

Fermionic NNLO contributions to Bhabha Scattering

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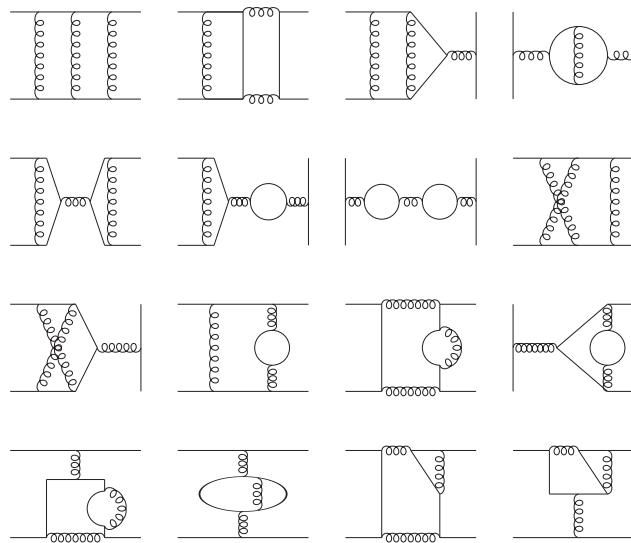
See also: • <http://www-zeuthen.desy.de/theory/research/bhabha/>
and • hep-ph/0412164, 0604101, NPB 2006 (Massive Bhabha 2-loop masters)
and • hep-ph/0609051, 0704.2400, NPB 2007 (Fermionic 2-loop corrections)

- Introduction: Two-loop corrections to Bhabha Scattering
- $n_f = 2$ contributions with $m_e^2 \ll M^2 \ll s, t$ [arXiv:0704.2400]
- New: dispersive approach to $n_f = 2$ at arbitrary M^2 and hadronic corr's.
[arXiv:0710.5111], hadrons: nearly final
- Summary

Two Loop Bhabha Scattering

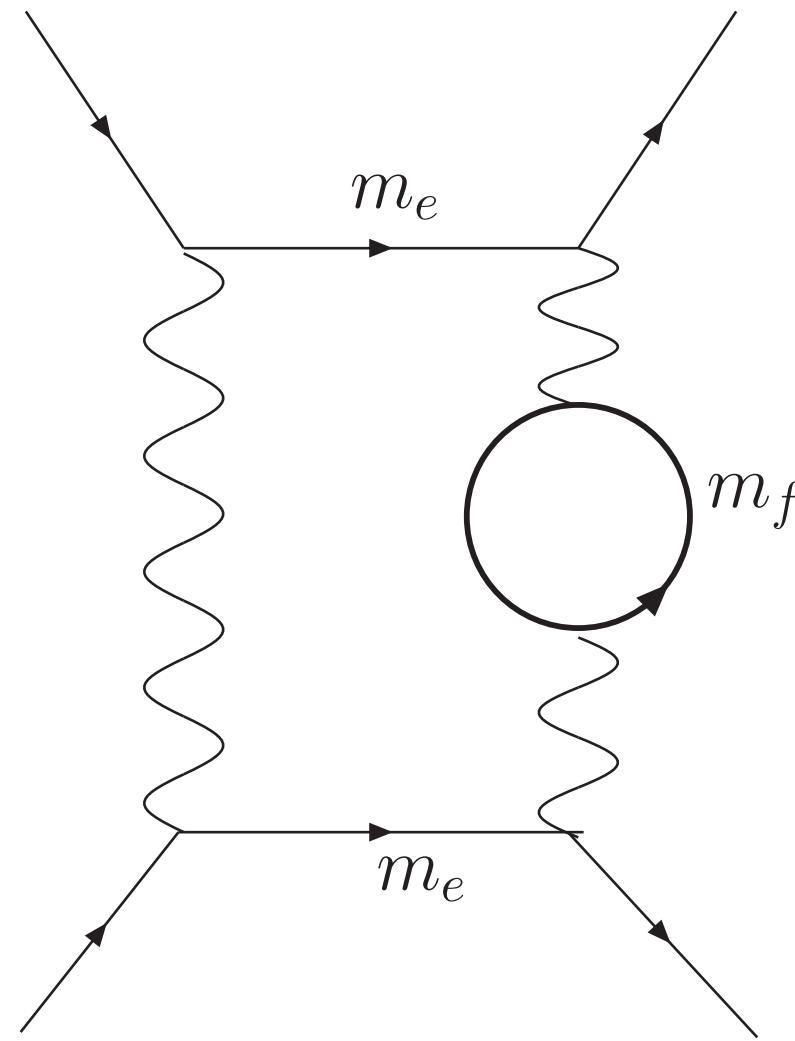
To calculate Bhabha scattering it is best to first compute $e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$, since it's closely related but has less diagrams.

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



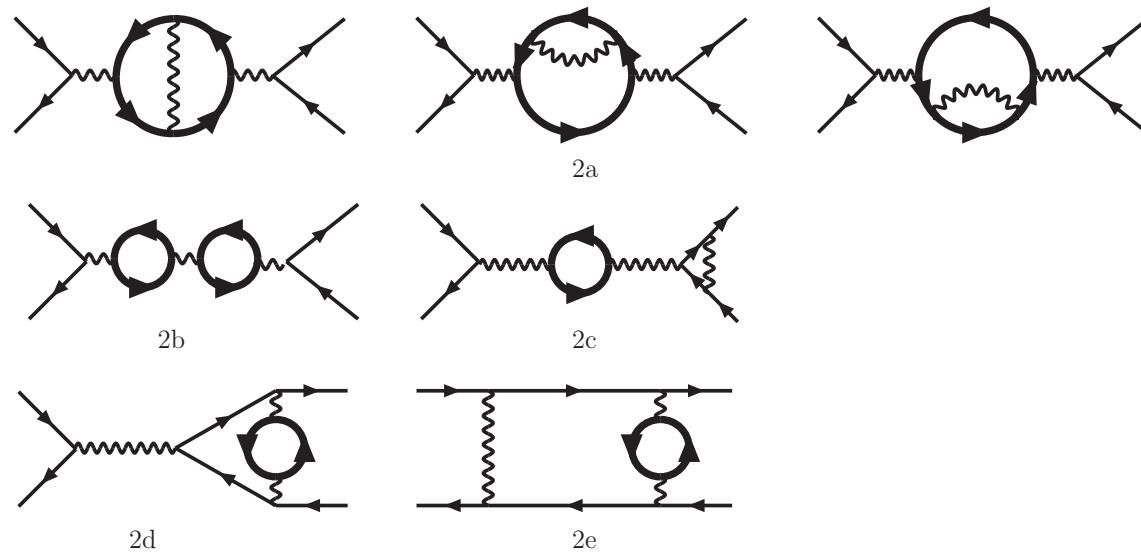
The Bhabha scattering amplitude can be obtained from $e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ simply by summing it with the crossed amplitude (including fermi minus sign).

New: treatment of the 2-boxes with two different fermions involved



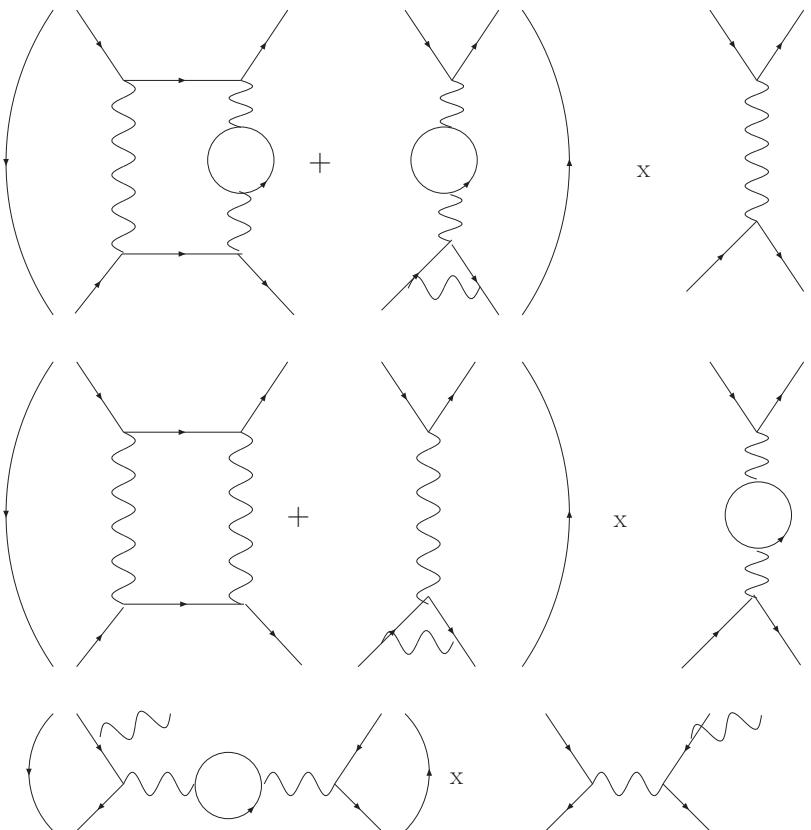
Virtual 2-loop corrections to Bhabha scattering – recent developments

- 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,Ferroglio,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:

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

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 $i = A, B, C$,

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

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

The normalization factor is

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

.

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 — 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

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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:

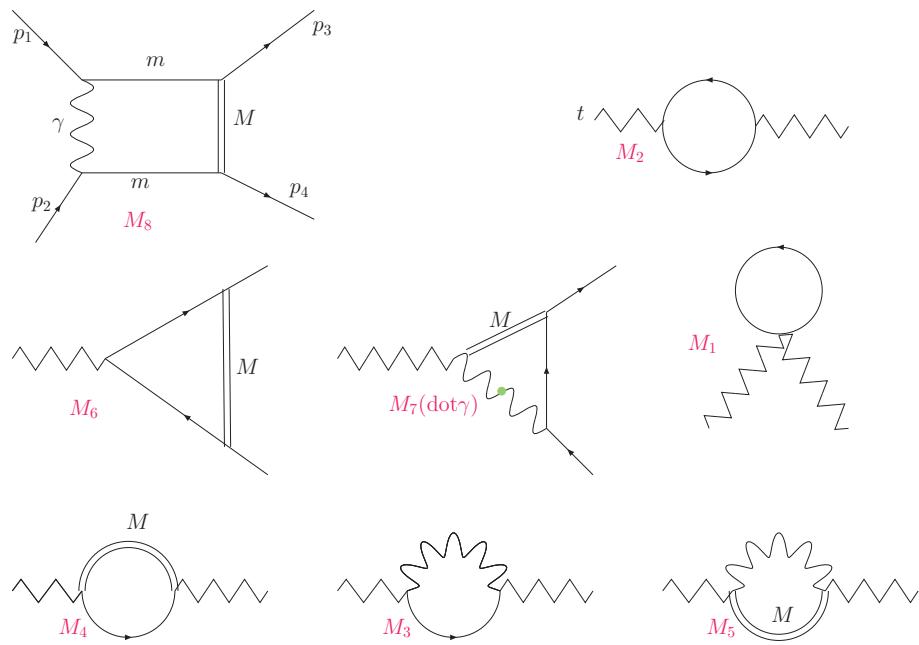
$$B_{C,lep}^{(2)}(t,s) = \int_{4m_l^2}^{\infty} \frac{dz}{z} R_{lep}(z) K_C(s,t,z)$$

$$\begin{aligned} K_C(x,y;z) &= F_\epsilon \sum_{i=1}^8 c_{Ci} M_i(s,t,z) \\ &= \frac{1}{3m_e^2(y-z)} \left\{ 2 \frac{F_\epsilon}{\epsilon} x^2 L_x + 4 \zeta_2 x^2 \left(\frac{z}{y} - 2 \right) - 2 (x^2 + y^2 + xy) L_x \right. \\ &\quad + x^2 \left(\frac{z}{y} - 1 \right) L_y + 2x^2 \left(\frac{z}{y} - 1 \right) L_y^2 + 4x^2 L_x L_y + x^2 \left(\frac{z}{y} - 1 \right) \ln \left(\frac{z}{m_e^2} \right) \\ &\quad - 2x^2 \left(\frac{z}{y} - \frac{1}{2} \right) \ln^2 \left(\frac{z}{m_e^2} \right) + 4x^2 \left(\frac{z}{y} - 1 \right) \ln \left(\frac{z}{m_e^2} \right) \ln \left(1 - \frac{z}{y} \right) \\ &\quad + 2x^2 \ln \left(\frac{z}{m_e^2} \right) L_x - x^2 \left(\frac{z}{y} + \frac{y}{z} - 2 \right) \ln \left(1 - \frac{z}{y} \right) - 4x^2 \ln \left(1 - \frac{z}{y} \right) L_x \\ &\quad \left. + 4x^2 \left(\frac{z}{y} - 1 \right) \text{Li}_2 \left(\frac{z}{y} \right) - 2x^2 \text{Li}_2 \left(1 + \frac{z}{x} \right) \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

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

There are three box kernel functions, depending on m_e, m_f, s, t . with $m_e^2 \ll z = m_f^2, s, t$.
Some of them are IR-divergent.

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



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:

$$\begin{aligned} Bo1 = & (4*ep*z2 + 2*Log[-(m^2/t)] - 4*ep*Log[me]*Log[-(m^2/t)] - \\ & 4*ep*Log[1 - m^2/t]*Log[-(m^2/t)] + 3*ep*Log[-(m^2/t)]^2 - \\ & 2*Log[-(me^2/t)] + 4*ep*Log[me]*Log[-(me^2/t)] + \\ & 4*ep*Log[1 - m^2/t]*Log[-(me^2/t)] - 2*ep*Log[-(m^2/t)]* \\ & Log[-(me^2/t)] - ep*Log[-(me^2/t)]^2 + Log[-(m^2/s)]* \\ & (4*ep*Log[me] + 4*ep*Log[1 - m^2/t] - 2*(1 + ep*Log[-(m^2/t)] + \\ & ep*Log[-(me^2/t)])) + 2*ep*PolyLog[2, (m^2 + s)/s])/ \\ & (2*ep*s*(m^2 - t)) \end{aligned}$$

| $d\sigma / d\Omega$ [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 μ (analytic) | -0.0314292 | -0.00134635 | -0.0000335037 | $-1.66781 \cdot 10^{-6}$ |
| NNLO IR μ (dispersion) | -0.0333538 | -0.00134663 | -0.0000335037 | $-1.66781 \cdot 10^{-6}$ |
| NNLO IR τ (analytic) | | -0.00021027 | -0.0000162977 | $-1.00877 \cdot 10^{-6}$ |
| NNLO IR τ (dispersion) | | -0.000272634 | -0.0000163119 | $-1.00878 \cdot 10^{-6}$ |

Table 1: 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 could reproduce the old estimates given for the vertex dispersion relation in **Kniehl, Krawczyk, Kühn, Stuart (1988)** → soon we have final numerics

| \sqrt{s} [GeV] | 1 | 10 | M_Z | 500 |
|------------------|---------------|----------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Born | 440994 | 4409.94 | 53.0348 | 1.76398 |
| Born run. | | | | |
| vertices | | | | |
| rest | e | 193 | 5.73 | 0.1357 |
| | μ | < 1 × | 0.42 0.08 | 0.0408 0.0407 |
| | τ | < 1 × | < 10^{-2} × | 0.0027 -0.0096 |
| | t | < 1 × | < 10^{-2} × | < 10^{-4} × |
| | had. | < 1 | 0.39 | 0.0877 |
| | | | | 0.00811 |

Table 2: Numerical values for the differential cross section in nanobarns at a scattering angle $\theta = 3^\circ$, in units of 10^2 . For each fermion flavour, we show the result obtained through the dispersion-based approach (first line) and the one coming from the analytical expansion (second line), neglecting $\mathcal{O}(m_f^2/x)$, where $x = s, |t|, |u|$. When $m_f^2 > x$, the entry is suppressed.

| \sqrt{s} [GeV] | 1 | 10 | M_Z | 500 |
|------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Born | 466537 | 4665.37 | 56.1067 | 1.86615 |
| Born run. | | | | |
| vertices | | | | |
| rest | <i>e</i> | 807 | 14.53 | 0.2706 |
| | μ | 160 | 6.08 | 0.1470 |
| | | 153 | 6.08 | 0.1470 |
| | τ | 2 | 1.33 | 0.0752 |
| | | \times | 1.07 | 0.0752 |
| | t | < 1 | $< 10^{-2}$ | 0.0005 |
| | | \times | \times | \times |
| | had. | 234 | 16.07 | 0.4701 |
| | | | | 0.02461 |

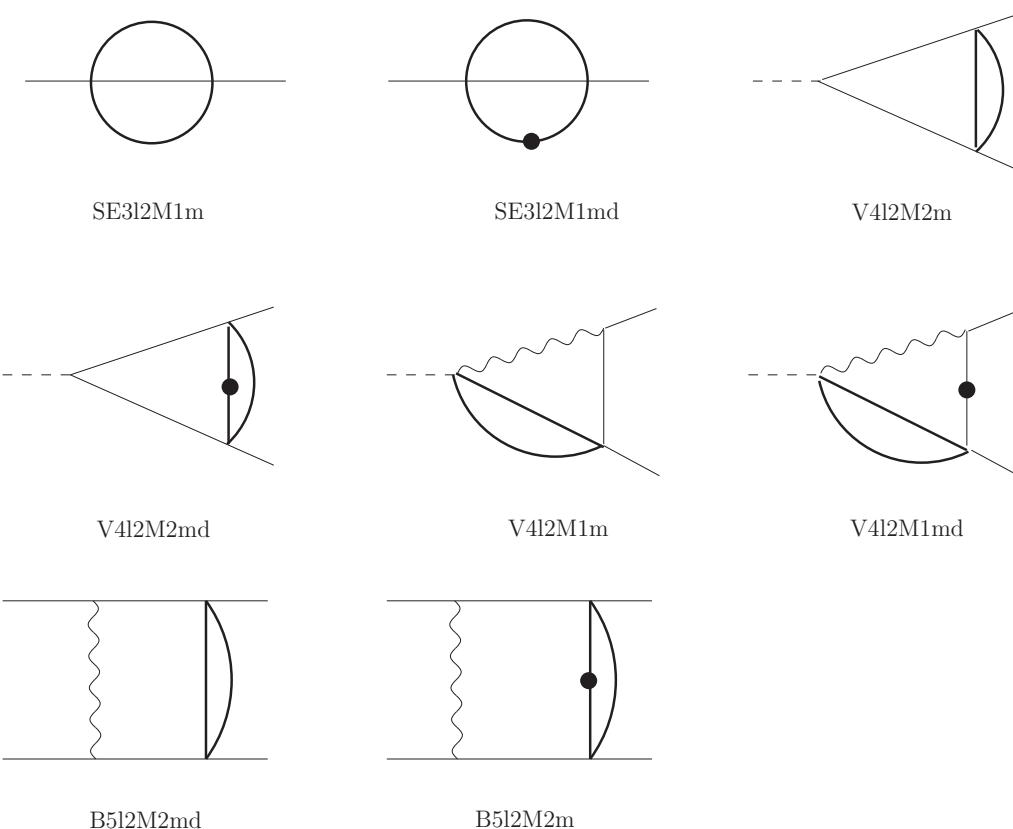
Table 3: Numerical values for the differential cross section in nanobarns at a scattering angle $\theta = 90^\circ$, in units of 10^{-4} . See the caption of Table 2 for further details.

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}
(→ 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:
 - Leptonic case where $m_l^2 \sim s, t, u$ (with dispersion integrals) final;
also: Bonciani, Ferroglio, Penin
 - To be finalized numerically yet:
 - Hadronic $N_f = 2$ contributions (non-perturbative)

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)



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
(→ with package **AMBRE** (public, Gluza,Kajda,TR))
- The ϵ -expansion in $d = (4 - 2\epsilon)$
(→ with package **MB** (public, Czakon))
- Perform 2 subsequent small mass expansions

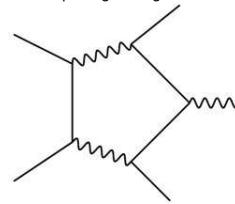
Next slide: propaganda for **AMBRE**

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

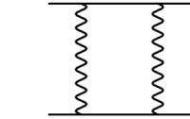
To download 'right click' and 'save target as'.

- 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](#)

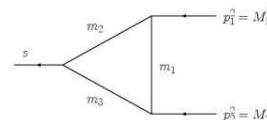
- [example1.nb](#), [example2.nb](#) - Massive QED pentagon diagram.



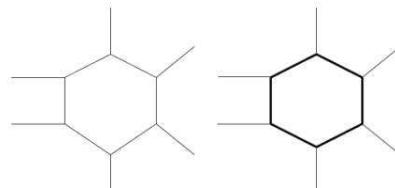
- [example3.nb](#) - Massive QED one-loop box diagram.



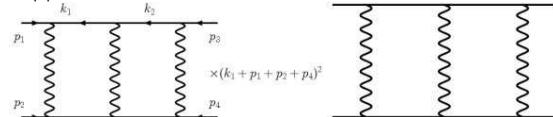
- [example4.nb](#) - General one-loop vertex.



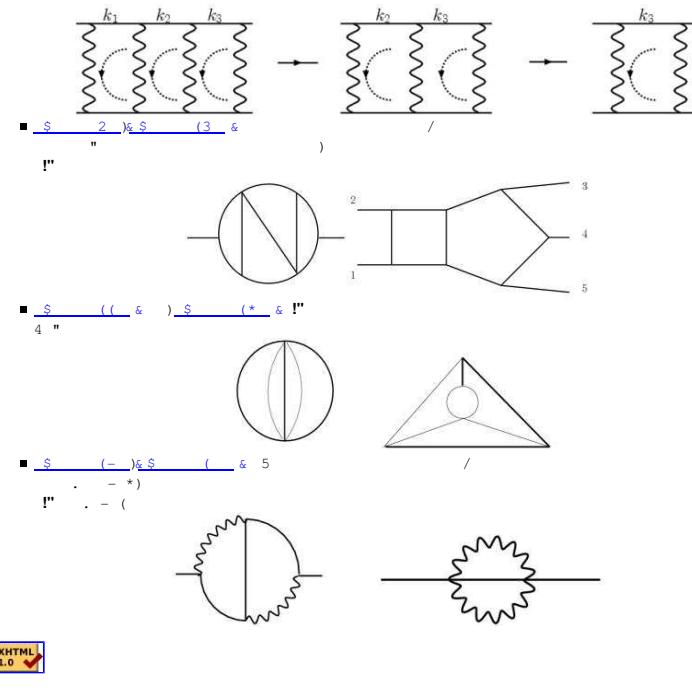
- [example5.nb](#) - Six-point scalar functions;
left: massless case,
right: massive case.



- [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

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

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

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

Vertex master integrals:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Box master integrals:

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

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

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

$$\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} \textcolor{red}{L}_e^3(y) \right. \\
&- \left. \textcolor{red}{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) \} + \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} \textcolor{red}{L}_e^3(x) \\
&+ 6 \textcolor{red}{L}_e(x) L_e^2(y) - 2 \textcolor{red}{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) \} + \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} \textcolor{red}{L}_e^3(x) - \textcolor{red}{L}_e^3(y) + 3 \textcolor{red}{L}_e(x) L_e^2(y) \\
&- \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) \}
\end{aligned}$$

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

Table 4: 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 |
| μ | 61.3875 | 1.79381 | 0.0995184 |
| τ | 10.0105 | 0.935319 | 0.0639576 |
| t | | | -0.00256757 |

Table 5: 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 |
| μ | -4.8036 | -29.1057 | -70.1032 |
| τ | | -2.08719 | -13.4901 |

Table 6: 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:

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

$$\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 7: 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.

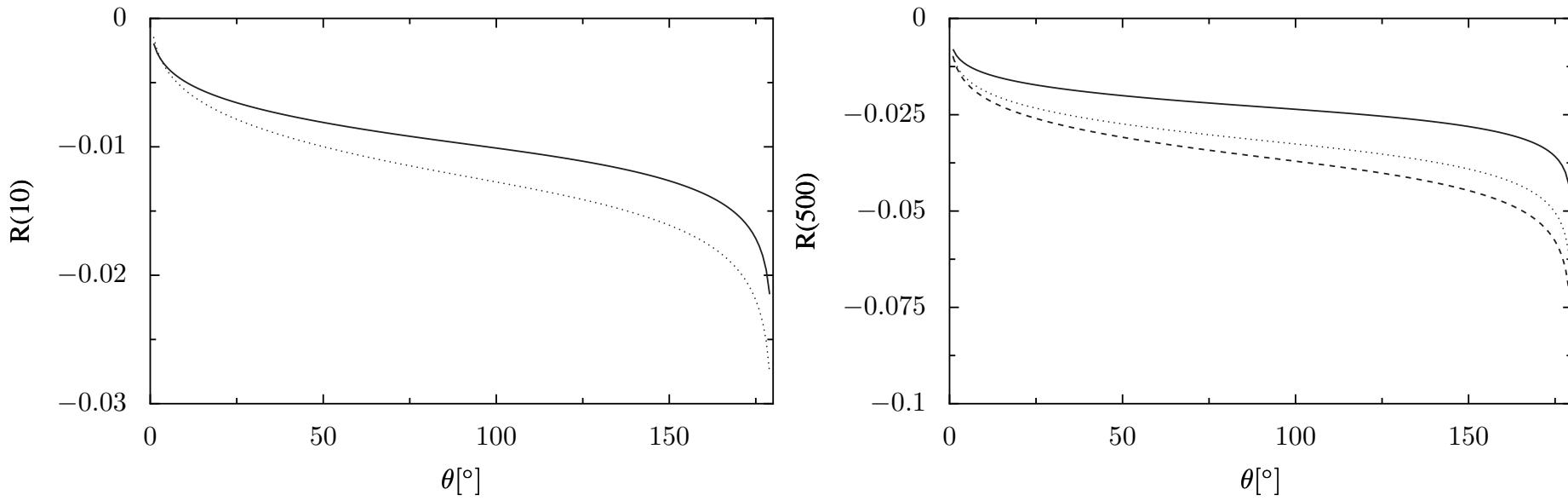


Figure 1: Ratio of the fermionic NNLO corrections to the differential cross section respect to the tree-level result for $\sqrt{s} = 10 \text{ GeV}$ and $\sqrt{s} = 500 \text{ GeV}$. **Solid** line: electron-loop contributions, a **dotted** one the sum of electron- and muon-loop ones, and a **dashed**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

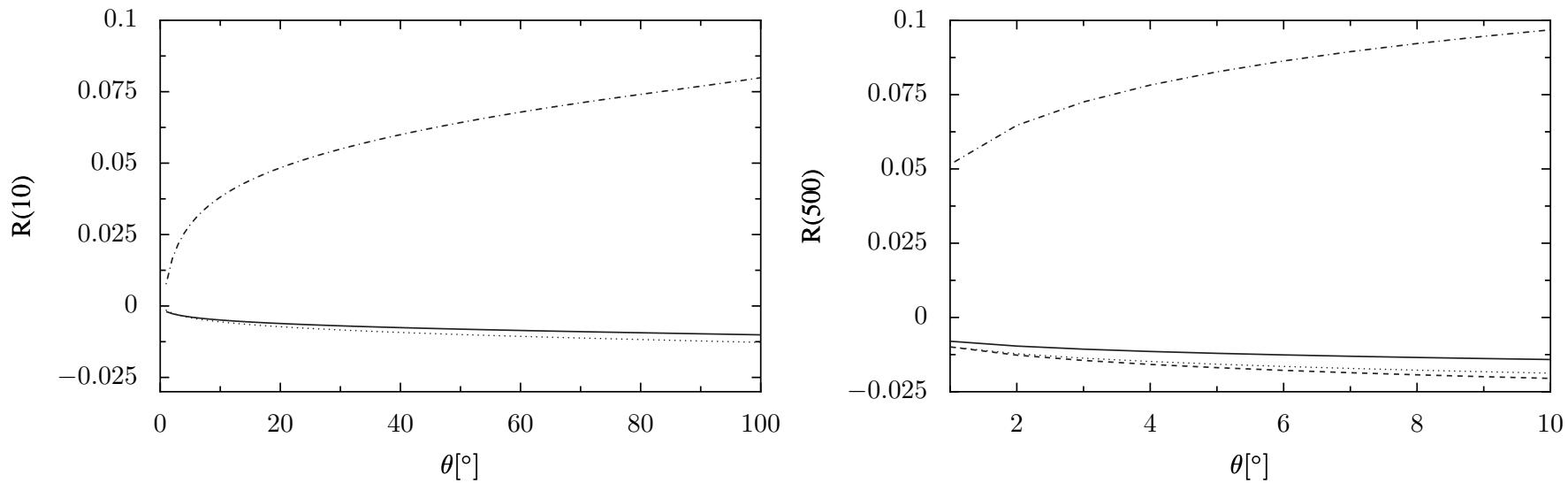


Figure 2: Here also with the photonic contributions of Arbuzov et al., Glover et al., Penin (dash-dotted lines).