Anomalous coupling studies with proton tagging at the LHC

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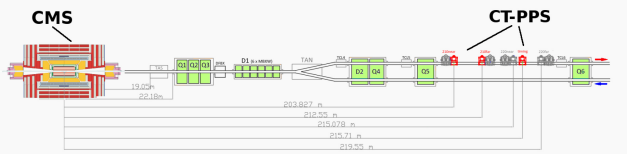
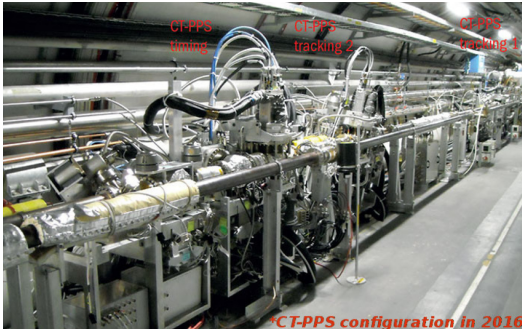
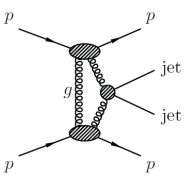
What is the CMS-TOTEM Precision Proton Spectrometer (CT-PPS)?

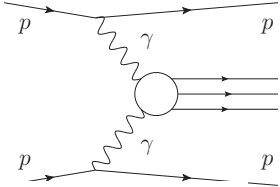


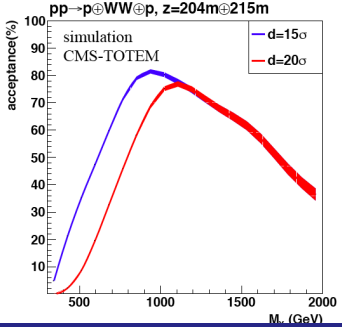


- Joint CMS and TOTEM project: https://cds.cern.ch/record/1753795
- LHC magnets bend scattered protons out of the beam envelope
- Detect scattered protons a few *mm* from the beam on both sides of CMS: 2016, first data taking ($\sim$ 15 fb^{-1})
- Similar detectors: ATLAS Forward Proton (AFP)

Detecting intact protons in ATLAS/CMS-TOTEM at the LHC

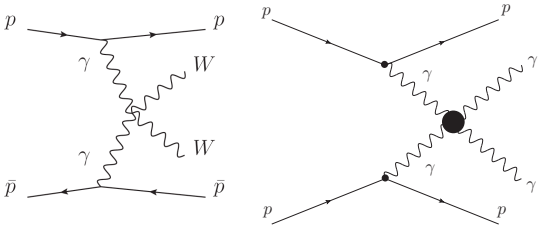






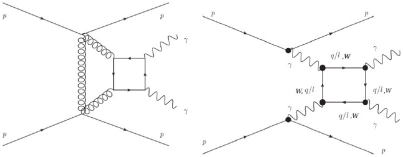
- Tag and measure protons at ±210 m: AFP (ATLAS Forward Proton), CT-PPS (CMS TOTEM - Precision Proton Spectrometer)
- All diffractive cross sections computed using the Forward Physics Monte Carlo (FPMC)
- Complementarity between low and high mass diffraction (high and low cross sections): special runs at low luminosity (no pile up) and standard luminosity runs with pile up

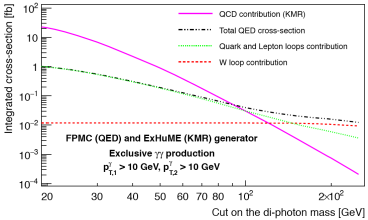
Search for $\gamma\gamma WW$, $\gamma\gamma\gamma\gamma$ quartic anomalous coupling



- Study of the process: $pp \to ppWW$, $pp \to ppZZ$, $pp \to pp\gamma\gamma$
- Standard Model: $\sigma_{WW} = 95.6$ fb, $\sigma_{WW}(W = M_X > 1\,TeV) = 5.9$ 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, S. Fichet, M. Saimpert, G. Von Gersdorff, E. Chapon, O. Kepka, CR... Phys.Rev. D89 (2014) 114004 ; JHEP 1502 (2015) 165; Phys. Rev. Lett. 116 (2016) no 23, 231801; JHEP 1706 (2017) 142; JHEP 1806 (2018) 131

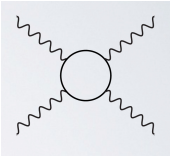
$\gamma\gamma$ exclusive production: SM contribution

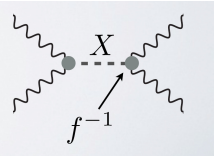




- QCD production dominates at low $m_{\gamma\gamma}$, QED at high $m_{\gamma\gamma}$
- Important to consider W loops at high $m_{\gamma\gamma}$
- At high masses ($>$ 200 GeV), the photon induced processes are dominant
- **Conclusion: Two photons and two tagged protons means photon-induced process**

Motivations to look for quartic $\gamma\gamma$ anomalous couplings





- Two effective operators at low energies

$$\mathcal{L}_{4\gamma} = \zeta_1^{\gamma} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} F_{\rho\sigma} F^{\rho\sigma} + \zeta_2^{\gamma} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\nu\rho} F_{\rho\lambda} F^{\lambda\mu}$$

- $\gamma\gamma\gamma\gamma$ couplings can be modified in a model independent way by loops of heavy charged particles $\zeta_1 = \alpha_{em}^2 Q^4 m^{-4} N c_{1,s}$ where the coupling depends only on $Q^4 m^{-4}$ (charge and mass of the charged particle) and on spin, $c_{1,s}$ depends on the spin of the particle This leads to ζ_1 of the order of 10^{-14}-10^{-13}

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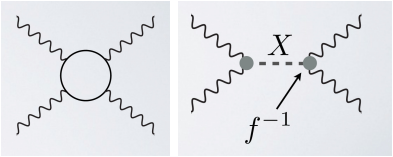

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- ζ_1 can also be modified by neutral particles at tree level (extensions of the SM including scalar, pseudo-scalar, and spin-2 resonances that couple to the photon) $\zeta_1 = (f_s m)^{-2} d_{1,s}$ where f_s is the $\gamma\gamma X$ coupling of the new particle to the photon, and $d_{1,s}$ depends on the spin of the particle; for instance, 2 TeV dilatons lead to $\zeta_1 \sim 10^{-13}$

Warped extra-dimensions

✘ Warped Extra Dimensions solve hierarchy problem of SM

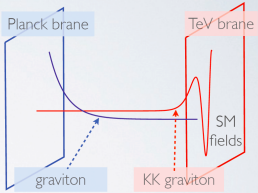
✘ 5th dimension bounded by two branes

✘ SM on the visible (or TeV) brane

✘ The Kaluza Klein modes of the graviton couple with TeV strength

$$\mathcal{L}^{\gamma\gamma h} = f^{-2}\, h^{\mathrm{KK}}_{\mu\nu}\, \left(\tfrac{1}{4}\eta_{\mu\nu}F^2_{\rho\lambda} - F_{\mu\rho}F_{\rho\nu}\right)$$

$$f \sim \mathrm{TeV} \qquad m_{\mathrm{KK}} \sim \text{few TeV}$$

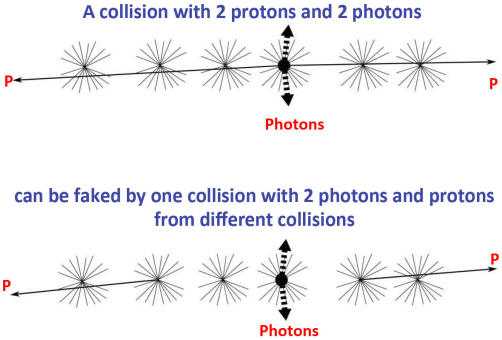


✘ Effective 4-photon couplings $\zeta_i \sim 10^{-14} - 10^{-13}\ \mathrm{GeV}^{-2}$ possible

✘ The radion can produce similar effective couplings

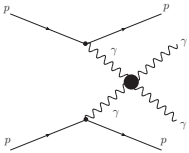
- Which models/theories are we sensitive to using AFP/CT-PPS
- Beyond standard models predict anomalous couplings of $\sim 10^{-14}$-10^{-13}

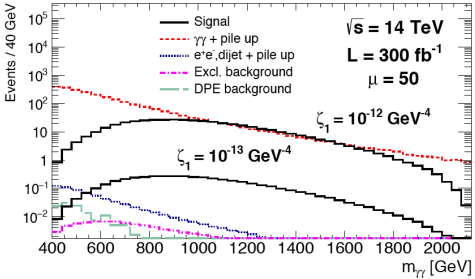
One aside: what is pile up at LHC?



- The LHC machine collides packets of protons
- Due to high number of protons in one packet, there can be more than one interaction between two protons when the two packets collide
- Typically up to 50 pile up events

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...
- Anomalous coupling events appear at high di-photon masses
- S. Fichet, G. von Gersdorff, B. Lenzi, C.R., M. Saimpert ,JHEP 1502 (2015) 165

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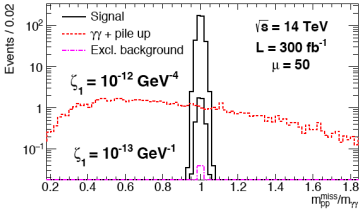
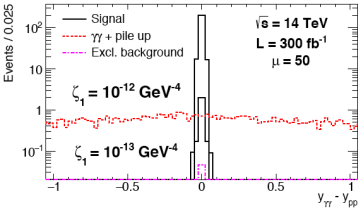
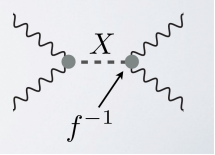


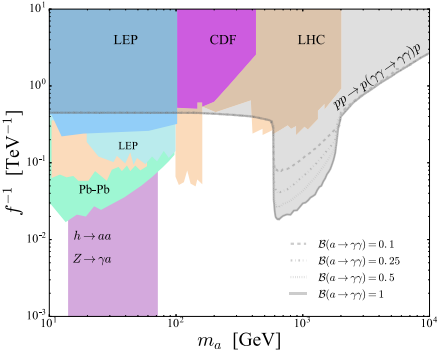


Cut / Process	Signal (full)	Signal with (without) f.f (EFT)	Excl.	DPE	DY, di-jet + pile up	$\gamma\gamma$ + pile up
$[0.015 < \xi_{1,2} < 0.15,$ $p_{T1,(2)} > 200, (100)$ GeV$]$	65	18 (187)	0.13	0.2	1.6	2968
$m_{\gamma\gamma} > 600$ GeV	64	17 (186)	0.10	0	0.2	1023
$[p_{T2}/p_{T1} > 0.95,$ $\lvert\Delta\phi\rvert > \pi - 0.01]$	64	17 (186)	0.10	0	0	80.2
$\sqrt{\xi_1\xi_2 s} = m_{\gamma\gamma} \pm 3\%$	61	16 (175)	0.09	0	0	2.8
$\lvert y_{\gamma\gamma} - y_{pp}\rvert < 0.03$	60	12 (169)	0.09	0	0	0

- No background after cuts for 300 fb^{-1}: sensitivity up to a few 10^{-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})

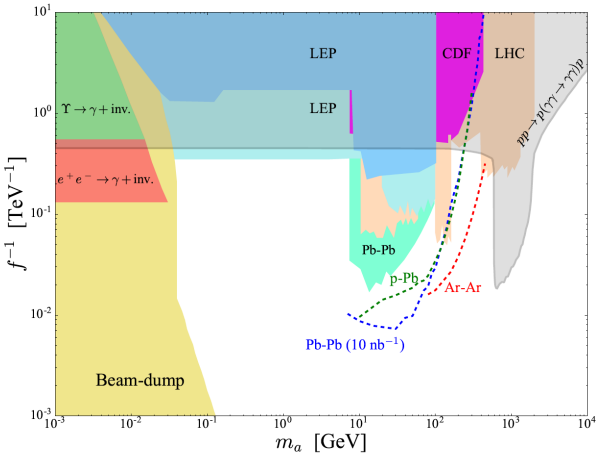
Search for axion like particles





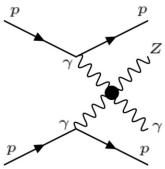
- Production of ALPs via photon exchanges and tagging the intact protons in the final state complementary to the usual search at the LHC (Z decays into 3 photons): sensitivity at high ALP mass, C. Baldenegro, S. Fichet, G. von Gersdorff, C. Royon, ArXiv 1803.10835, JHEP 1806 (2018) 131
- Complementarity with Pb Pb running: sensitivity to low mass diphoton, low luminosity but cross section increased by Z^4

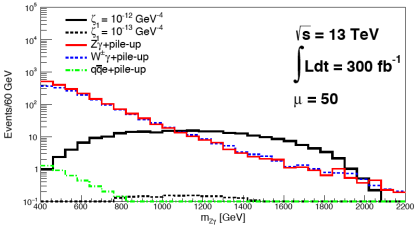
Search for axion like particles: complementarity with heavy ion runs



- Production of ALPs via photon exchanges in heavy ion runs: Complementarity to *pp* running
- Sensitivity to low mass ALPs: low luminosity but cross section increased by Z^4, C. Baldenegro, S. Hassani, C.R., L. Schoeffel, ArXiv:1903.04151
- Similar gain of three orders of magnitude on sensitivity for $\gamma\gamma\gamma Z$ couplings in *pp* collisions: C. Baldenegro, S. Fichet, G. von Gersdorff, C. R., JHEP 1706 (2017) 142

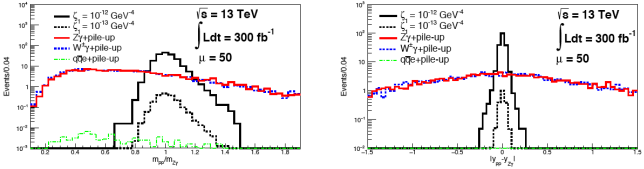
$\gamma\gamma\gamma Z$ quartic anomalous coupling





- 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

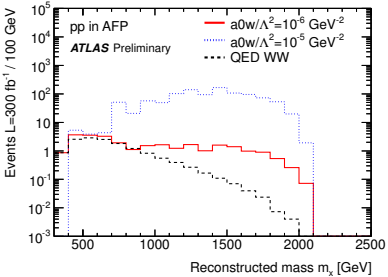


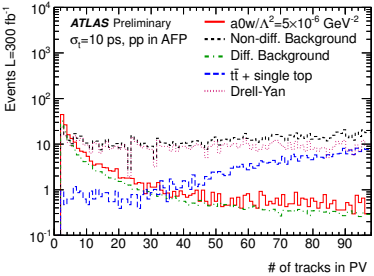
Coupling (GeV^{-4})	ζ ($\tilde{\zeta} = 0$)		$\zeta = \tilde{\zeta}$	
Luminosity	300 fb^{-1}		300 fb^{-1}	
Pile-up (μ)	50		50	
Channels	5 σ	95% CL	5 σ	95% CL
$\ell\bar{\ell}\gamma$	$2.8 \cdot 10^{-13}$	$1.8 \cdot 10^{-13}$	$2.5 \cdot 10^{-13}$	$1.5 \cdot 10^{-13}$
$jj\gamma$	$2.3 \cdot 10^{-13}$	$1.5 \cdot 10^{-13}$	$2 \cdot 10^{-13}$	$1.3 \cdot 10^{-13}$
$jj\gamma \bigoplus \ell\bar{\ell}\gamma$	$1.93 \cdot 10^{-13}$	$1.2 \cdot 10^{-13}$	$1.7 \cdot 10^{-13}$	$1 \cdot 10^{-13}$

- 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

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 *W*s 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)





Anomalous couplings studies in *WW* events: 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** (Reach up to 1.3 10^{-6})

Conclusion

- LHC can be seen as a $\gamma\gamma$ collider!
- $\gamma\gamma\gamma\gamma$, $\gamma\gamma ZZ$, $\gamma\gamma WW$, $\gamma\gamma\gamma Z$ 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
- Sensitivity to ALPs: Improvement by more than one order of magnitude
- Complementarity between pp, pA, AA runs

We need to look everywhere! For instance using intact protons...