

QED with McMULE for Belle II

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fixed-order NNLO QED framework Monte Carlo for MUons and other LEptons

- provided: matrix elements by us or others
- output: **physical cross section** for any physical observable
- McMULE: phase space generation, subtraction, stabilisation, integration, event generation, etc.
- all leptonic $2 \rightarrow 2$ processes in QED at NNLO (+ a few others)
- stable public version is an integrator
- generator on development branch

Get the code here: <https://mule-tools.gitlab.io>

Read the docs here: <https://mcmule.readthedocs.io>



McMULE

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$eN \rightarrow eN$	PRad, ULQ2	background	+
$e^-e^- \rightarrow e^-e^-$	Prad 2	normalisation	NNLO
	MOLLER, ...	$\sin^2 \theta_W$ at low Q^2	
$e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^-$	any e^+e^- collider	luminosity measurement	NNLO
$ee \rightarrow ll$	VEPP, BES, Daphne, ...	R -ratio	NNLO±
	Belle	τ properties	
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$e\nu \rightarrow e\nu$	DUNE	flux & $\sin^2 \theta_W$	NNLO-
$\mu \rightarrow \nu\bar{\nu}e$	MEG	ALP searches	NNLO+
	DUNE	beam-line profiling	
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measuring $(g - 2)_\tau$

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- 'classical' methods (stored / trapped) are not possible for τ
- current way: $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow \tau\tau$ leads to $\delta(g - 2)_\tau \sim 10^{-3}$
 - in $ee \rightarrow ee\tau\tau$ [DELPHI 2004]
 - $NN \rightarrow NN\tau\tau$ [del Aguila, Cornet, Illana 91, ATLAS 23, CMD 22]
- a sensible probe of BSM would need to be 10^{-6} , based on $(g - 2)_\mu$ and $m_\tau^2/m_\mu^2 \sim 300$ scaling
- **only process with good enough statistical reach:** $ee \rightarrow \tau\tau$ on Υ resonance
- since $\sigma \sim |F_1(s) + F_2(s)|^2$ and $(g - 2) = F_2(0)$, this would be possible
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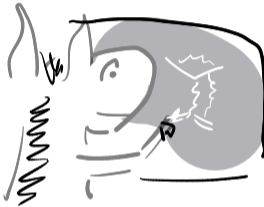
asymmetries to the rescue [Crivellin, Hoferichter, Roney 21]

- we need to cancel the $|F_1|^2$ term which can be done using **spin asymmetries**
- τ spin can be reconstructed from semileptonic tau decay (similar to muon spin in FNAL experiment)
- start with polarised electron beam (helicity λ), then

$$\sigma_\lambda \sim A s_y \Im(F_2) + B \lambda s_x (|F_1|^2 + \Re(F_2)) + C \lambda s_z |F_1 + F_2|^2$$

- define helicity difference $\sigma_{\text{pol}} = \sigma_{+1} - \sigma_{-1}$ to isolate B and C term
- integrate over polarisation angles to isolate $\Re(F_2)$
- only problem: need polarised beam to measure $\Re(F_2)$
(EDM can be measured without this)
- very ambitious measurement (one-loop QED corrections are about 260×10^{-6})

⇒ need theory input



theory background

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sigma &= \int d\Phi_2 \left| \begin{array}{c} \text{tree} \\ \text{tree} \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} \text{1-loop} \\ \text{tree} \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} \text{2-loop} \\ \text{tree} \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} \text{3-loop} \\ \text{tree} \end{array} + \dots \right|^2 \\
 &+ \int d\Phi_3 \left| \begin{array}{c} \text{1-loop} \\ \text{1-loop} \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} \text{2-loop} \\ \text{1-loop} \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} \text{3-loop} \\ \text{1-loop} \end{array} + \dots \right|^2 \\
 &+ \int d\Phi_4 \left| \begin{array}{c} \text{2-loop} \\ \text{2-loop} \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} \text{3-loop} \\ \text{2-loop} \end{array} + \dots \right|^2 \\
 &+ \int d\Phi_5 \left| \begin{array}{c} \text{3-loop} \\ \text{3-loop} \end{array} + \dots \right|^2 \\
 &+ \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

challenges to overcome

- divergent phase space integration
- ⇒ FKS^ℓ
- numerical instabilities
- ⇒ next-to-soft stabilisation
- virtual amplitudes with $m \neq 0$
- ⇒ OpenLoops (one-loop) massification (two-loop)
- negative weights
- ⇒ cell resampling

subtract universal counter term from divergent real correction

$$\int d\Phi_\gamma \underbrace{\text{diagram}}_{\propto E_\gamma^{-2}} = \underbrace{\int d\Phi_\gamma \left(\text{diagram} - \text{diagram} \right)}_{\text{complicated but finite}} + \underbrace{\int d\Phi_\gamma \text{diagram}}_{\text{divergent but easy}}$$

- works to all order in QED [Engel, Signer, YU 19]
- no resolution parameter ω_c
- unphysical & arbitrary $0 < \xi_c \lesssim 1$
- singularities are treated locally \rightarrow stable numerical integration

real-virtual corrections trivial in principle, delicate in practise

$$\xrightarrow{E_\gamma \rightarrow 0} \underbrace{\frac{1}{E_\gamma^2}}_{\text{eikonal}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{E_\gamma}}_{\text{next-to-soft}} + \mathcal{O}(E_\gamma^0)$$

- based on LBK theorem [Low 58; Burnett, Kroll 67] and extensions [Engel, Signer, YU 21; Engel 23]
- if $E_\gamma < E_{\text{NTS}} \approx 10^{-3} \sqrt{s}/2$, switch to NTS expansion rather than full expression
- introduces small theory error $\mathcal{O}(10^{-3}) \times \sigma^{(2)} = \mathcal{O}(10^{-6})$
 \Rightarrow well below the N³LO
- significant speed-up: 7 days vs. 3 months

two-loop integrals with masses are really difficult

- but $m_e^2 \ll m_\tau^2 \sim s \sim Q^2$
- expand in m_e^2/Q^2

$$\text{Diagram} \sim A \log^2 \frac{m_e^2}{Q^2} + B \log \frac{m_e^2}{Q^2} + C + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{m_e^2}{Q^2}\right)$$

- can be done easily by using $m_e = 0$ result up to three-loop
 [Penin 06; Becher, Melnikov 07; Engel, Gnendiger, Signer, YU 18; YU 23]
- introduces small theory error $\mathcal{O}(10^{-2}) \times \sigma^{(2)} = \mathcal{O}(10^{-5})$
 \Rightarrow well below statistical error

all of this was for an integrator

- calculate arbitrary differential distributions
 - event generation by just dumping momenta to file (“garden hose approach”)
 - if $r \times N$ of N weights are negative, we need $\propto 1/(1 - 2r)^2$ events
- ⇒ reduce r as much as possible by cancelling negative weights as early as possible
- optimisations from splitting integrand goes away



... at NLO for simplicity

$$\sigma_{\text{NLO}} = \int \text{[tree]} + \frac{\alpha}{4\pi} \int \text{[1-loop]} + \frac{\alpha}{4\pi} \int \text{[2-loop]}$$

- slicing: fairly few negative weights **but** numerically construct $\log \omega_c$

$$= \int \underbrace{\left(\text{[tree]} + \frac{\alpha}{4\pi} \text{[1-loop]} + \frac{\alpha}{4\pi} \int_1 \text{[2-loop]} \right)}_{\text{mostly } > 0} + \frac{\alpha}{4\pi} \int_{\omega > \omega_c} \underbrace{\text{[2-loop]}}_{> 0}$$

- subtraction: easier integration **but** lots and lots of negative weights ($\mathcal{O}(5\%)$ at NLO, more at NNLO)

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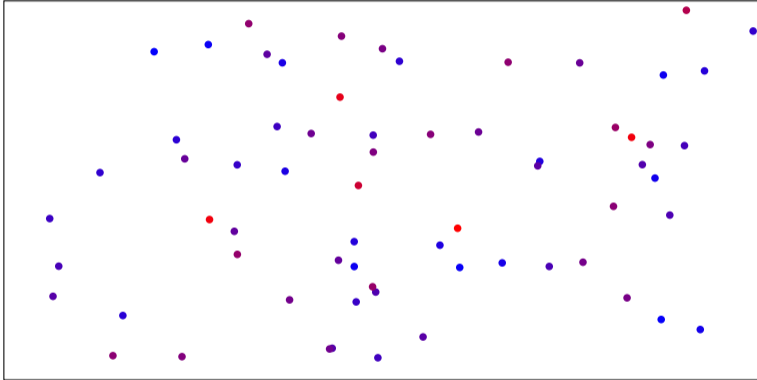
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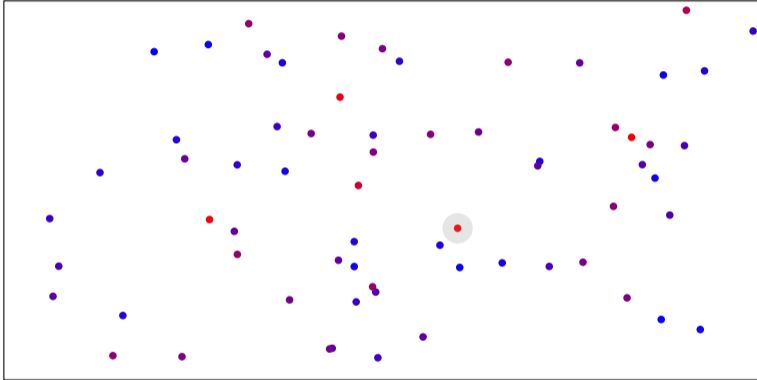
- ① cross section $\sigma = \int_{\mathcal{C}} d\sigma > 0$, irregardless of the size of integration region \mathcal{C}
- ② experiments have a finite resolution
(we already knew that because we can't see soft photons)

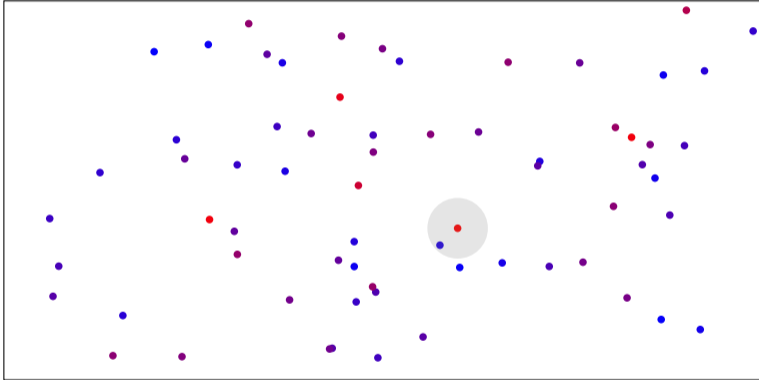
algorithm to remove negative weights [Andersen, Maier 21]

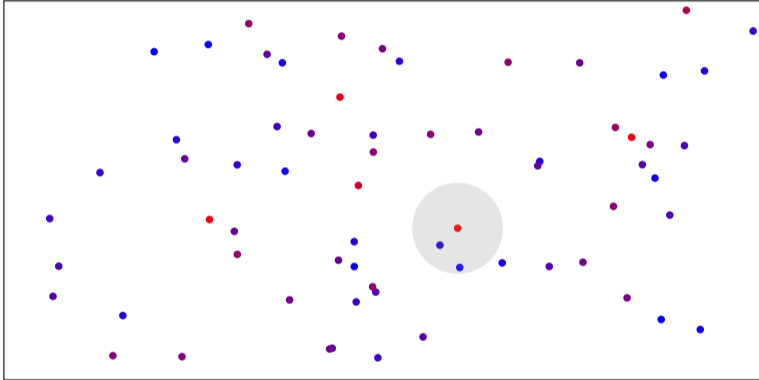
- pick an event with $w_i < 0$
- find nearby events until $\sum_{i \in \mathcal{C}} w_i > 0$
- if \mathcal{C} gets too big (events become resolvable), abort (or add more events)
- else $w_i \rightarrow \frac{\sum_{j \in \mathcal{C}} w_j}{\sum_{j \in \mathcal{C}} |w_j|} w_i$

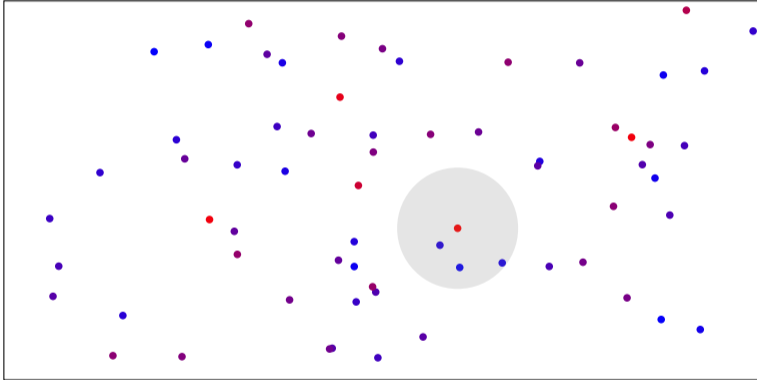
we can remove negative weights without biasing physical observables!

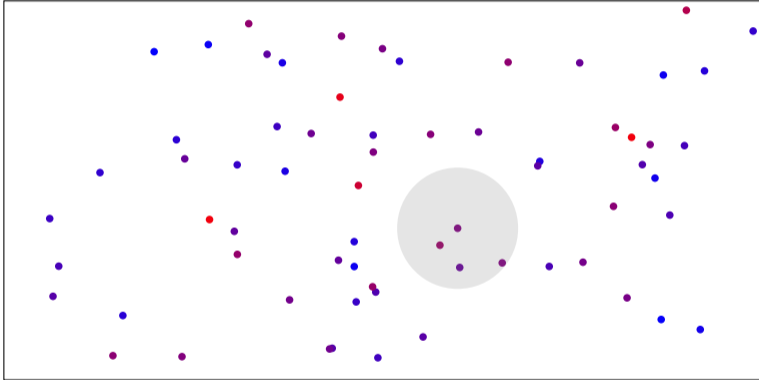


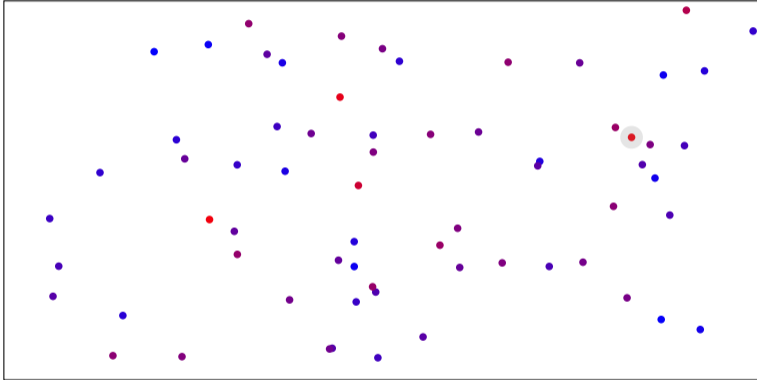


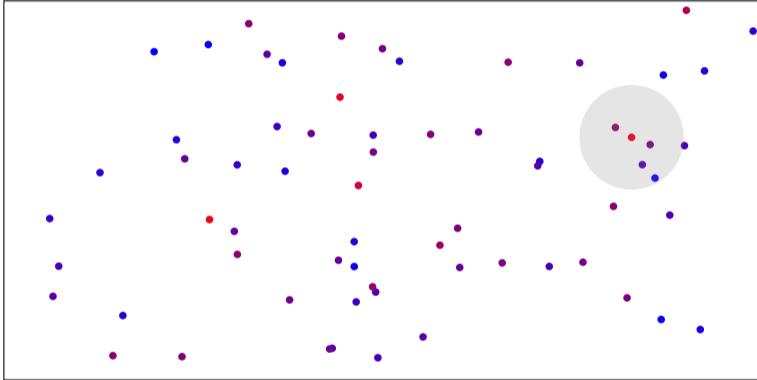


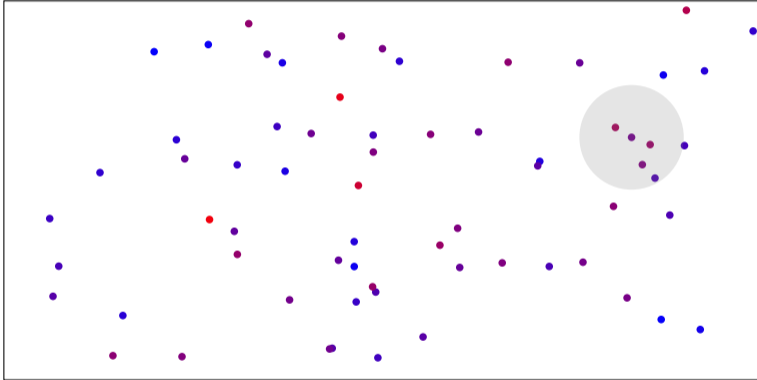


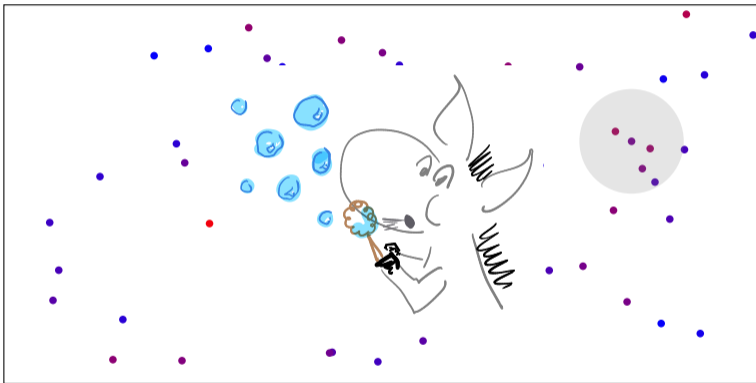






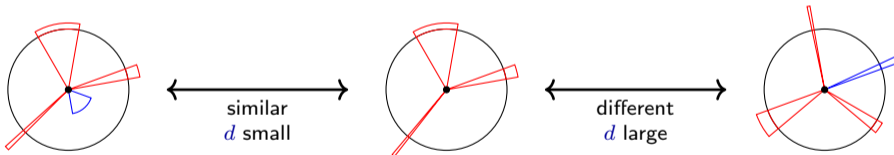






we need to define a metric in event space $d(e_1, e_2) \geq 0$

- doesn't really matter how we do this as long as IR safe
(events with soft photons are near each other)
- ideally: events that look similar are closer to each other than those that don't



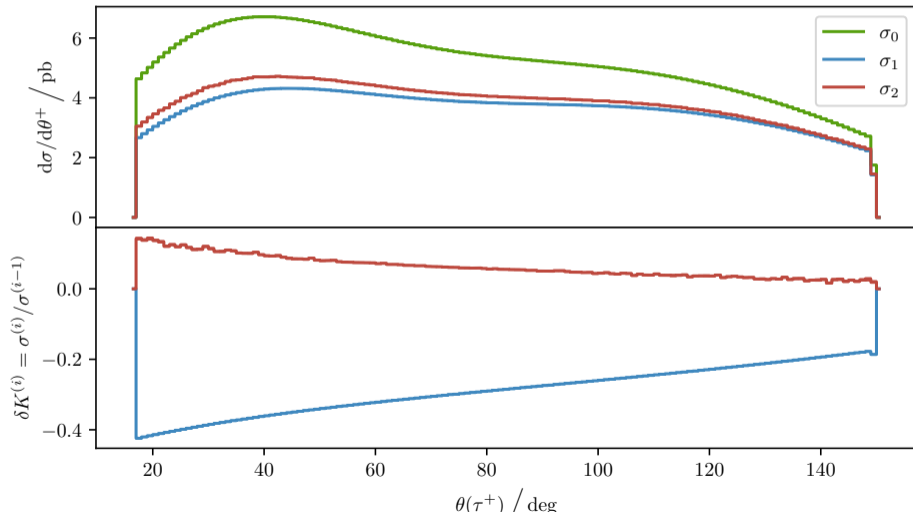


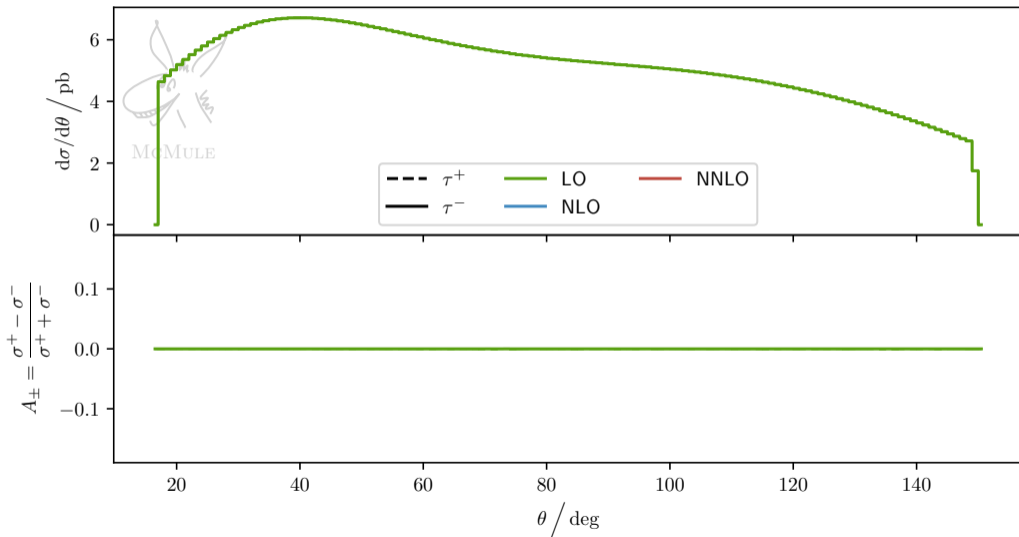
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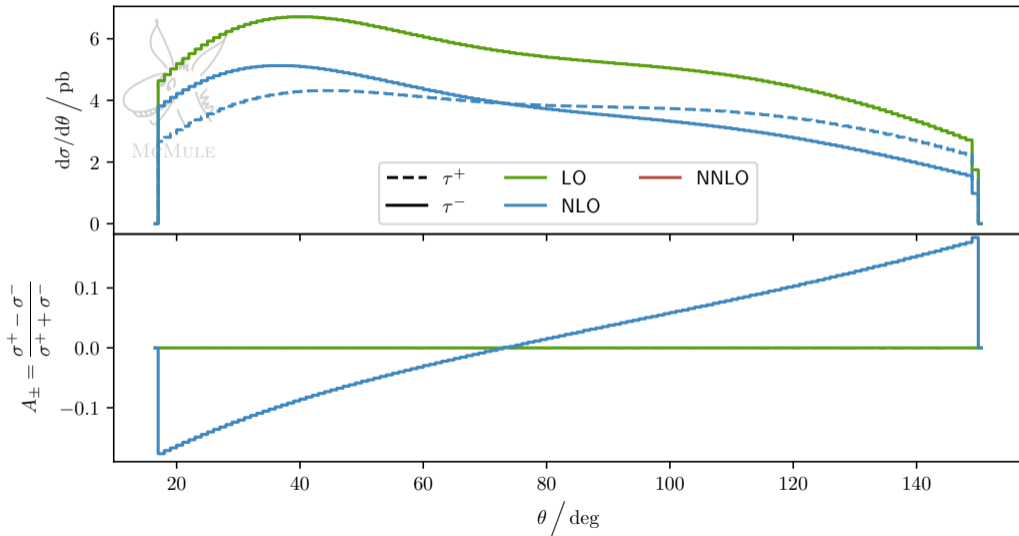
the following is an **example** and would need to be completed / tweaked!

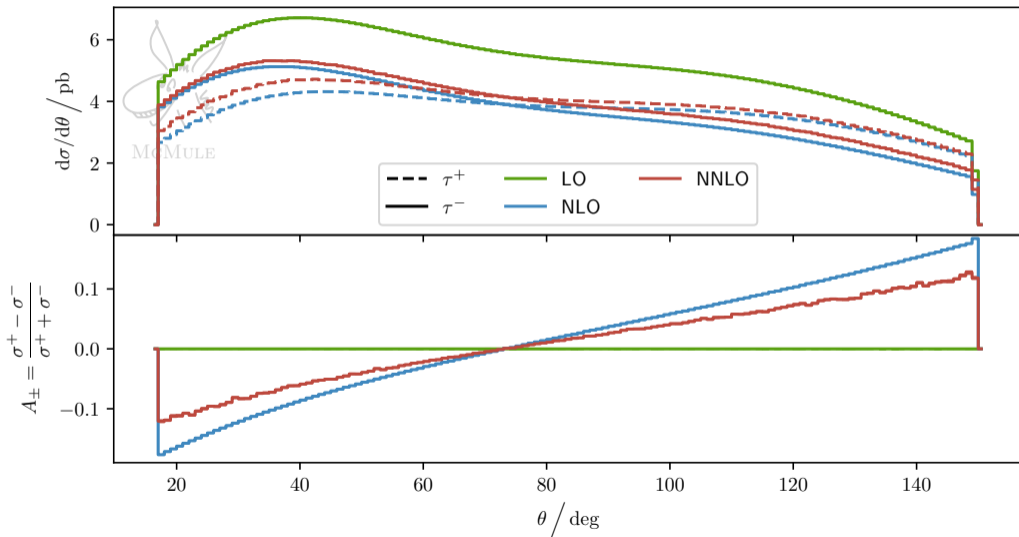
- two beams: 4 GeV (e^-) and 4 GeV (e^+)
- cuts: $17^\circ < \theta < 150^\circ$, no photon with $E_\gamma > 50$ MeV
- for today: **no** polarisation but **NNLO** from [Broggio, Engel, Ferroglia, Mandal, Mastrolia, Rocco, Ronca, Signer, Torres Bobadilla, Zoller, YU 22]
- for polarisation at NLO, see [Gogniat, Hoferichter, YU 25], for EW see [Kollatzsch, YU 22]
- split into initial-state corrections (easy) and rest (hard)
- about 9.5 CPU months (\lesssim 2 weeks wall clock)

find runcards and analysis scripts here









specific to $ee \rightarrow \tau\tau$

- fully polarised NNLO using form factors by [Ronca, Torres Bobadilla 2?]
- approximate N³LO [Badger, Czakon, Hartanto, Moodie, Peraro, Poncelet, Zoia 23; Crisanti, Dave, Mastrolia, Ronca, Smith, Torres Bobadilla 26]
- full mass dependence at NNLO plausible but **very** difficult

general

- merging event generator
- resummation of soft photon emission
- miscellaneous performance improvements

please get in touch so we can help you use McMULE!
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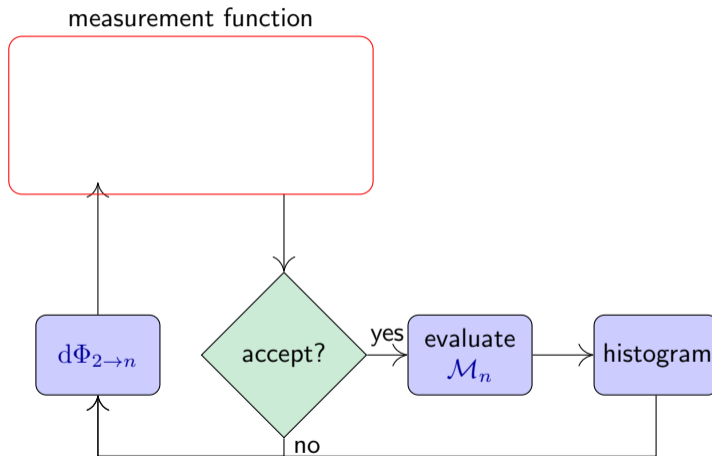
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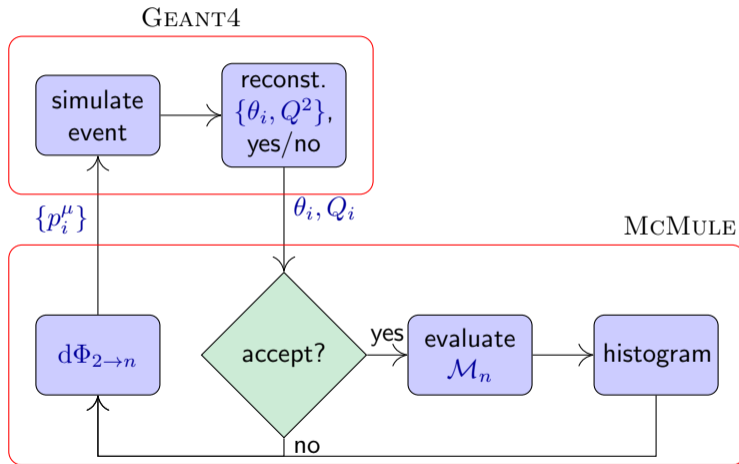
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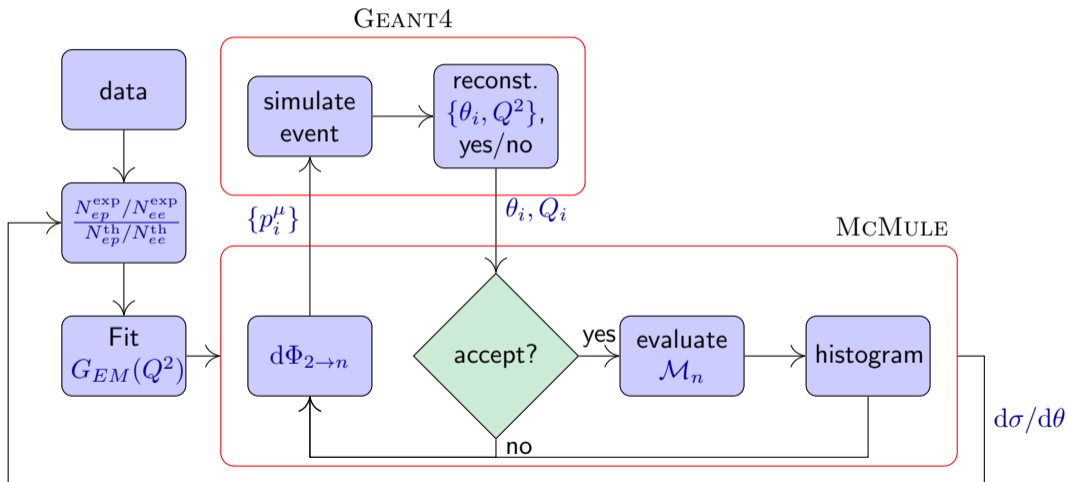
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NNLO	0.1	2%
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