Study of exclusive two-photon production of W^+W^- pairs in pp collisions at 7 TeV, and constraints on anomalous quartic couplings in CMS

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μ⁺μ⁻, e⁺e⁻, π⁺π⁻ W⁺W⁻, H⁺H⁻, Ĩ⁺Ĩ⁻, ...

 ρ , J/ Ψ , Y, Z, ...

 $\chi_{c}, \chi_{b}, \pi^{+}\pi^{-}$, dijets, $\gamma\gamma$, Higgs, ...

 → Present: studies of the SM physics and BSM searches by imposing exclusivity conditions using central detectors of CMS
→ Future: detect also (both) forward scattered protons with the proposed 'High Precision Spectrometer' (HPS)

LHC as a High Energy yy Collider



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*Virtuality Q*² of colliding photons vary between kinematical minimum = $M_p^2 x^2/(1-x)$ where x is fraction of proton momentum carried by a photon, and $Q_{\text{max}}^2 \sim 1/\text{proton radius}^2$

EQUIVALENT PHOTON APPROXIMATION (**EPA**) allows for representing a *pp* process involving the two-photon exchange, as a convolution of two photon fluxes and the **photon-photon** cross section at the $\gamma\gamma$ CM energy W (note that is just like use of pdf for partons...)

Two-photon pair production @ LHC



Production cross-sections determined completely by the particle mass and spin (& charge)

At low invariant $\gamma\gamma$ masses the $\mu\mu$ pairs dominate but at high energy WW pairs rule !

(Results for 14 TeV)

 W_0 is a minimal $\gamma\gamma$ CM energy

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WW pair production @ LHC



At very high energy γγ wins over 'inclusive' production (even when production via qq is included) !

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Proof-of-priciple

and

Calibration candle

CMS Collab. "Exclusive photon-photon production of muon pairs in proton-proton collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV", **JHEP 1201** (2012) 052

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Exclusive $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$



The first measurement focus on the dimuon channel – standard candle:

* Pure QED process:

- No PDF to account for
- Small theoretical uncertainties

* Striking kinematic distributions:

due to very small virtuality of the exchanged photons

* measured in previous experiments to be in agreement with the ME *LPAIR generator*

• Largest background arises from *semi-exclusive* **two-photon** production due to single and double proton dissociative (or inelastic) photon exchange:







Exclusive $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$



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Candidates for $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \mu\mu$ process:



$$m = 20.51 \pm 0.2 \text{ GeV}$$
$$\frac{\Delta \phi}{\pi} = 0.98$$
$$\Delta p_T = 0.48 \text{ GeV}$$



CMS Experiment at LHC, CERN Data recorded: Fri Jul 30 01:43:39 2010 CEST Run/Event: 141956 / 304737217 Lumi section: 546



| track: p_T | > | $0 \mathrm{GeV}$ |
|--------------|---|------------------|
| HCAL: E | > | $4 {\rm ~GeV}$ |
| ECAL: E | > | $2.5~{\rm GeV}$ |



Exclusivity conditions





In (very) low luminosity era: **2 muons and "nothing else"** in the tracker and calorimeters

In 2010, each event of interest can be accompanied by extra "PileUp" events within the same bunch crossing: ~ 2-3 pileup interactions

In 2011, roughly 7-10 PU per crossing

Restricting the analysis to single interactions only would have reduced the data sample to <1% of the total in 2011 \rightarrow impose exclusivity using tracking only

Exclusive $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow W^+W^-$ production at $\sqrt{S} = 7 \text{ TeV}$

Available on the CERN CDS information server

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CMS Physics Analysis Summary

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$\mu\mu$ calibration candle



- Use Δp_T and $|I \Delta \phi/\pi|$ to select regions enriched in elastic or inelastic events
 - Same cuts as used for 2010 $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \mu\mu$ cross-section paper
- Also separate Z peak region (76-105GeV) to check modeling of Drell-Yan
 - ► $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow Z$ is suppressed at tree-level , exclusive Z is expected to be <1fb including branching fraction





- MC: 906
- Ratio: 0.91±0.04



$\mu\mu$ control plots – elastic region



Shaded bands indicate MC statistical errors

1-IΔφ(uu)/π

p_(μμ) [GeV]

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region

$\mu\mu$ control plots – anti-elastic region

- From MC, expect inelastic yield to be several x elastic at high mass
 - But at high p_T /mass inelastics may be suppressed by – "rescattering" (production of additional soft particles rejected by the extra tracks veto) \Rightarrow extract the total/elastic ratio from the $\mu\mu$ data
- Invert the acoplanarity and ∆p_T cuts to select a region enriched in inelastic events
- Overall find a deficit of ~28% compared to MC prediction with no rescattering





Further investigation – deficit mainly at high-mass/high- p_T of the pair

Expected to be the region most affected by rescattering corrections

Derive a "data-driven" scale factor for total (in data) $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \mu\mu$ /elastic $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \mu\mu$ in MC with m($\mu\mu$)>160

m(u+u)>160 GeV

• Apply this to renormalize the
$$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow WW$$
 and $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \tau\tau$ samples in the μe analysis

 5.25 ± 0.50 (stat.) ± 0.50 (syst.)



$$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow WW \rightarrow \mu evv$$

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Notation

- Fully exclusive (or "elastic"): events in which both protons stay intact
 - Theoretically clean QED-like production
- Quasi-exclusive (or "inelastic" or "proton dissociation"): events in which one or both protons fragment into an undetected low-mass system p^(*)
 - Larger uncertainties, possible rescattering corrections
- Cannot separate the two contributions in a counting experiment, therefore signal is defined to include both:

$$pp \rightarrow p^{(*)}W^+W^-p^{(*)}$$





AQGCs

- In order to consider the anomalous couplings in the $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow W^+W^-$, we introduce a model to the CalcHEP event generator with the following effective Lagrangians
- Local $U(1)_{em}$ and global $SU(2)_c$ invariance imposed; these are genuine quartic couplings <u>independent</u> of the gauge ones (à la LEP):

$$L_{6}^{0} = \frac{-e^{2}}{8} \frac{a_{0}^{W}}{\Lambda^{2}} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} W^{+\alpha} W_{\alpha}^{-} - \frac{e^{2}}{16 \cos^{2} \Theta_{W}} \frac{a_{0}^{Z}}{\Lambda^{2}} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} Z^{\alpha} Z_{\alpha}$$
$$L_{6}^{C} = \frac{-e^{2}}{16} \frac{a_{C}^{W}}{\Lambda^{2}} F_{\mu\alpha} F^{\mu\beta} (W^{+\alpha} W_{\beta}^{-} - W^{-\alpha} W_{\beta}^{+}) - \frac{e^{2}}{16 \cos^{2} \Theta_{W}} \frac{a_{C}^{Z}}{\Lambda^{2}} F_{\mu\alpha} F^{\mu\beta} Z^{\alpha} Z_{\beta}$$

• Where Λ is the scale for new physics, which is set in this analysis to 500 GeV

Form Factors

- AQGC terms make the $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow W^+W^-$ cross section rise quadratically with energy unitarity is violated for high energy $\gamma\gamma$ interactions
- Due to this behavior, form factors are introduced in order to tame this rising of the cross section, and guarantee unitarity. In this analysis we introduce the form factors as



SM signal region (0 extra tracks, $p_T(e\mu)>30$ GeV)



- Expected bkg: 0.8
- Expected signal: 2.2±0.5
- Observed in data: 2 events

SM Signal region: First EVER $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow WW$ events

Reminder: NO extra tracks are allowed on a di-lepton vertex



| Variable | Event 1 | Event 2 |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| Run | 163402 | 177201 |
| LumiSection | 391 | 254 |
| Event number | 256774116 | 318972926 |
| $m(\mu^{\pm}e^{\mp})$ [GeV] | 85.5 | 190.3 |
| $1 - \left \Delta \phi(\mu^{\pm} e^{\mp}) / \pi \right $ | 0.66 | 0.33 |
| $p_{\rm T}(\mu^{\pm})$ [GeV] | 26.2 | 49.2 |
| $E_{\rm T}(e^{\pm})$ [GeV] | 54.8 | 74.2 |
| $\eta(\mu^{\pm})$ | 2.01 | 1.88 |
| $\eta(e^{\pm})$ | 0.23 | -0.30 |
| | | |

• Event displays and single/double lepton information for the two selected events

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Search for anomalous signal...

The $p_T(\mu^{\pm}e^{\mp})$ distribution for events with zero extra tracks is shown in Figure 12. In the AQGC search region $p_T(\mu^{\pm}e^{\mp}) > 100$ GeV, zero events are observed in data, consistent with the Standard Model expectation of 0.14, dominated by $pp \rightarrow p^{(*)}W^+W^-p^{(*)}$.



Exclusion limits...



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Summary & what next ?

Using 2011 data at 7 TeV CMS made first ever evidence of $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow WW$! \rightarrow Limits on aQGCs improved by two orders of magnitude with respect to LEP2 (and Tevatron)

Repeat it in 2015 @ 13 TeV – sensitivity to aQGCs should be 10 times better wrt to present results

In 2016 hopefully High Precision Spectrometer (HPS) starts running:

- Yet more sensitive studies of the γγWW couplings will be possible, as well for γγZZ; even in case U(1)xSU(2) gauge invariant models (as discussed by O. Nachtmann et al.) !
- Search of new heavy charged particles:
 - Stable, 'heavy muons' (completely model independent, a la LEP) up to about 400 GeV (LEP limits are at 100 GeV)
 - Unstable, non-strongly interacting particles (very model dependent, like sleptons or charginos)

We must make the best of out of LHC !



Exclusive WW



Abstract

A search for exclusive or quasi-exclusive W^+W^- production by two-photon exchange, $pp \rightarrow p^{(*)}W^+W^-p^{(*)}$, at $\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV is reported using data collected by the CMS detector corresponding to an integrated luminosity of 5.05 fb⁻¹. Events are selected by requiring a $\mu^{\pm}e^{\mp}$ vertex with no associated charged tracks, and dilepton transverse momentum $p_T(\mu^{\pm}e^{\mp}) > 30$ GeV. Two events passing all selection requirements are observed in the data, compared to a Standard Model expectation of 2.2 ± 0.5 signal events with 0.84 \pm 0.13 background. The tail of the dilepton transverse momentum distribution, with $p_T(\mu^{\pm}e^{\mp}) > 100$ GeV, is studied for deviations from the Standard Model. No events are observed in this region, and the resulting upper limits are compared to predictions involving anomalous quartic gauge couplings.





Table 6: Signal efficiency of all trigger, reconstruction, and analysis selections, relative to the acceptance $[p_T(\mu, e) > 20 \text{ GeV}, |\eta(\mu, e)| < 2.4, p_T(\mu^{\pm}e^{\mp}) > 100 \text{ GeV}]$ for the SM and for four representative values of the anomalous couplings a_0^W / Λ^2 and a_C^W / Λ^2 , with and without form factors.

| a_0^W/Λ^2 | [GeV ⁻²] | 0 | 2×10^{-4} | -2×10^{-4} | 7.5×10^{-6} | 0 |
|-------------------|----------------------|---|--------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| a_C^W/Λ^2 | [GeV ⁻²] | 0 | 0 | $-8 	imes 10^{-4}$ | 0 | 2.5×10^{-5} |
| Λ | [GeV] | - | 500 | 500 | No form factor | No form factor |
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