

# Electroweak Physics at the LHC

— TH Lecture 1 —

## Electroweak Issues and Higher-Order Corrections

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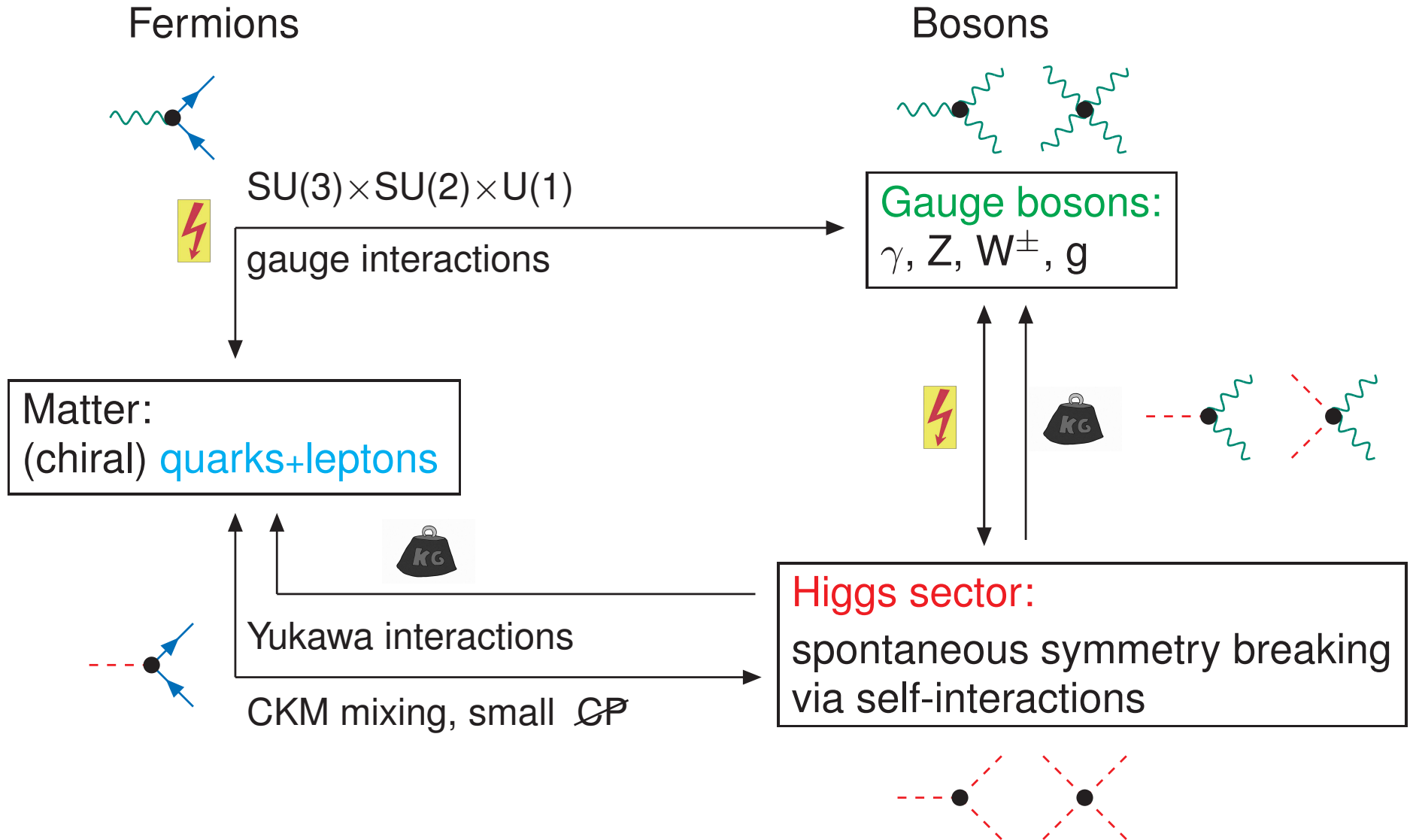
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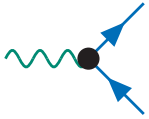
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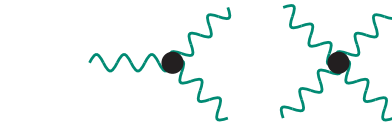


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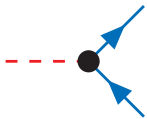
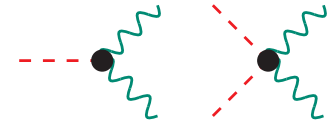
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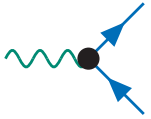


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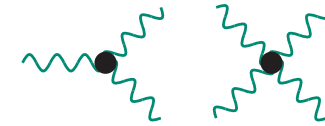


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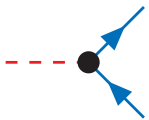
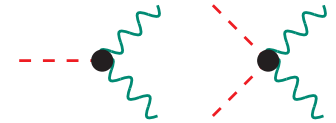
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**Standard Model extensions**

→ more fields, more particles, more interactions, ...

Feynman rules derived from SM Lagrangian:



↪ Recapitulate EW gauge interactions !



# Gauge-boson couplings to fermions

↪ induced by “minimal substitution” in free Lagrangian  $\mathcal{L}_{0,\text{ferm}} = \sum_f i\bar{\psi}_f \not{\partial} \psi_f$ :

$$\partial_\mu \rightarrow D_\mu = \partial_\mu - ig_2 T_I^a W_\mu^a + ig_1 \frac{Y}{2} B_\mu$$

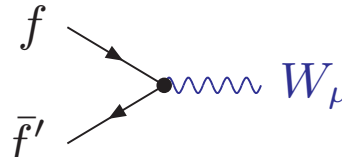
$$T_I^a = \text{weak isospin} = \begin{cases} \sigma^a/2 & \text{for left-handed } f \\ 0 & \text{for right-handed } f \end{cases}$$

$Y$  = weak hypercharge, fixed by Gell-Mann–Nishijima relation  $Q = T_I^3 + Y/2$

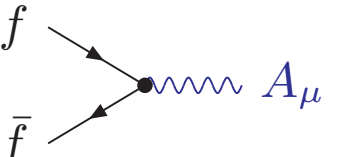
Identification of photon after “Weinberg rotation” about weak mixing angle  $\theta_W$ :

$$\begin{pmatrix} Z_\mu \\ A_\mu \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} c_W & s_W \\ -s_W & c_W \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} W_\mu^3 \\ B_\mu \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{with } g_2 = \frac{e}{s_W}, \quad g_1 = \frac{e}{c_W}, \quad s_W \equiv \sin \theta_W$$

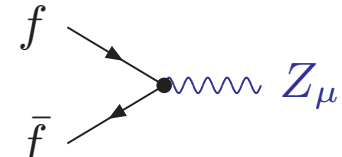
⇒ Interaction vertices:



$$\frac{ie}{\sqrt{2}s_W} \gamma_\mu \frac{1}{2} (1 - \gamma_5)$$

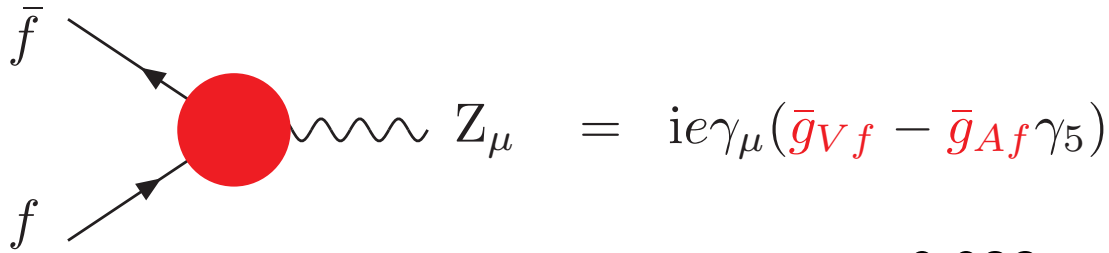


$$-iQ_f e \gamma_\mu$$



$$ie\gamma_\mu (g_V f - g_A f \gamma_5), \quad g_V f = -\frac{s_W}{c_W} Q_f + \frac{T_{I,f}^3}{2c_W s_W}, \quad g_A f = \frac{T_{I,f}^3}{2c_W s_W}$$

# Effective $Zf\bar{f}$ couplings from $e^+e^- \rightarrow Z/\gamma^* \rightarrow f\bar{f}$ @ LEP1



Leptonic couplings from LEP1 asymmetry measurements, e.g.:

$$A_{\text{FB}}^{0,f} = \frac{\sigma_{f,\text{F}}^0 - \sigma_{f,\text{B}}^0}{\sigma_{f,\text{F}}^0 + \sigma_{f,\text{B}}^0} = \frac{3}{4} \mathcal{A}_e \mathcal{A}_f$$

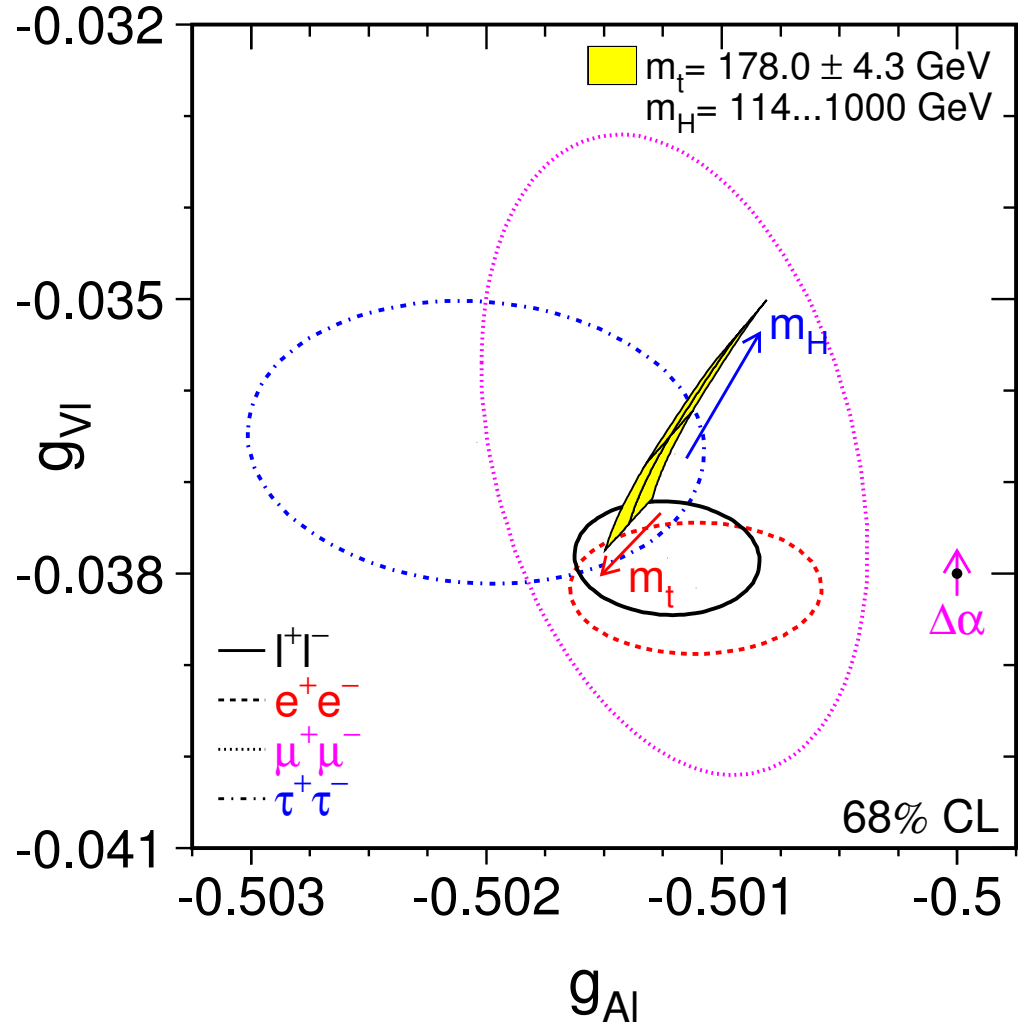
(F/B = For/Backward hemisphere)

$$\text{with } \mathcal{A}_f = \frac{2\bar{g}_{Vf}\bar{g}_{Af}}{\bar{g}_{Vf}^2 + \bar{g}_{Af}^2}$$

## Good agreement with SM

- lepton universality confirmed
- constraints on  $m_t$  and  $M_H$

LEPEWWG '05



# Translation of effective couplings into effective weak mixing angle

$$\sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}^{\text{lept}} = \frac{1}{4} \left( 1 - \text{Re} \left\{ \frac{g_{Vl}}{g_{Al}} \right\} \right)$$

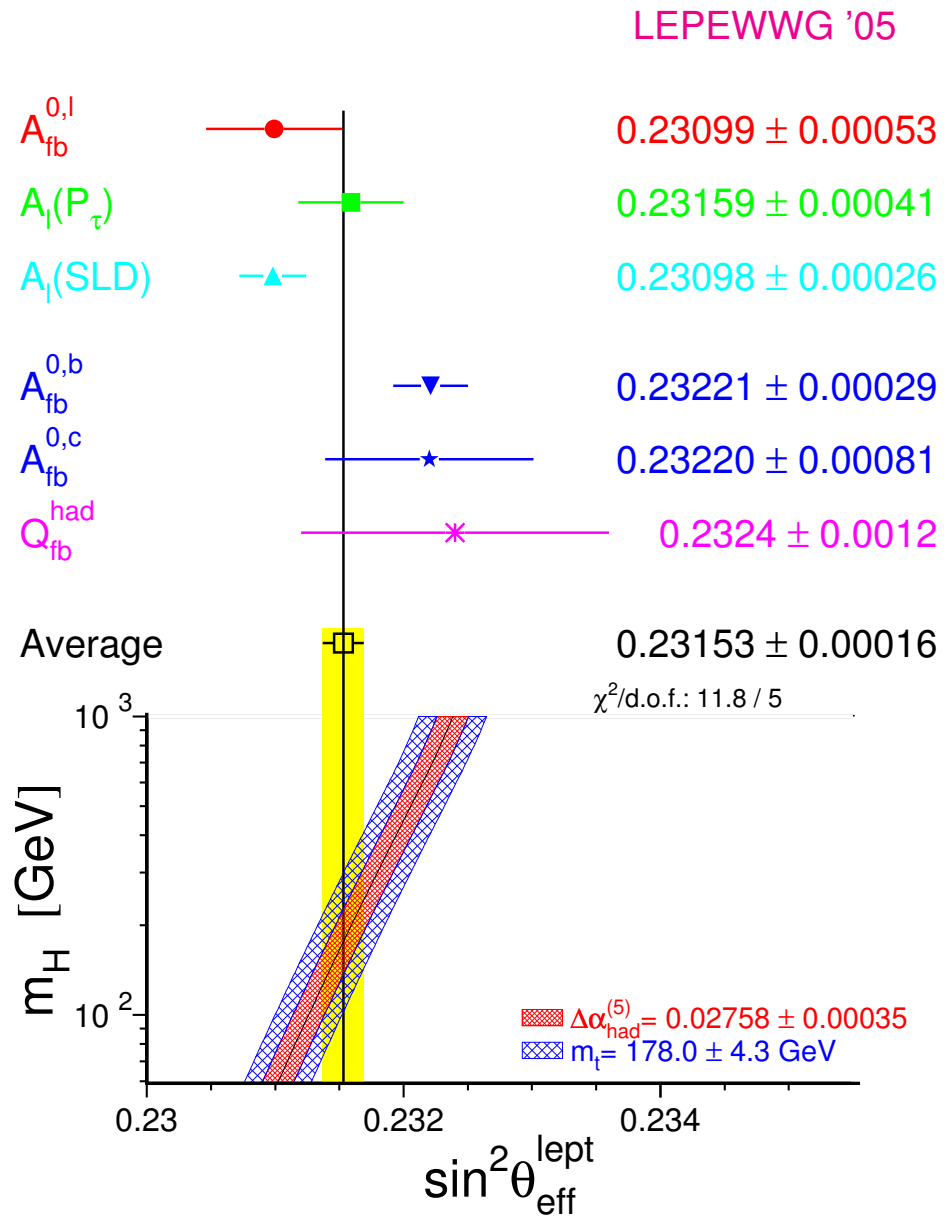
Important features:

- high sensitivity to  $M_H$
- combination of very different observables
- $\sim 3\sigma$  difference between  $A_{\text{FB}}^{0,b}$  (LEP) and  $A_{\text{LR}}^{0,l}$  (SLD)

with the initial-state pol. asymmetry

$$A_{\text{LR}}^{0,l} = \frac{\sigma_{\text{L}}^0 - \sigma_{\text{R}}^0}{\sigma_{\text{L}}^0 + \sigma_{\text{R}}^0} \frac{1}{\langle |\mathcal{P}_e| \rangle}$$

⇒ Precise LHC result on  $\sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}^{\text{lept}}$  highly desirable !



# Gauge-boson self-interactions

↪ induced by gauge-invariant Yang–Mills Lagrangian

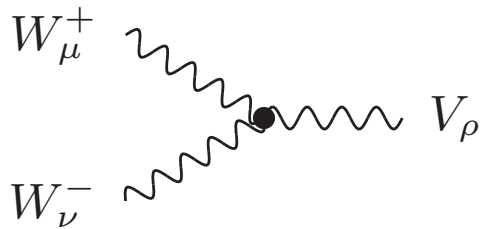
$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{YM}} = -\frac{1}{4}W_{\mu\nu}^a W^{a,\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{4}B_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu},$$

with the field-strength tensors

$$W_{\mu\nu}^a = \partial_\mu W_\nu^a - \partial_\nu W_\mu^a + g_2 \epsilon^{abc} W_\mu^b W_\nu^c, \quad B_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu B_\nu - \partial_\nu B_\mu$$

⇒ Feynman rules for gauge-boson self-interactions:

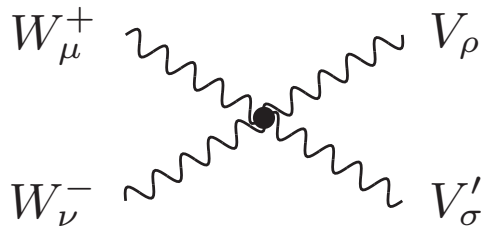
(fields and momenta incoming)



$$ieC_{WWV} \left[ g_{\mu\nu}(k_+ - k_-)_\rho + g_{\nu\rho}(k_- - k_V)_\mu + g_{\rho\mu}(k_V - k_+)_\nu \right]$$

$$\text{with } C_{WW\gamma} = 1, \quad C_{WWZ} = -\frac{c_W}{s_W}$$

→ testable in di-boson production  $ee/pp \rightarrow VV$

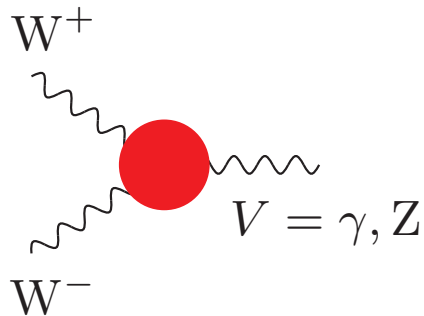


$$ie^2 C_{WWVV'} \left[ 2g_{\mu\nu}g_{\rho\sigma} - g_{\mu\rho}g_{\sigma\nu} - g_{\mu\sigma}g_{\nu\rho} \right]$$

$$\text{with } C_{W^2\gamma^2} = -1, \quad C_{W^2\gamma Z} = \frac{c_W}{s_W}, \quad C_{W^2Z^2} = -\frac{c_W^2}{s_W^2}, \quad C_{W^4} = \frac{1}{s_W^2}$$

→ testable in tri-boson production  $ee/pp \rightarrow VVV$   
and vector-boson scattering  $pp(VV \rightarrow VV) \rightarrow VV + 2\text{jets}$

General parametrization (C- and P-conserving):



$$\mathcal{L}_{VWW} = -ieg_{VWW} \left\{ g_1^V (W_{\mu\nu}^+ W^{-,\mu} V^\nu - W^{-,\mu\nu} W_\mu^+ V_\nu) + \kappa_V W_\mu^+ W_\nu^- V^{\mu\nu} + \frac{\lambda_V}{M_W^2} W_{\rho\mu}^+ W_\nu^{-,\mu} V^{\nu\rho} \right\}$$

Meaning for static  $W^+$  bosons:

$$Q_W = eg_1^\gamma = \text{electric charge } (= e \text{ by charge conservation})$$

$$\mu_W = \frac{e}{2M_W} (g_1^\gamma + \kappa_\gamma + \lambda_\gamma) = \text{magnetic dipole moment}$$

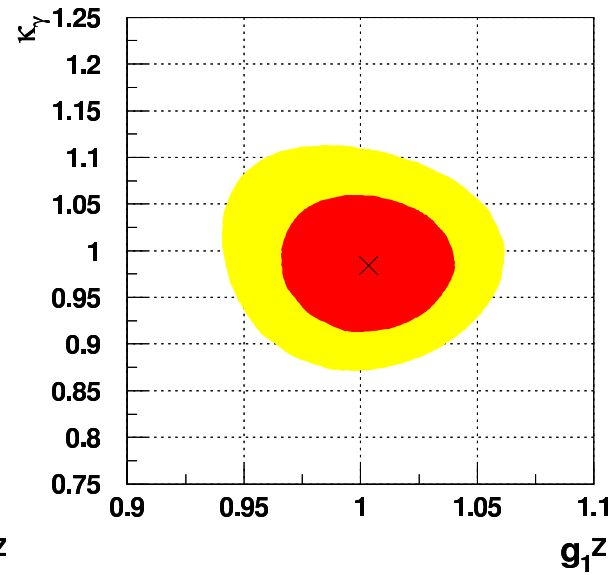
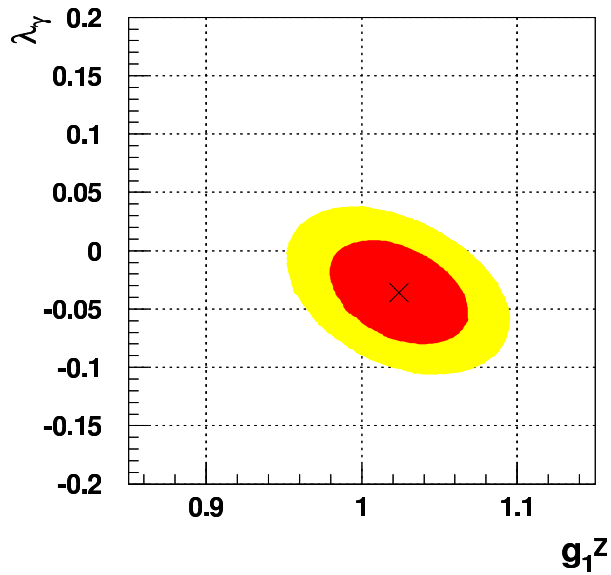
$$q_W = -\frac{e}{M_W^2} (\kappa_\gamma - \lambda_\gamma) = \text{electric quadrupole moment}$$

Standard Model values:

$$g_1^V = \kappa_V = 1, \quad \lambda_V = 0$$

Restriction to  $SU(2) \times U(1)$ -symmetric dim-6 operators:

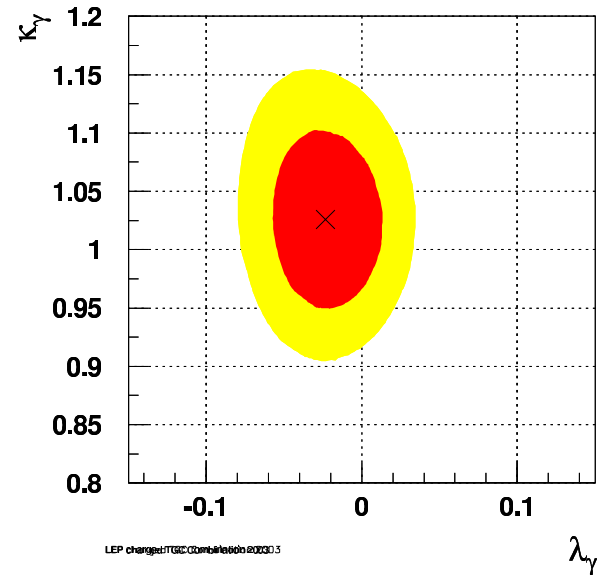
$$\kappa_Z = g_1^Z - (\kappa_\gamma - 1) \tan^2 \theta_W, \quad \lambda_Z = \lambda_\gamma$$



$$\Delta g_1^Z = -0.009^{+0.022}_{-0.021}$$

$$\Delta \kappa_\gamma = -0.016^{+0.042}_{-0.047}$$

$$\lambda_\gamma = -0.016^{+0.021}_{-0.023}$$



LEP Preliminary

- 95% c.l.
- 68% c.l.
- × 2d fit result

Standard Model values verified  
at the level of 2–4%

Similar results from Tevatron and LHC Run 1

LHC will tighten limits further !

# Generic features of electroweak corrections



## Relevance of EW corrections @ LHC

- 2015: LHC restarts @ 13–14 TeV
  - ↪ energy reach extends deeper into **TeV range**
    - ↪  $\delta_{EW} \sim \text{some } 10\%$
- integrated LHC luminosity will reach some  $100 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ 
  - ↪ many measurements at **several-% level**
    - ↪ **typical size of  $\delta_{EW}$**
- planned high-precision measurements: **XS ratios,  $M_W$ ,  $\sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}^{\text{lept}}$** 
  - ↪  **$\delta_{EW}$  is crucial ingredient**

## Spirit of this lecture

- describe **salient features of EW corrections**,  
in particular enhancement effects
- prepare the ground for the discussion of W/Z production processes  
coming in the follow-up lectures
- give some **recommendations** from a theorist's point of view





# Features of and issues in EW precision calculations

## Relevance and size of EW corrections

generic size  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha) \sim \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2)$  suggests NLO EW  $\sim$  NNLO QCD

but systematic enhancements possible, e.g.

- **by photon emission**
  - $\hookrightarrow$  kinematical effects, mass-singular log's  $\propto \alpha \ln(m_\mu/Q)$  for bare muons, etc.
- **at high energies**
  - $\hookrightarrow$  EW Sudakov log's  $\propto (\alpha/s_W^2) \ln^2(M_W/Q)$  and subleading log's

## EW corrections to PDFs at hadron colliders

induced by factorization of collinear initial-state singularities, new: **photon PDF**

## Instability of W and Z bosons

- realistic observables have to be defined via decay products (leptons,  $\gamma$ 's, jets)
- off-shell effects  $\sim \mathcal{O}(\Gamma/M) \sim \mathcal{O}(\alpha)$  are part of the NLO EW corrections

## Combining QCD and EW corrections in predictions

- how to merge results from different calculations
- reweighting procedures in MC's

# Input parameter schemes



## SM input parameters: (natural choice)

$$\alpha_s, \alpha, M_W, M_Z, M_H, m_f, V_{\text{CKM}}$$

## Issues:

- **Setting of  $\alpha$ :** process-specific choice to
  - ◇ avoid sensitivity to non-perturbative light-quark masses
  - ◇ minimize universal EW corrections

Schemes: fix  $M_W, M_Z$  and  $\alpha$

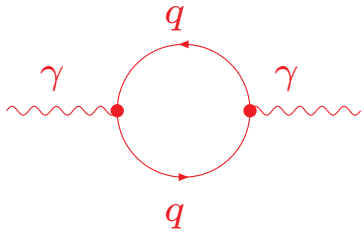
- ◇  $\alpha(0)$ -scheme: relevant for external photon
- ◇  $\alpha(M_Z)$ -scheme: relevant for internal photons at high energies ( $\gamma^*$ )
- ◇  $G_\mu$ -scheme:  $\alpha_{G_\mu} = \sqrt{2}G_\mu M_W^2(1 - M_W^2/M_Z^2)/\pi$ , relevant for W, Z

- **Warnings / pitfalls:**

- ◇  $\alpha$  must not be set diagram by diagram,  
but **global factors like  $\alpha(0)^m \alpha_{G_\mu}^n$**  in gauge-invariant contributions mandatory !
- ◇ weak mixing angle:  $s_W \neq$  **free parameter** if  $M_W$  and  $M_Z$  are fixed !
- ◇ Yukawa couplings are uniquely fixed by fermion masses !

# The universal radiative corrections $\Delta\alpha$ and $\Delta\rho$

Running electromagnetic coupling  $\alpha(s)$ :



becomes sensitive to unphysical quark masses  $m_q$   
 for  $|s|$  in GeV range and below (non-perturbative regime)  
 $\hookrightarrow$  charge-renormalization constant  $\delta Z_e$  sensitive to  $m_q$

Solution:

fit hadronic part of  $\Delta\alpha(s) = -\text{Re}\{\Sigma_{T,\text{ren}}^{AA}(s)/s\}$  and thus of  $\delta Z_e$

via dispersion relations to  $R(s) = \frac{\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \text{hadrons})}{\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-)}$

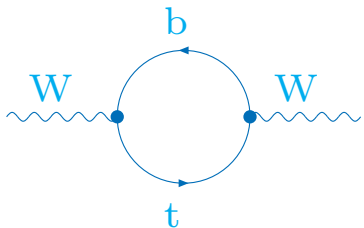
Jegerlehner et al.

$\Rightarrow$  Running elmg. coupling:  $\alpha(s) = \frac{\alpha(0)}{1 - \Delta\alpha_{\text{ferm} \neq \text{top}}(s)}$

Leading correction to the  $\rho$ -parameter:

mass differences in fermion doublets break custodial SU(2) symmetry

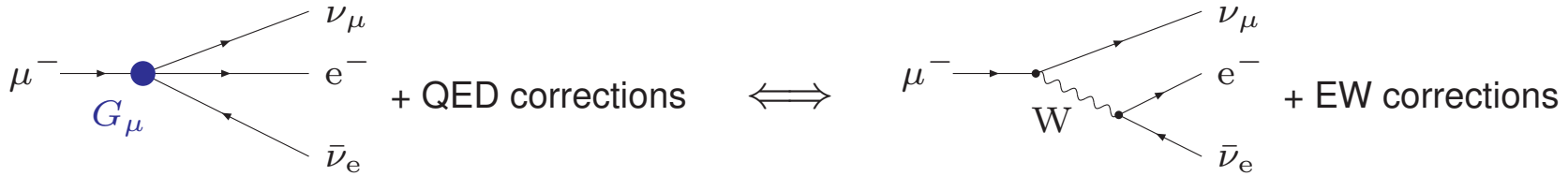
$\hookrightarrow$  large effects from bottom-top loops in W self-energy Veltman '77



$$\Delta\rho_{\text{top}} \sim \frac{\Sigma_T^{ZZ}(0)}{M_Z^2} - \frac{\Sigma_T^{WW}(0)}{M_W^2} \sim \frac{3G_\mu m_t^2}{8\sqrt{2}\pi^2}$$

# Fermi constant $G_\mu$ as input parameter – the quantity $\Delta r$

## $\mu$ decay including higher-order corrections



↪ Relation between  $G_\mu$ ,  $\alpha(0)$ ,  $M_W$ , and  $M_Z$  including corrections:

$$\alpha_{G_\mu} \equiv \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\pi} G_\mu M_W^2 \left( 1 - \frac{M_W^2}{M_Z^2} \right) = \alpha(0)(1 + \Delta r)$$

$\Delta r$  comprises quantum corrections to  $\mu$  decay

(beyond electromagnetic corrections in Fermi model)

Sirlin '80, Marciano, Sirlin '80

$$\Delta r_{1\text{-loop}} = \Delta\alpha(M_Z^2) - \frac{c_W^2}{s_W^2} \Delta\rho_{\text{top}} + \Delta r_{\text{rem}}(M_H)$$

$\sim 6\%$

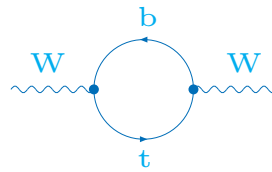
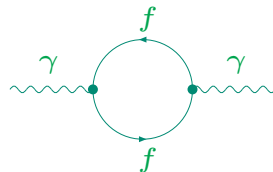
$\sim 3\%$

$\sim 1\%$

$$\alpha \ln(m_f/M_Z)$$

$$G_\mu m_t^2$$

$$\alpha \ln(M_H/M_Z)$$

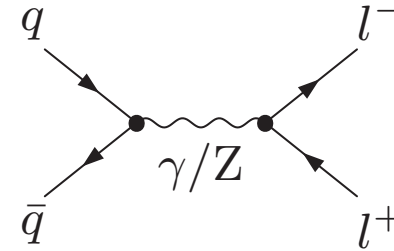


# Input-parameter schemes including electroweak NLO corrections

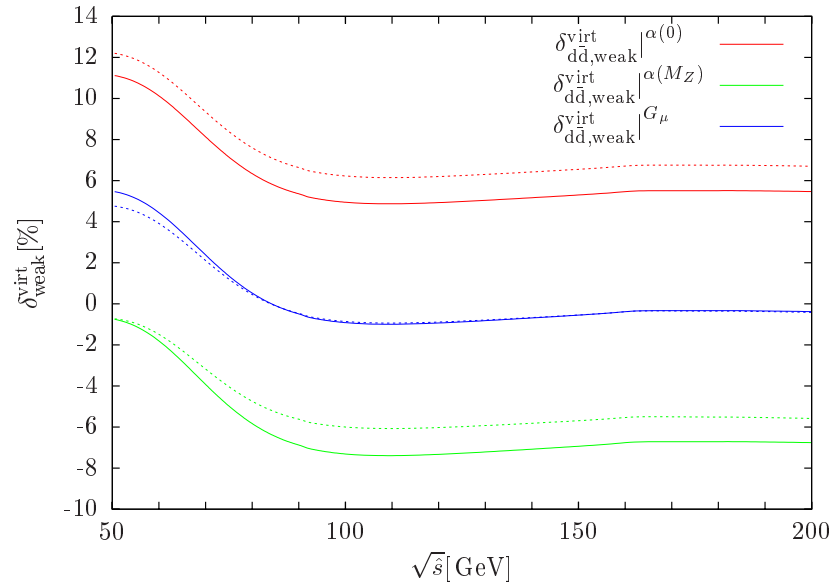
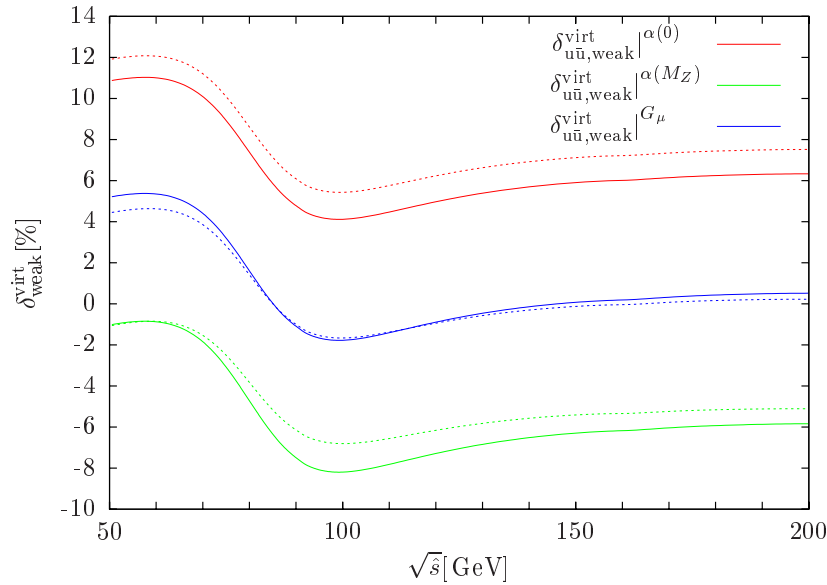
Cross section:  $\sigma_{\text{NLO}} = \alpha^N A_{\text{LO}} (1 + \delta_{\text{EW}}), \quad \delta_{\text{EW}} = \mathcal{O}(\alpha)$

- $\alpha(0)$ -scheme:  $\sigma_{\text{LO}} = \alpha(0)^N A_{\text{LO}}$
- $\alpha(M_Z)$ -scheme:  $\sigma_{\text{LO}} = \alpha(M_Z)^N A_{\text{LO}}, \quad \delta_{\text{EW}}^{\alpha(M_Z)} = \delta_{\text{EW}}^{\alpha(0)} + N \Delta\alpha(M_Z) + \dots$
- $G_\mu$ -scheme:  $\sigma_{\text{LO}} = \alpha(G_\mu)^N A_{\text{LO}}, \quad \delta_{\text{EW}}^{G_\mu} = \delta_{\text{EW}}^{\alpha(0)} + N \Delta r + \dots$
- **Mixed scheme:**  $N = n + n_\gamma, \quad n_\gamma = \# \text{ external photons}$   
 $\sigma_{\text{LO}} = \alpha(G_\mu)^n \alpha(0)^{n_\gamma} A_{\text{LO}}, \quad \delta_{\text{EW}}^{\text{mix}} = \delta_{\text{EW}}^{\alpha(0)} + n \Delta r + \dots$ 
  - ◇ absorbs all  $\Delta\alpha$  terms in LO to all orders
  - ◇ absorbs  $\Delta\rho$  terms in LO (all for Ws up to 2 loops, parts for Zs)
  - ◇ factor  $\alpha$  in  $\delta_{\text{EW}}$  can still be adjusted appropriately  
(e.g.  $\alpha \rightarrow \alpha(0)$  if  $\gamma$  radiation dominates,  $\alpha \rightarrow \alpha_{G_\mu}$  if weak corrections dominate)
  - ◇ example:  $q\bar{q}' \rightarrow W\gamma, \quad n = n_\gamma = 1$

# Example: weak corrections to Z production



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- off-sets between NLO EW corrections in different schemes
- dashed lines include leading 2-loop effects from  $\Delta\alpha$  and  $\Delta\rho$   
 $\hookrightarrow$  highest stability against h.o. corrections in  $G_\mu$  scheme here

# Photon radiation off leptons

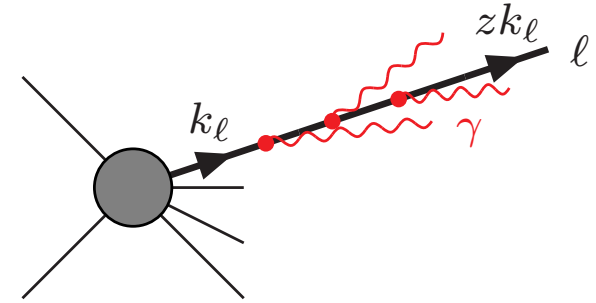




# Collinear final-state radiation (FSR) off leptons

Leading logarithmic effect is universal:

$$\sigma_{\text{LL,FSR}} = \int \underbrace{d\sigma^{\text{LO}}(k_l)}_{\text{hard scattering}} \int_0^1 dz \underbrace{\Gamma_{\ell\ell}^{\text{LL}}(z, Q^2)}_{\text{leading-log structure function, } Q = \text{typ. scale}} \Theta_{\text{cut}}(zk_l)$$



- $\Gamma_{\ell\ell}^{\text{LL}}(z, Q^2)$  known to  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha^5)$  + soft exponentiation, equivalent description by QED parton showers
- $\mathcal{O}(\alpha)$  approximation:  $\Gamma_{\ell\ell}^{\text{LL},1}(z, Q^2) = \frac{\alpha(0)}{2\pi} \left[ \ln\left(\frac{Q^2}{m_\ell^2}\right) - 1 \right] \left( \frac{1+z^2}{1-z} \right)_+$
- **Alternative approach:** QED parton shower  
 $\hookrightarrow$  advantage: photons described with finite  $p_T$  and definite multiplicity

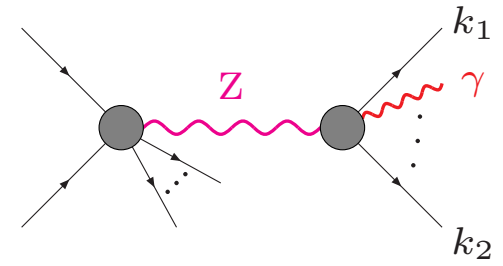
Impact on predictions:

- **log-enhanced corrections for “bare” leptons (muons)**  $\rightarrow$  large radiative tails
- KLN theorem: mass-singular FSR effects cancel if  $(\ell\gamma)$  system is inclusive (full integration over  $z$ )
- **full FSR not universal**, in general not even separable from other EW corrections

# Radiative tail from final-state radiation

results if resonances reconstructed from decay products

Typical situations:  $e^+e^- \rightarrow WW/ZZ \rightarrow 4f$ ,  
 $pp \rightarrow Z \rightarrow f\bar{f} + X$



## Final-state radiation:

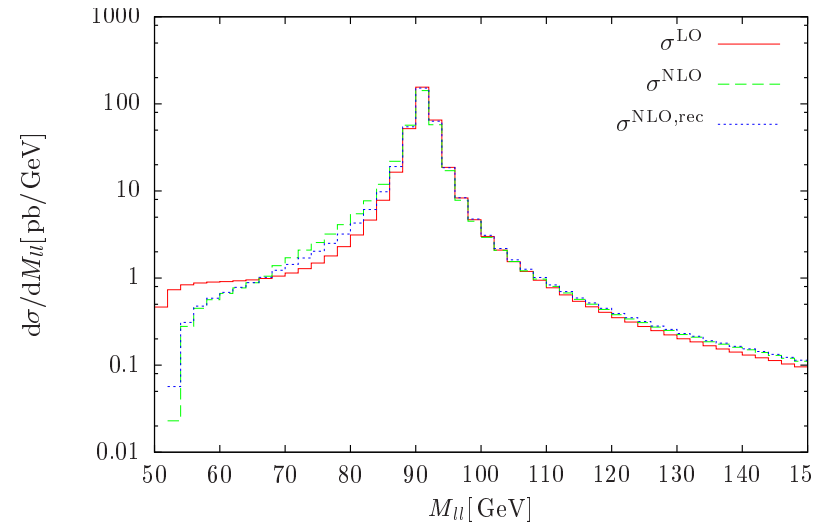
resonance for

$$M^2 = (k_1 + k_2)^2 < (k_1 + k_2 + k_\gamma)^2 \sim M_Z^2$$

↪ radiative tail in distribution  $\frac{d\sigma}{dM}$

of reconstructed invariant mass  $M$

for  $M < M_Z$

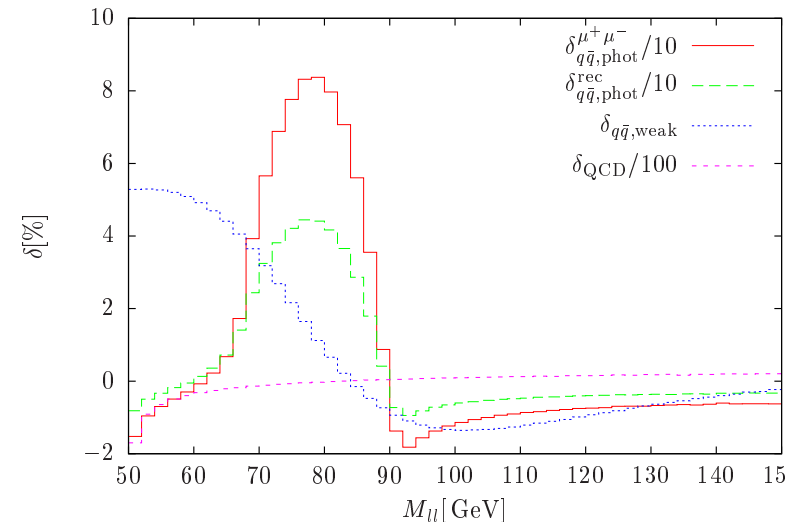


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## Example: Single-Z production

- radiative tail with corrections up to  $\sim 80\%$
- FSR effect drastically reduced by photon recombination (“rec”):

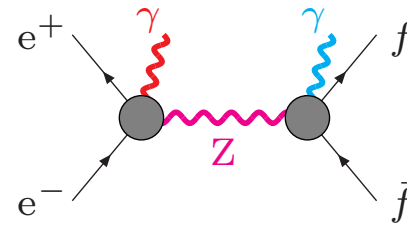
If  $R_{l\gamma} < 0.1$  then  $(l\gamma) \rightarrow \tilde{l}$  with  $p_{\tilde{l}} = p_l + p_\gamma$ .



# Comparison with radiative tail from initial-state radiation

appears if initial state is fixed

Typical situations:  $e^+e^- \rightarrow Z \rightarrow f\bar{f}$ ,  
 $\mu^+\mu^- \rightarrow Z, H, ? \rightarrow f\bar{f}$



↪ scan over  $s$ -channel resonance in  $\sigma_{\text{tot}}(s)$  by changing CM energy  $\sqrt{s}$

## Initial-state radiation:

Z can become resonant for  $s = (p_+ + p_-)^2 > (p_+ + p_- - k_\gamma)^2 \sim M_Z^2$

↪ radiative tail for  $s > M_Z^2$  due to “radiative return”

## Final-state radiation:

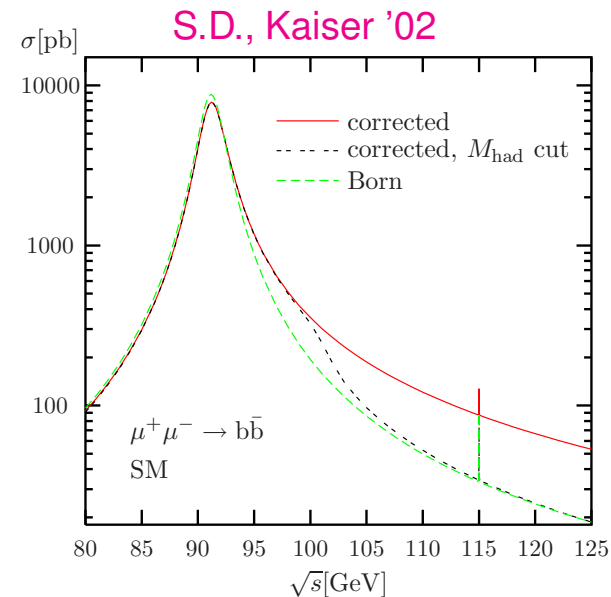
$s = k_Z^2 \sim M_Z^2$  for FSR

↪ only rescaling of resonance

## Example:

cross section for  $\mu^-\mu^+ \rightarrow b\bar{b}$  in lowest order and including photonic and QCD corrections, with and without invariant-mass cut

$\sqrt{s} - M(b\bar{b}) < 10 \text{ GeV}$



## Recommendations to experimentalists:

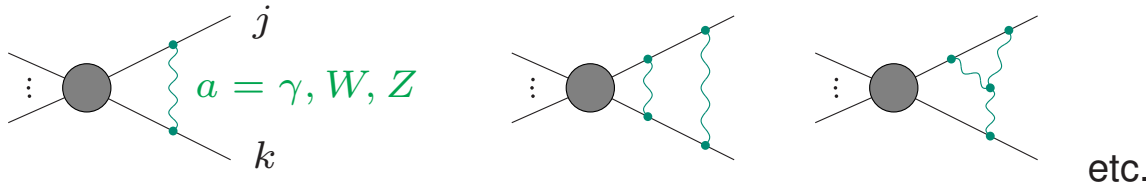
- **no unfolding or subtraction of FSR effects !**  
↔ would introduce untransparent conventions for non-universal EW corrections
- use concept of “dressed leptons” if reduction of large FSR effects is desirable  
(recombination of collinear  $\ell\gamma$  configurations, analogous to QCD jet algorithms)

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Sudakov logarithms induced by soft gauge-boson exchange



+ sub-leading logarithms from collinear singularities

Typical impact on  $2 \rightarrow 2$  reactions at  $\sqrt{s} \sim 1$  TeV:

$$\delta_{LL}^{1\text{-loop}} \sim -\frac{\alpha}{\pi s_W^2} \ln^2\left(\frac{s}{M_W^2}\right) \simeq -26\%, \quad \delta_{NLL}^{1\text{-loop}} \sim +\frac{3\alpha}{\pi s_W^2} \ln\left(\frac{s}{M_W^2}\right) \simeq 16\%$$

$$\delta_{LL}^{2\text{-loop}} \sim +\frac{\alpha^2}{2\pi^2 s_W^4} \ln^4\left(\frac{s}{M_W^2}\right) \simeq 3.5\%, \quad \delta_{NLL}^{2\text{-loop}} \sim -\frac{3\alpha^2}{\pi^2 s_W^4} \ln^3\left(\frac{s}{M_W^2}\right) \simeq -4.2\%$$

⇒ Corrections still relevant at 2-loop level

Note: differences to QED / QCD where Sudakov log's cancel

- massive gauge bosons  $W, Z$  can be reconstructed  
 ↪ no need to add “real  $W, Z$  radiation”
- non-Abelian charges of  $W, Z$  are “open” → Bloch–Nordsieck theorem not applicable

Extensive theoretical studies at fixed perturbative (1-/2-loop) order and

suggested resummations via evolution equations

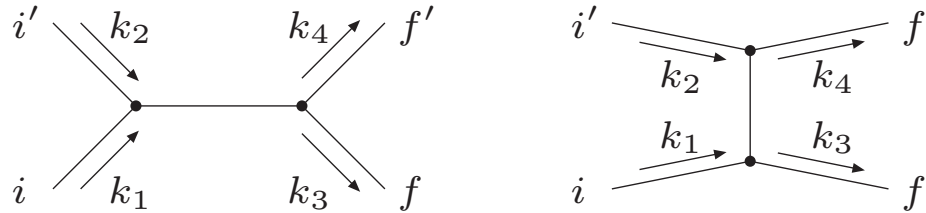
Beccaria et al.; Beenakker, Werthenbach;  
 Ciafaloni, Comelli; Denner, Pozzorini; Fadin et al.;  
 Hori et al.; Melles; Kühn et al., Denner et al. '00–'08

# High-energy limit – Sudakov versus Regge regime

Sudakov regime: **all invariants  $k_i \cdot k_j \gg M_W^2$  !**

## Example:

2 → 2 particle process



Kinematic variables in centre-of-mass frame in high-energy limit ( $k_j^2 \rightarrow 0$ ):

$$s = (k_1 + k_2)^2 \sim 4E^2,$$

$E =$  beam energy,

$$t = (k_1 - k_3)^2 \sim -4E^2 \sin^2(\theta/2),$$

$\theta =$  scattering angle,

$$M_{34} = \sqrt{s} \sim 2E,$$

$$k_T = k_{3,T} \sim E \sin \theta$$

High-energy limits in distributions:

- $\frac{d\sigma}{dk_T}$ :  $k_T \gg M_W \Rightarrow s, |t| \gg M_W^2 \Rightarrow$  **Sudakov domination**
- $\frac{d\sigma}{dM_{34}}$ :  $M_{34} \gg M_W \Rightarrow$  **small  $|t|$  possible**  $\Rightarrow$  **in general no Sudakov domination**  
(i.e. typically smaller corrections)

## Example: Drell–Yan production

**Neutral current:**  $pp \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^-$  at  $\sqrt{s} = 14$  TeV (based on S.D./Huber arXiv:0911.2329)

$M_{\ell\ell}/\text{GeV}$	$50-\infty$	$100-\infty$	$200-\infty$	$500-\infty$	$1000-\infty$	$2000-\infty$
$\sigma_0/\text{pb}$	738.733(6)	32.7236(3)	1.48479(1)	0.0809420(6)	0.00679953(3)	0.000303744(1)
$\delta_{q\bar{q},\text{phot}}^{\text{rec}}/\%$	-1.81	-4.71	-2.92	-3.36	-4.24	-5.66
$\delta_{q\bar{q},\text{weak}}/\%$	-0.71	-1.02	-0.14	-2.38	-5.87	-11.12
$\delta_{\text{Sudakov}}^{(1)}/\%$	<b>0.27</b>	<b>0.54</b>	<b>-1.43</b>	<b>-7.93</b>	<b>-15.52</b>	<b>-25.50</b>
$\delta_{\text{Sudakov}}^{(2)}/\%$	-0.00046	-0.0067	-0.035	0.23	1.14	3.38

**no Sudakov domination!**

**Charged current:**  $pp \rightarrow \ell^+ \nu_\ell$  at  $\sqrt{s} = 14$  TeV (based on Brensing et al. arXiv:0710.3309)

$M_{T,\nu_\ell\ell}/\text{GeV}$	$50-\infty$	$100-\infty$	$200-\infty$	$500-\infty$	$1000-\infty$	$2000-\infty$
$\sigma_0/\text{pb}$	4495.7(2)	27.589(2)	1.7906(1)	0.084697(4)	0.0065222(4)	0.00027322(1)
$\delta_{q\bar{q}}^{\mu^+ \nu_\mu}/\%$	-2.9(1)	-5.2(1)	-8.1(1)	-14.8(1)	-22.6(1)	-33.2(1)
$\delta_{q\bar{q}}^{\text{rec}}/\%$	-1.8(1)	-3.5(1)	-6.5(1)	-12.7(1)	-20.0(1)	-29.6(1)
$\delta_{\text{Sudakov}}^{(1)}/\%$	<b>0.0005</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>-1.9</b>	<b>-9.5</b>	<b>-18.5</b>	<b>-29.7</b>
$\delta_{\text{Sudakov}}^{(2)}/\%$	-0.0002	-0.023	-0.082	0.21	1.3	3.8

**Sudakov domination!**



## Electroweak corrections at high energies (continued)

- NLO EW high-energy logs – an approximation for full NLO EW ?
  - miss finite contributions of  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha)$  and photonic radiation effects
  - + simple approximation in Sudakov regime:
    - $s$  and  $|t|$  large for  $2 \rightarrow 2 \Rightarrow$  large  $p_T$  or  $M_T$  !
  - fail in non-Sudakov regime:
    - e.g.  $s$  large, but  $|t|$  NOT large for  $2 \rightarrow 2 \Rightarrow$  e.g. large  $M_{ll}$  in Drell–Yan !
  - + generically included in ALPGEN Chiesa, Montagna, Piccinini et al. '13
- Real W and Z emission processes
  - ◇ not fully separable from underlying process (e.g. hadronically decaying W/Z's in jet environment)
  - ◇ partially compensate negative virtual EW corrections
    - $\hookrightarrow$  strongly dependent on W/Z reconstruction / separation

### Recommendations:

- full NLO EW corrections whenever possible
- careful validations of logarithmic approximations against full results
- real W/Z emission: full ME calculations via multipurpose LO MC's

# Electroweak corrections in PDFs



## Electroweak effects in PDFs

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### 2004: MRST2004QED = first PDF set with $\mathcal{O}(\alpha)$ corrections

Martin, Roberts, Stirling, Thorne '04

- typical impact on PDFs:  $\Delta(\text{PDF}) \lesssim 0.3\%$  ( $1\%$ ) for  $x \lesssim 0.1$  ( $0.4$ ),  $\mu_{\text{fact}} \sim M_W$
- photon PDF from analytical ansatz; uncertainty  $\sim \mathcal{O}(20\%)$  or more
- additional real corrections from photons in initial state  
 $\hookrightarrow$  typically  $\mathcal{O}(1\%)$ , but with large uncertainties
- included QED corrections are not full NLO EW  
(missing corrections in PDF fit, EW evolution in LO)  
 $\hookrightarrow$  small uncertainties of  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha)$   
(DIS fact. scheme for QED corrections recommended,  
but scheme choice is part of intrinsic uncertainty) Diener, S.D., Hollik '05

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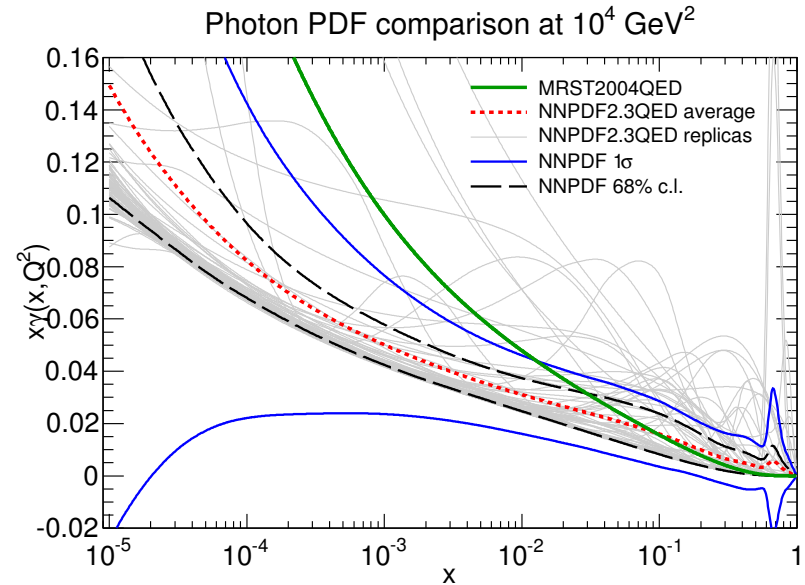
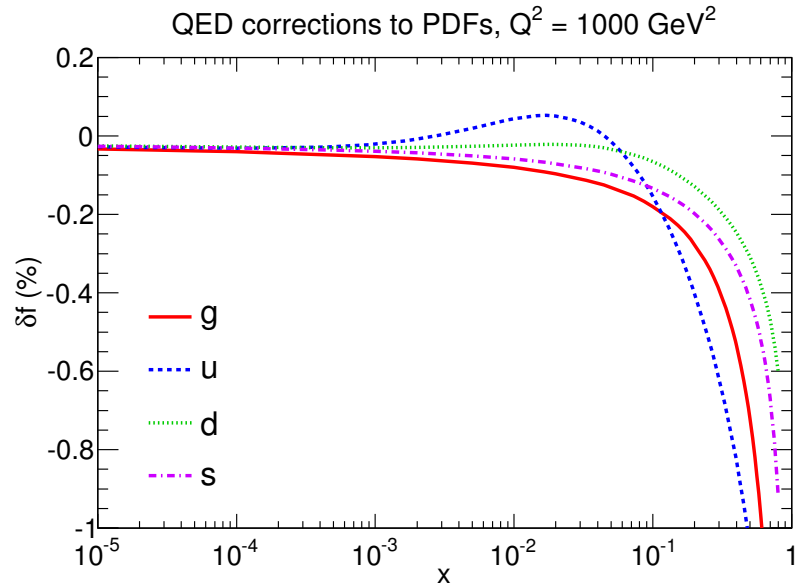
2013: NNPDF2.3QED = NNPDF set with  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha)$  corrections

Ball et al. [NNPDF collaboration] '13

- currently best PDF prediction at (N)NLO QCD + NLO EW
- PDF samples for error estimate provided
- photon PDF fitted to DIS and Drell–Yan data ( $10^{-5} \lesssim x \lesssim 10^{-1}$ )
- small  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha)$  ambiguity still remains

# Electroweak effects in PDFs (continued)

## NNPDF2.3QED PDF set



### Photon PDF:

- agreement with old  $\gamma_{\text{MRST}}(x)$  for  $x \gtrsim 0.03$ , but  $\gamma_{\text{NNPDF}}(x) < \gamma_{\text{MRST}}(x)$  for smaller  $x$
- lack of experimental information for  $x \gtrsim 0.1$   
 $\hookrightarrow$  constrained via  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ ,  $W^+W^-$  for larger  $x$  in the future ?

## Literature

For more details see “Dictionary for electroweak corrections” in

J. Butterworth, *et al.*, “Les Houches 2013: Physics at TeV Colliders: Standard Model Working Group Report,” arXiv:1405.1067 [hep-ph], page 11,

and original references therein.

