

Structure of two-loop electroweak logarithmic corrections

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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 $\sqrt{s} \gg M_W$

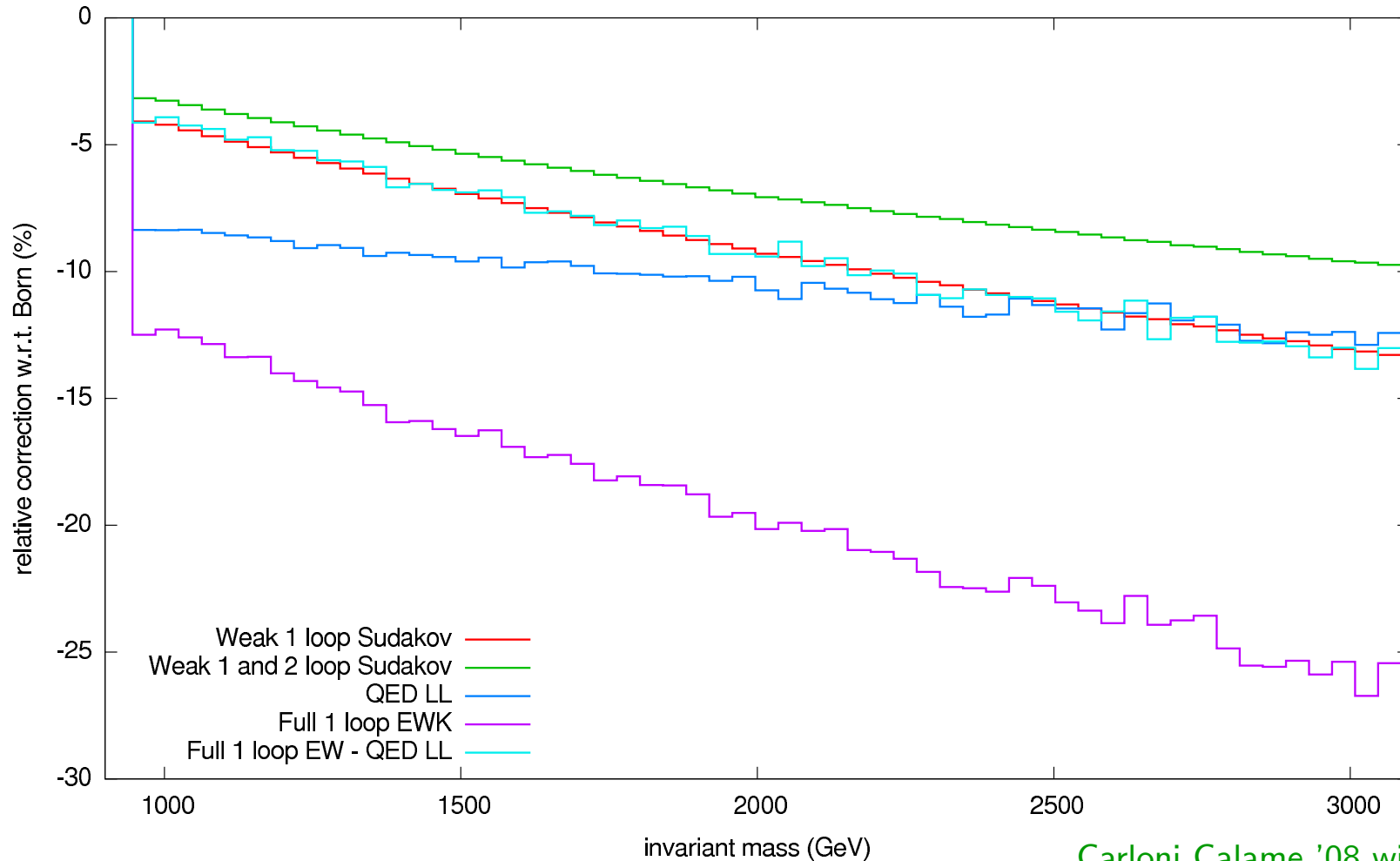
\Rightarrow enhanced by large **Sudakov logarithms**

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

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

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 $\sim \mathcal{O}(\%)$

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

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

↪ LL (leading logarithmic), NLL (next-to-leading logarithmic), ... terms:

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

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

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

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

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

↪ split theory into **symmetric SU(2)×U(1) regime** & **QED regime**

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

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, other fermions massless

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

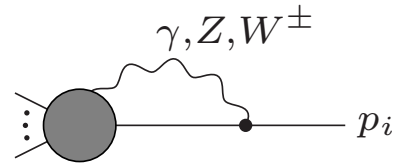
2 loops: LL $\rightarrow \epsilon^{-4}, L\epsilon^{-3}, L^2\epsilon^{-2}, L^3\epsilon^{-1}, L^4$; NLL $\rightarrow \epsilon^{-3}, L\epsilon^{-2}, L^2\epsilon^{-1}, L^3$

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

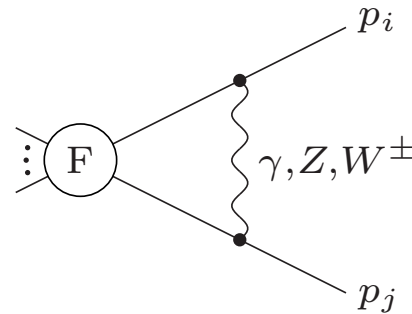
Extraction of NLL logs at 1 loop

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**

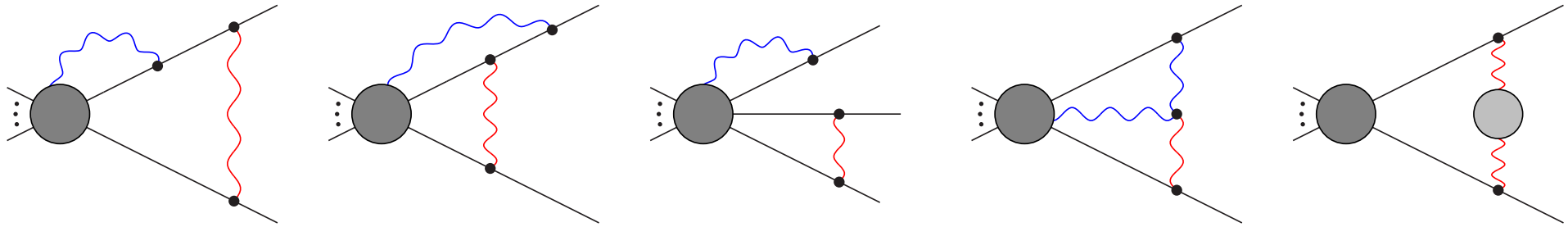
Remaining non-factorizable contributions: **collinear Ward identities** Denner, Pozzorini '01

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

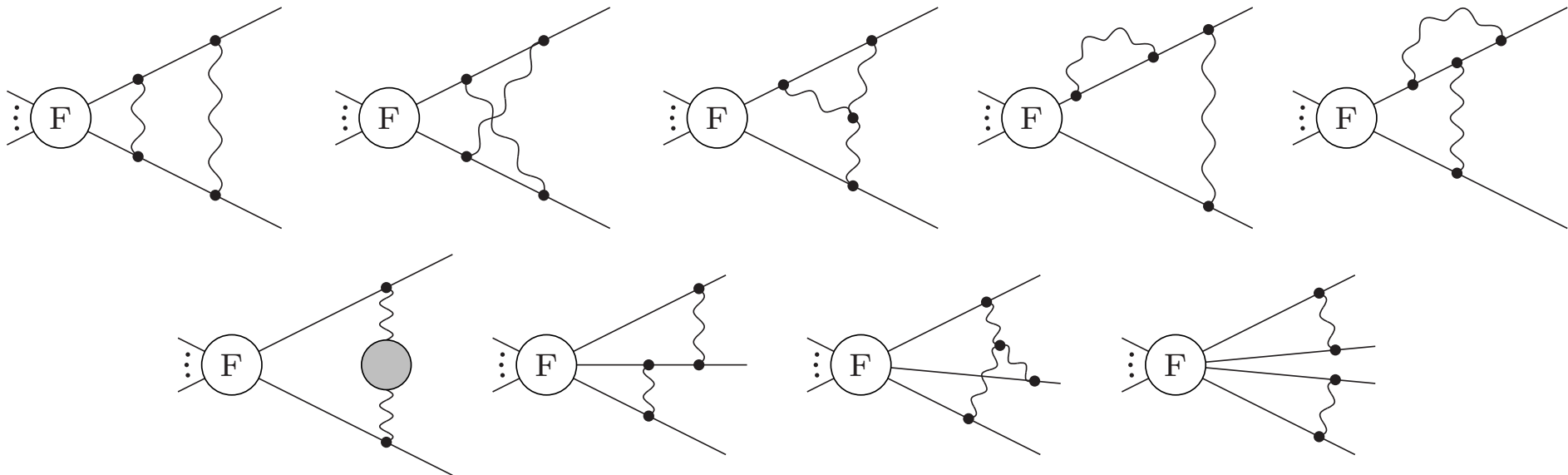
Factorizable contributions contain all soft & collinear NLL mass singularities.

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

Treatment of ultraviolet (UV) singularities

UV $1/\epsilon$ poles in subdiagrams with scale μ_{loop}^2 & renormalization at scale μ_{R}^2 :

$$\underbrace{\frac{1}{\epsilon} \left(\frac{Q^2}{\mu_{\text{loop}}^2} \right)^\epsilon}_{\text{bare diagrams}} - \underbrace{\frac{1}{\epsilon} \left(\frac{Q^2}{\mu_{\text{R}}^2} \right)^\epsilon}_{\text{counterterms}} = \ln \left(\frac{\mu_{\text{R}}^2}{\mu_{\text{loop}}^2} \right) + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \text{possible NLL contribution}$$

Perform **minimal UV subtraction** in UV-singular (sub)diagrams and counterterms:

$$\underbrace{\frac{1}{\epsilon} \left[\left(\frac{Q^2}{\mu_{\text{loop}}^2} \right)^\epsilon - 1 \right]}_{\text{bare diagrams}} - \underbrace{\frac{1}{\epsilon} \left[\left(\frac{Q^2}{\mu_{\text{R}}^2} \right)^\epsilon - 1 \right]}_{\text{counterterms}}$$

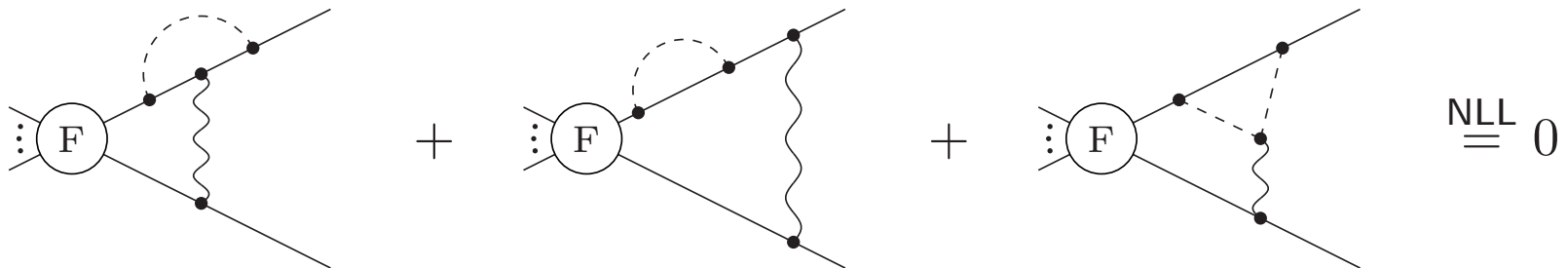
Advantages:

- no UV NLL terms from **hard** subdiagrams ($\mu_{\text{loop}}^2 \sim Q^2$)
 \hookrightarrow no UV contributions from **internal** parts of tree subdiagrams
- can use soft-collinear approximation (not valid in UV regime!)
 also for hard UV-singular subdiagrams

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 factorizable diagrams:



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

\hookrightarrow NLL Yukawa contributions only in wave-function renormalization

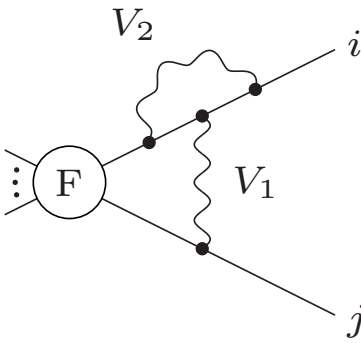
III Results for massless and massive fermionic processes

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

Example:



$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \underbrace{\sum_{V_1, V_2 = \gamma, Z, W^\pm}}_{\text{sum over gauge bosons}} \underbrace{D(M_{V_1}, M_{V_2}; p_i, p_j)}_{\text{scalar 2-loop integral}} \underbrace{I_i^{V_2} I_i^{V_1} I_i^{\bar{V}_2} I_j^{\bar{V}_1}}_{\text{isospin matrices @ external legs}} \underbrace{\mathcal{M}_0}_{\substack{\text{Born amplitude} \\ \text{factorized}}}
 \end{aligned}$$

All relevant combinations of $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{massless} \\ \text{massive} \end{array} \right\}$ $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{external} \\ \text{internal} \end{array} \right\}$ fermions evaluated explicitly!

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

$$\mathcal{M} \stackrel{\text{NLL}}{=} \underbrace{\exp(\Delta F^{\text{em}})}_{\substack{\text{electromagnetic} \\ M_\gamma = 0}} \times \underbrace{\exp(F^{\text{sew}})}_{\substack{\text{symmetric-electroweak} \\ M_\gamma = M_Z = M_W}} \times \underbrace{(1 + \Delta F^Z)}_{\substack{\text{corrections} \\ \text{from } M_Z \neq M_W}} \times \underbrace{\mathcal{M}_0}_{\text{Born}}$$

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

Symmetric-electroweak terms: independent of fermion masses

$$F^{\text{sew}} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \left\{ -\frac{\alpha}{4\pi} \left[\sum_{j \neq i} \sum_{V=\gamma, Z, W^\pm} I_i^{\bar{V}} I_j^V I_{ij}(\epsilon, M_W) + \overbrace{\frac{z_i^{\text{Yuk}} m_t^2}{4s_W^2 M_W^2} \left(L + \frac{1}{2} L^2 \epsilon + \frac{1}{6} L^3 \epsilon^2 \right)}^{\text{Yukawa contribution}} \right] \right. \\ \left. + \left(\frac{\alpha}{4\pi} \right)^2 \left[\frac{b_1^{(1)}}{c_W^2} \left(\frac{Y_i}{2} \right)^2 + \frac{b_2^{(1)}}{s_W^2} C_i^W \right] J_{ii}(\epsilon, M_W, \mu_R^2) \right\},$$

$$I_{ij}(\epsilon, M_W) \stackrel{\text{NLL}}{=} -L^2 - \frac{2}{3} L^3 \epsilon - \frac{1}{4} L^4 \epsilon^2 + \left[3 - 2 \ln \left(\frac{-r_{ij}}{Q^2} \right) \right] \left(L + \frac{1}{2} L^2 \epsilon + \frac{1}{6} L^3 \epsilon^2 \right) + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^3),$$

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

$$\mathcal{M} \stackrel{\text{NLL}}{=} \exp(\Delta F^{\text{em}}) \times \exp(F^{\text{sew}}) \times (1 + \Delta F^{\text{Z}}) \times \mathcal{M}_0$$

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

$$\Delta F^{\text{em}} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \left\{ -\frac{\alpha}{4\pi} \sum_{j \neq i} Q_i Q_j \left[I_{ij}(\epsilon, 0) - I_{ij}(\epsilon, M_W) \right] + \left(\frac{\alpha}{4\pi} \right)^2 b_{\text{QED}}^{(1)} Q_i^2 \left[J_{ii}(\epsilon, 0, M_W^2) - J_{ii}(\epsilon, M_W, M_W^2) \right] \right\},$$

dependence on fermion mass m_i

$$I_{ij}(\epsilon, 0) \stackrel{\text{NLL}}{=} - \left[3 - 2 \ln \left(\frac{-r_{ij}}{Q^2} \right) \right] \epsilon^{-1} + \left\{ \overbrace{-\delta_{i,0} \epsilon^{-2} + \delta_{i,t}} \left[L \epsilon^{-1} + \frac{1}{2} L^2 + \frac{1}{6} L^3 \epsilon + \frac{1}{24} L^4 \epsilon^2 \right] + \left(\frac{1}{2} - \ln \left(\frac{m_i^2}{M_W^2} \right) \right) \left(\epsilon^{-1} + L + \frac{1}{2} L^2 \epsilon + \frac{1}{6} L^3 \epsilon^2 \right) \right\} + (i \rightarrow j) \left. \right\} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^3),$$

$$J_{ij}(\epsilon, 0, \mu_R^2) = \frac{1}{\epsilon} \left[I_{ij}(2\epsilon, 0) - \left(\frac{Q^2}{\mu_R^2} \right)^\epsilon I_{ij}(\epsilon, 0) \right]$$

Terms from $M_Z \neq M_W$:

$$\Delta F^{\text{Z}} \stackrel{\text{NLL}}{=} \frac{\alpha}{4\pi} \sum_{i=1}^n (I_i^{\text{Z}})^2 \overbrace{\ln \left(\frac{M_Z^2}{M_W^2} \right) \left(L + L^2 \epsilon + \frac{1}{2} L^3 \epsilon^2 \right)}^{= I_{ii}(\epsilon, M_Z) - I_{ii}(\epsilon, M_W)} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^3)$$

IV Structure of the result to all orders in ϵ

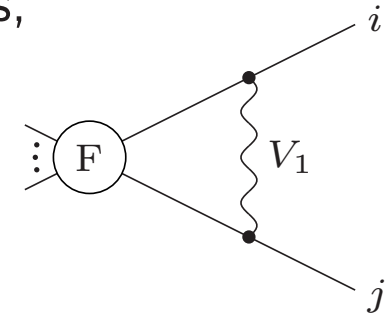
Expansion by regions: look at contributions from individual regions, e.g. in 1-loop diagram (with minimal UV subtraction):

hard region: $-2 (\epsilon^{-2} + 2\epsilon^{-1}) \left(\frac{Q^2}{-r_{ij}} \right)^\epsilon$

collinear regions:

- $m_1 = 0 \Rightarrow (\epsilon^{-2} + 2\epsilon^{-1}) \left[\left(\frac{Q^2}{m_i^2} \right)^\epsilon + \left(\frac{Q^2}{m_j^2} \right)^\epsilon \right]$

- $m_1 \neq 0 \Rightarrow 2 \left[\epsilon^{-2} - \underbrace{\ln \left(\frac{-r_{ij}}{m_1^2} \right)}_{\text{finite remainder from singularity cancelled between i-/j-collinear regions}} \epsilon^{-1} + 2\epsilon^{-1} \right] \left(\frac{Q^2}{m_1^2} \right)^\epsilon$



Each region depends on mass parameters via **one unique power** of $(Q^2/m^2)^\epsilon$.

\hookrightarrow Logs $\ln(Q^2/m^2)$ are generated by poles ϵ^{-n} in prefactor.

\hookrightarrow Additional logarithms arise from singularities cancelled between collinear regions.

\hookrightarrow $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon^0)$ in prefactor is beyond NLL accuracy.

\rightsquigarrow In NLL accuracy this representation is valid **to all orders in ϵ !**

NLL result to all orders in ϵ

$$\mathcal{M} \stackrel{\text{NLL}}{=} \exp(\Delta F^{\text{em}}) \times \exp(F^{\text{sew}}) \times (1 + \Delta F^{\text{Z}}) \times \mathcal{M}_0$$

Every part of the result is known to all orders in ϵ . Most important ingredient:

$$I_{ij}(\epsilon, m_1) \stackrel{\text{NLL}}{=} - (2\epsilon^{-2} + 3\epsilon^{-1}) z_{ij}^{-\epsilon} + \left\{ \left[2\epsilon^{-2} - 2L\epsilon^{-1} + (3 - 2l_{ij} + 2l_1)\epsilon^{-1} \right] z_1^{-\epsilon} + \delta_{1,\gamma} \left(\epsilon^{-2} + \frac{1}{2}\epsilon^{-1} \right) (z_i^{-\epsilon} + z_j^{-\epsilon}) \right\} Z^\epsilon$$

with

$$Z = \frac{Q^2}{M_W^2}, \quad L = \ln Z; \quad z_{ij} = \frac{-r_{ij}}{Q^2}, \quad l_{ij} = \ln z_{ij}; \quad z_a = \frac{m_a^2}{M_W^2}, \quad l_a = \ln z_a, \quad a = 1, 2, \dots, i, j, \dots$$

$$z_a^{n\epsilon} \equiv 0 \text{ if } m_a = 0, \quad n \neq 0; \quad \delta_{a,\gamma} = \begin{cases} 1, & m_a = 0 \\ 0, & m_a \sim M_W \end{cases}$$

Exponentiation

1-loop $\rightsquigarrow I_{ij}(\epsilon, m_1)$: Z^0 (hard), Z^ϵ (collinear)

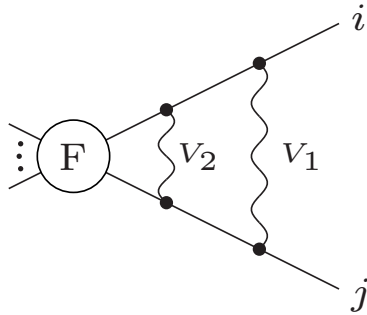
2-loop $\rightsquigarrow I_{ij}(\epsilon, m_1) \times I_{kl}(\epsilon, m_2), I_{ij}(2\epsilon, m_1), Z^\epsilon \times I_{ij}(\epsilon, m_1)$:

Z^0 (hard–hard), Z^ϵ (hard–collinear), $Z^{2\epsilon}$ (collinear–collinear)

2-loop contributions to all orders in ϵ

2-loop result involves Z^0 (hard-hard), Z^ϵ (hard-collinear), $Z^{2\epsilon}$ (collinear-collinear)

But:

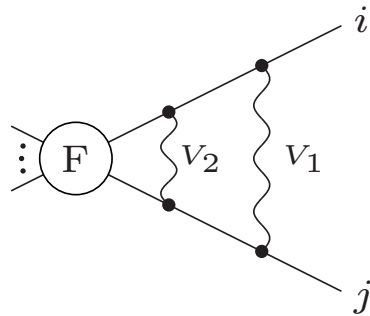


$$\begin{aligned}
 &\hookrightarrow (\epsilon^{-4} + 4\epsilon^{-3}) z_{ij}^{-2\epsilon} \\
 &+ \left\{ 4 \left[\epsilon^{-4} + L\epsilon^{-3} + (l_{ij} - l_1) \epsilon^{-3} + 2L\epsilon^{-2} \right] z_1^{-\epsilon} - \frac{2}{3} \delta_{1,\gamma} (\epsilon^{-4} + 4\epsilon^{-3}) (z_i^{-\epsilon} + z_j^{-\epsilon}) \right\} z_{ij}^{-\epsilon} Z^\epsilon \\
 &+ \left\{ - \left[5\epsilon^{-4} - 2L\epsilon^{-3} + 2(2 - l_{ij} + l_1) \epsilon^{-3} \right] z_1^{-2\epsilon} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \delta_{1,\gamma} \left[- \left(\epsilon^{-4} - 2L\epsilon^{-3} + 2(2 - l_{ij} + l_2) \epsilon^{-3} \right) z_2^{-2\epsilon} + (\epsilon^{-4} + 2\epsilon^{-3}) z_2^{-\epsilon} (z_i^{-\epsilon} + z_j^{-\epsilon}) \right] \right\} Z^{2\epsilon} \\
 &+ \delta_{1,\gamma} \left\{ -\frac{1}{3} (\epsilon^{-4} - 2\epsilon^{-3}) z_2^{-3\epsilon} (z_i^{-\epsilon} + z_j^{-\epsilon}) + \frac{1}{6} \delta_{2,\gamma} (\epsilon^{-4} + 4\epsilon^{-3}) (z_i^{-\epsilon} z_j^{-3\epsilon} + z_j^{-\epsilon} z_i^{-3\epsilon}) \right\} z_{ij}^{2\epsilon} Z^{4\epsilon}
 \end{aligned}$$

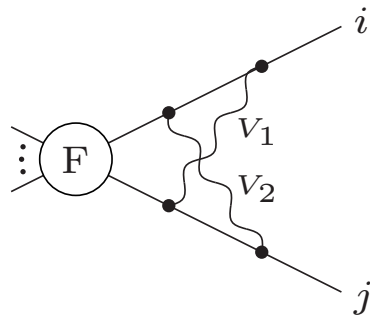
new contribution: $Z^{4\epsilon}$ (ultracollinear-collinear), not present in 2-loop result?!

\hookrightarrow non-trivial cancellation of all $Z^{4\epsilon}$ terms in total amplitude!

Cancellation of $Z^{4\epsilon}$ terms in 2-loop result

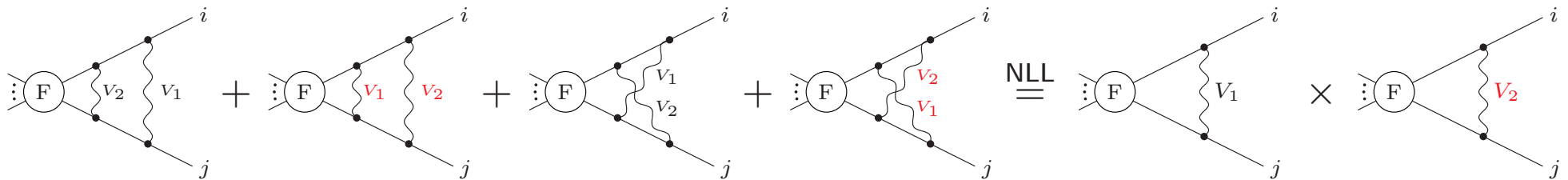


$$\delta_{1,\gamma} \left\{ -\frac{1}{3} (\epsilon^{-4} - 2\epsilon^{-3}) z_2^{-3\epsilon} (z_i^{-\epsilon} + z_j^{-\epsilon}) + \frac{1}{6} \delta_{2,\gamma} (\epsilon^{-4} + 4\epsilon^{-3}) (z_i^{-\epsilon} z_j^{-3\epsilon} + z_j^{-\epsilon} z_i^{-3\epsilon}) \right\} z_{ij}^{2\epsilon} Z^{4\epsilon}$$



$$\left\{ \frac{1}{3} (\epsilon^{-4} - 2\epsilon^{-3}) (\delta_{1,\gamma} z_2^{-3\epsilon} z_i^{-\epsilon} + \delta_{2,\gamma} z_1^{-3\epsilon} z_j^{-\epsilon}) - \frac{1}{6} \delta_{1,\gamma} \delta_{2,\gamma} (\epsilon^{-4} + 4\epsilon^{-3}) (z_i^{-\epsilon} z_j^{-3\epsilon} + z_j^{-\epsilon} z_i^{-3\epsilon}) \right\} z_{ij}^{2\epsilon} Z^{4\epsilon}$$

$\Rightarrow Z^{4\epsilon}$ terms cancel in combination of scalar loop integrals:



\hookrightarrow this relation (and others) checked to all orders in ϵ \checkmark

V 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]
- loop integrals calculated with two independent methods
- Yukawa contributions only in wave-function renormalization
- **universal correction factors**, electromagnetic singularities separable
- applicable for $e^+ e^- \rightarrow f \bar{f}$, Drell–Yan, ...
- NLL result available **to all orders in ϵ** \rightarrow structure with powers of $(Q^2/M_W^2)^\epsilon$
 \hookrightarrow non-trivial cancellations ensure exponentiation of 1-loop result

Outlook: arbitrary processes

- generalize method for external gauge bosons & scalars (Higgs)
- calculate relevant loop integrals
- goal: **process-independent 2-loop NLL corrections**