# Precision Diboson Observables for the LHC

# Photon Jets at LHC (maybe 750 GeV excess)

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- Not quite clear if there are any smoking guns. (Although 750 GeV excess looks promising)
- We can instead focus on precision measurements of the SM
- We need clever ways to cancel our major sources of uncertainty
- We already have a great symmetry that relates a set of process: SU(2)xU(1) of the electroweak force.
- We will explore ratios of processes with two bosons in the final state

$$R = \frac{\sigma(pp \to V_1 V_2)}{\sigma(pp \to V_3 V_4)}$$

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## Leading Order massless limit

In the large energy limit,  $W^{\pm}$ , Z become effectively massless.

It makes more sense to think in terms of the unbroken SU(2)x(1) vectors:  $w^{\pm}, w^{3}, x \phi^{\pm}, \phi^{0}$ Goldstone bosons:  $\phi^{\pm}, \phi^{0}$ 

Two bosons combine into isospin triplets and singlets:

$$\begin{aligned} xx_{1} &\equiv xx : \quad |xx\rangle ,\\ wx_{3} &\equiv wx : \quad |w^{+}x\rangle , \quad |w^{3}x\rangle , \quad |w^{-}x\rangle ,\\ ww_{1} : \quad |w^{+}w^{-}\rangle + |w^{-}w^{+}\rangle - |w^{3}w^{3}\rangle ,\\ ww_{3} : \quad |w^{+}w^{3}\rangle - |w^{3}w^{+}\rangle , \quad |w^{+}w^{-}\rangle - |w^{-}w^{+}\rangle , \quad |w^{3}w^{-}\rangle - |w^{-}w^{3}\rangle \end{aligned}$$

#### Leading Order massless limit



$$a_1 \sim \mathcal{M}(xx) \sim \mathcal{M}(xw) \sim \mathcal{M}(ww_1)$$
$$a_3 \sim \mathcal{M}(ww_3)$$
$$a_\phi \sim \mathcal{M}(\phi\phi)$$

#### Leading Order finite mass

$$\begin{split} |a_1|^2 &= \frac{\hat{t}}{\hat{u}} + \frac{\hat{u}}{\hat{t}} \Rightarrow \quad |\mathcal{A}_1|^2 = (\hat{t}\,\hat{u} - m_1^2\,m_2^2) \left(\frac{1}{\hat{t}^2} + \frac{1}{\hat{u}^2}\right) + \frac{2\,\hat{s}\,(m_1^2 + m_2^2)}{\hat{t}\,\hat{u}} \\ \\ \text{Similarly:} \\ (\mathcal{A}_1\mathcal{A}_3) &= (N_T^\ell\,P_s)\,(\hat{T}\hat{U}) \left(\frac{1}{\hat{u}} - \frac{1}{\hat{t}}\right) + \frac{1}{4}\,(\hat{t}\,\hat{u} - m_1^2\,m_2^2) \left(\frac{1}{\hat{u}^2} - \frac{1}{\hat{t}^2}\right) \,, \\ |\mathcal{A}_3^h|^2 &= (N_T^h\,P_s)^2\,(\hat{T}\hat{U}) + \delta_{h\ell} \left[\frac{(N_T^\ell\,P_s)}{4}\,(\hat{T}\hat{U}) \left(\frac{1}{\hat{t}} + \frac{1}{\hat{u}}\right) \right. \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{32}(\hat{t}\,\hat{u} - m_1^2\,m_2^2) \left(\frac{1}{\hat{t}^2} + \frac{1}{\hat{u}^2}\right) - \frac{1}{16}\,\frac{\hat{s}\,(m_1^2 + m_2^2)}{\hat{t}\,\hat{u}} \right] \\ &\quad |\mathcal{A}_{\phi}^h|^2 &= (N_{\phi}^h\,P_s)^2\,[\hat{t}\,\hat{u} + 2\,\hat{s}\,(m_1^2 + m_2^2) - m_1^2\,m_2^2] \,, \end{split}$$

## Leading Order <sub>yy,yZ,ZZ</sub>

From now on I choose to only focus on:  $\gamma\gamma$ , $\gamma$ Z,ZZ

Similar analyses can be performed on all the other channels

• 
$$R_{1a} = \frac{\sigma_S(Z\gamma)}{\sigma_S(\gamma\gamma)}, \quad R_{1b} = \frac{\sigma_S(ZZ)}{\sigma_S(\gamma\gamma)}, \quad R_{1c} = \frac{\sigma_S(ZZ)}{\sigma_S(Z\gamma)},$$
  
•  $C_{2a} = \frac{\sigma_S(W^+\gamma)}{\sigma_S(W^-\gamma)}, \quad C_{2b} = \frac{\sigma_S(W^+Z)}{\sigma_S(W^-Z)}, \quad D_{2a} = \frac{\sigma_A(W^+\gamma)}{\sigma_A(W^-\gamma)}, \quad D_{2b} = \frac{\sigma_A(W^+Z)}{\sigma_A(W^-Z)},$   
 $R_2^{\pm} = \frac{\sigma_S(W^{\pm}Z)}{\sigma_S(W^{\pm}\gamma)}, \quad A_2^{\pm} = \frac{\sigma_A(W^{\pm}Z)}{\sigma_A(W^{\pm}\gamma)},$   
•  $R_3 = \frac{\sigma_S(W^+W^-)}{\sigma_S(V_1^0V_2^0)}, \quad A_3 = \frac{\sigma_A(W^+W^-)}{\sigma_A(WV^0)},$ 

## Leading Order Partonic cross-sections: yy,yZ,ZZ

After EW breaking:  $V_i^0 V_j^0 \sim xx, w^3 x, w^3 w^3$ 

All the neutral dibosons processes are proportional

$$\frac{d\hat{\sigma}}{d\hat{t}}(q\bar{q} \to V_1^0 V_2^0) = \frac{C_{12}^q}{\hat{s}^2} |a_1|^2$$

with  

$$\begin{aligned} C^q_{\gamma\gamma} &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{\pi \alpha_2^2 s_W^4}{N_c} 2Q^4 , \\ C^q_{Z\gamma} &= \frac{\pi \alpha_2^2 s_W^2 c_W^2}{N_c} \left( L^2 Q^2 + R^2 Q^2 \right) \\ C^q_{ZZ} &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{\pi \alpha_2^2 c_W^4}{N_c} \left( L^4 + R^4 \right) . \end{aligned}$$

$$L = T_3 - Y_L t_W^2$$
$$R = -Y_R t_W^2$$

## Leading Order PDF convolutions: yy,yZ,ZZ

Going to transverse momentum differential distribution

$$\sigma_{pp \to 12} = \sum_{q} \int \frac{d\hat{s}}{s} \int dm_t \frac{d\hat{\sigma}_{q\bar{q} \to 12}}{dm_T} \int dy f_q f_{\bar{q}}$$

We can define weighted parton luminosity

$$rac{d\sigma_{pp
ightarrow 12}}{d\hat{s}} = rac{1}{s}\int dm_T \left|rac{d\hat{t}}{dm_T}
ight|rac{|A_1|^2}{\hat{s}^2} \underbrace{\sum_{q} C_{qar{q}
ightarrow 12}\int dy f_q f_{ar{q}}}_{\mathcal{L}_{12}(\hat{s})}$$

## Leading Order Predictions for ratios of yy,yZ,ZZ

$$\left[rac{d\sigma_{pp
ightarrow Z\gamma}}{d\sigma_{pp
ightarrow \gamma\gamma}}
ight]_{\hat{s}} = rac{\mathcal{L}_{Z\gamma}(\hat{s})}{\mathcal{L}_{\gamma\gamma}(\hat{s})}\left(1+rac{m_Z^2}{\hat{s}}+\cdots
ight)$$

$V_1^0 V_2^0$	$C_{12}^{u} \cdot 10^{5}$	$C_{12}^{d} \cdot 10^{5}$
$\gamma\gamma$	1.2	0.07
$Z\gamma$	2.2	0.7
ZZ	1.6	3.3

γγ and γZ are largely
independent of the
down quark pdf





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# NLO keeping the LO kinematics

- Although we expect sizable corrections to the crosssections themselves (large-ish) K-factors, all processes receive the same corrections
- This is thanks to our cuts that keep NLO kinematics similar to the LO kinematics (no new phase space is open).

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## NLO dealing with photon isolation

- The one place where Z and γ are different is in the collinear radiation from a quark line.
- We remove this divergence by a Staircase isolation — an experimentally implementable variation on Frixione isolation.



# $\frac{NLO}{\text{including the NNLO gg->VV}}$

- Although the gg initial state only contributes at NNLO it is numerically important at smaller energies.
- We set the scales using the publicly known partial calculation of NNNLO for this process.





# The Plot II



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### Uncertainties PDFs

This is where we reap the benefits of our work



#### Uncertainties QCD Scales



# Uncertainties Full Budget

Effect	$R_{1a}$	$R_{1b}$	$R_{1c}$	Comments
	$(Z\gamma/\gamma\gamma)$	$(ZZ/\gamma\gamma)$	$(ZZ/Z\gamma)$	
$\qquad \qquad qq \to VVqq$	2-3%	3-3.5%	1.5 - 2.5%	extrapolating $p_{T,\min}^j \to 0$ (section 4.2)
$\mu_R, \mu_F \; (gg)$	0.5 - 1%	1%	1-2%	uses NLO $gg \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ (section 4.5)
$\mu_R, \mu_F \text{ (NLO)}$	0.5–1%	1.5 - 2.5%	1 - 1.5%	varied independently (section $4.5$ )
PDF	0.5%	1 - 1.5%	0.5 - 1%	MSTW 2008 using MCFM (section $4.5$ )
EW (LL)	$+2\% \\ -1\%$	$+3\% \\ -1\%$	$^{+2\%}_{-1\%}$	EFT scale uncertainty (section $4.4.1$ )
$\alpha_{ m QED}$	7%	14%	7%	Fully correlated (section $4.4.2$ )

# Conclusion

- We have identified a set of ratios that rely on SU(2) structure already present in the SM
- Many sources of theoretical uncertainties cancel for these ratios
- This statement survives the QCD NLO corrections largely intact thanks to reasonable kinematic cuts.
- Ratio  $\sigma(\gamma\gamma)/\sigma(\gamma Z)$  can be measured very well (5%) at  $300 fb^{-1}$

## Photon Jets at LHC (maybe 750 GeV)

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# There is an excess of events with two photons with invariant mass around 750 GeV in both ATLAS and CMS



Since the previous run, we have seen an energy and parton luminosity increase.

$$\begin{array}{c|ccccc} r_{b\bar{b}} & r_{c\bar{c}} & r_{s\bar{s}} & r_{d\bar{d}} & r_{u\bar{u}} & r_{gg} & r_{\gamma\gamma} \\ \hline 5.4 & 5.1 & 4.3 & 2.7 & 2.5 & 4.7 & 1.9 \end{array}$$

Given we have not seen a large excess in the previous (8TeV) run, it is most likely that the gg channel is responsible.



However, this is hard (not impossible) to hide because the loop suppressed photon decay mode is subleading to the allowed tree-level processes.

Although there are about 174 papers that say otherwise.

In order to make this 750GeV resonance couple to photons directly, we can postulate these photons are not just single photons, but instead two (or more) collimated photons.



This has been suggested by several sets of authors

1512.04928: Knapen, Melia, Papucci, Zurek 1512.05775: Agrawal, Fan, Heidenreich, Reece, Strassler 1512.06671: Chang, Cheung, Chih-Ting

#### These objects are called Photon-jets

#### they have a history

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#### they have been looked for

**ATLAS** Collaboration, "Search for a Higgs boson decaying to four photons through light CP-odd scalar coupling using 4.9 fb<sup>-1</sup> of 7 TeV pp collision data taken with ATLAS detector at the LHC,".



- Define photon-jets
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#### $- a \ collection \ of two \ or \ more \ collinear \ photons, \ that \ form \ a \ jet \ like$ deposition in the calorimeters



We will try to separate these three categories:



- If we want to compare QCD-jets, photon-jets and photons, we need a common basis.
- Right now, we search for photons one way (use seeds, calorimeter towers, etc.), for QCD-jets another way (jet algorithms) and don't look for photon-jets at all.
- Instead, search for jets and then tag each of them as either a QCD-jet, a photon or a photon-jet, based on their properties.





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These discriminants will be used in a multivariate analysis (TMVA) to separate all three populations:

- Conventional
  - Fraction of Hadronic Energy in the Jet
  - Number of Charged Tracks
- N-subjettiness
- More Substructure
  - Energy-Energy Correlation
  - Subjet Spread
  - Leading subjet p<sub>T</sub>

#### Fraction of Hadronic Energy in the Jet

Measures the fraction of hadronic energy in a jet,  $\theta = E_{had}/E_{total}$ 



#### Number of Charged Tracks

- Counts the number of charged tracks with p<sub>T</sub> > 2 GeV associated with the jet.
- We determine if a track is associated with a jet by including its softened four-vector with all the calorimeter four-vectors.



#### N-subjettiness

► Take a jet. Find *N* subjets. This defines *N* axes.

Form a sum:

$$\tau_N = \frac{1}{d_0} \sum_k p_{T,k} \min \left\{ \Delta R_{1,k}, \dots, \Delta R_{N,k} \right\}$$

where k runs over all the constituents of a jet and  $\Delta R_{i,k}$  is the angular distance between k-th constituent and the *i*-th subjet.



#### Leading Subjet Transverse Momentum

$$Lp_{T} = \frac{p_{T} \text{ of the hardest subjet}}{p_{T} \text{ of the entire jet}}$$

Since QCD is characterized by soft radiation we expect the leading subjet will contain most of the  $p_T$  of the jet.



#### **Energy-Energy Correlation**

$$\sum E^2 = \sum_{i < j} E_i E_j / E_{total}^2$$

Relates to the variance of energy distribution amongst the subjets.



There are more possible discriminants, but these do most of the work



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Separating Photon-Jets and QCD-Jets

We train a BDT to separate photon-jets from QCD-jets



Separating Photon-Jets and Photons

We train another BDT to separate Photon-Jets from Photons



#### Separating Photons, Photon-Jets and QCD

- We use two BDTs to extract as much information as possible.
- Split QCD-jets away with only Conventional variables.
- Split Photons from photon-jets with just Substructure.
- QCD-jets
   photons
   photon-jets.





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# Conclusion

- Photon-jets are objects worth thinking about (whether they are the source of 750 GeV excess or not)
- We can expect some excitement in this field
- Our (theorist's) study shows there might be room for improvement.
- I would love to see people who truly understand the calorimeter to work on this (neutral pion - photon discrimination experts)

#### Back Up Slides

#### Pushing Particles through the Calorimeter

- Use Pythia 8 to generate both signal and background events (Turn on ISR, FSR and MI).
- Deposit particle energy according to their type and momenta. (We simulate transverse showers for photons - the pattern on the right corresponds to Molière radius in Pb)
- 3. Recover massless four-vectors from  $(\eta, \phi, E)$  of each cell in both calorimeters.
- 4. Find jets in the union of *all* four vectors with Anti- $k_T$ ,  $\Delta R = 0.4$ ,  $p_T > 50$  GeV.



Energy deposition pattern for photons in the EM calorimeter.

#### More study points



