Mixed QCD×EW corrections for Drell-Yan processes

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Outline

Mixed QCD$\times$EW corrections for Drell-Yan processes
  complexities and approximations

Mixed QCD$\times$EW corrections in the resonance region: the $Z$ case
  motivations and simplifications
  recent progress: inclusive cross section and differential distributions

Conclusions and outlook

for motivations see A. Vicini's talk
Mixed QCDxEW to Drell-Yan processes: why it is hard

The complete calculation of the mixed QCDxEW corrections for a fully off-shell dilepton system involve several technical complexities:

Amplitudes/Integrals

Two-loop integrals involving several energy scales

Scattering amplitudes not available yet

Recent developments:
[Bonciani, Di Vita, Mastrolia, Schubert 1604.08581] [Heller, von Manteuffel, Schabinger 1907.00491] [Mehedi Hasan, Schubert 2004.14908]

Subtraction of IR singularities

Complex infrared structure of the amplitude

Recent developments:
[Delto, Jaquier, Melnikov, Röntsch 1909.08428] [Cieri, De Florian, Der, Mazzitelli 2005.01315] [Buonocore, Grazzini, Tramontano 1911.10166]

Fully off-shell NNLO QCDxQED for $Z \rightarrow \nu \bar{\nu}$

Fully off-shell case with charged leptons not available yet
Available approximations to full NNLO QCDxEW: PS

NLOEW and QED multiple photon corrections within native NLO and QCD Parton Shower in POWHEG BOX [Balossini et al. 0907.0276, Barze' et al. 1302.4606]

NLO QCD and EW + PS included into a single generator. Made available both for NCDY (Z) and CCDY (W)

Detailed phenomenological study indicate that impact of mixed QCDxEW correction on W mass extraction

\[ \Delta M_W \sim -16 \text{ MeV} \]

Red vs Green: impact of mixed corrections: up to several %

Combination of NLO QCD x NLO EW + PS (QCD & QED) vs NLO QCD+PS
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Coming soon! (stay tuned)
Mixed QCDxEW to on-shell Z production: going differential

Complete calculation of mixed QCDxEW corrections to on-shell Z boson production at the LHC

\[ \frac{d\sigma_{pp\to e^+e^-}}{d\Gamma_{Z\to e^+e^-}} = \text{Br}(Z\to e^+e^-) \frac{d\sigma_{pp\to Z}}{d\Gamma_{Z\to e^+e^-}} \]

In perturbation theory

\[ d\sigma = \sum_{i,j} \frac{\alpha_s^i}{2\pi} \frac{\alpha_s^j}{2\pi} \delta\sigma^{(i,j)} = \sum_{i,j} d\sigma^{(i,j)} \]

Main aspects of the calculation:

- Independent calculation of \textbf{2-loop form factors}: agreement with results available from the literature [Kotikov, Kuhn, Veretin hep-ph/0703013]

- One-loop \textbf{real-virtual integrals} from OpenLoops2 [F.B., Lang, Lindert, Maierhöfer, Pozzorini, Zhang, Zoller 1907.13071]
  It guarantees numerical stability in unresolved IR regions.

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- \textbf{Subtraction of IR singularities} performed within the nested soft collinear subtraction formalism [Caola, Melnikov, Röntsch 1702.01352]
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**Production process.**

It removes (strong) dependence on lepton cuts:

- weak corrections dominant over QED
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Both EW and QED effects must be considered for the required $O(\alpha_s)$ accuracy.
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Collins-Soper angle $\theta^*$

$$\cos \theta^* = \text{sgn}(p_{z,ii}) \frac{P_{i+}^+ P_{i-}^- - P_{i-}^- P_{i+}^+}{\sqrt{m_{ii}^2 + p_{\perp,ii}^2}}$$

$\cos \theta^*$ allows for a precise determination of the weak mixing angle at the LHC

- for $\cos \theta^*$ QED and weak effects have a similar impact even when $fs$ corrections are included
- LO kinematic boundary $p_{T,ii} < M_Z/2$. Effects more pronounced when FS QED corrections are included. Sensitivity to selection cuts
Comparison against factorised approximation

Exact: \( d\sigma = d\sigma^{LO} \left( 1 + \delta_{QCD} + \delta_{EW} + \delta_{QCD \times EW} \right) \)
\( \delta_{QCD} \sim \text{NLO+NNLO QCD} \)

Multiplicative approximation:
\( d\sigma = d\sigma^{LO} \left( 1 + \delta_{QCD} \right) \left( 1 + \delta_{EW} \right) \)
\( \delta_{QCD} \times \delta_{EW} \)
widely adopted method to estimate missing mixed QCDxEW effects.

NB: \( \delta \) defined wrt LO

At the integrated cross section level:

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Similar studies in [Dittmaier, Huss, Schwinn. 1511.08016]
Conclusions and outlook

The Drell-Yan process is a paradigm of precision physics at hadron colliders

For the required level of accuracy and for the upcoming HL-LHC phase, NNLO QCDxEW corrections need to be taken into account.

This is an active and lively topic of research and we are witnessing fast and constant progress from the side of theoretical calculations.

**Mixed QCDxEW corrections to Z production at the resonance:**

- mixed QCDxEW corrections are generally small: $O(10^{-3})$, however...
- significant interplay between QCDxQED and QCDxWeak
- effects vary with the observable of interest and depend strongly on the selection cuts
- proper assessment of the reduction of theory uncertainty needs a complete N3LO QCD calculation

**Complete QCDxEW corrections at the W resonance:**

- W boson mass extraction from LHC data with target accuracy of $O(10 \text{ MeV})$. Mixed corrections need to be taken into account.

**Outlook:**

- Mixed QCDxEW corrections away from the resonance
  - Crucial for studies in high-invariant mass regions
  - Assessment of validity of most used approximations
  - Many interesting formal aspects of perturbative calculations
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On-shell Z production in the narrow-width approximation

The production of a Z boson is computed in the narrow width approximation

\[
d\sigma_{pp \to e^+e^-} = Br\left(Z \to e^+e^-\right) \cdot d\sigma_{pp \to Z} \cdot \frac{d\Gamma_{Z \to e^+e^-}}{\Gamma_{Z \to e^+e^-}}
\]

The cross section for the process \( pp \to Z \to e^+e^- \) can be expanded in power of \( \alpha_s \) and \( \alpha \)

\[
d\sigma = \sum_{i,j} \frac{\alpha_s^i \alpha_s^j}{2\pi^2} \delta\sigma^{(i,j)} = \sum_{i,j} d\sigma^{(i,j)}
\]

The partial decay width is expanded perturbatively, so is the ratio \( d\Gamma/\Gamma \):

\[
\Gamma_{Z \to e^+e^-} = \Gamma^0 \times \left( 1 + \alpha \delta_{dec}^{(0,1)} + \alpha_s \delta_{dec}^{(1,1)} \right) + \mathcal{O}(\alpha^2, \alpha_s^2)
\]

\[d\Gamma_{Z \to e^+e^-} = d\Gamma^{(0,0)} + d\Gamma^{(0,1)} + d\Gamma^{(1,1)} + \mathcal{O}(\alpha^2, \alpha_s^2)\]

The mixed QCDxEW corrections to the cross sections thus read

\[
d\sigma^{(1,1)} = Br(Z \to e^+e^-) \times \left[d\sigma_{pp \to Z}^{(1,1)} \times \frac{d\Gamma^{(0,0)}}{\Gamma^0} + \right]
\]

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\[
d\sigma^{(1,0)} \times \left( \frac{d\Gamma^{(0,1)}}{\Gamma^0} - \alpha \frac{d\Gamma^{(0,0)}}{\Gamma^0} \delta_{dec}^{(0,1)} \right) + d\sigma^{(0,0)} \times \left( \frac{d\Gamma^{(1,1)}}{\Gamma^0} - \alpha_s \frac{d\Gamma^{(0,0)}}{\Gamma^0} \delta_{dec}^{(1,1)} \right)
\]

final-state effects