

# Top flavour physics

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# Top flavour in the SM



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## From the “top” point of view

The flavour structure is remarkably simple in the SM

- Charged current mixing:  $|V_{tb}| \gg |V_{td}|, |V_{ts}|$

  $t \rightarrow Wb$  dominates with  $\text{Br} \simeq 1$

- FCNC very suppressed by GIM because  $m_t \gg m_{d,s,b}$

  $\text{Br}(t \rightarrow Zc / \gamma c / gc) \lesssim 10^{-12}$ , can be safely ignored

- CP violation effects vanish in the chiral limit  $m_{d,s} = 0$

$d$  and  $s$  are hardly distinguished at high energy, *e.g.* in top decays

# Top flavour in the SM

## From the “top” point of view

Then, for top production and decay at large colliders it is a good approximation to

- assume  $V_{tb} = 1$ ,  $V_{td} = V_{ts} = 0$
- ignore all FCNC
- ignore CP violation

Conversely: **measuring**  $V_{td}$ ,  $V_{ts}$ , top FCNC or CP violation within the SM is extremely hard (if not impossible) at large colliders!

# Top flavour in the SM

From the “bottom” point of view

For  $B$  physics  $V_{td}$ ,  $V_{ts}$  are crucial parameters because top loops (enhanced by  $m_t$ ) give dominant contribution

This allows to measure them:

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} M_{12}^{B_d} \propto (V_{td}^* V_{tb})^2 \\ M_{12}^{B_s} \propto (V_{ts}^* V_{tb})^2 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \frac{\delta m_{B_d}}{\delta m_{B_s}} \simeq \left| \frac{V_{td}}{V_{ts}} \right|^2 \text{ for example}$$

but this extraction is model-dependent, any new physics contributing to  $M_{12}$  will invalidate it



For this reason, it is highly desirable to have direct measurements of  $V_{td}$ ,  $V_{ts}$ ,  $V_{tb}$  to cross-check

# Top flavour beyond the SM



## Top flavour beyond the SM

Considering flavour, we can classify BSM models in:

- ① Models respecting  $3 \times 3$  CKM unitarity

SUSY | 2HDM | ...

- ② Models breaking  $3 \times 3$  CKM unitarity (extra quarks)

4<sup>th</sup> gen. |  $T$  singlet ( $2/3$ ) |  $B$  singlet ( $-1/3$ ) | triplets | ...

Note that particular models may have more stuff (scalars, vector bosons ...) but we may ignore them here


Both can give new effects on  $B$  physics but only ② can have top flavour mixing different from SM

I look for benchmarks for top flavour so I will concentrate on ②



## 4<sup>th</sup> (sequential) generation

The simplest of all these models: just add one complete generation  
 [including leptons, for anomaly cancellation]

Also the least natural because 4<sup>th</sup> generation neutrino must have  
 $m_{\nu_4} > M_Z/2$ , while  $m_{\nu_{1-3}} \lesssim 0.3 \text{ eV}$    $10^{11} \times$  heavier!

Still, it is not experimentally excluded by EW data provided that

$$m_{t'} \gtrsim 400 \text{ GeV} \quad m_{t'} - m_{b'} \simeq 50 \text{ GeV} \times \left(1 + \frac{1}{5} \frac{M_H}{115 \text{ GeV}}\right)$$

$$m_{\tau'} - m_{\nu_4} \sim 45 \text{ GeV}$$

$m_{t'} > 335 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $m_{b'} > 385 \text{ GeV}$  from direct search

[ $m_{t'} \lesssim 500 \text{ GeV}$  from perturbativity, some other bounds too]

Top mixing similar to model with extra  $T$  [mainly with 3<sup>rd</sup> gen.]

# $T$ singlet

Preferred “benchmark” for  $3 \times 3$  CKM unitarity breaking

GIM breaking: FCNC at tree level in up sector

This is not a problem but a potentially new, striking effect

$T$  mixing expected mainly with 3<sup>rd</sup> generation:

- more natural: mixing  $\sim m_t/m_T$
- less constrained by low-energy data

# $T$ mixing with 3<sup>rd</sup> generation

$T$  mixing  $\Leftrightarrow$  departures from SM prediction for  $V_{tb}$  and  $Ztt$

top quark

$$\begin{aligned}
 & - \frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} V_{tb} \bar{t}_L \gamma^\mu b_L W_\mu^+ \\
 & - \frac{g}{2c_W} (X_{tt}^L - \frac{4}{3}s_W^2) \bar{t}_L \gamma^\mu t_L Z_\mu
 \end{aligned}$$

SM  $\rightarrow V_{tb} \simeq 1, X_{tt}^L = 1$

new quark  $T$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & - \frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} V_{Tb} \bar{T}_L \gamma^\mu b_L W_\mu^+ \\
 & - \frac{g}{2c_W} X_{Tt} \bar{T}_L \gamma^\mu t_L Z_\mu
 \end{aligned}$$

mixing parameter:  $V_{Tb}$

departures from SM:

$$|V_{tb}| \simeq 1 - \frac{1}{2}|V_{Tb}|^2$$

$$X_{tt}^L \simeq 1 - |V_{Tb}|^2$$

$$\delta X_{tt}^L = 2\delta|V_{tb}|$$

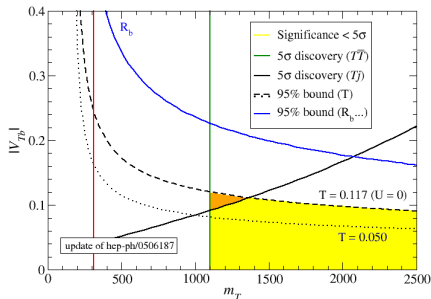
$$X_{Tt} \simeq |V_{Tb}| \left(1 - \frac{1}{2}|V_{Tb}|^2\right)$$

# $T$ mixing with 3<sup>rd</sup> generation

$(m_T, V_{Tb})$  constrained by

- $T$  parameter
- radiative corrections to  $R_b$

No constraints for  $m_T = m_t$ :  
 $4 \times 4$  unitarity at work



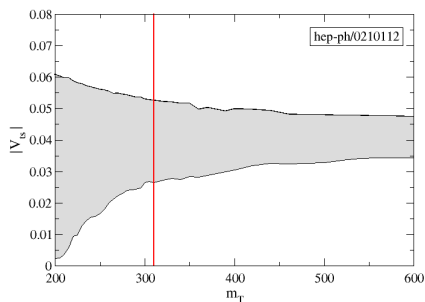
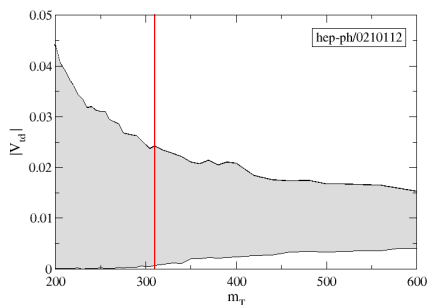
Tevatron:  $m_T \gtrsim 310$  GeV  $\rightarrow V_{tb} \gtrsim 0.95$ ,  $X_{tt}^L \gtrsim 0.9$

if  $T$  not seen at LHC  $\rightarrow V_{tb} \gtrsim 0.99$ ,  $X_{tt}^L \gtrsim 0.985$

[no upper limits on  $T$  mass]

# $T$ mixing with 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> generation

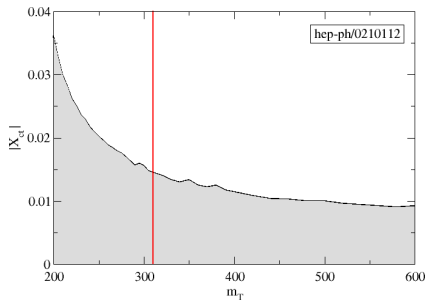
Some deviations in  $V_{td}$ ,  $V_{ts}$  compatible with  $B$  physics constraints:  
 new  $T$  quark in loop makes up for the difference



These plots tell us that we shouldn't be expecting large deviations  
 but we have to measure  $V_{td}$ ,  $V_{ts}$  anyway

# Top FCNC

More interesting: top FCN couplings at tree level

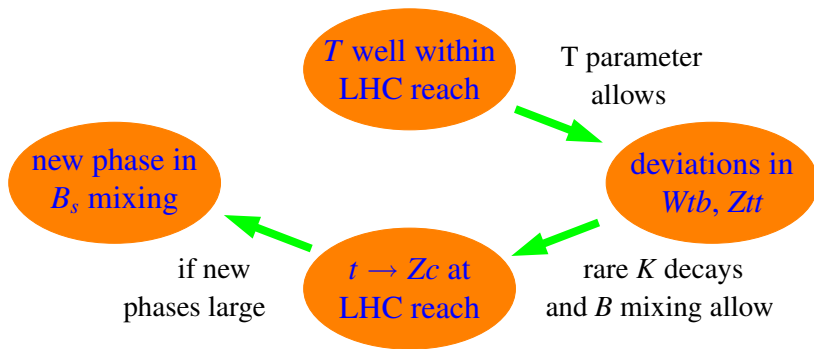


$$- \frac{g}{2c_W} X_{ct} \bar{c}_L \gamma^\mu t_L Z_\mu$$

$\text{Br}(t \rightarrow Zc) \lesssim 1.1 \times 10^{-4}$  (visible at LHC)

# $T$ singlet: optimistic summary

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phase in  $B_s$  mixing ( $a_{J/\psi\phi}$ ) encourages search for other effects

... and if  $T$  not seen at LHC, forget everything else ...

# B singlet

A “substantial” breaking of  $3 \times 3$  CKM unitarity requires  $|V_{tb}| \neq 1$   
 [Obvious for moduli, also true for phases]

With extra  $B$  singlets, agreement with measured  $R_b$  constrains  $|V_{tb}|$

## relevant terms

$$\begin{aligned}
 & -\frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} V_{tb} \bar{t}_L \gamma^\mu b_L W_\mu^+ \\
 & -\frac{g}{2c_W} (-X_{bb}^L + \frac{2}{3}s_W^2) \bar{b}_L \gamma^\mu b_L Z_\mu
 \end{aligned}$$

SM  $\rightarrow V_{tb} \simeq 1, X_{bb}^L = 1$

$$X_{bb}^L = |V_{ub}|^2 + |V_{cb}|^2 + |V_{tb}|^2$$

$$X_{bb}^L \simeq 1 \quad \rightarrow \quad |V_{tb}| \simeq 1$$



# Is $V_{tb} \gtrsim 1$ ?

Some literature claims  $|V_{tb}|^2 > 1$  is non-physical but ...

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$T_\pm = T_1 \pm iT_2$  ladder operators

$$W_\mu^\pm = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (W_\mu^1 \mp iW_\mu^2)$$

doublet  $\begin{pmatrix} t_L \\ b_L \end{pmatrix}$      $T_+ |b_L\rangle = |t_L\rangle$      $\rightarrow$      $-\frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{t}_L \gamma^\mu b_L W_\mu^-$

mixing of weak eigenstates gives  $|V_{tb}| \leq 1$  in the SM

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“ $V_{TB}$ ” =  $\sqrt{2} > 1$  for a triplet!

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... mixing with a triplet can give  $V_{tb} > 1$

Note that Tevatron lower limits on  $|V_{tb}|$

$$|V_{tb}| > 0.71 \text{ at } 95\% \text{ CL} \quad (\text{CDF})$$

$$|V_{tb}| > 0.78 \text{ at } 95\% \text{ CL} \quad (\text{D0})$$

do not only assume  $V_{td}, V_{ts} \ll V_{tb}$  but also  $|V_{tb}| \leq 1$

 they are valid only for the SM and a subset of its extensions

# Top effective operators



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Let us go more general

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When discussing indirect (mixing) signals of heavy resonances  
 it is useful to use an effective operator formalism

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_4 + \mathcal{L}_6 + \dots$$

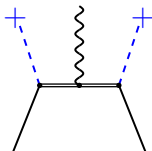
where

$$\mathcal{L}_4 = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} \quad \rightarrow \quad \text{SM Lagrangian}$$

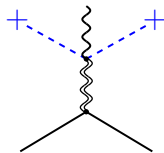
$$\mathcal{L}_6 = \sum_x \frac{\alpha_x}{\Lambda^2} O_x \quad \rightarrow \quad O_x \text{ gauge-invariant building blocks}$$

Parameterise indirect effects of new physics at scale  $\Lambda > \nu$

# New physics contributions to top trilinear couplings

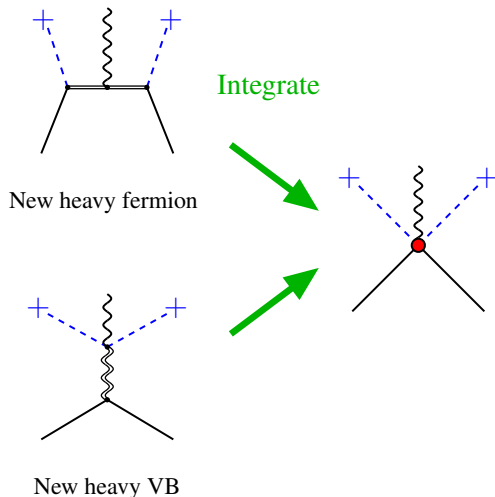


New heavy fermion



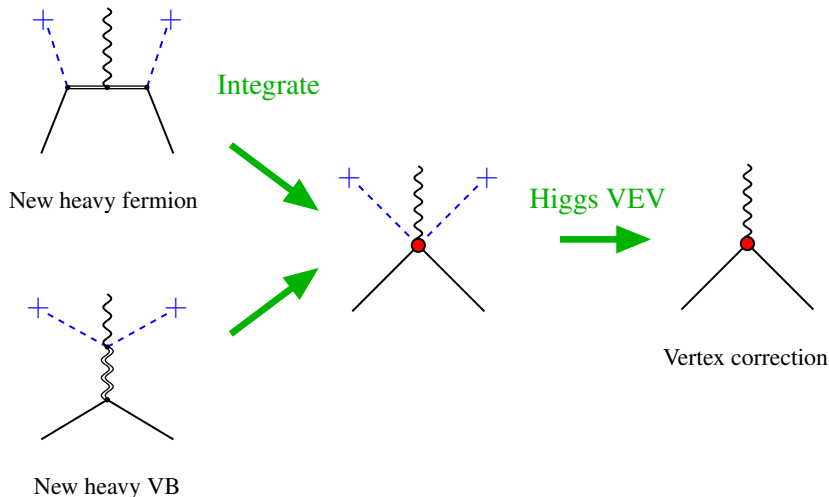
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## Vertex corrections from dim 6 operators:

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- ① Gauge interactions: only  $\gamma^\mu$  and  $\sigma^{\mu\nu} q_\nu$  terms
- ② Higgs: only scalar and pseudo-scalar terms



This is **general** for any two-fermion vertices,  
not only the top quark!

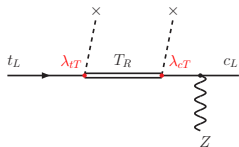
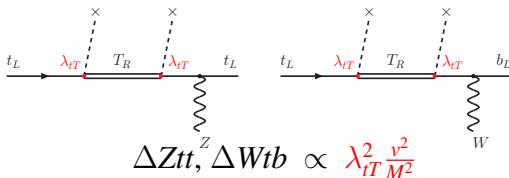
So simple after eliminating many redundant operators

# Top mixing vs direct signals

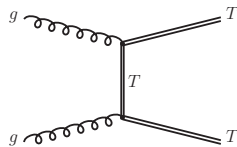


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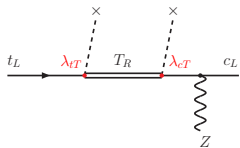
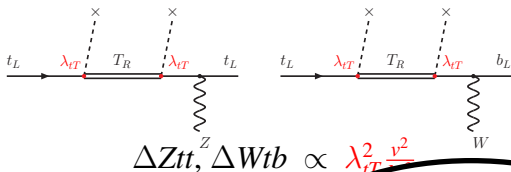
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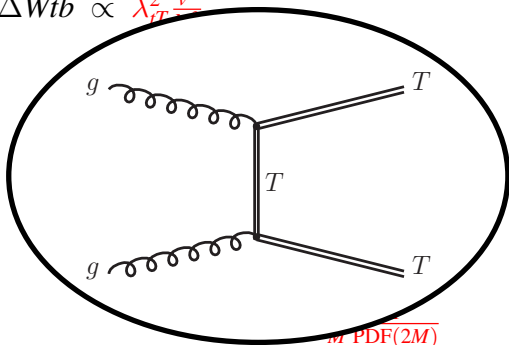
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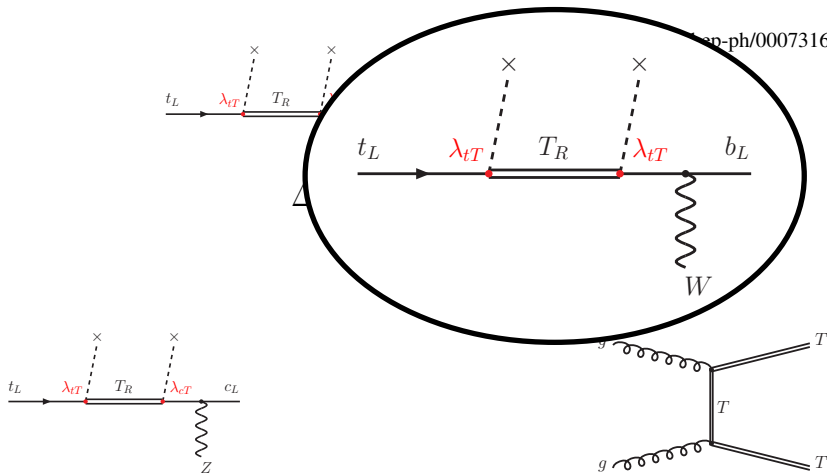


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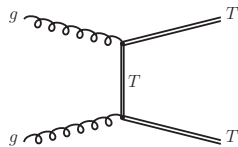
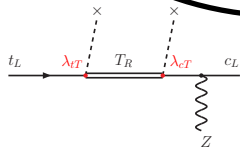
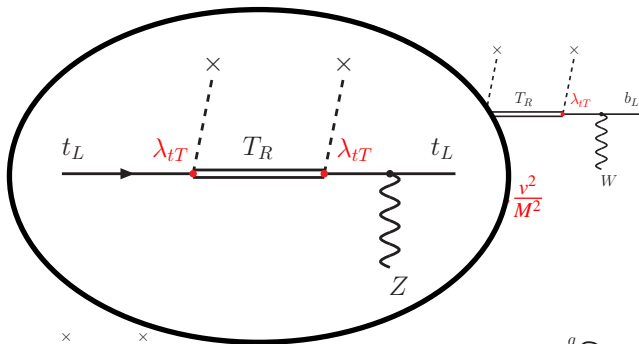


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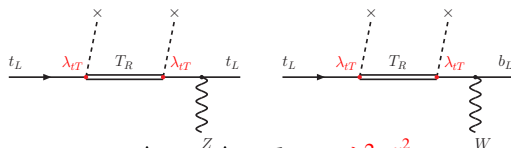


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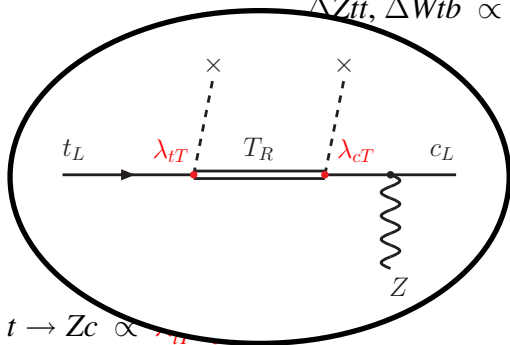
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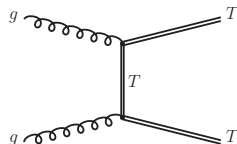
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$$\Delta Z_{tt}, \Delta W_{tb} \propto \lambda_{tT}^2 \frac{v^2}{M^2}$$



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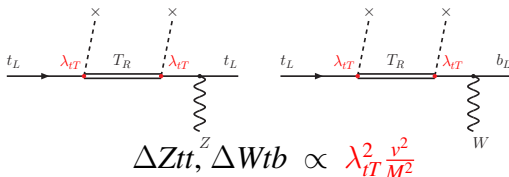


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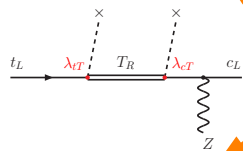
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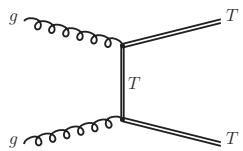


EW precision constraints

B, K physics



$t \rightarrow Zc \propto \lambda_{tT}^2 \lambda_{cT}^2 \frac{v^4}{M^4}$



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# Top mixing corrections vs direct signals

PDF suppression is stronger in principle, but ...

- $\lambda_{tT}$  constrained by precision data
- $\lambda_{cT}$  tightly constrained by low energy physics

... then, dominant effect depends on the type of new physics

Note also that

- effects on  $Ztt$ ,  $Wtb$  are  $\sim 1/\Lambda^2$  (interference with SM)
- FCNC effects are  $\sim 1/\Lambda^4$  (tiny in SM) but much cleaner to see

# Top flavour measurements



## $V_{td}, V_{ts}, V_{tb}$ at LHC

Single top processes are often quoted as measuring  $V_{tb}$  but ...

- They are also sensitive to  $V_{td}$  and  $V_{ts}$

example:  $t$ -channel production

$$\sigma(qd \rightarrow q't) = A_d |V_{td}|^2$$

$$\sigma(qs \rightarrow q't) = A_s |V_{ts}|^2$$

$$\sigma(qb \rightarrow q't) = A_b |V_{tb}|^2$$

with  $A_d > A_s > A_b!$

- Once that one allows for  $V_{tb} \neq 1$ , for consistency one must also allow for  $V_{td}$  and  $V_{ts}$  different from their SM value



drop the assumption  $V_{td}, V_{ts} \ll V_{tb}$

## $V_{td}, V_{ts}, V_{tb}$ at LHC: standard picture

The three mixings can be extracted with combination of observables

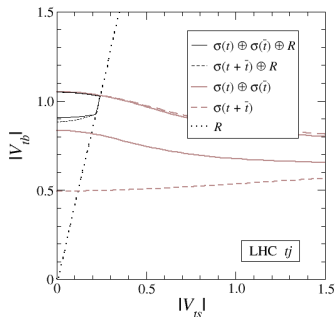
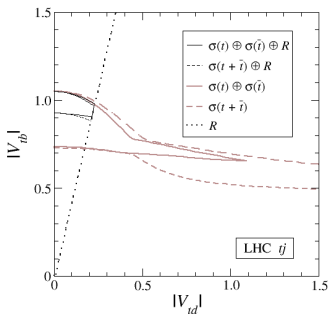
- ★ at Tevatron,  $s$ - and  $t$ -channel combination gives useful limits
- ★ at LHC,  $s$ -channel has very large uncertainty and is mostly useless for this [▶ See](#)
- ★ moreover,  $t$ -channel and  $tW$  are “too similar” [▶ See](#)
- ★ the key to obtain limits at LHC is the combination of  $t$ -channel

$$\text{and } R = \frac{\text{Br}(t \rightarrow Wb)}{\text{Br}(t \rightarrow Wq)}$$

# $V_{td}, V_{ts}, V_{tb}$ at LHC

## Complementarity of $t$ -channel $\sigma$ and $R$

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- ★ for illustration,  $1\sigma$  agreement with each observable required
- ★ notice that separate  $t$  and  $\bar{t}$  measurements improve limits
- ★ the key to get good limits is the combination with  $R$ !

# Improvement #1

## Single top production: more than just cross sections

Single top cross sections  $\propto |V_{td}|^2, |V_{ts}|^2, |V_{tb}|^2$  but there are more observables than just the total rate

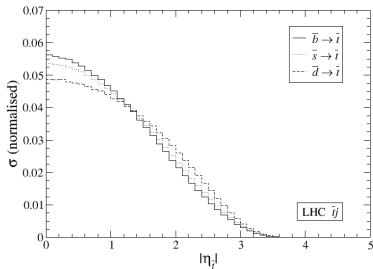
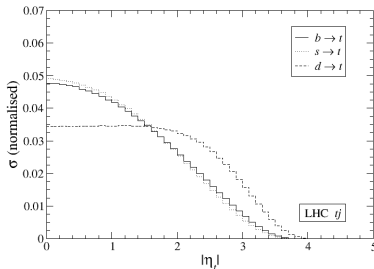
☞ the “blind” combination can be improved

Key to distinguish  $d$  from  $s$  and  $b$ : **top rapidity**

initial  $d$  valence quarks  $\rightarrow$  larger average rapidities

☞ use rapidity to discriminate  $d$  against  $s$  and  $b$

## Top rapidity distributions for $tj$ and $\bar{t}j$

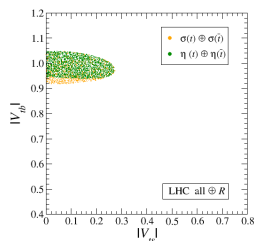
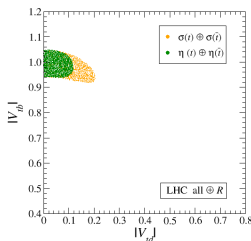
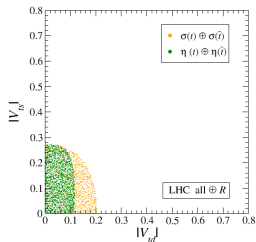


- ★  $d$  very different from  $s$  and  $b$  for  $t$  production
- ★ separate  $t$  and  $\bar{t}$  measurements important!



# Including top rapidity

## LHC limits including rapidity (optimistic)



in the best case:

- ★  $\times 2$  improvement in  $V_{td}$
- ★ 15% improvement in  $V_{tb}$
- ★ no difference for  $V_{ts}$

## Improvement #2


### Top decay: more than just $b$ tagging

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Indeed, there is possibility to tag  $t \rightarrow Ws$

- ★ use the cleaner dilepton channel (fewer jets)

$$\bar{t}t \rightarrow W^+ d_i W^- \bar{d}_j \rightarrow \ell^+ \nu d_i \ell^- \bar{\nu} \bar{d}_j \quad d_i, d_j = d, s, b$$

- ★ jets originating from  $s$  quarks have  $K$ 's and  $\Lambda$ 's  tag

- ★ jets from  $b$  also have  $K$ 's and  $\Lambda$ 's from  $b \rightarrow c \rightarrow s$  but

- softer
- displaced vertices from  $b$  decay
- often accompanied by  $\ell$  inside the jet

- ★ jets from  $d$  quarks have much fewer  $K$ 's and  $\Lambda$ 's

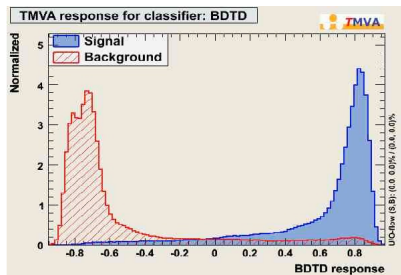
# $t \rightarrow Ws$ tagging

## Discriminant analysis for $t \rightarrow Ws$ tagging

### Main features

requires  $b$  rejection better than  $\frac{|V_{tb}|^2}{|V_{ts}|^2} \sim 600$

with the ratio  $WbWs/WbWb$  we measure  $\frac{|V_{ts}|^2}{|V_{tb}|^2}$



👉 The ratio  $\frac{|V_{ts}|^2}{|V_{tb}|^2}$  is a new ingredient for the global fit 😊

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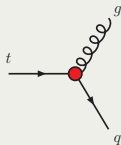
## Many interesting papers on the subject

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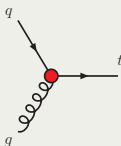
I will just give few general remarks

## Many interesting processes for $gtq \dots$

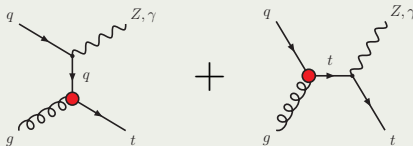
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$gq \rightarrow t$

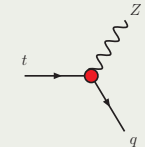


$gq \rightarrow Zt$

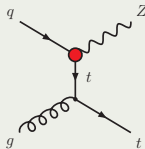


... and for  $Ztq$  ...

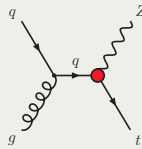
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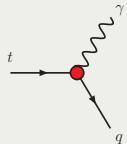


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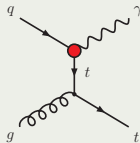


... and for  $\gamma tq$  ...

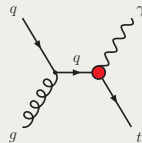
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$gq \rightarrow \gamma t$



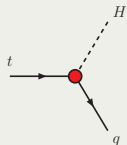
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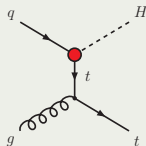


... and for  $Htq$ !

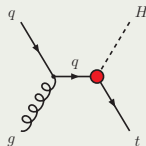
$t \rightarrow q\gamma$



$gq \rightarrow Ht$

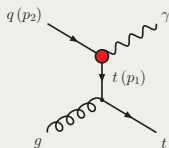


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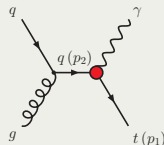


## Theoretical framework?

Notice that some key processes involve off-shell vertices



*t* off-shell



*q* off-shell

In principle, these vertices have many different Lorentz structures and the study can become a nightmare

- usual vertex:  $\gamma^\mu, \sigma^{\mu\nu} q_\nu$
- off-shell: also  $k^\mu, \sigma^{\mu\nu} k_\nu$

$$q^\mu = (p_1 - p_2)^\mu = p_\gamma^\mu$$

$$k^\mu = (p_1 + p_2)^\mu$$

Here, effective operators come to our aid

## Vertex corrections from dim 6 operators: (again)

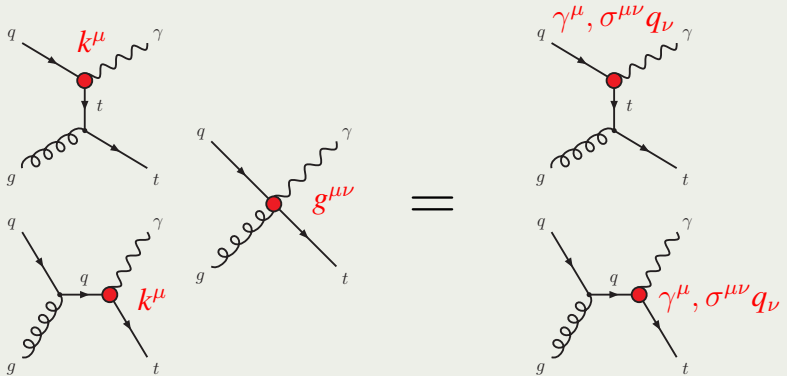
- ① Gauge interactions: only  $\gamma^\mu$  and  $\sigma^{\mu\nu} q_\nu$  terms
- ② Higgs: only scalar and pseudo-scalar terms

So simple after eliminating many redundant operators

**Note:** If you insist on introducing redundant operators you find relations due to gauge symmetry that allow you to write your amplitudes using only ① and ②

# Gauge invariance at work: an example

## Contributions to $gq \rightarrow \gamma t$



# Top FCNC: one-slide summary

- ★ Effective operator framework greatly simplifies theoretical setup  
 few ( $\leq 4$ ) anomalous couplings for each interaction
- ★ Many possible signals: relations allow for cross-checks
- ★ Expectations and LHC precision ( $q = c$ )

|                         | SM                    | QS                   | 2HDM                 | MSSM               | $\mathcal{R}$ SUSY | LHC 300 fb <sup>-1</sup> |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| $t \rightarrow cZ$      | $1 \times 10^{-14}$   | $1.1 \times 10^{-4}$ | $\sim 10^{-7}$       | $2 \times 10^{-6}$ | $3 \times 10^{-5}$ | $6.3 \times 10^{-5}$     |
| $t \rightarrow c\gamma$ | $4.6 \times 10^{-14}$ | $7.5 \times 10^{-9}$ | $\sim 10^{-6}$       | $2 \times 10^{-6}$ | $1 \times 10^{-6}$ | $1.7 \times 10^{-5}$     |
| $t \rightarrow cg$      | $4.6 \times 10^{-12}$ | $1.5 \times 10^{-7}$ | $\sim 10^{-4}$       | $8 \times 10^{-5}$ | $2 \times 10^{-4}$ | $(9.2 \times 10^{-6})$   |
| $t \rightarrow cH$      | $3 \times 10^{-15}$   | $4.1 \times 10^{-5}$ | $1.5 \times 10^{-3}$ | $10^{-5}$          | $\sim 10^{-6}$     | $(3.3 \times 10^{-5})$   |

# CP violation in top decays

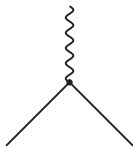


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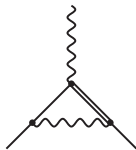
- ★ CP violation at high energy not yet probed  
(tiny in the SM)
- ★ Large sample of top quarks at LHC: good statistics
- ★ We will concentrate on  $t \rightarrow Wb$  (leading channel)
- ★ Results also hold for  $t \rightarrow Wd$ ,  $t \rightarrow Ws$  but statistics and tagging are much worse

## CP violation requires



SM tree-level

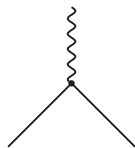
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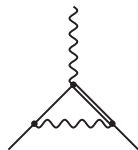


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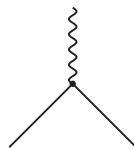


NP, maybe loop

Heavy  
new physics

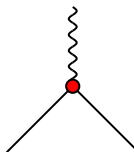


## Equivalently



SM tree-level

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effective vertex

## Effective $Wtb$ vertex from dim-6 operators

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{Wtb} = & -\frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{b} \gamma^\mu (V_L P_L + V_R P_R) t W_\mu^- \\ & -\frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{b} \frac{i\sigma^{\mu\nu} q_\nu}{M_W} (g_L P_L + g_R P_R) t W_\mu^- + \text{h.c.} \end{aligned}$$

$$q = p_t - p_b = p_W$$

- ★ Using effective operators assumes that NP is heavy  
 no absorptive phases in heavy particle loops
- ★ Lagrangian is Hermitian
- ★ Total rates equal for  $t$  and  $\bar{t}$   look for other CP tests

Decays described by density matrix  $\left( \Gamma_{ij} = \frac{g^2 |\vec{q}|}{128\pi^2} \int M_{ij} d\cos\theta d\phi \right)$

$$M_{00} = A_0 + 2 \frac{|\vec{q}|}{m_t} A_1 \cos\theta$$

$$M_{\pm\pm} = B_0 (1 \pm \cos\theta) \pm 2 \frac{|\vec{q}|}{m_t} B_1 (1 \pm \cos\theta)$$

$$M_{0\pm} = M_{\pm 0}^* = \left[ \frac{m_t}{\sqrt{2}M_W} (C_0 - iD_0) \pm \frac{|\vec{q}|}{\sqrt{2}M_W} (C_1 - iD_1) \right] \sin\theta e^{\pm i\phi}$$

$$M_{+-} = M_{-+} = 0$$

▶ See

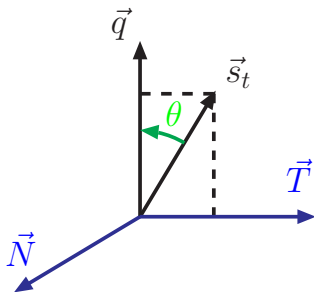
well-known helicity fractions  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} F_0 = \Gamma_{00}/\Gamma \\ F_+ = \Gamma_{++}/\Gamma \\ F_- = \Gamma_{--}/\Gamma \end{array} \right\}$  test  $A_0, B_0, B_1$

the five remaining form factors  $A_1, C_0, C_1, D_0, D_1$  are not probed!

# New idea to study top decays

## Use directions other than helicity to probe $W$ spin

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### Transverse and normal directions

- $\vec{q}$  ➔  $W$  mom in  $t$  rest frame
- $\vec{s}_t$  ➔ top spin

$$\vec{N} = \vec{s}_t \times \vec{q}$$

$$\vec{T} = \vec{q} \times \vec{N}$$

meaningful for polarised  $t$  decays  
 (e.g. in single top production)


## Probing CP violation in top decays

$W$  polarisation fractions  $F, F^T, F^N$  measured with suitable angular distributions [▶ See](#)

Normal polarisation  $F^N$  probes **complex phases** of  $Wtb$  vertex

  $F_+^N = F_-^N$  in the SM and for real  $Wtb$

Then, FB asymmetry  $A_{\text{FB}}^N = \frac{3}{4} [F_+^N - F_-^N]$  is CP-violating zero if  $Wtb$  vertex real ( $V_L$  taken real by definition)

  $A_{\text{FB}}^N \simeq 0.64 P \text{Im } g_R$  very sensitive to  $\text{Im } g_R$ !

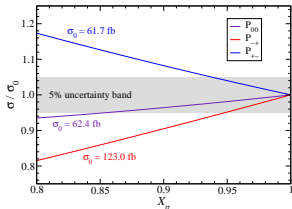
An all-time classic:  $t \rightarrow Wb$  vs  $b \rightarrow s\gamma$  ( $3\sigma$  limits)

| Top observables               |                     | $b \rightarrow s\gamma$          |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| $\text{Re } V_L \leq 0.62$    | $(\sigma_{tW})$     | $\text{Re } V_L \leq 0.83$       |
| $\text{Re } V_L \geq 1.21$    |                     | $\text{Re } V_L \geq 1.07$       |
| $\text{Re } V_R \leq -0.111$  | $(\rho_+)$          | $\text{Re } V_R \leq -0.0015$    |
| $\text{Re } V_R \geq 0.18$    |                     | $\text{Re } V_R \geq 0.0032$     |
| $ \text{Im } V_R  \geq 0.14$  | $(\rho_+)$          | $ \text{Im } V_R  \gtrsim 0.01$  |
| $\text{Re } g_L \leq -0.083$  | $(\rho_+)$          | $\text{Re } g_L \leq -0.0019$    |
| $\text{Re } g_L \geq 0.051$   |                     | $\text{Re } g_L \geq 0.00090$    |
| $ \text{Im } g_L  \geq 0.065$ | $(\rho_+)$          | $ \text{Im } g_L  \gtrsim 0.006$ |
| $ \text{Re } g_R  \geq 0.056$ | $(A_+)$             | $\text{Re } g_R \leq -0.33$      |
|                               |                     | $\text{Re } g_R \geq 0.76$       |
| $ \text{Im } g_R  \geq 0.115$ | $(A_{\text{FB}}^N)$ | –                                |

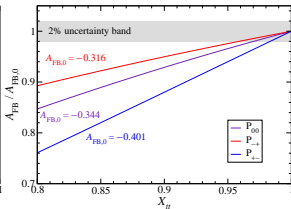
TIME FOR THE WINE!  
THANK YOU

# ILC: $X_{tt}^L$ dependence of observables

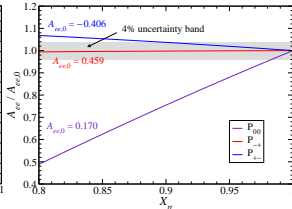
Total xsec



FB asymmetry




Sample spin asymmetry



★ Statistical errors  $\lesssim 0.5\%$  for  $L = 1000 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  and any beam polarisation

★ Reasonable (?) systematic errors:  $\Delta\sigma/\sigma = 5\%$   
 $\Delta A_{FB}/A_{FB} = 2\%$      $\Delta A_{ee}/A_{ee} = 4\%$

★ Precision  $\Delta X_{tt}/X_{tt} \simeq 0.02$  for  $P_{00}$  or  $P_{+-}$

★  $A_{ee}$  very sensitive for  $P_{00}$  

Use LHC input on  
anomalous  $Wtb$  couplings



Expected precisions for LHC measurements:

$$t\text{-channel : } \frac{\Delta\sigma}{\sigma} = 1.8\% \text{ (stat)} \oplus 10\% \text{ (sys)}$$

$$s\text{-channel : } \frac{\Delta\sigma}{\sigma} = 20\% \text{ (stat)} \oplus 48\% \text{ (sys)}$$

$$tW : \frac{\Delta\sigma}{\sigma} = 6.6\% \text{ (stat)} \oplus 19.4\% \text{ (sys)}$$

$$R : \Delta R = 0.5\% \text{ (stat)} \oplus 5\% \text{ (sys)} \quad (?)$$

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# Measuring $V_{td}$ , $V_{ts}$ , $V_{tb}$ at LHC

Fit top mixings  $V_{td}$ ,  $V_{ts}$ ,  $V_{tb}$  combining constraints from

$$R = \frac{\text{Br}(t \rightarrow Wb)}{\text{Br}(t \rightarrow Wq)} = \frac{|V_{tb}|^2}{|V_{td}|^2 + |V_{ts}|^2 + |V_{tb}|^2}$$

and single top xsec, in final states with a  $b$ -tagged jet

$$\sigma(tj) = [678.6 |V_{td}|^2 + 270.2 |V_{ts}|^2 + 149.1 |V_{tb}|^2] R \text{ pb}$$

$$\sigma(\bar{t}j) = [233.3 |V_{td}|^2 + 163.0 |V_{ts}|^2 + 84.17 |V_{tb}|^2] R \text{ pb}$$

$$\sigma(t\bar{b}) = 4.28 |V_{tb}|^2 R \text{ pb}$$

$$\sigma(\bar{t}b) = 2.61 |V_{tb}|^2 R \text{ pb}$$

$$\sigma(tW) = [259.4 |V_{td}|^2 + 59.78 |V_{ts}|^2 + 27.57 |V_{tb}|^2] R \text{ pb}$$

$$\sigma(\bar{t}W) = [94.81 |V_{td}|^2 + 59.78 |V_{ts}|^2 + 27.57 |V_{tb}|^2] R \text{ pb}$$

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## Form factors including $b$ mass

$$(x_b = m_b/mt, x_W = M_W/m_t)$$

$$A_0 = \frac{m_t^2}{M_W^2} \left[ |V_L|^2 + |V_R|^2 \right] (1 - x_W^2) + \left[ |g_L|^2 + |g_R|^2 \right] (1 - x_W^2) - 4x_b \operatorname{Re} [V_L V_R^* + g_L g_R^*] \\ - 2 \frac{m_t}{M_W} \operatorname{Re} [V_L g_R^* + V_R g_L^*] (1 - x_W^2) + 2 \frac{m_t}{M_W} x_b \operatorname{Re} [V_L g_L^* + V_R g_R^*] (1 + x_W^2)$$

$$A_1 = \frac{m_t^2}{M_W^2} \left[ |V_L|^2 - |V_R|^2 \right] - \left[ |g_L|^2 - |g_R|^2 \right] - 2 \frac{m_t}{M_W} \operatorname{Re} [V_L g_R^* - V_R g_L^*] + 2 \frac{m_t}{M_W} x_b \operatorname{Re} [V_L g_L^* - V_R g_R^*]$$

$$B_0 = \left[ |V_L|^2 + |V_R|^2 \right] (1 - x_W^2) + \frac{m_t^2}{M_W^2} \left[ |g_L|^2 + |g_R|^2 \right] (1 - x_W^2) - 4x_b \operatorname{Re} [V_L V_R^* + g_L g_R^*] \\ - 2 \frac{m_t}{M_W} \operatorname{Re} [V_L g_R^* + V_R g_L^*] (1 - x_W^2) + 2 \frac{m_t}{M_W} x_b \operatorname{Re} [V_L g_L^* + V_R g_R^*] (1 + x_W^2)$$

$$B_1 = - \left[ |V_L|^2 - |V_R|^2 \right] + \frac{m_t^2}{M_W^2} \left[ |g_L|^2 - |g_R|^2 \right] + 2 \frac{m_t}{M_W} \operatorname{Re} [V_L g_R^* - V_R g_L^*] + 2 \frac{m_t}{M_W} x_b \operatorname{Re} [V_L g_L^* - V_R g_R^*]$$

$$C_0 = \left[ |V_L|^2 + |V_R|^2 + |g_L|^2 + |g_R|^2 \right] (1 - x_W^2) - 2x_b \operatorname{Re} [V_L V_R^* + g_L g_R^*] (1 + x_W^2) \\ - \frac{m_t}{M_W} \operatorname{Re} [V_L g_R^* + V_R g_L^*] (1 - x_W^4) + 4x_W x_b \operatorname{Re} [V_L g_L^* + V_R g_R^*]$$

$$C_1 = 2 \left[ -|V_L|^2 + |V_R|^2 + |g_L|^2 - |g_R|^2 \right] + 2 \frac{m_t}{M_W} \operatorname{Re} [V_L g_R^* - V_R g_L^*] (1 + x_W^2)$$

$$D_0 = \frac{m_t}{M_W} \operatorname{Im} [V_L g_R^* + V_R g_L^*] (1 - 2x_W^2 + x_W^4)$$

$$D_1 = -4x_b \operatorname{Im} [V_L V_R^* + g_L g_R^*] - 2 \frac{m_t}{M_W} \operatorname{Im} [V_L g_R^* - V_R g_L^*] (1 - x_W^2)$$

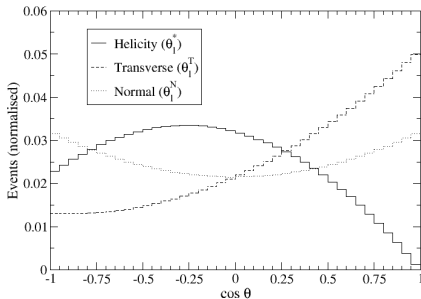
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# How to measure polarisation fractions?

$\ell$  distributions in  $W$  rest frame

( $P = 1$ )

$$\frac{1}{\Gamma} \frac{d\Gamma}{d\cos\theta_\ell^X} = \frac{3}{8}(1 + \cos\theta_\ell^X)^2 F_+^X + \frac{3}{8}(1 - \cos\theta_\ell^X)^2 F_-^X + \frac{3}{4}\sin^2\theta_\ell^X F_0^X$$



$\theta_\ell^*$   $\rightarrow$  angle between  $\ell$ ,  $\vec{q}$

determine  $F_+$ ,  $F_0$ ,  $F_-$

$\theta_\ell^T$   $\rightarrow$  angle between  $\ell$ ,  $\vec{T}$

determine  $F_+^T$ ,  $F_0^T$ ,  $F_-^T$

$\theta_\ell^N$   $\rightarrow$  angle between  $\ell$ ,  $\vec{N}$

determine  $F_+^N$ ,  $F_0^N$ ,  $F_-^N$

# How to measure polarisation fractions?

... and when  $P \neq 1$ , distributions determined by “effective”  $F$ s

$$\tilde{F}_+^{T,N} = \left[ \frac{1+P}{2} F_+^{T,N} + \frac{1-P}{2} F_-^{T,N} \right]$$

$$\tilde{F}_-^{T,N} = \left[ \frac{1+P}{2} F_-^{T,N} + \frac{1-P}{2} F_+^{T,N} \right]$$

$$\tilde{F}_0^{T,N} = F_0^{T,N}$$

of course,  $F_+$ ,  $F_0$ ,  $F_-$  determined independently of  $P$

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