

INSTITUTE FOR THEORETICAL PHYSICS, HEIDELBERG UNIVERSITY

# Results in precision multiboson+jet phenomenology

Christoph Englert | 26.09.2011



### Why anomalous couplings?

LHC starts to test the Fermi scale...

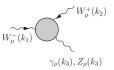
$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM w/o Higgs}} + \mathcal{L}_{[SU(2) \times U(1)/U(1)]} + \frac{1}{\Lambda_{UV}^2} \mathcal{L}^{(6)} + \dots$$

Try to measure  $\mathcal{L}$  in model-independent way: bottom-up phenomenology of  $\mathcal{L}^{(n)}$ 

Focus on the SM extended by operators modifying the WWV gauge vertices

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{L}_{WW\gamma} &= -ie \big[ W^{\dagger}_{\mu\nu} W^{\mu} A^{\nu} - W^{\dagger}_{\mu} A_{\nu} W^{\mu\nu} \\ &+ \kappa_{\gamma} (Q^2) W^{\dagger}_{\mu} W_{\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + \frac{\lambda_{\gamma} (Q^2)}{m_W^2} W^{\dagger}_{\lambda\mu} W^{\mu}_{\nu} F^{\nu\lambda} \big] \\ \mathcal{L}_{WWZ} &= -ie \cot \theta_{w} \left[ g_1^Z (Q^2) \left( W^{\dagger}_{\mu\nu} W^{\mu} A^{\nu} - W^{\dagger}_{\mu} A_{\nu} W^{\mu\nu} \right) \\ &+ \kappa_Z (Q^2) W^{\dagger}_{\mu} W_{\nu} Z^{\mu\nu} + \frac{\lambda_Z (Q^2)}{m_W^2} W^{\dagger}_{\lambda\mu} W^{\mu}_{\nu} Z^{\nu\lambda} \big] \end{split}$$

[Hagiwara, Peccei, Zeppenfeld, Hikasa '87]



modified production cross section, shape-deviations from the SM for large  $Q^2$ 

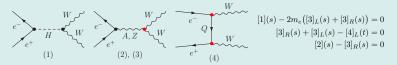
## LHC vs ILC: $\sqrt{s}$ vs $\Delta \sigma$

How can we measure and constrain anomalous parameters?

#### indirect measurement via $e^+e^- \rightarrow W^+W^- + X$ at LEP & ILC

[ALEPH, DELPHI, L3, OPAL, arXiv:hep-ex/0612034]

Cross section is highly sensitive to gauge cancellations



2) clean handle on final state particles' helicities, polarized beams &  $e^{\pm}\gamma$  option

systematics under excellent control, straightforward comparison of data against Monte Carlo, e.g. RACOONWW [Denner, Dittmaier, Roth, Wackeroth '01, '02]

Parameter	68% C.L.	95% C.L.
$g_1^{\mathbf{Z}}$	$0.991^{+0.022}_{-0.021}$	[0.949, 1.034]
$\kappa_{\gamma}$	$0.984^{+0.042}_{-0.047}$	[0.895, 1.069]
$\lambda_{\gamma}$	$-0.016^{+0.021}_{-0.023}$	[-0.059, 0.026]

[hep-ex/0612034]

$$\sigma(\lambda_{\gamma}=0.035)/\sigma^{\rm SM}\simeq 1.11$$

coupling	$error \times 10^{-4}$	
	$\sqrt{s} = 500 \text{GeV}$	$\sqrt{s} = 800 \mathrm{GeV}$
$\Delta g_1^Z$	15.5	12.6
$\Delta \kappa_{\gamma}$	3.3	1.9
$\lambda_{\gamma}$	5.9	3.3
$\Delta \kappa_{\rm Z}$	3.2	1.9
$\lambda_{\rm Z}$	6.7	3.0

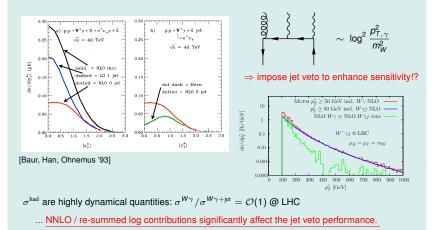
[Menges, LC-PHSM-2001-022]

## LHC vs ILC: $\sqrt{s}$ vs $\Delta \sigma$

#### direct measurement via $p\overline{p}, pp \rightarrow W^{\pm}\gamma + X$ at Tevatron & LHC

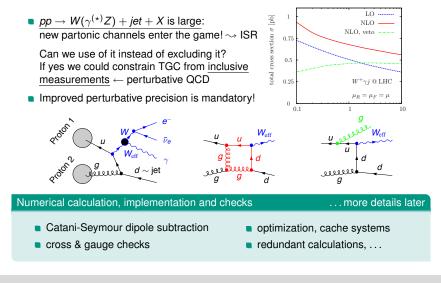
[D0, arXiv:0907.4952], [CDF, arXiv:0912.4500]

• radiation zeros: Destructive interference for  $q\bar{Q} \rightarrow gW\gamma$  in the SM for  $y^{\star}_{\gamma} \approx 0$ 



# Turning the vetoed contribution into an additional measurement

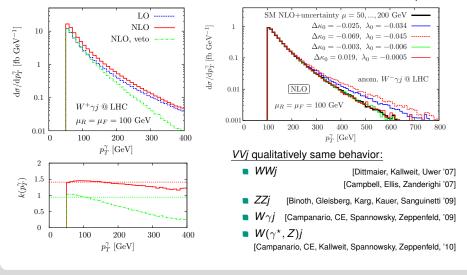
[Campanario, CE, Spannowsky '10], [Campanario, CE, Spannowsky, Zeppenfeld, '09]



# Turning the vetoed contribution into an additional measurement

[Campanario, CE, Spannowsky '10]

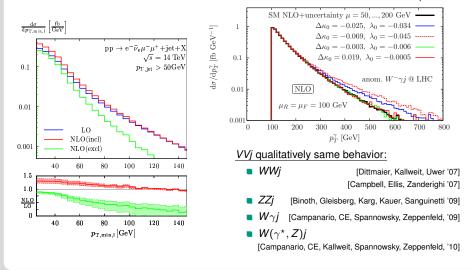
QCD correction necessary to reach quantitative results from cut-optimized  $d\sigma/dp_T^{\gamma}$ 



# Turning the vetoed contribution into an additional measurement

[Campanario, CE, Spannowsky '10]

QCD correction necessary to reach quantitative results from cut-optimized  $d\sigma/dp_T^{\gamma}$ 



### Is this of any help?

• W+jets background negligible to first approximation for  $W\gamma$  searches

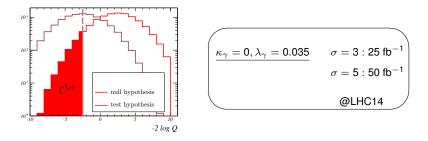
```
jet fakes \gamma \ll 10^{-5} for large p_T^{\gamma} \ge 100 \text{ GeV}
```

[Escalier et al., ATL-PHYS-PUB-2005-018]

binned log-likelihood analysis, "simple hypothesis test" à la LEPHWG

[Barate et al. '03]

 include perturbative shape uncertainty of the SM hypothesis as a nuisance parameter and compute confidence levels



### **Towards quartic couplings**

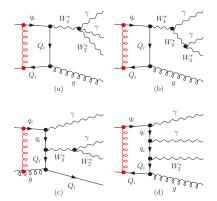
#### [Campanario, CE, Rauch, Zeppenfeld '11]

QCD is fully known [Lazopoulos, Melnikov, Petriello '07] [Hankele, Zeppenfeld '07] [Binoth, Ossola, Papadopoulos, Pittau '08] [Campanario, Hankele, Oleari, Prestel, Zeppenfeld] [VBFNLO '08 '11]

triple gauge boson production at NLO

- K factors are large due to ISR ~ situation identical to VV(j)
- NLO prediction for 1-jet inclusive production mandatory to quantitatively model these effects

[Campanario, CE, Rauch, Zeppenfeld '11]



## technicalities

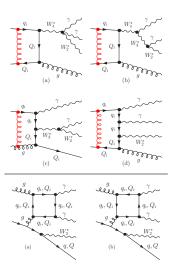
#### Virtual contributions

- split virtual corrections into <u>classes of diagrams</u> with 2,3,4 attached effective gauge boson polarizations + fermionic loops [Passarino, Veltman '79] [Denner, Dittmaier '03]
- classes related by Slavnov-Taylor identities:

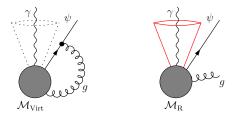
 classes are non-QED gauge invariant, however no cancellation

#### Real emission contributions

- straightforward application of Catani-Seymour formalism [Catani, Seymour '96]
- optimization: cache systems, avoid redundancy, ...



# IR safety $\frac{1}{2}$ isolated $\gamma$ s



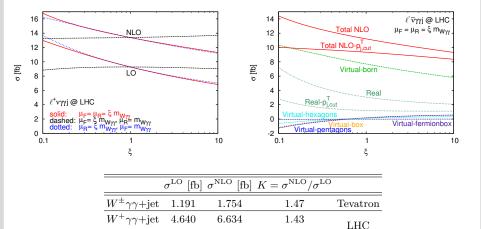
#### IR-safe $\gamma$ -isolation

[Baur, Han, Ohnemus '93], [Frixione '98]

- naive isolation limits phase space of soft gluons
- allow soft radiation into the photon cone to assure cancellation of soft divergencies
- at the same time reject hard collinear configurations (veto jet fragmentation)

$$\sum_{i,R_{i\gamma} < R} p_T^{\text{parton},i} \le \Xi(\mathcal{E}(p_{\gamma}),R), \quad \lim_{R \to 0} \Xi(\mathcal{E},R) = 0,$$
$$\Xi(\mathcal{E},R) = \frac{1 - \cos R}{1 - \cos \delta_0} p_T^{(\gamma)}$$

```
SM W\gamma\gamma j @ NLO
```

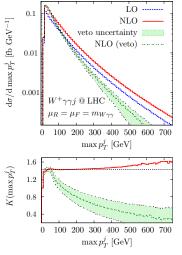


5.644

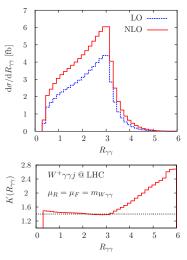
1.48

 $W^-\gamma\gamma+\text{jet}$  3.803

#### differential corrections

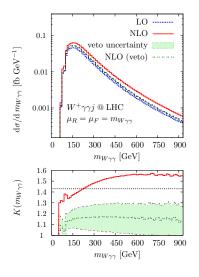


 veto is badly modelled in fixed order perturbation theory



 additional jet radiation dominant, significant modification of LO kinematics

## differential corrections



- differential corrections sizable for intermediate m<sub>Wγγγ</sub>
- this is the region where we can expect enhanced cross sections due to anomalous couplings
- QCD corrections, if not included, fake anomalous couplings in data vs theory comparisons
- Other processes VVVj to follow

### Summary

the race for the weak scale is on!

■ non-trivial energy scale-dependent modifications of the electroweak sector give rise to a modified phenomenology at large mass scales ~> anomalous couplings as a paradigm

■ modifications of differential cross sections lead to same overall *K* factors ~ <u>application of control regions</u>

- differential QCD corrections need to be taken into account in for precise CLs
- QCD corrections will remain crucial to interpret LHC results on a quantitative level it's crucial to have codes publicly available

[ MCFM, BLACKHAT+SHERPA, VBFNLO, MADLOOP ...]

 interface with shower picture necessary to add precision beyond the first hard emission