Photonic Billiards In Ultra-Peripheral Heavy-Ion Collisions

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COLLIDING PHOTONS ACTS LIKE BILLIARD BALLS, SPRINGING AWAY FROM EACH OTHER IN DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS...

- ✓ M. K-G, P. Lebiedowicz and A. Szczurek, *Light-by-light scattering in ultraperipheral Pb-Pb collisions at energies available at the CERN Large Hadron Collider*, Phys. Rev. **C93** (2016) 044907,
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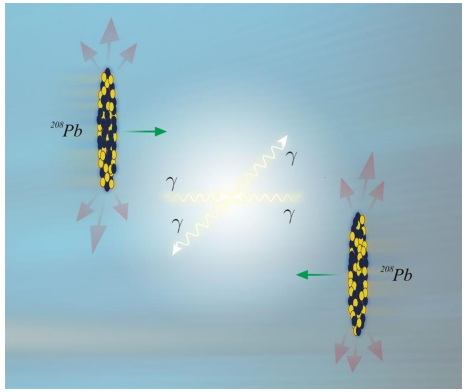

UltraPeripheral Collisions of heavy-ion

- ✓ Z. Citron, M. K-G et al., *Future physics opportunities for high-density QCD at the LHC with heavy-ion and proton beams*, CERN-LPCC-2018-07, arXiv:1812.06772 [hep-ph] Report from Working Group 5 on the Physics of the HL-LHC, and Perspectives at the HE-LHC,
- ✓ M. K-G, R. McNulty, R. Schicker and A. Szczurek, *Light-by-light scattering in ultra-peripheral heavy-ion collisions at low diphoton masses*, Phys. Rev. **D99** (2019) 093013.

CURRENT KNOWLEDGE & OPPORTUNITIES & QUESTIONS

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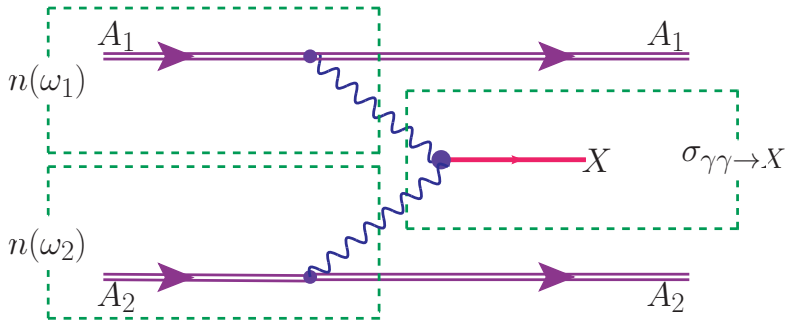
Equivalent Photon Approximation

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



$$\sigma_{A_1A_2\to A_1A_2X_1X_2} = \int \mathrm{d}\omega_1\,\mathrm{d}\omega_2\, n(\omega_1)n(\omega_2)\sigma_{\gamma\gamma\to X_1X_2}(\omega_1,\omega_2)$$

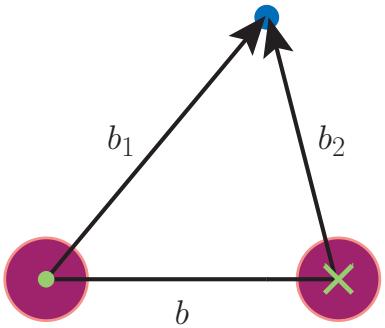
$$n(\omega) = \int_{R_{min}}^{\infty} 2\pi b\mathrm{d}b\, N(\omega,b)$$

IMPACT PARAMETER

$$\text{SPACE} \Rightarrow \ldots = \int N(\omega_1,\mathbf{b_1})\,N(\omega_2,\mathbf{b_2})\,S^2_{abs}(\mathbf{b})$$

$$\times\ \sigma_{\gamma\gamma\to X_1X_2}(W_{\gamma\gamma})$$

$$\times\ 2\pi b\mathrm{d}b\,\mathrm{d}\bar{b}_x\,\mathrm{d}\bar{b}_y\,\frac{W_{\gamma\gamma}}{2}\mathrm{d}W_{\gamma\gamma}\,\mathrm{d}Y_{X_1X_2}$$



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Equivalent Photon Flux vs Form Factor

$$N(\omega, b) = \frac{Z^2 \alpha_{em}}{\pi^2 \beta^2} \frac{1}{\omega} \frac{1}{b^2} \times \left| \int \mathrm{d}\chi \, \chi^2 \frac{F\left(\frac{\chi^2+u^2}{b^2}\right)}{\chi^2+u^2} J_1(\chi) \right|^2$$

$$\beta = \frac{p}{E}, \gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\beta^2}}, u = \frac{\omega b}{\gamma \beta}, \chi = k_\perp b$$

- point-like $F\left(\mathbf{q}^2\right) = 1$

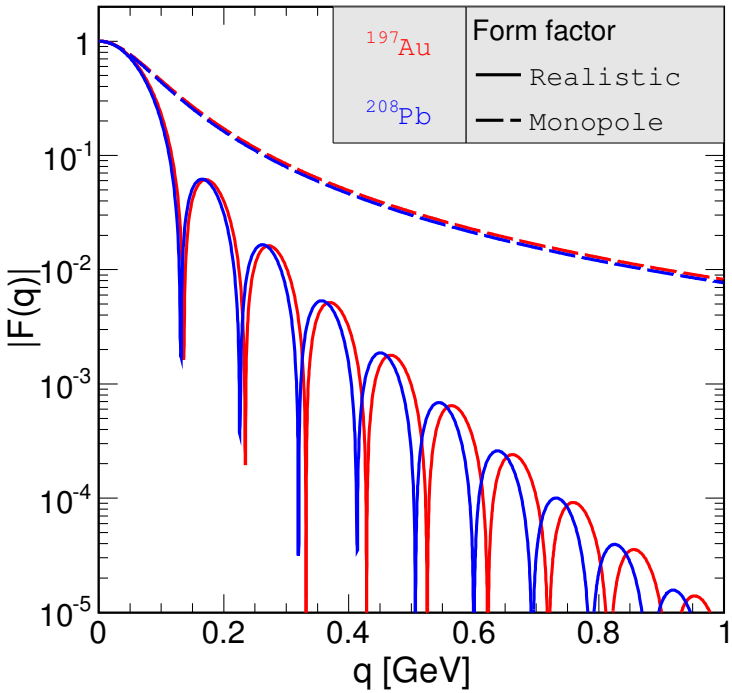
$$N(\omega, b) = \frac{Z^2 \alpha_{em}}{\pi^2 \beta^2} \frac{u^2}{\omega b^2} \left[K_1^2(u) + \frac{1}{\gamma^2} K_0^2(u) \right]$$

- monopole $F\left(\mathbf{q}^2\right) = \frac{\Lambda^2}{\Lambda^2+|\mathbf{q}|^2}$

$$\sqrt{\langle r^2 \rangle} = \sqrt{\frac{6}{\Lambda^2}} = 1 \text{ fm } A^{1/3}$$

- realistic

$$F\left(\mathbf{q}^2\right) = \frac{4\pi}{|\mathbf{q}|} \int \rho(r) \sin(|\mathbf{q}| r) \, r \mathrm{d}r$$



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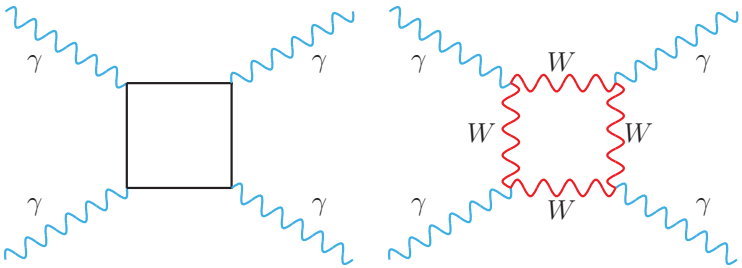
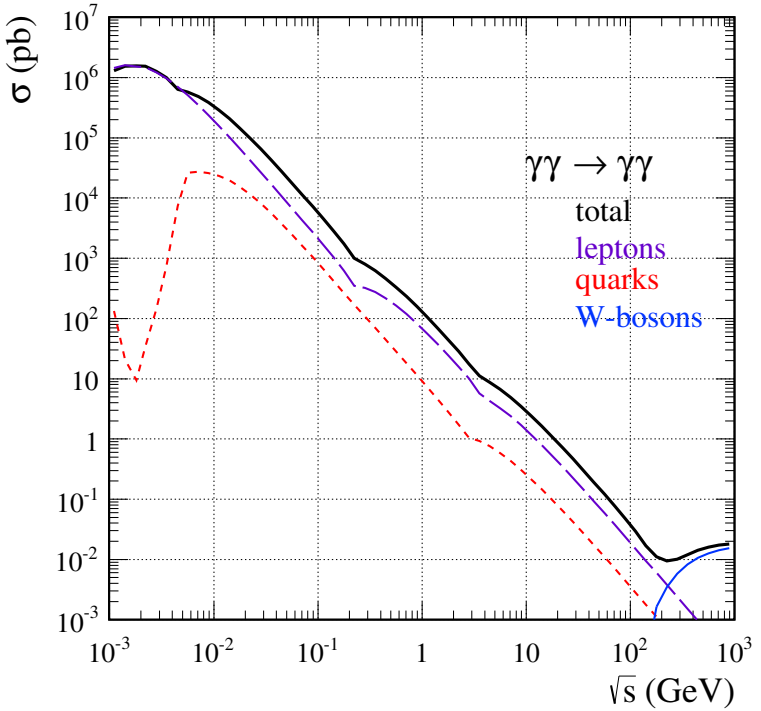
$\gamma\gamma$ Elastic Scattering

Boxes

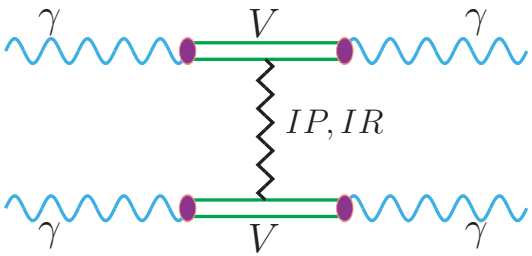


LO QED fermionic Box `FormCalc.`

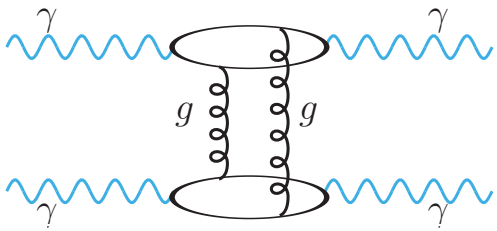
W Box `LoopTools.`



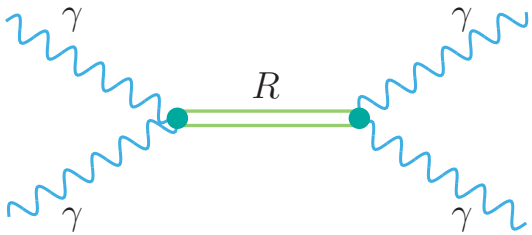
VDM-Regge



2-gluon exch.



Resonances



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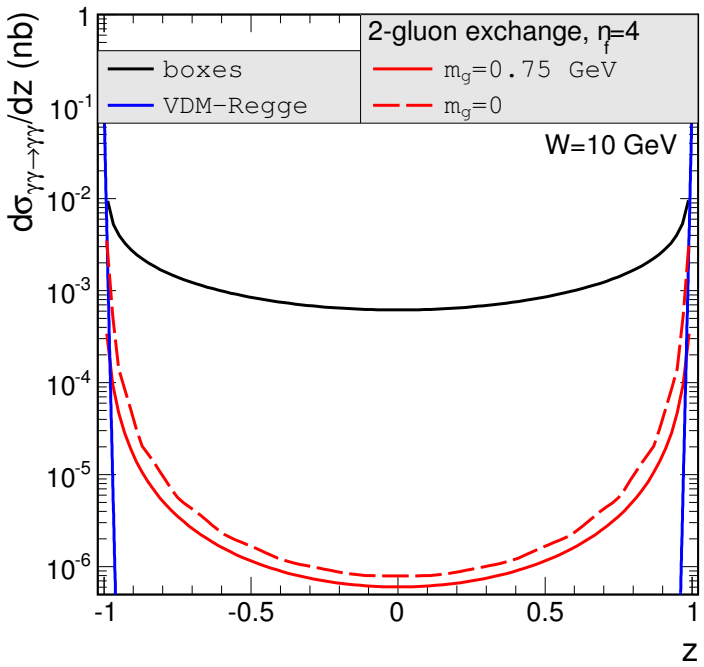
Elementary cross section

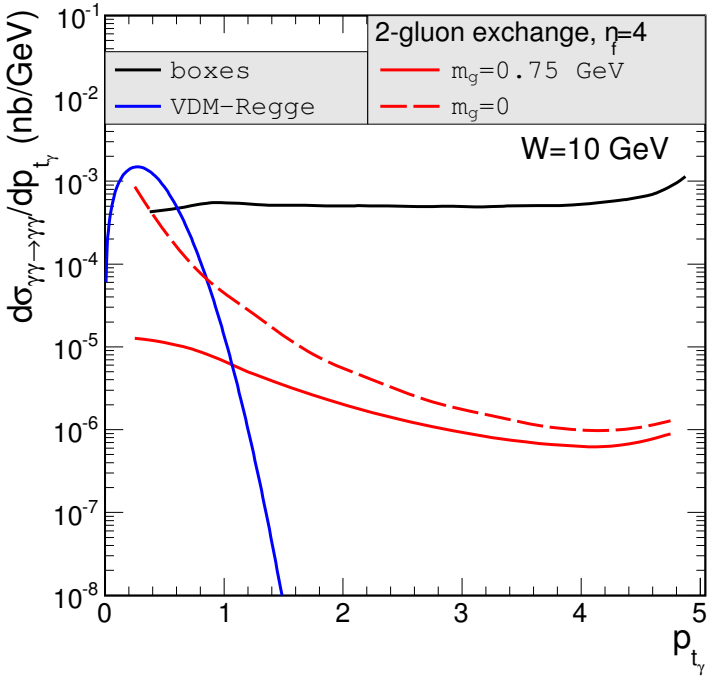
- ✔ boxes
- ✔ VDM-Regge
- ✔ 2-gluon exchange

$W = 10$ GeV

$z = \cos\theta$

$p_{t_\gamma} = p \sin\theta$





$\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$ - boxes, large z (small p_{t_γ}) - VDM-Regge.

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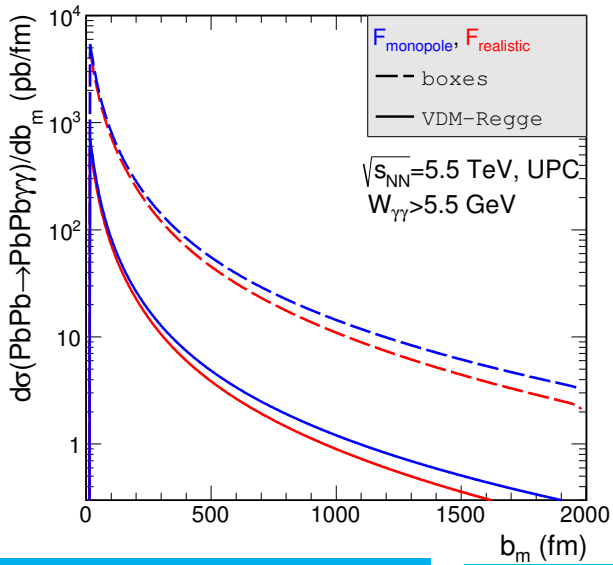
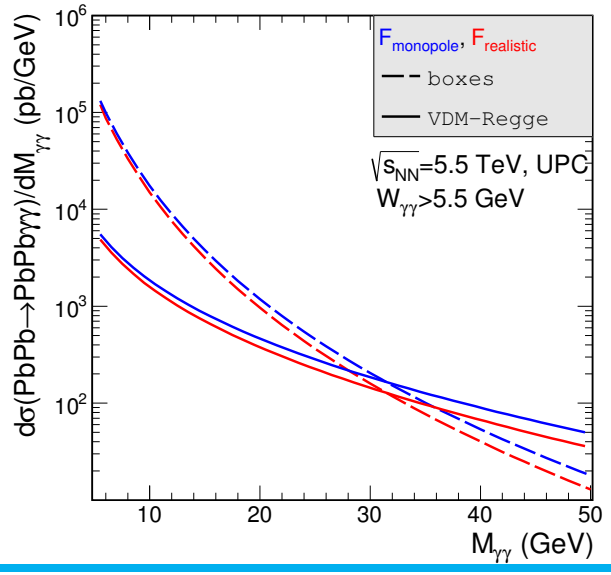
PBPB→PBPBγγ - FORM FACTOR

⇨ realistic

impact parameter ⇨ monopole

$W_{\gamma\gamma} = M_{\gamma\gamma}$





↑ theoretical distribution

VDM-Regge dominates at $W_{\gamma\gamma} > 30$ GeV

cuts σ [nb] →	Boxes $F_{realistic}$	Boxes $F_{monopole}$	VDM-Regge $F_{realistic}$	VDM-Regge $F_{monopole}$
$W_{\gamma\gamma} > 5$ GeV	306	349	31	36
$W_{\gamma\gamma} > 5$ GeV, $p_{t,\gamma} > 2$ GeV	159	182	7E-9	8E-9
$E_\gamma > 3$ GeV	16 692	18 400	17	18
$E_\gamma > 5$ GeV	4 800	5 450	9	611
$E_\gamma > 3$ GeV, $\lvert y_\gamma \rvert < 2.5$	183	210	8E-2	9E-2
$E_\gamma > 5$ GeV, $\lvert y_\gamma \rvert < 2.5$	54	61	4E-4	7E-4

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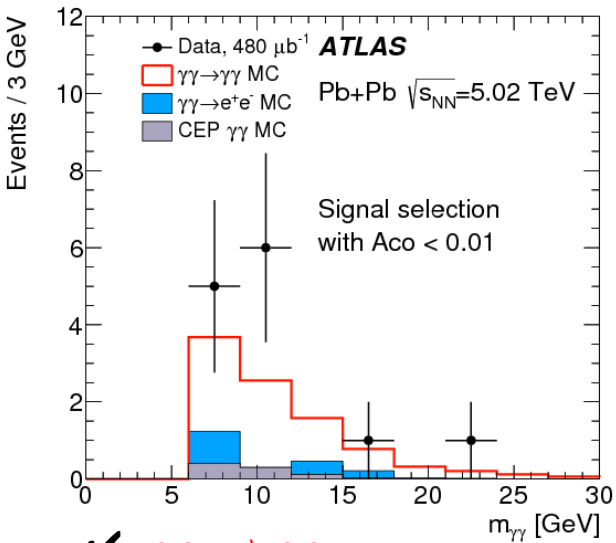
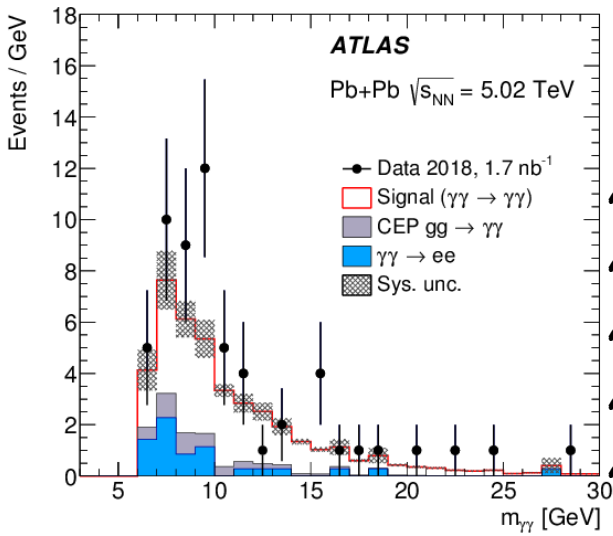
$AA \to AA\gamma\gamma$ - ATLAS RESULT

➢ ATLAS Collaboration (M. Aaboud et al.),
Evidence for light-by-light scattering in heavy-ion collisions with the ATLAS detector at the LHC, Nature Phys. **13** (2017) 852
Observation of light-by-light scattering in ultraperipheral Pb+Pb collisions with the ATLAS detector ATLAS Collaboration, CERN-EP-2019-051





✗ $p_{t_\gamma} > 3$ GeV
✗ $|\eta_\gamma| < 2.4$
✗ $M_{\gamma\gamma} > 6$ GeV
✗ $p_{t_{\gamma\gamma}} < 2$ GeV
✗ Aco < 0.01

✔ $\gamma\gamma \to \gamma\gamma$
✔ background
- ✔ $\gamma\gamma \to e^+e^-$
- ✔ $gg \to \gamma\gamma$
- ✔ $\gamma\gamma \to q\bar{q}$

✔ 13 events (2017)
59 events (2019)*

theory $\Rightarrow$ $\sigma = 51 \pm 0.02$ nb

ATLAS (2017) $\Rightarrow$ $\sigma = 70 \pm 20(\text{stat.}) \pm 17(\text{syst.})$ nb

(2019)* $\Rightarrow$ $\sigma = 78 \pm 13(\text{stat.}) \pm 7(\text{syst.}) \pm 3(\text{lumi.})$ nb

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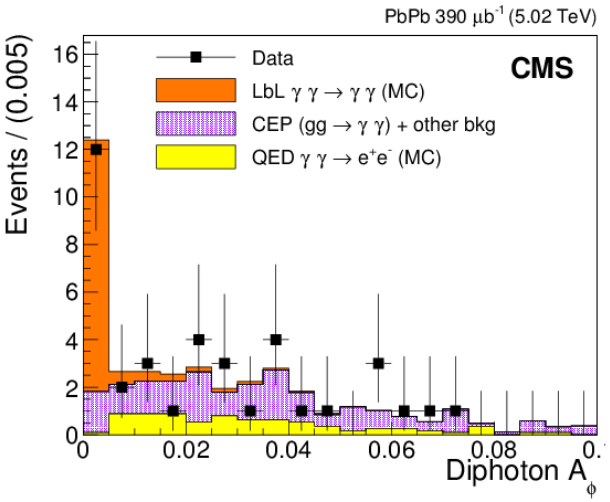
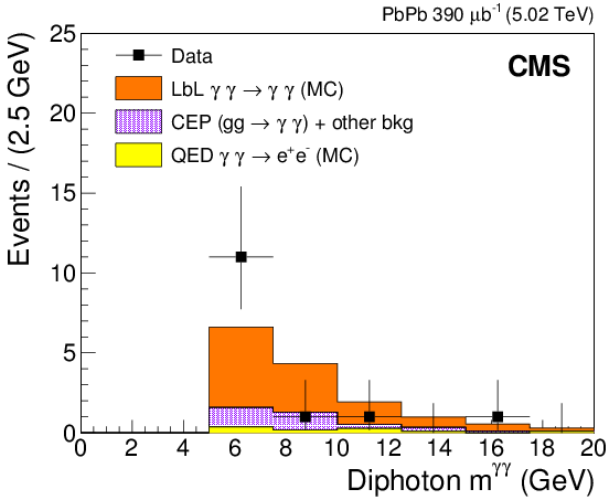
$AA \to AA\gamma\gamma$ - CMS RESULT

➳ CMS Collaboration (A. M. Sirunyan et al.),
Evidence for light-by-light scattering and searches for axion-like particles in ultraperipheral PbPb collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$ TeV,
arXiv:1810.04602 [hep-ex]





✗ $E_{t_\gamma} > 2$ GeV
✗ $|\eta_\gamma| < 2.4$
✗ $M_{\gamma\gamma} > 5$ GeV
✗ $p_{t_{\gamma\gamma}} < 1$ GeV
✗ Aco < 0.01

✔ 14 events

CMS $\Rightarrow$ $\sigma = 120 \pm 46(\text{stat.}) \pm 28(\text{syst.})$ nb

$\sigma = 138 \pm 14$ nb $\Leftarrow$ theory $\Rightarrow$ $\sigma = 103 \pm 0.034$ nb

point-like form factor &$n(\omega)$ **vs** realistic form factor &$N(\omega, b)$

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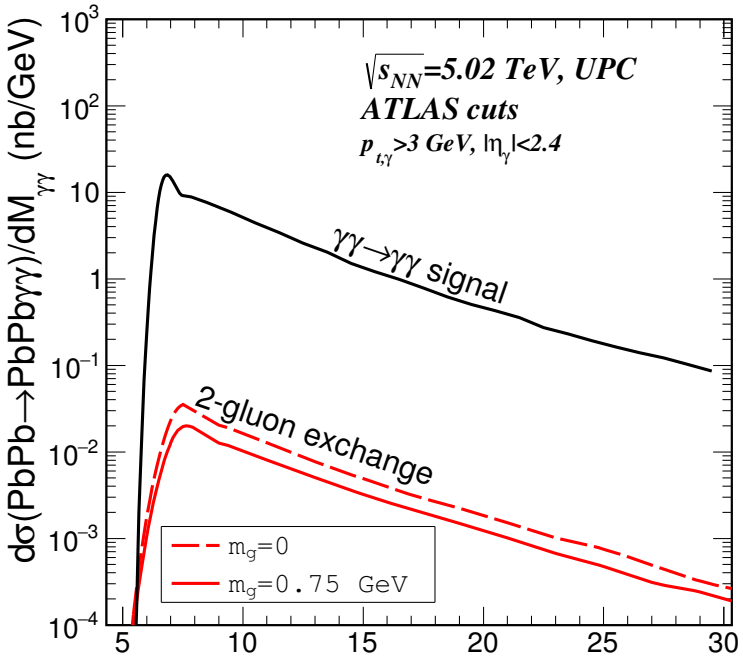
HIGHER ORDER PROCESSES..?

$\gamma\gamma$ invariant mass



Coherent sum of both processes...?

Pionic boxes...?

$M_{\gamma\gamma} < 5$ GeV ??

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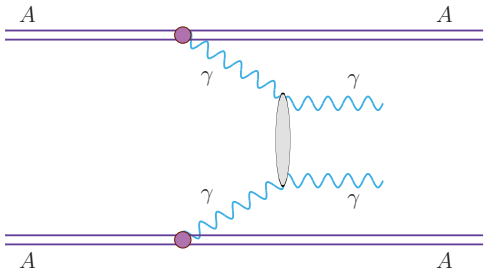
$AA \to AA\gamma\gamma$ FOR $M_{\gamma\gamma} < 5$ GEV

CONTINUUM



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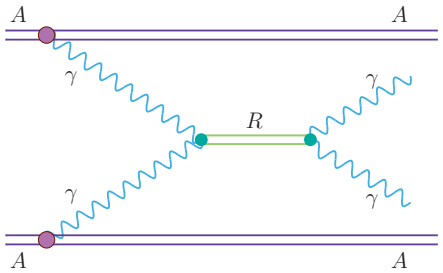
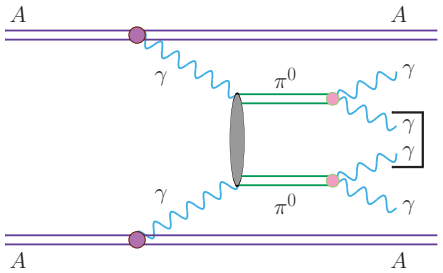


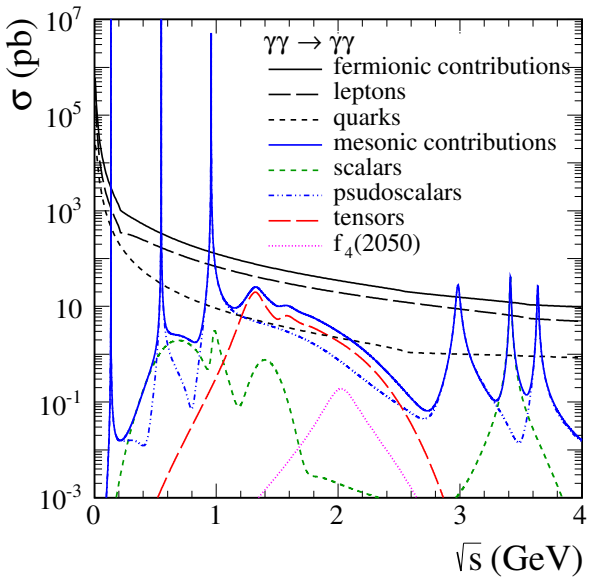
BACKGROUND

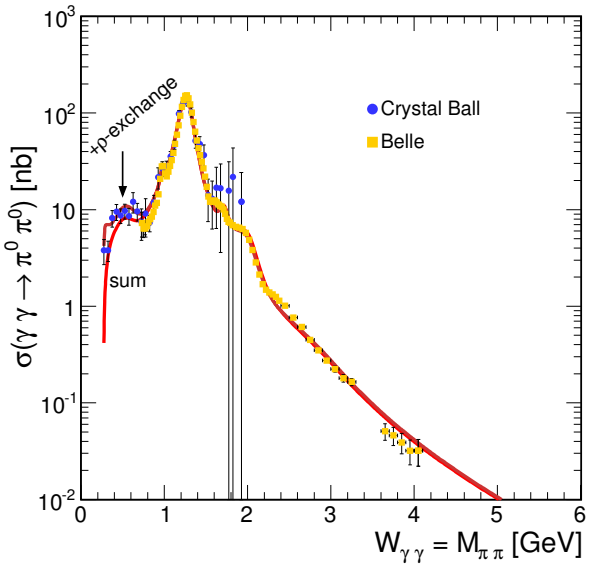


$\gamma\gamma \to \gamma\gamma$

$f_0(500)$
$f_0(980)$
$a_0(980)$
$f_0(1370)$
$\chi_{c0}(1P)$
$f_2(1270)$
$a_2(1320)$
$f_2'(1525)$
$f_2(1565)$
$a_2(1700)$

π^0
η
$\eta'(958)$
$\eta_c(1S)$
$\eta_c(2S)$
$f_4(2050)$





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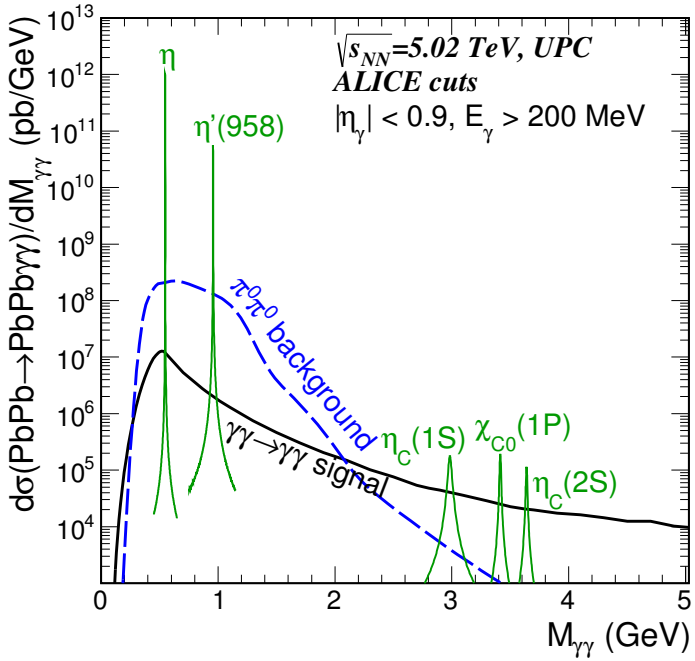
MESON EXCHANGE AT UPC

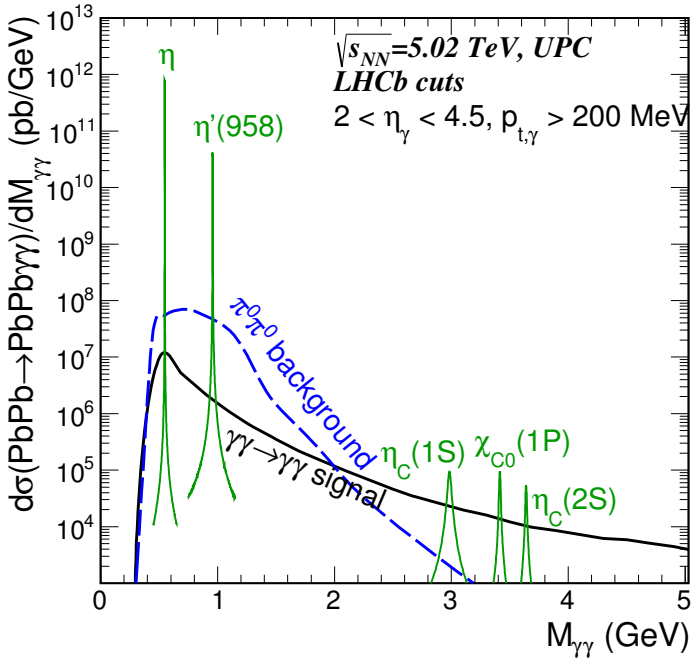
experiment	pseudorapidity range	other condition
ALICE	$-0.9 < \eta_\gamma < 0.9$	$E_\gamma > 200$ MeV
LHCb	$2.0 < \eta_\gamma < 4.5$	$p_{t,\gamma} > 200$ MeV

ALICE cuts

- ✔ boxes
- ✔ bkg
- ✔ mesons

LHCb cuts





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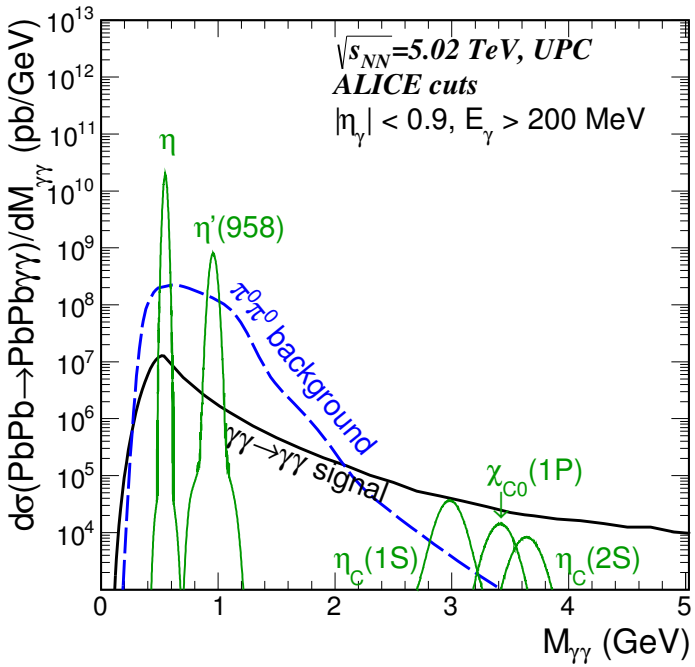
RESONANSE CONTRIBUTION & EXPERIMENTAL RESOLUTION

ENERGY RESOLUTION

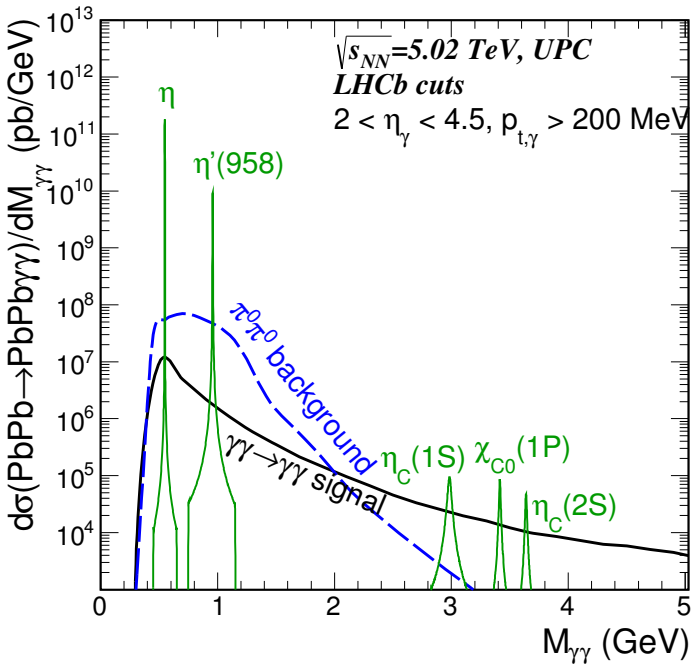
$$\frac{\sigma_{E_\gamma}}{E_\gamma} = 2\%$$

$$\frac{\sigma_{E_\gamma}}{E_\gamma} = \frac{0.085}{\sqrt{E_\gamma}} + \frac{0.003}{E_\gamma} + 0.008$$

ALICE cuts



LHCb cuts



Energy resolution modifies resonant signals

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PBPB $\to$ PBPB$\gamma\gamma$, $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 5.02$ TEV

Total cross section [nb]

Energy	$W_{\gamma\gamma} = (0-2)$ GeV		$W_{\gamma\gamma} > 2$ GeV	
Region	ALICE	LHCb	ALICE	LHCb
boxes	4 890	3 818	146	79
$\pi^0\pi^0$ bkg	135 300	40 866	46	24
η	722 573	568 499		
$\eta'(958)$	54 241	40 482		
$\eta_c(1S)$			9	5
$\chi_{c0}(1P)$			4	2
$\eta_c(2S)$			2	1

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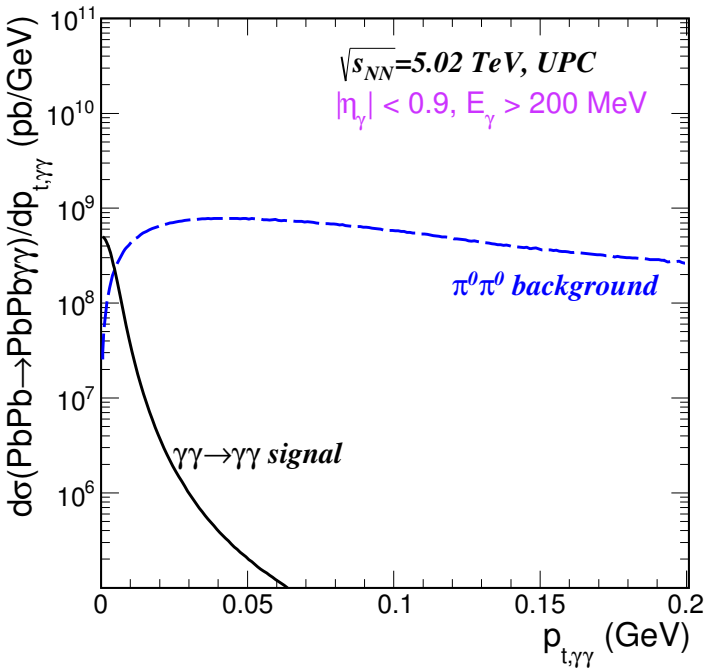
EXPERIMENTAL RESOLUTION & $p_{t,\gamma\gamma}$

$$p_{t,\gamma\gamma} = (|\vec{p_{t1}} + \vec{p_{t2}}|)$$

ALICE cuts



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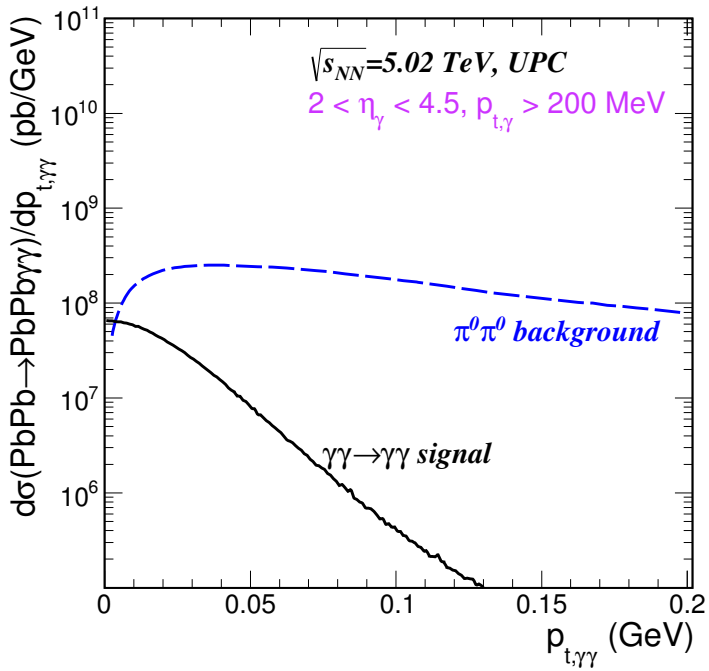

Very limited region where the signal overestimates the background

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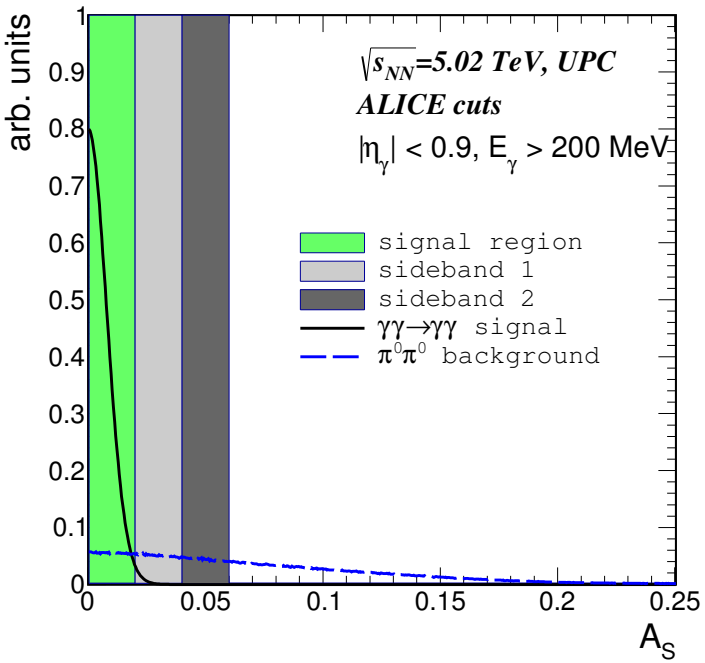
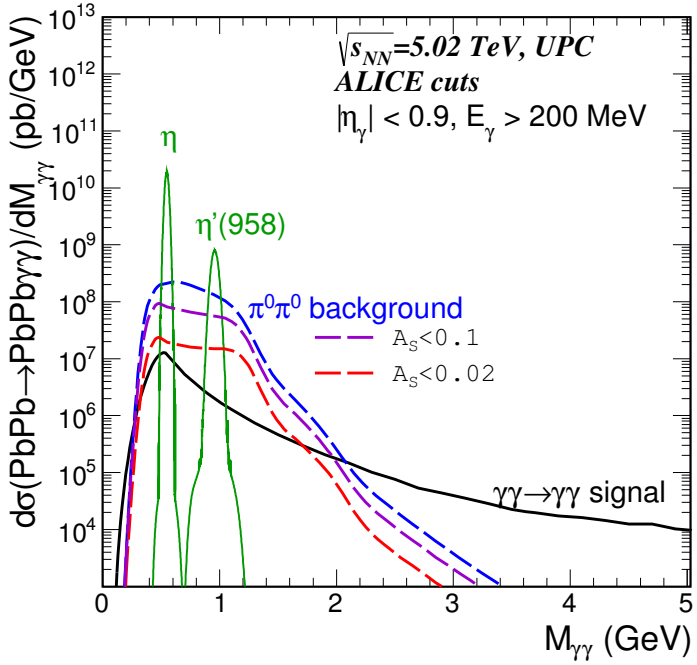
EXPERIMENTAL RESOLUTION & SCALAR & VECTOR ASYMMETRY

$$A_S = \left| \frac{|\vec{p}_T(1)| - |\vec{p}_T(2)|}{|\vec{p}_T(1)| + |\vec{p}_T(2)|} \right| \qquad A_V = \frac{|\vec{p}_T(1) - \vec{p}_T(2)|}{|\vec{p}_T(1) + \vec{p}_T(2)|}$$

A_S



$M_{\gamma\gamma}$



80% of the signal events at $A_S < 0.02$

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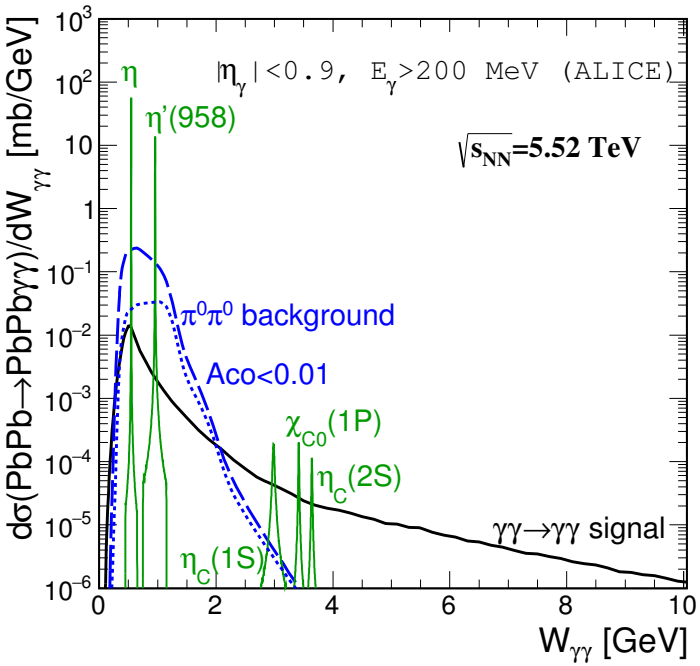
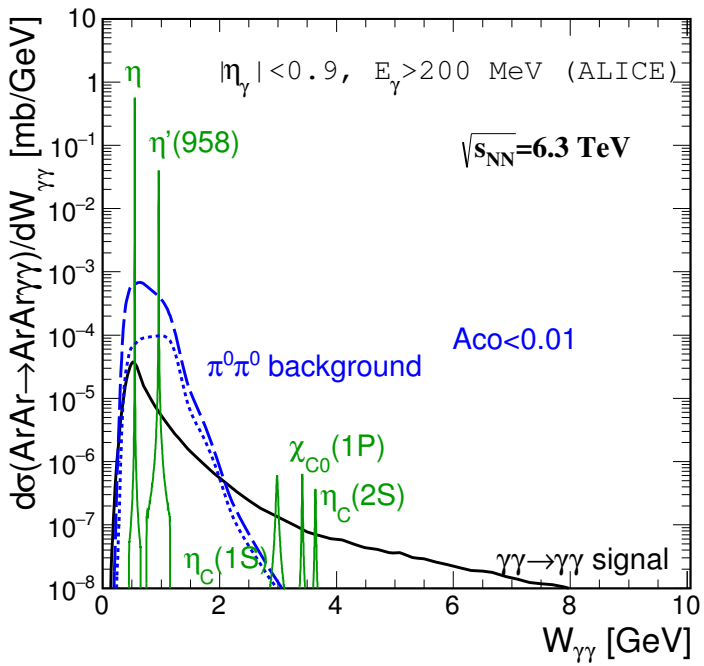
$AA \to AA\gamma\gamma$ @ MIDRAPIDITY

$^{208}Pb^{82+} + ^{208}Pb^{82+}$

$^{40}Ar^{18+} + ^{40}Ar^{18+}$





$$\sigma_{tot} \propto (Z_{Pb}/Z_{Ar})^4 \approx 430$$

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CONCLUSION

- UPC of heavy ion open a possibility to measure or to test the $\gamma\gamma \to \gamma\gamma$ scattering
  - boxes
  - VDM-Regge
  - 2-gluon exchange
  - mesons decay
  - pionic background
- Measurable cross section
- ATLAS/CMS have observed 13→59/14 events confirming Light-by-Light scattering in UPC
- ALICE and LHCb could measure LbyL scattering for $W_{\gamma\gamma} > 2$ GeV in Pb-Pb and Ar-Ar collisions with very good statistic
- Importance of η & η'
- Next step → Missing contribution...?
  → Electromagnetic excitation

Thank you

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