

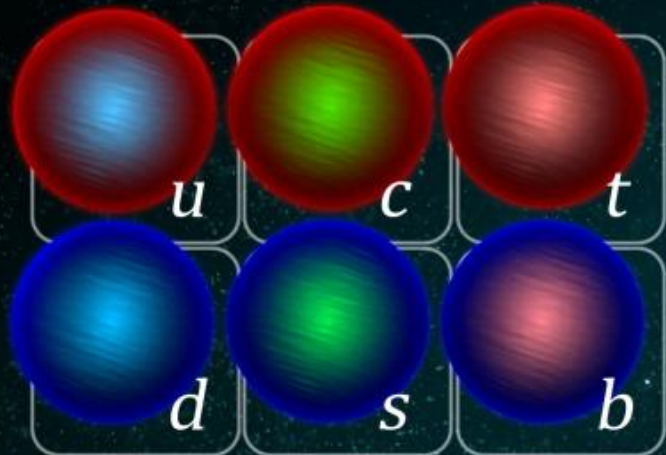
# Light quark electroweak couplings at $e^+e^-$ colliders

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Quarks



Leptons



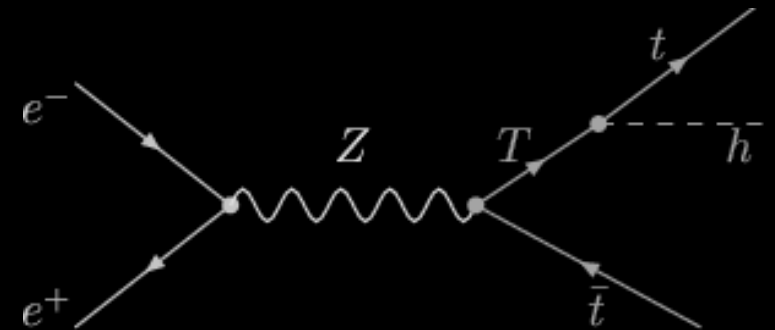
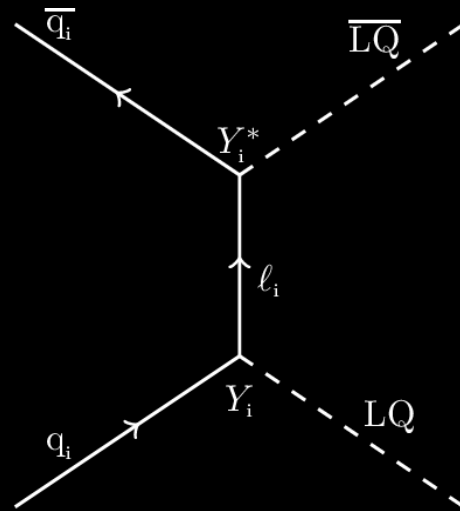
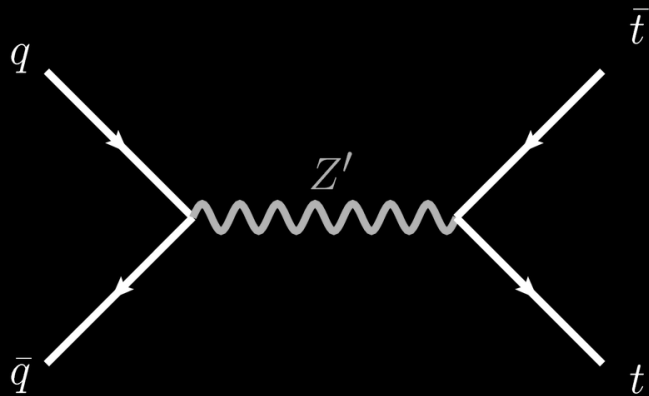
Higgs boson



Forces

A nice picture but it is not "self-explanatory":  
it contains many free parameters.

Measuring precision observables allows  
to constrain the SM parameters  
but also to search for New Physics.



# Z decays to hadrons are constrained from LEP and SLC...

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<b>0.21629 ± 0.00066</b> OUR FIT			
0.21594 ± 0.00094 ± 0.00075	1 ABE	05F SLD	$E_{\text{cm}}^{ee} = 91.28$ GeV
0.2174 ± 0.0015 ± 0.0028	2 ACCIARRI	00 L3	$E_{\text{cm}}^{ee} = 89-93$ GeV
0.2178 ± 0.0011 ± 0.0013	3 ABBIENDI	99B OPAL	$E_{\text{cm}}^{ee} = 88-94$ GeV
0.21634 ± 0.00067 ± 0.00060	4 ABREU	99B DLPH	$E_{\text{cm}}^{ee} = 88-94$ GeV
0.2159 ± 0.0009 ± 0.0011	5 BARATE	97F ALEP	$E_{\text{cm}}^{ee} = 88-94$ GeV

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PDG, 2022*

$$R_c = \Gamma(c\bar{c})/\Gamma(\text{hadrons})$$

$$\Gamma_{11}/\Gamma_8$$

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The Standard Model predicts  $R_c = 0.1723$  for  $m_t = 174.3$  GeV and  $M_H = 150$  GeV.

VALUE	DOCUMENT ID	TECN	COMMENT
<b>0.1721 ± 0.0030</b> OUR FIT			
0.1744 ± 0.0031 ± 0.0021	1 ABE	05F SLD	$E_{\text{cm}}^{ee} = 91.28$ GeV
0.1665 ± 0.0051 ± 0.0081	2 ABREU	00 DLPH	$E_{\text{cm}}^{ee} = 88-94$ GeV
0.1698 ± 0.0069	3 BARATE	00B ALEP	$E_{\text{cm}}^{ee} = 88-94$ GeV
0.180 ± 0.011 ± 0.013	4 ACKERSTAFF	98E OPAL	$E_{\text{cm}}^{ee} = 88-94$ GeV
0.167 ± 0.011 ± 0.012	5 ALEXANDER	96R OPAL	$E_{\text{cm}}^{ee} = 88-94$ GeV

$$\Gamma((u\bar{u} + c\bar{c})/2)/\Gamma(\text{hadrons})$$

$$\Gamma_9/\Gamma_8$$

This quantity is the branching ratio of  $Z \rightarrow$  "up-type" quarks to  $Z \rightarrow$  hadrons. Except ACKERSTAFF 97T the values of  $Z \rightarrow$  "up-type" and  $Z \rightarrow$  "down-type" branchings are extracted from measurements of  $\Gamma(\text{hadrons})$ , and  $\Gamma(Z \rightarrow \gamma + \text{jets})$  where  $\gamma$  is a high-energy ( $>5$  or  $7$  GeV) isolated photon. As the experiments use different procedures and slightly different values of  $M_Z$ ,  $\Gamma(\text{hadrons})$  and  $\alpha_S$  in their extraction procedures, our average has to be taken with caution.

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<b>0.166 ± 0.009</b> OUR AVERAGE			
0.172 <sup>+0.011</sup> <sub>-0.010</sub>	1 ABBIENDI	04E OPAL	$E_{\text{cm}}^{ee} = 91.2$ GeV
0.160 ± 0.019 ± 0.019	2 ACKERSTAFF	97T OPAL	$E_{\text{cm}}^{ee} = 88-94$ GeV
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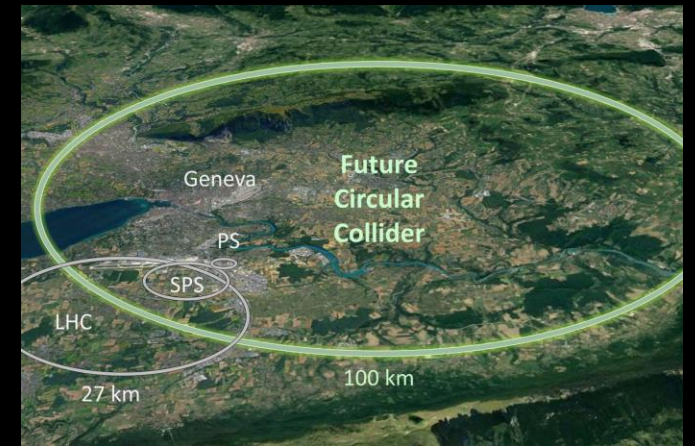
Future  $e^+e^-$  colliders operating at the Z-pole would be a perfect place to study the couplings.



ILC



CEPC



FCC-ee

Source	$e^-e^+ \rightarrow c\bar{c}$				$e^-e^+ \rightarrow b\bar{b}$			
	$P_{e^-e^+}(-0.8, +0.3)$ $R_c$	$A_{FB}^{c\bar{c}}$	$P_{e^-e^+}(+0.8, -0.3)$ $R_c$	$A_{FB}^{c\bar{c}}$	$P_{e^-e^+}(-0.8, +0.3)$ $R_b$	$A_{FB}^{b\bar{b}}$	$P_{e^-e^+}(+0.8, -0.3)$ $R_b$	$A_{FB}^{b\bar{b}}$
<b>Statistics</b>	<b>0.18%</b>	<b>0.38%</b>	<b>0.27%</b>	<b>0.52%</b>	<b>0.12%</b>	<b>0.24%</b>	<b>0.23%</b>	<b>0.70%</b>
Preselection eff.	<0.01%	0.12%	0.02%	0.16%	<0.01%	0.08%	0.06%	0.12%
Background	0.01%	0.01%	0.02%	0.02%	0.01%	0.01%	0.06%	<0.01%
heavy quark mistag	0.11%	<0.01%	0.06%	<0.01%	0.12%	<0.01%	0.22%	<0.01%
<i>uds</i> mistag	0.03%	<0.01%	0.02%	<0.01%	0.08%	<0.01%	0.14%	<0.01%
Angular correlations	0.10%	0.10%	0.10%	0.10%	0.10%	0.10%	0.10%	0.10%
Beam Polarisation	<0.01%	<0.01%	0.02%	0.01%	<0.01%	0.01%	0.03%	0.15%
<b>Systematics</b>	<b>0.15%</b>	<b>0.16%</b>	<b>0.12%</b>	<b>0.19%</b>	<b>0.18%</b>	<b>0.13%</b>	<b>0.29%</b>	<b>0.22%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.24%</b>	<b>0.41%</b>	<b>0.30%</b>	<b>0.55%</b>	<b>0.21%</b>	<b>0.27%</b>	<b>0.37%</b>	<b>0.73%</b>

A. Irles *et al.*, [2306.11413]

The cross sections to heavy quarks could be well constrained at ILC thanks to excellent flavour-tagging.

But how to take the measurement if...

- tagging is imperfect ( $s$  quark)?
- tagging is unavailable ( $u, d$  quarks)?

# Outline

1. How to measure  $Z$  couplings to light quarks?
2. How to generate Monte Carlo events?
3. How to select events?



How to measure Z couplings  
to light quarks?

# General idea

We want to measure quark couplings:

$$c_f = v_f^2 + a_f^2$$

They are given in the SM by:

$$v_f = 2I_{3,f} - 4Q_f \sin^2 \theta_W \quad a_f = 2I_{3,f}$$

$\Gamma_{had}$  scales as:

$$\Gamma_{had} \sim (3c_d + 2c_u)$$

and  $\Gamma_{had+\gamma}$  as:

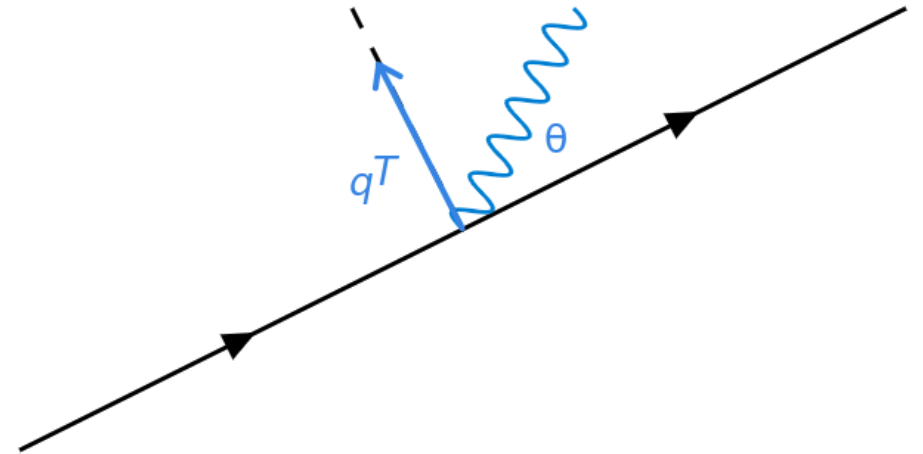
$$\Gamma_{had+\gamma} \sim \frac{\alpha}{2\pi} f(y_{cut}) (3q_d^2 c_d + 2q_u^2 c_u)$$

The correction factor  $f(y_{cut})$  to be determined for a given value of the resolution parameter  $y_{cut}$ .

# Resolution parameter $y_{\text{cut}}$

- By measuring the radiative and non-radiative decays, one can disentangle  $c_d$  and  $c_u$ . The definition of a *radiative* event is crucial.
- The photon resolution criterion may depend on an arbitrarily chosen isolation parameter, e.g. the photon transverse momentum w.r.t. the jet direction,  $q^T$ :

$$q^T = E_\gamma \sin(\theta_{j\gamma})$$



# Measurement at the Z-pole – recipe

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How to generate Monte Carlo  
events?



# Analysis setup

We want to consider:

$$e^+ e^- \rightarrow q\bar{q}(\gamma)$$

Experimentally measured photons can originate not only from the Final State Radiation but also from the Initial State Radiation, hadronisation and decays...

One may encounter the following issues:

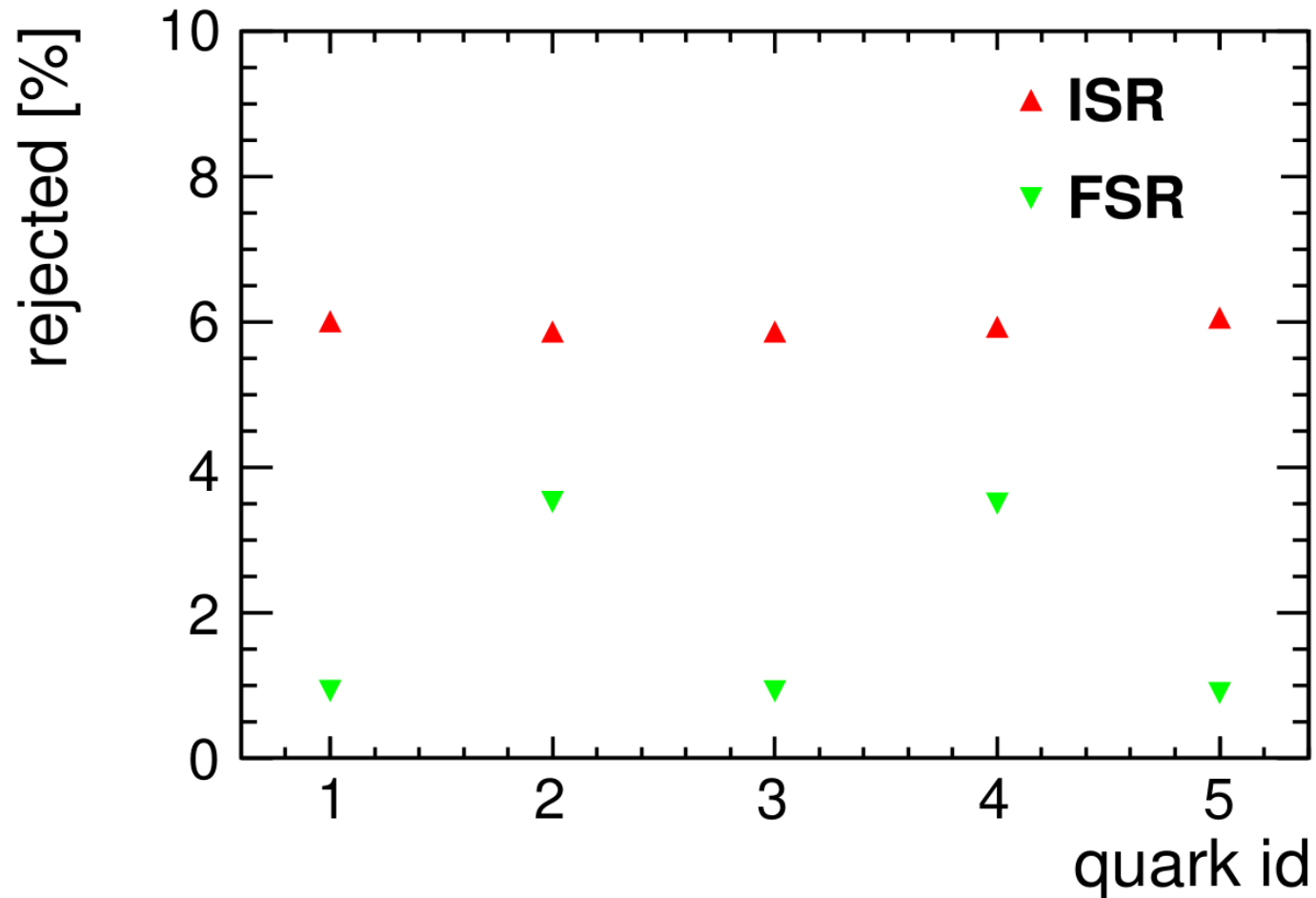
- **Matrix Element** calculations – divergent or very slow for low photon-emission angles;
- **ISR structure functions** – good for low angles, a proper matching procedure needed;
- **FSR showers** – important for QCD emissions, may cause double-counting;
- **hadron decays** – photons to be included properly.

# Matching procedure – *Whizard* perspective

- matching: *soft* physics invisible in the detector, *hard* physics properly reconstructed
- soft ISR photons simulated using built-in structure functions
- soft FSR photons simulated using parton showers
- hard photons simulated using full ME calculations (0, 1, 2... ME  $\gamma$  samples)  
→ momentum transfer and energy to define the soft and hard regimes

# Efficiency of the matching procedure

About 7-8% of Whizard events are rejected to avoid double-counting.



# How to select events?

*work in progress*

# Event reconstruction

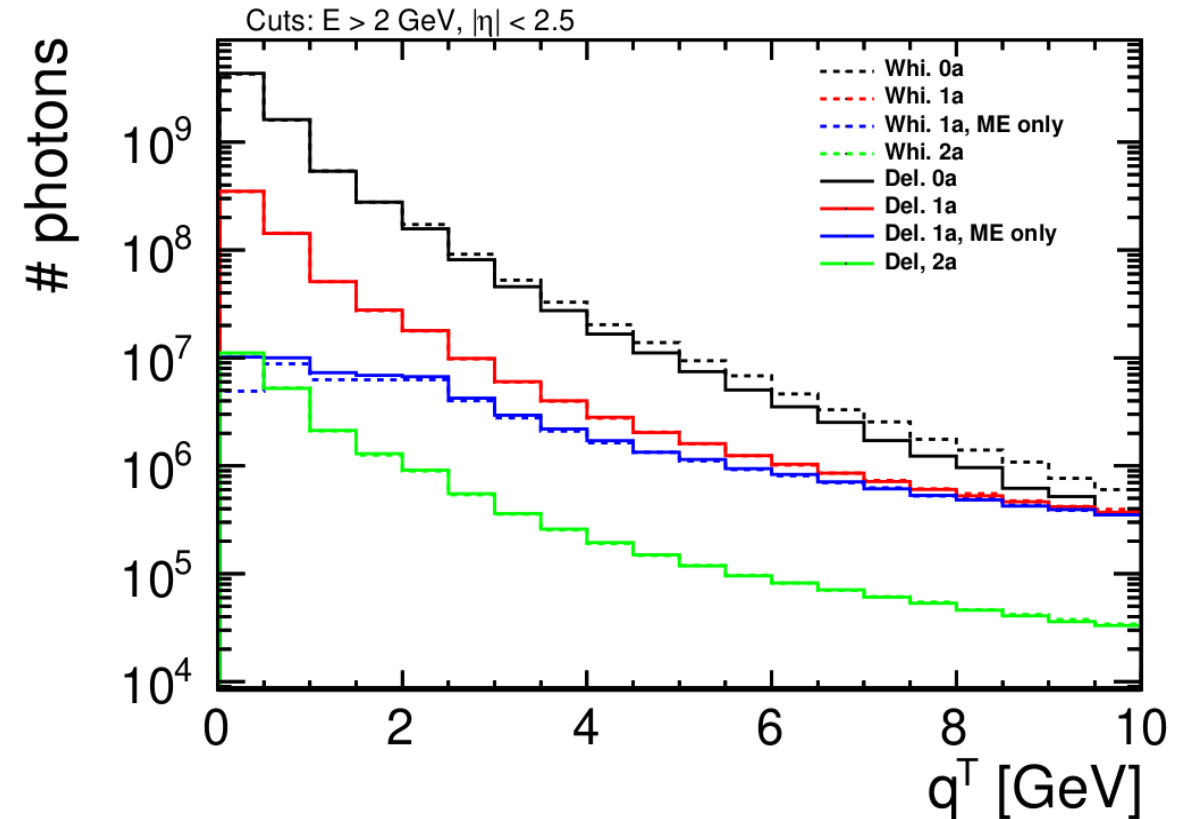
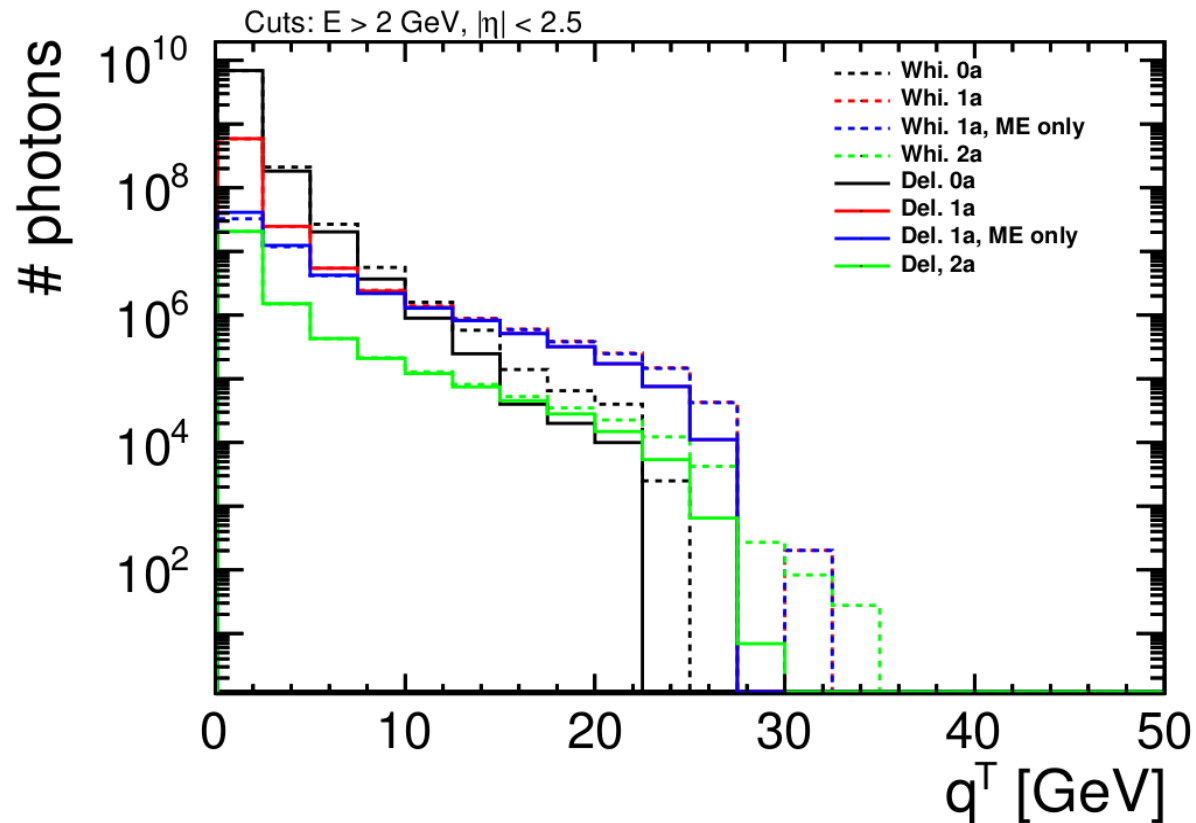
Measurable photons can originate from:

- Initial State Radiation,
- Final State Radiation,
- hadronisation and decays.

The interesting information comes only from FSR so the reconstruction criteria should reduce the other contributions.

A dedicated approach is crucial!

# Photon kinematics – transverse momentum



ILD as reference detector design

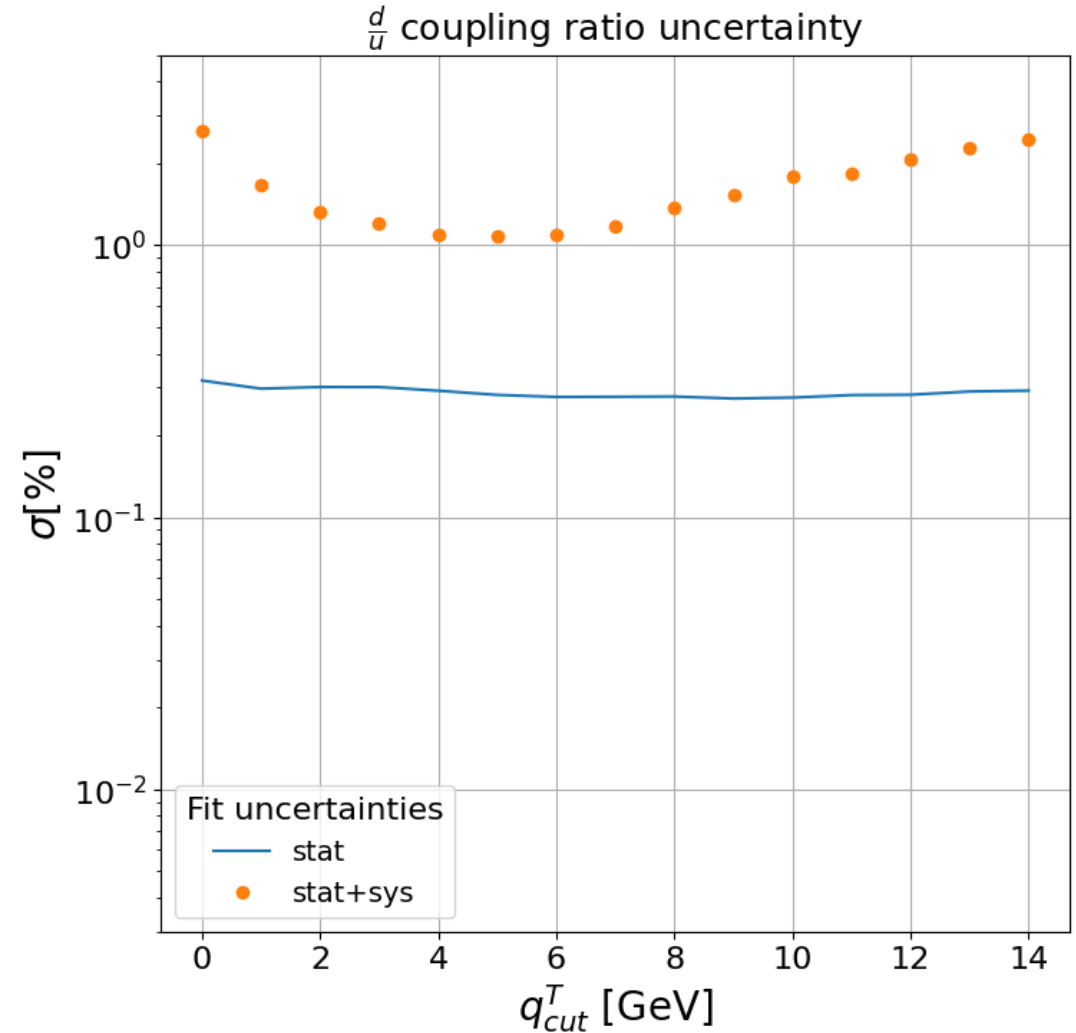
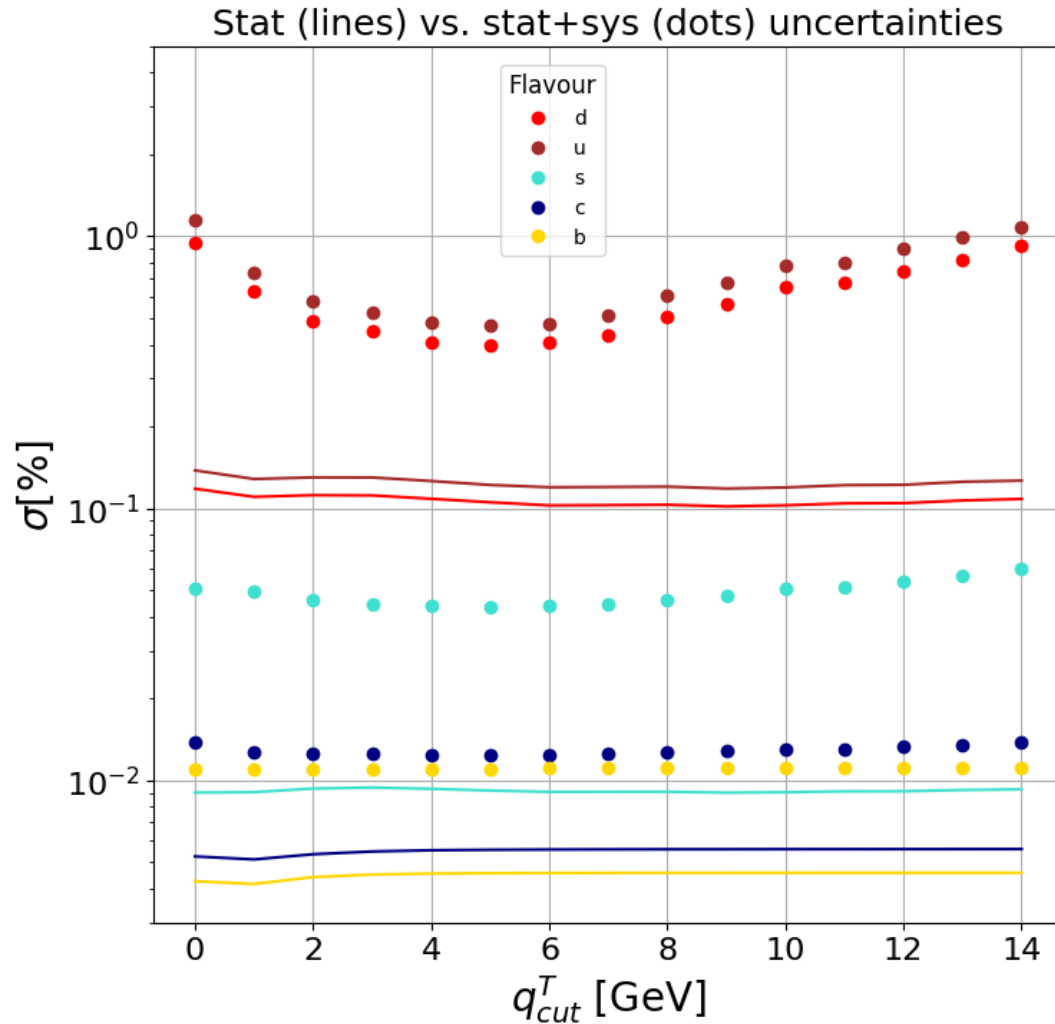
# Systematic uncertainties

The optimal isolation parameter can be chosen only if systematic uncertainties are included.

Uncertainty	[%]
Luminosity	0.01
Acceptance of radiative events	5
Acceptance of non-radiative events	50
<i>b</i> tagging	1
<i>c</i> tagging	2
<i>s</i> tagging	5
<i>u/d</i> tagging	10

# Preliminary results

assuming int. lumi of  $100 \text{ fb}^{-1}$





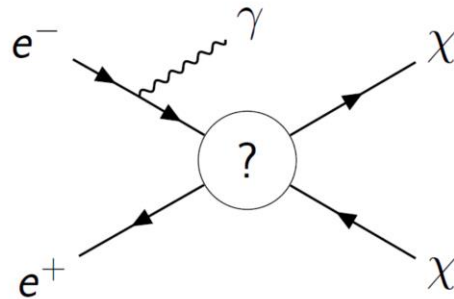
# Conclusions

- The couplings of the Z boson to light quarks are weakly constrained but an excellent improvement could be achieved at future colliders.
- Proper assessment of the uncertainties requires deep understanding of theoretical calculations, event simulation and reconstruction.
- Prospects for  $100 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ : **sub-percent** precision for  $d$  and  $u$ , **sub-permille** precision for  $s$ ,  $c$  and  $b$
- *Work in progress...*

# Backup

# Starting point

Some part of the work has already been done...



*Simulating hard photon production with WHIZARD*

J. Kalinowski *et al.*, [2004.14486]

General idea:

- soft ISR photons simulated using the built-in structure function
- hard ISR photons simulated at the ME level
- matching in  $q_{\pm}$ :

$$q_- = \sqrt{4E_0 E_\gamma} \sin \frac{\theta_\gamma}{2}$$

$$q_+ = \sqrt{4E_0 E_\gamma} \cos \frac{\theta_\gamma}{2}$$

# Extension of the procedure

Simulating events with *Whizard* and *Pythia6* (shower and hadronisation)

- ME cuts:

- all  $\gamma$ 's:

$$q_{\pm} > 0.5 \text{ GeV} \text{ and } E > 0.5 \text{ GeV} \text{ and } M(\gamma, q_i) > 1 \text{ GeV}$$

- event selection:

- all ISR SF  $\gamma$ 's:

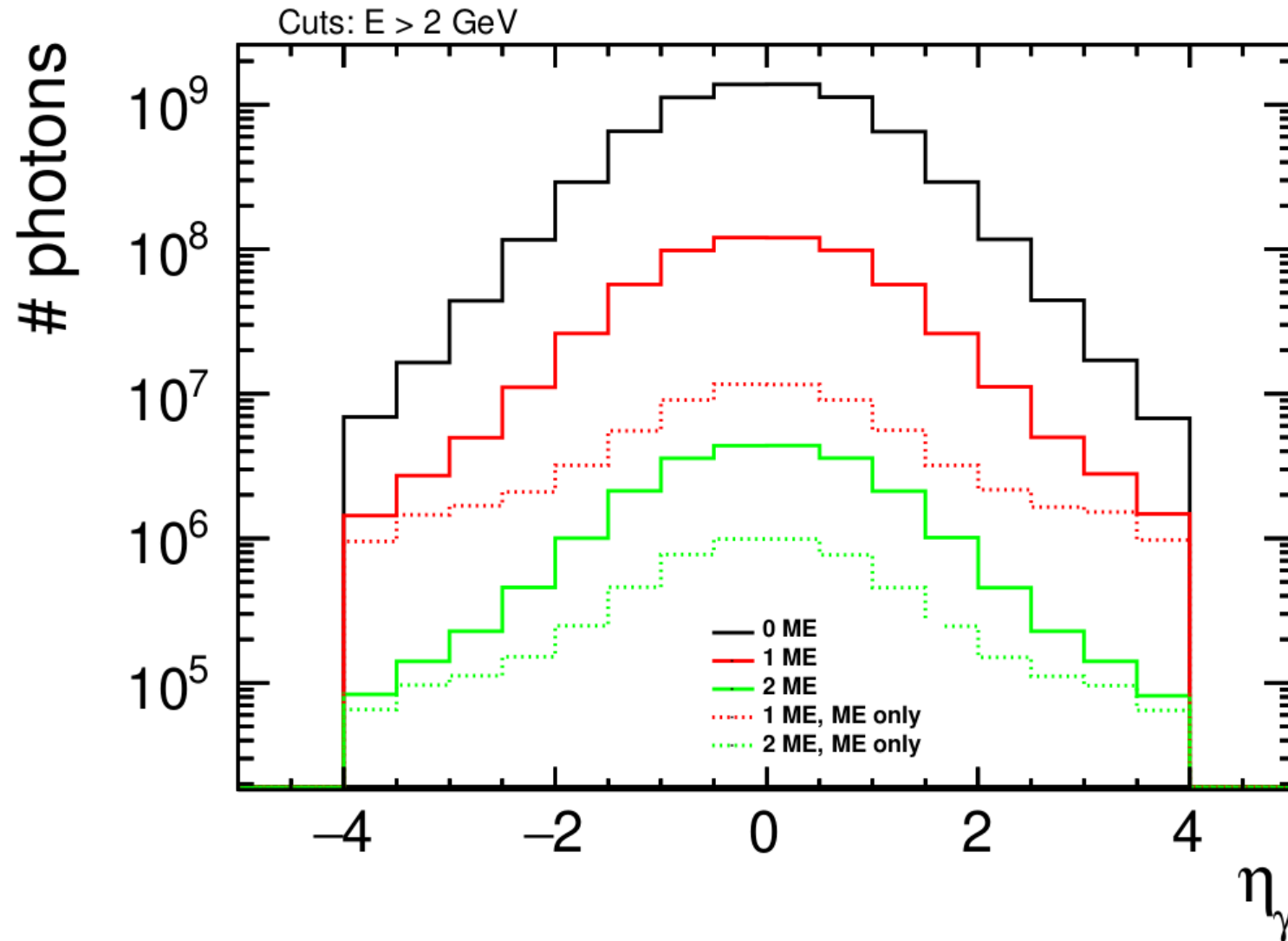
$$q_{\pm} < 0.5 \text{ GeV} \text{ or } E < 0.5 \text{ GeV} \text{ or } M(\gamma, q_i) < 1 \text{ GeV}$$

- all FSR shower  $\gamma$ 's whose parents are initial quarks:

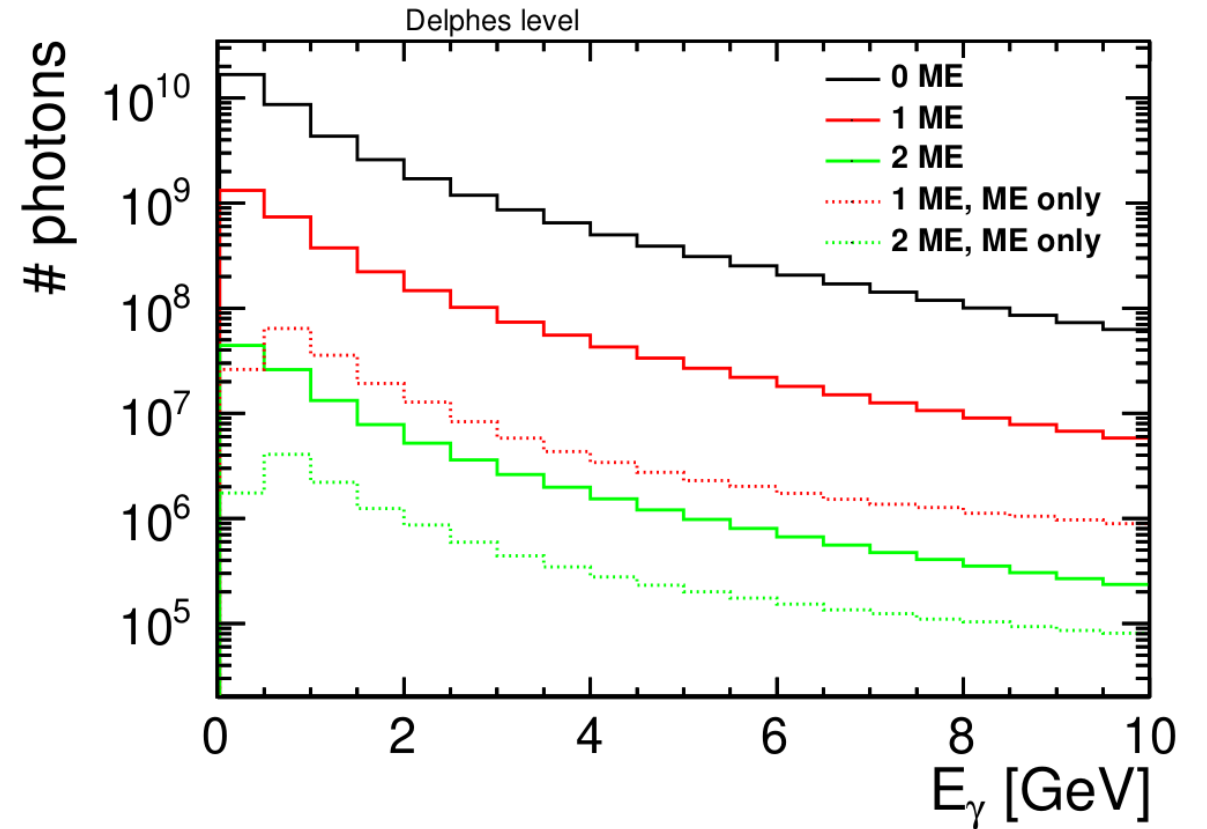
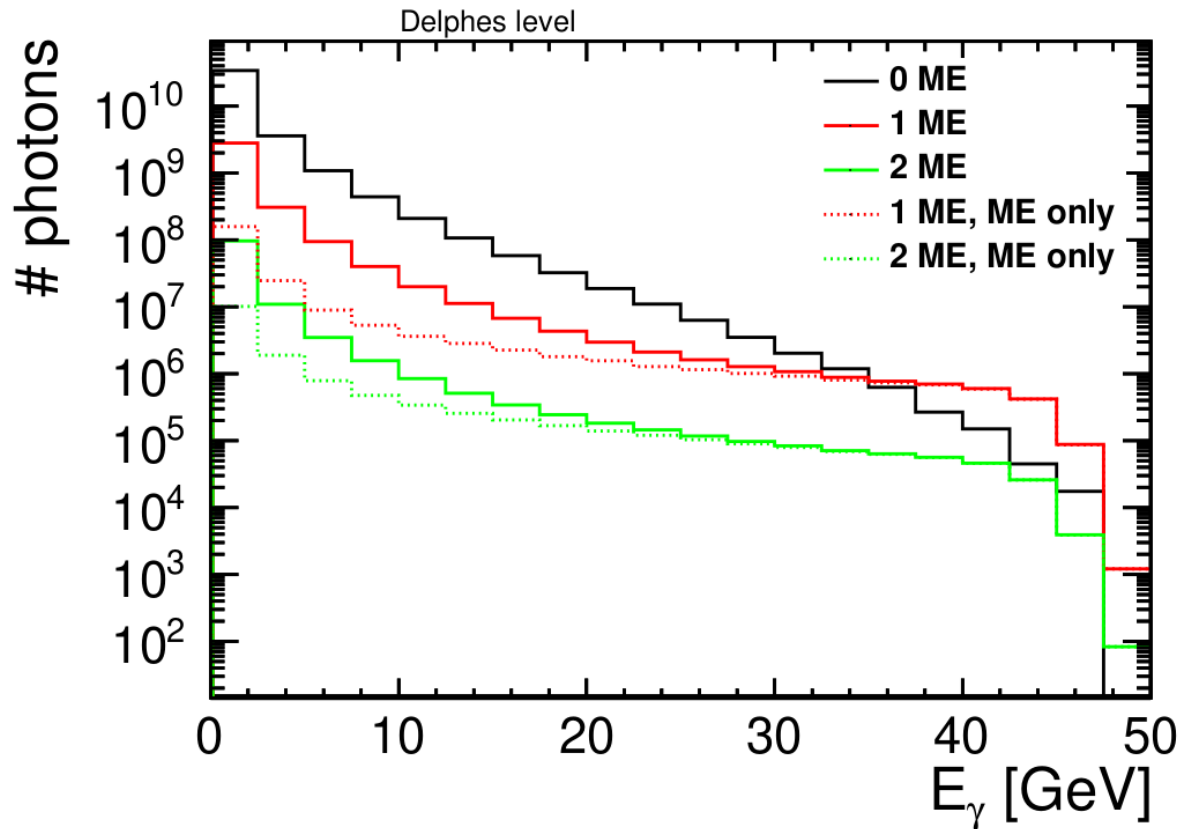
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Note: a single quark can emit multiple photons.

# Photon kinematics – pseudorapidity



# Photon kinematics – energy



# What decays?

[%]	$d$	$u$	$s$	$c$	$b$
$\pi^0$	94	94	94	93	88
$\eta$	4.5	4.5	4.3	3.7	3.6
$D$ mesons	-	-	-	1.9	2.0
$B$ mesons	-	-	-	-	5.6

hadronisation by *Pythia6*

# Fit correlations

preliminary, int. lumi of 100 fb<sup>-1</sup>

