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## Theory Challenges in the Precision Era of the LHC – Training Week

### Electroweak Precision Physics

### Lecture 1 – Introduction to the Standard Model

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# Electroweak (EW) phenomenology before the GSW model

Some phenomenological facts:

- discovery of the weak interaction via radioactive  $\beta$ -decay of nuclei:  
 $n \rightarrow p + e^- + \bar{\nu}_e$ ,       $p \rightarrow n + e^+ + \nu_e$  (not possible for free protons)

- terminology "weak":

interaction at low energy has very short range  
→ long life time of weakly decaying particles:

|              |   |                        |
|--------------|---|------------------------|
| strong int.: | $\rho \rightarrow 2\pi$ ,                       | $\tau \sim 10^{-22} s$ |
| elmg. int.:  | $\pi \rightarrow 2\gamma$ ,                     | $\tau \sim 10^{-16} s$ |
| weak int.:   | $\pi^- \rightarrow \mu^- + \bar{\nu}_\mu$       | $\tau \sim 10^{-8} s$  |
|              | $\mu^- \rightarrow e^- + \bar{\nu}_e + \nu_\mu$ | $\tau \sim 10^{-6} s$  |

- lepton-number conservation:  $\mu^- \rightarrow e^- + \gamma$  ( $BR \lesssim 4 \cdot 10^{-13}$ )

⇒  $L_e, L_\mu, L_\tau$  individually conserved:

$$L_e = +1 \text{ for } e^-, \nu_e, \quad L_e = -1 \text{ for } e^+, \bar{\nu}_e, \quad \text{etc.}$$

(For massive  $\nu$ 's with different Dirac masses, only  $L_e + L_\mu + L_\tau$  is conserved.)

- parity violation (Wu et al. 1957):

e.g.:  $K^+ \rightarrow \underbrace{2\pi, 3\pi}_{\text{final states of different parity}}$

$$\begin{aligned} {}^{60}\text{Co} &\rightarrow {}^{60}\text{Ni}^* + e^- + \bar{\nu}_e \\ &\hookrightarrow \text{polarization inversion does not} \\ &\quad \text{yield inversion of spectra} \end{aligned}$$

## The Fermi model

(Fermi 1933, further developed by Feynman, Gell-Mann and others after 1958)

Lagrangian for “current–current interaction” of four fermions:

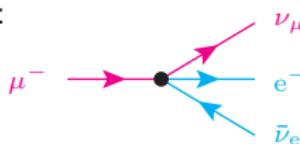
$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{Fermi}}(x) = -2\sqrt{2}G_\mu J_\rho^\dagger(x)J^\rho(x), \quad G_\mu = 1.16639 \times 10^{-5} \text{ GeV}^{-2}$$

with  $J_\rho(x) = J_\rho^{\text{lep}}(x) + J_\rho^{\text{had}}(x)$  = charged weak current

- Leptonic part  $J_\rho^{\text{lep}}$  of  $J_\rho$ :

$$J_\rho^{\text{lep}} = \overline{\psi_{\nu_e}} \gamma_\rho \omega_- \psi_e + \overline{\psi_{\nu_\mu}} \gamma_\rho \omega_- \psi_\mu \quad \omega_\pm = \frac{1}{2}(1 \pm \gamma_5) = \text{chirality projectors}$$

- only left-handed fermions ( $\omega_- \psi$ ), right-handed anti-fermions ( $\bar{\psi} \omega_+$ ) feel (charged-current) weak interactions  $\Rightarrow$  maximal P-violation
- doublet structure:  $\begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ e^- \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \nu_\mu \\ \mu^- \end{pmatrix}$ , later completed by  $\begin{pmatrix} \nu_\tau \\ \tau^- \end{pmatrix}$
- $(J^{\text{lep},\rho})^\dagger J_\rho^{\text{lep}}$  induces muon decay:



- Hadronic part  $J_\rho^{\text{had}}$  of  $J_\rho$ :

Relevant quarks for energies  $\lesssim 1 \text{ GeV}$ : u, d, s, c  
 $\hookrightarrow$  meson ( $q\bar{q}$ ) and baryon ( $qqq$ ) spectra

Question: doublet structure  $\begin{pmatrix} u \\ d \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} c \\ s \end{pmatrix}$  ?

**Problem:** e.g. annihilation of  $u\bar{s}$  pair would not be allowed,  
but is observed:  $\underbrace{K^+}_{u\bar{s} \text{ pair in quark model}} \rightarrow \mu^+ \nu_\mu$

**Solution (Cabibbo 1963):**

u-c-mixing and d-s-mixing in weak interaction

$\hookrightarrow$  doublets  $\begin{pmatrix} u \\ d' \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} c \\ s' \end{pmatrix}$  with  $\begin{pmatrix} d' \\ s' \end{pmatrix} = U_C \begin{pmatrix} d \\ s \end{pmatrix}$ ,

orthogonal Cabibbo matrix  $U_C = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta_C & \sin \theta_C \\ -\sin \theta_C & \cos \theta_C \end{pmatrix}$ ,

empirical result:  $\theta_C \approx 13^\circ$

$$J_\rho^{\text{had}} = \overline{\psi_u} \gamma_\rho \omega_- \psi_{d'} + \overline{\psi_c} \gamma_\rho \omega_- \psi_{s'}$$

## Remarks on the Fermi model:

- ▶ universal coupling  $G_\mu$  for all transitions  
( $U_C^\dagger U_C = \mathbf{1}$  is part of universality)
- ▶ no (pseudo-)scalar or tensor couplings, such as  $(\bar{\psi}\psi)(\bar{\psi}\psi)$ ,  $(\bar{\psi}\psi)(\bar{\psi}\gamma_5\psi)$ , etc., necessary to describe low-energy experiments ( $E \lesssim 1$  GeV)
- ▶ Problems:
  - ▶ cross sections for  $\nu_\mu e \rightarrow \nu_e \mu$ , etc., grow for energy  $E \rightarrow \infty$  as  $E^2$   
    → unitarity violation !
  - ▶ no consistent evaluation of higher perturbative orders possible  
(no cancellation of UV divergences)  
    → non-renormalizability !

## "Intermediate-vector-boson (IVB) model"

Idea: "resolution" of four-fermion interaction by vector-boson exchange

Lagrangian:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{IVB}} = \mathcal{L}_{0,\text{ferm}} + \mathcal{L}_{0,W} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{int}},$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{0,\text{ferm}} = \overline{\psi_f} (i\cancel{D} - m_f) \psi_f, \quad (\text{summation over } f \text{ assumed})$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{0,W} = -\frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu W_\nu^+ - \partial_\nu W_\mu^+) (\partial^\mu W^{-,\nu} - \partial^\nu W^{-,\mu}) + M_W^2 W_\mu^+ W^{-,\mu},$$

$$\text{with } W_\mu^\pm = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (W_\mu^1 \mp i W_\mu^2), \quad W_\mu^i \text{ real}$$

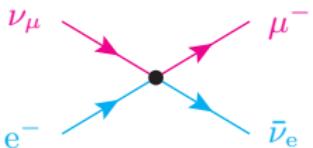
$W^\pm$  are vector bosons with electric charge  $\pm e$  and mass  $M_W$ .

Propagator:  $G_{\mu\nu}^{WW}(k) = \frac{-i}{k^2 - M_W^2} \left( g_{\mu\nu} - \frac{k_\mu k_\nu}{M_W^2} \right), \quad k = \text{momentum}$

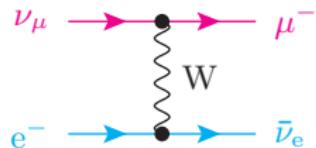
Interaction Lagrangian:  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} = \frac{g_W}{\sqrt{2}} (J^\rho W_\rho^+ + J^{\rho\dagger} W_\rho^-),$   
 $J^\rho = \text{charged weak current as in Fermi model}$

## Four-fermion interaction in process $\nu_\mu e^- \rightarrow \mu^- \bar{\nu}_e$

Fermi model:



IVB model:



$$-i2\sqrt{2}G_\mu g_{\rho\sigma} \\ \times [\bar{u}_\mu \gamma^\rho \omega_- u_{\nu_\mu}] [\bar{u}_{\nu_e} \gamma^\sigma \omega_- u_{e-}]$$

$$\frac{i}{2}g_W^2 \frac{1}{k^2 - M_W^2} \left( g_{\rho\sigma} - \frac{k_\rho k_\sigma}{M_W^2} \right) \\ \times [\bar{u}_\mu \gamma^\rho \omega_- u_{\nu_\mu}] [\bar{u}_{\nu_e} \gamma^\sigma \omega_- u_{e-}]$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{identification for } |k| \ll M_W: \quad 2\sqrt{2}G_\mu = \frac{g_W^2}{2M_W^2}$$

Consequences for the high-energy behaviour:

- ▶  $k^\rho$  terms:  $\bar{u}_{\nu_e} \not{\!k} \omega_- u_{e-} = \bar{u}_{\nu_e} (\not{p}_e - \not{p}_{\nu_e}) \omega_- u_{e-} = m_e \bar{u}_{\nu_e} \omega_- u_{e-}$   
 $\hookrightarrow$  no extra factors of scattering energy  $E$
- ▶ propagator  $1/(k^2 - M_W^2) \sim 1/E^2$  for  $|k| \sim E \gg M_W$   
 $\hookrightarrow$  damping of amplitude in high-energy limit by factor  $1/E^2$
- $\Rightarrow$  cross section  $\underset{E \rightarrow \infty}{\widetilde{\text{const}}} / E^2$ ,  $\Rightarrow$  No unitarity violation !

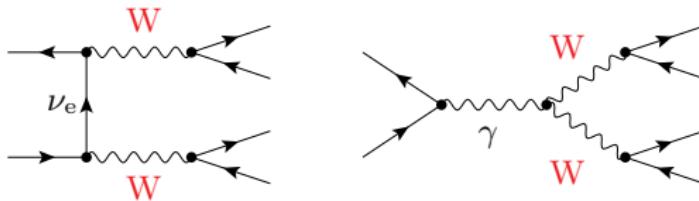
## Comments on the IVB model:

- ▶ Formal similarity with QED interaction:  $J^\rho W_\rho^+ + \text{h.c.} \longleftrightarrow j_{\text{elmg}}^\rho A_\rho$
- ▶ Intermediate vector bosons can be produced, e.g.

$$\underbrace{\bar{u}d}_{\text{in pp collision}} \longrightarrow \underbrace{W^\pm \rightarrow f\bar{f}'}_{W^\pm \text{ unstable}} \quad (\text{discovery 1983 at CERN})$$

### ▶ Problems:

- ▶ **unitarity violations** in cross sections with longitudinal W bosons, e.g.



- ▶ **non-renormalizability**  
(no consistent treatment of higher perturbative orders)

↪ Solution by spontaneously broken gauge theories !

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# The principle of local gauge invariance

QED as U(1) gauge theory:

Lagrangian  $\mathcal{L}_{0,\text{ferm}} = \overline{\psi_f} (i\partial - m_f) \psi_f$  has global phase symmetry:

$$\psi_f \rightarrow \psi'_f = \exp\{-iQ_f e\theta\} \psi_f, \quad \overline{\psi_f} \rightarrow \overline{\psi'_f} = \overline{\psi_f} \exp\{+iQ_f e\theta\}$$

with space-time-independent group parameter  $\theta$

“Gauging the symmetry”: demand local symmetry,  $\theta \rightarrow \theta(x)$

To maintain local symmetry, extend theory by “minimal substitution”:

$$\partial^\mu \rightarrow D^\mu = \partial^\mu + iQ_f e A^\mu(x) = \text{“covariant derivative”},$$

$A^\mu(x)$  = spin-1 gauge field (photon).

Transformation property of photon  $A_\mu(x) \rightarrow A'_\mu(x) = A_\mu(x) + \partial_\mu \theta(x)$  ensures

- ▶  $D_\mu \psi_f \rightarrow (D_\mu \psi_f)' = D'_\mu \psi'_f = \exp\{-iQ_f e\theta\} (D_\mu \psi_f)$
- ▶ gauge invariance of field-strength tensor  $F_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu$

Gauge-invariant Lagrangian of QED:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{QED}} = \overline{\psi_f} (i\partial - Q_f e A - m_f) \psi_f - \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}$$

## Non-Abelian gauge theory (Yang–Mills theory):

Starting point:

Lagrangian  $\mathcal{L}_\Phi(\Phi, \partial_\mu \Phi)$  of free or self-interacting fields with “internal symmetry”:

- $\Phi = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_1 \\ \vdots \\ \phi_n \end{pmatrix}$  = multiplet of a compact Lie group G:

$$\Phi \rightarrow \Phi' = U(\theta)\Phi, \quad U(\theta) = \exp\{-igT^a\theta^a\} = \text{unitary},$$

$$T^a = \text{group generators}, \quad [T^a, T^b] = iC^{abc}T^c, \quad \text{Tr}(T^a T^b) = \frac{1}{2}\delta^{ab}$$

- $\mathcal{L}_\Phi$  is invariant under G:  $\mathcal{L}_\Phi(\Phi, \partial_\mu \Phi) = \mathcal{L}_\Phi(\Phi', \partial_\mu \Phi')$

Example: self-interacting (complex) boson multiplet

$$\mathcal{L}_\Phi = (\partial_\mu \Phi)^\dagger (\partial^\mu \Phi) - m^2 \Phi^\dagger \Phi + \lambda (\Phi^\dagger \Phi)^2 \quad (m = \text{common boson mass}, \lambda = \text{coupling strength})$$

Gauging the symmetry by minimal substitution:

$$\mathcal{L}_\Phi(\Phi, \partial_\mu \Phi) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_\Phi(\Phi, D_\mu \Phi) \quad \text{with } D_\mu = \partial_\mu + igT^a A_\mu^a(x),$$

$g$  = gauge coupling,

$T^a$  = generator of G in  $\Phi$  representation,

$A_\mu^a(x)$  = gauge fields

## Transformation property of gauge fields:

- ▶  $\mathcal{L}_\Phi(\Phi, D_\mu \Phi)$  local invariant if  $D_\mu \Phi \rightarrow (D_\mu \Phi)' = D'_\mu \Phi' = U(\theta)(D_\mu \Phi)$
- $\Rightarrow T^a A'_\mu = UT^a A_\mu^a U^\dagger - \frac{i}{g} U(\partial_\mu U^\dagger), \quad A_\mu^a A^{a,\mu}$  = not gauge invariant
- infinitesimal form:  $\delta A_\mu^a = g C^{abc} \delta \theta^b A_\mu^c + \partial_\mu \delta \theta^a$
- ▶ covariant definition of field strength:  $[D_\mu, D_\nu] = ig T^a F_{\mu\nu}^a$
- $\Rightarrow T^a F_{\mu\nu}^a \rightarrow T^a F'_{\mu\nu}^a = UT^a F_{\mu\nu}^a U^\dagger, \quad F_{\mu\nu}^a F^{a,\mu\nu}$  = gauge invariant
- explicit form:  $F_{\mu\nu}^a = \partial_\mu A_\nu^a - \partial_\nu A_\mu^a - g C^{abc} A_\mu^b A_\nu^c$

## Yang–Mills Lagrangian for gauge and matter fields:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{YM}} = -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu}^a F^{a,\mu\nu} + \mathcal{L}_\Phi(\Phi, D_\mu \Phi)$$

- ▶ Lagrangian contains terms of order  $(\partial A)A^2, A^4$  in  $F^2$  part
  - ↪ cubic and quartic gauge-boson self-interactions
- ▶ gauge coupling determines gauge-boson–matter and gauge-boson self-interaction → unification of interactions
- ▶ mass term  $M^2(A_\mu^a A^{a,\mu})$  for gauge bosons forbidden by gauge invariance
  - ↪ gauge bosons of unbroken Yang–Mills theory are massless

# Quantum chromodynamics — gauge theory of strong interactions

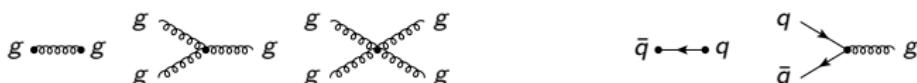
- ▶ **Gauge group:**  $SU(3)_c$ , dim. = 8  
structure constants  $f^{abc}$ , gauge coupling  $g_s$ ,  $\alpha_s = \frac{g_s^2}{4\pi}$
- ▶ **Gauge bosons:** 8 massless gluons  $g$  with fields  $A_\mu^a(x)$ ,  $a = 1, \dots, 8$
- ▶ **Matter fermions:** quarks  $q$  (spin- $\frac{1}{2}$ ) with flavours  $q = d, u, s, c, b, t$   
in fundamental representation:  

$$\psi_q(x) \equiv q(x) = \begin{pmatrix} q_r(x) \\ q_g(x) \\ q_b(x) \end{pmatrix} = \text{colour triplet}$$

$$T^a = \frac{\lambda^a}{2}, \quad \text{Gell-Mann matrices } \lambda^1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \text{ etc.}$$

- ▶ **Lagrangian:**

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{QCD} &= -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu}^a F^{a,\mu\nu} + \sum_q \overline{\psi}_q (i\cancel{D} - m_q) \psi_q \\ &= -\frac{1}{4} (\partial_\mu A_\nu^a - \partial_\nu A_\mu^a - g_s f^{abc} A_\mu^b A_\nu^c)^2 + \sum_q \overline{\psi}_q \left( i\cancel{D} - g_s \frac{\lambda^a}{2} \cancel{A}^a - m_q \right) \psi_q \end{aligned}$$



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# The Standard Model (SM) of electroweak interaction (Glashow–Salam–Weinberg model)

The gauge group for EW interaction

Why unification of weak and elmg. interaction ?

- ▶ similarity: spin-1 fields couple to matter currents formed by spin- $\frac{1}{2}$  fields
- ▶ elmg. coupling of charged  $W^\pm$  bosons

$\gamma, W^+, W^-$  as gauge bosons of group  $SU(2)$  ? – No!

Reasons:

- ▶ charge operator  $Q$  cannot be  $SU(2)$  generator, since  $\text{Tr} Q \neq 0$   
for fermion doublets:  $Q = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$  for  $\begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ e^- \end{pmatrix}$ , etc.

Possible way out: additional heavy fermions like  $E^+$  as partner to  $e^-$  ?  
→ no experimental confirmation !

- ▶  $W^\pm$  couplings parity violating, but  $\gamma$  coupling parity invariant

Minimal solution:  $SU(2)_I \times U(1)_Y$

- ▶  $SU(2)_I$  → weak isospin group with gauge fields  $W^+, W^-, W^0$
- ▶  $U(1)_Y$  → weak hypercharge with gauge field  $B$

$W^0$  and  $B$  carry identical quantum numbers

↪ two neutral gauge bosons  $\gamma, Z$  as mixed states

Experiment: 1973 discovery of neutral weak currents at CERN

↪ indirect confirmation of  $Z$  exchange

1983 discovery of  $W^\pm$  and  $Z$  bosons at CERN

# Fermion sector and minimal substitution

Multiplet structure:

Distinguish between left-/right-handed parts of fermions:  $\psi^L = \omega_- \psi$ ,  $\psi^R = \omega_+ \psi$

- ▶  $\psi^L$  couple to  $W^\pm$  → group  $\psi^L$  into  $SU(2)_I$  doublets, weak isospin  $T_I^a = \frac{\sigma^a}{2}$
- ▶  $\psi^R$  do not couple to  $W^\pm$  →  $\psi^R$  are  $SU(2)_I$  singlets, weak isospin  $T_I^a = 0$
- ▶  $\psi^{L/R}$  couple to  $\gamma$  in the same way  
↪ adjust coupling to  $U(1)_Y$  (i.e. fix weak hypercharges  $Y^{L/R}$  for  $\psi^{L/R}$ )  
such that elmg. coupling results:  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}, \text{QED}} = -Q_f e \bar{\psi}_f A \psi_f$

Fermion content of the SM:

(ignoring possible right-handed neutrinos)

|          |  | $T_I^3$   | $Q$  |
|----------|--|---|--|
| leptons: | $\Psi_L^L = \begin{pmatrix} \nu_e^L \\ e^L \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} \nu_\mu^L \\ \mu^L \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} \nu_\tau^L \\ \tau^L \end{pmatrix},$<br>$\psi_\ell^R = \begin{pmatrix} e^R \\ \mu^R \\ \tau^R \end{pmatrix},$  | $+\frac{1}{2}$<br>$-\frac{1}{2}$<br>$0$               | $0$<br>$-1$<br>$-1$  |
| quarks:  | $\Psi_Q^L = \begin{pmatrix} u^L \\ d^L \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} c^L \\ s^L \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} t^L \\ b^L \end{pmatrix},$<br>$\psi_u^R = \begin{pmatrix} u^R \\ d^R \end{pmatrix}, \quad \psi_c^R = \begin{pmatrix} c^R \\ s^R \end{pmatrix}, \quad \psi_t^R = \begin{pmatrix} t^R \\ b^R \end{pmatrix},$<br>$\psi_d^R = \begin{pmatrix} s^R \\ b^R \end{pmatrix},$ | $+\frac{1}{2}$<br>$-\frac{1}{2}$<br>$0$<br>$0$<br>$0$ | $+\frac{2}{3}$<br>$-\frac{1}{3}$<br>$+\frac{2}{3}$<br>$-\frac{1}{3}$ |

## Free Lagrangian of (still massless) fermions:

$$\mathcal{L}_{0,\text{ferm}} = i\overline{\psi_f}\not{\partial}\psi_f = i\overline{\Psi_L^L}\not{\partial}\Psi_L^L + i\overline{\Psi_Q^L}\not{\partial}\Psi_Q^L + i\overline{\psi_\ell^R}\not{\partial}\psi_\ell^R + i\overline{\psi_u^R}\not{\partial}\psi_u^R + i\overline{\psi_d^R}\not{\partial}\psi_d^R$$

## Minimal substitution:

$$\partial_\mu \rightarrow D_\mu = \partial_\mu - ig_2 T_I^a W_\mu^a + ig_1 \frac{1}{2} Y B_\mu = D_\mu^L \omega_- + D_\mu^R \omega_+,$$

$$D_\mu^L = \partial_\mu - \frac{ig_2}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & W_\mu^+ \\ W_\mu^- & 0 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{i}{2} \begin{pmatrix} g_2 W_\mu^3 - g_1 Y^L B_\mu & 0 \\ 0 & -g_2 W_\mu^3 - g_1 Y^L B_\mu \end{pmatrix},$$

$$D_\mu^R = \partial_\mu + ig_1 \frac{1}{2} Y^R B_\mu$$

## Photon identification:

"Weinberg rotation":  $\begin{pmatrix} Z_\mu \\ A_\mu \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} c_W & s_W \\ -s_W & c_W \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} W_\mu^3 \\ B_\mu \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $c_W = \cos \theta_W$ ,  $s_W = \sin \theta_W$ ,  $\theta_W$  = weak mixing angle

$$D_\mu^L|_{A_\mu} = -\frac{i}{2} A_\mu \begin{pmatrix} -g_2 s_W - g_1 c_W Y^L & 0 \\ 0 & g_2 s_W - g_1 c_W Y^L \end{pmatrix} \stackrel{!}{=} ie A_\mu \begin{pmatrix} Q_1 & 0 \\ 0 & Q_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

► charged difference in doublet  $Q_1 - Q_2 = 1 \rightarrow g_2 = \frac{e}{s_W}$

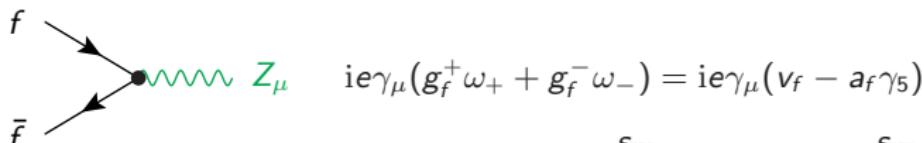
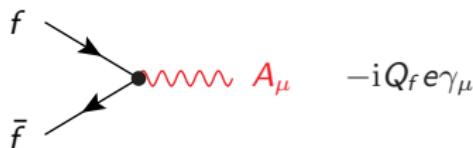
► normalize  $Y^{\text{L/R}}$  such that  $g_1 = \frac{e}{c_W}$

↪  $Y$  fixed by "Gell-Mann–Nishijima relation":  $Q = T_I^3 + \frac{Y}{2}$

## Fermion–gauge-boson interaction:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_{\text{ferm, YM}} = & \frac{e}{\sqrt{2} s_W} \overline{\Psi_F^L} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & W^+ \\ W^- & 0 \end{pmatrix} \Psi_F^L + \frac{e}{2 c_W s_W} \overline{\Psi_F^L} \sigma^3 Z \Psi_F^L \\ & - e \frac{s_W}{c_W} Q_f \overline{\psi}_f Z \psi_f - e Q_f \overline{\psi}_f A \psi_f \quad (f = \text{all fermions}, F = \text{all doublets})\end{aligned}$$

Feynman rules:



$$\text{with } g_f^+ = -\frac{s_W}{c_W} Q_f, \quad g_f^- = -\frac{s_W}{c_W} Q_f + \frac{T_{I,f}^3}{c_W s_W},$$

$$v_f = -\frac{s_W}{c_W} Q_f + \frac{T_{I,f}^3}{2 c_W s_W}, \quad a_f = \frac{T_{I,f}^3}{2 c_W s_W}$$

## Gauge-boson sector

Yang–Mills Lagrangian for gauge fields:

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

Field-strength tensors:

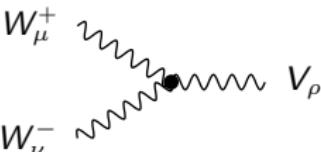
$$W_{\mu\nu}^a = \partial_\mu W_\nu^a - \partial_\nu W_\mu^a + g_2 \epsilon^{abc} W_\mu^b W_\nu^c, \quad B_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu B_\nu - \partial_\nu B_\mu$$

Lagrangian in terms of “physical” fields:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{\text{YM}} = & -\frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu W_\nu^+ - \partial_\nu W_\mu^+) (\partial^\mu W^{-,\nu} - \partial^\nu W^{-,\mu}) \\ & -\frac{1}{4} (\partial_\mu Z_\nu - \partial_\nu Z_\mu) (\partial^\mu Z^\nu - \partial^\nu Z^\mu) - \frac{1}{4} (\partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu) (\partial^\mu A^\nu - \partial^\nu A^\mu) \\ & + \text{(trilinear interaction terms involving } AW^+ W^-, ZW^+ W^-) \\ & + \text{(quadrilinear interaction terms involving } \\ & \quad AAW^+ W^-, AZW^+ W^-, ZZW^+ W^-, W^+ W^- W^+ W^-) \end{aligned}$$



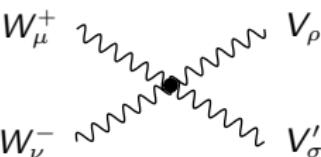
Feynman rules for gauge-boson self-interactions:  
 (fields and momenta incoming)



$$W_\mu^+ \text{---} \text{---} V_\rho \\ W_\nu^- \text{---} \text{---} V_\rho$$

$$ie C_{WWV} [ g_{\mu\nu}(k_+ - k_-)_\rho + g_{\nu\rho}(k_- - k_V)_\mu + g_{\rho\mu}(k_V - k_+)_\nu ]$$

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



$$W_\mu^+ \text{---} \text{---} V_\rho \\ W_\nu^- \text{---} \text{---} V_\rho$$

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

with  $C_{WW\gamma\gamma} = -1$ ,  $C_{WW\gamma Z} = \frac{c_W}{s_W}$ ,  
 $C_{WWZZ} = -\frac{c_W^2}{s_W^2}$ ,  $C_{WWWW} = \frac{1}{s_W^2}$

## Higgs sector and spontaneous symmetry breaking

Idea: spontaneous breakdown of  $SU(2)_I \times U(1)_Y$  symmetry  $\rightarrow U(1)_{\text{elmg}}$  symmetry  
 $\hookrightarrow$  masses for  $W^\pm$  and  $Z$  bosons, but  $\gamma$  remains massless

Note: choice of scalar extension of massless model involves freedom

### GSW model:

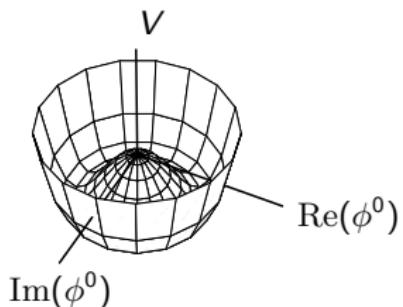
Minimal scalar sector with complex scalar doublet  $\Phi = \begin{pmatrix} \phi^+ \\ \phi^0 \\ \phi^- \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $Y_\Phi = 1$

Scalar self-interaction via Higgs potential:

$$V(\Phi) = -\mu^2 \Phi^\dagger \Phi + \frac{\lambda}{4} (\Phi^\dagger \Phi)^2, \quad \mu^2, \lambda > 0,$$

$= SU(2)_I \times U(1)_Y$  symmetric

$$V(\Phi) = \text{minimal for } |\Phi| = \sqrt{\frac{2\mu^2}{\lambda}} \equiv \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}} > 0$$



Ground state  $\Phi_0$  (=vacuum expectation value of  $\Phi$ ) not unique,

specific choice  $\Phi_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  not gauge invariant  $\Rightarrow$  spontaneous symmetry breaking!

Elmg. gauge invariance unbroken, since  $Q\Phi_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \Phi_0 = 0$

Field excitations in  $\Phi$ :

$$\Phi(x) = \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (v + H(x) + i\chi(x)) \right)$$

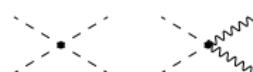
Gauge-invariant Lagrangian of Higgs sector:  $(\phi^- = (\phi^+)^{\dagger})$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_H &= (D_\mu \Phi)^\dagger (D^\mu \Phi) - V(\Phi) \quad \text{with } D_\mu = \partial_\mu - ig_2 \frac{\sigma^a}{2} W_\mu^a + i \frac{g_1}{2} B_\mu \\ &= (\partial_\mu \phi^+) (\partial^\mu \phi^-) - \frac{iev}{2s_W} (W_\mu^+ \partial^\mu \phi^- - W_\mu^- \partial^\mu \phi^+) + \frac{e^2 v^2}{4s_W^2} W_\mu^+ W_-{}^\mu \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} (\partial \chi)^2 + \frac{ev}{2c_W s_W} Z_\mu \partial^\mu \chi + \frac{e^2 v^2}{4c_W^2 s_W^2} Z^2 + \frac{1}{2} (\partial H)^2 - \mu^2 H^2 \end{aligned}$$

+ (trilinear  $SSS$ ,  $SSV$ ,  $SVV$  interactions)



+ (quadrilinear  $SSSS$ ,  $SSVV$  interactions)



Implications:

- ▶ gauge-boson masses:  $M_W = \frac{ev}{2s_W}$ ,  $M_Z = \frac{ev}{2c_W s_W} = \frac{M_W}{c_W}$ ,  $M_\gamma = 0$
- ▶ physical Higgs boson  $H$ :  $M_H = \sqrt{2\mu^2}$  = free parameter
- ▶ would-be Goldstone bosons  $\phi^\pm, \chi$ : unphysical degrees of freedom

## Fermion masses and Yukawa couplings

Ordinary Dirac mass terms  $m_f \overline{\psi}_f \psi_f = m_f (\overline{\psi}_f^L \psi_f^R + \overline{\psi}_f^R \psi_f^L)$  not gauge invariant  
↪ introduce fermion masses by (gauge-invariant) Yukawa interaction

Lagrangian for Yukawa couplings:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{Yuk}} = -\overline{\Psi}_L^L G_\ell \psi_\ell^R \Phi - \overline{\Psi}_Q^L G_u \psi_u^R \tilde{\Phi} - \overline{\Psi}_Q^L G_d \psi_d^R \Phi + \text{h.c.}$$

- ▶  $G_\ell, G_u, G_d = 3 \times 3$  matrices in 3-dim. space of generations ( $\nu$  masses ignored)
- ▶  $\tilde{\Phi} = i\sigma^2 \Phi^* = \begin{pmatrix} \phi^0 \\ -\phi^- \end{pmatrix}$  = charge conjugate Higgs doublet,  $Y_{\tilde{\Phi}} = -1$

Fermion mass terms:

mass terms = bilinear terms in  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{Yuk}}$ , obtained by setting  $\Phi \rightarrow \Phi_0$ :

$$\mathcal{L}_{m_f} = -\frac{v}{\sqrt{2}} \overline{\psi}_\ell^L G_\ell \psi_\ell^R - \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}} \overline{\psi}_u^L G_u \psi_u^R - \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}} \overline{\psi}_d^L G_d \psi_d^R + \text{h.c.}$$

↪ diagonalization by unitary field transformations ( $f = l, u, d$ )

$$\hat{\psi}_f^{\text{L/R}} \equiv U_f^{\text{L/R}} \psi_f^{\text{L/R}} \quad \text{such that} \quad \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}} U_f^L G_f (U_f^R)^\dagger = \text{diag}(m_f)$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{standard form: } \mathcal{L}_{m_f} = -m_f \overline{\hat{\psi}}_f^L \hat{\psi}_f^R + \text{h.c.} = -m_f \overline{\hat{\psi}}_f \hat{\psi}_f$$

## Quark mixing:

- ▶  $\psi_f$  correspond to eigenstates of the gauge interaction
- ▶  $\hat{\psi}_f$  correspond to mass eigenstates,  
for massless neutrinos define  $\hat{\psi}_\nu^L \equiv U_\ell^L \psi_\nu^L \rightarrow$  no lepton-flavour changing

Yukawa and gauge interactions in terms of mass eigenstates:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{\text{Yuk}} = & -\frac{\sqrt{2}m_\ell}{v} \left( \phi^+ \overline{\hat{\psi}_{\nu_\ell}^L} \hat{\psi}_\ell^R + \phi^- \overline{\hat{\psi}_\ell^R} \hat{\psi}_{\nu_\ell}^L \right) + \frac{\sqrt{2}m_u}{v} \left( \phi^+ \overline{\hat{\psi}_u^R} V \hat{\psi}_d^L + \phi^- \overline{\hat{\psi}_d^L} V^\dagger \hat{\psi}_u^R \right) \\ & - \frac{\sqrt{2}m_d}{v} \left( \phi^+ \overline{\hat{\psi}_d^L} V \hat{\psi}_d^R + \phi^- \overline{\hat{\psi}_d^R} V^\dagger \hat{\psi}_u^L \right) - \frac{m_f}{v} i \operatorname{sgn}(T_{I,f}^3) \chi \overline{\hat{\psi}_f} \gamma_5 \hat{\psi}_f \\ & - \frac{m_f}{v} (v + H) \overline{\hat{\psi}_f} \hat{\psi}_f, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{\text{ferm, YM}} = & \frac{e}{\sqrt{2}s_W} \overline{\hat{\Psi}_L^L} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & W^+ \\ W^- & 0 \end{pmatrix} \hat{\psi}_L^L + \frac{e}{\sqrt{2}s_W} \overline{\hat{\Psi}_Q^L} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & V W^+ \\ V^\dagger W^- & 0 \end{pmatrix} \hat{\psi}_Q^L \\ & + \frac{e}{2c_W s_W} \overline{\hat{\Psi}_F^L} \sigma^3 Z \hat{\psi}_F^L - e \frac{s_W}{c_W} Q_F \overline{\hat{\psi}_f} Z \hat{\psi}_f - e Q_f \overline{\hat{\psi}_f} A \hat{\psi}_f \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ only charged-current coupling of quarks modified by  $V = U_u^L (U_d^L)^\dagger =$  unitary  
(Cabibbo–Kobayashi–Maskawa (CKM) matrix)
- ▶ Higgs–fermion coupling strength =  $\frac{m_f}{v}$

## Features of the CKM mixing:

- ▶  $V$  = 3-dim. generalization of Cabibbo matrix  $U_C$
- ▶  $V$  is parametrized by 4 free parameters: 3 real angles, 1 complex phase  
→ complex phase is the only source of CP violation in SM

Counting of physical parameters:

$$\begin{aligned} & \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{\#real} \\ \text{d.o.f. in } V \end{array} \right) - \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{\#unitarity} \\ \text{relations} \end{array} \right) - \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{\#phase diffs. of} \\ u\text{-type quarks} \end{array} \right) - \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{\#phase diffs. of} \\ d\text{-type quarks} \end{array} \right) \\ & \quad - \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{\#phase diff. between} \\ u\text{- and } d\text{-type quarks} \end{array} \right) \\ & = 18 - 9 - 2 - 2 - 1 = 4 \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ no flavour-changing neutral currents in lowest order,  
flavour-changing suppressed by factors  $G_\mu(m_{q_1}^2 - m_{q_2}^2)$  in higher orders  
("Glashow–Iliopoulos–Maiani mechanism")

## Quantization of the EW SM

- ▶ describes particle creation and annihilation
- ▶ requires gauge-fixing for perturbation theory (existence of propagators)

Common approach: Faddeev–Popov method with  $R_\xi$  gauge-fixing

- ▶  $R_\xi$  gauge-fixing Lagrangian:  $(\xi_V^{(\prime)} = \text{arbitrary gauge parameters})$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{fix}} = -\frac{1}{2\xi_A}(C^A)^2 - \frac{1}{2\xi_Z}(C^Z)^2 - \frac{1}{\xi_W} C^+ C^-$$

$$C^\pm = \partial^\mu W_\mu^\pm \mp i M_W \xi'_W \phi^\pm, \quad C^Z = \partial^\mu Z_\mu - M_Z \xi'_Z \chi, \quad C^A = \partial^\mu A_\mu$$

↪ elimination of  $\phi W$  and  $\chi Z$  mixing for  $\xi'_V = \xi_V$  (propagator decoupling), simple vector propagators in 't Hooft–Feynman gauge ( $\xi_V^{(\prime)} = 1$ ):

$$V_\mu \bullet \overbrace{\hspace{1cm}}^k \bullet V_\nu^\dagger \quad G_{\mu\nu}^{VV^\dagger}(k) = \frac{-ig_{\mu\nu}}{k^2 - M_V^2}, \quad V = W, A, Z$$

- ▶ Faddeev–Popov Lagrangian with unphysical ghost fields  $u^a, \bar{u}^a$  ( $a = \pm, A, Z$ )

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{FP}} = - \int d^4y \bar{u}^a(x) \frac{\delta C^a(y)}{\delta \theta^b(y)} u^b(y), \quad (\theta^a = \text{gauge group parameters})$$

- ▶ Green functions obey Slavnov–Taylor identities (from BRS symmetry), involving ghost contributions

## Perturbative evaluation of the EW SM

- ▶ **Input parameters:**  $\alpha = e^2/(4\pi)$ ,  $M_W$ ,  $M_Z$ ,  $M_H$ ,  $m_f$ ,  $V$ 
  - ↪ non-trivial issue to find
    - ▶ appropriate field-theoretical definitions ("renormalization scheme")
    - ▶ appropriate phenomenological input ("input parameter scheme")
- ▶ **Renormalizability:**
  - ▶ UV finiteness guaranteed
  - ▶ perturbative approximation controllable (all orders defined)
- ▶ **Complications:**
  - ▶ almost all particles unstable
  - ▶ many mass scales in amplitudes and loop integrals
  - ▶ IR (soft and/or collinear) singularities
- ▶ **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
    - ↪ kinematical effects, mass-singular log's  $\propto \alpha \ln(m_\ell/Q)$
  - ▶ at high energies
    - ↪ EW Sudakov log's  $\propto (\alpha/s_W^2) \ln^2(M_W/Q)$  and subleading log's

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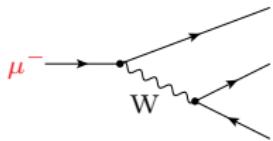
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# Electroweak precision physics before the LHC era

## Key experiments for EW precision physics

### ► Muon decay:

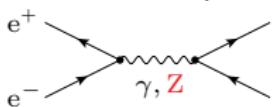


$$\mu^- \rightarrow \nu_\mu e^- \bar{\nu}_e$$

determination of the Fermi constant

$$G_\mu = \frac{\pi \alpha M_Z^2}{\sqrt{2} M_W^2 (M_Z^2 - M_W^2)} + \dots$$

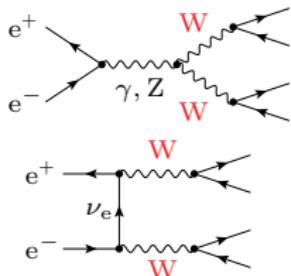
### ► Z production (LEP1/SLC):



$$e^+ e^- \rightarrow Z \rightarrow f\bar{f}$$

various precision measurements at the  
Z resonance:  $M_Z, \Gamma_Z, \sigma_{\text{had}}, A_{\text{FB}}, A_{\text{LR}}$ , etc.  
⇒ good knowledge of the  $Z f\bar{f}$  sector

### ► W-pair production (LEP2):

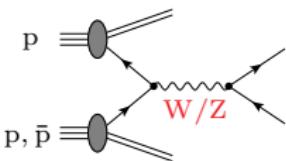


$$e^+ e^- \rightarrow WW \rightarrow 4f(+\gamma)$$

- measurement of  $M_W$
- $\gamma WW/ZWW$  couplings
- quartic couplings:  $\gamma\gamma WW, \gamma ZWW$

## Key experiments for EW precision physics (continued)

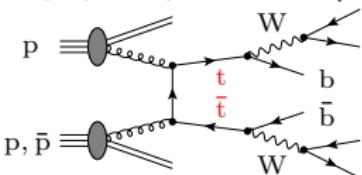
- **W/Z production** (Tevatron/LHC):



$$\begin{aligned} pp, p\bar{p} \rightarrow W &\rightarrow \ell\nu_\ell (+\gamma) \\ pp, p\bar{p} \rightarrow Z &\rightarrow \ell^+\ell^- \end{aligned}$$

- measurement of  $M_W$
- bounds on  $\gamma WW$  coupling
- measurement of  $\sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}^{\text{lept}}$

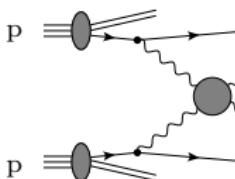
- **top-quark production** (Tevatron/LHC):



$$pp, p\bar{p} \rightarrow t\bar{t} \rightarrow 6f$$

- measurement of  $m_t$

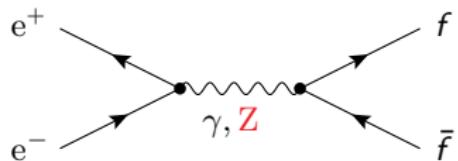
- **gauge-boson scattering** (LHC)



- measurement of couplings  $WWWW, ZZWW$ , etc.
- sensitivity to EW symmetry breaking

- + **much more @ LHC !** (Higgs physics, WWW production, etc.)

## Precision study of the Z line shape

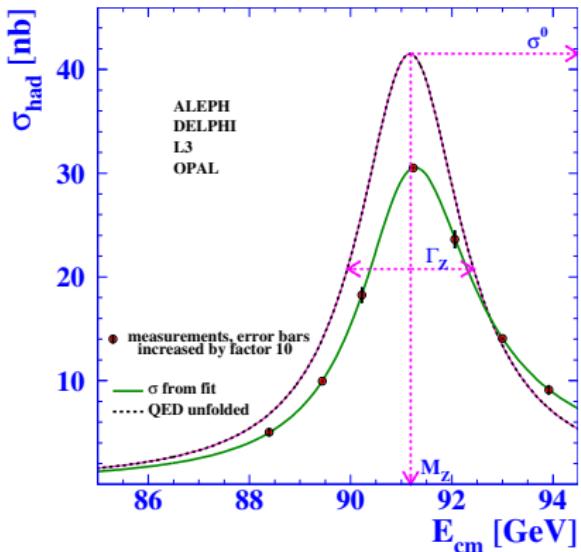


Unfolded resonance:

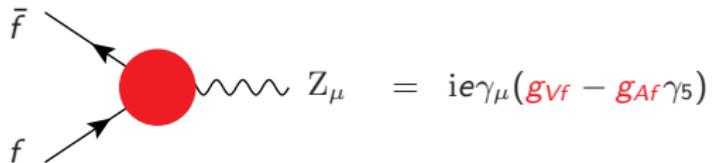
$$\sigma_{\text{res}}(s) = \sigma^0 \frac{s \Gamma_Z^2}{\left| s - M_Z^2 + i M_Z \Gamma_Z \frac{s}{M_Z^2} \right|^2}$$

Resonance observables:

- ▶ Z mass and width:  $M_Z, \Gamma_Z$
- ▶ peak cross section:  $\sigma_{\text{had}}^0$
- ▶ various asymmetries:  $A_{\text{FB}}, A_{\text{LR}}$ , etc.
- ▶ ratios of decay widths:  $R_\ell = \frac{\Gamma_{\text{had}}}{\Gamma_\ell}$ , etc.



## Effective Z-boson–fermion couplings



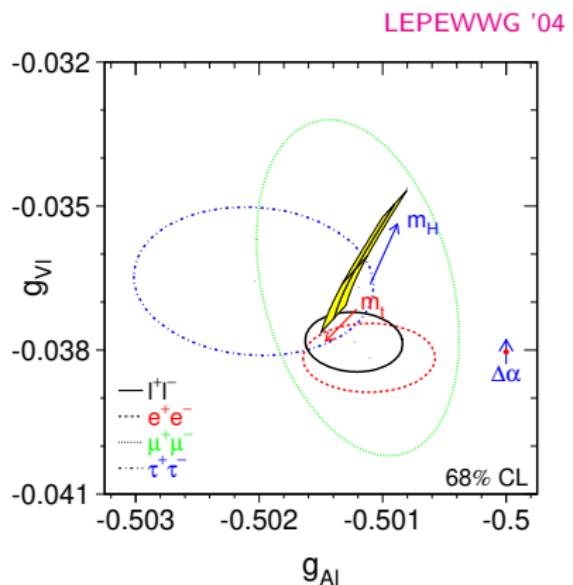
Leptonic couplings from  
LEP1 asymmetry measurements:

$$\text{e.g. } A_{FB}^{0,f} = \frac{3}{4}A_e A_f$$

$$A_f = \frac{2g_{Vf}g_{Af}}{g_{Vf}^2 + g_{Af}^2}$$

Good agreement with SM

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

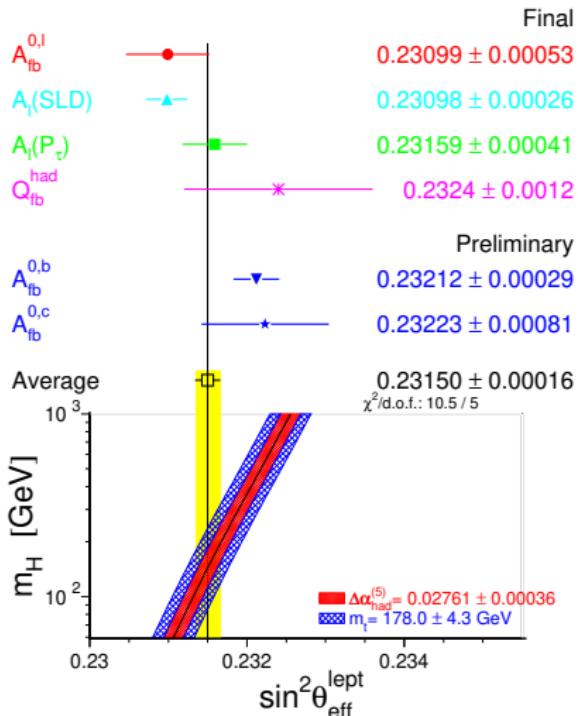


## Translation of effective couplings into effective weak mixing angle

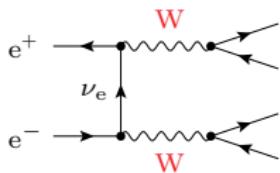
$$\sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}^{\text{lept}} = \frac{1}{4} \left( 1 - \text{Re} \left\{ \frac{g_{VI}}{g_{AI}} \right\} \right)$$

Important features:

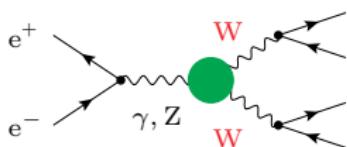
- ▶ combination of very different observables
- ▶  $\sim 3\sigma$  difference between  $A_{\text{FB}}^{0,b}$ (LEP) and  $A_\ell$ (SLD)
- ▶ high sensitivity to  $M_H$



W-pair production  $e^+e^- \rightarrow WW \rightarrow 4f(+\gamma)$



dominates near W-pair threshold

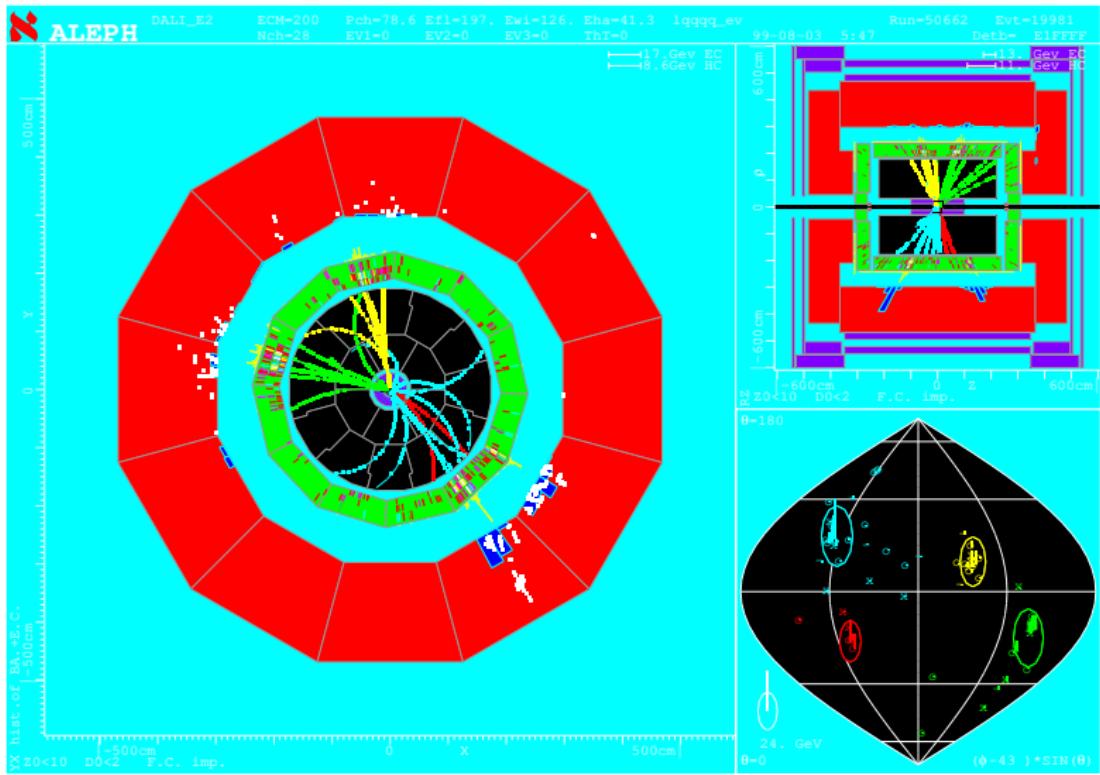


contains  $\gamma WW/ZWW$  couplings

### Physics goals:

- ▶ non-abelian gauge-boson self-interactions
    - ↪ constrain non-standard  $\gamma WW/ZWW$  couplings
  - ▶ W-pair cross section  $\sigma_{WW}$
  - ▶ precision measurement of W mass  $M_W$
- ⇒ Theoretical requirement:  
understand  $2 \rightarrow 4$  process with 0.5% precision

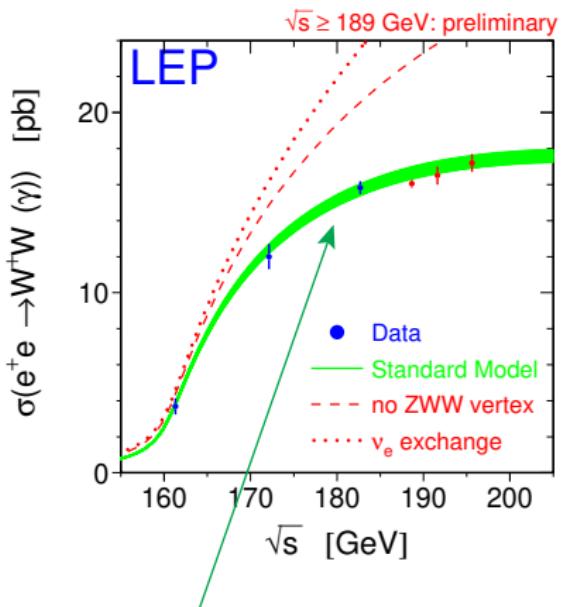
# A typical 4-jet event observed at ALEPH



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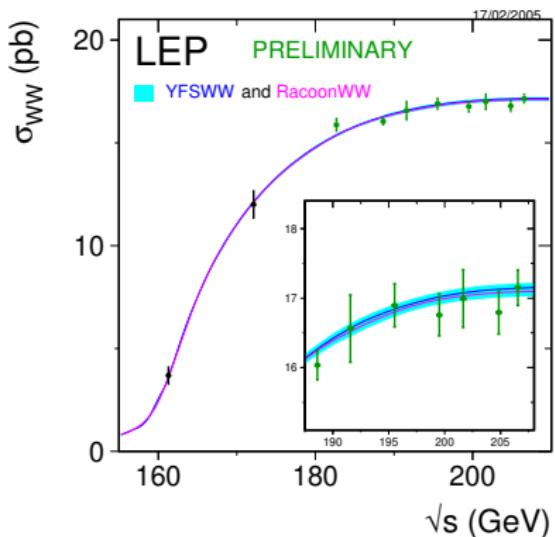
## Total WW cross section at LEP2

Status of 1999: (LEPEWWG '99)



GENTLE (Bardin et al.)  
only universal EW corrections  
 $\hookrightarrow$  theoretical uncertainty  $\sim \pm 2\%$

Final result: (LEPEWWG '05)

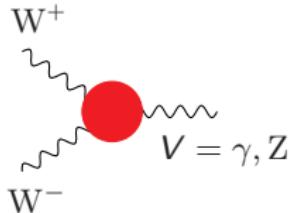


YFSWW (Jadach et al.) / RacoonWW (Denner et al.)  
non-universal corrections included  
 $\hookrightarrow$  th. uncertainty  $\sim \pm 0.5\%$  for  $\sqrt{s} > 170$  GeV

## (Non-)standard TGCs

Gaemers, Gounaris '79; Hagiwara, Hikasa, Peccei, Zeppenfeld '87;  
Bilenky, Kneur, Renard, Schildknecht '93; etc.

General parametrization (C- and P-conserving):



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

Meaning for static  $W^+$  bosons:

$$Q_W = e g_1^\gamma = \text{electric charge } (=e \text{ by charge conservation})$$

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

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

SM values:

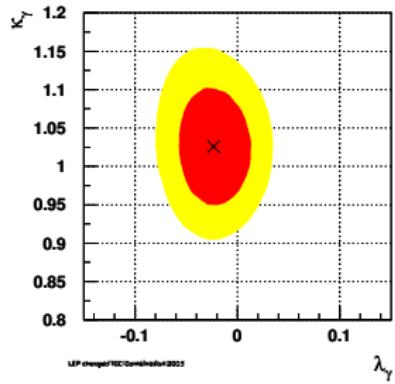
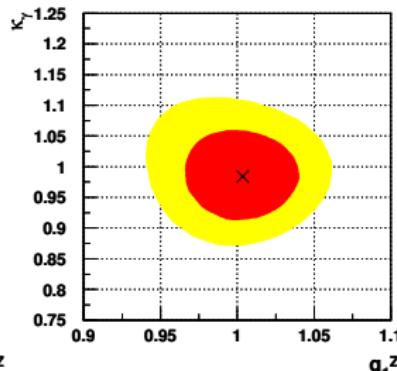
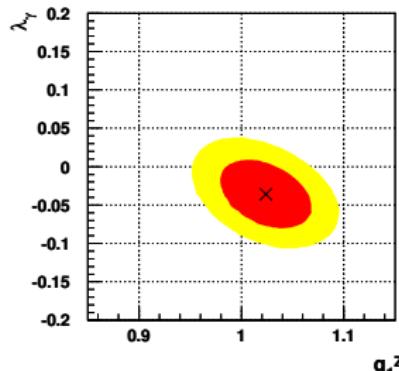
$$g_1^V = \kappa_V = 1, \quad \lambda_V = 0$$

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

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

# LEP2 constraints on charged TGCs

LEPEWWG '04



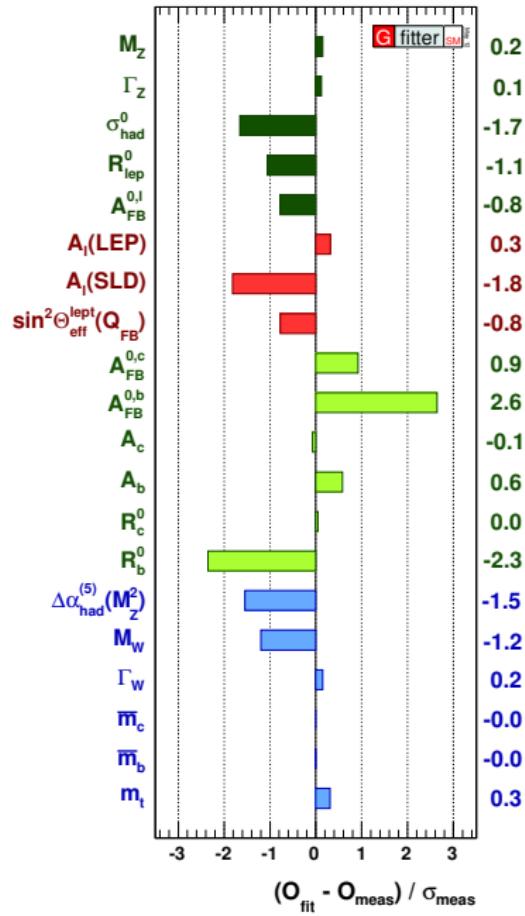
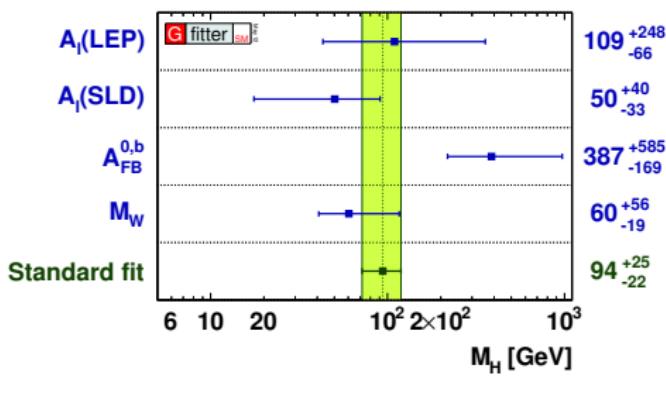
- 95% c.l.
- 68% c.l.
- ✗ 2d fit result

SM values verified  
at the level of 2–4%

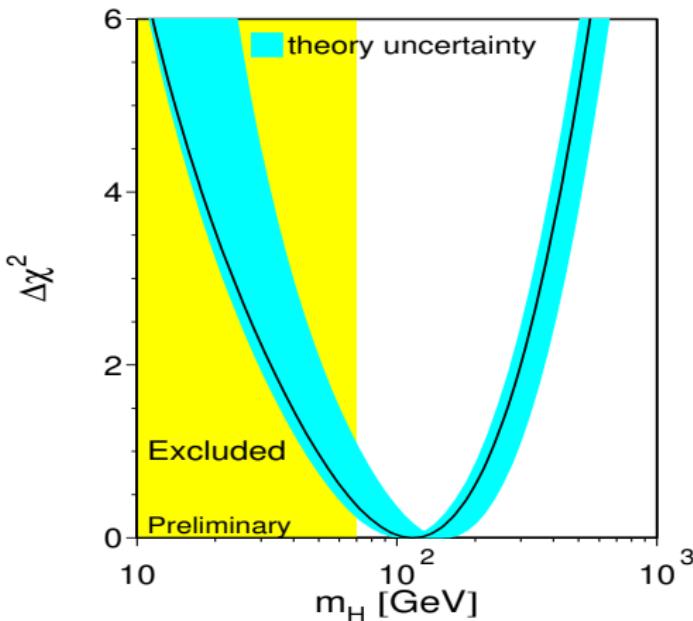
$$\begin{aligned}\Delta g_1^Z &= -0.009^{+0.022}_{-0.021} \\ \Delta \kappa_\gamma &= -0.016^{+0.042}_{-0.047} \\ \lambda_\gamma &= -0.016^{+0.021}_{-0.023}\end{aligned}$$

## Global status of the SM before Summer 2012

- ▶ SM fit yields very good agreement (all “pulls”  $\lesssim 2\sigma$ )
- ▶ Tension between  $A_\ell(\text{SLD}) = A_{\text{LR}}^\ell(\text{SLD})$  and  $A_{\text{FB}}^{0,b}(\text{LEP})$   
 $\hookrightarrow A_{\text{FB}}^\ell(\text{LHC})$  will be interesting!
- ▶ SM fit predicts a light Higgs boson with  $M_H \sim 100 \text{ GeV}$

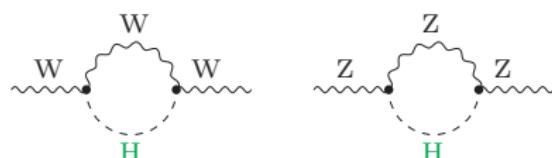


Status Summer 1997



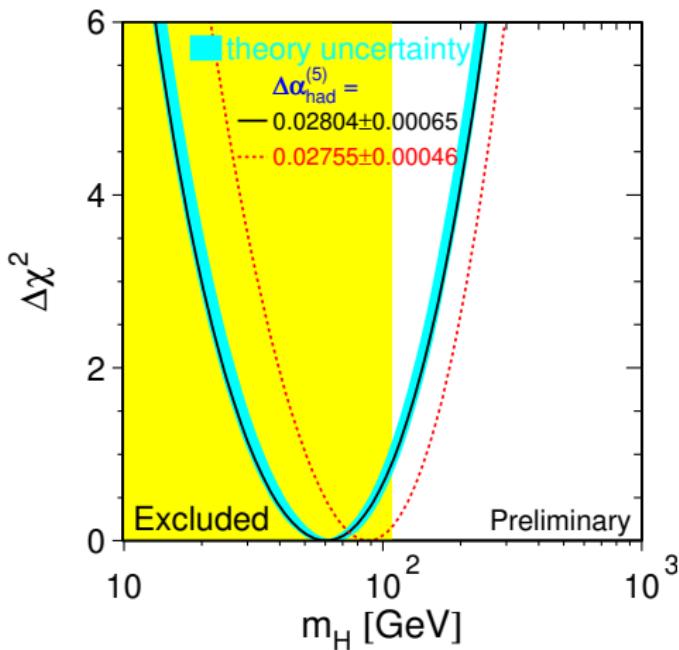
$M_H > 114.4 \text{ GeV}$  (LEPHIGGS '02)  
 $e^+e^- \rightarrow ZH$  at LEP2

SM fit favours  
perturbative regime for  $M_H$



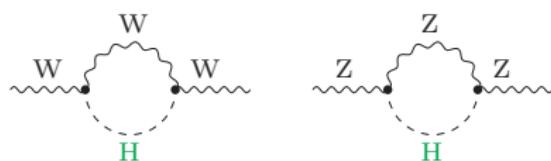
Highest sensitivity via  
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 $m_t$ ,  $M_W$ ,  $\sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}^{\text{lept}}$ , etc.

Status Summer 2000



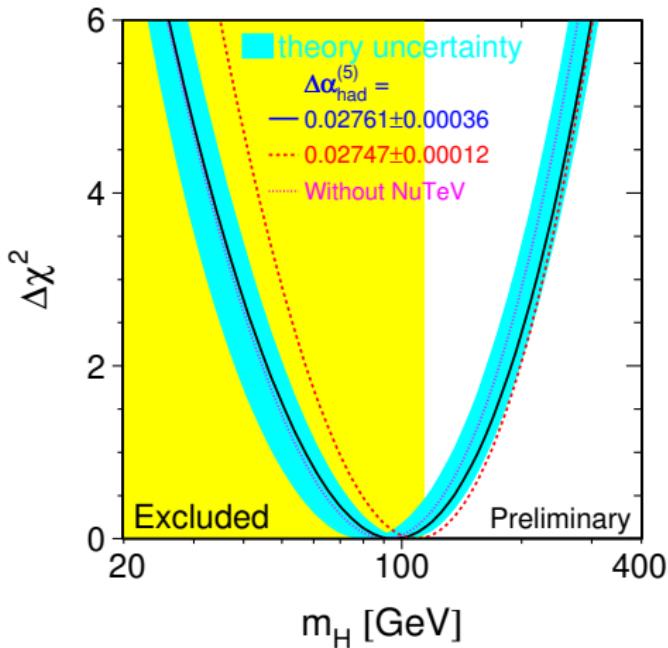
$M_H > 114.4 \text{ GeV}$  (LEPHIGGS '02)  
 $e^+e^- \rightarrow ZH$  at LEP2

SM fit favours  
 $M_H \lesssim 200 \text{ GeV}$



Highest sensitivity via  
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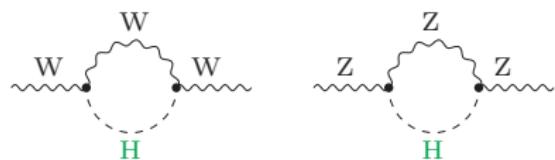
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$M_H > 114.4 \text{ GeV}$  (LEPHIGGS '02)

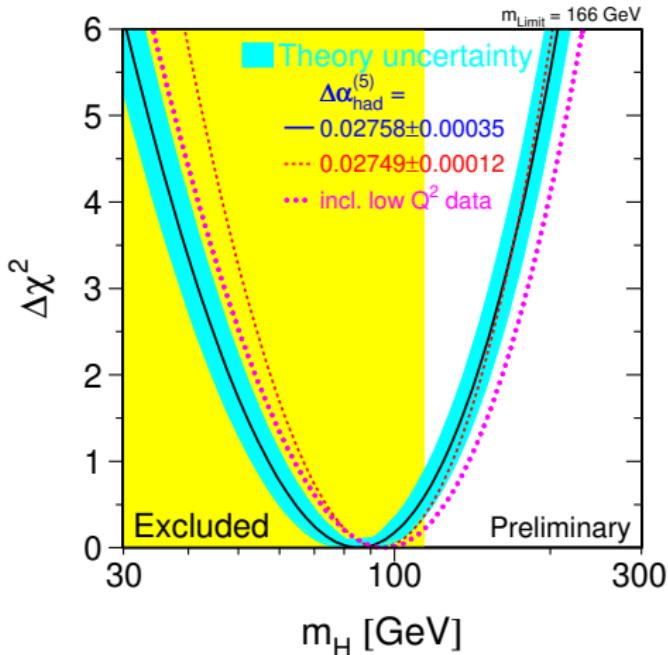
$e^+e^- \rightarrow ZH$  at LEP2

SM fit favours  
 $M_H \lesssim 200 \text{ GeV}$



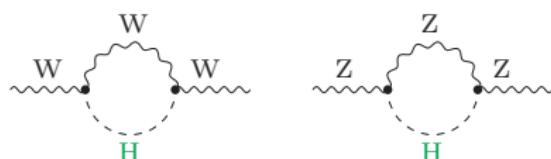
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## Status Summer 2006



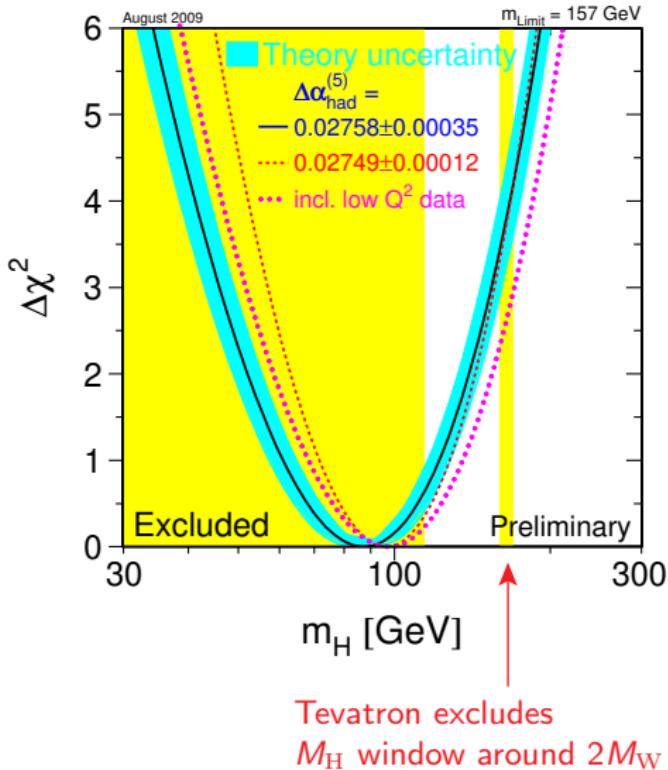
$M_H > 114.4 \text{ GeV}$  (LEPHIGGS '02)  
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SM fit favours  
 $M_H < 166 \text{ GeV}$



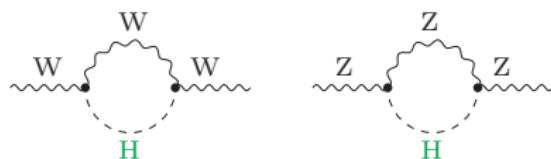
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## Status Summer 2009



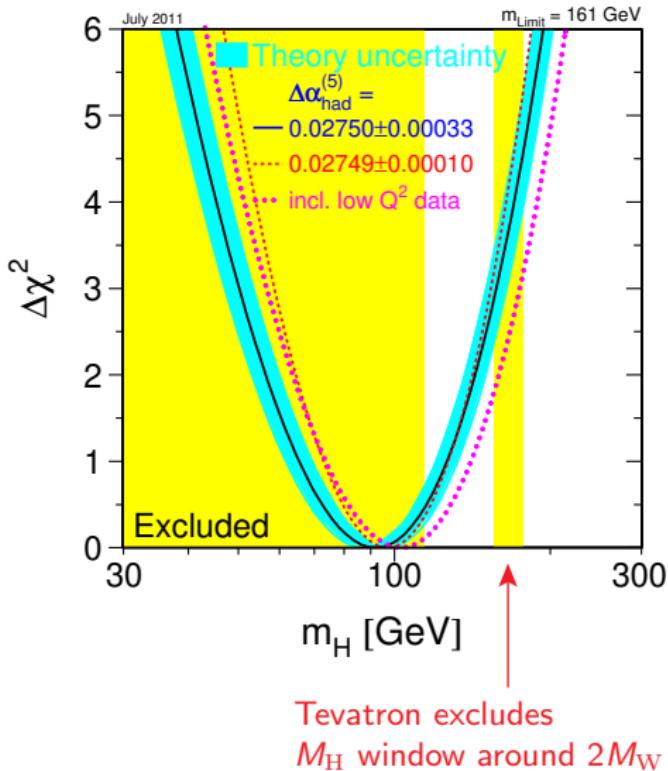
$M_H > 114.4 \text{ GeV}$  (LEPHIGGS '02)  
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SM fit favours  
 $M_H < 157 \text{ GeV}$



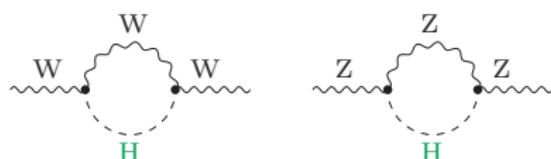
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## Status Summer 2011



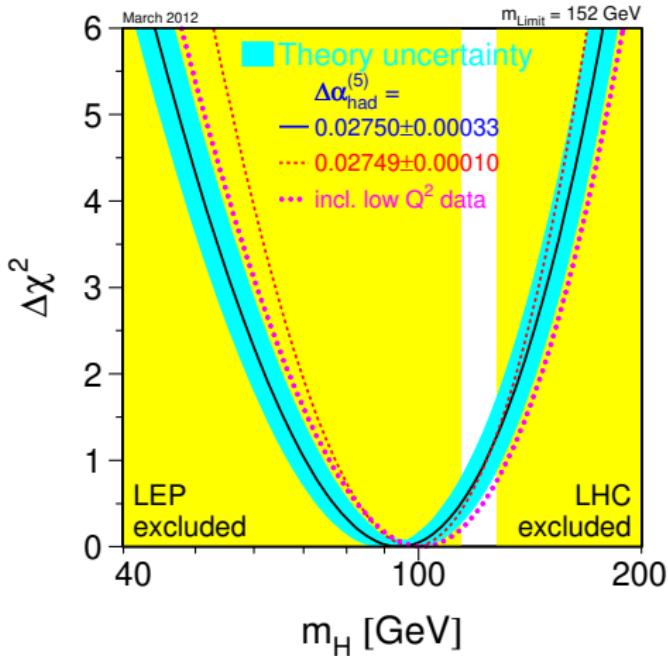
$M_H > 114.4 \text{ GeV}$  (LEPHIGGS '02)  
 $e^+e^- \rightarrow ZH$  at LEP2

SM fit favours  
 $M_H < 161 \text{ GeV}$



Highest sensitivity via  
“high-precision observables”:  
 $m_t$ ,  $M_W$ ,  $\sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}^{\text{lept}}$ , etc.

## Status before Summer 2012

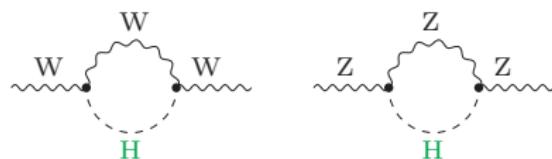


Open window not excluded by the LHC:

$$122 \text{ GeV} < M_H < 127 \text{ GeV}$$

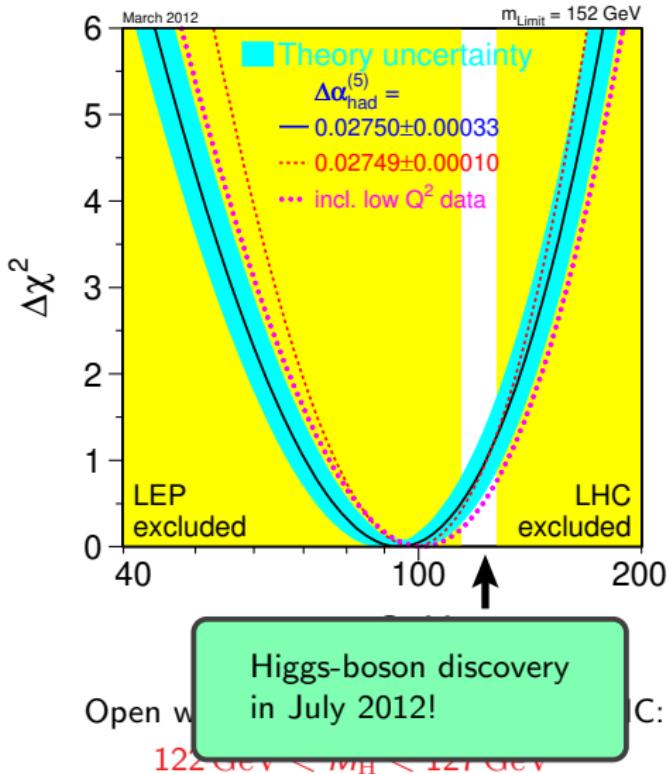
$M_H > 114.4 \text{ GeV}$  (LEPHIGGS '02)  
 $e^+e^- \rightarrow ZH$  at LEP2

SM fit favours  
 $M_H < 152 \text{ GeV}$



Highest sensitivity via  
“high-precision observables”:  
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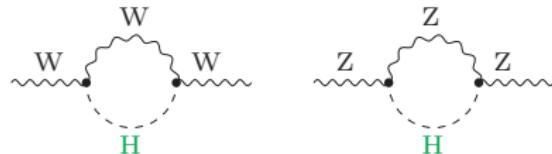
## Status before Summer 2012



$M_H > 114.4 \text{ GeV}$  (LEPHIGGS '02)

$e^+e^- \rightarrow ZH$  at LEP2

SM fit favours  
 $M_H < 152 \text{ GeV}$



Highest sensitivity via  
“high-precision observables”:  
 $m_t$ ,  $M_W$ ,  $\sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}^{\text{lept}}$ , etc.

## Status of the SM after 2012

- ▶ SM particle content experimentally completely established
- ▶ Collider data in very good agreement with SM predictions (radiative corrections essential)
  - ⇒ SM confirmed as Quantum Field Theory!
- ▶ Successful constraints of respective mass ranges before top-quark and Higgs-boson discoveries
  - ⇒ Major triumph of EW precision physics!

## Upcoming lectures:

- ▶ theoretical background of EW higher-order calculations
- ▶ salient features of EW corrections
- ▶ EW phenomenology and EW precision physics at the LHC

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