Collider Phenomenology — From basic knowledge to new physics searches

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Main reference: TASI 04 Lecture notes hep-ph/0508097, plus the other related lectures in this school. III(a). An  $e^+e^-$  Linear Collider (ILC)

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As for the differential production cross section of two-particle a, b,

$$\frac{d\sigma(e^+e^- \to ab)}{d\cos\theta} = \frac{\beta}{32\pi s} \overline{\sum} |\mathcal{M}|^2$$

where

•  $\beta = \lambda^{1/2}(1, m_a^2/s, m_b^2/s)$ , is the speed factor for the out-going particles in the c.m. frame, and  $p_{cm} = \beta \sqrt{s}/2$ ,

•  $\sum |\mathcal{M}|^2$  the squared matrix element, summed and averaged over quantum numbers (like color and spins etc.)

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Total cross sections and event rates for SM processes:



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Exercise 3.1: sketch the derivation of these two formulas, assuming a Gaussian distribution for

$$\frac{dL}{d\sqrt{\hat{s}}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi} \ \Delta} \exp\left[\frac{-(\sqrt{\hat{s}} - \sqrt{s})^2}{2\Delta^2}\right]$$

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### (C). Fermion production:

Common processes:  $e^-e^+ \rightarrow f\bar{f}$ . For most of the situations, the scattering matrix element can be casted into a  $V \pm A$  chiral structure of the form (sometimes with the help of Fierz transformations)

$$\mathcal{M} = rac{e^2}{s} Q_{lphaeta} \left[ \bar{v}_{e^+}(p_2) \gamma^{\mu} P_{lpha} u_{e^-}(p_1) \right] \left[ \bar{\psi}_f(q_1) \gamma_{\mu} P_{eta} \psi'_{ar{f}}(q_2) \right],$$

where  $P_{\mp} = (1 \mp \gamma_5)/2$  are the L, R chirality projection operators, and  $Q_{\alpha\beta}$  are the bilinear couplings governed by the underlying physics of the interactions with the intermediate propagating fields. With this structure, the scattering matrix element squared:

$$\overline{\sum} |\mathcal{M}|^2 = \frac{e^4}{s^2} \left[ (|Q_{LL}|^2 + |Q_{RR}|^2) u_i u_j + (|Q_{LL}|^2 + |Q_{RL}|^2) t_i t_j + 2Re(Q_{LL}^* Q_{LR} + Q_{RR}^* Q_{RL}) m_f m_{\bar{f}} s \right],$$

where  $t_i = t - m_i^2 = (p_1 - q_1)^2 - m_i^2$  and  $u_i = u - m_i^2 = (p_1 - q_2)^2 - m_i^2$ .

Exercise 3.2: Verify this formula.

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### (E). Gauge boson radiation:

A qualitatively different process is initiated from gauge boson radiation, typically off fermions:



The simplest case is the photon radiation off an electron, like:

$$e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+, \ \gamma^*e^- \rightarrow e^+e^-.$$

The dominant features are due to the result of a t-channel singularity, induced by the collinear photon splitting:

$$\sigma(e^-a \to e^-X) \approx \int dx \ P_{\gamma/e}(x) \ \sigma(\gamma a \to X).$$

The so called the effective photon approximation.

For an electron of energy E, the probability of finding a collinear photon of energy xE is given by

$$P_{\gamma/e}(x) = \frac{\alpha}{2\pi} \frac{1 + (1 - x)^2}{x} \ln \frac{E^2}{m_e^2},$$

known as the Weizsäcker-Williams spectrum. Exercise 3.3: Try to derive this splitting function.

We see that:

- $m_e$  enters the log to regularize the collinear singularity;
- 1/x leads to the infrared behavior of the photon;
- This picture of the photon probability distribution is also valid for other photon spectrum:

Based on the back-scattering laser technique, it has been proposed to produce much harder photon spectrum, to construct a "photon collider"...

A similar picture may be envisioned for the electroweak massive gauge bosons,  $V = W^{\pm}, Z$ .

Consider a fermion f of energy E, the probability of finding a (nearly) collinear gauge boson V of energy xE and transverse momentum  $p_T$  (with respect to  $\vec{p}_f$ ) is approximated by

$$P_{V/f}^{T}(x, p_{T}^{2}) = \frac{g_{V}^{2} + g_{A}^{2}}{8\pi^{2}} \frac{1 + (1 - x)^{2}}{x} \frac{p_{T}^{2}}{(p_{T}^{2} + (1 - x)M_{V}^{2})^{2}},$$
  

$$P_{V/f}^{L}(x, p_{T}^{2}) = \frac{g_{V}^{2} + g_{A}^{2}}{4\pi^{2}} \frac{1 - x}{x} \frac{(1 - x)M_{V}^{2}}{(p_{T}^{2} + (1 - x)M_{V}^{2})^{2}}.$$

Although the collinear scattering would not be a good approximation until reaching very high energies  $\sqrt{s} \gg M_V$ , it is instructive to consider the qualitative features.

### (F). Beam polarization:

One of the merits for an  $e^+e^-$  linear collider is the possible high polarization for both beams.

Consider first the longitudinal polarization along the beam line direction. Denote the average  $e^{\pm}$  beam polarization by  $P_{\pm}^{L}$ , with  $P_{\pm}^{L} = -1$  purely left-handed and +1 purely right-handed.

The polarized squared matrix element, based on the helicity amplitudes  $\mathcal{M}_{\sigma_{e}-\sigma_{e+}}$ :

$$\overline{\sum} |\mathcal{M}|^2 = \frac{1}{4} [(1 - P_-^L)(1 - P_+^L)|\mathcal{M}_{--}|^2 + (1 - P_-^L)(1 + P_+^L)|\mathcal{M}_{-+}|^2 + (1 + P_-^L)(1 + P_+^L)|\mathcal{M}_{++}|^2].$$

Since the electroweak interactions of the SM and beyond are chiral: Certain helicity amplitudes can be suppressed or enhanced by properly choosing the beam polarizations: *e.g.*,  $W^{\pm}$  exchange ... Furthermore, it is possible to produce transversely polarized beams with the help of a spin-rotator.

If the beams present average polarizations with respect to a specific direction perpendicular to the beam line direction,  $-1 < P_{\pm}^T < 1$ , then there will be one additional term in the limit  $m_e \rightarrow 0$ ,

$$\frac{1}{4} \ 2 \ P_{-}^{T} P_{+}^{T} \ \mathsf{Re}(\mathcal{M}_{-+} \mathcal{M}_{+-}^{*}).$$

The transverse polarization is particularly important when the interactions produce an asymmetry in azimuthal angle, such as the effect of CP violation.

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Significant implications (D. Gross, D. Politzer, F. Wilczek, Nobel Prize 2004): † Confinement at low energies (hadrons: the observable world);

- † Asymptotic freedom at high energies (quarks, gluons and perturbation techniques);
- † Possibility of Grand Unification; Description of the early universe.

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Ultra violet (UV) divergence (beyond leading order) is renormalized; Infra-red (IR) divergence is cancelled by soft gluon emissions; Co-linear divergence (massless) is factorized into PDF – The essence of "factorization theorem".  $\dagger P(x,Q^2)$  is the "Parton Distribution Functions" (PDF): The probability of finding a parton P with a momentum fraction x inside a proton.

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Better understanding of the SM cross section, in particular in QCD are crucial for observing new physics as deviations from the SM.

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† For most of the purposes in high energy collisions, we do not need to keep track of the individual hadrons, and thus the collective and collimated hadrons form a "jet".



# III(c). Hadron Collider Physics

### (A). New HEP frontier: the LHC Major discoveries and excitement ahead ...



ATLAS (90m underground) CMS

(New mission started in March 2010.)



LHC Event rates for various SM processes:



 $10^{34}/\text{cm}^2/\text{s} \Rightarrow 100 \text{ fb}^{-1}/\text{yr}.$ Annual yield # of events =  $\sigma \times L_{int}$ : 10B  $W^{\pm}$ ; 100M  $t\bar{t}$ ; 10M  $W^+W^-$ ; 1M  $H^0...$ Great potential to open a new chapter of HEP!

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Accurate (higher orders) partonic cross sections σ<sub>parton</sub>(s).
Parton distributions functions to the extreme (density): Q<sup>2</sup> ~ (a few TeV)<sup>2</sup>, x ~ 10<sup>-3</sup> - 10<sup>-6</sup>. Experimental challenges:

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The four-momentum vector transforms as

$$\begin{pmatrix} E'\\ p'_z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma & -\gamma & \beta_{cm} \\ -\gamma & \beta_{cm} & \gamma \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} E\\ p_z \end{pmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{pmatrix} \cosh y_{cm} & -\sinh y_{cm} \\ -\sinh y_{cm} & \cosh y_{cm} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} E\\ p_z \end{pmatrix}.$$

This is often called the "boost".

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$$E_T = \sqrt{p_T^2 + m^2}, \quad y = \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{E + p_z}{E - p_z},$$
  

$$p^{\mu} = (E_T \cosh y, \ p_T \sin \phi, \ p_T \cos \phi, \ E_T \sinh y),$$
  

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- $m_T > 40 \text{ GeV}.$

$$m_T = \sqrt{2p_T^\ell p_T^\nu (1 - \cos(\Delta \phi_{\ell,\nu}))}$$



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=  $2E_{eT}E_{T}^{miss}(1 - \cos\phi) \le m_{e\nu}^{2}$ .



If  $p_T(W) = 0$ , then  $m_{e\nu} T = 2E_{eT} = 2E_T^{miss}$ .

Exercise 5.1: For a two-body final state kinematics, show that

$$\frac{d\hat{\sigma}}{dp_{eT}} = \frac{4p_{eT}}{s\sqrt{1 - 4p_{eT}^2/s}} \frac{d\hat{\sigma}}{d\cos\theta^*}.$$

where  $p_{eT} = p_e \sin \theta^*$  is the transverse momentum and  $\theta^*$  is the polar angle in the c.m. frame. Comment on the apparent singularity at  $p_{eT}^2 = s/4$ .

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YOU design an optimal variable/observable for the search.

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Consider a squark cascade decay:



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Special kinematics for massive gauge boson fusion processes: For the accompanying jets,

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At high- $p_{jT}$ ,

$$\frac{\frac{d\sigma(V_T)}{dp_{jT}^2} \propto 1/p_{jT}^2}{\frac{d\sigma(V_L)}{dp_{jT}^2} \propto 1/p_{jT}^4} \begin{cases} central \ jet \ vetoing \end{cases}$$

has become important tools for Higgs searches, single-top signal etc.

# (C). Charge forward-backward asymmetry $A_{FB}$ :

The coupling vertex of a vector boson  $V_{\mu}$  to an arbitrary fermion pair f

 $i \sum_{\tau}^{L,R} g_{\tau}^{f} \gamma^{\mu} P_{\tau} \longrightarrow$  crucial to probe chiral structures.

The parton-level forward-backward asymmetry is defined as

$$A_{FB}^{i,f} \equiv \frac{N_F - N_B}{N_F + N_B} = \frac{3}{4} \mathcal{A}_i \mathcal{A}_f,$$
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where  $N_F(N_B)$  is the number of events in the forward (backward) direction defined in the parton c.m. frame relative to the initial-state fermion  $\vec{p_i}$ .

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thus define an asymmetry angle.