

# Current Status of the Odderon

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Odderon is the C-odd amplitude which does not die out (or die very slowly) with energy. We consider the constraints on the Odderon properties and the perturbative QCD odderon given at the lowest  $\alpha_s$  order by the three gluon exchange. Then we discuss the experimental indications for the odderon contribution to high energy proton-proton elastic scattering and some other processes in which the odderon may reveal itself.

# Plan

## 1. Theory

- a) Unitarity constraints on Odderon amplitude
- b) Odderon in pert.QCD

## 2. Odderon seen experimentally

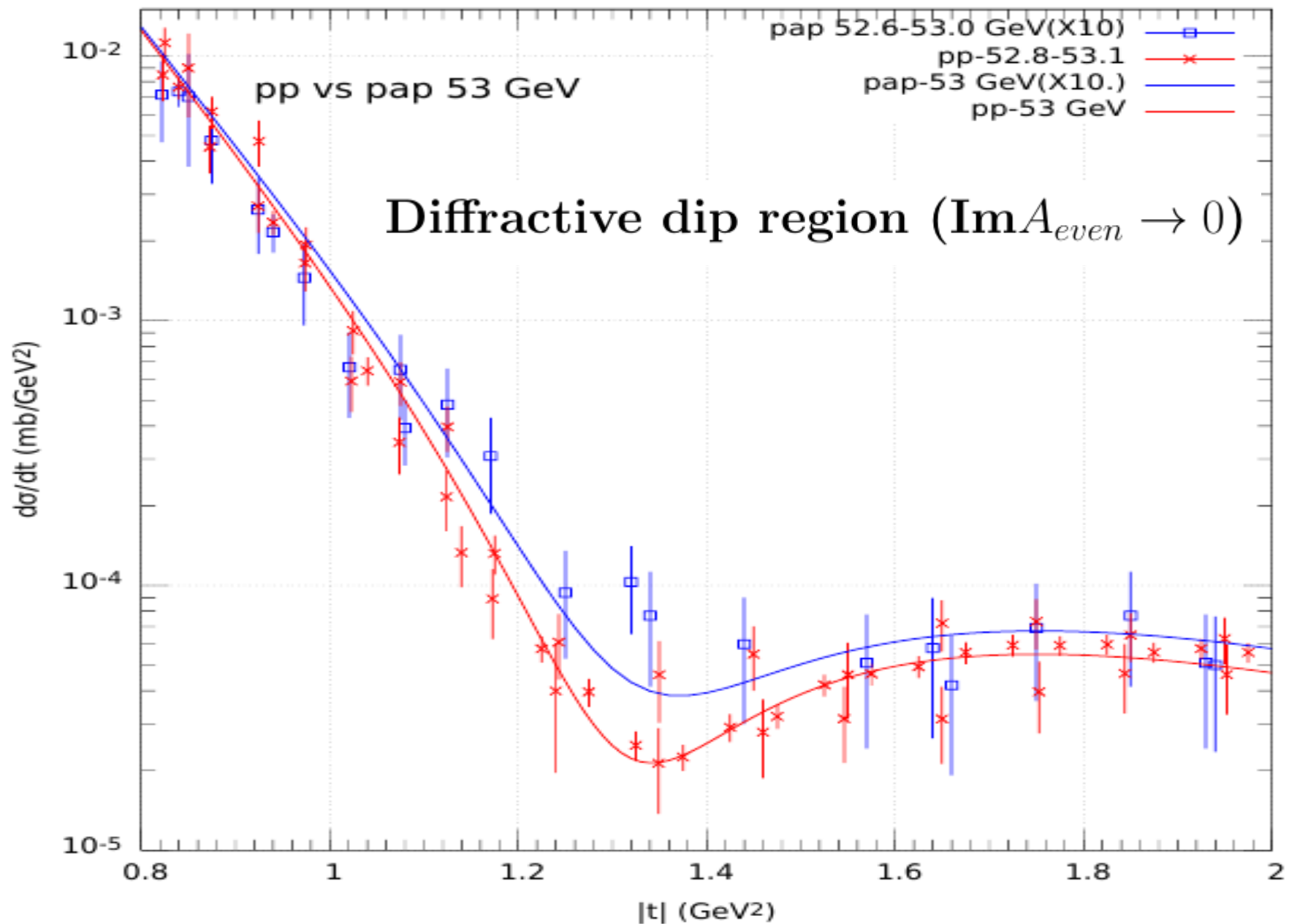
- a) Elastic scattering at  $t \rightarrow 0$
- b) Diffractive dip region

## New results

## 3. Other processes

- a) Exclusive C-even meson photoproduction
- b)  $K_L \rightarrow K_S$  regeneration

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**Fig. 6**  $pp$  and  $\bar{p}p$  differential cross sections at  $\sqrt{s} = 53 \text{ GeV}$

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SAME experiment (LHC at 900 GeV)
- other possibilities  
C-even mesons, photoproduction  
 $M = f_2, \eta, \eta_c,$   
(or exclusive  $Pb + p \rightarrow Pb + M + p$  at the LHC)  
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## Theory

### a) Constraints

At any impact parameter  $b$

$$\text{Im}A_{\text{Odd}}(s, b) \leq \text{Im}A_{\text{even}}(s, b)$$

That is  $\alpha_{\text{Odd}}(t=0) \leq \alpha_{\text{even}}(t=0)$  and  $B_{\text{Odd}} \leq B_{\text{even}}$

### b) pert. QCD

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**Properties:**      **C-odd**

1. Odderon does not couple to pion/meson  
(due to C-parity)

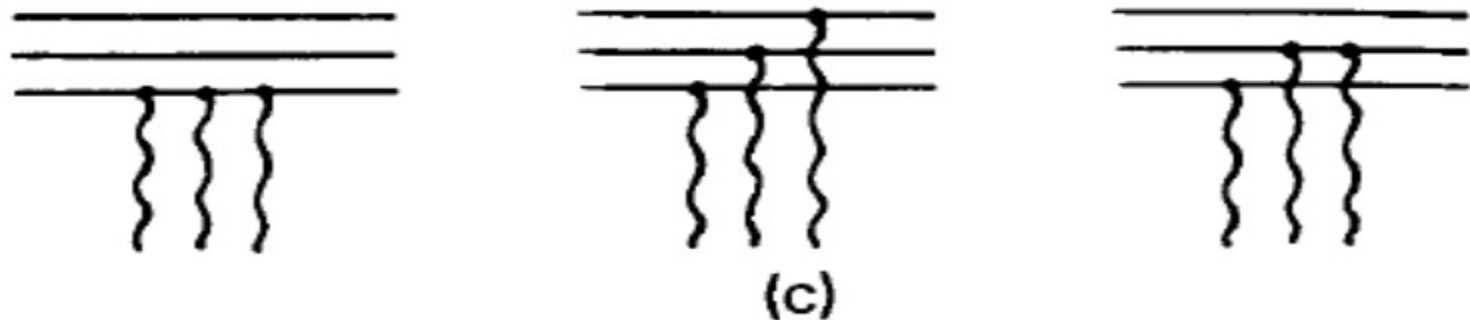
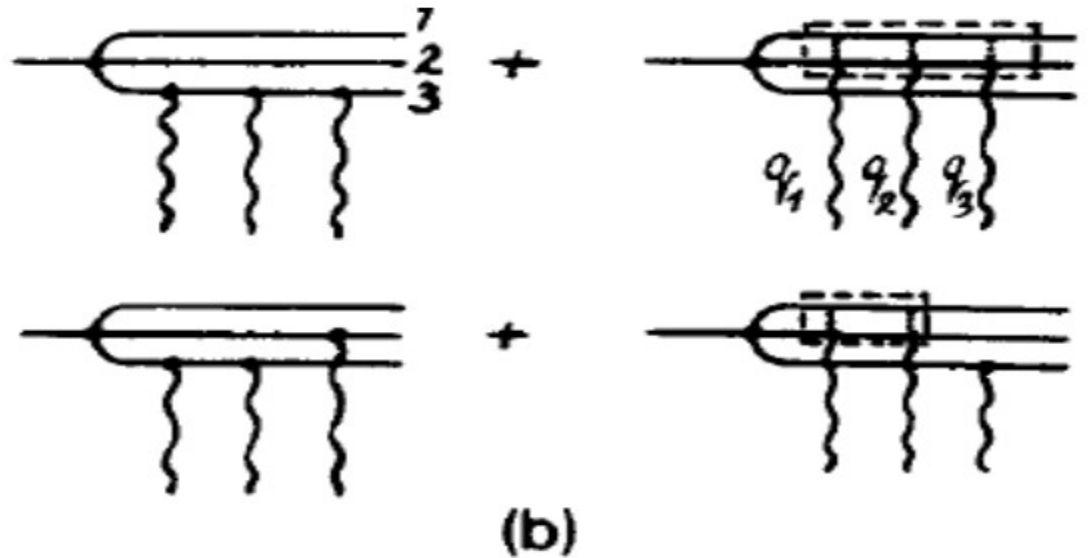
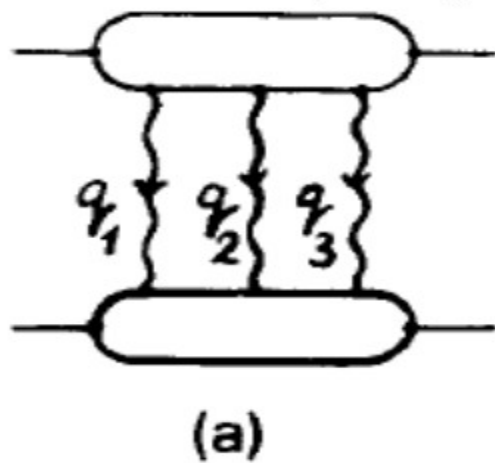
2.  $\alpha(0)_{\text{Odd}} = 0.96 - 1 \leq 1$

3. for  $\alpha_{\text{Odd}} = 1$  C-odd amplitude  $A_{\text{Odd}}$  is **real**

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$$A_{Odd} = \beta_O^2(t) \left( \frac{s}{s_0} \right)^{\alpha_{Odd}(t)} \sim \frac{s}{s_0} \beta_O^2(t)$$

$\beta_O(t) \equiv 0$  for  $\pi$  ( $\pi$  is C-even)

for K-meson  $\beta_O(t=0) = 0$  but  $\beta_O(t \neq 0) \neq 0$

for proton  $\beta_O \propto \langle r_{min}(qq \text{ separation}) \rangle$   
 in quark-diquark model (with point-like diquark)  
 $\beta_O(t=0) = 0$  as for K-meson

$$\sigma_{Odd} \sim \alpha_s^3 \cdot \langle r_{min}^2 \rangle \sim 1\text{mb} \otimes \text{BKP}$$

$$\sigma_{Pom} \sim \alpha_s^2 \cdot \langle r_{max}^2 \rangle \sim 40\text{mb} \otimes \text{BFKL}$$

# Dispersion relation

$$\text{Re}A(s, t = 0) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^0 \frac{ds' \text{Im}A(s', t)}{s' - s} + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{4m^2}^{\infty} \frac{ds' \text{Im}A(s', t)}{s' - s}$$

$$\text{Im}A(s, 0) = \sigma_{tot}$$

$$\text{Re}A(s, t = 0) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^0 \frac{ds' \sigma(pp)(-s' + 4m^2)}{s' - s} + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{4m^2}^{\infty} \frac{ds' \sigma(pp)(s')}{s' - s}$$

for  $\alpha_{Odd} \simeq 1$

$$\text{Re}A_{Odd} \sim \ln s \cdot \text{Im}A_{Odd} \quad \text{i.e.} \quad \text{Re}A_{Odd} \gg \text{Im}A_{Odd}$$

$$\text{Re}A_{even} \ll \text{Im}A_{even}$$

$$\text{Re}A_{even}(s, t = 0) \simeq \frac{2s}{\pi} \int_{4m^2}^{\infty} \frac{ds' \sigma(pp)}{s'^2 - s^2} \simeq \frac{\pi}{2} \frac{\partial \sigma(s)}{\partial \ln s}$$

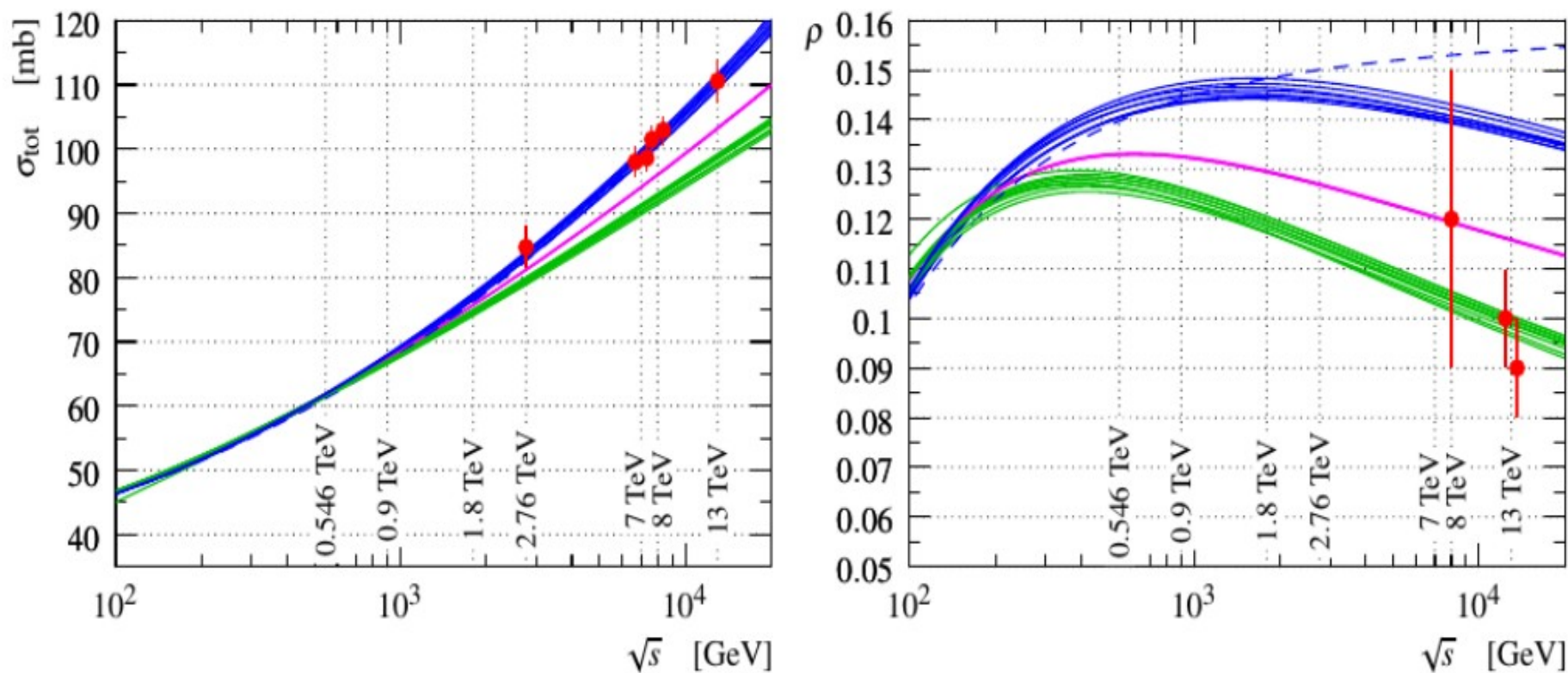


**TOTEM 13 TeV**  $\sigma_{tot} = 110.6 \pm 3.4$  **mb**

$(110.3 \pm 3.5)_{Coulomb} \implies 110.5 \pm 2.4$  **mb**

$\rho = Re/Im = 0.10 \pm 0.01_{N=3}$  ( $0.09 \pm 0.01_{N=1}$ )

**arXiv: 1712.06153; 1812.04732**



**Fig. 18:** Predictions of COMPETE models [32] for pp interactions. Each model is represented by one line (see

V.A. Petrov and N.P. Tkachenko,  
PRD 106, 054003 (2022) accounts for  
correlated errors and **normalization** factor

$$\rho = 0.11 \pm 0.01, \sigma_{tot} = 107.6 \pm 1.7 \text{ mb}, n = 0.92$$

normalization to Coulomb

**NEW** ATLAS/ALFA, EPJ C83, 441 (2023)

$$\sigma_{tot} = 104.7 \pm 1.1 \text{ mb}, \rho = 0.10 \pm 0.01$$

LRK fit E.G.S.Luna, M.G Ryskin, V.A.Khoze

$$2405.09385 \quad |t| < 0.1 \text{ GeV}^2, 50 \text{ GeV} < \sqrt{s} \leq 13 \text{ TeV}$$

**Two channel eikonal**  $A_N(s, b) = i(1 - e^{i\Omega(s,b)/2})$

$$\Omega = \Omega_{Pomeron} + \Omega_{Odd}$$

$$A(s, t) = A_N + e^{i\alpha\phi} A_C$$

$$A(s, t) = is \int_0^\infty b db J_0(bq) \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{4} e^{i(1+\gamma)^2 \Omega(s,b)/2} - \frac{1}{2} e^{i(1-\gamma^2) \Omega(s,b)/2} - \frac{1}{4} e^{i(1-\gamma)^2 \Omega(s,b)/2} \right]$$

TABLE I. Values of the parameters obtained in the global fits to Ensemble  $A \oplus T$ .

	Model I	Model II	Model II
$\beta_{\mathbb{P}}(0)$	$2.247 \pm 0.013$	$2.259 \pm 0.016$	$2.307 \pm 0.022$
$\epsilon$	$0.1173 \pm 0.0021$	$0.1180 \pm 0.0020$	$0.1134 \pm 0.0019$
$\alpha'_{\mathbb{P}}$ ( $\text{GeV}^{-2}$ )	$0.124 \pm 0.024$	$0.128 \pm 0.022$	$0.133 \pm 0.023$
$A$ ( $\text{GeV}^{-2}$ )	$5.01 \pm 0.20$	$4.78 \pm 0.21$	$4.72 \pm 0.21$
$B$ ( $\text{GeV}^{-4}$ )	$6.61 \pm 0.99$	$6.7 \pm 1.1$	$6.9 \pm 1.2$
$C$ ( $\text{GeV}^{-6}$ )	$20.4 \pm 5.7$	$17.7 \pm 4.0$	$17.0 \pm 4.2$
$\beta_{\mathbb{O}}(0)$	$(0.15 \times 10^{-4}) \pm 39$	$0.90 \pm 0.18$	$0.88 \pm 0.18$
$N_{546}$	0.941	0.933	0.958
$N_{1.8[E]}$	0.923	0.912	0.944
$N_{1.8[C]}$	1.087	1.070	1.109
$N_{7[A]}$	1.015	1.015	1.056
$N_{8[A]}$	1.003	1.003	1.045
$N_{13[A]}$	1.009	1.009	1.052
$N_{7[T]}$	1.077	1.077	1.121
$N_{8[T]}$	1.121	1.121	1.167
$N_{13[T]}$	1.150	1.150	1.200
$\rho^{pp}(\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV})$	0.114	0.111	0.109
$\rho^{\bar{p}p}(\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV})$	0.114	0.119	0.116
Allowed $N_i$ interval	[0.85,1.15]	[0.85,1.15]	[0.80,1.20]
$\nu$	504	504	504
$\chi^2/\nu$	1.44	1.11	1.03

$\chi^2 = 560$  with Odderon  
 $\chi^2 = 726$  without the Odderon

TABLE II. Predictions for  $\sigma_{tot}^{\bar{p}p,PP}$ ,  $\sigma_{el}^{\bar{p}p,PP}$ , and  $\rho^{\bar{p}p,PP}$  using Models I and II. These results were derived for the scenario with  $D = A/2$ .

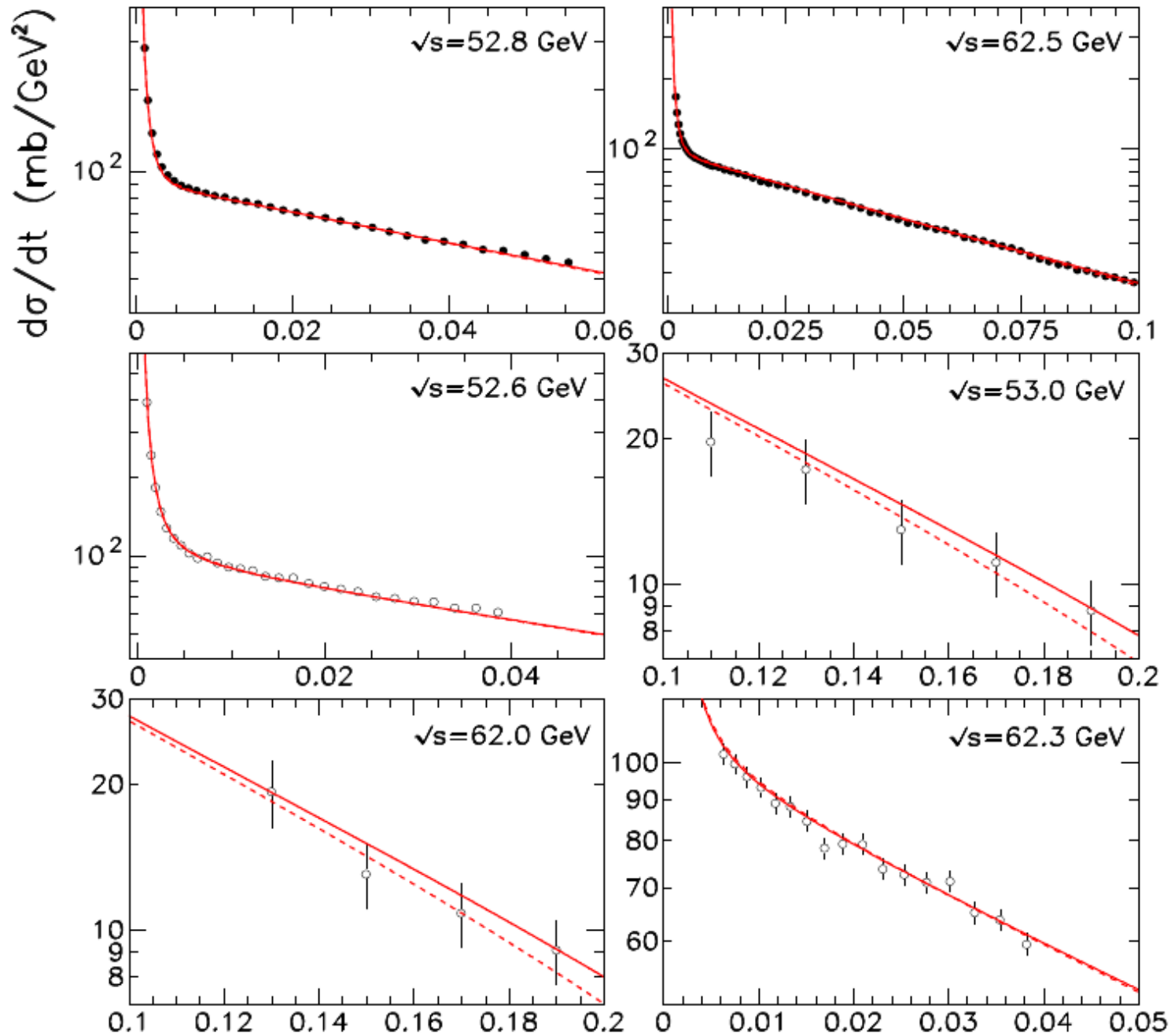
$\sqrt{s}$ (TeV)	Model I			Model II		
	$\sigma_{tot}^{pp}   \sigma_{tot}^{\bar{p}p}$ (mb)	$\sigma_{el}^{pp}   \sigma_{el}^{\bar{p}p}$ (mb)	$\rho^{pp}   \rho^{\bar{p}p}$	$\sigma_{tot}^{pp}   \sigma_{tot}^{\bar{p}p}$ (mb)	$\sigma_{el}^{pp}   \sigma_{el}^{\bar{p}p}$ (mb)	$\rho^{pp}   \rho^{\bar{p}p}$
0.541	64.2   64.2	13.2   13.2	0.130   0.130	63.8   64.1	13.3   13.5	0.117   0.144
1.8	78.0   78.0	17.6   17.6	0.124   0.124	77.6   77.8	17.7   17.9	0.116   0.133
7	95.9   95.9	23.9   23.9	0.117   0.117	95.7   95.9	24.0   24.2	0.113   0.123
8	97.9   97.9	24.5   24.5	0.116   0.116	97.6   97.8	24.7   24.8	0.113   0.122
13	105.1   105.1	27.2   27.2	0.114   0.114	104.9   105.1	27.3   27.4	0.111   0.119

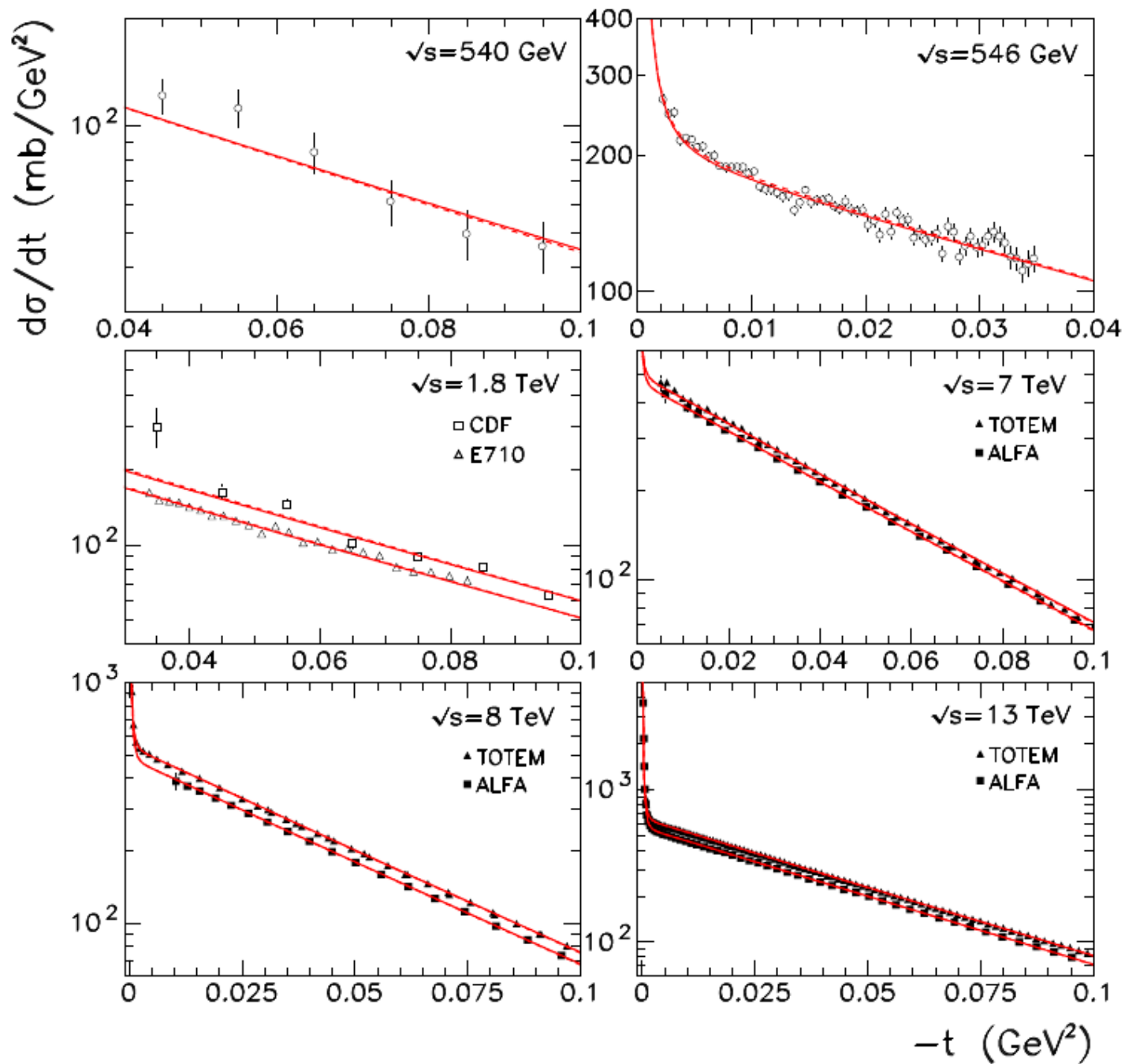
  

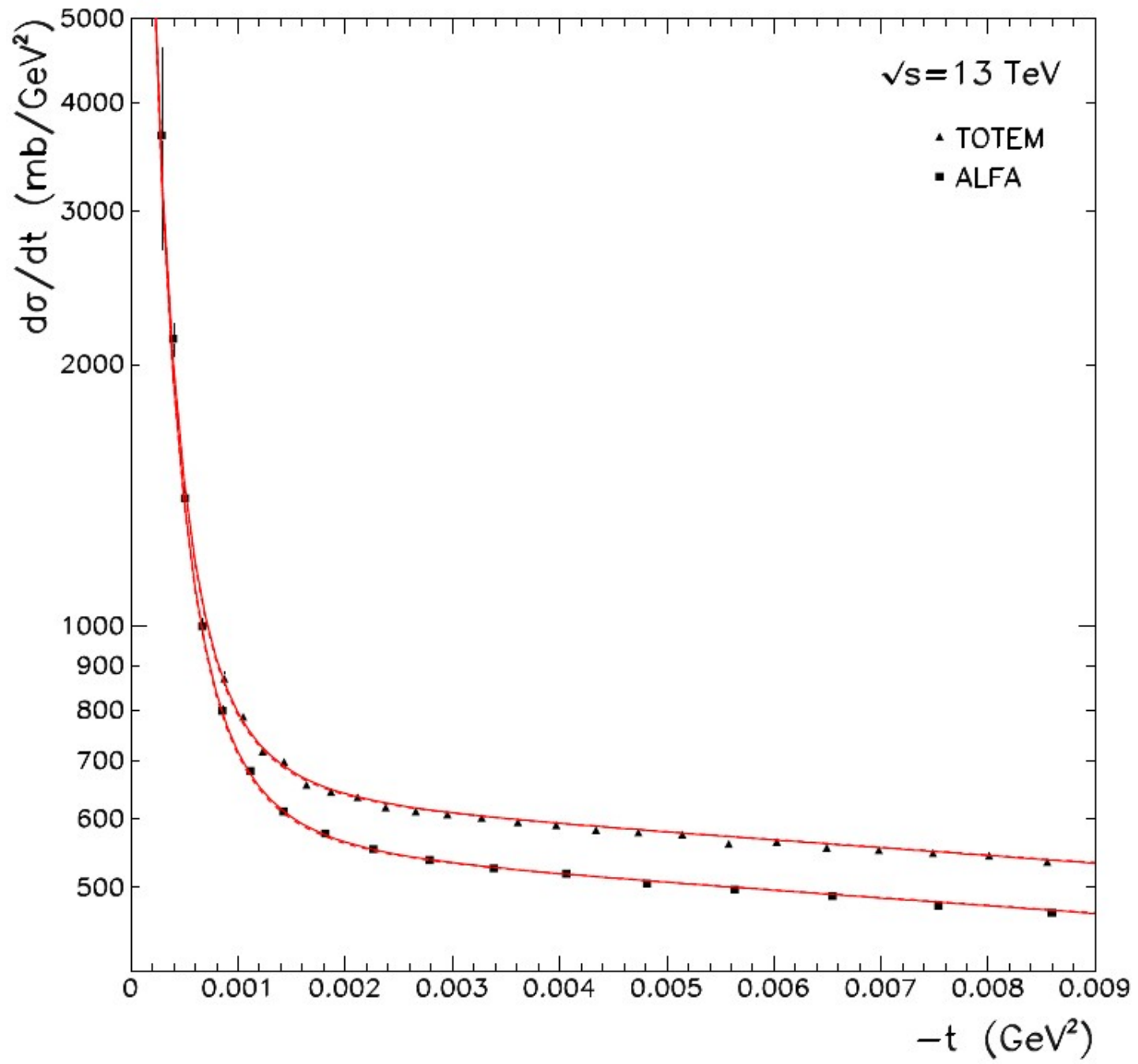
$D$ (GeV $^{-2}$ )	Ensemble $A \oplus T$				
	0.1A	0.3A	0.5A	0.7A	0.9A
$\beta_{\mathbb{O}}(0)$	1.09 $\pm$ 0.24	0.95 $\pm$ 0.19	0.90 $\pm$ 0.18	0.86 $\pm$ 0.17	0.83 $\pm$ 0.16
$\beta_{\mathbb{P}}(0)$	2.235 $\pm$ 0.023	2.257 $\pm$ 0.016	2.259 $\pm$ 0.016	2.258 $\pm$ 0.016	2.258 $\pm$ 0.017
$\nu$	504	504	504	504	504
$\chi^2/\nu$	1.11	1.12	1.11	1.10	1.09
$\rho^{pp}(\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV})$	0.112	0.112	0.111	0.111	0.110
$\rho^{\bar{p}p}(\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV})$	0.119	0.118	0.119	0.119	0.120
$\sigma_{tot}^{pp}(\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV})$ (mb)	104.9	104.9	104.9	104.9	104.9
$\sigma_{tot}^{\bar{p}p}(\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV})$ (mb)	105.1	105.1	105.1	105.1	105.1

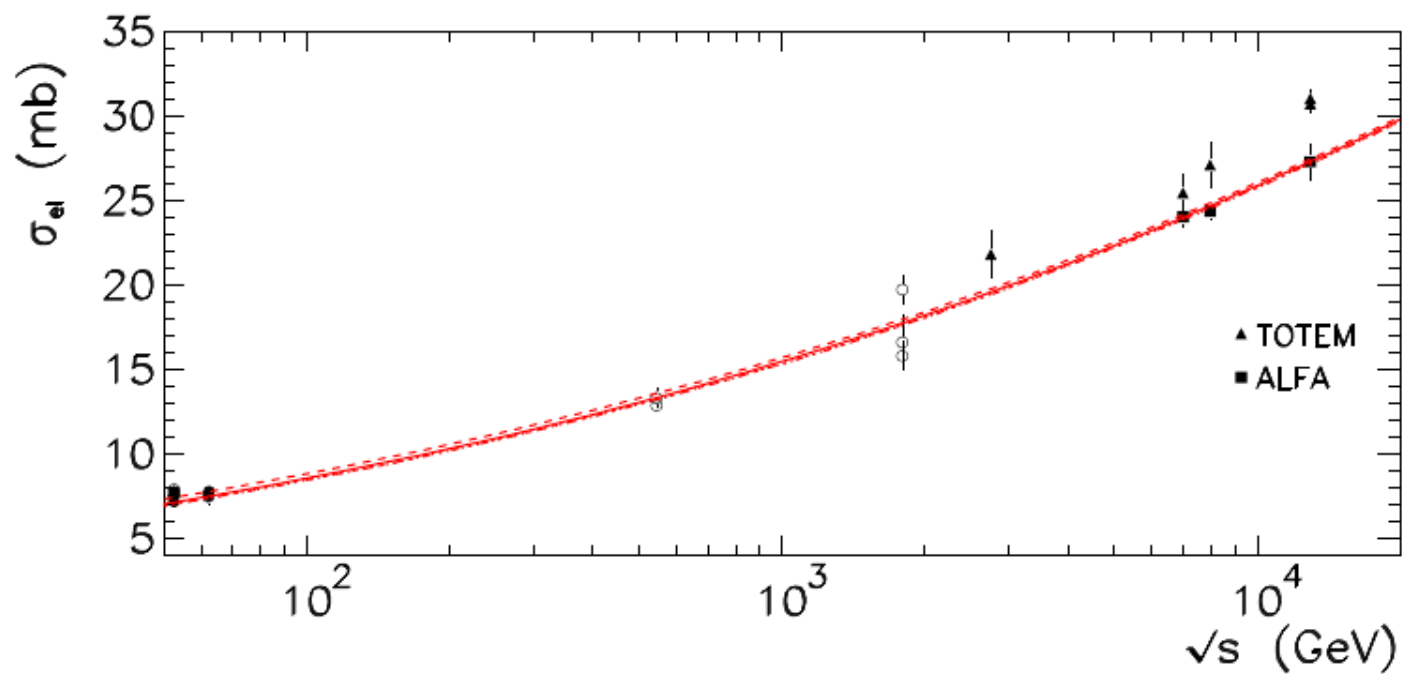
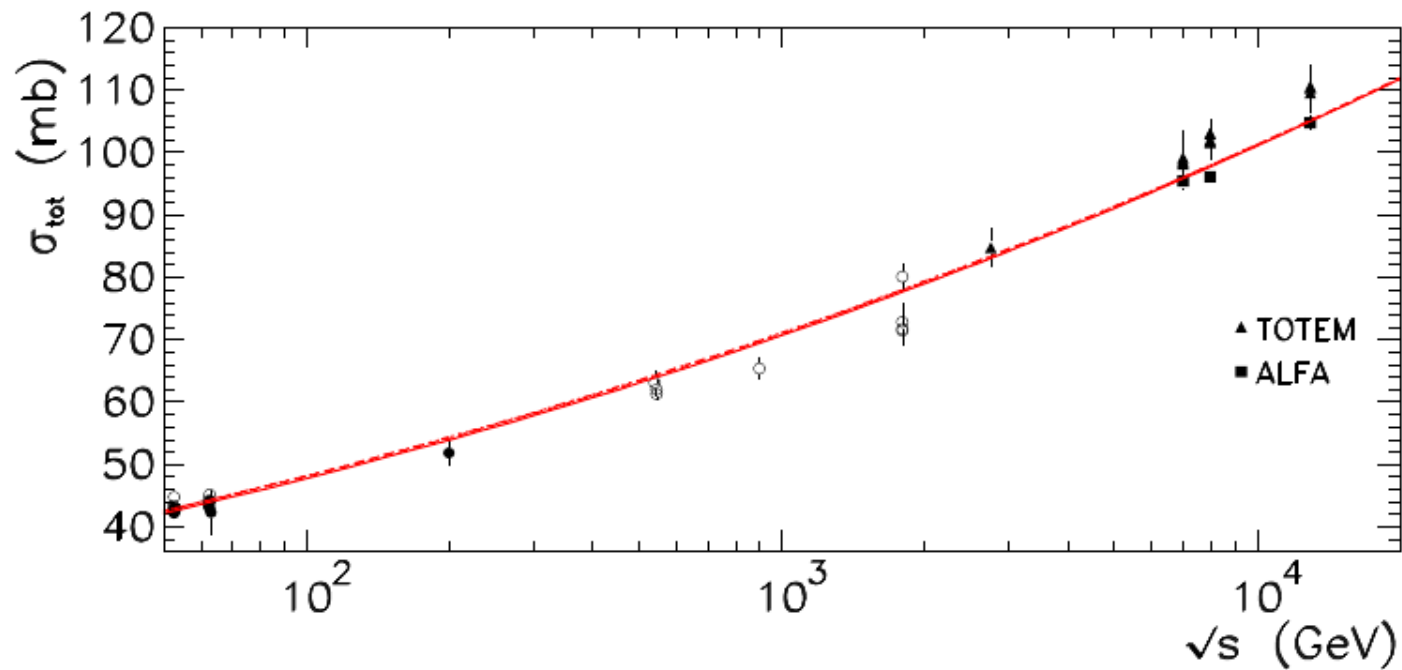
$$\beta_{\mathbb{O}}(t) = \beta_{\mathbb{O}}(0)e^{Dt/2}$$

$$\beta_{\mathbb{P}}(t) = \beta_{\mathbb{P}}(0)e^{(At+Bt^2+Ct^3)/2}$$

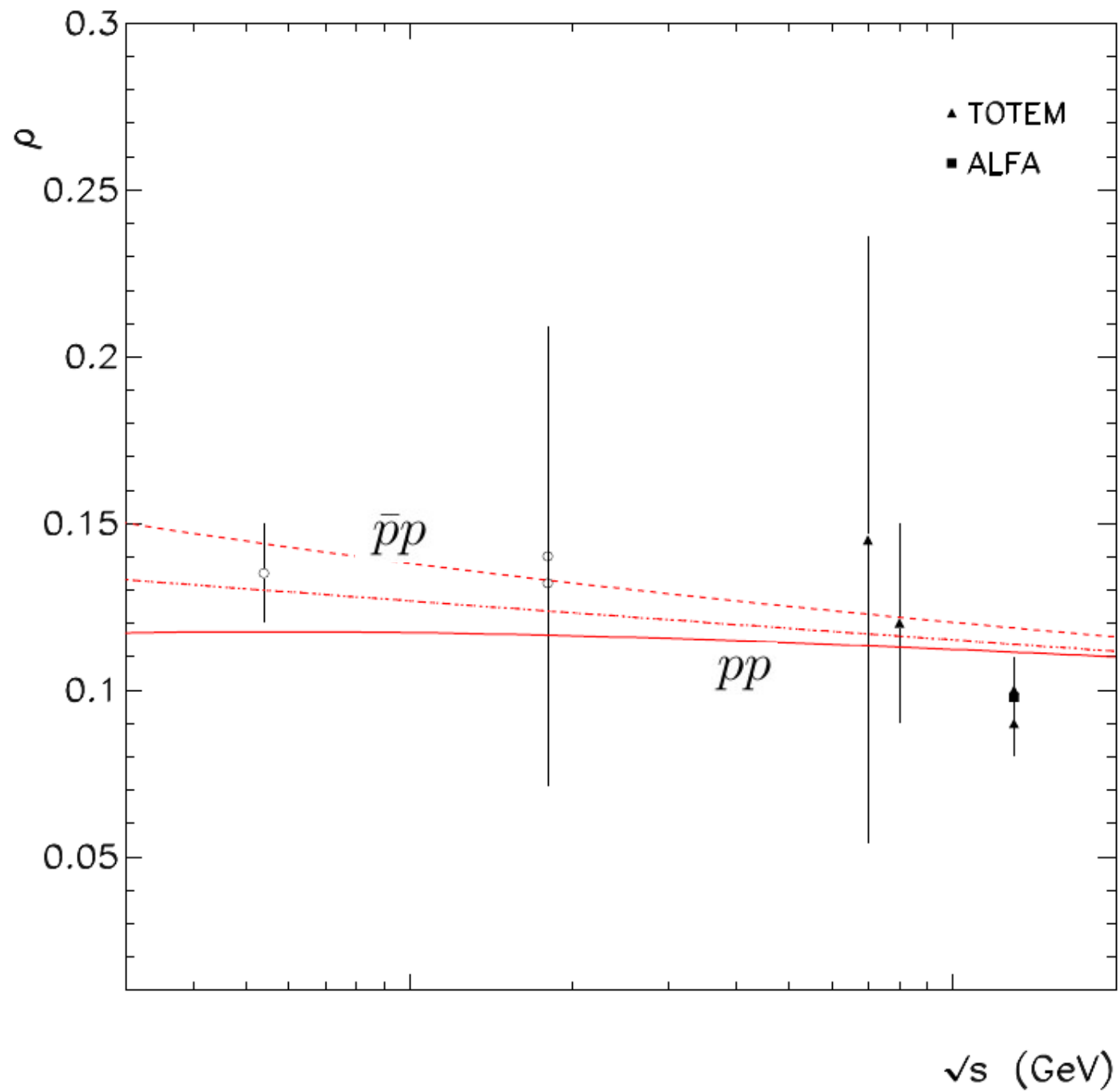






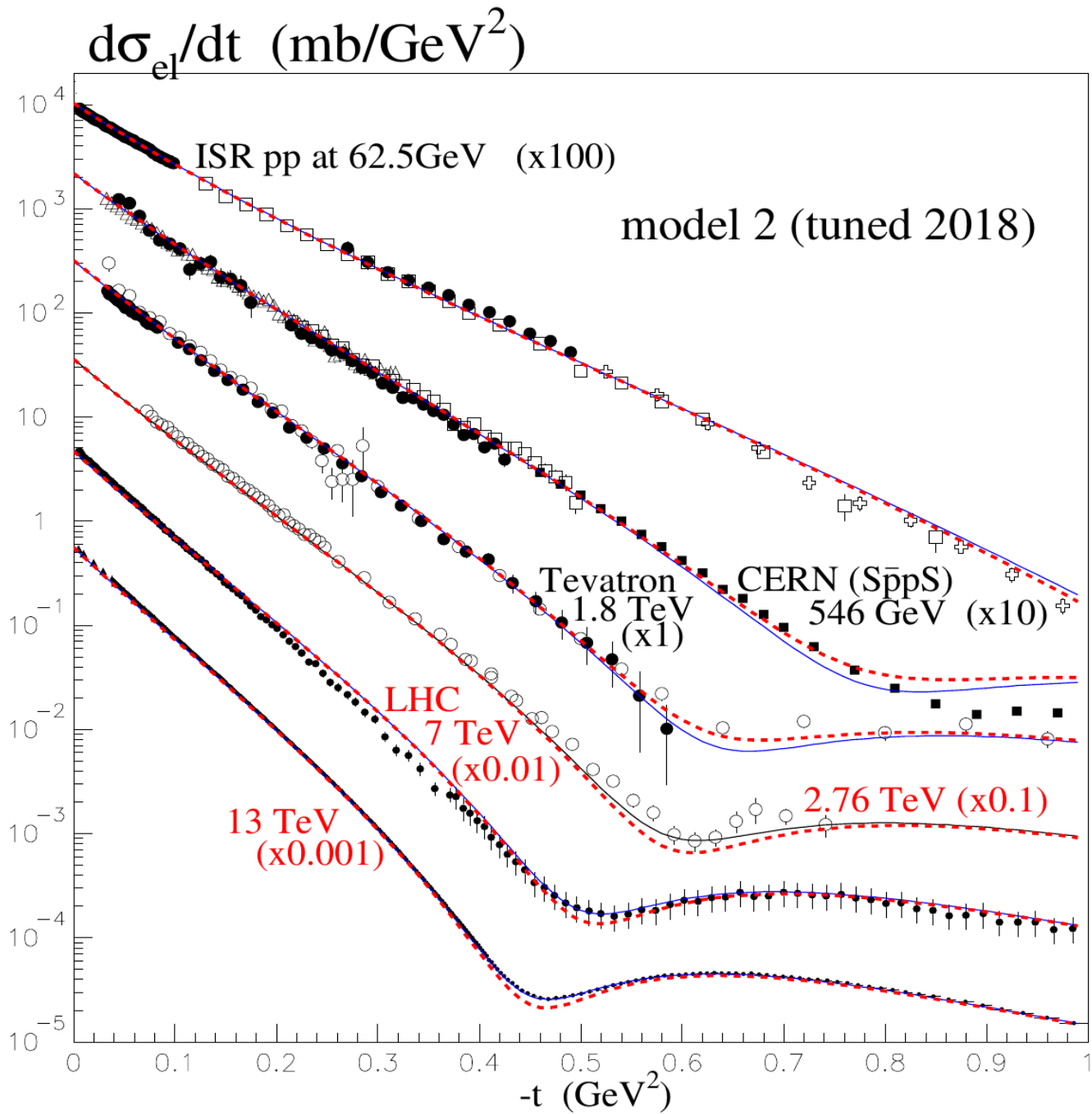


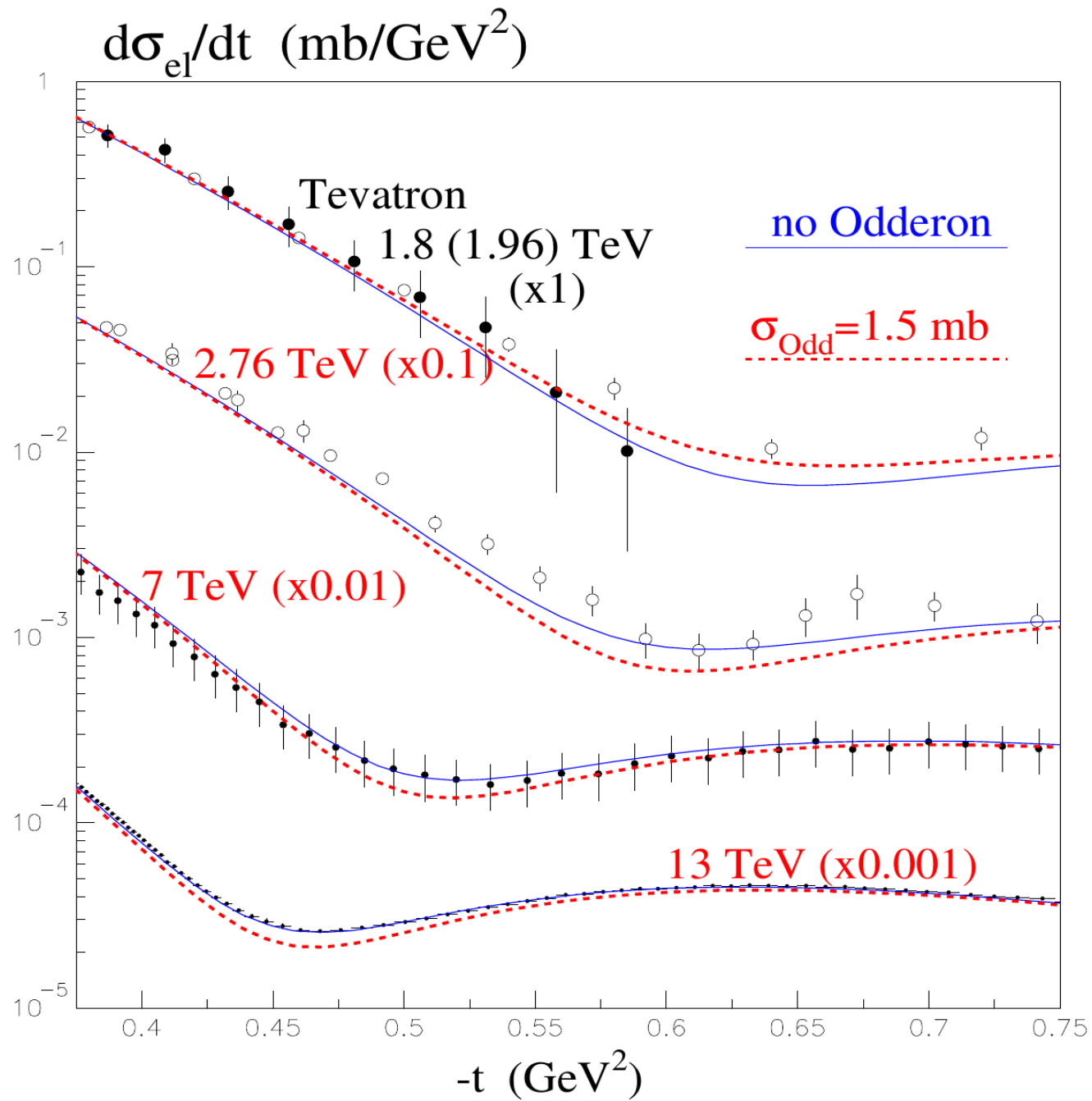




## The main lessons about the Odderon **at low** $|t|$

- The description using the Odderon improves the fit (the  $\chi^2/\nu$  is the lowest one).
- The sign of the Odderon amplitude needed to describe the very low  $|t|$  data is opposite to that predicted by the perturbative QCD three-gluon exchange contribution **for "quark-diquark" proton**  $\beta_O(t=0) = 0$   
**then at  $t=0$  Pomeron-Odderon cut dominate**
- The quality of the description weakly depends on the Odderon  $t$ -slope,  $D$  **leading to negative sign**
- The Odderon-proton coupling,  $\beta_O$ , is smaller than that for the Pomeron,  $\beta_P$ . For  $D = A/2$  we get  $\beta_O/\beta_P = 0.40$ , however after accounting for screening by the Pomeron the final  $C$ -odd contribution to  $\rho$  at 13 TeV becomes quite small,  
$$\delta\rho = (\rho^{\bar{p}p} - \rho^{pp})/2 \leq 0.004$$

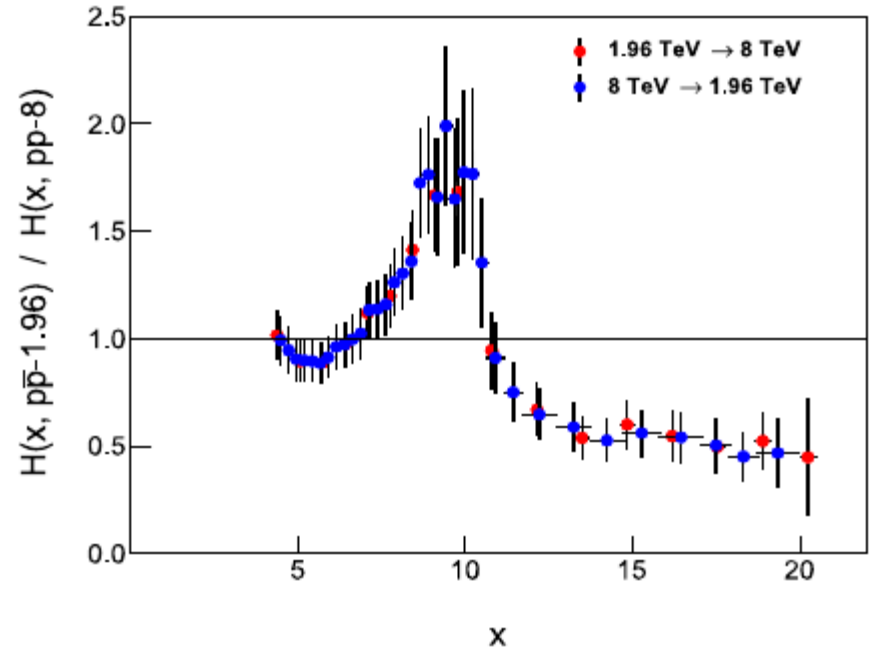
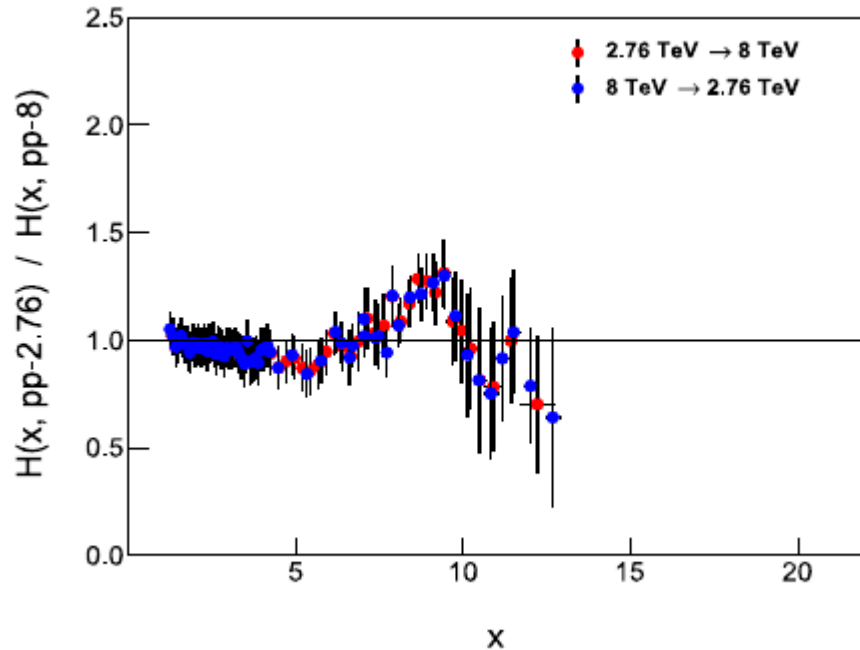




arXiv:2405.06733v1 [hep-ph]

Evaluating the  $H(x, s|pp)$  scaling function of elastic proton-proton ( $pp$ ) collisions from recent TOTEM data at  $\sqrt{s} = 8$  TeV and comparing it with the same function of elastic proton-antiproton ( $p\bar{p}$ ) data of the D0 collaboration at  $\sqrt{s} = 1.96$  TeV, we find, signal of Odderon exchange.

$$H(x, s|pp) = \frac{1}{B\sigma_{el}^{pp}} \frac{d\sigma^{pp}}{dt}, \quad x = -tB$$



# C-even meson photoproduction

$$\sigma(\gamma p \rightarrow \pi^0 p) \sim 300 \text{ nb} \quad (< 39 \text{nb} - \text{HERA})$$

(Rueter, Dosch, Nachtmann Ph.Rev. D59 (1999) 014018)

C-even meson ( $M$ )	Odderon Signal		Backgrounds		
	Upper Limit	QCD Prediction	$\gamma\gamma$	Pomeron-Pomeron	$V \rightarrow M + \gamma$
$\pi^0$	7.4	0.1 - 1	0.044	–	30
$f_2(1270)$	3	0.05 - 0.5	0.020	3 - 4.5	0.02
$\eta(548)$	3.4	0.05 - 0.5	0.042	negligible	3
$\eta_c$	–	$(0.1 - 0.5) \cdot 10^{-3}$	0.0025	$\sim 10^{-5}$	0.012

Table 3: The expected cross sections ( $d\sigma/dY_M$  at  $Y_M = 0$  in  $\mu\text{b}$ ) of the Odderon signal and backgrounds in the CEP\* ultraperipheral production of C-even mesons ( $M$ ) in high-energy proton-lead collisions ( $Pb + p \rightarrow Pb + M + P'$ ) integrated over the interval  $0.2 < p_\perp < 1$  GeV. In the  $\eta_c$  case a total branching ratio of 0.05 has been applied, i.e. summing over the channels discussed in

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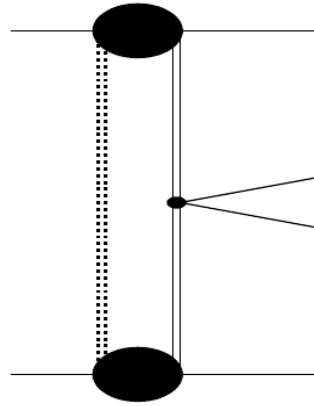
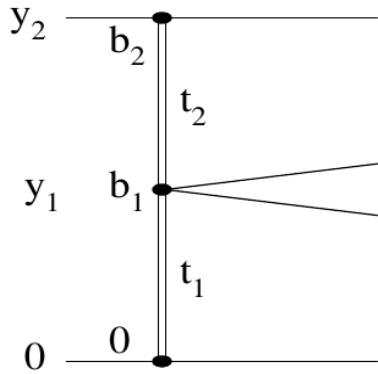
The goal is not to proof  
that the Odderon exists  
(no reason to have *No* Odderon)  
but to *measure* the Odderon exchange  
amplitude.

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Maximum odderon ( $A_{Odd} \propto \ln^2 s$ ) is another story.  
Max. Odderon contradicts unitarity  
(taking s- and t- unit. together)

THANK YOU





$$S(b) = 1 + iA_{el}(b) \rightarrow 0!$$

**Max. Odderon screens himself to zero**

# Maximal Odderon Violates unitarity

$$2\text{Im}A_{el}(b) = |A_{el}(b)|^2 + G_{inel}(b) \quad (\text{s-unit.})$$

$$\text{Solution: } A_{el}(b) = i(1 - e^{2i\delta(b)})$$

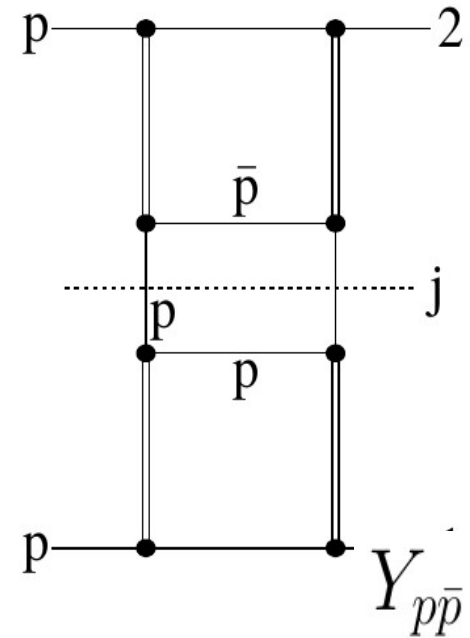
$$l = b\sqrt{s}/2$$

$$\delta(b) = \delta_{even} + \delta_{Odd} \quad \text{Im}\delta_{even}(b) > 0$$

$$\text{Max.Odd. assume } A_{Odd} = a\theta(c \ln s - b)$$

$$\text{Then } \sigma(pp \rightarrow p + p\bar{p} + p)(b) \geq c' \ln s$$

$$\text{i.e. } \text{Im}\delta_{even}(b) \propto \ln s \implies A_{el} = i$$



Bethe phase  $\phi = \ln \frac{B|t|}{2} + \gamma + \text{const}$

$\rho$  depends on **const**. For  $\phi = 0$

Kohara-Ferreira-Rangel (Ph.Lett. B789, p.1)

got  $\rho = 0.131$  with  $\chi^2/ndf = 0.94$

$\rho = 0.112 \pm 0.005$  for **const=2** ( $\chi^2/ndf = 0.96$ )

Cudell-Selyugin (1901.05863) accounts for correlated errors and **normalization** factor  $n$ .

They got (**const=0**):

$\sigma_{tot} = 106.4 \pm 2.2$  mb,  $\rho = 0.098 \pm 0.008$ ,

$n = 0.91 \pm 0.04$  ( $\chi^2/ndf = 0.81$ )

(79 points  $0.0008 < |t| < 0.07$  GeV<sup>2</sup>)

