

QCD and EW mixed effects to Drell-Yan production

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The Standard Model has been extremely successful in describing the properties and interactions of the known elementary particles.

But, as the queries like origin of EWSB, neutrino mass, existence of dark matter etc. remain unanswered in the domain of the SM, it empowers the search for BSM physics.

The signature of BSM scenarios still remains a secret! The probability of striking and macroscopic new physics signatures with a moderate increase in energy appears low. We will probably have to disentangle small distortions from large SM backgrounds.

A huge amount of data will be accumulated in the HL-LHC. It is clear that an alternative path to uncover possible new physics is the search for small deviations from the predictions of the SM, and that **precision is the key**.





Standard model precision studies

Precise measurement of m_W (< 10 MeV)!

Precision determination of $\sin^2 \theta_{\rm W}$.

BSM studies

Precise determination of the SM background is crucial for BSM studies! Requires control of the SM prediction at the $\mathcal{O}(0.5\%)$ level in the TeV region.



Perturbative expansion

Parton model

$$\sigma_{tot}(z) = \sum_{i,j \in q,\bar{q},g,\gamma} \int \mathrm{d}x_1 \mathrm{d}x_2 \ f_i(x_1,\mu_F) f_j(x_2,\mu_F) \sigma_{ij}(z,\varepsilon,\mu_F)$$

In the full QCD-EW SM, we have a double series expansion of the partonic cross sections in the electromagnetic and strong coupling constants, α and α_s , respectively:

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{ij}(z) &= \sigma_{ij}^{(0)} \sum_{m,n=0}^{\infty} \alpha_s^m \, \alpha^n \, \sigma_{ij}^{(m,n)}(z) \\ &= \sigma_{ij}^{(0)} \left[\sigma_{ij}^{(0,0)}(z) \right. \\ &+ \alpha_s \sigma_{ij}^{(1,0)}(z) + \alpha \sigma_{ij}^{(0,1)}(z) \\ &+ \alpha_s^2 \sigma_{ij}^{(2,0)}(z) + \alpha \alpha_s \sigma_{ij}^{(1,1)}(z) + \alpha^2 \sigma_{ij}^{(0,2)}(z) \\ &+ \alpha_s^3 \sigma_{ij}^{(3,0)}(z) + \alpha \alpha_s^2 \sigma_{ij}^{(2,1)}(z) + \alpha^2 \alpha_s \sigma_{ij}^{(1,2)}(z) + \alpha^3 \sigma_{ij}^{(0,3)}(z) + \cdots \right] \end{aligned}$$

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NLO Altarelli, Ellis, Martinelli (1979);

NNLO

Hamberg, Matsuura, van Neerven (1991); Anastasiou, Dixon, Melnikov, Petriello (2003); Catani, Cieri, Ferrera, de Florian, Grazzini (2009);

$N^{3}LO$

Ahmed, Mahakhud, NR, Ravindran (2014); Duhr, Dulat, Mistlberger (2020); Chen, Gehrmann, Glover, Huss, Yang, Zhu (2021); Camarda, Cieri, Ferrera (2021); Chen, Gehrmann, Glover, Huss, Monni, Re, Rottoli, Torrielli (2022)

Perturbative expansion : EW corrections

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NLO

Baur, Brein, Hollik, Schappacher, Wackeroth (2002); Carloni Calame, Montagna, Nicrosini, Vicini (2007); Dittmaier, Huber (2010);

NNLO (approximated) Jantzen, Kühn, Penin, Smirnov (2005);

Perturbative expansion : mixed corrections

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NLO QCD and NLO EW corrections are separately large. What about the mixed corrections, particularly $\sigma_{ij}^{(1,1)}(z)$?

Recent progress in the NNLO mixed QCDxEW corrections

On-shell Z/W production

- Pole approximation : Dittmaier, Huss, Schwinn;
- Analytic QCDxQED corrections : de Florian, Der, Fabre;
- p_T^Z distribution in QCDxQED including p_T resummation : Cieri, Ferrera, Sborlini;
- Differential on-shell Z production including QCDxQED : Delto, Jaquier, Melnikov, Roentsch;
- Total QCDxEW corrections to Z production (fully analytic):

Bonciani, Buccioni, NR, Triscari, Vicini; Bonciani, Buccioni, NR, Vicini;

• Differential on-shell Z/W production including QCDxEW :

Behring, Buccioni, Caola, Delto, Jaquier, Melnikov, Roentsch;

Technical developments

- Master integrals : Aglietti, Bonciani; Bonciani, Di Vita, Mastrolia, Schubert; Heller, von Manteuffel, Schabinger; Long, Zhang, Ma, Jiang, Han, Li, Wang; Liu, Ma;
- Mixed QCD-QED splitting functions : de Florian, Sborlini, Rodrigo;
- Renormalisation : Degrassi, Vicini; Dittmaier, Schmidt, Schwarz; Dittmaier;

Complete Drell-Yan

- neutrino pair production in QCDxQED : Cieri, de Florian, Der, Mazzitelli;
- $pp
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 u_l + X$ in QCDxEW : Buonocore, Grazzini, Kallweit, Savoini, Tramontano;
- two-loop amplitudes: Heller, von Manteuffel, Schabinger; Armadillo, Bonciani, Devoto, NR, Vicini;
- Complete NNLO QCDxEW corrections to neutral current Drell-Yan:

Bonciani, Buonocore, Grazzini, Kallweit, NR, Tramontano, Vicini;

Buccioni, Caola, Chawdhry, Devoto, Heller, von Manteuffel, Melnikov, Röntsch, Signorile-Signorile;

Why $\sigma_{ij}^{(1,1)}(z)$ is important?

$\alpha_s(m_Z)\simeq 0.118$	$\alpha(m_Z)\simeq 0.0078$	$\frac{\alpha_s(m_Z)}{\alpha(m_Z)} \simeq 15.1$	$\frac{\alpha_s^3(m_Z)}{\alpha_s(m_Z)\alpha(m_Z)} \simeq 1.8$

- 1. From naive argument of coupling strength, $N^3LO~QCD \sim mixed~NNLO~QCD \otimes EW.$
- However, in specific phase-space points, fixed order EW corrections can become very large because of logarithmic (weak and QED Sudakov type) enhancement. These effects are large for W mass measurements. On the other hand, these corrections suffer from large uncertainties coming from unphysical scales.
- 3. N³LO QCD corrections control the uncertainties arising from the unphysical scales, but they lack the large EW effects.
- 4. The EW corrections reduce the input scheme dependence (from 3.53% to 0.23%).

The NNLO mixed QCD-EW corrections

- have similar magnitude as N³LO QCD,
- contain the large EW effects,
- reduce the theoretical uncertainties.
- reduce the input scheme dependence.

NNLO QCD \otimes EW corrections extremely important for high ($\mathcal{O}(10^{-4})$) precision pheno.

NNLO contributions to NC/CC Drell-Yan



Each individual contribution is divergent : $\frac{1}{\epsilon}$ in dimensional regularization

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Subtraction : $S^{(1,1)} \sim \int d\sigma^{(1,1)}_{CT} \Rightarrow$ The two sets are separately finite!

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The two-loop virtual amplitudes contain divergences of two types

(a) Ultraviolet divergences : UV renormalization of fields and couplings

(b) Infrared divergences : Soft (soft gluons & photons) & collinear (collinear partons)





 $k^0 \rightarrow 0$ Soft divergence $\theta \rightarrow 0$ Collinear divergence

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The computation is performed in background field gauge, with the advantage that the vertex and propagator contributions are separately UV finite.





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It is also reflected in the subtraction formula e.g. for the QED box part

 $\left[H(-1, y_l) - H(-1, z_l)\right]|_{m_l \to 0} \equiv \log(t/u)$

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(c) The corrections to the lepton vertex also contains these collinear singularities.

In one approach, we compute everything considering massless leptons and then do massification:

$$|\mathcal{M}_m\rangle = \mathcal{J}_m \mathcal{J}_0^{-1} |\mathcal{M}_0\rangle$$

In another approach, we compute (b) & (c) considering massive leptons using SeaSyde.



Computational procedure

$$d = 4 - 2\epsilon$$

- Diagrammatic approach -> QGRAF/FeynArts to generate Feynman diagrams
- In-house FORM/Mathematica routines for algebraic simplification :

Lorentz, Dirac and Color algebra

- Decomposition of the dot products to obtain scalar integrals
- Identity relations among scalar integrals : IBPs, LIs & SRs
- Algebraic linear system of equations relating the integrals

Master integrals (MIs)

- Computation of MIs : Method of differential equation & SeaSyde
- Ultraviolet renormalization
- Subtraction of the universal infrared poles $(S^{(1,1)})$.
- Numerical evaluation of the hard function to prepare the grid.

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For the mixed QCD-EW corrections to the NCDY, the two prescriptions yield

- **Different** one- and two-loop scattering amplitudes
- Same finite remainder after subtraction

[Heller, von Manteuffel, Schabinger, Spiesberger]

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Our approach :

- Consider a fixed point to start the Dirac trace.
- Use anti-commutation relation, bring all γ_5 at the end and use $\gamma_5^2 = 1$.
- Use $\gamma_5 = \frac{i}{24!} \epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \gamma^{\mu} \gamma^{\nu} \gamma^{\rho} \gamma^{\sigma}$ for the single leftover γ_5 .

The method of differential equations

A Feynman integral is a function of spacetime dimension d and kinematic invariant x, y.

$$J_i \sim \int \frac{d^d l_1}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{d^d l_2}{l_1^2 l_2^2 ((l_1 - l_2)^2 - m^2)(l_1 - p_1 - p_2)^2 (l_2 - p_3)^2} \equiv f(d, x, y)$$

The idea is to obtain differential eqns. for the integral w.r.t. x, y and solve it.

$$d_{x} \begin{pmatrix} J_{1} \\ J_{2} \\ J_{3} \\ J_{4} \\ \vdots \\ J_{n} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \cdots & \bullet \\ 0 & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \cdots & \bullet \\ 0 & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \cdots & \bullet \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \bullet & \cdots & \bullet \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & \bullet \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} J_{1} \\ J_{2} \\ J_{3} \\ J_{4} \\ \vdots \\ J_{n} \end{pmatrix}$$

To solve such a system, we need to perform series expansion in ϵ and to organize the matrix in each order of ϵ in such a way that it diagonalizes, or at least it takes a block-triangular form. Now, it can be solved using bottom-up approach.

The homogeneous solutions are in general log or Li₂. Because of the ϵ expansion, the non-homogeneous solutions are recursive integral over the homogeneous solutions.

The results are obtained in terms of iterated integrals (GPLs).

Iterated integrals

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MIs available for NC DY

- Form factor type MIs : Aglietti, Bonciani; Bonciani, Buccioni, NR, Vicini;
- Box type ($\gamma\gamma$ with massive lepton) : Bonciani, Ferroglia, Gehrmann, Maitre, Studerus;
- Box type ($\gamma Z \& ZZ$ with massless lepton) :

Bonciani, Di Vita, Mastrolia, Schubert; Heller, von Manteuffel, Schabinger

5 among the 36 two-same-mass MIs of Bonciani et al. contain Chen iterated integrals!

The 36 two-same-mass master integrals for NC DY

Fully analytic

• Most MIs are solved in GPLs.

• Five MIs are solved in terms of Chen's iterated integrals! Numerical evaluation possible only in the non-physical region.

Fully numerical

- Evaluation of the MIs in physical region is demanding! (using Fiesta/pySecDec)
- Specially for those five MIs, achieving a single digit precision in the physical region is extremely challenging!



Fig from Roberto et al.

Can we find a mixed approach?



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(b) A formula for the finite part which should be numerically stable and precise.

(i) The universal subtraction operator indicates that the singular part of the amplitude contains only simple GPLs.

(ii) The individual contribution from the five MIs to the single pole of the matrix element contains the Chen iterated integrals, which cancel after summing them.

(iii) Certain internal combinations of the MIs (at the lowest order in ϵ) can be found which can be solved in terms of simple GPLs.

So, only simple GPLs in the singular part! SOLVED!

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Implemented also in the Mathematica package DiffExp.

[F. Moriello (2019), M. Hidding (2020)]

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(i) We consider the system of differential equations for all the 36 MIs. Given a boundary point, the system can be solved using series expansion for a nearby point.

(ii) The solution in this new point can now be considered as boundary and thus we can go forward along a path to obtain solution in any phase space point.



The difference between NC & CC DY

Single mass scale (m_Z or m_W)

- Most MIs are solved in GPLs.
- Five MIs are solved in terms of Chen's iterated integrals!

31 MIs : GPLs, 5 MIs : SeaSyde

- Full analytic expressions for poles.
- Semi-analytic expressions for finite part.

Two mass scales $(\{m_Z, m_W\} \text{ or } \{m_l, m_W\})$

- Most MIs are not known analytically.
- Some MIs (sub-topologies) are with single mass scale and are known in terms of GPLs.





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(i) The two-different-mass MIs are generally less divergent (maximum $\frac{1}{\epsilon^2}$ pole)! Also, the $\frac{1}{2\ell}$ pole of these MIs have been computed.

The expressions for all except the single pole are analytic!

(ii) We compute the MIs expanding m_W around m_Z in terms of δ_m and check the single pole analytically up to $\mathcal{O}(\delta_m^2)$.

(iii) Finally, we compute all the MIs using SeaSyde and check the single pole numerically (with double-precision accuracy) at several phase-space points.

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We solve all the MIs using **SeaSyde**. We use NC DY grids as our initial conditions, and solve the differential equations with respect to the mass.

We start from both the limits (m_Z, m_Z) and (m_W, m_W) and arrive at the same results (m_W, m_Z) by using corresponding sets of differential equations.

All the known MIs are used to cross-check the SeaSyde result.

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We evaluate all the MIs semi-analytically using SeaSyde. For the MIs with two massive bosons (W and Z), we consider massless leptons. For the rest, the leptons are massive.

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(i) We generate the DE w.r.t the Mandelstam s & t using LiteRed.

(ii) We compute the boundary conditions in a point in the physical region using AMFlow, interfaced with Kira. (\sim 4.5 h for 50 digits on a laptop using 8 threads).

(iii) We solve the DE system using SeaSyde considering complex-valued masses. (Generation of the grid in $(\sqrt{s}, \cos \theta)$ for 3250 points requires roughly 3 weeks on a cluster with 26 cores.)

Checks using mass evolution: We can write down a DE w.r.t the mass difference $(m_Z^2 - m_W^2)$ and solve the DE considering the NC DY result as boundary conditions. (For each $(\sqrt{s}, \cos \theta)$ point, we do the mass evolution.) We find perfect agreement for both methods.

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Next? Numerical evaluation of the subtracted finite part

NC DY: there are \sim 11000 GPLs in the full expression. Production of the grid (3250 points) for the MIs required $\mathcal{O}(12h)$ on a 32-cores machine. Evaluation of the GPLs on a single phase-space point, for 40 digits precision, ranges from few minutes to \sim 20 minutes, depending on the phase-space point. Evaluation time substantially goes down for lesser precision.

CC DY: Production of the grid (3250 points) for the MIs required \sim 3 weeks on a 26-core HPC. Once we obtain the MIs, it is a matter of minutes.

** While comparing O(12h) vs. ~3 weeks, please note that it took substantial amount of time to compute the NC DY MIs in terms of GPLs.

Results as usable numerical grid

Below, we present, in G_{μ} -scheme, $H^{(1,1)}$ as defined by

$$H^{(1,1)} = \frac{1}{16} \left[2 \operatorname{Re} \left(\frac{\langle \mathcal{M}^{(0)} | \mathcal{M}^{(1,1)}, fin \rangle}{\langle \mathcal{M}^{(0)} | \mathcal{M}^{(0)} \rangle} \right) \right]$$



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We also provide (another) series expansion in δm_W in order to obtain $H^{(1,1)}$ for a different value of m_W (different from the chosen input value).



Obtaining the new grid (say for $m_W=$ 80.370 GeV) from the old grid ($m_W=$ 80.358 GeV) is almost instantaneous.





Figure 1: Predictions for the rapidity distribution (left) and the invariant mass distribution (right) of the final-state muon pair system. NLO EW and mixed QCD-EW corrections are additively included on top of the NNLO QCD prediction. The relative correction with respect to the additive combination NNLO QCD + (NLO) EW is showed in the middle panel, and the exact mixed correction is compared to the approximate factorised ansatz defined in the text. NLO-EW and NLO-QCD K-factor are displayed in the bottom panel.



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- Precise experimental measurements with precise theoretical predictions, can provide full understanding of the SM and shed light on BSM physics.
- The precision measurement of the EW parameters like $m_W,\sin\theta_W$ etc. are sensitive to beyond the SM physics.
- The mixed QCD & EW corrections to Drell-Yan production, is going to be a milestone in these
 precision measurements. It will be an important ingredient for the future Monte-Carlo
 event generators.
- Our semi-analytic approach has opened the possibilities to compute more difficult but important processes;

Thank you for your attention!