

The Standard Model of Particle Physics Lecture II

Radiative corrections, renormalization, and physical observables

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Outline of Lectures II

- Radiative corrections and Renormalization:
 - renormalization, general structure;
 - SM case: main results.
- Radiative corrections and physical observables:
 - precision tests: testing consistency and constraining unknowns
 - ↔ lepton collider dominated (LEP)
 - obtain best estimate of SM processes for searches of new physics
 - ↔ hadron collider dominated (Tevatron, LHC)



This last point will be expanded in Lectures III and IV

Systematic of renormalization, in a nutshell

Simplest case: scalar ($g\phi^4$) theory $\rightarrow \mathcal{L}(\phi_0, \partial_\mu \phi_0, m_0, g_0)$

\Downarrow

Calculating scattering amplitudes $\langle f | \phi \dots \phi | i \rangle$ via perturbative approach introduce divergencies beyond the tree level:

\rightarrow ultraviolet (UV): in the $p^2 \rightarrow \infty$ region of momentum loop integrals, ex.:

$$\int \frac{d^4 p}{p^2(p^2 - m^2)} \stackrel{p \rightarrow \infty}{\approx} \int \frac{dp}{p} \rightarrow \text{log.divergence}$$

\rightarrow infrared (IR): in both loop and real corrections, due to soft ($p^2 \rightarrow 0$) or collinear ($p \cdot p_i \rightarrow 0$) radiation/loop-momenta;

$$\int \frac{d^4 p}{p^2(p^2 + 2p \cdot q_1)(p^2 + 2p \cdot q_2)} \stackrel{p \rightarrow 0}{\approx} \int \frac{dp}{p} \rightarrow \text{log.divergence}$$

Actions taken: at a given perturbative order,

→ regularize and extract UV and IR singularities, most common:

$$\int d^4 p \rightarrow \mu^{4-d} \int d^d p \quad \text{dimensional regularization}$$

▷ divergencies extracted as poles in $(4 - d)$.

▷ $\mu \rightarrow$ (renormalization) **scale parameter** associated to regularization procedure

→ cancel UV singularities by switching from “bare” to “renormalized” parameters/fields, fixed by suitable renormalization conditions,

$$\mathcal{L}(\phi_0, \partial_\mu \phi_0, m_0, g_0) \longrightarrow \mathcal{L}(\phi, \partial_\mu \phi, m, g)$$

where

$$m_0^2 = m^2 + \delta m^2 \quad \phi_0 = \sqrt{Z_\phi} \phi \quad g_0 = g + \delta g$$

and m , ϕ and g (alternatively δm^2 , $Z_\phi = 1 + \delta Z_\phi$, δg) are defined by fixing the renormalized proper vertices (or vertex functions) of the theory.

→ cancel IR singularities in the sum of virtual+real corrections (only hard radiation can be resolved).

UV systematics: consider the proper vertices of the theory $\Gamma^{\phi\dots\phi}$

$\Gamma^{\phi\dots\phi} \rightarrow$ one-particle irreducible (1PI) diagrams with n external legs.

2-point proper vertex : $\Gamma^{\phi\phi}$

$$\Gamma^{\phi_0\phi_0} = i(p^2 - m_0^2) + i\Sigma(p^2)$$

Σ =self-energy=sum of 1PI (one-particle-irreducible) diagrams (all orders).

Notice relation with all orders propagator:

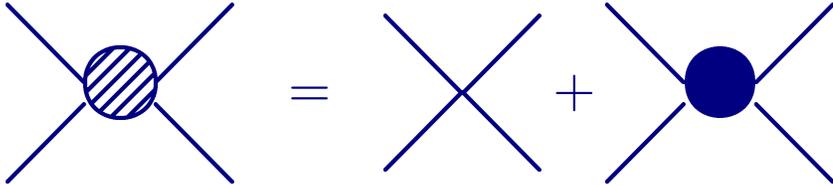
$$= \frac{i}{p^2 - m_0^2} + \frac{i}{p^2 - m_0^2} i\Sigma(p^2) \frac{i}{p^2 - m_0^2} + \dots$$

$$= \frac{i}{p^2 - m_0^2 + \Sigma(p^2)} = (\Gamma^{\phi_0\phi_0})^{-1}$$

In terms of bare parameters, $\Gamma^{\phi_0\phi_0}$ is UV divergent: fix δm^2 and δZ_ϕ by requiring, e.g., that $\Gamma^{\phi\phi} = Z_\phi^{-1} \Gamma^{\phi_0\phi_0}$ has a pole at the physical mass with unit residue, which gives:

$$\Sigma(m^2) = \delta m^2 \quad \text{and} \quad \Sigma'(m^2) = -\delta Z_\phi$$

4-point proper vertex: $\Gamma^{\phi\phi\phi\phi}$

$$\Gamma^{\phi_0\phi_0\phi_0\phi_0} = ig_0 + i\Gamma(p_1, p_2, p_3)$$


In terms of bare parameters, $\Gamma^{\phi_0\phi_0\phi_0\phi_0}$ is UV divergent: fix δg by requiring, e.g., that g corresponds to the coupling measured in a specific kinematic realization, which gives:

$$\delta g = 2g\delta Z_\phi - \Gamma(p_1^{exp}, p_2^{exp}, p_3^{exp})$$

where we also use that $\Gamma^{\phi\phi\phi\phi} = Z_\phi^2 \Gamma^{\phi_0\phi_0\phi_0\phi_0}$.

All other **n-point proper vertices**, $\Gamma^{\phi\cdots\phi}$: are obtainable using $\Gamma^{\phi\phi}$ and $\Gamma^{\phi\phi\phi\phi}$ as building blocks, and finite when expressed in terms of m and g .

Notice: parameters are now scale-dependent, $m(q^2)$, $g(q^2)$.

Any **physical observables** calculated in terms of m and g is finite and well defined, although affected by a systematic (perturbative) uncertainty.

Standard Model renormalization: main results

The SM Lagrangian is made of renormalizable field structures,

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_{SM} &= \mathcal{L}_{QCD} + \mathcal{L}_{EW} \\ &= \mathcal{L}_{EW}^{\text{ferm}} + \mathcal{L}_{EW}^{\text{gauge}} + \mathcal{L}_{EW}^{SSB} + \mathcal{L}_{EW}^{Yukawa}\end{aligned}$$

where,

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_{QCD} &\rightarrow \bar{\psi}(\not{\partial} - m)\psi, \bar{\psi}A\psi, \frac{1}{4}G^{a,\mu\nu}G_{\mu\nu}^a \\ \mathcal{L}_{EW}^{\text{ferm}} &\rightarrow \bar{\psi}_L(\not{\partial})\psi_L, \bar{\psi}_L\cancel{V}\psi_L \\ \mathcal{L}_{EW}^{\text{gauge}} &\rightarrow \frac{1}{4}F^{a,\mu\nu}F_{\mu\nu}^a, \frac{1}{4}B^{\mu\nu}B_{\mu\nu} \\ \mathcal{L}_{EW}^{SSB} &\rightarrow \partial^\mu\phi\partial_\mu\phi, \mu^2\phi^2, \phi^4 \\ \mathcal{L}_{EW}^{Yukawa} &\rightarrow \bar{\psi}_L H\psi_R\end{aligned}$$

The systematic procedure outlined in these lectures will apply with extra constraints imposed by the presence of a partially spontaneously broken gauge symmetry.

The set of fundamental parameters of the SM Lagrangian is:

$$g_{s,0}, g_0, g'_0, \mu_0, \lambda_0, y_{f,0}, V_0^{ij}$$

here taken as bare parameters. Thanks to relations induced by the symmetries of the theory, e.g.

$$e = g \sin \theta_W = g' \cos \theta_W \quad \rightarrow \quad e = \frac{gg'}{\sqrt{g^2 + g'^2}}$$

$$M_W = \frac{gv}{2}, \quad M_Z = \frac{v\sqrt{g^2 + g'^2}}{2} \quad \rightarrow \quad \frac{M_W}{M_Z} = \frac{g}{\sqrt{g^2 + g'^2}} = \frac{e}{g'} = \cos \theta_W$$

we can trade them for other or “better” sets of input parameters, for example:

$$g_{s,0}, e_0, M_{W,0}, M_{Z,0}, M_{H,0}, m_{f,0}, V_0^{ij}$$

and switch to the corresponding set of renormalized or physical parameters upon imposing suitable renormalization conditions.

⇒ Relations like $M_W/M_Z = \cos \theta_W$ will automatically be finite but corrections depend on input parameters (e.g. m_t, M_H) → natural relations. Need to specify renormalization scheme and use consistency.

Definitions and renormalization conditions

QCD → in the absence of a mass scale, use $\overline{\text{MS}}$ scheme or minimal subtraction scheme, i.e. subtract just pole parts of each divergent proper vertex.

EW → use procedure illustrated in this lecture for a scalar $g\phi^4$ toy model
→ on-shell subtraction scheme.

- mass/coupling renormalization:

$$M_{W,0}^2 = M_W^2 + \delta M_W^2, \dots, m_{f,0} = m_f + \delta m_f, V_0^{ij} = V^{ij} + \delta V^{ij}$$

- field renormalization:

$$W_0^\pm = \sqrt{Z_W} W^\pm, \begin{pmatrix} Z_0 \\ A_0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{Z_{ZZ}} & \sqrt{Z_{ZA}} \\ \sqrt{Z_{AZ}} & \sqrt{Z_{AA}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} Z \\ A \end{pmatrix} \dots$$

where, the following renormalization conditions are traditionally adopted:

$$\delta M_W^2 = \text{Re}[\Sigma_T^W(M_W^2)] \quad , \quad \delta Z_W = -\text{Re}[\Sigma_T^{W'}(M_W^2)], \dots$$

and similar ones for other vector+scalar and field renormalization constants ⇒ the bulk of corrections are in the self-energies!

Flavor sector: need to carefully account for the rotation to mass eigenstates (beyond the scope of these lectures).

Finally, the QED electric charge renormalization condition is adopted: e defined as measure in the Thomson limit ($k \rightarrow 0$ scattering of photons, on-shell electrons)

$$\alpha(0) = \frac{e^2}{2\pi} \approx \frac{1}{137}$$

Once expressed in terms of the renormalized parameters and fields, any physical observable is finite and can be calculated at the proper perturbative order in QCD+EW and compared with experimental results.



Electroweak precision fits

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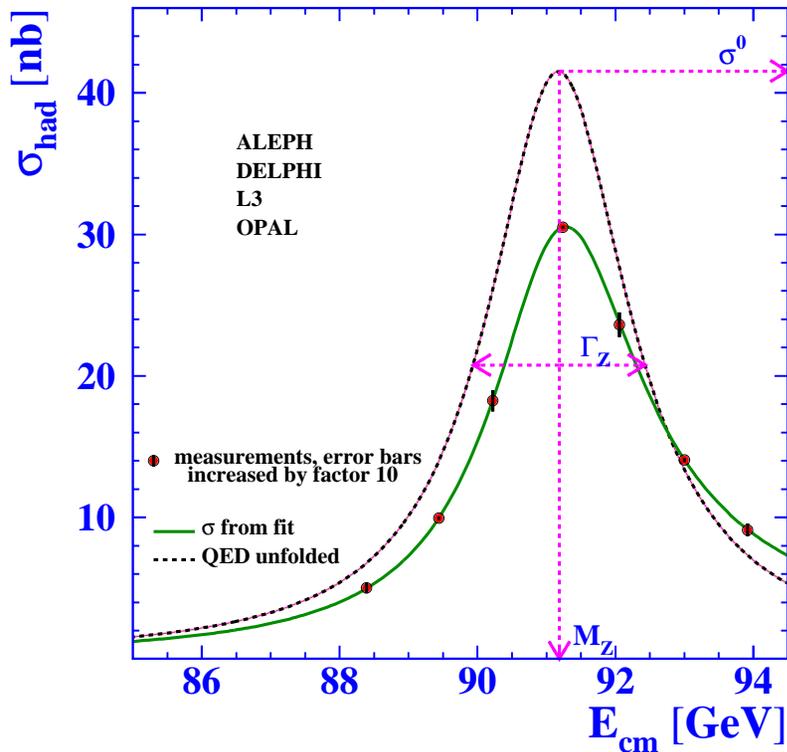
An incredible amount of measurements of electroweak observables have been collected over the past many decades:

- ***Sp \bar{p} S*** at CERN (1981-1990) 300×300 GeV $p\bar{p}$ collider: discovery of W and Z bosons!
- **LEP I** at CERN (1989-1995) at energies around $\sqrt{s} = M_Z$: $e^+e^- \rightarrow Z \rightarrow f\bar{f}$.
- **LEP II** at CERN (1996-2000) at energies around $\sqrt{s} = 200 - 208$ GeV: $e^+e^- \rightarrow WW \rightarrow 4f$.
- **SLC** at SLAC (1989-1998) at energies up to 100 GeV, polarized beams.
- **Tevatron** at Fermilab, RUN I+II (1987-2011) 0.98×0.98 TeV $p\bar{p}$ collider: top-quark discovery! Precision measurement of M_W and m_t .
- **LHC** at CERN, now running at 3.5×3.5 TeV, will go up to 7×7 TeV: will rediscovery the SM and more!

Measurement of M_Z and Γ_Z at LEP I

At the Z pole $e^+e^- \rightarrow f\bar{f}$ ($f \neq e$) dominated by Z exchange:

$$\frac{d\sigma_Z^f}{d\Omega} = \frac{9}{4} \frac{s\Gamma_{ee}\Gamma_{f\bar{f}}/M_Z^2}{(s - M_Z^2)^2 + s^2\Gamma_Z^2/M_Z^2} \left[(1 + \cos^2\theta)(1 - P_e A_e) + 2\cos\theta A_f(-P_e + A_e) \right]$$



P_e : polarization of electron beam

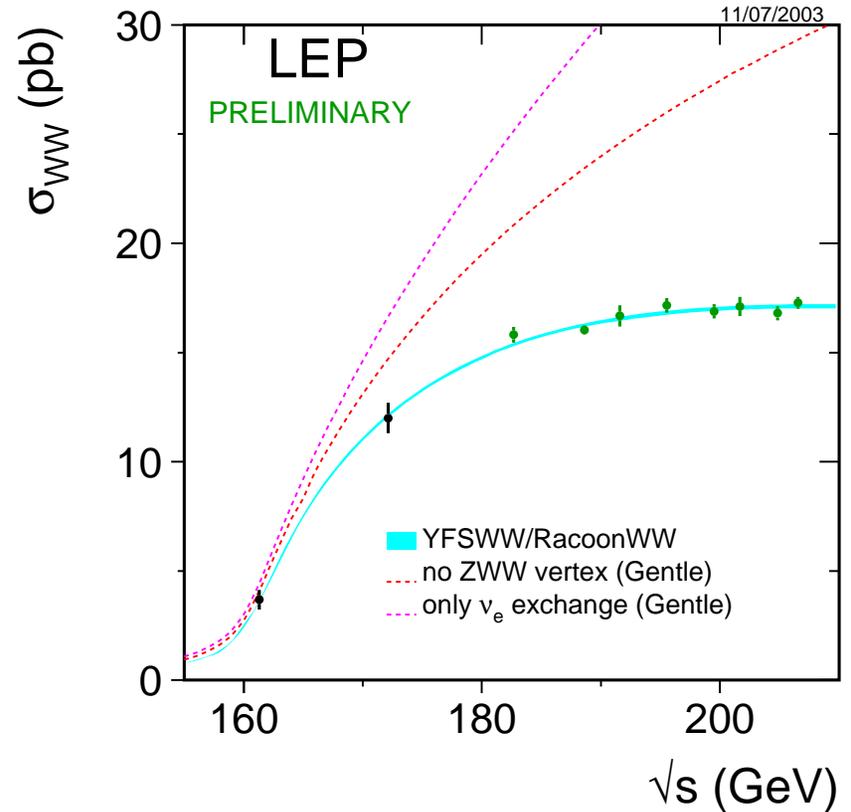
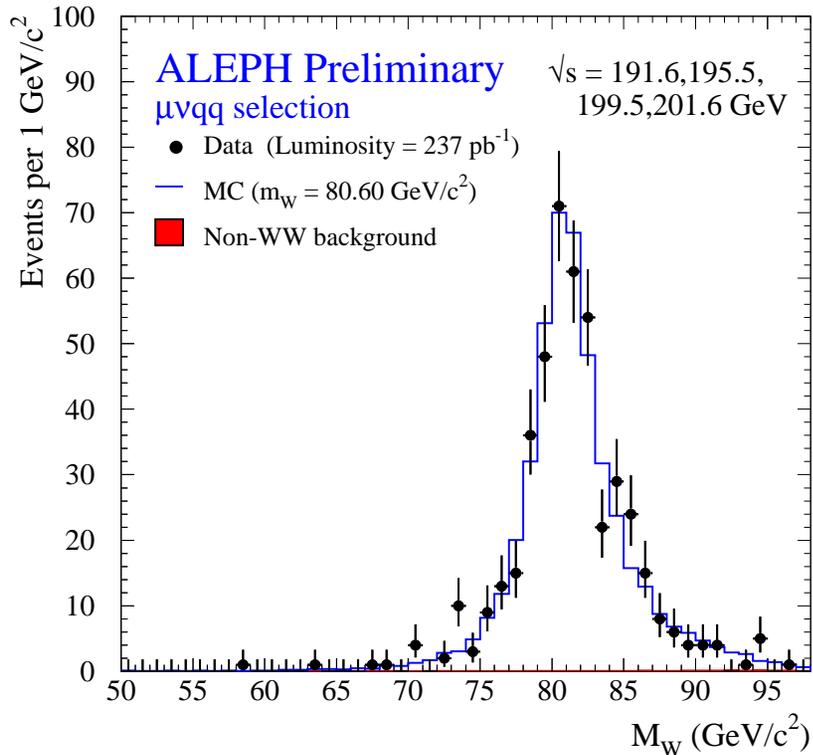
$\Gamma_{ee}, \Gamma_{f\bar{f}}$: partial widths for $Z \rightarrow e^+e^- f\bar{f}$

A_f : L-R coupling constant asymmetry

$$A_f = \frac{(g_L^f)^2 - (g_R^f)^2}{(g_L^f)^2 + (g_R^f)^2} = \frac{2g_V^f g_A^f}{(g_V^f)^2 + (g_A^f)^2}$$

Scanning at the Z peak and fitting to σ_Z^f yields measurements of M_Z , Γ_Z and $\sigma_{\text{had}} = 12\pi\Gamma_{ee}\Gamma_{\text{had}}/(M_Z^2\Gamma_Z^2)$.

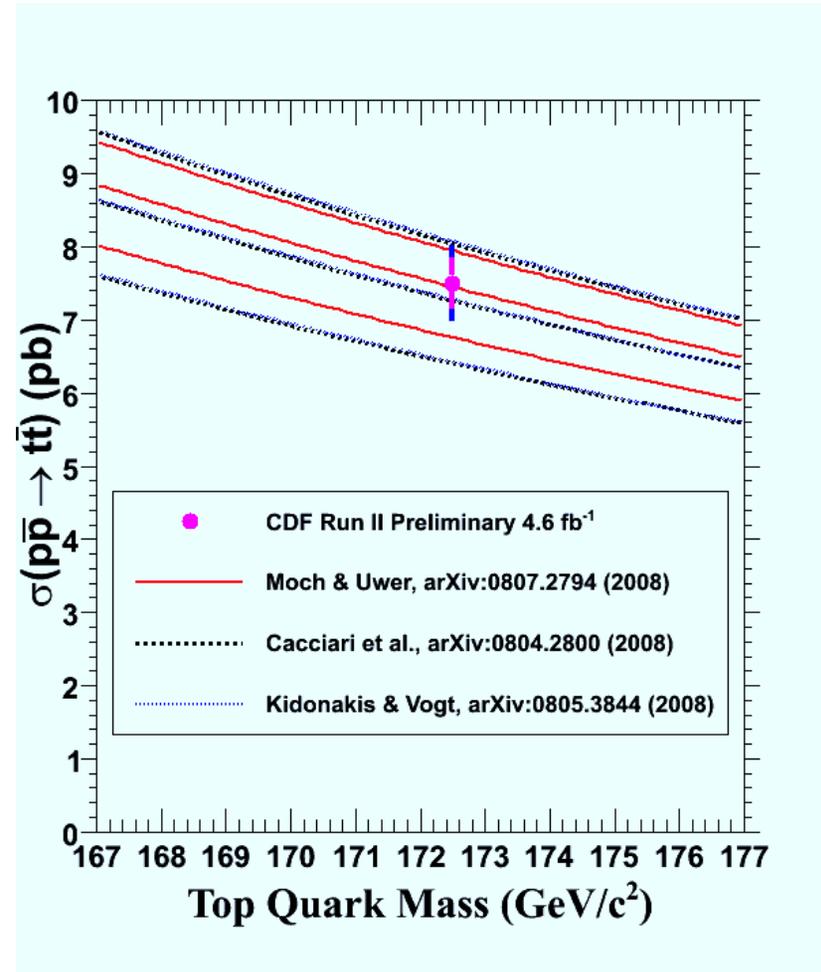
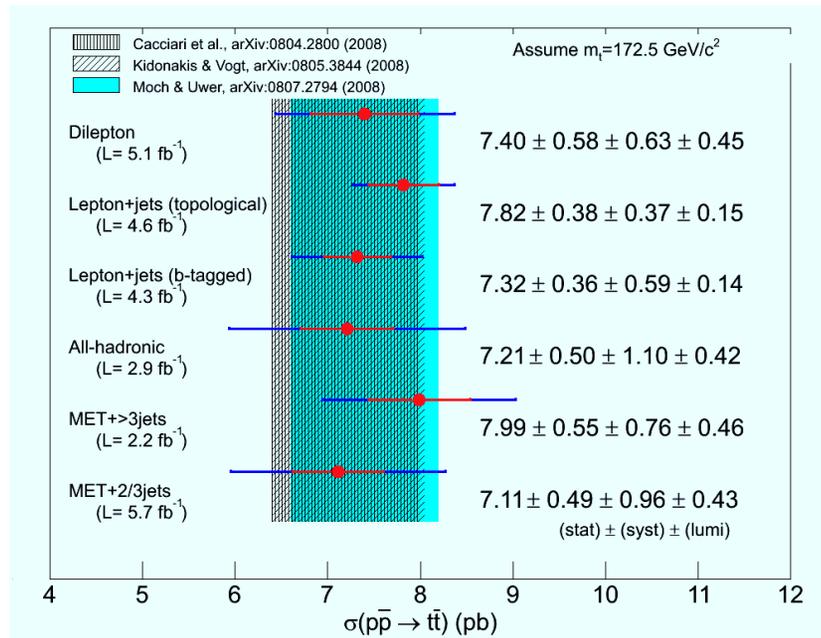
Measurement of M_W at LEP II



From W invariant-mass reconstruction: t -channel ν -exchange, s -channel γ - and Z -exchange \rightarrow test of $3V$ -gauge coupling.

From rise of the WW cross section near threshold (statistically limited) but till another test of non-abelian interactions.

Measurement of m_t at the Tevatron



New measurement from LHC should improve precision.

Strategy

Having a variety of measurement for different observables, test the SM by comparing theory and experiment.

- Pick a set of input parameters, typical choice:

$$\alpha_s, \alpha, G_F, M_Z, M_H, m_t, m_f, \dots$$

- Compute theoretical predictions, including radiative corrections, in a given renormalization scheme treating the best measured parameters as inputs (α , G_F , fermion masses except m_t and m_c), i.e. as fixed parameters.
- Perform a best fit to the electroweak data, defined by a χ^2 test

$$\chi^2(\alpha, G_F, \dots) = \sum_i \frac{(\hat{O}_i^{\text{exp}} - O_i^{\text{th}}(\alpha, G_F, \dots))^2}{(\Delta \hat{O}_I^{\text{exp}})^2}$$

This results in a best fit of the non-fixed or floating parameters. Compare best-fit values to measurements if available (ex.: M_W , m_t , α_s , not M_H !)

- For the best-fit values of all input parameters, quote the SM theoretical prediction for each observable and compare with the experimental measurements. “Tensions” may signal new physics ...

Fine structure constant, α

Measured at low energies,

$$\alpha \equiv \frac{e^2(0)}{4\pi} = \frac{e_0^2}{4\pi(1 - \Delta\alpha(0))} = \frac{1}{137.03599890(50)}$$

then evolved to M_Z :

$$\alpha_e(M_Z) = \frac{\alpha}{1 - \Delta\alpha(M_Z)}$$

$\Delta\alpha \rightarrow$ QED and (2-loop) QCD contributions ($\Delta\alpha_{had}^{(5)}$).

Uncertainties from: h.o. perturbative and nonperturbative corrections, light quark masses (mainly m_c), lack of data below 1.8 GeV, slight disagreement in extraction of $\Delta\alpha_{had}^{(5)}$.

Fermi constant, G_F (or G_μ) From muon lifetime:

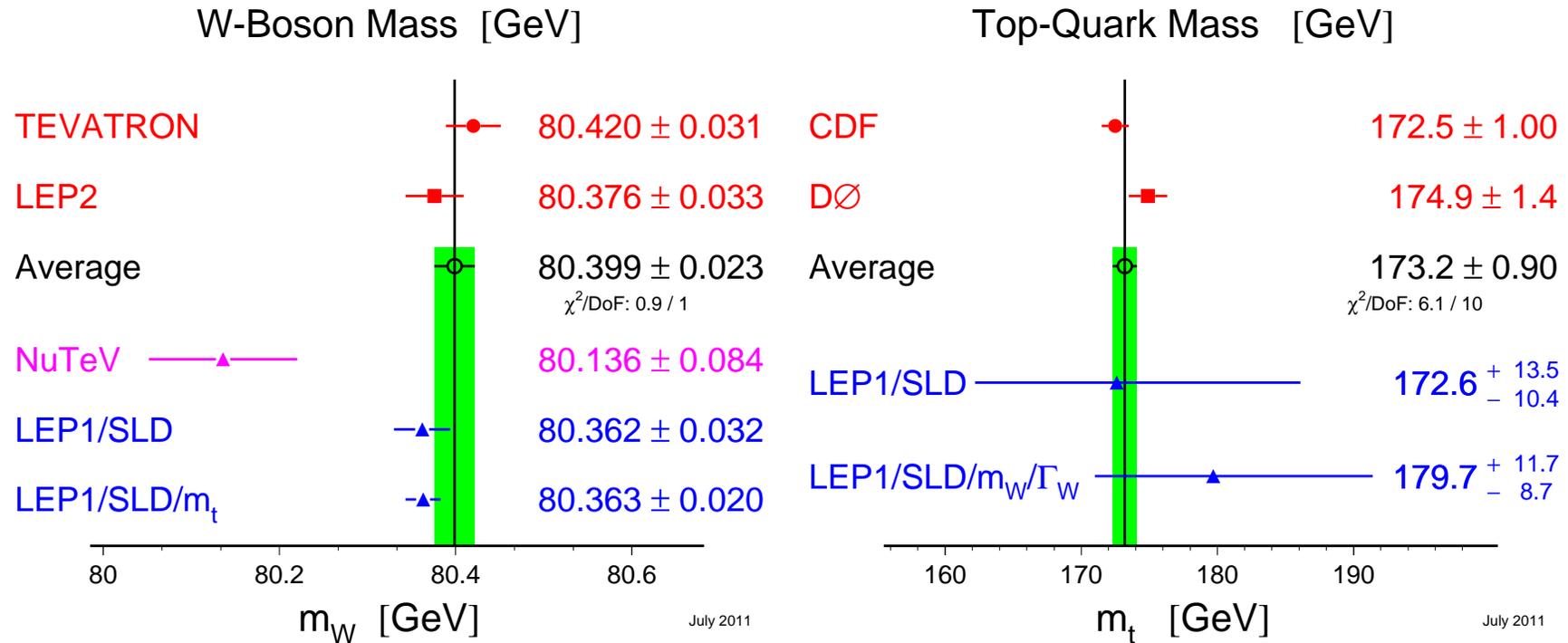
$$\tau_\mu^{-1} = \frac{G_F^2 m_\mu^5}{192\pi^3} F\left(\frac{m_e^2}{m_\mu^2}\right) \left(1 + \frac{3}{5} m_\mu^2 M_W^2\right) \left[1 + \left(\frac{25}{8} - \frac{\pi^2}{2}\right) \frac{\alpha(m_\mu)}{\pi} + O(\alpha^2)\right]$$

Measure:

$$G_F = 1.16637(1) \times 10^{-5} \text{ GeV}^{-2}$$

uncertainty: almost all from residual experimental error.

Example of best fit of floating parameters



All following plots from:

The LHC Electroweak Working Group

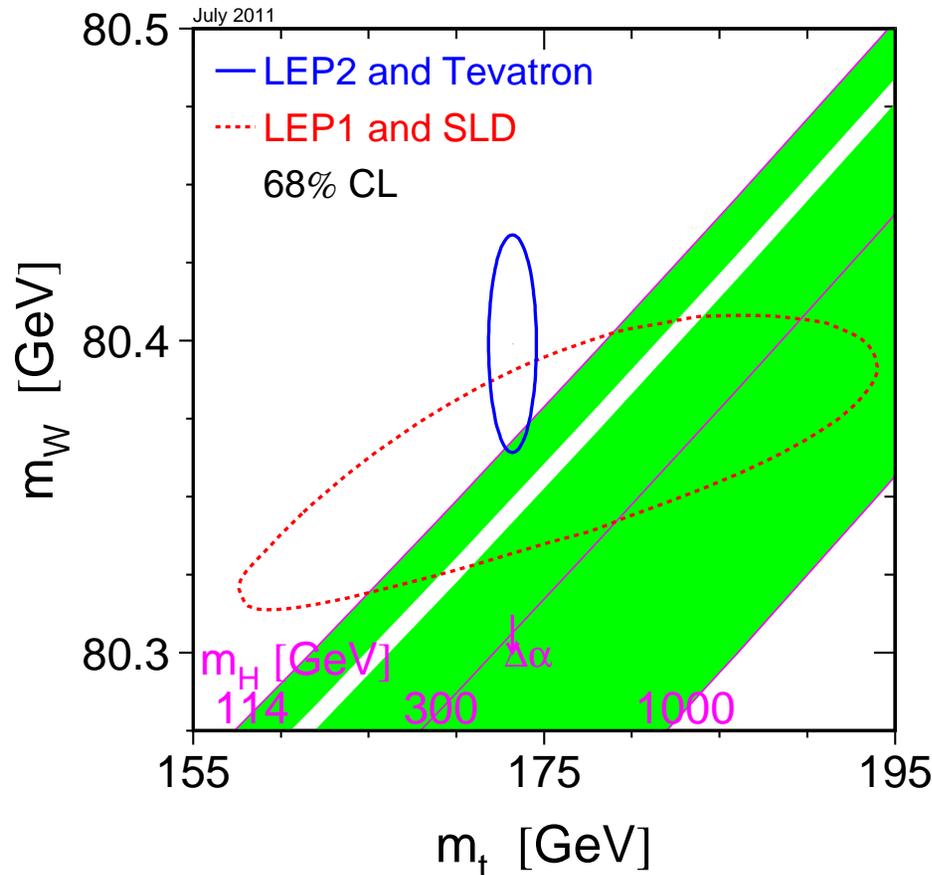
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Summary of various “pulls”: theory vs experiment



SM Higgs-boson mass range: constrained by EW precision fits

Increasing precision will continue to provide an invaluable tool to test the consistency of the SM and its extensions.



$$m_W = 80.399 \pm 0.023 \text{ GeV}$$

$$m_t = 173.2 \pm 0.90 \text{ GeV}$$

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$$M_H = 92_{-26}^{+24} \text{ GeV}$$

$$M_H < 161 (185) \text{ GeV}$$

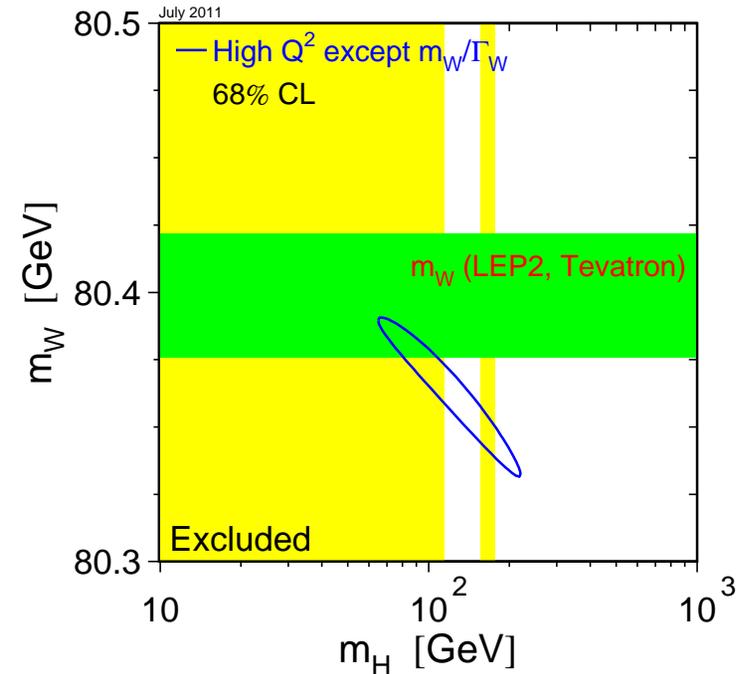
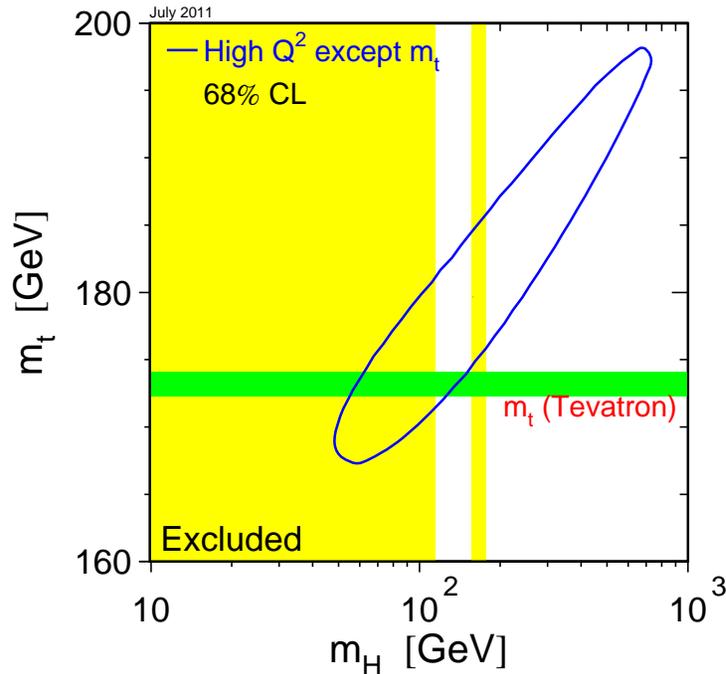
plus exclusion limits (95% c.l.):

$$M_H > 114.4 \text{ GeV (LEP)}$$

$$M_H \neq 156 - 177 \text{ GeV (Tevatron)}$$

focus is now on **exclusion limits and discovery!**

Disentangling $m_t - M_H$ and $M_W - M_H$ correlations



$$M_W/(\text{GeV}) = 80.409 - 0.507 \left(\frac{\Delta\alpha_h^{(5)}}{0.02767} - 1 \right) + 0.542 \left[\left(\frac{m_t}{178 \text{ GeV}} \right)^2 - 1 \right] - 0.05719 \ln \left(\frac{M_H}{100 \text{ GeV}} \right) - 0.00898 \ln^2 \left(\frac{M_H}{100 \text{ GeV}} \right)$$

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