



# Higgs boson photoproduction at LHC

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# Motivation

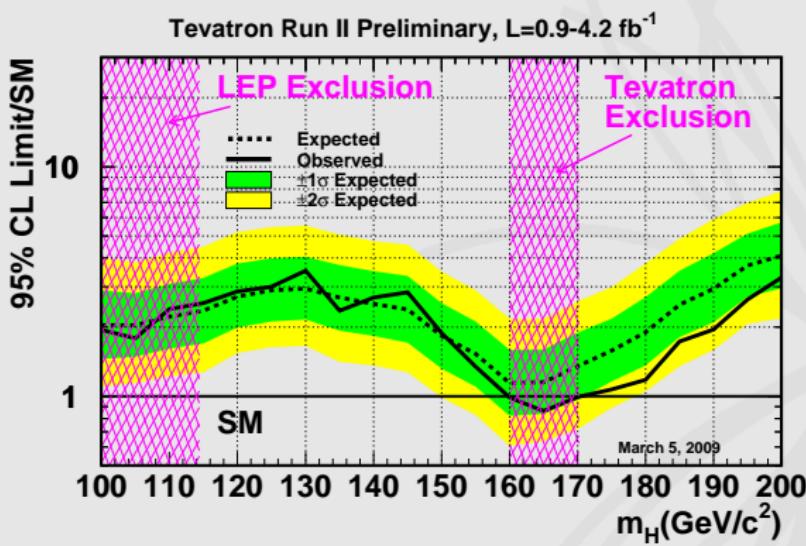
- ▶ LHC will allow to study a new kinematic region:
  - ▶ CM energy: **14 TeV** → 7x Tevatron energy
  - ▶ Luminosity: **10-100 fb<sup>-1</sup>** → ~10x Tevatron luminosity
  - ▶ Higgs physics: it is expected that the  $pp$  collisions will be able to produce the Higgs boson.
- ▶ Some hadron-hadron collisions will occur with no strong interaction.
  - ▶ The ultraperipheral collisions are a new way to study the Higgs boson production in  $pp$  and  $pA$  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  $M_H \sim 115 - 200$  GeV.
- ▶ Evidences show another mass range **excluded** for Higgs boson production.

# New results from the Tevatron

- Excluded range: The TEVNPH Working Group, arXiv:0903.4001[hep-ex]

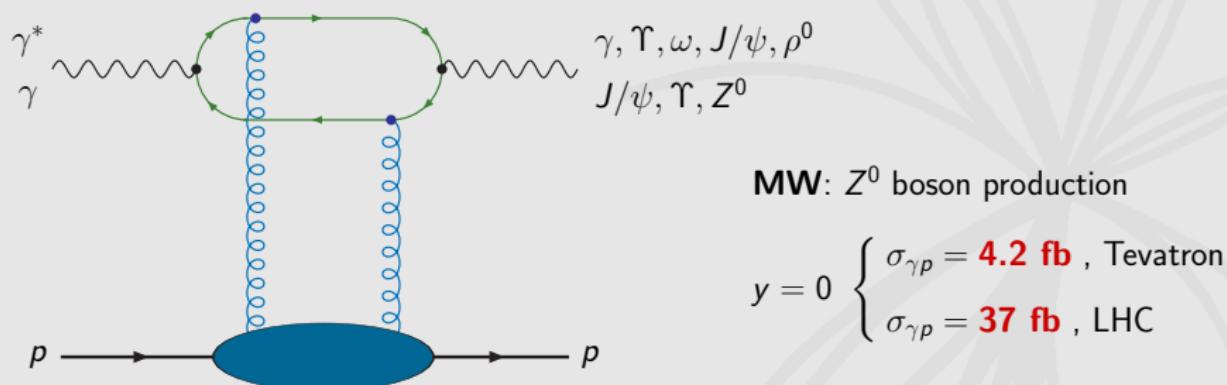
$$160 \text{ GeV} < M_H < 170 \text{ GeV}$$

- EW fits:  $M_H = 116.3^{+15.6}_{-1.30} \text{ GeV}$  Goebel, arXiv:0905.2488[hep-ph]



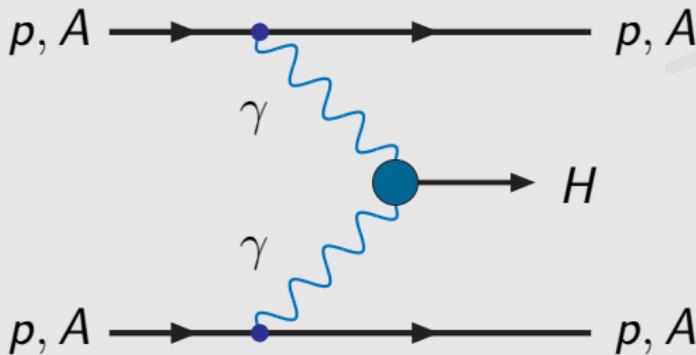
# Deeply Virtual Compton Scattering (DVCS)

- ▶ **1997:** Ji PRD **55** (1997) 7114
- ▶  $\gamma^* p \rightarrow \gamma p$  by **Pomeron exchange** in  $ep$  collisions.
- ▶ **2001:** Munier, Stašto and Mueller NPB **603** (2001) 427
- ▶ Vector meson production  $\gamma^* p \rightarrow Vp$  with **GBW model**.
- ▶ **2008:** Motyka and Watt PRD **78** (2008) 014023
- ▶ Vector particle production  $\gamma p \rightarrow Ep$  in **Ultraperipheral Collisions**.



# Electromagnetic Higgs production

- ▶ **1990:** Cahn and Jackson  
Müller and Schramm PRD 42 (1990) 3690  
PRD 42 (1990) 3699
- ▶ Ultraperipheral heavy-ion collision →  $\gamma\gamma$  annihilation
- ▶ **2007:** Miller arXiv:0704.1985[hep-ph]
- ▶ Contribution from **Electroweak boson loops** to the  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow H$ .
- ▶ **2009:** D'Enterria and Lansberg PRD 81 014004 (2010)
- ▶ Effective Higgs boson vertex in  $\gamma\gamma$  fusion.

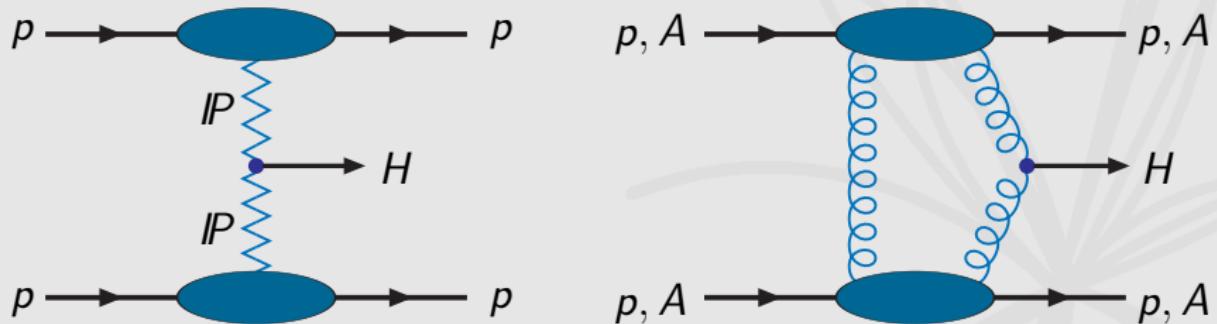


$$\left. \begin{array}{l} M_H = 150 \text{ GeV} \\ \sqrt{s} = 3.5 \text{ TeV/A} \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \textbf{CJ: } \sigma_{\text{PbPb}} = 7.0 \text{ pb} \\ \textbf{MS: } \sigma_{\text{AA}} \sim 100 \text{ pb} \end{array}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} M_H = 120 \text{ GeV} \\ \sqrt{s} = 14 \text{ TeV} \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \textbf{M: } \sigma_{\text{pp}} = 0.12 \text{ fb} \\ \textbf{DL: } \sigma_{\text{pp}} = 0.18 \text{ fb} \end{array}$$

# 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 PLB 401 (1997) 330
- 2007:** Levin and Miller arXiv:0801.3593[hep-ph]
- ▶ QCD Pomeron → **hard-gluon exchange**

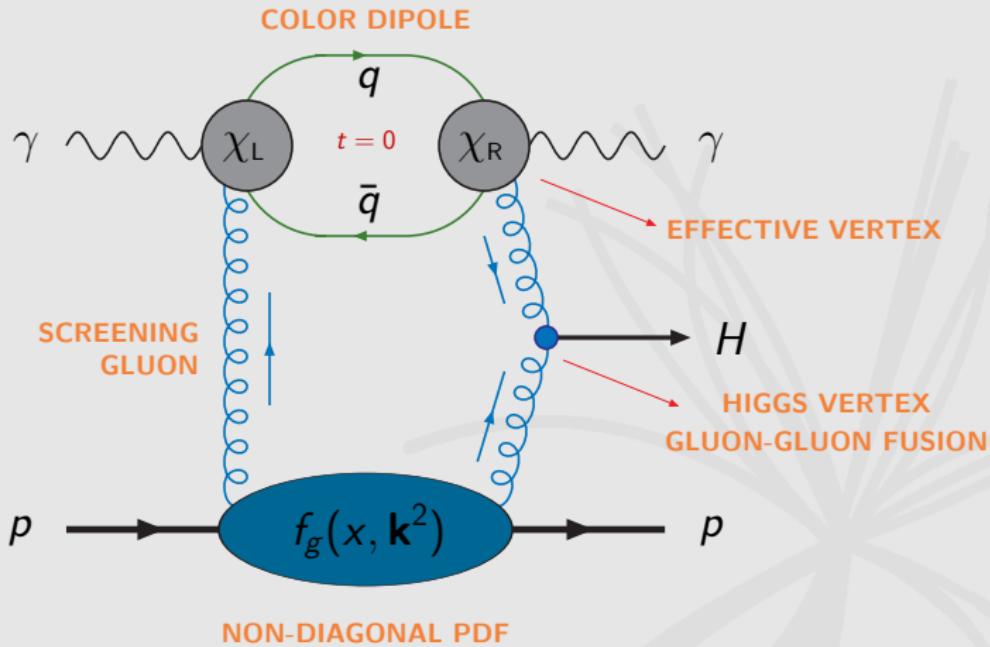


$$\left. \begin{array}{l} M_H = 150 \text{ GeV} \\ \sqrt{s} = 16 \text{ TeV} \end{array} \right\} \text{BL : } \sigma_{pp} = 0.1 \text{ pb}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} M_H = 120 \text{ GeV} \\ \sqrt{s} = 14 / 8.8 (5.5) \text{ TeV/A} \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{KMR : } \sigma_{pp}^{\text{exc/inc}} \sim 1 \text{ fb} / 300 \text{ fb} \\ \text{LM : } \sigma_{pA(AA)} = 0.64 \text{ pb (3.9 nb)} \end{array}$$

# Diffractive Higgs photoproduction

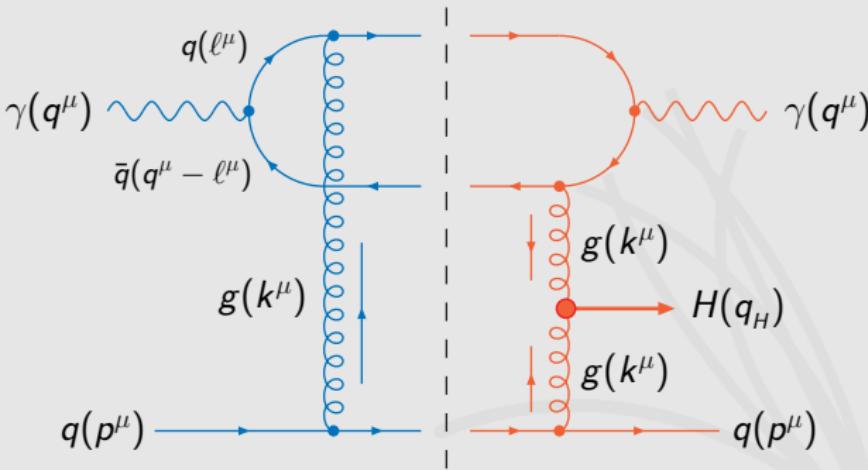
- ▶ **Proposal:**  $\gamma p$  process by **DPE** in  $pp$  collision.



- ▶ The loop is treated in **impact factor formalism** at  $t = 0$ .

# Scattering amplitude

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



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

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

# Photon impact factor

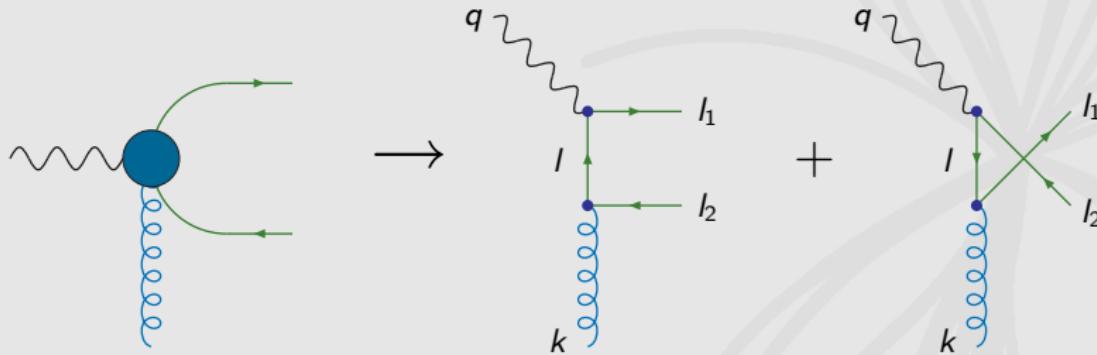
- The color dipole is composed of two effective vertices to the  $\gamma g$  coupling

$$\chi_L^{\mu\nu} = -ig_s ee_q t^a \left\{ \gamma^\mu \left[ \frac{l_1 - q}{(l_1 - q)^2} \right] \gamma^\nu - \gamma^\nu \left[ \frac{l_1 - k}{(l_1 - k)^2} \right] \gamma^\mu \right\}$$

$$\chi_R^{\lambda\eta} = -ig_s ee_q t^b \left\{ \gamma^\lambda \left[ \frac{k - l_2}{(k - l_2)^2} \right] \gamma^\eta - \gamma^\eta \left[ \frac{q - l_2}{(q - l_2)^2} \right] \gamma^\lambda \right\}$$

- 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

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

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

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

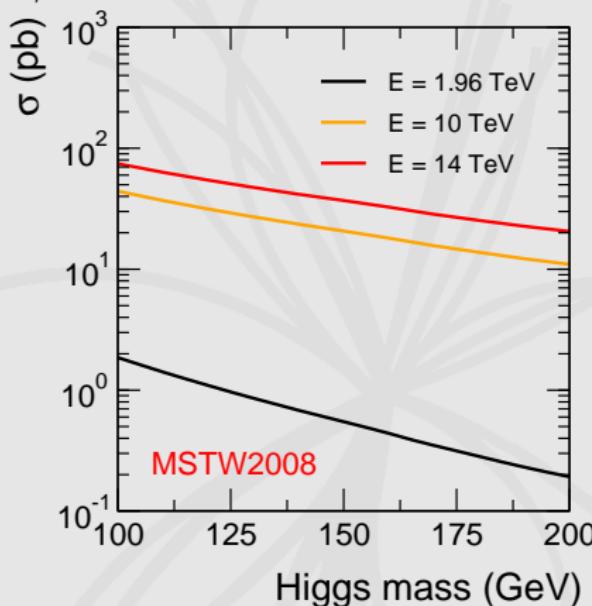
# Updates on $gg \rightarrow H$ cross section

De Florian and Grazzini  
PLB 674 (2009) 291

- ▶ Most recent advances taken into account:
  - ▶ NNLL soft-gluon resummation;
  - ▶ NLO bottom-quark contribution;
  - ▶ 2-loop EW effects.
- ▶ Significant improvements in LHC.

**TEVATRON**  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} +9\% \rightarrow M_H = 115 \text{ GeV} \\ -9\% \rightarrow M_H = 200 \text{ GeV} \end{array} \right.$

**LHC**  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} +30\% \rightarrow M_H = 115 \text{ GeV} \\ +9\% \rightarrow M_H = 300 \text{ GeV} \end{array} \right.$



# The amplitude in parton level

- ▶ The imaginary part of the amplitude has the form

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

with

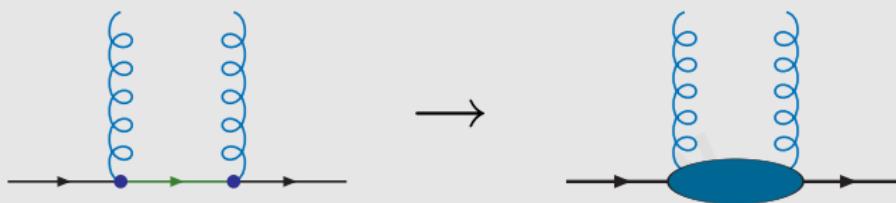
$$\mathcal{X}(\mathbf{k}^2, Q^2) = \int_0^1 d\tau \int_0^1 d\rho \frac{\mathbf{k}^2 [\tau^2 + (1-\tau)^2] [\rho^2 + (1-\rho)^2]}{Q^2 \rho (1-\rho) + \mathbf{k}^2 \tau (1-\tau)}.$$

- ▶ **First remark:** dependence on  $\mathbf{k}^{-6}$  due to the presence of the color dipole.
- ▶ Computing the event rate in central rapidity

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

- ▶ Only the **quark contribution** → extension to the hadron coupling.

# Parton → Hadron



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

$$\frac{\alpha_s C_F}{\pi} \longrightarrow f_g(x, \mathbf{k}^2) = \mathcal{K} \left( \frac{\partial [xg(x, \mathbf{k}^2)]}{\partial \ln \mathbf{k}^2} \right)$$

Khoze, Martin and Ryskin  
PLB 401 (1997) 330

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

$$\mathcal{K} = (1.2) \exp(-B \mathbf{p}^2/2)$$

Shuvaev et al  
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

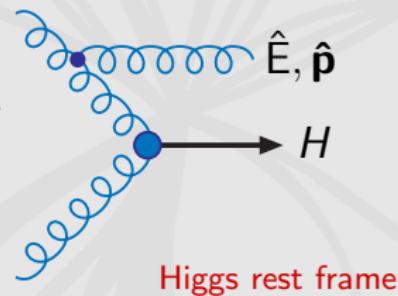
## Gluon Radiation

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- ▶ The real gluon emission from the  $ggH$  vertex needs to be **suppressed**.
  - ▶ Sum the virtual graphs that include terms like  $\ln(M_H/k^2)$ .
- ▶ The emission probability of 1-gluon is computed by **Sudakov form factors**

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

- ▶ 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]

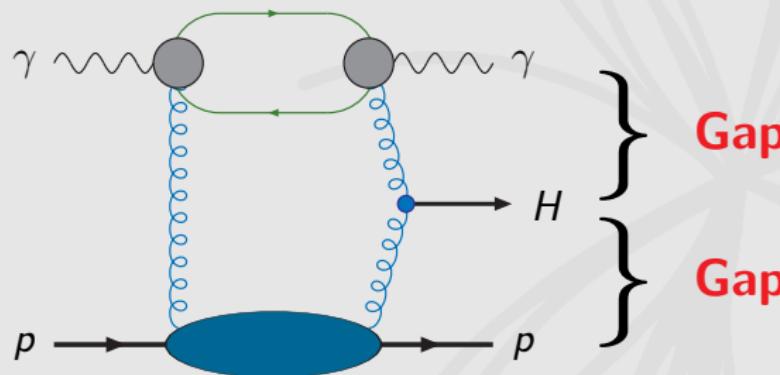
- ▶ The **Rapidity Gap Survival Probability** is calculated by

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

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

- ▶ Pomeron loops: Higgs boson production with  $S_{\text{gap}}^2 = 0.4\%$

Miller  
EPJC **56** (2008) 39  
arXiv:0908.3450[hep-ph]



# Cross section for central rapidity

Gay Ducati and Silveira PRD **78** (2008) 113005

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

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

- ▶ Proton content<sup>1</sup>:  $\alpha_s C_F/\pi \rightarrow f_g(x, k^2) = \mathcal{K} \partial_{(\ell n k^2)} x g(x, k^2)$
- ▶ Gap Survival Probability<sup>2</sup>:  $S_{gap}^2 \rightarrow 3\% \text{ (5\%)} \text{ for LHC (Tevatron)}$
- ▶ Gluon radiation suppression<sup>3</sup>: 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:  $B = 5.5 \text{ GeV}^{-2}$

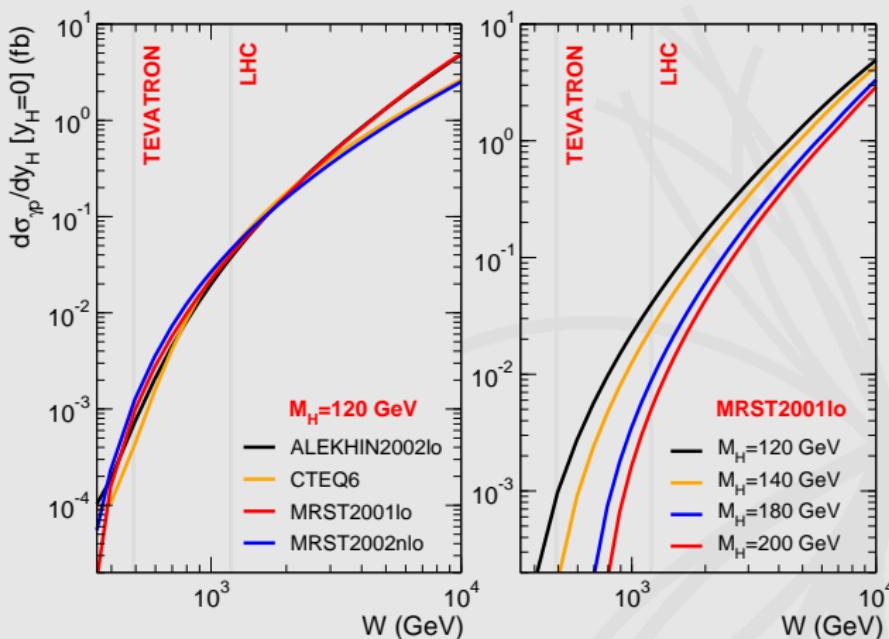
<sup>1</sup> Khoze, Martin, Ryskin, EJPC **14** (2000) 525

<sup>2</sup> Khoze, Martin, Ryskin, EJPC **18** (2000) 167

<sup>3</sup> Forshaw, hep-ph/0508274

## Results: predictions for the $\gamma p$ process

- ▶ The predictions for different PDF's are close in LHC
- ▶ Tevatron: restricted to  $M_H < 140$  GeV (reason:  $x > 0.01$ )



## Results: gluon PDF parametrizations

- All parametrizations start the distribution evolution from

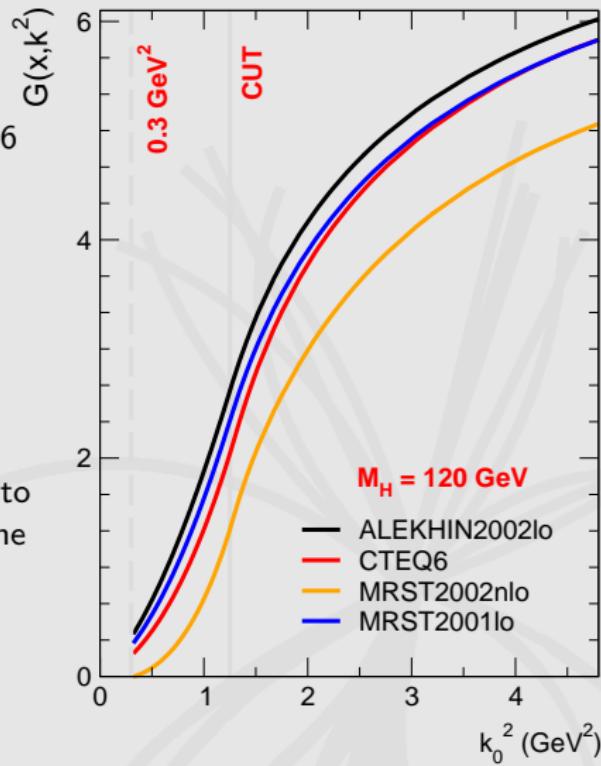
$$k_0^2 = \begin{cases} 1.25 \text{ GeV}^2, \text{ MRST and CTEQ6} \\ 1.31 \text{ GeV}^2, \text{ ALEKHIN} \end{cases}$$

- One can extrapolate the distribution for  $k^2 \rightarrow 0$

$$k_{\leftarrow}^2 \sim k^{4+2(\gamma+2)k^2}$$

- For each parametrization one needs to compute the parameters to match the **function** and its **derivative** in the correct value.

$$\text{MRST2001lo} \rightarrow \gamma = 1.987455222$$

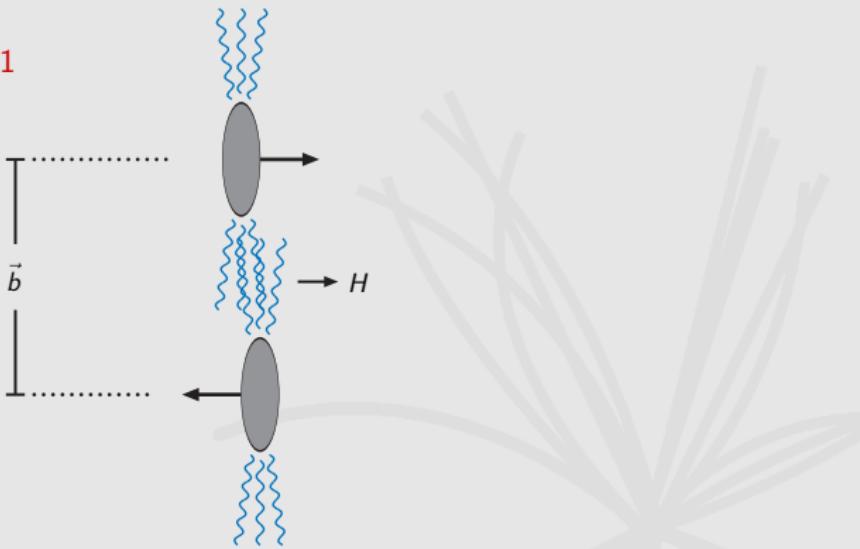


# Higgs production in Ultraperipheral Collisions

- The  $\gamma p$  process is a subprocess in ultraperipheral  $pp$  collisions

Hencken *et al*

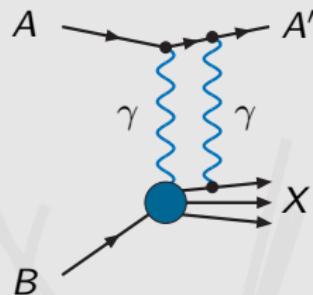
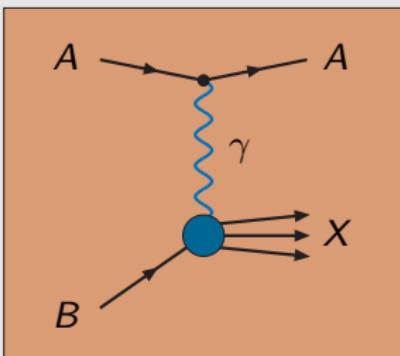
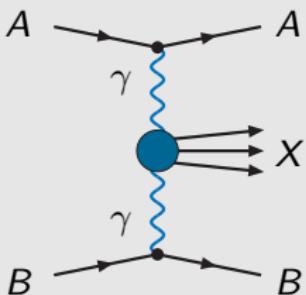
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- Impact parameter:**  $|\vec{b}| > 2R \rightarrow \text{NO STRONG INTERACTION!}$
- Only EM force acts in the second proton  $\rightarrow \text{REAL PHOTONS}$

# 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

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

**COHERENCE CONDITION**

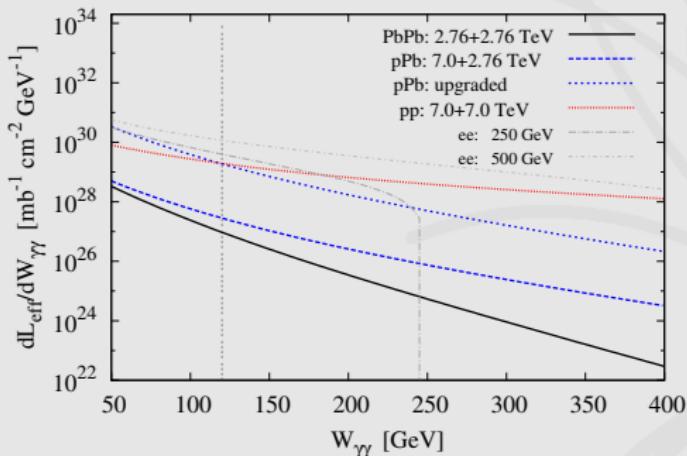
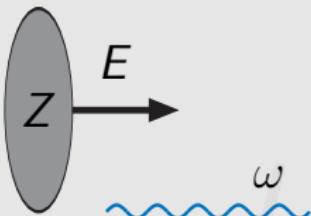
- In the **proton case**:  $Q^2 \lesssim 10^{-2} \text{ GeV}^2$ .
- Uncertainty principle**: upper limit to the photon transverse momentum

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

# Photon spectra

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

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



d'Enterria and Lansberg  
arXiv:0909.3047[hep-ph]

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

# Hadronic cross section

- ▶ For  $pp$  collisions,  $\sigma_{\gamma p}$  is convoluted with the photon flux

$$\sigma(pp \rightarrow p + H + p) = 2 \int_{\omega_0}^{\sqrt{s}/2} \frac{dn}{d\omega} \sigma_{\gamma p}(\omega, M_H) d\omega,$$

where the photon flux is given by

$$\frac{dn}{dk} = \frac{\alpha_{em}}{2\pi\omega} \left[ 1 + \left( 1 - \frac{2k}{\sqrt{s}} \right)^2 \right] \left( \ell n A - \frac{11}{6} + \frac{3}{A} - \frac{3}{2A^2} + \frac{1}{3A^2} \right),$$

with  $A \simeq 1 + (0.71 \text{ GeV}^{-2})\sqrt{s}/2\omega^2$ , and for nucleus

$$\frac{dn}{d\omega} = \frac{2Z^2\alpha_{em}}{\pi\omega} \left\{ \mu K_0(\mu)K_1(\mu) - \frac{\mu^2}{2} [K_1^2(\mu) - K_0^2(\mu)] \right\},$$

where  $\mu = \omega b_{min}/\gamma_L$ , and  $b_{min} = r_p + R_A$ .

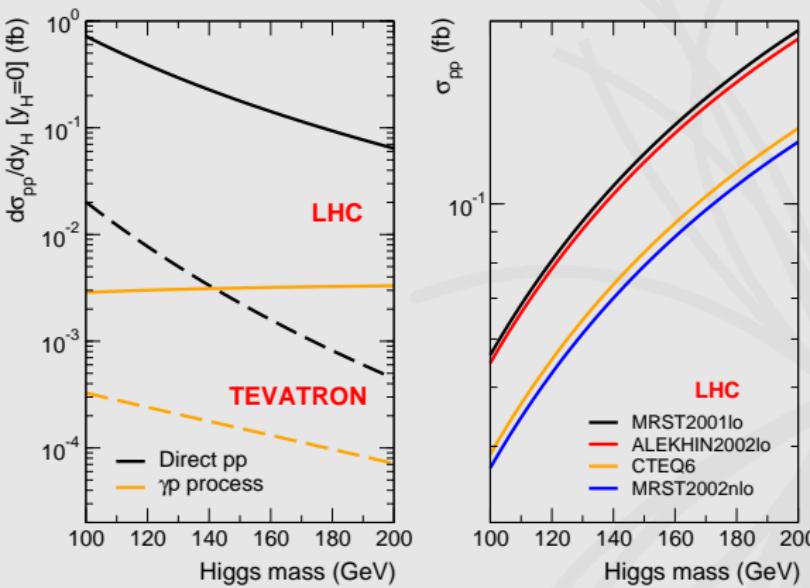
- ▶ The parametrization allows one to write the virtuality as

$$Q^2 = -\omega^2/(\gamma_L^2\beta_L^2) - q_\perp^2$$

with  $\gamma_L = (1 - \beta_L^2)^{-1/2} = \sqrt{s}/2m_p$ .

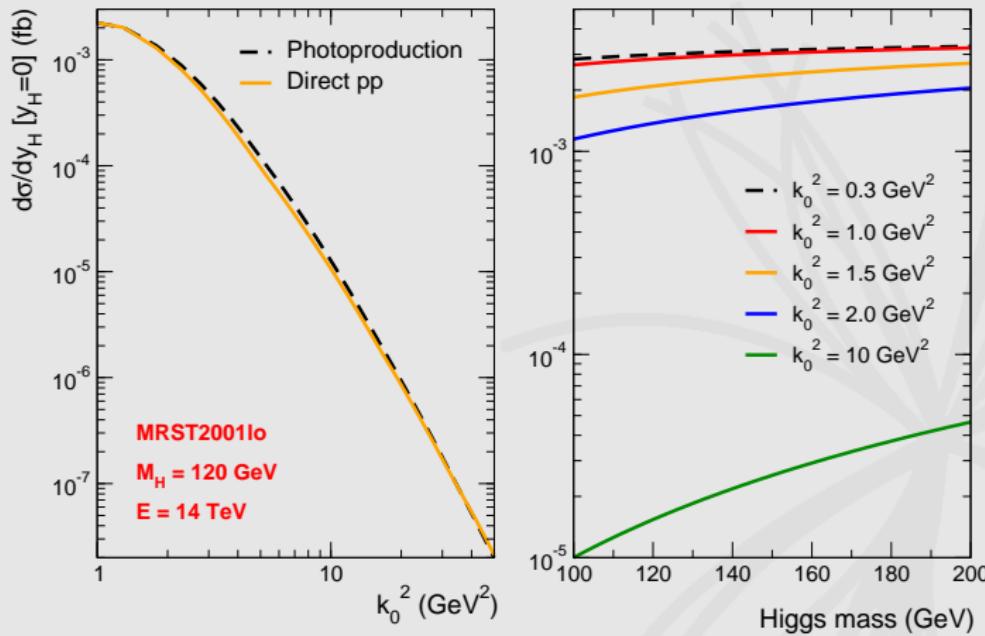
## Results: Higgs boson in UPCs

- ▶ Similar to those from  $\gamma\gamma$  process ( $10^{-1}$  fb).
- ▶ Clear distinction among the predictions in LHC for different PDF's.
- ▶ The event rate is obtained from the relation  $\frac{d\sigma_{pp}}{dy_H} = 2 \int_{\omega_0}^{\sqrt{s}/2} \frac{dn}{d\omega} \frac{d\sigma_{\gamma p}}{dy_H} d\omega$ .



## Results: Cutoff sensitivity

- ▶ The main contribution comes from the range  $k_0^2 < 30 \text{ GeV}^2$ .
- ▶ Sensitivity: almost the same behavior than the direct  $pp$  process.

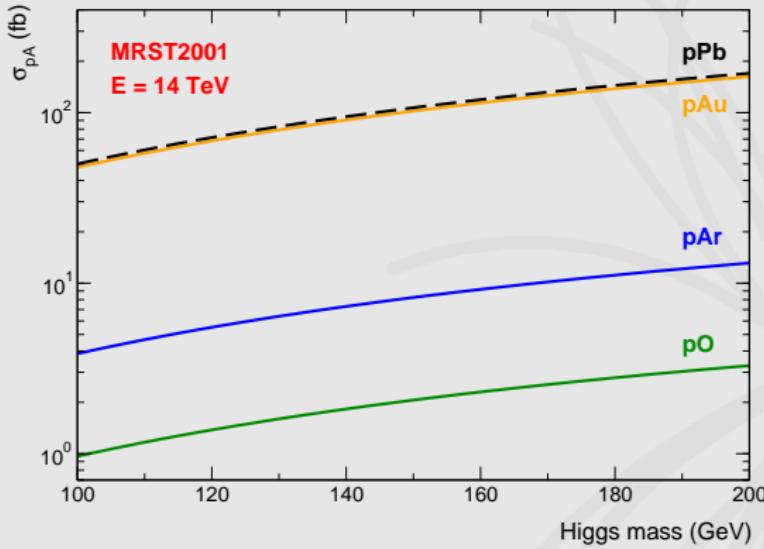


## Results: $pA$ collisions

- ▶ Some species are inspected for the Higgs boson photoproduction:

$Pb$ ,  $Au$ ,  $Ar$ ,  $O$

- ▶ The photon flux is improved by a factor of  $Z^2$ ;



## Summary

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

$$\sigma_{pp} \sim 0.1 \text{ fb} \quad \sigma_{pPb} \sim 80 \text{ fb}$$

- ▶ The computed total cross section is lower than the direct  $pp$  process, however,
  - ▶ The Rapidity Gap Survival Probability (GSP) is not appropriated to the  $\gamma p$  process (3%).
  - ▶ **We must compute the GSP for the  $\gamma p$  collisions.**

Subprocess	GSP (%)	$\sigma_{pp}$ (fb)
$IPIP$	2.3	2.7
$IPIP$	0.4	0.47
$\gamma\gamma$	100	0.1
$\gamma p$	3.0	<b>0.08</b>

- ▶ The predictions can be analysed with the data for **non-central collisions**.
  - ▶ It will be less competitive than direct  $pp$  processes if analysed separately.