# Quartic anomalous coupling studies at the LHC

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Search for  $\gamma\gamma WW$ ,  $\gamma\gamma\gamma\gamma$  quartic anomalous coupling



- Study of the process:  $pp \to ppWW$ ,  $pp \to ppZZ$ ,  $pp \to pp\gamma\gamma$
- Standard Model:  $\sigma_{WW} = 95.6$  fb,  $\sigma_{WW}(W = M_X > 1 TeV) = 5.9$  fb
- $\bullet\,$  Process sensitive to anomalous couplings:  $\gamma\gamma WW$ ,  $\gamma\gamma ZZ$ ,  $\gamma\gamma\gamma\gamma;$ motivated by studying in detail the mechanism of electroweak symmetry breaking, predicted by extradim. models
- $\bullet\,$  Rich  $\gamma\gamma$  physics at LHC: see E. Chapon, O. Kepka, C. Royon, Phys. Rev. D78 (2008) 073005; Phys. Rev. D81 (2010) 074003; S.Fichet, G. von Gersdorff, O. Kepka, B. Lenzi, C. Royon, M. Saimpert, Phys.Rev. D89 (2014) <sup>114004</sup> ; S.Fichet, G. von Gersdorff, B. Lenzi, C. Royon, M. Saimpert, JHEP <sup>1502</sup> (2015) <sup>165</sup>

## Forward Physics Monte Carlo (FPMC)

- FPMC (Forward Physics Monte Carlo): implementation of all diffractive/photon induced processes
- List of processes
	- two-photon exchange
	- single diffraction
	- double pomeron exchange
	- central exclusive production
- Inclusive diffraction: Use of diffractive PDFs measured at HERA, with <sup>a</sup> survival probability of 0.03 applied for LHC
- Central exclusive production: Higgs, jets...
- FPMC manual (see M. Boonekamp, A. Dechambre, O. Kepka, V. Juranek, C. Royon, R. Staszewski, M. Rangel, ArXiv:1102.2531)
- Survival probability: 0.1 for Tevatron (jet production), 0.03 for LHC, 0.9 for  $\gamma$ -induced processes
- Output of FPMC generator interfaced with the fast simulation of the ATLAS detector in the standalone  $ATLFast++$  package

### AFP and CT-PPS?



- $\bullet$  Tag and measure protons at  $\pm 210$  m: AFP in ATLAS, CT-PPS in CMS/Totem
- AFP and CT-PPS detectors: measure proton position (Silicondetectors) and time-of-flight (timing detectors)

#### AFP/CT-PPS acceptance in total mass



- Assume protons to be tagged at 210-220 <sup>m</sup>
- Sensitivity to high mass central system, X, as determined using AFP
- Very powerful for exclusive states: kinematical constraints coming fromAFP/CT-PPS proton measurements

#### Quartic anomalous gauge couplings

• Quartic gauge anomalous  $WW\gamma\gamma$  and  $ZZ\gamma\gamma$  couplings parametrised by  $a_0^W$ ,  $a_0^Z$ ,  $a_C^W$ ,  $a_C^Z$ 

$$
\mathcal{L}_{6}^{0} \sim \frac{-e^{2}}{8} \frac{a_{0}^{W}}{\Lambda^{2}} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} W^{+\alpha} W_{\alpha}^{-} - \frac{e^{2}}{16 \cos^{2}(\theta_{W})} \frac{a_{0}^{Z}}{\Lambda^{2}} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} Z^{\alpha} Z_{\alpha}
$$
\n
$$
\mathcal{L}_{6}^{C} \sim \frac{-e^{2}}{16} \frac{a_{C}^{W}}{\Lambda^{2}} F_{\mu\alpha} F^{\mu\beta} (W^{+\alpha} W_{\beta}^{-} + W^{-\alpha} W_{\beta}^{+})
$$
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$$
- \frac{e^{2}}{16 \cos^{2}(\theta_{W})} \frac{a_{C}^{Z}}{\Lambda^{2}} F_{\mu\alpha} F^{\mu\beta} Z^{\alpha} Z_{\beta}
$$

- Anomalous parameters equal to <sup>0</sup> for SM
- Best limits before LHC from LEP, OPAL (Phys. Rev. <sup>D</sup> <sup>70</sup> (2004) 032005) of the order of 0.02-0.04, for instance  $-0.02 < a_0^W < 0.02$  $\text{GeV}^{-2}$
- New limits from D0/CMS:  $1.5 \; 10^{-4} \; (2.5 \; 10^{-3})$ , and  $5 \; 10^{-4} \; (9.3 \; 10^{-3})$ for CMS (D0) for  $a_0^W$  and  $a_c^W$  with a form factor at 500 GeV
- Dimension 6 operators  $\rightarrow$  violation of unitarity at high energies

#### Quartic anomalous gauge couplings: form factors

• Unitarity bounds can be computed (Eboli, Gonzales-Garcia, Lietti, Novaes):

$$
4\left(\frac{\alpha as}{16}\right)^2 \left(1 - \frac{4M_W^2}{s}\right)^{1/2} \left(3 - \frac{s}{M_W^2} + \frac{s^2}{4M_W^4}\right) \le 1
$$

where  $a = a_0/\Lambda^2$ 

- Introducing form factors to avoid quadratical divergences of scattering amplitudes due to anomalous couplings in conventional way:  $a_0^W/\Lambda^2 \to \frac{a_0^W/\Lambda^2}{(1+W\gamma\gamma/\Lambda_{cutoff})^2}$  with  $\Lambda_{cutoff} \sim 2$  TeV, scale of new physics
- For  $a_0^W \sim 10^{-6}$  GeV<sup>-2</sup>, no violation of unitarity, but results depend on value of  $\Lambda_{cutoff}$  if new particle masses are of the same order as the LHC center-of-mass energy



# Anomalous couplings studies in  $WW$  events

- Reach on anomalous couplings studied using <sup>a</sup> full simulation of the ATLAS detector, including all pile-up effects; only leptonic decays of <sup>W</sup><sup>s</sup> are considered
- $\bullet$  Signal appears at high lepton  $p_T$  and dilepton mass (central ATLAS) and high diffractive mass (reconstructed using forward detectors)
- Cut on the number of tracks fitted to the primary vertex: very efficient to remove remaining pile-up after requesting <sup>a</sup> high mass object to be produced (for signal, we have two leptons coming from the  $W$  decays<br>and nothing else) and nothing else)



#### Results from full simulation

• Effective anomalous couplings correspond to loops of charged particles, Reaches the values expected for extradim models (C. Grojean, J. Wells)



**Table 9.5.** Number of expected signal and background events for 300 fb<sup>-1</sup> at pile-up  $\mu = 46$ . A time resolution of 10 ps has been assumed for background rejection. The diffractive background comprises production of QED diboson, QED dilepton, diffractive WW, double pomeron exchange WW.

• Improvement of "standard" LHC methods by studying $pp\to l^{\pm}\nu\gamma\gamma$  (see P. J. Bell, ArXiV:0907.5299) by more than 2<br>orders of magnitude with 40/300 fb<sup>-1</sup> at LHC (CMS mentions orders of magnitude with 40/300 fb<sup>-1</sup> at LHC (CMS mentions that their exclusive analysis will not improve very much at highlumi because of pile-up)



## Reach at LHC

Reach at high luminosity on quartic anomalous coupling using fast simulation (study other anomalous couplings such as  $\gamma \gamma ZZ...$ )



- Improvement of LEP sensitivity by more than <sup>4</sup> orders of magnitude with 30/200 fb<sup>-1</sup> at LHC, and of D0/CMS results by ~two orders of magnitude (only  $\gamma\gamma WW$  couplings)<br>Production in the contract of the contract of
- Reaches the values predicted by extra-dimension models

# $\textsf{SM} \, \, \gamma \gamma$  exclusive production



- $\bullet\,$  QCD production dominates at low  $m_{\gamma\gamma}$ , QED at high  $m_{\gamma\gamma}$
- Important to consider  $W$  loops at high  $m_{\gamma\gamma}$
- Possibility to measure KMR contribution at low  $m_{\gamma\gamma}$  in high  $\beta^*$  runs: with two protons tagged in TOTEM/ALFA,  $\sigma \sim$  372 fb for  $m_{\gamma\gamma} > 10$ GeV,  $p_T^\gamma > 5$  GeV

## Motivations to look for quartic  $\gamma\gamma$  anomalous couplings



• Two effective operators at low energies

$$
\mathcal{L}_{4\gamma} = \zeta_1^{\gamma} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} F_{\rho\sigma} F^{\rho\sigma} + \zeta_2^{\gamma} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\nu\rho} F_{\rho\lambda} F^{\lambda\mu}
$$

 $\bullet\;\gamma\gamma\gamma\gamma$  couplings can be modified in a model independent way by loops of heavy charge particles

$$
\zeta_1 = \alpha_{em}^2 Q^4 m^{-4} N c_{1,s}
$$

where the coupling depends only on  $Q^4m^{-4}$  (charge and mass of the charged particle) and on spin,  $c_{1,s}$  depends on the spin of the particle This leads to  $\zeta_1$  of the order of  $10^{-14}$ - $10^{-13}$ 

 $\bullet$   $\zeta_1$  can also be modified by neutral particles at tree level (extensions of the SM including scalar, pseudo-scalar, and spin-2 resonances that couple to the photon)  $\zeta_1 = (f_sm)^{-2}d_{1,s}$  where  $f_s$  is the  $\gamma\gamma X$  coupling of the new particle to the photon, and  $d_{1,s}$  depends on the spin of the particle; for instance, 2 TeV dilatons lead to  $\zeta_1\sim 10^{-13}$ 

**X** Warped Extra Dimensions solve hierarchy problem of SM X 5th dimension bounded by two branes **X** SM on the visible (or TeV) brane Planck brane Tel/brane **X** The Kaluza Klein modes of the graviton couple with TeV strength SM fields  $\mathcal{L}^{\gamma\gamma h} = f^{-2} h_{\mu\nu}^{\text{KK}} \left( \frac{1}{4} \eta_{\mu\nu} F_{\rho\lambda}^2 - F_{\mu\rho} F_{\rho\nu} \right)$ graviton KK graviton  $f \sim \text{TeV}$   $m_{\text{KK}} \sim \text{few TeV}$ **X** Effective 4-photon couplings  $\zeta_i \sim 10^{-14} - 10^{-13}$  GeV<sup>-2</sup> possible **X** The radion can produce similar effective couplings

- $\bullet\,$  Which models/theories are we sensitive to using AFP/CT-PPS
- Beyond standard models predict anomalous couplings of  $\sim\!\!10^{-14}\!\!-\!\!10^{-13}$
- Work in collaboration with Sylvain Fichet, Gero von Gersdorff

# Search for quartic  $\gamma\gamma$  anomalous couplings



- $\bullet\,$  Search for  $\gamma\gamma\gamma\gamma$  quartic anomalous couplings
- Couplings predicted by extra-dim, composite Higgs models
- Analysis performed at hadron level including detector efficiencies, resolution effects, pile-up...



# Search for  $\gamma\gamma\gamma\gamma$  quartic anomalous couplings: Analysis flow

- Studies performed at hadron level but taking into account the maindetector/pile-up effects
- $\bullet\,$  By default,  $>1\gamma$  converted is requested  $(1\,$  mm resolution), but all  $\gamma$ are also considered, and can handle pile-up thanks to the "pointing" ATLAS calorimeter (CMS leads to slightly worse results)
- pile-up simulated in AFP: 50, 100, <sup>200</sup> pile-up events per bunchcrossing are considered
- $\bullet\,$  Exclusive diffractive  $/DPE/ND$  backgrounds are considered and the largest one is pile-up
- Main detector effects are included (from ATLAS ECFA studies ATL-PHYS-PUB-2013-009), for instance:
	- – $-$  Photon conversion probability:  $15\%$  in barrel,  $30\%$  in the end-caps;  $\gamma$ rapidity,  $\Phi$ , and  $p_T$  resolutions taken into account as well as the reconstruction efficiency
	- – $-$  Misidentification of electron as a  $\gamma$ :  $1\%$
	- $-$  Micidentitication of iet as a  $\alpha$ : 1/4006  $-$  Misidentification of jet as a  $\gamma$ :  $1/4000$ ,

## Considered background

- Background leading to two photons in the final state: DPE diphotonproduction, exclusive diphotons (quark box, exclusive KMR), DPEHiggs decaying into  $\gamma\gamma$
- Background related to misidentification: Exclusive dilepton production, dijet production, same for DPE (using misidentification probanilities inATLAS)
- Pile up background: Non diffractive production and pile up (50, 100, 200), Drell-Yan, dijet, diphoton
- $\bullet$  Assume at least 1 photon to be converted, high  $p_T$  photons (above 200 GeV)
- Further reduction using timing detectors: Reject background by <sup>a</sup> factor <sup>40</sup> for <sup>a</sup> pile up of <sup>50</sup> (10 ps resolution assumed)



# Search for quartic  $\gamma\gamma$  anomalous couplings



- $\bullet$  Trigger: 2 high  $p_T$  central photons,  $P_{T_1} > 200$  GeV, no special AFP trigger needed
- Protons are detected in AFP at high  $\xi > \sim 0.04$ : massive objects are produced, we do not need to be very close to the beam
- Exclusivity cuts: diphoton mass compared from missing mass computed using protons, rapidity difference between diphoton and proton systems: suppresses all pile-up backgrounds
- For 300 fb<sup>-1</sup> and a pile-up of 50: 0.2 background event for 32 signal events for an anomalous coupling of  $2 \times 10^{-13}$
- Exclusivity cuts are fundamental to suppress all background andincrease the sensitivity
- NB: theoretical uncertainties are larger in the case of non-exclusive production (usual study in ATLAS) since it is sensitive to the poorly known photon structure function at high energy

## Search for quartic  $\gamma\gamma$  anomalous couplings: Results from effective theory



- No background after cuts for 300 fb $^{-1}$  without needing timing detector information
- Exclusivity cuts needed to suppress backgrounds:
	- – $-$  Without exclusivity cuts using AFP: background of 80.2 for 300 fb $^{-1}$ for a signal of 34.9 events  $(\zeta_1=2 \; 10^{-13})$
- With exclusivity cuts: 0.18 background for 31.8 signal
- String theory/grand unification models predict couplings via radions/heavy charged particles/dilatons for instance up to  $10^{-14}\text{-}10^{-13}$

## Search for quartic  $\gamma\gamma$  anomalous couplings: Results from effective theory

Sensitivities reaching values of extradim models

Luminosity	$300 fb^{-1}$	$300 fb^{-1}$	$300 fb^{-1}$	$3000 fb^{-1}$
pile-up $(\mu)$	50	50	50	200
coupling	$\geq 1$ conv. $\gamma$	$\geq 1$ conv. $\gamma$	all $\gamma$	all $\gamma$
$(GeV^{-4})$	5 $\sigma$	$95\%$ CL	95% CL	95% CL
$\zeta_1$ f.f.	$8 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$5 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$3 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$2.5 \cdot 10^{-14}$
$\zeta_1$ no f.f.	$2.5 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$1.5 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$9 \cdot 10^{-15}$	$7 \cdot 10^{-15}$
$\zeta_2$ f.f.	$2. \cdot 10^{-13}$	$1. \cdot 10^{-13}$	$6 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$4.5 \cdot 10^{-14}$
$\zeta_2$ no f.f.	$5 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$4 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$2 \cdot 10^{-14}$	$1.5 \cdot 10^{-14}$

# Sensitivity in the  $(\zeta_1,\zeta_2)$  plane



- $\bullet$  Sensitivities for charged particle production (loops) in the  $(\zeta_1,\zeta_2)$  plane
- Yellow, grey and red: 5 $\sigma$ , 3 $\sigma$ , 95% CL limits with 300 fb $^{-1}$  and  $\mu =$ 50
- $\bullet$  Contributions from electric particles with spin  $1/2$  and  $1$ , charge  $Q_{Jeff} = 3$ , mass  $=$ 1 TeV; warped KK graviiton with mass 3 TeV  $(\kappa=2)$ , brane localized photon; strongly interacting heavy dilaton (SIHD) with mass <sup>3</sup> TeV coupled to <sup>a</sup> composite photon
- Sensitivities to KK gravitons up to masses of 6.5 TeV (for  $\kappa = 2$ , coupling strength of the order 1), and to dilatons up to 4.8 TeV, whichis the best sensitivity at the LHC



- $\bullet\,$  Sensitivities for neutral particle resonant production in the  $(m, f_S)$  plane
- $\bullet$  Thick lines correspond to 5  $\sigma$  discoveries and thin lines to 95% CL limits

## Full amplitude calculation

- Effective field theory valid if  $S << 4m^2$ , S smaller than the threshold production of real particles
- Since the maximum proton missing mass is  $\sim$  2 TeV at the 14 TeV LHC, the effective theory needs to be corrected for masses of particles below ∼ 1 TeV → use of form factor which creates an uncertainty on<br>the results (denends on the exact value of form factors) the results (depends on the exact value of form factors)
- Solution: compute the full momentum dependence of the <sup>4</sup> photonamplitudes: computed for fermions and bosons
- Full amplitude calculation for generic heavy charged fermion/vector contribution
- $\bullet~$  Existence of new heavy charged particles enhances the  $\gamma\gamma\gamma\gamma$  couplings in <sup>a</sup> model independant way
- Enhancement parametrised with particle mass and effective charge  $Q_{eff} = Q N^{1/4}$  where  $N$  is the multiplicity

# Search for quartic  $\gamma\gamma$  anomalous couplings: Results from full theory



- No background after cuts for 300 fb $^{-1}$  without needing timing detector information
- For signal: 119.1 events for  $Q_{eff} = 4$ ,  $m =$  340 GeV
- Results for full calculation lay between the effective field result with/without form factor as expected since effective calculation not valid in the region of  $S\sim m^2$

### Full amplitude calculation

•  $5 \sigma$  discovery sensitivity on the effective charge of new charged fermions and vector boson for various mass scenarii for 300  $fb^{-1}$  and  $\mu=50$ 



- Unprecedented sensitivites at hadronic colliders reaching the values predicted by extra-dim models - For reference, we also display the result of effective field theory (without form factor) which deviates at lowmasses from the full calculation
- $\bullet\,$  For  $Q_{Jeff}=4$ , we are sensitive to new vectors (fermions) up to 700  $\,$ (370) GeV for a luminosity of 300 fb<sup>-1</sup>





#### **Conclusion**

- Proton tagging will allow us to control background in searches for  $WW\gamma\gamma,\ ZZ\gamma\gamma$  quartic anomalous couplings
- Gain on sensitivity of about two orders of magnitude with respect to CMS results using proton tagging for  $\gamma\gamma WW$  and  $\gamma\gamma ZZ$  anomalous<br>couplings couplings
- $\bullet$  Unprecedented sensitivities to  $\gamma\gamma\gamma\gamma$  anomalous couplings reaching the values predicted by extra-dim models: effective theories and full models are used
- Proton tagging is crucial to suppress the background (mainly pile up) for exclusive events; matching between proton and diphoton information (mass, rapidity)
- Timing detectors are crucial for  $WW$  production, less important (not<br>used in the analysis) for exampled into used in the analysis) for  $\gamma\gamma$  production

