

Welcome to Photon2013

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A preface with a bit of history and a conclusion.

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1. From Southampton to Paris

After Southampton official withdrawing on september 2012, the IAC agreed to have a Photon Conference in Paris end of may 2013, ten years after Frascati and 40 years from the beginning. Requests were sent to various places but none succeeded. So you escaped from the Hôtel de Ville de Paris, the Ministry of Research located at the "Old Ecole Polytechnique" and the Centre des Cordeliers of the Faculty of Medicine, University Pierre and Marie Curie.



Finally, welcome to the LPNHE, a laboratory located in the UPMC still under reconstruction, mainly involved in LHC experiments (ATLAS, LHCb), the future Linear Collider, Astroparticles (AUGER, HESS, CTA), Cosmology linked to Super Novae Observation and Dark Energy.



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2. Program and Committees

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including the 20th International Workshop on Photon-Photon Collisions
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This conference is a part of the series initiated in 1973 in Collège de France (Paris), as an International Colloquium on Photon-Photon Collisions at Electron-Positron Storage Rings, devoted to the hadronic interaction of photons. The latest Photon conferences took place in Spa(2011), Hamburg/DESY (2009), Paris (2007), Warsaw (2005) and in Frascati (2003). At the conference, recent progress in understanding photon-photon and photon-proton processes is presented. In addition, recent results on astrophysics and other related topics are discussed.

This year conference covers the following topics: QCD and photons at high energy, jets, quarkonia and heavy flavours (Dr. Yuri Dokshitzer, Prof. Stefano Moretti), Higgs and photons, electroweak interactions and physics beyond the standard model (Prof. Maria Krawczyk), Small x , diffraction, and total cross sections (Dr. Christophe Royon), Exclusive channels and resonances (Dr. Bernard Pire), Low-energy photon experiments, vacuum polarisation and light-by-light scat-

tering (Dr. François Couchot), Photons in astroparticle physics (Prof. Guenter Sigl), Photon collider prospects and new acceleration techniques and future accelerators (Prof. Mayda Velasco), g-2 related topics (Dr. Marc Knecht).

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Note a special seminar from of our LKB colleagues: "Determination of the fine structure constant using atom interferometry : recent advances and perspectives for the future" given by Dr. Pierre Cladé from LKB.

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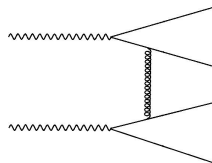
3. 1973-2013 : a bit of history

"Colloque international sur les collisions photon-photon dans les anneaux de stockage électron-positron", 3-4 sept. 1973, Collège de France (Paris)

40 years after we have to pay a tribute to the LPC Collège de France Legacy from the Paul Kessler group. Among them N. Artega and C. Carimalo retired recently from LPNHE, currently writing papers related to the Helicity Amplitude computation and the Helicity Coupling techniques extensively used in their past publications and never published. A few quotes :

QED factorized amplitudes : exact expression of $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow l\bar{l}L\bar{L}$.

Remember the QCD "Stan" diagram :



Brodsky-Lepage approach and exclusive processes.

1973 : QCD and the 80's with PETRA.

In France Aurenche and Fontannaz took care of the hadronic photon structure.

Two Photon physics has followed the construction of e^+e^- colliders.

4. Pentecost : monday wishes



In a way similar to these pictures of special meetings, I wish us a fruitful and inspiring conference, on the structure and the interactions of the photon.

5. Conclusion

Hope to see you at Photon2015 organized by Valery Telnov in Novosibirsk.

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