

Anomalous top magnetic couplings

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Abstract. The real and imaginary parts of the one-loop electroweak contributions to the left and right tensorial anomalous couplings of the tbW vertex in the Standard Model (SM) are computed.

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Top quark physics at the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) is an important scenario for testing physics above the electroweak scale [1,2]. Some effects related to the top anomalous couplings, both in the $t \rightarrow bW^+$ polarized branching fractions and in single top production at the Tevatron and at the LHC, have already been studied in recent years. One-loop QCD and electroweak contributions to the tbW vertex have been studied in the frame of the Standard Model (SM) [3]. The explicit dependence of the polarized branching fractions on the anomalous couplings have been computed in refs [4,5].

We compute the electroweak SM contribution to the left and right ‘magnetic’ tensorial couplings of the tbW vertex. We found that the electroweak contribution is also at the level of 10% with respect to the leading gluon exchange. For on-shell particles, the amplitude \mathcal{M}_{tbW} can be written in the following way:

$$\mathcal{M}_{tbW^+} = -\frac{e}{\sin\theta_W\sqrt{2}} \epsilon^{\mu*} \bar{u}_b \left[\frac{i\sigma_{\mu\nu}q^\nu}{m_W} (g_L P_L + g_R P_R) \right] u_t. \quad (1)$$

One-loop QCD gluon exchange contribution to g_R was computed in ref. [6], $g_R^{\text{QCD}} = -6.61 \times 10^{-3}$. The sensitivity to g_R will be accessible to the LHC experiments [2,5]. The left tensorial term couples a right b -quark and thus it is proportional to m_b . Then, constraints on g_L are stronger than g_R due to the chiral m_t/m_b factor.

Indirect limits on g_L and g_R can be obtained from $b \rightarrow s\gamma$ [7]. The results from the analysis given in refs [8] and [9] are given in the first line of table 1; the second and third lines show g_L and g_R limits predicted for the future LHC data [5]. The LHC will improve the sensitivity to g_R by an order of magnitude compared to bounds from $b \rightarrow s\gamma$. In the same way as it is done in Tau physics [10], new asymmetry observables derived from

Table 1. Bounds on g_R and g_L .

Reference		g_R Bound	g_L Bound
$bs\gamma$	95% CL	$-0.15 < g_R < 0.57$	$-0.0015 < g_L < 0.0004$
Future LHC data	2σ	$-0.026 \leq g_R \leq 0.031$	$-0.058 \leq g_L \leq 0.026$
Future LHC data	1σ	$-0.012 \leq g_R \leq 0.024$	$-0.16 \leq g_L \leq 0.16$
		g_R Discovery limit	g_L Discovery limit
Helicity fractions of the W	3σ	$ \text{Re}(g_R) \geq 0.056$	$\text{Re}(g_L) \geq 0.051$ or $\text{Re}(g_L) \leq -0.083$
$bs\gamma$	3σ	$ \text{Im}(g_R) \geq 0.115$ $\text{Re}(g_R) \geq 0.76$ or $\text{Re}(g_R) \leq -0.33$	$ \text{Im}(g_L) \geq 0.065$ $\text{Re}(g_L) \geq 0.0009$ or $\text{Re}(g_L) \leq -0.0019$ $ \text{Im}(g_L) \geq 0.006$

helicity fractions for polarized W were defined for polarized top decays; the exclusion intervals derived from these observables are shown in the fourth line of table 1. As a reference for the comparison with the LHC, they also derived as 3σ discovery limits from $b \rightarrow s\gamma$ in ref. [9]; this is shown in the last line of table 1.

At one loop in the SM, there is only one topology for the diagrams that contribute to the anomalous g_R and g_L : this is shown in figure 1a. For g_R there are two diagrams that have a leading m_t -mass. They are the ones in figure 1b with thW and tw_0W circulating in the loop, where h is the Higgs boson and w_0 is the unphysical Z -boson. These two diagrams have top mass insertions that give a mass dependence which is of the order $1/r_W^2 = 1/(m_W/m_t)^2$ with respect to the other diagrams. Some diagrams, like bWZ for example, contribute to the imaginary part of g_R .

The result for each contribution of the diagrams to g_R and g_L is given in table 2, with $m_h = 150$ GeV. The final result for the one-loop electroweak correction is

$$g_R^{\text{EW}} = -(0.56 + 1.23i) \times 10^{-3}, \quad g_L^{\text{EW}} = -(0.92 + 0.14i) \times 10^{-4}. \quad (2)$$

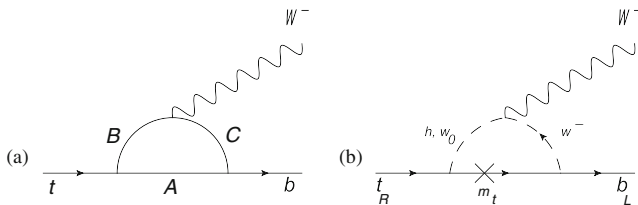


Figure 1. (a) Topology of the one-loop SM Feynman diagrams for the quantum correction to the $t \rightarrow bW^+$ decay. (b) Leading order diagrams for g_R in the large m_t limit.

Table 2. Electroweak contributions to g_R and g_L .

Diagram	$g_R \times 10^3$	$g_L \times 10^3$
tZW	-1.176	-0.0141
thW	0.220	0
tw^0w^-	0.344	0.0051
hw^-	0.462	-0.0088
tZw^-	-0.050	-0.0012
$t\gamma W + t\gamma w^-$	0.572	-0.0094
bWZ	$-0.623 - 0.664i$	$-0.0201 - 0.0214i$
bWh	0	$0.0086 - 0.0120i$
bw^+w^0	$(1.5 + 11.0i) \times 10^{-4}$	$-0.0029 - 0.0167i$
bw^+h	$(-4.3 + 8.6i) \times 10^{-4}$	$-0.0019 + 0.0111i$
bw^+Z	$-0.088 - 0.062i$	$-0.00039 - 0.00028i$
$bW\gamma + bw^+\gamma$	$0.114 - 0.509i$	$-0.0270 + 0.0250i$
Ztb	-0.397	-0.0067
γtb	0.068	0.0115
w^0tb	-6.8×10^{-4}	-0.0109
htb	-6.2×10^{-4}	-0.0135
$\Sigma(EW)$	$-0.56 - 1.23i$	$-(0.092 + 0.014i)$
gtb	-6.61	-1.12

We note that for g_L^{EW} is 8% of g_L^g , and also that the CP violation has its origin in the electroweak diagrams. These values are to be compared with the gluon contribution that is the dominant one:

$$g_R^g = -6.61 \times 10^{-3}, \quad g_L^g = -1.12 \times 10^{-3}. \quad (3)$$

The final result for the one-loop computation in the SM is the sum of eqs (2) and (3):

$$g_R^{\text{SM}} = -(7.17 + 1.23i) \times 10^{-3}, \quad g_L^{\text{SM}} = -(1.21 + 0.01i) \times 10^{-3}. \quad (4)$$

The real part for the one-loop electroweak quantum correction for g_R is 8% of the leading gluon-exchange contribution. Note that the imaginary part is 17% of the one-loop $\text{Re}(g_R^{\text{SM}})$.

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