

# Physics at a Z-factory

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## General motivation

- The Standard Model is the most successful physical model ever
- But there are still many open questions to it
- We believe that it is only an effective theory, but its applicability domain might be limited just by the Planck mass scale
- The primary goal of HEP is to study the physics of our actual microworld
- Discovering physics beyond SM is our hope
- In any case, the research in HEP will not stop by the end of LHC
- Logically, the next step should be a  $e^+e^-$  collider

# Future $e^+e^-$ collider projects

## Linear Colliders

- ILC, CLIC

$E_{tot}$

- ILC: 91; 250 GeV — 1 TeV
- CLIC: 500 GeV — 3 TeV

$$\mathcal{L} \approx 2 \cdot 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$$

Stat. uncertainty  $\sim 10^{-4}$

Beam polarization:

$e^-$  beam:  $P = 80 - 90\%$

$e^+$  beam:  $P = 30 - 60\%$

## Circular Colliders

- FCC-ee, CEPC
- Z-factory
- Super Charm-Tau Factory
- $\mu^+\mu^-$  collider ( $\mu$ TRISTAN)

$E_{tot}$

- 91; 160; 240; 350 GeV

$$\mathcal{L} \approx 2 \cdot 10^{36} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1} \text{ (4 exp.)}$$

Stat. uncertainty  $\sim 10^{-6}$

**Tera-Z mode!** Beam polarization:  
desirable

## Physics possibilities at the Z peak

- Indeep verification of the EW sector of SM
- Unique possibilities for QCD at the EW scale
- Photon-photon physics
- Properties of tau lepton
- Physics of (exotic) mesons
- Searches for new physics of SMEFT and other types

# Where are we now

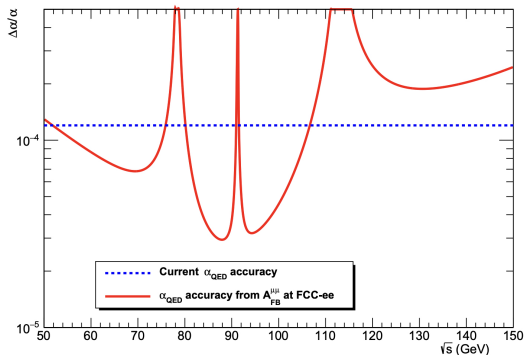


## Weak mixing angle

An experimental precision better than  $5 \times 10^{-6}$  is therefore a robust target for the measurement of  $\sin^2 \theta_W^{\text{eff}}$  at FCC-ee, corresponding to more than a thirty-fold improvement with respect to the current precision of  $1.6 \times 10^{-4}$ .

Individual measurements of leptonic and heavy quark couplings are achievable, with a factor of **several hundred improvement** on statistical errors and, with the help of detectors providing better particle identification and vertexing, by up to **two orders of magnitude** on systematic uncertainties.

[FCC Coll. EPJC'2019]

$\alpha_{\text{QED}}(m_Z^2)$ 

An experimental relative accuracy of  $3 \times 10^{-5}$  on  $\alpha_{\text{QED}}(m_Z^2)$  can be achieved at FCC-ee, from the measurement of the muon forward-backward asymmetry at energies  $\sim 3$  GeV below and  $\sim 3$  GeV above the Z pole. The corresponding parametric uncertainties on other SM parameters and observables will be reduced. [FCC Coll. EPJC'2019]



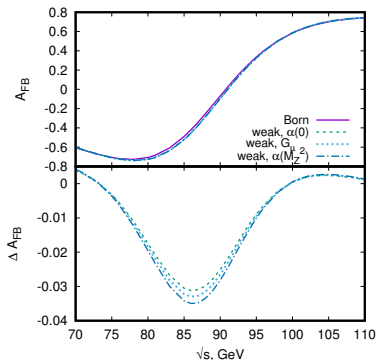
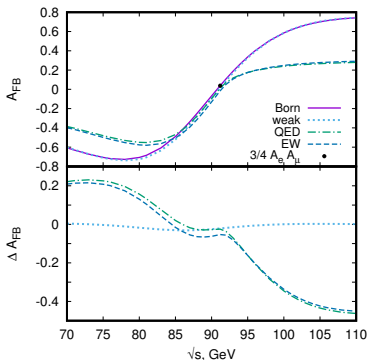
## Z boson mass and width; $R_l$

Overall experimental uncertainties of **0.1 MeV** or better are achievable for the **Z mass and width** measurements at FCC-ee. The corresponding parametric uncertainties on  $\sin^2 \theta_W^{\text{eff}}$  and  $m_W$  SM predictions are accordingly reduced to  $6 \times 10^{-7}$  and 0.12 MeV, respectively.

An absolute (relative) uncertainty of **0.001** ( $5 \times 10^{-5}$ ) on the ratio of the Z hadronic-to-leptonic partial widths ( $R_l$ ) can be reached. The same relative uncertainty is expected for the ratios of the Z leptonic widths, which allows a stringent test of **lepton universality**.

[FCC Coll. EPJC'2019]

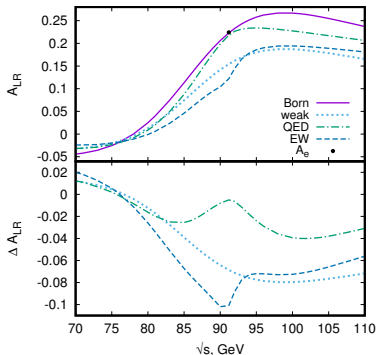
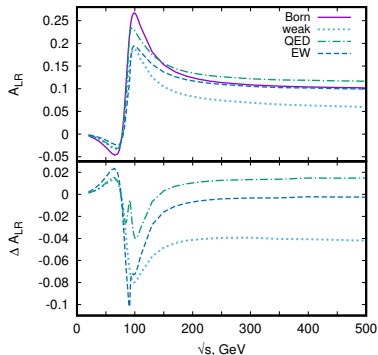
# Forward-Backward Asymmetry



$$A_f = \frac{2g_V g_A}{g_V^2 + g_A^2} \quad \text{for the given fermion } f$$

[A.A., S.Bondarenko, L.Kalinovskaya, Symmetry'2020]

# Left-Right Asymmetry

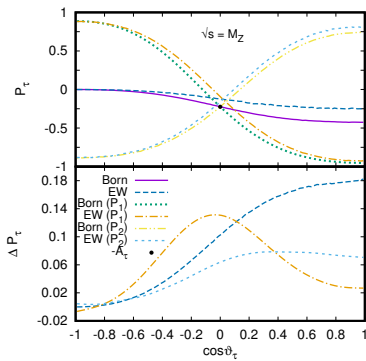
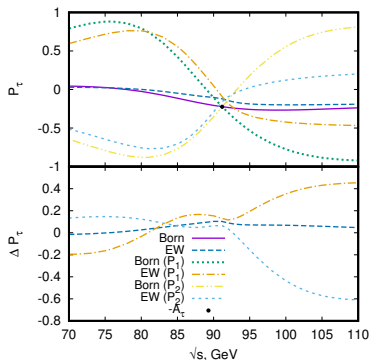


$$A_{LR} = \frac{1}{P_{\text{eff}}} \frac{\sigma(-P_{\text{eff}}) - \sigma(P_{\text{eff}})}{\sigma(-P_{\text{eff}}) + \sigma(P_{\text{eff}})},$$

$$P_{\text{eff}} \equiv \frac{P_{e^-} - P_{e^+}}{1 - P_{e^-} P_{e^+}}$$

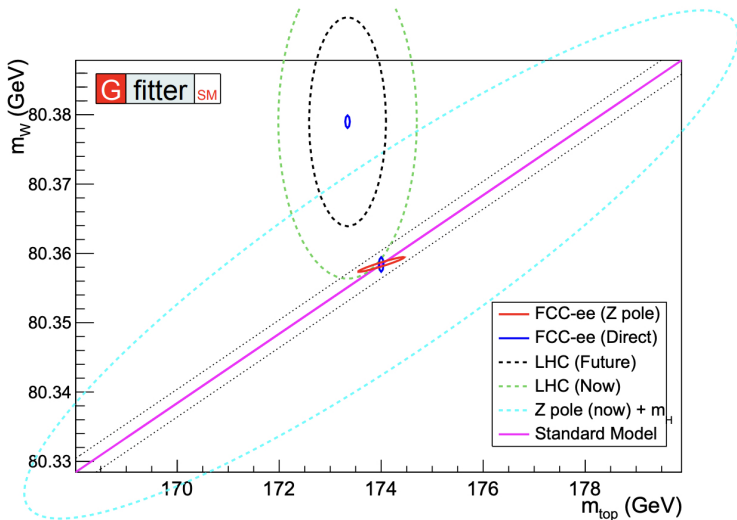
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# Tau lepton polarization



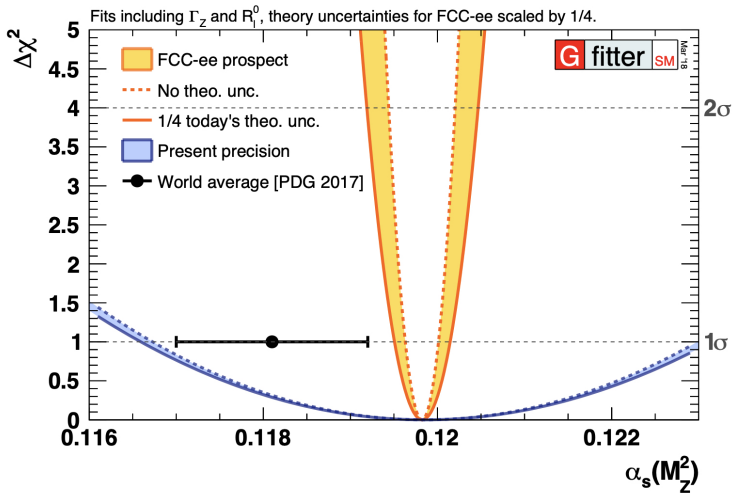
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# Indirect measurements



[FCC Coll. EPJC'2019]

## Alpha QCD



[FCC Coll. EPJC'2019]

## EW quasi observables (I)

Observable	Present value	$\pm$ error	FCC-ee (statistical)	FCC-ee (systematic)	Source and dominant experimental error
$m_Z$ (keV/c <sup>2</sup> )	91 186 700	$\pm$ 2200	5	100	Z line shape scan Beam energy calibration
$\Gamma_Z$ (keV)	2 495 200	$\pm$ 2300	8	100	Z line shape scan Beam energy calibration
$R_\ell^Z$ ( $\times 10^3$ )	20 767	$\pm$ 25	0.06	1	Ratio of hadrons to leptons Acceptance for leptons
$\alpha_s(m_Z)$ ( $\times 10^4$ )	1196	$\pm$ 30	0.1	1.6	$R_\ell^Z$ above
$R_b$ ( $\times 10^6$ )	216 290	$\pm$ 660	0.3	<60	Ratio of $b\bar{b}$ to hadrons Stat. extrapol. from SLD [7]
$\sigma_{\text{had}}^0$ ( $\times 10^3$ ) (nb)	41 541	$\pm$ 37	0.1	4	Peak hadronic cross-section Luminosity measurement
$N_\nu$ ( $\times 10^3$ )	2991	$\pm$ 7	0.005	1	Z peak cross-sections Luminosity measurement
$\sin^2\theta_W^{\text{eff}}$ ( $\times 10^6$ )	231 480	$\pm$ 160	3	2–5	$A_{\text{FB}}^{\mu\mu}$ at Z peak Beam energy calibration
$1/\alpha_{\text{QED}}(m_Z)$ ( $\times 10^3$ )	128 952	$\pm$ 14	4	Small	$A_{\text{FB}}^{\mu\mu}$ off peak
$A_{\text{FB}}^{b,0}$ ( $\times 10^4$ )	992	$\pm$ 16	0.02	<1	b quark asymmetry at Z pole Jet charge

[A.Blondel et al., CERN YR 2019]

## EW quasi observables (II)

Observable	Present value	± error	FCC-ee (statistical)	FCC-ee (systematic)	Source and dominant experimental error
$A_{\text{FB}}^{\text{pol},\tau} (\times 10^4)$	1498	± 49	0.15	<2	$\tau$ polar. and charge asymm. $\tau$ decay physics
$m_W (\text{keV}/c^2)$	803 500	± 15 000	600	300	WW threshold scan Beam energy calibration
$\Gamma_W (\text{keV})$	208 500	± 42 000	1500	300	WW threshold scan Beam energy calibration
$\alpha_s(m_W)(\times 10^4)$	1170	± 420	3	Small	$R_\ell^W$
$N_\nu(\times 10^3)$	2920	± 50	0.8	Small	Ratio of invis. to leptonic in radiative Z returns
$m_{\text{top}} (\text{MeV}/c^2)$	172 740	± 500	20	Small	$t\bar{t}$ threshold scan QCD errors dominate
$\Gamma_{\text{top}} (\text{MeV}/c^2)$	1410	± 190	40	Small	$t\bar{t}$ threshold scan QCD errors dominate
$\lambda_{\text{top}}/\lambda_{\text{top}}^{\text{SM}}$	$m = 1.2$	± 0.3	0.08	Small	$t\bar{t}$ threshold scan QCD errors dominate
$t\bar{t}Z$ couplings		± 30%	<2%	Small	$E_{\text{CM}} = 365 \text{ GeV}$ run

[A.Blondel et al., CERN YR 2019]



# SMEFT

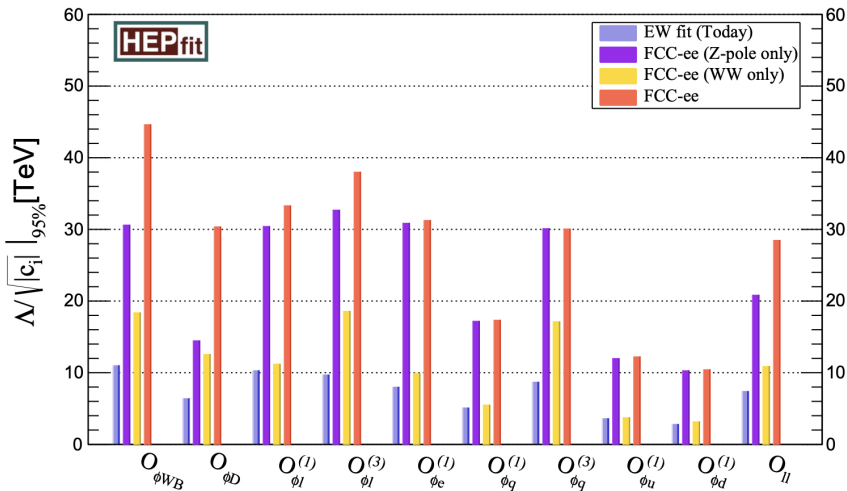
Possible deviations from SM predictions in **differential** and inclusive observables to be fit within **SMEFT** extension of the SM by 6 dim. operators

Remind three oblique Peskin–Takeuchi parameters used at LEP.  
At a Z-factory one can (should) do a much more detailed study

Scenarios of specific new physics models can be also verified

**N.B.** Having polarized beams would help a lot

## Sensitivity to new physics scale



## To-do list for QED

- Compute **2-loop** QED radiative corrections to differential distributions of key processes: Bhabha scattering, muon decay,  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ ,  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$ ,  $e^+e^- \rightarrow ZH$  etc.
- Estimate **higher-order** contributions within some approximations
- Account for **interplay** with QCD and electroweak effects
- Construct reliable **Monte Carlo** codes

## Perturbative QED (I)

Fortunately, in our case the general perturbation theory can be applied:

$$\frac{\alpha}{2\pi} \approx 1.2 \cdot 10^{-3}, \quad \left(\frac{\alpha}{2\pi}\right)^2 \approx 1.4 \cdot 10^{-6}$$

Moreover, other effects: **hadronic vacuum polarization**, **(electro)weak contributions**, **hadronic pair emission**, etc. are small in, e.g., Bhabha scattering and can be treated one-by-one separately

Nevertheless, there are some enhancement factors:

- 1) First of all, the **large logarithm**  $L \equiv \ln \frac{\Lambda^2}{m_e^2}$  where  $\Lambda^2 \sim Q^2$  is the momentum transferred squared, e.g.,  $L(\Lambda = 1 \text{ GeV}) \approx 16$  and  $L(\Lambda = M_Z) \approx 24$ .
- 2) The energy region at the Z boson peak ( $s \sim M_Z^2$ ) requires a special treatment since factor  $M_Z/\Gamma_Z$  appears in the annihilation channel

## Perturbative QED (II)

Methods of resummation of higher-order QED corrections

- Resummation of **vacuum polarization** corrections (geometric series)
- Yennie–Frautschi–Suura (YFS) soft photon exponentiation and its extensions, see, e.g., **PHOTOS**
- Resummation of leading logarithms via **QED structure functions** or **QED PDFs** (E.Kuraev and V.Fadin 1985; A. De Rujula, R. Petronzio, A. Savoy-Navarro 1979)

**N.B.** Resummation of real photon radiation is good for sufficiently inclusive observables...

## Leading and next-to-leading logs in QED

The QED leading (LO) logarithmic corrections

$$\sim \left(\frac{\alpha}{2\pi}\right)^n \ln^n \frac{s}{m_e^2}$$

were relevant for LEP measurements of Bhabha,  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$  etc. for  $n \leq 3$  since  $\ln(M_Z^2/m_e^2) \approx 24$

NLO contributions

$$\sim \left(\frac{\alpha}{2\pi}\right)^n \ln^{n-1} \frac{s}{m_e^2}$$

with at least  $n = 3, 4$  are required for future  $e^+e^-$  colliders

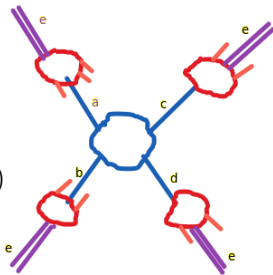
In the collinear approximation we can get them within the NLO QED structure function formalism

- F.A.Berends, W.L. van Neerven, G.J.Burgers, NPB'1988
- A.A., K.Melnikov, PRD'2002; A.A. JHEP'2003

# QED NLO master formula

The **NLO Bhabha** cross section reads

$$\begin{aligned}
 d\sigma = & \sum_{a,b,c,d=e,\bar{e},\gamma} \int_{\bar{z}_1}^1 dz_1 \int_{\bar{z}_2}^1 dz_2 \mathcal{D}_{ae}^{\text{str}}(z_1) \mathcal{D}_{b\bar{e}}^{\text{str}}(z_2) \\
 & \times \left[ d\sigma_{ab \rightarrow cd}^{(0)}(z_1, z_2) + d\bar{\sigma}_{ab \rightarrow cd}^{(1)}(z_1, z_2) \right] \\
 & \times \int_{\bar{y}_1}^1 \frac{dy_1}{Y_1} \int_{\bar{y}_2}^1 \frac{dy_2}{Y_2} \mathcal{D}_{ec}^{\text{frg}}\left(\frac{y_1}{Y_1}\right) \mathcal{D}_{\bar{e}d}^{\text{frg}}\left(\frac{y_2}{Y_2}\right) \\
 & + \mathcal{O}\left(\alpha^n L^{n-2}, \frac{m_e^2}{s}\right)
 \end{aligned}$$



$\alpha^2 L^2$  and  $\alpha^2 L^1$  terms are completely reproduced [A.A., E.Scherbakova, JETP Lett. 2006; PLB 2008] ||  $\bar{e} \equiv e^+$

# High-order ISR in $e^+e^-$ annihilation

$$\frac{d\sigma_{e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma^*}}{ds'} = \frac{1}{s} \sigma^{(0)}(s') \sum_{a,b=e^-, \gamma, e^+} D_{ae^-} \otimes \tilde{\sigma}_{ab \rightarrow \gamma^*} \otimes D_{be^+}$$

$a \backslash b$	$e^+$	$\gamma$	$e^-$
$e^-$	$D_{e^-e^-} - D_{e^+e^+} \sigma_{e^-e^+}$ LO (1)	$D_{\gamma e^-} - D_{e^-e^-} \sigma_{e^- \gamma}$ NLO ( $\alpha^2 L$ )	$D_{e^-e^-} - D_{e^-e^+} \sigma_{e^-e^-}$ NNLO ( $\alpha^4 L^2$ )
$\gamma$	$D_{\gamma e^-} - D_{e^+e^+} \sigma_{e^+ \gamma}$ NLO ( $\alpha^2 L$ )	$D_{\gamma e^-} - D_{\gamma e^+} \sigma_{\gamma \gamma}$ NNLO ( $\alpha^4 L^2$ )	$D_{\gamma e^-} - D_{e^-e^+} \sigma_{e^- \gamma}$ NLO ( $\alpha^4 L^3$ )
$e^+$	$D_{e^+e^-} - D_{e^+e^+} \sigma_{e^+e^+}$ NNLO ( $\alpha^4 L^2$ )	$D_{e^+e^-} - D_{\gamma e^+} \sigma_{e^+ \gamma}$ NLO ( $\alpha^4 L^3$ )	$D_{e^+e^-} - D_{e^-e^+} \sigma_{e^+e^-}$ LO ( $\alpha^4 L^4$ )

Contributions from  $D_{e^-e^+}$  and  $D_{e^+e^-}$  are missed in [J. Ablinger, J. Blümlein, A. De Freitas and K. Schönwald, “Subleading Logarithmic QED Initial State Corrections to  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma^*/Z^{0*}$  to  $O(\alpha^6 L^5)$ ,” NPB 955 (2020) 115045]



## QED NLO DGLAP evolution equations

$$D_{ba} \left( x, \frac{\mu_R}{\mu_F} \right) = \delta_{ab} \delta(1-x) + \sum_{c=e,\gamma,\bar{e}} \int_{\mu_R^2}^{\mu_F^2} \frac{dt}{t} \int_x^1 \frac{dy}{y} P_{bc}(y,t) D_{ca} \left( \frac{x}{y}, \frac{\mu_R^2}{t} \right)$$

$\mu_F$  is a **factorization** (energy) scale

$\mu_R$  is a **renormalization** (energy) scale

$D_{ba}$  is a parton density function (**PDF**)

$P_{bc}$  is a **splitting function** or kernel of the DGLAP equation

**N.B.** In QED  $\mu_R = m_e \approx 0$  is the natural choice

## Running coupling constant

Compare **QED-like**

$$\bar{\alpha}(t) = \alpha \left\{ 1 + \frac{\alpha}{2\pi} \left( -\frac{10}{9} + \frac{2}{3}L \right) + \left( \frac{\alpha}{2\pi} \right)^2 \left( -\frac{13}{27}L + \frac{4}{9}L^2 + \dots \right) + \dots \right.$$

and **QCD-like**

$$\bar{\alpha}(t) = \frac{4\pi}{\beta_0 \ln(t/\Lambda^2)} \left[ 1 - \frac{\beta_1}{\beta_0^2} \frac{\ln[\ln(t/\Lambda^2)]}{\ln(t/\Lambda^2)} + \dots \right]$$

Note that “**-10/9**” could have been hidden into  $\Lambda$

In QED  $\beta_0 = -4/3$  and  $\beta_1 = -4$

## $\mathcal{O}(\alpha)$ matching

The expansion of the master formula for ISR gives

$$d\sigma_{e\bar{e}\rightarrow\gamma^*}^{(1)} = \frac{\alpha}{2\pi} \left\{ 2LP^{(0)} \otimes d\sigma_{e\bar{e}\rightarrow\gamma^*}^{(0)} + 2d_{ee}^{(1)} \otimes d\sigma_{e\bar{e}\rightarrow\gamma^*}^{(0)} \right\} + d\bar{\sigma}_{e\bar{e}\rightarrow\gamma^*}^{(1)} + \mathcal{O}(\alpha^2)$$

We know the **massive**  $d\sigma^{(1)}$  and **massless**  $d\bar{\sigma}^{(1)}$  ( $m_e \rightarrow 0$  with  $\overline{\text{MS}}$  subtraction) results in  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha)$ . E.g.

$$\frac{d\sigma_{e\bar{e}\rightarrow\gamma^*}^{(1)}}{d\sigma_{e\bar{e}\rightarrow\gamma^*}^{(0)}} = \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \left[ \frac{1+z^2}{1-z} \right]_+ \left( \ln \frac{s}{m_e^2} - 1 \right) + \delta(1-z)(\dots), \quad z \equiv \frac{s'}{s}$$

**Scheme dependence** comes from here

**Factorization scale dependence** is also from here

**N.B. "Massification procedure"**

## Factorization scale choice

We apply the BLM-like prescription, i.e., hide the bulk of one-loop correction into the scale

For  $e^+e^-$  annihilation

$$\frac{d\sigma_{e\bar{e}\rightarrow\gamma^*}^{(1)}}{d\sigma_{e\bar{e}\rightarrow\gamma^*}^{(0)}} = \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \left[ \frac{1+z^2}{1-z} \right]_+ \left( \ln \frac{s}{m_e^2} - 1 \right) + \delta(1-z)(\dots) \Rightarrow \mu_F^2 = s \quad \text{or} \quad \mu_F^2 = \frac{s}{e}$$

Remind Drell-Yan where we usually take  $\mu_F^2 = s' \equiv zs$ , i.e., the energy scale of the hard subprocess (!?)

For muon decay  $\mu_F = m_\mu$  is good, but  $\mu_F = m_\mu z(1-z)$  is better. It was cross-checked with the help of (partially) known two-loop results [K.Melnikov et al. JHEP'2007]

## Iterative solution

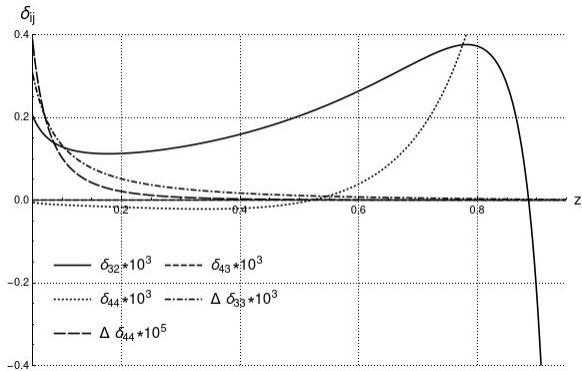
The NLO “electron in electron” PDF reads [A.A., U.Voznaya, JPG 2023]

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{D}_{ee}(x, \mu_F, m_e) &= \delta(1-x) + \frac{\alpha}{2\pi} L P_{ee}^{(0)}(x) + \frac{\alpha}{2\pi} d_{ee}^{(1)}(x, m_e, m_e) \\
 &+ \left(\frac{\alpha}{2\pi}\right)^2 L^2 \left( \frac{1}{2} P_{ee}^{(0)} \otimes P_{ee}^{(0)}(x) + \frac{1}{2} P_{ee}^{(0)}(x) + \frac{1}{2} P_{e\gamma}^{(0)} \otimes P_{\gamma e}^{(0)}(x) \right) \\
 &+ \left(\frac{\alpha}{2\pi}\right)^2 L \left( P_{e\gamma}^{(0)} \otimes d_{\gamma e}^{(1)}(x, m_e, m_e) + P_{ee}^{(0)} \otimes d_{ee}^{(1)}(x, m_e, m_e) - \frac{10}{9} P_{ee}^{(0)}(x) + P_{ee}^{(1)}(x) \right) \\
 &+ \left(\frac{\alpha}{2\pi}\right)^3 L^3 \left( \frac{1}{6} P_{ee}^{(0)} \otimes P_{ee}^{(0)} \otimes P_{ee}^{(0)}(x) + \frac{1}{6} P_{e\gamma}^{(0)} \otimes P_{\gamma\gamma}^{(0)} \otimes P_{\gamma e}^{(0)}(x) + \dots \right) \\
 &+ \left(\frac{\alpha}{2\pi}\right)^3 L^2 \left( P_{ee}^{(0)} \otimes P_{ee}^{(1)}(x) + P_{ee}^{(0)} \otimes P_{ee}^{(0)} \otimes d_{ee}^{(1)}(x, m_e, m_e) + \frac{1}{3} P_{ee}^{(1)}(x) - \frac{10}{9} P_{ee}^{(0)} \otimes P_{ee}^{(0)}(x) + \dots \right) \\
 &+ \mathcal{O}(\alpha^2 L^0, \alpha^3 L^1)
 \end{aligned}$$

The large logarithm  $L \equiv \ln \frac{\mu_F^2}{\mu_R^2}$  with factorization scale  $\mu_F^2 \sim s$  or  $\sim -t$ ; and renormalization scale  $\mu_R = m_e$ .

Higher-order effects in  $e^+e^-$  annihilation

$$d\sigma_{e\bar{e}\rightarrow\gamma^*}^{\text{NLO}} = d\sigma_{e\bar{e}\rightarrow\gamma^*}^{(0)} \left\{ 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\alpha}{2\pi}\right)^k \sum_{l=k-1}^k \delta_{kl} L^l + \mathcal{O}(\alpha^k L^{k-2}) \right\}$$



[A.A., U.Voznaya, arXiv:2405.03443, PRD'2024]

## QED PDFs vs. QCD ones

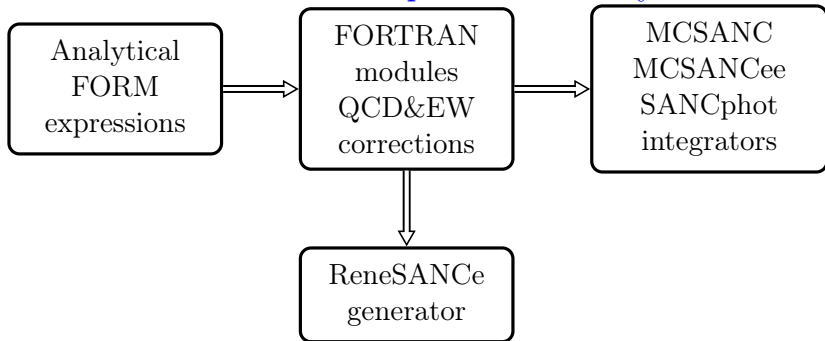
### Common properties:

- QED splitting functions = abelian part of QCD ones
- The same structure of DGLAP evolution equations
- The same Drell-Yan-like master formula with factorization
- Factorization scale and scheme dependence

### Peculiar properties:

- QED PDFs are calculable
- QED PDFs are less inclusive
- QED renormalization scale  $\mu_R = m_e$  is preferable
- QED PDFs can (do) lead to huge corrections
- Massification procedure

## The SANC framework and products family



### Publications:

SANC – CPC 174 481-517  
MCSANC – CPC 184 2343-2350; JETP Letters 103, 131-136  
SANCphot – CPC 294 108929  
ReneSANCe – CPC 256 107445; CPC 285 108646

SANC products are available at <http://sanc.jinr.ru/download.php>

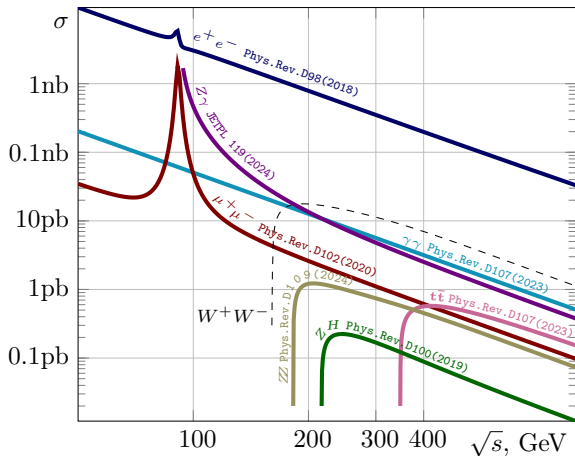
ReneSANCe is also available at <http://renesance.hepforge.org>



## SANC advantages:

- full one-loop electroweak corrections
- leading higher order corrections
- massive case
- accounting for polarization effects
- full phase space operation
- results of ReneSANCe event generator and SANC integrators are thoroughly cross checked

## Basic processes of SM for $e^+e^-$ annihilation



The cross sections are given for polar angles between  $10^\circ < \theta < 170^\circ$  in the final state.

# ReneSANCe Monte Carlo event generator

- Based on the SANC modules
- Complete one-loop and some higher-order electroweak radiative corrections
- Unweighted events in ROOT and LHE format
- Thoroughly cross checked against MCSANC integrator

# Outlook

- A new high-energy  $e^+e^-$  collider is well motivated by the necessity to study SM in more detail
- Complementarity to hadron-hadron machines is essential
- A Z-factory provides unique possibilities for progress in HEP
- New theoretical calculations of higher-order corrections are required
- Chains of interfaced Monte Carlo codes to be developed
- The work is started, but there are still many tasks



Electron is as inexhaustible as atom (1909)

Thank you for attention!