

# QCD physics at FCC-ee: Intro

**6<sup>th</sup> FCC Physics Workshop**  
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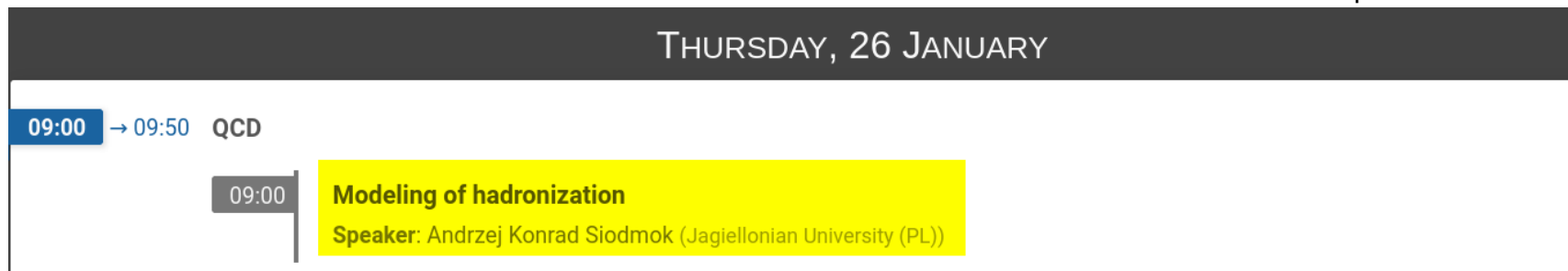
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09:25	<b>Flavour jet tagging at FCC-ee with ParticleNet</b> Speaker: Loukas Gouskos (CERN)

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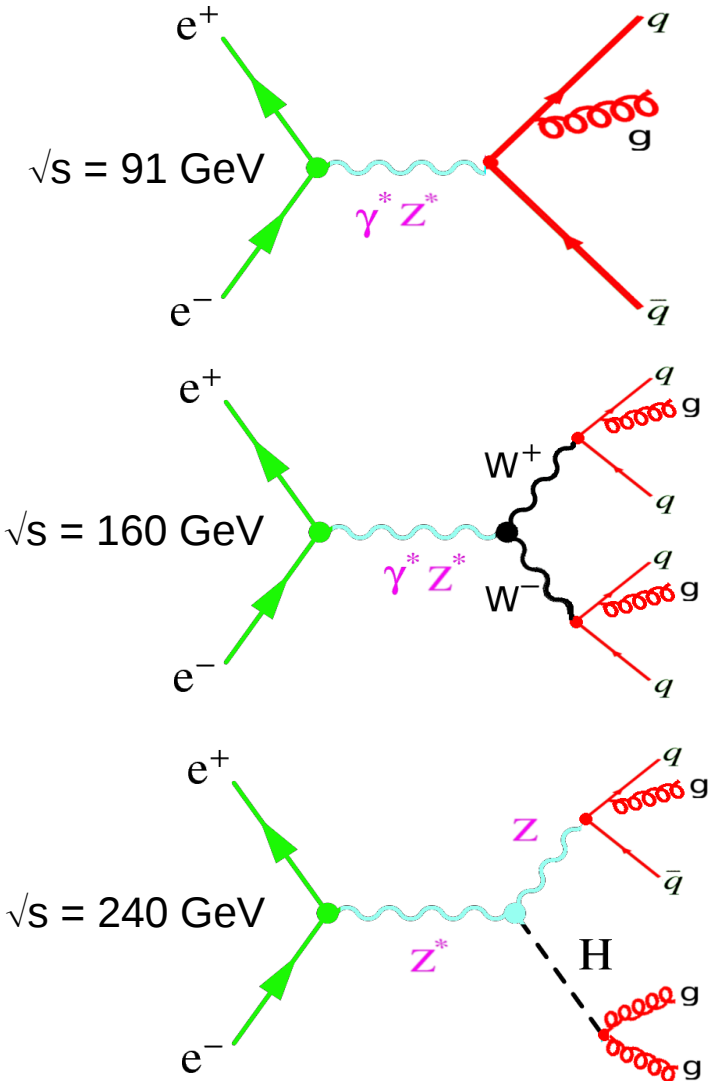
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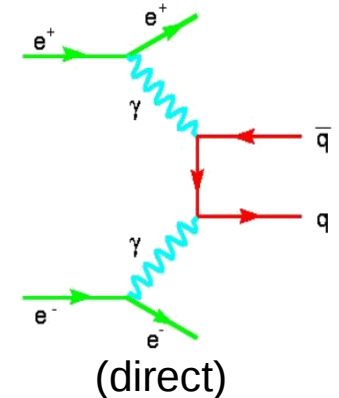
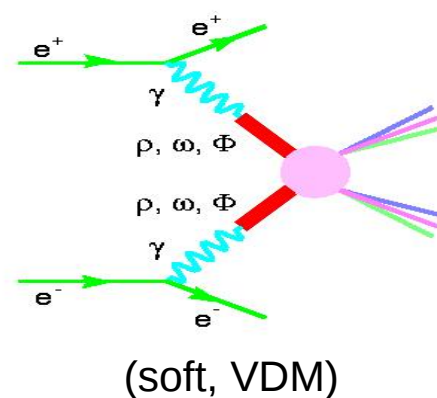
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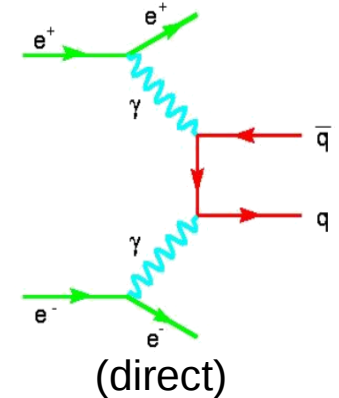
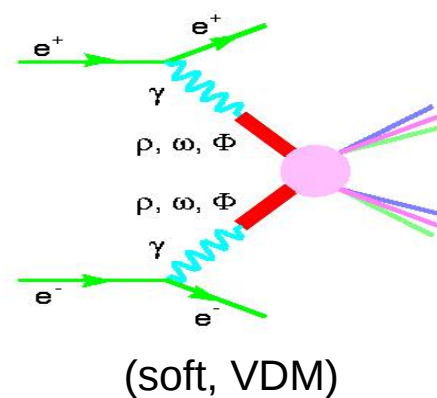
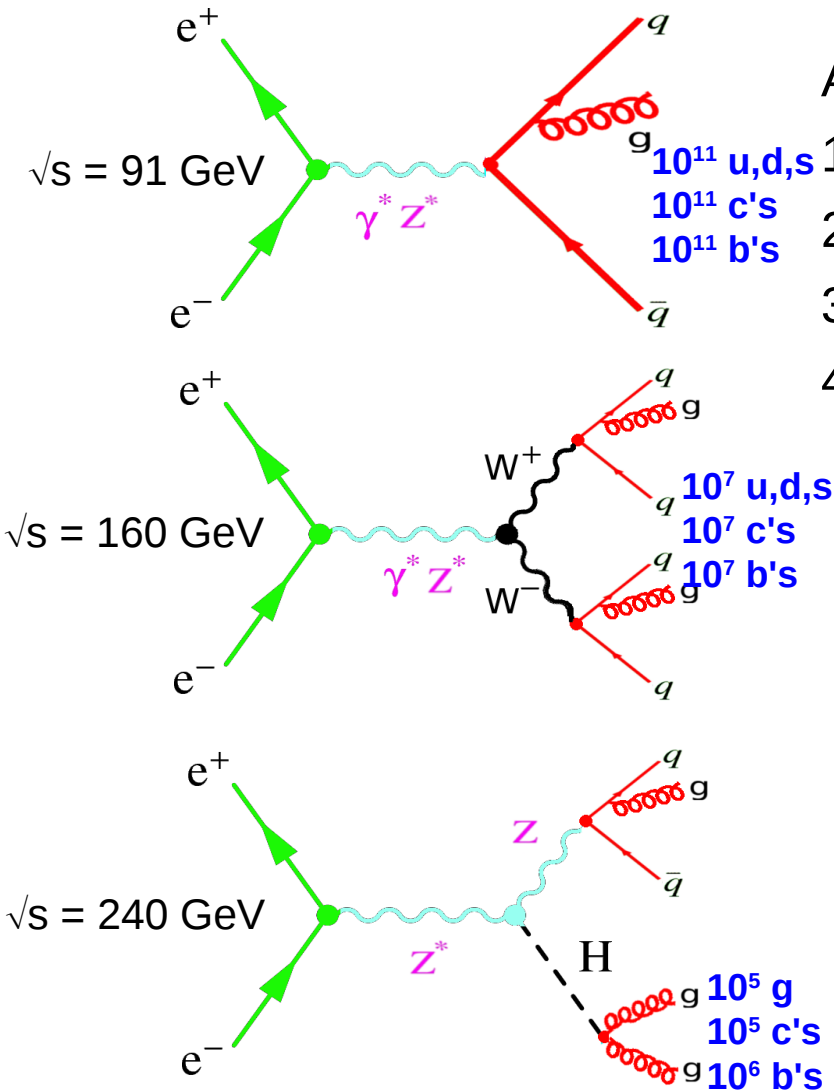
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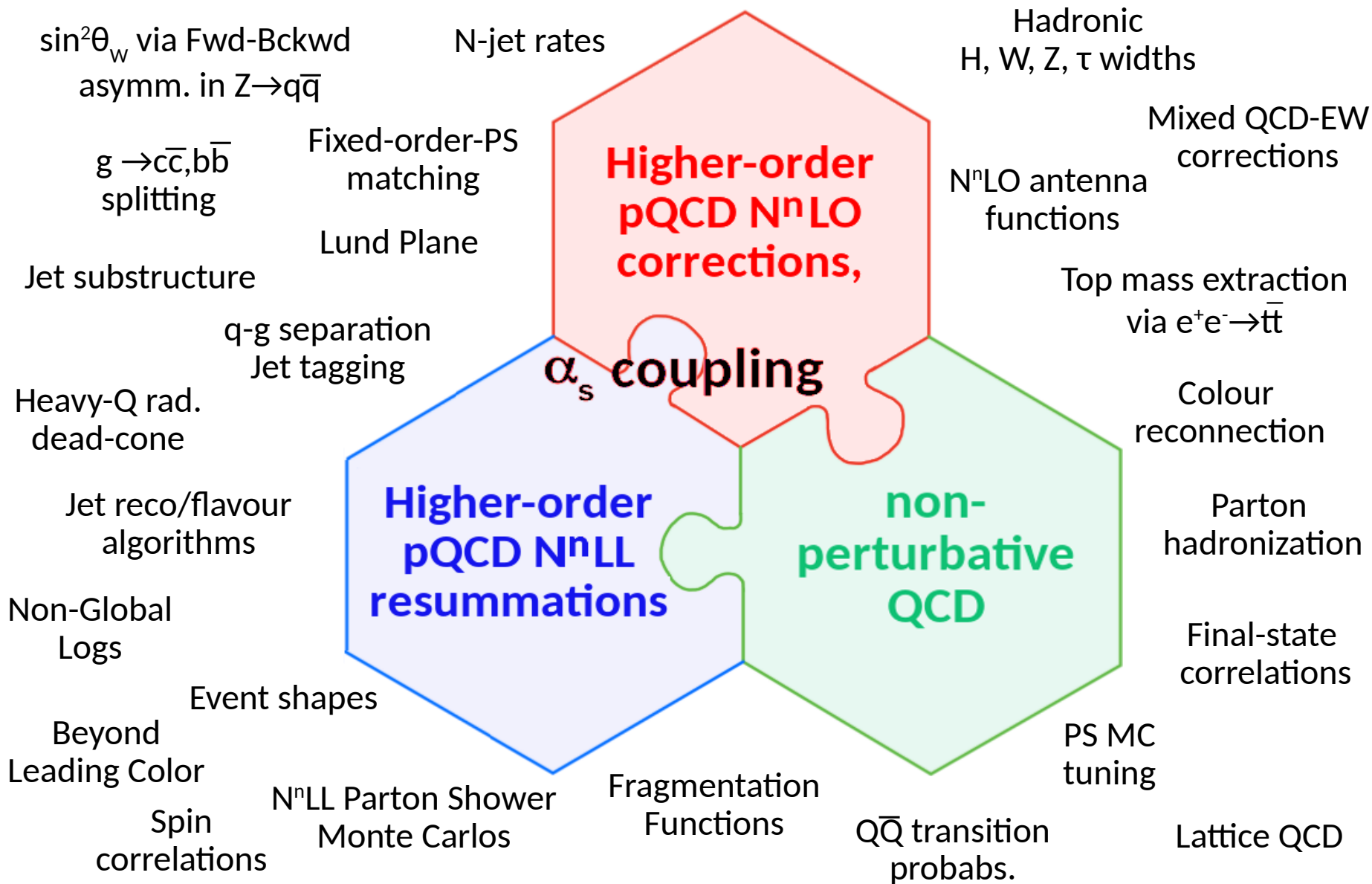
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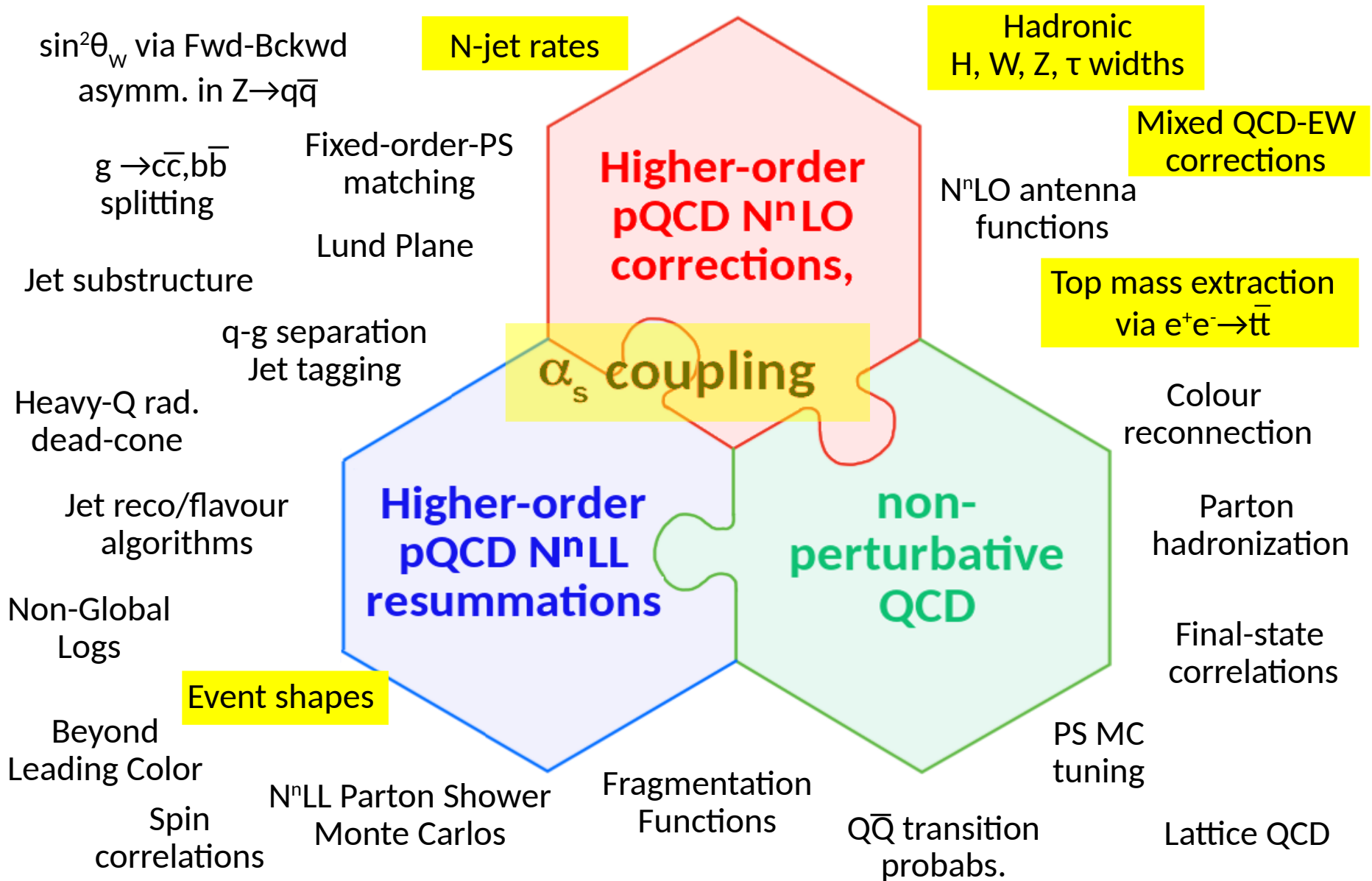
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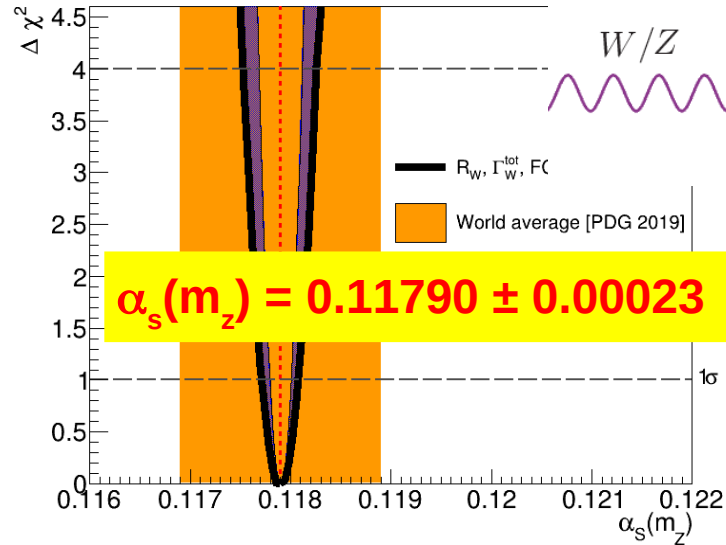
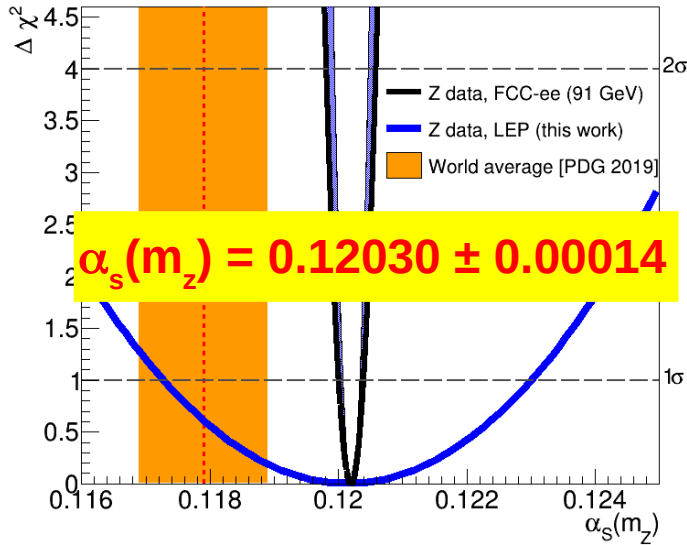


# Very rich QCD at FCC-ee. Examples:



# Example: QCD coupling $\alpha_s$

- Z,W hadronic widths provide the most precise (0.1%)  $\alpha_s$  extraction:



Strong (B)SM consistency test

- Reduced parametric uncertainties: Higgs, EWPO, top... x-sections & decays

Summary of future parametric uncertainties:

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

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

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

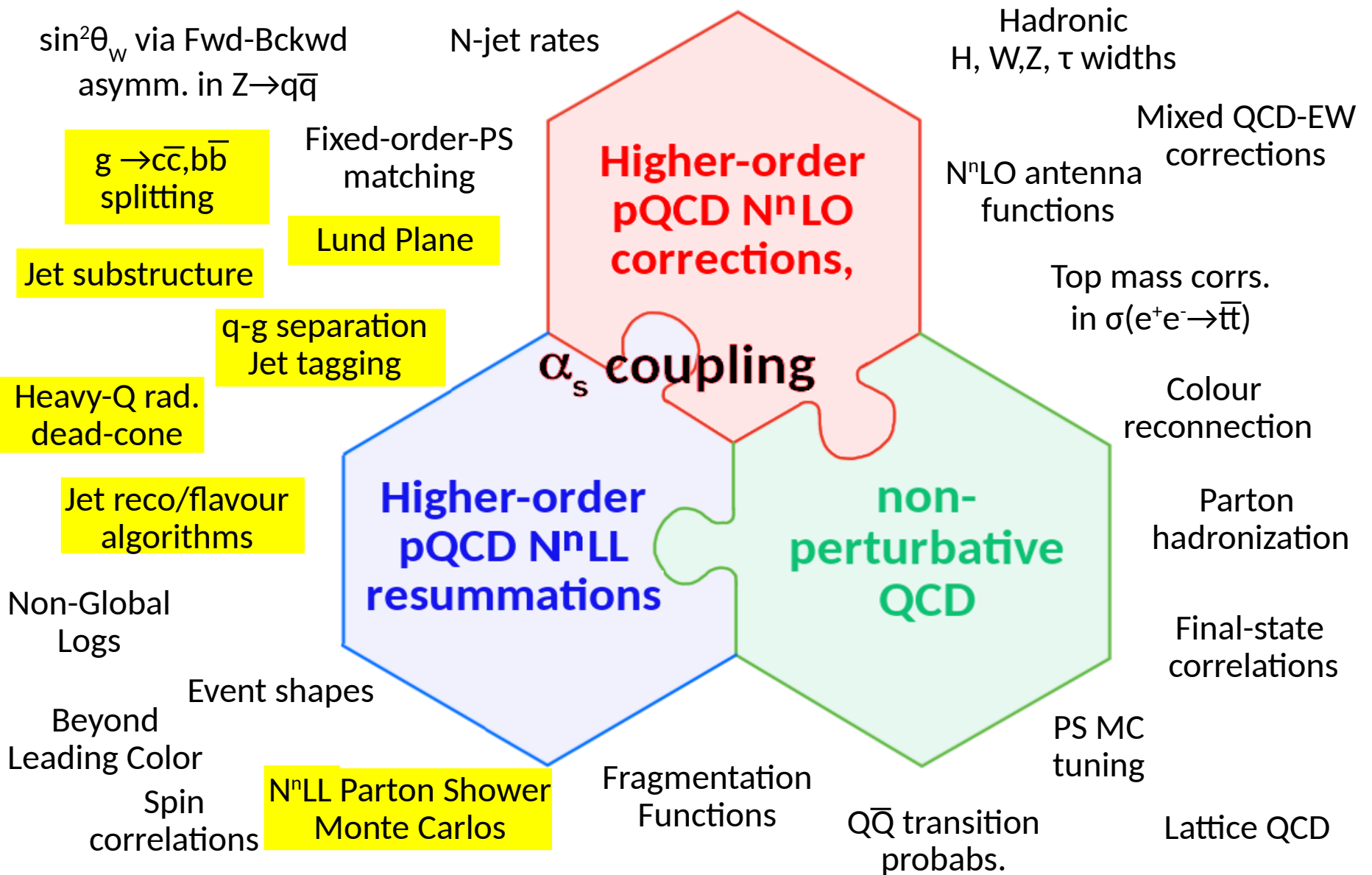
MSbar mass error budget (from threshold scan)

$(\delta M_t^{\text{SD-low}})^{\text{exp}}$	$(\delta M_t^{\text{SD-low}})^{\text{theo}}$	$(\delta \bar{m}_t(\bar{m}_t))^{\text{conversion}}$	$(\delta \bar{m}_t(\bar{m}_t))^{\alpha_s}$
40 MeV	50 MeV	7 – 23 MeV	70 MeV

$\Rightarrow$  improvement in  $\alpha_s$  crucial

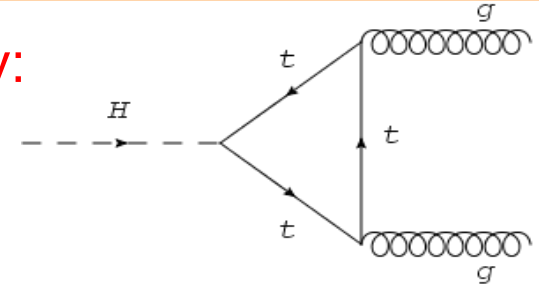
$\delta\alpha_s(M_z) = 0.001$

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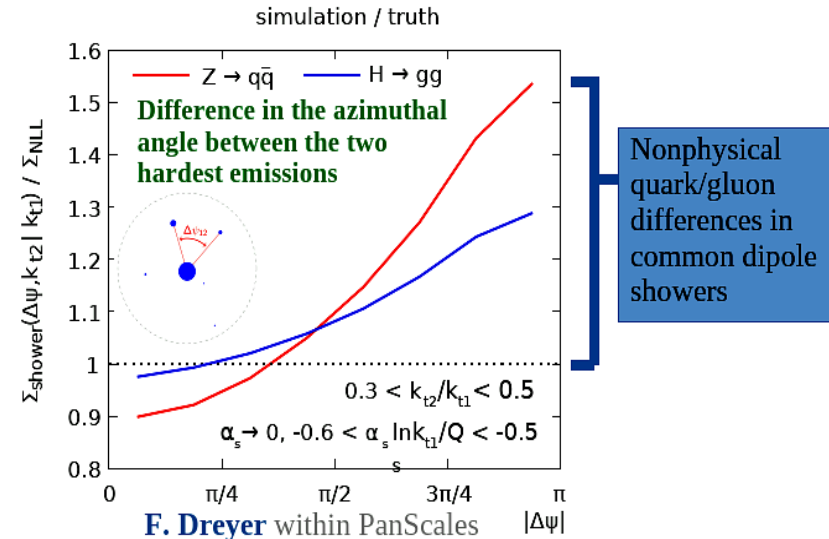
# Example: High-precision g & q jet studies

- Exploit FCC-ee  $H(gg)$  as a "pure gluon" factory:  
 $H \rightarrow gg$  (BR~8% accurately known) provides  
 $\mathcal{O}(100.000)$  extra-clean digluon events.



- Compare to  $Z \rightarrow qq(g)$ : Multiple handles to study g rad./jet properties:

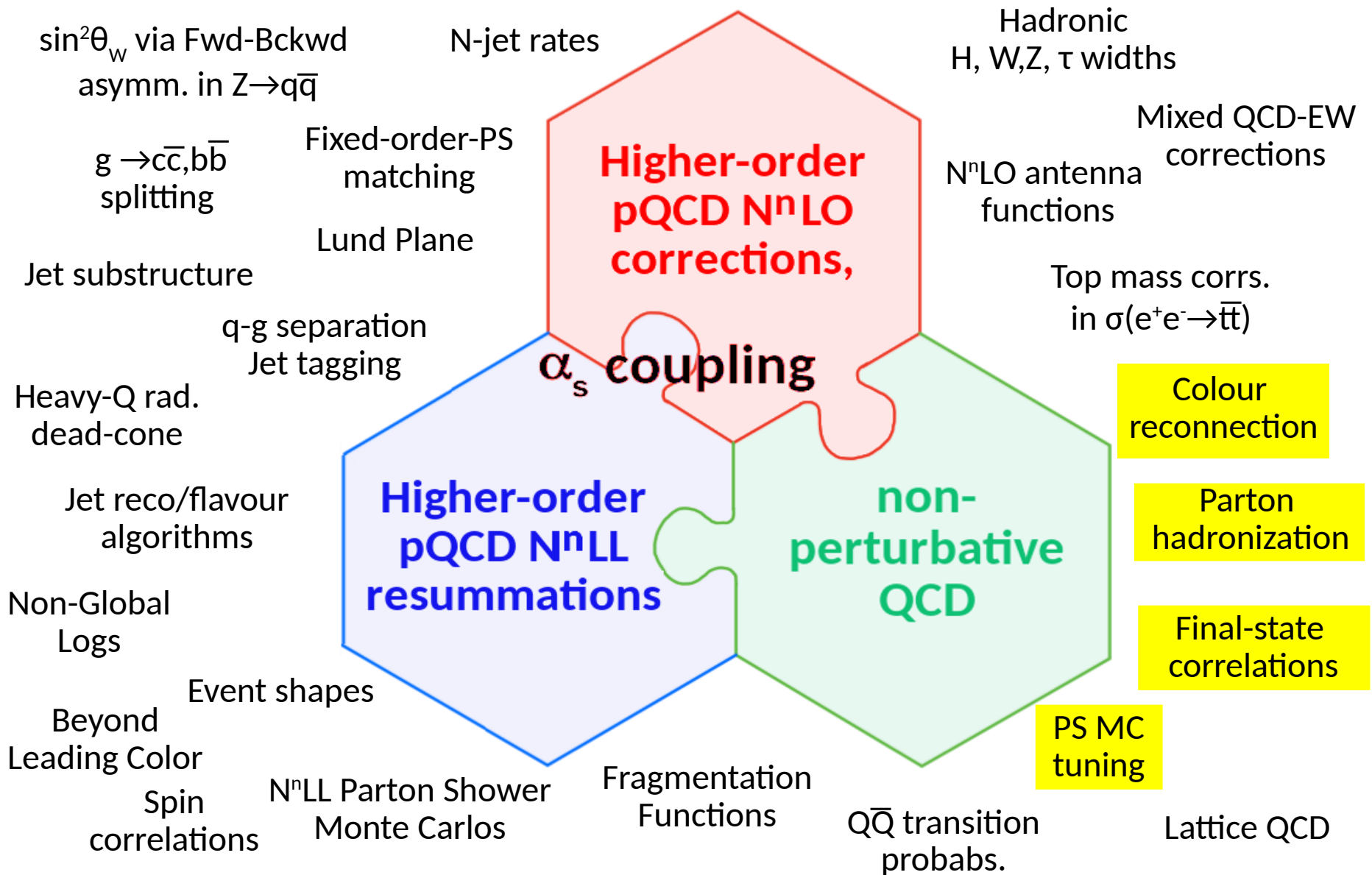
- Gluon vs. quark via  $H \rightarrow gg$  vs.  $Z \rightarrow qq$   
 (Profit from excellent g,b separation)
- Gluon vs. quark via  $Z \rightarrow bbg$  vs.  $Z \rightarrow qq(g)$   
 (g in one hemisphere recoiling against 2-b-jets in the other).
- Vary  $E_{jet}$  range via ISR:  $e^+e^- \rightarrow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



- Multiple high-precision analyses at hand:

- Higgs/BSM/flavour: Improve  $q/g/Q$  discrimin. tools: ML training on pure samples
- pQCD: Check  $N^n$ LO antenna functions. High-precision QCD coupling.
- non-pQCD: Gluon fragmentation: Octet neutralization? (zero-charge gluon jet with rap gaps). Colour reconnection? Glueballs? Leading  $\eta$ 's, baryons?

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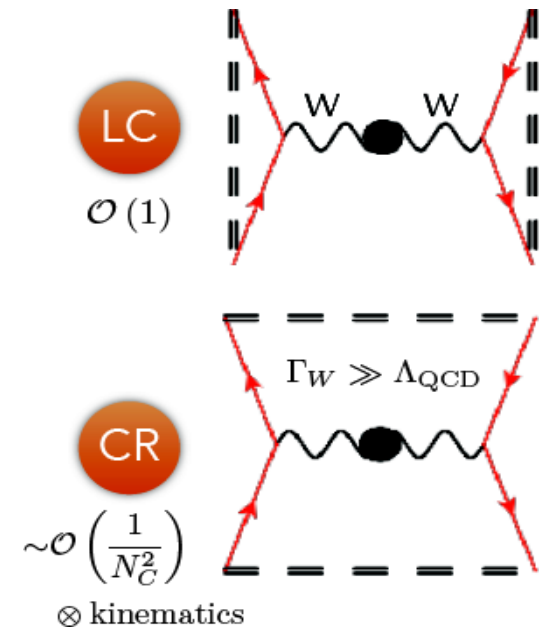


# Non-pQCD example: Colour reconnection

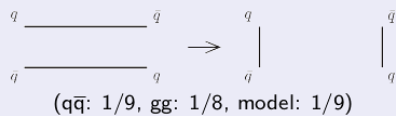
- Colour reconnection among partons is source of **uncertainty in  $m_W$ ,  $m_{top}$ ,  $\alpha_{GC}$  extractions in multijet final-states**. Especially in pp (MPI cross-talk).
- CR “string drag” effect impacts all FCC-ee multi-jet final-states:  $e^+e^- \rightarrow WW(4j)$ ,  $H(2j,4j)$ ,  $t\bar{t}$ , ...
  - Shifted masses & angular correlations (CP studies).
  - Combined LEP  $e^+e^- \rightarrow WW(4j)$  data best described with **49% CR**,  $2.2\sigma$  away from no-CR.

- Exploit huge W stats ( $\times 10^4$  LEP) to measure  $m_W$  leptonically & hadronically and constrain CR:

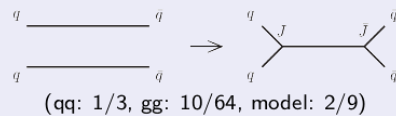
“Recent” PYTHIA option: QCD-inspired CR (QCDCR) (1505.01681):



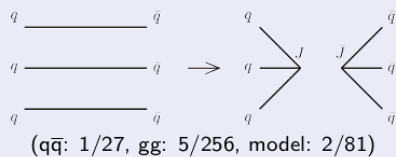
Ordinary string reconnection



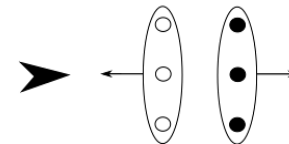
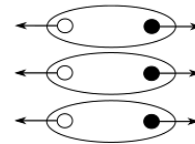
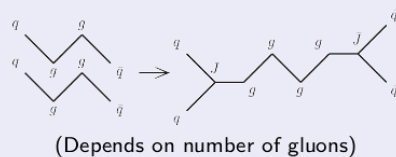
Double junction reconnection



Triple junction reconnection



Zippering reconnection



Triple-junction also in HERWIG cluster model. (1710.10906)

# FCC QCD working group activities

## ■ Join our **monthly meetings**:

<https://indico.cern.ch/category/5662/>

### QCD and $\gamma\gamma$ physics

April 2023

24 Apr - 28 Apr [Parton Showers for future e+e- colliders](#) **NEW**

December 2022

13 Dec [FCC-ee QCD Physics -- jet flavour & tagging](#)

October 2022

03 Oct [FCC-ee QCD Physics -- jet physics and fragmentation functions](#)

July 2022

27 Jul [FCC-ee QCD Physics -- Kickoff Meeting \(ZOOM only\)](#)

January 2022

31 Jan - 04 Feb [alpha\\_s\(2022\)](#)

## ■ Join our **e-groups mailing**:

[FCC-PED-PhysicsGroup-QCD](https://e-groups.cern.ch/e-groups)  
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## ■ Contact the conveners:

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## ■ “Parton showers for FCC-ee” workshop

<https://indico.cern.ch/e/PartonShowers2023>  
**CERN, 24<sup>th</sup>–28<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

### Parton Showers for future e+e- colliders

24–28 Apr 2023  
CERN  
Europe/Zurich timezone

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- [PartonShowers-2023-or...](mailto:PartonShowers-2023-or...)

The unprecedented experimental performance expected by the next generation of lepton colliders poses an outstanding challenge for theoretical computations that must be pushed far beyond the current state of the art to guarantee an optimal exploitation of the data. Among the theoretical aspects of this programme, Monte Carlo event generators play a special role due to their versatility in bridging theoretical predictions and experimental measurements. The precision reached by current event generation algorithms is dramatically insufficient for this task, thus demanding a dedicated effort to improve their formal accuracy and achieve a higher precision in event simulations. The goal of this workshop is to bring together many of the world leading experts in the field to discuss recent developments and main obstacles on path to precision, as well as encourage new collaborations to tackle big open questions such as:

- **Perturbative accuracy of parton showers (PS)**: logarithmic accuracy; treatment of colour & spin; amplitude-level evolution; heavy quarks & resonances.
- **Non perturbative QCD**: tuning observables at the future lepton colliders; hadronisation & colour reconnection.
- **Matching to hard scattering**: N(N)LO QCD and beyond; production of resonant final states.


The workshop will consist of one or two talks a day, leaving most of the time for discussions among the participants and collaboration work.

#### Organising committee:

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 **Starts** 24 Apr 2023, 09:00  
**Ends** 28 Apr 2023, 17:00  
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# Backup slides

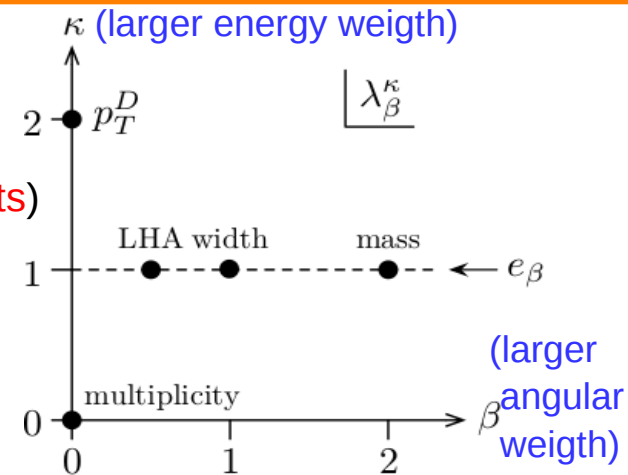
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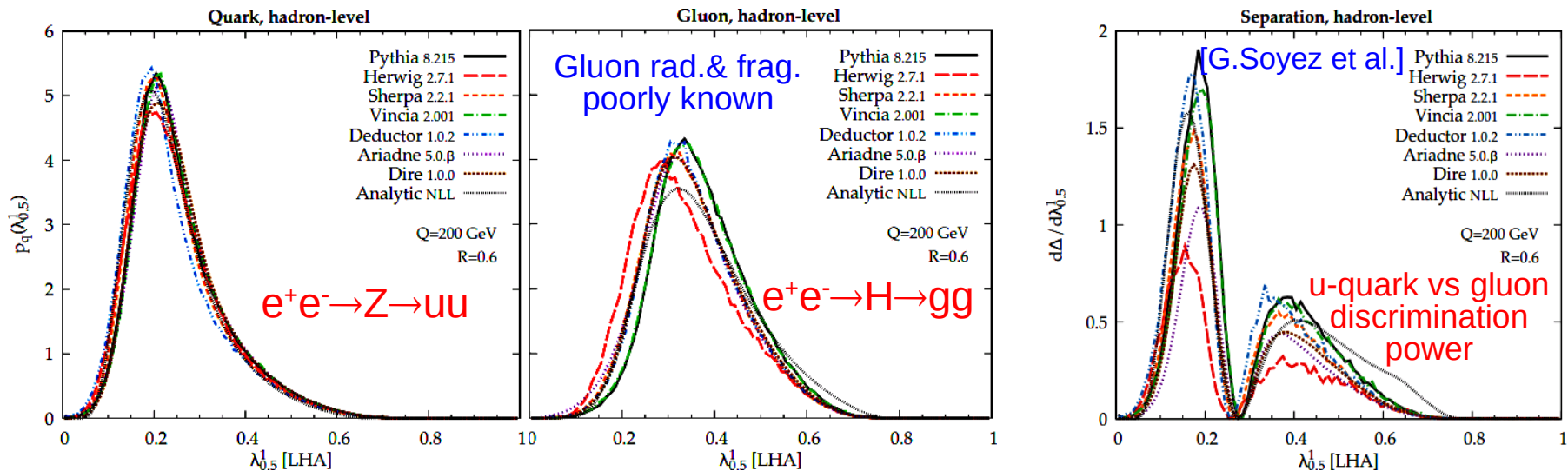
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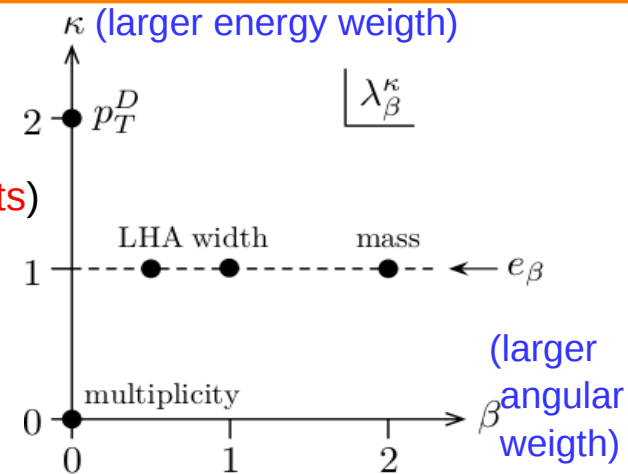
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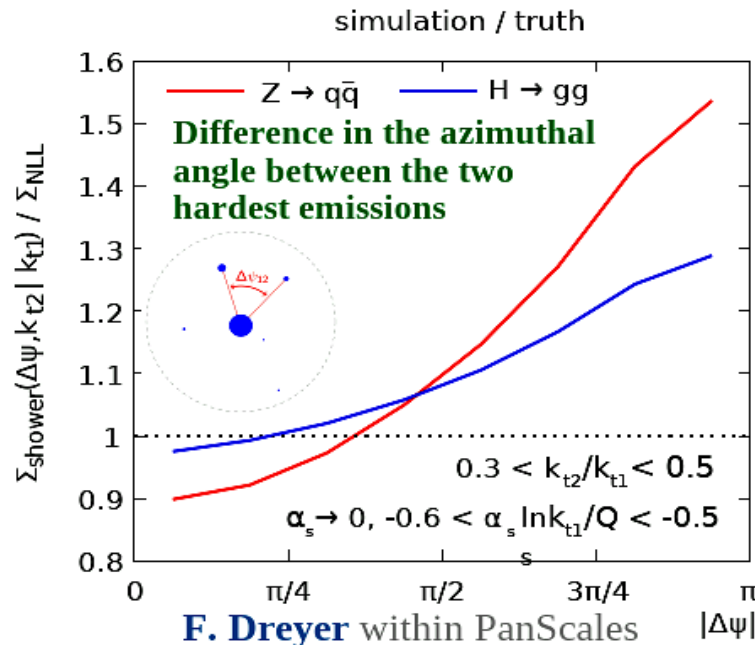
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- MC parton showers feature **unphysical differences in the radiation pattern of quark & gluon jets**



Nonphysical quark/gluon differences in common dipole showers

[S.Ferrario-Ravasio]

F. Dreyer within PanScales

# QCD uncertainties on EWK observables

- With  $\times 10^5$  more Z's than LEP, some EWPO uncerts at FCC-ee will be dominated by QCD syst.

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

- 8 measurements at LEP: 4 lepton-, 4 jet-charge-based
- Largest EWPO discrepancy today wrt. the SM:  $2.8\sigma$

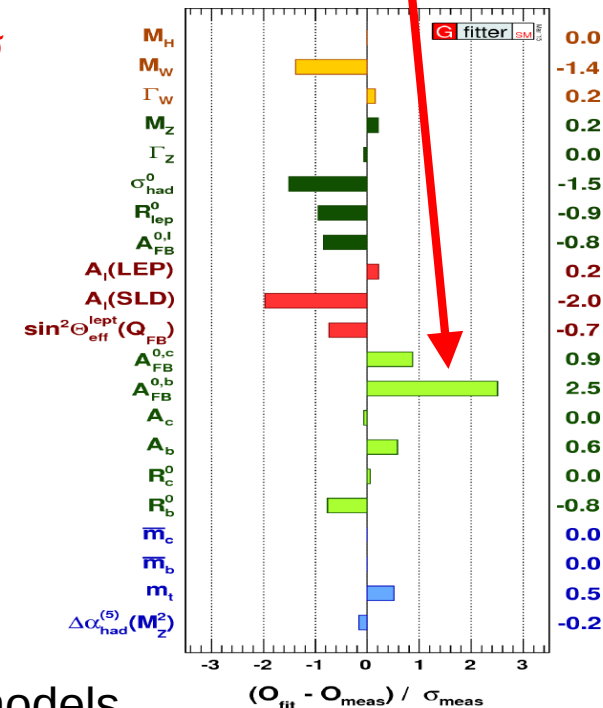
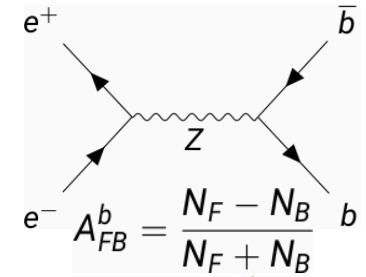
- Exp. uncertainties of  $A_{FB}^{0,b}$  at LEP:  $\sim 1.6\%$

- 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):

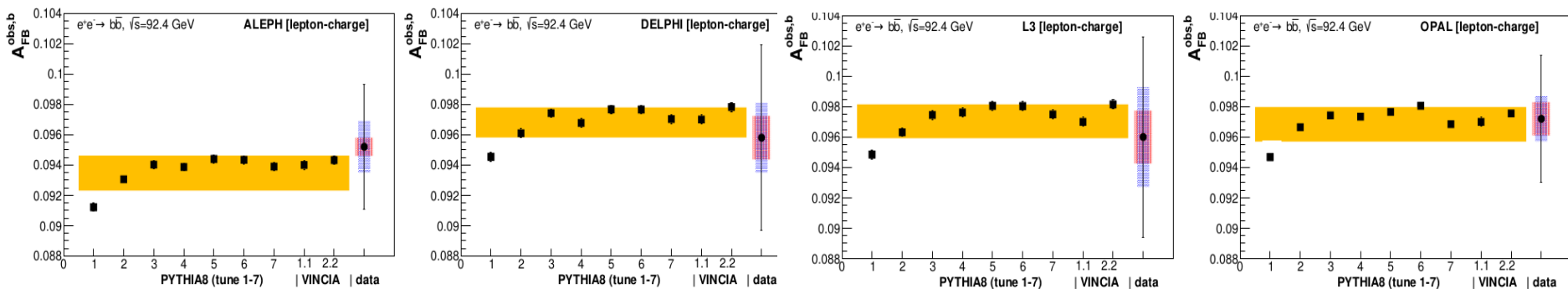
- Gluon splitting (TH control:  $\alpha_s^2$  corrections)
  - Smearing of b-jet/thrust axis
  - b and c radiation & fragmentation. B and D decay models.
- [Uncertainties estimated by Abbaneo et al., EPJC 4 (1998)]

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

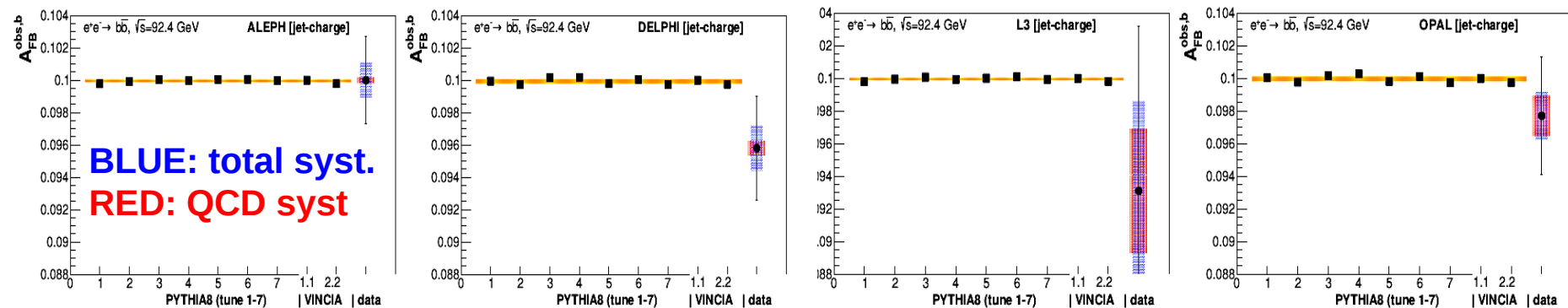


# Reduced QCD uncertainties on $A_{FB}$ at Z pole

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



- $e^+e^- \rightarrow bb$  forward-backward asymmetry for **jet-charge-based analyses**:



- 2020 vs. 1998 **parton shower+hadronization uncertainties halved**:

- Lepton-based analyses:  $\sim 1.4\% \rightarrow \sim 0.7\%$
- Jet-charge-based analyses:  $\sim 0.7\% \rightarrow \sim 0.3\%$

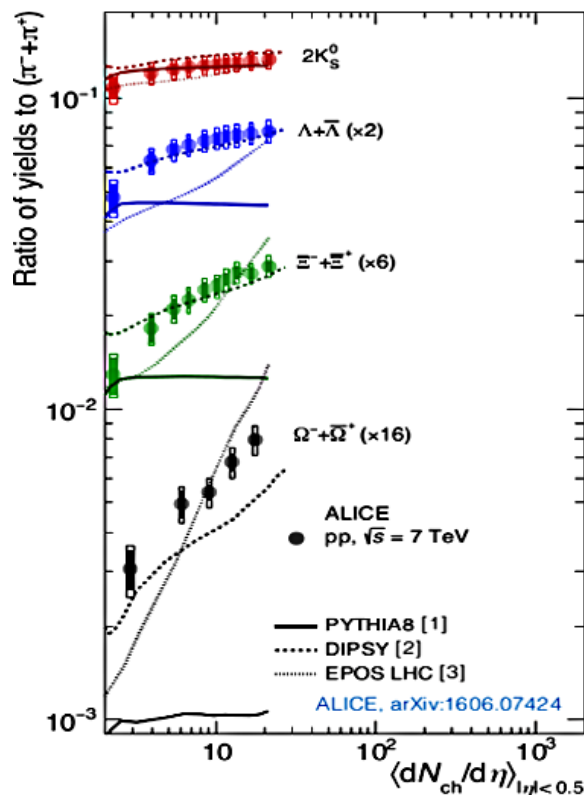
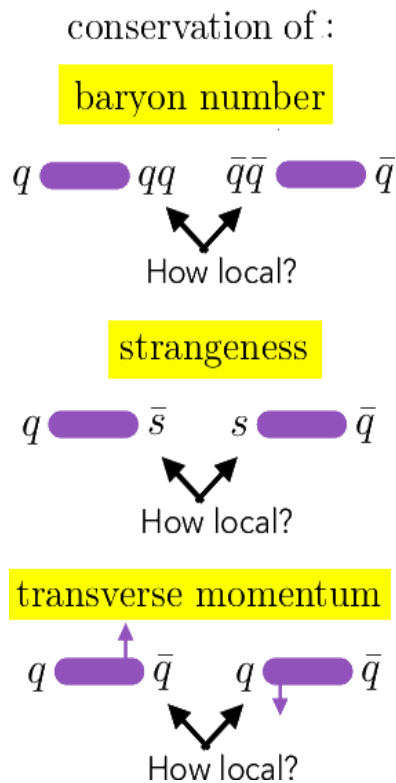
[DdE & Yan,  
2011.00530 [hep-ph] ]

- **FCC-ee data will significantly improve PS & non-pQCD syst. uncert.**



# Non-pQCD: Detailed hadronization studies

- Precision low- $p_T$  PID hadrons in  $10^{12} e^+e^- \rightarrow (10^{14} \text{ hadrons})$  for studies:
  - Baryon & strangeness production. Colour string dynamics.
  - Final-state correlations (spin: Bose-Einstein, Fermi-Dirac; momenta; space)
  - Bound state formation: Onia, multi-quark states, glueballs, ...



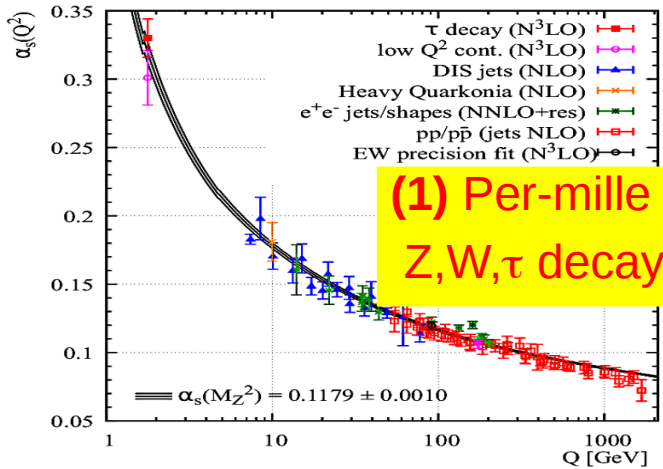
► Understand **breakdown of universality of parton hadronization with system size** observed at LHC.

- Baseline vacuum  $e^+e^-$  studies for **high-density QCD** in small & large systems.

Also impact e.g. **ultra-high-energy cosmic-ray MCs (muon puzzle)**

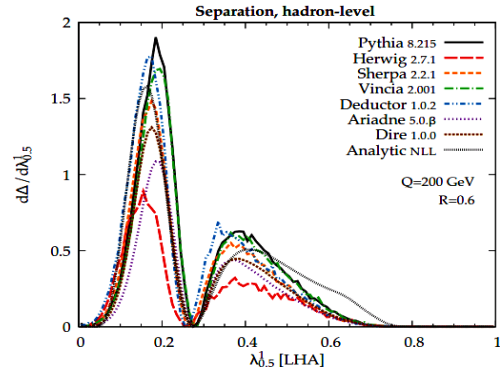
# Summary: High-precision QCD at FCC-ee

- 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**:



**(1) Per-mille  $\alpha_s$  via hadronic Z,W, $\tau$  decays, evt shapes...**

**(2)  $N^n$ LO+ $N^n$ LL parton showers Ultimate g/q/Q discrimination**



**(3) <0.1% PS+hadroniz. uncert. for EWPOs**

**(4) <<1% control of colour reconnection**

**(5) High-precision hadronization:**

