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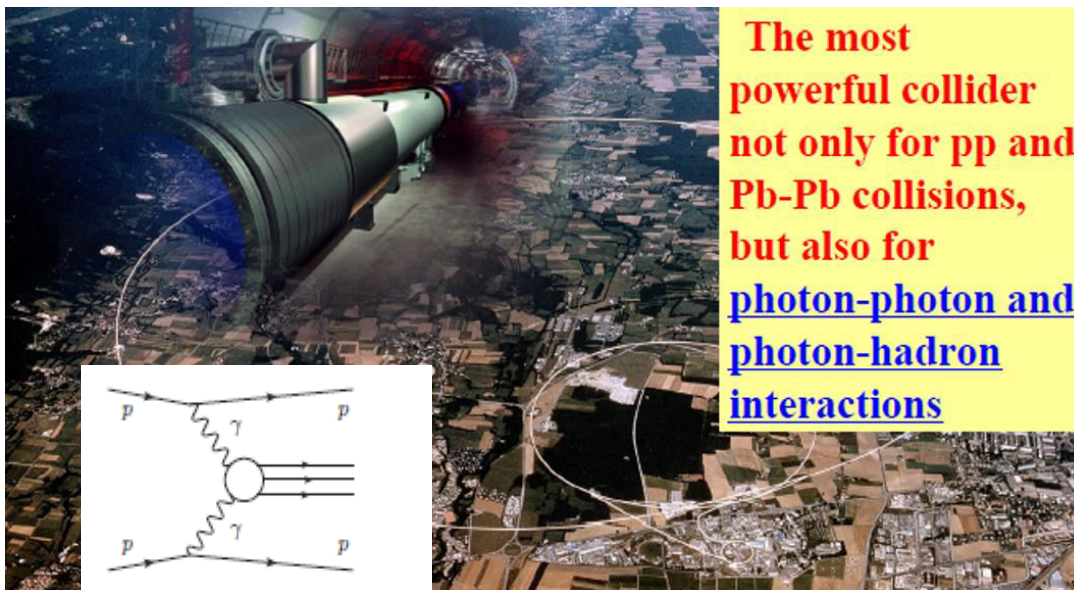
PHOTON-INDUCED PROCESSES AT HIGH ENERGY HADRON COLLIDERS (selected topics)



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(based on works with Lucian Harland-Lang, Misha Ryskin)



The most powerful collider not only for pp and Pb-Pb collisions, but also for photon-photon and photon-hadron interactions

Outline

- Introduction and Motivation.
- Photon-Photon collisions . 
- SuperChic MC and Survival Guide
- $\gamma\gamma$ collisions at the LHC- Applications (with an emphasis on BSM physics).
- Other Topical Examples.
- Summary and Outlook. 



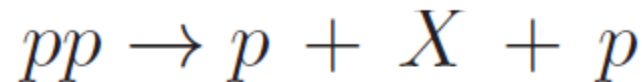
Emphasis reflects my own personal interests/bias as much as anything.

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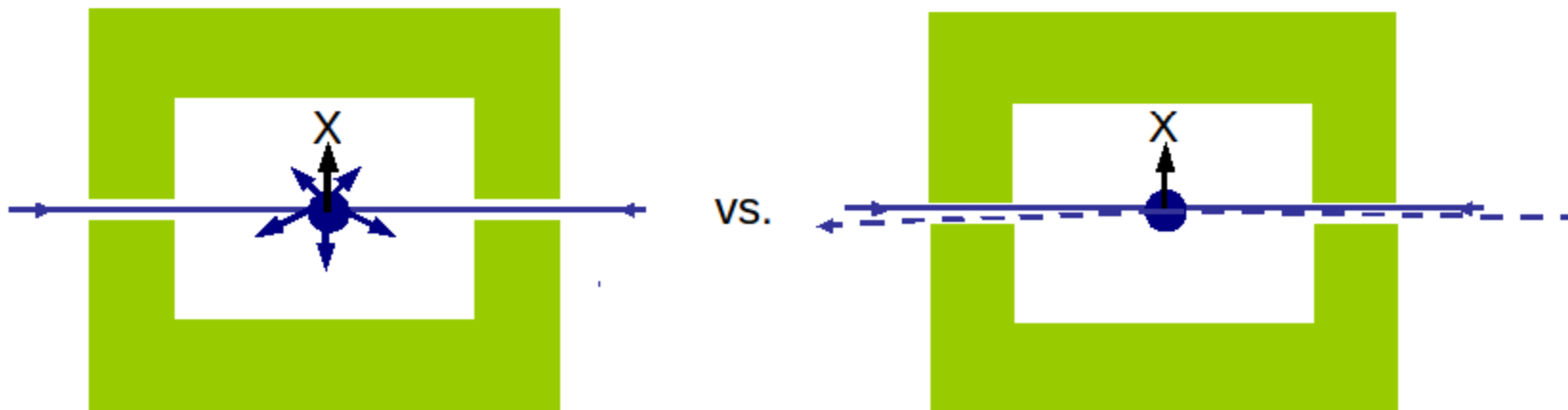


What is it?

Central Exclusive Production (CEP) is the interaction:



- **CEP** colour singlet exchange between colliding protons, with large rapidity gaps ('+') in the final state. Photons, Pomerons..
- **Exclusive**: hadron lose energy, but remain intact after the collision.
- **Central**: a system of mass M_X is produced at the collision point and only its decay products are present in the central detector.



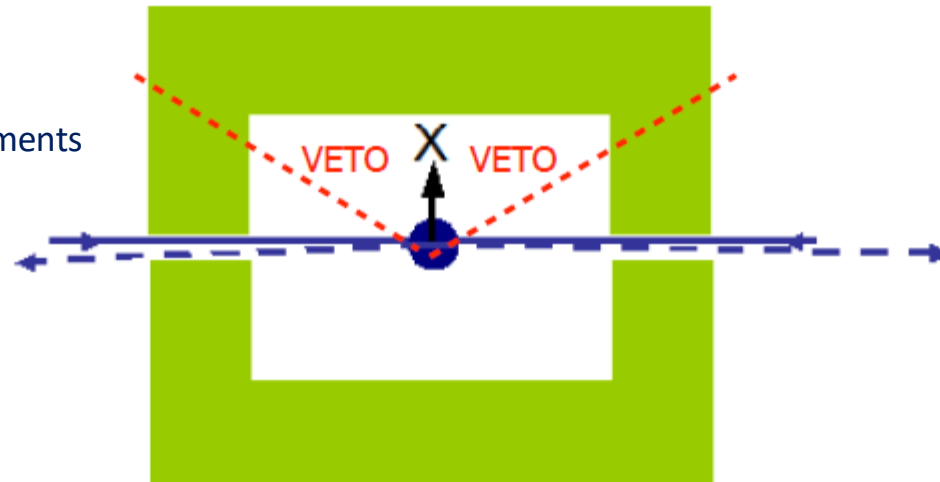
SELECTING EXCLUSIVE PHOTON-PHOTON EVENTS AT THE LHC



1) Gap-based selection: no extra activity in large enough rapidity region.

- ▶ No guarantee of pure exclusivity - BG with proton breakup outside veto region. Large enough gap \Rightarrow BG small and can be subtracted.
- ▶ Pile-up contaminating gap? Either: low pile-up running (dedicated runs/LHCb defocussed beams) or can veto on additional charged tracks only (already used to select charged - l^+l^- , W^+W^- -by ATLAS/CMS/LHCb).

(CT- PPS, AFP first measurements with the one-arm proton)



LHCb-Charlotte



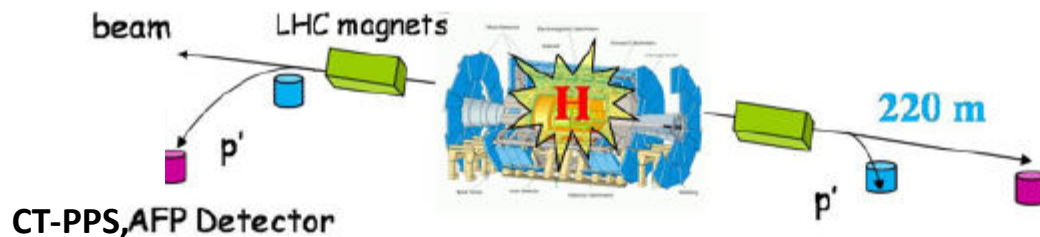
2) Proton tagging: $pp \rightarrow p + X + p$

- Defining feature of exclusive events

→ If we can measure p and p' we can reconstruct X perfectly
purely elastic scattering

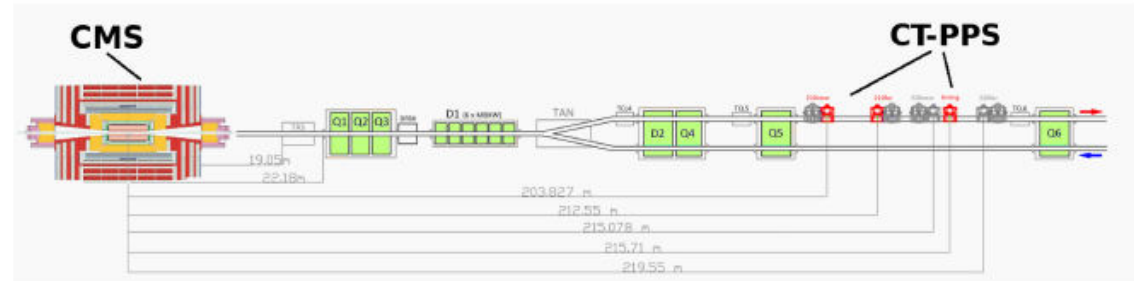
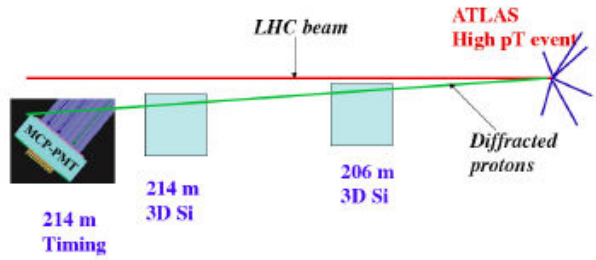
- Basic idea: use a spectrometer. After interaction, the proton with $\sqrt{s}/2$ and will gradually bend out of beam line.

- Insert 'roman pot' detectors at $O(\text{mm})$ from beam line and $O(100 \text{ m})$ from IP. Reconstruct momenta and measure arrival time of protons.

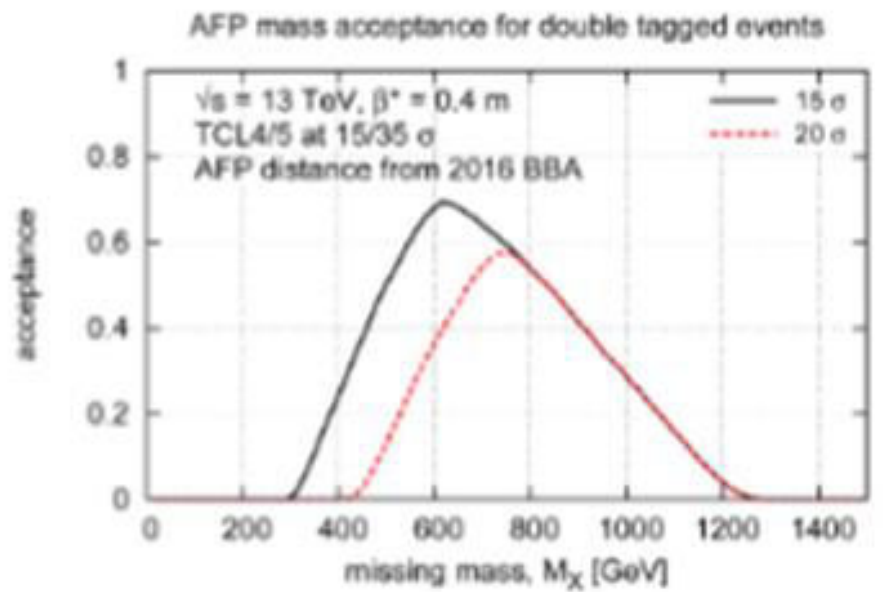
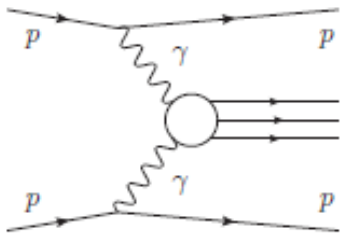


420m under discussion

Proton detectors in CMS-TOTEM/ATLAS: today's configuration



- Tag and measure protons at ± 210 m both in ATLAS (AFP) and CMS-TOTEM (PPS)
- Detectors: measure proton position (3D pixel or strip Silicon detectors) and time-of-flight (Ultrafast Si, diamond, quartz timing detectors)
- About 100 fb^{-1} of data have been accumulated by each experiment (~ 110 for PPS, 80 for AFP)
- Many analyses in progress



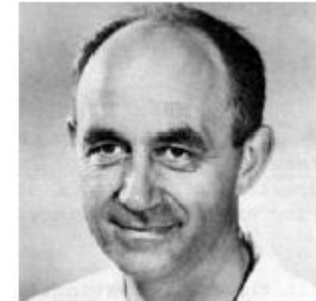
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Ultra Peripheral HI Collisions

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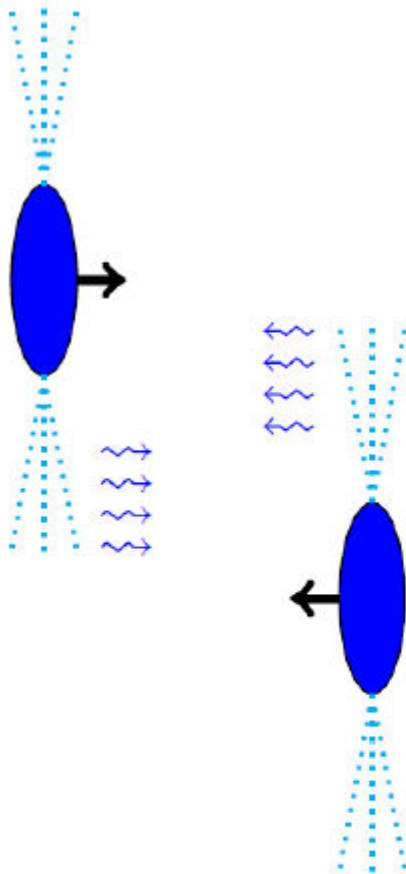
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Therefore, we consider that when a charged particle passes near a point, it produces, at that point, a variable electric field. If we decompose this field, via a Fourier transform, into its harmonic components we find that it is equivalent to the electric field at the same point if it were struck by light with an appropriate continuous distribution of frequencies.



Enrico FERMI

The electromagnetic field surrounding these protons/ions can be treated as a beam of quasi real photons



Two ions (or protons) pass by each other with impact parameters $b > 2R$. **Hadronic interactions are strongly suppressed**

pp collisions

Pros

- harder EPA γ spectrum ($\omega_{\max} \sim \text{TeV}$)
- more data available ($\sim 100 \text{ fb}^{-1}$)

Cons

- large pile-up (multiple interactions per bunch crossing)
- problems with triggering on low p_T objects

Pb+Pb collisions

Pros

- AA ($\gamma\gamma$) x-sec $\propto Z^4$
- gluonic x-sec $\propto A^2$ \Rightarrow lower QCD bkg.
- low pile-up ($< 1\%$)

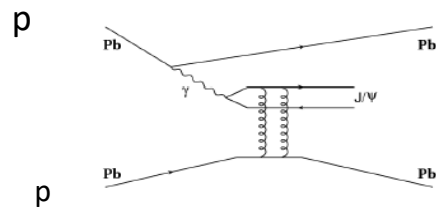
Cons

- softer EPA γ spectrum ($\omega_{\max} \sim 0.1 \text{ TeV}$)
- relatively small data



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Various types of interactions possible:



Photon-pomeron
(e.g. exclusive J/Psi)

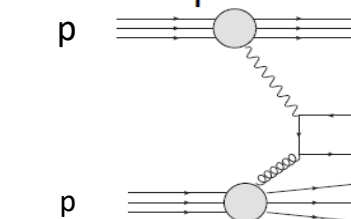
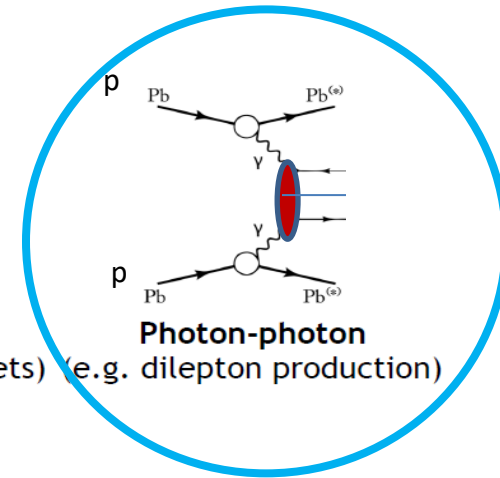


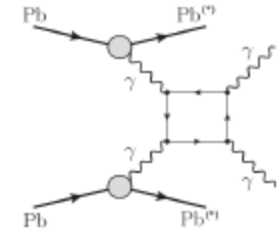
Photo-nuclear
(e.g. photoproduction of jets)



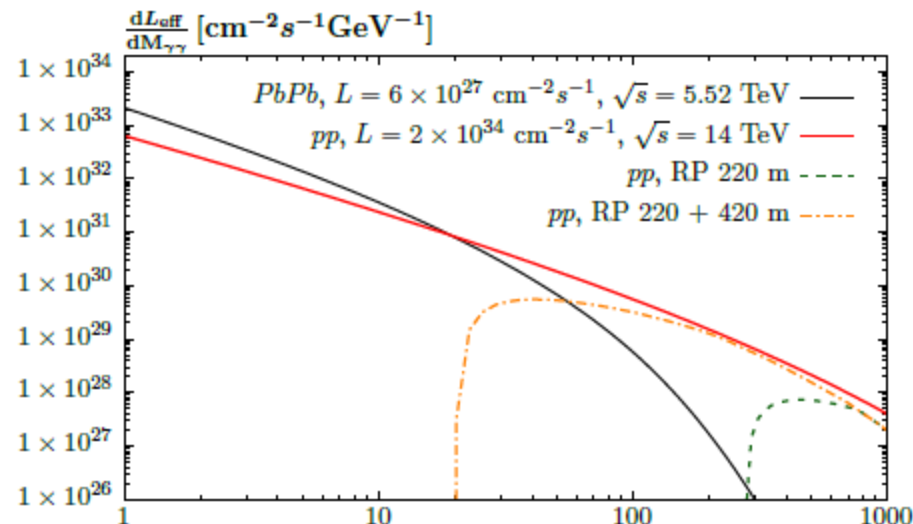
Photon-photon
(e.g. dilepton production)

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Heavy Ion Collisions



- **Photon-initiated** CEP equally possible in heavy ion collisions. Indeed in some cases has significant **advantages**:
 - Significant $\sim Z^4$ enhancement in rate. After accounting for differing luminosities, still ~ 2 relative to pp , but with no pile-up.
 - QCD-initiated production essentially absent - clear interpretation.
 - Low pile-up - can go to low $M_{\gamma\gamma}$.
 - Conversely, steep fall off at high mass - pp essential here \Rightarrow **complementary**.

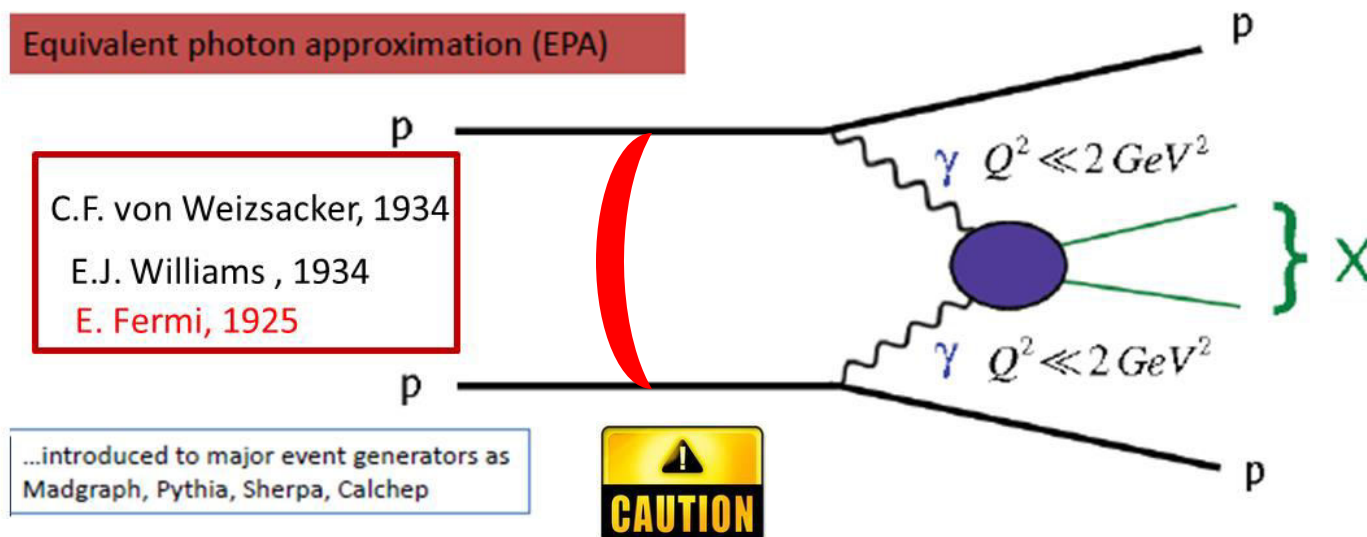


96GeV Higgs

 $M_{\gamma\gamma}$

Modelling Exclusive Photon-Photon collisions

- In exclusive photon-mediated interactions, the colliding protons must both coherently emit a photon, and remain intact after the interaction. How do we model this?
- Answer is well known- the 'equivalent photon approximation' (EPA): cross section described in terms of a flux of quasi-real photons radiated from the proton, and the $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow X$ subprocess cross section.



Equivalent photon approximation

- Initial-state $p \rightarrow p\gamma$ emission can be to v. good approximation factorized from the $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow X$ process in terms of a flux:

$$n(x_i) = \frac{1}{x_i} \frac{\alpha}{\pi^2} \int \frac{d^2 q_{i\perp}}{q_{i\perp}^2 + x_i^2 m_p^2} \left(\frac{q_{i\perp}^2}{q_{i\perp}^2 + x_i^2 m_p^2} (1 - x_i) F_E(Q_i^2) + \frac{x_i^2}{2} F_M(Q_i^2) \right)$$

- Cross section the given in terms of $\gamma\gamma$ 'luminosity':

$$\frac{d\mathcal{L}_{\gamma\gamma}^{\text{EPA}}}{dM_X^2 dy_X} = \frac{1}{s} n(x_1) n(x_2)$$

THE TWO-PHOTON PARTICLE PRODUCTION MECHANISM.
PHYSICAL PROBLEMS. APPLICATIONS. EQUIVALENT PHOTON APPROXIMATION

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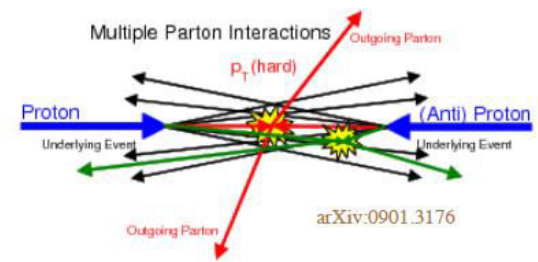
$$\frac{d\sigma_{pp \rightarrow pXp}}{dM_X^2 dy_X} = \langle S_{\text{eik}}^2 \rangle \frac{d\mathcal{L}_{\gamma\gamma}^{\text{EPA}}}{dM_X^2} dy_X \hat{\sigma}(\gamma\gamma \rightarrow X)$$

$$\langle S_{\text{eik}}^2 \rangle = 0.72 \quad : \quad J_P = 0^+$$

$$\langle S_{\text{eik}}^2 \rangle = 0.77 \quad : \quad J_P = 0^-$$

In fact, the situation is more complicated due to the effects caused by the polarization structure of the production amplitude.

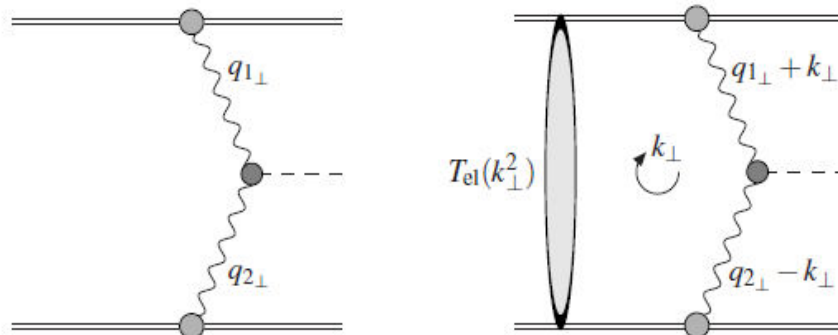




Soft survival factor

- In any pp collision event, there will in general be ‘underlying event’ activity, i.e. additional particle production due to pp interactions secondary to the hard process (a.k.a. ‘multiparticle interactions’, MPI).
- Our $\gamma\gamma$ -initiated interaction is no different, but we are now requiring final state with no additional particle production ($X +$ nothing else).

→ Must multiply our cross section by probability of no underlying event activity, known as the soft ‘survival factor’.

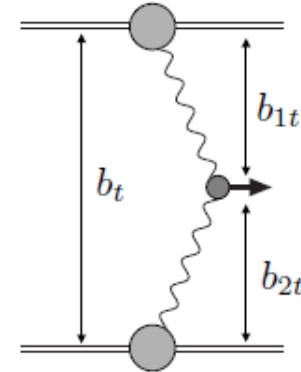


Soft survival factor

- How do we calculate the survival factor? Work in impact parameter space and apply ‘eikonal’ approach:

$$\langle S^2 \rangle = \frac{\int d^2b_{1t} d^2b_{2t} |T(s, b_{1t}, b_{2t})|^2 \exp(-\Omega(s, b_t))}{\int d^2b_{1t} d^2b_{2t} |T(s, b_{1t}, b_{2t})|^2},$$

$\exp(-\Omega(s, b_t))$: Poissonian probability of no inelastic scattering at impact parameter b_t .
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 proton opacity

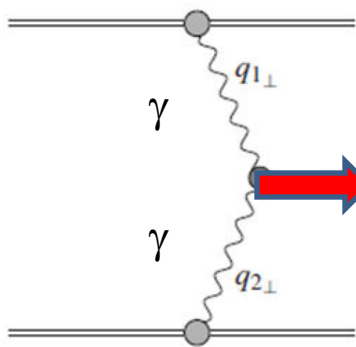


- Underlying event generated by soft QCD. Cannot use pQCD \Rightarrow take phenomenological approach to this non-pert. observable.

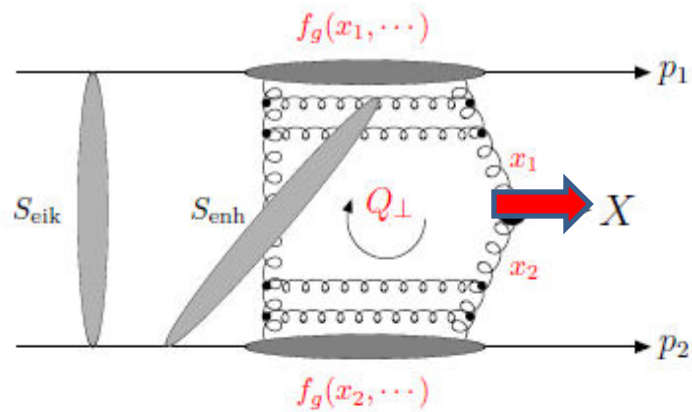
- Have:
$$\frac{d\sigma^{pp \rightarrow pXp}}{dM_X^2 dy_X} = \langle S^2 \rangle \frac{d\mathcal{L}_{\gamma\gamma}^{\text{EPA}}}{dM_X^2 dy_X} \hat{\sigma}(\gamma\gamma \rightarrow X)$$

KMR, GLM,
 Ostapchenko,
 MCs

Well established in the QCD-mediated processes, e.g. CDF-diffractive dijets (2000), CMS/ATLAS- dijets in events with LRG (2015), H1 –diffractive dijet photoproduction (2011).



x VS.



- Naively expect strong interaction to dominate- $\alpha_S \gg \alpha$.
- However QCD enhancement can also be a weakness: exclusive event requires no extra gluon radiation into final state. Requires introduction of Sudakov suppressing factor:

$$T_g(Q_{\perp}^2, \mu^2) = \exp\left(-\int_{Q_{\perp}^2}^{\mu^2} \frac{dk_{\perp}^2}{k_{\perp}^2} \frac{\alpha_s(k_{\perp}^2)}{2\pi} \int_0^{1-\Delta} \left[zP_{gg}(z) + \sum_q P_{qg}(z) \right] dz\right)$$



'Large' Pomeron size in the production of the small size objects.

- Increasing $M_X \Rightarrow$ larger phase space for extra gluon emission stronger suppression in exclusive QCD cross section. Gluons like to radiate!

+ absorptive/rescattering effects- survival factor S_{soft}^2

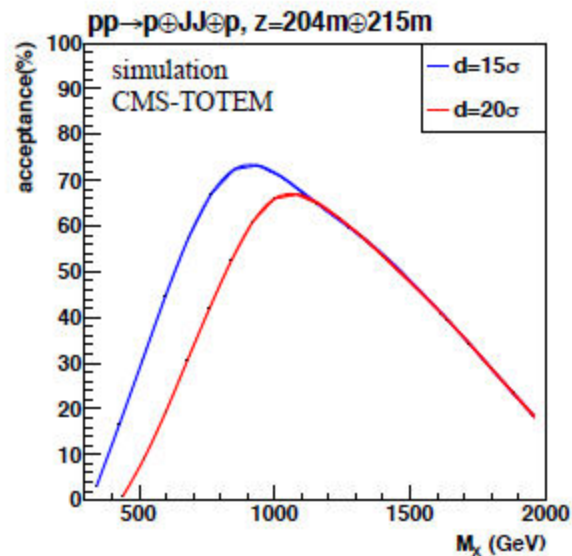
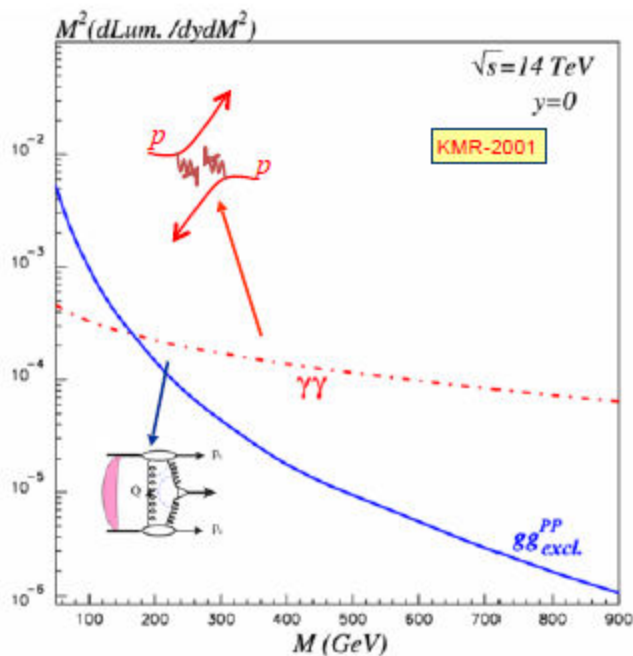
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gg vs. $\gamma\gamma$

- Situation summarised in ‘effective’ exclusive gg and $\gamma\gamma$ luminosities. This Sudakov suppression in QCD cross section leads to enhancement in $\gamma\gamma$ already* for $M_X \gtrsim 200$ GeV - well before CT-PPS/AFP mass acceptance region.



→ Can study $\gamma\gamma$ collisions at the LHC with unprecedented $s_{\gamma\gamma}$.



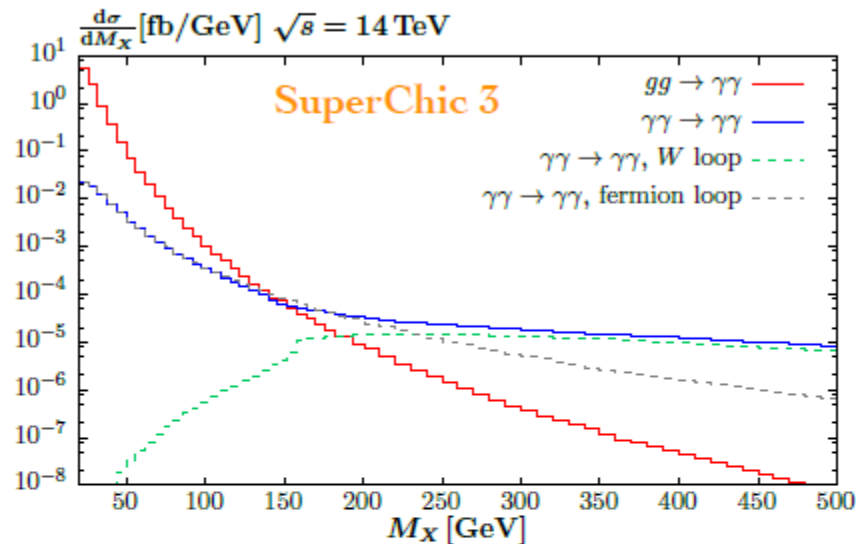
*Caveat - this is enhancement in initial state only.

16 Of course depends on coupling to produced state.

★ As mass of central system M_X increases, QCD-initiated production cross section suppressed by no radiation probability \Rightarrow BG often low*.

- Example of $\gamma\gamma$ production:

Heavy SM-like Higgs at ~ 250 GeV



- CEP: unique possibility to observe photon-initiated production of states with EM coupling in clean/well understood environment.
- However typically considering high mass region (RPs) and relatively low cross sections (EM couplings).

→ Increased statistics from HL-LHC running offer **clear advantage** here, in particular in terms of pushing to higher mass.

*Precise level depends on particular process.

CEP(PHOTON)-TOOLS

If a craftsman wants to do good work, he must first sharpen his tools.

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Links, Quotes, Bibliography, Sayings, Notes



FPMC; Starlight; LPAIR, SuperChic-2,3 (photon-induced processes)

ExHuME; SuperChic-2,3;FPMC; CEP@PYTHIA; CepGen; Dime; ExDiff;GenEx (CEP-QCD)

SuperChic-3 incorporates **pp**, **pA** and **AA** collisions and a complete treatment of **soft survival** effects.

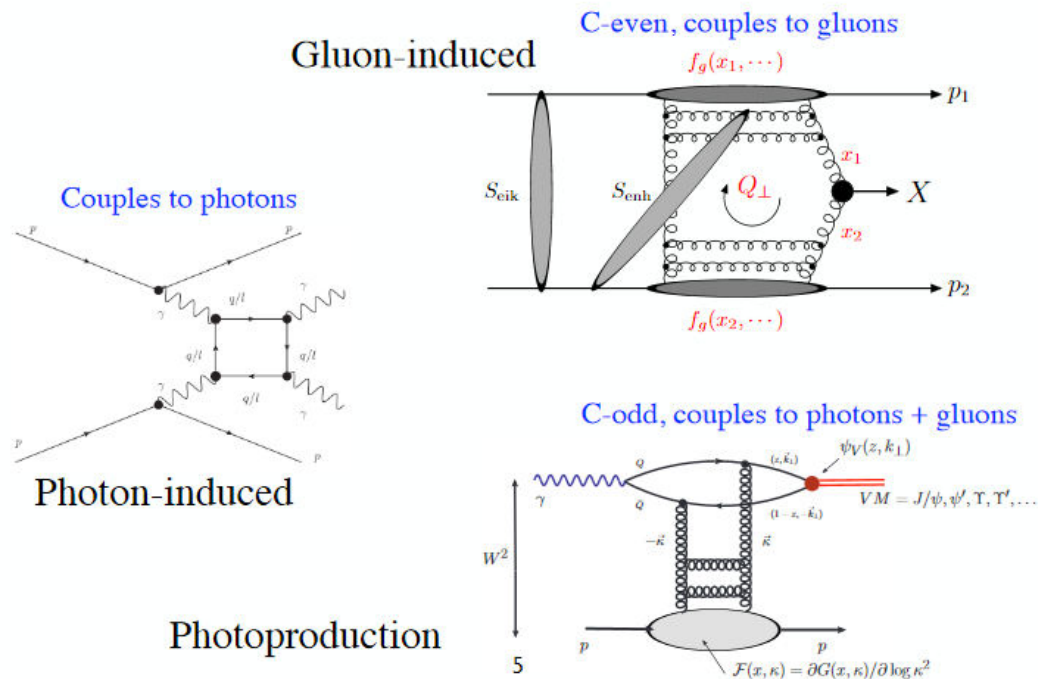




Photon-photon collisions in Superchic

Production mechanisms

Exclusive final state can be produced via three different mechanisms, depending on kinematics and quantum numbers of state:



Tools for future studies - SuperChic MC

- A MC event generator for CEP processes. **Common platform** for:
 - QCD-initiated CEP.
 - Photoproduction.
 - Photon-initiated CEP.
- Previously generated pp collisions only, but recently updated to include pA and AA collisions.

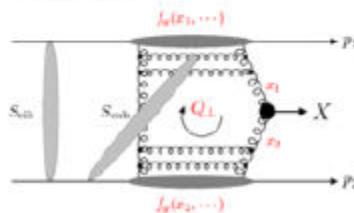
arXiv:1810.06567

superchic is hosted by Hepforge, IPPP Durham

SuperChic 3 - A Monte Carlo for Central Exclusive Production

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SuperChic is a Fortran based Monte Carlo event generator for central exclusive production in proton and heavy ion collisions. A range of Standard Model final states are implemented, in most cases with spin correlations where relevant, and a fully differential treatment of the soft survival factor is given. Arbitrary user-defined histograms and cuts may be made, as well as unweighted events in the HEPEVT, HEPMC and LHE formats. For further information see the [user manual](#).



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Exclusive LHC physics with heavy ions: SuperChic 3

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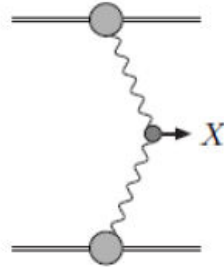
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Abstract

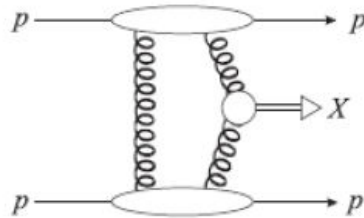
We present results of the updated SuperChic 3 Monte Carlo event generator for central exclusive production. This extends the previous treatment of proton-proton collisions to

<https://superchic.hepforge.org>

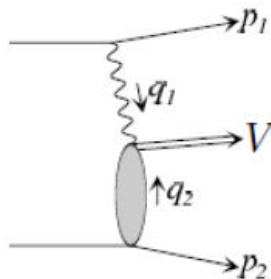
SuperChic MC - processes generated



★ W^+W^- , l^+l^- , LbyL, SM Higgs, ALPs, monopoles, monopolum.



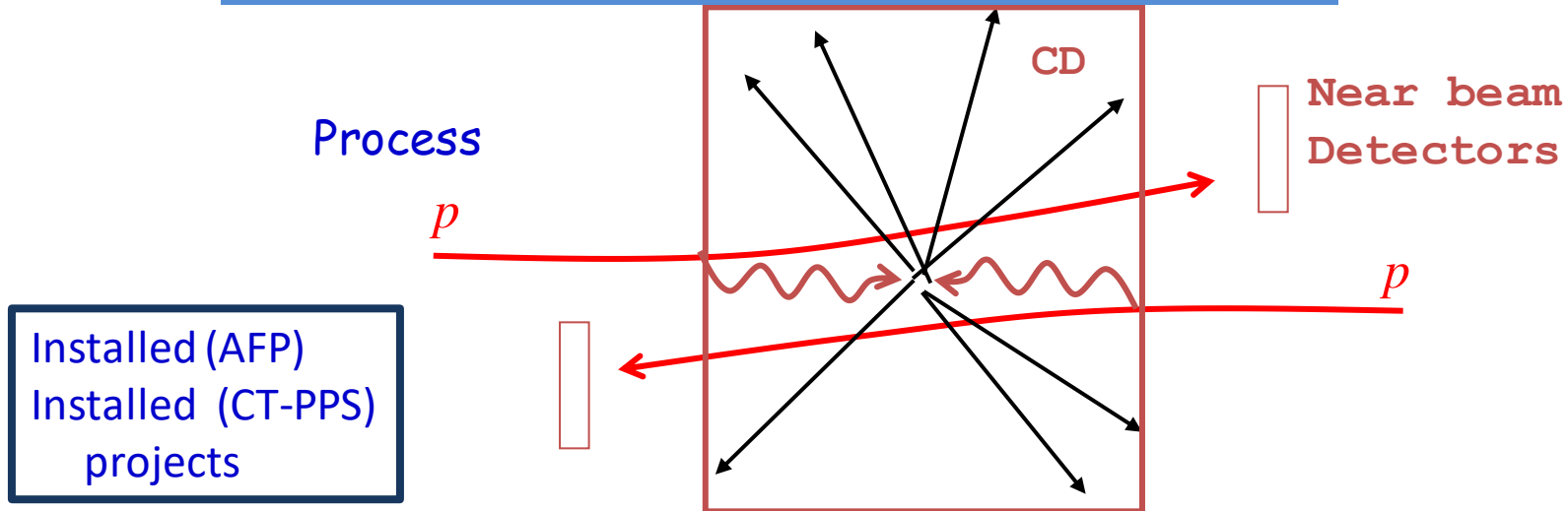
★ SM Higgs, dijets, trijets, light meson pairs, heavy quarkonia (single and double), $\gamma\gamma$.



★ Light to heavy vector meson production.

- In all cases in pp , pA and AA collisions.

$\gamma\gamma$ collisions- applications



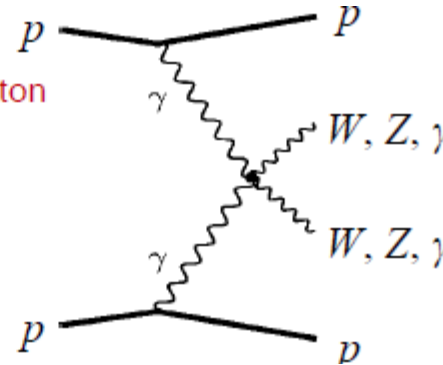
Extensive Program

- $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \mu\mu, ee$ QED processes
- $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow$ QCD (jets..)
- $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow WW$ anomalous couplings
- $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow$ squark, top... pairs
- $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow$ Charginos (natural SUSY)
- New BSM objects



Anomalous Gauge Quartic Couplings

- Low Cross sections: ~few fb
 - AFP has a Missing-Mass resolution (from the proton measurements) of 2-4 %
- Match with invariant central object mass is efficient: ($Z \rightarrow ee, \gamma\gamma$)
 - powerful rejection of non-exclusive backgrounds
- Much interest in this from theory side
 - e.g. “LHC Forward Physics” CERN-PH-LPCC-2015-001)

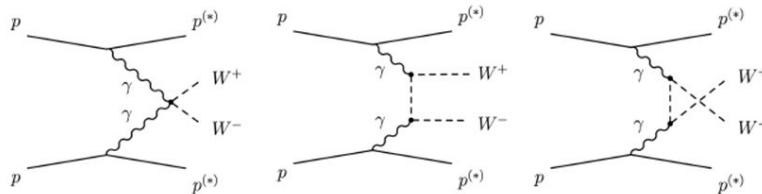


“Probing anomalous quartic gauge couplings using proton tagging at the Large Hadron Collider”, M. Saimpert, E. Chapon, S. Fichet, G. von Gersdorff, O. Kepka, B. Lenzi, C. Royon; 23/05/2014

hep-ph/09082020, Louvain Group

• Exclusive W^+W^- production: no contribution from $q\bar{q} \rightarrow W^+W^- \Rightarrow$ sensitive to $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow W^+W^-$ process alone.

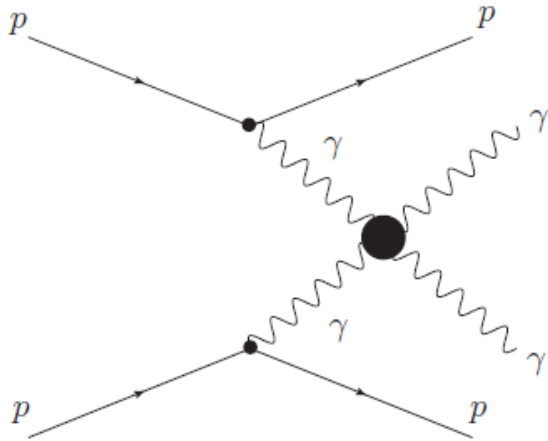
→ Directly sensitive to any deviations from the SM gauge couplings. Predicted in various BSM scenarios. Composite Higgs, warped extra dimensions....



• Limits have been set at LEP, and in inclusive final-states at the Tevatron and LHC. How does the exclusive case compare?

Currently very encouraging ATLAS & CMS data

Search for extra dimensions in the universe using γ induced processes

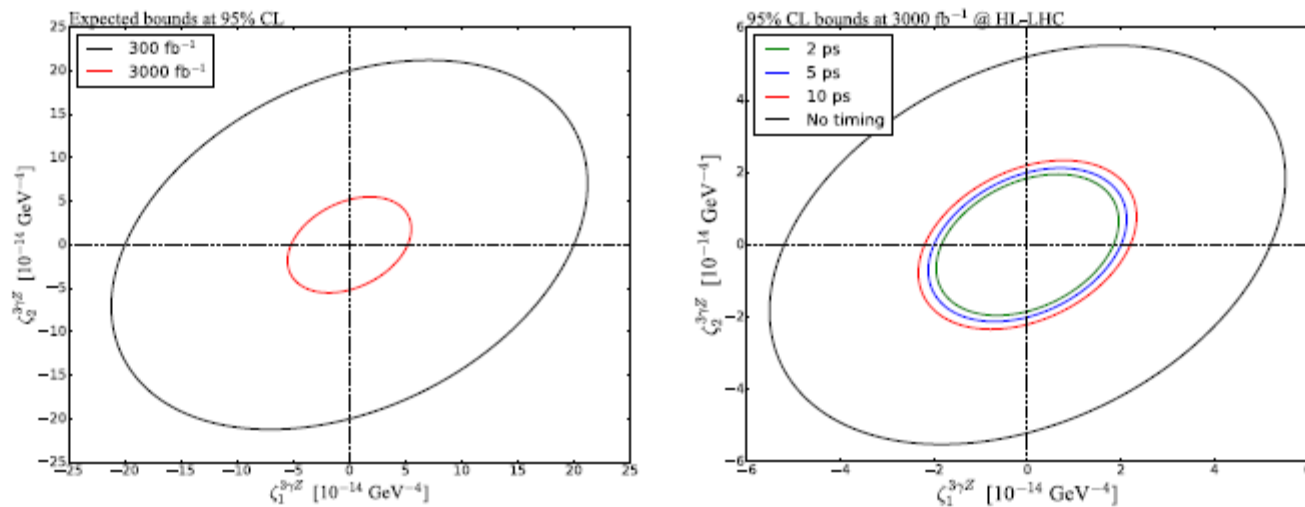


- Additional channels: WW , ZZ , γZ , dilepton production ($\gamma\gamma$ described in more detail as an example)

- Search for production of two photons and two intact protons in the final state: $pp \rightarrow p\gamma\gamma p$
- Number of events predicted to be increased by extra-dimensions, composite Higgs models, dark matter particles
- Anomalous couplings can appear via loops of new particles coupling to photons or via resonances decaying into two photons
- In addition, SM production of WW or dileptons will be still statistically limited after run III

(C. Royon et al)

Anomalous couplings@ HL-LHC



Left: Comparison between 300 fb^{-1} and 3000 fb^{-1} . Right: (Zoomed-in; change of scale in X-Y axis) comparison between the use of timing $\delta t = 2, 5, 10 \text{ ps}$. $Z\gamma \rightarrow \text{hadrons} + \gamma$ benefits the most from the use of timing.

- Expected **improvements** from HL-LHC impressive \sim an **order of magnitude** (~ 5 orders of magnitude better than current best inclusive limits).

[arXiv:1710.02406](https://arxiv.org/abs/1710.02406)

(and quite a few other papers)

natural SUSY:
existence of light nearly
mass-degenerate Higgsinos/charged
Mass $\sim 100-200 \text{ GeV}$
mass splittings

Most challenging
scenario
between

Motivated by naturalness,
cosmological observations and (g-2)
phenomenology.

Naturalness and light Higgsinos: why ILC is the right machine for SUSY discovery

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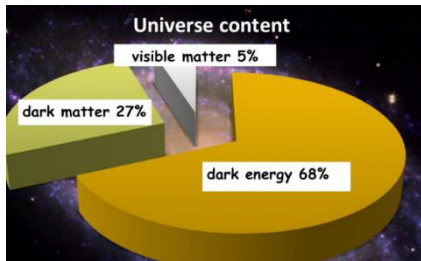
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Supersymmetry, a theoretically and experimentally well-motivated
scenario around the predicted existence of four light, nearly mass-degenerate Hig-
ginsinos with mass $\sim 100 - 200 \text{ GeV}$ (not too far above m_Z). The small mass splittings amongst
the higgsinos, typically 4-20 GeV, results in very little visible energy arising from decays of the
heavier higgsinos. Given that other SUSY particles are considerably heavy, this makes detection
challenging at hadron colliders. On the other hand, the clean environment of an electron-positron
collider with $\sqrt{s} > 2m_{\text{higgsino}}$ would enable a decisive search of these required higgsinos, and thus
either the discovery or exclusion of natural SUSY. We present a detailed simulation study of pre-
cision measurements of higgsino masses and production cross sections at $\sqrt{s} = 500 \text{ GeV}$ of the
proposed International Linear Collider currently under consideration for construction in Japan.

$$e^+e^- \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_1^+ \tilde{\chi}_1^- \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_1^0 \tilde{\chi}_1^0 q\bar{q}' e\nu_e (\mu\nu_\mu).$$



(SUSY, DM -null LHC search results so far)



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**Better to
light a
candle
than
curse the
darkness.**

Recent Developments

Lucian's talk prospects for compressed SUSY searches in photon-initiated CEP.

- Signal for this study:

$$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \tilde{l}^+\tilde{l}^- \rightarrow l^+l^-\tilde{\chi}_0\tilde{\chi}_0$$

implemented in SuperChic, as well as more challenging case:

$$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}^+\tilde{\chi}^- \quad (\text{hadron/leptonic decays})$$

- In addition, contribution from proton dissociation included in effective way, interfaced to SuperChic.
- Future work: include (more) complete treatment of dissociation. Stay tuned!

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LHC Searches for Dark Matter in Compressed Mass Scenarios:
Challenges in the Forward Proton Mode

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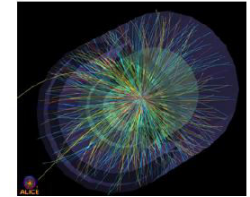
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Processes of interest

Heavy Ion Collisions



- ★ Light-by-light SM signal, but also e.g. Born-Infeld extensions.
- ★ Axion-like particle production.
- ★ Magnetic monopoles.
- ★ Other possibilities? Gravitons, radions, unparticles, SUSY?

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- A principle drawback of heavy ions for these studies is the low luminosity \Rightarrow benefit from increased datasets can be significant.

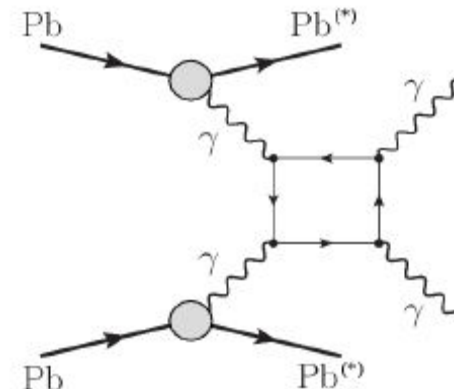
(ATLAS/CMS talks)

SM

- [D. d'Enterria et al. PRL 111 (2013) 0804
- [A. Szczurek et al. PRC 93 (2016) 4, 044]

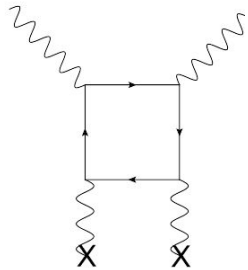
Production mode	BSM particle/interaction	Remarks
<u>Ultraperipheral</u>	Axion-like particles	$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow a$, $m_a \approx 0.5-100$ GeV
	Radion	$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \phi$, $m_\phi \approx 0.5-100$ GeV
	Born-Infeld QED	via $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ anomalies
	Non-commutative interactions	via $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ anomalies
Schwinger process	Magnetic monopole	Only viable in HI collisions
Hard scattering	Dark photon	$m_{A'} \lesssim 1$ GeV, advanced particle ID
	Long-lived particles (heavy ν)	$m_{LLP} \lesssim 10$ GeV, improved vertexing
Thermal QCD	Sexaquarks	DM candidate

Table 1: Examples of new-physics particles and interactions accessible in searches with HI collisions at the LHC, listed by production mechanism. Indicative competitive mass ranges and/or the associated measurement advantages compared to the pp running mode are given.



Long and chequered history

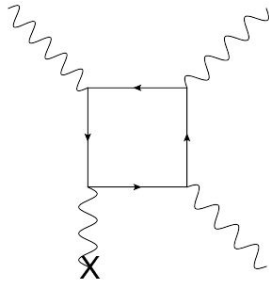
(nonlinear effects of QED)



Delbrück **1933**

Scattering of gamma-rays by a Coulomb field of heavy nuclei.
First observed-1953 for 1.33 MeV on lead nuclei.
Most accurate high-energy results- Novosibirsk,VEPP-4M 1998.

Delbrück scattering



First claims of observation- DESY, PRD 8(1973) 3813.
Criticised by V.A.Khoze et al, ZhETF Pis.Red.19 (1974) 47.
First observation- Novosibirsk, VEPP-4M 2002.

Photon splitting in atomic Coulomb field

first direct observation of
 $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ scattering



(ArXiv:1702.01625)

(CMS-Arxiv:1902.0139)



New processes

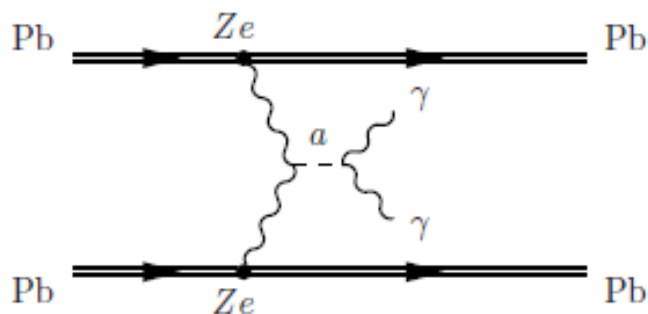
$$\frac{d\sigma^{pp \rightarrow pXp}}{dM_X^2 dy_X} \sim \frac{d\mathcal{L}_{\gamma\gamma}^{\text{EPA}}}{dM_X^2 dy_X} \hat{\sigma}(\gamma\gamma \rightarrow X)$$

- SuperChic has the capability to simulate any arbitrary process given the $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow X$ amplitudes.

→ Simple to implement new processes within framework.
Suggestions/collaboration welcome!

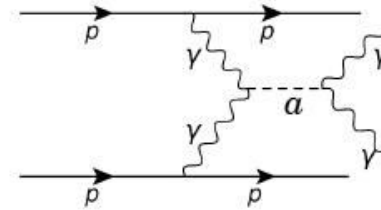
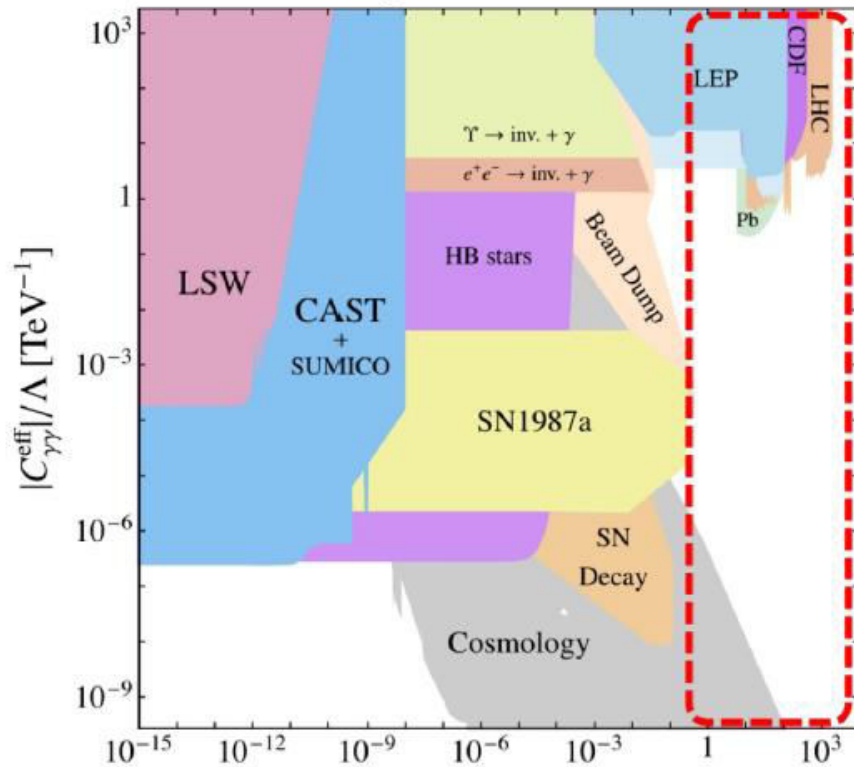
axion-like particles

ALPs



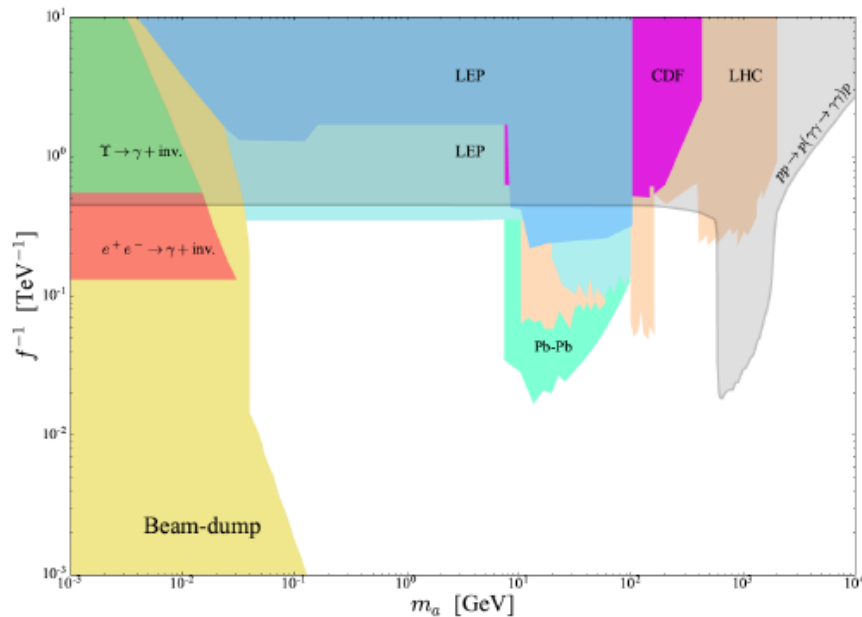
Application of exclusive $\gamma\gamma$: Looking for Axion Like Particles (ALPs)

Existing constraints



- Looking for ALPs decaying into two γ s as an example
- Same analysis as before: request two photons in ATLAS/CMS and two intact protons in PPS/AFP
- Searching for high mass ALPs coupling to γ without PPS/AFP: Very difficult to perform, usually combines couplings to gluons, quarks, leptons, γ

Application: Looking for Axion Like Particles (ALPs)



- Sensitivity at high ALP masses:
Increases LHC sensitivity by more than one order of magnitude with 300 fb^{-1}
- Sensitivity improves by about a factor 4 on the coupling at high lumi
- Complementary to searches in Pb Pb / p Pb modes

New Result - The Odderon

- Recent result from CMS-TOTEM: evidence for QCD Odderon.



Experiments at the Large Hadron Collider uncover possible evidence of elusive 'odderon' that physicists have sought after for decades

- Physicists have been looking for subatomic quasiparticle, 'odderon' since 1970s
- It involves collisions in which an odd number of gluons are exchanged
- While it hasn't been seen in earlier experiments, technology is now more precise

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LHC finds hints of strange quasiparticle called the odderon

WE MAY have glimpsed an odd member of the particle family tree.

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16 December 2017



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19 December 2017

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Science

What is Odderon? LHC uncovers possible subatomic quasiparticle which existed only in theory

- Scientists have been searching for the elusive odderon since the 1970's.



By India Ashok

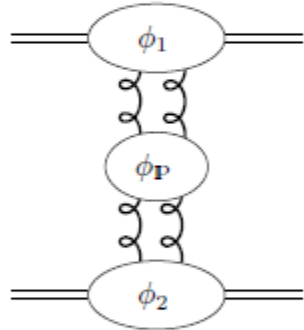
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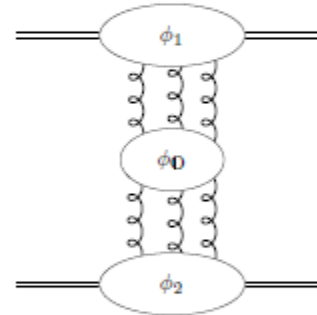
What is the Odderon?

- Most easily pictured perturbatively. For high energy scattering ($s/|t| \gg 1$) with $\alpha_s \ll 1$, dominant elastic amplitude given by resummation of $\sim \alpha_s \ln s$.
- What colour-singlet gluon configurations can we exchange?

gg : C-even, dominant.
QCD Pomeron.



ggg : can be C-odd.
QCD Odderon.



- Odderon: prediction of QCD*. Detailed calculation \rightarrow does not die away with energy. Although moving to non-perturbative regime will complicate matters, expect on general grounds for Odderon to contribute.
- General QCD expectation - C-odd (i.e. $\sigma_{pp} \neq \sigma_{p\bar{p}}$) exchange at high energies. Yet for a long time no clear experimental evidence. Where is it?

SEARCHES for ODDERON



Odderon signals

- **pp scatt** Odderon exch. is a small correction to even-signature term $(g_{pO})^2$

- **photoproduction of C even mesons** $\pi^0, f_2, \eta \dots$

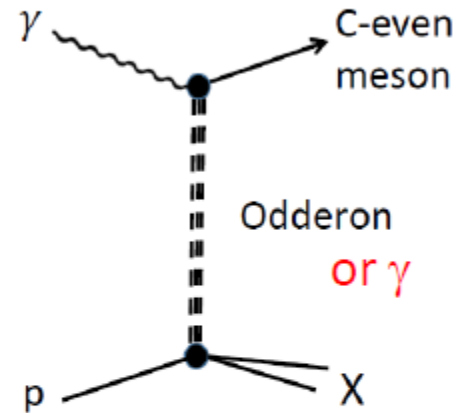
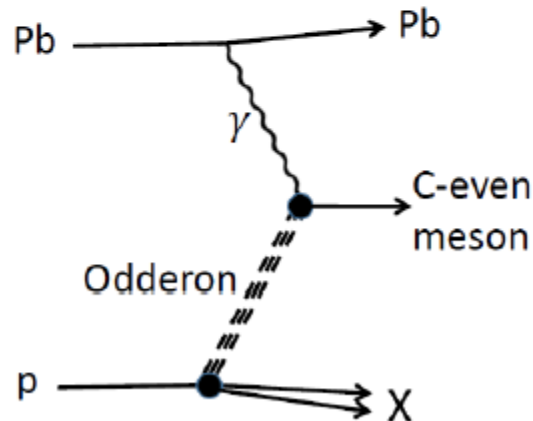
No evidence in HERA data

upper limits $\sigma(\pi^0)=39\text{nb}$, $\sigma(f_2)=16\text{nb}$

Need to suppress back^{gd} due to γ exchange

- **ultraperipheral production in p-Pb collisions**

Z^2 in photon flux



Odderon signal in p-Pb collisions?

$d\sigma/dy_M _{y_M=0}$	Expected upper limits [μb]
π^0	7.4
η	3.4
$f_2(1270)$	3.0

Summary & Outlook

- No immediate plans for a future $\gamma\gamma$ collider, but the LHC is already a photon-photon collider!
- The $\gamma\gamma$ initial state naturally leads to exclusive events, with intact outgoing protons.
- Theory well understood, and use as highly competitive and clean probe of EW sector and BSM physics already demonstrated at LHC. Much further data with tagged protons to come.
- Such studies equally possible (with higher $s_{\gamma\gamma}$) at FCC.
- - **SuperChic** - a MC event generator for CEP processes.
 - Unified platform for QCD-induced, photoproduction and photon-photon collisions.
 - Fully differential treatment of survival factor.
- Photon-mediated processes provide a very efficient tool to probe various aspects of the SM and BSM physics.





BACKUP

INTRODUCTION & MOTIVATION

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Motivation: why study $\gamma\gamma$ collisions at the LHC?

- Exclusive production:
 - How do we measure it ?
 - How do we model it?
- Example processes: lepton pairs, anomalous couplings, light-by-light scattering, 'axion-like' particles and massive resonances, charginos, invisibles...
- Outlook - tagged protons at the LHC.

Photon Flux

- Basic idea- apply standard equivalent photon approximation. Cross section factorized into two pieces:

$$\sigma_{N_1 N_2 \rightarrow N_1 X N_2} \approx \int dx_1 dx_2 d^2 q_{1\perp} d^2 q_{2\perp} n_{N_1}(x_1, q_{1\perp}^2) n_{N_2}(x_2, q_{2\perp}^2) \hat{\sigma}_{\gamma\gamma \rightarrow X}$$

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Photon flux
from ions

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Subprocess cross section

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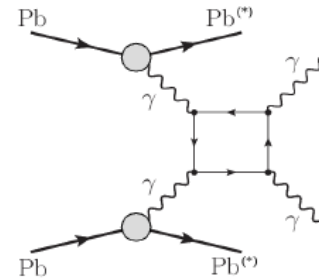
- The photon flux is given by :

$$Q_i^2 = \frac{x_i^2 m_N^2 + q_{i\perp}^2}{1 - x_i}$$

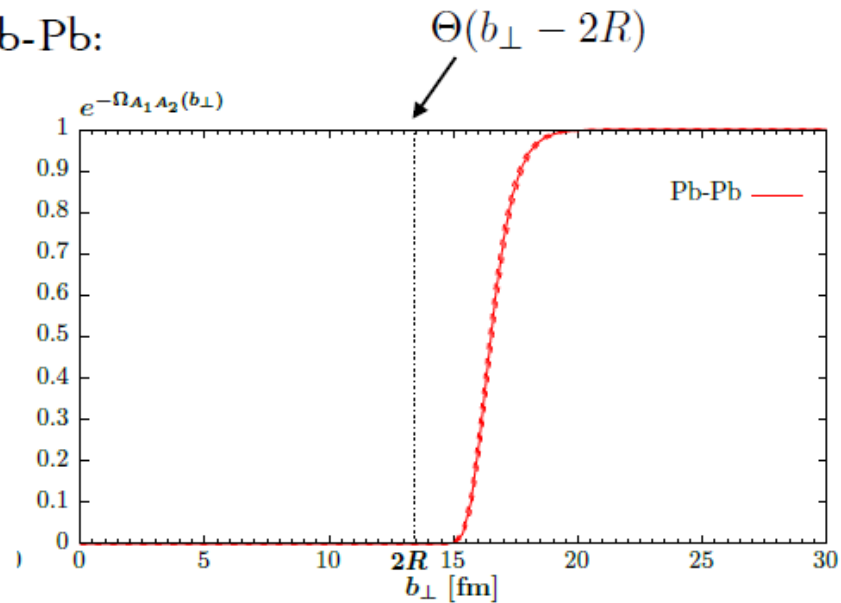
$$n_{N_i}(x_i, q_{i\perp}^2) = \frac{\alpha}{\pi x_i} \frac{1}{q_{i\perp}^2 + x_i^2 m_{N_i}^2} \left(\frac{q_{i\perp}^2}{q_{i\perp}^2 + x_i^2 m_{N_i}^2} (1 - x_i) F_E(Q_i^2) + \frac{x_i^2}{2} F_M(Q_i^2) \right)$$

in terms of photon transverse momentum $q_{i\perp}$ and momentum fraction x_i .

- $F_{E,M}(Q_i^2)$: ion electric/magnetic form factors.

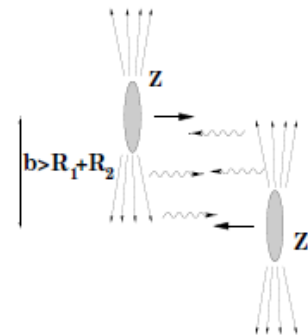


- Result for Pb-Pb:



\Rightarrow expect larger suppression vs. simple $b_{\perp} > 2R$ cut.

- For $\gamma\gamma$ collisions, ultra-peripheral anyway (quasi-real photons \Rightarrow dominant contribution has $b_{\perp} \gg R$), i.e. not huge effect.



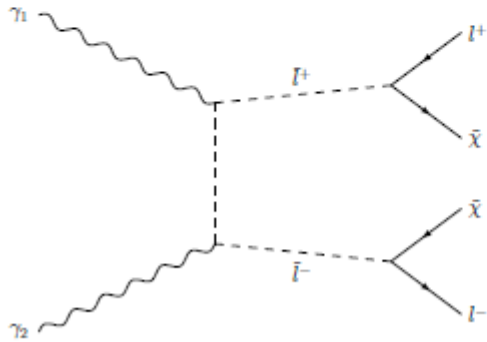
$$pp \rightarrow p + \gamma\gamma + p,$$

$$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow X^+X^-,$$

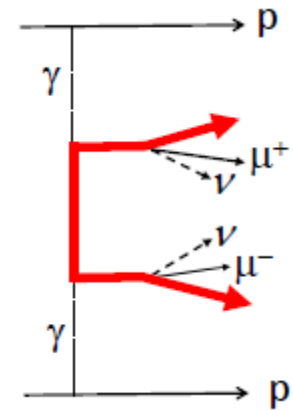
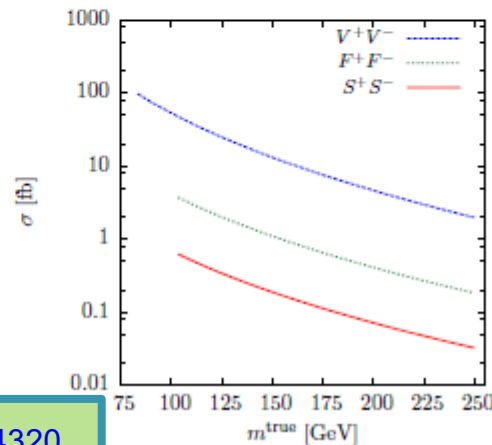
Diphoton X-Pair Production

where $X = W$ -boson, lepton, slepton, chargino...

- If particle decays semi-invisibly, then additional information from tagged proton momenta can be used to measure masses and discriminate BG.



[HKSS, arXiv:1110.4320](#)



- Consider exclusive production of chargino pair $\tilde{\chi}_1^+ \tilde{\chi}_1^-$, decaying via

$$\tilde{\chi}_1^+ (\tilde{\chi}_1^-) \rightarrow l^+ (l^-) + \nu (\bar{\nu}) + \tilde{\chi}_1^0,$$

electroweakinos

where the $\tilde{\chi}_1^0$ is an LSP neutralino.

- For cases that $\Delta M = M(\tilde{\chi}_1^0) - M(\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm)$ is relatively small, can be difficult to observe inclusively. (compressed mass BSM scenarios)

PAPER

Can invisible objects be 'seen' via forward proton detectors at the LHC?

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$$pp \rightarrow p + \text{invisible} + p,$$

An attractive idea, but huge backgrounds caused by soft proton dissociation, photon bremsstrahlung and PU (at high lumi)



$$p \rightarrow p + \gamma, N^* \rightarrow p + \gamma \text{ and } N^* \rightarrow p + \pi^0.$$

$$p \rightarrow p\pi^+\pi^-$$

Measurements at low lumi ($\mu \sim 1$) with 'veto' detectors (like ZDC and FSC/ADA/ADC)

LHCb, ALICE, BLM-approach