

α_s (2024) introduction

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α_s workshop “series”

- This is the 5th workshop of a series devoted to high-precision studies of the QCD coupling constant:

α_s (2011), Munich: <https://inspirehep.net/literature/930305>

α_s (2015), CERN: <https://indico.cern.ch/e/alphas2015>

α_s (2019), ECT* Trento: <https://indico.cern.ch/e/alphas2019>

α_s (2022), ECT* Trento: <https://indico.cern.ch/e/alphas2022>

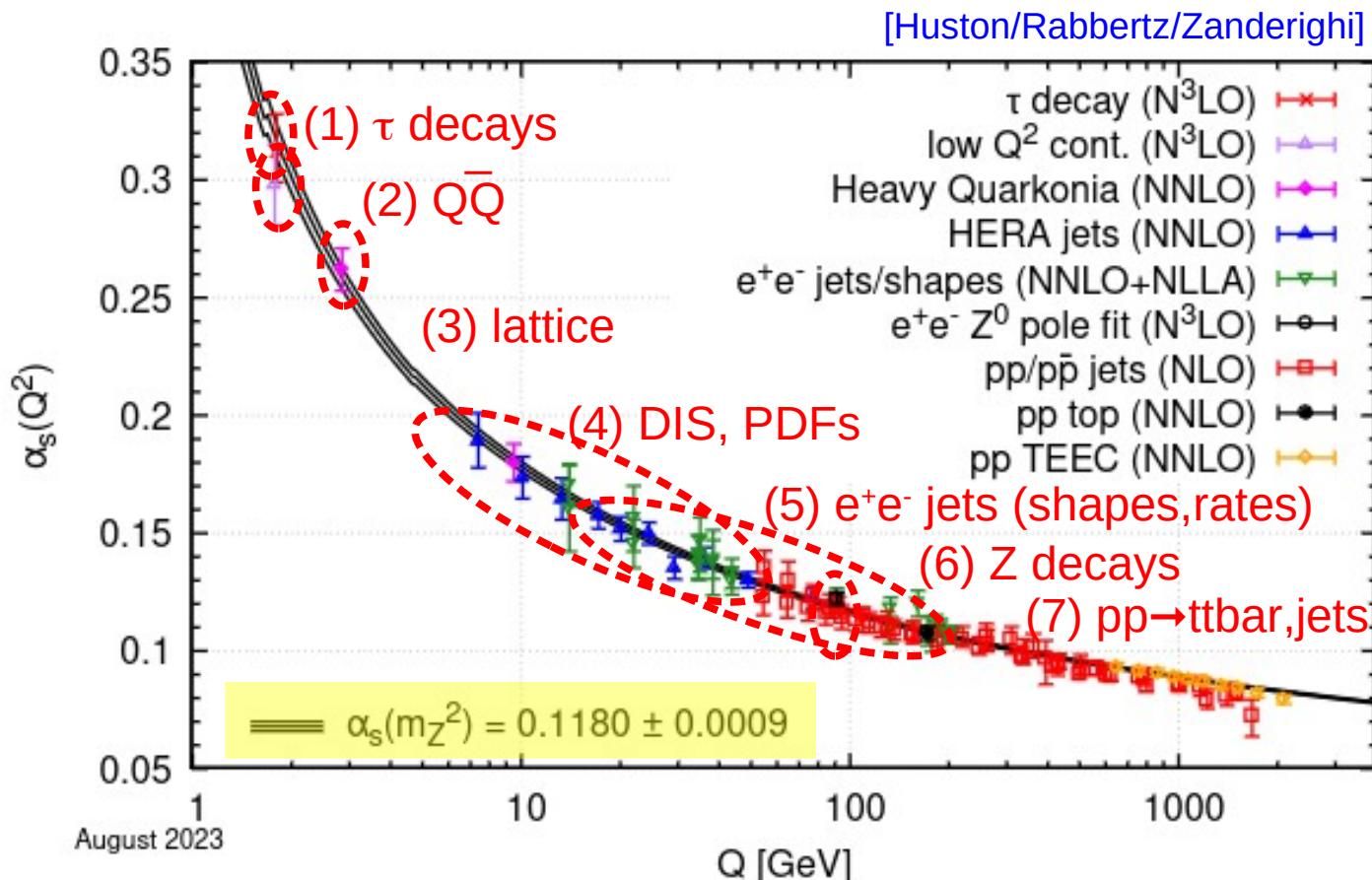
[Snowmass WhitePaper/Proceeds: arXiv:2203.08271 [hep-ph], to appear in JPG]

α_s (2024), ECT* Trento: <http://indico.cern.ch/e/alphas2024>

“The main scientific goals of this workshop are to bring together the current best experts in α_s determination, to critically discuss and understand the relevant merits and problems of each extraction method, and to consider new α_s studies and approaches. One important outcome should be to assess the perspectives for systematic improvements of theoretical predictions and experimental methods in order to resolve discrepancies, and improve the $\alpha_s(m_Z)$ world-average extraction.”

World α_s determination (PDG 2023)

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



Structure of the workshop

- Discuss latest developments & prospects in $\alpha_s(m_z)$ determinations via:
 - (i) Lattice QCD & Quarkonia: Mo. afternoon
 - (ii) DIS & global PDF analyses: Tues. afternoon
 - (iii) Hadronic final states at the LHC: Tues./Wed. afternoon
 - (iv) Hadronic final states in e^+e^- : Wed./Thurs. afternoon
 - (v) Hadronic tau decays: Thurs. afternoon
- PDG $\alpha_s(m_z)$ averaging discussion: Friday afternoon
- Interactions across participants:
All mornings (individual and/or team work)
Topical discussions at the end of each day (18:30-19:00)
Friday afternoon (if needed)
- Each talk has an indicative 20'+10' allocated time, but our goal is to have as lively & direct discussions as possible: questions during presentations encouraged (in the philosophy of a truly working-discussion meetg).
- CERN-Mattermost used to keep minutes of the presentations and to allow participants to ask questions or post comments. Use the "Reply" action (left-pointing arrow symbol) on the presentation's minutes.
- No Proceedings this time (unless requested by majority)

Technical corner (in-person participants)

- Please **sign up every day** the “presence book”/lunch/dinner **lists (desk)**
- **Lunches & coffee breaks** at ECT* Center (like today)
- **Dinners** at different places during the week:

Monday 6/02/2024 at 20:00: Green Tower <https://www.ristorantegreentower.com>

Tuesday 7/02/2024 at 20:00: Bouganville <https://www.bouganvilletrento.com>

Wednesday 8/02/2024 at 20:00: Orso Grigio <https://www.orso-grigio.it>

Thursday 9/02/2024 at 19:00: Trattoria Baracca <http://www.trattoriabaracca.it>

Backup slides