

The path to precision: fitting, modeling and uncertainties

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Exp. precision estimates for electroweak parameters:

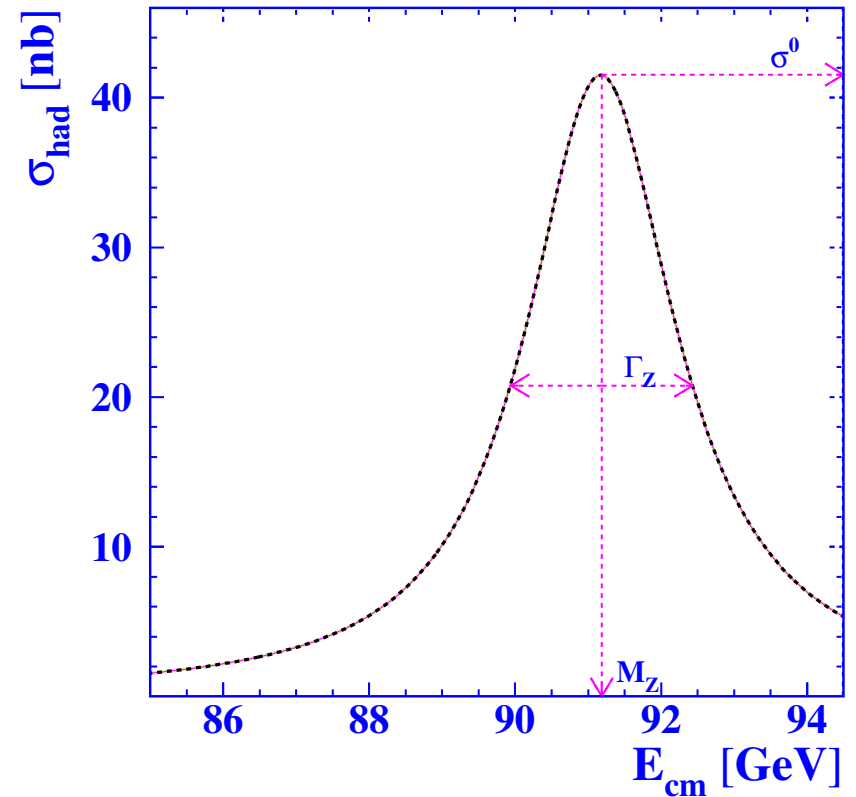
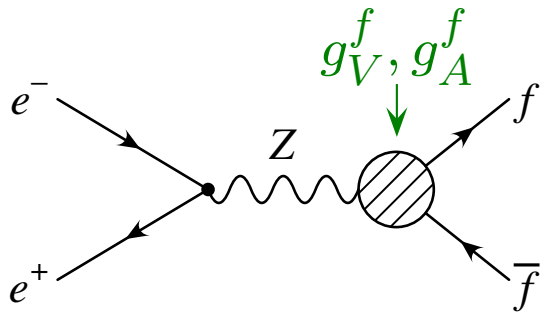
	Current exp.	ILC250	CEPC	FCC-ee
M_W [MeV]	11–12	2.4	0.5	0.4
Γ_Z [MeV]	2.3	1.5	0.025	0.025
$R_\ell = \Gamma_Z^{\text{had}} / \Gamma_Z^\ell$ [10^{-3}]	25	20	2	1
$R_b = \Gamma_Z^b / \Gamma_Z^{\text{had}}$ [10^{-5}]	66	23	4.3	6
$\sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}^\ell$ [10^{-5}]	13	2	0.3	0.4

Some issues discussed in the following also relevant for DY @ (HL-)LHC

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

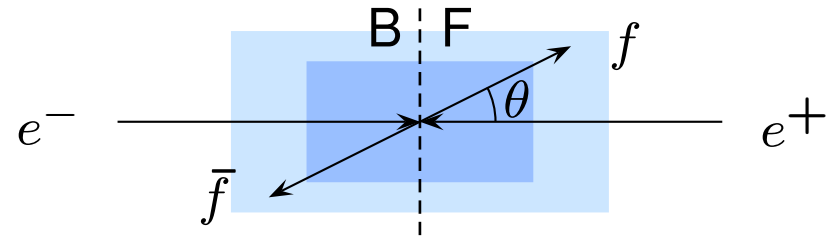
- Mass M_Z
- Width $\Gamma_Z = \sum_f \Gamma_{ff}$
- Branching ratio $R_f = \Gamma_{ff}/\Gamma_Z$
- $\sigma^0 \approx \frac{12\pi \Gamma_{ee} \Gamma_{ff}}{(s-M_Z^2)^2 + M_Z^2 \Gamma_Z^2} = \frac{12\pi}{M_Z^2} R_e R_f$

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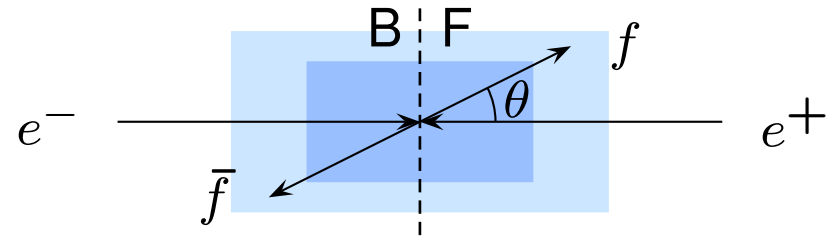
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Decay widths in terms of $\sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}^f$:

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Pseudo-observables: Γ_{ff} , $\sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}^f$, g_L^f , g_R^f , ...

■ Deconvolution of initial-state QED radiation:

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Kureav, Fadin '85

Berends, Burgers, v. Neerven '88

Kniehl, Krawczyk, Kühn, Stuart '88

Beenakker, Berends, v. Neerven '89

Bardin et al. '91; Skrzypek '92

Montagna, Nicrosini, Piccinini '97

Soft photons (resummed) + collinear photons

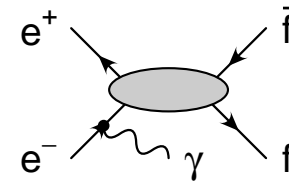
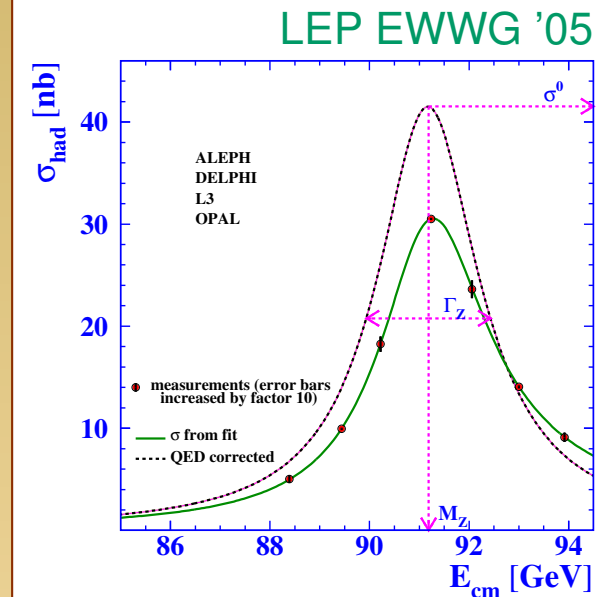
$$\mathcal{R}_{\text{ini}} = \sum_n \left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi}\right)^n \sum_{m=0}^n h_{nm} \ln^m\left(\frac{s}{m_e^2}\right)$$

Universal ($m=n$) logs known to $n = 6$,

also some sub-leading terms

Ablinger, Blümlein, De Freitas, Schönwald '20

Exclusive description: MC tools



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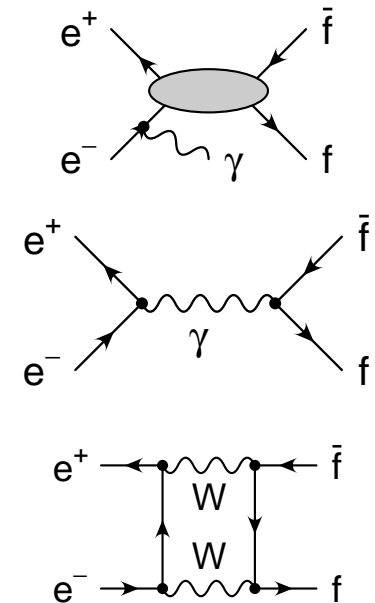
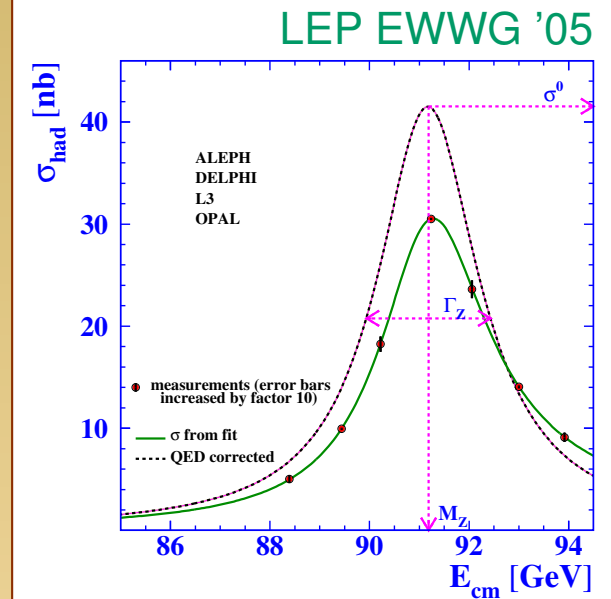
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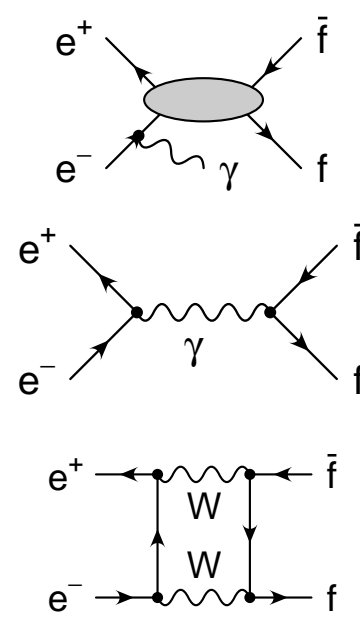
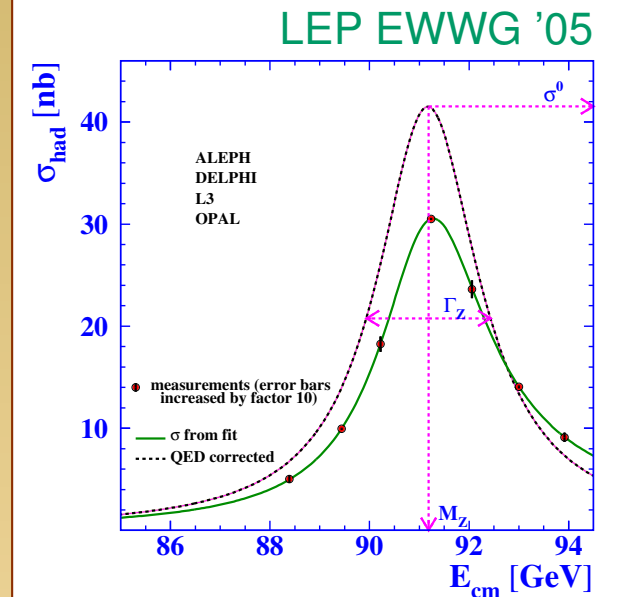
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→ possible BSM physics?



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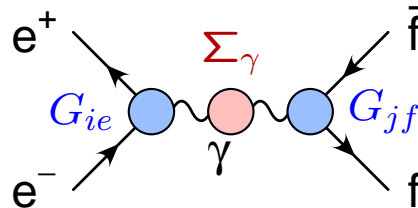
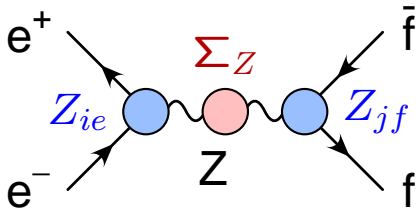
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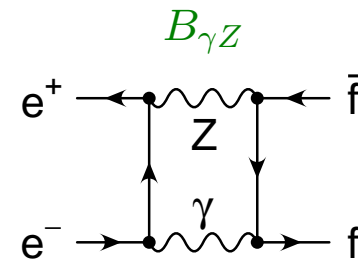
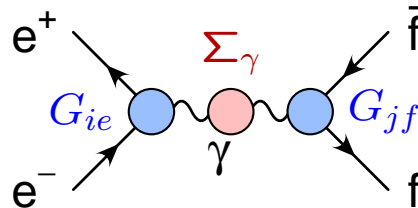
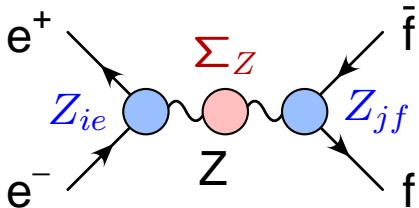
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Current state of art: R @ NNLO + leading higher orders
 S, S', \dots @ NLO

For future ee colliders: (at least) one order more!

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

In exp. studies:
$$\sigma \sim \frac{1}{(s - M_Z^2)^2 + s^2\Gamma_Z^2/M_Z^2}$$

$$\overline{M}_Z = M_Z / \sqrt{1 + \Gamma_Z^2/M_Z^2} \approx M_Z - 34 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\overline{\Gamma}_Z = \Gamma_Z / \sqrt{1 + \Gamma_Z^2/M_Z^2} \approx \Gamma_Z - 0.9 \text{ MeV}$$

Express R_{ij} in terms of $\sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}^f$ and F_A^f (accurate up to NNLO):

$$\sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}^f = \frac{1}{4|Q_f|} \left[1 - \text{Re} \frac{Z_{Vf}}{Z_{Af}} \right]_{s=\overline{M}_Z^2}$$

$$F_A^f = \left[\frac{|Z_{Af}|^2}{1 + \text{Re} \Sigma'_Z} - \frac{1}{2} \overline{M}_Z \overline{\Gamma}_Z |Z_{Af(0)}|^2 \text{Im} \Sigma''_Z(1) \right]_{s=\overline{M}_Z^2} + \mathcal{O}(\alpha^3)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow R_{ij} &= \frac{Z_{ie} Z_{jf}}{1 + \Sigma'_Z} \Big|_{s=s_0} \\ &= 4I_e^3 I_f^3 \sqrt{F_A^e F_A^f} \left[Q_i^e Q_j^f + \dots \right], \quad \begin{aligned} Q_V^f &= 1 - 4|Q_f| \sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}^f, \\ Q_A^f &= 1 \end{aligned} \end{aligned}$$

terms related to
 $\text{Im} Z_{ie}, \text{Im} Z_{jf}, \text{Im} \Sigma_Z$
 and the γZ box

(n) = loop order

$$\Gamma_{ff} = \frac{N_c^f M_Z}{12\pi} F_A^f \left[(1 - 4|Q_f| \sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}^f)^2 + \dots \right]$$

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Schael et al. '05

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 - affected e.g. by light BSM particles in loops
- Assumption probably ok for LEP1 given constraints from BSM searches
 - doubtful if precision is increased by factor 10-100

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

Wilson '69
Weinberg '79

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \sum_{d=5}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\Lambda^{d-4}} \sum_i c_i \mathcal{O}_i^{(d)}$$

- More general description of BSM effects
- Operators ranked by suppression power Λ^{4-d}
- Leading effects typically for $d=6$
- **Assumption:** $E \ll \Lambda$ ($\Lambda \sim$ mass of heavy BSM particles)

Leading dim-6 contribution: $\mathcal{L} = \sum_i \frac{c_i}{\Lambda^2} \mathcal{O}_i + \mathcal{O}(\Lambda^{-3}) \quad (\Lambda \gg M_Z)$

$$\mathcal{O}_{\phi 1} = \frac{1}{4} |\Phi^\dagger \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu \Phi|^2$$

$$\alpha \Delta T = -\frac{v^2}{2} \frac{c_{\phi 1}}{\Lambda^2}$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{\text{BW}} = \Phi^\dagger B_{\mu\nu} W^{\mu\nu} \Phi$$

$$\alpha \Delta S = -e^2 v^2 \frac{c_{\text{BW}}}{\Lambda^2}$$

$$O_{\text{LL}}^{(3)\mu e} = (\bar{L}_L^\mu \sigma^a \gamma_\mu L_L^\mu) (\bar{L}_L^e \sigma^a \gamma^\mu L_L^e) \quad \Delta G_F = -\sqrt{2} \frac{c_{\text{LL}}^{(3)\mu e}}{\Lambda^2}$$

$$O_{\text{R}}^f = i(\Phi^\dagger \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu \Phi) (\bar{f}_R \gamma^\mu f_R)$$

$$f = e, \mu, \tau, b, lq$$

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More operators than EWPOs \rightarrow need assumptions:

- Family universality, e.g. $c_{\text{R}}^e = c_{\text{R}}^\mu = c_{\text{R}}^\tau$
- $U(2) \times U(1)$ flavor symmetry, e.g. $c_{\text{R}}^e = c_{\text{R}}^\mu \neq c_{\text{R}}^\tau$

Leading Z pole contribution:

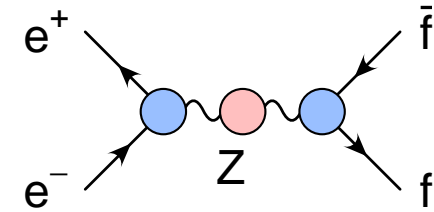
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Modified Z-fermion couplings:

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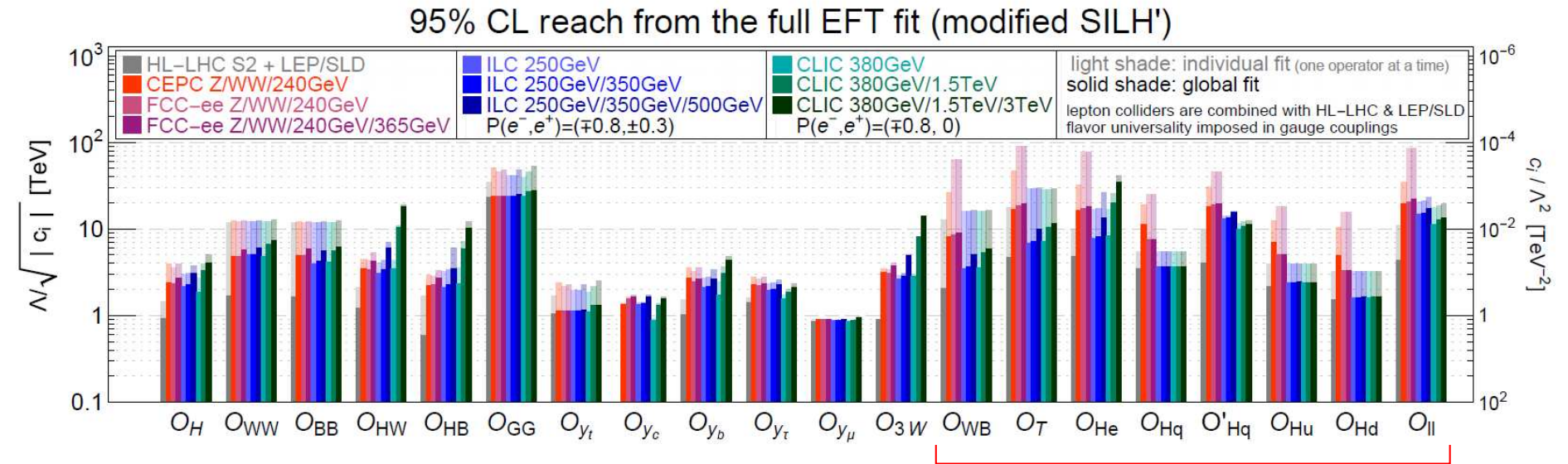
Direct correspondence between pseudo-observables and SMEFT ops.:

$$\frac{\delta \Gamma_{ff}}{\Gamma_{ff}} = 2 \left[\frac{\delta Z_L^f}{Z_L^f} + \frac{\delta Z_R^f}{Z_R^f} \right] \quad \frac{\delta \sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}^f}{\sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}^f} = \frac{1}{1 - Z_L^f/Z_R^f} \left[\frac{\delta Z_L^f}{Z_L^f} - \frac{\delta Z_R^f}{Z_R^f} \right]$$

$$\delta Z_X^f = \frac{1}{\Lambda^2} \left[I_3^{fX} c_L^{(3)f} - \frac{1}{2} c_X^f - Q_f \frac{sc}{c^2 - s^2} c_{WB} - \left(\frac{1}{16} c_{\phi 1} - \frac{1}{4} c_{LL}^{(3)} + c_L^\ell \right) \left(I_3^{fX} + Q_f \frac{s^2}{c^2 - s^2} \right) \right]$$

$$\frac{\delta M_W}{M_W} = \delta Z_L^\nu - \delta Z_L^e - \frac{1}{4} c_{LL}^{(3)}$$

Project reach of future colliders to constrain SMEFT operators:

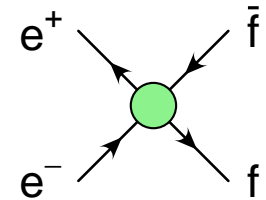


de Blas, Durieux, Grojean, Gu, Paul '19

Beyond leading Z pole (“background”):

Additional 4-fermion operators

e.g. $O_{ff'}^{(1)} = (\bar{f}\gamma_\mu f)(\bar{f}'\gamma^\mu f')$ $f, f' = e, \mu, \tau, b, \dots$

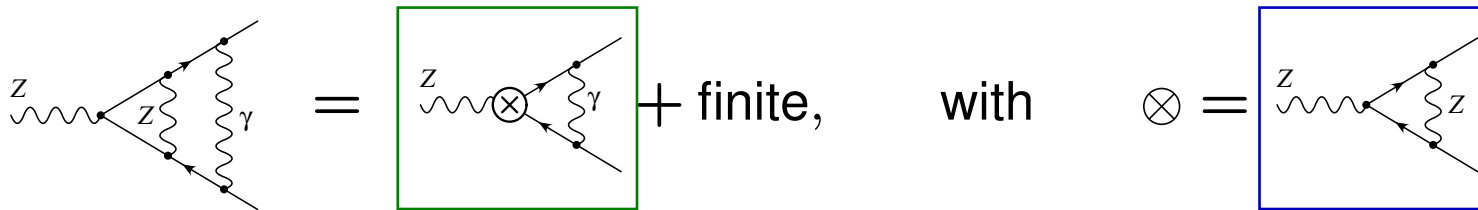


(related via e.o.m. to energy-dependent $Zff/\gamma ff$ couplings $O_f^D \sim \bar{f}\gamma^\mu F_{\mu\nu} D^\nu f$)

→ Model-independent analysis requires additional parameters (or Wilson coeffs.) in non-resonant terms

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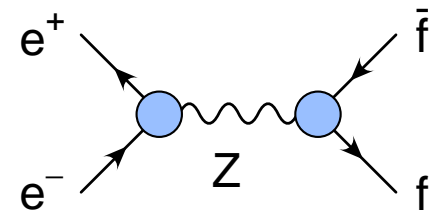
$$\bar{\Gamma}_f \approx \frac{N_c \bar{M}_Z}{12\pi} \left[\mathcal{R}_V^f F_V^f + \mathcal{R}_A^f F_A^f \right]_{s=\bar{M}_Z^2}$$



$\mathcal{R}_V^f, \mathcal{R}_A^f$: 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

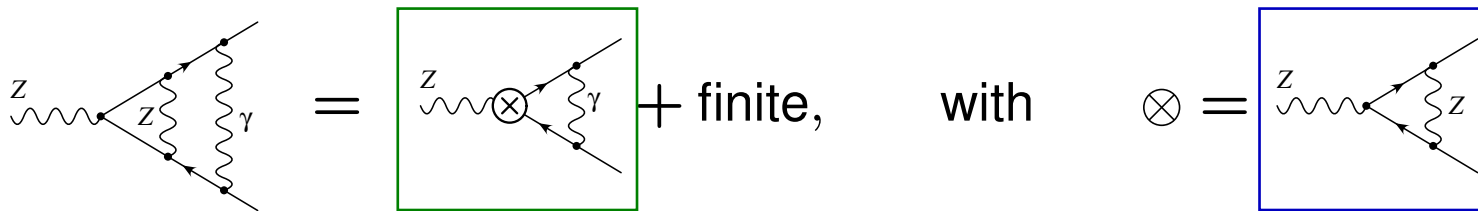
or compute exclusively using MC methods

F_V^f, F_A^f : Electroweak corrections



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Simulate with Monte Carlo event generator, e.g.

KKMC,

Arbuzov, Jadach, Wąs, Ward, Yost '20

SHERPA_YFS,

Krauss, Price, Schönherr '22

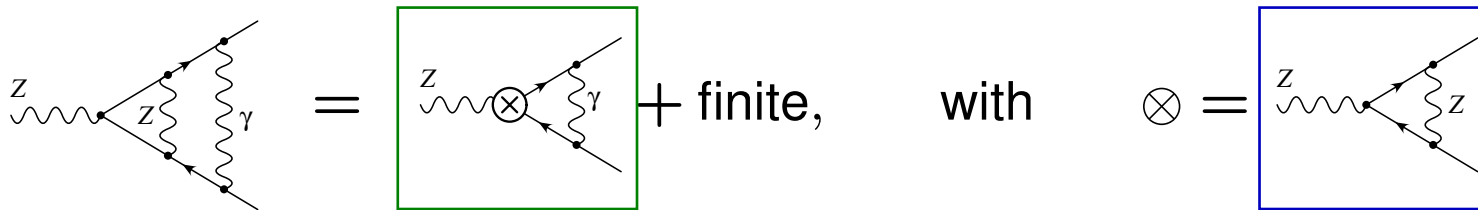
POWHEG_EW

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

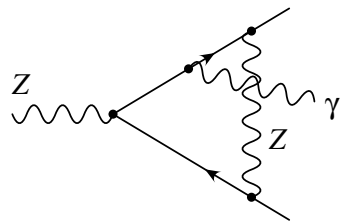
$$\text{LL} \left[\left(\alpha \log \frac{E}{m_e} \right)^n \right] + \text{some NLL} \left[\alpha^2 \log \frac{E}{m_e} \right]$$

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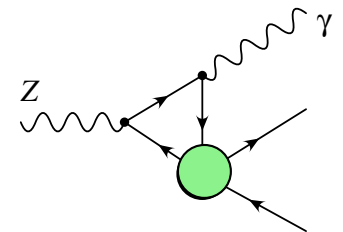
Additional non-factorizable contributions, e.g.



→ Known at $\mathcal{O}(\alpha\alpha_s)$ Czarnecki, Kühn '96
Harlander, Seidensticker, Steinhauser '98

→ Currently not known at $\mathcal{O}(\alpha^2)$ and beyond

- Small ($< \mathcal{O}(0.1\%)$) but not negligible contribution
- Additional matching terms in MC simulations
- Influenced by different SMEFT ops. than Zff vertex



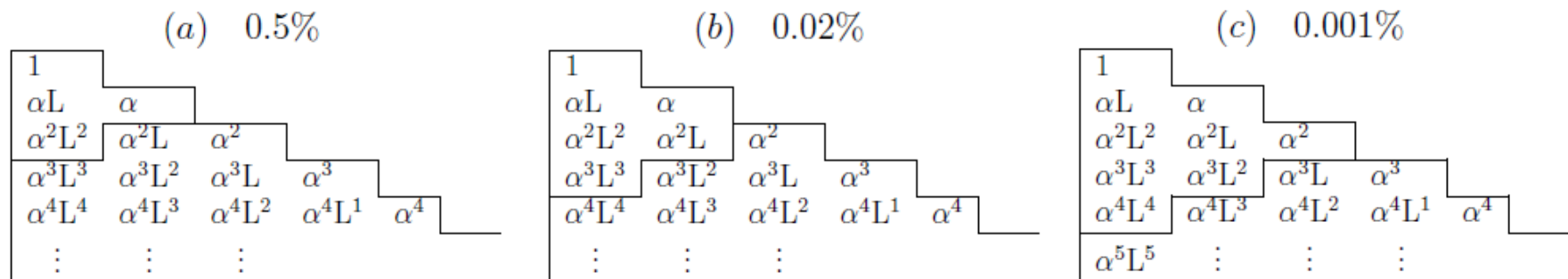
- Current state of art: e.g. KORALZ, KKMC
 $\rightarrow \mathcal{O}(\alpha^2 L)$ accuracy [$L = \ln(s/m_e^2)$]

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- 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

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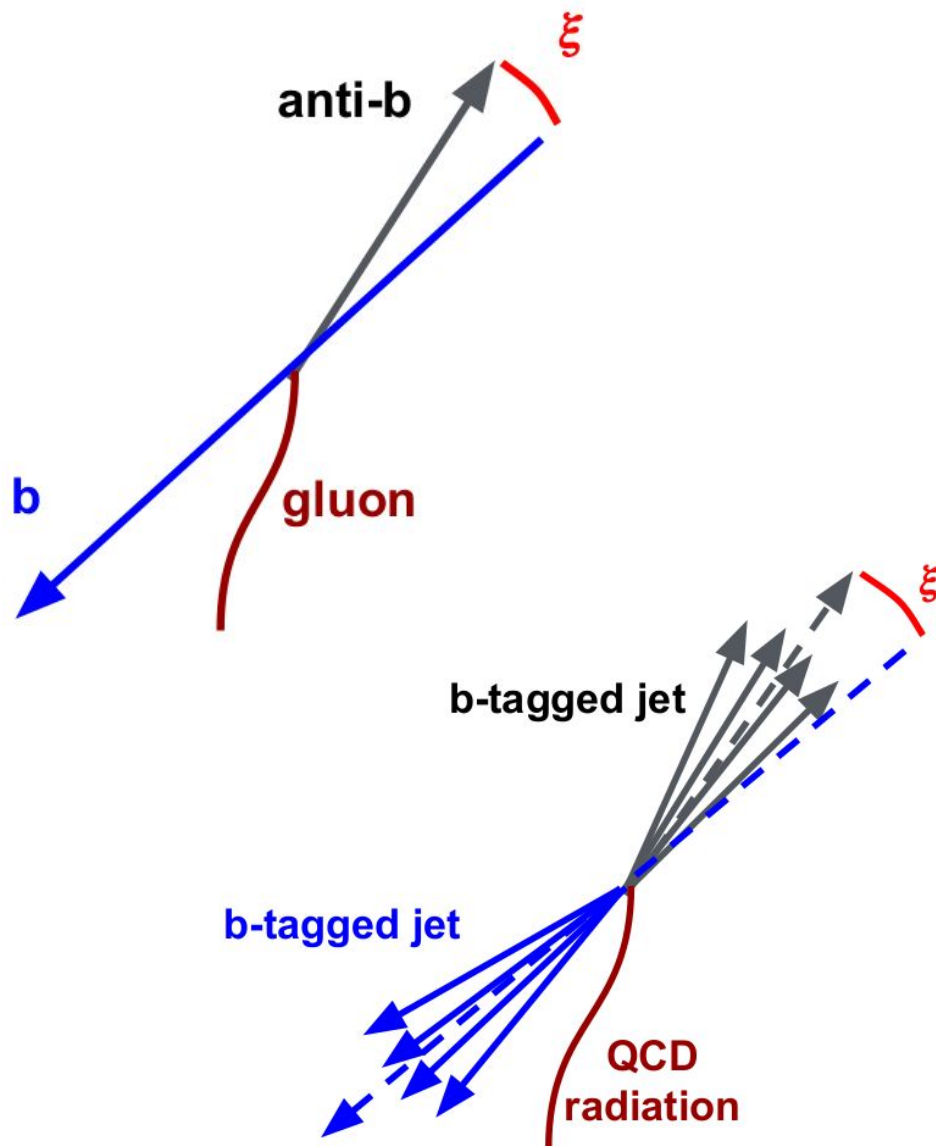
- Need control over

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

- Measurement of $A_{\text{FB}}^{b,c}$ requires
 - b/\bar{b} (c/\bar{c}) discrimination
 - Measurement of b (c) angle
- Mismatch between observed and parton-level b (c) angle due to QCD radiation (requires accurate modeling)
- Contamination from gluon splitting $g \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ ($g \rightarrow c\bar{c}$)
- Impact of hadronization/fragmentation (need more precise models and fragmentation functions)

$A_{FB}(b/c)$

[arXiv:2010.08604](https://arxiv.org/abs/2010.08604)



- New developments for $A_{FB}(b/c)$: QCD corrections and uncertainties can be reduced significantly using acollinearity (ξ) cuts \Rightarrow important reduction in systematics, but how much?
- Further improvements expected from better heavy flavor tagging capabilities and a more accurate measurement of the heavy quark flight direction
- **More sophisticated b/c tagging techniques \Rightarrow minimal charm/light background effects**
- **g \rightarrow QQ splitting: huge control samples, smaller effect with back-to-back configuration and double tagging**
- Note that all these measurements can be done with exclusive decays. A Tera-Z facility will provide $\approx 10^8$ B^+ exclusive decays

“missing” pieces: gluon fragmentation (1)

- $g \rightarrow Q\bar{Q}$ splitting tricky in parton showers

(no soft enhancement, coll. divergence shielded by masses)

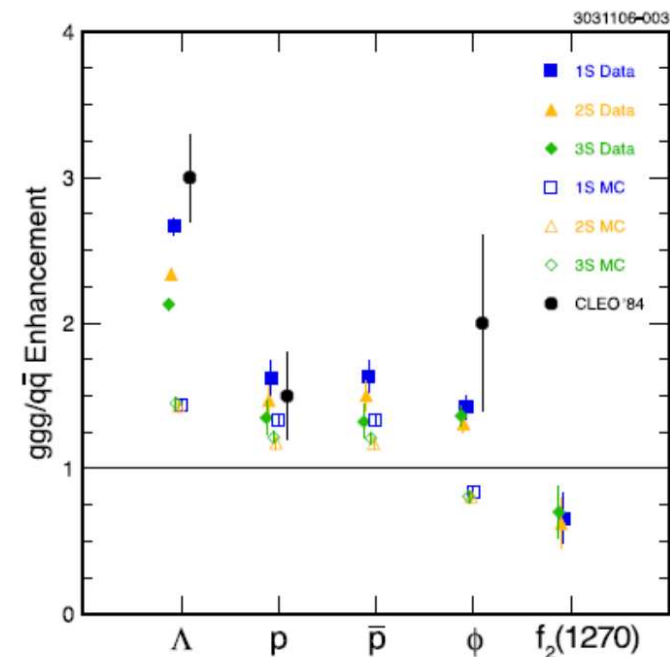
- HF production is perturbative process
- analyse $4b$ and $2b2c$ final states
 - combine two softest equal flavour HFs into “gluon” and measure the $g \rightarrow Q\bar{Q}$ splitting function
 - will yield information about shower evolution parameter and correct scale definition for α_S

“missing” pieces: gluon fragmentation (2)

- e^-e^+ (like LEP) dominated by quark jets:
→ questionable handle on details of **gluon fragmentation**

(examples: enhanced diquark-popping? (leading) baryons? realisation of LPHD in gluons?)

- measurement strategy:
 - “Mercedes star” with two id’d heavy quark jets
→ third jet is gluon jet
 - jet-shape measurements: sub-jettiness & friends
 - hadron yields inside jet
 - leading hadron identity/ x_p
 - di-baryon/di-strange correlations inside jet



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- 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

■ Geometric perturbative series

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

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

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

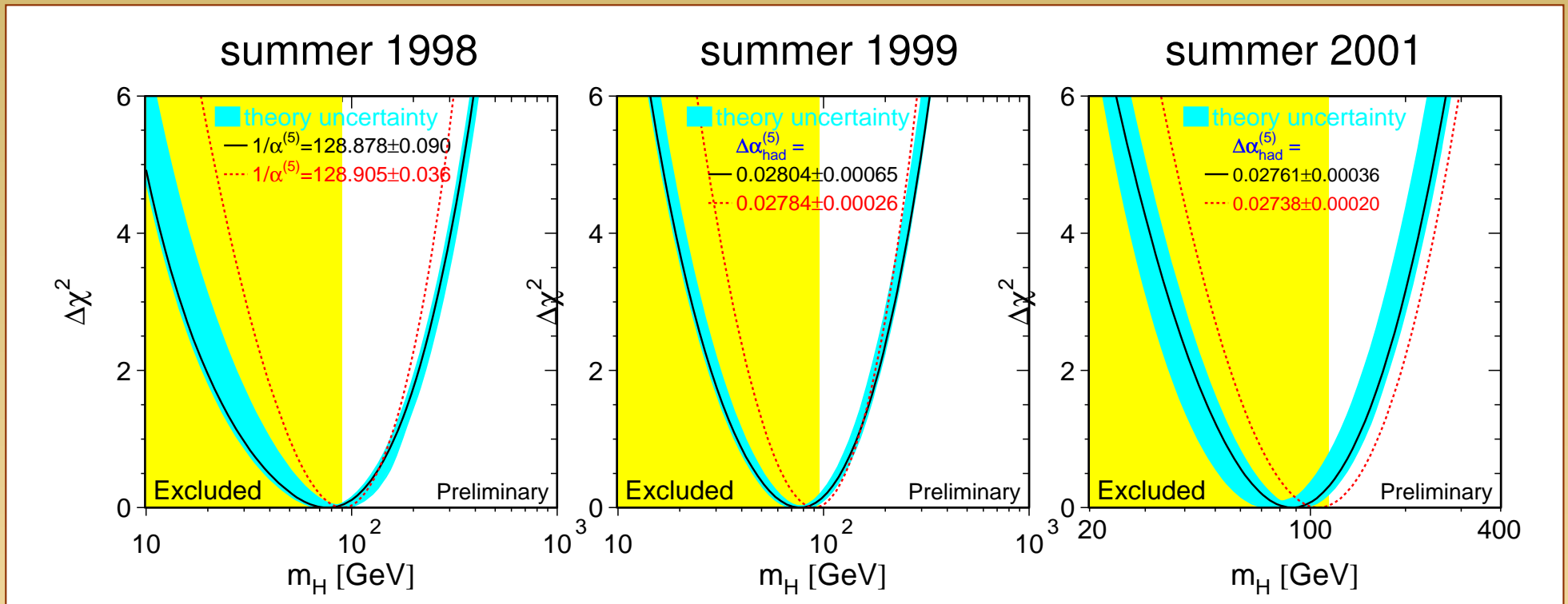
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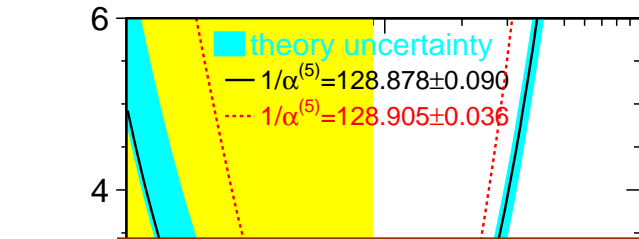
■ Parametric prefactors:

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

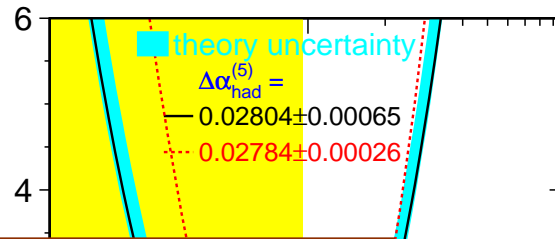
Total: $\delta\Gamma_Z \approx 0.4 \text{ MeV}$



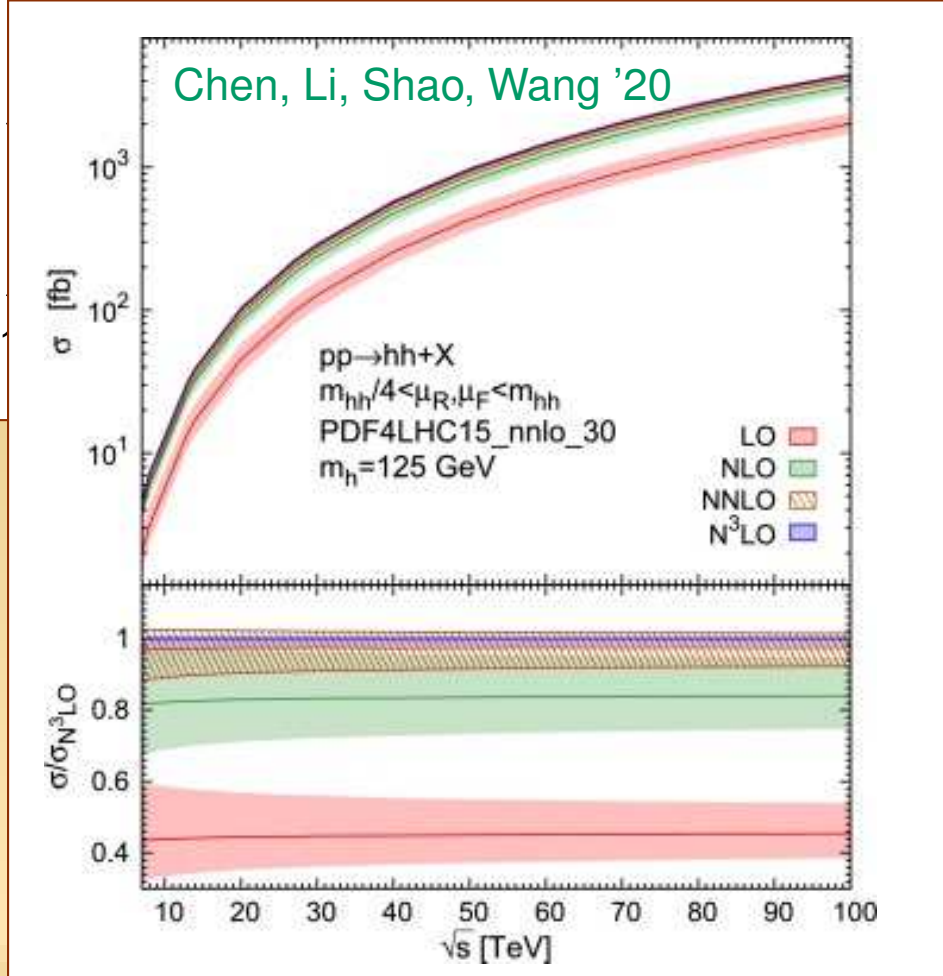
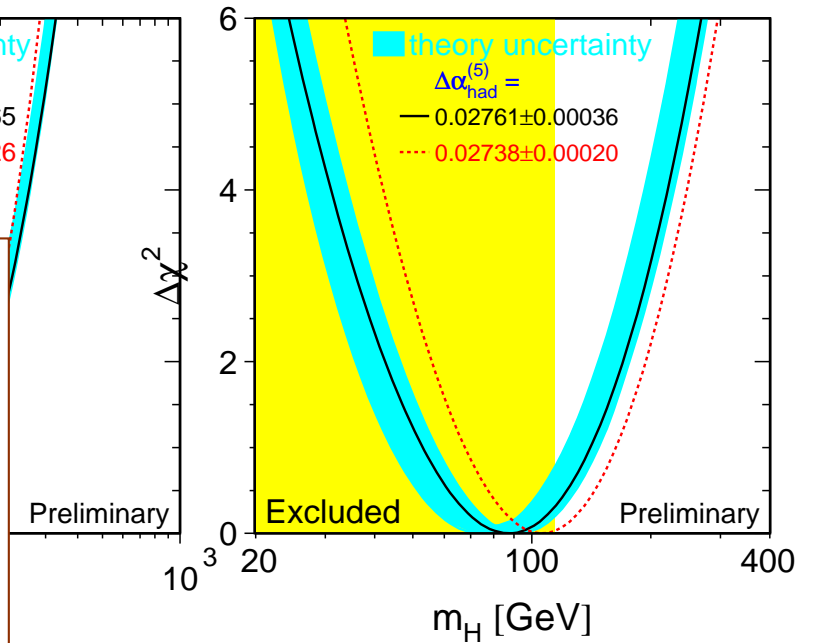
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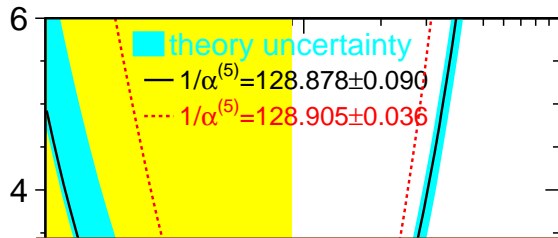
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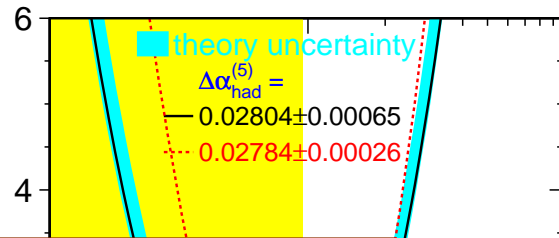
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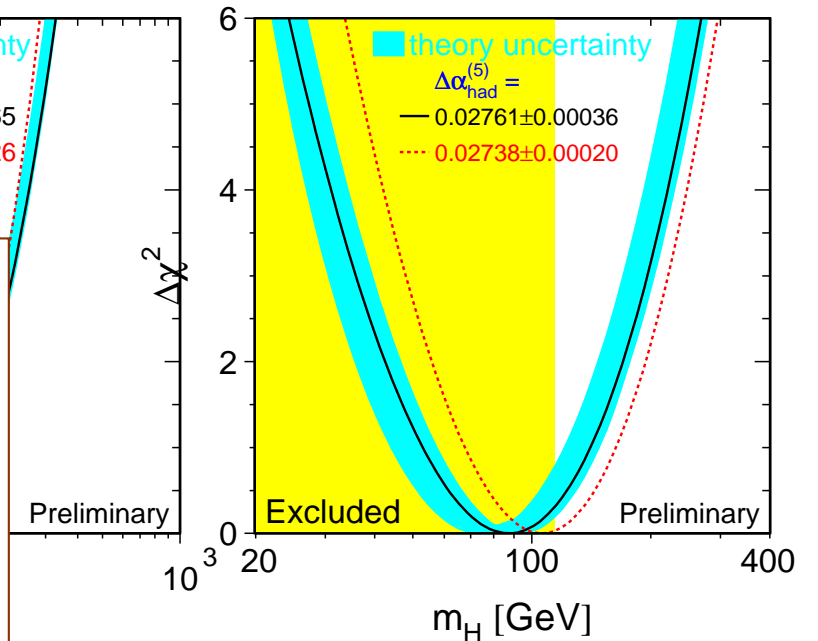
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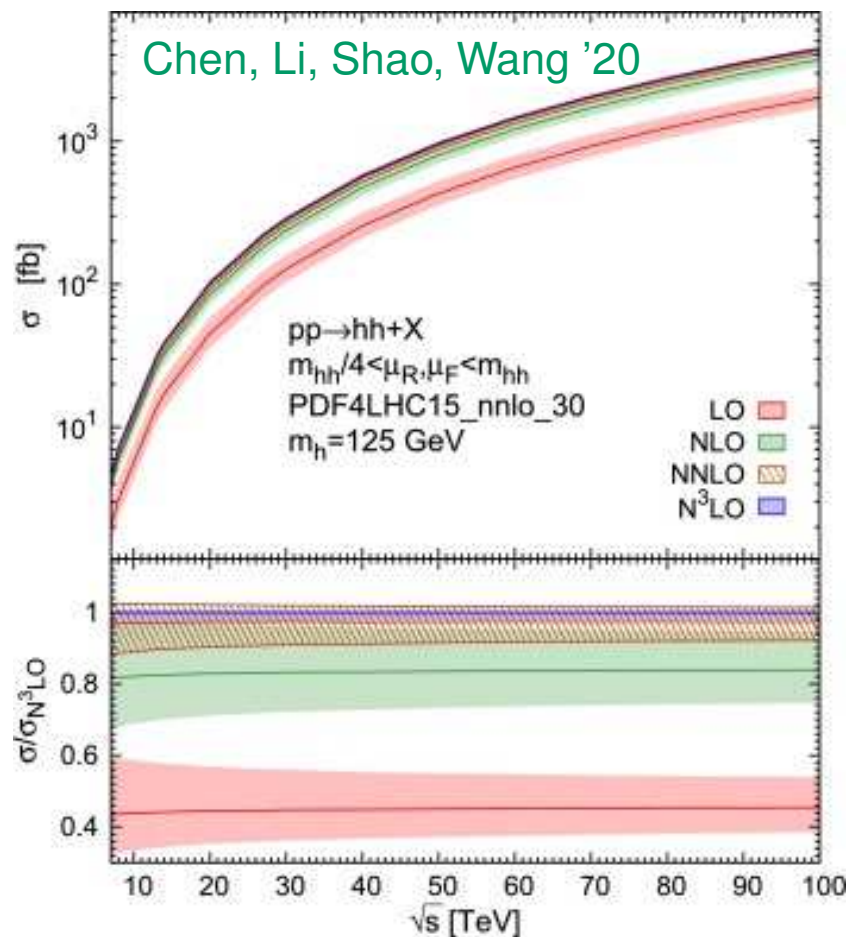
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■ Theory uncertainties do not have stat. interpretation (except in large-N limit)

- Precision measurements require theory input for **measurements of pseudo-observables** (BRs, widths, masses, cross-sections, ...) and their **SM/BSM interpretation**
- Need for higher-order loop calculations, but also new frameworks for parametrizing cross-sections, matching to Monte-Carlo, and fitting to data
- Many improvements needed for **MC tools**:
(N)NLL QED/QCD showering, fermions pair production, hadronization, ...
- New ideas for how to estimate and interpret theory uncertainties?

Organizing theorists is like herding cats

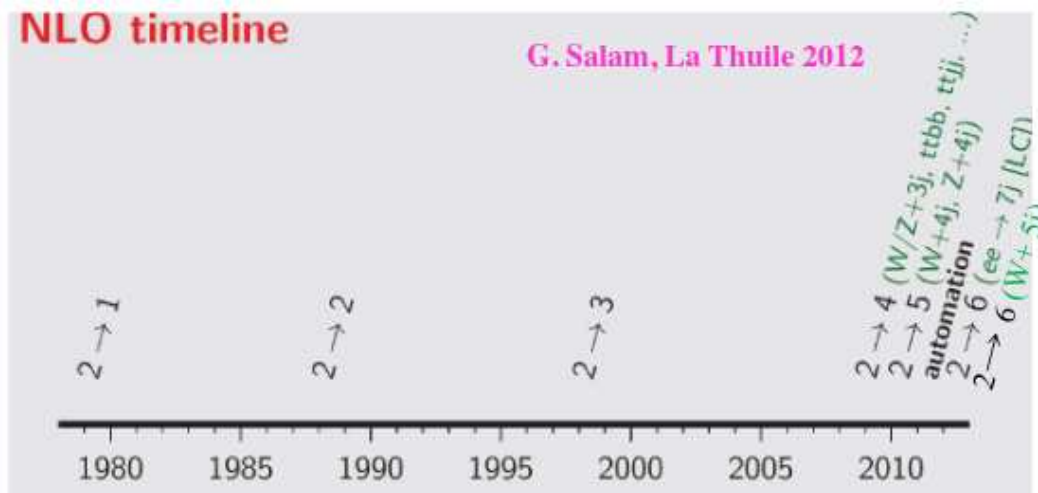


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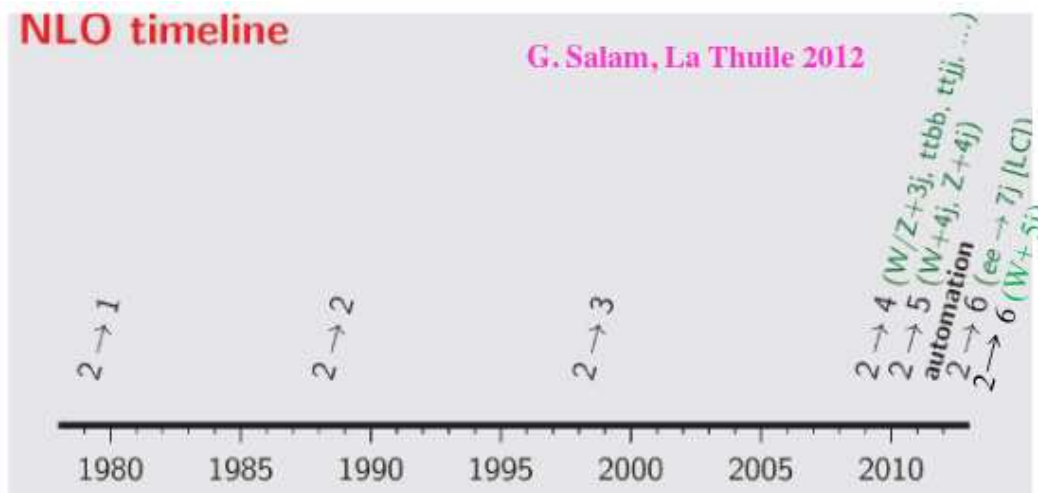
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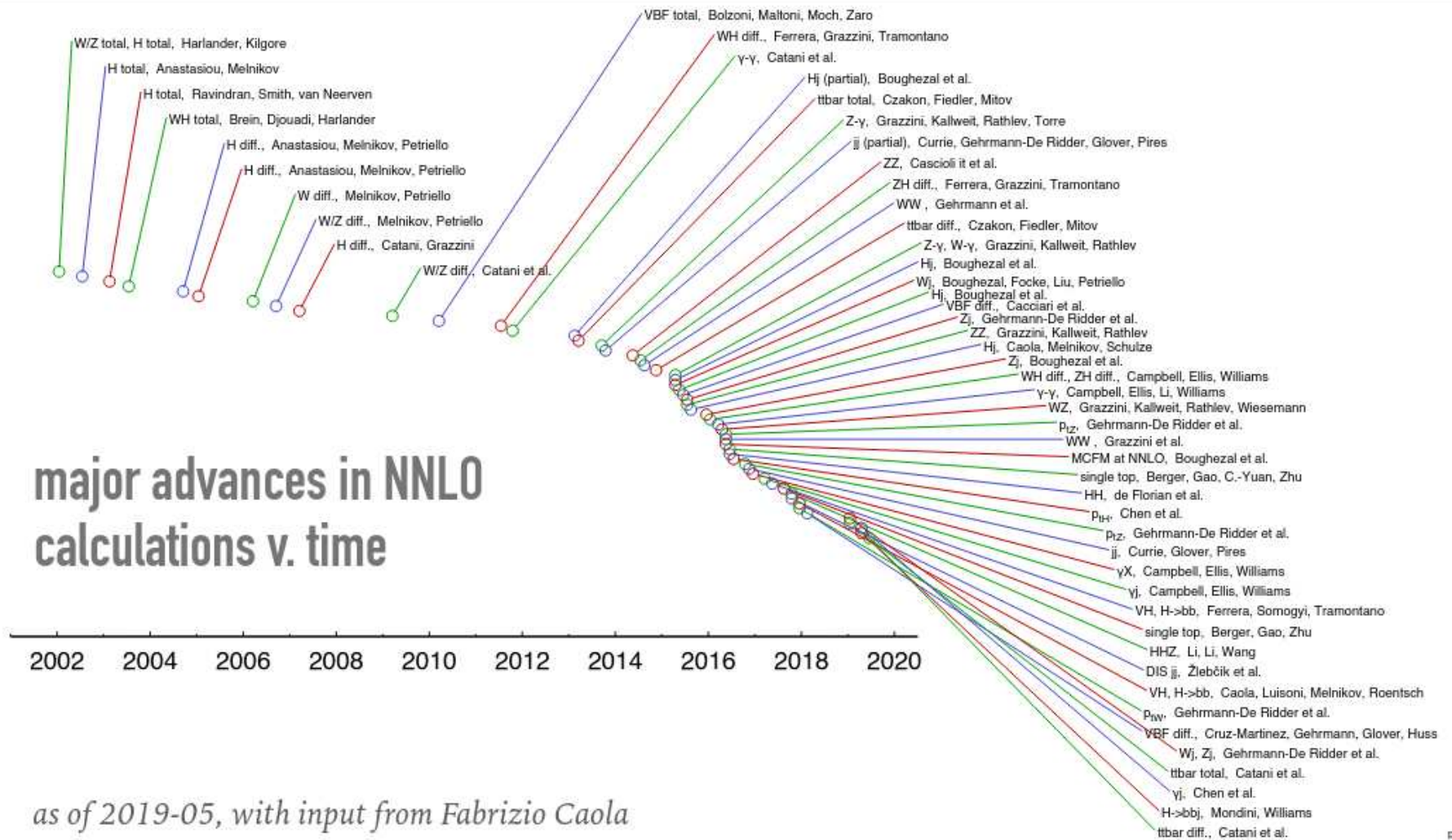


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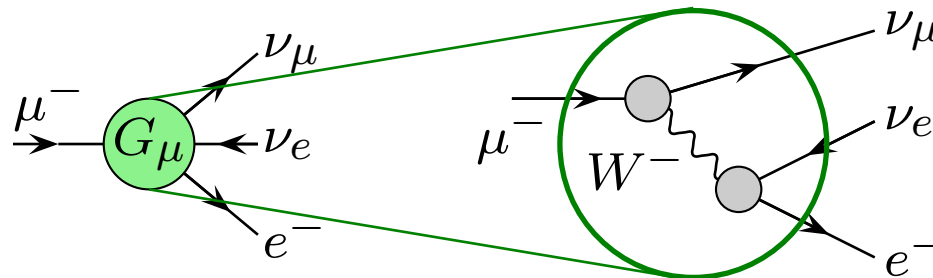
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* computed from G_μ



Theory calculations: Status

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

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

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

Freitas, Hollik, Walter, Weiglein '00

Awramik, Czakon '02

Onishchenko, Veretin '02

Awramik, Czakon, Freitas, Weiglein '04

Awramik, Czakon, Freitas '06

Hollik, Meier, Uccirati '05,07

Awramik, Czakon, Freitas, Kniehl '08

Freitas '14

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

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

Chetyrkin, Kühn, Steinhauser '95

Faisst, Kühn, Seidensticker, Veretin '03

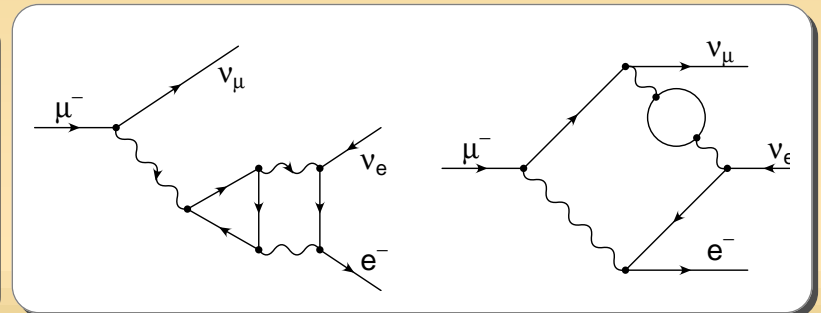
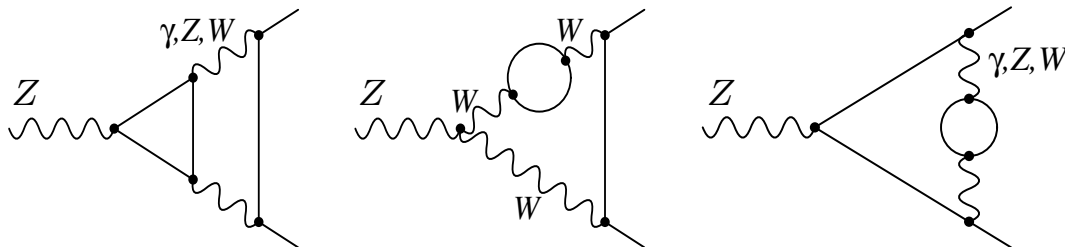
Boughezal, Tausk, v. d. Bij '05

Schröder, Steinhauser '05

Chetyrkin et al. '06

Boughezal, Czakon '06

Chen, Freitas '20



Theory calculations: Uncertainty projections

■ Estimated impact of future higher-order calculations

Freitas et al. '19

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† **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