

# The Noncommutative Standard Model: Phenomenology & Beyond $\mathcal{O}(\theta)$

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## Introduction

What is Noncommutative Quantum Field Theory?

Why is it interesting?

Gauge Theories & Charge Quantization

## Seiberg-Witten-Maps

NCSM à la Wess et al.

## Collider Phenomenology of the Noncommutative Standard Model

$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow f\bar{f}$  @ ILC/ $\gamma\gamma$

$PP \rightarrow Z\gamma \rightarrow \ell^+\ell^-\gamma$  @ LHC

$PP \rightarrow W^+W^- \rightarrow \ell\bar{\nu}_\ell jj$  @ LHC

$e^+e^- \rightarrow Z\gamma \rightarrow \ell^+\ell^-\gamma$  @ ILC

## The Noncommutative Standard Model at $\mathcal{O}(\theta^2)$

Seiberg-Witten-Maps & Feynman Rules

Ambiguities

## All-Order $\theta$ Resummation For Simple Models

NCQED

Constraints from Tree-Level-Unitarity

## Conclusions

- ▶ **Quantum mechanics**: measurements of **coordinate** and **momentum** are **complementary**

$$\Delta x_i \cdot \Delta p_j \geq \hbar/2 \cdot \delta_{ij}$$

More formal: the corresponding **operators** don't **commute**

$$[x_i, p_j] = x_i p_j - p_j x_i = i\hbar \delta_{ij}$$

- ▶ **Currently** no exp. evidence for complementary **coordinate pairs**:

$$\Delta x_\mu \cdot \Delta x_\nu \stackrel{?}{=} 0 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad [x_\mu, x_\nu] \stackrel{?}{=} 0$$

- ▶ nevertheless

$$[\hat{x}_\mu, \hat{x}_\nu] = i\theta_{\mu\nu} = i \frac{C_{\mu\nu}}{\Lambda_{\text{NC}}^2}$$

**possible**, as long as **characteristic energy scale**  $\Lambda_{\text{NC}}$  large and corresponding **minimal area** in the  $e_\mu \wedge e_\nu$ -plane

$$a_{\text{NC}} = l_{\text{NC}}^2 = 1/\Lambda_{\text{NC}}^2$$

small compared to the resolution of **present** experiments.

## ▶ Fundamental length scale

- ▶  $x_\mu$ -continuum  $\Rightarrow$  lattice of eigenvalues of operators  $\hat{x}_\mu$   
(lattice constant  $\sim 1/\Lambda_{\text{NC}}$ ) [Snyder, Wess]
- ▶ smooth cut off of some divergent contributions  $E > \Lambda_{\text{NC}}$  in quantum gravity (cf.  $\hbar$  and black body radiation)
- $\therefore$  internal and space-time symmetries do not commute any more
- $\therefore$  richer symmetry structure

## ▶ String theory

- ▶ NCQFT is low energy limit of certain string theories [Seiberg, Witten]
- ▶ more than 2000 citations for a single paper written in 1999 ...
- ☹ no prediction for the value of  $\Lambda_{\text{NC}}$

😊 Why not? *Schön ist, Mutter Natur, deiner Erfindung Pracht*  
and everything that is

- ▶ not yet excluded
- ▶ mathematically elegant and consistent, as well as
- ▶ experimentally testable in the near future,

*Ist ein großer Gedanke, Ist des Schweißes der Edlen wert!*

special (simplest) case:  $\theta^{\mu\nu}$  **constant**  $4 \times 4$ -matrix:

$$[\hat{x}^\mu, \hat{x}^\nu] = i\theta^{\mu\nu} = i\frac{1}{\Lambda_{\text{NC}}^2} C^{\mu\nu} = i\frac{1}{\Lambda_{\text{NC}}^2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -E^1 & -E^2 & -E^3 \\ E^1 & 0 & -B^3 & B^2 \\ E^2 & B^3 & 0 & -B^1 \\ E^3 & -B^2 & B^1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

NB: “**electric**” and “**magnetic**” contributions  $\vec{E}$  (i. e.  $\theta^{0i}$ ) and  $\vec{B}$  (i. e.  $\theta^{ij}$ )  
play theoretically and phenomenologically very different rôles

“**fundamentalistic**” approach:

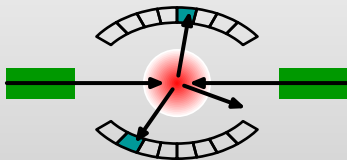
1. construct observables from the operators  $\hat{x}_\mu$
2. develop scattering theory on noncommutative manifolds



**way to complicated . . .**

## typical collider experiment:

- ▶ accelerators prepare **initial state**,
- ▶ that is transformed by the **interaction** under study,
- ▶ a detector registers the resulting **final state**:



- ∴ experiments do **not** study the **coordinates**  $\hat{x}_\mu$  directly, but **functions** on them: **asymptotic states** and **fields**
- ∴ results of observations encoded in **effective lagrangians** as **products of functions**:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{\text{eff.}}(x) = & \cdots + g_2 \bar{\psi}(x) \gamma_\mu (1 - \gamma_5) \psi'(x) W^\mu(x) \\ & + g_3 \sum_{a,b,c} f_{abc} \frac{\partial A_\nu^a}{\partial x^\mu}(x) A^{b,\mu}(x) A^{c,\nu}(x) + \cdots \end{aligned}$$

- ☺ simpler, but **equivalent** realization: replace **all point products** of functions of **noncommuting** coordinates

$$(f \cdot g)(\hat{x}) = f(\hat{x})g(\hat{x})$$

by **Moyal-Weyl-\*-products** of functions of **commuting** coordinates:

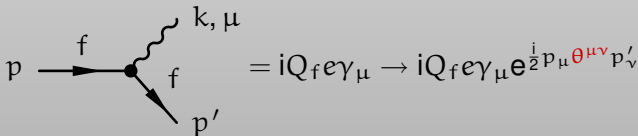
$$(f * g)(x) = f(x) e^{\frac{i}{2} \overleftarrow{\partial}^\mu \theta_{\mu\nu} \overrightarrow{\partial}^\nu} g(x) = f(x)g(x) + \frac{i}{2} \theta_{\mu\nu} \frac{\partial f(x)}{\partial x_\mu} \frac{\partial g(x)}{\partial x_\nu} + \mathcal{O}(\theta^2)$$

- ▶ then  $(x_\mu * x_\nu)(x) = x_\mu x_\nu + \frac{i}{2} \theta_{\mu\nu}$  and in particular

$$[x_\mu * ; x_\nu](x) = (x_\mu * x_\nu)(x) - (x_\nu * x_\mu)(x) = i \theta_{\mu\nu}$$

**NB:** higher orders in  $\theta_{\mu\nu}$  required for **associativity**:  $(f * g) * h = f * (g * h)$

- ▶ **Nonlocal** due to **Moyal-phases**, e. g. for “naive” NCQED



$$p \xrightarrow{f} \bullet \begin{cases} \text{wavy line } k, \mu \\ \text{line } f \end{cases} p'$$

$$= iQ_f e \gamma_\mu \rightarrow iQ_f e \gamma_\mu e^{\frac{i}{2} p_\mu \theta^{\mu\nu} p'_\nu}$$

most obvious **noncommutative extension of gauge theories:**

$$\begin{aligned}\psi &\rightarrow \psi' = e^{ig\eta^*} \psi = \psi + ig\eta^* \psi + \frac{(ig)^2}{2!} \eta^* \eta^* \psi + \mathcal{O}(\eta^3) \\ A_\mu &\rightarrow A'_\mu = e^{ig\eta^*} A_\mu e^{-ig\eta^*} + \frac{i}{g} e^{ig\eta^*} \left( \partial_\mu e^{-ig\eta^*} \right) \\ &= A_\mu + ig[\eta^*, A_\mu] + \partial_\mu \eta + ig[\eta^*, \partial_\mu \eta] + \mathcal{O}(\eta^2)\end{aligned}$$

**no difference of abelian and non abelian couplings:**

- $\therefore A'_\mu \neq A_\mu + \partial_\mu \eta$  even if  $[\eta, A_\mu] = 0$ , because  $[\eta^*, A_\mu] \neq 0$
- $\therefore F_{\mu\nu} \neq \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu$  even if  $[A_\mu, A_\nu] = 0$ , because  $[A_\mu^*, A_\nu] \neq 0$



marquee signature:

**self couplings of neutral gauge bosons  $\gamma$  and  $Z$**   
in leading order (not suppressed by loop factors)!

∴ **form and strength** of couplings among gauge bosons **determined** by couplings to matter!

☺ **only one** independent coupling for each non abelian gauge theory

☹ also in noncommutative extensions of QED:

$$g_M^2 \cdot \text{triangle} + g_M^2 \cdot \text{triangle} + g_M g_{TGC} \cdot \text{triangle} \stackrel{!}{=} 0 \Rightarrow g_M = g_{TGC}$$

☹ **incompatible** with **hypercharge** quantum numbers in the  $SU(3)_C \times SU(2)_T \times U(1)_Y$  **standard model**:

$$Y(L_e, e_R, \nu_{e,R}, L_{u,d}, u_R, d_R) = (-1, -2, 0, 1/3, 4/3, -2/3)$$

☹ also:  $SU(N)$  can not be realized, only  $U(N)$  closes:

$$[A_\mu^*, A_\nu]_- = \frac{1}{2} [A_\mu^a, A_\nu^b]_+ [T^a, T^b]_- + \frac{1}{2} [A_\mu^a, A_\nu^b]_- [T^a, T^b]_+$$

introduce **noncommutative** objects as **nonlinear** functions of **commutative** objects (and derivatives)

$$\hat{A}_\mu(x) = \hat{A}_\mu(A_{\nu_1}(x), \partial_{\nu_1} A_{\nu_2}(x), \partial_{\nu_1} \partial_{\nu_2} A_{\nu_3}(x), \dots, \theta)$$

$$\hat{\eta}(x) = \hat{\eta}(\eta(x), \partial_{\nu_1} \eta(x), \dots, A_{\nu_1}(x), \partial_{\nu_1} A_{\nu_2}(x), \dots, \theta)$$

$$\hat{\psi}(x) = \hat{\psi}(\psi(x), \partial_{\nu_1} \psi(x), \dots, A_{\nu_1}(x), \partial_{\nu_1} A_{\nu_2}(x), \dots, \theta)$$

realize **noncommutative gauge transformations** as **commutative** gauge transformations:

$$\hat{A} \rightarrow \hat{A}'(A, \theta) = e^{ig\hat{\eta}^*} \hat{A}_\mu(A, \theta) e^{-ig\hat{\eta}^*} + \frac{i}{g} e^{ig\hat{\eta}^*} \left( \partial_\mu e^{-ig\hat{\eta}^*} \right) \stackrel{!}{=} \hat{A}(A', \theta)$$

$$\hat{\psi} \rightarrow \hat{\psi}'(\psi, A, \theta) = e^{ig\hat{\eta}^*} \hat{\psi} \stackrel{!}{=} \hat{\psi}(\psi', A', \theta)$$

solution (**not** unique) as power series in  $\theta$ :

$$\hat{A}_\mu(x) = A_\mu(x) + \frac{1}{4} \theta^{\rho\sigma} [A_\sigma(x), \partial_\rho A_\mu(x) + F_{\rho\mu}(x)]_+ + \mathcal{O}(\theta^2)$$

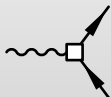
$$\hat{\psi}(x) = \psi(x) + \frac{1}{2} \theta^{\rho\sigma} A_\sigma(x) \partial_\rho \psi(x) + \frac{i}{8} \theta^{\rho\sigma} [A_\rho(x), A_\sigma(x)]_- \psi(x) + \mathcal{O}(\theta^2)$$

$$\hat{\eta}(x) = \eta(x) + \frac{1}{4} \theta^{\rho\sigma} [A_\sigma(x), \partial_\rho \eta(x)]_+ + \mathcal{O}(\theta^2)$$

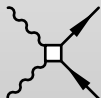
New interaction vertices among gauge and matter fields from expanding Moyal-Weyl-\*-products and Seiberg-Witten-Maps

$$g(\bar{\psi} * \hat{\mathcal{A}} * \hat{\psi})(x) = g\bar{\psi}(x)\hat{\mathcal{A}}(x)\psi(x) + \mathcal{O}(\theta)$$

e. g. at  $\mathcal{O}(\theta)$  with all momenta outgoing



$$= ig \cdot \frac{i}{2} [(k\theta)_\mu \not{p} + (\theta p)_\mu \not{k} - (k\theta p)\gamma_\mu]$$



$$= ig^2 \cdot \frac{i}{2} \left[ (\theta(k_1 - k_2))_{\mu_1} \gamma_{\mu_2} - (\theta(k_1 - k_2))_{\mu_2} \gamma_{\mu_1} - \theta_{\mu_1 \mu_2} (k_1 - k_2) \right]$$

☺ Ward Identity satisfied by



alone, TGVs not necessary (but allowed and only constrained from matching to SM at  $\theta^{\mu\nu} \rightarrow 0$ )!

$\gamma(k_1)\gamma(k_2) \rightarrow f(p_1)\bar{f}(p_2)$  in the **standard model** ( $\gamma$  **certainly polarized**):

$$A_t^{\text{SM}} = \text{diagram} , \quad A_u^{\text{SM}} = \text{diagram} .$$

The diagram for  $A_t^{\text{SM}}$  shows two incoming photons (wavy lines) interacting with a top quark loop (solid line with arrows). The diagram for  $A_u^{\text{SM}}$  shows two incoming photons interacting with an up quark loop (solid line with arrows).

NCSM [T. O., Reuter, PRD70]:

$$A_{t,1}^{\text{NC}} = \text{diagram} , \quad A_{t,2}^{\text{NC}} = \text{diagram} ,$$

The diagram for  $A_{t,1}^{\text{NC}}$  shows two incoming photons interacting with a top quark loop, where the top quark loop is connected to the photons via a square loop (representing a new particle). The diagram for  $A_{t,2}^{\text{NC}}$  shows two incoming photons interacting with a top quark loop, where the top quark loop is connected to the photons via a square loop (representing a new particle).

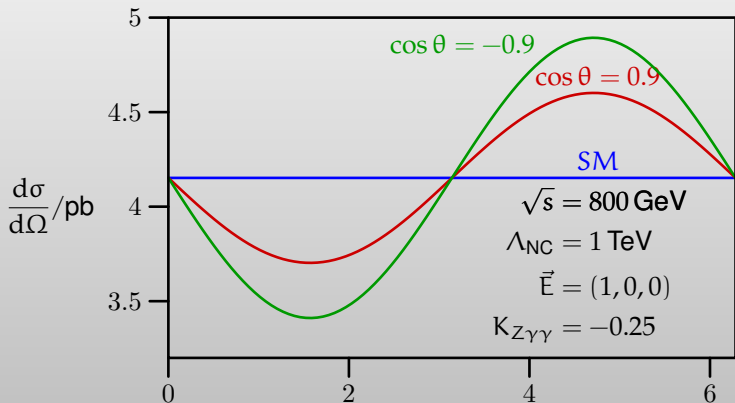
$$A_{u,1}^{\text{NC}} = \text{diagram} , \quad A_{u,2}^{\text{NC}} = \text{diagram} .$$

The diagram for  $A_{u,1}^{\text{NC}}$  shows two incoming photons interacting with an up quark loop, where the up quark loop is connected to the photons via a square loop (representing a new particle). The diagram for  $A_{u,2}^{\text{NC}}$  shows two incoming photons interacting with an up quark loop, where the up quark loop is connected to the photons via a square loop (representing a new particle).

$$A_c^{\text{NC}} = \text{diagram} , \quad A_{s,\gamma}^{\text{NC}} = \text{diagram} , \quad A_{s,Z}^{\text{NC}} = \text{diagram} .$$

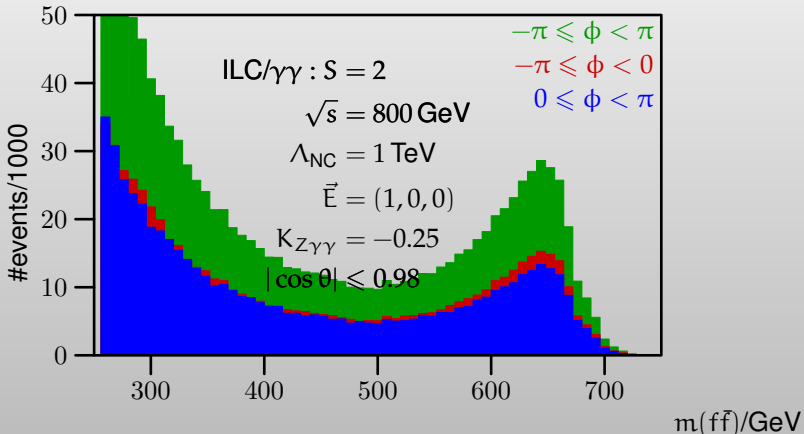
The diagram for  $A_c^{\text{NC}}$  shows two incoming photons interacting with a charm quark loop (solid line with arrows) via a square loop (representing a new particle). The diagram for  $A_{s,\gamma}^{\text{NC}}$  shows two incoming photons interacting with a top quark loop (solid line with arrows) via a wavy line (representing a photon) and a square loop (representing a new particle). The diagram for  $A_{s,Z}^{\text{NC}}$  shows two incoming photons interacting with a top quark loop (solid line with arrows) via a wavy line (representing a Z boson) and a square loop (representing a new particle).

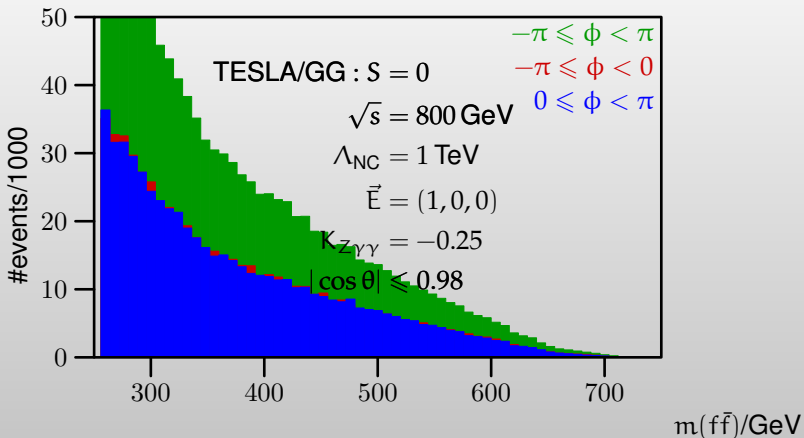
Differential cross section depends in the NCSM on the azimuthal angle  $\phi$ :



$\theta^{\mu\nu}$  defines directions  $\vec{E}$  and  $\vec{B} \implies$  **no rotational invariance!**

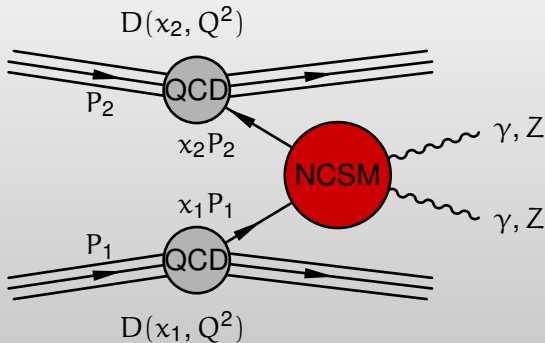
Number of events in the hemispheres  $\phi < 0$  and  $\phi > 0$  for  
 $\sqrt{s} = 800$  GeV





☹️ no signal in the Higgs friendly  $S = 0$  mode ...

☺ In the much nearer future: LHC [Alboteanu, T. O., Rückl, PRD74]



- ▶ complications:
- ▶ no polarization
  - ▶ symmetric initial state
  - ▶ broad energy spectrum
  - ▶ parton CMS strongly boosted

- **symmetric** PP initial state

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} q\bar{q} \\ \bar{q}q \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow Z\gamma$$

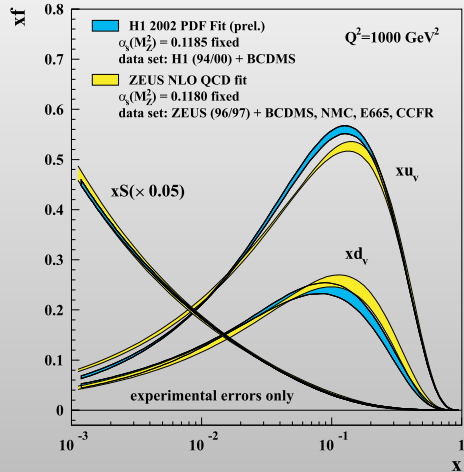
☹️ cuts on  $\cos \theta_\gamma^*$  **useless** without separation of quarks and antiquarks

$$\therefore \langle x_q \rangle > \langle x_{\bar{q}} \rangle$$

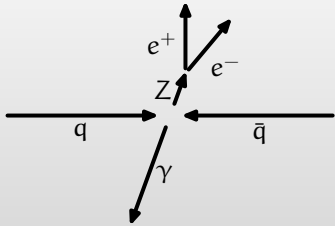
😊 events with large longitudinal momenta favor  $q\bar{q} \rightarrow Z\gamma$

- cut  $\cos \theta_Z > 0 \wedge \cos \theta_\gamma > 0$ ?

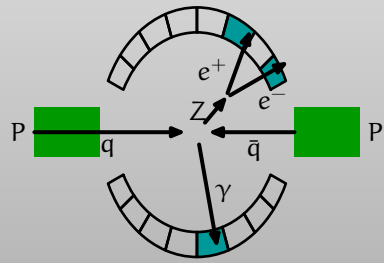
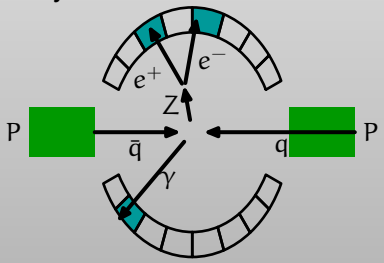
HERA: PDF determination



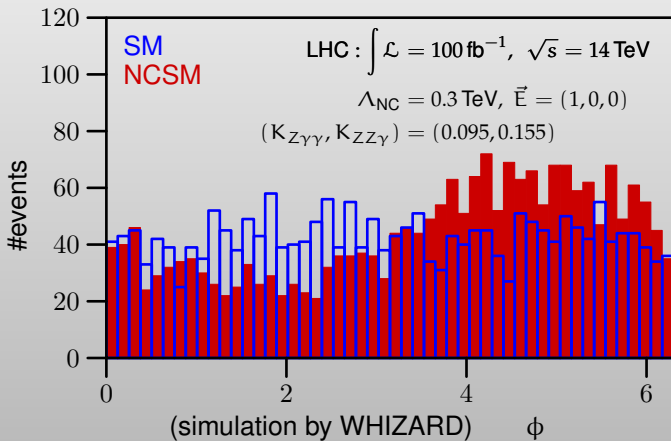
- CMS of quarks and antiquarks:



- lab system:



standard **acceptance cuts** and  $85 \text{ GeV} < m_{\ell^+\ell^-} < 97 \text{ GeV}$ ,  
 $200 \text{ GeV} < m_{\ell^+\ell^-\gamma} < 1 \text{ TeV}$ ,  $0 < \cos \theta_\gamma^* < 0.9$ ,  
 $\cos \theta_Z > 0$  and  $\cos \theta_\gamma > 0$  (favoring  $\bar{q}q$  over  $q\bar{q}$ !)



- ▶  $f\bar{f} \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  depends in the NCSM **only** on  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  [T. O., Reuter, PRD70]
- ▶  $f\bar{f} \rightarrow Z\gamma$  richer due to axial couplings
- ▶ dependence on  $\vec{E}$  in the CMS of the quarks **much** stronger than on  $\vec{B}$  (except for  $\cos\theta_\gamma^* \approx 0$ )
- ▶ Lorentz boosts along beam axis  $x_3$

$$E_1 \rightarrow \gamma(E_1 - \beta B_2)$$

$$B_1 \rightarrow \gamma(B_1 + \beta E_2)$$

$$E_2 \rightarrow \gamma(E_2 + \beta B_1)$$

$$B_2 \rightarrow \gamma(B_2 - \beta E_1)$$

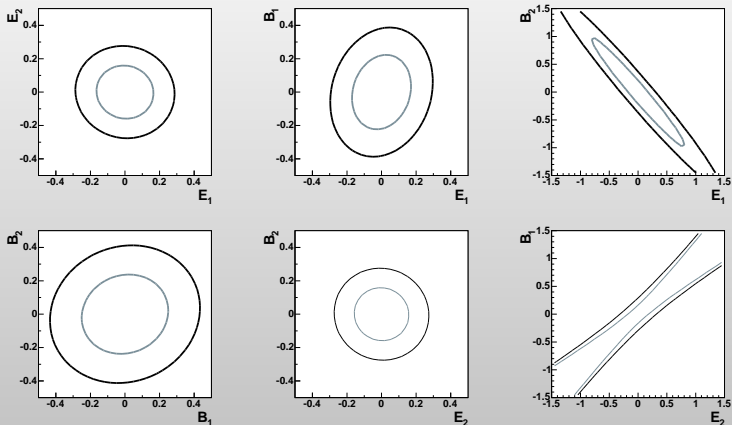
$$E_3 \rightarrow E_3$$

$$B_3 \rightarrow B_3$$

with  $\beta = v/c$  and  $\gamma = 1/\sqrt{1 - \beta^2}$

- ▶ measurements of  $(E_1, B_2)$  and  $(E_2, B_1)$  correlated
- ▶ correlation determined by  $\langle\beta\rangle$

likelihood fits for  $\Lambda_{\text{NC}} = 500$  GeV [Alboteanu, T. O., Rückl, PRD74]



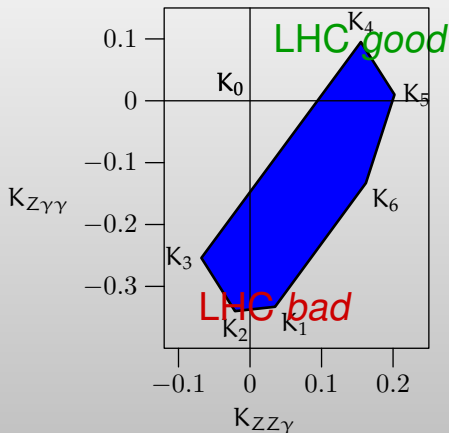
- ▶ only the expected **kinematical correlations** of  $(E_1, B_2)$  and  $(E_2, B_1)$



$\Lambda_{\text{NC}} = 1$  TeV can be easily probed at the LHC

boson couplings depend on the representation of enveloping algebra:

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon_{\mu_1}(k_1) \quad \text{---} \square \quad \text{---} \quad \epsilon_{\mu_3}(k_3) &= iK_{\gamma\gamma\gamma} \cdot \dots \\ \epsilon_{\mu_2}(k_2) & \\ \epsilon_{\mu_1}(k_1) \quad \text{---} \square \quad \text{---} \quad \epsilon_{\mu_3}(k_3) &= iK_{Z\gamma\gamma} \cdot \dots \\ \epsilon_{\mu_2}(k_2) & \end{aligned}$$

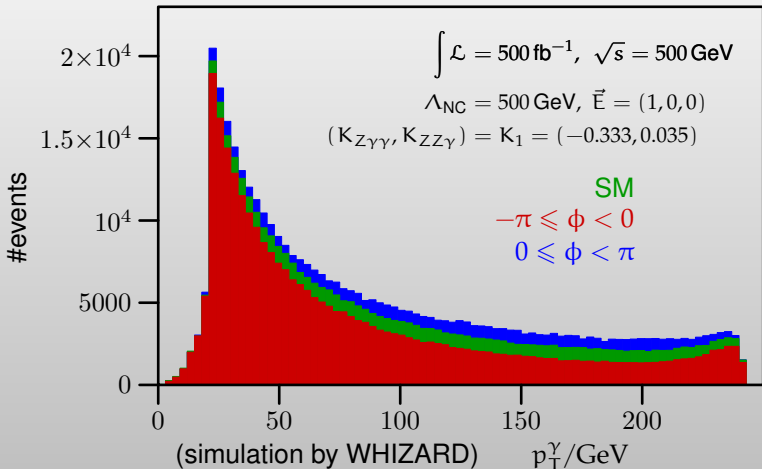


- ▶ dependence of limits on  $K = (K_{Z\gamma\gamma}, K_{ZZ\gamma})$  at LHC:
  - ▶ best bound for  $K_4 = (0.095, 0.155)$ :  $\Lambda_{\text{NC}} \gtrsim 1.2 \text{ TeV}$
  - ▶ cancellations for  $K_1$  and  $K_2$ : no sensible limits

- ▶ **polarized** scattering cross sections contain more observables, can be more sensitive (cf. photon collider)
- 😊 old trick from the LEP2 days: **angular distribution** of  $W \rightarrow f\bar{f}'$  decays can be used to measure  $W^\pm$ -polarization
- 😞 in the real world
  - ▶  $W^- \rightarrow \ell^- \bar{\nu}_\ell$  loses the neutrino momentum
  - ▶  $W^\pm \rightarrow q\bar{q}' \rightarrow jj$  loses charge information
- ▶ **Monte Carlo Simulation** required [Speckner, diploma thesis 2006]
  - ▶ using a noncommutative extension of the **automated event generator WHIZARD** [Kilian, T. O., Reuter] (as above)
- 😊 **polarization** analysis helps
- 😞 similar cuts and luminosities lead to **slightly less sensitive bounds**

$$\Lambda_{\text{NC}} \gtrsim 1 \text{ TeV}$$

- ▶  $p_T$  distribution of photons with  $\cos\theta > 0$  [Alboteanu, 2007]

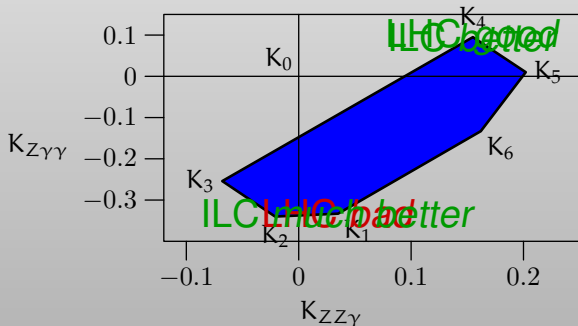


much clearer signal at ILC compared to LHC

►  $\chi^2$ -analysis

$(K_{Z\gamma\gamma}, K_{ZZ\gamma})$	$ \vec{E} ^2 = 1, \vec{B} = 0$	$\vec{E} = 0,  \vec{B} ^2 = 1$
$K_0 \equiv (0, 0)$	$\Lambda_{\text{NC}} \gtrsim 2 \text{ TeV}$	$\Lambda_{\text{NC}} \gtrsim 0.4 \text{ TeV}$
$K_1 \equiv (-0.333, 0.035)$	$\Lambda_{\text{NC}} \gtrsim 5.9 \text{ TeV}$	$\Lambda_{\text{NC}} \gtrsim 0.9 \text{ TeV}$
$K_5 \equiv (0.095, 0.155)$	$\Lambda_{\text{NC}} \gtrsim 2.6 \text{ TeV}$	$\Lambda_{\text{NC}} \gtrsim 0.25 \text{ TeV}$

► ILC and LHC are **complementary**



- ▶ **Problem** at LHC
  - ▶ **partonic CMS energy  $\sqrt{\hat{s}}$  distribution** peaks at low energy ...
  - ▶ ... and has **long tail** to high energies

☹ there will be events with

$$\hat{s} > \Lambda_{\text{NC}}^2$$

- ▶ **pragmatical** ad-hoc solution: **cut**

$$\hat{s} \leq \hat{s}_{\text{max}} \approx \Lambda_{\text{NC}}^2$$

☹ **waste** of the most interesting events

- ▶ can we go **beyond  $\mathcal{O}(\theta)$**  instead?

😊 no fundamental obstacle: gauge equivalence equations can be solved in higher orders

- ▶ open questions
  - ▶ technically feasible?
  - ▶ new ambiguities beyond the gauge boson self couplings?

- ▶ solve **gauge equivalence relations** using computer algebra (FORM) and derive Feynman rules [Alboteanu, T. O., Rückl, PRD 11/2007]
- ▶ e. g. **fermionic couplings**:

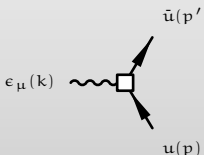


Diagram: A square loop with a wavy line on the left and two fermion lines on the right. The left wavy line is labeled  $\epsilon_\mu(k)$ . The top fermion line is labeled  $\bar{u}(p')$  and the bottom fermion line is labeled  $u(p)$ . The loop is represented by a square box.

$$= ig \cdot \left\{ \begin{aligned} & \frac{i}{2} \left[ k\theta^\mu \not{p} (1 - 4\xi_\psi^1) + 2k\theta^\mu \not{k} (\xi_\lambda^1 - \xi_\psi^1) - p\theta^\mu \not{k} - (k\theta p) \gamma_\mu \right] \\ & + \frac{1}{8} (k\theta p) \left[ k\theta^\mu \not{p} (1 - 16\xi_\psi^2) + 4k\theta^\mu \not{k} (\xi_\lambda^1 - \xi_\psi^2) \right. \\ & \quad \left. - p\theta^\mu \not{k} - (k\theta p) \gamma_\mu \right] \end{aligned} \right.$$

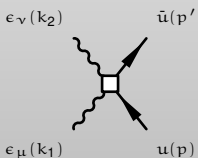


Diagram: A square loop with two wavy lines on the left and two fermion lines on the right. The top wavy line is labeled  $\epsilon_\nu(k_2)$  and the bottom wavy line is labeled  $\epsilon_\mu(k_1)$ . The top fermion line is labeled  $\bar{u}(p')$  and the bottom fermion line is labeled  $u(p)$ . The loop is represented by a square box.

$$= ig^2 \cdot \left\{ \begin{aligned} & \frac{i}{2} \left[ k_2\theta^\mu \gamma^\nu - k_1\theta^\mu \gamma^\nu (1 - 4\xi_\psi^1) - \theta^{\mu\nu} \not{k}_1 \right. \\ & \quad \left. + (\mu \leftrightarrow \nu, k_1 \leftrightarrow k_2) \right] \\ & + f(\theta^2, p, k_1, k_2, \xi_\lambda^1, \xi_\psi^1, \xi_\lambda^2, \xi_\psi^2) \end{aligned} \right.$$

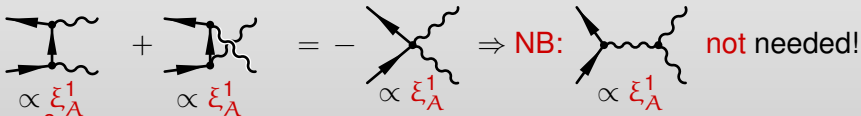
- ▶ finds **more ambiguities** than early work [Möller, JHEP0410]

- ▶  $\mathcal{O}(\theta)$ : ambiguities correspond to field redefinitions, e. g.

$$\hat{A}_{0\xi}^{(1)} \rightarrow \hat{A}_{0\xi}^{(1)} - 2i\xi_A^1 \theta^{\mu\nu} D_\xi(F_{\mu\nu})$$

∴ ambiguities **must cancel** in the on-shell amplitude

😊 indeed:



- ▶  $\mathcal{O}(\theta^2)$ : e. g.

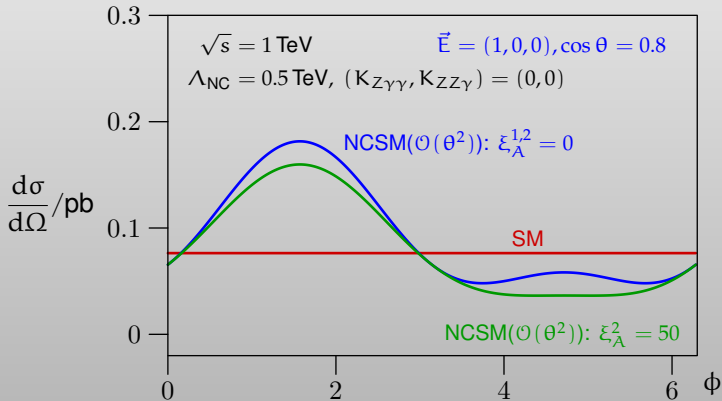
$$\hat{A}_{0\xi}^{(2)} \rightarrow \hat{A}_{0\xi}^{(2)} + i\xi_A^2 \theta^{\mu\nu} \theta^{\kappa\lambda} \bar{u}(p) \gamma_\kappa A_\nu (\partial_\lambda A_\xi - \partial_\xi A_\lambda)$$



😞 freedom of choice of representation of enveloping algebra **destroys** cancellation of (some) ambiguities!

$$q\bar{q} \rightarrow Z\gamma$$

- ▶ SWM: only special solution (ambiguities = 0)
- ▶ SWM: one homogenous solution added:  $\xi_A^2 \neq 0$



- ▶ Can  $\theta$ -expanded theories be extended to the region  $s > \Lambda_{\text{NC}}^2$  (cf. “transplanckian” regime of quantum gravity ...)?
- ▶ obviously: can't be answered with finite orders in the  $\theta$ -expansions
- ▶ obstacles:
  - ▶ closed all-order expressions for Seiberg-Witten-Maps are not known (yet?)
  - ▶ even if they exist, they must be non-polynomial in the fields
- ▶ observation:
  - ∴ in each **fixed order** in the **loop expansion** of a particular scattering amplitude, the **degree of contributing vertices** is **bounded**
  - ∴ expand Seiberg-Witten-Maps in the number of fields
  - 😊 recursive solution available  
[Barnich, Brandt, Grigoriev, NPB677 (2004)]
- ▶ first step:
  - ▶ test tree-level-unitarity

- ▶ NB: **nothing** spectacular can come from the **Moyal phases** for real momenta

$$\left| e^{ip \wedge q} \right| = 1$$

(except for spoiling symmetries and corresponding cancellations)

- ▶ what about Seiberg-Witten-Maps?
- ▶ e.g. [Rauh, 2006, Zeiner 2007]

$$A_{\lambda}^{[2]} = \frac{1}{2} \theta^{\mu\nu} [2(\partial_{\mu} A_{\lambda}) *_{\text{sin}} A_{\nu} - (\partial_{\lambda} A_{\mu}) *_{\text{si}} A_{\nu}] - \frac{1}{4} \theta^{\mu\nu} \theta^{\rho\sigma} (\partial_{\lambda} \partial_{\mu} A_{\rho}) \frac{*_{\text{sin}} - *_{\text{si}}}{\wedge} (\partial_{\sigma} A_{\nu})$$

with

$$A \wedge B = \frac{\theta^{\mu\nu}}{2} \partial_{\mu} A \partial_{\nu} B, \quad A *_f B = A \frac{f(\wedge)}{\wedge} B$$

- ▶ **Ambiguity**: sine integral **si** can be replaced by other regular function!

- ▶ amplitudes should not rise faster than corresponding QED amplitudes for  $s \rightarrow \infty$
- ▶ **Seiberg-Witten-Maps** contribute to amplitudes like

$$\mathcal{A} \propto \frac{s}{p\theta q} \sin(p\theta q) = s \frac{\sin(p\theta q)}{p\theta q}$$

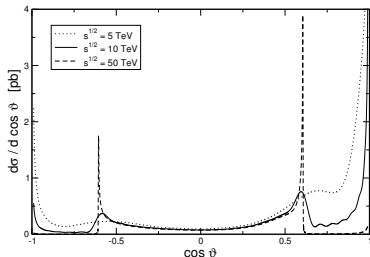


bounded **almost everywhere**, i. e. for  $p\theta q \neq 0$



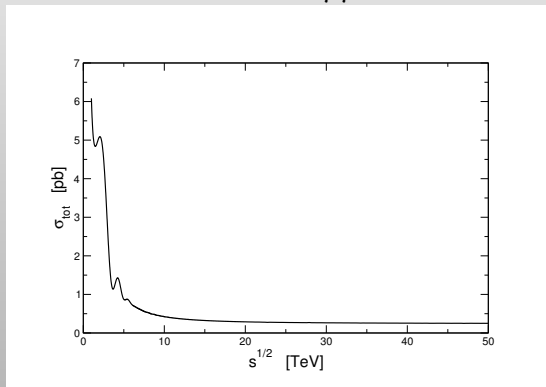
diverges linearly for exceptional points, i. e. for  $p\theta q \neq 0!$

$$e^+ e^- \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$$



- ▶ scattering amplitude for **fixed** energies and angles **unphysical**: always small experimental uncertainties
- ▶ smearing reduces the power of growth
- 😊 performing **all** possible and required smearings restores tree-level-unitarity (**NB**: in the example we looked at!)

$$e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$$



- ▶ NCSM can be probed at LHC, ILC and a Photon Collider up to several TeV
- ▶ **higher orders** in the  $\theta$ -expansions are advised for hadron colliders and be calculated, but introduce additional **ambiguities**
- ▶ all-order- $\theta$  tree amplitudes can be calculated in simple models and appear so satisfy tree-level-unitarity **just barely**

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