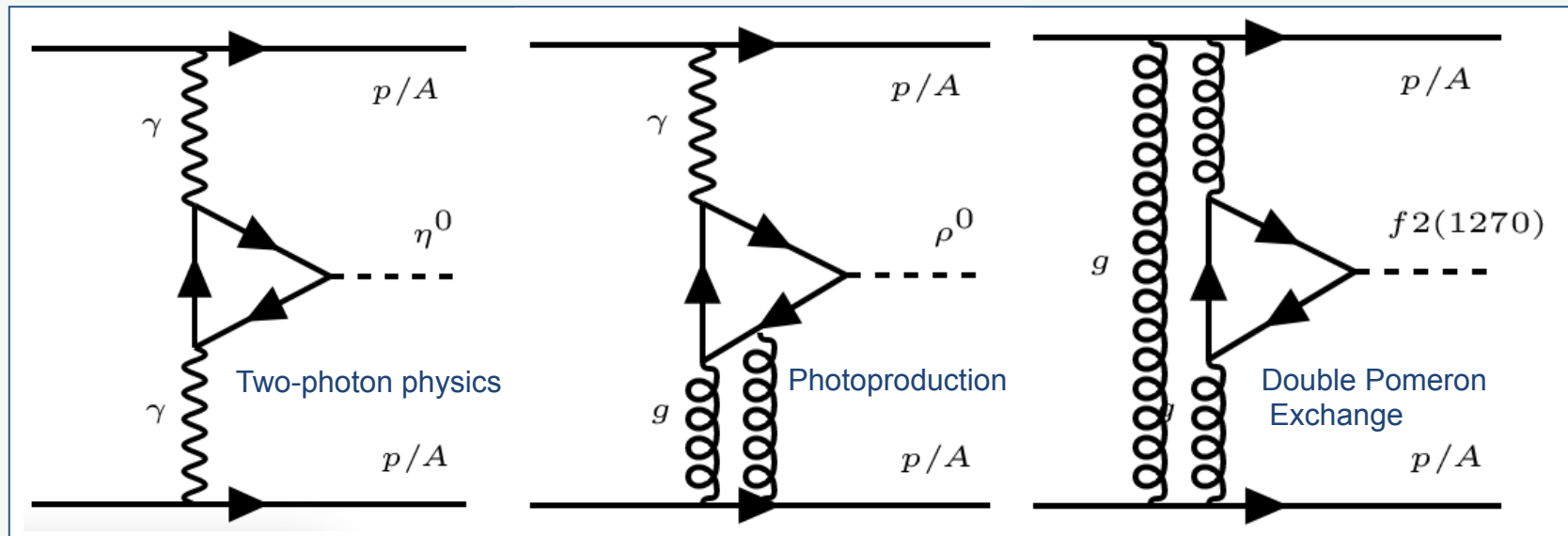


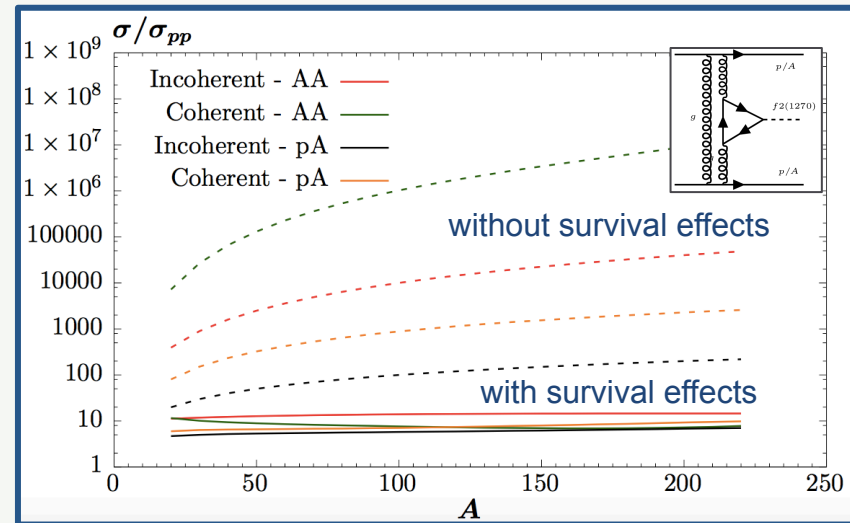
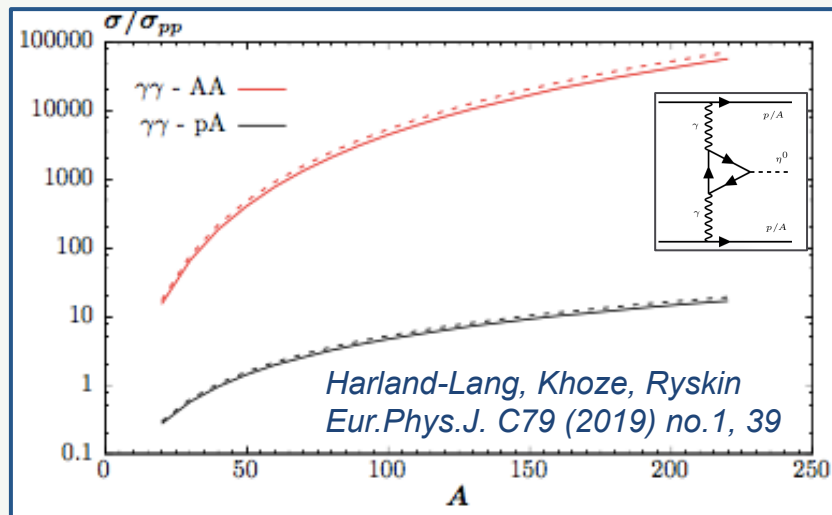
# Light Quark Exotica in Central Exclusive Production (CEP) at LHC



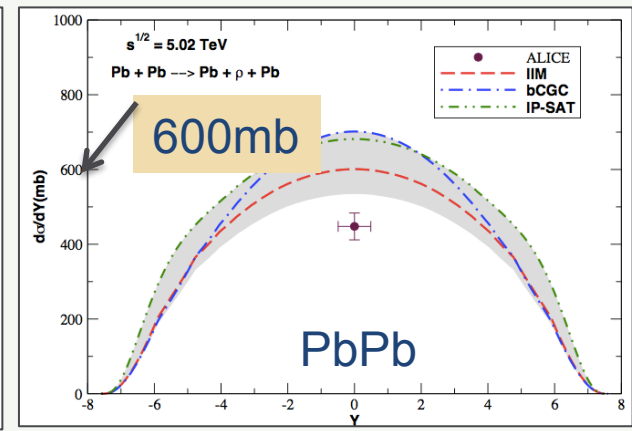
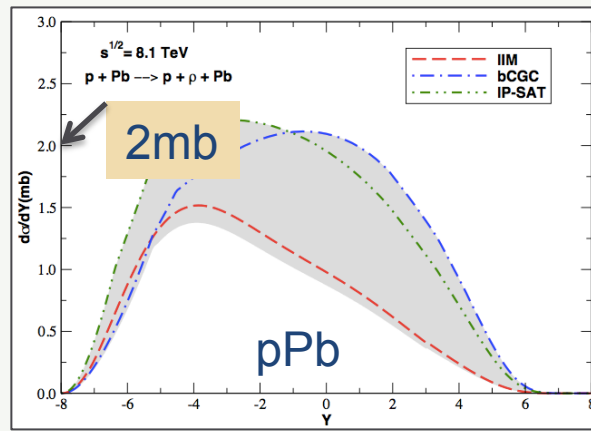
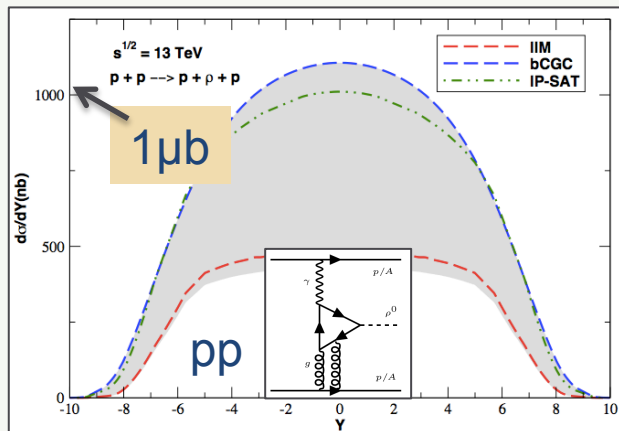
Ronan McNulty  
University College Dublin  
SnowMass Workshop. 30<sup>th</sup> Sep. 2020



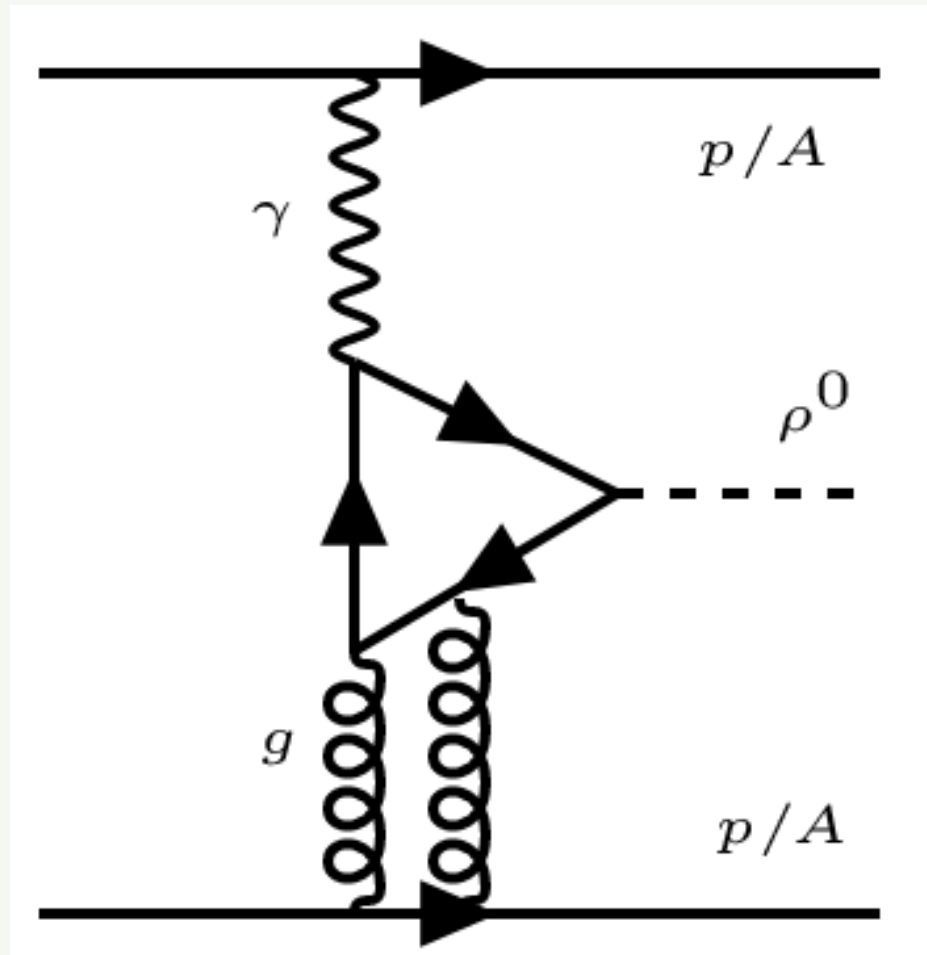
# Complementarity of collisions



Goncalves et al. Nucl.Phys. A976 (2018) 33-45

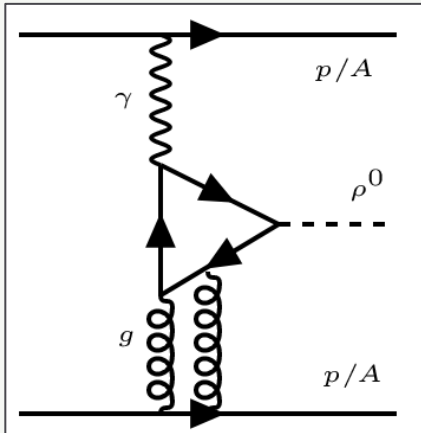


# Photoproduction



$$\sigma_{\gamma p}^{pp\text{-tot}} \sim 100\mu\text{b}$$

# Photoproduction



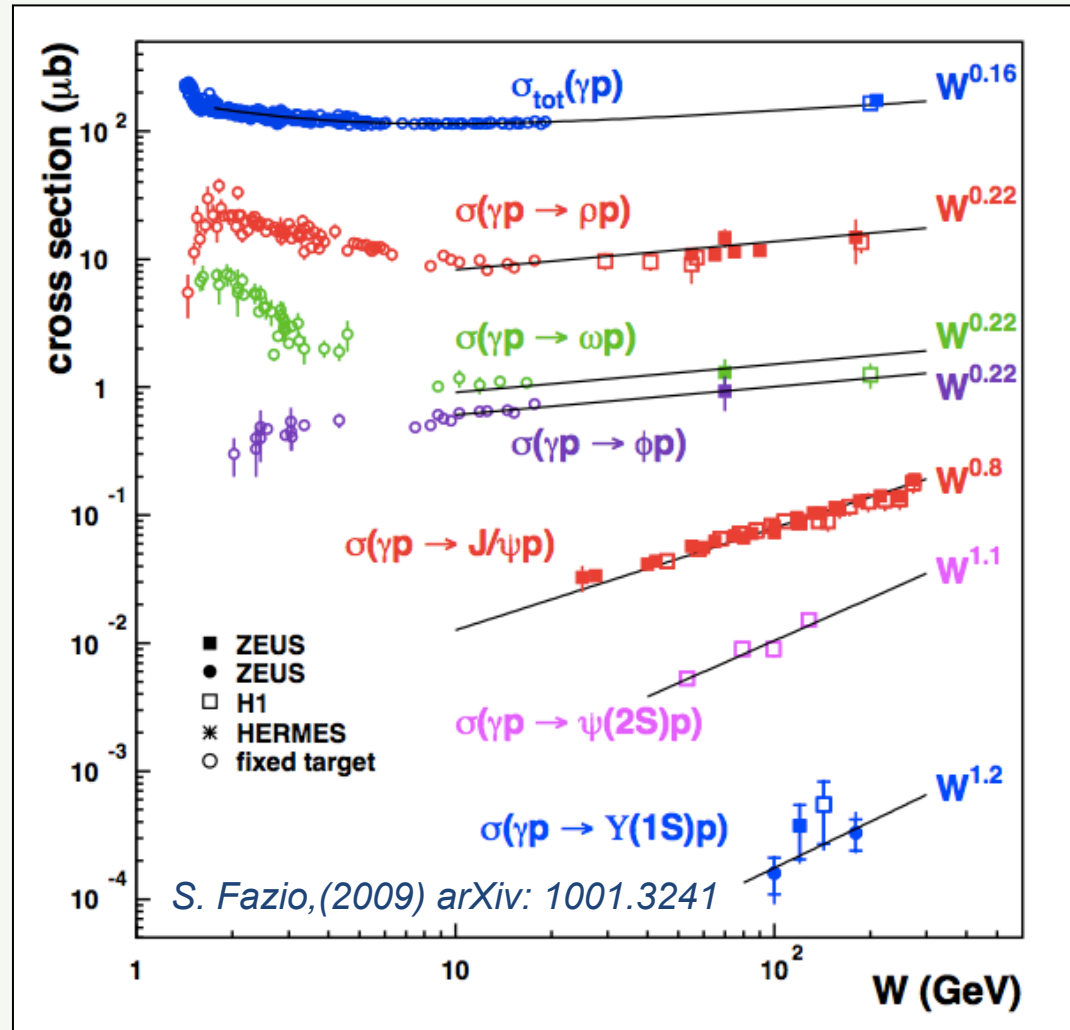
Understand standard physics in order to search for exotica

Rise in  $\sigma$  related to Pomeron intercept

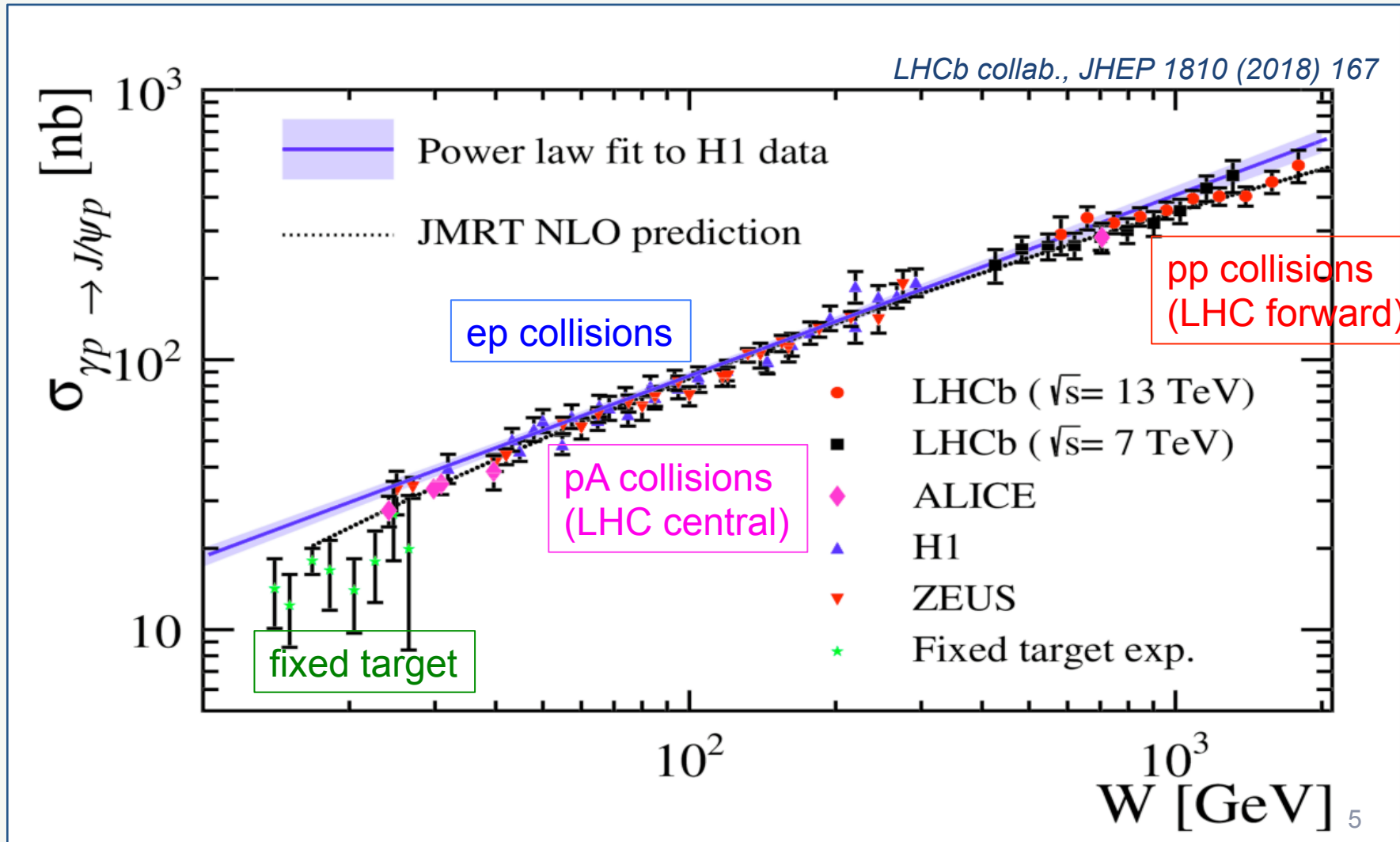
$$\sigma \sim W^{4(\alpha_P(t)-1)}$$

Flat  $W$ /rapidity dependence for light mesons.

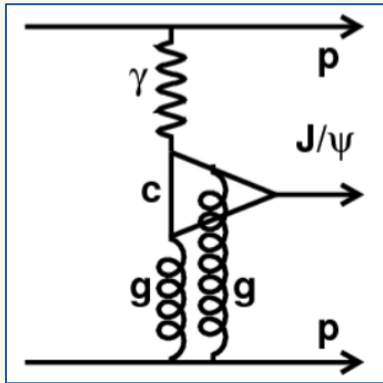
Consistency between HERA and LHC



# J/ψ production (muons are easier)



# Gluon PDF and saturation

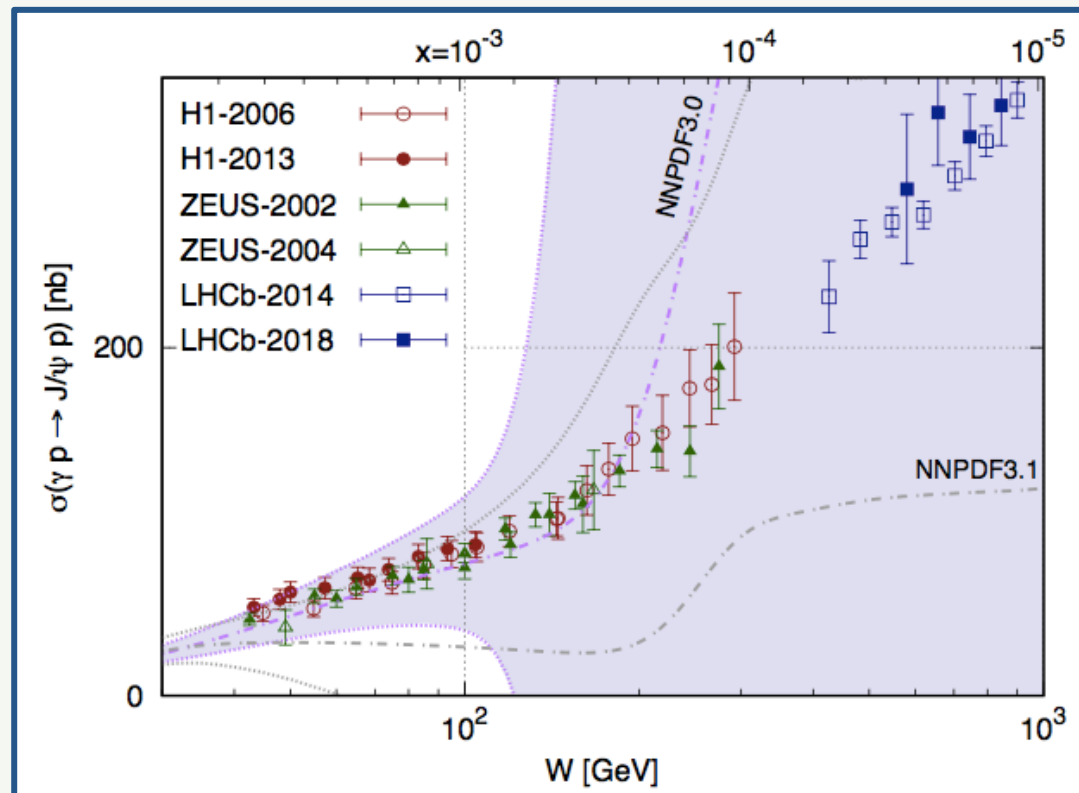
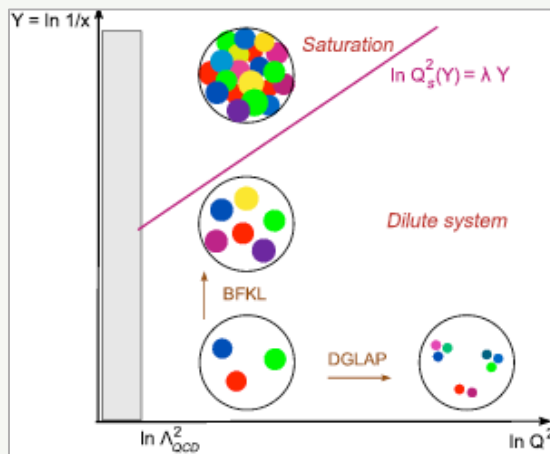


$$\frac{d\sigma}{dt} (\gamma^* p \rightarrow J/\psi p) \Big|_{t=0} = \frac{\Gamma_{ee} M_{J/\psi}^3 \pi^3}{48\alpha} \left[ \frac{\alpha_s(\bar{Q}^2)}{\bar{Q}^4} xg(x, \bar{Q}^2) \right]^2 \left( 1 + \frac{Q^2}{M_{J/\psi}^2} \right)$$

In LHC kinematics:

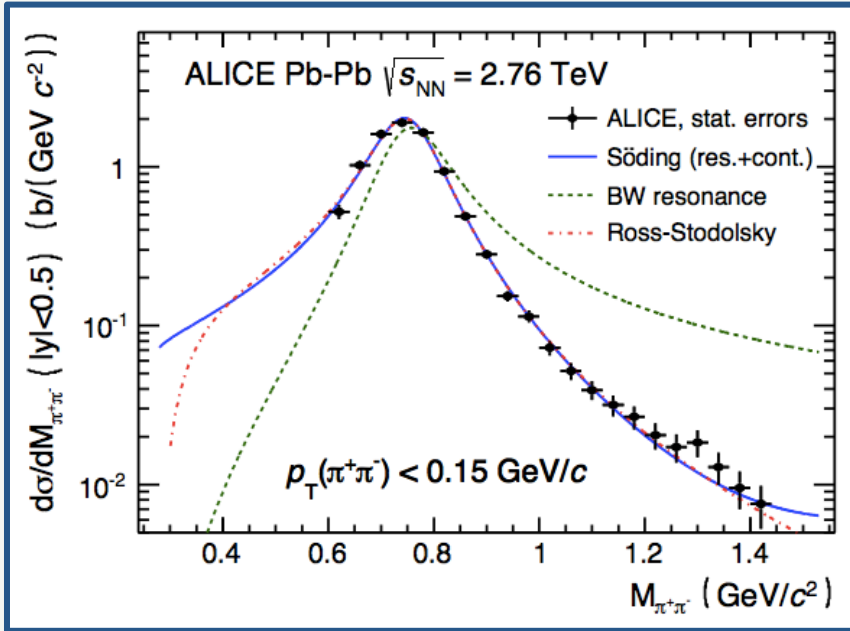
$J/\psi$  probes  $x \rightarrow 2 \cdot 10^{-6}$

$\rho$  probes  $x \rightarrow 3 \cdot 10^{-7}$

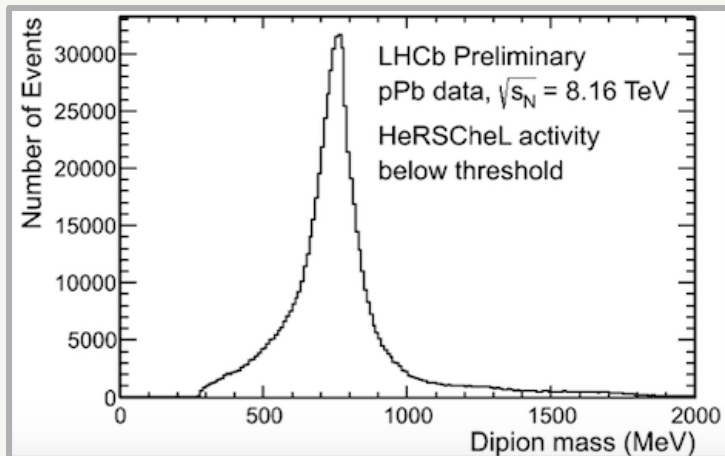


Flett, Jones, Martin, Ryskin, Teubner. *Phys.Rev.D* 101 (2020) 9, 094011

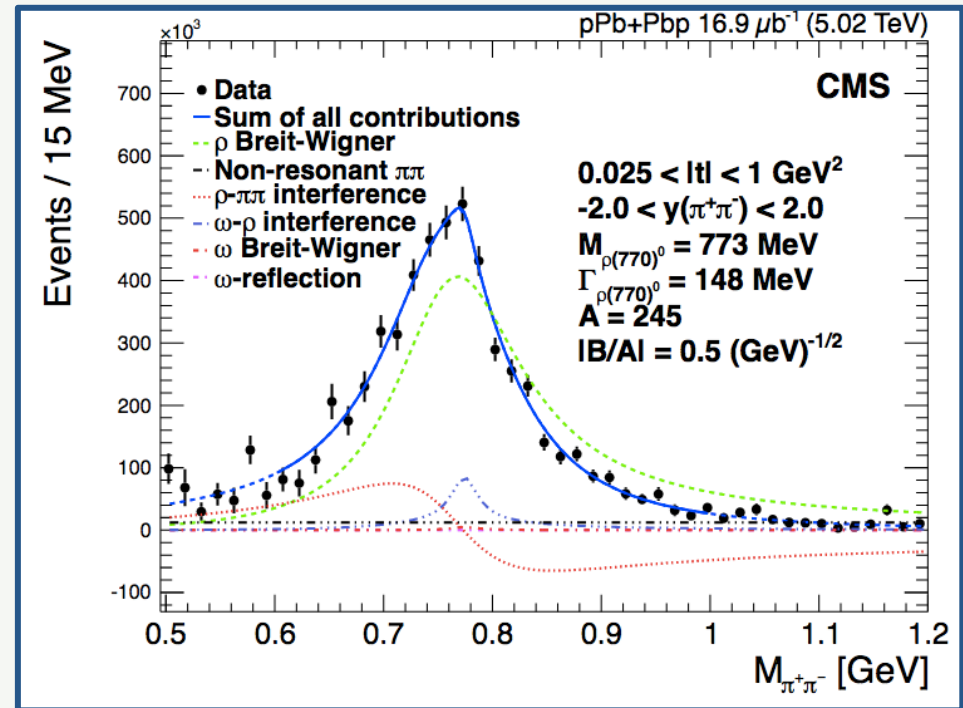
# $\rho$ photoproduction



Alice collab., JHEP 1509 (2015) 095

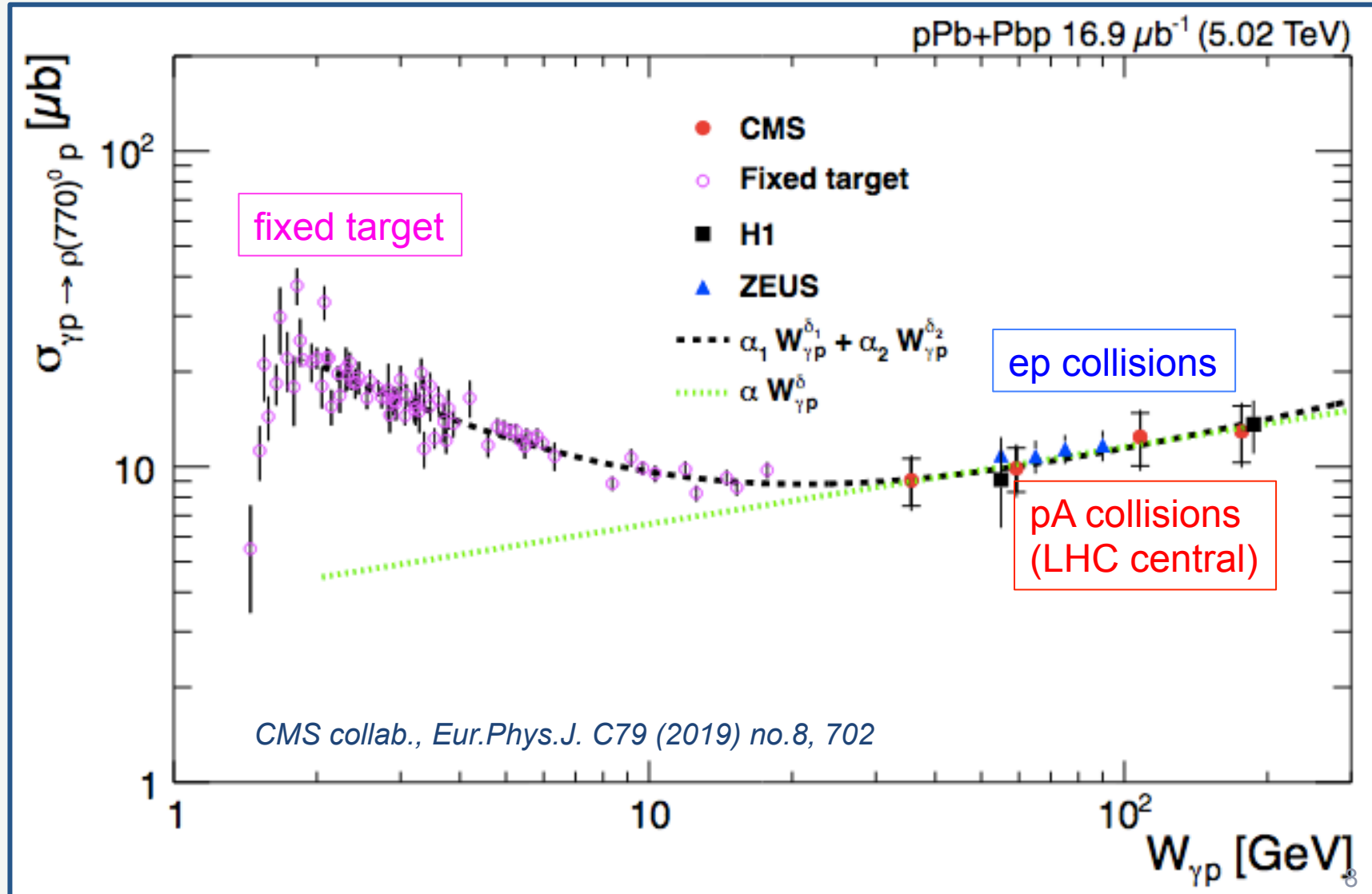


arXiv:1608.08103



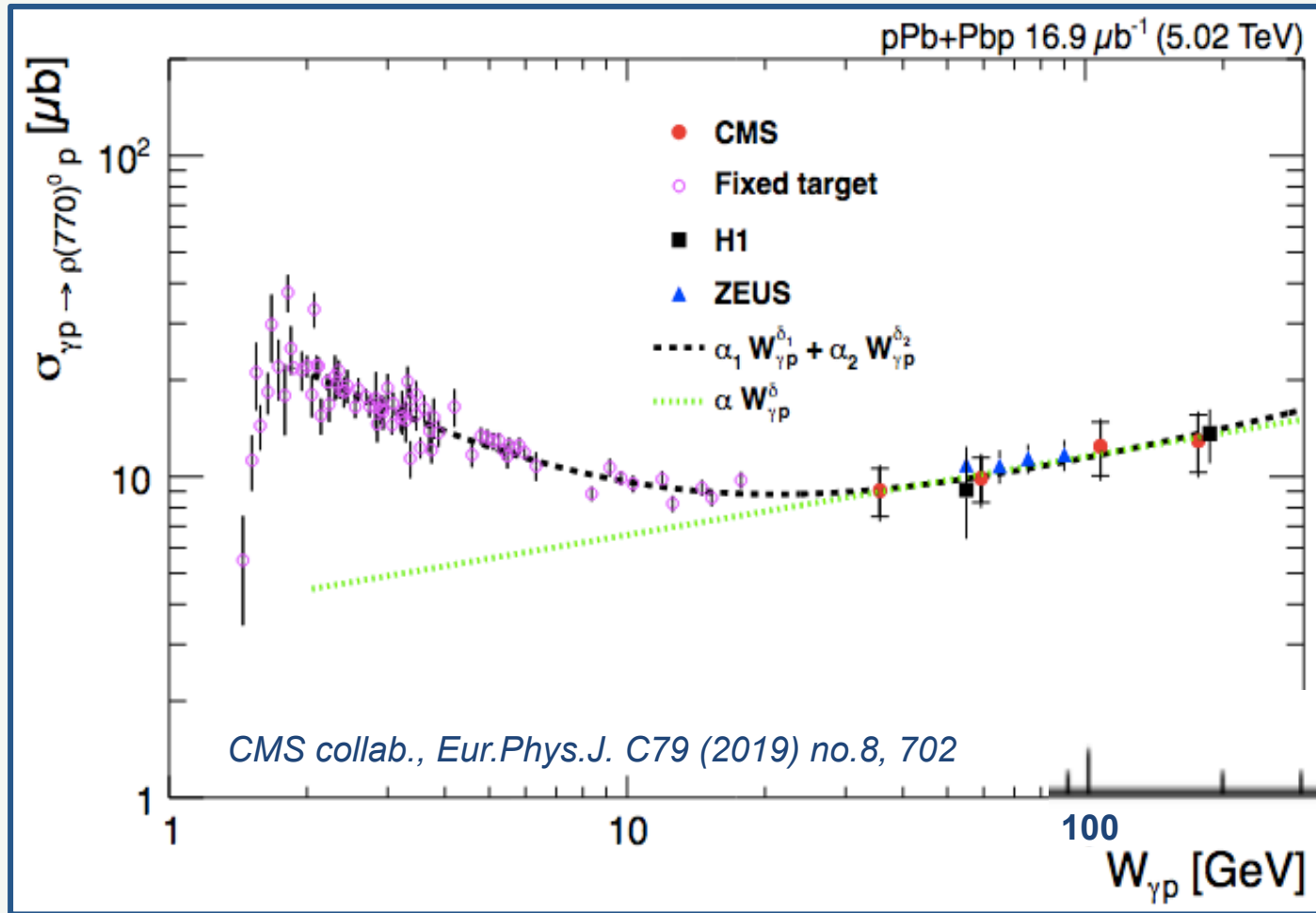
CMS collab., Eur.Phys.J. C79 (2019) no.8, 70

# $\rho$ photoproduction



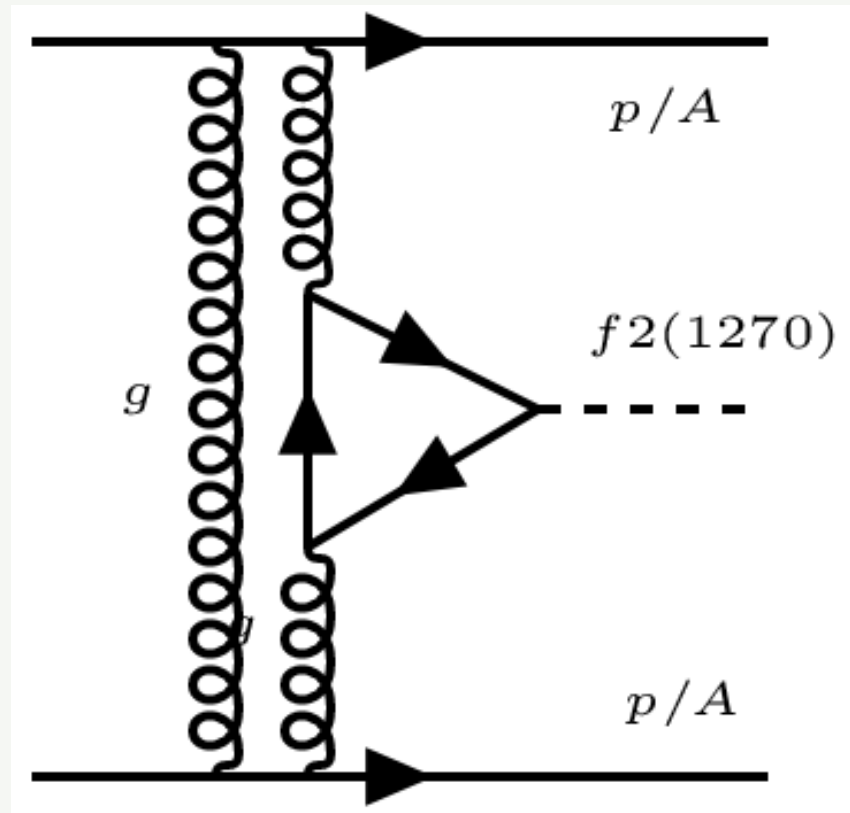


# $\rho$ photoproduction



LHC forward region  
Energies of 1-2 TeV  
 $x \rightarrow 10^{-7}$

# Double Pomeron Exchange

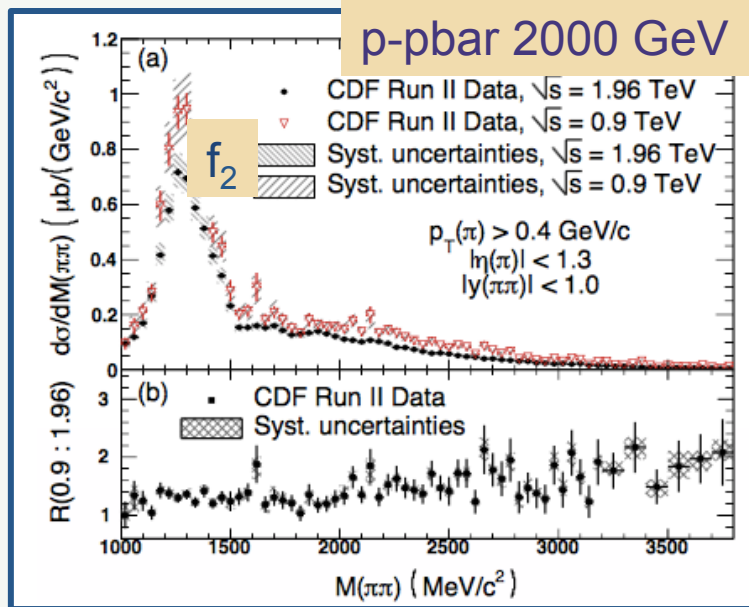


LHC: colourless gluon-gluon collider.  
Excellent place to search for glueballs.

$$\sigma_{\text{DPE}}^{\text{pp-tot}} \sim 100 \mu\text{b}$$

# $\pi^+\pi^-$ final state

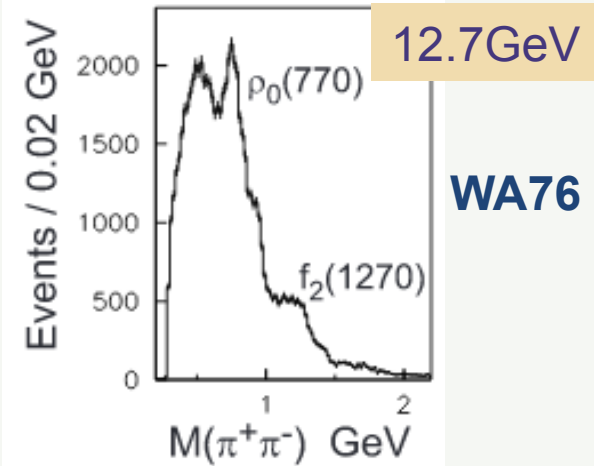
Simple final state...  
... but complicated structure



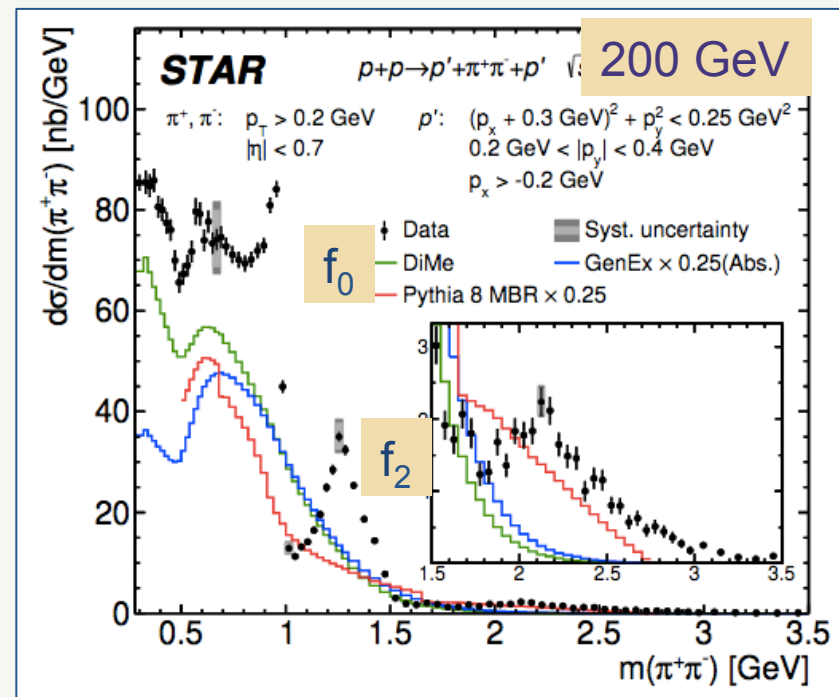
CDF collab., *Phys.Rev. D*91 (2015) no.9, 091101

Observed structure depends critically on acceptance and efficiency.

Difficult to extrapolate from fiducial region when intermediate resonances poorly understood.



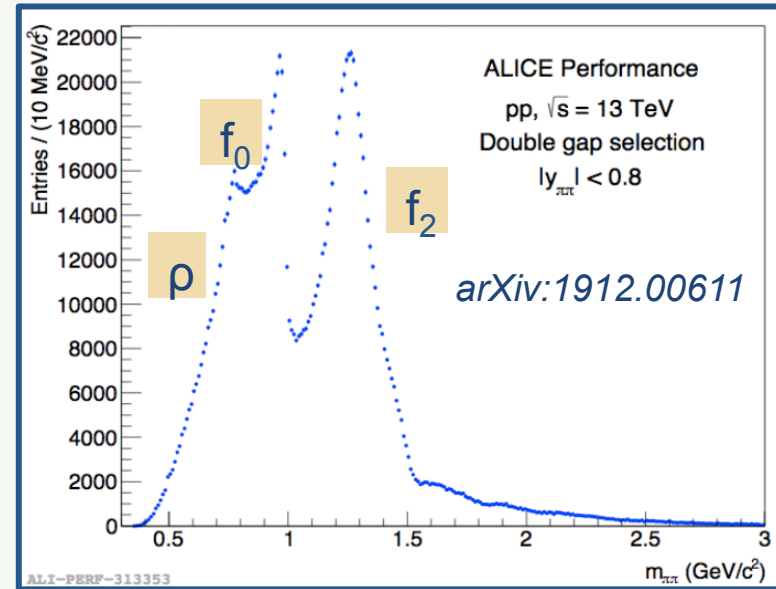
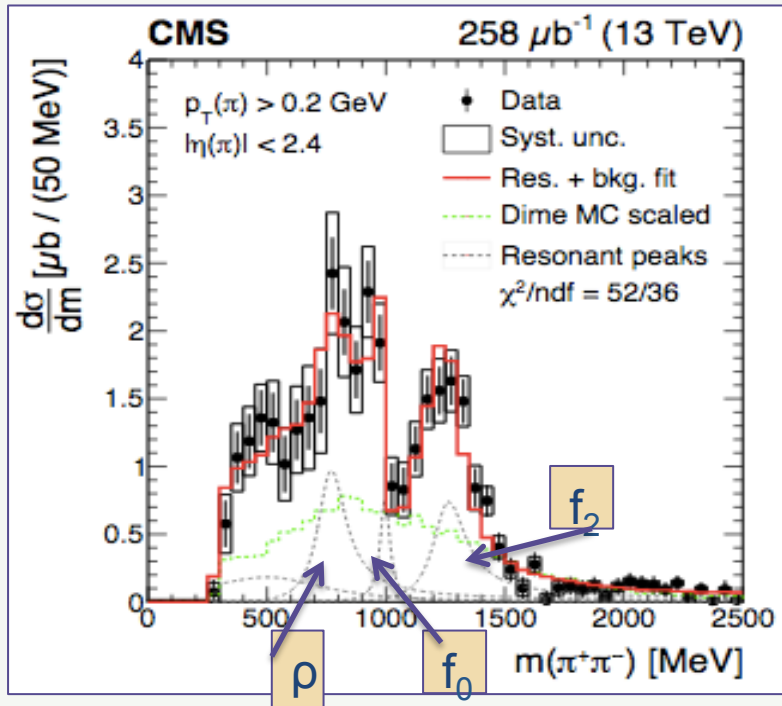
T. A. Armstrong et al., *Z. Phys. C* 51, 351 (1991)  
A.Kirk, *Int.J.Mod.Phys.A* 29 (2014) 28, 1446001



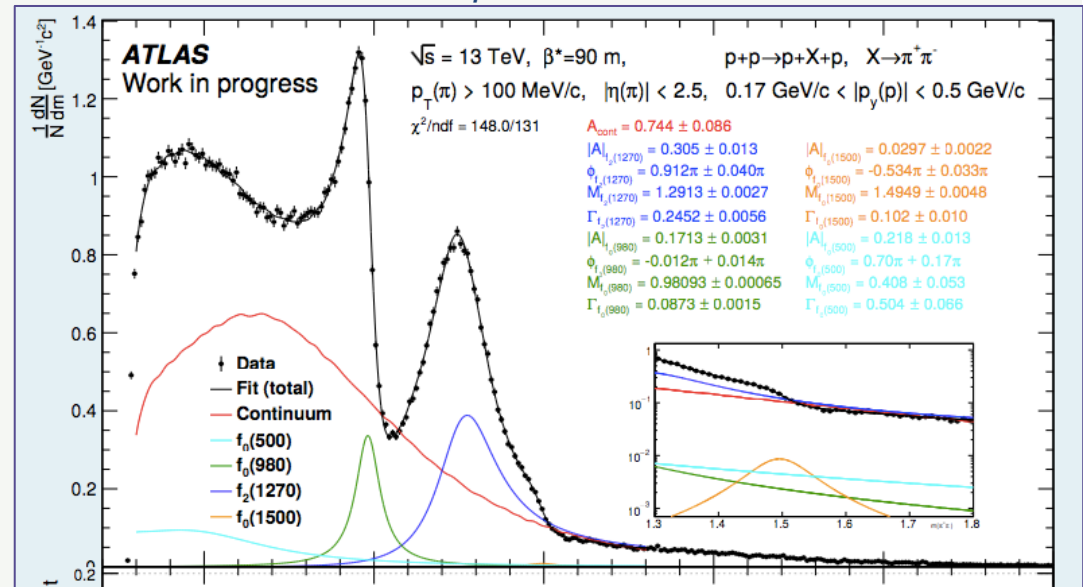
STAR collab., *JHEP* 07 (2020) 07, 178

# LHC: $\pi\pi$ final state

CMS collab., *Eur.Phys.J.C* 80 (2020) 8, 718



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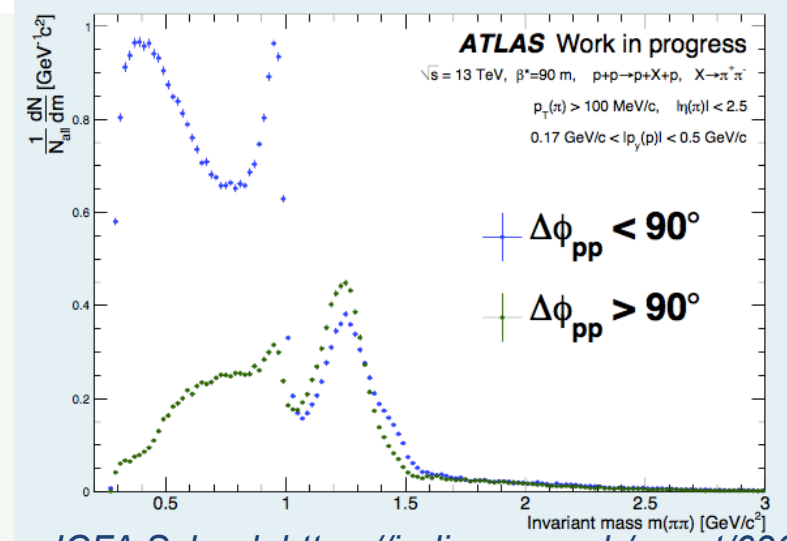
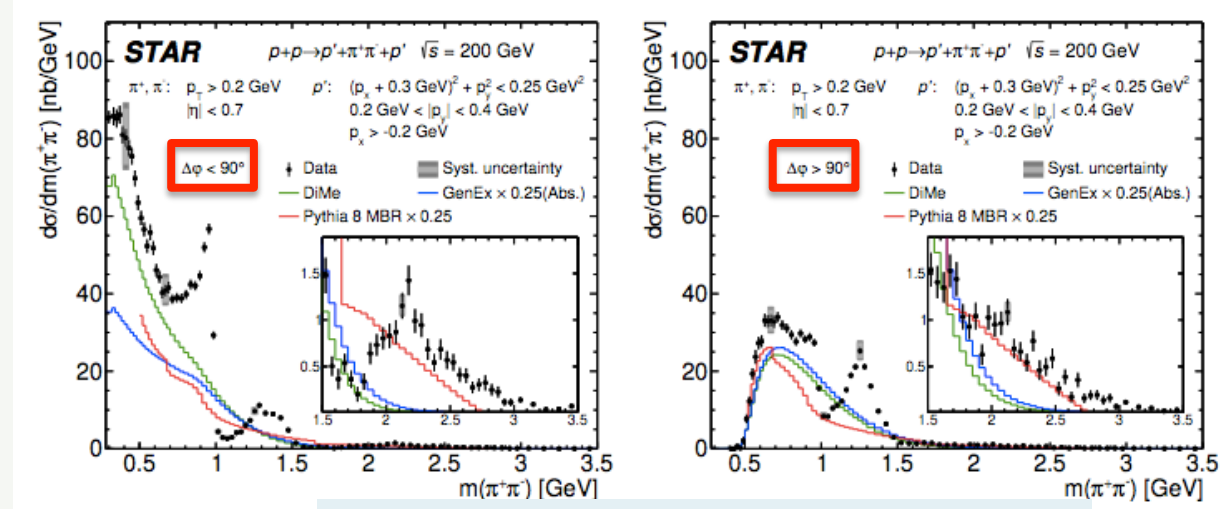
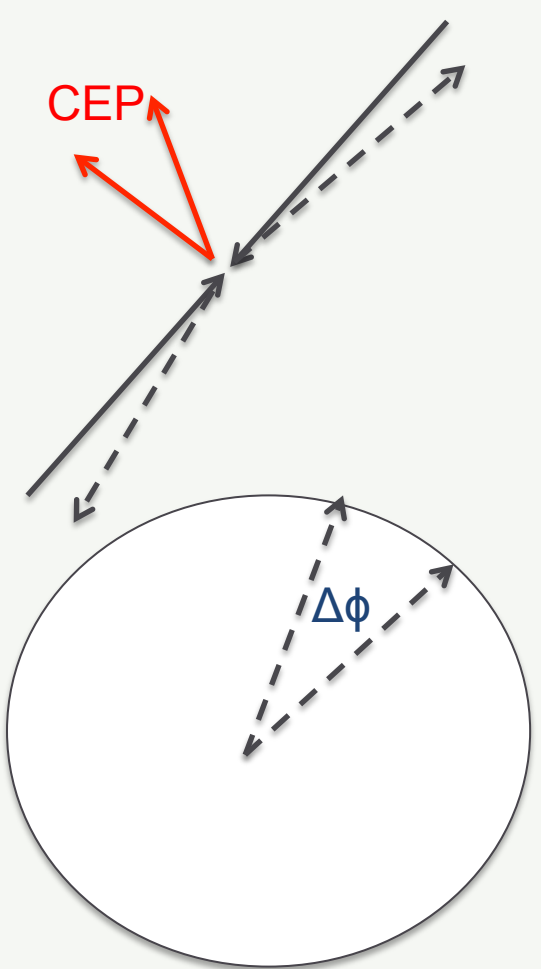
LHC sees similar structures. Very sensitive to kinematic requirements.  
 ATLAS results with proton-taggers eagerly anticipated.

# Glueball filter?

F. Close, A. Kirk, *Phys.Lett.B397:333-338,1997*

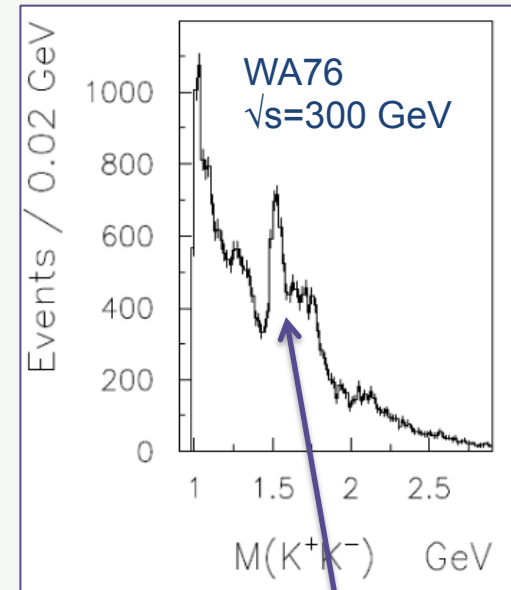
We shall suggest that it is driven primarily by the variable  $dP_T \equiv |\vec{p}'_T - \vec{q}'_T|$  and that  $gg$  configurations are enhanced in kinematic configurations where the gluons can flow “directly” into the final state with only small momentum transfer, in particular when  $dP_T \rightarrow 0$ .

STAR collab., *JHEP 07 (2020) 07, 178*

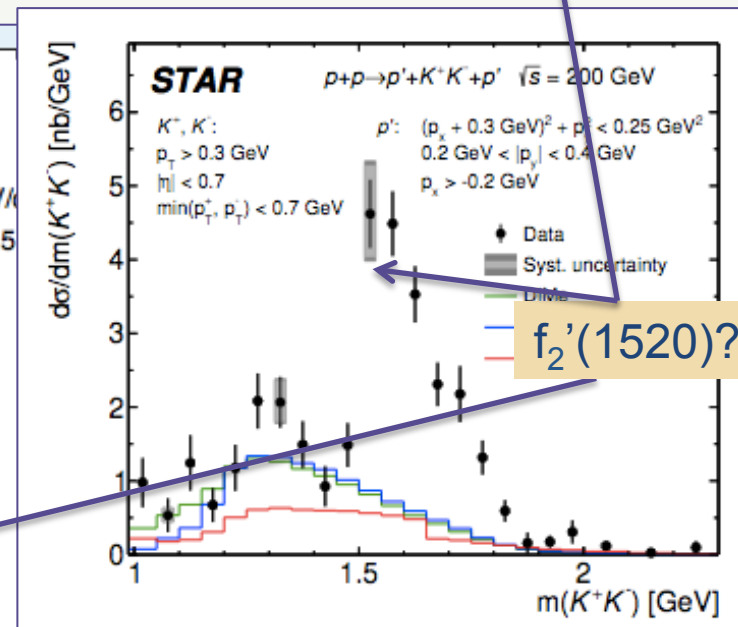
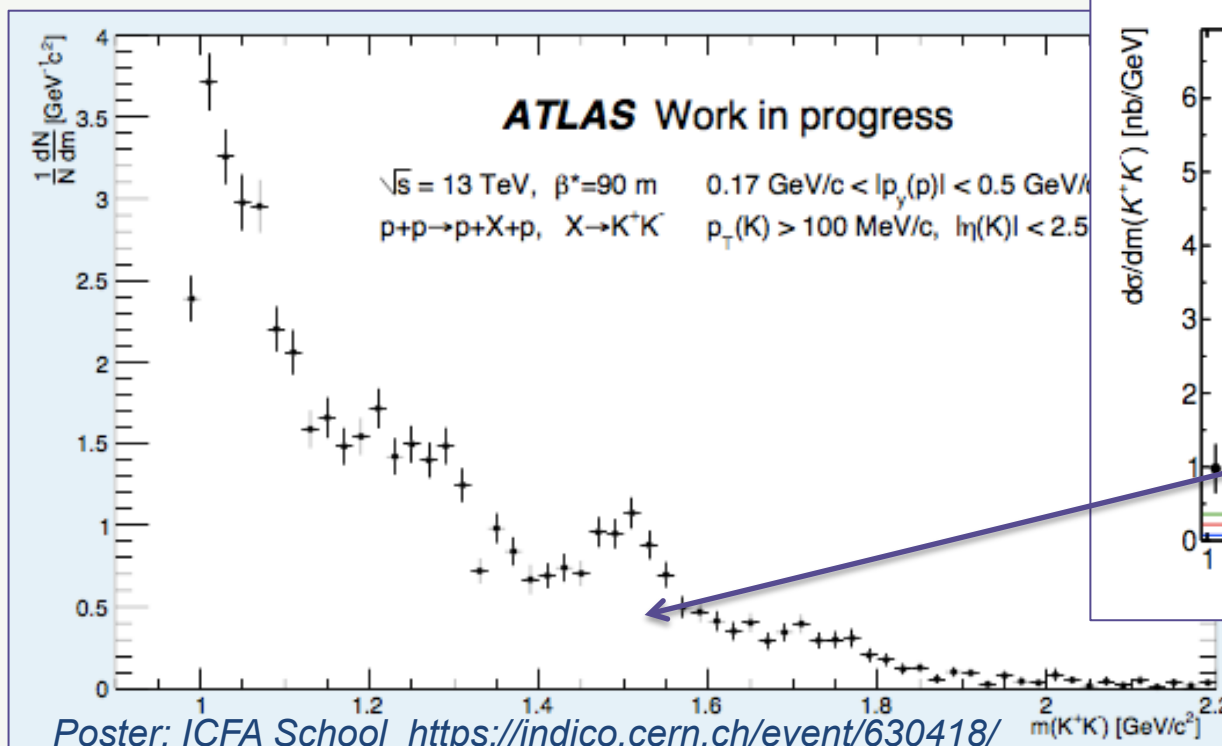


# K<sup>+</sup>K<sup>-</sup> final state

Qualitatively similar.  
Detail depends on experimental configuration



T. A. Armstrong et al., Z.Phys.C 51 (1991) 351-364

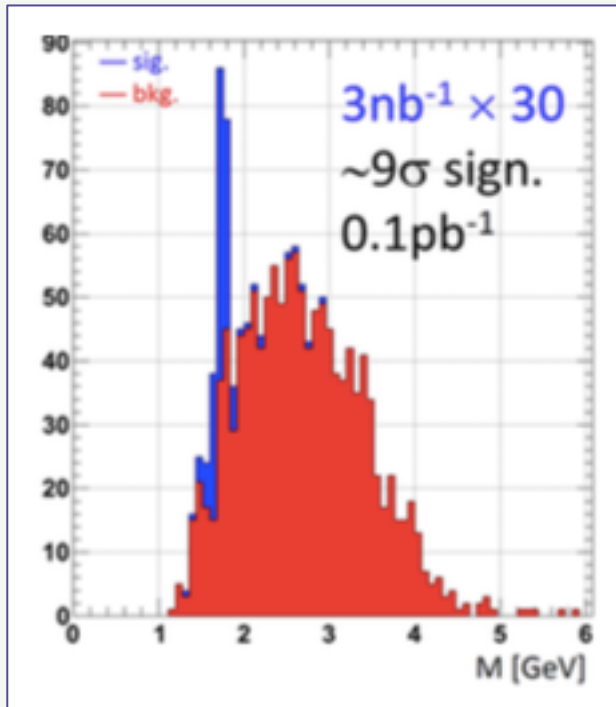


STAR collab., JHEP 07 (2020) 07, 178

# Glueballs in $pp / VV$ ?

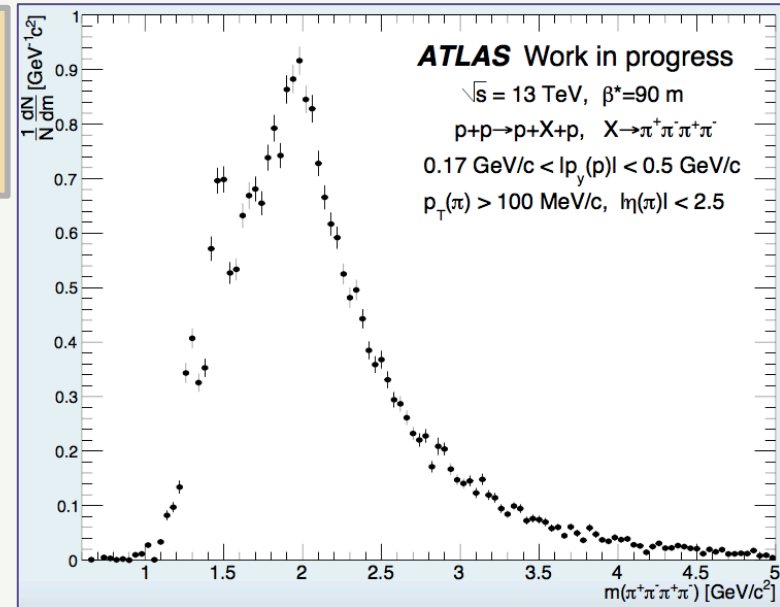
Simply reconstructed signals of  $4\pi / 4K$

CERN-PH-LPCC-2015-001

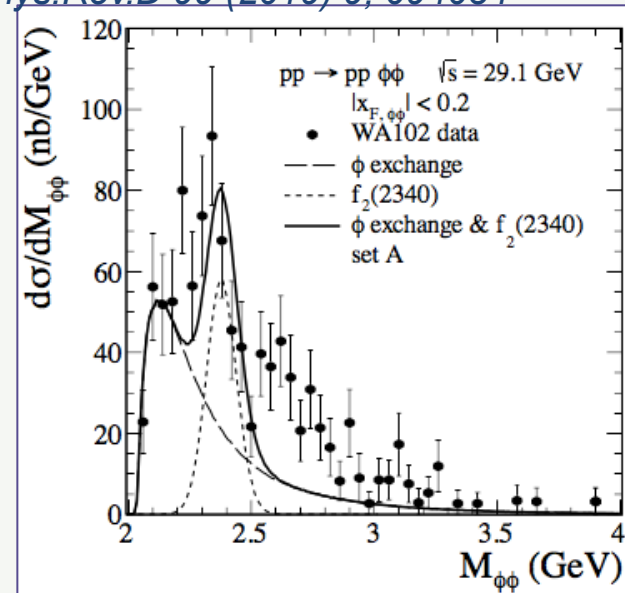


Simulated  $f_0(1710) \rightarrow pp$  signal in CMS-Totem

Such signals are also candidates for tetraquark, hybrid and molecular states



*P. Lebiedowicz, O. Nachtmann, A. Szczurek*  
*Phys.Rev.D 99 (2019) 9, 094034*



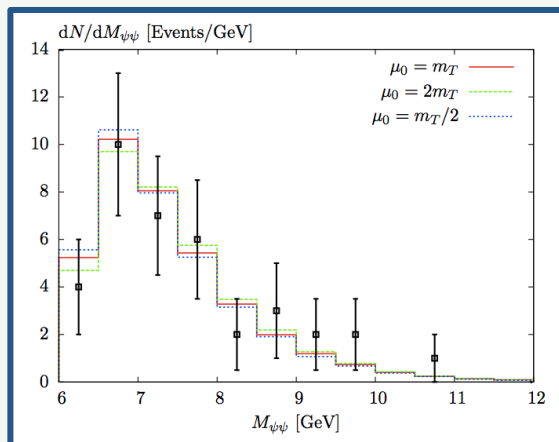
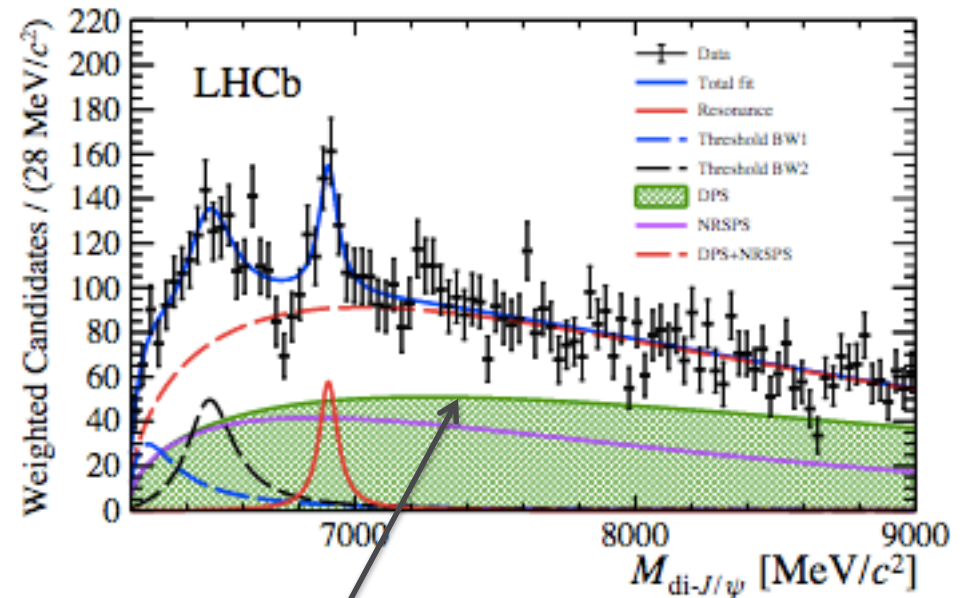
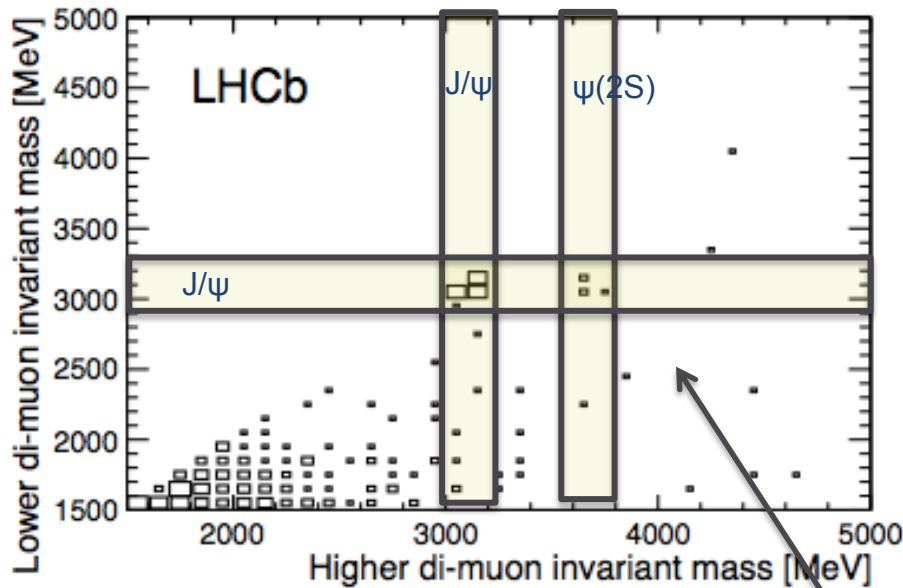
Model with  $f_2(2340)$  + continuum that fits WA102 KKKK data

Poster: ICF A School  
<https://indico.cern.ch/event/630418/>

# J/ψJ/ψ: search for exotica

LHCb collab., *JPG* 41 (2014) 115002

LHCb collab., *arXiv*: 2006.16957



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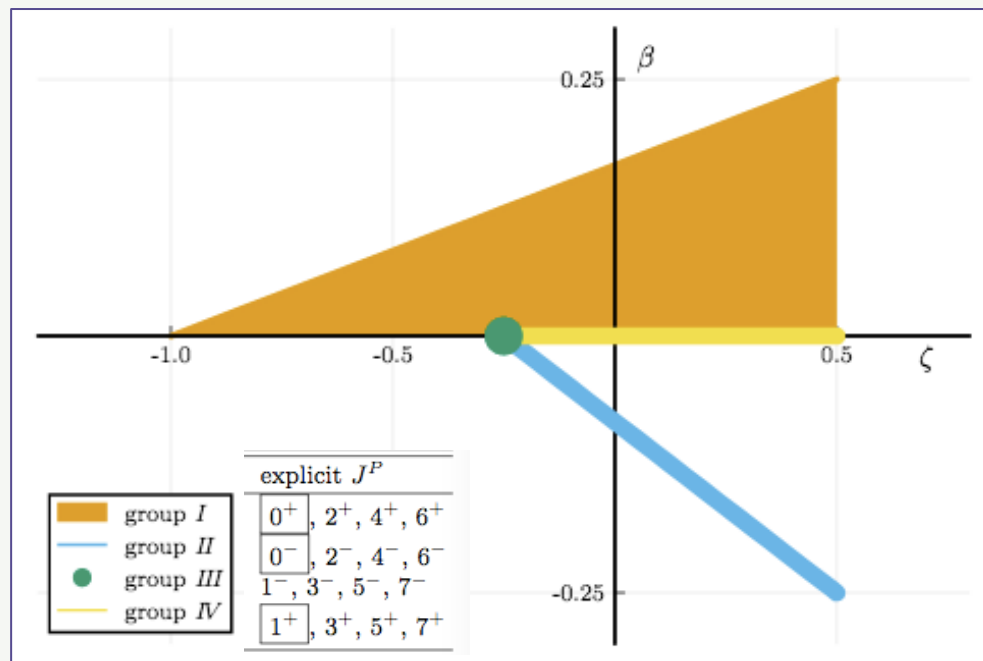
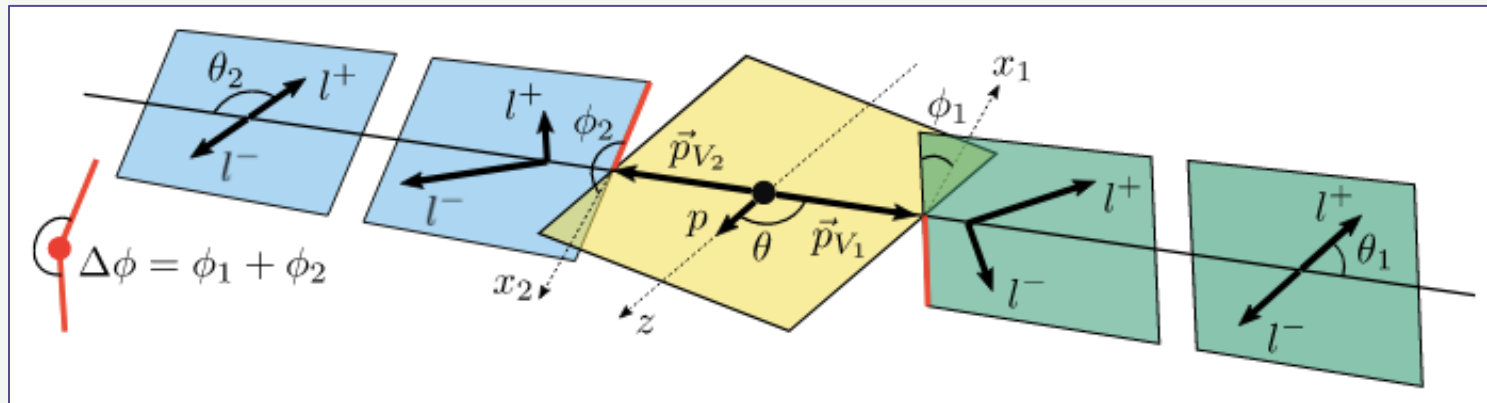
INCLUSIVE

*L A Harland-Lang, V A Khoze and M G Ryskin*  
*J.Phys.G* 42 (2015) 5, 055001



# Angular analysis to extract $J^P$

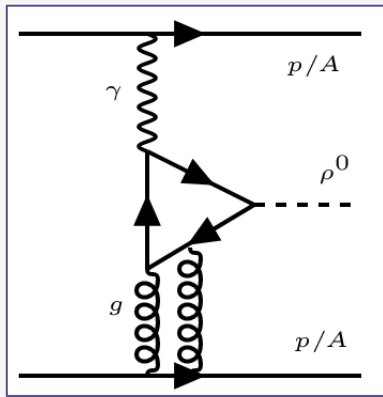
M. Mikhasenko, L. An, R. McNulty, arXiv:2007.05501



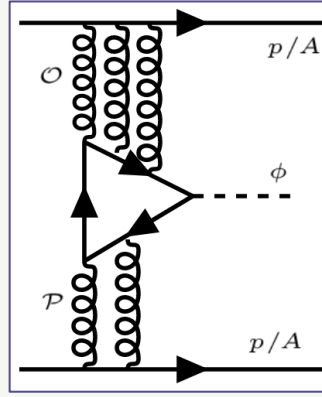
$$1 + \beta \cos \Delta\phi$$

$$1 + \frac{\xi}{2}(3\cos^2\theta - 1)$$

Measurement of two angles can quickly show which  $J^P$  are inconsistent



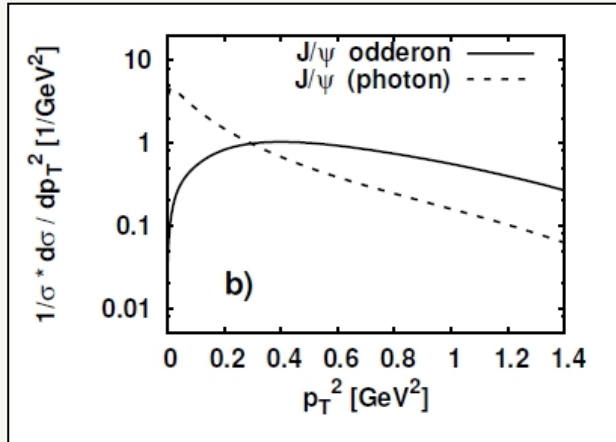
$$\frac{d\sigma}{dt} \sim e^{bt} \sim e^{-bp_T^2}$$



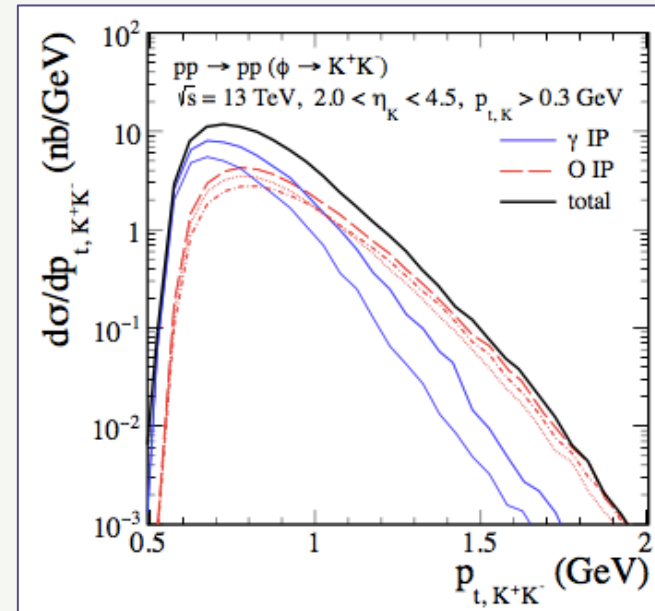
# Odderon

J/ψ

φ



Bzdak, Motyka, Szymanowski, Cudell  
PRD 75 (2007) 094023



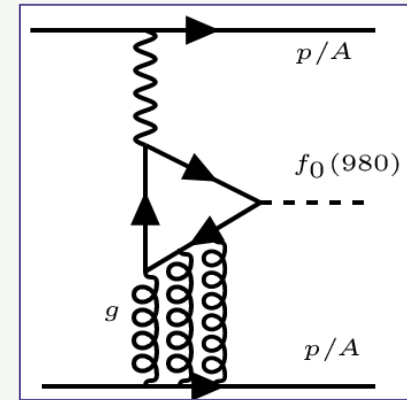
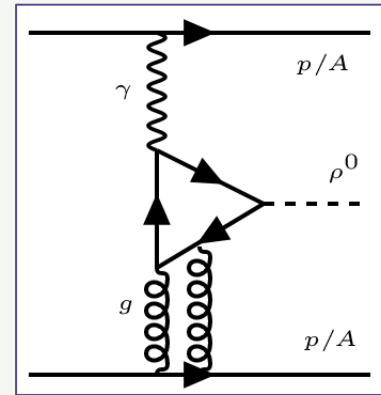
Lebiedowicz, Nachtmann, Szczurek  
Phys.Rev.D 101 (2020) 9, 094012

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Brodsky, Rathsman, Merino,  
PLB461 (1998) 114.

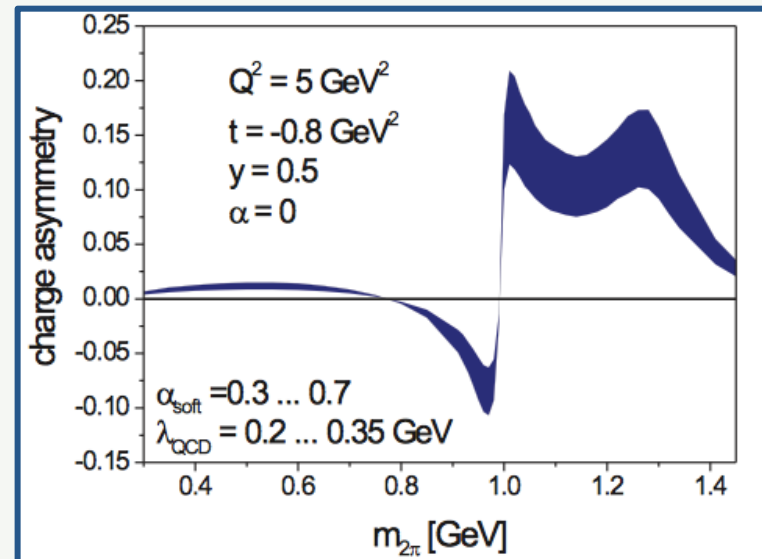
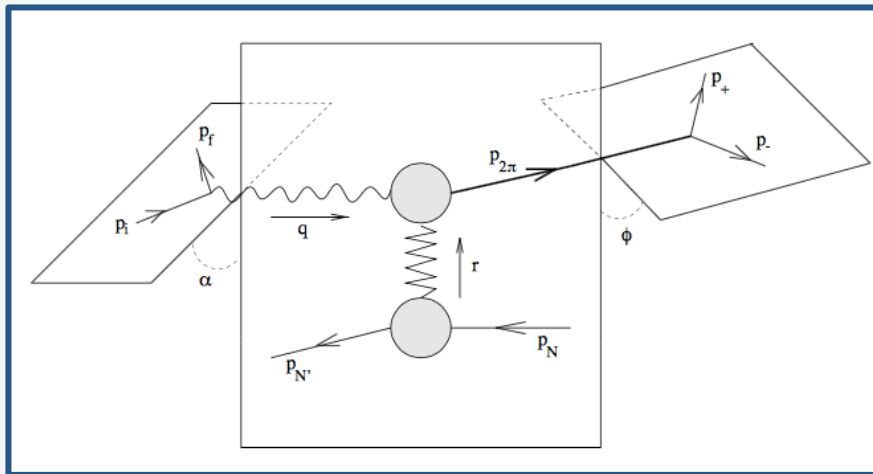
Bolz, Ewerz, Maniatis, Nachtmann, Sauter,  
Schoening, JHEP 1501 (2015) 151.

Hagler, Pire, Szymanowski, Teryaev,  
EPJ26 (2002) 261.



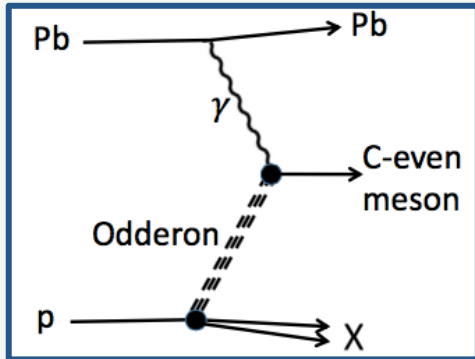
Interference of Pomeron and Odderon in photoproduction processes

$$A(Q^2, t, m_{2\pi}^2, y, \alpha) = \frac{\sum_{\lambda=+,-} \int \cos \theta d\sigma(s, Q^2, t, m_{2\pi}^2, y, \alpha, \theta, \lambda)}{\sum_{\lambda=+,-} \int d\sigma(s, Q^2, t, m_{2\pi}^2, y, \alpha, \theta, \lambda)} = \frac{\int d \cos \theta \cos \theta N_{charge}}{\int d \cos \theta D}$$

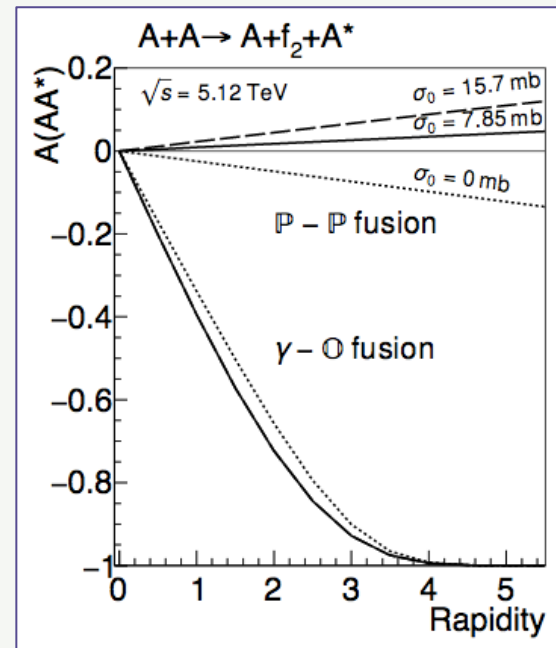
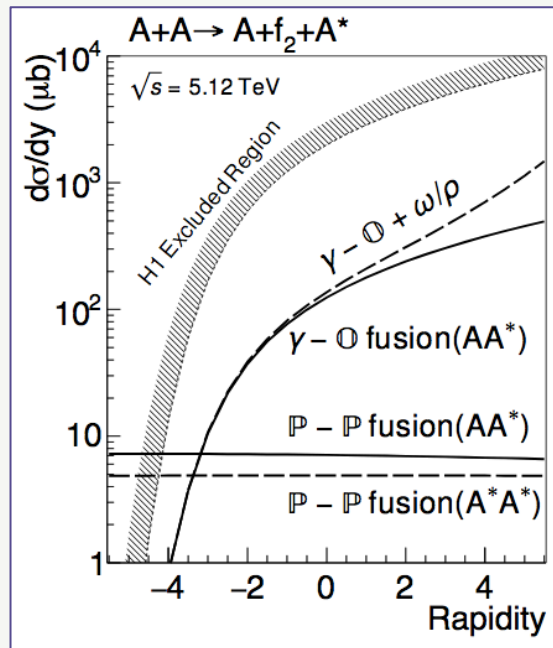


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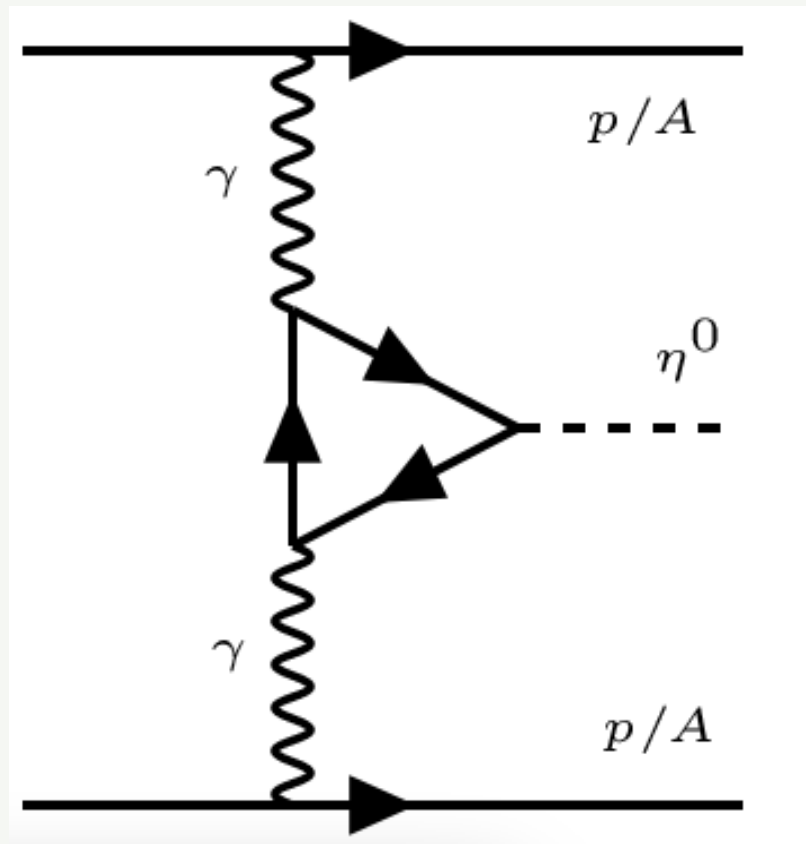
Search in CEP photo-production where quantum numbers inconsistent with pomeron



Czyzewski et al., *PLB*398 (1997) 400.  
 Berger et al., *EPJ C*9 (1999) 491.  
 M.G. Ryskin *EPJ C*2 (1998) 339.  
 Kilian & Nachtmann, *EPJ C*5 (1998) 317.  
 Harland-Lang et al. *arXiv:1811.12705*

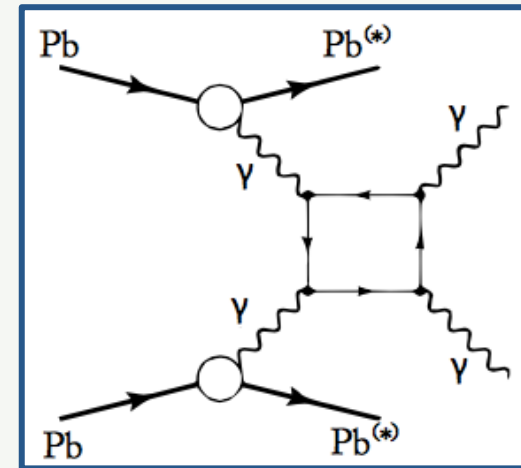


# Gamma-Gamma collisions



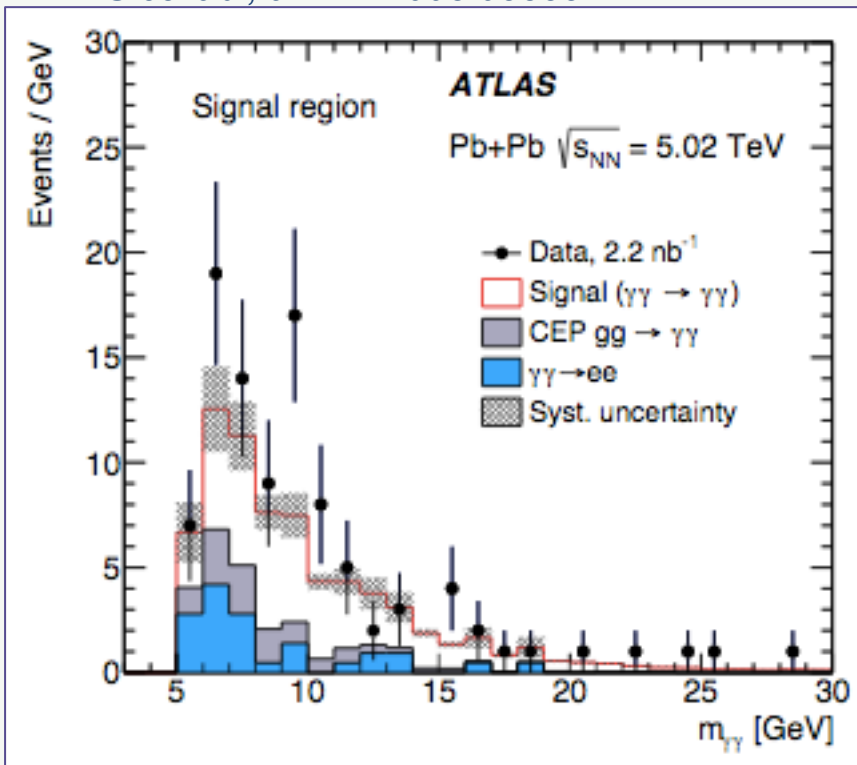
# Light-by-light scattering

Forbidden in classical EM  
Text-book illustration of QM

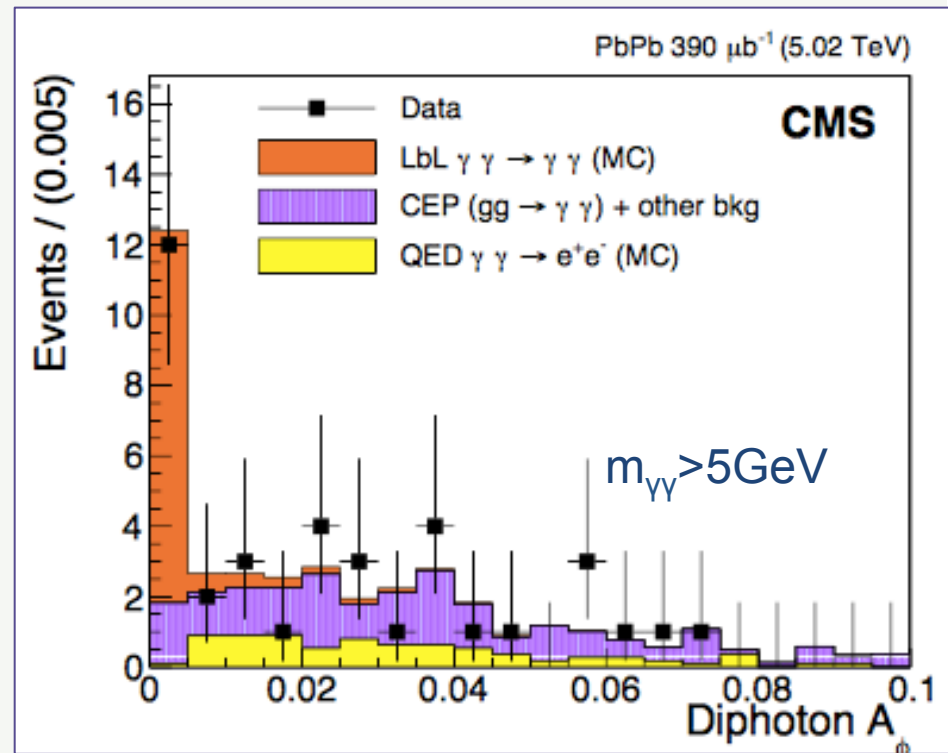


ATLAS collab., *Nature Physics* 13 (2017) 852

ATLAS collab., arXiv: 2008.05355

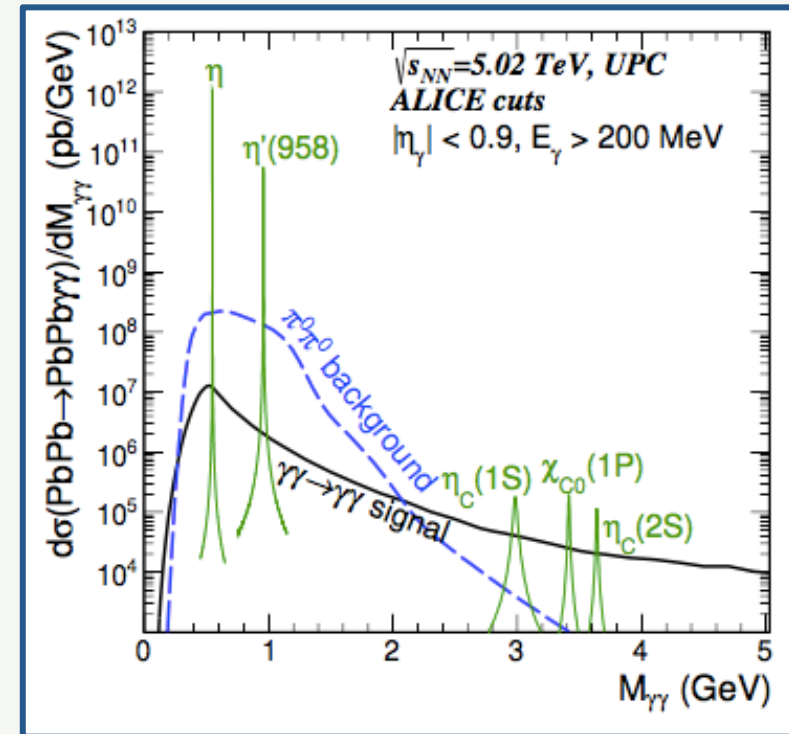
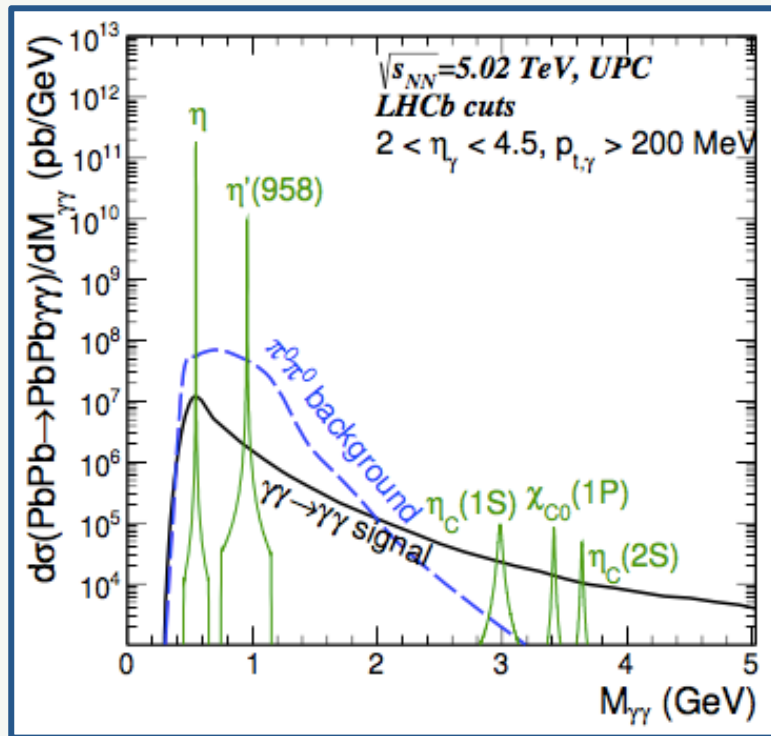


CMS collab., *Phys.Lett.B* 797 (2019) 134826

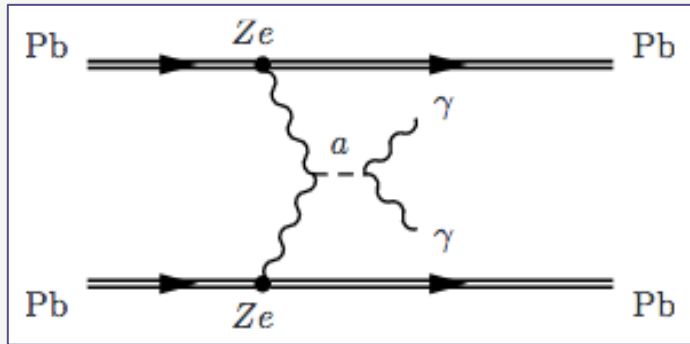


# Light-by-light scattering

M. Klusek-Gawenda, R. McNulty, R. Schicker, A. Szczurek, *Phys.Rev. D99* (2019) no.9, 093013

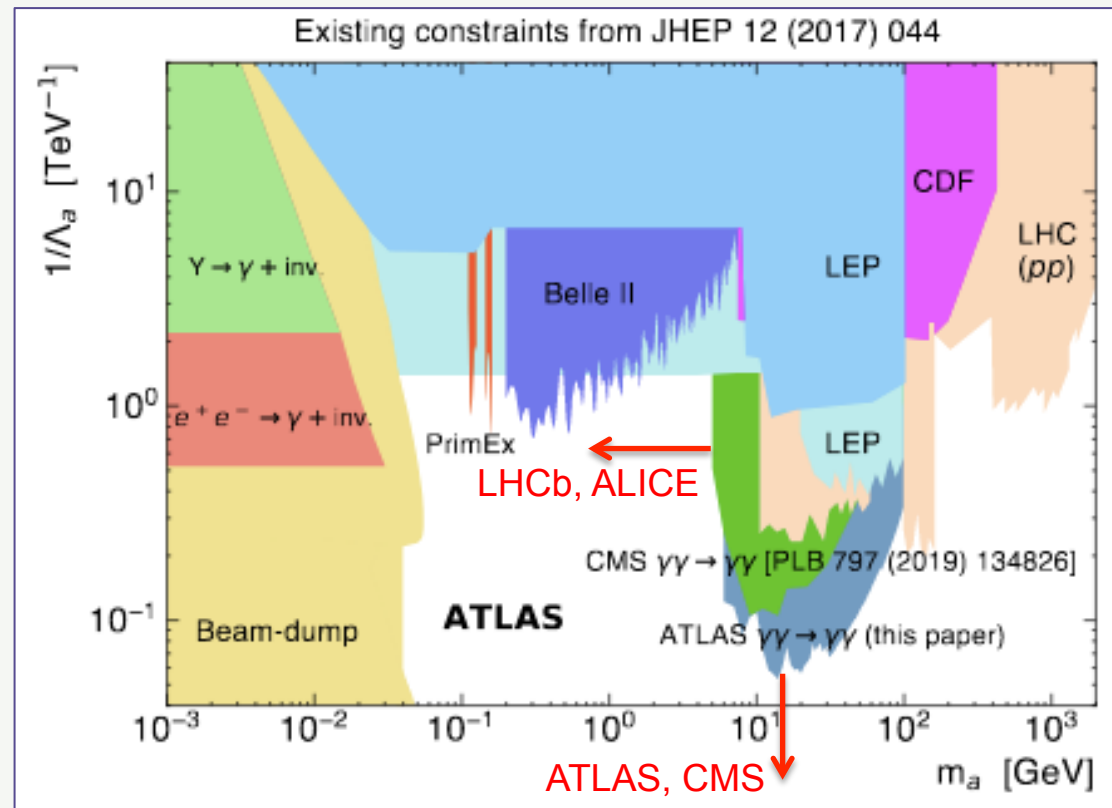


LHCb and ALICE have potential to observe this at low mass.  
 Important in searches for new particle decaying to photons



# ALPS search

ATLAS collab., arXiv: 2008.05355



LHC Run 3&4, prospect of pushing limits down in mass and coupling strength

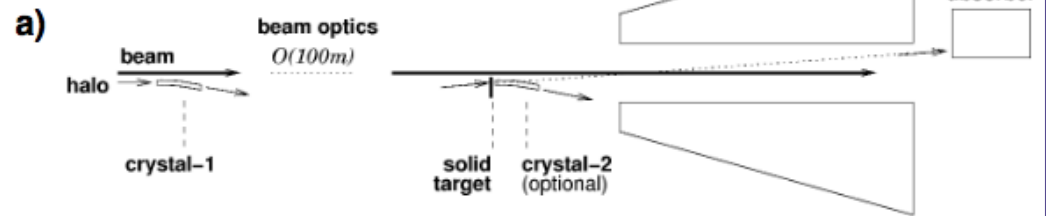


# LHC: Fixed target collisions

7 TeV p beam  $\rightarrow \sqrt{s_{NN}} = 72-115$  GeV.  
Forward detectors

- High-x quark and gluon PDFs, GPDs and Wigner distrib.
- Spin Physics
- QGP

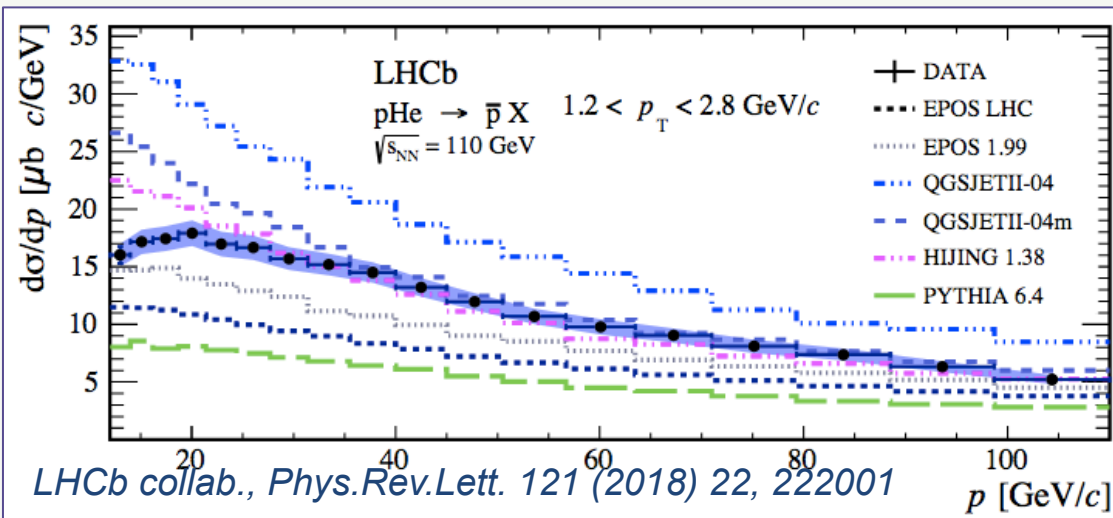
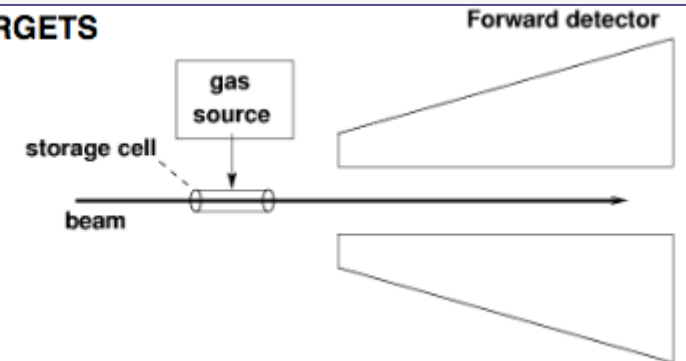
## BEAM SPLITTING channeled halo to a solid target



## UNPOLARISED GAS TARGETS

H<sub>2</sub>, D<sub>2</sub>, He, N<sub>2</sub>, Ne, Ar ...

c)



SMOG results from Run2 (LHCb)  
SMOG2 target cell for Run3  
AFTER@LHC for Run 4?

# Summary

- Central Exclusive Production has great potential for a comprehensive study of low mass systems.
- The ability to vary projectiles, enhance QED or QCD processes, and fully reconstruct the final states are powerful tools.
- Data is already in hand to look for exotic aspects of QCD and BSM physics
  - saturation
  - glueballs
  - hybrid states
  - tetraquarks
  - molecular states
  - odderon
  - axions
  - dark matter
- More data, particularly in heavy ion collisions, available in Run3 and Run4