# Vector Boson and Direct Photon Production



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## **Take-home messages from lecture one**

X-section with identified hadron(s), such as DIS, Drell-Yan, is NOT perturbatively calculable

**QCD** factorization is necessary, but, is an approximation!

- ♦ Collinear factorization for x-section with ONE large scale
- **TMD** factorization for x-section with TWO different scales
- □ Drell-Yan x-section of inclusive massive vector boson production is factorizable for leading power contribution

Theory and experiment are consistent for inclusive massive vector boson production, including
Resummation needed,

and works

$$\sigma^{\text{total}}(Q = M_V), \ \frac{d\sigma}{dy}, \ \frac{d\sigma}{dydq_T^2}, \ \frac{d\sigma}{dQ^2}, \ \frac{d\sigma}{dydQ^2}, \ \frac{d\sigma}{dydQ^2}dq_T^2$$

□ Excellent probe for PDFs, hadron structure, ...

## **Outline of the two lectures**

## □ Lecture one:

- ♦ Basics of vector bosons
- Orell-Yan like production process
- ♦ Cross section with a single hard scale precision
- $\diamond$  Cross section with two different scales resummation

## □ Lecture two:

- Photon production at high pT direct vs fragmentation
- $\diamond$  Isolation cut the need and its complication
- Photons from fixed target to collider energies
- Multi-boson associated production at collider energies

## Why photons?

□ Photon is a EM probe:

It can be produced at any stage of the collision It does not interact strongly once produced

Good probe of short-distance strong interaction:

Isolated or "direct" photon is produced at a distance  $1/p_T \le fm$ "snap shot" of what happened at the distance scale  $1/p_T$ Key signal, as well as background of Higgs production:  $H^0 \rightarrow \gamma + \gamma$ 

□ Photon can tell the full history of heavy ion collision:



## Theory behind the high $p_T$ photon

□ Production mechanism – leading power factorization:

$$\rightarrow \bigcap_{n} \bigoplus_{m} \bigoplus$$

### □ Predictive power:

 $\diamond$  Short-distance part is Infrared-Safe, and calculable

 $\diamond$  Long-distance part at the leading power is Universal – PDFs, FFs

□ Factorization and renormalization scale dependence:

- $\diamond$  NLO is necessary
- $\Box$  Power correction could be important at low  $p_T$

## **Direct photon is sensitive to gluon**

□ Sensitive to gluon at the leading order – hadronic collision:



♦ Compton dominates in pp collision:

 $f_{g/p}(x,\mu^2) \gg f_{\bar{q}/p}(x,\mu^2)$  for all x

Direct photon production could be a good probe of gluon distribution

## **Complication from high orders**

### □ Final-state collinear singularity:

$$\begin{array}{c|c} & & & & & & \\ \hline p_{\gamma} & & & & \\ \hline p_{5} & & & & \\ \hline p_{5} & & & & \\ \hline p_{6} & & & \\ p_{q \rightarrow \gamma}^{(0)}(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \mathcal{P}_{q \rightarrow \gamma}^{(0)}(z) \frac{1}{s_{\gamma q}} \overline{\sum} |M(qg \rightarrow qg)|^{2} \\ & & & \\ \mathcal{P}_{q \rightarrow \gamma}^{(0)}(z) = \frac{1 + (1 - z)^{2}}{z} \\ & & & \\ s_{\gamma q} = (p_{\gamma} + p_{5})^{2} \xrightarrow{z} 0 \quad \text{ when } p_{\gamma} \parallel p_{5} \end{array}$$

An internal quark line goes on-shell signaling long-distance physics

## □ Fragmentation contribution:

$$\frac{d\sigma_{AB\to\gamma}^{\rm Frag}}{dydp_T^2} = \sum_{abc} \int \frac{dz}{z^2} D_{c\to\gamma}(z,\mu) \int dx f_{a/A}(x,\mu) \int dx' f_{b/B}(x',\mu) \frac{d\hat{\sigma}_{ab\to c}^{\rm Frag}}{dydp_T^2}$$

Photon fragmentation functions – inhomogeneous evolution:

$$\frac{\partial D_{c \to \gamma}(z, \mu)}{\partial \log(\mu)} = \underbrace{\frac{\alpha_{em}}{2\pi} \mathcal{P}_{c \to \gamma}(z)}_{a = q\bar{q}g} \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} P_{ac}(z) \otimes D_{a \to \gamma}(z, \mu)$$

## Size of fragmentation

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### □ Inclusive direct photon:



Production at NLO – available, e.g., in MCFM and JETPHOX (shown here)
 Fragmentation contribution is huge for inclusive production:

 $\sigma^{\text{Frag}} / \sigma^{\text{Total}} > 50\%$  at pT=20 GeV @ LHC (role of FF!)

## **Complication from the measurement**

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□ Isolation cut – algorithms (like jet):

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**Needed for IR safety** 

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♦ Modified cone algorithm – NO fragmentation contribution

 $\sum_{R_{j\gamma} \in R_0} E_T(\text{had}) < \epsilon_h p_T^{\gamma} \left( \frac{1 - \cos R_{j\gamma}}{1 - \cos R_0} \right) \quad \Leftrightarrow \text{Parton is softer as it closer to photon} \\ \Leftrightarrow \text{No contribution at CO singularity}$ 

Hard to implement experimentally (detector resolution)

S. Frixione, 1998

# Size of fragmentation

#### Campbell, CTEQ SS2013

### Isolated direct photon:



Isolation removes the most of fragmentation contribution! (down to 10%)
 About 75% of production rate is from gluon initiated subprocesses
 Potentially, a useful probe of gluon PDF

## Role of gluon in pp collision

**pp vs pp:** 



♦ Dominant role of the gluon in pp collision!

Even more dominance in the forward region!

## Direct photon covers a wide range of x and Q<sup>2</sup>

### **Photon energy vs gluon momentum fraction x:**



### Ichou and D'Enterria, arXiv:1005.4529

## **Direct photon data**

**□** Fixed target energies  $\sqrt{s} = 20 - 40$  GeV:

 $\Rightarrow$  With p<sub>T</sub> = 3-10 GeV, data have high x<sub>T</sub> =  $\frac{2p_T}{\sqrt{s}}$ 

Challenge for NLO theory to fit data – wrong shape!
 Collider energies:

 $\Rightarrow$  pp at ISR with  $\sqrt{s} = 44 - 62 \text{ GeV}$ 

- $\Rightarrow$  pp at CERN and Fermilab with  $\sqrt{s} = 540 1960 \text{ GeV}$
- $\Rightarrow$  pp at RHIC with  $\sqrt{s} = 200 500 \text{ GeV}$ , dA and AA as well

 $\Rightarrow$  pp at LHC with  $\sqrt{s} = 7 - 14 \,\,\mathrm{TeV}$  , and PbPb as well

Data sources:

♦ Data review by W. Vogelsang and M.R. Whalley,

J. Phys. G23, Suppl. 7A, A1 (1997)

Online database at http://durpdg.dur.ac.uk/HEPDATA

## **Theory vs experimental data**

### Tevatron data:



Agreement looks good when plotted on a logarithmic scale
 QCD description of direct photon production works

## **Compare with data from different expt's**

### **CTEQ** global analysis:

CTEQ Huston et al.



Neither PDFs nor photon FFs can significantly improve the shape
 Direct photon data were excluded from most global fits

## **Experiments with both pp and p\overline{p}**



 $\diamond$  Theory curves are below the data

♦ Rapidity curves are flatter

## **Role of gluon distribution?**

**UA6:**  $\overline{p}p - pp$  both pp and  $\overline{p}p$  at  $\sqrt{s} = 24.3$  GeV



♦ NO gluon contribution to the difference!

♦ Theory matches the data better – role of gluon?

## Theory works well at RHIC energy

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## Same excess seen in $\pi^0$ production



## **But, works at RHIC energy**



## How about at the LHC?



 $\diamond$  Shape in x<sub>T</sub> – within the PDF uncertainty?

## **Rapidity dependence at the LHC**

**ATLAS**:



 $\diamond$  Data seems to be lower than theory at central  $\eta^{\gamma}$  and small  $E_T^{\gamma}$ 

**Overall consistency is better at collider energies!** 

## **Role of direct photon in PDF fits**

### □ Impact to NNPDF:



- Show slight improvement in gluon uncertainty
- Potential for improvement with more data from the LHC (gluon dominance)
- ♦ Some caveats:

Only at NLO – NNLO becoming the standard, nonperturbative FFs, ...

## Where do we stand?

❑ Agreement between theory and data improves with increasing energy and is excellent at √s = 200 GeV

□ Situation with fixed target direct photon data is confusing:

- ♦ Disagreement between experiments
- A reassessment of systematic errors on the existing fixed target photon experiments might help resolve the discrepancies

We need an improved method of calculating single particle inclusive cross sections in the fixed target energy
 Threshold resummation helps

□ All experiments see an excess of data over theory at fixed target energies, but, less than theory at low pT at the LHC

More data from the LHC should help (the gluon dominance)!

## **Di-photon production**

## $\Box$ Principle background to Higgs production channel $H^0 \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$ :

Although the background is subtracted with a fitting procedure, it is also important to have some control of this process ab initio

### **Experimentally,**

Significant contamination from the production of jets, or photon +jet, where jets are mis-identified as photons

Jet production rate is so much higher photon, care is needed even with mis-identification rate as small as 10<sup>-4</sup>!

□ Theoretically,



Implementation of isolation cut with two photons

**Back-to-back kinematics – angular distribution – TMD factorization?** 

## **Di-photon production**

### □ High order corrections:

- ♦ NLO corrections included in DIPHOX and MCFM
- ♦ A particular class of NNLO contributions is separately gaugeinvariant, and, numerically important at the LHC – more gluons



Contribute at  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2)$  to the x-section NO tree-level  $gg \to \gamma\gamma$ 

N<sup>3</sup>LO correction with NLO technology

- Contributes approximately 15-25% of the NLO total, depending on exact choice of photon cuts, scale choice, etc.
- TMD factorization vs collinear factorization?
  Qiu et al. PRL 2011

 $\frac{d\sigma}{d^4 q_{\gamma\gamma} d\Omega_{\gamma\gamma}} \qquad \text{When } q_{T\gamma\gamma} \ll \sqrt{q_{\gamma\gamma}^2} \text{ , or imposing photon pT cut}$   $\text{Linear polarized gluon impacts } \Omega_{\gamma\gamma} \text{ distribution}$ 

# **NNLO results**

Full NNLO calculation performed in the "Frixione" scheme, i.e. no need for fragmentation contributions

Catani et al (2012)

Better description of kinematic regions that are poorly described or inaccessible at NLO, e.g., azimuthal angle between photons

- Even better description would require either higher orders or inclusion in parton shower
  - $\rightarrow$  not yet feasible.



## **Photon + jet angular distribution**

### **QCD** Compton and annihilation subprocess:

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## W-boson + jets







## **Di-boson hadronic production**

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- Triple gauge coupling present for all processes except Z γ
- Processes involving photons dependent on photon pT (and rapidity) cut, strongly
- NLO corrections known analytically, included in MCFM, VBFNLO (also POWHEG NLO MC)

## Two bosons with single-resonant



## W+photon – Radiation Zero

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### □ W+photon amplitude:

$$\mathcal{M}_{\bar{u}(p_1)+d(p_2)\to W^++\gamma(p_3)} \propto \left(Q_u + Q_d \frac{p_1 \cdot p_3}{p_2 \cdot p_3}\right)$$

In c.m. frame:  $p_2 \cdot p_3 \propto (1 + \cos \theta^*)$   $p_1 \cdot p_3 \propto (1 - \cos \theta^*)$ 

$$\mathcal{M}_{\bar{u}(p_1)+d(p_2)\to W^++\gamma(p_3)} \propto Q_u(1+\cos\theta^*) + Q_d(1-\cos\theta^*)$$

Amplitude vanishes if  $\cos \theta^* = \frac{Q_u + Q_d}{Q_d - Q_u} = -\frac{1}{3}$ (Independent of photon energy)

### "Radiation amplitude zero" (RAZ):

### General feature of photon in multi-boson processes

- ♦ Result of interference between diagrams
- ♦ Corresponding photon rapidity:  $y_{\gamma}^* = \frac{1}{2} \ln \left( \frac{1 + \cos \theta^*}{1 \cos \theta^*} \right) \approx -0.35$
- ♦ Boost invariant rapidity difference:  $\Delta y^* = y^*_{\gamma} y^*_W$

In c.m. frame: 
$$y_W^{\star} \approx \frac{1}{2} \log \left( \frac{m_W - p_T^{\gamma} \cos \theta^{\star}}{m_W + p_T^{\gamma} \cos \theta^{\star}} \right)$$

when photon pT  $<< m_w$ 

## **Effect of PDFs for RAZ**



expected position of RAZ

Amplitude zero a feature of the LO amplitude only  $\rightarrow$  partially washed out at higher orders

## **Experimental evidence for RAZ**

### Experimental issues that wash out dip:

- • use of lepton rapidity rather than reconstructing W (retains most information)
- $\diamond$  contamination from photon radiation in W decay

D0, arXiv 1109.4432



CMS. PAS-EWK-11-009

## **Vector bosons: experimental summary**



and NLO (di-bosons) for all processes in both experiments

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Good consistency with theory expectations of NNLO (W/Z), and NLO (di-bosons) for all processes in both experiments

# Thank you for your attention!

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## **Backup slides**

## **Factorization is an approximation**

### Multiple scattering and power correction:



### Fragmentation function and isolation cut:



$$\sigma(P_T) \propto \hat{\sigma}(P_T, x_1, x_2, \mu) \otimes \phi(x_1, \mu) \otimes \phi(x_2, \mu) \otimes D(z)$$
  
+  $\mathcal{O}(\frac{Q_s^2}{p_T^2})$   
Note:  $\ln(R)$  Cone size cannot be too small  
 $\ln(E_h/E_\gamma) \longrightarrow E_h/E_\gamma$  Not too small

## **Threshold resummation could help**

### □ Threshold resummation – rate at fixed target energy:



Laenen, Sterman, Vogelsang, 2008

**CTEQ** Huston et al.

 $\Box$  Intrinsic k<sub>T</sub> – x<sub>T</sub> dependence at fixed target energy:

Mimic the resummation of initial-state gluon shower

 $\diamond$  Large effect on a steep falling  $P_T$  distribution

## **Resummation helps** $\pi^0$ cross section too



de Florian and Vogelsang, hep-ph/0501258

## What happens at RHIC energy?



**Reduced enhancement at RHIC energies than fixed target energies** 

## Photon can penetrate the medium

### □ Photon tells the history:



High  $P_T$  photon penetrates the medium without suppression

## "Photon" at low $p_T$ in Au-Au collisions

 $\Box$  Low mass e<sup>+</sup>e<sup>-</sup> pairs  $\longrightarrow$  direct photon production:



arXiv:0804.4168 (PRL in press)

$$\frac{d^2 n_{ee}}{dm_{ee}} = \frac{2\alpha}{3\pi} \frac{1}{m_{ee}} \sqrt{1 - \frac{4m_e^2}{m_{ee}^2}} \left(1 + \frac{2m_e^2}{m_{ee}^2}\right) S dn_{\gamma}$$

 ${\cal S}\,$  : process dependent factor

 $\sqrt{s} = 200 \text{ GeV}$  $m_{ee} < 0.3 \text{ GeV}/c$  $1 < p_T < 5 \text{ GeV}/c$ 

Difference pp vs AA – thermal photon



 $T = 221 \pm 19^{\text{stat}} \pm 19^{\text{syst}} \text{ MeV}$ 

## Invariant cross section in pp collision

Kang, Qiu, Vogelsang, PRD 2009

$$E\frac{d\sigma_{AB\to\ell^+\ell^-(Q)X}}{d^3Q} \equiv \int_{Q^2_{\min}}^{Q^2_{\max}} dQ^2 \, \frac{1}{\pi} \, \frac{d\sigma_{AB\to\ell^+\ell^-(Q)X}}{dQ^2 \, dQ^2_T \, dy}$$

### □ Role of non-perturbative fragmentation function:



**Definition**:

♦ Input FF:

 $D(z,\mu_0) = D^{\text{QED}}(z) + \kappa D^{\text{NP}}(z)$ 

 $\diamond$  **QED** alone (dotted):

 $\kappa = 0$  at  $\mu_0 = 1$  GeV

 $\diamond$  QED + hadronic input (solid):

 $\kappa = 1$  at  $\mu_0 = 1$  GeV

Hadronic component of fragmentation is very important at low Q<sub>T</sub>

Data from PHENIX: arXiv:0804.4168

## "Direct photon" approximation

□ Dilepton production vs direct photon production:

$$E \frac{d\sigma_{AB \to \ell^+ \ell^-(Q)X}}{d^3 Q} \approx \frac{d\sigma_{AB \to \gamma(\hat{Q})X}}{dQ_T^2 dy} \int_{Q_{min}^2}^{Q_{max}^2} dQ^2 \left(\frac{\alpha_{em}}{3\pi^2 Q^2}\right) \sqrt{1 - \frac{4m_{\ell}^2}{Q^2}} \left(1 + \frac{2m_{\ell}^2}{Q^2}\right)$$

$$\approx \frac{\alpha_{em}}{3\pi} \ln \left(\frac{Q_{max}^2}{Q_{min}^2}\right) E_{\gamma} \frac{d\sigma_{AB \to \gamma(\hat{Q})X}}{d^3 Q} \leftarrow \text{Direct photon cross section}$$

$$Q_{min} = 0.1 \text{ GeV}$$

$$Q_{max} = 0.3 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\sqrt{s} = 200 \text{ GeV}$$

$$y = 0$$

$$\varphi = 0$$

$$Gordon, \text{ Vogelsang, 1993}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Direct photon code has}$$

$$similar non-perturbative fragmentation functions$$

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Q<sub>T</sub> (GeV)

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\diamond Low mass dilepton
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~ inclusive photon production

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3.5

4.5

4

p+p

2

2.5

1.5

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## Au-Au data: beyond shadowing + isospin



## **Vector boson scattering**

### Another way to probe EW sector:





### □ Simulation:





# Top pair in association with W or Z

### **CMS** - results:

CMS-1406.7830



Channels used	l Process	Cross section
2ℓ	tīW	$170^{+90}_{-80}({ m stat})\pm70({ m syst}){ m fb}$
$3\ell+4\ell$	tīZ	$200^{+80}_{-70}({ m stat})^{+40}_{-30}({ m syst}){ m fb}$
$2\ell+3\ell+4\ell$	$t\overline{t}W + t\overline{t}Z$	$380^{+100}_{-90}$ (stat) $^{+80}_{-70}$ (syst) fb
€ 500 400 300 200		19.5 fb <sup>-1</sup> (8 TeV)
100		
0 100	200	300 400 500 600 σ <sub>+w</sub> [fb]



**Theory - NLO** 

Slightly off for  $\sigma_{t\bar{t}W}$