



# Particle Production in Photon-Induced Processes

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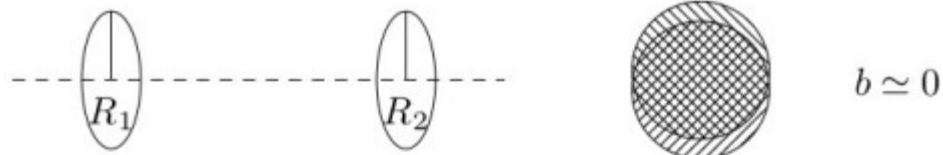
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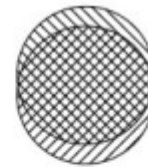
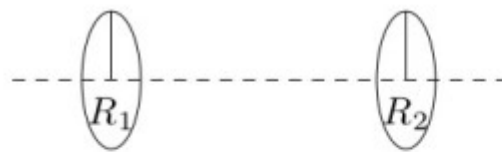


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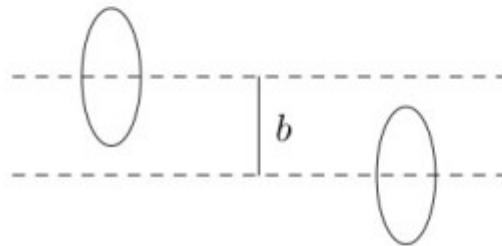
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$$b \simeq 0$$

Dominated by gluon exchange.

Peripheral collisions

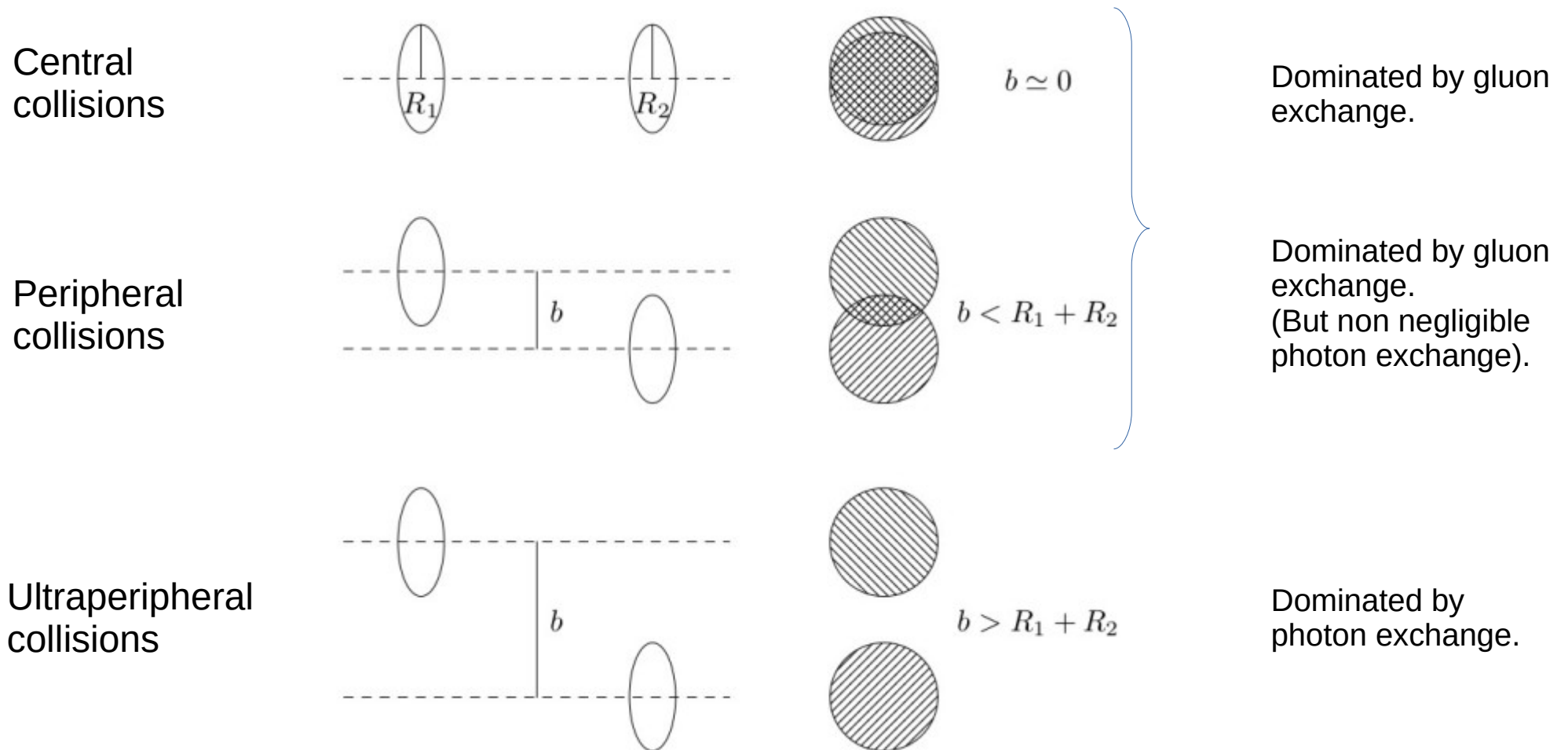


$$b < R_1 + R_2$$

Dominated by gluon exchange.  
(But non negligible photon exchange).

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- Ultrapерipheral collisions allows the study of photon-induced processes!

$\sigma_{\gamma h}$  photon-hadron/nucleus interactions

$\sigma_{\gamma\gamma}$  photon-photon interactions



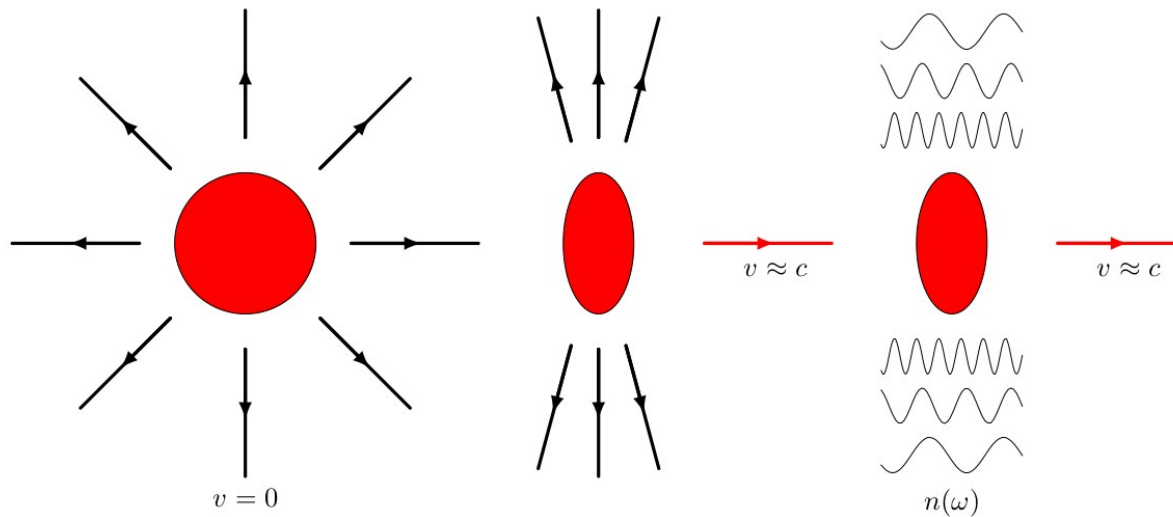
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- Characteristics of photon-induced processes
  - several processes have high event rates.
  - provide a clean environment for particle detection.
    - Characterized by rapidity gaps.

# $\gamma$ h Processes

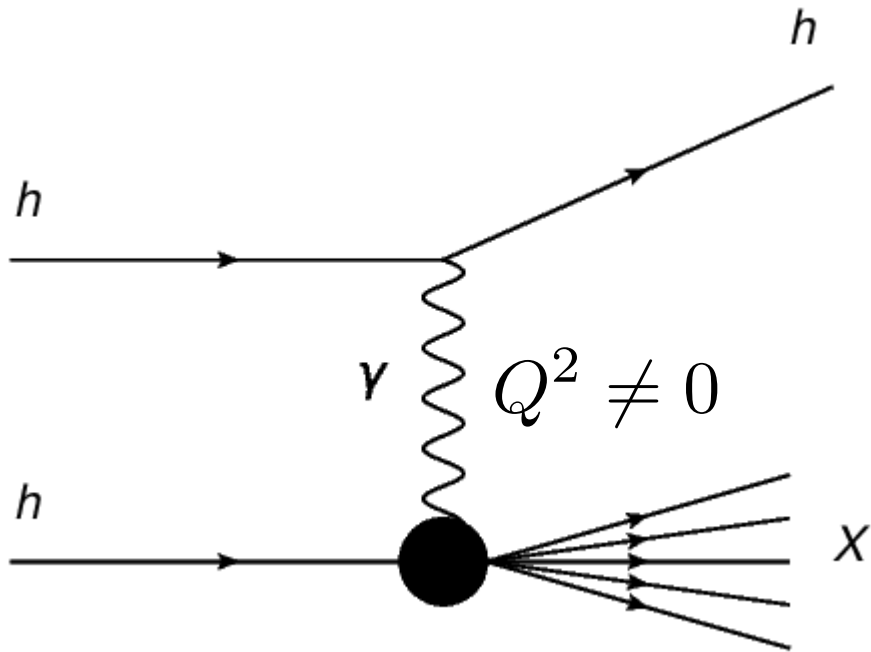
# Equivalent Photon Approximation

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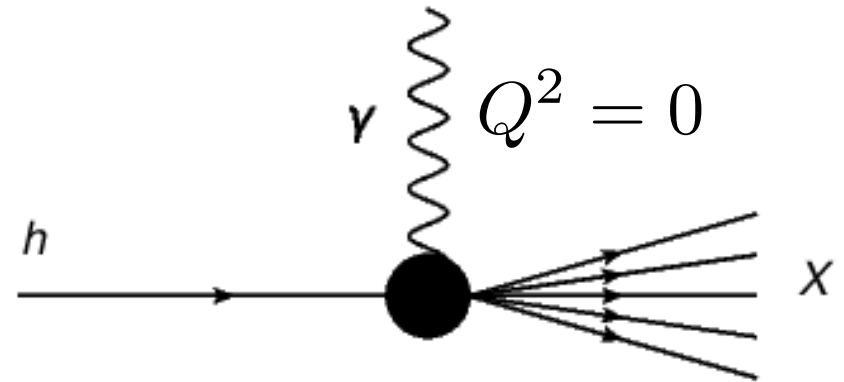


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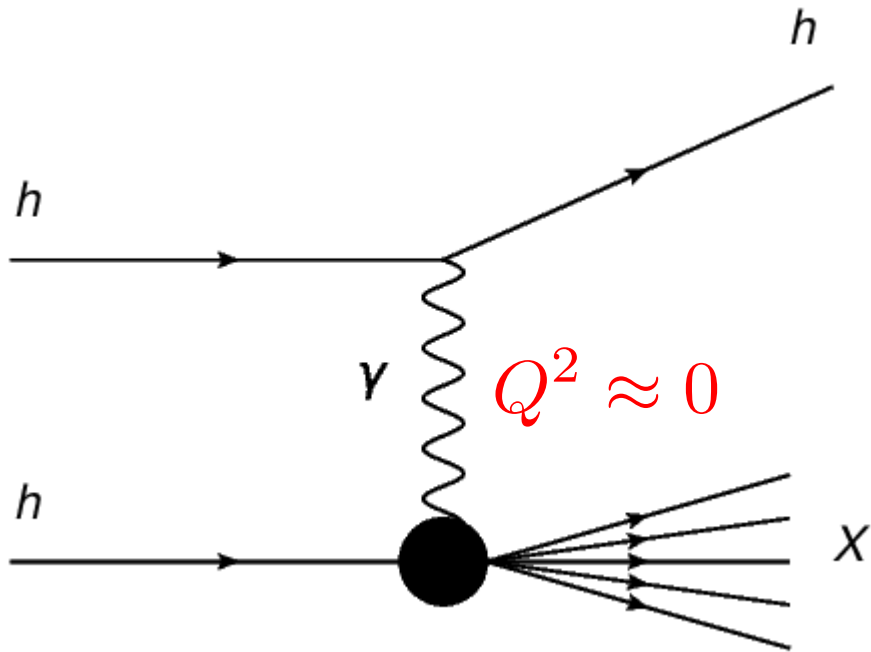


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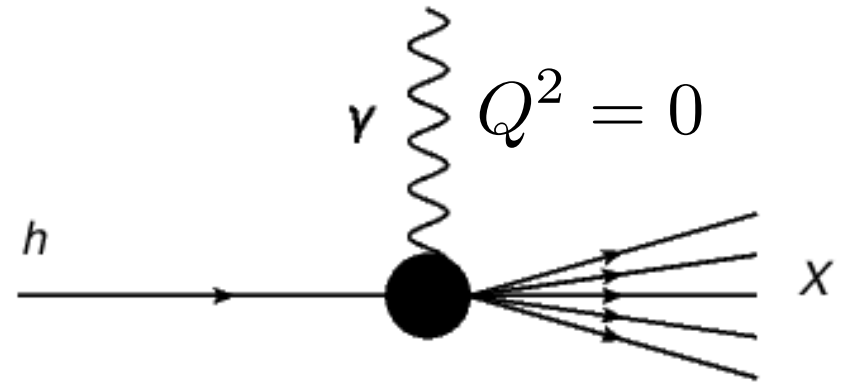


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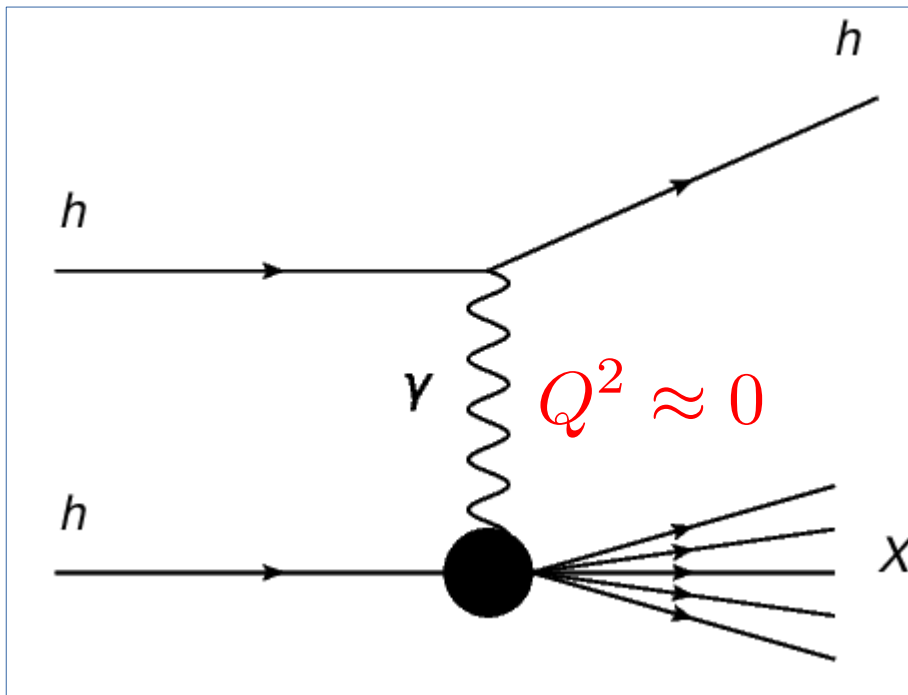
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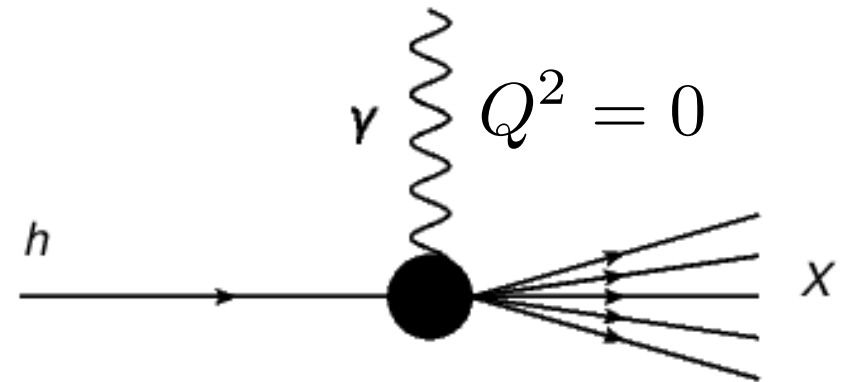
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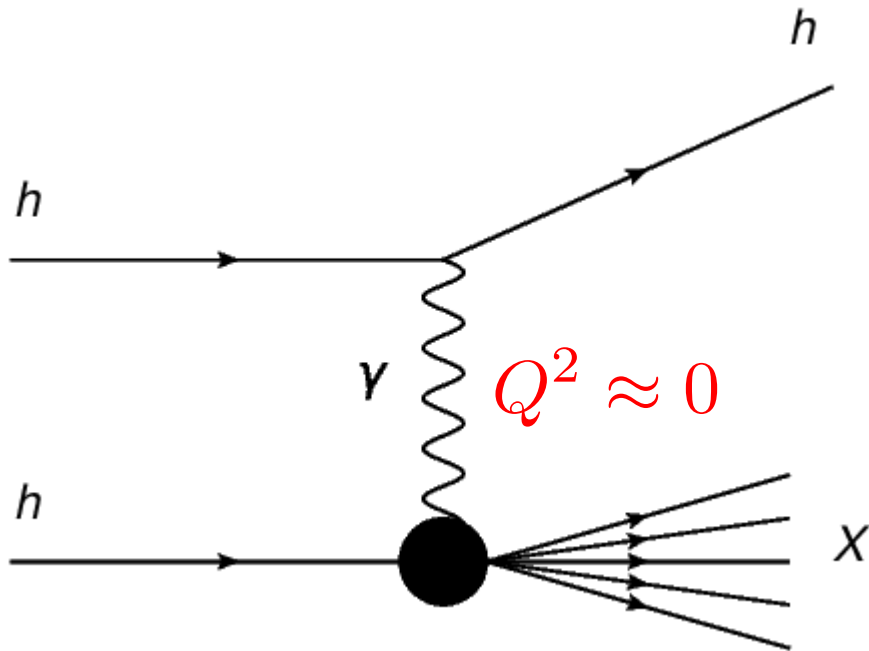
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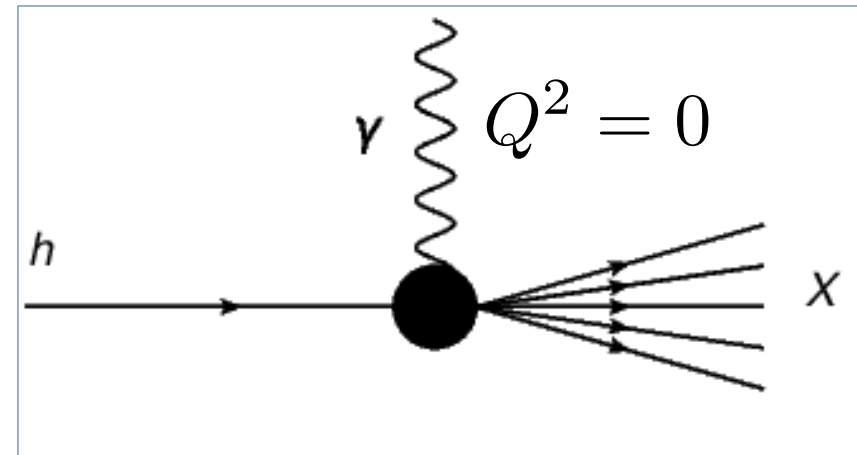
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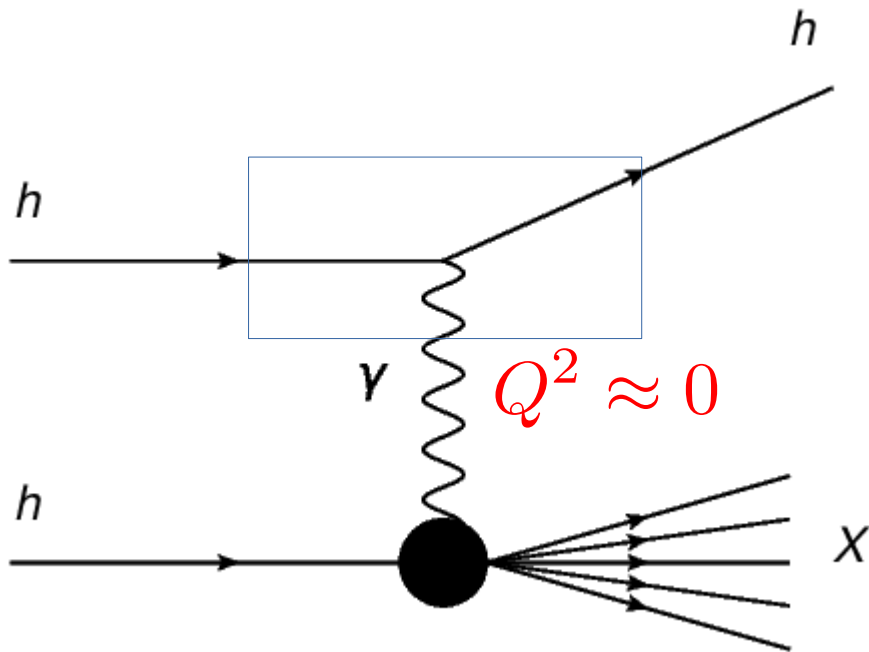
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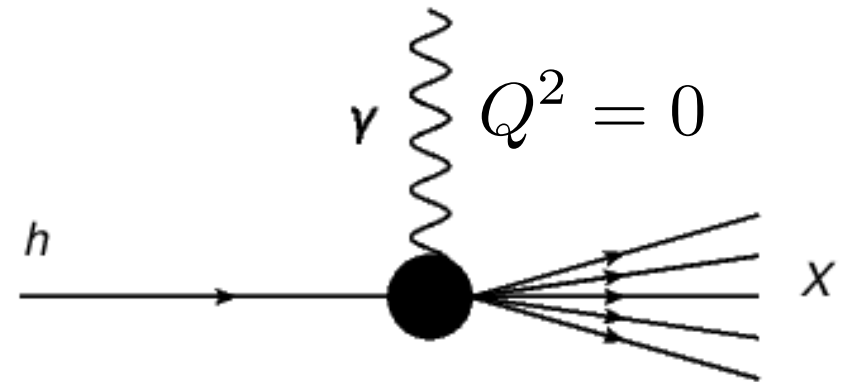
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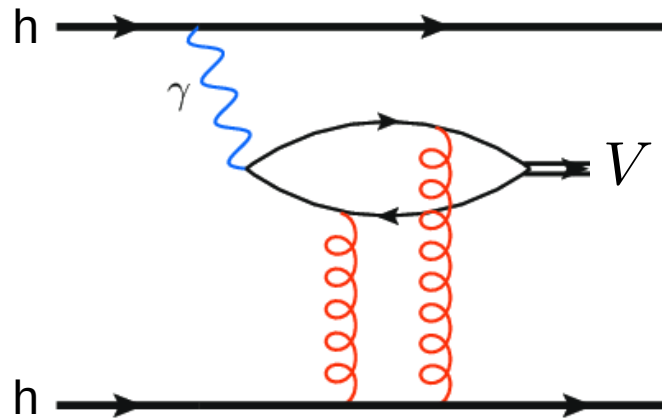
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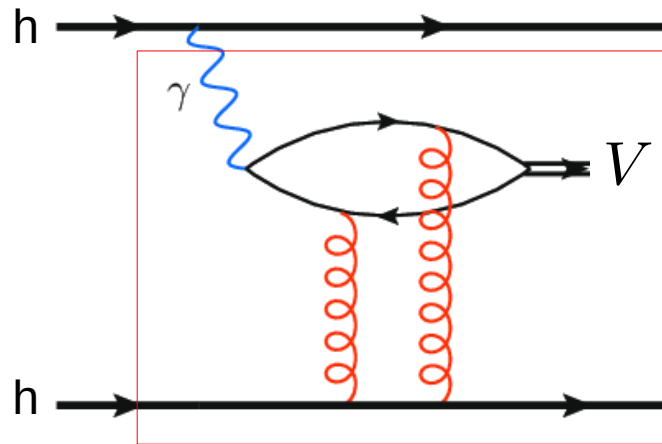
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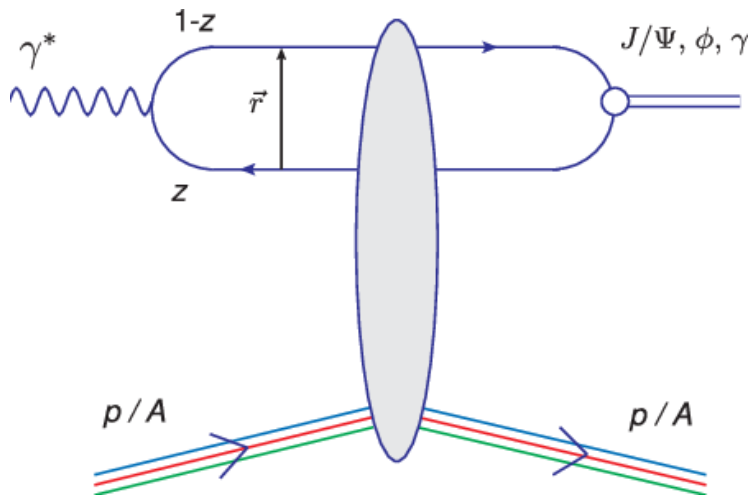
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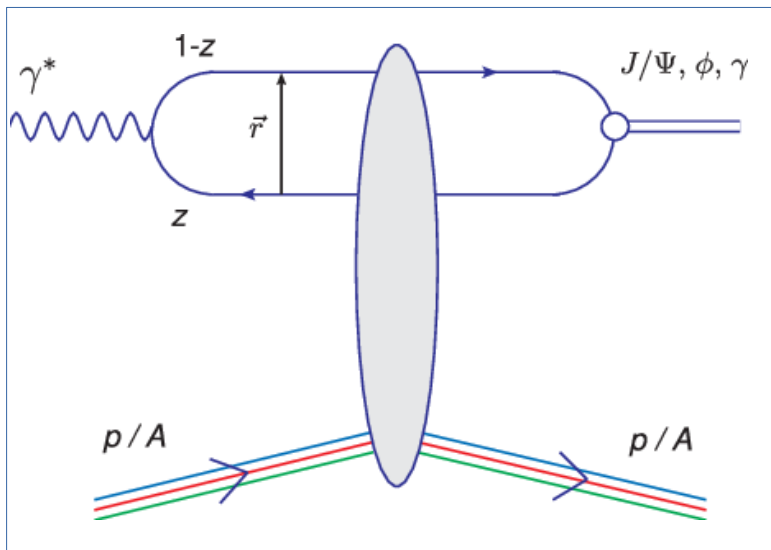


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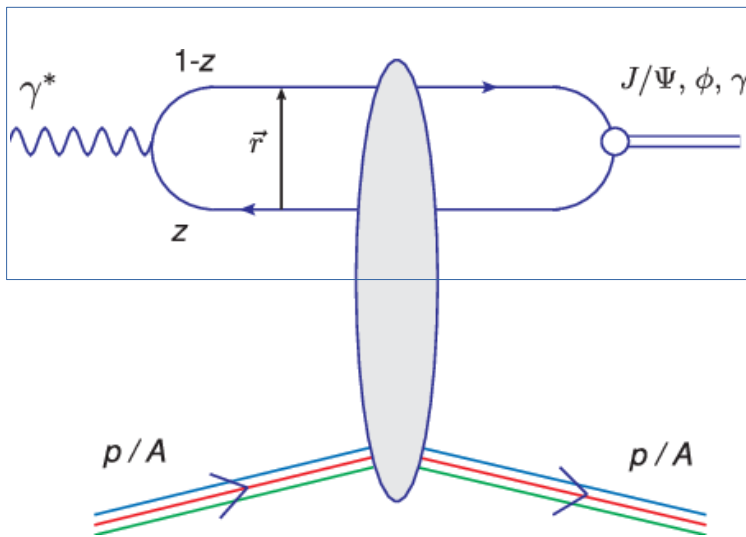


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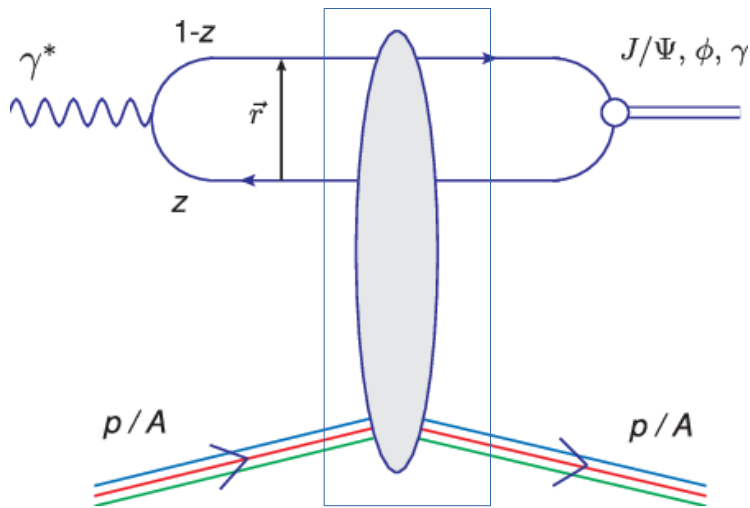


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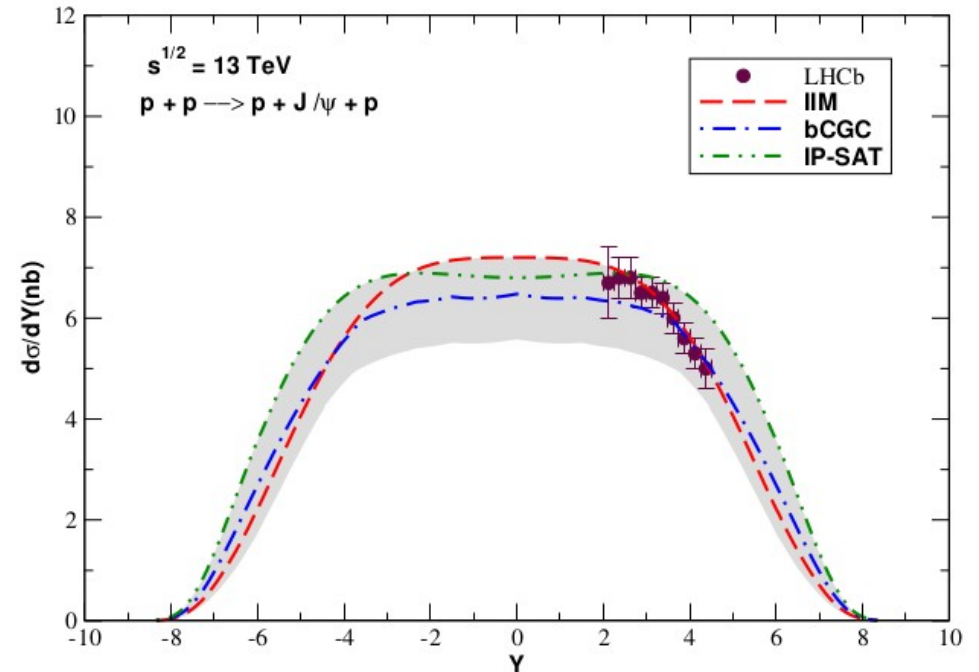
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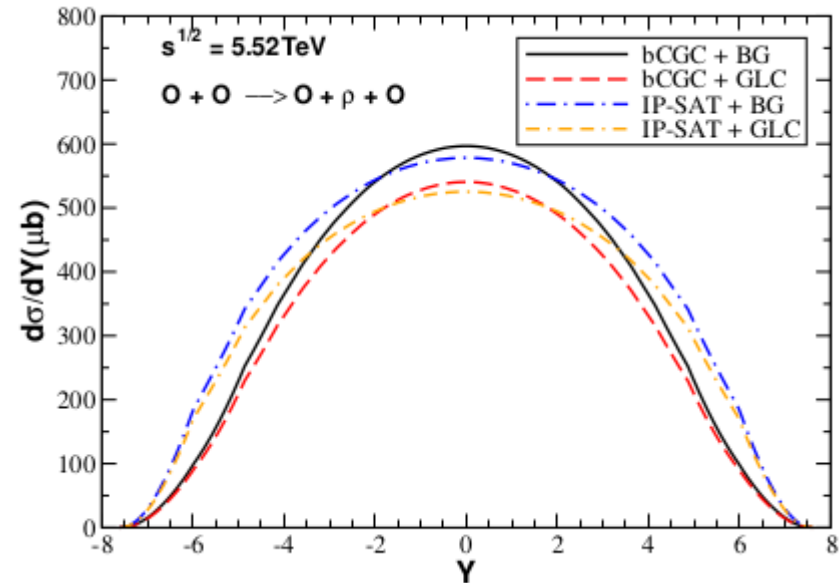
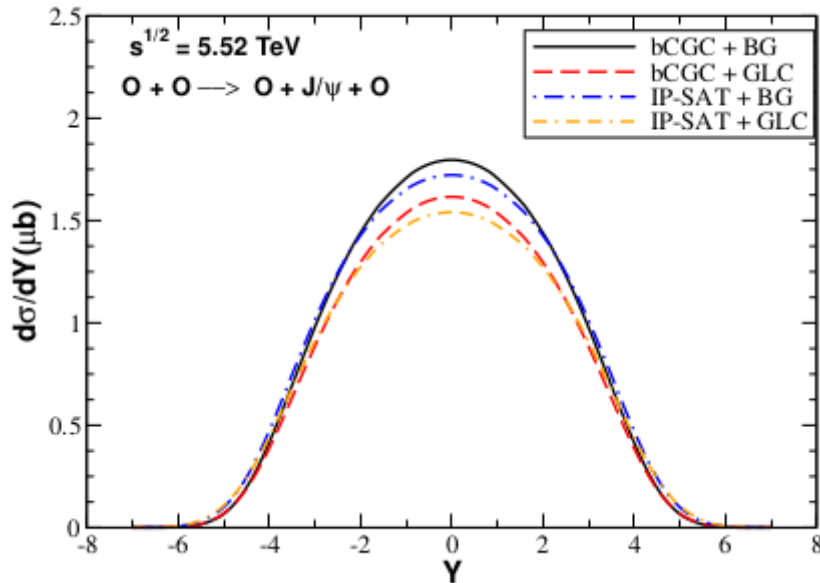
$$\frac{d\sigma_{pp}(\sqrt{s})}{dy} = n(y)\sigma_{\gamma p}(y) + n(-y)\sigma_{\gamma p}(-y)$$





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ALICE ( $-2.5 \leq Y \leq 2.5$ )	$\rho(\mu b)$	$J/\psi(\mu b)$
bCGC+BG	2837.62	8.06
bCGC+GLC	2571.39	7.25
IP-SAT+BG	2800.92	7.85
IP-SAT	2545.44	7.01

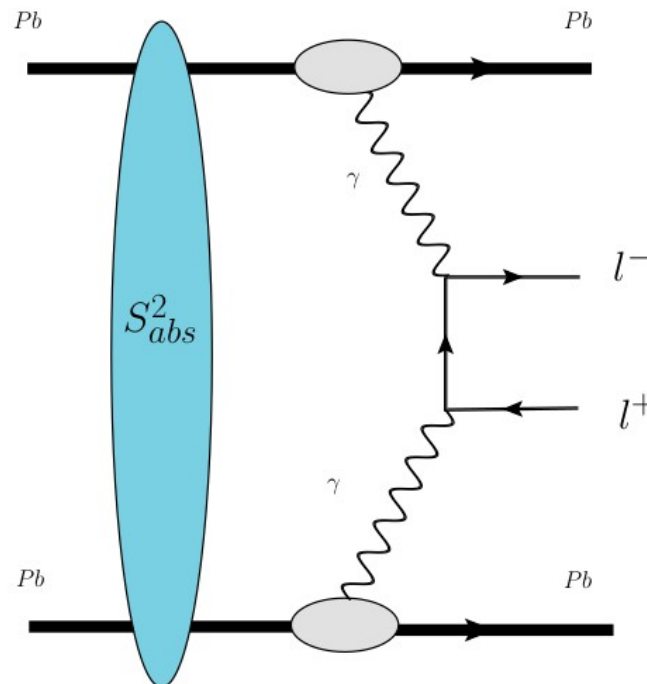
Cross sections in  $\mu b$ .

# $\gamma\gamma$ Processes

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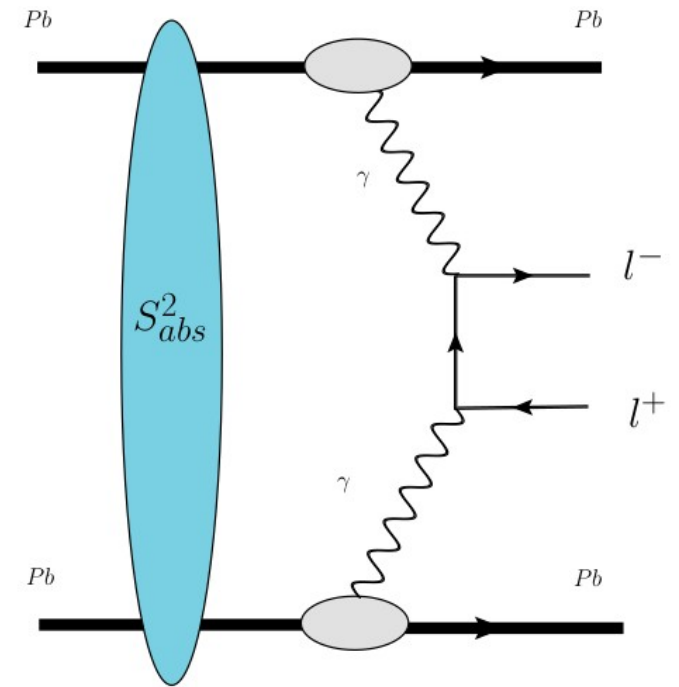
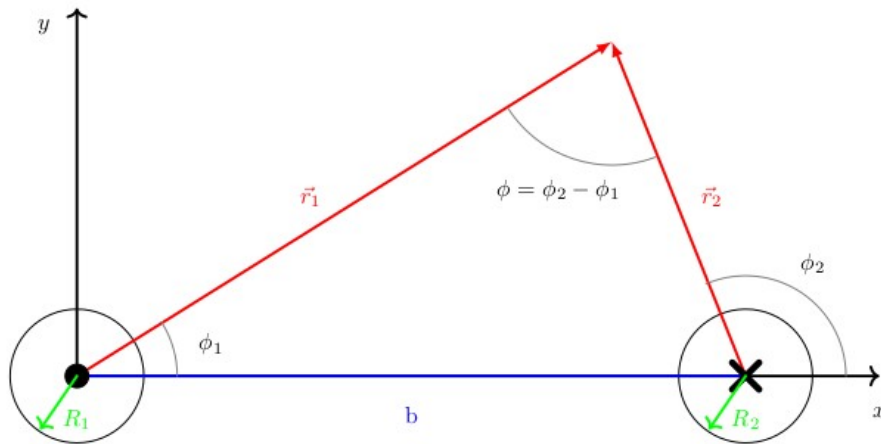
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- Process  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow l^+l^-$ 
  - Interesting process to test the equivalent photon approximation.



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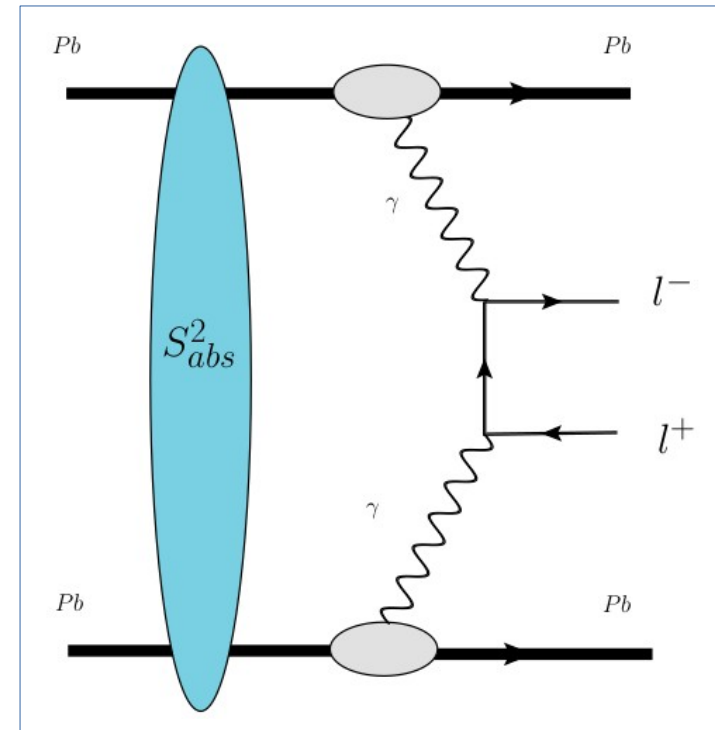
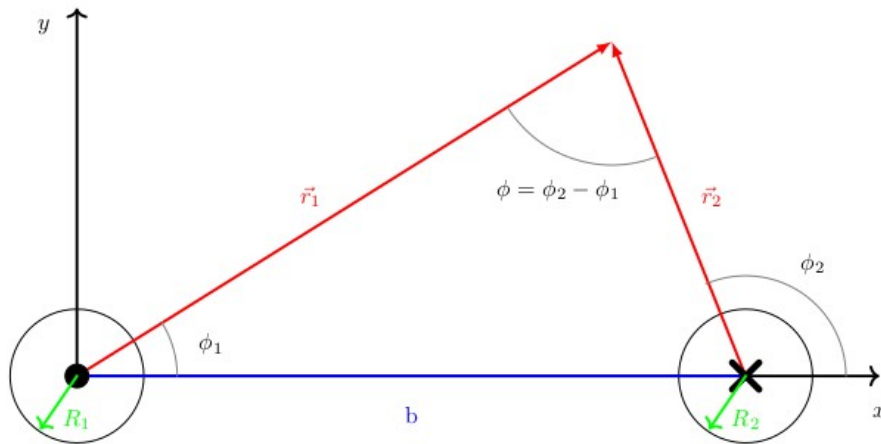
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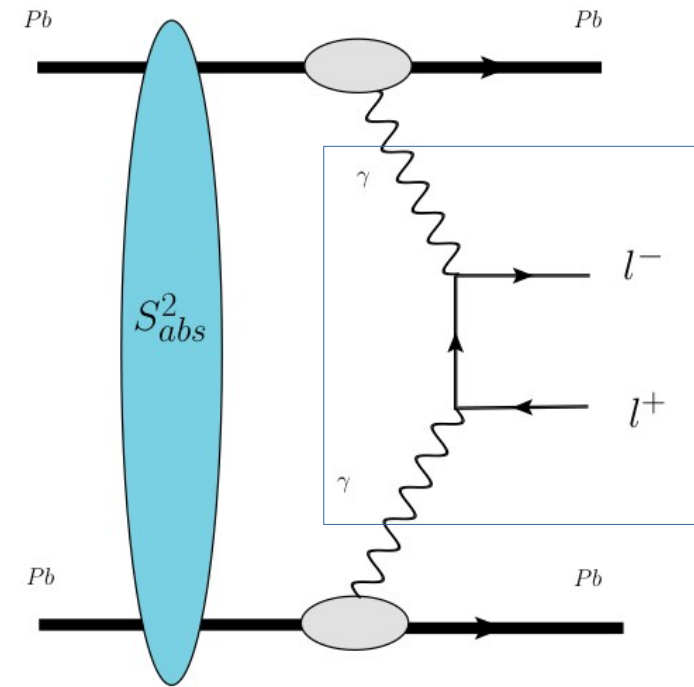
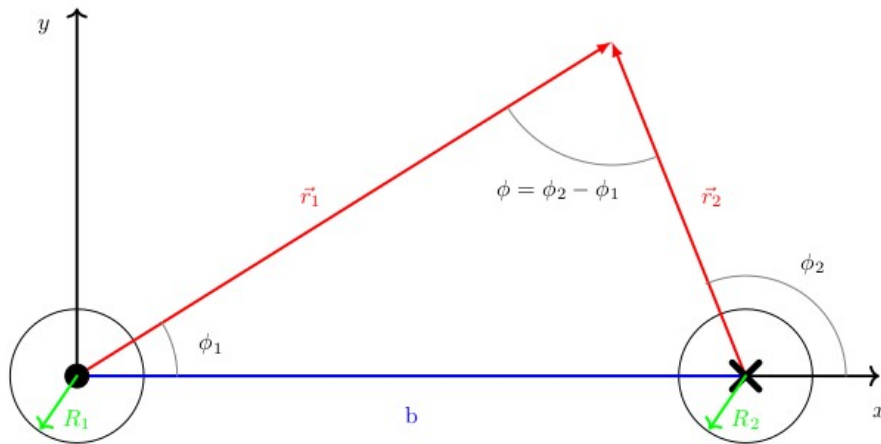
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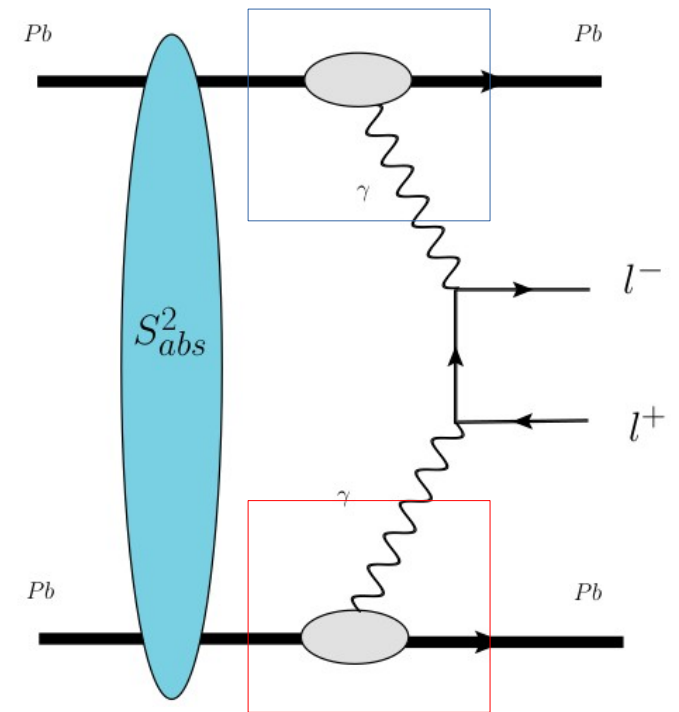
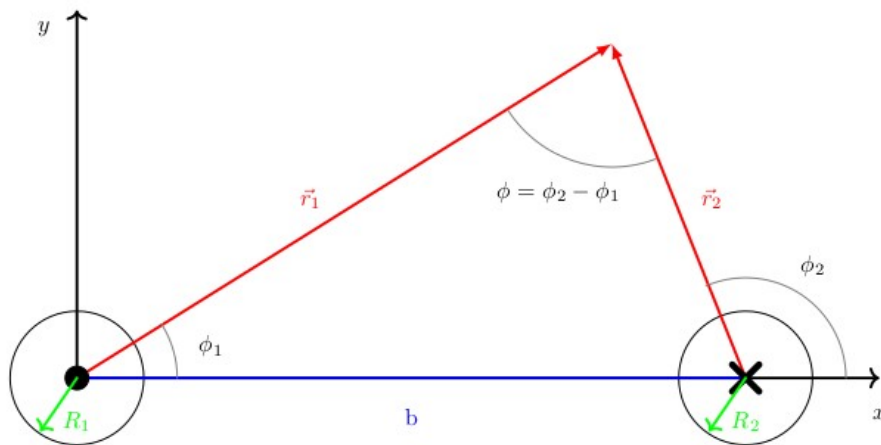


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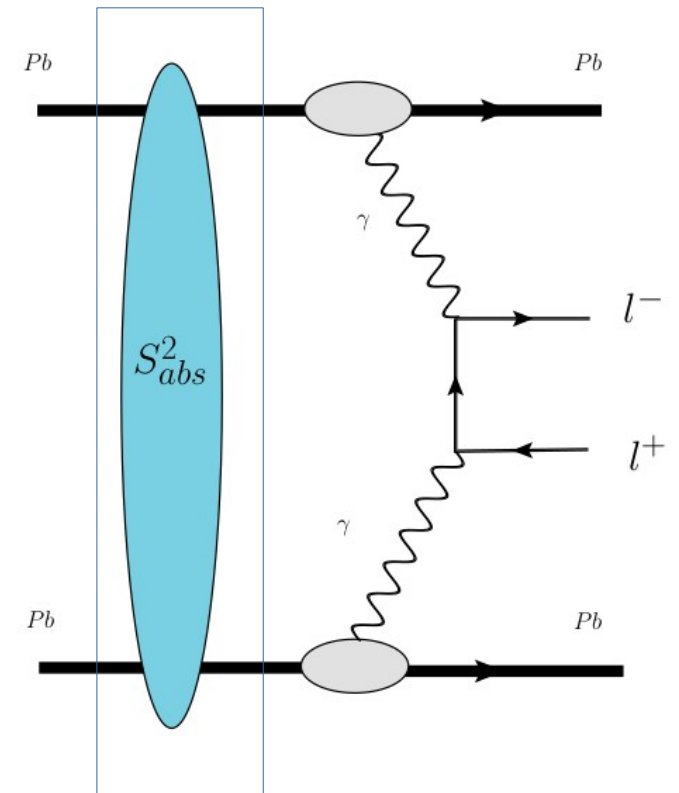
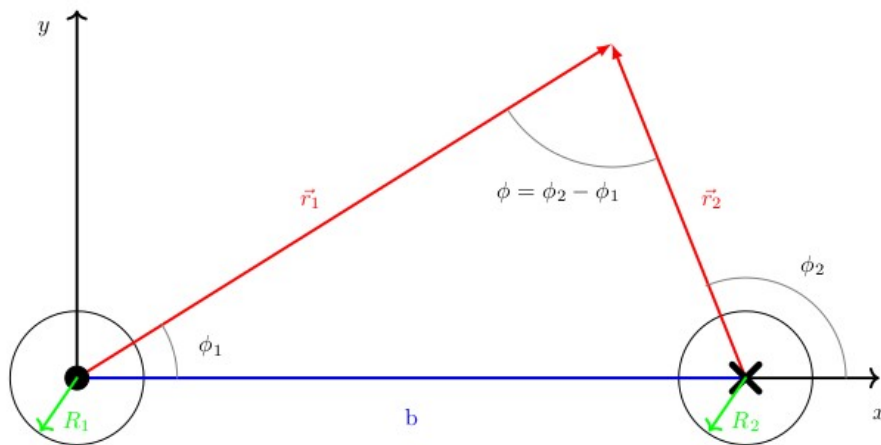
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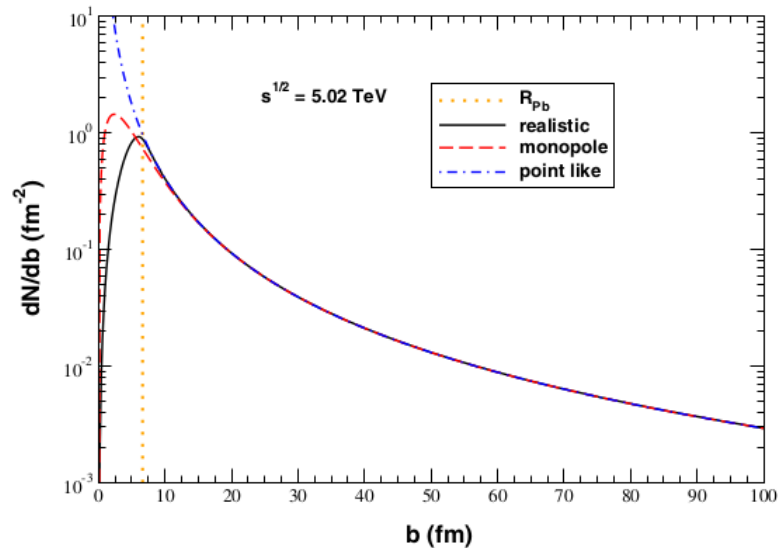
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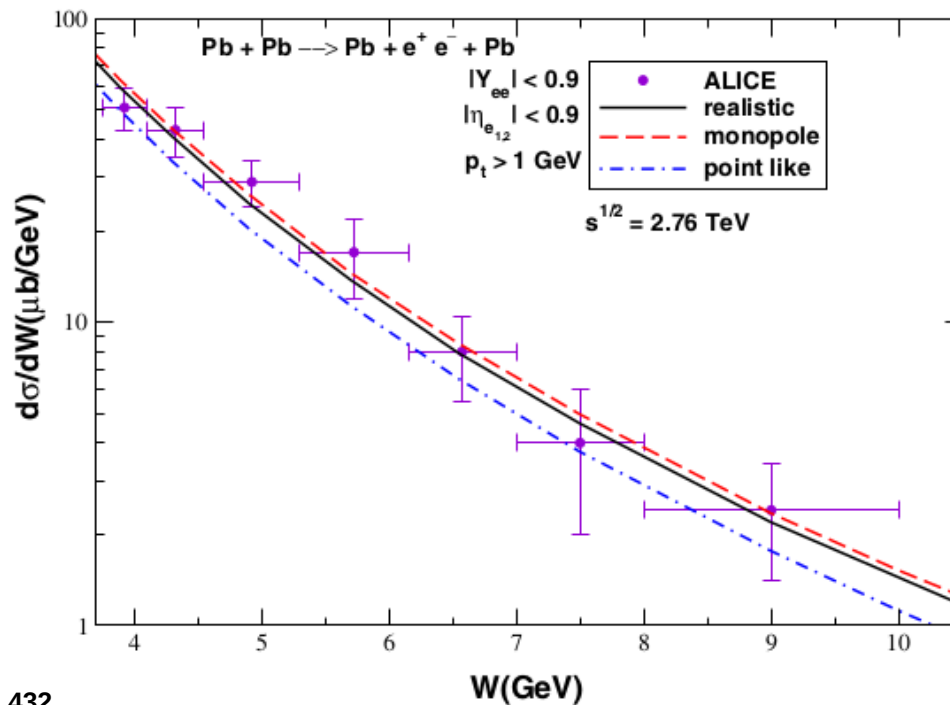
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$$N(\omega, r) = \frac{Z^2 \alpha}{\pi^2} \frac{1}{r^2 \omega} \left[ \int du u^2 J_1(u) F \left( \sqrt{\frac{\left(\frac{r\omega}{\gamma}\right)^2 + u^2}{r^2}} \right) \frac{1}{\left(\frac{r\omega}{\gamma}\right)^2 + u^2} \right]^2$$

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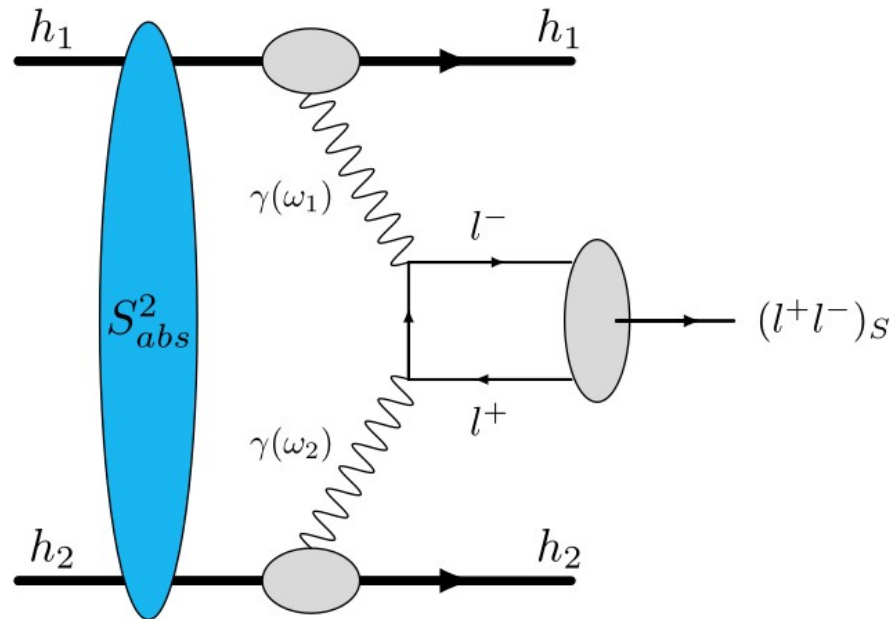
Cross sections  $\sim 100 \text{ kb}$ .

# Production of Bound States

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- Production of positronium
  - Test of QED and search for the new physics.



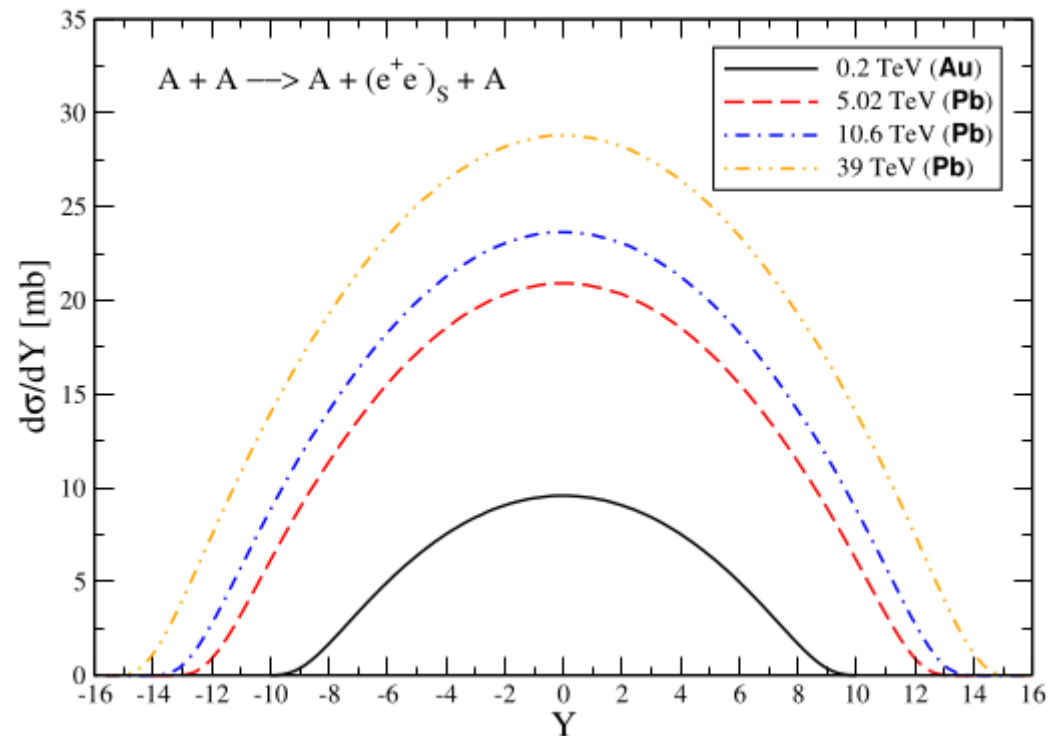
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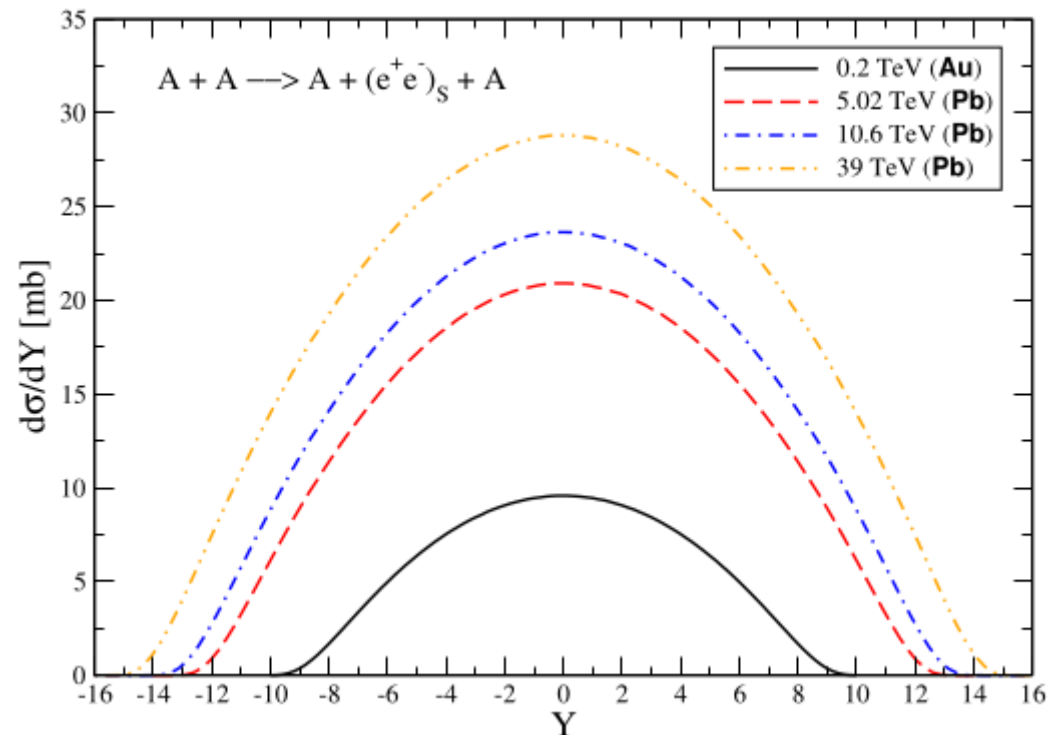


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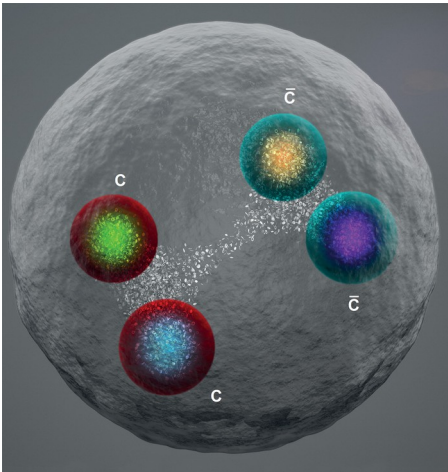
	Parapositronium
AuAu ( $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 0.2$ TeV)	$112.1 \times 10^{12}$ ( $11.2 \times 10^8$ )
PbPb ( $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$ TeV)	$333.2 \times 10^{12}$ ( $33.3 \times 10^8$ )
PbPb ( $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 10.6$ TeV)	$400.3 \times 10^{12}$ ( $40.0 \times 10^8$ )
PbPb ( $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 39.0$ TeV)	$537.6 \times 10^{12}$ ( $59.1 \times 10^9$ )



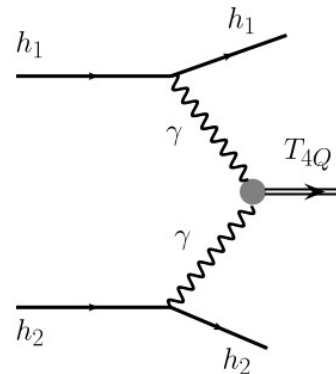
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  - Fully charmed tetraquark production.

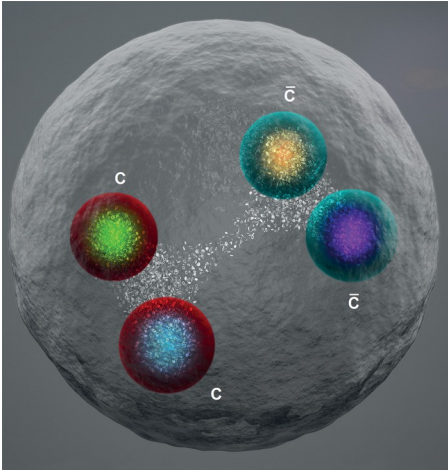


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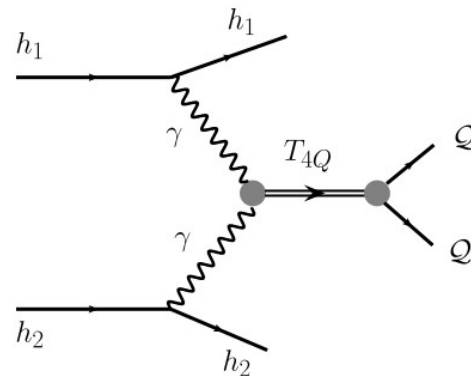


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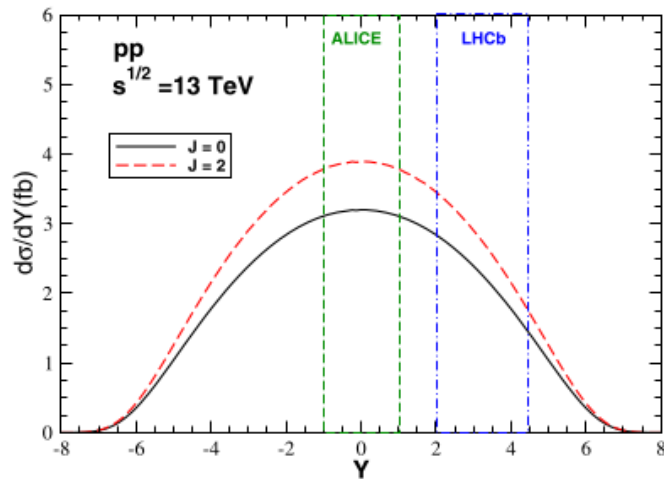


$$\hat{\sigma}(\gamma\gamma \rightarrow X) = 8\pi^2(2J + 1) \frac{\Gamma_{T_{4Q} \rightarrow \gamma\gamma} \times \mathcal{B}(T_{4Q} \rightarrow J/\psi J/\psi)}{M} \delta(W^2 - M^2)$$

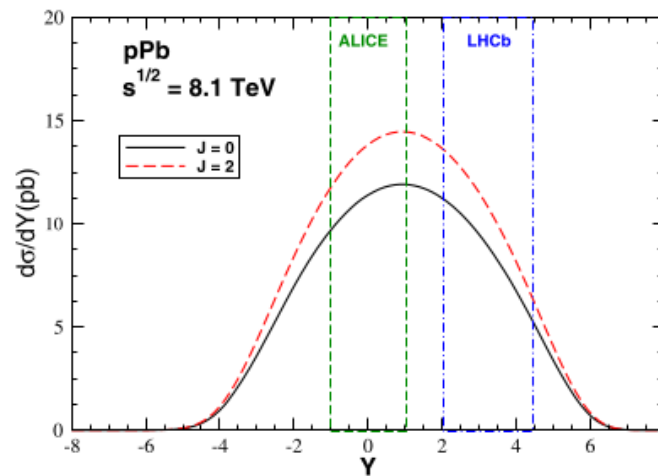


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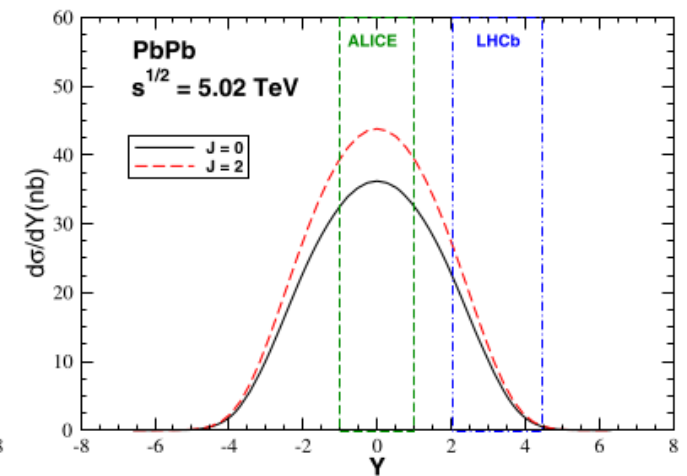
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(a)



(b)



(c)

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Collision	Resonance	LHC Full rapidity range
$pp$ ( $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV)	$X(6900), 0^{++}$	26.3 fb
	$X(6900), 2^{++}$	31.9 fb
$pPb$ ( $\sqrt{s} = 8.1$ TeV)	$X(6900), 0^{++}$	76.3 pb
	$X(6900), 2^{++}$	92.4 pb
$PbPb$ ( $\sqrt{s} = 5.02$ TeV)	$X(6900), 0^{++}$	171.0 nb
	$X(6900), 2^{++}$	206.0 nb

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- Can be used for the study of the interactions in high energies, the structure of the hadrons, nuclear effects and multiple scattering and for the search of new particles and new physics.

Thank you!!!

Extras

# Photon Fluxes

- b independent

$$n_A(\omega) = \frac{2Z^2\alpha_{em}}{\pi} \left[ \xi K_0(\xi) K_1(\xi) - \frac{\xi^2}{2} (K_1^2(\xi) - K_0^2(\xi)) \right], \quad (3)$$

where

$$\xi = \omega(R_{h_1} + R_{h_2})/\gamma_L, \quad (4)$$

$$n_p(\omega) = \frac{\alpha_{em}}{2\pi} \left[ 1 + \left( 1 - \frac{2\omega}{\sqrt{s}} \right)^2 \right] \times \left( \ln \Omega - \frac{11}{6} + \frac{3}{\Omega} - \frac{3}{2\Omega^2} + \frac{1}{3\Omega^3} \right), \quad (5)$$

where

$$\Omega = 1 + [(0.71 \text{ GeV}^2)/Q_{\min}^2] \quad (6)$$

and

$$Q_{\min}^2 = \omega^2/[\gamma_L^2(1 - 2\omega/\sqrt{s})] \approx (\omega/\gamma_L)^2. \quad (7)$$

# Photon Fluxes

- b dependent

$$N(\omega_i, r_i) = \frac{Z^2 \alpha}{\pi^2} \frac{1}{r_i^2 v^2 \omega_i} \cdot \left[ \int u^2 J_1(u) F \left( \sqrt{\frac{\left(\frac{r_i \omega_i}{\gamma L}\right)^2 + u^2}}{r_i^2}} \right) \frac{1}{\left(\frac{r_i \omega_i}{\gamma L}\right)^2 + u^2} du \right]^2, \quad (3)$$

point like

$$F(q^2) = 1$$

monopole

$$F(\vec{q}) = \frac{\Lambda^2}{\Lambda^2 + q^2}$$

real

$$\rho(r) = \frac{\rho_0}{1 + e^{\frac{r-R}{a}}}$$

$$F(\vec{q}) = \int \rho(\vec{r}) e^{i\vec{r}\cdot\vec{q}} d^3\vec{r}.$$

# Photon Fluxes

- Absorption factor in  $\gamma\gamma$  interactions

$$S_{abs}^2(\mathbf{b}) = \Theta(|\mathbf{b}| - 2R) = \Theta(|\mathbf{b}_1 - \mathbf{b}_2| - 2R), \quad (5)$$

$$S_{abs}^2(\mathbf{b}) = 1 - P_H(\mathbf{b}), \quad (6)$$

where

$$P_H(\mathbf{b}) = 1 - \exp\left[-\sigma_{nn} \int d^2\mathbf{r} T_A(\mathbf{r}) T_A(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{b})\right]. \quad (7)$$

with  $\sigma_{nn}$  being the total hadronic interaction cross section and  $T_A$  the nuclear thickness function. As in Ref. [18] we will assume that  $\sigma_{nn} = 88$  mb at the LHC. In Fig. 2a we



# Dipole Formalism

- IIM

$$\mathcal{N}_p(x, r) = \begin{cases} \mathcal{N}_0 \left( \frac{rQ_s}{2} \right)^{2[\gamma_s + (1/(\kappa\lambda Y)) \ln(2/rQ_s)]}, & rQ_s \leq 2, \\ 1 - e^{-A \ln^2(BrQ_s)}, & rQ_s > 2 \end{cases} \quad (14)$$

where  $Y = \ln(1/x)$  and

$$Q_s(x) = \left( \frac{x_0}{x} \right)^{\lambda/2}, \quad (15)$$

# Dipole Formalism

- bCGC

$$\mathcal{N}_p(x, r) = \begin{cases} \mathcal{N}_0 \left( \frac{rQ_s}{2} \right)^{2[\gamma_s + (1/(\kappa\lambda Y)) \ln(2/rQ_s)]}, & rQ_s \leq 2, \\ 1 - e^{-A \ln^2(BrQ_s)}, & rQ_s > 2 \end{cases} \quad (14)$$

where  $Y = \ln(1/x)$  and

$$Q_s \equiv Q_s(x, b) = \left( \frac{x_0}{x} \right)^{\lambda/2} \left[ \exp \left( -\frac{b^2}{2B_{CGC}} \right) \right]^{1/(2\gamma_s)}. \quad (18)$$

# Dipole Formalism

- IP-SAT

$$\mathcal{N}_p(x, \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{b}) = 1 - \exp \left[ \frac{\pi^2 r^2}{N_c} \alpha_s(\mu^2) x g \left( x, \frac{4}{r^2} + \mu_0^2 \right) T_G(b) \right], \quad (19)$$

with a Gaussian profile

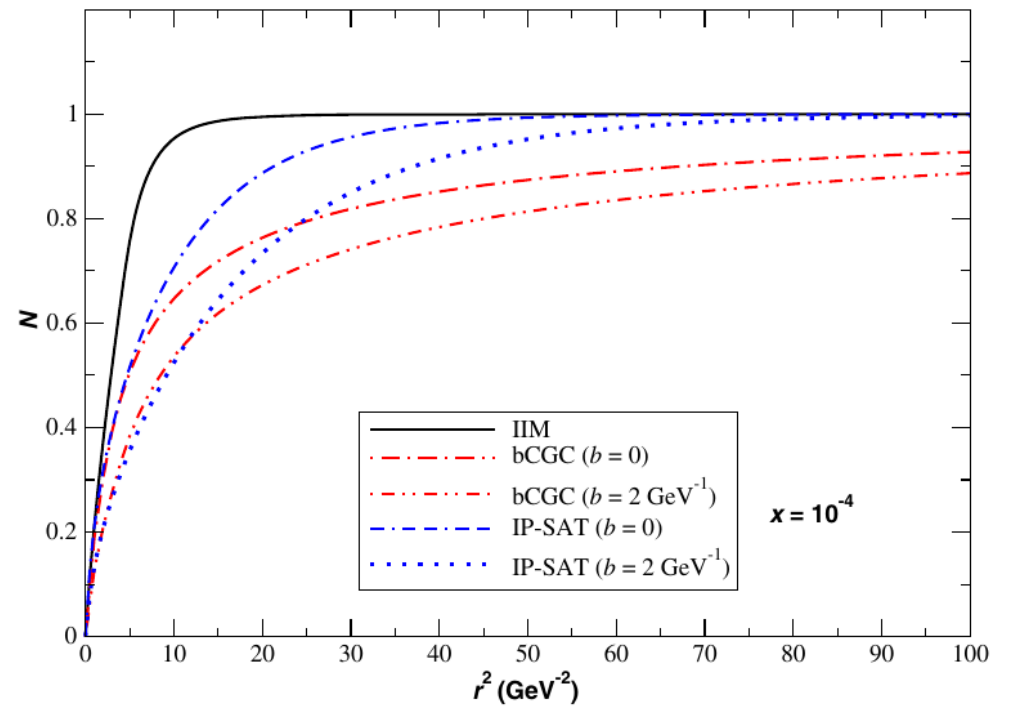
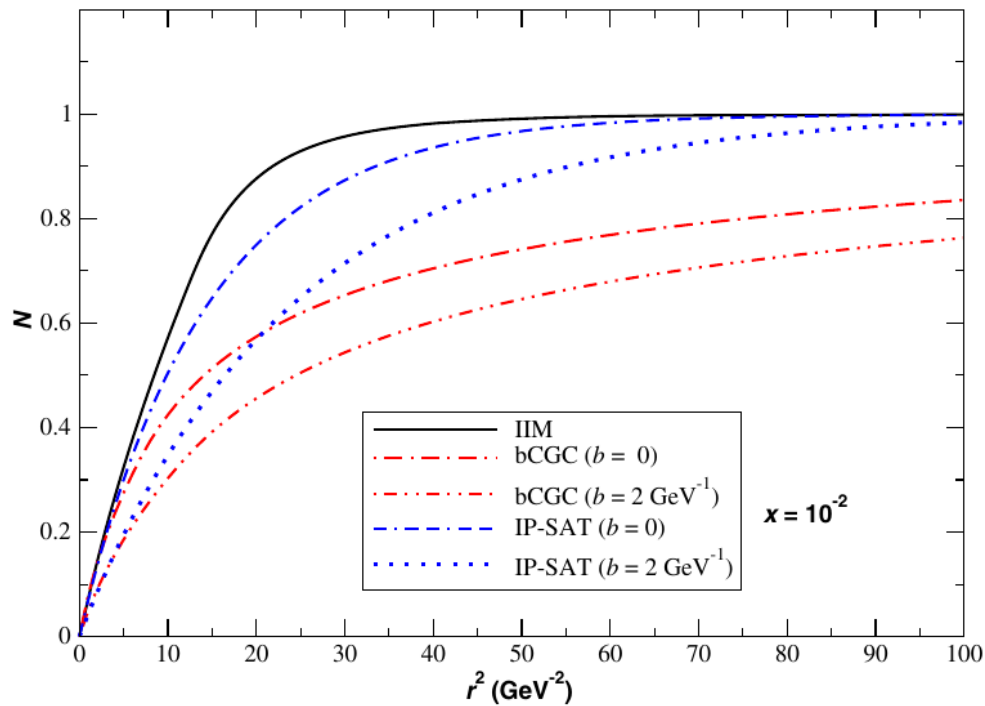
$$T_G(b) = \frac{1}{2\pi B_G} \exp \left( -\frac{b^2}{2B_G} \right). \quad (20)$$

The initial gluon distribution evaluated at  $\mu_0^2$  is taken to be

$$xg(x, \mu_0^2) = A_g x^{-\lambda_g} (1-x)^{5.6}. \quad (21)$$

# Dipole Formalism

- Dipole-proton amplitude



# Dipole Formalism

- Vector mesons wave function

$$\begin{aligned} (\Psi_V^* \Psi)_T &= \hat{e}_f e \frac{N_c}{\pi z(1-z)} \{ m_f^2 K_0(\epsilon r) \phi_T(r, z) \\ &\quad - [z^2 + (1-z)^2] \epsilon K_1(\epsilon r) \partial_r \phi_T(r, z) \}, \quad (10) \end{aligned}$$

Gaus LC

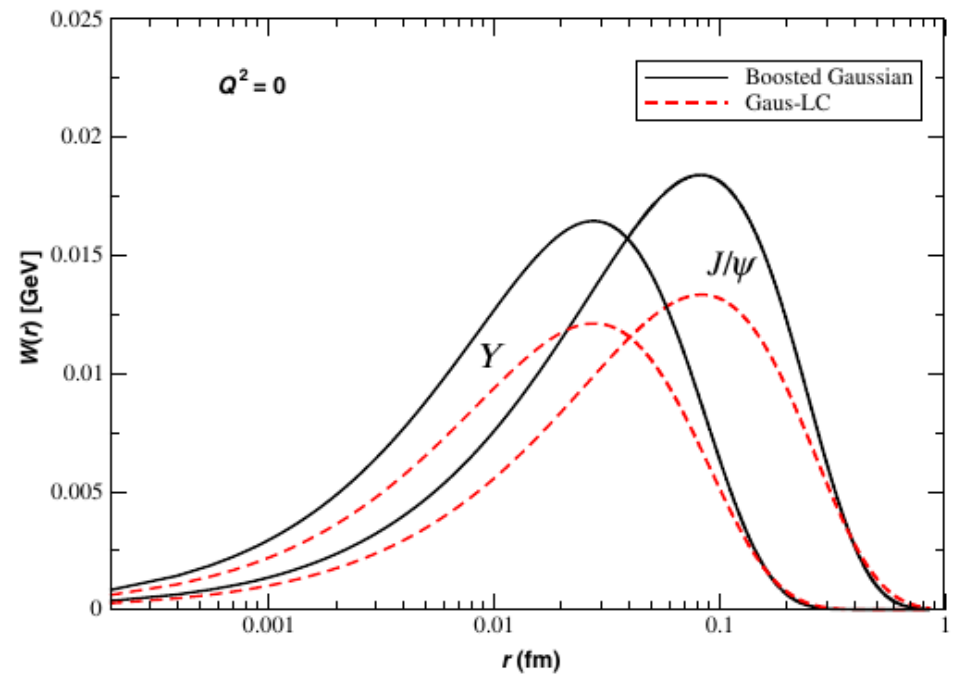
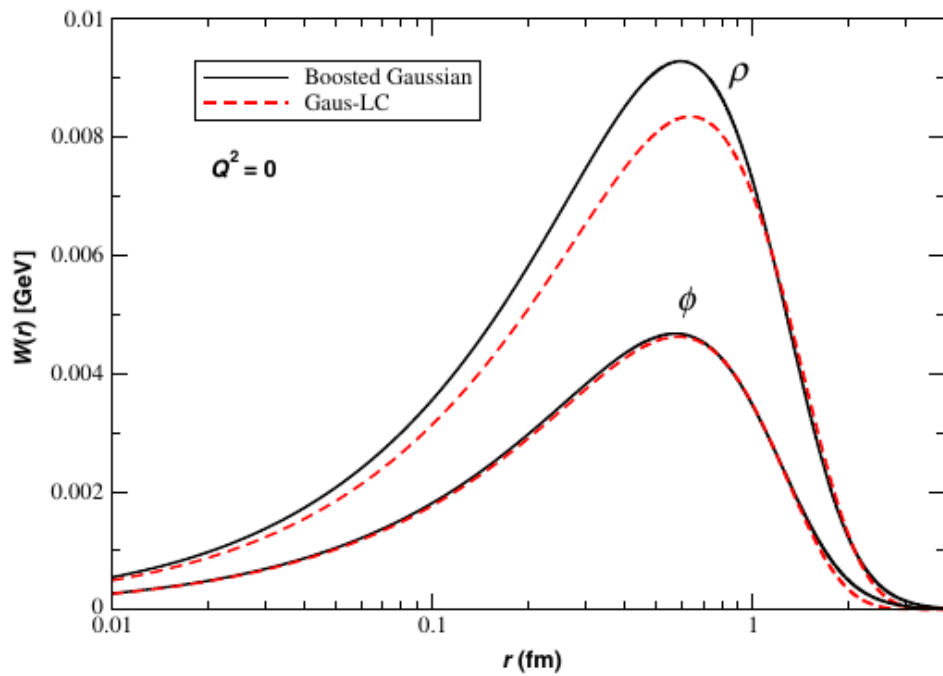
$$\phi_T(r, z) = N_T [z(1-z)]^2 \exp\left(-\frac{r^2}{2R_T^2}\right)$$

Boosted Gaussian

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_T(r, z) &= N_T z(1-z) \\ &\quad \times \exp\left(-\frac{m_f R^2}{8z(1-z)} - \frac{2z(1-z)r^2}{R^2} + \frac{m_f^2 R^2}{2}\right) \end{aligned}$$

# Dipole Formalism

- Vector mesons wave function



# $T_{4C}$ Production

- Properties

$$\Gamma_{T_{4c(0)}} \approx \Gamma_{\chi_{c0}} = 10.8 \text{ MeV}$$

$$B_{T_{4c(0)} \rightarrow \gamma\gamma} \approx B_{\chi_{c0} \rightarrow \gamma\gamma} = 2.04 \times 10^{-4}$$

$$\Gamma_{T_{4c(2)}} \approx \Gamma_{\chi_{c2}} = 1.97 \text{ MeV}$$

$$B_{T_{4c(2)} \rightarrow \gamma\gamma} \approx B_{\chi_{c2} \rightarrow \gamma\gamma} = 2.85 \times 10^{-4}$$

# $T_{4c}$ Production

- Properties

$$B(T_{4c} \rightarrow J/\psi J/\psi) \approx 2\%$$