Exclusive diffractive production of $\pi^+\pi^-$ pairs within tensor pomeron approach

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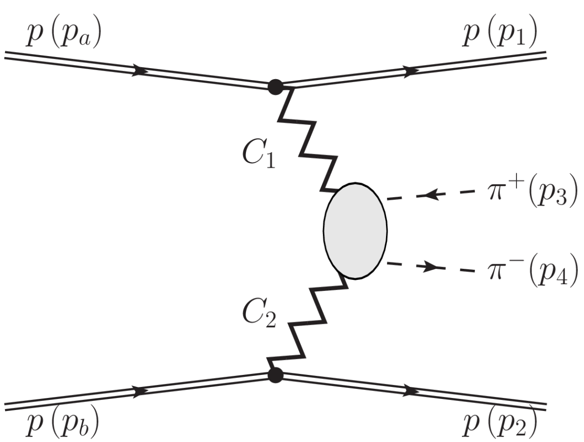
Dipion continuum production



$$\boxed{(C_1, C_2) = (1, 1): \quad (I\!P + f_{2I\!R}, I\!P + f_{2I\!R})}$$

$$(C_1, C_2) = (-1, -1): \quad (\rho_{I\!R} + \gamma, \rho_{I\!R} + \gamma)$$

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Ewerz-Maniatis-Nachtmann model: Regge-type model respecting the rules of QFT to describe high-energy soft reactions

C = +1 exchanges ($I\!P$, $f_{2I\!R}$, $a_{2I\!R}$) are represented as rank-two-tensor

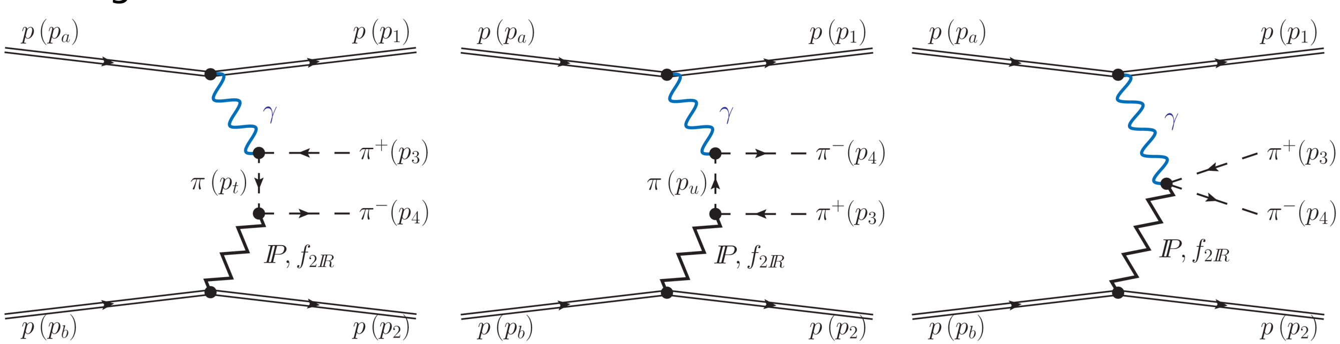
C = -1 exchanges (odderon (?), $\omega_{I\!R}$, $\rho_{I\!R}$) represented as vector

Exchange object	C	G
$I\!P$	1	1
$f_{2I\!R}$	1	1
$a_{2I\!R}$	1	-1
γ	-1	
$\mathbb{O}$	-1	-1
$\omega_{I\!R}$	-1	-1
$\rho_{I\!R}$	-1	1

G parity invariance forbids the vertices:

$$a_{2I\!R}\pi\pi,\ \omega_{I\!R}\pi\pi,\ \mathbb{O}\pi\pi$$

for the cases involving the photon exchange one also has to take into account the diagrams involving the contact terms



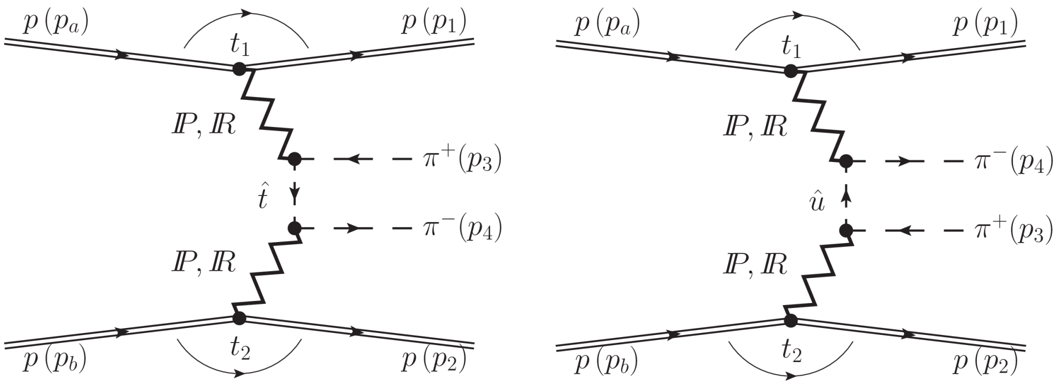
The inclusion of these diagrams is a gauge invariant version of the Drell-Söding mechanism.

Diffractive dipion continuum production

The full amplitude of dipion production is a sum of continuum and resonances amplitudes:

$$\boxed{\mathcal{M}_{pp\to pp\pi^+\pi^-} = \mathcal{M}^{\pi\pi-\mathrm{continuum}}_{pp\to pp\pi^+\pi^-} + \mathcal{M}^{\pi\pi-\mathrm{resonances}}_{pp\to pp\pi^+\pi^-}}$$

$$\mathcal{M}^{\pi\pi-\mathrm{continuum}}_{pp\to pp\pi^+\pi^-} = \mathcal{M}^{(I\!P I\!P\to\pi^+\pi^-)} + \mathcal{M}^{(I\!P f_{2I\!R}\to\pi^+\pi^-)} + \mathcal{M}^{(f_{2I\!R} I\!P\to\pi^+\pi^-)} + \mathcal{M}^{(f_{2I\!R} f_{2I\!R}\to\pi^+\pi^-)}$$



The *IP IP* - exchange amplitude can be written as

$$\mathcal{M}^{(I\!P I\!P\to\pi^+\pi^-)} = \mathcal{M}^{(\hat{\mathrm{t}})}_{\lambda_a\lambda_b\to\lambda_1\lambda_2\pi^+\pi^-} + \mathcal{M}^{(\hat{\mathrm{u}})}_{\lambda_a\lambda_b\to\lambda_1\lambda_2\pi^+\pi^-}$$

in terms of effective tensor pomeron propagator, proton and pion vertex functions:

$$\mathcal{M}^{(\hat{\mathrm{t}})}_{\lambda_a\lambda_b\to\lambda_1\lambda_2\pi^+\pi^-} =$$

$$(-i)\bar{u}(p_1,\lambda_1) i\Gamma^{(I\!P pp)}_{\mu_1\nu_1}(p_1,p_a) u(p_a,\lambda_a)\, i\Delta^{(I\!P)\,\mu_1\nu_1,\alpha_1\beta_1}(s_{13},t_1)\, i\Gamma^{(I\!P\pi\pi)}_{\alpha_1\beta_1}(p_t,-p_3)\, i\Delta^{(\pi)}(p_t)$$

$$\times\, i\Gamma^{(I\!P\pi\pi)}_{\alpha_2\beta_2}(p_4,p_t)\, i\Delta^{(I\!P)\,\alpha_2\beta_2,\mu_2\nu_2}(s_{24},t_2)\, \bar{u}(p_2,\lambda_2) i\Gamma^{(I\!P pp)}_{\mu_2\nu_2}(p_2,p_b) u(p_b,\lambda_b)$$

$I\!P$ propagator and vertex functions

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The propagator of the tensor-pomeron exchange is written as

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

with the standard linear trajectory $\alpha_{I\!P}(t) = \alpha_{I\!P}(0) + \alpha'_{I\!P}t$.

The coupling of tensor pomeron to protons (antiprotons) and pions are

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

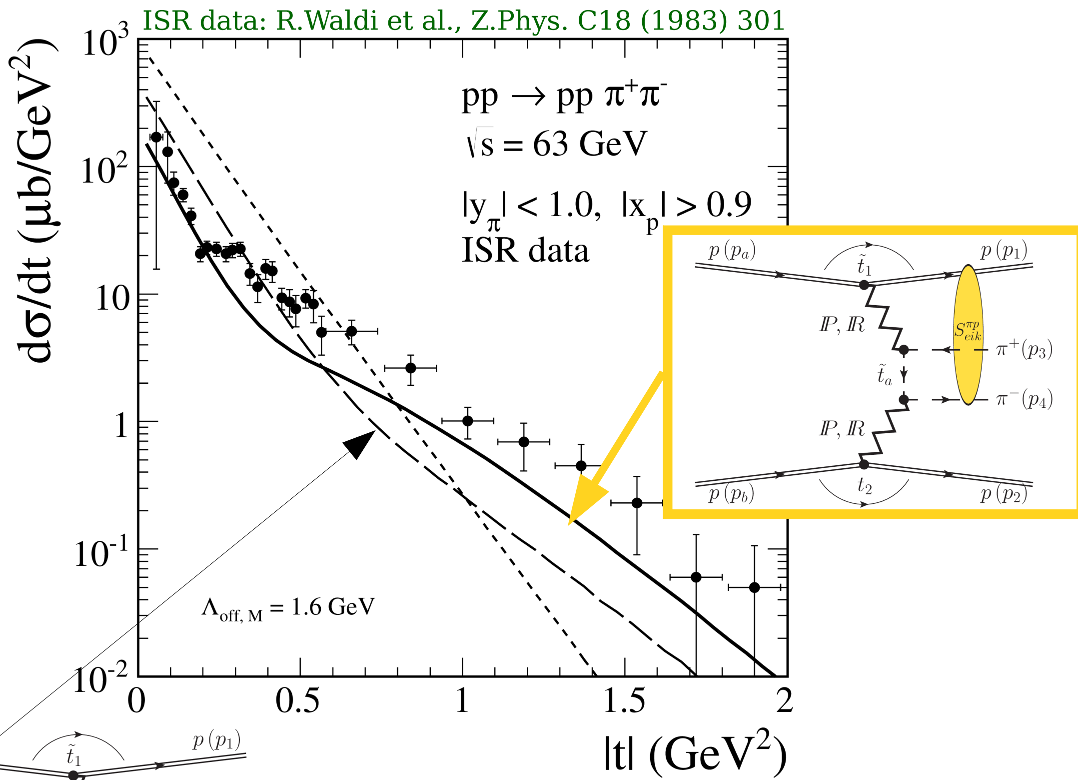
$$i\Gamma^{(I\!P\pi\pi)}_{\mu\nu}(k',k) = -i2\beta_{I\!P\pi\pi}\,F_M((k'-k)^2)\left[(k'+k)_\mu(k'+k)_\nu - \frac{1}{4}g_{\mu\nu}(k'+k)^2\right],$$

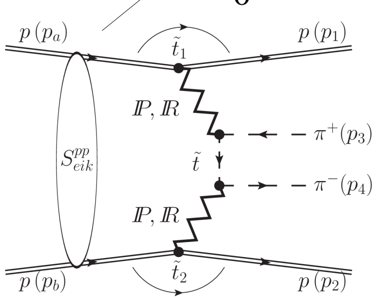
where $\beta_{I\!PNN} = 1.87\ \mathrm{GeV}^{-1}$, $\beta_{I\!P\pi\pi} = 1.76\ \mathrm{GeV}^{-1}$ and the form-factors taking into account that the hadrons are extended objects

$$F_1(t) = \frac{4m_p^2 - 2.79\,t}{(4m_p^2 - t)(1 - t/m_D^2)^2}, \qquad F_M(t) = \frac{1}{1 - t/\Lambda_0^2},$$

where m_p is the proton mass and $m_D^2 = 0.71\ \mathrm{GeV}^2$ is the dipole mass squared and $\Lambda_0^2 = 0.5\ \mathrm{GeV}^2$.

Absorption effects and off-shell pion form factor





new absorption corrections (πN FSI) damping of the cross section by a factor of about 2 and give further enhancement at large |t|

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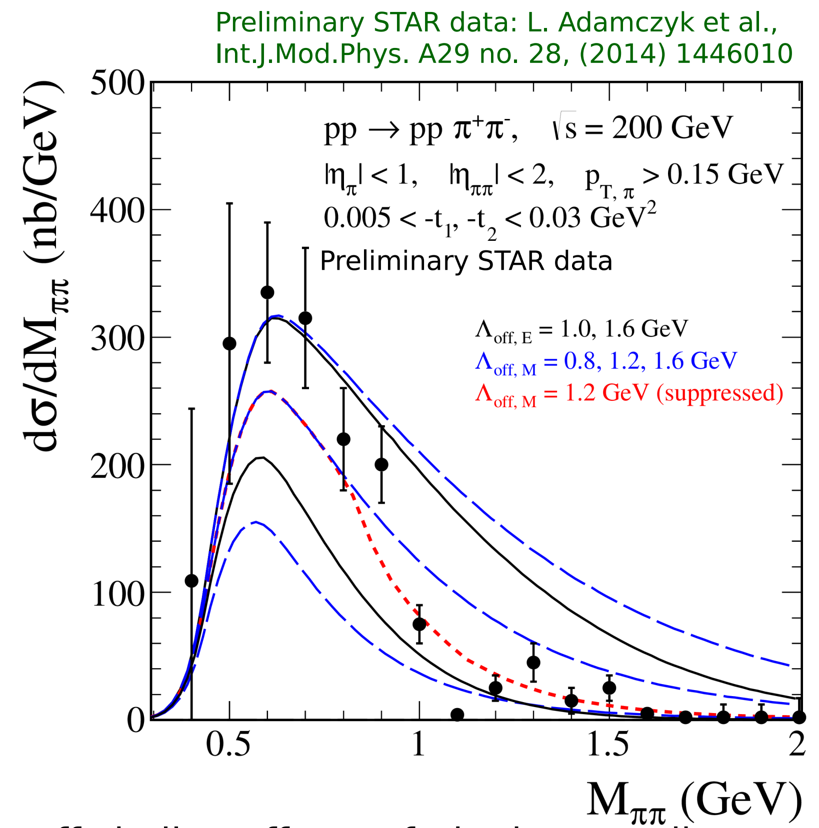

off-shellne effects of the intermediate pions can be described by the form factors

$$F_\pi(\hat{t}) = \exp\left(\frac{\hat{t} - m_\pi^2}{\Lambda_{off,E}^2}\right)$$

$$F_\pi(\hat{t}) = \frac{\Lambda_{off,M}^2 - m_\pi^2}{\Lambda_{off,M}^2 - \hat{t}}$$

$$\mathcal{M}_{pp\to pp\pi^+\pi^-} = \mathcal{M}^{Born}_{pp\to pp\pi^+\pi^-} + \mathcal{M}^{pp-rescattering}_{pp\to pp\pi^+\pi^-} + \mathcal{M}^{\pi p-rescattering}_{pp\to pp\pi^+\pi^-}$$

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

Cross sections (in μb) for diffractive $\pi^+\pi^-$ continuum

STAR cuts: $|\eta_\pi| < 1.0$, $|\eta_{\pi\pi}| < 2.0$, $p_{\perp,\pi} > 0.15$ GeV, $0.005 < -t_1, -t_2 < 0.03$ GeV^2

CDF cuts: $|\eta_\pi| < 1.3$, $|y_{\pi\pi}| < 1$, $p_{t,\pi} > 0.4$ GeV

ALICE cuts: $|\eta_\pi| < 0.9$, $p_{\perp,\pi} > 0.1$ GeV

CMS cuts: $|\eta_\pi| < 2.0$, $p_{\perp,\pi} > 0.1$ GeV

$\sqrt{s}$ (TeV):	0.2 (STAR)	1.96 (CDF)	7 (ALICE)	8 (CMS)	13 (CMS)
$\Lambda_{off,E} = 1.6$ GeV	0.23	3.69	6.57	23.92	28.64
$\Lambda_{off,E} = 1.0$ GeV	0.09	0.63	2.16	7.88	8.98
$\Lambda_{off,M} = 1.6$ GeV	0.26	6.45	9.12	33.60	40.92
$\Lambda_{off,M} = 1.2$ GeV	0.17 (0.13) [1]	2.48 (0.90)	4.65 (3.00)	17.14 (10.83)	20.65 (12.71)
$\Lambda_{off,M} = 0.8$ GeV	0.07	0.58	1.74	6.48	7.45

The integrated cross sections in μb (including the NN and πN absorption corrections) for the central exclusive $\pi^+\pi^-$ production via the (non-resonant) double-pomeron/$f_{2I\!R}$ exchange mechanism. The results with cuts for different experiments and for the different values of the off-shell-pion form-factor parameters are shown.

[1] The numbers in the parentheses show the resulting cross sections multiplying the amplitude by the suppressed factor applied for $M_{\pi\pi} > 0.9$ GeV.

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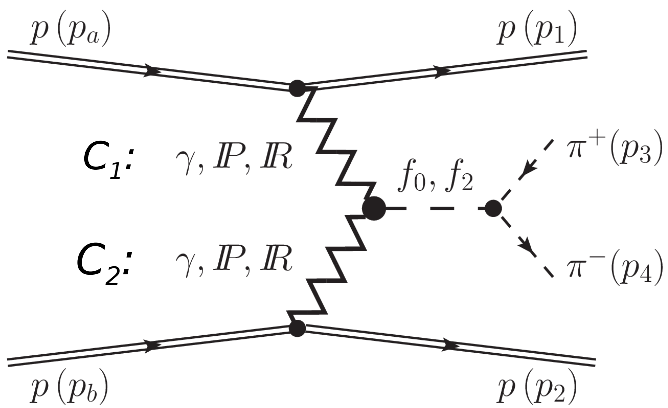
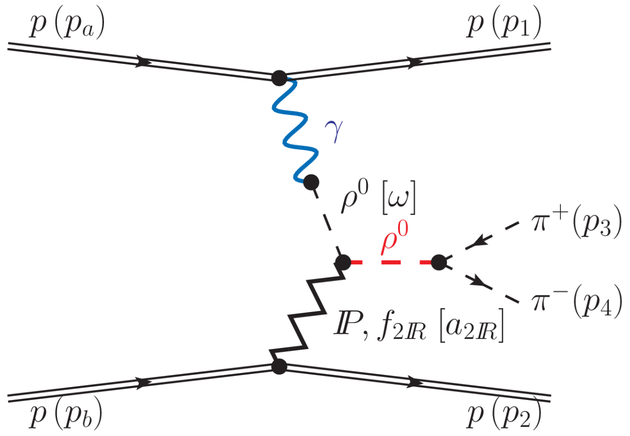
Dipion resonant production



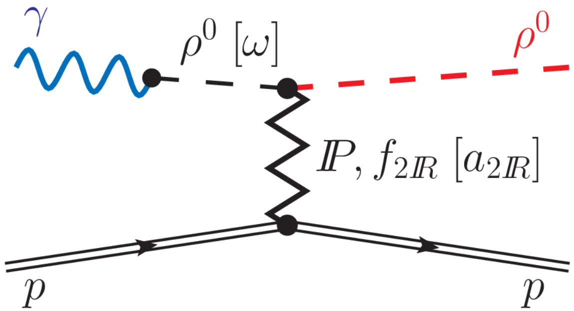


In general, many exchanges are possible in the dipion resonance production process.

$I^G J^{PC}$, resonances	(C_1, C_2) production modes
0^+0^{++}, $f_0(500)$, $f_0(980)$, $f_0(1500)$, $f_0(1370)$, $f_0(1710)$ 0^+2^{++}, $f_2(1270)$, $f'_2(1525)$, $f_2(1950)$ 0^+4^{++}, $f_4(2050)$	$\left\{ \begin{array}{c} (I\!P + f_{2I\!R}, I\!P + f_{2I\!R}),\ (a_{2I\!R}, a_{2I\!R}), \\ (\mathbb{O} + \omega_{I\!R} + \gamma, \mathbb{O} + \omega_{I\!R} + \gamma),\ (\rho_{I\!R}, \rho_{I\!R}), \\ (\gamma, \rho_{I\!R}),\ (\rho_{I\!R}, \gamma) \end{array} \right\}$
1^+1^{--}, $\rho(770)$, $\rho(1450)$, $\rho(1700)$ 1^+3^{--}, $\rho_3(1690)$	$\left\{ \begin{array}{c} (\gamma + \rho_{I\!R}, I\!P + f_{2I\!R}),\ (I\!P + f_{2I\!R}, \gamma + \rho_{I\!R}), \\ (\mathbb{O} + \omega_{I\!R}, a_{2I\!R}),\ (a_{2I\!R}, \mathbb{O} + \omega_{I\!R}) \end{array} \right\}$

At high energies, we shall concentrate on the dominant contributions (C_1, C_2):
$(I\!P + f_{2I\!R}, I\!P + f_{2I\!R})$ for purely diffractive mechanism;
$(\gamma, I\!P + f_{2I\!R})$, $(I\!P + f_{2I\!R}, \gamma)$ for the dipion photoproduction mechanism.

Photoproduction of ρ^0 meson



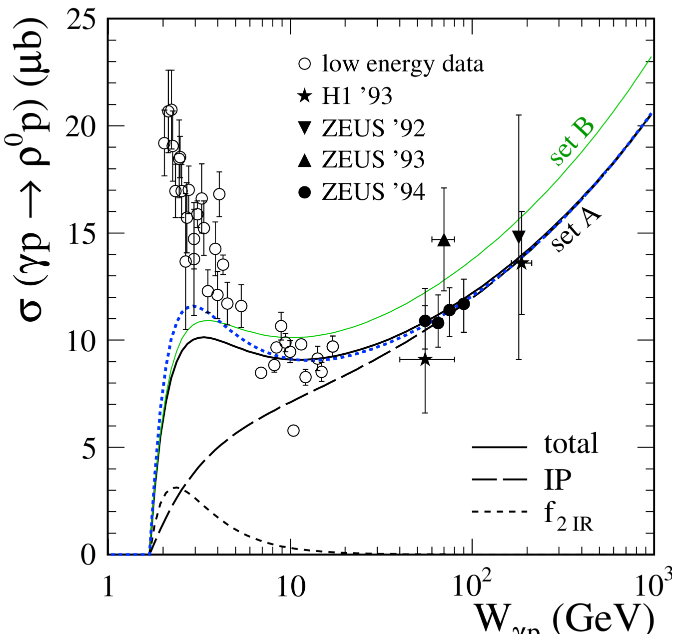
$$\mathcal{M}_{\lambda_\gamma \lambda_b \to \lambda_\rho \lambda_2}(s,t) \cong \quad ie\frac{m_\rho^2}{\gamma_\rho}\,\Delta_T^{(\rho)}(0)\,(\epsilon^{(\rho)\,\mu})^* \epsilon^{(\gamma)\,\nu} V_{\mu\nu\kappa\lambda}(s,t,q,p_\rho)$$
$$\times 2(p_2+p_b)^\kappa (p_2+p_b)^\lambda\,\delta_{\lambda_2\lambda_b} F_1(t) F_M(t)$$

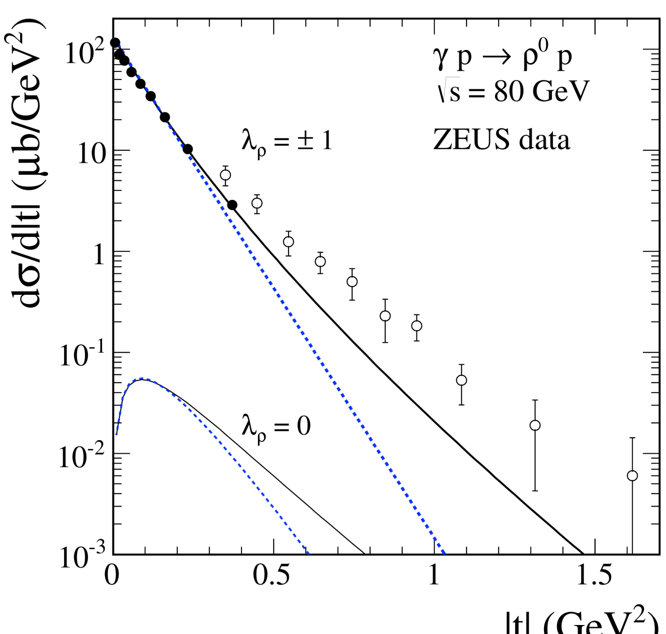
alternatively, $F_1(t)F_M(t) \to$ factorised form $F_{\rho p}^{(P/R)}(t) = \exp\left(\frac{B_{\rho p}^{(P/R)}t}{2}\right)$

(see the blue dotted lines)

$$V_{\mu\nu\kappa\lambda}(s,t,q,p_\rho) = \frac{1}{4s}\Big\{2\Gamma^{(0)}_{\mu\nu\kappa\lambda}(p_\rho,-q)\left[3\beta_{\mathbb{P}NN}\,a_{\mathbb{P}\rho\rho}(-is\alpha'_{\mathbb{P}})^{\alpha_{\mathbb{P}}(t)-1} + M_0^{-1}g_{f_{2\mathbb{R}}pp}\,a_{f_{2\mathbb{R}}\rho\rho}(-is\alpha'_{\mathbb{R}_+})^{\alpha_{\mathbb{R}_+}(t)-1}\right]$$
$$-\Gamma^{(2)}_{\mu\nu\kappa\lambda}(p_\rho,-q)\left[3\beta_{\mathbb{P}NN}\,b_{\mathbb{P}\rho\rho}(-is\alpha'_{\mathbb{P}})^{\alpha_{\mathbb{P}}(t)-1} + M_0^{-1}g_{f_{2\mathbb{R}}pp}\,b_{f_{2\mathbb{R}}\rho\rho}(-is\alpha'_{\mathbb{R}_+})^{\alpha_{\mathbb{R}_+}(t)-1}\right]\Big\}$$

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





The coupling constants *IP/IR-ρ-ρ* have been estimated from parametrization of total cross sections for pion-proton scattering assuming

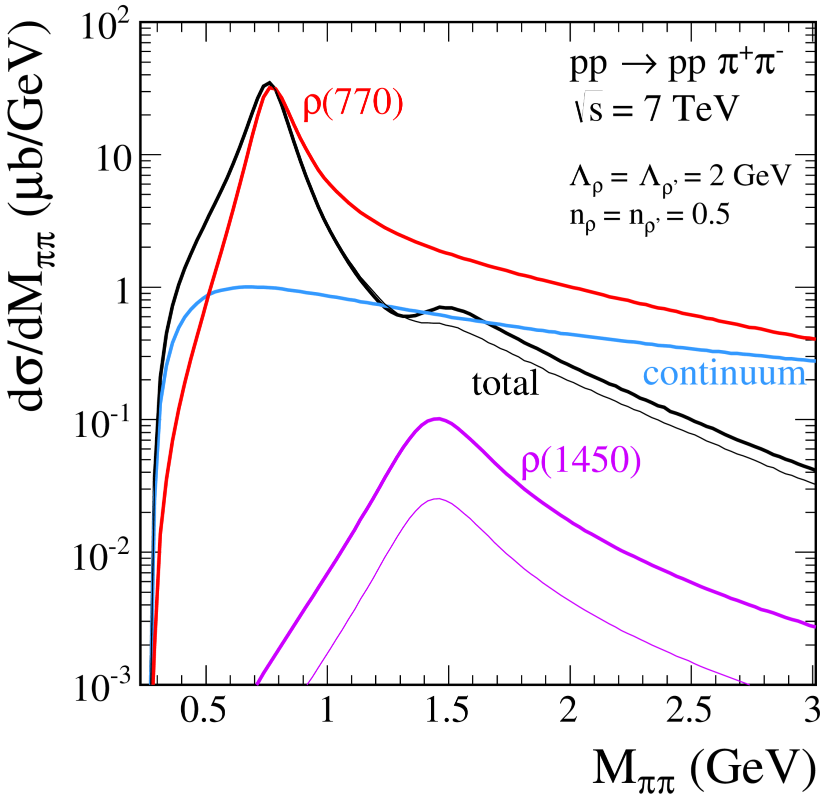
$$\sigma_{tot}(\rho^0(\lambda_\rho = \pm 1), p) = \tfrac{1}{2}\left[\sigma_{tot}(\pi^+,p) + \sigma_{tot}(\pi^-,p)\right]$$

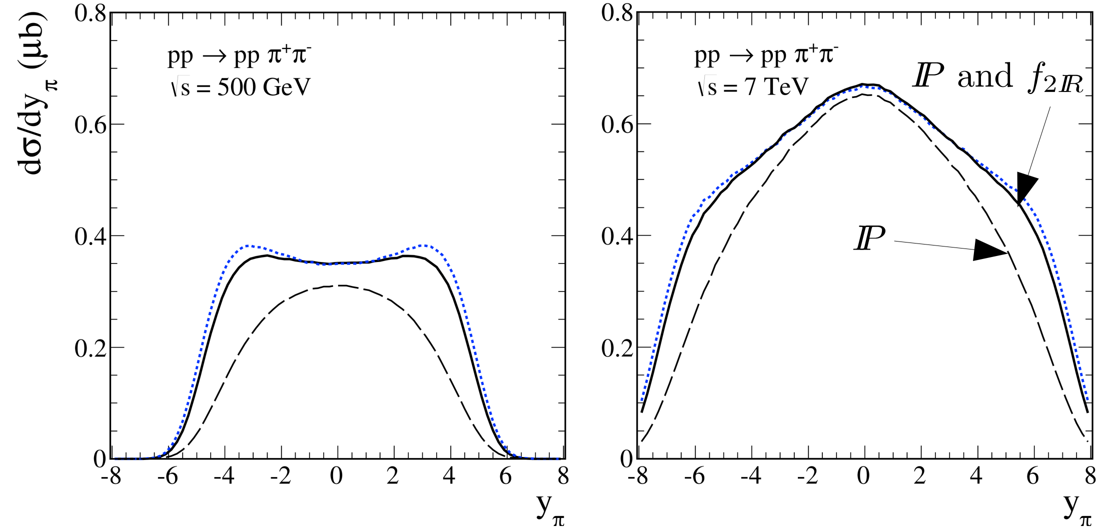
and are expected to approximately fulfill the relations:

$$2m_\rho^2\, a_{\mathbb{P}\rho\rho} + b_{\mathbb{P}\rho\rho} = 4\beta_{\mathbb{P}\pi\pi} = 7.04\ \mathrm{GeV}^{-1}$$
$$2m_\rho^2\, a_{f_{2\mathbb{R}}\rho\rho} + b_{f_{2\mathbb{R}}\rho\rho} = M_0^{-1} g_{f_{2\mathbb{R}}\pi\pi} = 9.30\ \mathrm{GeV}^{-1}$$
$$M_0 = 1\ \mathrm{GeV}$$

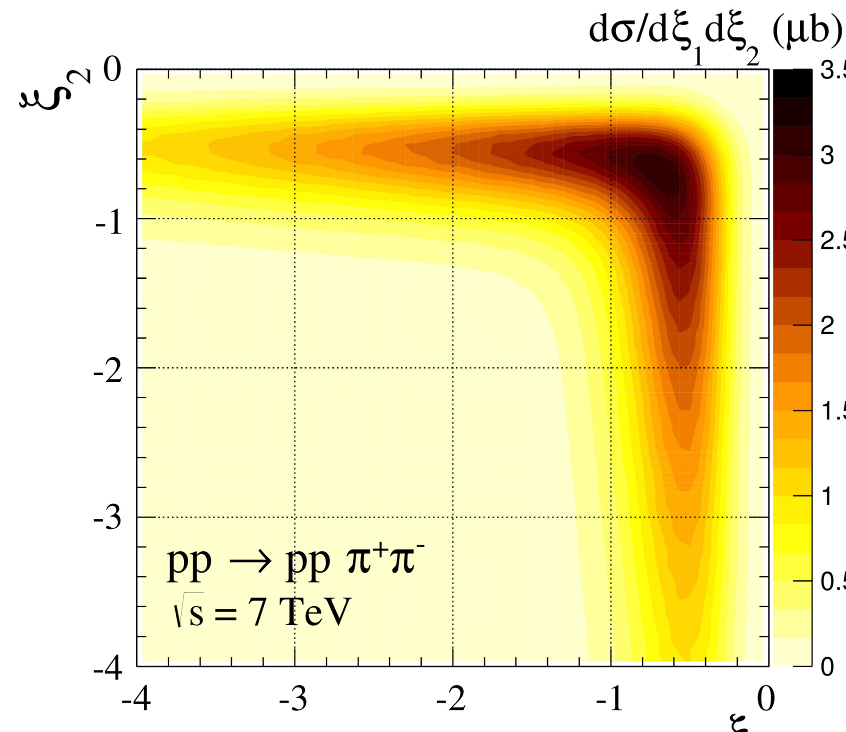
set A : $a_{\mathbb{P}\rho\rho} = 0.7\ \mathrm{GeV}^{-3}$, $a_{f_{2\mathbb{R}}\rho\rho} = 0\ \mathrm{GeV}^{-3}$, $b_{\mathbb{P}\rho\rho} = 6.2\ \mathrm{GeV}^{-1}$, $b_{f_{2\mathbb{R}}\rho\rho} = 9.3\ \mathrm{GeV}^{-1}$

ρ^0 and $\pi^+\pi^-$ continuum





The non-resonant (Drell-Söding) contribution interfere with resonant $\rho(770)$ contribution → skewing of ρ^0 line shape.

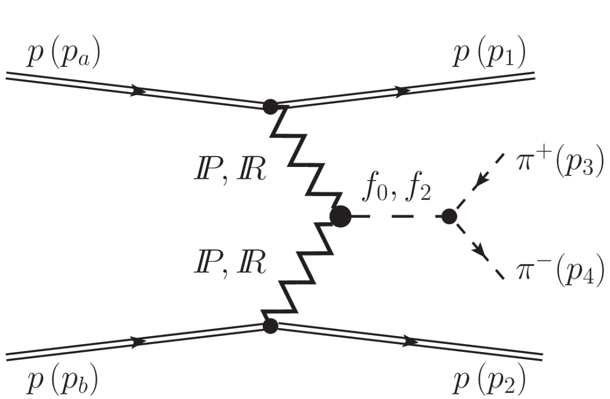


$\xi_1 = \log_{10}(p_{1\perp}/1\,\mathrm{GeV})$

$\xi_1 = -1$ means $p_{1\perp} = 0.1$ GeV

We expect the photon induced processes to be most important when <u>at least one</u> of the protons is undergoing only a very small momentum transfer.

Pomeron-pomeron-meson coupling

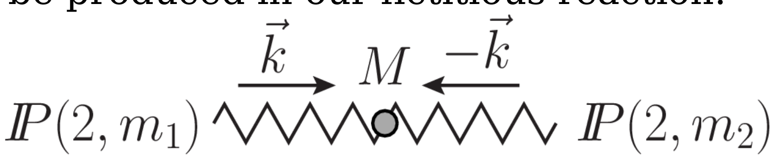


The values, for orbital angular momentum l, of total spin S, total angular momentum J, and parity P, possible in the annihilation of two "spin 2 pomeron particles". We have $S \in \{0,1,2,3,4\}$,P$=(-1)^l$, $|l-S| \leqslant J \leqslant l+S$, and Bose symmetry requires $l-S$ to be even.

M must have isospin and G parity $I^G = 0^+$ and charge conjugation $C = +1$.

l	S	J	P
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	

In table we list the values of J and P of mesons which can be produced in our fictitious reaction:



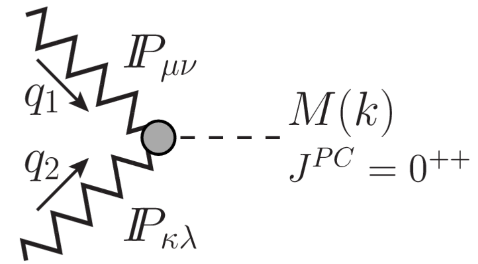
For each value of l, S, J, and P we can construct a covariant Lagrangian density $\mathcal{L}'$ coupling (the field operator for the meson M to the pomeron fields) and the vertex corresponding to the l and S.

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).

see P. Lebiedowicz, O. Nachtmann, A. Szczurek, Annals Phys. 344 (2014) 301

Scalar mesons

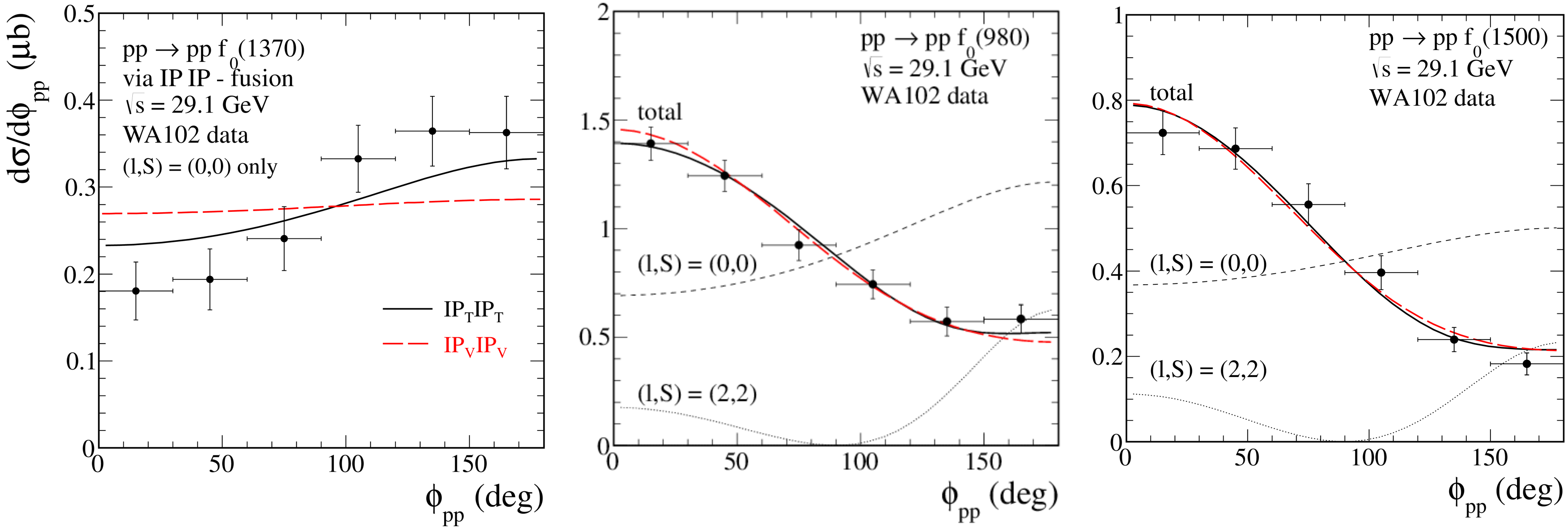
For a scalar mesons the “bare” tensorial *IP-IP-M* vertices corresponding to (l,S) = (0,0) and (2,2) terms are



$$i\Gamma'^{(\mathbb{P}\mathbb{P}\to M)}_{\mu\nu,\kappa\lambda} = i\, g'_{\mathbb{P}\mathbb{P}M}\, M_0 \left(g_{\mu\kappa}g_{\nu\lambda} + g_{\mu\lambda}g_{\nu\kappa} - \frac{1}{2} g_{\mu\nu}g_{\kappa\lambda} \right)$$

$$i\Gamma''^{(\mathbb{P}\mathbb{P}\to M)}_{\mu\nu,\kappa\lambda}(q_1,q_2) = \frac{i\, g''_{\mathbb{P}\mathbb{P}M}}{2M_0} \left[q_{1\kappa}q_{2\mu}g_{\nu\lambda} + q_{1\kappa}q_{2\nu}g_{\mu\lambda} + q_{1\lambda}q_{2\mu}g_{\nu\kappa} + q_{1\lambda}q_{2\nu}g_{\mu\kappa} - 2(q_1\cdot q_2)(g_{\mu\kappa}g_{\nu\lambda} + g_{\nu\kappa}g_{\mu\lambda}) \right]$$

where the coupling constants g' and g'' are not known and have been fitted to existing experimental data.



Our results and the WA102 data have been normalized to the mean value of the total cross section given by A. Kirk, Phys. Lett. B489 (2000) 29.

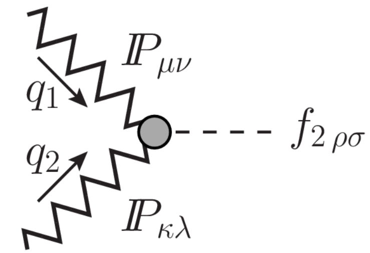
There is an important qualitative difference in the ϕ_{pp} distribution.
The $f_0(1370)$ peaks as $\phi_{pp} \to \pi$ whereas the $f_0(980)$, $f_0(1500)$, (and also $f_0(1710)$) peak at $\phi_{pp} \to 0$.

In most cases of scalar mesons one has to add coherently amplitudes for two lowest (l, S) couplings.

$f_2(1270)$ meson

The amplitude for the process $pp \to pp\,(f_2 \to \pi^+\pi^-)$ via $I\!\!P I\!\!P$ fusion:

$$\mathcal{M}^{(I\!\!P I\!\!P \to f_2 \to \pi^+\pi^-)}_{\lambda_a\lambda_b \to \lambda_1\lambda_2\pi^+\pi^-} = (-i)\,\bar{u}(p_1,\lambda_1) i\Gamma^{(I\!\!P pp)}_{\mu_1\nu_1}(p_1,p_a) u(p_a,\lambda_a)\; i\Delta^{(I\!\!P)\,\mu_1\nu_1,\alpha_1\beta_1}(s_1,t_1)$$
$$\times\, i\Gamma^{(I\!\!P I\!\!P f_2)}_{\alpha_1\beta_1,\alpha_2\beta_2,\rho\sigma}(q_1,q_2)\; i\Delta^{(f_2)\,\rho\sigma,\alpha\beta}(p_{34})\; i\Gamma^{(f_2\pi\pi)}_{\alpha\beta}(p_3,p_4)$$
$$\times\, i\Delta^{(I\!\!P)\,\alpha_2\beta_2,\mu_2\nu_2}(s_2,t_2)\; \bar{u}(p_2,\lambda_2) i\Gamma^{(I\!\!P pp)}_{\mu_2\nu_2}(p_2,p_b) u(p_b,\lambda_b)\,,$$



$$\boxed{i\Gamma^{(I\!\!P I\!\!P f_2)}_{\mu\nu,\kappa\lambda,\rho\sigma}(q_1,q_2) = \left(i\Gamma^{(I\!\!P I\!\!P f_2)(1)}_{\mu\nu,\kappa\lambda,\rho\sigma}\,|_{bare} + \sum_{j=2}^{7} i\Gamma^{(I\!\!P I\!\!P f_2)(j)}_{\mu\nu,\kappa\lambda,\rho\sigma}(q_1,q_2)\,|_{bare} \right) \tilde{F}^{(I\!\!P I\!\!P f_2)}(q_1^2,q_2^2,p_{34}^2)\,.}$$

Here $p_{34} = q_1 + q_2$ and the form factor $\tilde{F}^{(I\!\!P I\!\!P f_2)} = F_M(q_1^2) F_M(q_2^2) F^{(I\!\!P I\!\!P f_2)}(p_{34}^2)$.

$$i\Delta^{(f_2)}_{\mu\nu,\kappa\lambda}(p_{34}) = \frac{i}{p_{34}^2 - m_{f_2}^2 + i m_{f_2}\Gamma_{f_2}} \left[\frac{1}{2}(\hat{g}_{\mu\kappa}\hat{g}_{\nu\lambda} + \hat{g}_{\mu\lambda}\hat{g}_{\nu\kappa}) - \frac{1}{3}\hat{g}_{\mu\nu}\hat{g}_{\kappa\lambda} \right],$$

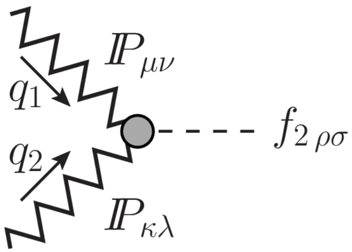
where $\hat{g}_{\mu\nu} = -g_{\mu\nu} + p_{34\mu}p_{34\nu}/p_{34}^2$ and $\Delta^{(f_2)}_{\nu\mu,\kappa\lambda}(p_{34}) = \Delta^{(f_2)}_{\mu\nu,\lambda\kappa}(p_{34}) = \Delta^{(f_2)}_{\kappa\lambda,\mu\nu}(p_{34})$, $g^{\kappa\lambda}\Delta^{(f_2)}_{\mu\nu,\kappa\lambda}(p_{34}) = 0$.

$$i\Gamma^{(f_2\pi\pi)}_{\mu\nu}(p_3,p_4) = -i\,\frac{g_{f_2\pi\pi}}{2M_0} \left[(p_3-p_4)_\mu (p_3-p_4)_\nu - \frac{1}{4} g_{\mu\nu}(p_3-p_4)^2 \right] F^{(f_2\pi\pi)}(p_{34}^2)\,,$$

where $g_{f_2\pi\pi} = 9.26$ was obtained from the corresponding partial decay width.

We assume that $F^{(f_2\pi\pi)}(p_{34}^2) = F^{(I\!\!P I\!\!P f_2)}(p_{34}^2) = \exp\left(\frac{-(p_{34}^2 - m_{f_2}^2)^2}{\Lambda_{f_2}^4} \right)$, $\Lambda_{f_2} = 1$ GeV.

$I\!P$-$I\!P$-f_2 couplings



In order to write the corresponding formulae of vertices in a compact and nvenient form we find it useful to define the tensor

$$R_{\mu\nu\kappa\lambda} = \frac{1}{2} g_{\mu\kappa} g_{\nu\lambda} + \frac{1}{2} g_{\mu\lambda} g_{\nu\kappa} - \frac{1}{4} g_{\mu\nu} g_{\kappa\lambda} \, .$$

$$i\Gamma^{(I\!PI\!Pf_2)(1)}_{\mu\nu,\kappa\lambda,\rho\sigma} = 2i \, g^{(1)}_{I\!PI\!Pf_2} M_0 \, R_{\mu\nu\mu_1\nu_1} \, R_{\kappa\lambda\alpha_1\lambda_1} \, R_{\rho\sigma\rho_1\sigma_1} \, g^{\nu_1\alpha_1} \, g^{\lambda_1\rho_1} \, g^{\sigma_1\mu_1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} i\Gamma^{(I\!PI\!Pf_2)(2)}_{\mu\nu,\kappa\lambda,\rho\sigma}(q_1,q_2) = -\frac{2i}{M_0} \, g^{(2)}_{I\!PI\!Pf_2} \Big(&(q_1 \cdot q_2) \, R_{\mu\nu\rho_1\alpha} \, R_{\kappa\lambda\sigma_1}{}^{\alpha} - q_{1\rho_1} \, q_2^{\mu_1} \, R_{\mu\nu\mu_1\alpha} \, R_{\kappa\lambda\sigma_1}{}^{\alpha} \\ &- q_1^{\mu_1} \, q_{2\sigma_1} \, R_{\mu\nu\rho_1\alpha} \, R_{\kappa\lambda\mu_1}{}^{\alpha} + q_{1\rho_1} \, q_{2\sigma_1} \, R_{\mu\nu\kappa\lambda} \Big) R_{\rho\sigma}{}^{\rho_1\sigma_1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} i\Gamma^{(I\!PI\!Pf_2)(3)}_{\mu\nu,\kappa\lambda,\rho\sigma}(q_1,q_2) = -\frac{2i}{M_0} \, g^{(3)}_{I\!PI\!Pf_2} \Big(&(q_1 \cdot q_2) \, R_{\mu\nu\rho_1\alpha} \, R_{\kappa\lambda\sigma_1}{}^{\alpha} + q_{1\rho_1} \, q_2^{\mu_1} \, R_{\mu\nu\mu_1\alpha} \, R_{\kappa\lambda\sigma_1}{}^{\alpha} \\ &+ q_1^{\mu_1} \, q_{2\sigma_1} \, R_{\mu\nu\rho_1\alpha} \, R_{\kappa\lambda\mu_1}{}^{\alpha} + q_{1\rho_1} \, q_{2\sigma_1} \, R_{\mu\nu\kappa\lambda} \Big) R_{\rho\sigma}{}^{\rho_1\sigma_1} \end{aligned}$$

$$i\Gamma^{(I\!PI\!Pf_2)(4)}_{\mu\nu,\kappa\lambda,\rho\sigma}(q_1,q_2) = -\frac{i}{M_0} \, g^{(4)}_{I\!PI\!Pf_2} \Big(q_1^{\alpha_1} \, q_2^{\mu_1} \, R_{\mu\nu\mu_1\nu_1} \, R_{\kappa\lambda\alpha_1\lambda_1} + q_2^{\alpha_1} \, q_1^{\mu_1} \, R_{\mu\nu\alpha_1\lambda_1} \, R_{\kappa\lambda\mu_1\nu_1} \Big) R^{\nu_1\lambda_1}{}_{\rho\sigma}$$

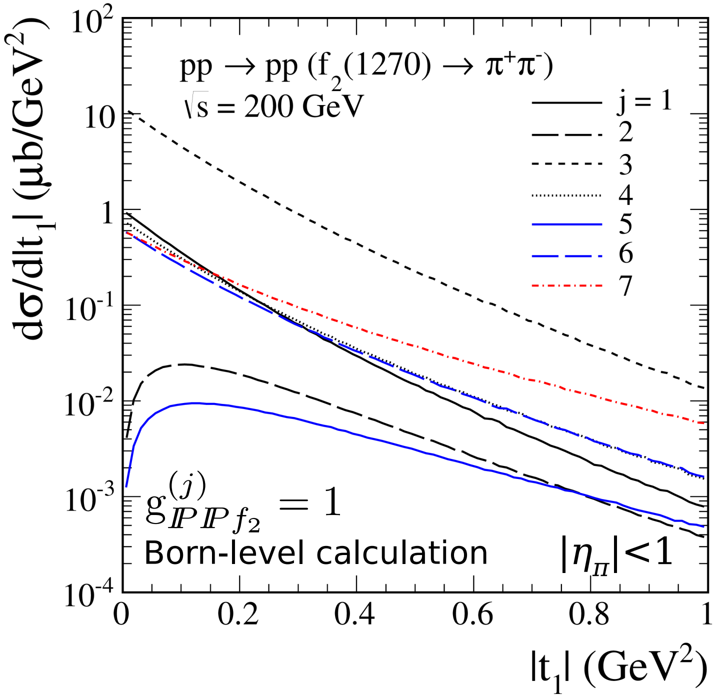
$$\begin{aligned} i\Gamma^{(I\!PI\!Pf_2)(5)}_{\mu\nu,\kappa\lambda,\rho\sigma}(q_1,q_2) = -\frac{2i}{M_0^3} \, g^{(5)}_{I\!PI\!Pf_2} \Big(&q_1^{\mu_1} \, q_2^{\nu_1} \, R_{\mu\nu\nu_1\alpha} \, R_{\kappa\lambda\mu_1}{}^{\alpha} + q_1^{\nu_1} \, q_2^{\mu_1} \, R_{\mu\nu\mu_1\alpha} \, R_{\kappa\lambda\nu_1}{}^{\alpha} \\ &- 2(q_1 \cdot q_2) \, R_{\mu\nu\kappa\lambda} \Big) q_{1\alpha_1} \, q_{2\lambda_1} \, R^{\alpha_1\lambda_1}{}_{\rho\sigma} \end{aligned}$$

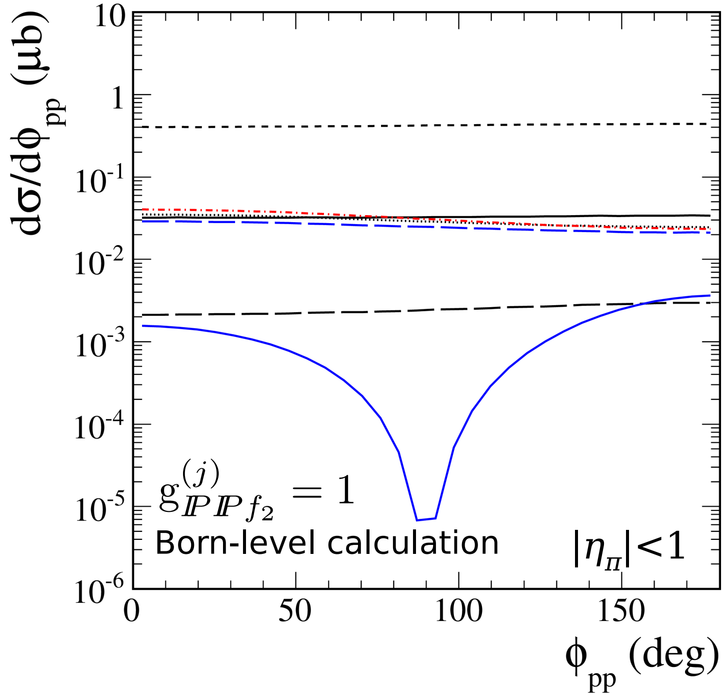
$$\begin{aligned} i\Gamma^{(I\!PI\!Pf_2)(6)}_{\mu\nu,\kappa\lambda,\rho\sigma}(q_1,q_2) = \frac{i}{M_0^3} \, g^{(6)}_{I\!PI\!Pf_2} \Big(&q_1^{\alpha_1} \, q_1^{\lambda_1} \, q_2^{\mu_1} \, q_{2\rho_1} \, R_{\mu\nu\mu_1\nu_1} \, R_{\kappa\lambda\alpha_1\lambda_1} \\ &+ q_2^{\alpha_1} \, q_2^{\lambda_1} \, q_1^{\mu_1} \, q_{1\rho_1} \, R_{\mu\nu\alpha_1\lambda_1} \, R_{\kappa\lambda\mu_1\nu_1} \Big) R^{\nu_1\rho_1}{}_{\rho\sigma} \end{aligned}$$

$$i\Gamma^{(I\!PI\!Pf_2)(7)}_{\mu\nu,\kappa\lambda,\rho\sigma}(q_1,q_2) = -\frac{2i}{M_0^5} \, g^{(7)}_{I\!PI\!Pf_2} \, q_1^{\rho_1} \, q_1^{\alpha_1} \, q_1^{\lambda_1} \, q_2^{\sigma_1} \, q_2^{\mu_1} \, q_2^{\nu_1} \, R_{\mu\nu\mu_1\nu_1} \, R_{\kappa\lambda\alpha_1\lambda_1} \, R_{\rho\sigma\rho_1\sigma_1}$$

see P. L., O. Nachtmann, A. Szczurek, arXiv:1601.04537, Phys. Rev. D93 (2016) 054015

Which *IP-IP-f_2* coupling?





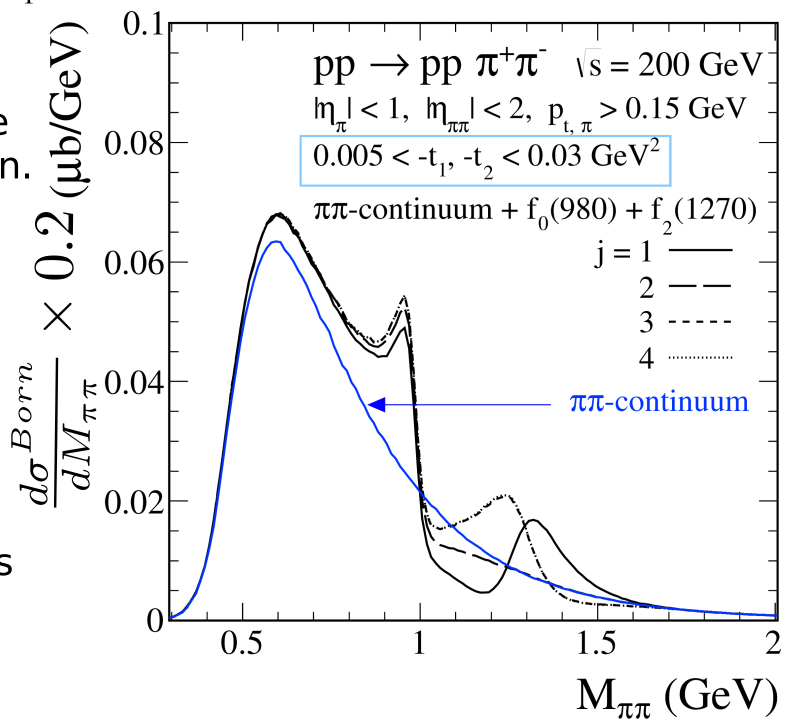
Our choice of coupling (j=2) is in agreement with exp. observations (WA102, ISR)

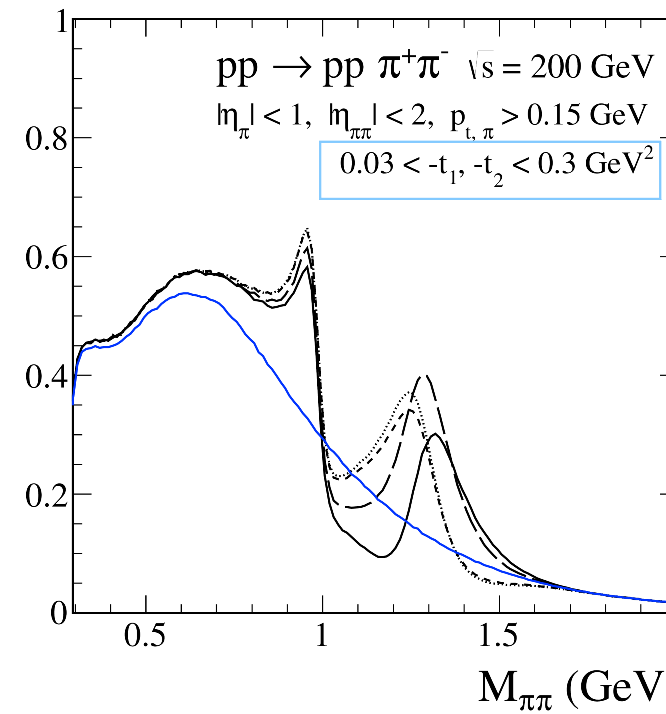
$f_2(1270)$ peaks at $\phi_{pp} \to \pi$

Different couplings generate different interference pattern.

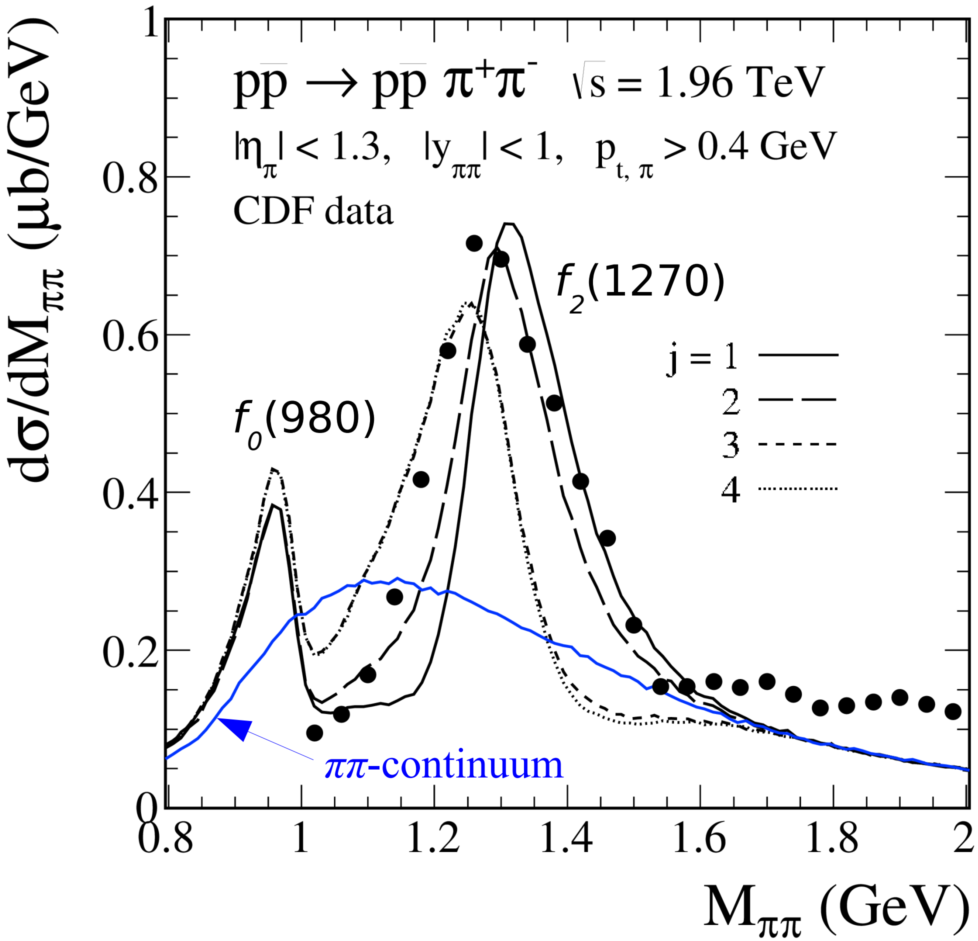
The relative contribution of the resonant $f_2(1270)$ and dipion continuum strongly depends on the cut on $|t|$

→ this may explain some controversial observation made by the ISR exp. groups (AFS, ABCDHW).





Comparison with CDF data



CDF data: T. A. Aaltonen et al., (CDF Collaboration), Phys.Rev. D91 (2015) 091101.

Events with two oppositely charged particles, assumed to be pions, and no other particles detected in $|\eta| < 5.9$.

(no proton tagging → rapidity gap method)

The visible structure attributed to f_0 and $f_2(1270)$ mesons which interfere with the continuum.

We assume that the peak in the region 1.2 – 1.4 GeV corresponds mainly to the $f_2(1270)$ resonance.
We have adjusted the j = 1,..,4 couplings to get the same cross section in the region 1.0 – 1.4 GeV.

There may also be a contribution from $f_0(1370)$, $f_0(1500)$, and $f_0(1710)$.

For CDF conditions, the f_2-to-background ratio is about a factor of 2.

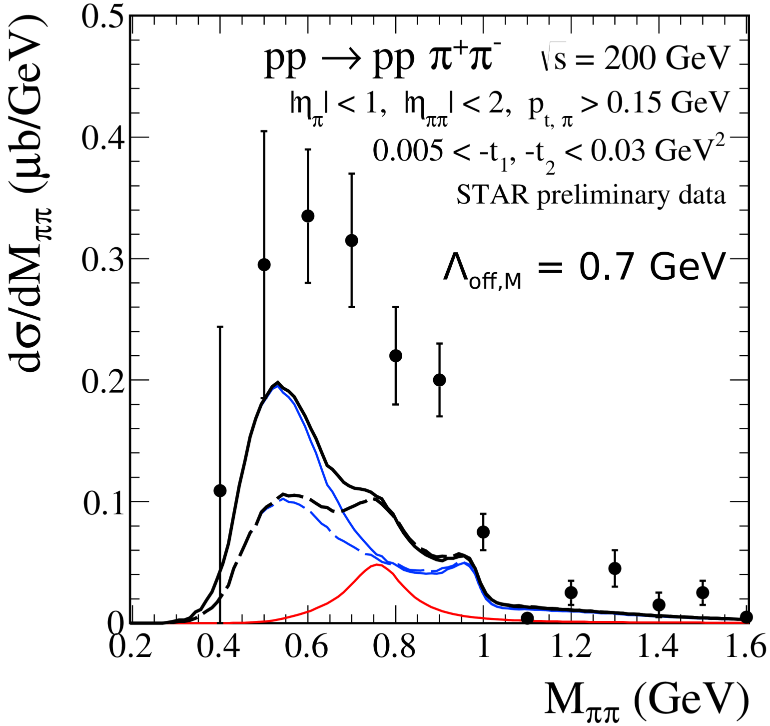
We take the monopole form for off-shell pion form factors with $\Lambda_{\mathrm{off,M}}$ = 0.7 GeV.

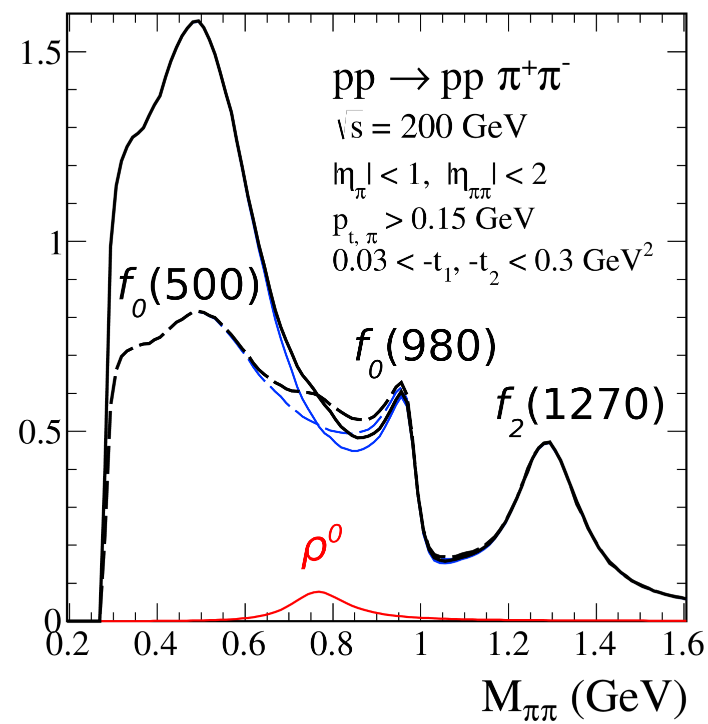
Absorption effects were included effectively:

$$\frac{d\sigma^{Born}}{dM_{\pi\pi}} \times < S^2 >$$

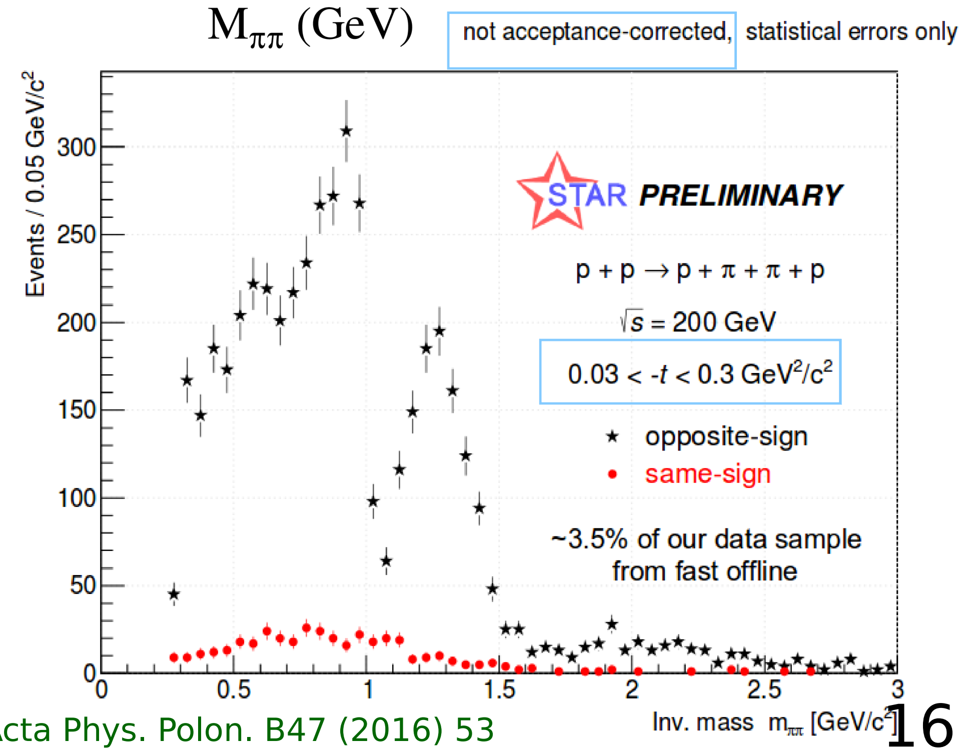
$< S^2 > \simeq 0.1$
ratio of full (absorbed)-to-Born cross section

Comparison with STAR preliminary data



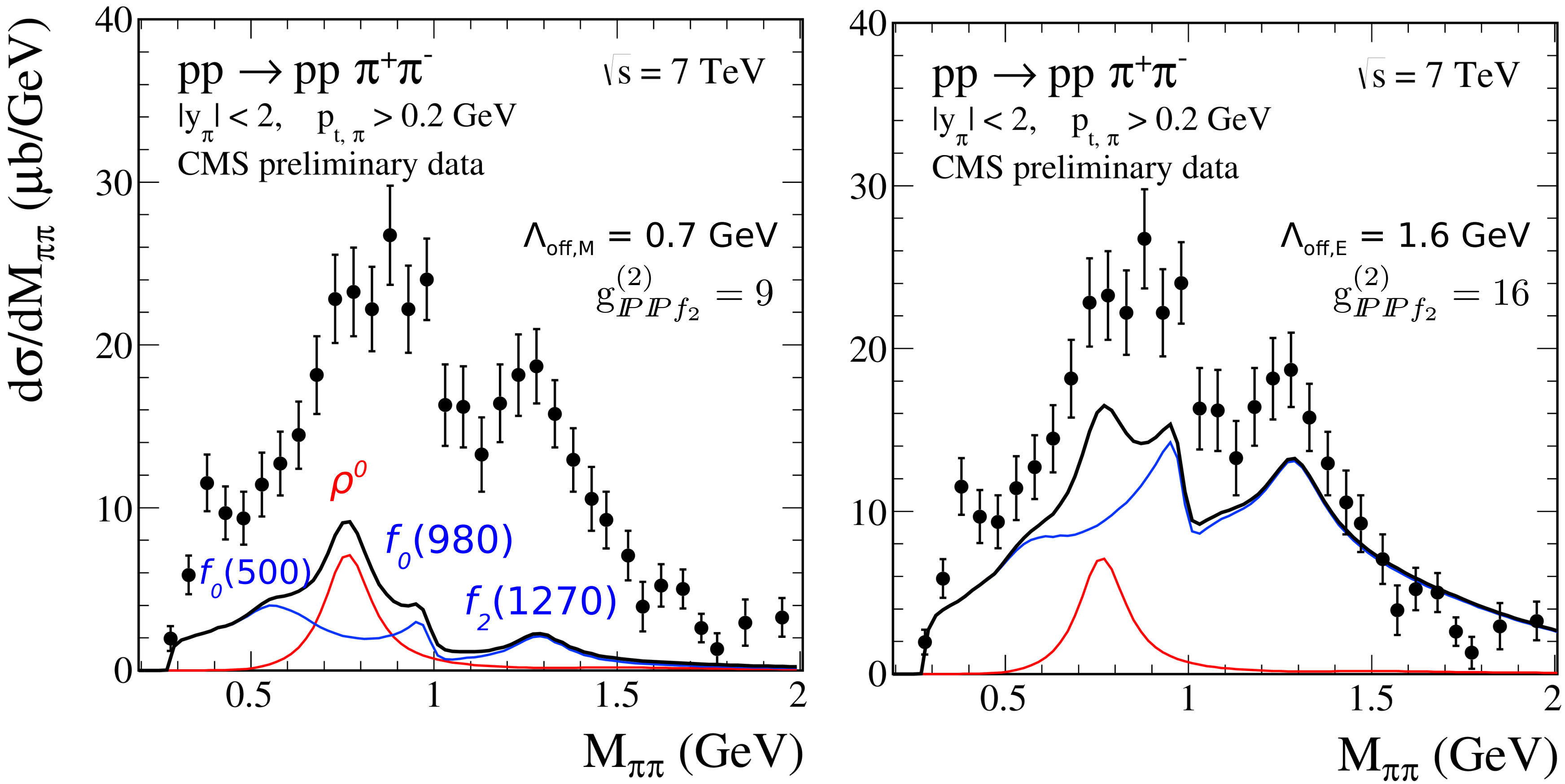


- Blue lines (diffractive term), red line (ρ^0 term), black lines (complete result)
- In calculation of f_2 term only one of the *IP-IP-f_2* couplings (j=2) was taken
- At M < 1 GeV also other processes may be important → $\pi\pi$ FSI effect (f_0(500) meson)
- Absorption effects were included effectively:
  $< S^2 > \simeq 0.2$ for the diffractive contribution
  $< S^2 > \simeq 0.9$ for the photon-IP/IR contribution



STAR preliminary data for small |t|: L.Adamczyk, W.Guryn, J.Turnau, Int.J.Mod.Phys. A29 no. 28, (2014) 1446010; for larger |t|: W. Guryn, Acta Phys. Polon. B47 (2016) 53

Comparison with CMS preliminary data

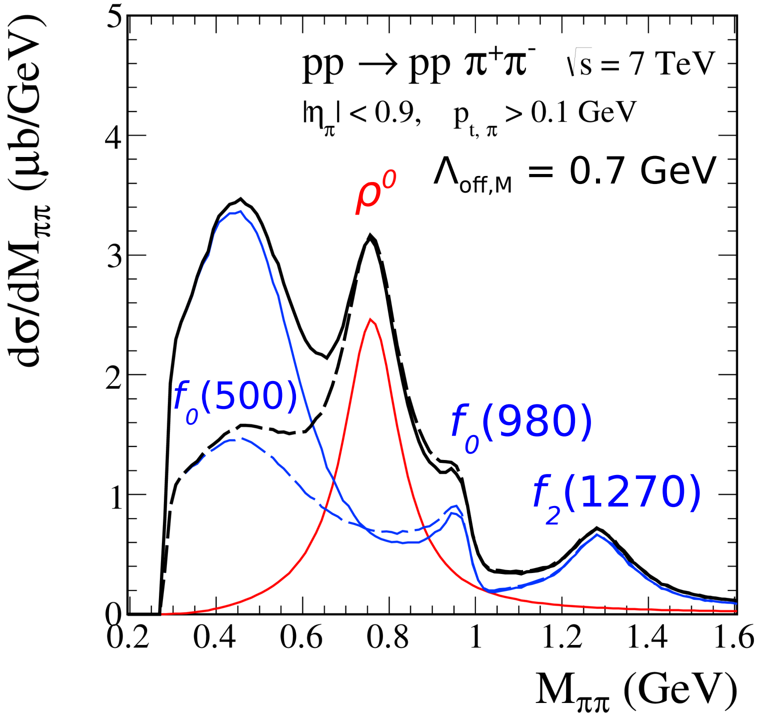


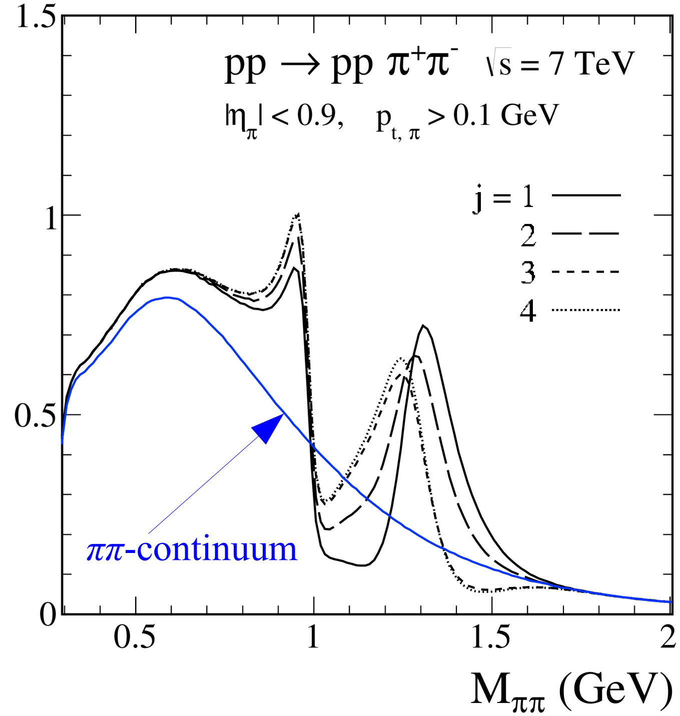
- left panel (with parameters adjusted to CDF data), right panel (new set of parameters)
- our model results are much below the CMS data which could be due to a contamination of non-exclusive processes (one or both protons undergoing dissociation)
- we observe that the ρ^0 photoproduction term could be visible (small absorption effects)

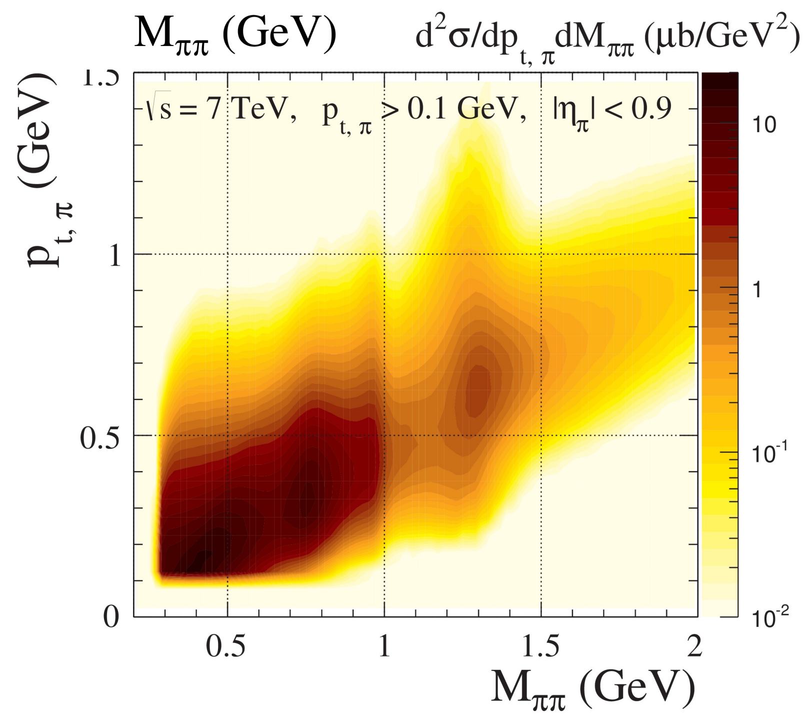
CMS preliminary data: CMS-PAS-FSQ-12-004

see M. Khakzad talk

Predictions for ALICE



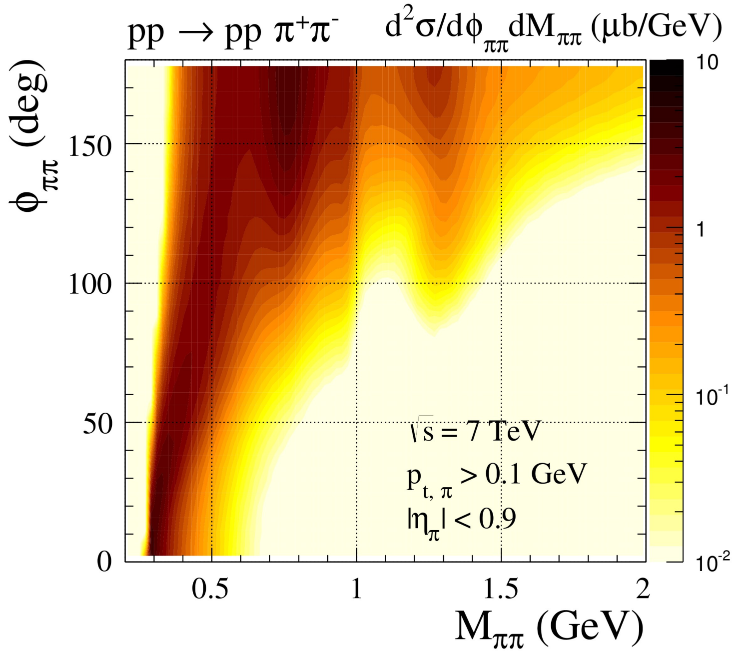


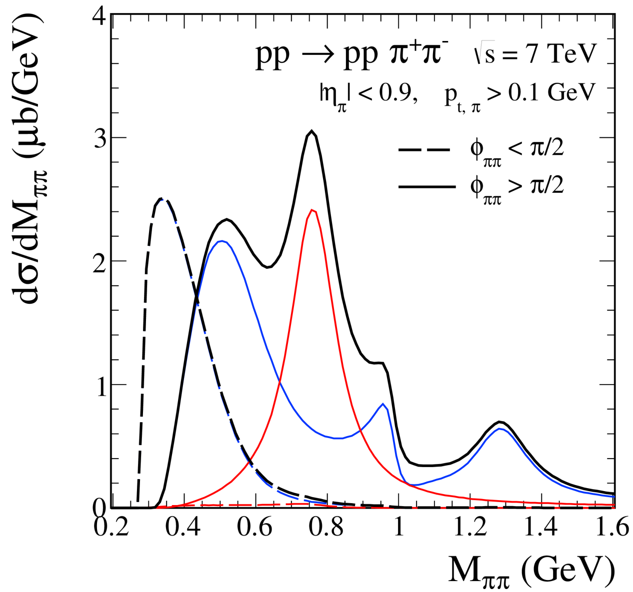


In this experiment it is important to get the lowest value of pion p_t to probe the $f_0(500)$ region.

see also R. Schicker talk

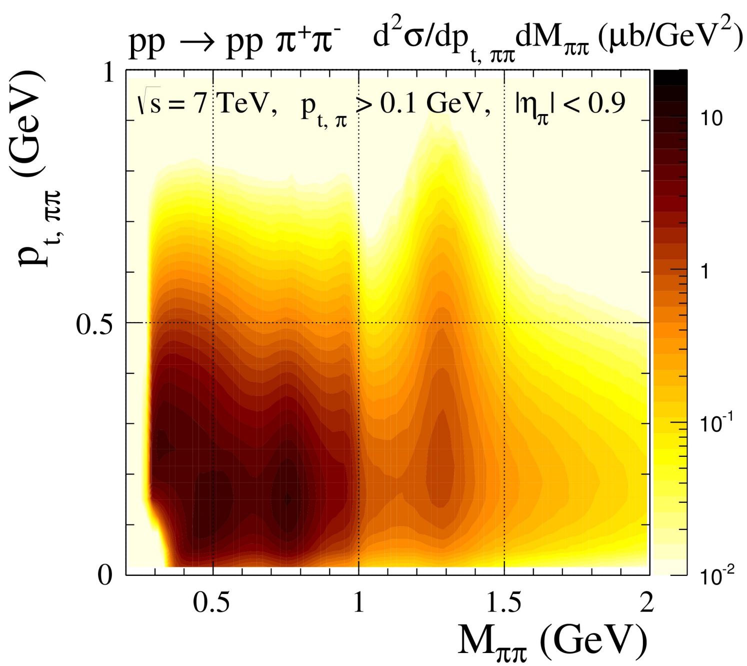
Predictions for ALICE, CMS, ATLAS

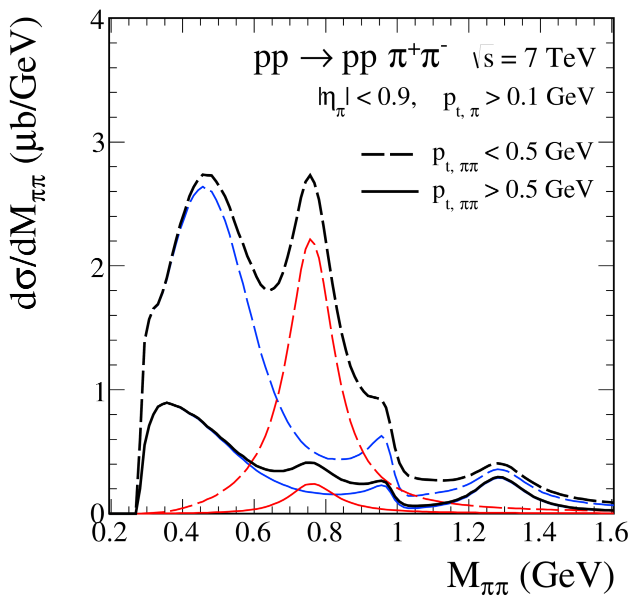




One could separate the space in azimuthal angle into two regions: $\phi_{\pi\pi} < \pi/2$ and $\phi_{\pi\pi} > \pi/2$.

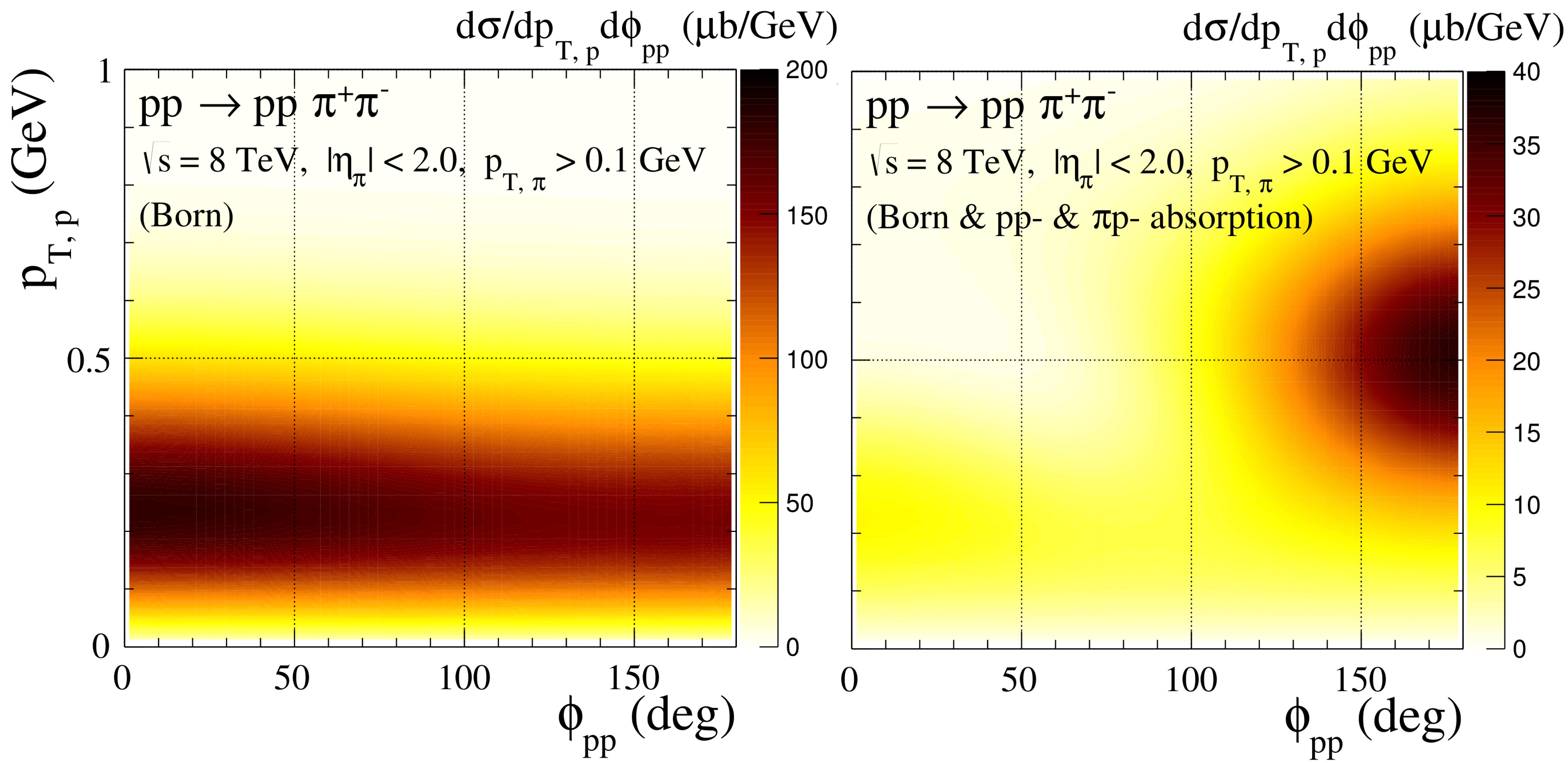
The $f_2(1270)$ and ρ^0 photoproduction contributions in the latter region should be strongly enhanced.





The cuts on transverse momentum of the pion pair or on pion transverse momenta may play the role of a $\pi^+\pi^-$ resonance filter.

Predictions for ATLAS+ALFA, CMS+TOTEM



Here is shown only purely diffractive dipion-continuum contribution ($\Lambda_{off,E}$ = 1.6 GeV).

The absorption effects lead to extra decorrelation in azimuth compared to the Born-level results and strongly modify the proton p_t distribution.

The measurement of forward/backward protons is crucial in better understanding of mechanism reaction (absorption effects).

For the predictions for ATLAS+ALFA, see *R. Staszewski, P. L., M. Trzebiński, J. Chwastowski, A. Szczurek, Acta Phys. Polon. B42 (2011) 1861).*

Summary and Conclusions

- The tensor-pomeron model (Ewerz-Maniatis-Nachtmann) was applied to many *pp → pp meson(s)* reactions. The amplitudes are formulated in terms of effective vertices and propagators respecting the standard crossing and charge conjugation relations of QFT. Central exclusive production of light mesons shows the potential for testing the nature of the soft pomeron and on its couplings to the hadrons.

- The $pp \to pp\pi^+\pi^-$ process is an attractive for different experimental groups (COMPASS, STAR, CDF, ALICE, CMS, ATLAS, LHCb).

- We have given a consistence treatment of the $\pi^+\pi^-$ continuum and resonance production. We include $f_0(500)$, $f_0(980)$, $f_2(1270)$ and ρ^0 contributions which interfere with the continuum. By assuming dominance of one *of the* IP-IP-f_2 couplings (j=2) we can get only a rough description of the recent CDF and preliminary STAR data. The model parameters have been adjusted to HERA and CDF data and then used for the predictions for STAR, ALICE, and CMS experiments. Disagreement with the preliminary CMS data could be due to a large dissociation contribution. Only purely exclusive data expected from CMS+TOTEM and ATLAS+ALFA will allow us to draw definite conclusions.

- The distribution in dipion invariant mass shows a rich pattern of structure that depends on the cuts used in a particular experiment. We find that the relative contribution of the resonant $f_2(1270)$ and dipion continuum strongly depends on the cut on proton p_t (or four-momentum transfer squared) which may explain some controversial observation made by the ISR groups (AFS, ABCDHW) in the past.
  We suggest some experimental cuts which may play the role of a $\pi\pi$ resonance filter
  (e.g., cuts on azimuthal angle between outgoing pions, transverse momenta of pions).

- We have estimated the necleon-nucleon and pion-nucleon absorption corrections to diffractive double pomeron/reggeon contribution (*πN FSI* effects further damping of the cross section by a factor of about 2). For photon induced contributions the absorption lead to about 10% reduction of the cross section.

- In progress → MC generator for the reactions $pp \to pp\pi^+\pi^-$ and $pp \to ppK^+K^-$ within tensor pomeron approach
  → analysis for other channels, e.g. $\pi^+\pi^-\pi^+\pi^-$ ($\rho^0\rho^0$, $f_0 f_0$), resonant and non-resonant contributions
  → search for glueball signature in pomeron-pomeron fusion