

Introduction into Standard Model and Precision Physics – Lecture III –

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6 Quantum field theories and higher perturbative orders

6.1 General procedure

Formulate theory:

Lagrangian



quantization → gauge fixing, Faddeev–Popov ghosts



Perturbative evaluation:

Feynman rules



Feynman graphs



loop integrals → technical problem: **divergences (UV, IR)**



regularization → divergences mathematically meaningful



Define input parameters:

renormalization → eliminates UV divergences



Theoretical predictions:

calculation of observables (cross sections, decay widths, etc.)

↔ **IR divergences cancel for sufficiently inclusive quantities**
(e.g. inclusion of photon bremsstrahlung)



6.2 Green functions, transition amplitudes, and observables

“Amputated” Green functions $G_{\text{amp}}^{\phi_1 \dots \phi_n}$:

calculated as sum of all connected Feynman diagrams with external n legs ϕ_1, \dots, ϕ_n with external propagators (and propagator corrections) omitted

$$G_{\text{amp}}^{\phi_1 \phi_2 \phi_3} = \text{[circle with 3 legs]} = \text{[3-point vertex]} + \text{[triangle loop]} + \text{[circle with 2 legs]} + \dots$$

Transition amplitude \mathcal{M}_{fi} for $|i\rangle \rightarrow |f\rangle$:

calculated from amputated Green functions $G_{\text{amp}}^{\phi_1 \dots \phi_n}$ by “LSZ reduction”:

- put external momenta to their mass shell, $p_i^2 = m_i^2$
- contract with wave functions of external particles (Dirac spinors, polarization vectors)

Note: fields must be normalized: $R_{\phi_i} = 1$ (= residue of propagator pole), otherwise multiply by $\sqrt{R_{\phi_i}}$ for each external leg

Cross section for transition $|i\rangle \rightarrow |f\rangle$:

$$\sigma = \text{flux} \times \int \text{dLIPS} |\mathcal{M}_{fi}|^2$$

“Vertex functions” $\Gamma^{\phi_1 \dots \phi_n}$ as irreducible building blocks:

- $\Gamma^{\phi_1 \phi_2} \equiv -(G^{\phi_1 \phi_2})^{-1} = -(\text{inverse propagator})$

example: scalar 2-point function

$$\Gamma^{\phi\phi}(p) = i(p^2 - m^2) + i\Sigma(p^2),$$

$\Sigma =$ self-energy = sum of 1PI graphs

$$\text{---}\bullet\text{---} = \text{---} + \text{---}\bullet\text{---}$$

1PI = 1-particle-irreducible
(graph cannot be disconnected by cutting *one* line)

$$G^{\phi\phi}(p) = \frac{i}{p^2 - m^2} + \frac{i}{p^2 - m^2} i\Sigma(p^2) \frac{i}{p^2 - m^2} + \dots \quad (\text{Dyson series})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{---}\circ\text{---} &= \text{---}\bullet\text{---} + \text{---}\bullet\text{---}\bullet\text{---} + \text{---}\bullet\text{---}\bullet\text{---}\bullet\text{---} + \dots \\ &= \frac{i}{p^2 - m^2 + \Sigma(p^2)} = -\left(\Gamma^{\phi\phi}(p)\right)^{-1} = -\left(\text{---}\bullet\text{---}\right)^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

- $\Gamma^{\phi_1 \dots \phi_n} \equiv G_{\text{amp}}^{\phi_1 \dots \phi_n} \Big|_{\text{only 1PI graphs}}$

example:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{---}\circ\text{---} &= \text{---}\bullet\text{---} + \text{---}\bullet\text{---}\circ\text{---}\bullet\text{---} + \text{two permutations} \\ G_{\text{amp}}^{\phi\phi\phi\phi} & \quad \Gamma^{\phi\phi\phi\phi} \quad \Gamma^{\phi\phi\phi\phi} G^{\phi\phi} \Gamma^{\phi\phi\phi\phi} \end{aligned}$$

6.3 Loop integrals and regularization

Regularization of divergences

Observation: **loop integrals involve divergences**

- **UV divergences** for $q \rightarrow \infty$, e.g.:

$$\int d^4q \frac{1}{(q^2 - m_0^2)(q^2 - m_1^2)} \sim \int \frac{dq}{q} \text{ for } q \rightarrow \infty \rightarrow \text{logarithmic divergence}$$

- **IR divergences** for $q \rightarrow q_0$, e.g.:

$$\int d^4q \frac{1}{q^2(q^2 + 2qp_1)(q^2 + 2qp_2)} \sim \int \frac{dq}{q} \text{ for } q \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow \text{logarithmic divergence}$$

“Regularization”: extension of theory by free parameter δ such that

- integrals (and thus the theory) become finite, i.e. well defined
- original theory is obtained as limiting case $\delta \rightarrow \delta_0$
 - \hookrightarrow fix input parameters x_i of regularized theory ($\delta \neq \delta_0$) by experiment
 - \Rightarrow observables must have finite limit $\delta \rightarrow \delta_0$ as functions of x_i
(independent of regularization scheme)



Convenient regularization schemes:

- **Dimensional regularization:** switch to $D \neq 4$ space-time dimensions
 - ◇ regularizes UV (and IR) divergences, respects gauge invariance, easy use
 - ◇ prescription: (μ = arbitrary reference mass, drops out in observables)

$$\int d^4q \rightarrow (2\pi\mu)^{4-D} \int d^Dq \quad \text{and } D\text{-dim. momenta, metric, Dirac algebra}$$

and analytic continuation to complex D !

- ◇ divergences appear as poles $\frac{1}{4-D}$ in results

$$\hookrightarrow \text{define } \Delta \equiv \frac{2}{4-D} - \gamma_E + \ln(4\pi) = \frac{2}{4-D} + \text{const.}$$

- **IR regularization by infinitesimal photon mass m_γ**
and (if relevant) by small fermion mass m_f

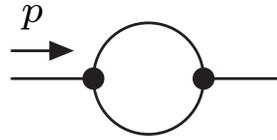
- ◇ prescription: photon propagator pole $\frac{1}{q^2} \rightarrow \frac{1}{q^2 - m_\gamma^2}$

- ◇ divergences appear as $\ln(m_\gamma)$ and $\ln(m_f)$ terms



Standard 1-loop integrals:

- 2-point integrals:

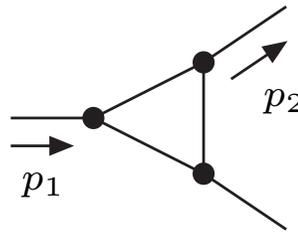


$$B_{0,\mu,\mu\nu,\dots}(p, m_0, m_1) = \frac{(2\pi\mu)^{4-D}}{i\pi^2} \int d^D q \frac{1, q_\mu, q_\mu q_\nu, \dots}{(q^2 - m_0^2 + i0)[(q+p)^2 - m_1^2 + i0]}$$

scalar integral $B_0 =$ logarithmically UV divergent $= \Delta +$ finite,

vector integral $B_\mu = -\frac{1}{2}p_\mu \Delta +$ finite, etc.

- 3-point integrals:



$$C_{0,\mu,\mu\nu,\dots}(p_1, p_2, m_0, m_1, m_2) = \frac{(2\pi\mu)^{4-D}}{i\pi^2} \int d^D q \frac{1, q_\mu, q_\mu q_\nu, \dots}{(q^2 - m_0^2 + i0)[(q+p_1)^2 - m_1^2 + i0][(q+p_2)^2 - m_2^2 + i0]}$$

$C_0, C_\mu =$ UV finite,

$C_{\mu\nu} =$ logarithmically UV divergent $= \frac{1}{4}g_{\mu\nu} \Delta +$ finite, etc.

- 4-point integrals: D_{\dots} functions, etc.

Features of one-loop integrals:

- sign of infinitesimally small imaginary part $i0$ in mass terms reflects causality
- general results for 1-loop integrals known
(complicated but straightforward calculation)
 - ◇ momentum integrals can be carried out after “Feynman parametrization”
 $\hookrightarrow (n - 1)$ -dimensional integrals for n -point functions
 - ◇ B functions \rightarrow can be expressed in terms of log’s
 - ◇ C, D , etc. \rightarrow involve dilogarithms $\text{Li}_2(x) = -\int_0^x \frac{dt}{t} \ln(1 - t)$
- tensor integrals can be decomposed into Lorentz covariants:

$$B^\mu = p^\mu B_1, \quad B^{\mu\nu} = g^{\mu\nu} B_{00} + p^\mu p^\nu B_{11},$$

$$C^\mu = p_1^\mu C_1 + p_2^\mu C_2, \quad C^{\mu\nu} = p_1^\mu p_1^\nu C_{11} + p_2^\mu p_2^\nu C_{22} + (p_1^\mu p_2^\nu + p_1^\nu p_2^\mu) + g^{\mu\nu} C_{00}, \quad \text{etc.}$$

\hookrightarrow tensor coefficients B_1, B_{ij}, C_i , etc. can be obtained as linear combinations of scalar integrals B_0, C_0 , etc.
(e.g. by “Passarino–Veltman reduction”)



6.4 Renormalization

Propagators and 2-point functions:

Structure of one-loop self-energies (scalar case as example):

$$\Sigma(p^2) = C_1 p^2 \Delta + C_2 \Delta + \Sigma_{\text{finite}}(p^2) = \text{UV divergent}$$

Behaviour of propagator near pole for free propagation:

$$G^{\phi\phi}(p^2) = \frac{i}{p^2 - m^2 + \Sigma(p^2)} \xrightarrow{p^2 \rightarrow m^2} \frac{1}{1 + \Sigma'(m^2)} \frac{i}{p^2 - m^2 + \Sigma(m^2)}$$

↪ higher-order corrections change location and residue of propagator pole

Interaction vertices:

Example: scalar 4-point interaction $\mathcal{L}_{\phi^4} = \lambda\phi^4/4!$

$$\Gamma^{\phi\phi\phi\phi}(p_1, p_2, p_3) = i\lambda + i\Lambda(p_1, p_2, p_3)$$



momentum-dependent one-loop correction:

$$\Lambda(p_1, p_2, p_3) = C_3 \Delta + \Lambda_{\text{finite}}(p_1, p_2, p_3) = \text{UV divergent}$$

↪ higher-order corrections change coupling strengths

Structure of UV divergences:

- **Renormalizable field theories:**

UV divergences in vertex functions have analytical form of elementary vertex structures (directly related to \mathcal{L})

↪ idea: absorb divergences in free parameters

⇒ **Reparametrization of theory (=renormalization)**

Different types of renormalizable theories:

- ◇ theories with unrelated couplings of non-negative mass dimensions

 - ↪ renormalizability proven by power counting and “BPHZ procedure”

- ◇ **gauge theories** (couplings unified by gauge invariance)

 - ↪ renormalizability non-trivial consequence of gauge symmetry ‘t Hooft ’71

- **Non-renormalizable field theories:**

e.g. theories with couplings of negative mass dimensions (cf. Fermi model)

operators of higher and higher mass dimensions needed to absorb UV divergences

↪ **infinitely many free parameters**, much less predictive power



Practical procedure for renormalization:

consider original (“bare”) parameters and fields as preliminary
(denoted with subscripts “0” in the following)

↪ switch to new “renormalized” parameters and fields that obey certain conditions

Propagators and 2-point functions:

- **mass renormalization:** $m_0^2 = m^2 + \delta m^2$,
 $m^2 \stackrel{!}{=} \text{location of propagator pole} = \text{“physical mass”} \rightarrow \delta m^2 = \Sigma(m^2)$

- **wave-function ren.:** rescale fields $\phi_0 = \sqrt{Z_\phi} \phi$, $G^{\phi\phi} = Z_\phi^{-1} G^{\phi_0\phi_0}$
fix $Z_\phi = 1 + \delta Z_\phi$ such that **residue of $G^{\phi\phi}$ at $p^2 = m^2$ equals 1**
↪ $\delta Z_\phi = -\Sigma'(m^2)$

⇒ **Renormalized propagator $G^{\phi\phi}$ is UV finite:**

$$G^{\phi\phi}(p^2) = \frac{i}{p^2 - m^2 + \Sigma_{\text{ren}}(p^2)},$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma_{\text{ren}}(p^2) &= \Sigma(p^2) - \Sigma(m^2) + (p^2 - m^2)\Sigma'(m^2) = \text{ren. self-energy} \\ &= \Sigma_{\text{finite}}(p^2) - \Sigma_{\text{finite}}(m^2) + (p^2 - m^2)\Sigma'_{\text{finite}}(m^2) = \text{UV finite} \end{aligned}$$



Vertex functions for interactions:

- **coupling renormalization:** $\lambda_0 = \lambda + \delta\lambda$

fix $\delta\lambda$ such that λ assumes a measured value for special kinematics p_i^{exp}

note: $\Gamma^{\phi\phi\phi\phi} = Z_\phi^2 \Gamma^{\phi_0\phi_0\phi_0\phi_0}$

$$\Leftrightarrow \delta\lambda = -2\delta Z_\phi \lambda - \Lambda(p_1^{\text{exp}}, p_2^{\text{exp}}, p_3^{\text{exp}})$$

\Rightarrow **Renormalized vertex function is UV finite:**

$$\Gamma^{\phi\phi\phi\phi}(p_1, p_2, p_3) = i\lambda + i\Lambda_{\text{ren}}(p_1, p_2, p_3),$$

$$\Lambda_{\text{ren}}(p_1, p_2, p_3) = \Lambda_{\text{finite}}(p_1, p_2, p_3) - \Lambda_{\text{finite}}(p_1^{\text{exp}}, p_2^{\text{exp}}, p_3^{\text{exp}}) = \text{UV finite}$$

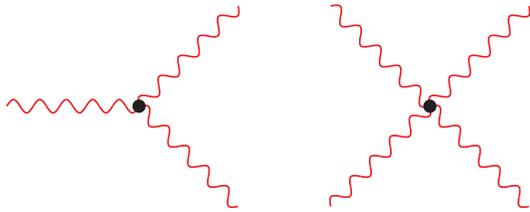


7 Electroweak Standard Model — radiative corrections

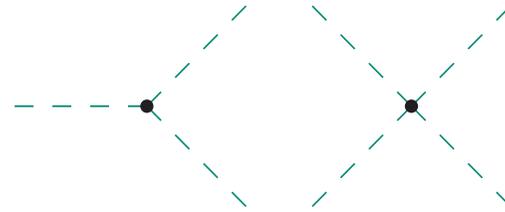
7.1 Loop corrections

Recapitulation of elementary SM couplings (vertices)

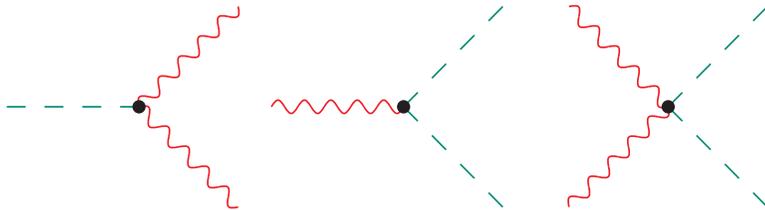
gauge-boson self-couplings:



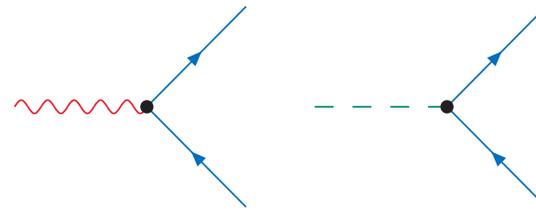
Higgs self-couplings:



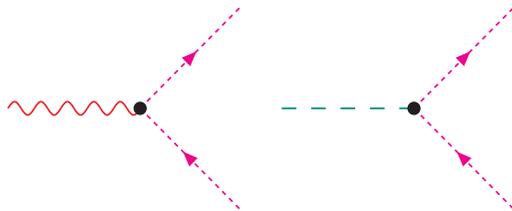
gauge-boson–Higgs couplings:



fermion couplings:



Faddeev–Popov couplings:

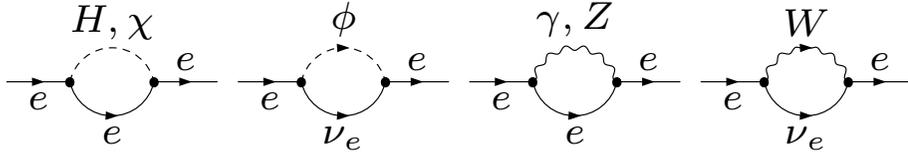


⇒ Large variety of loop diagrams !

Examples for 2-point functions at one loop: ('t Hooft–Feynman gauge)

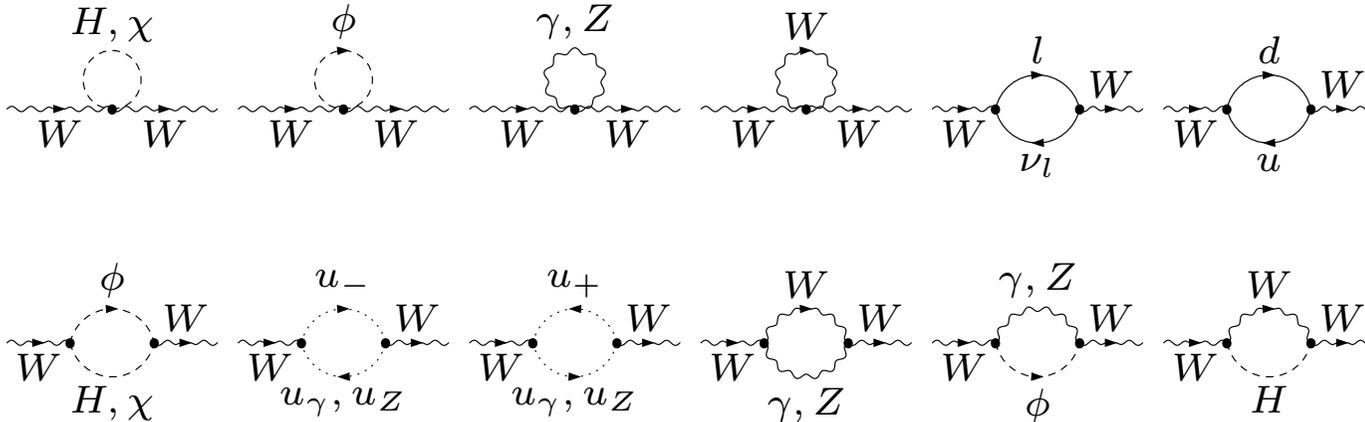
Electron self-energy:

$$\Gamma^{e\bar{e}}(p) = i(\not{p} - m_e) + i\not{p}\omega_+ \Sigma_R^e(p^2) + i\not{p}\omega_- \Sigma_L^e(p^2) + im_e \Sigma_S^e(p^2)$$



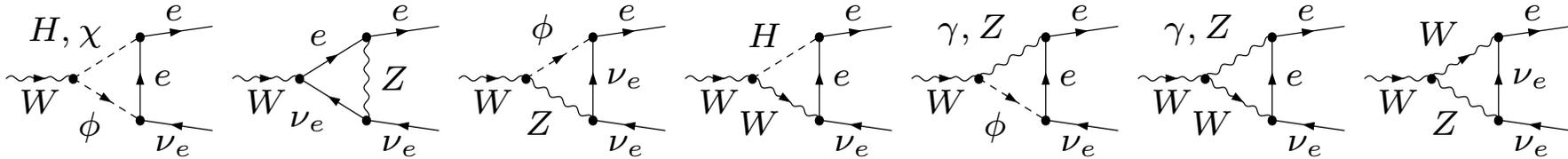
W-boson self-energy:

$$\Gamma_{\mu\nu}^{W^-W^+}(k) = -ig_{\mu\nu}(k^2 - M_W^2) - i\left(g_{\mu\nu} - \frac{k_\mu k_\nu}{k^2}\right) \Sigma_T^W(k^2) - i\frac{k_\mu k_\nu}{k^2} \Sigma_L^W(k^2)$$

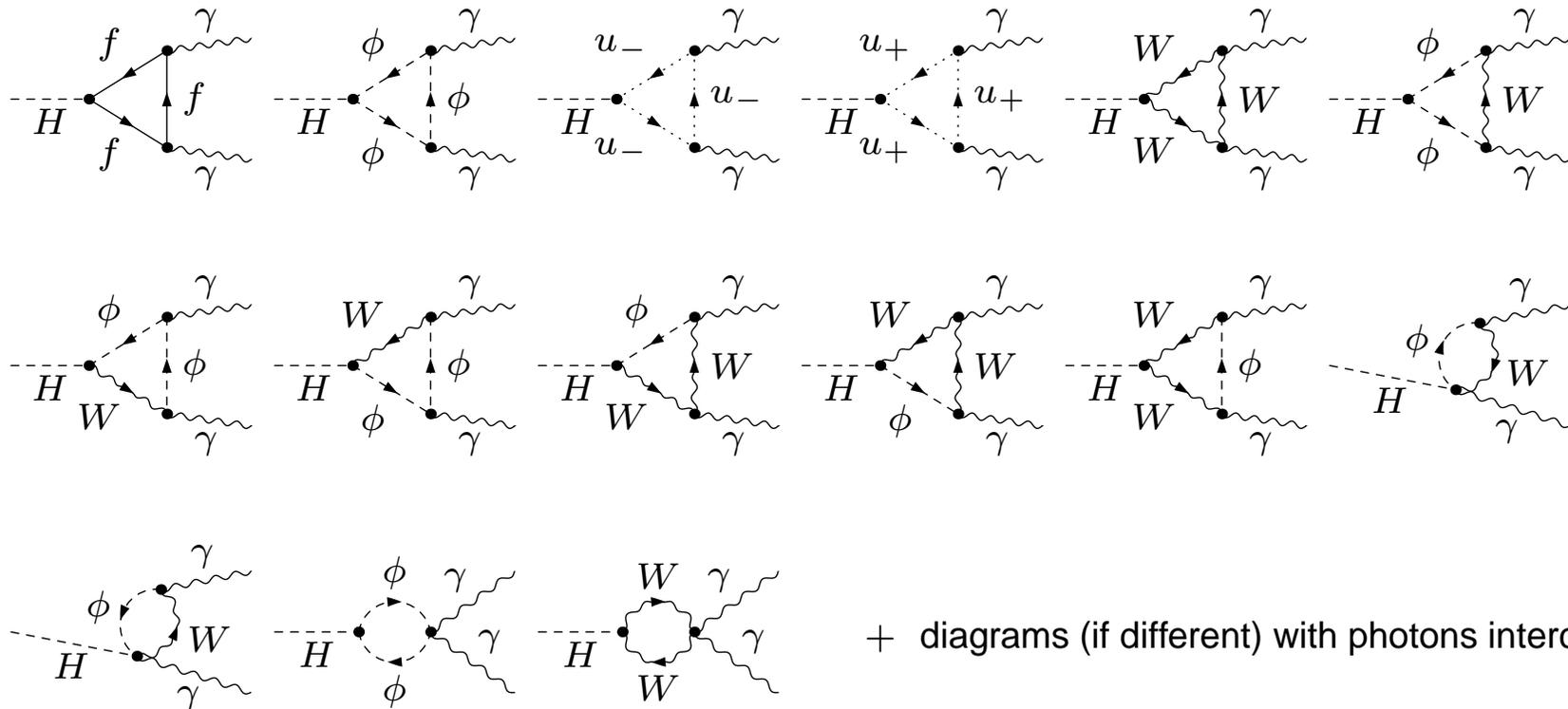


Examples for 3-point functions at one loop:

$W e \nu_e$ vertex correction:



$H\gamma\gamma$ vertex (loop induced):



7.2 Renormalization

Bare input parameters: $e_0, M_{W,0}, M_{Z,0}, M_{H,0}, m_{f,0}, V_{ij,0}$

Renormalization transformation:

- Parameter renormalization:

$$e_0 = (1 + \delta Z_e)e,$$

$$M_{W,0}^2 = M_W^2 + \delta M_W^2, \quad M_{Z,0}^2 = M_Z^2 + \delta M_Z^2, \quad M_{H,0}^2 = M_H^2 + \delta M_H^2,$$

$$m_{f,0} = m_f + \delta m_f, \quad V_{ij,0} = V_{ij} + \delta V_{ij}, \quad (\text{both } V_{ij,0}, V_{ij} \text{ unitary})$$

Note: renormalization of c_W, s_W fixed by on-shell condition $c_W = \frac{M_W}{M_Z}$
(s_W is *not* a free parameter if M_W, M_Z are used as input parameters)

- Field renormalization

$$W_0^\pm = \sqrt{Z_W} W^\pm, \quad \begin{pmatrix} Z_0 \\ A_0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{Z_{ZZ}} & \sqrt{Z_{ZA}} \\ \sqrt{Z_{AZ}} & \sqrt{Z_{AA}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} Z \\ A \end{pmatrix}, \quad H_0 = \sqrt{Z_H} H,$$

$$\psi_{f,0}^L = \sqrt{Z_{ff'}^L} \psi_{f'}^L, \quad \psi_{f,0}^R = \sqrt{Z_{ff'}^R} \psi_{f'}^R$$

Note: matrix renormalization necessary to account for loop-induced mixing

Renormalization conditions:

- **Mass renormalization:**

on-shell definition: mass² is location of pole in propagator

$$\hookrightarrow \delta M_W^2 = \text{Re}\{\Sigma_T^W(M_W^2)\}, \quad \text{similar expressions for } \delta M_Z^2, \delta M_H^2, \delta m_f$$

Note: \diamond location of pole is complex for unstable particles

\hookrightarrow subtlety in all-orders definition, but not relevant at one loop
(gauge-invariant definition: mass² as real part of pole location)

\diamond other definitions of quark masses often more appropriate
(running masses, masses in effective field theories)

- **Field renormalization:** (bosons and leptons)

\diamond residues of propagators (diagonal, transverse parts) normalized to 1

$$\hookrightarrow \delta Z_W = -\text{Re}\{\Sigma_T^W'(M_W^2)\},$$

similar expressions for $\delta Z_{AA}, \delta Z_{ZZ}, \delta Z_H, \delta Z_{ff}^{L/R}$

\diamond suppression of mixing propagators on particle poles

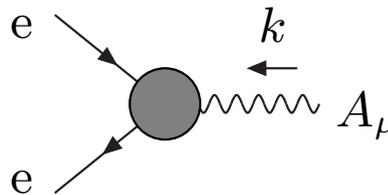
$$\hookrightarrow \text{fixes non-diagonal constants } \delta Z_{AZ}, \delta Z_{ZA}, \delta Z_{ff'}^{L/R} \quad (f \neq f')$$

Note: problems for unstable particles beyond one loop
(field-renormalization constants become complex)



Renormalization conditions: (continued)

- Charge renormalization: define e in Thomson limit


$$\xrightarrow{k \rightarrow 0} ie\gamma_\mu \quad \text{for on-shell electrons}$$

$\Rightarrow e =$ elementary charge of classical electrodynamics

$$\text{fine-structure constant } \alpha(0) = \frac{e^2}{4\pi} = 1/137.03599976$$

Gauge invariance relates δZ_e to photon wave-function renormalization:

$$\delta Z_e = -\frac{1}{2}\delta Z_{AA} - \frac{s_W}{2c_W}\delta Z_{ZA}$$

- Quark-field and CKM-matrix renormalization \rightarrow fixes $\delta Z_{qq'}^{L/R}, \delta V_{ij}$

rotation to mass eigenstates;

CKM part requires a careful (non-trivial) investigation

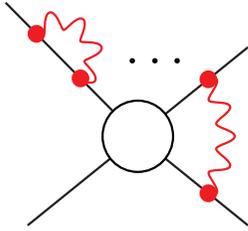
of mixing self-energies, mass eigenstates, LSZ reduction, etc.

General result: all renormalization constants can be obtained from self-energies.

7.3 IR divergences and photon bremsstrahlung

Consider processes with charged external particles, e.g., $e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$

- **Virtual corrections:** loop diagrams



IR divergences from soft virtual photons ($q \rightarrow 0$)

$$\int \frac{d^4 q \dots}{(q^2 - m_\gamma^2)(2qp_1)(2qp_2)} \rightarrow C \ln(m_\gamma)$$

- **“Real” corrections:** photon bremsstrahlung

$$\int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{q}}{2q_0} \left| \text{diagram} \right|^2$$

IR divergences from soft real photons ($\mathbf{q} \rightarrow 0$)

$$\int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{q} \dots}{\sqrt{\mathbf{q}^2 + m_\gamma^2}(2qp_1)(2qp_2)} \rightarrow -C \ln(m_\gamma)$$

Bloch–Nordsieck theorem:

IR divergences of virtual and real corrections cancel in the sum

↪ virtual and soft-photon corrections cannot be discussed separately

↔ related to limited experimental resolution of soft photons

⇒ Cross-section predictions necessarily depend on treatment of photon emission (energy and angular cuts)

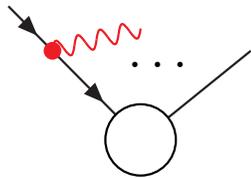
Separation of soft and hard photons:

Why? cancellation of $\ln(m_\gamma)$ terms delicate in practice, but terms are universal

- **soft photons**, $m_\gamma < E_\gamma < \Delta E \ll Q =$ typical scale of the process
 \hookrightarrow correction is universal factor δ_{soft} to Born cross section
 relatively simple analytical expression with explicit $C \ln(\Delta E/m_\gamma)$ terms
- **hard photons**, $E_\gamma > \Delta E$
 \hookrightarrow Monte Carlo integration of full radiative process, but with $m_\gamma = 0$
 $-C \ln(\Delta E)$ terms emerge numerically

$\ln(\Delta E)$ contributions cancel numerically in sum for small ΔE up to $\mathcal{O}(\Delta E/E)$

Calculation of soft-photon factor:



$$= A(p - q) \frac{i(\not{p} - \not{q} + m_f)}{(p - q)^2 - m_f^2} (iQ_f e) \not{\epsilon}_\gamma^* u_f(p)$$

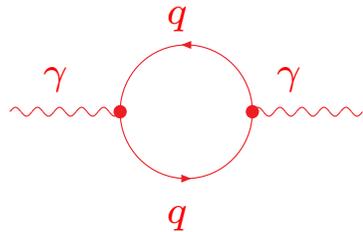
$$\underset{q \rightarrow 0}{\sim} -Q_f e \frac{\epsilon_\gamma^* p}{qp} A(p) u_f(p) = -Q_f e \frac{\epsilon_\gamma^* p}{qp} \mathcal{M}_{\text{Born}}$$

“Eikonal factorization” holds for all charged particles (spin 0, $\frac{1}{2}$, 1)

$$\Rightarrow \delta_{\text{soft}} = -\frac{\alpha}{2\pi^2} \int_{m_\gamma < q_0 < \Delta E} \frac{d^3 \mathbf{q}}{2q_0} \sum_{i,j} \frac{(\pm Q_i)(\pm Q_j)(p_i p_j)}{(qp_i)(qp_j)} \quad (i = \text{particle with charge } Q_i \text{ incoming}(+) \text{ or outgoing } (-))$$

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

Running electromagnetic coupling $\alpha(s)$:



becomes sensitive to unphysical quark masses m_q
for $|s|$ in GeV range and below (non-perturbative regime)

\hookrightarrow charge-renormalization constant δZ_e sensitive to m_q

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

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

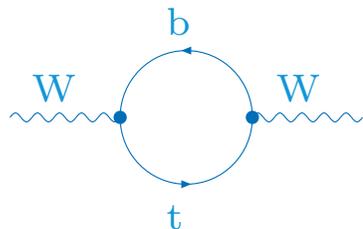
Jegerlehner et al.

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

Leading correction to the ρ -parameter:

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

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



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

8 Radiative corrections to muon decay

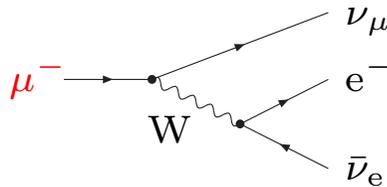
Precision calculation of M_W via μ decay

$\hookrightarrow M_W$ as function of $\alpha(0)$, G_μ , M_Z and the quantity Δr

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

Δr comprises quantum corrections to μ decay
(beyond electromagnetic corrections in Fermi model)

Lowest order:

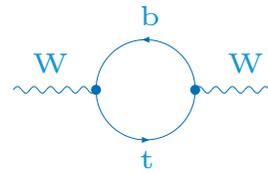
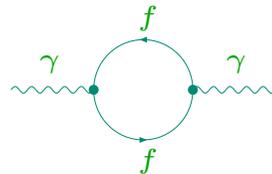


$\mathcal{O}(\alpha)$ corrections:

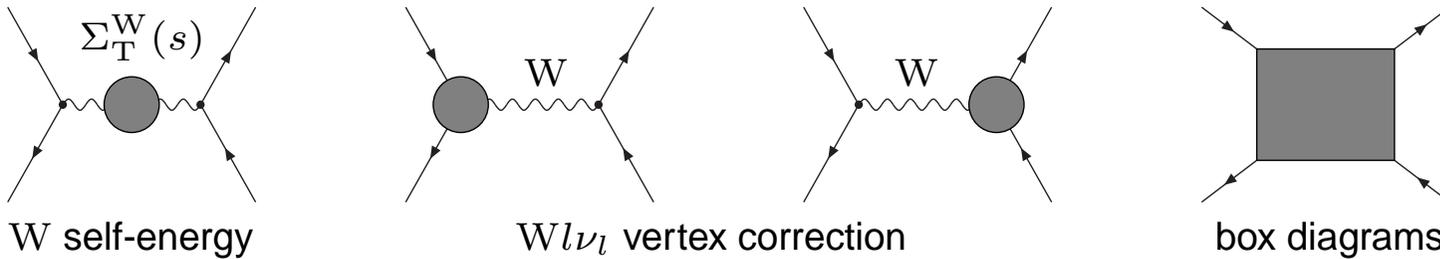
$$\Delta r_{1\text{-loop}} = \underbrace{\Delta \alpha(M_Z^2)}_{\sim 6\%} - \underbrace{\frac{c_W^2}{s_W^2} \Delta \rho_{\text{top}}}_{\sim 3\%} + \underbrace{\Delta r_{\text{rem}}(M_H)}_{\sim 1\%}$$

Sirlin '80, Marciano, Sirlin '80

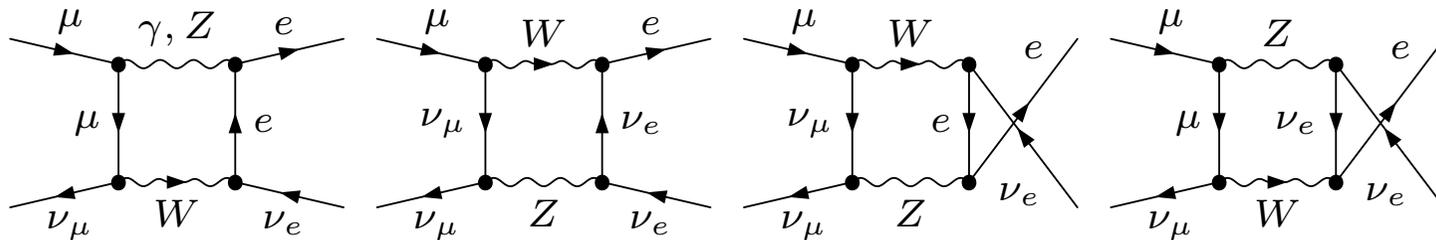
$$\alpha \ln(m_f/M_Z) \quad G_\mu m_t^2 \quad \alpha \ln(M_H/M_Z)$$



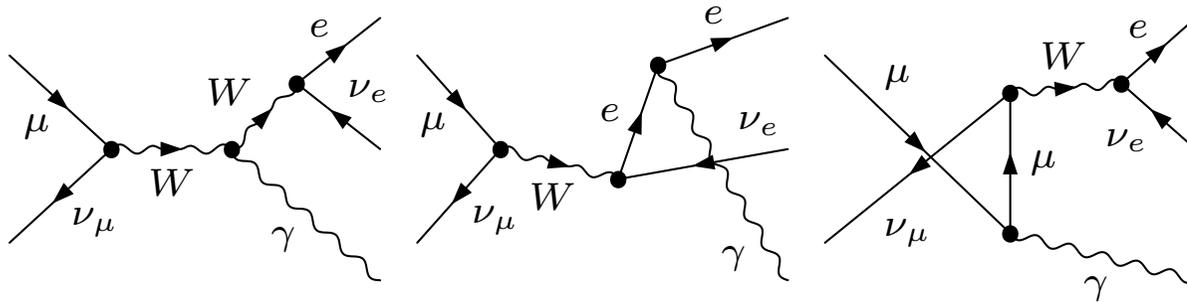
Virtual correction – 1-loop diagrams:



e.g.:

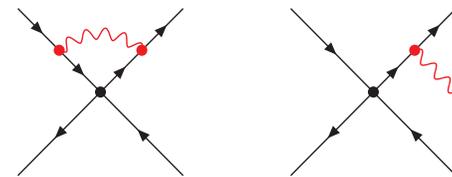


Real correction – 1-photon bremsstrahlung:



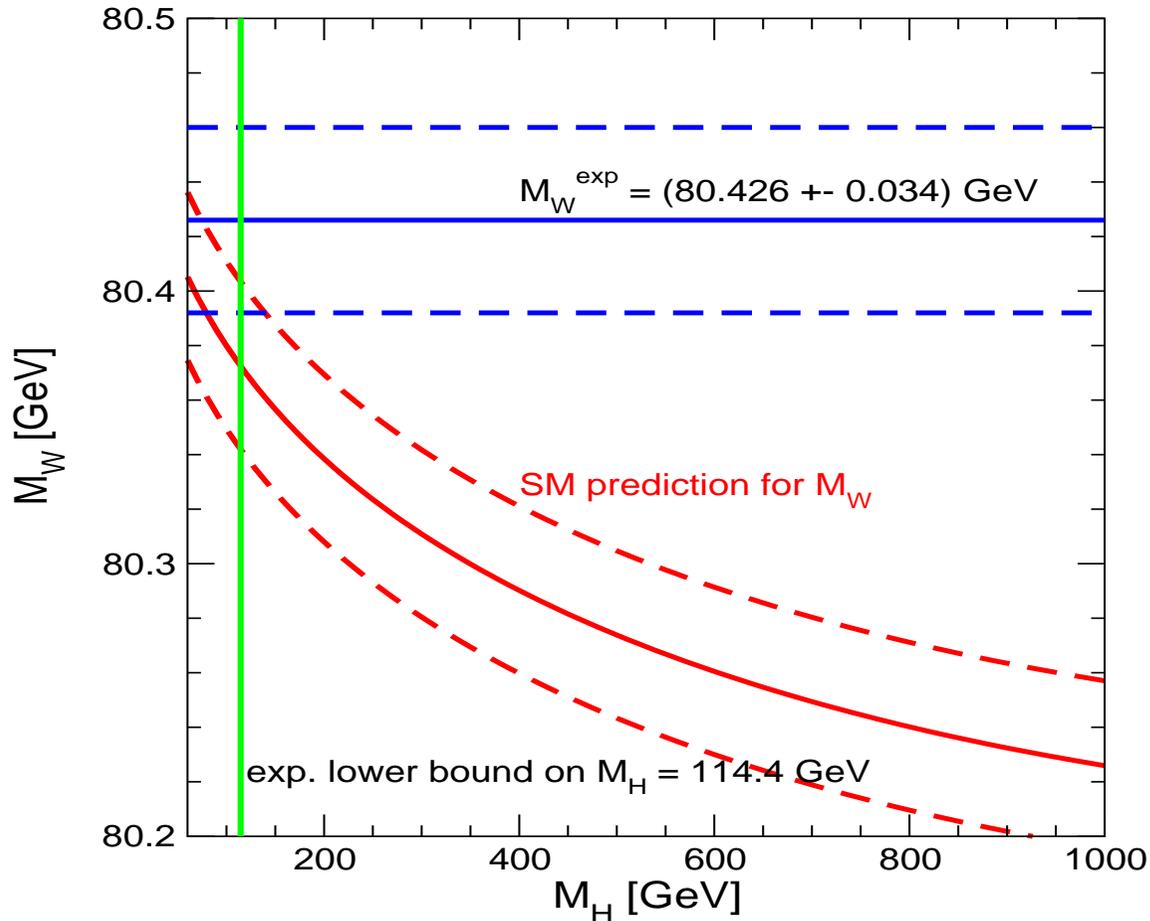
Consistent use of G_μ :

Photonic QED corrections are treated in the Fermi model and subtracted from Δr



etc.

State-of-the-art prediction of M_W from muon decay:



Hollik et al. '03

Theoretical uncertainty:

status '00: $\Delta M_W \sim 6 \text{ MeV}$

status '06: $\Delta M_W \sim 4 \text{ MeV}$

Experimental error:

status '06: $\Delta M_W \sim 29 \text{ MeV}$

ILC(?): $\Delta M_W \sim 7 \text{ MeV}$

Prediction includes:

- full electroweak corrections of $\mathcal{O}(\alpha)$ (1-loop level)
- full electroweak corrections of $\mathcal{O}(\alpha^2)$ (2-loop level)
 (v.Ritbergen,Stuart '98; Seidensticker,Steinhauser '99;
 Freitas,Hollik,Walter,Weiglein '00-'02; Awramik,Czakon '02/'03; Onishchenko,Veretin '02)
- various improvements by universal corrections to ρ -parameter



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