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Two-loop electroweak logarithms at high energies

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Based on works by

- **B. Feucht/Jantzen, J.H. Kühn, S. Moch, A.A. Penin, V.A. Smirnov**
e.g. Nucl. Phys. B 731 (2005) 188
- **A. Denner, B. Jantzen, S. Pozzorini**
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Overview

I Electroweak corrections at high energies

II Four-fermion scattering @ N^3LL via evolution equations

- factorization of the 4-fermion amplitude
- form factor contributions

III Arbitrary high-energy processes @ NLL

- extraction of mass-singular logs at 1 and 2 loops
- factorizable and non-factorizable contributions
- result for massless fermionic processes

IV Summary & comparison

I Electroweak (EW) corrections at high energies

EW collider experiments

- today (LEP, Tevatron): relevant energies $\lesssim M_{W,Z}$
- upcoming colliders (LHC, ILC) \rightarrow explore **TeV** regime
 \hookrightarrow new energy domain $\sqrt{s} \gg M_W$ becomes accessible!

EW radiative corrections at high energies $\sqrt{s} \gg M_W$

\Rightarrow enhanced by large **Sudakov logarithms**

$$\ln^2 \left(\frac{s}{M_W^2} \right) \sim 25 \quad \text{at } \sqrt{s} \sim 1 \text{ TeV}$$

Logs present in **exclusive** observables with only **virtual** W and Z bosons (this talk),
 but also in **inclusive** observables due to **Bloch–Nordsieck violations**

General form of EW corrections for $s \gg M_W^2$

Perturbative expansion in powers of $\frac{\alpha}{4\pi \sin^2 \theta_w} \approx 0.003$

Asymptotic expansion in powers of $\frac{M_W^2}{s}$ **and** powers of $L = \ln\left(\frac{s}{M_W^2}\right)$

1 loop:
$$\frac{\alpha}{4\pi} \left[C_1^{\text{LL}} L^2 + C_1^{\text{NLL}} L + C_1^{\text{N}^2\text{LL}} \right] + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{M_W^2}{s}\right)$$

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$\sigma(u\bar{u} \rightarrow d\bar{d}) @ \sqrt{s} = 1 \text{ TeV}$

2 loops:
$$\left(\frac{\alpha}{4\pi}\right)^2 \left[C_2^{\text{LL}} L^4 + C_2^{\text{NLL}} L^3 + C_2^{\text{N}^2\text{LL}} L^2 + C_2^{\text{N}^3\text{LL}} L + C_2^{\text{N}^4\text{LL}} \right] + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{M_W^2}{s}\right)$$

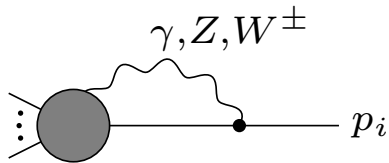
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Theoretical prediction with accuracy $\sim 1\%$ required

\Rightarrow **2-loop corrections important**

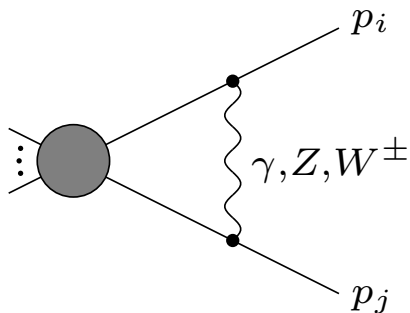
\Rightarrow **2-loop LL approximation not sufficient**, need also subleading logs

Origin of logarithms $\ln(s/M_W^2)$ in virtual corrections



mass singularities from virtual gauge bosons (γ, Z, W^\pm)
coupling to on-shell external leg

→ single logs from collinear region



special case:

gauge bosons exchanged between 2 on-shell external legs

→ double logs from soft-collinear region

- for massless photons: $\log \rightsquigarrow \frac{1}{\epsilon}$ in $D = 4 - 2\epsilon$ dimensions
 \Rightarrow count $1/\epsilon$ poles like logs for logarithmic approximations (LL, NLL, ...)
- additional single logs and poles from ultraviolet singularities
- EW 1-loop LLs & NLLs for arbitrary processes are universal
 \hookrightarrow depend only on quantum numbers of external particles

Approaches for virtual two-loop EW corrections at high energies

Resummation of 1-loop result to all orders:

- LL for arbitrary processes Fadin, Lipatov, Martin, Melles '99
- NLL for arbitrary processes ($M_Z = M_W$) Melles '00, '01
- **N²LL** for massless $f\bar{f} \rightarrow f'\bar{f}'$ ($M_Z = M_W$) Kühn, Penin, Smirnov '99, '00;
Kühn, Moch, Penin, Smirnov '01

→ apply **evolution equations** to spontaneously broken $SU(2) \times U(1)$ EW model

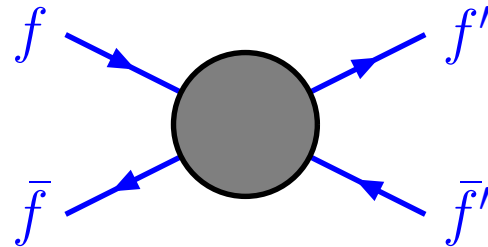
↪ rely on splitting of EW theory into **symmetric $SU(2) \times U(1)$** and **QED** regime

Diagrammatic 2-loop calculations to check & extend resummation predictions:

- LL for fermionic form factor Melles '00; Hori, Kawamura, Kodaira '00
- LL for arbitrary processes Beenakker, Werthenbach '00, '01
- angular-dependent NLLs for arbitrary processes Denner, Melles, Pozzorini '03
- complete NLL for fermionic form factor Pozzorini '04
- **N³LL** for massless fermionic form factor ($M_Z = M_W$)
 ↪ **N³LL** for massless $f\bar{f} \rightarrow f'\bar{f}'$ ($M_Z \approx M_W$) via evolution equations
B.J., Kühn, Moch '03; B.J., Kühn, Penin, Smirnov '04, '05
- **NLL** for arbitrary massless fermionic processes ($M_Z \neq M_W$) Denner, B.J., Pozzorini '06

II Four-fermion scattering @ N³LL

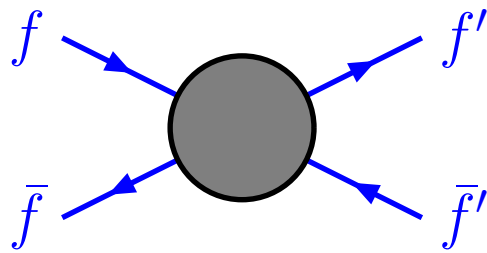
Factorization of QED contributions



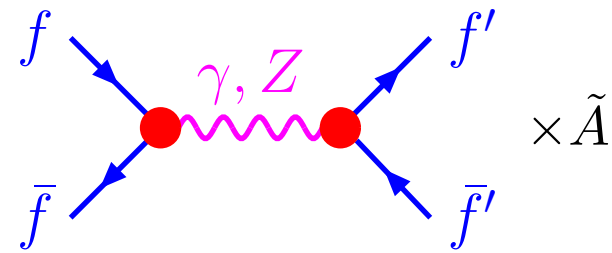
$$A = U_{\text{QED}} \cdot A_{\text{EW}}$$

- QED factor U_{QED} → soft/collinear singularities from virtual massless photons
 - A_{EW} → remaining **electroweak contributions**, safe from photonic singularities
 - calculate A_{EW} by **evaluating A/U_{QED} with $M_\gamma = M_W$**
 ↪ works at N³LL accuracy if SU(2)↔U(1) mixing is neglected
- B.J., Kühn, Penin, Smirnov '04, '05
- single mass parameter: $M_Z = M_\gamma = M_W$
 - include **mass difference** ($M_Z - M_W$) by expansion around $M_Z \approx M_W$

Factorization into form factor and reduced amplitude



$$A_{\text{EW}} = \frac{g^2}{s} F^2 \tilde{A}$$


 $\times \tilde{A}$

Form factor F of vector current:

$$= F \cdot \bar{u}(p_2) \gamma^\mu u(p_1) + \mathcal{O}(\text{fermion masses})$$

High-energy behaviour $s \sim |t| \sim |u| \gg M_W^2$

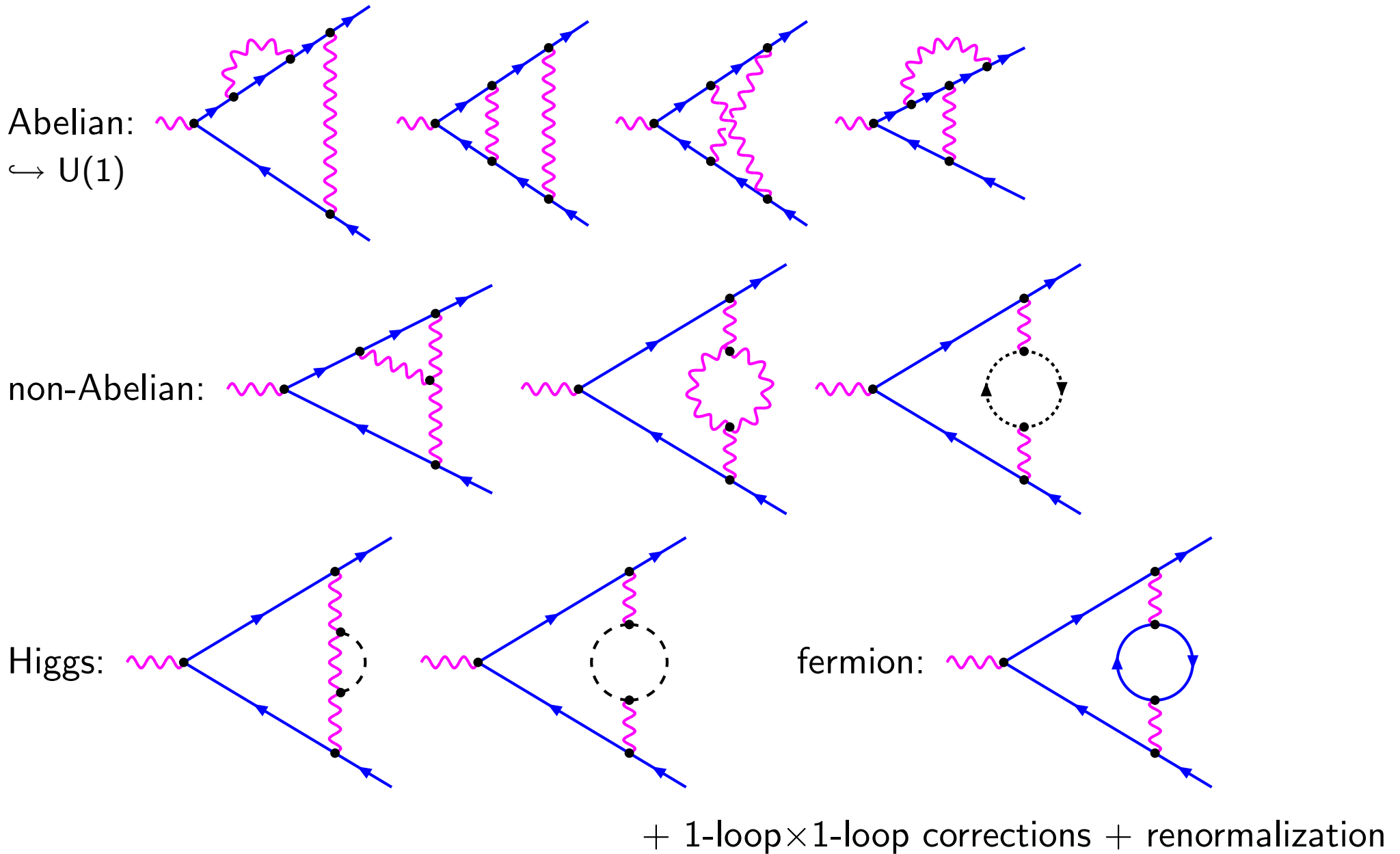
references: see Kühn et al. '01

- all double logs $\alpha^n \ln^{2n} \rightsquigarrow$ form factors F^2
- reduced amplitude $\tilde{A} \rightarrow$ only single logs $\alpha^n \ln^n$
- evolution equations $\rightarrow \partial F / \partial s, \partial \tilde{A} / \partial s$

For full logarithmic ($N^3\text{LL}$) 2-loop amplitude

\hookrightarrow need 2-loop vertex contributions to form factor F

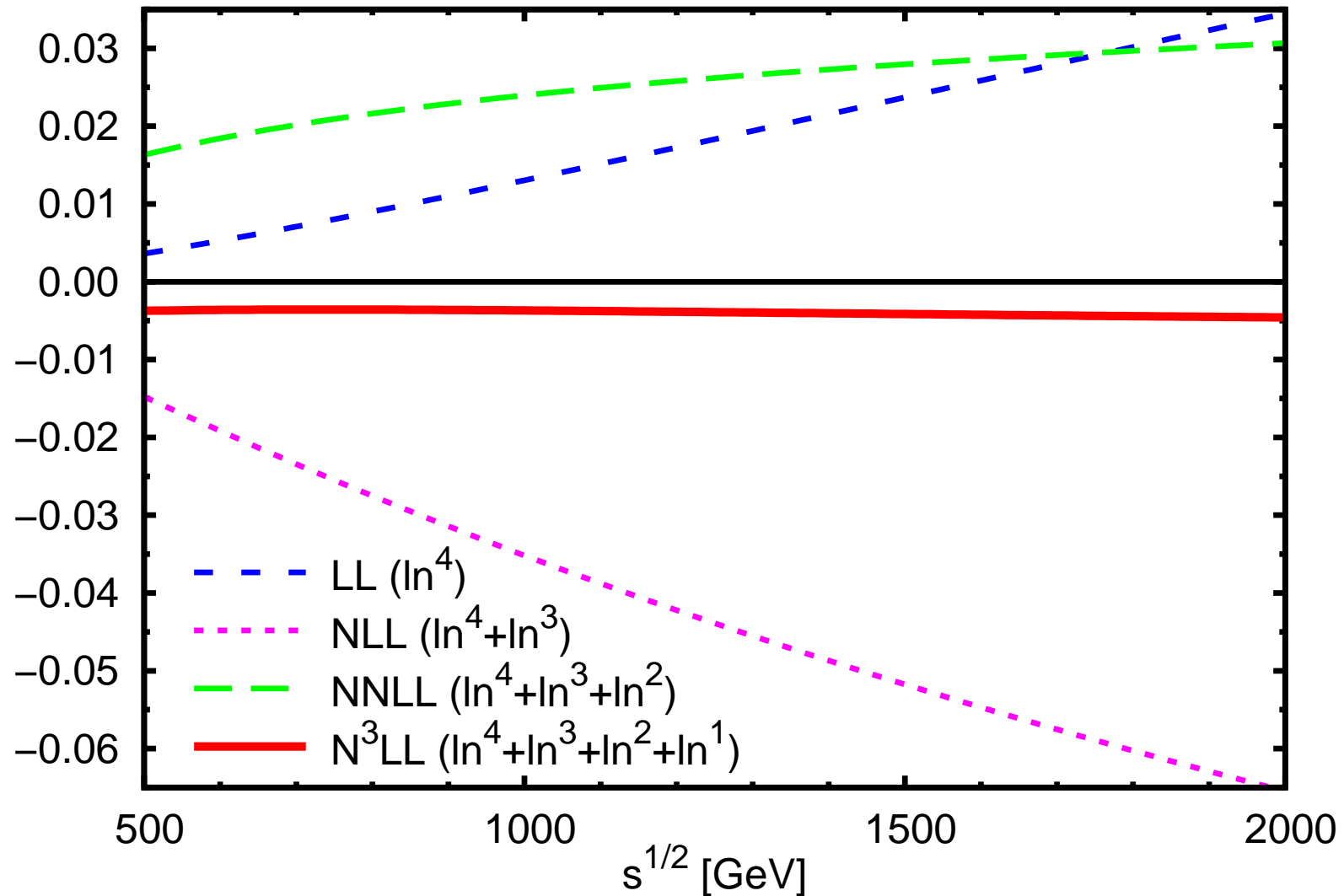
Vertex diagrams for the SU(2) form factor at two loops



Example for EW results: cross section $\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow q\bar{q})$ ($q = d, s$)

numerical 2-loop result:

$$\left(\frac{\alpha}{4\pi s_W^2}\right)^2 \left[+2.79 L^4 - 51.98 L^3 + 321.34 L^2 - 757.35 L \right]$$



III Arbitrary high-energy processes @ NLL

Goal: virtual 2-loop EW corrections for arbitrary processes in NLL accuracy

↪ diagrammatic approach: not rely on evolution equations, but check them

↪ provide process-independent corrections for arbitrary $2 \rightarrow n$ reactions

Implement

- different large kinematical invariants $|(p_i + p_j)^2| \sim Q^2 \gg M_W^2$
- different heavy particle masses $M_W^2 \sim M_Z^2 \sim m_{\text{top}}^2 \sim M_{\text{Higgs}}^2$ (light masses = 0)

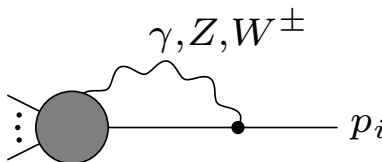
⇒ Logs $L = \ln \left(\frac{Q^2}{M_W^2} \right)$ and $\frac{1}{\epsilon}$ poles (from virtual photons)

1 loop: LL $\rightarrow \epsilon^{-2}, L\epsilon^{-1}, L^2, L^3\epsilon, L^4\epsilon^2$; NLL $\rightarrow \epsilon^{-1}, L, L^2\epsilon, L^3\epsilon^2$

2 loops: LL $\rightarrow \epsilon^{-4}, L\epsilon^{-3}, L^2\epsilon^{-2}, L^3\epsilon^{-1}, L^4$; NLL $\rightarrow \epsilon^{-3}, L\epsilon^{-2}, L^2\epsilon^{-1}, L^3$

⇒ NLL coefficients involve small logs $\ln \left(\frac{|(p_i + p_j)^2|}{Q^2} \right)$ and $\ln \left(\frac{M_Z^2, m_{\text{top}}^2, M_{\text{Higgs}}^2}{M_W^2} \right)$

Extraction of NLL mass singularities at one loop

Contributions originate from  in the collinear region

Isolate factorizable contributions: 

- gauge boson momentum set to zero in tree subdiagram \textcircled{F}
- soft-collinear approximation eliminates Dirac structure of loop corrections

Remaining non-factorizable contributions

$$\text{Diagram 1} - \text{Diagram 2} = \sum_{j \neq i} \text{Diagram 3} \rightarrow 0$$

The diagram shows the cancellation of non-factorizable contributions. The first two diagrams are identical, representing a vertex with multiple external lines and a loop of gauge bosons connected to an external line with momentum i . The third diagram shows a vertex labeled \textcircled{F} with multiple external lines, and a loop of gauge bosons connected to two external lines with momenta j and i . The sum over $j \neq i$ of these diagrams is shown to approach zero.

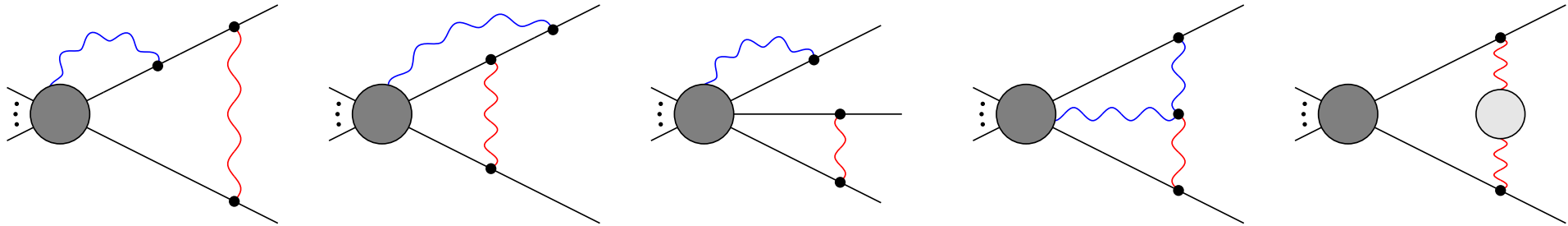
vanish due to collinear Ward identities

Denner, Pozzorini '00, '01

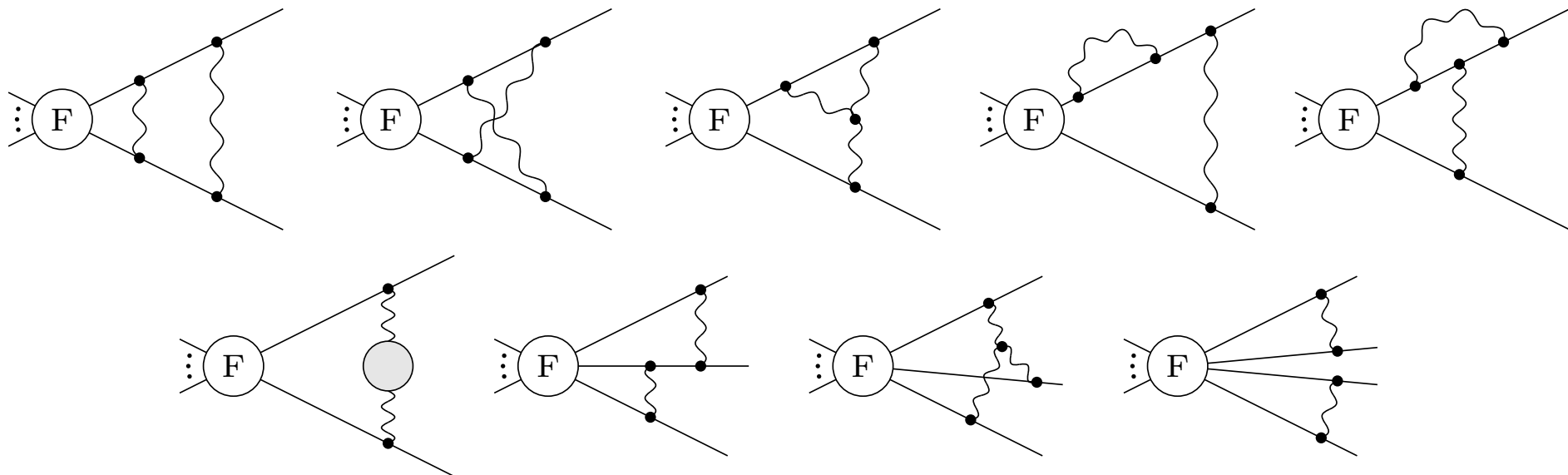
The factorizable contributions contain all soft and/or collinear NLL mass singularities.

Extraction of NLL mass singularities at two loops

↪ **soft** × **soft** and **soft** × **collinear** contributions:



Factorizable contributions (including soft × UV contributions):



- calculated with **soft-collinear approximation** and projection techniques
- remaining non-factorizable contributions vanish due to **collinear Ward identities**

NLL result for massless fermionic processes $f_1 f_2 \rightarrow f_3 \cdots f_n$ up to two loops

Factorizable contributions calculated & checked with 2 independent methods:

- automatized algorithm based on **sector decomposition** Denner, Pozzorini '04
- combination of **expansion by regions & Mellin–Barnes representations**
Beneke, Smirnov '98; Ussyukina '75; Boos, Davydychev '91; B.J., Smirnov '06

Universal correction factors:

$$\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{M}_0 F^{\text{sew}} F^{\text{Z}} F^{\text{em}}$$

symmetric-electroweak factor: $F^{\text{sew}} = \exp \left[\frac{\alpha}{4\pi} F_1^{\text{sew}} + \left(\frac{\alpha}{4\pi} \right)^2 G_2^{\text{sew}} \right]$

electromagnetic factor: $F^{\text{em}} = \exp \left[\frac{\alpha}{4\pi} \Delta F_1^{\text{em}} + \left(\frac{\alpha}{4\pi} \right)^2 \Delta G_2^{\text{em}} \right]$

terms from $M_Z \neq M_W$: $F^{\text{Z}} = 1 + \frac{\alpha}{4\pi} \Delta F_1^{\text{Z}}$

- F^{sew} equals result from symmetric $SU(2) \times U(1)$ theory with $M_\gamma = M_W = M_Z$
- electromagnetic terms in F^{em} factorize and exponentiate separately
 \hookrightarrow **separation of photonic singularities** possible

Exponentiated one-loop terms: LLs & NLLs

$$\begin{aligned}
F_1^{\text{sew}} &= -\frac{1}{2} \left(L^2 + \frac{2}{3}L^3\epsilon + \frac{1}{4}L^4\epsilon^2 - 3L - \frac{3}{2}L^2\epsilon - \frac{1}{2}L^3\epsilon^2 \right) \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{Y_i^2}{4c_w^2} + \frac{C_i}{s_w^2} \right) \\
&\quad + \left(L + \frac{1}{2}L^2\epsilon + \frac{1}{6}L^3\epsilon^2 \right) \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^n \ln \left(\frac{-(p_i + p_j)^2}{Q^2} \right) \sum_{V=\gamma, Z, W^\pm} I_i^{\bar{V}} I_j^V \\
\Delta F_1^{\text{em}} &= -\frac{1}{2} \left(2\epsilon^{-2} - L^2 - \frac{2}{3}L^3\epsilon - \frac{1}{4}L^4\epsilon^2 + 3\epsilon^{-1} + 3L + \frac{3}{2}L^2\epsilon + \frac{1}{2}L^3\epsilon^2 \right) \sum_{i=1}^n Q_i^2 \\
&\quad - \left(\epsilon^{-1} + L + \frac{1}{2}L^2\epsilon + \frac{1}{6}L^3\epsilon^2 \right) \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^n \ln \left(\frac{-(p_i + p_j)^2}{Q^2} \right) Q_i Q_j \\
\Delta F_1^Z &= \left(L + L^2\epsilon + \frac{1}{2}L^3\epsilon^2 \right) \ln \left(\frac{M_Z^2}{M_W^2} \right) \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{c_w}{s_w} T_i^3 - \frac{s_w}{c_w} \frac{Y_i}{2} \right)^2
\end{aligned}$$

Additional two-loop terms with one-loop β -function coefficients: only NLLs

$$\begin{aligned}
G_2^{\text{sew}} &= \frac{1}{6}L^3 \sum_{i=1}^n \left(b_1^{(1)} \frac{Y_i^2}{4c_w^2} + b_2^{(1)} \frac{C_i}{s_w^2} \right) \\
\Delta G_2^{\text{em}} &= \left(\frac{3}{4}\epsilon^{-3} + L\epsilon^{-2} + \frac{1}{2}L^2\epsilon^{-1} \right) b_{\text{QED}}^{(1)} \sum_{i=1}^n Q_i^2
\end{aligned}$$

$[\mu_R^2 = M_W^2]$

IV Summary & comparison

Four-fermion scattering $f\bar{f} \rightarrow f'\bar{f}'$

B.J., Kühn, Moch, Penin, Smirnov

- factorization, evolution equations
- form factor corrections confirm & extend resummation results
- **N³LL EW 2-loop corrections** ($M_Z \approx M_W$, $SU(2) \leftrightarrow U(1)$ mixing neglected)

Massless fermionic processes $f_1 f_2 \rightarrow f_3 \cdots f_n$

Denner, B.J., Pozzorini

with different $|(p_i + p_j)^2| \gg M_W^2$ and different masses $M_W^2 \sim M_Z^2 \sim m_{\text{top}}^2 \sim M_{\text{Higgs}}^2$:

- extraction of mass singularities via factorizable contributions
- **NLL EW 2-loop corrections** in $D = 4 - 2\epsilon$ dimensions
- agreement with resummation results
- method **generalizable to arbitrary processes**

Talking about **asymptotic expansions** ...

“Historic” example: light cone expansion

In dieser Arbeit sollen zwei Arten der Lichtkegelentwicklung im Rahmen einer Feldtheorie vom Wightman-Typ untersucht werden.

Zu diesem Zweck wird zunächst eine Definition einer Lichtkegel-Entwicklung angegeben - in Analogie zur Entwicklung von Distributionen an singulären Punkten. Wir nehmen an, daß für das Produkt $A(x - x/2) A(x + x/2)$ eine Entwicklung der folgenden Form möglich ist:

$$(1) \quad \int A(x - x/2) A(x + x/2) f(x) g(x) \frac{1}{\vartheta} h(x^2/\vartheta) dx d\bar{x} \\ = \sum_{i=1}^n \underline{s_i(\vartheta)} B_i(f, g, h) + R_\vartheta(f, g, h),$$

wobei die s_i nach der Stärke ihrer Singularität für $\vartheta \rightarrow 0$ geordnet sind und $R_\vartheta / s_n(\vartheta)$ gegen Null geht.

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