

Higgs boson @ LHC

- the diffractive opportunity •

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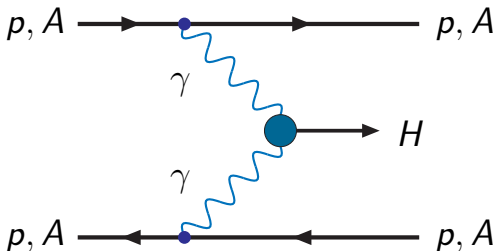
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Motivation

- ▶ The existence of the Higgs boson is an open question in Particle Physics.
- ▶ LHC will allow to study a new kinematic region:
 - ▶ Center-of-mass energy: $\sqrt{s_{pp}} = 14 \text{ TeV}$ and $\sqrt{s_{AA}} = 5.5 \text{ TeV}/A$.
 - ▶ Rapidity (CMS): $|\eta_{jets}| < 6.6$, $|\eta_{\gamma, e\pm}| < 3$ and $|\eta_{\mu}| < 2.5$.
 - ▶ Luminosity : $\mathcal{L}_{pp} \sim 10^{34} \text{ fb}^{-1}$ and $\mathcal{L}_{AA} \sim 10^{26} \text{ fb}^{-1}$.
 - ▶ Bjorken- x : $x \sim 10^{-4}$.
 - ▶ Higgs physics: it is expected that the pp collisions will be able to produce the Higgs boson.
- ▶ Some hadron-hadron collisions will occur with **no** strong interaction.
 - ▶ The peripheral collisions are a new way to study the Higgs boson production in $pp(AA)$ collisions.
- ▶ Other processes of Higgs production are under study to allow its detection in hadron colliders.
 - ▶ DPE allows the Higgs boson production through the leading ggH vertex mainly in the mass range $M_H \sim 115 - 200 \text{ GeV}$.

Electromagnetic Higgs production

- ▶ **1990:** Cahn and Jackson PRD 42 (1990) 3690
 Müller and Schramm PRD 42 (1990) 3699
 - ▶ Peripheral heavy-ion collision → $\gamma\gamma$ **annihilation**
- ▶ **2007:** Miller arXiv:0704.1985[hep-ph]
 - ▶ Contribution from **Electroweak boson loops** to the $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow H$.



$$M_H = 150 \text{ GeV} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{CJ: } \sigma_{\text{PbPb}} = 7.0 \text{ pb} \\ \text{MS: } \sigma_{\text{AA}} \sim 100 \text{ pb} \end{array} \right.$$

$$M_H = 120 \text{ GeV} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{M: } \sigma_{\text{pp}} = \mathbf{0.1 \text{ fb}} \end{array} \right.$$

Diffractive Higgs production in pp and AA collisions

- ▶ **1991**: Bialas and Landshoff

PLB **256** (1991) 540

- ▶ Regge Theory → **non-perturbative gluons**

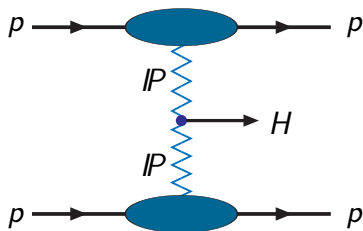
- ▶ **1997**: Khoze, Martin and Ryskin

2007: Levin and Miller

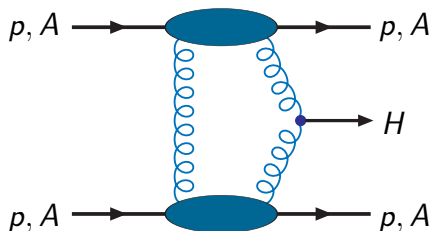
PLB **401** (1997) 330

arXiv:0801.3593[hep-ph]

- ▶ QCD Pomeron → **hard-gluon exchange**



$$M_H = 150 \text{ GeV} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{BL} : \sigma_{pp} = 0.1 \text{ pb} \\ \sqrt{s} = 16 \text{ TeV} \end{array} \right.$$



$$M_H = 120 \text{ GeV} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{KMR} : \sigma_{pp}^{\text{exc/inc}} \sim \mathbf{1 \text{ fb}} / 300 \text{ fb} \\ \sqrt{s} = 14 / 5.5 (8.8) \text{ TeV/A} \\ \text{LM} : \sigma_{pA(AA)} = 100 (3.9) \text{ pb} \end{array} \right.$$

Diffractive processes within Dipole picture

Deeply Virtual Compton Scattering

► 1997: Ji

PRD **55** (1997) 7114

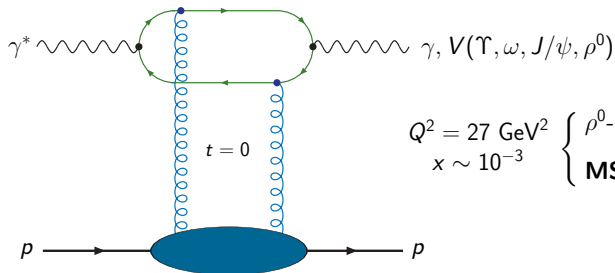
► $\gamma^* p \rightarrow \gamma p$ by **Pomeron exchange** in ep collisions.

Vector meson production

► 2001: Munier, Staśto and Mueller

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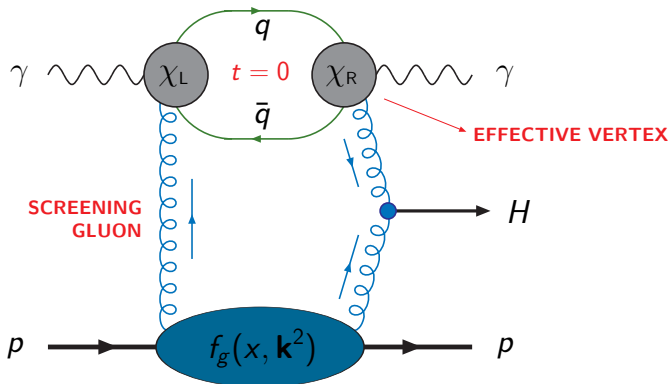
► $\gamma^* p \rightarrow Vp$ with **GBW model**.



$$Q^2 = 27 \text{ GeV}^2 \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \rho^0\text{-meson at HERA} \\ \text{MSM : } \frac{d\sigma_v}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} = \mathbf{20 \text{ nb/GeV}^2} \end{array} \right.$$

Diffractive Higgs photoproduction

- **Proposal:** γp process by **DPE** in pp collision.



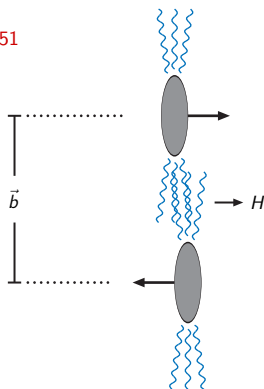
- The loop is treated in **impact factor formalism** at $t = 0$.
- $H\gamma$ final state: study the b -quark density in the proton.

Gabrielli, Mele and Rathsman, PRD 77 (2008) 015007

Higgs production in Peripheral Collisions

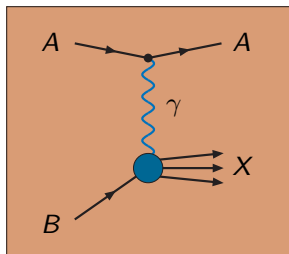
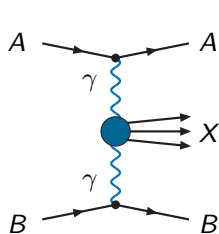
- ▶ The γp process is a subprocess in **peripheral pp collisions**

C.A. Bertulani
Heavy Ion Phys. **14** (2001) 51

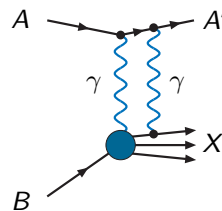


- ▶ **Impact parameter:** $|\vec{b}| > 2R \rightarrow$ **NO STRONG INTERACTION!**
- ▶ Only EM force acts in the second proton \rightarrow **REAL PHOTONS**

Peripheral photons



Baur, Hencken and Trautman
J. Phys. **G24** (1998) 1657



- ▶ The **photon virtuality** is related to the nucleus radius: coherent action of the charged particles

$$Q^2 \lesssim 1/R^2$$

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- ▶ In the **proton case**: $Q^2 \lesssim 10^{-2} \text{ GeV}^2$.

- ▶ **Uncertainty principle**: upper limit to the photon transverse momentum

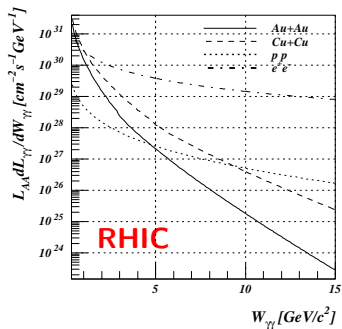
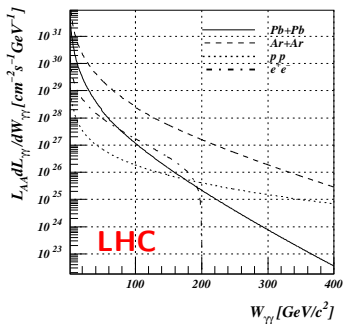
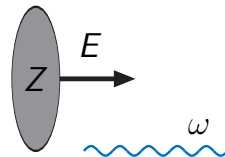
$$Q \lesssim \frac{1}{R} \approx \begin{cases} 28 \text{ MeV, Pb beam} \\ 330 \text{ MeV, proton beam} \end{cases}$$

Photon spectra

Hencken *et al*, PRept. **458** (2008) 1

- The energy fraction of the photon related to the incident nucleus obey the **coherence condition**

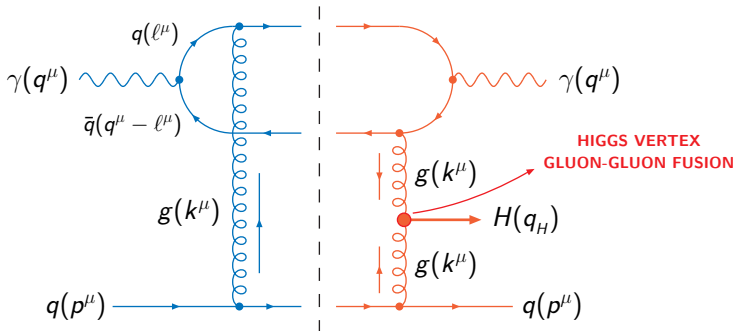
$$x_\gamma = \frac{\text{photon energy}}{\text{beam energy}} = \frac{\omega}{E} \begin{cases} x_\gamma \lesssim 10^{-3}, \text{Ca} \\ x_\gamma \lesssim 10^{-4}, \text{Pb} \end{cases}$$



- The photon distribution is **strongly** suppressed at high energies.

Scattering amplitude

- Partonic process: $\gamma q \rightarrow \gamma + H + q$



- The scattering amplitude is obtained by the **Cutkosky Rules**

$$\text{Im } \mathcal{A} = \frac{1}{2} \int d(PS)_3 \mathcal{A}_{(left)} \mathcal{A}_{(right)}$$

Photon impact factor

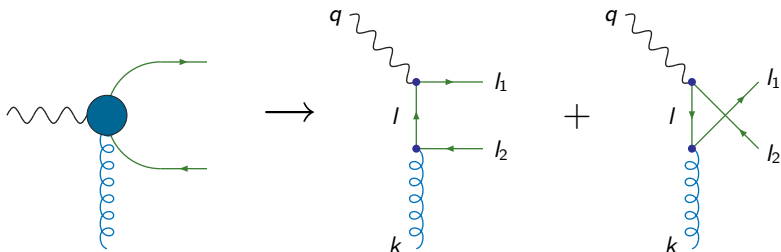
- ▶ The color dipole is composed of two effective vertices to the γg coupling

$$\chi_L^{\mu\nu} = -ig_s ee_q t^a \left\{ \gamma^\mu \left[\frac{l_1 - \not{q}}{(l_1 - q)^2} \right] \gamma^\nu - \gamma^\nu \left[\frac{l_1 - \not{k}}{(l_1 - k)^2} \right] \gamma^\mu \right\}$$

$$\chi_R^{\lambda\eta} = -ig_s ee_q t^b \left\{ \gamma^\lambda \left[\frac{k - \not{l}_2}{(k - l_2)^2} \right] \gamma^\eta - \gamma^\eta \left[\frac{\not{q} - \not{l}_2}{(q - l_2)^2} \right] \gamma^\lambda \right\}$$

- ▶ Photon polarization vectors for $t = 0$:

$$\epsilon_\mu^L \epsilon_\nu^L = \frac{4Q^2}{s} \frac{p_\mu p_\nu}{s} \quad \text{and} \quad \sum \epsilon_\mu^T \epsilon_\nu^{T*} = -g_{\mu\nu} + \frac{4Q^2}{s} \frac{p_\mu p_\nu}{s}$$



Applying the rules

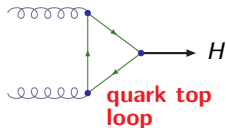
- ▶ Performing the product of the two sides of the cut one gets

$$\mathcal{A}_L \mathcal{A}_R = (4\pi)^3 \alpha_s^2 \alpha \left(\sum_q e_q^2 \right) \left(\frac{\epsilon_\mu \epsilon_\lambda^*}{k^6} \right) \overbrace{\frac{V_{\sigma\eta}^{ba}}{N_c}}^{ggH} \left(t^b t^a \right) \overbrace{4p_\nu p^\sigma}^{\text{eikonal}}$$

$$\times \left(2 \left\{ \frac{\text{Tr} [(\not{d}-\not{l})\gamma^\mu \not{l} \gamma^\nu (k+l)\gamma^\eta \not{l} \gamma^\lambda]}{l^4} + \frac{\text{Tr} [(\not{d}-\not{l})\gamma^\nu (k+l-\not{d})\gamma^\mu (k+l)\gamma^\eta \not{l} \gamma^\lambda]}{l^2(k+l+q)^2} \right\} \right)$$

OTHER POSSIBILITIES

- ▶ For a **non-heavy Higgs** ($M_H \lesssim 200$ GeV), the ggH vertex reads



$$V_{\mu\nu}^{ab} \approx \frac{2}{3} \frac{M_H^2 \alpha_s}{4\pi v} \left(g_{\mu\nu} - \frac{k_{2\mu} k_{1\nu}}{k_1 \cdot k_2} \right) \delta^{ab}$$

Forshaw, hep-ph/0508274

The amplitude in parton level

- ▶ The imaginary part of the amplitude has the form

$$\frac{\text{Im } \mathcal{A}}{s} = -\frac{4}{9} \left(\frac{M_H^2 \alpha_s^2 \alpha}{N_c \nu} \right) \left(\sum_q e_q^2 \right) \left(\frac{\alpha_s C_F}{\pi} \right) \int \frac{dk^2}{k^6} \chi(k^2, Q^2)$$

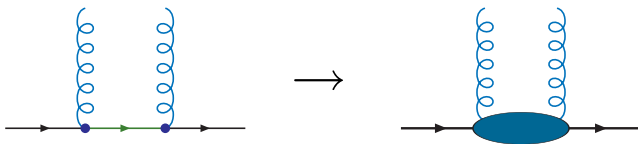
- ▶ **First remark:** dependence on k^{-6} due to the presence of the color dipole.
- ▶ Only the **quark contribution** → extension to the hadron coupling.
- ▶ The dependence on the photon virtuality reads

$$\chi(k^2, Q^2) \underset{Q^2 \rightarrow 0}{\sim} 1 + \frac{k^2}{Q^2} \rightarrow \infty$$

- ▶ Computing the event rate in central rapidity

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dy_H d\mathbf{p}^2 dt} \Big|_{y_H, t=0} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\alpha_s^2 \alpha M_H^2}{9\pi^2 N_c \nu} \right)^2 \left(\sum_q e_q^2 \right)^2 \left[\frac{\alpha_s C_F}{\pi} \int \frac{dk^2}{k^6} \chi(k^2, Q^2) \right]^2.$$

Parton \rightarrow Hadron



- ▶ The hadron coupling is represented by a **non-diagonal** PDF

$$\frac{\alpha_s C_F}{\pi} \longrightarrow f_g(x, \mathbf{k}^2) = \mathcal{K} \left(\frac{\partial [xg(x, \mathbf{k}^2)]}{\partial \ln \mathbf{k}^2} \right) \quad \text{Khoze, Martin and Ryskin} \\ \text{PLB 401 (1997) 330}$$

- ▶ The non-diagonality is approximated by a multiplicative factor

$$\mathcal{K} = (1.2) \exp(-B\mathbf{p}^2/2) \quad \text{Shuvaev et al} \\ \text{PRD 60 (1999) 014015}$$

where $B = 5.5 \text{ GeV}^{-2}$ is the slope of the gluon-proton form factor.

- ▶ To correctly compute the pomeron coupling to the proton: $x \sim 0.01$.

Phenomenology inside

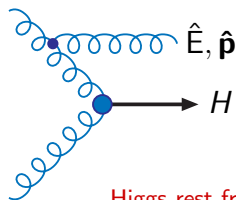
Gluon Radiation

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- ▶ The real gluon emission from the ggH vertex needs to be **suppressed**.
 - ▶ Sum the virtual graphs that include terms like $\ell n(M_H/k)$.
- ▶ The emission probability of 1-gluon is computed by **Sudakov form factors**

$$S(\mathbf{k}^2, M_H^2) = \frac{N_c}{\pi} \int_{k^2}^{M_H^2/4} \frac{\alpha_s(\hat{\mathbf{p}}^2)}{\hat{\mathbf{p}}^2} d\hat{\mathbf{p}}^2 \int_{p_T}^{M_H/2} \frac{d\hat{E}}{\hat{E}} = \frac{3\alpha_s}{4\pi} \ell n^2 \left(\frac{M_H^2}{4k^2} \right)$$

- ▶ Real emissions are **not suppressed** if the gluon color neutralization **fails**.
- ▶ Suppressing many gluons emission:
 - ▶ It is included a factor e^{-S} to the cross section.
 - ▶ Emissions below k^2 are **forbidden**.
 - ▶ As $k^2 \rightarrow 0$ the non-emission probability goes to zero **faster** than any power of k , like k^{-6} .



Phenomenology inside

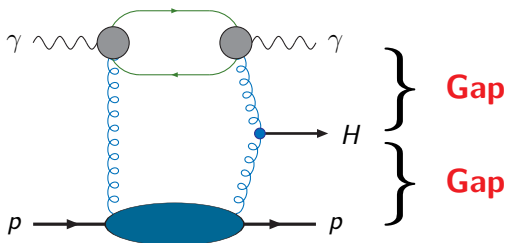
Rapidity Gaps KMR, EPJC **18** (2000) 167; Gotsman, Levin, Maor, arXiv:0708.1506[hep-ph]

- ▶ The **Rapidity Gap Survival Probability** is calculated by

$$S_{\text{gap}}^2 = \frac{\int |\mathcal{A}(s, b)|^2 e^{-\Omega(b)} d^2\mathbf{b}}{\int |\mathcal{A}(s, b)|^2 N d^2\mathbf{b}} = \begin{cases} 5\% \text{ Tevatron} \\ 2.7 - 3\% \text{ LHC} \end{cases}$$

where $N = e^{-\Omega_0}$ is the relevant opacity at $\Omega = 0$.

- ▶ S_{gap}^2 depends on the spatial distribution of the proton.
 - ▶ It is **controlled** by the B -slope of the gluon-proton form factor.



Cross section for central rapidity

- ▶ The cross section is calculated for central rapidity ($y_H = 0$)

$$\left. \frac{d\sigma}{dy_H dt} \right|_{y_H, t=0} = \frac{S_{gap}^2}{2\pi B} \left(\frac{\alpha_s^2 \alpha M_H^2}{3N_c \pi v} \right)^2 \left(\sum_q e_q^2 \right)^2 \left[\int_{k_0^2}^{\infty} \frac{dk^2}{k^6} e^{-S(k^2, M_H^2)} f_g(x, k^2) \mathcal{X}(k^2, Q^2) \right]^2$$

- ▶ Quark contribution¹: $\alpha_s C_F / \pi \rightarrow f_g(x, k^2) = \mathcal{K} \partial_{(\ell n k^2)} xg(x, k^2)$
- ▶ Gap Survival Probability²: $S_{gap}^2 \rightarrow 3\%$ (5%) for LHC (Tevatron)
- ▶ Gluon radiation suppression³: Sudakov factor $S(k^2, M_H^2) \sim \ell n^2 (M_H^2 / 4k^2)$
- ▶ Cutoff k_0^2 : Necessary to avoid infrared divergencies :: $k_0^2 = 1 \text{ GeV}^2$.
- ▶ Electroweak vacuum expectation value: $v = 246 \text{ GeV}$
- ▶ gluon-proton form factor: $B = 5.5 \text{ GeV}^{-2}$

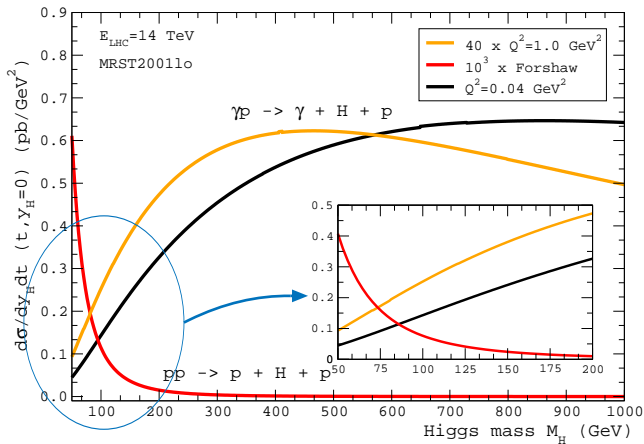
¹ Khoze, Martin, Ryskin, EJPC **14** (2000) 525

² Khoze, Martin, Ryskin, EJPC **18** (2000) 167

³ Forshaw, hep-ph/0508274

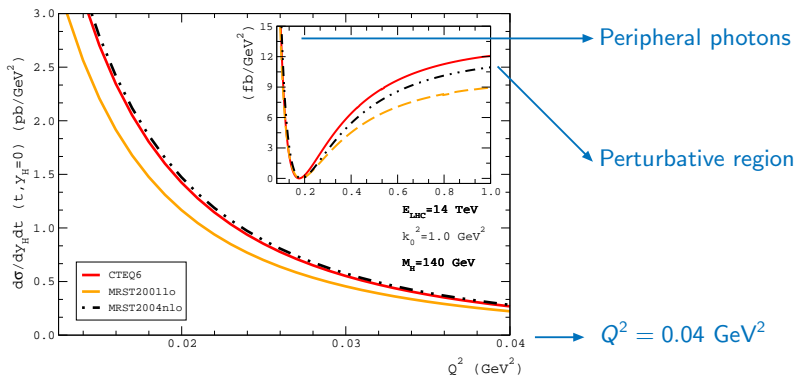
Results: pp vs. γp process

- Higher rate in the **mass region** expected for Higgs detection.

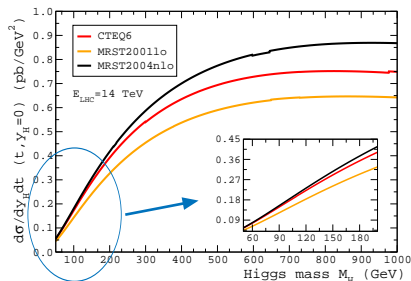
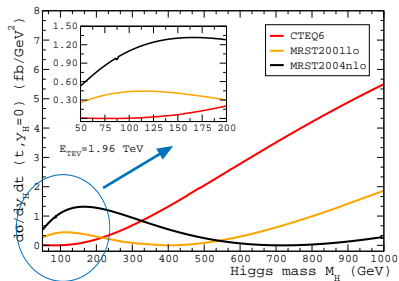


Results: Q^2 -dependence

- ▶ Peripheral collisions: photon limit of $Q^2 = 0.04 \text{ GeV}^2$
 - ▶ **Divergent region**: highest cross section for Higgs production
- ▶ Perturbative region: $Q^2 \sim 1 \text{ GeV}^2$ KMR, hep-ph/0605189
 - ▶ **Smaller event rate**: range expected to its detection $\sigma_{\text{exc}} \sim 3 \text{ fb}$.



Results: Gluon distribution functions

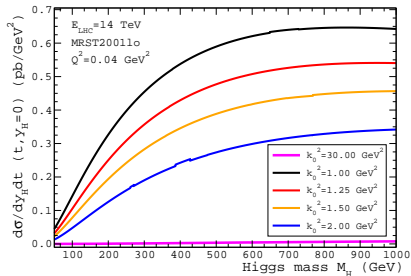
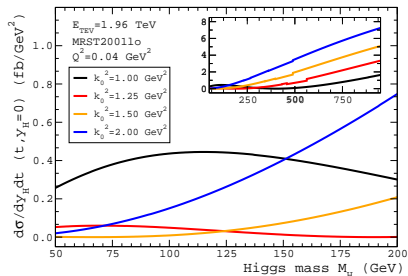


- ▶ **Tevatron:** **Distinct** behaviors for the **LO** and **NLO** distributions;

- ▶ Leading contribution $\begin{cases} \text{NLO} \rightarrow M_H \lesssim 200 \text{ GeV} \\ \text{LO} \rightarrow M_H \gtrsim 400 \text{ GeV} \end{cases}$

- ▶ **LHC:** NLO distributions show a **higher** contribution than the LO ones.

Results: Cutoff sensitivity

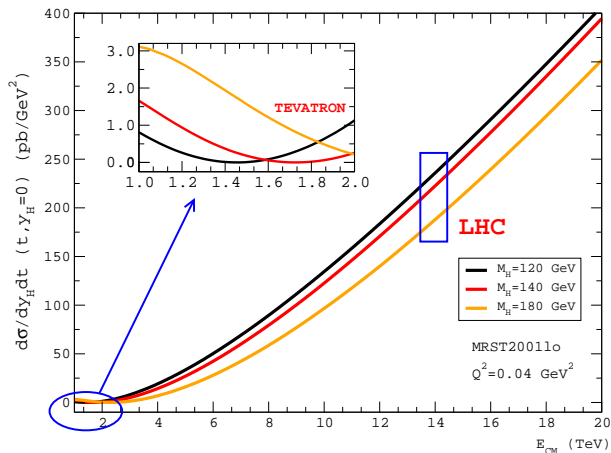


- ▶ The event rate is **5x** less sensitive on the cut k_0^2 if compared to the previous approaches.
- ▶ The results for LHC vanishes as k_0^2 increases:

$$d\sigma/dtdy_H(30 \text{ GeV}^2) \rightarrow 0$$

Results: Energy dependence • Higgs mass

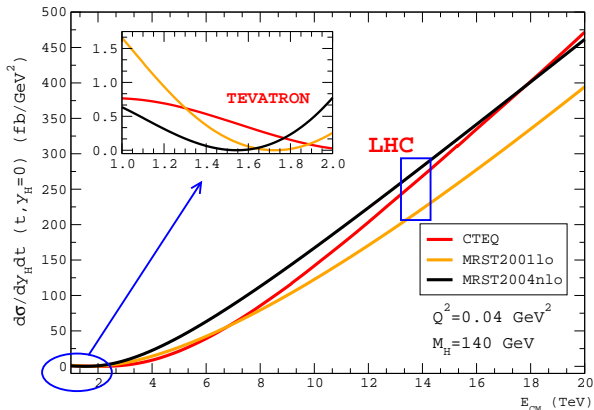
- ▶ **Non-uniform** event-rate behavior at Tevatron.
- ▶ Uniform and **Small** dependence on Higgs mass at LHC.



Results: Energy dependence • PDFs

- ▶ Significant distinction among the **LO** and **NLO** distributions:

- ▶ **Same** difference in the region $\sqrt{s} \gtrsim 12$ TeV
includes LHC



Summary

- ▶ We compute the event rate for **Higgs boson production** in γp process for Peripheral Collisions at LHC:

- $\frac{d\sigma}{dtdy_H} \sim 600 \text{ fb/GeV}^2$

- ▶ The event rate is **fifteen** times higher than the rate predicted by previous results in pp collisions.
 - ▶ To compare effectively we need to study this rate for $pp(AA)$ collisions.
 - ▶ A preliminary result for pp collision: $d\sigma/dy_H \sim 15 \text{ fb}$ ($M_H = 120 \text{ GeV}$).
 - ▶ Previously: $d\sigma/dy_H \lesssim 1 \text{ fb}$, $\sigma_{PP}^{\text{exc}} \sim 3.0 \text{ fb}$ and $\sigma_{\gamma\gamma}^{\text{exc}} = 0.1 \text{ fb}$.
- ▶ It is shown a clear difference of **15%** between LO and NLO distributions in the kinematic region of LHC:
 - ▶ It assigns the importance of the **gluon recombination effects** (if the non-perturbative effects are small).
- ▶ The calculation is **five times** less sensitive to the integration cuts if compared to the KMR approach.

Perspectives

- ▶ Study this approach in hadron-hadron collisions: pp , pA and AA .
- ▶ Introduction of the photon distribution of the proton (or nucleus).
- ▶ To extend the phenomenology analysis:
 - ▶ More precise predictions for the GSP;
 - ▶ ...
- ▶ Inclusion of QCD and Electroweak-theory corrections:
 - ▶ Color dipole;
 - ▶ Higgs vertex;
 - ▶ ...
- ▶ and more.