

# Luminosity overview: theory

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Workshop on Radiative corrections and Monte Carlo tools for  $e^+e^-$  collisions

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- Instead of getting the luminosity from machine parameters, it's more effective to exploit the relation

$$\sigma = \frac{N}{L} \quad \rightarrow \quad L = \frac{N_{\text{ref}}}{\sigma_{\text{theory}}} \quad \frac{\delta L}{L} = \frac{\delta N_{\text{ref}}}{N_{\text{ref}}} \oplus \frac{\delta \sigma_{\text{theory}}}{\sigma_{\text{theory}}}$$

- Reference (*normalization*) processes are required to have a clean topology, high statistics and **be calculable with high theoretical accuracy**
- ★ **Large-angle** QED processes as  $e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^-$  (Bhabha),  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ ,  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$  are golden processes at flavour factories to achieve a typical precision at the level of  $1 \div 0.1\%$ 
  - ↪ QED radiative corrections are mandatory
- ★ At LEP and future high-energy  $e^+e^-$  machines **small-angle** Bhabha scattering is the golden process

## A recent example: $N_\nu$ from $\Gamma_Z^{\text{inv}}$ at LEP Z peak measurements

- assuming lepton universality

$$N_\nu \left( \frac{\Gamma_{\nu\bar{\nu}}}{\Gamma_{ll}} \right)_{\text{SM}} = \sqrt{\frac{12\pi R_l^0}{\sigma_{\text{had}}^0 m_Z^2}} - R_l^0 - (3 + \delta_\tau)$$

$$N_\nu = 2.9840 \pm 0.0082$$

$$\delta N_\nu \simeq 10.5 \frac{\delta n_{\text{had}}}{n_{\text{had}}} \oplus 3.0 \frac{\delta n_{\text{lept}}}{n_{\text{lept}}} \oplus 7.5 \frac{\delta \mathcal{L}}{\mathcal{L}}$$

$$\frac{\delta \mathcal{L}}{\mathcal{L}} = 0.061\% \implies \delta N_\nu = 0.0046$$

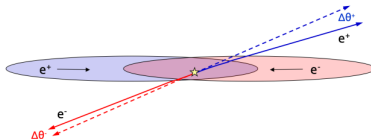
ADLO, SLD and LEPEWWG, Phys. Rept. 427 (2006) 257, hep-ex/0509008

**$2\sigma$  away from SM: hint for BSM? Right handed neutrinos?**

## Beam-beam effects studied in detail recently

G. Voutsinas, E. Perez, M. Dam, P. Janot, arXiv:1908.01704

- systematics bias on the acceptance due to e.m. beam-beam interactions  $\Rightarrow$  underestimate of luminosity by  $\sim 0.1\%$



- together with an update on Bhabha cross sections (see later)  $\Rightarrow$  Luminosity

P. Janot, S. Jadach, arXiv:1912.02067

$$N_\nu = 2.9963 \pm 0.0074$$

**Luminosity is a key quantity for a precision  $e^+e^-$  collider**

# Revisiting luminosity th. err. at LEP & prospects for future machines

## Past and recent updates

- theoretical error in SABS at LEP1 by the end of operation

Type of correction/error	(%)	(%)	updated (%)
missing photonic $O(\alpha^2 L)$	0.100	0.027	0.027
missing photonic $O(\alpha^3 L^3)$	0.015	0.015	0.015
vacuum polarization	0.040	0.040	0.040
light pairs	0.030	0.030	0.010
Z-exchange	0.015	0.015	0.015
total	0.110	0.061	0.054

I column: S. Jadach, O. Nicrosini et al. Physics at LEP2 YR 96-01, Vol. 2  
A. Arbuzov et al., Phys. Lett. B389 (1996) 129  
II column: B.F.L. Ward, S. Jadach, M. Melles, S.A. Yost, hep-ph/9811245  
III column: G. Montagna et al., Nucl. Phys. B547 (1999) 39

- experimental systematics: 0.034%

G. Abbiendi et al., (OPAL), Eur. Phys. J. C14 (2000) 373

- recent reanalysis

- “The path to 0.01% theoretical luminosity precision for the FCC-ee”

S. Jadach, W. Placzek, M. Skrzypek, B.F.L. Ward and S.A. Yost, Phys Lett B790 (2019) 314

- “Improved Bhabha cross section at LEP and the number of light neutrino species”

P. Janot and S. Jadach, Phys. Lett. B803 (2020) 135319

- “Study of theoretical luminosity precision for electron colliders at higher energies”

S. Jadach, W. Placzek, M. Skrzypek and B.F.L. Ward, Eur. Phys. J. C81 (2021) 1047

Type of correction / Error	Update 2018	FCC-ee forecast
(a) Photonic $[O(L_e\alpha^2)]$ $O(L_e^2\alpha^3)$	0.027%	$0.1 \times 10^{-4}$
(b) Photonic $[O(L_e^3\alpha^3)]$ $O(L_e^4\alpha^4)$	0.015%	$0.6 \times 10^{-5}$
(c) Vacuum polariz.	0.014% [26]	$0.6 \times 10^{-4}$
(d) Light pairs	0.010% [18, 19]	$0.5 \times 10^{-4}$
(e) Z and s-channel $\gamma$ exchange	0.090% [11]	$0.1 \times 10^{-4}$
(f) Up-down interference	0.009% [28]	$0.1 \times 10^{-4}$
(f) Technical Precision	(0.027)%	$0.1 \times 10^{-4}$
Total	0.097%	$1.0 \times 10^{-4}$

S. Jadach, W. Placzek, M. Skrzypek, B.F.L. Ward and S.A. Yost, Phys Lett B790 (2019) 314

Forecast study for FCCee <sub>st</sub>			Forecast		
Type of correction / Error	Published [2]	Redone	Type of correction / Error	ILC <sub>500</sub>	CLIC <sub>3000</sub>
(a) Photonic $O(L_e^2\alpha^3)$	$0.10 \times 10^{-4}$	$0.10 \times 10^{-4}$	(a) Photonic $O(L_e^2\alpha^3)$	$0.13 \times 10^{-4}$	$0.15 \times 10^{-4}$
(b) Photonic $O(L_e^3\alpha^4)$	$0.06 \times 10^{-4}$	$0.06 \times 10^{-4}$	(b) Photonic $O(L_e^3\alpha^4)$	$0.27 \times 10^{-4}$	$0.37 \times 10^{-4}$
(b') Photonic $O(\alpha^2 L^2)$		$0.17 \times 10^{-4}$	(c) Vacuum polariz.	$1.1 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.1 \times 10^{-4}$
(c) Vacuum polariz.	$0.6 \times 10^{-4}$	$0.6 \times 10^{-4}$	(d) Light pairs	$0.4 \times 10^{-4}$	$0.5 \times 10^{-4}$
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(e) Z and s-channel $\gamma$ exch.	$0.1 \times 10^{-4}$	$0.1 \times 10^{-4}$	(f) Up-down interference	$< 0.1 \times 10^{-4}$	$< 0.1 \times 10^{-4}$
(f) Up-down interference	$0.1 \times 10^{-4}$	$0.08 \times 10^{-4}$	Total	$1.6 \times 10^{-4}$	$2.7 \times 10^{-4}$
Total	$1.0 \times 10^{-4}$	$0.70 \times 10^{-4}$			$1.6 \times 10^{-4}$

B.F.L. Ward, S. Jadach, W. Placzek, M. Skrzypek, S.A. Yost, arXiv:2410.09095

# Summary of QED (photonic) radiative corrections

Loosely and schematically, the corrections to the LO cross section can be arranged as

( $L \equiv \log \frac{s}{m_e^2}$  = collinear log)

LO	$\alpha^0$		
NLO	$\alpha L$	$\alpha$	
NNLO	$\frac{1}{2}\alpha^2 L^2$	$\frac{1}{2}\alpha^2 L$	$\frac{1}{2}\alpha^2$
h.o.	$\sum_{n=3}^{\infty} \frac{\alpha^n}{n!} L^n$	$\sum_{n=3}^{\infty} \frac{\alpha^n}{n!} L^{n-1}$	$\dots$

Blue: Leading-Log PS, Leading-Log YFS, SF

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Red: PS matched to NLO, YFS, SF + NLO

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LO	90%		
NLO	10%	0.5%	
NNLO	0.5%	0.05%	0.01%
h.o.	0.01%	...	...

Typically at flavour factories (on integrated Bhabha  $\sigma$ )

Possible additional enhancements from IR logs induced by events selection



# Matching NLO and a QED Parton Shower in **BabaYaga@NLO**

Balossini et al., Phys. Lett. **663** (2008) 209; Balossini et al., Nucl. Phys. **B758** (2006) 227

C.M.C.C., Phys. Lett. B **520** (2001) 16; C.M.C.C. et al., Nucl. Phys. B **584** (2000) 459

- **BabaYaga@NLO** is based on a QED Parton Shower matched with exact NLO matrix elements, such that:

$$\rightsquigarrow [\sigma_{\text{matched}}^\infty]_{\mathcal{O}(\alpha)} = \sigma_{\text{NLO}}^\alpha$$

$\rightsquigarrow$  resummation of higher orders LL (PS) contributions is preserved

$\rightsquigarrow$  the cross section is fully differential in the momenta of the final state particles ( $e^+$ ,  $e^-$  and  $n\gamma$ )

$\rightsquigarrow$  as a by-product, part of photonic  $\alpha^2 L$  included by means of the matching procedure

G. Montagna et al., **PLB** 385 (1996)

$\rightsquigarrow$  the theoretical error starts with  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha^2)$  (**NNLO**) not infrared, singly collinear terms: very naively and roughly (for photonic corrections)

$$\frac{1}{2}\alpha^2 L \equiv \frac{1}{2}\alpha^2 \log \frac{s}{m_e^2} \sim 5 \times 10^{-4}$$

- to show the typical size of RC, the following setups and definitions are used (for Bhabha)

**a**  $\sqrt{s} = 1.02 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $E_{min} = 0.408 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $20^\circ < \theta_{\pm} < 160^\circ$ ,  $\xi_{max} = 10^\circ$

**b**  $\sqrt{s} = 1.02 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $E_{min} = 0.408 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $55^\circ < \theta_{\pm} < 125^\circ$ ,  $\xi_{max} = 10^\circ$

**c**  $\sqrt{s} = 10 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $E_{min} = 4 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $20^\circ < \theta_{\pm} < 160^\circ$ ,  $\xi_{max} = 10^\circ$

**d**  $\sqrt{s} = 10 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $E_{min} = 4 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $55^\circ < \theta_{\pm} < 125^\circ$ ,  $\xi_{max} = 10^\circ$

$$\delta_{VP} \equiv \frac{\sigma_{0,VP} - \sigma_0}{\sigma_0}$$

$$\delta_{\alpha} \equiv \frac{\sigma_{\alpha}^{NLO} - \sigma_0}{\sigma_0}$$

$$\delta_{HO} \equiv \frac{\sigma_{matched}^{PS} - \sigma_{\alpha}^{NLO}}{\sigma_0}$$

$$\delta_{HO}^{PS} \equiv \frac{\sigma^{PS} - \sigma_{\alpha}^{PS}}{\sigma_0}$$

$$\delta_{\alpha}^{non-log} \equiv \frac{\sigma_{\alpha}^{NLO} - \sigma_{\alpha}^{PS}}{\sigma_0}$$

$$\delta_{\infty}^{non-log} \equiv \frac{\sigma_{matched}^{PS} - \sigma^{PS}}{\sigma_0}$$

setup	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
$\delta_{VP}$	1.76	2.49	4.81	6.41
$\delta_\alpha$	-11.61	-14.72	-16.03	-19.57
$\delta_{HO}$	0.39	0.82	0.73	1.44
$\delta_{HO}^{PS}$	0.35	0.74	0.68	1.34
$\delta_\alpha^{non-log}$	-0.34	-0.56	-0.34	-0.56
$\delta_\infty^{non-log}$	-0.30	-0.49	-0.29	-0.46

Table: Relative corrections (in per cent) to the Bhabha cross section for the four setups

★ in short, the fact that  $\delta_\alpha^{non-log} \simeq \delta_\infty^{non-log}$  and  $\delta_{HO} \simeq \delta_{HO}^{PS}$  means that the matching algorithm preserves both the advantages of exact NLO calculation and PS approach:

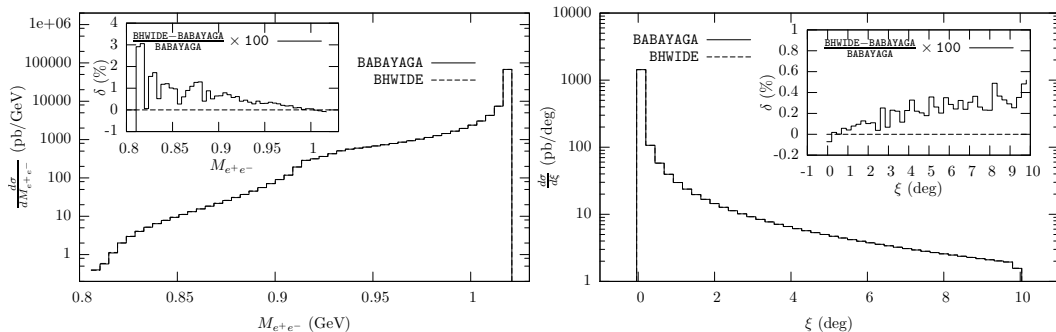
- it includes the missing NLO RC to the PS
- it adds the missing higher-order RC to the NLO

# Estimating the theoretical accuracy

in “Luminosity”, S. Actis et al., Eur Phys. J. **C 66** (2010), 585

“Quest for precision in hadronic cross sections at low energy: Monte Carlo tools vs. experimental data

- A sound estimate of the theoretical accuracy & error must go through a careful comparison of independent calculations/codes, in order to
  - ↪ assess the technical precision and spot bugs (with the same theory)
  - ↪ estimate the theoretical error when including partial/incomplete higher-order corrections

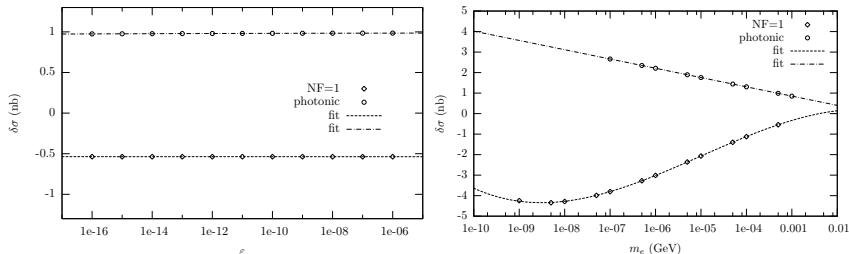


# Comparison with NNLO calculation for double virtual + soft

Comparison of  $\sigma_{SV}^{\alpha^2}$  calculation of **BabaYaga@NLO** with

Using realistic cuts for luminosity @ KLOE

- A. Penin (PRL **95** (2005) 010408 & Nucl. Phys. **B734** (2006) 185, i.e. NNLO photonic corrections): as a function of the soft photon cut-off and of a fictitious electron mass



★ differences are infrared safe, as expected

★  $\delta\sigma(\text{photonic})/\sigma_0 \propto \alpha^2 L$ , as expected

- Numerically, for various selection criteria at the  $\Phi$  and  $B$  factories

$$\sigma_{SV}^{\alpha^2}(\text{Penin}) - \sigma_{SV}^{\alpha^2}(\text{BabaYaga@NLO}) < 0.02\% \times \sigma_0$$

## Lepton and hadron loops & pairs at NNLO

from an old talk (2014)

- The exact NNLO soft+virtual corrections and  $2 \rightarrow 4$  matrix elements  $e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^-(l^+l^-, l = e, \mu, \tau), e^+e^-(\pi^+\pi^-)$  are now available
- In comparison with the *approximation* in BabaYaga@NLO and using realistic luminosity cuts ( $S_i \equiv \sigma_i^{\text{NNLO}}/\sigma_{\text{BY}}$ )

	$\sqrt{s}$		$\sigma_{\text{BY}}$	$S_{e^+e^-} [\%]$	$S_{lep} [\%]$	$S_{had} [\%]$	$S_{tot} [\%]$
KLOE	1.020	NNLO		-3.935(4)	-4.472(4)	1.02(2)	-3.45(2)
		BB@NLO	455.71	-3.445(2)	-4.001(2)	0.876(5)	-3.126(5)
BES	3.650	NNLO		-1.469(9)	-1.913(9)	-1.3(1)	-3.2(1)
		BB@NLO	116.41	-1.521(4)	-1.971(4)	-1.071(4)	-3.042(5)
BaBar	10.56	NNLO		-1.48(2)	-2.17(2)	-1.69(8)	-3.86(8)
		BB@NLO	5.195	-1.40(1)	-2.09(1)	-1.49(1)	-3.58(2)
Belle	10.58	NNLO		-4.93(2)	-6.84(2)	-4.1(1)	-10.9(1)
		BB@NLO	5.501	-4.42(1)	-6.38(1)	-3.86(1)	-10.24(2)

★ The uncertainty due to lepton and hadron pair corrections is at the level of a few units in  $10^{-4}$

Carlóni, Czyz, Gluza, Gunia, Montagna, Nicosini, Piccinini, Riemann *et al.*, JHEP **1107** (2011) 126

## Status of the MC theoretical accuracy

from the same old talk

Main conclusion of the Luminosity Section of the WG Report

Putting the various sources of uncertainties (for large-angle Bhabha) all together...

Source of error (%)	$\Phi$ -factories	$\sqrt{s} = 3.5$ GeV	$B$ -factories
$ \delta_{VP}^{err} $ [Jegerlehner]	0.00	0.01	0.03
$ \delta_{VP}^{err} $ [HMNT]	0.02	0.01	0.02
$ \delta_{SV,\alpha^2}^{err} $	0.02	0.02	0.02
$ \delta_{HH,\alpha^2}^{err} $	0.00	0.00	0.00
$ \delta_{SV,H,\alpha^2}^{err} $ [in progress]	0.05	0.05	0.05
$ \delta_{pairs}^{err} $	0.03	0.016	0.03
$ \delta_{total}^{err} $ linearly	0.12	0.1	0.13
$ \delta_{total}^{err} $ in quadrature	0.07	0.06	0.06

- For the experiments on top of and closely around the  $J/\psi$  resonance, the accuracy slightly deteriorates, because of the differences between the predictions of independent  $\Delta\alpha_{had}^{(5)}(q^2)$  routines
- ★ The present error estimate appears to be rather robust and sufficient for high-precision luminosity measurements. It is comparable with that achieved for small-angle Bhabha luminosity monitoring at LEP/SLC

$$e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$$

- Also  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  can be used as reference process for luminometry:
- ↪ even if it has lower cross-section and larger background
- ↪ from the theoretical point of view: “only” ISR (smaller RCs), VP enters only at NNLO
- ↪ It’s implemented in **BabaYaga@NLO**, in the same framework: Parton Shower + NLO

$\sqrt{s}$ (GeV)	1	3	10
$\sigma$	137.53	15.281	1.3753
$\sigma_{\alpha}^{\text{PS}}$	128.55	14.111	1.2529
$\sigma_{\alpha}^{\text{NLO}}$	129.45	14.211	1.2620
$\sigma_{\text{exp}}^{\text{PS}}$	128.92	14.169	1.2597
$\sigma_{\text{exp}}$	129.77	14.263	1.2685
$\delta_{\alpha}$	-5.87	-7.00	-8.24
$\delta_{\infty}$	-5.65	-6.66	-7.77
$\delta_{\text{exp}}$	0.24	0.37	0.51
$\delta_{\alpha}^{\text{NLL}}$	0.70	0.71	0.73
$\delta_{\infty}^{\text{NLL}}$	0.66	0.66	0.69

**Table:** Photon pair production cross sections (in nb) to different accuracy levels and relative corrections (in per cent)

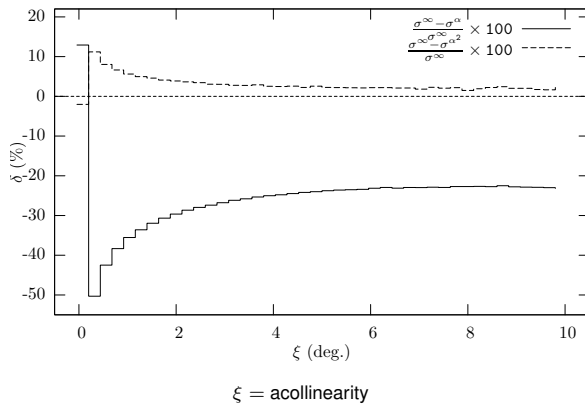


- Precise luminosity knowledge is important for key measurements at flavour factories
- Monte Carlo generators are essential tools to account for experimental cuts & interface to detector simulation
- Theoretical accuracy must be firmly assessed
- Now Bhabha is implemented at NNLO in **McMuLe** P. Banerjee et al., PLB 820 (2021) 136547
- $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  at NNLO next talk by Marco
- Is it time to re-visit and re-asses the theoretical accuracy for luminosity at low-energy  $e^+e^-$  machines, under the light of new developments and independent calculations?

# SPARES

## Resummation beyond $\alpha^2$

- With a complete NNLO generator at hand, can LL resummation beyond  $\alpha^2$  be neglected (Bhabha at KLOE)?



- Resummation beyond  $\alpha^2$  still important (at least for some distributions)!