

# Diffractive Higgs production at LHC

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# Outline:

Why Diffractive Higgs?

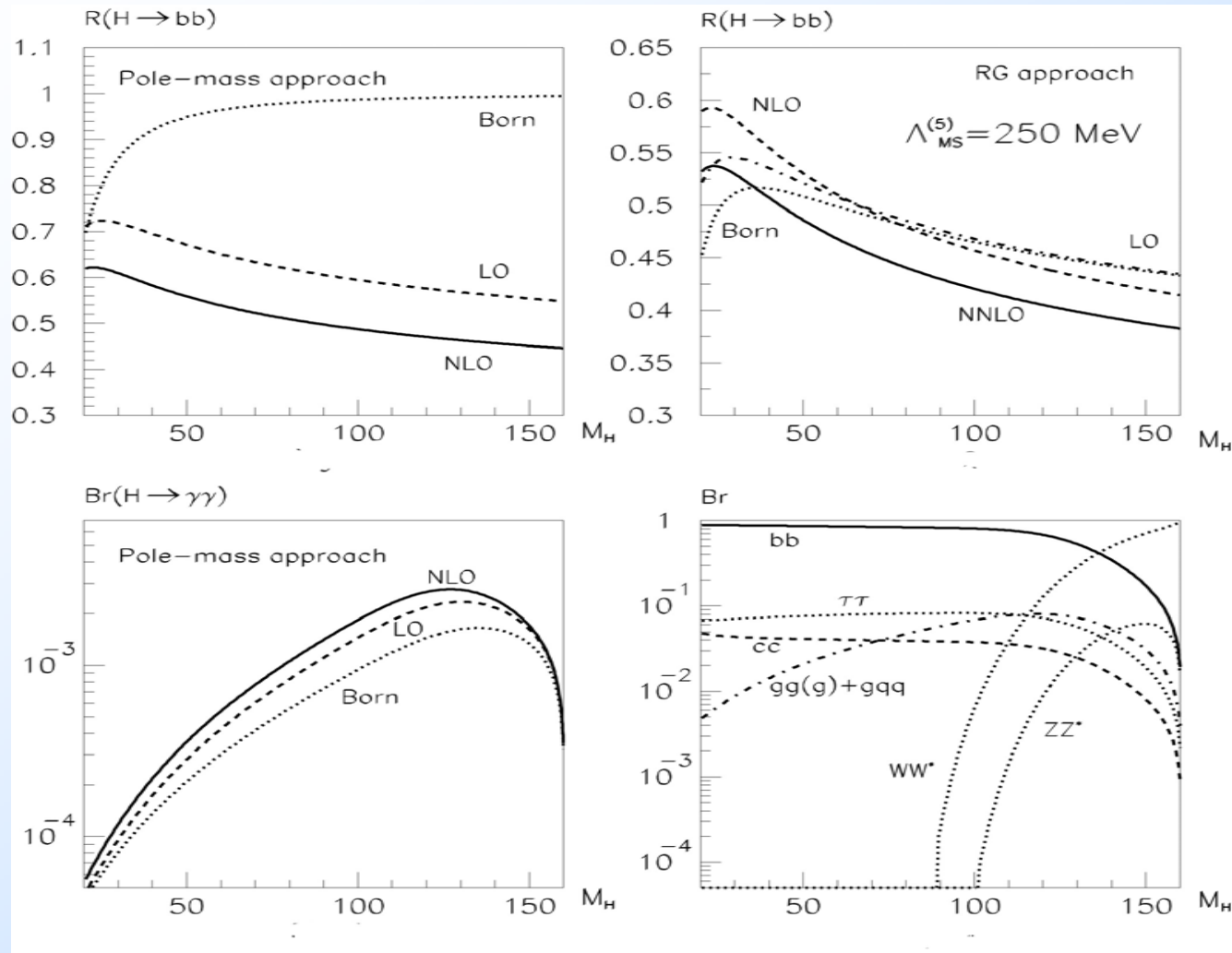
Hard Diffraction: dijets

Double-Pomeron-Exchange (DPE)

Higgs via single-Pomeron exchange

Summary





# Light Higgs at LHC

$120 < m_H < 140 \text{ GeV}$

$L = 30 \text{ Fb}^{-1}$

#events

Significance

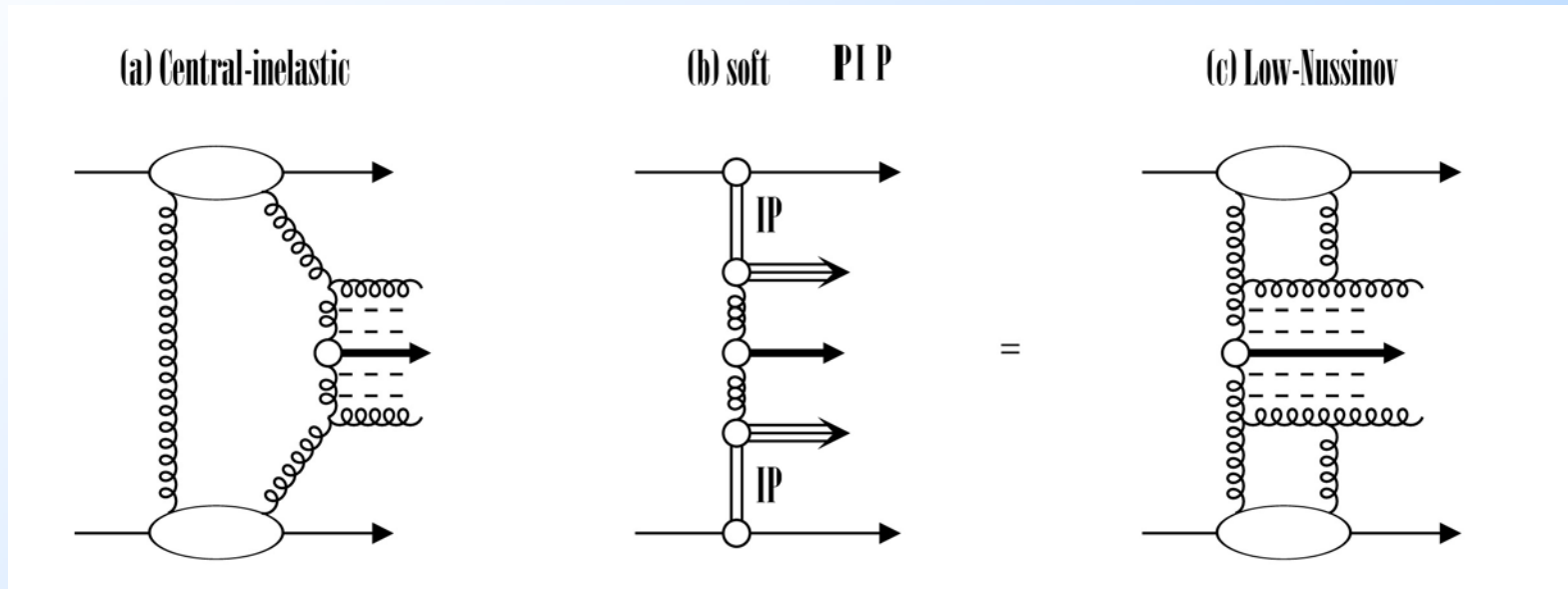
- $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$       300      3-4  $\sigma$  ?
- $H \rightarrow jbbj$       300      5-6  $\sigma$  ?

Diffractive Higgs

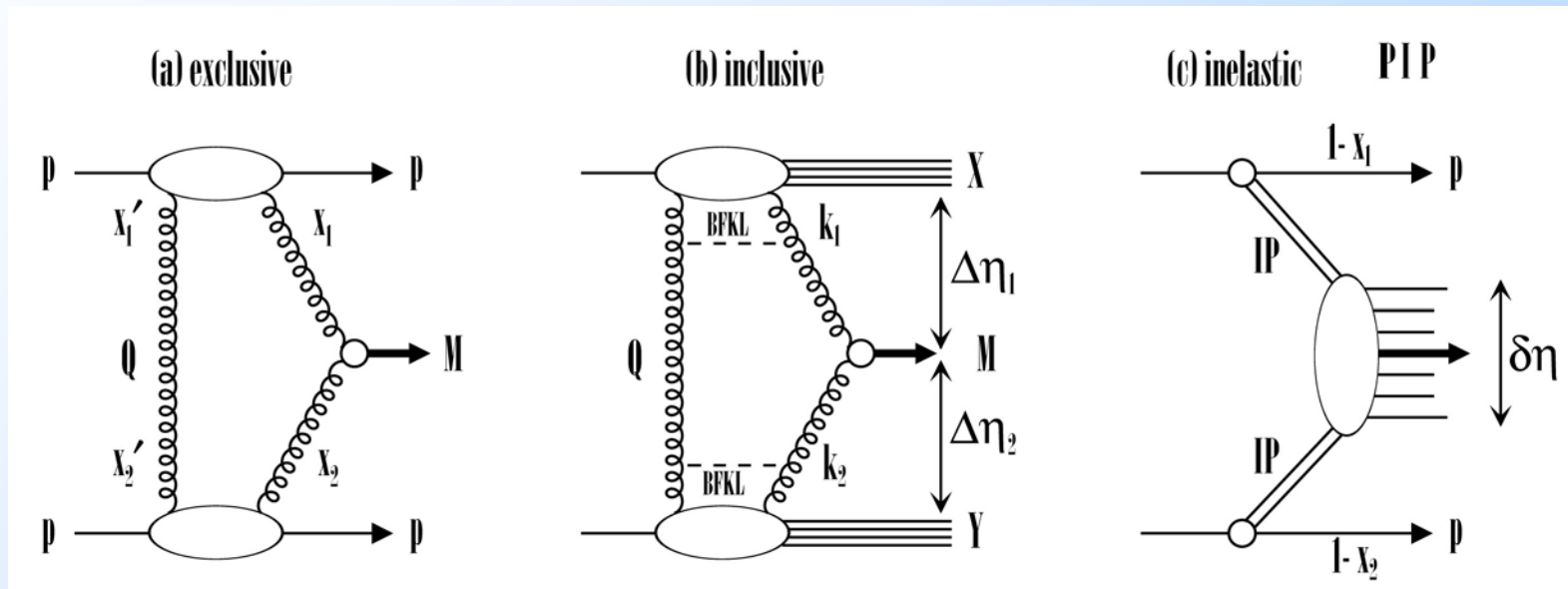
- $pp \rightarrow p H p \rightarrow p b b p$       10      4 $\sigma$



# Double-Pomeron Exchange (DPE)



# Durham-Gatchina model (Khoze, Martin & Ruskin)

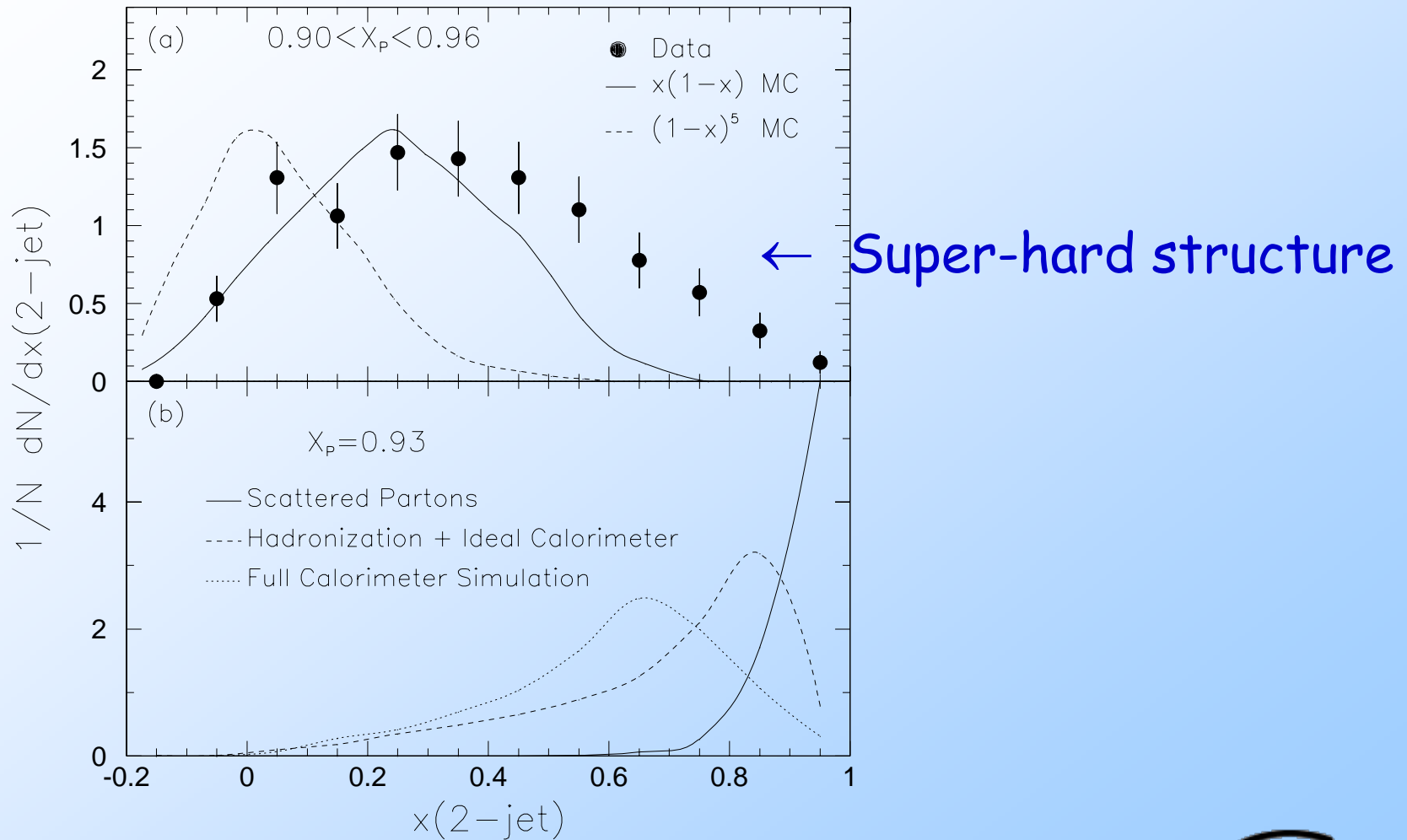


# Hard diffraction

- Ingelman & Schlein (85)
- UA8 (88): diffractive high- $p_T$  dijets !



# UA8 data from SppS (630 GeV)





# Pomeron parton distributions

$$\text{Soft: } \beta G_{IP}(\beta, Q_0^2) = 6(1-\beta)^5$$

$$\text{Hard: } \beta G_{IP}(\beta, Q_0^2) = 6\beta(1-\beta)^1$$

Super-Hard:

$$\beta G_{IP}(\beta, Q_0^2) = 0.6\beta(1-\beta)^1 + 0.4\delta(1-\beta)$$



# SPE MC generator: Hardping

- Pythia -> Pompyt -> Hardping

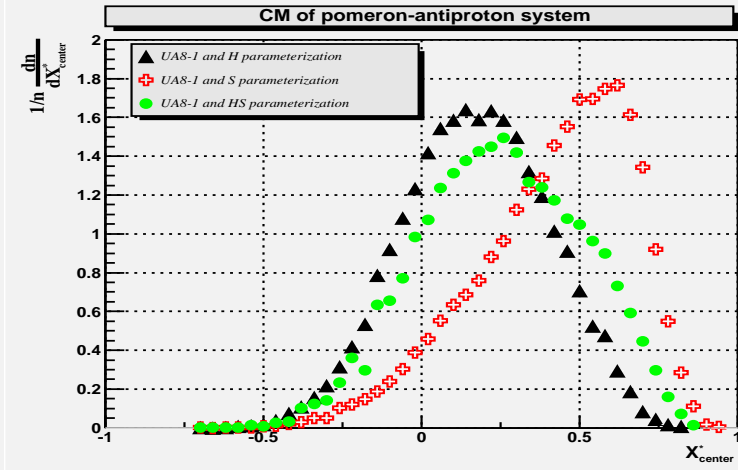
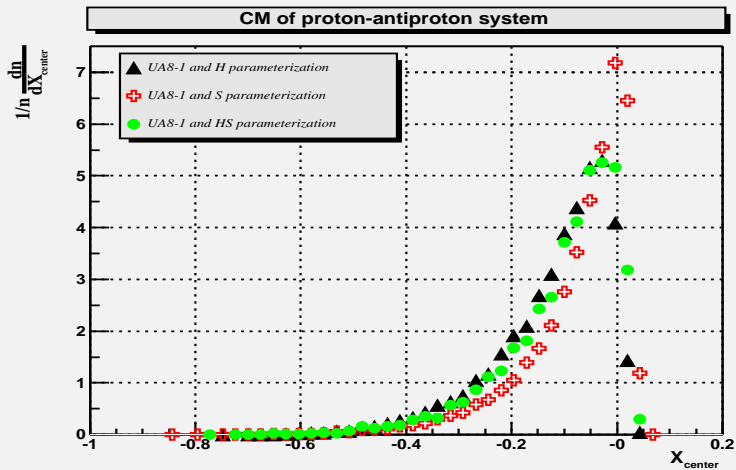
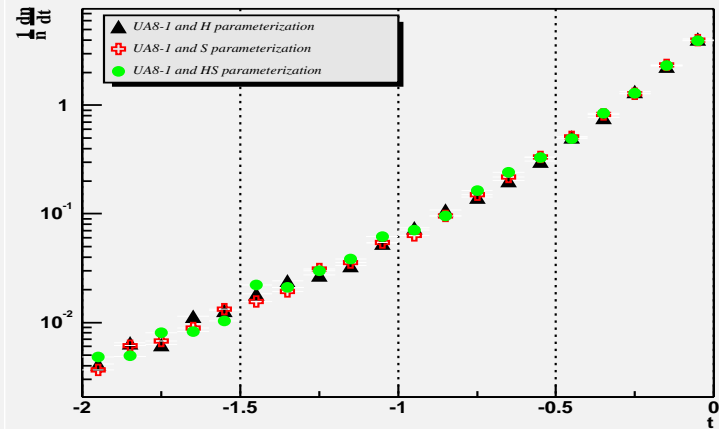
At present:

- Only SPE
- Only light jets



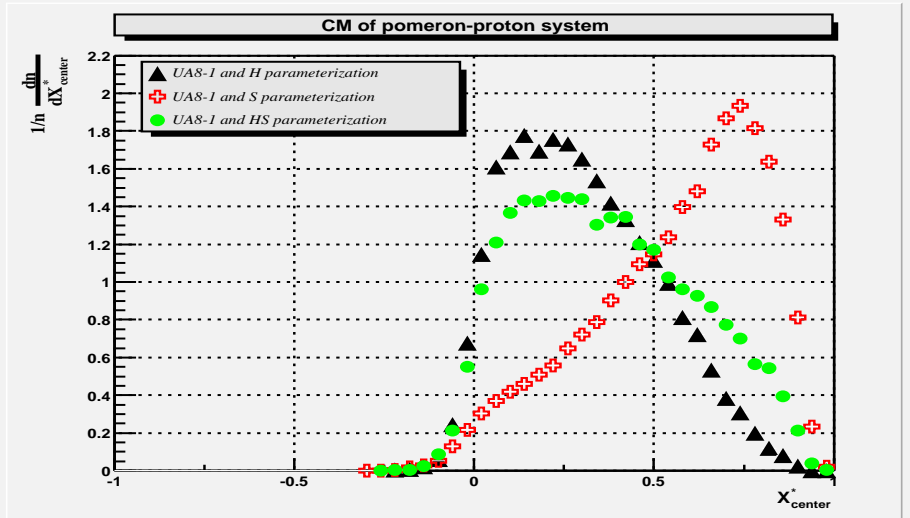
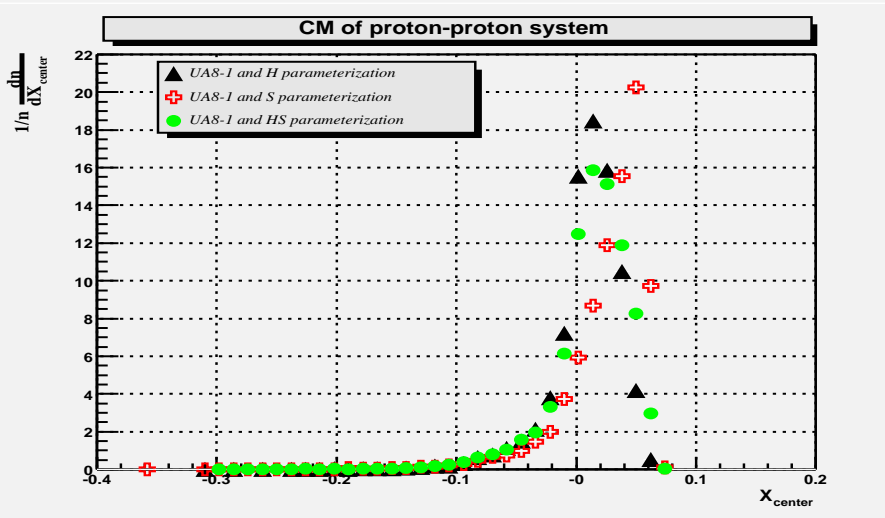
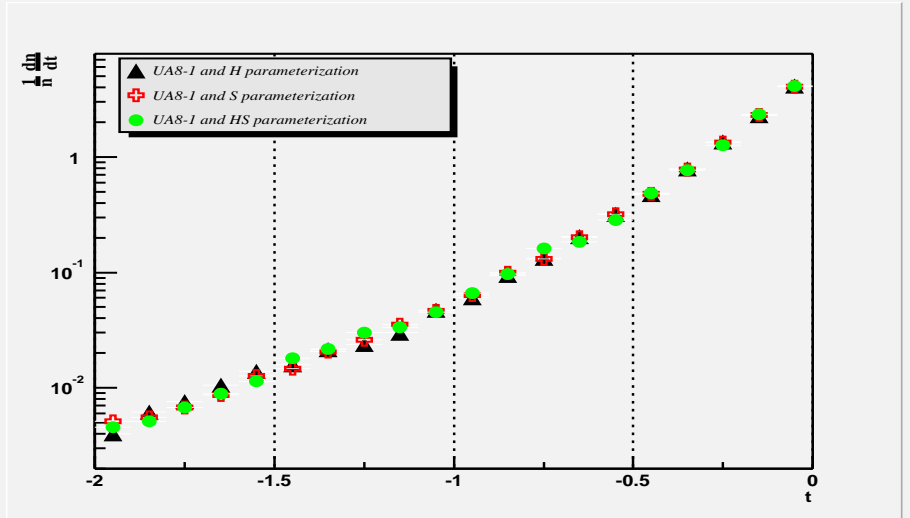
# Hardping: 630 GeV (Anufriev & VK)

<b>HARDPING</b>
<b>Flux factor UA8-1</b>
<b>Hard (H) parameterization : <math>zq(z)=6z(1-z)</math></b>
<b>Soft (S) parameterization : <math>zq(z)=Nz^a(1-z)^b</math>, <math>a=8</math>, <math>b=0.3</math></b>
<b>HS parameterization : 0.6H+0.4S</b>
<b>CM Energy 630 GeV</b>
<b><math>0.925 &lt; X_F &lt; 0.935</math></b>
<b>hadron level</b>



# Hardping for LHC (Anufriev & VK)

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Soft (S) parameterization : $zg(z)=Nz^a(1-z)^b$ , $a=8$ , $b=0,3$
HS parameterization : $0.6H+0.4S$
CM Energy 14 TeV
$0.925 < X_F < 0.935$
hadron level



# Higgs production via double-Pomeron exchange

Khoze, Martin & Ryskin

De Roeck, Peschanski & Royon

Levin et al

Cudell et al

Ingelman et al

Petrov et al

Erhan, VK & Schlein

Exclusive channel

Small x-section:  $< 10 \text{ fb} ?$



# Higgs production in Pomeron-p collisions

$$x_H = \beta - \xi = \beta - \tau/\beta$$

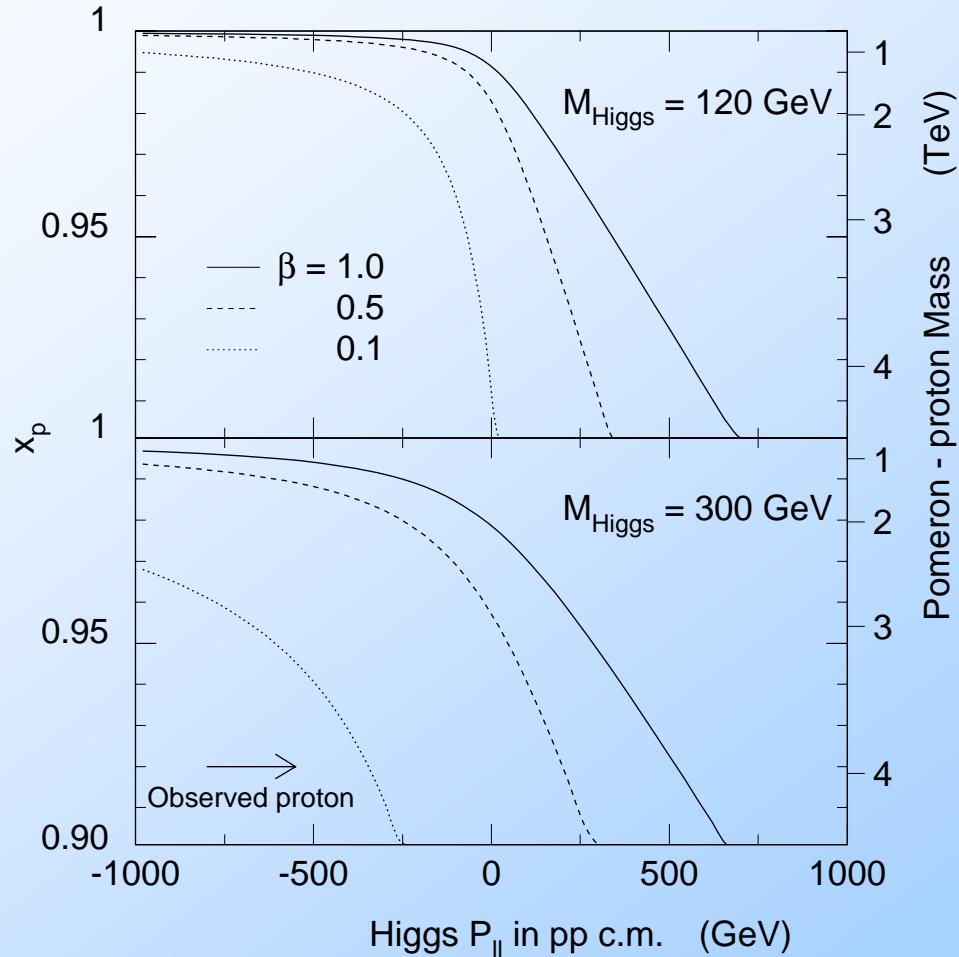
$$\tau = M_H^2 / M_X^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} d\sigma(Pp \rightarrow H) / dx_H \\ = \sigma_{LO} G_N(\tau/\beta, M_H^2) G_{IP}(\beta, M_H^2) 2\tau / \sqrt{(x_H^2 + 4\tau^2)} \end{aligned}$$

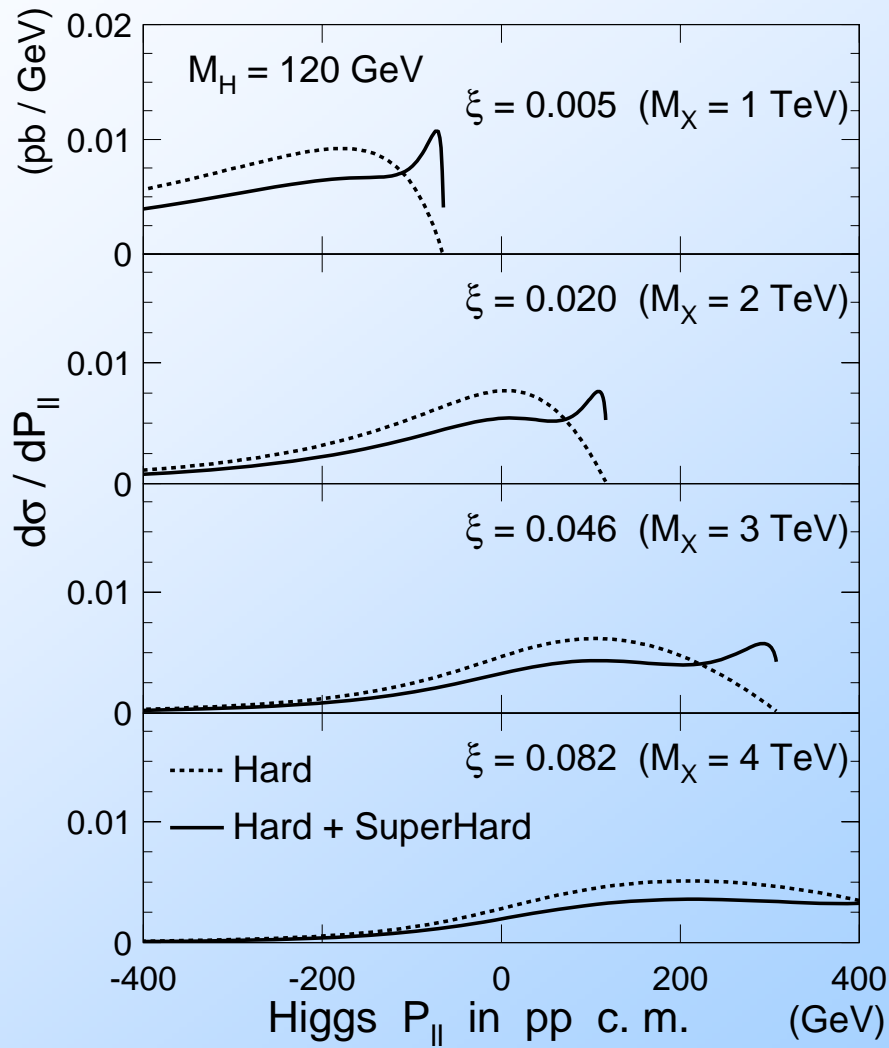
$$\beta = 2\tau / (x_H + \sqrt{(x_H^2 + 4\tau^2)})$$



# Kinematics of Higgs production via single-Pomeron exchange

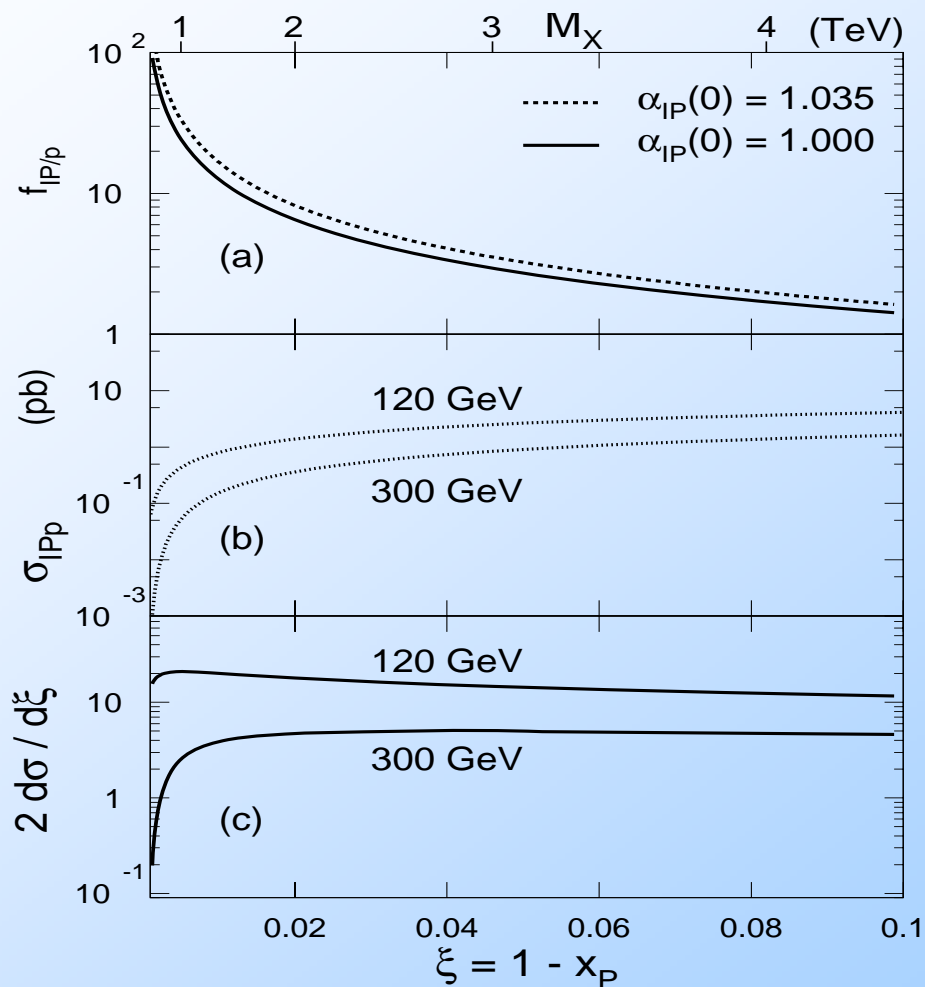


# pp c.m. system at fixed $M_X(\xi)$



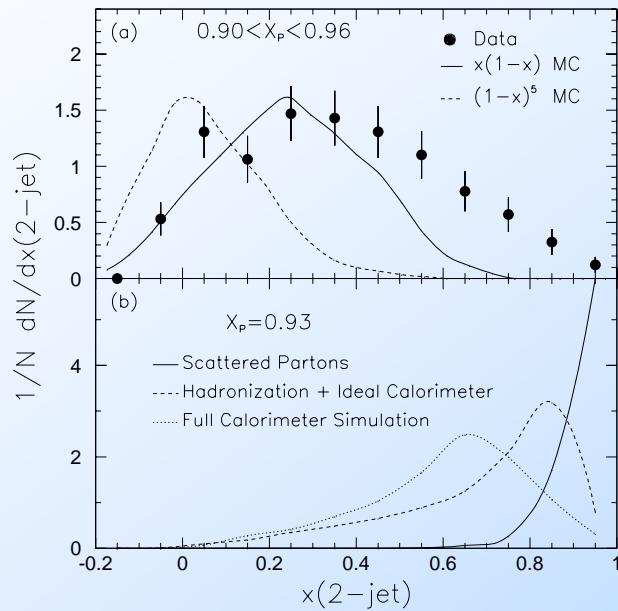


# Higgs x-section in P-p collisions

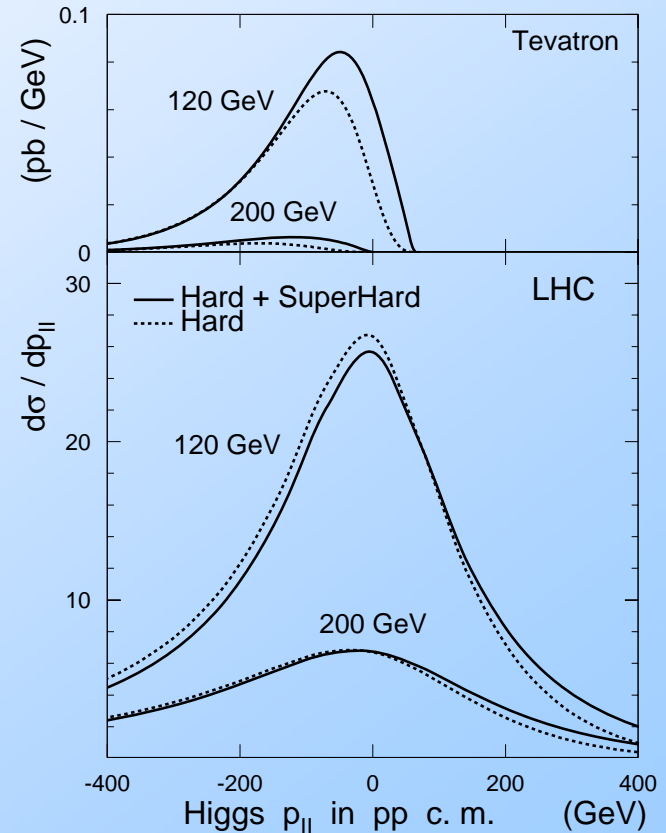


# Single-Pomeron Exchange

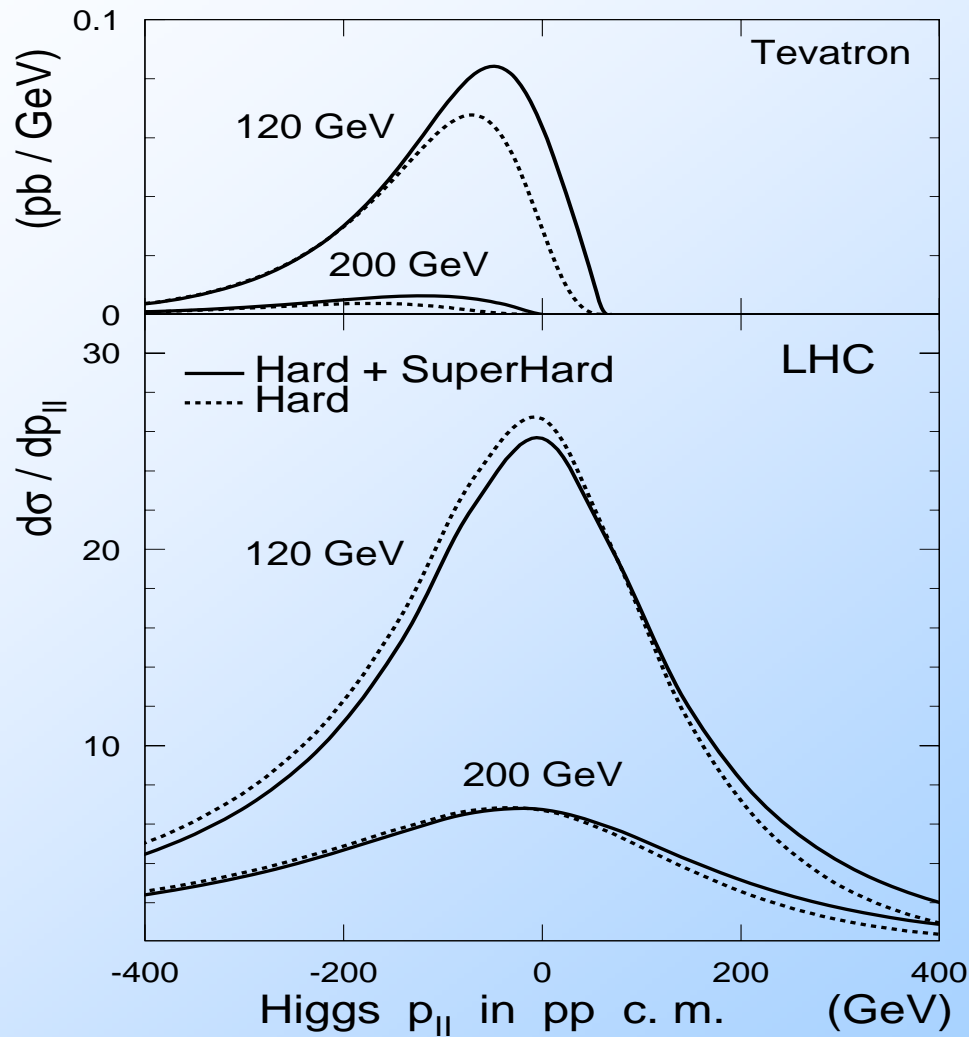
SPE (Soft and Hard): non-central  
 Hard SPE: **central!**



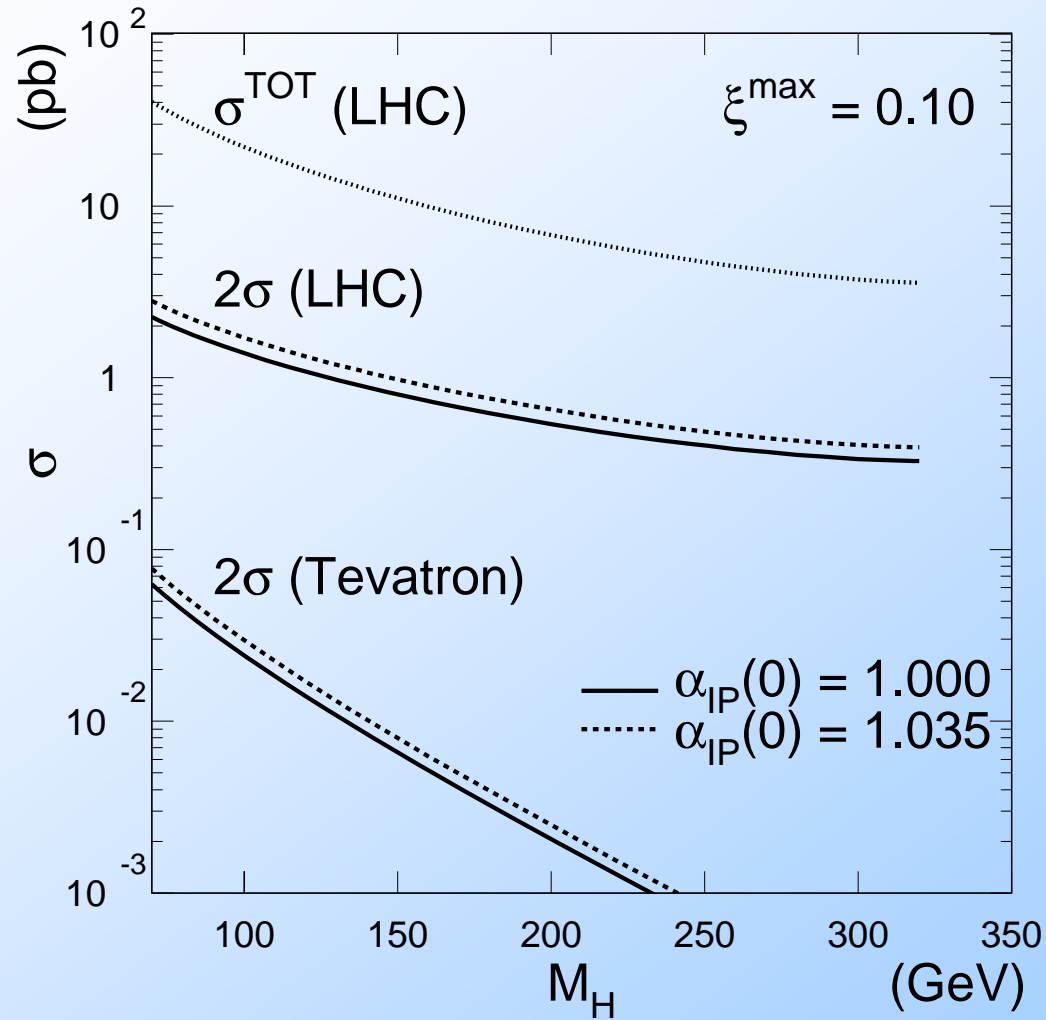
Pomeron-proton c.m.s.  
 UA8 Collaboration



# pp c.m. system



# Total x-sections

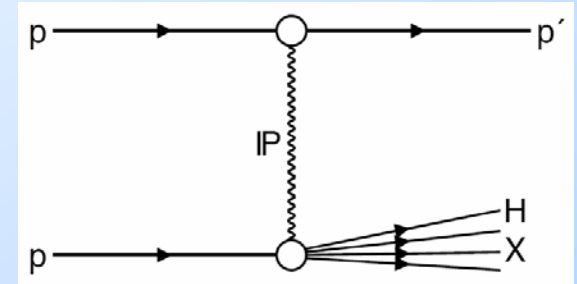
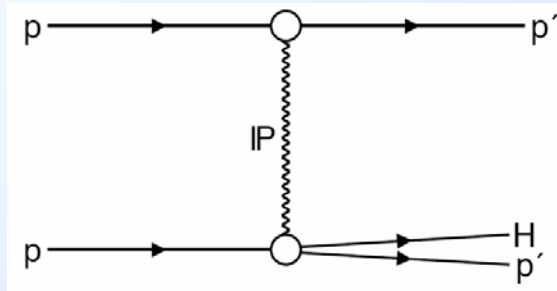
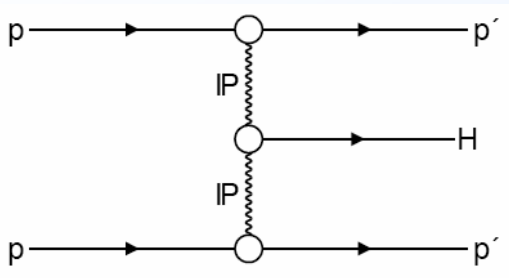


# Higgs via inge-Pomeron exchange

- Inclusive SPE:  $\sigma = 1 \text{ pb}$
- Exclusive: quasielastic SPE Higgs ?



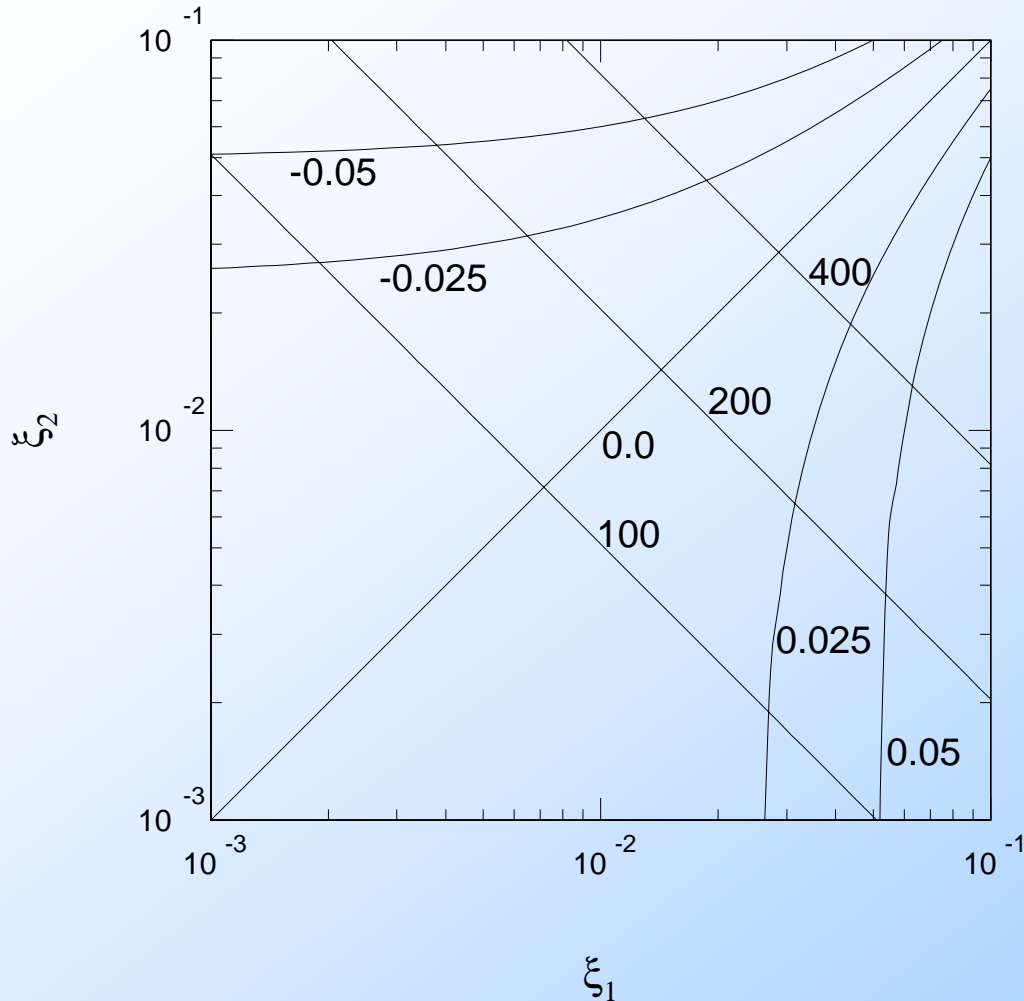
# Higgs: SPE vs DPE



$$\sigma(\text{excl. DPE}) < \sigma(\text{excl. SPE}) < \sigma(\text{incl. SPE})$$



# Exclusive Higgs SPE kinematics



$$\xi_{-1}\xi_2 S = M_H^2$$



# Higgs via SPE: signal/background

- Inelastic SPE: S/B as in inelastic
- Exclusive SPE Higgs:  $pp \rightarrow p H p$
- Selection rule for exclusive DPE Higgs  $\rightarrow b\bar{b}$   
factor  $1/3000 \rightarrow S/B \approx 0.5 - 3.0$
- Khoze, Martin & Ryskin (01)
- De Roeck Khoze, Martin & Ryskin (02)
- Boonekamp, Royon & Peshanski (04)
- Selection rule depends only from final state !  
(does not depend on production mechanism)





# Exclusive SPE x-section

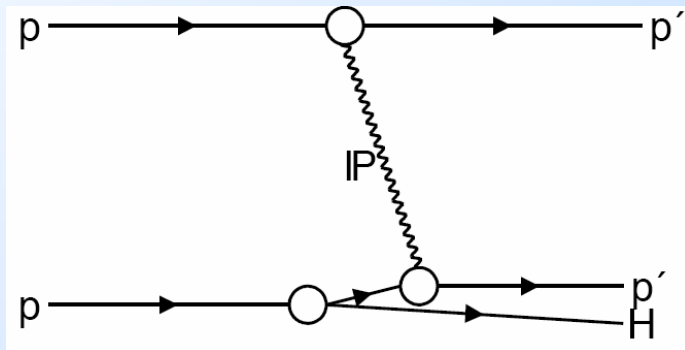
Effective Higgs-nucleon interaction  
(via triangle anomaly):

$$L = \sqrt{2G_F}(2/3)(m_N/b) \psi\psi$$

Shifman, Vainshtein & Zakharov (78)

$$\alpha_{HNN}/2\pi \approx 10^{-9}$$

$\sigma(\text{excl. SPE}) \rightarrow$  up to  $0.1 \sigma(\text{inel. SPE})$   
 $\rightarrow$  up to  $30 \sigma(\text{excl. DPE})$   
 $\rightarrow$  up to  $100 \text{ Fb}$



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## Diffractive Higgs

• $pp \rightarrow p H p \rightarrow p b b p$	10	3 $\sigma$
• $pp \rightarrow p H X - p b b X$	$10^4$	$10^{-1} \sigma$ ?
• $pp \rightarrow p H p \rightarrow p b b p$	10-300	3-? $\sigma$



# Summary

- Inelastic Higgs production via Single-Pomeron Exchange ( $\sim 1$  pb):  
larger than DPE x-section  
central region !
- Exclusive Higgs via SPE (b-bbar channel):  
signal/bkgd as good as in exclusive DPE !

Exclusive Higgs via SPE:  
a promising channel at LHC !

