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# High energy photo-photon interaction at the LHC

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## Outline :

- Equivalent photon approximation (EPA)
- $\gamma\gamma$  luminosities for the LHC
- Detection and tagging
- Cross section of main interest
  - $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$  LHC luminosity monitoring
  - $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow W^+ W^-$  SM
  - new physics
- Conclusion

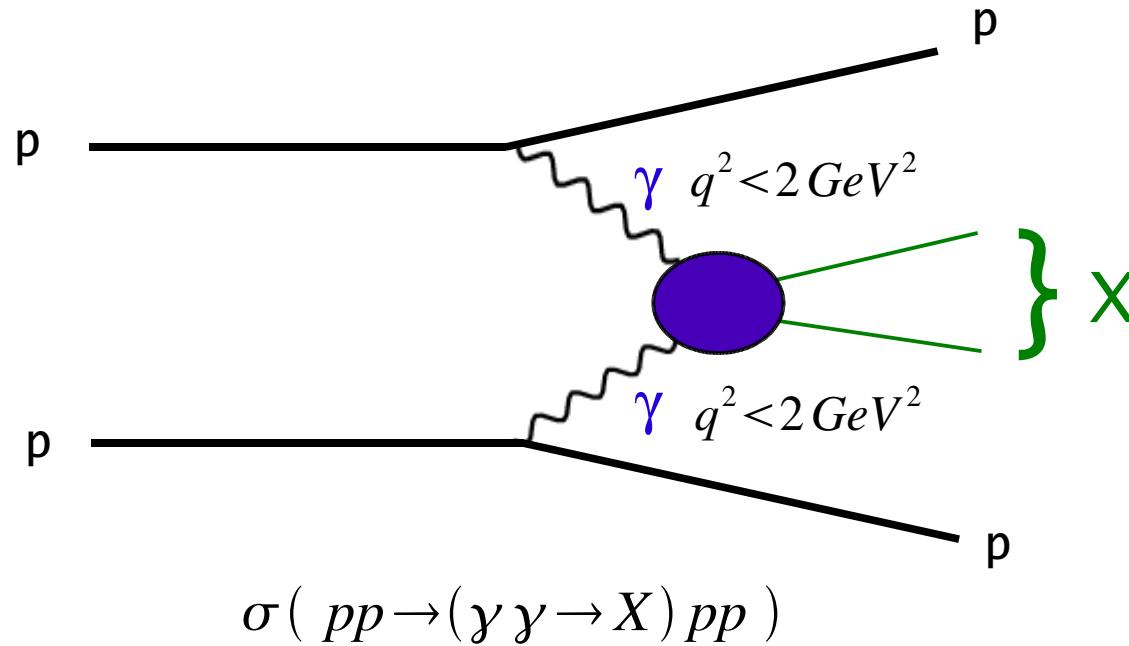


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## LHC – also a photon-photon collider



low  $\gamma$  virtuality ( typical  $q^2 \sim 0.01 \text{ GeV}^2$  )  $\Rightarrow$

- factorization to
  - long distance photon exchange
  - short distance  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow X$  interaction
- zero degree scattered angles



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$\gamma\gamma$  luminosity

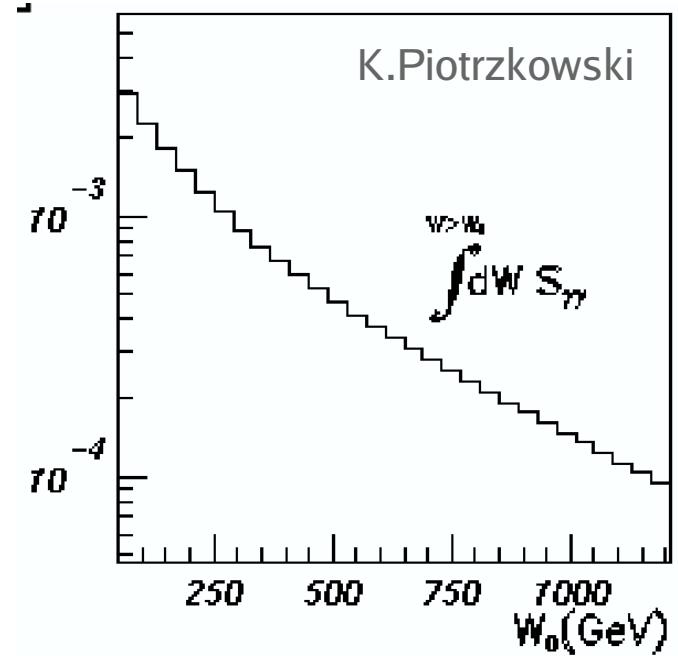
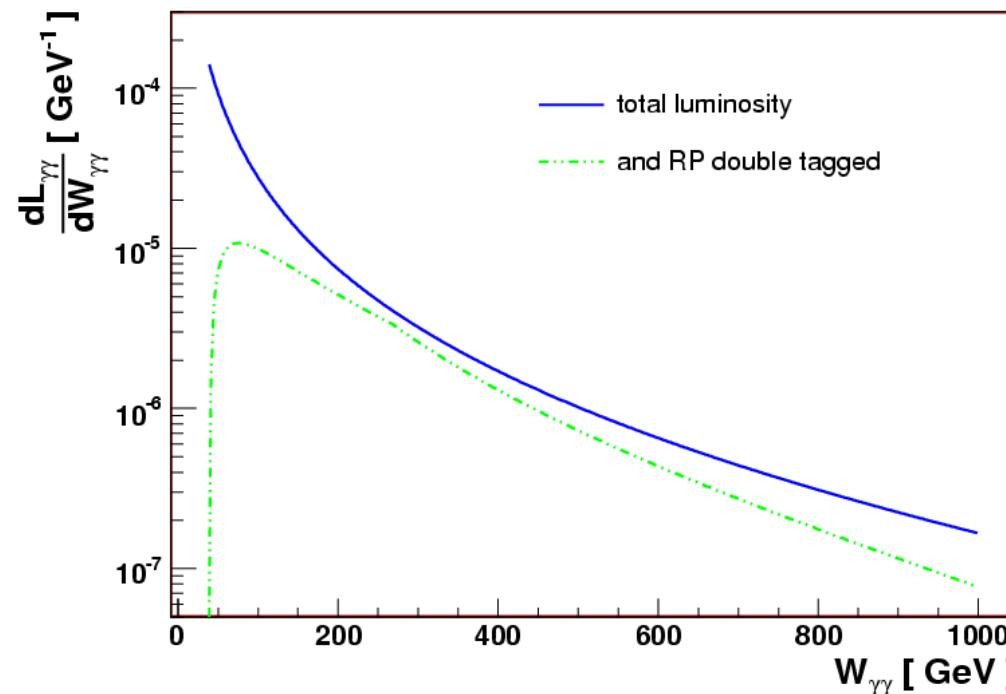
## $\gamma\gamma$ luminosities at the LHC

luminosity peaked at low  $W_{\gamma\gamma}$

sizable charged pair production up to  $W_{\gamma\gamma} \approx 500\text{GeV}$

$$\sigma_{pp} = \int \sigma(W_{\gamma\gamma}) \frac{dL_{\gamma\gamma}}{dW_{\gamma\gamma}} dW_{\gamma\gamma}$$

$L_{\gamma\gamma} / L_{pp}$  at LHC





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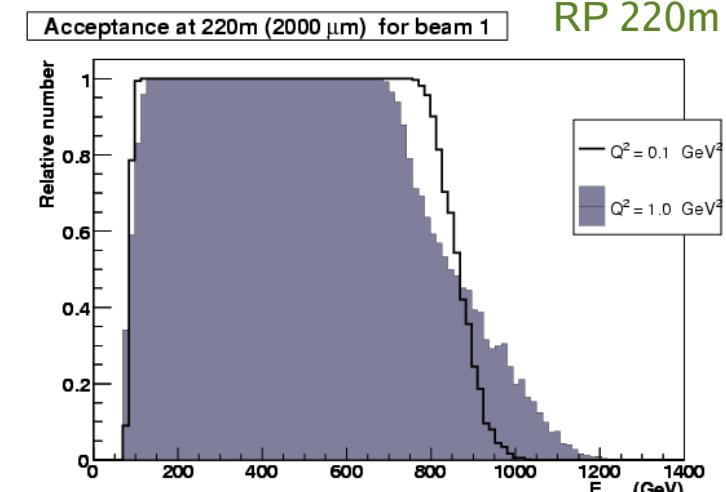
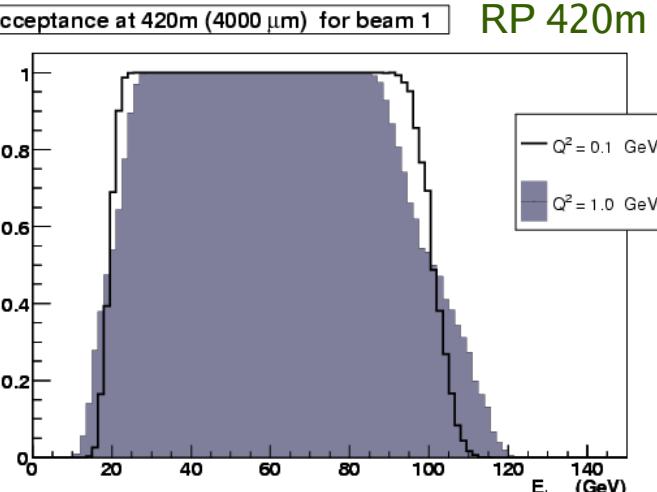
$\gamma\gamma$  luminosity

$\gamma\gamma$  detection

## RP acceptance :

20GeV < tagged photon E < 120GeV

120GeV < tagged photon E < 900GeV





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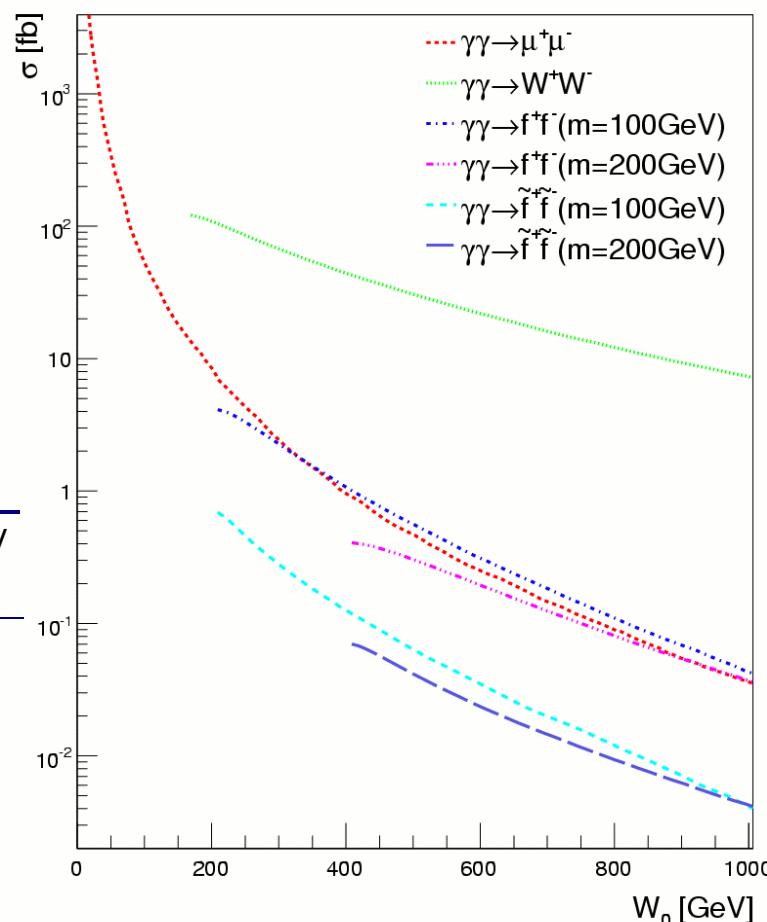
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cross sections

- $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \mu\mu$  first  $\gamma\gamma$  process to be seen
- $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow W^+W^-$  very interesting SM process 103fb
- New physics !

Processes	[fb]	Generator
$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \mu\mu$	72 500	LPAIR $p_t > 2$ GeV $ \eta  < 3.1$
$W^+W^-$	103	
$f^+f^-$ ( $m=100$ GeV)	4.1	MadGraph
$f^+f^-$ ( $m=200$ GeV)	0.41	/
$\tilde{f}^+\tilde{f}^-$ ( $m=100$ GeV)	0.69	MadEvent
$\tilde{f}^+\tilde{f}^-$ ( $m=200$ GeV)	0.07	

moreover :  
lepton final states  
clear signature – background suppression



Cross sections for  $\gamma\gamma$  processes as a function of the minimal  $\gamma\gamma$  cms energy  $W_0$



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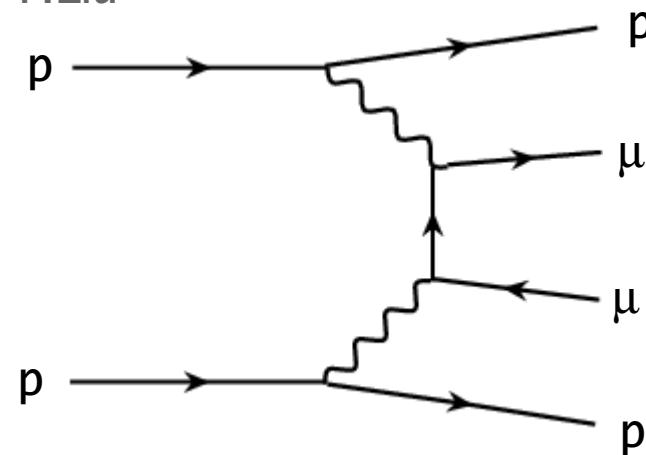
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 $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \mu\mu$  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \mu\mu$ 

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		$ \eta  < 2.5$	
		$pt(\mu) > 3 \text{ GeV}$	$pt(\mu) > 10 \text{ GeV}$
$\sigma_{\text{acc}}$	$21600 \text{ fb}$	$1340 \text{ fb}$	
	$7260 \text{ fb}$	$1270 \text{ fb}$	

 $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \mu\mu$  will be used for:

- pp luminosity monitoring  $\sim 800 \text{ events/12h}$  (for  $L = 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ )
- calibration of RP – to set photon energy scale and RP acceptance including misalignment of beam optic



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$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow WW$

## $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow WW$ probing anomalous couplings $\gamma\gamma WW$

$$L_6^0 = \frac{-e^2}{8} \frac{a_0^W}{\Lambda^2} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} W^{+\alpha} W^{-\alpha}$$

$$L_6^C = \frac{-e^2}{16} \frac{a_C^W}{\Lambda^2} F_{\mu\alpha} F^{\mu\beta} (W^{+\alpha} W^{-\beta} + W^{-\alpha} W^{+\beta})$$

Commonly used Lagrangian for anomalous quartic vector boson couplings which conserves C, P as well as local U(1)<sub>em</sub>

investigating  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow W^+ W^- \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu \nu_\mu$  effective cross sections ( $\sigma_{\text{acc}}$ ) are:

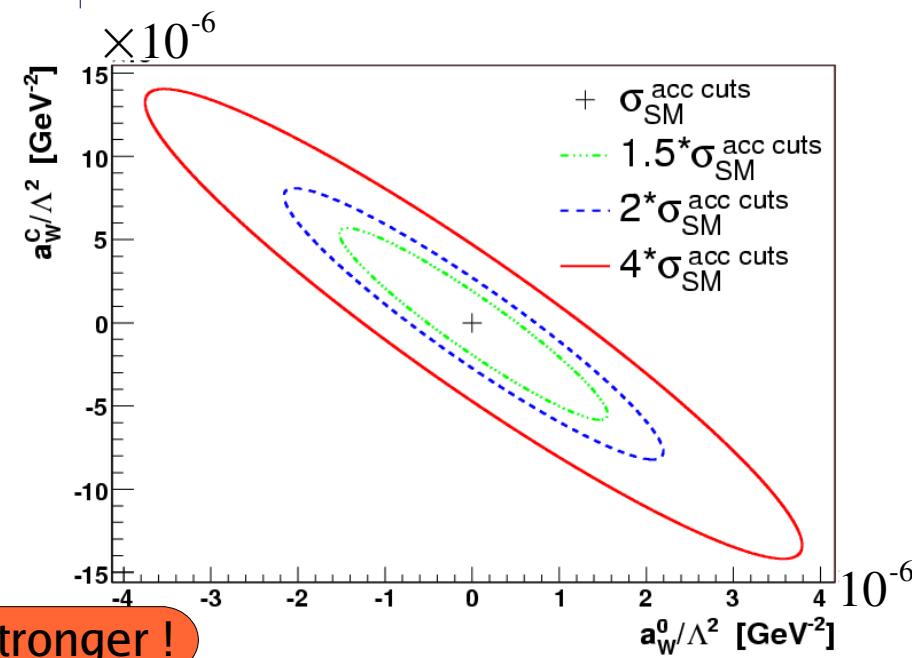
SM here background	$\text{pt}(\mu) > 3 \text{ GeV}$	$\text{pt}(\mu) > 10 \text{ GeV}$
$\sigma_{\text{acc}}$	0.76 fb	0.72 fb
$\sigma_{\text{acc}}$ (with RP)	0.66 fb	0.62 fb

no other background than SM  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow WW$  for  $30 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  expected 22.8 (18.6) events

while current OPAL limits are:

$$-0.020 \text{ GeV} < a_0^W < 0.020 \text{ GeV}$$

$$-0.052 \text{ GeV} < a_C^W < 0.037 \text{ GeV}$$



we expect limits to be  $\sim 10\,000$  times stronger!



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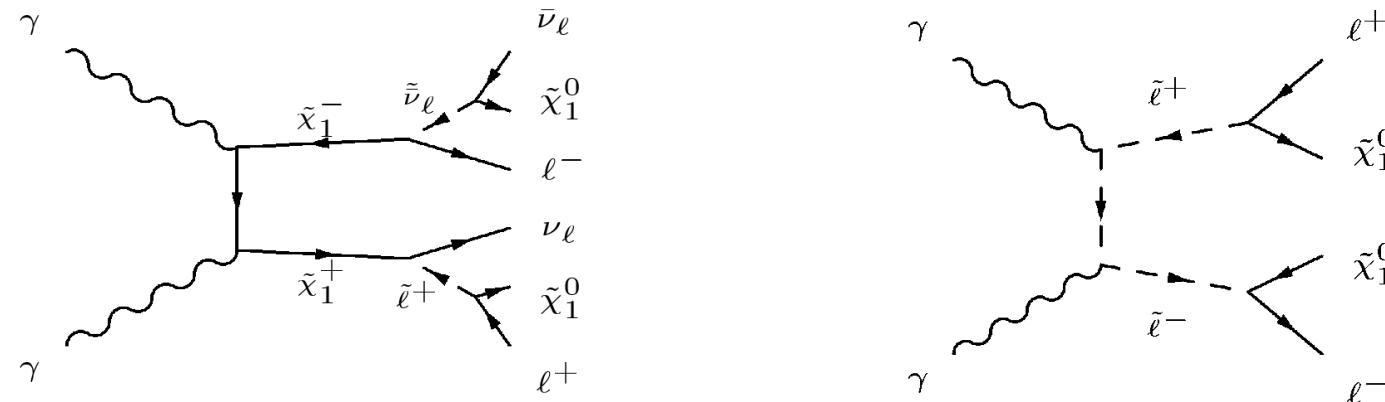
 $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \mu\mu$  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow WW$ 

SUSY pairs

## SUSY pairs

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massive SUSY pairs have very clean signature  
 - pair of charged leptons and large missing  $E_t$  -



three benchmark points in mSugra parameter space constrained by the post – WMAP research were checked:

- **LM1** – very light LSP, light sleptons and light chargino,  $\text{tg}(\beta)=10$
- **LM2** – medium LSP, heavy sleptons and chargino,  $\text{tg}(\beta)=30$
- **LM6** – heaviest LSP, light right sleptons, heavy left slepton and heavy chargino,  $\text{tg}(\beta)=10$

$m$ [GeV]	$\tilde{\chi}_1^0$	LM1	LM2	LM6
$\tilde{l}^+_R$	$\tilde{\chi}_1^0$	97	141	162
$\tilde{l}^+_L$	$\tilde{\chi}_1^0$	118	229	175
$\tilde{\tau}_1^+$	$\tilde{\chi}_1^0$	184	301	283
$\tilde{\tau}_2^+$	$\tilde{\chi}_1^0$	109	155	168
$\tilde{\chi}_1^+$	$\tilde{\chi}_2^0$	188	313	285
$H^+$	$\tilde{\chi}_1^0$	180	265	303
	$H^+$	386	448	592



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 $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow$  SUSY pairs with CalcHEP; decays with Pythiaacceptance cuts  $p_T^{\text{lep}} > 3\text{GeV}$  ( $10\text{GeV}$ ),  $|\eta| < 2.5$ here  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow WW$  as a irreducible background

Benchmark	<b>LM1</b>	<b>LM2</b>	<b>LM6</b>
$\sigma$ [fb] $\tilde{l}_R^+ \tilde{l}_R^-$	0.805	0.087	0.220
$\tilde{l}_R^+ \tilde{l}_R^-$	0.185	0.032	0.040
$\tilde{\tau}_i^+ \tilde{\tau}_i^-$	0.611	0.180	0.148
$\tilde{\chi}_1^+ \tilde{\chi}_1^- H^+ H^-$	0.605	0.144	0.087
	0.006	0.003	0.001
$W^+ W^-$		103	
$\sigma$ acc $\tilde{l}_R^+ \tilde{l}_R^- \tilde{l}_R^+ \tilde{l}_R^-$	0.633(0.479)	0.075(0.074)	0.177(0.087)
$\tilde{\tau}_i^+ \tilde{\tau}_i^- \tilde{l}_R^+ \tilde{l}_R^-$	0.144(0.135)	0.014(0.012)	0.036(0.035)
$\tilde{\chi}_1^+ \tilde{\chi}_1^-$	0.023(0.006)	0.008(0.001)	0.003(0.001)
	0.103(0.029)	0.006(0.001)	0.033(0.028)
$W^+ W^-$		4.057(3.512)	

Possible to observe with high luminosity run – RP needed !



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## Conclusions

- LHC – a photon-photon collider
- $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \mu\mu$ 
  - LHC luminosity monitoring
  - RP calibration
- limits for anomalous  $\gamma\gamma WW$  could be 10 000 better
- possibility to observe SUSY charged pairs for high luminosity runs

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