

Overview of theoretical precision of the luminosity at future electron-positron colliders

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For both the FCC-ee and the ILC, to exploit properly the respective precision physics program, the theoretical precision tag on the respective luminosity will need to be improved from the analogs of the 0.054%(0.061%) results at LEP at M_Z , where the former (latter) LEP result has (does not have) the pairs correction. At the FCC-ee at M_Z one needs improvement to 0.01%, for example. We present an overview of the roads one may take to reach the required 0.01% precision tag at the FCC-ee and of what the corresponding precision expectations would be for the FCC-ee₃₅₀, ILC₅₀₀, ILC₁₀₀₀, and CLIC₃₀₀₀ setups.

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1. Introduction

The importance of a precision MC event generator for the luminosity process at the FCC-ee and other future colliders has been emphasized in Refs. [1–3]. Compared to the situation at the time of LEP, there has already been substantial progress. In what follows, we give an overview of the expectations for the theoretical precision of the luminosity at future electron-positron colliders with the current situation in mind.

Specifically, we show in Table 1 a summary of the progress to date relative to the time of LEP. We see that, in spite of there being no really dedicated effort, considerable progress has been made.

Type of correction / Error	1999	Update 2019
(a) Photonic $\mathcal{O}(L_e\alpha^2)$	0.027% [4]	0.027%
(b) Photonic $\mathcal{O}(L_e^3\alpha^3)$	0.015% [5]	0.015%
(c) Vacuum polariz.	0.040% [6, 7]	0.011% [8, 9]
(d) Light pairs	0.030% [10]	0.010% [11, 12]
(e) Z and s-channel γ exchange	0.015% [13, 14]	0.015%
(f) Up-down interference	0.0014% [15]	0.0014%
(g) Technical Precision	–	(0.027)%
Total	0.061% [16]	0.037%

Table 1: Summary of the total (physical+technical) theoretical uncertainty with BHLUMI [17] for a typical calorimetric LEP luminosity detector within the generic angular range of 18–52 mrad. Total error is summed in quadrature.

2. Current Situation, Related to LEP and BHLUMI Upgrade

In Ref. [18] we have given the detailed description of the steps one would take on the path to improving the theoretical precision of BHLUMI the desired 0.01% precision tag needed for future colliders like the FCC-ee on the Z^0 resonance. For completeness, we recall these steps in Table 2 and we refer the reader to Ref. [18] for their detailed discussion accordingly. Here, we note that, with sufficient research support¹, the path to the 0.01% precision tag for BHLUMI is indeed an opened one.

As we illustrated in the Introduction, progress on the theoretical effort to improve the luminosity theory precision at electron colliders is occurring even though there is no really dedicated effort in that direction. We note the recent results in Refs. [23, 24] which feature the exact NNLO correction to the Bhabha scattering (the luminosity process at electron colliders) with next-to-soft stabilization. These results should be viewed relative to the results in Refs. [4, 16, 17, 25, 26] which realize the exact $\mathcal{O}(\alpha^2 L)$ corrections with the exact $\mathcal{O}(\alpha^2 L^2)$ correction done with amplitude-based resummation via MC event generator methods. To be more precise, if we write the NNLO cross section as

$$\sigma^{(2)} = \left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi}\right)^2 L^2 \sigma_2^{(2)} + \left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi}\right)^2 L \sigma_1^{(2)} + \left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi}\right)^2 \sigma_0^{(2)}, \quad (1)$$

¹We have to be realistic that, given the far off start times for the future electron colliders, such research support may also be far off.

Type of correction / Error	Update 2018	FCC-ee forecast
(a) Photonic [$\mathcal{O}(L_e \alpha^2)$] $\mathcal{O}(L_e^2 \alpha^3)$	0.027%	0.1×10^{-4}
(b) Photonic [$\mathcal{O}(L_e^3 \alpha^3)$] $\mathcal{O}(L_e^4 \alpha^4)$	0.015%	0.6×10^{-5}
(c) Vacuum polariz.	0.014% [19]	0.6×10^{-4}
(d) Light pairs	0.010% [20, 21]	0.5×10^{-4}
(e) Z and s-channel γ exchange	0.090% [22]	0.1×10^{-4}
(f) Up-down interference	0.009% [15]	0.1×10^{-4}
(g) Technical Precision	(0.027)%	0.1×10^{-4}
Total	0.097%	1.0×10^{-4}

Table 2: Anticipated total (physical+technical) theoretical uncertainty for a FCC-ee luminosity calorimetric detector with the angular range being 64–86 mrad (narrow), near the Z peak. Description of photonic corrections in square brackets is related to the 2nd column. The total error is summed in quadrature.

then the results in Refs. [23, 24] realize $\sigma_i^{(2)}$, $i = 0, 1, 2$, while those in Refs. [4, 16, 17, 25, 26] realize $\sigma_i^{(2)}$, $i = 1, 2$, exactly. We note that the relevant big logarithm is $L = \ln(|t|/m_e^2)$ in an obvious notation and that the constant term $\sigma_0^{(2)}$ enters at the level of $(\frac{\alpha}{\pi})^2 \cong 5.4 \times 10^{-6}$. From the standpoint of progress on cross-checks for precision theory in the Bhabha process, the authors in Refs.[23, 24] have made a comparison with the results from BABAYAGA [27–29]: for the ϕ factory type setup of $\sqrt{s} = 1020$ MeV, with $E_{min} = 408$ MeV, $20^\circ < \theta_\pm < 160^\circ$ (θ_\pm are the respective e^\pm cms scattering angles and E_{min} is their minimum energy.), and the acollinearity ζ cut $\zeta_{max} = 10^\circ$, the agreement is at the level 0.07%. This is two orders of magnitude larger than the level at which $\sigma_0^{(2)}$ enters as noted above and suggests that one of the two calculations may have unknown technical errors, as both are supposed to be exact at NNLO.

The semi-soft approximation used in Refs. [23, 24] using the notation therein can be isolated via

$$\lim_{\xi \rightarrow 0} \xi^2 \mathcal{M}_{n+1}^{(\ell)} = \mathcal{E} \mathcal{M}_n^{(\ell)} + \xi \Delta \mathcal{M}_{n+1}^{(\ell)} + \dots, \quad (2)$$

where $\mathcal{M}_n^{(\ell)}$ is the ℓ – loop matrix element squared amplitude with n final state particles, \mathcal{E} is the respective YFS [30] exponent and $\xi = 2E_\gamma/\sqrt{s}$ the scaled photon energy. The semi-soft approximation keeps the $1/\xi$ non-universal term determined by $\Delta \mathcal{M}_{n+1}^{(\ell)}$ in eq.(2). This should be compared with the corresponding treatment of the analogous effects in Refs. [4, 16, 17, 25, 26]. When the exact $\mathcal{O}(\alpha^2 L)$ correction in latter references is implemented in BHLUMI, the $(\frac{\alpha}{\pi})^2$ term will be missing from $\bar{\beta}_{1U}^{(2)}$ and $\bar{\beta}_{1L}^{(2)}$ in the cross section for the process $e^+(p_1) + e^-(q_1) \rightarrow e^+(p_2) + e^-(q_2) + \gamma(k_1) + \dots + \gamma(k_n) + \gamma(k'_1) + \dots + \gamma(k'_n)$ as presented in Ref. [31] which we reproduce here for completeness:

$$\begin{aligned}
\sigma^{(r)} = & \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n'=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \frac{1}{n'!} \int \frac{d^3 p_2}{p_2^0} \int \frac{d^3 q_2}{q_2^0} \prod_{j=1}^n \int_{k_j \notin \Omega_U} \frac{d^3 k_j}{k_j^0} \tilde{S}_p(k_j) \prod_{l=1}^{n'} \int_{k'_l \notin \Omega_L} \frac{d^3 k'_l}{k'^0_l} \tilde{S}_q(k'_l) \\
& \delta^{(4)} \left(p_1 - p_2 + q_1 - q_2 - \sum_{j=1}^n k_j - \sum_{l=1}^{n'} k'_l \right) e^{Y_p(\Omega_U) + Y_q(\Omega_L)} \\
& \left\{ \bar{\beta}_0^{(r)} + \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\bar{\beta}_{1U}^{(r)}(k_j)}{\tilde{S}_p(k_j)} + \sum_{l=1}^{n'} \frac{\bar{\beta}_{1L}^{(r)}(k'_l)}{\tilde{S}_q(k'_l)} + \sum_{n \geq j > k \geq 1} \frac{\bar{\beta}_{2UU}^{(r)}(k_j, k_k)}{\tilde{S}_p(k_j) \tilde{S}_p(k_k)} \right. \\
& \left. + \sum_{n' \geq l > m \geq 1} \frac{\bar{\beta}_{2LL}^{(r)}(k_l, k_m)}{\tilde{S}_q(k'_l) \tilde{S}_q(k'_m)} + \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{l=1}^{n'} \frac{\bar{\beta}_{2UL}^{(r)}(k_j, k'_l)}{\tilde{S}_p(k_j) \tilde{S}_q(k'_l)} \right\}. \tag{3}
\end{aligned}$$

where we refer the reader to Ref. [31] for the definitions of the respective IR functions and constructs. There is no semi-soft approximation in the approach in eq.(3).

3. Current Situation, Higher Energies

In Ref. [32] we have extended our analysis in Ref. [18] to include the expectations for the luminosity theory error for higher energy future electron colliders: FCCee₃₅₀, ILC₅₀₀, ILC₁₀₀₀, and CLIC₃₀₀₀, where the collider cms energy in GeV is indicated by its subscript. We see in Table 3 that the key variable is the geometric mean momentum transfer $\bar{t} \equiv \sqrt{t_{\min} t_{\max}}$ for the respective acceptances for the attendant cms energies using an obvious notation. Generalizing [32]

Table 3: Basic parameters of the detectors at e^+e^- past and future machines. The $\theta_{\min} - \theta_{\max}$ are the generic LABH detector acceptances.

Machine	$\theta_{\min} - \theta_{\max}$ (mrad)	\sqrt{s} (GeV)	\bar{t}/s	$\sqrt{\bar{t}}$ (GeV)
LEP	28–50	M_Z	3.5×10^{-4}	1.70
FCCee	64–86	M_Z	13.7×10^{-4}	3.37
FCCee	64–86	350	13.7×10^{-4}	13.0
ILC	31–77	500	6.0×10^{-4}	12.2
ILC	31–77	1000	6.0×10^{-4}	24.4
CLIC	39–134	3000	13.0×10^{-4}	108

our methods first to the proposed 500 GeV ILC and subsequently to the FCCee₃₅₀, ILC₁₀₀₀, and CLIC₃₀₀₀, we get the analog of Table 2 for the ILC₅₀₀ which we show here in Table 4 as well as forecasts for the FCCee₃₅₀, ILC₁₀₀₀, and CLIC₃₀₀₀ which we show here in Table 5. Of course, with appropriate resources, these results for the higher energies could all be improved as it is indicated in Ref. [32].

We conclude with the following observations. The BHLUMI team, with appropriate resources, can improve it to meet the physics requirements of the planned future electron colliders. The far off nature of the colliders raises a legitimate question on the timing of these resources. It is a question that has yet to be answered.

Table 4: Forecasts of the total (physical+technical) theoretical uncertainty for the ILC 500 luminosity calorimetric detector with the angular range of 31–77 mrad. Description of photonic corrections in square brackets is related to the 2nd column. The numbers in curly brackets in lines (e) and “Total” refer to a fictitious situation with all Born-level interferences included in BHLUMI. The total error is summed in quadrature. A technical error is not included in “Total”

ILC 500 setup			
Type of correction/error		Update 2019	Forecast
(a) Photonic [$\mathcal{O}(L_e\alpha^2)$]	$\mathcal{O}(L_e^2\alpha^3)$	0.033%	0.13×10^{-4}
(b) Photonic [$\mathcal{O}(L_e^3\alpha^3)$]	$\mathcal{O}(L_e^4\alpha^4)$	0.028%	0.27×10^{-4}
(c) Vacuum polariz.		0.022% [8]	1.1×10^{-4}
(d) Light pairs		0.010% [9]	0.4×10^{-4}
(e) Z and s-channel γ exchange		0.5% (0.06%)	1.0×10^{-4}
(f) Up-down interference		0.004% [15]	$<0.1 \times 10^{-4}$
(g) Technical Precision		(0.027%)	0.1×10^{-4}
Total		0.5% (0.078%)	1.6×10^{-4}

Table 5: Forecast of the total (physical) theoretical uncertainty for the FCCee350, ILC1000 and CLIC luminosity calorimetric detectors with angular acceptances as defined in the text. Number (*) is likely overestimated. The total error is summed in quadrature. A technical error is not included.

Forecast			
Type of correction/error	FCCee350	ILC1000	CLIC3000
(a) Photonic $\mathcal{O}(L_e^2\alpha^3)$	0.13×10^{-4}	0.15×10^{-4}	0.20×10^{-4}
(b) Photonic $\mathcal{O}(L_e^4\alpha^4)$	0.27×10^{-4}	0.37×10^{-4}	0.63×10^{-4}
(c) Vacuum polariz.	1.1×10^{-4}	1.1×10^{-4}	1.2×10^{-4}
(d) Light pairs	0.4×10^{-4}	0.5×10^{-4}	0.7×10^{-4}
(e) Z and s-channel γ exchange	$1.0 \times 10^{-4(*)}$	2.4×10^{-4}	16×10^{-4}
(f) Up-down interference	0.1×10^{-4}	$< 0.1 \times 10^{-4}$	0.1×10^{-4}
Total	1.6×10^{-4}	2.7×10^{-4}	16×10^{-4}

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