

# THE 24TH LOW-X MEETING

## DIPHOTON PRODUCTION

### IN LEAD-LEAD (AND PROTON-PROTON) UPC

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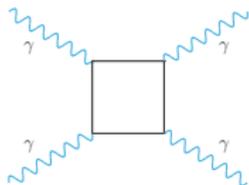
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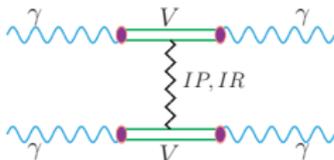


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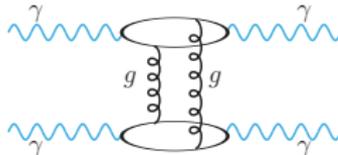
▶ box mechanism



▶ VDM-Regge



▶ 2-g exchange



2.  $AA \rightarrow AA\gamma\gamma$

3.  $pp \rightarrow pp\gamma\gamma$

4. Conclusions

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## PHOTON-PHOTON ELASTIC SCATTERING

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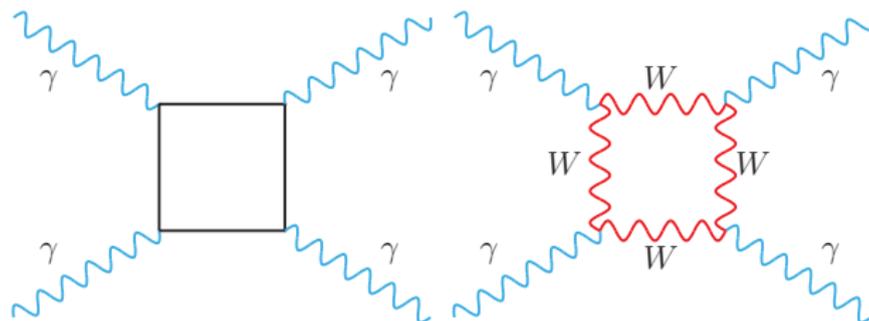
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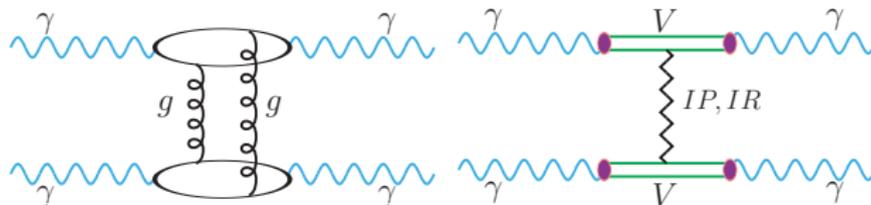
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## BOXES

$$\frac{d\sigma_{\gamma\gamma\rightarrow\gamma\gamma}}{dt} = \frac{1}{16\pi s^2} \overline{|\mathcal{A}_{\gamma\gamma\rightarrow\gamma\gamma}|^2}$$

or

$$\frac{d\sigma_{\gamma\gamma\rightarrow\gamma\gamma}}{d\Omega} = \frac{1}{64\pi^2 s} \overline{|\mathcal{A}_{\gamma\gamma\rightarrow\gamma\gamma}|^2}.$$

Including **virtualities** of initial photons

$$\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{A}_{TT} + \mathcal{A}_{TL} + \mathcal{A}_{LT} + \mathcal{A}_{LL}$$

where  $\mathcal{A}_{TL} \propto \sqrt{Q_2^2}$ ,  $\mathcal{A}_{LT} \propto \sqrt{Q_1^2}$ ,  $\mathcal{A}_{LL} \propto \sqrt{Q_1^2 Q_2^2}$ .

Since in UPC's  $Q_1^2, Q_2^2 \approx 0$  (nuclear form factors kill large virtualities) the other terms can be safely neglected

$$\mathcal{A} \approx \mathcal{A}_{TT}.$$

## BOXES

LO QED fermion box diagram cross section is well known (calculated with FormCalc).

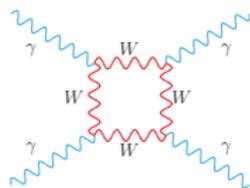
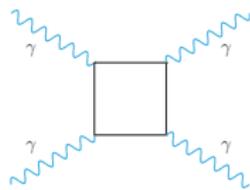
$$\overline{|\mathcal{M}_{\gamma\gamma\rightarrow\gamma\gamma}|^2} = \alpha_{em}^4 f(\hat{t}, \hat{u}, \hat{s})$$

Inclusion of  $W$  boxes can be calculated with the LoopTools.

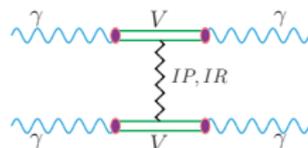
Our result was confronted with that by

- ▶ Jikia et al. (1993),
- ▶ Bern et al. (2001)
- ▶ Bardin et al. (2009).

Bern et al. considered both the QCD and QED corrections (two-loop Feynman diagrams) to the one-loop fermionic contributions in the ultrarelativistic limit ( $\hat{s}, |\hat{t}|, |\hat{u}| \gg m_f^2$ ). The corrections are quite small numerically.



## VDM-REGGE COMPONENT



$$\mathcal{A}_{\gamma\gamma\rightarrow\gamma\gamma}(s, t) = \sum_i^3 \sum_j^3 C_{\gamma\rightarrow V_i}^2 \mathcal{A}_{V_i V_j \rightarrow V_i V_j} C_{\gamma\rightarrow V_j}^2$$

$$\approx \left( \sum_{i=1}^3 C_{\gamma\rightarrow V_i}^2 \right) \mathcal{A}_{VV\rightarrow VV}(s, t) \left( \sum_{j=1}^3 C_{\gamma\rightarrow V_j}^2 \right)$$

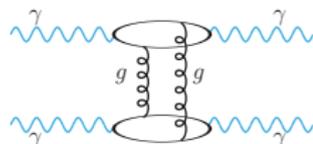
where  $i, j = \rho, \omega, \phi$

$$\mathcal{A}_{VV\rightarrow VV} = \mathcal{A}(s, t) \exp\left(\frac{B}{2}t\right)$$

$$\mathcal{A}(s, t) \approx s \left( (1+i) C_{\mathbf{R}} \left(\frac{s}{s_0}\right)^{\alpha_{\mathbf{R}}(t)-1} + i C_{\mathbf{P}} \left(\frac{s}{s_0}\right)^{\alpha_{\mathbf{P}}(t)-1} \right)$$

## TWO-GLUON EXCHANGE

The altogether **16 diagrams** result in the amplitude, which can be cast into the **impact-factor representation**:

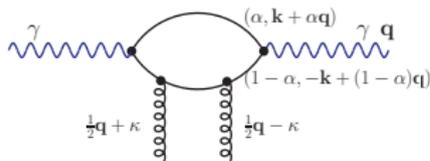


$$\begin{aligned} & \mathcal{A}(\gamma_{\lambda_1} \gamma_{\lambda_2} \rightarrow \gamma_{\lambda_3} \gamma_{\lambda_4}; \hat{s}, \hat{t}) = \\ & = i \hat{s} \sum_{f, f'}^{n_f} \int d^2 \kappa \frac{\mathcal{J}^{(f)}(\gamma_{\lambda_1} \rightarrow \gamma_{\lambda_3}; \kappa, \mathbf{q}) \mathcal{J}^{(f')}(\gamma_{\lambda_2} \rightarrow \gamma_{\lambda_4}; -\kappa, -\mathbf{q})}{[(\kappa + \mathbf{q}/2)^2 + m_g^2][(\kappa - \mathbf{q}/2)^2 + m_g^2]} . \end{aligned}$$

- $\mathbf{q}$  - the transverse momentum transfer  $t \approx -\mathbf{q}^2$
- $m_G$  - a gluon mass parameter

We parametrize the loop momentum such that gluons carry transverse momenta  $\mathbf{q}/2 \pm \kappa$ .

The amplitude is finite at  $\mu_G \rightarrow 0$ , because the impact factors  $\mathcal{J}$  vanish for  $\kappa \rightarrow \pm \mathbf{q}/2$ .



# TWO-GLUON EXCHANGE

$$\frac{d\sigma(\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \gamma\gamma; \hat{\mathbf{s}})}{d\hat{t}} = \frac{1}{16\pi\hat{\mathbf{s}}^2} \frac{1}{4} \sum_{\lambda_i} \left| \mathcal{M}(\gamma_{\lambda_1}\gamma_{\lambda_2} \rightarrow \gamma_{\lambda_3}\gamma_{\lambda_4}; \hat{\mathbf{s}}, \hat{t}) \right|^2$$

The explicit form of the impact factor:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{J}^{(f)}(\gamma_{\lambda} \rightarrow \gamma_{\tau}; \boldsymbol{\kappa}, \mathbf{q}) &= \sqrt{N_c^2 - 1} \frac{e_f^2 \alpha_{\text{em}}}{2\pi^2} \int_0^1 d\alpha \int \frac{d^2\mathbf{k}}{\mathbf{k}^2 + m_f^2} \alpha_S(\mu^2) \\ &\times \left\{ \delta_{\lambda\tau} \left( m_f^2 \Phi_2 + [\alpha^2 + (1-\alpha)^2] (\mathbf{k}\Phi_1) \right) \right. \\ &\left. + \delta_{\lambda, -\tau} 2\alpha(1-\alpha) \left( (\Phi_1 \mathbf{n})(\mathbf{k}\mathbf{n}) - [\Phi_1, \mathbf{n}][\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{n}] \right) \right\} \end{aligned}$$

Quark and antiquark share the large lightcone momentum of the incoming photon in fractions  $\alpha, 1 - \alpha$  respectively.

The **helicity conserving part** is easily obtained, after due change of the final state wave function, from the one used in the  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow J/\psi J/\psi$  process.

Also the **helicity-flip piece** can be obtained from the  $\gamma \rightarrow V$  impact factors for vector meson final states.

$\Phi_1, \Phi_2$  - shorthand notations for the momentum structures, corresponding to the four relevant Feynman diagrams:

$$\Phi_2 = -\frac{1}{(l+\kappa)^2 + m_f^2} - \frac{1}{(l-\kappa)^2 + m_f^2} + \frac{1}{(l+\mathbf{q}/2)^2 + m_f^2} + \frac{1}{(l-\mathbf{q}/2)^2 + m_f^2},$$

$$\Phi_1 = -\frac{l+\kappa}{(l+\kappa)^2 + m_f^2} - \frac{l-\kappa}{(l-\kappa)^2 + m_f^2} + \frac{l+\mathbf{q}/2}{(l+\mathbf{q}/2)^2 + m_f^2} + \frac{l-\mathbf{q}/2}{(l-\mathbf{q}/2)^2 + m_f^2}$$

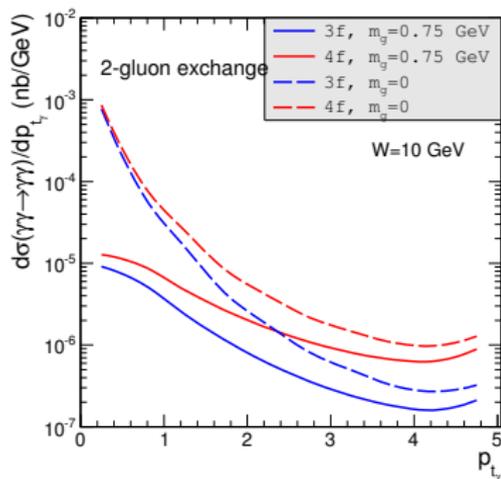
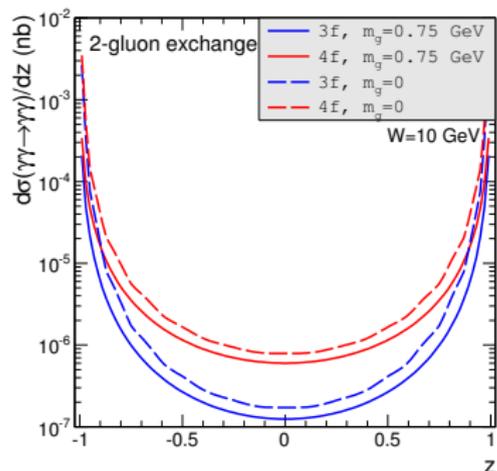
$$l = \mathbf{k} + \left(\alpha - \frac{1}{2}\right)\mathbf{q}$$

The running scale of strong coupling constant for the evaluation of the two-gluon exchange cross section is taken as:

$$\mu^2 = \max\{\kappa^2, \mathbf{k}^2 + m_Q^2, \mathbf{q}^2\}.$$

We freeze the running coupling in the infrared at a value of  $\alpha_S \sim 0.8$ .

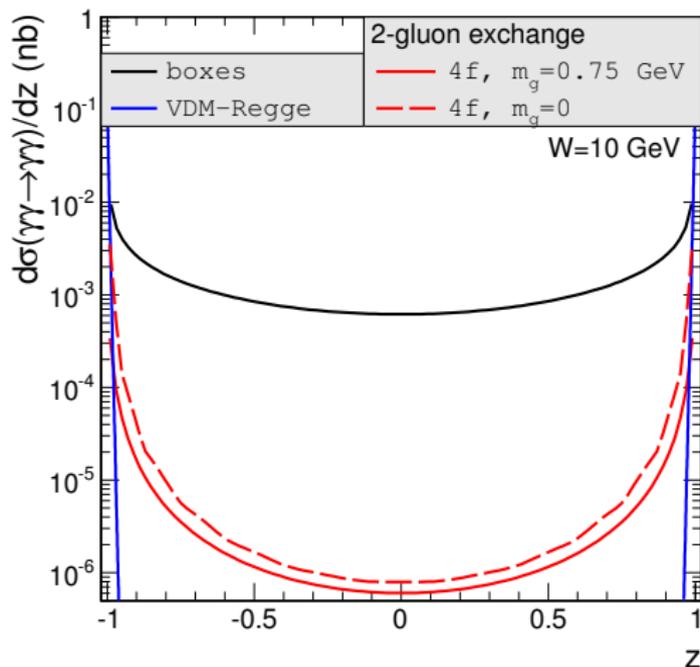
# TWO-GLUON EXCHANGE MECHANISM, FIRST RESULTS



Huge effect of including charm at  $z \approx 0$  (large  $p_{t_\gamma}$ )

– interference effect

## ELEMENTARY CROSS SECTION



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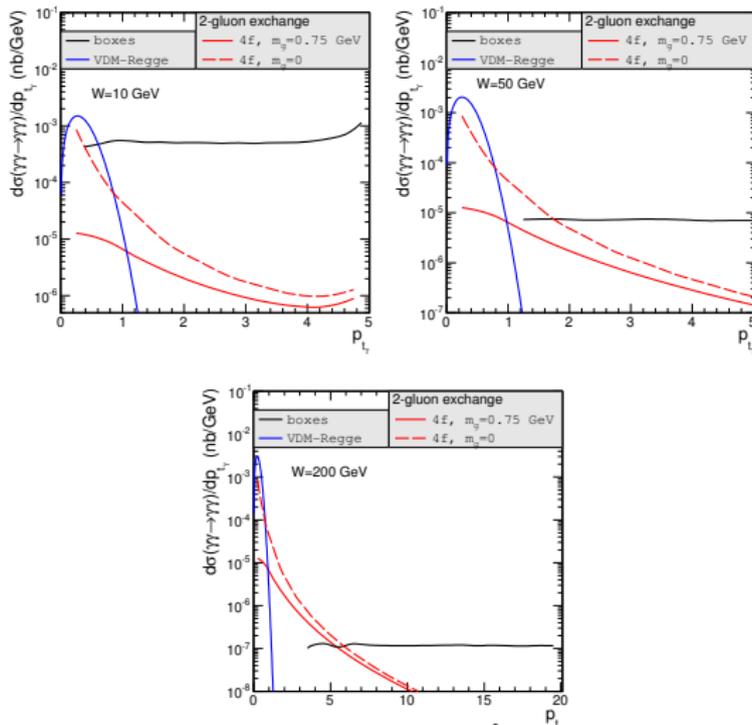
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Future:

- theory - A BFKL resummation of large  $\log(\hat{s}/|\hat{t}|)$  could lead to a substantial enhancement of the  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  elastic scattering
- experimentally - a  $\gamma - \gamma$  collider (the International  $e^+e^-$  Linear Collider)

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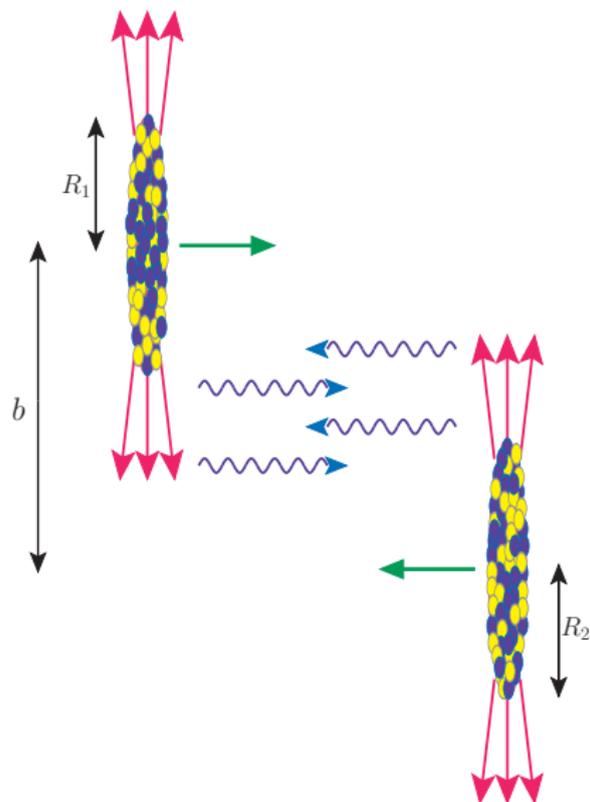
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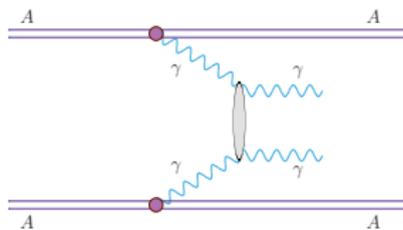


The strong electromagnetic field is a source of photons that induce electromagnetic reactions in ion-ion collisions.

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$$b > R_{min} = R_1 + R_2$$

## NUCLEAR CROSS SECTION



$$n(\omega) = \int_{R_{min}}^{\infty} 2\pi b db N(\omega, b)$$

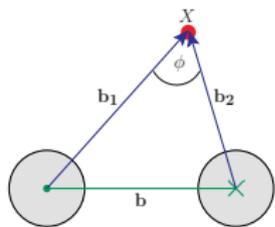
$$\sigma_{A_1 A_2 \rightarrow A_1 A_2 X} = \int d\omega_1 d\omega_2 n(\omega_1) n(\omega_2) \sigma_{\gamma\gamma \rightarrow X}(\omega_1, \omega_2)$$

$$= \dots$$

$$= \int N(\omega_1, \mathbf{b}_1) N(\omega_2, \mathbf{b}_2) S_{abs}^2(\mathbf{b})$$

$$\times \sigma_{\gamma\gamma \rightarrow X}(\sqrt{s_{\gamma\gamma}})$$

$$\times 2\pi b db d\bar{b}_x d\bar{b}_y \frac{W_{\gamma\gamma}}{2} dW_{\gamma\gamma} dY_X$$



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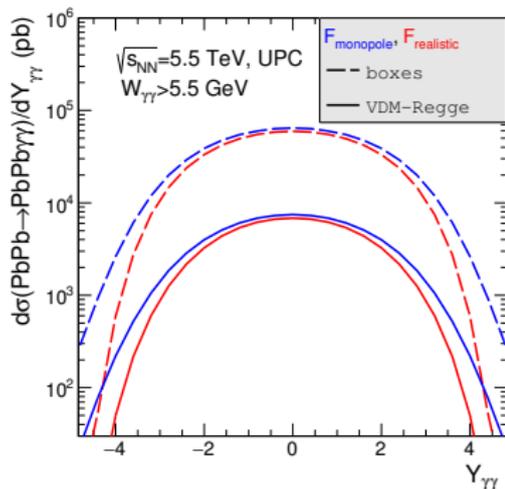
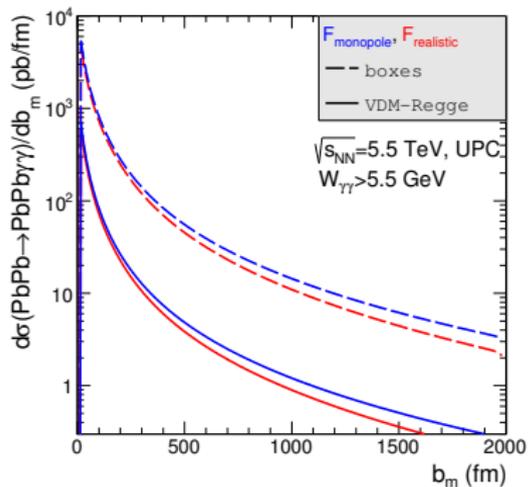
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# AA $\rightarrow$ AA $\gamma\gamma$ - FORM FACTOR

$N(\omega_{1/2}, \mathbf{b}_{1/2})$  depends on the electromagnetic form factor

- ▶ realistic
- ▶ monopole



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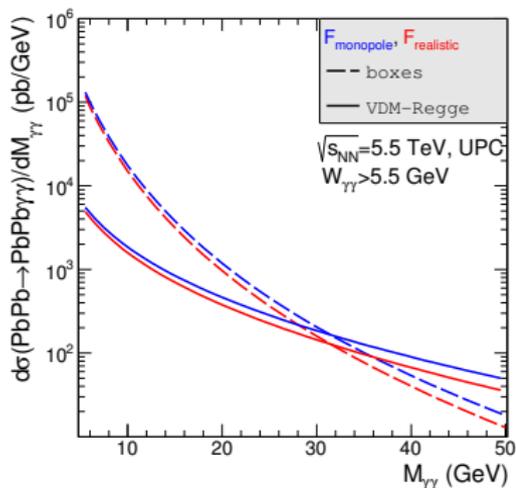
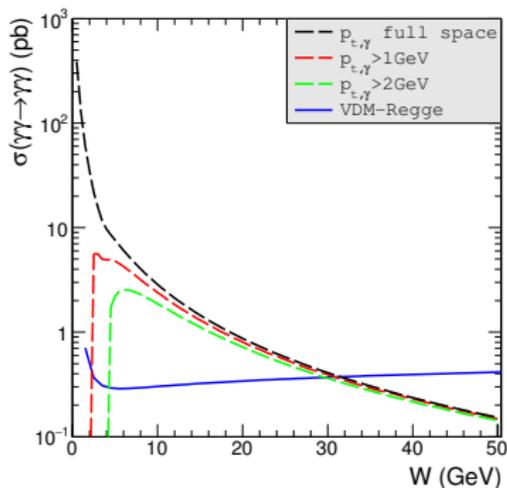
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# AA $\rightarrow$ AA $\gamma\gamma$ - DISTRIBUTIONS

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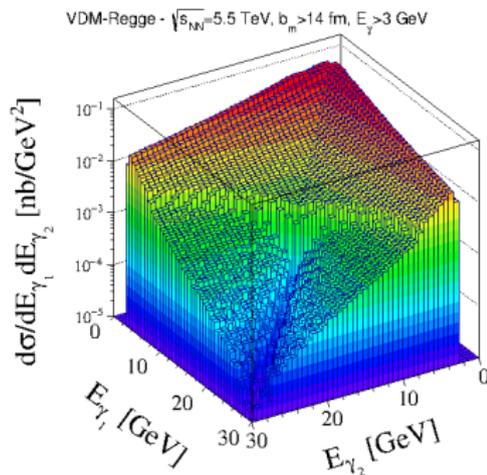
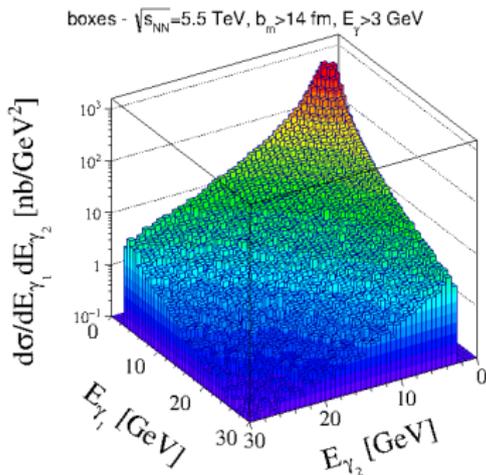
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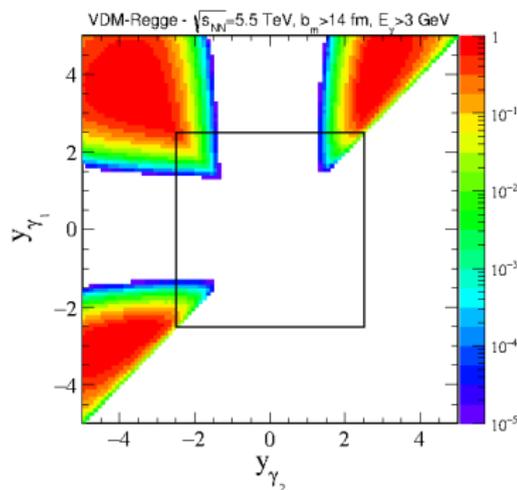
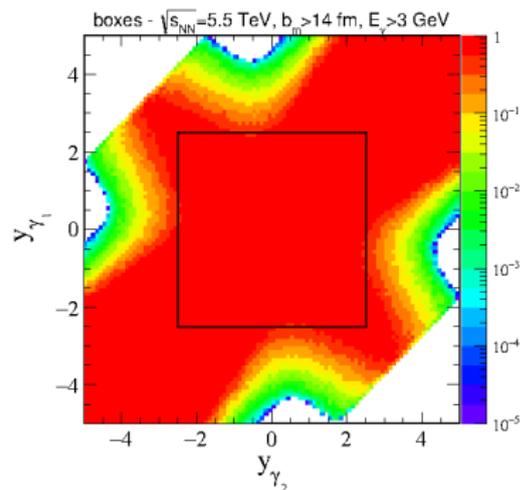
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Cross section strongly depends on the photon energy cuts

# AA $\rightarrow$ AA $\gamma\gamma$ - RAPIDITY CORRELATIONS



At midrapidity boxes dominate

The soft mechanism at large rapidities

Can it be measured with ZDC ?

May be difficult to measure.

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# AA $\rightarrow$ AA $\gamma\gamma$ - INTEGRATED CROSS SECTION

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cuts	boxes		VDM-Regge	
	$F_{realistic}$	$F_{monopole}$	$F_{realistic}$	$F_{monopole}$
$W_{\gamma\gamma} > 5 \text{ GeV}$	306	349	31	36
$W_{\gamma\gamma} > 5 \text{ GeV}, p_{t,\gamma} > 2 \text{ GeV}$	159	182	7E-9	8E-9
$E_{\gamma} > 3 \text{ GeV}$	16 692	18 400	17	18
$E_{\gamma} > 5 \text{ GeV}$	4 800	5 450	9	611
$E_{\gamma} > 3 \text{ GeV},  y_{\gamma}  < 2.5$	183	210	8E-2	9E-2
$E_{\gamma} > 5 \text{ GeV},  y_{\gamma}  < 2.5$	54	61	4E-4	7E-4
$p_{t,\gamma} > 0.9 \text{ GeV},  y_{\gamma}  < 0.7$ (ALICE cuts)	107			
$p_{t,\gamma} > 5.5 \text{ GeV},  y_{\gamma}  < 2.5$ (CMS cuts)	10			
$\sqrt{s} = 39 \text{ TeV}, W_{\gamma\gamma} > 5 \text{ GeV}$	6 169		882	
$\sqrt{s} = 39 \text{ TeV}, E_{\gamma} > 3 \text{ GeV}$	4 696 268		574	

Integrated cross sections in  $nb$  for exclusive diphoton production processes with both photons measured for  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.5 \text{ TeV}$  (LHC) and  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 39 \text{ TeV}$  (FCC). Impact-parameter EPA.

# AA $\rightarrow$ AA $\gamma\gamma$ (FCALs)

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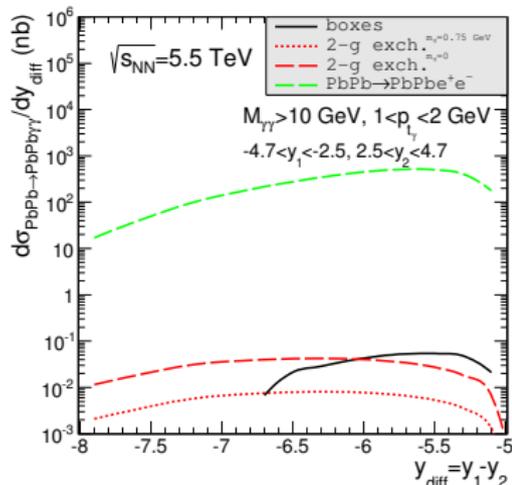
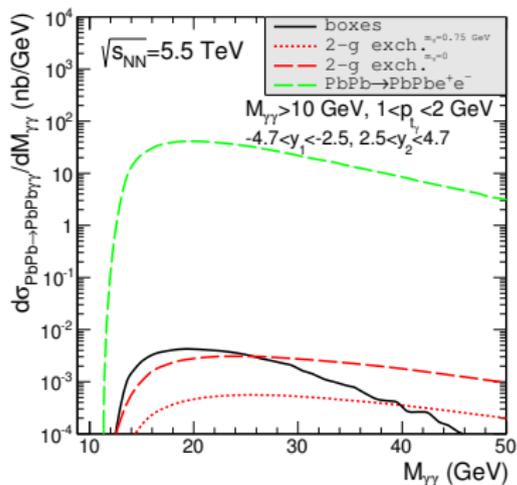
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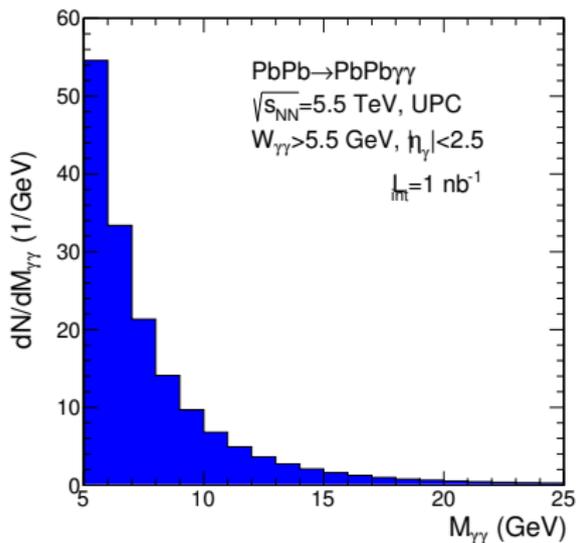
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# AA $\rightarrow$ AA $\gamma\gamma$ - NUMBER OF COUNTS



For  $L_{int} = 1$  nb $^{-1}$  a few counts per GeV – measurable quantity

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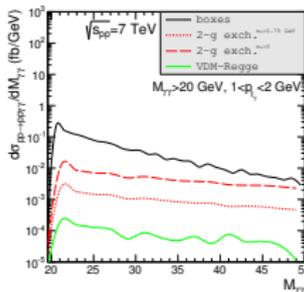
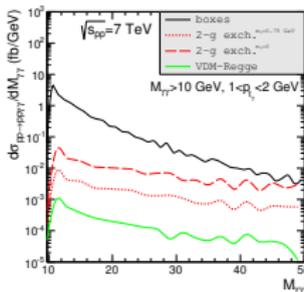
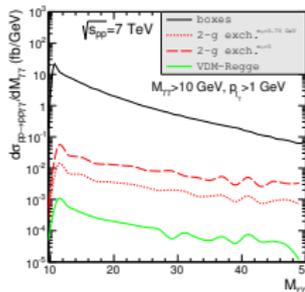
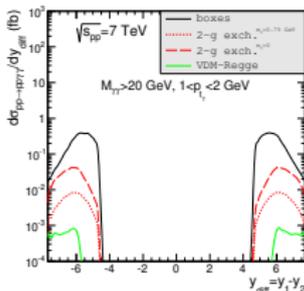
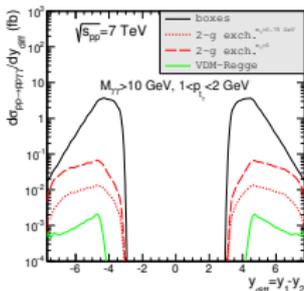
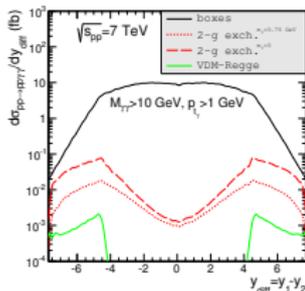
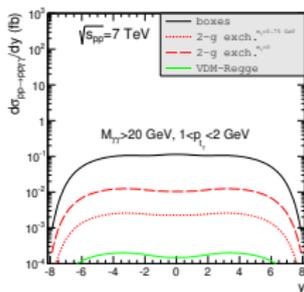
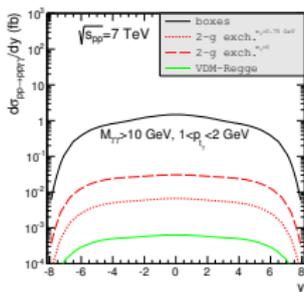
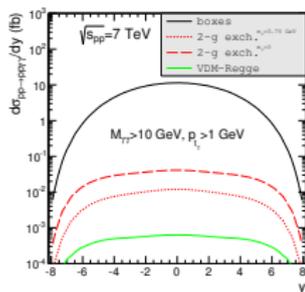


The cross section of  $\gamma\gamma$  production via  $\gamma\gamma$  fusion in  $pp$  collisions can be calculated in the parton model in (equivalent photon approximation) as

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dy_1 dy_2 d^2p_t} = \frac{1}{16\pi^2 \hat{s}^2} x_1 \gamma^{(el)}(x_1) x_2 \gamma^{(el)}(x_2) \overline{|\mathcal{M}_{\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \gamma\gamma}|^2}.$$

$$x_{1,2} = \frac{p_t}{\sqrt{s}} (\exp(\pm y_1) + \exp(\pm y_2))$$

In practical calculations for elastic fluxes we shall use parametrization proposed by Drees-Zeppenfeld. Only elastic-elastic contributions with forward protons considered here.



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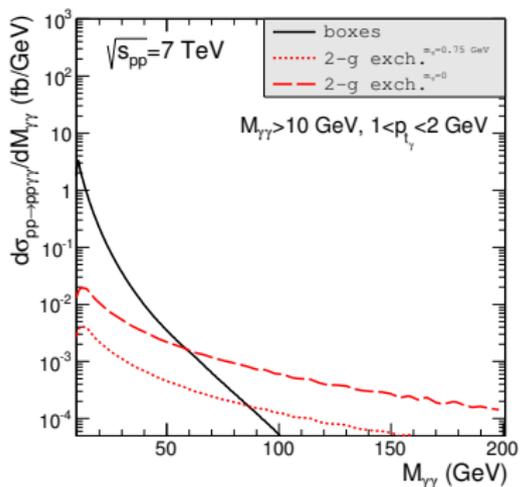
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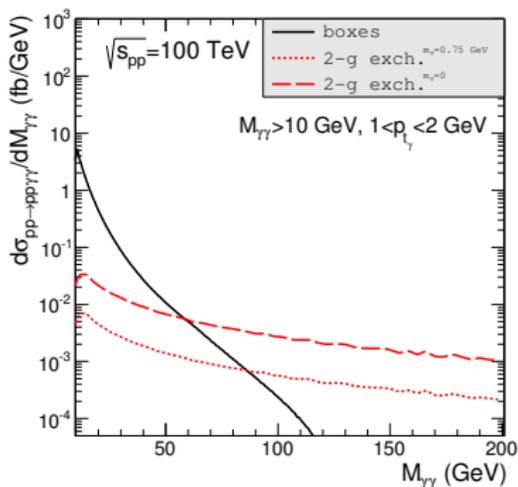
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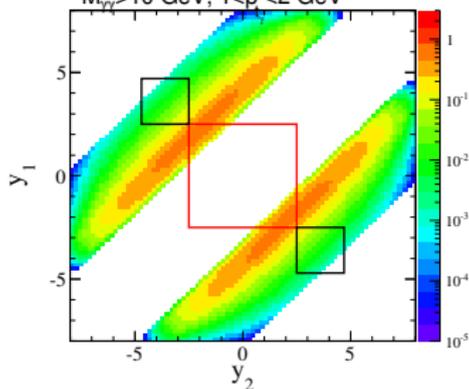
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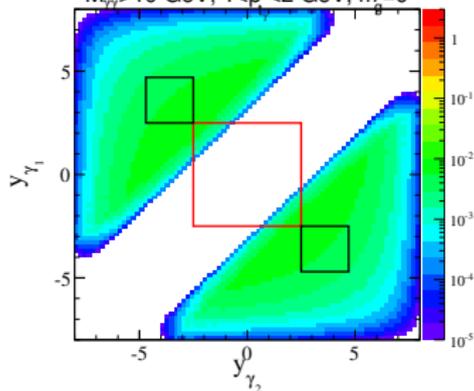
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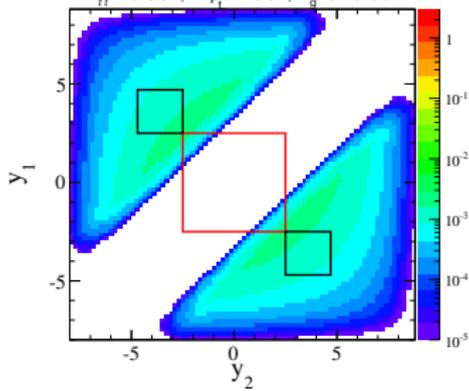
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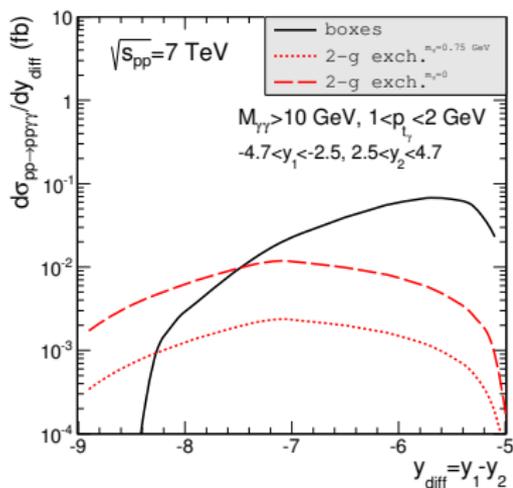
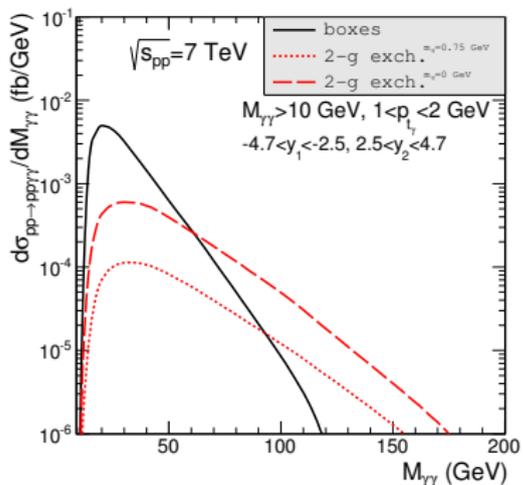


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$pp \rightarrow pp\gamma\gamma$ 


Limitation	Mechanism	$\sigma_{PbPb \rightarrow PbPb\gamma\gamma}$ [nb]	$\sigma_{pp \rightarrow pp\gamma\gamma}$ [fb]
$M_{\gamma\gamma} > 10$ GeV, $1$ GeV $< p_{t\gamma} < 2$ GeV, $-8 < y_1 < 8$ , $-8 < y_2 < 8$	boxes	7.307	12.524
	2g-exch. ( $m_g = 0$ )	1.234	0.317
	2g-exch. ( $m_g = 0.75$ GeV)	0.260	0.067
	$PbPb \rightarrow PbPbe^+e^-$	46 474.000	
$M_{\gamma\gamma} > 10$ GeV, $1$ GeV $< p_{t\gamma} < 2$ GeV, $-4.7 < y_1 < -2.5$ , $2.5 < y_1 < 4.7$	boxes	0.063	0.105
	2g-exch. ( $m_g = 0$ )	0.092	0.027
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	$PbPb \rightarrow PbPbe^+e^-$	763.000	

Integrated cross section for the  $\gamma\gamma$  production in lead-lead and proton-proton collisions for LHC energy  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.5$  TeV and  $\sqrt{s_{pp}} = 7$  TeV.

# CONCLUSIONS

- ▶ Detailed analysis of the  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  (quasi)elastic scattering in nucleus-nucleus and proton-proton collisions at the LHC
- ▶ 3 subprocesses included:
  - ▶ **Box contributions** (known for some time)
  - ▶ **Soft VDM Regge contribution** (new, for a 1<sup>st</sup> time)
  - ▶ **2-gluon exchange contribution** (NEW, for a 1<sup>st</sup> time)
- ▶ Calculation done in the **impact parameter EPA**. Possibility of exclusion break-up of nuclei.
- ▶ Compare to literature we make an extension **following kinematics of photons in the LAB frame**.
- ▶ **Measurable** cross sections obtained.
- ▶ Very interesting pattern in kinematical variables of photons.
- ▶ 3 subprocesses **almost separate** in the phase space.
- ▶ Both **CMS** and **ATLAS** will study this (we are in contact)

# CONCLUSIONS, VERY RECENT RESULTS

- ▶ Amplitude for two-gluon exchange has been derived **for the first time** (relatively simple formula).
- ▶ Cross section for  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  was calculated ( **$z$  and  $p_t$  distributions**)
- ▶ **Helicity-conserving** contribution dominates. **Helicity-flip** contributions are very small even at large  $p_t$ .
- ▶ There is a **window** where two-gluon exchange **wins** with both boxes and VDM-Regge contribution.
- ▶ **Future Linear Colliders** ? (long-term perspective).
- ▶ **BFKL effects** would increase the cross section.

# A COMMENT ON BFKL RESUMMATION

- ▶ So far we have made calculations within **two-gluon exchange approximation**.
- ▶ At high energies a (BFKL) **resummation** may be needed (ladder exchange).
- ▶ In LL BFKL formulae depend on  $z = \frac{N_c \alpha_s}{\pi} \ln \left( \frac{s}{s_0} \right)$
- ▶ The choice of  $s_0$  is pretty **arbitrary** which means that it is difficult to make any reliable predictions.
- ▶ **NLL predictions** would be necessary (not yet available).

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- ▶ Multiple Coulomb excitations associated with  $\gamma\gamma$  production may cause additional excitation of one or both nuclei to the giant resonance region (**can be calculated**)

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