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# High energy photoproduction at the LHC

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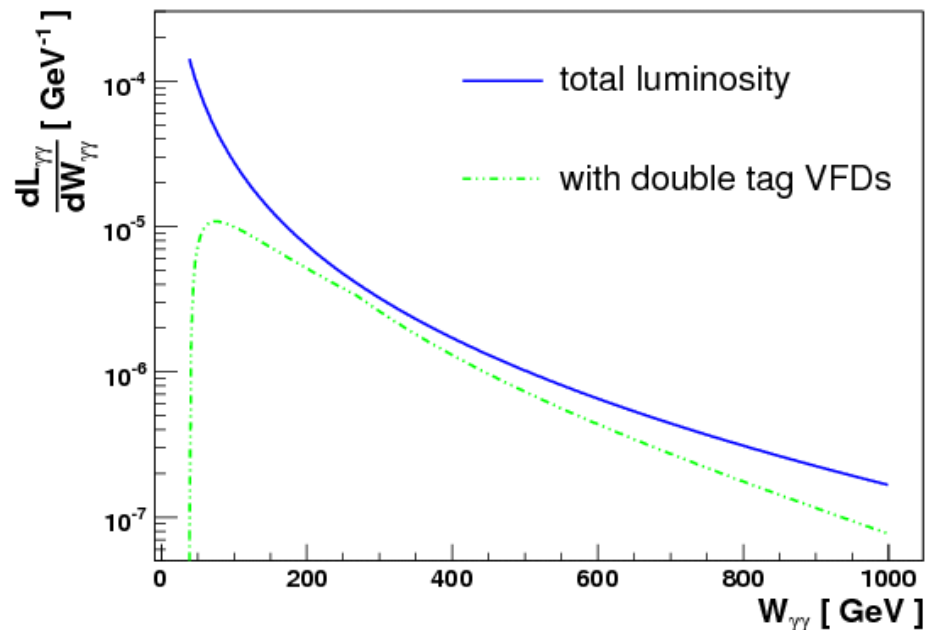
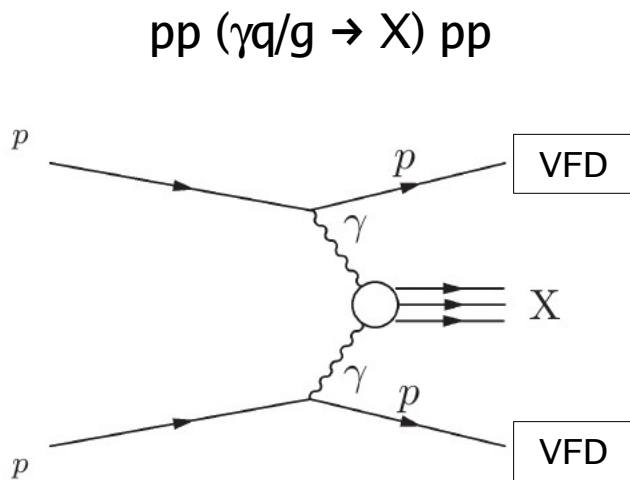
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LHC as a photon-photon collider !



Luminosity peaked at low  $W_{\gamma\gamma}$

Using EPA

$$\sigma_{pp} = \int \sigma_{\gamma\gamma} \frac{dL_{\gamma\gamma}}{dW_{\gamma\gamma}} dW_{\gamma\gamma}$$

- Very **clean** event topologies :
  - centrally produced particles
  - 2 protons measured far away from the IP
- Factorization to
  - long distance photon exchange
  - short distance  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow X$

- Detection and tagging : use of very forward detectors (VFD)



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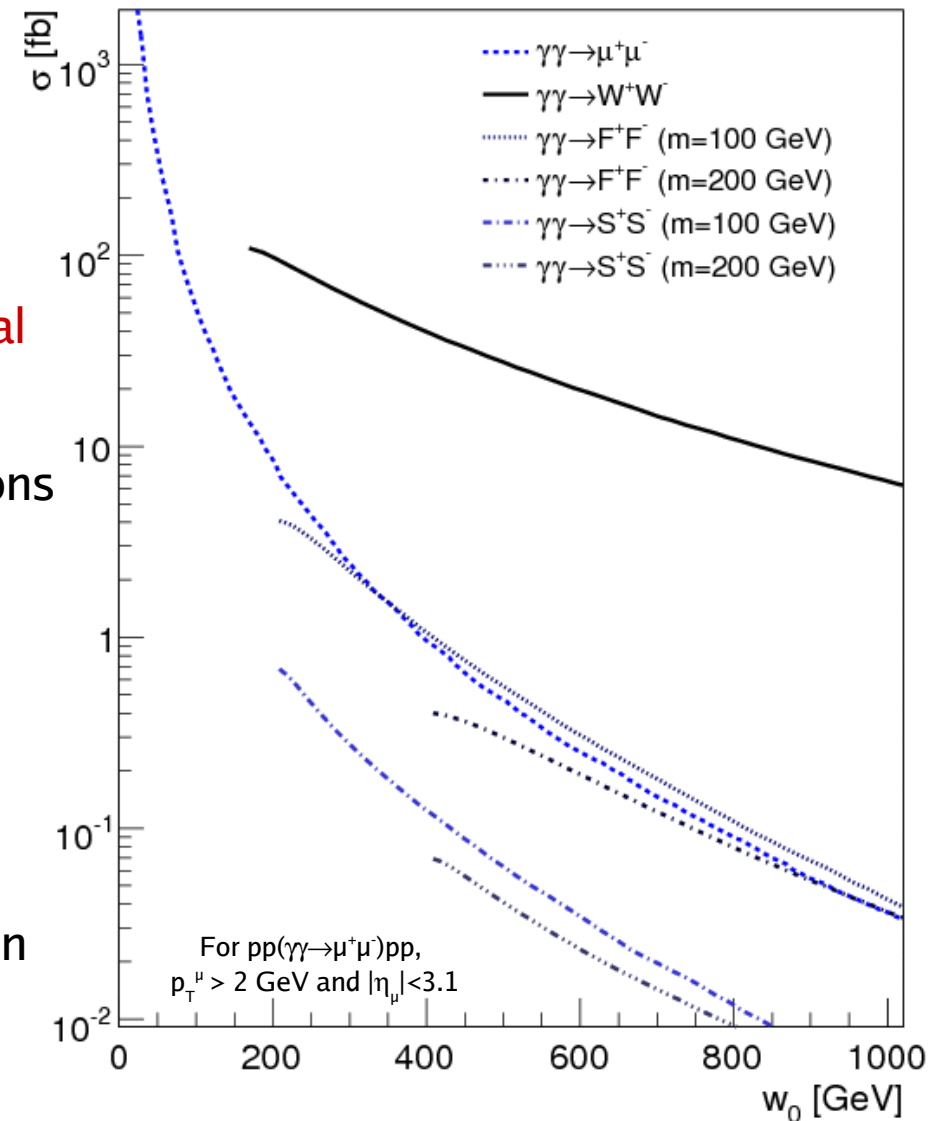
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## pp cross sections

- Huge pp background sufficiently suppressed
- Photon momenta precisely measured using VFD
- $\rightarrow$  reconstruction of the longitudinal degrees of freedom
- Several large inclusive cross sections
  - $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$  : first  $\gamma\gamma$  process to be seen ( $\sigma=72.5$  pb)
  - high statistics for  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow W^+W^-$ 
    - $\rightarrow$  precise measurement of the  $\gamma\gamma WW$  coupling
  - Supersymmetric pair production
- High survival probability factor

Obtained using MadGraph/MadEvent





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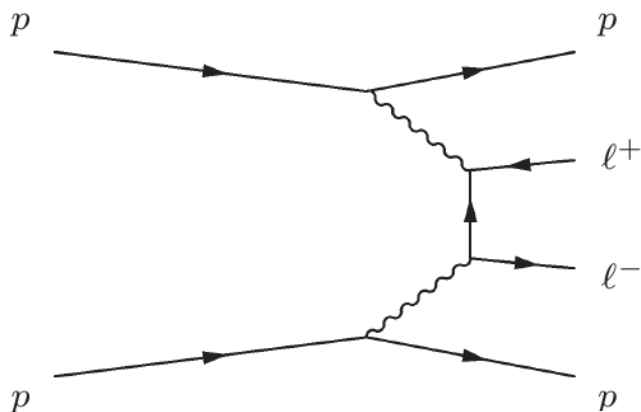
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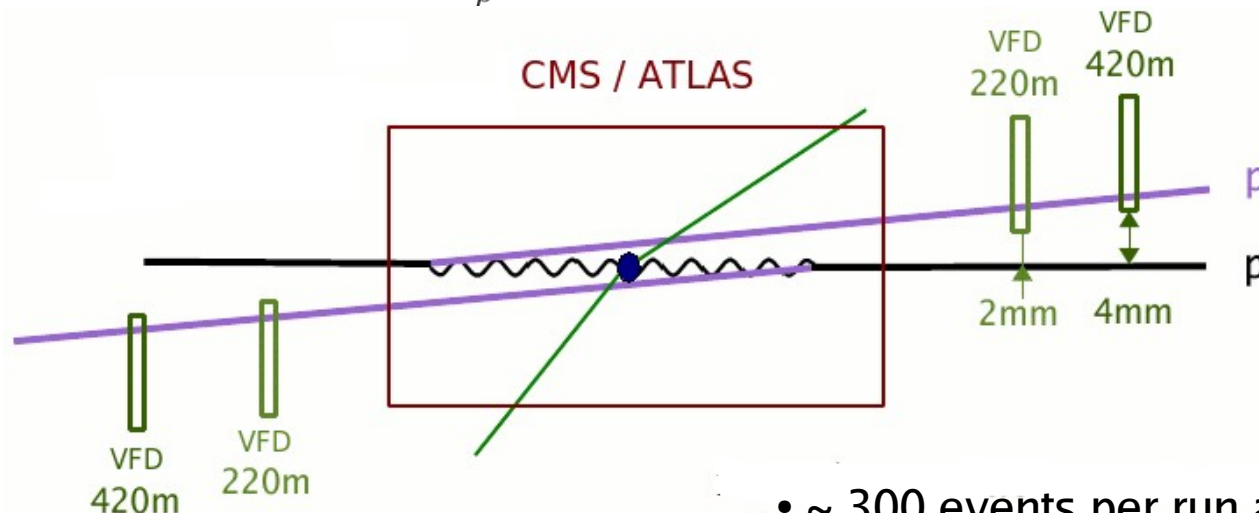
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$$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$$



- Well known and large cross section
- pp **luminosity** monitoring :  $\sim 800$  events/12 h ( $L = 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ )
- **Calibration** of very forward detectors
  - VFD acceptance
  - Misalignment of the beam optics



- $\sim 300$  events per run are selected with at least one VFD tag
- ➔ run-by-run calibration

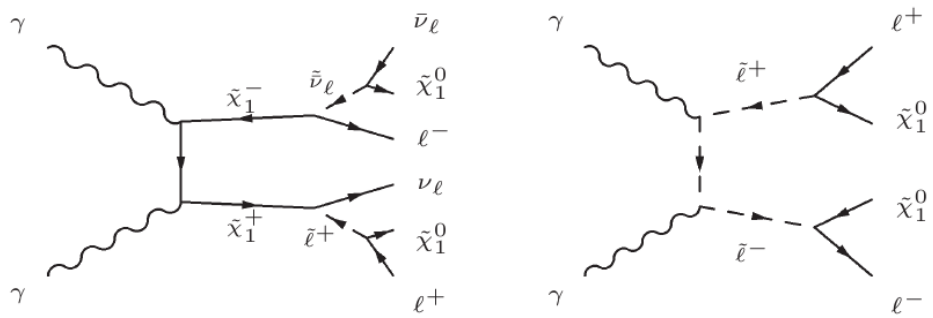
	$ \eta  < 2.5$	
	$p_T^\mu > 3 \text{ GeV}$	$p_T^\mu > 10 \text{ GeV}$
$\sigma_{\text{acc}}$	21600 fb	1340 fb
$\sigma_{\text{acc}}$ (with VFD)	7260 fb	1270 fb

- Require a dedicated trigger with low thresholds

SuSy search...

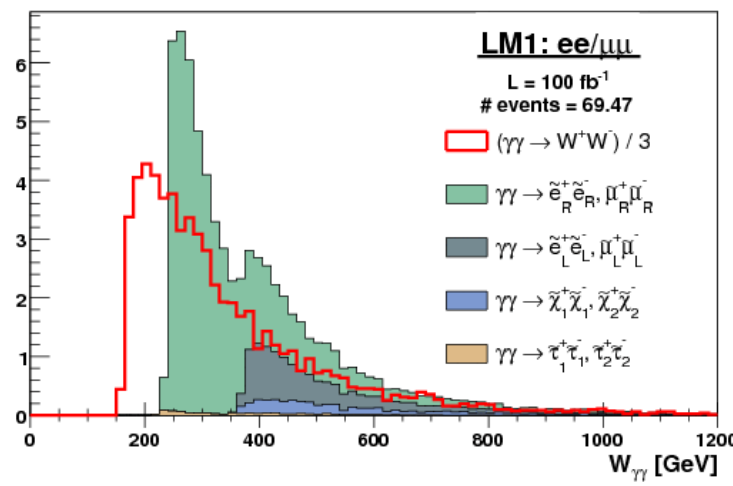
Example for the LM1 parameter space

LM1 : very light LSP, light sleptons, light charginos,  $\text{tg}(\beta)=10$

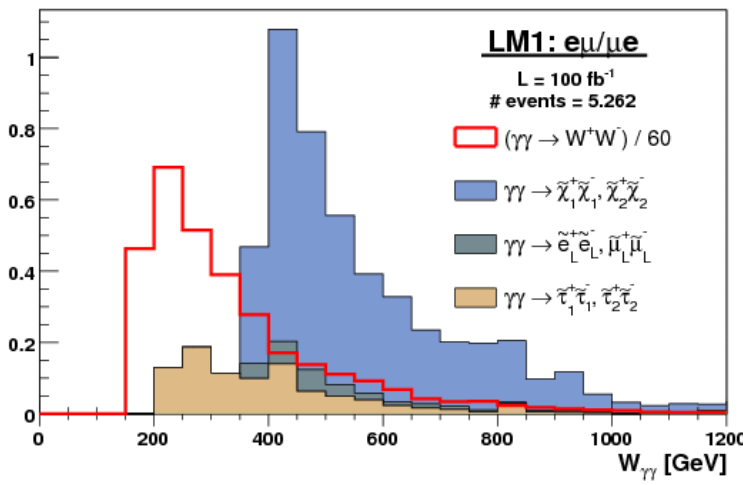


- New, complementary and simple production mechanism
- Very simple final state : 2 leptons and  $E_T^{\text{mis}}$
- Using double VFD tag : **constraint on the SuSy masses**

	$\sigma$ (fb)	$\sigma_{\text{acc}}$ (fb)	
		$p_T > 3 \text{ GeV}$	$p_T > 10 \text{ GeV}$
$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \tilde{\ell}_R^+ \tilde{\ell}_R^-$	0.798	0.627	0.475
$\tilde{\ell}_L^+ \tilde{\ell}_L^-$	0.183	0.142	0.133
$\tilde{\tau}_i^+ \tilde{\tau}_i^-$	0.604	0.175	0.146
$\tilde{\chi}_i^+ \tilde{\chi}_i^-$	0.642	0.111	0.035
$H^+ H^-$	0.006	-	-
$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow W^+ W^-$	108.5	4.257	3.652



SuSy pairs produced with Calchep, decay with Pythia



Small cross sections, **probably** not a discovery channel

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- High cross section  $\sim 100$  fb
- Very clean signature
- ➔ Stringent **test of the SM**

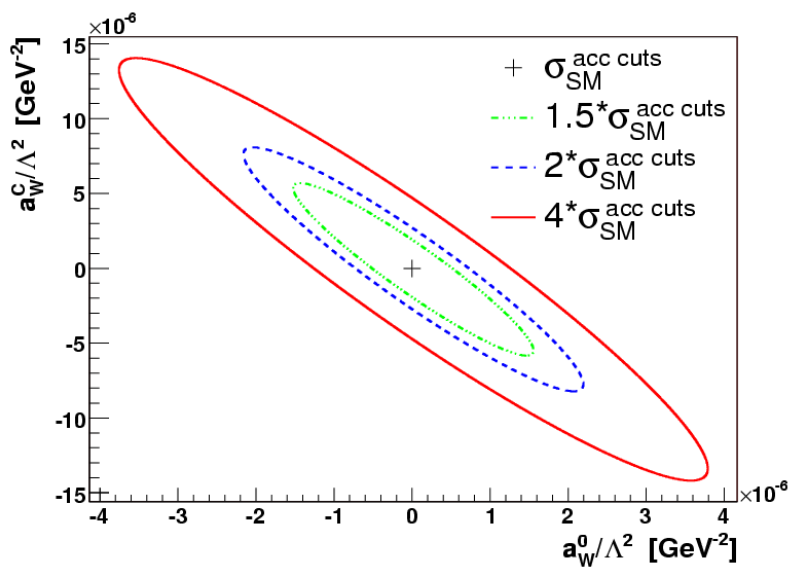
	$ \eta  < 2.5$	
$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow W^+W^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$	$p_T^\mu > 3$ GeV	$p_T^\mu > 10$ GeV
$\sigma_{\text{acc}}$	0.80 fb	0.76 fb
$\sigma_{\text{acc}}$ (with VFD)	0.70 fb	0.66 fb

### Anomalous gauge boson couplings

Lagrangian for anomalous quartic vector boson couplings which conserves C, P as well as local  $U(1)_{\text{em}}$  and  $SU(2)$  :

$$L_6^0 = \frac{-e^2}{8} \frac{a_0^W}{\Lambda^2} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} W^{+\alpha} W_\alpha^- - \frac{e^2}{16 \cos^2 \theta_W} \frac{a_0^Z}{\Lambda^2} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} Z^\alpha Z_\alpha$$

$$L_6^C = \frac{-e^2}{16} \frac{a_C^W}{\Lambda^2} F_{\mu\alpha} F^{\mu\beta} (W^{+\alpha} W_\beta^- + W^{-\alpha} W_\beta^+) - \frac{e^2}{16 \cos^2 \theta_W} \frac{a_C^Z}{\Lambda^2} F_{\mu\alpha} F_{\mu\beta} Z^\alpha Z_\beta$$



no other background than SM  $\gamma \rightarrow WW$  for  $30 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  expected 22.8 (18.6) events

while current OPAL limits are:

$$-0.020 \text{ GeV} < a_0^W < 0.020 \text{ GeV}$$

$$-0.052 \text{ GeV} < a_C^W < 0.037 \text{ GeV}$$



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- LHC is a  $\gamma\gamma$  collider
- $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \mu\mu$  : interesting for luminosity monitoring and RP calibration
- $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow WW$  : limits on 4-vector coupling could be really improved
- SUSY pairs could be measured for high luminosity runs







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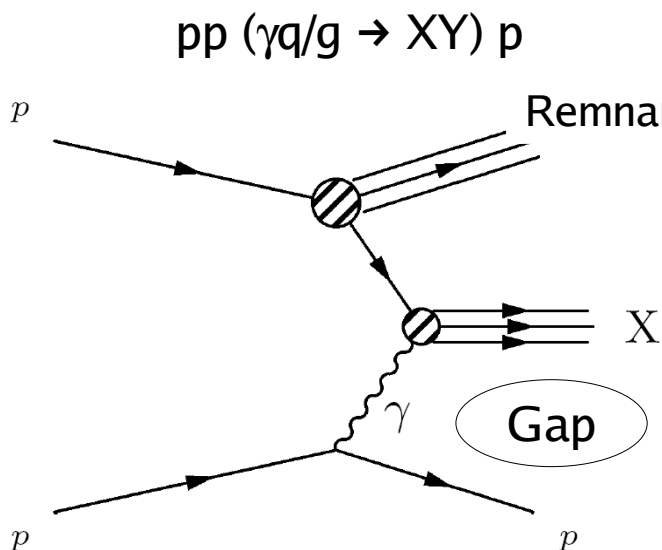
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LHC : a new HERA collider !

Photoproduction is traditionally studied at e-p collisions



- $\gamma p$  events can also be tagged at the LHC  
➡ e.g. Using Large Rapidity Gaps (LRG)
- **Higher luminosity** than  $\gamma\gamma$  events
- Probe electroweak sector up to/beyond 2 TeV !

Using EPA

$$\sigma_{pp} = \int \sigma_{\gamma q/g}(\hat{W}_{\gamma q/g}) f_{\gamma}(x_1) f_{q/g}(x_2, Q^2) dx_1 dx_2$$

where  $\hat{W}_{\gamma q/g}^2 = 4 E_p x_1 x_2$

**BUT** pp events are more dangerous backgrounds than in  $\gamma\gamma$  interactions!





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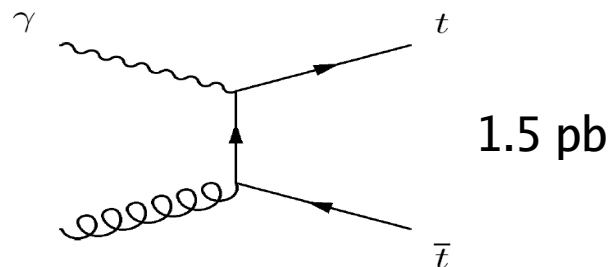
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$\gamma p$  cross sections

- Large variety of processes
- Significant cross sections up to 2 TeV

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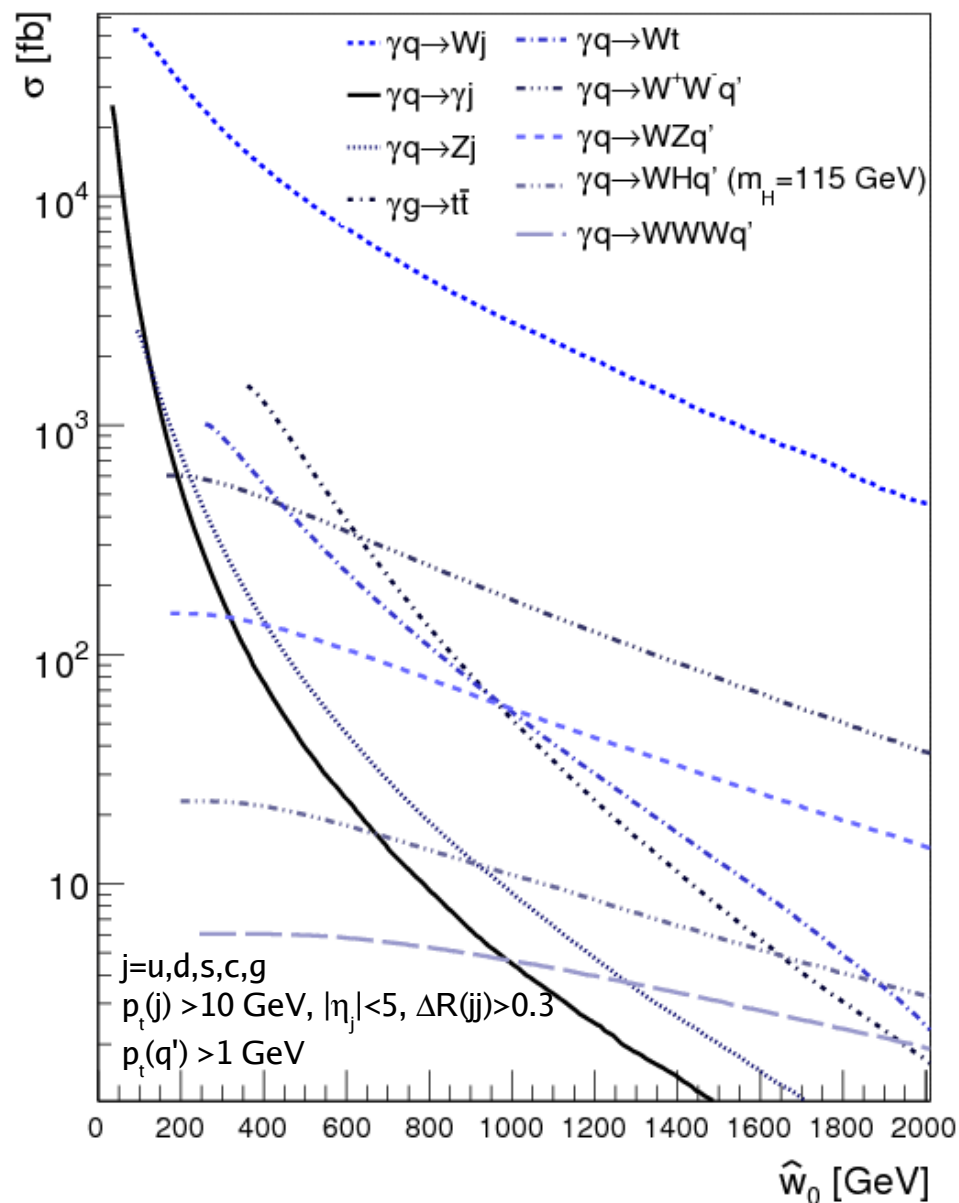


- Alternative way to pp interactions to study

1. Higgs search
2. Top physics (e.g.  $|V_{tb}|$ )
3. New phenomena up to 2 TeV

- **Very good S/B expected**

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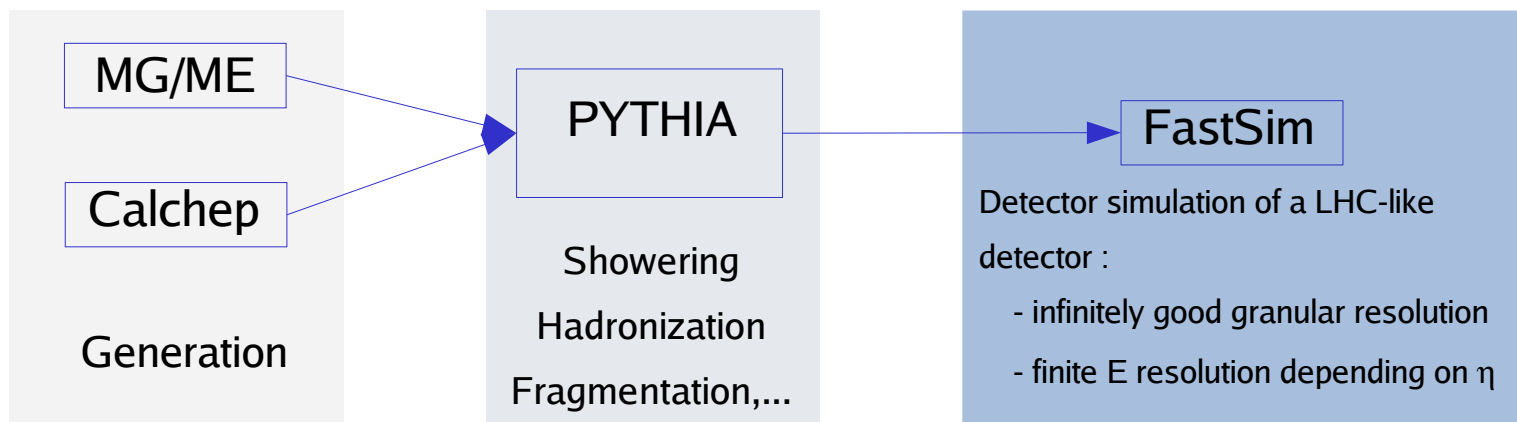
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## Simulation procedure

Jets in the final state require careful simulation of acceptance cuts!



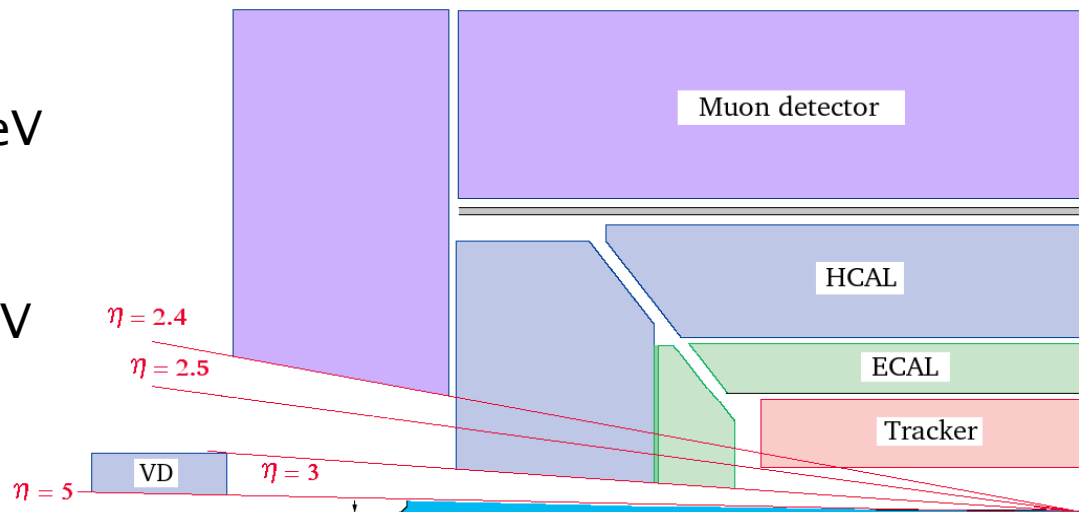
## Objects reconstruction

Leptons :  $|\eta| < 2.5$ ,  $p_T > 10$  GeV

Jets : reconstructed in a cone  
 $R = 0.7$  for  $|\eta| < 3$ ,  $p_T > 20$  GeV

b-tagging : for  $|\eta| < 2.5$

- tagging efficiency : 40%,
- mistagging of 1% for  $j=u,d,s,g$
- mistagging of 10% for  $j=c$ .



Observability of photo-induced processes is determined using **acceptance cuts** with these thresholds



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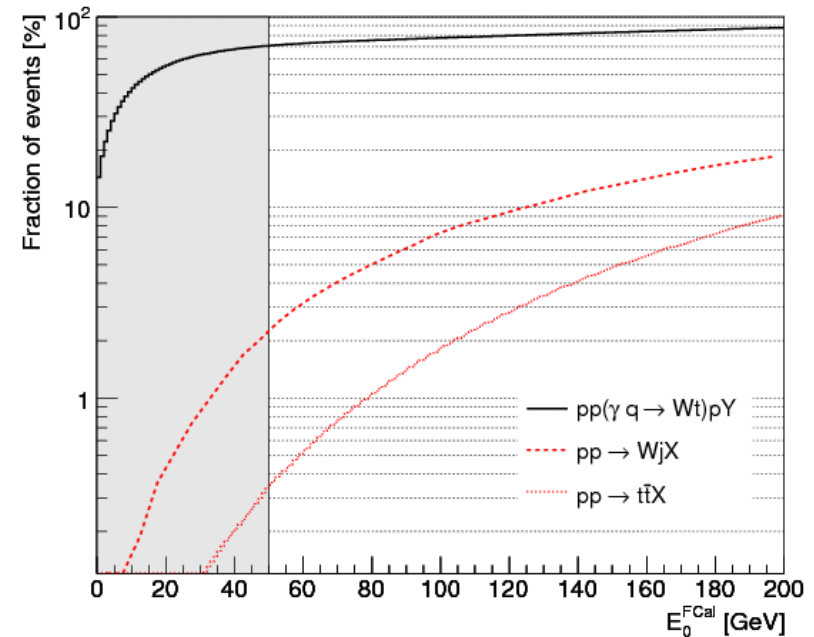
## Detection and tagging

Very low luminosity phase ( $< 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ) :

- Small event pile-up

➔ **Large rapidity gap (LRG)** signature can be used

- For example, forward energy flows (into  $3 < |\eta| < 5$ ) in one of the two hemispheres less than 50 GeV



**Advantage :** independent on very forward detectors features (Roman Pots)

**Drawback :** - low integrated luminosity expected

- kinematics is less constrain

- Expected integrated luminosity of  $1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

Low luminosity phase ( $\sim 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ )

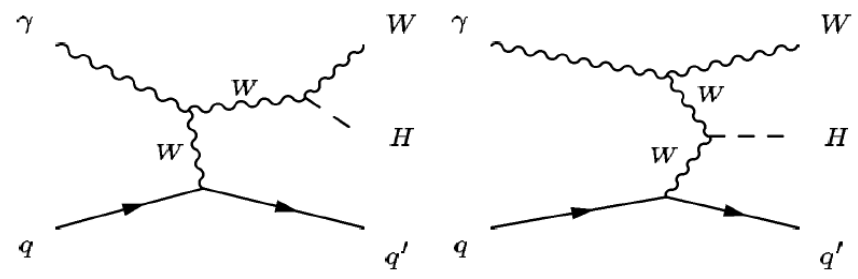
- Use of very forward detector is mandatory !
- Exclusivity cuts can be applied (e.g. vetoing soft tracks from event vertex)
- Expected integrated luminosity of  $10\text{-}30 \text{ fb}^{-1}$



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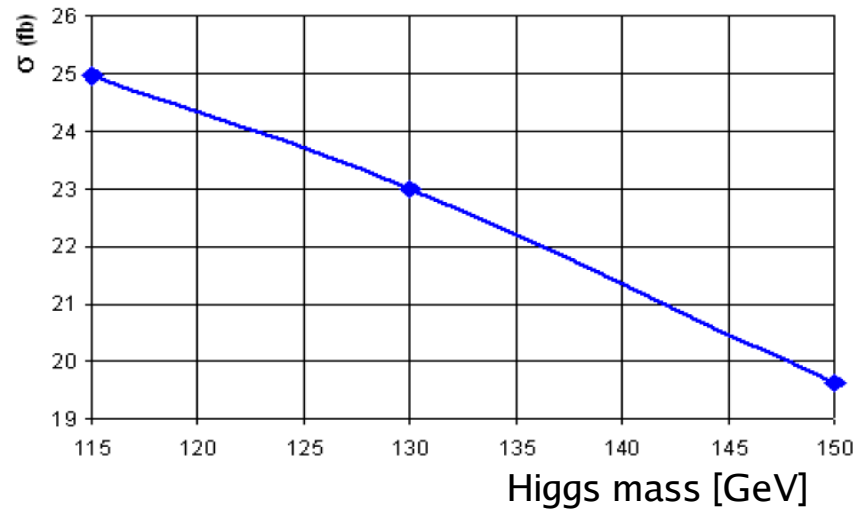
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Associated WH production



- Associated production of WH has **significant cross section** at LHC !
- tt less overwhelming than in pp case!

Obtained using MadGraph/MadEvent



Five topologies where studied

- $WH \rightarrow l\nu bb$ ,  $l=e, \mu, \tau$ ,
- $WH \rightarrow W\tau^+\tau^- \rightarrow jjl^+l^-$ ,  $l=e, \mu$ ,
- $WH \rightarrow W\tau^+\tau^- \rightarrow jjl^+\tau_h$ ,  $l=e, \mu$ ,
- $WH \rightarrow WW^+W^- \rightarrow ll$ ,  $l=e, \mu, \tau$ ,
- $WH \rightarrow WW^+W^- \rightarrow jjl^\pm l^\pm$ ,  $l=e, \mu, \tau$ .

Topology	$M_H = 115$ GeV			$M_H = 170$ GeV	
	$l\nu bb$	$jjl^+l^-$	$jjl^+\tau_h$	$ll$	$jjl^\pm l^\pm$
$\sigma$ WHq' [fb]	5.42	0.14	0.52	0.55	1.17
$\sigma_{acc}$	0.12	0.01	0.03	0.07	0.22
Irreducible backgrounds (tt, Wt, Wzq', WWW, Wllq' Wbbq')					
$\sigma_{acc}$ bkg	3.69	29.9	7.35	1.26	0.27

Results after application of **acceptance cuts**

- Very small statistics  $\rightarrow$  not a discovery channel
- Interesting sensitivity for 2 topologies :  $l\nu bb$  and  $jjl^\pm l^\pm$
- For analysis, more specific cuts can be applied.



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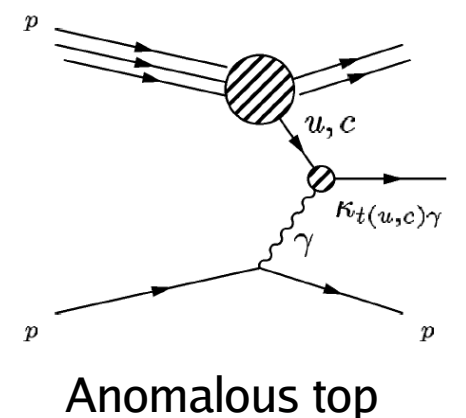
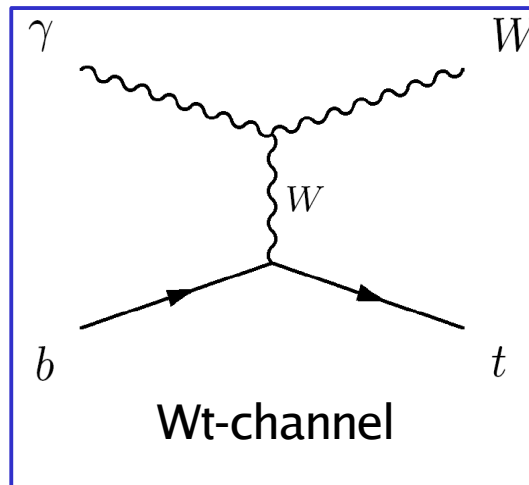
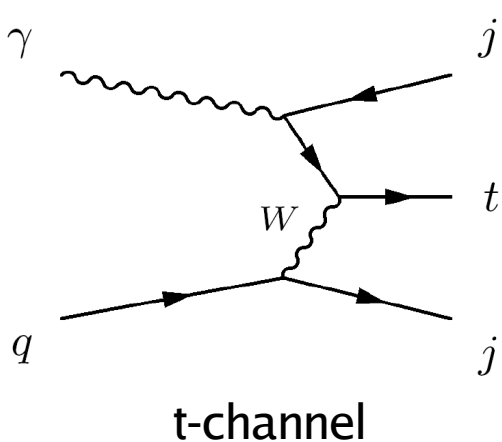
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## The LHC is a Top factory!



### pp vs $\gamma p$ cross sections

### Physics highlights

- Wt and t-channel related to  $V_{tb}$
- Sensitivity to new physics : FCNC
- Possibility to study top properties (mass, charge,...)

	pp	$\gamma p$
Wt-channel	~ 60 pb	~ 1pb
t-channel	~ 245 pb	~ 6.2 fb
Wjjj	~ 35 nb	8.7 pb
tt	~ 720 pb	1.5 pb

- Wt-channel : more favorable background condition than pp case

- What kind of **uncertainty** is reachable on  $|V_{tb}|$ ?

$$\frac{\sigma_{Wt}}{\sigma_{tt}} \simeq 0.7$$





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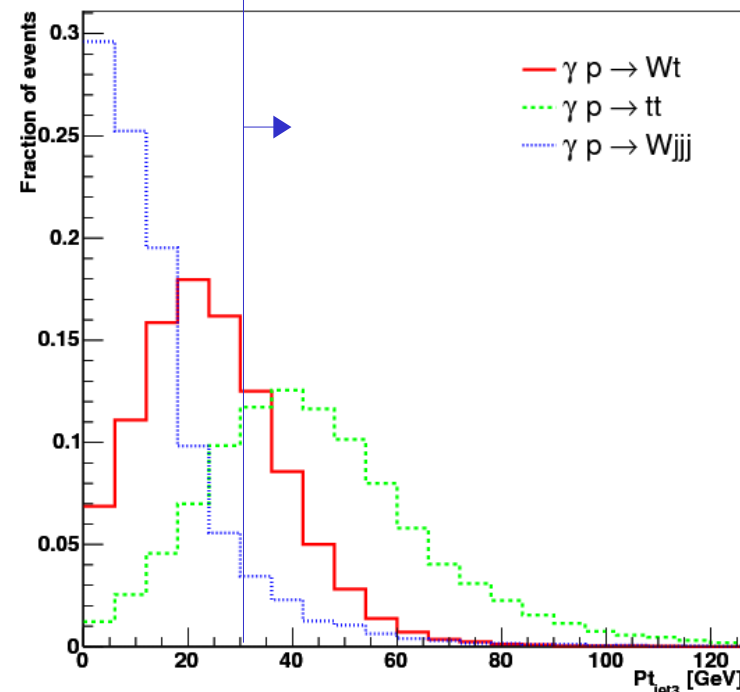
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## Typical analysis cuts

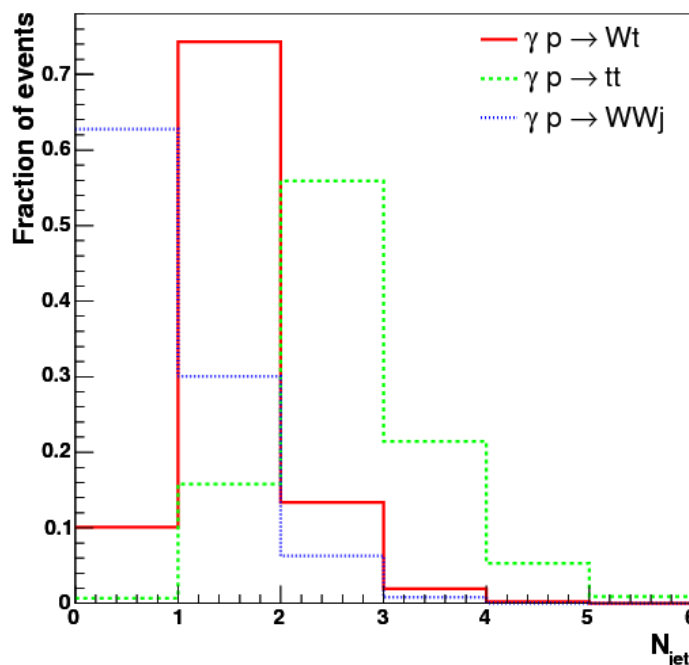
### Semi-leptonic topology

- 1 isolated lepton with  $p_t > 20$  GeV
- 3 jets with  $p_t > 30$  GeV
- 1 tagged b-jet
- $H_t$  (scalar sum of all visible  $E_t$ 's)  $< 230$  GeV
- $M(bb)$  in a window of 20 GeV around  $M_W$

### Semi-leptonic topology



### Di-leptonic topology



### Di-leptonic topology

- 2 isolated leptons with  $p_t > 20$  GeV
- 1 jet with  $p_t > 30$  GeV
- jet tagged as b-jet
- Missing  $E_t > 20$  GeV





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## $\sigma$ uncertainty : semi-leptonic topology

- Cross sections after analysis cuts

	Wt	$\gamma p$ backgrounds				pp backgrounds				
		tt(1l)	tt(2l)	W3j	Wbbj	tt(1l)	tt(2l)	W+jets	Wbbj	tj
$\sigma$ [fb]	440.6	671.75	159.08	2792.97	55.22	328025	77680	3261000	266587	67005
$\sigma_{acc}$	7.35	3.39	0.63	0.79	0.04	8.3	1.76	9.65	2.73	0.56

- Uncertainties after  $10 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

Source	Uncertainty	$\Delta\sigma$ (semi-lept)
Statistical uncertainty	-	25.5%
Integrated luminosity	5%	10.5%
Theoretical uncertainty	-	9.7%
Jet energy Scale	5% (20 GeV) 3% (50 GeV)	23.4%
b-tagging efficiency	5%	24.0%
Total systematic uncertainty		34.9%

- This result can be improved (e.g. : tagging, exclusivity,...)
- More efficient suppression of **pp backgrounds** is mandatory!





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## $\sigma$ uncertainty di-leptonic topology

- Cross sections after analysis cuts

	Wt	$\gamma p$ bkg		pp bkg	
		tt	WWq'	tt	WWj
$\sigma$ [fb]	104.33	159.1	62.5	77680	5234
$\sigma_{acc}$	5.8	1.97	0.12	2.55	0.23

- Uncertainties after  $10 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

Source	Uncertainty	$\Delta\sigma$ (di-lept)
Statistical uncertainty	-	17.6%
Integrated luminosity	5%	5.7%
Theoretical uncertainty	-	2.75%
Jet Energy Scale	5% (20 GeV) 3% (50 GeV)	10.7%
Btagging efficiency	5%	9.1%
Total systematic uncertainty		14.3%

Uncertainty on  $|V_{tb}|$  : 12.1%

➔ di-leptonic topology is competitive !





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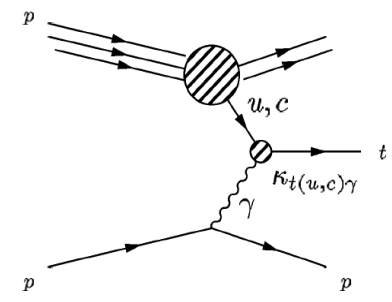
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## Anomalous top production

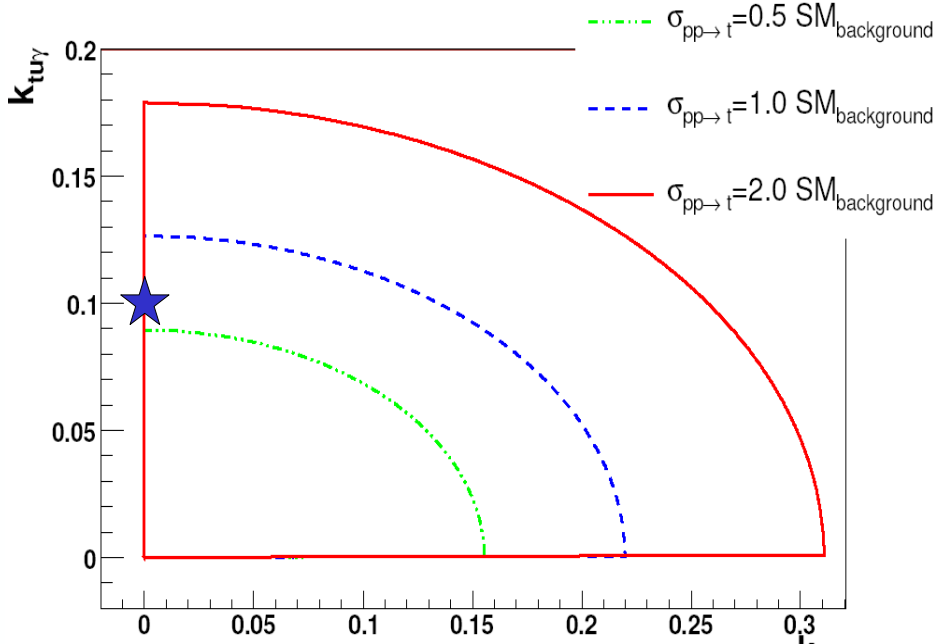
Effective Lagrangian for anomalous coupling :

$$L = ie_t t \frac{-\sigma_{\mu\nu} q^\nu}{\Lambda} k_{tuy} u A^\mu + ie_t t \frac{-\sigma_{\mu\nu} q^\nu}{\Lambda} k_{tcy} c A^\mu + h.c.$$



- Current limit obtained by **Zeus** :  $k_{tuy} \approx 0.14$
- At HERA only u-quark relevant, at LHC also **c-quark contributes**

➔  $\sigma_{pp \rightarrow t} = \alpha_u k_{tuy}^2 + \alpha_c k_{tcy}^2$



Results after acceptance cuts  
( $k_{tuy} = 0.1, k_{tcy} = 0$ )

Topology	$IE_{mis}^T b$
$\sigma_t$ [fb]	3680
$\sigma_{acc}$	123.8
Irreducible backgrounds (Wj, Wc)	
$\sigma_{acc} bkg$	198.1

Limit on  $k_{tuy}$  could be significantly improved even at start-up luminosity !



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## Summary - outlook

- High energy  $\gamma p$  interactions have significant cross section at the LHC
- $\gamma p \rightarrow WHq'$  ( $100 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ ) events only sensitive for 2 topologies :  $lvbb$  and  $jjl^{\pm}l^{\pm}$ 
  - Analysis are ongoing for those 2 cases, using **analysis cuts**.
- **Wt-channel** ( $10 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ ) seems very promising
  - For the di-leptonic topology,  $|V_{tb}|$  uncertainty is similar to the one obtained using  $pp \rightarrow Wt$
  - The sensitivity at reconstructed level has to be evaluated
  - For the semi-leptonic topology, one needs to tackle  $pp$  backgrounds
- **Anomalous top** ( $1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ ) can also be probed using very low integrated luminosity

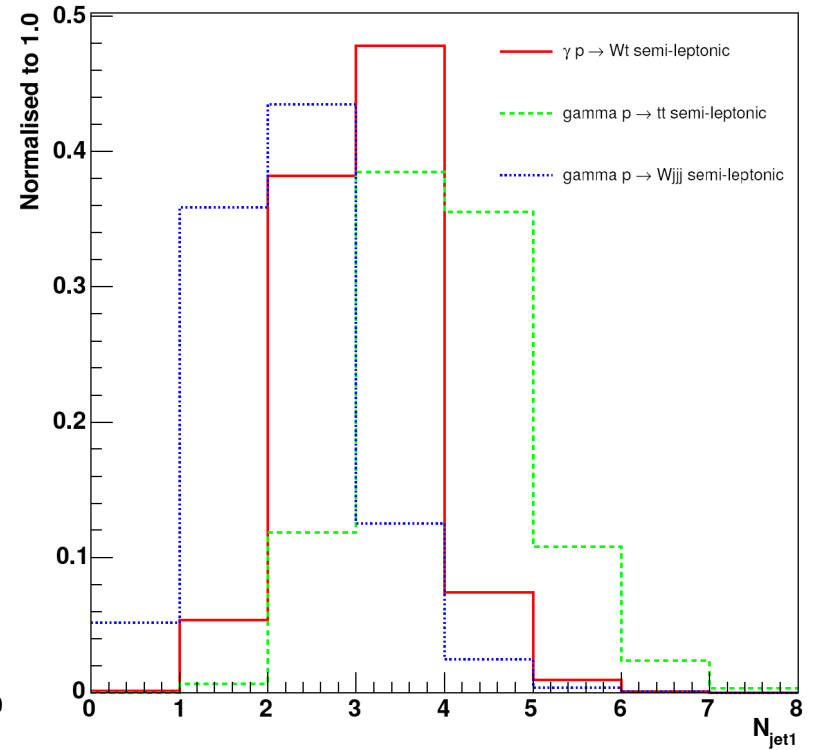
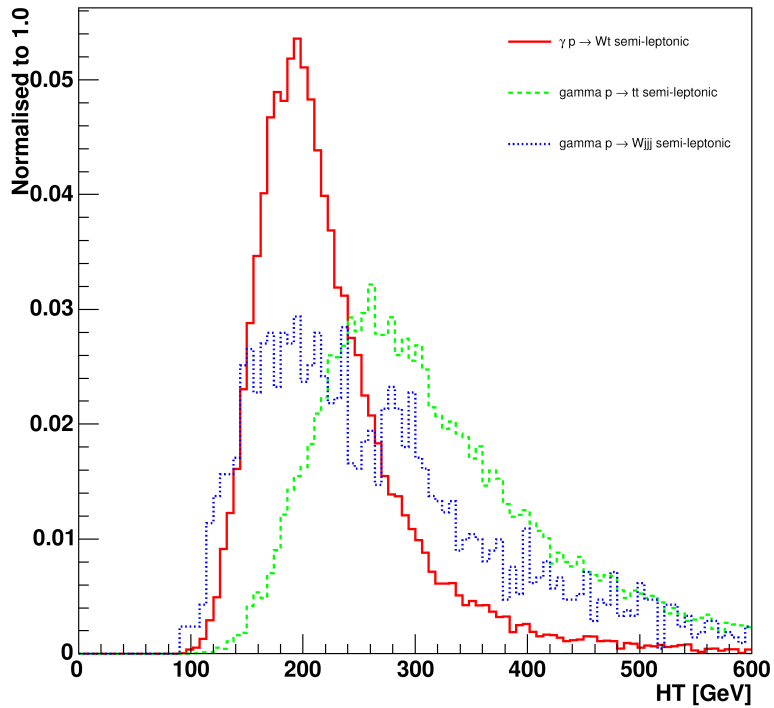
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## Backup slides



### Theoretical errors

single top events : 6%

tt events : 5%

Wjjj events : 3%

Wbbj events : 17%

WWj : 6%



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	Wt	$\gamma p$ backgrounds				$pp$ backgrounds				
		$t\bar{t}(1\ell)$	$t\bar{t}(2\ell)$	W3j	Wbbj	tj.	$t\bar{t}(1\ell)$	$t\bar{t}(2\ell)$	Wjets	Wbbj
$E_{\gamma Hem}$	309	489	131	2301	47	536	1095	291	28508	3901
$N_{lept} = 1$	146.7	229	64.0	1111	22.9	261	474	148.8	13347	1661
$N_{jet} = 3$	37.6	95.4	13.6	66.1	1.58	14.0	188	35.9	851	55.5
HT sum	22.0	18.2	3.82	17.7	0.32	5.36	47.1	11.9	343.4	22.22
b-tagging	9.05	8	1.78	2.14	0.15	2.21	20.7	5.53	29.8	9.5
RecW	7.35	3.39	0.63	0.79	0.04	0.56	8.3	1.76	9.65	2.73
Expected for 10/fb	73	34	6	8	negl.	1	83	18	96	27

	sample	selected	$\Delta\sigma$	JES	$\Delta N_{b-tag}$	$\Delta N_{Lum}$	$\Delta N_{stat}$
	S: Wt	73	4.38	3.72	3.65	3.65	8.5
$\gamma p$ proces	B: $t\bar{t}(1\ell)$	33	1.65	1.51	1.65	1.65	5.7
	B: $t\bar{t}(2\ell)$	6	0.3	0.37	0.3	0.3	2.4
	B: Wjjj	8	0.24	0	0.4	0.4	2.8
	B: Wbbj	0	0	0.03	0.	0	0
$pp$ proces	B: $t\bar{t}(1\ell)$	83	4.15	1.98	4.15	4.15	9.1
	B: $t\bar{t}(2\ell)$	18	0.9	2.1	0.9	0.9	4.2
	B: W+jets	96	2.88	5.41	4.8	4.8	9.79
	B: tj	6	0.36	0.29	0.3	0.3	2.4
	B: Wbbj	27	4.59	1.65	1.35	1.35	5.2



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	Wt	$\gamma p$ backgrounds			$pp$ backgrounds	
		$t\bar{t}(2\ell)$	WW(2 $\ell$ )	WW(1 $\ell$ )	$t\bar{t}(2\ell)$	WW(2 $\ell$ )
$E_{\gamma\text{Hem}}$	89.0	130.6	58.0	222.8	291	105.9
$N_{\text{lept}} = 2$	21.3	31.6	14.7	0.01	57.9	22.3
$N_{\text{jet}} = 1$	15.8	5.2	4.4	0.01	7.17	8.36
<b>b – tagged</b>	6.37	2.1	0.13	0.00	2.71	0.27
$E_{\text{miss}}^T$	5.84	1.97	0.12	0.00	2.55	0.23
Expected in 10 $fb^{-1}$	58	20	1	0	25	2

	sample	selected	$\Delta\sigma$	JES	$\Delta N_{b\text{-tag}}$	$\Delta N_{Lum}$	$\Delta N_{stat}$
	S: Wt	58	3.48	0.5	2.9	2.9	7.6
$\gamma p$	B: $t\bar{t}(2\ell)$	20	1	1.06	1	1	4.5
	B: WWj (2 $\ell$ )	1	0.06	0.01	0.05	0.05	1
pp	B: $t\bar{t}(2\ell)$	25	1.25	4.39	1.25	1.25	5
	B: WWj (2 $\ell$ )	2.26	0.14	0.27	0.11	0.11	1.5
	$\Delta N_b$	-	1.6	5.73	2.41	1.55	-

$$\frac{\Delta |V_{tb}|}{|V_{tb}|} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\Delta |V_{tb}|^2}{|V_{tb}|^2} = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{\Delta \sigma_{obs}}{\sigma} \oplus \frac{\Delta \sigma_{th}}{\sigma} \right]$$



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## Longitudinal view of the detector

