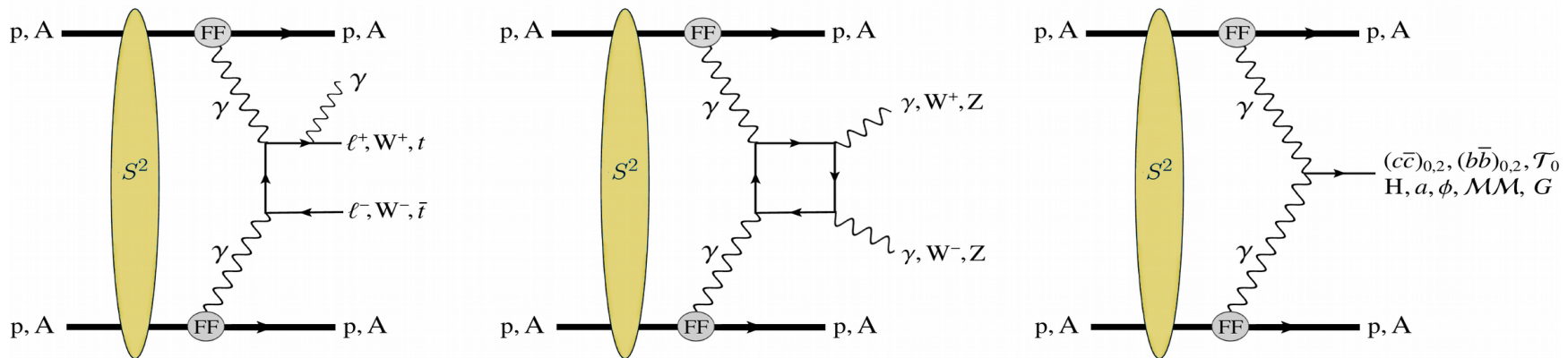


# Photon-photon collisions with gamma-UPC

## UPC(2023) Intl Workshop

Yucatan, 15<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2023

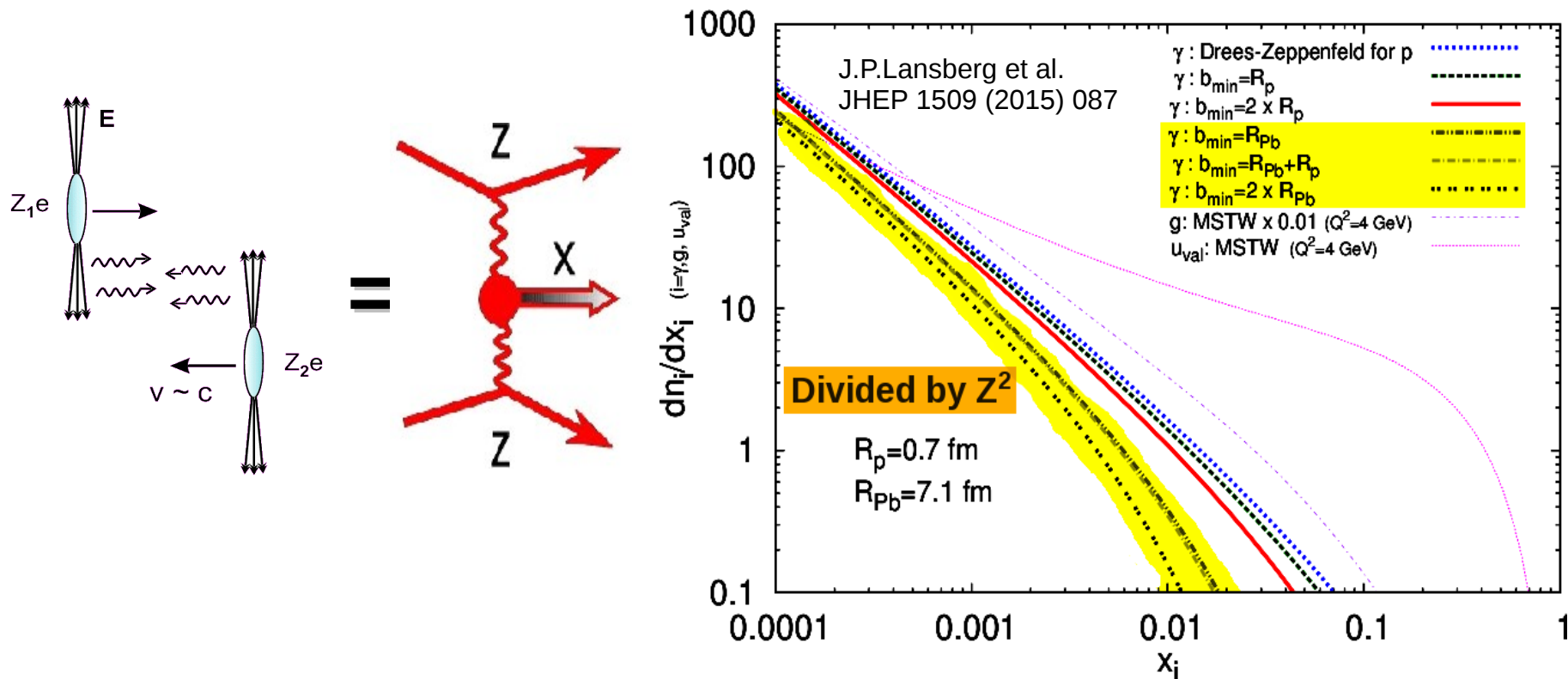
David d'Enterria (CERN)



Work with **Hua-Sheng Shao**: <https://arxiv.org/abs/2207.03012> [JHEP 09 (2022) 248]  
Plus parametric uncertainties (with **N. Crepet**) & NLO-QED, to be submitted

# Photon-photon collisions with hadron beams

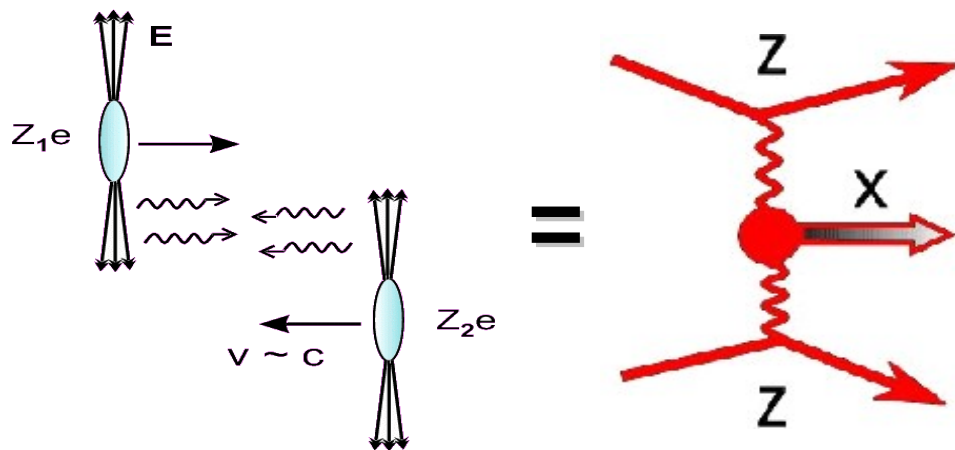
- **Electromagnetic** ultra-peripheral colls. (**UPC**):  $b_{\min} > R_A + R_B$ , hadrons survive
- **EM field** = Weizsäcker-Williams (Equivalent Photon Approx.) photon flux:



- **Quasi-real**  $\gamma$  (coherent emission):  $Q \sim 1/R \sim 0.03 \text{ GeV}$  (Pb),  $0.28 \text{ GeV}$  (p)
- Maximum  $\gamma$  longitud. **energies**:  $\omega < \omega_{\text{max}} \approx \frac{\gamma}{R} \sim 80 \text{ GeV}$  (Pb),  $\sim 2.5 \text{ TeV}$  (p)

# Photon-photon collisions at the LHC

- **Electromagnetic** ultra-peripheral colls. (UPC):  $b_{\min} > R_A + R_B$ , hadrons survive
- **EM field** = Weizsäcker-Williams (Equivalent Photon Approx.) photon flux:



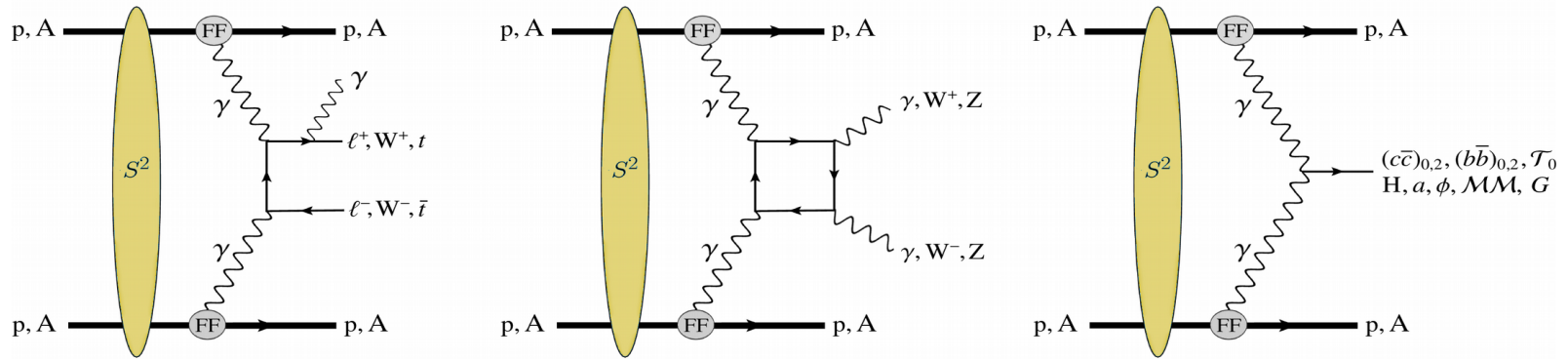
- **Huge photon fluxes:**  
 $\sigma(\gamma\gamma) \sim Z^4$  ( $\sim 5 \cdot 10^7$  for PbPb)  
 times larger than  $p, e^\pm$
- **Beam-energy dependence:**  
 Photon luminosities increase as  $\propto \log^3(\sqrt{s})$

- **Quasi-real  $\gamma$**  (coherent emission):  $Q \sim 1/R \sim 0.03 \text{ GeV}$  (Pb),  $0.28 \text{ GeV}$  (p)
- **Maximum  $\gamma$  longitud. energies:**  $\omega < \omega_{\max} \approx \frac{\gamma}{R} \sim 80 \text{ GeV}$  (Pb),  $\sim 2.5 \text{ TeV}$  (p)

System	$\sqrt{s_{NN}}$	$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}}$	$E_{\text{beam1}} + E_{\text{beam2}}$	$\gamma_L$	$R_A$	$E_\gamma^{\max}$	$\sqrt{s_{\gamma\gamma}^{\max}}$
Pb-Pb	5.52 TeV	5 nb <sup>-1</sup>	2.76 + 2.76 TeV	2960	7.1 fm	80 GeV	160 GeV
p-Pb	8.8 TeV	1 pb <sup>-1</sup>	7.0 + 2.76 TeV	7450, 2960	0.7, 7.1 fm	2.45 TeV, 130 GeV	2.6 TeV
p-p	14 TeV	150 fb <sup>-1</sup>	7.0 + 7.0 TeV	7450	0.7 fm	2.45 TeV	4.5 TeV

- ▶ **Single  $X = C$ -even (spin 0,2) resonances** only (Landau-Yang + C symmetry)

# Rich & unique (B)SM $\gamma\gamma$ physics with UPCs at LHC



System	$\sqrt{s_{NN}}$	$\mathcal{L}_{int}$	$E_{beam1} + E_{beam2}$	$\gamma_L$	$R_A$	$E_\gamma^{max}$	$\sqrt{s_{\gamma\gamma}^{max}}$
Pb-Pb	5.52 TeV	5 nb <sup>-1</sup>	2.76 + 2.76 TeV	2960	7.1 fm	80 GeV	160 GeV
p-Pb	8.8 TeV	1 pb <sup>-1</sup>	7.0 + 2.76 TeV	7450, 2960	0.7, 7.1 fm	2.45 TeV, 130 GeV	2.6 TeV
p-p	14 TeV	150 fb <sup>-1</sup>	7.0 + 7.0 TeV	7450	0.7 fm	2.45 TeV	4.5 TeV

Process	Physics motivation
$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow e^+e^-, \mu^+\mu^-$	“Standard candles” for proton/nucleus $\gamma$ fluxes, EPA calculations, and higher-order QED corrections
$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-$	Anomalous $\tau$ lepton e.m. moments [29–32]
$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$	aQGC [25], ALPs [27], BI QED [28], noncommut. interactions [36], extra dims. [37],...
$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \mathcal{T}_0$	Ditauonium properties (heaviest QED bound state) [38, 39]
$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow (c\bar{c})_{0,2}, (b\bar{b})_{0,2}$	Properties of scalar and tensor charmonia and bottomonia [40, 41]
$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow XYZ$	Properties of spin-even XYZ heavy-quark exotic states [42]
$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow VMVM$	(with VM = $\rho, \omega, \phi, J/\psi, \Upsilon$ ): BFKL-Pomeron dynamics [43–46]
$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow W^+W^-, ZZ, Z\gamma, \dots$	anomalous quartic gauge couplings [11, 26, 47, 48]
$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow H$	Higgs- $\gamma$ coupling, total H width [49, 50]
$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow HH$	Higgs potential [51], quartic $\gamma\gamma HH$ coupling
$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow t\bar{t}$	anomalous top-quark e.m. couplings [11, 49]
$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \tilde{\ell}\tilde{\ell}, \tilde{\chi}^+\tilde{\chi}^-, H^{++}H^{--}$	SUSY pairs: slepton [11, 52, 53], chargino [11, 54], doubly-charged Higgs bosons [11, 55].
$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow a, \phi, MM, G$	ALPs [27, 56], radions [57], monopoles [58–61], gravitons [62–64],...

# Existing dedicated $\gamma\gamma$ MC event generators

- So far dedicated MC event generators include only **hard-coded  $\gamma\gamma$  processes, LO QED/QCD only, no extra  $\gamma$ /gluon FSR, no generation of (“uninteresting”) background processes,...**

## STARlight

Two-Photon Channels	
Particle	Jetset ID
$e^+e^-$ pair	11
$\mu^+\mu^-$ pair	13
$\tau^+\tau^-$ pair	15
$\tau^+\tau^-$ pair, polarized decay	10015*
$\rho^0$ pair	33
$a_2(1320)$ decayed by PYTHIA	115
$\eta$ decayed by PYTHIA	221
$f_2(1270)$ decayed by PYTHIA	225
$\eta'$ decayed by PYTHIA	331
$f_2(1525) \rightarrow K^+K^-(50\%), K^0\bar{K}^0(50\%)$	335
$\eta_c$ decayed by PYTHIA	441
$f_0(980)$ decayed by PYTHIA	9010221

## SuperChic

Two-photon collisions	
55	$W^+(\rightarrow \nu_l(8) + l^+(9)) + W^-(\rightarrow \bar{\nu}_l(10) + l^-(11))$
56	$e^+(6) + e^-(7)$
57	$\mu^+(6) + \mu^-(7)$
58	$\tau^+(6) + \tau^-(7)$
59	$\gamma(6) + \gamma(7)$
60	$H(5) \rightarrow b(6) + \bar{b}(6)$
68	$a(5) \rightarrow \gamma(6) + \gamma(7)$
69	$M(5) \rightarrow \gamma(6) + \gamma(7)$ (Dirac Coupling)
70	$M(5) \rightarrow \gamma(6) + \gamma(7)$ ( $\beta g$ Coupling)
71	$m(6) + \bar{m}(7)$ (Dirac Coupling)
72	$m(6) + \bar{m}(7)$ ( $\beta g$ Coupling)
73	$\tilde{\chi}^-(6)(\rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_0^1(8) + \mu^-(9) + \bar{\nu}_\mu(10)) + \tilde{\chi}^+(7)(\rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_0^1(11) + \mu^+(12) + \nu_\mu(13))$
74	$\tilde{\chi}^-(6)(\rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_0^1(8) + \bar{u}(9) + d(10)) + \tilde{\chi}^+(7)(\rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_0^1(11) + u(12) + \bar{d}(13))$
75	$\tilde{\chi}^-(6)(\rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_0^1(8) + \mu^-(9) + \bar{\nu}_\mu(10)) + \tilde{\chi}^+(7)(\rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_0^1(11) + u(12) + \bar{d}(13))$
76	$\tilde{l}^-(5)(\rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_0^1(8) + \mu^-(9)) + \tilde{l}^+(6)(\rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_0^1(10) + \mu^+(11))$
77	$\phi(5) \rightarrow \mu^+(6)\mu^-(7)$
78	$J/\psi(5) \rightarrow e^+(6)e^-(7)$
79	$\psi_{2S}(5) \rightarrow e^+(6)e^-(7)$

## FPMC

IPROC	Description
16006	$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow ll$
16010	$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow W^+W^-$
16010	$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow W^+W^-$ beyond SM
16015	$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow ZZ$ beyond SM

only pp UPC

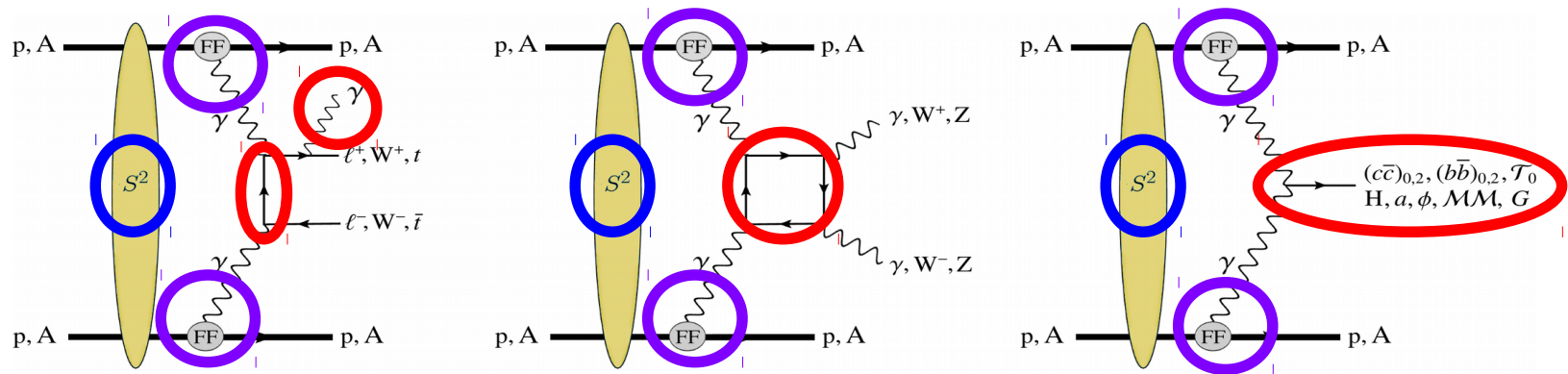
## UPCgen , LPAIR/CepGen

$$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow l^+l^-$$

# gamma-UPC $\gamma\gamma$ MC event generator

## ■ gamma-UPC features:

- Any **arbitrary (B)SM & QQbar** matrix elements w/ **MG5@NLO & HelacOnia**
- N  **$\gamma$ /gluon FSR** out-of-the-box. Extendable to **NLO QCD/EW**
- **LHE** output: **Shower+hadronization via PS** (PY8, HERWIG,...)
- 2 different **form factors ( $\gamma$  fluxes)** coded. **Glauber MC** for the non-overlap
- Any colliding combination: **p-p, p-A, A-A (for any A)**



## ■ gamma-UPC key properties:

- 1) **Matrix elements: MG5@NLO & HelacOnia** (N  $\gamma$ /g FSR's, NLO QCD/EW)
- 2) **p,A form factors: Charge (ChFF) (and Electric Dipole, EDFF)  $\gamma$  fluxes**
- 3) **p,A survival probability: Glauber-MC (and optical) based eikonal**

# Heavy-ion form factors & $\gamma$ fluxes: ChFF, EDFF

## ■ Electric dipole form factor (EDFF)

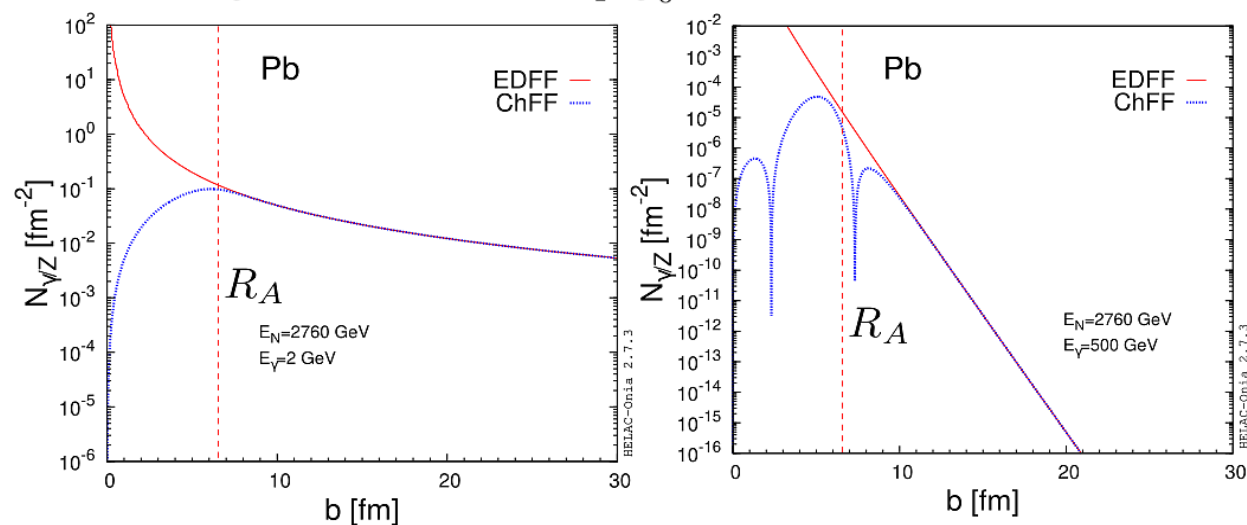
- Same as STARlight

$$N_{\gamma/Z}^{\text{EDFF}}(E_\gamma, b) = \frac{Z^2 \alpha}{\pi^2} \frac{\xi^2}{b^2} \left[ K_1^2(\xi) + \frac{1}{\gamma_L^2} K_0^2(\xi) \right] \quad \xi = \frac{E_\gamma b}{\gamma_L}$$

## ■ Charge form factor (ChFF)

$$N_{\gamma/Z}^{\text{ChFF}}(E_\gamma, b) = \frac{Z^2 \alpha}{\pi^2} \left| \int_0^{+\infty} \frac{dk_\perp k_\perp^2}{k_\perp^2 + E_\gamma^2/\gamma_L^2} F_{\text{ch},A} \left( \sqrt{k_\perp^2 + E_\gamma^2/\gamma_L^2} \right) J_1(bk_\perp) \right|^2$$

$$F_{\text{ch},A}(q) = \int d^3\mathbf{r} e^{i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{r}} \rho_A(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{4\pi}{q} \int_0^{+\infty} dr \rho_A(r) r \sin(qr)$$



- Main difference comes from the  $b < R_A$  regime
- EDFF photon number density is divergent at  $b = 0$ 
  - Need a (arbitrary) cutoff when convoluting with ME

■ ChFF, much more realistic, preferred.

# Proton form factors & $\gamma$ fluxes: ChFF, EDFF

## ■ Electric dipole form factor (EDFF)

- Same as STARlight

$$N_{\gamma/Z}^{\text{EDFF}}(E_\gamma, b) = \frac{Z^2 \alpha \xi^2}{\pi^2 b^2} \left[ K_1^2(\xi) + \frac{1}{\gamma_L^2} K_0^2(\xi) \right] \quad \xi = \frac{E_\gamma b}{\gamma_L}$$

## ■ Charge form factor (ChFF)

$$N_{\gamma/Z}^{\text{ChFF}}(E_\gamma, b) = \frac{Z^2 \alpha}{\pi^2} \left| \int_0^{+\infty} \frac{dk_\perp k_\perp^2}{k_\perp^2 + E_\gamma^2/\gamma_L^2} F_{\text{ch,A}} \left( \sqrt{k_\perp^2 + E_\gamma^2/\gamma_L^2} \right) J_1(bk_\perp) \right|^2$$

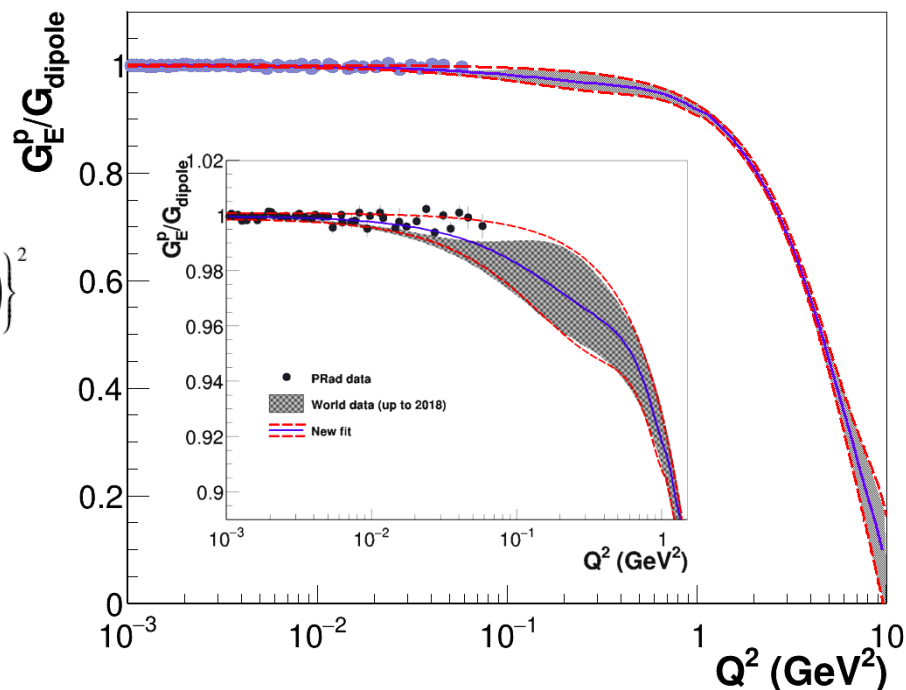
$$F_{\text{ch,A}}(q) = \int d^3\mathbf{r} e^{i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{r}} \rho_A(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{4\pi}{q} \int_0^{+\infty} dr \rho_A(r) r \sin(qr)$$

## ■ Proton dipole form-factor:

$$F_{\text{ch,p}}(q) = \frac{1}{(1 + q^2 a_p^2)^2} \quad \text{with } a_p^{-2} = Q_0^2 = 0.71 \text{ GeV}^2$$

$$N_{\gamma/p}^{\text{ChFF}}(E_\gamma, b) = \frac{\alpha \xi^2}{\pi^2 b^2} \left\{ \left[ K_1(\xi) - \sqrt{1 + \tilde{a}_p^{-2}} K_1 \left( \xi \sqrt{1 + \tilde{a}_p^{-2}} \right) \right] - \frac{\xi}{2\tilde{a}_p^2} K_0 \left( \xi \sqrt{1 + \tilde{a}_p^{-2}} \right) \right\}^2$$

## ■ Updated proton elastic ChFF, from fit to latest A1+PRad data:





# $\gamma\gamma$ EPA cross sections & survival probability

## ■ Cross section:

$$\sigma(A B \xrightarrow{\gamma\gamma} A X B) = \int \frac{dE_{\gamma_1}}{E_{\gamma_1}} \frac{dE_{\gamma_2}}{E_{\gamma_2}} \frac{d^2 N_{\gamma_1/Z_1, \gamma_2/Z_2}^{(AB)}}{dE_{\gamma_1} dE_{\gamma_2}} \sigma_{\gamma\gamma \rightarrow X}(W_{\gamma\gamma})$$

## ■ Effective two-photon luminosity:

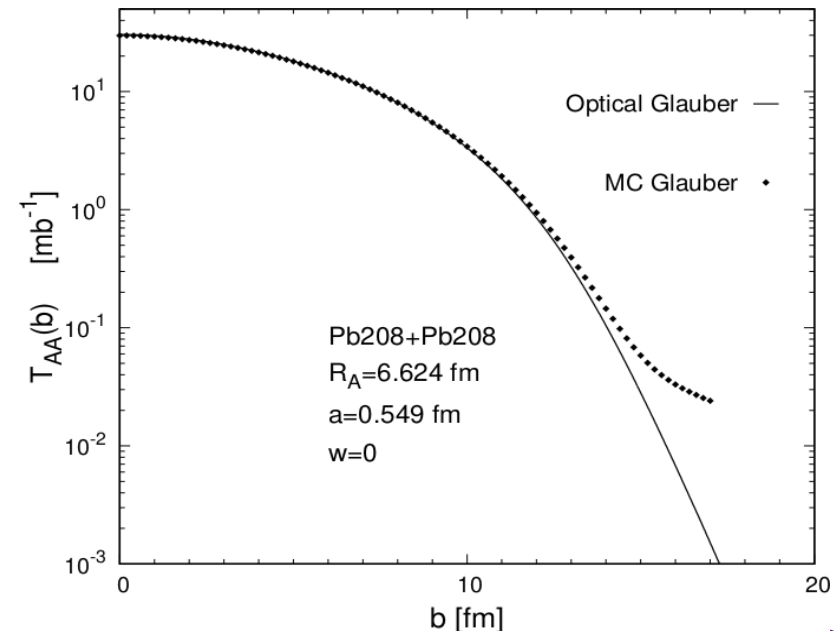
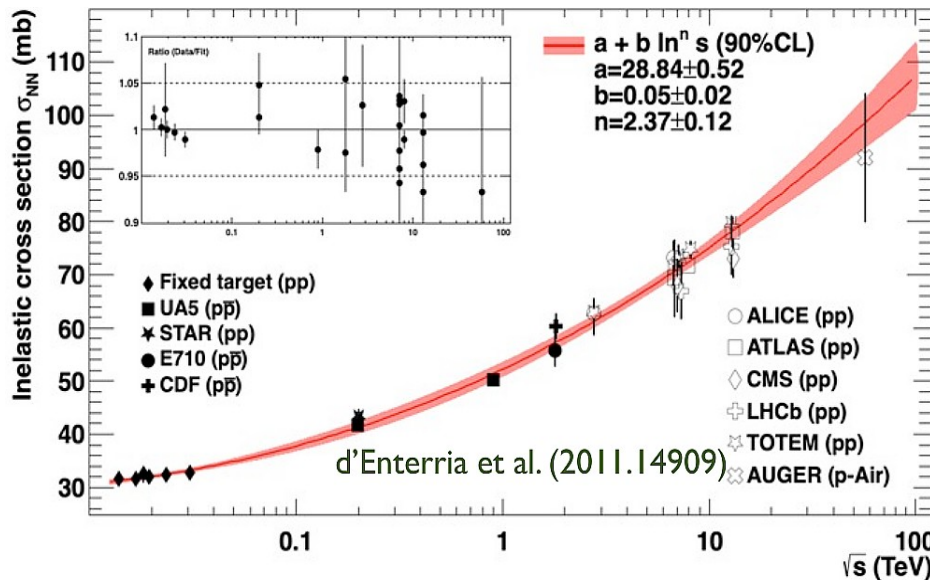
$$\frac{d^2 N_{\gamma_1/Z_1, \gamma_2/Z_2}^{(AB)}}{dE_{\gamma_1} dE_{\gamma_2}} = \int d^2 \mathbf{b}_1 d^2 \mathbf{b}_2 P_{\text{no inel}}(|\mathbf{b}_1 - \mathbf{b}_2|) N_{\gamma_1/Z_1}(E_{\gamma_1}, \mathbf{b}_1) N_{\gamma_2/Z_2}(E_{\gamma_2}, \mathbf{b}_2) \times \theta(b_1 - \epsilon R_A) \theta(b_2 - \epsilon R_B)$$

## ■ No hadronic/inelastic interaction probability density:

$$P_{\text{no inel}}(b) = \begin{cases} e^{-\sigma_{\text{inel}}^{\text{NN}} \cdot T_{AB}(b)}, \\ e^{-\sigma_{\text{inel}}^{\text{NN}} \cdot T_A(b)}, \\ |1 - \Gamma(s_{\text{NN}}, b)|^2, \text{ with } \Gamma(s_{\text{NN}}, b) \propto e^{-b^2/(2b_0)} \end{cases}$$

nucleus-nucleus  
proton-nucleus  
p-p

$T_{AB}(b)$  overlap from  
**parametrized  
Glauber MC:**



# $\gamma\gamma$ EPA cross sections & survival probability

## ■ Cross section:

$$\sigma(A B \xrightarrow{\gamma\gamma} A X B) = \int \frac{dE_{\gamma_1}}{E_{\gamma_1}} \frac{dE_{\gamma_2}}{E_{\gamma_2}} \frac{d^2 N_{\gamma_1/Z_1, \gamma_2/Z_2}^{(AB)}}{dE_{\gamma_1} dE_{\gamma_2}} \sigma_{\gamma\gamma \rightarrow X}(W_{\gamma\gamma})$$

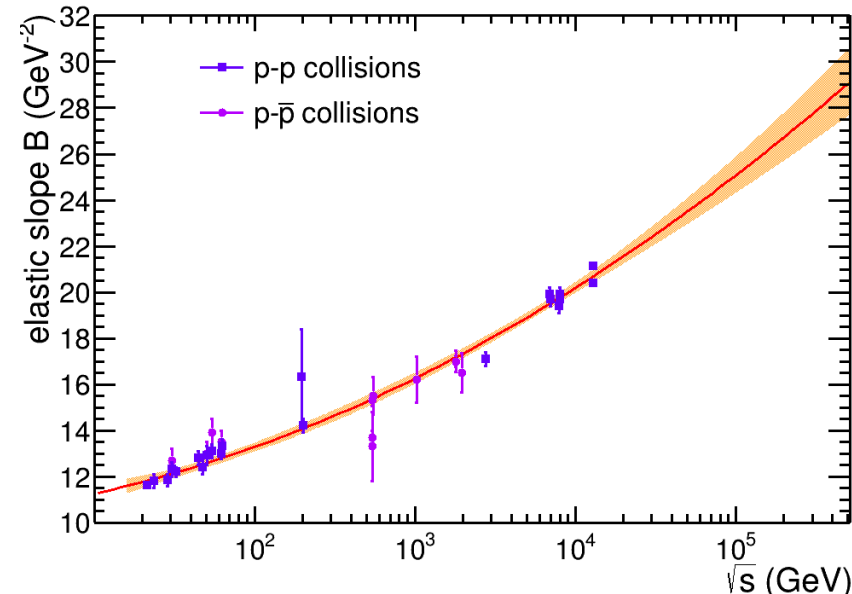
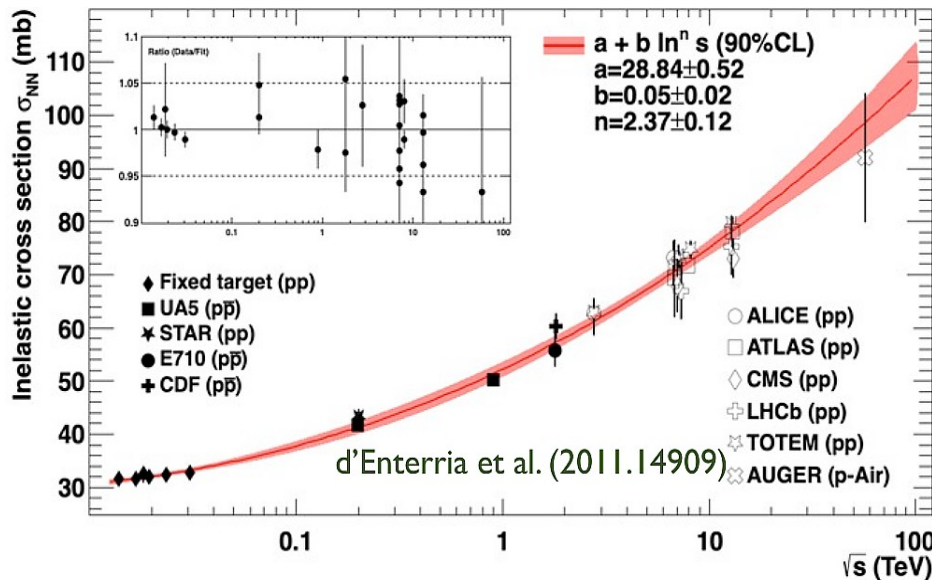
## ■ Effective two-photon luminosity:

$$\frac{d^2 N_{\gamma_1/Z_1, \gamma_2/Z_2}^{(AB)}}{dE_{\gamma_1} dE_{\gamma_2}} = \int d^2 \mathbf{b}_1 d^2 \mathbf{b}_2 P_{\text{no inel}}(|\mathbf{b}_1 - \mathbf{b}_2|) N_{\gamma_1/Z_1}(E_{\gamma_1}, \mathbf{b}_1) N_{\gamma_2/Z_2}(E_{\gamma_2}, \mathbf{b}_2) \times \theta(b_1 - \epsilon R_A) \theta(b_2 - \epsilon R_B)$$

## ■ No hadronic/inelastic interaction probability density:

$$P_{\text{no inel}}(b) = \begin{cases} e^{-\sigma_{\text{inel}}^{\text{NN}} \cdot T_{AB}(b)}, & \text{nucleus-nucleus} \\ e^{-\sigma_{\text{inel}}^{\text{NN}} \cdot T_A(b)}, & \text{proton-nucleus} \\ |1 - \Gamma(s_{\text{NN}}, b)|^2, & \text{with } \Gamma(s_{\text{NN}}, b) \propto e^{-b^2/(2b_0)} \text{ p-p} \end{cases}$$

Parametrized proton elastic slope data:

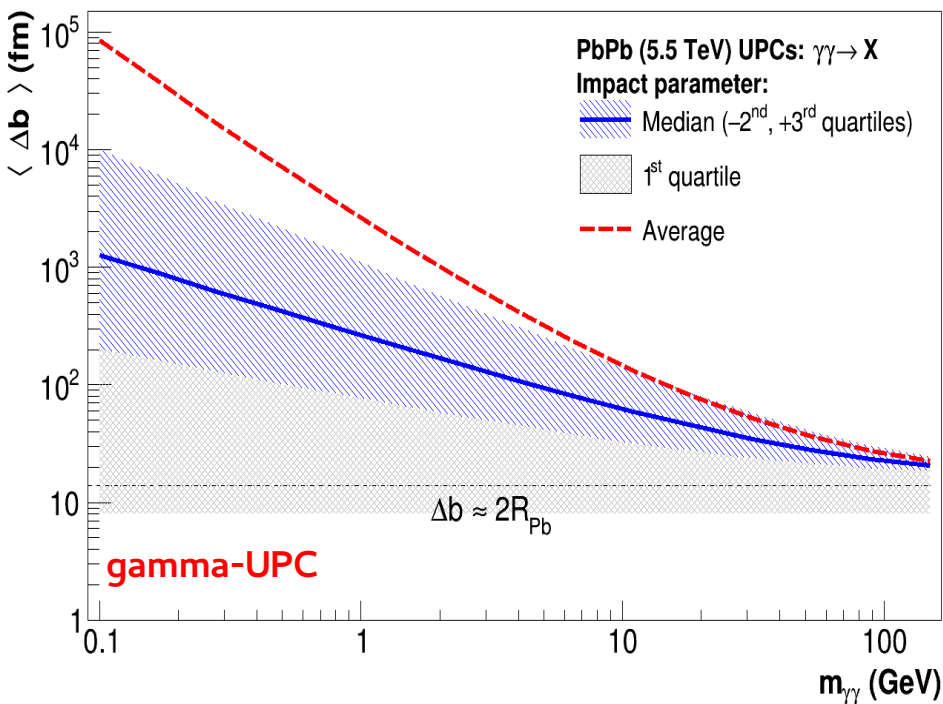


# How peripheral are Pb-Pb UPCs at the LHC?

■ Average  $|\vec{b}_1 - \vec{b}_2|$  vs.  $m_{\gamma\gamma}$ :

$m_{\gamma\gamma} < 5$  GeV:  $\langle \Delta b \rangle > 100$  fm

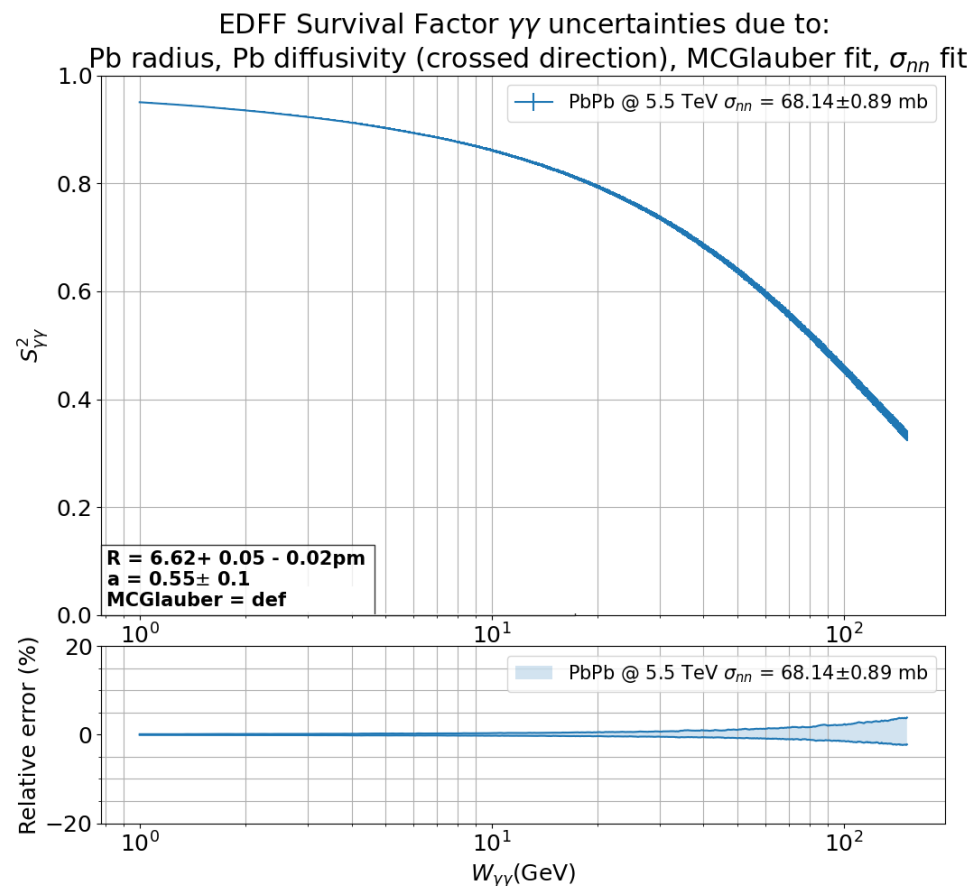
$m_{\gamma\gamma} > 100$  GeV:  $\langle \Delta b \rangle \sim 20$  fm



■ Pb-Pb survival probab. vs.  $m_{\gamma\gamma}$ :

$m_{\gamma\gamma} < 5$  GeV:  $\langle P_{\text{non-overlap}} \rangle > 90\%$

$m_{\gamma\gamma} > 100$  GeV:  $\langle P_{\text{non-overlap}} \rangle < 40\%$



# How peripheral are p-p UPCs at the LHC?

■ Average  $|\vec{b}_1 - \vec{b}_2|$  vs.  $m_{\gamma\gamma}$ :

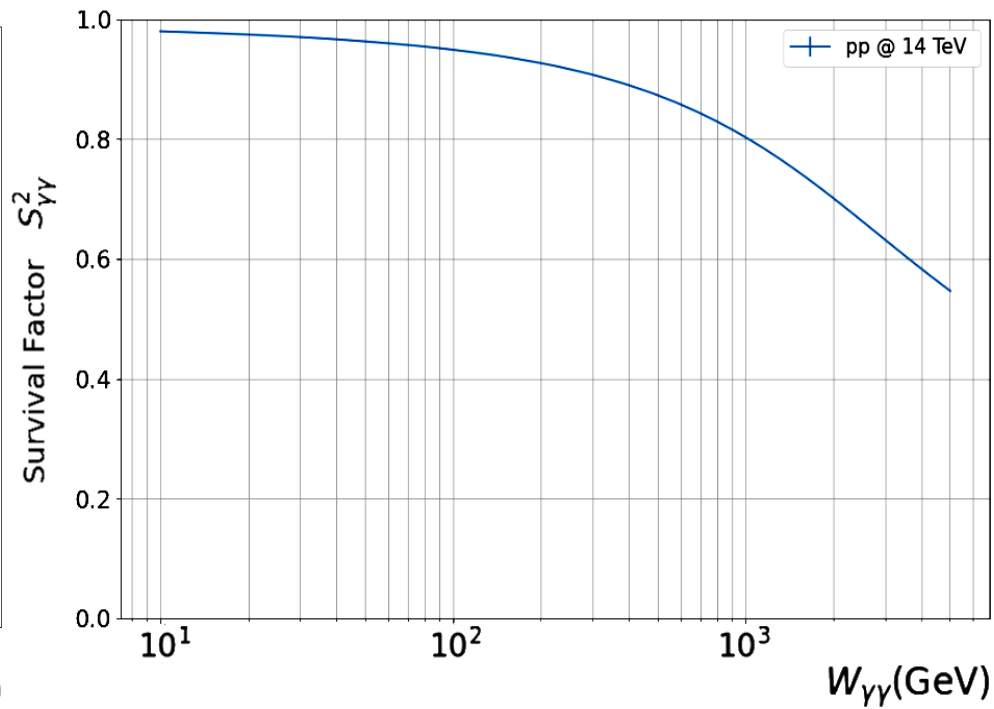
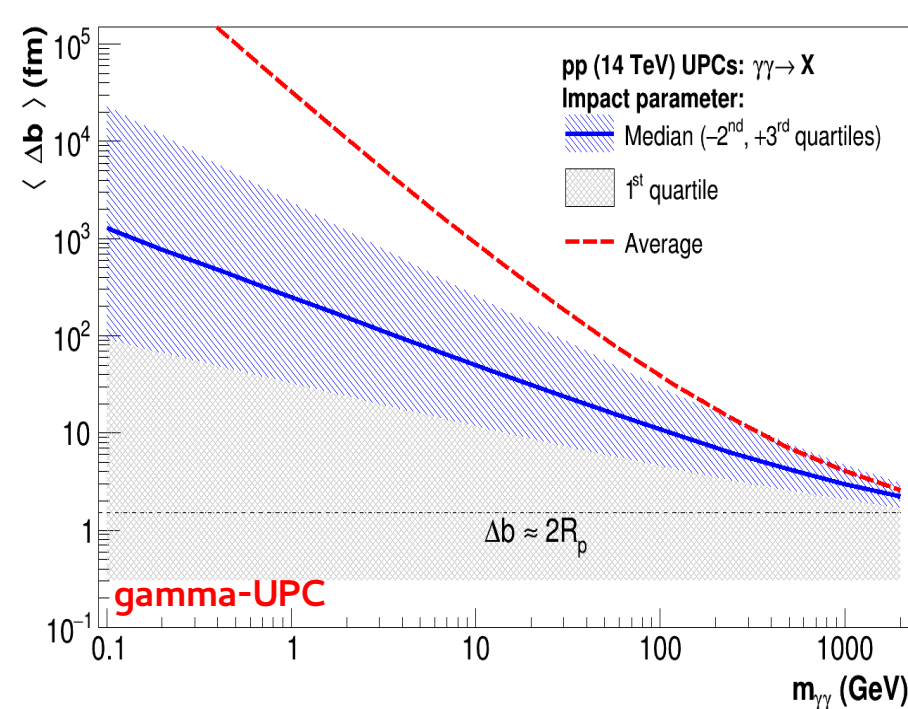
$m_{\gamma\gamma} < 10$  GeV:  $\langle \Delta b \rangle > 50$  fm

$m_{\gamma\gamma} > 1$  TeV:  $\langle \Delta b \rangle < 3$  fm

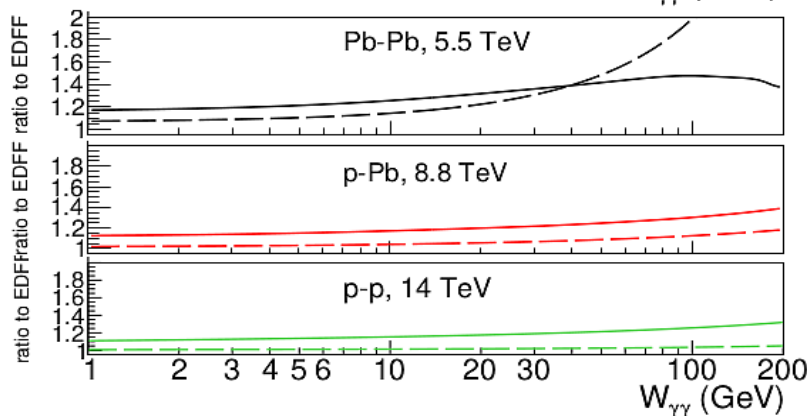
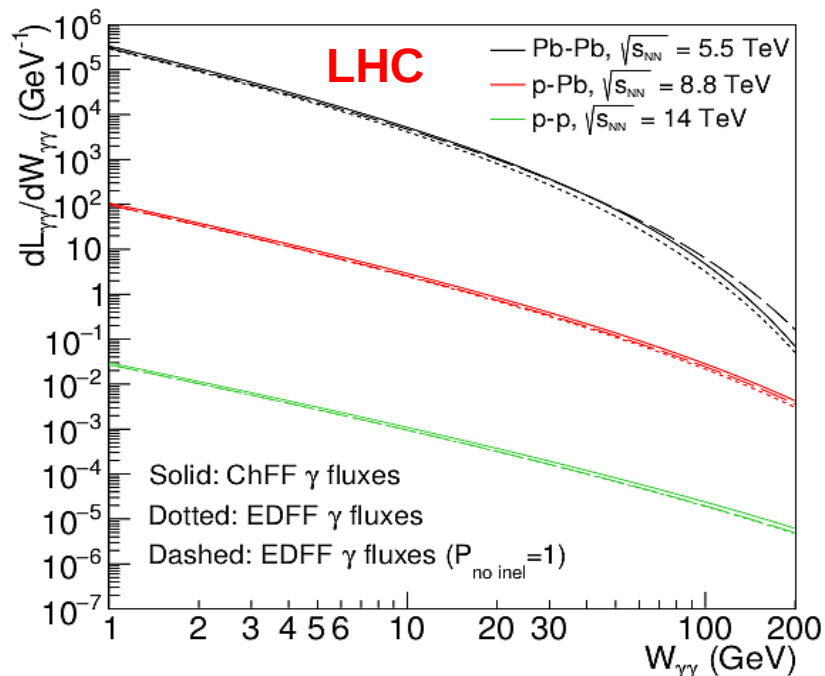
■ p-p survival probab. vs.  $m_{\gamma\gamma}$ :

$m_{\gamma\gamma} < 10$  GeV:  $\langle P_{\text{non-overlap}} \rangle > 95\%$

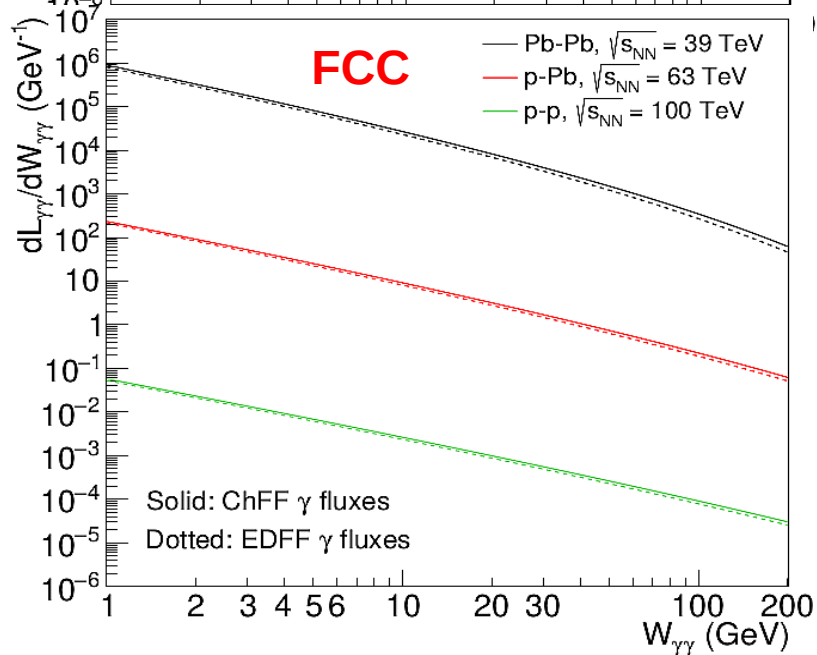
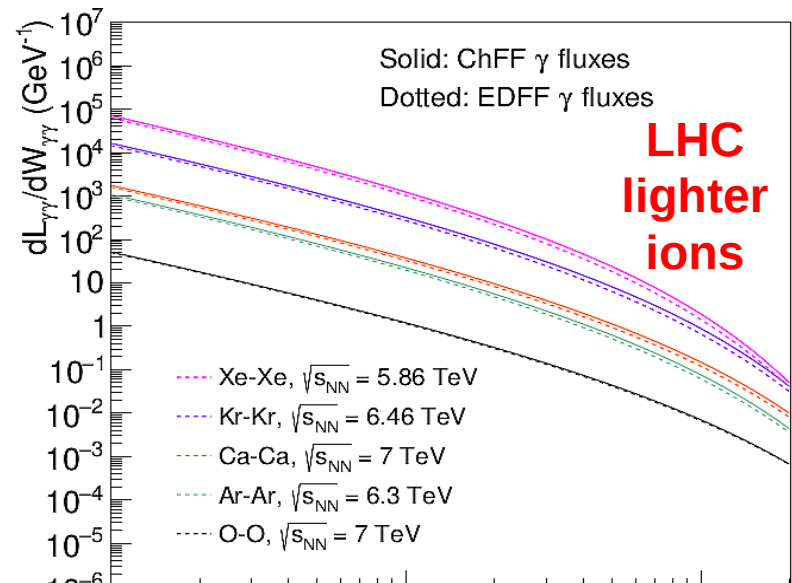
$m_{\gamma\gamma} > 1$  TeV:  $\langle P_{\text{non-overlap}} \rangle < 80\%$



# Effective $\gamma\gamma$ luminosities (LHC/FCC)

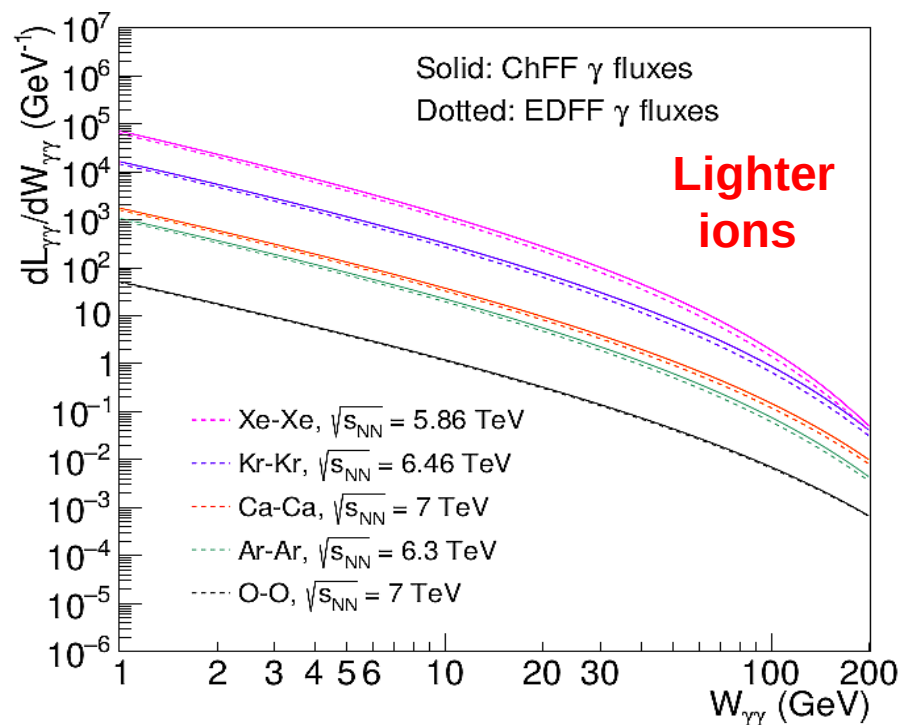
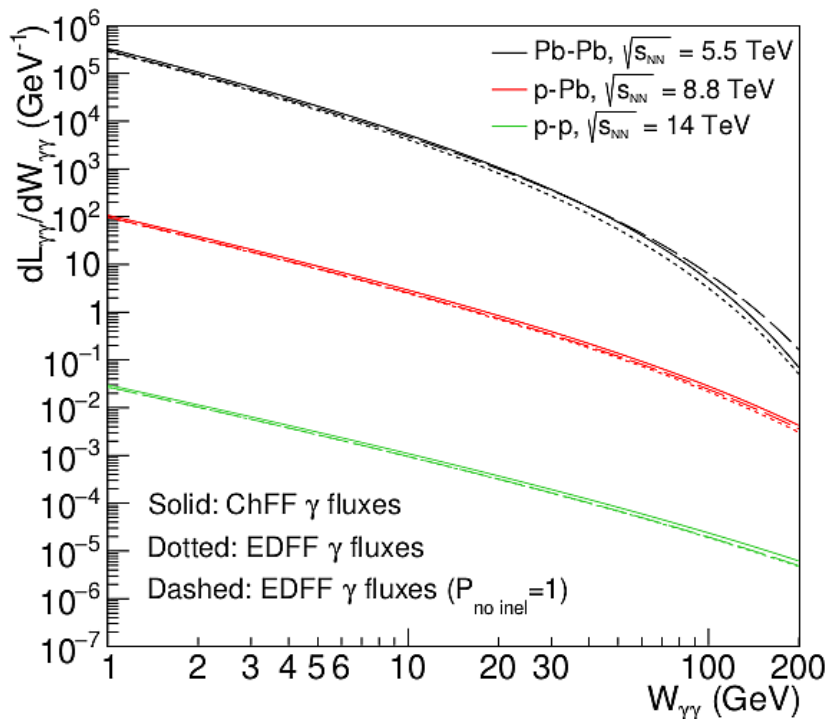


■ ChFF/EDDF  $\gamma$ -fluxes differences (pp–PbPb):  
 Low masses: ~7–15%. High masses: 20–50%

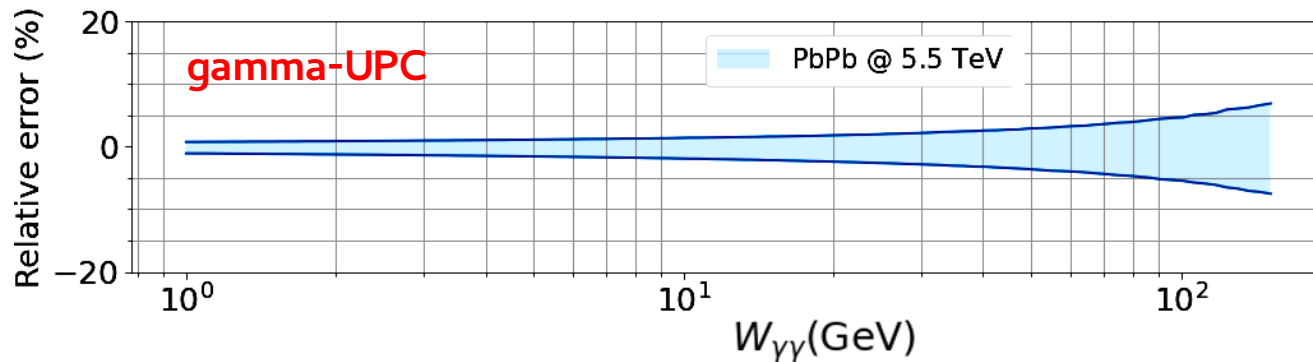


# Effective $\gamma\gamma$ luminosities (LHC)

■ Thanks to  $Z^4$  boost, **A-A  $\gamma\gamma$  lumis (per collision) well above p-p ones:**



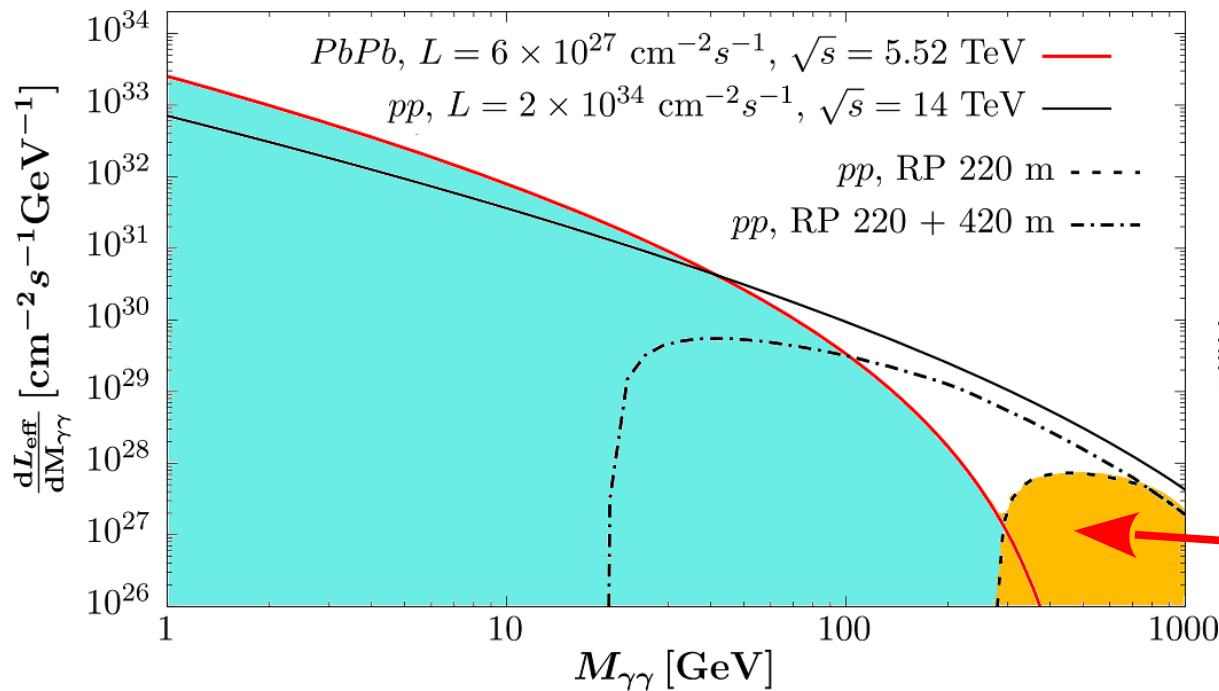
■ ChFF  $\gamma\gamma$  luminosity **uncertainties (PbPb): Low-mass: few %. High mass: <7%**



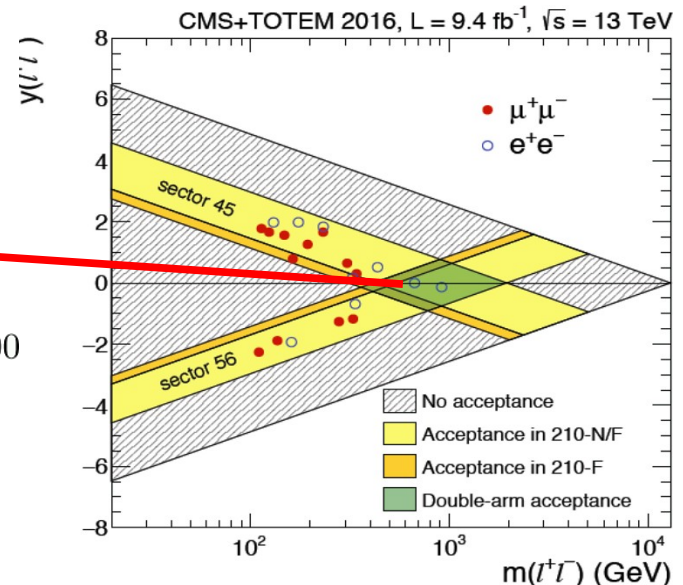
ChFF  $\gamma$  spectra  
 Glauber MC:  
**Variations of  $R, \alpha, \sigma_{NN}$**

# Effective $\gamma\gamma$ luminosities (LHC): pp vs. PbPb

- Thanks to  $Z^4$  boost, **Pb-Pb  $\gamma\gamma$  lumis (per collision) well above the p-p ones.**
  - Up to  $W_{\gamma\gamma} \approx 30$  GeV, accounting for much larger p beam luminosity
  - Up to  $W_{\gamma\gamma} \approx 300$  GeV requiring **double-arm p tagging at PPS (~220 m)** (kinematic matching required to remove huge pp pileup):

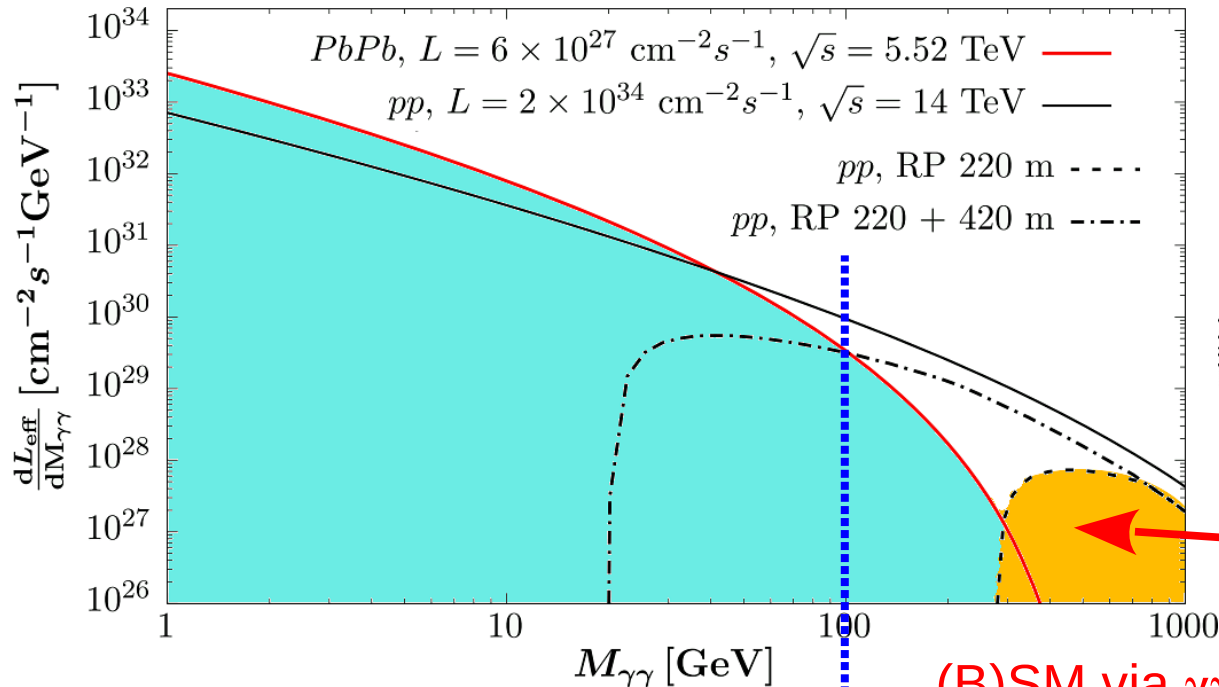


- **PPS p-p acceptance vs. central mass &  $y$**



# Effective $\gamma\gamma$ luminosities (LHC): pp vs. PbPb

- Thanks to  $Z^4$  boost, **Pb-Pb  $\gamma\gamma$  lumis (per collision) well above the p-p ones.**
  - Up to  $W_{\gamma\gamma} \approx 30$  GeV, accounting for much larger p beam luminosity
  - Up to  $W_{\gamma\gamma} \approx 300$  GeV requiring **double-arm p tagging at PPS (~220 m)** (kinematic matching required to remove huge pp pileup):



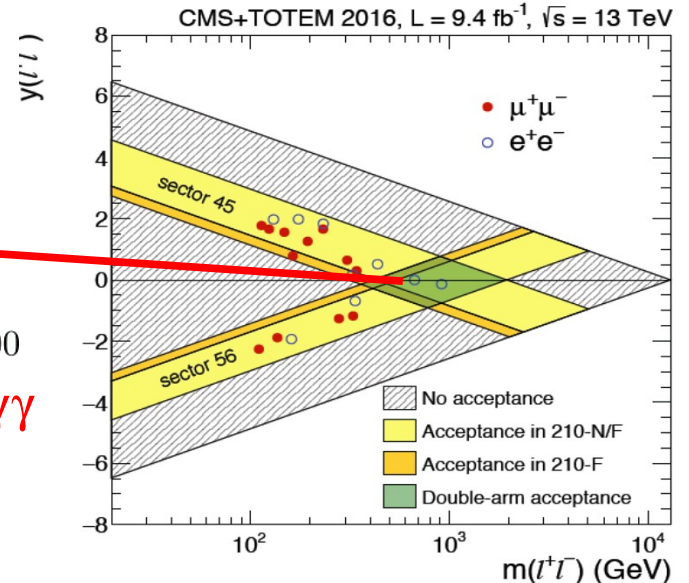
Rule of thumb:

(B)SM via  $\gamma\gamma$  in Pb-Pb

(B)SM via  $\gamma\gamma$  in p-p with tagged p's

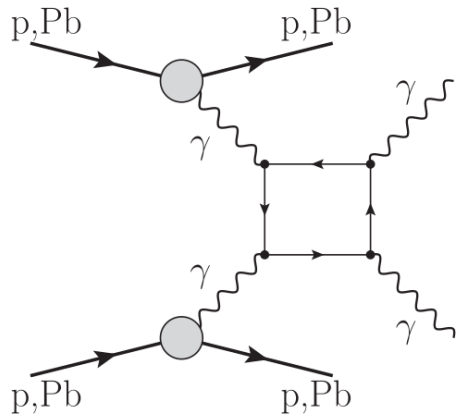
$m_x \sim 100 \text{ GeV}$

■ PPS p-p acceptance vs. central mass &  $y$





# Light-by-light scattering: Data vs. gamma-UPC



- LbL scattering  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  (1<sup>st</sup> studied in PRL 111 (2013) 080405):

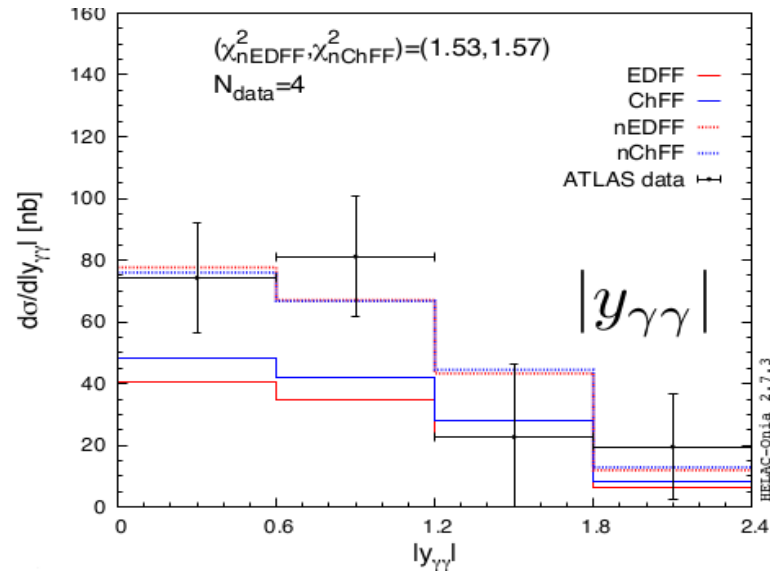
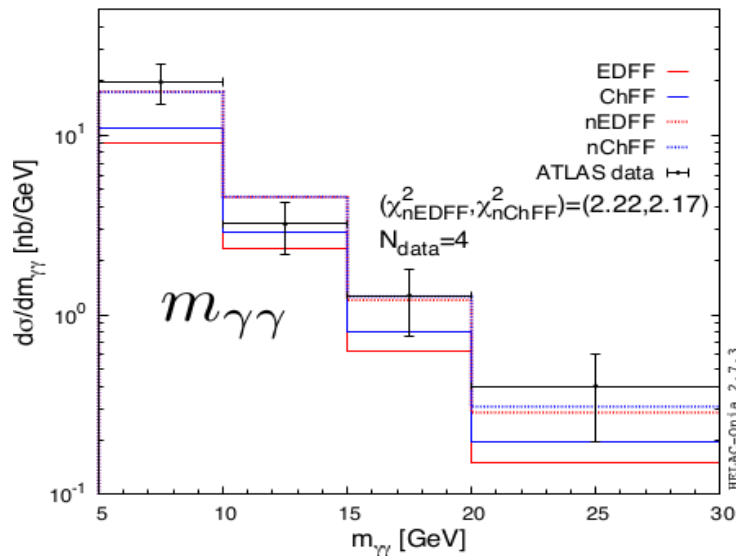
Integrated fiducial cross-section:

- Measurement:

$$\sigma_{fid} = 120 \pm 17(stat.) \pm 13(syst.) \pm 4(lumi.) \text{ nb}$$

ATLAS data [15]	gamma-UPC $\sigma$			SUPERCHIC $\sigma$
	EDFF	ChFF	average	
<b>120 ± 22 nb</b>	<b>63 nb</b>	<b>76 nb</b>	<b>70 ± 7 nb</b>	<b>78 ± 8 nb</b>

ATLAS: JHEP 03 (2021) 243 CMS: Phys. Lett. B 797 (2019) 134826

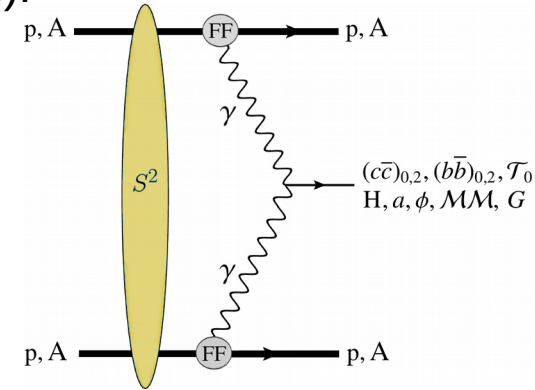


- Shape well reproduced except lowest mass: Data is  $2\sigma$  larger than theory
- But CMS does not see excess: (non)exclusive backgrounds at low masses?

# Example $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow X^0$ cross sections (LHC)

## ■ C-even SM resonances (9 states with $m \sim 3-10$ GeV, plus Higgs):

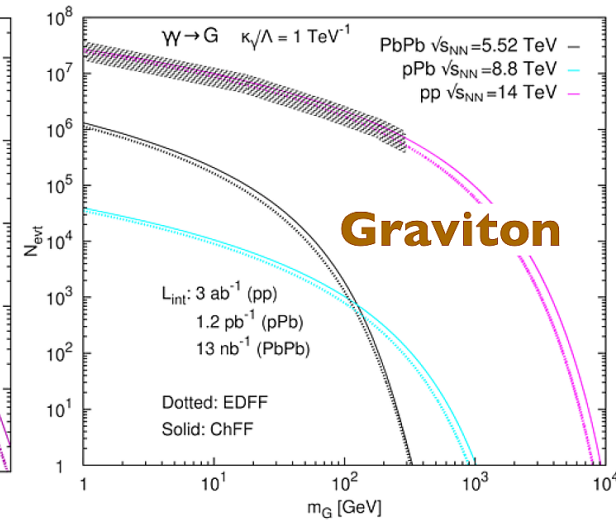
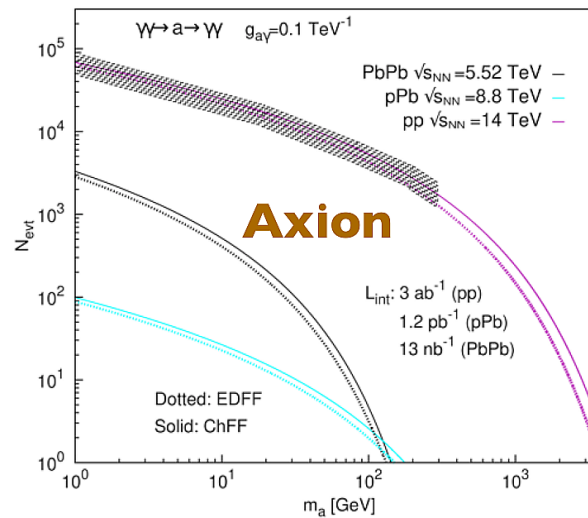
Colliding system	Form factor	gamma-UPC $\sigma(\gamma\gamma \rightarrow X)$										
		$\eta_c(1S)$	$\eta_c(2S)$	$\chi_{c0}$	$\chi_{c2}$	$\eta_b(1S)$	$\eta_b(2S)$	$\chi_{b0}$	$\chi_{b2}$	$\mathcal{T}_0$	H	
p-p, 14 TeV	pointlike	61 pb	13 pb	17 pb	19 pb	110 fb	44 fb	29 fb	8.9 fb	0.12 fb	0.17 fb	
	EDFF ( $S_{\gamma\gamma}^2 = 1$ )	51 pb	11 pb	14 pb	15 pb	88 fb	35 fb	23 fb	7.1 fb	0.10 fb	0.12 fb	
	EDFF	50 pb	11 pb	14 pb	15 pb	86 fb	35 fb	23 fb	7.0 fb	0.10 fb	0.11 fb	
	ChFF	56 pb	12 pb	15 pb	17 pb	99 fb	40 fb	26 fb	8.0 fb	0.11 fb	0.14 fb	
p-Pb, 8.8 TeV	EDFF	0.16 $\mu$ b	33 nb	43 nb	46 nb	0.23 nb	92 pb	60 pb	18 pb	0.31 pb	0.11 pb	
	ChFF	0.18 $\mu$ b	38 nb	49 nb	53 nb	0.27 nb	106 pb	70 pb	21 pb	0.35 pb	0.14 pb	
O-O, 7 TeV	EDFF	76 nb	16 nb	21 nb	23 nb	0.10 nb	42 pb	28 pb	8.5 pb	0.15 pb	31 fb	
	ChFF	82 nb	17 nb	22 nb	24 nb	0.11 fb	44 pb	29 pb	9.0 pb	0.16 pb	32 fb	
Ca-Ca, 7 TeV	EDFF	2.5 $\mu$ b	0.50 $\mu$ b	0.63 $\mu$ b	0.70 $\mu$ b	3.1 nb	1.2 nb	0.81 nb	0.25 nb	4.6 pb	0.48 pb	
	ChFF	2.7 $\mu$ b	0.58 $\mu$ b	0.74 $\mu$ b	0.81 $\mu$ b	3.5 nb	1.4 nb	0.91 nb	0.29 nb	5.2 pb	0.62 pb	
Ar-Ar, 6.3 TeV	EDFF	1.5 $\mu$ b	0.31 $\mu$ b	0.40 $\mu$ b	0.42 $\mu$ b	1.8 nb	0.73 nb	0.48 nb	0.15 nb	2.9 pb	0.25 pb	
	ChFF	1.6 $\mu$ b	0.34 $\mu$ b	0.44 $\mu$ b	0.49 $\mu$ b	2.1 nb	0.83 nb	0.55 nb	0.17 nb	3.1 pb	0.31 pb	
Kr-Kr, 6.46 TeV	EDFF	22 $\mu$ b	4.4 $\mu$ b	5.9 $\mu$ b	6.3 $\mu$ b	25 nb	10 nb	6.7 nb	1.9 nb	41 pb	2.5 pb	
	ChFF	25 $\mu$ b	5.1 $\mu$ b	6.4 $\mu$ b	7.0 $\mu$ b	31 nb	12 nb	7.9 nb	2.3 nb	46 pb	3.4 pb	
Xe-Xe, 5.86 TeV	EDFF	89 $\mu$ b	18 $\mu$ b	24 $\mu$ b	26 $\mu$ b	98 nb	38 nb	26 nb	7.7 nb	0.16 nb	4.8 pb	
	ChFF	101 $\mu$ b	21 $\mu$ b	27 $\mu$ b	29 $\mu$ b	116 nb	46 nb	31 nb	9.2 nb	0.19 nb	6.2 pb	
Pb-Pb, 5.52 TeV	EDFF	0.39 mb	79 $\mu$ b	0.10 mb	0.11 mb	0.40 $\mu$ b	0.15 $\mu$ b	0.10 $\mu$ b	31 nb	0.71 nb	9.3 pb	
	ChFF	0.46 mb	95 $\mu$ b	0.12 mb	0.13 mb	0.50 $\mu$ b	0.19 $\mu$ b	0.13 $\mu$ b	38 nb	0.86 nb	13 pb	



- Most low-mass resonances accessible in PbPb (pp without pileup) with low- $p_T$  ch.part PID &  $\gamma$  reco.
- Higgs boson: no significance

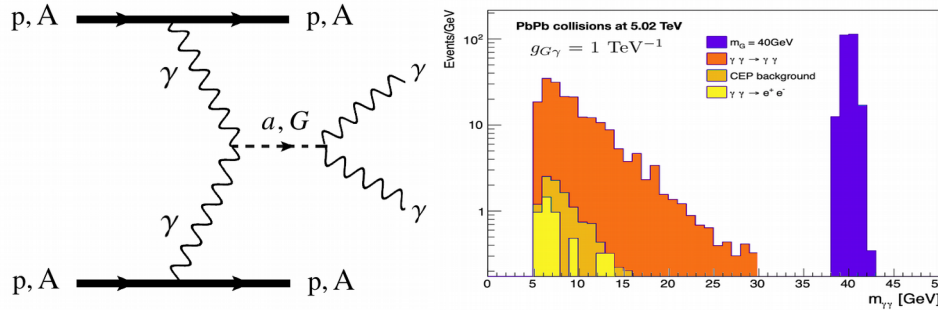
## ■ C-even BSM resonances:

PbPb (pp with RPs) best limits below (above)  $m_{\gamma\gamma} \sim 100$  GeV



# Massive graviton searches via $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow G \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

■ UPCs = optimal search environment for spin-0 (ALP), **spin-2 (G)** BSM over LbL



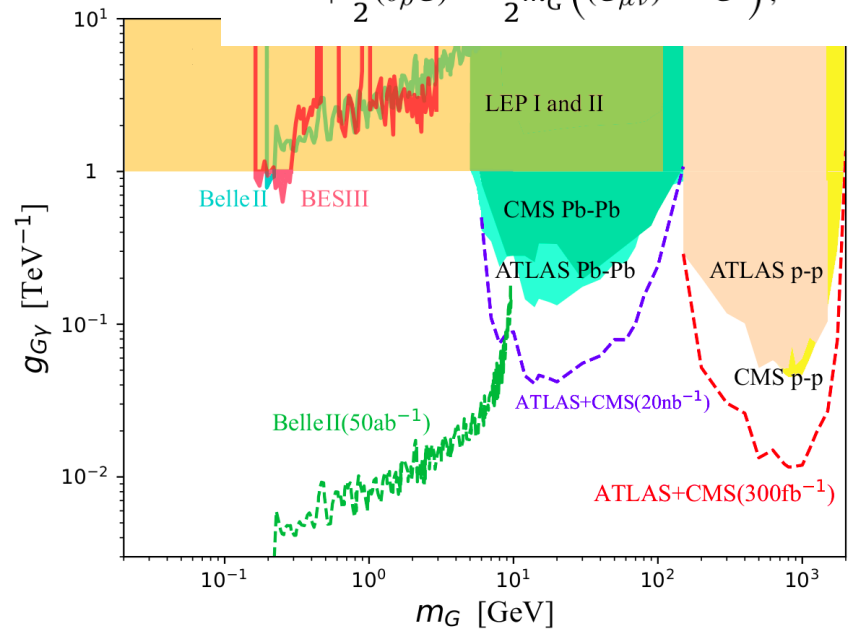
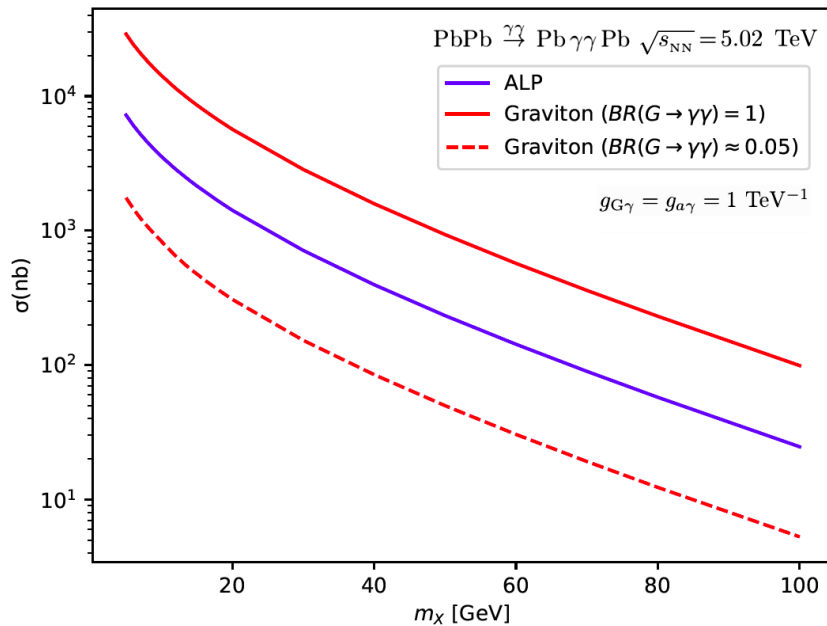
$$\sigma(ab \rightarrow ab + X) = 4\pi (2J + 1) \frac{\Gamma_{\gamma\gamma}(X)}{m_X^2} \left. \frac{d\mathcal{L}_{\gamma\gamma}^{(ab)}}{dW_{\gamma\gamma}} \right|_{W_{\gamma\gamma}=m_X}$$

Naively  $\sigma(G)=5\sigma(\text{ALP})$ ... but G should have universal couplings to SM particles

[DdE et al., PLB 846 (2023)138237]

■ Signal x-sections from Fierz-Pauli Lagrangian:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{FP}} = -\frac{1}{2}(\partial_\rho G_{\mu\nu})^2 + \partial_\mu G_{\nu\rho} \partial^\nu G^{\mu\rho} - \partial_\mu G^{\mu\nu} \partial_\nu G + \frac{1}{2}(\partial_\rho G)^2 - \frac{1}{2}m_G^2((G_{\mu\nu})^2 - G^2),$$



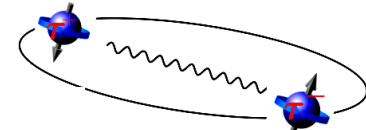
■ ALPs searches recast: **New upper limits set on  $\gamma$ -G coupling  $g_{G\gamma} \approx 0.01-1 \text{ TeV}^{-1}$**

# Para-ditauonium via $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \tau_0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ ?

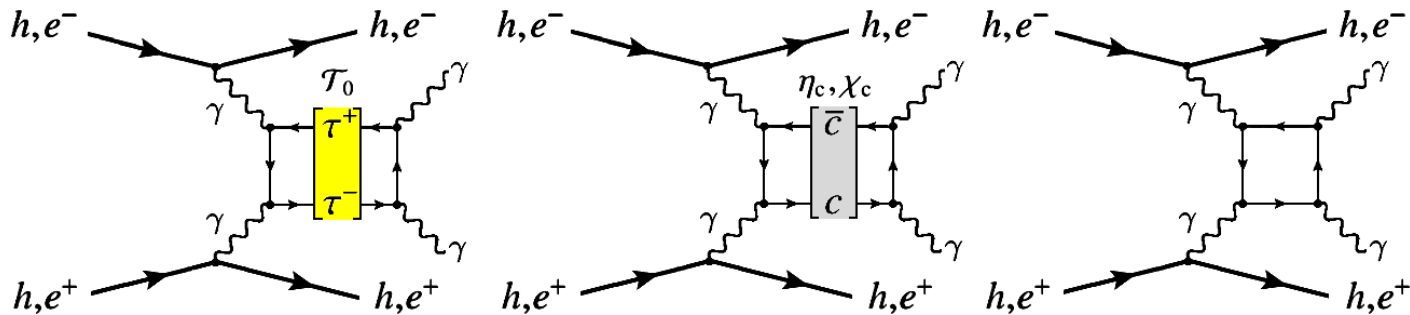
- Ditauonium  $\tau \equiv (\tau^+\tau^-)$ , never observed, is **smallest & most-bound leptonium** state:

**Mass:**  $m_\tau = 2m_\tau + E_{\text{bind}} = 3553.6962 \pm 0.2400 \text{ MeV}$ ,  $E_{\text{bind}} = -\alpha^2 m_\tau / (4n^2) = -23.7 \text{ keV}$

**Bohr radius:**  $a_0 = 2/(\alpha m_\tau) = 30.4 \text{ fm}$  ( $\times 3500$  smaller than positronium)



- Signal & background x-sections:  $\sigma(ab \rightarrow ab + X) = 4\pi^2(2J + 1) \frac{\Gamma_{\gamma\gamma}(X)}{m_X^2} \left. \frac{d\mathcal{L}_{\gamma\gamma}^{(ab)}}{dW_{\gamma\gamma}} \right|_{W_{\gamma\gamma}=m_X}$



[DdE, H-S. Shao, PRD105 (2022)093008]

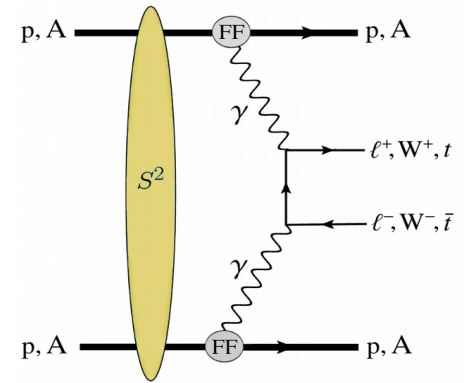
Colliding system, c.m. energy, $\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}}$ , exp.	$\sigma \times \mathcal{B}_{\gamma\gamma}$					$N \times \mathcal{B}_{\gamma\gamma}$		
	$\eta_c(1S)$	$\eta_c(2S)$	$\chi_{c,0}(1P)$	$\chi_{c,2}(1P)$	LbL	$\mathcal{T}_0$	$\mathcal{T}_0$	$\chi_{c,2}(1P)$
$e^+e^-$ at 3.78 GeV, $20 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ , BES III	120 fb	3.6 ab	15 ab	13 ab	30 ab	0.25 ab	–	–
$e^+e^-$ at 10.6 GeV, $50 \text{ ab}^{-1}$ , Belle II	1.7 fb	0.35 fb	0.52 fb	0.77 fb	1.7 fb	0.015 fb	750	38 500
$e^+e^-$ at 91.2 GeV, $50 \text{ ab}^{-1}$ , FCC-ee	11 fb	2.8 fb	3.9 fb	6.0 fb	12 fb	0.11 fb	5 600	$3 \cdot 10^5$
p-p at 14 TeV, $300 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ , LHC	7.9 fb	2.0 fb	2.8 fb	4.3 fb	6.3 fb	0.08 fb	24	1290
p-Pb at 8.8 TeV, $0.6 \text{ pb}^{-1}$ , LHC	25 pb	6.3 pb	8.7 pb	13 pb	21 pb	0.25 pb	0.15	8
Pb-Pb at 5.5 TeV, $2 \text{ nb}^{-1}$ , LHC	61 nb	15 nb	21 nb	31 nb	62 nb	0.59 nb	1.2	62

Largest x-sections (**0.6 nb**) in **PbPb UPC** but only  $\sim 1$  evt expected. Visible at  $e^+e^-$

# Example $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow X^+X^-$ cross sections (LHC)

## Double fermions, e.g. $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow t\bar{t}$ (note **NLO** in QCD):

Process: $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow t\bar{t}$	gamma-UPC $\sigma_{\text{NLO}}$		
	EDFF	ChFF	average
p-p at 14 TeV	$0.198^{+0.004}_{-0.003}$ fb	$0.287^{+0.005}_{-0.004}$ fb	$0.242^{+0.005}_{-0.004} \pm 0.045$ fb
p-Pb at 8.8 TeV	$36.5^{+0.8}_{-0.7}$ fb	$59.3^{+1.3}_{-1.1}$ fb	$48^{+1.0}_{-0.9} \pm 11$ fb
Pb-Pb at 5.52 TeV	$12.6^{+0.4}_{-0.3}$ fb	$18.8^{+0.5}_{-0.4}$ fb	$15.7^{+0.5}_{-0.4} \pm 3.1$ fb



## Double bosons (loop induced):

## Double quarkonia:

Process: $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow J/\psi J/\psi$	gamma-UPC $\sigma$		
	EDFF	ChFF	average
p-p at 14 TeV	$20^{+11}_{-6}$ fb	$23^{+13}_{-7}$ fb	$22^{+12}_{-7} \pm 2$ fb
p-Pb at 8.8 TeV	$55^{+30}_{-16}$ pb	$64^{+35}_{-18}$ pb	$60^{+32}_{-17} \pm 4$ pb
Pb-Pb at 5.52 GeV	$103^{+57}_{-29}$ nb	$128^{+71}_{-36}$ nb	$115^{+64}_{-32} \pm 12$ nb

## Loop-induced rare processes in SM (BSM potential)

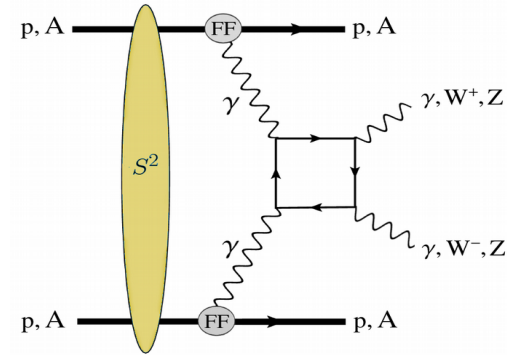
Process: $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow Z\gamma$	gamma-UPC $\sigma$		
	EDFF	ChFF	average
Colliding system, c.m. energy			
p-p at 14 TeV	36.2 ab	44.7 ab	$40.5 \pm 4.3$ ab
p-Pb at 8.8 TeV	10.3 fb	15.6 fb	$13.0 \pm 2.6$ fb
Pb-Pb at 5.52 TeV	109 fb	152 fb	$130 \pm 22$ fb

Process: $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow ZZ$	gamma-UPC $\sigma$		
	EDFF	ChFF	average
Colliding system, c.m. energy			
p-p at 14 TeV	52.8 ab	78.4 ab	$66 \pm 13$ ab
p-Pb at 8.8 TeV	12.3 fb	18.8 fb	$15.5 \pm 3.2$ fb
Pb-Pb at 5.52 TeV	46.8 fb	63.2 fb	$55 \pm 8$ fb

$$\mathcal{L} \supset \frac{c_{WWW}}{\Lambda^2} \text{Tr} [W_{\mu\nu} W^{\nu\rho} W^{\rho\mu}] \cdot \sigma = \sigma_{\text{SM}} + \left( \frac{c_{WWW}}{\Lambda^2} \times 1 \text{ TeV}^2 \right) \sigma_{WWW}$$

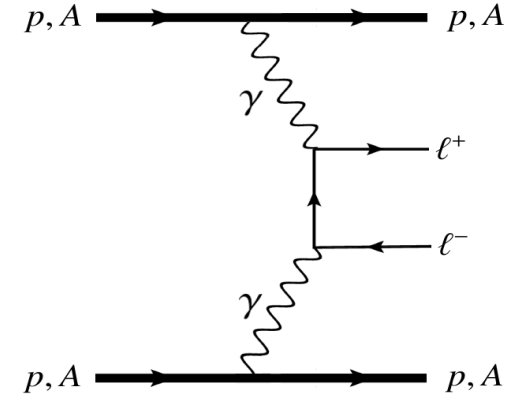
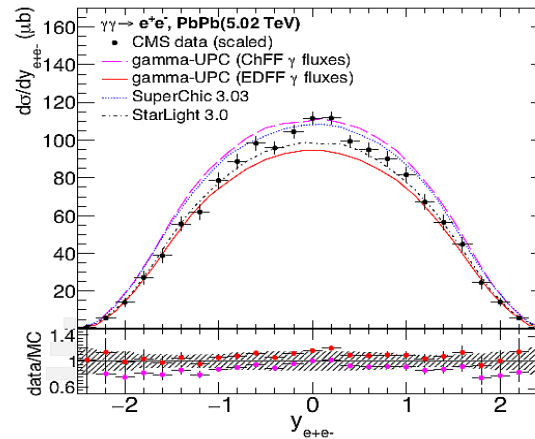
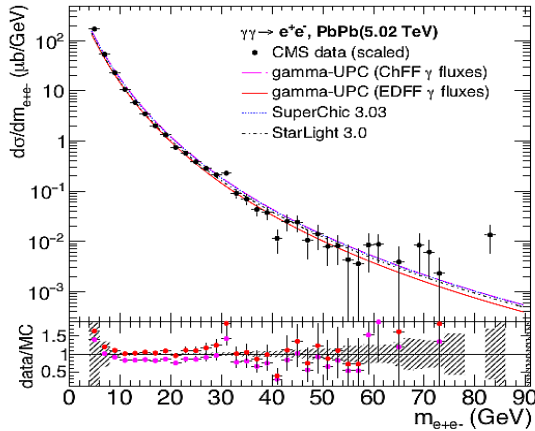
Process: $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow W^+W^-$	gamma-UPC average	
	$\sigma_{\text{SM}}$	$\sigma_{WWW}$
Colliding system, c.m. energy		
p-p at 14 TeV	$63 \pm 11$ fb	$53 \pm 8$ ab
p-Pb at 8.8 TeV	$26 \pm 5$ pb	$28 \pm 5$ fb
Pb-Pb at 5.52 TeV	$277 \pm 44$ pb	$394 \pm 64$ fb



# Exclusive dileptons: Data vs. gamma-UPC

## ■ Breit-Wheeler process $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow e^+e^-$ :

Process, system	Scaled CMS data [13]	gamma-UPC $\sigma$			STARLIGHT $\sigma$	SUPERCHIC $\sigma$
		EDFF	ChFF	average		
$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow e^+e^-$ , Pb-Pb at 5.02 TeV	$275 \pm 55 \mu\text{b}$	$272 \mu\text{b}$	$326 \mu\text{b}$	$298 \pm 28 \mu\text{b}$	$285 \mu\text{b}$	$318 \mu\text{b}$



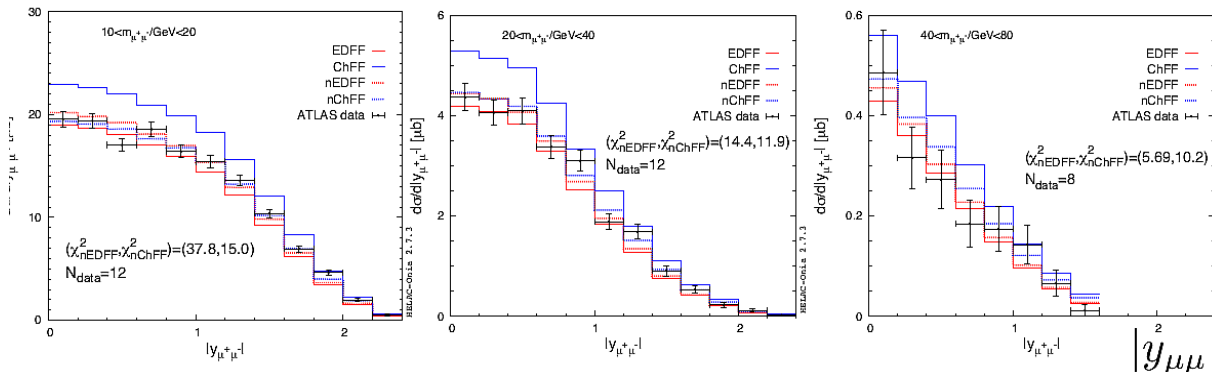
## ■ Generic conclusions:

EDFF gamma-UPC ~ Starlight  
ChFF gamma-UPC ~ SuperChic

Norm.: EDFF better than ChFF  
Shape: ChFF better than EDFF

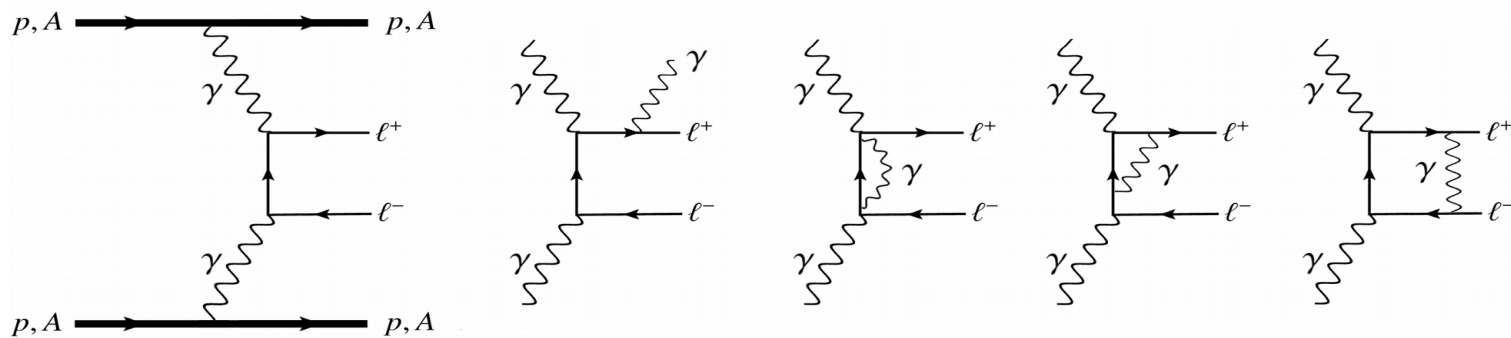
## ■ Exclusive dimuons $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ :

Process, system	ATLAS data [19]	gamma-UPC $\sigma$			STARLIGHT $\sigma$	SUPERCHIC $\sigma$
		EDFF	ChFF	average		
$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ , Pb-Pb at 5.02 TeV	$34.1 \pm 0.8 \mu\text{b}$	$32.1 \mu\text{b}$	$40.4 \mu\text{b}$	$36.2 \pm 4.2 \mu\text{b}$	$32.1 \mu\text{b}$	$38.9 \mu\text{b}$

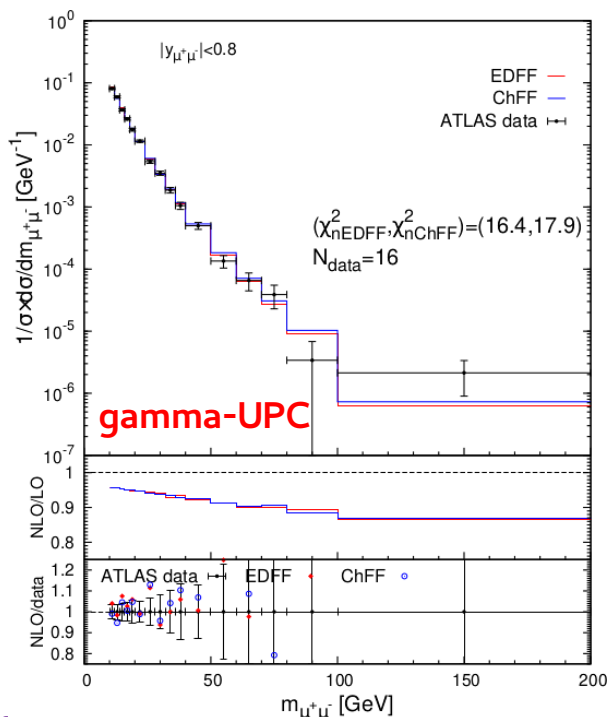


# $\gamma\gamma$ collisions: NLO QED corrections

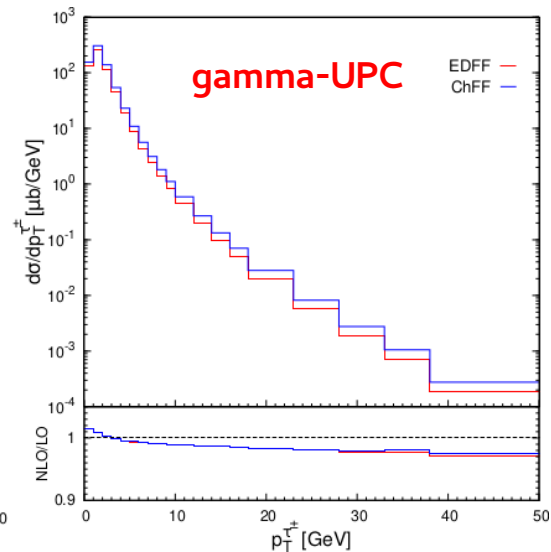
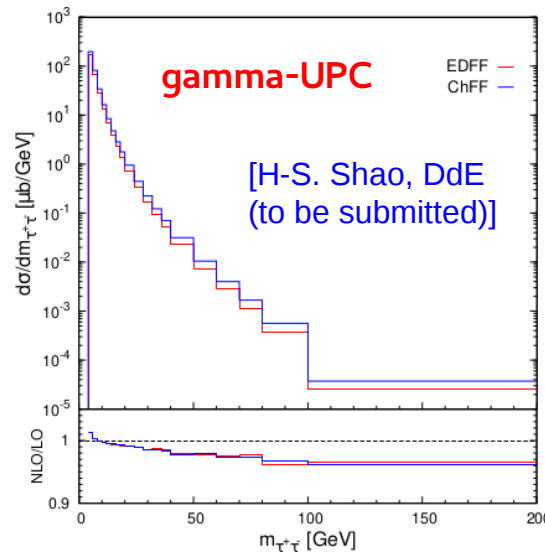
- All calculations so far included only LO diagrams (plus FSR emission in some cases)...



- Impact of **virtual & real NLO QED** corrections on exclusive dilepton production:

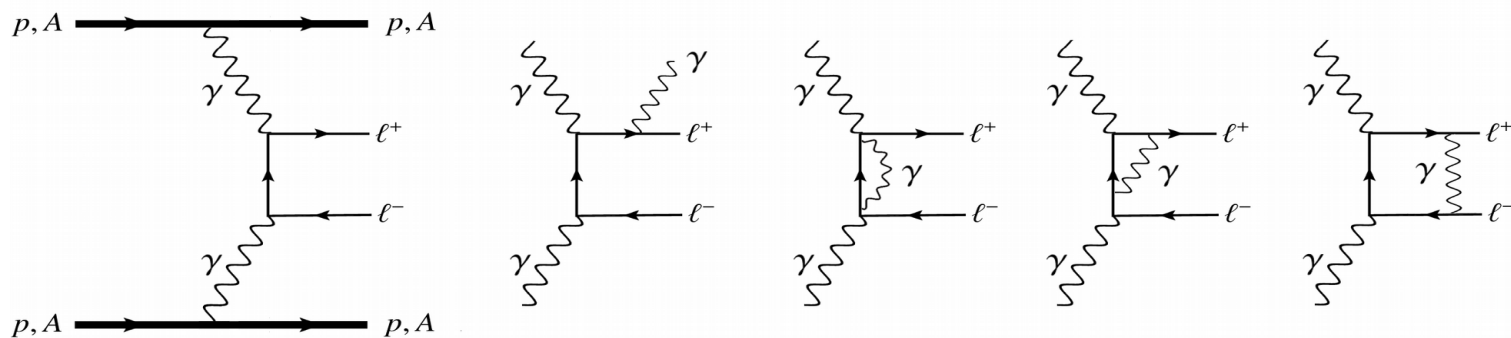


**Dimuon:** x-section reduced by up to ~10% at high mass  
**Ditau:** x-section increases/decreases by few % at low/high masses: Relevant for accurate (g-2) extractions!

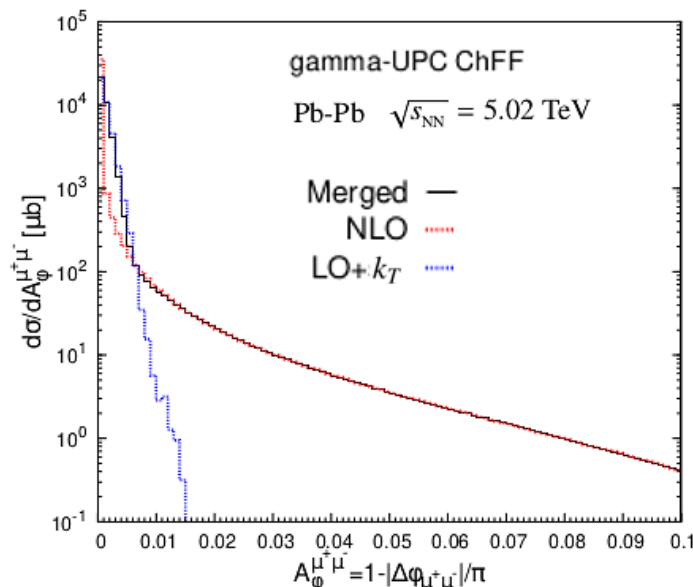
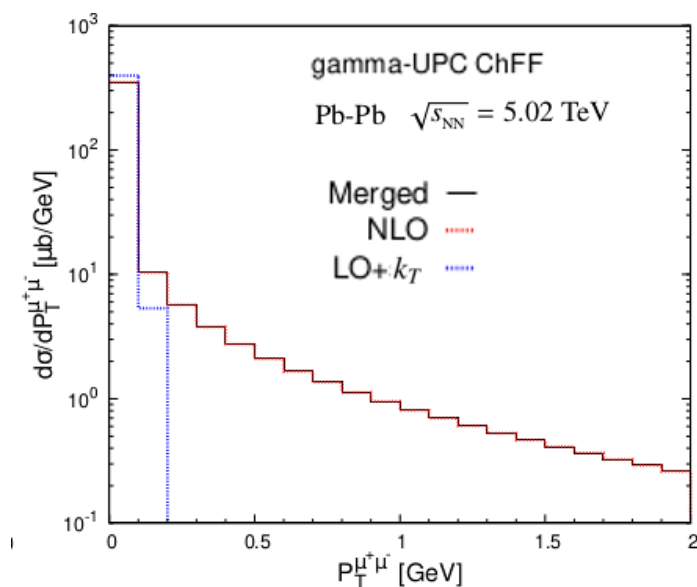


# $\gamma\gamma$ collisions: NLO QED corrections

- All calculations so far included only LO diagrams (plus FSR emission in some cases)...



- Impact of **virtual & real NLO QED** corrections on exclusive **dilepton  $p_T$ (pair),  $A_{\phi}$ (pair)**:



[H-S. Shao, DdE (to be submitted)]

**NLO corrections increase the  $p_T$ (pair),  $A_{\phi}$ (pair) tails:**

Relevant for non-exclusive backgd removal when applying cuts on both variables!



# gamma-UPC outlook & summary

- UPCs at the LHC provide the **largest x-sections ever studied** for  $\gamma\gamma$  colls. over  $W_{\gamma\gamma} = 1\text{--}2000$  GeV: Unique (B)SM physics open for study. Increasing number of precise measurements.
- gamma-UPC is a **new versatile code to generate any  $\gamma\gamma$  process in UPCs with protons & ions**. Interfaced to **MG5@NLO & HelacOnia**.
- Recent developments (v1.0  $\rightarrow$  v1.2  $\rightarrow$  v1.3, in preparation):
  - **Photon  $k_T$  smearing** (lhe\_ktsmearing\_UPC.py script run on LHE file)
  - **Proton kinematics** for transport to & tagging at **RPs** spectrometers
  - **NLO QED** corrections
  - **Parametric uncertainties**
  - **Non-exclusive** collisions possible
- Future developments:
  - **Semi-exclusive** W/Z-photon processes
  - **NLO EW** corrections
  - UPCs for **e-proton & e-ion** collisions
  - ...
- **Download it**, test it, use it (or ask us to produce the LHE files) for your favourite  $\gamma\gamma$  EXP/PH studies!

<http://cern.ch/hshao/gammaupc.html>

The screenshot shows a terminal window with the following content:

```

induction
theoretical gamma-
gamma cross sections
reactive photon-photon
processes
total photon-photon
cross sections
C++
Exclusive
processes
gamma-UPC
gamma-UPC
gamma and
gamma to ZZ
gamma
bar
gamma
Axion-like particles
Massive
differential photon-
ion cross-section
to Data
Please cite arXiv:2207.03012
Exclusive dileptons
in Pb-Pb UPCs and

```

On the right side of the terminal, there is a table with columns labeled 'A. Inclusive' and 'B. Exclusive'. The table contains numerical data for various processes. Below the table, there is a paragraph of text:

The production of a pair of  $J/\psi$  mesons, by interest in the study of the Pomeron dynamics in p-p at  $\sqrt{s} = 7$  and 8 TeV HELAC-UPC setup, one can easily obtain a p-Pb and Pb-Pb UPCs at the LHC. The corresponding cross-sections are shown in Table VI. The uncertainties from scale variations are 10% and 20% for the p-Pb and Pb-Pb collisions, respectively. For a luminosity of  $\mathcal{L}_{int} = 10 \text{ nb}^{-1}$ , one should be able to observe a few  $J/\psi$  pairs. The acceptance and efficiency are assumed to be 10%.

By Hua-Sheng Shao (LPTHE) and David d'Enterria (CERN)

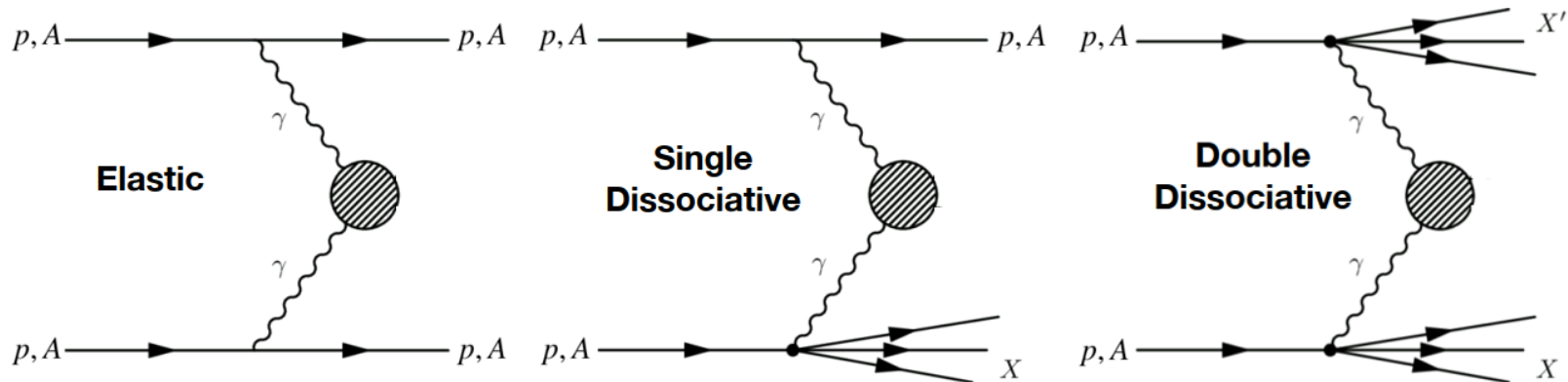
TABLE VI. Total cross sections for  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow J/\psi J/\psi$  in UPCs at the LHC. The quoted asymmetric uncertainty is derived from the renormalization scale variations.

Process: $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow J/\psi J/\psi$	Colliding system, c.m. energy	EB

# Backup slides

# $\gamma\gamma$ collisions: el.-el., inel-el., inel.-inel.

- Photons emitted **coherently** by p/A or **incoherently** by their constituent quarks/protons:



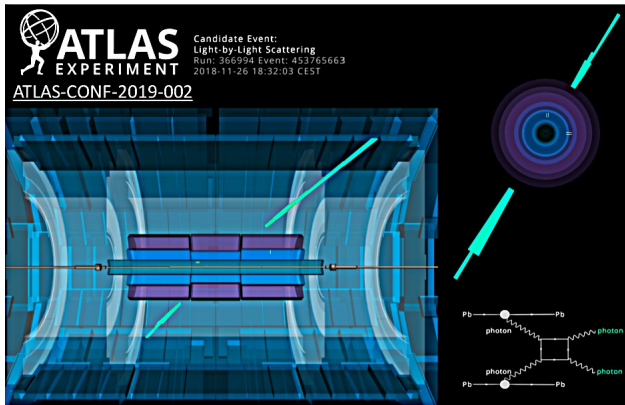
- **gamma-UPC codes only the fully coherent  $\gamma$  flux.** For heavy-ions, the most important, by far, x-sections: **el-el : inel-el : inel-inel =  $Z^4 : Z^2 : Z = 1 : 1/6.7e3 : 1/45.e6$  for PbPb**

- For proton-proton collisions:

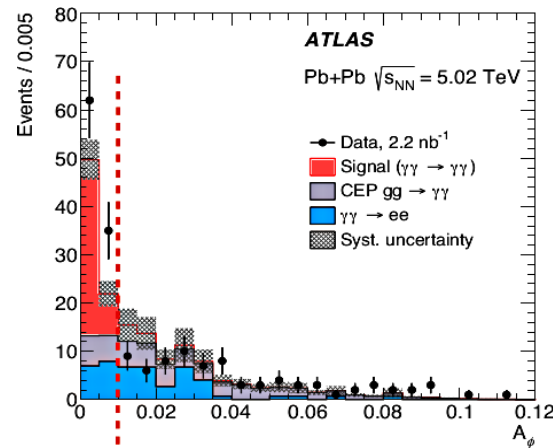
- Cross section of **3 processes similar** (depending on central system produced).
- **Incoherent** photon flux available via  $\gamma$  PDF: **LuxQED, MMHT2015qed, CT18lux, NNPDF31lux-QED.**
- **Inel.-el:** gamma-UPC+MG5 with **ChFF (lpp2) +  $\gamma$  PDF (lpp1)** in ppl. possible, but **survival factor should be properly implemented.**
- **Inel-inel:** One can always run MG5-standalone with **p beams selecting lux-type  $\gamma$  PDF**

# Observation of $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ (PbPb, 5 TeV)

- Observation of **light-by-light scattering** in PbPb colls at 5 TeV ( $2.2 \text{ nb}^{-1}$ ):
  - 2 photons ( $E_T > 2.5 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $|\eta| < 2.4$ ,  $m_{\gamma\gamma} > 5 \text{ GeV}$ ) with **no hadronic activity over  $|\eta| < 5$**
  - Photon pair:  **$p_T < 1 \text{ GeV}$ , Acoplanarity cut:  $A_\phi < 0.01$**  to remove backgds.



[ATLAS, PRL123 (2019) 052001]

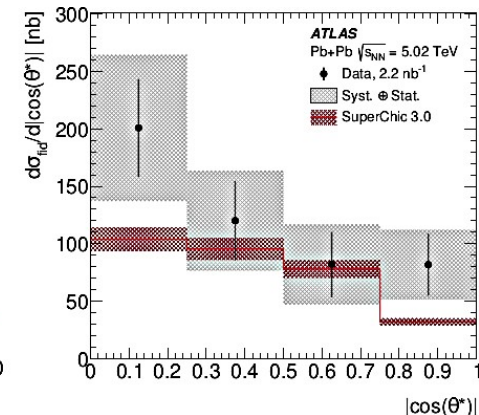
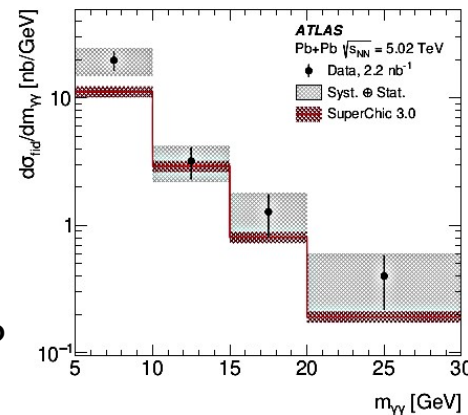


Observed: **97 evts**  
Expected: **45 signal**  
**+ 27 backgd.**

[ATLAS, arXiv:2008.05355]

- Combination of **ATLAS (2015+2018) data**, compared to LbL prediction:

- LbL observation: **Signif. =  $8.8\sigma$**
- Fiduc. x-section  $\sigma(\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) = 120 \pm 22 \text{ nb}$  is  **$\sim 1.5$  higher than theory ( $80 \pm 8 \text{ nb}$ )**.
- Shape of differential distributions consistent with MC within uncertainties
- Control of (non)excl. backgds at low  $m_{\gamma\gamma}$ ?

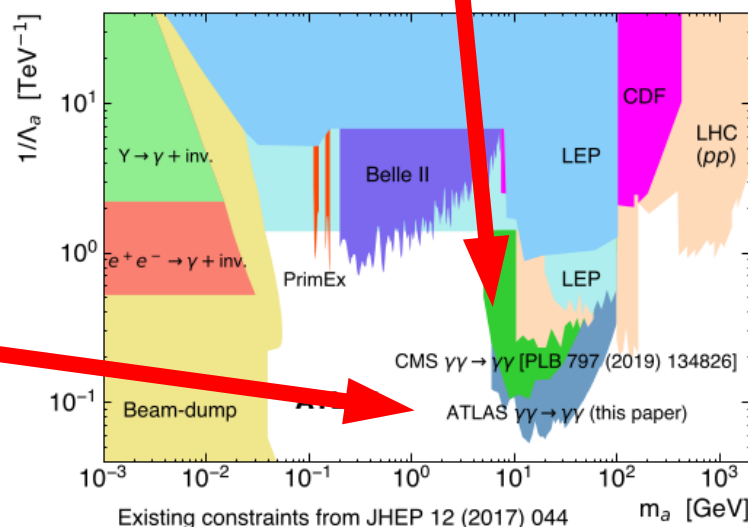
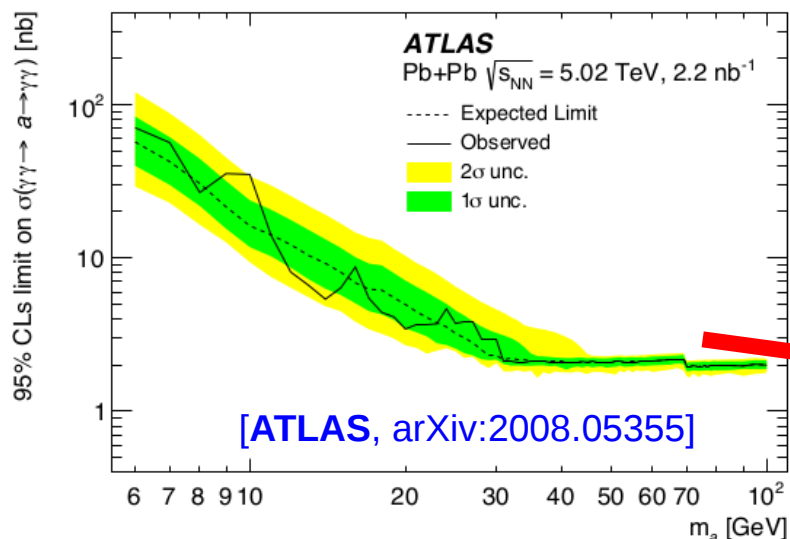
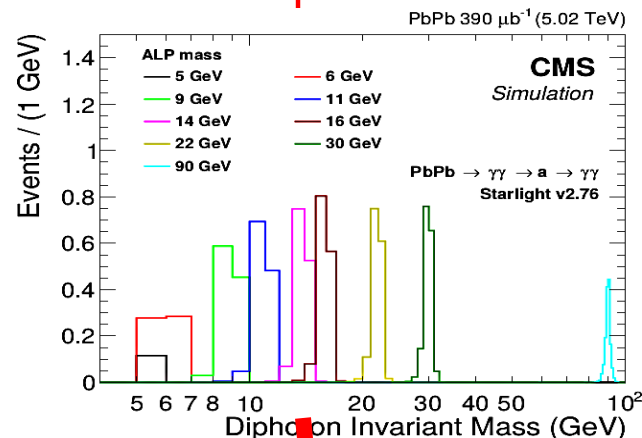


- Ongoing detailed **CMS analysis of 2018 data**.

# ALPs searches via $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow a \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ (PbPb, 5 TeV)

## ■ Recasting **exclusive $\gamma\gamma$** measurement as **ALP search** on top of LbL continuum:

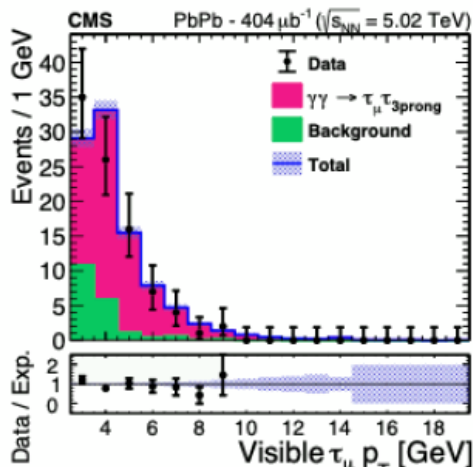
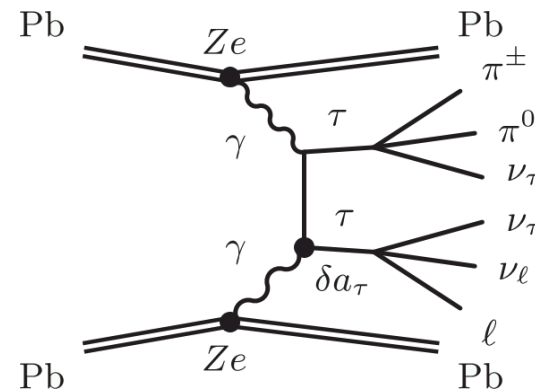
- ALP model:  $\mathcal{L} \supset \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu a \partial^\mu a - \frac{m_a^2}{2} a^2 - \frac{g_{a\gamma}}{4} a F^{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}_{\mu\nu}$
- Limits on  $\sigma_{\gamma\gamma \rightarrow a \rightarrow \gamma\gamma}$  extracted
  - Cast into limits on  $a\gamma\gamma$  coupling ( $1/\Lambda_a$ ) assuming  $\text{BR}(a \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)=1$  [CMS, PLB797 (2019) 134826]
  - Reco effic.:  $\sim 20\%$  (6 GeV),  $\sim 45\%$  ( $>40$  GeV). ALP width dominated by exp. resolution.



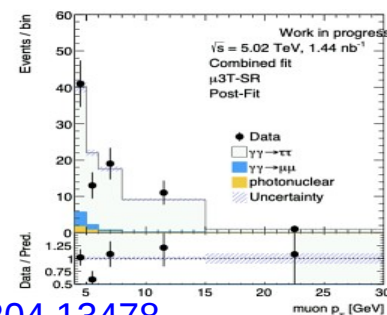
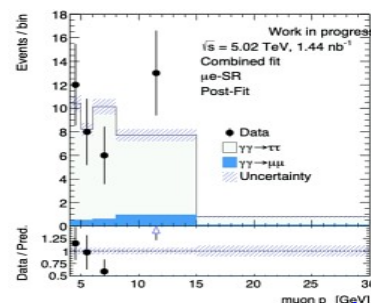
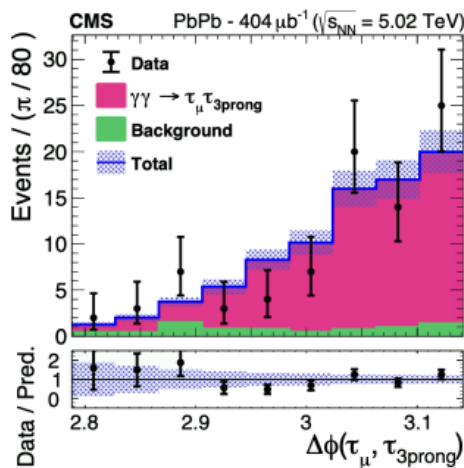
- **Most stringent limits** to date on ALPs over  $m_a = 5\text{--}100$  GeV
- $\sigma(\gamma\gamma \rightarrow a \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) > 2\text{--}70$  nb excluded at 95% C.L. over that mass interval.

# Anomalous tau lepton $(g-2)_\tau$ via $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-$

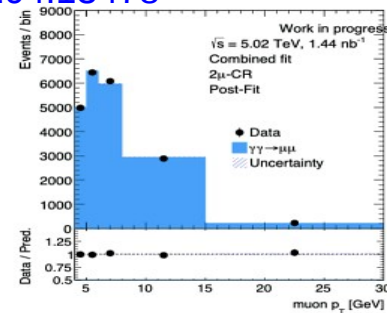
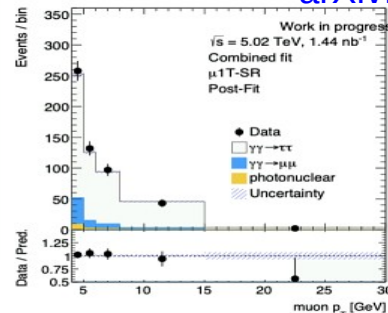
- Anomalous tau-lepton magnetic moment only mildly constrained from  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \tau\tau$  studies at LEP times:  $(g-2)_\tau = -0.05 - 0.03$
- Improved limits via UPCs at the LHC expected. First observation by ATLAS/CMS in various decay modes (1-prong, 3-prong, e-mu):



[arXiv:2206.05192](https://arxiv.org/abs/2206.05192)



[arXiv:2204.13478](https://arxiv.org/abs/2204.13478)



- Ongoing extended CMS studies with Run-2 PbPb (and pp) data

# Observation of $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \tau\tau$ (PbPb, 5 TeV)

## $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \tau\tau$ production

ATLAS: CERN-EP-2022-079, CMS: CERN-EP-2022-098

- First observation of  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \tau\tau$  production in hadron collisions by ATLAS and CMS.
- Targets  $\mu+3$ prong (CMS) or  $\mu+3$ prong,  $\mu+1$ prong and  $\mu+e$  (ATLAS) decays
- CMS:  $\sigma_{fid} = 4.8 \pm 0.6(stat.) \pm 0.5(syst.)$  mb
- ATLAS:  $\mu_{\tau\tau} = 1.03^{+0.06}_{-0.05}$

