[/] Inclusive $W\gamma$ Production at the LHC [//] A Study of Monte Carlo Event Generators of Interest

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Introduction

- Measurement of triple gauge boson couplings (TGC) V₁V₂V₃, where V_{1,2,3} ≡ γ, W or Z, is an important test of the gauge structure of the Standard Model (SM).
- The triple and quartic gauge couplings are among the least studied features of the Standard Model till date.
- The nature of the gauge boson couplings , eg. WW γ , WWZ vertices are may be different in physics beyond the Standard Model. These could be due to compositeness of the W,Z bosons or radiative loop corrections involving new particles.
- Anomalous structure of triple gauge vertices like WWV ($V \equiv \gamma, Z$) were first studied in LEP.
- The di-boson production rate will be reasonably high at the LHC, even under low energy and low luminosity conditions.
- In recent years, CDF and D0 has reported studies of WZ, ZZ, W γ and Z γ processes. With the advent of LHC data the limits on anomalous couplings are expected to improve by order of magnitude.

Multiboson Studies at hadron colliders

Cross-sections of several Standard Model processes at the LHC, including diboson production



• Multiboson production at hadron collider:

$$\begin{array}{ll} q\bar{q'} \rightarrow W^* & \rightarrow W\gamma : WW\gamma \ \text{vertices} \\ q\bar{q'} \rightarrow W^* & \rightarrow WZ : WWZ \ \text{vertices} \\ q\bar{q} \rightarrow Z/\gamma^* & \rightarrow WW : WW\gamma, WWZ \ \text{vertices} \\ q\bar{q} \rightarrow Z/\gamma^* & \rightarrow Z\gamma : ZZ\gamma, Z\gamma\gamma \ \text{vertices} \\ q\bar{q} \rightarrow Z/\gamma^* & \rightarrow ZZ : ZZ\gamma, ZZZ \ \text{vertices} \end{array}$$

- Leptonic (e, μ) decay modes of W and Z provide the cleanest signatures in a hadron collider environment. Experimentally easy to identify and trigger; can be measured with high resolution as well.
- CMS experiment at the LHC has very good capabilities for electron, muon and photon detection.

What are we interested in measuring

• Measure the total and differential cross-section for the process

 $pp \rightarrow W\gamma X$ with $W \rightarrow \mu \nu_{\mu}$

- We need to choose a parameter, the differential cross-section with respect to which is most sensitive to deviaions from the Standard Model. Apriori, the photon transverse momtntum, p_T^{γ} seems to be a good choice.
- Measure the radiation amplitude zero:





• Measure the triple gauge boson coupling $WW\gamma$ as parametrized by λ and κ which are related to the electric and magnetic dipole moments of the W-boson respectively.

Essence of $W\gamma$ process - I

• TGC Effective Lagrangian

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{L}_{WWV} &= -i\epsilon \Big[W^{\dagger}_{\mu\nu} W^{\mu} V^{\nu} - W^{\dagger}_{\mu} V_{\nu} W^{\mu\nu} \\ &+ \kappa_V W^{\dagger} W_{\mu} V^{\mu\nu} \\ &+ \frac{\lambda_V}{M_W^2} W^{\dagger}_{\lambda\mu} W^{\mu}_{\nu} V^{\nu\lambda} \Big] \end{split}$$

where $V = \gamma, Z$.

- In SM: $\lambda_V = 0$, $\kappa_V = 1$
- Magnetic dipole moment :

$$\mu_W = \frac{e}{2M_W}(1+\kappa+\lambda)$$

• electric quadrupole moment :

$$Q_W = -rac{e}{M_W^2}(\kappa - \lambda)$$

- Dipole moment $\sim 1/r^3$, and quad. mom. $\sim 1/r^4 \rightarrow$ can be probed with high energy.
- Unitarity violation avoided by using form factor:

$$\lambda(\hat{s})
ightarrow rac{\lambda(\hat{s})}{(1+\hat{s}/\Lambda^2)^n}$$

 The Lagrangian contains terms respecting CP invariance only. CP-violating terms lead to additional two parameters κ̃ and λ̃. These terms are found to be small from measurement of neutron scattering cross-section in nuclear physics and are hence neglected here. Essence of $W\gamma$ process - II



- *RAZ* due to destructive intereference among the processes shown.
- Related to Standard Model gauge structure; will not hold in BSM scenarios.

- Measurement of the cross-section at the LHC energy for $pp \rightarrow W\gamma X$ is one of the confirmatory tests of SM.
- $WW\gamma$ coupling involved only in the s-channel process.
- The last plot on the left shows the quark-gluon fusion diagram for production of a $W\gamma$ final state with a jet from the outgoing quark. Has large probability of occurrence at LHC energy. We use a jet veto on the final state to eliminate diagrams such as these.
- For probing *RAZ*, a promising variable is the charge-signed rapidity difference between the photon and the charged-lepton from W-decay: $Q' \times |\eta' \eta^{\gamma}|$.

- For understanding signal and background from collider data, Monte Carlo generated data have to be used.
- We have chosen Baur's Monte Carlo generator package for $W\gamma$ events for our study due to
 - Matrix element calculation for the hard-scattering part.
 - QCD Corrections available upto next-to-leading order.
 - Anomalous couplings can be incorporated.
- We use *Pythia* for showering and hadronization of Baur's final state particles and for underlying events



NLO QCD Diagrams included in Baur WGAMMA_NLO Monte Carlo



Genertor level cuts on parameters and Plots









Baur: Comparison of Factorization Scales



Prospective Studies at Lund – I

- One of the most important parameters in studying inclusive $W\gamma$ production at LHC is the photon p_T spectrum.
- Sources of photon could be the hard scattering process, namely the $W\gamma$ production process, as well as underlying events and other hard scattering in the same event.
- We hope to gain some understanding of the different processes leading to the production of a final-state photon.
- This would also lead us to investigating the interplay between the different sources of photons in a p-on-p collision at LHC energies.

Comparion of Pythia with Baur_NLO matrix element generator

- As a startup, we are comparing the output of Baur's program, which is a matrix element generator, with Pythia, which is a parton shower generator
- Baur contains all QCD corrections to $O(\alpha_S)$
- We expect that the tree level calculation of Baur to match Pythia's outcome when ISR s switched off
- We compare the effect of gluon radiation in Baur's program with the effect of ISR in Pythia
- We compare the p_{T} spectrum of the photon and effects of gluon radiation/ ISR on the $W\gamma$ system

Standard Model Parameters and Kinematic Cuts

Parameter	Value	
PDF	CTEQ5I	
Q_f^2	ŝ	
α_s	0.1000	
M_W	80.41 GeV	
Mz	91.188 GeV	
$sin^2 \theta_W$	0.222247	
α_{em}	0.007758	
M _{top}	172.	

Pythia Gen Level Cut: CKIN(3) = 5.0GeV

Parameter	Cut
γ ρτ	5.0GeV
Charged lepton p_T	5.0 GeV
Photon rapidity	8.0
Charged lepton rapidity	8.0
Jet p_T	5.0GeV
Jet rapidity	8.0
$\Delta R(\gamma, lepton)$	0.05
Cluster(W, γ) transverse mass	10.0 GeV
Fraction of hadronic energy in a cone around the photon	0.15

Pythia-Baur Comparison of Photon p_T



"K-factors" from Baur and Pythia

Pythia6



Baur-Pythia Comparison contd....



- For process with a jet (gluon) in the final state, p_T of the W and the photon is not back-to-back and $\mathbf{p}_T^W + \mathbf{p}_T^\gamma$ will be opposite to the \mathbf{p}_T of the emitted jet
- On th left are the plots of the sum of the photon and W p_T for both Baur and Pythia
- We see that Baur gives a much harder p_T spectrum for the emitted jet than Pythia, even when Pythia is configured such that the gluon from ISR has no upper limit on its p_T

Baur-Pythia Comparison contd....



- The distributions show the p_T of the photon vs that of the W in the three-body final state: i.e. when we have a gluon jet in the event
- The distribution is asymmetric yet we do not have any apriori reason for this
- Work in progress....

Prospective Studies as MCNEt scholar – contd.

- The other aspect of our study would be to try comparing Pythia6 generator with the new version of Pythia.
- Pythia 8 also provides the opportunity to simulate multiple hard interactions. This should be interesting to study as well.
- Further, we want to gain an understanding of the matching between a matrix element calculator, eg. Baur WGAMMA generator and a parton shower generator, eg. Pythia.