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QED at NNLO and beyond for precision experiments

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$g - 2$ and the MUonE experiment (\rightarrow Marco's talk)

- 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 $\Rightarrow e^+e^- \rightarrow \text{stuff}$ (DAΦNE, CMD3, ...)
- τ physics $\Rightarrow e^+e^- \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-$ (Belle) [Kollatzsch, YU 22]
- 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 $\Rightarrow l \rightarrow l'\nu\bar{\nu} + \{ee, \gamma, \gamma\gamma\}$ (MEG, Mu3e, Belle, ...)
[Pruna, Signer, YU 16; YU, 17; Engel, Gnendiger, Signer, YU, 18, Banerjee, Coutinho, Engel, Gurgone, Signer, YU 22]

QCD @ LHC	\Leftrightarrow	QED @ low & medium energy	
non-abelian	\approx	abelian	matrix elements somewhat easier
non-abelian	\gg	abelian	IR structure much easier ①
massless fermions	\ll	massive fermions	loop amplitudes much harder ②
jets	$<$	exclusive w.r.t. collinear radiation	numerics harder $\supset \log(m^2/Q^2) \equiv L$ much harder for small masses ③

stealing from QCD

- master integrals (reduction and computation), automated tools, EFT methods
- use dimensional regularisation for IR singularities, not photon mass
- use subtraction method for phase-space integration, not slicing method
- for the future: match fixed-order result to parton shower

soft singularities exponentiate [Yennie, Frautschi, Suura 61]

- universal soft limit $\mathcal{M}_{n+1}^{(\ell)} = \mathcal{E} \mathcal{M}_n^{(\ell)} + \mathcal{O}(E_\gamma^{-1})$
- universal pole structure $e^{\hat{\mathcal{E}}} \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \mathcal{M}_n^{(\ell)} = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \mathcal{M}_n^{(\ell)f} = \text{finite}$

use this to construct an all-order subtraction scheme FKS^ℓ

- nothing complicated needed higher than $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon^0)$
- only one universal CT: $\hat{\mathcal{E}}$

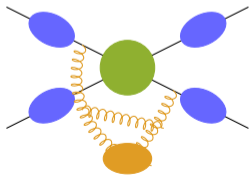
$$\underbrace{\int d\Phi_\gamma \text{ (grey blob) }}_{\text{divergent and complicated}} = \underbrace{\int d\Phi_\gamma \left(\text{grey blob} - \text{green blob} \right)}_{\text{complicated but finite}} + \underbrace{\int d\Phi_\gamma \text{ (green blob) }}_{\text{divergent but easy}}$$

masses are physical in QED \Rightarrow keep masses

- drop polynomially suppressed terms at two-loop \rightarrow error $\sim \left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi}\right)^2 \log \frac{m^2}{Q^2} \times \frac{m^2}{Q^2}$
- based on factorisation, SCET, and method of regions
[Penin 06; Becher, Melnikov 07; Engel, Gnendiger, Signer, YU 18]
- process e.g. $ee \rightarrow ee$ at two-loop:

$$\mathcal{A}(m) = \mathcal{S} \times \sqrt{Z} \times \sqrt{Z} \times \sqrt{Z} \times \sqrt{Z} \times \mathcal{A}(0) + \mathcal{O}(m) \supset \{1/\epsilon^2, L^2\}$$

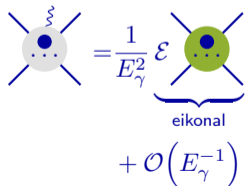
- **soft**: process-dependent $\mathcal{S} = 1 + \text{fermion loops}$
 \rightarrow compute separately anyway to combine with hadron loops
- **collinear**: universal Z , converts $1/\epsilon \rightarrow \log(m^2/Q^2)$
- **hard**: massless calculation



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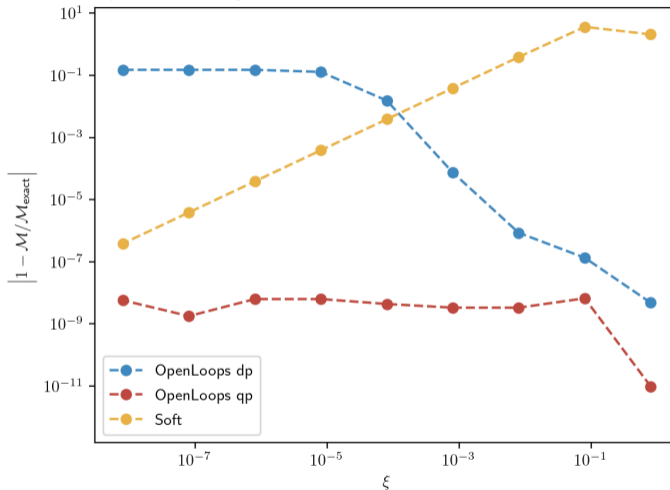
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 & \text{Grey vertex with wavy line} = \frac{1}{E_\gamma^2} \underbrace{\text{Green vertex}}_{\text{eikonal}} \\
 & \quad + \mathcal{O}(E_\gamma^{-1})
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[Banerjee, Engel, Schalch, Signer, YU 21]

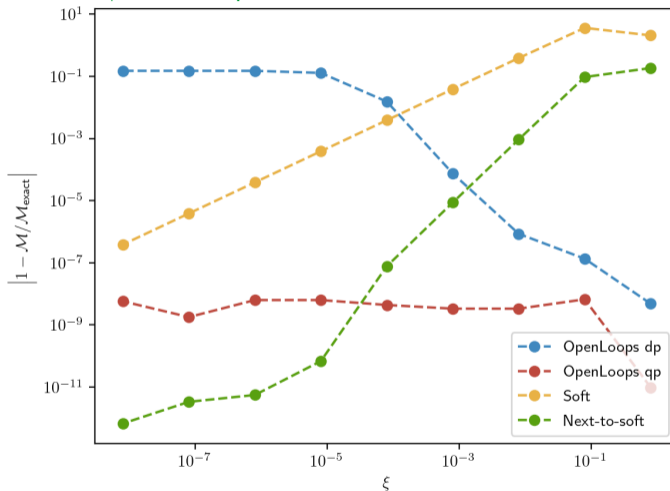
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- LBK theorem [Low 58; Burnett, Kroll 67] and extension [Engel, Signer, YU 21; Kollatzsch, YU 22; Engel 23]

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Diagram} &= \frac{1}{E_\gamma^2} \underbrace{\mathcal{E} \text{ Diagram}}_{\text{eikonal}} + \frac{1}{E_\gamma} \left\{ \underbrace{D \left[\text{Diagram} \right]}_{\text{LBK}} + \underbrace{S \text{ Diagram}}_{\text{soft function}} + \underbrace{\partial_P \left[\text{Diagram} + \text{Diagram} \right] + P \text{ Diagram}}_{\text{polarisation effects}} \right\} \\
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a few more hurdles

- VP diagrams for $e/\mu/\tau/\text{had}/\dots$ numerically with full mass dependence

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ | \\ \bullet \\ | \\ \text{---} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ | \\ \text{---} \end{array} = \int dQ^2 \Pi(Q^2) K(Q^2, s, t)$$

- collinear pseudo-singularities $\lim_{\rightarrow 0} \sphericalangle(p_\gamma, p_i) \Rightarrow L$
- phase-space tuning s.t. $\cos \sphericalangle \sim x_i$

\Rightarrow at most one small angle \rightarrow FKS partitioning



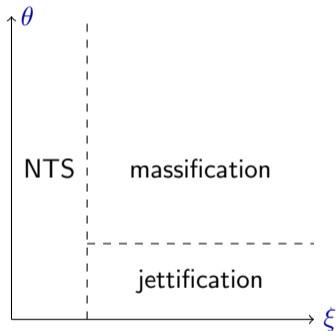
[Signer 22]

$ee \rightarrow \gamma^*$ can be taken to N^3 LO

- VVV: known
[Fael, Lange, Schönwald, Steinhauser 22]
 - RRR: “trivial”
 - RRV: OpenLoops + NTS stabilisation
 - RVV
 - massless [Bader, Kryś, Moodie, Zoia 2?] implemented, running at $\sim 130\text{ev/s}$
 - maybe DiffExp
- \Rightarrow LBK + jettification at two-loop

jettification

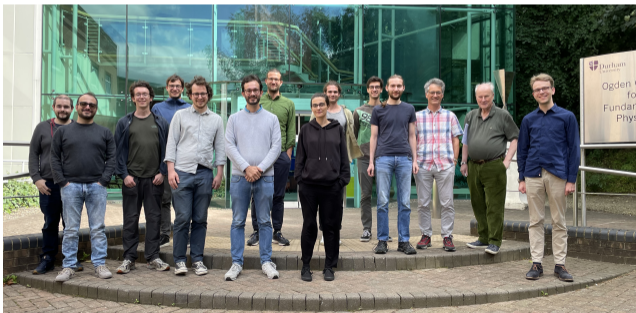
- expand for small emission angles



the NNLO era is here, not only for QCD, also for QED

future steps

- NNLO QED \oplus EW
 - NNLO QED \oplus PS
 - higher energies
 - massification for real corrections
 - collinear stabilisation
- N³ LO for $\gamma^* \rightarrow ll$
 \Rightarrow Workstop in Durham





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