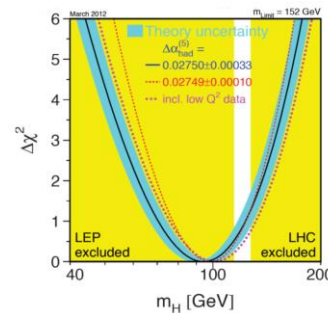
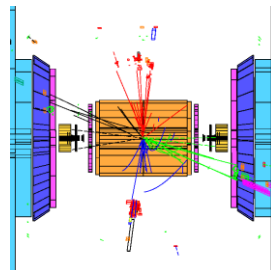
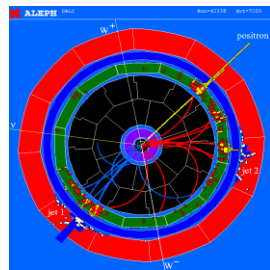
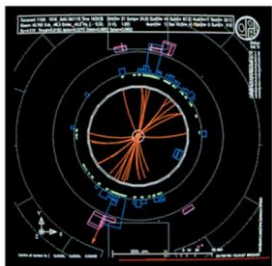


# Z and W measurements at LEP and SLC

## Electroweak milestones – CERN symposium



Guy Wilkinson  
University of Oxford  
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# Overview

Genesis

The Z lineshape and other observables – what they tell us about nature

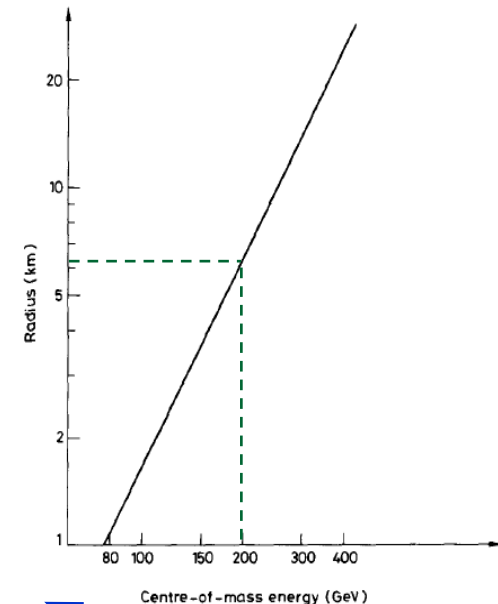
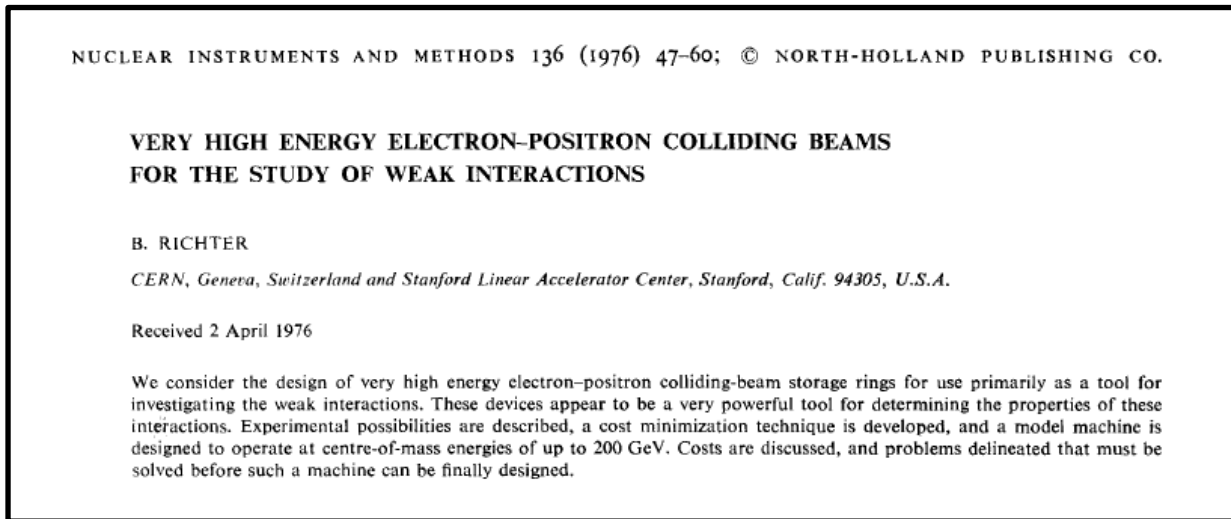
Electroweak physics at LEP2

Beyond electroweak: the  $Z^0$  as a heavy-flavour laboratory

Conclusions

# Genesis of the high energy $e^+e^-$ colliders: LEP

Hard to be certain of when the first proposal was advanced for a high-energy  $e^+e^-$  collider for precise studies of the Z and W. The leading candidate is [NIM 136 \(1976\) 47](#), written during Burt Richter's sabbatical year at CERN.



Right at the outset, it was clear that such a collider would have to be very large. Soon appreciated that the tunnel could be reused to house a hadron machine.

# Genesis of the high energy $e^+e^-$ colliders: SLC

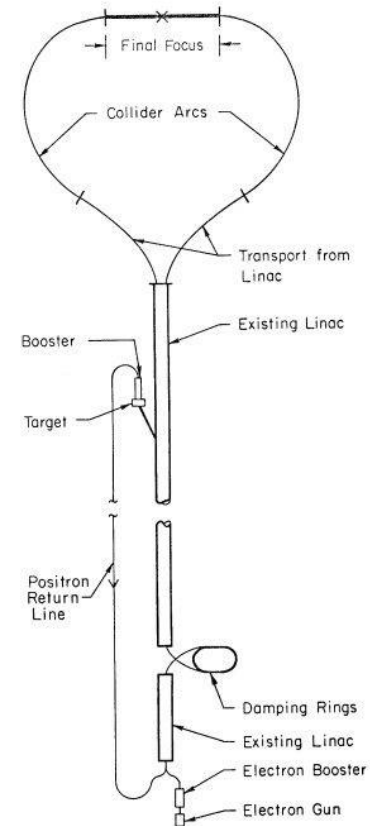
Following discussions at 1978 FNAL workshop, Richter proposed repurposing SLAC's single linac with a 'tennis racket' addition to be a collider for  $Z^0$  physics.

## LIMITATIONS ON PERFORMANCE OF $e^+e^-$ STORAGE RINGS AND LINEAR COLLIDING BEAM SYSTEMS AT HIGH ENERGY

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### Introduction

This note is the report of working Group I (J. Rees - Group Leader). We were assisted at times by U. Amaldi and E. Keil of CERN. We concerned ourselves primarily with the technical limitations which might present themselves to those planning a new and higher-energy electron-positron colliding-beam facility in a future era in which, it was presumed, a 70-GeV to 100-GeV LEP-like facility would already exist. In such an era, we reasoned, designers would be striving for center-of-mass energies of at least 700-GeV to 1-TeV. Two different approaches to this goal immediately came to the fore: one, a storage ring based on the principles of PEP, PETRA, and LEP and the other, a system in which a pair of linear accelerators are aimed at one another so that their beams will collide.



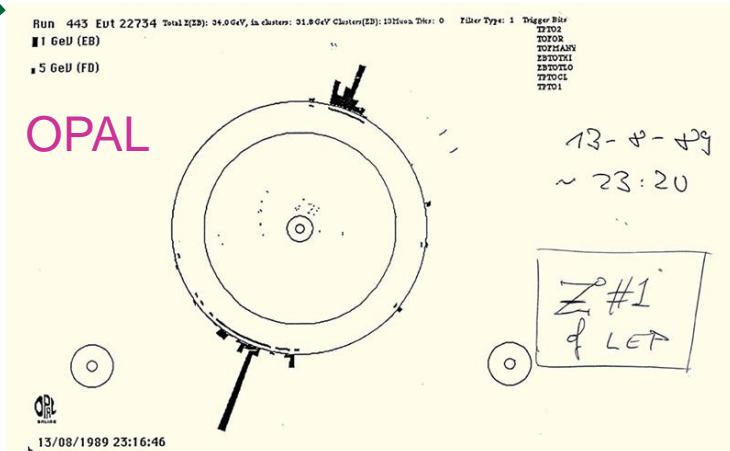
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[eConf C781015 (1978) 009]

# The lightning speed of the past

Astonishingly, first physics results emerged barely a decade after these proposals.

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|---|-------------------|
| Approval                                    | 1981              |
| Tunnel construction begins                  | 1983              |
| LEP installation begins                     | 1987              |
| First octant test                           | July 1988         |
| First turn                                  | 14 July 1989      |
| First collisions and first $Z^0$ s recorded | 13 August 1989    |
| First physics run begins                    | 20 September 1989 |
| First results announced, including $N_\nu$  | 13 October 1989   |



First  $Z^0$  recorded at SLC in April 1989.

Wednesday April 12, 1989

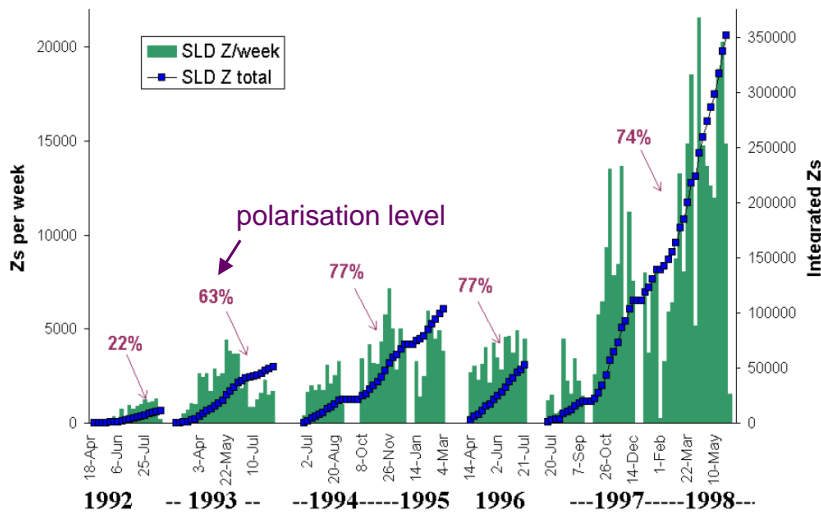
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! *** FIRST Z DETECTED AT SLC. ***
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! A TWO-JET HADRONIC EVENT HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED IN MARK II DATA
! AT A CMS COLLISION ENERGY OF 92.2 GEV. NINE CHARGED TRACKS
! ARE ASSOCIATED WITH THE EVENT, AND 70 GEV IS ACCOUNTED FOR IN
! THE DETECTOR.
!
! Bhabha update: 1 more Bhabha was seen in the SAM and 4 in the
! mini-SAM last night, for a total this year of 5 in the SAM and
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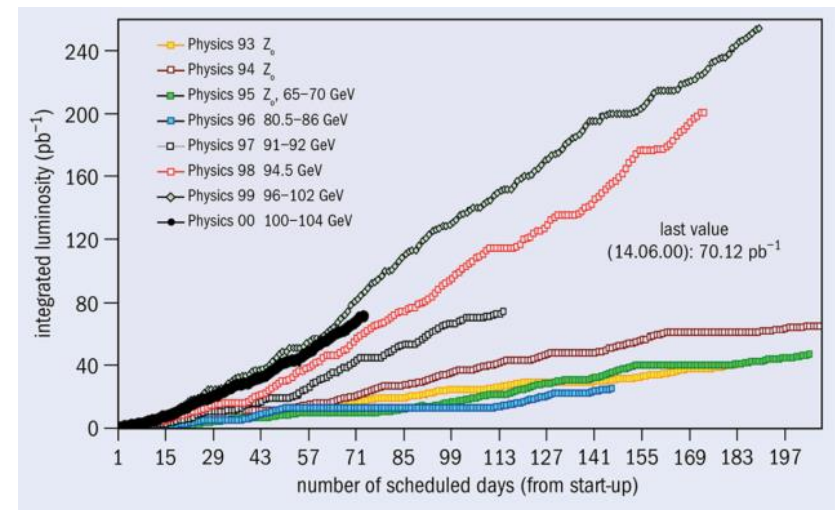
# LEP and SLC: performance

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Maximum luminosity achieved at SLC:  $3 \times 10^{30} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$



Maximum luminosity achieved at LEP1 (LEP2):  $34$  ( $100$ )  $\times 10^{30} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ : around 3x design



Unique feature: *longitudinal* polarisation – direct access to certain EW parameters

Unique feature: *transverse* polarisation – invaluable for  $E_b$  calibration

# LEP and SLC: dramatis personae

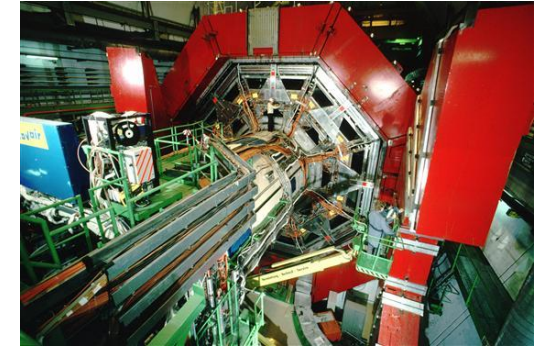
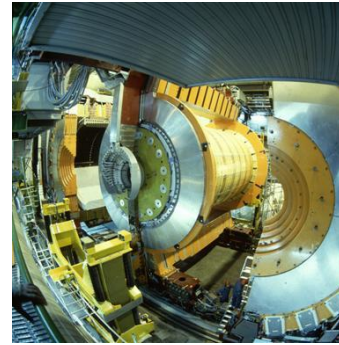
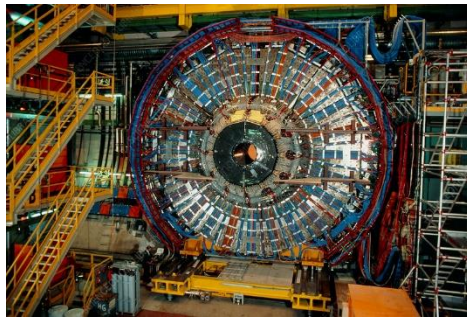
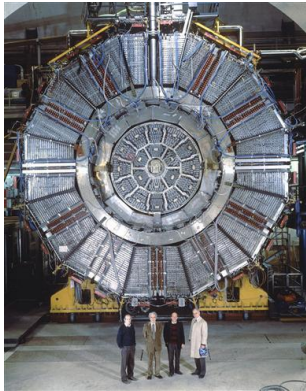
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DELPHI  
(342 pubs.)

OPAL  
(422 pubs.)

L3  
(310 pubs.)

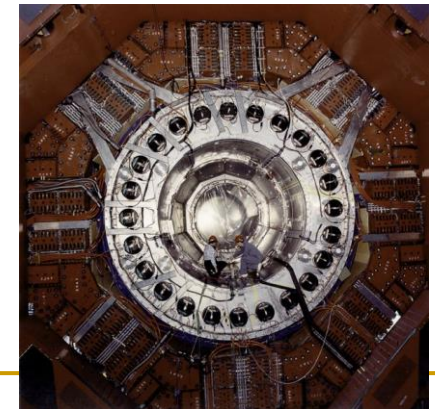


LEP accumulated ~17 million  $Z^0$ s and ~40k  $W$ s.

During similar period SLD experiment at SLAC collected ~1 million  $Z^0$ s.

(Publication statistics from INSPIRE)

SLD  
(72 pubs.)  
[replaced  
Mark II  
in 1991]



# Z metrology: original expectations

Outlook shortly before LEP turn on: “The overall conclusion is that at LEP the  $Z^0$  mass and width can be measured with relative ease down to ... +/- 50 MeV. A factor of 2-3 improvement can be reached with a determined effort...”

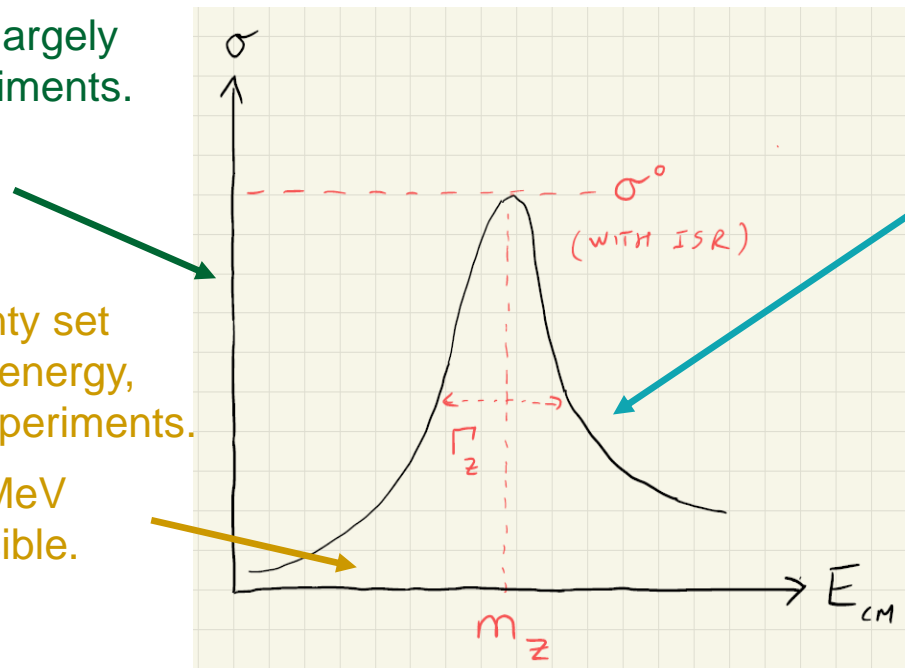
CERN 86-02 ‘Physics at LEP’, ed. Ellis and Peccei.

Vertical-scale uncertainty dominated by luminosity, largely correlated between experiments.

It was assumed this could be done to ~2%.

Horizontal-scale uncertainty set by knowledge of collision energy, also common between experiments.

It was guessed that ~10 MeV uncertainty *might* be possible.



Also vital is understanding of shape, in particular effect of QED radiative corrections.

Important, but not discussed further today.



# What was achieved

LEP knowledge of line-shape parameters largely derived from two three-point scans in 1993 and 1995, with final precision on mass and width of:

$$\sigma_{M_Z} = 2.1 \text{ MeV}$$

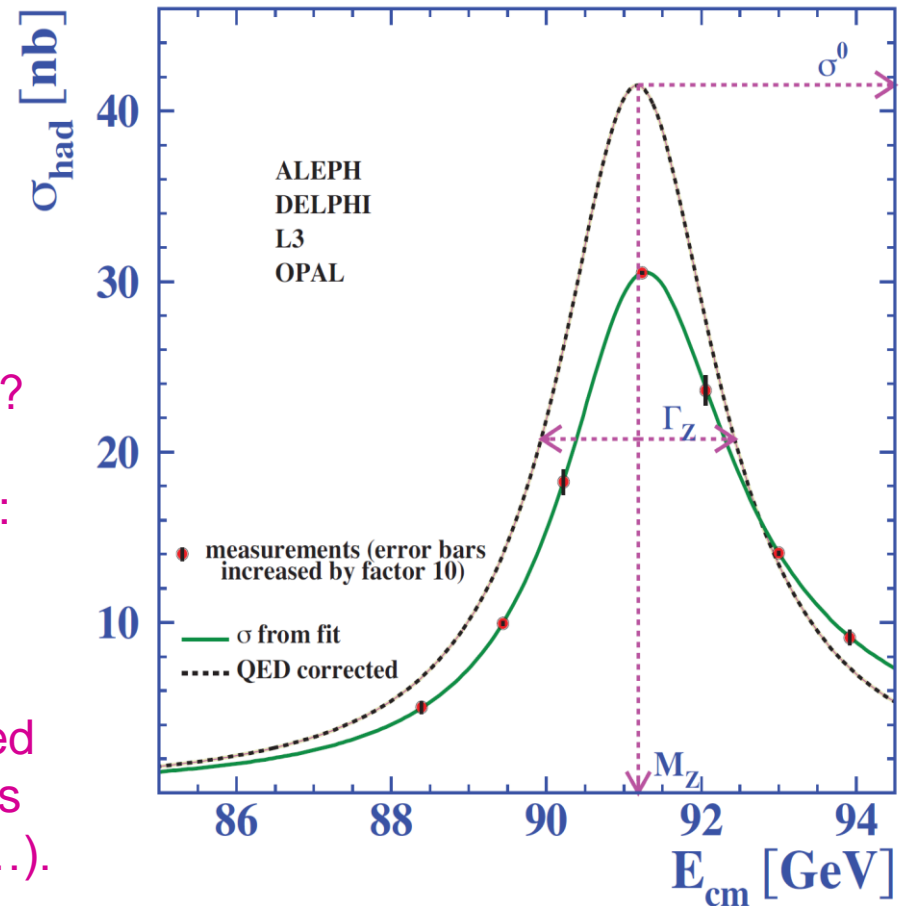
$$\sigma_{\Gamma_Z} = 2.3 \text{ MeV}$$

$\ll 50 \text{ MeV} !!!$  How did that happen ?

Another noteworthy output of scans:

$$N_\nu = 2.9840 \pm 0.0082$$

in agreement with the three observed generations of fundamental fermions (although, intriguingly, 2 sigma low...).



# Luminosity measurement

Lumi measured in QED-dominated low-angle  $e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^-$ .

LEP was expected to measure lumi to  $\sim 2\%$ , but in fact did better than  $0.1\%$  !

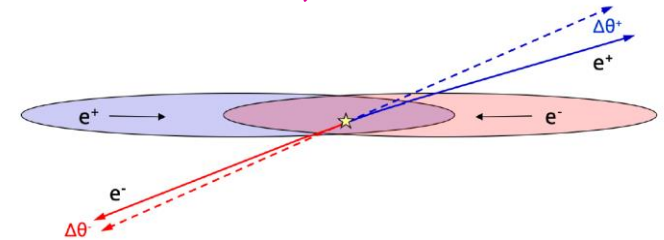
Two ingredients:      Enormous theoretical work, resulting in a LEP-wide correlated error of  $0.06\%$       +      Precision luminometers, with  $5 \mu\text{m}$  tolerances & excellent understanding of acceptance      e.g. OPAL achieved  $\sim 3 \times 10^{-4}$

There is an amusing epilogue. Reviews of the luminosity determination with the FCC-ee in mind has discovered an overlooked source of bias,

beam-beam effects modifying acceptance

[Voutsinas *et al.*, PLB 800 (2020) 135078]

plus updates to the LEP-era calculations with current knowledge [Janot & Jadach, PLB 803 (2020) 135319].



$$N_\nu = 2.9840 \pm 0.0082 \quad \rightarrow \quad N_\nu = 2.9963 \pm 0.0074$$

“The 20-years-old  $2\sigma$  tension... is gone” !

# God's gift to synchrotrons: resonant depolarisation (RDP)

Transverse polarisation builds up naturally in a synchrotron.

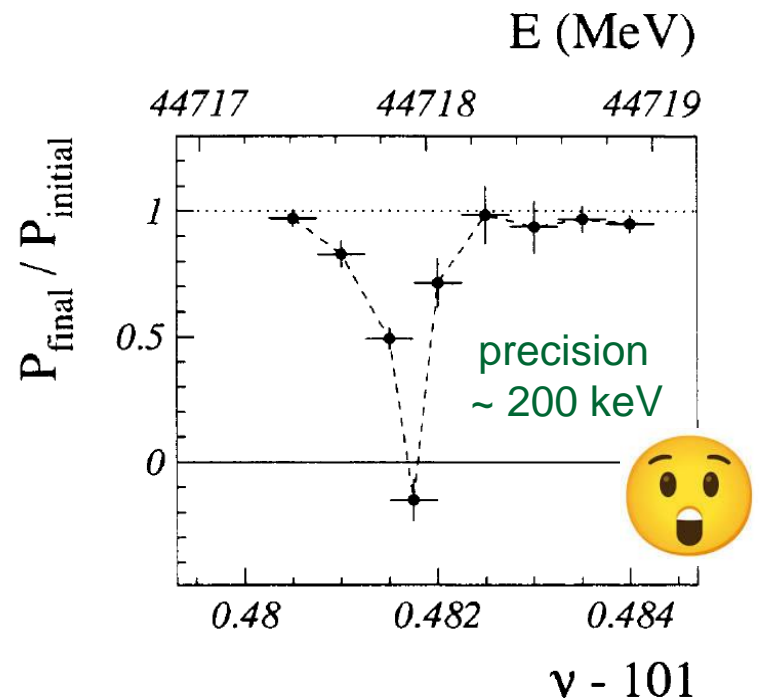
Spin tune  $\nu_s$  = precession frequency of electrons, normalised by revolution frequency, and is directly proportional to beam energy

$$E_b = 2 \nu_s m_e c^2 / (g_e - 2)$$

Monitor polarisation levels through reverse Compton scattering.

Kick beam with oscillating field, and vary frequency until it is in phase with spin tune, when depolarisation occurs  $\rightarrow$  spin tune, and hence beam energy, determined !

As always, the devil is in the detail.  
This was not a day-1 procedure.

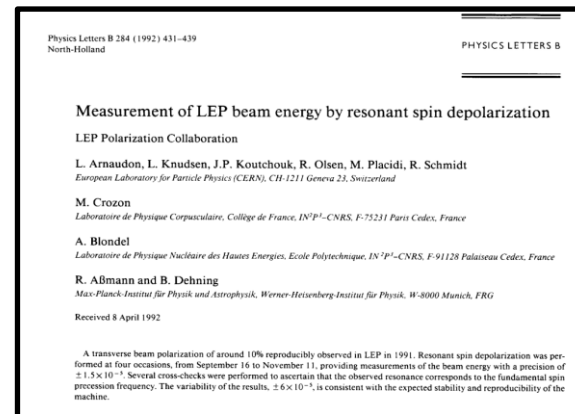
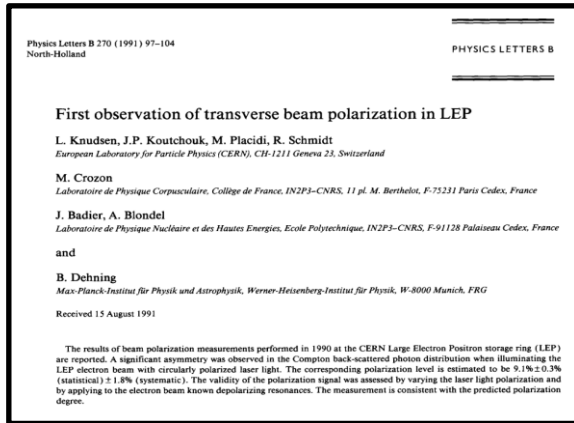


# The long road to a precise $E_{CM}$ determination at LEP

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Initially 9%. In time, 60% achieved.

1991: RDP performed for first time.

[PLB 270 (1991) 97]

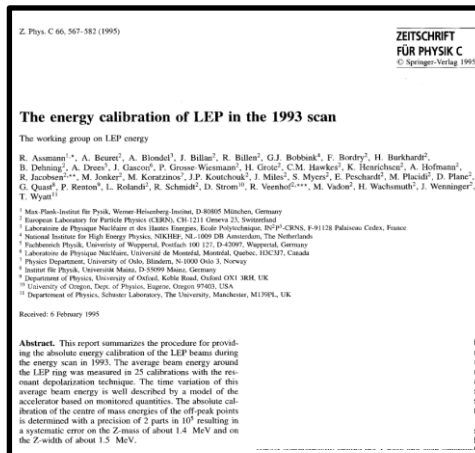


[PLB 284 (1992) 431]

1993: first major Z scan.

1995: second major Z scan...  
and earlier results revised.

[ZPJC 66 (1995) 99]

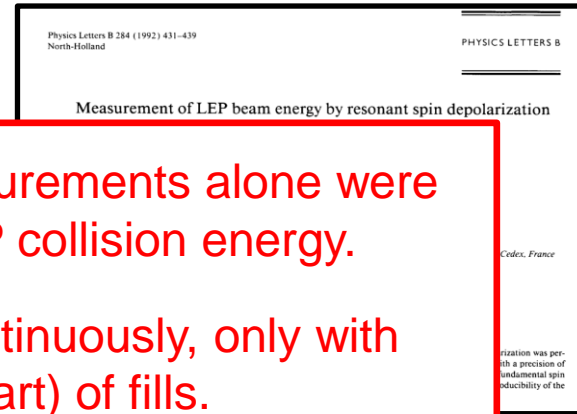
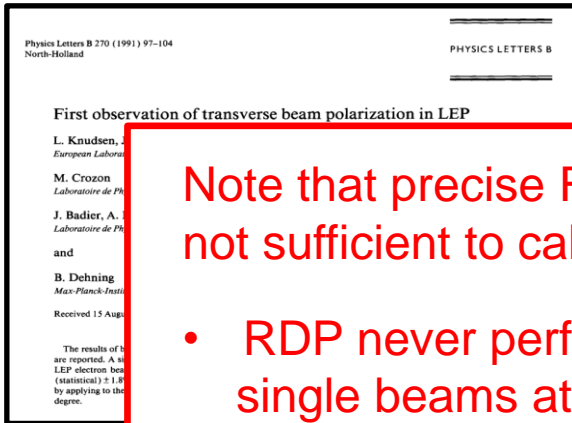


[EPJC 6 (1999) 187]

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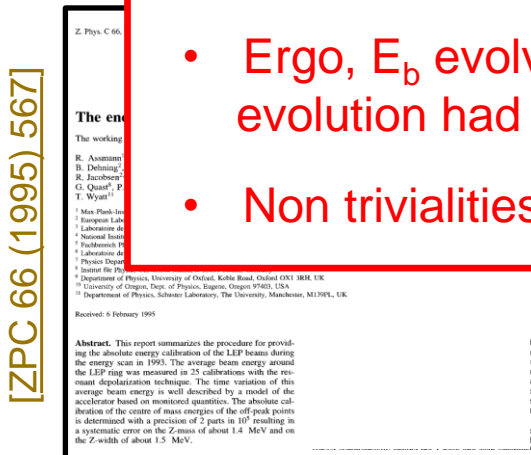
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Note that precise RDP measurements alone were not sufficient to calibrate LEP collision energy.

- RDP never performed continuously, only with single beams at end (or start) of fills.
- Measurements showed that same machine settings do not give same energy !
- Ergo,  $E_b$  evolves between measurements. This evolution had to be understood, and modelled.
- Non trivialities also, in going from  $E_b$  to  $E_{CM}$ .

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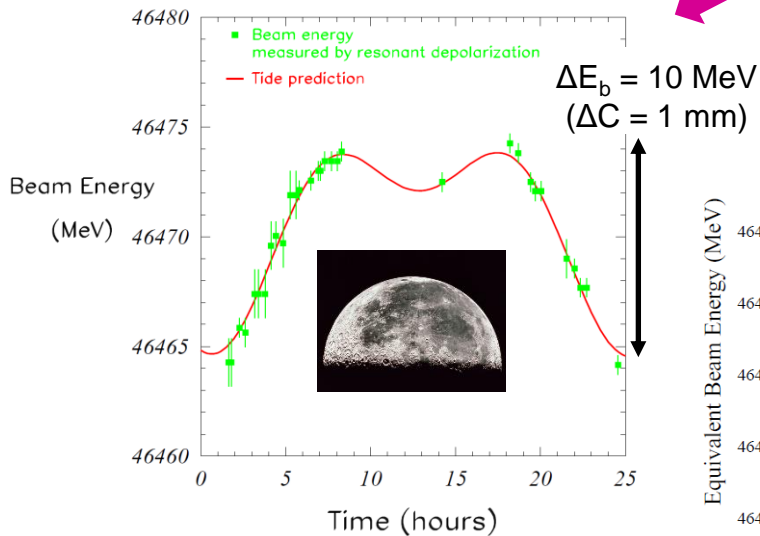
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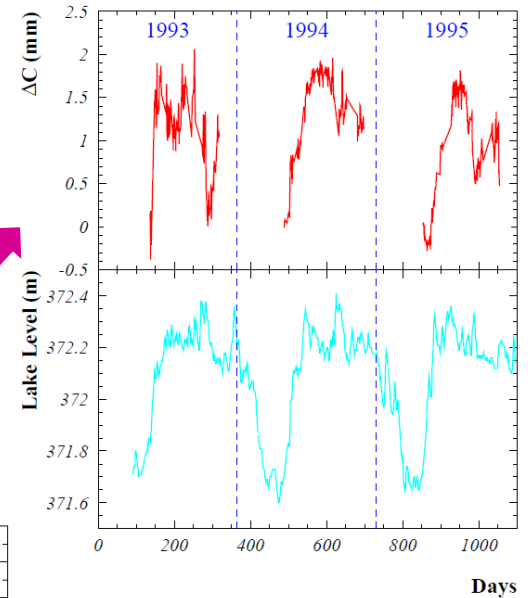
**Abstract.** The determination of the centre-of-mass energies from the LEP1 data for 1991, 1994 and 1995 is presented. Accurate knowledge of these energies is crucial in the measurement of the Z resonance parameters. The improved understanding of the LEP energy behaviour accumulated during the 1995 energy scan is detailed, while the 1993 and 1994 measurements are revised. For 1993 these supersede the previously published values. Additional instrumentation has allowed the detection of an unexpectedly large energy rise during physics fills. This new effect is accommodated in the modelling of the beam-energy in 1993 and propagated to the 1994 and 1995 energies. New results are reported on the magnet temperature behaviour which constitutes one of the major corrections to the average LEP energy. The 1995 energy scan took place in conditions very different from the previous years. In particular the interaction-point specific corrections to the centre-of-mass energy in 1995 are more complicated than previously these arise from the modified radiofrequency-system configuration and from opposite-sign vertical dispersion induced by the bunch-train mode of LEP operation. Finally an improved evaluation of the LEP centre-of-mass energy spread is presented. This significantly improves the precision on the Z width.

[EPJC 6 (1999) 187]

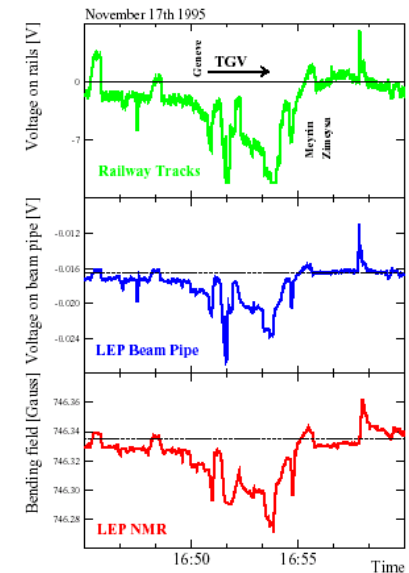
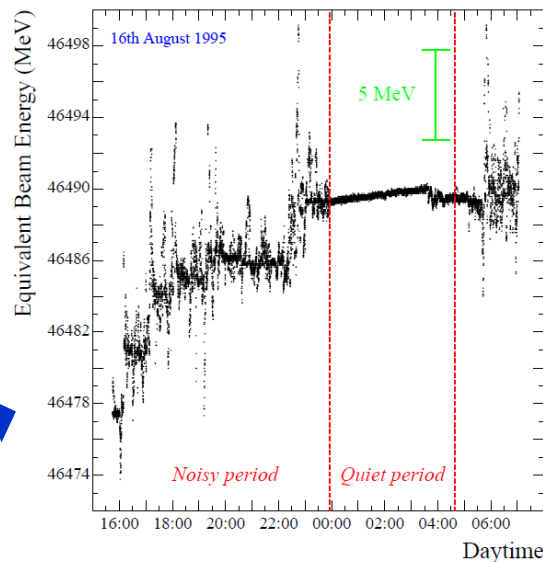
# Some mechanisms of $E_b$ variation



Short- (tide) and long- (lake) term ring distortions.



Rise of dipole fields due to stimulation from returning current from TGV (a dangerous source of bias, because most RDP measurements performed at the *end* of fills).



# Z metrology: lessons for next time

## Plan ahead

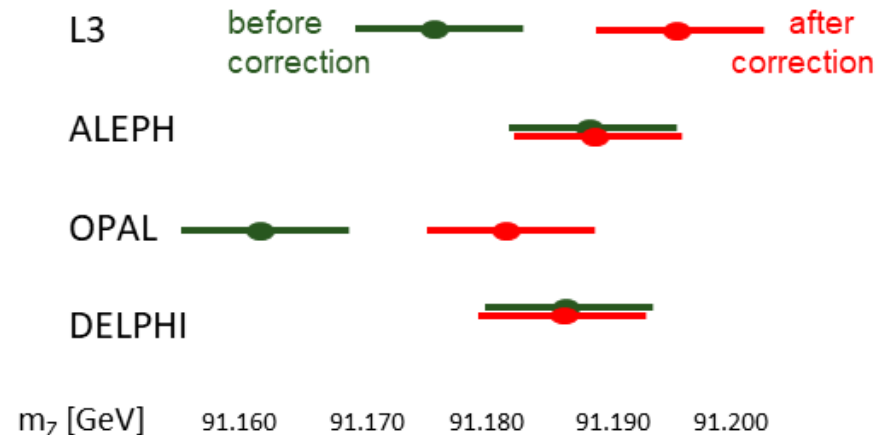
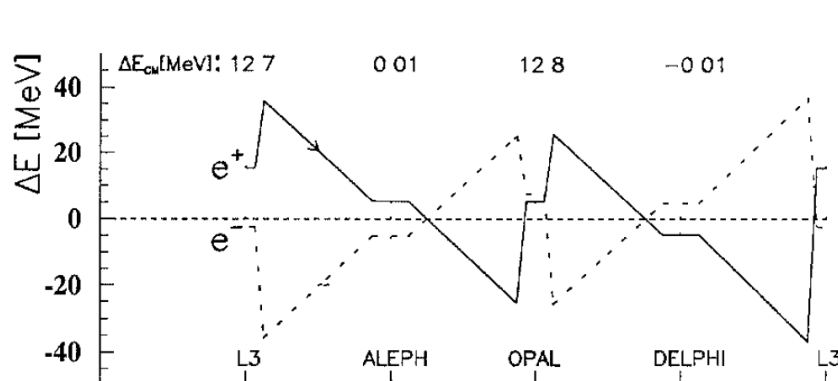
Ensure critical items such as  $E_{CM}$  calibration are central elements of project from the very beginning. The LEP Z-scan experience was an exhilarating seat-of-the-pants ride that was successful... but only just !

## Repeat

e.g. TGV effect only discovered in final scan. Without this,  $m_Z$  would be wrong.

## Have the right number of experiments

e.g. consequence of 'RF sawtooth' (synchrotron loss + RF boost) only appreciated after considering ensemble of results on  $m_Z$  (1991 scan [PLB 307 \(1993\) 187](#)).

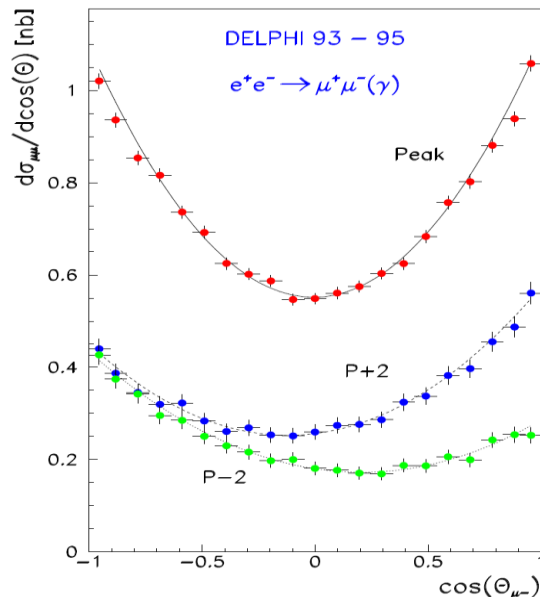


# Beyond the lineshape

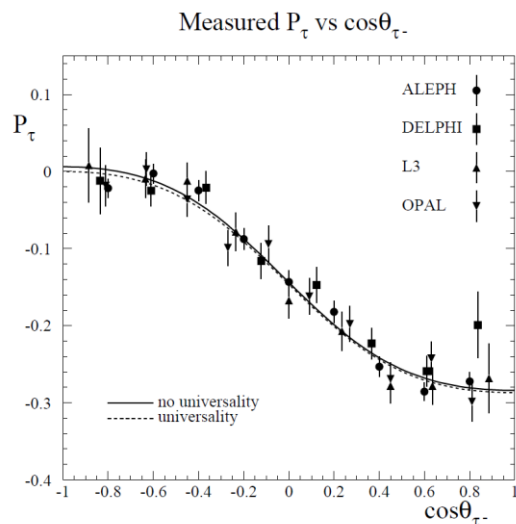
Forward-backward asymmetries  
(and at SLD L-R asymmetries)

Many other observables measurable at the  $Z^0$ , providing access to the vector and axial fermion couplings, and  $\sin^2\theta_{\text{eff}}$ .

Together, these allowed for a rigorous test of the Standard Model description of nature, and sensitivity to (then) undiscovered particles through radiative corrections.

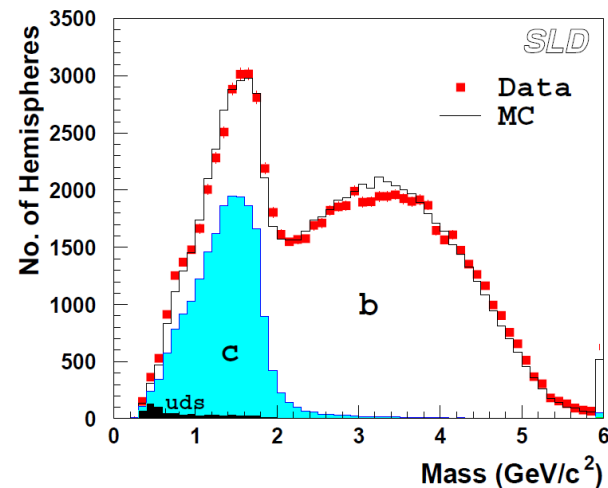


## Tau polarisation measurements



Partial-width ratios involving heavy flavours

e.g.  $R_b = \Gamma_{bb\bar{b}} / \Gamma_{\text{had}}$

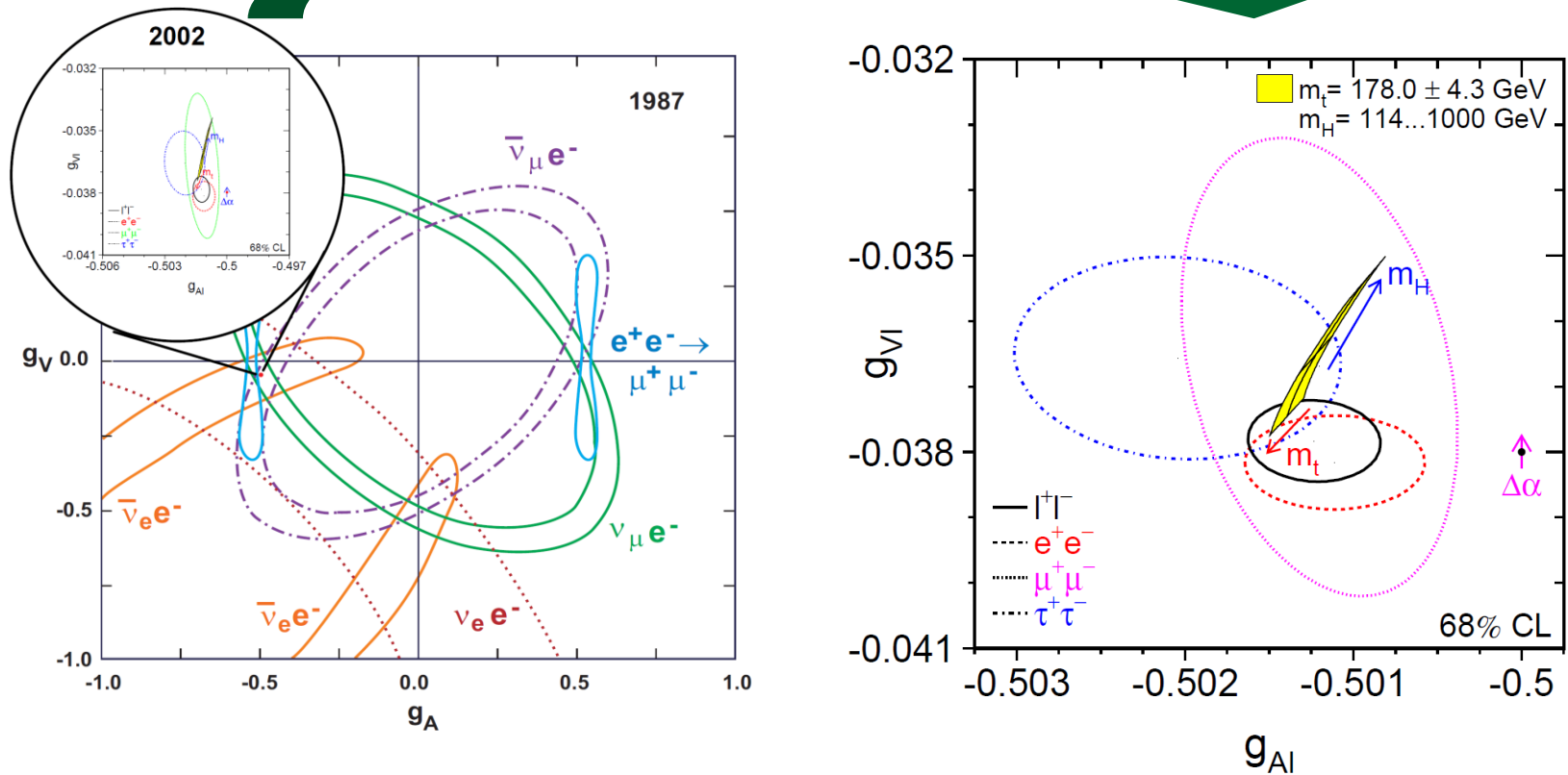




# The achievements of LEP & SLD

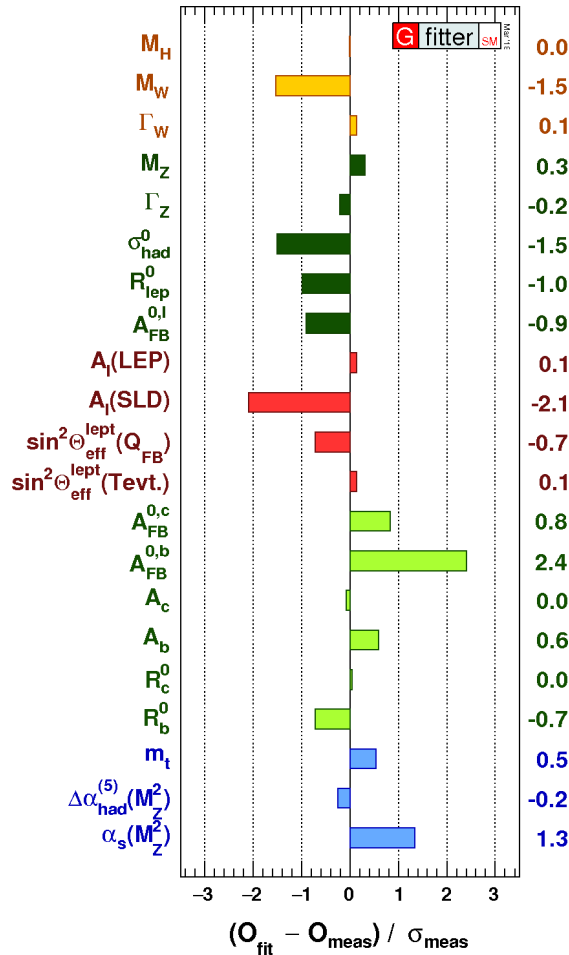
Dramatic improvements in the knowledge of the vector & axial couplings.

magnified by  
a factor 65

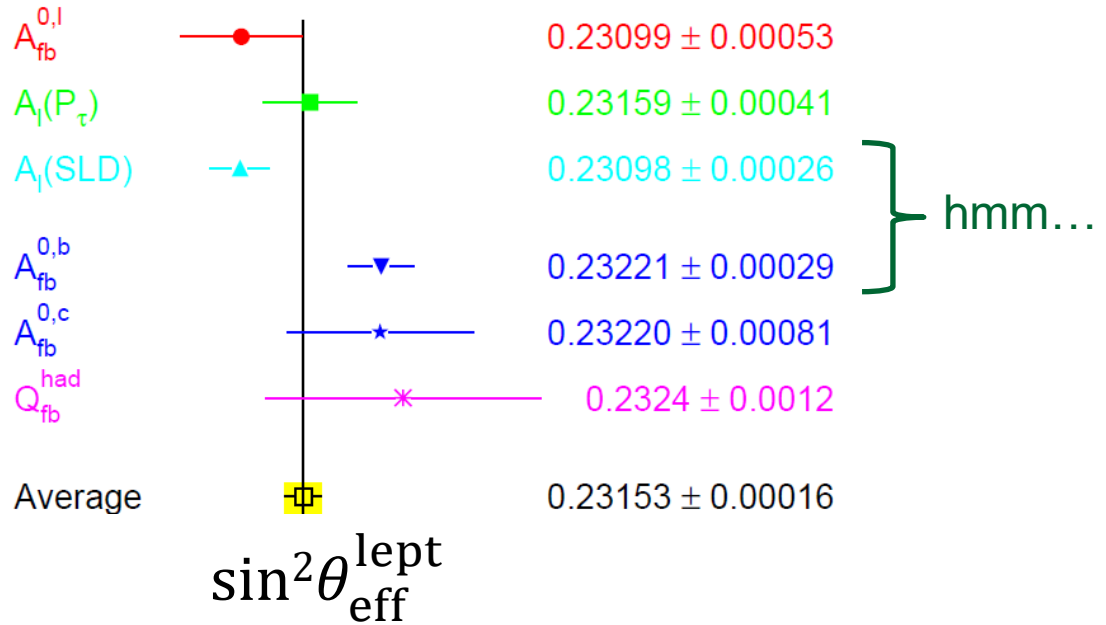


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Excellent self-consistency within Standard Model interpretation...

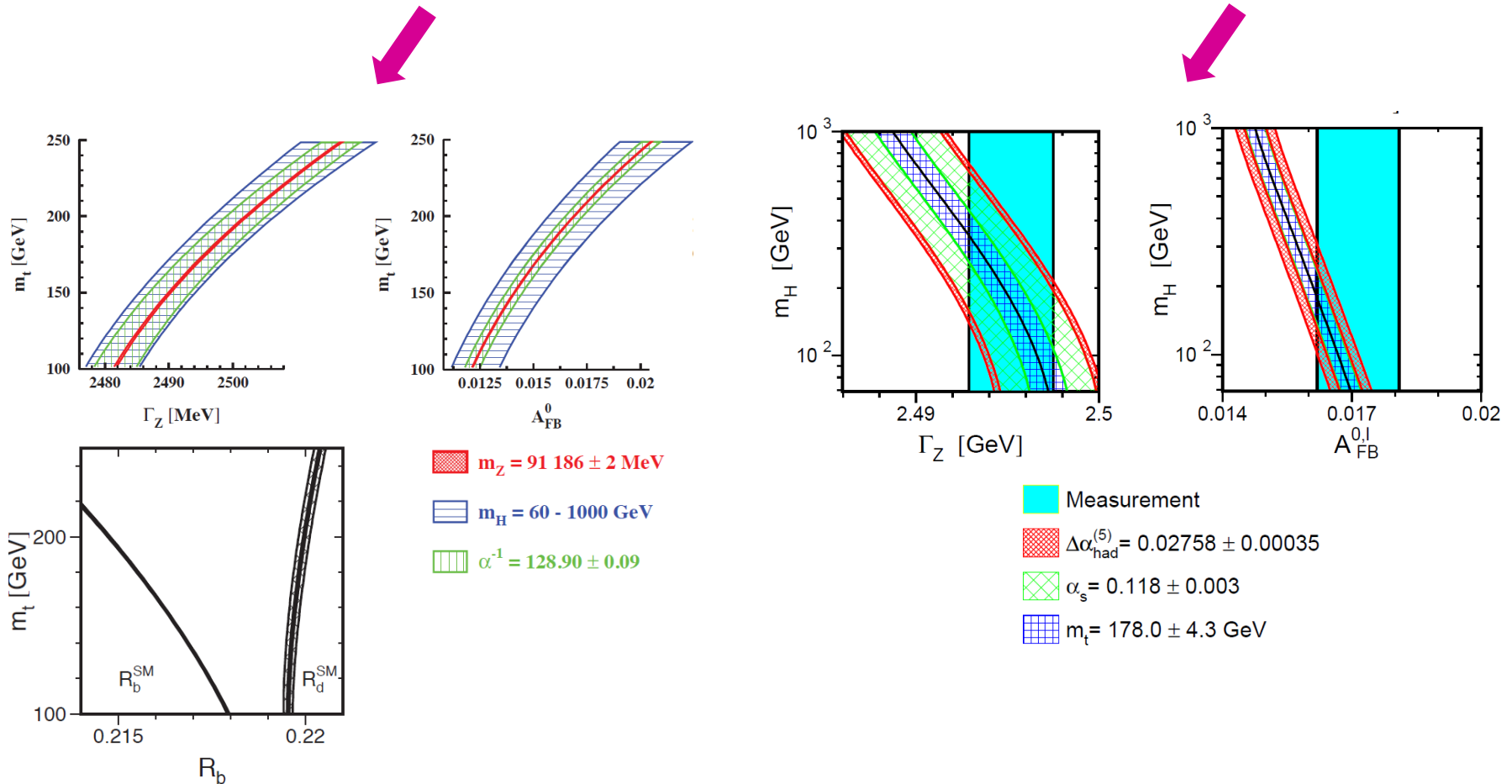


...though (inevitably!) not perfect.



# Pointing the way to the top and the Higgs

Electroweak corrections present in the EW observables have a quadratic dependence on the top mass, and a logarithmic dependence on the Higgs.



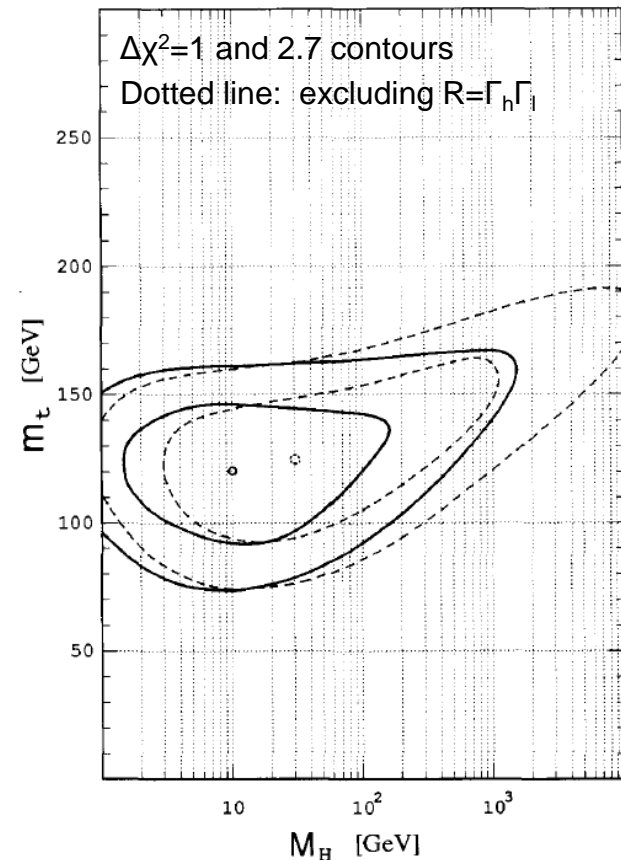
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This fact had been known for many years (e.g. Veltmann, [Nucl. Phys. B123 \(1977\) 89](#), [Acta Phys. Polon. B8 \(1977\) 475](#)), but no serious attempt to estimate the reach of LEP/SLC observables, no doubt influenced by conservative expectations.

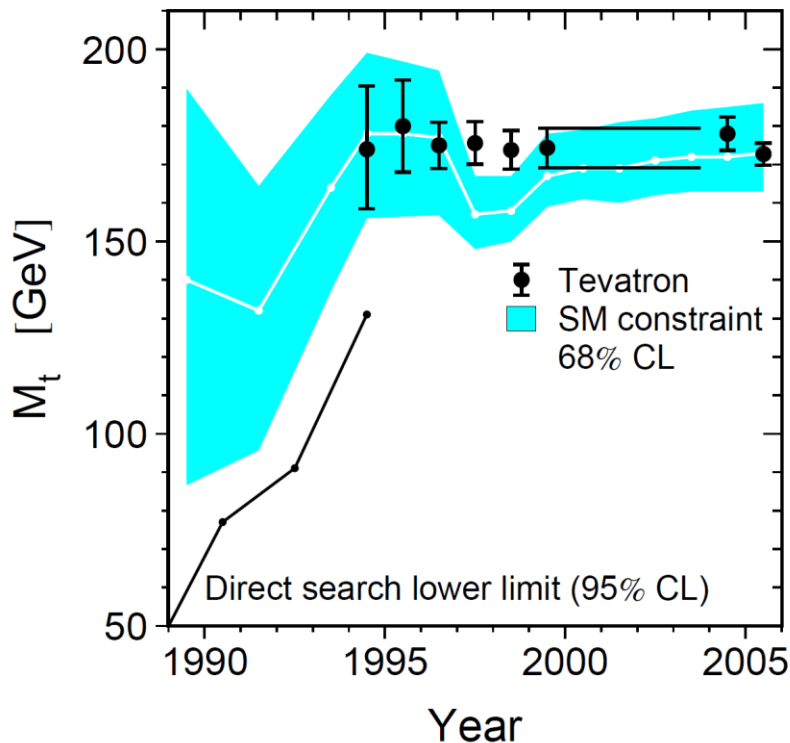
With early LEP data, first attempts were made to perform this analysis with data e.g. Ellis, Fogli and Lisi [PLB 274 \(1992\) 456](#).

$$m_t = 120_{-28}^{+27} \text{ GeV}$$
$$0.5 < M_H < 800 \text{ GeV, } 90\% \text{ CL}$$

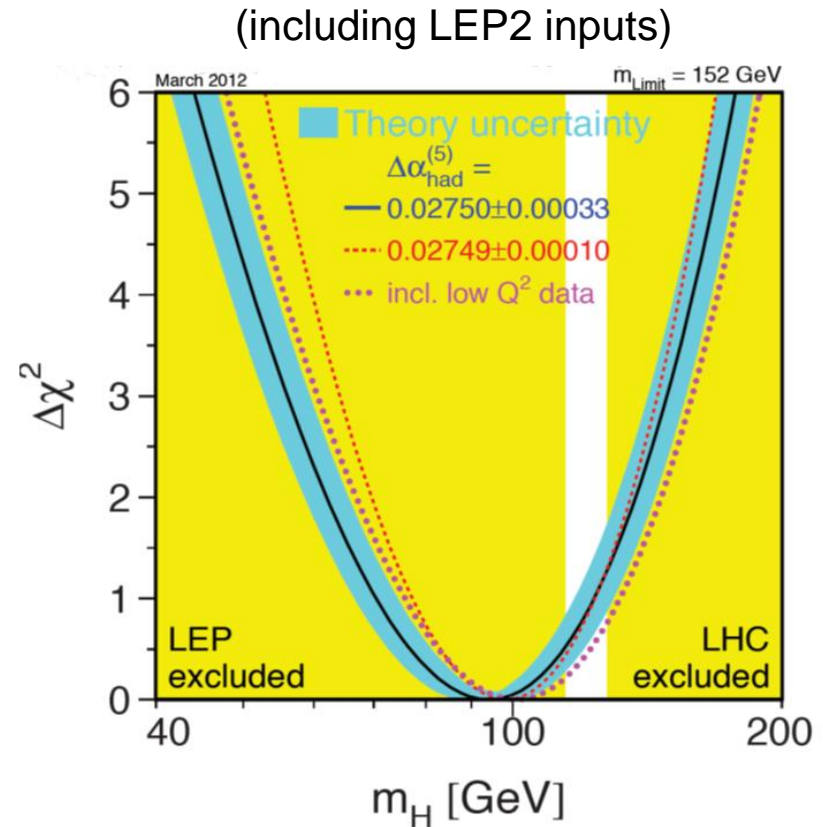


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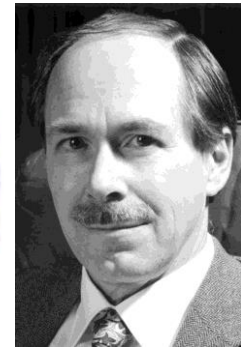
LEP & SLD Z data 'measured' top mass well before discovery.



LEP data and SM require something Higgs-like and within LHC reach !

# Nobel Prize 1999

Award to 't Hooft and Veltman made possible by the impressive agreement between measurements at LEP and the predictions of the re-normalised EW theory, in particular the mass of the top quark.



As described above, the theory of the electro-weak force predicted the existence of the new W and Z particles right from the start. But it was only through 't Hooft's and Veltman's work that more precise prediction of physical quantities involving properties of W and Z could start.

Large quantities of W and Z have recently been produced under controlled conditions at the LEP accelerator at CERN. Comparisons between measurements and calculations have all the time showed great agreement, thus supporting the theory's predictions.

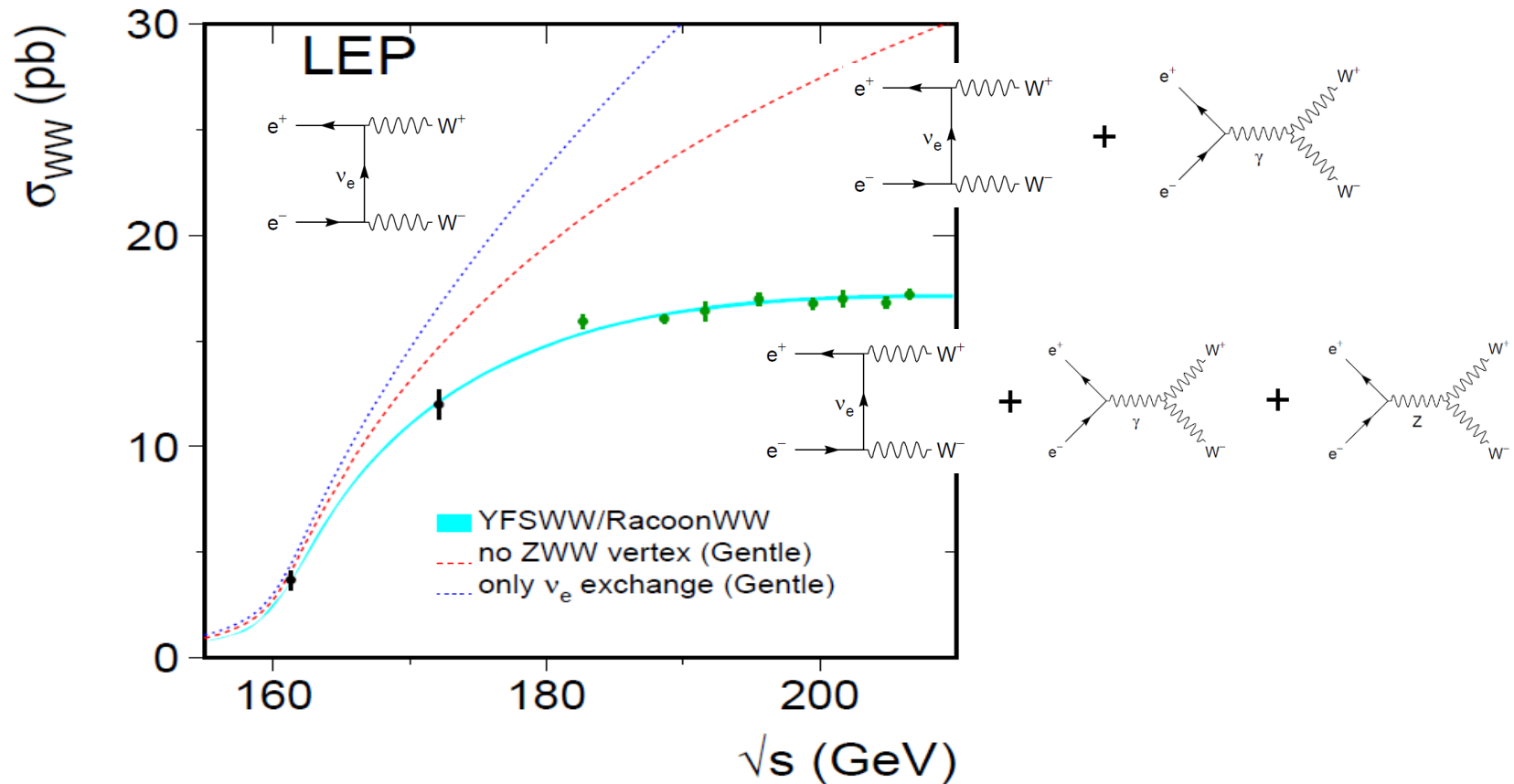
One particular quantity obtained with 't Hooft's and Veltman's calculation method based on CERN results is the mass of the *top quark*, the heavier of the two quarks included in the third family in the model. This quark was observed directly for the first time in 1995 at the Fermilab in the USA, but its mass had been predicted several years earlier. Here too, agreement between experiment and theory was satisfactory.

[from Nobel Prize press release]

The discovery of a 'light' Higgs in 2012 is another legacy triumph of LEP/SLC data.

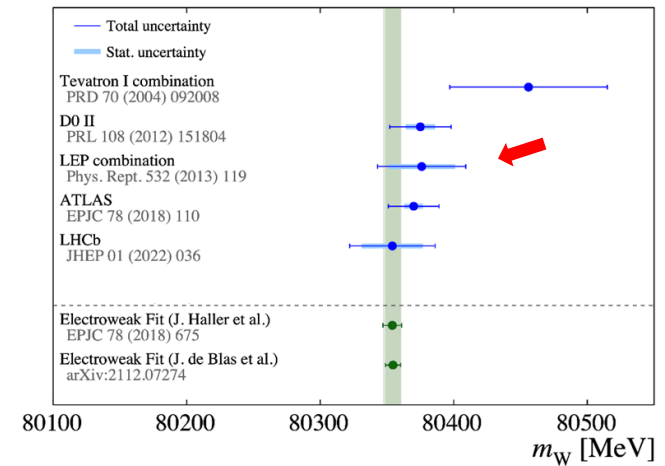
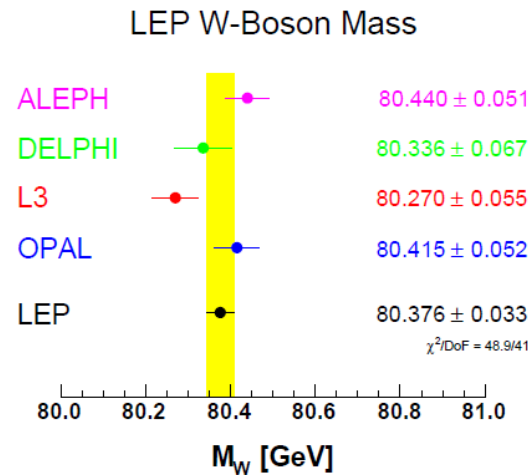
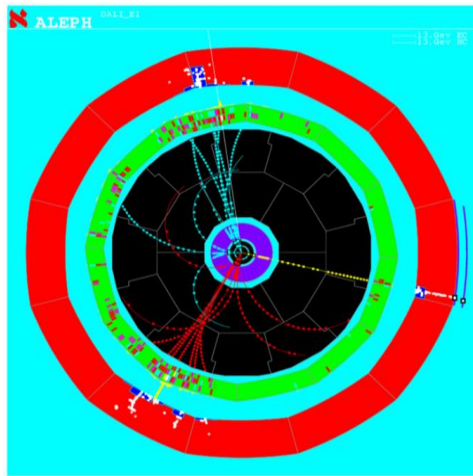
# Electroweak physics at LEP2

LEP operation at and above  $W^+W^-$  threshold during 1996-2000 made many new heavy-boson EW observables accessible, such as  $W$  branching fractions, triple gauge boson couplings and  $W^+W^-$  cross section....



# W mass at LEP2

W-mass measurement performed through full reconstruction\* of events with  $E_{\text{CM}}$  constraint, with main challenges being role of hadronisation, colour reconnection effects and Bose-Einstein correlations in hadronic events, and knowledge of  $E_{\text{CM}}$  (no RDP possible, for LEP at least, at these energies – see [EPJC 39 \(2005\) 253](#)).



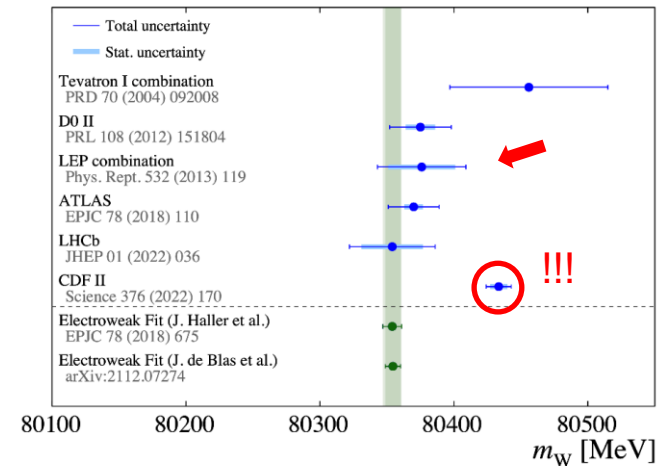
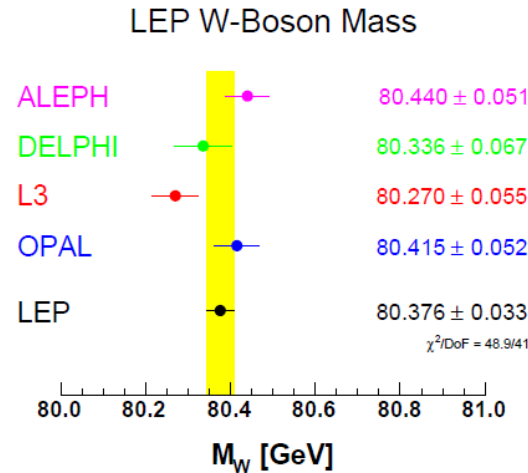
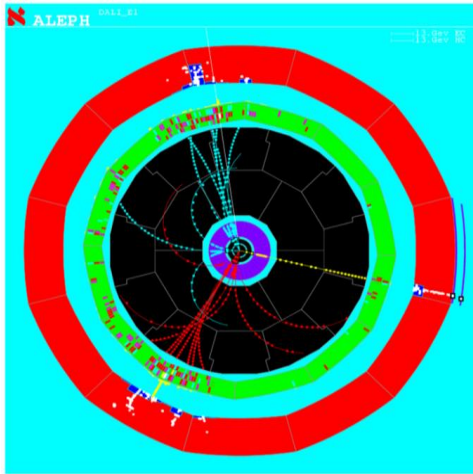
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# W mass at LEP2

W-mass measurement performed through full reconstruction\* of events with  $E_{CM}$  constraint, with main challenges being role of hadronisation, colour reconnection effects and Bose-Einstein correlations in hadronic events, and knowledge of  $E_{CM}$  (no RDP possible, for LEP at least, at these energies – see [EPJC 39 \(2005\) 253](#)).

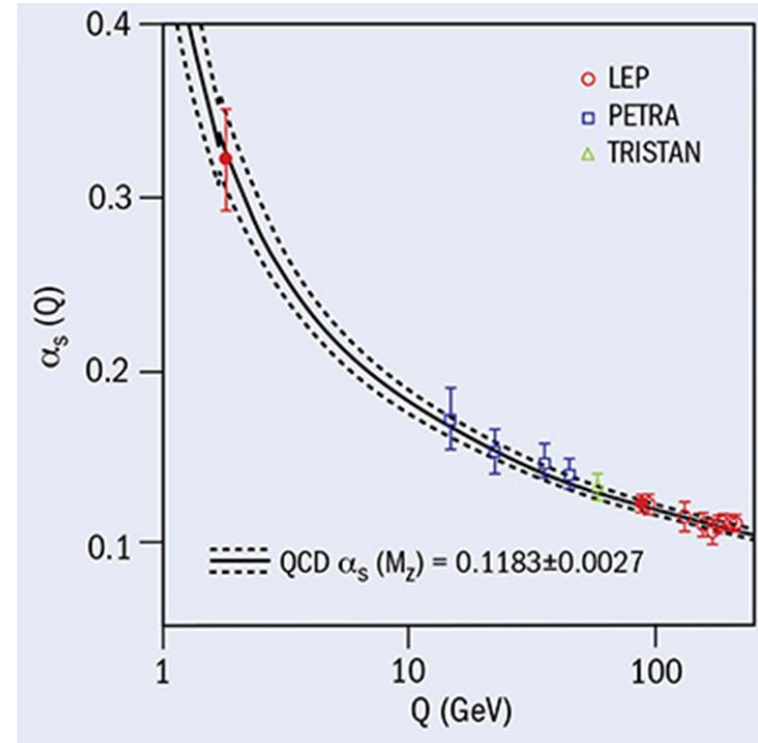
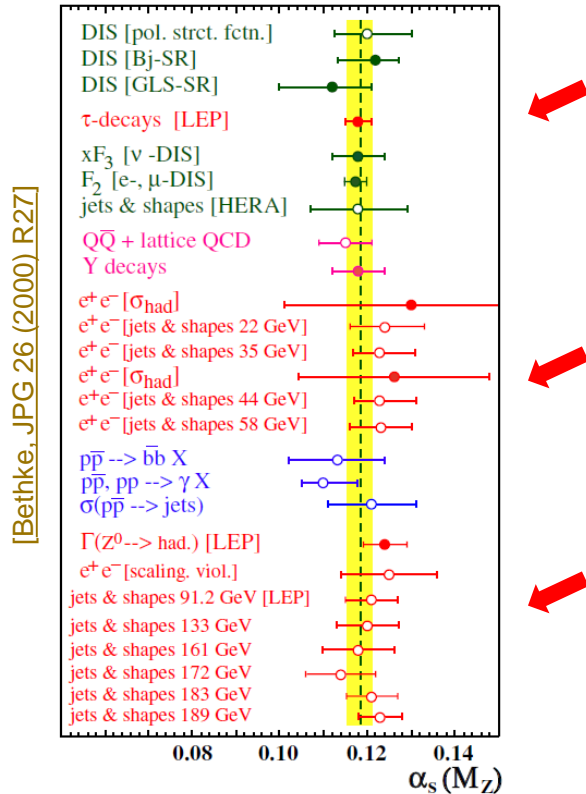


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Much more can be done at a Z factory (and at higher energies) than EW physics alone, e.g. QCD studies, including measurements of  $\alpha_s$  in a multitude of ways.



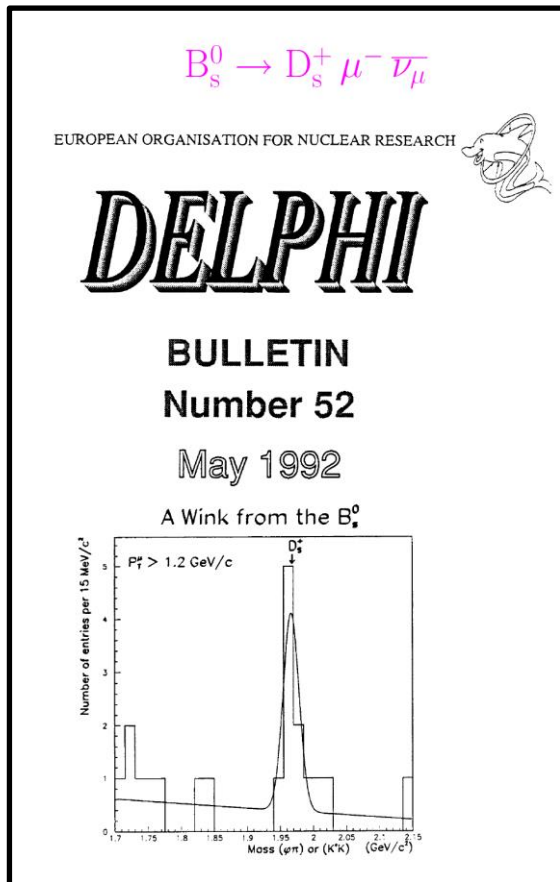
Also heavy-flavour physics: big contributions from LEP/SLD in results & technology.

# b physics at the Z pole

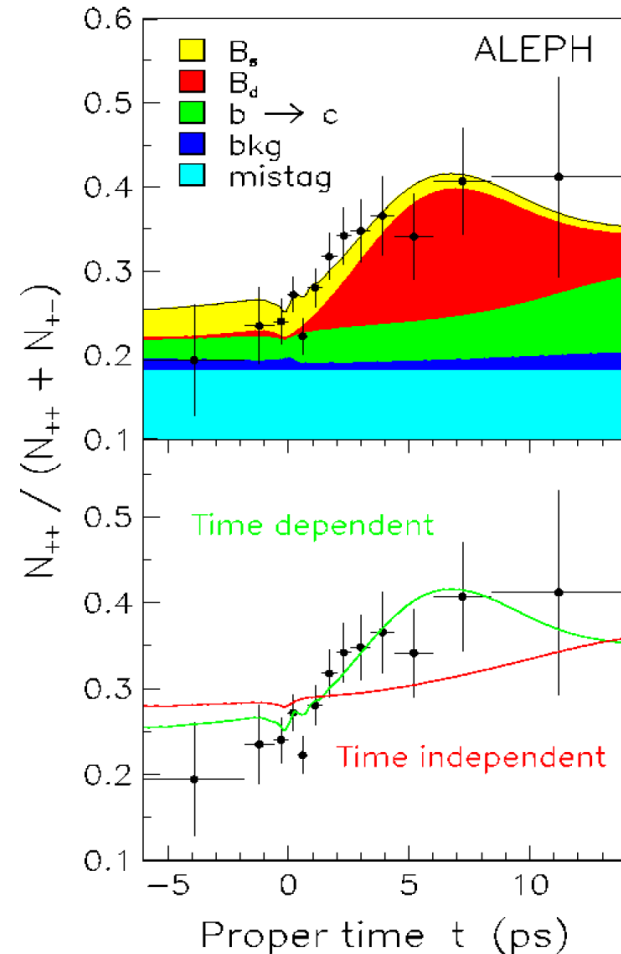
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e.g. first studies in  $B_s^0$  physics

observation of time-dependence  
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# Silicon vertex detectors at LEP (or how upgrades happened in the pre-LHC era)

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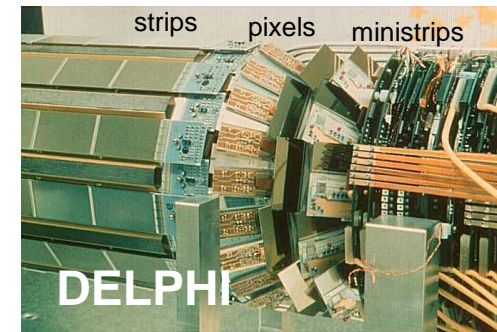
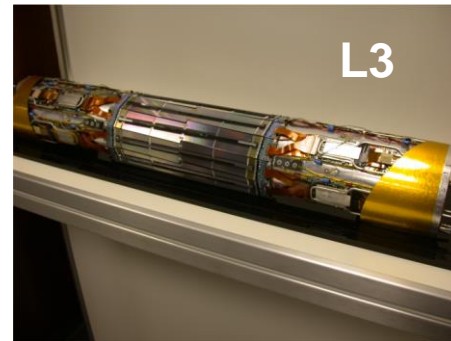
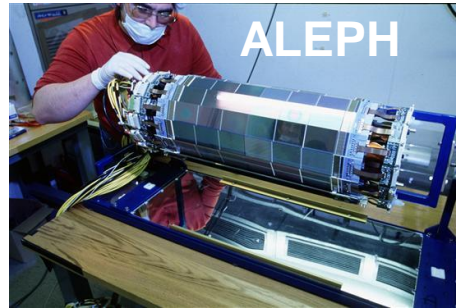
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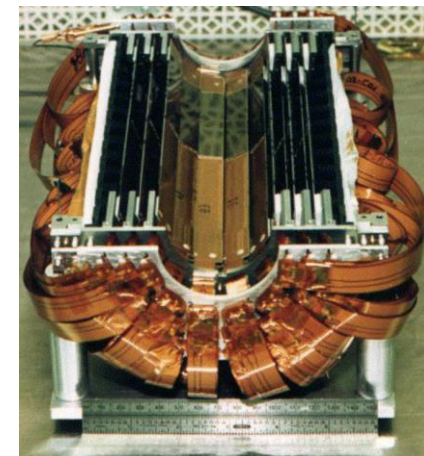
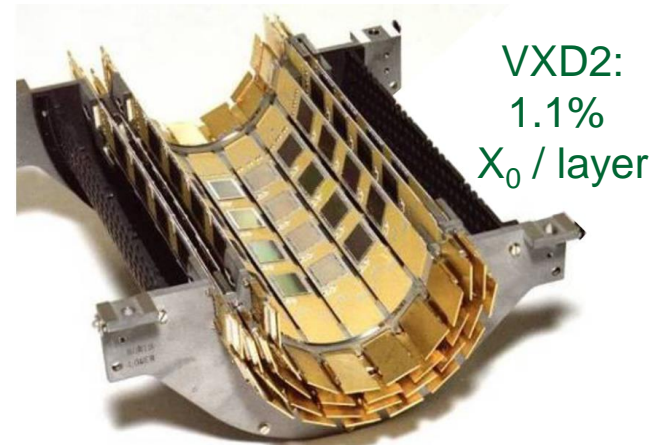
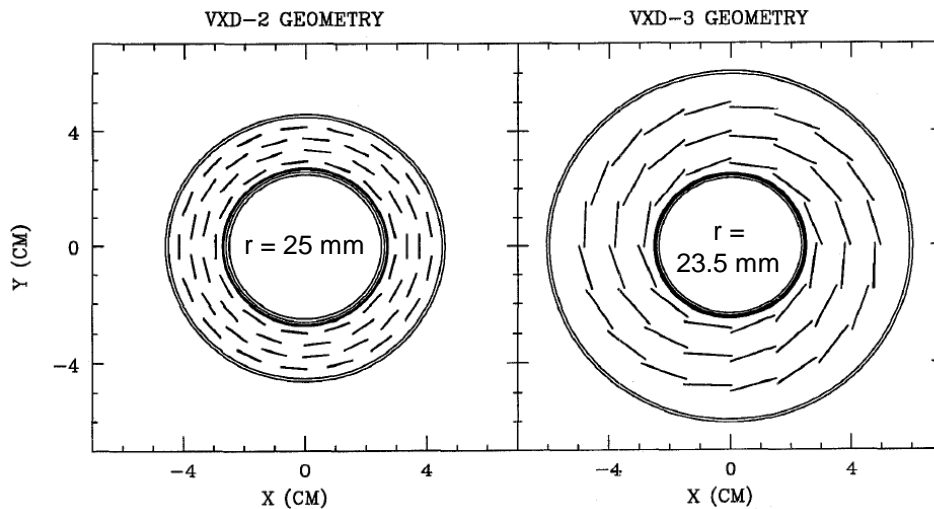
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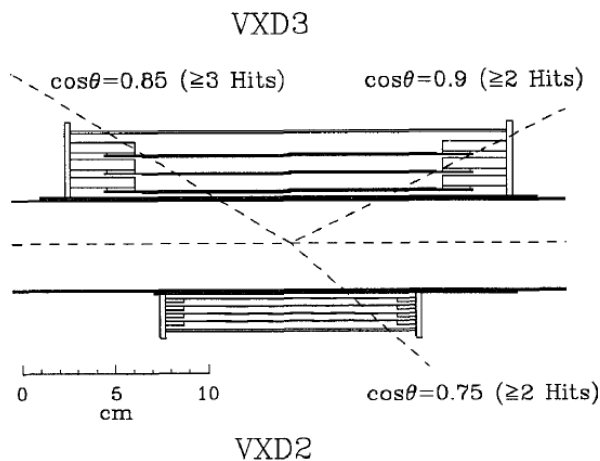
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# A similar story at SLC/SLD

Vertex detector a particular strength of SLD. CCD pixels. Small beampipe.  
 1996 upgrade from two layer VXD2 (120M pixels) to three layer VXD3 (307M pixels).



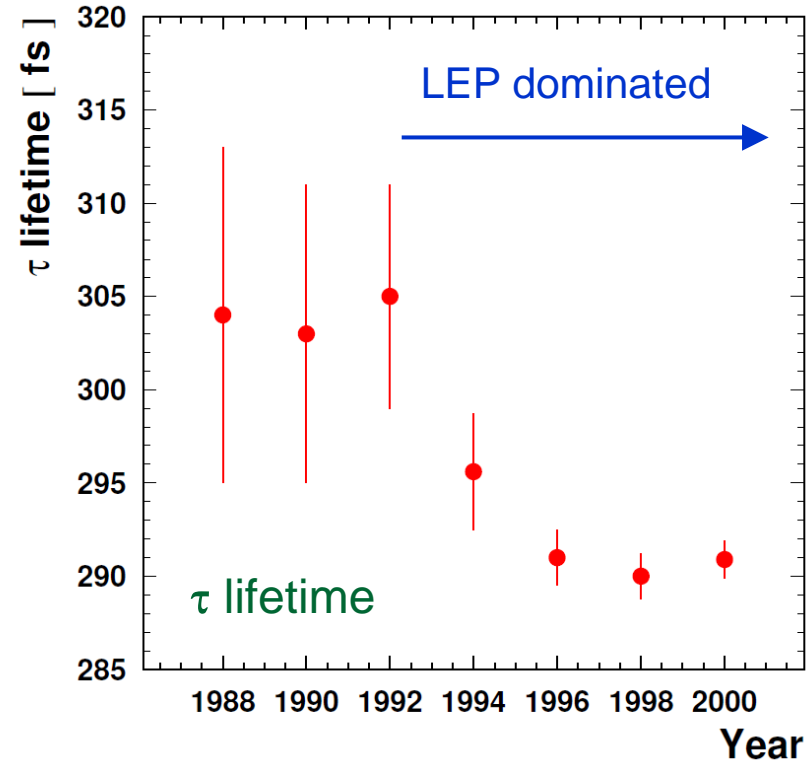
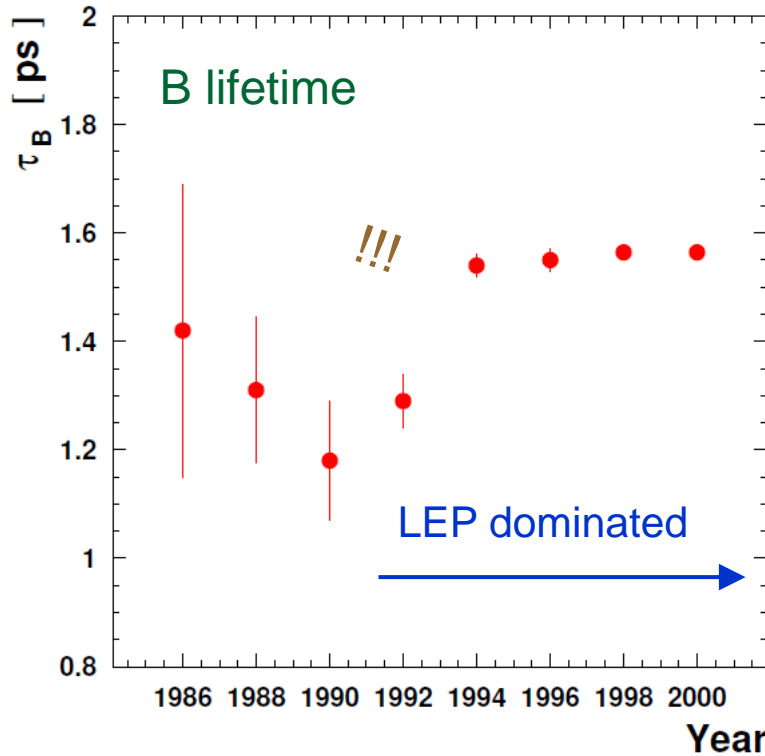
VXD3:  
 extended  
 coverage  
 in  $\theta$



Upgrade improved asymptotic IP resolution by a factor of two ( $\sim 20 \mu\text{m}$  in rz).

# Impact of LEP/SLC vertex detectors

Impact of LEP/SLC vertex detectors (& event yields, of course) on flavour physics is evident from surveying evolution of PDG averages for certain benchmark quantities.



Improved precision of the new technology exposes earlier systematic biases.

Vertex detectors - the *most* important legacy of LEP/SLC to flavour physics !

# Conclusions

The LEP programme exceeded expectations in characterising the nature of the Z and W bosons, and demonstrating the validity of the Standard Model, with exquisite sensitivity to higher-order corrections.

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Everything was done well, but we have learned how to do still better. There would be much benefit in revisiting programme at a future, very high luminosity machine (see talk of Rebeca Gonzalez Suarez) !

[ Many thanks to John Ellis for fruitful discussions while preparing this talk ! ]

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# Backups

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# The LEP and SLD EW legacy

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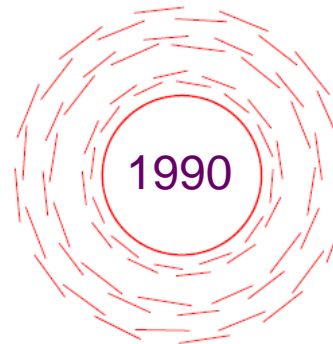
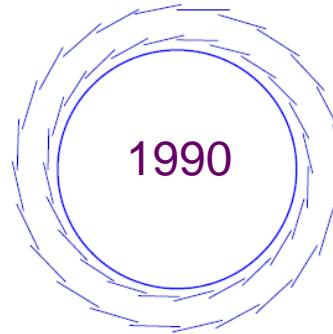
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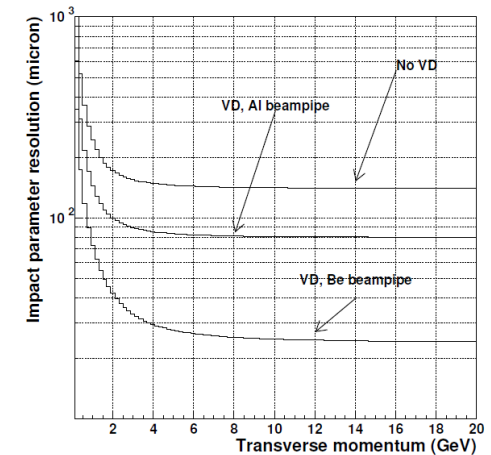
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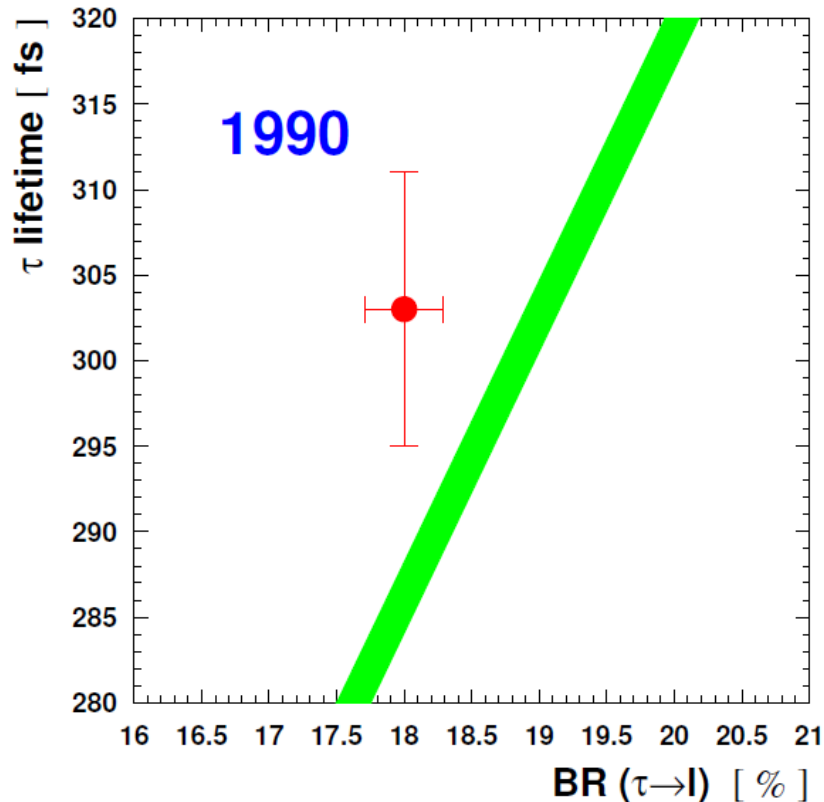
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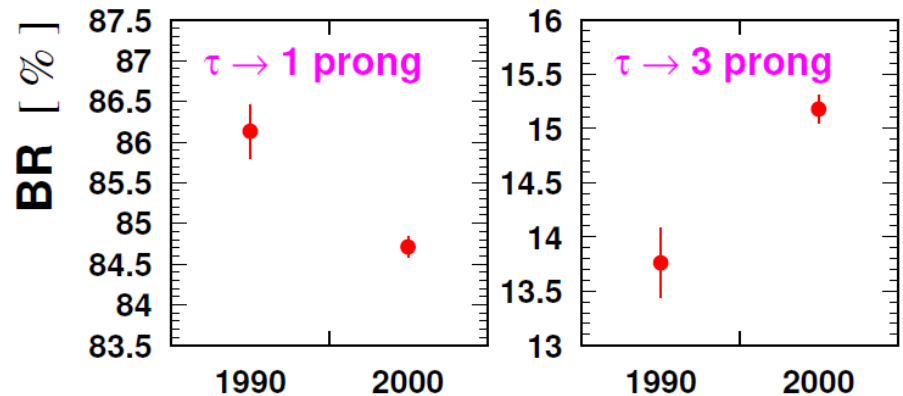
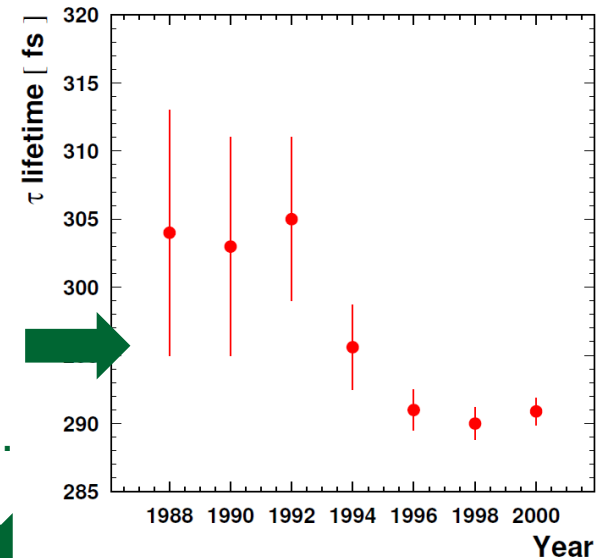
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