

# MULTIPHOTON PRODUCTION and TESTS of QED at LEP-II

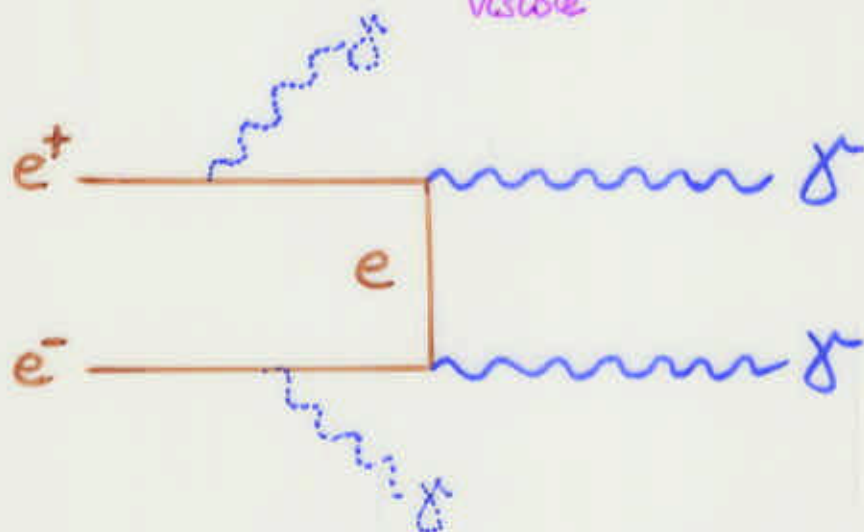
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        - test of QED
        - test of New Physics
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- on behalf of the LEP collaborations

$$e^+e^- \longrightarrow \gamma\gamma (\gamma, \gamma, \dots)$$

Measurements of  $\sigma_{\text{tot}}^{\text{visible}}$  and  $\frac{d\sigma}{d\cos\theta_{j_1}^*}$  for

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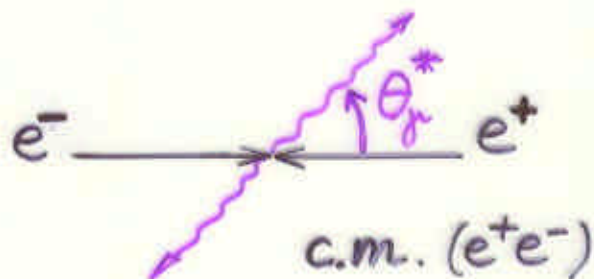
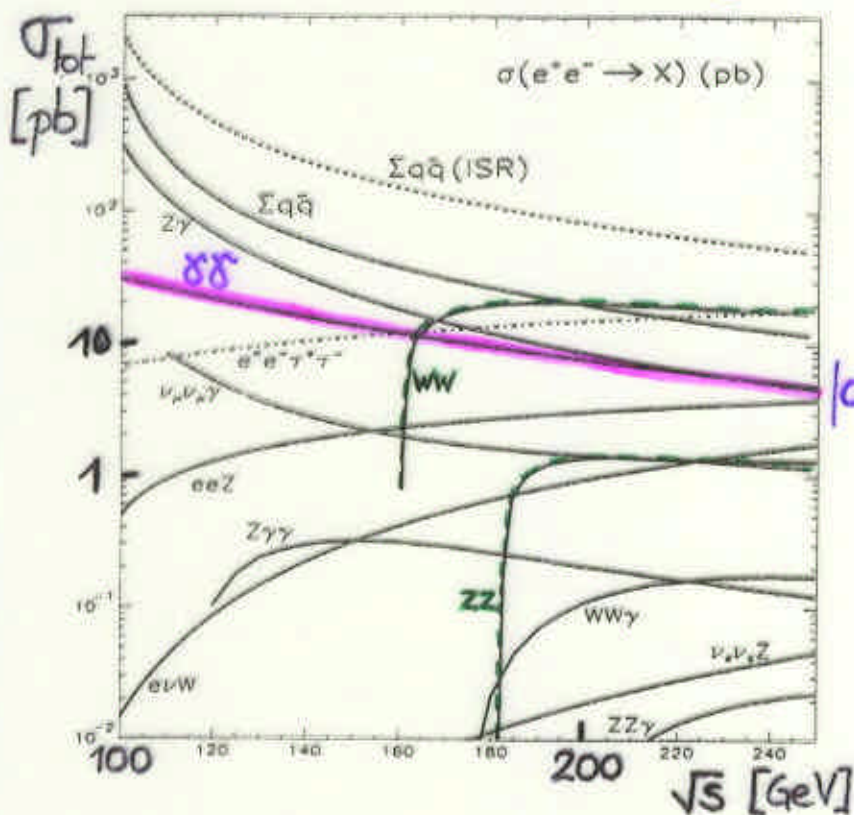


at collision energies ( $\sqrt{s}$ ) of:

|               |            |                         |
|---------------|------------|-------------------------|
| 130 - 140 GeV | ('95, '97) | } published<br>(nearly) |
| 161 - 172 GeV | ('96)      |                         |
| 183 GeV       | ('97)      |                         |
| 189 GeV       | ('98)      |                         |
| 192 - 202 GeV | ('99)      | ~ pub. / preliminary    |
| 202 - 208 GeV | (2000)     | very preliminary        |

# 1/ QED

$$\frac{d\sigma^{\text{QED}}}{d\cos\theta_y^*} = \frac{\alpha^2}{s} \cdot \frac{1 + \cos^2\theta^*}{1 - \cos^2\theta^*} (1 + \delta_{\text{QED}}(\cos\theta^*)) \quad 3-6\%$$

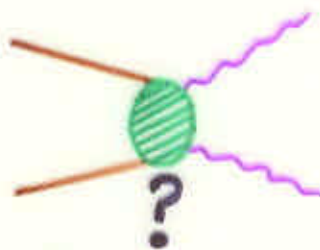


$$\cos\theta_y^* = \frac{|\sin(\frac{\theta_1 - \theta_2}{2})|}{\sin(\frac{\theta_1 + \theta_2}{2})}$$

# 2/ Beyond QED

Process sensitive to:

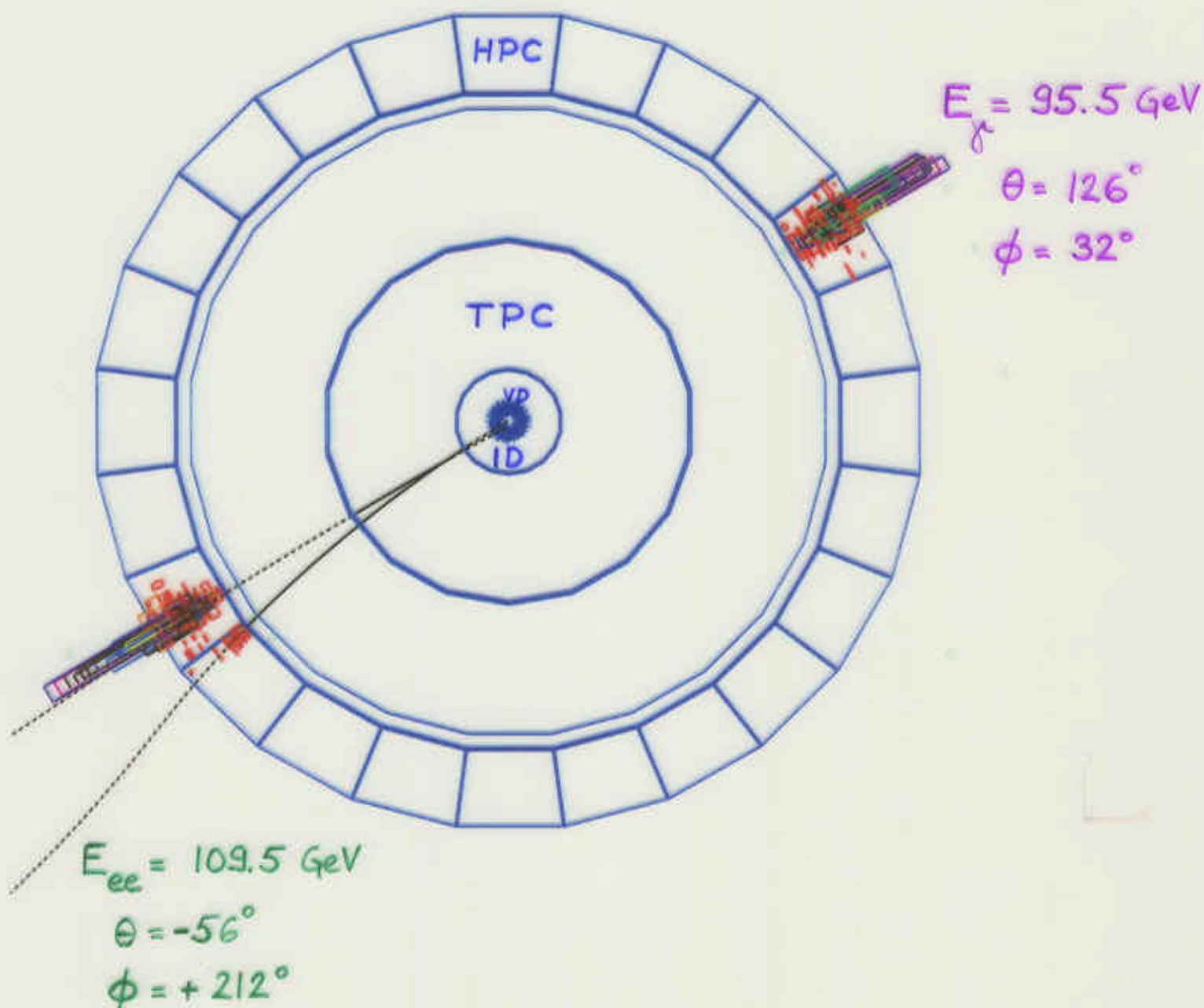
- substructure of matter fermions
- new forces
- composite/excited electrons
- low energy Quantum Gravity



$$e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma \gamma_{\text{conv}} \rightarrow e^+e^-$$

**DELPHI** Run: 111226 Evt: 2993  
 Beam: 102.6 GeV Proc: 12-Jun-2000  
 DAS: 12-Jun-2000 Scan: 14-Jul-2000  
 05:29:16 DST

|       | TO     | TK     | TR    | TK    | TR    | BT    | PA    |
|-------|--------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Act   | 0      | 18     | 0     | 2     | 0     | 0     | 0     |
|       | ( 28 ) | ( 45 ) | ( 0 ) | ( 2 ) | ( 0 ) | ( 0 ) | ( 0 ) |
| Deact | 0      | 0      | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     |
|       | ( 0 )  | ( 0 )  | ( 0 ) | ( 0 ) | ( 0 ) | ( 0 ) | ( 0 ) |

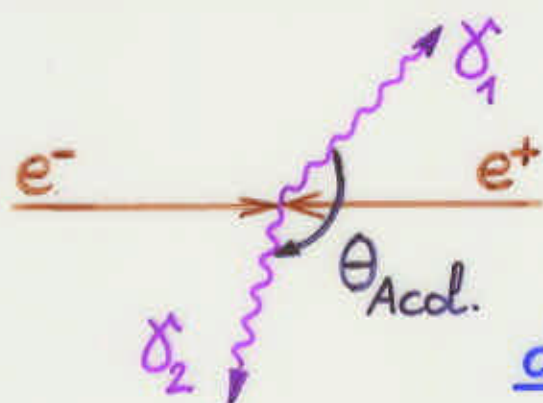




# Event Selection

Fig

## 1/ Basic Criteria



ex. of ALEPH:

$$E_{1,2} > 0.50 \frac{\sqrt{s}}{2}$$

$$160^\circ < \theta_{Acol} < 180^\circ$$

also: recuperate events with  $1 \gamma_{conv}$   
 $\rightarrow$  add  $\sim 10\%$  events

## 2/ Major Backgrounds

Bhabha scattering } reject events with  
 Compton scattering } more than  $1 \gamma_{conv}$ .

$\rightarrow$  residual background  $\sim 0.1 - 1\%$

## 3/ Statistics Overview

|     | Year  | $\int L dt [pb^{-1}]$ | $N_{evts}^{obs.}$ | $\sigma_{tot}^{189 GeV} [pb]$ |
|-----|-------|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| A   | 95-99 | 496                   | $\sim 3800$       | $9.08 \pm 0.25 \pm 0.20$      |
| D   | 95-99 | 454                   | $\sim 1800$       | $6.34 \pm 0.25 \pm 0.16$      |
| L   | 95-98 | 256                   | $\sim 2200$       | $11.54 \pm 0.30 \pm 0.14$     |
| O   | 95-99 | 479                   | $\sim 4100$       | $7.55 \pm 0.18 \pm 0.14$      |
| D+O | 2000  | $\sim 200$            | $\sim 900$        |                               |
|     |       | $\sim 1900$           | $\sim 13000$      |                               |

Fig

Data versus Monte-Carlo →

$\epsilon_{sel.}, \langle b_g \rangle$

• Signal Generators:

- RADCOR :  $O(\alpha^3)$

[N.P. 8186 (1981)22]

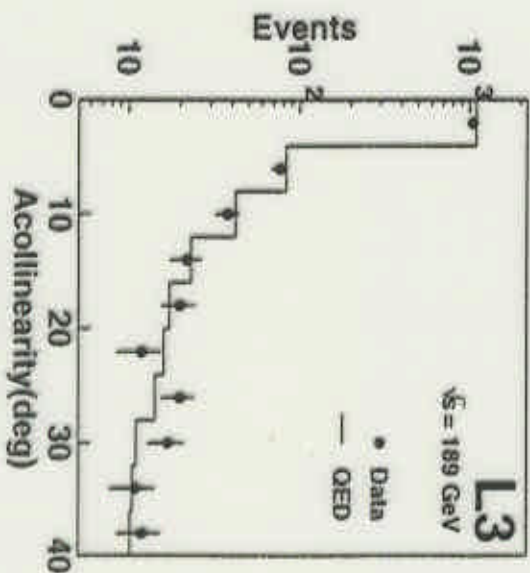
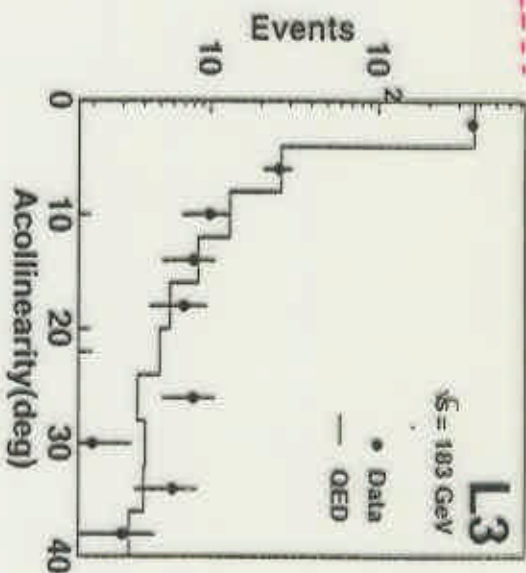
- FGAM :  $O(\alpha^4)$

not for  $\theta_{\mu} \approx 0!$

→ missing H.O.:

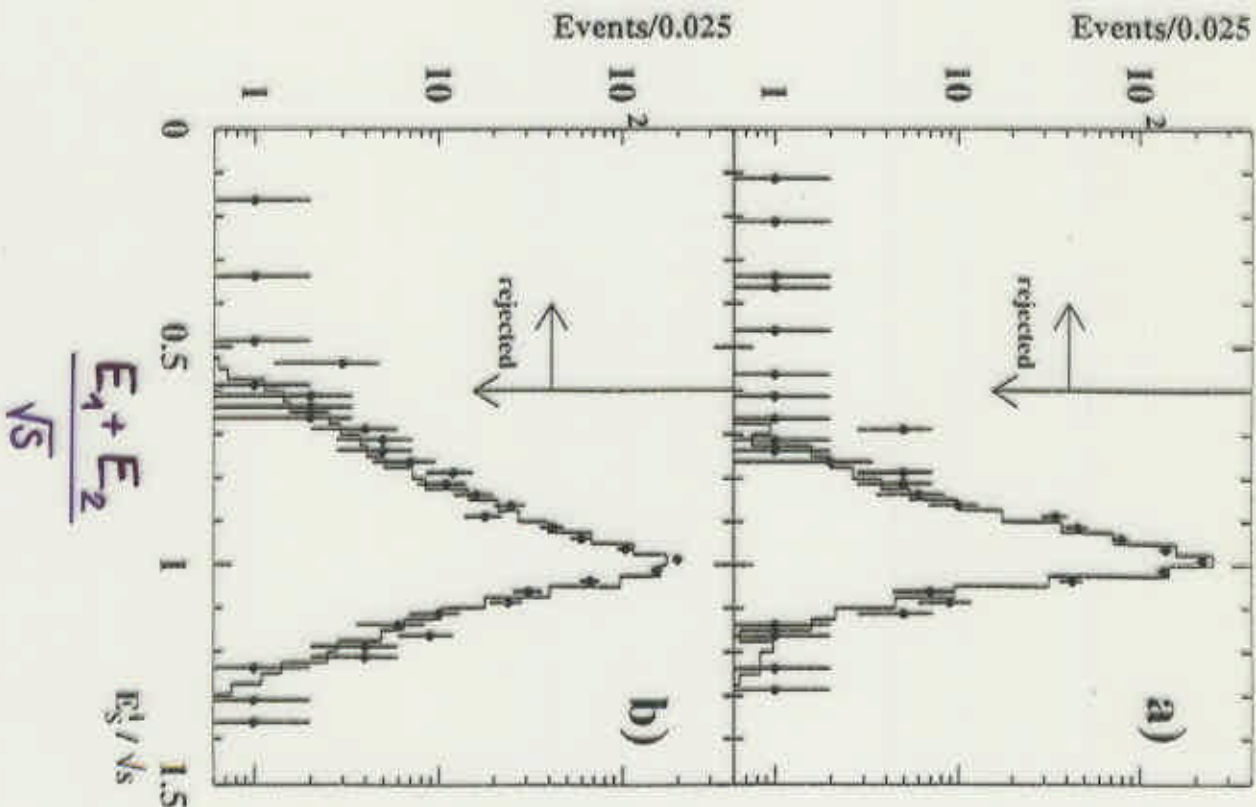
$\Delta_{syst} \sim 0.5-1.0\%$

agreement  
satisfactory



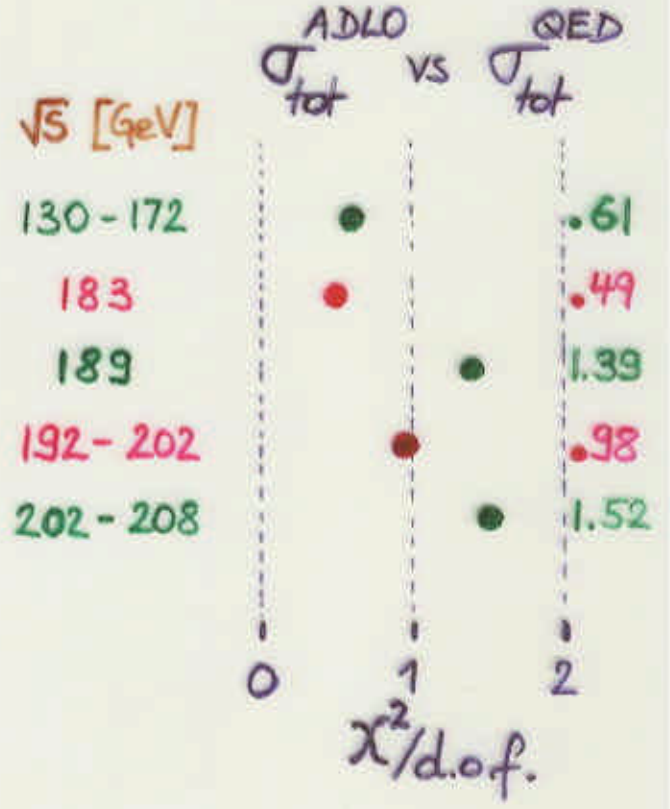
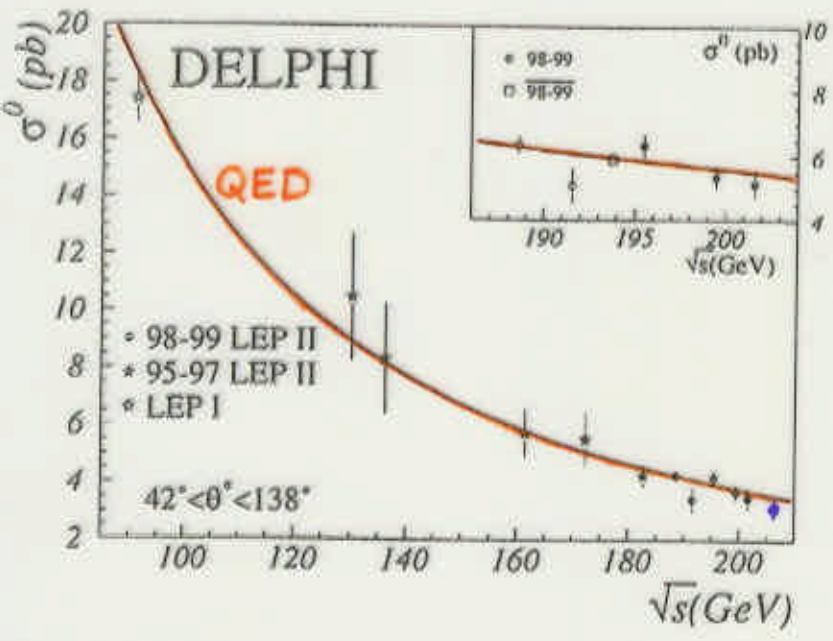
$1 - \theta_{Accl.}$

OPAL

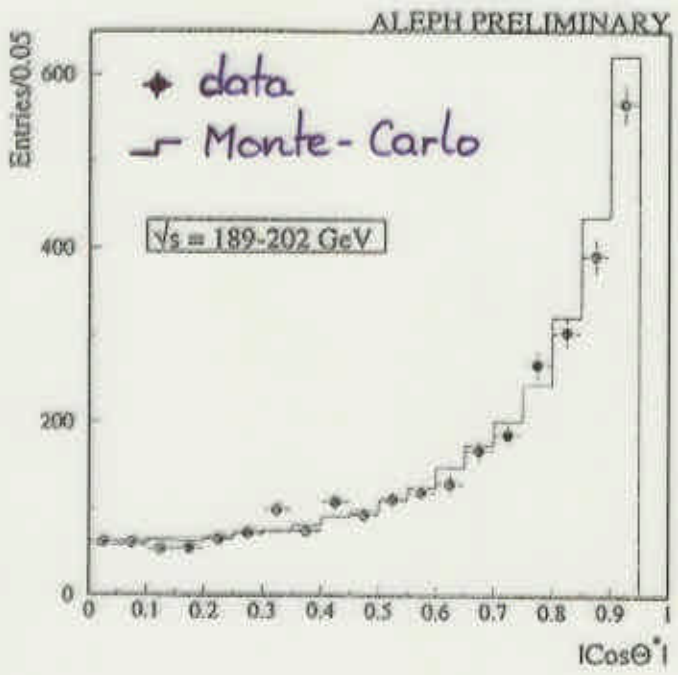


# Measured cross-sections versus QED predictions

$$1/ \underline{\sigma_{tot}^{Born}} = \frac{N_{sel} - \langle bg \rangle}{\epsilon_{sel} L} \quad \text{for } |\cos\theta^*| < 0.90 - 0.97$$



$$2/ \underline{\frac{d\sigma}{d\cos\theta^*}}$$



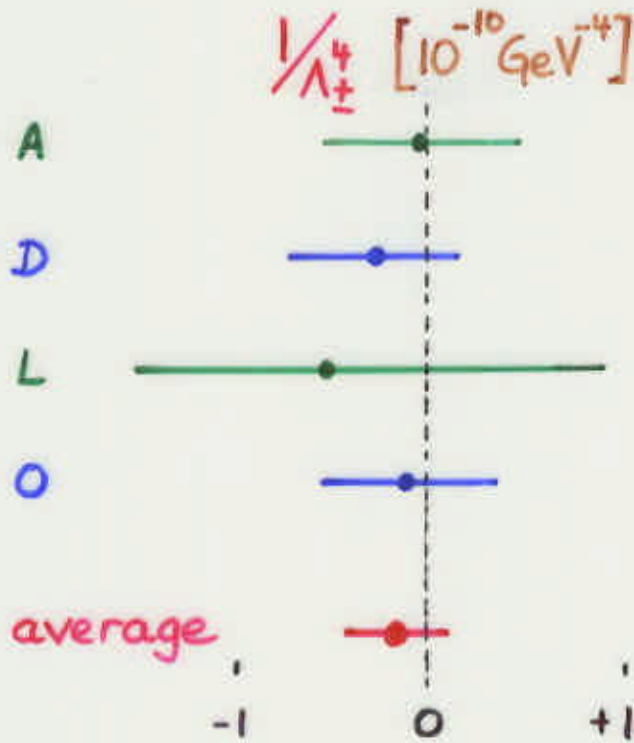
All measurements are compatible with QED at  $O(\alpha^3)$



# Beyond QED (1)

## 1/ Cut-off parameter

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{d\sigma^{\text{QED}}}{d\Omega} \pm \frac{\alpha^2 s}{2} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{\Lambda_{\pm}}\right)^4 \cdot (1 + \cos^2\theta^*) \quad [\text{Low - PRL 14 (1965) 238}]$$



ADLO (>95% C.L. limits:

$$\Lambda_+ > 385 \text{ GeV} \quad (444)$$

$$\Lambda_- > 355 \text{ GeV}$$

Fig.

## 2/ Excited electron



$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{d\sigma^{\text{QED}}}{d\Omega} + \frac{\alpha^2 s}{2} \cdot \left(\frac{\kappa}{M_{e^*}}\right)^2 \cdot (1 + \cos^2\theta^*) F(\cos^2\theta^*, M_{e^*}^2) \quad [\text{Blondel et al. CERN-EP/87-050}]$$

|   | Lim. ( $M_{e^*}$ ) [GeV] |
|---|--------------------------|
| A | 337                      |
| D | 323                      |
| L | 283                      |
| O | 337                      |

⇒ more sensitive than  $e^+e^- \rightarrow e^*e / e^*e^*$

assuming  $\kappa=1$

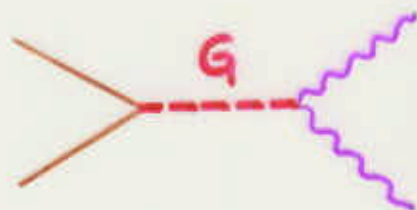
Fig.



## Beyond QED (2)

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### 3/ Low Scale Quantum Gravity:



$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{d\sigma^{\text{QED}}}{d\Omega} + \frac{\alpha_S}{4\pi} \cdot \frac{\lambda}{M_S^4} \cdot (1 + \cos^2\theta^*) + \text{H.O.}$$

[Giudice et al., NPB 544 (1999) 3]

[Agashe et al., PLB 456 (1999) 60]

[Hewett, PRL 82 (1999) 4765]

• various formulae  $\rightarrow$  param.

$$\frac{\lambda}{M_S^4} = \pi \left( \frac{1}{\Lambda_{\pm}} \right)^4 = \left( \frac{1}{G_{\pm}} \right)^4 = 2\alpha\pi \left( \frac{1}{\Lambda_{\pm}^{\text{QED}}} \right)^4$$

• LEP average:  $\frac{\lambda}{M_S^4} = (-0.78 \pm 1.19) 10^{-12} \text{ GeV}^{-4}$

$\rightarrow$  lim. ( $>$ ) 95% C.L.:  $M_S > 830 \text{ GeV}$  ( $\lambda = +1$ ) (960 GeV)

$M_S > 770 \text{ GeV}$  ( $\lambda = -1$ )

### 4/ Contact Interactions:

case of negligible effect on anomalous mag.  $m_{\pm}^{\text{L}}(\ell)$ 

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{d\sigma^{\text{QED}}}{d\Omega} + \frac{s^2}{32\pi \Lambda_7^6}$$

[Eboli, PLB 271 (1991) 274]

lim ( $\Lambda_7$ ) [GeV]

A 705

L 703

O 737

 $\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}}$  (dim. 7) preserving  $U(1)_{\text{EM}}$ 

$$(\text{dim. 6}) \rightarrow \left( \frac{1}{\Lambda_6} \right)^4 = \frac{\alpha}{2} \left( \frac{1}{\Lambda_{\pm}^{\text{QED}}} \right)^4$$

$$(\text{dim. 8}) \rightarrow \left( \frac{1}{\Lambda_8} \right)^8 = \frac{1}{m_e^2} \left( \frac{1}{\Lambda_7} \right)^6$$

## Summary - Conclusion

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- $\sim 1900 \text{ pb}^{-1}$  analysed at  $\sqrt{s} = 130 \rightarrow 208 \text{ GeV}$
- $\sigma_{\text{tot}}$ ,  $\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}(e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu\mu(\mu))$  measured with an accuracy of few %
- QED reproduces the measurements well
- several models going beyond the S.M. have been constrained:

$$- \Lambda_+^{\text{QED}} \gtrsim 385 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\Lambda_-^{\text{QED}} \gtrsim 355 \text{ GeV}$$

$$- M_{e^*} \gtrsim 350 \text{ GeV} \quad (\lambda=1)$$

$$- M_S \gtrsim 830 \text{ GeV} \quad (\lambda=+1) \quad M_S \gtrsim 770 \text{ GeV} \quad (\lambda=-1)$$

$$- \Lambda_7 \gtrsim 0.8 \text{ TeV}$$

$\rightarrow$  limits improved by factor  $\sim 3$   
w.r.t. LEP-1 results