

# Two-loop Heavy Fermion Corrections to Bhabha Scattering

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- See also:
- <http://www-zeuthen.desy.de/theory/research/bhabha/>
  - [hep-ph/0412164](http://arxiv.org/abs/hep-ph/0412164) (List of all masters)
  - [hep-ph/0604101](http://arxiv.org/abs/hep-ph/0604101) (planar box masters), [hep-ph/0609051](http://arxiv.org/abs/hep-ph/0609051) (Nf=2 masters)
- **Introduction: Two-Loop corrections to Bhabha Scattering**
  - **The Heavy Fermion Contributions** [[arXiv:0704.2400](http://arxiv.org/abs/0704.2400), [hep-ph](http://arxiv.org/abs/hep-ph)], → **NPB**
  - **Results**
  - **Summary**

## The Physics Needs

For more details see e.g.:

**K. Mönig, "Bhabha scattering at the ILC"**

talk at Mini-WS on Bhabha scattering, Univ. Karlsruhe, April 2005

[/afs/afh.de/user/m/moenig/public/www/bhabha\\_ilc.pdf](/afs/afh.de/user/m/moenig/public/www/bhabha_ilc.pdf)

**ILC – Need Bhabha cross-sections with 3–4 significant digits.**

Why?

- **ILC:**  $e^+e^- \rightarrow W^+W^-, f\bar{f}$  with  $O(10^6)$  events  $\rightarrow 10^{-3}$
- **GigaZ:** relevant physics derived from  $Z \rightarrow \text{hadrons}, l^+l^-$ , the latter with  $O(10^8)$  events  $\rightarrow 10^{-4}$ , the systematic errors (**luminosity!**) influence this
- **ILC:**  $e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^-$ , a probe for New Physics with  $O(10^5)$  events/year  $\rightarrow 10^{-3}$

Conclude: will need  $\Delta\mathcal{L}/\mathcal{L} \approx 2 \times 10^{-4}$

**The luminosity comes from very forward Bhabha scattering.**

## Some Kinematics

Need a cross-section prediction with **5 significant digits**.

**Perturbative orders:**

$$\left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi}\right) = 2 \times 10^{-3}$$

$$\left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi}\right)^2 = 0.6 \times 10^{-5}$$

**Kinematics:**

$$\sqrt{s} = 90 \dots 1000 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\vartheta = 26 \dots 82 \text{ mrad}$$

$$\cos \vartheta \sim 0.999\ 66 \dots 0.996\ 64$$

$$T = \frac{s}{2}(1 - \beta^2 \cos \vartheta) > 1.36 \text{ GeV}|_{GigaZ}, \quad 42.2 \text{ GeV}|_{ILC500}$$

**Conclude:**

- $t$ -channel exchange of  $\gamma$  dominates everything else
- $m_e^2/s < m_e^2/T \leq 10^{-5} \dots 10^{-7}$
- **Calculate:** 1-loop EWRC + 2-loop QED + corresp. bremsstrahlung

Status by end of 2004

## Established: $10^{-3}$ MC programs for LEP, ILC

Introduction to **NLLBHA** by Trentadue and to **BHLUMI** by Jadach in:  
Proc. of Loops and Legs, Rheinsberg, Germany, 1996

Recent mini-review: Jadach, "Theoretical error of luminosity cross section at LEP",  
hep-ph/0306083 [1]

- **BHLUMI** v.4.04: Jadach, Placzek, Richter-Was, Was: CPC 1997
- see also: Jadach, Melles, Ward, Yost: PLB 1996, thesis Melles 1996 [2]
- **NLLBHA**: Arbuzov, Fadin, Kuraev, Lipatov, Merenkov, Trentadue: NPB 1997, CERN 96-01
- **SAMBHA**: Arbuzov, Haidt, Matteuzzi, Paganoni, Trentadue: hep-ph/0402211

See e.g.: Table 1 of [1] and Figure 3.1 of [2] → **Conclude**:

The nonlogarithmic  $O(\alpha^2)$  terms, originating from pure QED **radiative 1-loop** and from **2-loop** diagrams are not completely covered.

**They have to be calculated and integrated into the MC programs.**

**Beware:**

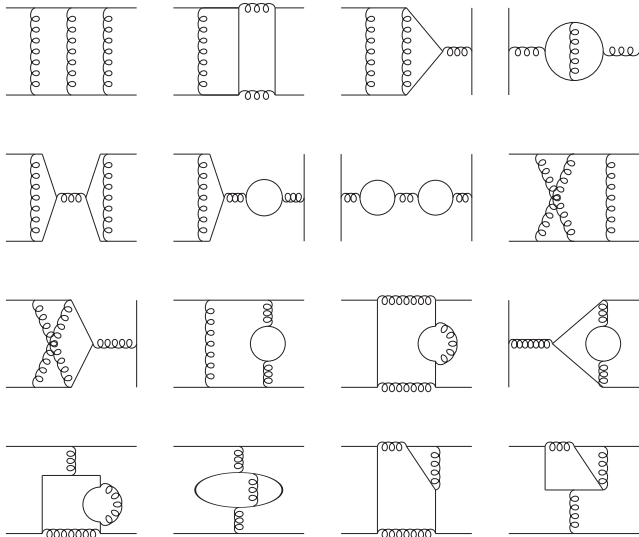
$$m_e, m_\gamma, (d - 4), E_\gamma$$

$$m = 0$$

### 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.

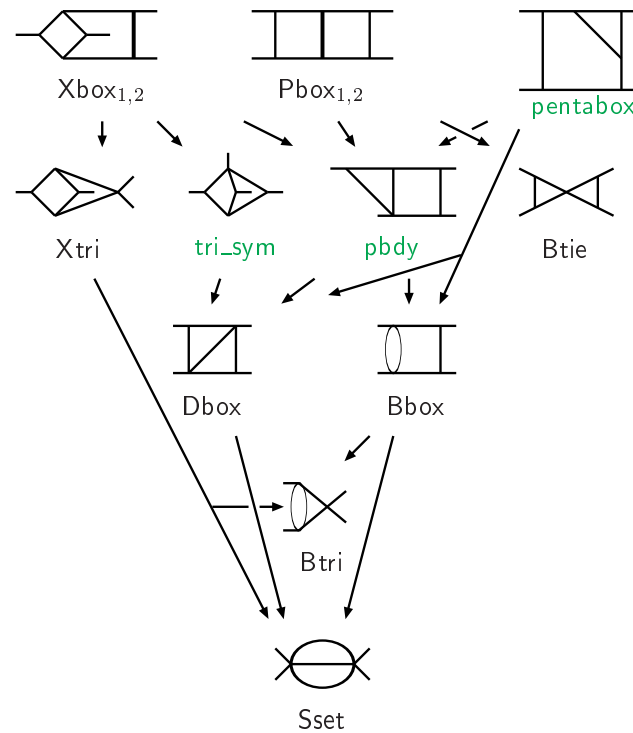
There are 47 QED diagrams contributing to  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ .



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



Status 2005

Know the constant term ( $m_e = 0$ )  
of 2-loop photonic corrections

A. Penin, **Two-Loop Corrections to Bhabha Scattering**, hep-ph/0501120 v.3, → PRL

Transform the **massless 2-loop results** of Bern, Dixon, Ghinculov (2002) with InfraRed (IR) regulation by  $D = 4 - 2\epsilon$  into the **on-mass-shell renormalization** with  $m_e \rightarrow 0$  and IR regulation by  $\lambda = m_\gamma \neq 0$

Use **IR-properties of amplitudes** (see Penin):

[A ] **Exponentiation** of the IR logarithms (Sudakov 1956,...)

[B ] **Factorization** of the collinear logarithms into external legs (Frenkel, Taylor 1976)

[C ] **Non-renormalization** of the IR exponents (YFS 1961, ....)

Isolate the closed fermion loop contribution (does not fulfil [C]) and add it separately (Burgers 1985, Bonciani, v.d.Bij et al. 2005, Penin)

**After that the small mass limit in  $m_e$  is known – but the radiative one-loops with 5-point functions and the  $n_f = 2$  corrections.**

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## Determination of master integrals from 2-loop Bhabha scattering

[A ] All planar box masters for  $m_e^2 \ll s, t, u$

[B ] All masters for  $N_f = 2$  and  $m_e^2 \ll m_f^2 \ll s, t, u$

We had to develop for this

Technique of semi-automatized derivation of Mellin-Barnes integrals ( → AMBRE package, 2007)

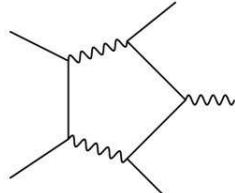
Automatized small-mass expansion for Mellin-Barnes integrals

We – and all the others – failed with a determination of non-planar 2-loop boxes.  
Little is known due to Smirnov, Heinrich.

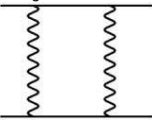
### AMBRE - Automatic Mellin-Barnes REpresentation (arXiv:0704.2423)

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

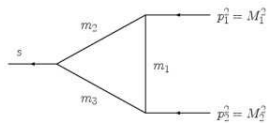
- The package [AMBRE.m](#)
- Kinematics generator for 4- 5- and 6- point functions with any external legs [KinematicsGen.m](#)
- Tarball with examples given below [examples.tar.gz](#)
  - [example1.nb](#), [example2.nb](#) - Massive QED pentagon diagram.



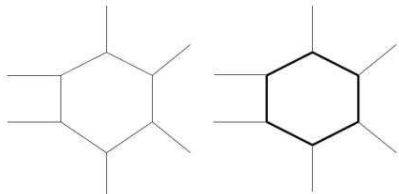
- [example3.nb](#) - Massive QED one-loop box diagram.



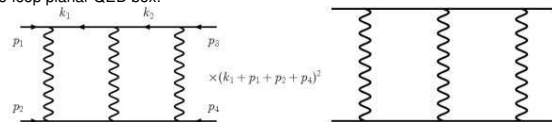
- [example4.nb](#) - General one-loop vertex.



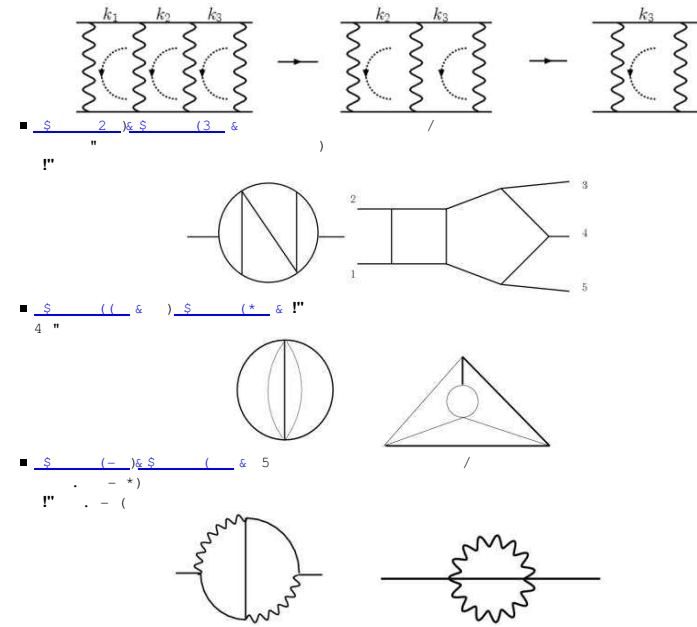
- [example5.nb](#) - Six-point scalar functions;  
left: massless case,  
right: massive case.



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



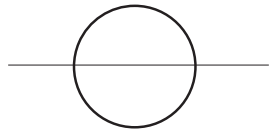
- [example8.nb](#) - The loop-by-loop iterative procedure.



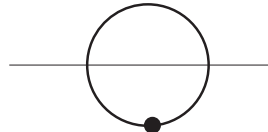


## The master integrals for the $N_f = 2$ contributions

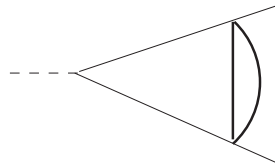
S. Actis, M. Czakon, J. Gluza, TR, 2006(publ.) / 2007(box master expansion corrected)



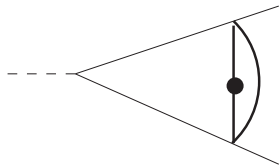
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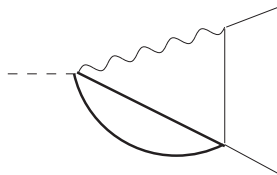
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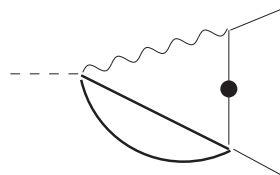
V4l2M2m



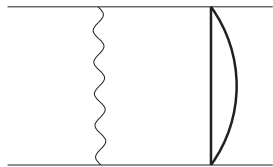
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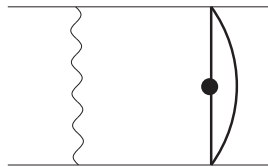
V4l2M1m



V4l2M1md



B5l2M2md



B5l2M2m

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

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

## Self-energy master integrals:

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

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

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

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

## Vertex master integrals:

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

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

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

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

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

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

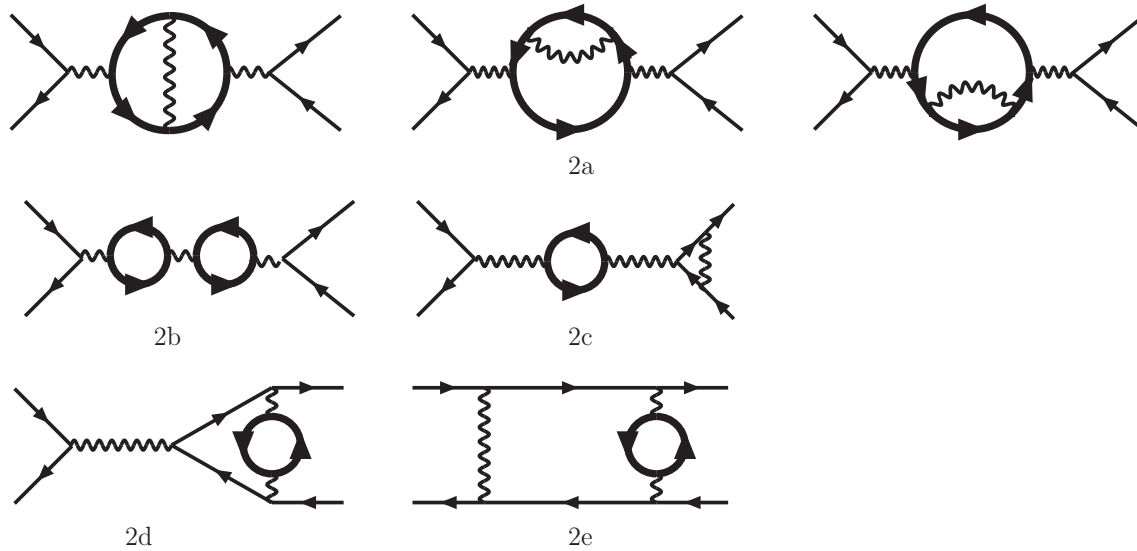
## Box master integrals:

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

But wrong mass expansion there! Correct results are:

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

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



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

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

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

## 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,

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

$$\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}$$

(1)

(2)

$B_{2e,f}$ [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. \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. \right. \\
&- \left. \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) \right. \\
&- \left. \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.

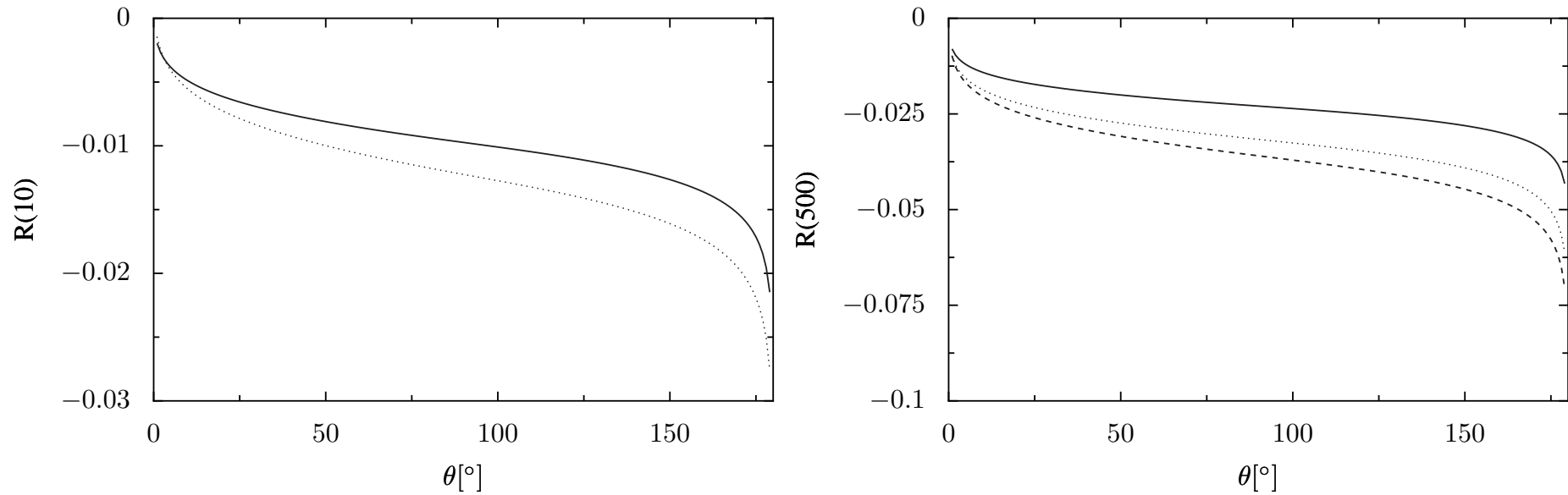


Figure 1: Ratio of the fermionic NNLO corrections to the differential cross section respect to the tree-level result for  $\sqrt{s} = 10$  GeV and  $\sqrt{s} = 500$  GeV. **Solid** line: electron-loop contributions, a **dotted** one the sum of electron- and muon-loop ones, and a **dashed** one includes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

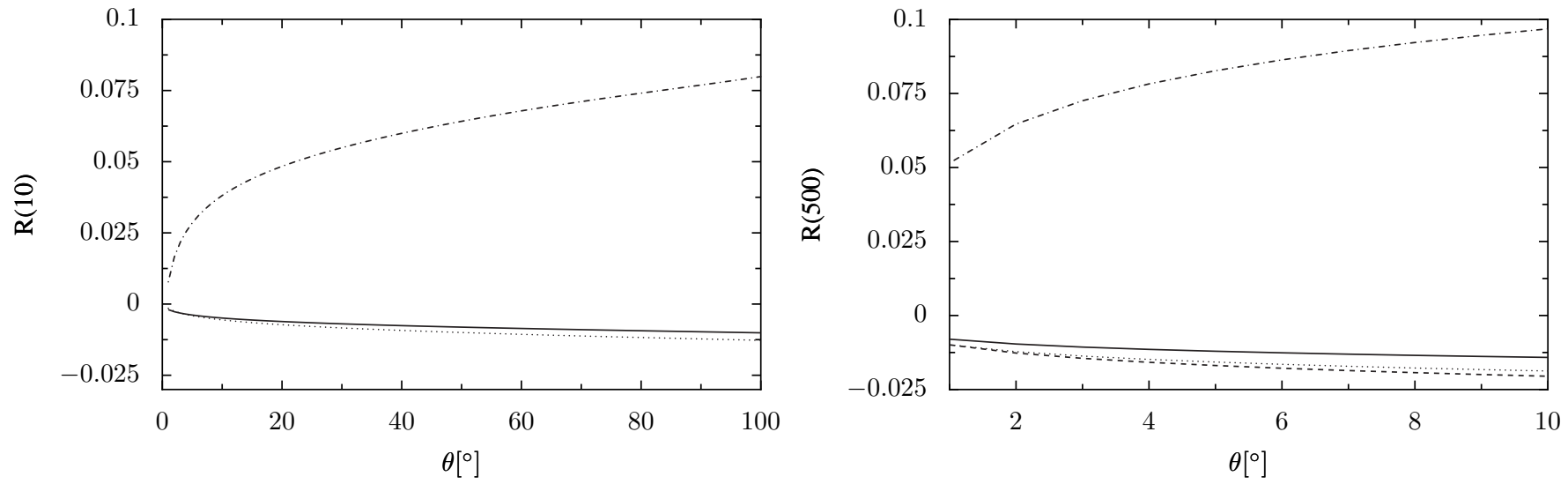


Figure 2: Here also with the photonic contributions of Arbutov et al., Glover et al., Penin (dash-dotted lines).

## 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 with:  
"Two-loop QED corrections to Bhabha scattering"  
Thomas Becher (Fermilab) , Kirill Melnikov (Hawaii U.), arXiv:0704.3582 [hep-ph],  
subm. to JHEP  
They pointed out to us an error which we had to find then, unfortunately ...
- Status: Now a nearly complete knowledge of the NNLO corrections to Bhabha scattering  
**To be determined yet:**
  - $\rightarrow$  Quarkonic  $N_f = 2$  contributions (non-perturbative)
  - $\rightarrow$  1-loop diagrams with real photon emission, interfering with real (Born) radiation, including 5-point functionsThe latter was studied already by Arbuzov, Kuraev, Shaitchatdenov (1998, massless case, small photon mass)