

On the factorization of the scattering of W bosons

arXiv:1202.1904 (EWA: cross-section level)

arXiv:12mm.xxxx (gEWA: amplitude level (this talk))

a work in progress
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Outline

Motivation

- Factorization in QFT
- EWSB and the scattering of W bosons

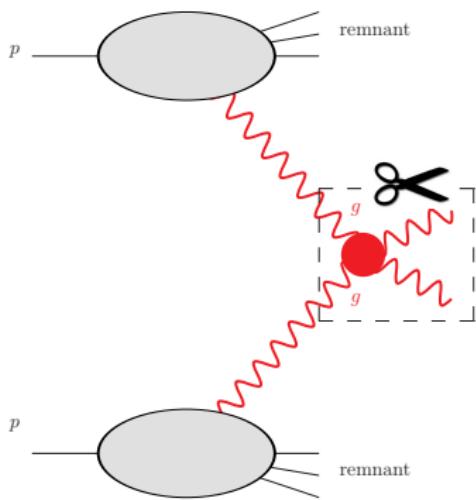
Results: $WW \rightarrow WW$ scattering from the process $qq \rightarrow qqWW$

- 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

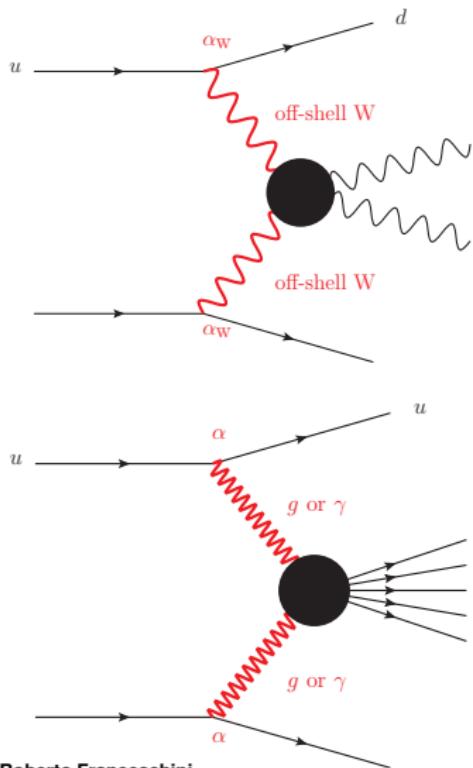
Factorization



Field theory question

How this generalizes to the massive case?

Analogous, but quite different

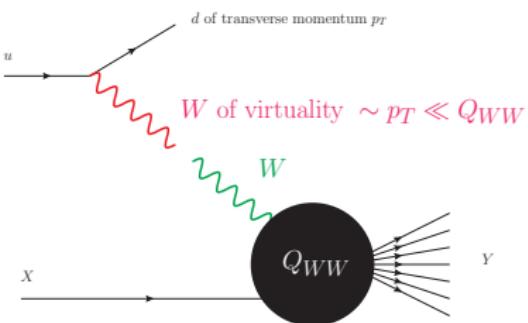


Qualitatively different

- 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
- 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 $ff \rightarrow ffWW$

- $p_{T,f'} \ll p_{T,W^{out}}$ and $m_W \ll p_{T,W^{out}}$

that's pure kinematics!

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

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

Goldstone scattering: is weak or strong?

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

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

- a **weakly coupled moderator** of the growth of the amplitude at high energy must appear
- the Goldstone bosons are **strongly coupled**

$WW \rightarrow WW$ is a direct probe of the Goldstone sector

- Do the Goldstones experience a **strong** or a **weak** force?
- $WW \rightarrow WW$ scattering rather than a complicated $qq \rightarrow qqWW$ process (in QCD you don't want to go back to the proton!)
- concentrate all our knowledge of the EWSB sector in the form of a detailed measurement of the $WW \rightarrow WW$ cross-section

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

Factorization in massive gauge theories

- The same story of the massless case?

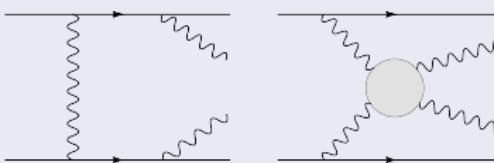
Simplicity of understanding the EWSB sector:

$|\mathcal{A}_{WW \rightarrow WW}(s, t)|^2$ 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.



Status of the EWA: at cross-section level $\sigma = \int \frac{d\sigma}{d\phi_{jet}} d\phi_{jet}$

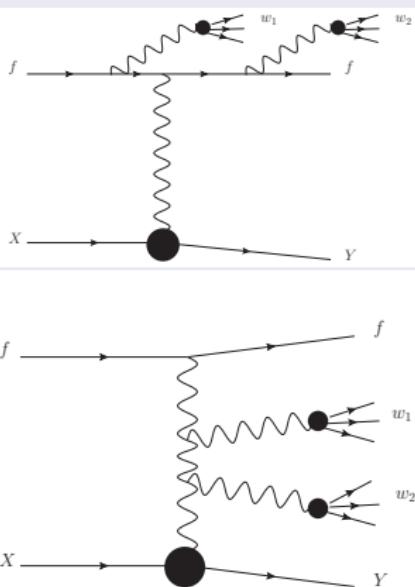
surprisingly no complete and clear statement

- $ff \rightarrow ffWW$ only for heavy Higgs boson or Higgless (Kunstz,Soper '88)
- $ff \rightarrow ff h$

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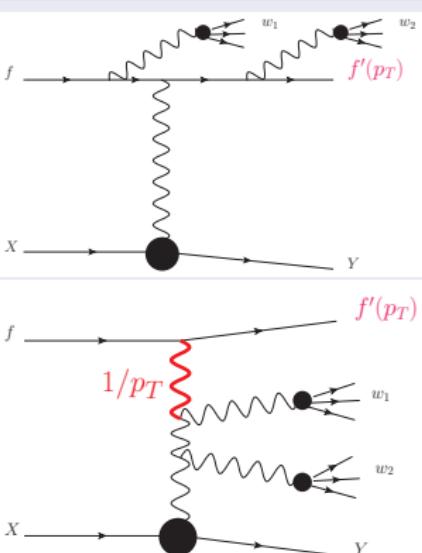
The EWA from the expansion of the exact amplitude

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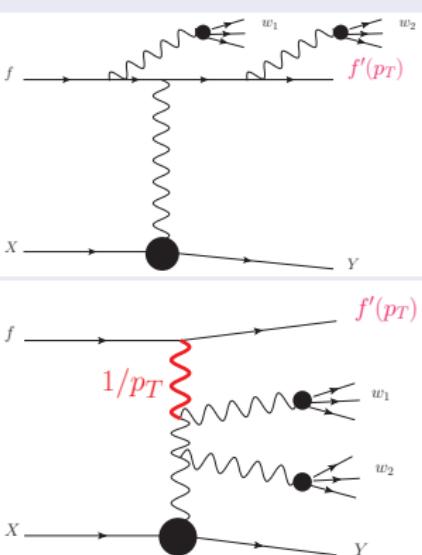
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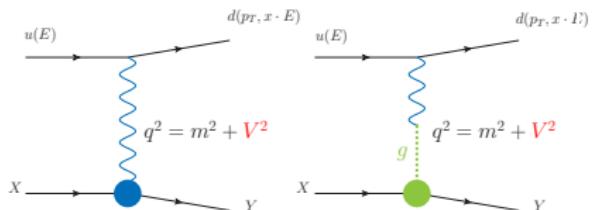
in the EWA region: $p_T \ll Q_{WW} \sim E$

$$\bullet \quad \mathcal{A}_{\text{exact}} = \mathcal{A}_{\text{scattering}} \left(1 + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{p_T}{Q_{WW}}\right)\right)$$

subleading terms are expected

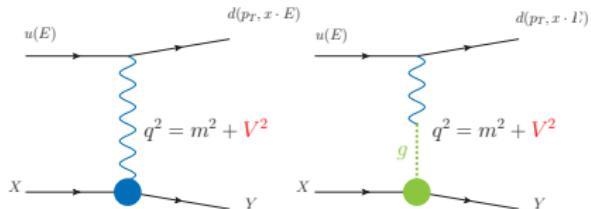
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Anatomy of a scattering amplitude



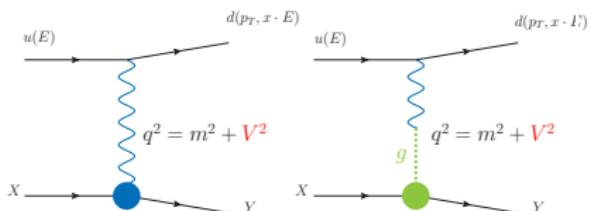
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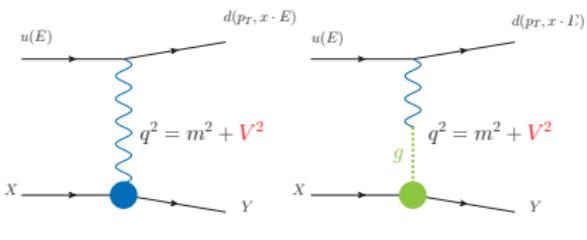


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 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\mathcal{A}_{\text{scattering-diag}} + \mathcal{A}_{\text{scattering-mix}}) \\
 &+ \mathcal{A}_{\text{contact-scattering}}
 \end{aligned}$$

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

- it 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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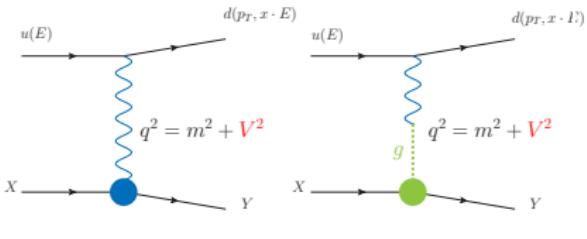
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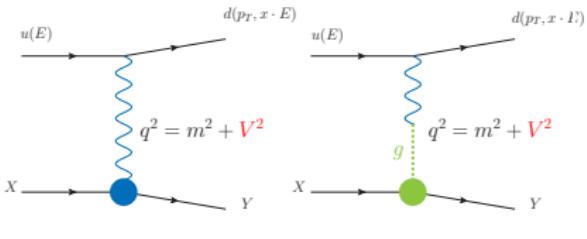
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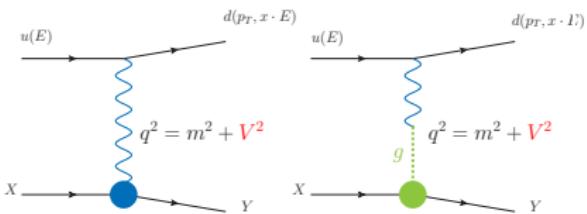
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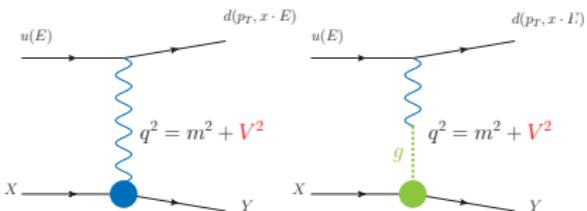
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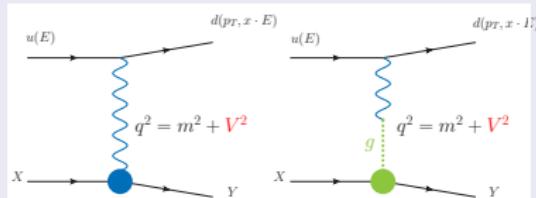
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non-scattering corrections

- $\Delta_T \equiv \frac{V}{q_L} \sim \kappa$
- w.r.t $\mathcal{A}_{\text{scattering-diag}}$

Two lessons from the explicit computation

Goldstone bosons and transverse vectors have parametrically different amplitudes (different Feynman rules)



Two sources of error:

- Kinematical (put the internal W on-shell) $\mathcal{O}(\frac{p_{T,jet}^2}{p_{T,W_{out}}^2})$
- Diagrammatical (from the strahlung-like diagrams) $\mathcal{O}(\frac{p_{T,jet}}{p_{T,W_{out}}})$
w.r.t the Transverse scattering

The approximated amplitude

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

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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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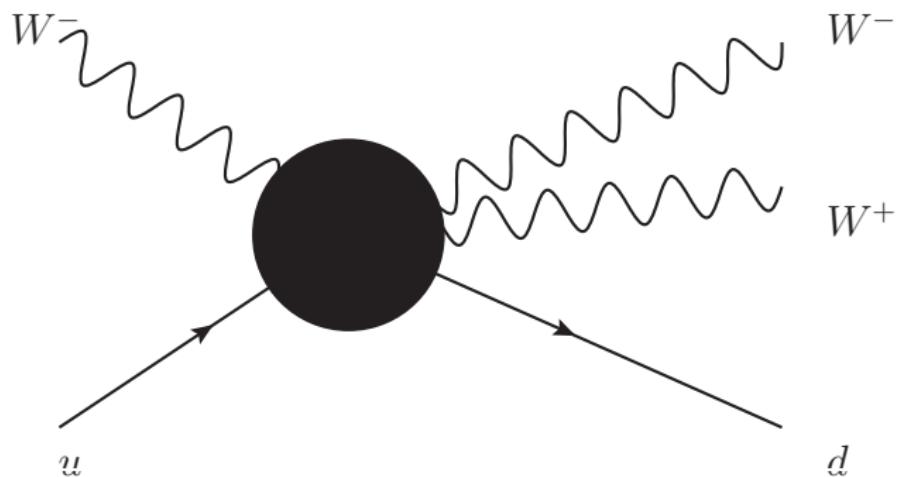
Factorization of the amplitude

- irrespective of the mass of the Higgs in the limit of a *soft jet emission* compared to the *hard scattering* factorization holds for the **amplitude** (previous statements were about the cross-section $\sigma = \int \frac{d\sigma}{d\phi_{jet}} d\phi_{jet}$)
- $\frac{d\sigma}{d\phi_{jet}}$ now predictable with gEWA
- several sources of corrections have been identified (κ, Δ, \dots)

Quantitatively we check the validity of the approximation:

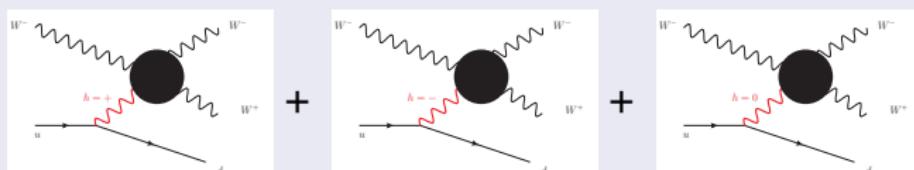
- evaluating the (integral) of the exact amplitude and the EWA amplitude in fixed points of the phase space to study the behavior of the corrections
- using the approximated $\mathcal{A}_{\text{exact}} \simeq \frac{1}{V^2} \mathcal{A}_{\text{EWA}}$ to generate LHE events with a parton level MC (<http://code.google.com/p/ewangelion>)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

Numerical Results

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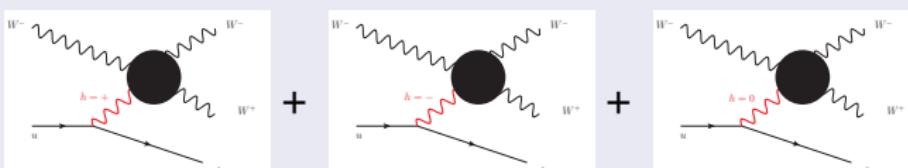
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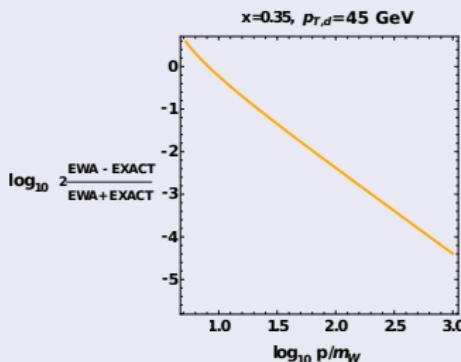


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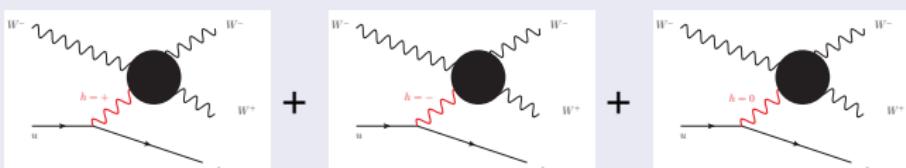
- $f_{\pm} = \frac{p_T e^{\pm i\phi}}{v^2} g_{\pm}(x)$
- $f_0 = \frac{m}{v^2} g_0(x)$
- $A_{000}^{(0)} = \mathcal{O}(1) + \dots$
- $A_{000}^{(\pm)} = \frac{v}{E} \mathcal{O}(1) + \dots$

Agreement in the amplitude at $\mathcal{O}(p_T^2/E^2)$



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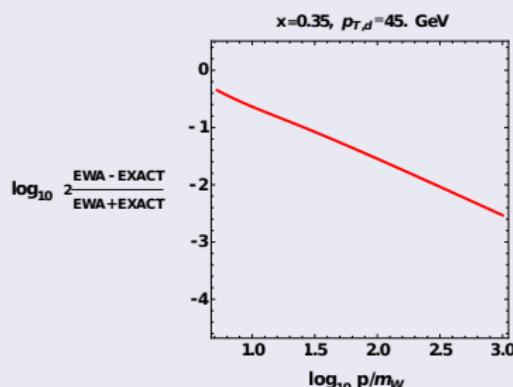
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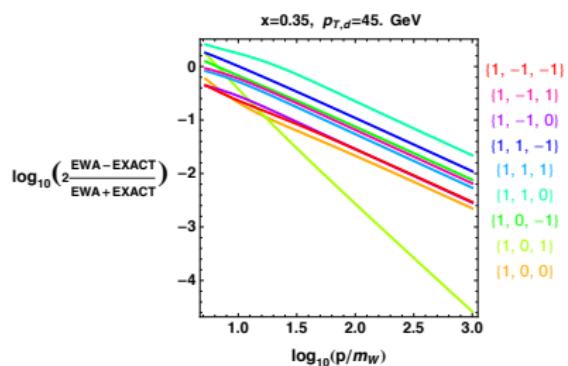
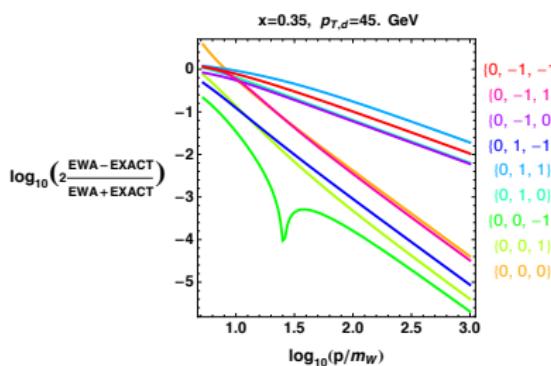


$h_1 = +, h_2 = +, h_3 = +$:
3 transverse external states

- $f_{\pm} = \frac{p_T e^{\pm i\phi}}{V^2} g_{\pm}(x)$
- $f_0 = \frac{m}{V^2} g_0(x)$
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$uW_{h_1}^+ \rightarrow dW_{h_2}^+ W_{h_3}^-$: EWA Amplitude vs. Exact Amplitude (FeynArts+FormCalc)

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effects of the massive propagator

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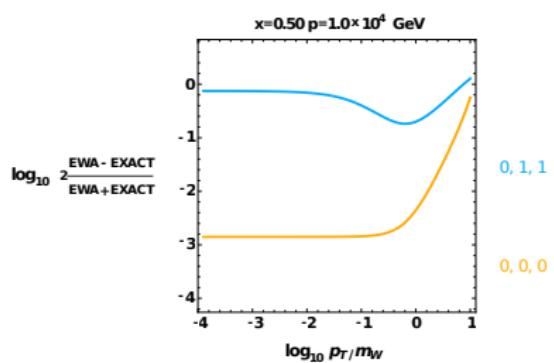
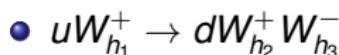
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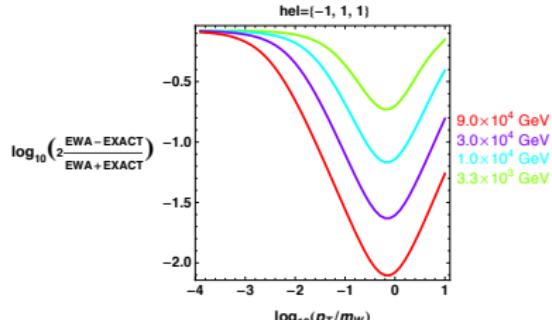
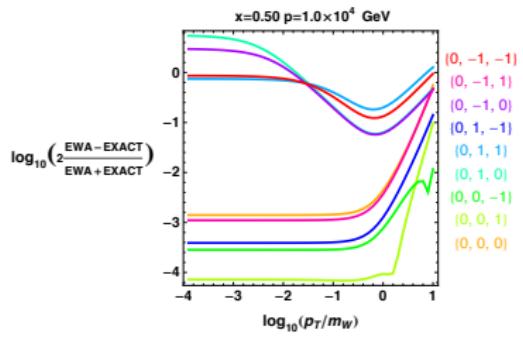
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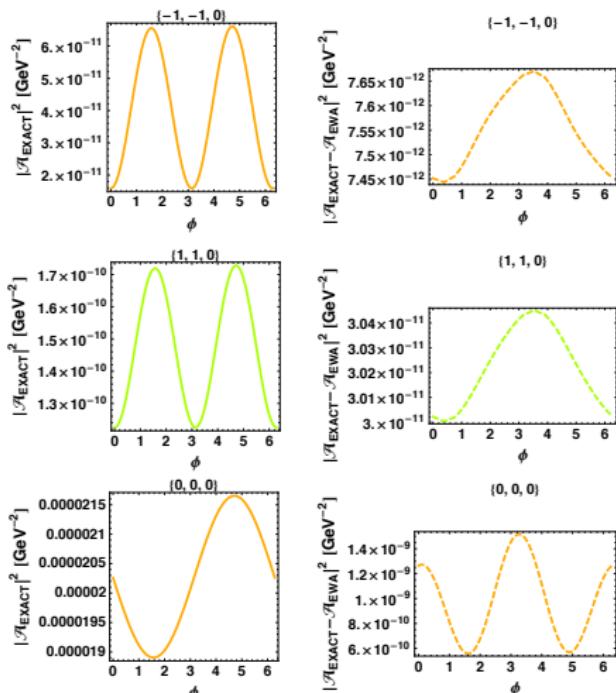
$\frac{d\sigma}{d\phi_{jet}}$ from $A_{\text{exact}}^{(h_1 h_2 h_3)} = f_0 A_{(h_1 h_2 h_3)}^{(0)} + f_+ A_{(h_1 h_2 h_3)}^{(+)} + f_- A_{(h_1 h_2 h_3)}^{(-)}$ + corrections

(PRELIMINARY)

Amplitude means interference

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- $f_{\pm} = \frac{\rho_T e^{\pm i\phi}}{V^2} g_{\pm}(x)$

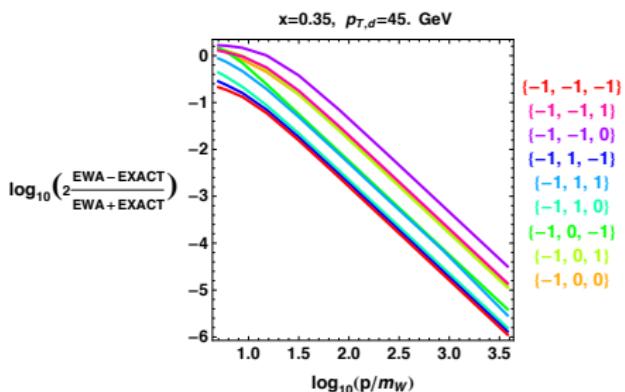
$\mathcal{A}_{h\lambda(W_m^-) \rightarrow \lambda(W^+) \lambda(W^-)}$			$d\sigma/d\phi$
$h=0$	$h=W_m^-$	$h=1$	$\lambda(W_m^-)$ $\lambda(W^+)$ $\lambda(W^-)$
1	e	e	0 0 0
e	e^2	e^2	0 0 1
e	e^2	e^2	0 0 -1
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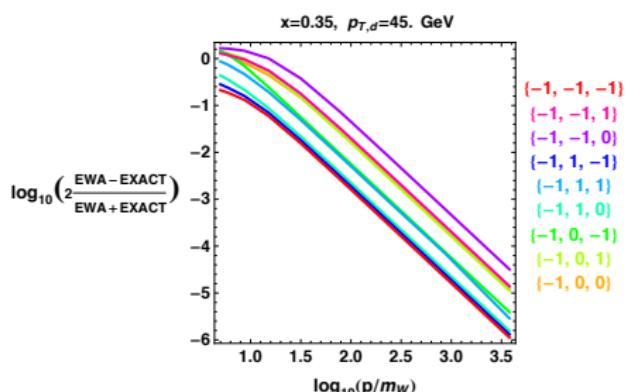


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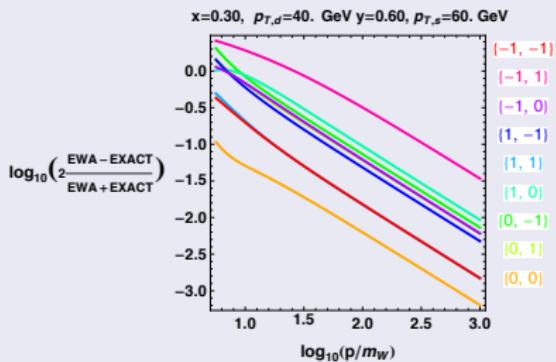


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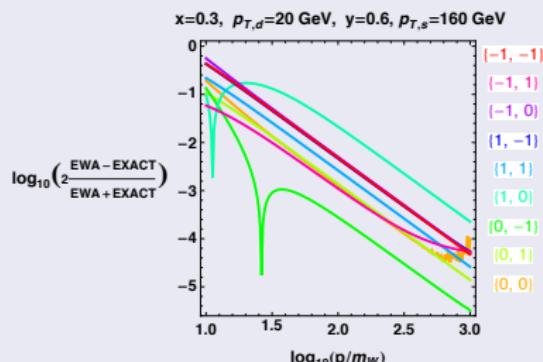
$$u\bar{c} \rightarrow d\bar{s}W^+W^-$$

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



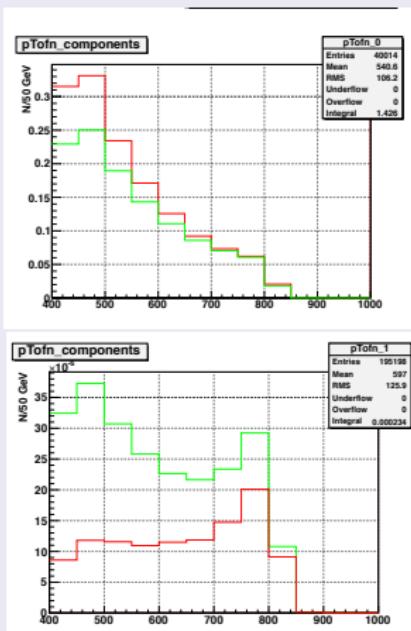
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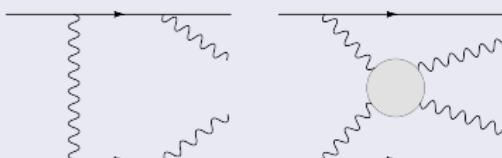
EWA vs. MadGraph: $d\sigma/dp_{T,W^+}$ for $uW^- \rightarrow dW^+W^-$ at $\sqrt{s}=2$ TeV (PRELIMINARY)

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

$d\sigma/dp_{T,W}$ EWA versus Exact



- significant variance of the accuracy at fixed cuts
- useful to check the sensitivity of the WW scattering analysis to the physics of EWSB (not W-strahlung!)



- “all purpose” method for the assessment of the irreducible background to WW scattering

Conclusions

on-shell WW scattering:

- direct probe of the EWSB sector
- simple to understand (compared to $qq \rightarrow qqWW$)

EWA:

- (re)-established the EWA as an expansion in $p_{T,jet}/p_{T,W_{out}}$
- assessed the origin and predicted the size of the corrections to EWA
 - \mathcal{A} correct up to $\mathcal{O}(p_T^2/E^2)$ when W_L dominate
 - \mathcal{A} correct up to $\mathcal{O}(p_T/E)$ when W_T dominate
 - $\int d\phi |\mathcal{A}|^2$ up to $\mathcal{O}(p_T^2/E^2)$ in all cases
- $p_T \ll m$ has been investigated (different from the massless case)
- numerical checks of our prediction with analytic amplitudes

- prediction of $\frac{d\sigma}{d\phi_{jet}}$ (sensitive to the polarization of the W)
- EWA generator for partonic collisions

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- $\Sigma \equiv e^{i\pi^a \sigma^a/v}$
- a scalar h coupled to the Goldstones

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

\mathcal{A} grows with the energy

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

Strong or Weak coupling

- a,b,c are in principle free parameters
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- 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

whatever breaks the EW symmetry

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

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validity of the EWA has been questioned

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