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# FORWARD PHYSICS at the LHC: PRESENT&FUTURE (selected topics)

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#### LHC forward physics

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#### 90 Institutes, 350 pp

#### Abstract

The goal of this report is to give a comprehensive overview of the rich field of forward physics, with a special attention to the topics that can be studied at the LHC. The report starts presenting a selection of the Monte Carlo simulation tools currently available, chapter 2, then enters the rich phenomenology of QCD at low, chapter 3, and high, chapter 4, momentum transfer, while the unique scattering conditions of central exclusive production are analyzed in chapter 5. The last two experimental topics, Cosmic Ray and Heavy Ion physics are presented in the chapter 6 and 7 respectively. Chapter 8 is dedicated to the BFKL dynamics, multiparton interactions, and saturation. The report ends with an overview of the forward detectors at LHC.



#### + machine people + theorists





#### Unique and diverse LHC forward physics program :



- Variety of collisions : pp, Ap, AA, high energy photon-photon, 'pion-proton'.
- Wealth of physics tasks –from fundamental problems of 'old' strong interactions and UHE cosmic rays to the novel searches for New Physics signals and Luminometry.
   CEP-high purity gluon factory.

Achilles heel of the LHC precision measurements

- 1) Proton tagging:  $pp \rightarrow p + X + p$ 
  - Defining feature of exclusive events: protons intact after collision,





- 2) 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).



# Forward detectors – present situation





# The LHCf experiment

- Measure hadronic production cross section of <u>neutral particles</u> emitted in the <u>very forward region of LHC</u>.
- To afford the data for <u>verifying</u> and <u>improving</u> the hadronic interaction models.



The  $\eta$  coverage of the calorimeter:  $|\eta| > 8.4$ 

# **Diffractive Physics at the LHC**

• The LHC has allowed measurement of diffraction to be made out to unprecedented collider energies, with broad rapidity coverage and proton tagging.

• Already measurements of the elastic, total and diffractive cross sections in Run I have thrown up some interesting 'surprises' and a hard diffraction program is developing.

ightarrow Run II has already a lot to offer : TOTEM &ALFA ...

#### **Fundamental questions:**



- Asymptotics of the total cross section, how far we are now with the LHC.
- Elusive Odderon- expected in QCD a C-odd partner of the Pomeron- trajectory with J=1 guaranteed by the number of colours N\_C>2.



#### Test of hadronic interaction models



 $\star \sigma_{\rm tot}$ ,  $\sigma_{\rm inel}$  ... could not be calculated from the first principles based on QCDintimately related to the confinement of quarks and gluons (attempts within N=4 SYM).

Basic fundamental model-independent relations: unitarity, crossing, analyticity, dispersion relations. The Froissart-Martin **bound**:

 $\sigma_{tot} \leq \text{Const} \ln^2 s.$ 

 $\ln^2 s$ 

Not a MUST !

Forward Proton mode - Important testable constraints on the cross sections. X

$$\sigma_T(s) \leq \frac{\pi}{m_\pi^2} \log^2\left(\frac{s}{s_0}\right)$$
 Froissart–Martin theorem  $\ln^2 s$   
 $\Delta \sigma = \sigma_T^{\bar{p}p} - \sigma_T^{pp} \xrightarrow[s \to \infty]{} 0$ . Y. Ya. Pomeranchuk, JETP 7 (1958) 499.

$$\frac{\sigma_T^{\bar{p}p}}{\sigma_T^{pp}} \xrightarrow[s \to \infty]{} 1 \qquad \text{general Pomeranchuk theorem.} \qquad |\Delta \sigma| \le \text{const} \cdot \log s \ .$$
Odderon in asymptotic theories NL (1973)

$$\sigma_T(s) \leq \frac{\pi}{m_\pi^2} \log^2\left(\frac{s}{s_0}\right) \qquad \text{Froissart-Martin theorem} \qquad \qquad \ln^2 s \quad \text{Not a MUST !}$$
$$\Delta \sigma = \sigma_T^{\bar{p}p} - \sigma_T^{pp} \xrightarrow[s \to \infty]{} 0. \quad \text{Y. Ya. Pomeranchuk, JETP 7 (1958) 499.}$$



general Pomeranchuk theorem.  $|\Delta \sigma| \leq \mathrm{const} \cdot \log s$  .

Odderon in asymptotic theories NL (1973)



Pomeron- the total cross section section asymptotics- pQCD a compound state of two reggeized gluons BFKL (1975—1978) Regge theory-Gribov (1962).



Odderon-difference of particle and antiparticle cross sections-pQCD a compound state of three reggeized gluons

The Bartels-Kwieciński-Praszałowicz Equation (1980)

Until very recently no firm experimental observation





Fig. 18: Predictions of COMPETE models [32] for pp interactions. Each model is represented by one line (see legend). The red points represent the reference TOTEM measurements. The  $\sigma_{tot}$  point at 13 TeV corresponds to  $(110.6 \pm 3.4)$  mb as determined in [6]. The two  $\rho$  points at 13 TeV correspond to the two cases discussed in Section 6.2: the left point to the fit with  $N_b = 3$  and  $|t|_{max} = 0.15 \text{ GeV}^2$ , the right point to  $N_b = 1$  and  $|t|_{max} = 0.07 \text{ GeV}^2$ .

## **Coulomb-Nuclear Interference**







Figure 2: The energy dependence of the  $\rho = \text{Re}A/\text{Im}A$  ratio. The data are taken from [3, 20, 21, 2]; the first two data points correspond to  $p\bar{p}$  scattering and the last points to pp scattering. At 13 TeV we also show by the open square the value of  $\rho$  obtained under the same conditions as that used by the UA4/2 group (see footnote 1). The values of  $\rho$  given by the model [4] are shown by the solid curve. The dashed curves include a *possible* QCD Odderon contribution calculated as described in the text.

The inclusion of the Odderon does improve the calculated value of  $\rho$  at 13 TeV



Impact on the EAS characteristics : consistency of the current data with almost pure proton composition in the energy range



S. Ostapchenko (arXiv:1402.5084)

 $E_0 = 10^{18} - 10^{20} \text{ eV}$ 

possible long-ranging consequences for astrophysical interpretation of UHECR: Important for discriminating between models for transition from galactic to extragalactic CR origin in the ultra HE range.

# SEARCHES FOR THE NEW PHYSICS IN THE FORWARD PROTON MODE



Central Exclusive Production (CEP) is the interaction:

$$pp \to p + X + p$$

• **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.



# ATLAS Forward Detectors for Diffraction

In ATLAS it is possible to identify diffractive events by, e.g. large rapidity gaps

However, ATLAS is equipped with two forward detectors for proton tagging

- ALFA (Absolute Luminosity For ATLAS) vertical Roman Pots at  $z = \pm 237$  and  $z = \pm 245$  m for *elastic* and *diffractive* scattering measurements
- AFP (ATLAS Forward Proton) horizontal Roman Pots at  $z = \pm 205$  and  $z = \pm 217$  m for diffractive scattering measurements







- Joint CMS and TOTEM project: https://cds.cern.ch/record/1753795, see Fabio's talk
- Id scattered protons out of the beam envelope
- Detect scattered protons a few mm from the beam (both sides of CMS
- First data taking in 2016: $\sim 15~{\rm fb^{-1}}$

#### What is AFP/CT-PPS?



- Tag and measure protons at  $\pm 210$  m: AFP (ATLAS Forward Proton), CT-PPS (CMS TOTEM Precision Proton Spectrometer)
- Sensitivity to high mass central system, X, as determined using AFP/CT-PPS: Very powerful for exclusive states: kinematical constraints coming from AFP and CT-PPS proton measurements

# **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 <u>'equivalent photon approximation' (EPA</u>): cross section described in terms of a flux of quasi-real photons radiated from the proton, and the  $\gamma\gamma \to X$  subprocess cross section.







size objects.

- 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:

$$T_g(Q_{\perp}^2, \mu^2) = \exp\bigg(-\int_{Q_{\perp}^2}^{\mu^2} \frac{d\mathbf{k}_{\perp}^2}{\mathbf{k}_{\perp}^2} \frac{\alpha_s(k_{\perp}^2)}{2\pi} \int_0^{1-\Delta} \bigg[z P_{gg}(z) + \sum_q P_{qg}(z)\bigg] dz\bigg)$$

• 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  $S_{soft}^2$ 







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

#### Light-by-light scattering



• Impact of W loops at high mass clear. For  $s_{\gamma\gamma} \gg M_W^2$  completely dominates!

• Also shown is QCD-mediated contribution ('gg'). In the mass region the  $\gamma\gamma$  mediated contribution dominates (  $\rightarrow$  Sudakov suppression of gg).

## **Ultra-Peripheral Collisions**

• Ions do not necessarily collide 'head-on' - for 'ultra-peripheral' collisions, with  $b > R_1 + R_2$  the ions can interact purely via EM and remain intact  $\Rightarrow$  exclusive  $\gamma\gamma$ -initiated production.



[Fermi, Nuovo Cim. 2 (1925) 143]
 [Weizsacker, Z. Phys. 88 (1934) 612]
 [Williams, Phys. Rev. 45 (10 1934) 729]

$$Q^2 < \frac{1}{R^2}$$
 and  $\omega_{\max} \approx \frac{\gamma}{R}$ 

• Ions interact via coherent photon exchange- feels whole charge of ion  $\Rightarrow$  cross section  $\propto Z^4$ . For e.g. Pb-Pb have  $Z^4 \sim 5 \times 10^7$  enhancement!

• Photon flux in ion tends to be cutoff at high  $M_X$ , but potentially very sensitive to lower mass objects with EW quantum numbers.



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

#### arXiv:1710.02406

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

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Radiatively – driven natural SUSY existence of light nearly mass-degenerate Higgsinos Mass~ 100-200GeV. mass splitting ~ 4-20 GeV

We can try to do this at the LHC during our E-mail: mikael.berggren@desy.de, suvi-leen Tokyo, Japan E-mail: oretically and experimentally well-motivated ed existence of four light, nearly mass-degenerate Hig-200 GeV (not too far above  $m_Z$ ). The small mass splittings amongst , typically 4-20 GeV, results in very little visible energy arising from decays of the neavier 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  $\sqrt{s} > 2m_{hierann}$  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 precision 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.

 $e^+e^- \rightarrow \widetilde{\chi}_1^+ \widetilde{\chi}_1^- \rightarrow \widetilde{\chi}_1^0 \widetilde{\chi}_1^0 q \bar{q}' e v_e(\mu v_\mu).$ 

$$pp 
ightarrow p + \gamma \gamma + p$$
,  
 $\gamma \gamma 
ightarrow X^+ X^-$ 

#### **Diphoton X-Pair Production**

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

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



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

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

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)

# DM searches with AFP (exclusive $\gamma\gamma$ )

□ Signal (WIMP itself): massive, neutral, weakly interacting particle  $\frac{\text{KMR}, \text{ J.Phys. G44} (2017) \text{ no.5}, 055002}{\text{WIMP} + visible SM particle (g, q, <math>\gamma$ , Z, W, h): large missing  $E_T$ 

BUT! In exclusive  $\gamma\gamma$  collisions and Compressed mass spectra scenario: missing  $E_T$  not large

Lightest SUSY Particle close in mass to parent sparticle

□ E.g.  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow 2$  charginos  $\rightarrow 2$  heavy invisible neutralinos (LSP) +  $l\nu l\nu$ ,  $p_T(l) \sim 3-10$  GeV □ Then signal with AFP: pp  $\rightarrow p(AFP) + ll + missing E_T + p(AFP)$ 



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M. Tasevsky, Future measurements with AFP, LHC Fwd Physics WG meeting

Low energy release, but clear operating environment.



# **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→ee, yy)
  - powerful rejection of non-exclusive backgrounds



"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

- Much interest in this from theory side
  - e.g. "LHC Forward Physics" CERN-PH-LPCC-2015-001)



Tevatron and LHC. How does the exclusive case compare?

Currently very encouraging ATLAS & CMS data

# Anomalous couplings - data

• ATLAS + CMS data:  $W \rightarrow l\nu$  pair production with no associated charged tracks  $\Rightarrow$  use this veto to extract quasi-exclusive signal. Use data-driven method to subtract non-exclusive BG  $(p \rightarrow p^*)$ .



• These data place the most stringent constraints to date on AGCs:

two orders of mag. better than LEP, and ~ order of mag. tighter than equivalent inclusive LHC.

• Direct consequence of exclusive selection  $\Rightarrow$  precisely understood  $\gamma\gamma$  collisions, but at a hadron collider.

### Search for light-by-light scattering





### Long and chequered history

#### (nonlinear effects of QED)



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)

#### LHC limits on axion-like particles from heavy-ion collisions

#### (Matthias)

$$\mathcal{L}_a = \frac{1}{2} (\partial a)^2 - \frac{1}{2} m_a^2 a^2 - \frac{1}{4} \frac{a}{\Lambda} F \widetilde{F}$$

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Phys. Lett. B753 (2016) 482-487, arXiv: 1509.00476 [hep-ph].

J. Jaeckel and M. Spannowsky, "Probing MeV to 90 GeV axion-like particles with LEP and LHC

J. Jaeckel, M. Jankowiak, and M. Spannowsky, "LHC probes the hidden sector," Phys. Dark Univ.

ArXiv:1709.07110



Exclusive ALP production in ultra-peripheral Pb-Pb co

 $^{\circ}7\,{
m GeV} < m_a < 100\,{
m GeV},$ 



Fig. 2: Left: We show 95% exclusion limits on the operator  $\frac{1}{4 \Lambda} aF\tilde{F}$  using recent ATLAS results on heavy-ion UPCs [2] (solid black line). The expected sensitivity assuming a luminosity of  $1 \text{ nb}^{-1} (10 \text{ nb}^{-1})$  is shown in solid (dashed) green. For comparison, we also give the analogous limit from  $36 \text{ pb}^{-1}$  of exclusive p-p collisions [17] (red dot-dash). Remaining exclusion limits are recast from LEP II (OPAL  $2\gamma$ ,  $3\gamma$ ) [22] and from the LHC (ATLAS  $2\gamma$ ,  $3\gamma$ ) [23, 24] (see [1] for details). *Right*: The corresponding results for the operator  $\frac{1}{4 \cos^2 \theta_W} \frac{1}{\Lambda} aB\tilde{B}$ . The LEP I,  $2\gamma$  (teal shaded) limit was obtained from [14].

#### LbyL Scattering Constraint on Born-Infeld Theory [arXiv:1703.08450]

$$L_{QED} = -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} \to L_{BI} = \beta^2 \left( 1 - \sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{2\beta^2} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{6\beta^4} F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}} \right)$$

Light-by-Light Scattering Constraint on Born-Infeld Theory

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#### Abstract

The recent measurement by ATLAS of light-by-light scattering in LHC Pb-Pb collisions is the first direct evidence for this basic process. We find that it requires the mass scale of a nonlinear Born-Infeld extension of QED to be  $\geq 100$  GeV, a much stronger constraint than those derived previously. In the case of a Born-Infeld extension of the Standard Model in which the U(1)<sub>Y</sub> hypercharge gauge symmetry is realized nonlinearly, the limit on the corresponding mass scale is  $\geq 90$  GeV, which in turn imposes a lower limit of  $\geq 11$  TeV on the magnetic monopole mass in such a U(1)<sub>Y</sub> Born-Infeld theory.

Interest from the stringtheoretic point of view ArXiv: 1701.07375

24 Mar 2017 arXiv:1703.08450v1 [hep-ph]

### **PION-PROTON INTERACTIONS**

Direct measurements only up to 25 GeV, but we can use the LHCf HE forward neutron data.



R. Ryutin , 1612.03418. KMR, 1705.03685



Figure 5: The four values of  $\pi^+ p$  total cross section that we extract from the LHCf data on leading neutrons [1], compared with expectations based on fits to lower-energy hadron-hadron total cross section data parametrized by two Regge poles, DL [35], or using the COMPETE parametrization [40]. Note that the results of both parametrizations coincide in the region of the existing  $\pi p$  cross section data, that is for  $\sqrt{s} < 25$  GeV.

# Luminometry (can we break the 2% wall ?)

# WARDS 1% PRECISION AT THE LHC?

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Gavin Salam, CERN

Future challenges for precision QCD IPPP, Durham, UK, 25–28 October 2016

Talk in part inspired by discussions at KITP Santa Barbara & for ECFA HL-LHC workshop What do the expert say?

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The absolute precision of the integrated *L* typically lies in the 2-3 % (3-6%) range for top-energy pp (HI)

main contributors to the uncertainty

- beam dynamics: phase-space control (non-factorization, satellites, ghosts), beam-beam ←→ calibration strategy
- instrumental linearity vs  $\mu$  &  $\mathcal{L}_{tot}$  (4 orders of magnitude!)
- instrumental stability & aging (more difficult for high-L expts)
- Run 2 already is a challenge; HL-LHC is Terra Incognita
  - breaking the "2% wall" very challenging- except (?) for LHCb:
    - unique capability to combine vdM- & BGI-based calibrations
    - Iow-µ operating regime, dictated by specialized physics goals
  - HL-LHC: how can we fulfill the theorists' hopes ? (< 1% !)</p>

#### Maybe it is time to resurrect the dilepton CEP monitor ?



First studies of feasibility for the dimuons at the LHC: A.Shamov and V.Telnov-1998 (ATLAS TDR-99)

- Strong-interaction effects- KMOR, Eur.Phys.J.C19:313-322,2001
- First observation of exclusive  $l^+l^-$  by CDF: 2007
- New results for exclusive dileptonss: CMS,ATLAS, LHCb

Myth:	<ul> <li>Pure QED process –thus, theoretically well understood (higher-order QED effects- reliably calculable).</li> </ul>
Reality	•Strong interaction effects (we collide protons after all).
	Backgrounds:
	mis-ID, various contributions due to the incomplete
	exclusivity (lack of full detector coverage), pileup



However, in the case of  $pp \rightarrow p + \ell^+ \ell^- + p$  absorption effects could be very small.

In particular, for low  $p_t(\mu\mu) \sim 10-50 \text{ MeV}_*$  absorpt. correction  $2\delta < 0.3\%$ . Could be additionally suppressed by the lepton acoplanarity cuts.



# Looking Forward to a Bright Future of Forward Physics at the LHC











# 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:

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

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

• Earlier photon PDF sets either:

#### Not so long ago

- 'Agnostic' approach. NNPDF2.3QED: treat photon as we would quark and gluons. Freely parametrise  $\gamma(x, Q_0)$  and fit to DIS and some LHC W, Z data.
- 'Model' approach. MRST2004QED/CT14QED: take simple ansatz for photon emission from quarks. Compare/fit to ZEUS isolated photon DIS.



• Comparing these different sets reveals apparently large uncertainties.

 Model-independent uncertainty (NNPDF) was 50–100%

# Light-by-light scattering in Pb+Pb

Motivation

Nature Physics (2017)

- Light-by-light ( $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ ) scattering
  - Tested indirectly in measurements of the anomalous magnetic moment of the electron and muon
  - Previous LbyL measurements involve Delbruck scattering and photon splitting process at low-energies
- Proposed as a possible channel to study
  - Anomalous gauge couplings
  - Contributions from BSM particles
- Recent studies/predictions for SM rates
  - [D. d'Enterria et al. PRL 111 (2013) 080405]
  - [A. Szczurek et al. PRC 93 (2016) 4, 044907]•







# Physics with AFP 2+2 (high μ)

## Central Exclusive Jet Production

First observed by CFD@Tevatron Low  $\sigma \rightarrow high pile-up run$ 

 $\rightarrow$  double tag

→ ToF to control bkg





### Photon-induced WW/ZZ/yy Production

Best sensitivity to aQGC (few % missing mass resolution): factor 100 better than "standard" LHC analyses (sensitivity to higgless models, extra dimensions)

**New Particles?** 

# Compare mass and rapidity of central and pp systems



#### Dileptons good for calibration

C. Sbarra - HESZ 2017

# The (foreseeable) future

- Run III (2020-2022)
  - Run with possibly improved detector (luminosity in standard runs increased mostly by leveling)
- HL-LHC (2025 and beyond)
  - Available space/optics?
  - Detector at 420 m for exclusive Higgs (defined spin-parity state) and H→bb (couplings)?
  - $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow WW/ZZ/\gamma\gamma$  and new high-mass resonances

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# Research Program will depend on LHC strategy and Previous Results

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