
Strong Coupling from the C-Parameter

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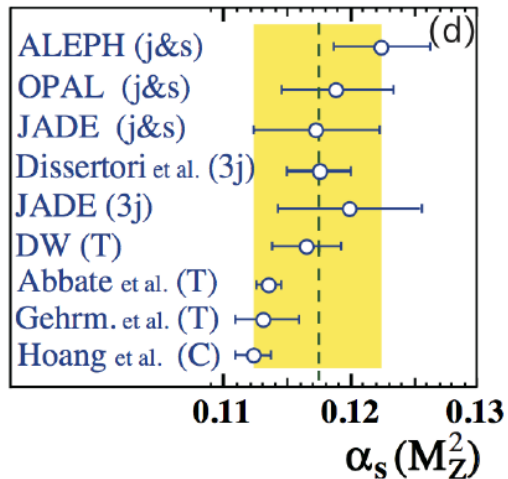
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Outline

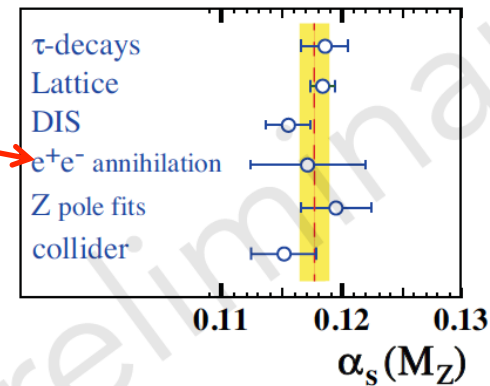
Preliminary 2015 World Average

α_s from jets and event shapes
in e^+e^- annihilation



$\rightarrow \alpha_s(M_Z) = 0.1174 \pm 0.0051$

2015 summary of α_s



$\alpha_s(M_Z) = 0.1177 \pm 0.0013$

Outline

- Introduction
- Anatomy of SCET description
- Our analysis
- Cross checks
- Why is our $\alpha_s(m_Z)$ so small?
- Conclusions

AHH, Kolodrubetz, Mateu, Stewart; PRD 91 (2015) 9, 094018

AHH, Kolodrubetz, Mateu, Stewart; PRD 91 (2015) 9, 094017

Abbate, Fickinger, AHH, Mateu, Stewart; PRD 86 (2012) 094002

Abbate, Fickinger, AHH, Mateu, Stewart; PRD 83 (2011) 074021

C-parameter
distribution

Thrust-moments

Thrust
distribution

Event Shapes

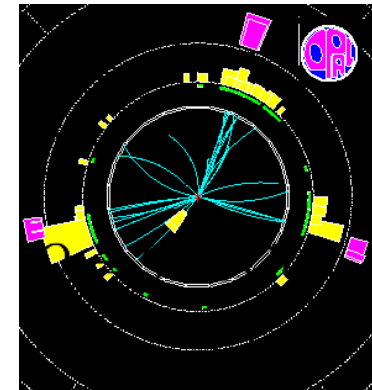
→ Classic method for determining $\alpha_s(M_z)$
 Single-variable jet distributions

e.g. Thrust

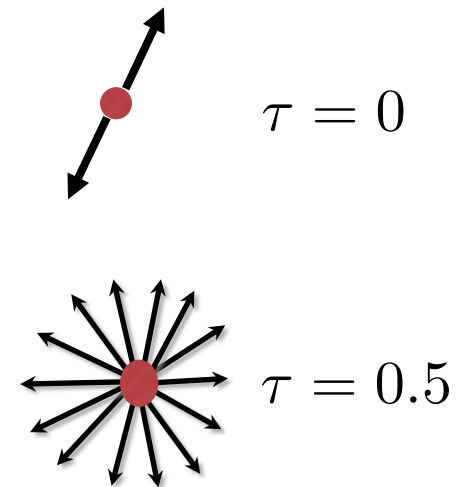
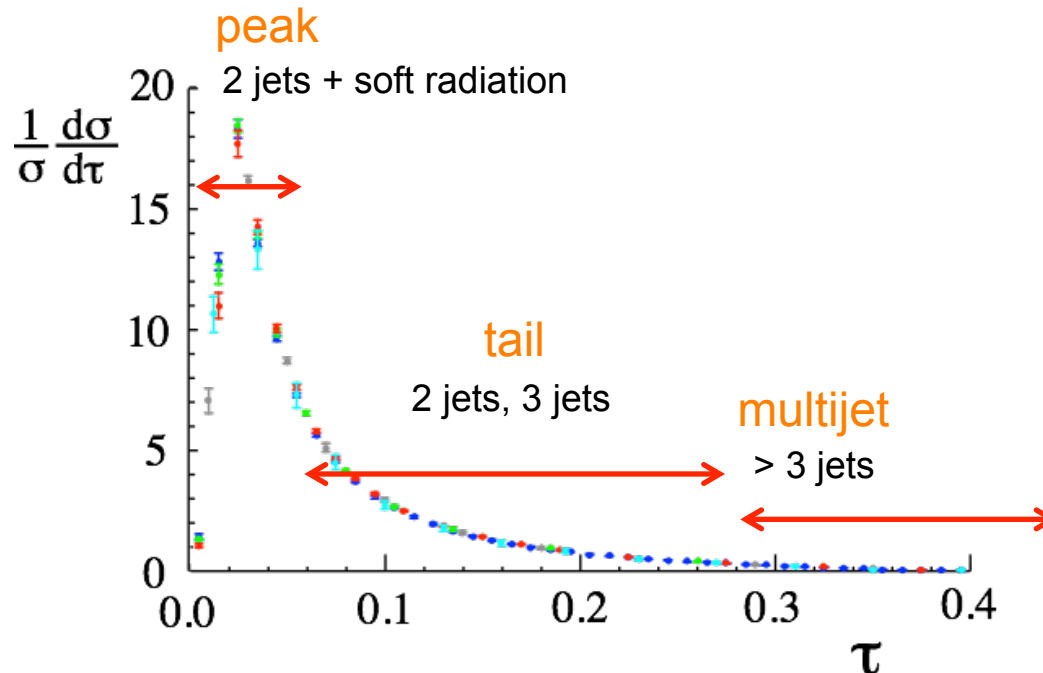
$$\tau = 1 - \max_{\hat{n}} \frac{\sum |\vec{p}_i \cdot \hat{n}|}{\sum |\vec{p}_i|}$$

C-parameter

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



OPAL 3 jet event

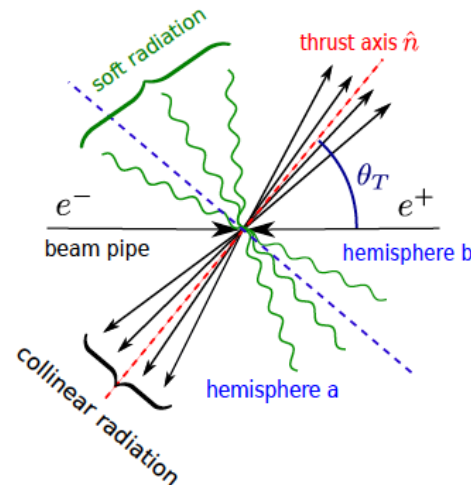
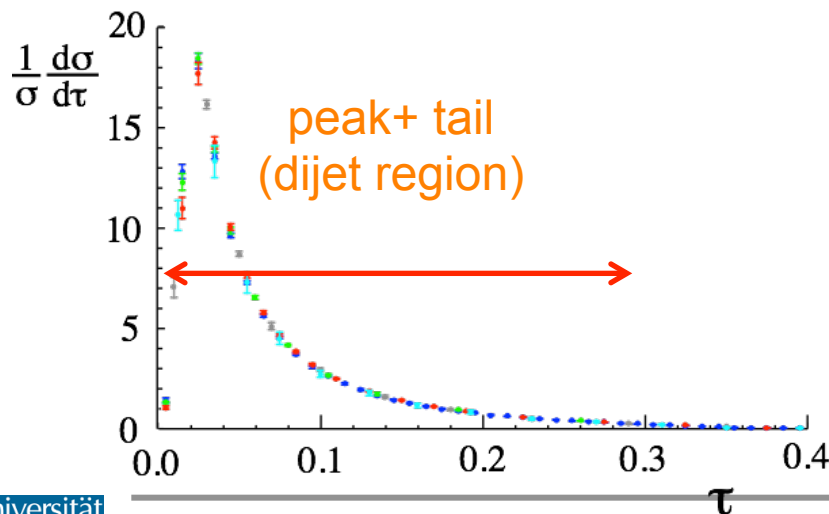


Issues in the Dijet Limit

Singular Cross section

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\sigma_{\text{tot}}^{\text{Born}}} \frac{d\sigma}{d\tau} &= \delta(\tau) + \frac{C_F \alpha_s}{\pi} \left[\left(\frac{\pi^2}{6} - \frac{1}{2} \right) \delta(\tau) + \frac{-3+9\tau+3\tau^2-9\tau^3}{2\tau(1-\tau)} - \frac{2-3\tau+3\tau^2}{(1-\tau)} \left(\frac{\ln(\frac{\tau}{1-2\tau})}{\tau} \right)_+ \right] \\ &= \boxed{\delta(\tau) + \frac{C_F \alpha_s}{\pi} \left[\left(\frac{\pi^2}{6} - \frac{1}{2} \right) \delta(\tau) - \frac{3}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\tau} \right)_+ - 2 \left(\frac{\ln(\tau)}{\tau} \right)_+ \right]} + \{\text{non-sing. terms}\} \end{aligned}$$

- Completely determined from soft and collinear radiation in the dijet limit: $\tau \ll 1$
- Perturbative resummation of logarithmic terms to all orders required: $\alpha_s \ln(\tau) \sim 1$



Structure of Perturbative Corrections

Singular Cross section

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$$\log \Sigma(\tau_c) = \alpha_s (\log^2 \tau_c + \log \tau_c + 1) \quad \text{LO}$$

[Catani, Seymour] $\alpha_s^2 (\log^3 \tau_c + \log^2 \tau_c + \log \tau_c + 1) \quad \text{NLO}$

State of the art $\alpha_s^3 (\log^4 \tau_c + \log^2 \tau_c + \log^2 \tau_c + \log \tau_c + 1) \quad \text{NNLO}$

$$\alpha_s^4 (\log^5 \tau_c + \log^3 \tau_c + \log^2 \tau_c + \log^2 \tau_c + \log \tau_c + 1)$$

...

not known!

[Weinzierl]

[Gehrmann-De Rider, Gehrmann, Glover, Heinrich]

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$$\Sigma(\tau_c) \equiv \int_0^{\tau_c} d\tau \frac{1}{\sigma_0} \frac{d\sigma}{d\tau}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \log \Sigma(\tau_c) &= \alpha_s (\log^2 \tau_c + \log \tau_c + 1) \\ &\quad \alpha_s^2 (\log^3 \tau_c + \log^2 \tau_c + \log \tau_c + 1) \\ &\quad \alpha_s^3 (\log^4 \tau_c + \log^2 \tau_c + \log^2 \tau_c + \log \tau_c + 1) \\ &\quad \alpha_s^4 (\log^5 \tau_c + \log^3 \tau_c + \log^2 \tau_c + \log^2 \tau_c + \log \tau_c + 1) \\ &\quad \vdots \\ &\quad \text{LL} \quad \text{NLL} \quad \text{N}^2\text{LL} \quad \text{N}^3\text{LL} \quad \text{not known!} \end{aligned}$$

[Hoang, VM,

Schwartz, Stewart]

[Becher, Schwartz]

[Chien, Schwartz]

[Abbate, Fickinger, Hoang, VM, Stewart]

[Hoang, Kolodrubetz, VM, Stewart]

State of the art

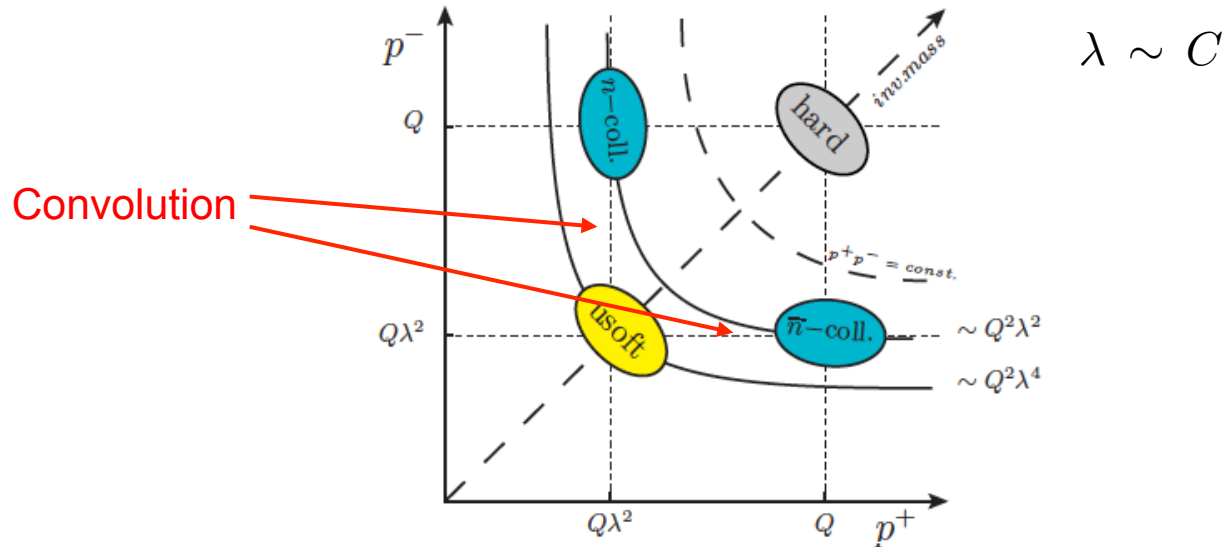
Anatomy of SCET Prediction

Singular Cross section

Korchinsky, Sterman; Bauer et al.
Fleming, Mantry, Stewart, AHH
Schwartz

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{dC}\right)_{\text{part}}^{\text{sing}} \sim \sigma_0 H(Q, \mu_Q) U_H(Q, \mu_Q, \mu_s) \int d\ell d\ell' U_J\left(\frac{QC}{6} - \ell - \ell', \mu_J, \mu_S\right) J_\tau(Q\ell', \mu_J) S_C(\ell - \Delta, \mu_S)$$

- Describe soft and collinear radiation by different quantum modes
- Effective field theory description



Anatomy of SCET Prediction

Matrix element and hard matching terms (fixed-order)

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{dC}\right)_{\text{part}}^{\text{sing}} \sim \sigma_0 H(Q, \mu_Q) U_H(Q, \mu_Q, \mu_s) \int d\ell d\ell' U_J\left(\frac{QC}{6} - \ell - \ell', \mu_J, \mu_S\right) J_\tau(Q\ell', \mu_J) S_C(\ell - \Delta, \mu_S)$$

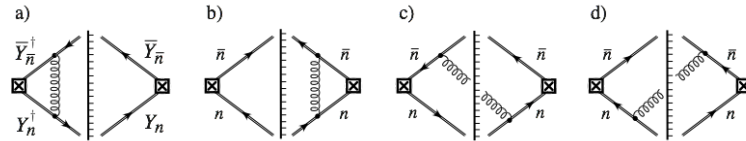
Hard function

Soft function

order-by-order renormalon subtraction

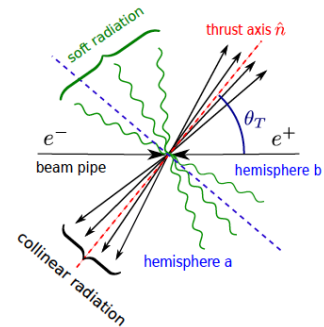
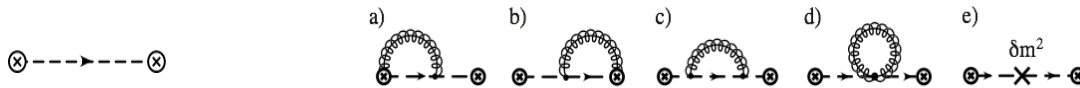
Each factor gauge invariant !

$$S_{\text{hemi}}(\ell^+, \ell^-, \mu) = \frac{1}{N_c} \sum_{X_s} \delta(\ell^+ - k_s^{+a}) \delta(\ell^- - k_s^{-b}) \langle 0 | \bar{Y}_{\bar{n}} Y_n(0) | X_s \rangle \langle X_s | Y_n^\dagger \bar{Y}_{\bar{n}}^\dagger(0) | 0 \rangle$$



Jet function

$$J_n(Qr_n^+, \mu) = \frac{-1}{8\pi N_c Q} \text{Disc} \int d^4x e^{ir_n \cdot x} \langle 0 | T \bar{\chi}_{n,Q}(0) \not{n} \chi_n(x) | 0 \rangle$$



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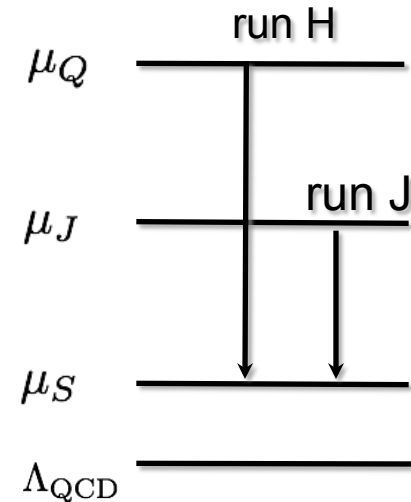
Summation of large logarithms

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{dC}\right)_{\text{part}}^{\text{sing}} \sim \sigma_0 H(Q, \mu_Q) U_H(Q, \mu_Q, \mu_S) \int d\ell d\ell' U_J\left(\frac{QC}{6} - \ell - \ell', \mu_J, \mu_S\right) J_\tau(Q\ell', \mu_J) S_C(\ell - \Delta, \mu_S)$$

2-jet production current

$$\mu \frac{d}{d\mu} H_Q(Q, \mu) = \gamma_{H_Q}(Q, \mu) H_Q(Q, \mu)$$

$$\gamma_{H_Q}(Q, \mu) = \Gamma_{H_Q}[\alpha_s] \ln\left(\frac{\mu^2}{Q^2}\right) + \gamma_{H_Q}[\alpha_s]$$



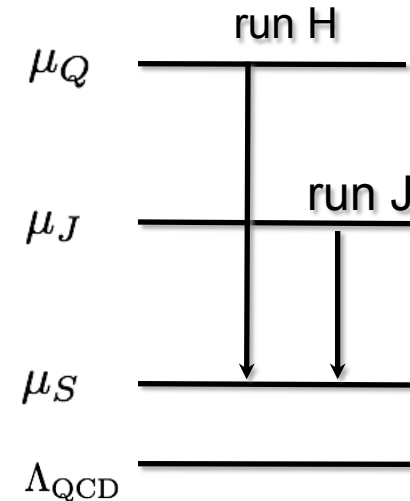
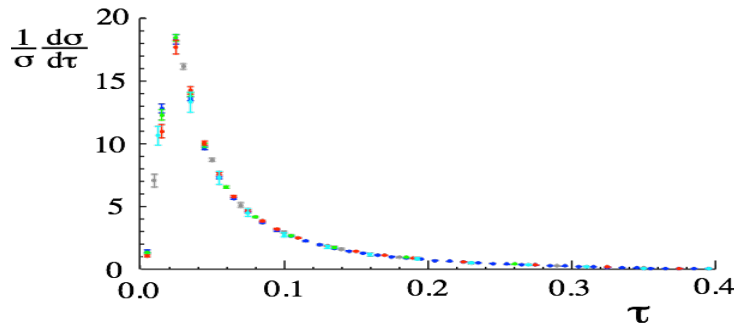
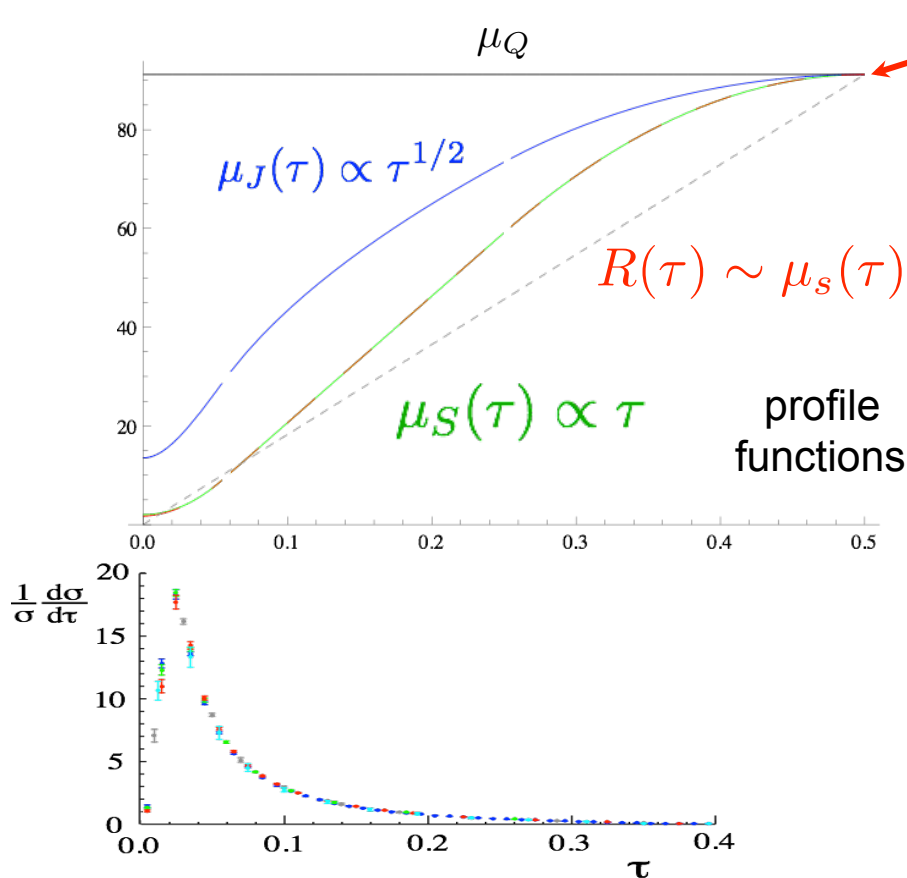
Jet function evolution

$$\mu \frac{d}{d\mu} J(y, \mu) = \gamma_J(y, \mu) J(y, \mu) = \left[2\Gamma^{\text{cusp}}(\alpha_s) \ln(iy\mu^2 e^{\gamma_E}) + \gamma_J(\alpha_s) \right] J(y, \mu)$$

Anatomy of SCET Prediction

Summation of large logarithms

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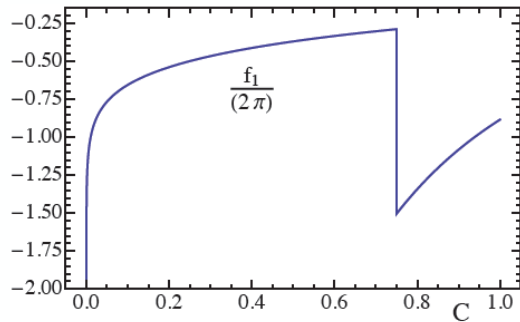


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Combination for hadron level prediction

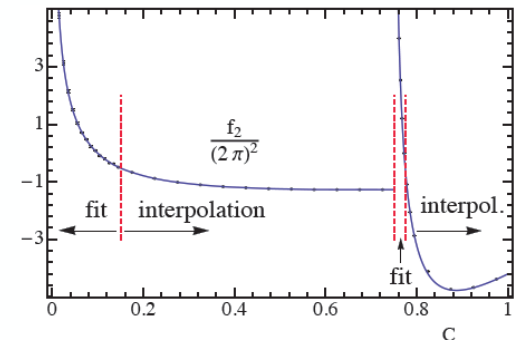
$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{dC}\right) = \int d\ell \left[\left(\frac{d\sigma}{dC}\right)_{\text{part}}^{\text{sing}} \left(C - \frac{\ell}{Q}\right) + \left(\frac{d\sigma}{dC}\right)_{\text{part}}^{\text{nonsing}} \left(C - \frac{\ell}{Q}\right) \right] S^{\text{mod}}(\ell, \Delta(R))$$

LO (analytically)

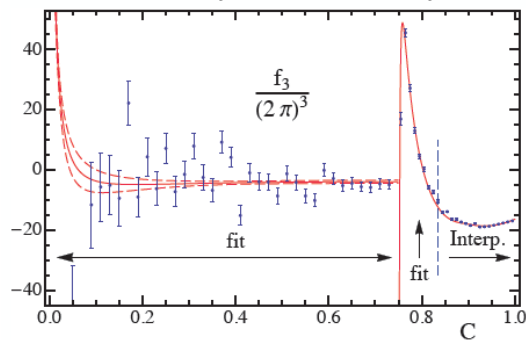


Fixed-order minus terms
already resummed

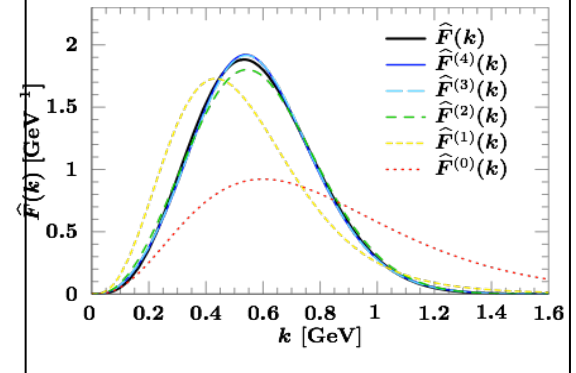
NLO (from Event2)



NNLO (from EERAD3)



Soft matrix element
model function
(renormalon subtrated)



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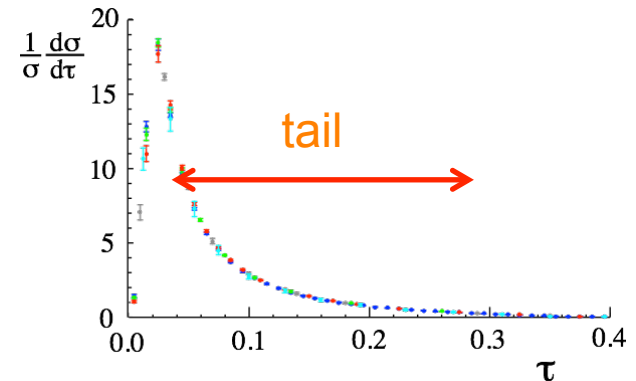
OPE for non perturbative power correction

→ For $C \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}/Q$, in the tail region, the soft model function can be expanded in an OPE.

$$S_C^{\text{mod}}(\ell) = \delta(\ell) + \Omega_1^C \delta'(\ell) + \dots$$

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{dC}\right)^{\text{tail}} \approx \frac{d\hat{\sigma}}{dC} - \frac{\Omega_1^C}{Q} \frac{d^2\hat{\sigma}}{dC^2} \approx \frac{d\hat{\sigma}}{dC} \left(C - \frac{\Omega_1^C}{Q}\right)$$

Only two fit parameters: α_s and Ω_1^C



→ Universality of powercorrections: $\Omega_1^C = \frac{3\pi}{2} \Omega_1^\tau = 4.2 \Omega_1^\tau$ Lee, Serman

→ We use the thrust normalization for the parametrization of the leading power correction:

$$\Omega_1 = \frac{2}{3\pi} \Omega_1^C$$

→ Hadron mass effects break the relation, but as small in the relation between thrust and C-parameter.

Mateu, Stewart, Thaler

Strong Coupling Determination

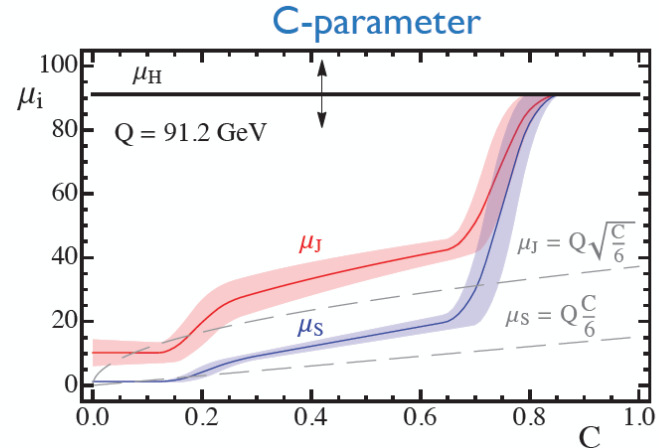
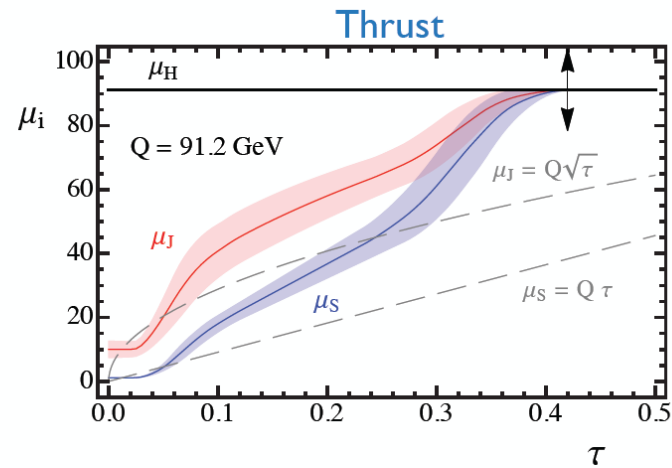
Scale and uncertainty parameter variations: “Random Scan”

- Pick 500 random points and fit for each choice separately (numerically costly!).
- More conservative than error band method OR quadratic sum of individual variations.

	parameter	default value	range of values
scale variation	μ_0	1.1 GeV	1 to 1.3 GeV
	R_0	0.7 GeV	0.6 to 0.9 GeV
	n_0	12	10 to 16
	n_1	25	22 to 28
	t_2	0.67	0.64 to 0.7
	t_s	0.83	0.8 to 0.86
	r	0.33	0.26 to 0.38
	e_J	0	-0.5 to 0.5
	e_H	1	0.5 to 2.0
	n_s	0	-1, 0, 1
non-singular unknowns	Γ_3^{cusp}	1553.06	-1553.06 to +4659.18
	s_2	-43.2	-44.2 to -42.2
	j_3	0	-3000 to +3000
	s_3	0	-500 to +500
non-singular unknowns	$\epsilon_{2,\text{low}}$	0	-1, 0, 1
	$\epsilon_{2,\text{high}}$	0	-1, 0, 1
	$\epsilon_{3,\text{low}}$	0	-1, 0, 1
	$\epsilon_{3,\text{high}}$	0	-1, 0, 1

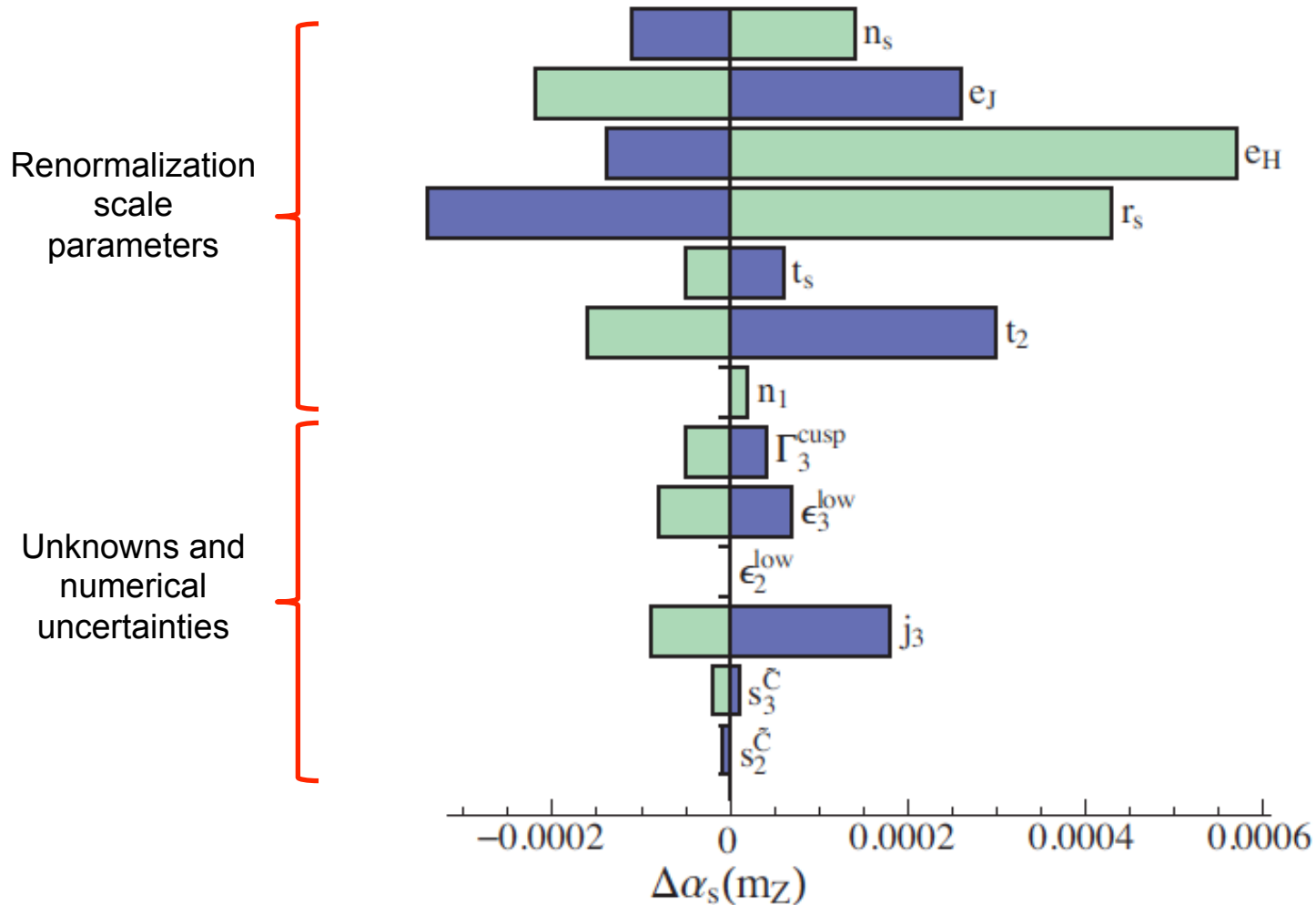
4-loop cusp
anomalous
dimension

non-log $O(\alpha_s^3)$
corrections



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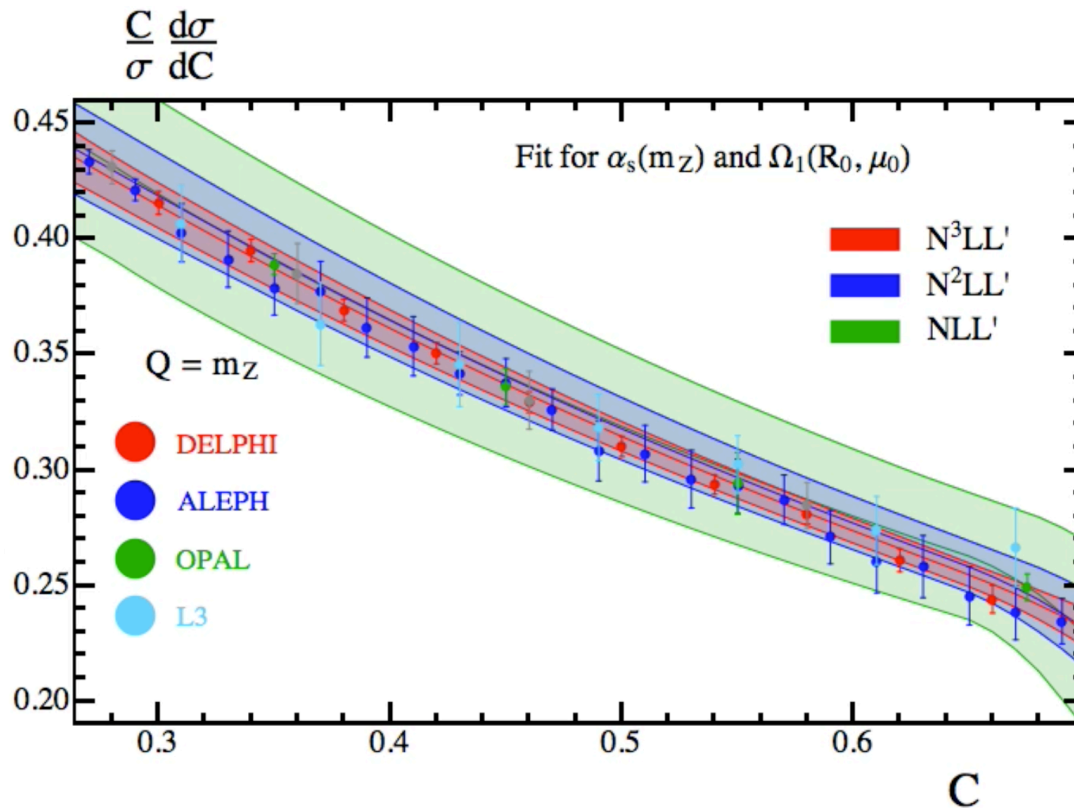
Scale and uncertainty parameter variations:



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Convergence (using Random Scan scale variation)

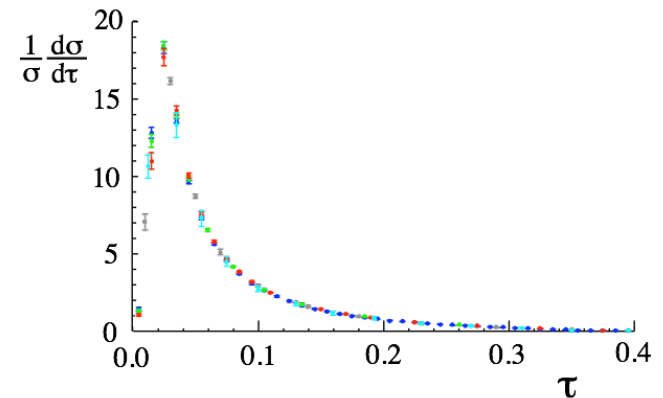
→ Excellent convergence when order of description is increased.
(Picture for best fit)



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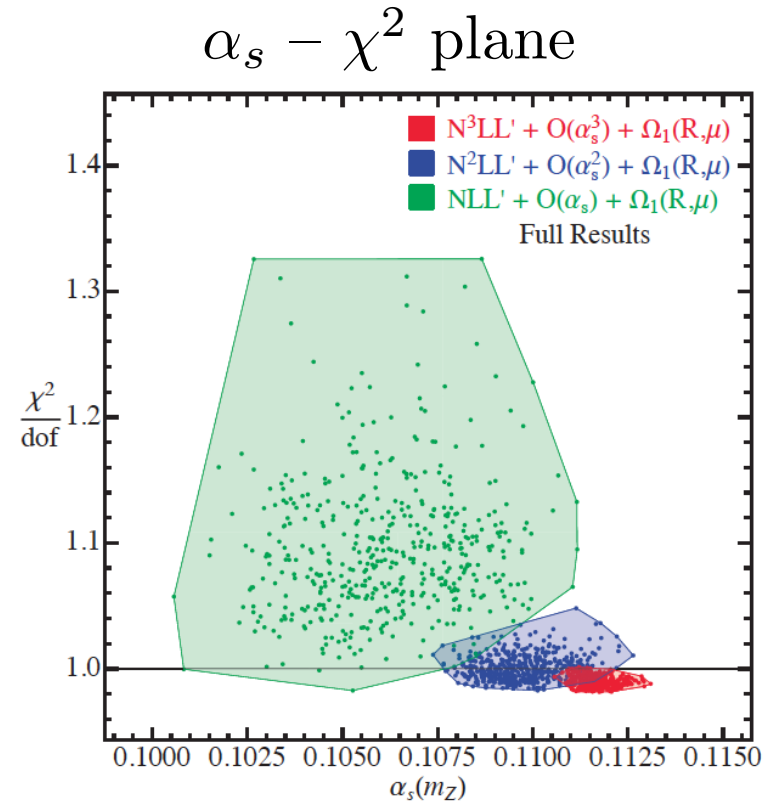
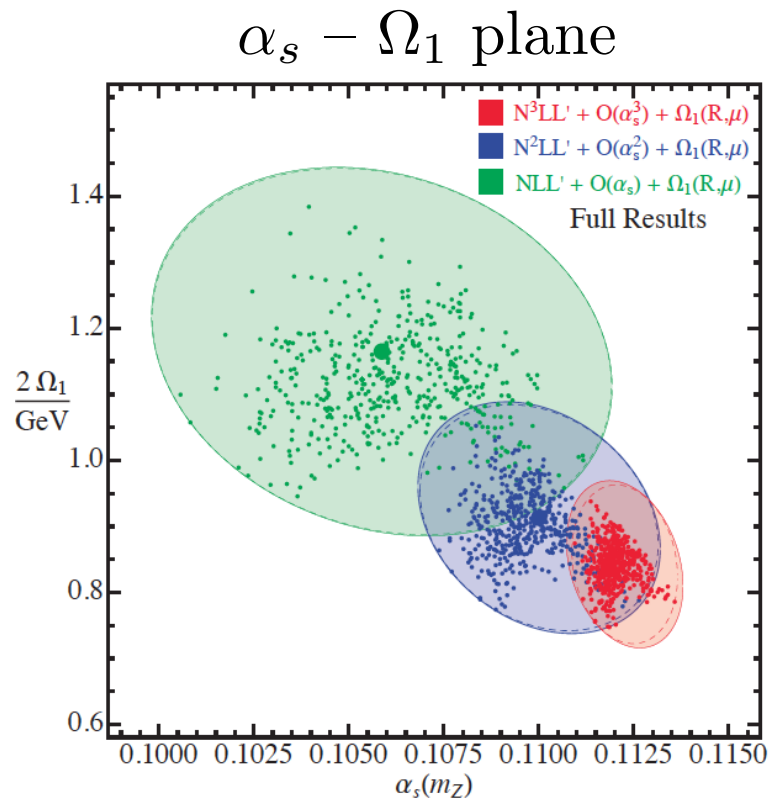
Experimental Data:

Experiment:	Values of Q :
ALEPH	[91.2, 133.0, 161.0, 172.0, 183.0, 189.0, 200.0, 206.0]
DELPHI	[45.0, 66.0, 76.0, 89.5, 91.2, 93.0, 133.0, 161.0, 172.0, 183.0, 189.0, 192.0, 196.0, 200.0, 202.0, 205.0, 207.0]
OPAL	[91.0, 133.0, 177.0, 197.0]
L3	[41.4, 55.3, 65.4, 75.7, 82.3, 85.1, 91.2, 130.1, 136.1, 161.3, 172.3, 182.8, 188.6, 194.4, 200.0, 206.2]
SLD	[91.2]
TASSO	[14.0, 22.0, 35.0, 44.0]
JADE	[35.0, 44.0]
AMY	[55.2]



Lot of data available: 807 bins in \mathcal{T}

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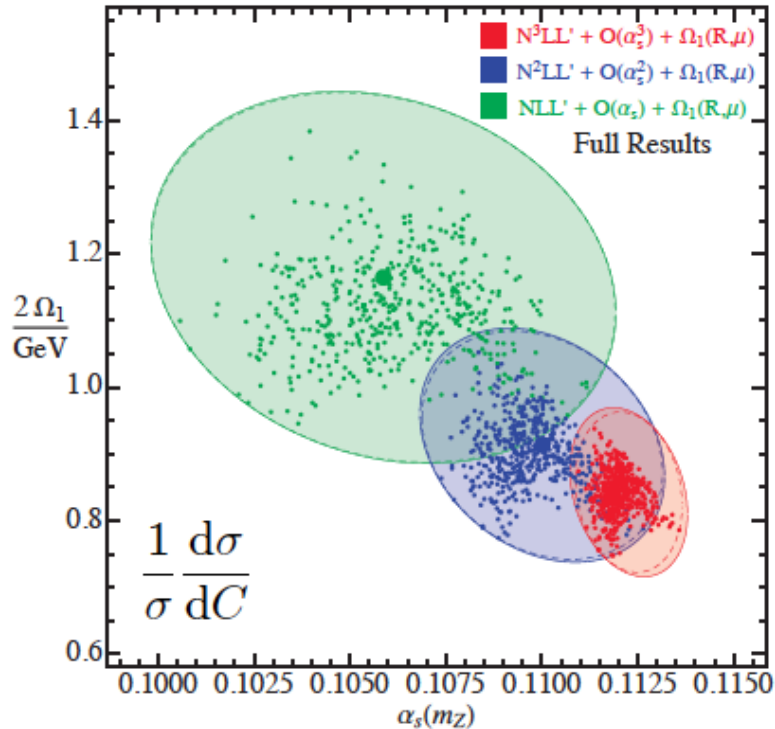


- ➔ Good convergence of the fit when approaching higher order.
- ➔ Improved quality of theoretical description with increasing order.

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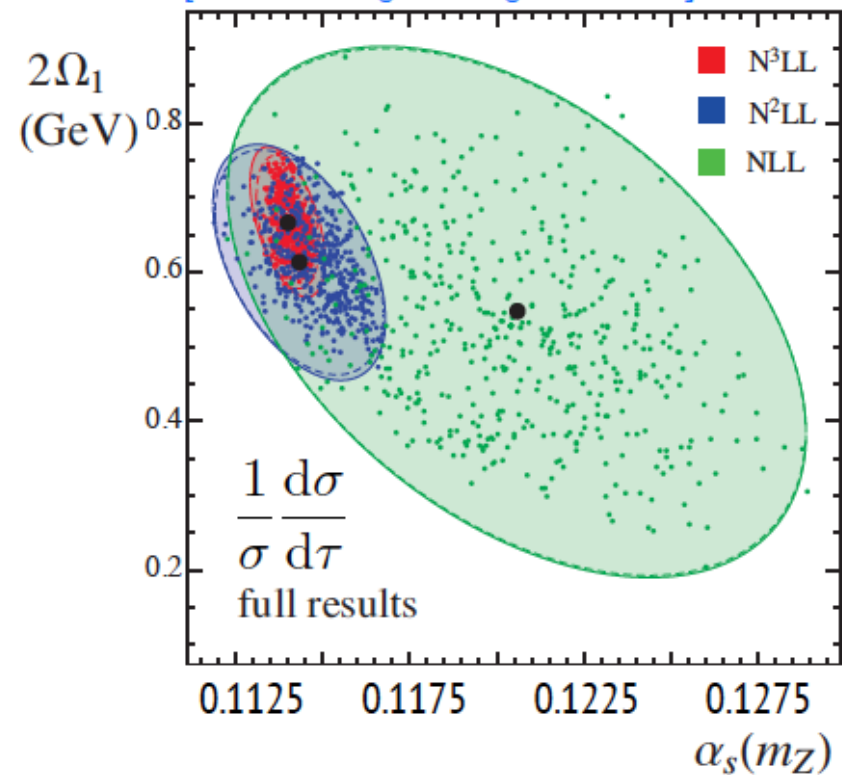
C-parameter Tail Global Fit

[Hoang, Kolodrubetz, VM Stewart]



Thrust Tail Global Fit

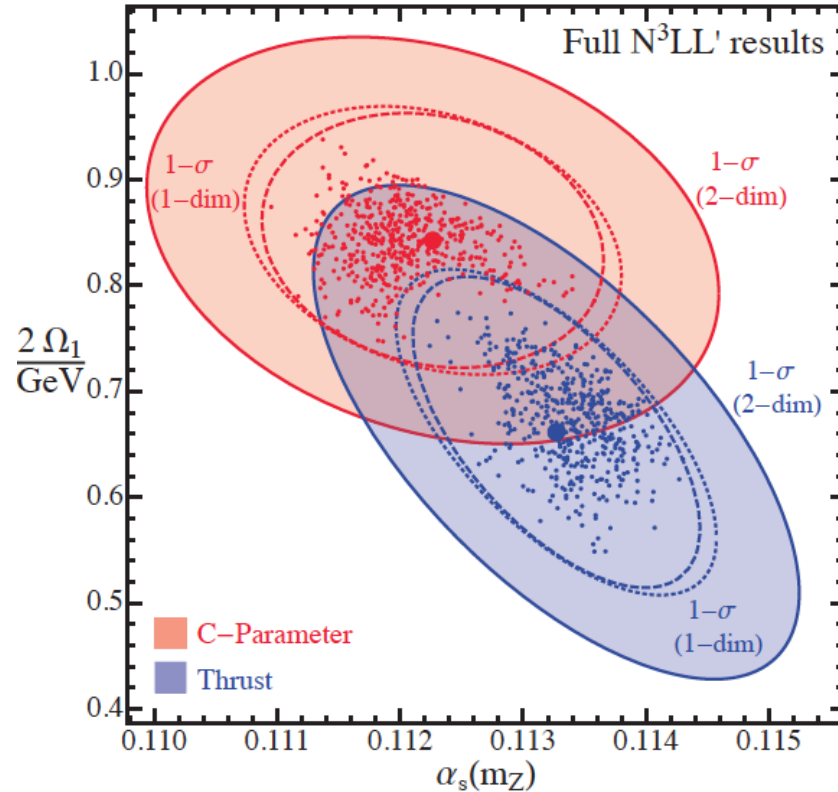
[Abbate, Fickinger, Hoang, VM Stewart]



- ➔ Different behavior of fits with increase order
- ➔ Very good agreement at $N^3LL + O(\alpha_s^3)$ with renormalon subtraction.

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C-parameter versus Thrust Tail Global Fit

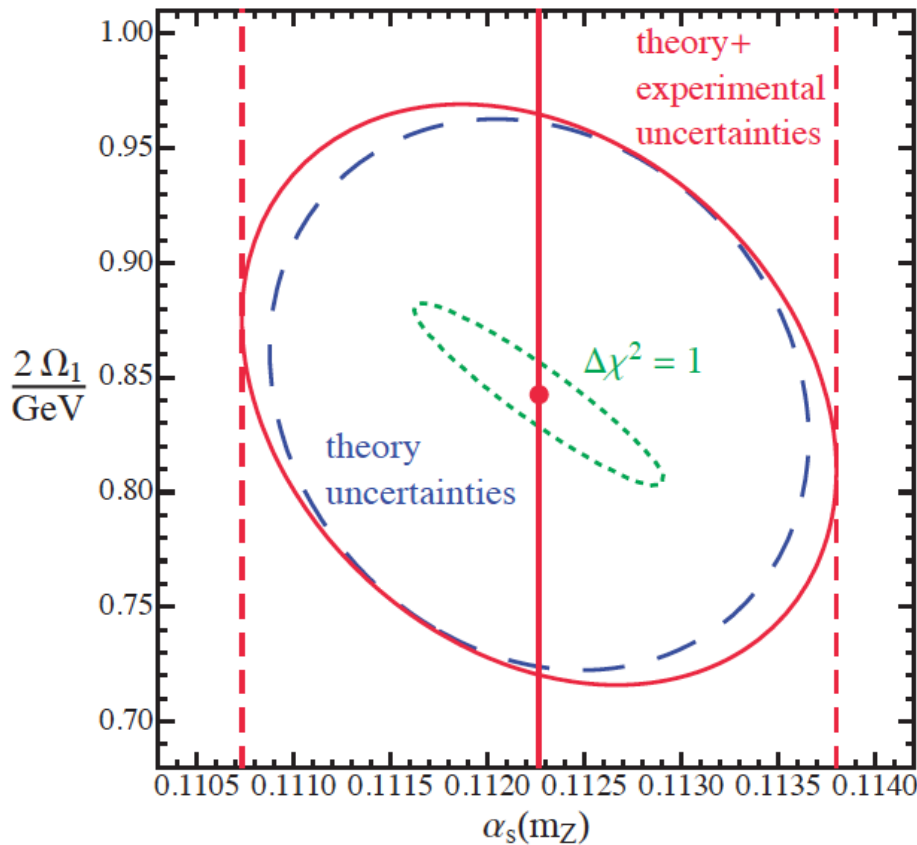


→ Very good agreement at N³LL + O(α_s^3) with renormalon subtraction.

Strong Coupling Determination

Theoretical vs. Experimental vs. Hadronization Uncertainties:

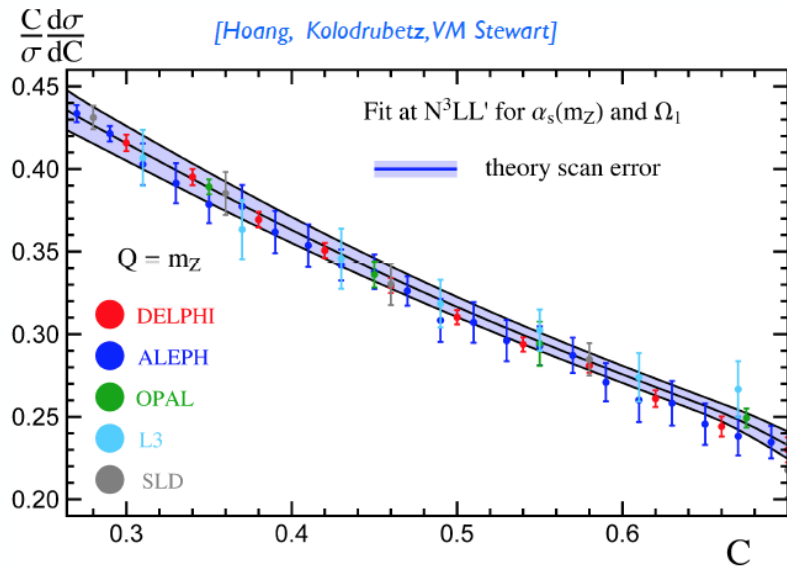
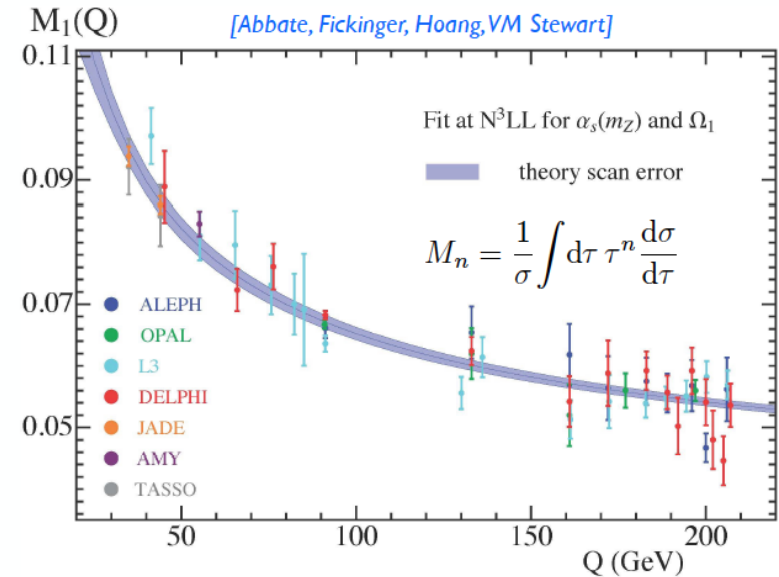
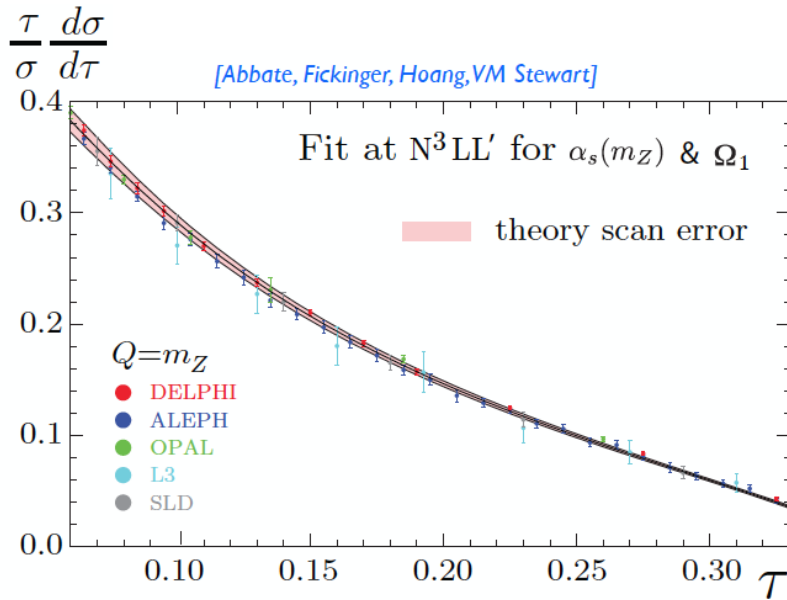
C-parameter Tail Global Fit



$$\alpha_s(m_Z) = 0.1123 \pm 0.0002_{\text{exp}} \\ \pm 0.0007_{\text{hadr}} \\ \pm 0.0014_{\text{pert}}$$

- Perturbative errors dominate
- Experimental errors smallest
- Similar pattern for other eventshape analyses.

Strong Coupling Determination



Thrust distribution (2010):

$$\alpha_s(M_Z) = 0.1135 \pm 0.0010$$

Thrust distribution (2015 update!):

$$\alpha_s(M_Z) = 0.1128 \pm 0.0012$$

Thrust 1st moment (2012):

$$\alpha_s(M_Z) = 0.1140 \pm 0.0016$$

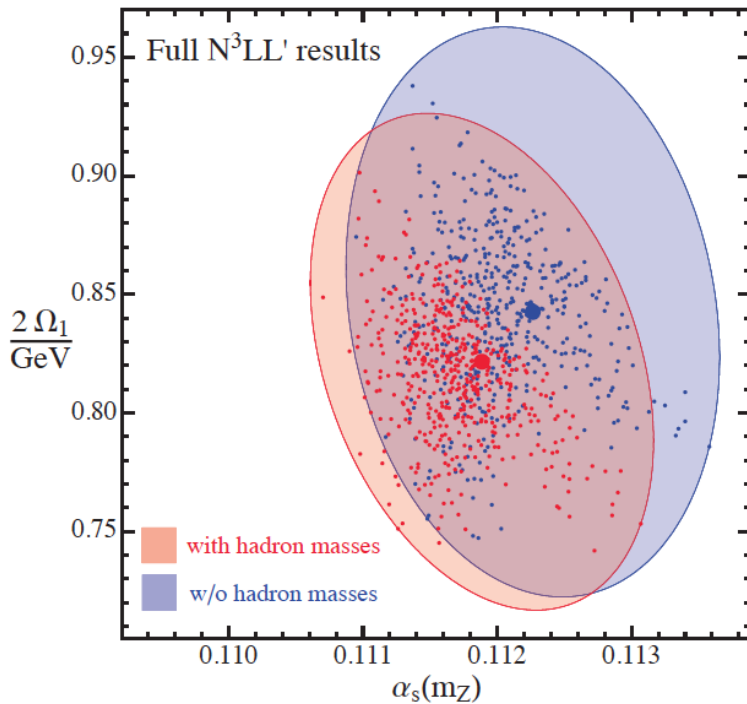
C-parameter distribution (2015):

$$\alpha_s(M_Z) = 0.1230 \pm 0.0015$$

- Updated profiles
- 2-loop soft function

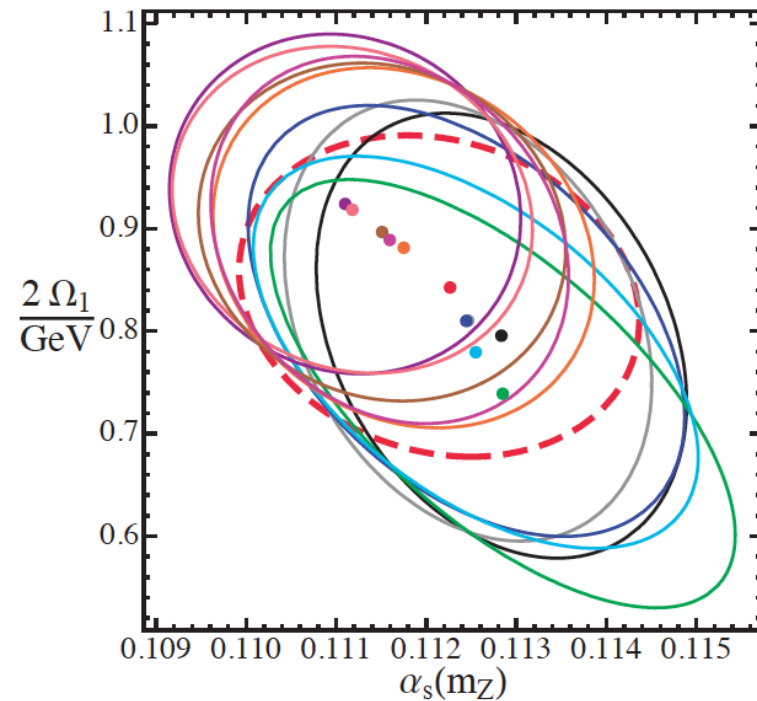
Cross Checks

Hadron mass effects



- Hadron mass effects modify the way how the soft function enters the theory prediction.
- Effect is very small and

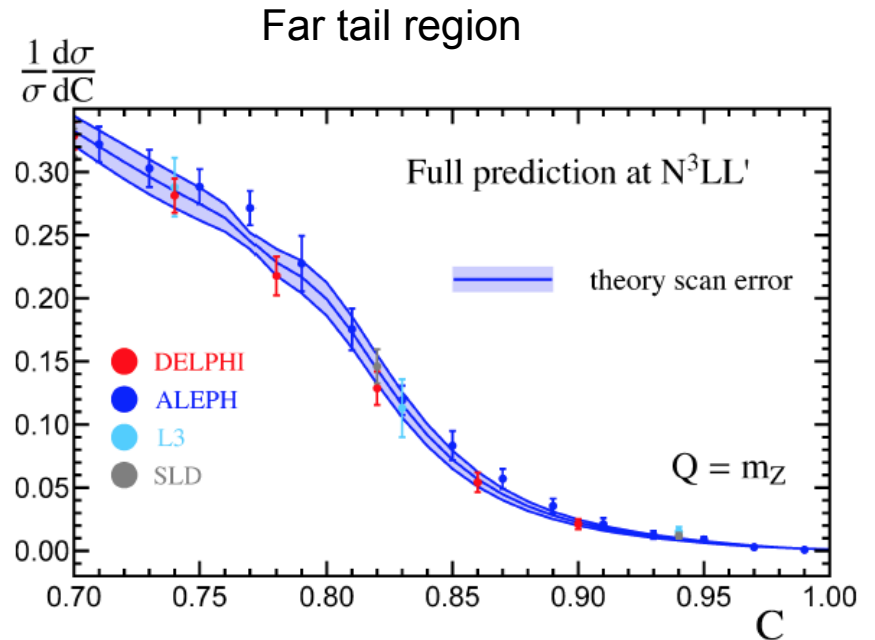
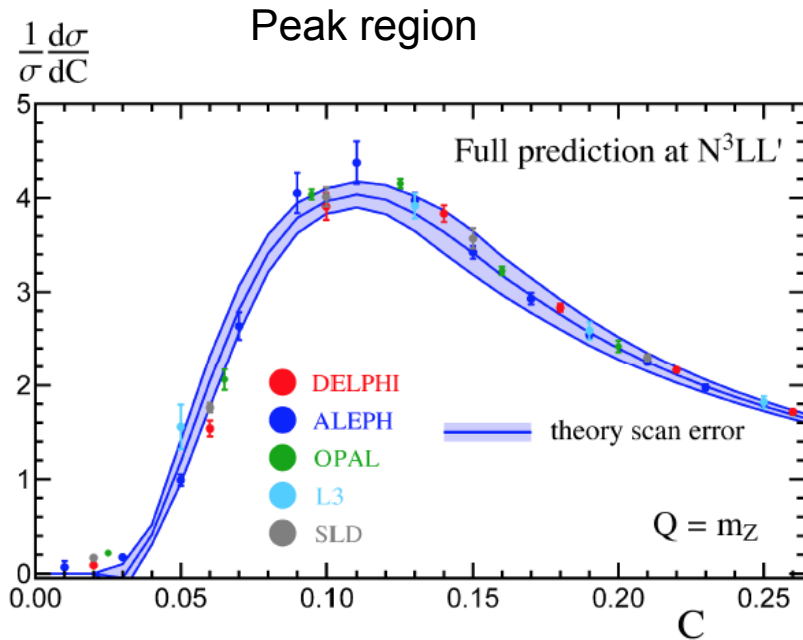
Data set dependence



- Dependence on the upper and lower boundary of fit intervals.
- Dependence compatible with theory uncertainty. (NOT ADDITIONAL ERROR!)

Cross Checks

Agreement with data outside fit region:

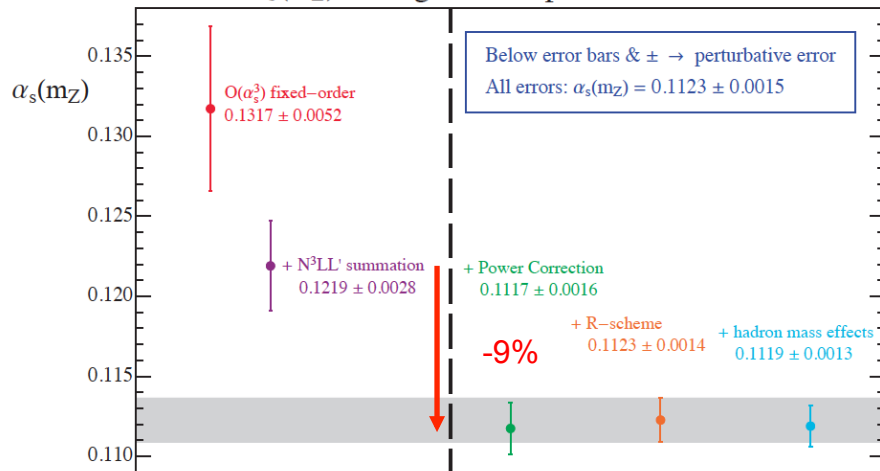


→ Very good agreement with data for the entire spectrum.

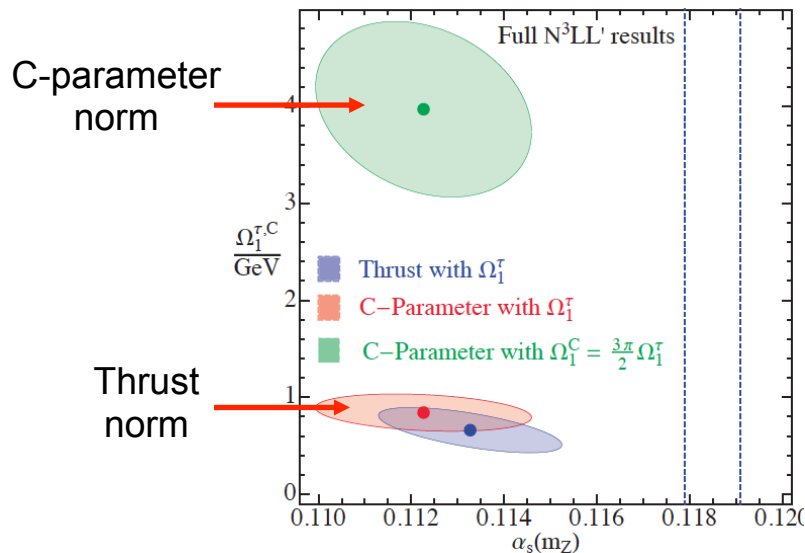
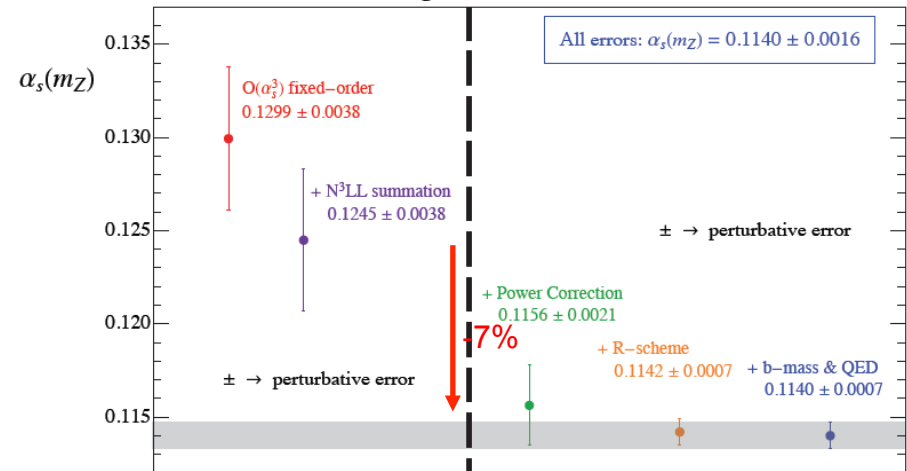
→ Demonstrates ability of or approach to cover the whole spectrum.

Size of Non-Perturbative Effects

$\alpha_s(m_Z)$ from global C-parameter tail fits



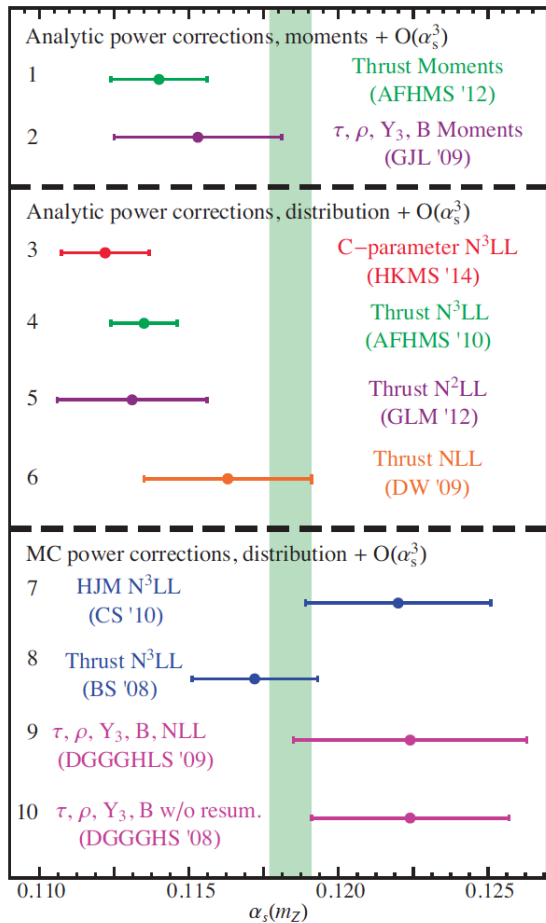
$\alpha_s(m_Z)$ from global first moment thrust fits



- Finite non-perturbative effects drive strong coupling small.
- Perfect consistency between fitted size of Ω_1 between C-parameter and Thrust
- Predicted universality relation confirmed from experimental data.
- Parametrization of non-perturbative effects compatible with experimental data.

Size of Non-Perturbative Effects

Monte-Carlo estimate vs. fits of non-perturbative powercorrection:

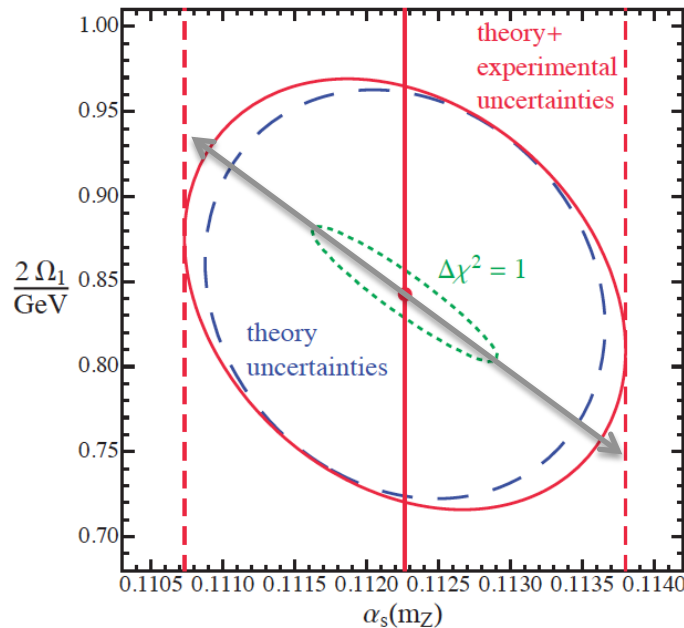


- Simultaneous fit of power corrections and the strong coupling.
- Sizeable power correction and strong coupling smaller than world average.
- Power corrections taken from difference $MC_{\text{parton level}} - MC_{\text{hadron level}}$
- Small power correction and strong generically larger than world average.
- Problem: $MC_{\text{parton level}}$ is only LO/LL description:
 $MC_{\text{parton level}} - MC_{\text{hadron level}}$ is LO/LL !
- Should not be used in event shape averages.

Strong Coupling vs. Non-Perturbative Effects

→ Degeneracy between α_s and Ω_1 :

$$\frac{\Omega_1}{41.26 \text{ GeV}} = 0.1221 - \alpha_s(m_Z)$$



We would obtain

$$\alpha_s(m_Z) \sim 0.118 \quad \text{for} \quad \Omega_1 \sim 0.170 \text{ GeV}$$

The measured Ω_1 value is 2.5 times larger:

$$\Omega_1 = 0.421 \pm 0.063 \text{ GeV}$$

There might be an issue in the data away from the Z pole coming from poor experimental precision.

Recall: α_s and Ω_1 enter differently depending on Q: $\left(\frac{d\sigma}{dC}\right)^{\text{tail}} \approx \frac{d\hat{\sigma}}{dC} - \frac{\Omega_1^C}{Q} \frac{d^2\hat{\sigma}}{dC^2} \approx \frac{d\hat{\sigma}}{dC} \left(C - \frac{\Omega_1^C}{Q}\right)$

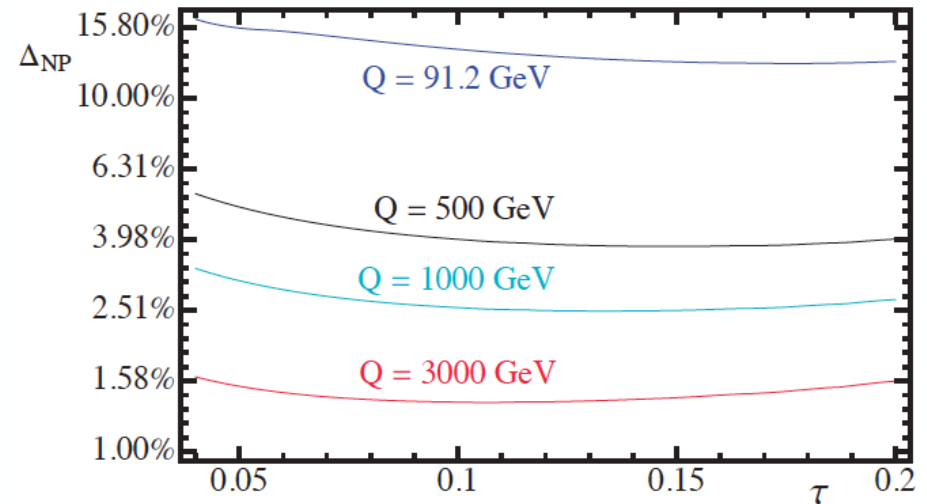
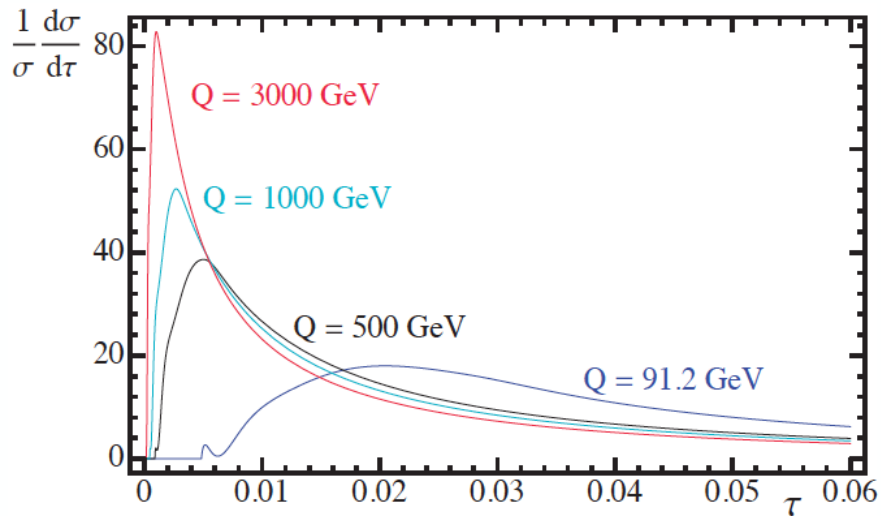
Need: Data from widely different Qs needed to resolve degeneracy.

→ Need: High precision data from low energies !!

→ B-factories have this event shape data: PLEASE PUBLISH THEM !

What can a future lepton collider help?

What would a precise measurement of event shapes at higher Q values contribute?

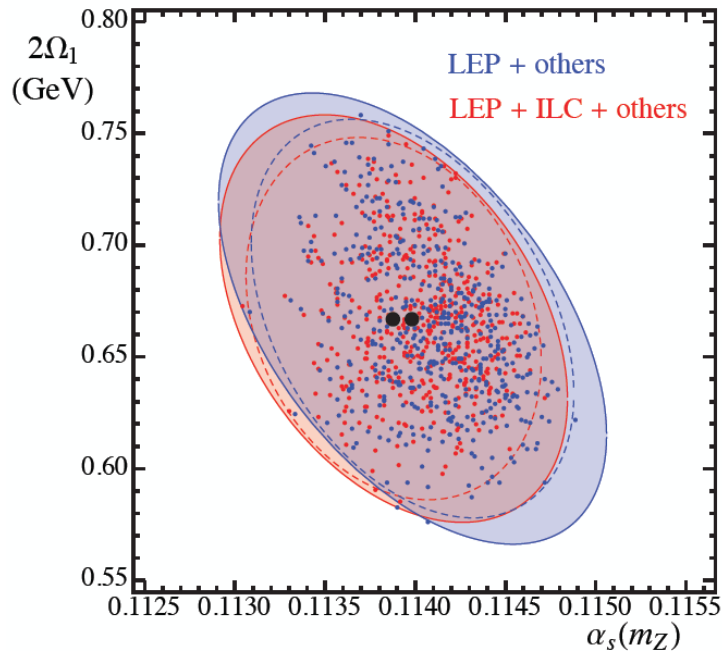


- Event accumulate in very small region at small values.
- High precision needed.
- Background tricky ($\gamma\gamma$)
- Non-perturbative effects decrease with Q
- At some point smaller than experimental uncertainty and negligible !!

Strong Coupling from a Future Lepton Collider

What would a precise measurement of event shapes at higher Q values contribute?

Exercise: Make up fictitious ILC data at 500 GeV, with assumed 1% statistical and 1% systematical uncertainties. Repeat fits.



- Limited impact concerning precision because high-energy uncertainties blown up in the evolution to Z mass
- Nevertheless important impact in lifting degeneracy between α_s and Ω_1 .

Conclusions

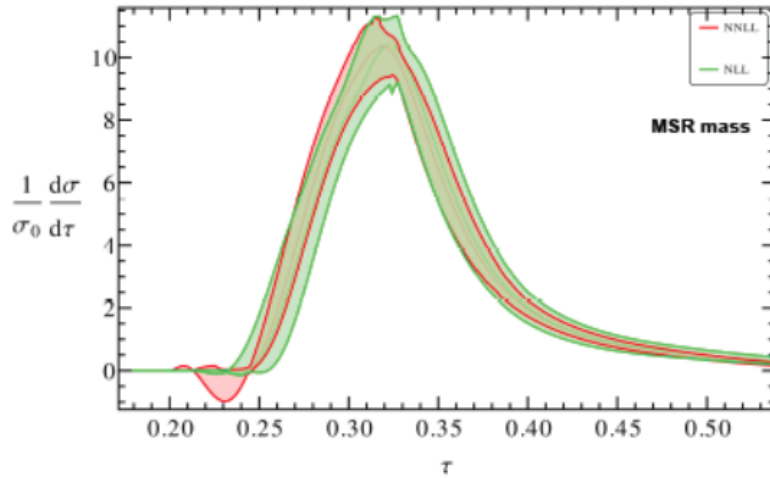
- Event shapes are a high-precision tool to extract the strong coupling.
- SCET allows for high-precision calculations.
- More $N^3LL + O(\alpha_s^3)$ analyses on the way:
 - ☑ Tail of thrust *[Abbate, Fickinger, Hoang, VM Stewart]*
 - ☑ Moments of thrust distribution *[Abbate, Fickinger, Hoang, VM Stewart]*
 - ☑ Tail of C-parameter *[Hoang, Kolodrubetz, VM Stewart]*
 - ☐ Tail of Heavy Jet Mass (w.i.p) *[Hoang, VM, Schwartz, Stewart]*
 - ☐ Moments of C-parameter (preliminary) and HJM
- Theory tools to describe data from B factories exists (VFNS for final state jets, fully quark mass dependent event shapes, full control over quark mass scheme): opportunity to learn more !
- B-factories: Please publish the measurements !
- P_T -dependent event shapes (broadening): Bern group
- Hadronic event shapes: intensely studied

Full Mass Dependent Event Shapes

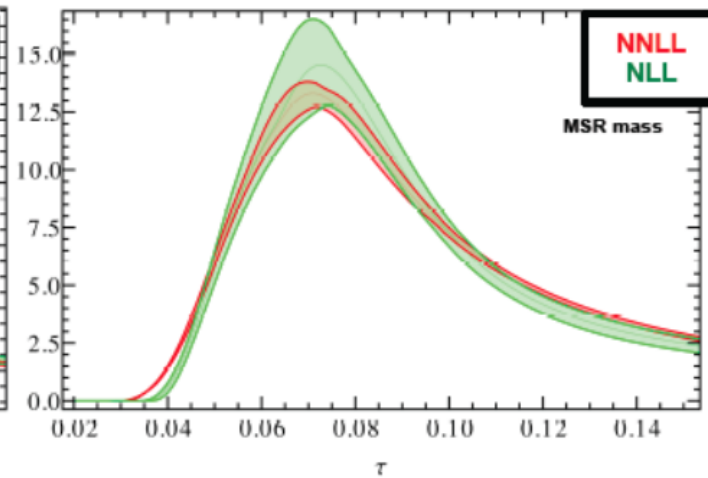
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$\bar{m}_b(\bar{m}_b) = 4.2 \text{ GeV}$

$Q = 15 \text{ GeV}$



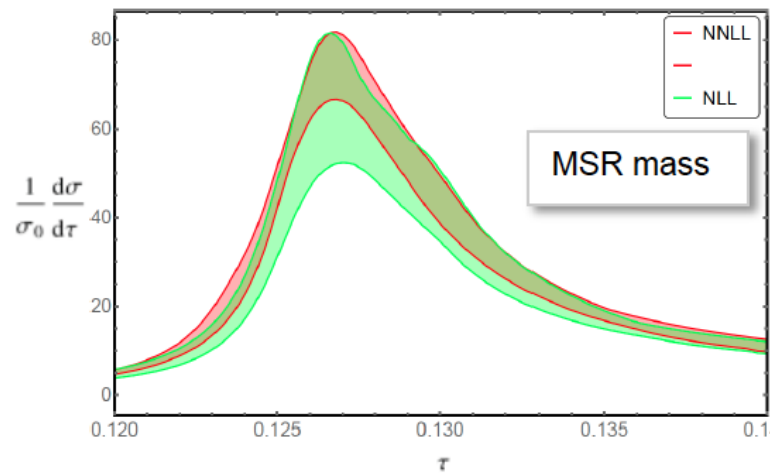
$Q = 45 \text{ GeV}$



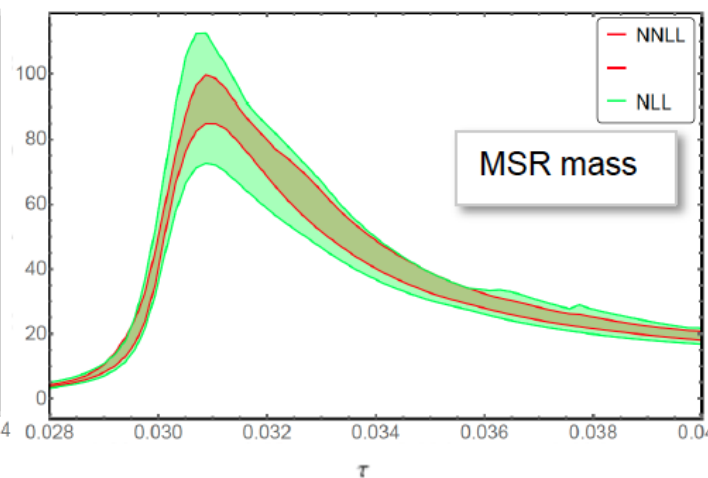
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$\bar{m}_t(\bar{m}_t) = 160 \text{ GeV}$

$Q = 700 \text{ GeV}$



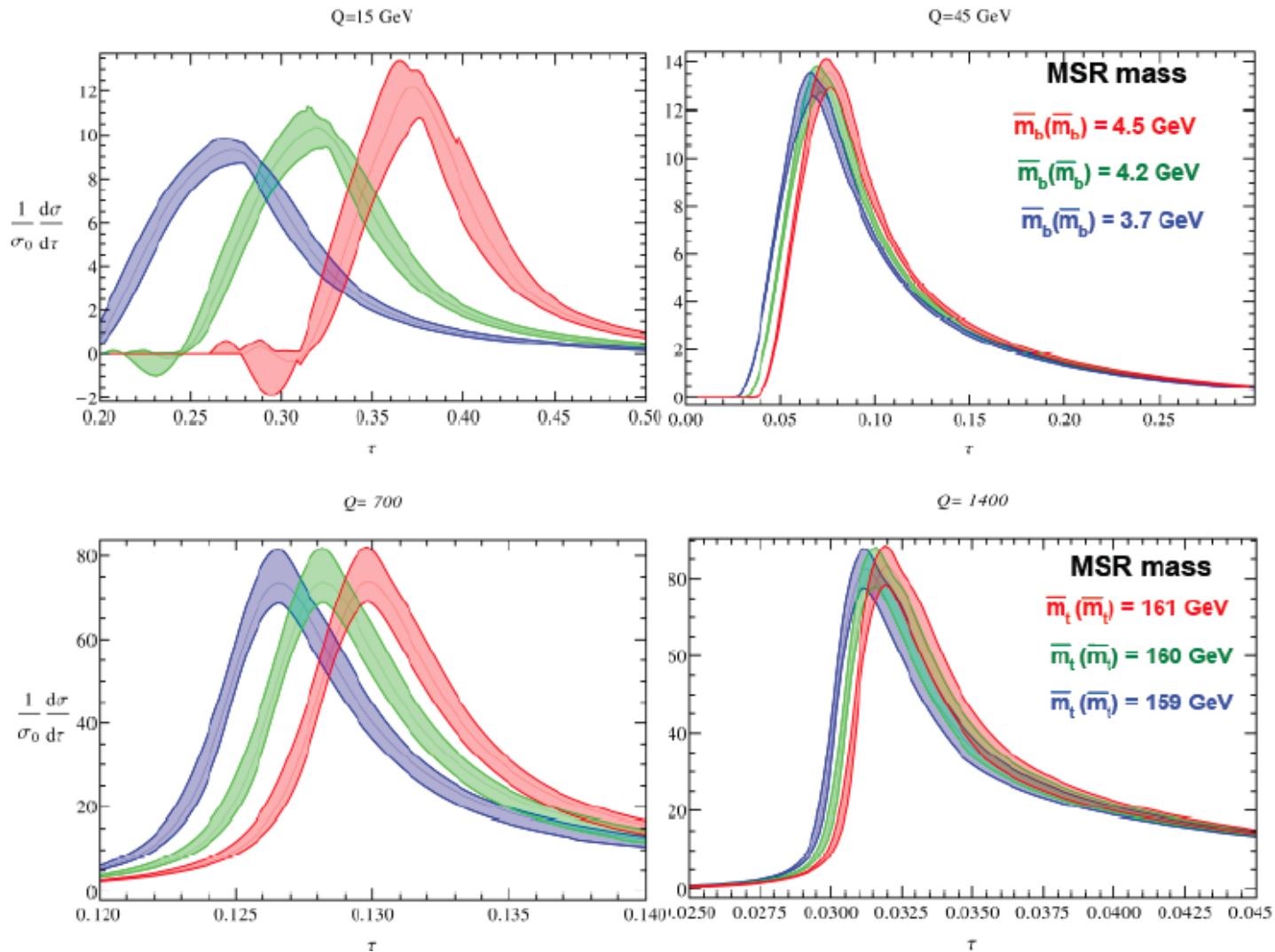
$Q = 1400 \text{ GeV}$



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