

Two-loop electroweak NLL corrections with massless and massive fermions

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I Electroweak corrections at high energies

Electroweak (EW) collider physics

- up to now (LEP, Tevatron) at energy scales $\lesssim M_{W,Z}$
- future colliders (LHC, ILC/CLIC) \rightarrow reach **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**

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

- $M_{W,Z} \neq 0 \rightarrow$ **exclusive** observables possible: only **virtual** W's and Z's
 (\neq QED: singular logs cancel between virtual and real corrections)
- large logs even in inclusive observables (**Bloch–Nordsieck violations**)

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

$$\left[L = \ln \left(\frac{s}{M_W^2} \right) \right]$$

↪ logarithmic approximation, Sudakov approximation:

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

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow \\ -17\% & +12\% & -3\% \end{array}$$

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

$$\begin{array}{cccc} \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow \\ +1.7\% & -1.8\% & +1.2\% & -0.3\% \end{array}$$

$[\sigma(u\bar{u} \rightarrow d\bar{d}) @ \sqrt{s} = 1 \text{ TeV, B.J., Kühn, Penin, Smirnov '05}]$

For theoretical predictions with accuracy $\sim 1\%$:

⇒ 2-loop corrections important

⇒ LL approximation not sufficient

With massless photons: $\log \rightsquigarrow 1/\epsilon$ in $D = 4 - 2\epsilon$ dimensions

Virtual 2-loop EW corrections

Resummation of 1-loop results:

- LL & NLL for arbitrary processes ($M_Z = M_W$) Fadin, Lipatov, Martin, Melles '99;
Melles '00, '01
- N²LL for $f\bar{f} \rightarrow f'\bar{f}'$ ($m_f = 0$, $M_Z = M_W$) Kühn, Penin, Smirnov '99, '00;
Kühn, Moch, Penin, Smirnov '01
- N²LL for $e^+e^- \rightarrow W^+W^-$ Kühn, Metzler, Penin '07
- SCET method Chiu, Golf, Kelley, Manohar '07

→ apply evolution equations to spontaneously broken Standard Model

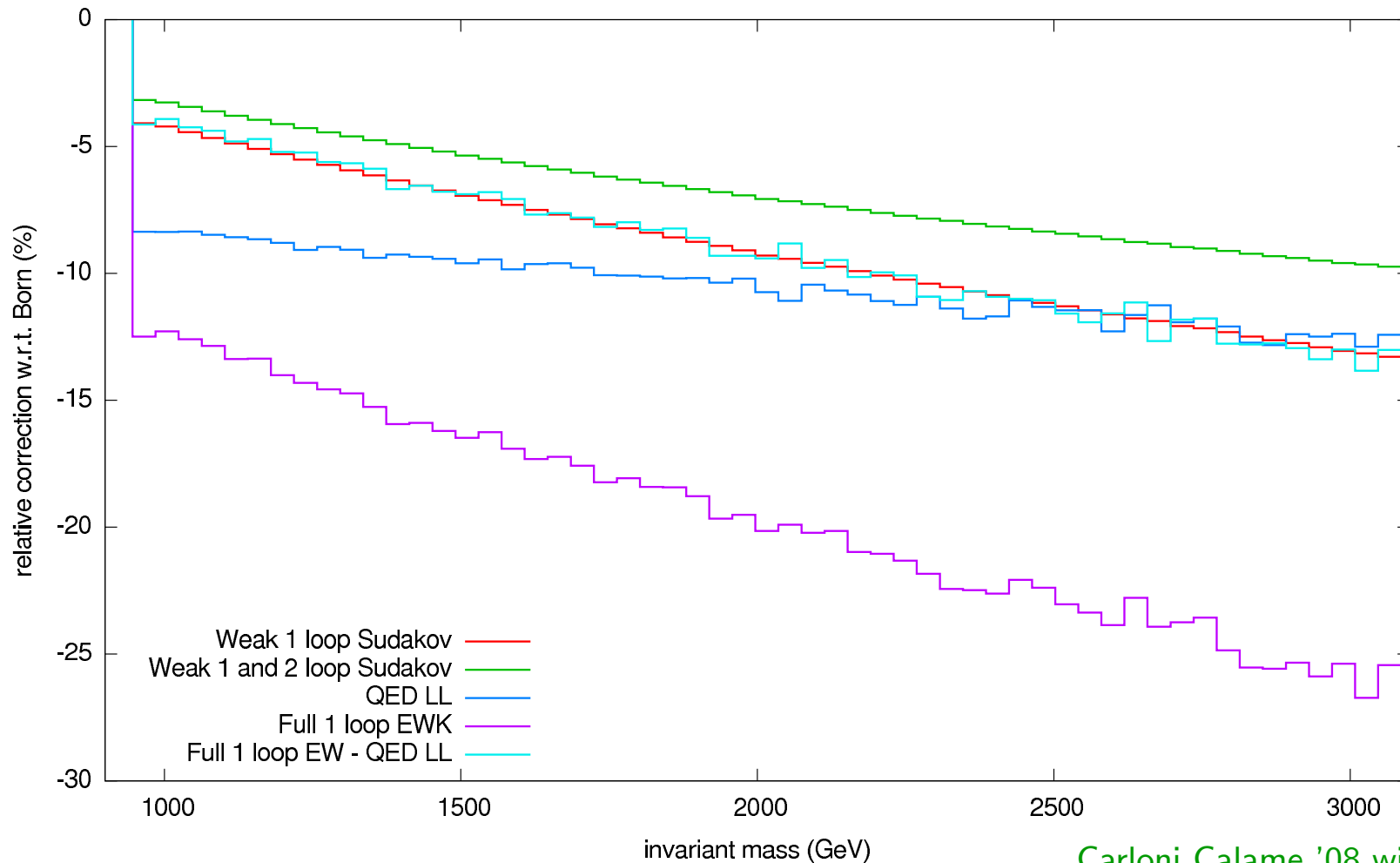
↪ Assumption: splitting into **symmetric $SU(2) \times U(1)$ regime** & **QED regime** possible

Diagrammatic 2-loop calculations → check & extend resummation results:

- LL & angular-dependent NLLs for arbitrary processes Melles '00; Hori, Kawamura, Kodaira '00;
Beenakker, Werthenbach '00, '01;
Denner, Melles, Pozzorini '03
- NLL for fermionic processes ($m_f = 0$, $M_Z \neq M_W$) Pozzorini '04;
Denner, B.J., Pozzorini '06
- N³LL for fermionic form factor ($m_f = 0$, $M_Z = M_W$)
 ↪ N³LL for $f\bar{f} \rightarrow f'\bar{f}'$ ($m_f = 0$, $M_Z \approx M_W$) via evolution equations
B.J., Kühn, Moch '03; B.J., Kühn, Penin, Smirnov '04, '05

EW corrections at the LHC

Drell–Yan $pp \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- + X$: (electro)weak 1-loop & 2-loop corrections



Carlioni Calame '08 with HORACE
and Sudakov results from
B.J., Kühn, Penin, Smirnov '05

⇒ Sudakov approximation very good at high energies

⇒ 2-loop effects $\sim \mathcal{O}(\%)$

II Two-loop next-to-leading logarithmic corrections

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

↪ **start with** processes involving massless & massive external fermions

Parameters:

- different large kinematical invariants $r_{ij} = (p_i + p_j)^2 \sim Q^2 \gg M_W^2$
- different heavy particle masses $M_W^2 \sim M_Z^2 \sim m_t^2 \sim M_{\text{Higgs}}^2$
- massive (top quark) and massless fermions

⇒ 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 $\rightarrow \epsilon^{-1}, L, L^2\epsilon, L^3\epsilon^2$

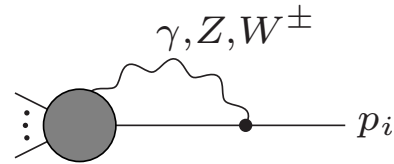
2 loops: LL $\rightarrow \epsilon^{-4}, L\epsilon^{-3}, L^2\epsilon^{-2}, L^3\epsilon^{-1}, L^4$; NLL $\rightarrow \epsilon^{-3}, L\epsilon^{-2}, L^2\epsilon^{-1}, L^3$

⇒ NLL coefficients involve small logs $\ln \left(\frac{-r_{ij}}{Q^2} \right)$ and $\ln \left(\frac{M_Z^2, m_t^2}{M_W^2} \right)$

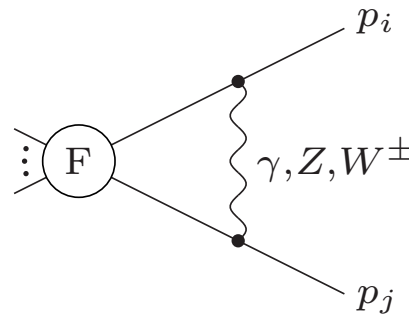
Extraction of NLL logs at 1 loop

Logs originate from mass singularities in **collinear/soft** regions:

(+ UV logs)



Isolate **factorizable contributions**:



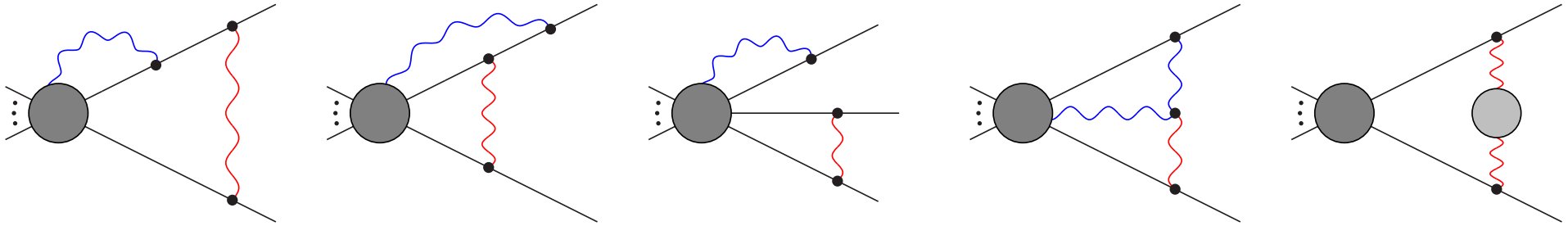
↪ separate loop integral from Born diagram \textcircled{F} via **soft-collinear approximation**

Remaining non-factorizable contributions: **collinear Ward identities** Denner, Pozzorini '01

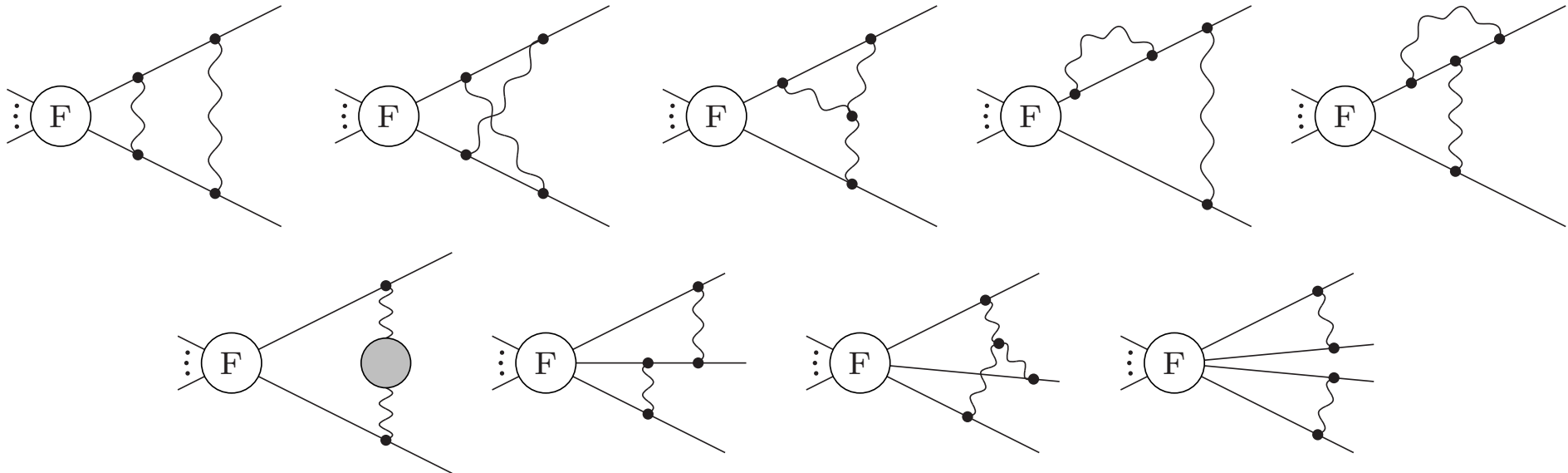
Factorizable contributions contain all soft & collinear NLL mass singularities.

Extraction of NLL logs at 2 loops

↪ contributions: **soft** × **soft** and **soft** × **collinear** (without Yukawa contributions):



Factorizable contributions:

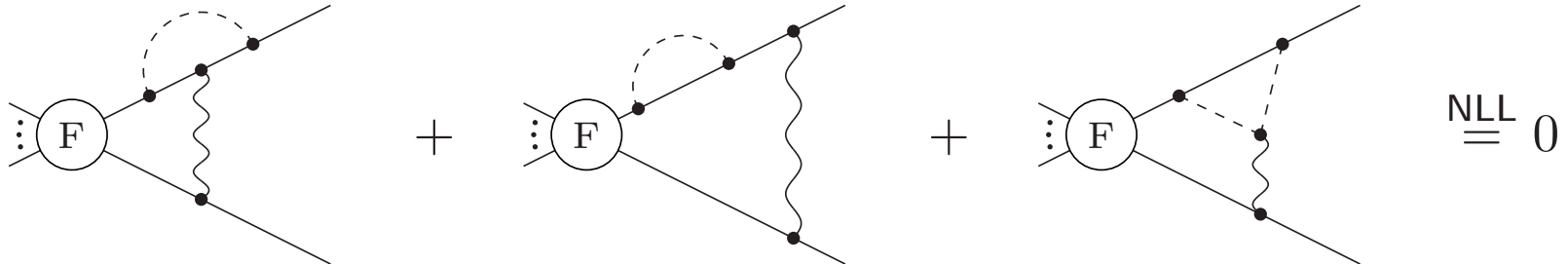


- calculated with soft–collinear approximation (and projection techniques)
- non-factorizable contributions vanish

Yukawa contributions

Massive fermions \rightarrow Yukawa couplings to scalars (Higgs, Goldstone bosons)

- many Yukawa contributions are suppressed (soft/collinear limit, $M_W^2/Q^2 \rightarrow 0$)
- only three non-suppressed diagrams with several external legs:



Sum vanishes due to **gauge invariance of Yukawa coupling**

\hookrightarrow NLL Yukawa contributions only in field-strength renormalization

III Results for massless and massive fermionic processes

Factorizable contributions

loop integrals calculated with two independent methods:

- automatized algorithm based on **sector decomposition** Denner, Pozzorini '04
- combination of **expansion by regions** & **Mellin–Barnes representations** B.J., Smirnov '06 & refs. therein

Result for amplitude of fermionic processes $f_1 f_2 \rightarrow f_3 \cdots f_n$ in $\mathcal{O}(\alpha^2)$

$$\mathcal{M} \stackrel{\text{NLL}}{=} \underbrace{\exp\left(\frac{1}{2} \sum_{\substack{i=1 \\ j \neq i}}^n \delta_{ij}^{\text{em}}\right)}_{\text{elektromagnetic}} \underbrace{\exp\left(\frac{1}{2} \sum_{\substack{i=1 \\ j \neq i}}^n \delta_{ij}^{\text{sew}}\right)}_{\substack{\text{symmetric-electroweak} \\ M_\gamma = M_Z = M_W}} \underbrace{\left(1 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\substack{i=1 \\ j \neq i}}^n \delta_{ij}^{\text{Z}}\right)}_{\text{from } M_Z \neq M_W} \underbrace{\mathcal{M}_0}_{\text{Born}}$$

- **universal** result: δ_{ij}^{sew} , δ_{ij}^{em} , δ_{ij}^{Z} depend only on external quantum numbers
- electromagnetic singularities (in δ_{ij}^{em}) factorized \rightarrow separable

Symmetric-electroweak terms: independent of fermion masses

$$\delta_{ij}^{\text{sew}} = -\frac{\alpha}{4\pi} \sum_{V=B,W^a} I_i^{\bar{V}} I_j^V I_{ij}(\epsilon, M_W) - \frac{\alpha^2}{(4\pi)^2} \left(\frac{g_1^2}{e^2} \frac{Y_i Y_j}{4} b_1^{(1)} + \frac{g_2^2}{e^2} T_i^a T_j^a b_2^{(1)} \right) J_{ij}(\epsilon, M_W, \mu^2),$$

$$I_{ij}(\epsilon, M_W) = -L^2 - \frac{2}{3}L^3\epsilon - \frac{1}{4}L^4\epsilon^2 + \left[\frac{3}{2} - \ln\left(\frac{-r_{ij}}{Q^2}\right) - \underbrace{\frac{y_i^{\kappa_i}}{C_i^{\text{ew}}} \frac{g_2^2 m_t^2}{8e^2 M_W^2}}_{\text{Yukawa term}} \right] \left(2L + L^2\epsilon + \frac{1}{3}L^3\epsilon^2 \right),$$

$$J_{ij}(\epsilon, M, \mu^2) = \frac{1}{\epsilon} \left[I_{ij}(2\epsilon, M) - \left(\frac{Q^2}{\mu^2} \right)^\epsilon I_{ij}(\epsilon, M) \right]$$

Electromagnetic terms: QED($M_\gamma = 0$) – QED($M_\gamma = M_W$) $[\mu^2 = M_W^2]$

$$\delta_{ij}^{\text{sem}} = -Q_i Q_j \left\{ \frac{\alpha}{4\pi} \left[I_{ij}(\epsilon, 0) - I_{ij}(\epsilon, M_W) \right] + \frac{\alpha^2}{(4\pi)^2} b_{\text{QED}}^{(1)} \left[J_{ij}(\epsilon, 0, M_W^2) - J_{ij}(\epsilon, M_W, M_W^2) \right] \right\},$$

$$I_{ij}(\epsilon, 0) = - \left(2\epsilon^{-2} + 3\epsilon^{-1} \right) \left(\frac{-r_{ij}}{Q^2} \right)^{-\epsilon} + \left(\epsilon^{-2} + \frac{1}{2}\epsilon^{-1} \right) \underbrace{\left[\left(\frac{m_i^2}{Q^2} \right)^{-\epsilon} + \left(\frac{m_j^2}{Q^2} \right)^{-\epsilon} \right]}_{\text{dependence on fermion masses}}$$

Terms from $M_Z \neq M_W$:

$$\delta_{ij}^Z = -\frac{\alpha}{4\pi} I_i^Z I_j^Z \ln\left(\frac{M_Z^2}{M_W^2}\right) (2L + 2L^2\epsilon + L^3\epsilon^2)$$

IV Summary & outlook

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

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

- **2-loop EW NLL corrections** in $D = 4 - 2\epsilon$ dimensions
 $[m_f = 0$: Denner, B.J., Pozzorini, Nucl. Phys. B 761 (2007) 1]
- factorizable contributions calculated with two independent methods:
 1.) **sector decomposition**, 2.) **expansion by regions & Mellin–Barnes**
- non-factorizable contributions vanish (collinear Ward identities)
- Yukawa contributions only in field strength renormalization
- **universal correction factors**, electromagnetic singularities separable
- applicable for $e^+ e^- \rightarrow f \bar{f}$, Drell–Yan, ...

Outlook: arbitrary processes

- generalize method for external gauge bosons & scalars
- calculate necessary loop integrals
- goal: process-independent 2-loop NLL corrections