

QCD at the future circular e^+e^- collider (FCC-ee)

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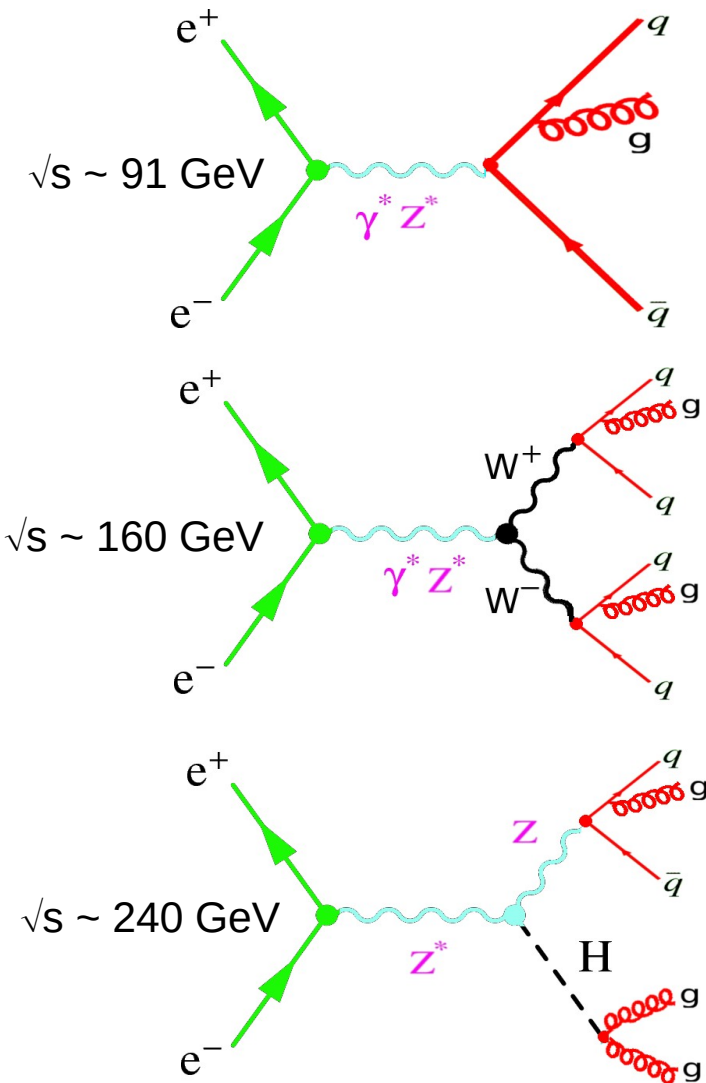
QCD = Key piece at future ee, pp colliders

► QCD is crucial for many pp, ee measurements (signals & backgrounds):

- **High-precision α_s** : Affects all x-sections & decays (esp. **Higgs, top, EWPOs**).
- **N^n LO, N^n LL resummations**: Affects all **pQCD** x-sections & decays.
- **High-precision PDFs**: Affects all precision W,Z,H (**mid-x**) measurements & all searches (**high-x**) in pp collisions.
- **Heavy-Quark/Quark/Gluon separation** (**jet substructure, boosted topologies..**): Needed for all **precision SM** measurements & **BSM** searches with final jets.
- **Non-perturbative QCD**: Affects final-states with jets: **Colour reconnection**, $e^+e^- \rightarrow Z, WW$, $t\bar{t} \rightarrow l+4j, 6j...$ (m_W, m_{top} extractions). **Parton hadronization,...**

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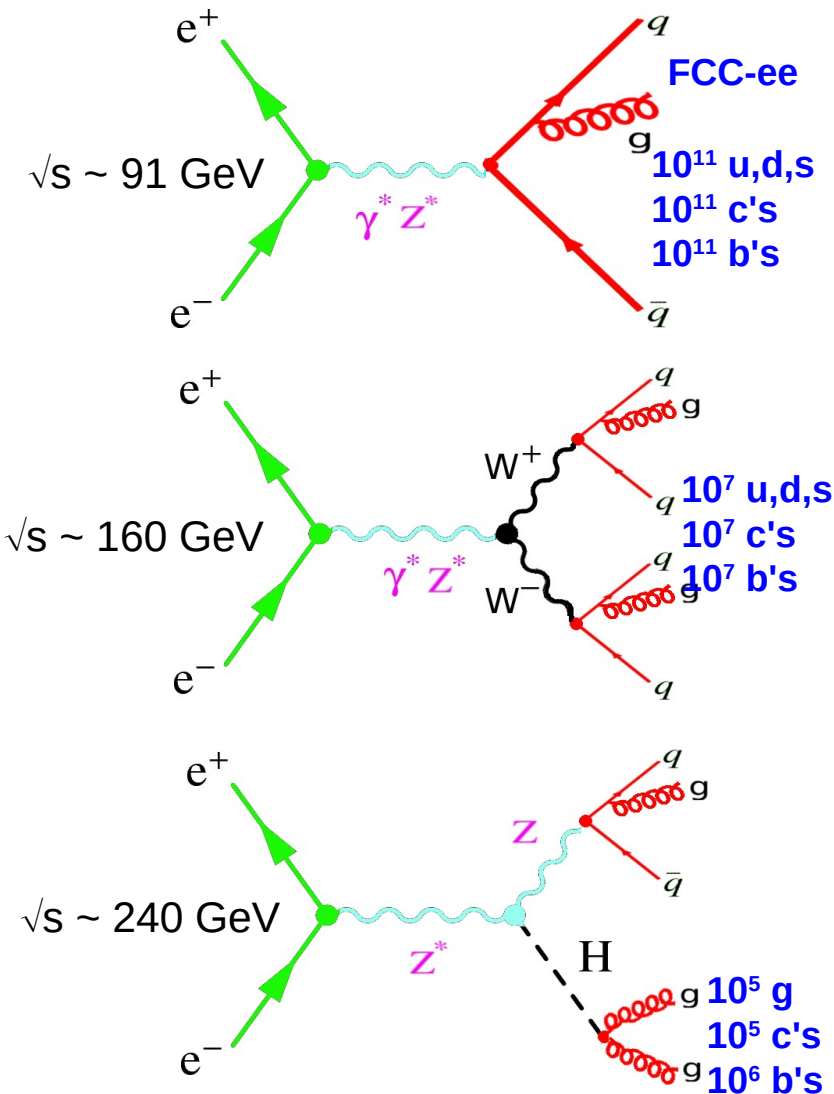
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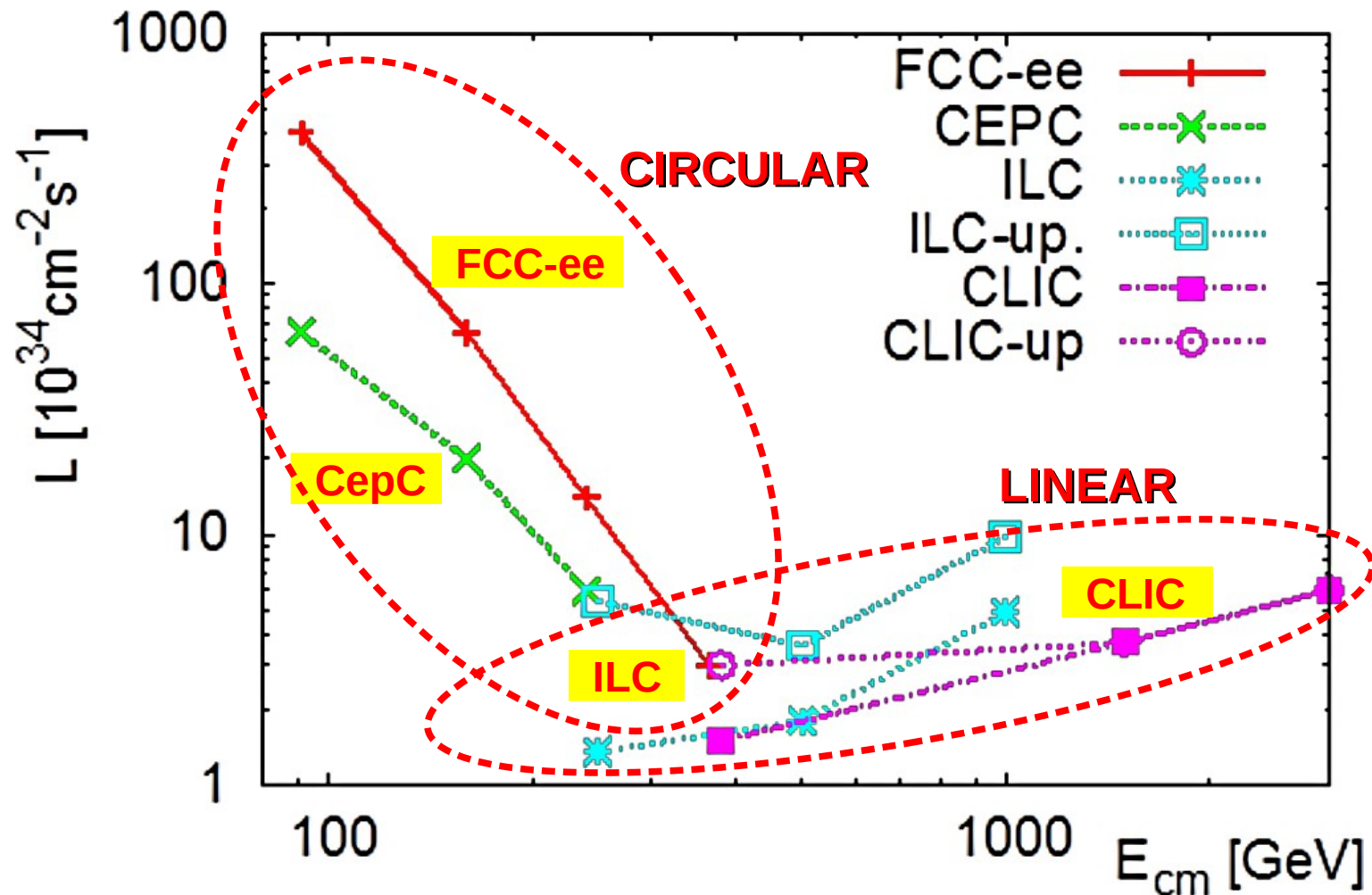


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Future e^+e^- colliders under discussion



- FCC-ee features lumis a few times larger than other machines over 90–300 GeV
- Unparalleled Z, W, jets, τ ,... data sets: Negligible stat. uncertainties

QCD physics at FCC-ee

(1) QCD coupling

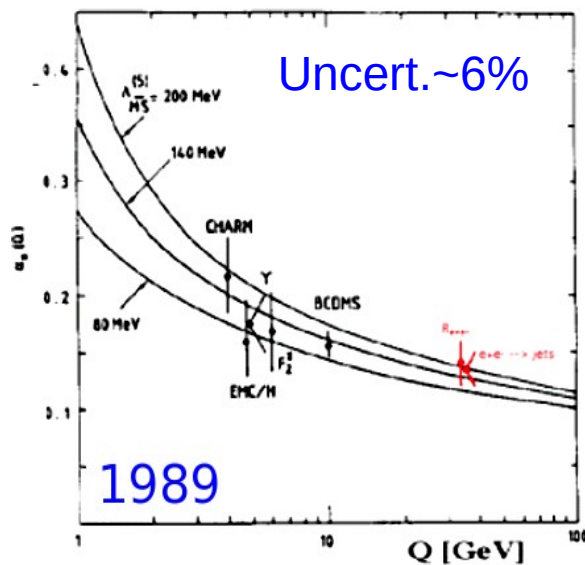
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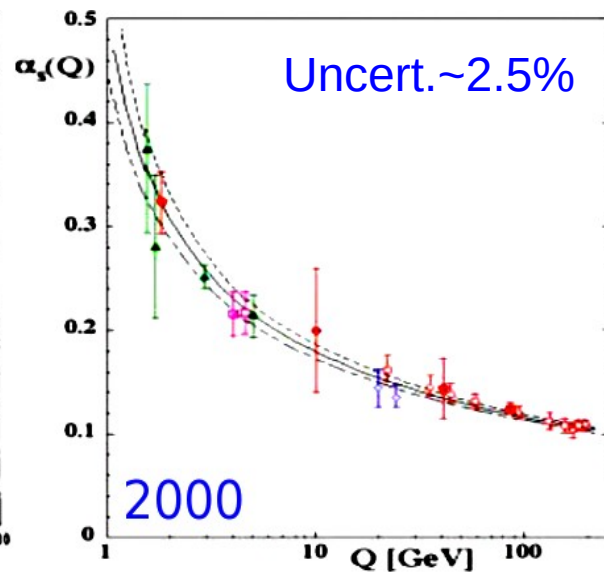
QCD coupling α_s

- Determines **strength of the strong interaction** between quarks & gluons.
- Determined at a ref. scale ($Q=M_Z$), decreases as $\alpha_s \sim \ln(Q^2/\Lambda^2)^{-1}$, $\Lambda \sim 0.2$ GeV



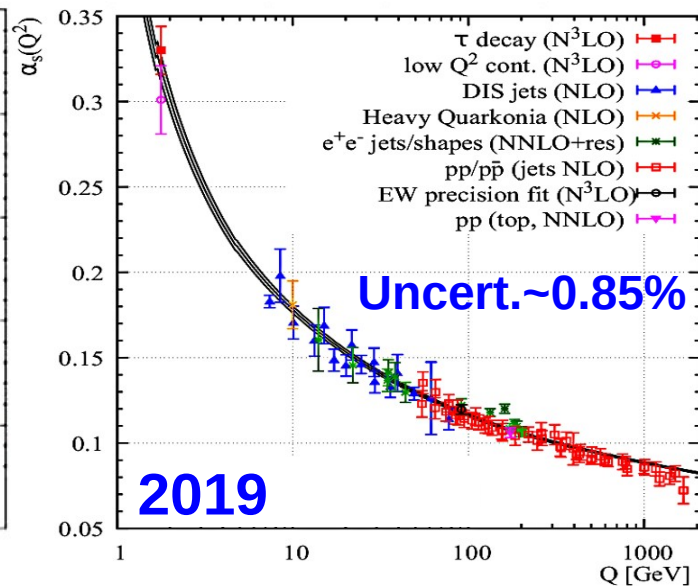
$$\alpha_s(M_Z) = 0.110^{+0.006}_{-0.008} \text{ (NLO)}$$

G. Altarelli, Ann. Rev. Nucl. Part. Sci. 39, 1989



$$\alpha_s(M_Z) = 0.1184 \pm 0.0031 \text{ (NNLO)}$$

S. B., J. Phys. G 26, 2000



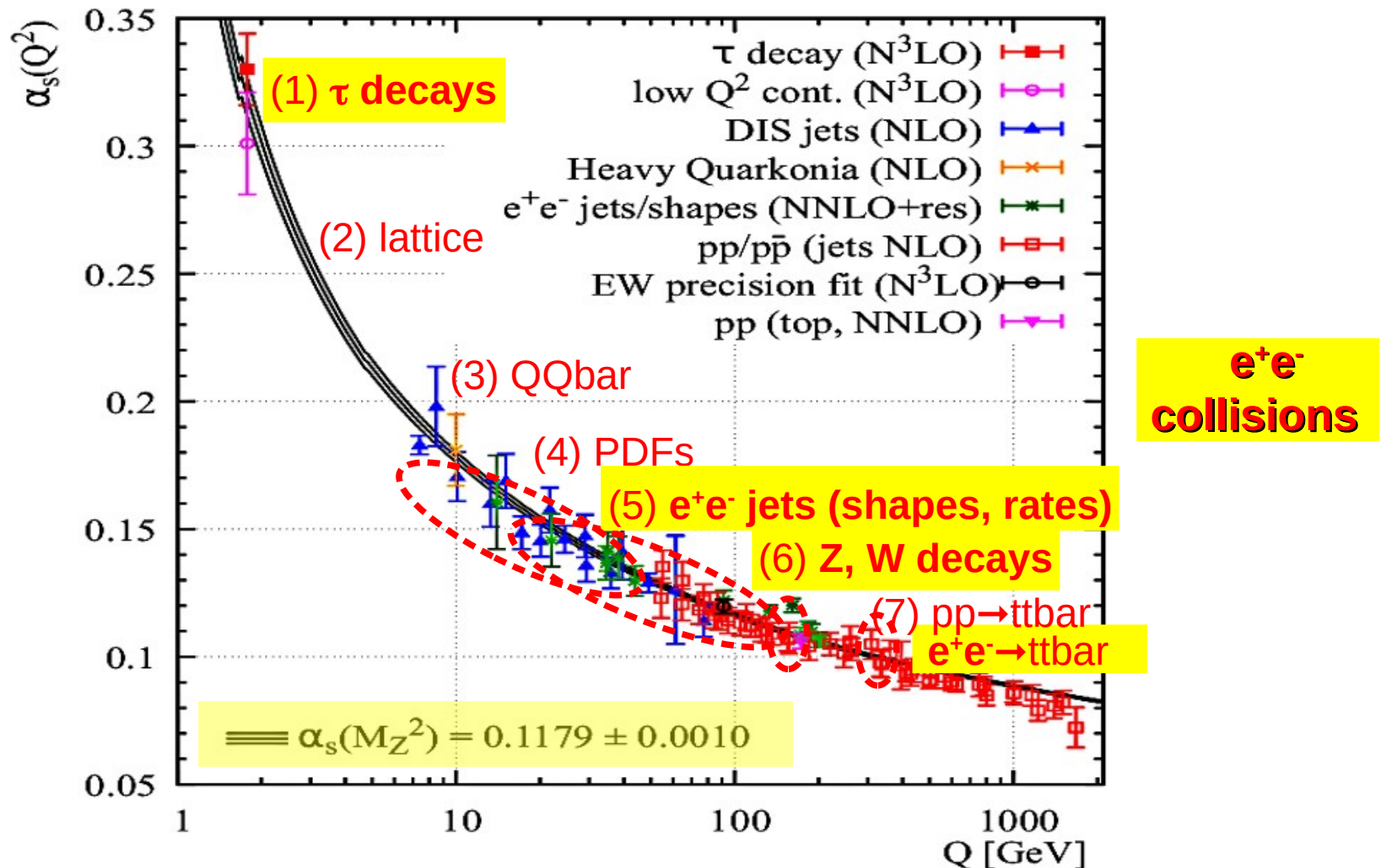
$$\equiv \alpha_s(M_Z^2) = 0.1179 \pm 0.0010$$

- **Least precisely known** of all interaction **couplings** !

$$\delta\alpha \sim 10^{-10} \ll \delta G_F \ll 10^{-7} \ll \delta G \sim 10^{-5} \ll \delta\alpha_s \sim 10^{-3}$$

World α_s determination (PDG today)

- Determined today by comparing 7 experimental observables to pQCD NNLO, N³LO predictions, plus global average at the Z pole scale:

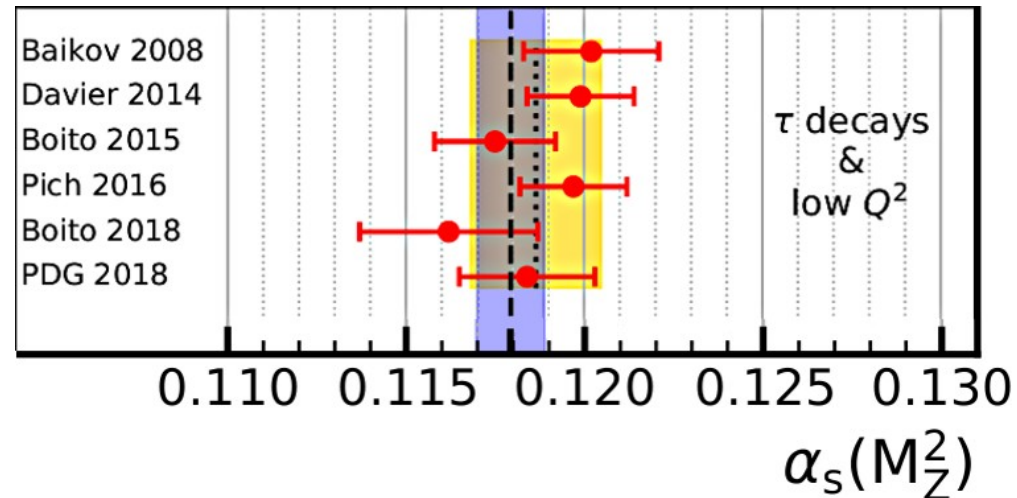


α_s from hadronic τ -lepton decays

➤ Computed at **N³LO**: $R_\tau \equiv \frac{\Gamma(\tau^- \rightarrow \nu_\tau + \text{hadrons})}{\Gamma(\tau^- \rightarrow \nu_\tau e^- \bar{\nu}_e)} = S_{\text{EW}} N_C (1 + \sum_{n=1}^4 c_n \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{\pi}\right)^n + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^5) + \delta_{\text{np}})$

➤ Experimentally: $R_{\tau, \text{exp}} = 3.4697 \pm 0.0080$ ($\pm 0.23\%$)

➤ Various pQCD approaches (**FOPT vs CIPT**) & treatment of **non-pQCD corrections**, yield different results.



Uncertainty slightly increased:
2013 ($\pm 1.3\%$) \rightarrow 2019 ($\pm 1.5\%$)

$$\alpha_s(m_z) = 0.1187 \pm 0.0018 \quad (\pm 1.5\%)$$



$$\delta\alpha_s/\alpha_s < 1\%$$

➤ Future :

- TH: Better understanding of **FOPT vs CIPT differences**.
- **Better spectral functions** needed (high stats & better precision): B-factories (BELLE-II)?
- **High-stats: $\mathcal{O}(10^{11})$ from $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$ at FCC-ee(90)**

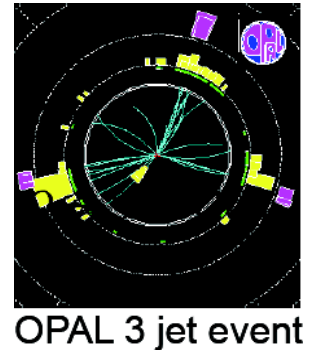
α_s from e^+e^- event shapes & jet rates

➤ Computed at $N^{2,3}\text{LO}+N^{(2)}\text{LL}$ accuracy.

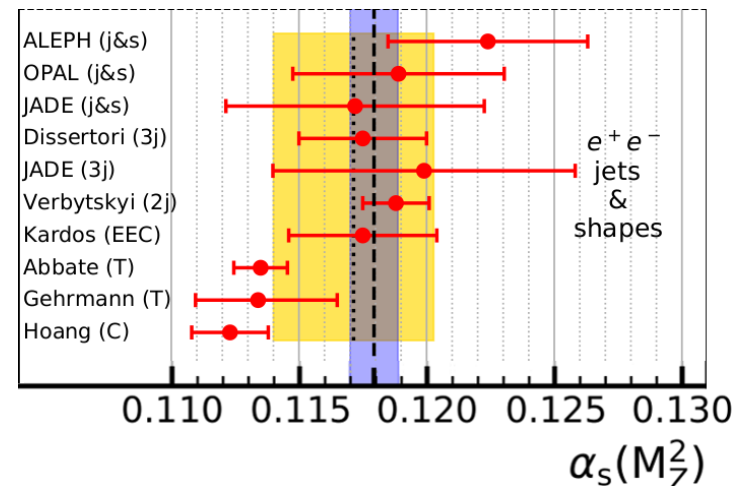
➤ Experimentally (LEP):
Thrust, C-parameter, jet shapes
n-jet x-sections

$$\tau = 1 - \max_{\hat{n}} \frac{\sum |\vec{p}_i \cdot \hat{n}|}{\sum |\vec{p}_i|}$$

$$C = \frac{3}{2} \frac{\sum_{i,j} |\vec{p}_i| |\vec{p}_j| \sin^2 \theta_{ij}}{(\sum_i |\vec{p}_i|)^2}$$



➤ Results sensitive to non-pQCD
(hadronization) accounted for
via MCs or analytically (with some
disagreement)



$$\alpha_s(m_z) = 0.1171 \pm 0.027 \quad (\pm 2.6\%)$$



$$\delta\alpha_s/\alpha_s < 1\%$$

➤ Future:

- FCC- e^+e^- : Lower- \sqrt{s} (ISR) for shapes, higher- \sqrt{s} for jet rates
- TH: Improved ($N^{2,3}\text{LL}$) resummation for rates, hadronization for shapes

α_s from hadronic Z decays (FCC-ee)

→ QCD coupling extracted from:

- (i) Combined fit of 3 Z pseudo-observ:
- (ii) Full SM fit (with α_s free parameter)

→ FCC-ee:

– Huge Z pole stats. ($\times 10^5$ LEP)

– Exquisite systematic/parametric precision (stat. uncert. much smaller):

– TH uncertainty reduced by $\times 4$ computing missing α_s^5 , α^3 , $\alpha\alpha_s^2$, $\alpha\alpha_s^2$, $\alpha^2\alpha_s$ terms

→ 10 times better precision than today:

$$\delta\alpha_s/\alpha_s \sim \pm 0.2\% \text{ (tot)}, \pm 0.1\% \text{ (exp)}$$

Strong (B)SM consistency test.

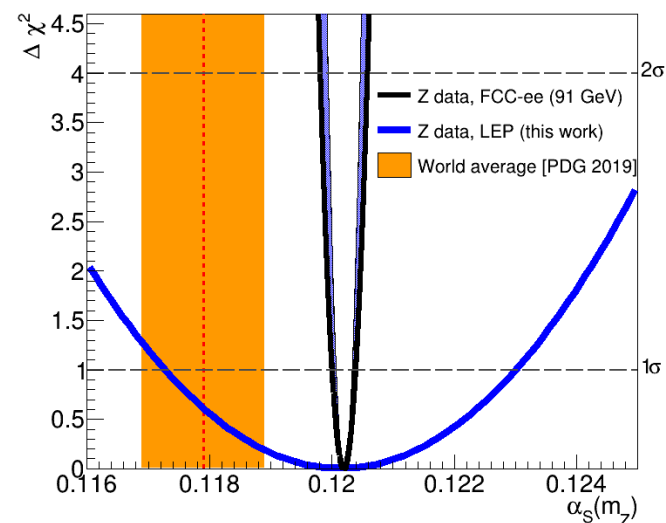
$$\alpha_s(m_Z) = 0.1203 \pm 0.0028 \text{ } (\pm 2.3\%)$$



$$\alpha_s(m_Z) = 0.12030 \pm 0.00028 \text{ } (\pm 0.2\%)$$

$$R_{W,Z}(Q) = \frac{\Gamma_{W,Z}^{\text{had}}(Q)}{\Gamma_{W,Z}^{\text{lep}}(Q)} = R_{W,Z}^{\text{EW}} \left(1 + \sum_{i=1}^4 a_i(Q) \left(\frac{\alpha_s(Q)}{\pi} \right)^i + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^5) + \delta_{\text{mix}} + \delta_{\text{np}} \right)$$

DdE, Jacobsen: arXiv:2005.04545 [hep-ph]



α_s from hadronic W decays (FCC-ee)

♦ QCD coupling extracted from new N³LO fit of combined Γ_w , R_w pseudo-observ.:

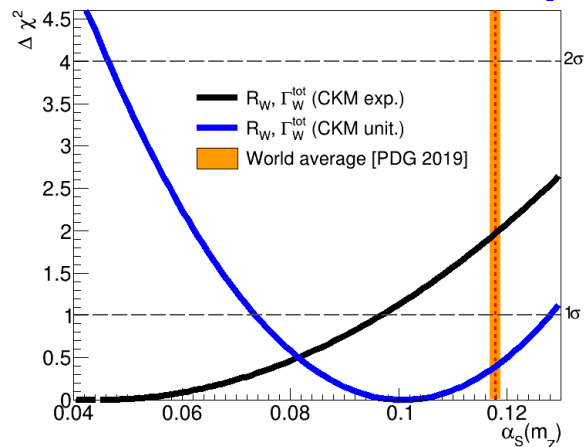
♦ Very imprecise extraction:

- Large parametric uncert.
from poor V_{cs} exp. precision ($\pm 2\%$):
QCD coupling unconstrained: 0.04 ± 0.05
- Imposing CKM unitarity: large exp. uncertainties from Γ_w , R_w (0.9–2%):
QCD extracted with $\sim 27\%$ precision
- Propagated TH uncertainty much smaller today: $\sim 1.5\%$

♦ FCC-ee extraction:

- Huge W pole stats. ($\times 10^4$ LEP-2).
- Exquisite syst./parametric precision:
- TH uncertainty reduced by $\times 10$
after computing missing α_s^5 , α^2 , α^3 ,
 $\alpha\alpha_s^2$, $\alpha\alpha_s^2$, $\alpha^2\alpha_s$ terms

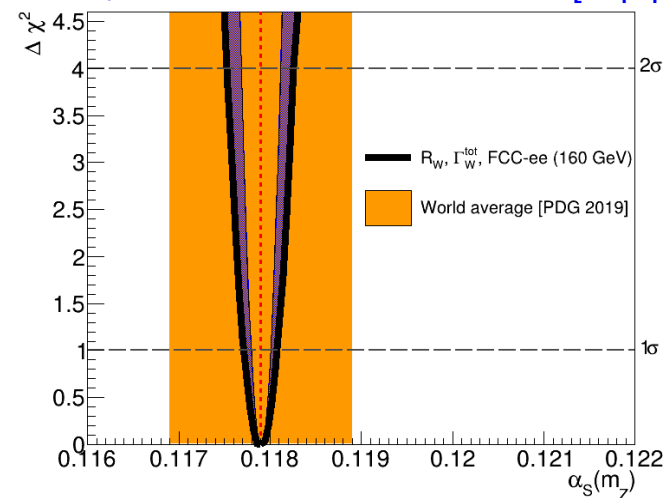
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$$\alpha_s(m_Z) = 0.101 \pm 0.027 \quad (\pm 27\%)$$



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$$\alpha_s(m_Z) = 0.11790 \pm 0.00023 \quad (\pm 0.2\%)$$

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Quark-gluon discrimination

■ Exciting but challenging prospect in pp collisions

- Enhance quark signal at hadron colliders
(e.g. VBF, ttH hadronic W's, hadronic W/Z+jets)
- Multijet BSM final states

■ Several handles exist to separate quarks and gluons (in principle):

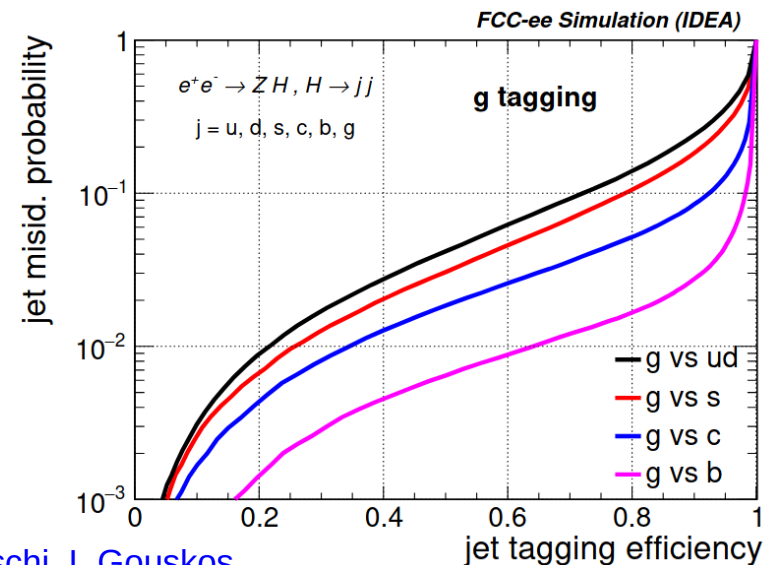
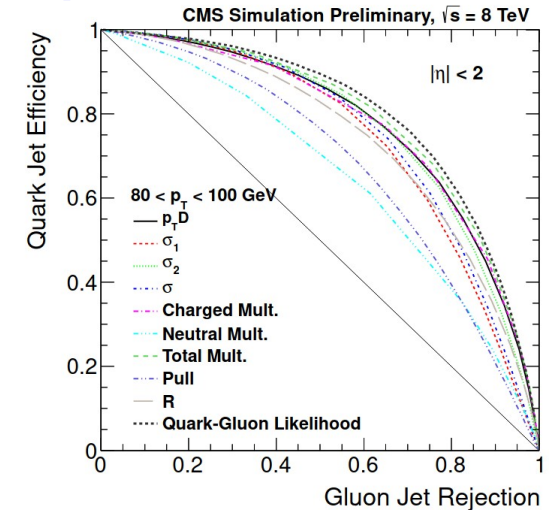
see [J.Gallicchio & M.Schwartz,
1211.7038 [hep-ph]]

- Gluons radiate more $C_F = 4/3 < C_A = 3$
- Spin correlations in subjet location
- p_T -weighted jet charge

■ ML approaches have already found success

- unclear how much we can trust gluon disc. presently

[Cornelis CMS, arxiv: 1409.3072]



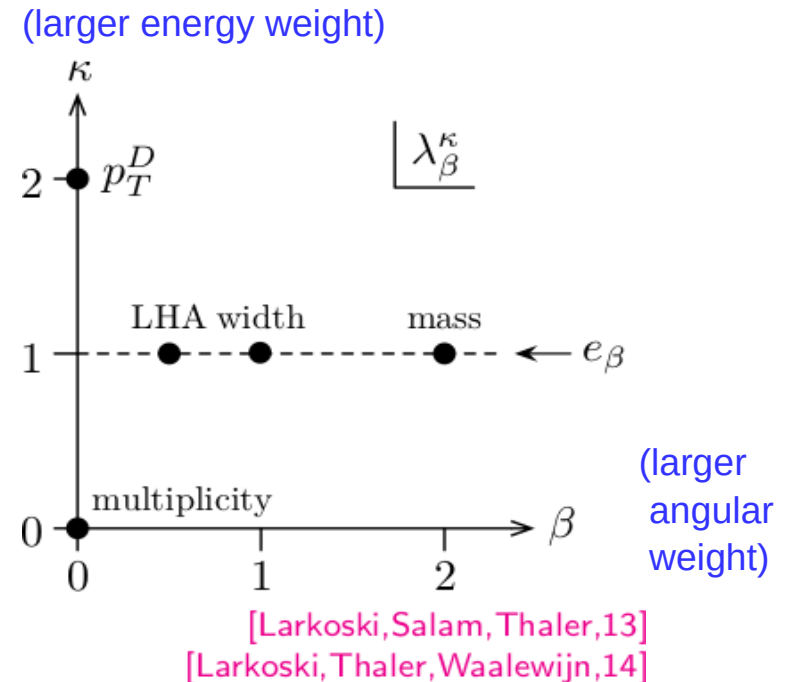
[F.Bedeschi, L.Gouskos,
M.Selvaggi, 2202.03285 [hep-ex]]

Jet substructure

- Need for state-of-the-art jet substructure studies based on **angularities**
- Variables of **jet constituents**: multiplicity, LHA, width/broadening, mass/thrust, C-parameter,...
- **k=1: IRC-safe** computable ($N^n\text{LO}+N^n\text{LL}$) via **SCET** (but uncertainties from non-pQCD effects)

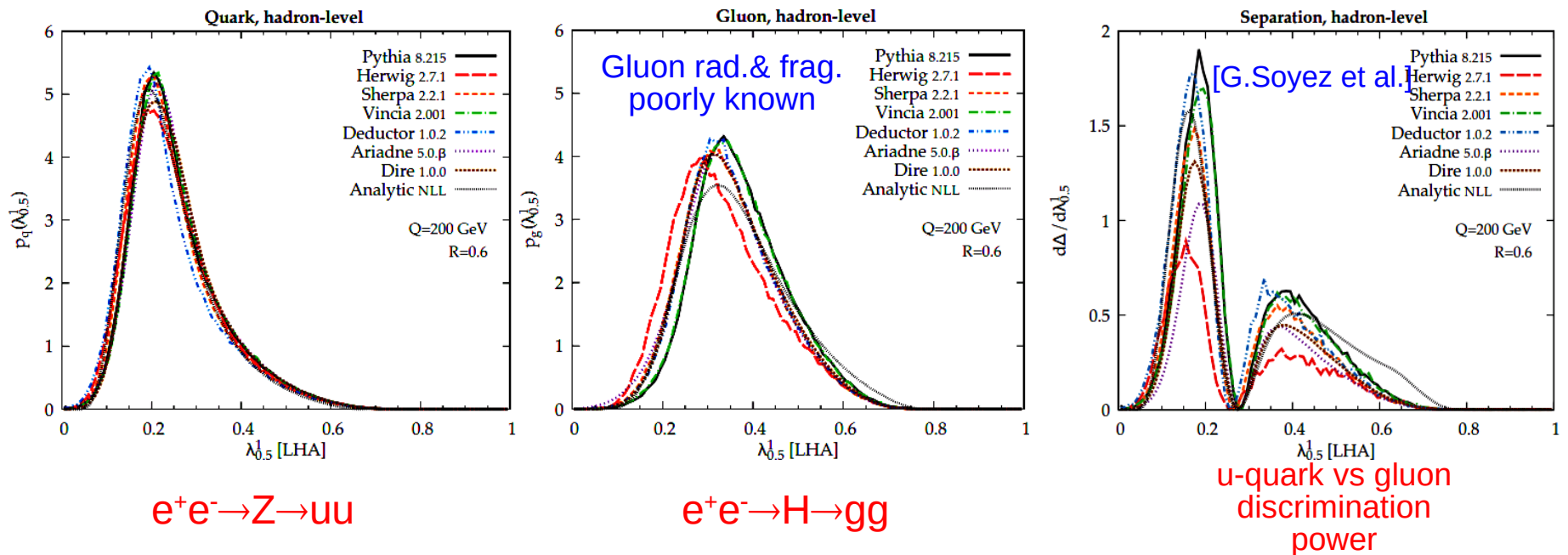
$$\lambda_{\beta}^{\kappa} = \sum_{i \in \text{jet}} z_i^{\kappa} \theta_i^{\beta},$$

(normalized $E^n \times \theta^n$ products)



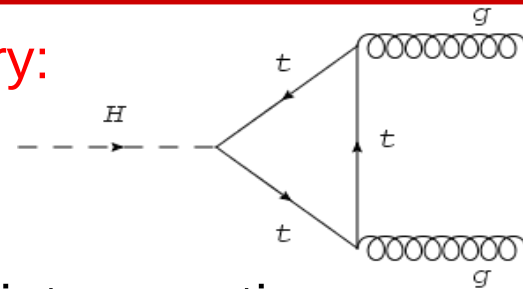
Showering Differences in Generators

- Les Houches Angularity (LHA) is angularity w/ $k=1$, $B=0.5$
- Not directly measured at LEP
- MC parton showers differ on gluon (less so quark) radiation patterns:



High-precision gluon & quark jet studies

- Exploit FCC-ee $H(gg)$ as a "pure gluon" factory:
 $H \rightarrow gg$ (BR~8% accurately known) provides
120.000 extra-clean digluon events.

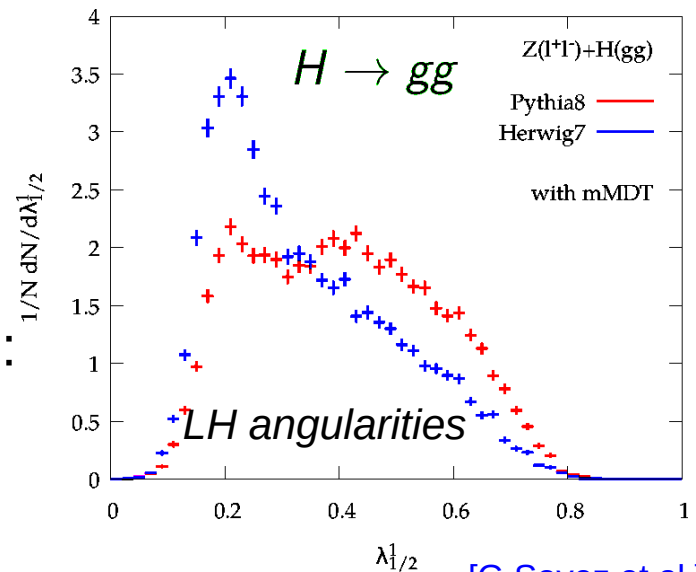


- Multiple handles to study gluon radiation & g-jet properties:

- Gluon vs. quark via $H \rightarrow gg$ vs. $Z \rightarrow qq$
- Gluon vs. quark via $Z \rightarrow bbg$ vs. $Z \rightarrow qq$

- Multiple high-precision analyses possible:

- BSM: Improve $q/g/Q$ discrimination tools
- pQCD: High-precision QCD coupling
- non-pQCD: Gluon fragmentation,
Colour reconnection



[G.Soyez et al.]



Improved MC tuning

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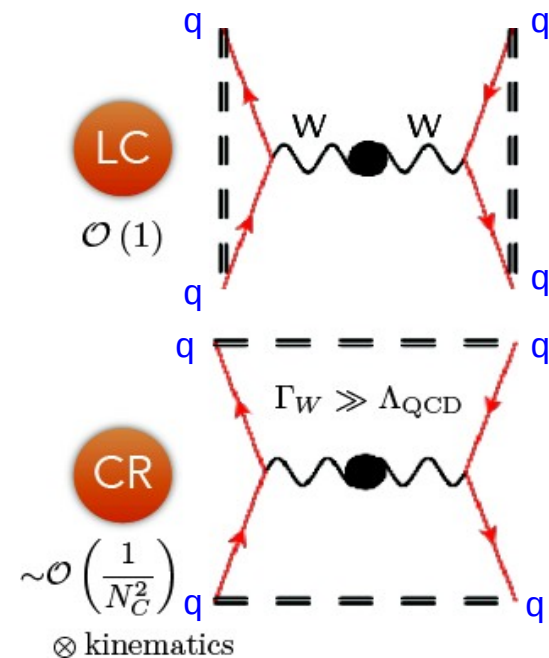
- **Colour reconnection** of partons impacts final state kinematics (shifted angular correlations, invariant mass shifts)
- Exact dynamics poorly understood
- Source of **uncertainty in m_W , m_{top} , (aGC extractions) in multijet final-states** (especially in pp: MPI cross-talk)

- CR impacts **all FCC-ee multi-jet final-states:**

$e^+e^- \rightarrow WW(4j), Z(4j), t\bar{t}, \dots$

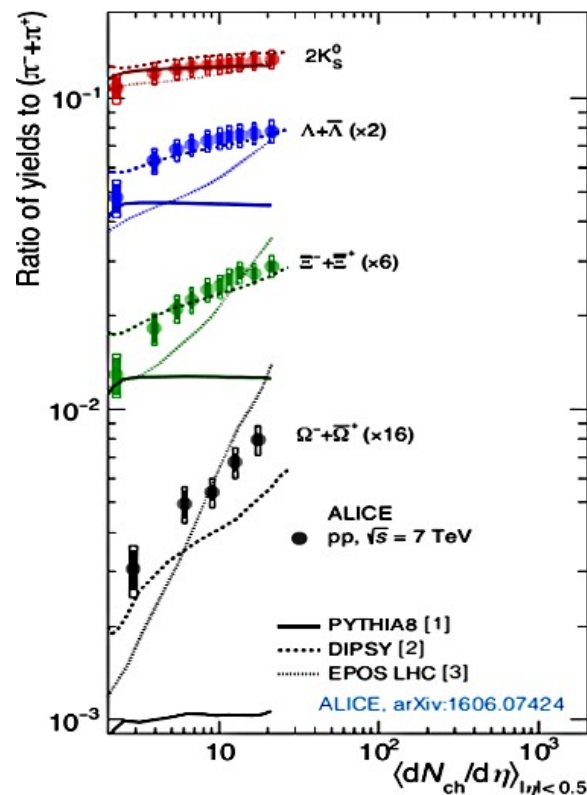
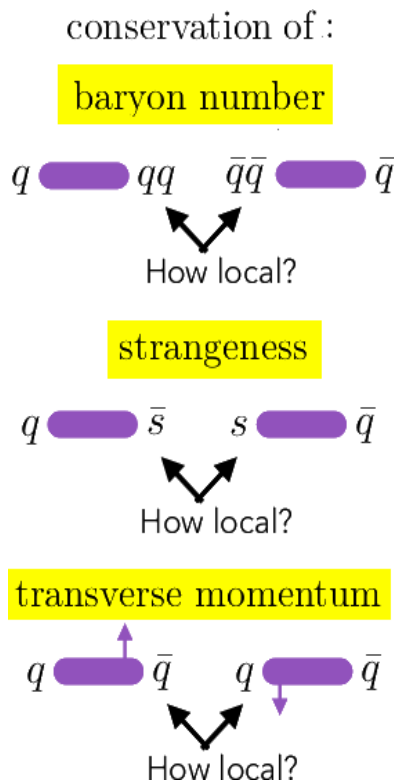
String-drag effect on W mass (hinted at LEP)

- Exploit huge W stats ($\times 10^4$ LEP) to **measure m_W leptonically & hadronically and constrain CR in hadronic WW.**



Detailed hadronization studies

- High-precision low- p_T PID hadrons in e^+e^- required for detailed studies:
 - Baryon & strangeness production. Colour string dynamics.
 - Final-state correlations (spin: BoseEinstein, FermiDirac; momenta; space)
 - Bound state formation: quarkonia, multi-quark states, glueballs, ...



- Understand breakdown of universality of parton hadronization observed at LHC.
- Baseline vacuum e^+e^- studies for high-density QCD

Summary: QCD at future e^+e^- colliders

- ▀ The precision needed to fully exploit all future ee/pp/ep/eA/AA SM & BSM programs requires exquisite control of pQCD & non-pQCD physics.
- ▀ Unique QCD precision studies accessible at FCC-ee (CEPC, ILC):

(1) Per-mille α_s via hadronic Z,W, τ decays, evt shapes...

(2) NⁿLO+NⁿLL jet substructure

(3) Improved parton showering

(4) High quark-gluon discrimination

(5) <1% control of colour reconnection

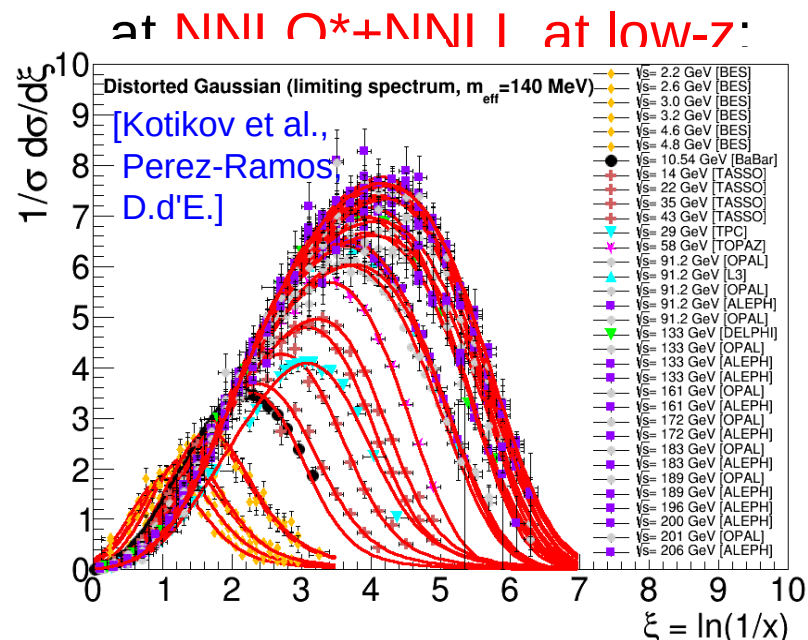
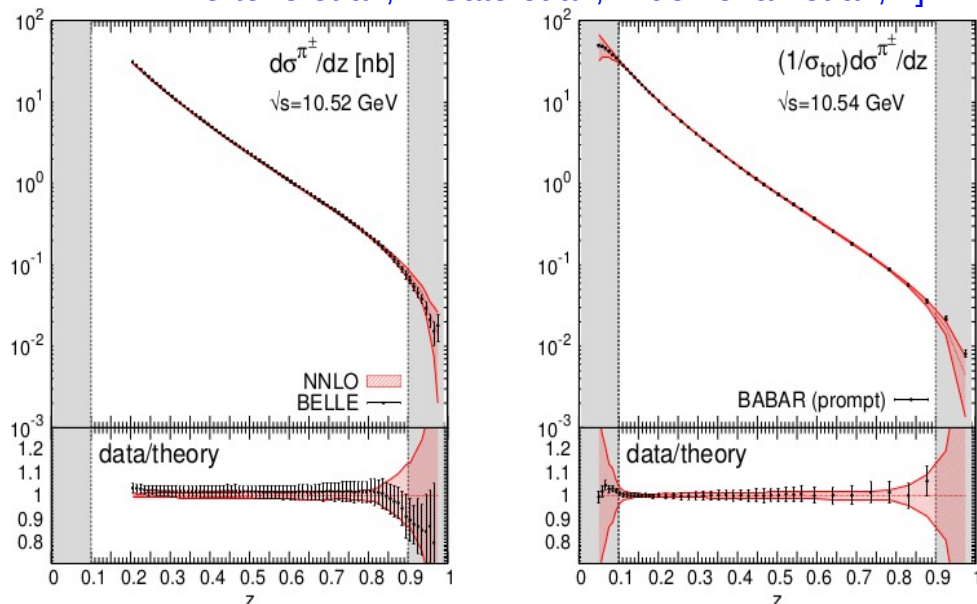
(6) High-precision hadronization

Backup slides

High-precision parton FFs

■ Parton-to-hadron **fragment. functions** evolution known at NNLO at high- z

& [D.Anderle et al., A.Vossen et al., B.Kniehl et al., V.Bertone et al., N.Sato et al., D.deFlorian et al.,...]



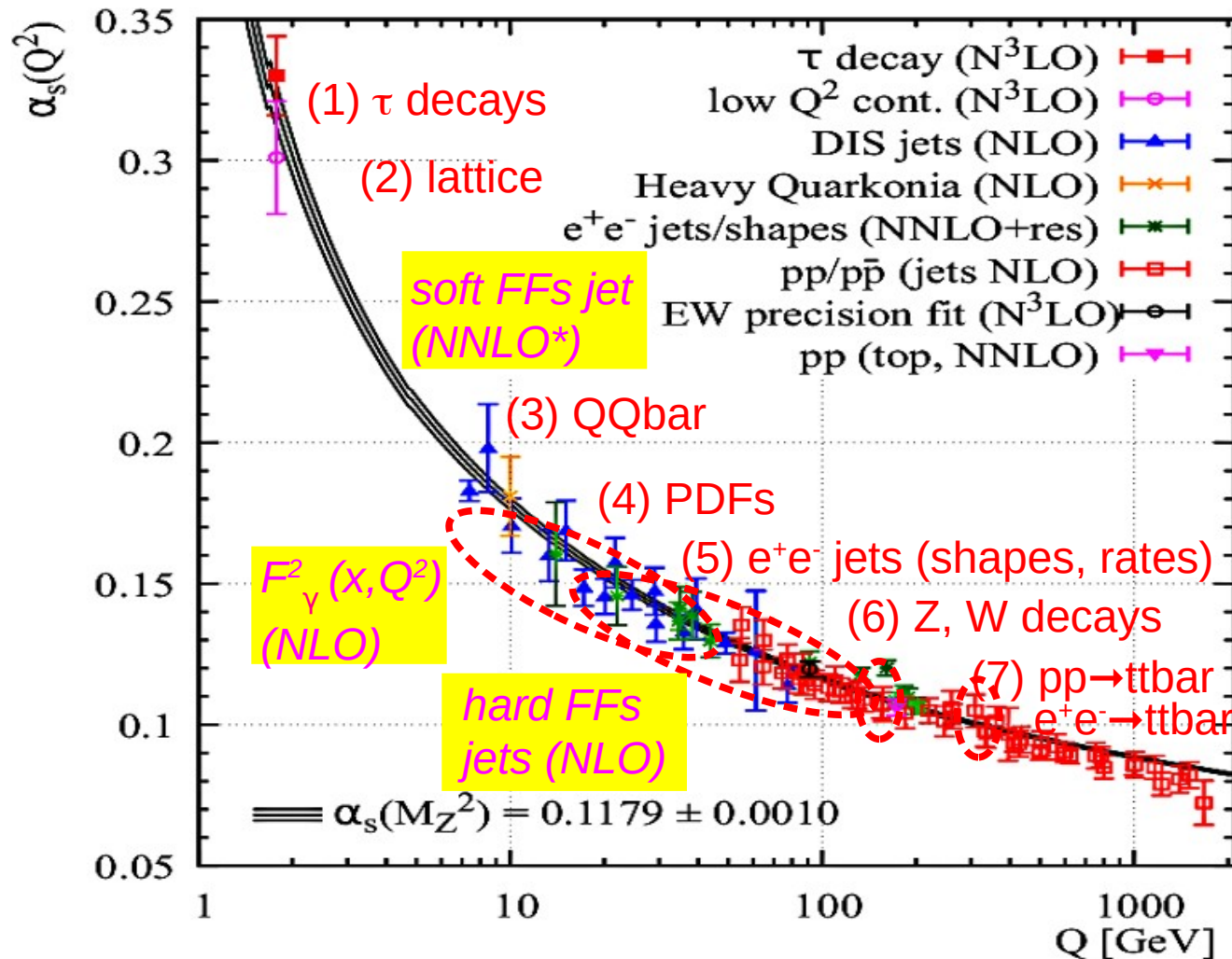
provide additional **QCD coupling extractions**:

Method	Current $\delta\alpha_s(m_Z^2)/\alpha_s(m_Z^2)$ uncertainty (theory & experiment state-of-the-art)	Future $\delta\alpha_s(m_Z^2)/\alpha_s(m_Z^2)$ uncertainty (theory & experiment progress)
soft FFs	$1.8\%_{\text{th}} \oplus 0.7\%_{\text{exp}} \approx 2\%$ (NNLO* only (+NNLL), npQCD small)	$0.7\%_{\text{th}} \oplus 0.7\%_{\text{exp}} \approx 1\%$ (~2 yrs), <1% (FCC-ee) (NNLO+NNLL. More precise e^+e^- data: 90–350 GeV)
hard FFs	$1\%_{\text{th}} \oplus 5\%_{\text{exp}} \approx 5\%$ (NLO only. LEP data only)	$0.7\%_{\text{th}} \oplus 2\%_{\text{exp}} \approx 2\%$ (+B-factories), <1% (FCC-ee) (NNLO. More precise e^+e^- data)

■ FCC-ee (much broader z range) allows for α_s extraction with **$\delta\alpha_s < 1\%$**

Other α_s extractions (not yet in world average)

- There are few other classes of e^+e^- observables, computed today at lower accuracy (NLO, NNLO*), that can be used to extract the QCD coupling:



α_s from photon QCD structure function (NLO)

➤ Computed at **NNLO**: $\int_0^1 dx F_2^\gamma(x, Q^2, P^2) = \frac{\alpha}{4\pi} \frac{1}{2\beta_0} \left\{ \frac{4\pi}{\alpha_s(Q^2)} c_{LO} + c_{NLO} + \frac{\alpha_s(Q^2)}{4\pi} c_{NNLO} + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2) \right\}$

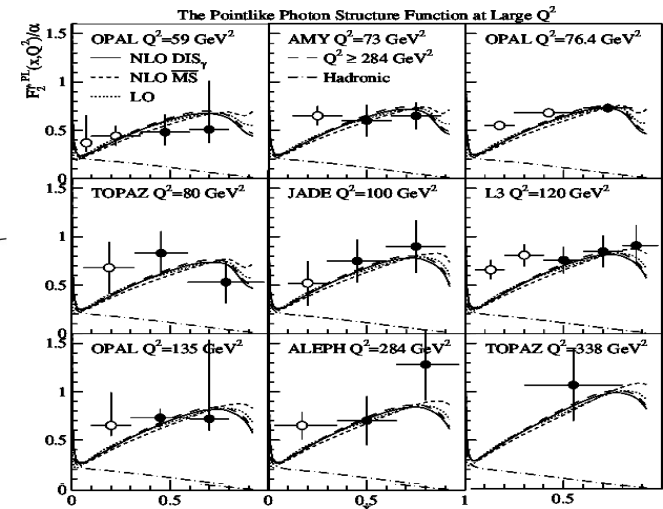
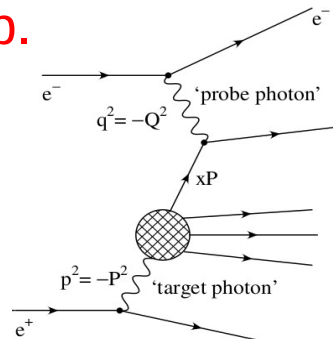
➤ Poor $F_2^\gamma(x, Q^2)$ experimental measurements:

➤ Extraction (NLO) with large exp. uncertainties today:

$$\alpha_s(m_z) = 0.1198 \pm 0.0054$$

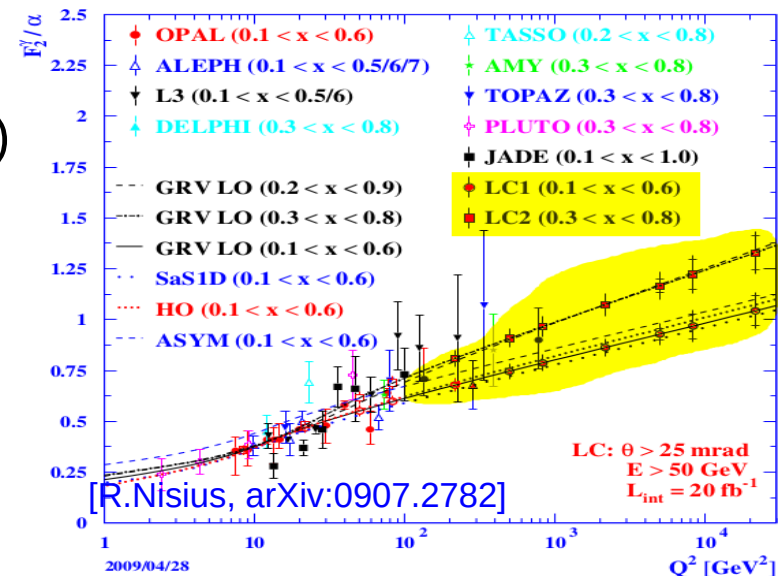
$$(\pm 4.5\%)$$

[M.Klasen et al. PRL89 (2002)122004]



➤ Future prospects:

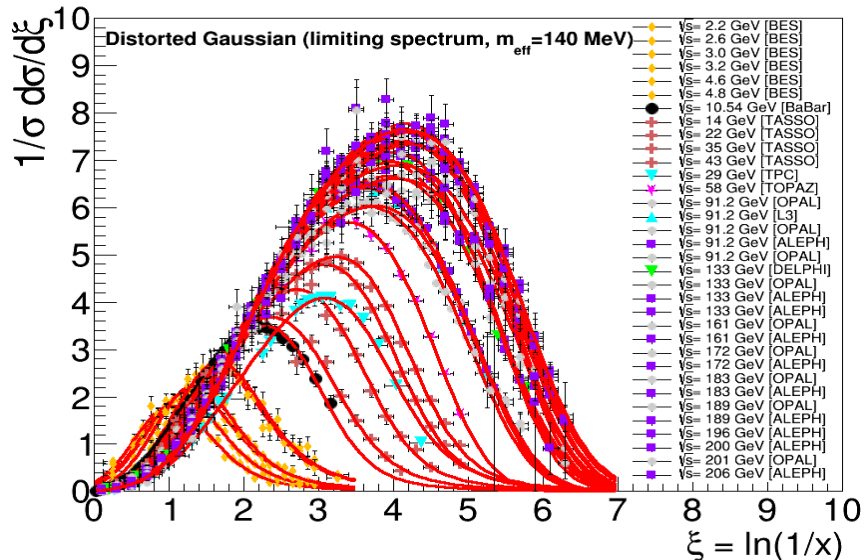
- Fit with NNLO F_2^γ evolution (ongoing)
- **Better data** badly needed: Belle-II ?
- Dedicated simul. studies at **ILC** exist:
- Huge $\gamma\gamma$ (EPA) stats at **FCC-ee** will lead to: $\delta\alpha_s/\alpha_s < 1\%$



α_s extractions from jet fragmentation (NLO, NNLO*)

➤ Soft parton-to-hadron FFs (NNLO*+NNLL):

[D.d'E., R. Perez-Ramos, arXiv:1505.02624]



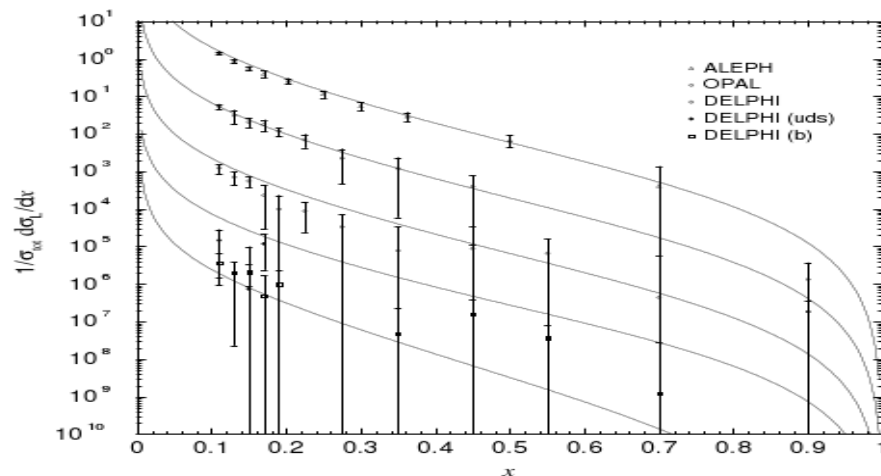
Combined fit of the jet-energy evolution of the FF moments (multiplicity, peak, width,...) with α_s as single free parameter:

$$\alpha_s(m_Z) = 0.1205 \pm 0.0022 (\pm 2\%)$$

(full-NNLO corrections missing)

➤ Hard parton-to-hadron FFs (NLO):

$$\alpha_s(m_Z) = 0.1176 \pm 0.0055 (\pm 4.7\%)$$



[AKK, B. Kniehl et al., NPB 803(2008)42]

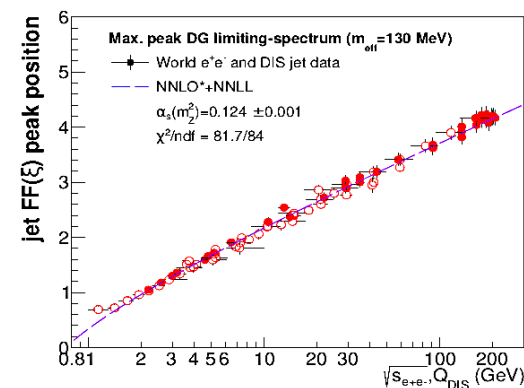
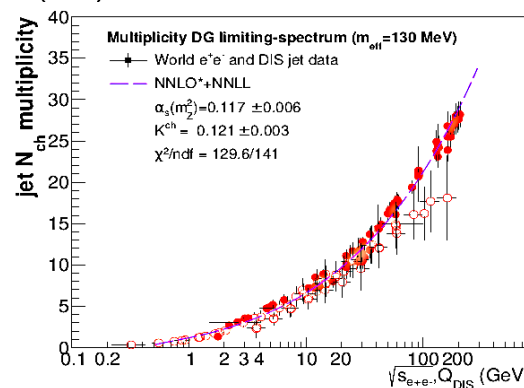


Figure 3: Energy evolution of the charged-hadron multiplicity (left) and of the FF peak position (right) measured in e^+e^- and DIS data fitted to the NNLO*+NNLL predictions. The obtained \mathcal{K}_{ch} normalization constant, individual NNLO* $\alpha_s(m_Z)$ values, and the goodness-of-fit per degree-of-freedom χ^2/ndf .

QCD uncertainties on EWK observables

- With $\times 10^5$ more Z's than LEP, EWK uncertainties at FCC-ee will be dominated by syst. (QCD).

Example: $e^+e^- \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ forward-backward asymmetry

- 8 measurements at LEP:
 - 4 lepton-based, 4 jet-charge-based
- Exp. observable with **largest discrepancy today wrt. the SM: 2.8σ**

- Exp. Uncertainties: $\sim 1.6\%$

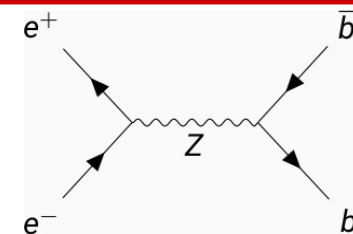
- Statistical: $\pm 1.5\%$ ($\sim 0.05\%$ at FCC-ee)
- Systematics: $\pm 0.6\%$ (QCD-related: $\pm 0.4\%$)

- QCD effects on $A_{FB}^{0,b}$ (depending strongly on exp. selection procedure):

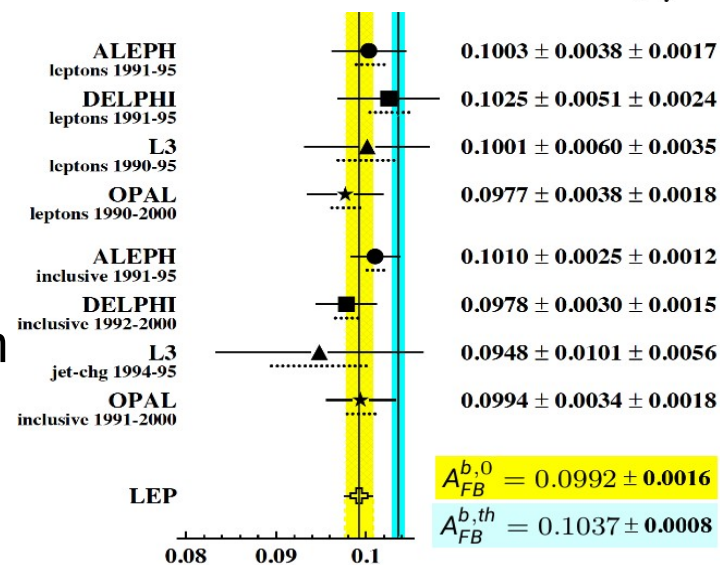
- **Gluon splitting** (TH control: α_s^2 corrections)
- Smearing of **b-jet/thrust axis**
- **b and c radiation & fragmentation**. B and D decay models.

[Uncertainties estimated by Abbanneo et al., EPJC 4 (1998)]

- We have **revisited** the impact of QCD effects on $A_{FB}^{0,b}$ implementing original analyses in up-to-date retuned parton-shower+hadronization MCs

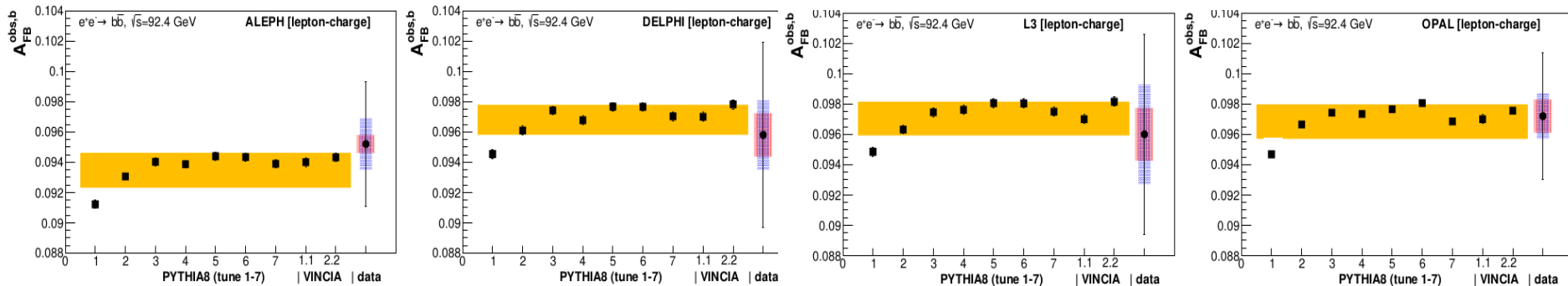


$$A_{FB}^b = \frac{N_F - N_B}{N_F + N_B} \quad A_{FB} = \frac{\sigma_A}{\sigma_S} \propto \frac{-g_{\mu\nu} T^{\mu\nu}}{i\epsilon_{\mu\nu\lambda\rho} \frac{n^\lambda Q^\rho}{n \cdot Q} T^{\mu\nu}}$$

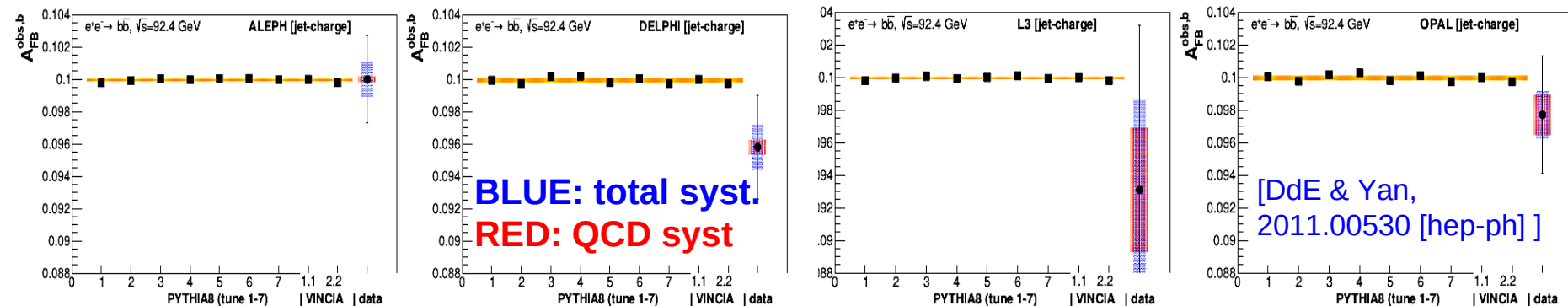


Reduced QCD uncertainties on A_{FB} at Z pole

- QCD uncertainties recomputed from **PYTHIA8.226 (7 tunes) & VINCIA2.2**
- $e^+e^- \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ forward–backward asymmetry for **lepton-based analyses**:



- $e^+e^- \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ forward–backward asymmetry for **jet-charge-based analyses**:

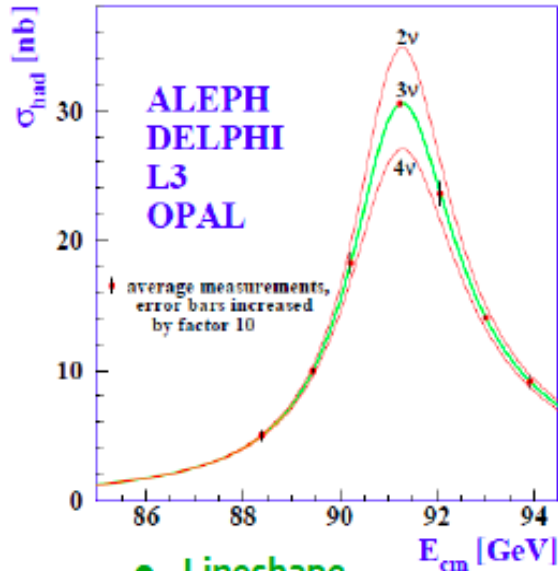


- 2020 vs. 1998 **parton shower+hadronization uncertainties**:
 - Lepton-based: Consistent for ALEPH, **slightly smaller for DELPHI, L3, OPAL**.
 - Jet-charge-based: Much **smaller for all experiments**.
- Improved PS & non-pQCD tunes w/ e^+e^- data needed to reduce syst. uncert.

[DdE & Yan,
2011.00530 [hep-ph]]

Ultra-precise W, Z, top physics at FCC-ee

$\sqrt{s}=91$ GeV, 10^{12} Z's



● Lineshape

➔ Exquisite E_{beam} (unique!)

➔ m_Z, Γ_Z to 10 keV (stat.)
100 keV (syst.)

● Asymmetries

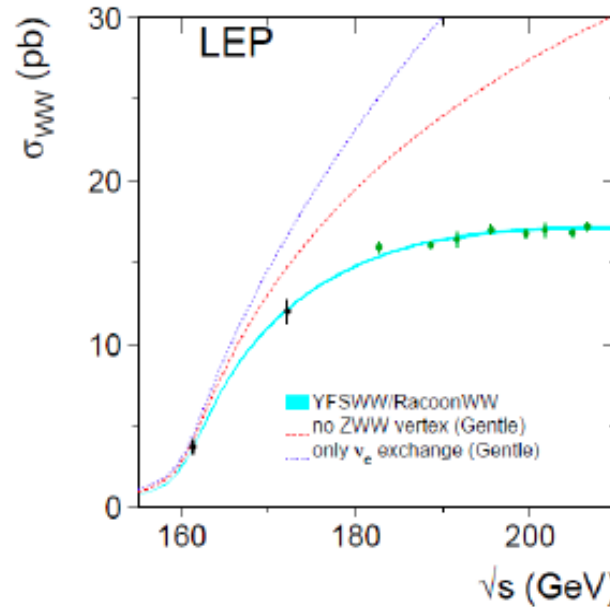
➔ $\sin^2\theta_W$ to 5×10^{-6}

● Branching ratios, R_l, R_b

➔ $\alpha_s(m_Z)$ to 0.0002

● Predict m_{top}, m_W in SM

$\sqrt{s}=161$ GeV, 10^8 W's



● Threshold scan

➔ m_W to 500 keV

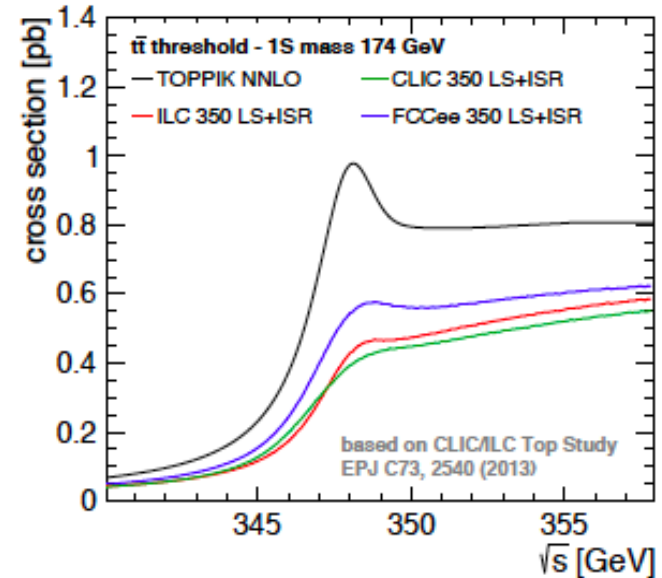
● Branching ratios R_l, R_{had}

➔ $\alpha_s(m_W)$ to 0.0002

● Radiative returns $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma Z$ ($Z \rightarrow \nu\nu, \mu^+\mu^-$)

➔ N_γ to 0.001

$\sqrt{s}=350$ GeV, 10^6 tops



● Threshold scan + 4D fit

➔ m_{top} to 10 MeV (stat.)
40 MeV (th.)

➔ λ_{top} to 13%

➔ EWK couplings to 1–10%

■ Mostly thanks to: (i) Huge statistics

(ii) Threshold scans with $\delta E_{\text{cm}} \sim 0.1, 0.3, 2., 4.$ MeV (Z,W,H,t)

Importance of the QCD coupling α_s

♦ Impacts all QCD x-sections & decays (H), precision top & parametric EWPO:

Process	σ (pb)	$\delta\alpha_s(\%)$	PDF + $\alpha_s(\%)$	Scale(%)
ggH	49.87	± 3.7	-6.2 +7.4	-2.61 + 0.32
ttH	0.611	± 3.0	± 8.9	-9.3 + 5.9

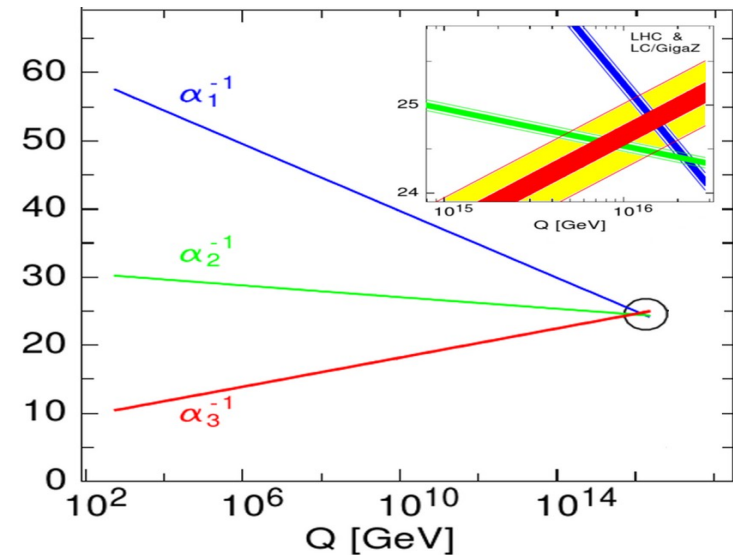
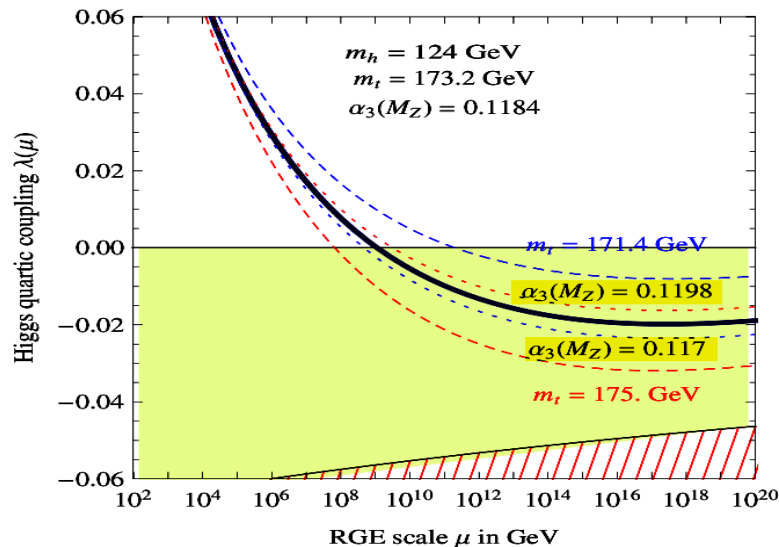
Channel	M_H [GeV]	$\delta\alpha_s(\%)$	Δm_b	Δm_c
H $\rightarrow c\bar{c}$	126	± 7.1	$\pm 0.1\%$	$\pm 2.3\%$
H $\rightarrow gg$	126	± 4.1	$\pm 0.1\%$	$\pm 0\%$

Summary of future parametric uncertainties:

Quantity	FCC-ee	future param.unc.	Main source
Γ_Z [MeV]	0.1	0.1	$\delta\alpha_s$
R_b [10^{-5}]	6	< 1	$\delta\alpha_s$
R_ℓ [10^{-3}]	1	1.3	$\delta\alpha_s$

Sven Heinemeyer – 1st FCC physics workshop, CERN, 17.01.2017

(♦ Impacts physics approaching Planck scale: EW vacuum stability, GUT)



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α_s from hadronic Z, W decays

► Z & W observables theoretically known at N³LO accuracy:

DdE, Jacobsen:
arXiv:2005.04545 [hep-ph]

- The W and Z hadronic widths :

$$\Gamma_{W,Z}^{\text{had}}(Q) = \Gamma_{W,Z}^{\text{Born}} \left(1 + \sum_{i=1}^4 a_i(Q) \left(\frac{\alpha_S(Q)}{\pi} \right)^i + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_S^5) + \delta_{\text{EW}} + \delta_{\text{mix}} + \delta_{\text{np}} \right)$$

TH uncertainties:
(α^2, α^3 included for Z):
 $\pm 0.015\text{--}0.03\%$ (Z)
 $\pm 0.015\text{--}0.04\%$ (W)

- The ratio of W, Z hadronic-to-leptonic widths :

$$R_{W,Z}(Q) = \frac{\Gamma_{W,Z}^{\text{had}}(Q)}{\Gamma_{W,Z}^{\text{lep}}(Q)} = R_{W,Z}^{\text{EW}} \left(1 + \sum_{i=1}^4 a_i(Q) \left(\frac{\alpha_S(Q)}{\pi} \right)^i + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_S^5) + \delta_{\text{mix}} + \delta_{\text{np}} \right)$$

Param. uncerts.:
($m_{Z,W}, \alpha, V_{\text{cs,ud}}$):

- In the Z boson case, the hadronic cross section at the resonance peak in e^+e^- :

$$\sigma_Z^{\text{had}} = \frac{12\pi}{m_Z} \cdot \frac{\Gamma_Z^e \Gamma_Z^{\text{had}}}{(\Gamma_Z^{\text{tot}})^2}$$

$\pm 0.01\text{--}0.03\%$ (Z)
 $\pm 1.1\text{--}1.7\%$ (W)
 $\pm 0.03\%$ (W, CKM unit)

► Measured at LEP with $\pm 0.1\text{--}0.3\%$ (Z), $\pm 0.9\text{--}2\%$ (W) exp. uncertainties:

	theory			experiment		
	previous	new (this work)	change	previous [6]	new [20, 21]	change
Γ_Z^{tot} (MeV)	$2494.2 \pm 0.8_{\text{th}}$	$2495.2 \pm 0.6_{\text{par}} \pm 0.4_{\text{th}}$	+0.04%	2495.2 ± 2.3	2495.5 ± 2.3	+0.012%
R_Z	$20.733 \pm 0.007_{\text{th}}$	$20.750 \pm 0.006_{\text{par}} \pm 0.006_{\text{th}}$	+0.08%	20.767 ± 0.025	20.7666 ± 0.0247	-0.040%
σ_Z^{had} (pb)	$41\,490 \pm 6_{\text{th}}$	$41\,494 \pm 5_{\text{par}} \pm 6_{\text{th}}$	+0.01%	$41\,540 \pm 37$	$41\,480.2 \pm 32.5$	-0.144%

Recent update of
LEP luminosity
bias(*) change the Z
values by few permil

W boson observables	GFITTER 2.2 (NNLO)	this work (N ³ LO)		experiment
		(exp. CKM)	(CKM unit.)	
Γ_W^{had} (MeV)	–	$1440.3 \pm 23.9_{\text{par}} \pm 0.2_{\text{th}}$	$1410.2 \pm 0.8_{\text{par}} \pm 0.2_{\text{th}}$	1405 ± 29
Γ_W^{tot} (MeV)	$2091.8 \pm 1.0_{\text{par}}$	$2117.9 \pm 23.9_{\text{par}} \pm 0.7_{\text{th}}$	$2087.9 \pm 1.0_{\text{par}} \pm 0.7_{\text{th}}$	2085 ± 42
R_W	–	$2.1256 \pm 0.0353_{\text{par}} \pm 0.0008_{\text{th}}$	$2.0812 \pm 0.0007_{\text{par}} \pm 0.0008_{\text{th}}$	2.069 ± 0.019

(*) Voutsinas et al.
arXiv:1908.01704,
Janot et al.
arXiv:1912.02067

α_s from hadronic Z decays (today)

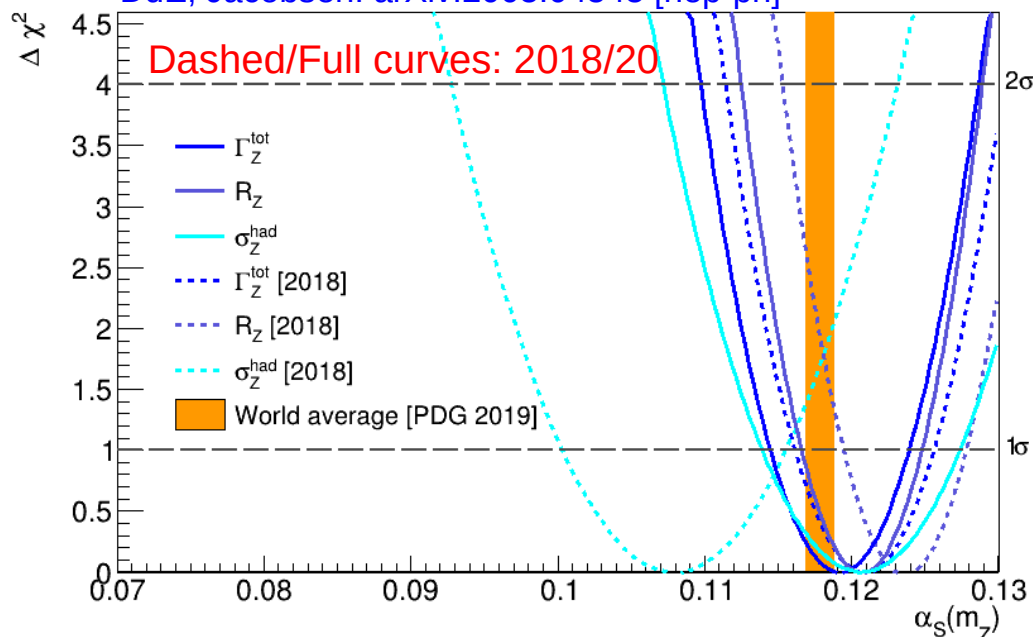
► QCD coupling extracted from:

(i) Combined fit of 3 Z pseudo-observ:

(ii) Full SM fit (with α_s free parameter)

Z boson observable	$\alpha_s(m_Z)$ extraction	uncertainties		
		exp.	param.	theor.
Γ_Z^{tot}	0.1192 ± 0.0047	± 0.0046	± 0.0005	± 0.0008
R_Z	0.1207 ± 0.0041	± 0.0041	± 0.0001	± 0.0009
σ_Z^{had}	0.1206 ± 0.0068	± 0.0067	± 0.0004	± 0.0012
All combined	0.1203 ± 0.0029	± 0.0029	± 0.0002	± 0.0008
Global SM fit	0.1202 ± 0.0028	± 0.0028	± 0.0002	± 0.0008

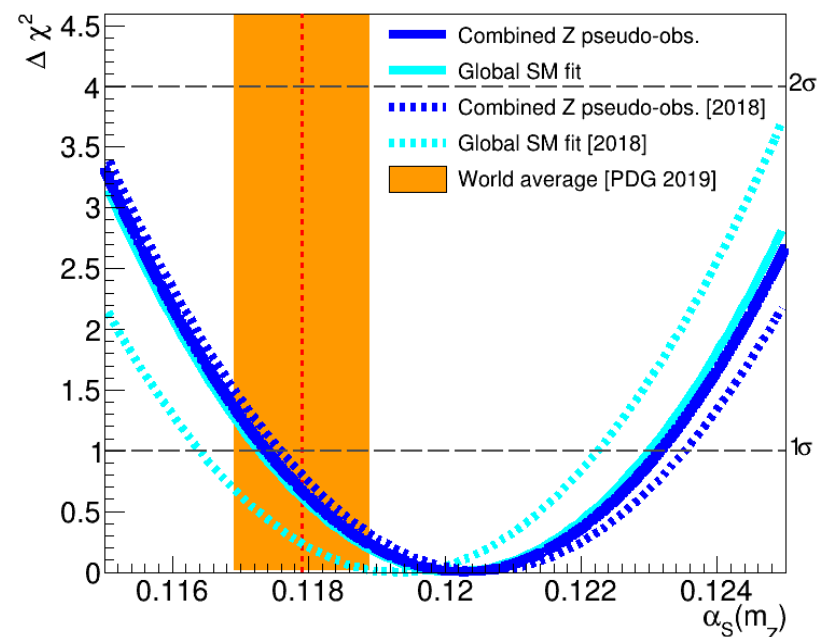
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► LEP lumi-bias updates lead to much better agreement among Γ_Z , R_Z , σ_0 extractions:

► Improved $\alpha_s(m_Z) = 0.1203 \pm 0.0028$ ($\pm 2.3\%$)

PDG'19: $\alpha_s(m_Z) = 0.1205 \pm 0.0030$ ($\pm 2.5\%$)



► EXP/TH updates lead to better agreement with full SM fit:

► $\alpha_s(m_Z) = 0.1202 \pm 0.0028$

PDG'19: $\alpha_s(m_Z) = 0.1194 \pm 0.0029$

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α_s from hadronic Z decays (FCC-ee)

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Global SM fit (FCC-ee)	0.12020 ± 0.00026	± 0.00013	± 0.00005	± 0.00022

► FCC-ee:

- Huge Z pole stats. ($\times 10^5$ LEP)
- Exquisite systematic/parametric precision (stat. uncert. much smaller):

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Delta R_Z &= 10^{-3}, & R_Z &= 20.7500 \pm 0.0010 \\
 \Delta \Gamma_Z^{\text{tot}} &= 0.1 \text{ MeV}, & \Gamma_Z^{\text{tot}} &= 2495.2 \pm 0.1 \text{ MeV} \\
 \Delta \sigma_Z^{\text{had}} &= 4.0 \text{ pb}, & \sigma_Z^{\text{had}} &= 41\,494 \pm 4 \text{ pb} \\
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 \Delta m_Z &= 0.1 \text{ MeV}, & m_Z &= 91.18760 \pm 0.00001 \text{ GeV} \\
 \Delta \alpha &= 3 \cdot 10^{-5}, & \Delta \alpha_{\text{had}}^{(5)}(m_Z) &= 0.0275300 \pm 0.0000009
 \end{aligned}$$

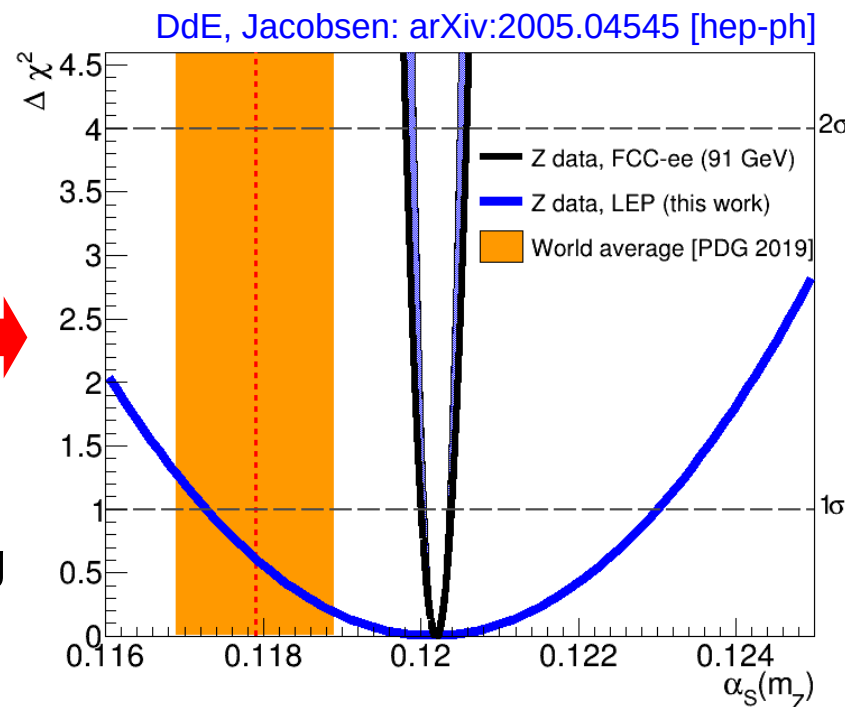


- TH uncertainty reduced by $\times 4$ computing missing α_s^5 , α^3 , $\alpha\alpha_s^2$, $\alpha\alpha_s^2$, $\alpha^2\alpha_s$ terms

► 10 times better precision than today:

$$\delta\alpha_s/\alpha_s \sim \pm 0.2\% \text{ (tot)}, \pm 0.1\% \text{ (exp)}$$

Strong (B)SM consistency test.



$$\alpha_s(m_Z) = 0.12030 \pm 0.00028 \text{ } (\pm 0.2\%)$$

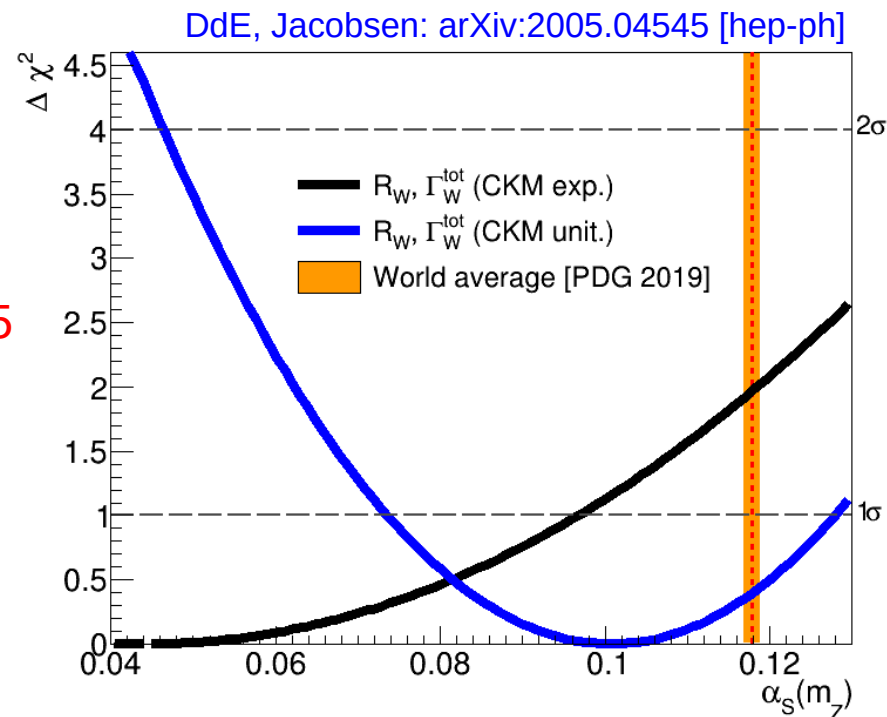
α_s from hadronic W decays (today)

- ♦ QCD coupling extracted from **new N³LO fit of combined Γ_W , R_W pseudo-observ.:**

W boson observables	$\alpha_s(m_Z)$ extraction	uncertainties		
		exp.	param.	theor.
$\Gamma_W^{\text{tot}}, R_W$ (exp. CKM)	0.044 ± 0.052	± 0.024	± 0.047	(± 0.0014)
$\Gamma_W^{\text{tot}}, R_W$ (CKM unit.)	0.101 ± 0.027	± 0.027	(± 0.0002)	(± 0.0016)
$\Gamma_W^{\text{tot}}, R_W$ (FCC-ee, CKM unit.)	0.11790 ± 0.00023	± 0.00012	± 0.00004	± 0.00019

- ♦ **Very imprecise extraction:**

- Large propagated parametric uncert. from **poor V_{cs} exp. precision ($\pm 2\%$):**
QCD coupling unconstrained: **0.04 ± 0.05**
- Imposing CKM unitarity: **large exp. uncertainties** from Γ_W , R_W (0.9–2%):
QCD extracted with **$\sim 27\%$ precision**
- **Propagated TH uncertainty** much smaller today: **$\sim 1.5\%$**



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- Huge W pole stats. ($\times 10^4$ LEP-2).
- Exquisite syst./parametric precision:

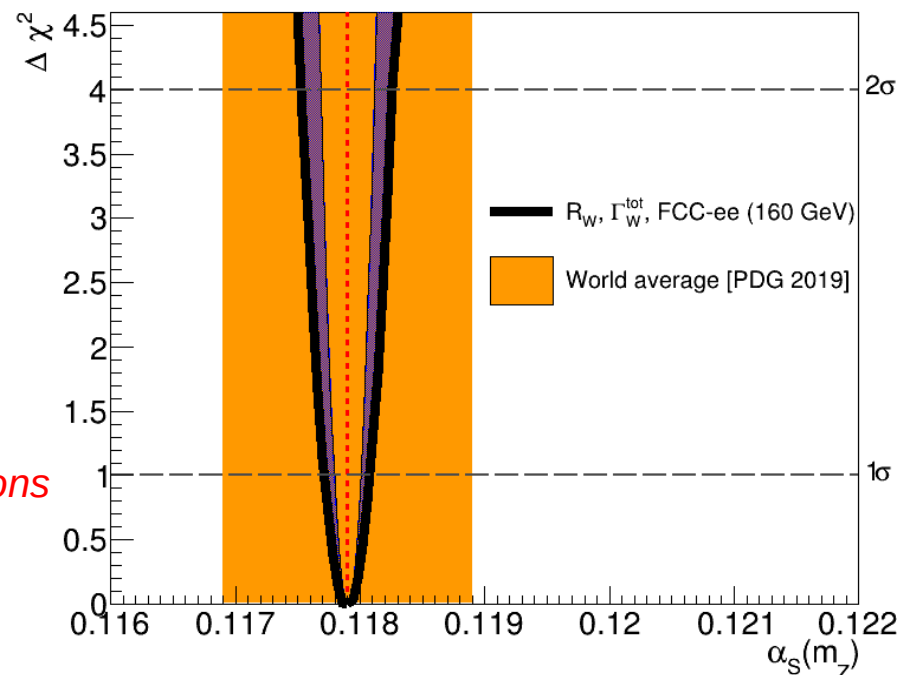
$$\Gamma_W^{\text{tot}} = 2088.0 \pm 1.2 \text{ MeV}$$

$$R_W = 2.08000 \pm 0.00008$$

$$m_W = 80.3800 \pm 0.0005 \text{ GeV}$$

$$|V_{cs}| = 0.97359 \pm 0.00010 \leftarrow O(10^{12}) \text{ D mesons}$$
- TH uncertainty reduced by $\times 10$ after computing missing $\alpha_s^5, \alpha^2, \alpha^3, \alpha\alpha_s^2, \alpha\alpha_s^2, \alpha^2\alpha_s$ terms

DdE, Jacobsen: arXiv:2005.04545 [hep-ph]



$$\alpha_s(m_Z) = 0.11790 \pm 0.00023 \quad (\pm 0.2\%)$$

α_s at future e^+e^- colliders (summary)

■ World-average QCD coupling at $N^{2,3}$ LO today:

- Determined from **7 observables** with combined **0.85% uncertainty** (least well-known gauge coupling).
- Impacts **all LHC QCD x-sections & decays**.
- (Role **beyond SM**: GUT,) (EWK vacuum stability,) (New colored sectors?)

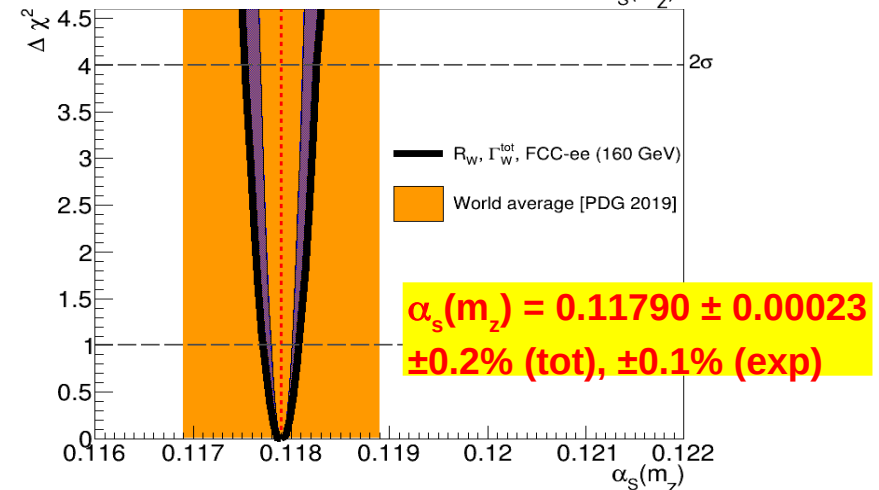
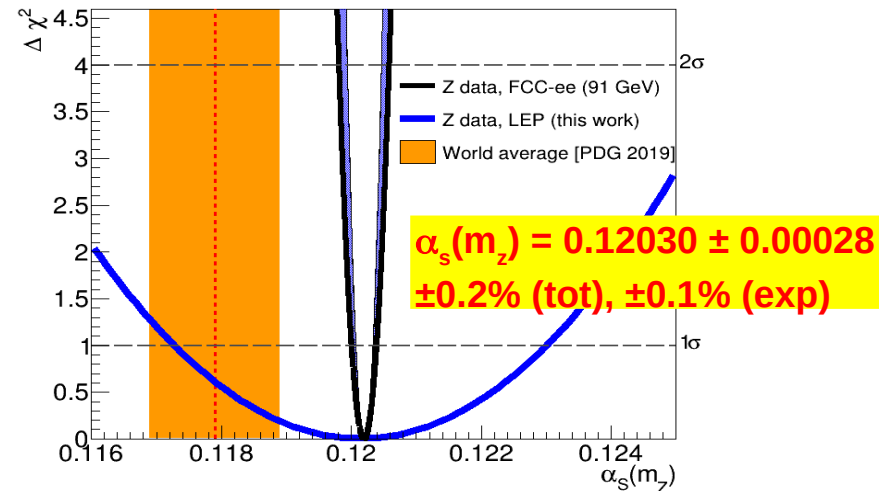
■ e^+e^- extractions:

- Hadronic tau decays: $\pm 1\%$ TH
- Event shapes, jet rates: $\pm 1\%$ TH
- **Z&W pseudo-observ.:** $\pm 0.1\%$ TH

■ State-of-the-art Z, W extractions:

- Z boson: New fit with high-order EW corrections + updated LEP data: **$\sim 2.3\%$ (exp.) uncertainty today.**
- W boson: New **N^3 LO** fit to Γ_W , R_W **$\sim 27\%$ (exp.) uncertainty today.**

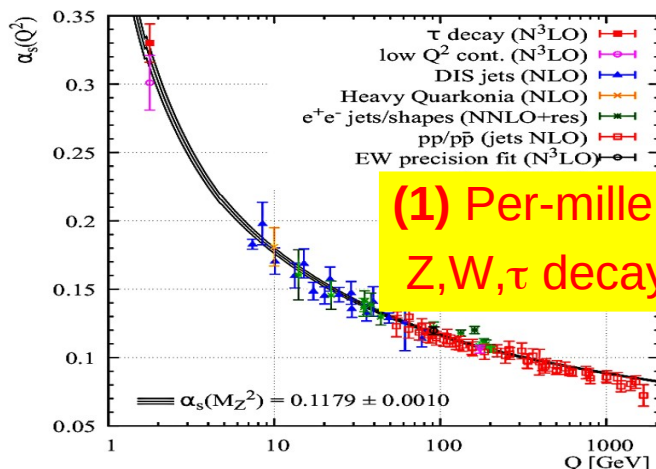
■ Permil uncertainty only possible with a machine like FCC- e^+e^-



What are the detector design improvements needed to bring propagated syst. uncert. on W,Z pseudo-observ. below 0.1% ?

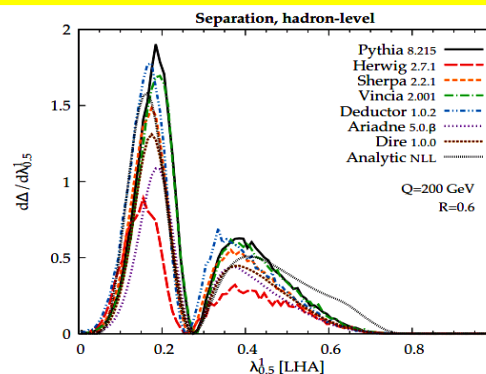
Summary: QCD at future e^+e^- colliders

- The precision needed to fully exploit all **future** $ee/pp/ep/eA/AA$ **SM & BSM** programs requires **exquisite** control of pQCD & non-pQCD physics.
- **Unique** QCD precision studies accessible at FCC-ee (CEPC, ILC):



(1) Per-mille α_s via hadronic Z,W, τ decays, evt shapes...

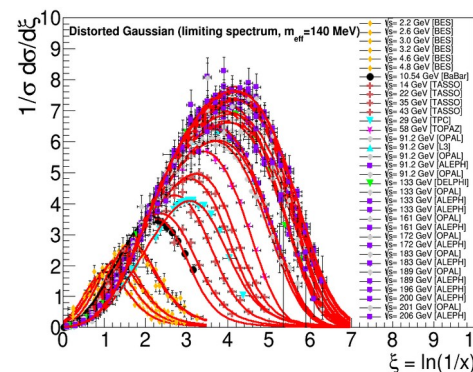
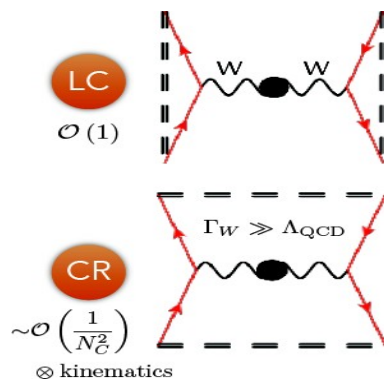
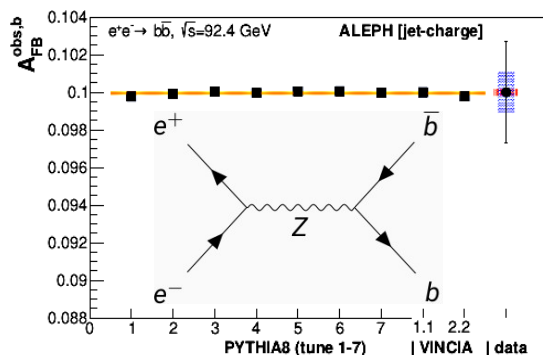
**(2) $N^n\text{LO}+N^n\text{LL}$ jet structure
High $g/q/Q$ discrimination**



(3) Reduced PS+hadroniz. uncert. of EWK observ.

(4) <1% control of colour reconnection

(5) High-precision hadronization:



conservation of :
baryon number

$q \text{ } qq \text{ } \bar{q}\bar{q} \text{ } q$

How local?

strangeness

$q \text{ } \bar{s} \text{ } s \text{ } \bar{q}$

How local?

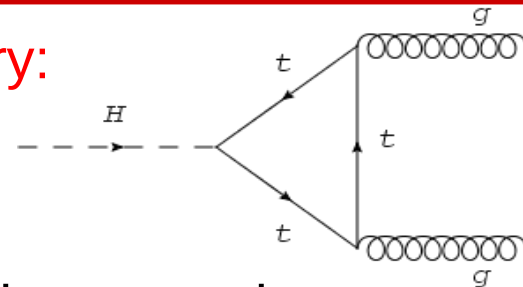
transverse momentum

$q \text{ } \bar{q} \text{ } q \text{ } \bar{q}$

How local?

High-precision gluon & quark jet studies

- Exploit FCC-ee $H(gg)$ as a "pure gluon" factory:
 $H \rightarrow gg$ (BR~8% accurately known) provides
120.000 extra-clean digluon events.

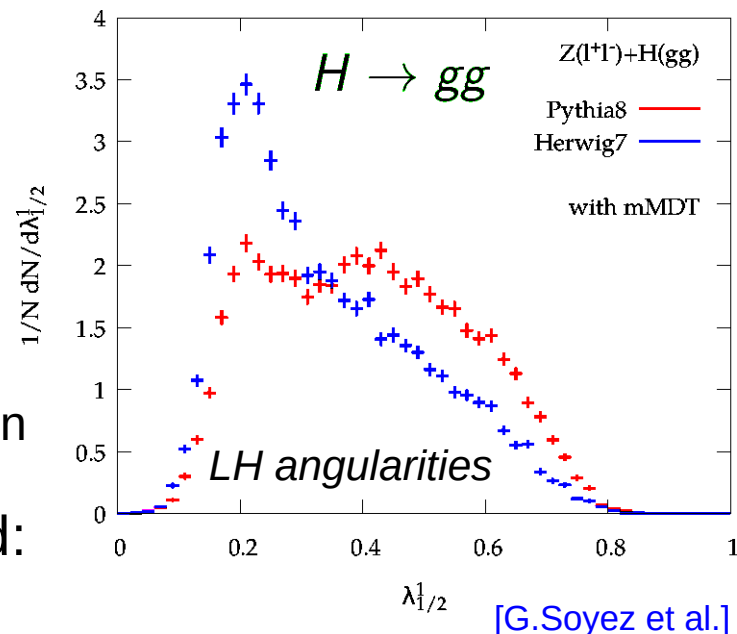


- Multiple handles to study gluon radiation & g-jet properties:

- Gluon vs. quark via $H \rightarrow gg$ vs. $Z \rightarrow qq$
 (Profit from excellent g,b separation)
- Gluon vs. quark via $Z \rightarrow bbg$ vs. $Z \rightarrow qq(g)$
 (g in one hemisphere recoiling against 2-b-jets in the other).
- Vary E_{jet} range via ISR: $e^+e^- \rightarrow Z^*, \gamma^* \rightarrow jj(\gamma)$
- Vary jet radius: small-R down to calo resolution

- Multiple high-precision analyses at hand:

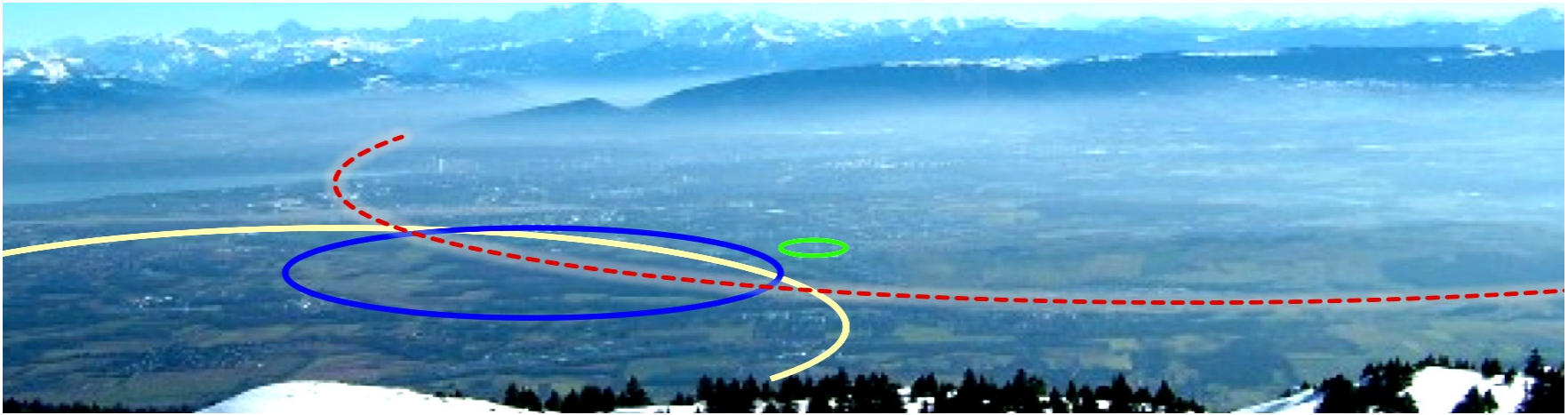
- BSM: Improve $q/g/Q$ discrimination tools
- pQCD: (Check $N^{\text{n}}\text{LO}$ antenna functions.) High-precision QCD coupling.
- non-pQCD: Gluon fragmentation: (Octet neutralization? (zero-charge gluon jet with rap gaps).) Colour reconnection? (Glueballs ? Leading η 's, baryons)?



[G.Soyez et al.]

CERN FCC-ee project

- e^+e^- operation before pp at $\sqrt{s} = 90, (125), 160, 240, 350$ GeV



Working point	Z, years 1-2	Z, later	WW	HZ	$t\bar{t}$		(s-channel H)
\sqrt{s} (GeV)	88, 91, 94		157, 163	240	340-350	365	m_H
Lumi/IP ($10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$)	115	230	28	8.5	0.95	1.55	(30)
Lumi/year (ab^{-1} , 2 IP)	24	48	6	1.7	0.2	0.34	(7)
Physics Goal (ab^{-1})	150		10	5	0.2	1.5	(20)
Run time (year)	2	2	2	3	1	4	(3)
Number of events	5×10^{12} Z		10^8 WW	10^6 HZ + 25k WW \rightarrow H	10^6 $t\bar{t}$ +200k HZ +50k WW \rightarrow H		(6000)

# of light-q jets/year:	$O(10^{12})$	$O(10^7)$	$O(10^5)$	—	$O(10^8)$
# of gluon-jets/year:	$O(10^{11})$	$O(10^6)$	$O(10^4)$	—	$O(10^6)$
# of heavy-Q jets/yr:	$O(10^{12})$	$O(10^7)$	$O(10^5)$	$O(10^6)$	$O(10^8)$