

Higher-order initial state radiation in e^+e^- annihilation

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The studies of high-energy physics processes at future high-luminosity electron-positron colliders require very precise calculations of QED radiative corrections for construction of sufficiently accurate theoretical predictions of these processes. The bulk of effect is provided by higher-order radiative corrections enhanced by the so-called large

logarithm $L = \ln\left(\frac{\mu^2}{m_e^2}\right)$ which depends on the factorization energy scale $\mu \gg m_e$.

Radiative corrections in the leading and next-to-leading logarithmic approximations can be analytically calculated within the QED parton distribution functions approach. To calculate higher-order corrections we solve QED evolution equations by iterations. We calculated radiative corrections to the cross-section of electron-positron annihilation up to $O(\alpha^3 L^2)$ using this method. The results are relevant for physical programs of future high-energy electron-positron colliders including searches for dark matter.

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