

Physics at a future e+e- Z-boson 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

Etot

- ILC: 91; 250 GeV -1 TeV
- CLIC: $500 \text{ GeV} 3 \text{ TeV}$

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

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 (μ TRISTAN)

Etot

• 91; 160; 240; 350 GeV

 $\mathcal{L} \approx 2 \cdot 10^{36} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ (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 5×10^{-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 1.6×10^{-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]

An experimental relative accuracy of 3×10^{-5} on $\alpha_{QED}(m_Z^2)$ 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 6×10^{-7} and 0.12 MeV, respectively.

An absolute (relative) uncertainty of 0.001 (5×10^{-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

Left-Right Asymmetry

Tau lepton polarization

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

Indirect measurements

[FCC Coll. EPJC'2019]

Alpha QCD

[FCC Coll. EPJC'2019]

EW quasi observables (I)

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

EW quasi observables (II)

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

- 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, $e^+e^- \to \mu^+\mu^-, e^+e^- \to \pi^+\pi^-, e^+e^- \to ZH$ 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/Γ_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. . .

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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

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QED NLO master formula

The NLO Bhabha cross section reads

$$
d\sigma = \sum_{a,b,c,d=e,\bar{e},\gamma} \int_{\bar{z}_1}^{1} dz_1 \int_{\bar{z}_2}^{1} dz_2 \mathcal{D}_{ae}^{\text{str}}(z_1) \mathcal{D}_{b\bar{e}}^{\text{str}}(z_2)
$$

$$
\times \left[d\sigma_{ab\to cd}^{(0)}(z_1, z_2) + d\bar{\sigma}_{ab\to cd}^{(1)}(z_1, z_2) \right]
$$

$$
\times \int_{\bar{y}_1}^{1} \frac{dy_1}{Y_1} \int_{\bar{y}_2}^{1} \frac{dy_2}{Y_2} \mathcal{D}_{ec}^{\text{frg}} \left(\frac{y_1}{Y_1}\right) \mathcal{D}_{\bar{e}d}^{\text{frg}} \left(\frac{y_2}{Y_2}\right) + \mathcal{O}\left(\alpha^n L^{n-2}, \frac{m_e^2}{s}\right)
$$

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

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

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

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 $e^+e^- \to \gamma^*/Z^{0^*}$ to $O(\alpha^6 L^5)$," NPB 955 (2020) 115045]

QED NLO DGLAP evolution equations

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

 μ_F is a factorization (energy) scale

 μ_R is a renormalization (energy) scale

Dba 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

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

Note that " $-10/9$ " could have been hidden into Λ

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

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

The expansion of the master formula for ISR gives

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

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

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

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

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

Remind Drell-Yan where we usually take $\mu_{\overline{F}}^2 = s' \equiv zs$, i.e., the enegry 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]

$$
D_{ee}(x, \mu_F, m_e) = \delta(1 - x) + \frac{\alpha}{2\pi} LP_{ee}^{(0)}(x) + \frac{\alpha}{2\pi} d_{ee}^{(1)}(x, m_e, m_e)
$$

+ $\left(\frac{\alpha}{2\pi}\right)^2 L^2 \left(\frac{1}{2} P_{ee}^{(0)} \otimes P_{ee}^{(0)}(x) + \frac{1}{2} P_{ee}^{(0)}(x) + \frac{1}{2} P_{e\gamma}^{(0)} \otimes P_{\gamma e}^{(0)}(x)\right)$
+ $\left(\frac{\alpha}{2\pi}\right)^2 L \left(P_{e\gamma}^{(0)} \otimes d_{\gamma e}^{(1)}(x, m_e, m_e) + P_{ee}^{(0)} \otimes d_{ee}^{(1)}(x, m_e, m_e) - \frac{10}{9} P_{ee}^{(0)}(x) + P_{ee}^{(1)}(x)\right)$
+ $\left(\frac{\alpha}{2\pi}\right)^3 L^3 \left(\frac{1}{6} P_{ee}^{(0)} \otimes P_{ee}^{(0)} \otimes P_{ee}^{(0)}(x) + \frac{1}{6} P_{e\gamma}^{(0)} \otimes P_{\gamma\gamma}^{(0)} \otimes P_{\gamma e}^{(0)}(x) + \dots\right)$
+ $\left(\frac{\alpha}{2\pi}\right)^3 L^2 \left(P_{ee}^{(0)} \otimes P_{ee}^{(1)}(x) + P_{ee}^{(0)} \otimes P_{ee}^{(0)} \otimes d_{ee}^{(1)}(x, m_e, m_e) + \frac{1}{3} P_{ee}^{(1)}(x) - \frac{10}{9} P_{ee}^{(0)} \otimes P_{ee}^{(0)}(x) + \dots\right)$
+ $O(\alpha^2 L^0, \alpha^3 L^1)$

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 *r*enormalization scale $\mu_R = m_e$.

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

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

[A.A., U.Voznaya, PRD'2024]

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ISR corrections to $e^+e^- \to Z(\gamma^*)$ ($\sqrt{s} = M_Z$)

LO $\mathcal{O}(\alpha^n L^n)$ and NLO $\mathcal{O}(\alpha^n L^{n-1})$ ISR corrections in % at the *Z*-peak for $z_{\text{min}} = 0.1$

 $N.B. O(\alpha^2 L^0)$ ISR corrections are known [Berends; Blümlein]

Impact of new corrections on LEP results?!

PRELIMINARY NUMBERS

QED PDFs vs. QCD ones

Common properties:

- \bullet 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

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!