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# QED corrections for precision experiments

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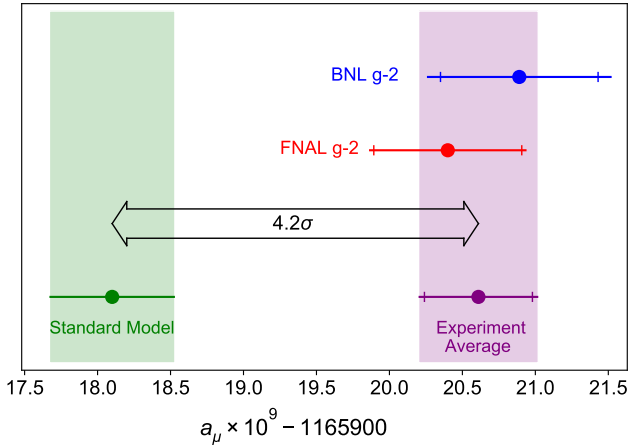
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## I hope to address the following

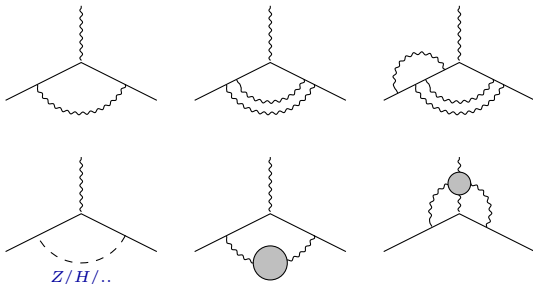
- $\alpha_{\text{QED}} \ll 1$ , so why bother?
- ⇒ where do QED corrections matter?
- what challenges?
  - how to solve them (in pictures!)
  - some phenomenology (more pretty pictures!)
  - vision of the future

most precise measurement of  $g - 2$

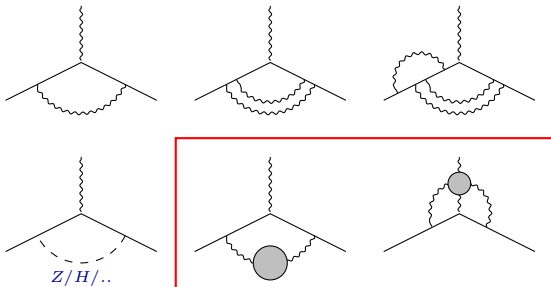


$\Rightarrow$  needs precise theory

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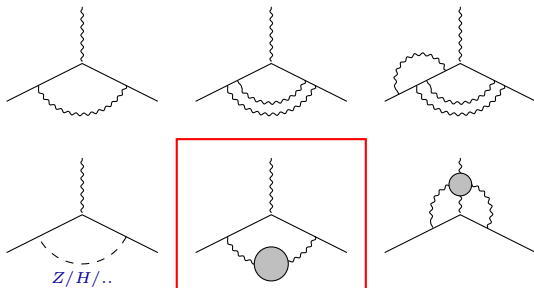


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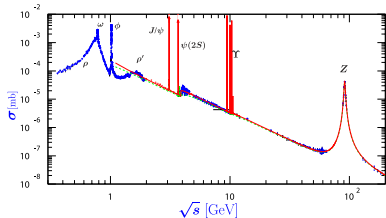


the hadronic vacuum polarisation

using optical theorem  $s > 0$

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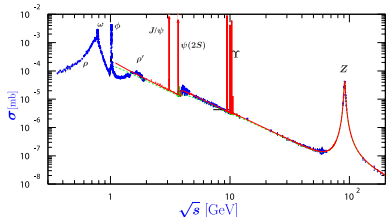
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using  $t < 0$

$$\int dt \left( K'(t) \right) \left( \text{Diagram: t-channel exchange} \right)$$

The diagram shows two incoming lines from the top meeting at a vertex, with a wavy line (representing a photon) extending downwards to a circular detector symbol.

⇒ much cleaner but **smaller**







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$$+ \int d\Phi_3 \left| \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \end{array} + \dots \right|^2$$

$$+ \int d\Phi_4 \left| \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \end{array} + \dots \right|^2$$

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 &+ \text{LL} + \text{NLL} + \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

## the world is not just $g - 2...$

- luminosity measurements  $\Rightarrow e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^-$  (Belle, FCC-ee, ...)  
[Banerjee, Engel, Schalch, Signer, YU 21]
- dark sector searches  $\Rightarrow e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  (PADME, also for luminosity...)  
[Engel, Naterop, Signer, YU, Zoller 2?]
- $R$  ratios  $\Rightarrow e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$  (DAΦNE, VEPP, ...)
- $\tau$  physics  $\Rightarrow e^+e^- \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-$  (Belle)  
[Kollatzsch, YU 2?]
- proton radius  $\Rightarrow lp \rightarrow lp$  and  $ee \rightarrow ee$  (P2, PRad, MUSE)  
[Bucoveanu, Spiesberger 18; Banerjee, Engel, Signer, YU 20; Banerjee, Engel, Schalch, Signer, YU 21]
- lepton decays  $\Rightarrow \ell \rightarrow \ell'\nu\bar{\nu} + \{ee, \gamma, \gamma\gamma\}$  (MEG, Mu3e, Belle, ...)  
[Pruna, Signer, YU 16; YU, 17; Engel, Gnendiger, Signer, YU, 18]



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a framework for QED corrections

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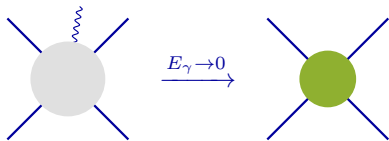
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⇒ luckily universality of soft singularities



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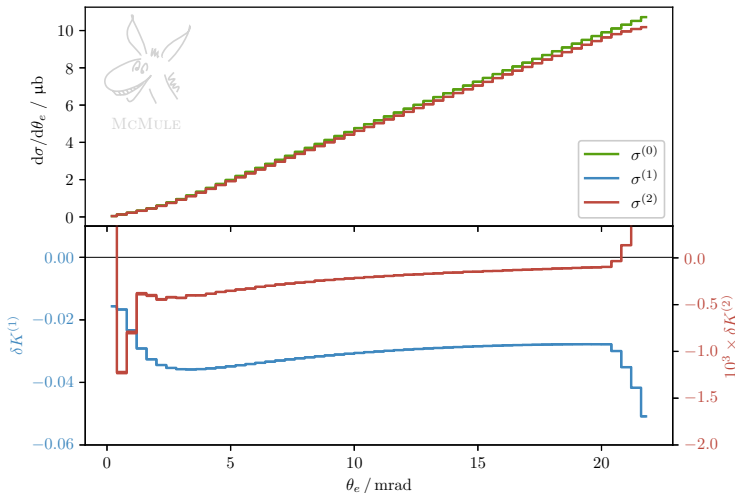
for any process and loop order

⇒ subtraction scheme at any order (FKS<sup>ℓ</sup>) [Engel, Signer, YU 19]

$$\underbrace{\int d\Phi_\gamma}_{\text{divergent and complicated}} \text{ (grey blob)} = \underbrace{\int d\Phi_\gamma}_{\text{complicated but finite}} \left( \text{grey blob} - \text{green blob} \right) + \underbrace{\int d\Phi_\gamma}_{\text{divergent but easy}} \text{ (green blob)}$$

- very QCD-y
- based on [Frixione, Kunszt, Signer 96]
- no resolution parameter or photon mass, just DREG
- unphysical  $0 < \xi_c \lesssim 1$  to test stability, implementation, ...

$E_{\mu}^{\text{beam}} = 150 \text{ GeV}$  with  $E_e > 1 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $\theta_{\mu} > 0.3 \text{ mrad}$ ,  $0.9 < \theta_{\mu}/\theta_{\mu}^{\text{el}}(\theta_e) < 1.1$



[Banerjee, Engel, Signer, YU 20] using [Bernreuther et al. 04; Fael 18], checked [Carloni Calame et al. 20]

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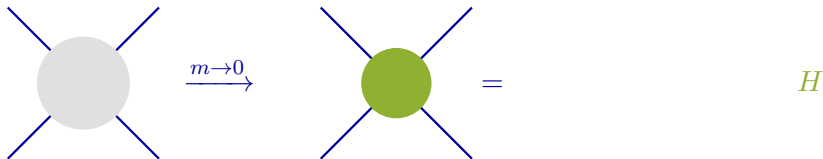
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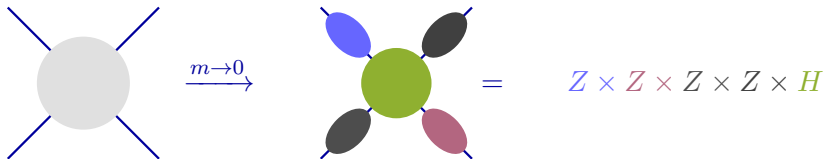
- loop integrals with internal masses are very complicated!
  - **but**  $m_e^2 \ll m_\mu^2 \sim Q^2$  for many applications
- ⇒ don't actually care about full  $m_e$  dependence
- **but**  $\int \langle \text{expanded integrand} \rangle \neq \langle \text{expanded integral} \rangle$
- ⇒ method of regions [Beneke, Smirnov 98] (**hard**, **soft**, **collinear**, ...)


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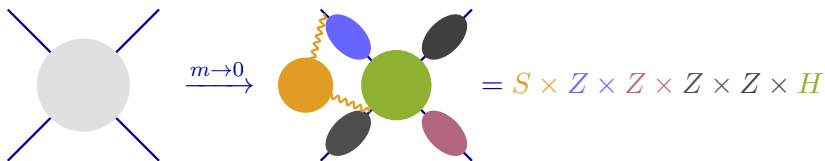
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- $S$ : simple soft function

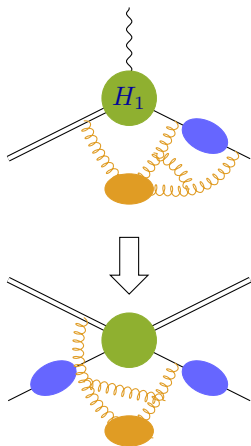
simple process ( $\mu \rightarrow e\nu\nu$  or  $t \rightarrow b\nu$ )

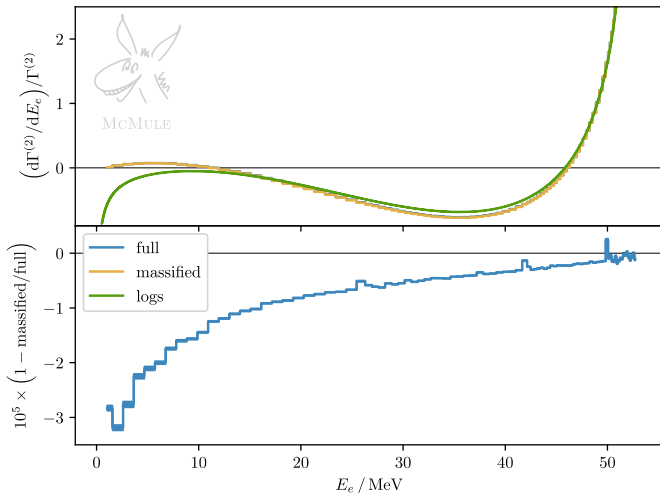
- $\mathcal{A}_\mu(m) = \mathcal{S} \times \mathcal{Z} \times \mathcal{A}_\mu(0) + \mathcal{O}(m)$
- $\mathcal{Z} \supset \log(m)$ : process indep. jet fct.
- $\mathcal{S} \supset \log(m)$ : process dep. soft fct. (easy)

[Penin 06; Becher, Melnikov 07; Engel, Gnendiger, Signer, YU 18]

different process ( $\mu e \rightarrow \mu e$ )

- $\mathcal{A}_{\mu e}(m) = \mathcal{S}' \times \mathcal{Z} \times \mathcal{Z} \times \mathcal{A}_{\mu e}(0) + \mathcal{O}(m)$





[Chen 18] v. [Engel, Gnendiger, Signer, YU 18] v. [Arbuzov et al. 02]

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real-virtual (or even real-real-virtual)

$$\mathcal{M}_{n+1}^{(\ell)} \sim \frac{1}{E_\gamma^2(1-\beta \cos \theta)}$$

- 'trivial' in principle [Buccioni, Pozzorini, Zoller 18; Buccioni, Lang, Lindert, Maierhöfer, Pozzorini et al. 19]
  - extremely delicate numerically for  $E_\gamma \rightarrow 0$  (or  $\cos \theta \rightarrow 1$ )
- $\Rightarrow$  Taylor expand around  $E_\gamma = 0$  if small

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{Diagram} \xrightarrow{E_\gamma \rightarrow 0} \underbrace{\frac{1}{E_\gamma^2} \text{Diagram}}_{\text{universal eikonal}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{E_\gamma} \text{Diagram}}_{\text{next-to-soft}} + \mathcal{O}(E_\gamma^0) \\
 & = \mathcal{E} \times \text{Diagram} + D_{\text{LBK}} \left[ \text{Diagram} \right] + \left( \sum_{ijk} \mathcal{S}_{ijk} \right) \times \text{Diagram}
 \end{aligned}$$

- LBK theorem [Low 58; Burnett, Kroll 67] and extension [Engel, Signer, YU 21]

$\mathcal{E}$  and  $\mathcal{S}$  are multiplications, what about  $D_{\text{LBK}}$ ?

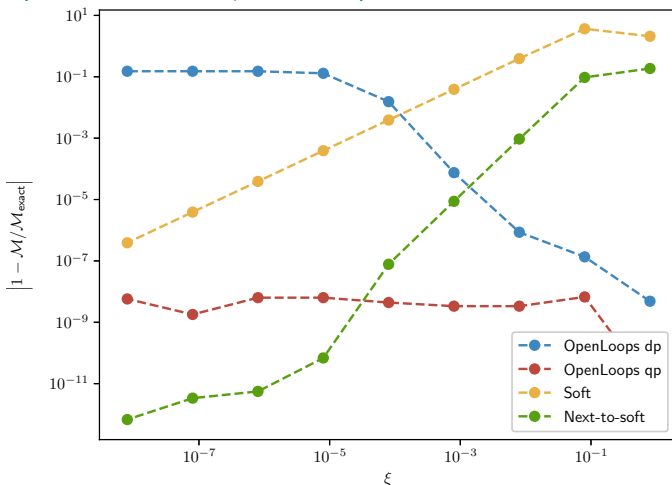
$$D_{\text{LBK}} = \frac{p_j^\mu}{k \cdot p_j} \left[ \frac{p_i^\mu k^\nu}{k \cdot p_i} - g^{\mu\nu} \right] \frac{\partial}{\partial p_i^\nu}$$

- have to take derivative wrt. external momenta
- usually done analytically
- can be done numerically as well using phase space routine  
 PS :  $\vec{x} \rightarrow \{p_i\}$  using

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial p_i^\nu} = \frac{\partial s_{jk}}{\partial p_i^\nu} \left[ \frac{\partial s_{jk}}{\partial x_l} \right]^{-1} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_l}$$

- naive numerical derivative ( $h = 10^{-8}$ ) in MCMULE

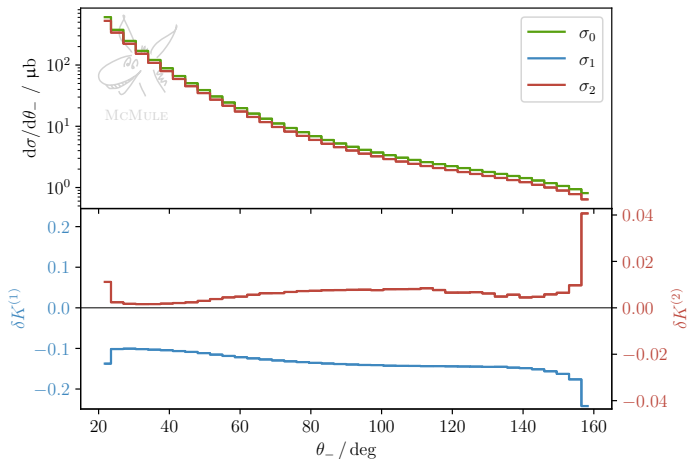
example  $e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^-\gamma$  @ one-loop



compare with exact calculation in Mathematica

[Banerjee, Engel, Schalch, Signer, YU 21]

$\sqrt{s} = 1020 \text{ MeV}$



$E_{\pm} > 408 \text{ MeV}, 20^\circ \leq \theta_{\pm} \leq 160^\circ, |180^\circ - \theta_+ - \theta_-| < 10^\circ$

# visions for the future

- polarisation effects ( $ee \rightarrow \tau\tau$ ,  $lp \rightarrow lp$ , ...)
- EW effects ( $ee \rightarrow \tau\tau$ ,  $lp \rightarrow lp$ ,  $ee \rightarrow ee$ ,  $ee \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ , ...)
- finish NNLO for  $\mu$ - $e$  scattering
- HLbL in  $ee \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  & TPE in  $lp \rightarrow lp$
- higher orders (N<sup>3</sup>LO for  $e\mu \rightarrow e\mu$  or NNLO for  $ee \rightarrow \mu\mu\gamma$ )
- resummation using parton shower
- improve / extend NTS (adding to OpenLoops w/ QCD results?) [Laenen et al. 17, 19, 20]

$10^{-5}$  is really small... could we go to N<sup>3</sup>LO?

⇒ quite possibly (for the dominant contributions)!

- three-loop heavy-quark form factor: known semi-analytically [Fael, Lange, Schönwald, Steinhauser 22]
- real-virtual-virtual: known for  $m_e = 0$  [Gehrmann, Remiddie 01]

⇒ massification to the rescue!

- real-real-virtual: OpenLoops $\oplus$ NTS [Buccioni, Pozzorini, Zoller 18; Buccioni, Lang, Lindert, Maierhöfer, Pozzorini 19; Banerjee, Engel, Schalch, Signer, YU 21; Engel, Signer, YU 21]
- real-real-real: 'trivial'

kick-off workstop in summer at IPPP!



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