

# WW Production and Anomalous Gauge Couplings

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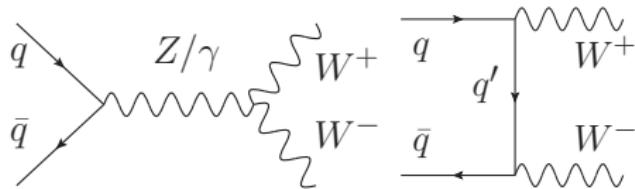
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# $W^+W^-$ production

- Anomalous couplings language Hagiwara, Peccei, Zeppenfeld, Hikasa NPB482 (1987):

$$\delta\mathcal{L} = -ig_{WWV} \left( g_1^V (W_{\mu\nu}^+ W^{-\mu} V^\nu - W_{\mu\nu}^- W^{+\mu} V^\nu) + \kappa^V W_\mu^+ W_\nu^- V^{\mu\nu} + \frac{\lambda^V}{M_W^2} W_{\rho\mu}^+ W^{-\mu} V^\nu V^{\rho\nu} \right)$$

- $V = Z, \gamma$
- $g_{WWZ} = g \cos \theta_w, \quad g_{WW\gamma} = e$

- Parameterize deviations from SM:

$$g_1^Z = 1 + \delta g_1^Z \quad g_1^\gamma = 1 + \delta g_1^\gamma \quad \kappa^Z = 1 + \delta \kappa^Z \quad \kappa^\gamma = 1 + \delta \kappa^\gamma$$

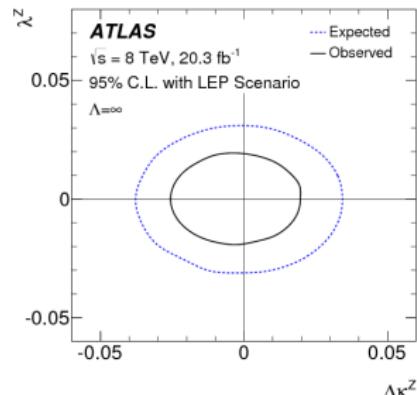
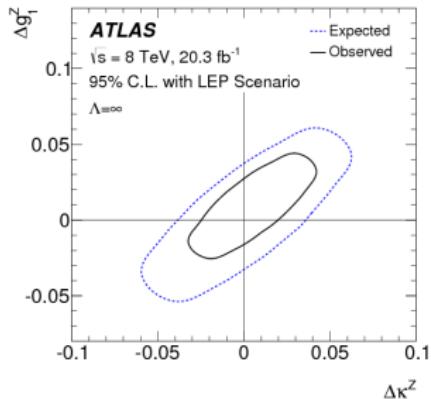
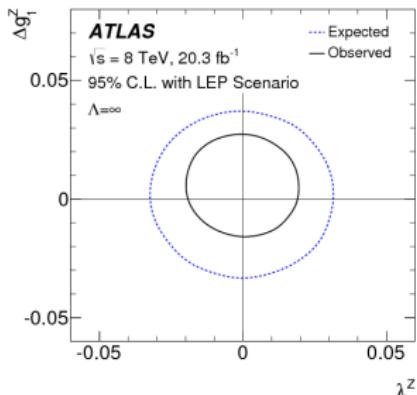
- $\lambda^Z = 0$  and  $\lambda^\gamma = 0$  in SM.
- $SU(2)_L$  implies:

$$\delta g_1^\gamma = 0 \quad \lambda^\gamma = \lambda^Z \quad \delta \kappa^\gamma = \frac{\cos^2 \theta_W}{\sin^2 \theta_W} (\delta g_1^Z - \delta \kappa^Z)$$

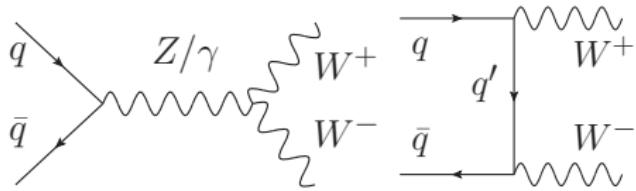
- Three independent parameters:  $\lambda^Z, \delta g_1^Z, \delta \kappa^Z$

# Experimental results

- ATGCs actively being searched for in  $W^+W^-$  production by both ATLAS [JHEP 1609 \(2016\) 029](#) and CMS [Phys.Lett. B772 \(2017\) 21](#)



# Missing Terms



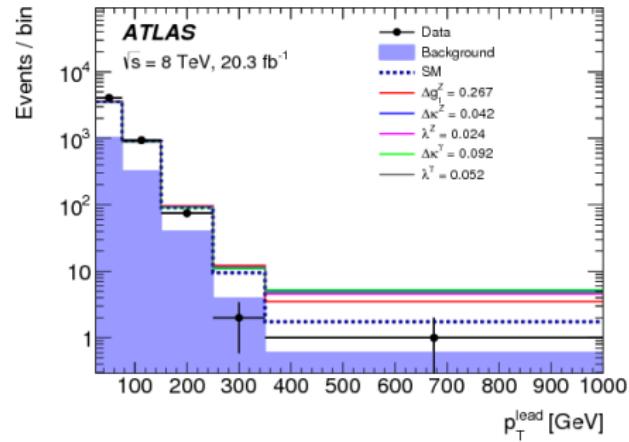
- Have not included anomalous quark gauge boson couplings.
  - Highly constrained by LEP.
  - But SM contains cancellations to unitarize amplitudes: growth with energy cancels.
  - Anomalous quark couplings can spoil cancellation and have growth with energy.
  - Garnered more attention recently [Zhang PRL118 \(2017\) 011803; J. Baglio, S. Dawson I.M. Lewis, Phys. Rev. D96 \(2017\) 073003; Eboli Phenomenology Symposium 2018](#)
- Parameterize via anomalous couplings:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L} = & g_Z Z_\mu \bar{q} \gamma^\mu \left\{ \left[ T_3 - \sin_W^2 Q_q + \delta g_L^{Zq} \right] P_L + \left[ -\sin_W^2 Q_q + \delta g_R^{Zq} \right] P_R \right\} q \\ & + \frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} \left\{ W_\mu^+ (1 + \delta g_L^W) \bar{u} \gamma^\mu P_L d + \text{hc.} \right\}\end{aligned}$$

- $SU(2)$  invariance implies  $\delta g_L^W = \delta g_L^{Zu} - \delta g_L^{Zd}$ .

# Refit Experimental results

- ATGCs limits from ATLAS JHEP 1609.
- In practice want to take differential distributions from experimental collaborations, extract constraints on anomalous couplings.
- We do not decay the  $W^+$ .



# Refit Experimental Results

- Assume strongest constraint comes from last bin.
- Scan over allowed ATGCs and determine allowed

$$\sigma(p_T^{W^+} > 500 \text{ GeV}) = \int_{500 \text{ GeV}}^{\infty} dp_T^{W^+} \frac{d\sigma}{dp_T^{W^+}}$$

- Now scan over all parameters and determine allowed regions taking into consideration LEP constraints on anomalous quark couplings [Falkowski, Riva JHEP 1502](#):

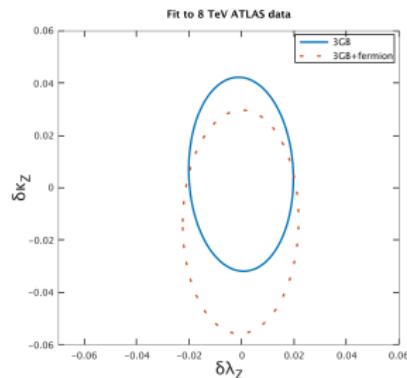
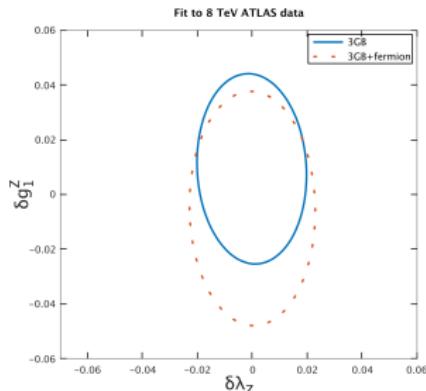
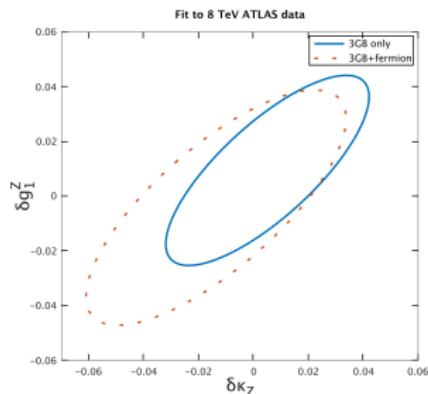
$$\begin{aligned}\delta g_L^{Zd} &= (2.3 \pm 1) \times 10^{-3} \\ \delta g_L^{Zu} &= (-2.6 \pm 1.6) \times 10^{-3} \\ \delta g_R^{Zd} &= (16.0 \pm 5.2) \times 10^{-3} \\ \delta g_R^{Zu} &= (-3.6 \pm 3.5) \times 10^{-3}\end{aligned}$$

- Accept points that fall within allowed region of  $\sigma(p_T^{W^+} > 500 \text{ GeV})$ .
- Have verified we can reconstruct ATLAS 2-D and 1-D fits limits on ATGCs.

# Refit

- Blue: Including only ATGCs.
- Red dots: adding in anomalous quark couplings
- Inner regions allowed

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# Comment on Calculating Cross Sections

- Previous bounds found using full amplitude squared.
- Includes terms that go as  $\Lambda^{-4}$ :

$$|\mathcal{A}|^2 \sim |g_{SM} + \frac{c_{dim-6}}{\Lambda^2}|^2 \sim g_{SM}^2 + g_{SM} \times \frac{c_{dim-6}}{\Lambda^2} + \frac{c_{dim-6}^2}{\Lambda^4}$$

- Same order as dimension-8 contributions:

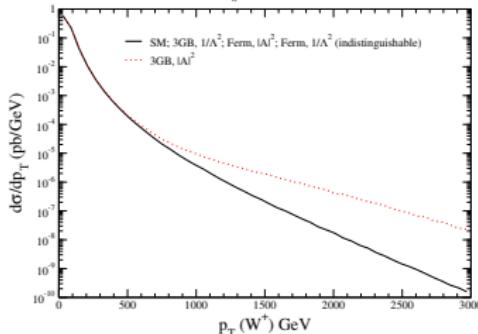
$$\begin{aligned} |\mathcal{A}|^2 &\sim |g_{SM} + \frac{c_{dim-6}}{\Lambda^2} + \frac{c_{dim-8}}{\Lambda^4}|^2 \\ &\sim g_{SM}^2 + g_{SM} \times \frac{c_{dim-6}}{\Lambda^2} + \frac{c_{dim-6}^2}{\Lambda^4} + g_{SM} \times \frac{c_{dim-8}}{\Lambda^4} + O(\Lambda^{-6}) \end{aligned}$$

# Future Directions

- Fully incorporate  $W$  leptonic decays at LO and NLO in QCD.
- Perform realistic collider study at NLO and fit to relevant distributions for HL and HE LHC studies.
- Perform study of importance of different  $1/\Lambda^{2n}$  terms in the total cross section.
  - Relevant for transversely polarized gauge bosons. Different polarizations may be more sensitive [Panico, Riva, Wulzer Phys.Lett. B776 \(2018\) 473; Azatov, Elias-Miro, Reyimuaji, Venturini JHEP 1710 \(2017\) 027](#)
  - Relevant for on-shell gauge bosons. Off-shell effects can be relevant for interference between SM and EFT [Helset, Trott JHEP 1804 \(2018\) 038](#).

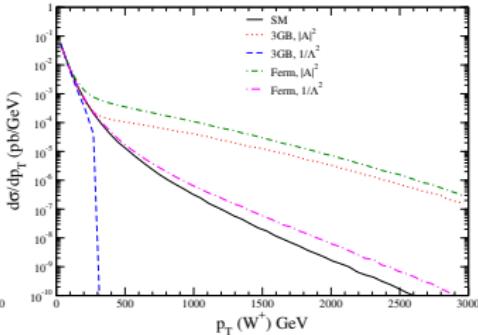
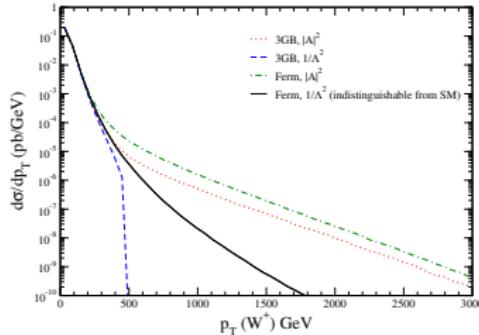
# Differential Distributions by Helicity

$pp \rightarrow W^+ T^- T^+ \sqrt{S}=13 \text{ TeV, LO}$   
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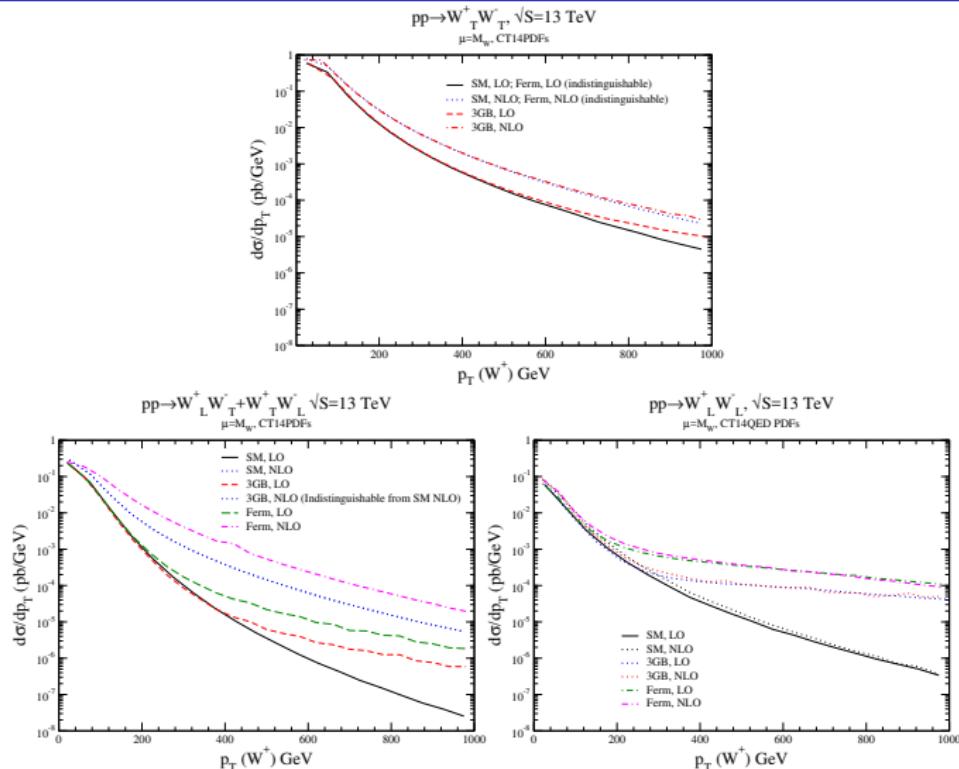
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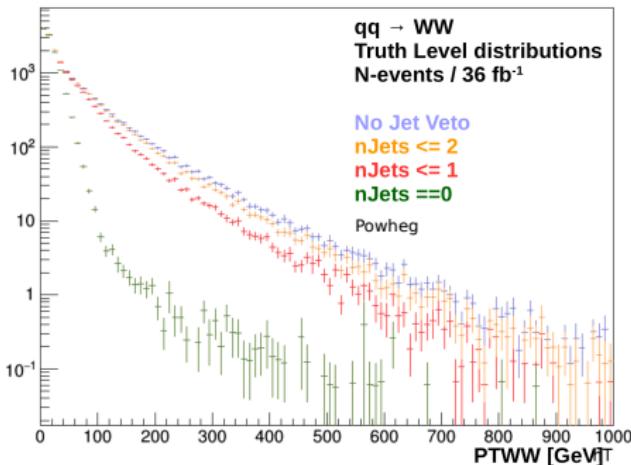
3GB: ATGCs only, Ferm: Anomalous fermion couplings only Baglio, Dawson, IL PRD96 (2017) 073003

# NLO QCD by Helicity including all EFT terms



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## Projections for pT-WW



Truth level distribution can be used to extract expected “unfolded” cross section for 3000 fb<sup>-1</sup>

- Allow large statistical uncertainties in highest pT bin:  
→ >10 events (on reco level)
- Other bins: balance out statistics, detector systematics and backgrounds
- NJets==0 with very low acceptance for high pTWW  
→ detector uncertainties ~10%

- Crucial question: how will knowledge of detector performance evolve at the HL-LHC with regards to background?
- Dominant uncertainties expected to be: MET and Jet scales as well as Pileup

<https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/AtlasPublic/UpgradePhysicsStudies>

<https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/AtlasPublic/JetEtmissPublicResults#PubPlotsHLLHC>

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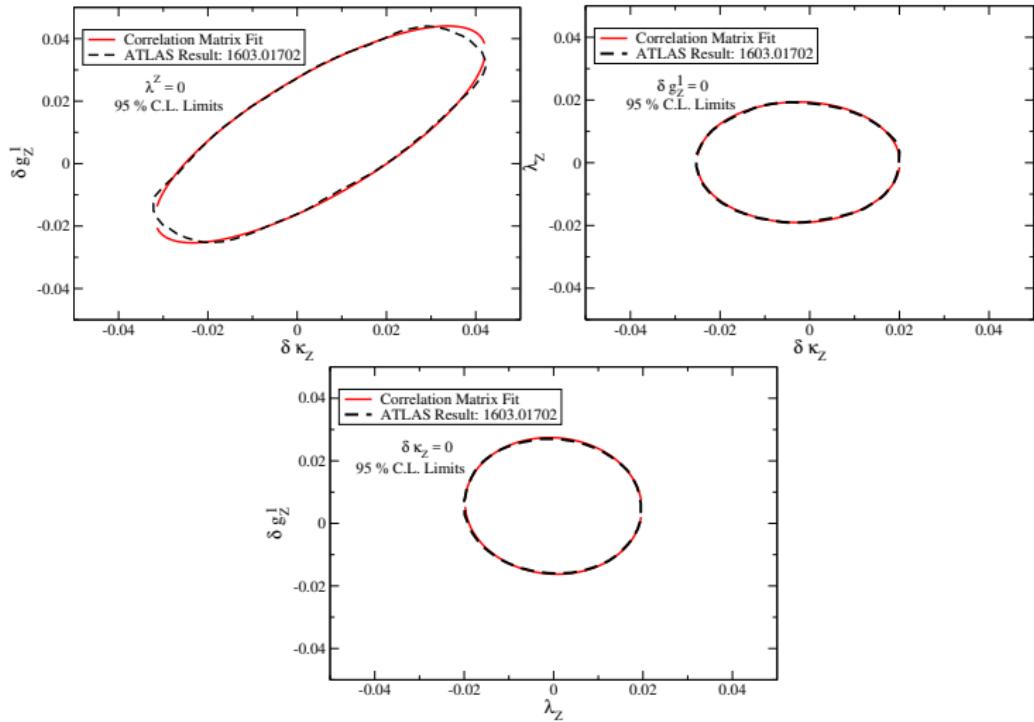
# Conclusions

- Investigated the effects of anomalous couplings on  $W^+W^-$  production.
  - Although strongly constrained at LEP, anomalous quark-gauge boson couplings significantly change fits to anomalous couplings.
  - LHC is at higher energy, new effects arise and assumptions have to be revisited.
  - Non-interference between SM and EFT is still in effect at NLO.
  - However, interference very dependent on polarizations of Ws.
  - Public code available: WWEFT@NLO

[https://quark.phy.bnl.gov/Digital\\_Data\\_Archive/dawson/ww\\_2017/WWEFT\\_NLO.tar.gz](https://quark.phy.bnl.gov/Digital_Data_Archive/dawson/ww_2017/WWEFT_NLO.tar.gz)

# Thank You

# Verification

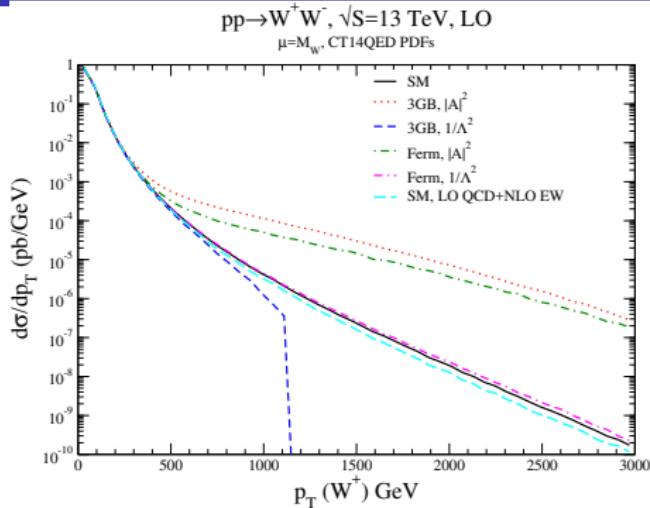


# Refit Experimental Results

- Check by comparing to 1D results: set two of the ATGCs to zero:

	95% C.L. limit	ATLAS 95% C.L. limit <a href="#">JHEP 1609</a>
$\delta g_1^Z$	[-0.0162,0.0274]	[-0.016,0.027]
$\delta \kappa^Z$	[-0.0252,0.0201]	[-0.025,0.020]
$\lambda^Z$	[-0.0189,0.0192]	[-0.019,-0.019]

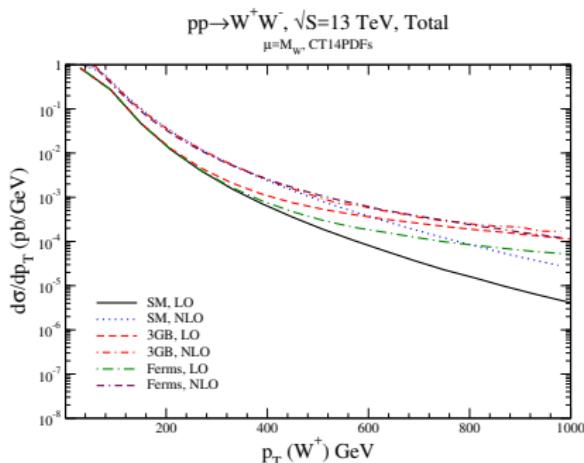
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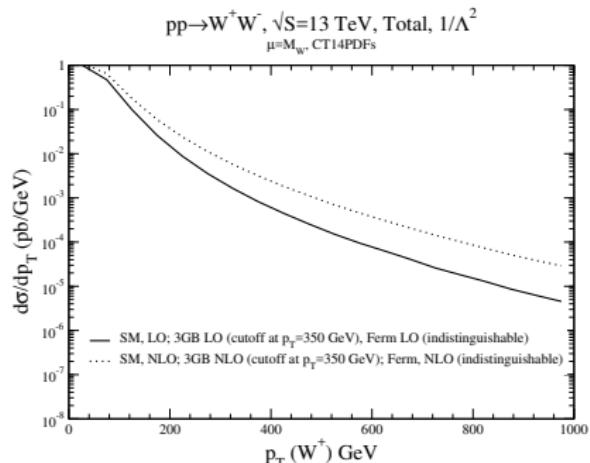
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- $1/\Lambda^4$  terms dominate in tails and the bounds on anomalous couplings. [Falkowski, Gonzalez-Alonso, Greijo, Marzocca, Son JHEP 1702 \(2017\) 115](#)
- Ferm: ATGCs set to zero.
- 3GB: Anomalous fermion couplings set to zero.
- Assuming  $C_i \lesssim 1$ , anomalous couplings correspond to  $\Lambda \gtrsim 2.8$  TeV.

# NLO QCD Corrections



EFT Squared



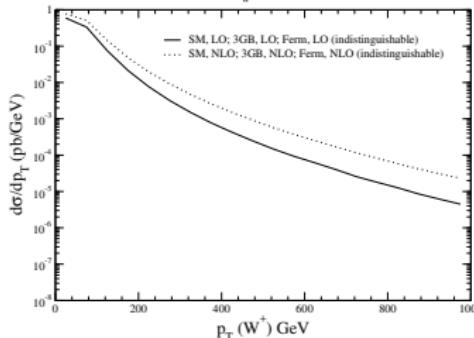
SM+ $1/\Lambda^2$

- “Ferm”: Anomalous trilinear gauge boson couplings set to zero.
- “3GB”: Anomalous quark couplings set to zero.
- $1/\Lambda^4$  contributions from EFT still dominate in tails.

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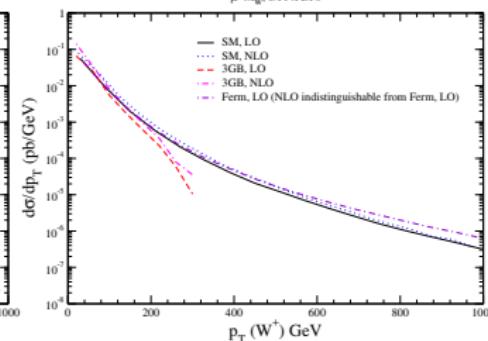
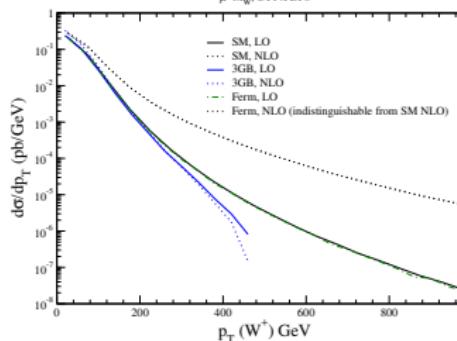
# NLO QCD by Helicity truncating at $1/\Lambda^2$

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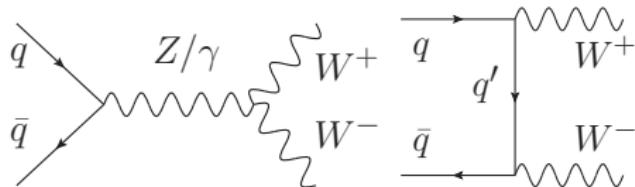
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# Matching ATGCs in two prescriptions

- Had 5 dimension-6 operators, only three independent combinations.
- In Warsaw basis:

$$\begin{aligned}\delta g_1^Z &= \frac{v^2}{\Lambda^2} \frac{1}{\cos^2 \theta_W - \sin^2 \theta_W} \left( \frac{\sin \theta_W}{\cos \theta_W} C_{HWB} + \frac{1}{4} C_{HD} + \delta v \right) \\ \delta \kappa^Z &= \frac{v^2}{\Lambda^2} \frac{1}{\cos^2 \theta_W - \sin^2 \theta_W} \left( 2 \sin \theta_W \cos \theta_W C_{HWB} + \frac{1}{4} C_{HD} + \delta v \right) \\ \delta \lambda^Z &= \frac{v}{\Lambda^2} 3 M_W C_{3W}\end{aligned}$$

- Anomalous coupling language generic enough that any basis can be matched onto it.

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- In the EW sector have to choose input parameters:  $G_F, M_W, M_Z$
- EFT alters relationships between other parameters and input parameters:

$$g_Z \rightarrow g_Z + \delta g_Z \quad v \rightarrow v(1 + \delta v) \quad s_W^2 \rightarrow s_W^2 + \delta s_W^2,$$

where  $s_W = \sin \theta_W$ ,  $c_W = \cos \theta_W$  and

$$\begin{aligned} g_Z &= \frac{g}{\cos \theta_W} \quad s_W^2 = 1 - \frac{M_W^2}{M_Z^2} \quad G_F = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}v^2} \\ \delta v &= C_{H\ell}^{(3)} - \frac{1}{2} C_{\ell\ell} \quad \delta \sin_W^2 = -\frac{v^2}{\Lambda^2} \frac{s_W c_W}{c_W^2 - s_W^2} \left[ 2s_W c_W \left( \delta v + \frac{1}{4} C_{HD} \right) + C_{HWB} \right] \\ \delta g_Z &= -\frac{v^2}{\Lambda^2} \left( \delta v + \frac{1}{4} C_{HD} \right) \end{aligned}$$