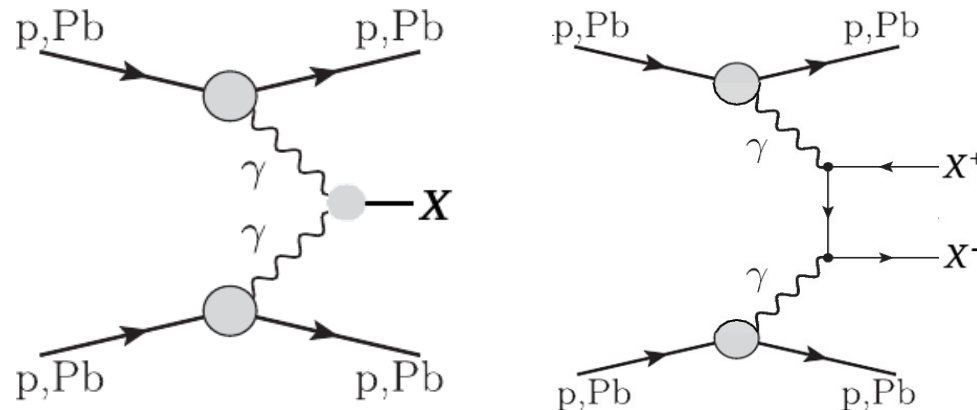


BSM physics via $\gamma\gamma$ collisions with ions at the LHC



Heavy-ions & Hidden Sectors
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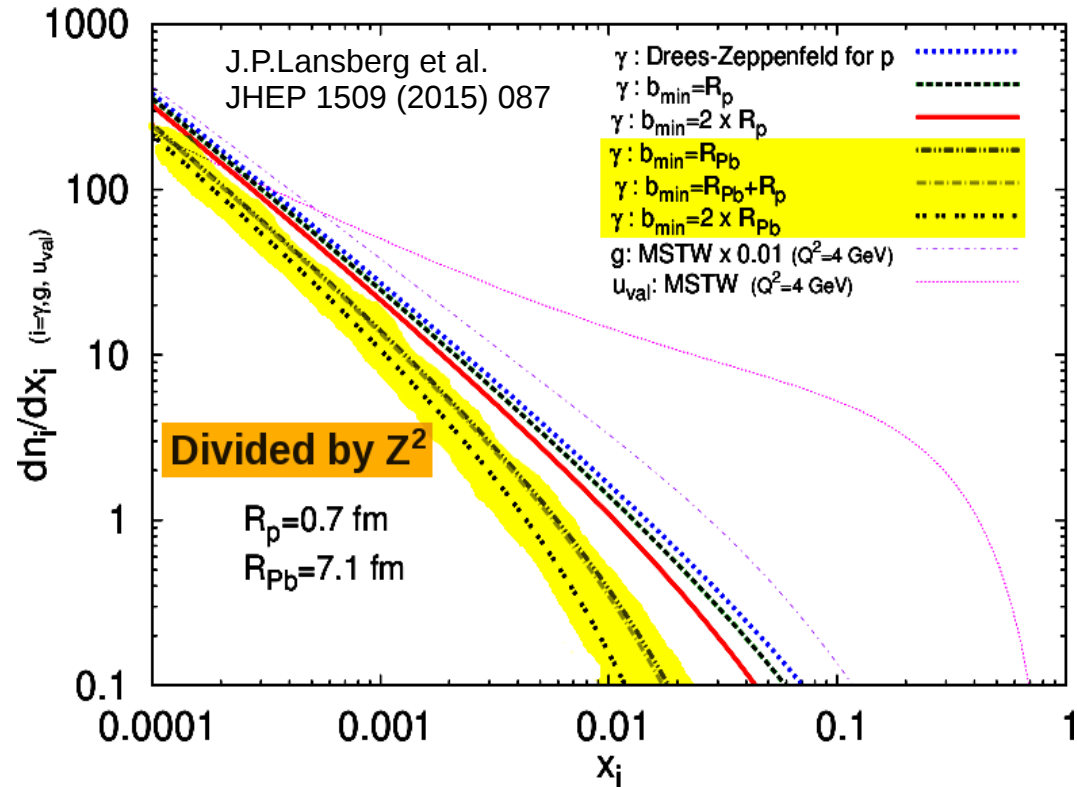
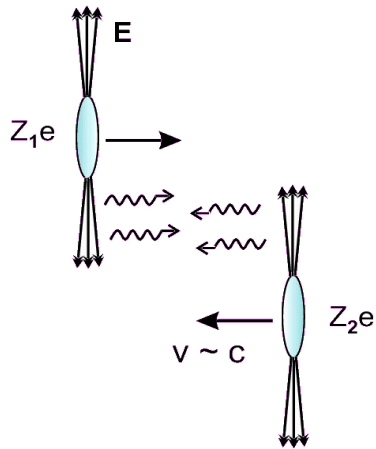
BSM searches with protons/ions at the LHC

- **Physics beyond the Standard Model (BSM)** needed to explain many open empirical and/or theoretical problems in HEP:
 - Empirical: **Dark-matter, matter-antimatter asymmetry, ν 's masses**
 - Theoretical: **Higgs mass fine-tuning, θ_{QCD} , origin of fermion families/mixings, charge quantization, cosmological constant, quantum gravity,...**
- Most of the solutions to all these problems require **new particles and/or new interactions** (SUSY, WIMP, ν_R , axions, monopoles,...). LHC reach:
 - BSM at **high masses**: Increase the **sqrt(s)** as much as possible.
 - BSM at **low couplings**: Increase the **luminosity** as much as possible.
Hiding well? Reduce pileup, kin. thresholds. Look at exclusive final-states.
- Heavy-ions collisions have 2 important drawbacks:
 - **Low sqrt(s)**: PbPb runs at **5.5 TeV** compared to **14-TeV pp** [**$\times 2.5$ less**]
 - **Low lumis**: $L_{\text{PbPb}} = A^2 \cdot 6 \cdot 10^{27} \text{ cm}^{-1}\text{s}^{-2} = 2.5 \cdot 10^{32} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1} \ll L_{\text{pp}} = 2 \cdot 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$ [**$\times 100$ less**]
- Heavy-ions collisions have 2 advantages: [integrated: $\times 10^3$ less]
 - **No pileup**: Excellent vertexing, Lower kin. trigger thresholds [**$\times 2?$ lower p_T values**]
 - **Large γ lumis**: $L_{\text{PbPb}}(\gamma)/L_{\text{pp}}(\gamma) = Z^4 \times L_{\text{PbPb}}/L_{\text{pp}} = 4.5 \cdot 10^7 \times (6 \cdot 10^{27}/2 \cdot 10^{34}) \sim 12$ [**$\times 10$ more**]

Photon-photon collisions at the LHC

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- HE ions create **huge EM fields** (10^{14} T) from coherent action of Z protons:

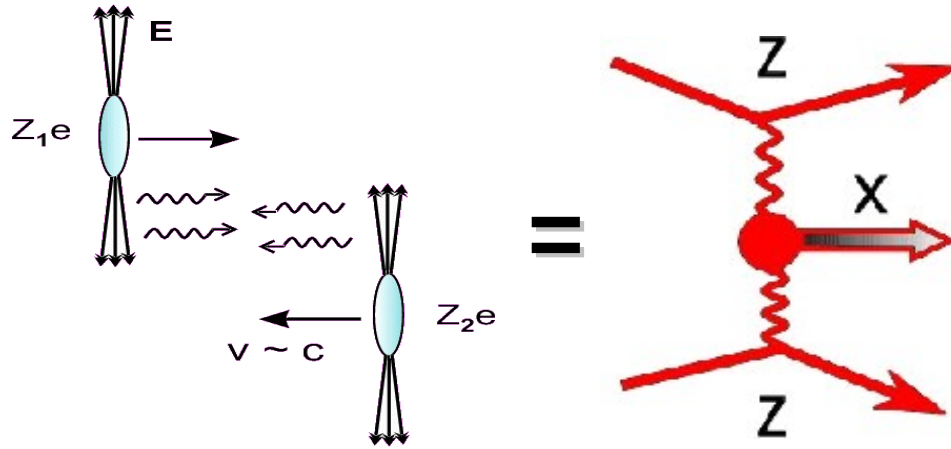
Weizsäcker-Williams (EPA) power-law photon flux:



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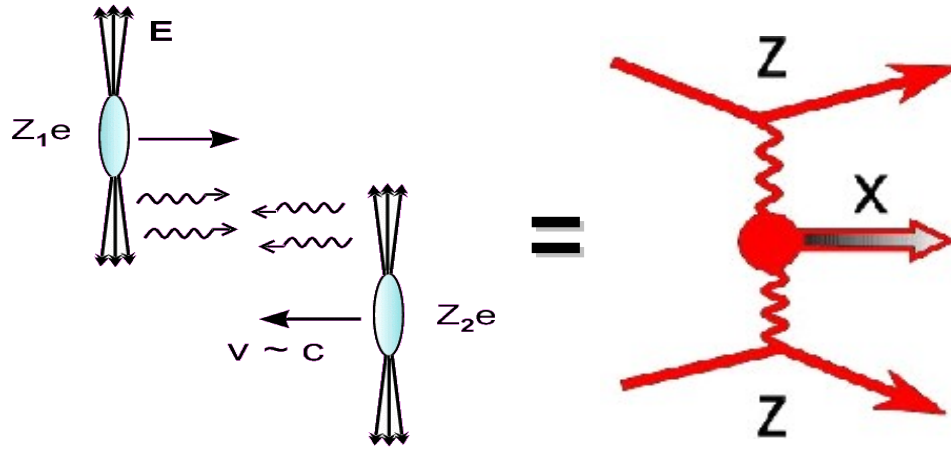
- **Huge photon fluxes:**
 $\sigma(\gamma-\gamma) \sim Z^4$ ($\sim 5 \cdot 10^7$ for PbPb)
 larger than p, e^\pm
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System	$\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ (TeV)	γ	R_A (fm)	ω_{\max} (GeV)	$\sqrt{s_{\gamma\gamma}^{\max}}$ (GeV)
$p-p$	14	7455	0.7	2450	4500
$p-Pb$	8.8	4690	7.1	130	260
Pb-Pb	5.5	2930	7.1	80	160

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- **Maximum γ energies (FCC):** $\omega < \omega_{\max} \approx \frac{\gamma}{R} \sim 0.6$ TeV (Pb), ~ 18 TeV (p)

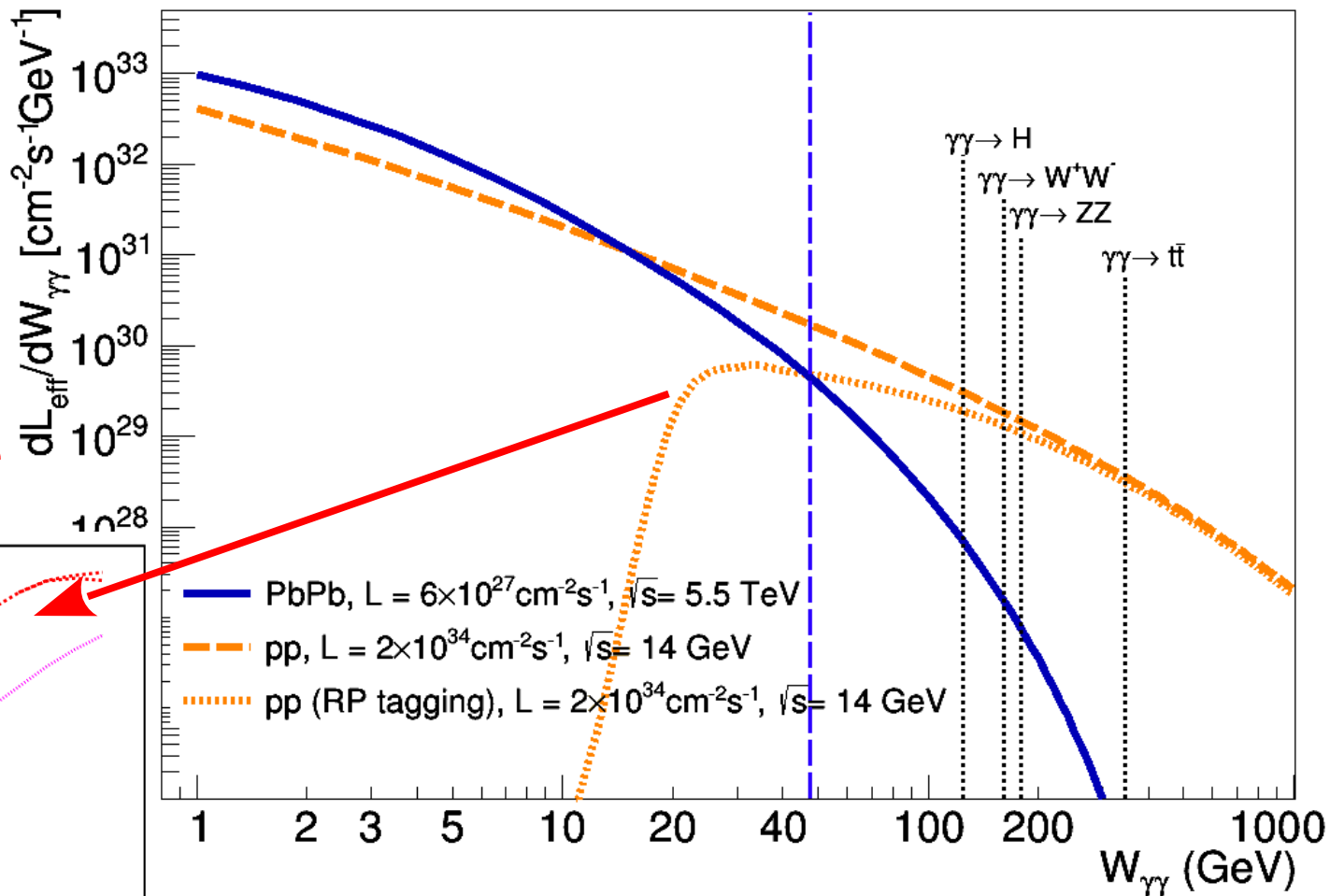
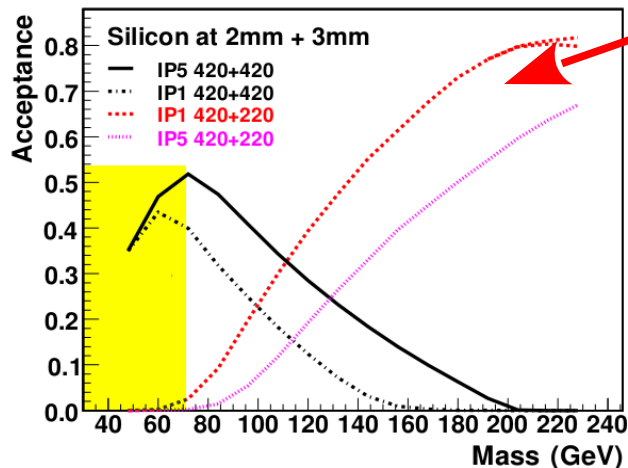
System	$\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ (TeV)	$\mathcal{L}_{AB} \cdot \Delta t$ (per year)	γ ($\times 10^3$)	ω_{\max} (TeV)	$\sqrt{s_{\gamma\gamma}^{\max}}$ (TeV)
p-p	100	1 fb^{-1}	53.	17.6	35.2
p-Pb	64	1 pb^{-1}	33.5	0.95	1.9
Pb-Pb	39	5 nb^{-1}	21.	0.60	1.2

Effective $\gamma\gamma$ luminosities at the LHC

- Thanks to $Z^4 = 5 \cdot 10^7$ factor, PbPb $\gamma\gamma$ luminosities are well above the pp ones up to $W_\gamma \sim 45$ (100) GeV assuming fwd. proton-taggers at 420m (220m)

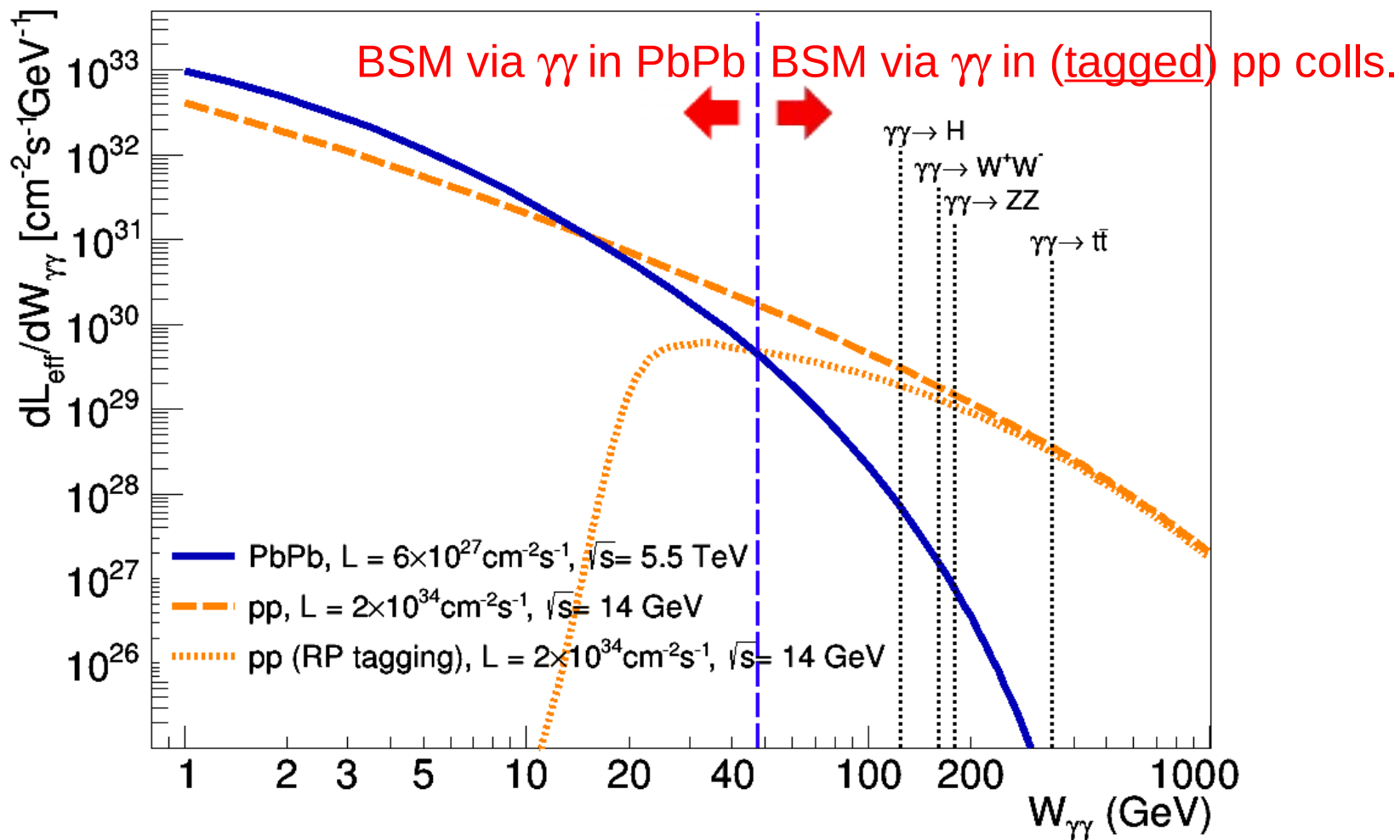
required to remove huge pp pileup(!).

- Fwd-p acceptance vs. central mass:



Effective $\gamma\gamma$ luminosities at the LHC

- Competitive mass range for BSM searches in UPCs PbPb collisions:
 $W_{\gamma\gamma} \sim 0.5\text{--}45\text{ GeV}$ ($W_{\gamma\gamma}^{\text{min}} \sim 0.5\text{ GeV}$ for ALICE/LHCb, 4 GeV for ATLAS/CMS)



Which BSM physics via $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow X$ collisions?

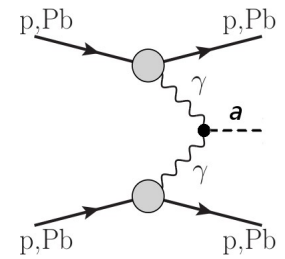
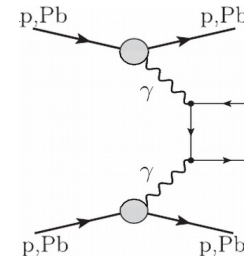
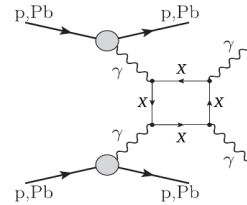
■ New physics signals via photon-photon fusion:

New charged particle: $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow (X^\pm \text{ loop}) \rightarrow \text{SM SM}$

New charged pairs: $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow X^+X^-$

New scalar particles: $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow a$

New tensor particles: $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow G$



■ Examples (photon-collider "golden channels"):

$$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \tilde{f}\tilde{f}, \tilde{\chi}_i^+ \tilde{\chi}_i^-$$

pairs of sfermions, charginos

PbPb

pp (tagged)

NO $m_X > 45 \text{ GeV}$

$$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \tilde{g}\tilde{g}$$

pairs of gluinos

NO $m_X > 45 \text{ GeV}$

$$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow M^+ M^-$$

pairs of monopoles

$m_X < 45 \text{ GeV}$ $> 45 \text{ GeV}$

$$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow H^+ H^-$$

pairs of charged-Higgs

NO YES?

$$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow W^+ W^-$$

anom. W inter., extra dimensions

NO YES

$$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow 4W/(Z)$$

WW scatt., quartic anom. W, Z

NO NO ($\sigma < \text{ab}$)

$$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow t\bar{t}$$

anomalous top quark interactions

NO NO ($\sigma < \text{ab}$)

$$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$$

Born-Infeld QED, non-commutat. theories)

$< 45 \text{ GeV}$ $> 45 \text{ GeV}$

$$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \phi$$

Scalars (axions, radions, ...)

$< 45 \text{ GeV}$ $> 45 \text{ GeV}$

$$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow G$$

Tensors (gravitons,...)

$< 45 \text{ GeV}$ $> 45 \text{ GeV}$

$$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow S[t\bar{t}]$$

-onia (monopolium, $t\bar{t}$ stoponium)

$< 45 \text{ GeV}$ $> 45 \text{ GeV}$

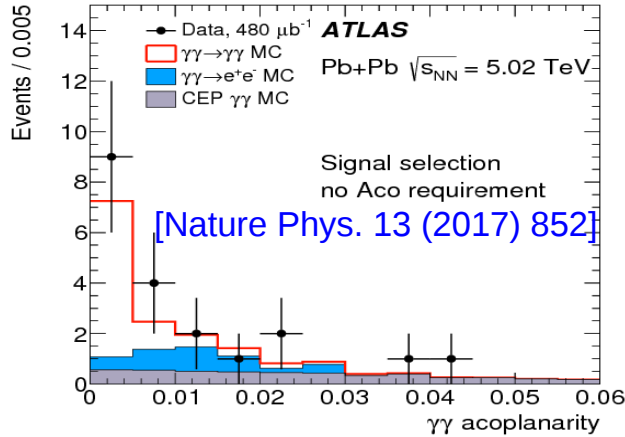
$$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow H, A \rightarrow bb$$

MSSM heavy Higgs, interm. $\tan \beta$

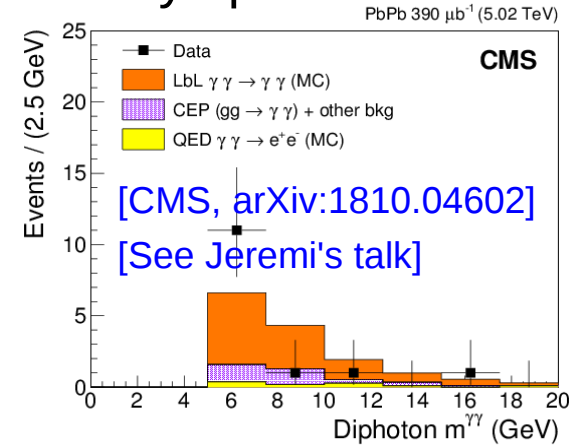
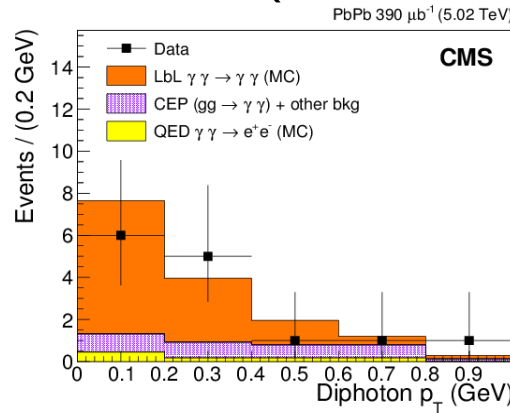
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First BSM searches & limits from $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

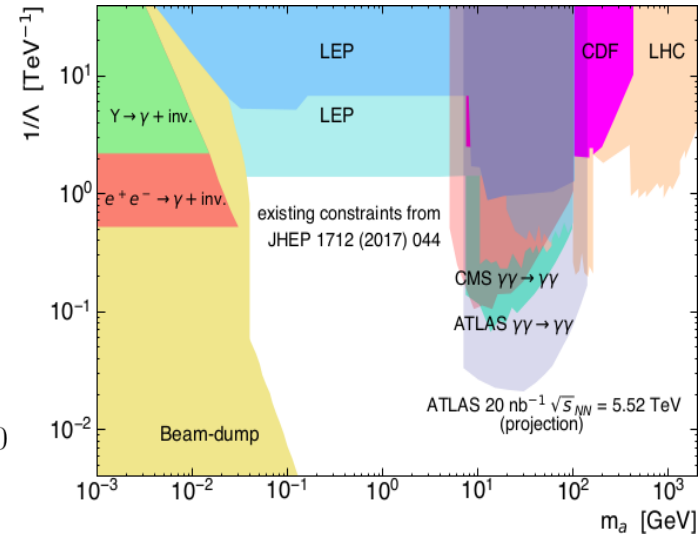
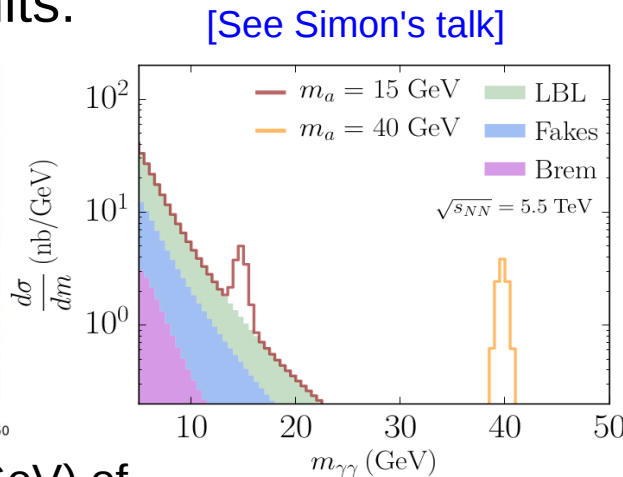
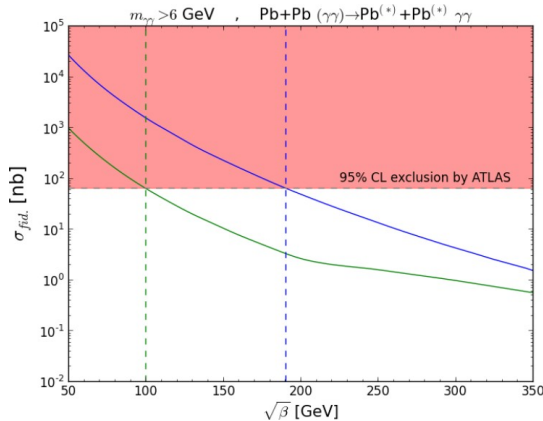
- ATLAS, CMS measured 13, 14 exclusive di- γ counts (2.6, 3.8 backgds)



consistent (4.3σ , 4.1σ) with LbyL prediction:



- BSM searches limits:



Limits on scale (>100 GeV) of
Born-Infeld non-linear QED extensions

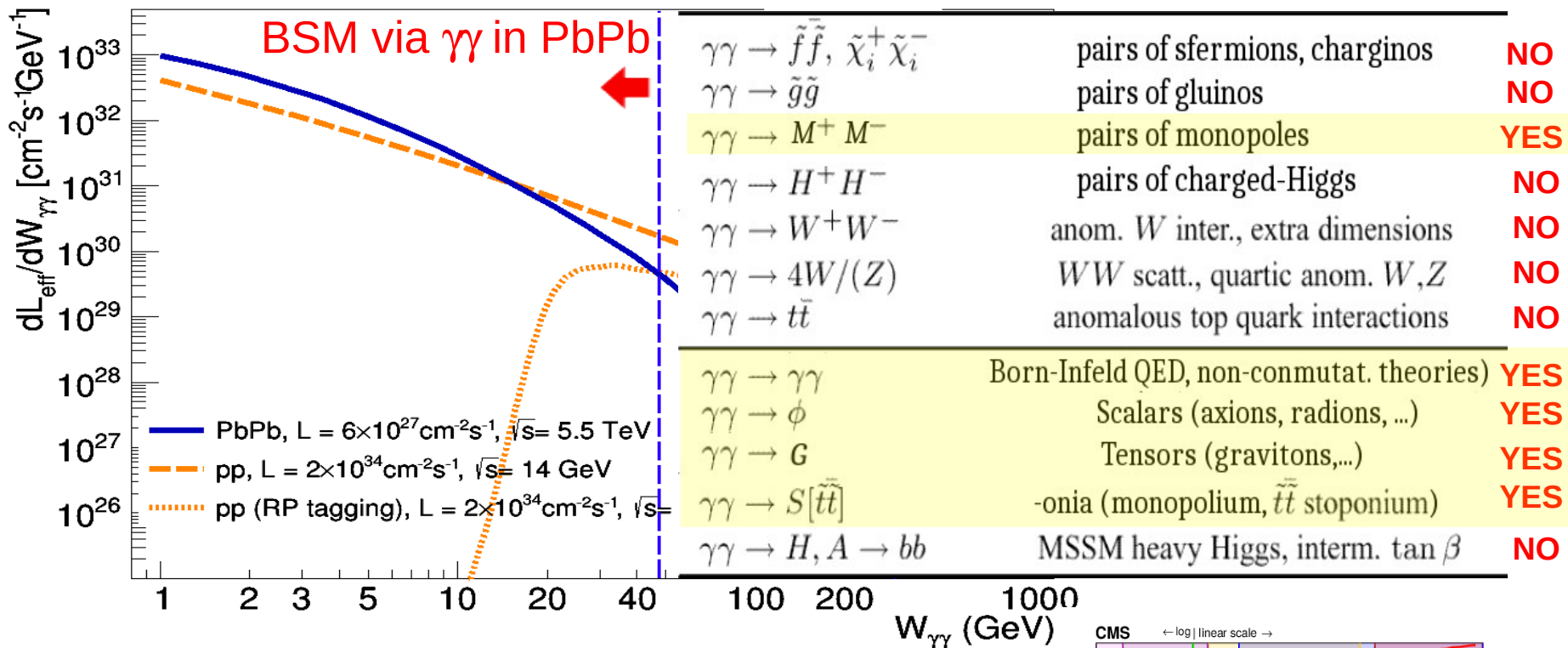
[J. Ellis et al., PRL118 (2017) 261802]

Competitive ALPs: $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow a \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ limits

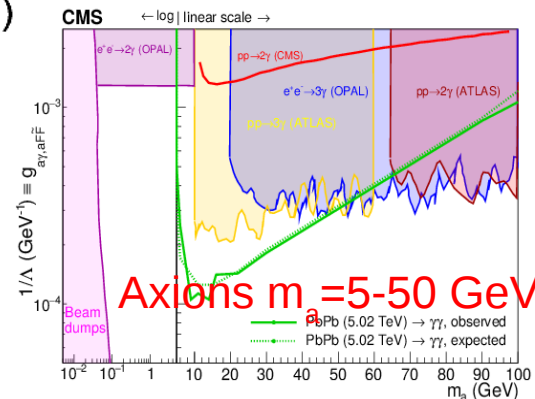
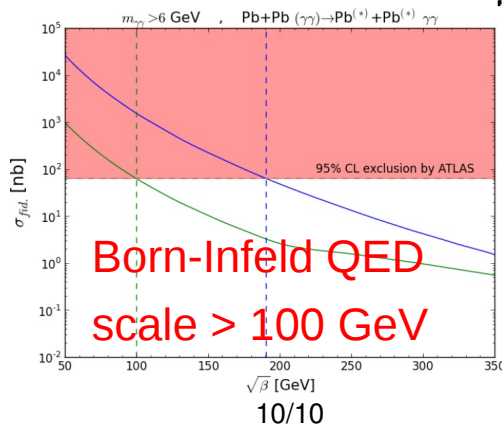
[S. Knapen et al., PRL118 (2017) 171801]

Summary: BSM searches via UPC PbPb@LHC

Competitive mass range for BSM in UPCs PbPb: $m_{\gamma\to X} = 0.5-45 \text{ GeV}$



First BSM limits set:



Back-up slides