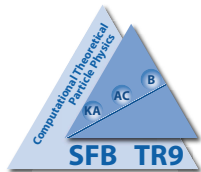
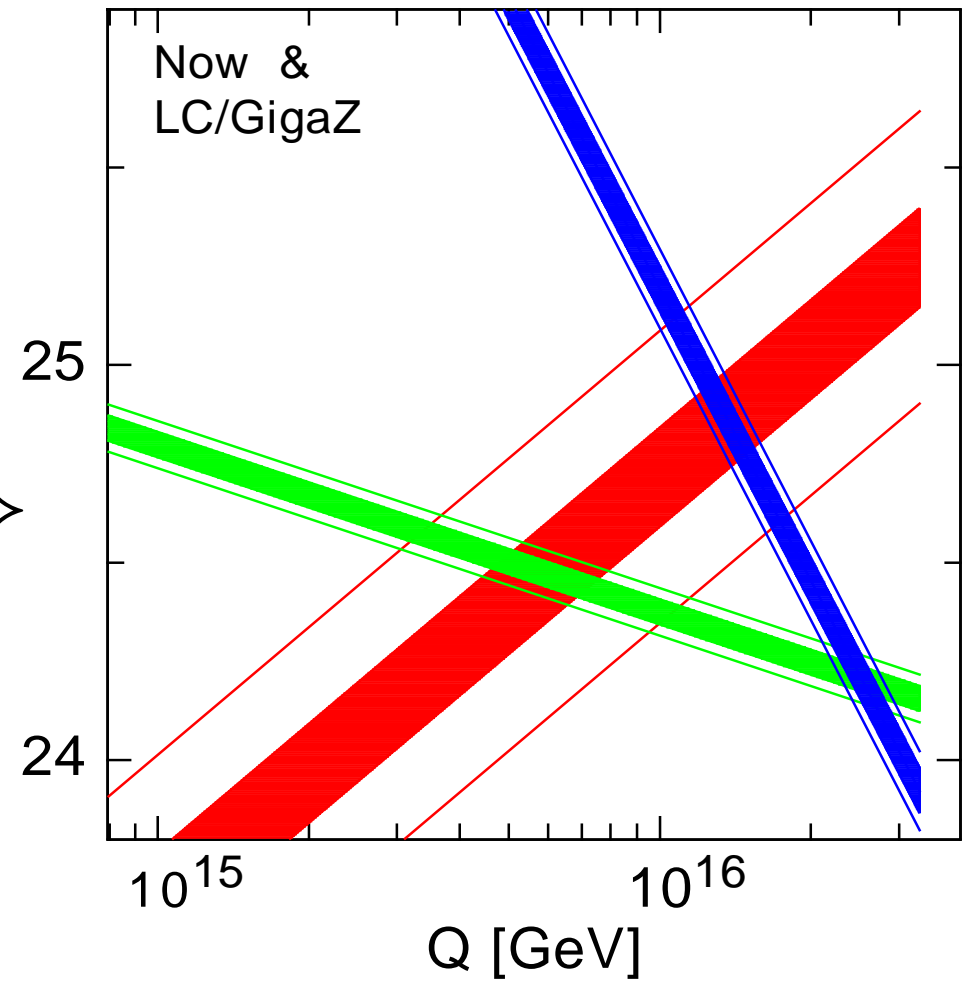
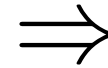
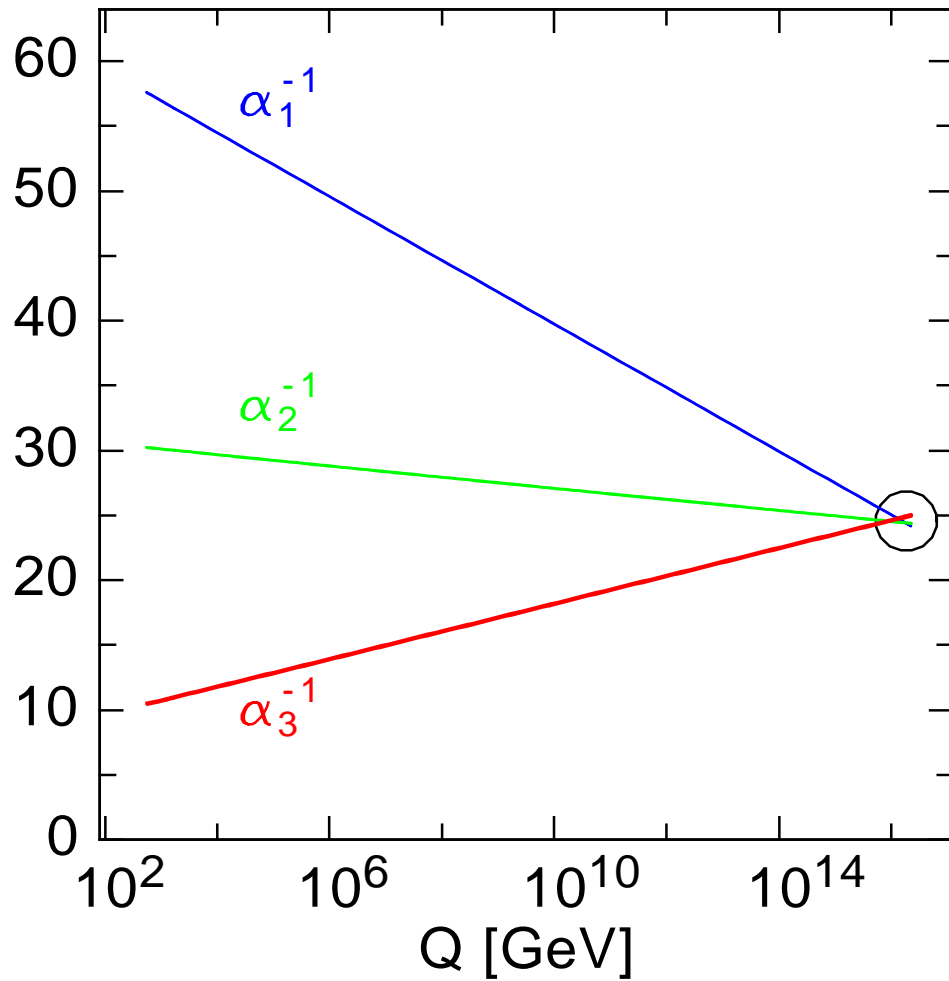


# R(s) and Tau Decays to Order $\alpha_s^4$

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$$\alpha_s = 0.1183 \pm 0.0027 \quad \text{vs} \quad \pm 0.0009$$

## $\alpha_s$ from LEP

$$R_\ell = \Gamma_h/\Gamma_\ell = 20.767 \pm 0.025 \quad (1.2 \text{ ‰} !)$$

( $\sim 10^6$  leptonic events)

$$\alpha_s = 0.1226 \pm 0.0038 \quad {}^{+0.0028}_{-0.0} \quad (M_H = \frac{900}{100} \text{ GeV})$$

$$\sigma_\ell \sim \frac{\Gamma_\ell^2}{\Gamma_{tot}^2} = 2.003 \pm 0.0027 \text{ pb}$$

(luminosity)

$$\alpha_s = 0.1183 \pm 0.0030 \quad {}^{+0.0022}_{-0.0} \quad (M_H = \frac{900}{100} \text{ GeV})$$

SM-fit:

$$\alpha_s = 0.1185 \pm 0.0026$$

based on  $\sim 10^7$  Z-events/experiment

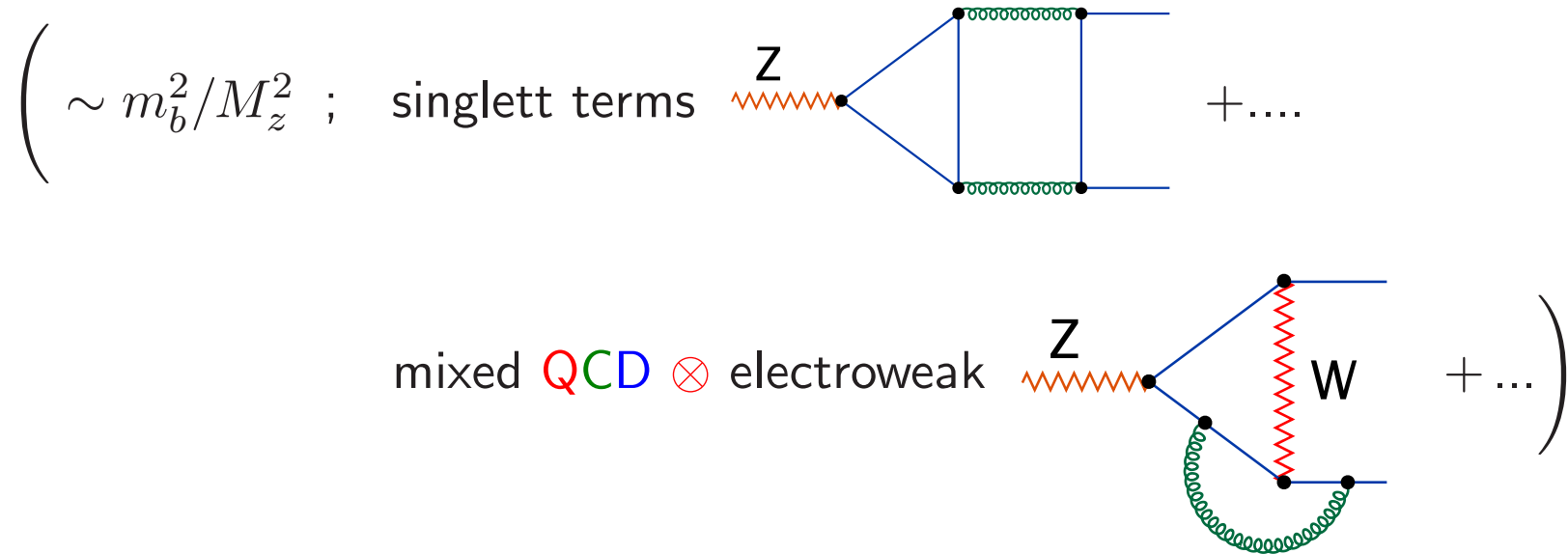
GIGA-Z:  $10^9$  events

$$\implies \delta\alpha_s = 0.0009 \quad \text{M. Winter}$$

$\alpha_s$  based on

$$\Gamma_{\text{had}} = \Gamma_0 \left( 1 + a_s + 1.409 a_s^2 - 12.767 a_s^3 \right) \quad \left( a_s \equiv \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \right)$$

+ corrections



dominant theory error:  
 uncalculated **higher orders!**  $\alpha_s^4$

## $\alpha_s$ from $\tau$ -decays

one of the most precise results for  $\alpha_s$

$$\frac{\Gamma(\tau \rightarrow h_{s=0} \nu)}{\Gamma(\tau \rightarrow l \bar{\nu} \nu)} = |V_{ud}|^2 S_{EW} R_\tau = 3.471 \pm 0.011$$

$$R_\tau = 3 \left( 1 + \delta_P + \underbrace{\delta_{EW}}_{\text{small}} + \underbrace{\delta_{NP}}_{0.003 \pm 0.003} \right)$$

$$\delta_P = 0.1998 \pm 0.0043 \text{ (exp)}$$

- previous fixed order perturbation theory:

$$\delta_P = a_s + 5.202 a_s^2 + 26.37 a_s^3 + ?$$

- previous contour improved perturbation theory:

$$\delta_P = 1.364 a_s + 2.54 a_s^2 + 9.71 a_s^3 + ?$$

previously:

estimates for  $\alpha_s^4$  (and  $\alpha_s^5$ ) terms only (FAC, PMS)

questions:

- are FAC/PMS supported by higher order calculations
- does the difference between fixed order (FOPT) and CIPT decrease upon inclusion of  $\alpha_s^4$  ?

aim: evaluate  $\alpha_s^4$

⇒ absorptive part of 5-loop correlators

Theory:

The long march towards  $\alpha_s^4$

# Massless Correlators: Technicalities

Correlator of two currents  $j = \bar{q} \Gamma q$  and  $j^\dagger$

$$\Pi^{jj}(q^2 = -Q^2) = i \int dx e^{iqx} \langle 0 | T[ j(x) j^\dagger(0) ] | 0 \rangle$$

related to the corresponding absorptive part  $R(s)$  through

$$R^{jj}(s) \approx \Im \Pi^{jj}(s - i\delta)$$

RG equation ( $a_s \equiv \alpha_s/\pi$ )

$$\Pi^{jj} = Z^{jj} + \Pi^B(-Q^2, \alpha_s^B)$$

$$\left( \mu^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu^2} + \beta(a_s) \frac{\partial}{\partial a_s} \right) \Pi = \gamma^{jj}(a_s)$$

extremely useful for determining the absorptive part of  $\Pi^{jj}$



For  $\Pi$  at  $(L + 1)$  loop

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \log(\mu^2)} \Pi = \gamma^{jj}(a_s) - \left( \beta(a_s) \frac{\partial}{\partial a_s} \right) \Pi$$

anom.dim. at  $a_s^L$   
 $(L+1)$  loop integrals

L-loop integrals only contribute  
 due to the factor of  $\beta(a_s)$

- to find Log-dependent part of  $\Pi$  at  $(L+1)$ -loops one needs  $(L+1)$ -loop anomalous dimension  $\gamma^{jj}$  and L-loop  $\Pi$  (BUT! including its constant part)
- $(L+1)$  loop anom.dim. reducible to L-loop p-integrals

# Strategy

$\alpha_s^4$  requires absorptive part of 5-loop correlator

$\hat{=}$  divergent part ( $1/\epsilon$ ) of 5-loop correlator

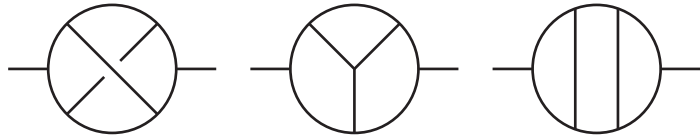
**A** finite part of 4-loop  $\Rightarrow$  div. part of 5-loop

systematic, automatized algorithm (Chetyrkin)

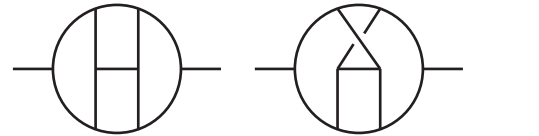
$$\text{div } \text{---} \bigcirc \text{---} \hat{=} \int dq^2 \text{---} \overset{q}{\bigcirc} \text{---} \text{ requires } \bigcirc$$

**B** finite part of 4-loop massless propagators difficult!  
compare 3- and 4-loop calculation

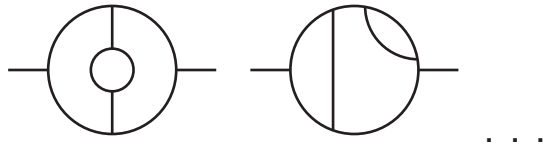
**3** topologies without insertions



**11** topologies without insertion



**14** topologies with+without insertions

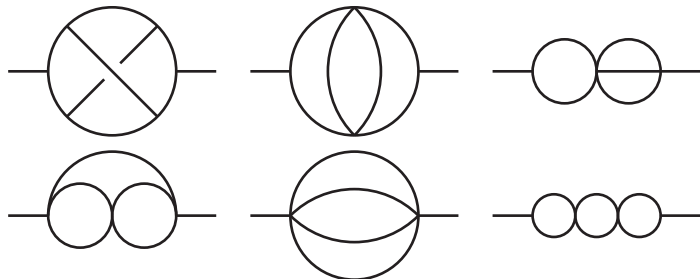


**~150** topologies with+without insertions

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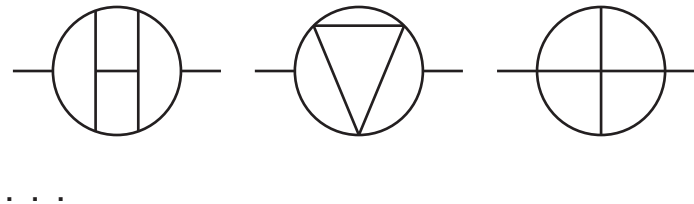
reduction to master integrals:  
MINCER

**6** master integrals



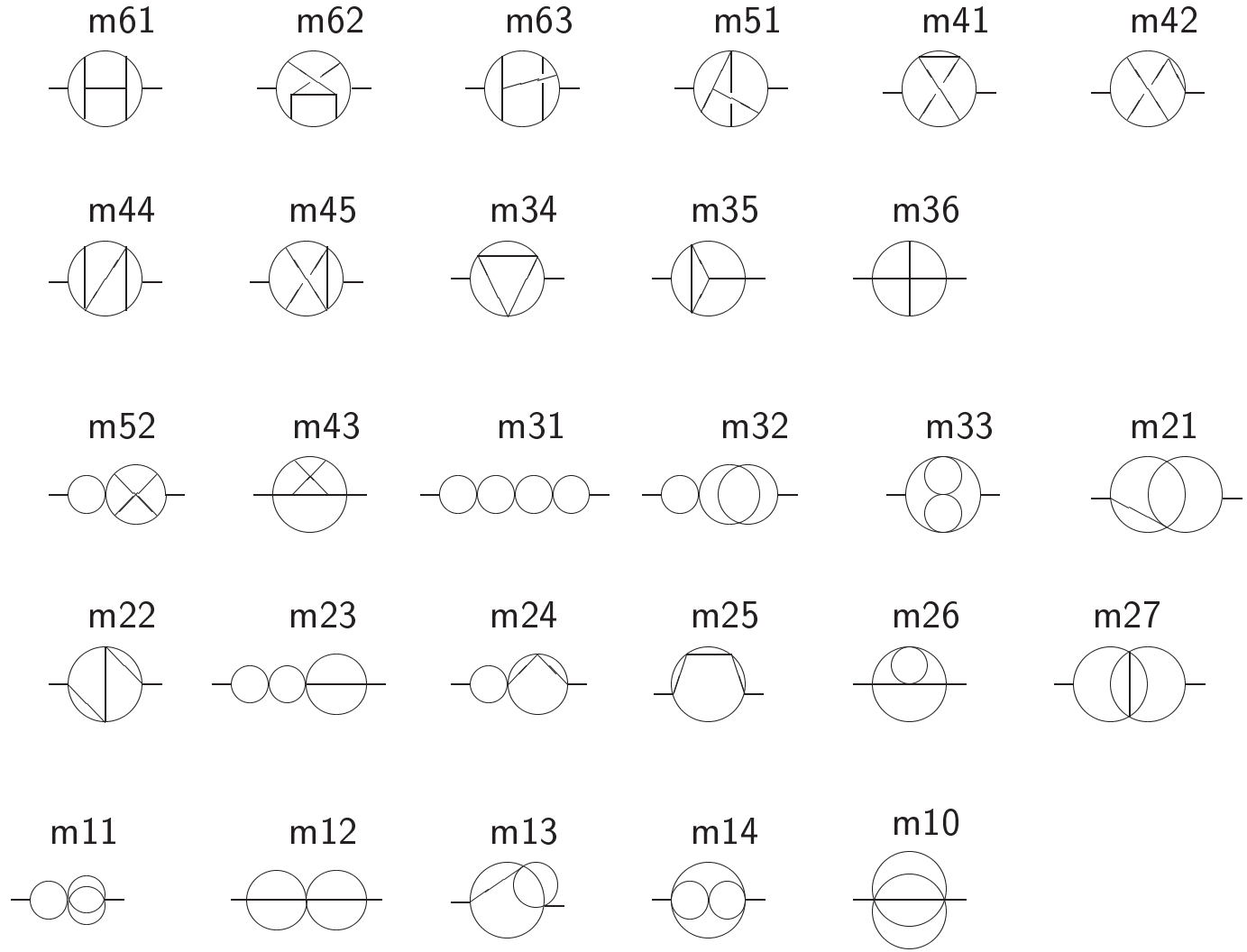
reduction to master integrals ???

**28** master integrals



# All relevant Master Integrals solved (2004)

(method: “glue and cut” (Chetyrkin, Tkachov))



## MINCER: 3-loop (Larin, Tkatchov, Vermaseren)

recursion relations based on integration by parts identities!

reduction algorithm and program constructed “manually” for 14 topologies.

## 4-loop:

more complicated identities

~ 150 topologies . . .

straightforward generalization of MINCER difficult

⇒ fully automatized construction of program; new concept?

**C** Baikov: recursion relations can be solved “mechanically” in the limit of large dimension  $d$ :

consider amplitude  $f$ :

$$f(\text{topology, power of prop, } d) \\ = \sum_{\alpha=\text{masters}} C^{(\alpha)}(\text{topology, power of prop, } d) \star f^{(\alpha)}(d)$$

$f^{(\alpha)}$ : 28 masters, analytically solved

$C^{(\alpha)}$ : rational function  $\frac{P^n(d)}{Q^m(d)}$ , to be calculated;  
 $m + n \approx 60$  corresponds to  $\sim 60$  coefficients

expand  $C^{(\alpha)}$ :

$$C^{(\alpha)} = \sum_k c_k^{(\alpha)}(\text{topology, power of prop}) (1/d)^k + \dots$$

sufficiently many terms  $c_k^{(\alpha)} \Rightarrow C^{(\alpha)}$

additional information on structure of  $P^n(d)$ ,  $Q^m(d)$  may lead to drastic reduction of hardware requirements:

originally  $\sim 60$  numbers

additional information on structure of  $Q^m(d)$  and using already calculated integrals

$$\Rightarrow (m + n)_{\text{eff}} \approx 20$$

evaluation of  $c_k^{(\alpha)}$ :

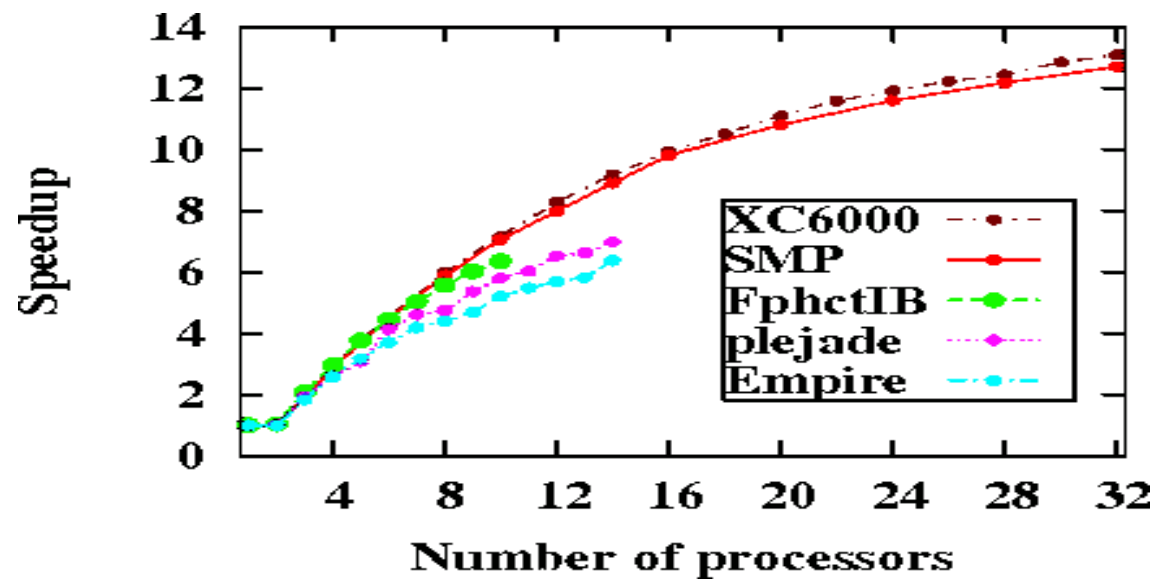
handling of polynomials of 9 variables of degree  $2k$

$$\frac{(9+2k)!}{9!(2k)!} \text{ terms} \quad 2k = 40 \Rightarrow 2 \cdot 10^9 \text{ terms} \\ (200 \text{ GB storage, 1 TB for operation))$$

months of runtime

# Computing

- 32+8 node SGI (SMP architecture)
- HP XC 4000 “Supercomputer”
- PARFORM  
(Tentyukov, Vermaseren, Fliegner, Retey . . . )





## Results

consider  $D(Q^2) \equiv -12\pi^2 Q^2 \frac{d}{dQ^2} \Pi = \int_0^\infty ds \frac{Q^2}{(Q^2+s)^2} R(s)$

(Adler function,  $\mu$  independent)

$$\begin{aligned} D(q^2) = & 1 + a_s + a_s^2 (-0.1153 n_f + 1.968) \\ & + a_s^3 (0.08621 n_f^2 - 4.216 n_f + 18.24) \\ & + a_s^4 (-0.010 n_f^3 + 1.88 n_f^2 - 34.4 n_f + 135.8) \end{aligned}$$

relation to FAC/PMS

$n_f$	$d_4^{\text{FAC/PMS}}$	$d_4^{\text{exact}}$	$r_4^{\text{FAC/PMS}}$	$r_4^{\text{exact}}$
3	$27 \pm 16$	49.08	$-129 \pm 16$	-106.88
4	$8 \pm 28$	27.39	$112 \pm 30$	-92.90
5	$-8 \pm 44$	9.21	$97 \pm 44$	-79.98

impact on  $\alpha_s$  from  $Z$ -decays

$$R(s) = D(s) - \pi^2 \beta_0^2 \left\{ \frac{d_1}{3} a_s^3 + \left( d_2 + \frac{5\beta_1}{6\beta_0} d_1 \right) a_s^4 \right\}$$
$$\Rightarrow \delta\alpha_s(M_Z) = 0.0005$$

$$\alpha_s(M_Z)^{\text{NNNLO}} = 0.1190 \pm 0.0026$$

## impact on $\alpha_s$ from $\tau$ -decays

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$$R_\tau = 3.471 \pm 0.011$$

(Davier, Höcker, Zhang; ALEPH, OPAL, CLEO, . . .)

$$\delta_P = 0.1998 \pm 0.043 \text{ (exp) scale } \mu^2/M_\tau^2 = 0.4 - 2$$

	$\alpha_s^{FO}(M_\tau)$	$\alpha_s^{CI}(M_\tau)$
no $\alpha_s^4$	$0.337 \pm 0.004 \pm 0.03$	$0.354 \pm 0.006 \pm 0.02$
$d_4 = 25$	$0.325 \pm 0.004 \pm 0.02$	$0.347 \pm 0.006 \pm 0.009$
$d_4 = 49.08$	$0.322 \pm 0.004 \pm 0.02$	$0.342 \pm 0.005 \pm 0.01$

use mean value between FOPT and CIPT

$$\alpha_s(M_\tau) = 0.332 \pm 0.005_{\text{exp}} \pm 0.015_{\text{theo}}$$

four-loop running ( $\beta_0, \beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_3$ )

four-loop matching at quark thresholds

$$(m_c(m_c) = 1.286(13) \text{ GeV}, m_b(m_b) = 4.164(25) \text{ GeV})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_s(M_Z) &= 0.1202 \pm 0.0006_{\text{exp}} \pm 0.0018_{\text{theo}} \pm 0.0003_{\text{evol}} \\ &= 0.1202 \pm 0.0019 \end{aligned}$$

consistent with  $\alpha_s$  from  $Z$

$\delta\alpha_s$  from  $\tau$  dominated by theory.

$\delta\alpha_s$  from  $Z$  dominated by statistics.

## Summary

- Adler function,  $R(s)$ ,  $R_\tau$  available to  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^4)$
- First and only N<sup>3</sup>LO results

$$\alpha_s(M_Z) = \begin{cases} 0.1190 \pm 0.0026 & \text{from } Z \\ 0.1202 \pm 0.0019 & \text{from } \tau \end{cases}$$

- $\alpha_s^4$  terms move  $Z$  and  $\tau$  closer together

combined

$$\alpha_s(M_Z) = 0.1198 \pm 0.0015$$