



Electroweak unification

- Experimental facts
- $SU(2)_{L} \otimes U(1)_{Y}$ gauge theory
- Charged current interaction
- Neutral current interaction
- Gauge self-interactions





EXPERIMENTAL FACTS

Family Structure

$$\begin{bmatrix} \nu_l & q_u \\ l^- & q_d \end{bmatrix} \equiv \begin{cases} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_l \\ l^- \end{pmatrix}_L, & (\nu_l)_R, & l_R^- \\ \\ \\ \begin{pmatrix} q_u \\ q_d \end{pmatrix}_L, & (q_u)_R, & (q_d)_R \end{cases}$$

Three Families

$$\left[egin{array}{ccc}
u_e & u \\
e^- & d' \end{array}
ight] \quad , \quad \left[egin{array}{ccc}
u_\mu & c \\
\mu^- & s' \end{array}
ight] \quad , \quad \left[egin{array}{ccc}
u_ au & t \\
 au^- & b' \end{array}
ight]$$

Charged Currents

 W^{\pm}

- Left-handed fermions only
- Flavour Changing: $\nu_l \Leftrightarrow l_l$, $q_u \Leftrightarrow q_d$

Neutral Currents $\gamma\,,\,Z$

• Flavour Conserving

Universality (Family–Independent Couplings)

 $(\nu_{\rm l})_{\rm R}$?



 $SU(2)_{L} \otimes U(1)_{Y}$



${\rm SU}(2)_L \otimes {\rm U}(1)_Y$ GAUGE THEORY

Fields	$\psi_1(x)$	$\psi_2(x)$	$\psi_3(x)$
Quarks	$\left(\begin{array}{c} q_{\boldsymbol{u}} \\ q_{\boldsymbol{d}} \end{array}\right)_{\boldsymbol{L}}$	$(q_u)_R$	$(q_d)_R$
Leptons	$\left(\begin{array}{c}\nu_l\\l^-\end{array}\right)_L$	$(\nu_l)_R$	$(l^{-})_{R}$

Free Lagrangian for Massless Fermions:

$$\mathcal{L}_{0} = \sum_{j} i \,\overline{\psi}_{j} \gamma^{\mu} \partial_{\mu} \psi_{j} \qquad \vec{\tau} = \text{Pauli}$$

matrices

 $SU(2)_L \otimes U(1)_Y$ Flavour Symmetry:

 $\psi_1 \rightarrow \exp\{i \vec{\tau} \cdot \vec{\alpha}/2\} \exp\{i y_1 \beta/2\} \psi_1$

 $\overline{\psi}_1 \rightarrow \exp\{-i\vec{\tau}\cdot\vec{\alpha}/2\} \exp\{-iy_1\beta/2\}\overline{\psi}_1$

 $\psi_2 \rightarrow \exp\{iy_2\beta/2\}\psi_2 \quad \overline{\psi}_2 \rightarrow \exp\{-iy_2\beta/2\}\overline{\psi}_2$ $\psi_3 \rightarrow \exp\{iy_3\beta/2\}\psi_3 \quad \overline{\psi}_3 \rightarrow \exp\{-iy_3\beta/2\}\overline{\psi}_3$





CHARGED CURRENTS

$$\sum_{j} i \,\overline{\psi}_{j} \,\gamma^{\mu} \,\mathbf{D}_{\mu} \,\psi_{j}$$
$$\longrightarrow g \,\overline{\psi}_{1} \,\gamma^{\mu} \,\mathbf{W}_{\mu} \,\psi_{1} \,+\,g' \,B_{\mu} \,\sum_{j} y_{j}/2 \,\overline{\psi}_{j} \,\gamma^{\mu} \,\psi_{j}$$

$$\mathbf{W}_{\mu} \equiv \frac{\vec{\tau}}{2} \cdot \vec{W}_{\mu} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} W_{\mu}^{3} & \sqrt{2} W_{\mu}^{\dagger} \\ \sqrt{2} W_{\mu} & -W_{\mu}^{3} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$W_\mu \equiv W^1_\mu + i W^2_\mu$$

 $(1 - \gamma_5)$ takes only left-handed (right-handed) component of the fermion (antifermion) field

$$\mathcal{L}_{CC} = \frac{g}{2\sqrt{2}} W^{\dagger}_{\mu} \left[\bar{q}_{u} \gamma^{\mu} (1 - \gamma_{5}) q_{d} + \bar{\nu}_{l} \gamma^{\mu} (1 - \gamma_{5}) l \right] + \text{h.c.}$$

Quark / Lepton Universality

Left-Handed Interaction



Neutral currents



$$\mathcal{L}_{NC}^{Z} = \frac{e}{\sin \theta_{W} \cos \theta_{W}} Z_{\mu} \sum_{j} \bar{\psi}_{j} \gamma^{\mu} \left[\frac{\tau_{3}}{2} - \sin^{2} \theta_{W} \mathbf{Q}_{j} \right] \psi_{j}$$
$$= \frac{e}{2 \sin \theta_{W} \cos \theta_{W}} Z_{\mu} \sum_{f} \bar{f} \gamma^{\mu} \left[v_{f} - a_{f} \gamma_{5} \right] f$$

	$2 v_f$	$2 a_f$
q_u	$1-\frac{8}{3}\sin^2\theta_W$	1
q_d	$-1+\frac{4}{3}\sin^2\theta_W$	-1
$ u_l $	1	1
<i>l</i> -	$-1 + 4 \sin^2 \theta_W$	-1

 $v_f = T_f^3 - 2Q_j \sin^2 \theta_W$ $a_f = T_f^3$, T_f^3 is the weak isospin

• IF ν_R do exist : $y(\nu_R) = Q_\nu = 0$ \longrightarrow No ν_R Interactions Sterile Neutrinos



















Higgs mechanism

- Spontaneous symmetry breaking
- Higgs mechanism
- The Higgs boson
- Fermion masses
- Fermion mixing



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We have been able to generate electromagnetism and the strong interactions through local gauge invariance. We would like to do the same for the weak interactions, but we immediately face a problem. Unlike the photon and the gluons, the W and Z have non-zero masses. A mass term in the Lagrangian, $\frac{1}{2}$ m²A_µA^µ, would not be gauge invariant.

Suppose we forget about gauge invariance and just put it in anyway. Then theory becomes non-renormalizable, i.e. the counterterms required to cancel all divergences become infinite and theory looses all predictive power.

There is a more subtle way to generate a mass for the W and Z, called *spontaneous symmetry breaking*. Let us first consider a real scalar field ϕ with an arbitrary "potential".

 $L = \frac{1}{2} (\partial_{\mu} \mathbf{\phi})^2 - \mathbf{V}(\mathbf{\phi})$

We require the *L* to be invariant under $\phi \rightarrow \phi'$. Then, if we expand V, it will have only even values of ϕ :

$$L = \frac{1}{2} (\partial_{\mu} \phi)^{2}$$
$$- \frac{1}{2} \mu^{2} \phi^{2} - \frac{1}{4} \lambda \phi^{4}.$$





But what happens if μ^2 is allowed to be negative

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} (\partial_{\mu} \phi)^2 - \frac{1}{2} \mu^2 \phi^2 - \frac{1}{4} \lambda \phi^4 \dots$$

The sign of the mass term has changed giving an imaginary mass. This makes no sense. The potential looks like in the figure. The minimum is now at $\phi = \pm \sqrt{-\mu^2/\lambda}$.



Feynman diagrams represent a perturbation serie. The serie would not converge if we expand about $\phi = 0$, since this is a local maximum. We need to expand about the global minimum, say $+\sqrt{-\mu^2/\lambda}$. $\phi(x^{\mu}) = +\sqrt{-\mu^2/\lambda} + \eta(x^{\mu})$, and then $\eta = 0$ corresponds to the minimum. Then

 $L = \frac{1}{2} \left[\partial_{\mu} (\sqrt{-\mu^2/\lambda} + \eta(x^{\mu})) \right]^2 - \frac{1}{2} \mu^2 (\sqrt{-\mu^2/\lambda} + \eta(x^{\mu}))^2 - \frac{1}{4} \lambda (\sqrt{-\mu^2/\lambda} + \eta(x^{\mu}))^4$

$$L = \frac{1}{2} (\partial_{\mu} \eta(\mathbf{x}^{\mu}))^{2} + \frac{1}{4} \mu^{4} / \lambda + \mu^{2} \eta^{2} (\mathbf{x}^{\mu}) - \sqrt{-\mu^{2} \lambda} \eta^{3} (\mathbf{x}^{\mu}) - \frac{1}{4} \lambda \eta^{4} (\mathbf{x}^{\mu})$$

$$= \text{constant} \quad \mathbf{m} = \sqrt{-2\mu^{2}}$$



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The η and ϕ fields are the same fields, but we now see that the η has a mass of $\sqrt{-\mu^2}$, and does not have reflection symmetry $\eta \Leftrightarrow -\eta$. This symmetry has been "spontaneously broken".

A more interesting case occurs, when we consider a complex field, $\phi = (1/\sqrt{2})(\phi_1 + i\phi_2)$

 $\boldsymbol{L} = (\partial_{\mu} \boldsymbol{\phi})^{*} (\partial^{\mu} \boldsymbol{\phi}) - \mu^{2} \boldsymbol{\phi}^{*} \boldsymbol{\phi} - \lambda (\boldsymbol{\phi}^{*} \boldsymbol{\phi})^{2}$

$$L = \frac{1}{2} (\partial_{\mu} \phi_{1})^{2} + \frac{1}{2} (\partial_{\mu} \phi_{2})^{2} - \frac{1}{2} \mu^{2} (\phi_{1}^{2} + \phi_{2}^{2}) - \frac{1}{4} \lambda (\phi_{1}^{2} + \phi_{2}^{2})^{2}$$



The η field gets a mass $\sqrt{-\mu^2}$, as before, but the ξ field is massless. This always happens whenever a continuous symmetry is spontaneously broken. The massless particle is called a **Goldstone boson**.





Let us consider a complex scalar field which is invariant under a local gauge transformation

$$\phi \to exp(i\alpha(x^{\mu})) \phi$$

$$\partial_{\mu} \rightarrow \mathsf{D}_{\mu} \equiv \partial_{\mu} - \mathrm{i}q A_{\mu} \qquad A_{\mu} \rightarrow A_{\mu} + (1/q) \partial_{\mu} \alpha(\mathsf{x}^{\mu})$$

 $\boldsymbol{L} = (\partial^{\mu} + iqA^{\mu})\boldsymbol{\phi}^{*}(\partial_{\mu} - iqA_{\mu})\boldsymbol{\phi} - \mu^{2}\boldsymbol{\phi}^{*}\boldsymbol{\phi} - \lambda(\boldsymbol{\phi}^{*}\boldsymbol{\phi})^{2} - \frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu}$

As before $\phi = (1/\sqrt{2})(\phi_1 + i\phi_2)$, we choose $\phi_1(x^{\mu}) = \sqrt{-\mu^2/\lambda} + \eta(x^{\mu})$; $\phi_2(x^{\mu}) = \xi(x^{\mu})$ and we get

$$L = \frac{1}{2} (\partial_{\mu} \eta)^{2} + \frac{1}{2} (\partial_{\mu} \xi)^{2} + \frac{1}{4} \mu^{4} / \lambda + \mu^{2} \eta^{2} - \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}$$
$$- \frac{1}{2} q^{2} (\sqrt{-\mu^{2} / \lambda})^{2} A_{\mu} A^{\mu} + q (\sqrt{-\mu^{2} / \lambda}) (\partial_{\mu} \xi) A^{\mu}$$

(+ interaction terms in η , ξ and A.)

Note: (a) The A field has aquired a mass $q(\sqrt{-\mu^2/\lambda})$ (b) There is still a Goldstone boson, ξ .

(c) There is a strange term $q(\sqrt{-\mu^2/\lambda})(\partial_{\mu}\xi)A^{\mu}$



This indicates that we haven't chosen the correct fields.



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We have 1 massive scalar h and 1 massive vector A. Note that we started with two scalars (η and ξ) or (h and θ) and one massless vector A. This is 4 spin degrees of freedom, (2x1 + 1x2). We end with one scalar and one massive vector. This is still 4 spin degrees of freedom (1x1 + 1x3). The gauge field has eaten up the Goldstone boson. This is the **Higgs mechanism**, and h is called the Higgs boson.

А

h



 $\phi(x) = \exp\left\{i\frac{\vec{\tau}}{2}\cdot\vec{\theta}(x)\right\} \quad \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0\\ v+H(x) \end{pmatrix}$



Higgs mechanism



HIGGS MECHANISM

$$\phi(x) = \exp\left\{i\frac{\vec{\tau}}{2}\cdot\vec{\theta}(x)\right\} \quad \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(\begin{array}{c} 0\\ v+H(x) \end{array}\right)$$

 $SU(2)_L$ Invariance \longrightarrow $\vec{\theta}(x)$ Unphysical

Unitary Gauge: $\vec{\theta}(x) = 0$

$$(\mathbf{D}_{\mu} \phi)^{\dagger} \mathbf{D}^{\mu} \phi \longrightarrow \frac{1}{2} \partial_{\mu} H \partial^{\mu} H$$

$$+ \frac{g^{2}}{4} (v + H)^{2} \left\{ W^{\dagger}_{\mu} W^{\mu} + \frac{1}{2 \cos^{2} \theta_{W}} Z_{\mu} Z^{\mu} \right\}$$

$$\rightarrow$$

$$M_Z \,\cos\theta_W \,=\, M_W \,=\, \frac{1}{2} v \,g$$

Massive Gauge Bosons





Bosonic Degrees of Freedom

Massless W^{\pm} , Z 3 × 2 helicities = 6

3 Goldstones $\vec{\theta}$

SSB

Massive W^{\pm} , Z

 3×3 helicities = 9

SAME PHYSICS





THE HIGGS BOSON

 $\mathcal{L}_S = \frac{h v^4}{4} + \mathcal{L}_H + \mathcal{L}_{HG^2}$

 $\mathcal{L}_{H} = \frac{1}{2} \partial_{\mu} H \, \partial^{\mu} H \, - \, \frac{1}{2} M_{H}^{2} \, H^{2} \, - \, \frac{M_{H}^{2}}{2 \, v} \, H^{3} \, - \, \frac{M_{H}^{2}}{8 \, v^{2}} \, H^{4}$

$$\mathcal{L}_{HG^2} = M_W^2 W_\mu^{\dagger} W^\mu \left\{ 1 + \frac{2}{v} H + \frac{H^2}{v^2} \right\} \\ + \frac{1}{2} M_Z^2 Z_\mu Z^\mu \left\{ 1 + \frac{2}{v} H + \frac{H^2}{v^2} \right\}$$

1 Scalar Particle H⁰ should exist !!!

 $M_H = \sqrt{-2\,\mu^2} = \sqrt{2\,h}\,v$

Free Parameter

LHC:

discovery of a Higgs-like particle 4.7.2012 !!!

 $m_{
m H} = 125.25 \pm 0.17 \; {
m GeV} \;$ (2023 CMS & ATLAS average by PDG)

Up to now all measurements of the newly discovered particle consistent with the Standard Model Higgs boson !





Fermion masses



FERMION MASSES

Scalar–Fermion Couplings allowed by Gauge Symmetry

$$\mathcal{L}_{Y} = (\bar{q}_{u}, \bar{q}_{d})_{L} \left[c^{(d)} \begin{pmatrix} \phi^{(+)} \\ \phi^{(0)} \end{pmatrix} (q_{d})_{R} + c^{(u)} \begin{pmatrix} \phi^{(0)\dagger} \\ -\phi^{(+)\dagger} \end{pmatrix} (q_{u})_{R} \right]$$

$$+ (\bar{\nu}_{l}, \bar{l})_{L} c^{(l)} \begin{pmatrix} \phi^{(+)} \\ \phi^{(0)} \end{pmatrix} l_{R} + \text{h.c.}$$

$$\bigvee \quad SSB$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{Y} = -\left(1 + \frac{H}{v}\right) \left\{ m_{q_{d}} \ \bar{q}_{d} \ q_{d} + m_{q_{u}} \ \bar{q}_{u} \ q_{u} + m_{l} \ \bar{l} \ l \right\}$$
Fermion Masses are New Free Parameters
$$[m_{q_{d}}, m_{q_{u}}, m_{l}] = -\left[c^{(d)}, c^{(u)}, c^{(l)}\right] \ \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}}$$





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DIAGONALIZATION OF MASS MATRICES

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{M}'_{d} &= \mathbf{H}_{d} \mathbf{U}_{d} = \mathbf{S}_{d}^{\dagger} \mathcal{M}_{d} \mathbf{S}_{d} \mathbf{U}_{d} & \mathbf{H}_{f} = \mathbf{H}_{f}^{\dagger} \\ \mathbf{M}'_{u} &= \mathbf{H}_{u} \mathbf{U}_{u} = \mathbf{S}_{u}^{\dagger} \mathcal{M}_{u} \mathbf{S}_{u} \mathbf{U}_{u} & \mathbf{U}_{f} \mathbf{U}_{f}^{\dagger} = \mathbf{1} \\ \mathbf{M}'_{l} &= \mathbf{H}_{l} \mathbf{U}_{l} = \mathbf{S}_{l}^{\dagger} \mathcal{M}_{l} \mathbf{S}_{l} \mathbf{U}_{l} & \mathbf{S}_{f} \mathbf{S}_{f}^{\dagger} = \mathbf{1} \end{split}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{Y} = -\left(\mathbf{1} + \frac{H}{v}\right) \left\{ \bar{\mathbf{d}} \,\mathcal{M}_{d} \,\mathbf{d} \,+\, \bar{\mathbf{u}} \,\mathcal{M}_{u} \,\mathbf{u} \,+\, \bar{\mathbf{l}} \,\mathcal{M}_{l} \,\mathbf{l} \right\}$$

 $\mathcal{M}_d = \operatorname{diag}(m_d, m_s, m_b)$, $\mathcal{M}_u = \operatorname{diag}(m_u, m_c, m_t)$ $\mathcal{M}_l = \operatorname{diag}(m_e, m_\mu, m_\tau)$

Mass Eigenstates \neq Weak Eigenstates

$\mathbf{d}_L\equiv\mathbf{S}_d\mathbf{d}_L'$,	$\mathbf{u}_L \equiv \mathbf{S}_u \mathbf{u}_L'$,	$\mathbf{l}_L\equiv\mathbf{S}_l\mathbf{l}_L'$
$\mathbf{d}_R\equiv \mathbf{S}_d\mathbf{U}_d\mathbf{d}_R'$,	$\mathbf{u}_R \equiv \mathbf{S}_u \mathbf{U}_u \mathbf{u}_R'$,	$\mathbf{l}_R \equiv \mathbf{S}_l \mathbf{U}_l \mathbf{l}_R'$

$$\mathbf{\bar{f}}'_{L} \mathbf{f}'_{L} = \mathbf{\bar{f}}_{L} \mathbf{f}_{L} , \ \mathbf{\bar{f}}'_{R} \mathbf{f}'_{R} = \mathbf{\bar{f}}_{R} \mathbf{f}_{R} \longrightarrow \mathcal{L}'_{NC} = \mathcal{L}_{NC}$$
$$\mathbf{\bar{u}}'_{L} \mathbf{d}'_{L} = \mathbf{\bar{u}}_{L} \mathbf{V} \mathbf{d}_{L} \longrightarrow \mathcal{L}'_{CC} \neq \mathcal{L}_{CC}$$

Phenomenology 2024 Standard Model (cont.)

 $\mathbf{V} \equiv \mathbf{S}_u \mathbf{S}_d^{\dagger}$

QUARK MIXING



Phenomenology 2024 Standard Model (cont.)

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Electroweak precision measurement

- LEP and its experiments
- Electroweak radiative corrections
- Z precision measurements
- Global electroweak fit



The LEP collider





An electron–positron collider at CERN, European laboratory for particle physics, in the same tunnel that is now used by LHC.

Four experiments focused on studying the Standard Model (electroweak measurements ~ W & Z, QCD measurement & Higgs searches)

 $LEPI - \sqrt{s} \approx m_z \text{ (1989-95)}$

LEPII – √s = 140-209 GeV (1995-2000)





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Z resonance lineshape

To measure the Z mass, total width and cross-section, partial widths (branching ratios) and couplings:

- LEP machine gives e⁺e⁻ collisions at a few energies on and near the Z peak and precise measurement of E_{beam}
- Detectors ALEPH, DELPHI, L3, OPAL distinguish Z final states and measure the luminosity from QED t-channel process e⁺e⁻ → e⁺e⁻ (Bhabha scattering)

$$\sigma(\sqrt{s}) = (N_{\rm observed} - N_{\rm background})/\epsilon \mathcal{L}$$

- Monte Carlo simulation of the signal efficiency and background.
- Precise theoretical prediction of the lineshape
- Match precision from 4.5 million Z events per experiment relative statistical error about 5×10^{-4} .
- Several thousand people involved: machine/experiment/theory
- $\sigma(m_{\rm Z}) \approx 340$ MeV from UA2+CDF in 1989. Hoped to reduce to ≈ 10 MeV (limited by beam energy precision)
- Count the number of generations. 2.5 generations were known in 1989, top quark and ν_{τ} not yet established. Number of light neutrinos limited by big bang nucleosynthesis to $\lesssim 4$. Expected precision of about ± 0.2 on the number.







Standard Model relationships

Masses of heavy gauge bosons and their couplings to fermions depend on SAME mixing angle

 $\cos \theta_{\rm W} = m_{\rm W}/m_{\rm Z}$

 $SU(2) \times U(1)$ coupling constants, g, g', proportional to electric charge $e: g = e \sin \theta_{\rm W}, g' = e \cos \theta_{\rm W}$









 $\propto m_t^2 \& \ln m_H^2$

Radiative corrections

The value of $G_{\mathbf{F}}$ is also modified:

Fermi constant $G_{\rm F} = \frac{\pi \alpha}{\sqrt{2} \, m_{\rm W}^2 \, \sin^2 \theta_{\rm W}} \frac{1}{1 - \Delta r}$

where

$\Delta r = \Delta \alpha + \Delta r_{\rm w} = \Delta \alpha - \Delta \kappa + \cdots$

 $\Delta \alpha$ term incorporates the running of the electromagnetic coupling due to fermion loops in the photon propagator. The difficult part of the calculation is to account for all the hadronic states. Use experimental measurement of $e^+e^- \rightarrow hadrons$ at low \sqrt{s} .

$$\alpha(s) = \frac{\alpha(0)}{1 - \Delta \alpha}$$

 $\alpha(m_e^2) = 1/137.035999180(10) \ \alpha(m_z^2) = 1/127.95$

Quadratic dependence on $m_{\rm t}$ Logarithmic dependence on $m_{\rm H}$ Can fit both $m_{\rm t}$ and $m_{\rm H}$

Use programs such as ZFITTER (D Bardin et al.) and TOPAZO (G Montagna et al.) for calculations to higher order.

Leading order expressions above are for large $m_{\rm H}$.



EXERCISE VERSION VERSION PRESENT Differential cross section
Differential cross-section
Improved Born Approximation for e⁺e⁻
$$\rightarrow$$
 ff
(ignoring fermion masses, QED/QCD ISR/FSR...)
 $\frac{d\sigma_{ew}}{d\cos\theta} = \frac{\pi N_c^i}{2s} 16|\chi(s)|^2 \times$
 $[(g_{Ve}^2 + g_{Ae}^2)(g_{Vf}^2 + g_{Af}^2)(1 + \cos^2\theta) + 8g_{Ve}g_{Ae}g_{Vf}g_{Af}\cos\theta]$
 $+ [\gamma exchange] + [\gamma Z interference]$
Where
 $\chi(s) = \frac{G_F m_Z^2}{8\pi \sqrt{2}} \frac{s}{s - m_Z^2 + is\Gamma_Z/m_Z}$
Even term in $\cos\theta$ gives total cross-section
 $\sigma_{ff} \propto (g_{Ve}^2 + g_{Ae}^2)(g_{Vf}^2 + g_{Af}^2)$
Odd term in $\cos\theta$ leads to forward-backward asymmetry:
 $A_{FB} = \frac{\sigma_F - \sigma_B}{\sigma_F + \sigma_B}$
where $\sigma_F = \int_0^1 (d\sigma/d\cos\theta) d\cos\theta$
 $A_{FB}^0 = \frac{3}{4} \frac{2g_{Ve}g_{Ae}}{g_{Ve}^2} + g_{Ae}^2} \frac{2g_{Vf}g_{Af}}{g_{Vf}^2} = \frac{3}{4} A_e A_f$ @ Z^0 pole
(Interference term means A_{FB} varies with s)
Cross-section plus A_{FB} allow g_{Vf} and g_{Af} to be derived.





Cross-section and partial widths

Cross-section as a function of s: "Z lineshape"

$$\sigma_{\rm ff}(s) = \sigma_{\rm ff}^0 \frac{s\Gamma_{\rm Z}^2}{(s-m_{\rm Z})^2 + s^2\Gamma_{\rm Z}^2/m_{\rm Z}^2}$$

where pole cross-section is

$$\sigma_{\rm ff}^{\rm 0} = \frac{12\pi}{m_{\rm Z}^2} \; \frac{\Gamma_{\rm ee}\Gamma_{\rm f\bar{f}}}{\Gamma_{\rm Z}^2}. \label{eq:sigma_ff}$$

with $\Gamma_{f\bar{f}}/\Gamma_{\rm Z}=BR({\rm Z}\to f\bar{f})$ and partial width is

$$\Gamma_{\mathrm{f}\overline{\mathrm{f}}} = N_c^{\mathrm{f}} \frac{G_{\mathrm{F}} m_{\mathrm{Z}}^3}{6\sqrt{2}\pi} \left(g_{\mathrm{A}\mathrm{f}}^2 + g_{\mathrm{V}\mathrm{f}}^2\right)$$

+ QED/QCD corrections eg. QCD: $\Gamma_{q\bar{q}} \rightarrow \Gamma_{q\bar{q}}(1 + \alpha_s/\pi + \cdots)$

Total width of Z

 $\Gamma_{\rm Z} = \Gamma_{\rm had} + 3\Gamma_{\ell\ell} + \Gamma_{\rm inv} = \Sigma\Gamma_{\rm q\bar{q}} + 3\Gamma_{\ell\ell} + N_{\nu}\Gamma_{\nu\nu}$

Comparing total width to partial width gives $N_{\nu} = 2.9963 \pm 0.0074$ Cross-sections and widths correlated. Choose to fit:

m_Z, Γ_Z, σ⁰_h
Ratios: R⁰_e ≡ Γ_{had}/Γ_{ee}, R⁰_μ ≡ Γ_{had}/Γ_{μμ}, R⁰_τ ≡ Γ_{had}/Γ_{ττ} or R⁰_ℓ ≡ Γ_{had}/Γ_{ℓℓ}
Asymmetries: A^{0, e}_{FB}, A^{0, μ}_{FB} and A^{0, τ}_{FB} or A^{0, ℓ}_{FB}

Extra information from tagging some quark flavours - see later.







Lepton forward-backward asymmetries









Inputs to global electroweak fits

Measurements of W, Z, quark & H properties + coupling constants from LEP/CERN, SLD/SLAC ($e^+e^- \rightarrow Z^0$) Tevatron/Fermilab, LHC/CERN & lower $\sqrt{s} e^+e^-$ colliders.

Results & plots: *Gfitter group, EPJC 78 (2018) 675, PoS ICHEP2022 (2023) 897, and PoS EPS-HEP2023 (2024) 304*

Parameter	Input value	Free in fit	Fit Result	$w/o \exp. input$ in line	$\overline{w/o}$ exp. input in line, no theo. unc
$\overline{M_H \; [\text{GeV}]}$	125.1 ± 0.2	yes	$125.1_{-0.2}^{+0.2}$	$100.8^{+25.4}_{-21.1}$	$101.0^{+24.0}_{-20.1}$
$ \begin{array}{c} M_W \ [\text{GeV}] \\ \Gamma_W \ [\text{GeV}] \end{array} $	$\begin{array}{c} 80.362 \pm 0.014 \\ 2.085 \pm 0.042 \end{array}$	-	$\begin{array}{c} 80.356 \pm 0.006 \\ 2.091 \pm 0.001 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 80.354 \pm 0.007 \\ 2.091 \pm 0.001 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 80.353 \pm 0.005 \\ 2.091 \pm 0.001 \end{array}$
$ \begin{array}{c} \hline M_{Z} \; [\text{GeV}] \\ \Gamma_{Z} \; [\text{GeV}] \\ \sigma_{\text{had}}^{0} \; [\text{hb}] \\ R_{l}^{0} \\ A_{\text{FB}}^{0,l} \\ A_{\ell}^{0,l} \\ \sin^{2} \theta_{eff}^{l}(Q_{\text{FB}}) \\ \sin^{2} \theta_{eff}^{l}(\text{Tev} + \text{LHO}) \\ A_{c} \\ A_{b} \\ A_{\text{FB}}^{0,c} \\ A_{\text{FB}}^{0,c} \\ R_{c}^{0,c} \\ R_{c}^{0,c} \\ \end{array} $	$\begin{array}{c} 91.1875 \pm 0.0021 \\ 2.4955 \pm 0.0023 \\ 41.500 \pm 0.037 \\ 20.767 \pm 0.025 \\ 0.0171 \pm 0.0010 \\ 0.1499 \pm 0.0018 \\ 0.2324 \pm 0.0012 \\ 0.670 \pm 0.027 \\ 0.923 \pm 0.020 \\ 0.0707 \pm 0.0035 \\ 0.0992 \pm 0.0016 \\ 0.1721 \pm 0.0030 \end{array}$	yes	$\begin{array}{c} 91.1878 \pm 0.0021 \\ 2.4952 \pm 0.0014 \\ 41.484 \pm 0.015 \\ 20.759 \pm 0.017 \\ 0.01619 \pm 0.0001 \\ 0.1469 \pm 0.0005 \\ 0.23154 \pm 0.00000 \\ 0.23154 \pm 0.00000 \\ 0.6678 \pm 0.00021 \\ 0.93475 \pm 0.00004 \\ 0.0736 \pm 0.0003 \\ 0.1030 \pm 0.0003 \\ 0.17223 \substack{+0.00007 \\ -0.00006} \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 91.1969 \pm 0.0105 \\ 2.4949 \pm 0.0016 \\ 41.481 \pm 0.016 \\ 20.750 \pm 0.026 \\ 0.01618 \pm 0.0001 \\ 0.1469 \pm 0.0005 \\ 50.23153 \pm 0.00006 \\ 50.23154 \pm 0.00006 \\ 0.6678 \pm 0.00021 \\ 40.93475 \pm 0.00004 \\ 0.0736 \pm 0.0003 \\ 0.1031 \pm 0.0003 \\ 0.17224 \pm 0.00007 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 91.1969\pm 0.0100\\ 2.4949\pm 0.0016\\ 41.481\pm 0.015\\ 20.750\pm 0.026\\ 0.01617\pm 0.0001\\ 0.1469\pm 0.0003\\ 0.23154\pm 0.00004\\ 0.23155\pm 0.00004\\ 0.6678\pm 0.00014\\ 0.93474\pm 0.00002\\ 0.0736\pm 0.0002\\ 0.1030\pm 0.0002\\ 0.17223\pm 0.00006\\ \end{array}$
$\frac{R_b^0}{-}$	0.21629 ± 0.00066	; –	$0.21586 \substack{+0.00004 \\ -0.00005}$	0.21585 ± 0.00005	0.21586 ± 0.00004
$ \overline{m}_c \text{ [GeV]} $ $ \overline{m}_b \text{ [GeV]} $ $ m_t \text{ [GeV]}^{(\bigtriangledown)} $	$ \begin{array}{c} 1.27 \substack{+0.11 \\ -0.01} \\ 4.20 \substack{+0.17 \\ -0.07} \\ 172.47 \pm 0.68 \end{array} $	yes yes yes	$ \begin{array}{c} 1.27 \substack{+0.01 \\ -0.11} \\ 4.20 \substack{+0.17 \\ -0.07} \\ 172.65 \pm 0.65 \end{array} $	- 174.84 $^{+2.37}_{-2.39}$	- 174.85 $^{+2.30}_{-2.32}$
$\frac{\Delta \alpha_{had}^{(5)}(M_Z^2)}{\alpha_s(M_Z^2)} \xrightarrow{(\dagger \Delta)}$	2761 ± 9	yes yes	2759 ± 10 0.1196 ± 0.0029	$\begin{array}{c} 2730 \pm 39 \\ 0.1196 \pm 0.0029 \end{array}$	2731 ± 37 0.1195 ± 0.0028

^(*)Average of LEP ($A_{\ell} = 0.1465 \pm 0.0033$) and SLD ($A_{\ell} = 0.1513 \pm 0.0021$) measurements, used as two measurements in the fit. The fit w/o the LEP (SLD) measurement gives $A_{\ell} = 0.1469 \pm 0.0005$ ($A_{\ell} = 0.1467 \pm 0.0005$). ^(\bigtriangledown)Combination of experimental (0.46 GeV) and theory uncertainty (0.5 GeV).^(†)In units of 10⁻⁵.

 $^{(\triangle)}$ Rescaled due to α_s dependency.



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