# Z' studies at the LHC

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### **The Standard Model**

SM gauge group:

 $SU(3)_c \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y \xrightarrow{SSB} SU(3)_c \times U(1)_{em}$ 

→ 3 gauge couplings and 8 + 3 + 1 gauge bosons  $\sin^2 \theta_W$ : free parameter

Why this structure ? Is it possible to achieve a unification ? (Glashow, Georgi; Pati, Salam; Fritsch, Minkowski)

 $G_{SM} \subset SU(5) \subset SO(10) \subset E_6???$ 

### Why a new gauge boson ?

 $\rightarrow$  Extending the SM gauge group...

• Effective Rank-5 models: parameter:  $\beta$   $Z' = Z'_{\chi} \cos \beta + Z'_{\psi} \sin \beta$   $E_6 \rightarrow SO(10) \times U(1)_{\psi} \rightarrow SU(5) \times U(1)_{\chi} \times U(1)_{\psi} \rightarrow SM \times U(1)_{\theta_{E_6}}$ Models studied:  $Z'_{\psi}, Z'_{\chi}, Z'_{\eta}, Z'_{d}$ 

> • Left-Right symmetric models: parameter:  $\alpha_{LR} \equiv \sqrt{\frac{c_W^2 g_R^2}{s_W^2 g_L^2} - 1}$   $SO(10) \rightarrow SU(3)_c \times SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R \times U(1)_{B-L}$ Models studied:  $Z'_{LR}$

Sequential Standard Model:

take the SM Z couplings  $\rightarrow Z'_{SM}$ (Not gauge invariant but good for comparisons)

### New gauge bosons:

Search and **Identification** Favourite decay (this study):  $Z' \rightarrow \ell \ell$ 

### Z': already done, a few references...

• Z', theoretical point of view

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• Forward-backward asymmetry

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### Z' experimental searches

### Z' at CDF (direct search)

#### RUN I: $M_{Z'} > 690 \text{ GeV}$



Prospects for RUN II: with 2 fb<sup>-1</sup>,  $M_{Z'} > 1$  TeV 95% C.L.

**LEP** (indirect search: use  $A_{FB}^{\ell}$  and  $\sigma_{\ell\bar{\ell}}, \sigma_{q\bar{q}}$ ) Upper limits:





+ small mixing angle between Z and Z'

### Forward backward asymmetry ?

Z: Take  $\cos \theta$  distribution in the Z rest frame:

$$\begin{split} \frac{d\sigma}{d\cos\theta^*} &\propto \frac{3}{8}(1+\cos^2\theta^*) + A_{FB}^\ell\cos\theta^* \\ A_{FB}^\ell &: \gamma + Z + interferences \\ A_{FB}^{0\,\ell} &\propto a_\ell \cdot v_\ell \cdot a_f \cdot v_f \end{split}$$



## **SM** A<sub>FB</sub>: electroweak fit





Test the SM, is there new physics ??A<sub>FB</sub> for a Z' : reveal its properties

# **Observables for a hadron collider**

• Reconstruct a mass peak !



- Width: Non relativistic Breit-Wigner fit
- Cross section: Events within 3

Use  $\sigma_{\ell\ell} \cdot \Gamma$ (independant of Z' exotic decays) Lepton forward-backward asymmetry

 $\cos\theta$  distribution in the Z' rest frame:

$$rac{\mathrm{d}\sigma}{\mathrm{d}\cos heta^*} \propto rac{3}{8}(1+\cos^2 heta^*) + \mathrm{A}_{\mathrm{FB}}^\ell\cos heta^*$$



 $\Rightarrow$  Unbinned maximum likelihood fit

LHC: pp collisions  $\Rightarrow q\bar{q} \rightarrow Z' \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^-$ Asymmetry in symmetric collisions ?  $\Rightarrow Z'$  boost  $\approx$  initial quark direction

### Asymmetry in symmetric collisions ?



#### Lepton forward-backward asymmetry



 $\Rightarrow$  Require  $|Y_{\ell\ell}| > 0.8$  ( $\varepsilon_{cut} \approx 40\%$ )

• Z' rapidity distribution: constrain Z' couplings to u and d



 $Y_{Z'}$  depends on Z' couplings to u and d  $\Rightarrow$  Get  $Y_{Z'_{u\bar{u}}}, Y_{Z'_{d\bar{d}}}, Y_{Z'_{sea}}$   $\Rightarrow$  Fit  $Y_{\ell\ell}$  in a given Z' model  $\rightarrow$  relative  $u\bar{u}, d\bar{d}$  and sea fractions

### **Standard fast simulation**

PYTHIA,  $pp \rightarrow (Z, \gamma, Z') \rightarrow ee, \mu\mu$  $\sqrt{s}$ : 14TeV, pp collisions

### **Reconstucting the events**

 $\rightarrow$  CMS/ATLAS  $e^{\pm}$  ,  $\mu^{\pm}$  acceptance

- Two isolated leptons with opposite charge
- $p_t^{min}(\ell) > 20 \text{ GeV}$
- $|\eta|(\ell) < 2.5$
- Coplanar lepton pairs:  $|\phi| > 160^{\circ} (\sum p_t \approx 0)$

### **Discriminating the models**

#### **Dilepton invariant mass spectrum**









 $\Rightarrow$  Combine these observables !

## Potential accuracies for 100 fb $^{-1}$

• 
$$\Delta \sigma_{\ell\ell}^{3\Gamma} \cdot \Gamma / \sigma_{\ell\ell}^{3\Gamma} \cdot \Gamma$$

- $\sim 0.1 0.3\%$  (stat.)  $\oplus 1\%$  ??(syst.) ( $m_{Z'} = 1.5$  TeV)  $\sim 8 - 10\%$  (stat.)  $\oplus 1\%$  ??(syst.) ( $m_{Z'} = 2.5$  TeV)
- $\Delta A_{FB}^{onpeak}$ ~ 0.02 - 0.03 (stat.) ( $m_{Z'} = 1.5 \text{ TeV}$ ) ~ 0.07 - 0.1 (stat.) ( $m_{Z'} = 2.5 \text{ TeV}$ )
- $\Delta A_{FB}^{interference}$ ~ 0.04 - 0.06 (stat.) ( $m_{Z'} = 1.5 \text{ TeV}$ ) ~ 0.1 - 0.2 (stat.) ( $m_{Z'} = 2.5 \text{ TeV}$ )
- $\Delta R_{u\bar{u}}$ ~ 5 - 8% (stat.) ( $m_{Z'} = 1.5 \text{ TeV}$ ) ~ 10 - 30% (stat.) ( $m_{Z'} = 2.5 \text{ TeV}$ )

## The 4 observables for a 1.5 TeV $Z^\prime$

Model	$\sigma_{\ell\ell}^{3\Gamma} \times \Gamma \text{ [fb·GeV]}$			$A_{FB}^{on-peak}$			$A_{FB}^{off-peak}$			$R_{u\bar{u}}$		
$Z'_\psi$	487	土	5	0.04	土	0.03	0.53	土	0.04	0.60	土	0
$Z'_{\eta}$	630	±	20	-0.03	±	0.03	0.45	±	0.04	0.71	$\pm$	0
$Z'_d$	1520	±	40	-0.50	±	0.02	0.26	±	0.05	0.00	±	0
$Z'_{\chi}$	2050	$\pm$	40	-0.23	$\pm$	0.02	0.26	$\pm$	0.05	0.22	$\pm$	0
$Z'_{LR}$	3630	±	80	0.15	±	0.02	0.06	±	0.06	0.45	±	0
$Z'_{SM}$	8000	±	140	0.07	$\pm$	0.02	0.18	$\pm$	0.03	0.05	$\pm$	0



### **Observables vs. model parameters**

# Outlook

LHC can already do a good job on identifying a Z':

Discovery: up to 5 TeV

Identification: up to 2-2.5 TeV with  $100 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ 

Need to repeat this with a full detector simulation

Results of this study in hep-ph/0307020