

# The effective W approximation for the WW scattering and new physics

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*arXiv:12mm.xxxx* (results at the amplitude level (this talk) )

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# Outline

## Motivation

- Factorization in QFT
- The importance of the scattering of W bosons

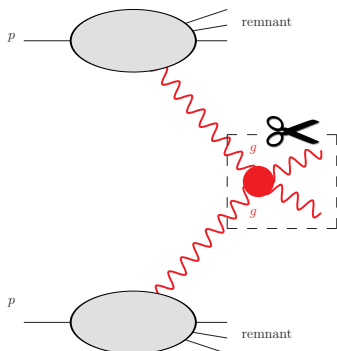
## Results: $WW \rightarrow WW$ scattering from the process $qq \rightarrow qqWW$

- High energy behavior of the WW scattering amplitudes
- corrections to the EWA at the amplitude-level
- EWA and the exact amplitude

## Conclusions

- Outlook on WW scattering

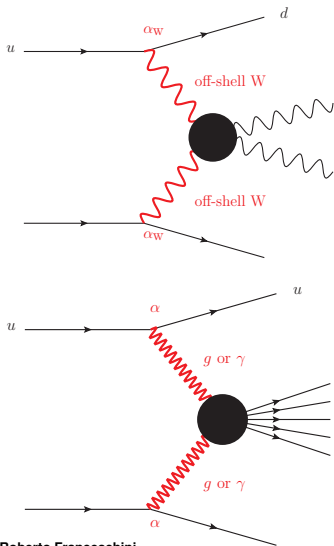
# Factorization



## Field theory question

How this generalizes to the massive case?

# Analogous, but quite different



## Qualitatively different

- the  $W$  is never on-shell  
 $p_W^2 = (p_u - p_d)^2 < 0 < m_W^2$

- a third polarization mode,  $\epsilon_L \sim \frac{E}{m}$

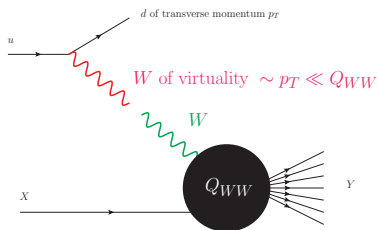
- the new mass scale  $m_W$

## Quantitative matter

- The energy of LHC is finite
- $\sigma(pp \rightarrow WWjj)$  only few fb

# ... you are asking for a beam of W bosons(!)

- our source of W is  $f \rightarrow f' W^*$
- $ff \rightarrow f' f' W^* W^* \rightarrow X_{WW} f' f'$



## Effective W Approximation: (Fermi '24, Weizsäcker,

Williams '34, Cahn, Chanowitz, Dawson, Gaillard, Kane, Repko, Rolnick '84-'85 )

- each  $W^*$  has virtuality  $V$   
 $= \sqrt{m_W^2 - (p_f - p_{f'})^2} \sim \sqrt{p_T^2 + m_W^2}$
- $W^* W^* \rightarrow X_{WW}$  of virtuality  $Q_{WW} \sim E$

$$t_{hard} \sim \frac{1}{Q_{WW}} \ll \Delta t_W \sim \frac{1}{\Delta E} \sim \frac{E}{V^2}$$

- $V \ll Q_{WW}$

for  $ff \rightarrow ffWW$

- $p_{T,f'} \ll p_{T,Wout}$  and  $m_W \ll p_{T,Wout}$

## that's pure kinematics!

- factorization of a hard (fast) process and a soft (slow) process
- expansion in  $V/Q_{WW} \simeq p_{T,jet}/p_{T,W}$

**Why I care so much about processes initiated by  $W$  bosons?**

# Status of the EWSB

## A $SU(2) \times U(1)$ gauge theory

- the interactions of the  $Z$  and the  $W$  with the fermions (LEP, g-2, ...)
- the interactions among  $Z$  and  $W$  (LEP trilinear coupling, ...)

- we observed **massive**  $W$  and  $Z$  bosons
- $m_W = m_Z \cos \theta_W$

## $SU(2) \times U(1)_Y$ is spontaneously broken

- there are three Goldstone bosons eaten by  $W$  and  $Z$

all the observations fit with Goldstone bosons  $\pi^{a=1,2,3}$  described by

$$\Sigma \equiv e^{i\sigma_a \frac{\pi^a}{v}}$$

that transforms

$$\Sigma \rightarrow L \Sigma R^\dagger$$

under  $SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R$  symmetry

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{v^2}{4} \text{Tr}(D_\mu \Sigma D^\mu \Sigma)$$

- the analog of the pions chiral lagrangian

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$$\mathcal{A}(\pi\pi \rightarrow \pi\pi) \sim \frac{S}{v^2}$$

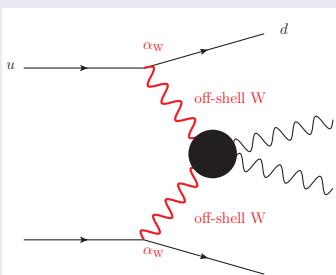
- a weakly coupled moderator of the growth of the amplitude at high energy must appear
  - the Goldstone bosons are strongly coupled
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- establishing if the Goldstones experience a strong or a weak force is a goal for the LHC
  - best done in terms of  $WW \rightarrow WW$  scattering rather than a complicated  $qq \rightarrow qqWW$  process (you don't want to go back to the proton!)
  - ideally the experiment could measure the  $WW \rightarrow WW$  process and put all our knowledge of the EWSB sector in the form of a detailed measurement of the cross-section

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- brute force: increase the energy and the flux of initial state fermions

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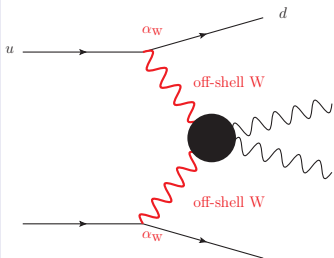
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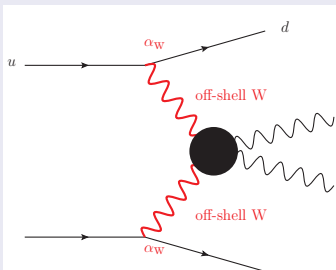
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Not a way to simplify the computation of the exact amplitude, but

a mean to access the physics of on-shell  $W$  bosons scattering.

# Why do I want to know about the details of this factorization?

## Factorization in massive gauge theories

- The same story of the massless case?

## Simplicity of understanding the EWSB sector:

$|\mathcal{A}_{WW \rightarrow WW}(s, t)|^2$  is all that you want

- Ideally our knowledge of the EWSB can be encoded in the behavior of a  $2 \rightarrow 2$  scattering process  $WW \rightarrow WW$

## Effectiveness and robustness of LHC data analysis

- Where the factorization works best is where the EWSB is more at display, there you can see  $WW \rightarrow WW$  and nothing else.

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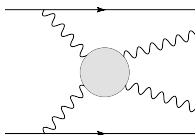
- the goal is not to compute the rate
- most of the attention was on the total cross-section
- cuts were not selecting the region  $V \ll Q_{WW}$

## The EWA from the expansion of the exact amplitude

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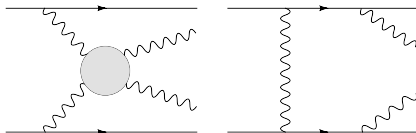
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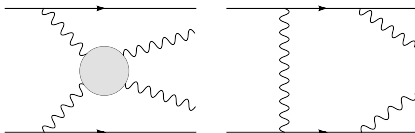
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- scattering and non-scattering must cancel to tame the “bad” energy behavior

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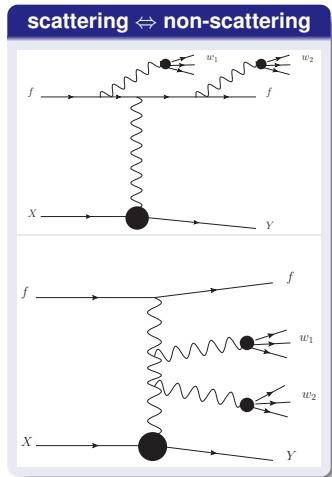
## covariant gauges

- unphysical propagating fields
- large cancellations among sets of diagrams

## physical gauges, e.g. the axial gauge $n_\mu A^\mu = 0$

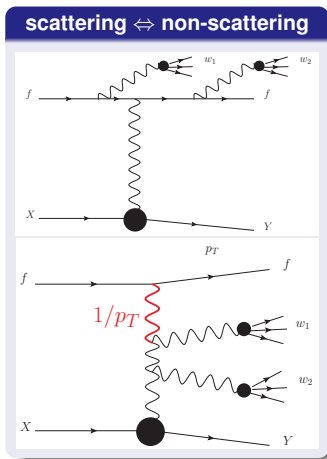
- only physical DoF
- the “scattering” diagram has a meaning by itself

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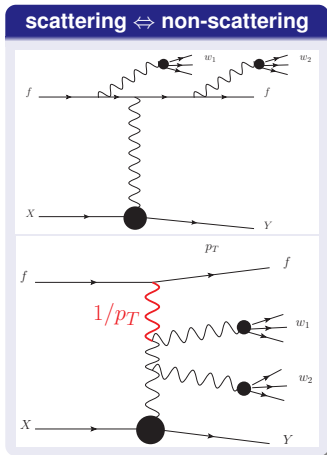
## in a “physical” gauge

- the  $W$  propagator is “well-behaved”
- $\epsilon_\mu$  *not*  $\sim E/m$

## away from singular regions

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## in the EWA region: $p_T \ll Q_{ww} \sim E$

- $\mathcal{A}_{\text{full}} = \mathcal{A}_{\text{scattering}} \left(1 + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{p_T}{Q_{ww}}\right)\right)$

## subleading terms are expected

- $\mathcal{A}_{\text{scattering}} \supset \frac{\mathcal{A}_{\text{contact-scattering}}}{E}$



# The Axial Gauge

$$n_\mu A^\mu = 0, \text{ e.g. } n_\mu = (0, 0, 0, 1)$$

$$P_{IJ}(q) = \frac{i}{q^2 - m^2} N_{IJ}(q)$$

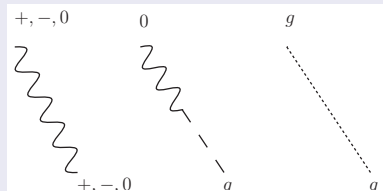
$$N_{\mu\nu} = -\eta_{\mu\nu} + \frac{q_\mu n_\nu + q_\nu n_\mu}{q_L} + \frac{q_\mu q_\nu}{q_L^2}$$

$$= \epsilon_\mu^{*\pm} \epsilon_\nu^\pm + \frac{1 + \frac{q_L^2}{m^2}}{1 + \frac{q_L^2}{q^2}} \epsilon_\mu^0 \epsilon_\nu^0$$

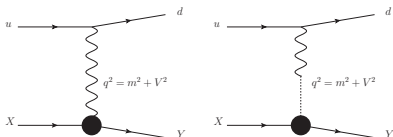
$$N_{\mu g} = -i \frac{m}{q_L} \left( n_\mu + \frac{q_\mu}{q_L} \right) = \epsilon_\mu^0 \epsilon_g$$

$$N_{gg} = 1 + \frac{m^2}{q_L^2} = \epsilon_g^* \epsilon_g$$

- $\epsilon_\mu^\pm = \mathcal{B} \left( \frac{q_T}{q_L} \right) \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (0, 1, \pm i, 0)$
- $\epsilon_\mu^0 = \frac{m}{q_L \sqrt{1 + m^2/q_L^2}} \left( n_\mu + \frac{q_\mu}{q_L} \right) \sim \frac{m}{q_L} \tilde{\epsilon}_\mu^0$
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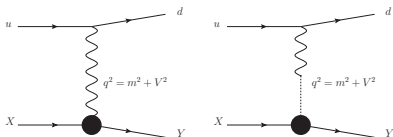


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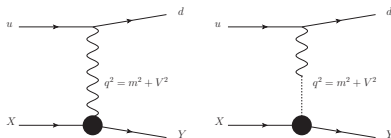
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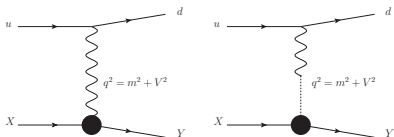


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 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\mathcal{A}_{\text{scattering-diag}} + \mathcal{A}_{\text{scattering-mix}}) \\
 &+ \mathcal{A}_{\text{contact-scattering}}
 \end{aligned}$$

## $\mathcal{A}_{\text{contact-scattering}}$

- as expected
- is representative of the size of the non-scattering diagrams
- it is a correction to  $\mathcal{A}_{TXY}$  not to  $\mathcal{A}_{gxy}$

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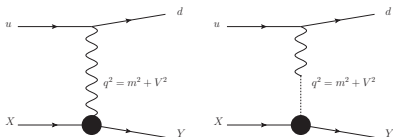
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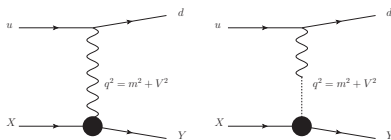
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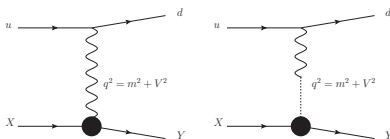
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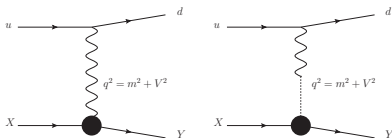
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- $\frac{p_T e^{\pm i\phi}}{V^2} g_{\pm}(x), h = \pm$
- $\frac{m}{V^2} g_0(x), h = 0$

# The approximated amplitude

$$\mathcal{A}_{EWA} = f_{\pm}(p_T, m, x) \mathcal{A}_{\text{scattering-dia}}^{\pm} + f_0(p_T, m, x) \mathcal{A}_{\text{scattering-mix}}$$

- $\mathcal{A}_{\text{exact}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \mathcal{A}_{EWA} + \mathcal{O}(\Delta_T) + \mathcal{O}(\kappa^2) + \mathcal{A}_{\text{non-scattering}}$
- $\mathcal{A}_{\text{non-scattering}}$  is comparable to the  $\mathcal{O}(\Delta_T)$  correction to  $\mathcal{A}_{\text{scattering-dia}}$

$$\frac{\mathcal{A}_{\text{scattering-mix}}}{\mathcal{A}_{\text{scattering-dia}}} \equiv \rho$$

- $\rho$  depends on the model and on the external states
- in typical cases  $\rho \simeq \kappa^{\pm 1}$

e.g. in the Higgs model:  $\Phi = \begin{pmatrix} \pi^{\pm} \\ v + \frac{h+i\pi}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$

- $v \rightarrow -v, h \rightarrow -h, \pi \rightarrow -\pi, \pi^{\pm} \rightarrow -\pi^{\pm}$  is a symmetry
- $\mathcal{A}(\pi_1^a \dots \pi_{2k}^b \dots) \sim v^{2n} \Rightarrow \mathcal{A}(LL \rightarrow LL) \sim v^{2k}$
- $\mathcal{A}(\pi_1^a \dots \pi_{2k+1}^b \dots) \sim v^{2n+1} \Rightarrow \mathcal{A}(LT \rightarrow LL) \sim v^{2k+1}$

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$\rho \simeq \frac{1}{\kappa}$  the exchange of Goldstone bosons dominates the scattering

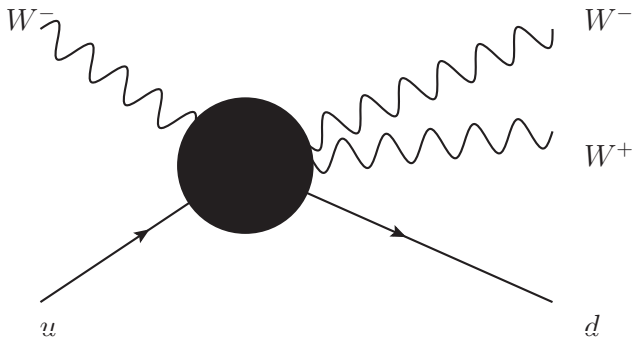
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- In the suitable limit of a soft jet emission compared to the hard scattering the factorization holds at the **amplitude level** (irrespective of the mass of the Higgs)
- $d\sigma/d\phi$  now predictable with EWA
- Several sources of corrections have been identified ( $\kappa, \Delta, \dots$ )

### Quantitatively we check the validity of the approximation:

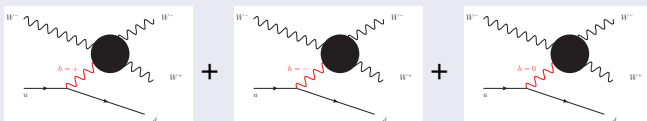
- evaluating the (integral of) the full amplitude and the EWA amplitude in fixed points of the phase space to study the behavior of the corrections
- using the approximated  $\mathcal{A}_{full} \simeq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \mathcal{A}_{EWA}$  to generate LHE events with a parton level MC (<http://code.google.com/p/ewangelion>) and comparing kinematical distributions to those from the exact amplitude (MadGraph)

## Numerical Results

$uW_{h_1}^+ \rightarrow dW_{h_2}^+ W_{h_3}^-$  : EWA Amplitude vs. Exact Amplitude (FeynArts+FormCalc)

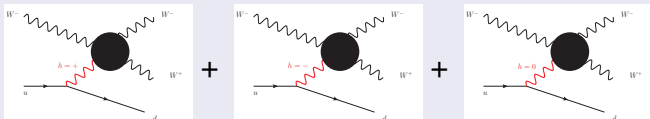
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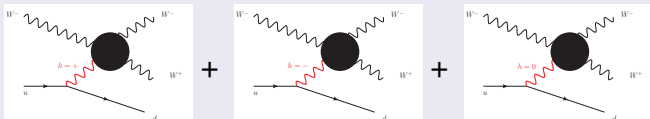
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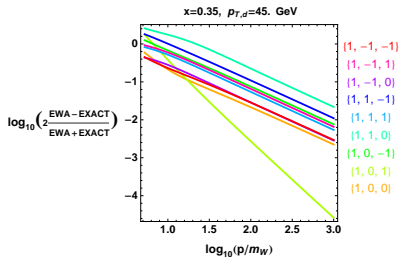
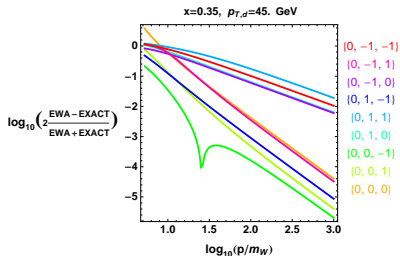
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Expanding the amplitudes in  $\epsilon = v/E$   
interesting patterns emerge

	$W^+$			$W^-$	$W^+$	$W^-$	<i>dom.</i>	<i>scaling</i>
$A_0$	$A_1$	$A_{-1}$					<i>virtual</i>	
1	$\epsilon$	$\epsilon$	0	0	0	$L$		-2
$\epsilon$	$\epsilon^2$	1	0	1	0	$T$		-1
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$\epsilon$	1	$\epsilon^2$	1	1	-1	$T$		-1
$\epsilon^3$	$\epsilon^2$	$\epsilon^4$	1	-1	-1	$T$		-1
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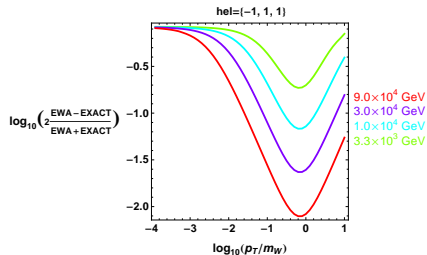
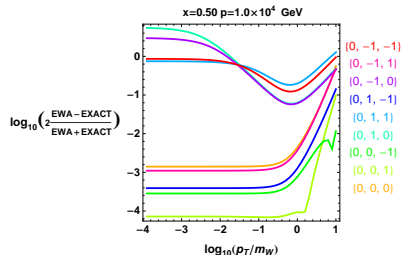
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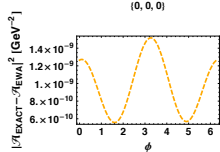
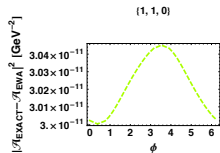
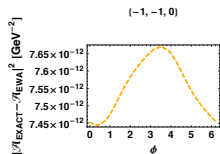
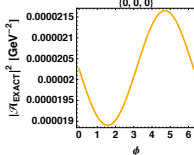
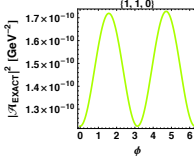
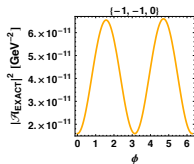


$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\phi} \text{ from } A_{\text{exact}}^{(h_1 h_2 h_3)} = f_0 A_{(h_1 h_2 h_3)}^{(0)} + f_+ A_{(h_1 h_2 h_3)}^{(+)} + f_- A_{(h_1 h_2 h_3)}^{(-)} + \text{corrections}$$

(PRELIMINARY)

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$A_{h_1 h_2 h_3}^{(W_{in}^-) \rightarrow M(W_{in}^+) \lambda(W_{in}^-)}$			$\lambda(W_{in}^-)$	$\lambda(W_{in}^+)$	$\lambda(W_{in}^-)$	$d\sigma/d\phi$
$h = 0$	$h = -1$	$h = 1$				
1	$\epsilon$	$\epsilon$	0	0	0	$1 + \epsilon [\sin \phi + \Delta \cdot f(\phi)]$
$\epsilon$	$\epsilon^2$	$\epsilon^2$	0	0	1	$1 + \epsilon [\sin \phi + \Delta \cdot f(\phi)]$
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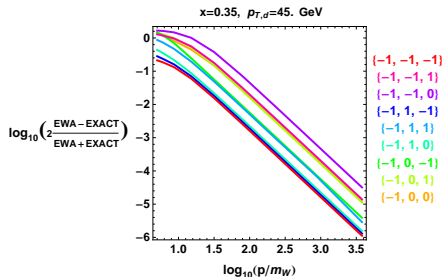


$$uW^+ \rightarrow dW^+W^- : \int d\phi |\mathcal{A}_{EWA}|^2 \text{ vs. } \int d\phi |\mathcal{A}_{exact}|^2$$

so far  $\bar{p}_{W,virtual} = \bar{p}_u - \bar{p}_d$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A}_{exact} &= \frac{p_T}{V^2} e^{\pm i\phi} g_{\pm}(x) \epsilon_{\pm} \cdot \mathcal{A}_{\pm xy}^{on} \\ &+ \frac{m}{V^2} g_0(x) \left( \epsilon_g \cdot \mathcal{A}_{gxy}^{on} + \frac{m}{q_L} \tilde{\epsilon}_0 \cdot \mathcal{A}_{0xy}^{on} \right) \\ &+ \frac{1}{q_L} g_0(x) \tilde{\epsilon}_0 \cdot \mathcal{A}_{0xy}^{on} + \mathcal{O}(\kappa^2) \end{aligned}$$

- $\mathcal{A} \sim p_T e^{\pm i\phi} \mathcal{A}_{\pm} + \mathcal{A}_0$
- $\int d\phi e^{\pm i\phi} \mathcal{A}_{\pm} \mathcal{A}_0^* + h.c. = 0$
- $|\mathcal{A}|^2 = |\mathcal{A}_{\pm}|^2 + |\mathcal{A}_0|^2 = |\mathcal{A}_{EWA}|^2 + \mathcal{O}(\kappa^2)$



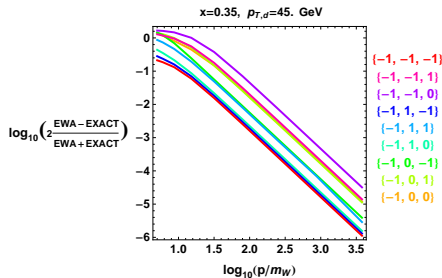


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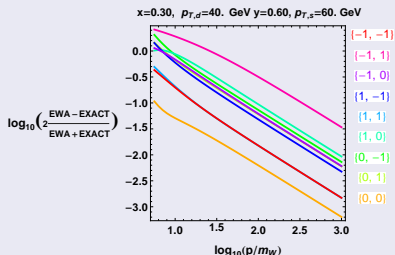
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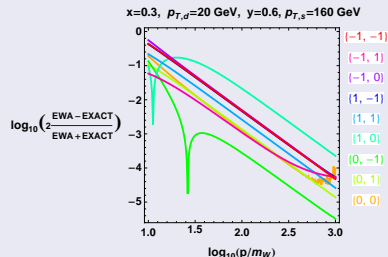
$$u\bar{c} \rightarrow d\bar{s}W^+W^-$$

The process studied so far,  $uW^+ \rightarrow dW^+W^-$ , is only a toy, but displays all the interesting physics (even more indeed), of the “interesting” process  $qq \rightarrow qqWW$ .

### fixed jets angles



### integrated amplitude



# EWA vs. MadGraph: $d\sigma/dp_{T,W^\pm}$ for $uW^- \rightarrow dW^+W^-$ at $\sqrt{\hat{s}}=2$ TeV (PRELIMINARY)

in the  $SU(2)$  Higgs model ( $m_h=160$  GeV) in the region  $30 \text{ GeV} < p_{T,d} < 60 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $0.3 < x < 0.4$ ,  $m_{WW} > 400 \text{ GeV}$

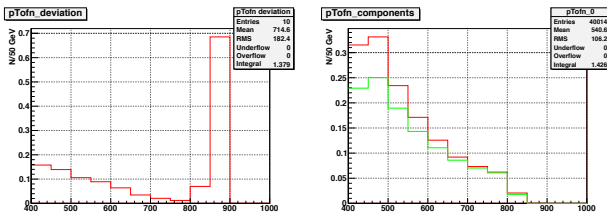


Figure 4:  $d\sigma/dp_T^{W^\pm}$  for the channel 110

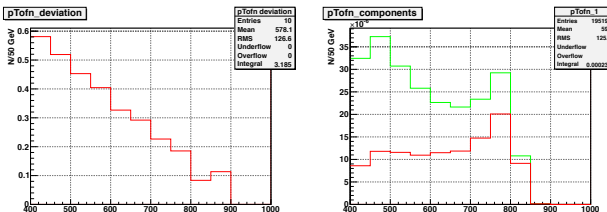


Figure 7:  $d\sigma/dp_T^{W^\pm}$  for the channel 011

## Conclusions on EWA and WW scattering (so far)

- on-shell WW scattering is a universal probe of the EWSB sector
- (re)-established the EWA as an expansion in  $p_{T,jet}/p_{T,W_{out}}$  **to access the physics of on-shell W scattering (EWSB)**
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  - $\int d\phi |\mathcal{A}|^2$  up to  $\mathcal{O}(\kappa^2)$  in all cases
- prediction of  $\frac{d\sigma}{d\phi}$
- numerical checks on the details of the analytic amplitude
- EWA generator for partonic collisions checked against MadGraph

## Open issues (?)

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# on-shell WW scattering: a SM process that knows BSM

## $W_L W_L \rightarrow W_L W_L$

- $W_L$  described by the Goldstone's bosons
- $\Sigma \equiv e^{i\pi^a \sigma^a / v}$
- a scalar  $h$  coupled to the Goldstones

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L} = & \frac{1}{2}(\partial h)^2 - V(h) \\ & + \frac{v^2}{4} \text{Tr}(D_\mu \Sigma D^\mu \Sigma) \left( 1 + a \frac{h}{v} + b \frac{h^2}{v^2} + \dots \right) \\ & + m \bar{\psi}_R \Sigma \psi_L \left( 1 + c \frac{h}{v} \right) + h.c. \end{aligned}$$

## Strong or Weak coupling

- a,b,c are in principle free parameters
- a:  $W_L W_L \rightarrow W_L W_L$
- b:  $W_L W_L \rightarrow hh$
- c:  $W_L W_L \rightarrow f\bar{f}$
- Strong if a=0 or b=0 or c=0
- SM is a=b=c=1

- The Higgs is part of new physics

## $\mathcal{A}$ grows with the energy

$$\mathcal{A}(\pi\pi \rightarrow \pi\pi) = (1 - a^2) \frac{s}{v^2} + \dots$$

## whatever breaks the EW symmetry

- measuring a,b,c tells about EWSB (and tells what is  $h$ )