Photon-induced processes at the LHC

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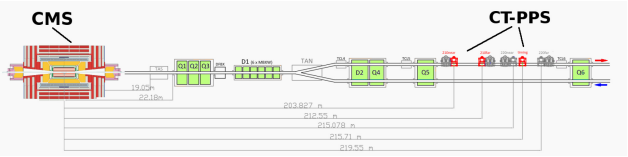
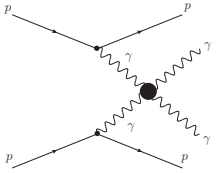
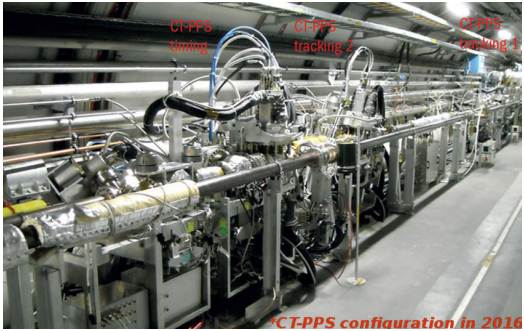
What is the CMS-TOTEM Precision Proton Spectrometer (CT-PPS)?

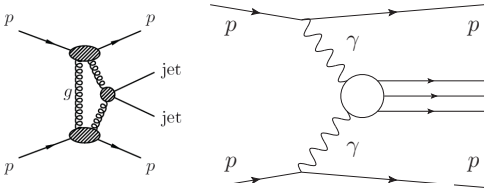


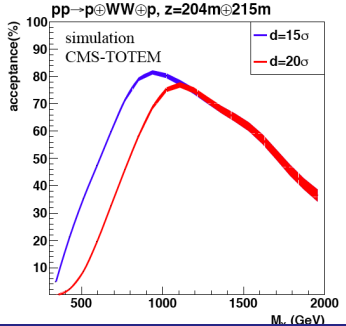




- Joint CMS and TOTEM project: https://cds.cern.ch/record/1753795
- LHC magnets bend scattered protons out of the beam envelope
- Detect scattered protons a few *mm* from the beam on both sides of CMS: 2016-2018, $\sim$ 115 fb^{-1} of data collected
- Similar detectors: ATLAS Forward Proton (AFP)

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

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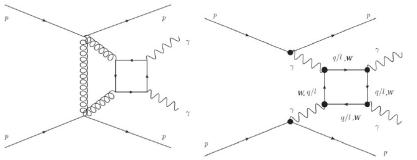
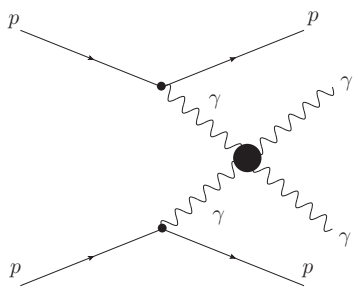


- Consider exclusive production of ee, $\mu\mu$ WW, $\gamma\gamma$, etc
- Dilepton production is a QED (γ-exchange) process
- In pp interactions, QCD production of $\gamma\gamma$ dominates at low $m_{\gamma\gamma}$, QED at high $m_{\gamma\gamma}$ (similar for WW, ZZ, $Z\gamma$, $t\bar{t}$ production)
- At high masses, in pp interactions, possibility to select photon-induced events by tagging protons and by measuring high mass objects in CMS/ATLAS
- Event signature: two intact protons and two photons measured in roman pots and main CMS/ATLAS detectors

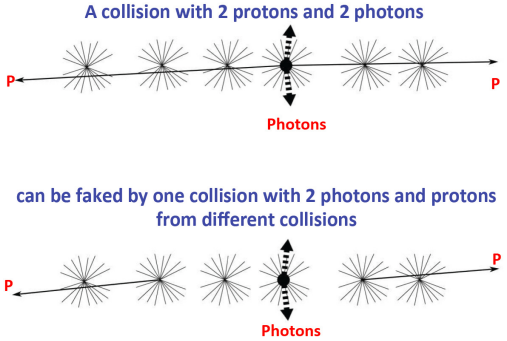
Search for quartic $\gamma\gamma\gamma\gamma$ anomalous coupling



- Search for production of two photons and two intact protons in the final state: $pp \to p\gamma\gamma p$

- Additional channels: WW, ZZ, γZ, $t\bar{t}$
- Possible larger number of events than expected in SM due to extra-dimensions, composite Higgs models, axion-like particles
- Anomalous couplings can appear via loops of new particles coupling to photons or via resonances decaying into two photons
- JHEP 1806 (2018) 131; JHEP 1502 (2015) 165; Phys.Rev. D89 (2014) 114004; Phys.Rev. D81 (2010) 074003; Phys.Rev. D78 (2008) 073005

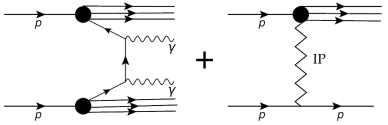
One aside: what is pile up at LHC?

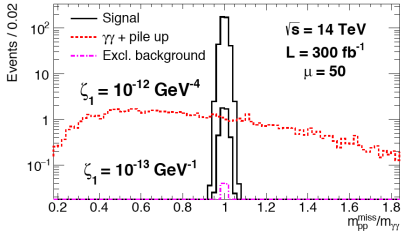


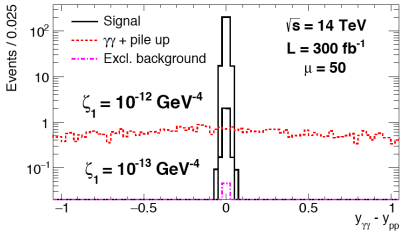
- The LHC machine collides packets of protons
- Due to high number of protons in one packet, there can be more than one interaction between two protons when the two packets collide
- Typically up to 50 pile up events

Removing pile up at the LHC

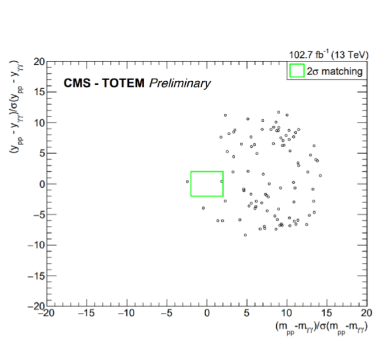
- Advantage of tagging protons: negligible background after matching mass/rapidity of photon and proton systems (JHEP 1502 (2015) 165; Phys.Rev. D89 (2014) 114004)
- Possibility to use fast timing detectors to measure proton time of flights

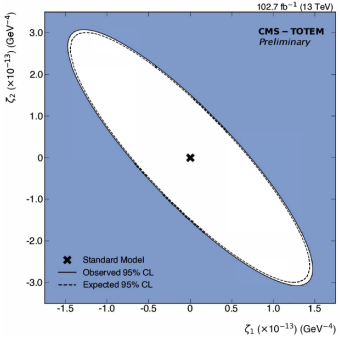






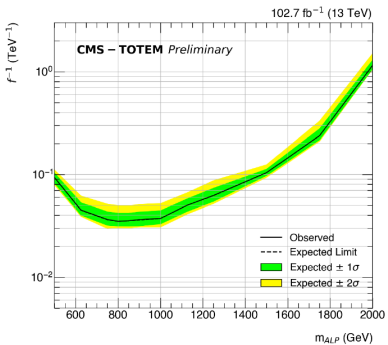
First search for high mass exclusive $\gamma\gamma$ production (CMS/TOTEM)

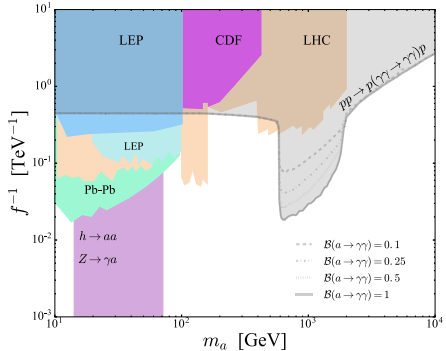


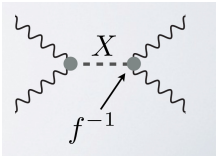


- Search for exclusive diphoton production: back-to-back, high diphoton mass ($m_{\gamma\gamma} > 350$ GeV), matching in rapidity and mass between diphoton and proton information
- First limits on quartic photon anomalous couplings: $|\zeta_1| < 2.9\ 10^{-13}$ GeV^{-4}, $|\zeta_2| < 6.\ 10^{-13}$ GeV^{-4} with about 10 fb^{-1}, accepted by PRL (2110.05916)
- Limit updates with 102.7 fb^{-1}: $|\zeta_1| < 7.3\ 10^{-14}$ GeV^{-4}, $|\zeta_2| < 1.5\ 10^{-13}$ GeV^{-4}

First search for high mass production of axion-like particles (CMS/TOTEM)

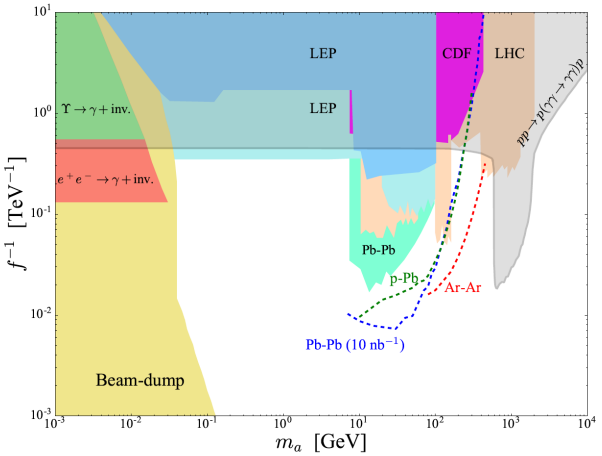






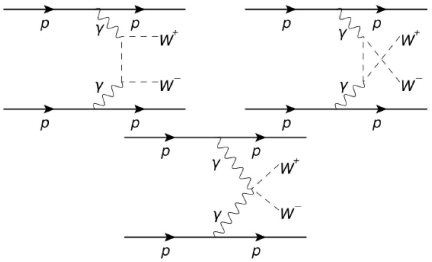
- First limits on ALPs at high mass (CMS-PAS-EXO-21-007)
- Sensivities projected with 300 fb^{-1} (C. Baldenegro, S. Fichet, G. von Gersdorff, C. Royon, JHEP 1806 (2018) 13)

Search for axion like particles: complementarity with heavy ion runs



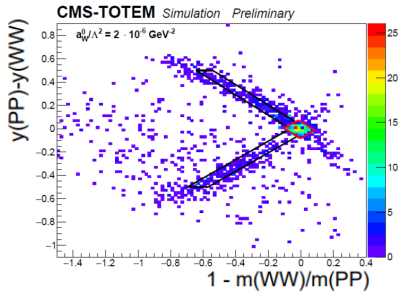
- Production of ALPs via photon exchanges in heavy ion runs: Complementarity to *pp* running
- Sensitivity to low mass ALPs: low luminosity but cross section increased by Z^4, C. Baldenegro, S. Hassani, C.R., L. Schoeffel, ArXiv:1903.04151
- Similar gain of three orders of magnitude on sensitivity for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

Exclusive production of W boson pairs (CMS/TOTEM)

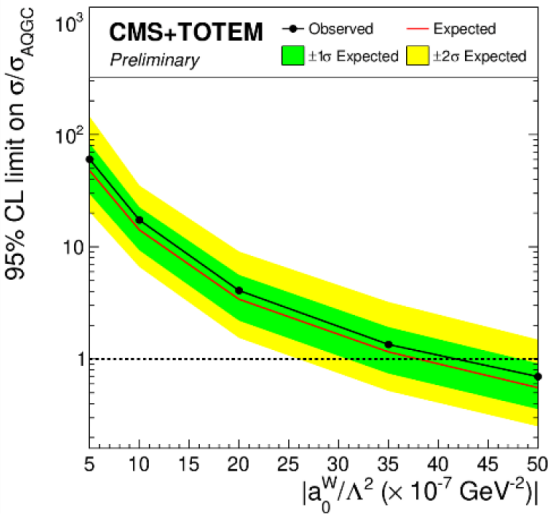


- Search with fully hadronic decays of W bosons: anomalous production of WW events dominates at high mass with a rather low cross section

- 2 "fat" jets (radius 0.8), jet $p_T > 200$ GeV, $1126 < m_{jj} < 2500$ GeV, jets back-to-back ($|1 - \phi_{jj}/\pi| < 0.01$)
- Signal region defined by the correlation between central WW system and proton information

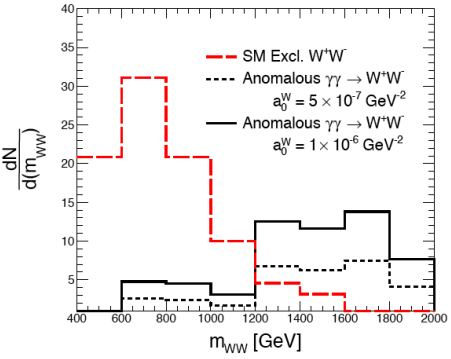


WW and ZZ exclusive productions (CMS/TOTEM)



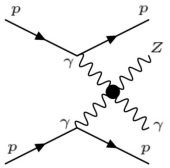
- Searches performed in full hadronic decays of W bosons (high cross section) with AK8 jets
- SM cross section is low
- Limits on SM cross section $\sigma_{WW} < 67$fb, $\sigma_{ZZ} < 43$fb for $0.04 < \xi < 0.2$ (CMS-PAS-EXO-21-014)
- New limits on quartic anomalous couplings: $a_0^W/\Lambda^2 < 4.3\ 10^{-6}$ GeV^{-2}, $a_C^W/\Lambda^2 < 1.6\ 10^{-5}$ GeV^{-2}, $a_0^Z/\Lambda^2 < 0.9\ 10^{-5}$ GeV^{-2}, $a_C^Z/\Lambda^2 < 4.\ 10^{-5}$ GeV^{-2} with 52.9 fb^{-1}

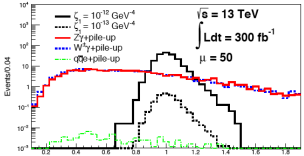
The future: Observation of exclusive WW production

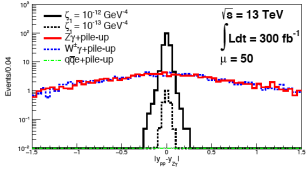


- SM contributiona appears at lower WW masses compared to anomalous couplings
- Use purely leptonic channels for W decays (the dijet background is too high at low masses for hadronic channels)
- SM prediction on exclusive WW (leptonic decays) after selection: about 50 events for 300 fb^{-1} (2 background)
- JHEP 2012 (2020) 165, C. Baldenegro, G. Biagi, G. Legras, C.R.

$\gamma\gamma\gamma Z$ quartic anomalous coupling: leptonic and hadronic decays of Z boson



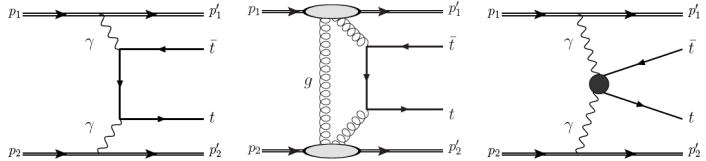




Coupling (GeV^{-4})	ζ ($\tilde{\zeta} = 0$)		$\zeta = \tilde{\zeta}$	
Luminosity	300 fb^{-1}		300 fb^{-1}	
Pile-up (μ)	50		50	
Channels	$5\ \sigma$	95% CL	$5\ \sigma$	95% CL
$\ell\bar{\ell}\gamma$	$2.8 \cdot 10^{-13}$	$1.8 \cdot 10^{-13}$	$2.5 \cdot 10^{-13}$	$1.5 \cdot 10^{-13}$
$jj\gamma$	$2.3 \cdot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

- 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
- Sensitivity to wide/narrow resonances, loops of new particles

Exclusive $t\bar{t}$ production (CMS/TOTEM)



dilep channel ($\bar{t}t \to lvb + l\bar{v}\bar{b}$)	**Semilep channel ($\bar{t}t \to lvb + jj\bar{b}$)**
Object selection	
Leptons: pT>30(20)GeV, |η|<2.1 Jets: pT>30GeV, |η|<2.4, ΔR(j,l)>0.4	Leptons: pT>30GeV, |η|<2.1(2.4) for e(μ) Jets: pT>25GeV, |η|<2.4, ΔR(j,l)>0.4
Event selection	
≥2 leptons (OS pair),|m(ll)-m(Z)|>15GeV ≥2 b-jets 1 proton / side	=1 lepton ≥2 b-jets, ≥2 non b-jets 1 proton / side

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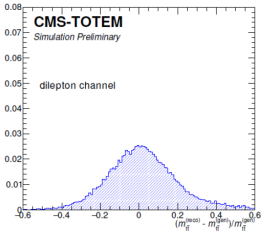
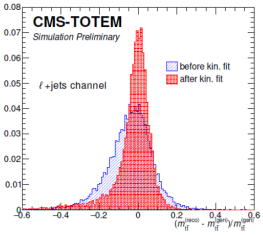
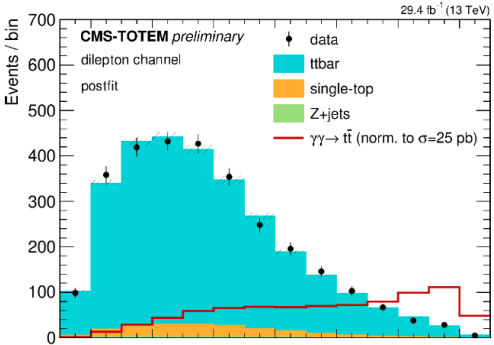




- Kinematic fitter based on W and t mass constraints to reduce background



- Search for exclusive $t\bar{t}$ production in leptonic and semi-leptonic modes
- $\sigma_{t\bar{t}}^{excl.} < 0.6$ pb (CMS-PAS-TOP-21-007)

Exclusive $t\bar{t}$ production: the future

- Search for $\gamma\gamma t\bar{t}$ anomalous coupling in semi-leptonic decays with 300 fb^{-1}
- Use similar selection: high$t\bar{t}$ mass, matching between pp and $t\bar{t}$ information
- Use fast timing detectors to suppress further the pile up background
- C. Baldenegro, A. Bellora, S. Fichet, G. von Gersdorff, M. Pitt, CR arXiv:2205.01173

Coupling [10^{-11} GeV^{-4}]	95% CL	5σ	95% CL (60 ps)	5σ (60 ps)	95% CL (20 ps)	5σ (20 ps)
ζ_1	1.5	2.5	1.1	1.9	0.74	1.5
ζ_2	1.4	2.4	1.0	1.7	0.70	1.4
ζ_3	1.4	2.4	1.0	1.7	0.70	1.4
ζ_4	1.5	2.5	1.0	1.8	0.73	1.4
ζ_5	1.2	2.0	0.84	1.5	0.60	1.2
ζ_6	1.3	2.2	0.92	1.6	0.66	1.3

Conclusion

- LHC can be seen as a $\gamma\gamma$ collider! Lead to extremely clean events where all particles in the final state are measured, like at LEP
- First sensitivities to quartic $\gamma\gamma\gamma\gamma$ anomalous couplings at high diphoton mass and to ALP production
- First sensitivities to $\gamma\gamma ZZ$, $\gamma\gamma WW$, $\gamma\gamma t\bar{t}$ anomalous coupling and sensitivities expected to increase by more than one order of magnitude at Run III also using new detectors (timing detectors as an example) - SM observation possible in Run III
- $\gamma\gamma\gamma Z$ anomalous coupling studies to be performed in CMS: very clean events, easy triggers