



Precision Standard Model Physics

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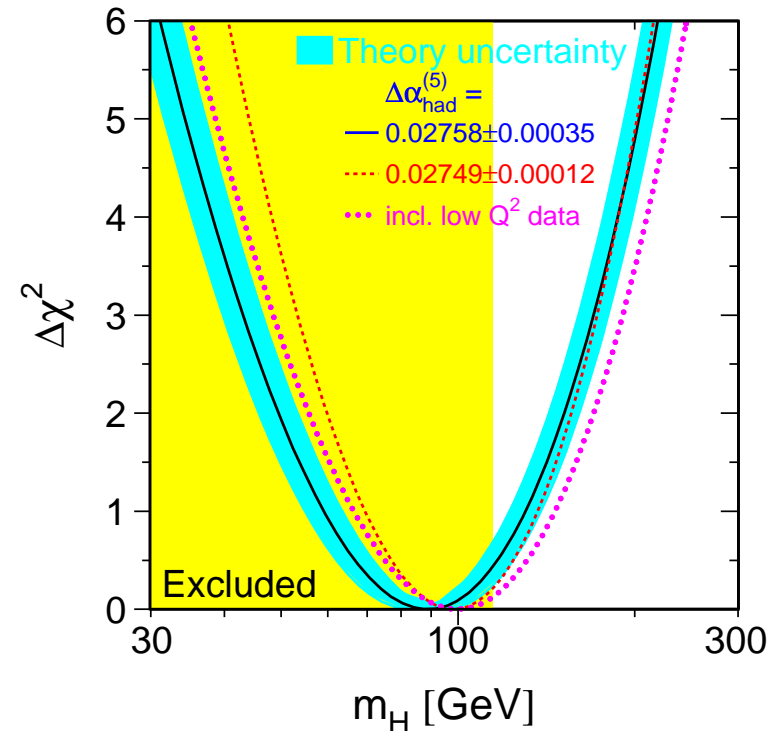
1 Introduction

Experiments at LEP/SLC/Tevatron

- confirmation of **Standard Model as quantum field theory** (quantum corrections significant)
- top mass m_t **indirectly constrained** by quantum corrections
↔ in agreement with m_t **measurement** of Tevatron
- Higgs mass M_H **indirectly constrained** by quantum corrections
↔ impact on Higgs searches

Great success of precision physics

- $M_H > 114.4 \text{ GeV}$ (LEPHIGGS '02)
 $e^+e^- \not\rightarrow ZH$ at LEP2
- $M_H < 175 \text{ GeV}$ (LEPEWWG '06)
fit to precision data
i.e. via quantum corrections



The role of precision at LHC and ILC

LHC: the discovery machine (Higgs & EWSB, SUSY, etc.?)

- **QCD corrections** (at least NLO) are **substantial parts of predictions**
typical LO uncertainties \sim several 10%–100%
corrections needed for signals and many background processes
- **EW corrections also important** for many observables
(precision physics, searches at high scales, particle reconstruction, etc.)

ILC: the high-precision machine (precision \rightarrow window to higher energy)

- **old and new physics with high accuracy** (typically $\delta\sigma/\sigma \lesssim 1\%$)
 \hookrightarrow QCD and EW corrections required
- **the ultimate precision at GigaZ/MegaW:**

precision increases by factor ~ 10 w.r.t. LEP/SLC

$$\text{EXP: } \Delta \sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}^{\text{lept}} \sim 0.00001, \quad \Delta M_W \sim 7 \text{ MeV}$$

TH: go from a few 10^2 to a few 10^4 (more complicated) diagrams

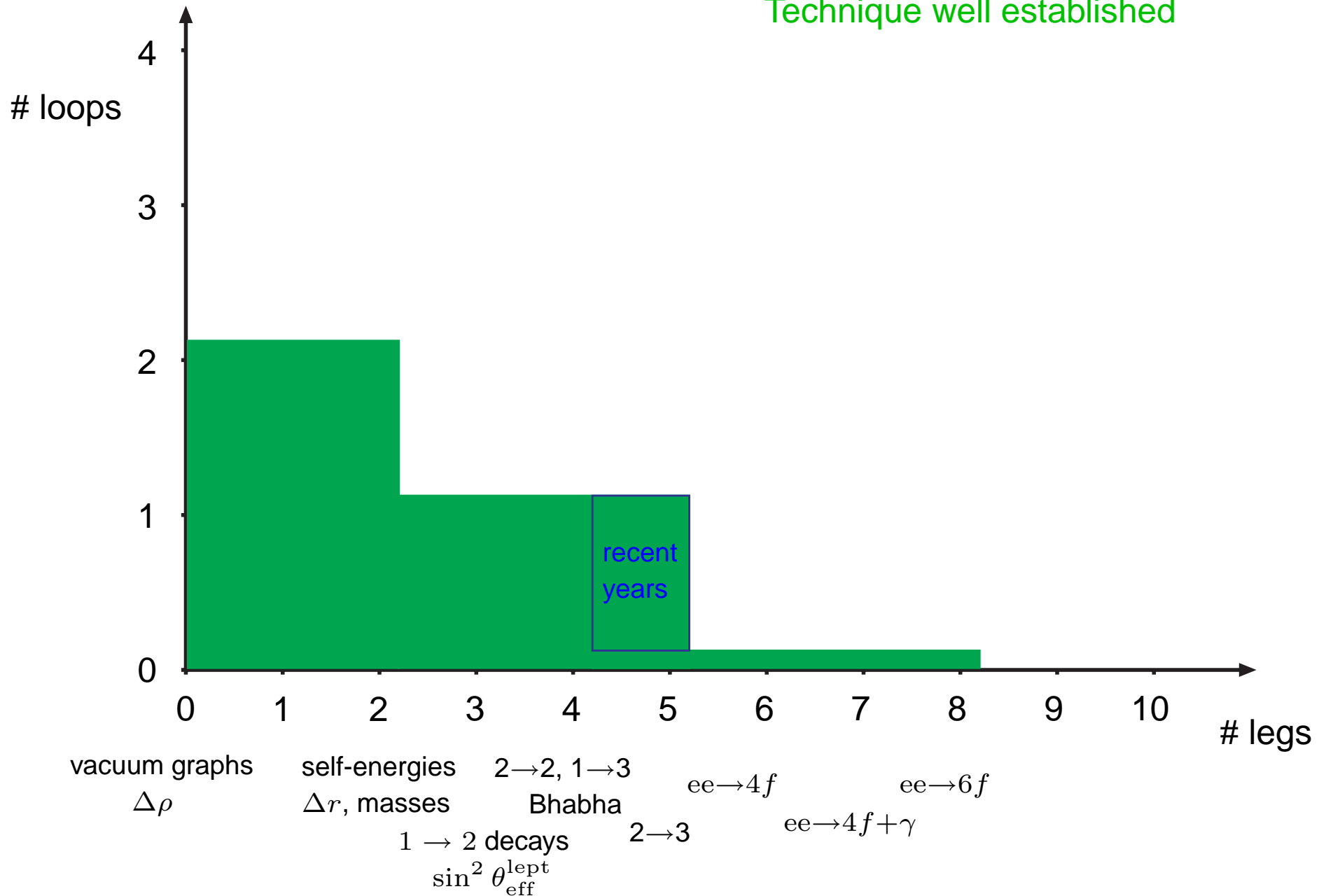
\Rightarrow Precision calculations mandatory for LHC and ILC !

This talk: summary of recent developments (more topical than comprehensive)

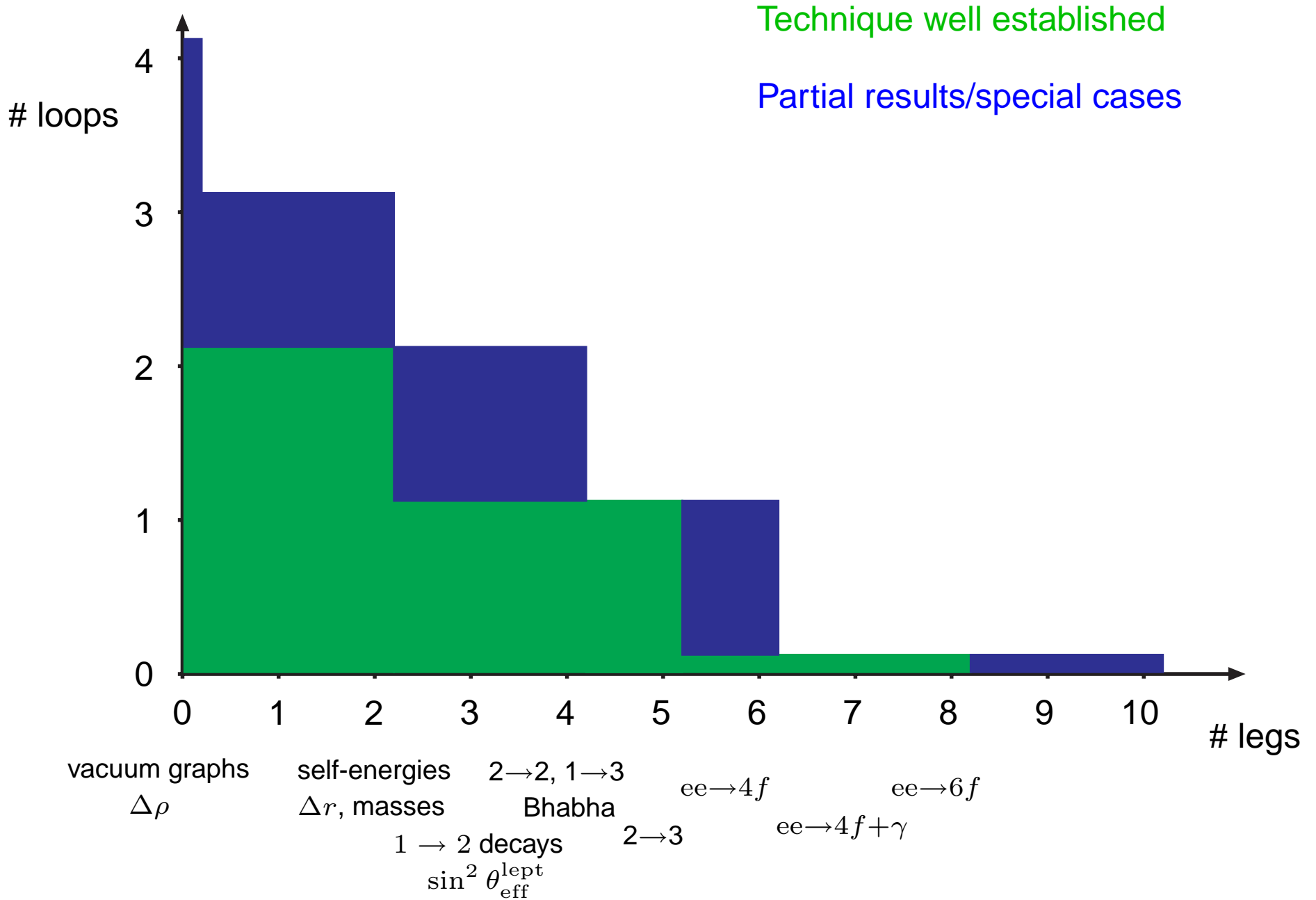
- NNLO calculations to $2 \rightarrow 2$ scattering
- NLO corrections to many-particle processes
- precision calculations for LHC
- not or barely covered:
physics beyond SM, automatization, MC and simulation tools,
twistor-inspired methods, resummation,
topics presented in dedicated talks

State-of-the-art in precision calculations

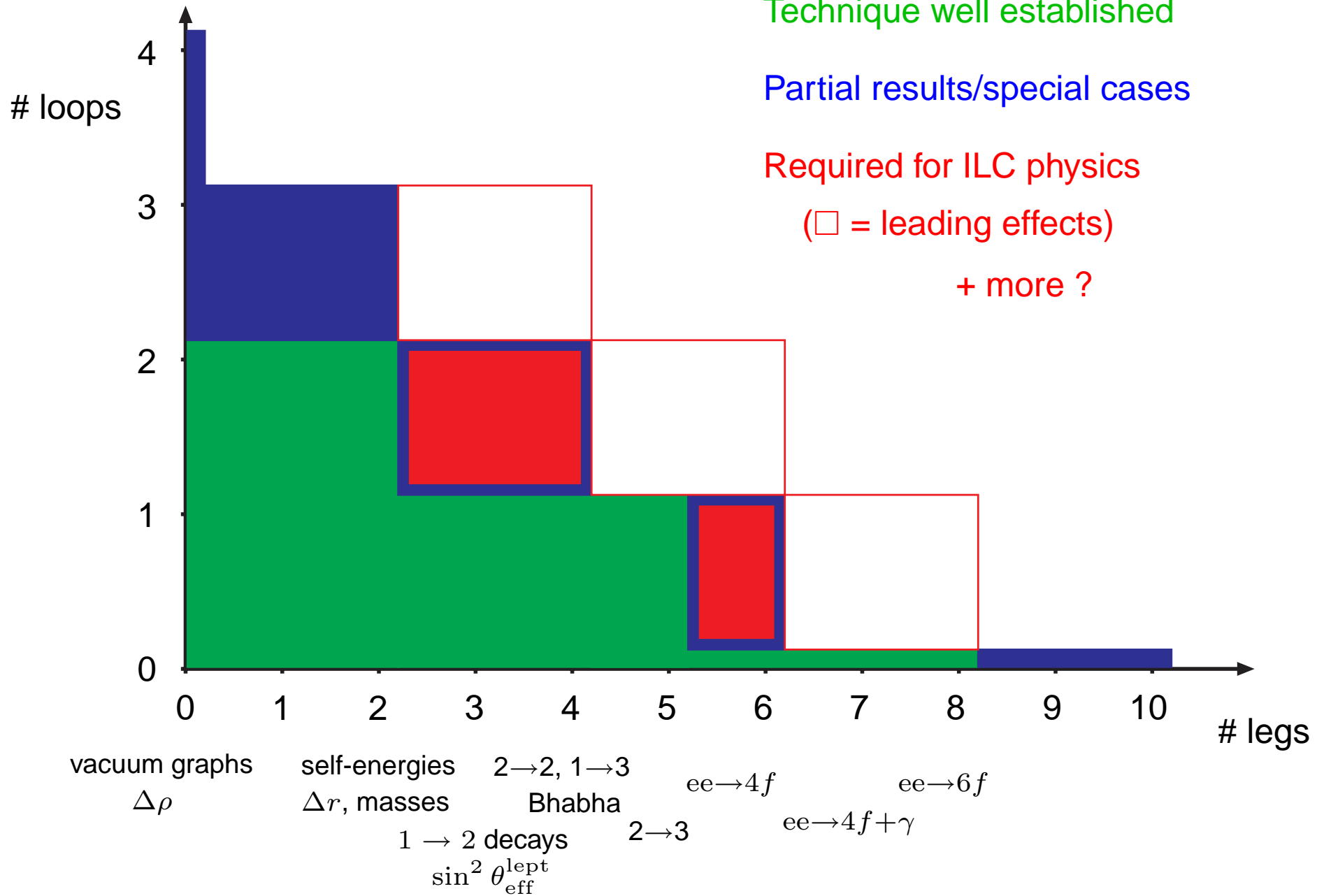
Technique well established



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2 Multi-loop and NNLO calculations

2.1 EW precision observables

Most important precision observables:

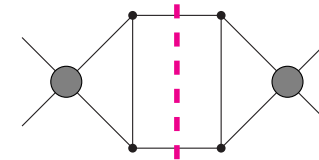
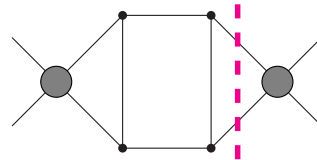
- M_W (direct measurement vs. muon decay)
 - ◇ mixed QCD/EW 2-loop corrections known
Djouadi, Verzegnassi '87; Djouadi '88; Kniehl, Kühn, Stuart '88; Kniehl, Sirlin '93; Djouadi, Gambino '94
 - ◇ complete EW 2-loop corrections known
Freitas, Hollik, Walter, Weiglein '00; Awramik, Czakon '02; Onishchenko, Veretin '02
 - ◇ improvements by 3-loop $\Delta\rho$ and 4-loop QCD $\Delta\rho$
Avdeev et al. '94; Chetyrkin, Kühn, Steinhauser '95; v.d.Bij et al. '00; Faisst et al. '03; Boughezal, Tausk, v.d.Bij '05; Schröder, Steinhauser '05; Chetyrkin et al. '06
- ↳ theoretical uncertainty $\Delta M_W \sim 4 \text{ MeV}$
- $\sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}^{\text{lept}}$ (from various asymmetries)
 - ◇ mixed QCD/EW 2-loop and 3-loop $\Delta\rho$ corrections as for M_W
 - ◇ EW 2-loop corrections completed recently
Awramik, Czakon, Freitas, Weiglein '04; Hollik, Meier, Uccirati '05; Awramik, Czakon, Freitas '06
- ↳ theoretical uncertainty $\Delta \sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}^{\text{lept}} \sim 5 \times 10^{-5}$

↳ Theoretical predictions in good shape for LHC

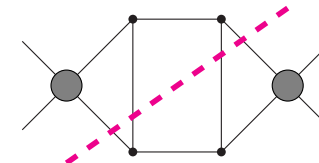
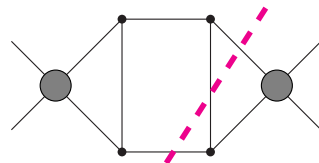
2.2 NNLO calculations for $2 \rightarrow 2$ processes

General structure of NNLO predictions:

$$\Delta\sigma_{\text{NNLO}} = F_{\text{flux}} \int d\Phi_2 \left[2 \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \mathcal{M}_{2\text{-loop}}^{(2 \rightarrow 2)} \mathcal{M}_{\text{tree}}^{(2 \rightarrow 2)*} \right\} + \left| \mathcal{M}_{1\text{-loop}}^{(2 \rightarrow 2)} \right|^2 \right]$$



$$+ F_{\text{flux}} \int d\Phi_3 2 \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \mathcal{M}_{1\text{-loop}}^{(2 \rightarrow 3)} \mathcal{M}_{\text{tree}}^{(2 \rightarrow 3)*} \right\} + F_{\text{flux}} \int d\Phi_4 \left| \mathcal{M}_{\text{tree}}^{(2 \rightarrow 4)} \right|^2$$



Major difficulties:

- 2-loop amplitudes $\mathcal{M}_{2\text{-loop}}^{(2 \rightarrow 2)}$
- extraction and cancellation of IR (soft / collinear) singularities
 \hookrightarrow in particular: **single and double unresolved limits in real emission amplitudes**

2-loop amplitudes for $2 \rightarrow 2$ and $1 \rightarrow 3$ processes

- **Algebraic reduction to master integrals** Anastasiou, Gehrmann, Glover, Laporta, Lazopoulos, Oleari, Remiddi, Smirnov, Tausk, Veretin '00–'05
by integration by parts, Lorentz invariance identities
↪ calculation of master integrals by Mellin–Barnes technique,
Anastasiou, Czakon, Smirnov, Tausk, Tejada-Yeomans '99–'05
differential equations, numerical techniques (see below)
Gehrmann, Remiddi '00, '01
- **Direct reduction** of full 2-loop amplitudes Moch, Uwer, Weinzierl '02–'05
↪ higher transcendental functions → nested harmonic sums
- **Upcoming alternative: fully numerical approach**
 - ◇ via sector decomposition (box master integrals, etc.) Binoth, Heinrich '00,'03
 - ◇ via Feynman parameter integrals (all 2-/3-point integrals) Actis, Ferroglia, Passera, Passarino, Uccirati '02–'06
 - ◇ via Mellin–Barnes representation (box master integrals, etc.) Anastasiou, Daleo '05
- **Explicit algebraic results:**
 - ◇ 2-loop amplitudes for **massless $2 \rightarrow 2$ processes** Anastasiou, Bern, v.d.Bij, DeFreitas, Dixon, Ghinculov, Glover, Oleari, Schmidt, Tejada-Yeomans, Wong '01–'04
 - ◇ 2-loop QCD amplitudes for **$e^+e^- \rightarrow 3$ jets** Garland, Gehrmann, Glover, Koukoutsakis, Moch, Remiddi, Uwer, Weinzierl '02

Towards NNLO QED corrections to Bhabha scattering

Physics motivation:

- **luminosity monitor** at high-energy e^+e^- colliders (LEP/ILC)
 - ↪ small-angle Bhabha scattering at LEP: **BHLUMI (Jadach et al. '97)**
(1-loop EW + higher-order QED log's)
- **large cross-section** → high-precision QED / EW test

Full NNLO QED prediction very important for running and coming e^+e^- colliders

Status of 2-loop and (1-loop)² virtual corrections

- **known:**
 - $m_e = 0$ **Bern, Dixon, Ghinculov '00**
 - closed fermion loops for $m_e \neq 0$ **Bonciani et al. '04**
 - $m_e \rightarrow 0$ (translated $m_e=0$ result via known IR structure) **Penin '05**
- **in progress:** $m_e \neq 0$ directly from massive master integrals (MI)
 - all but few MI for boxes exist **Smirnov '01; Bonciani, Mastrolia, Remiddi '02**
Heinrich, Smirnov '04; Czakon, Gluza, Riemann '04–'06
 - reduction of amplitudes to MI **Czakon, Gluza, Riemann '04–'06**
Bonciani, Ferroglia '05

Final steps to be made:

- some missing MI for massive 2-loop boxes
- combination of 2-loop virtual with (1-loop) \otimes (1γ real) and ($2\gamma/ee$) real emission

Integration techniques for real radiation at NNLO

Soft/collinear singularities have very complicated overlapping structure !

↪ behaviour, e.g., described by “antenna functions” Kosower '03

Different approaches to singular integrations

- subtraction techniques

- ◇ subtraction terms widely worked out and integrated for $e^+e^- \rightarrow n$ jets Weinzierl '03; Kilgore '04; Frixione, Grazzini '04
Gehrmann-DeRidder, Gehrmann, Glover '04,'05
Del Duca, Somogyi, Trocsanyi '05

- ◇ first applications:

$e^+e^- \rightarrow 2$ jets Gehrmann-DeRidder, Gehrmann, Glover '04
Frixione, Grazzini '04; Weinzierl '06

$\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^3/N_c^2)$ parts of $e^+e^- \rightarrow 3$ jets Gehrmann-DeRidder, Gehrmann, Glover '05

- direct numerical integration via sector decomposition

- ◇ technique described in detail Heinrich '02,'06; Gehrmann-DeRidder, Gehrmann, Heinrich '03
Gehrmann-DeRidder, Gehrmann, Glover '03
Anastasiou, Melnikov, Petriello '04; Binoth, Heinrich '04

- ◇ first applications:

$e^+e^- \rightarrow 2$ jets, $pp \rightarrow H+X$, $W+X$ in NNLO QCD, $\mu \rightarrow e\bar{\nu}_e\nu_\mu$ in NNLO QED
Anastasiou, Melnikov, Petriello '04–'06

first steps towards $e^+e^- \rightarrow 3$ jets in NNLO QCD Heinrich '06

3 NLO corrections to multi-particle production

3.1 General considerations

Existing precision calculations for many-particle processes at LHC and ILC:

- with up to 5-point loop diagrams:

$$e^+e^- \rightarrow 4\text{jets (QCD)}, \nu\bar{\nu}H, t\bar{t}H, e\bar{e}H, \nu\bar{\nu}\gamma, ZHH, ZZH, \gamma\gamma \rightarrow t\bar{t}H$$

NLO EW/QCD: Glover/Miller, Campbell et al., Bern et al., Dixon/Signer, Nagy/Trocsanyi, Weinzierl/Kosower, GRACE-loop, Denner et al., You et al., Chen et al., Zhang et al., Zhou et al. '96–'06

$$pp \rightarrow 3\text{jets}, \gamma\gamma+\text{jet}, V+2\text{jets}, t\bar{t}H, b\bar{b}H, t\bar{b}H^-, b\bar{b}V, HHH$$

NLO QCD: Bern et al., Kunszt et al., Kilgore/Giele, Campbell et al., Nagy, Del Duca et al., Campbell/Ellis, Beenakker et al., Dawson et al., Dittmaier et al., Peng et al., Plehn/Rauch, Febres Cordero et al. '96–'06

$$H \rightarrow 4 \text{ leptons: NLO EW}$$

Bredenstein et al. '06

$$\text{NLO QED}$$

Carlone-Calame et al. '06

- with up to 6-point loop diagrams (current technical frontier)

$$e^+e^- \rightarrow 4 \text{ fermions (CC): NLO EW Denner, Dittmaier, Roth, Wieders, '05}$$

$$e^+e^- \rightarrow \nu\bar{\nu}HH: \text{NLO EW GRACE-loop '05}$$

$$gg \rightarrow gggg: \text{NLO QCD amplitude "only" R.K.Ellis, Giele, Zanderighi '06}$$

Complications in corrections to many-particle processes

- huge amount of algebra, long final expressions
 - ↪ computer algebra / automatization
- multi-dimensional phase-space integration
 - ↪ Monte Carlo techniques
- complicated structure of singularities and matching of virtual and real corrections
 - ↪ subtraction and slicing techniques
- numerically stable evaluation of one-loop integrals with up to 5,6,... external legs
 - ↪ techniques to solve problems with inverse kinematical (e.g. Gram) det's
 - Stuart et al. '88/'90/'97; v.Oldenborgh/Vermaseren '90; Campbell et al. 96; Ferroglia et al. '02; del Aguila/Pittau '04; Binoth et al. '02/'05; Denner/Dittmaier '02/'05; v.Hameren et al. '05; R.K.Ellis et al. '05; Anastasiou/Daleo '05
 - [But: most proposed methods not (yet?) used in complicated applications]
- treatment of unstable particles, issue of complex masses

Problem of unstable particles:

description of resonances requires **resummation of propagator corrections**

↪ mixing of perturbative orders **potentially violates gauge invariance**

Proposed solutions for loop calculations:

- **naive fixed-width scheme**
 - ↪ breaks gauge invariance only mildly (?),
but partial inclusion of widths in loops screws up singularity structure
- **pole expansions** *Stuart '91; Aepli et al. '93, '94; etc.*
 - ↪ consistent, gauge invariant,
but not reliable at threshold or in off-shell tails of resonances
- **effective field theory approach** *Beneke et al. '04; Hoang,Reisser '04*
 - ↪ involves pole expansions,
but can be combined with threshold expansions
- **complex-mass scheme** *Denner, Dittmaier, Roth, Wieders '05*
 - ↪ gauge invariant, simple, valid everywhere in phase space
but needs complex masses everywhere (also in loops)

3.2 NLO EW corrections to $e^+e^- \rightarrow 4$ fermions

Denner, Dittmaier, Roth Wieders '05

Details of the calculation:

- **final states:** $\nu_\tau \tau^+ \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu$, $u\bar{d}\mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu$, $u\bar{d}s\bar{c}$ (charged current)
- **helicity amplitudes** via reduction of spinor chains
- **complex-mass scheme** proposed for unstable particles in loop calculations
- **new tensor reduction** methods for numerical stabilization Denner, Dittmaier '02,'05
- **real corrections** $e^+e^- \rightarrow 4f+\gamma$ from RACOONWW Denner et al. '99-'01
- **checks:**
 - structure of UV, IR, and mass singularities
 - gauge invariance with finite widths (tHF versus background-field gauge)
 - virtual \oplus real corrections with slicing or subtraction
 - **two independent calculations**

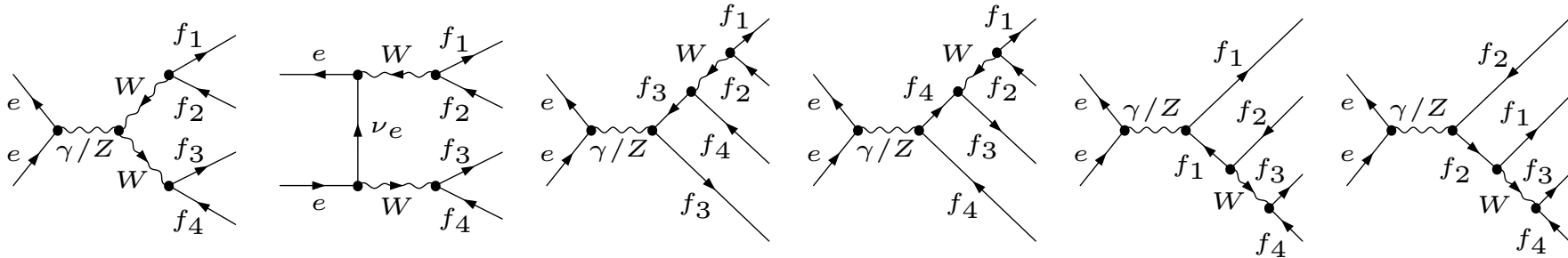
Physics motivation:

Improvement over “double-pole approximation” (DPA) for $e^+e^- \rightarrow WW \rightarrow 4f$

- needed for ILC:
- M_W from WW threshold scan where DPA insufficient
 - TGC analysis at high energies

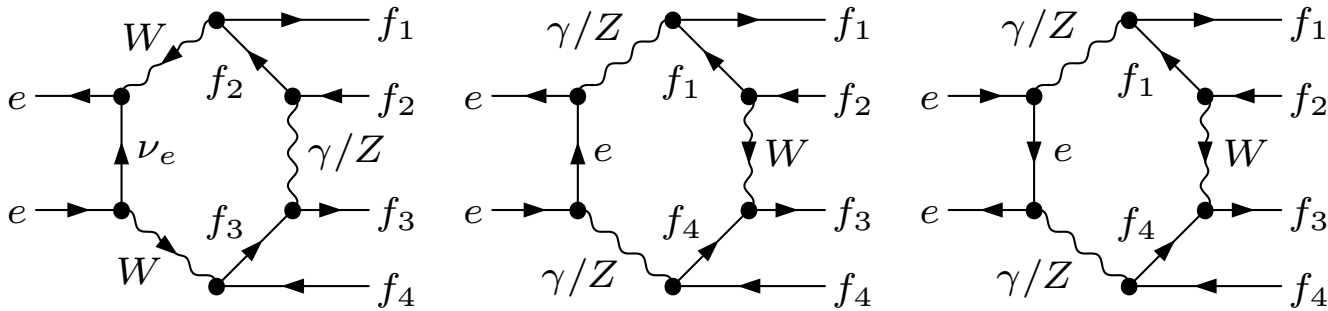
Some Feynman diagrams...

...for LO:



...for NLO: total number = $\mathcal{O}(1200)$

40 hexagons



+ graphs with reversed fermion-number flow in final state

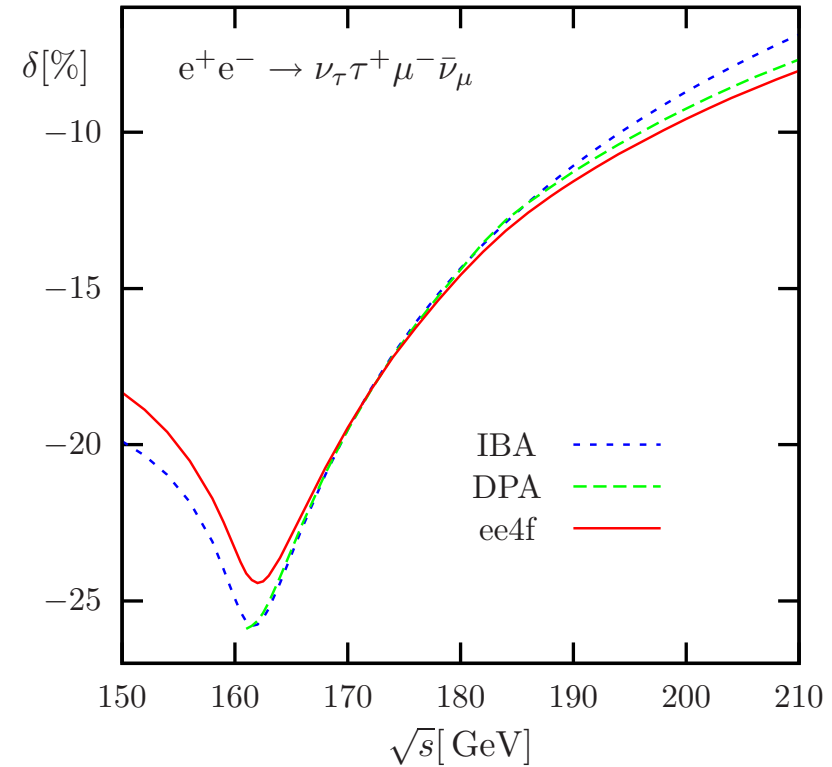
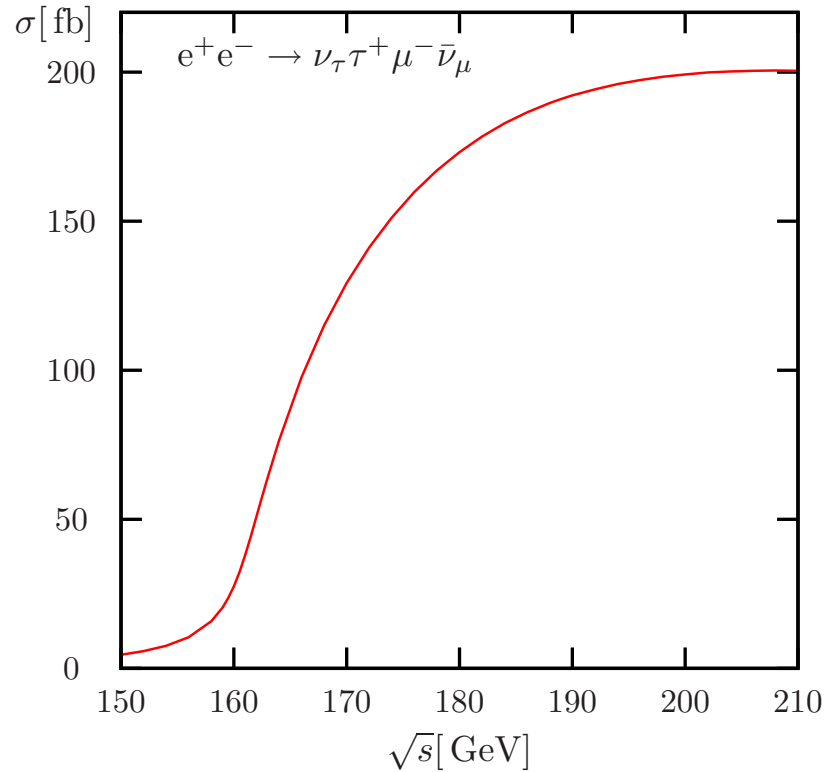
+ 112 pentagons

+ 227 boxes ('tHF gauge) + many vertex and self-energy corrections

Numerical results for LEP2 energies

Complete $\mathcal{O}(\alpha)$ corrections to the total cross section

Denner, Dittmaier, Roth, Wieders '05



- $|\text{ee4f} - \text{DPA}| \sim 0.5\%$ for $170 \text{ GeV} \lesssim \sqrt{s} \lesssim 210 \text{ GeV}$
- $|\text{ee4f} - \text{IBA}| \sim 2\%$ for $\sqrt{s} \lesssim 170 \text{ GeV}$

↪ agreement with error estimates of DPA and “Improved Born Approximation”

3.3 NLO EW corrections to $e^+e^- \rightarrow \nu\bar{\nu}HH$

Boudjema, Fujimoto, Ishikawa, Kaneko, Kato, Kurihara, Shimizu, Yasui '05

Full $2 \rightarrow 4$ calculation performed with GRACE-LOOP package

Belanger et al.
hep-ph/0308080

- Number of loop diagrams (non-linear gauge, $m_e \rightarrow 0$):
 $\#(e^+e^- \rightarrow \nu_e\bar{\nu}_e HH) \sim 3400$, $\#(e^+e^- \rightarrow \nu_\mu\bar{\nu}_\mu HH) \sim 1800$
- gauge-invariance check via non-linear gauge with gauge parameters
(for vanishing particle widths)
- REDUCE and FORM used to process interference of LO and NLO amplitudes
 \hookrightarrow 5- and 6-point integrals converted into 4-point integrals
- in-house library \oplus FF for loop integrals
v.Oldenborgh '91

Physics motivation:

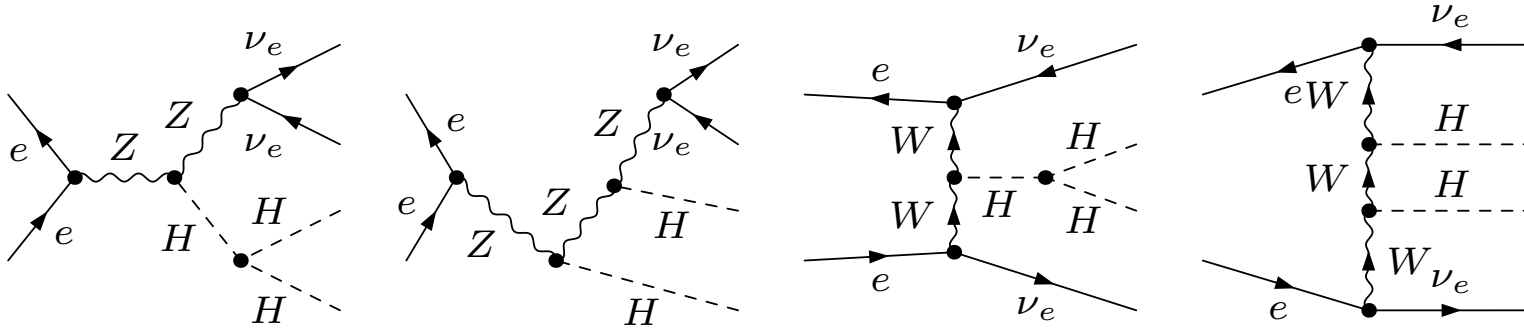
Higgs self-coupling enters $\underbrace{e^+e^- \rightarrow ZHH}$ and $\underbrace{e^+e^- \rightarrow \nu\bar{\nu}HH}$ in LO
larger cross-section for $\sqrt{s} \lesssim 1 \text{ TeV}$ $\sqrt{s} \gtrsim 1 \text{ TeV}$

\hookrightarrow check of Higgs mechanism / information on EWSB

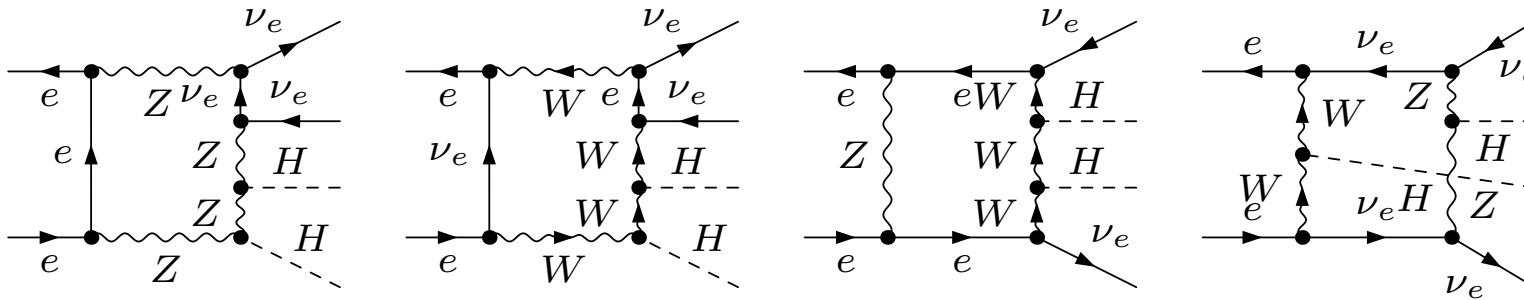
But: Both reactions have very small cross sections: $\sigma_{ZHH+\nu\bar{\nu}HH} \sim 0.1-1 \text{ fb}$

Some Feynman diagrams...

...for LO: total number = 18



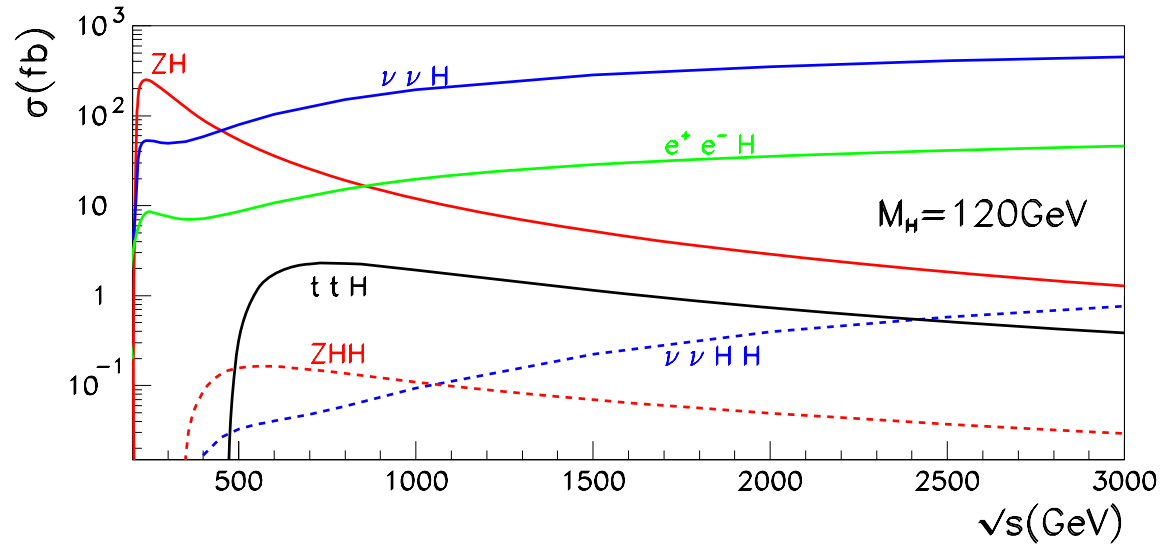
...for NLO: total number = $\mathcal{O}(4600)$ in 'tHF gauge



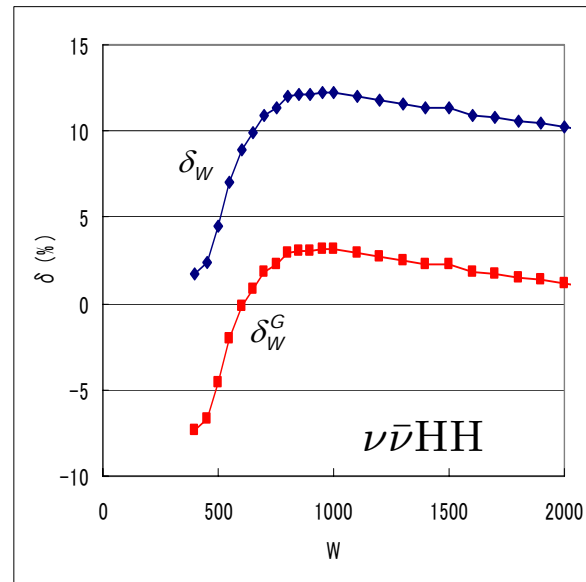
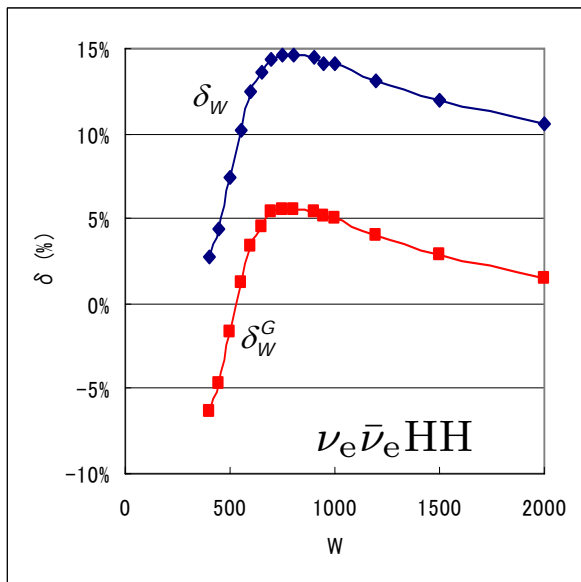
89 hexagons, 250 pentagons ('tHF gauge), etc.

Numerical results: Boudjema et al. '05

Higgs production processes at the ILC in LO:



Weak (non-photonic) NLO corrections to $e^+e^- \rightarrow \nu\bar{\nu}HH$:



G_μ -scheme:

$$\delta_W^G = \delta_W - 4\Delta r$$

3.4 The 6-gluon amplitude at one loop R.K.Ellis, Giele, Zanderighi '06

Physics motivation:

$pp \rightarrow 4 \text{ jets} + X$ in NLO QCD

\hookrightarrow 6-gluon amplitude is most complicated ingredient

Details of the calculation:

- number of diagrams = $\mathcal{O}(12000)$
- QGRAF and FORM used for diagram generation and further processing
Nogueira '93
- colour-ordered helicity amplitudes
- semi-numerical evaluation of loop integrals Giele, Glover '04
R.K.Ellis, Giele, Zanderighi '04,'05

CPU time: $\mathcal{O}(9_{\text{sec}})$ per colour-ordered subamplitude per phase-space point

- numerical comparison with existing analytical results

in $N = 4$ and $N = 1$ SUSY and specific helicity configurations in QCD

Bern et al. '93-'05; Bidder et al. '04

Bern et al. '05,'06; Britto et al. '06; Berger, Forde '06

Britto et al. '05

\hookrightarrow agreement for single phase-space points

4 Precision calculations for the LHC

4.1 Overview

Higher-order issues for LHC physics:

- Relevance of NNLO calculations ?

- ◇ 2-jet production at NNLO QCD desirable
- ◇ NNLO EW needed somewhere (e.g. Drell–Yan) ?

- Size of NLO EW corrections ? generically $\mathcal{O}(\alpha) \sim \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2)$

But systematic enhancements of EW effects by

- ◇ logarithms $\alpha \ln^n(M_W/Q)$, $n = 2, 1$ (Sudakov and subleading) at high scales Q
- ◇ kinematic effects from photon radiation off leptons (e.g. Drell–Yan)

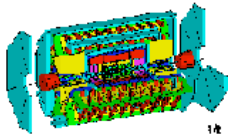
- NLO QCD corrections ?

↔ basically needed for all hard scattering processes

Many 2 → 3, 4 background processes not yet known at NLO QCD !

- Higher-order-corrected PDFs:

- ◇ NNLO splitting functions for quarks, gluons, photons completely known
Moch, Vermaseren, Vogt '04,'05
- ◇ NNLO QCD PDFs available (Alekhin02 NNLO, MRST2004nnlo)
- ◇ NLO QCD ⊕ EW available (MRST2004qed)



Experimental priority list



- Note have to specify how inclusive final state is
 - ▲ what cuts will be made?
 - ▲ how important is b mass for the observables?
- How uncertain is the final state?
 - ▲ what does scale uncertainty look like at tree level?
 - ▲ new processes coming in at NLO?
- Some information may be available from current processes
 - ▲ $pp \rightarrow tT j$ may tell us something about $pp \rightarrow tTbB$?
 - ▲ $j=g \rightarrow bB$
 - ▲ CKKW may tell us something about higher multiplicity final states

1. $pp \rightarrow WW$ jet
2. $pp \rightarrow tT bB$
 1. background to tTH
3. $pp \rightarrow tT + 2$ jets
 1. background to tTH
4. $pp \rightarrow WWbB$
5. $pp \rightarrow V V + 2$ jets
 1. background to $WW \rightarrow H \rightarrow WW$
6. $pp \rightarrow V + 3$ jets
 1. general background to new physics
7. $pp \rightarrow V V V$
 1. background to SUSY trilepton

Beyond the SM Workshop at Columbia

Important process classes and discussed topics:

- jet physics
- heavy-quark production
- EW gauge-boson production ($V = \gamma, Z, W$)
 - V (Drell–Yan): $M_V, \Gamma_V, \sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}^{\text{lept}}, V'$ searches, PDFs
 - VV: TGCs
 - VVV and $VV \rightarrow VV$: QGCs, EWSB
- Higgs production
- production of new-physics (e.g. SUSY) particles
- etc.

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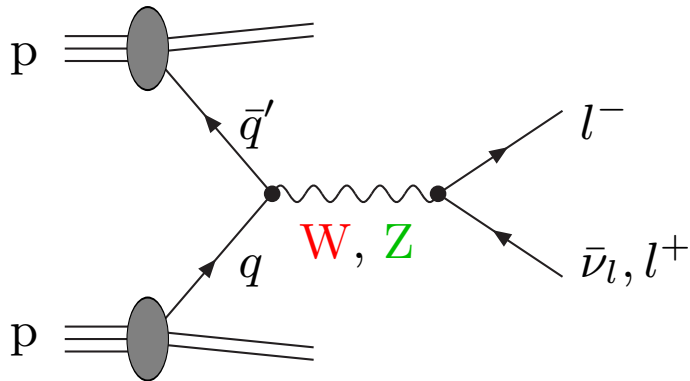
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briefly discussed in the following

4.2 Drell–Yan-like W and Z production

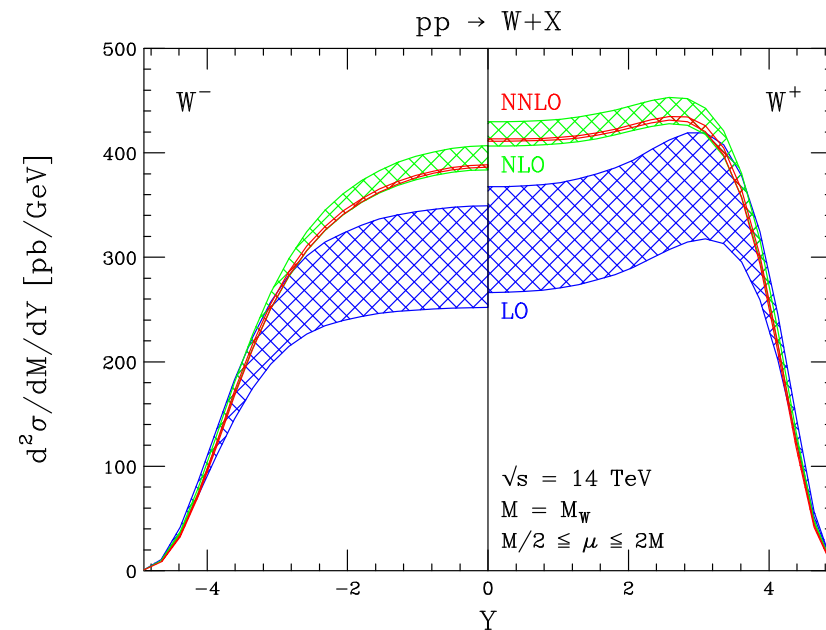
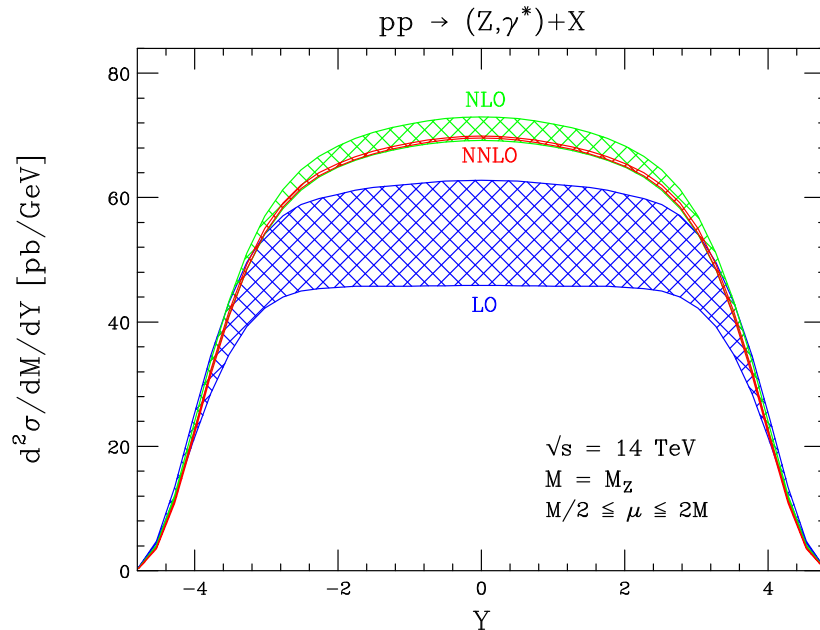


Physics goals:

- M_Z → detector calibration by comparing with LEP1 result
- $\sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}^{\text{lept}}$ → comparison with results of LEP1 and SLC
- M_W → improvement to $\Delta M_W \sim 15 \text{ MeV}$, strengthen EW precision tests
- decay widths Γ_Z and Γ_W from M_{ll} or $M_{T, l\nu_l}$ tails
- search for Z' and W' at high M_{ll} or $M_{T, l\nu_l}$
- information on PDFs

NNLO QCD corrections known for

- total cross section Hamberg, v.Neerven, Matsuura '91; v.Neerven, Zijlstra '92
Harlander, Kilgore '02
- W/Z rapidity distribution Anastasiou et al. '03



- fully differential cross section $pp(\rightarrow W) \rightarrow l\nu_l + X$ Melnikov, Petriello '06

Further improvements:

- Soft-gluon resummation (partially combined with γ emission) Balazs, Yuan '97; Landry et al. '02
Cao, Yuan '04
- NLO EW corrections

But: no proper combination of QCD \oplus EW corrections yet !

EW corrections to W/Z production:

- NLO EW correction to W production
- NLO EW correction to Z production
- multi-photon radiation via leading logs

Baur, Keller, Wackerath '98; Dittmaier, Krämer '02
 Baur, Wackerath '04; Arbuzov et al. '05
 Carloni Calame et al. '06

Baur, Keller, Sakumoto '97; Baur, Wackerath '99
 Brein, Hollik, Schappacher '99; Arbuzov et al. '06

Baur, Stelzer '99; Carloni Calame et al. '03
 Placzek, Jadach '04

Comparison of NLO EW corrections to W production:

$pp \rightarrow \nu_l l^+ (+\gamma)$ at $\sqrt{s} = 14$ TeV Les Houches SMH proceedings '06

$M_{T,\nu_l l}/\text{GeV}$	$50-\infty$	$100-\infty$	$200-\infty$	$500-\infty$	$1000-\infty$	$2000-\infty$
σ_0/pb						
DK	2112.2(1)	13.152(2)	0.9452(1)	0.057730(5)	0.0054816(3)	0.00026212(1)
$\delta_{\mu+\nu_\mu}/\%$						
DK	-2.75(1)	-5.03(2)	-7.98(1)	-14.43(1)	-21.99(1)	-32.15(1)
HORACE	-2.77(1)	-5.08(1)	-8.01(1)	-14.44(1)	-21.99(1)	-32.16(1)
SANC	-2.76(2)	-5.06(2)	-7.96(2)	-14.41(2)	-21.94(2)	-32.12(2)
WGRAD	-2.69(1)	-4.84(1)	-7.96(1)	-14.48(1)	-22.03(1)	-32.3(1)

↔ Large corrections at high transverse W mass $M_{T,\nu_l l}$!

4.3 EW corrections at hadron colliders

Electroweak effects in PDFs

Analogy to QCD-improved parton model:

Collinear splittings $q \rightarrow q\gamma$, $\gamma \rightarrow q\bar{q}$ lead to quark mass singularities

\hookrightarrow absorb $\alpha \ln m_q$ singularities via factorization into redefined PDFs

Previous approach: **no $\mathcal{O}(\alpha)$ -corrected PDFs available**

\hookrightarrow factorization of collinear singularities in $\mathcal{O}(\alpha)$ in $\overline{\text{MS}}$ scheme

but: neglect $\mathcal{O}(\alpha)$ effects in PDFs

Estimate of neglected $\mathcal{O}(\alpha)$ effects in PDFs:

$$\Delta(\text{PDF}) \lesssim 0.3\% (1\%) \quad \text{for } x < 0.1 (0.4), \quad \mu_{\text{fact}} \sim M_W$$

Spiesberger '95, '99; Roth, Weinzierl '04

New situation: **MRST2004QED set of $\mathcal{O}(\alpha)$ -corrected PDFs** Martin, Roberts, Stirling, Thorne '04

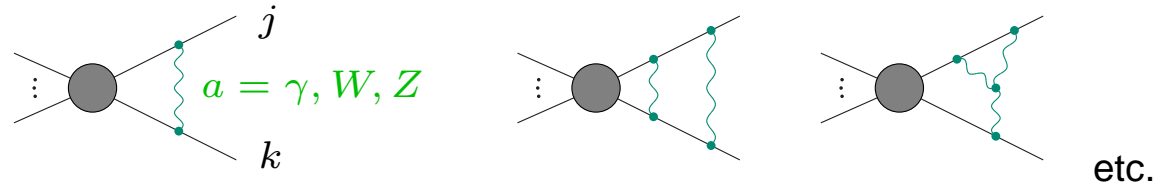
\hookrightarrow new PDFs should be used if EW $\mathcal{O}(\alpha)$ corrections are included

- use appropriate factorization scheme for $\mathcal{O}(\alpha)$ corrections (= DIS like)
- additional real corrections from photons in initial state
- find processes to measure $\mathcal{O}(\alpha)$ induced photon distribution

MRST2004QED: start PDF from model assumption

Electroweak radiative corrections at high energies

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:

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

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

⇒ Corrections still relevant at 2-loop level

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

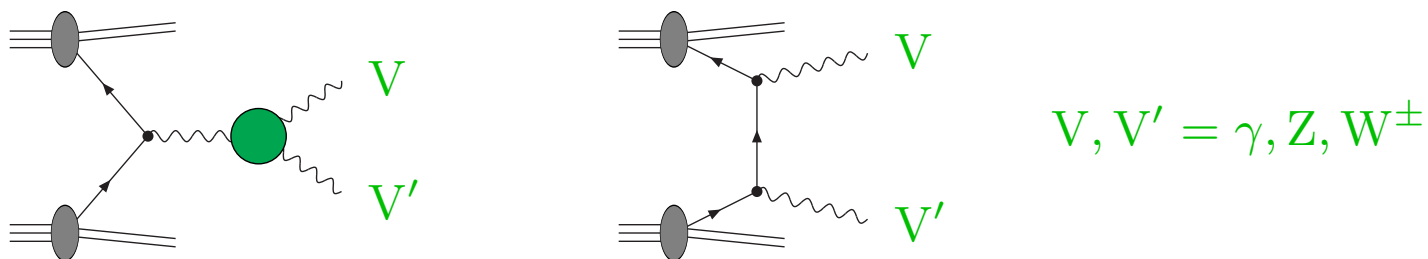
- massive gauge bosons W, Z can be reconstructed
 ⇔ no need to add “real W, Z radiation”
- non-Abelian charges of W, Z are “open” → Bloch–Nordsieck theorem not applicable

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. '00–'06

4.4 Gauge-boson pair production



Physics issues:

- **triple-gauge-boson couplings** at high momentum transfer
- dynamics of **longitudinal massive gauge bosons at high energies**
 $W_L, Z_L \sim$ Goldstone bosons \rightarrow scalar sector
 strongly interacting longitudinal W/Z bosons if no Higgs exists
 \hookrightarrow unitarity requires resonances
- **important class of background processes** to many searches (e.g. $H \rightarrow VV \rightarrow 4f$)

Requirements on adequate predictions:

- **full LO matrix elements** for $q\bar{q} \rightarrow 4f$ (spin correlations, off-shell effects)
 \hookrightarrow respect gauge invariance
- **NLO QCD and EW corrections**

EW corrections to gauge-boson pair production

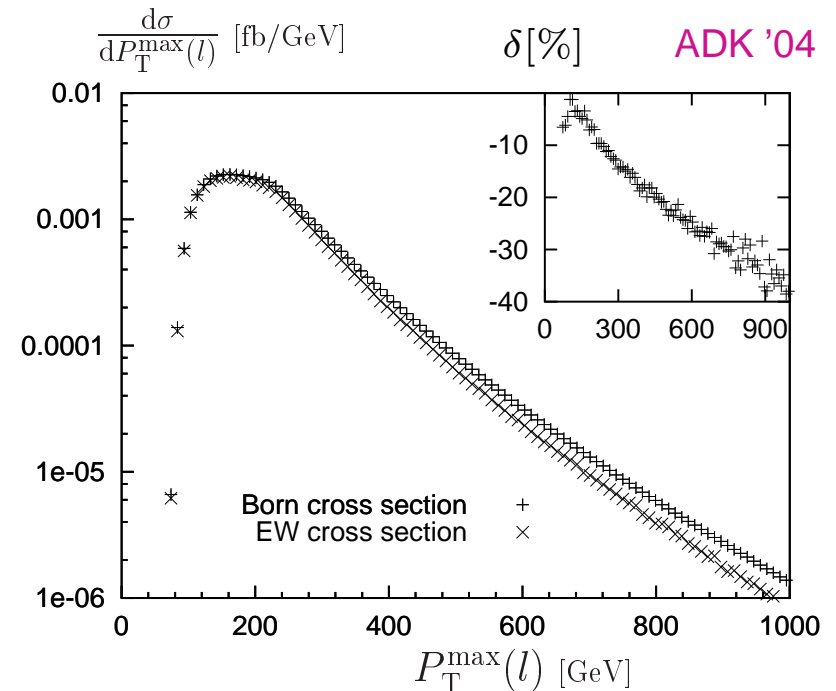
- $pp(\rightarrow W\gamma) \rightarrow l\bar{\nu}\gamma + X$ Accomando, Denner, Pozzorini '01; Accomando, Denner, Meier '05
 $\mathcal{O}(\alpha)$ correction in pole approximation
 $\hookrightarrow \delta \sim -5\% (-24\%)$ for $p_{T,\gamma} \gtrsim 350 \text{ GeV} (700 \text{ GeV})$
- $pp \rightarrow Z\gamma + X$ Hollik, Meier '04 and $pp(\rightarrow Z\gamma) \rightarrow ll\gamma + X$ Accomando, Denner, Meier '05
 complete $\mathcal{O}(\alpha)$ correction for on-shell Z bosons / in pole approximation

$$\hookrightarrow \delta \sim -20\% \quad \text{for } M_{\gamma Z} \lesssim 2 \text{ TeV}$$

- $pp(\rightarrow WW, WZ, ZZ) \rightarrow 4 \text{ leptons} + X$
Accomando, Denner, Pozzorini '01
Accomando, Denner, Kaiser '04

$\mathcal{O}(\alpha)$ correction in high-energy
and pole approximations

$$pp \rightarrow WZ \rightarrow e\nu_e\mu^+\mu^- \quad \text{at } \sqrt{s} = 14 \text{ TeV}$$



4.5 Gauge-boson scattering



Physics issues:

- [link to Higgs production](#):
vector-boson fusion with subsequent decay $H \rightarrow WW/ZZ \rightarrow 4f$
- triple and **quartic gauge-boson self-interaction**
 \hookrightarrow high sensitivity, but again ambiguities from formfactors
- $V_L V_L \rightarrow V_L V_L$: **strong sensitivity to details of electroweak symmetry breaking**
if no Higgs exists \rightarrow unitarity requires scalar and vector resonances

However:

- ◇ **description of resonances is “ad hoc”** (different “unitarization models”)
 \hookrightarrow large ambiguities
- ◇ many (more qualitative) studies show that **LHC could see the resonances**

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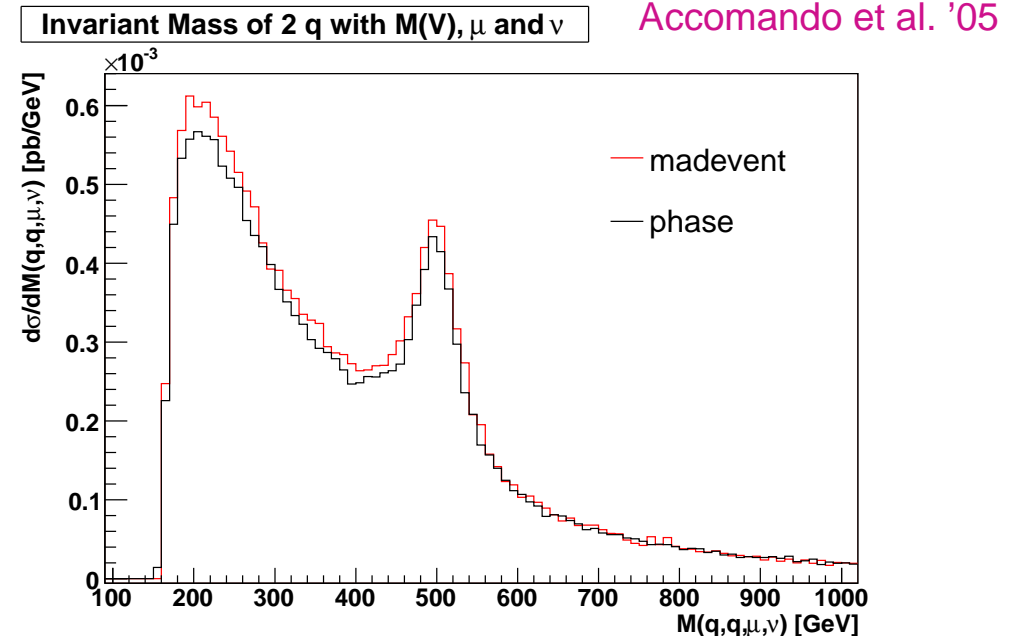
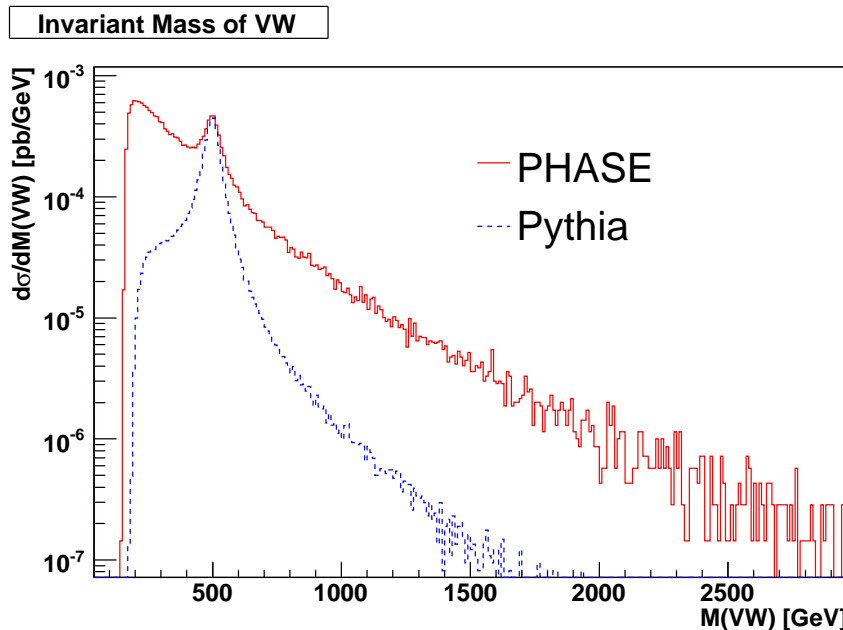
PHASE / PHANTOM = Monte Carlo generators employing full $2 \rightarrow 6$ matrix elements

Accomando et al.'05 / Accomando et al.'06

But: no QCD and EW corrections

Comparison of different approaches:

example: processes containing $VW \rightarrow VW$ with $M_H = 500$ GeV



Phase: all EW $2 \rightarrow 6$ diagrams, no EVA, no ET, but no QCD diagrams

Pythia: only EVA with longitudinal vector bosons

Madevent: no EVA, but on-shell approximation for produced VW pair

New results for $VV \rightarrow VV$ with NLO QCD corrections

Jäger, Oleari, Zeppenfeld '06

Specific processes: $pp \rightarrow e\nu_e\mu\nu_\mu + 2q$, $ee\mu\mu + 2q$, $ee\nu_e\nu_e + 2q$ in $\mathcal{O}(\alpha^6\alpha_s)$

Approximations: (inspired by “vector-boson fusion cuts”)

gauge-invariant subset of t -channel diagrams,

i.e. no s -channel diagrams and neglect of some interferences

\hookrightarrow no colour exchange between incoming partons

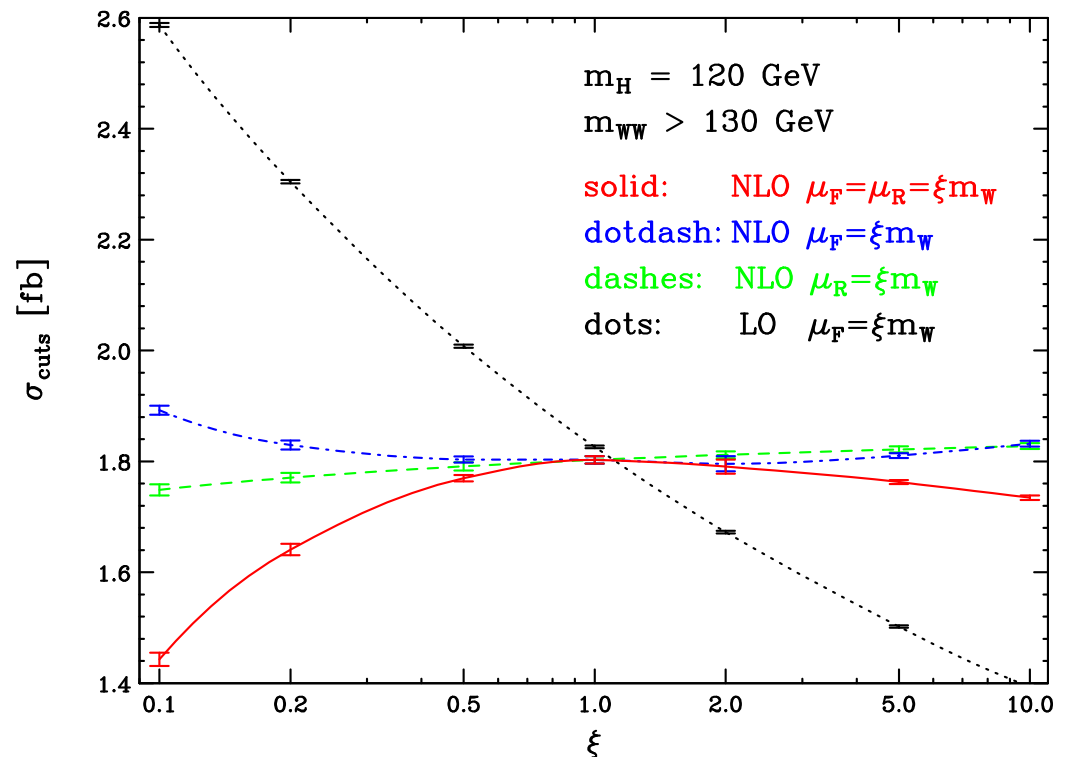
Scale dependence of the integrated cross section: $pp \rightarrow e^+\nu_e\mu^-\bar{\nu}_\mu + 2q + X$

$K \approx 0.98$ at $\mu_{\text{fact}} = \mu_{\text{ren}} = M_W$

scale dependence $\lesssim 10\%$ in NLO

Note:

larger corrections to distributions,
distortion of jet shapes



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