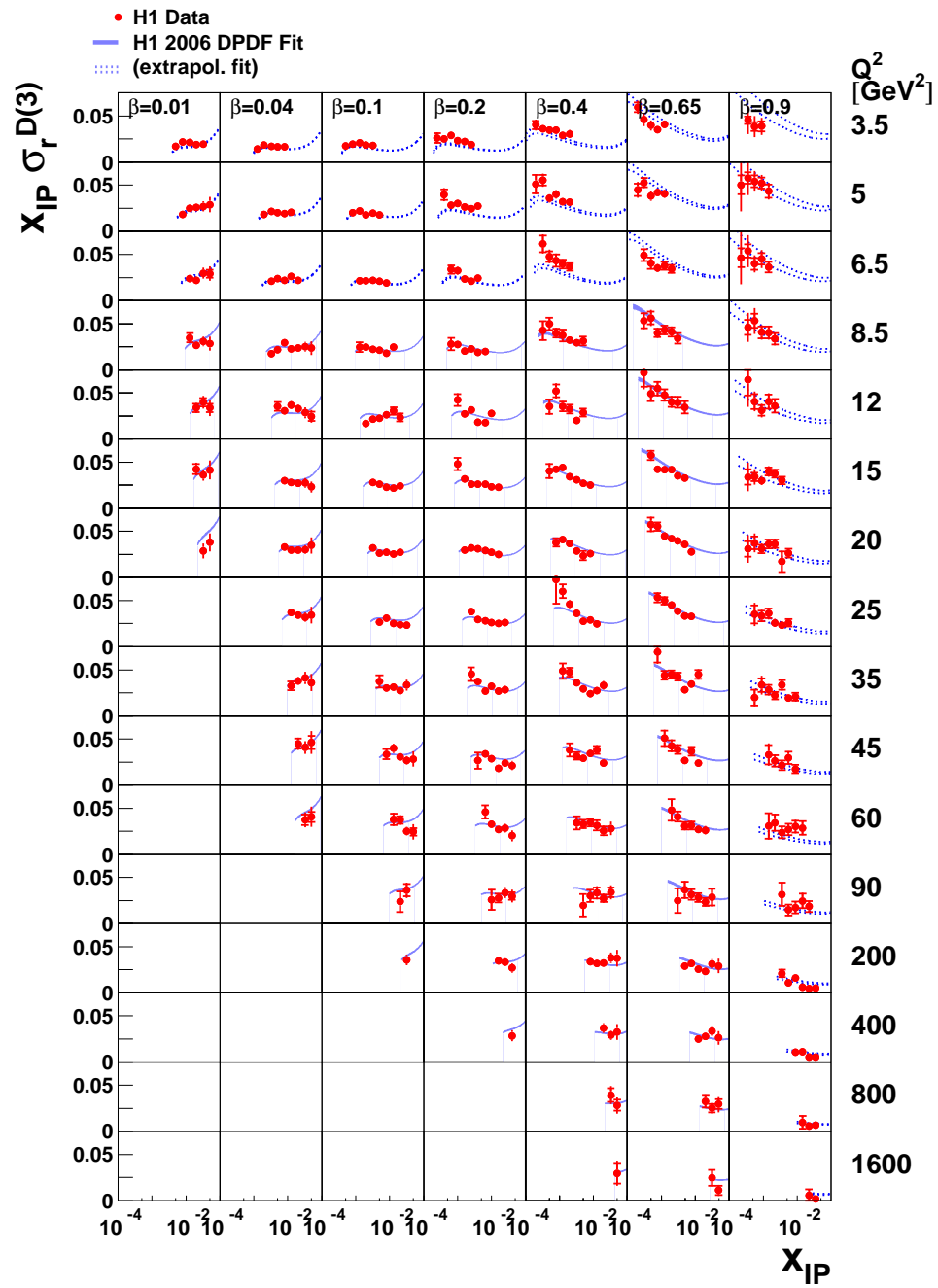
- Comparison between H1 rapidity gap method corrected for dissociate protons and ZEUS roman pot detector method: good agreement
- Comparison also performed between H1 and ZEUS forward proton detectors: good agreement



Pomeron and reggeon?

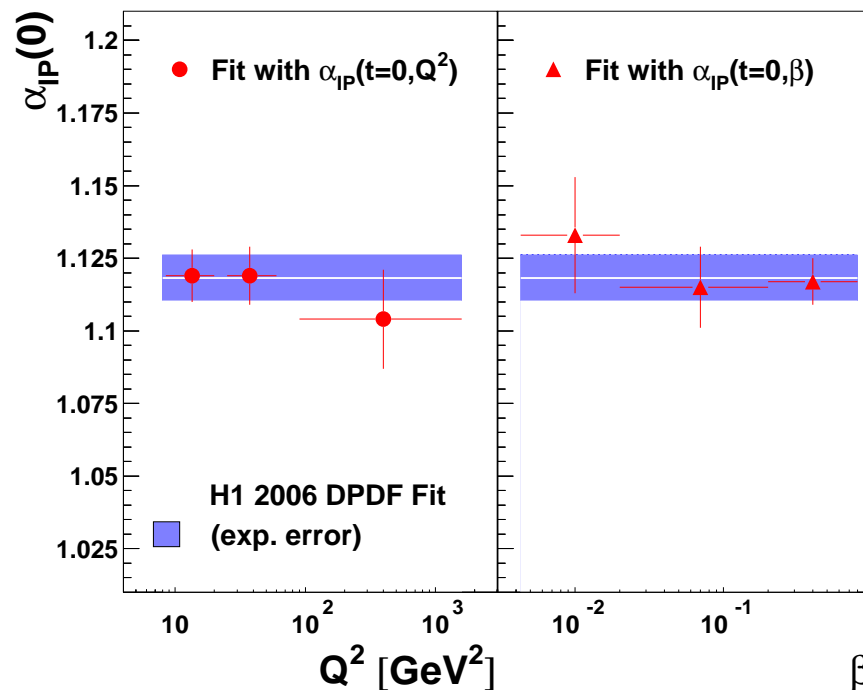
- $\sigma_r \sim f_p(x_P) F_2^D(\beta, Q^2)$, f (flux) predicted by Regge theory
- Consequence: the x_P dependence should factorise from the (β, Q^2) one
- **Not observed experimentally (H1):** secondary exchanges, assume 2, Pomeron and Reggeon
- **NB:** Reggeon contribution described by the pion structure function with an exponent $\alpha_R = 0.5$, not much constrained by data

Pomeron and reggeon?



Measurement of the pomeron exponent α_P

- $\sigma_r \sim f_p(x_P) F_2^D(\beta, Q^2)$, f (flux) predicted by Regge theory: $f(x_P, t) = \frac{e^{Bt}}{x_P^{2\alpha_P(t)-1}}$ with $\alpha_P(t) = \alpha_P(0) + \alpha't$
- t dependence obtained from forward proton spectrometer measurements: $\alpha' = 0.06_{-0.06}^{+0.19} \text{ GeV}^{-2}$, $B_P = 5.5_{-2.0}^{+0.7} \text{ GeV}^{-2}$ (H1)
- Measurement of $\alpha_P(0)$ using rapidity gap and M_X method data and Q^2 and β dependence



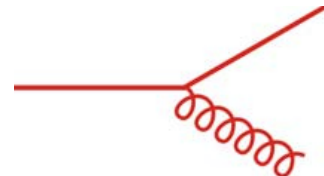
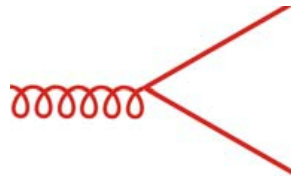
Extraction of the parton densities in the pomeron (H1)

- Assume pomeron made of quarks and gluons: perform QCD DGLAP fits as for the proton structure function starting from xG and xq distributions at a given Q_0^2 , and evolve in Q^2 (the form of the distributions is MRS like)

$$\begin{aligned}\beta q &= A_q \beta^{B_q} (1 - \beta)^{C_q} \\ \beta G &= A_g (1 - \beta)^{C_g}\end{aligned}$$

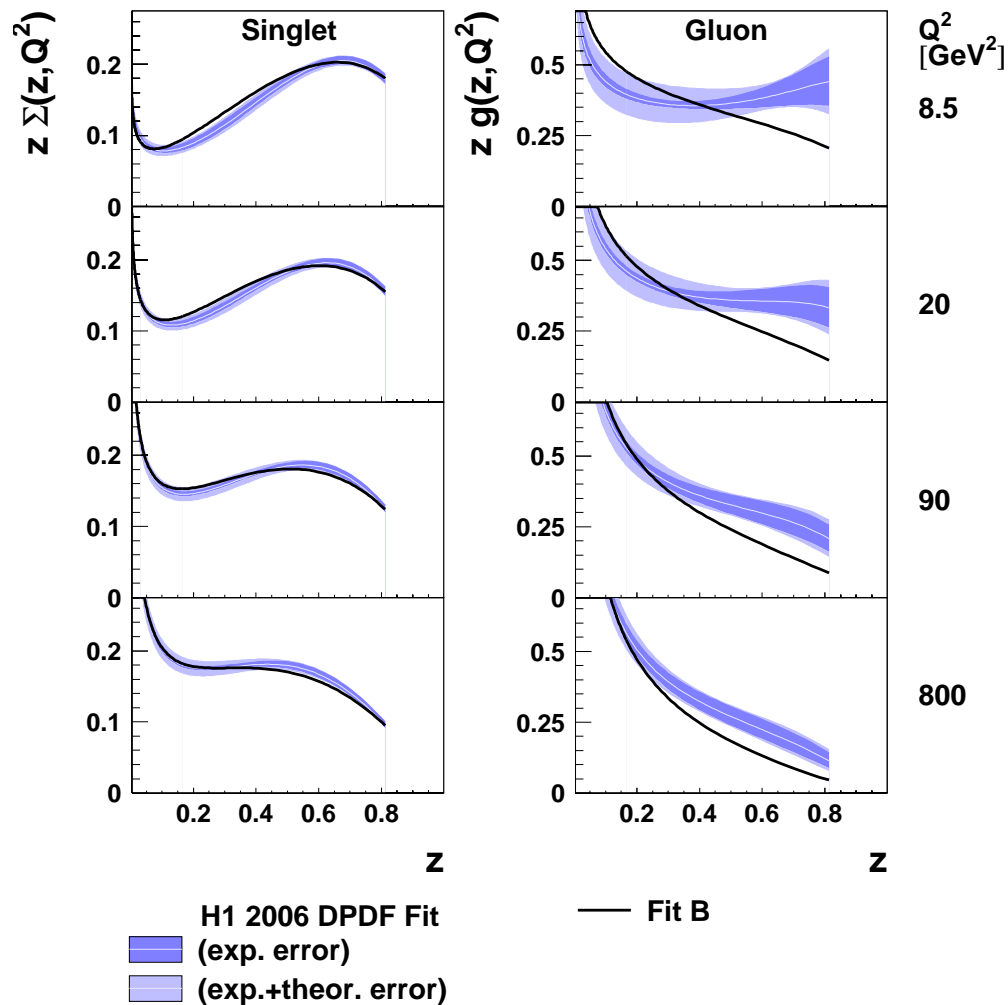
- At low β : evolution driven by $g \rightarrow q\bar{q}$, at high β , $q \rightarrow qg$ becomes important
- Take all data for $Q^2 > 8.5 \text{ GeV}^2$, $\beta < 0.8$ to be in the perturbative QCD region and avoid the low mass region (vector meson resonances)

$$\frac{dF_2^D}{d \log Q^2} \sim \frac{\alpha_S}{2\pi} [P_{qg} \otimes g + P_{qq} \otimes \Sigma]$$



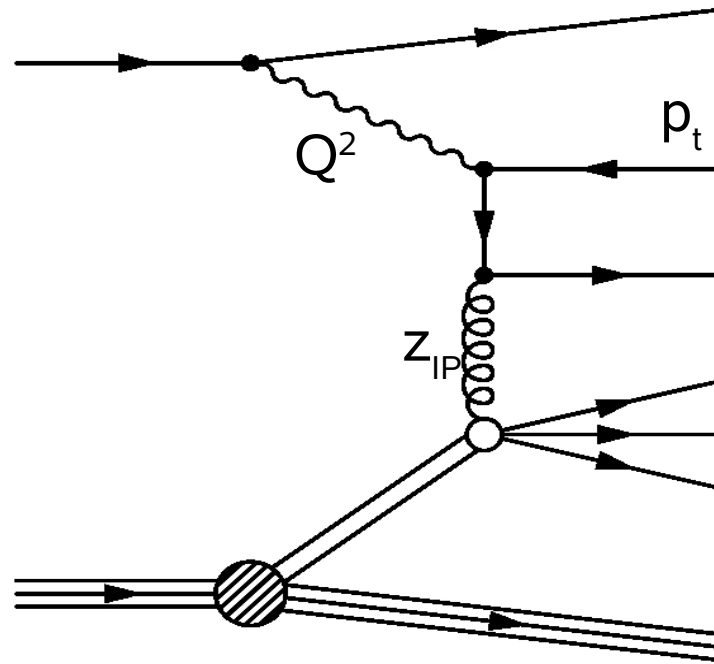
Parton densities in the pomeron (H1)

- Extraction of gluon and quarks densities in pomeron: gluon dominated
- Gluon density poorly constrained at high β (imposing $C_q = 0$ leads to a good fit as well, Fit B)
- What about description of final states?



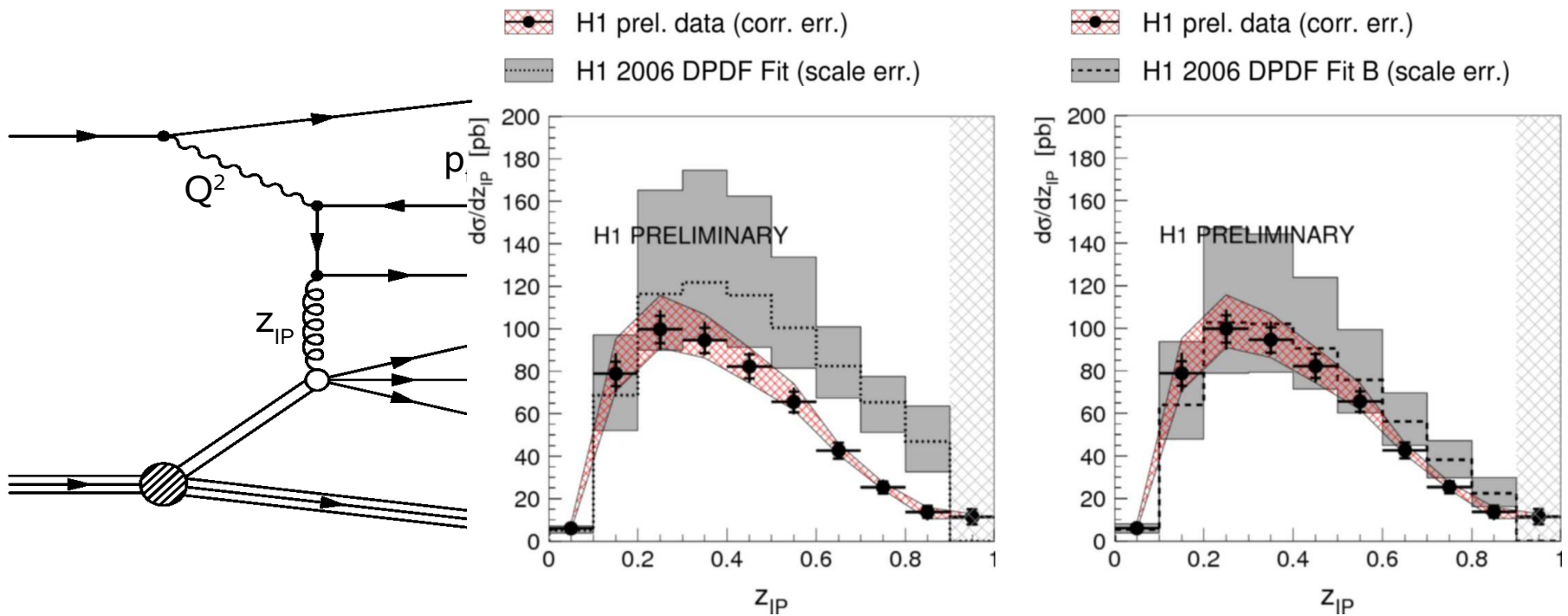
Diffractive dijet production (H1)

- **Idea:** Use dijet data to further constrain the gluon density in the pomeron
- Compare dijet data with expectation from QCD fit



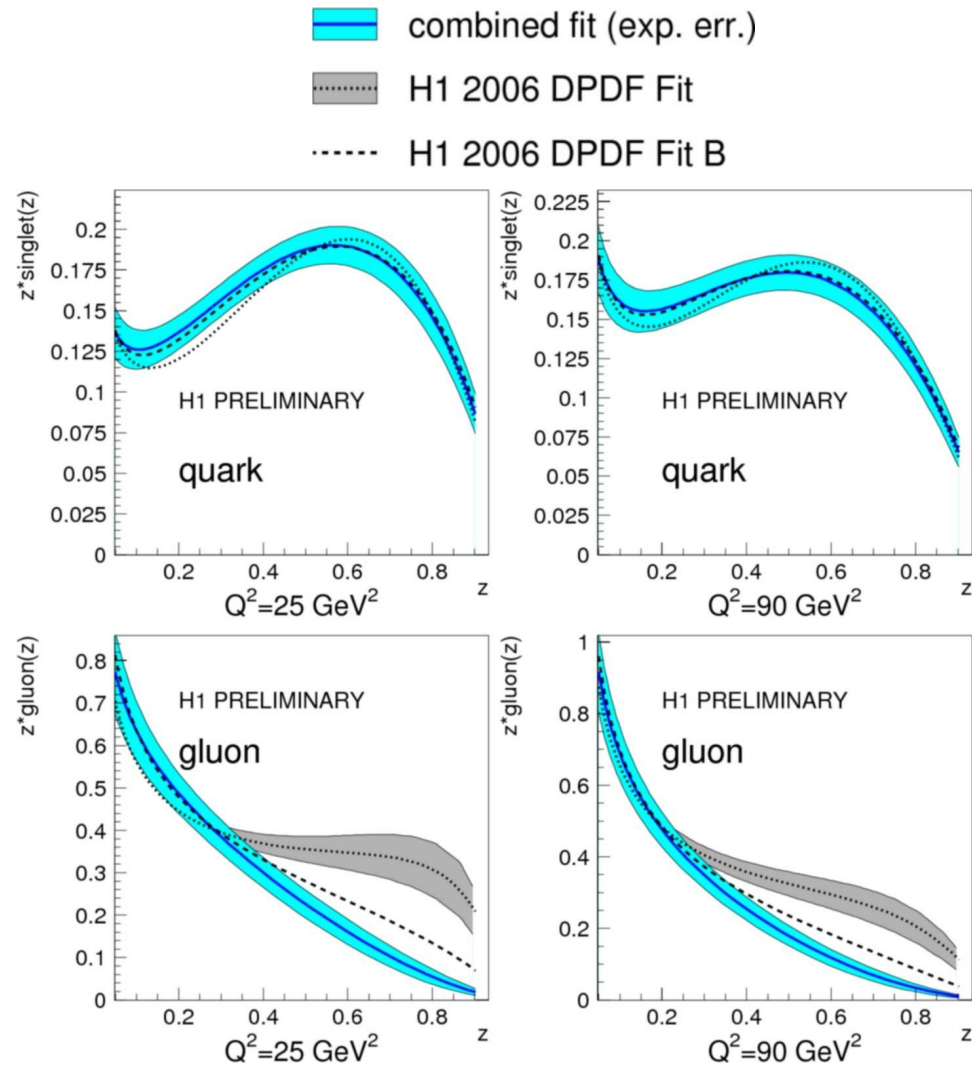
Diffractive dijet production (H1)

- Comparison between jet cross section measurements and QCD fit expectations
- “Standard” QCD fits lead to too high cross sections
- Take F_2^D and dijet cross section data to obtain new QCD fits, and parton density in pomeron



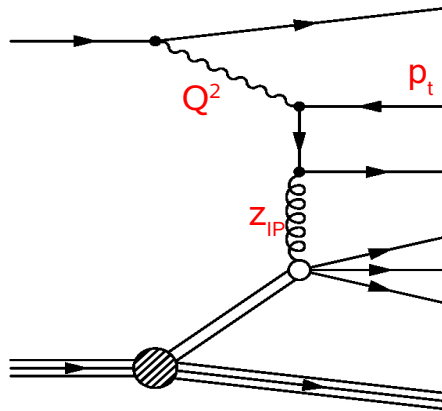
Parton densities in pomeron (H1)

- New parton densities using both F_2^D and dijet data
- Gluon density at high β more constrained and closer to fit B

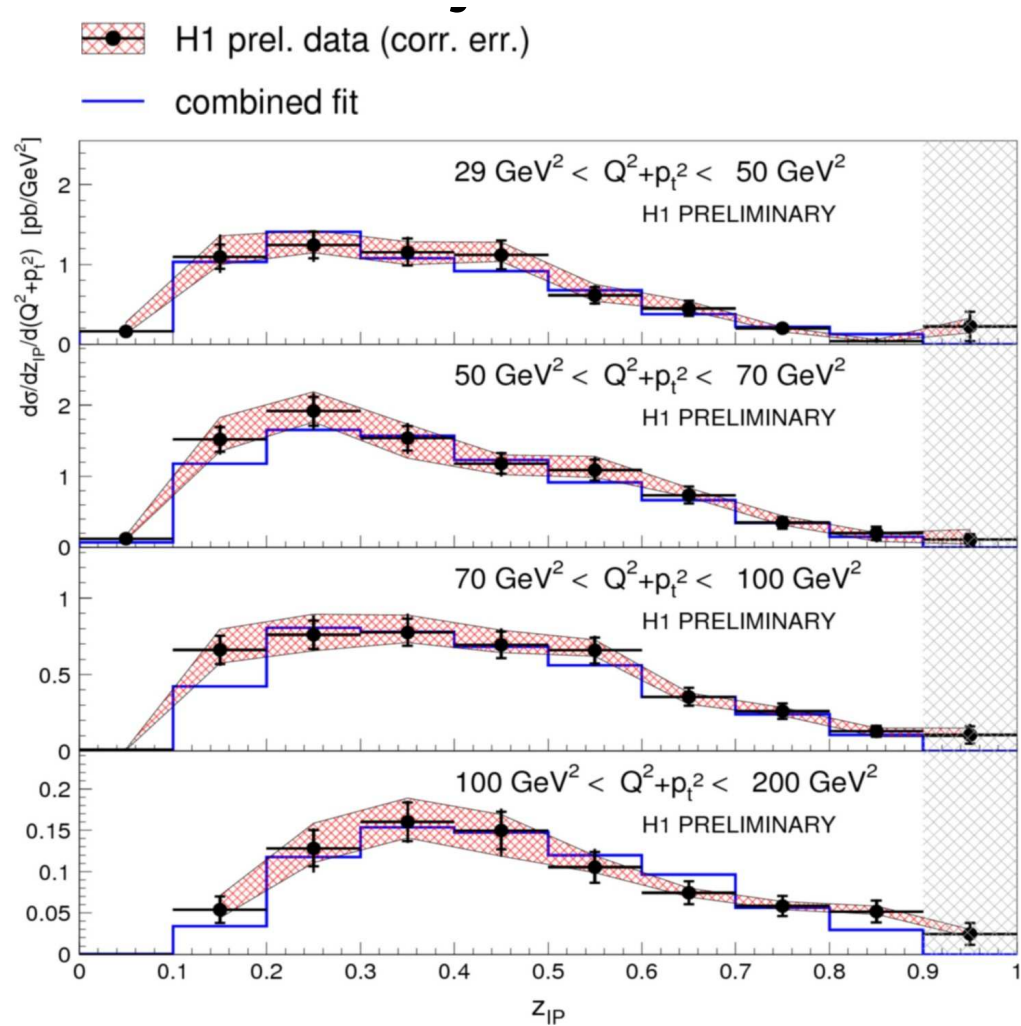


Comparison with jet cross sections (H1)

- Comparison between new QCD fit and jet cross sections
- Good agreement found



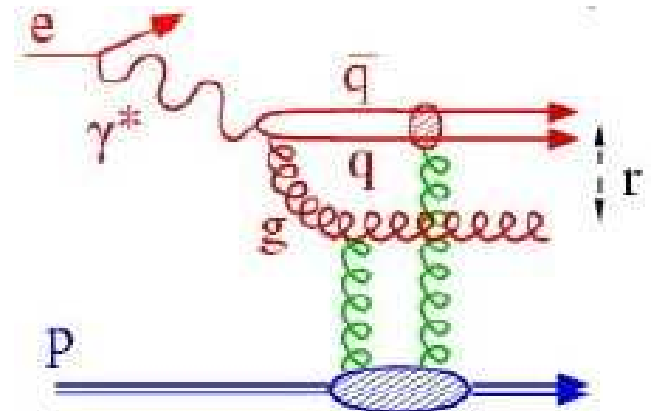
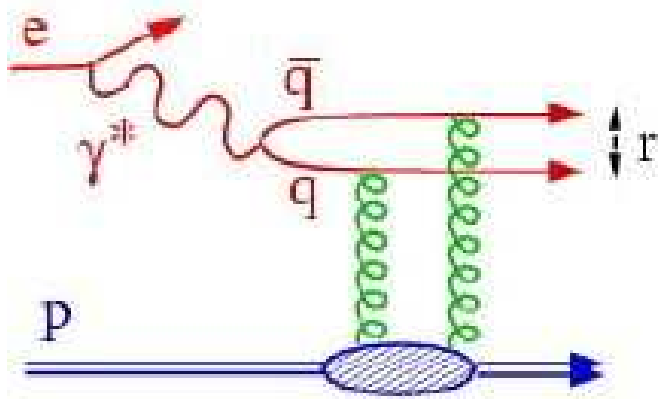
factorization confirmed



Two gluon models

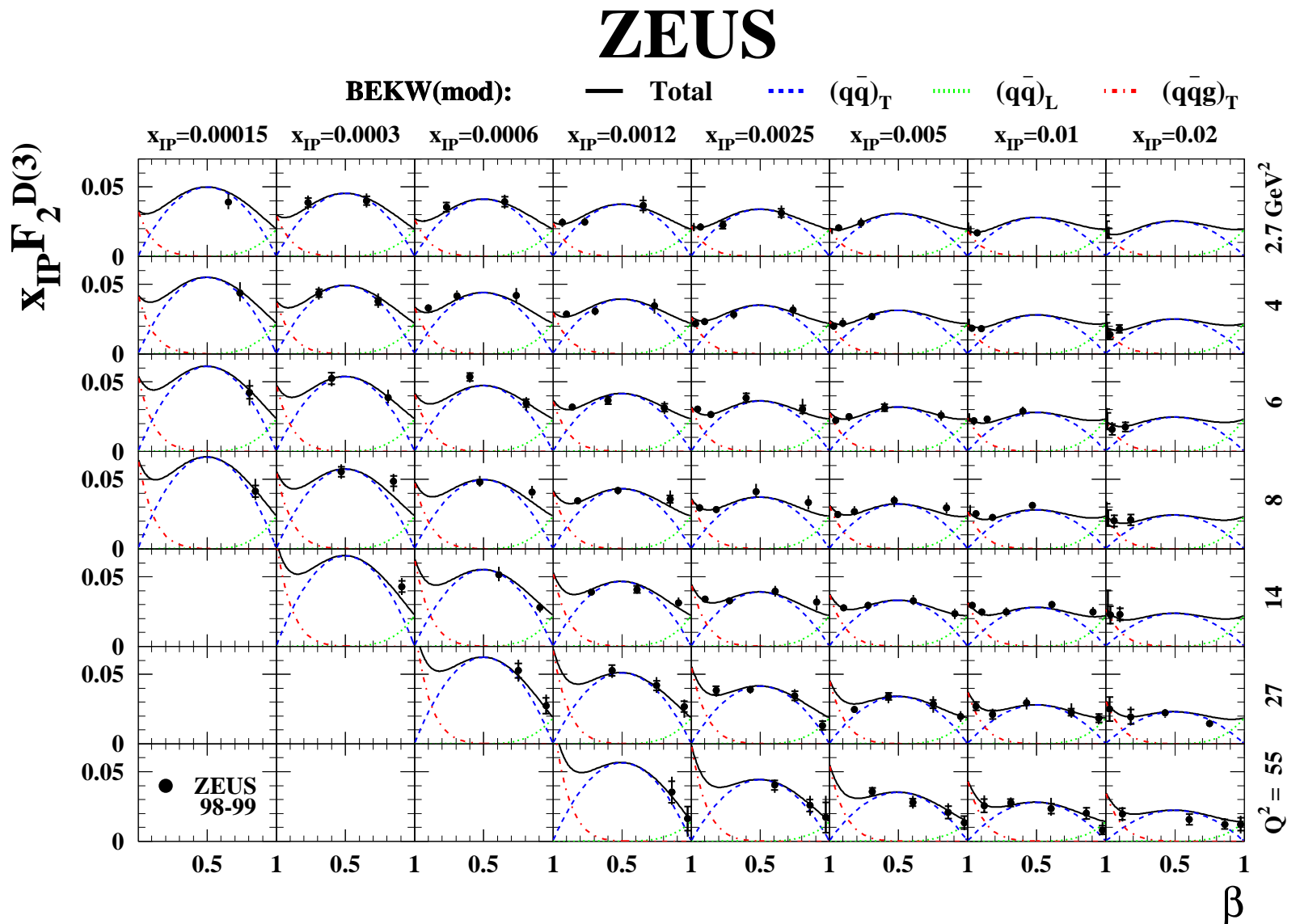
- **Two gluon model:** Different kind of model to describe diffractive data (see also dipole model, saturation models...)
- Pomeron purely perturbative (2 gluon ladder)
- Q^2 , β dependence predicted, x_P dependence given by dipole distribution, and x_P dependence does not factorise
- No concept of diffractive PDFs

$$x_{\mathbb{P}} F_2^{D(3)} = c_T \cdot F_{q\bar{q}}^T + c_L \cdot F_{q\bar{q}}^L + c_g \cdot F_{q\bar{q}g}^T$$



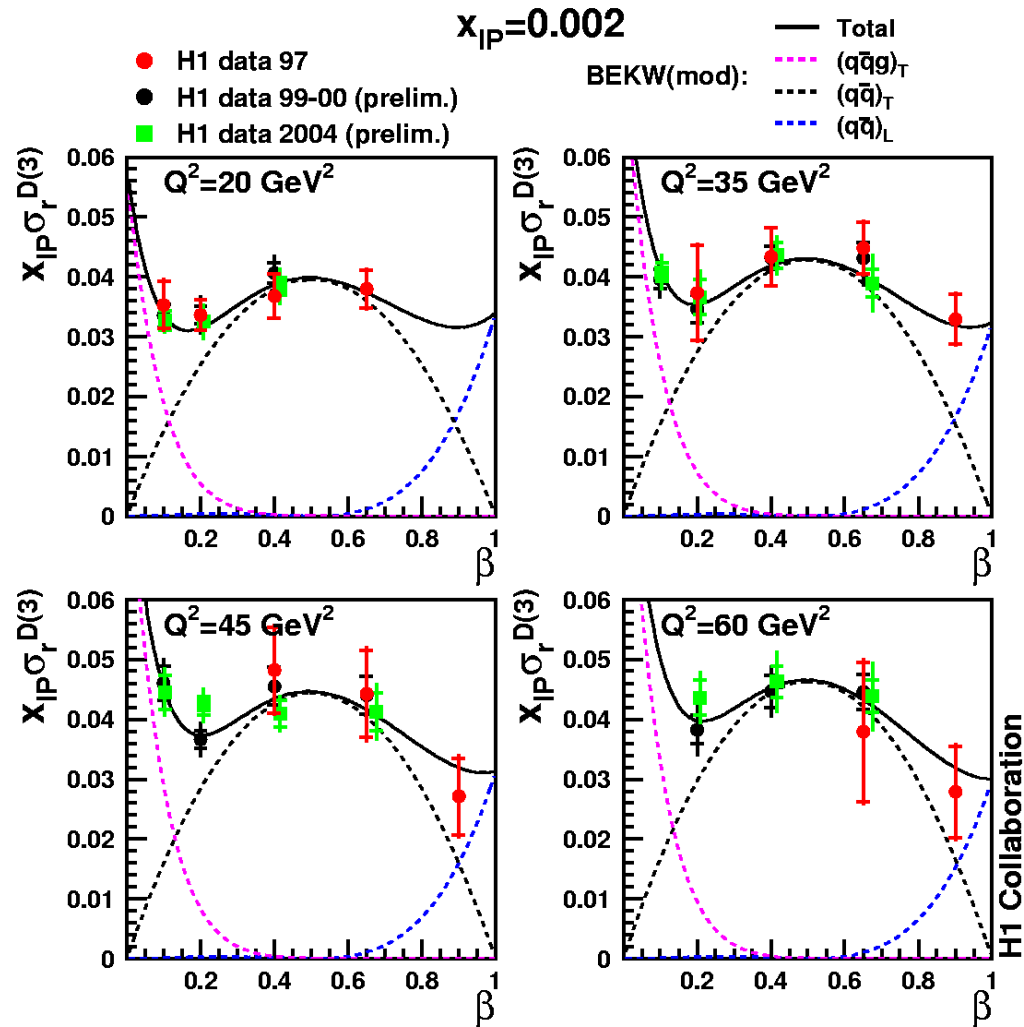
Two gluon models (ZEUS data)

ZEUS data (M_X method) compared to two gluon models



Two gluon models (H1 data)

- Good description of all H1 data: all H1 data, 672 points, $\chi^2 = 1.26/\text{point}$
- F_L dominating at high β , qqg at low β , and qq at medium β

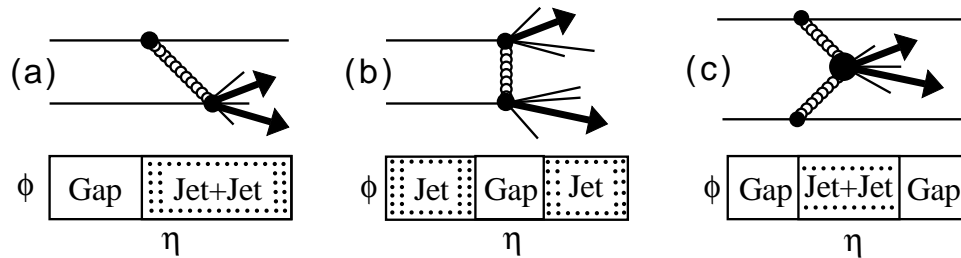


Diffraction at Tevatron

- Tevatron: $p\bar{p}$ collider, $\sqrt{S} = 1.96$ TeV, 2 experiments DØ and CDF
- Luminosity accumulated of the order of 1.2 fb^{-1} per experiment



Diffraction at Tevatron/LHC

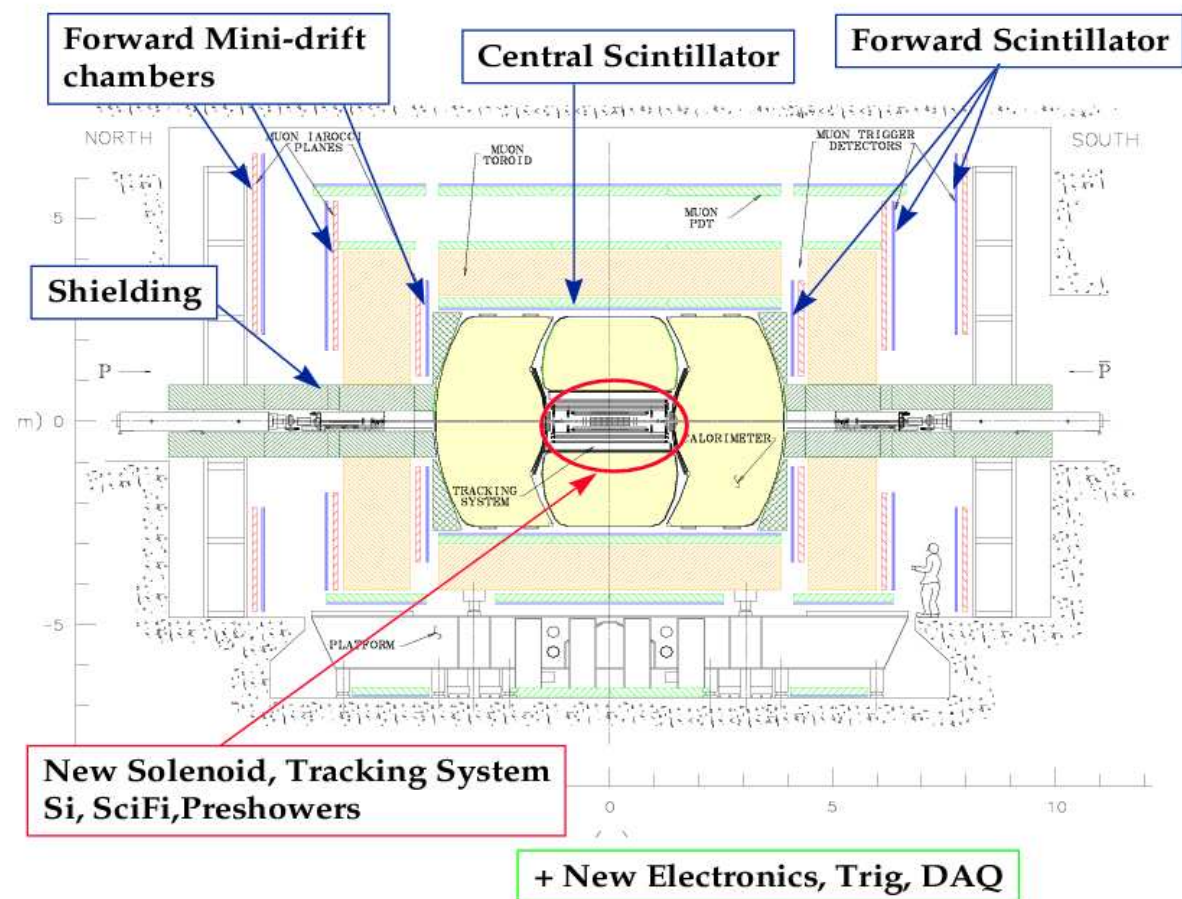


Kinematic variables

- t : 4-momentum transfer squared
- ξ_1, ξ_2 : proton fractional momentum loss (momentum fraction of the proton carried by the pomeron)
- $\beta_{1,2} = x_{Bj,1,2}/\xi_{1,2}$: Bjorken- x of parton inside the pomeron
- $M^2 = s\xi_1\xi_2$: diffractive mass produced
- $\Delta y_{1,2} \sim \Delta\eta \sim \log 1/\xi_{1,2}$: rapidity gap

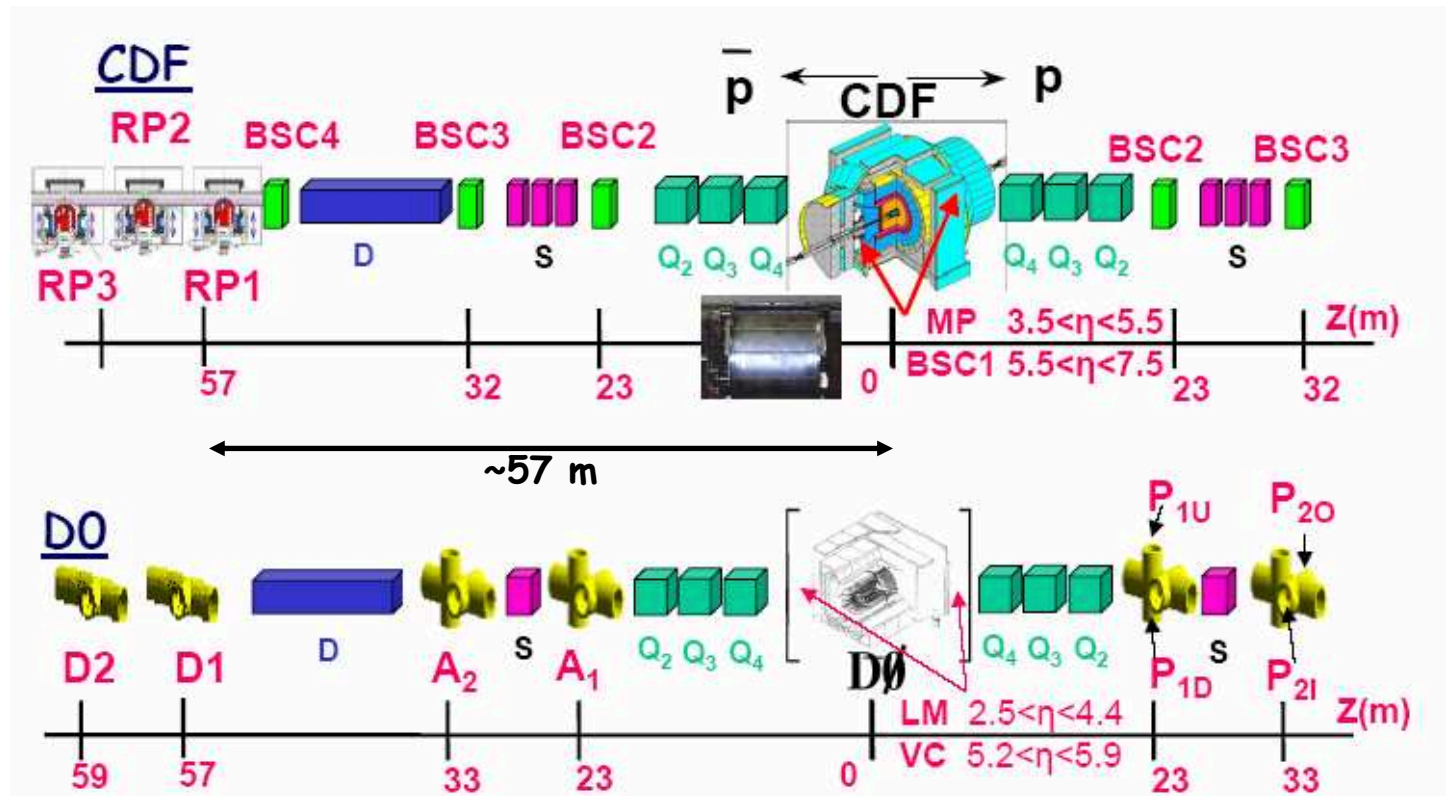
How to find diffractive events at the Tevatron

- **First method:** Use the rapidity gap technique defined in calorimeter
- **Second method:** Tag p and/or \bar{p} in final state

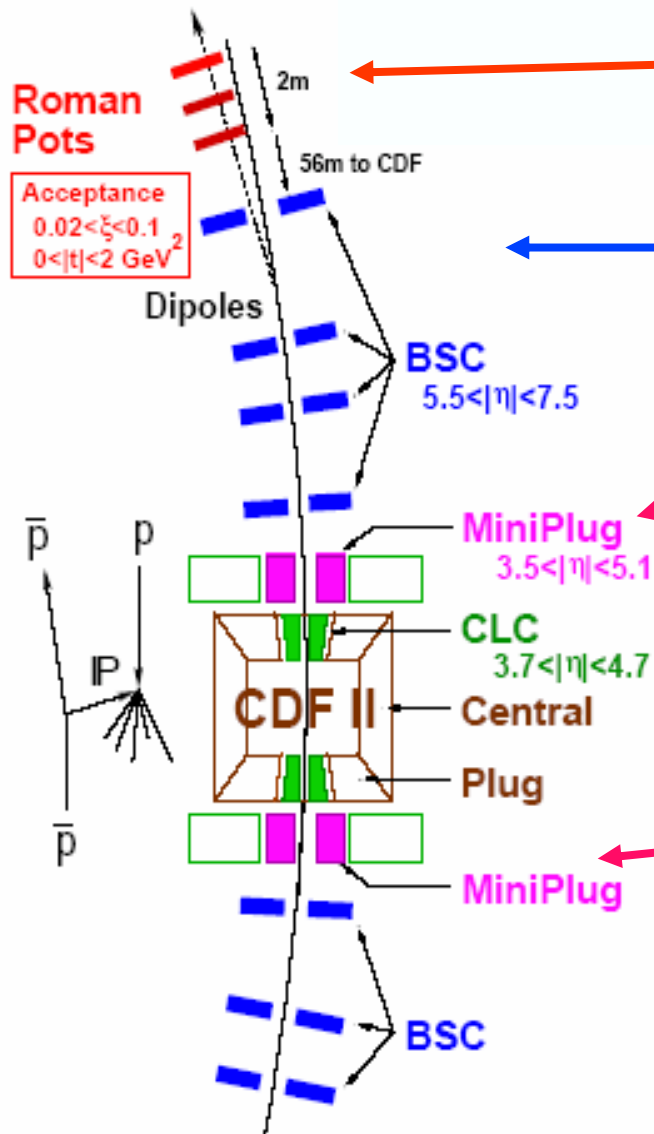


Forward Detectors (DØ and CDF)

- CDF: “dipole” roman pots on \bar{p} side only
- DØ : “Roman pot” detectors on each side (p and \bar{p})

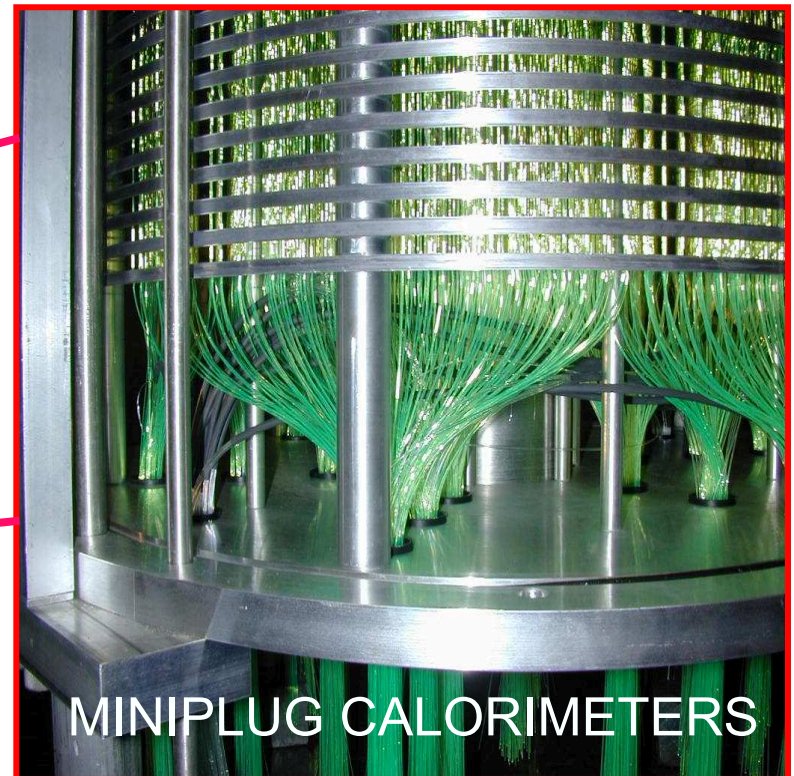


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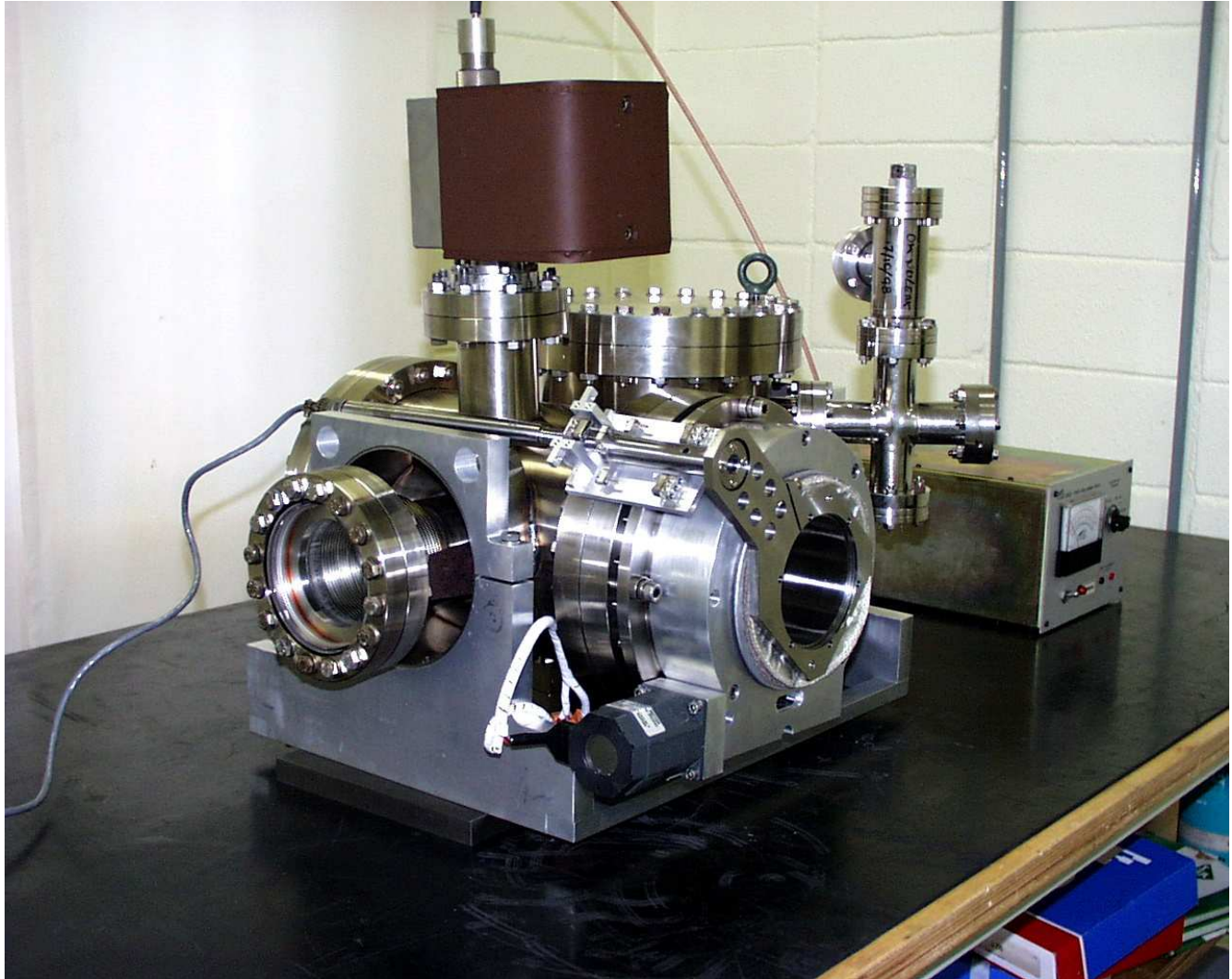


ROMAN POT DETECTORS

BEAM SHOWER COUNTERS:
used to reject ND events



Forward Detectors (DØ)



Forward Detectors (DØ): tunnel

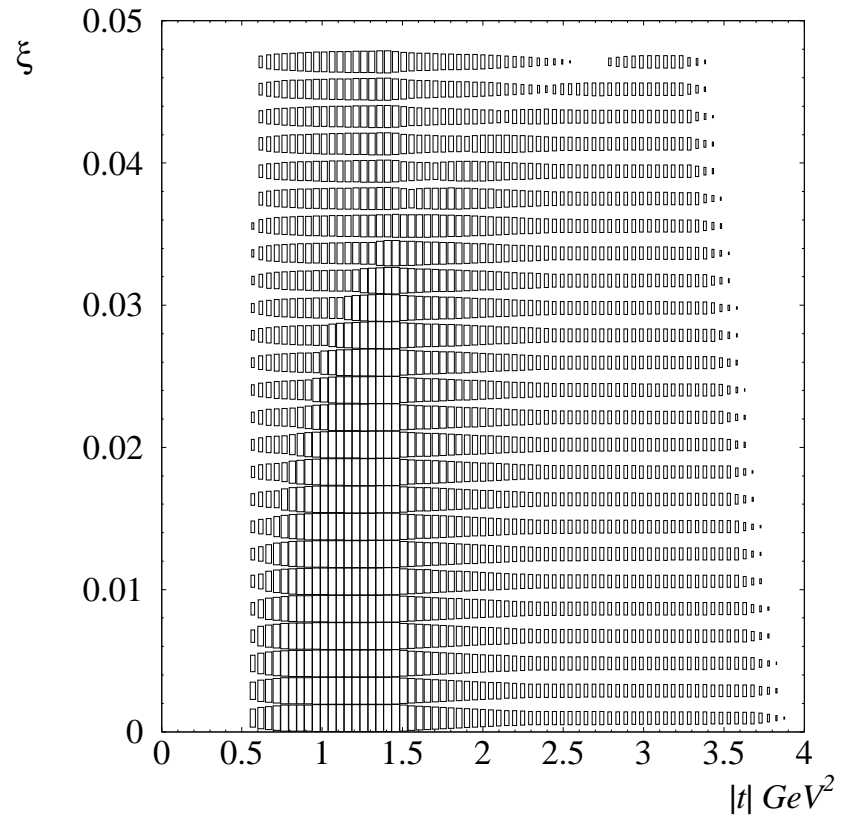
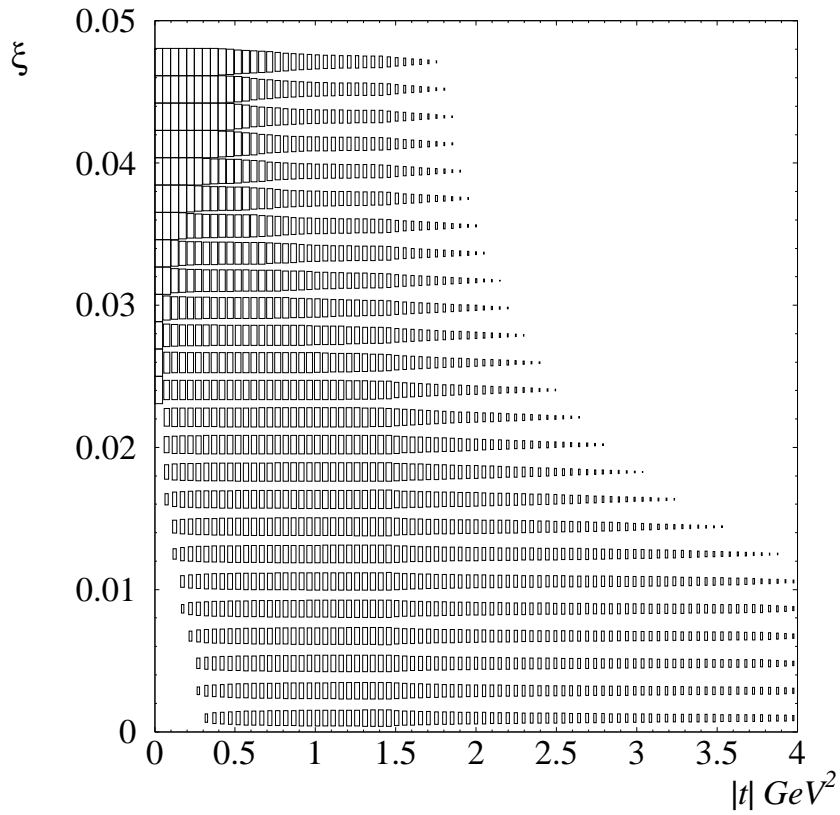


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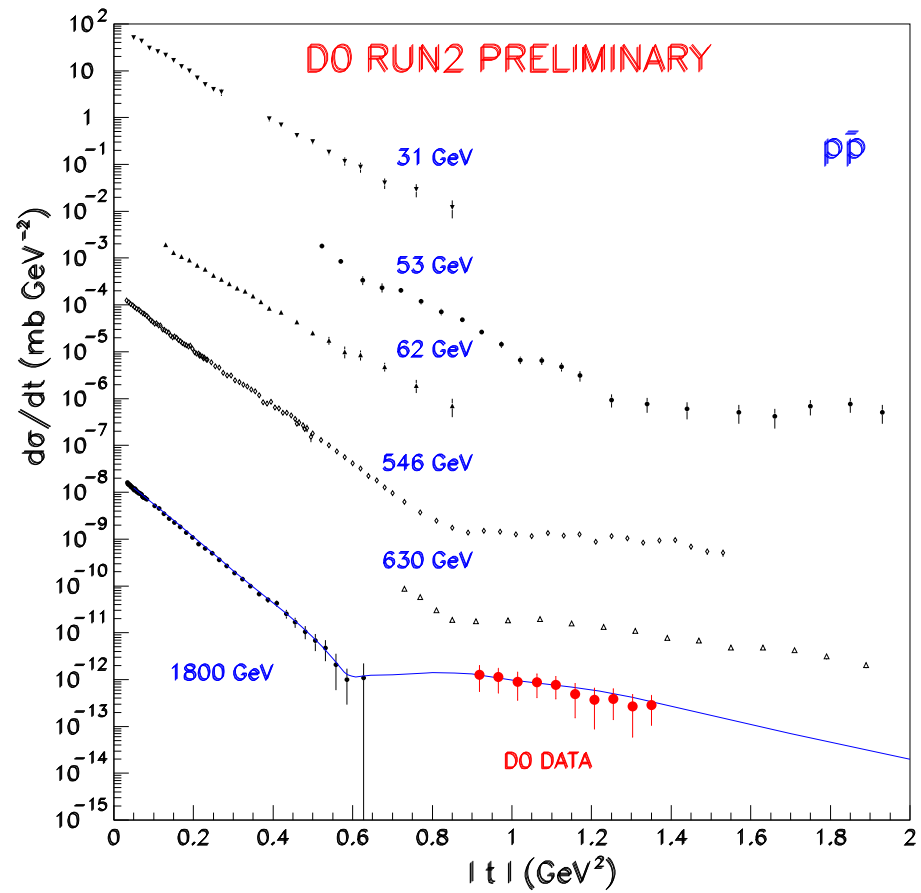
FPD acceptance

dipoles: acceptance at small t , medium ξ , quadrupole: higher t , small ξ



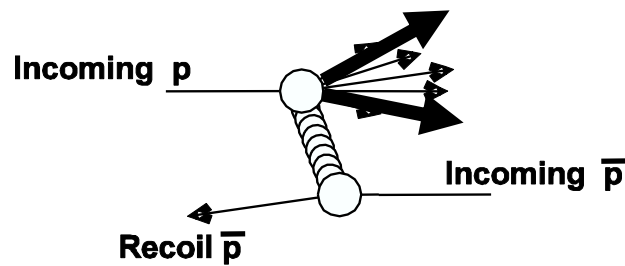
Elastic events

Measurement of the t -slope of the elastic cross section (FPD commissioning)

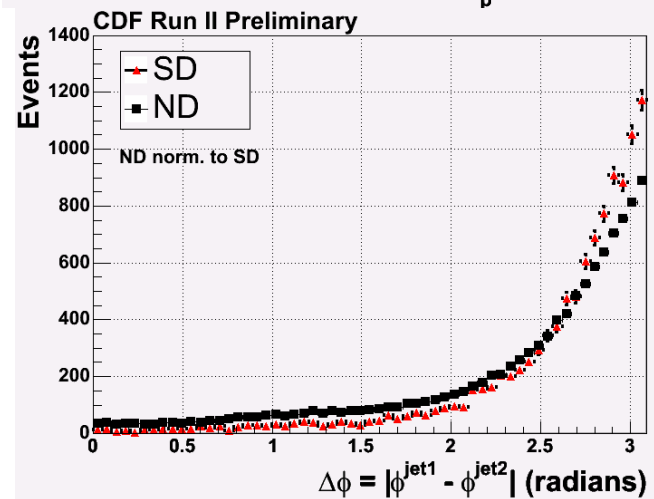
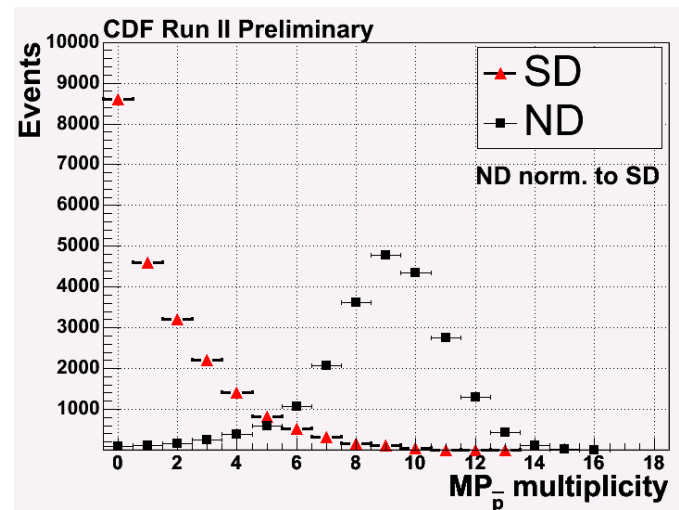
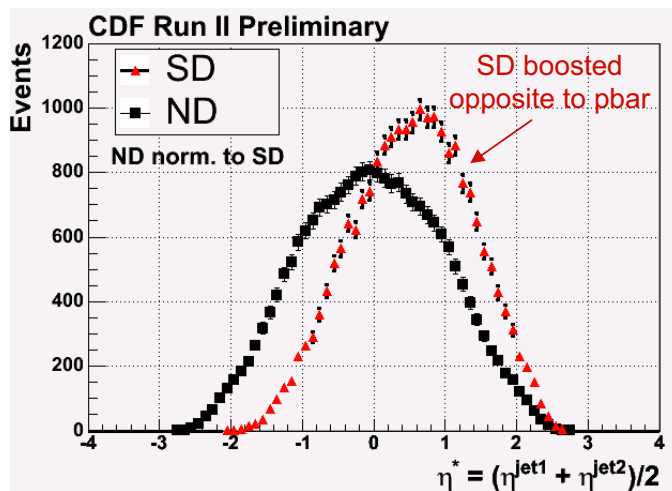


Kinematic properties for diffractive events

- Compare kinematic properties of single diffractive/non diffractive events when a \bar{p} is tagged
- Diffractive events show less QCD radiation: events more back-to-back

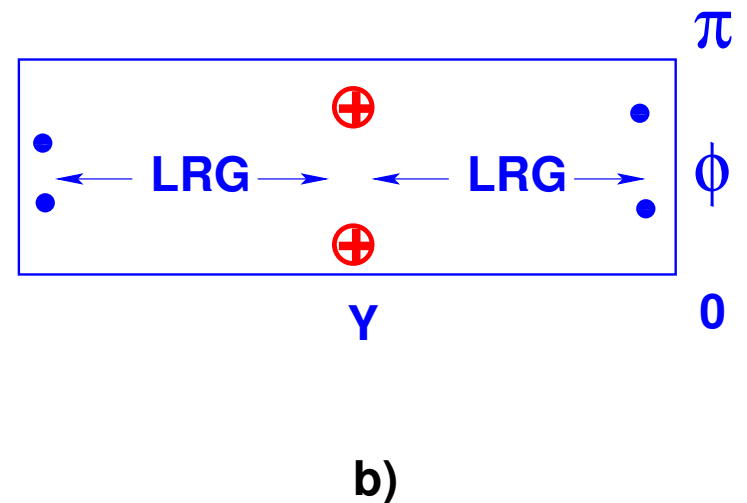
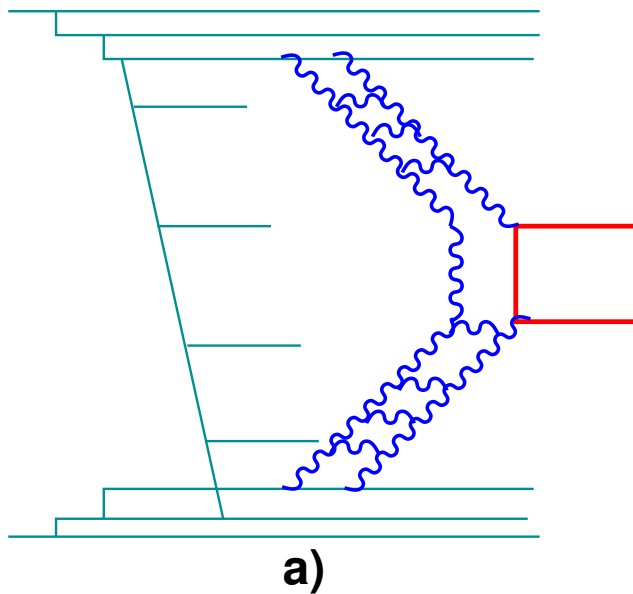


compare ND and SD



Factorisation at Tevatron?

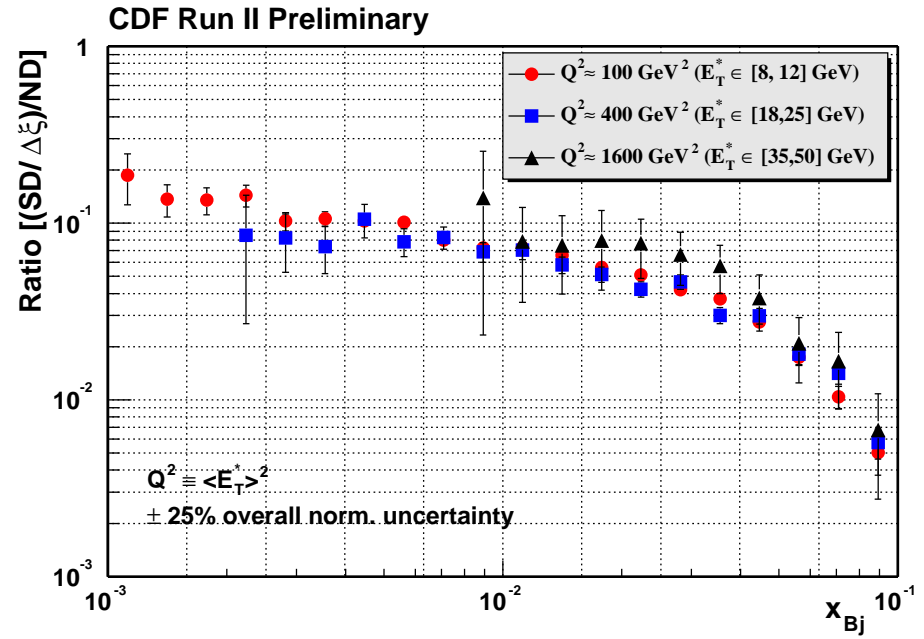
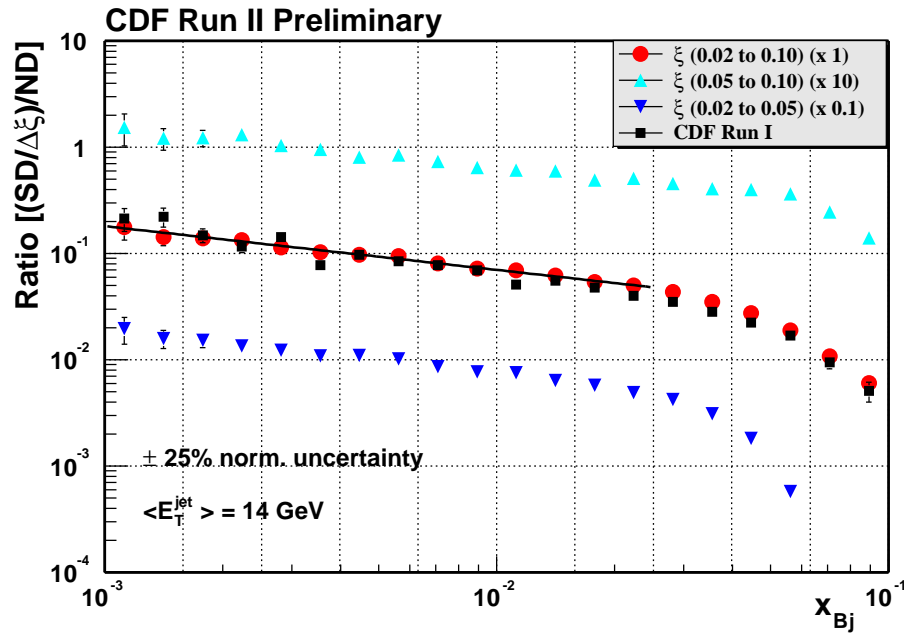
- Is factorisation valid at Tevatron? Can we use the parton densities measured at HERA to use them at the Tevatron/LHC?
- Factorisation is not expected to hold: soft gluon exchanges in initial/final states
- **Survival probability:** Probability that there is no soft additional interaction, that the diffractive event is kept



Factorisation within CDF data?

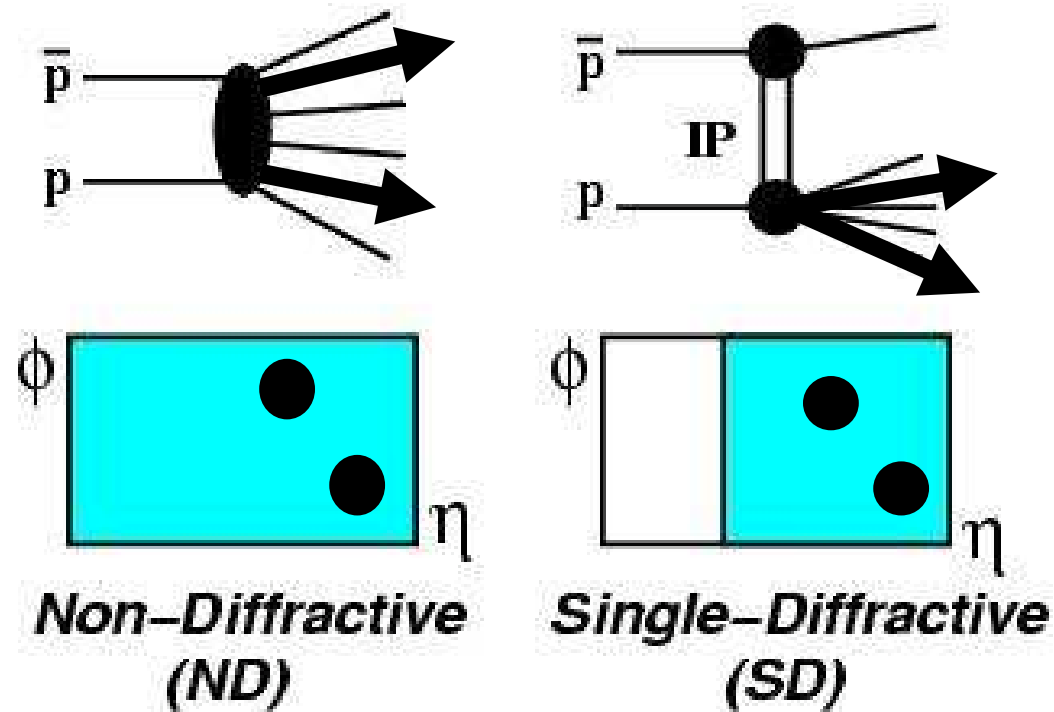
Same x and Q^2 dependence for different kinematical domains

→ Factorisation holds



Extraction of xG in pomeron from CDF data

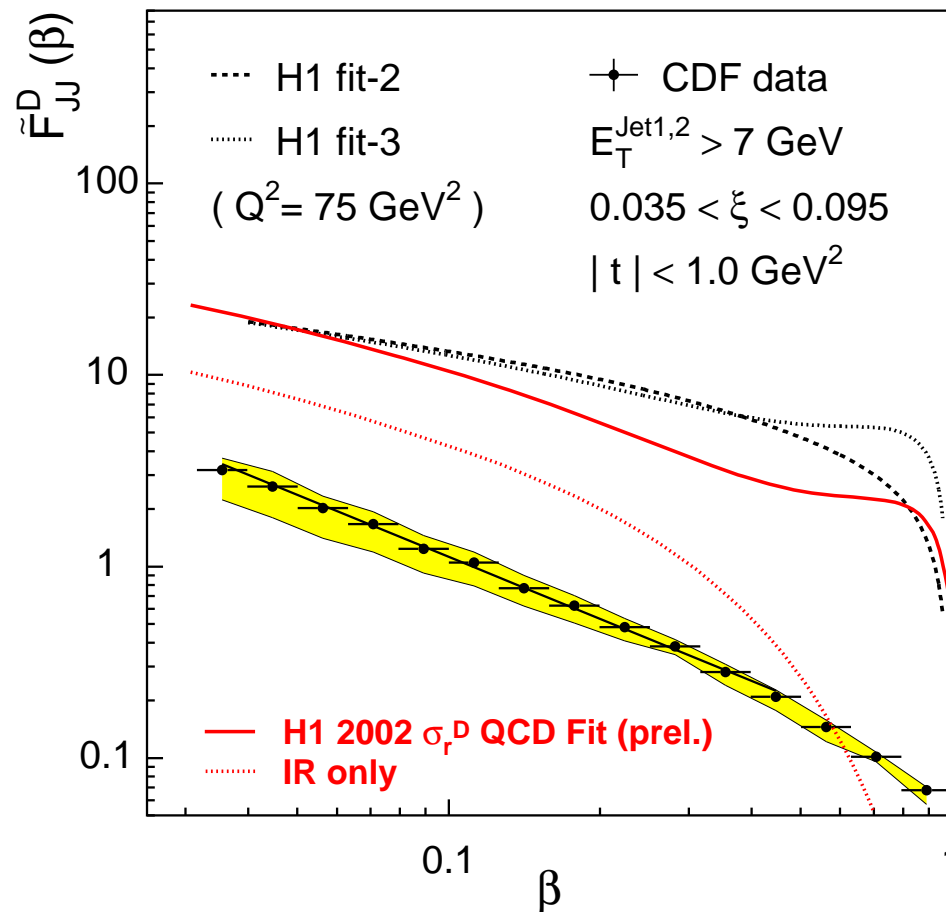
Extraction of gluon in pomeron using diffractive jet rate in CDF data



$$R(x_{Bj}) \equiv \frac{\text{Rate}_{jj}^{\text{SD}}(x_{Bj})}{\text{Rate}_{jj}^{\text{ND}}(x_{Bj})}$$
$$\Rightarrow \frac{F_{jj}^{\text{SD}}(x_{Bj})}{F_{jj}^{\text{ND}}(x_{Bj})}$$

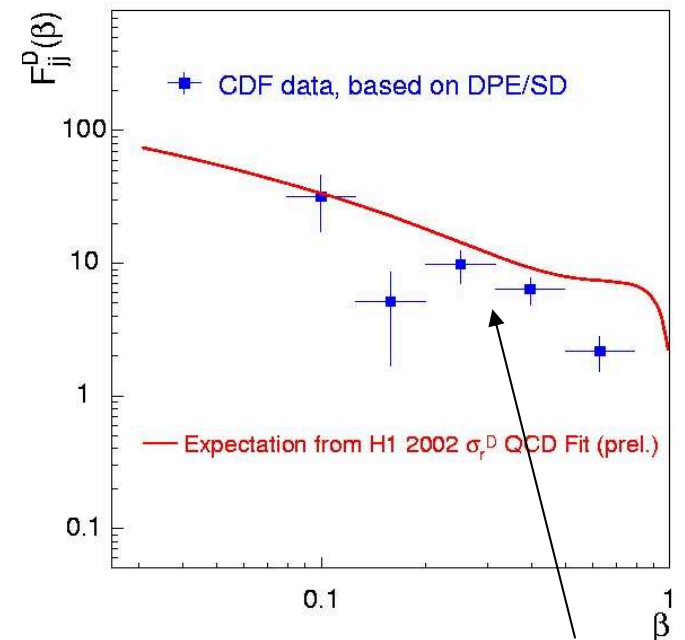
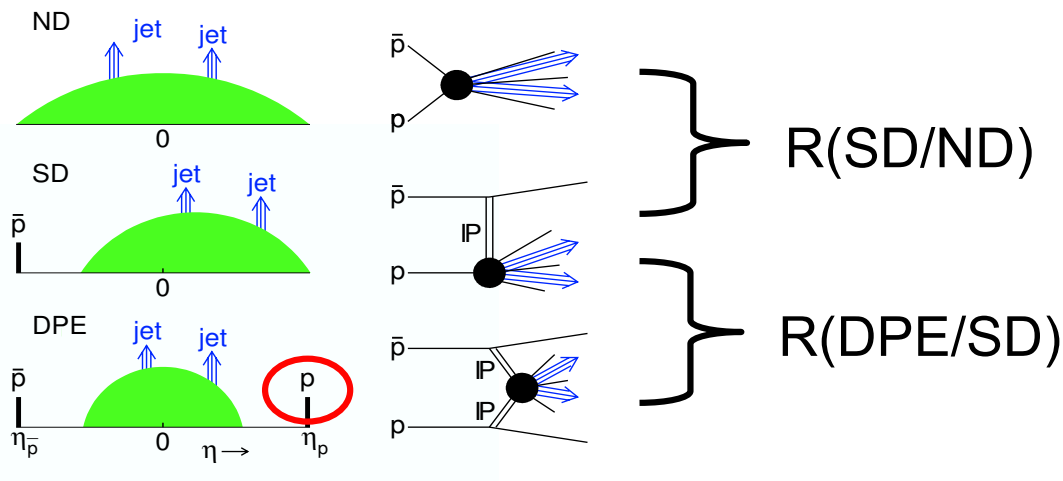
Extraction of xG in pomeron from CDF data

- Measurement of the dijet diffractive cross section leads directly to diffractive structure function: $\frac{\sigma_{jj}(SD)}{\sigma_{jj}(ND)} = \frac{F_{jj}^D}{F_{jj}}$
- Comparison of xG in pomeron from H1 (full red line) compared to CDF measurement:
- Difference in normalisation, shapes similar



Factorisation breaking at Tevatron

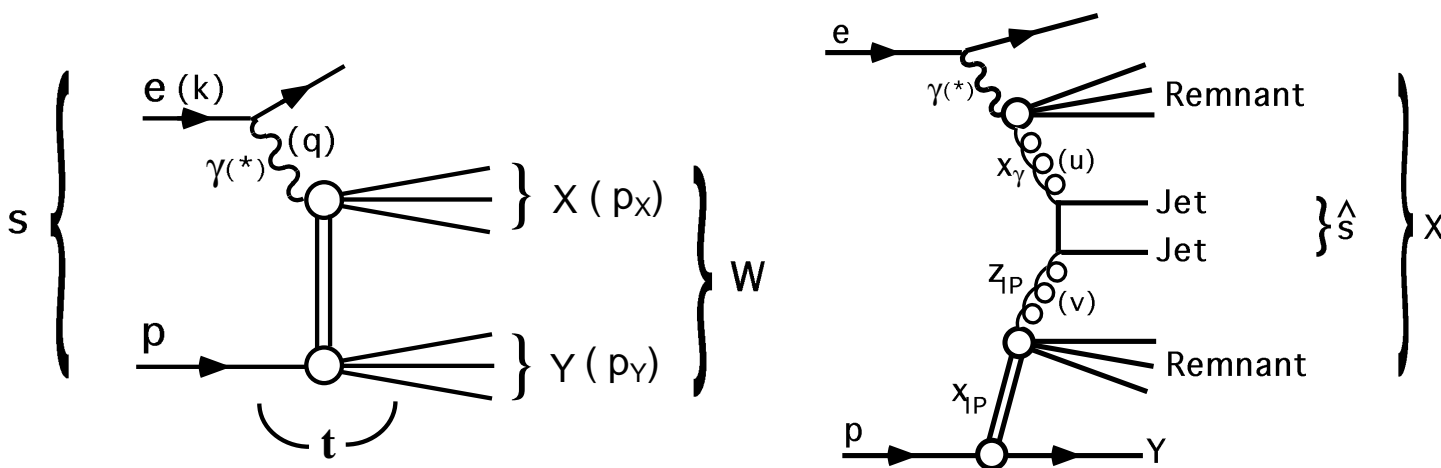
- No factorisation between HERA and Tevatron: survival probability of 0.1 at Tevatron
- Factorisation between double pomeron exchange and single diffraction?
- Is the survival probability a constant or does it depend on kinematic variables? Can we test it at Tevatron?



factorization is restored !

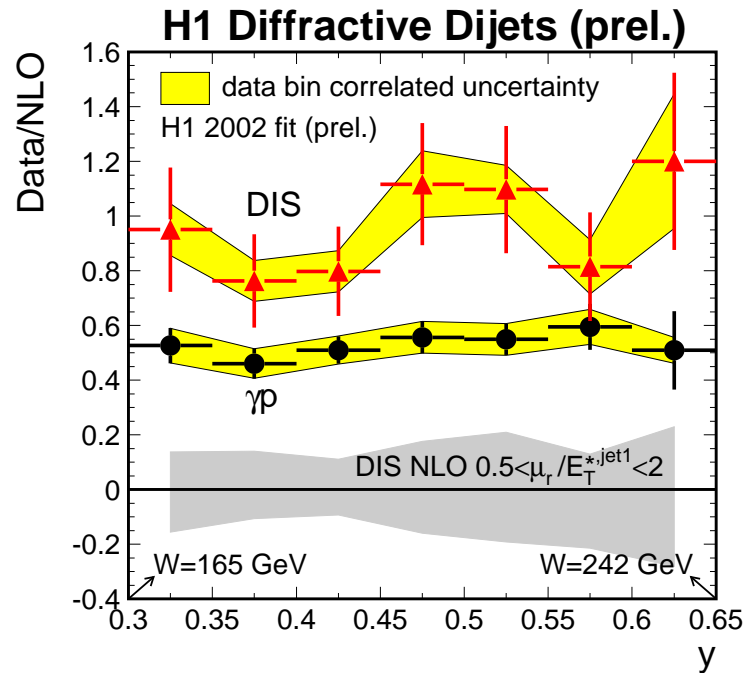
Survival probability studies in H1

- Find a process where we have diffractive hadron-hadron interaction at HERA: look in resolved photoproduction events
- Look for the proportion of diffractive events and check if it is different from DIS



Survival probability studies in H1

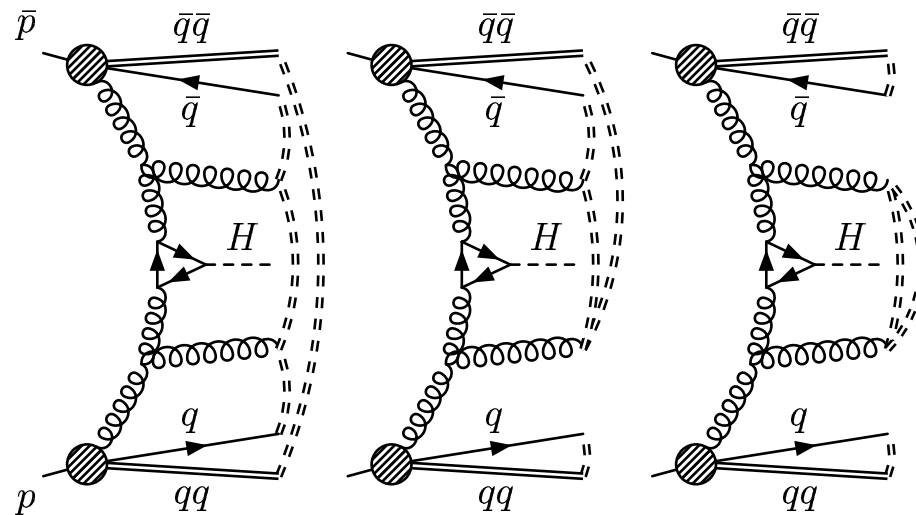
Normalised cross section for the diffractive production of 2 jets in γp



Conclusion: Factor 0.5 needed between DIS and γp data!
Evidence for survival probability effects, different from Tevatron.

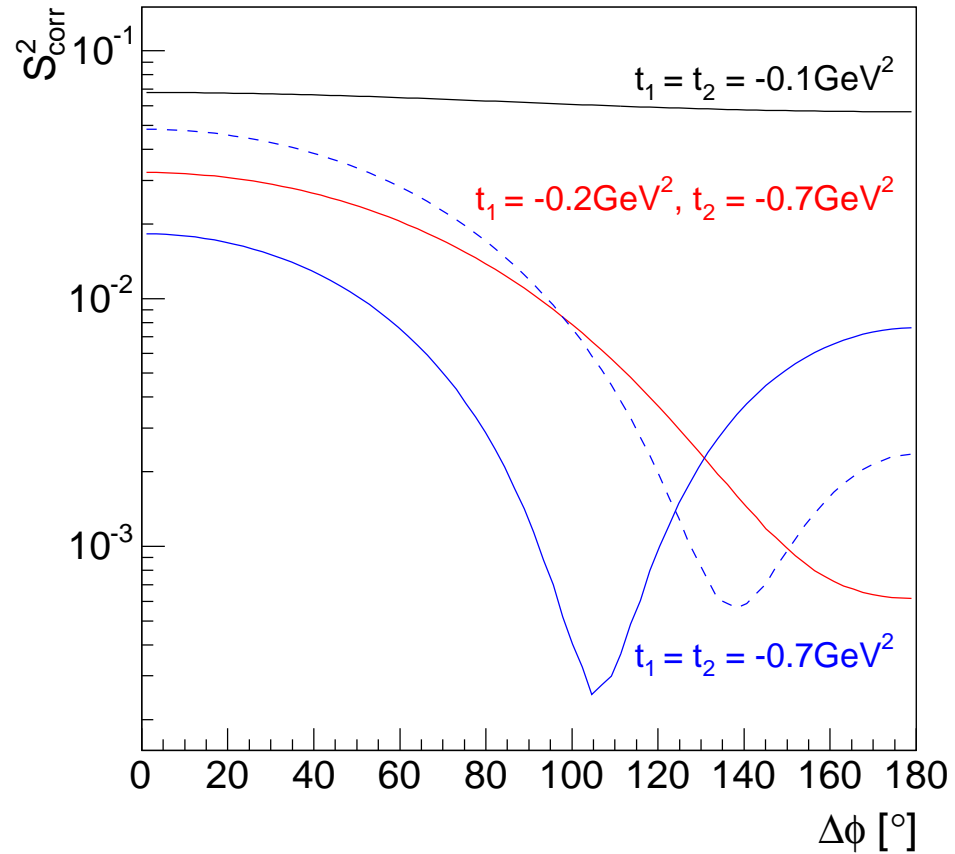
A parenthesis: Soft Colour Interaction Models

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



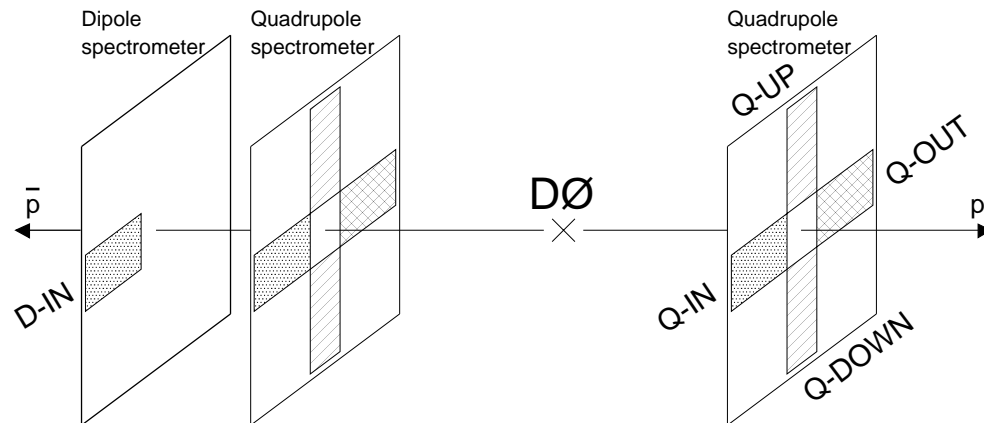
$\Delta\Phi$ dependence of survival probabilities

Survival probability strongly $\Delta\Phi$ -dependent where $\Delta\Phi$ is the difference in azimuthal angles between p and \bar{p}



Forward Proton Detector in DØ

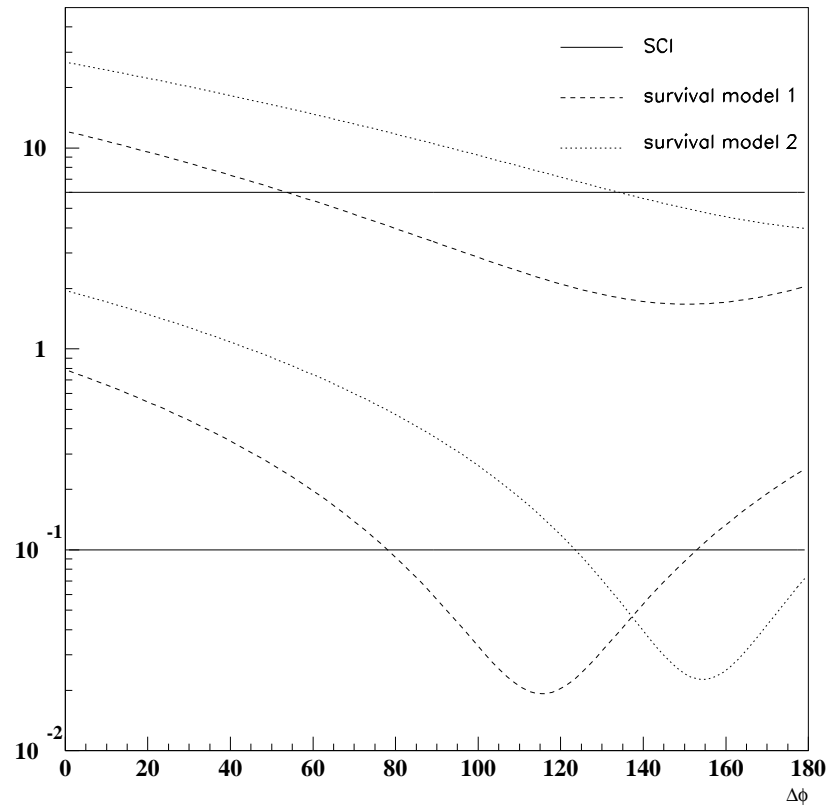
Forward Proton Detector (FPD) installed by DØ allowing to measure directly $\Delta\Phi$



Possibility to combine D-IN with quadrupole on the other side, or two quadrupole detectors (Q-UP and Q-UP, or Q-UP and Q-DOWN...)

Results

Relative $\Delta\Phi$ dependence for SCI and pomeron-based models
(upper plots: ($|t_p| > 0.6, |t_{\bar{p}}| > 0.1 \text{ GeV}^2$, lower ones
 $|t_p| > 0.5, |t_{\bar{p}}| > 0.5 \text{ GeV}^2$)



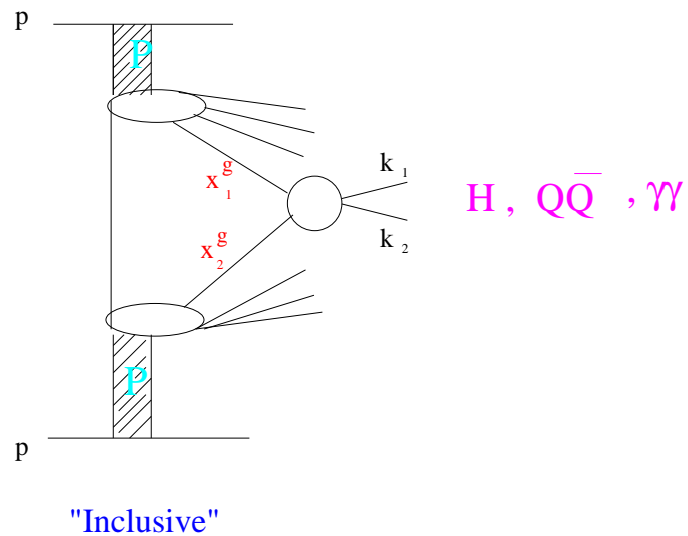
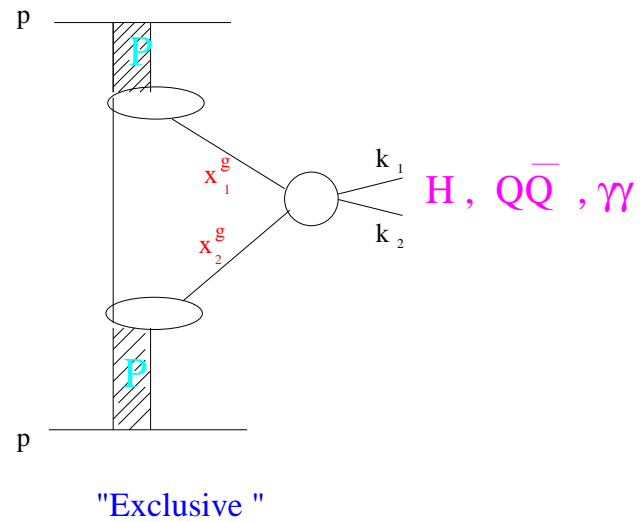
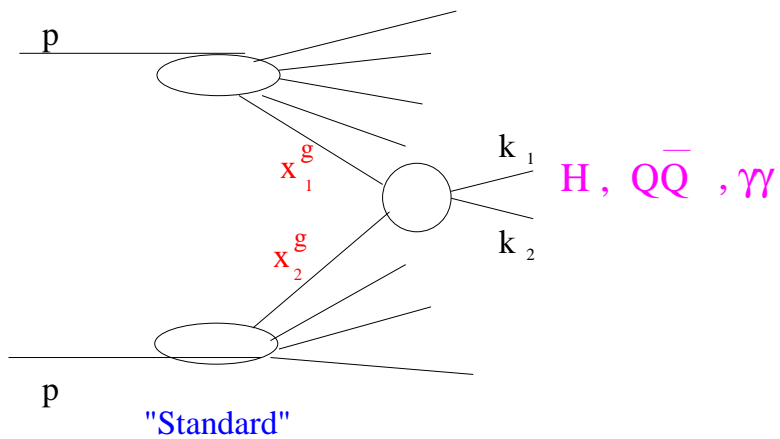
Possible measurement at DØ

- Diffractive cross section ratios in different regions of $\Delta\Phi$ at the Tevatron
- same side: $\Delta\Phi < 45$ degrees, opposite side: $\Delta\Phi > 135$, middle: $45 < \Delta\Phi < 135$ degrees;
- 1st measurement: asymmetric cuts on t (dipole and quadrupole), 2nd measurement: symmetric cuts on t (quadrupole on both sides)
- Possible to distinguish between SCI and pomeron-based models, and test the survival probabilities

Configuration	model	middle/same	opp./same
Quad.	SCI	1.3	1.1
+ Dip.	Pom.	0.36	0.18
Quad.	SCI	1.4	1.2
+ Quad.	Pom.	0.14	0.31

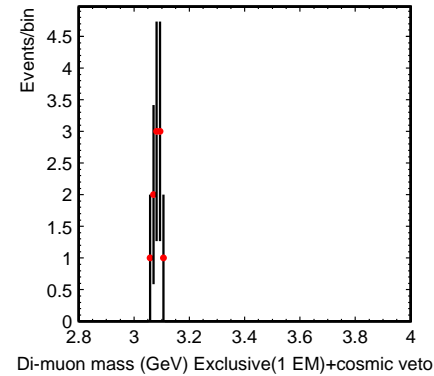
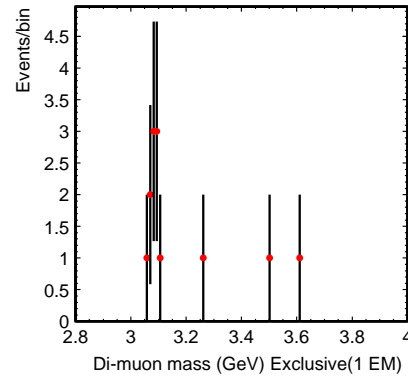
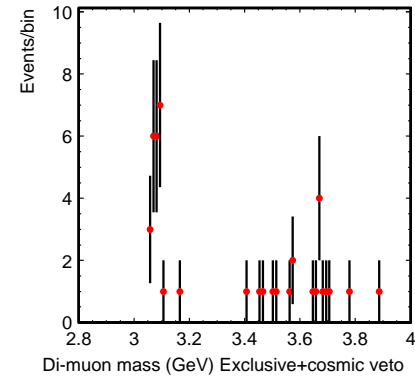
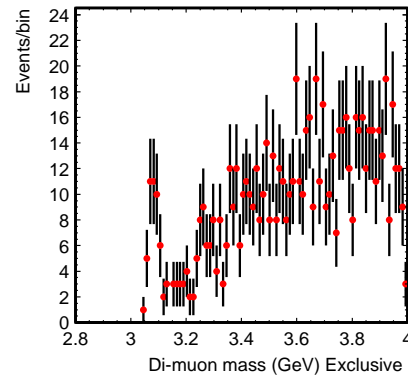
Look for exclusive events at the Tevatron

- “exclusive” events: events without pomeron remnant
- The full available energy is used in the hard interaction
- Interesting for LHC...



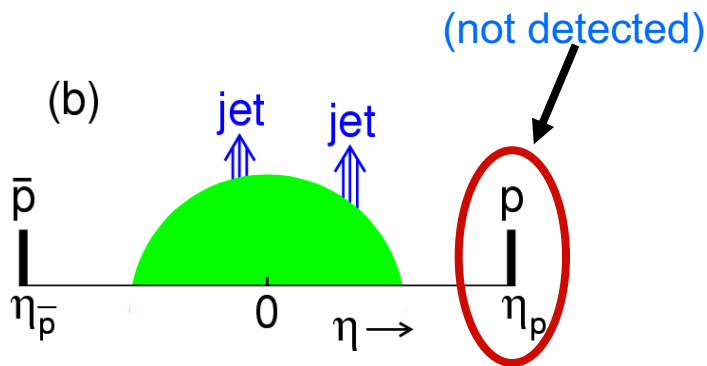
Exclusive χ_c production at CDF

- Look for events with two muons and two rapidity gaps
($\chi_C^0 \rightarrow J/\Psi\gamma \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-\gamma$)
- Problem of cosmic contamination

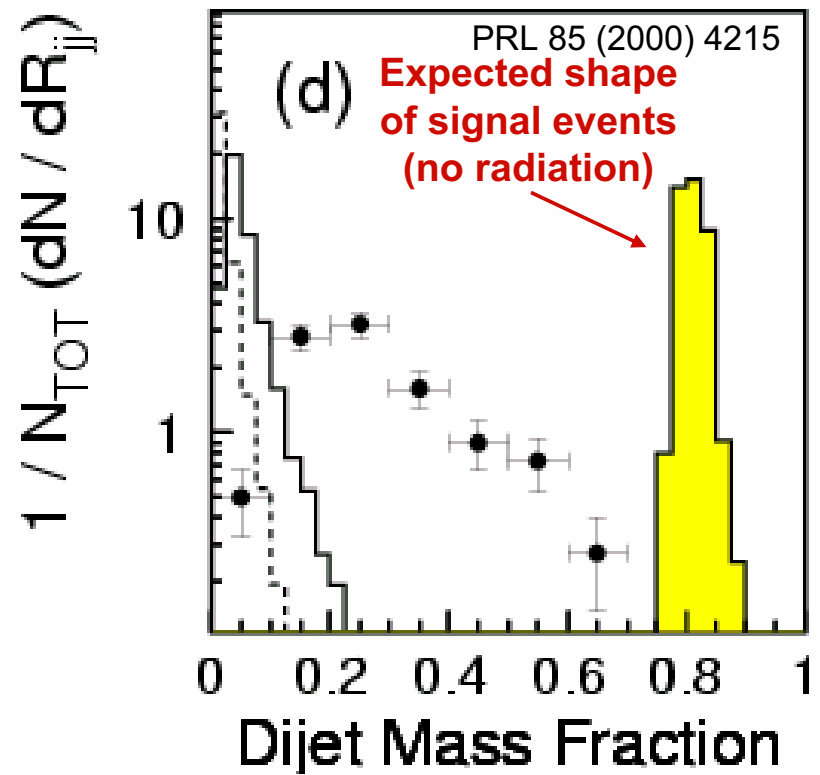


Look for exclusive events at the Tevatron

- measurement of the dijet mass fraction
- Expect a peak towards one if exclusive events exist

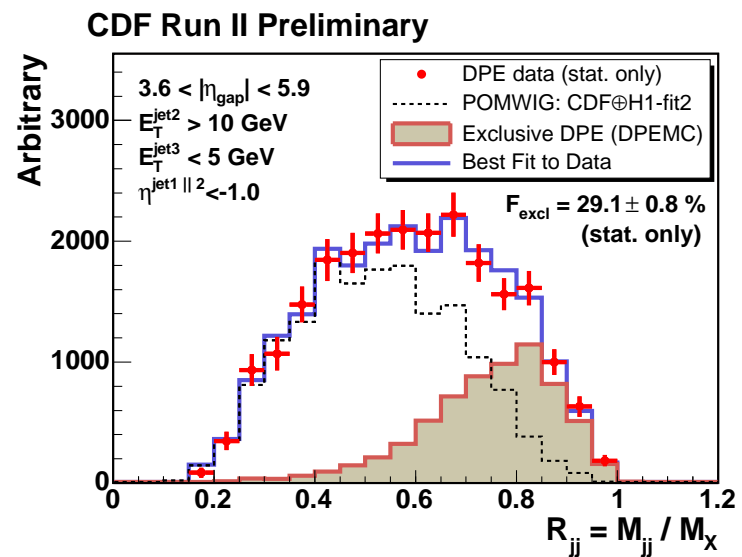
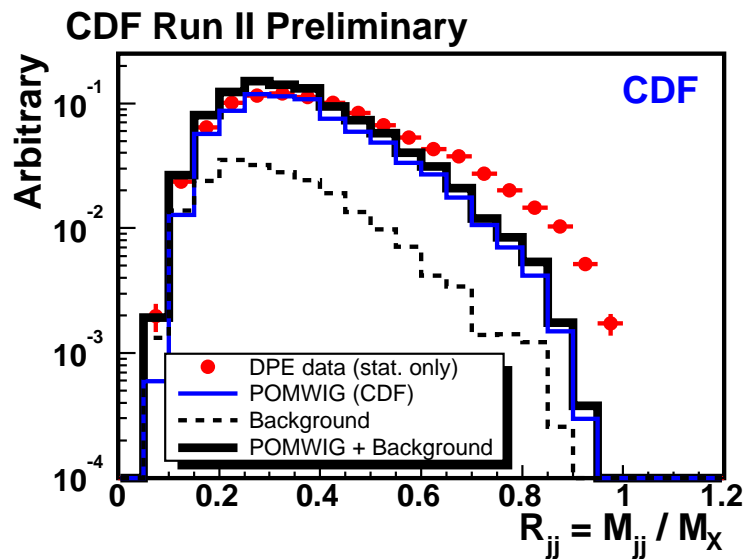


Mass fraction: $R_{jj} = \frac{M_{jj}}{M_x}$



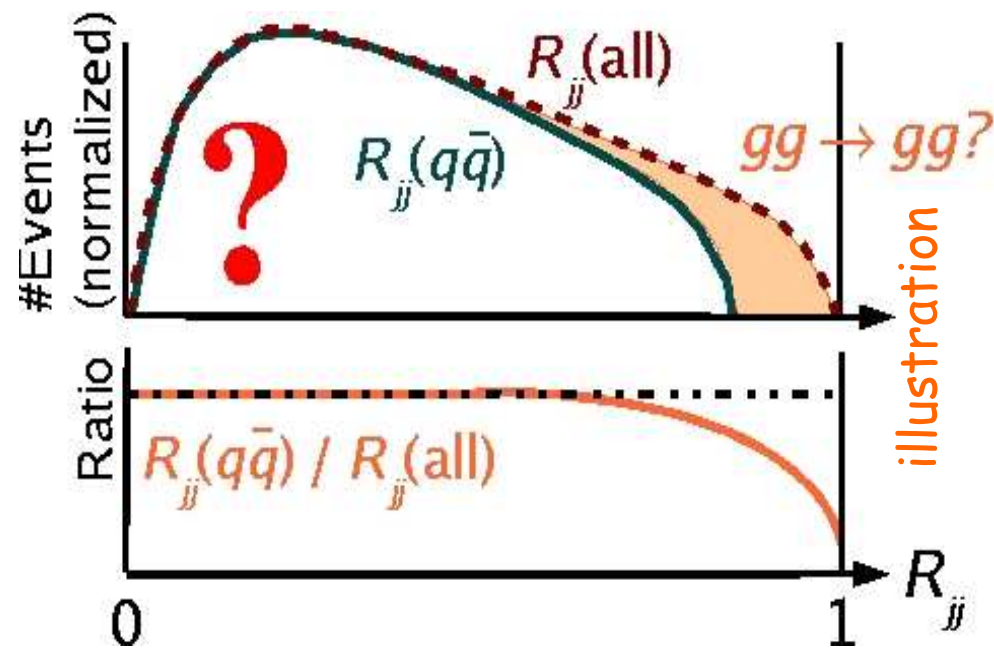
Look for exclusive events at the Tevatron

- Select events with two jets only, one proton tagged in roman pot detector and a rapidity gap on the other side
- **Observable: dijet mass fraction**, close to 1 (within detector resolution) for exclusive events
- Comparison with POMWIG Monte Carlo using H1 gluon density in pomeron and DPEMC for exclusive signal
- Will be interesting to see the effect of new H1/ZEUS PDFs in pomeron on these results



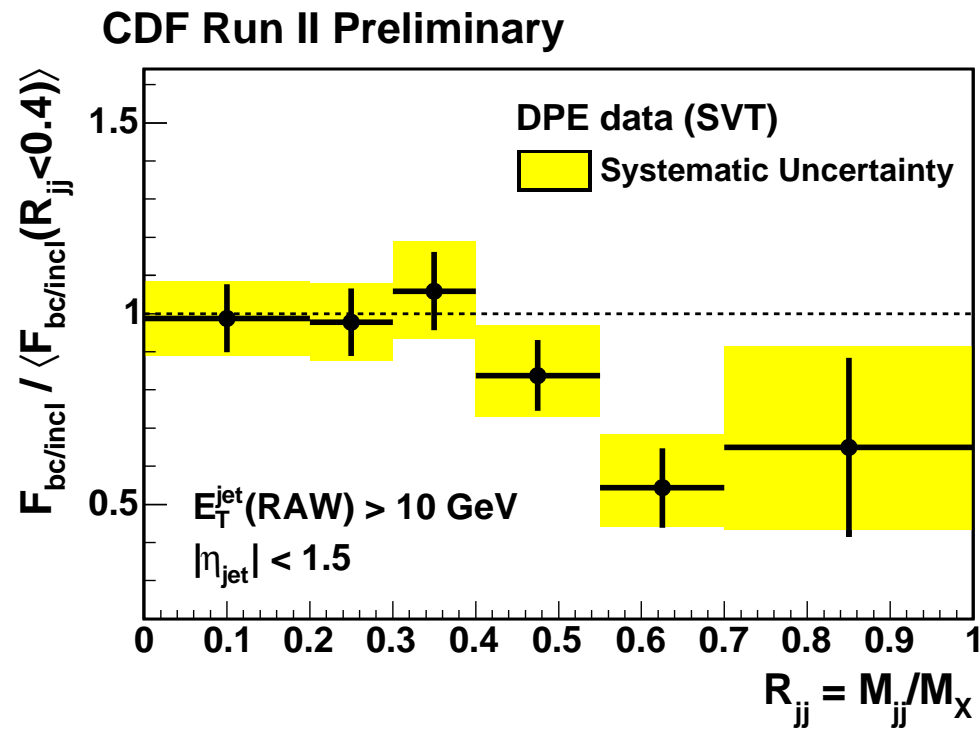
Search for exclusive events (CDF)

- Look for exclusive events in $b\bar{b}$ events production:
- If exclusive events exist the ratio of b jet events should be smaller at high dijet mass fraction since exclusive b jet production is suppressed



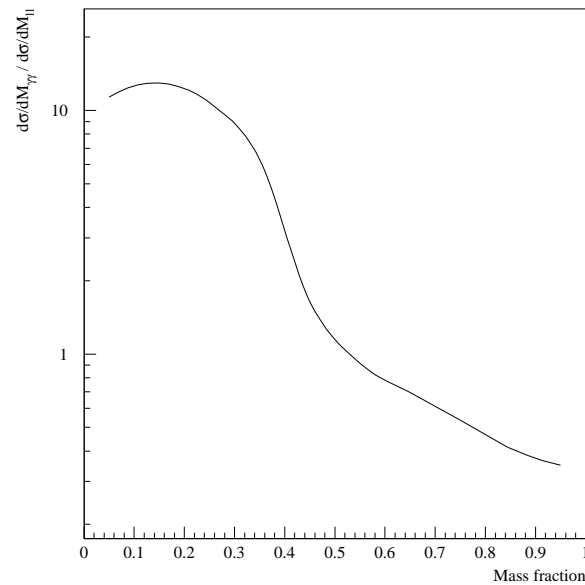
Search for exclusive events (CDF)

- Look for exclusive events in $b\bar{b}$ events production:
- The ratio of b jet events tends to be smaller at high dijet mass fraction, needs more stats



Existence of exclusive events

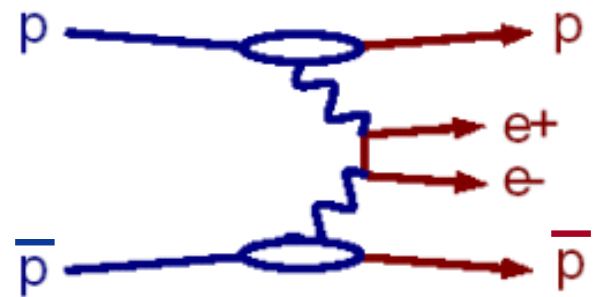
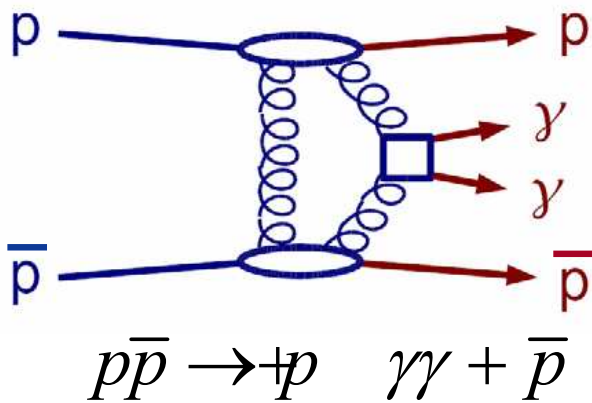
Test of the existence of exclusive events



- Dilepton and diphoton cross section ratio as a function of the diphoton/dilepton mass: no dilepton event for exclusive models ($gg \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ ok, $gg \rightarrow l^+l^-$ direct: impossible)
- Change of slope of ratio if exclusive events exist

Search for exclusive diphotons (CDF)

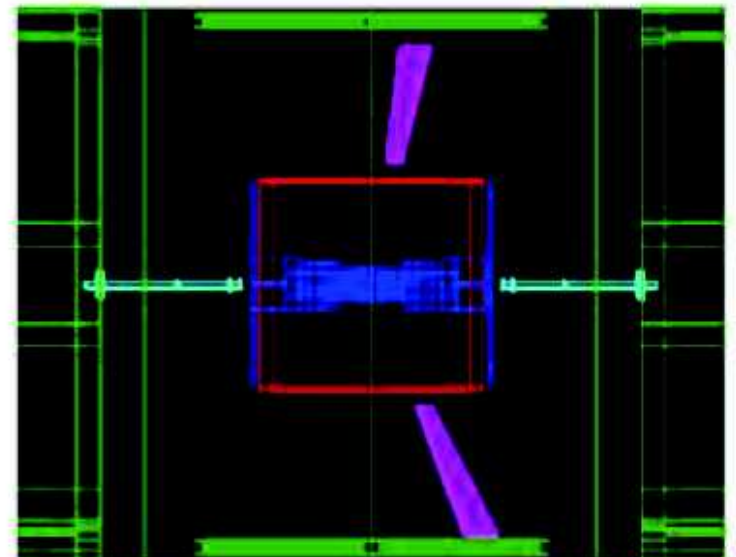
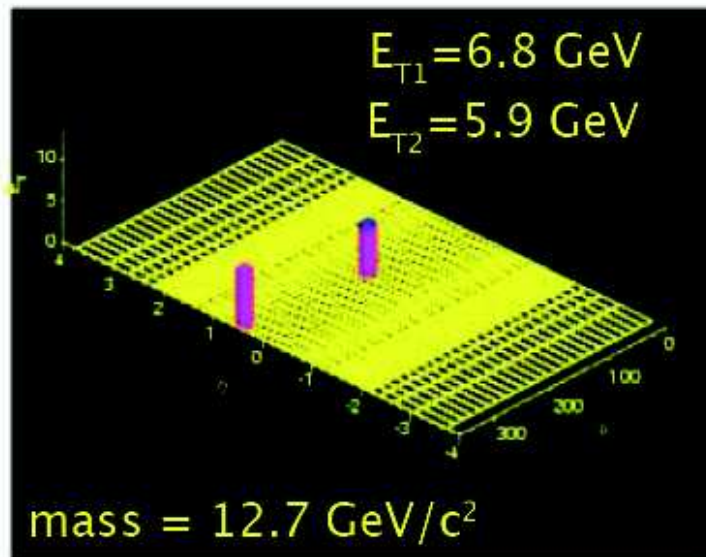
- **Look for diphoton events:** very clean events (2 photons and nothing else), but low cross section (**nothing means experimentally nothing above threshold..., quasi-exclusive events contamination**)
- **Look for dilepton events:** produced only by QED processes, cross-check to exclusive $\gamma\gamma$ production



QED process: cross-check to exclusive $\gamma\gamma$

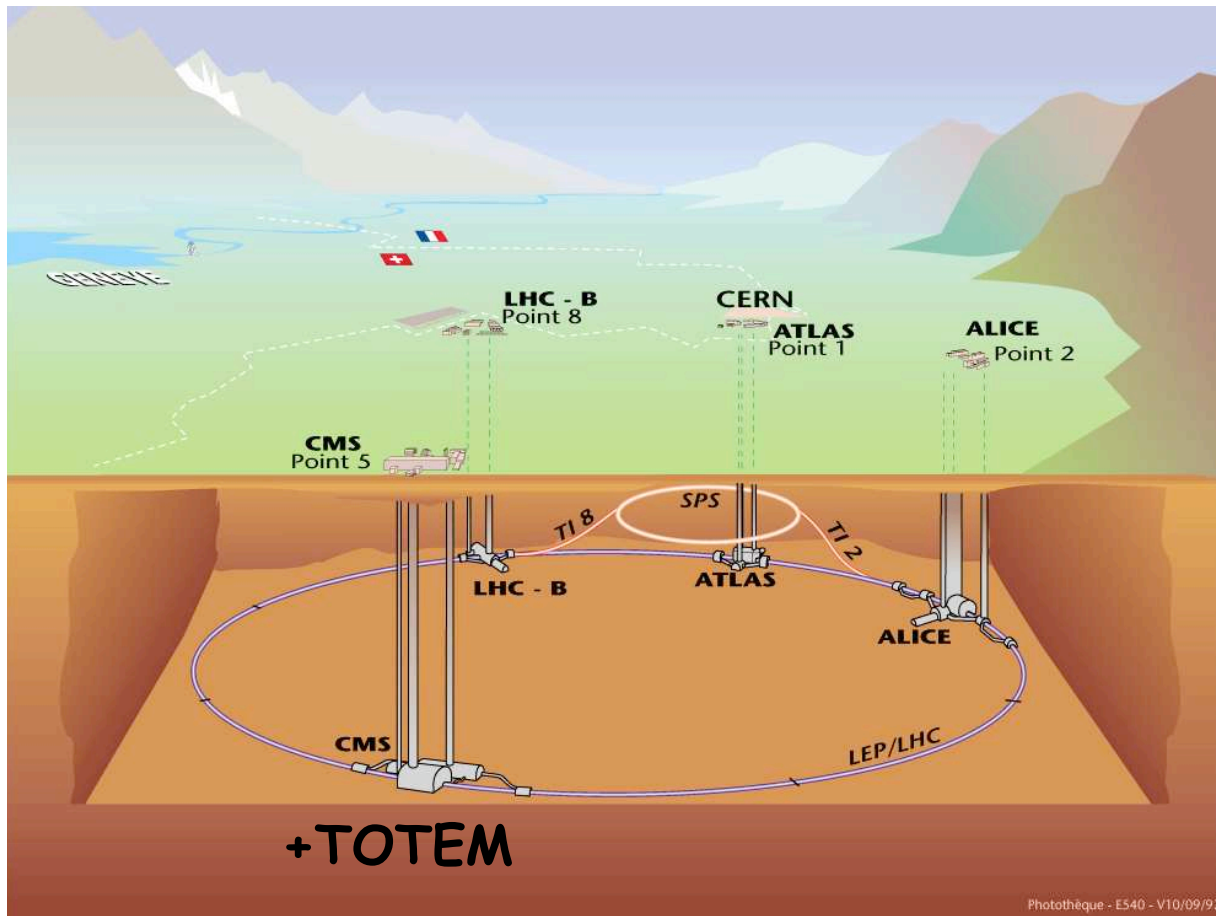
Search for exclusive diphotons (CDF)

- Look for exclusive diphoton or dilepton production, dominated by QED events (photon exchanges) and not from pomeron exchanges
- Cross section for e^+e^- exclusive production:
 $N_{candidates} = 16_{-3.2}^{+5.1}$, $N_{background} = 2.1_{-0.3}^{+0.7}$ (mainly dissociation events) in 46 pb^{-1}
 $\sigma = 1.6_{-0.3}^{+0.5}(\text{stat}) \pm 0.3(\text{syst}) \text{ pb}$
- Cross section for $\gamma\gamma$ - exclusive production:
 $N_{candidates} = 3_{-0.9}^{+2.9}$, $N_{background} = 0_{-0.0}^{+0.2}$ (mainly dissociation events) in 46 pb^{-1}
 $\sigma = 0.14_{-0.04}^{+0.14}(\text{stat}) \pm 0.03(\text{syst}) \text{ pb}$



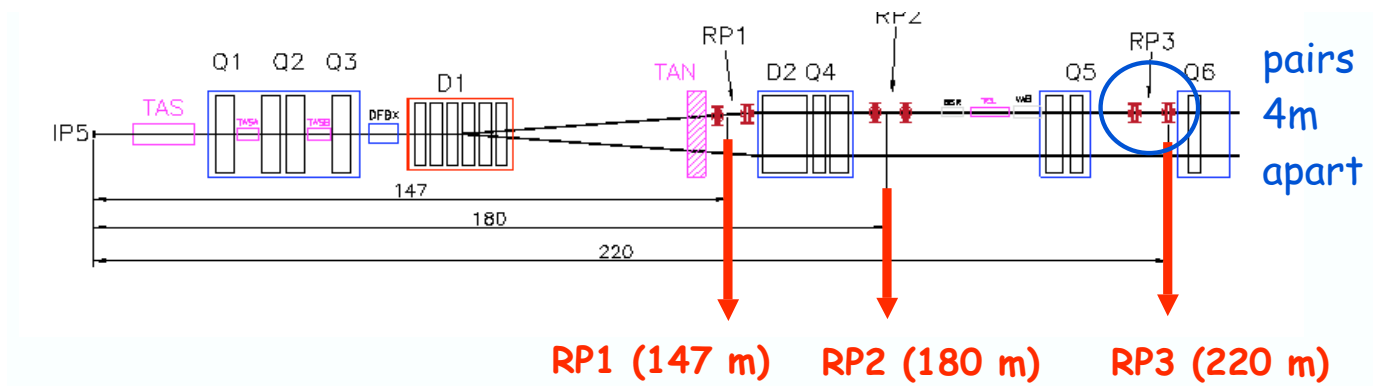
Diffraction at the LHC

- LHC, $\sqrt{S} = 14$ TeV, allows to reach a completely new kinematical domain, 2 experiments involved in diffraction: ATLAS, CMS-TOTEM
- **Diffraction selection:** as for the Tevatron, rapidity gap selection at low luminosity (25 interactions expected at the same time at the highest luminosity, will kill the gaps)
- **Measurements of hard diffraction and elastic cross sections**



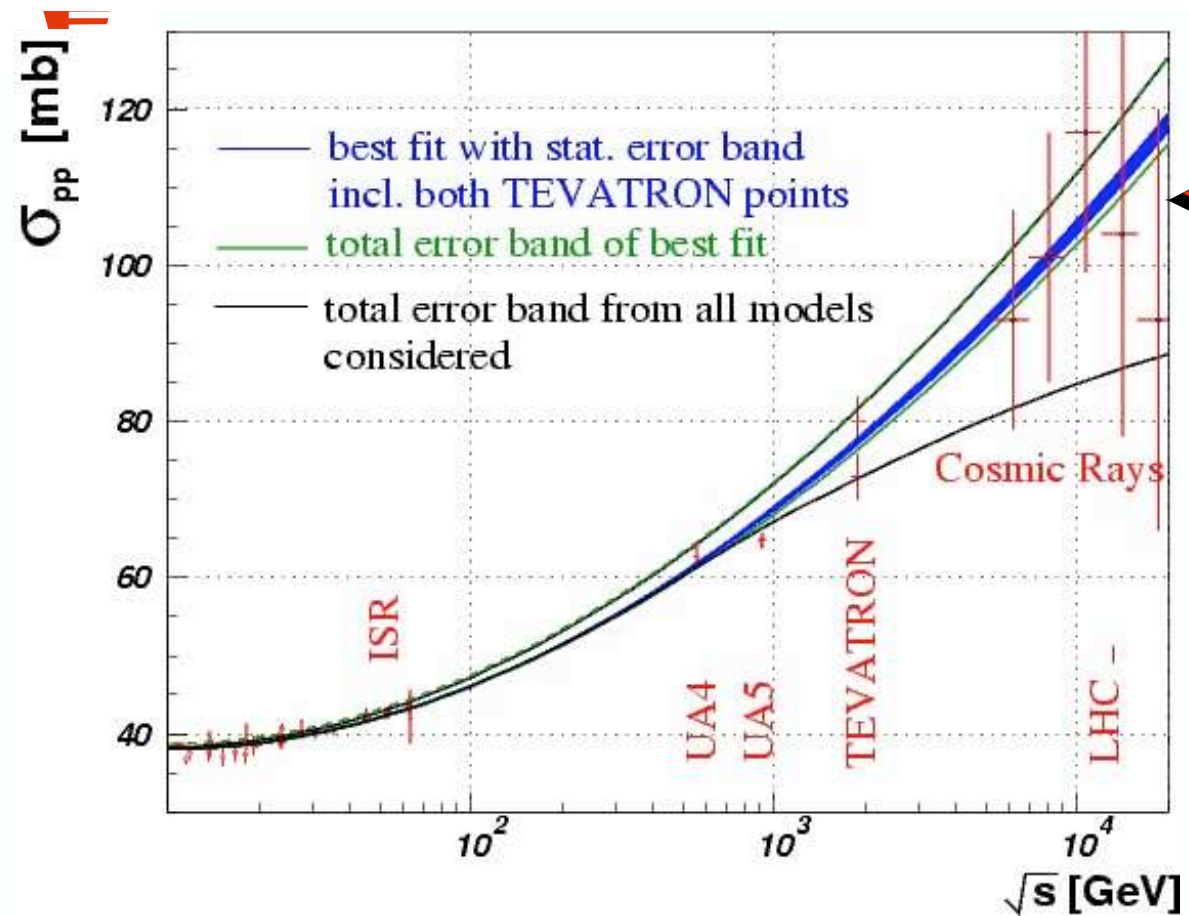
Soft physics at the LHC: Roman pots in TOTEM/ATLAS

- Roman pots in TOTEM located at 147 m, 220 m
- Roman pots in ATLAS located at 240 m
- Possibility to measure the total cross section at the LHC with a special LHC lattice at low luminosity



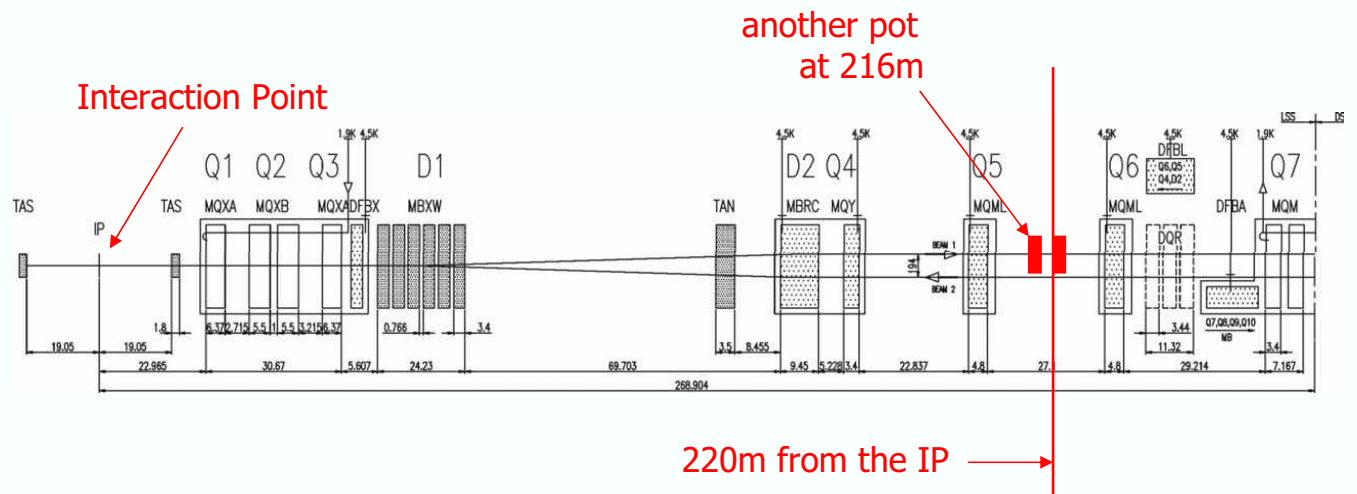
Measurement of the total cross section

- Measurement of the total cross section at the LHC
- Also important for luminosity measurements

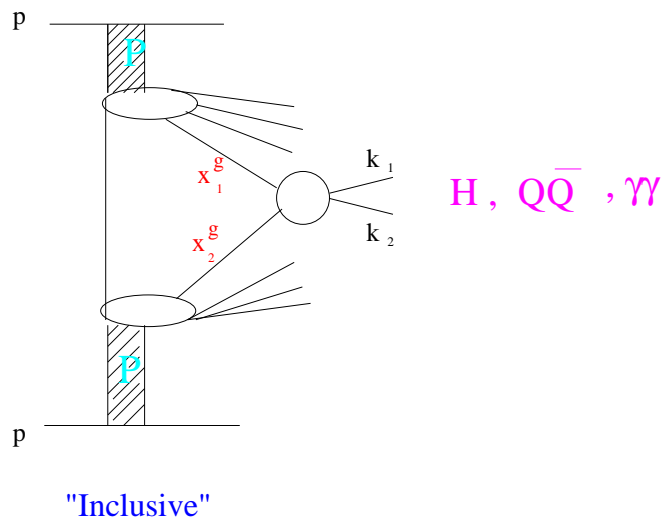
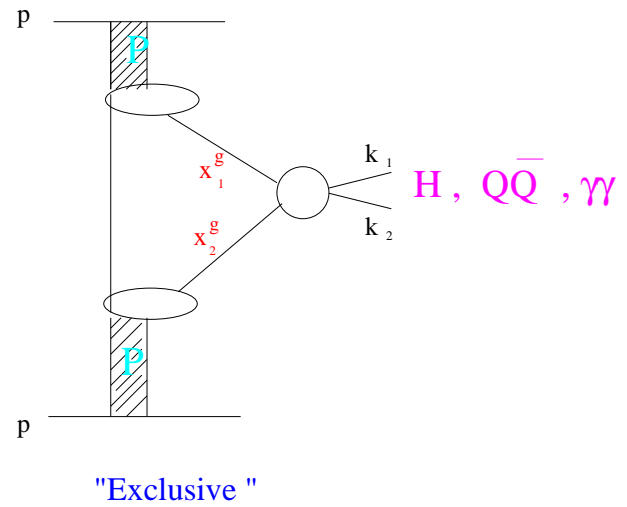
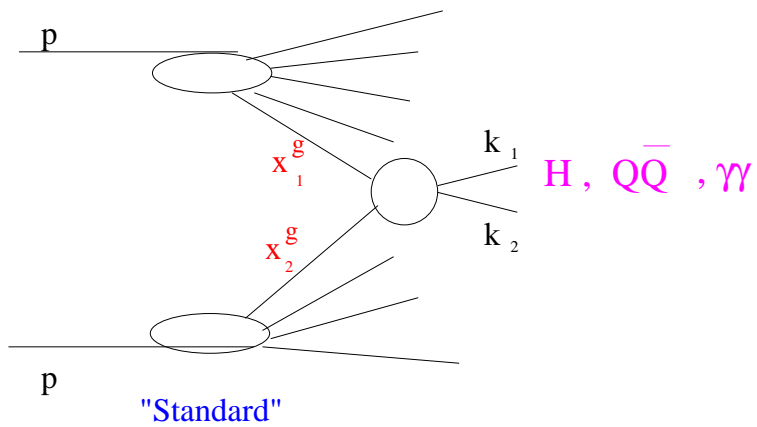


Hard diffraction at LHC

- Two projects of roman pot detectors at the LHC at high luminosity: 220m and 420 m (both for CMS and ATLAS)
- Projects under study, to be installed in 2008-2009



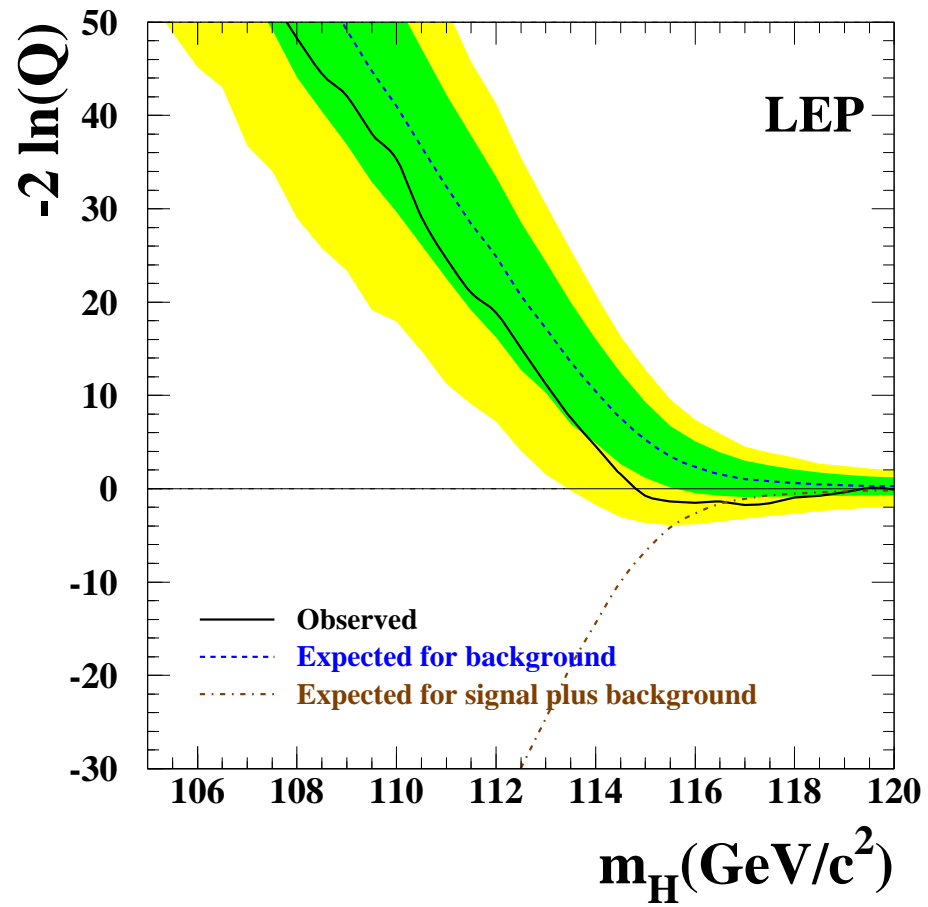
"Exclusive models"



All the energy is used to produce the Higgs (or the dijets),
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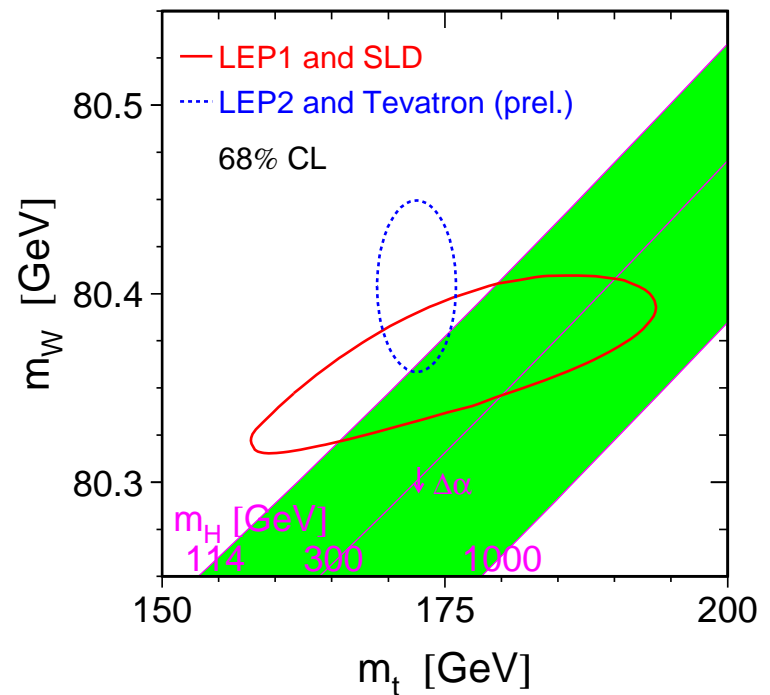
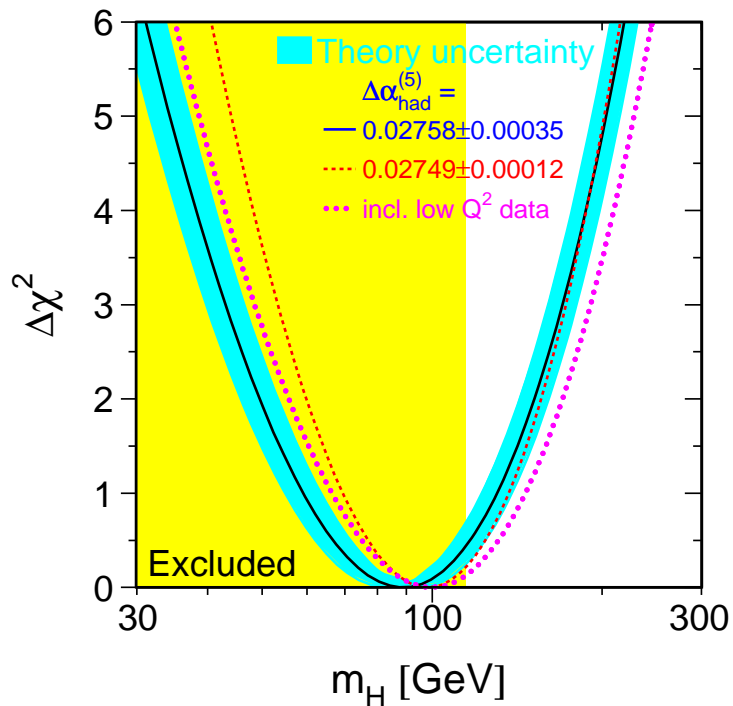
LEP limits on Higgs mass

Limit on Higgs mass: 114.4 GeV

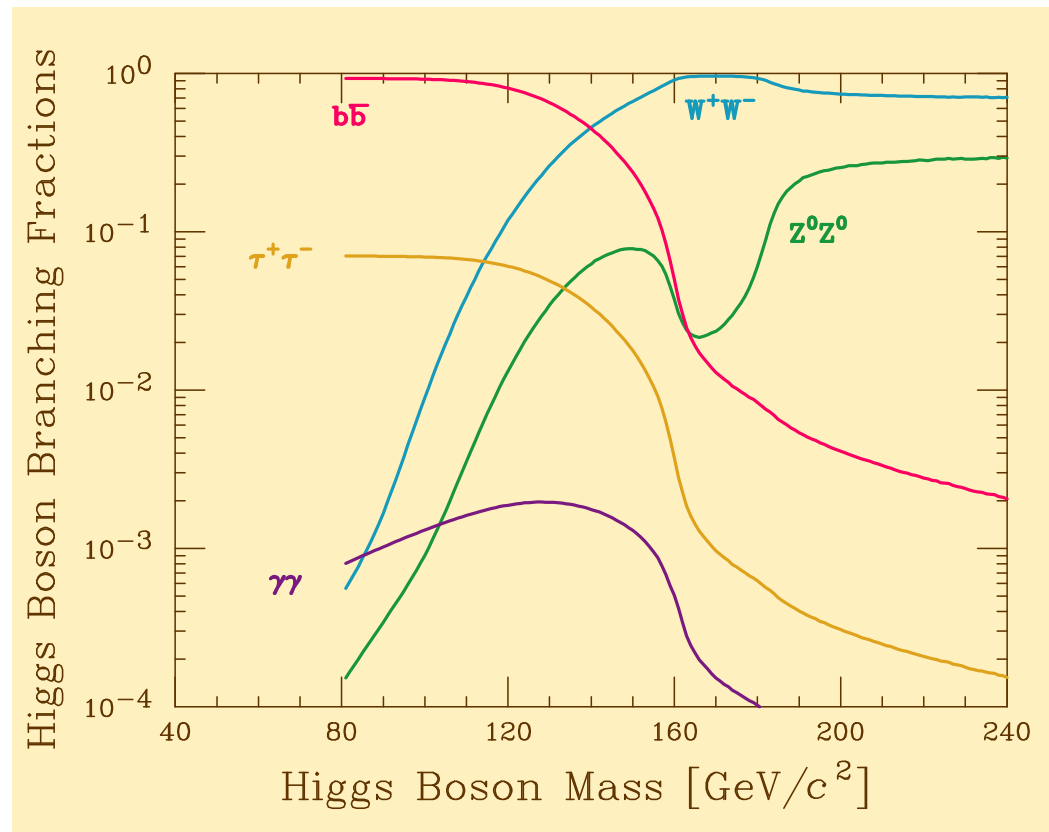


Electroweak fits and mass of Higgs boson

- Use new M_{top} , width of W boson from Tevatron and LEP, and mass of W from LEP
- $M_{Higgs} = 89 + 42 - 30$ GeV (68% CL), and < 175 GeV at 95% CL



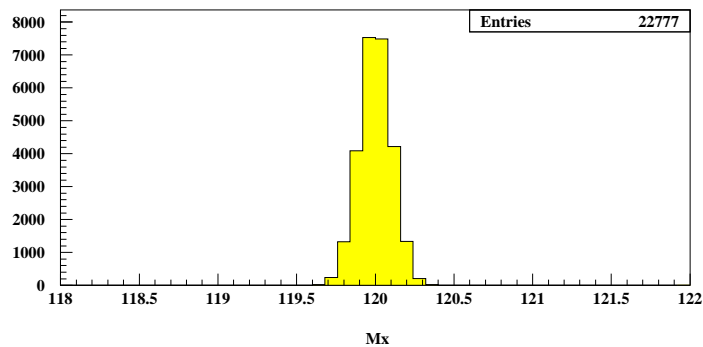
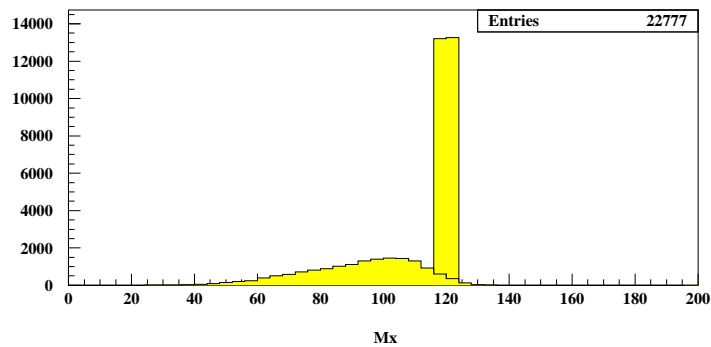
SM Higgs decay



Low masses: $b\bar{b}$ and $\tau\tau$ dominate
High masses: WW dominates

Advantage of exclusive Higgs production?

- Good Higgs mass reconstruction: fully constrained system, Higgs mass reconstructed using both tagged protons in the final state ($pp \rightarrow pHp$)
- $M_H = \sqrt{\xi_p \xi_{\bar{p}} S}$
- Contamination to the exclusive Higgs signal due to the tail of inclusive events: important to know the tail of the inclusive distributions at high β

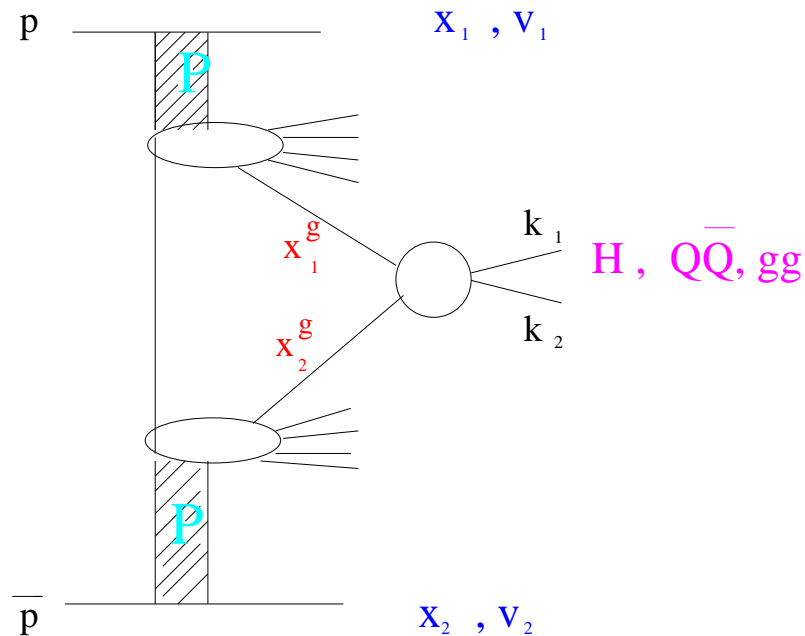


DPEMC Monte Carlo

- DPEMC (Double Pomeron Exchange Monte Carlo): New generator to produce events with double pomeron exchange <http://boonekam.home.cern.ch/boonekam/dpemc.htm>, hep-ph/0312273
- Interface with Herwig: for hadronisation
- Exclusive and inclusive processes included: Higgs, dijets, diphotons, dileptons, SUSY, QED, Z , W ...
- DPEMC generator interfaced with a fast simulation of LHC detector (as an example CMS, same for ATLAS), and a detailed simulation of roman pot acceptance
- Gap survival probability of 0.03 put for the LHC i

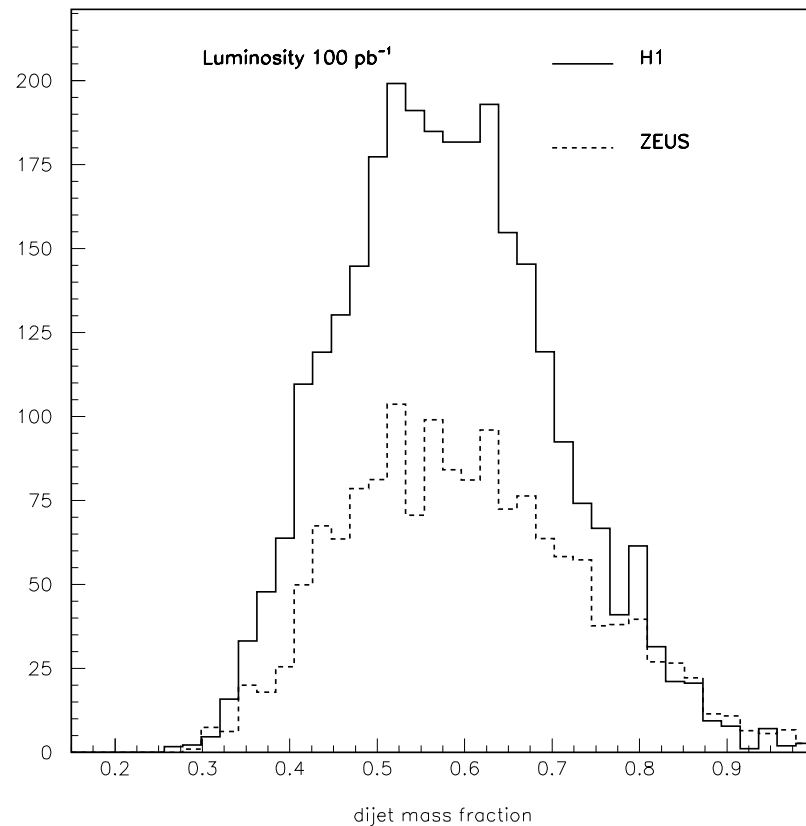
How to make predictions for diffraction at the LHC

- “Inclusive” models: Take the hadron-hadron “usual” cross section convoluted with the parton distributions in the pomeron
- Take shape of H1 measurement of gluon density
- Normalisation coming from survival gap probability
- Inclusive cross sections need to be known in detail since it is a direct background to search for exclusive events



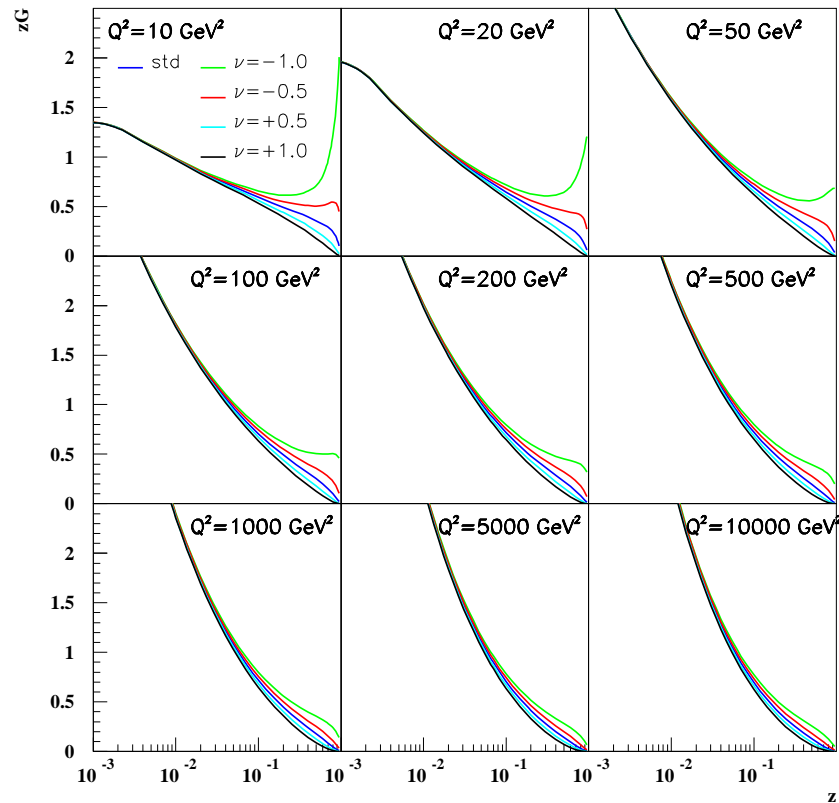
Constrain better xG using Tevatron measurements

- Possible measurement of the dijet mass fraction at the Tevatron sensitive to gluon density
- Request two jets of 25 GeV and a \bar{p} tagged in the DØ dipole roman pot detector as an example



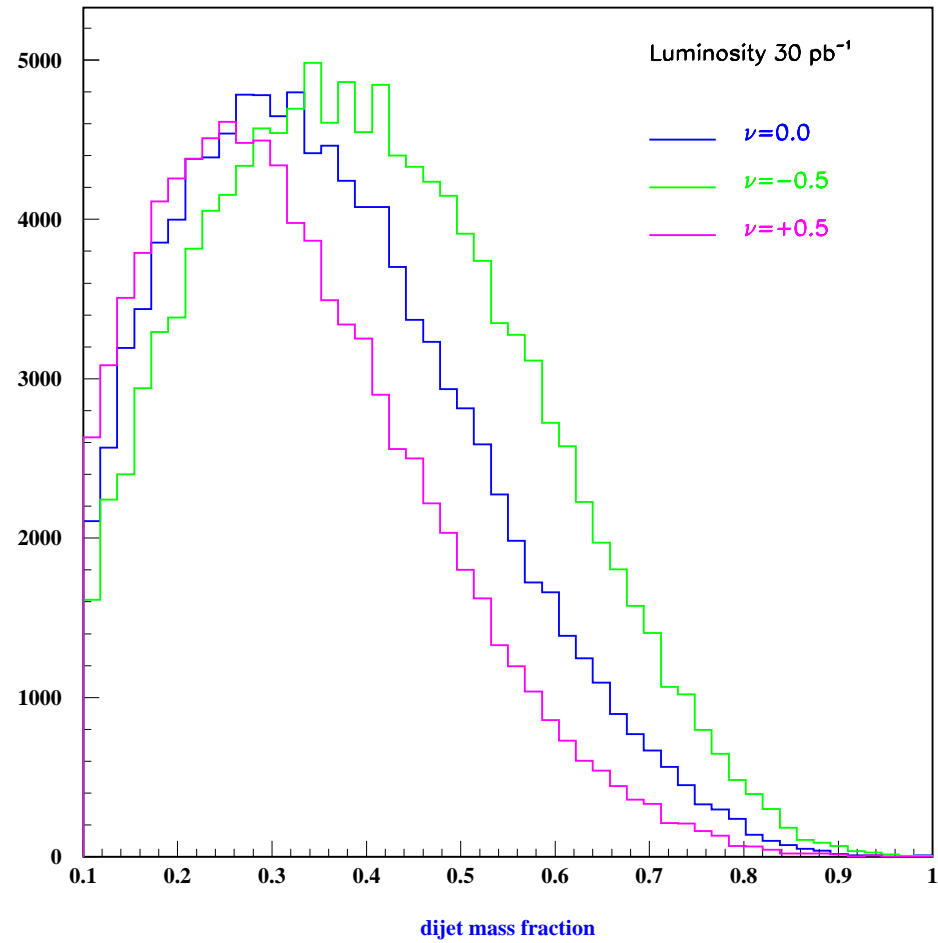
Uncertainty on high β gluon

- Important to know the high β gluon since it is a contamination to exclusive events
- Experimentally, quasi-exclusive events indistinguishable from purely exclusive ones
- Uncertainty on gluon density at high β : multiply the gluon density by $(1 - \beta)^\nu$ (fit: $\nu = 0.0 \pm 0.6$)



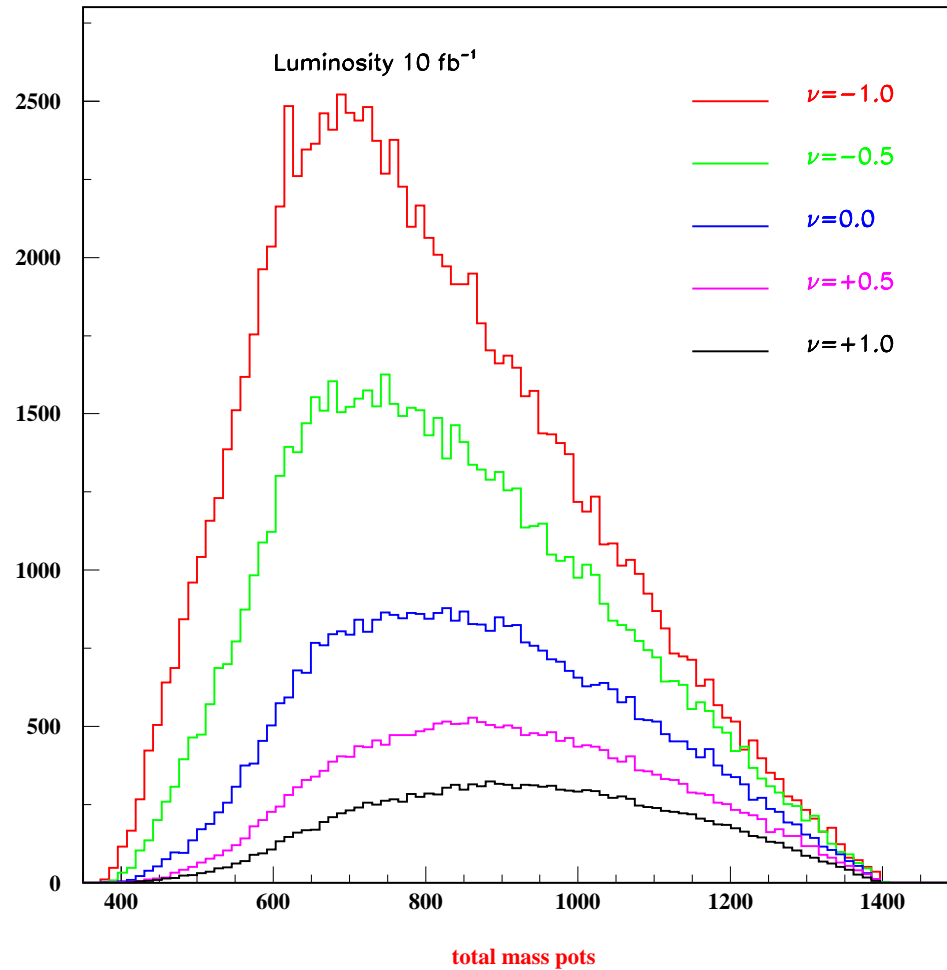
Dijet mass measurement

Measure the dijet mass distribution at the Tevatron or the LHC: dependent on high- β gluon



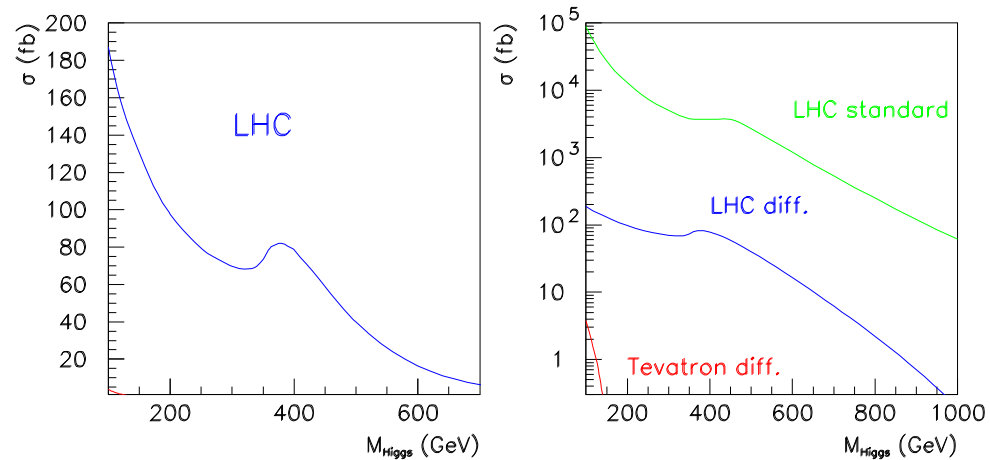
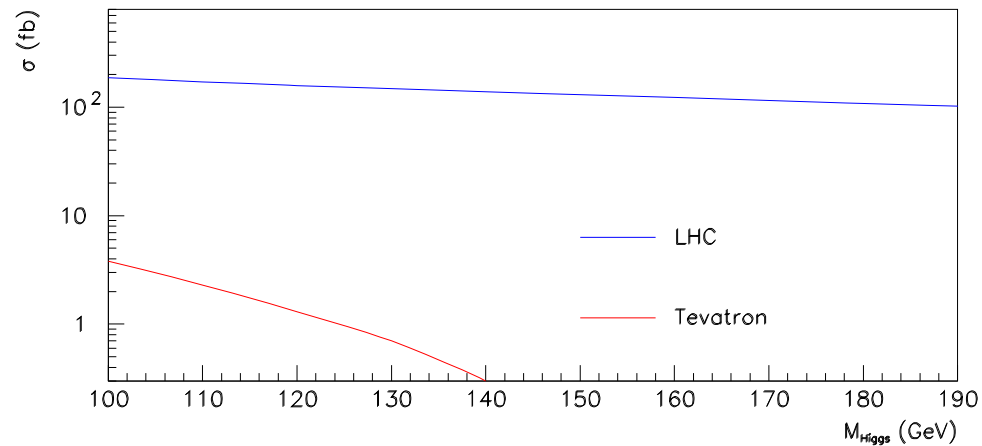
$t\bar{t}$ inclusive events

Idea: Measure the diffractive mass produced in $t\bar{t}$ events at the LHC ($M = \sqrt{\xi_1 \xi_2 S}$): high sensitivity on high- β gluon



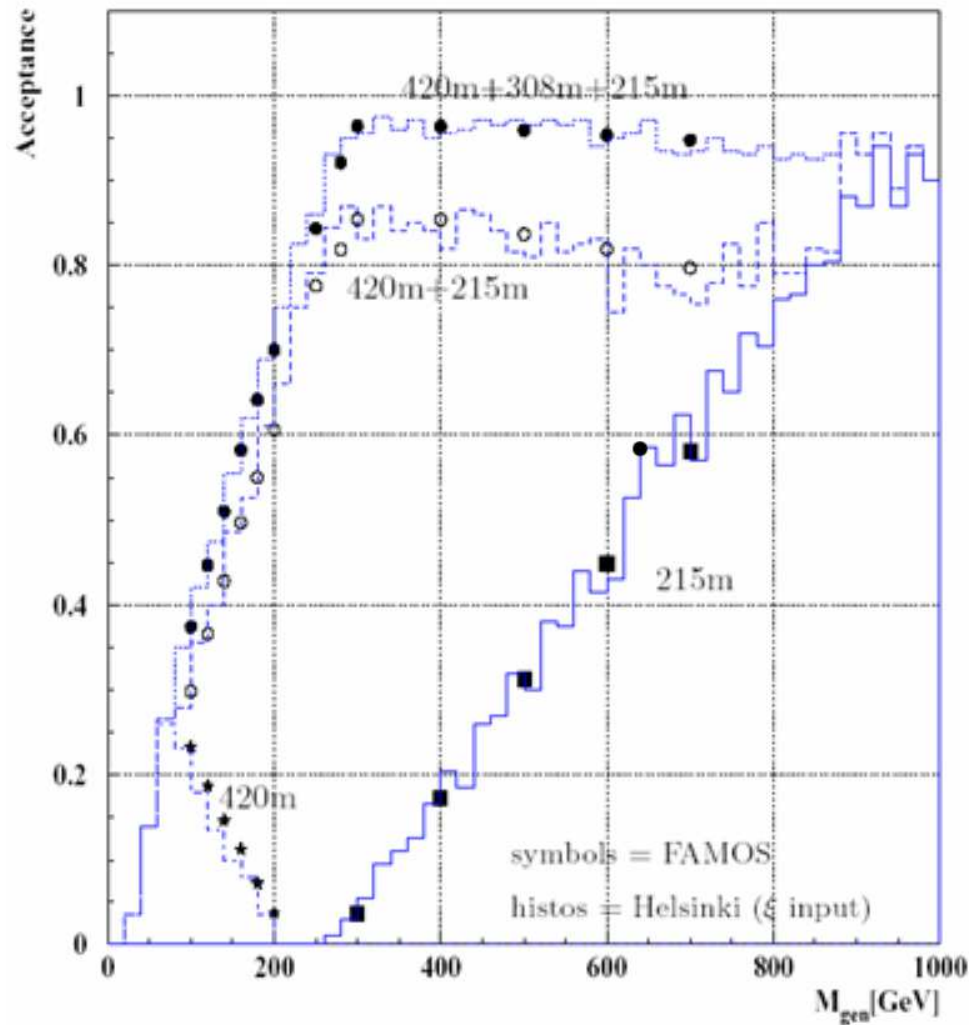
Inclusive Higgs mass production

Large cross section, but mass poorly reconstructed since part of the energy lost in pomeron remnants
($M = \sqrt{\xi_1 \xi_2 S} \sim \text{Higgs} + \text{remnant mass}$)

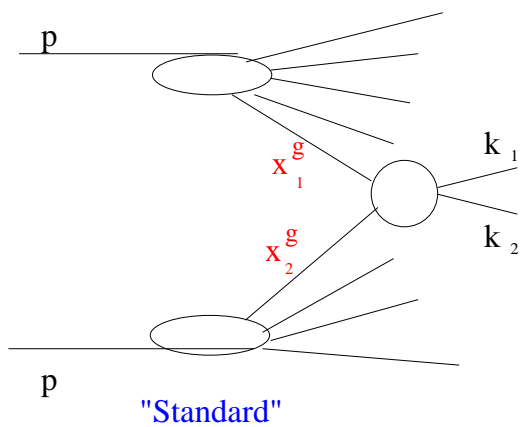


Roman pot acceptance at the LHC

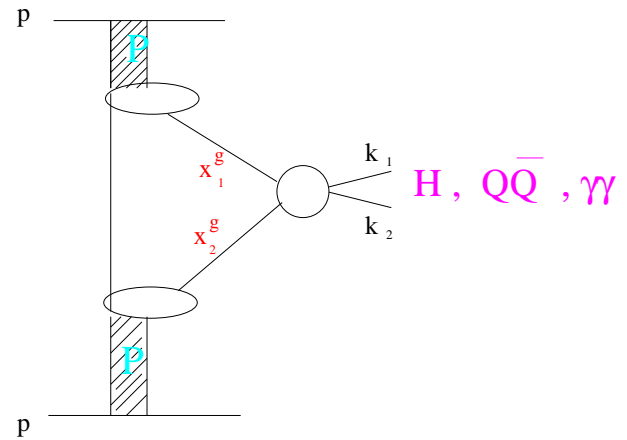
- Roman pot acceptance in ξ and t for CMS/TOTEM
- Roman pot acceptance slightly better for ATLAS, goes down to a Higgs mass of 120 GeV



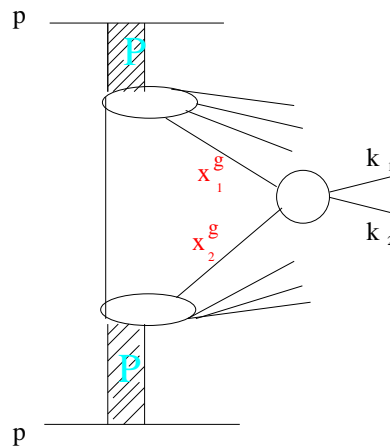
Reminder: "Exclusive" Higgs production



$H, Q\bar{Q}, \gamma$



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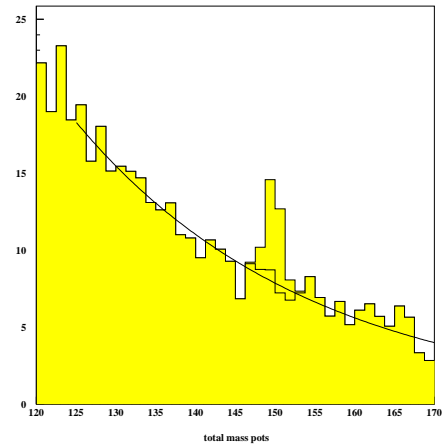
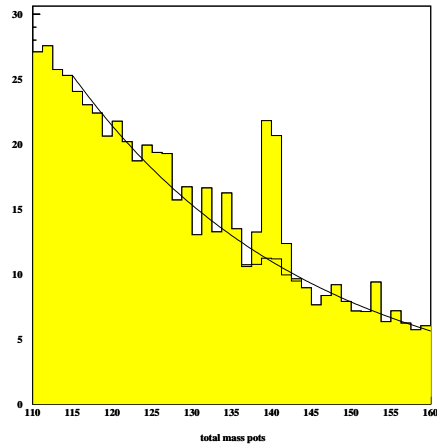
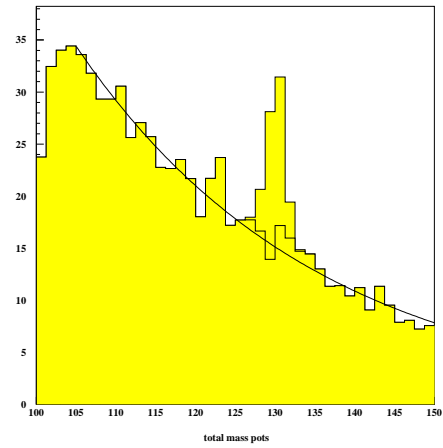
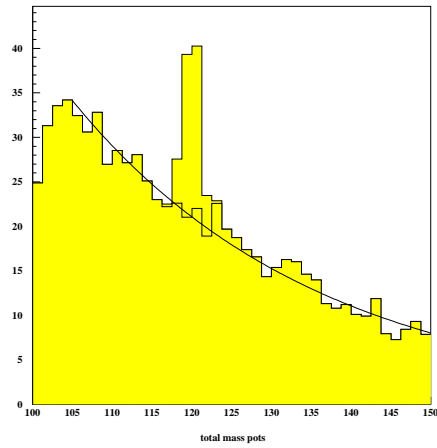


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Signal and background

Signal and background for different Higgs masses for 100 fb^{-1}



“Exclusive” production at the LHC

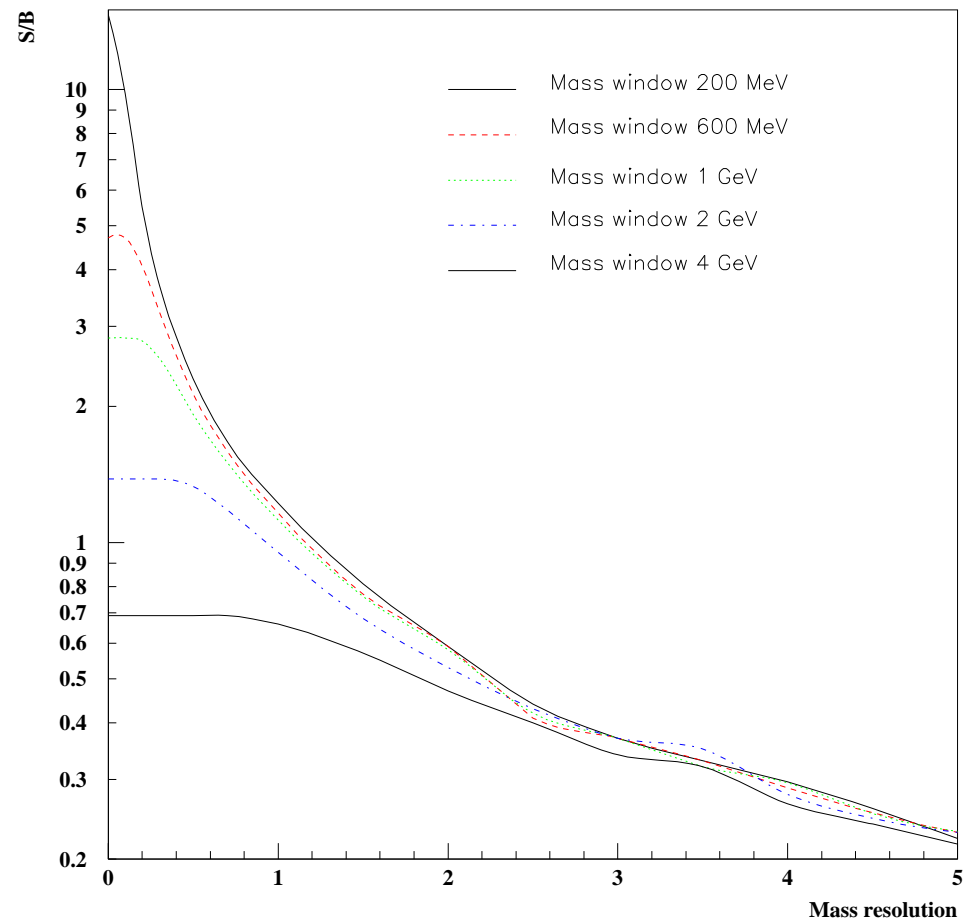
- Higgs decaying into $b\bar{b}$: study S/B
- Exclusive $b\bar{b}$ cross section (for jets with $p_T > 25$ GeV): 2.1 pb
- Exclusive Higgs production (in fb)

M_{Higgs}	σ (fb)
120	3.9
125	3.5
130	3.1
135	2.5
140	2.0

- NB: a survival probability of 0.03 was applied to all cross sections

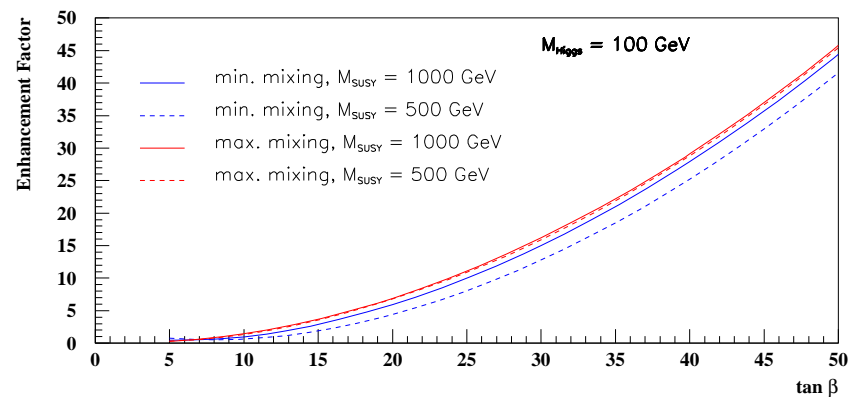
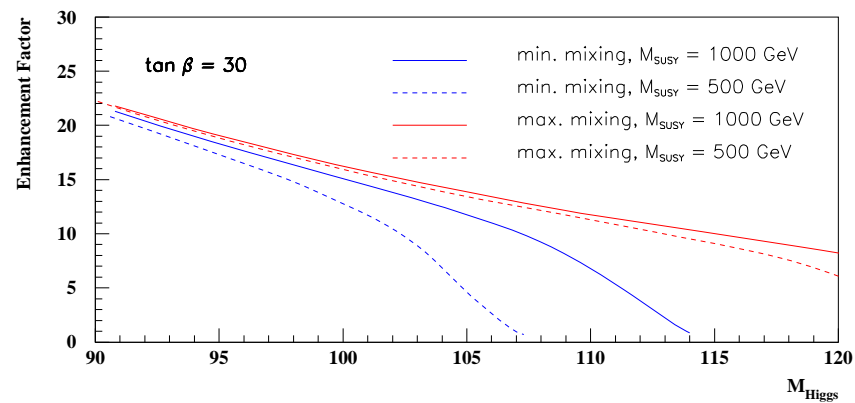
Signal over background: standard model Higgs

For a Higgs mass of 120 GeV and for different mass windows as a function of the Higgs mass resolution



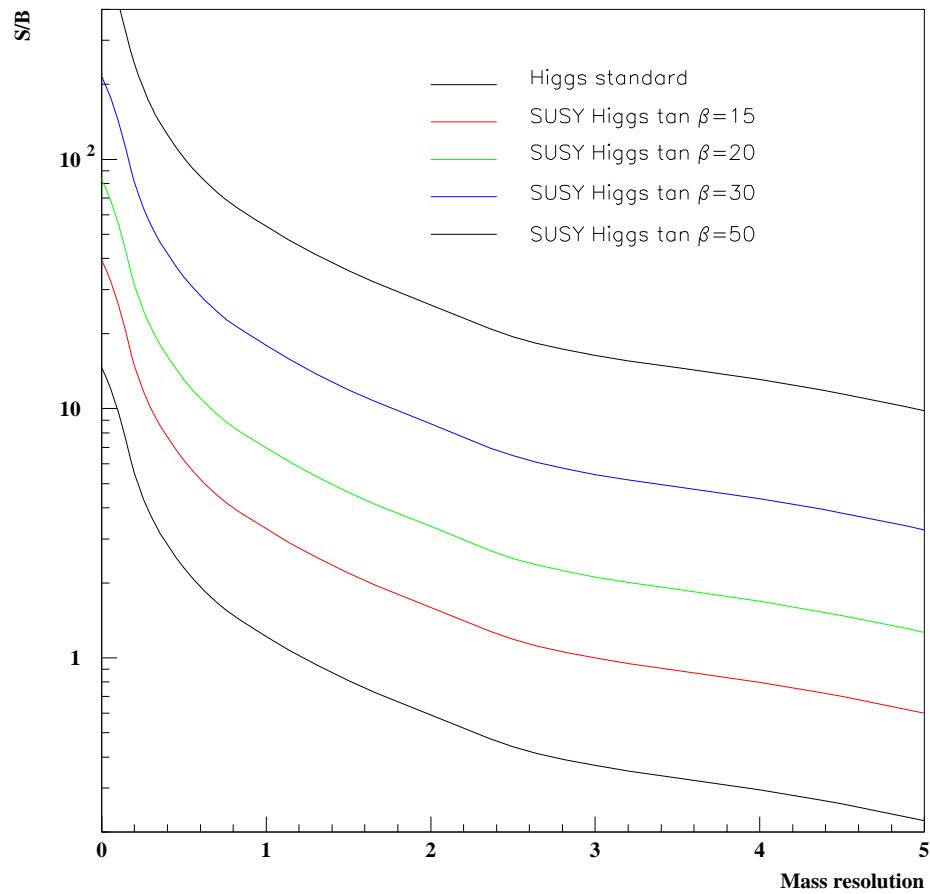
Diffractive SUSY Higgs production

- High $\tan \beta$: top and bottom loops to be considered, enhance the cross section by up to a factor 50
- (worth looking into Higgs decaying into $b\bar{b}$ since branching ratio of Higgs decaying into $\gamma\gamma$ smaller at high $\tan \beta$, standard search in $\gamma\gamma$ does not benefit from the increase of cross section)

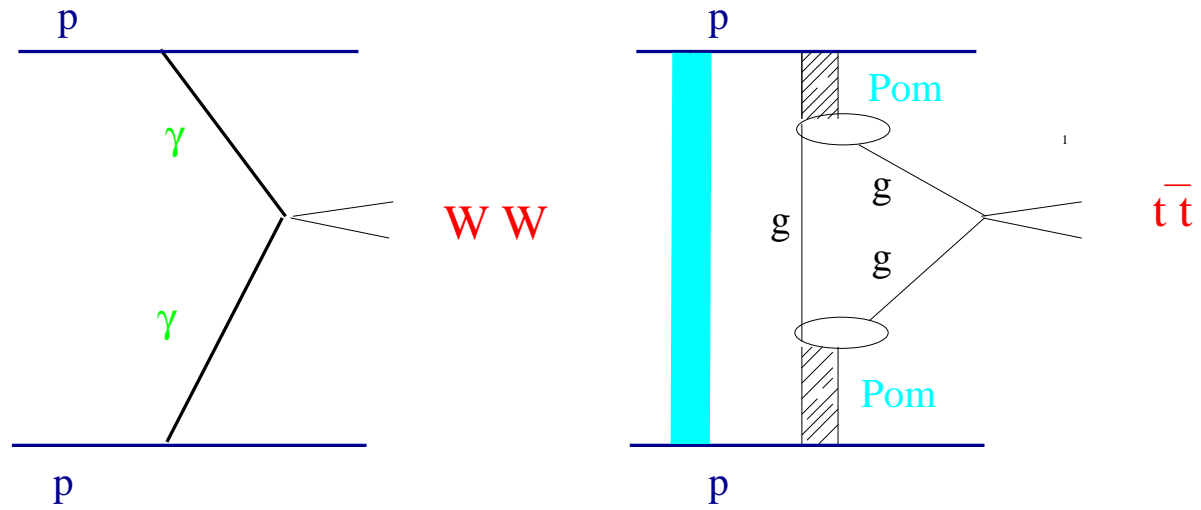


Diffractive SUSY Higgs production

At high $\tan \beta$, possibility to get a S/B over 50 (resp. 5.) for
100 (resp.10) fb^{-1} !

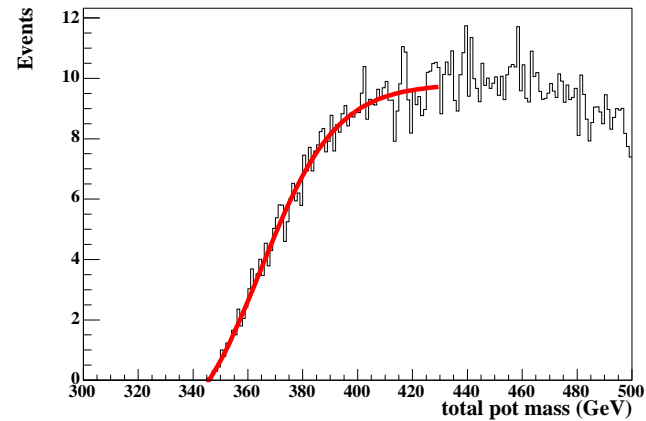
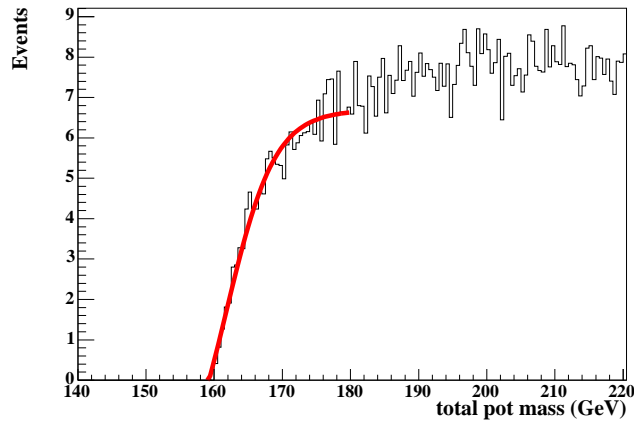


W, top and stops



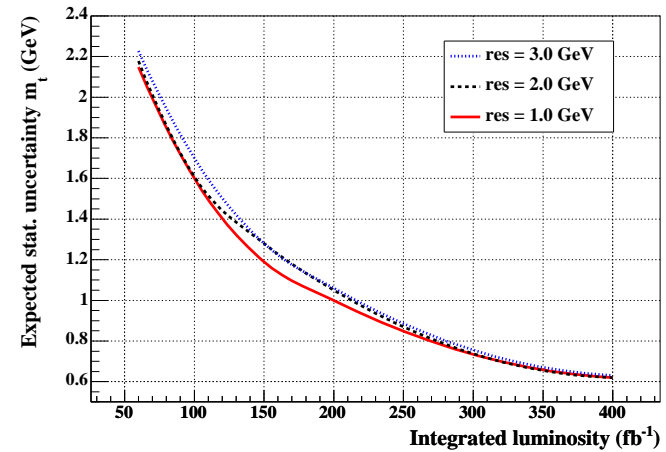
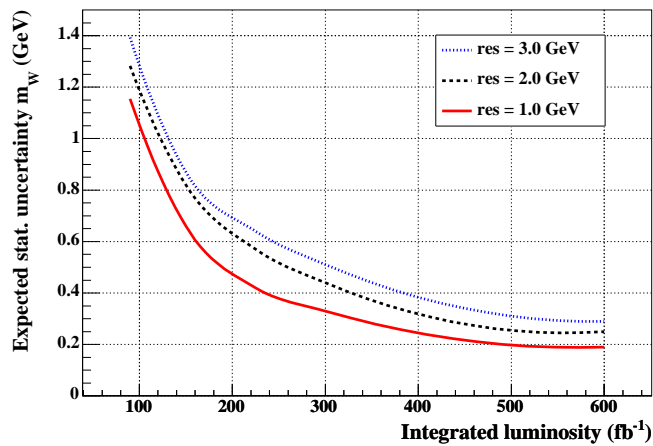
All the energy is used to produce the W, top (stop) pairs: W:
QED process, cross section perfectly known, top: QCD
diffractive process

Top and W events



- **W boson cross section and acceptance:** $\sigma \sim 56$ fb, pots at 420 m needed, about 60%
- **Top quark cross section and acceptance:** $\sigma \sim 40$ fb, pots at 220 m, about 85%, model dependent
- **Reconstruct the W and top mass using the threshold scan method:** Fit the increase of the cross section at threshold

Resolution on W and top masses



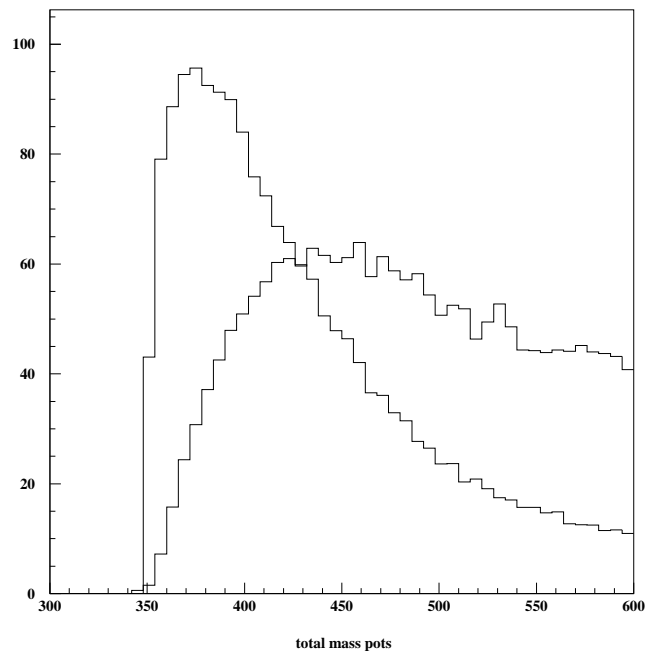
- 2 methods used to reconstruct the top mass: histogram: (compute χ^2 between number of events in bins in MC and data for the same lumi), turn-on fit: fit the turn-on point of the missing mass distribution at threshold
- W mass resolution: ~ 400 MeV, not competitive, but allows to check the roman pot alignment very precisely
- Top mass resolution: ~ 1 GeV, competitive measurement provided the cross section is high enough

Sensitivity on photon anomalous coupling

- WW production cross section perfectly known (QED)
- Any anomalous coupling between γ and W will reveal itself in a modification of the production cross section, and by different angular distributions
- The WW production cross section is proportional to the 4th power of the γW coupling \rightarrow GOOD SENSITIVITY
- Quantitative studies in progress

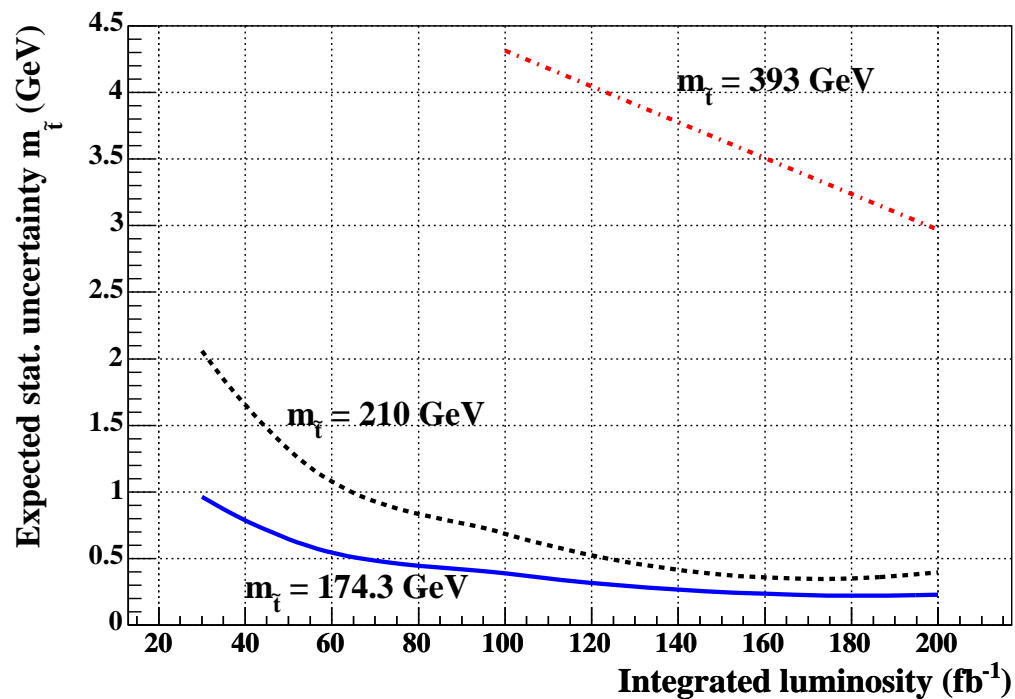
Top and stops

- Cross section for a stop mass of 250 GeV: $\sigma_{tot} = 8$ fb, $\sigma_{acc} = 6$ fb
- Possibility to distinguish between top and stop even if they have about the same mass: using the differences in spin (as an example: $m_{\tilde{t}} = m_{top}$)
- Very fast turn-on for stops



Resolution on stop mass

Resolution on stop mass by using roman pot detectors with a resolution of 1 GeV → Resolution better than 1 GeV at high lumi!



Conclusion

- **Diffraction at HERA:** many results given, extraction of quark and gluon densities in pomeron, dipole model, diffractive jet production (NB: not all results given, many additional results on vector meson production for instance)
- **Diffraction at Tevatron:** Factorisation breaking between HERA and Tevatron, look for exclusive events
- **Diffraction at the LHC:** measurement of total cross section, hard diffraction program under study (new detectors for CMS and ATLAS), production of Higgs, tops, stops... under study