

# Theory needs for future $e^+e^-$ colliders

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- “Other” electroweak parameters (“input” parameters)
- $Z$  pole &  $WW$
- Electroweak precision at  $\sqrt{s} = 250$  GeV
- Higgs physics

- 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**  
→ QED/QCD, MC tools → talk by S. Jadach
- “Other” electroweak parameters (“**input**” parameters)  
→  $m_t$ ,  $\alpha_s$ , etc. extracted from other processes

Reviews: 1906.05379, 2012.11642

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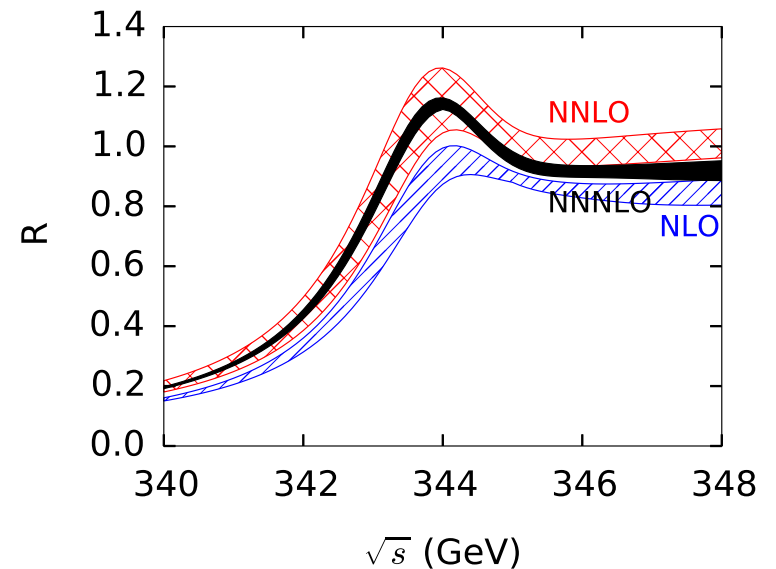
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**future:**

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

- ⊕ [30 MeV]<sub>QCD</sub> (h.o. resummation)
- ⊕ [10 MeV]<sub>mass def.</sub>
- ⊕ [15 MeV] <sub>$\alpha_s$</sub>  ( $\delta \alpha_s \lesssim 0.0002$ )

$\lesssim 50$  MeV

- $m_b, m_c$ : From quarkonia spectra using Lattice QCD

$$\delta m_b^{\overline{\text{MS}}} \sim 30 \text{ MeV}, \delta m_c^{\overline{\text{MS}}} \sim 25 \text{ MeV}$$

LHC HXSWG '16

→ estimated improvements  $\delta m_b^{\overline{\text{MS}}} \sim 13 \text{ MeV}, \delta m_c^{\overline{\text{MS}}} \sim 7 \text{ MeV}$

Lepage, Mackenzie, Peskin '14

- $M_H$ : from kinematic constraint fits  $HZ(\ell\ell), H(b\bar{b})Z$

→  $\delta M_H \sim 10 \dots 20 \text{ MeV}$

→ theory errors subdominant

- $\alpha_S$ : 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 and DIS:  $\alpha_S \sim 0.114$ 
  - Alekhin, Blümlein, Moch '12; Abbate et al. '11; Gehrmann et al. '13
  - Subject to sizeable non-perturbative power corrections
  - Systematic uncertainties in power corrections?
- Hadronic  $\tau$  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

- $\alpha_s$ :

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

$$\alpha_s = 0.120 \pm 0.003$$

PDG '18

→ No (negligible) non-perturbative QCD effects

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

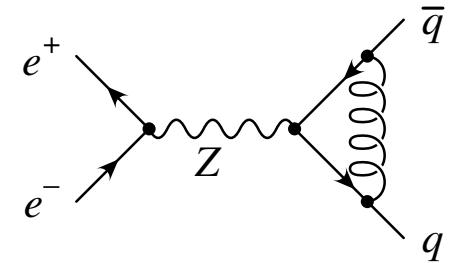
$$\Rightarrow \delta \alpha_s < 0.0001$$

Theory input: **N<sup>3</sup>LO EW corr. + leading N<sup>4</sup>LO**

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

**Caveat:**  $R_\ell$  could be affected by new physics

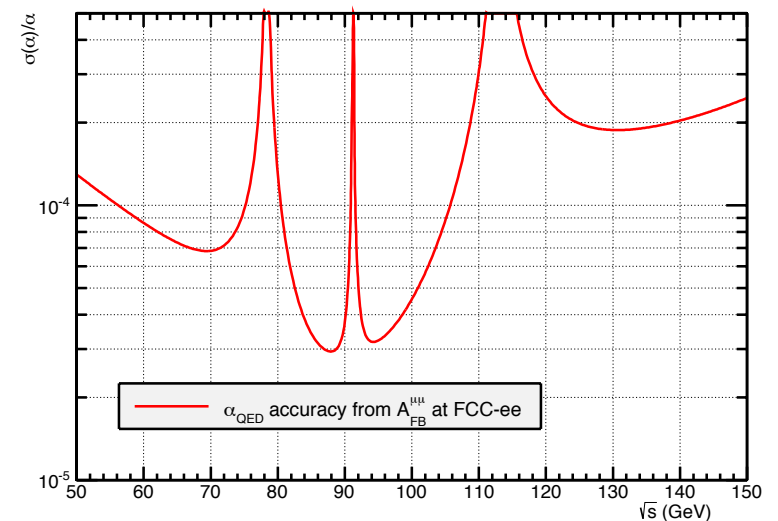
d'Enterria, Skands, et al. '15



- $\Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}$ : Could be limiting factor
  - a) From  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \text{had.}$  using dispersion relation  
Current:  $\delta(\Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}) \sim 10^{-4}$   
Improvement to  $\delta(\Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}) \sim 5 \times 10^{-5}$  likely
  - b) Direct determination at FCC-ee from  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$  off the Z peak  
(i.e.  $A_{\text{FB}}^{\mu\mu}$  at  $\sqrt{s} \sim 88$  GeV and  $\sqrt{s} \sim 95$  GeV)  
 $\rightarrow \delta_{\text{th}}(\Delta\alpha_{\text{had}}) \sim 3 \times 10^{-5}$

Janot '15

Requires high-precision theory prediction for  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$  including 2/3-loop corrections for  $\gamma$ -exchange and box contributions



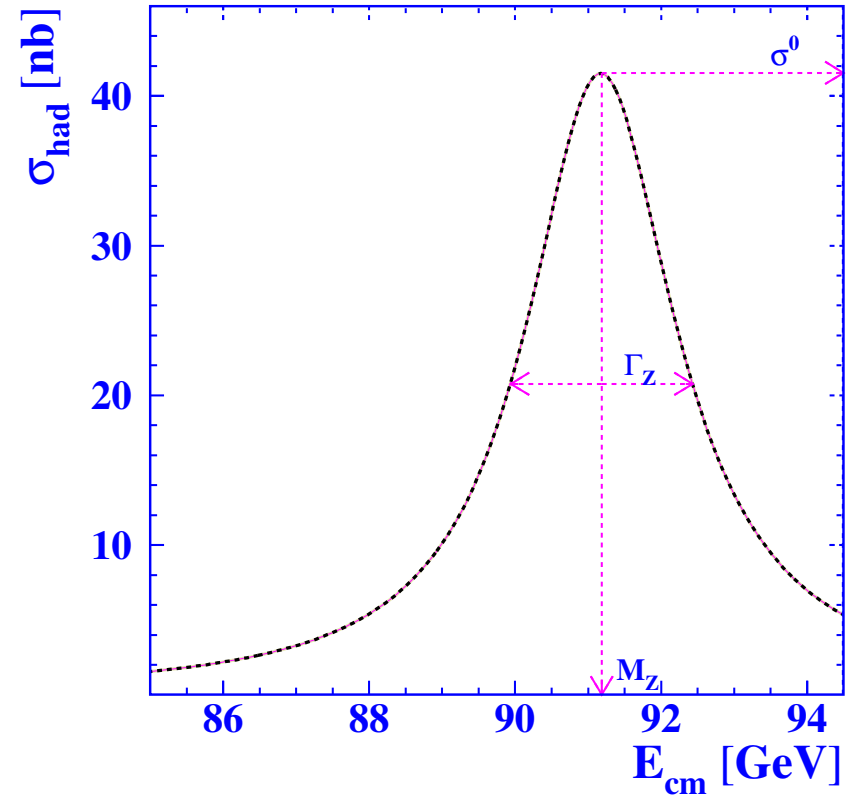
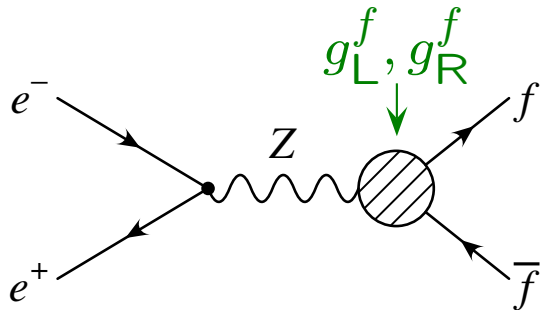


## Z cross section and branching fractions

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

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

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

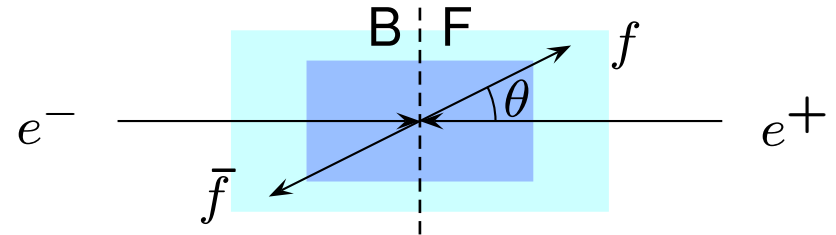


Forward-backward asymmetry:

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

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

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



Left-right asymmetry:

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

Polarization asymmetry:

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

- Deconvolution of initial-state QED radiation:

$$\sigma[e^+e^- \rightarrow f\bar{f}] = \mathcal{R}_{\text{ini}}(s, s') \otimes \sigma_{\text{hard}}(s')$$

- Subtraction of  $\gamma$ -exchange,  $\gamma$ -Z interference, box contributions:

$$\sigma_{\text{hard}} = \sigma_Z + \sigma_\gamma + \sigma_{\gamma Z} + \sigma_{\text{box}}$$

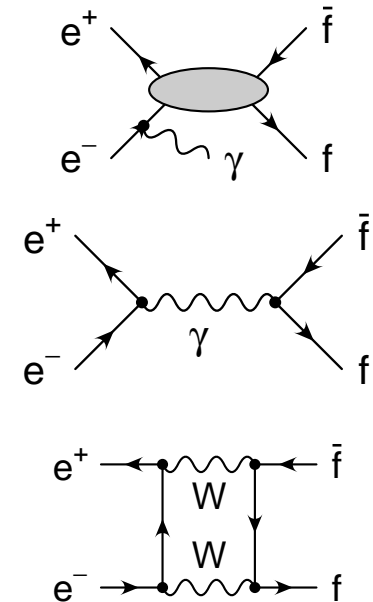
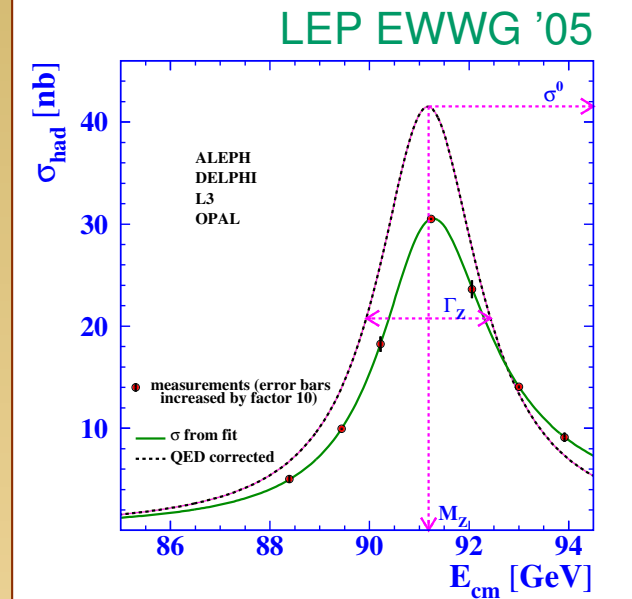
- Z-pole contribution:

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

$\sigma_\gamma$ ,  $\sigma_{\gamma Z}$ ,  $\sigma_{\text{box}}$ ,  $\sigma_{\text{non-res}}$  known at NLO

→ need consistent pole expansion framework

→ leading NNLO may be needed for FCC-ee/CEPC

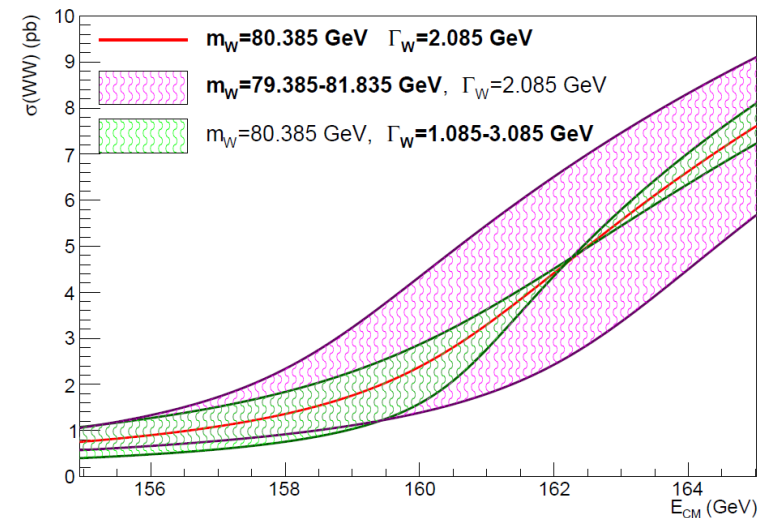


- High-precision measurement of  $M_W$  from  $e^+e^- \rightarrow W^+W^-$  at threshold

- 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

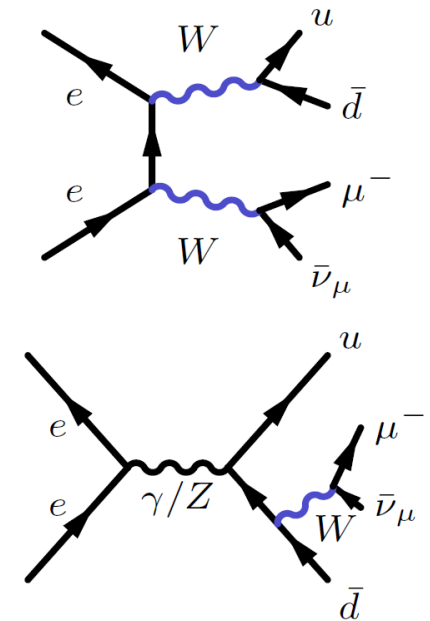


- Full  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha)$  calculation of  $e^+e^- \rightarrow 4f$   
Denner, Dittmaier, Roth, Wieders '05

- 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:  $\delta_{\text{th}} M_W \lesssim 0.6 \text{ MeV}$



- To probe new physics, compare EWPOs with SM theory predictions
- Need to take theory error into account:

	Current exp.	Current th. <sup>†</sup>	CEPC	FCC-ee
$M_W^*$ [MeV]	15	4	1	1
$\Gamma_Z$ [MeV]	2.3	0.4	0.5	0.1
$R_\ell = \Gamma_Z^{\text{had}} / \Gamma_Z^\ell$ [ $10^{-3}$ ]	25	5	2	1
$R_b = \Gamma_Z^b / \Gamma_Z^{\text{had}}$ [ $10^{-5}$ ]	66	10	4.3	6
$\sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}^\ell$ [ $10^{-5}$ ]	16	4.5	<1	0.5

\* computed from  $G_\mu$

† NNLO and leading 3/4-loop (enhanced by  $Y_t$  and/or  $N_f$ )

	CEPC	perturb. error with 3-loop <sup>†</sup>	Param. error CEPC*	main source
$M_W$ [MeV]	1	1	2.1	$m_t, \Delta\alpha$
$\Gamma_Z$ [MeV]	0.5	0.15	0.15	$m_t, \alpha_s$
$R_b$ [ $10^{-5}$ ]	4.3	5	$< 1$	
$\sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}^l$ [ $10^{-5}$ ]	$< 1$	1.5	2	$m_t, \Delta\alpha$

<sup>†</sup> **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)

Parametric inputs:

\***CEPC:**  $\delta m_t = 600$  MeV,  $\delta\alpha_s = 0.0002$ ,  $\delta M_Z = 0.5$  MeV,  
 $\delta(\Delta\alpha) = 5 \times 10^{-5}$

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$M_W$ [MeV]	1	1	0.6	$\Delta\alpha$
$\Gamma_Z$ [MeV]	0.1	0.15	0.1	$\alpha_s$
$R_b$ [ $10^{-5}$ ]	6	5	< 1	
$\sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}^l$ [ $10^{-5}$ ]	0.5	1.5	1	$\Delta\alpha$

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**\*FCC-ee:**  $\delta m_t = 50$  MeV,  $\delta\alpha_s = 0.0002$ ,  $\delta M_Z = 0.1$  MeV,  
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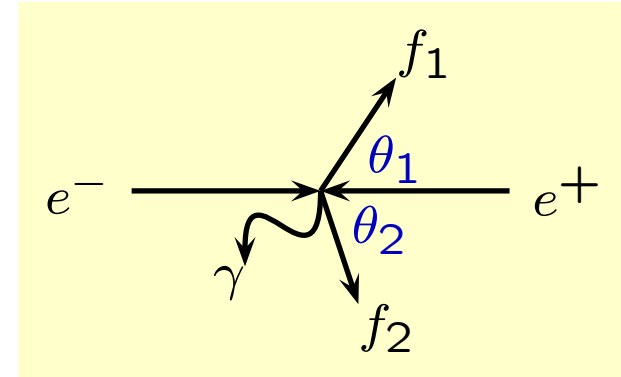
EWPOs accessible through **radiative return**  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma Z$

- $\gamma$  mostly collinear with beam
- Reduction in cross-section by  
 $\sim \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \ln \frac{s}{m_e^2} \sim 0.06$

- Precise det. of  $m_{ff}$  from measured angles:

$$m_{ff}^2 = s \frac{1 - \beta}{1 + \beta}, \quad \beta = \frac{|\sin(\theta_1 + \theta_2)|}{\sin \theta_1 + \sin \theta_2}$$

- Additional backgrounds from  $e^+e^- \rightarrow WW, ZZ$  that are not flat in  $m_{ff}$

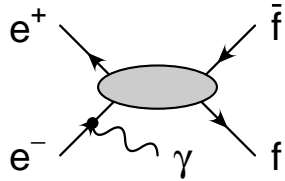




Fujii et al. '19

- $A_{LR} \rightarrow \sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}^{\ell}$  (limited by sys. err. on beam polarization)
- $A_{\text{FB}}^{\mu, \tau, b}$  (statistics limited)
- $R_{\ell}, R_c, R_b$  (limited by sys. err. on flavor tag)
- No competitive measurements on  $M_Z, \Gamma_Z, \sigma^0$  (need to use LEP values)

## Leading effect: Soft+collinear multi-γ ISR



$$\sigma[e^+e^- \rightarrow f\bar{f}] = \mathcal{R}_{\text{ini}}(s, s') \otimes \sigma_{\text{hard}}(s')$$

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

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

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

Ablinger, Blümlein, De Freitas, Schönwald '20

Exclusive description: MC tools

## Subleading effects:

Radiative corrections to  
 $e^+e^- \rightarrow f\bar{f}\gamma (+n\gamma)$

- Some corrections cancel for  $A_{\text{LR}}, A_{\text{FB}}, \text{BRs}$
- NLO for  $ee \rightarrow f\bar{f}\gamma$   
+ NNLO for  $ee \rightarrow Z\gamma$ ,  
 $Z \rightarrow f\bar{f}$  could be sufficient

**W mass measurement** from  $e^+e^- \rightarrow WW$ :

Baak et al. '13

- $\ell\nu\ell'\nu\ell'$ : Endpoints of  $E_\ell$  or other distributions
- $\ell\nu\ell jj$ : Kinematic reconstruction
- $jjjj$ : Systematic uncertainty from color reconnection

Expected precision with  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} = 2 \text{ ab}^{-1}$  at  $\sqrt{s} = 250 \text{ GeV}$ :  $\Delta M_W \approx 2.5 \text{ MeV}$

**Theory needs:** Small impact of loop corrections, but accurate description of FSR  
QED effects needed

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

hbb: [CEPC: 2.0%, FCC-ee: 0.8%]

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

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:  $\Delta_{\text{th}} \sim 0.2\%$

Parametric error:

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \delta m_b = 0.030 \text{ GeV} \\ \delta \alpha_s = 0.001 \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow \Delta_{\text{par}} \approx 1.4\%$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \delta m_b = 0.013 \text{ GeV} \\ \delta \alpha_s = 0.0002 \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow \Delta_{\text{par}} \approx 0.6\%$$

$h_{\tau\tau}$ : [CEPC: 2.4%, FCC-ee: 1.1%]

With full 2-loop (no QCD):  $\Delta_{\text{th}} < 0.1\%$

Parametric error negligible

$h_{WW^*}/h_{ZZ^*}$ : [CEPC: 2.2%, FCC-ee: 0.4%]

- 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, Veretin '12  
Ma, Wang, Xu, Yang, Zhou '21
- Small (0.2%) effect

Theory error:  $\Delta_{\text{th,EW}} < 0.3\%$ ,  $\Delta_{\text{th,QCD}} < 0.5\%$

With NNLO final-state QCD corrections:  $\Delta_{\text{th,QCD}} < 0.1\%$

Parametric error:

$\delta M_H \sim 10 \text{ MeV} \rightarrow \Delta_{\text{par}} \approx 0.1\%$

**Note:** Distributions affected by corrections → implementation into MC tools

hgg: [CEPC: 2.4%, FCC-ee: 1.6%]

- $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_S^2)$  and  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_S^3)$  (in large  $m_t$ -limit) QCD corrections      Baikov, Chetyrkin '06  
Schreck, Steinhauser '07
- $\mathcal{O}(\alpha)$  EW      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.):  $\Delta_{\text{th}} \approx 1\%$

Parametric error:  $\delta\alpha_S = 0.001 \rightarrow \Delta_{\text{par}} \approx 3\%$

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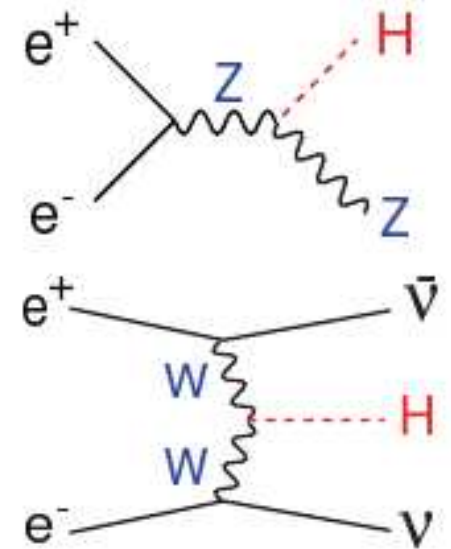
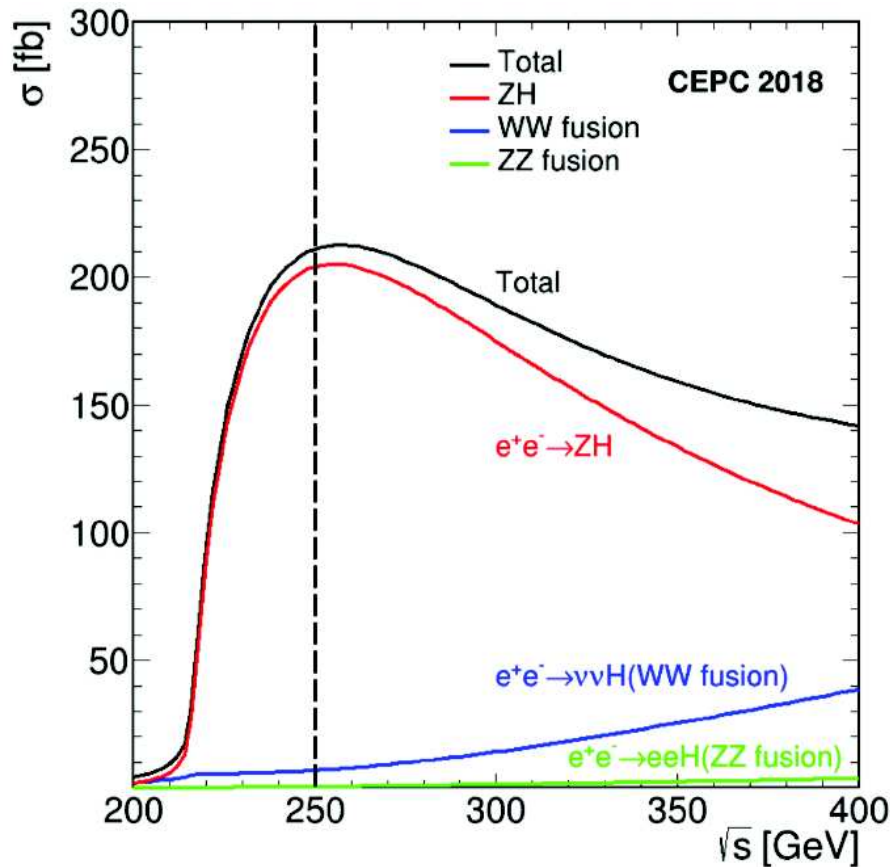
h $\gamma\gamma$ : [CEPC: 3.2%, FCC-ee: 3.0%]

- $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_S^2)$  QCD corrections      Zheng, Wu '90; Djouadi, Spira, v.d.Bij, Zerwas '91  
Dawson, Kauffman '93; Maierhöfer, Marquard '12
- $\mathcal{O}(\alpha)$  EW      Aglietti, Bonciani, Degrassi, Vicini '04; Degrassi, Maltoni '04  
Actis, Passarino, Sturm, Uccirati '08

Theory error:  $\Delta_{\text{th}} < 1\%$

Parametric error negligible

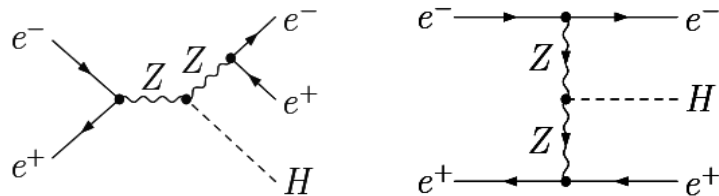
- **hZ production:** dominant at  $\sqrt{s} \sim 240$  GeV
- **WW fusion:** sub-dominant but useful for constraining  $h$  width [Han, Liu, Sayre '13](#)



## hZ production: [CEPC: 0.5%, FCC-ee: 0.3%]

- $\mathcal{O}(\alpha)$  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

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

With full 2-loop corrections for  $ee \rightarrow HZ$ :  $\Delta_{\text{th}} \lesssim \mathcal{O}(0.3\%)$

Parametric error: negligible if  $\delta M_H < 100$  MeV



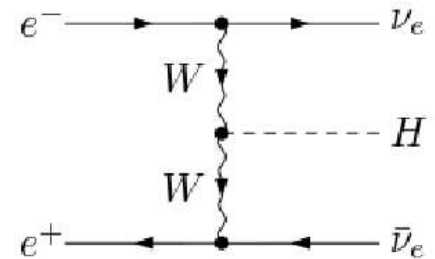
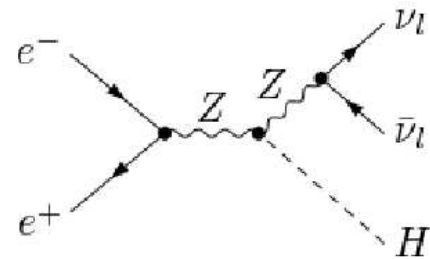
WW fusion:

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

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

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

Parametric error: negligible



Full  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha^2)$  calculation for  $2 \rightarrow 3$  process is very challenging

→ Contributions with closed fermion loops maybe feasible

## For Higgs and WW physics:

- Full NNLO for  $2 \rightarrow 2$  processes
- $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^4)$  QCD corrections
- Matching to Monte-Carlo tools
- Also need  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha)$  (or better?) corrections for backgrounds:  $e^+e^-b\bar{b}$ ,  $\nu\bar{\nu}b\bar{b}$ , etc.  
→ Technology exists, but work needed Denner, Dittmaier, Roth, Wieders '05

## For Z pole:

- 3-loop EW and mixed EW-QCD corrections for  $Zff$  vertices
- Leading 4-loop effects
- Initial-final QED effects / merging multi-loop and Monte-Carlo

## Input parameters:

- Direct determination of  $\alpha_s$ ,  $m_t$ ,  $\alpha(M_Z)$  at  $e^+e^-$  colliders is important
- Perturbative and non-perturbative theory uncertainties need improvement
- Lower-energy experiments can provide additional input (BELLE II, BES, ...)

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## EW precision at ILC-250:

- Similar physics goals as GigaZ/TeraZ, but with reduced precision
- Theory: NNLO for  $2 \rightarrow 2$  processes, ISR resummation, and ...?
- Open question: Direct determination of  $\alpha_s$  and  $\alpha(s)$

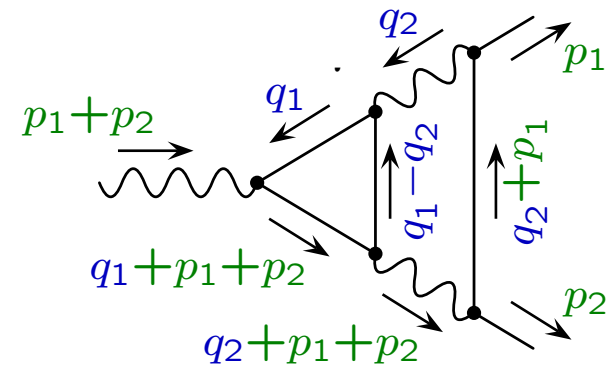
**Backup slides**

# Calculational techniques

Experimental precision requires inclusion of **radiative corrections** in theory (1-loop, 2-loop, and partial 3-loop)

Integrals over loop momenta:

$$\int d^4 q_1 d^4 q_2 f(q_1, q_2, p_1, p_2, \dots, m_1, m_2, \dots)$$



Computer algebra tools:

- Generation of diagrams,  $\mathcal{O}(100) - \mathcal{O}(10000)$
- Lorentz and Dirac algebra
- Integral simplification (and expansion)

Evaluation of loop integrals:

- In general not possible analytically
- Numerical methods are more general, but computing intensive
- Special numerical techniques can balance precision and evaluation time

# Analytic calculations

- Mostly used for diagrams with few mass scales
- Reduce to **master integrals** with integration-by-parts and other identities  
Chetyrkin, Tkachov '81; Gehrmann, Remiddi '00; Laporta '00; ...

Public programs:

Reduze	von Manteuffel, Studerus '12
FIRE	Smirnov '13,14
LiteRed	Lee '13
KIRA	Maierhoefer, Usovitsch, Uwer '17

→ Large need for computing time and memory

- Evaluate master integrals with differential equations or Mellin-Barnes rep.  
Kotikov '91; Remiddi '97; Smirnov '00,01; Henn '13; ...

→ Result in terms of Goncharov polylogs / multiple polylogs

→ Some problems need iterated elliptic integrals / elliptic multiple polylogs

Broedel, Duhr, Dulat, Trancredi '17,18

Ablinger et al. '17

→ Even more classes of functions needed in future?

# Asymptotic expansions

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

→ Used in some 2/3-scale problems

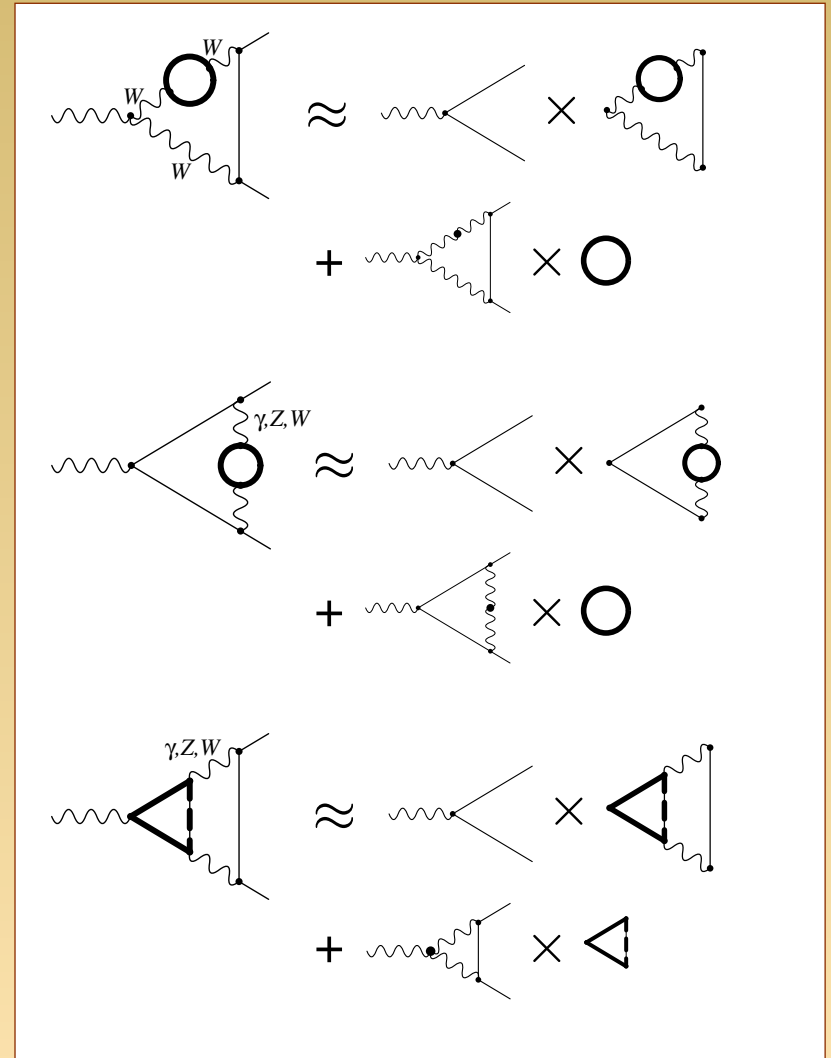
→ Public programs:

exp    Harlander, Seidensticker, Steinhauser '97

asy    Pak, Smirnov '10

→ Possible limitations:

- Difficult coefficient integrals
- bad convergence



# Numerical integration

Two general approaches:

→ Automated treatment of UV/IR divergencies

→ No restriction on number of loops or legs

## ■ Sector decomposition:

Public programs:	<code>(py) SecDec</code>	Carter, Heinrich '10; Borowka et al. '12,15,17
	<code>FIESTA</code>	Smirnov, Tentyukov '08; Smirnov '13,15

## ■ Mellin-Barnes representations:

Public programs:	<code>MB/MBresolve</code>	Czakon '06; Smirnov, Smirnov '09
	<code>AMBRE/MBnumerics</code>	Gluza, Kajda, Riemann '07 Dubovyk, Gluza, Riemann '15 Usovitsch, Dubovyk, Riemann '18

■ Diagrams with internal thresholds can cause numerical instabilities

■ Specialized techniques (for some type of diagrams) often improve computing time, robustness, precision (but not automated)

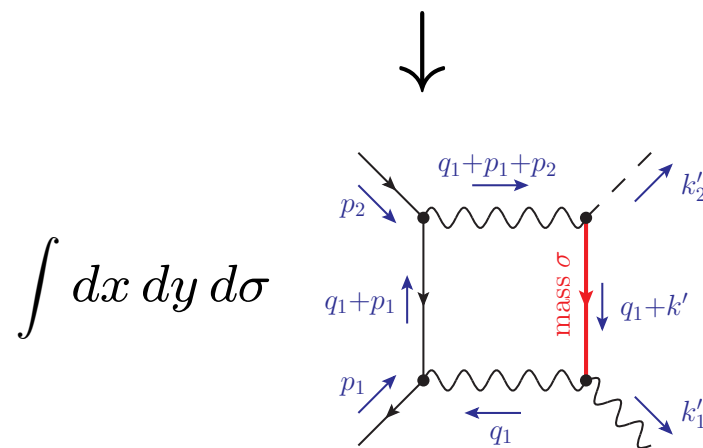
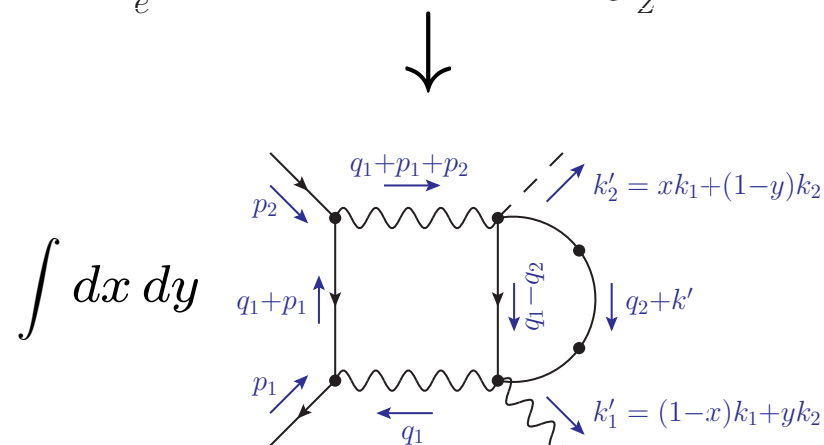
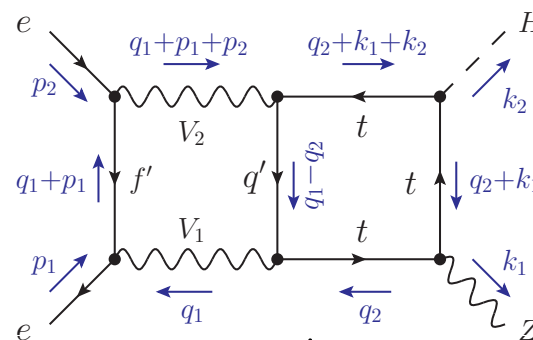


# Specialized numerical techniques

## Example: HZ double boxes

Song, Freitas '21

- Introduce Feynman parameters and disp. rel.
- Expressions for second loop from, e.g., LoopTools  
Hahn, Perez-Victoria '98
- 3-dim. numerical integral with adaptive Gaussian integration
- $\mathcal{O}(0.1\%)$  precision in  $\mathcal{O}(\text{min.})$  on laptop



# Z lineshape

- Deconvolution of initial-state QED radiation:

$$\sigma[e^+e^- \rightarrow f\bar{f}] = \mathcal{R}_{\text{ini}}(s, s') \otimes \sigma_{\text{hard}}(s')$$

- Subtraction of  $\gamma$ -exchange,  $\gamma$ -Z interference, box contributions:

$$\sigma_{\text{hard}} = \sigma_Z + \sigma_\gamma + \sigma_{\gamma Z} + \sigma_{\text{box}}$$

- Z-pole contribution:

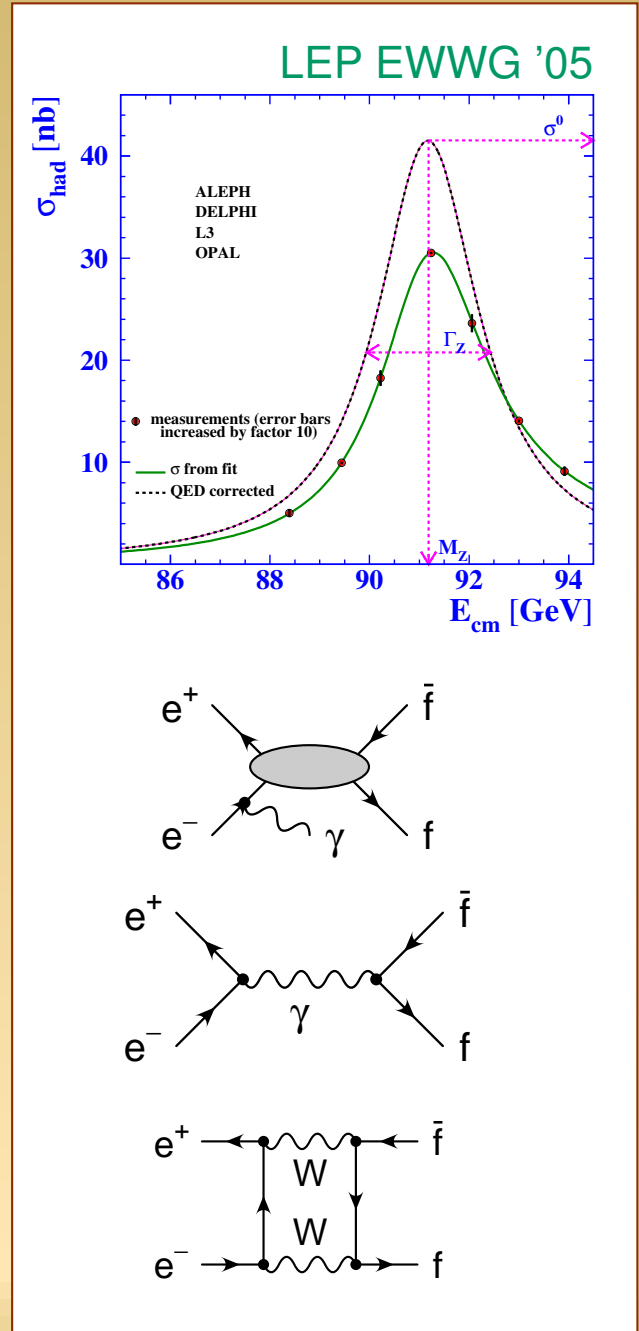
$$\sigma_Z = \frac{R}{(s - \overline{M}_Z^2)^2 + \overline{M}_Z^2 \overline{\Gamma}_Z^2} + \sigma_{\text{non-res}}$$

- In experimental analyses:

$$\sigma \sim \frac{1}{(s - M_Z^2)^2 + s^2 \Gamma_Z^2 / M_Z^2}$$

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

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



# “Hard” matrix element

Consistent (gauge-invariant) theory setup:

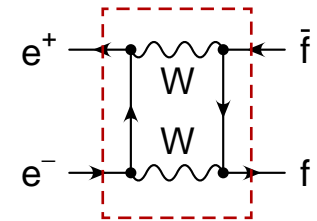
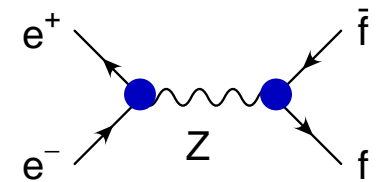
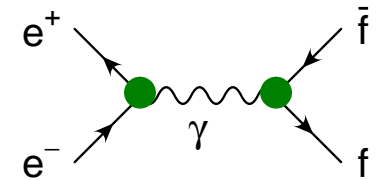
Expansion of  $\mathcal{A}[e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-]$  about  $s_0 = M_Z^2 - iM_Z\Gamma_Z$ :

$$\mathcal{A}[e^+e^- \rightarrow f\bar{f}] = \frac{R}{s - s_0} + S + (s - s_0)T + \dots$$

$$R = g_Z^e(s_0)g_Z^f(s_0)$$

$$S = \left[ \frac{1}{M_Z^2} g_\gamma^e g_\gamma^f + g_Z^e g_Z^{f'} + g_Z^{e'} g_Z^f + S_{\text{box}} \right]_{s=s_0}$$

$g_V^f(s)$  : effective  $V f \bar{f}$  couplings

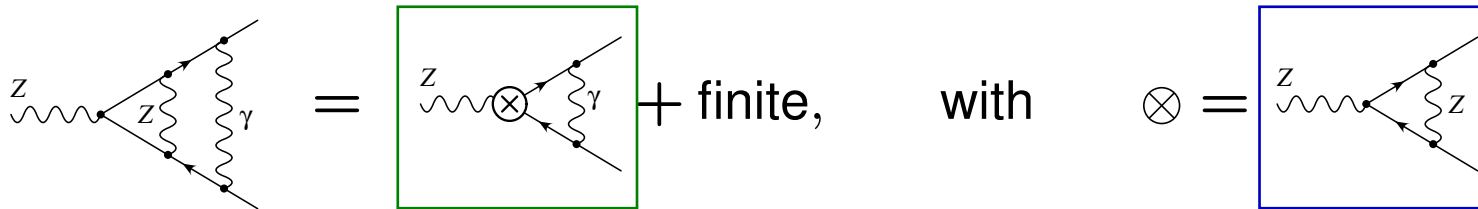


At NNLO: Need  $R$  at  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha^2)$ ,  $S$  at  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha)$ , etc.

# Z decay

Factorization of massive and QED/QCD FSR:

$$\bar{\Gamma}_f \approx \frac{N_c \bar{M}_Z}{12\pi} \left[ \left( \mathcal{R}_V^f |g_V^f|^2 + \mathcal{R}_A^f |g_A^f|^2 \right) \frac{1}{1 + \text{Re} \Sigma'_Z} \right]_{s=\bar{M}_Z^2}$$



$\mathcal{R}_V^f, \mathcal{R}_A^f$ : Final-state QED/QCD radiation;

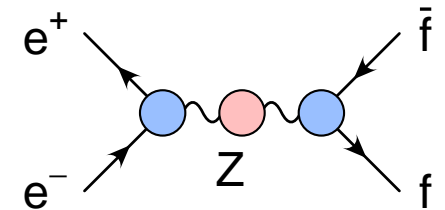
known to  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^4), \mathcal{O}(\alpha^2), \mathcal{O}(\alpha\alpha_s)$

Kataev '92

Chetyrkin, Kühn, Kwiatkowski '96

Baikov, Chetyrkin, Kühn, Ritinger '12

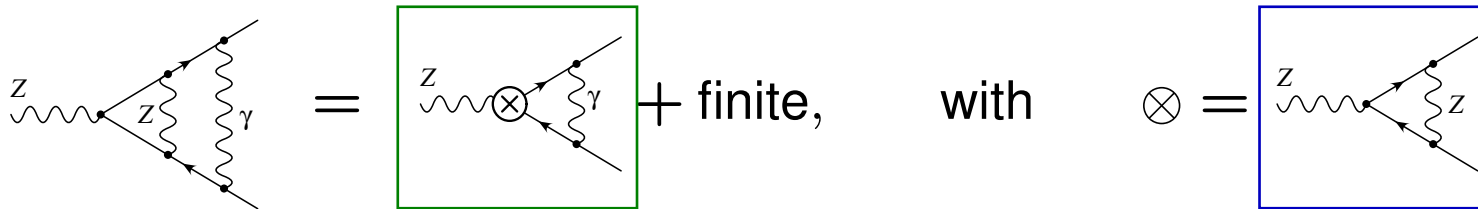
$g_V^f, g_A^f, \Sigma'_Z$ : Electroweak corrections



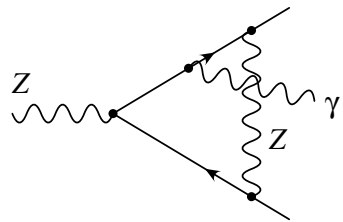
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Additional non-factorizable contributions, e.g.



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

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

→  $\mathcal{O}(0.01\%)$  uncertainty on  $\Gamma_Z, \sigma_Z$ , maybe larger for  $A_b$

→ How to account for in MC simulations?

## Z-pole asymmetries

Blondel scheme: (if  $e^-$  and  $e^+$  polarization available)

Blondel '88

Four independent measurements for  $P_{e^+}/P_{e^-} = ++, +-, -+, --$

$$A_{LR} = \sqrt{\frac{(\sigma_{++} + \sigma_{-+} - \sigma_{+-} - \sigma_{--})(-\sigma_{++} + \sigma_{-+} - \sigma_{+-} + \sigma_{--})}{(\sigma_{++} + \sigma_{-+} + \sigma_{+-} + \sigma_{--})(-\sigma_{++} + \sigma_{-+} + \sigma_{+-} - \sigma_{--})}}$$

**Note:** No need to know  $|P_{e^\pm}|$  !

Main systematic uncertainties:

- Difference of  $|P|$  for  $P > 0$  and  $P < 0$
- Difference of  $\mathcal{L}$  for  $P > 0$  and  $P < 0$

$$\delta A_{LR} \approx 10^{-4} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \delta \sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}^l \approx 1.3 \times 10^{-5}$$

Mönig, Hawkings '99

## Theory calculations: Uncertainties

	Experiment	Theory error	Main source
$M_W$	$80.379 \pm 0.012$ MeV	4 MeV	$\alpha^3, \alpha^2\alpha_s$
$\Gamma_Z$	$2495.2 \pm 2.3$ MeV	0.4 MeV	$\alpha^3, \alpha^2\alpha_s, \alpha\alpha_s^2$
$R_\ell$	$20.767 \pm 0.025$	0.005	$\alpha^3, \alpha^2\alpha_s$
$R_b$	$0.21629 \pm 0.00066$	0.0001	$\alpha^3, \alpha^2\alpha_s$
$\sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}^\ell$	$0.23153 \pm 0.00016$	$4.5 \times 10^{-5}$	$\alpha^3, \alpha^2\alpha_s$

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

## Example: Error estimation for $\Gamma_Z$

### ■ Geometric perturbative series

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

$$\mathcal{O}(\alpha^3) - \mathcal{O}(\alpha_t^3) \sim \frac{\mathcal{O}(\alpha^2) - \mathcal{O}(\alpha_t^2)}{\mathcal{O}(\alpha)} \mathcal{O}(\alpha^2) \sim 0.26 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\mathcal{O}(\alpha^2 \alpha_s) - \mathcal{O}(\alpha_t^2 \alpha_s) \sim \frac{\mathcal{O}(\alpha^2) - \mathcal{O}(\alpha_t^2)}{\mathcal{O}(\alpha)} \mathcal{O}(\alpha \alpha_s) \sim 0.30 \text{ MeV}$$

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

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

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$$\mathcal{O}(\alpha_{\text{bos}}^2) \sim \mathcal{O}(\alpha_{\text{bos}})^2 \sim 0.1 \text{ MeV}$$

### ■ Parametric prefactors:

$$\mathcal{O}(\alpha_{\text{bos}}^2) \sim \Gamma_Z \alpha^2 \sim 0.1 \text{ MeV}$$

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

**Total:**  $\delta\Gamma_Z \approx 0.5 \text{ MeV}$