Electron-positron annihilation



Physics of the Z-Boson



For $e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$:

$$M_{\gamma} = -ie^{2}(\bar{u}_{\mu}\gamma^{\nu}v_{\mu})\frac{g_{\rho\nu}}{q^{2}}(\bar{v}_{e}\gamma^{\rho}u_{e})$$

$$M_{Z} = -i\frac{g^{2}}{4\cos^{2}\theta_{W}}\left[(\bar{u}_{\mu}\gamma^{\nu}(g_{V}^{\mu}-g_{A}^{\mu}\gamma^{5})v_{\mu}\right]\frac{g_{\rho\nu}-q_{\rho}q_{\nu}/M_{Z}^{2}}{(q^{2}-M_{Z}^{2})+iM_{Z}\Gamma_{Z}}\left[(\bar{v}_{e}\gamma^{\nu}(g_{V}^{e}-g_{A}^{e}\gamma^{5})u_{e}\right]$$

Z propagator [with finite width; unitary gauge]



number of colors

[partial Z-widths]

Physics of the Z-Boson

Total cross section
for e⁺e⁻
$$\rightarrow$$
 ff:
 $\sigma_f = \frac{4\pi\alpha^2}{3s} N_c^f \left\{ Q_f^2 - 2Q_f g_V^e g_V^f \Re\{\chi\} + \left[(g_V^e)^2 + (g_A^e)^2\right] \left[(g_V^f)^2 + (g_A^f)^2\right] |\chi^2| \right\}$
with $\chi = \frac{1}{\sin^2\theta_W \cos^2\theta_W} \cdot \frac{s}{s - m_Z^2 + i\Gamma_Z m_Z}$
Total cross section
at $\sqrt{s}=m_Z$:

$$\sigma_f(\sqrt{s} = m_z) \approx \frac{12\pi}{m_Z^2} \frac{\Gamma_e \Gamma_f}{\Gamma_Z^2} = \frac{12\pi}{m_Z^2} \cdot \text{BR}(Z \to e^+ e^-) \cdot \text{BR}(Z \to f\bar{f})$$
with
$$\Gamma_Z = \sum_f \Gamma_f , \quad \Gamma_f = N_c^f \frac{\alpha m_Z}{12 \sin^2 \theta_W \cos^2 \theta_W} \left[(g_V^f)^2 + (g_A^f)^2 \right]$$
[calculable within SM]

The LEP Collider



4 Experiments

The LEP Experiments - OPAL



The LEP Experiments - OPAL











The LEP Experiments - ALEPH



The LEP Experiments - L3



The LEP Experiments - DELPHI



Experimental Signatures



$$\sigma^0(s) \approx 12\pi \, \frac{\Gamma_e \Gamma_f}{m_Z^2} \cdot \frac{s}{(s - m_Z^2)^2 + \Gamma_Z^2 m_Z^2} \qquad \text{Breit}_{\text{Wigner}}$$



Peak:
$$\sigma^0 \approx \frac{12\pi}{m_Z^2} \frac{\Gamma_e \Gamma_f}{\Gamma_Z^2}$$

Resonance position $\rightarrow m_Z$ Peak cross section $\rightarrow \Gamma_e\Gamma_f$ Resonance width $\rightarrow \Gamma_Z$

But: must consider QED corrections ! [especially initial state Bremsstrahlung]





data/fit







Event Topologies for W Pair Production



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W Pair Production Cross Section



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W mass measurements



W Mass



Constraining the Standard Model



Current results



Top decays



Top mass

