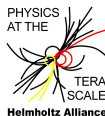


Vector Boson Scattering at e^+e^- machines & News from WHIZARD

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- Not really new: Elementary Particle Physics And Future Facilities. Proceedings, 1982 DPF Summer Study, Snowmass, USA, June 28 - July 16, 1982

Extensions of the SM

- ▶ Lagrangian of the EW SM (no fermions/QCD here):

$$\mathcal{L}_{EW} = -\frac{1}{2} \text{tr} [W_{\mu\nu} W^{\mu\nu}] - \frac{1}{4} B_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu} + (D_\mu \Phi)^\dagger (D^\mu \Phi) + \mu^2 \Phi^\dagger \Phi - \lambda (\Phi^\dagger \Phi)^2$$

with building blocks:

$$D_\mu = \partial_\mu + \frac{i}{2} g \tau^I W_\mu^I + \frac{i}{2} g' B_\mu$$

$$W_{\mu\nu} = \frac{i}{2} g \tau^I (\partial_\mu W_\nu^I - \partial_\nu W_\mu^I + g \epsilon_{IJK} W_\mu^J W_\nu^K)$$

$$B_{\mu\nu} = \frac{i}{2} g' (\partial_\mu B_\nu - \partial_\nu B_\mu)$$

- ▶ Any EFT has higher-dimensional operators:

Weinberg, 1979

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{SM} + \sum_i \left[\frac{a_i}{\Lambda} \mathcal{O}_i^{(5)} + \frac{c_i}{\Lambda^2} \mathcal{O}_i^{(6)} + \frac{e_i}{\Lambda^4} \mathcal{O}_i^{(8)} \dots \right]$$

- ▶ without more fundamental theory \Rightarrow no clue on the scale (neither on the coefficients)

Classification of Operators (I): Dim 6

(always v^2 subtracted)

- Dimension-6 operators (CP-conserving)

$$\mathcal{O}_{WWW} = \text{Tr}[W_{\mu\nu} W^{\nu\rho} W_{\rho}^{\mu}]$$

$$\mathcal{O}_W = (D_{\mu}\Phi)^{\dagger} W^{\mu\nu} (D_{\nu}\Phi)$$

$$\mathcal{O}_B = (D_{\mu}\Phi)^{\dagger} B^{\mu\nu} (D_{\nu}\Phi)$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{\partial\Phi} = \partial_{\mu}(\Phi^{\dagger}\Phi) \partial^{\mu}(\Phi^{\dagger}\Phi)$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{\Phi W} = (\Phi^{\dagger}\Phi) \text{Tr}[W^{\mu\nu} W_{\mu\nu}]$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{\Phi B} = (\Phi^{\dagger}\Phi) B^{\mu\nu} B_{\mu\nu}$$

- Dimension-6 operators (CP-violating)

$$\mathcal{O}_{\widetilde{W}W} = \Phi^{\dagger} \widetilde{W}_{\mu\nu} W^{\mu\nu} \Phi$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{\widetilde{B}B} = \Phi^{\dagger} \widetilde{B}_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu} \Phi$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{\widetilde{W}WW} = \text{Tr}[\widetilde{W}_{\mu\nu} W^{\nu\rho} W_{\rho}^{\mu}]$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{\widetilde{W}} = (D_{\mu}\Phi)^{\dagger} \widetilde{W}^{\mu\nu} (D_{\nu}\Phi)$$

| | ZWW | AWW | HWW | HZZ | HZA | HAA | WWWW | ZZWW | ZAWW | AAWW |
|---------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|------|------|
| \mathcal{O}_{WWW} | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| \mathcal{O}_W | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| \mathcal{O}_B | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | |
| $\mathcal{O}_{\Phi d}$ | | | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | |
| $\mathcal{O}_{\Phi W}$ | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | |
| $\mathcal{O}_{\Phi B}$ | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | |
| $\mathcal{O}_{\widetilde{W}WW}$ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| $\mathcal{O}_{\widetilde{W}}$ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | |
| $\mathcal{O}_{\widetilde{W}W}$ | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | |
| $\mathcal{O}_{\widetilde{B}B}$ | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | |

Classification of Operators (II): Dim 8

(always v^2 subtracted)

- Dimension-8 operators (only $D_\mu \Phi$)

$$\mathcal{O}_{S,0} = \left[(D_\mu \Phi)^\dagger D_\nu \Phi \right] \times \left[(D^\mu \Phi)^\dagger D^\nu \Phi \right],$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{S,1} = \left[(D_\mu \Phi)^\dagger D^\mu \Phi \right] \times \left[(D_\nu \Phi)^\dagger D^\nu \Phi \right],$$

- Dimension-8 operators (only field strength/mixed)

$$\mathcal{O}_{T,0} = \text{Tr} [W_{\mu\nu} W^{\mu\nu}] \cdot \text{Tr} [W_{\alpha\beta} W^{\alpha\beta}], \quad \mathcal{O}_{M,0} = \text{Tr} [W_{\mu\nu} W^{\mu\nu}] \cdot \left[(D_\beta \Phi)^\dagger D^\beta \Phi \right]$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{T,1} = \text{Tr} [W_{\alpha\nu} W^{\mu\beta}] \cdot \text{Tr} [W_{\mu\beta} W^{\alpha\nu}], \quad \mathcal{O}_{M,1} = \text{Tr} [W_{\mu\nu} W^{\nu\beta}] \cdot \left[(D_\beta \Phi)^\dagger D^\mu \Phi \right]$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{T,2} = \text{Tr} [W_{\alpha\mu} W^{\mu\beta}] \cdot \text{Tr} [W_{\beta\nu} W^{\nu\alpha}], \quad \mathcal{O}_{M,2} = [B_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu}] \cdot \left[(D_\beta \Phi)^\dagger D^\beta \Phi \right],$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{T,5} = \text{Tr} [W_{\mu\nu} W^{\mu\nu}] \cdot B_{\alpha\beta} B^{\alpha\beta}, \quad \mathcal{O}_{M,3} = [B_{\mu\nu} B^{\nu\beta}] \cdot \left[(D_\beta \Phi)^\dagger D^\mu \Phi \right],$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{T,6} = \text{Tr} [W_{\alpha\nu} W^{\mu\beta}] \cdot B_{\mu\beta} B^{\alpha\nu}, \quad \mathcal{O}_{M,4} = \left[(D_\mu \Phi)^\dagger W_{\beta\nu} D^\mu \Phi \right] \cdot B^{\beta\nu},$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{T,7} = \text{Tr} [W_{\alpha\mu} W^{\mu\beta}] \cdot B_{\beta\nu} B^{\nu\alpha}, \quad \mathcal{O}_{M,5} = \left[(D_\mu \Phi)^\dagger W_{\beta\nu} D^\nu \Phi \right] \cdot B^{\beta\mu},$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{T,8} = B_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu} B_{\alpha\beta} B^{\alpha\beta}, \quad \mathcal{O}_{M,6} = \left[(D_\mu \Phi)^\dagger W_{\beta\nu} W^{\beta\nu} D^\mu \Phi \right],$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{T,9} = B_{\alpha\mu} B^{\mu\beta} B_{\beta\nu} B^{\nu\alpha}, \quad \mathcal{O}_{M,7} = \left[(D_\mu \Phi)^\dagger W_{\beta\nu} W^{\beta\mu} D^\nu \Phi \right],$$

Classification of Operators (III)

| | WWWW | WWZZ | ZZZZ | WWAZ | WWAA | ZZZA | ZZAA | ZAAA | AAAA |
|---------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| $\mathcal{O}_{S,0/1}$ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | |
| $\mathcal{O}_{M,0/1/6/7}$ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | |
| $\mathcal{O}_{M,2/3/4/5}$ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | |
| $\mathcal{O}_{T,0/1/2}$ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| $\mathcal{O}_{T,5/6/7}$ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| $\mathcal{O}_{T,8/9}$ | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |

- ▶ Dim. 8 operators generate aQGCs, but not aTGCs
- ▶ generate neutral quartics
- ▶ Redundancy of the operators:
 - Equations of motion: $D_\mu W^{\mu\nu} = \Phi^\dagger (D^\nu \Phi) - (D^\nu \Phi)^\dagger \Phi + \dots$
 - Gauge symmetry structure: $[D_\mu, D_\nu] \Phi \propto W_{\mu\nu} \Phi$
 - Integration by parts (up to total derivatives)
 - Leads to relations like:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{O}_B &= \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{W}} + \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{O}_{WW} - \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{O}_{BB} \\ \mathcal{O}_{BW} &= -2 \mathcal{O}_W - \mathcal{O}_{WW} \\ \mathcal{O}_{\partial W} &= -4 \mathcal{O}_{WWW} + \text{gauge-fermion operators} \end{aligned}$$

EFT coefficients vs. anomalous couplings

- Switch operator bases (vertex-dep.): Snowmass EW White Paper, 1310.6708

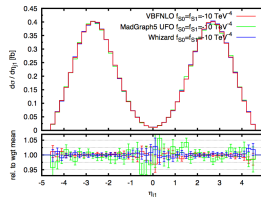
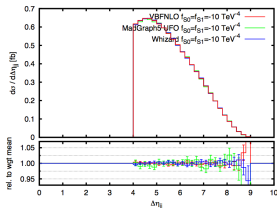
$$\begin{aligned} \text{WWWW-Vertex:} \quad \alpha_4 &= \frac{f_{S,0}}{\Lambda^4} \frac{v^4}{8} \\ \alpha_4 + 2 \cdot \alpha_5 &= \frac{f_{S,1}}{\Lambda^4} \frac{v^4}{8} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{WWZZ-Vertex:} \quad \alpha_4 &= \frac{f_{S,0}}{\Lambda^4} \frac{v^4}{16} \\ \alpha_5 &= \frac{f_{S,1}}{\Lambda^4} \frac{v^4}{16} \end{aligned}$$

ZZZZ-Vertex:

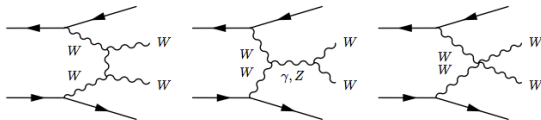
$$\alpha_4 + \alpha_5 = \left(\frac{f_{S,0}}{\Lambda^4} + \frac{f_{S,1}}{\Lambda^4} \right) \frac{v^4}{16}$$

- Full agreement among generators: VBF@NLO, WHIZARD, Madgraph

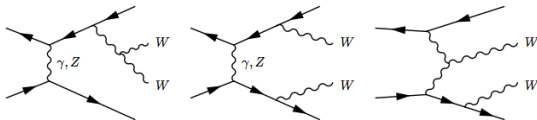


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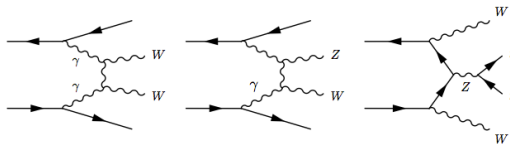
Signal



Irreducible bkgd.



(Partially) reducible bkgd.



Vector Boson Scattering

Beyer et al., hep-ph/0604048

1 TeV, 1 ab^{-1} , full $6f$ final states, 80 % e_R^- , 60 % e_L^+ polarization, binned likelihood

Contributing channels: $WW \rightarrow WW, WW \rightarrow ZZ, WZ \rightarrow WZ, ZZ \rightarrow ZZ$

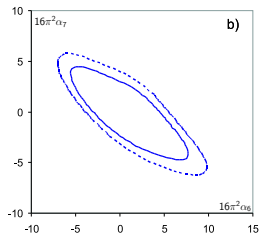
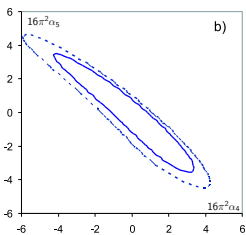
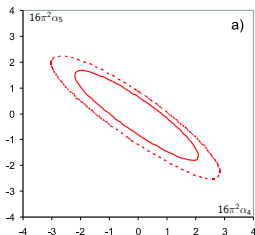
| Process | Subprocess | σ [fb] |
|--|--------------------------------|---------------|
| $e^+e^- \rightarrow \nu_e \bar{\nu}_e q \bar{q} q \bar{q}$ | $WW \rightarrow WW$ | 23.19 |
| $e^+e^- \rightarrow \nu_e \bar{\nu}_e q \bar{q} q \bar{q}$ | $WW \rightarrow ZZ$ | 7.624 |
| $e^+e^- \rightarrow \nu \bar{\nu} q \bar{q} q \bar{q}$ | $V \rightarrow VVV$ | 9.344 |
| $e^+e^- \rightarrow \nu e q \bar{q} q \bar{q}$ | $WZ \rightarrow WZ$ | 132.3 |
| $e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^- q \bar{q} q \bar{q}$ | $ZZ \rightarrow ZZ$ | 2.09 |
| $e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^- q \bar{q} q \bar{q}$ | $ZZ \rightarrow W^+W^-$ | 414. |
| $e^+e^- \rightarrow b \bar{b} X$ | $e^+e^- \rightarrow t \bar{t}$ | 331.768 |
| $e^+e^- \rightarrow q \bar{q} q \bar{q}$ | $e^+e^- \rightarrow W^+W^-$ | 3560.108 |
| $e^+e^- \rightarrow q \bar{q} q \bar{q}$ | $e^+e^- \rightarrow ZZ$ | 173.221 |
| $e^+e^- \rightarrow e \nu q \bar{q}$ | $e^+e^- \rightarrow e \nu W$ | 279.588 |
| $e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^- q \bar{q}$ | $e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^- Z$ | 134.935 |
| $e^+e^- \rightarrow X$ | $e^+e^- \rightarrow q \bar{q}$ | 1637.405 |

$SU(2)_c$ conserved case, all channels

| coupling | σ^- | σ^+ |
|--------------------|------------|------------|
| $16\pi^2 \alpha_4$ | -1.41 | 1.38 |
| $16\pi^2 \alpha_5$ | -1.16 | 1.09 |

$SU(2)_c$ broken case, all channels

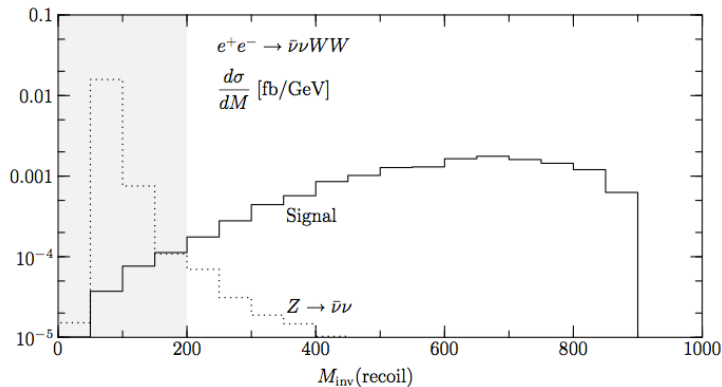
| coupling | σ^- | σ^+ |
|-----------------------|------------|------------|
| $16\pi^2 \alpha_4$ | -2.72 | 2.37 |
| $16\pi^2 \alpha_5$ | -2.46 | 2.35 |
| $16\pi^2 \alpha_6$ | -3.93 | 5.53 |
| $16\pi^2 \alpha_7$ | -3.22 | 3.31 |
| $16\pi^2 \alpha_{10}$ | -5.55 | 4.55 |



Vector Boson Scattering: Observables

Study of WW scattering @ 1.6 TeV

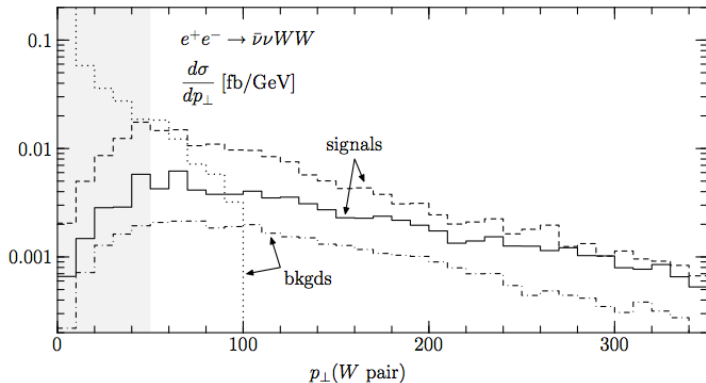
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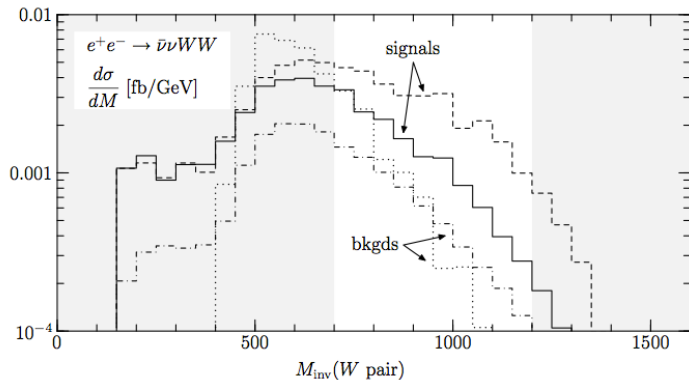
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Simplified Models for VBS (and VVV): Resonances

- ▶ Resonances in all accessible spin/isospin channels
- ▶ Couplings to the Higgs and gauge sectors are unrelated and arbitrary
- ▶ Still include anomalous couplings
- ▶ Unitarization (later)

New physics in electroweak sector:

- ▶ Narrow resonances \Rightarrow particles (**weakly interacting model**)
- ▶ Wide resonances \Rightarrow continuum (**strongly interacting model**)

$SU(2)_c$ custodial symmetry (weak isospin, broken by hypercharge
 $g' \neq 0$ and fermion masses)

| | $J = 0$ | $J = 1$ | $J = 2$ |
|---------|---|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| $I = 0$ | σ^0 (Higgs ?) | ω^0 (γ'/Z' ?) | f^0 (Graviton ?) |
| $I = 1$ | π^\pm, π^0 (2HDM ?) | ρ^\pm, ρ^0 (W'/Z' ?) | a^\pm, a^0 |
| $I = 2$ | $\phi^{\pm\pm}, \phi^\pm, \phi^0$ (Higgs triplet ?) | — | $t^{\pm\pm}, t^\pm, t^0$ |

- ▶ $I = 0$: resonant in W^+W^- and ZZ scattering
- ▶ $I = 1$: resonant in W^+Z and W^-Z scattering
- ▶ $I = 2$: resonant in W^+W^+ and W^-W^- scattering

Example: a Scalar Resonance [Not counting ϕ with $M = 126$ GeV.]

- ▶ Mass M_σ .
- ▶ Coupling to the Higgs sector (Higgs and longitudinal W/Z):

$$g_L^\sigma (D_\mu \Phi)^\dagger (D^\mu \Phi) \sigma$$

- ▶ Coupling to the gauge sector (transversal W/Z):

$$g_T^\sigma \text{tr} [\mathbf{W}^{\mu\nu} \mathbf{W}_{\mu\nu}] \sigma$$

Possible Origin: 2HDM isosinglet (renormalizable)

$$g_L^\sigma = O\left(\frac{1}{M_\sigma}\right) \quad \text{[tree]}, \quad g_T^\sigma = O\left(\frac{1}{4\pi M_\sigma}\right) \quad \text{[loop]}$$

Possible Origin: new strong interactions

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Interpretation as limits on resonances

Beyer et al., hep-ph/0604048

Consider the width to mass ratio, $f_\sigma = \Gamma_\sigma/M_\sigma$

1 TeV e^+e^-

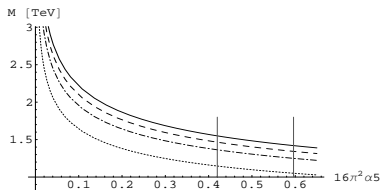
$SU(2)$ conserving scalar singlet

$SU(2)$ broken vector triplet

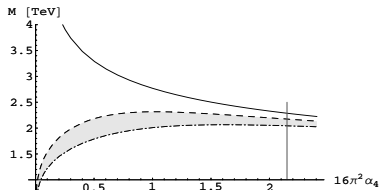
needs input from TGC covariance matrix

$$M_\sigma = v \left(\frac{4\pi f_\sigma}{3\alpha_5} \right)^{\frac{1}{4}}$$

$$M_{\rho^\pm} = v \left(\frac{12\pi\alpha_4 f_{\rho^\pm}}{\alpha_4^2 + 2(\alpha_2^\lambda)^2 + s_w^2 (\alpha_4^\lambda)^2 / (2c_w^2)} \right)^{\frac{1}{4}}$$



$f = 1.0$ (full), 0.8 (dash), 0.6 (dot-dash), 0.3 (dot)



upper/lower limit from λ_Z , grey area: magnetic moments

**Final
result:**

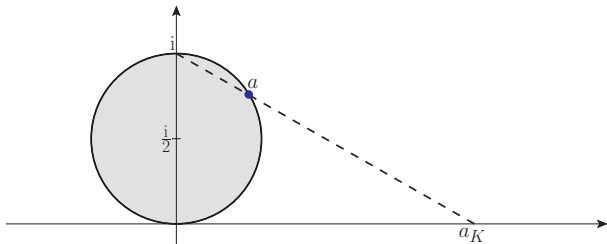
| Spin | $I = 0$ | $I = 1$ | $I = 2$ |
|------|---------|---------|---------|
| 0 | 1.55 | – | 1.95 |
| 1 | – | 2.49 | – |
| 2 | 3.29 | – | 4.30 |

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|------|---------|---------|---------|
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| 1 | 1.74 | 2.67 | – |
| 2 | 3.00 | 3.01 | 5.84 |

Unitarizing S matrices

- ▶ **Cayley transform of S matrix:** $S = \frac{1+iK/2}{1-iK/2}$ Heitler, 1941; Schwinger, 1948
- ▶ “ K ” matrix: translates to transition operator: $T = \frac{K}{1-iK/2}$
- ▶ Works beyond perturbation theory, but allows perturbative expansion
- ▶ Diagonalize S matrix (partial waves):

$$\mathcal{M}(s, t, u) = 32\pi \sum_{\ell} (2\ell + 1) \mathcal{A}_{\ell}(s) P_{\ell}(\cos \theta)$$
 (“Power spectrum”)
- ▶ Complex eigenvalues: $t = 2a$ $k = 2a_K \Rightarrow a_K = \frac{a}{1+ia}$
- ▶ Corresponds to stereographic projection:



- ▶ **Coulomb singularities** Bloch/Nordsieck, 1937; Yennie/Frautschi/Suura, 1961

Unitarization Primer

Kilian/JRR/Ohl/Sekulla, 1408.6207

- ▶ Unitarization prescription not unique
- ▶ Padé (reordering pert. series) introduces artificial poles
- ▶ Form factors parameterize close-by new physics (additional parameters)

$$\frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{s}{\Lambda_{FF}^2}\right)^n}$$

unphysical form factor scale Λ_{FF} and multipole order n

- ▶ minimal version (K or T matrix) \Rightarrow just saturation no new parameters, does not rely on pert. expansion, stable against small perturbations
- ▶ Additional known features (resonances) should be implemented before unitarization

Unitarity Bound for α_4 AQGC

Bounds for α_4

$$\ell = 0 : \sqrt{s} \leq \left(\frac{6\pi}{\alpha_4} \right)^{\frac{1}{4}} v \approx \frac{0.5 \text{ TeV}}{\sqrt[4]{\alpha_4}}$$

$$\ell = 2 : \sqrt{s} \leq \left(\frac{60\pi}{\alpha_4} \right)^{\frac{1}{4}} v \approx \frac{0.9 \text{ TeV}}{\sqrt[4]{\alpha_4}}$$

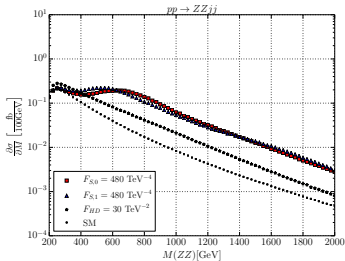
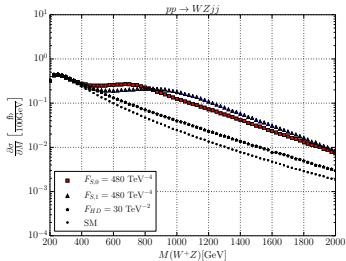
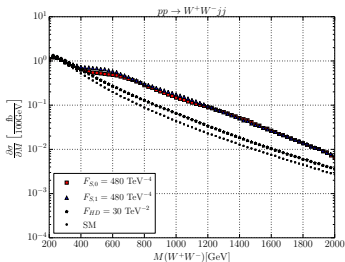
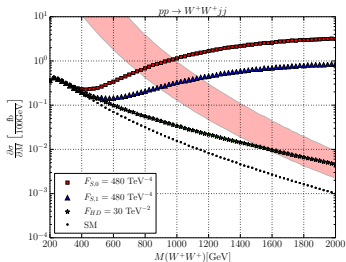
- ▶ Bound **depends** on coupling α_4

- ▶ Use strongest bound

α_4 AQGC contribution to
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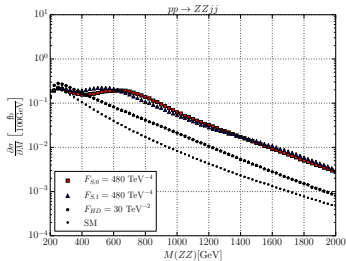
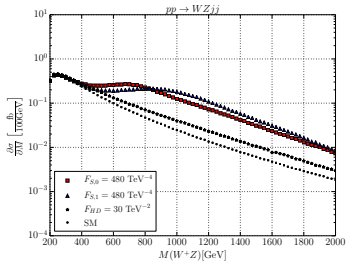
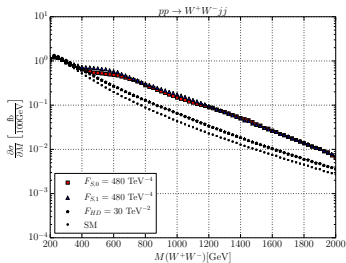
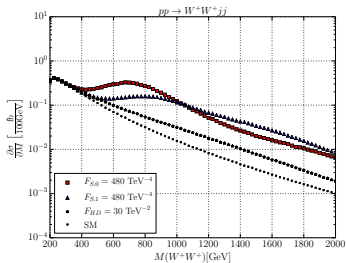
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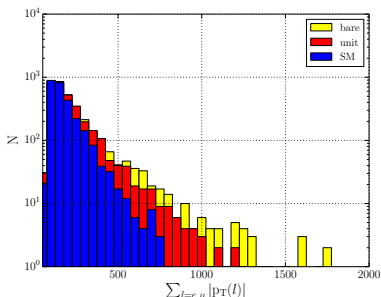
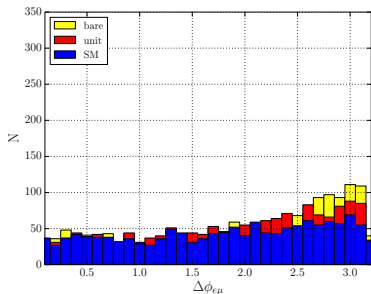
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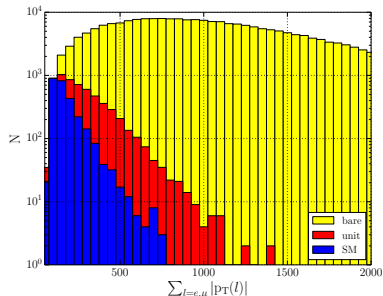
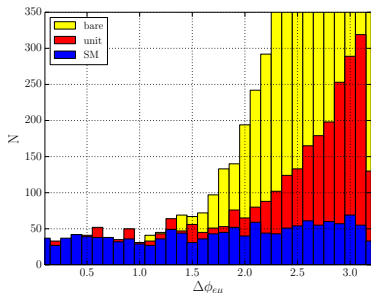
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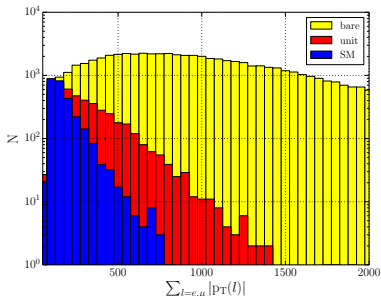
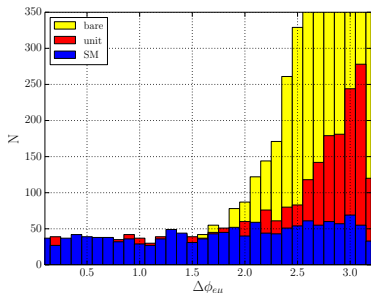
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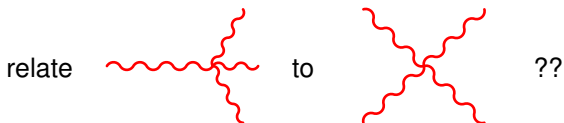
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Yes, the same Feynman graphs (in the SM), but. . . Tribosons:

- one external $W/Z/\gamma$ is always far off-shell
- Unitarization formalism not available
- different (anom.) couplings contribute (**particularly for resonances**)

$$\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow VVV) \propto \frac{1}{s} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Limits usefulness to subprocess energies} \\ \text{in the lower range where cross section} \\ \text{of fusion process still small} \end{array}$$

$$\sigma_{\text{VBS}}(e^+e^- \rightarrow \nu\bar{\nu}W^+W^-) \propto \log(s)$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} e^+e^- \rightarrow ZZZ \\ \rightarrow WWZ \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} ZH \\ \hookrightarrow WW \\ \hookrightarrow ZZ \end{array} \quad \text{Present in spectrum}$$

$$\rightarrow WW\gamma \quad \text{Complementary (and present at lower energies)}$$

⇒ Important physics **independent** w.r.t. VBS. Don't just combine results!

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Switching gears: WHIZARD



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WHIZARD 2: Status 2010-15 – Technical Features

- Fortran2003/2008 (gfortran 4.7.4 or newer) and OCaml (for MEs)
- WHIZARD core: separate interface from implementation **Complete object orientation**
 - ▶ **Replaceable modules** with well-defined interface: matrix-elements, beam structure, phase space, integration, decays, shower, ...
 - ▶ Much easier to outsource small(er) projects
 - ▶ **Much better self checks, regression testing and maintainability**
- OpenMP **parallelization**
- Operation modes: dynamic linking, static linking, library mode, shell mode
- **Standard conformance**: uses autotools: automake/autoconf/libtool
Installation: ./configure, make, make check, make install
- Large self test suite: unit tests, feature tests, run tests
- Version control (svn) at [HepForge](#): use of **ticket system** and **bug tracker**
- Continuous integration system (jenkins) linked with svn repository

WHIZARD Manual

with distribution and online: <http://whizard.hepforge.org/manual>

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A generic Monte-Carlo integration and event generation package for multi-particle processes

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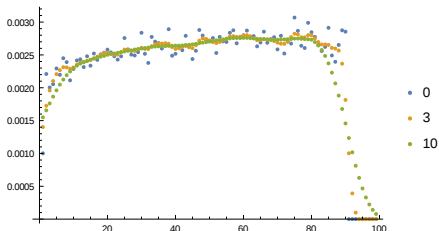
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Correlated lepton beam spectra with Circe2

- ▶ Guinea-Pig++ event files too short for high lumi simulations
- ▶ Fixed width histogramming struggles with steep distributions
- ▶ Circe1 too restrictive, assumes
 - ▶ factorized beam spectra: $D_{p_1 p_2}(x_1, x_2) = D_{p_1}(x_1)D_{p_2}(x_2)$
 - ▶ power laws in continuum: $D(x) = d \cdot \delta(1 - x) + c \cdot x^\alpha(1 - x)^\beta$
- ▶ Circe2 algorithm:
 - ▶ Adapt 2D factorized variable width histogram (à la VEGAS) to steep part of distribution
 - ▶ smooth the correlated fluctuations with a moderate gaussian filter to suppress artifacts from limited Guinea-Pig++ statistics
 - ▶ smooth separately continuum/boundary bins (avoid artificial beam energy spread)

Smoothing $x_{e^+} = 1$ boundary bin with Gaussian filters of width 3 and 10 bins, resp. 5 bins reasonable compromise for histograms with 100 bins.

[bins are *not* equidistant, shrink with power law towards the $x_{e^-} = 1$ boundary on RHS!]



Workflow Guinea-Pig++/Circe2/WHIZARD

1. Run Guinea-Pig++ with

```
do_lumi=7;num_lumi=100000000;num_lumi_eg=100000000;num_lumi_gg=100000000;
```

to produce lumi.[eg][eg].out with (E_1, E_2) pairs.

[Large event numbers, as Guinea-Pig++ will produce only a small fraction!]

2. Run circe2_tool.opt with steering file

```
{ file="ilc500/beams.circe" # to be loaded by WHIZARD
  { design="ILC" roots=500 bins=100 scale=250 # E in [0,1]
    { pid/1=electron pid/2=positron pol=0 # unpolarized e-/e+
      events="ilc500/lumi.eg.out" columns=2 # <= Guinea-Pig
      lumi = 1564.763360 # <= Guinea-Pig
      iterations = 10 # adapting bins
      smooth = 5 [0,1] [0,1] # Gaussian filter 5 bins
      smooth = 5 [1] [0,1] smooth = 5 [0,1] [1] } } }
```

to produce correlated beam description

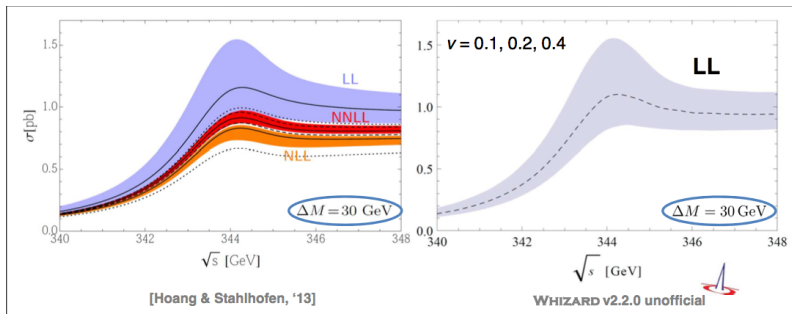
3. Run WHIZARD with SINDARIN input:

```
beams = e1, E1 => circe2
$circe2_file = "ilc500.circe"
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?circe2_polarized = false
```

- Soon also files for polarized beams within distribution

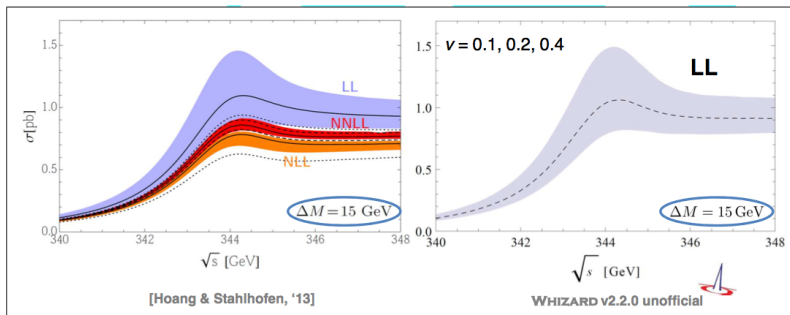
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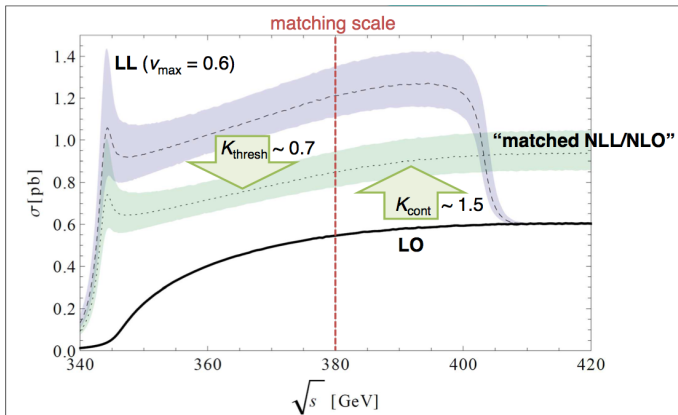


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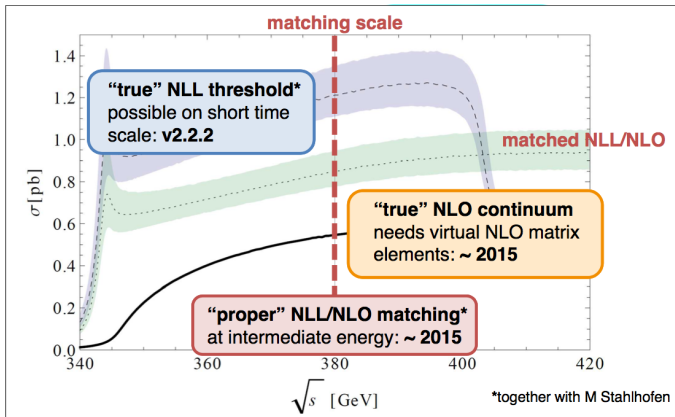


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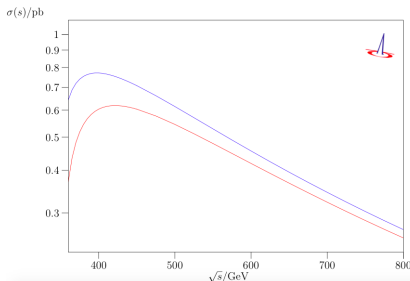
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- Performance: parallelization, flavor sums, MC over helicities/colors, PS, etc.
- (N)LL/(N)LO matched e^+e^- top threshold Bach/Hoang/JRR/Stahlhofen/Teubner
- New syntax/features decays and chains (steering unstable particles):

```
process higgsstr = e1, E1 => (Z => e2, E2), (H => b, bbar)
```

- Improved matching/merging for jets/photons Chokouf /JRR/Kilian/Weiss, ca. 2015
- Specification of QCD and electroweak order
- Automatic QCD NLO corrections (test phase)
- Matched $e^+e^- \rightarrow X$ at LO/NLO, POWHEG box Chokouf /JRR/Weiss, 2015

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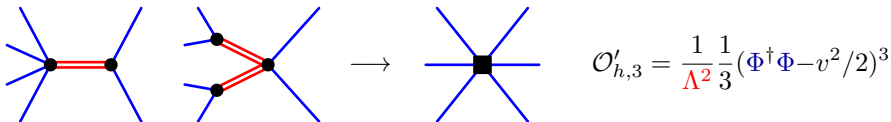
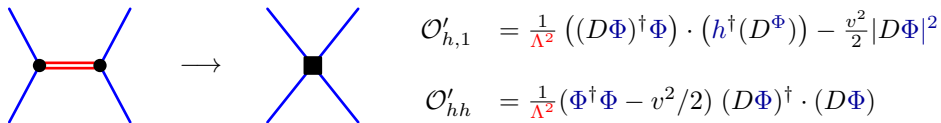
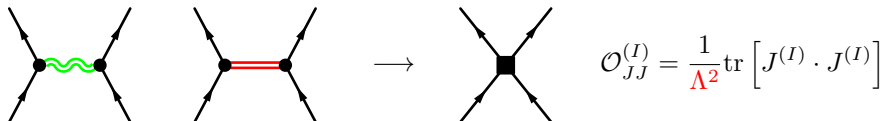
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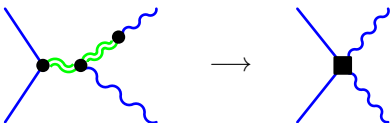


BACKUP SLIDES:

Effective EW Dim. 6 Operators

Hagiwara/Hikasa/Peccei/Zeppenfeld, 1987; Hagiwara/Ishihara/Szalapski/Zeppenfeld, 1993

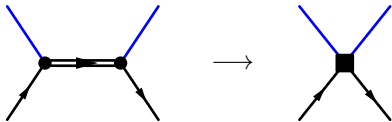




$$\mathcal{O}_{\Phi W} = -\frac{1}{\Lambda^2} \frac{1}{2} (\Phi^\dagger \Phi - v^2/2) \text{tr} [W_{\mu\nu} W^{\mu\nu}]$$

$$\mathcal{O}_B = \frac{1}{\Lambda^2} \frac{i}{2} (D_\mu \Phi)^\dagger B^{\mu\nu} (D_\nu \Phi)$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{\Phi B} = -\frac{1}{\Lambda^2} \frac{1}{4} (\Phi^\dagger \Phi - v^2/2) B_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu}$$



$$\mathcal{O}_{Vq} = \frac{1}{\Lambda^2} \bar{q} h (\not{D} h) q$$

Integrating out resonances

- ▶ Simplest example: scalar singlet σ :

$$\mathcal{L}_\sigma = -\frac{1}{2} [\sigma(M_\sigma^2 + \partial^2)\sigma - g_\sigma v \sigma \text{tr} [\mathbf{V}_\mu \mathbf{V}^\mu] - h_\sigma \text{tr} [\mathbf{T} \mathbf{V}_\mu] \text{tr} [\mathbf{T} \mathbf{V}^\mu]]$$

- ▶ Effective Lagrangian $\mathcal{L}_\sigma^{\text{eff}} = \frac{v^2}{8M_\sigma^2} \left[g_\sigma \text{tr} [\mathbf{V}_\mu \mathbf{V}^\mu] + h_\sigma \text{tr} [\mathbf{T} \mathbf{V}_\mu] \text{tr} [\mathbf{T} \mathbf{V}^\mu] \right]^2$

- ▶ leads to **anomalous quartic couplings (aQGCs)**

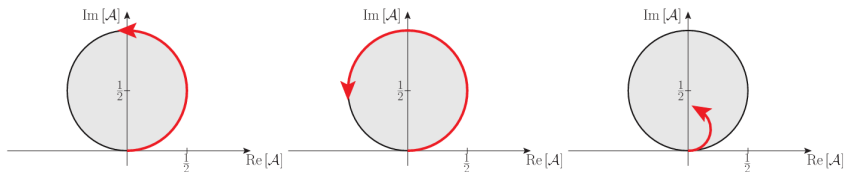
$$\alpha_5 = g_\sigma^2 \left(\frac{v^2}{8M_\sigma^2} \right) \quad \alpha_7 = 2g_\sigma h_\sigma \left(\frac{v^2}{8M_\sigma^2} \right) \quad \alpha_{10} = 2h_\sigma^2 \left(\frac{v^2}{8M_\sigma^2} \right)$$

| Resonance | σ | ϕ | ρ | f | a |
|--|----------------|-----------------|--|----------------|----------------|
| $\Gamma[g^2 M^2 / (64\pi v^2)]$ | 6 | 1 | $\frac{4}{3} \left(\frac{v^2}{M^2} \right)$ | $\frac{1}{5}$ | $\frac{1}{30}$ |
| $\Delta\alpha_4[(16\pi\Gamma/M)(v^4/M^4)]$ | 0 | $\frac{1}{4}$ | $\frac{3}{4}$ | $\frac{5}{2}$ | $-\frac{5}{8}$ |
| $\Delta\alpha_5[(16\pi\Gamma/M)(v^4/M^4)]$ | $\frac{1}{12}$ | $-\frac{1}{12}$ | $-\frac{3}{4}$ | $-\frac{5}{8}$ | $\frac{35}{8}$ |

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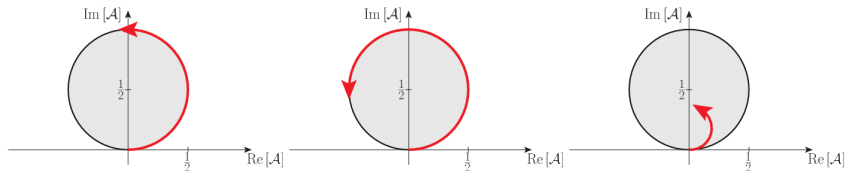
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- ▶ Interpretation of EFT operator coefficients changes: formally still low-energy coefficients of Taylor expansion \Rightarrow threshold parameters
- ▶ Complete description necessary (only) beyond threshold

Unitarity of Amplitudes

UV-incomplete theories could violate unitarity

Cross section:
$$\sigma = \int d\Omega \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{1}{64\pi^2 s} |\mathcal{M}|^2$$

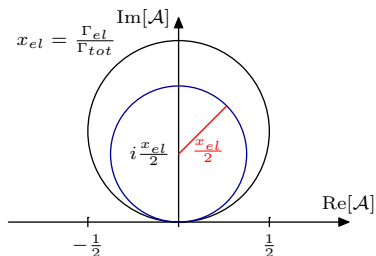
Optical Theorem (Unitarity of the S(cattering) Matrix):

$$\sigma_{\text{tot}} = \text{Im} [\mathcal{M}_{ii}(t=0)] / s \quad t = -s(1 - \cos\theta)/2$$

Partial wave amplitudes:
$$\mathcal{M}(s, t, u) = 32\pi \sum_{\ell} (2\ell + 1) \mathcal{A}_{\ell}(s) P_{\ell}(\cos\theta)$$

Assuming only elastic scattering:

$$\sigma_{\text{tot}} = \sum_{\ell} \frac{32\pi(2\ell+1)}{s} |\mathcal{A}_{\ell}|^2 \stackrel{!}{=} \sum_{\ell} \frac{32\pi(2\ell+1)}{s} \text{Im} [\mathcal{A}_{\ell}] \Rightarrow \boxed{|\mathcal{A}_{\ell}|^2 = \text{Im} [\mathcal{A}_{\ell}]}$$



Argand circle

$$\boxed{|\mathcal{A}(s) - \frac{i}{2}| = \frac{1}{2}}$$

Resonance:
$$\mathcal{A}(s) = \frac{-M\Gamma_{\text{el}}}{s - M^2 + iM\Gamma_{\text{tot}}}$$

Counterclockwise circle, **radius** $\frac{x_{el}}{2}$

Pole at $s = M^2 - iM\Gamma_{\text{tot}}$

Unitarization Prescriptions

- ▶ **K -matrix unitarization prescription** Gupta, 1950; Berger/Chanowitz, 1991
 - Hermitian K -matrix interpreted as incompletely calculated approximation to true amplitude
 - \Rightarrow Unitary S, T as a non-perturbativ completion of this approximation
 - Insert pert. expansion into expansion:

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- Prescription does a partial resummation of perturbative series
- Example Dyson resummation: $a_K^{(0)}(s) = \frac{\lambda}{s - m^2} \rightarrow a^{(0)}(s) = \frac{\lambda}{s - m^2 - i\lambda}$
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 - Needs to construct self-adjoint K -matrix as intermediate step
 - Problem if S -matrix is not diagonal, or ...
there are non-perturbative contributions

- ▶ **T -matrix unitarization**

- a_0 complex approximation to eigenvalue of true T matrix
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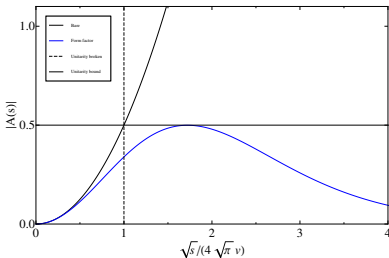
$$\frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{s}{\Lambda_{FF}^2}\right)^n}$$

- ▶ Use Form Factor to suppress breaking of unitarity
- ▶ Can be generally used for arbitrary anomalous operator
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Λ_{FF} Calculate highest possible value that satisfy real Unitarity bound (0th partial wave)

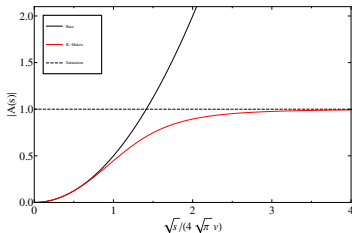
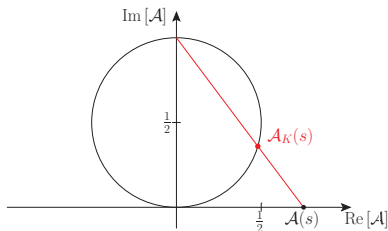


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$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A}_K(s) &= \frac{1}{\operatorname{Re}\left(\frac{1}{\mathcal{A}(s)}\right) - i} \\ &= \frac{\mathcal{A}(s)}{1 - i\mathcal{A}(s)} \quad \text{if } \mathcal{A}(s) \in \mathbb{R} \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ Projection of elastic amplitudes onto Argand-Circle
- ▶ At high energies the amplitude saturates
- ▶ Is usable for complex amplitudes
- ▶ Not dependent on additional parameters

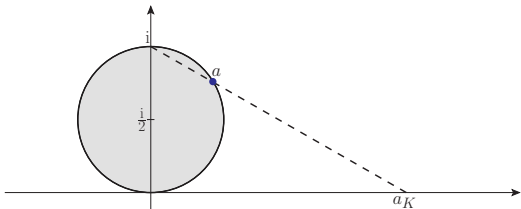


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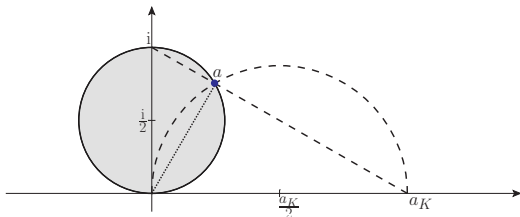
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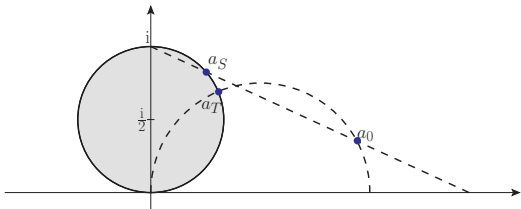
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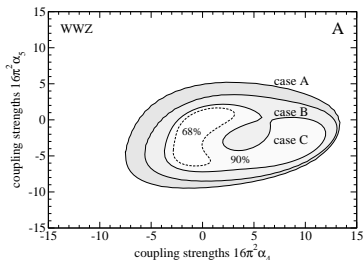
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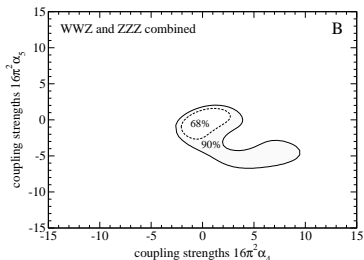
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- 1.0 Project started around 1999: Studies for electroweak multi-particle processes at TESLA (W, Higgs, Z)
 - 1.5 Event samples for LC studies at SLAC
 - 1.9 Full SM w/ QCD, beam properties, SUSY/BSM, event formats
 - 2.1 QCD shower+matching, FeynRules support, internal density-matrix formalism (cascade decays), SINDARIN as user interface, OpenMP, ...
 - 2.2 Major refactoring, event reweighting, inclusive processes and selective decay chains **(production version)**
- Plan** Improve e^+e^- support; NLO + matching; improve user interface \Rightarrow adapt to specific needs of user groups

Beams and hard matrix elements

▶ Hadron Colliders structured beams

- LHAPDF interface, most prominent PDFs directly included
- QCD ISR and FSR (2 diff. own implementations, interface to PYTHIA)
- Matching/merging matrix elements/showers
- Underlying event/multiple interactions (proof of principle)

▶ Hadronic events/hadronic decays + hadronic (QED) FSR (ext.)

▶ Lepton Colliders structured beams

- Beam structure (CIRCE1/2 module) **more later**
- arbitrarily polarized beams (density matrices)
- QED ISR (Skrzypek/Jadach, Kuraev/Fadin, incl. p_T distributions [caveat!])
- [Photon collider spectra (CIRCE2 module)]

▶ Hard matrix elements:

- Particle spins: $0, \frac{1}{2}, 1, \frac{3}{2}, 2$
- Lorentz structures: high set of hard-coded structures
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- Color flow formalism
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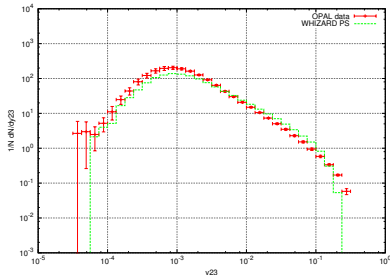
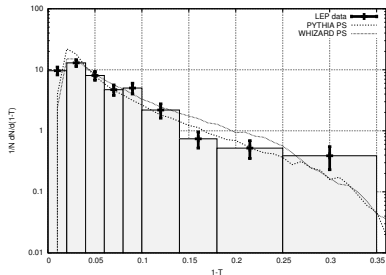
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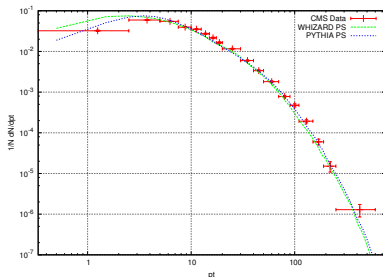
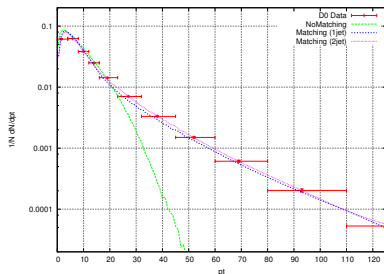


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