
2nd workstop

“Theory for muon-electron scattering @ 10ppm”

From matrix elements to a NNLO parton-level Monte Carlo for μ - e scattering

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the problem of precision calculation

- loop integrals become **harder** the more masses are introduced → treat fermions massless wherever possible
- phase-space integrals become **easier** when more masses are introduced → keep fermion masses wherever possible
- fermions have masses **but** with large separation

use this to our advantage

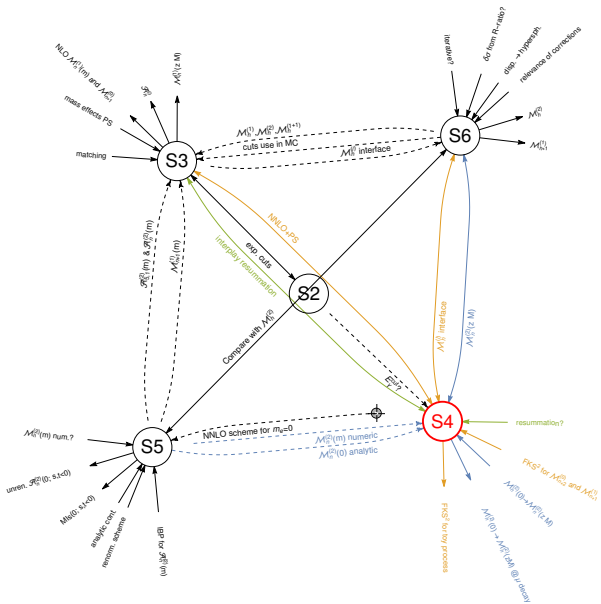
- calculate the two-loop integrals without masses
- do some magic (aka. SCET-ish) to obtain small-mass expansion of two-loop matrix element
- calculate phase-space integrals numerically with $m > 0$ exactly
- result is correct up to $\mathcal{O}(z)$

we assume:

- LO and NLO calculation w/ full m dependence
- $\mathcal{M}_n^{(2)}(0)$ is known (see S5 tomorrow)
- $\mathcal{M}_n^{(2)}(m)$ may be possible numerically (cross check)

we want to provide:

- fully differential MC up to NNLO
- drop terms suppressed by $\alpha^2 z$ (rel. to LO)
- keep αz^n and $\alpha^2 (\ln z)^n$





“massification” of $\mathcal{M}_n^{(2)}$

Use SCET inspired way to relate $m = 0 \rightarrow m \neq 0$ [Becher, Melnikov 07]

(\sim fragmentation function approach)

Form factor: (only one external mass $m \ll Q^2 = s$)

$$F(s, m) = Z_J(m^2) S(s, m) \tilde{F}(s) + \mathcal{O}(m^2/s)$$

- $S(s, m)$: soft function, only contributions from vacuum polarization diagrams with massive fermions, $\supset \ln(m^2/s)$
- $Z_J(m^2)$: jet fct., independent of hard scale s , $\supset \ln(m^2/m_i^2)$
- $\tilde{F}(s)$: massless form factor
- factorisation \leftrightarrow resummation via RG equations

used for Bhabha scattering (one mass $m \ll s, t, u$) [Becher, Melnikov 07]

$$m = 0 \rightarrow m \neq 0$$

- extend this to processes with two external masses, M and m (in QCD)
- calculate simplest example $t(p) \rightarrow b(q) + W^\pm$ and compare with $\gamma^* \rightarrow q\bar{q}$ (replace t with μ etc)
- identify momentum regions h , c , s and us (drops out)
- reduction mixes soft/collinear regions confusingly \Rightarrow do this at the diagram level
- $F_{t \rightarrow bW^\pm}(zM) = \mathcal{S} \times \sqrt{Z_q} \times F_{t \rightarrow bW^\pm}(0)$
 $F_{\gamma^* \rightarrow q\bar{q}}(zM) = \mathcal{S}' \times \sqrt{Z_q} \times \sqrt{Z_q} \times F_{\gamma^* \rightarrow q\bar{q}}(0)$
- μ - e scattering and $\gamma^* \rightarrow q\bar{q}$ have \bar{c} regions

- soft

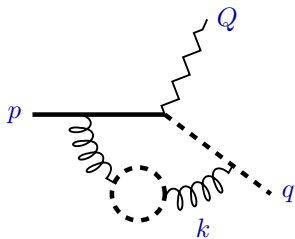
$$\propto \int \frac{\Pi^{(n_m)}(k)}{(k^2)^2(2p \cdot k)(2q_- \cdot k)} = \infty$$

- factorisation anomaly!

⇒ analytic regularisation

$$\int \frac{\Pi^{(n_m)}(k)}{(k^2)^2(2p \cdot k)^{1+\eta}(2q_- \cdot k)} \propto \frac{m^{-\eta}}{\eta}$$

- $Z_q \supset -\frac{s^\eta}{\eta}$, inducing $\log \frac{s}{m}$
- new feature for $m \ll M$
- in $\gamma^* \rightarrow q\bar{q}$ cancelled in product
 $\sqrt{Z_q} \times \sqrt{Z_q}$



- collinear contributions $\sqrt{Z_q}$ and $\sqrt{\bar{Z}_q}$ known
- what are the induced logs?
- loop corrections break scaling symmetry of SCET, introducing factorisation anomaly
- we need $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2)$ of $\mathcal{M}_n^{(1)}(0)$, $\mathcal{M}_n^{(2)}(0)$ and the process dependent soft function
- error due to the expansion $\alpha^2 \mathcal{O}(10^{-3})$



FKS²: double-soft extension of FKS

The FKS formalism at NLO

- no collinear singularities in $\mu-e \rightarrow$ very simple scheme
- everything that vegas sees needs to be finite!
- let $E_\gamma \propto \xi$, introduce arbitrary $0 < \xi_{\text{cut}} \leq 1$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \underbrace{d\phi_{n+1}}_{\propto \xi^{1-2\epsilon} d\xi} \underbrace{\mathcal{M}_{n+1}^{(0)}}_{\supset \xi^{-2}} &\propto d\phi_n \times d\xi d\Omega \underbrace{\xi^{-1-2\epsilon} \left(\xi^2 \mathcal{M}_{n+1}^{(0)} \right)}_{\text{reg. } \xi \rightarrow 0} \\
 &\propto d\Omega \left(\underbrace{-\frac{\xi_{\text{cut}}^{-2\epsilon}}{2\epsilon} \delta(\xi)}_{(s)} + \underbrace{(\xi^{-1-2\epsilon})_{\xi_{\text{cut}}}}_{(h)} \right) \left(\xi^2 \mathcal{M}_{n+1}^{(0)} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

with $\int d\xi (\xi^n)_{\xi_{\text{cut}}} f(\xi) = \int d\xi \xi^n \left(f(\xi) - f(0)\theta(\xi_{\text{cut}} - \xi) \right)$

- $d\sigma^{(h)}$ is finite $\Rightarrow \epsilon \rightarrow 0$ numerically
- $d\sigma^{(s)}$ is 'trivial' because of $\delta(\xi)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 d\sigma^{(s)} &\propto \frac{\xi_{\text{cut}}^{-2\epsilon}}{2\epsilon} \int d\Omega \left(\xi^2 \mathcal{M}_{n+1}^{(0)} \right)_{\xi=0} \\
 &\propto \frac{\xi_{\text{cut}}^{-2\epsilon}}{2\epsilon} \mathcal{M}_n^{(0)} \int d\Omega \mathcal{E} \\
 &= \hat{\mathcal{E}}(\xi_{\text{cut}}) \mathcal{M}_n^{(0)}
 \end{aligned}$$

- eikonal \mathcal{E} is build from building blocks
- $\hat{\mathcal{E}}\mathcal{M}_n^{(0)} + \mathcal{M}_n^{(1)} = \text{finite}$ (KLN)
- use ξ_{cut} to test implementation (any IR safe $\frac{d^n \sigma}{dx_1 \dots dx_n}$ can't depend on ξ_{cut})

term 1: $\mathcal{M}_{n+1}^{(1)}$ (real \times virtual)

- like NLO, but $d\sigma^{(h)} \propto \mathcal{M}_{n+1}^{(1)}$ is not finite \Rightarrow split further
 - chop the pole (and induced terms): $\overline{\text{MS}}$ -like subtraction
 - $\mathcal{M}_{n+1}^{(1)} = \underbrace{\mathcal{M}_{n+1}^{(1)f}}_{\Rightarrow d\sigma^{(fin)}} - \hat{\mathcal{E}}(\xi_{\text{cut}}^2) \underbrace{\mathcal{M}_{n+1}^{(0)}}_{\Rightarrow d\sigma^{(sin)}} : \text{eikonal subtraction}$

$\mathcal{M}_{n+1}^{(1)f}$ is finite (KLN of the $n+1$ process)

- $d\sigma^{(fin)}$ and $d\sigma^{(sin)}$ depend on two a-priori different ξ_{cut}^i
- $d\sigma^{(fin)}$ is now finite $\Rightarrow \epsilon \rightarrow 0$
- we postpone

$$d\sigma^{(sin)} \equiv -\mathcal{I}(\xi_{\text{cut}}^1, \xi_{\text{cut}}^2) \propto \int_{\xi_{\text{cut}}^1} \hat{\mathcal{E}}(\xi_{\text{cut}}^2) (\xi^2 \mathcal{M}_{n+1}^{(0)})$$

term 2: $\mathcal{M}_{n+2}^{(0)}$ (real \times real)

- do normal FKS twice with two ξ_{cut} , **but** (h) mixes with (s)

$$d\sigma_{n+2} = \underbrace{d\sigma^{(hh)}}_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} + \underbrace{d\sigma^{(ss)}}_{\hat{\mathcal{E}}(\xi_{\text{cut}}^A)} + d\sigma^{(hs)} + d\sigma^{(sh)}$$

- mixed terms $d\sigma^{(hs)}$ are troublesome

$$d\sigma^{(hs)} \propto \frac{1}{2!} \int_{\xi_{\text{cut}}^A} \hat{\mathcal{E}}(\xi_{\text{cut}}^B) (\xi^2 \mathcal{M}_{n+1}^{(0)}) = \frac{1}{2!} \mathcal{I}(\xi_{\text{cut}}^A, \xi_{\text{cut}}^B)$$

- luckily** $d\sigma^{(aux)} \equiv d\sigma^{(sin)} + d\sigma^{(hs)} + d\sigma^{(sh)} = 0$ if all ξ_{cut}^i are equal
- the sum $d\sigma^{(ss)} + d\sigma^{(s)} + d\sigma^{(aux)} + d\sigma_{VV}(m)$ is finite (KLN)

assumptions

- $\mathcal{M}_n^{(1)}(m)$ is known up to $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon^1)$
 \Rightarrow annoying but not a real bottle-neck
- poles of $\mathcal{M}_n^{(2)}(m)$ known exactly (prediction from SCET)
- finite part of $\mathcal{M}_n^{(2)}(m)$ or $\mathcal{M}_n^{(2)}(zM)$ introducing an error $\mathcal{O}(m/\{s, t, M\})$
- $\mathcal{M}_{n+1}^{(1)}(m)$ can be implemented in FORTRAN numerically stable

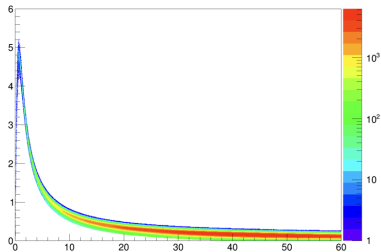
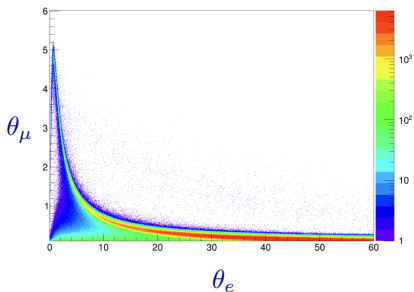
scheme tested for $e^+e^- \rightarrow \nu\bar{\nu}$

next: test for μ decay



Resummation

- resumming $\log m$ by Z_q
- resumming cuts \Rightarrow simple, not too stringent





Open Questions

calculate $\propto q^4 (qQ)^2$ MC integrator

- rotate toy process $e^+e^- \rightarrow \nu\bar{\nu}$
- $\mathcal{A}_{5,1}^{(2)}(m)$ from [Bernreuther et al. 04]
- $\mathcal{A}_{4,1}^{(1)} \times \mathcal{A}_{2,1}^{(0)}$ with full m dependence (x-check GoSam?)
- result has full m dependence
- tests massification
- compare S3's PS
- ep scattering with $m_\gamma > 0$ [Bucoveanu, Spiesberger 18]

$$\mathcal{M}_n^{(2)}(zM)$$

- we need $\mathcal{M}_n^{(2)}(0)$ from S5
- can we cross check our expansion in a sensible way, S5?
- we need to compute the soft function \mathcal{S}

fixed order MC

- we need $\mathcal{M}_{n+1}^{(1)}(m)$. anybody fancy doing that?
- what cuts do we want? (not important just yet)
- can we actually implement this without messing up?

resummation

- what needs to be resummed? $\log m$? $\log E_\gamma^{\text{cut}}$?
- how would we go about resumming $\log E_\gamma^{\text{cut}}$?

... mostly because they aren't worked out yet

- a whole lot of details
- hadronic contributions
- can we cross check our Monte Carlo using reverse unitarity?
- can we magic up the $\mathcal{O}(z)$ terms?