



Universal properties of elastic pp cross section from the ISR to the LHC

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Scaling properties of elastic pp ($p\bar{p}$) cross-section.

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Scaling laws of elastic proton-proton scattering differential cross sections

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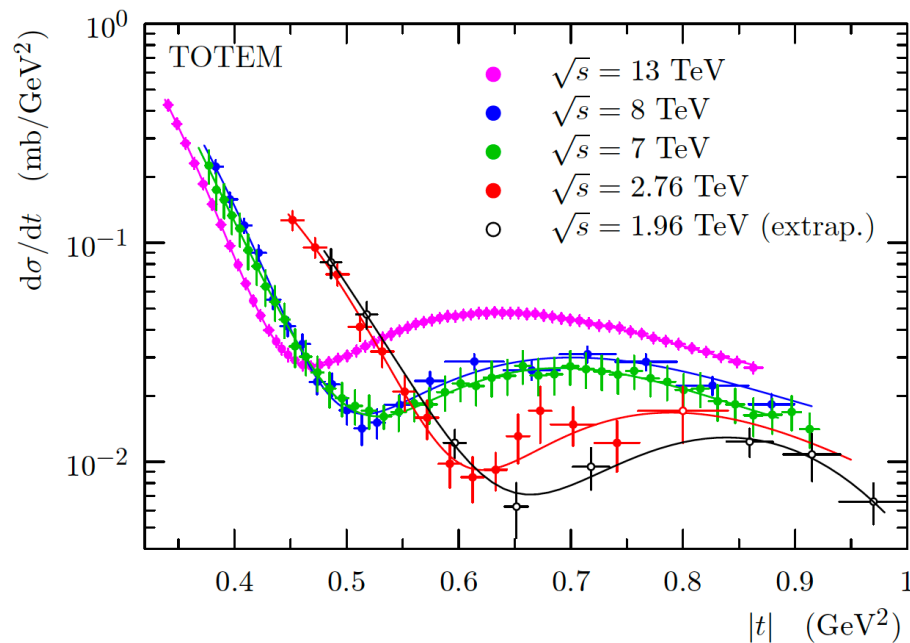
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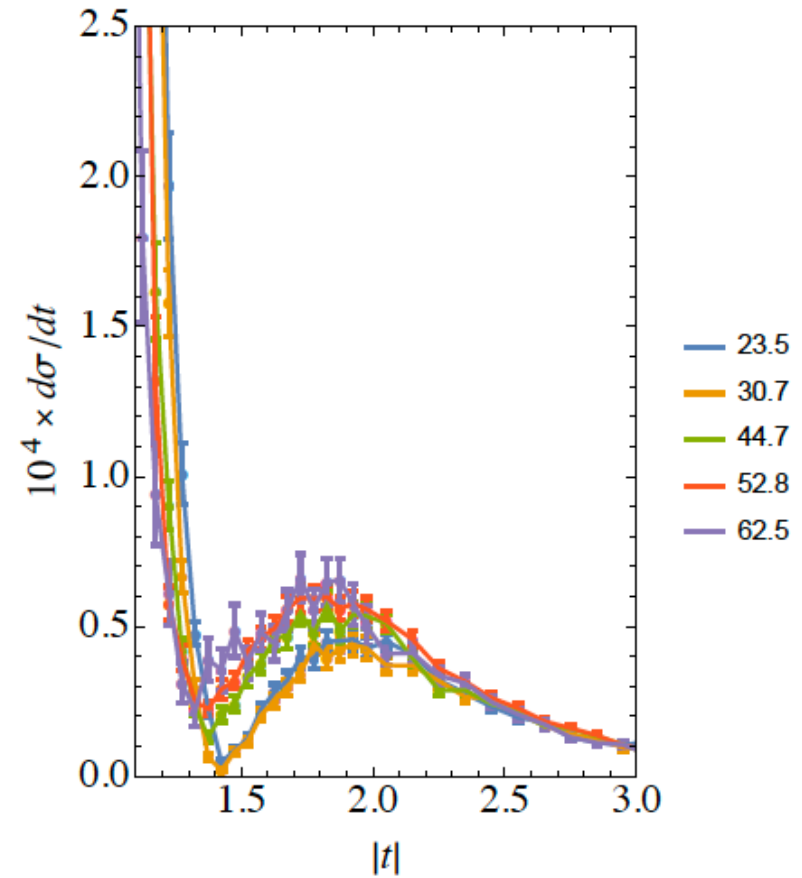


Differential elastic cross-sections



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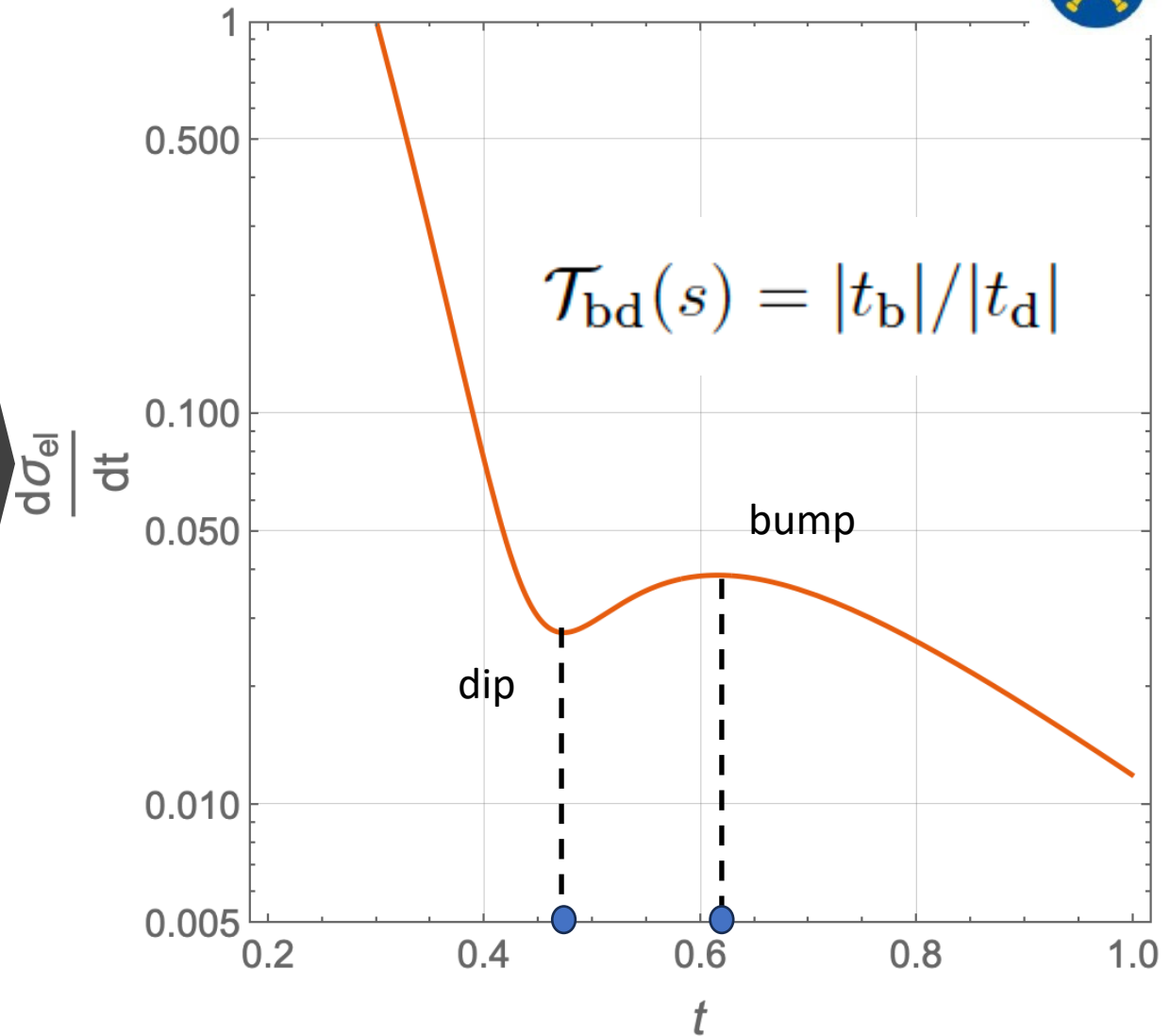
LHC



ISR



Bump/Dip
behaviour





An observation

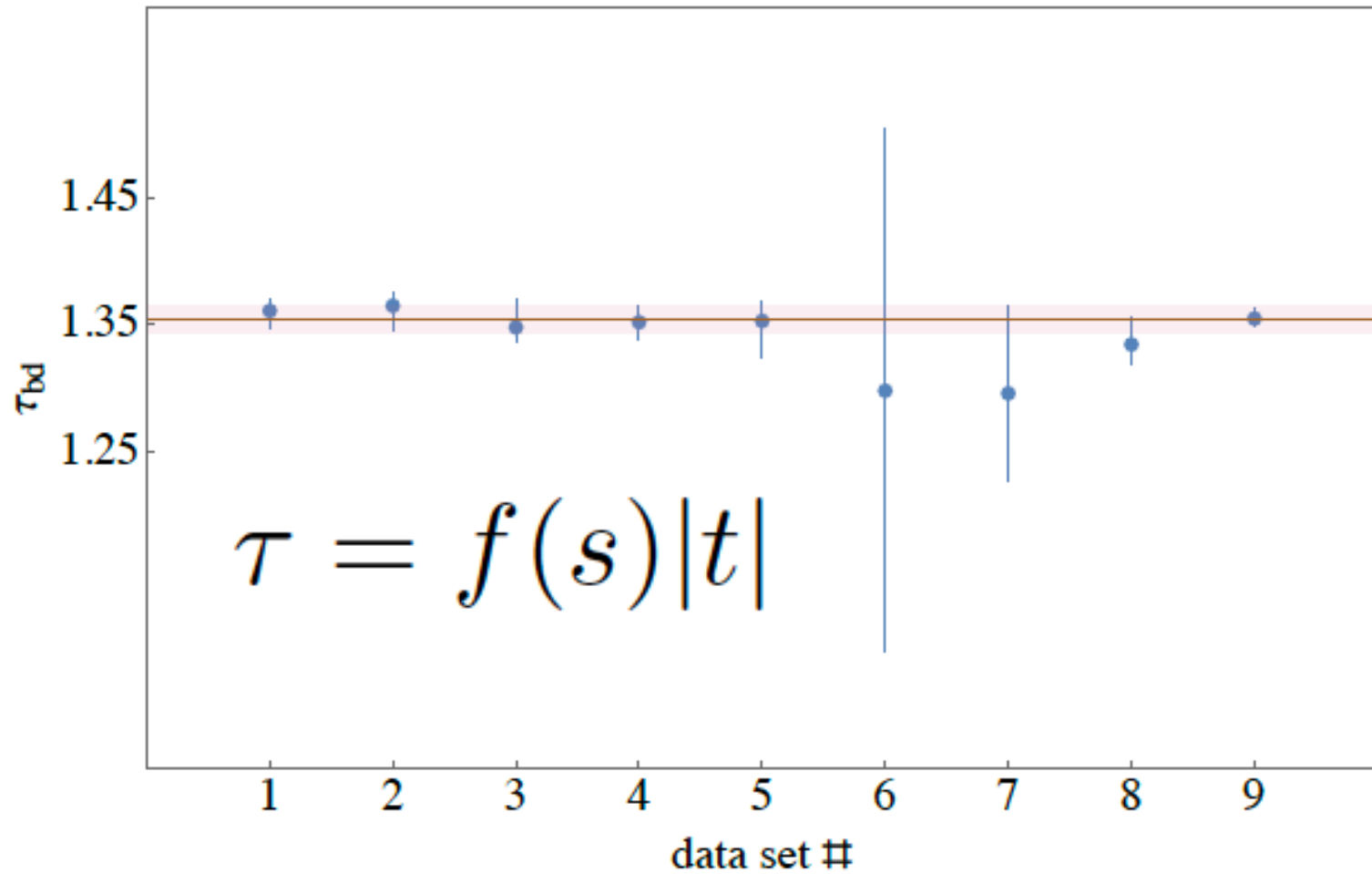
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$$\mathcal{T}_{bd}(s) = |t_b|/|t_d|$$

	#	W	dip		bump		ratios	
			$ t _d$	error	$ t _b$	error	t_b/t_d	error
LHC [TeV]	9	13.00	0.471	$+0.002$ -0.003	0.6377	$+0.0006$ -0.0006	1.355	$+0.008$ -0.005
	8	8.00	0.525	$+0.002$ -0.004	0.700	$+0.010$ -0.008	1.335	$+0.021$ -0.016
	7	7.00	0.542	$+0.012$ -0.013	0.702	$+0.034$ -0.034	1.296	$+0.069$ -0.069
	6	2.76	0.616	$+0.001$ -0.002	0.800	$+0.127$ -0.127	1.298	$+0.206$ -0.206
ISR [GeV]	5	62.50	1.350	$+0.011$ -0.011	1.826	$+0.016$ -0.039	1.353	$+0.016$ -0.029
	4	52.81	1.369	$+0.006$ -0.006	1.851	$+0.014$ -0.018	1.352	$+0.012$ -0.014
	3	44.64	1.388	$+0.003$ -0.007	1.871	$+0.031$ -0.015	1.348	$+0.023$ -0.011
	2	30.54	1.434	$+0.001$ -0.004	1.957	$+0.013$ -0.028	1.365	$+0.010$ -0.020
	1	23.46	1.450	$+0.005$ -0.004	1.973	$+0.011$ -0.018	1.361	$+0.009$ -0.013

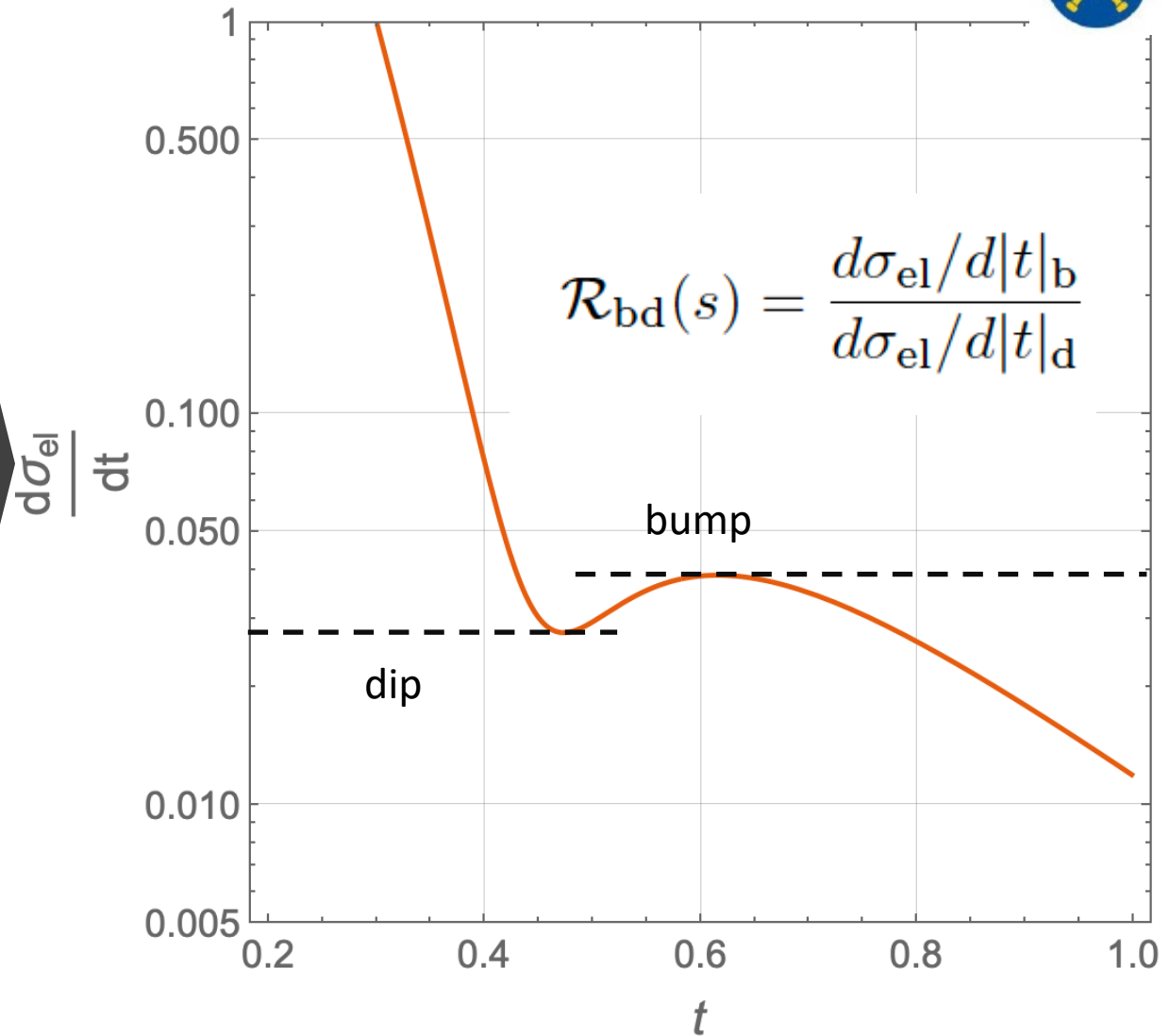


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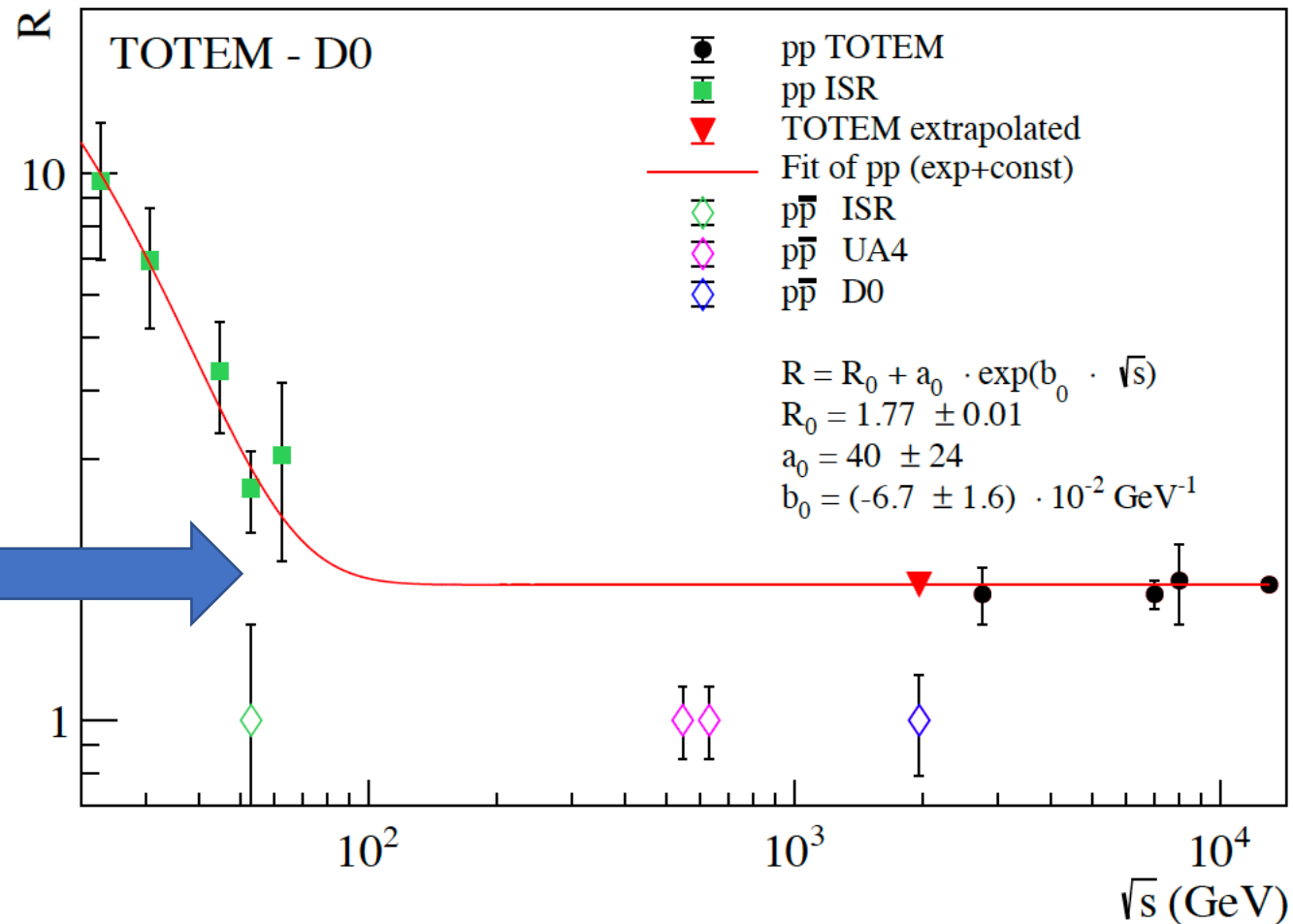




Bump/Dip behaviour

$$\mathcal{R}_{\text{bd}}(s) = \frac{d\sigma_{\text{el}}/d|t|_{\text{b}}}{d\sigma_{\text{el}}/d|t|_{\text{d}}}$$

Hope for scaling
at the LHC





ISR - a bit of history

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GEOMETRIC SCALING, MULTIPLICITY DISTRIBUTIONS AND CROSS SECTIONS

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Abstract From a geometric picture of hadrons as extended objects we arrive at some universal features of high energy collisions. In this approach the mean multiplicity, as a function of s and the KNO scaling function are universal and asymptotically the ratio $\sigma_{\text{elastic}}/\sigma_{\text{total}}$ is expected to be the same for all processes.



Cross-sections

Impact parameter space (Barone, Predazzi):

$$\sigma_{\text{el}} = \int d^2\mathbf{b} \left| 1 - e^{-\Omega(s,b) + \overbrace{i\chi(s,b)}^{-i A_{\text{el}}}} \right|^2 ,$$

$$\sigma_{\text{tot}} = 2 \int d^2\mathbf{b} \operatorname{Re} \left[1 - e^{-\Omega(s,b) + i\chi(s,b)} \right] ,$$

$$\sigma_{\text{inel}} = \int d^2\mathbf{b} \left[1 - \left| e^{-\Omega(s,b)} \right|^2 \right] .$$



Geometric scaling

$$\Omega(s, b) = \Omega(b/R(s))$$

Opacity is a function of one variable,
and $R(s)$ grows with energy. Changing variable

$$\mathbf{b} \rightarrow \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{b}/R(s)$$

$$\sigma_{\text{inel}} = R^2(s) \underbrace{\int d^2 \mathbf{B} \left[1 - \left| e^{-\Omega(\mathbf{B})} \right|^2 \right]}_{\text{constant}}$$



Immediate consequences

$$\sigma_{\text{el}} = \int d^2\mathbf{b} \left| 1 - e^{-\Omega(s,b) + i\chi(s,b)} \right|^2,$$

$$\sigma_{\text{tot}} = 2 \int d^2\mathbf{b} \operatorname{Re} \left[1 - e^{-\Omega(s,b) + i\chi(s,b)} \right],$$

$$\sigma_{\text{inel}} = \int d^2\mathbf{b} \left[1 - \left| e^{-\Omega(s,b)} \right|^2 \right].$$



Immediate consequences

$$\sigma_{\text{el}} = R^2(s) \int d^2 \mathbf{B} \left| 1 - e^{-\Omega(B)} \right|^2$$

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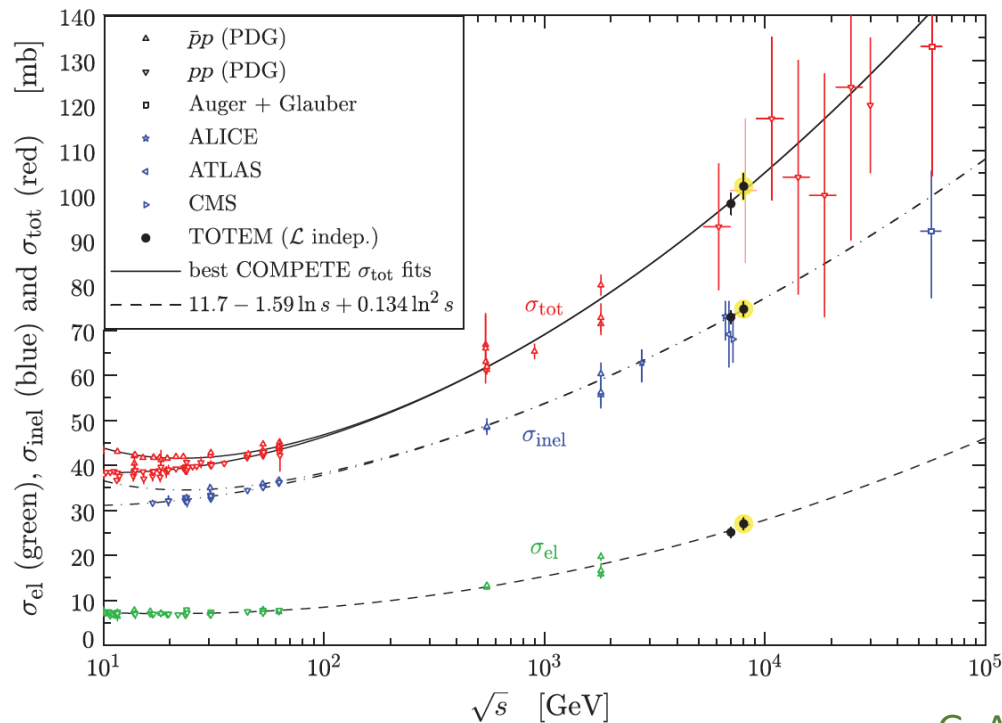
$$\sigma_{\text{inel}} = R^2(s) \int d^2 \mathbf{B} \left[1 - \left| e^{-\Omega(B)} \right|^2 \right]$$

If we neglect χ (indeed ρ parameter is small), then all cross-sections have the same energy dependence.



Scaling at the LHC?

	elastic	inelastic	total	ρ
ISR	$W^{0.1142 \pm 0.0034}$	$W^{0.1099 \pm 0.0012}$	$W^{0.1098 \pm 0.0012}$	$0.02 - 0.095$
LHC	$W^{0.2279 \pm 0.0228}$	$W^{0.1465 \pm 0.0133}$	$W^{0.1729 \pm 0.0163}$	$0.15 - 0.10$





Momentum space

$$\begin{aligned} T_{\text{el}}(s, t) &= \int d^2\mathbf{b} e^{-i\mathbf{b}\mathbf{q}} T_{\text{el}}(s, b) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\infty db^2 T_{\text{el}}(s, b) \int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi e^{-ibq \cos \varphi} \\ &= \pi \int_0^\infty db^2 T_{\text{el}}(s, b) J_0(bq). \end{aligned}$$



Momentum space

$$s\sigma_{\text{tot}}(s) = 2 \operatorname{Im} \tilde{T}_{\text{el}}(s, 0)$$

Construct amplitude that exhibits GS,
gives correct energy dependence of σ_{tot}

$$\sigma_{\text{el}}(s) = \frac{1}{4\pi s^2} \int dt \left| \tilde{T}_{\text{el}}(s, t) \right|^2$$



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$$\tilde{T}_{\text{el}}(s, \tau) \sim i s R^2(s) \Phi(\tau)$$

$$\tau = |t| R^2(s)$$

$$\sigma_{\text{tot}}(s) \sim R^2(s)$$



Geometric scaling at the ISR

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SCALING LAW FOR THE ELASTIC DIFFERENTIAL CROSS SECTION IN pp SCATTERING FROM GEOMETRIC SCALING*

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Abstract: Plots of $(1/\sigma_{\text{in}}^2) d\sigma_{\text{el}}/d|t| \equiv \Phi(\tau, s)$ as a function of $\tau \equiv |t|/\sigma_{\text{in}}$ are shown to scale in the NAL-ISR energy region. Such scaling is shown to be a consequence of geometric scaling for the inelastic overlap function $G_{\text{in}}(\beta = \pi b^2/\sigma_{\text{in}})$ in the limit $\rho = \text{Re}A/\text{Im}A \rightarrow 0$ and in the case of $\sigma_{\text{in}} \sim (\ln s)^2$ is equivalent to the scaling proposed by Auberson, Kinoshita and Martin. A possible relation to the KNO multiplicity scaling is indicated.

$$\tau = \sigma_{\text{inel}}(s) |t| = R^2(s) |t| \times \text{const.}$$



Geometric scaling at the ISR

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DIPS, ZEROS AND LARGE $|t|$ BEHAVIOUR OF THE ELASTIC AMPLITUDE

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$$\sigma_{\text{tot}}(s) \sim R^2(s)$$



Geometric scaling at the ISR

$$\tau = \sigma_{\text{inel}}(s) |t| = R^2(s) |t| \times \text{const.}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\sigma_{\text{el}}}{d|t|} &\sim \left| \int_0^\infty db^2 A_{\text{el}}(b^2, s) J_0 \left(b\sqrt{|t|} \right) \right|^2 \\ &= \left| \sigma_{\text{inel}}(s) \int_0^\infty d(b^2/\sigma_{\text{inel}}(s)) A_{\text{el}}(b^2/\sigma_{\text{inel}}(s)) J_0 \left(\sqrt{\tau} b / \sqrt{\sigma_{\text{inel}}(s)} \right) \right|^2 \\ &= \sigma_{\text{inel}}^2(s) \left| \int_0^\infty dB^2 A_{\text{el}}(B^2) J_0 \left(B\sqrt{\tau} \right) \right|^2 \\ &= \sigma_{\text{inel}}^2(s) \Phi^2(\tau). \end{aligned}$$



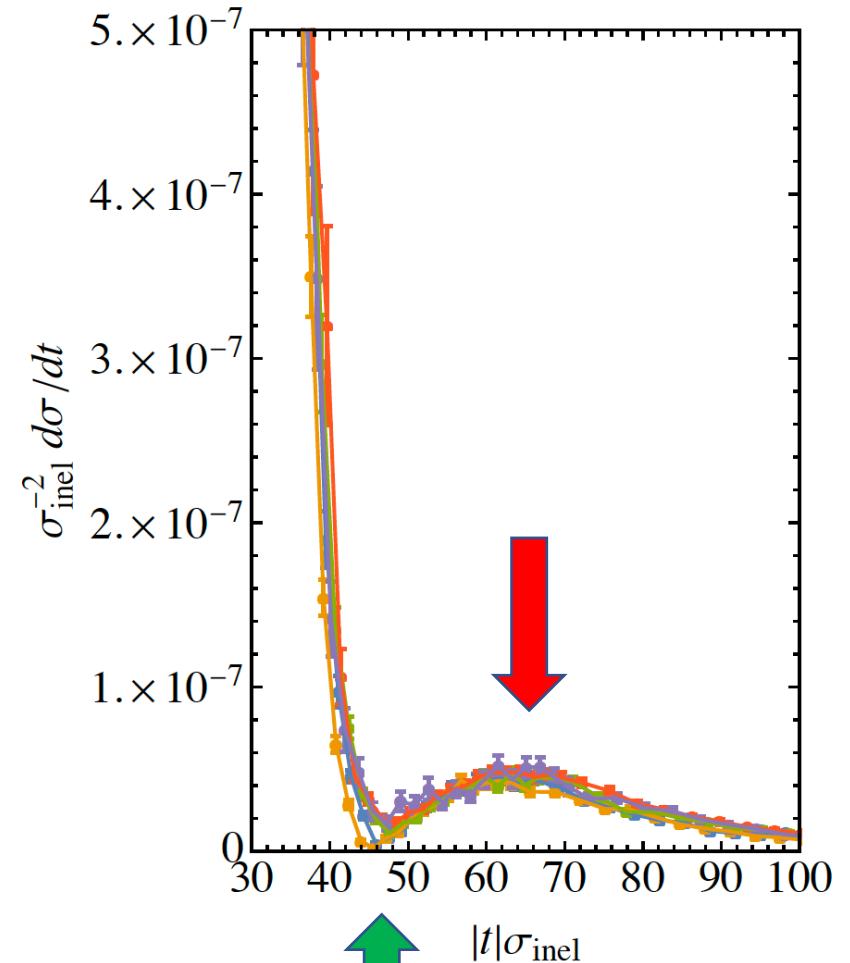
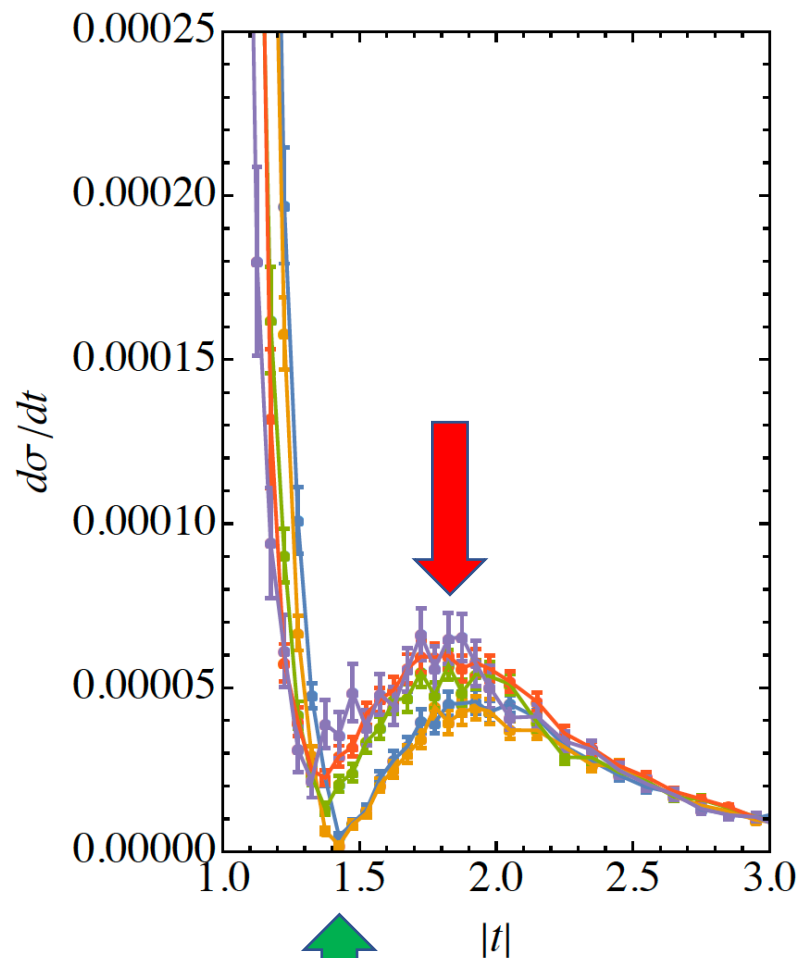
Geometric scaling at the ISR

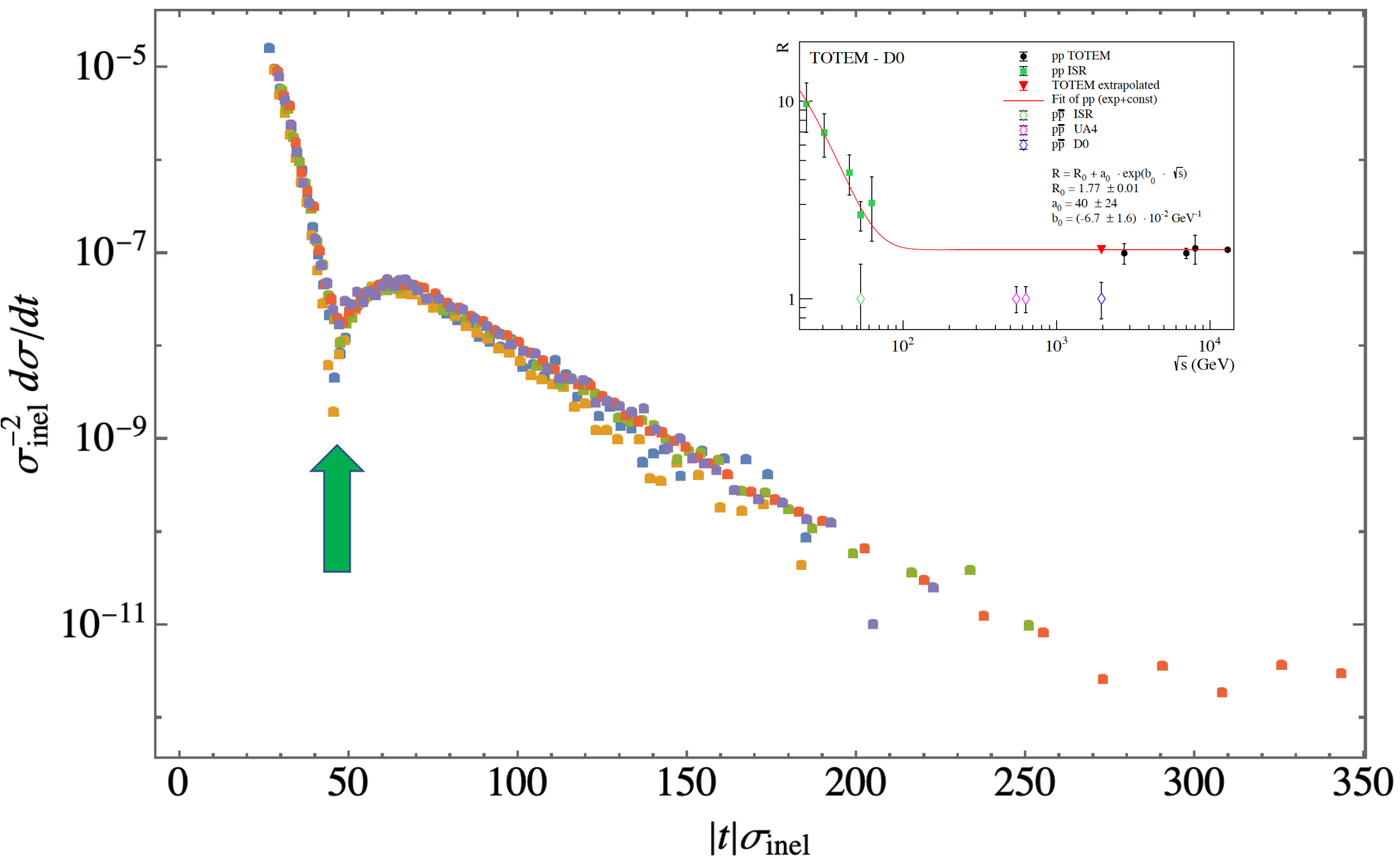
$$\tau = \sigma_{\text{inel}}(s) |t| = R^2(s) |t| \times \text{const.}$$

$$\frac{1}{\sigma_{\text{inel}}^2(s)} \frac{d\sigma_{\text{el}}}{d|t|}(s, t) = \Phi^2(\tau)$$



Geometric scaling at the ISR

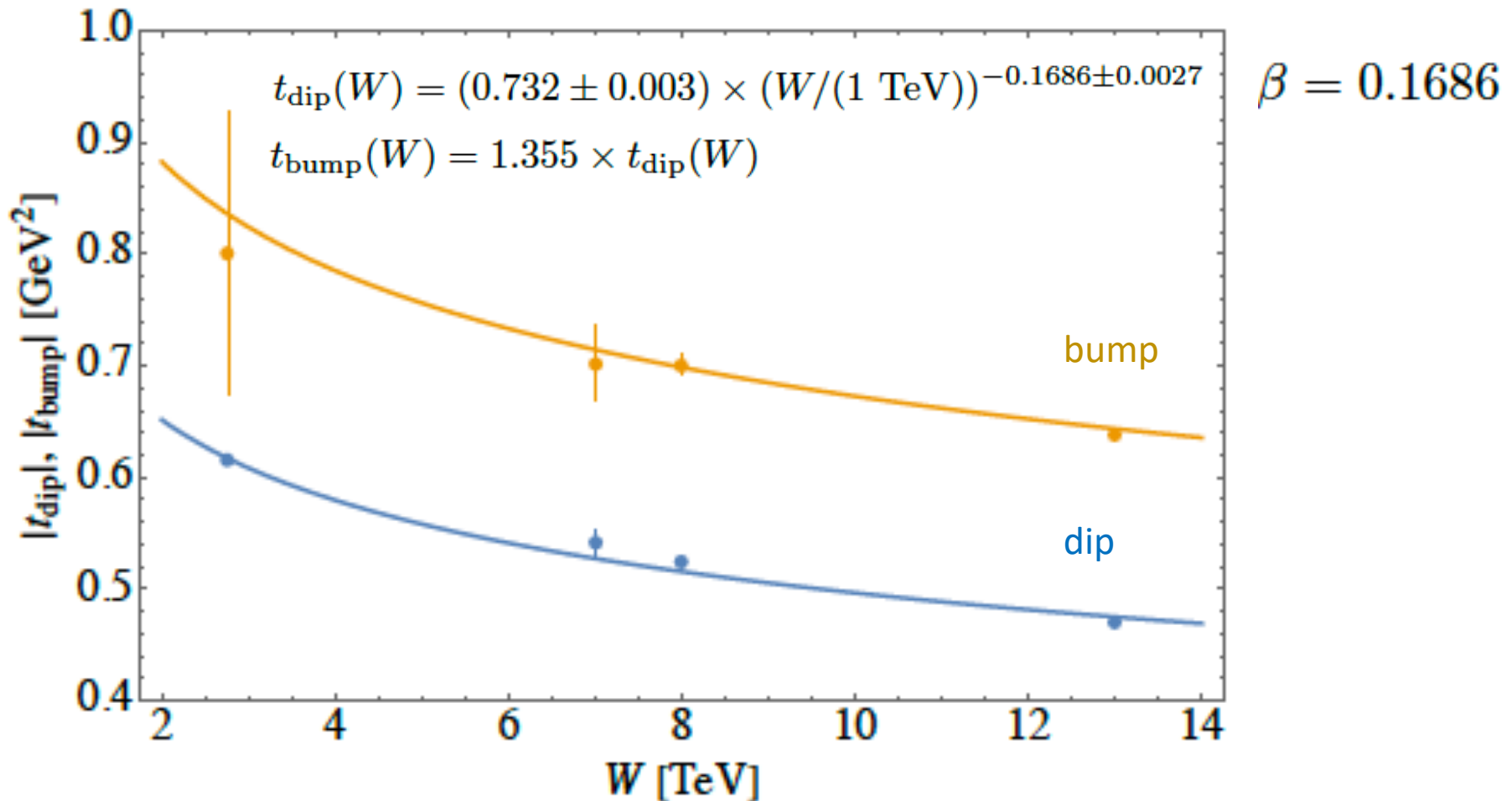






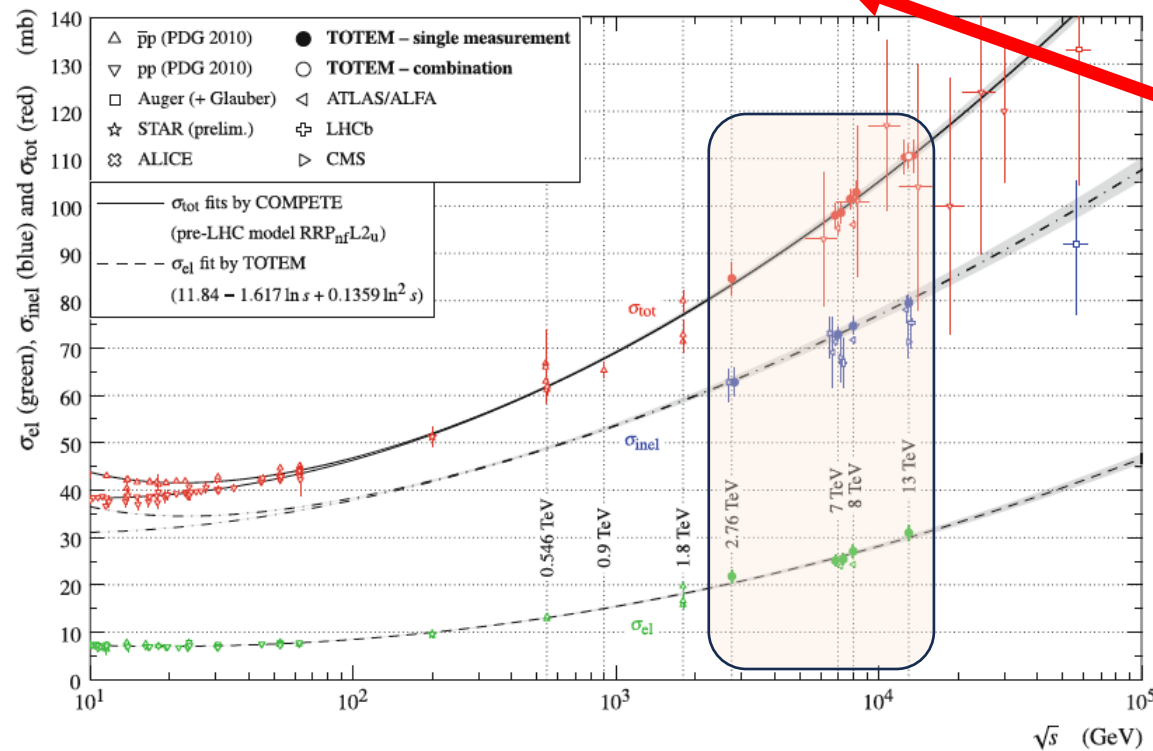
Scaling variable at the LHC

The fact that $t_{\text{bump}}/t_{\text{dip}} = \text{const.}$ implies: $\tau = f(s)|t|$





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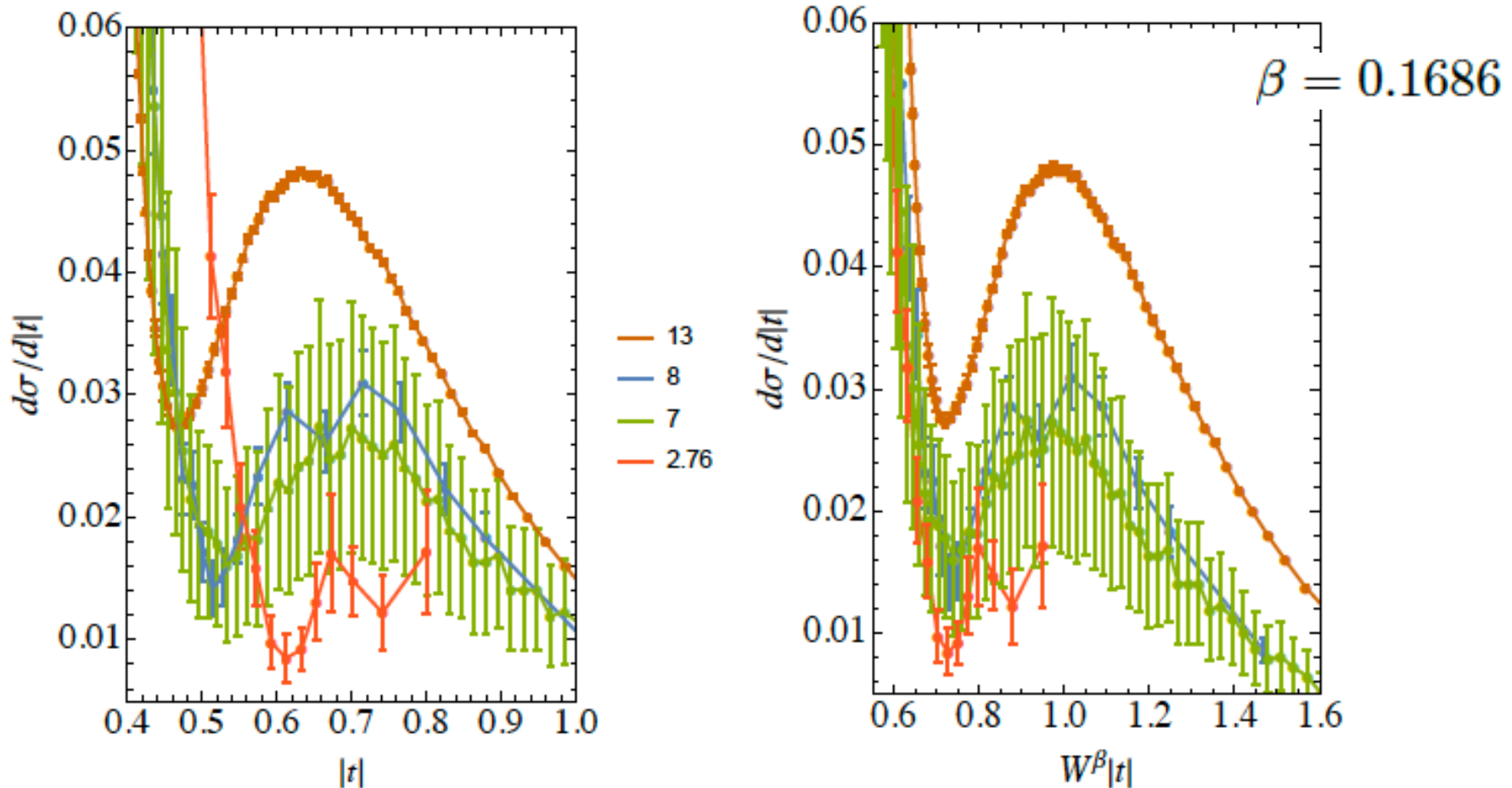


$$\beta = 0.1686$$

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Scaling at the LHC – first step



Bump and dip positions are superimposed. Now we have to superimpose bump and dip values.

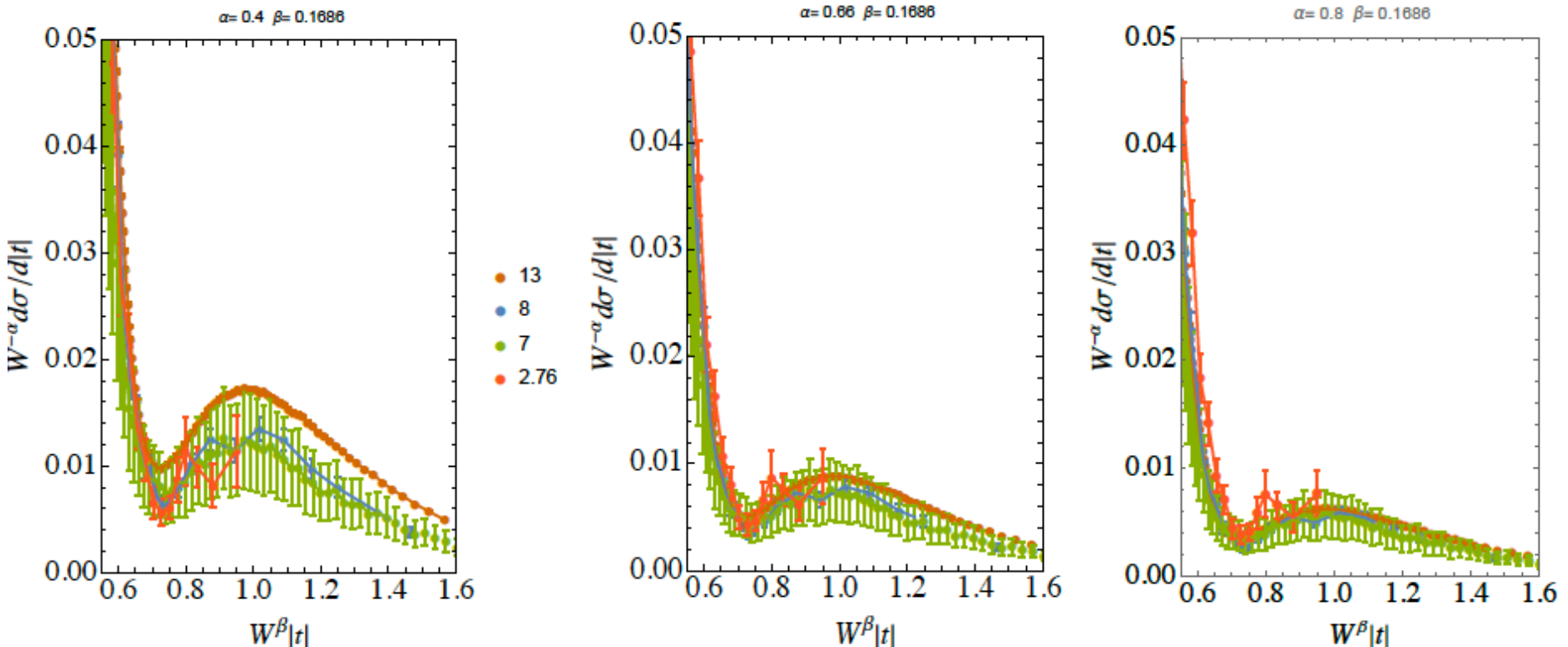


Scaling at the LHC – second step

$\alpha = 0.4$

0.66

0.8



$$\frac{d\sigma_{\text{el}}}{d|t|}(\tau) \rightarrow \left(\frac{W}{1\text{TeV}} \right)^{-\alpha} \frac{d\sigma_{\text{el}}}{d|t|}(\tau)$$



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Momentum space

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Construct amplitude that exhibits GS,
gives correct energy dependence of σ_{tot}
and satisfies **crossing**

$$\sigma_{\text{el}}(s) = \frac{1}{4\pi s^2} \int dt \left| \tilde{T}_{\text{el}}(s, t) \right|^2$$

$$\tilde{T}_{\text{el}}(u, t) \simeq \tilde{T}_{\text{el}}(-s, t) = \tilde{T}_{\text{el}}^*(s, t)$$

$$\tilde{T}_{\text{el}}(s, \tau) = isR^2(-is)\Phi \left[|t| R^2(-is) \right]$$



Identifying Real and Imaginary parts

Use rapidity: $y = \ln s$ observe $-is = e^{y-i\pi/2}$ and expand

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As a result, one gets:

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$$\rho(y) = \frac{\pi}{2} \frac{dR^2(y)/dy}{R^2(y)}$$

parameter free prediction!



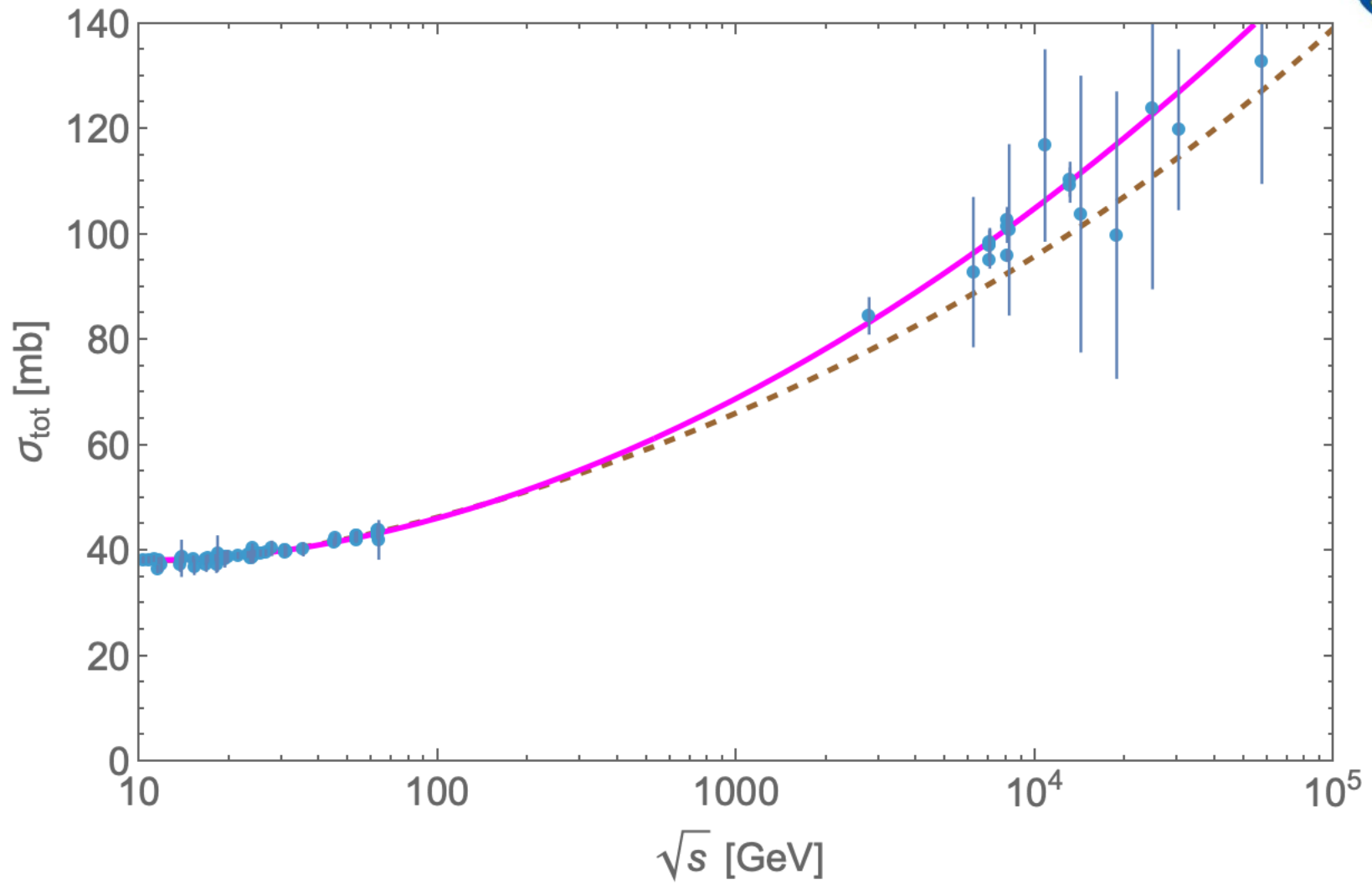
Parametrizations of sigma_tot

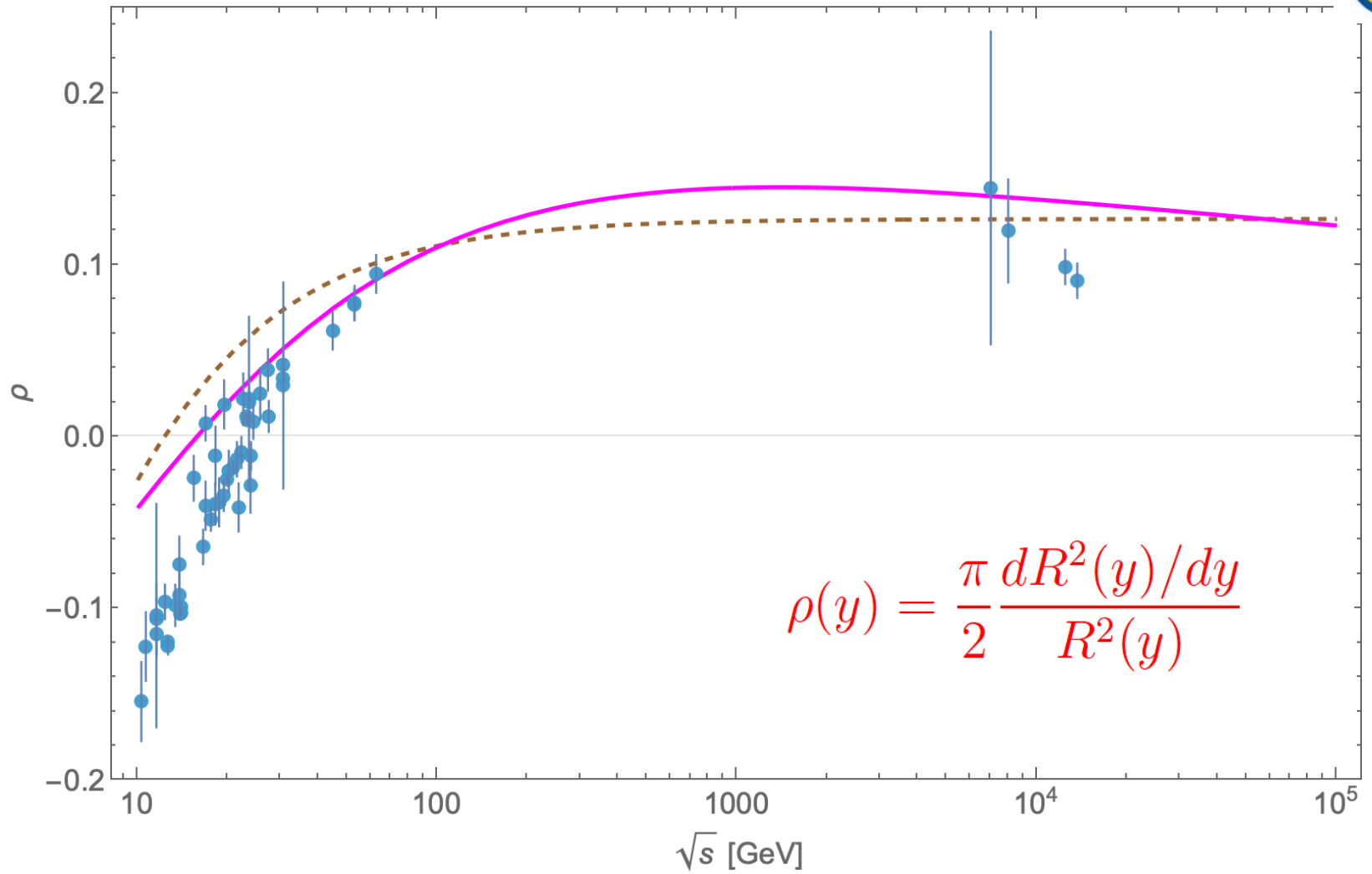
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$$\sigma_{\text{tot}}^{\text{PDG}}(s) = Z + C \ln^2 \left(\frac{s}{s_0} \right) + Y_1 \left(\frac{s}{s_1} \right)^{-\eta_1} - Y_2 \left(\frac{s}{s_1} \right)^{-\eta_2}$$

Donnachie & Landshoff

$$\sigma_{\text{tot}}^{\text{DL}}(s) = A \left(\frac{s}{s_1} \right)^{\alpha} + B \left(\frac{s}{s_1} \right)^{\beta}$$





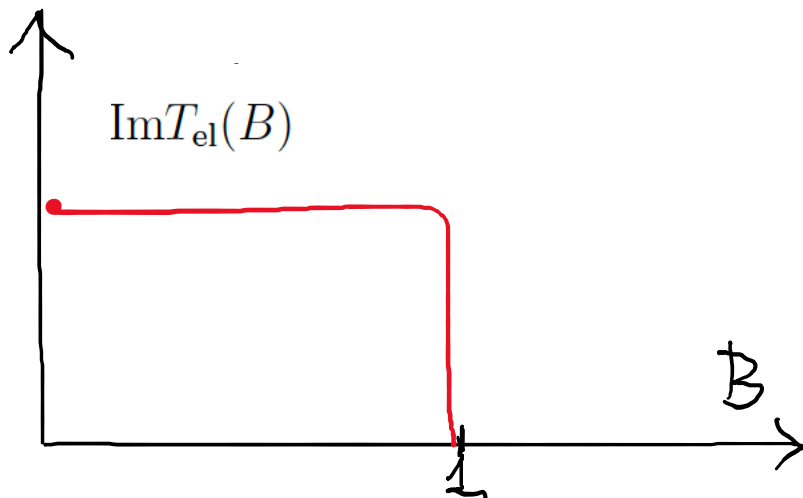


Dips and bumps

Function $\Phi[\tau]$ has a zero, which corresponds to a dip

$$\text{Im}\tilde{T}_{\text{el}}(\tau) = 2\pi s R^2(s) \int_0^\infty dB^2 \text{Im}T_{\text{el}}(B) J_0(B\sqrt{\tau})$$

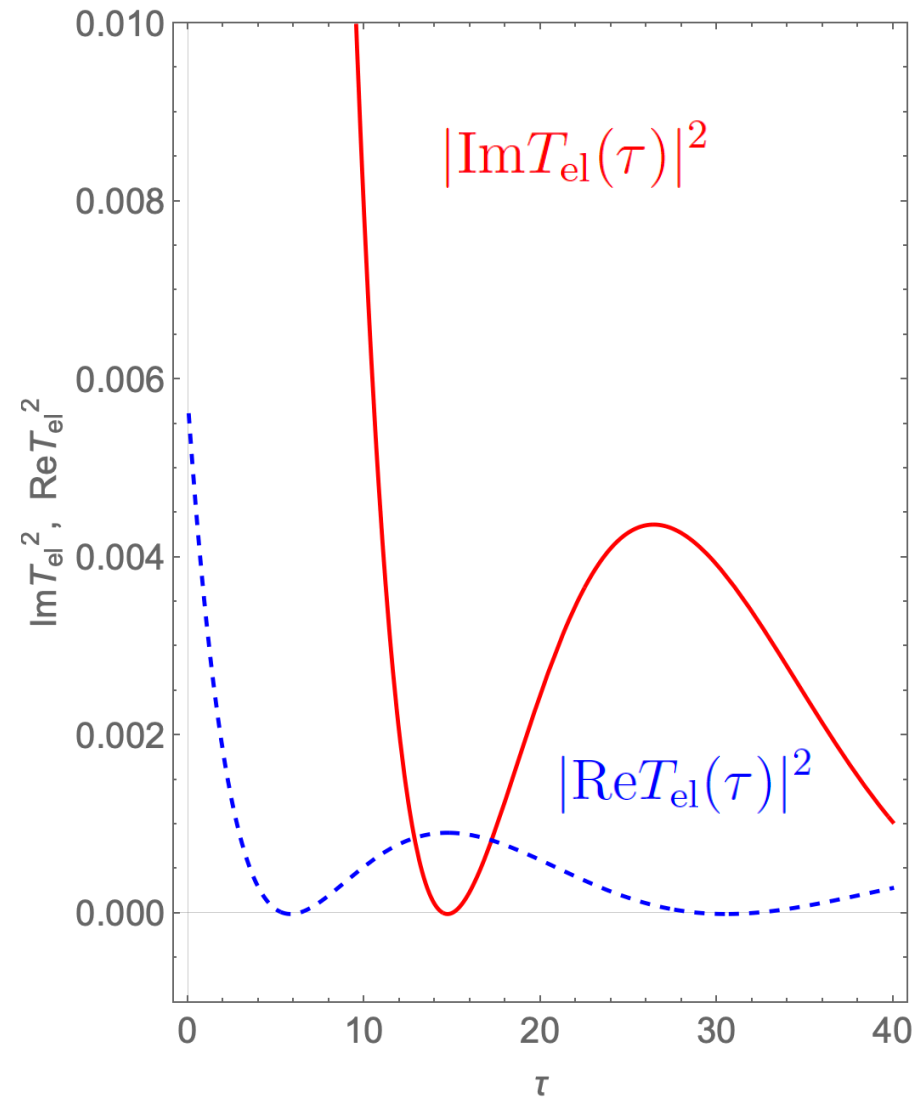
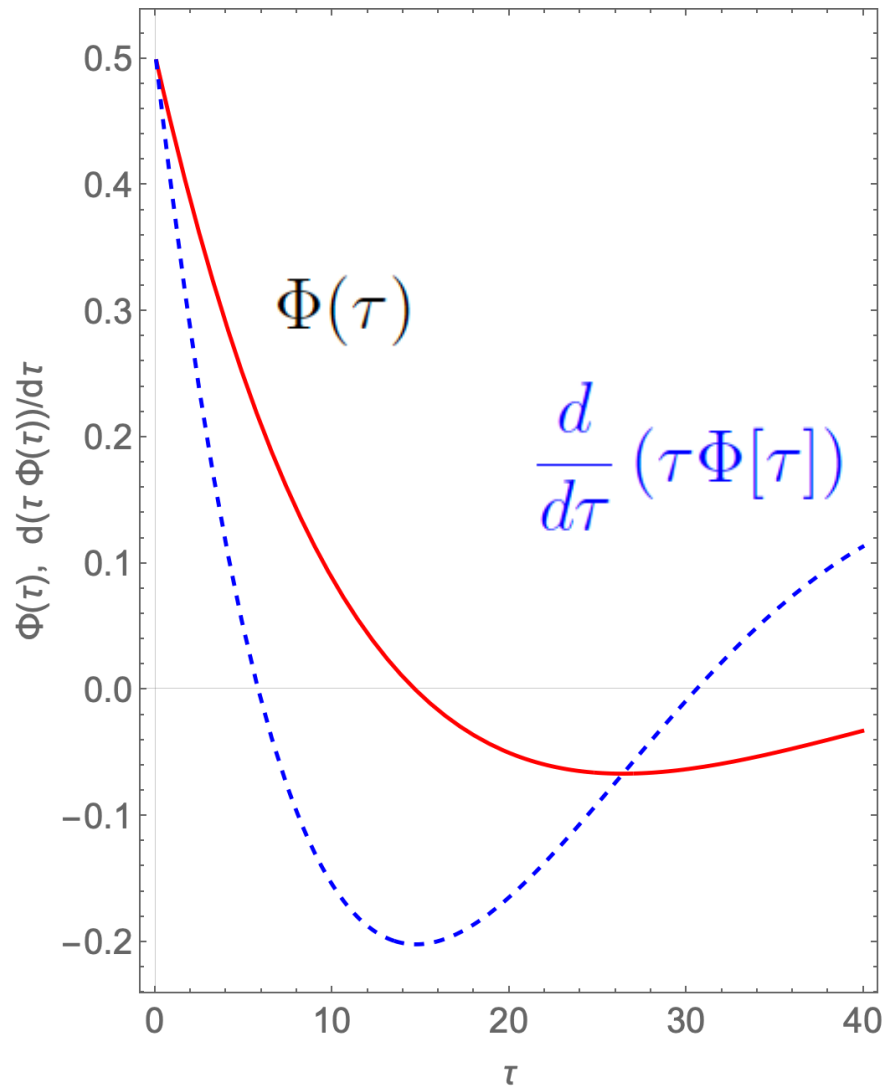
For a hard disc one can compute this integral analytically



$$\Phi(\tau) = 2\pi \frac{J_1(\sqrt{\tau})}{\sqrt{\tau}}$$



Dips and Bumps





Dips and bumps

$$\Phi[\tau_{\text{dip}}] = 0 \rightarrow \text{Im } \tilde{T}_{\text{el}}(s, \tau_{\text{dip}}) = 0$$

$$\text{Re } \tilde{T}_{\text{el}}(s, \tau_{\text{dip}}) = s \frac{\pi}{2} \frac{dR^2(y)}{dy} \frac{d}{d\tau} \Phi[\tau_{\text{dip}}]$$

$$\frac{d}{d\tau} \Phi[\tau_{\text{bump}}] = 0 \rightarrow \text{Im } \tilde{T}_{\text{el}}(s, \tau_{\text{dip}}) = s R^2(y) \Phi[\tau_{\text{bump}}]$$

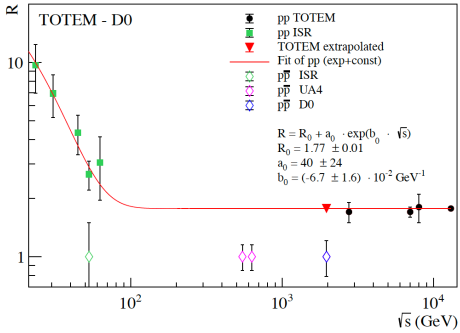
$$\text{Re } \tilde{T}_{\text{el}}(s, \tau_{\text{dip}}) = s \frac{\pi}{2} \frac{dR^2(y)}{dy} \Phi[\tau_{\text{bump}}]$$

$$\frac{d\sigma/dt(t_{\text{bump}})}{d\sigma/dt(t_{\text{dip}})} = c_0 \frac{1 + \rho^2(y)}{\rho^2(y)}$$

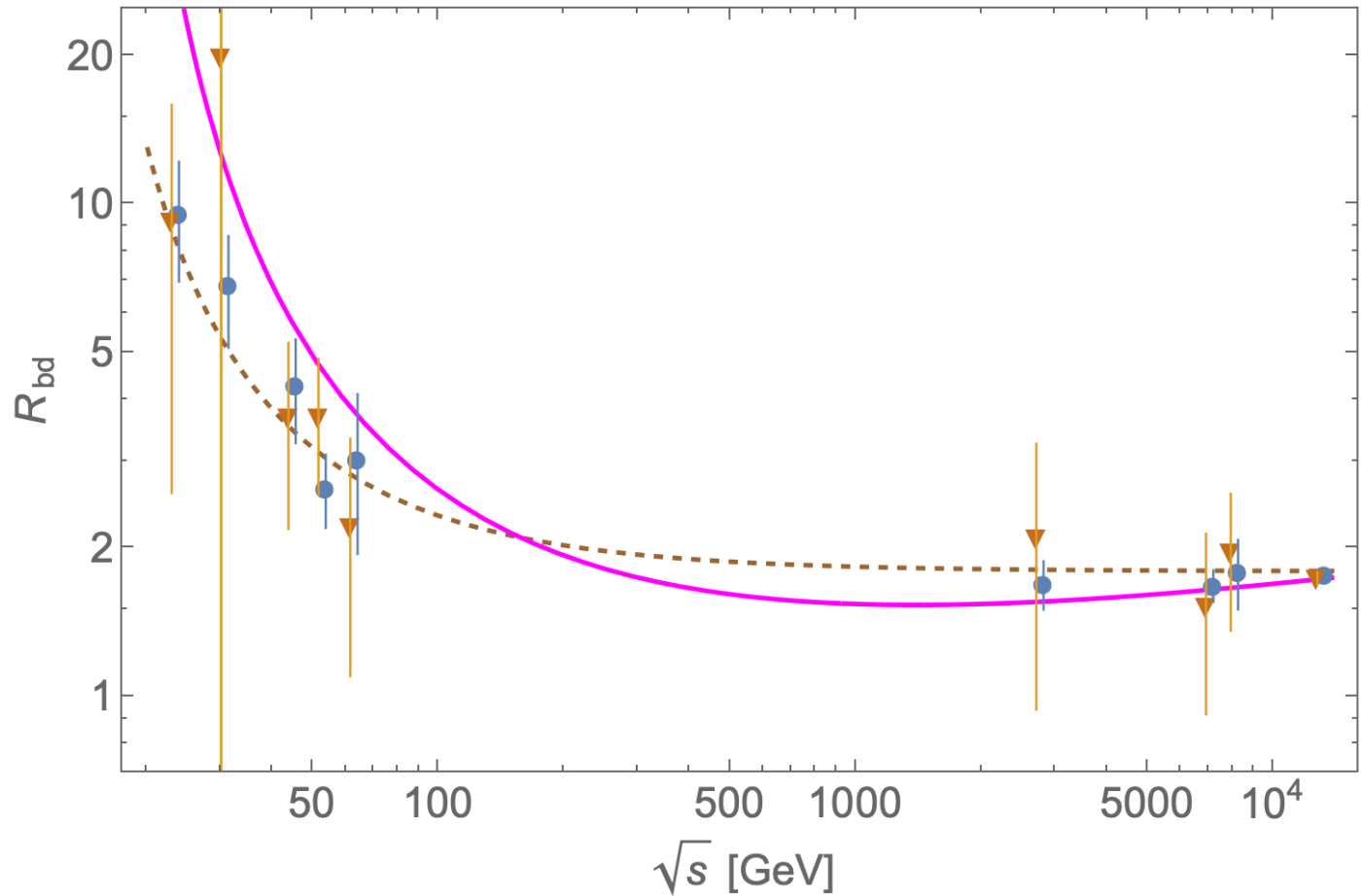
$$c_0 = \frac{\Phi^2[\tau_{\text{bump}}]}{\left(\tau_{\text{dip}} \frac{d}{d\tau} \Phi[\tau_{\text{dip}}]\right)^2}$$



Ratio bump to dip



$$\frac{d\sigma/dt(t_{\text{bump}})}{d\sigma/dt(t_{\text{dip}})}$$



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Total elastic cross section

Assuming GS holds **everywhere**

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_{\text{el}}(s) &= \frac{1}{4\pi R^2(y)} \left[R^4(y) \int d\tau \Phi^2[\tau] + \left(\frac{\pi}{2} \frac{dR^2(y)}{dy} \right)^2 \int d\tau \left(\frac{d}{d\tau} (\tau \Phi[\tau]) \right)^2 \right] \\ &= \frac{R^2(y)}{4\pi} (1 + c_1 \rho^2(y)) \times \int d\tau \Phi^2[\tau] \quad c_1 = \frac{\int d\tau \left(\frac{d}{d\tau} (\tau \Phi[\tau]) \right)^2}{\int d\tau \Phi^2[\tau]}\end{aligned}$$

- ISR: ρ is very small, does not influence energy behavior
- LHC: ρ is larger but almost constant, does not change energy behavior either



Total elastic cross section

Assuming exponential diffractive peak (no dips and bumps)

$$\frac{\sigma_{\text{el}}(s)}{\sigma_{\text{tot}}(s)} \sim \frac{\sigma_{\text{tot}}(s)}{B(s)} (1 + \rho^2(s))$$

Works within a few %. However, if $\sigma_{\text{tot}}(s) \neq B(s)$
GS is violated.

Asymptotically (M.M. Block, Phys. Rept. (2006))

$$\sigma_{\text{tot}}(s)/B(s) \rightarrow \text{const.}$$



Summary

- Bump to dip position ratio is constant from ISR to LHC
- Universal scaling variable $\tau \sim \sigma_{\text{tot}}(s) |t| = R^2(y) |t|$
- Crossing and GS and expansion
$$R^2\left(y - i\frac{\pi}{2}\right) \simeq R^2(y) - i\frac{\pi}{2} \frac{dR^2(y)}{dy}$$
- Parameter free prediction for rho parameter
- Dip and bump structure understood in terms of sig_tot and its derivative
- Main properties of total and differential cross-sections at all energies in the dip – bump region explained from a simple and intuitive picture based on GS
- But still approximate, total elastic x-section is not reproduced \longrightarrow GSV at small t