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Radiative corrections and Monte Carlo tools for
low-energy hadronic cross sections in $e^+ e^-$ collisions

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- **intro:** what, why, when
- **how:** easily digestable technical remarks
- **results:** personal selection of results
- **wrap up:** so what and what next

- **theoretical description** for $e^+ e^- \rightarrow \text{hadrons}$ at low energies $\sqrt{s} \lesssim 1 - 2 \text{ GeV}$
making also use of **radiative (return)** processes (some call them ISR processes)

- MC comparisons for

$$e^+ e^- \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- (+\gamma)$$

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

$$e^+ e^- \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- (+\gamma)$$

- inspired by [\[0912.0749\]](#)

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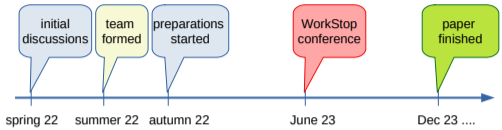
Quest for precision in hadronic cross sections at low energy: Monte Carlo tools vs. experimental data

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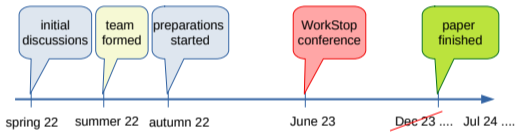
- consolidate and implement the progress since 2010

- in 2010 you got this guy  surely, this can be improved upon
- **preserve**, further **develop**, and **make accessible** some well established codes for low-energy $e^+ e^-$
- get new (preferably young) people to join with new ideas/approaches
- cross fertilisation from huge effort made for LHC
- **open science approach**: what is in which generator, where can I get it
 - ⇒ a public repository of all codes and all results
 - ⇒ <https://radiomontecarlo2.gitlab.io/>
- a **community effort**, hopefully continuing for many years to come

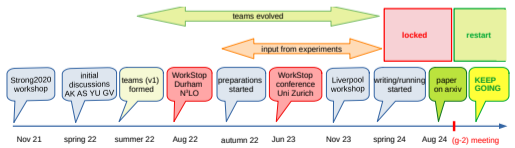
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plan shown at MPP23



plan shown in June 2024 at MITP



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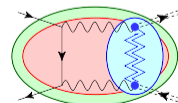
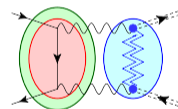
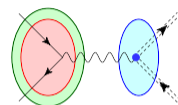
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how

$$e^+ e^- \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-$$



WP1: QED for leptons at NNLO

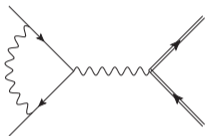
WP2: Form factor contributions at N³LO

WP3: Processes with hadrons

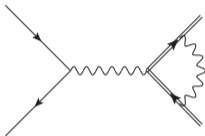
WP4: Parton showers / YFS

WP5: Experimental input

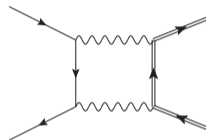
example: $e^+ e^- \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ at NLO, split into gauge invariant parts for computational and conceptual reasons



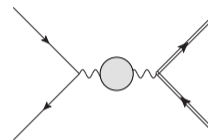
initial-state (ISC)



final-state (FSC)



mixed corrections



(H)VP corrections

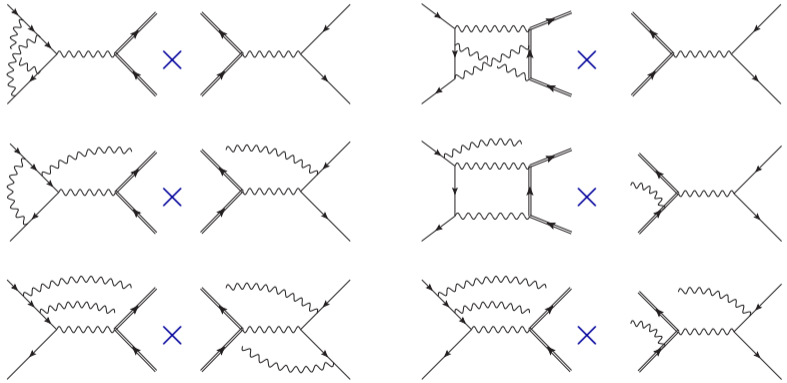
$$\mathcal{A}_{mm}^{(1)}(q_e q_m q_\ell^2) = \mathcal{A}_{mm}^{(1)}(q_e^3 q_m) + \mathcal{A}_{mm}^{(1)}(q_e q_m^3) + \mathcal{A}_{mm}^{(1)}(q_e^2 q_m^2) + \mathcal{A}_{mm}^{(1)}(q_e q_m \Pi^{(1)})$$

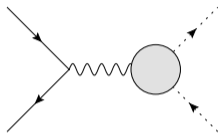
$$d\sigma_{mm}^{(1)}(q_e^2 q_m^2 q_\ell^2) = \underbrace{d\sigma_{mm}^{(1)}(q_e^4 q_m^2)}_{\text{ISC}} + \underbrace{d\sigma_{mm}^{(1)}(q_e^2 q_m^4)}_{\text{FSC}} + \underbrace{d\sigma_{mm}^{(1)}(q_e^3 q_m^3)}_{\text{mixed}} + \underbrace{d\sigma_{mm}^{(1)}(q_e^2 q_m^2 \Pi^{(1)})}_{\text{VPC}}$$

split for NNLO $2 \rightarrow 2$ (or NLO $2 \rightarrow 3$) corrections to cross section

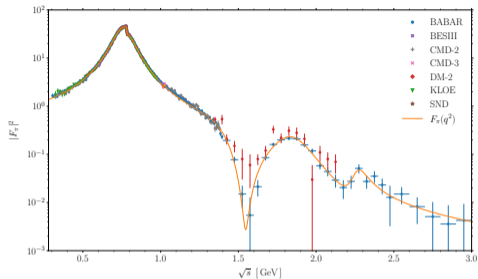
initial-state corrections

mixed corrections

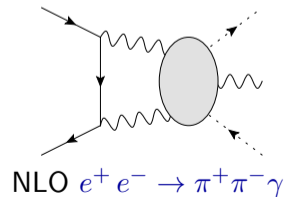
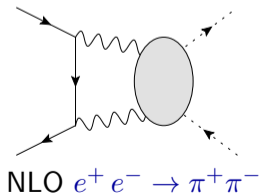
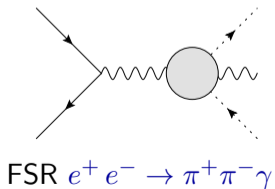




form factor ok



but



Terminology for treatment of $\gamma \pi^+ \pi^-$ interaction

- **sQED**: no form factors, pointlike pion
standard loop integrals
- **F × sQED**: multiply sQED amplitude with form factor
loop integrals not affected
- **FsQED**: include form factor in loops from pion pole
loop integrals with dispersive approach
- **GVMD**: models pion form factor through Breit-Wigner propagators
analytic loop integrals possible
- **full** hadronic matrix elements
currently not in any MC code, just wishful thinking

$X \in \{e, \mu, \pi\}$, many observables <https://radiomontecarlo2.gitlab.io/>

always cut on $p_{\pm} > \text{something}$, selection of further **acceptance** cuts:

- **CMD-like:** $e^+ e^- \rightarrow X^+(p_+) X^-(p_-)$ with $\sqrt{s} = 0.7 \text{ GeV}$
cuts: $\supset \left| |\phi^+ - \phi^-| - \pi \right| < 0.15 \text{ rad}; \quad |\theta^+ + \theta^- - \pi| < 0.25 \text{ rad};$
- **KLOE-like small angle (untagged):** $e^+ e^- \rightarrow X^+ X^- \gamma$ with $\sqrt{s} = 1.02 \text{ GeV}$
cuts: \supset range of θ_{\pm} and M_{XX} ; set $\vec{p}_{\gamma} \equiv -(\vec{p}_+ + \vec{p}_-)$ and $\theta_{\gamma} \leq 15^\circ$ or $\theta_{\gamma} > 165^\circ$
- **KLOE-like large angle (tagged):** $e^+ e^- \rightarrow X^+ X^- \gamma$ with $\sqrt{s} = 1.02 \text{ GeV}$
- **BESIII-like:** $e^+ e^- \rightarrow X^+ X^- \gamma$ with $\sqrt{s} = 4 \text{ GeV}$
- **B:** $e^+ e^- \rightarrow X^+ X^- \gamma$ with $\sqrt{s} = 10 \text{ GeV}$
cuts: \supset range of θ_{\pm} and $\exists \gamma$ within range of θ_{γ} and $E_{\gamma} > \text{something}$

the magnificent seven (and what they roughly contain)

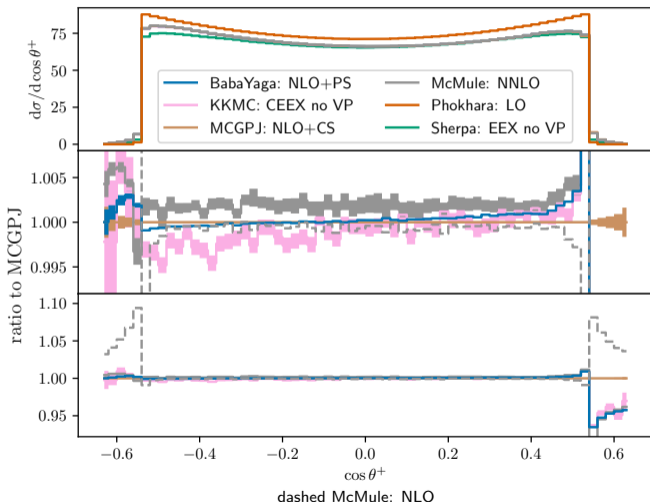
- **AfkQed**: LO $2 \rightarrow 3$ + ISR collinear structures, FSR with **Photos**, $X \in \{\mu, \pi\}$
- **BabaYaga@NLO**: NLO $2 \rightarrow 2$ + parton shower, F \times sQED* for π
- **KKMC**: YFS (CEEX) with $X = \mu$
- **MCGPJ**: NLO $2 \rightarrow 2$ + collinear structures for $X \in \{e, \mu, \pi\}$
- **McMule**: NNLO QED for $2 \rightarrow 2$ and NLO for $2 \rightarrow 3$ with $X \in \{e, \mu\}$, ISR for $X = \pi$
- **Phokhara**: NLO for $2 \rightarrow 3$ with $X \in \{\mu, \pi\}$, F \times sQED for π
- **Sherpa**: YFS (EEX) $X \in \{\mu, \pi\}$ with matched NLO $2 \rightarrow 2$, sQED for π

possible further codes to be included in the future

* **BabaYaga@NLO** now has FsQED and GVMD for $e^+ e^- \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-$ (not used here)

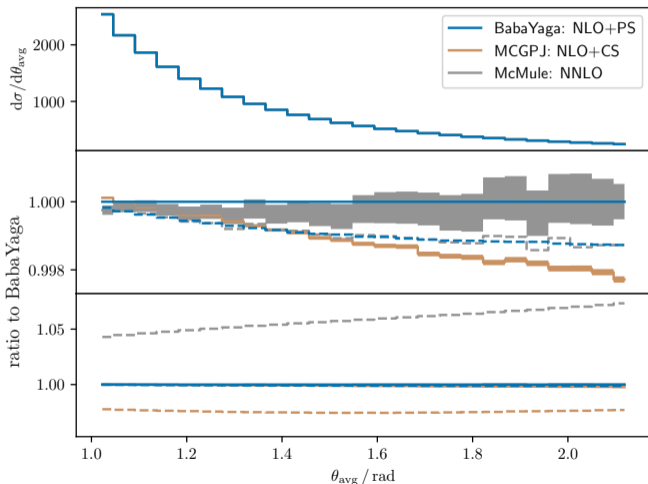
results

scattering angle θ^+

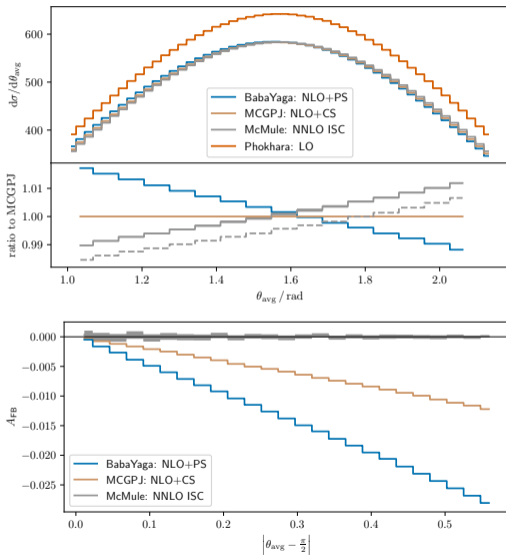


- for 'well behaved' obs. (not vanishing at LO) all within $\sim 0.2\%$
- outside this region larger deviations
- CS+PS mostly through one additional emission
- NLO VPC $\simeq 0$, accidental
- at NNLO, VP as important as rest

$$\theta_{\text{avg}} \equiv (\theta^- - \theta^+ + \pi)/2$$



- for 'well behaved' obs. (not vanishing at LO) all within $\sim 0.2\%$
- CS and PS have different sign w.r.t. NLO
dashed McMule and BabaYaga@NLO: NLO
- band: only MC error
- NLO VPC **not small** (t channel)
dashed McMule: LO
dashed MCGPJ NLO+CS but no VP

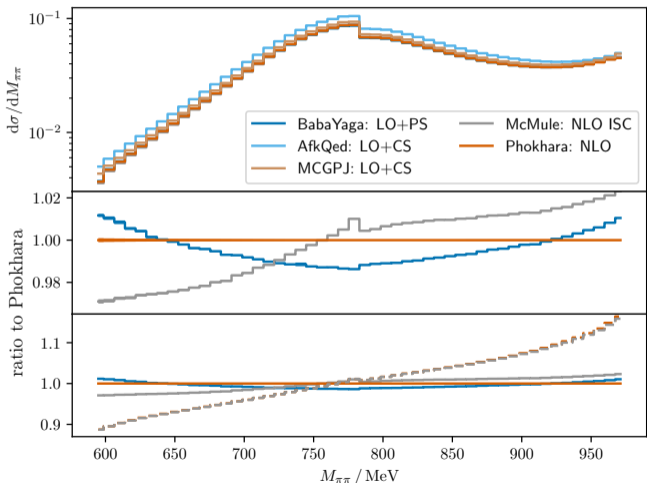


- at LO or $N^x\text{LO}$ ISC only
 θ_{avg} distribution symmetric w.r.t. $\pi/2$
 dashed McMule: NLO ISC
- asymmetry through ISR-FSR interference
- forward-backward asymmetry

$$A_{\text{FB}} = \frac{\frac{d\sigma}{d\theta_{\text{avg}}}(\theta_{\text{avg}} > \frac{\pi}{2}) - \frac{d\sigma}{d\theta_{\text{avg}}}(\theta_{\text{avg}} < \frac{\pi}{2})}{\frac{d\sigma}{d\theta_{\text{avg}}}(\theta_{\text{avg}} > \frac{\pi}{2}) + \frac{d\sigma}{d\theta_{\text{avg}}}(\theta_{\text{avg}} < \frac{\pi}{2})}$$

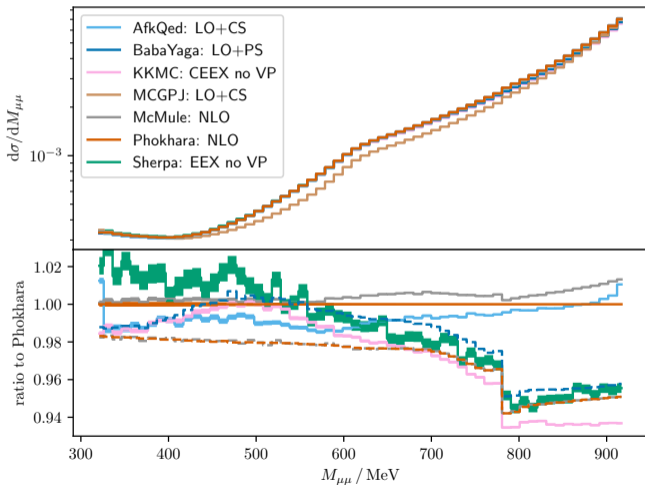
sensitive test for $\gamma \pi^+ \pi^-$ treatment

invariant mass $M_{\pi\pi}$



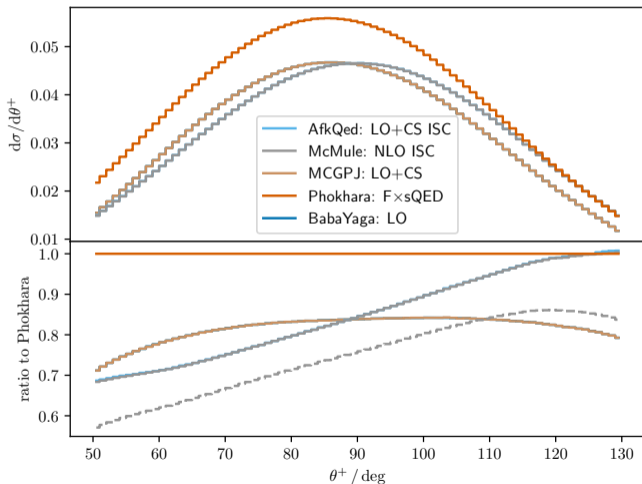
- Phokhara territory (full NLO)
- NLO corrections are large $\sim 10\%$
- at LO, ISC only agrees extremely well with full result
 - dashed McMule: LO ISC
 - dashed Phokhara: LO full
- but at NLO there is a 2% difference !

invariant mass $M_{\mu\mu}$



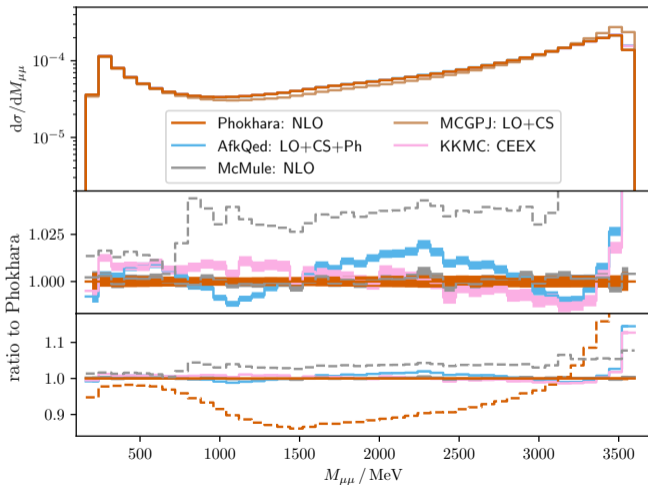
- Phokhara territory (NLO)
- difference to McMule: VPC, resummed vs. single insertion $\sim 1\%$
- (C)EEX within 2 – 3% of NLO (no VP)
 - dashed McMule: NLO no VP
 - dashed Phokhara: NLO no VP
 - dashed BabaYaga: NLO no HVP
- VPC $\sim 2 - 5\%$

scattering angle θ^+



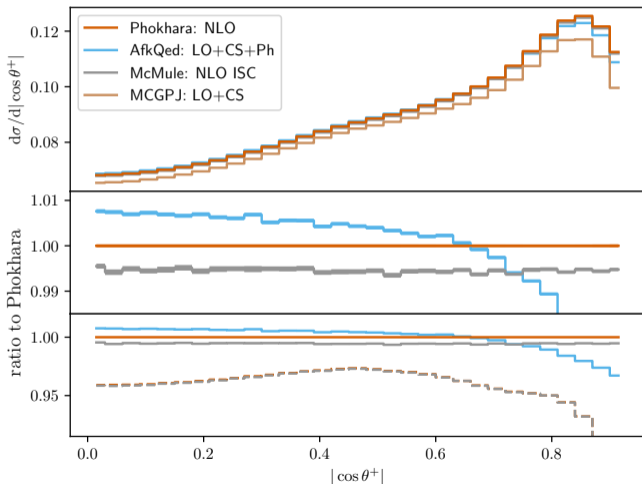
- MCGPJ \simeq Phokhara LO
- AfkQed \simeq McMule NLO
- FSR huge at LO 10 – 20%
dashed McMule: LO (ISC only)
- even larger at NLO
20 – 40%
- reliable FSC
implementation crucial

invariant mass $M_{\mu\mu}$, without VPC



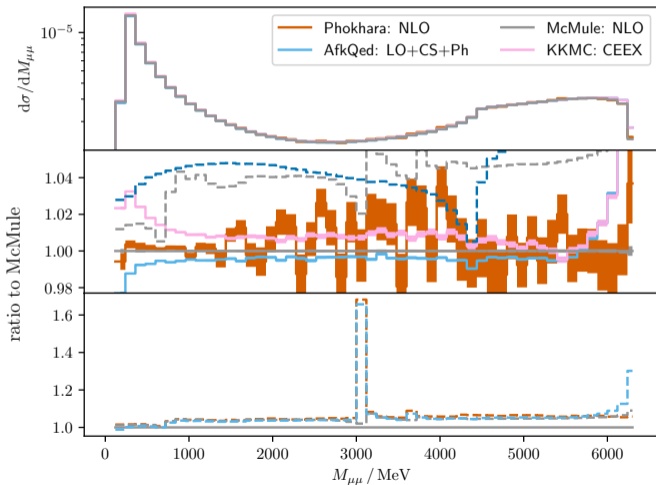
- technical comparison
- VPC $\gtrsim 3\%$
dashed McMule: NLO with VPC
- NLO corrections large $\pm 10\%$
dashed Phokhara: LO
- non-VP part within 2% except at large end of distribution

scattering angle θ^+



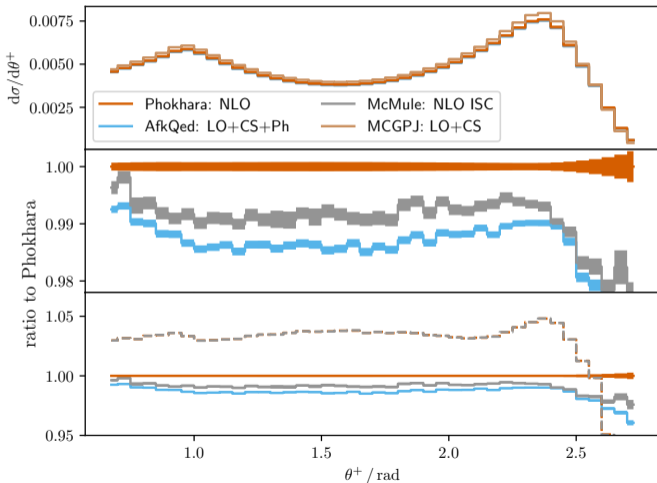
- at LO, FSR $\lesssim 0.1\%$
form factor suppression
dashed Phokhara: LO full
dashed McMule: LO ISC only
- at NLO, FSR $\sim 0.5\%$
- big differences between AfkQed and NLO for $|\cos\theta^+| \rightarrow 1$
- multiple photon emission?
NNLO ISC might answer

invariant mass $M_{\mu\mu}$, without VPC



- agreement within 2%, except for large $M_{\mu\mu}$
- VPC as important as photonic NLO
 - dashed BabaYaga@NLO: LO
 - dashed McMule: NLO with VPC
- J/ψ resonance
VPC goes crazy
resum vs. single insertion
dashed lines: include VPC

scattering angle θ^+



- at LO, FSR $\lesssim 0.01\%$
form factor suppression
dashed Phokhara: LO full
dashed McMule: LO ISC only
- at NLO, FSR 1 – 2% !!
- difficult to claim we have this under control at the 1% level



wrap up

- so far, this was mostly a theory game
- we have $2 \rightarrow 2$ at NNLO or NLO+(YFS/PS)
and $2 \rightarrow 3$ at NLO or LO+(YFS/PS)
- comparisons without VP are technically interesting, but have no phenomenological value
- details of VP treatment at least a $\sim 1\%$ effect, larger with resonances
- impact of FSR at LO from huge to completely negligible
- even if completely negligible at LO, still a $\sim 1\%$ effect at NLO

my personal opinion

- NNLO $e^+ e^- \rightarrow \gamma \gamma^*$, doable (read will be done)
- NNLO $e^+ e^- \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \gamma$, doable with approximations (mass effects)
- NNNLO $e^+ e^- \rightarrow \gamma^*$, sort of doable
- NNNLO $2 \rightarrow 2$, tough (maybe in time for MUonE ...)
- combine NNLO with CS/PS/YFS
- for $2 \rightarrow 3$ processes with π^\pm , MC treatment of FSR needs to be improved
- reconsider inclusion of VPC
- more processes, e.g. luminosity processes, 3π , ...
- think about a meaningful theory error estimate
- more direct connection with experimental data

Phase II \rightarrow we will start this Friday !

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