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## **Double Pomeron Exchange: the early days (ISR and SPS)**

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The first observations of double pomeron exchange (DPE) reactions were in pp collisions at the CERN Intersection Storage Rings (ISR) in the early 1980's, with C.M. energies up to 63 GeV. These were followed by many detailed studies at the SPS and at the Tevatron (fixed target), with lower C.M. energy but higher statistics and a variety of final state produced hadrons. I will give a mini-review of these experiments, which may not be familiar to the younger generation, but are still very relevant.

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