



Hadron Physics 2030

# Radiative corrections to $\ell$ - $N$ scattering with McMULE

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fixed-order NNLO QED framework Monte Carlo for MUons and other LEptons

- provided: matrix elements by us or others
- output: physical cross section for any physical observable
- McMULE: phase space generation, subtraction, stabilisation, integration, event generation, etc.
- all leptonic  $2 \rightarrow 2$  processes in QED at NNLO (+ a few others)
- stable public version is an integrator
- generator on development branch

Get the code here: <https://mule-tools.gitlab.io>

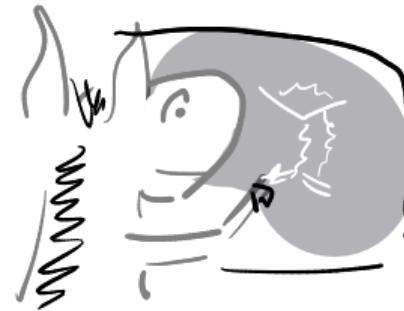
Read the docs here: <https://mcmule.readthedocs.io>



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$lp \rightarrow lp$	P2, Muse, Prad, QWeak, ...	proton radius and weak charge	NNLO
$eN \rightarrow eN$	PRad, ULQ2	background	NNLO-
$e^-e^- \rightarrow e^-e^-$	Prad 2	normalisation	NNLO
$e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^-$	MOLLER, ...	$\sin^2 \theta_W$ at low $Q^2$	
$ee \rightarrow ee$	any $e^+e^-$ collider	luminosity measurement	NNLO
$ee \rightarrow ll$	VEPP, BES, Daphne, ...	$R$ -ratio	NNLO+
$ee \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$	Belle	$\tau$ properties	
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$e\nu \rightarrow e\nu$	DUNE	flux & $\sin^2 \theta_W$	NNLO-
$\mu \rightarrow \nu\bar{\nu}e$	MEG	ALP searches	NNLO+
$\mu \rightarrow \nu\bar{\nu}e$	DUNE	beam-line profiling	
$\mu \rightarrow \nu\bar{\nu}e\gamma$	MEG, Mu3e, Pioneer	background	NLO
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## theory background



$$\sigma = \int d\Phi_2 \left| \text{Diagram}_1 + \text{Diagram}_2 + \text{Diagram}_3 + \text{Diagram}_4 + \dots \right|^2$$
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$$+ \int d\Phi_5 \left| \text{Diagram}_1 + \dots \right|^2$$
$$+ \dots$$

challenges to overcome

- divergent phase space integration

⇒ FKS<sup>ℓ</sup>

- numerical instabilities

⇒ next-to-soft stabilisation

- virtual amplitudes with  $m \neq 0$

⇒ OpenLoops (one-loop)  
massification (two-loop)

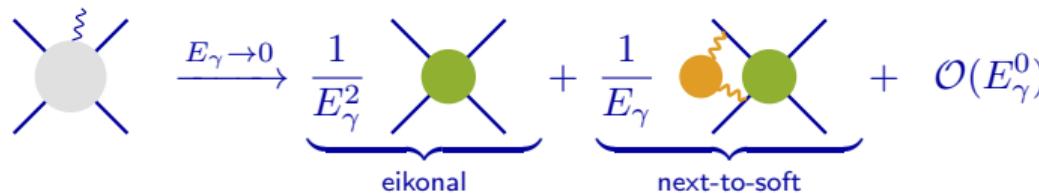
subtract universal counter term from divergent real correction

$$\int d\Phi_\gamma \text{ (diagram with shaded loop)} = \underbrace{\int d\Phi_\gamma \left( \text{ (diagram with shaded loop)} - \text{ (diagram with green loop)} \right)}_{\text{complicated but finite}} + \underbrace{\int d\Phi_\gamma \text{ (diagram with green loop)}}_{\text{divergent but easy}}$$

$\propto E_\gamma^{-2}$

- works to all order in QED [Engel, Signer, YU 19]
- no resolution parameter  $\omega_c$
- unphysical & arbitrary  $0 < \xi_c \lesssim 1$
- singularities are treated locally → stable numerical integration

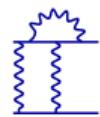
real-virtual corrections trivial in principle, delicate in practise



- based on LBK theorem [Low 58; Burnett, Kroll 67] and extensions [Engel, Signer, YU 21; Engel 23; Engel 24]
- if  $E_\gamma < E_{\text{NTS}} \approx 10^{-3} \sqrt{s}/2$ , switch to NTS expansion rather than full expression
- introduces small theory error  $\mathcal{O}(10^{-3}) \times \sigma^{(2)} = \mathcal{O}(10^{-6})$   
 $\Rightarrow$  well below the  $N^3\text{LO}$
- significant speed-up: 7 days vs. 3 months

two-loop integrals with masses are really difficult

- but  $m_\ell^2 \ll m_p^2 \sim s \sim Q^2$
- expand in  $m_\ell^2/Q^2$


$$\sim A \log^2 \frac{m_\ell^2}{Q^2} + B \log \frac{m_\ell^2}{Q^2} + C + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{m_\ell^2}{Q^2}\right)$$

- can be done easily by using  $m_\ell = 0$  result up to three-loop  
[Penin 06; Becher, Melnikov 07; Engel, Gnendiger, Signer, YU 18; YU 23]
- introduces small theory error  $\mathcal{O}(10^{-2}) \times \sigma^{(2)} = \mathcal{O}(10^{-5})$   
 $\Rightarrow$  well below statistical error



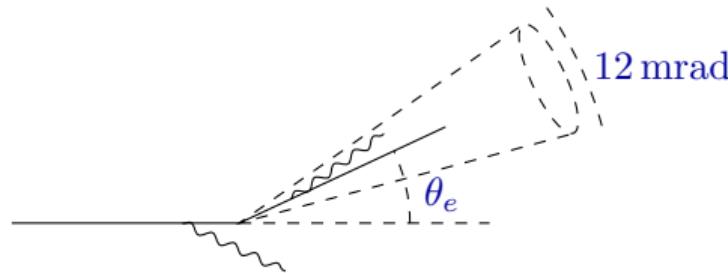
results for PRad



$E_{\text{beam}} = 1.1 \text{ GeV}$

$e-p$ :

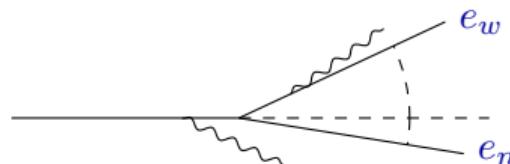
- $0.7^\circ < \theta_e < 6.0^\circ$
- no more than 20 MeV photons outside a 12 mrad cone around the electron



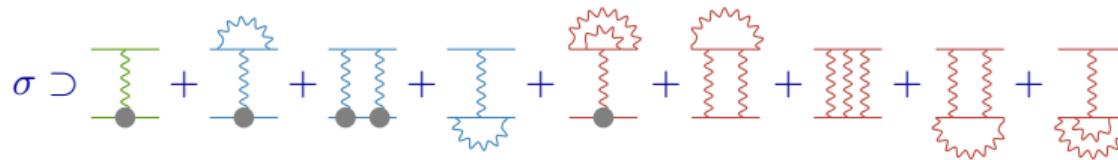
not to scale

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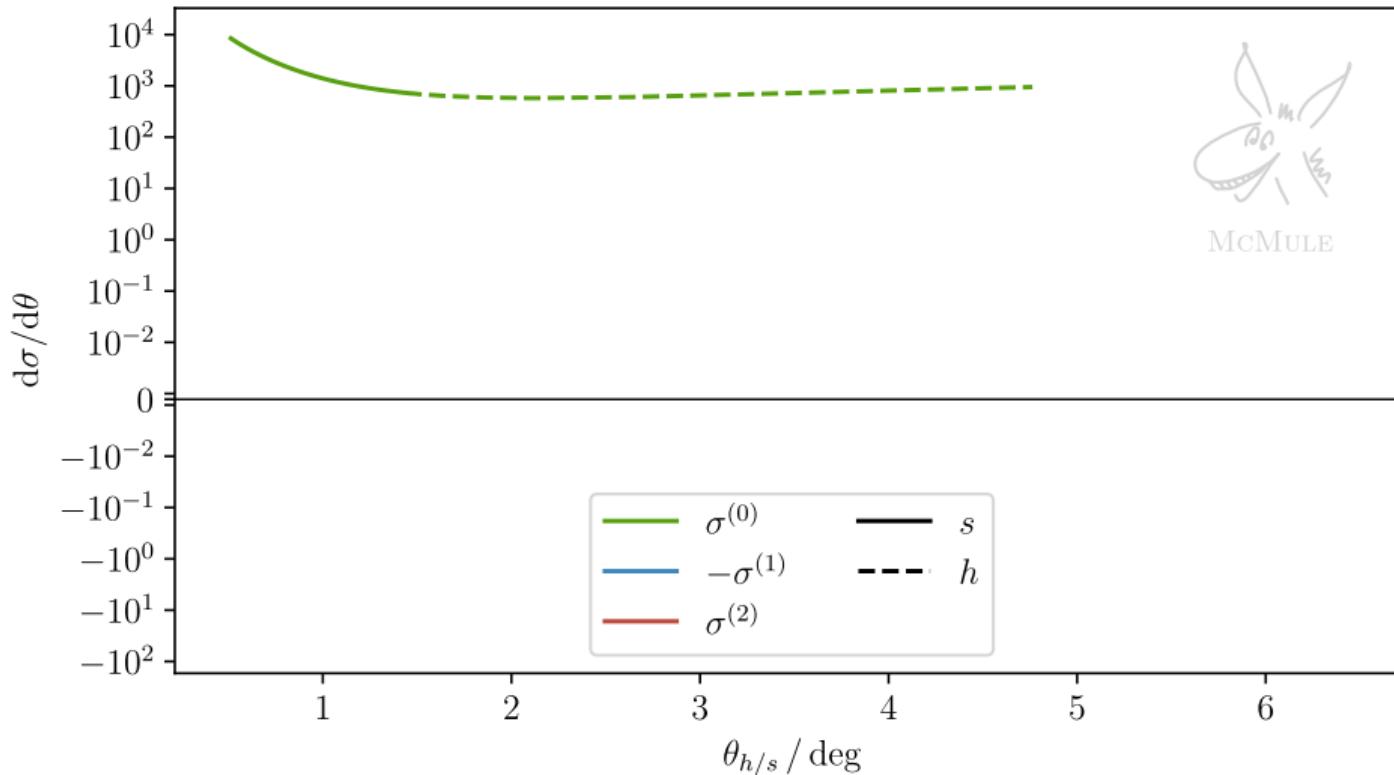
- $0.5^\circ < \theta_e < 6.5^\circ$
- $\sum E_\gamma < 131.95 \text{ MeV}$ ,  
 $|180^\circ - |\phi_n - \phi_w|| < 7.35^\circ$

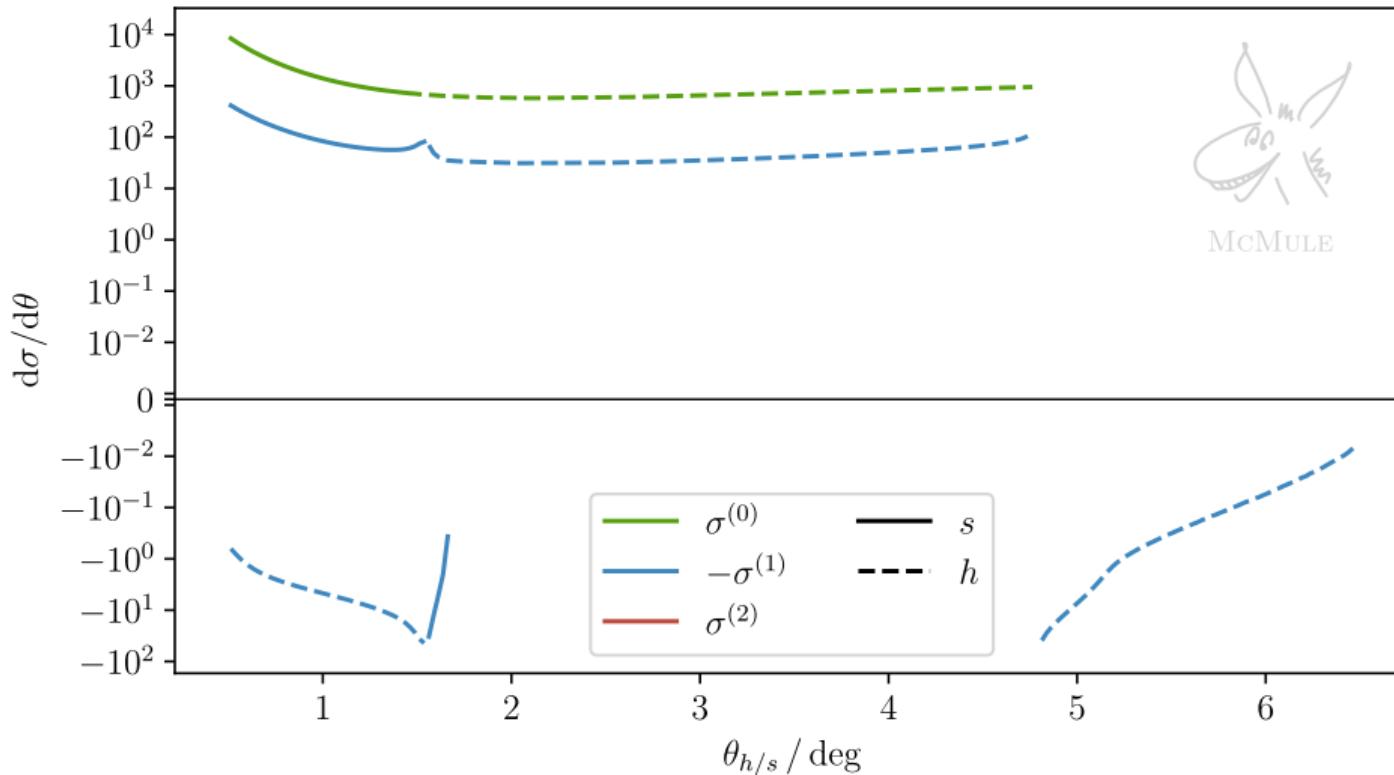


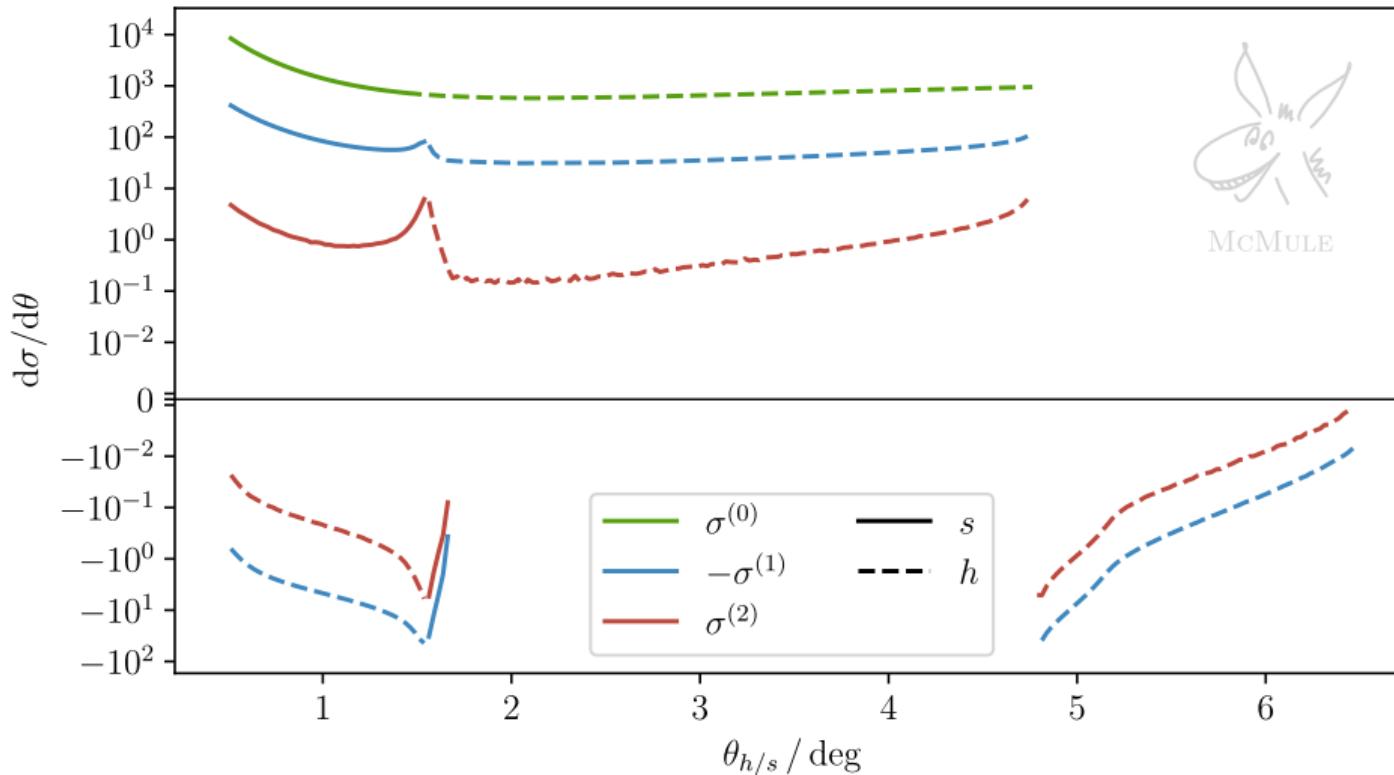
- simple dipole model for proton form factor  $G_E = \frac{G_M}{1+\kappa} = \left(1 + \frac{Q^2}{\Lambda^2}\right)^{-2}$

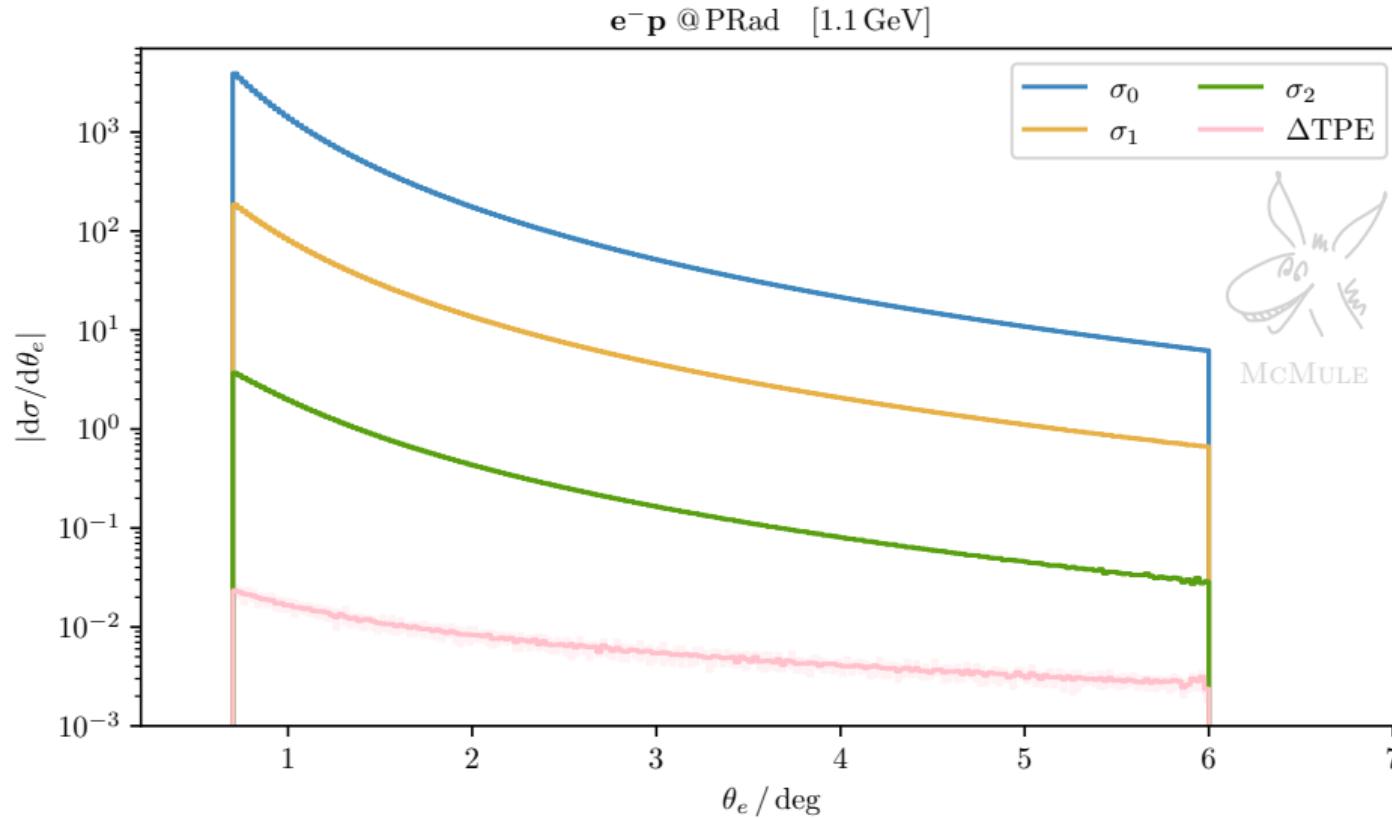


- study TPE effects with  $\Delta TPE = \left[ \text{---}(\Lambda^2) - \text{---} \right] \Big|_{\Lambda^2=\{0.88, 0.71, 0.60\} \text{ GeV}^2}$









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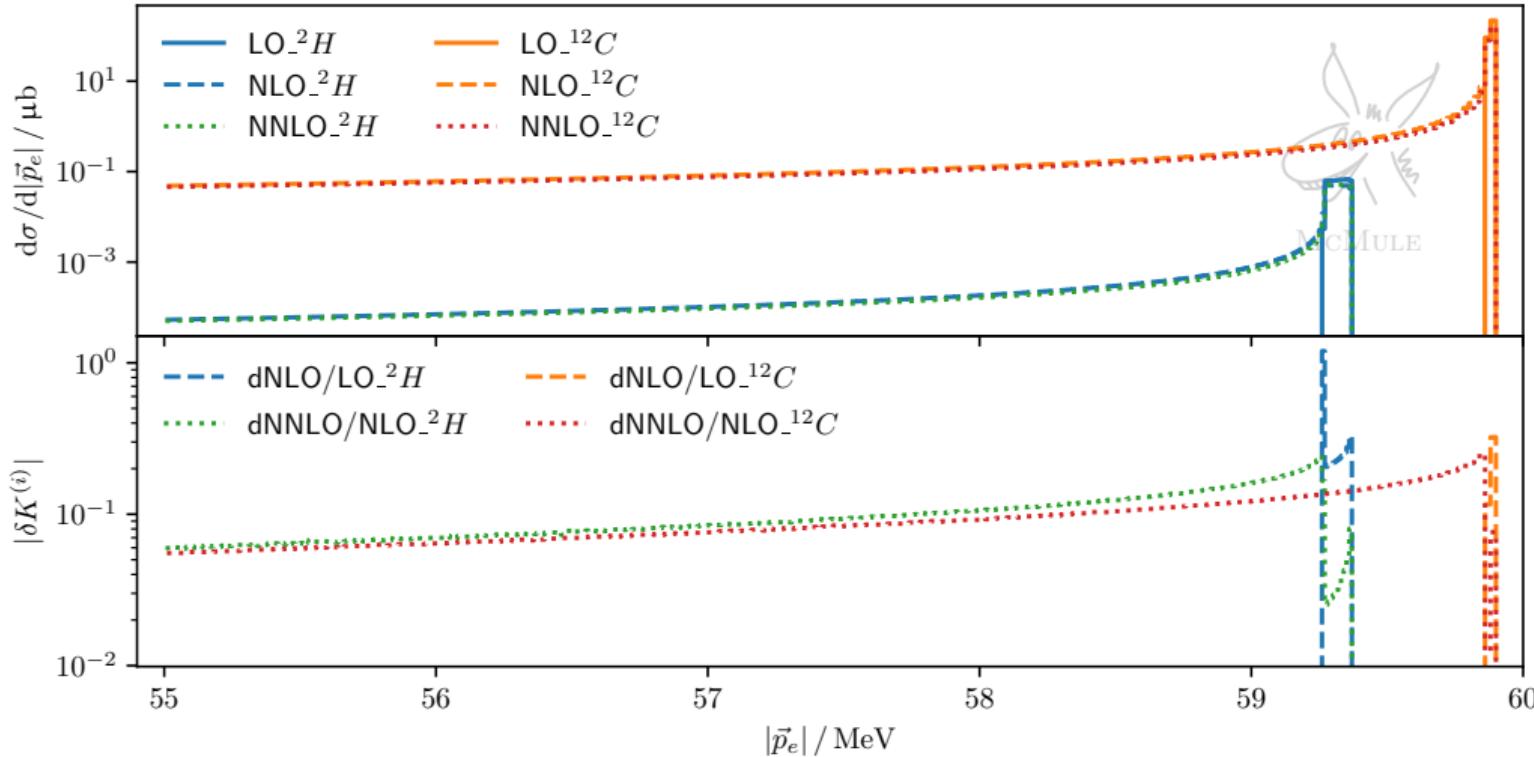
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- there may be hope for this

ULQ2:  $e\{{}^2H, {}^{12}C\} \rightarrow e\{{}^2H, {}^{12}C\}$  ( $E_e = 60$  MeV,  $48^\circ < \theta_e < 52^\circ$ ,  $|\vec{p}_e| > 55$  MeV)





## point-like calculations

- approximate NNLO for  $ep \rightarrow ep\gamma$  from  $pp \rightarrow 2j + \gamma$   
[Badger, Czakon, Hartanto, Moodie, Peraro, Poncelet, Zoia 23]
- full mass dependence plausible but **very** difficult

## form-factor calculations

- partial N<sup>3</sup>LO for  $ep \rightarrow ep$  (and who knows, maybe  $ee \rightarrow ee$ )
- various performance & usability improvements
- arbitrary spin nucleus (is there any use case?)  
using [Lorcé 09]





## better hadronic models

- TPE: more flexible & better models, maybe extension to some other nuclei
- leptonic QED for inelastic: is there interest?

## general

- merging the generator
- resummation of soft photon emission
- EW & polarisation effects for  $ee \rightarrow ee$ ,  $ep \rightarrow ep$ , ...





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$e^- p$  @ PRad [1.1 GeV]

