

# Four-fermion production at the $\gamma\gamma$ Collider

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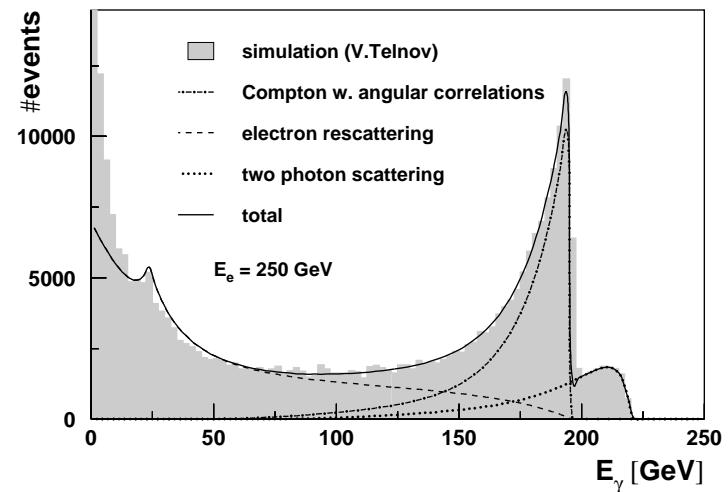
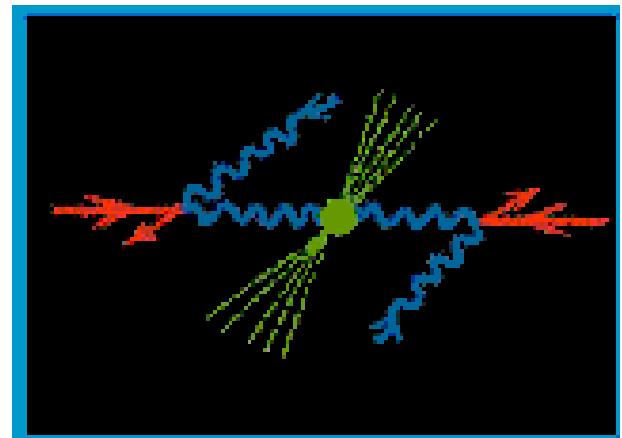
## Radiative Corrections:

Methods for treating real corrections



# $\gamma\gamma$ collider

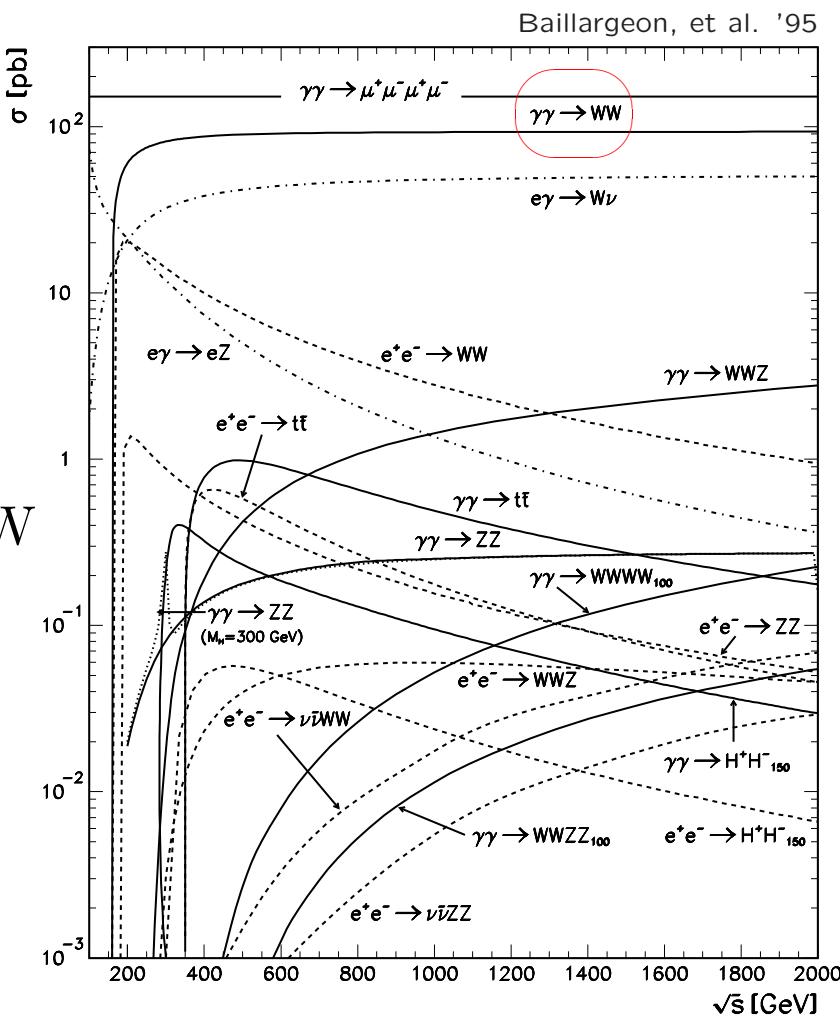
- Option at the linear collider
- Photons are produced via Compton backscattering off electrons
- Energies and luminosities  $\sim 80\%$  of corresponding  $e^+e^-$  collision
- however:  $\gamma$  energy distribution



# Motivation

$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow WW$

- one of the largest cross sections
- contains gauge-boson couplings  $\gamma WW$  and  $\gamma\gamma WW$ ,  
insight into EW sector of SM,  
limits on anomalous couplings
- if  $M_H \gtrsim 160$  GeV  $\Rightarrow \gamma\gamma \rightarrow H \rightarrow WW$   
possible through loops of charged  
massive particles
- sensitive to extra dimensions



# Motivation

W bosons are unstable  $\Rightarrow \gamma\gamma \rightarrow \text{WW} \rightarrow 4f$  (“W-pair signal diagrams”)

Experimental precision requires

- inclusion of single and non-resonant diagrams (“background diagrams”) in lowest order  $\mathcal{O}(\Gamma_W/M_W)$ ,  $\mathcal{O}(\Gamma_W/M_W)^2$   
 $\Rightarrow \gamma\gamma \rightarrow 4f$
- inclusion of radiative corrections  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha) \sim \mathcal{O}(\Gamma_W/M_W)$

$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow 4f\gamma$ :

Building block for real corrections to  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \text{WW} \rightarrow 4f$

Existing studies:

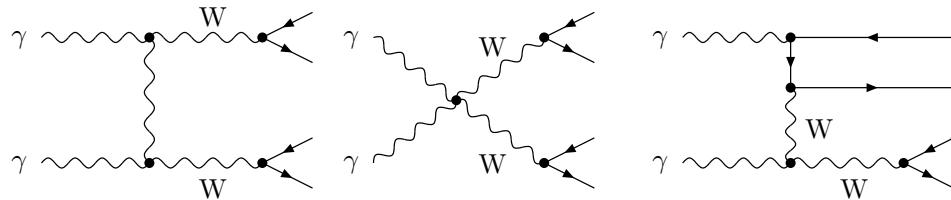
$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow 4f$ : Moretti '96; Baillargeon et al. '97; Boos, Ohl '97



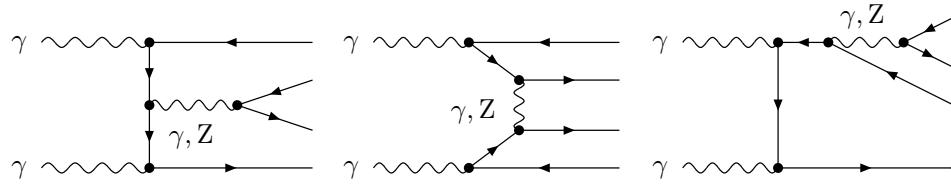
# Amplitudes

- Helicity amplitudes
- Weyl–van-der-Waerden formalism
- fermion masses neglected

charged current (CC) (dominates)



neutral current (NC)



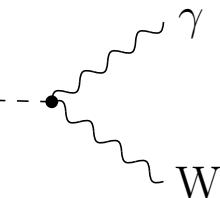
gluon-exchange diagrams

representative final states

final state	reaction type	$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow$
leptonic	CC	$e^- \bar{\nu}_e \nu_\mu \mu^+$
	NC(a)	$e^- e^+ \nu_\mu \bar{\nu}_\mu$
		$e^- e^+ \mu^- \mu^+$
	NC(b)	$e^- e^+ e^- e^+$
semi-leptonic	CC/NC	$e^- e^+ \nu_e \bar{\nu}_e$
	CC(c)	$e^- \bar{\nu}_e u \bar{d}$
	NC(a)	$\nu_e \bar{\nu}_e u \bar{u}$
		$\nu_e \bar{\nu}_e d \bar{d}$
		$e^- e^+ u \bar{u}$
hadronic		$e^- e^+ d \bar{d}$
	CC	$u \bar{d} s \bar{c}$
	NC(a)	$u \bar{u} c \bar{c}$
	NC(a)	$u \bar{u} s \bar{s}$
	NC(a)	$d \bar{d} s \bar{s}$
	NC(b)	$u \bar{u} u \bar{u}$
	NC(b)	$d \bar{d} d \bar{d}$
	CC/NC	$u \bar{u} d \bar{d}$



# Amplitudes

non-linear gauge:  $\phi$   vanishes

# diagrams: 6 ( $e^- e^+ \nu_\mu \bar{\nu}_\mu$ ) to 588 ( $u\bar{u}d\bar{d} + \gamma$ )

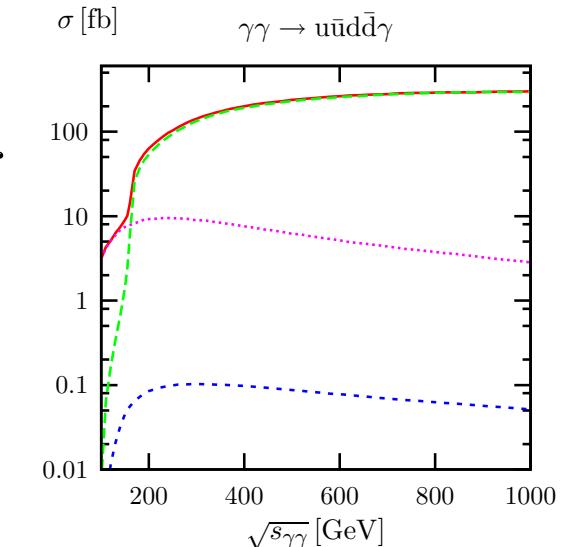
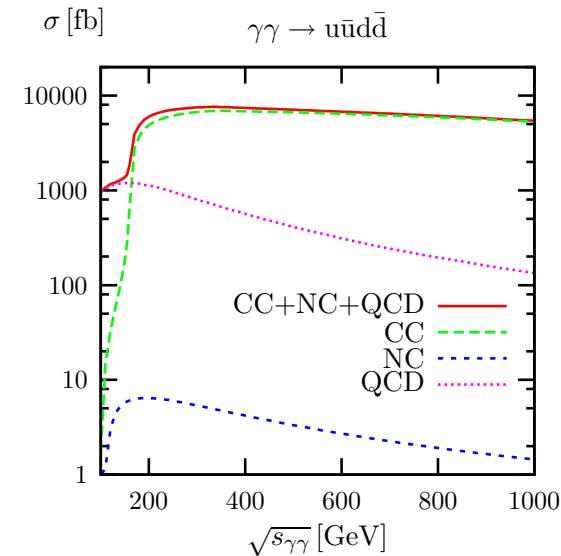
$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow 4f$ : calculation with general  
gauge spinor of  $\gamma$ , drops out in the end

use of discrete symmetries

→ only 2 independent helicity ampl. for  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow 4f$

gluon diagrams similar to NC diagrams,  
add colour structure

check against Madgraph (Stelzer, Long '94)



# Phase-space integration

Problem: rich peaking structure of integrand

“importance sampling” : more points near peaks

$$\int \underbrace{dx}_{\downarrow \text{random numbers}} f(x) = \int dx g(x) \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \int dy \underbrace{\frac{f(x(y))}{g(x(y))}}_{\text{“weight”} \sim \text{const}}$$

$$\int_0^x d\bar{x} g(\bar{x}) = y(x): \text{“mapping”} \rightarrow \text{integrand flattened}$$

many Feynman diagrams/propagators → “multi-channel”

one phase-space generator per diagram with appropriate “mapping”

Photon spectrum (CompAZ (Zarnecki '02; Telnov '95; Chen et al. '95)):

$$d\sigma = \int_0^1 dx_1 \int_0^1 dx_2 f(x_1)f(x_2) d\sigma(x_1 P_1, x_2 P_2)$$

“stratified sampling” + adaptive optimization

Comparison with Whizard&Madgraph (Kilian '01; Stelzer, Long '94) → good agreement

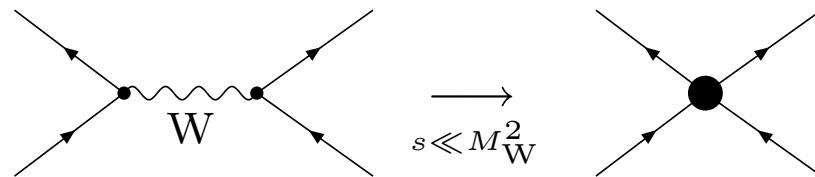


# Anomalous Couplings

General approach in search for new physics:

**Effective Lagrangian:** low energy limit of theory beyond SM,  
deviation of SM Lagrangian in terms of **new operators**

cf. Fermi theory



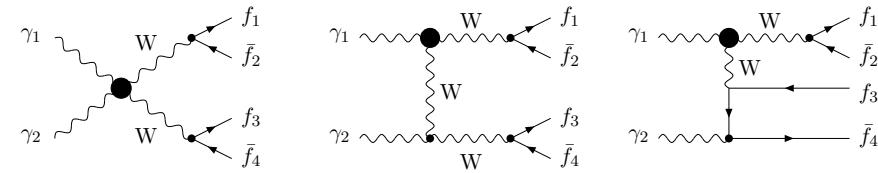
Example: triple couplings induced via dimension-6 operators

assumption: symmetries of SM are respected

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{\text{CC}}^{\text{ATGC}} = & ig_1 \frac{\alpha_B \phi}{M_W^2} (D_\mu \Phi)^\dagger B^{\mu\nu} (D_\nu \Phi) - ig_2 \frac{\alpha_W \phi}{M_W^2} (D_\mu \Phi)^\dagger \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{W}^{\mu\nu} (D_\nu \Phi) \\ & - g_2 \frac{\alpha_W}{6M_W^2} \mathbf{W}^\mu{}_\nu \cdot (\mathbf{W}^\nu{}_\rho \times \mathbf{W}^\rho{}_\mu), \end{aligned}$$

→  $\gamma WW$  (and related  $\gamma\gamma WW$ )

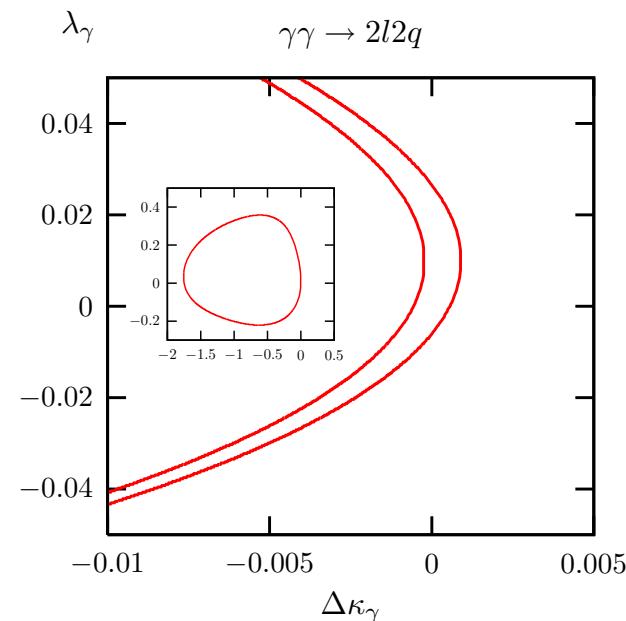
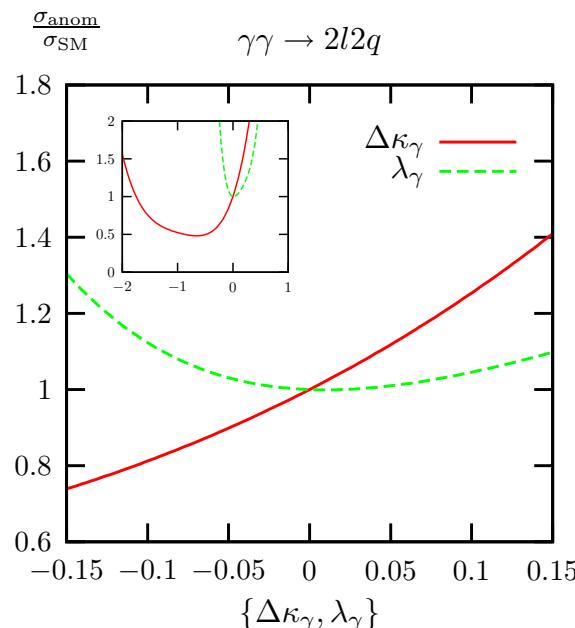
coefficients are related to  $\Delta\kappa_\gamma$  and  $\lambda_\gamma$  (LEP2)



# Anomalous triple couplings

$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow 4f$  all semi-leptonic final states photon spectrum included

$$\sqrt{s_{ee}} = 500 \text{ GeV} \quad \int L dt = 100 \text{ fb}^{-1} \quad \chi^2 = 1 \quad \chi^2 \equiv \frac{(N(a_i) - N_{\text{SM}})^2}{N_{\text{SM}}}$$



→ large interference with SM amplitude

expected limits comparable to  $e^+e^-$ -mode (see also

Baillargeon et al. '97;  
Bozovic-Jelisavcic et al. '02 )

full study requires consideration of distributions



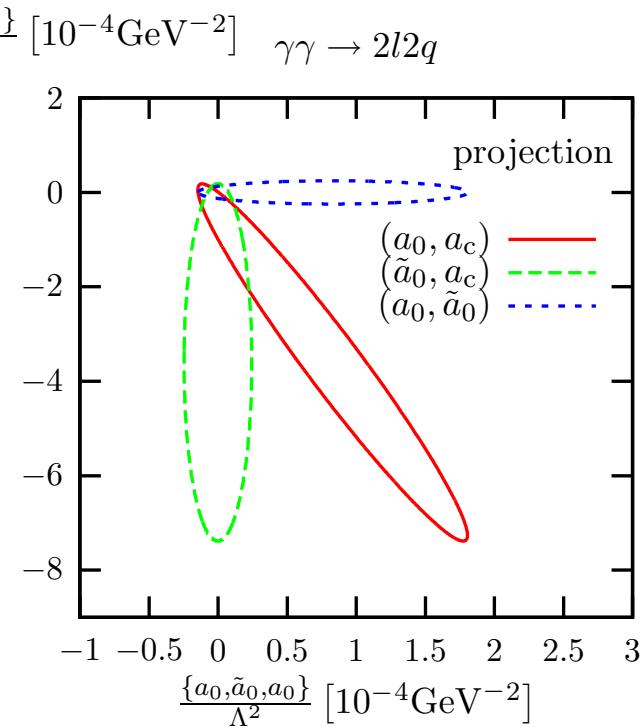
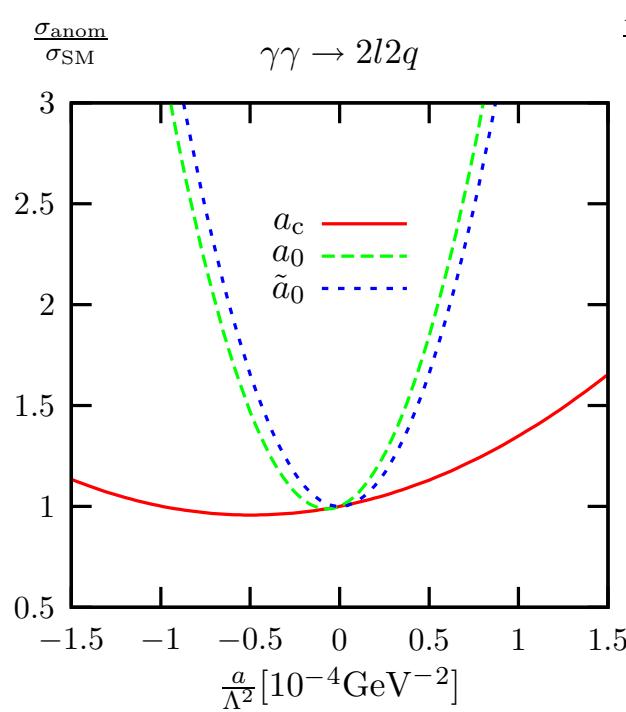
# Anomalous quartic couplings

Assumption: CP,  $U(1)_{\text{em}}$ ,  $SU(2)_{\text{cust}}$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{anom}} = -\frac{e^2}{16\Lambda^2} \left( a_0 F^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu} \overline{\mathbf{W}}_\alpha \overline{\mathbf{W}}^\alpha + a_c F^{\mu\alpha} F_{\mu\beta} \overline{\mathbf{W}}^\beta \overline{\mathbf{W}}_\alpha + \tilde{a}_0 F^{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}_{\mu\nu} \overline{\mathbf{W}}_\alpha \overline{\mathbf{W}}^\alpha \right)$$

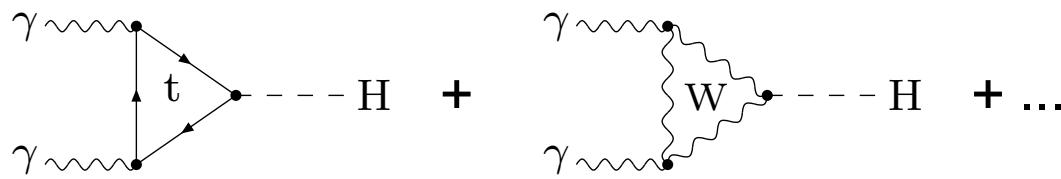
$$\overline{\mathbf{W}}_\mu = (\overline{W}_\mu^1, \overline{W}_\mu^2, \overline{W}_\mu^3) = \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(W^+ + W^-)_\mu, \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}}(W^+ - W^-)_\mu, \frac{1}{c_W} Z_\mu \right)$$

$\rightarrow \gamma\gamma WW$  and  $\gamma\gamma ZZ$

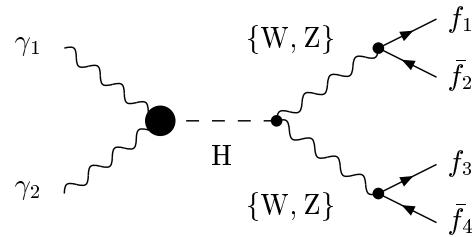


# Effective Higgs coupling

In the SM through radiative corrections

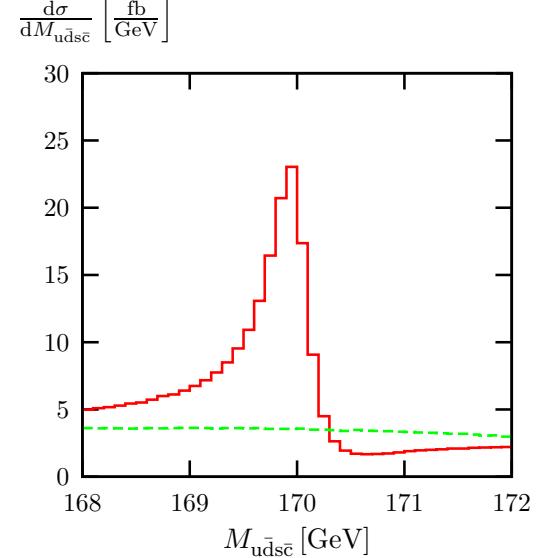
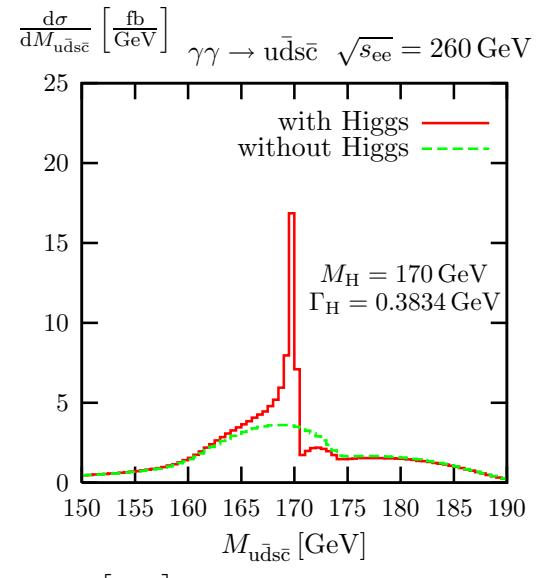


$$\mathcal{L}_{\gamma\gamma H} = -\frac{g_{\gamma\gamma H}}{4} F^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu} \frac{H}{v}$$



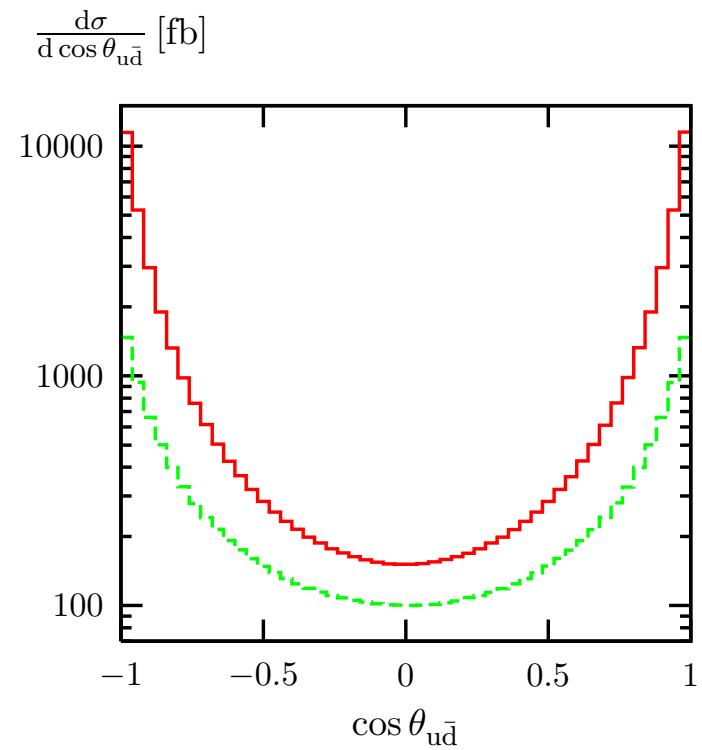
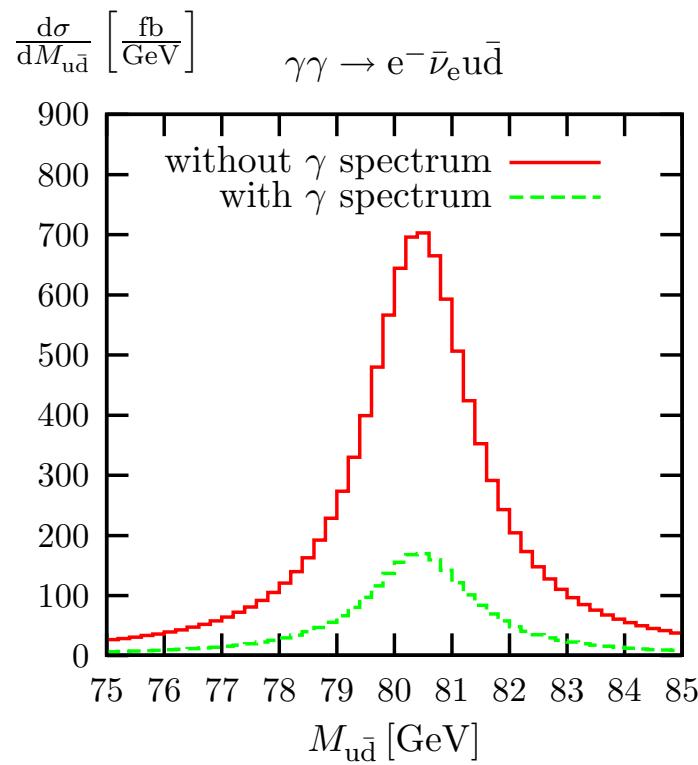
Calculate  $g_{\gamma\gamma H}$  by matching to  
SM radiative corrections at  $s = M_H^2$

Motivation: enhanced at  $s \sim M_H^2$ ,  
result gauge invariant



# Distributions

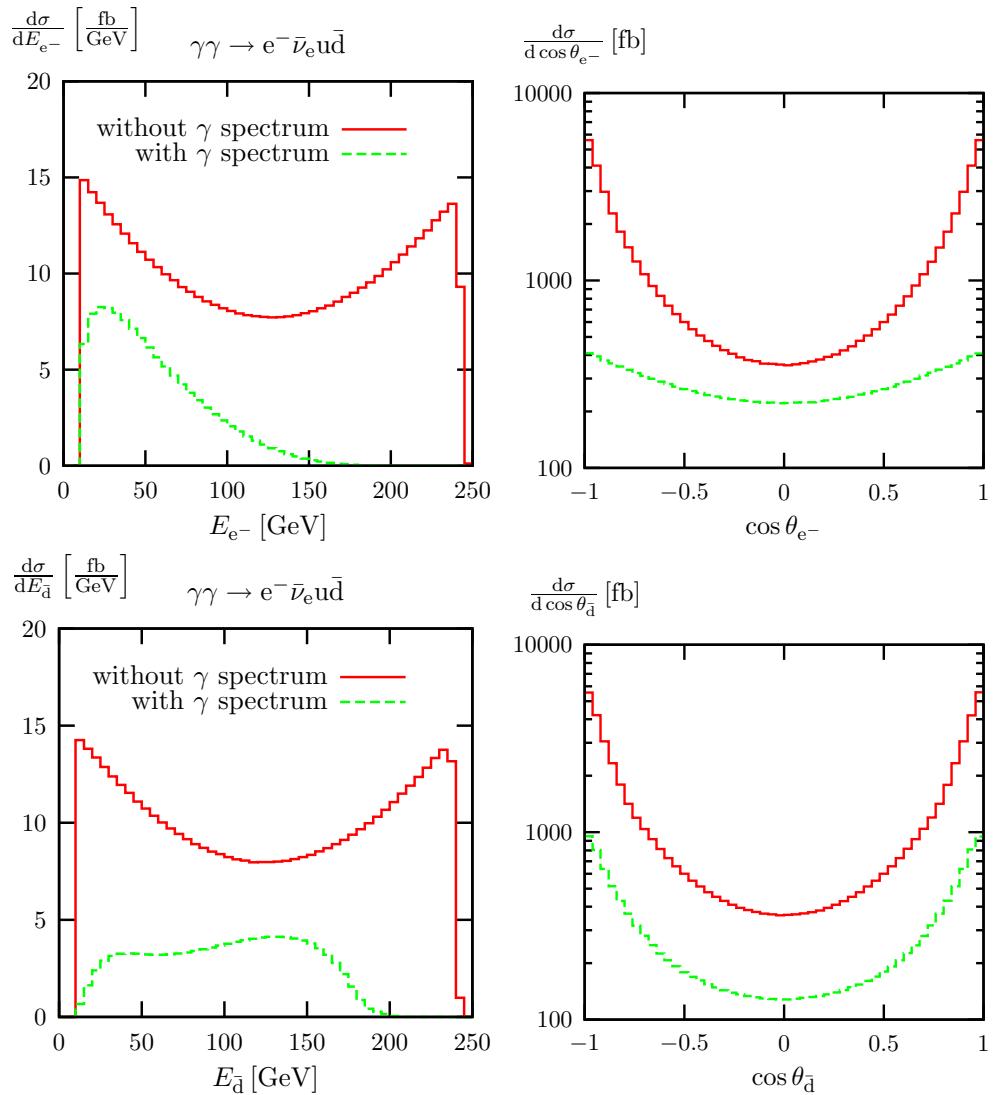
Invariant mass and production angle of the  $W^+$  boson in  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow e^-\bar{\nu}_e u\bar{d}$



# Distributions

Energy and production angle  
of  $e^-$  and  $\bar{d}$  in  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow e^-\bar{\nu}_e u \bar{d}$

Convolution over photon spectrum  
changes energy and angular  
distributions due to the **effective  
polarisation of the  $\gamma\gamma$  system**



# Finite gauge-boson width

**fixed width:**  $P_V(p^2) = \frac{1}{p^2 - M^2 + iM\Gamma}$

$U(1), SU(2)$

**step width:**  $P_V(p^2) = \frac{1}{p^2 - M^2 + iM\Gamma\theta(p^2)}$

$U(1), SU(2)$

**running width:**  $P_V(p^2) = \frac{1}{p^2 - M^2 + iM\Gamma \frac{p^2}{M^2} \theta(p^2)}$

$U(1), SU(2)$

**complex-mass scheme:**  $M^2 \rightarrow M^2 - iM\Gamma$  (e.g. in  $\cos \theta_W = \frac{M_W}{M_Z}$ )

**gauge invariant**

Denner,Dittmaier,Roth,Wackerth et al. '99

For  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow 4f(\gamma)$  (massless fermions and non-linear gauge)

fixed width equivalent to complex-mass scheme

$\sigma(\gamma\gamma \rightarrow e^- \bar{\nu}_e \nu_\mu \mu^+ \gamma)$					
$\sqrt{s_{\gamma\gamma}}$ [GeV]	500	800	1000	2000	10000
fixed width	39.230(45)	47.740(73)	49.781(91)	43.98(18)	4.32(23)
step width	39.253(45)	47.781(73)	49.881(96)	44.01(18)	4.31(24)
running width	39.251(49)	47.781(74)	49.898(95)	44.48(22)	10.83(28)
complex mass	39.221(45)	47.730(73)	49.770(91)	43.97(18)	4.31(23)



# Double-pole approximation

Naive W-pair signal:

only diagrams with two resonant  
W propagators (not gauge invariant)  
**not sufficient**

DPA = signal + “on-shell projection”

gauge invariant

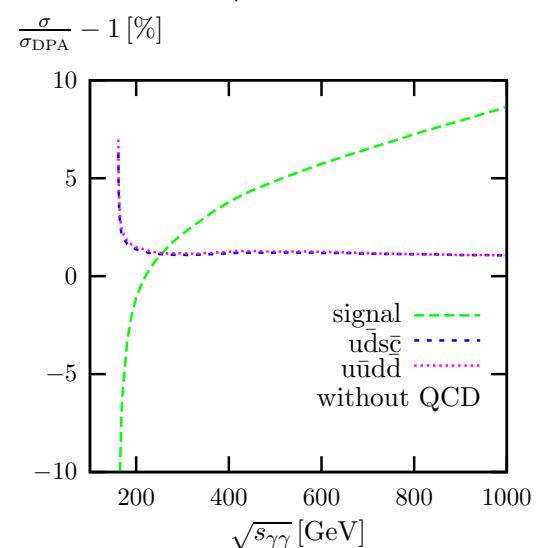
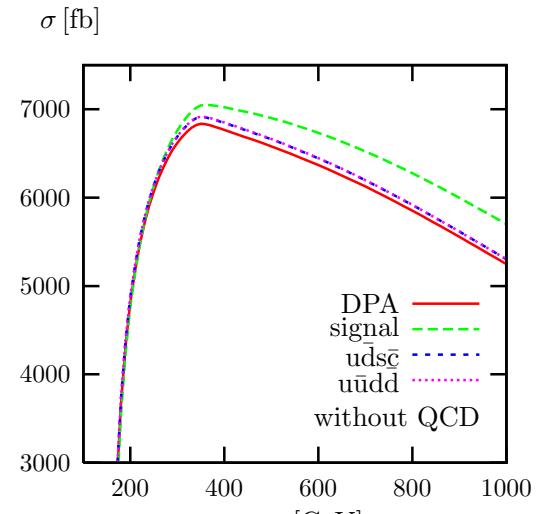
uncertainty of  $\mathcal{O}(\Gamma_W/M_W) \sim 1 - 3\%$

breakdown at WW threshold

→ promising approach:

**radiative corrections in DPA**

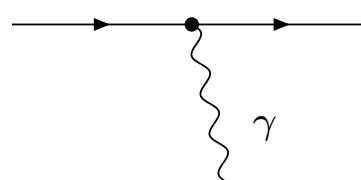
uncertainty of  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha/\pi \times \Gamma_W/M_W) \sim 0.1 - 0.5\%$



# Real corrections

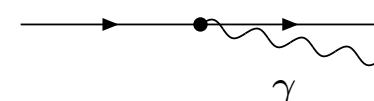
IR Divergences:

soft



$$\sim \log \frac{E}{E_{\gamma, \min}}$$

collinear



$$\sim \log \frac{E}{m_f}$$

Remember:  $m_f \rightarrow 0$

Hard photon: detector cuts (minimal energy and minimal angle)

real corrections: Bloch-Nordsieck theorem: cancellation together with virtual corrections

However: Problem in numerical integration, regularization needed, large cancellations

$$\sigma = \int d\phi_{4f} |\mathcal{M}_{\text{virt}}|^2 + \int d\phi_{4f\gamma} |\mathcal{M}_{\text{real}}|^2$$

Solution: Treat singular regions analytically

Two approaches: Phase-space slicing and subtraction



# Phase-space slicing

Procedure:

- Decompose phase space ( $\phi_{4f\gamma}$ ) into singular and non-singular regions, singular region:  $E_\gamma < \Delta E$  or  $\theta(\gamma, f_i) < \Delta \theta$  dependence on cut-off parameters  $\Delta E, \Delta \theta$

$$d\phi_{4f\gamma} |\mathcal{M}_{\text{real}}|^2 = d\phi_{4f\gamma}^{\text{sing}} |\mathcal{M}_{\text{real,sing}}|^2 + d\phi_{4f\gamma}^{\text{finite}} |\mathcal{M}_{\text{real,finite}}|^2$$

- In soft and collinear limit factorization:

$$d\phi_{4f\gamma}^{\text{sing}} = d\phi_{4f} d\phi_\gamma, \quad |\mathcal{M}_{\text{real,sing}}|^2 = |\mathcal{M}_{\text{Born}}^{4f}|^2 f(k),$$

integrate  $d\phi_\gamma f(k)$  over photon momentum  $k$  analytically,

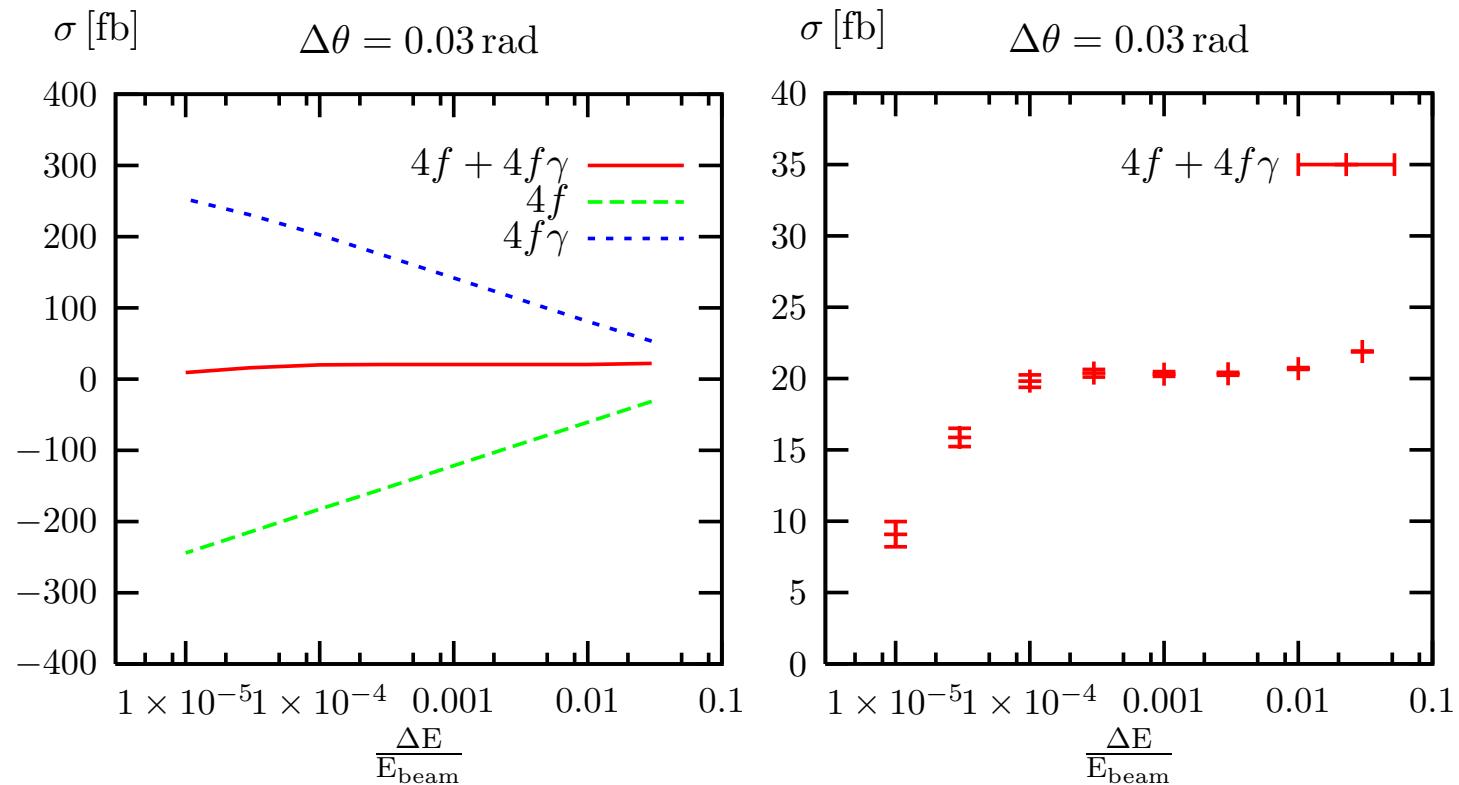
$4f$  part with no or invisible photon:  $\int d\phi_{4f} (|\mathcal{M}_{\text{virt}}|^2 + \int d\phi_\gamma |\mathcal{M}_{\text{real,sing}}|^2)$

$4f\gamma$  part with visible photon:  $\int d\phi_{4f\gamma} |\mathcal{M}_{\text{real,finite}}|^2$



# Slicing

$$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \nu_e e^+ \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu, \quad E_{beam} = 250 \text{ GeV}$$



similar for the angular cut  $\Delta\theta$



# Subtraction

Basic idea: add and subtract the same quantity

$$d\phi_{4f} |\mathcal{M}_{\text{virt}}|^2 + d\phi_{4f\gamma} |\mathcal{M}_{\text{sub}}|^2 + d\phi_{4f\gamma} |\mathcal{M}_{\text{real}}|^2 - d\phi_{4f\gamma} |\mathcal{M}_{\text{sub}}|^2$$

$$|\mathcal{M}_{\text{sub}}|^2 \sim |\mathcal{M}_{\text{real}}|^2 \quad \text{for} \quad k \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{or} \quad q_i k \rightarrow 0$$

$$\rightarrow \int d\phi_{4f\gamma} (|\mathcal{M}_{\text{real}}|^2 - |\mathcal{M}_{\text{sub}}|^2) \quad \text{is finite}$$

define mapping  $\tilde{\phi}_{4f} \rightarrow \phi_{4f\gamma}$  such that

$$q_i \xrightarrow{k \rightarrow 0} \tilde{q}_i, \quad q_i + k \xrightarrow{kq_i \rightarrow 0} \tilde{q}_i, \quad q_j \xrightarrow{kq_i \rightarrow 0} \tilde{q}_i$$

evaluate process independent function  $\int d\phi_\gamma |\mathcal{M}_{\text{sub}}|^2$   
 $\rightarrow \int d\phi_{4f} (|\mathcal{M}_{\text{virt}}|^2 + \int d\phi_\gamma |\mathcal{M}_{\text{sub}}|^2)$  is finite

In general: statistical uncertainty smaller than with slicing,  
construction more involved, but can be done once and for all

Explicit algorithm/method: dipole subtraction

Catani, Seymour '96; Dittmaier '99; Roth '99



# Summary

- Relevance of  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow WW$  due to its high cross section
- Monte Carlo generator with multi-channel Monte Carlo integration
  - Calculation of Born amplitudes for  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow 4f$  and  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow 4f\gamma$
  - Inclusion of a realistic photon spectrum
  - Anomalous couplings, Higgs resonance
- Work in progress
  - Double-pole approximation is a promising approach for radiative corrections (cf. RacoonWW)
  - Slicing / Subtraction: two approaches for dealing with soft and collinear divergencies

