

# Fermionic NNLO contributions to Bhabha Scattering

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See also: • <http://www-zeuthen.desy.de/theory/research/bhabha/>  
and • [hep-ph/0412164](http://arxiv.org/abs/hep-ph/0412164), [0604101](http://arxiv.org/abs/hep-ph/0604101) (Massive Bhabha 2-loop masters)  
and • [hep-ph/0609051](http://arxiv.org/abs/hep-ph/0609051), [0704.2400](http://arxiv.org/abs/hep-ph/0704.2400) (Fermionic 2-loop corrections)

- **Introduction: Two-loop corrections to Bhabha Scattering**
- **Heavy leptonic contributions ACGR, [arXiv:0704.2400, hep-ph], to appear in NPB**
- **New: hadronic contributions AGR, nearly final**
- **Summary**

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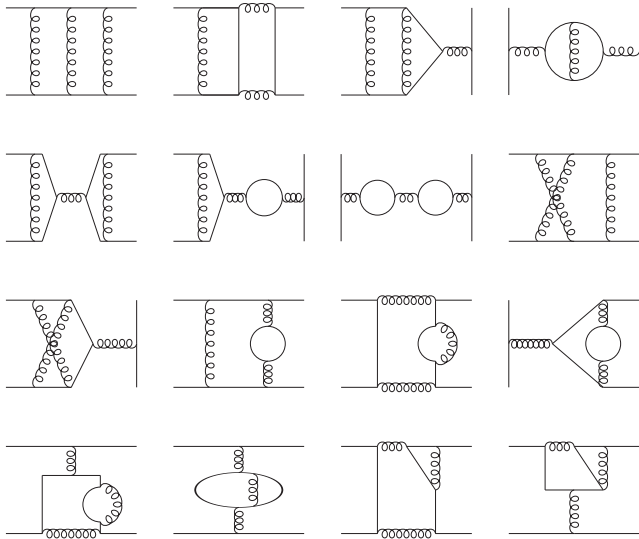
- Precision Monte-Carlos:
  - talk by [Guido Montagna](#)
- Radiative loop corrections (with pentagon diagrams)
  - talk by [Krzysztof Kajda](#)

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### Two Loop Bhabha Scattering

To calculate Bhabha scattering it is best to first compute  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ , since it's closely related but has less diagrams.

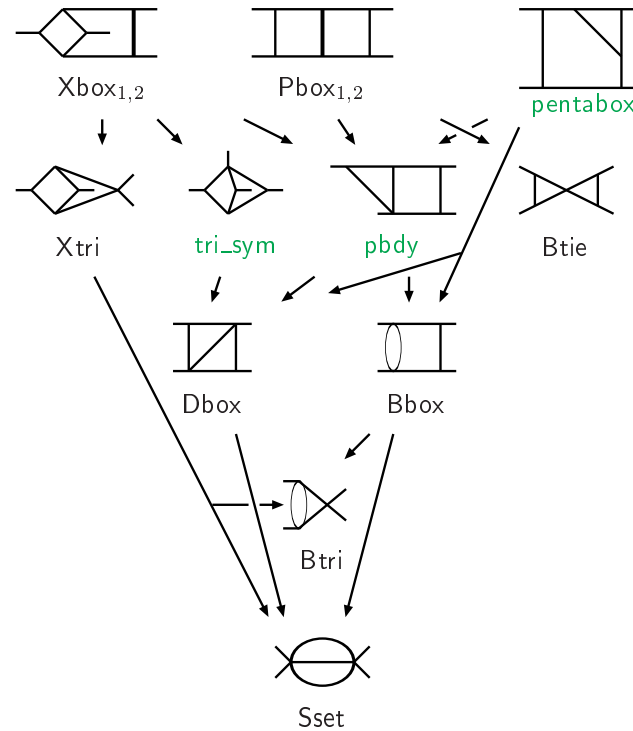
There are 47 QED diagrams contributing to  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ .



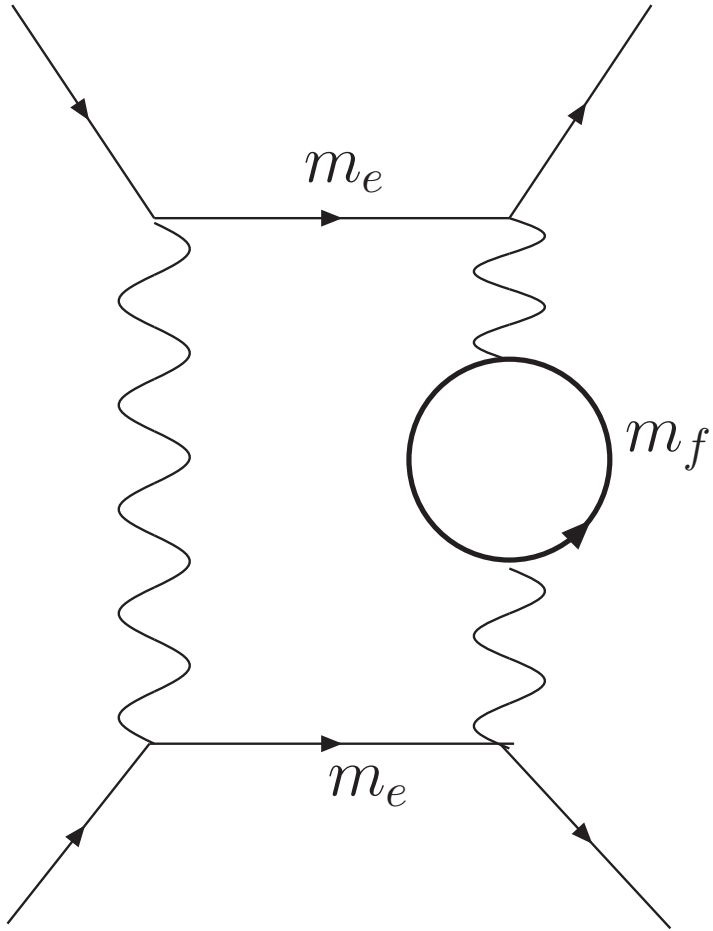
In this calculation all particles massless.

The Bhabha scattering amplitude can be obtained from  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$  simply by summing it with the crossed amplitude (including fermi minus sign).

### Two-loop integral inheritance chart

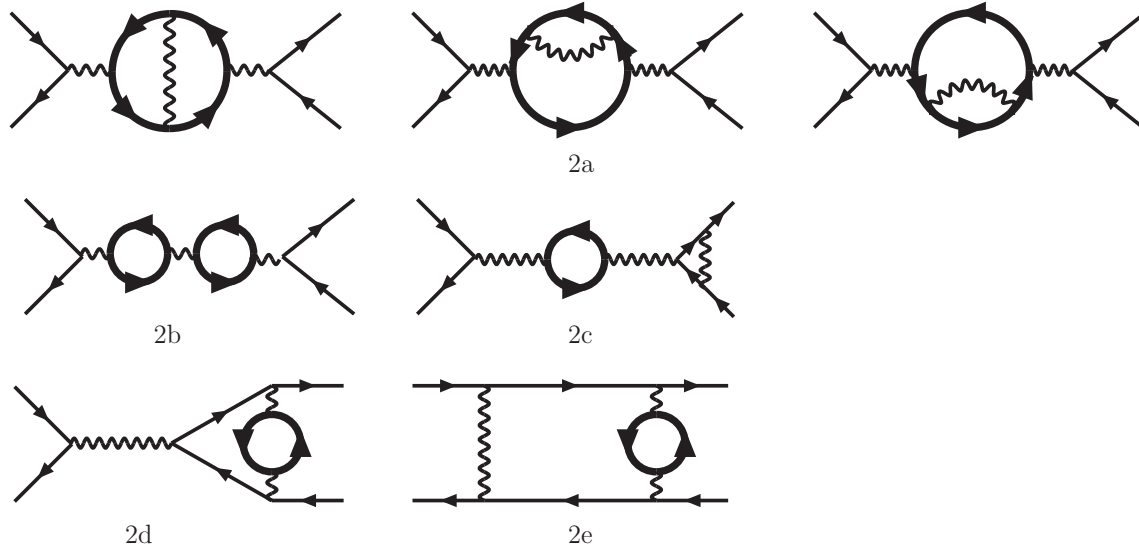


What is really new, is the treatment of the 2-boxes with two different fermions involved:



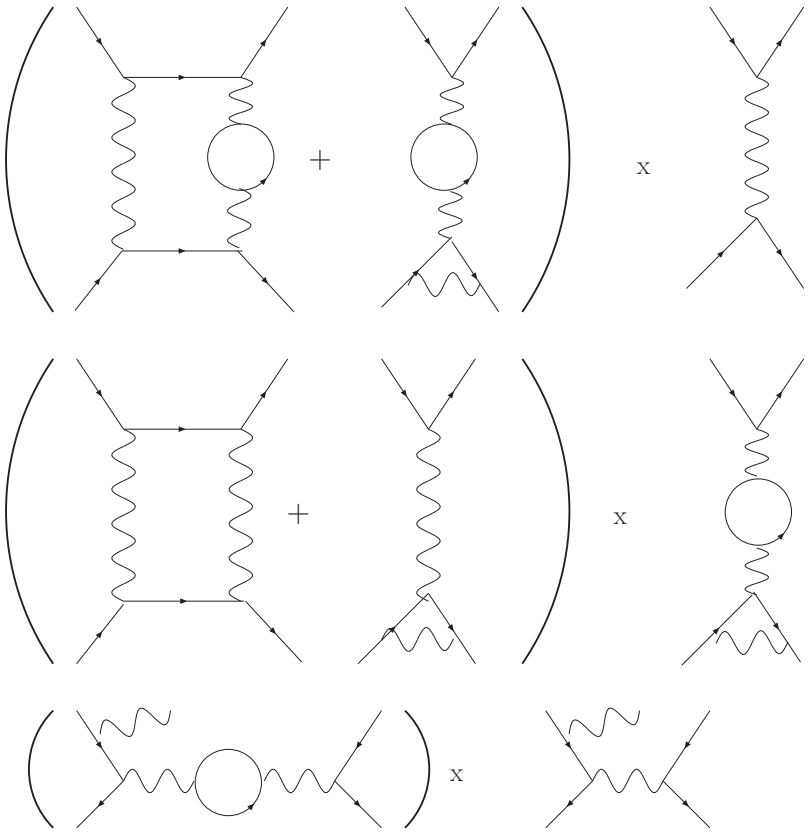
## Virtual 2-loop corrections to Bhabha scattering – recent developments

- 1998 Arbuzov, Kuraev, Shaikhatdenov:  $(\alpha^2 L)$  cross-section formula
- 1999, 2004 Smirnov; Tausk; Heinrich, Smirnov: Few massive planar and non-planar two-loop 7-line box diagrams
- 2001 Bern, Dixon, Ghinculov: Massless photonic two-loop corrections
- 2001 Glover, Tausk, v.d.Bij:  $(\alpha^2 L)$  cross-section from 2001 BDG
- 2004 Bonciani, Ferroglia, Mastrolia, Remiddi, v.d.Bij: The  $n_f = 1$  SE and vertex masters and the  $n_f = 1$  fermionic 2-box
- 2005 Czakon, Gluza, TR: List of all masters (33 2-boxes, 9 of them with seven lines), some 2-box masters evaluated
- 2005 Penin:  $(\alpha^2 L^0)$  photonic cross-section ( $n_f = 1$  fermionic box from Bonciani et al.)
- 2006 Czakon, Gluza, TR: All massive, planar  $n_f = 1$  2-boxes for  $m_e^2 \ll s, t, u$
- 2006 Actis, Czakon, Gluza, TR: All masters for  $n_f = 2$  at  $m_e^2 \ll m_f^2 \ll s, t, u$
- 2007 Becher, Melnikov; Actis, Czakon, Gluza, TR: cross-section from  $n_f = 2$  at  $m_e^2 \ll m_f^2 \ll s, t, u$
- 2007 Actis, Gluza, TR:  $n_f = 2$  cross-section with dispersion relation,  $m_e^2 \ll m_f^2, s, t, u$ , inclusion of hadronic insertions (preliminary)



Classes of Bhabha-scattering **2-loop diagrams** containing at least one fermion loop.

The eight (i.e. 4 direct and 4 crossed) fermionic 2-loop box diagrams have to be combined with other diagrams for an IR-finite contribution:



After combining the 2-loop terms with the loop-by-loop terms and with soft real corrections:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\sigma^{\text{NNLO}}}{d\Omega} + \frac{d\sigma_{\gamma}^{\text{NLO}}}{d\Omega} &= \frac{d\sigma^{\text{NNLO},e}}{d\Omega} + \sum_{f \neq e} Q_f^2 \frac{d\sigma^{\text{NNLO},f^2}}{d\Omega} + \sum_{f \neq e} Q_f^4 \frac{d\sigma^{\text{NNLO},f^4}}{d\Omega} \\ &+ \sum_{f_1, f_2 \neq e} Q_{f_1}^2 Q_{f_2}^2 \frac{d\sigma^{\text{NNLO},2f}}{d\Omega}. \end{aligned}$$



## The Box Corrections

The contribution of the renormalized two-loop box diagrams of class 2e is given by

$$\frac{d\sigma^{2e \times \text{tree}}}{d\Omega} = \frac{\alpha^2}{2s} \left[ \frac{1}{s} A_1^{2e \times \text{tree}}(s, t) + \frac{1}{t} A_2^{2e \times \text{tree}}(s, t) \right]$$

Here the auxiliary functions can be conveniently expressed through three independent form factors  $B_{i,f}^{(2)}(x, y)$ , where  $i = A, B, C$ ,

$$A_1^{2e \times \text{tree}}(s, t) = F_\epsilon^2 \sum_f Q_f^2 \text{Re} \left[ B_{A,f}^{(2)}(s, t) + B_{B,f}^{(2)}(t, s) + B_{C,f}^{(2)}(u, t) - B_{B,f}^{(2)}(u, s) \right],$$

$$A_2^{2e \times \text{tree}}(s, t) = F_\epsilon^2 \sum_f Q_f^2 \text{Re} \left[ B_{B,f}^{(2)}(s, t) + B_{A,f}^{(2)}(t, s) - B_{B,f}^{(2)}(u, t) + B_{C,f}^{(2)}(u, s) \right].$$

The normalization factor is

$$F_\epsilon = \left( \frac{m_e^2 \pi e^{\gamma_E}}{\mu^2} \right)^{-\epsilon}$$

Look e.g. at  $B_{A,f}^{(2)}(t, s)$

The interference of the box diagram of class 2e with the s-channel tree-level amplitude,

$$B_{2e,f} = \frac{\alpha^2}{4s^2} \text{Re} \left[ B_{A,f}^{(2)}(s, t) \right]$$

## How to evaluate the $N_f = 2$ diagrams?

We did it in 2 ways

- **Decompose the 2-loop integrals to master integrals, solve them.**

Here: In the limit  $m_e^2 \ll m_f^2 \ll s, t, u$

This is finished, hep-ph/07042400v2  $\rightarrow$  NPB, to appear

- **Alternatively, rewrite the 2-loop integrals as dispersion integrals.**

Decompose afterwards into master integrals

They are simpler, of one-loop type, but a numerical integration remains then.

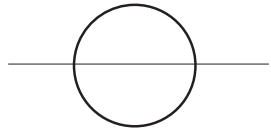
Advantages:

–  $m_e^2 \ll m_f^2, s, t, u$

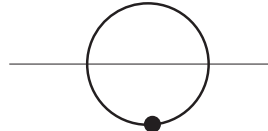
– apply also to hadronic insertions

## The 2-loop master integrals for the $N_f = 2$ contributions

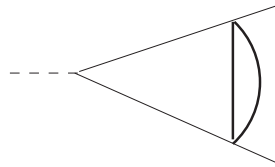
S. Actis, M. Czakon, J. Gluza, TR, 2006(publ.) / 2007(box master expansion corrected)



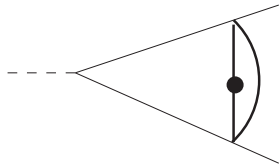
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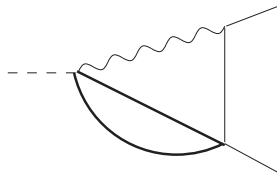
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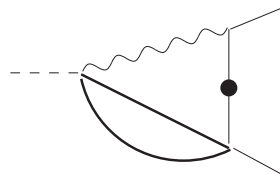
V4l2M2m



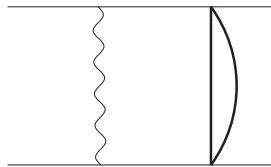
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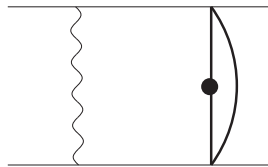
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B5l2M2md



B5l2M2m

There are eight additional master integrals with two different mass scales.

The 2-box-diagrams represent a three-scale problem:  $s/m_e^2, t/m_e^2, M^2/m_e^2$

There are several opportunities to evaluate the master integrals.

We used here the following:

- Feynman parameter representation
- derive Mellin-Barnes-representation  
( $\longrightarrow$  with package **AMBRE** (public, Gluza,Kajda,TR))
- The  $\epsilon$ -expansion in  $d = (4 - 2\epsilon$   
( $\longrightarrow$  with package **MB** (public, Czakon))
- Perform 2 subsequent small mass expansions

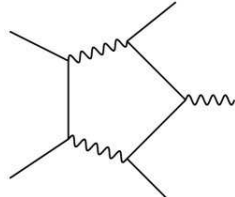
Next slide: propaganda for **AMBRE**

### AMBRE - Automatic Mellin-Barnes REpresentation (arXiv:0704.2423)

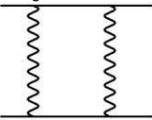
To download 'right click' and 'save target as'.

- The package [AMBRE.m](#)
- Kinematics generator for 4- 5- and 6- point functions with any external legs [KinematicsGen.m](#)
- Tarball with examples given below [examples.tar.gz](#)

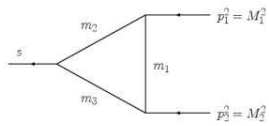
■ [example1.nb](#), [example2.nb](#) - Massive QED pentagon diagram.



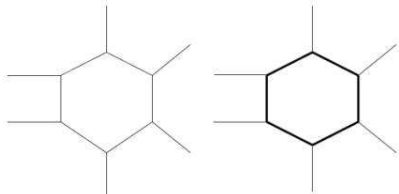
■ [example3.nb](#) - Massive QED one-loop box diagram.



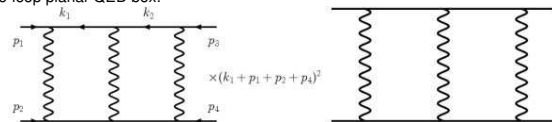
■ [example4.nb](#) - General one-loop vertex.



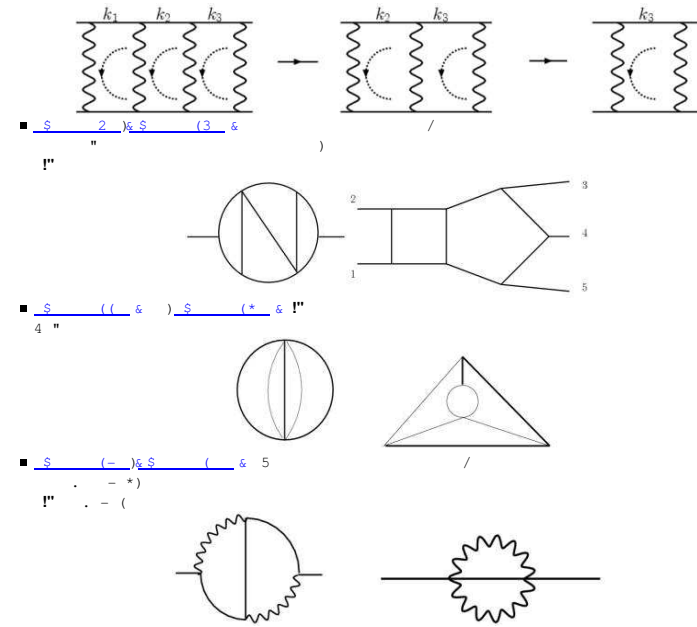
■ [example5.nb](#) - Six-point scalar functions;  
left: massless case,  
right: massive case.



■ [example6.nb](#) - left, [example7.nb](#) - right  
Massive two-loop planar QED box.



■ [example8.nb](#) - The loop-by-loop iterative procedure.



## Self-energy master integrals:

Actis, Czakon, Gluza, TR, NPB(PS) 160 (2006) 91, hep-ph/0609051v2

$$L(R) = \ln\left(\frac{m_e^2}{M^2}\right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{SE312M1m[on shell]} &= M^2 m^{-4\epsilon} \left\{ R \left[ \frac{1}{2\epsilon^2} + \frac{5}{4\epsilon} - \frac{3}{8} + \frac{\zeta_2}{2} + \frac{3}{2}L(R) - \frac{1}{2}L^2(R) \right] \right. \\ &+ R^2 \left[ \frac{11}{18} - \frac{1}{3}L(R) \right] + \epsilon \left[ R \left( \frac{45}{16} + \frac{5}{4}\zeta_2 - \frac{\zeta_3}{3} - \frac{7}{4}L(R) + L^2(R) \right. \right. \\ &\left. \left. - \frac{1}{2}L^3(R) \right) + R^2 \left( -\frac{3}{4} + \frac{8}{9}L(R) - \frac{1}{2}L^2(R) \right) \right] \left. \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{SE312M1md[on shell]} &= m^{-4\epsilon} \left\{ \frac{1}{2\epsilon^2} + \frac{1}{2\epsilon} \left[ 1 + 2L(R) \right] + \frac{1}{2} (1 + \zeta_2) + L(R) + L^2(R) \right. \\ &+ \epsilon \left[ \frac{1}{6} (3 + 3\zeta_2 - 2\zeta_3) + (1 + \zeta_2) L(R) + L^2(R) + \frac{2}{3}L^3(R) \right] \\ &+ R \left[ -\frac{3}{4} + \frac{1}{2}L(R) + \epsilon \left( \frac{7}{8} - L(R) + \frac{3}{4}L^2(R) \right) \right] \\ &\left. + R^2 \left[ -\frac{5}{36} + \frac{1}{6}L(R) + \epsilon \left( -\frac{5}{72} + \frac{1}{18}L(R) + \frac{1}{4}L^2(R) \right) \right] \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

## Vertex master integrals:

Actis, Czakon, Gluza, TR, NPB(PS) 160 (2006) 91, hep-ph/0609051v2

$L_m(x) = \ln(-m^2/x)$  and  $L_M(x) = \ln(-M^2/x)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{V412M1m}[x] &= m^{-4\epsilon} \left\{ \frac{1}{2\epsilon^2} + \frac{5}{2\epsilon} + \frac{1}{2} \left[ 19 - 3\zeta_2 - L_m^2(x) \right] \right. \\ &+ \frac{M^2}{x} \left[ -2 + 4\zeta_2 - 4\zeta_3 - 2L_m(x) + 2L_M(x) - 4\zeta_2 L_M(x) \right. \\ &+ \left. \left. 2L_m(x)L_M(x) - L_M^2(x) - L_m(x)L_M^2(x) + \frac{1}{3}L_M^3(x) \right] \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{V412M1md}[x] &= \frac{m^{-4\epsilon}}{m^2} \left\{ \frac{1}{2\epsilon^2} + \frac{1}{\epsilon} \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{2}L_m(x) \right] + 2 - \zeta_2 + L_m(x) + \frac{1}{4}L_m^2(x) \right. \\ &+ \frac{M^2}{x} \left[ \frac{1}{\epsilon} - \frac{1}{\epsilon}L_M(x) - 1 + 3\zeta_2 + L_m(x) + L_M(x) \right. \\ &- \left. \left. L_m(x)L_M(x) - \frac{1}{2}L_M^2(x) \right] \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{V412M2m}[x] = m^{-4\epsilon} \left\{ \frac{1}{2\epsilon^2} + \frac{1}{\epsilon} \left[ \frac{5}{2} + L_m(x) \right] + \frac{1}{2}(19 + \zeta_2) + 5L_m(x) + L_m^2(x) \right\},$$

$$\text{V412M2md}[x] = \frac{m^{-4\epsilon}}{6x} \left[ 12\zeta_3 - 6\zeta_2 L_M(x) - L_M^3(x) \right],$$

## Box master integrals:

Correct Mellin-Barnes representations in Actis et al., NPB(PS) 160 (2006) 91,  
hep-ph/0609051v2

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{B512M2m}[x, y] &= \frac{m^{-4\epsilon}}{x} \left\{ \frac{1}{\epsilon^2} L_m(x) + \frac{1}{\epsilon} \left( -\zeta_2 + 2L_m(x) + \frac{1}{2} L_m^2(x) + L_m(x)L_m(y) \right) \right. \\
 &- 2\zeta_2 - 2\zeta_3 + 4L_m(x) + L_m^2(x) + \frac{1}{3} L_m^3(x) - 4\zeta_2 L_m(y) \\
 &+ 2L_m(x)L_m(y) + L_m(x)L_m^2(y) - \frac{1}{6} L_m^3(y) \\
 &- \left( 3\zeta_2 + \frac{1}{2} L_m^2(x) - L_m(x)L_m(y) + \frac{1}{2} L_m^2(y) \right) \ln \left( 1 + \frac{y}{x} \right) \\
 &\left. - \left( L_m(x) - L_m(y) \right) \text{Li}_2 \left( -\frac{y}{x} \right) + \text{Li}_3 \left( -\frac{y}{x} \right) \right\},
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{B512M2md}[x, y] &= \frac{m^{-4\epsilon}}{xy} \left\{ \frac{1}{\epsilon} \left[ -L_m(x)L_m(y) + L_m(x)L(R) \right] - 2\zeta_3 + \zeta_2 L_m(x) + 4\zeta_2 L_m(y) \right. \\
 &- 2L_m(x)L_m^2(y) + \frac{1}{6} L_m^3(y) - 2\zeta_2 L(R) + 2L_m(x)L_m(y)L(R) - \frac{1}{6} L^3(R) \\
 &+ \left( 3\zeta_2 + \frac{1}{2} L_m^2(x) - L_m(x)L_m(y) + \frac{1}{2} L_m^2(y) \right) \ln \left( 1 + \frac{y}{x} \right) \\
 &\left. + \left( L_m(x) - L_m(y) \right) \text{Li}_2 \left( -\frac{y}{x} \right) - \text{Li}_3 \left( -\frac{y}{x} \right) \right\}.
 \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
B_{A,f}^{(2)}(x,y) &= \frac{1}{\epsilon} \frac{2}{3} \left( \frac{x^2}{y} + 2x + y \right) \left[ \frac{5}{3} - L(R_f) + L_e(y) \right] L_e(x) \\
&+ \frac{1}{3} \frac{x^2}{y} \left\{ 2 \left( \frac{131}{27} - 10\zeta_2 - 2\zeta_3 \right) - 2 \left( \frac{25}{9} - 6\zeta_2 \right) L(R_f) + \frac{7}{6} L^2(R_f) \right. \\
&- \frac{1}{3} L^3(R_f) + \left[ \frac{82}{9} - 2\zeta_2 - \frac{4}{3} L(R_f) \right] L_e(x) - 2 \left[ \frac{1}{3} + 8\zeta_2 - \frac{1}{2} L(R_f) \right] L_e(y) \\
&- \left[ \frac{23}{6} - 2L(R_f) \right] L_e^2(y) + 4 \left[ 2 - L(R_f) \right] L_e(x) L_e(y) - 4 \left[ \frac{5}{12} L_e^3(y) \right. \\
&- \left. L_e(x) L_e^2(y) \right] - \left[ 6\zeta_2 + \ln^2 \left( \frac{y}{x} \right) \right] \ln \left( 1 + \frac{y}{x} \right) - 2 \ln \left( \frac{y}{x} \right) \text{Li}_2 \left( -\frac{y}{x} \right) \\
&+ 2 \text{Li}_3 \left( -\frac{y}{x} \right) \left. \right\} + \frac{x}{3} \left\{ 2 \left( \frac{262}{27} - 9\zeta_2 - 4\zeta_3 \right) - 4 \left( \frac{25}{9} - 3\zeta_2 \right) L(R_f) \right. \\
&+ \frac{7}{3} L^2(R_f) - \frac{2}{3} L^3(R_f) + 2 \left[ \frac{121}{9} - \frac{10}{3} L(R_f) \right] L_e(x) - 2 \left[ \frac{10}{3} + 12\zeta_2 \right. \\
&- \left. 2L(R_f) \right] L_e(y) + \left[ \frac{13}{3} - 2L(R_f) \right] L_e^2(x) - \left[ \frac{16}{3} - 2L(R_f) \right] L_e^2(y) \\
&+ 2 \left[ \frac{17}{3} - 2L(R_f) \right] L_e(x) L_e(y) + \frac{2}{3} L_e^3(x) \\
&+ 6 L_e(x) L_e^2(y) - 2 L_e^3(y) - 2 \left[ 6\zeta_2 + \ln^2 \left( \frac{y}{x} \right) \right] \ln \left( 1 + \frac{y}{x} \right) \\
&- 4 \ln \left( \frac{y}{x} \right) \text{Li}_2 \left( -\frac{y}{x} \right) + 4 \text{Li}_3 \left( -\frac{y}{x} \right) \left. \right\} + \frac{y}{3} \left\{ 2 \left( \frac{131}{27} - 7\zeta_2 - 2\zeta_3 \right) \right. \\
&- 2 \left( \frac{25}{9} - 3\zeta_2 \right) L(R_f) + \frac{7}{6} L^2(R_f) - \frac{1}{3} L^3(R_f) + \left[ \frac{130}{9} - \frac{10}{3} L(R_f) \right] L_e(x) \\
&- \left[ 6 + 12\zeta_2 - 3L(R_f) \right] L_e(y) + \left[ \frac{5}{3} - L(R_f) \right] L_e^2(x) - \left[ \frac{25}{6} - L(R_f) \right] L_e^2(y) \\
&+ 2 \left[ \frac{10}{3} - L(R_f) \right] L_e(x) L_e(y) + \frac{1}{3} L_e^3(x) - L_e^3(y) + 3 L_e(x) L_e^2(y) \\
&- \left. \left[ 6\zeta_2 + \ln^2 \left( \frac{y}{x} \right) \right] \ln \left( 1 + \frac{y}{x} \right) - 2 \ln \left( \frac{y}{x} \right) \text{Li}_2 \left( -\frac{y}{x} \right) + 2 \text{Li}_3 \left( -\frac{y}{x} \right) \right\}
\end{aligned}$$

$B_{2e,f}$ [nb] / $\sqrt{s}$ [GeV]	10	91	500
$e$	188758	5200.08	284.711
$\mu$	1635.62	1686.88	130.579
$\tau$			39.5554

Table 1: Finite part of  $B_{2e,f}$  in nanobarns at a scattering angle  $\theta = 3^\circ$ .

$B_{2e,f}$ [nb] / $\sqrt{s}$ [GeV]	10	91	500
$e$	143.162	3.23102	0.160582
$\mu$	61.3875	1.79381	0.0995184
$\tau$	10.0105	0.935319	0.0639576
t			-0.00256757

Table 2: Finite part of  $B_{2e,f}$  in nanobarns at a scattering angle  $\theta = 90^\circ$ .

$\sqrt{s}$ [GeV]	10	91	500
$e$	-124.237	-254.293	-400.574
$\mu$	-4.8036	-29.1057	-70.1032
$\tau$		-2.08719	-13.4901

Table 3: Real part for the vertex form factor.

$$\frac{d\sigma^{\text{NNLO},f^2}}{d\Omega} = \frac{\alpha^2}{s} \left\{ \sigma_1^{\text{NNLO},f^2} + \sigma_2^{\text{NNLO},f^2} \ln \left( \frac{2\omega}{\sqrt{s}} \right) \right\}$$

The  $\sigma_1^{\text{NNLO},f^2}$  is the main result of this study:

$$\begin{aligned}
\sigma_1^{\text{NNLO},f^2} &= \frac{(1-x+x^2)^2}{3x^2} \left\{ -\frac{1}{3} \left[ \ln^3 \left( \frac{s}{m_e^2} \right) + \ln^3(R_f) \right] + \ln^2 \left( \frac{s}{m_e^2} \right) \left[ \frac{55}{6} - \ln(R_f) \right. \right. \\
&+ \left. \ln(1-x) - \ln(x) \right] + \ln \left( \frac{s}{m_e^2} \right) \left[ -\frac{589}{18} + \frac{37}{3} \ln(R_f) - \ln^2(R_f) \right. \\
&- \left. 2 \ln(R_f) (\ln(x) - \ln(1-x)) - 8 \text{Li}_2(x) \right] + \frac{4795}{108} - \frac{409}{18} \ln(R_f) + \frac{19}{6} \ln^2(R_f) \\
&- \left. \ln^2(R_f) (\ln(x) - \ln(1-x)) - 8 \ln(R_f) \text{Li}_2(x) + \frac{40}{3} \text{Li}_2(x) \right\} \\
&+ \ln \left( \frac{s}{m_e^2} \right) \left[ \zeta_2 \left( -\frac{2}{3x^2} + \frac{4}{3x} + \frac{11}{2} - \frac{23}{3}x + \frac{16}{3}x^2 \right) + \ln^2(x) \left( -\frac{1}{3x^2} + \frac{17}{12x} \right. \right. \\
&- \left. \left. \frac{5}{4} - \frac{x}{12} + \frac{2}{3}x^2 \right) + \ln^2(1-x) \left( -\frac{2}{3x^2} + \frac{11}{6x} - \frac{5}{2} + \frac{11}{6}x - \frac{2}{3}x^2 \right) \right. \\
&+ \left. \ln(x) \ln(1-x) \left( \frac{2}{3x^2} - \frac{4}{3x} - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{5}{3}x - \frac{4}{3}x^2 \right) + \ln(x) \left( \frac{55}{9x^2} - \frac{83}{9x} + \frac{65}{6} \right. \right. \\
&- \left. \left. \frac{85}{18}x + \frac{10}{9}x^2 \right) + \frac{1}{3} \ln(1-x) \left( -\frac{10}{3x^2} + \frac{31}{6x} - 10 + \frac{31}{6}x - \frac{10}{3}x^2 \right) \right] \\
&+ \frac{1}{3} \ln^3(x) \left( -\frac{1}{3x^2} + \frac{31}{12x} - \frac{11}{6} - \frac{x}{6} + \frac{x^2}{3} \right) + \frac{1}{3} \ln^3(1-x) \left( -\frac{1}{3x^2} + \frac{1}{x} \right. \\
&- \left. \frac{4}{3} + x - \frac{x^2}{3} \right) + \ln^2(x) \ln(1-x) \left( -\frac{1}{3x^2} + \frac{1}{3x} - \frac{4}{3} + x - \frac{x^2}{3} \right) \\
&+ \frac{1}{3} \ln(x) \ln^2(1-x) \left( -\frac{1}{x^2} + \frac{2}{x} - \frac{7}{4} + \frac{x}{2} \right) + \ln^2(x) \left[ \frac{55}{18x^2} - \frac{46}{9x} + \dots \right]
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \dots + \frac{14}{3} - \frac{4}{9}x - \frac{10}{9}x^2 + \ln(R_f) \left( -\frac{1}{3x^2} + \frac{17}{12x} - \frac{5}{4} - \frac{x}{12} + \frac{2}{3}x^2 \right) \\
& + \ln^2(1-x) \left[ \frac{10}{9x^2} - \frac{29}{9x} + \frac{9}{2} - \frac{29}{9}x + \frac{10}{9}x^2 + \ln(R_f) \left( -\frac{2}{3x^2} + \frac{11}{6x} \right. \right. \\
& \left. \left. - \frac{5}{2} + \frac{11}{6}x - \frac{2}{3}x^2 \right) \right] + \ln(x) \ln(1-x) \left[ -\frac{10}{9x^2} + \frac{37}{18x} + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{25}{9}x \right. \\
& \left. + \frac{20}{9}x^2 + \ln(R_f) \left( \frac{2}{3x^2} - \frac{4}{3x} - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{5}{3}x - \frac{4}{3}x^2 \right) \right] + \ln(x) \left[ -\frac{589}{54x^2} + \frac{1753}{108x} \right. \\
& \left. - \frac{701}{36} + \frac{925}{108}x - \frac{56}{27}x^2 + \text{Li}_2(x) \left( -\frac{4}{x^2} + \frac{19}{3x} - 7 + 3x - \frac{2}{3}x^2 \right) \right. \\
& \left. + \ln(R_f) \left( \frac{37}{9x^2} - \frac{56}{9x} + \frac{47}{6} - \frac{67}{18}x + \frac{10}{9}x^2 \right) + \zeta_2 \left( -\frac{2}{3x^2} + \frac{4}{x} - \frac{1}{6} \right. \right. \\
& \left. \left. - \frac{10}{3}x + 2x^2 \right) \right] + \ln(1-x) \left[ \frac{56}{27x^2} - \frac{161}{54x} + \frac{56}{9} - \frac{161}{54}x + \frac{56}{27}x^2 \right. \\
& \left. + \ln(R_f) \left( -\frac{10}{9x^2} + \frac{31}{18x} - \frac{10}{3} + \frac{31}{18}x - \frac{10}{9}x^2 \right) + \zeta_2 \left( -\frac{2}{x^2} + \frac{20}{3x} - \frac{32}{3} + \frac{20}{3}x \right. \right. \\
& \left. \left. - 2x^2 \right) \right] + \text{Li}_3(x) \left( \frac{4}{3x^2} - \frac{7}{3x} + 3 - \frac{5}{3}x + \frac{2}{3}x^2 \right) + \frac{2}{3}S_{1,2}(x) \left( -\frac{1}{x^2} + \frac{1}{x} \right. \\
& \left. - x + x^2 \right) + \zeta_2 \left[ \frac{19}{9x^2} - \frac{13}{18x} - \frac{43}{3} + \frac{311}{18}x - \frac{98}{9}x^2 + \ln(R_f) \left( -\frac{2}{3x^2} + \frac{4}{3x} \right. \right. \\
& \left. \left. + \frac{11}{2} - \frac{23}{3}x + \frac{16}{3}x^2 \right) \right] + \zeta_3 \left( -\frac{4}{3x^2} + \frac{3}{x} - 5 + \frac{11}{3}x - 2x^2 \right)
\end{aligned}$$

$d\sigma / d\Omega$ [nb]   $\sqrt{s}$ [GeV]	10	91	500
LO QED	440873	5323.91	176.349
LO Zfitter	440875	5331.5	176.283
NNLO ( $e$ )	-1397.35	-35.8374	-1.88151
NNLO ( $e + \mu$ )	-1394.74	-43.1888	-2.41643
NNLO ( $e + \mu + \tau$ )			-2.55179
NNLO photonic	9564.09	251.661	12.7943

$d\sigma / d\Omega$ [nb]   $\sqrt{s}$ [GeV]	10	91	500
LO QED [Eq. (??)]	0.466409	0.00563228	0.000186564
LO Zfitter	0.468499	0.127292	0.0000854731
NNLO ( $e$ )	-0.00453987	-0.0000919387	$-4.28105 \cdot 10^{-6}$
NNLO ( $e + \mu$ )	-0.00570942	-0.000122796	$-5.90469 \cdot 10^{-6}$
NNLO ( $e + \mu + \tau$ )	-0.00586082	-0.000135449	$-6.7059 \cdot 10^{-6}$
NNLO ( $e + \mu + \tau + t$ )			$-6.6927 \cdot 10^{-6}$
NNLO photonic	0.0358755	0.000655126	0.0000284063

Table 4: Numerical values for the NNLO corrections to the differential cross section respect to the solid angle. Results are expressed in nanobarns for a scattering angle  $\theta = 3^\circ$  and  $\theta = 90^\circ$ . Empty entries are related to cases where the high-energy approximation cannot be applied.

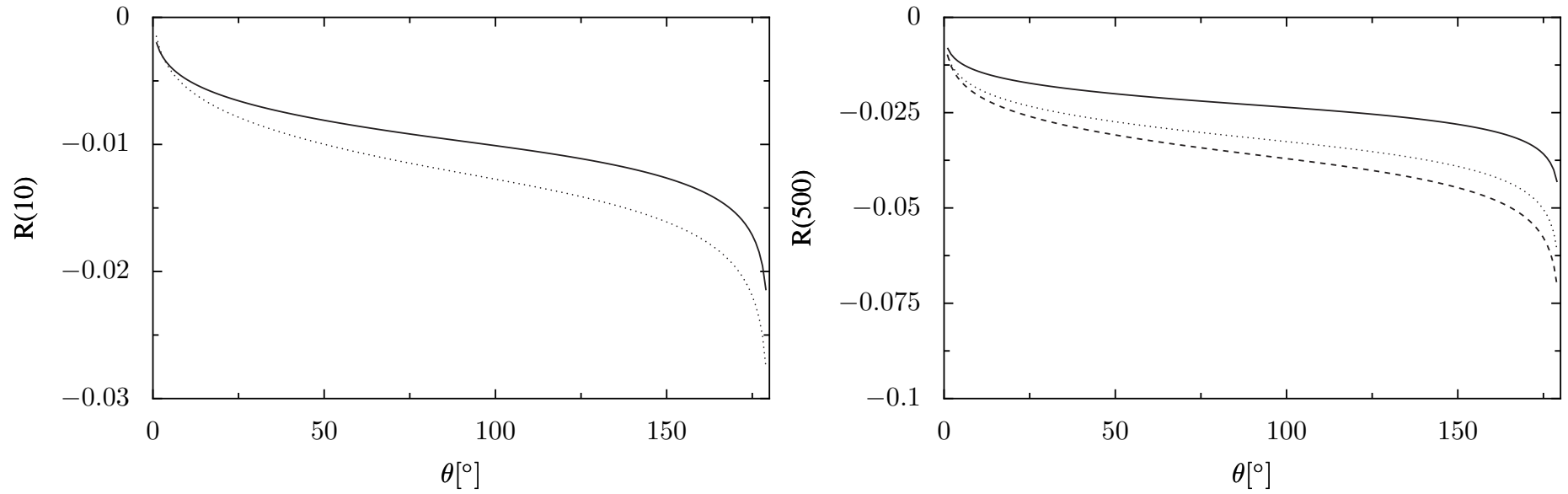


Figure 1: Ratio of the fermionic NNLO corrections to the differential cross section respect to the tree-level result for  $\sqrt{s} = 10$  GeV and  $\sqrt{s} = 500$  GeV. **Solid** line: electron-loop contributions, a **dotted** one the sum of electron- and muon-loop ones, and a **dashed** one includes also  $\tau$  leptons.

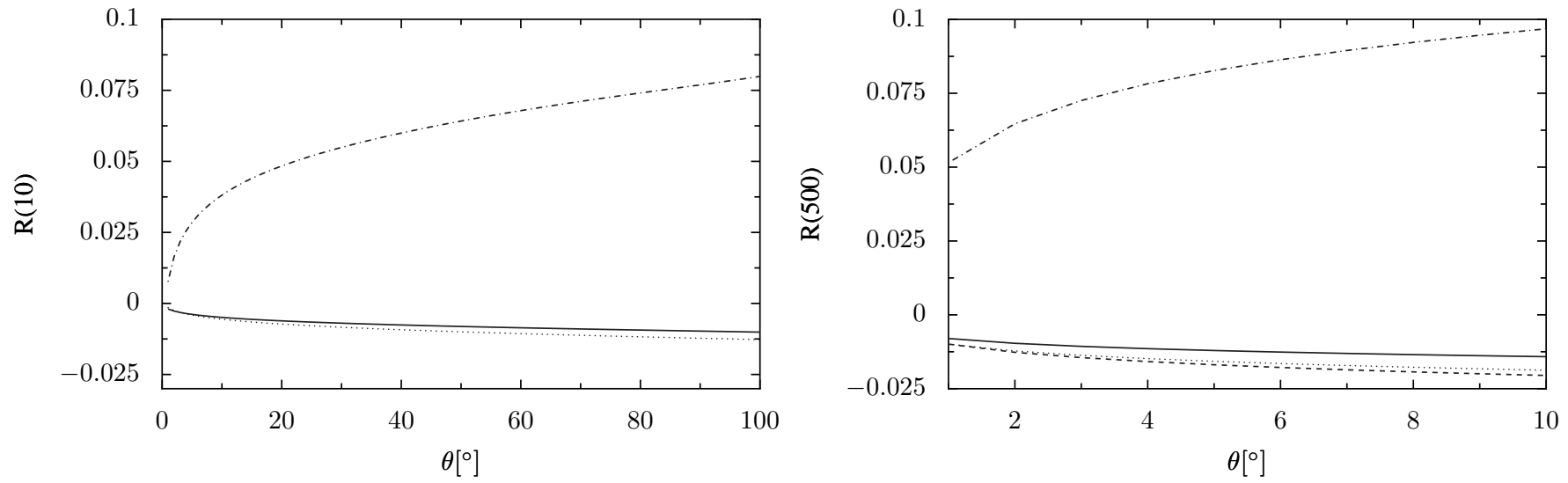


Figure 2: Here also with the photonic contributions of Arbutov et al., Glover et al., Penin (dash-dotted lines).



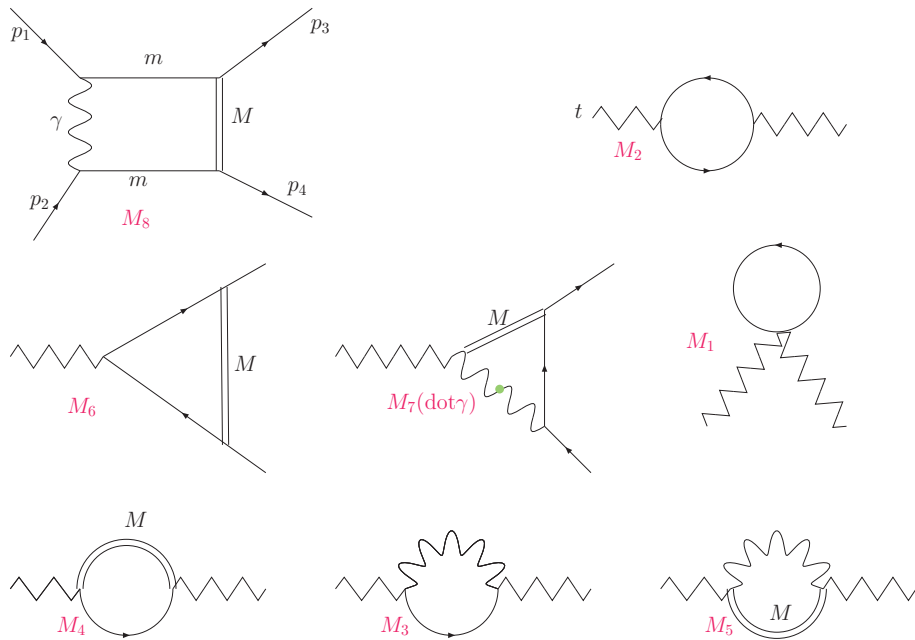
The dispersion master integrals for the  $N_f = 2$  contributions

S. Actis, J. Gluza, TR, 2007 (unpubl.)

There are three box kernel functions, depending on  $m_e, m_f, s, t$ , with  $m_e^2 \ll z = m_f^2, s, t$ .

They are IR-divergent.

The eight master integrals for the 2-loop boxes are:



## The Box Corrections (repeated here from above)

The contribution of the renormalized two-loop box diagrams of class 2e is given by

$$\frac{d\sigma^{2e \times \text{tree}}}{d\Omega} = \frac{\alpha^2}{2s} \left[ \frac{1}{s} A_1^{2e \times \text{tree}}(s, t) + \frac{1}{t} A_2^{2e \times \text{tree}}(s, t) \right]$$

Here the auxiliary functions can be conveniently expressed through three independent form factors  $B_{i,f}^{(2)}(x, y)$ , where  $i = A, B, C$ ,

$$A_1^{2e \times \text{tree}}(s, t) = F_\epsilon^2 \sum_f Q_f^2 \text{Re} \left[ B_{A,f}^{(2)}(s, t) + B_{B,f}^{(2)}(t, s) + B_{C,f}^{(2)}(u, t) - B_{B,f}^{(2)}(u, s) \right],$$

$$A_2^{2e \times \text{tree}}(s, t) = F_\epsilon^2 \sum_f Q_f^2 \text{Re} \left[ B_{B,f}^{(2)}(s, t) + B_{A,f}^{(2)}(t, s) - B_{B,f}^{(2)}(u, t) + B_{C,f}^{(2)}(u, s) \right].$$

The normalization factor is

$$F_\epsilon = \left( \frac{m_e^2 \pi e^{\gamma_E}}{\mu^2} \right)^{-\epsilon}$$

Look e.g. at  $B_{C,f}^{(2)}(t, s)$  for hadrons:

$$B_{C,had}^{(2)}(t, s) = \int_{4M_\pi^2}^{\infty} \frac{dz}{z} R_{had}(z) K_C(s, t, z)$$

And similarly for leptons:

$$4M_\pi^2 \longrightarrow 4m_l^2$$

$$R_{had}(z) \longrightarrow R_{lep}(z) \sim \sqrt{1 - \frac{4m_l^2}{z}} \left(1 + \frac{2m_l^2}{z}\right) + \epsilon R_{lep}^\epsilon(z)$$

Get:

$$B_{C,lep}^{(2)}(t, s) = \int_{4m_l^2}^{\infty} \frac{dz}{z} R_{lep}(z) K_C(s, t, z)$$

$$K_C(x, y; z) = F_\epsilon \sum_{i=1}^8 c_{Ci} M_i(s, t, z)$$

$$= \frac{1}{3m_e^2(y-z)} \left\{ 2 \frac{F_\epsilon}{\epsilon} x^2 L_x + 4\zeta_2 x^2 \left(\frac{z}{y} - 2\right) - 2(x^2 + y^2 + xy) L_x \right.$$

$$+ x^2 \left(\frac{z}{y} - 1\right) L_y + 2x^2 \left(\frac{z}{y} - 1\right) L_y^2 + 4x^2 L_x L_y + x^2 \left(\frac{z}{y} - 1\right) \ln\left(\frac{z}{m_e^2}\right)$$

$$- 2x^2 \left(\frac{z}{y} - \frac{1}{2}\right) \ln^2\left(\frac{z}{m_e^2}\right) + 4x^2 \left(\frac{z}{y} - 1\right) \ln\left(\frac{z}{m_e^2}\right) \ln\left(1 - \frac{z}{y}\right)$$

$$+ 2x^2 \ln\left(\frac{z}{m_e^2}\right) L_x - x^2 \left(\frac{z}{y} + \frac{y}{z} - 2\right) \ln\left(1 - \frac{z}{y}\right) - 4x^2 \ln\left(1 - \frac{z}{y}\right) L_x$$

$$\left. + 4x^2 \left(\frac{z}{y} - 1\right) \text{Li}_2\left(\frac{z}{y}\right) - 2x^2 \text{Li}_2\left(1 + \frac{z}{x}\right) \right\}.$$

The contributing masters are:

$$M_1 = N \int d^D k \frac{1}{k^2 - m^2}, \quad (1)$$

$$M_2 = N \int d^D k \frac{1}{(k^2 - m^2)[(k - p_1 - p_2)^2 - m^2]}, \quad (2)$$

$$M_3 = N \int d^D k \frac{1}{k^2(k - p_1 + p_3)^2}, \quad (3)$$

$$M_4 = N \int d^D k \frac{1}{(k^2 - m^2)[(k - p_3)^2 - z]}, \quad (4)$$

$$M_5 = N \int d^D k \frac{1}{(k^2 - z)(k - p_1 + p_3)^2}, \quad (5)$$

$$M_6 = N \int d^D k \frac{1}{(k^2 - z)[(k + p_3)^2 - m^2][(k + p_3 - p_1 - p_2)^2 - m^2]}, \quad (6)$$

$$M_7 = N \int d^D k \frac{1}{(k^2 - z)[(k + p_3)^2 - m^2](k + p_3 - p_1)^2}, \quad (7)$$

$$M_8 = N \int d^D k \frac{1}{(k^2 - z)[(k + p_3)^2 - m^2](k + p_3 - p_1)^2[(k + p_3 - p_1 - p_2)^2 - m^2]}, \quad (8)$$

where

$$F_\epsilon = N = m^{2\epsilon} \frac{e^{\gamma\epsilon}}{i\pi^{2-\epsilon}}. \quad (9)$$

and e.g. the box integral  $M_8 = Bo1$  is:

$$\begin{aligned}
 Bo1 = & (4*ep*z^2 + 2*\text{Log}[-(m^2/t)] - 4*ep*\text{Log}[me]*\text{Log}[-(m^2/t)] - \\
 & 4*ep*\text{Log}[1 - m^2/t]*\text{Log}[-(m^2/t)] + 3*ep*\text{Log}[-(m^2/t)]^2 - \\
 & 2*\text{Log}[-(me^2/t)] + 4*ep*\text{Log}[me]*\text{Log}[-(me^2/t)] + \\
 & 4*ep*\text{Log}[1 - m^2/t]*\text{Log}[-(me^2/t)] - 2*ep*\text{Log}[-(m^2/t)]* \\
 & \text{Log}[-(me^2/t)] - ep*\text{Log}[-(me^2/t)]^2 + \text{Log}[-(m^2/s)]* \\
 & (4*ep*\text{Log}[me] + 4*ep*\text{Log}[1 - m^2/t] - 2*(1 + ep*\text{Log}[-(m^2/t)] + \\
 & ep*\text{Log}[-(me^2/t)])) + 2*ep*\text{PolyLog}[2, (m^2 + s)/s])/ \\
 & (2*ep*s*(m^2 - t))
 \end{aligned}$$

$d\sigma / d\Omega$ [nb]   $\sqrt{s}$ [GeV]	1	10	91	500
LO QED	46.6409	0.466409	0.00563228	0.000186564
LO Zfitter	46.643	0.468499	0.127292	0.0000854731
NNLO ( $e$ )	-0.230927	-0.00453987	-0.0000919387	$-4.28105 \cdot 10^{-6}$
NNLO ( $e + \mu$ ) “	-0.256679	-0.00570942	-0.000122796	$-5.90469 \cdot 10^{-6}$
NNLO ( $e + \mu + \tau$ ) “		-0.00586082	-0.000135449	$-6.7059 \cdot 10^{-6}$
NNLO ( $e + \mu + \tau + t$ ) “				$-6.6927 \cdot 10^{-6}$
NNLO photonic	2.07476	0.0358755	0.000655126	0.0000284063
NNLO IR $e$	-0.19927	-0.00359349	-0.0000672264	$-2.95317 \cdot 10^{-6}$
NNLO IR $\mu$ (analytic)	-0.0314292	-0.00134635	-0.0000335037	$-1.66781 \cdot 10^{-6}$
NNLO IR $\mu$ (dispersion)	-0.0333538	-0.00134663	-0.0000335037	$-1.66781 \cdot 10^{-6}$
NNLO IR $\tau$ (analytic)		-0.00021027	-0.0000162977	$-1.00877 \cdot 10^{-6}$
NNLO IR $\tau$ (dispersion)		-0.000272634	-0.0000163119	$-1.00878 \cdot 10^{-6}$

Table 5: Numerical values for the NNLO corrections to the differential cross section respect to the solid angle. Results are expressed in nanobarns for a scattering angle  $\theta = 90^\circ$ . Empty entries are related to cases where the high-energy approximation cannot be applied.

## Using $R_{had}$

**This is a topic by itself, because  $R_{had}$  is basically unpublished.**

N.N.1:

Fuer R(s) mit Fehlern, Kontinuum + Resonanzen haben wir nur unsere interne Arbeitsversion.

N.N.2:

This procedure is a follow up of complicated programs, which unfortunately do not exist in a really user-friendly form.

N.N.3:

I understand that for your problem it is probably too cumbersome (and time-consuming) to use the data.

N.N.4:

es hat etwas gedauert, bis ich in meinen alten Verzeichnissen auf einer 1994er Vax am MPI fuendig geworden bin.

**So, finally, we might reproduce the old estimates given for the vertex dispersion relation in [Kniehl, Krawczyk, Kühn, Stuart \(1988\)](#) → soon we have final numerics**

## Summary

- We determined the  $N_f = 2$  contributions to 2-loop Bhabha scattering
- The contribution is small, but non-negligible at the scale  $10^{-4}$  ( $\rightarrow$  **No LEP influencing**)
- Agreement for  $m_e^2 \ll m_l^2 \ll s, t, u$  with:  
"Two-loop QED corrections to Bhabha scattering"  
Thomas Becher, Kirill Melnikov, arXiv:0704.3582 [hep-ph], JHEP
- Status: Now a nearly complete knowledge of the NNLO corrections to Bhabha scattering  
To be determined yet:
  - $\rightarrow$  **Hadronic  $N_f = 2$  contributions** (non-perturbative)
  - $\rightarrow$  **Leptonic case where  $m_l^2 \sim s, t, u$**  (also with dispersion)
  - $\rightarrow$  **1-loop diagrams with real photon emission**, interfering with real (Born) radiation, including 5-point functions  
The latter was studied already by Arbuzov, Kuraev, Shaitchatdenov (1998, small photon mass) **see talk by K. Kajda**