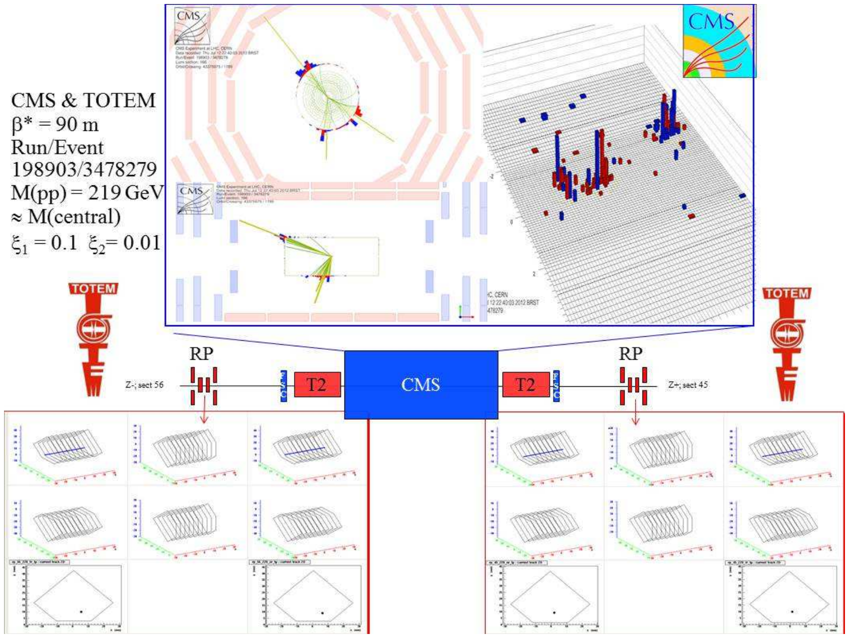
Forward physics with proton tagging at the LHC

Christophe Royon
University of Kansas, Lawrence, USA

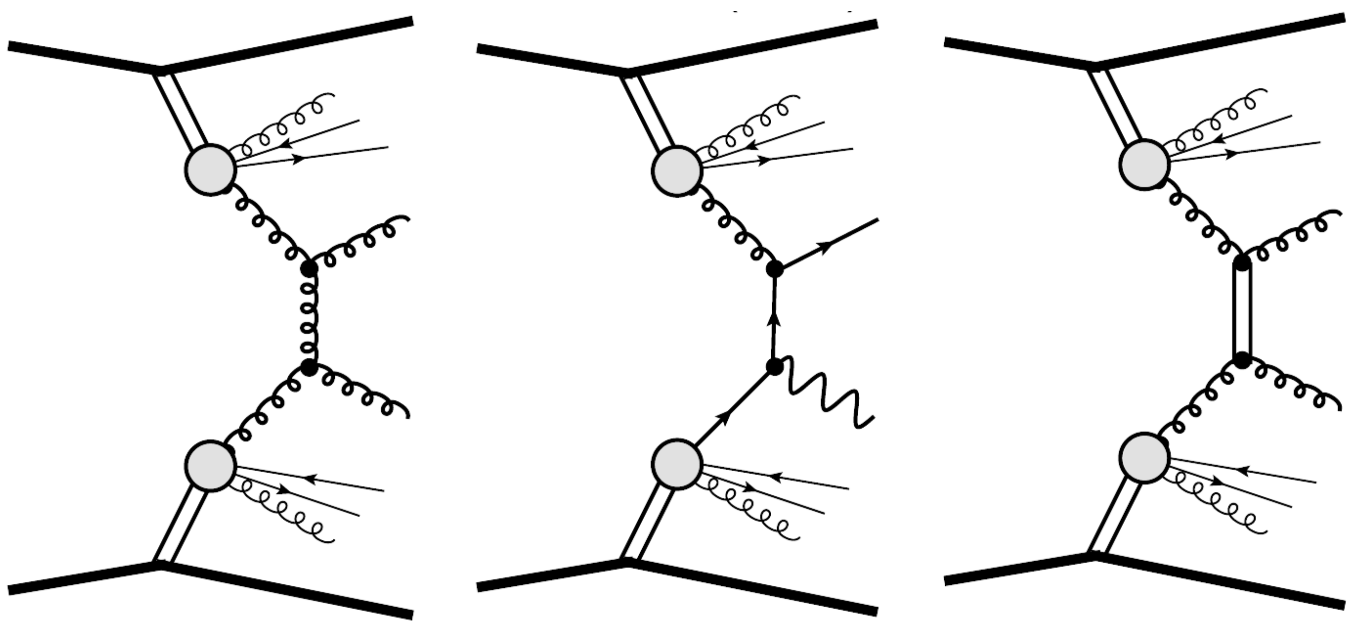
LHC Forward Physics Workshop, March 20-23, Madrid, Spain



- QCD: structure of pomeron, jet gap jet
- Photon exchanges processes and beyond standard model physics
- Anomalous Quartic coupling studies

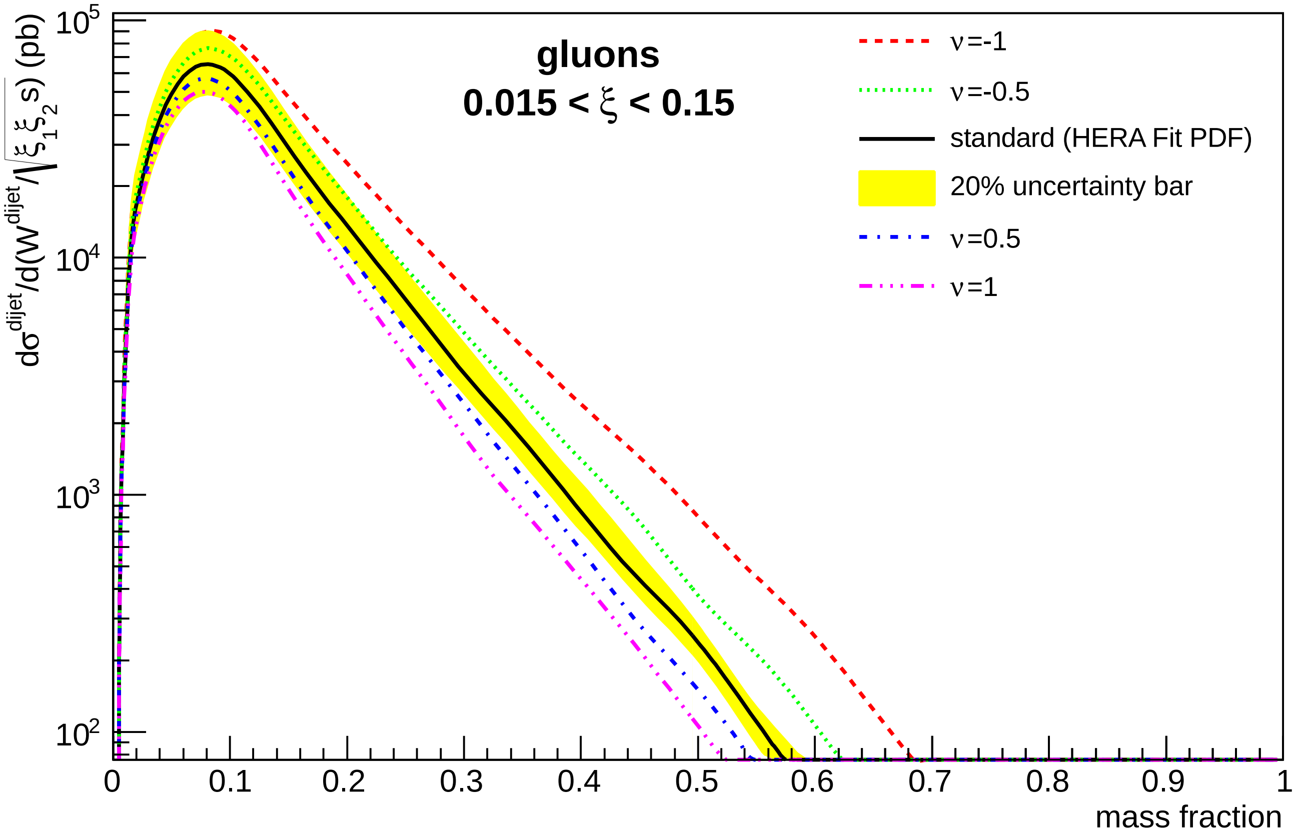
Hard diffraction at the LHC

- Dijet production: dominated by gg exchanges; γ+jet production: dominated by qg exchanges (C. Marquet, C. Royon, M. Saimpert, D. Werder, arXiv:1306.4901)
- Jet gap jet in diffraction: Probe BFKL (C. Marquet, C. Royon, M. Trzebinski, R. Zlebcik, Phys. Rev. D 87 (2013) 034010; O. Kepka, C. Marquet, C. Royon, Phys. Rev. D79 (2009) 094019; Phys.Rev. D83 (2011) 034036)
- Three aims
  - Is it the same object which explains diffraction in pp and ep?
  - Further constraints on the structure of the Pomeron as was determined at HERA
  - Survival probability: difficult to compute theoretically, needs to be measured, inclusive diffraction is optimal place for measurement



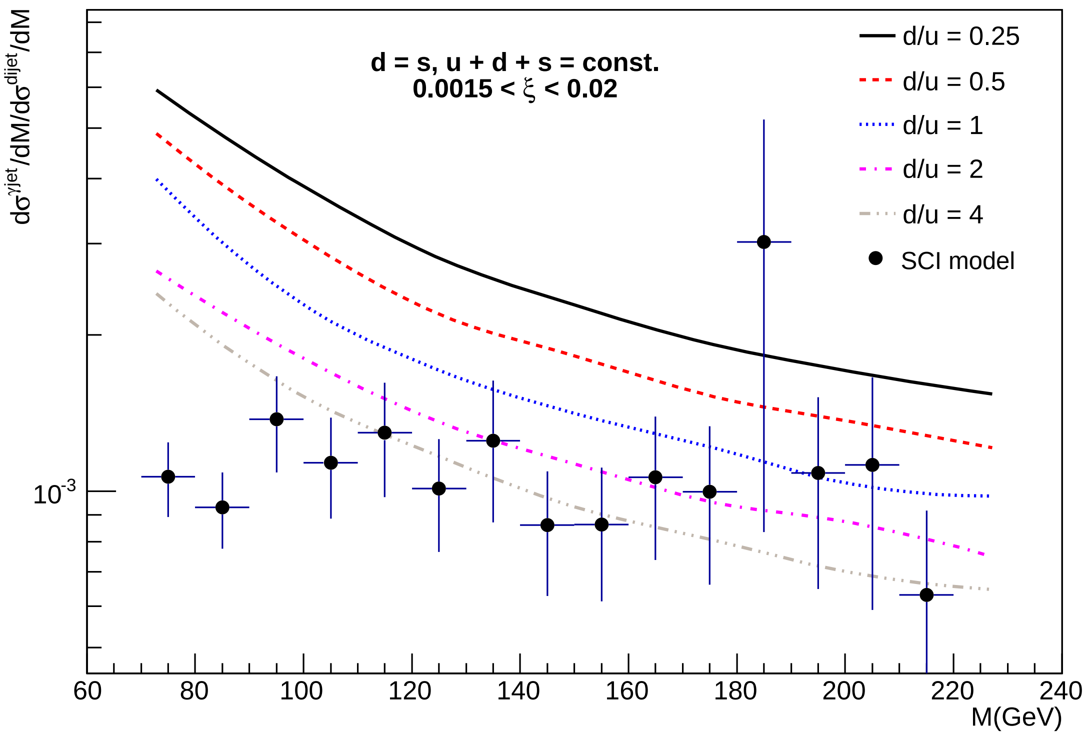
Inclusive diffraction at the LHC: sensitivity to gluon density

- Predict DPE dijet cross section at the LHC in AFP acceptance, jets with p_T >20 GeV, reconstructed at particle level using anti-k$_T$ algorithm
- Sensitivity to gluon density in Pomeron especially the gluon density on Pomeron at high β: multiply the gluon density by $(1-\beta)^\nu$ with $\nu = -1, ..., 1$
- Measurement possible with 10 pb^{-1}, allows to test if gluon density is similar between HERA and LHC (universality of Pomeron model)
- Dijet mass fraction: dijet mass divided by total diffractive mass ($\sqrt{\xi_1 \xi_2 S}$)



Inclusive diffraction at the LHC: sensitivity to soft colour interaction m

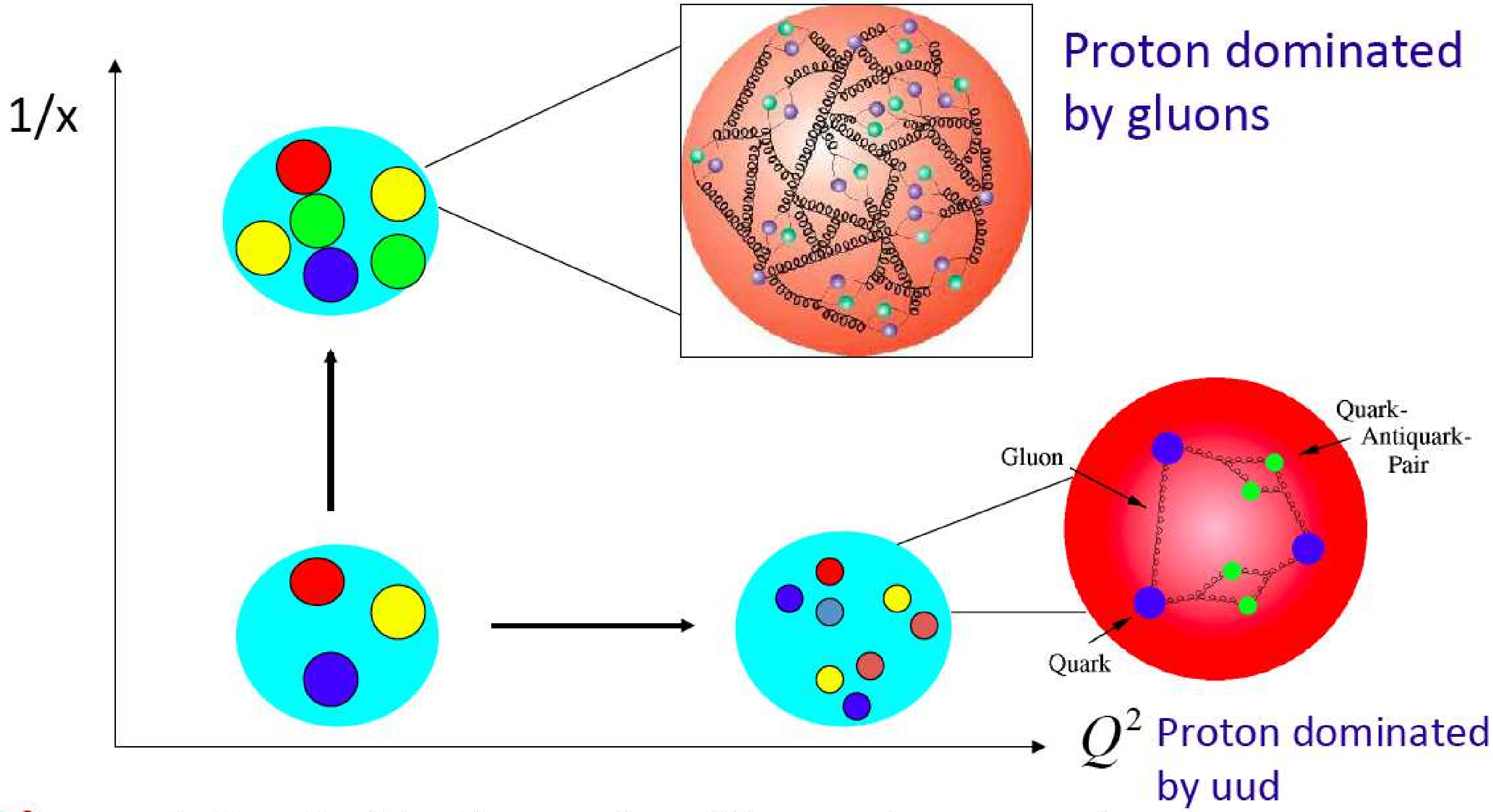
- Predict DPE γ+jet divided by dijet cross section at the LHC for pomeron like and SCI models
- In particular, the diffractive mass distribution (the measurement with lowest systematics) allows to distinguish between the two sets of models: flat distribution for SCI
- W asymmetries also allow to constrain the quark content in Pomeron



Looking for BFKL effects

- Dokshitzer Gribov Lipatov Altarelli Parisi (DGLAP): Evolution in Q^2
- Balitski Fadin Kuraev Lipatov (BFKL): Evolution in x

Aim: Understanding the proton structure (quarks, gluons)

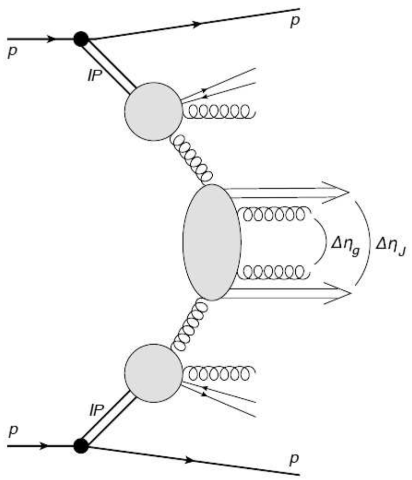


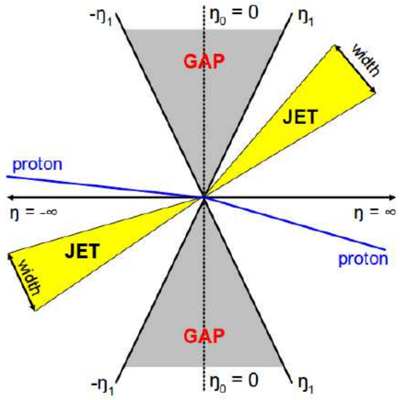
Q^2 : resolution inside the proton (like a microscope)

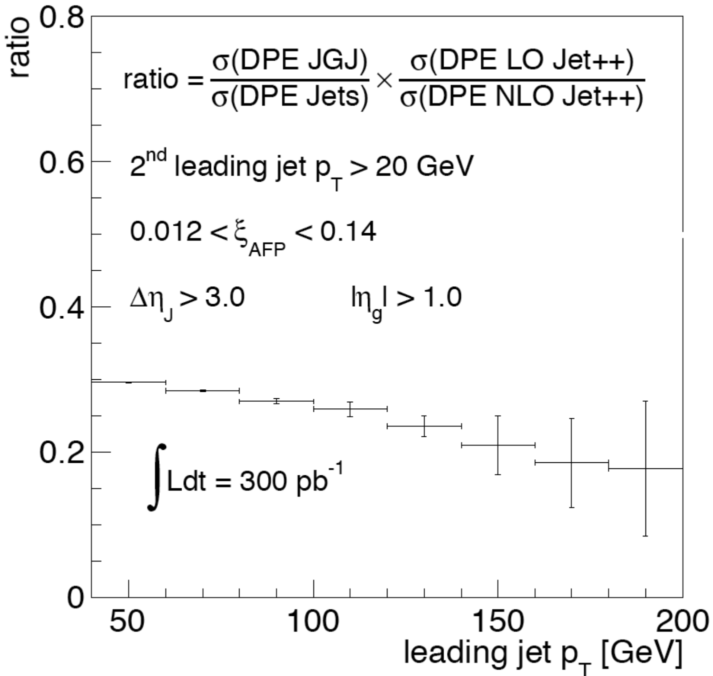
x :Proton momentum fraction carried away by the interacting quark

Jet gap jet events in diffraction

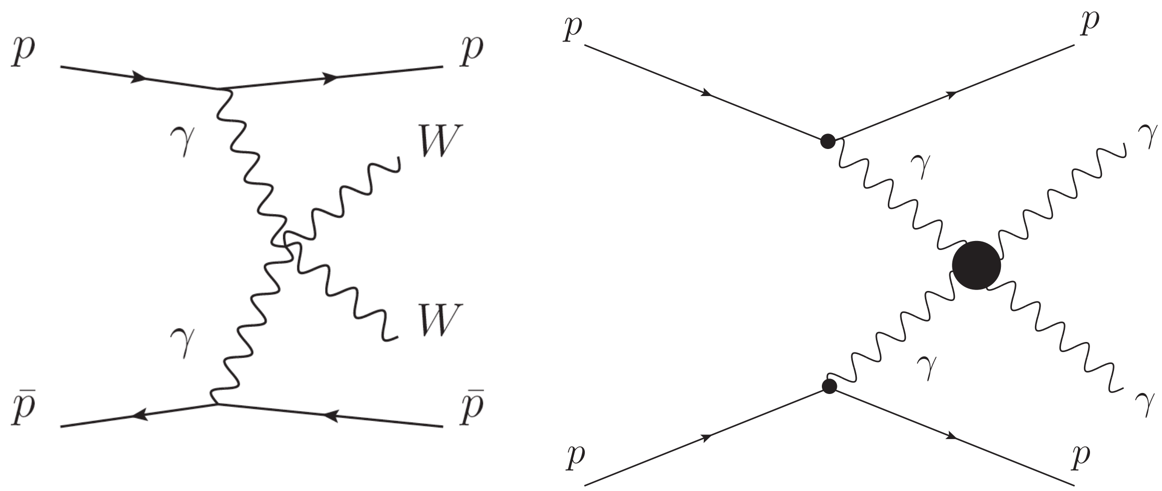
- Study BFKL dynamics using jet gap jet events in DPE: full NLL calculations in progress
- See: C. Marquet, C. Royon, M. Trzebinski, R. Zlebcik, Phys. Rev. D 87 (2013) 034010







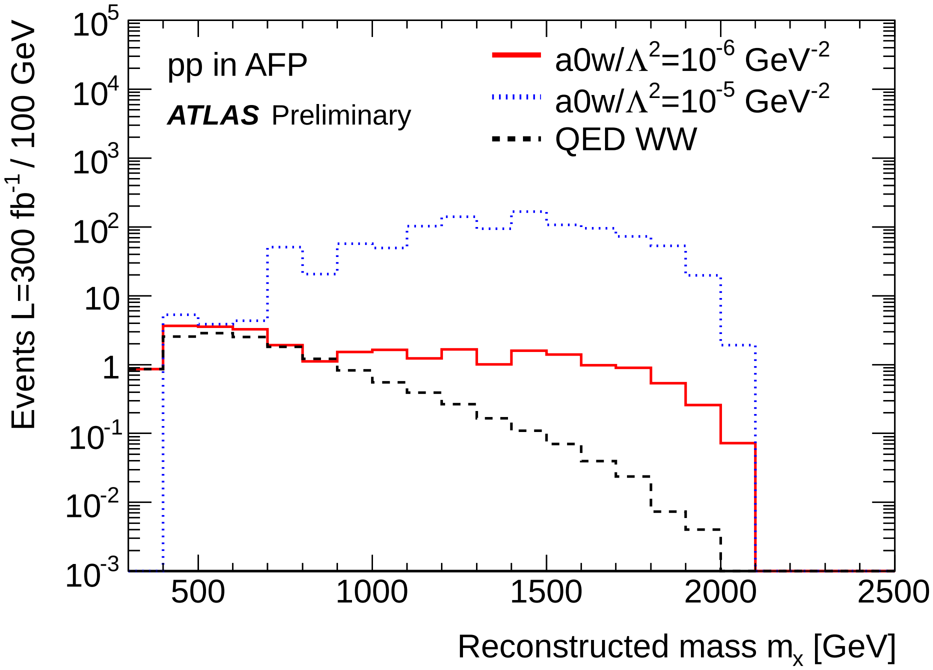
Search for $\gamma\gamma WW$, $\gamma\gamma\gamma\gamma$ quartic anomalous coupling

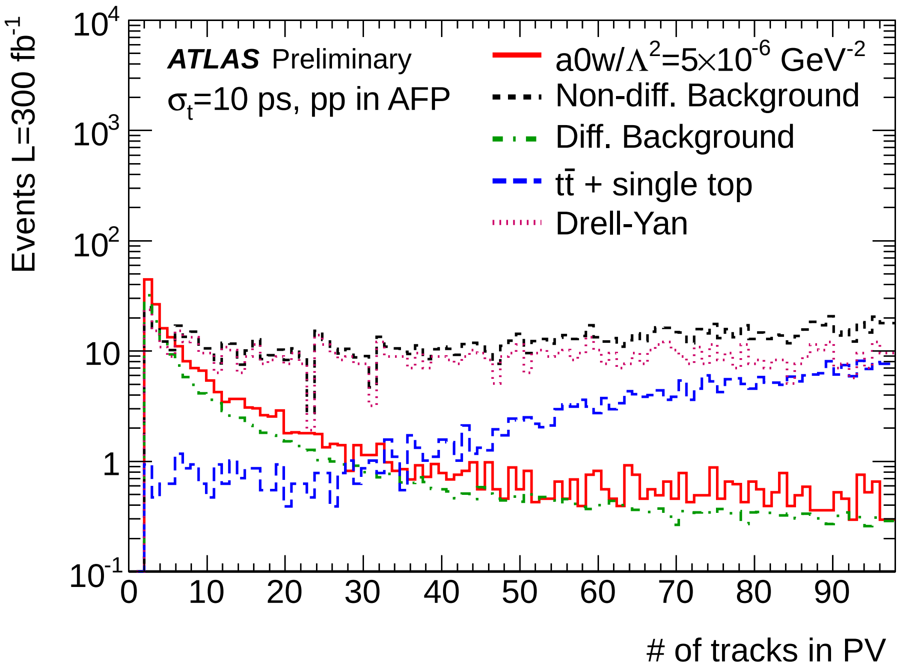


- Study of the process: $pp \to ppWW$, $pp \to ppZZ$, $pp \to pp\gamma\gamma$
- Standard Model: $\sigma_{WW} = 95.6$ fb, $\sigma_{WW}(W = M_X > 1TeV) = 5.9$ fb
- Process sensitive to anomalous couplings: $\gamma\gamma WW$, $\gamma\gamma ZZ$, $\gamma\gamma\gamma\gamma$; motivated by studying in detail the mechanism of electroweak symmetry breaking, predicted by extradim. models
- Rich $\gamma\gamma$ physics at LHC: see papers by C. Baldenegro, E. Chapon, S. Fichet, G. von Gersdorff, O. Kepka, B. Lenzi, C. Royon, M. Saimpert: Phys. Rev. D78 (2008) 073005; Phys. Rev. D81 (2010) 074003; Phys.Rev. D89 (2014) 114004 ; JHEP 1502 (2015) 165; Phys. Rev. Lett. 116 (2016) no 23, 231801; Phys. Rev. D93 (2016) no 7, 075031; JHEP 1706 (2017) 142

Anomalous couplings studies in WW events

- Reach on anomalous couplings studied using a full simulation of the ATLAS detector, including all pile-up effects; only leptonic decays of Ws are considered
- 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 a high mass object to be produced (for signal, we have two leptons coming from the W decays 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)

Cuts	Top	Dibosons	Drell-Yan	W/Z+jet	Diffr.	$a_0^W/\Lambda^2 = 5 \cdot 10^{-6}$ GeV^{-2}
timing < 10 ps $p_T^{lep1} > 150$ GeV $p_T^{lep2} > 20$ GeV	5198	601	20093	1820	190	282
M(ll)>300 GeV	1650	176	2512	7.7	176	248
nTracks ≤ 3	2.8	2.1	78	0	51	71
$\Delta\phi < 3.1$	2.5	1.7	29	0	2.5	56
$m_X > 800$ GeV	0.6	0.4	7.3	0	1.1	50
$p_T^{lep1} > 300$ GeV	0	0.2	0	0	0.2	35

Table 9.5. Number of expected signal and background events for 300 fb^{-1} 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 orders of magnitude with 40/300 fb^{-1} at LHC (CMS mentions that their exclusive analysis will not improve very much at high lumi because of pile-up)**

	5σ	95% CL
$\mathcal{L} = 40\ fb^{-1}, \mu = 23$	5.5 10^{-6}	2.4 10^{-6}
$\mathcal{L} = 300\ fb^{-1}, \mu = 46$	3.2 10^{-6}	1.3 10^{-6}

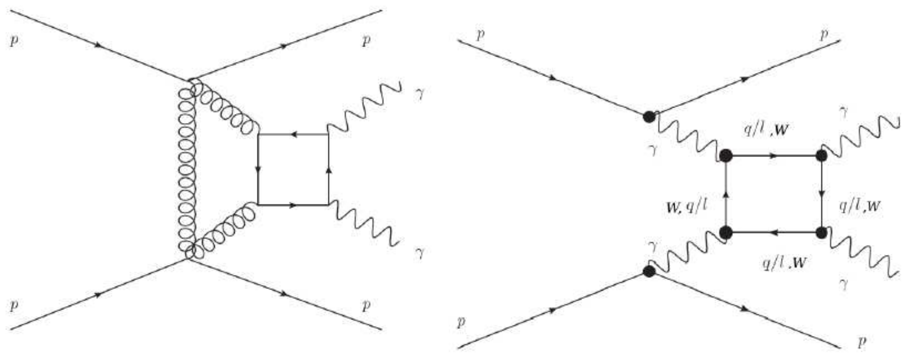
Reach at LHC for $\gamma\gamma WW$ and $\gamma\gamma ZZ$

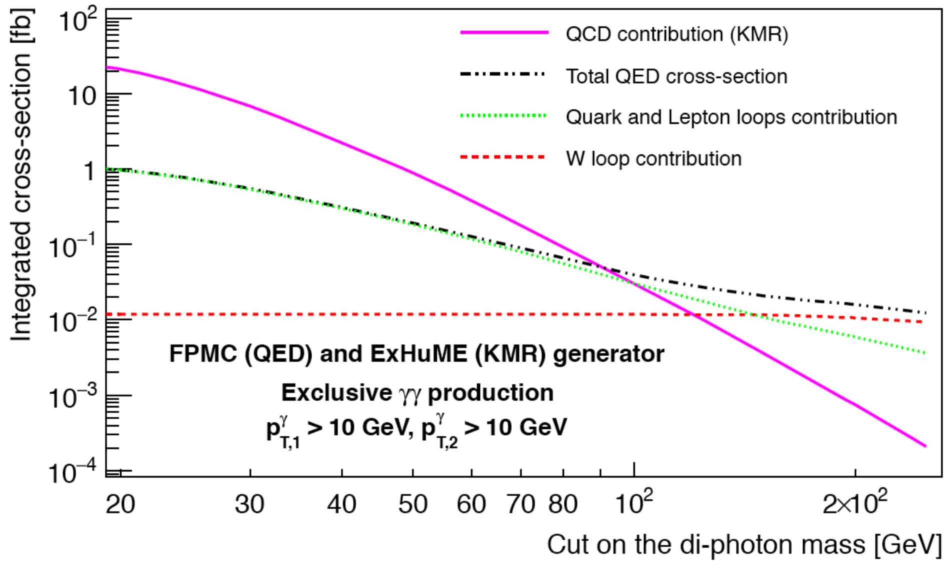
Reach at high luminosity on quartic anomalous coupling using fast simulation (study other anomalous couplings such as $\gamma\gamma ZZ$...)

Couplings	OPAL limits [GeV^{-2}]	Sensitivity @ $\mathcal{L} = 30$ (200) fb^{-1} 5σ	95% CL
a_0^W/Λ^2	[-0.020, 0.020]	5.4 10^{-6} (2.7 10^{-6})	2.6 10^{-6} (1.4 10^{-6})
a_C^W/Λ^2	[-0.052, 0.037]	2.0 10^{-5} (9.6 10^{-6})	9.4 10^{-6} (5.2 10^{-6})
a_0^Z/Λ^2	[-0.007, 0.023]	1.4 10^{-5} (5.5 10^{-6})	6.4 10^{-6} (2.5 10^{-6})
a_C^Z/Λ^2	[-0.029, 0.029]	5.2 10^{-5} (2.0 10^{-5})	2.4 10^{-5} (9.2 10^{-6})

- Improvement of LHC usual sensitivity by more than 2 orders of magnitude with 30/200 fb^{-1}
- Reaches the values predicted by extra-dimension models
- POssible improvements: we only considered leptonic decays of W and Z bosons, need to consider also hadronic decays (in progress)

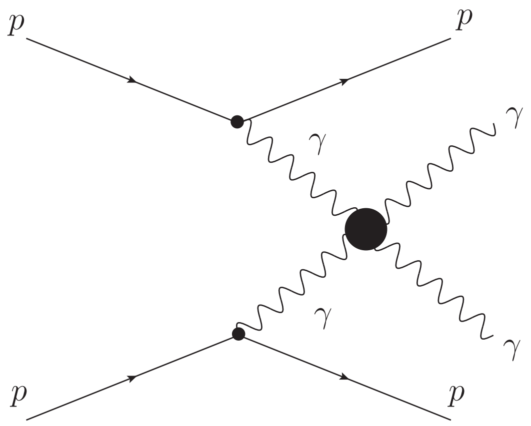
$\gamma\gamma$ exclusive production: SM contribution



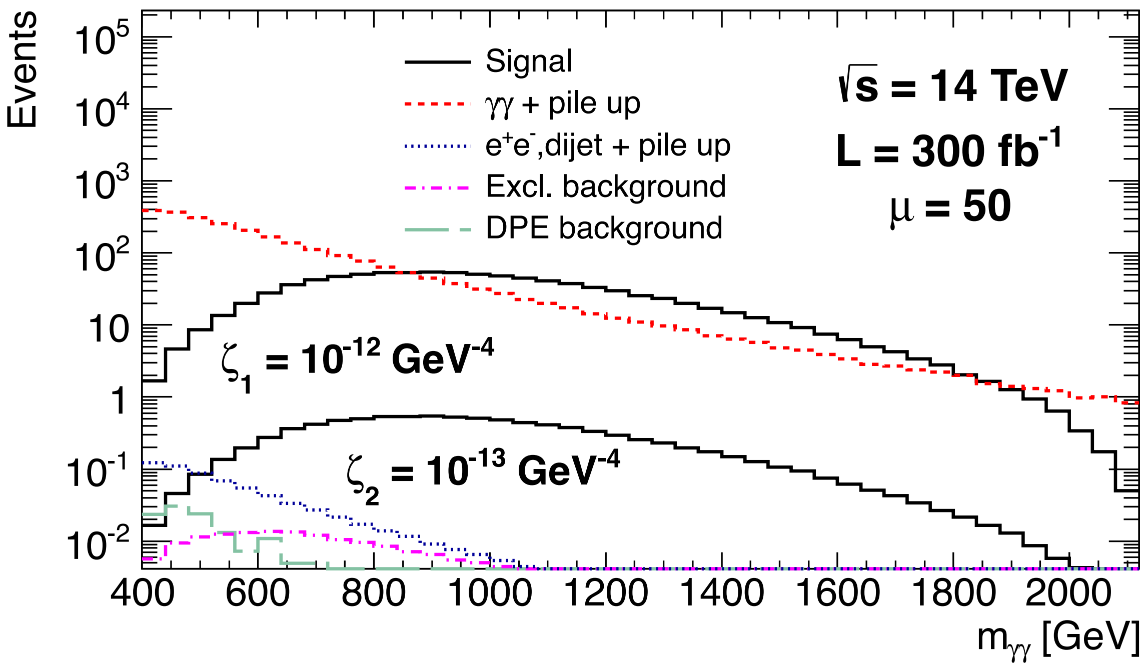


- QCD production dominates at low $m_{\gamma\gamma}$, QED at high $m_{\gamma\gamma}$
- Important to consider W loops at high $m_{\gamma\gamma}$
- At high masses (> 200 GeV), the photon induced processes are dominant
- **Conclusion: Two photons and two tagged protons means photon-induced process**

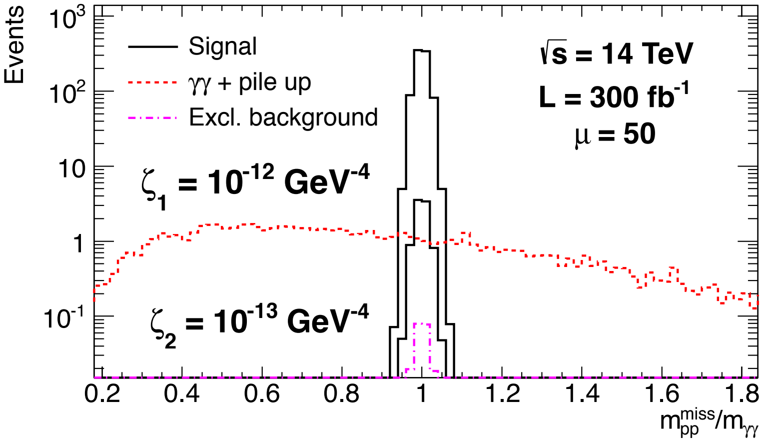
Search for quartic $\gamma\gamma$ anomalous couplings

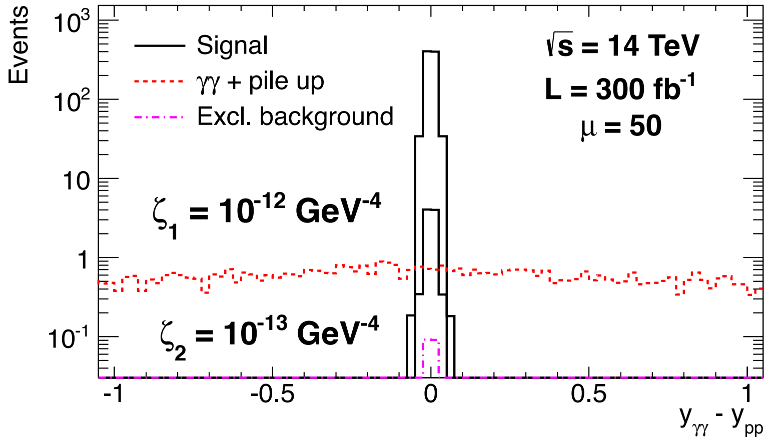


- Search for $\gamma\gamma\gamma\gamma$ quartic anomalous couplings
- Couplings predicted by extra-dim, composite Higgs models
- Analysis performed at hadron level including detector efficiencies, resolution effects, pile-up...



Search for quartic $\gamma\gamma$ anomalous couplings

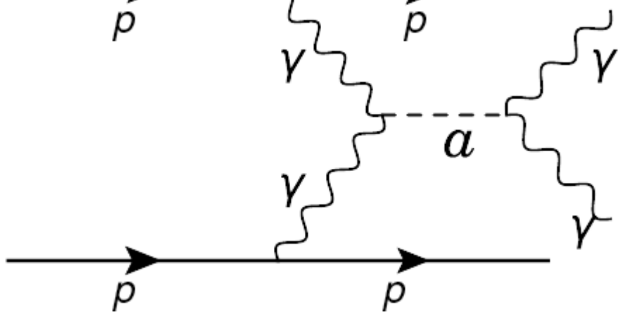


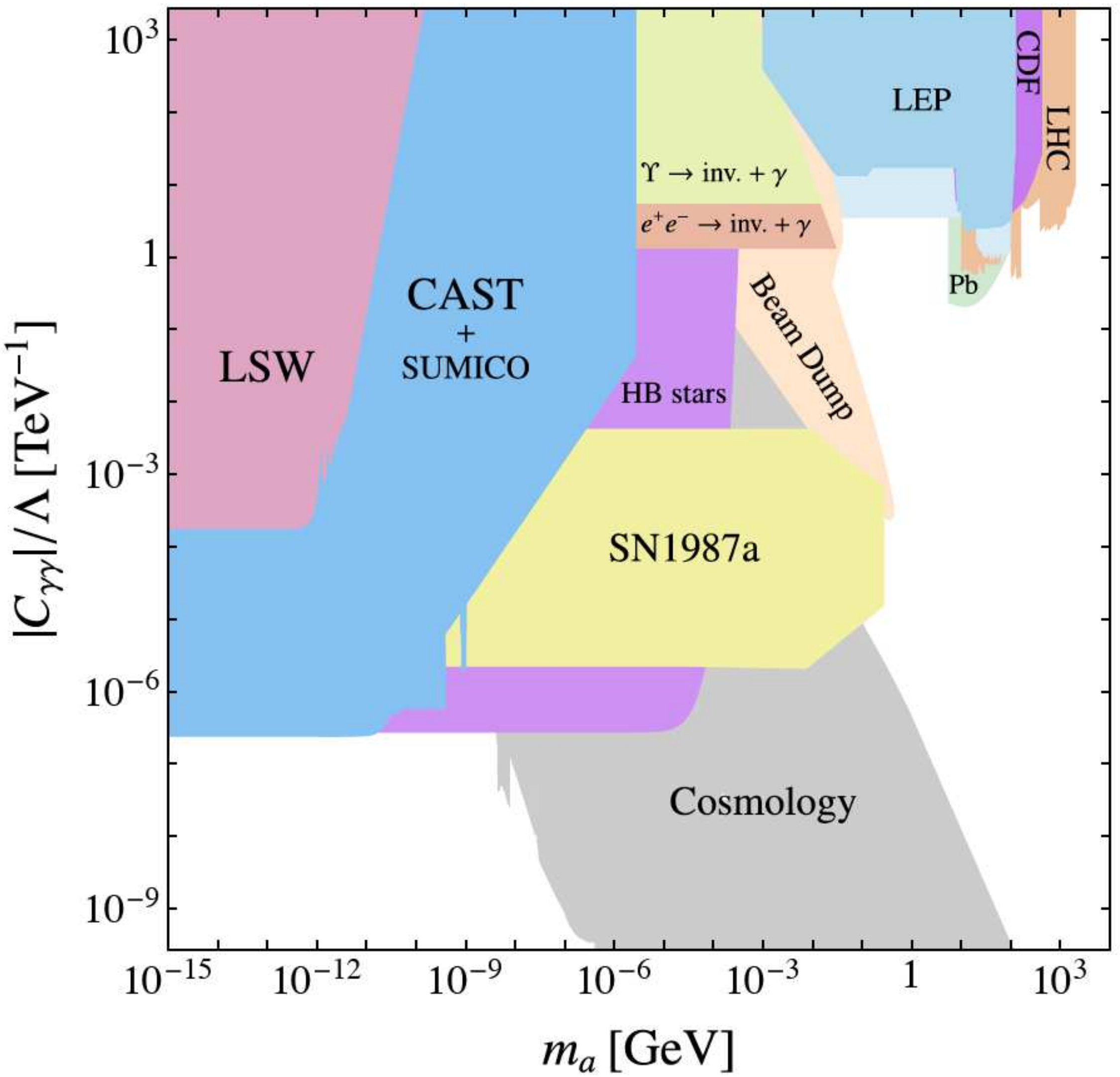


Cut / Process	Signal (full)	Signal with (without) f.f (EFT)	Excl.	DPE	DY, di-jet + pile up	$\gamma\gamma$ + pile up
$[0.015 < \xi_{1,2} < 0.15,$ $p_{\mathrm{T}1,(2)} > 200, (100)$ GeV]	130.8	36.9 (373.9)	0.25	0.2	1.6	2968
$m_{\gamma\gamma} > 600$ GeV	128.3	34.9 (371.6)	0.20	0	0.2	1023
$[p_{\mathrm{T}2}/p_{\mathrm{T}1} > 0.95,$ $\lvert\Delta\phi\rvert > \pi - 0.01]$	128.3	34.9 (371.4)	0.19	0	0	80.2
$\sqrt{\xi_1\xi_2 s} = m_{\gamma\gamma} \pm 3\%$	122.0	32.9 (350.2)	0.18	0	0	2.8
$\lvert y_{\gamma\gamma} - y_{pp}\rvert < 0.03$	119.1	31.8 (338.5)	0.18	0	0	0

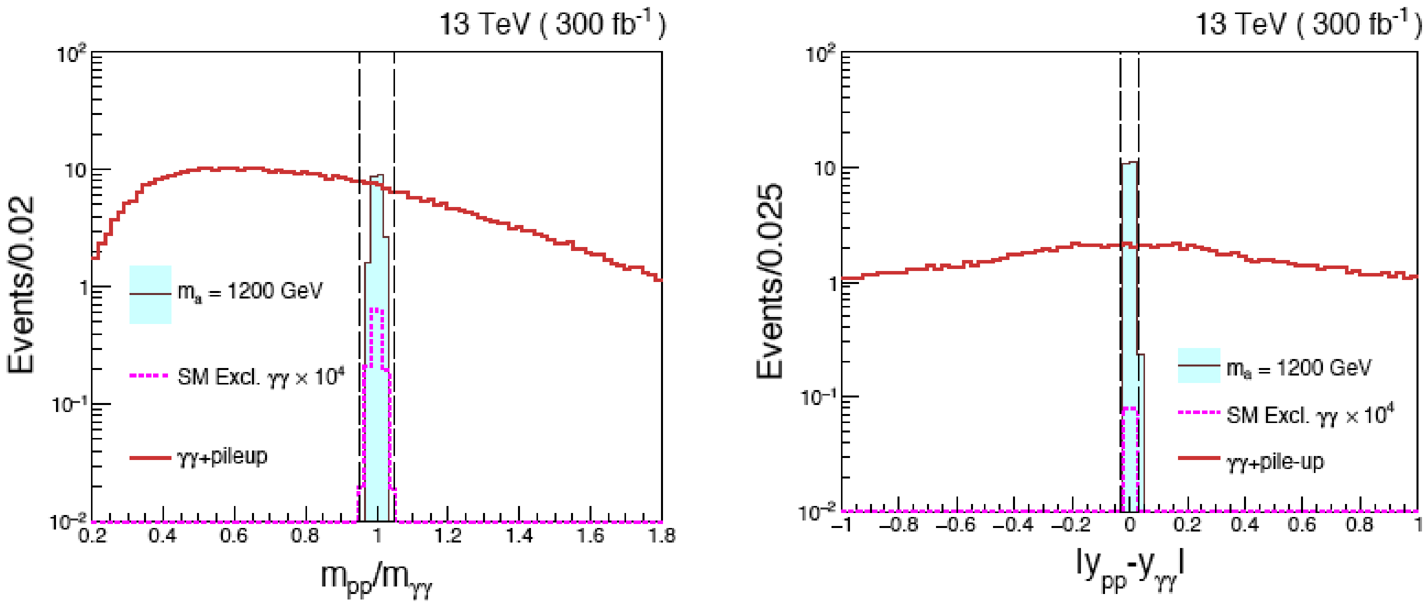
- No background after cuts for 300 fb^{-1}: sensitivity up to a few !0^{-15}, better by 2 orders of magnitude with respect to "standard" methods
- Exclusivity cuts using proton tagging needed to suppress backgrounds (Without exclusivity cuts using CT-PPS: background of 80.2 for 300 fb^{-1})

Generalization - Looking for axions



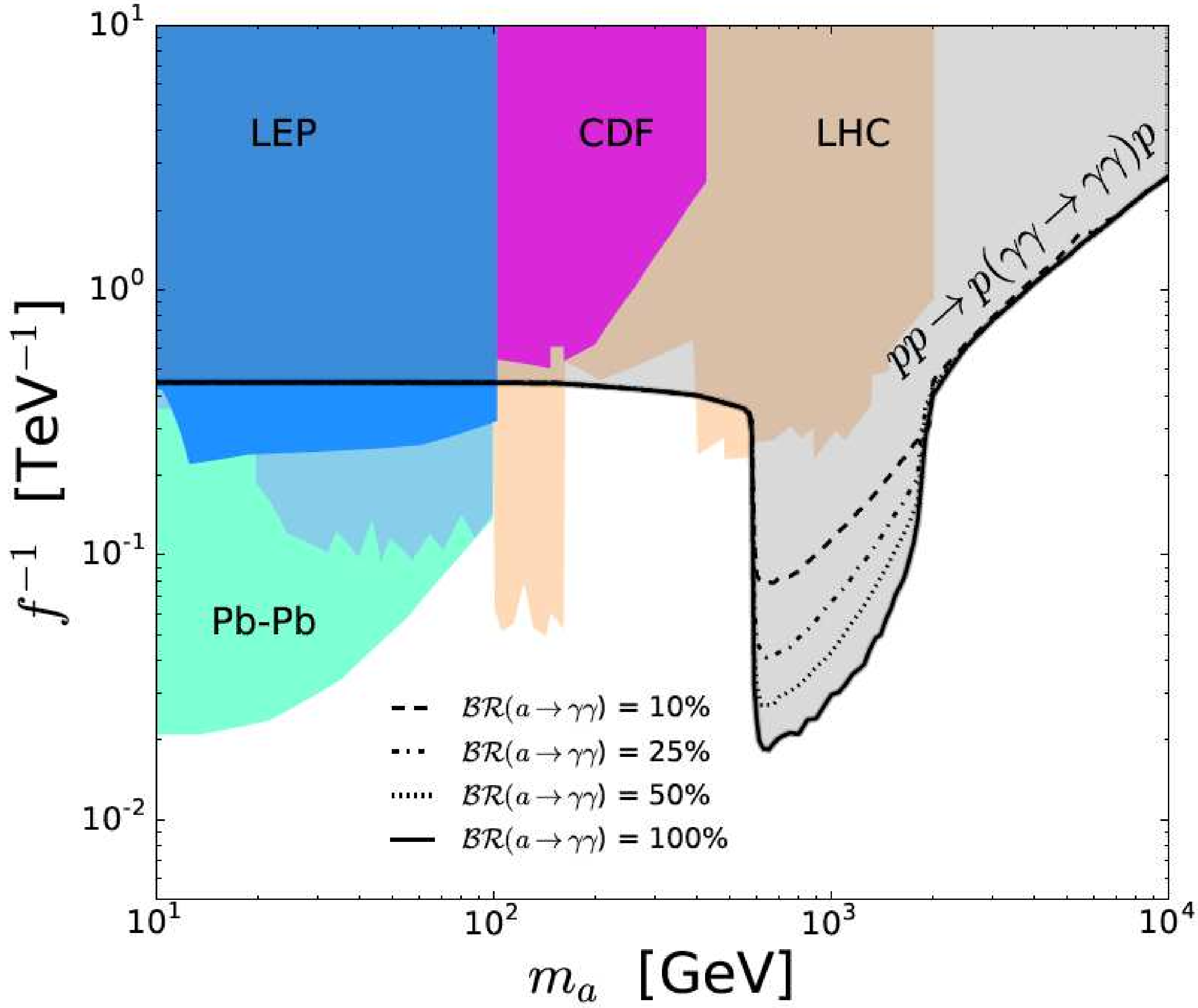


Search for axions

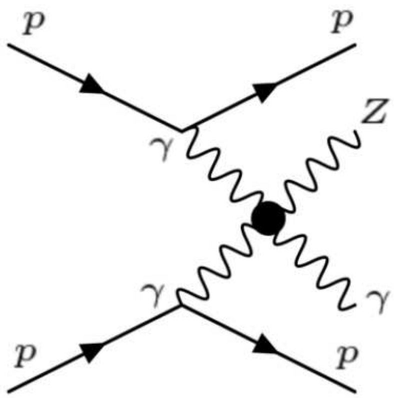


- Production of axions via photon exchanges and tagging the intact protons in the final state complementary to the usual search at the LHC (Z decays into 3 photons): sensitivity at high axion mass
- Same procedure to remove background: matching in mass and rapidity
- Complementarity with Pb Pb running: sensitivity to low mass diphoton, low luminosity but cross section increased by Z^4
- Paper in preparation: C. Baldenegro, S. Fichet. G. von Gersdorf, C. Royon

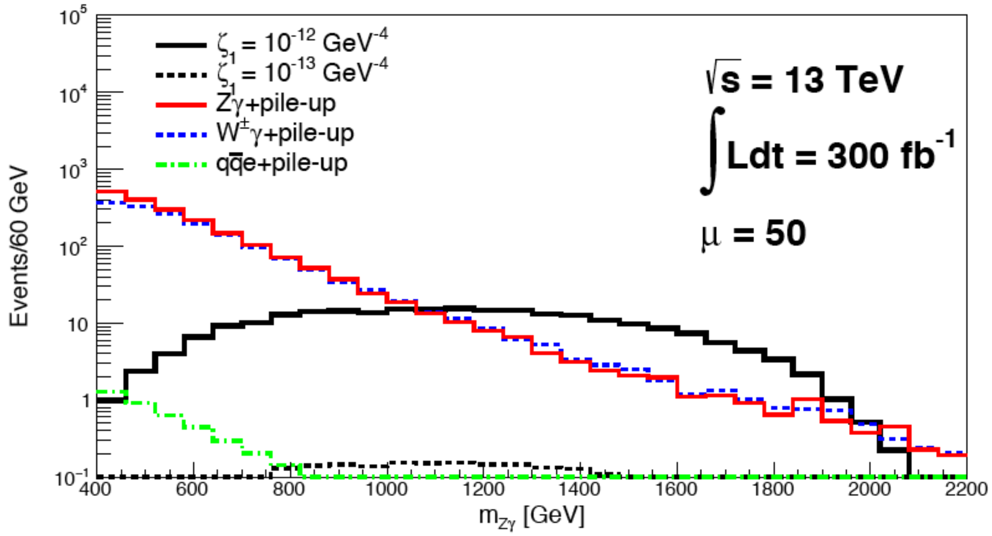
Search for axions



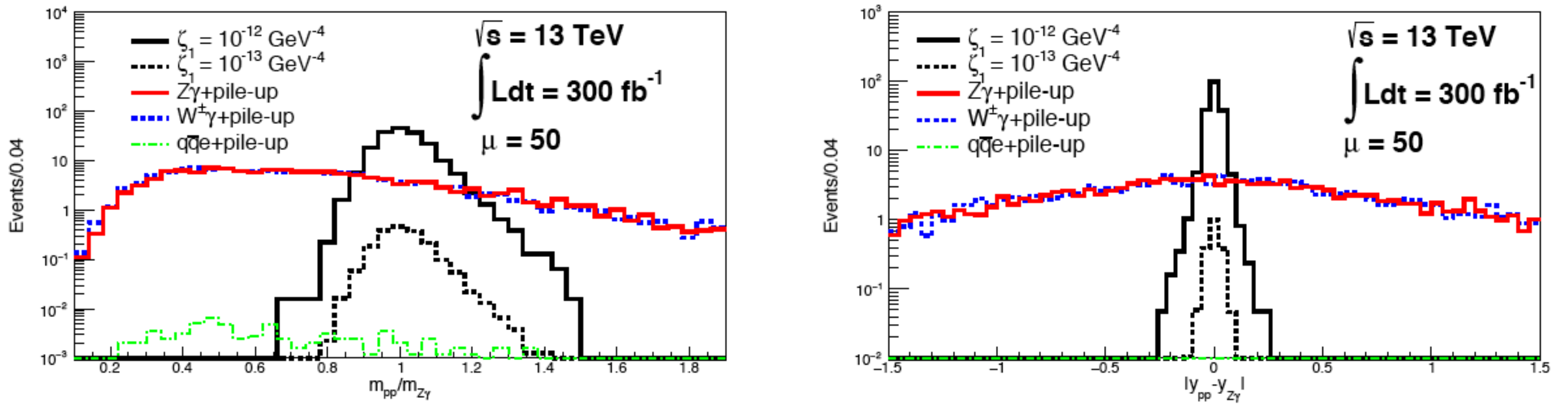
$\gamma\gamma\gamma Z$ quartic anomalous coupling



- Look for $Z\gamma$ anomalous production
- Z can decay leptonically or hadronically: the fact that we can control the background using the mass/rapidiy matching technique allows us to look in both channels (very small background)



$\gamma\gamma\gamma Z$ quartic anomalous coupling

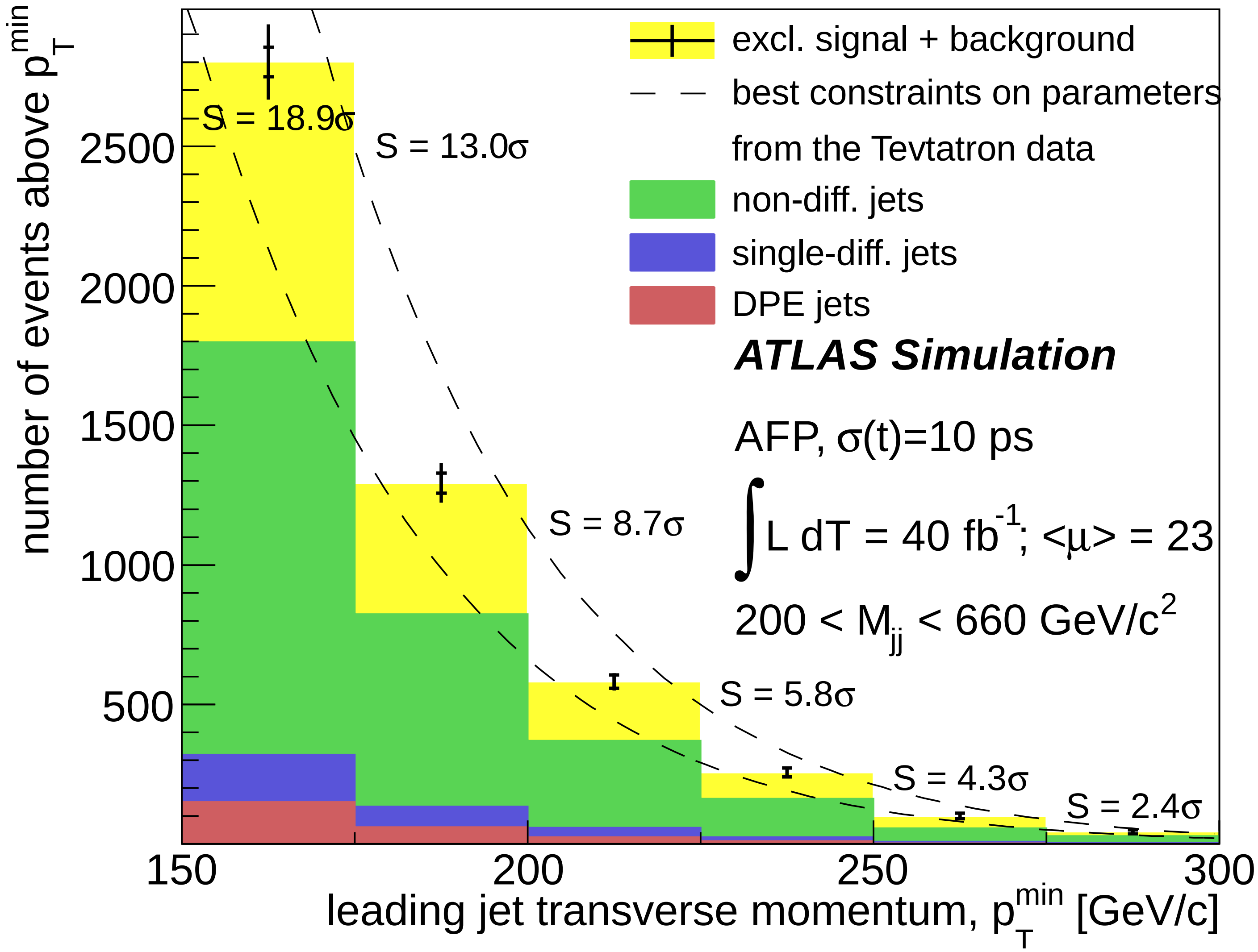


Coupling (GeV^{-4})	ζ ($\tilde{\zeta}=0$)		$\zeta=\tilde{\zeta}$	
Luminosity	300 fb^{-1}		300 fb^{-1}	
Pile-up (μ)	50		50	
Channels	5 σ	95% CL	5 σ	95% CL
$\ell\bar{\ell}\gamma$	$2.8\cdot10^{-13}$	$1.8\cdot10^{-13}$	$2.5\cdot10^{-13}$	$1.5\cdot10^{-13}$
$jj\gamma$	$2.3\cdot10^{-13}$	$1.5\cdot10^{-13}$	$2\cdot10^{-13}$	$1.3\cdot10^{-13}$
$jj\gamma\bigoplus\ell\bar{\ell}\gamma$	$1.93\cdot10^{-13}$	$1.2\cdot10^{-13}$	$1.7\cdot10^{-13}$	$1\cdot10^{-13}$

- C. Baldenegro, S. Fichet, G. von Gersdorff, C. Royon, JHEP 1706 (2017) 142
- Best expected reach at the LHC by about three orders of magnitude
- Advantage of this method: sensitivity to anomalous couplings in a model independent way: can be due to wide/narrow resonances, loops of new particles as a threshold effect

Exclusive jet production at the LHC

- Jet cross section measurements: up to 18.9 σ for exclusive signal with 40 fb^{-1} ($\mu = 23$): highly significant measurement in high pile up environment, improvement over measurement coming from Tevatron (CDF) studies using $\bar{p}$ forward tagging by about one order of magnitude



- Important to perform these measurements to constrain exclusive Higgs production: background/signal ratio close to 1 for central values at 120 GeV

Summary: non-exhaustive CT-PPS physics programme

- Search for anomalous couplings in the $\gamma\gamma$, γZ (Z decaying into leptons or jets), ZZ (Z bosons decaying leptonically) channels
- These golden channels allow us to understand timing detectors: Mass/rapidity matching should reject the same events as timing requirements, redundancy
- Search for anomalous couplings in the WW, ZZ with hadronic/semi-leptonic decays, jet jet channels: Requires timing detectors (worse jet resolution, neutrinos...)
- New analysis started in collaboration with top group: Exclusive $t\bar{t}$ production; sensitivity to anomalous top production
- Exclusive jet; measurements: requires a dedicated trigger in order to lower the p_T jet threshold, should be done after long shut down
- SUSY dilepton production
- Of course: exclusive dilepton, check alignment/calibration....

Conclusion

- Better understanding of diffraction in QCD (pomeron structure) and also BFKL resummation at low x
- $\gamma\gamma\gamma\gamma$, $\gamma\gamma ZZ$, $\gamma\gamma WW$, $\gamma\gamma\gamma Z$ anomalous coupling studies
  - Exclusive process: **photon-induced processes** $pp \to p\gamma\gamma p$ (gluon exchanges suppressed at high masses):
  - Theoretical calculation in better control (QED processes with intact protons), not sensitive to the photon structure function
  - **"Background-free" experiment** and any observed event is signal
  - NB: Survival probablity in better control than in the QCD (gluon) case
- CT-PPS/AFP allows to probe BSM diphoton production in a model independent way: sensitivities to values predicted by extradim or composite Higgs models