Two-loop EW Sudakov logarithms for massive fermion scattering

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(1) EW logarithms at the TeV scale: strategies and results [Fadin, Lipatov,

Martin, Melles, Jantzen, Kühn, Moch, Penin, Smirnov, M.Ciafaloni, P.Ciafaloni, Comelli, Hori, Kawamura, Kodaira, Beenakker, Werthenbach, Denner, S. P.]

(2) Two-loop logarithms for massive fermion scattering [Denner, Jantzen, S.P.]

PART 1

Introduction: electroweak corrections at the TeV scale

Example: electroweak corrections to $pp \rightarrow W + jet$ at the LHC



Kühn, Kulesza, S.P., Schulze (2007)

At small p_T

• Corrections of $\mathcal{O}(\alpha) \sim 1\%$

At $p_T > 100 \text{ GeV}$

- large negative corrections $\gg 1\%$
- increase with p_T
- -30% at $p_T \sim 1 \text{TeV}$!

Origin: scattering energy \gg characteristic scale of EW corrections

Large double logarithms

$$\frac{\delta\sigma}{\sigma} \sim -\frac{\alpha}{\pi s_{\rm W}^2} \ln^2 \left(\frac{s}{M_{W,Z}^2}\right) \simeq -26\%$$
 at $\sqrt{s} \sim 1 \,{\rm TeV}$

from vertex and box diagrams involving virtual W and Z bosons



Kuroda, Moultaka, Schildknecht (1991); Degrassi, Sirlin (1992); Beenakker, Denner, Dittmaier, Mertig, Sack (1993); Denner, Dittmaier, Schuster (1995); Denner, Dittmaier, Hahn (1997), Beccaria, Montagna, Piccinini, Renard, Verzegnassi (1998); Ciafaloni, Comelli (1999)

Affect all hard scattering processes at LHC, ILC, CLIC!

Asymptotic expansion of 1-loop EW corrections

General form of M_W^2/s expansion

$$\alpha \left[C_2 \underbrace{\ln^2 \left(\frac{s}{M_W^2} \right)}_{\text{soft,coll}} + C_1 \underbrace{\ln \left(\frac{s}{M_W^2} \right)}_{\text{soft,coll}} + \tilde{C}_1 \underbrace{\ln \left(\frac{s}{\mu_R^2} \right)}_{\text{UV}} + C_0 \right]$$

Terms of $\mathcal{O}(M_W^2/s)$ negligible for $s \sim 1 \,\mathrm{TeV}^2$

$$C_k = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} C_k^{(j)} \left(\frac{M_W^2}{s}\right)^j \quad \to \quad C_k^{(0)}$$

Mass singularities from soft/collinear gauge bosons coupling to external lines

Analogies with QED and QCD? Factorization and universality?

Factorization and universality of one-loop EW logarithms [Denner, S.P. (2001)]

For arbitrary processes $(e, \nu, u, d, t, b, \gamma, Z, W^{\pm}, H, g)$



proven with collinear Ward identities for spontaneously broken YM theories

$$\begin{split} & \underbrace{\frac{\alpha}{W,Z,\gamma}}_{j} = \frac{\alpha}{4\pi} \left\{ \sum_{V=\gamma,Z,W} I_{i}^{V} I_{j}^{V} \ln^{2} \frac{r_{ij}}{M_{W}^{2}} + 2I_{i}^{Z} I_{j}^{Z} \ln \frac{r_{ij}}{M_{W}^{2}} \ln \frac{M_{W}^{2}}{M_{Z}^{2}} + \frac{\gamma_{ij}^{\text{ew}} \ln \frac{s}{M_{W}^{2}}}{1 + Q_{i}Q_{j}} \sum_{k=i,j} \left[\ln \frac{r_{ij}}{m_{k}^{2}} \ln \frac{M_{W}^{2}}{\lambda^{2}} - \frac{1}{2} \ln^{2} \frac{M_{W}^{2}}{m_{k}^{2}} - \ln \frac{M_{W}^{2}}{\lambda^{2}} - \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{M_{W}^{2}}{m_{k}^{2}} \right] \right\} \end{split}$$

Simple and general recipe for LL and NLL at one loop

1% precision at 1 TeV requires two-loop EW effects!

Leading two-loop logarithms

$$\frac{\delta\sigma}{\sigma} \sim \frac{\alpha^2}{2\pi^2 s_{\rm W}^4} \ln^4\left(\frac{s}{M_{\rm W}^2}\right) \simeq 3.5\% \qquad \text{at} \quad \sqrt{s} \sim 1 \,\text{TeV}$$

Asymptotic high-energy expansion for $M_W^2/s \ll 1$



Analogies with QCD? Exponentiation?

InfraRed Evolution Equation (IREE) for QCD matrix elements

Logarithmic dependence on soft-collinear cut-off $\frac{\partial \mathcal{M}}{\partial \ln(\mu_{\mathrm{T}})} = K(\mu_{\mathrm{T}})\mathcal{M}$



How to deal with mass gap in the electroweak gauge sector?

$$f_{\rm W}:$$
 $\gamma \qquad W \qquad \Rightarrow \quad \alpha^2 \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \ln^3 \left(\frac{s}{M_{\rm W}^2}\right)$

 $M_{\gamma}=0 ~\ll~ M_{
m Z} \sim M_{
m W}:$



mass gap irrelevant $(M_{\gamma} = M_{\rm Z} = M_{\rm W})$

$$rac{\partial \mathcal{M}}{\partial \ln(\mu_{\mathrm{T}})} = K_{\mathrm{EW}}(\mu_{\mathrm{T}})\mathcal{M}$$

as in symmetric $SU(2) \times U(1)$ theory

U(1)
$$_{
m em}$$
 regime: $\mu_{
m T} < M_{
m W,Z}$



weak boson frozen $(M_Z, M_W = \infty)$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{M}}{\partial \ln(\mu_{\rm T})} = K_{\rm QED}(\mu_{\rm T})\mathcal{M}$$

as in QED

Symmetry-breaking problem reduced to two problems with unbroken symmetry

Resummation formula based on IREE approach

Double exponentiation resulting from $M_{\gamma} \ll M_W \sim M_Z$



Existing applications



Very recently: $e^+e^- \rightarrow W^+W^-$ [Kühn, Metzler, Penin], SCET approach [Manohar et. al.]

Two-loop calculations based on EW Feynman rules

The (few) existing results agree with the IREE



Technology for two-loop NLL for arbitrary processes now available

- electroweak collinear Ward identities for process-independent treatment
- automatic algorithm for 2-loop diagrams in NLL approximation

PART 2

Two-loop EW Sudakov logarithms for massive fermion scattering

[Denner, Jantzen, S.P. (preliminary results)]

Feynman diagrams and soft-collinear approximation

Scattering of *n* fermions $(l, \nu_l, u, d, s, c, b, t)$



for
$$Q^2 \gg M_W^2, M_Z^2, M_H^2, m_t^2$$
 and $m_{f \neq t}^2 = 0$

Soft-collinear fermion-boson vertices

$$\underbrace{ \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \underbrace{ \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \\ \\ \\ \end{array} \right\}}_{V_{n}^{\mu_{n}}} \cdots \underbrace{ \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \\ \\ \\ \end{array} \right\}}_{V_{n}^{\mu_{n}}} \cdots \underbrace{ \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \\ \\ \end{array} \right\}}_{V_{n}^{\mu_{n}}} i \end{array} \right\} = \frac{-2eI_{i}^{V_{1}}(p_{i}+q_{1})^{\mu_{1}}}{(p_{i}+q_{1})^{2}-m_{1}^{2}} \cdots \underbrace{ \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \\ -2eI_{i}^{V_{n}}(p_{i}+\tilde{q}_{n})^{\mu_{n}} \\ (p_{i}+\tilde{q}_{n})^{2}-m_{n}^{2} \end{array} \right\}}_{\dots} \times \underbrace{ \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \\ \\ \\ \end{array} \right\}}_{\dots} i \end{array}$$

Two-loop diagrams that yield $\ln^3(Q^2/M^2)$ soft/collinear contributions



involve (at least) one soft/collinear gauge boson coupling to two external lines

(A) Non-factorizable two-loop diagrams

Collinear gauge bosons coupling to external and internal lines



Collinear Ward identities for SB non-abelian theories [Denner, Jantzen, S.P. (2001,2006)]

$$\begin{split} \dots &= \mu_0^{4\epsilon} \int \frac{\mathrm{d}^D q_1}{(2\pi)^D} \int \frac{\mathrm{d}^D q_2}{(2\pi)^D} \frac{4ie^2 g_2 \varepsilon^{V_1 V_2 V_3}}{(q_1^2 - M_{V_1}^2)(q_2^2 - M_{V_2}^2)(q_3^2 - M_{V_3}^2)(p_i - q_2)^2 (p_j - q_1)^2} \\ \times \lim_{q_1^{\mu} \to 0} \lim_{q_2^{\mu} \to x p_i^{\mu}} (p_i - q_2)^{\mu_2} (p_j - q_1)^{\mu_1} \left[g_{\mu_1 \mu_2} (q_1 - q_2)^{\mu_3} + g_{\mu_2}^{\mu_3} (q_2 + q_3)_{\mu_1} - g_{\mu_1}^{\mu_3} (q_3 + q_1)_{\mu_2} \right] \\ \times \sum_{\varphi_i', \varphi_j'} \left\{ G_{\mu_3}^{[\overline{V_3} \varphi_i']} (q_3, p_i - q_2) u(p_i, \kappa_i) + \frac{2(p_j + q_2)_{\mu_3}}{(p_j + q_2)^2} \sum_{\varphi_j'} eI_{\varphi_j'' \varphi_j'}^{\overline{V_3}} \mathcal{M}_0^{\varphi_1 \dots \varphi_i' \dots \varphi_j' \dots \varphi_n} \right. \\ \left. + \sum_{\substack{k=1\\k \neq i,j}}^n \frac{2(p_k + q_3)_{\mu_3}}{(p_k + q_3)^2} \sum_{\varphi_k'} \mathcal{M}_0^{\varphi_1 \dots \varphi_i' \dots \varphi_j' \dots \varphi_k' \dots \varphi_n} eI_{\varphi_k' \varphi_k}^{\overline{V_3}} \right\} I_{\varphi_j' \varphi_j}^{\overline{V_1}} I_{\varphi_j' \varphi_j}^{\overline{V_2}} = 0 \end{split}$$

This cancellation mechanism permits process-independent treatment

(B) Factorizable two-loop diagrams

Soft/collinear gauge bosons coupling only to external lines



Factorization and explicit calculation using sector decomposition $[D_{enner, S.P. (2004)}]$ and expansion by regions $[J_{antzen, Smirnov (2006)}]$



(C) UV singularities and renormalization

Soft-collinear gauge-boson exchange with one-loop UV insertions



UV contributions only from subdiagrams with $\Lambda_{
m loop} \ll Q$



Involve virtual gauge bosons and scalar particles (H, χ, ϕ^{\pm})

(D) Yukawa contributions

Cancellation due to global gauge invariance of $\mathcal{L}_{Yuk} = -\bar{\Psi}\Phi \ G^{\Phi}_{\rho}\omega_{\rho}\Psi$



Yukawa contr. only from WF renormalization $(C_{\rm L}^{t,b} = 1, C_{\rm R}^t = 2, C_{\rm R}^b = 0)$

$$= -\frac{\alpha}{8\pi} \frac{m_{\rm t}^2}{4s_{\rm W}^2 M_{\rm W}^2} C_{\rm R,L}^f \underbrace{\frac{1}{\epsilon} \left[\left(\frac{Q}{m_{\rm t}}\right)^{2\epsilon} - 1 \right]}_{\ln(Q^2/m_{\rm t}^2)} \times \\ = \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{1}{\epsilon} \left[\left(\frac{Q}{m_{\rm t}}\right)^{2\epsilon} - 1 \right] \right] \times \\ = \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{1}{\epsilon} \left[\left(\frac{Q}{m_{\rm t}}\right)^{2\epsilon} - 1 \right] \right] \times \\ = \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{1}{\epsilon} \left[\left(\frac{Q}{m_{\rm t}}\right)^{2\epsilon} - 1 \right] \right] \times \\ = \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{1}{\epsilon} \left[\left(\frac{Q}{m_{\rm t}}\right)^{2\epsilon} - 1 \right] \right] \times \\ = \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{1}{\epsilon} \left[\frac{Q}{m_{\rm t}}\right]^{2\epsilon} - 1 \right] \right] \times \\ = \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{1}{\epsilon} \left[\frac{Q}{m_{\rm t}}\right]^{2\epsilon} - 1 \right] \left[\frac{1}{\epsilon} \left[\frac{Q}{m_{\rm t}}\right]^{2\epsilon} - 1 \right] \right] \times \\ = \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{1}{\epsilon} \left[\frac{Q}{m_{\rm t}}\right]^{2\epsilon} - 1 \right] \left[\frac{1}{\epsilon} \left[\frac{Q}{m_{\rm t}}\right]^{2\epsilon} - 1 \right] \left[\frac{1}{\epsilon} \left[\frac{Q}{m_{\rm t}}\right]^{2\epsilon} - 1 \right] \right] \left[\frac{1}{\epsilon} \left[\frac{Q}{m_{\rm t}}\right]^{2\epsilon} - 1 \right] \left[\frac{Q}{m_{\rm t}}\right]^{2\epsilon} - 1 \right] \left[\frac{Q}{m_{\rm t}}\right]^{2\epsilon} - 1 \left[\frac{Q}{m_{\rm t}}\right]^{2\epsilon} - 1$$

Algorithm based on sector decomposition [Denner, S.P. (2004)]

- arbitrary two-loop diagrams in the limit $L = \ln(Q^2/M^2) \gg 1$
- photons and light fermions massless in $D = 4 2\epsilon$

• completely automatized to **NLL accuracy**; computing time = $\mathcal{O}(10s)$

Multi-loop integrals with sector decomposition (one-slide summary)

Hepp(1966); Denner, Roth (1996); Binoth, Heinrich(2000); Denner, S.P. (2004)

(A) L-loop integral with I propagators: Feynman parametrization

$$G = \int_0^1 \prod_{i=1}^I \mathrm{d}\alpha_j \,\delta(1 - \sum_{s=1}^I \alpha_s) \frac{\Gamma(e)\mathcal{U}(\vec{\alpha})^{-e}}{\left[\mathcal{P}(\vec{\alpha}) + (M^2/Q^2)\mathcal{R}(\vec{\alpha})\right]^f} \quad \text{with} \quad M^2/Q^2 \ll 1$$

(B) Isolate mass singularities in FP space: sector decomposition

$$G' = \int_0^1 \prod_{i=1}^m \mathrm{d}\beta_i \int_0^1 \prod_{j=1}^n \mathrm{d}\alpha_j^f \frac{\mathcal{G}(\vec{\alpha};\vec{\beta})}{\left[\alpha_1\alpha_2\dots\alpha_n + (M^2/Q^2)\mathcal{H}(\vec{\alpha};\vec{\beta})\right]^f} \Rightarrow \ln^n \text{ singularity!}$$

(C) Extract logarithms: singular α_j -integrations

$$G' = \frac{1}{n!} \int_0^1 \prod_{i=1}^m d\beta_i \left\{ \mathcal{G}(\vec{0}, \vec{\beta}) \ln^n \left(\frac{Q^2}{M^2} \right) + (n-1) \left\{ \mathcal{G}(\vec{0}, \vec{\beta}) \left[\ln[\mathcal{H}(\vec{0}, \vec{\beta})] + \sum_{k=1}^{f-1} \frac{1}{k} \right] + \sum_{j=1}^n \int_0^1 \frac{d\alpha_j}{\alpha_j} \left[\mathcal{G}(0, \dots, \alpha_j, \dots, 0, \vec{\beta}) - \mathcal{G}(\vec{0}, \vec{\beta}) \right] \right\} \ln^{n-1} \left(\frac{Q^2}{M^2} \right) + \mathcal{O}(\ln^{n-2}) \right\}$$

(D) Compute LL and NLL coefficients: non-singular β_i -integrations (2-loop diagrams \Rightarrow integrations 2-dimensional and simple)



 $\mathcal{O}(100)$ inequivalent two-loop diagrams \Rightarrow very simple result!

- Two-loop $\equiv \exp(1\text{-loop}) \times \text{Born}$
- Agreement with IREE [Kühn, Moch, Penin, Smirnov (2000); Melles (2003)]



$$\times \left(L + \frac{1}{2}L^{2}\epsilon + \frac{1}{6}L^{3}\epsilon^{2} \right) \right] + \left(\frac{\alpha}{4\pi} \right)^{2} \frac{1}{2\epsilon} \left[\left(\frac{-s}{\mu^{2}} \right)^{\epsilon} K(\epsilon, M_{W}, s) - K(2\epsilon, M_{W}, s) \right] \left(g_{1}^{2} \frac{Y_{i}Y_{j}}{4} b_{1}^{(1)} + g_{2}^{2} \frac{T_{i}^{a}T_{j}^{a}}{4} b_{2}^{(1)} \right)$$



$$+\left(\frac{\alpha}{4\pi}\right)^2 \frac{1}{2\epsilon} \left[\left(\frac{-s}{\mu^2}\right)^{\epsilon} \Delta K(\epsilon,0,s) - \Delta K(2\epsilon,0,s)\right] e^2 Q_i Q_j b_{\text{QED}}^{(1)}$$





Mixing correction depending on Z-W mass difference

$$= -\left(\frac{\alpha}{4\pi}\right)I_i^Z I_j^Z \ln\left(\frac{M_Z^2}{M_W^2}\right) \left[2L + 2L^2\varepsilon + L^3\varepsilon^2\right] \qquad \Rightarrow \mathcal{O}(10^{-3}) \text{ effect at two loops}$$



• these results applicable to $e^+e^- \to b\bar{b}, \, q\bar{q} \to \mu^+\mu^-, \, u\bar{d} \to t\bar{b}, \, gg \to b\bar{b}, \, \dots$

• similar analysis can be performed for processes with γ, W, Z, H

Conclusions

Hard reactions at $Q^2 \sim 1 \,\mathrm{TeV}^2$ receive large two-loop EW corrections

 $\frac{\delta\sigma}{\sigma} \sim \frac{\alpha^2}{2\pi^2 s_{\rm W}^4} \ln^4 \left(\frac{Q^2}{M_{\rm W}^2}\right) \simeq 3.5\% \qquad \text{important for precision at LHC,ILC,CLIC}$

- LL well known for arbitrary SM processes
- NLL predictions based on IREE approach + few explicit calculations

Method to derive subleading two-loop logarithms diagrammatically

- Collinear Ward identities + algorithmic treatment of loop integrals
- Explicit NLL results for $f_1 f_2 \rightarrow f_3 \dots f_n$ (massless and massive)
- Highly automatized at NLL level and applicable to arbitrary processes

$$\left(\frac{\alpha}{4\pi\sin^2\theta_w}\right)^2 \left[2.79\,\ln^4\left(\frac{s}{M_W^2}\right) - 51.98\,\ln^3\left(\frac{s}{M_W^2}\right) + 321.34\,\ln^2\left(\frac{s}{M_W^2}\right) - 757.35\,\ln^1\left(\frac{s}{M_W^2}\right)\right]$$



Subleading logarithms

- increasingly large coefficients
- alternating signs

Importance of logarithmic effects

- total 2-loop correction small
- + residual theoretical error $\mathcal{O}(10^{-3})$

Behaviour of log expansion

- oscillating, bad convergence
- + better convergence expected for gauge-boson production

Cancellation mechanism for non-factorizable contributions

Soft-collinear fermion-boson vertices (Dirac structure disappears)

$$\lim_{\substack{q_{k}^{\mu} \to x_{k} p_{i}^{\mu} \\ \bar{V}_{1}^{\mu_{1}} \dots \bar{V}_{n}^{\mu_{n}} \quad V_{n}^{\mu_{n}}}}_{\bar{V}_{1}^{\mu_{1}} \dots \bar{V}_{n}^{\mu_{n}} \quad V_{n}^{\mu_{n}}} \cdots \frac{1}{\sum_{\substack{q_{i}^{\mu_{1}} \dots \mu_{n}^{\mu_{n}}}}}_{V_{1}^{\mu_{1}}} \times \frac{-2eI_{i}^{V_{n}}(p_{i} + \tilde{q}_{n})^{\mu_{n}}}{(p_{i} + \tilde{q}_{n})^{2}} \dots \frac{-2eI_{i}^{V_{1}}(p_{i} + q_{1})^{\mu_{1}}}{(p_{i} + q_{1})^{2}}$$

Collinear Ward identities for spontaneously broken non-abelian theories



Denner, S.P. (2001)

derived from BRS symmetry and valid for arbitrary processes

Separation of photonic singularities for $pp \rightarrow Wj$ [Kühn, Kulesza, S.P., Schulze (2007)]

Cancellation of virtual-photon divergencies requires real bremstrahlung. Needed techniques (dipole subtraction) not available beyond one loop.



Strategy: gauge-invariant splitting

- $\sigma_{\rm virt}^{\rm fin} = \sigma_{\rm virt}(M_{\gamma} = M_{\rm W})$
- $\sigma_{\gamma}^{\text{fin}} = \text{virtual-photon singularities}$ +photon bremsstrahlung



One-loop calculation for $\mathbf{p}\mathbf{p}\to\mathbf{W}\mathbf{j}$

- $\sigma_{\rm virt}^{\rm fin} =$ large negative corrections
- $\sigma_{\gamma}^{\text{fin}} \leq 1\%$ for fully inclusive γ

Origin of $1/\varepsilon$ and $\ln(Q^2/M^2)$ singularities

$$G \propto \int_0^1 \mathrm{d}^I \vec{\alpha} \, \delta(1 - \sum_{r=1}^I \alpha_r) \frac{\Gamma(e)}{\left[\mathcal{U}(\vec{\alpha})\right]^e \left[\mathcal{F}(\vec{\alpha})\right]^f}$$

Polynomials ($\mathcal{T} = \text{trees}, \mathcal{C} = \text{cuts}$)

$$\mathcal{U}(\vec{\alpha}) = \sum_{\mathcal{T}} \alpha_{\mathcal{T}_1} \dots \alpha_{\mathcal{T}_L}$$
$$-\mathcal{F}(\vec{\alpha}) = \sum_{\mathcal{C}} s_{\mathcal{C}} \alpha_{\mathcal{C}_1} \dots \alpha_{\mathcal{C}_{L+1}} - \mathcal{U}(\vec{\alpha}) \sum_{r=1}^{I} \alpha_r M_r^2 + i\varepsilon$$

UV and mass singularities $(s_{\mathcal{C}} = s, t, u < 0)$

 $\mathcal{U}(\vec{\alpha}) = 0 \Rightarrow \text{UV sing.}$ $\mathcal{F}(\vec{\alpha}) = 0 \Rightarrow \text{mass sing.}$

Singular regions $(\mathcal{U} = 0, \mathcal{F} = 0)$

$$\{\vec{\alpha}|\alpha_{i_1}=\ldots=\alpha_{i_n}=0\}$$

Crucial for factorization of singularities in FP space!

Step 2: Sector decomposition

Goal: factorization of mass singularities from $\mathcal{F}(\vec{\alpha})$

$$\int_{0}^{1} \frac{\mathrm{d}^{I-1}\vec{\alpha}}{\left[\underbrace{Q^{2}\mathcal{P}(\vec{\alpha}) + M^{2}\mathcal{R}(\vec{\alpha})}_{\mathcal{F}(\vec{\alpha})}\right]^{f} \dots} \Rightarrow \int_{0}^{1} \frac{\mathrm{d}^{I-1}\vec{\alpha}}{\left[Q^{2}\underbrace{\hat{\mathcal{P}}(\vec{\alpha})}_{\neq 0}\alpha_{1}\dots\alpha_{k} + M^{2}\widehat{\mathcal{R}}(\vec{\alpha})\right]^{f}\dots}$$

Sector decomposition for overlapping singularities $\mathcal{P}(\vec{\alpha})|_{\alpha_1=\ldots=\alpha_k=0} = 0$ (A) partition of $[0,1]^{I-1}$ into sectors Ω_1,\ldots,Ω_k

$$\Omega_j = \{\vec{\alpha} | \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k \leq \alpha_j\}$$

(B) remapping $\Omega_j \to [0,1]^{I-1}$ yields factorization in Ω_j -sector

$$\alpha_k \to \alpha_k \alpha_j \text{ for } k \neq j \qquad \Rightarrow \qquad \mathcal{P}(\vec{\alpha}) \to \alpha_j \mathcal{P}_j(\vec{\alpha})$$

(C) iterate until $\mathcal{P}_j(\vec{\alpha}) \neq 0$

"Since the number of jets is not fixed in a measurement of the Z boson p_T distribution, $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s \alpha^2) ZVj$ production with $V \to jj$ has to be included when calculating weak radiative corrections"



Virtual and real $\mathcal{O}(\alpha)$ corr. to $pp \to Zj$



- W, Z emission can be non-negligible and partially cancel EW virtual corrections
- depends on observable definition and can be reduced by jet veto