# Jet angular correlation in vector-boson fusion processes at hadron colliders

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### Azimuthal correlation between jets in Hjj events

T.Plehn, D.Rainwater, D.Zeppenfeld (2002)



- Azimuthal correlations reflect the tensor structures of the HVV coupling. Why does each tensor structure give such distributions?
- How about the correlation for spin-2 massive gravitons?

#### Subprocesses for X + 2 jet events



KK gravitons: emitted from each of  $\bullet$  and  $\Box$ 

Due to the *t*-channel propagators, the Xjj events via the VBF processes are dominantly produced when  $Q_i^2$  are small, and hence the initial partons scatter to far forward and backward.

 $\implies$  The large rapidity separation cut, or the VBF cut, can select the VBF diagram among the full diagrams.



The helicity amplitudes for VBF processes

$$\mathcal{M}_{\sigma_{1}\sigma_{3},\sigma_{2}\sigma_{4}}^{\lambda} = J^{\mu_{1}'}(k_{1},k_{3};\sigma_{1},\sigma_{3}) \frac{-g_{\mu_{1}'\mu_{1}} + \frac{q_{1\mu_{1}'}q_{1\mu_{1}}}{m_{V}^{2}}}{q_{1}^{2} - m_{V}^{2}} J^{\mu_{2}'}(k_{2},k_{4};\sigma_{2},\sigma_{4}) \frac{-g_{\mu_{2}'\mu_{2}} + \frac{q_{2\mu_{2}'}q_{2\mu_{2}}}{m_{V}^{2}}}{q_{2}^{2} - m_{V}^{2}} \Gamma_{XVV}^{\mu_{1}\mu_{2}}(q_{1},q_{2};\lambda)^{*}$$

can be expressed by using

completeness relation 
$$-g_{\mu'\mu} + \frac{q_{i\mu'}q_{i\mu}}{q_i^2} = \sum_{\lambda_i=\pm,0} (-1)^{\lambda_i+1} \epsilon_{\mu'}(q_i,\lambda_i)^* \epsilon_{\mu}(q_i,\lambda_i)$$

current conservation

$$q_{i\mu}J^{\mu}(k_i, k_{i+2}; \sigma_i, \sigma_{i+2}) = 0$$

as the product of the three helicity amplitudes summed over the polarization of the intermediate vector-bosons:

$$\mathcal{M}_{\sigma_{1}\sigma_{3},\sigma_{2}\sigma_{4}}^{\lambda} = \frac{1}{q_{1}^{2} - m_{V}^{2}} J^{\mu_{1}'}(k_{1},k_{3};\sigma_{1},\sigma_{3}) \sum_{\lambda_{1}=\pm,0}^{\lambda_{1}=\pm,0} (-1)^{\lambda_{1}+1} \epsilon_{\mu_{1}'}(q_{1},\lambda_{1})^{*} \epsilon_{\mu_{1}}(q_{1},\lambda_{1})$$

$$\times \frac{1}{q_{2}^{2} - m_{V}^{2}} J^{\mu_{2}'}(k_{2},k_{4};\sigma_{2},\sigma_{4}) \sum_{\lambda_{2}=\pm,0}^{\lambda_{1}=\pm,0} (-1)^{\lambda_{2}+1} \epsilon_{\mu_{2}'}(q_{2},\lambda_{2})^{*} \epsilon_{\mu_{2}}(q_{2},\lambda_{2})$$

$$\times \Gamma_{XVV}^{\mu_{1}\mu_{2}}(q_{1},q_{2};\lambda)^{*}$$

$$= \frac{1}{(q_{1}^{2} - m_{V}^{2})(q_{2}^{2} - m_{V}^{2})} \sum_{\lambda_{1}=\pm,0} \sum_{\lambda_{2}=\pm,0} \mathcal{J}_{1\sigma_{1}\sigma_{3}}^{\lambda_{1}} \mathcal{J}_{2\sigma_{2}\sigma_{4}}^{\lambda_{2}} \mathcal{M}_{X_{\lambda_{1}\lambda_{2}}}^{\lambda_{1}}$$

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Breit frame 
$$(Q_1 = \sqrt{-q_1^2}, \ 0 < \theta_1 < \pi/2)$$
:  
 $q_1^{\mu} = k_1^{\mu} - k_3^{\mu} = (0, \ 0, \ 0, \ Q_1)$   
 $k_1^{\mu} = \frac{Q_1}{2\cos\theta_1}(1, \sin\theta_1\cos\phi_1, \sin\theta_1\sin\phi_1, \cos\theta_1)$   
 $k_3^{\mu} = \frac{Q_1}{2\cos\theta_1}(1, \sin\theta_1\cos\phi_1, \sin\theta_1\sin\phi_1, -\cos\theta_1)$ 

II) 
$$q_2$$
 Breit frame  $(Q_2 = \sqrt{-q_2^2}, \pi/2 < \theta_2 < \pi)$ :  
 $q_2^{\mu} = k_2^{\mu} - k_4^{\mu} = (0, 0, 0, -Q_2)$   
 $k_2^{\mu} = -\frac{Q_2}{2\cos\theta_2}(1, \sin\theta_2\cos\phi_2, \sin\theta_2\sin\phi_2, \cos\theta_2)$   
 $k_4^{\mu} = -\frac{Q_2}{2\cos\theta_2}(1, \sin\theta_2\cos\phi_2, \sin\theta_2\sin\phi_2, -\cos\theta_2)$ 

III) VBF frame (X rest frame):

$$\begin{aligned} q_{1}^{\mu} + q_{2}^{\mu} &= P^{\mu} = q_{1}^{\prime \mu} + q_{2}^{\prime \mu} = (M, 0, 0, 0) \\ q_{1}^{\mu} &= \frac{M}{2} \Big( 1 - \frac{Q_{1}^{2} - Q_{2}^{2}}{M^{2}}, 0, 0, \beta \Big); \qquad q_{1}^{\prime \mu} = \frac{M}{2} \Big( 1 + \frac{Q_{1}^{\prime 2} - Q_{2}^{\prime 2}}{M^{2}}, \beta^{\prime} \sin \Theta, 0, \beta^{\prime} \cos \Theta \Big) \\ q_{2}^{\mu} &= \frac{M}{2} \Big( 1 - \frac{Q_{2}^{2} - Q_{1}^{2}}{M^{2}}, 0, 0, -\beta \Big); \qquad q_{2}^{\prime \mu} = \frac{M}{2} \Big( 1 + \frac{Q_{2}^{\prime 2} - Q_{1}^{\prime 2}}{M^{2}}, -\beta^{\prime} \sin \Theta, 0, -\beta^{\prime} \cos \Theta \Big) \end{aligned}$$



 $\mathcal{J}_{i\sigma_{i}\sigma_{i+2}}^{\lambda_{i}} = (-1)^{\lambda_{i}+1} J^{\mu}(k_{i}, k_{i+2}; \sigma_{i}, \sigma_{i+2}) \epsilon_{\mu}(q_{i}, \lambda_{i})^{*}$ 

• Quark current vectors

$$J_{Vff'}^{\mu}(k_i, k_{i+2}; \sigma_i, \sigma_{i+2}) = g_{\sigma_i}^{Vff'} \, \bar{u}_{f'}(k_{i+2}, \sigma_{i+2}) \, \gamma^{\mu} \, u_f(k_i, \sigma_i)$$

• Gluon current vectors

$$J_{ggg}^{\mu}(k_{i},k_{i+2};\sigma_{i},\sigma_{i+2}) = g_{s}f^{abc} \epsilon_{\alpha}^{b}(k_{i},\sigma_{i}) \epsilon_{\beta}^{c}(k_{i+2},\sigma_{i+2})^{*} \\ \times \left[ -g^{\alpha\beta}(k_{i}+k_{i+2})^{\mu} - g^{\beta\mu}(-k_{i+2}+q_{i})^{\alpha} - g^{\mu\alpha}(-q_{i}-k_{i})^{\beta} \right]$$

• Wavefunctions for the *t*-channel vector-bosons

$$\epsilon^{\mu}(q_1,\pm) = rac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(0,\mp 1,-i,0);$$
  $\epsilon^{\mu}(q_2,\pm) = rac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(0,\mp 1,i,0)$   
 $\epsilon^{\mu}(q_1,0) = (1,0,0,0);$   $\epsilon^{\mu}(q_2,0) = (-1,0,0,0)$ 





•  $VV \rightarrow X$  fusion amplitudes:

$$\mathcal{M}_{X_{\lambda_1\lambda_2}}^{\lambda} = \epsilon_{\mu}(q_1,\lambda_1) \, \epsilon_{\nu}(q_2,\lambda_2) \, \Gamma_{XVV}^{\mu\nu}(q_1,q_2;\lambda)^*$$

• Effective Lagrangian:

$$\mathcal{L}_{H,A} = -\frac{1}{4} g_{Hgg} H F^a_{\mu\nu} F^{a,\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{4} g_{Agg} A F^a_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{a,\mu\nu}$$
$$\mathcal{L}_G = -\frac{1}{\Lambda} T^{\mu\nu} G_{\mu\nu}$$

• XVV vertex:

X	$(\lambda)$	V	${\sf \Gamma}_{XVV}^{\mu u}/g_{XVV}$
H	(0)	W, Z	$g^{\mu u}$
H	(0)	$\gamma, Z/\gamma, g$	$q_1 \cdot q_2  g^{\mu u} - q_2^\mu q_1^ u$
A	(0)	$\gamma, Z/\gamma, g$	$\epsilon^{\mu ulphaeta}q_{1lpha}q_{2eta}$ – –
G	$(\pm 2,\pm 1,0)$	$W\!,Z,\gamma,g$	$\epsilon_{lphaeta}\widehat{\Gamma}^{lphaeta\mu u}_{GVV}$

\*  $\epsilon^{\alpha\beta}(P,\lambda)$ : the polarization tensor;  $\widehat{\Gamma}^{\alpha\beta\mu\nu}_{GVV}(q_1,q_2)$ : the GVV vertex



		$C_{\perp}$	P-even	$CP ext{-odd}$
$\lambda$	$(\lambda_1\lambda_2)$	H(WBF)	H(loop-induced)	A
0	(±±)	-1	$-\frac{1}{2}(M^2+Q_1^2+Q_2^2)$	$\mp \frac{i}{2}\sqrt{(M^2 + Q_1^2 + Q_2^2)^2 - 4Q_1^2Q_2^2}$
0	(00)	$\frac{M^2 + Q_1^2 + Q_2^2}{2Q_1Q_2}$	$ Q_1Q_2$	0

For  $Q_1, Q_2 \ll M$ , where the VBF contributions dominant,

- WBF *H*: produced by the longitudinally polarized vector-bosons.
- GF H/A: produced by the transversely polarized vector-bosons.



$\lambda$	$(\lambda_1\lambda_2)$	G
±2	$(\pm\mp)$	$-(M^2 + Q_1^2 + Q_2^2)$
$\pm 1$	(±0)	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}M}Q_2(M^2 - Q_1^2 + Q_2^2)$
$\pm 1$	(0干)	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}M}Q_1(M^2+Q_1^2-Q_2^2)$
0	$(\pm\pm)$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}M^2} \left[ (Q_1^2 - Q_2^2)^2 + M^2 (Q_1^2 + Q_2^2) \right]$
0	(00)	$-\frac{4}{\sqrt{6}}Q_1Q_2$

For  $Q_1, Q_2 \ll M$ , the  $\lambda = \pm 2$  states are dominantly produced through the collisions of the vector-bosons which have the opposite-sign transverse polarization.

#### Azimuthal correlations for Higgs bosons

The J = 0 VBF amplitudes are the sum of the three amplitudes:

$$\mathcal{M}_{\sigma_{1}\sigma_{3},\sigma_{2}\sigma_{4}}^{\lambda=0} = \frac{1}{(Q_{1}^{2}+m_{V}^{2})(Q_{2}^{2}+m_{V}^{2})} \sum_{\lambda_{1}=\pm,0} \sum_{\lambda_{2}=\pm,0} \mathcal{J}_{1\sigma_{1}\sigma_{3}}^{\lambda_{1}} \mathcal{J}_{2\sigma_{2}\sigma_{4}}^{\lambda_{2}} \mathcal{M}_{X}_{\lambda_{1}\lambda_{2}}^{\lambda=0}$$
$$\sim \hat{\mathcal{J}}_{1\sigma_{1}\sigma_{3}}^{+} \hat{\mathcal{J}}_{2\sigma_{2}\sigma_{4}}^{-} \hat{\mathcal{M}}_{X}_{++}^{0} e^{-i(\phi_{1}-\phi_{2})} + \hat{\mathcal{J}}_{1\sigma_{1}\sigma_{3}}^{0} \hat{\mathcal{J}}_{2\sigma_{2}\sigma_{4}}^{0} \hat{\mathcal{M}}_{X}_{00}^{0}$$
$$+ \hat{\mathcal{J}}_{1\sigma_{1}\sigma_{3}}^{-} \hat{\mathcal{J}}_{2\sigma_{2}\sigma_{4}}^{-} \hat{\mathcal{M}}_{X}_{--}^{0} e^{i(\phi_{1}-\phi_{2})}$$

The squared amplitudes are

$$\sum_{\sigma_{1,\dots,4}} \left| \mathcal{M}_{\sigma_{1}\sigma_{3},\sigma_{2}\sigma_{4}}^{\lambda=0} \right|^{2} = \Sigma_{0} + \Sigma_{1} \cos \Delta \phi + \Sigma_{2} \cos 2\Delta \phi \quad (\Delta \phi \equiv \phi_{1} - \phi_{2})$$

The azimuthal correlation is manifestly expressed by the interference among different helicity states of the intermediate vector-bosons.

The different tensor structures of the XVV couplings give rise to the different azimuthal angle dependences:

 $\begin{array}{ll} H(\mathsf{WBF}): \ \mathcal{M}_{00} \gg \mathcal{M}_{++} = \mathcal{M}_{--} & \Rightarrow & d\widehat{\sigma}/d\Delta\phi \sim \mathsf{constant} \\ H(\mathsf{GF}): & \mathcal{M}_{00} \ll \mathcal{M}_{++} = \mathcal{M}_{--} & \Rightarrow & d\widehat{\sigma}/d\Delta\phi \sim \Sigma_0 + |\Sigma_2|\cos 2\Delta\phi \\ A: & \mathcal{M}_{00} = 0, \ \mathcal{M}_{++} = -\mathcal{M}_{--} \Rightarrow & d\widehat{\sigma}/d\Delta\phi \sim \Sigma_0 - |\Sigma_2|\cos 2\Delta\phi \end{array}$ 

#### $\Delta \phi$ distributions for Higgs bosons



 $\implies$  The VBF contributions can reproduce the distributions with the exact matrix elements very well even for the GF processes.

#### Azimuthal correlations for gravitons

The VBF G production plus its 2-body decay amplitudes are

$$\mathcal{M}_{\sigma_{1,\dots,4};\sigma_{5,6}} = \frac{1}{Q_{1}^{2}Q_{2}^{2}} \sum_{\lambda_{1}} \sum_{\lambda_{2}} \mathcal{J}_{1}_{\sigma_{1}\sigma_{3}}^{\lambda_{1}} \mathcal{J}_{2}_{\sigma_{2}\sigma_{4}}^{\lambda_{2}} \mathcal{M}_{G_{\lambda_{1}\lambda_{2}}}^{\lambda=\lambda_{1}-\lambda_{2}} \frac{d_{\lambda,\lambda'}^{2}(\Theta)}{P^{2} - M^{2} + iM\Gamma} \mathcal{M}_{G\sigma_{5}\sigma_{6}}^{\prime} - \sigma_{6}$$

$$\sim \quad \hat{\mathcal{J}}_{1}_{\sigma_{1}\sigma_{3}}^{+} \hat{\mathcal{J}}_{2}_{\sigma_{2}\sigma_{4}}^{-} \hat{\mathcal{M}}_{G_{+-}}^{+2} e^{-i(\phi_{1}+\phi_{2})} d_{+2,\lambda'}^{2}(\Theta)$$

$$+ \quad \hat{\mathcal{J}}_{1}_{\sigma_{1}\sigma_{3}}^{-} \hat{\mathcal{J}}_{2}_{\sigma_{2}\sigma_{4}}^{+} \hat{\mathcal{M}}_{G_{-+}}^{-2} e^{i(\phi_{1}+\phi_{2})} d_{-2,\lambda'}^{2}(\Theta)$$

The squared amplitudes are

$$\sum_{\sigma_{1,\dots,4}} \left| \mathcal{M}_{\sigma_{1,\dots,4};\sigma_{5,6}} \right|^2 = \Sigma_0 + \Sigma_1 \cos 2\Phi \quad (\Phi \equiv \phi_1 + \phi_2)$$

where

$$\Sigma_{0} \propto \left(d_{+2,\lambda'}^{2}(\Theta)\right)^{2} + \left(d_{-2,\lambda'}^{2}(\Theta)\right)^{2} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{8}(1+6\cos^{2}\Theta+\cos^{4}\Theta) & \text{for } \lambda'=\pm 2\\ \frac{1}{2}(1-\cos^{4}\Theta) & \text{for } \lambda'=\pm 1\\ \frac{3}{4}\sin^{4}\Theta & \text{for } \lambda'=0 \end{cases}$$
$$\Sigma_{1} \propto 2 d_{+2,\lambda'}^{2}(\Theta) d_{-2,\lambda'}^{2}(\Theta) = \begin{cases} +\frac{1}{8}\sin^{4}\Theta & \text{for } \lambda'=\pm 2\\ -\frac{1}{2}\sin^{4}\Theta & \text{for } \lambda'=\pm 1\\ +\frac{3}{4}\sin^{4}\Theta & \text{for } \lambda'=0 \end{cases}$$

 $\implies$  The azimuthal  $\Phi$  correlations depend on  $\Theta$  and  $\lambda'$ .

## $(\phi_1 - \phi_2)$ distributions for gravitons



"HELAS and MadGraph/MadEvent with spin-2 particles" K.Hagiwara, J.Kanzaki, Q.Li, KM, EPJC(2008) (The code is available at *http://madgraph.kek.jp/KEK/*.)

## $(\phi_1 + \phi_2)$ distributions for gravitons



The  $\Theta$  and  $\lambda'$  dependent azimuthal  $\Phi$  correlations !



- We have studied
  - heavy particle (H/A and G) productions in association with two jets via VBF (=WBF+GF) processes at the LHC.
  - (their decays into 4 leptons/jets via a vector-boson pair.)
- We showed
  - the helicity amplitudes explicitly for the VBF subprocesses.
  - the VBF amplitudes can reproduce the exact matrix elements by imposing the selection (large rapidity separation) cuts.
  - non-trivial azimuthal correlations of the jets are manifestly expressed as the quantum interference among different helicity states of the intermediate vector-bosons.
- These correlations reflect the spin and *CP* nature of the produced heavy particles.