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## Light-by-light scattering cross-section measurements at LHC

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We present the first combination of light-by-light scattering ( $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ ) cross-section measurements at LHC, using lead-lead data recorded by the ATLAS and CMS Collaborations at 5.02 TeV and corresponding to integrated luminosities of 2.2 and 0.39 nb<sup>-1</sup>, respectively. The combined cross-section is  $115 \pm 19$  nb, with the two measurements contributing with factors of 0.8 and 0.2, accordingly. The combined result improves upon the best individual determination of  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  by approximately 10%, and it is consistent with the standard model prediction within two standard deviations. For the first time, we calculate the potential contribution of the  $\eta_b(1S)$  meson production to the  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  invariant mass distributions, by calculating its inclusive photoproduction cross-section.

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