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- BSM searches through precision studies
- Electroweak physics
- Higgs physics
- “Input” parameters
- Theoretical challenges



Why the Standard Model cannot be everything

■ Dark matter

- only gravitational effects observed
- massive particles, no electromagn./strong interactions

■ Matter-antimatter asymmetry

Sakharov conditions:

- baryon number violation ✓
- departure from equilibrium ✗
- time invariance violation (✓)

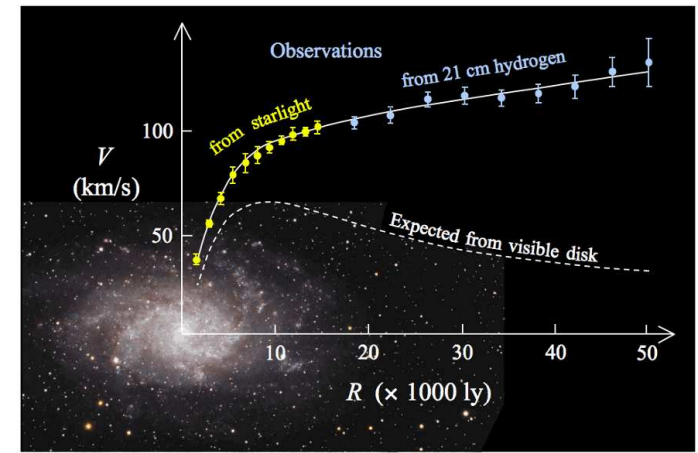
■ Unification of forces and/or families

■ No quantum description of gravity

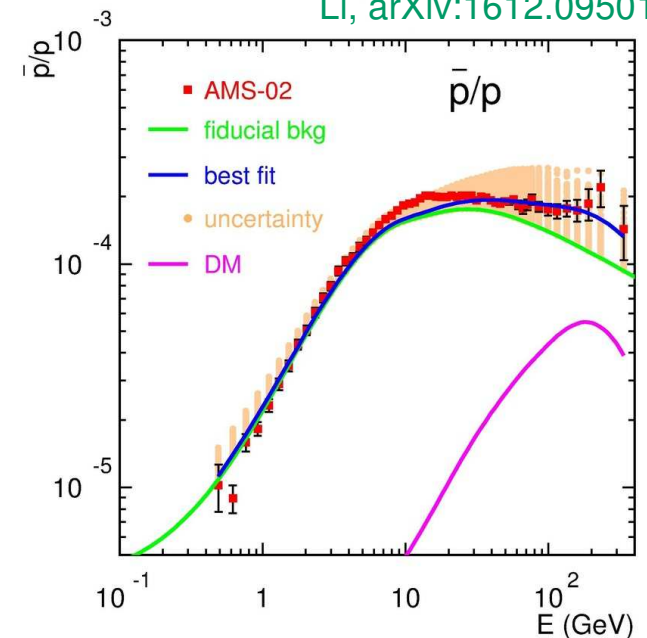
■ Hierarchy problem

- why is the Higgs mass much smaller than the Planck scale?

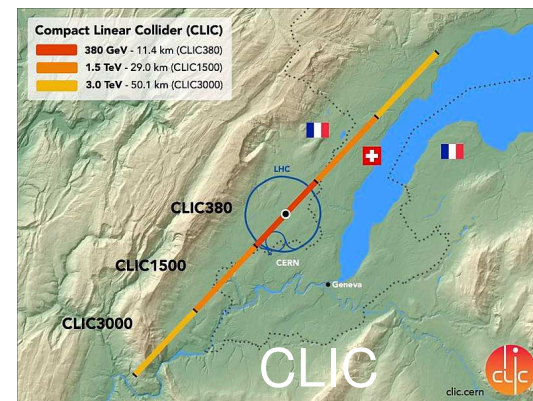
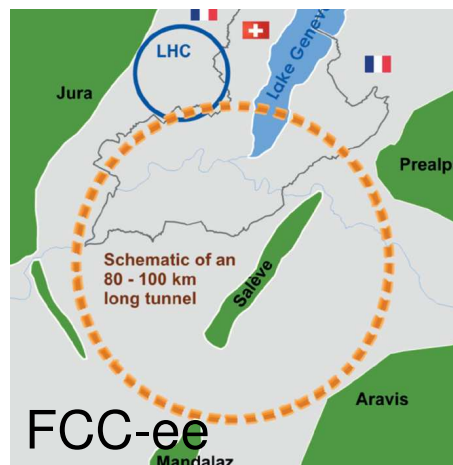
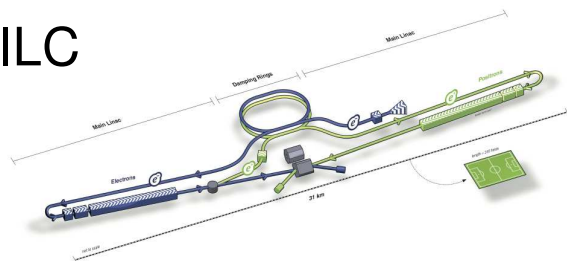
Corbelli, Salucci, astro-ph/9909252



Li, arXiv:1612.09501



ILC



- circular colliders: high-lumi run at $\sqrt{s} \sim M_Z$
- linear colliders: radiative return $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma Z$

\sqrt{s}	M_Z	$2M_W$	240–250 GeV	350–380 GeV
ILC	100 fb^{-1}	500 fb^{-1}	2 ab^{-1}	200 fb^{-1} (10 pts.)
CLIC	—	—	—	1 ab^{-1}
FCC-ee	150 ab^{-1}	10 ab^{-1} (2 pts.)	5 ab^{-1}	1 ab^{-1} (8 pts.)
CEPC	100 ab^{-1}	6 ab^{-1} (3 pts.)	20 ab^{-1}	1 ab^{-1} ?

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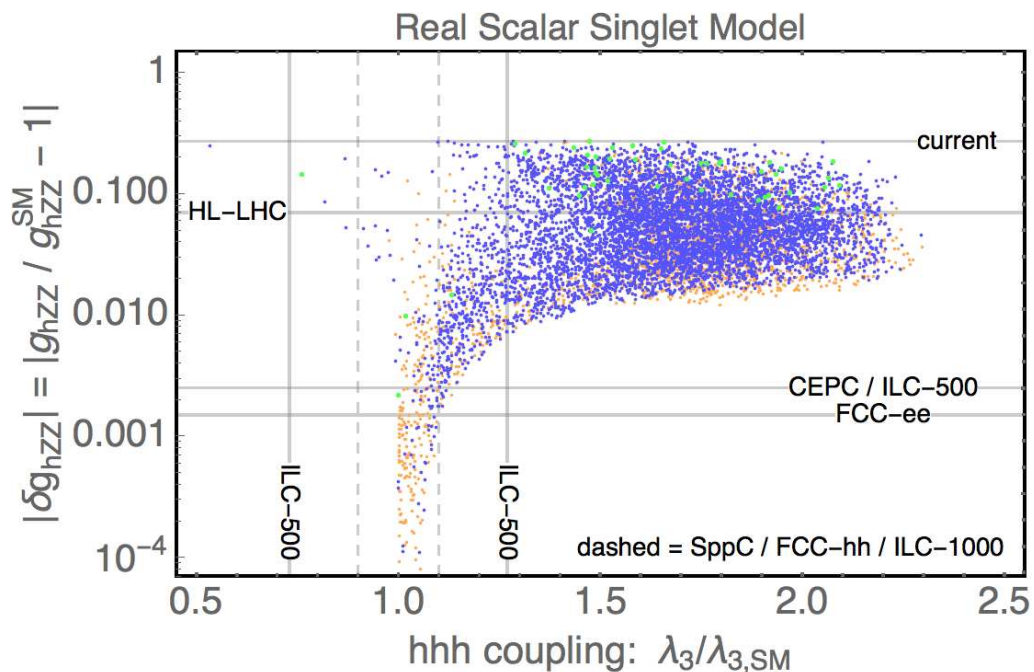
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$h\gamma\gamma$	1.4%	1.7%	1.3%
hgg	1.3%	0.9%	0.9%

- Mixing between scalar singlet S and SM Higgs doublet modifies coupling strength of $h(125)$

(dots = motivated by ew. baryogenesis)

Huang, Long, Wang '16



- If $m_S < m_h/2 \rightarrow$ exotic Higgs decays

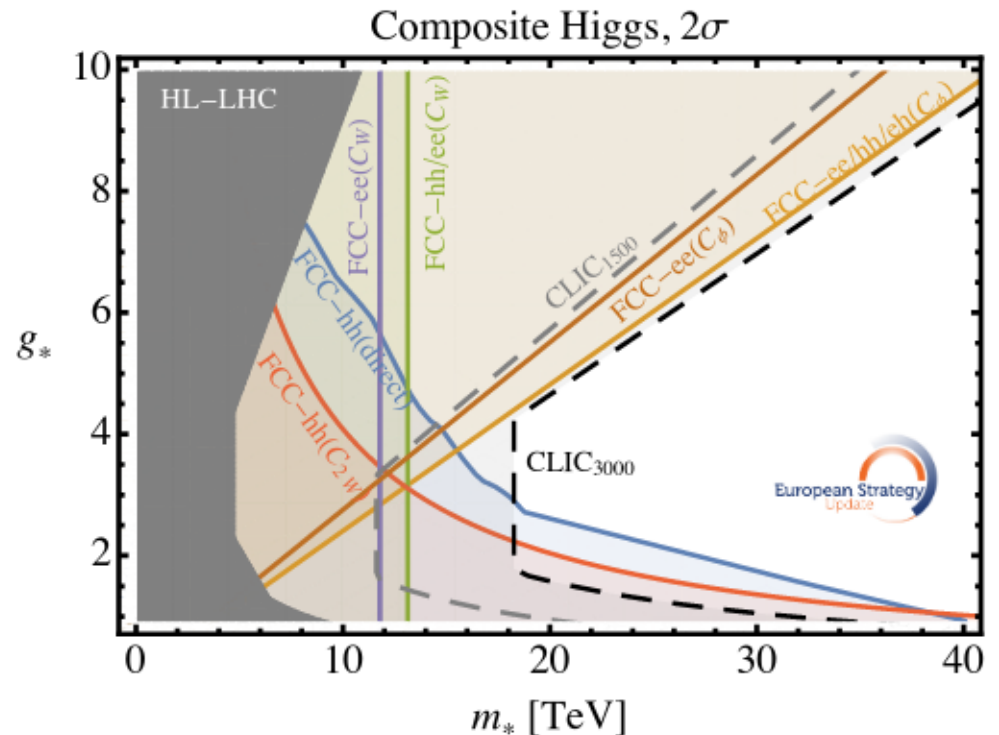
Carena, Liu, Wang '19

Carena et al. '22

Higgs boson is bound state of new strongly interacting sector

Generates new effective interactions at weak scale:

- $\mathcal{O}_\phi = \frac{g_*^2}{2m_*^2} (\partial_\mu |H|^2)^2$
→ modifies Higgs couplings
- $\mathcal{O}_W = \frac{g}{2m_*^2} (H^\dagger \sigma_a i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu H) D^\nu W_{\mu\nu}^a$
→ also modifies ew. couplings



g_* = strong coupling of composite sector

m_* = mass of heavy composite resonances

Total Z width from line-shape: $\Gamma_Z = 3\Gamma_\ell + \underbrace{\Gamma_{Z \rightarrow \text{inv}}}_{N_\nu \Gamma_\nu} + \Gamma_{\text{had}}$

$$N_\nu = \left[\left(\frac{12\pi}{M_Z^2} \frac{R_\ell}{\sigma_{\text{had}}^0} \right)^2 - R_\ell - 3 \right] \frac{\Gamma_\ell}{\Gamma_\nu}$$

from measurement
computed in SM

Current data (LEP): $N_\nu = 2.996 \pm 0.007$

Janot, Jadach '20

FCC-ee: ± 0.001

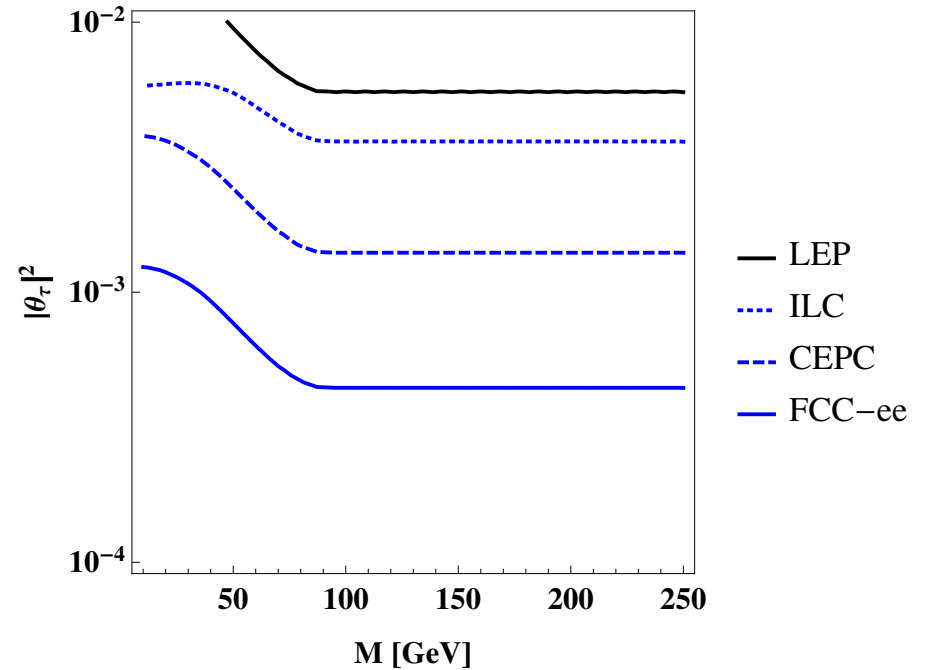
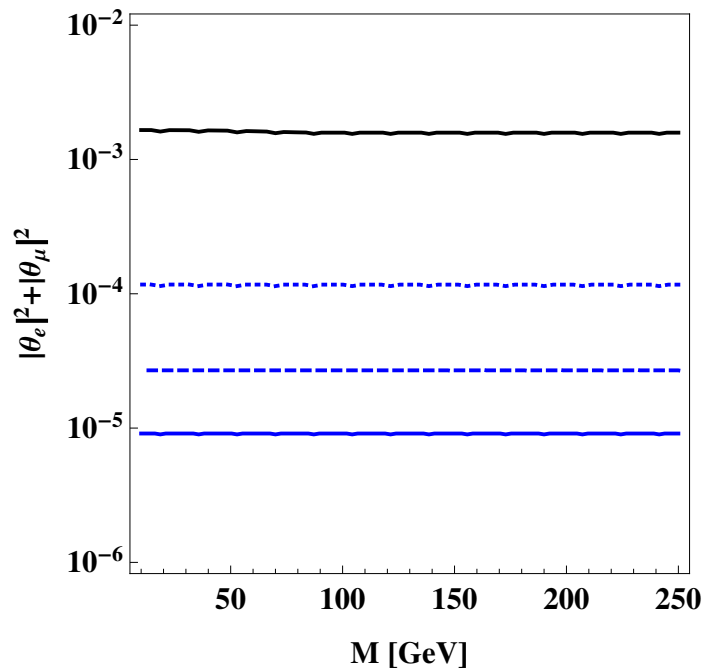
Mixing with sterile neutrino:

$$\frac{G_\mu}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{g^2}{8M_W^2} (1 + \Delta r) (1 - \theta_e^2) (1 - \theta_\mu^2)$$

θ_α : mixing of sterile neutrino with ν_α ($\theta_\alpha \ll 1$)

$$\Gamma_{Z \rightarrow \text{inv}} = \Gamma_\nu^{\text{SM}} \left(N_\nu - \sum_{\alpha, \beta} \theta_\alpha \theta_\beta \right)$$

Estimated sensitivity from electroweak precision tests:



Antusch, Fischer '15

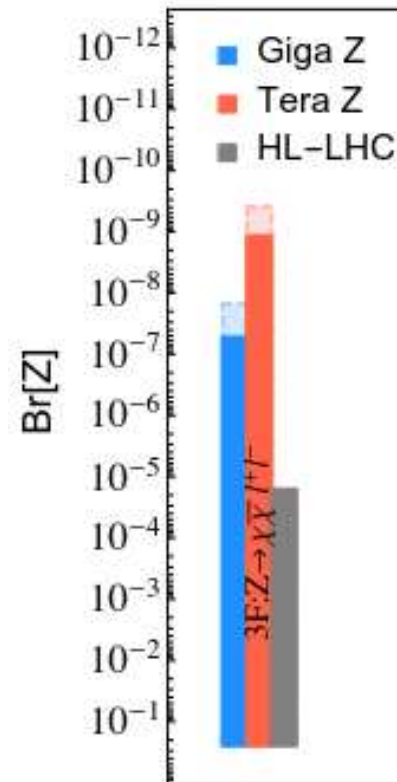
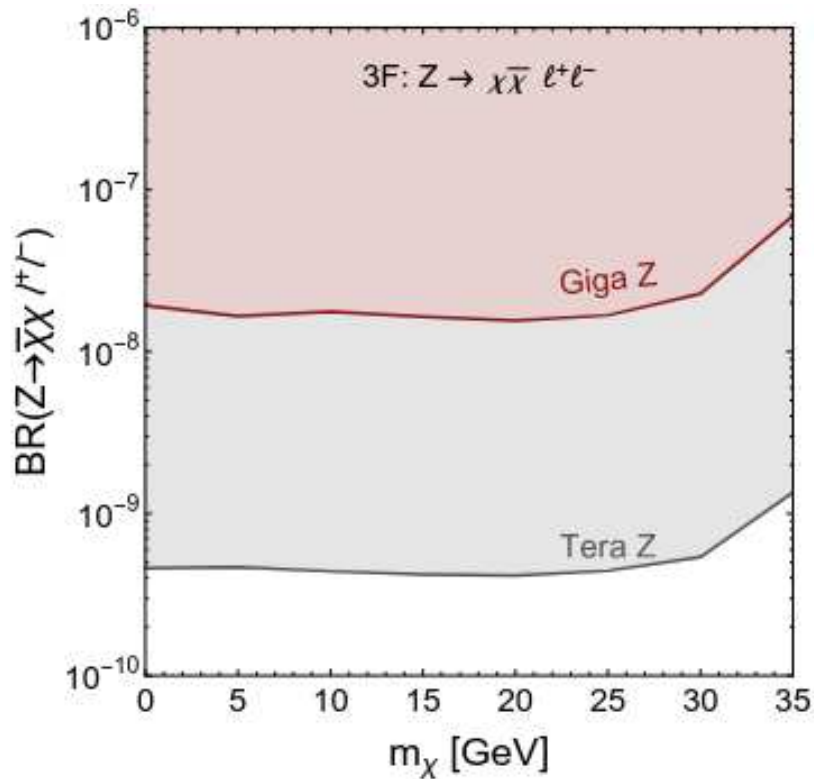
$$\theta_i = \frac{Y_{\nu_i N}}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{v}{M_N} \quad (M_N \gg v)$$

→ sensitivity to $M_N \lesssim 5 \text{ TeV}$

Many possibilities in different models:

$$Z \rightarrow \cancel{E} + \gamma, \cancel{E} + \gamma\gamma, \gamma\gamma\gamma, \cancel{E} + \ell^+\ell^-, \cancel{E} + jj, 4j$$

Liu, Wang, Wang, Xue '17



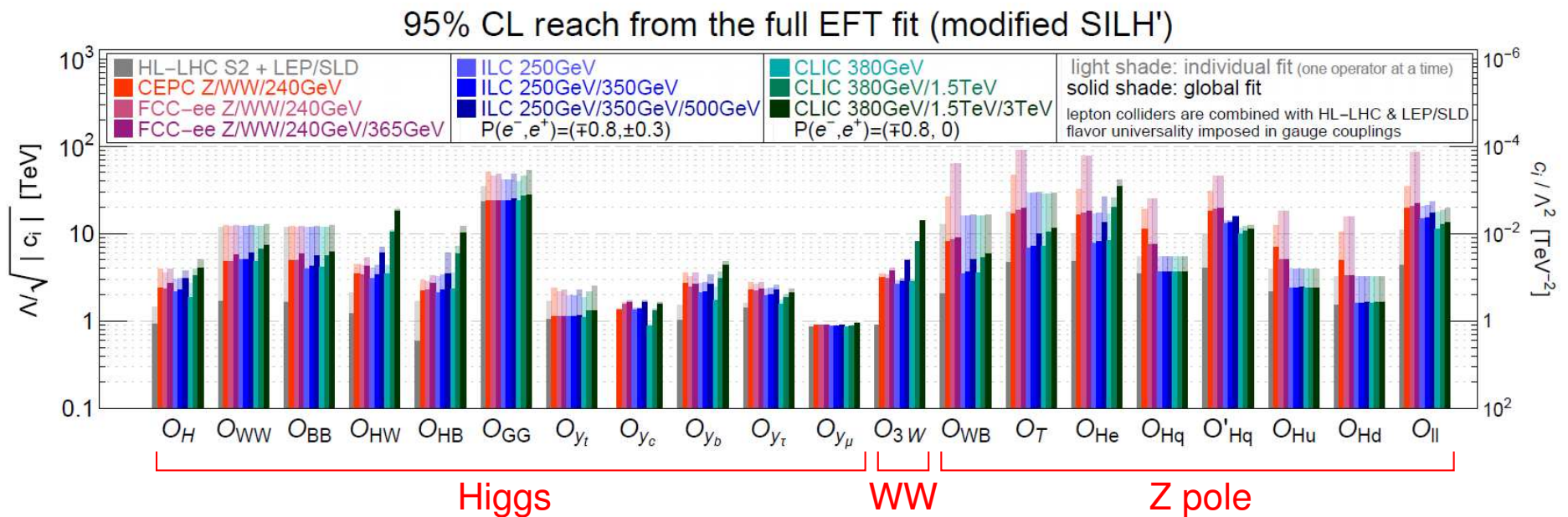
requires good understanding of SM background!

- Extension of SM by **higher-dimensional operators**:

Wilson '69
Weinberg '79

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \frac{1}{\Lambda} \dots + \frac{1}{\Lambda^2} \sum_i c_i \mathcal{O}_i^{(6)} + \dots$$

- SMEFT dim-6 operators provide framework for comparing experiments



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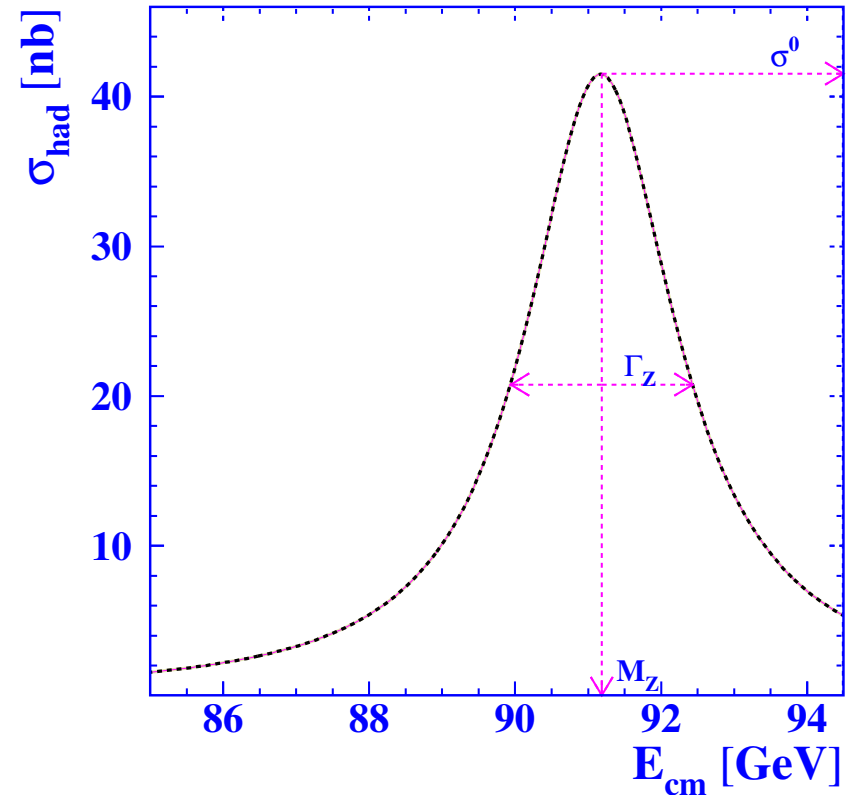
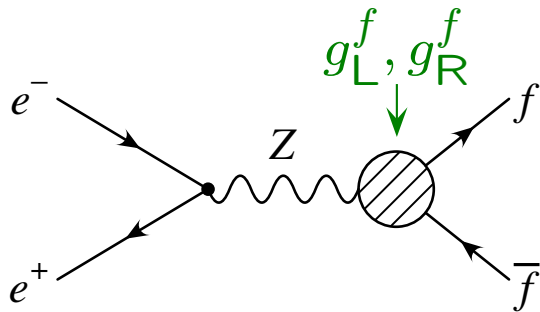
- Comparison of EWPOs / HPOs with SM to **probe new physics**
→ multi-loop corrections in full SM
- Extraction of EWPOs / HPOs (**pseudo-observables**) from **real observables**
→ backgrounds (in full SM), QED/QCD, MC tools
- “Other” electroweak parameters (“**input**” parameters)
→ m_t , α_s , etc. extracted from other processes

Z cross section and branching fractions

$e^+e^- \rightarrow f\bar{f}$ for $E_{\text{CM}} \sim M_Z$:

- Mass M_Z
- Width $\Gamma_Z = \sum_f \Gamma_{ff}$
- Branching ratio $R_f = \Gamma_{ff}/\Gamma_Z$
- $\sigma^0 \approx \frac{12\pi \Gamma_{ee} \Gamma_{ff}}{(s-M_Z^2)^2 + M_Z^2 \Gamma_Z^2} = \frac{12\pi}{M_Z^2} R_e R_f$

$$\Gamma_{ff} = C [(g_L^f)^2 + (g_R^f)^2]$$

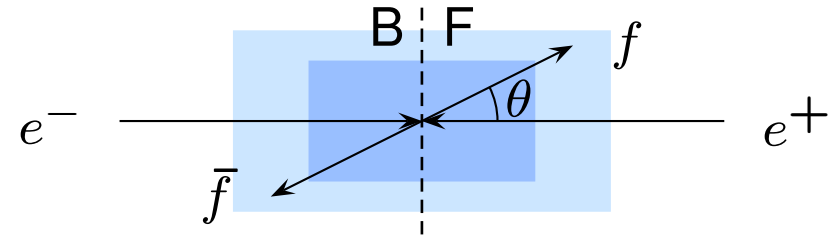


Forward-backward asymmetry:

$$A_{FB} \equiv \frac{\sigma_F - \sigma_B}{\sigma_F + \sigma_B} = \frac{3}{4} A_e A_f$$

$$A_f = \frac{2(1 - 4\sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}^f)}{1 + (1 - 4\sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}^f)^2}$$

$$\sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}^f = \frac{g_R^f}{2|Q_f|(g_R^f - g_L^f)}$$

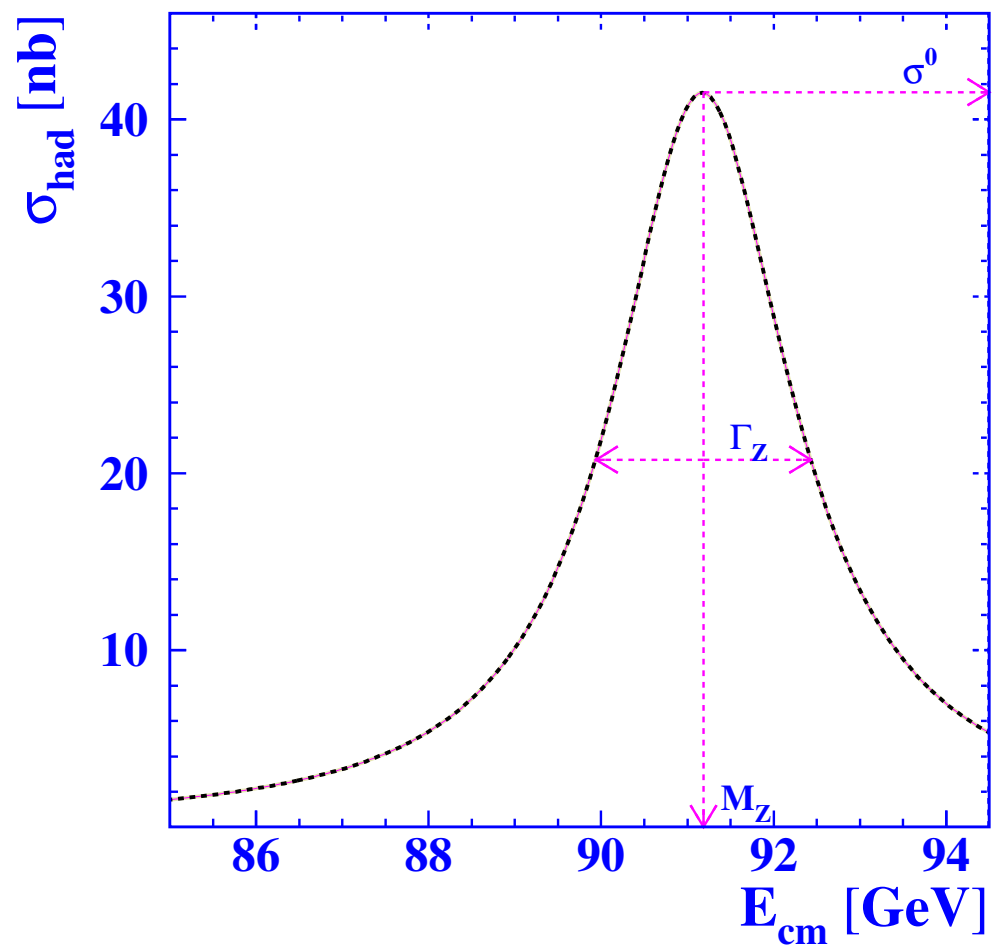


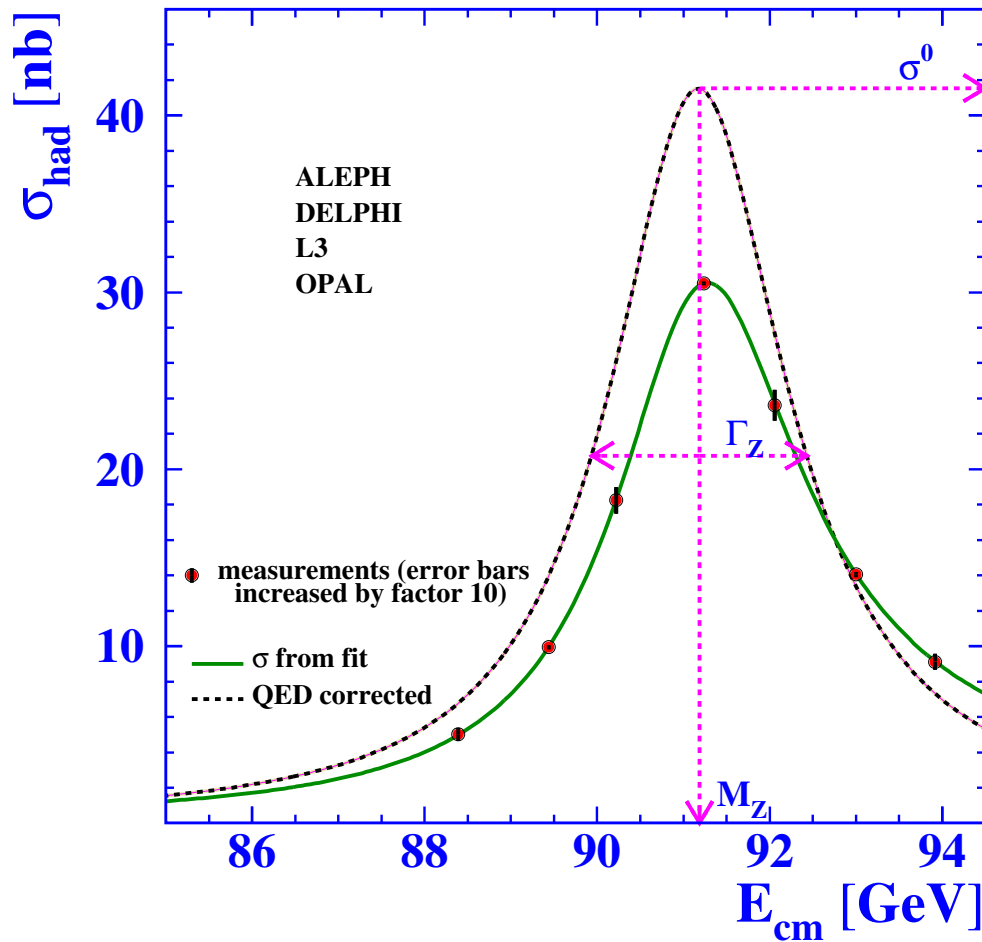
Left-right asymmetry:

With polarized e^- beam:
$$A_{LR} \equiv \frac{\sigma_L - \sigma_R}{\sigma_L + \sigma_R} = A_e$$

Polarization asymmetry:

Average τ pol. in $e^+e^- \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-$:
$$\langle \mathcal{P}_\tau \rangle = -A_\tau$$





LEP EWWG '05

- Large effects from initial-state QED radiation
- Theory input necessary to extract relevant EWPOs (“pseudo-observables”):
 $\Gamma_{ff}, \sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}^f, g_L^f, g_R^f, \dots$

- Deconvolution of initial-state QED radiation:

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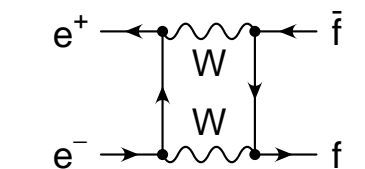
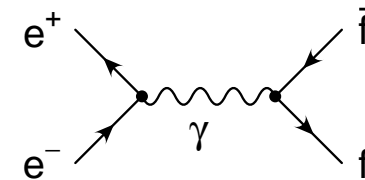
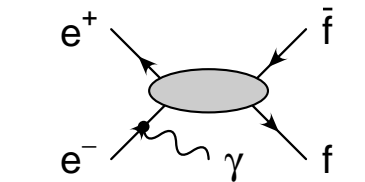
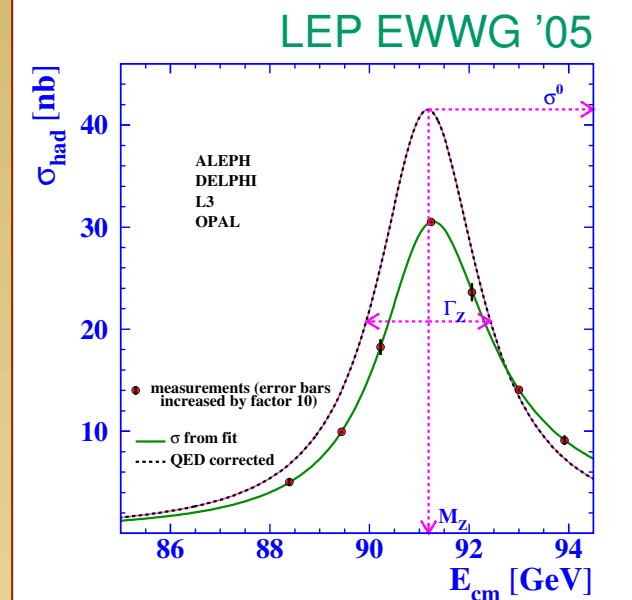
$$\sigma_Z = \frac{R}{(s - \overline{M}_Z^2)^2 + \overline{M}_Z^2 \overline{\Gamma}_Z^2} + \sigma_{\text{non-res}}$$

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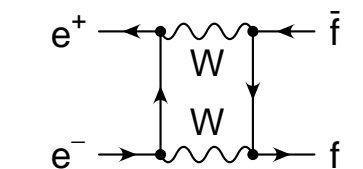
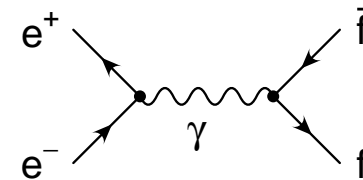
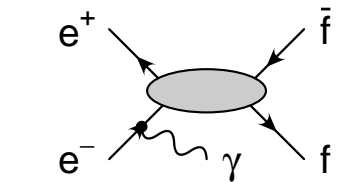
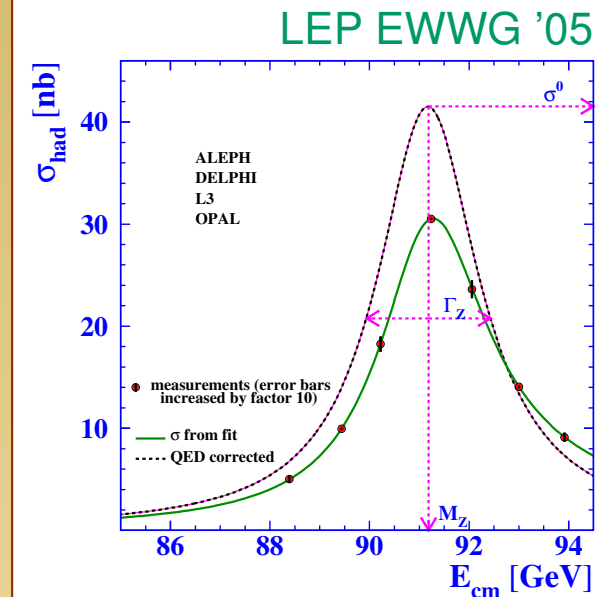
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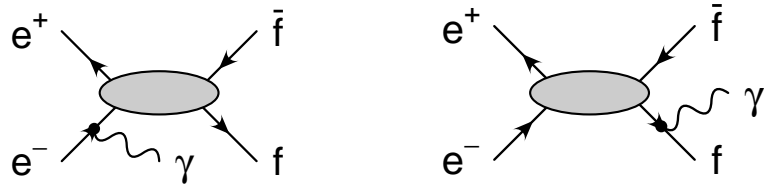
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→ possible BSM physics?





Final-state QED/QCD radiation known **inclusively** to $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_S^4)$, $\mathcal{O}(\alpha^2)$, $\mathcal{O}(\alpha\alpha_S)$
 Kataev '92; Chetyrkin, Kühn, Kwiatkowski '96; Baikov, Chetyrkin, Kühn, Rittinger '12

Initial-state QED radiation: Soft photons (resummed) + collinear photons

$$\mathcal{R}_{\text{ini}} = \sum_n \left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi}\right)^n \sum_{m=0}^n h_{nm} \ln^m\left(\frac{s}{m_e^2}\right)$$

Universal ($m=n$) logs known to $n = 6$, also some sub-leading terms

Ablinger, Blümlein, De Freitas, Schönwald '20

Simulate **exclusively** with Monte Carlo event generator, e.g.

KKMC,

Arbuzov, Jadach, Wąs, Ward, Yost '20

SHERPA_YFS,

Krauss, Price, Schönherr '22

POWHEG_EW

Barzè, Montagna, Nason, Nicrosini, Piccinini '12,13

$$\text{LL} \left[\left(\alpha \log \frac{E}{m_e}\right)^n \right] + \text{some NLL} \left[\alpha^2 \log \frac{E}{m_e} \right]$$

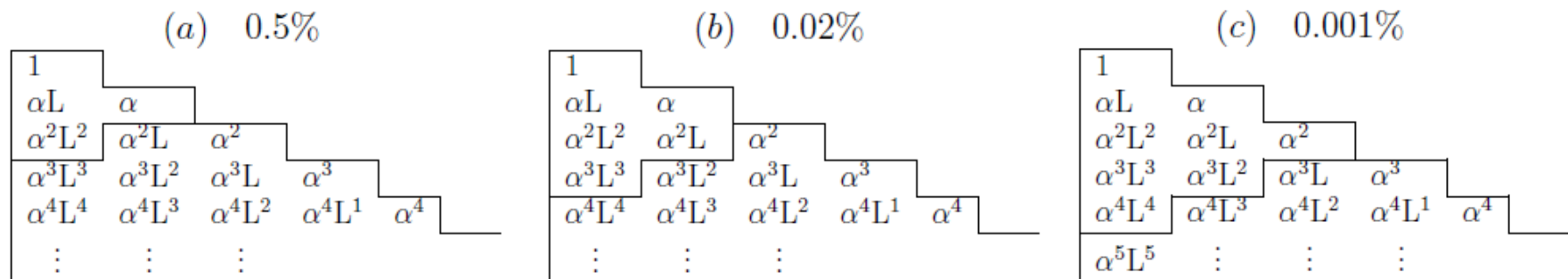
- Current state of art: e.g. KORALZ, KKMC
 $\rightarrow \mathcal{O}(\alpha^2 L)$ accuracy [$L = \ln(s/m_e^2)$]

Jadach, Ward, ...

- One to two orders improvement needed:

Observable	Where from	Present (LEP)	FCC stat.	FCC syst	$\frac{\text{Now}}{\text{FCC}}$
M_Z [MeV]	Z linesh. [28]	$91187.5 \pm 2.1\{0.3\}$	0.005	0.1	3
Γ_Z [MeV]	Z linesh. [28]	$2495.2 \pm 2.1\{0.2\}$	0.008	0.1	2
$R_i^Z = \Gamma_h/\Gamma_l$	$\sigma(M_Z)$ [33]	$20.767 \pm 0.025\{0.012\}$	$6 \cdot 10^{-5}$	$1 \cdot 10^{-3}$	12
σ_{had}^0 [nb]	σ_{had}^0 [28]	$41.541 \pm 0.037\{0.25\}$	$0.1 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$4 \cdot 10^{-3}$	6
N_ν	$\sigma(M_Z)$ [28]	$2.984 \pm 0.008\{0.006\}$	$5 \cdot 10^{-6}$	$1 \cdot 10^{-3}$	6
$\sin^2 \theta_W^{eff} \times 10^5$	$A_{FB}^{lept.}$ [33]	$23099 \pm 53\{28\}$	0.3	0.5	55
$A_{FB,\mu}^{M_Z \pm 3.5\text{GeV}}$	$\frac{d\sigma}{d\cos\theta}$ [28]	$\pm 0.020\{0.001\}$	$1.0 \cdot 10^{-5}$	$0.3 \cdot 10^{-5}$	100

Jadach,
Skrzypek '19



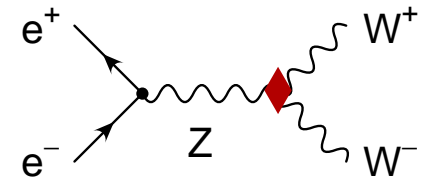
- Need control over

- multi- γ production
- $\gamma/g \rightarrow f\bar{f}$
- hadronization
- heavy-flavor correlations
- color reconnection
- ...

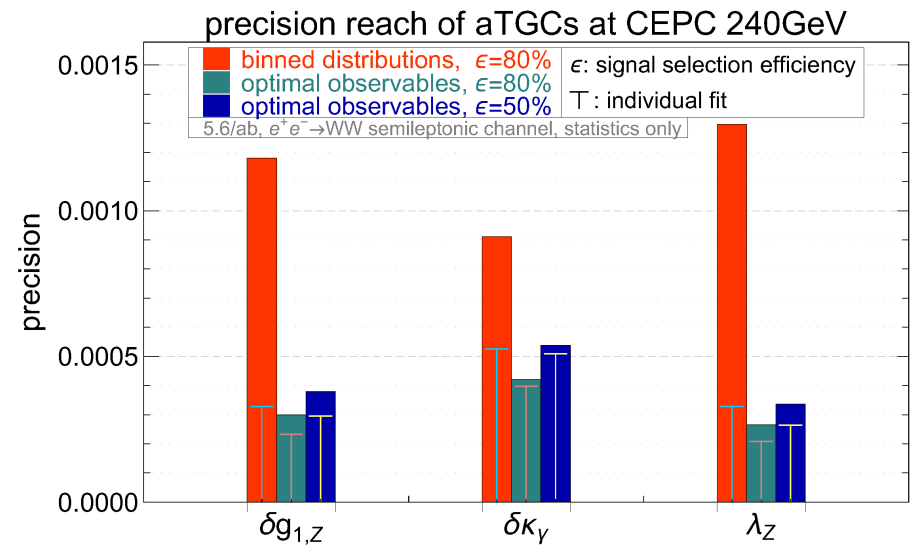
$e^+e^- \rightarrow W^+W^-$ at $\sqrt{s} = 240$ GeV: test of aGC

$\sigma[ee \rightarrow WW] \sim 15$ pb $\Rightarrow \mathcal{O}(10^8)$ events

$< 10^{-3}$ precision for aGC



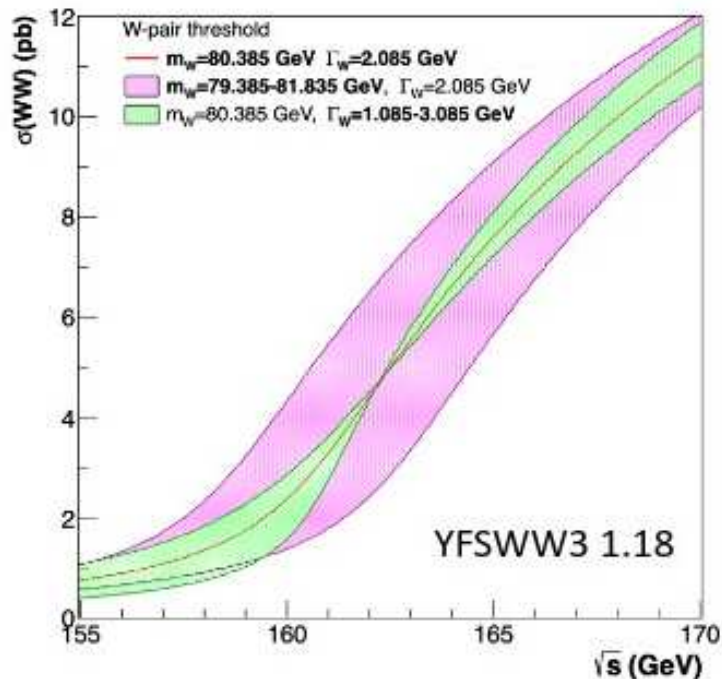
→ NNLO corrections for full process $e^+e^- \rightarrow W^+W^-$ needed (+ partial higher orders)



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WW threshold : W mass and width

Scans of possible E_1 E_2 data taking energies and luminosity fractions f (at the E_2 point)



A - minimum of $\Delta\Gamma_W=0.91$ MeV with $\Delta m_W=0.55$ MeV
 taking data at $E_1=156.6$ GeV $E_2=162.4$ GeV $f=0.25$
 yields $\Delta m_W=0.47$ MeV (as single par)

B- minimum of $\Delta m_W=0.28$ MeV $\Delta\Gamma_W=3.3$ MeV with
 $E_1=155.5$ GeV $E_2=162.4$ GeV $f=0.95$
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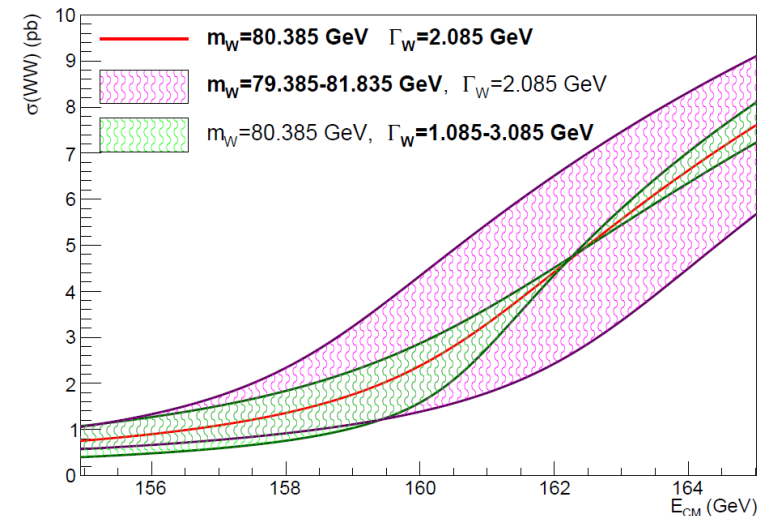
C- minimum of $\Delta\Gamma_W=0.96$ MeV + $\Delta m_W=0.41$ MeV with
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 yields and $\Delta m_W=0.37$ MeV (as single par)

$\Delta m_W, \Delta\Gamma_W$: error on W mass and width from fitting both
 Δm_W : error on W mass from fitting only m_W

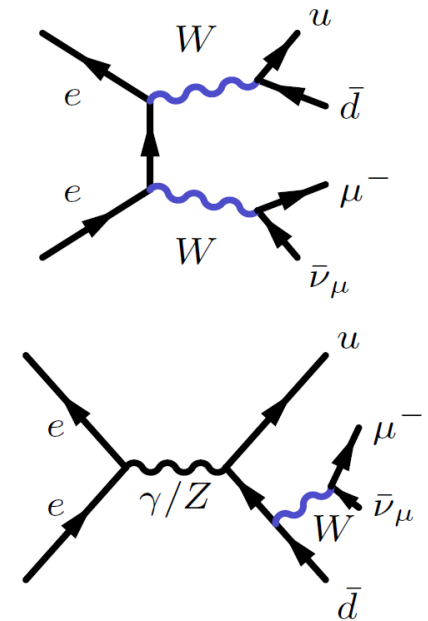
- a) Corrections near threshold enhanced by $1/\beta$ and $\ln \beta$

$$\beta \sim \sqrt{1 - 4 \frac{M_W^2 - iM_W \Gamma_W}{s}} \sim \sqrt{\Gamma_W / M_W}$$

- b) Non-resonant contributions are important



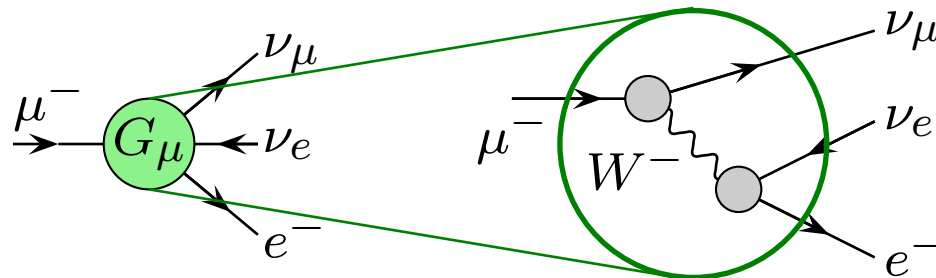
- Full $\mathcal{O}(\alpha)$ calculation of $e^+e^- \rightarrow 4f$
Denner, Dittmaier, Roth, Wieders '05
- EFT expansion in $\alpha \sim \Gamma_W / M_W \sim \beta^2$
Beneke, Falgari, Schwinn, Signer, Zanderighi '07
 - NLO corrections with NNLO Coulomb correction ($\propto 1/\beta^n$): $\delta_{\text{th}} M_W \sim 3 \text{ MeV}$
Actis, Beneke, Falgari, Schwinn '08
 - Adding NNLO corrections to $ee \rightarrow WW$ and $W \rightarrow f\bar{f}$ and NNLO ISR: $\delta_{\text{th}} M_W \lesssim 0.6 \text{ MeV}$



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* computed from G_μ



- Many seminal works on 1-loop and leading 2-loop corrections

Veltman, Passarino, Sirlin, Marciano, Bardin, Hollik, Riemann, Degrassi, Kniehl, ...

- Full 2-loop results for M_{WV} , Z -pole observables

Freitas, Hollik, Walter, Weiglein '00

Hollik, Meier, Uccirati '05,07

Awramik, Czakon '02

Awramik, Czakon, Freitas, Kniehl '08

Onishchenko, Veretin '02

Freitas '14

Awramik, Czakon, Freitas, Weiglein '04

Dubovyk, Freitas, Gluza, Riemann, Usovitsch '16,18

Awramik, Czakon, Freitas '06

- Approximate 3- and 4-loop results (enhanced by Y_t and/or N_f)

Chetyrkin, Kühn, Steinhauser '95

Chetyrkin et al. '06

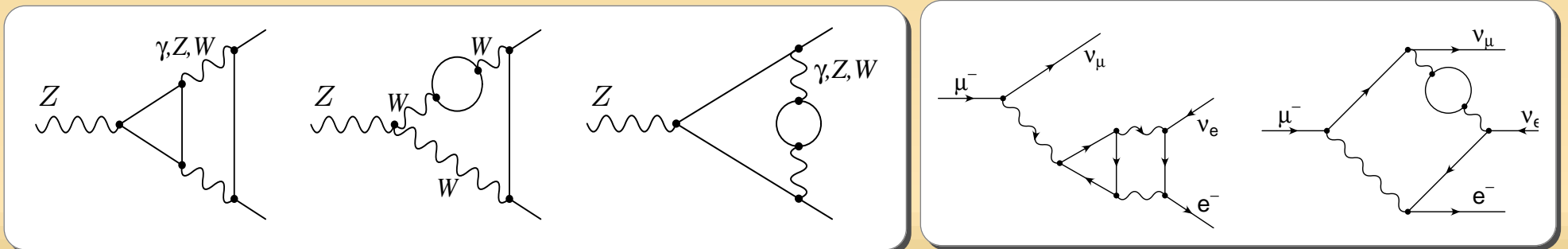
Faisst, Kühn, Seidensticker, Veretin '03

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Chen, Freitas '20

Schröder, Steinhauser '05



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Γ_Z [MeV]	2.3	0.4	0.025	0.025
$R_\ell = \Gamma_Z^{\text{had}} / \Gamma_Z^\ell$ [10^{-3}]	25	5	2	1
$R_b = \Gamma_Z^b / \Gamma_Z^{\text{had}}$ [10^{-5}]	66	10	4.3	6
$\sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}^\ell$ [10^{-5}]	13	4.5	0.3	0.4

- Theory error estimate is not well defined, ideally $\Delta_{\text{th}} \ll \Delta_{\text{exp}}$
- Common methods:
 - Count prefactors (α , N_c , N_f , ...)
 - Extrapolation of perturbative series
 - Renormalization scale dependence
 - Renormalization scheme dependence

■ Estimated impact of future higher-order calculations

Freitas et al. '19

	Current th.	Projected th. [†]	CEPC	FCC-ee
M_W [MeV]	4	1	0.5	0.4
Γ_Z [MeV]	0.4	0.15	0.025	0.025
$R_\ell = \Gamma_Z^{\text{had}} / \Gamma_Z^\ell$ [10^{-3}]	5	1.5	2	1
$R_b = \Gamma_Z^b / \Gamma_Z^{\text{had}}$ [10^{-5}]	10	5	4.3	6
$\sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}^\ell$ [10^{-5}]	4.5	1.5	0.3	0.4

[†] **Theory scenario:** $\mathcal{O}(\alpha\alpha_S^2)$, $\mathcal{O}(N_f\alpha^2\alpha_S)$, $\mathcal{O}(N_f^2\alpha^2\alpha_S)$, leading 4-loop
 ($N_f^n =$ at least n closed fermion loops)

Note: Estimates (based on extrapolation of perturb. series and prefactors) are unreliable and only provide a rough guess

SM predictions for Higgs decays

Reviews: [1404.0319](#), [1906.05379](#)

hbb: [CEPC: 1.4%, FCC-ee: 1.2%]

- $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^4)$ QCD corrections
- $\mathcal{O}(\alpha)$ QED+EW
- leading $\mathcal{O}(\alpha^2)$ and $\mathcal{O}(\alpha\alpha_s)$ for large m_t

Baikov, Chetyrkin, Kühn '05

Dabelstein, Hollik '92; Kniehl '92

Kwiatkowski, Steinhauser '94
Butenschoen, Fugel, Kniehl '07

Current theory error: $\Delta_{\text{th}} < 0.4\%$

With full 2-loop: $\Delta_{\text{th}} \sim 0.2\%$ (possible with existing methods)

hgg: [CEPC: 1.8%, FCC-ee: 1.8%]

- $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2)$ and $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^3)$ (in large m_t -limit) QCD corrections
- $\mathcal{O}(\alpha)$ EW

Baikov, Chetyrkin '06

Schreck, Steinhauser '07

Aglietti, Bonciani, Degrassi, Vicini '04; Degrassi, Maltoni '04

Theory error (dominated by QCD): $\Delta_{\text{th}} \approx 3\%$

With $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^4)$ in large m_t -limit (4-loop massless QCD diags.): $\Delta_{\text{th}} \approx 1\%$

hWW*/hZZ*: [CEPC: 1.4%, FCC-ee: 0.8%]

- complete $\mathcal{O}(\alpha) + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s)$ for $h \rightarrow 4f$ Bredenstein, Denner, Dittmaier, Weber '06
 - leading $\mathcal{O}(\alpha^2)$, $\mathcal{O}(\alpha\alpha_s)$ and $\mathcal{O}(\alpha\alpha_s^2)$ for large m_t Djouadi, Gambino, Kniehl '97
Kniehl, Spira '95; Kniehl, Steinhauser '95
Kniehl, Veretin '12
- Small (0.2%) effect

Theory error:

$$\Delta_{\text{th,EW}} < 0.3\%, \quad \Delta_{\text{th,QCD}} < 0.5\%$$

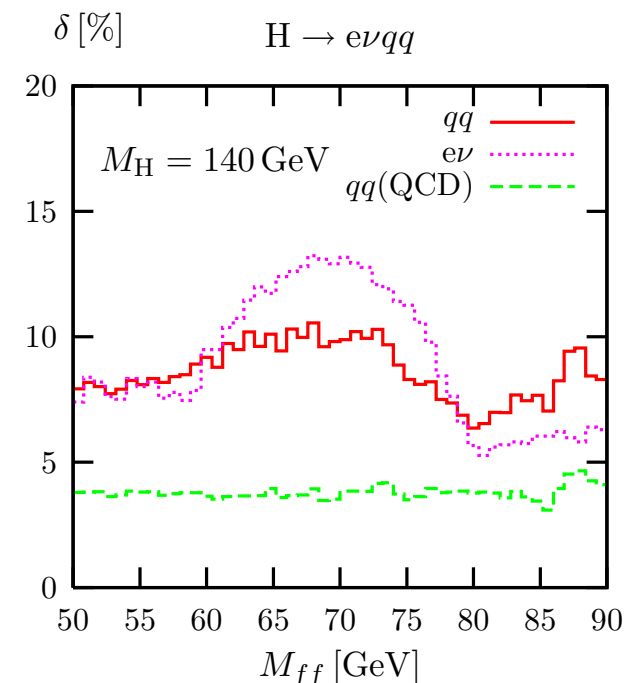
With NNLO final-state QCD corrections:

$$\Delta_{\text{th,QCD}} < 0.1\%$$

Note: Non-trivial effects in distributions

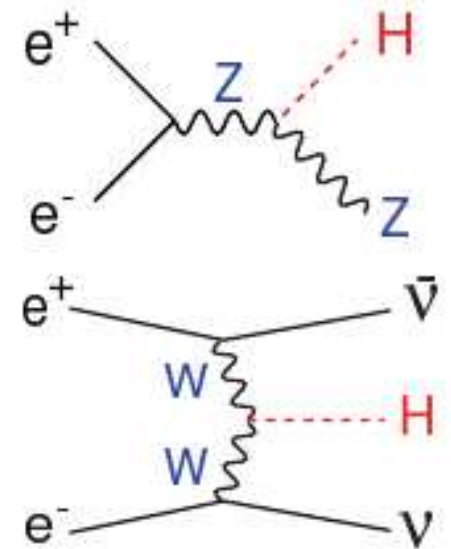
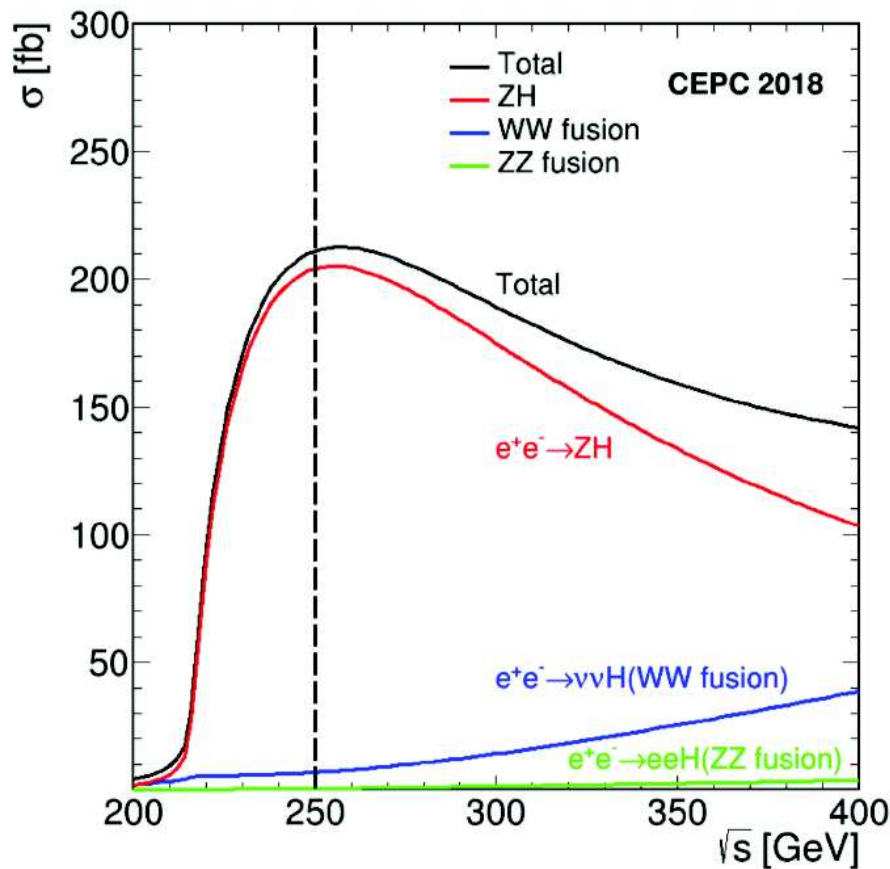
Bredenstein, Denner, Dittmaier, Weber '06

→ Larger theory uncertainty?



hγγ, hττ, hcc: Theory uncertainties already subdominant

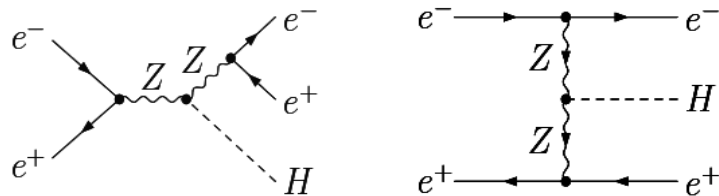
- **hZ production:** dominant at $\sqrt{s} \sim 240$ GeV
- **WW fusion:** sub-dominant but useful for constraining h width [Han, Liu, Sayre '13](#)



hZ production: [CEPC: 0.15%, FCC-ee: 0.35%]

- $\mathcal{O}(\alpha)$ corr. to hZ production and Z decay Kniehl '92; Denner, Küblbeck, Mertig, Böhm '92
Consoli, Lo Presti, Maiani '83; Jegerlehner '86
Akhundov, Bardin, Riemann '86

- Technology for $\mathcal{O}(\alpha)$ with off-shell Z -boson available Boudjema et al. '04
Denner, Dittmaier, Roth, Weber '03



- Can be combined with h.o. ISR QED radiation Greco et al. '17
- $\mathcal{O}(\alpha\alpha_s)$ corrections Gong et al. '16
Chen, Feng, Jia, Sang '18
- $\mathcal{O}(N_f\alpha^2)$ corrections Freitas, Song '22
[also see Chen, Guan, He, Li, Liu, Ma '22]

Theory error: $\Delta_{\text{th}} \lesssim \mathcal{O}(0.3\%)$ (mostly from non-fermionic NNLO)

SM predictions for Higgs decays need measured input parameters

Reviews: [1906.05379](#), [2012.11642](#)

Numerical impact of input parameter uncertainties:

	$\delta m_t = 0.5 \text{ GeV}$	$\delta \alpha_s = 0.001$	$\delta(\Delta\alpha) = 10^{-4}$	FCC-ee exp.
M_W [MeV]	3	0.7	2	0.4
$\sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}^\ell$ [10^{-5}]	1.5	0.3	3.5	0.4
Γ_Z [MeV]	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.025
$\Gamma[h \rightarrow gg]$ [%]	<0.2	3	–	1.8

To keep impact subdominant for FCC-ee precision studies, would need:

$$\delta m_t < 50 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\delta \alpha_s < 5 \times 10^{-5}$$

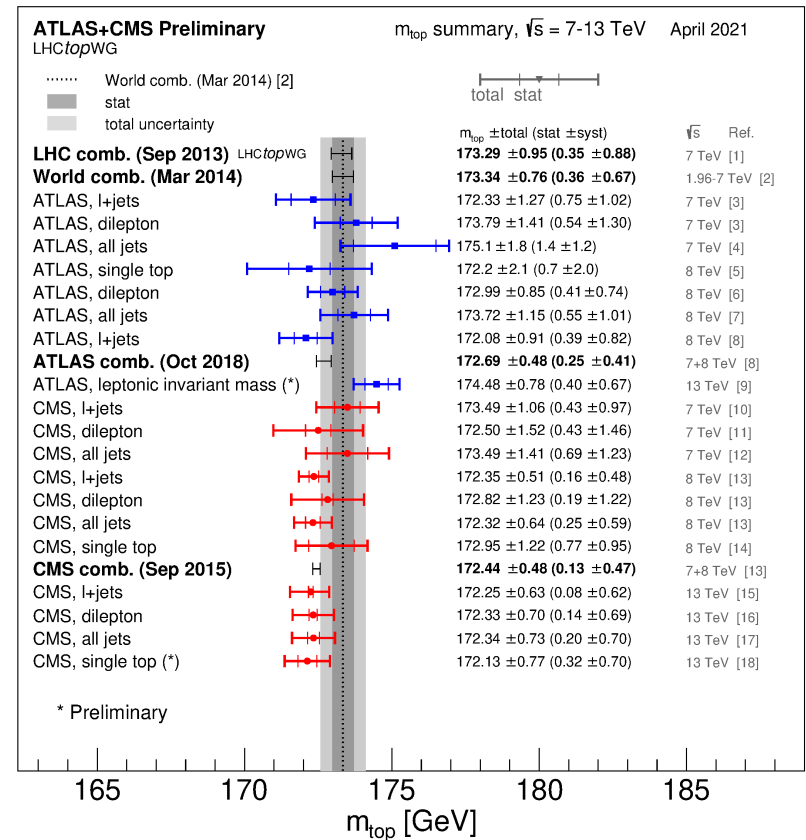
$$\delta(\Delta\alpha_s) < 10^{-5}$$

- m_t : Most precise measurement at LHC: $\delta m_t \sim 0.3 \text{ GeV}$ PDG '24

Theoretical ambiguity in mass def.:

Hoang, Plätzer, Samitz '18

$$\begin{aligned}
 & m_t^{\text{CB}}(Q_0) - m_t^{\text{pole}} \\
 &= -\frac{2}{3}\alpha_s(Q_0) Q_0 + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2 Q_0) \\
 &\approx 0.5 \pm 0.2_{\text{pert.}} \pm 0.2_{\text{np.}} \text{ GeV}
 \end{aligned}$$



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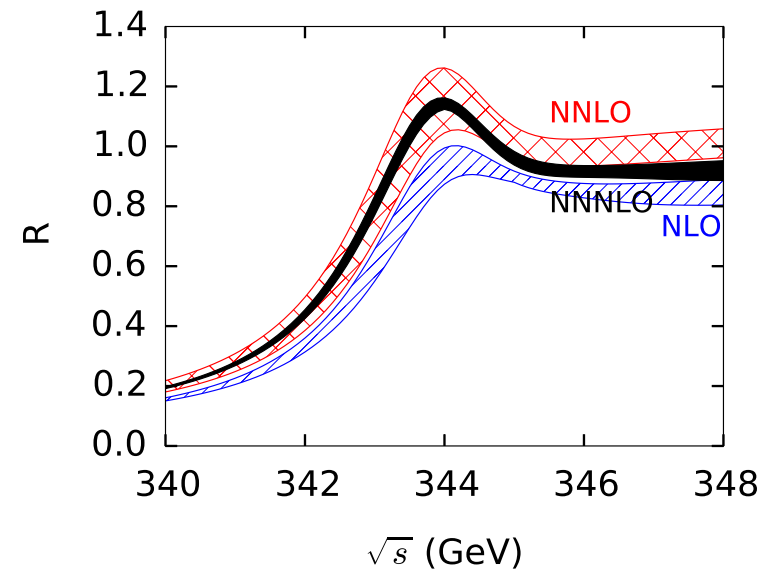
From $e^+e^- \rightarrow t\bar{t}$ at $\sqrt{s} \sim 350$ GeV:

Impact of theory modelling:

$$\delta m_t^{\overline{\text{MS}}} = [\quad]_{\text{exp}}$$

- $\oplus [50 \text{ MeV}]_{\text{QCD}}$
- $\oplus [10 \text{ MeV}]_{\text{mass def.}}$
- $\oplus [70 \text{ MeV}]_{\alpha_s}$

> 100 MeV



Beneke et al. '15

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- $\oplus [70 \text{ MeV}]_{\alpha_s}$

$> 100 \text{ MeV}$

future improvements:

$$[20 \text{ MeV}]_{\text{exp}}$$

- $\oplus [30 \text{ MeV}]_{\text{QCD}} \text{ (h.o. resumm., N}^4\text{LO?)}$
- $\oplus [10 \text{ MeV}]_{\text{mass def.}}$
- $\oplus [15 \text{ MeV}]_{\alpha_s} \text{ } (\delta\alpha_s \lesssim 0.0002)$

$\lesssim 50 \text{ MeV}$

- α_S :

d'Enterria, Skands, et al. '15

- Most precise determination using Lattice QCD:

$\alpha_S = 0.1184 \pm 0.0006$ HPQCD '10

$\alpha_S = 0.1185 \pm 0.0008$ ALPHA '17

$\alpha_S = 0.1179 \pm 0.0015$ Takaura et al. '18

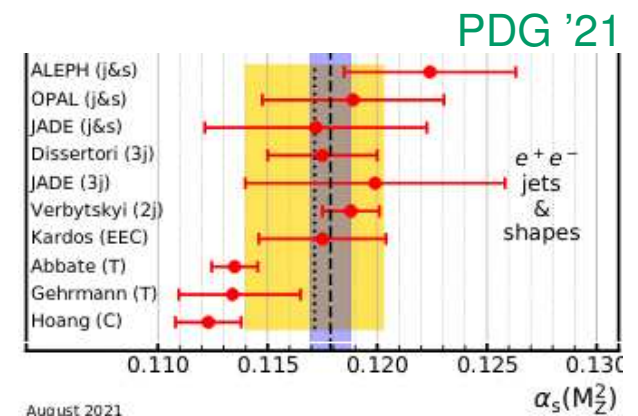
$\alpha_S = 0.1172 \pm 0.0011$ Zafeiropoulos et al. '19

→ Difficulty in evaluating systematics

- e^+e^- event shapes: $\alpha_S \sim 0.113...0.119$

→ Large non-perturbative power corrections

→ Systematic uncertainties?



- Hadronic τ decays: $\alpha_S = 0.119 \pm 0.002$

PDG '18

→ Non-perturbative uncertainties in OPE and from duality violation

Pich '14; Boito et al. '15,18

- α_s :

- Electroweak precision ($R_\ell = \Gamma_Z^{\text{had}} / \Gamma_Z^\ell$):

$$\alpha_s = 0.120 \pm 0.003$$

PDG '18

→ Negligible non-perturbative QCD effects

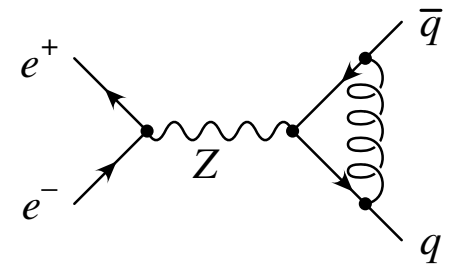
$$\text{FCC-ee: } \delta R_\ell \sim 0.001$$

$$\Rightarrow \delta \alpha_s < 0.0001$$

Theory input: $N^3\text{LO EW corr.} + \text{leading } N^4\text{LO}$

to keep $\delta_{\text{th}} R_\ell \lesssim \delta_{\text{exp}} R_\ell$

Caviat: R_ℓ could be affected by new physics



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Caveat: R_ℓ could be affected by new physics

- $R = \frac{\sigma[ee \rightarrow \text{had.}]}{\sigma[ee \rightarrow \mu\mu]}$ at lower \sqrt{s}

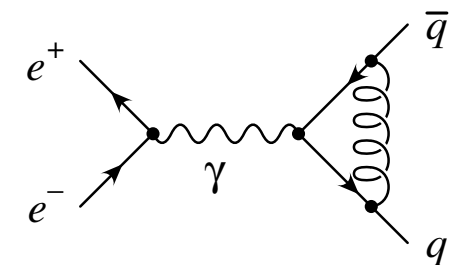
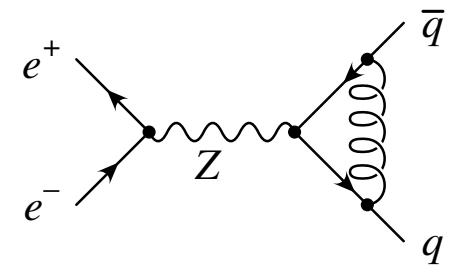
$$\text{e.g. CLEO } (\sqrt{s} \sim 9 \text{ GeV}): \alpha_s = 0.110 \pm 0.015$$

Kühn, Steinhauser, Teubner '07

→ dominated by s -channel photon, less room for new physics

→ QCD still perturbative

$$\text{naive scaling to } 50 \text{ ab}^{-1} \text{ (BELLE-II): } \delta \alpha_s \sim 0.0001$$

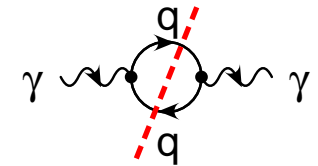


- $\Delta\alpha \equiv 1 - \frac{\alpha(0)}{\alpha(M_Z)} \approx 0.059 = 0.0315_{\text{lept}} + 0.0276_{\text{had}}$

a) $\Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}$ from $e^+e^- \rightarrow \text{had.}$ using dispersion relation

→ Current precision $\sim 10^{-4}$

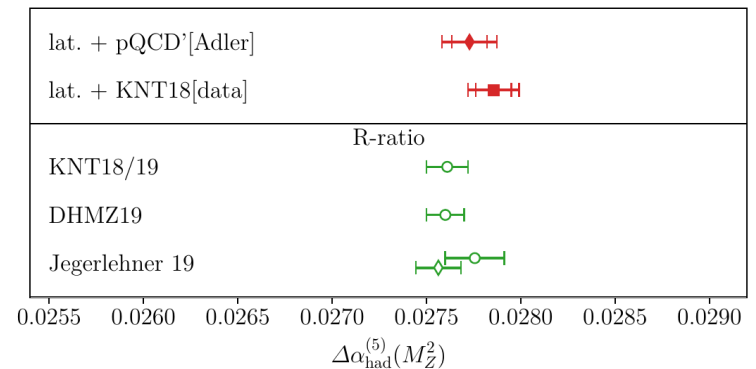
Davier et al. '19; Jegerlehner '19; Keshavarzi, Nomura, Teubner '19



b) $\Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}$ from Lattice QCD
(challenging but much progress)

Burger et al. '15

Cè et al. '22



Future improvements for methods (a) and (b):

- More precise exp./lattice data
- Full 4-loop pQCD for R-ratio / Adler function (for $|Q^2| \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$)
- More precise inputs for m_b, m_c, α_s

→ $\delta(\Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}) \lesssim 5 \times 10^{-5}$ likely achievable

Jegerlehner '19

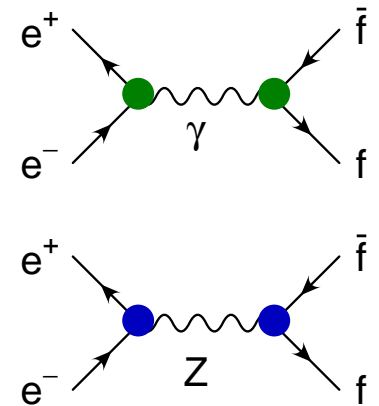
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c) Direct det. of $\Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}$ from $e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ off the Z peak

Janot '15

$$|\mathcal{M}_{ij}|^2 \propto |g_i^\ell|^2 |g_j^\ell|^2 + (s - M_Z^2) \alpha(M_Z) |g_{i,j}^\ell|^2 + \dots$$

↑
determined
from Z pole



→ Use $A_{\text{FB}}^{\mu\mu}$ at $\sqrt{s_1} \sim 88$ GeV and $\sqrt{s_2} \sim 95$ GeV to reduce systematics

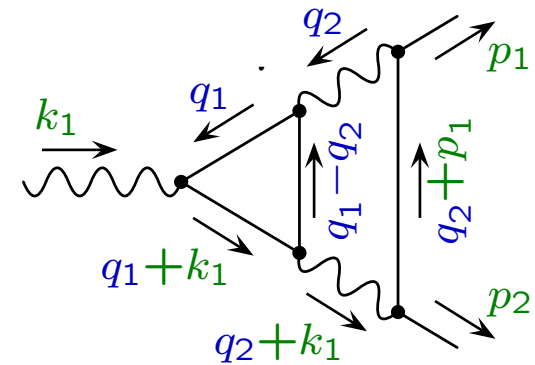
→ $\delta(\Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}) \sim 3 \times 10^{-5}$ for $\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} = 85 \text{ ab}^{-1}$

→ Requires 2/3-loop corrections for $e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$

Experimental precision requires inclusion of **multi-loop corrections** in theory

Integrals over loop momenta:

$$\int d^4 q_1 d^4 q_2 f(q_1, q_2, p_1, k_1, \dots, m_1, m_2, \dots)$$



Challenges:

1. $\mathcal{O}(1000)$ – $\mathcal{O}(10000)$ integrals
2. Individual integrals can be divergent (drop out for physical results)
→ Regularization, renormalization
3. Multi-dimensional integrations

General approaches:

- Analytical
- Numerical
- Approximations (expansions), specialized techniques, ...

Challenge 1: reduce 1000s of integrals to a small set of *master integrals*

Integration-by-parts (IBP) relations:

1-dim. example:
$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \frac{d}{dx} \underbrace{\frac{1+2x}{1+x^2}}_{f(x)} = f(\infty) - f(-\infty) = 0$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} f(x) = \frac{2}{1+x^2} - \frac{2x(1+2x)}{(1+x^2)^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \frac{2x(1+2x)}{(1+x^2)^2} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \frac{2}{1+x^2}$$

→ Similar for $\int d^4q$ integrals

- Individual eqs. may contain integrals not in original problem
- Large enough eq. system can be fully solved [Laporta, arXiv:2002.05845](#)
- Public programs: Reduze, FIRE, LiteRed, KIRA
[von Manteuffel, Studerus '12](#); [Smirnov '13,14](#); [Lee '13](#); [Maierhoefer, Usovitsch, Uwer '17](#)
- Requires large computing time and memory

Challenge 2/3: find solutions for *master integrals*

Many methods, e.g. differential equations or Mellin-Barnes representations

[Kotikov, PLB 254, 158 \(1991\)](#); [Remiddi, hep-th/9711188](#); [Smirnov, hep-ph/0111160](#)

→ Complicated functions needed:

Goncharov polylogs, iterated elliptic integrals, hypergeometric functions, ...

$$G(a_1, \dots, a_n, x) = \int_0^x \frac{dt_1}{t_1 - a_1} \int_0^{t_1} \frac{dt_2}{t_2 - a_2} \cdots \int_0^{t_{n-1}} \frac{dt_n}{t_n - a_n}$$

$$\Gamma(a_1, \dots, a_n, x) = \int_0^x dt_1 g_{a_1}(t_1, x) \int_0^{t_1} dt_2 g_{a_2}(t_2, x) \cdots \int_0^{t_{n-1}} dt_n g_{a_n}(t_n, x)$$

Challenge 2: presence of UV/IR divergencies

- Remove through subtraction terms

$$\underbrace{\int d^4 q_1 d^4 q_2 (f - f_{\text{sub}})}_{\text{finite}} + \underbrace{\int d^4 q_1 d^4 q_2 f_{\text{sub}}}_{\text{solve analytically}}$$

Cvitanovic, Kinoshita '74
 Levine, Park, Roskies '82
 Bauberger '97
 Nagy, Soper '03
 Awramik, Czakon, Freitas '06
 Becker, Reuschle, Weinzierl '10
 Sborlini et al. '16
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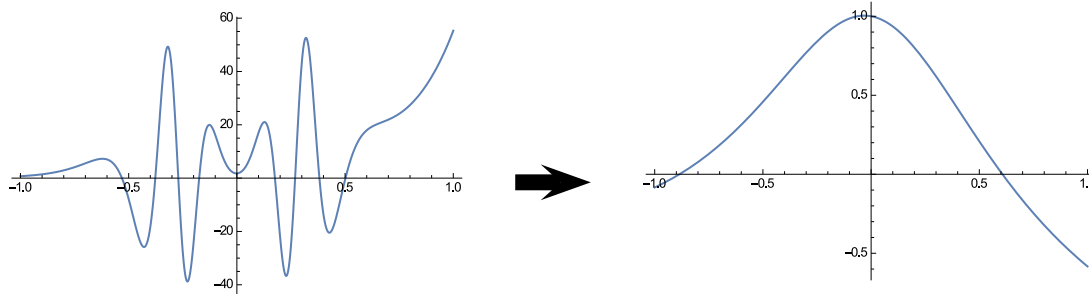
- Remove through variable transformations:

$$\int d^n q f(\vec{q}) = \underbrace{\int dx f(x)}_{\text{divergent, solve analytically}} \underbrace{\int d^{n-1} y f(y)}_{\text{finite, integrate numerically}}$$

Binoth, Heinrich '03; Bogner, Weinzierl '07; Czakon '06; Smirnov, Smirnov '09; ...

Challenge 3: stability and convergence

- Integration in momentum space: $4L$ dimensions ($L = \#$ of loops)
- Integration in Feynman parameters: $P - 1$ dimensions ($P = \#$ of propagators)
- Multi-dim. integrals need large computing resources and converge slowly
- Variable transformations to avoid singularities and peaks



Analytical techniques:

- Computational intensive reduction to master integrals (MIs)
- Not fully understood function space of MIs
- Works best for problems with few (no) masses

Numerical techniques:

- Limited precision, slow convergence
- Numerical instabilities, in particular for diagrams with physical cuts
- Works best for problems with many masses

New techniques, e.g.:

- Numerical IBP reduction to MIs, numerical MIs via differential equations (DEs)
Mandal, Zhao '18, Czakon, Niggetiedt '20
- DEs with respect to auxiliary parameter, $\frac{1}{k_i^2 - m_i^2 + i\epsilon}$
Liu, Ma, Wang '17
Liu, Ma '18,21,22
- Series solutions of DEs
Moriello '19, Hidding '20
- Dispersion relations + Feynman parameters
Song, Freitas '21, 22

- **Electroweak and Higgs precision studies** probe physics beyond the Standard Model at **TeV scale** and beyond
- Precision measurements require theory input for **measurements of pseudo-observables** (BRs, widths, masses, cross-sections, ...) and their **SM/BSM interpretation**
- **Future e^+e^- colliders** (FCC-ee, CEPC, ILC) improve precision by 1–2 orders of magnitude
- Theory progress needed both for **fixed-order loop corrections** as well as **MC tools** (shower resummation, hadronization, etc.)
- Improved determinations of **input parameters** require advances in **perturbative** and **non-perturbative** theory tools

Backup slides

Example: Error estimation for Γ_Z

■ Geometric perturbative series

$$\alpha_t = \alpha m_t^2$$

$$\mathcal{O}(\alpha^3) - \mathcal{O}(\alpha_t^3) \sim \frac{\mathcal{O}(\alpha^2) - \mathcal{O}(\alpha_t^2)}{\mathcal{O}(\alpha)} \mathcal{O}(\alpha^2) \sim 0.20 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\mathcal{O}(\alpha^2 \alpha_s) - \mathcal{O}(\alpha_t^2 \alpha_s) \sim \frac{\mathcal{O}(\alpha^2) - \mathcal{O}(\alpha_t^2)}{\mathcal{O}(\alpha)} \mathcal{O}(\alpha \alpha_s) \sim 0.21 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\mathcal{O}(\alpha \alpha_s^2) - \mathcal{O}(\alpha_t \alpha_s^2) \sim \frac{\mathcal{O}(\alpha \alpha_s) - \mathcal{O}(\alpha_t \alpha_s)}{\mathcal{O}(\alpha)} \mathcal{O}(\alpha \alpha_s) \sim 0.23 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\mathcal{O}(\alpha \alpha_s^3) - \mathcal{O}(\alpha_t \alpha_s^3) \sim \frac{\mathcal{O}(\alpha \alpha_s) - \mathcal{O}(\alpha_t \alpha_s)}{\mathcal{O}(\alpha)} \mathcal{O}(\alpha \alpha_s^2) \sim 0.035 \text{ MeV}$$

■ Parametric prefactors:

$$\mathcal{O}(\alpha \alpha_s^2) - \mathcal{O}(\alpha_t \alpha_s^2) \sim \frac{\alpha n_{|q}}{\pi} \alpha_s^2 \sim 0.29 \text{ MeV}$$

Total: $\delta\Gamma_Z \approx 0.4 \text{ MeV}$

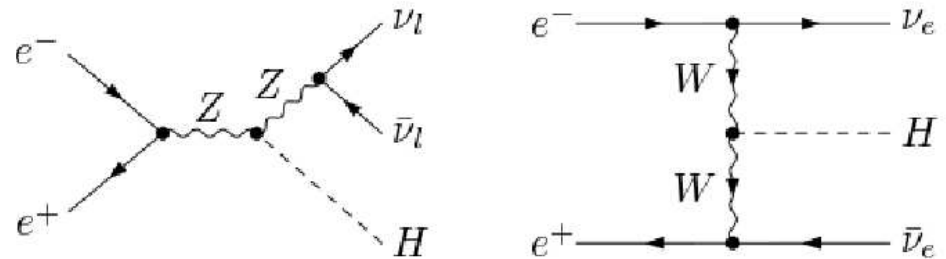
SM predictions for Higgs production

WW fusion:

- $\mathcal{O}(\alpha)$ corrections with h.o. ISR

Belanger et al. '02; Denner, Dittmaier, Roth, Weber '03

Theory error: $\Delta_{\text{th}} \sim \mathcal{O}(1\%)$?



Full $\mathcal{O}(\alpha^2)$ calculation for $2 \rightarrow 3$ process is very challenging
→ Contributions with closed fermion loops maybe feasible

Asymptotic expansions

- Exploit large mass/momentum ratios, *e. g.* $M_Z^2/m_t^2 \approx 1/4$
- Evaluate coeff. integrals analytically
- Fast numerical evaluation

→ Public programs:

exp Harlander, Seidensticker, Steinhauser '97

asy Pak, Smirnov '10

→ Possible limitations:

- no appropriate mass/momentum ratios
- bad convergence
- impractical if too many mass/mom. scales

