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

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## Outline:

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- Status of W/Z-Gamma Calculations
- Powheg Method
- Matrix element Calculations
- Results
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Why Vector Boson-Photon Production?

**Testing Standard Model:** 

- Non-abelian self-couplings WWγ coupling: CP- conserving κ and λ and CP-violating κ̃ and λ̃?
- Are there ZZγ or Zγγ couplings? Gauge symmetry breaking!
- Agree well with the standard model and set limits on anomalous couplings in Tevatron



Why Vector Boson-Photon Production?

Beyond the Standard Model in LHC?

- Effectively anomalous couplings are remarkable at hight scale  $\hat{s}$ :  $\Delta g(\hat{s}) = \Delta g_0 / (1 + \hat{s} / \Lambda_W^2)$
- Charged Higgs decay to W-Photon in SUSY?

Not tree level, but loop!



Important backgrounds to New Physics in LHC

## Status of Phenomenology Calculations

## • Leading Order:

- Standard Wy and Zy, anomalous coupling for Wy:
- BHO generator, standalone and implemented in Pythia

Ohnemus, Baur and Han (1993)

## Next to Leading Order:

- NLO matrix element: real radiations, virtual loop and hard collinear part:
- Standalone BHO generator
- Combine with shower MC in Pythia



#### But Wait!

- LHC: high energy scale and high luminosity: we need precise NLO calculations
- NLO: additional parton radiation + naïve parton Shower double counting and invalid in IR phase space region
- Result as inconsistent NLO, i.e. just LO accuracy!
- 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: MC@NLO and Powheg in Herwig++

## **Powheg Method**

- The hardest radiation is generated first
- NLO accuracy
- *P<sub>T</sub>* order, most case have NLL accuracy, but not so straightwards in angular order
- Generate other parton radiation by Shower Monte Carlo
- Smooth IR region to high *P<sub>T</sub>* region, no phase-space slicing

## **Powheg Method**

hardest radiation by Sudakov form factor

$$\Delta^{f_b}(\Phi_n, p_{\mathrm{T}}) = \exp\left\{-\sum_{\alpha_{\mathrm{r}} \in \{\alpha_{\mathrm{r}}|f_b\}} \int \frac{\left[d\Phi_{\mathrm{rad}} R\left(\Phi_{n+1}\right) \ \theta\left(k_{\mathrm{T}}(\Phi_{n+1}) - p_{\mathrm{T}}\right)\right]_{\alpha_{\mathrm{r}}}^{\bar{\Phi}_n^{\alpha_{\mathrm{r}}} = \Phi_n}}{B^{f_b}\left(\Phi_n\right)}\right\}$$

• The cross-section of Powheg:

$$d\sigma = \sum_{f_b} \bar{B}^{f_b}(\Phi_n) d\Phi_n \left\{ \Delta^{f_b}(\Phi_n, p_{\mathrm{T}}^{\min}) + \sum_{\alpha_{\mathrm{r}} \in \{\alpha_{\mathrm{r}}|f_b\}} \frac{\left[ d\Phi_{\mathrm{rad}} \ \theta\left(k_{\mathrm{T}} - p_{\mathrm{T}}^{\min}\right) \Delta^{f_b}(\Phi_n, k_{\mathrm{T}}) \ R\left(\Phi_{n+1}\right) \right]_{\alpha_{\mathrm{r}}}^{\bar{\Phi}_n^{\alpha_{\mathrm{r}}} = \Phi_n}}{B^{f_b}(\Phi_n)} \right\}$$

where the NLO matrix element is

$$\overline{B}(\Phi_n) = B(\Phi_n) + V(\Phi_n) + \left[\int d\Phi_{rad} \left[R(\Phi_{n+1}) - C(\Phi_{n+1})\right] + \int \frac{dx}{x} \left[G_a(\Phi_{n,a}, x) + G_b(\Phi_{n,b}, x)\right]\right]^{\overline{\Phi}_n = \Phi_n}$$

Shower Monte Carlo and NLO

• Afterwards shower by Sudakov form factor

$$\Delta_i(t_I, t) = \exp\left[-\sum_{(jk)} \int_t^{t_I} \frac{dt'}{t'} \int dz \frac{\alpha_s(t')}{2\pi} P_{i,jk}(z)\right]$$

Cross-section

$$d\sigma = d\Phi_B B(\Phi_B) \left( \underbrace{\Delta_{t_I, t_0}}_{\text{No radiation}} + \sum_{(jk)} \underbrace{\Delta_{t_I, t} \ \frac{\alpha_s(t)}{2\pi} P_{i, jk}(z) \frac{dt}{t} dz \frac{d\phi}{2\pi}}_{\text{radiation}} \right)$$

• In small *p*<sub>T</sub> region, regain ordinary shower:

$$\frac{R(\Phi)}{B(\Phi_B)} d\Phi_{\rm rad} \approx \frac{\alpha_s(t)}{2\pi} P_{i,jk}(z) \frac{dt}{t} dz \frac{d\phi}{2\pi}$$

• In large  $p_T$  region,  $\because \Delta_{t,t'} \rightarrow 1$ , regain NLO ME:

$$d\sigma = \bar{B} \times \frac{R}{B} \approx R \times (1 + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s)) \qquad \int \delta(\Phi_{\scriptscriptstyle B} - \bar{\Phi}_{\scriptscriptstyle B}) d\sigma = \bar{B}(\bar{\Phi}_{\scriptscriptstyle B})$$

## **Gluon Radiation**

• We try to calculate real radiation term  $R(\Phi_1)$  only for gluon radiation first (in fact 8 diagrams)



- This calculations can be done numerically in Herwig++
- Calculate cross section factor and Jacobian to get:

$$\frac{R(\Phi_{1})}{B(\Phi_{B})} = \frac{\left|M^{R}(\Phi_{R},\Phi_{B})\right|^{2}}{\left|M^{B}(\Phi_{B})\right|^{2}} \cdot \frac{\lambda^{1/2}(\hat{s}^{R},s_{1},0)\cdot\lambda^{1/2}(s_{1},m_{V}^{2},0)\cdot\hat{s}^{R^{2}}}{\lambda^{1/2}(\hat{s}^{R},m_{V}^{2},0)\cdot16\pi\cdot4\pi^{2}\cdot\hat{s}^{R^{2}}s_{1}} \cdot \frac{\partial(\cos\theta_{g},s_{1})}{\partial(y_{g},p_{T_{g}})}\right|$$

#### In the Catani-Seymour framework

- Implement Powheg in C-S subtraction framework:
- Born and radiation phase space mapping  $\Phi_{n+1} \Rightarrow \overline{\Phi}^{(\alpha)}{}_{B}, \Phi^{(\alpha)}{}_{R}$
- Separate the real radiation into pieces  $R^{(\alpha)}(\Phi^{(\alpha)}{}_{R}, \Phi^{(\alpha)}{}_{B})$  with different singular in Catani-Seymour Formalism:

$$R^{(\alpha)} = R \cdot S^{(\alpha)} \qquad \qquad \sum_{\alpha} S^{(\alpha)} = 1$$

Where *S*<sup>(*a*)</sup> are calculated with Catani-Seymour dipole function

$$\mathcal{S}_{lpha} = rac{\mathcal{D}_{lpha}}{\sum_{eta} \mathcal{D}_{eta}}$$

#### NLO matrix element

### • Gluon radiation & quark radiation

soft and conlinear with incoming partons

collinear with incoming partons and outgoing photon (photon fragmentation)

- We first consider contribution of gluon radiation and IR singularities in virtual loop and PDF
- Real radiation will be added in the codes
- The dipoles part  $d\sigma_{ab}^{A}(p_{a}, p_{b})$  to cancel IR divergence in virtual loop  $d\sigma_{ab}^{V}(p_{a}, p_{b})$  and PDF counter-term  $d\sigma_{ab}^{C}(p_{a}, p_{b}, \mu_{F}^{2})$
- Convenient to deal with  $\int_{\Phi_R} d\sigma_{ab}^A(p_a, p_b) + d\sigma_{ab}^C(p_a, p_b, \mu_F^2) \text{ together}$  $\sigma_{ab}^{\text{NLO}}(p_a, p_b; \mu_F^2) = \int_{m+1} \left( d\sigma_{ab}^R(p_a, p_b) d\sigma_{ab}^A(p_a, p_b) \right)$  $+ \left[ \int_{m+1} d\sigma_{ab}^A(p_a, p_b) + \int_m d\sigma_{ab}^V(p_a, p_b) + \int_m d\sigma_{ab}^C(p_a, p_b; \mu_F^2) \right]$

## **Catani-Seymour formalism**

- Subtraction formalism to single out different IR singularities by various dipole functions
- Mapping Born and radiation phase space smoothly
- Make the real radiations, virtual loop and initial & final collinear remnants finite respectively: compare them  $\mathcal{D}^{ai,b}$

In our case, there are kinds of dipoles:

- Initial  $q/\bar{q}$  emits a gluon, with spectator 1.  $\mathcal{D}^{\mathrm{qg},\overline{\mathrm{q}}}$  $\mathcal{D}^{\overline{q}g,q}$ initial  $q/\overline{q}$ :
- Initial gluon emits  $q/\bar{q}$ , with 2. spectator initial  $q/\bar{q}$ :  $\mathcal{D}^{gq,\bar{q}}$   $\mathcal{D}^{g\bar{q},q}$
- Initial gluon emits  $q/\bar{q}$ , with 3. spectator, photon:  $\mathcal{D}_{\gamma}^{gq}$

Final  $q / \overline{q}$  emits photon  $\mathcal{D}_{q \gamma}^{b}$ 4.



Dipoles with two initial partons and no identical final state parton

- Dipoles of kind 1. are simpler without  $\mathcal{D}_k^{ai}$
- Kind 2. & 3. are with different initial parton (PDF) from 1. but the same Born part  $|M^B|^2_{ab}(p_a, p_b)$ , will be considered with photon fragmentation
- Kind 4. associated with photon fragmentation are QED dipoles
- After integrating out the phase space of the radiation parton ai, dipoles part can be separated into pieces depending on dimensional factor ε and faction x

$$= \sum_{k \neq i} \mathcal{D}_{k}^{ai}(p_{1}, \dots, p_{m+1}; p_{a}, p_{b}) + \mathcal{D}^{ai,b}(p_{1}, \dots, p_{m+1}; p_{a}, p_{b}) + \dots$$

Cancelling the IR divergence

- $\int_{\Phi_{R}} d\sigma_{ab}^{A}(p_{a}, p_{b}) + d\sigma_{ab}^{C}(p_{a}, p_{b}, \mu_{F}^{2})$  is separated into three operators:  $I(\varepsilon)$  with up to  $\frac{1}{\varepsilon^{2}}$  divergence exactly cancels that in  $d\sigma_{ab}^{V}(p_{a}, p_{b})$
- and operators  $K^{a,a'}(x) + P^{a,a'}(x,\hat{s},\mu_F^2)$  have already cancelled divergences in initial parton PDFs  $d\sigma_{ab}^C(p_a, p_b, \mu_F^2)$ , so finite.

$$\int_{m+1}^{M} d\sigma_{ab}^{A}(p_{a},p_{b}) + \int_{m}^{M} d\sigma_{ab}^{C}(p_{a},p_{b},\mu_{F}^{2}) =$$

$$\int_{m}^{m+1} \left[ d\sigma_{ab}^{B}(p,\bar{p}) \cdot I(\epsilon) \right] + \sum_{a'} \int_{0}^{M} dx \int_{m}^{M} \left[ K^{a,a'}(x) \cdot d\sigma_{a'b}^{B}(xp,\bar{p}) \right]$$

$$+ \sum_{a'} \int_{0}^{1} dx \int_{m}^{M} \left[ P^{a,a'}(xp,x;\mu_{F}^{2}) \cdot d\sigma_{a'b}^{B}(xp,\bar{p}) \right]$$

$$+ \sum_{b'} \int_{0}^{1} dx \int_{m}^{M} \left[ K^{b,b'}(x) \cdot d\sigma_{ab'}^{B}(p,x\bar{p}) \right]$$

## Finite Dipoles & Virtual loop

• The finite part of the first term after cancelling IR divergence:

$$\int_{\Phi_R} d\sigma_{ab}^A(p_a, p_b) \otimes I(\varepsilon) \xrightarrow{\text{finite}} \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} C_F[2(5 - \frac{\pi^2}{3})d\sigma_0^B + 3d\sigma_1^B + 2d\sigma_2^B + O(\varepsilon)]$$
  
where  $d\sigma^B = d\sigma_0^B + \varepsilon \cdot d\sigma_1^B + \varepsilon^2 \cdot d\sigma_2^B$ 

• The finite parts in virtual loop  $d\sigma_{ab}^{V}(p_a, p_b)$  is:

$$\mathcal{N}_{in} \frac{d\phi_{B}(p_{a} + p_{b})}{n_{s,a}n_{s,b}\Phi(p_{a}, p_{b})} \frac{G^{V}(\alpha, \theta_{W}, \cdots)}{2} \frac{Q_{a}t + Q_{b}u}{t + u} [Q_{a}F^{V}(t, u, \hat{s}) + Q_{b}F^{V}(u, t, \hat{s})]$$

where  $G^{V}(\alpha, \theta_{W}, \cdots)$  is the coupling square factor for boson V

#### Initial states collinear remnants

- Thank to the simple color structure and color conservation,
- color dependent matrix element in collinear remnants  $d\sigma_{ab}^{C}(p_{a}, p_{b}, \mu_{F}^{2})$ is separated into a factor  $\times |M^{B}(p_{\gamma}, p_{V}, x_{a}p_{a}, p_{b})|^{2}$  or  $|M^{B}(p_{\gamma}, p_{V}, p_{a}, x_{b}p_{b})|^{2}$   $(p_{i} = z_{i} \cdot P)$
- Change the integrated order of x and z, x can be integrated out:  $\int_{0}^{1} dx \int_{0}^{1} dz f(z) \sigma(xz) = \int_{0}^{1} dz \int_{z}^{1} dx f(\frac{z}{x}) \frac{\sigma(z)}{x}$
- I find  $(\frac{2}{1-x}\ln\frac{1-x}{x})_{+}$  in  $\overline{k}^{qq}(x)$  should be different from that in [1] to avoid x=0 singularities  $-(\frac{2}{1-x})_{+}\ln x + [\frac{2}{1-x}\ln(1-x)]_{+} - \delta(1-x)\frac{\pi^{2}}{3}$
- So  $\sum_{a'} \int dx \int_{\Phi_B} d\sigma^B_{a'b}(xp_a, p_b) \otimes (K+P)^{aa'}(x) + \sum_{b'} \int dy \int_{\Phi_B} d\sigma^B_{ab'}(p_a, yp_b) \otimes (K+P)^{bb'}(y) =$

$$-\frac{\alpha_{s}}{2\pi}C_{F}d\sigma_{0}^{B}(p_{a}+p_{b},z_{a},z_{b})\otimes(KP[z_{a},f_{a}]+KP[z_{b},f_{b}])$$

KP

where functionals

$$[z, f] = \int_{z}^{1} \left[ \ln \frac{(1-x)^{2} \hat{s}}{x \mu_{F}^{2}} \left( \frac{2}{1-x} - \frac{1+x^{2}}{1-x} \frac{f(z/x)}{x \cdot f(z)} \right) + \frac{2}{1-x} \ln x \right] dx$$

$$+ \int_{0}^{z} \frac{2}{1-x} \ln \frac{(1-x)^{2} \hat{s}}{\mu_{F}^{2}} dx - \int_{z}^{1} dx \frac{1-x}{x} \frac{f(z/x)}{f(z)} + (5 - \frac{\pi^{2}}{3})$$

[1] Catani,Seymour, *Nucl. Phys*. B 485(1997) 291

#### **Current numerical results**

- With photon cuts:  $p_T \ge 20$  GeV,  $|\eta| \le 2.7$ , multi-particle interaction, hadronization and jet decay turned off, only hardest parton emission
- Run for 1000 events

ME+Parton shower	Total cross sections
NLO+gluon Powheg	48(+-2)pb
NLO+no Powheg	49(+-2)pb
LO(NLOweight=1)+gluon Powheg	34(+-1)pb
NLO(only virtual loop)+gluon Powheg	40(+-1)pb

#### **Differential cross sections:**

Shorter high  $p_T$ tail (smaller  $P_T$ ) NLO+Powheg< NLO+no Powheg <LO+Powheg

larger rapidity

>LO+Powheg



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## **Outlook and Plan**

• Adding finite gluon radiation part to NLO matrix element

$$\int_{a+1} \left[ \left( d\sigma^{R}_{ab}(p_{a},p_{b}) \right)_{e=0} - \left( \sum_{\text{dipoles}} d\sigma^{B}_{ab}(p_{a},p_{b}) \otimes \left( dV_{\text{dipole}} + dV'_{\text{dipole}} \right) \right)_{e=0} \right]_{e=0} d\sigma^{B}_{ab}(p_{a},p_{b}) = \left( dV_{\text{dipole}} + dV'_{\text{dipole}} \right)_{e=0} d\sigma^{B}_{ab}(p_{a},p_$$

- Further calculations for quark radiation collinear remnants of photon fragmentation and their dipoles to matrix element & Powheg: Completed NLO
- How NLO corrects LO
- Anomalous WWγ couplings and beyond SM
- W/Z decay: ask for additional contributions of photon radiates from decayed lepton