

# W/Z-Gamma Production at NLO in Powheg Method

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# Why Vector Boson-Photon Production?

Testing Standard Model and Search for New Physics:

- Anomalous  $WW\gamma$  coupling: CP- conserving  $\kappa, \lambda$ , and  $\tilde{\lambda}$  ?
- Are there  $ZZ\gamma$  or  $Z\gamma\gamma$  couplings? Gauge symmetry breaking!
- Agree well with the standard model in Tevatron, and how about in LHC?

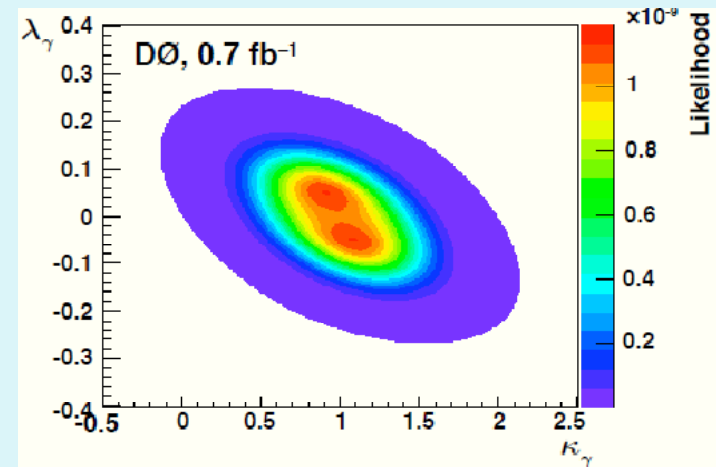
$W\gamma$  production at  $D\bar{O}^*$ :

Best points:


$(-0.084, -0.05),$   
 $(+0.084, +0.05)$

$$|\Delta\kappa| \leq 0.51$$
$$-0.12 \leq \lambda \leq 0.13$$

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## But NLO Matching ME with PS!

- LHC: high energy scale and high luminosity: we need precise NLO calculations
- NLO ME (BLO): additional parton radiation + naïve parton Shower  
     double counting and invalid in IR phase space region
- Soft gluon radiation cut  $\delta_s$  and photon isolation cut for quark radiation  $\delta_c$  to cancel the IR divergence

Methods to match NLO matrix element  
with NLO parton shower:  
Implement Powheg in Herwig++

# Catani-Seymour framework

- Born and radiation phase space mapping  $\Phi_{n+1} \Rightarrow \bar{\Phi}^{(\alpha)}_B, \Phi^{(\alpha)}_{rad}$

C-S variables: (e.g.  $x_{i,ab}, \tilde{v}_i, \phi$  in gluon radiation)

- Separate the real radiation into pieces  $R^{(\alpha)}(\Phi^{(\alpha)}_{rad}, \bar{\Phi}^{(\alpha)}_B)$  with different singular regions in Catani-Seymour Formalism:

$$R = \sum_{\alpha} \mathcal{F}_{\alpha}(\Phi^{(\alpha)}_{rad}, \bar{\Phi}^{(\alpha)}_B) + \text{finite term}$$

- Dipole function  $\mathcal{F}_{\alpha}(\Phi^{(\alpha)}_{rad}, \bar{\Phi}^{(\alpha)}_B) = -\frac{1}{2p_a \cdot p_i} \frac{1}{x_{i,ab}} \langle \bar{\Phi}^{(\alpha)}_B | \frac{T_b \cdot T_{ai}}{T_{ai}^2} V_{\alpha}(\Phi^{(\alpha)}_{rad}) | \bar{\Phi}^{(\alpha)}_B \rangle$

- Then  $R^{(\alpha)} = R \cdot \frac{\mathcal{F}_{\alpha}}{\sum_{\alpha'} \mathcal{F}_{\alpha'}}$

splitting function  
color charge factor

- Make matrix element finite separately and free of cuts, and also implement Powhег in C-S subtraction framework easily

# NLO matrix element

- Subtraction formalism real radiation matrix element piece finite and can be calculated numerically
- The sum of dipoles, virtual loop and PDF & FF remnants is therefore and can be calculated together analytically:

$$\Phi_{rad} \left[ \int d\sigma_{ab}^A(p_a, p_b) \right] + d\sigma_{ab}^V(p_a, p_b) + d\sigma_{ab}^C(p_a, p_b, \mu_F^2)$$

$$\sigma_{ab}^{NLO}(p_a, p_b; \mu_F^2) = \int_{m+1} (d\sigma_{ab}^R(p_a, p_b) - d\sigma_{ab}^A(p_a, p_b))$$

$$+ \left[ \int_{m+1} d\sigma_{ab}^A(p_a, p_b) + \int_m d\sigma_{ab}^V(p_a, p_b) + \int_m d\sigma_{ab}^C(p_a, p_b; \mu_F^2) \right]$$

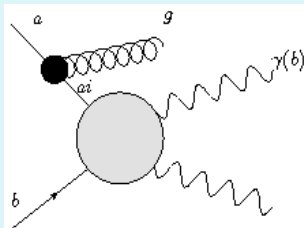
- Gluon radiation & quark radiation ← Singular Regions

soft and collinear with incoming partons

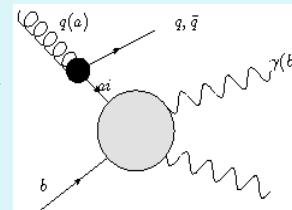
collinear with incoming partons and outgoing photon (photon fragmentation)

$\mathcal{D}^{qg, \bar{q}}$

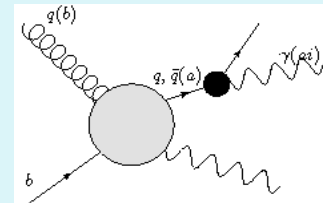
$\mathcal{D}^{\bar{q}g, q}$



$\mathcal{D}^{gq, \bar{q}}$



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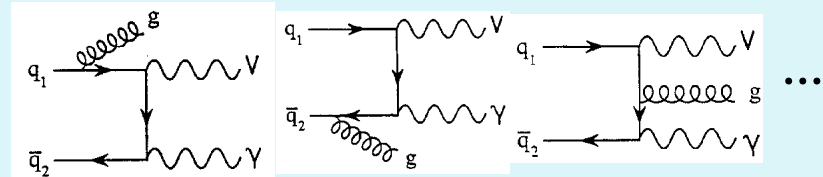


$\mathcal{D}_{\gamma q}^{b(n)}$

$\mathcal{D}_{\gamma q, W}$

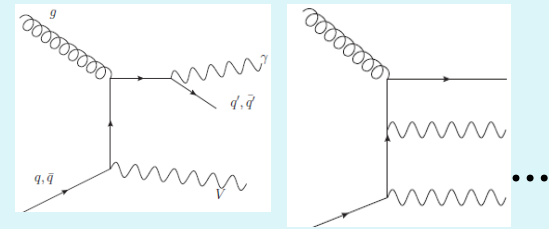
# Gluon Radiation for ME

- 8 diagrams for the real piece



- Dipoles: Gluon is emitted by one of the initial  $q / \bar{q}$ , with another  $\bar{q}/q$  as spectator:  $\mathcal{D}^{qg,\bar{q}} + \mathcal{D}^{\bar{q}g,q}$
- Splitting factor  $V^{ai,b}(\Phi^{(\alpha)}_{rad}) = 8\pi\alpha_S C_F \left( \frac{1+x_{i,ab}^2}{1-x_{i,ab}} \right)$
- The calculation of these dipoles is straight-wards
- When we integrate the C-S variables  $x_{i,ab}, \tilde{v}_i, \phi$  and sum with virtual loop and PDF remnant, we will find the whole contribution is finite, can be performed Born event generation.

# Quark/Anti-quark Radiation for ME



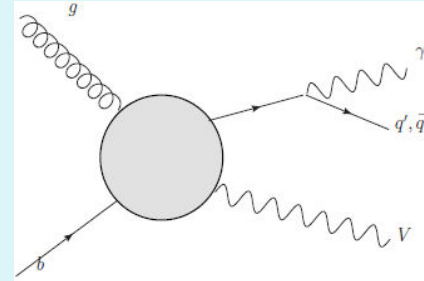
- Also 8 diagrams for real piece similarly
- 2 singular regions  $\rightarrow$  2 kinds of Dipoles:
  - $q/\bar{q}$  is emitted by the initial gluon, with another  $\bar{q}/q$  as spectator: QCD type, just similar to the previous one  $\mathcal{D}^{gq,\bar{q}}$
  - $q/\bar{q}$  is emitted by the final photon, with initial  $q'/\bar{q}'$  and W boson as spectators: QED type dipoles  $\mathcal{D}_{\gamma q}^{b(n)} + \mathcal{D}_{\gamma q, W}$
- No  $q/\bar{q}$  virtual loop, but gluon PDF and photon fragmentation function remnants
- Such QED type dipoles are not standard, how to construct them?
  - ▶ color charges  $T_c \rightarrow$  electric charges  $Q_c$
  - ▶ In soft limit and collinear limit, back to splitting function  $\hat{P}_{\gamma q}(z, \varepsilon)$
- Electric charges aren't conserved when only include  $\mathcal{D}_{\gamma q}^{b(n)} + \mathcal{D}_{\gamma q, W}$  then electric charges aren't well defined! ☹



# Quark/Anti-quark Radiation for ME

- Study the electric conserved dipoles for photon radiation instead

- 6 such dipoles  $\mathcal{D}_c^{(n)a\gamma} + \mathcal{D}_W^{(n)b\gamma} + \mathcal{D}_{c\gamma}^{(n)b} + \mathcal{D}_{c\gamma,W}^{(n)} + \mathcal{D}_{W\gamma}^{(n)b} + \mathcal{D}_{W\gamma,c}^{(n)}$



the soft & collinear limits are just the same as  $q' / \bar{q}'$  radiation since the same real matrix element

- Electric charges are well defined, dipole structures: just like QCD final state gluon radiation; photon &  $p_T$  cuts: safe

- Initial gluon and Z: electric neutral, thus not contribute

- Then  $\mathcal{D}_{\gamma c}^{(n)b}(p_\gamma, p_V, p_c, p_a, p_b) = -\frac{1}{2p_c \cdot p_\gamma} \langle m, ab | \tilde{P}_{\gamma c}, \tilde{P}_V; \tilde{P}_a, \tilde{P}_b | \frac{Q_b \cdot Q_{c\gamma}}{Q_{c\gamma}^2} V_{c\gamma}^{(n)b} | \tilde{P}_{\gamma c}, \tilde{P}_V; \tilde{P}_a, \tilde{P}_b \rangle_{m, ab}$

dipoles  $\mathcal{D}_{\gamma c, W}^{(n)}(p_\gamma, p_V, p_c, p_a, p_b) = -\frac{1}{2p_c \cdot p_\gamma} \langle m, ab | \tilde{P}_{\gamma c}, \tilde{P}_V; \tilde{P}_a, \tilde{P}_b | \frac{Q_W \cdot Q_{c\gamma}}{Q_{c\gamma}^2} V_{c\gamma, W}^{(n)} | \tilde{P}_{\gamma c}, \tilde{P}_V; \tilde{P}_a, \tilde{P}_b \rangle_{m, ab}$

- Phase space mapping: gluon remains in z-axis & notice constraints on angle  $\theta'$ : C-S mapping  $z_{\gamma q n}, u_q, \phi'$  is totally identical

- We find  $\mathcal{D}_{\gamma q}^{b(n)} + \mathcal{D}_{\gamma q, W} = \frac{(Q_W + Q_b) \cdot Q_{c\gamma} \langle V_{\gamma c}^{(n)b} \rangle}{Q_{c\gamma}^2 2p_\gamma \cdot p_c} = \frac{\langle V_{\gamma c}^{(n)b} \rangle}{2p_\gamma \cdot p_c} = \frac{\sum_{b'} Q_{b'} \cdot Q_{c\gamma} \mathcal{D}_{\gamma c}^{(n)b}}{Q_b \cdot Q_{c\gamma}}$

where  $\langle s | V_{\gamma c}^{(n)b}(z_{\gamma c n}) | s' \rangle = 8\pi\mu^{2\epsilon} \alpha Q_c^2 \delta_{s,s'} \left[ \frac{1 + (1 - z_{\gamma c n})^2}{z_{\gamma c n}} - \epsilon z_{\gamma c n} \right]$

## Powheg Method in Catani-Seymour framework

- NLO accuracy matching parton shower with matrix element
- Smooth IR region to high  $p_T$  region, no phase-space slicing
- Generate shower in single singular region defined in C-S framework every time as we did in ME: C-S variable to  $p_T^{\min}$  cut
  - ⊗ The hardest radiation is generated by Sudakov form factor:

$$\Delta^{f_b}(\Phi_n, p_T) = \exp \left\{ - \sum_{\alpha_r \in \{\alpha_r | f_b\}} \int \frac{[d\Phi_{\text{rad}} R(\Phi_{n+1}) \theta(k_T(\Phi_{n+1}) - p_T)]_{\alpha_r}^{\bar{\Phi}_n^{\alpha_r} = \Phi_n}}{B^{f_b}(\Phi_n)} \right\}$$

- ⊗ The cross-section of Powheg:

$$d\sigma = \sum_{f_b} \bar{B}^{f_b}(\Phi_n) d\Phi_n \left\{ \Delta^{f_b}(\Phi_n, p_T^{\min}) + \sum_{\alpha_r \in \{\alpha_r | f_b\}} \frac{[d\Phi_{\text{rad}} \theta(k_T - p_T^{\min}) \Delta^{f_b}(\Phi_n, k_T) R(\Phi_{n+1})]_{\alpha_r}^{\bar{\Phi}_n^{\alpha_r} = \Phi_n}}{B^{f_b}(\Phi_n)} \right\}$$

## Generate Radiation Events: Highest-pT-bid Method

- Real-to-Born ratio: different flavor structures  $f_b$ : gluon radiation  $q\bar{q}' \rightarrow \gamma V \rightarrow \gamma V g$  vs.  $q' / \bar{q}'$  radiation  $qg \rightarrow \bar{q}' V \rightarrow \bar{q}' V \gamma$ ; and 2 different singular regions  $\alpha_r$  each

- Generate radiation events with the probability:

$$\left[ \frac{R(\Phi_{n+1})}{B f_b(\Phi_n)} \Delta^{f_b}(\Phi_n, k_T(\Phi_{n+1})) \right]_{\alpha_r}^{\bar{\Phi}_n^{\alpha_r} = \Phi_n} d\Phi_{\text{rad}}^{\alpha_r} \quad \text{with} \quad \Delta^{f_b}(\Phi_n, p_T) = \prod_{\alpha_r \in \{\alpha_r | f_b\}} \Delta_{\alpha_r}^{f_b}(\Phi_n, p_T)$$

- Hardest shower events  $[R^{\alpha_r}(\Phi_{n+1})]_{\bar{\Phi}_n^{\alpha_r} = \Phi_n}$  differ for different singular region when mapping to unique underlying Born  $\bar{\Phi}^{(\alpha)_n}$
- We can use **highest-pT-bid method** to generate shower events for each by their own probability

$$\left[ \frac{R^{\alpha_r}(\Phi_{n+1})}{B f_b(\Phi_n)} \Delta_{\alpha_r}^{f_b}(\Phi_n, k_T(\Phi_{n+1})) \right]_{\bar{\Phi}_n^{\alpha_r} = \Phi_n} d\Phi_{\text{rad}}^{\alpha_r}$$

and choose the one with highest pT in each iteration.

## Gluon Radiation for Powheg

- In Sudakov we should do  $p_T$  integration, thus map C-S variables to  $p_T$ :  $p_T = \bar{v}_i (1 - x_{iab} - \bar{v}_i) \hat{s} / x_{iab}$
- Since  $x_{iab} \in [\bar{x}, 1]$ , we can integrate out  $x_{iab}$  in Sudakov to get  $dk_T^2 d\bar{v}_i d\phi$ :  $dx_{iab} \delta(k_T^2 - (1 - x_{iab} - \bar{v}_i) \hat{s} / x_{iab}) \dots$  and new constraint on  $\bar{v}_i$  and  $k_{T,\max}^2$
- The R-B ratio is too complicated to integrate. However, we can estimate the **upper bounding function** of R/B with C-S dipole and then use **veto technique**: solve  $k_T$  for uniform number  $r = \Delta_{F,U}^{\alpha_r}(k_T) / \Delta_{F,U}^{\alpha_r}(k_{T,0})$  to generate event according to probability  $R/B \cdot \Delta_F(k_T)$  by taking care the Jacobian, approximate upper bound and integrate out  $\bar{v}_i$ :

$$\Delta_{F,U}^{a,b}(k_T) = \exp\left[-\frac{N_U^{a,b} \cdot 4\pi}{b_0} \left(\ln q^2 \frac{\hat{s}}{\Lambda^2} \cdot \ln \frac{\ln k_{T,\max}^2 / \Lambda^2}{\ln k_T^2 / \Lambda^2} - \ln \frac{k_{T,\max}^2}{k_T^2}\right)\right] \quad \text{where } q^2 = \frac{(2-\bar{x})^2}{4\bar{x}}$$

- The scale of QCD coupling is taken care  $\alpha_s(k_T^2)$  rather than constant
- Use Lambert-W function to solve the equation of  $k_t$  to generate it, then generate  $\bar{v}_i$  and uniform  $\phi$

## Quark/Anti-quark Radiation for Powheg

- $\alpha_r$ :  $q' / \bar{q}'$  collinear with initial gluon is similar to gluon radiation case, has no difficulty.
- $\alpha_r$ :  $q' / \bar{q}'$  collinear with photon: when using the dipole to estimate R-B ratio, 2 Born MEs are of different flavor structures:

$$\left[ \frac{R^{\gamma q}(\Phi_{n+1}^{\alpha_r})}{B(\Phi_n)} \right]_{\Phi_n = \Phi_n} \leq \infty \left[ \frac{1 + (1+z)^2}{z} \right] \frac{|M^{qV}|^2}{|M^B|^2} \cdot \frac{L_g}{L_q} \cdot \tilde{F}$$

However, the last 3 factor can be estimated into upper bound constant  $N_U^{\gamma q} \cdot \frac{\alpha_S(k_T)}{\alpha}$

- Mapping C-S variables to  $p_T$ , it's too complicated in lab frame, and it's impossible to succeeding integration:  $p$  should defined according to the direction of  $k_q + k_\gamma$ , so try to approximate by that in centre-of-mass frame!
- A simpler try: according to the direction of  $\tilde{k}_{\gamma q}$ :  $k_T^2 = \frac{4uA^2}{(\hat{s} - m_V^2)^2} [(1-z)(1-u)(\hat{s} - m_V^2) - um_V^2]$  and integrate out  $z(k_T^2, u)$ , problem:  $z=0$  singularity (soft photon)

## Quark/Anti-quark Radiation for Powheg

- This case is just approximation  $A = (k_a + k_b) \cdot \tilde{k}_{\gamma} = (\hat{s} - m_V^2)/2 \ll \hat{s}$  making  $z \rightarrow 0$   $k_T^2$  is finite, which isn't physical
- It's still possible according to the direction of  $k_q + k_{\bar{q}}$  approximate by reasonable  $m_V^2 \ll \hat{s}$  :  $k_T^2 = uz^2[(1-z)(1-u)(\hat{s} - m_V^2) - um_V^2]/(z-u)^2$
- There is cube of z: integrate out  $u(k_T^2, z)$
- When  $z \rightarrow 0$ ,  $u_+(k_T^2, z)$  can be finite: constraint on u  $u \in (0, u_{\text{lim}}(z)]$  makes  $z \in (z_-, 1]$ ,  $(z_{\pm} = \frac{2\hat{s} - m_V^2 \pm \sqrt{m_V^2[4(\hat{s} - m_V^2) + m_V^2]}}{2(\hat{s} - m_V^2)})$ , solve the spurious soft photon problem.
- But we have no upper limit on  $k_T^2$  now.  $u(k_T^2, z) \rightarrow 0$  is regularized by  $k_T^{\text{min}}$  in the integration of  $k_T$
- So the upper bound of  $\Delta_{F,U}^{q\gamma}(k_T)$  should be finite and simple when we do further approximation.

## Outlook

- When we finish quark/anti-quark radiation for Powheg, the whole NLO calculations is finally completed
- Complete the codes soon and then we have numerical results to compare with the previous WGamma MC tools and expect to be used in experimental data in near future
- Anomalous  $WW\gamma$  couplings and beyond SM
- W/Z decay: ask for additional contributions of photon radiates from decayed lepton