

# Photon-photon interactions in proton-proton collisions at the LHC

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# Outline

- Theory of elastic  $pp(\gamma\gamma) \rightarrow pp X$  interactions
- $\gamma$  - IP interactions in  $pp$  (LHCb results and STARLIGHT MC generator)
- Proton finite size effects (or "absorbtive corrections")
  - Interpretation of CMS data
  - $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \ell^+\ell^-$  (and/or  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow W^+W^-$ )
- Semi-elastic and double dissociative  $\gamma\gamma$  interactions
  - Form-factors and Photon PDFs

# Theory: elastic pp ( $\gamma\gamma$ ) $\rightarrow$ pp X

Chen et al., Phys.Rev. D7 (1973) 3485-3502.

Budnev et al., Nucl.Phys. B63 (1973) 519-541.

The cross section for this process is calculated:

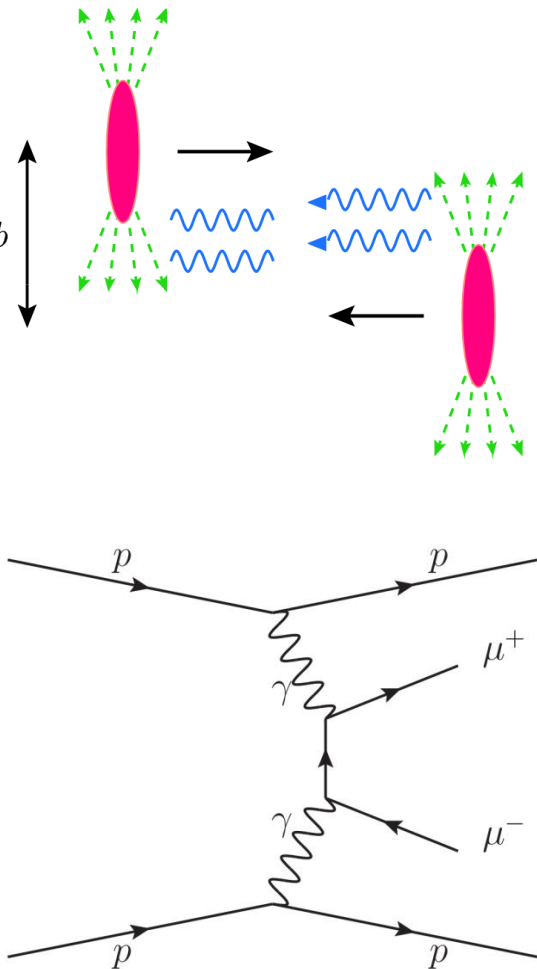
(1) Using the number of equivalent photons (EPA) by integration over the whole virtuality range:

$$dN = \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \frac{dQ^2}{Q^2} \frac{dx}{x} \left[ (1-x) \left( 1 - \frac{Q_{min}^2}{Q^2} F_E(Q^2) \right) + \frac{x^2}{2} F_M(Q^2) \right]$$

$$Q_{min}^2 \simeq m_p^2 \frac{x^2}{1-x} \quad Q_{max}^2 = 2 \text{ GeV}^2$$

Integrand contains the proton EM form factors (calculations originally done by Chen, Terazawa, et al. for  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$  process)

(2) EW  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow X$  cross section. **Note:** letting  $\alpha_{EM}$  running wrt some scale (mass of the system???) is wrong. Here the photon virtualities are very small...

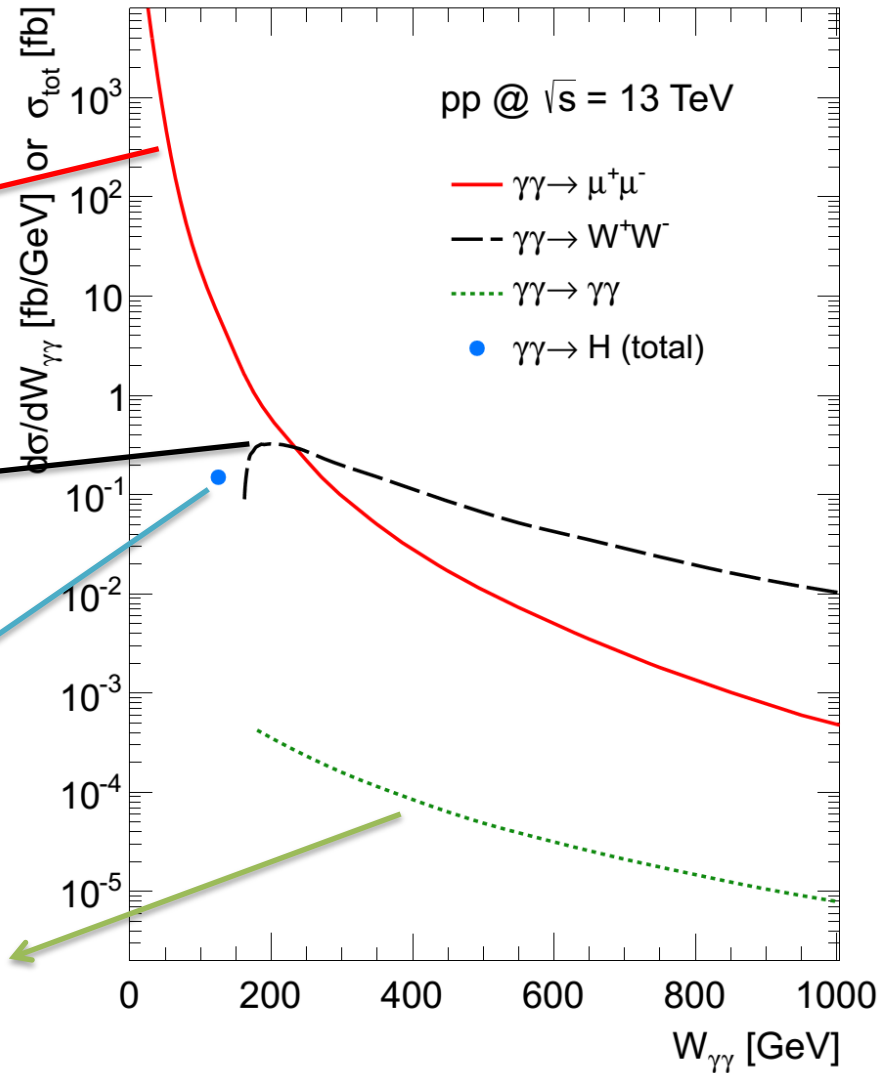
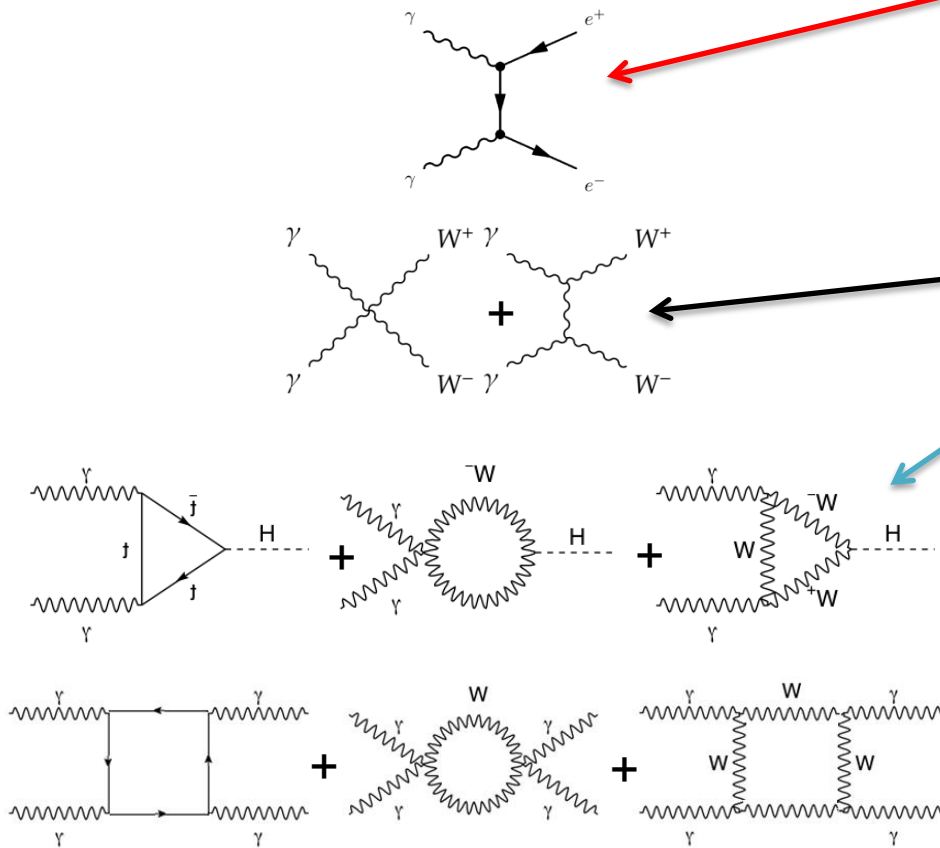


MC generators: HERWIG++, LPAIR, STARLIGHT, FPMC, ...

# Theory: elastic pp ( $\gamma\gamma$ ) $\rightarrow$ pp X

- Some cross sections for  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV

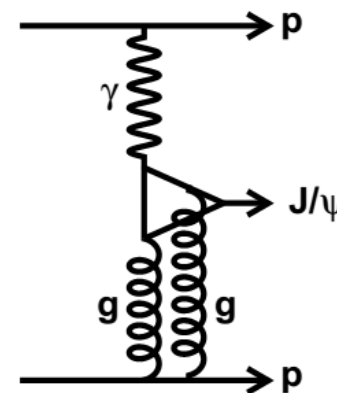
- O(pb) for  $W_{\gamma\gamma} > 10$  GeV ( $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow l^+l^-$ )
  - O(fb) for  $W_{\gamma\gamma} > 200$  GeV ( $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow W^+W^-$ )



# $\gamma$ - IP interactions in pp

- LHCb measurement: **Exclusive  $J/\psi$  and  $\psi(2S)$  production in pp collisions at  $\sqrt{s}=7$  TeV (Updated)** (J. Phys. G: Nucl. Part. Phys. 41 (2014) 055002.)
- 930 pb<sup>-1</sup> of data;  $2.0 < \eta_\mu < 4.5$

	$J/\psi$ [pb]	$\psi(2S)$ [pb]
Gonçalves and Machado [29]	275	
JMRT [5]	282	8.3
Motyka and Watt [2]	334	
Schäfer and Szczurek [30]	317	
Starlight [31]	292	6.1
SUPERCHIC [19]	317	7.0
LHCb measured value	$291 \pm 7 \pm 19$	$6.5 \pm 0.9 \pm 0.4$



- STARLIGHT includes absorbtive correction treatment ( $r \approx 0.85-0.9$  in this invariant mass range)
  - $r(y) = 0.85 - 0.1|y|/3$  assumed in the analysis
- Some approximations done in STARLIGHT: unable to use it for higher invariant masses (S. R. Klein and J. Nystrand, Phys. Rev. Lett. 92, 142003.)
  - No proton magnetic form-factor included

# Proton finite size effects

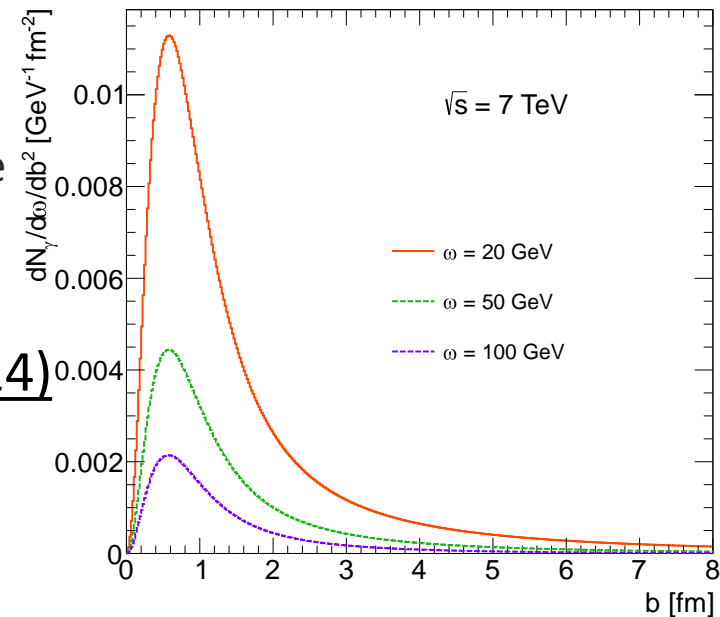
- Many of the MC generators (HERWIG++, LPAIR, FPMC) for  $pp(\gamma\gamma) \rightarrow pp X$  do not include the requirements that the:
  - Protons should remain intact (strong absorption correction)
  - Photons have to be emitted coherently from the proton (finite transverse size of the proton)

- Formalism** (quite standard in HI collisions):

MD and Laurent Schoeffel, Phys. Lett. B (2014)

[doi:10.1016/j.physletb.2014.12.019](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.physletb.2014.12.019)

- Spectrum of the photons from the proton can be written in the impact parameter space (via Fourier transform):



$$n(b, \omega) = \frac{\alpha_{EM}}{\pi^2 \omega} \left| \int dk_{\perp} k_{\perp}^2 \frac{G_E(Q^2)}{Q^2} \left[ (1-x) \frac{4m_p^2 + Q^2 \mu_p^2}{4m_p^2 + Q^2} + \frac{1}{2} x^2 \frac{Q^2}{k_{\perp}^2} \mu_p^2 \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} J_1(bk_{\perp}) \right|^2$$

virtuality of the photon  $Q^2 = -k^2 = k_{\perp}^2 + \frac{\omega^2}{\gamma^2}$

energy fraction of the proton carried by the photon  $x = 2\omega/\sqrt{s}$

# Proton finite size effects

- No overlap -> photon spectra no longer factorize:

$$\sigma(p + p \rightarrow p + p + X) = \int \int f(\omega_1) f(\omega_2) \sigma_{\gamma\gamma \rightarrow X}(\omega_1, \omega_2) \frac{d\omega_1}{\omega_1} \frac{d\omega_2}{\omega_2}$$

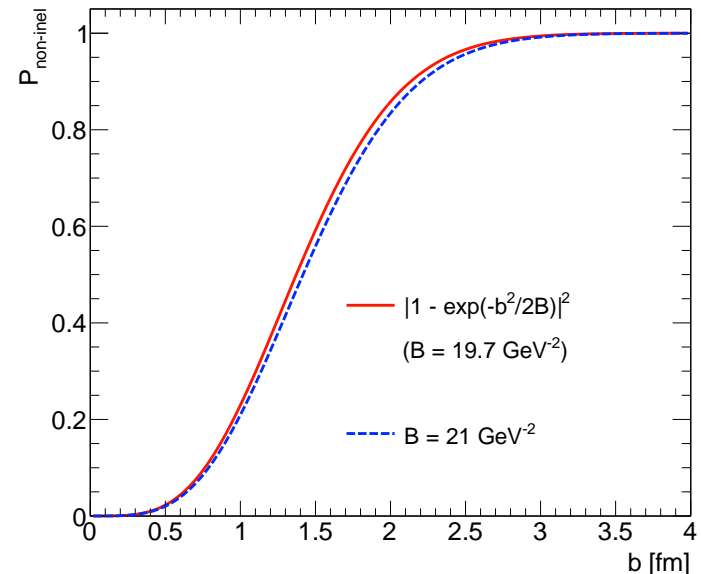
$$f(\omega_1) f(\omega_2) \rightarrow \int \int n(\vec{b}_1, \omega_1) n(\vec{b}_2, \omega_2) P_{non-inel}(|\vec{b}_1 - \vec{b}_2|) d^2\vec{b}_1 d^2\vec{b}_2$$

- The pp (non-inelastic) interaction probability can be obtained from the pp elastic scattering amplitude  $\Gamma(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{b})$  (L. Frankfurt, C. E. Hyde, M. Strikman and C. Weiss, Phys. Rev. D 75 (2007) 054009.)

-> with BDL:  $P_{non-inel} = |1 - \exp(-b^2/2B)|^2$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \sigma_{el}(s) \\ \sigma_{tot}(s) \\ \sigma_{inel}(s) \end{array} \right\} = \int d^2b \times \left\{ \begin{array}{l} |\Gamma(s, \mathbf{b})|^2, \\ 2 \operatorname{Re} \Gamma(s, \mathbf{b}), \\ [1 - |\Gamma(s, \mathbf{b})|^2] \end{array} \right.$$

- A reduction of the exclusive cross section is expected

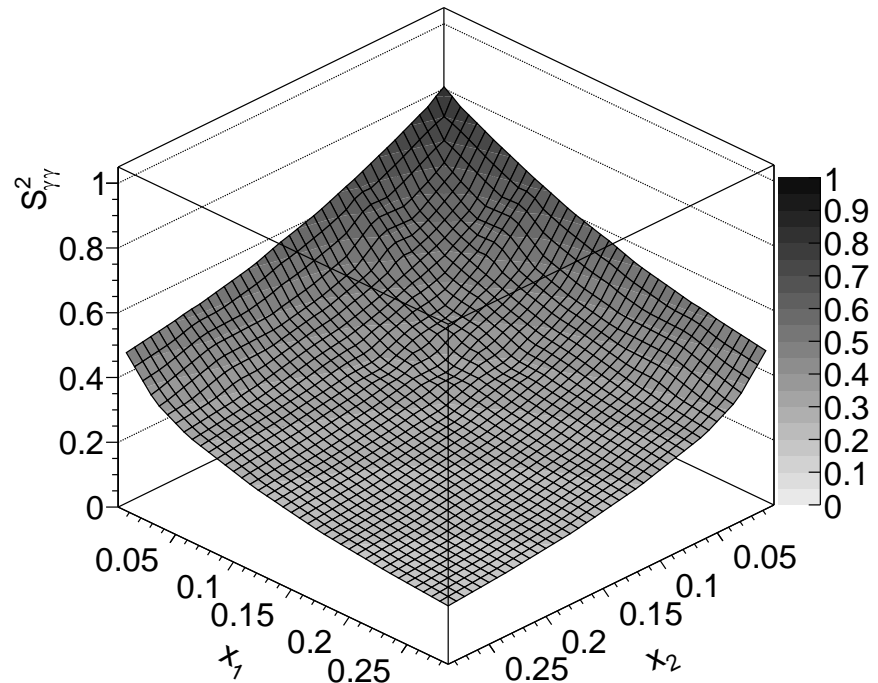


# Proton finite size effects

- Using this formalism, a proton survival factor (or absorbtive correction) can be introduced:

$$S_{\gamma\gamma}^2 = \frac{\int_{b_1 > r_p} \int_{b_2 > r_p} n(\vec{b}_1, \omega_1) n(\vec{b}_2, \omega_2) P_{non-inel}(|\vec{b}_1 - \vec{b}_2|) d^2\vec{b}_1 d^2\vec{b}_2}{\int_{b_1 > 0} \int_{b_2 > 0} n(\vec{b}_1, \omega_1) n(\vec{b}_2, \omega_2) d^2\vec{b}_1 d^2\vec{b}_2}$$

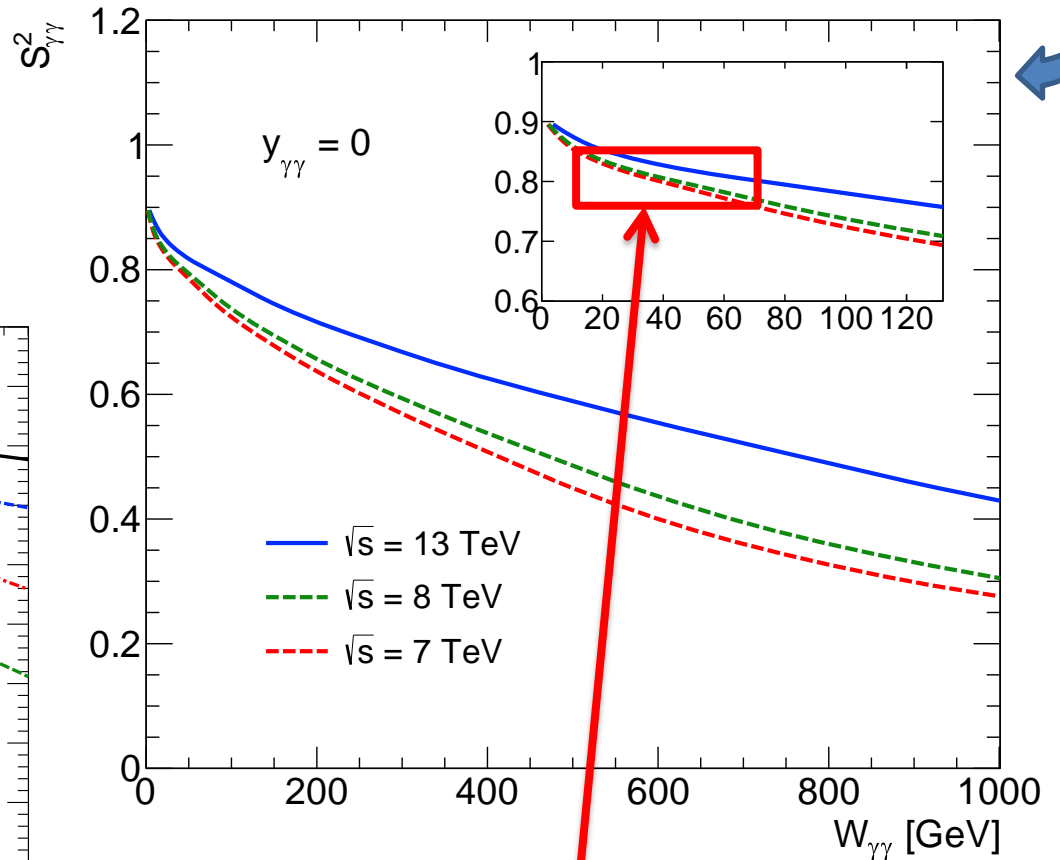
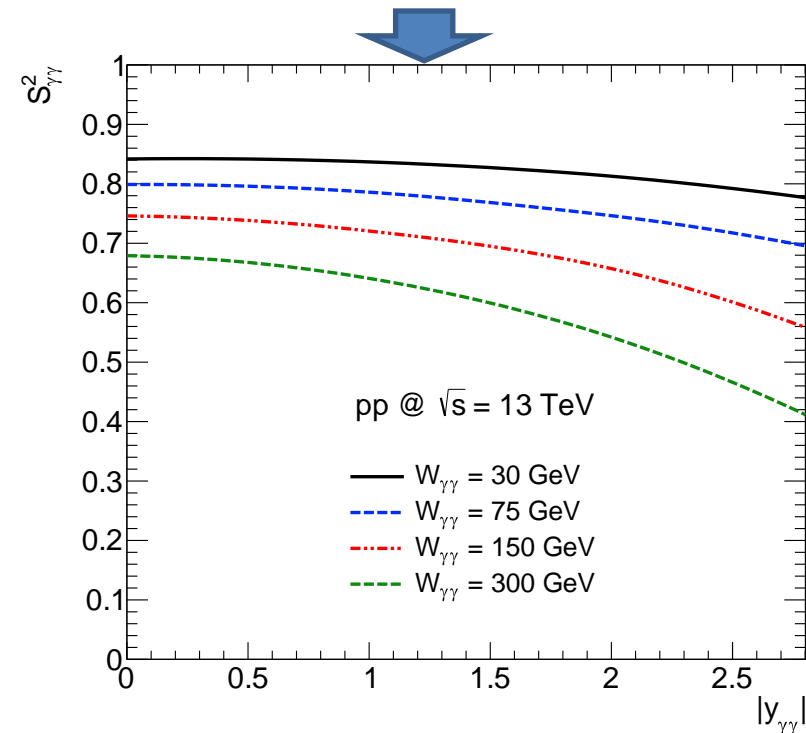
- The general dependence is wrt  $x_{1,2}$  of colliding photons
- Can be convoluted with MC events (reweighting)





# Proton finite size effects

- Strong dependence on photon-photon invariant mass
- Small dependence on rapidity of the system (for smaller inv. masses)



7 TeV CMS  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$  analyses region

# Interpretation of CMS data

- **Recent photon-induced reactions measurements in pp collisions at CMS:**

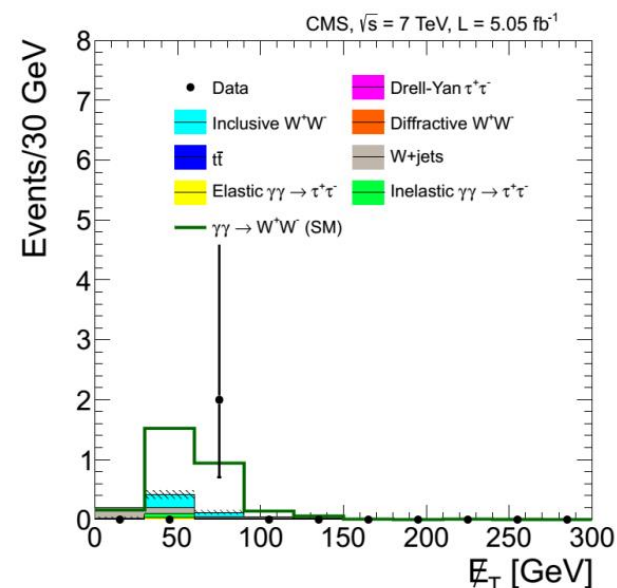
- *1) Exclusive  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \mu\mu$  production in pp collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 7$  TeV;*  
JHEP 1201 (2012) 052. -> 2010 data,  $40 \text{ pb}^{-1}$ ;  $pp \rightarrow pp \mu^+\mu^-$  cross section

- *2) Search for exclusive or semi-exclusive photon pair production and observation of exclusive and semi-exclusive electron pair production;*  
JHEP 1211 (2012) 080.

- *3) Study of exclusive  $\gamma\gamma$  production of  $W(+)W(-)$  at  $\sqrt{s} = 7$  TeV and constraints on anomalous quartic gauge couplings;*  
JHEP 1307 (2013) 116.

- 2011 data,  $5 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ ; Best limits on anomalous couplings (QGC) are obtained

- Benchmark using  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \mu\mu$  events



# Interpretation of CMS data

- Exclusive  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \mu\mu$  production in pp collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 7$  TeV
- Kinematic region:  $M_{\mu\mu} > 11.5$  GeV,  $p_{T,\mu} > 4$  GeV and  $|\eta_{\mu}| < 2.1$

- Log-likelihood fit on exclusive and semi-exclusive yields (LPAIR) to get the exclusive cross section

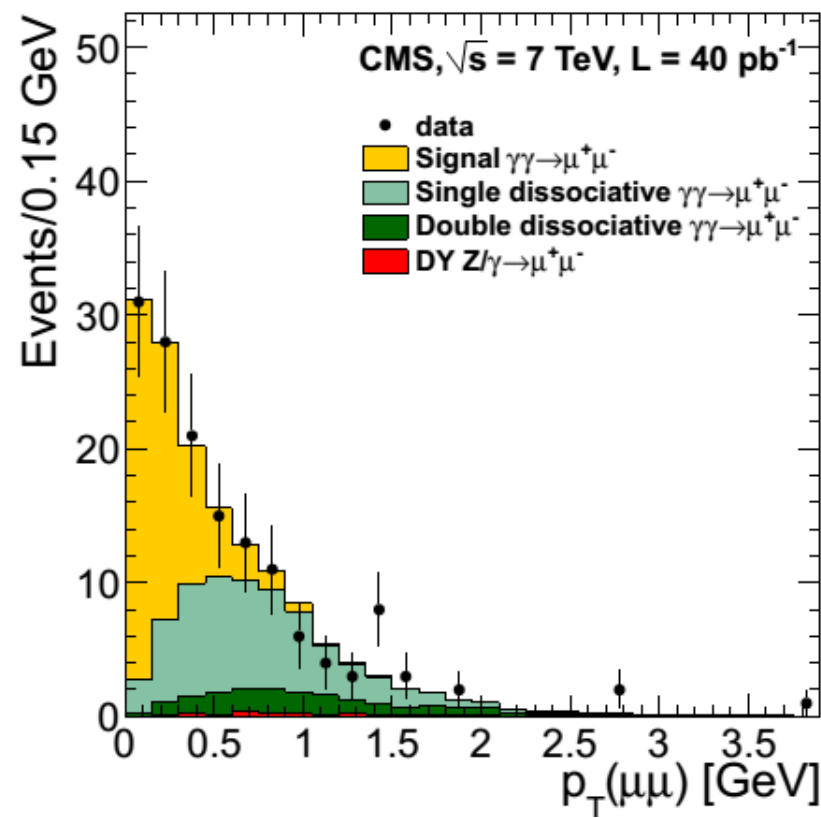
- Cross section:

$$\sigma_{pp(\gamma\gamma) \rightarrow pp\mu\mu} = 3.38 \pm 0.58 \text{ (stat.)} \\ \pm 0.16 \text{ (syst.)} \pm 0.14 \text{ (lumi.) pb}$$

- Data-theory (LPAIR) signal ratio:  **$0.83 \pm 0.15$**

- Our predictions for proton survival factor:

$$S^2 = 0.84 \text{ (} M_{\mu\mu} > 11.5 \text{ GeV, } |y_{\mu\mu}| < 2.1 \text{)}$$



# Interpretation of CMS data

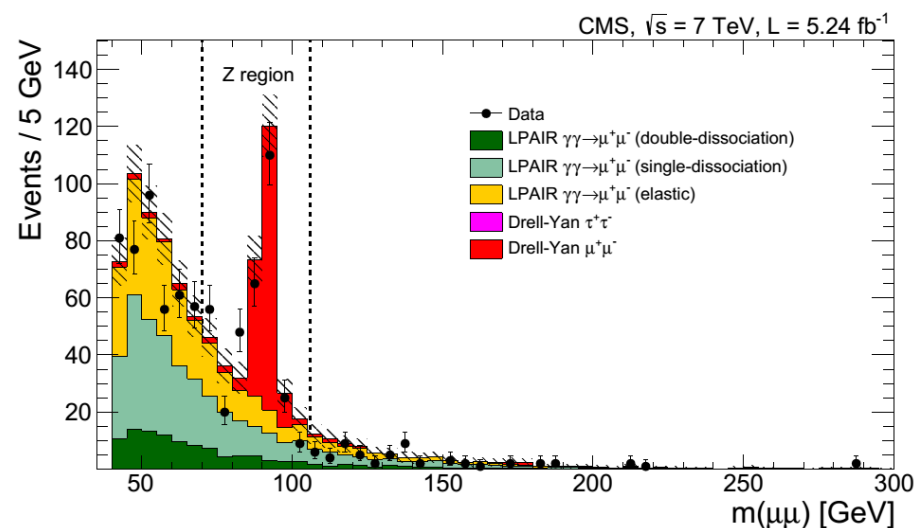
- Study of exclusive  $\gamma\gamma$  production of  $W(+)\bar{W}(-)$  at  $\sqrt{s} = 7$  TeV and constraints on anomalous quartic gauge couplings
- $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \mu\mu$  as a benchmark for exclusivity selection validation
- Kinematic region:  $M_{\mu\mu} > 40$  GeV,  $p_{T,\mu} > 20$  GeV and  $|\eta_{\mu}| < 2.4$
- Observation: Expected exclusive yield is **10% smaller** in data  
 $\rightarrow S^2 \approx 0.75$  in this kinematic region

Region	Data	Simulation	Data/Simulation
Elastic	820	$906 \pm 9$	$0.91 \pm 0.03$

- **Our predictions for proton survival factor:**

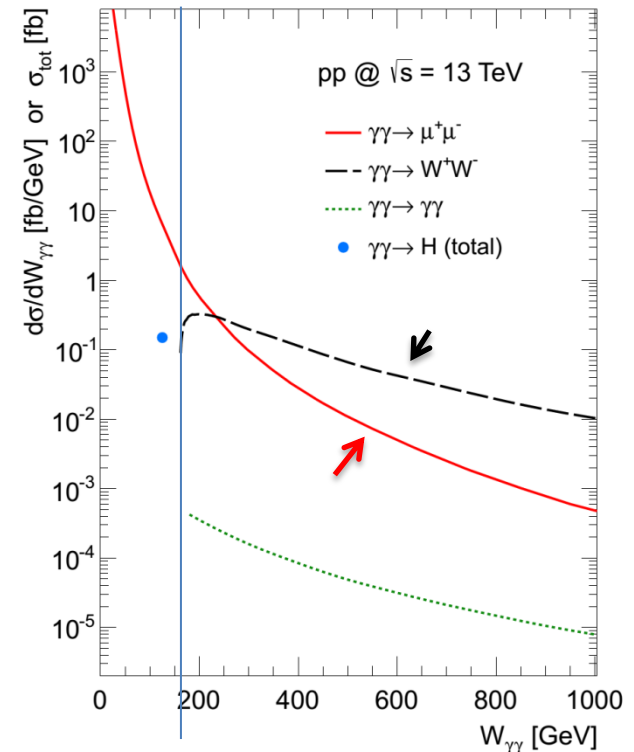
$$S^2 = 0.76$$

$$(M_{\mu\mu} > 40 \text{ GeV}, |\eta_{\mu\mu}| < 2.4)$$



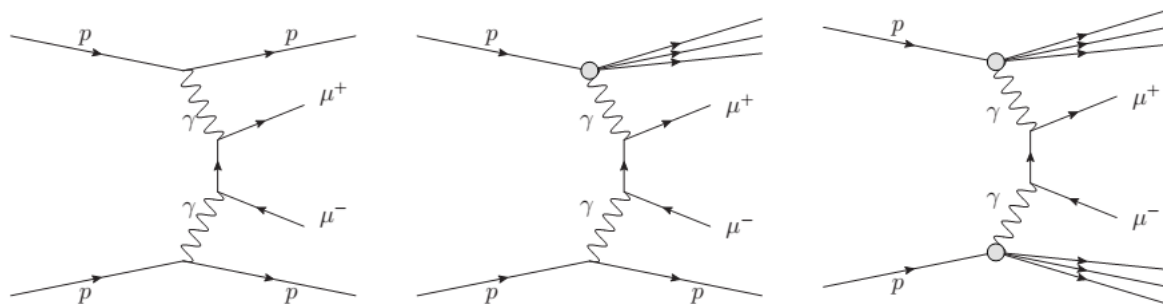
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- Study of exclusive  $\gamma\gamma$  production of  $W(+)W(-)$  at  $\sqrt{s} = 7$  TeV and constraints on anomalous quartic gauge couplings
- $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \mu\mu$  events used to determine an effective, observed "luminosity" of two-photon interactions at high energies relevant for  $W$ -pair production  
-> simply taking the ratio  $(\text{Data} - \text{MC}_{\text{DY}}) / \text{MC}_{\text{elastic}}$  for  $M_{\mu\mu} > 160$  GeV
- Not a clean way to proceed... Some reasons:
  - Elementary cross section shape  $d\sigma/dW_{\gamma\gamma}$  is very different for  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \mu\mu$  and  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow WW$   
-> Proton survival factor is different, even if the same kinematic domain is studied
  - Different lepton kinematic distributions for elastic and dissociative reactions
  - Different contributions from NLO effects (e.g. QED FSR)



# Photon-induced reactions

- A family of interactions, including photon-proton inelastic reactions

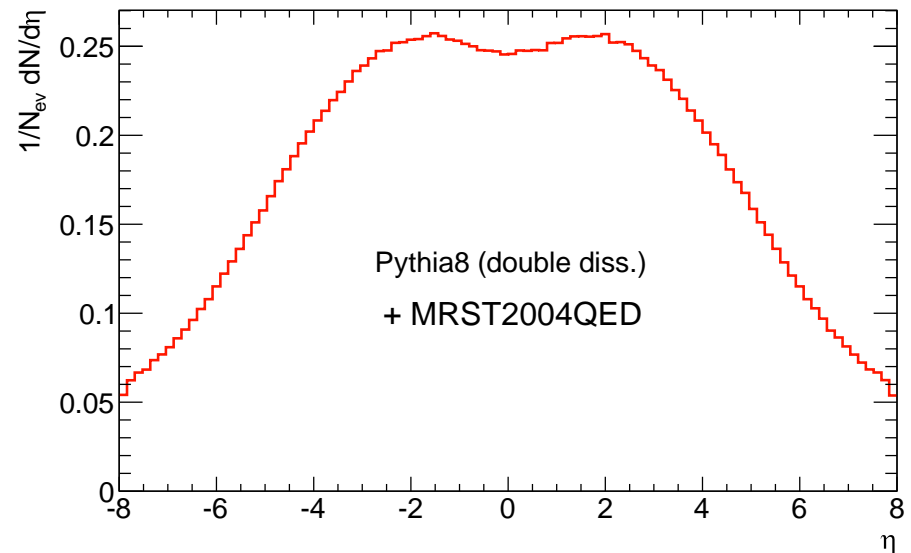
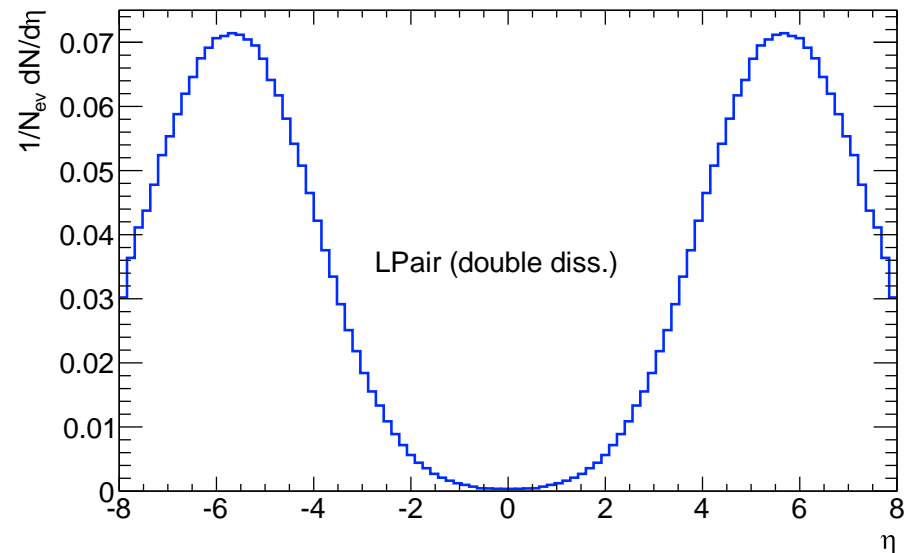


(Very simplified scheme...)

- Two (alternative) ways of description
  - **Photon-proton inelastic Form Factor** (e.g. Suri-Yenni FF in LPAIR + JETSET)
    - proton dissociation -> forward resonance(s) production
    - adequate for small  $Q^2$
    - does not guarantee correct dependence at large  $Q^2$
  - **Photon-PDF approach** (like NNPDF2.3QED incorporated with PYTHIA8)
    - should be relevant for higher  $Q^2$
    - PYTHIA recombination scheme used for forward resonance production

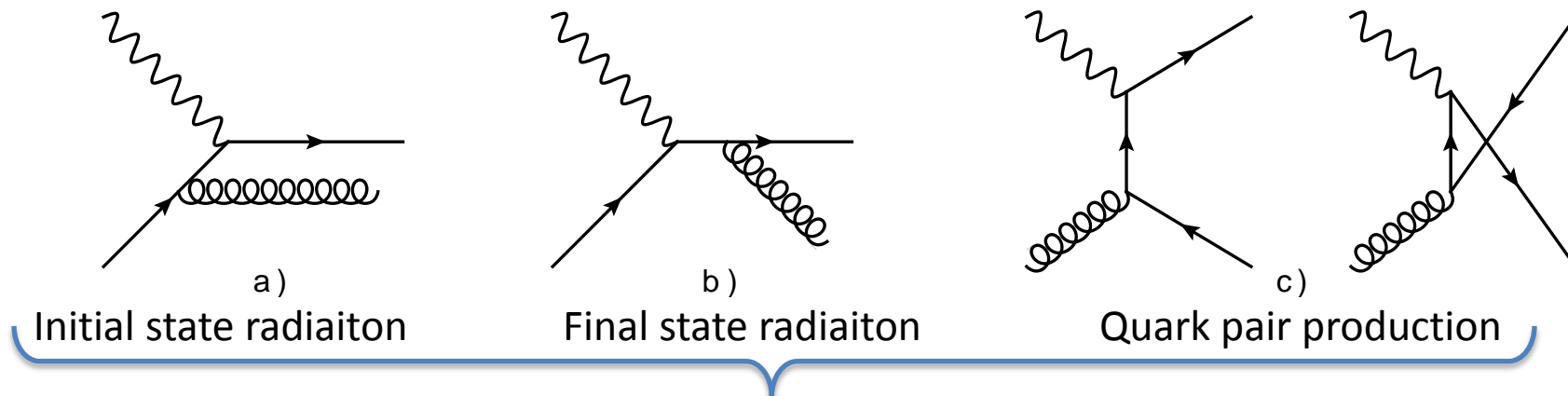
# Photon-induced reactions

- Pseudorapidity distribution of particles produced in the proton(s) fragmentation
- LPAIR + Inelastic FF  $\rightarrow$ 
  - $\Delta^+$  ( $\Delta^{++}$ ) resonances produced for the low-mass system  $\rightarrow$  low multiplicity fwd states
  - For higher masses, multiple resonance production
- PYTHIA8 + Photon-PDF  $\rightarrow$ 
  - Includes also  $\gamma$ - $q/\bar{q}$  interactions +  $O(\alpha_s)$  corrections
  - Production of particles also in the central direction



# Photon-induced reactions

- $O(\alpha_s)$  corrections to the  $\gamma q \rightarrow q$  process should have to be also considered



- Enhancement of the cross section (diss part)
- Increased underlying event activity in the central detector
- Total cross section comparison: ( $M_{\mu\mu} > 20$  GeV,  $p_T^\mu > 10$  GeV,  $|\eta_\mu| < 2.5$ )

Generator	LPAIR (s-diss)	LPAIR (d-diss)	PYTHIA 8 (d-diss) + MRST2004QED
Cross-section	0.87 pb	1.02 pb	7.72 pb

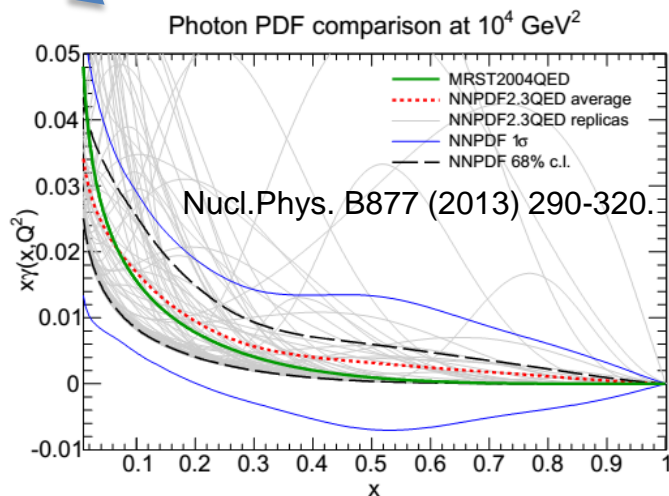
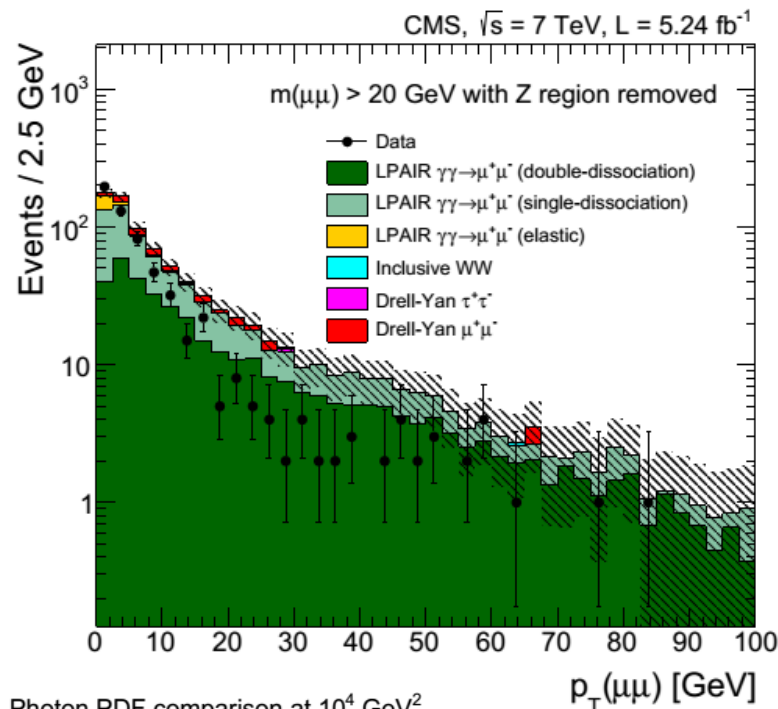
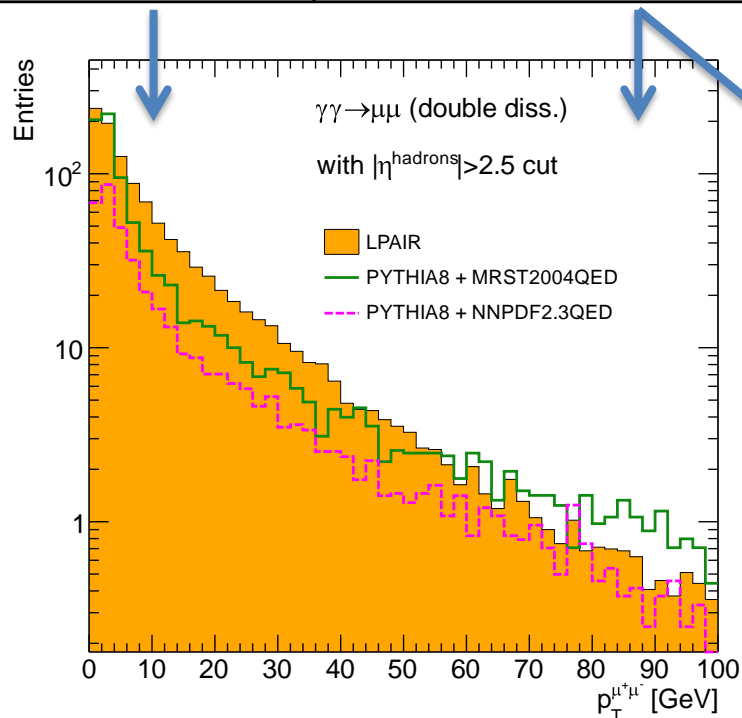


# Photon-induced reactions

- **CMS data interpretation** (dissociative selection) -> LPAIR overshoots the data at higher  $p_T(\mu\mu)$  values ->

- Testing different approaches (and different Photon-PDFs!)

LPAIR vs PYTHIA8; MRST2004QED vs NNPDF2.3QED



# Conclusions

- There is a strong physics case of  $pp (\gamma\gamma) \rightarrow p^{(*)} p^{(*)} X$  interactions
- (Usually) simpler final states + small theory (QED) uncertainties
  - A crucial role of proton finite size effects: some advances in photon-photon interactions have been made
    - In itself (EWK) and to reach searches domains
    - With a difficult and subtle problem of what is the radius of proton (or HI)
    - Direct application: Luminosity determination using exclusive  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \ell^+\ell^-$  reactions
  - However, smaller cross-sections for higher invariant masses
    - > HI collisions? The trade off between pp and PbPb: the maximum energy of photons:  $\sqrt{s}/R$  favors pp for high mass objects, while the  $Z^4$  factor in PbPb cross section reaches  $4.5e7\dots$
- Photon-induced reactions as a source of background for many EWK analyses (low, high-mass DY,  $\phi^*/p_T(Z)$  measurement, ...)
  - A clear need for precise photon-PDF (currently, O(50%) uncertainty in NNPDF2.3QED...)

# Backup

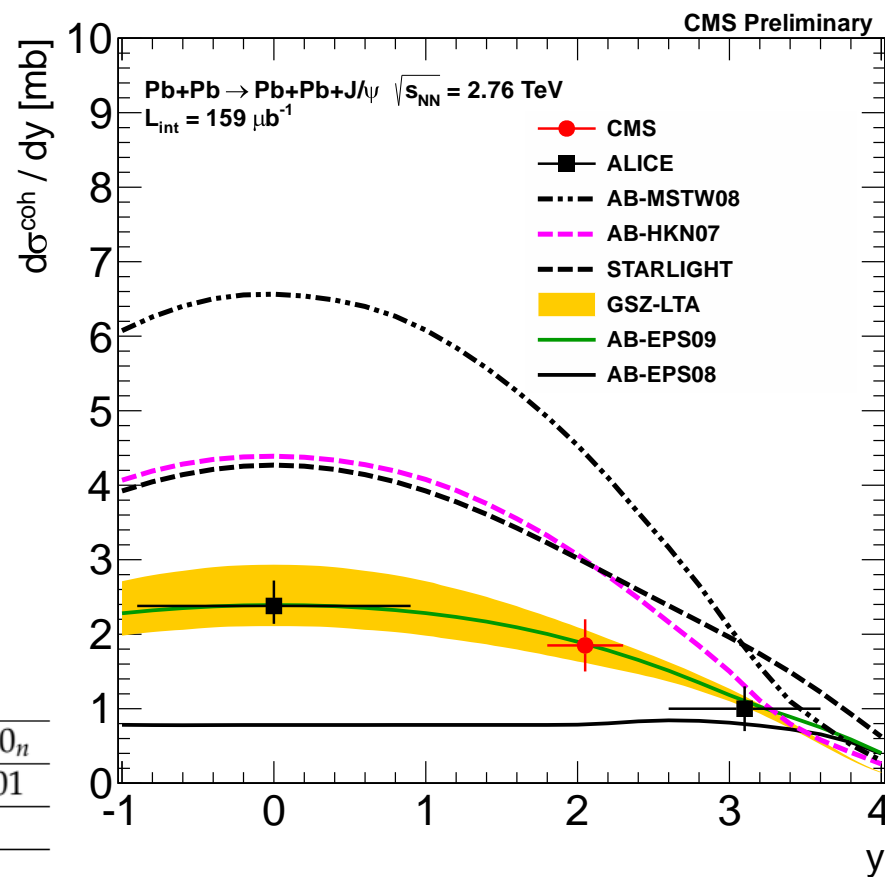
# Projections for $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV

Process	$\sigma_{tot}$	$\sigma_{tot} \otimes S_{\gamma\gamma}^2$	$\langle S_{\gamma\gamma}^2 \rangle$
$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow H$ ( $M_H = 125$ GeV)	0.15 fb	0.11 fb	0.74
$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ ( $W_{\gamma\gamma} > 40$ GeV)	12 pb	10 pb	0.8
$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ ( $W_{\gamma\gamma} > 160$ GeV)	36 fb	25 fb	0.7
$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow W^+W^-$	82 fb	53 fb	0.65
$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ ( $W_{\gamma\gamma} > 200$ GeV)	0.06 fb	0.04 fb	0.64

Table 1: Comparison of total cross sections at  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV for different processes  $pp(\gamma\gamma) \rightarrow ppX$  with and without proton survival factor applied.

# The case of HI collisions

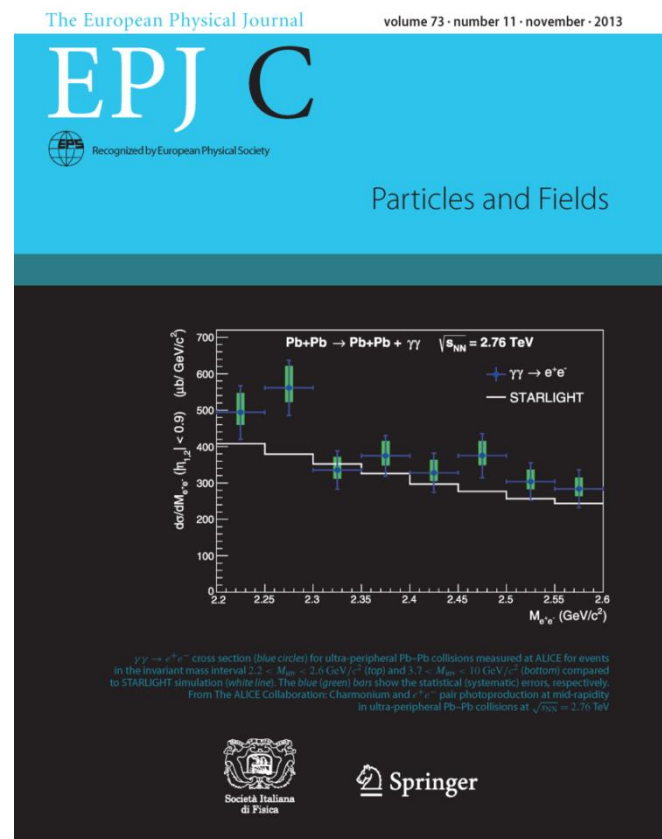
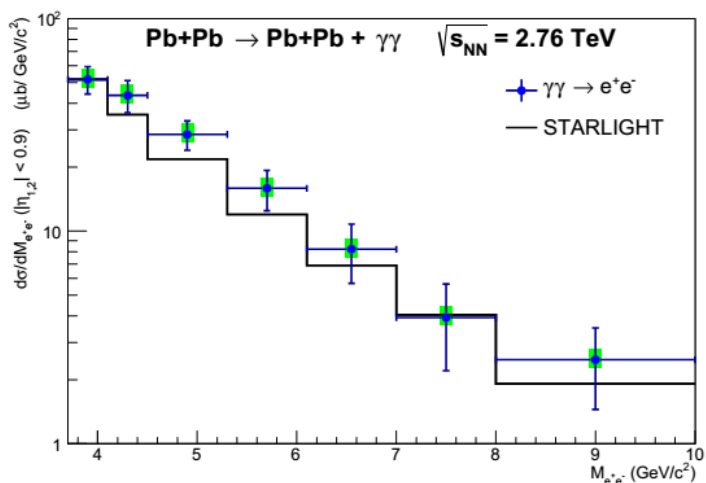
- + Cross section for **photon-nucleus** collisions is proportional to  $Z^2$
- The coupling  $\sqrt{\alpha_{EM}} \rightarrow Z\sqrt{\alpha_{EM}}$  (higher-order terms become important)
  - Exclusive J/Psi in Pb-Pb:
    - **Eur. Phys. J. C 73 (2013) 2617**  
(ALICE "barrel" J/Psi +  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow ee$ )
    - **Phys. Lett. B 718 (2013) 1273**  
(ALICE "forward" J/Psi)
    - **CMS-PAS-HIN-12-009**  
(CMS coherent J/Psi + neutrons)
  - Data favors models that incorporate nuclear shadowing
  - Accompanied neutron(s) emission  
-> even more precise tests



J/ $\psi$ with $p_T < 0.15$ GeV/c	$X_n X_n / X_n 0_n$	$1_n 0_n / X_n 0_n$	$1_n 1_n / X_n 0_n$
Data	$0.36 \pm 0.04$	$0.26 \pm 0.03$	$0.03 \pm 0.01$
STARLIGHT	0.37	N/A	0.02
GSZ	0.32	0.30	0.02

# The case of HI collisions

- + Cross section for **photon-photon** collisions is proportional to  $Z^4$
- Maximum photon energy approximately given by  $\gamma/b_{\min}$ 
  - > Maximum  $W_{\gamma\gamma} \approx 160 \text{ GeV}$  for Pb-Pb at  $\sqrt{s}_{NN} = 5.5 \text{ TeV}$
  - > Maximum  $W_{\gamma\gamma} \approx 2 \text{ TeV}$  for p-p at  $\sqrt{s} = 14 \text{ TeV}$
- $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow ee$  from ALICE
- Data  $\approx 20\%$  above the STARLIGHT predictions
- > higher order terms in  $\alpha_{EM}$  are important here

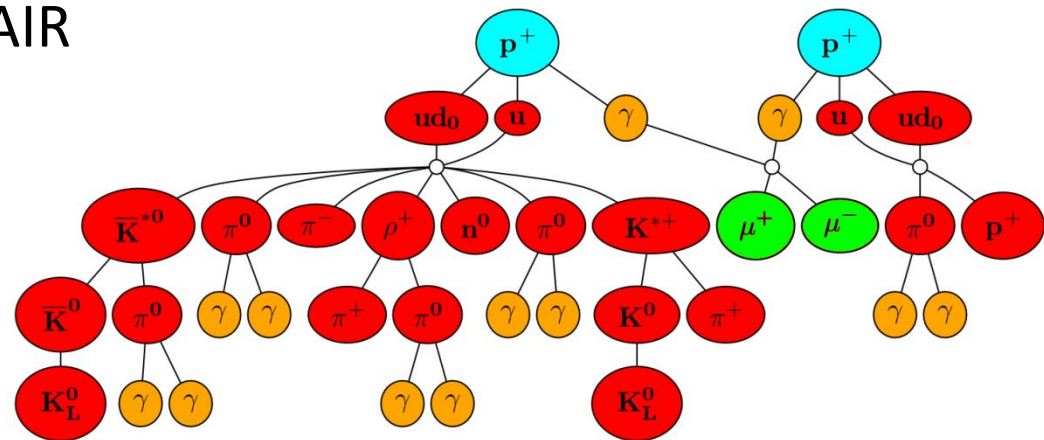


# PYTHIA8 vs LPAIR (d-diss)

- Double-diss PYTHIA8 vs LPAIR

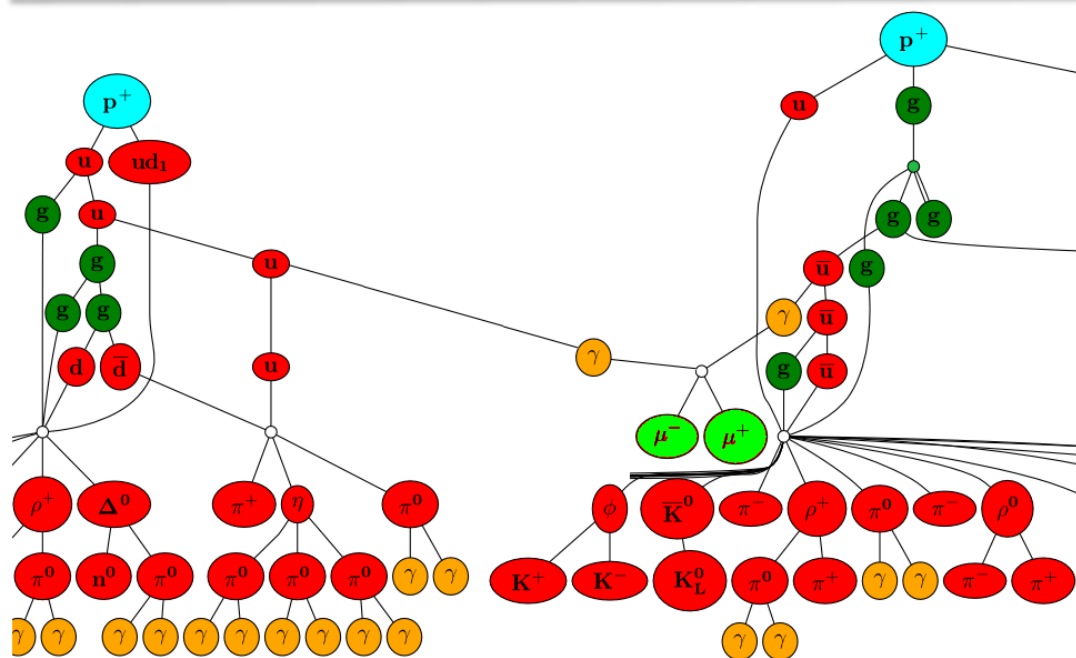
- LPAIR: only  $\gamma$ -p inelastic processes

- Production of forward particles



- PYTHIA8: x-s dominant by the  $\gamma$ -q/ $\bar{q}$  interactions +  $O(\alpha_s)$  corrections

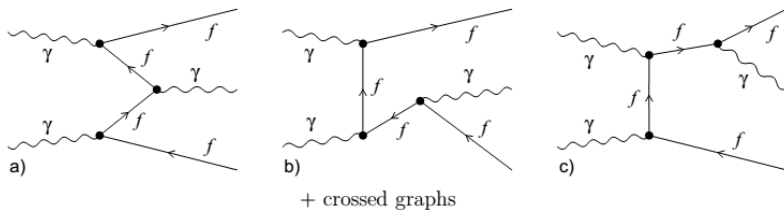
- Particles also visible in the central part of the detector



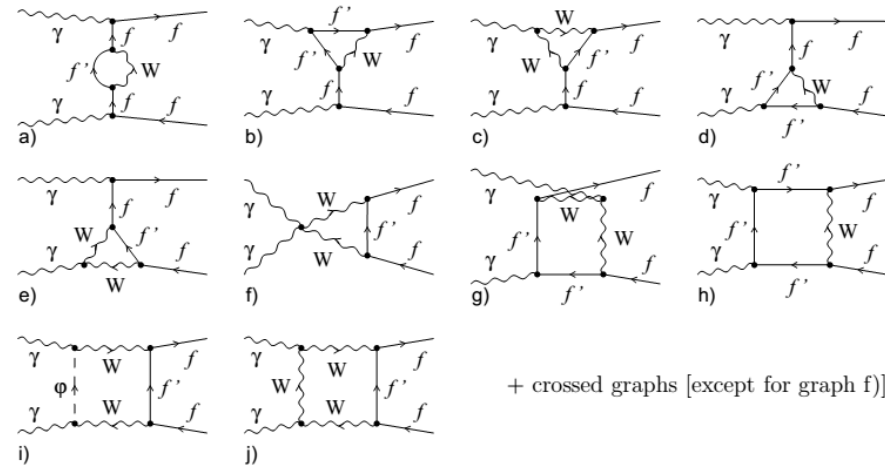
# $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow l^+l^-$ NLO corrections

- A. Denner and S. Dittmaier, **Eur. Phys. J. C9 (1999) 425-435.**
- The  $O(\alpha)$  corrections (QED + weak) to  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow ff$  in the standard model are calculated for light fermions
- Results are provided as a function of  $\sqrt{s}$  for photon-photon system

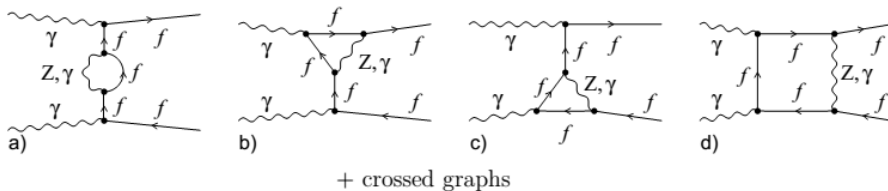
Diagrams for photon bremsstrahlung:



Diagrams with virtual W-boson exchange:



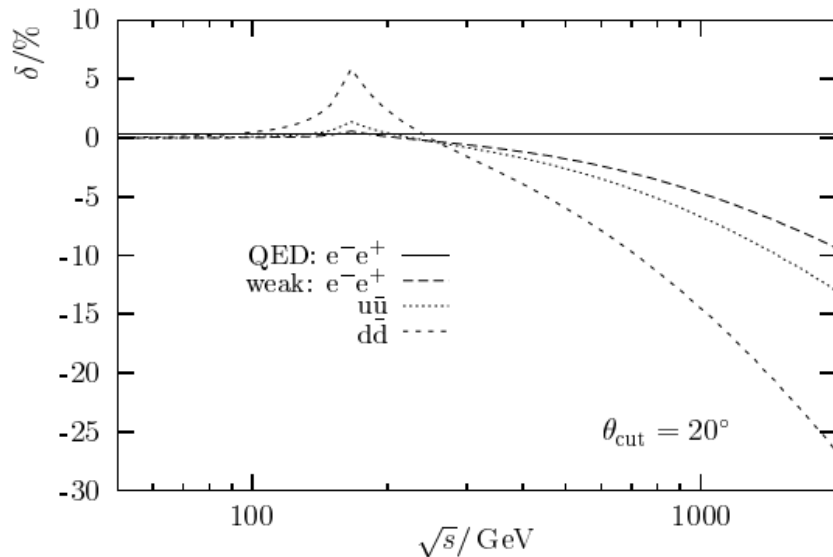
Diagrams with virtual Z-boson or photon exchange:





# $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow l^+l^-$ NLO corrections

- " The cancellation of all potentially large QED corrections such as  $\alpha \ln(m^2/s)/\pi$  implies that the resulting QED correction is of the order of  $O(\alpha/\pi)$ , i.e., **of the order of several per mille** "
- " The weak corrections stay **below 0.05%** for energies below 100 GeV "



$\sqrt{s}/\text{GeV}$	$\theta_{\text{cut}}$	$\sigma_{\text{Born}}^{e^-e^+} / \text{pb}$	$\delta_{\text{QED}}^{e^-e^+} / \%$	$\delta_{\text{weak}}^{e^-e^+} / \%$
10	$5^\circ$	13722	1.30	0.00
	$10^\circ$	10130	0.74	0.00
	$20^\circ$	6595.2	0.33	0.00
	$40^\circ$	3270.9	-0.02	0.00
100	$5^\circ$	137.22	1.30	0.02
	$10^\circ$	101.30	0.74	0.02
	$20^\circ$	65.952	0.33	0.03
	$40^\circ$	32.709	-0.02	0.05
500	$5^\circ$	5.4889	1.30	-0.97
	$10^\circ$	4.0520	0.74	-1.29
	$20^\circ$	2.6381	0.33	-1.78
	$40^\circ$	1.3084	-0.02	-2.47