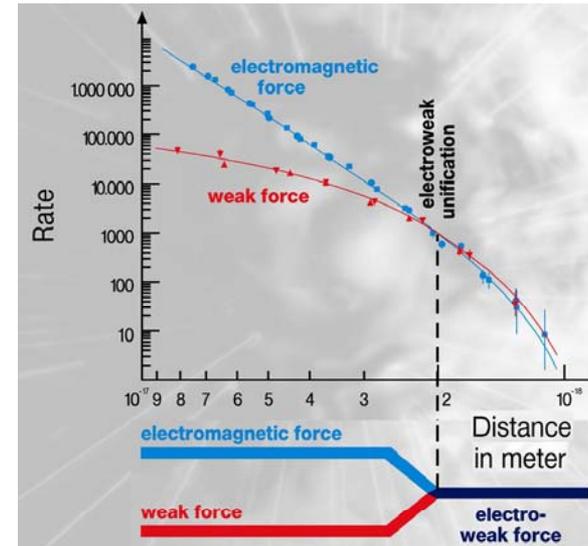
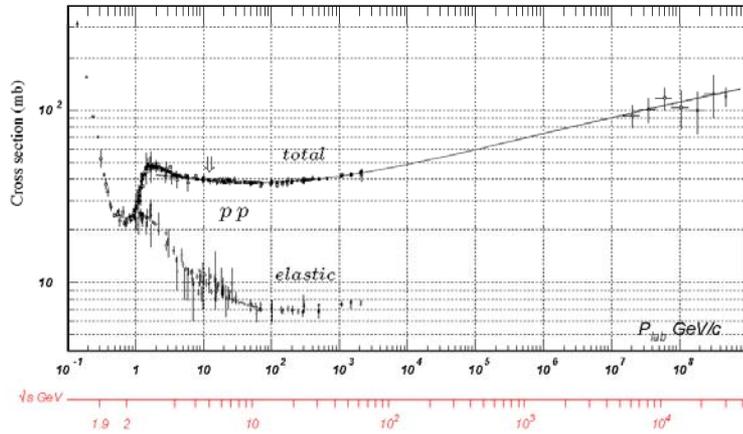
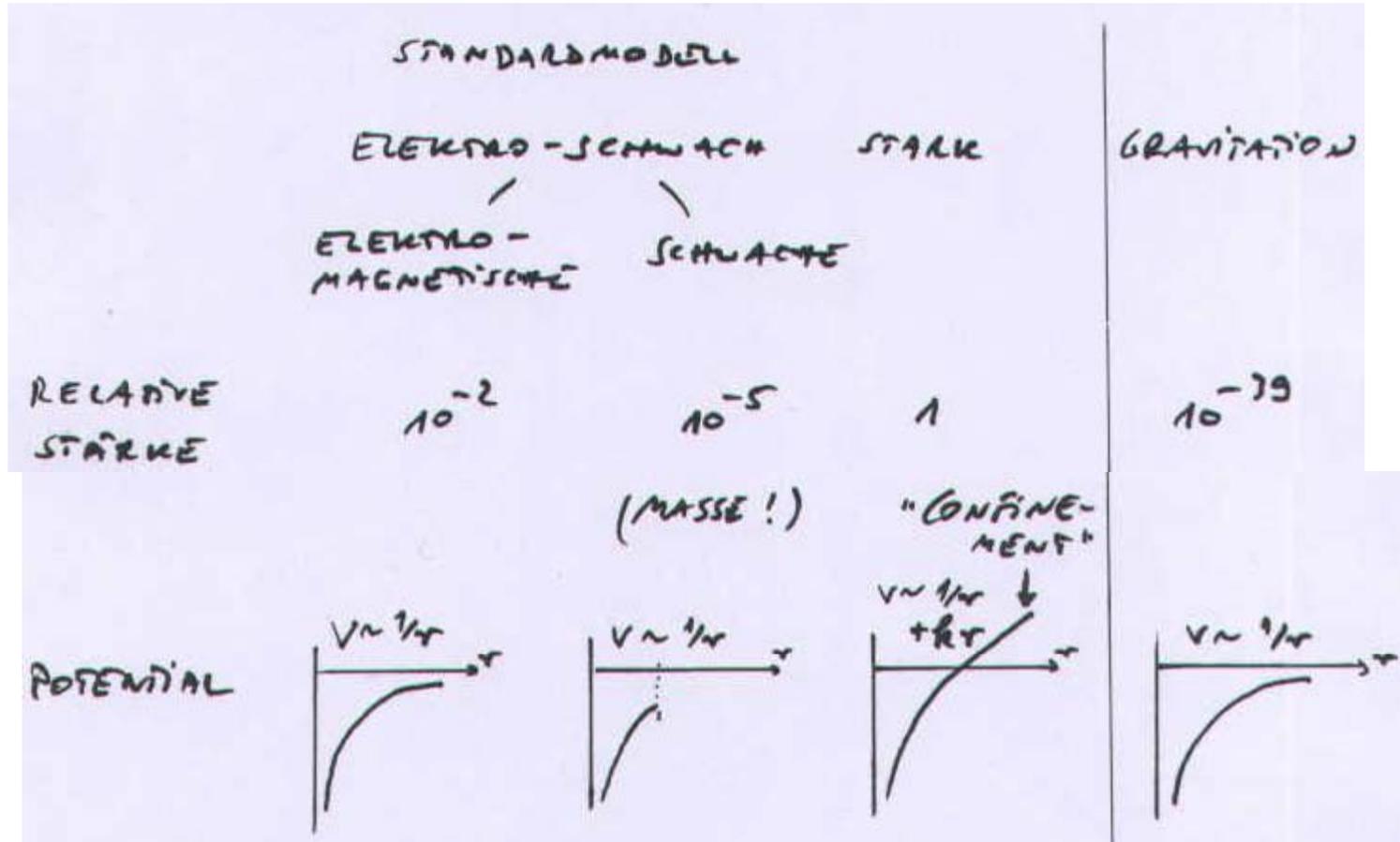


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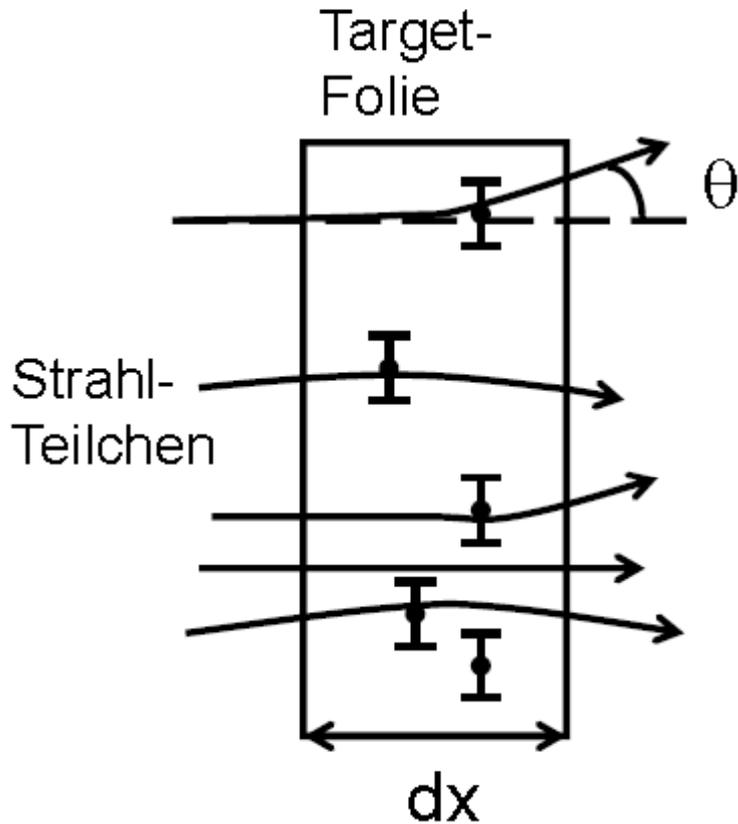


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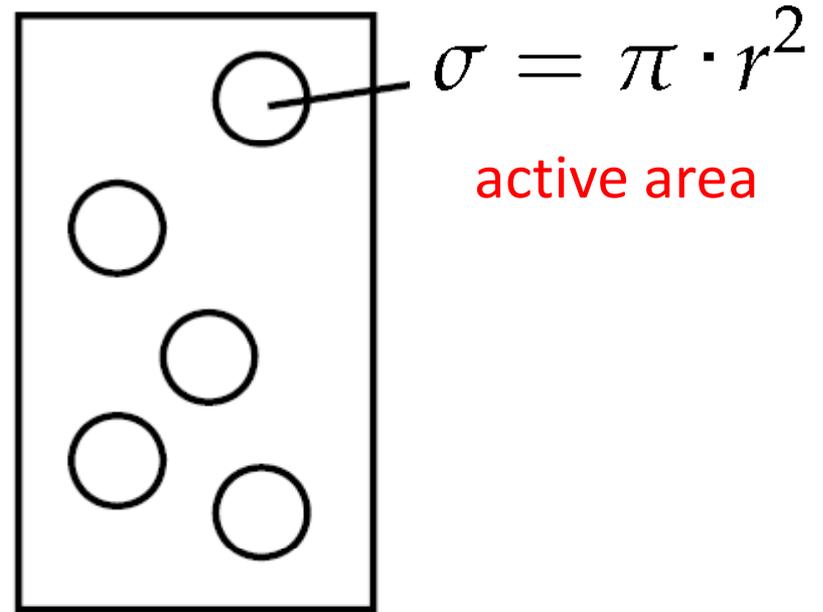
# Fundamental Interactions



# Total Cross Section



Aufsicht



$$1 \text{ b} = 10^{-28} \text{ m}^2$$

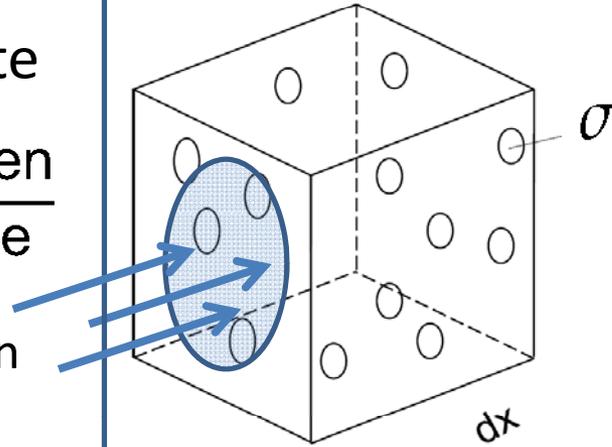
# Measurement: Total Cross Section

Teilchenflussdichte

$$\dot{N} = \frac{\text{Strahlteilchen}}{\text{Zeit} \cdot \text{Fläche}}$$

Anzahl Strahlteilchen  
pro Zeit

$$\dot{N} F$$



Targetdichte

$$n = \frac{\text{Targetteilchen}}{\text{Volumen}}$$

Anzahl der Targetteilchen

$$n \Delta x F$$

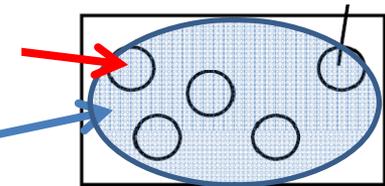
Aktive Fläche aller Targetteilchen

$$n \Delta x F \sigma$$

Gestreute Teilchen / Strahlteilchen

Aktive Fläche / Gesamtfläche

$$\frac{\dot{N}'}{\dot{N} F} = \frac{n \Delta x F \sigma}{F}$$



Total cross section

$$\sigma = \frac{1}{\dot{N} F n \Delta x} \dot{N}'$$

scattered particles

1/Luminosity

# Mean Free Path Length

Beam particles not scattered:

$$\dot{N}'_u = \dot{N} F (1 - n \Delta x \sigma)$$

Number of unscattered particles as function of target thickness:

$$d\dot{N} = -\dot{N} n dx \sigma$$

$$\int_{\dot{N}_0}^{\dot{N}'} \frac{d\dot{N}}{\dot{N}} = -\sigma n \int_0^{\Delta x} dx$$

$$\dot{N}' = \dot{N}_0 \cdot e^{-\sigma n \Delta x}$$

Mean free path length

$$\Lambda = \frac{1}{\sigma n}$$

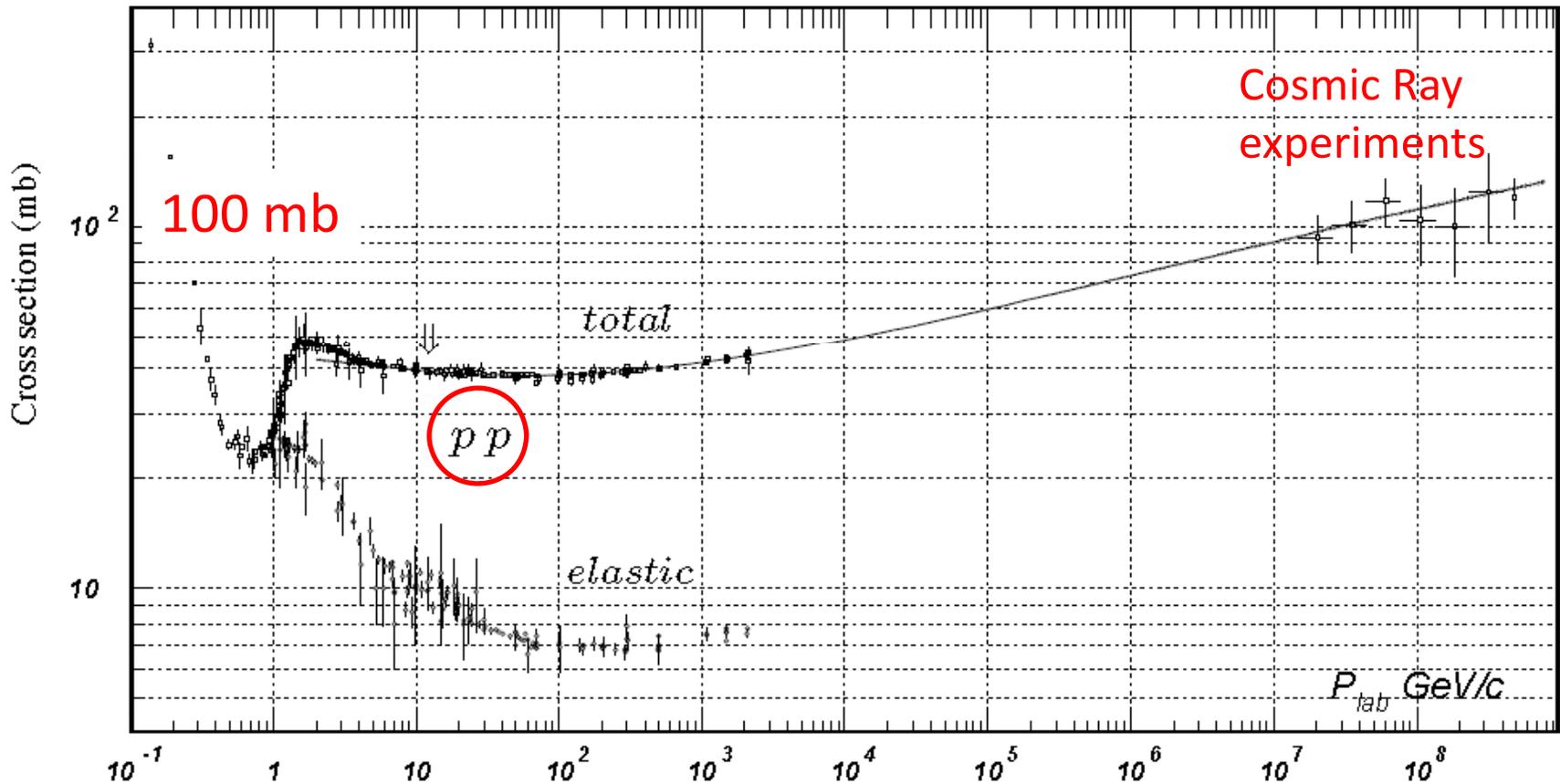
$\sigma$ : Total Cross Section

$n$ : Target Density

# Cross Section Strong Interactions

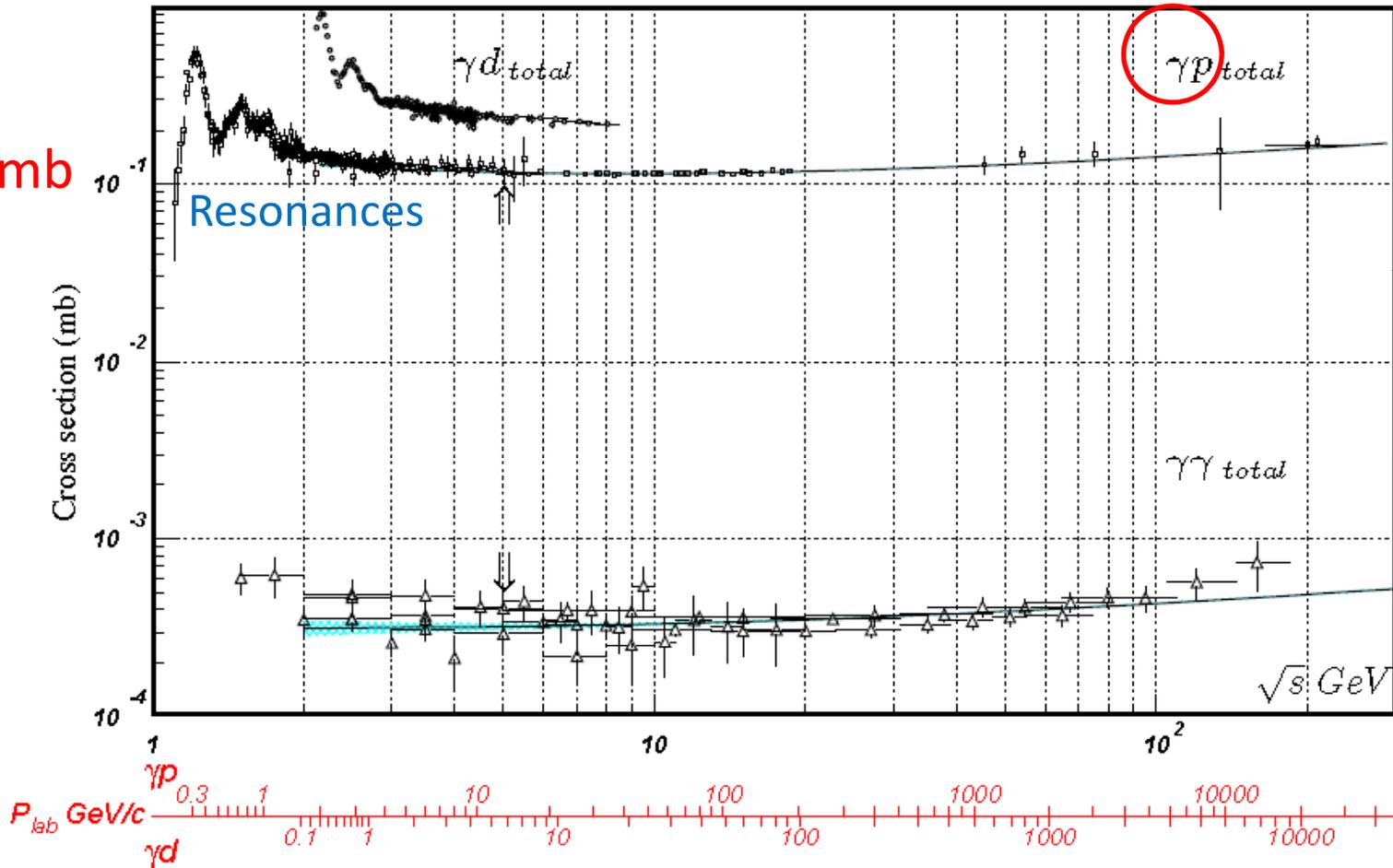
$$\sigma = \frac{1}{\dot{N} F n \Delta x} \dot{N}'$$

$$\Lambda = \frac{1}{\sigma n}$$



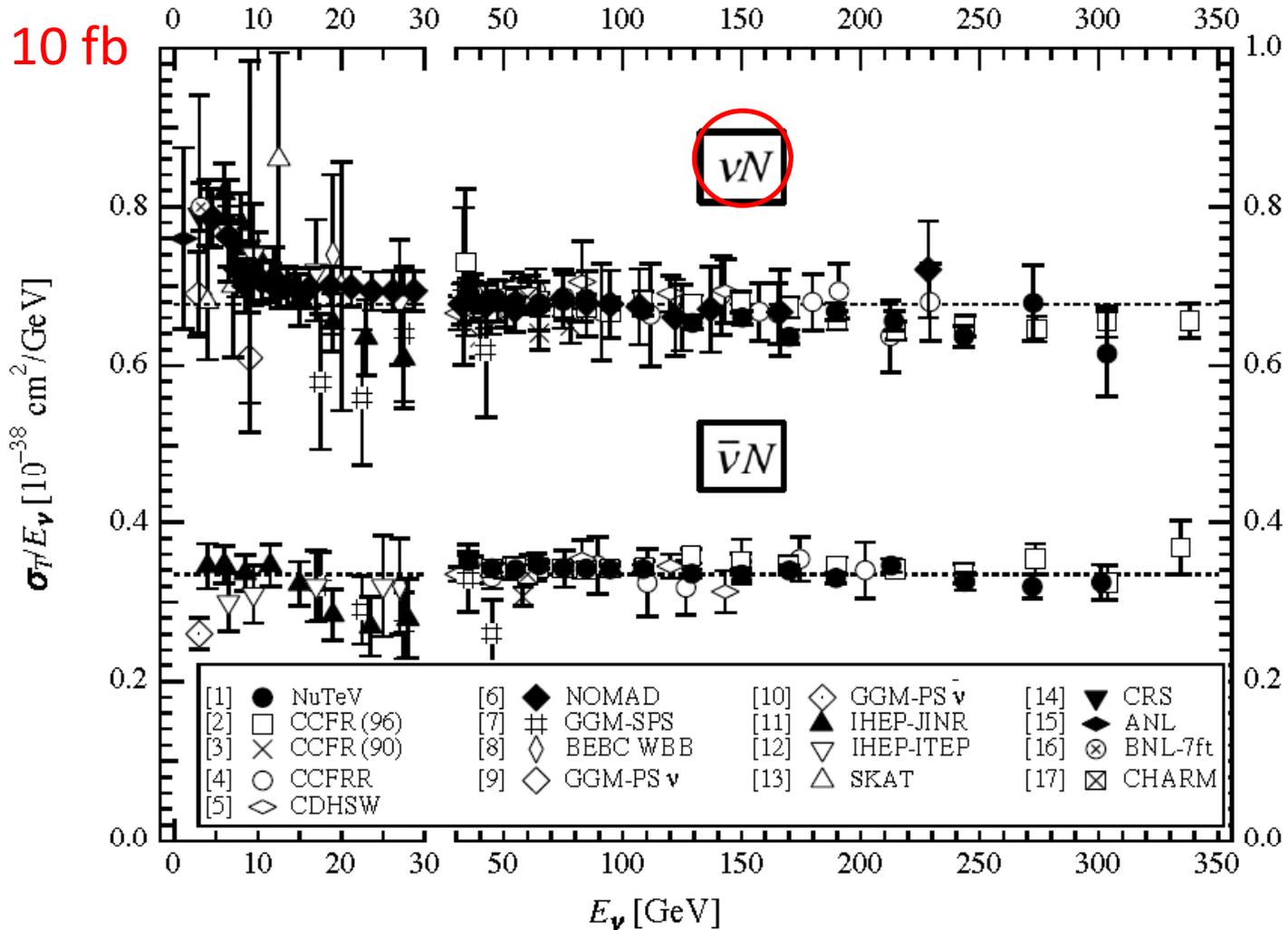
# Cross Section Electromagnetic Interactions

0.1 mb



# Cross Section Weak Interactions

## Muon Neutrino and Anti-Neutrino Charged-Current Total Cross Section



# Comparison of Cross Sections

pp

$\gamma p$

Total  
Cross  
Section

vp

100 mb

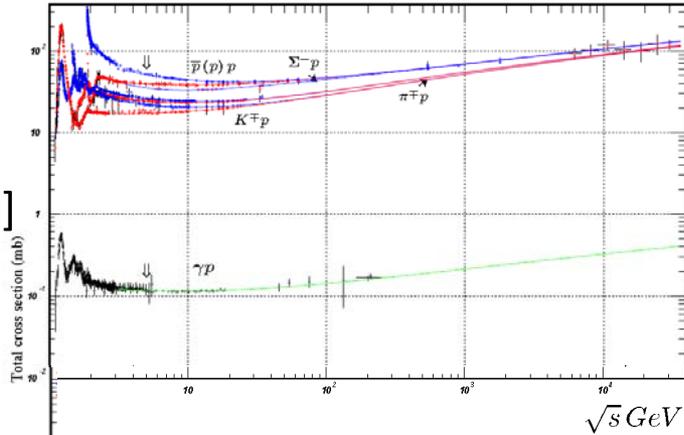
0.1 mb

1  $\mu$ b

1 nb

1 pb

10 fb



strong

electromagnetic

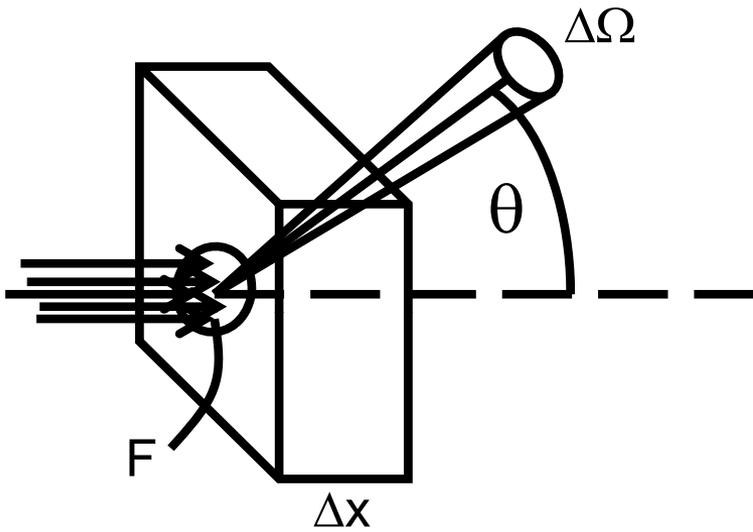
weak

1

mean  
free  
path

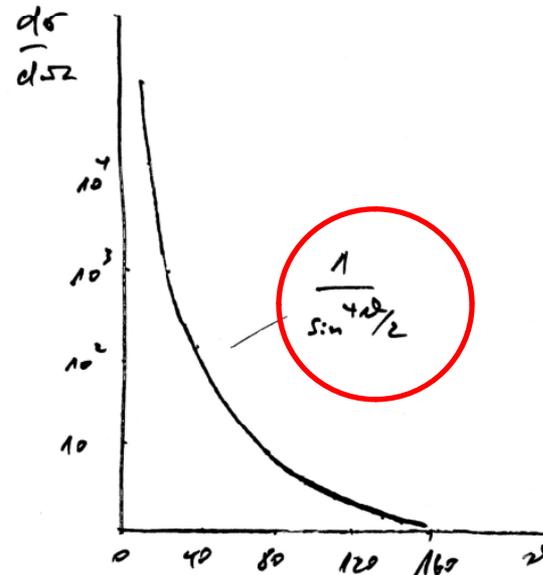
$10^{13}$

# Differential Cross Section

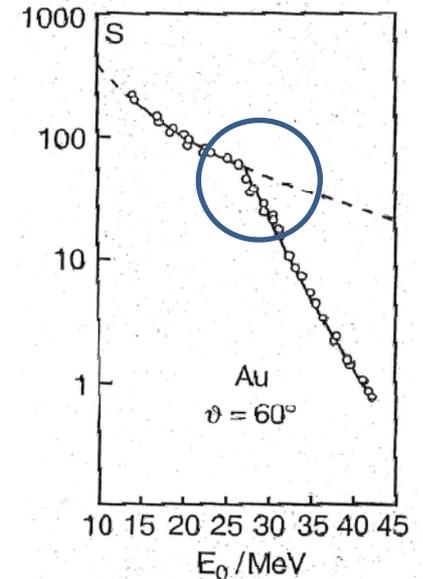


Rutherford cross section

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{q_1 q_2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 \mu v_0^2} \right)^2 \frac{1}{\sin^4 \frac{\theta}{2}}$$

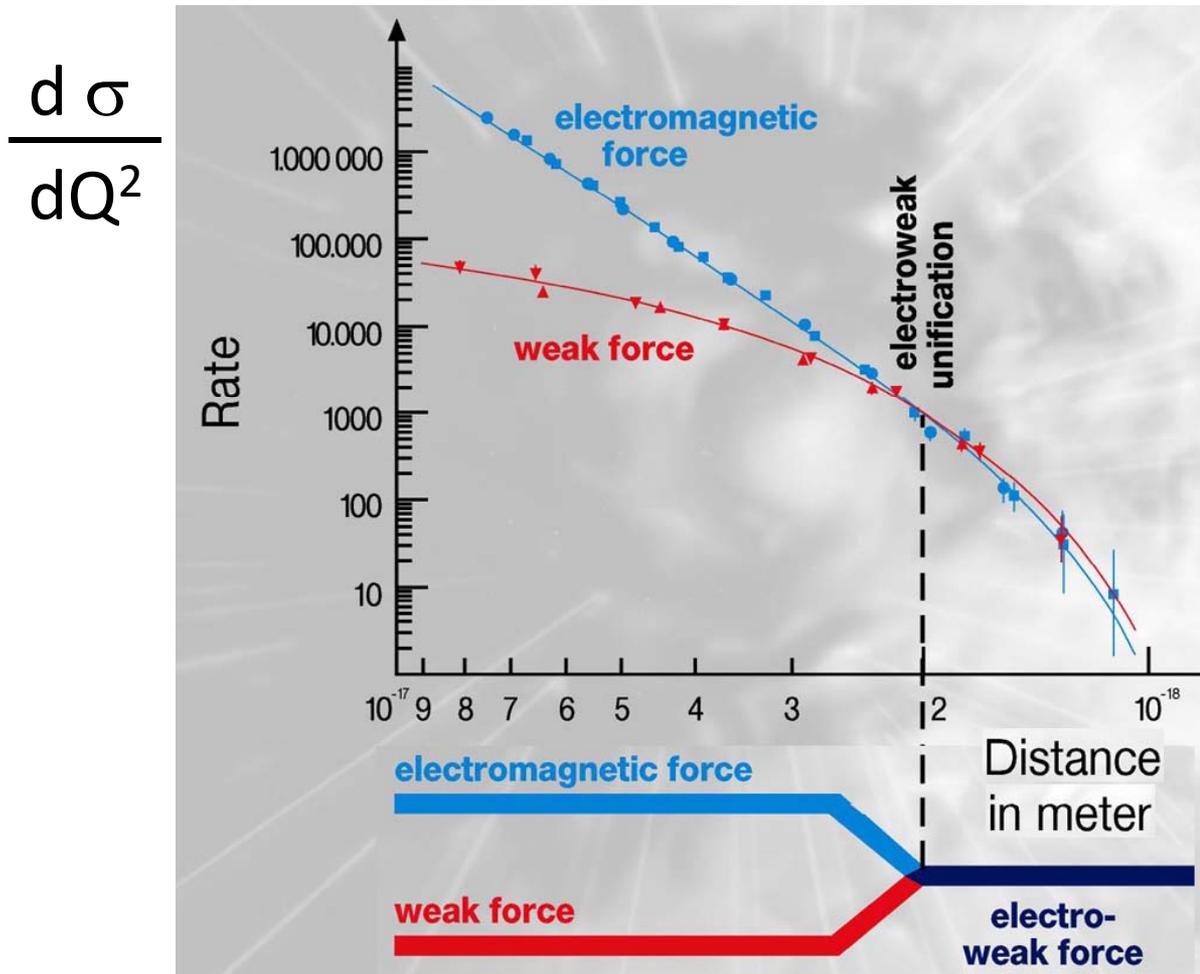


electromagnetic interaction  
of point sources



direct interaction  
of nuclei

# Electroweak Unification

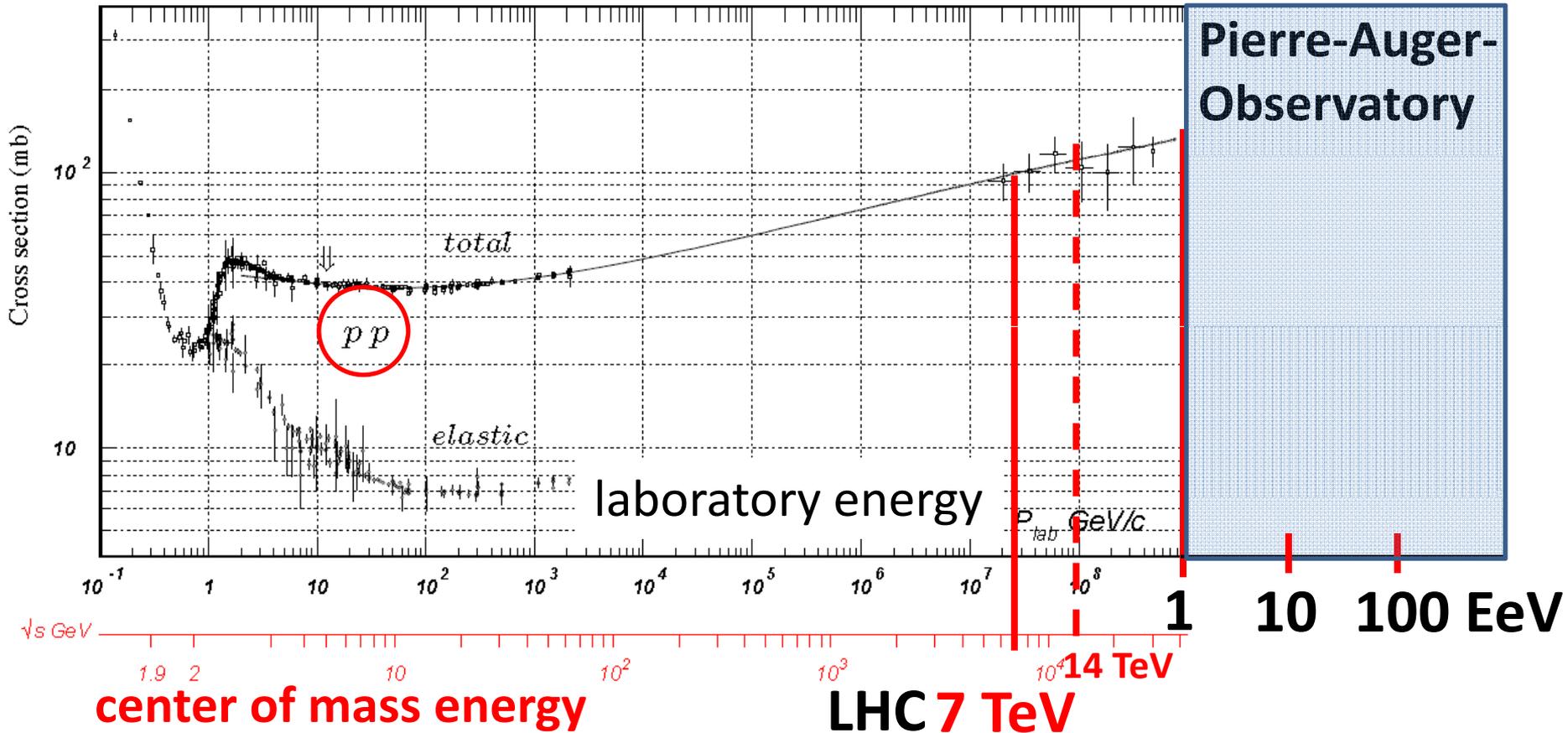


$$r = \frac{h}{p} = \frac{h}{\sqrt{Q^2}}$$

$$Q^2 \sim \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2}$$

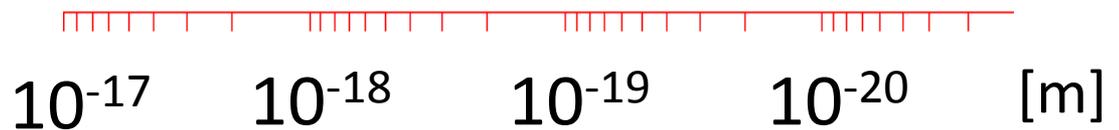
at small distances: cross sections become equally large

# LHC & Cosmic Ray Energies

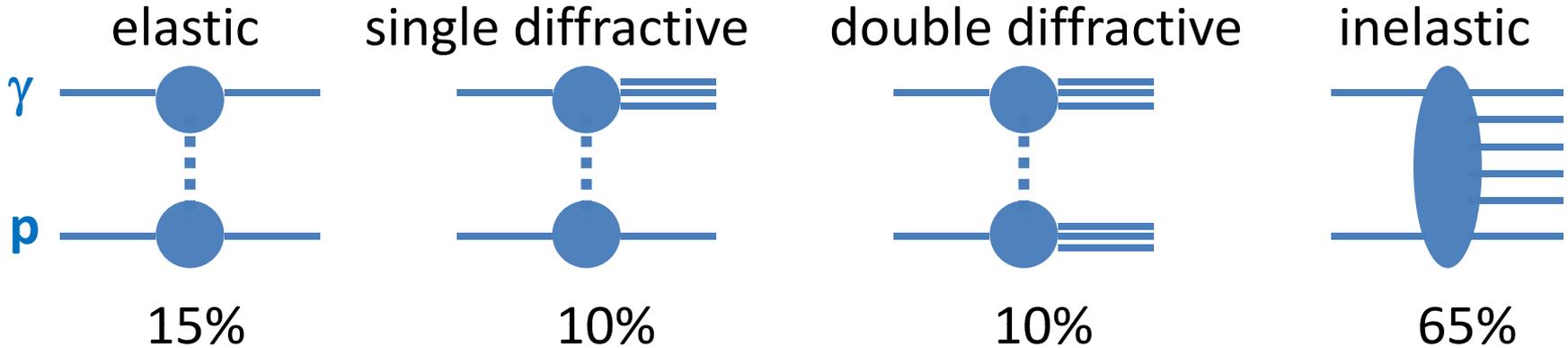


size of structures

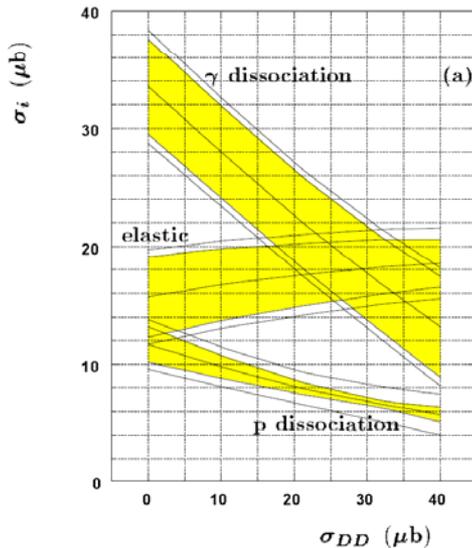
$$r = \frac{h}{p}$$



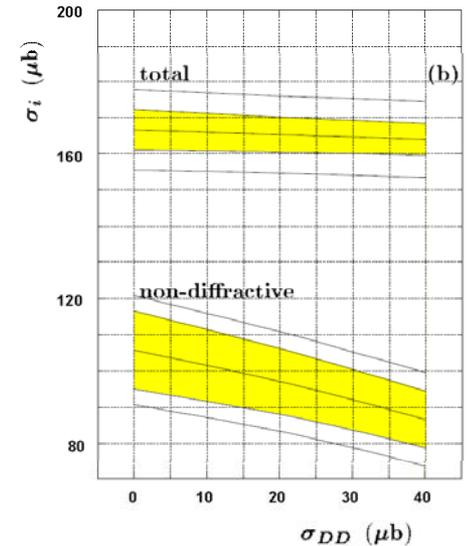
# Total Cross Section Contributions



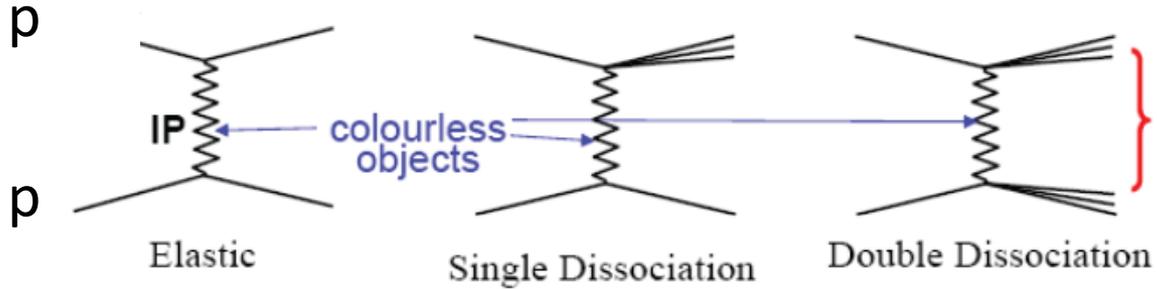
Colour singlet exchange



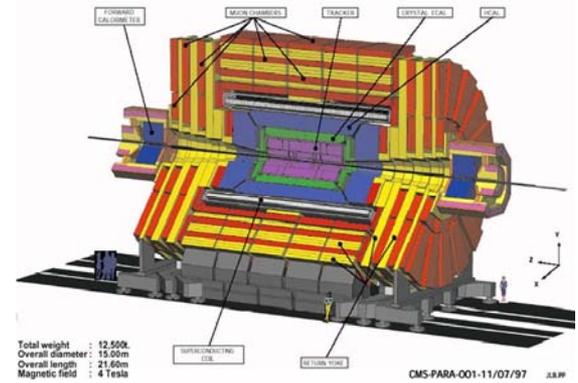
difficult to measure contribution of individual processes



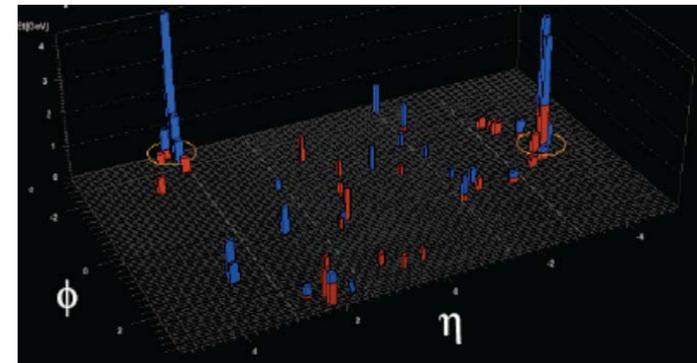
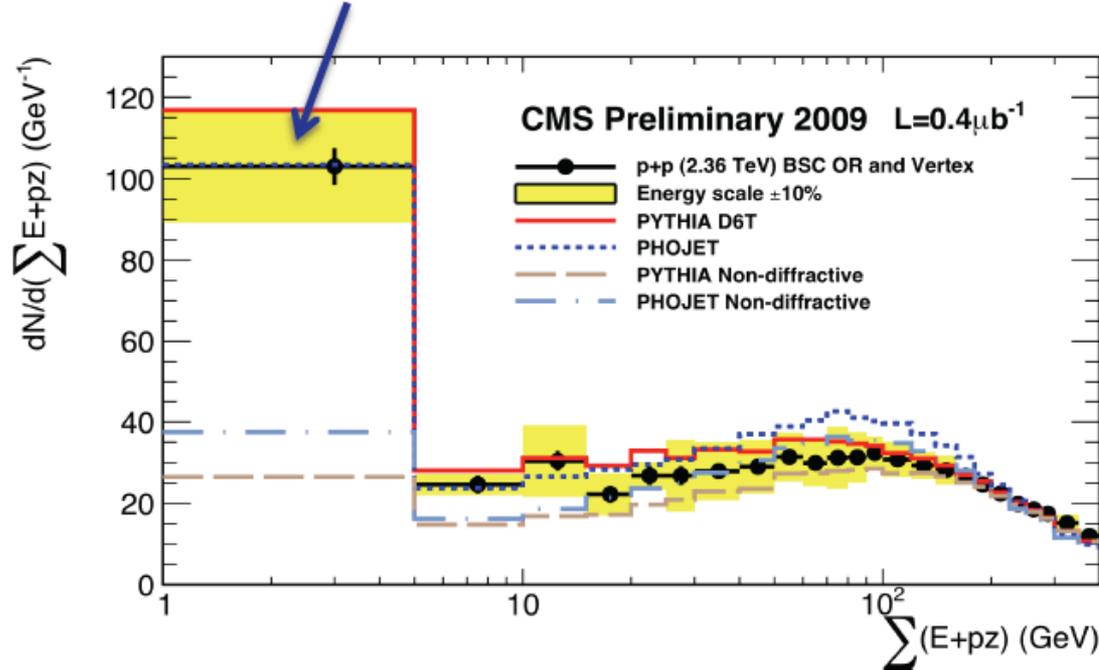
# CMS: Diffractive Scattering



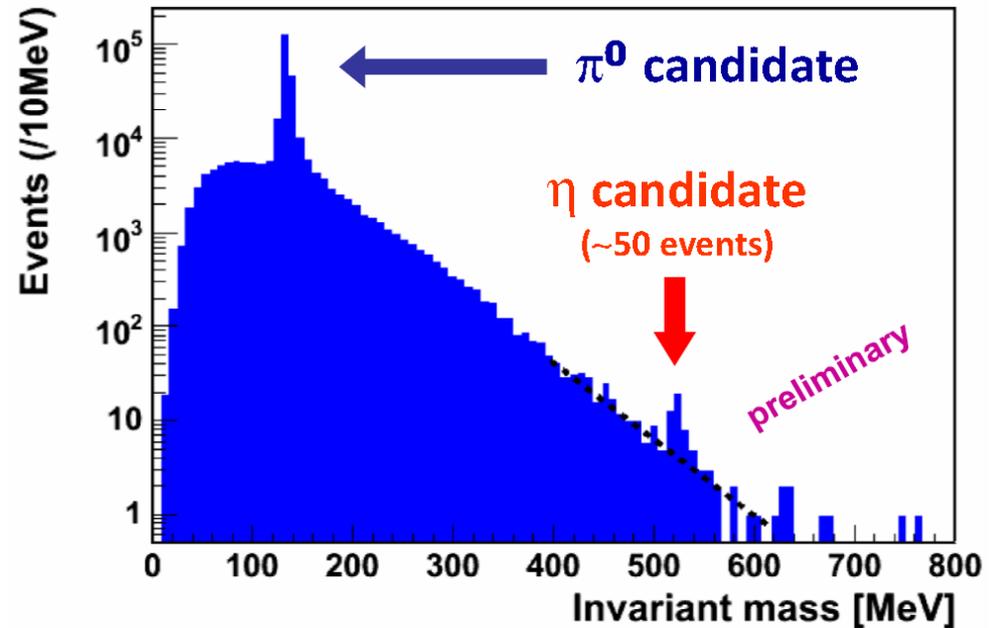
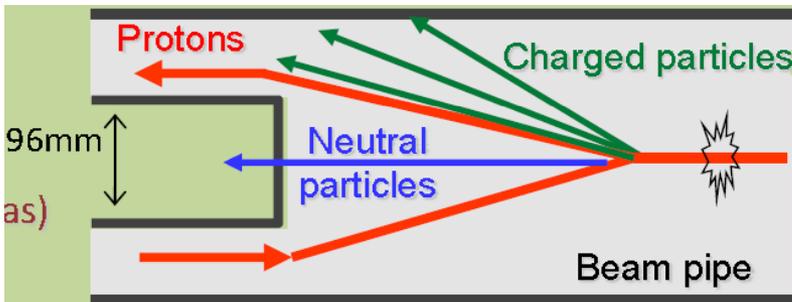
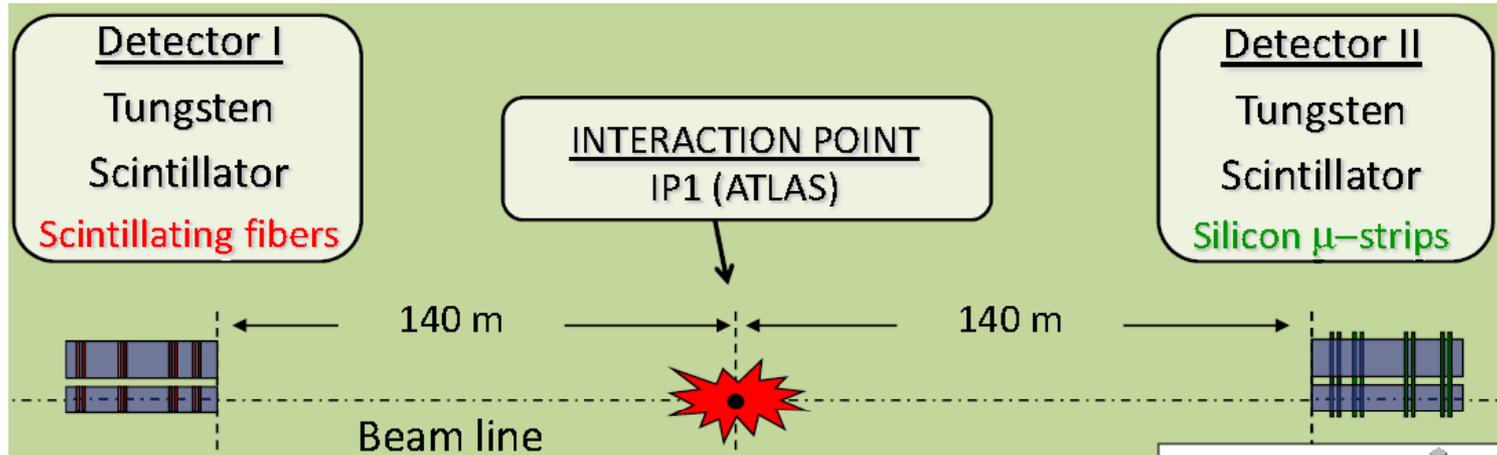
Large Rapidity Gap (LRG)



→ THE PEAK at 0 is from Diffractive events !



# LHC-F: Forward Detector



# Summary

Cross section measurements and comparisons to cross section calculations are a unique way of obtaining microscopic information on structures and interactions.