

## Radiative corrections to the standard $SU_2 \times U_1$ electroweak theory.

1. There are 17 free parameters in the Standard Model, with 3 families. Discard the fermion masses, we get 4 free parameters, as

$$(g, g', \mu, \lambda) \quad \text{or} \quad (g, \theta, M, m_H)$$

Because of the screening theorem, most of the processes are not sensitive to the unknown physical Higgs mass  $m_H$ . One may consider to determine the remaining 3 free parameters, e.g.  $(g, \theta, M)$ , by comparing with the experimental data

1) Veltman chose the 3 free parameters as

$$g, \theta, \text{ and } M$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{l} M = W\text{-boson mass} \\ \theta = \text{weak mixing angle} \\ g = SU_2 \text{ coupling strength} \end{array} \right)$$

Then he invented the  $\rho$ -parameter, defined as

$$\rho \equiv \frac{M_P^2}{M_Z^2 C_\theta^2}$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{l} S_\theta \equiv \sin\theta \\ C_\theta \equiv \cos\theta \end{array} \right)$$

to investigate the heavy Higgs and heavy fermion effects.

Where  $M_P$  is the physical mass of  $W^\pm$ -boson,  $M_Z$  is the physical mass of  $Z$ -boson ( $W^0$ ), and  $C_\theta$  is determined through the low energy experiment ( $\bar{\nu}_e e \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e e$ ).

(The physical mass is defined as the pole of the propagator.)

The deviation of  $\rho$  from 1 will give us some information about the Higgs sector or the mass splitting of the heavy fermions, etc.

\* In Veltman's definition,  
the tree relation

$$e = g \zeta_0$$

will be modified at loop level,

so that

$$4\pi\alpha = g^{(1)\prime 2} \zeta_0^{(1)\prime 2} (1 + \delta_2)$$

2) Marciano chose another set of free parameters as

$$e, M_P \text{ and } M_{op}.$$

Where  $M_P$  ( $M_{op}$ ) is the physical mass of  $W^\pm$  ( $Z^0$ ).

$e$  is defined as

$$\alpha = \frac{e^2}{4\pi} = \frac{1}{137.03604}$$

The consequences of choosing this set of parameters are:

① All of these parameters are physical parameters. Therefore they are gauge invariant (gauge independent).

② The weak mixing angle is defined as

$$C_0 \equiv \frac{M_P}{M_{op}}.$$

Thus 
$$S_0 \equiv \sqrt{1 - C_0^2} = \sqrt{1 - \frac{M_P^2}{M_{op}^2}}.$$

Again  $S_0$  is gauge independent.

③  $\rho$  parameter is 1 by definition

$$\rho \equiv \frac{M_P^2}{M_{op}^2 C_0^2} = 1.$$

Note: Here  $C_0$  is defined through  $C_0 \equiv \frac{M_P}{M_{op}}$ . This is different from the  $C_0$  shown in Veltman definition. There  $C_0$  is obtained through low energy experiments. We will come back to this point later.

\* In Marciario's definition:

electric charge

$$e = g S_0.$$

Both  $e$  and  $g$  are gauge-invariant quantities,

$S_0$  is  $\xi_0$  through the definition of

$$C_0 = \frac{M_p}{M_{op}}$$

- ④ If one allow both  $(\rho)$  and  $(s_0)$  to vary to fit the experimental data, then one should expect  $\rho = 1$ . The deviation of  $\rho$  from 1 indicates the deviation from standard model.

In practice, one can fit the experimental data of the ratios

$$R = \frac{\vec{V}_\mu^{\rightarrow} N \rightarrow \vec{V}_\mu^{\leftarrow} N}{\vec{V}_\mu^{\rightarrow} N \rightarrow \vec{V}_\mu^{\leftarrow} N} \quad (\text{neutral current and charged current ratio})$$

$$= f(\rho, s_0)$$

to fix  $\rho$  and  $s_0$  simultaneously.

- ⑤ Marciano called the definition in ③ as one-parameter fit (i.e. fix  $s_0$  only).

And he called the method shown in ④ as two-parameter fit (i.e. fix  $\rho$  and  $s_0$  simultaneously).

- ③ In this work, we are going to use the parametrization shown in 1), i.e. choosing the 3 free parameters as

$$g, s_0 \text{ and } M.$$

2. We need three experimental data points to fix the three parameters we chose, i.e.  $g$ ,  $g_0$  and  $M$ .

We follow the ones Veltman chose:

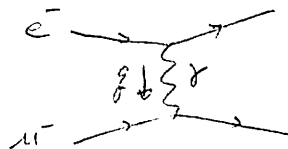
- (i) Coulomb scattering ( $e^- \mu^- \rightarrow e^- \mu^-$ ) to define  $\alpha$ .
- (ii)  $\mu$ -decay ( $\mu^- \rightarrow \nu_\mu e^- \bar{\nu}_e$ ) to define Fermi constant  $G_F$ .
- (iii) The ratio of  $\sigma(\bar{\nu}_e e)$  to  $\sigma(\nu_\mu e)$  to define the weak mixing angle  $\theta$ .

Note: All these processes are low energy experiments.

To demonstrate how to use the above three processes to fix the three parameters, we work out the results at tree level as follows:

1) Coulomb scattering.

At low energy, there is only one diagram matters.



Its amplitude is

$$\mathcal{M} = \frac{(ie)^2}{q^2} \bar{u}_\mu \gamma_\alpha u_\mu \bar{u}_e \gamma_\alpha u_e$$

From the precise measurement of differential cross section in  $q^2 \rightarrow 0$ , one can determine

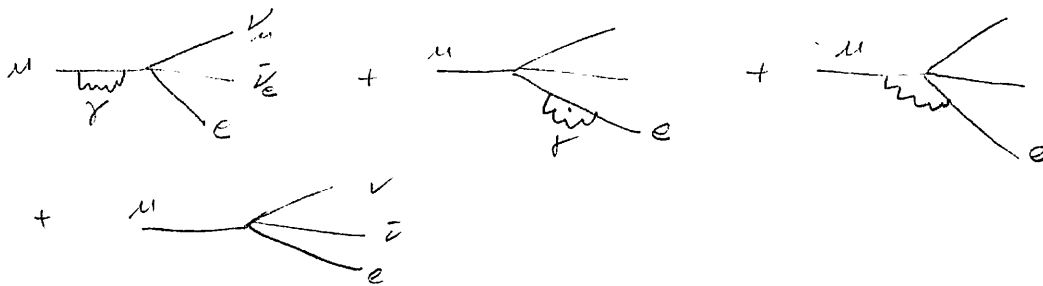
$$\alpha = \frac{e^2}{4\pi} = \frac{1}{137.036}$$

2)  $\mu$ -decay:

The decay rate of  $\mu^- \rightarrow \nu_{\mu} \bar{\nu}_e e^-$  is

$$\Gamma_{\mu} = \frac{1}{\tau_{\mu}} = \frac{G_F^2 m_{\mu}^5}{192 \pi^3} \left(1 - \frac{8 m_e^2}{m_{\mu}^2}\right) \left[1 + \frac{\alpha}{2\pi} \left(\frac{25}{4} - \pi^2\right)\right]$$

Here we already include the 1-loop QED corrections, which is defined as the 1-loop four-fermion interactions. The Feynman diagrams are



Take the numerical values

$$m_e = 0.511 \text{ MeV}$$

$$m_{\mu} = 105.65916 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{137.036}$$

$$\tau_{\mu} = 2.19703 \times 10^{-6} \text{ sec}$$

$$1 \text{ sec}^{-1} = 6.582 \times 10^{-22} \text{ MeV}$$

we get

$$\frac{\alpha}{2\pi} \left(\frac{25}{4} - \pi^2\right) = -0.004204$$

$$\frac{8 m_e^2}{m_{\mu}^2} = 0.000187$$

$$\frac{1}{\tau_{\mu}} = \frac{6.582}{2.197} \times 10^{-16} \text{ MeV}$$

$$G_F = \begin{cases} 1.164 \times 10^{-8} \times 10^{-3} \text{ MeV}^{-2} = 1.164 \times 10^{-5} \text{ GeV}^{-2} & \text{(not including QED)} \\ 1.166 \times 10^{-8} \times 10^{-3} \text{ MeV}^{-2} = 1.166 \times 10^{-5} \text{ GeV}^{-2} & \text{(including QED)} \end{cases}$$

We therefore define the fermion constant as

$$G_F = 1.166 \times 10^{-5} \text{ GeV}^{-2}$$

Note: The 1-loop QED (4-fermion interaction) corrections have been included.

3)  $\nu_e$  and  $\bar{\nu}_e$  scattering.

At tree level, the total cross sections

$$\sigma(\nu_e) = \frac{8G_F^2}{\pi} m_e E_\nu (g_L^\nu)^2 \left[ (g_L^e)^2 + \frac{1}{3}(g_R^e)^2 \right] \quad \text{and}$$

$$\sigma(\bar{\nu}_e) = \frac{8G_F^2}{\pi} m_e E_\nu (g_L^\nu)^2 \left[ \frac{1}{3}(g_L^e)^2 + (g_R^e)^2 \right].$$

where  $g_L^f = T_3(f_L) - Q(f) \sin^2 \theta$ ,

$$g_R^f = T_3(f_R) - Q(f) \sin^2 \theta,$$

i.e.  $g_L^e = \frac{-1}{2} + S_\theta^2$

$$g_R^e = S_\theta^2$$

therefore

$$R \equiv \frac{\sigma(\bar{\nu}_e \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e)}{\sigma(\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_e)} = \frac{\frac{1}{3}(g_L^e)^2 + (g_R^e)^2}{(g_L^e)^2 + \frac{1}{3}(g_R^e)^2}$$

let us express it in terms of another quantity:

The neutral-current part Lagrangian is defined as

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}^{NC} &= \frac{ig}{c_\theta} \bar{f} \gamma_\mu \left[ g_L^f \bar{f}_L \gamma_\mu f_L + g_R^f \bar{f}_R \gamma_\mu f_R \right] \\ &= \frac{ig}{2c_\theta} \bar{f} \gamma_\mu \left[ (g_L^f + g_R^f) + (g_L^f - g_R^f) \gamma_5 \right] f \\ &\equiv \frac{ig}{4c_\theta} \bar{f} \gamma_\mu (a + b \gamma_5) f. \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$g_L^e + g_R^e = \frac{a}{2}$$

$$g_L^e - g_R^e = \frac{b}{2}$$

$$g_L^e = \frac{1}{4}(a+b) = \frac{b}{4} \left(1 + \frac{a}{b}\right) = \frac{b}{4} (1 + \xi)$$

$$g_R^e = \frac{1}{4}(a-b) = \frac{b}{4} \left(\frac{a}{b} - 1\right) = \frac{b}{4} (\xi - 1)$$

and

$$a = -1 + 4S_\theta^2$$

$$b = -1$$

$$\xi \equiv \frac{a}{b}$$



$$R = \frac{\sigma(\bar{\nu}_e e)}{\sigma(\nu_e e)} = \frac{\frac{1}{3}(1+\xi)^2 + (1-\xi)^2}{(1+\xi)^2 + \frac{1}{3}(1-\xi)^2} \times \frac{3}{3}$$

$$= \frac{1-\xi+\xi^2}{1+\xi+\xi^2}, \quad \text{with} \quad \xi = \frac{a}{b} = 1-4s_0^2.$$

Note: If we define  $\xi = \frac{b}{a}$  instead of  $\xi = \frac{a}{b}$ , then we will have the same relation as  $R = \frac{1-\xi+\xi^2}{1+\xi+\xi^2}$ . Therefore we should look for the roots of  $\xi$  so that  $|s_0| \leq 1$ .

From the experimental data of  $R$ , one can extract the value of  $\xi$ , therefore get

$$s_0^2 = \frac{1}{4}(1-\xi) \approx 0.22 \quad \left( \text{For } R \approx \frac{1}{1.29} \right)$$

3. Once we have the three experimental data points, we need to solve these three equations to fix the three free parameters:

(1)  $\alpha = \frac{1}{137.036}$

(2)  $G_F = 1.166 \times 10^{-5} \text{ GeV}^{-2}$

(3)  $\frac{1}{4}(1-\xi) = 0.22 \quad \left( \xi \equiv 1-4s_0^2, \text{ and } \xi \approx 0.12 \right)$

1) Before we solve these equations, we should recall some relations in the tree Lagrangian.

$Z_0$  tree Lagrangian

$$e = g S_0, \quad \frac{1}{4}(1-\xi)^2 = S_0^2$$

$$G_F = \frac{g^2}{4\sqrt{2}} \frac{1}{M^2}$$

and  $M_0^2 = \frac{M^2}{C_0^2}$  .  $\left( C_0^2 = 1 - S_0^2 = 1 - \frac{1}{4}(1-\xi)^2 \right)$

Therefore, we have

$$(1) \quad \alpha = \frac{e^2}{4\pi} = \frac{g^2 S_0^2}{4\pi} = \frac{1}{137.036}$$

$$(2) \quad \frac{g^2}{4\sqrt{2}} \frac{1}{M^2} = 1.166 \times 10^{-5} \text{ GeV}^{-2}$$

$$(3) \quad \frac{1}{4}(1-\xi) = S_0^2 = 0.22$$

2) From (3), we get  $S_0^2 = 0.22 = (0.469)^2$

Put in (1), we get

$$g^2 = \frac{1}{137.036} \frac{4\pi}{S_0^2} = (0.6456)^2$$

put in (2), we have

$$M^2 = \frac{g^2}{4\sqrt{2} \cdot 1.166} \times 10^5 \text{ GeV}^2 = (79.5 \text{ GeV})^2$$

Also

$$M_0^2 = \frac{M^2}{C_0^2} = (90.0 \text{ GeV})^2$$

We therefore get the numbers of these three free parameters:

$$g = 0.6456$$

$$S_0 = 0.469$$

$$M = 79.5 \text{ GeV}$$

Consequently, the mass of  $Z^0$  is obtained through the relation

$$M_0 = \frac{M}{C_0} = 90.0 \text{ (GeV)}$$

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4. We have established how to fix the three parameters,  $g$ ,  $S_0$  and  $M$  from the three specific experimental data points in the tree level.

However, to test the Standard Model, one should check the radiative corrections also.

The procedures are the same as what we did in tree level, but here we should deal with the "bare parameters" instead of the finite quantities.

1) After doing the loop calculations, one get the infinite quantities  $\delta_1$ ,  $\delta_2$  and  $\delta_3$ , so that

$$(1) \quad \alpha = \frac{g^2 S_0^{(1)2}}{4\pi} [1 + \delta_2]$$

$$(2) \quad G_F = \frac{g^{(1)2}}{4\sqrt{2}M^{(1)2}} [1 + \delta_1]$$

$$(3) \quad \frac{1}{4}(1 - \xi) = S_0^{(1)2} [1 - \delta_3] \equiv (S_0^{\text{ren}})^2 \equiv (S_0^{\text{physical}})^2$$

Where the bare parameters  $g$ ,  $S_0$  and  $M$  are infinite, such that the left-hand side quantities, i.e.  $\alpha$ ,  $G_F$  and  $\xi$ , are finite.

This is the consequences of a renormalized theory.

Now the logic is somewhat different from previous sections.

We are going to work out the three experimental data points to get the three bare parameters up to one loop.

\* We will choose our renormalization scheme  
(ie choose counterterms) so that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{4}(1-\xi) &= S_0^{-1/2}(1-S_2) \\ &\equiv (S_0^{\text{ren}})^2 \\ &\equiv (S_0^{\text{physical}})^2 \\ &= (S_0^{\text{tree}})^2 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $S_0^{\text{tree}} = S_0^{\text{1-loop renormalized}}$

ie. The value of  $S_0$  will not get corrected  
due to the loop correction.

(Note: This is purely due to the way we  
choose our renormalization scheme.

Obviously, we can choose the other way.)

Thus when we talk about the shift of  $\rho$ ,  
we only have to consider the shifts of

$M$  and  $M_0$ , not  $G_0$ .

$S_0$

$$\delta\rho = \frac{SM_p^2}{M_p^2} - \frac{SM_{\text{op}}^2}{M_{\text{op}}^2}$$

(The shift quantity is  
defined as the difference  
between 1-loop and tree  
results.)

for

$$\rho \equiv \frac{M_p^2}{M_{\text{op}}^2 G_0^2}$$

Then the one-loop results of any physical process calculated using these three bare parameters should give a finite answer.

2) Solve the above three equations, one can get the three bare parameters as

$$(3) \quad S_0^{(1)2} = \frac{1}{4} (1-\xi) \frac{1}{1-\delta_3} = \frac{1}{4} (1-\xi) (1+\delta_3)$$

$$(1) \quad g^{(1)2} = \frac{4\pi\alpha}{S_0^{(1)2}} \frac{1}{1+\delta_2} = \frac{4\pi\alpha}{\frac{1}{4}(1-\xi)(1+\delta_3)} (1-\delta_2) = \frac{4\pi\alpha}{\frac{1}{4}(1-\xi)} (1-\delta_2-\delta_3)$$

$$(2) \quad M^{(1)2} = \frac{g^{(1)2}}{4\sqrt{2} G_F} [1+\delta_1] = \frac{4\pi\alpha}{\sqrt{2}(1-\xi) G_F} (1+\delta_1-\delta_2-\delta_3)$$

Note: ① Since we choose the three free parameters as  $g$ ,  $S_0$  and  $M$ , therefore the electric charge  $e \equiv \sqrt{4\pi\alpha}$  is not a bare parameter. It is finite.

② The bare parameters  $S_0^{(1)}$ ,  $g^{(1)}$  and  $M^{(1)}$  are super-indexed to explicitly express them as infinite quantities.

③  $M^{(1)}$  is not the physical mass of  $W$ -boson. The physical mass of  $W$ -boson is defined as the pole of  $W$ 's propagator.

The full propagator of  $W$  is

$$\begin{aligned} \text{---} \textcircled{2} \text{---} &= \text{---} \textcircled{2} \text{---} + \text{---} \textcircled{2} \text{---} \textcircled{2} \text{---} + \text{---} \textcircled{2} \text{---} \textcircled{2} \text{---} \textcircled{2} \text{---} + \dots \\ &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^4 i} \frac{1}{p^2 + M^{(1)2}} + \frac{1}{(2\pi)^4 i} \frac{1}{p^2 + M^{(1)2}} (2\pi)^4 i \tilde{\Pi} \frac{1}{(2\pi)^4 i} \frac{1}{p^2 + M^{(1)2}} + \dots \\ &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^4 i} \frac{1}{p^2 + M^{(1)2}} \left\{ 1 + (2\pi)^4 i \tilde{\Pi} \frac{1}{(2\pi)^4 i} \frac{1}{p^2 + M^{(1)2}} + \dots \right\} \\ &= \left\{ \left[ 1 - \tilde{\Pi} \frac{1}{p^2 + M^{(1)2}} \right] (2\pi)^4 i (p^2 + M^{(1)2})^2 \right\}^{-1} \\ &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^4 i} \frac{1}{\left\{ p^2 + M^{(1)2} - \tilde{\Pi} \right\}} \end{aligned}$$

therefore the pole of the propagator is at

$$M_p^2 = M^{(1)2} - \tilde{\Pi}, \quad \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{Note: The self energy of } W \text{ is} \\ \text{---} \textcircled{\text{---}} \text{---} \equiv \tilde{\Pi} \\ \equiv (2\pi)^4 i \tilde{\Pi} \end{array} \right)$$

$$= \frac{4\pi\alpha}{\sqrt{2}(1-\xi)G_F} (1 + \delta_1 - \delta_2 - \delta_3) - \tilde{\Pi}(-M_p^2).$$

The argument of  $\tilde{\Pi}$  indicates that one should evaluate  $p^2 = -M_p^2$ , not  $M^{(1)2}$ . However, the self-energy of  $W$ , i.e.  $\tilde{\Pi}$ , is proportional to  $\frac{g^2}{\pi^2}$ , therefore we can treat the right-hand side as the free quantities. In other words

$$M_p^2 = \frac{4\pi\alpha}{\sqrt{2}(1-\xi)G_F} (1 + \delta_1 - \delta_2 - \delta_3) - \tilde{\Pi}(-M^2),$$

where  $M^2 = (79.5 \text{ GeV})^2$  is the result from free calculations.

Similarly,  $g$ ,  $s_0$  and  $M$  in  $\delta_1, \delta_2, \delta_3$  or  $\tilde{\Pi}$  should be put to be their free values when doing the numerical calculations (e.g. mass shift of  $W$ ).

The same arguments hold for the three eggs.

$$(1) \quad g^{(1)2} = \frac{4\pi\alpha}{\frac{1}{4}(1-\xi)} (1 - \delta_2 - \delta_3)$$

$$(2) \quad M^{(1)2} = \frac{4\pi\alpha}{\sqrt{2}(1-\xi)G_F} (1 + \delta_1 - \delta_2 - \delta_3)$$

$$(3) \quad s_0^{(1)2} = \frac{1}{4} (1-\xi) (1 + \delta_3)$$

On the right-hand side,  $\alpha$ ,  $G_F$  and  $\xi$  are the data from the experimental measurements. All the factors  $g$ ,  $s_0$  and  $M$  show on the right-hand side should be put to be their free values.

④ One can also ask for the mass shift of  $Z^0$ .

First, one should remember the mass of  $Z^0$ ,  $M_0$ , is not a free parameter in this particular prescription. Therefore one should express  $M_0 = \frac{M}{C_0}$  everywhere in the Feynman rules.

Therefore the mass of  $Z^0$  is defined as the pole of  $Z^0$  propagator, which is

$$\frac{1}{(2\pi)^4 i} \frac{1}{\left\{ p^2 + \frac{M^{(1)2}}{C_0^{(1)2}} - \tilde{\Pi}_0 \right\}}$$

Therefore  $Z^0$  mass is

$$M_{op}^2 = \frac{M^{(1)2}}{C_0^{(1)2}} - \tilde{\Pi}_0(-M_{op}^2),$$

with

$$\frac{1}{C_0^{(1)2}} = \frac{1}{1 - S_0^{(1)2}} = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{4}(1-\xi)(1+\delta_3)} = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{4}(1-\xi)} \left( 1 + \frac{\frac{1}{4}(1-\xi)}{1 - \frac{1}{4}(1-\xi)} \delta_3 \right).$$

$$\left( \text{Since } \frac{1}{1-a(1+\epsilon)} = \frac{1}{1-a-a\epsilon} = \frac{1}{(1-a)(1-\frac{a}{1-a}\epsilon)} = \frac{1}{1-a} \left( 1 + \frac{a}{1-a}\epsilon \right), \quad \epsilon \ll 1 \right)$$

Hence

$$M_{op}^2 = \frac{4\pi\alpha}{\sqrt{2}(1-\xi)G_F \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{4}(1-\xi) \right]} \left\{ 1 + \delta_1 - \delta_2 - \delta_3 + \frac{\frac{1}{4}(1-\xi)}{1 - \frac{1}{4}(1-\xi)} \delta_3 \right\} - \tilde{\Pi}_0(-M_{op}^2)$$

Notice that on the right-hand side  $M_0^2 = (90.0 \text{ GeV})^2$  is the tree value.

$$\text{Also } \frac{\frac{1}{4}(1-\xi)}{1 - \frac{1}{4}(1-\xi)} = \left[ \frac{S_0^2}{C_0^2} \right]_{\text{tree}}$$

Therefore, one can replace  $\left\{ \right\}$  by  $\left\{ 1 + \delta_1 - \delta_2 - \delta_3 + \frac{S_0^2}{C_0^2} \delta_3 \right\}$ , as long as one remembers that all the parameters on the right-hand side are the quantities obtained from tree calculations.

3) We have got the physical masses of  $W$  and  $Z^0$  at one loop. Then we ask what is the physical quantity  $S_0^2$ .

Recall that in eq. (3),  $S_0^{(1)2}$  is a bare parameter, which is infinite.

Before we go on and answer this question, recall that Marciano defined  $C_0^M \equiv \frac{M_p}{M_{op}}$ . Substituting the results of  $M_p$  and  $M_{op}$ , one get

$$C_0^M = \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{4} (1 - \frac{2}{3}) \right] \left\{ 1 - \frac{1-\frac{2}{3}}{3+\frac{2}{3}} \delta_3 - \frac{\tilde{\pi}(-M^2)}{M^2} + \frac{\tilde{\pi}_0(-M_0^2)}{M_0^2} \right\}.$$

Now, let us answer the question: What is the physical quantity  $S_0^2$  at one loop?

Because  $S_0^2$  is chosen to be a free parameter, therefore the bare parameter  $S_0^{(1)2}$  is infinite. Then we need to choose a renormalization scheme to absorb the infinite part into its counterterm, i.e.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 (S_0^{\text{ren}})^2 = & S_0^{(1)2} + \delta S_0^{(1)2} & \\
 \uparrow & \uparrow & \leftarrow \text{counterterm} \\
 \text{Renormalized} & \text{bare parameter} & \text{(infinite)} \\
 \text{quantity} & \text{(infinite)} & \\
 \text{(finite)} & & 
 \end{array}$$

① We may choose the modified minimum subtraction  $\overline{MS}$  as our renormalization scheme for  $S_0^2$ , then we get the renormalized quantity  $(S_0^{\text{ren}})^2$ . To identify this renormalized quantity  $(S_0^{\text{ren}})^2$  as the physical quantity  $(S_0^{\text{phy}})^2$ , we have to choose an energy scale. Because we define our  $S_0^2$  through the low energy experiments  $\sigma(\bar{\nu}_e e)$  and  $\sigma(\nu_e e)$ , our energy scale  $\mu^2$  is just in the limit  $g^2 \rightarrow 0$ .



We therefore define the physical quantity  $(S_0^{\text{phy}})^2$  as the renormalized quantity evaluated at  $\mu^2 \rightarrow 0$ .

② Another way to define  $(S_0^{\text{phy}})^2$  is to choose our renormalized quantity  $(S_0^{\text{ren}})^2$  as the physical quantity  $(S_0^{\text{phy}})^2$ , also

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{4}(1-\xi) &= S_0^{(1)2}(1-\delta_3) \\ &\equiv (S_0^{\text{ren}})^2 \\ &\equiv (S_0^{\text{phy}})^2 \\ &= (S_0^{\text{tree}})^2. \end{aligned}$$

By choosing this particular renormalization scheme, we have the  $(S_0^{\text{phy}})^2$  up to one loop is just the value of  $(S_0^{\text{tree}})^2$  at tree level. Therefore  $S_0^2$  does not get corrected in this scheme.

Then the shift of  $\beta$  from its tree value  $\beta=1$  is just

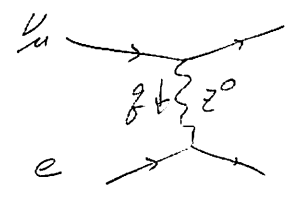
$$\delta\beta = \frac{SM_p^2}{M_p^2} - \frac{SM_{op}^2}{M_{op}^2} \quad \left( SM_p^2 \text{ is defined as the mass shift of } W, \text{ i.e. the difference between 1-loop and tree results.} \right)$$

for  $\beta \equiv \frac{M_p^2}{M_{op}^2 C_0}$ , because  $C_0^2$  will never get shifted in this particular renormalization scheme.

5. Find the explicit expressions of  $\delta_1, \delta_2$  and  $\delta_3$  in Standard Model.

1)  $R = \frac{\sigma(\bar{\nu}_\mu e)}{\sigma(\nu_\mu e)} =$

(1) At tree level, the corresponding amplitude in the limit  $g^2 \rightarrow 0$  is



$$\mathcal{M}^{(0)} = \frac{(ig)^2}{16G_F^2} \frac{1}{M_Z^2} \bar{\nu}_\mu \gamma_\lambda (1 + \gamma_5) \nu_\mu \bar{e} \gamma_\lambda (a + b \gamma_5) e,$$

and the ratio  $R$  is

$$R = \frac{\sigma(\bar{\nu}_\mu e)}{\sigma(\nu_\mu e)} = \frac{1 - \xi + \xi^2}{1 + \xi + \xi^2}, \quad \text{with} \quad \xi = \frac{a}{b} = \frac{-1 + 4s_\theta^2}{-1}.$$

(2) Up to one loop, the amplitude becomes

$$\mathcal{M}^{(1)} = \frac{(ig^{(1)})^2}{16G_F^{(1)2}} \frac{1}{M_Z^{(1)2}} \bar{\nu}_\mu \gamma_\lambda (1 + \gamma_5) \nu_\mu \bar{e} \gamma_\lambda (A + B \gamma_5) e$$

Obviously, the measured quantity  $\xi$  is equal to  $\frac{A}{B}$ , i.e.

$$\xi = \frac{A}{B}, \quad \text{with} \quad \begin{aligned} A &= a(1 + \delta a) \\ B &= b(1 + \delta b) \end{aligned}$$

Note: ① Since this is low energy experiment, we will evaluate at  $g^2 \rightarrow 0$ .

② Because neutrino should remain massless, therefore neutrino should remain to be left-handed polarized. Thus the neutrino part of the amplitude,  $\bar{\nu}_\mu \gamma_\lambda (1 + \gamma_5) \nu_\mu$ , remains unchanged.

③ The correction due to  $Z^0$  self-energy should be expressed in terms of the  $Z\bar{e}e$  coupling, ie

$$\left[ \frac{1}{g^2 + M_0^2 - \tilde{\Pi}_0} \right]_{g^2 \rightarrow 0} = \frac{1}{M_0^2 - \tilde{\Pi}_0} = \frac{1}{M_0^2} \left( 1 + \frac{\tilde{\Pi}_0}{M_0^2} \right).$$

However, since  $\xi = \frac{A}{B} = \frac{a}{b} (1 + \delta a - \delta b)$ , therefore only the diagrams which give different contributions to  $\delta a$  or  $\delta b$  will contribute  $\xi$ . Hence the  $Z^0$  self-energy diagrams and  $Z^0 \bar{\nu}\nu$  coupling corrections are irrelevant to this quantity  $\xi$ .

(3) Procedures:

① Calculate  $\delta a$  and  $\delta b$  from all relevant diagrams.  
 (Only consider those diagrams contribute to  $\delta a$  and  $\delta b$  differently.)

② Get the bare parameter  $S_0^{(1)2}$  through  $\xi$ .

Since 
$$\xi = \frac{a}{b} (1 + \delta a - \delta b)$$
  

$$= (1 - 4 S_0^{(1)2}) [1 + \delta a - \delta b],$$

so 
$$S_0^{(1)2} = \frac{1}{4} - \frac{\xi}{4} [1 + \delta a - \delta b]$$
  

$$= \frac{1}{4} (1 - \xi) \left[ 1 + \frac{\xi}{1 - \xi} (\delta a - \delta b) \right].$$

③ Find  $\delta_3$ :

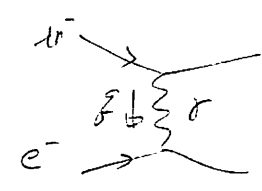
Because 
$$S_0^{(1)2} = \frac{1}{4} (1 - \xi) (1 + \delta_3),$$

therefore

$$\delta_3 = \frac{\xi}{1 - \xi} (\delta a - \delta b).$$

### 2) Coulomb scattering:

(1) The tree amplitude



$$M^{(0)} = (ig_0 S_0)^2 \frac{1}{q^2} \bar{u} \gamma_2 u \bar{e} \gamma_2 e$$

(2) Up to one loop,

$$M^{(1)} = (ig_0^{(1)} S_0^{(1)})^2 \frac{1}{q^2} \bar{u} \gamma_2 u \bar{e} \gamma_2 e \cdot (1 + \delta_C)$$

Note: ① Only diagrams which develop a pole in  $q^2=0$  need to be considered since only those are relevant in the low-energy limit.

② There should be no term proportional to  $\delta_5$  remains in the total amplitude, so that there is no parity violation at low energy in the scattering of two electrically charged particles.

### (3) Procedures:

① Comparing the differential cross sections with experimental data, one get

$$4\pi\alpha = g_0^{(1)2} S_0^{(1)2} (1 + \delta_C)$$

② Since we define

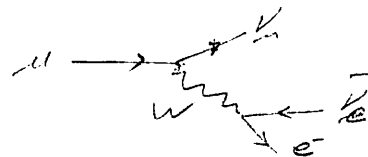
$$4\pi\alpha = g_0^{(1)2} S_0^{(1)2} (1 + \delta_2),$$

therefore we can identify  $\delta_2$  as  $\delta_C$ , i.e

$$\delta_2 = \delta_C.$$

3) Muon decay

(1) The tree amplitude



$$M^{(0)} = \frac{ig^2}{8M^2} \bar{\nu}_\mu \gamma_\alpha (1+\gamma_5) \mu \bar{e} \gamma_\alpha (1+\gamma_5) \nu_e$$

The decay rate at tree level is

$$\Gamma^{(0)} = \frac{m_\mu^5}{192\pi^3} \left( \frac{g^2}{4\sqrt{2}M^2} \right)^2 \left( 1 - 8 \frac{m_e^2}{m_\mu^2} \right)$$

(2) Up to one loop, its decay rate is

$$\Gamma^{(1)} = \Gamma^{(0)} \left\{ 1 + \frac{\alpha}{2\pi} \left( \frac{25}{4} - \pi^2 \right) + \delta\Gamma \right\},$$

where the 2<sup>nd</sup> term comes from parts of the box diagrams, and is identified as the QED corrections on four-fermion direct interaction.

Recall that the "tree value" of  $G_F$  has already included the 2<sup>nd</sup> term contribution.

Therefore to identify

$$G_F \equiv \frac{g^{(1)2}}{4\sqrt{2}M^{(1)2}} [1 + \delta_1]$$

one should subtract the QED contribution of  $\delta$ .

Also the amplitude, up to one-loop, is

$$M^{(1)} = \left( \frac{ig^{(1)}}{2\sqrt{2}} \right)^2 \frac{1}{M^{(1)2}} (1 + \delta_1) \bar{\nu}_\mu \gamma_\alpha (1+\gamma_5) \mu \bar{e} \gamma_\alpha (1+\gamma_5) \nu_e$$

Note: We should introduce a fictitious photon mass  $\lambda$  to regularize the infrared divergence.

The infrared divergences come from three-vertex diagrams will be cancelled by those from self-energy diagrams. The infrared divergences come from box diagrams are cancelled by the external leg bremsstrahlung.

6. Find the physical quantity  $S_0^2$  up to one loop:

As discussed in section 4, the quantity  $S_0^2$  is defined (by fixing the renormalization scheme, or choosing counterterm) so that

$$(S_0^{\text{phys}})^2_{1\text{-loop}} = (S_0^{\text{tree}})^2 = \frac{1}{4} (1 - \xi),$$

where  $\xi$  is defined as

$$R = \frac{\sigma(\bar{\nu}_\mu e)}{\sigma(\nu_\mu e)} = \frac{1 - \xi + \xi^2}{1 + \xi + \xi^2}.$$

7. Other parametrization:

Since the mass of  $Z^0$  will be measured to about 100 MeV accuracy, one may think of using  $M_{op}$  as one data point instead of using the low energy experiment  $R = \frac{\sigma(\bar{\nu}_e e)}{\sigma(\nu_e e)}$ .

In other words, one may still choose the three free parameters as  $g$ ,  $\xi_0$  and  $M$ , but choose the three data points as

- (i) Coulomb scattering  $\Rightarrow \alpha$
- (ii)  $\mu$ -decay  $\Rightarrow G_F$
- (iii)  $Z^0$  mass  $\Rightarrow \xi_0^2$

Then use the resulting bare parameters  $g^{(1)}$ ,  $\xi_0^{(1)2}$  and  $M^{(1)}$  to calculate the ratio

$R = \frac{\sigma(\bar{\nu}_e e)}{\sigma(\nu_e e)}$  up to one loop, and define

$R = \frac{1-\frac{1}{3}+\frac{1}{3}^2}{1+\frac{1}{3}+\frac{1}{3}^2}$ , and  $\frac{1}{4}(1-\frac{1}{3}) \equiv (\xi_0^{phy})^2_{1-loop}$ .

Finally define

$$\rho \equiv \frac{M_p^2}{M_{op}^2 (\xi_0^{phy})^2_{1-loop}}$$