

α_s : state-of-the-art & the decade ahead

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α_s (2022) workshop: <https://indico.cern.ch/e/alphas2022>

α_s Snowmass White Paper

- Overarching themes: What is the **current state-of-the-art and ultimate theoretical & experimental precision** of current α_s extraction methods? What needs to be achieved in order to **reach a $\mathcal{O}(0.1\%)$ precision**?
- Each contributor was requested to provide a few pages summary of their work addressing the following questions:
 - Theory: What is the current state-of-the-art with regards to **higher-order corrections (pQCD, mixed QCD-EW)** of your calculations of α_s -dependent observables? What is the impact of **non-pQCD corrections/uncertainties**? (Are there new techniques to reduce them?) Provide your personal **wish-list in theory/data developments** needed to reach your ultimate α_s precision.
 - Experiment: What are the current **leading syst./stat. uncertainties** of your favorite α_s -dependent observable? What are the **future reductions** of syst./stat. uncertainties expected with **current and future (e^+e^- , e-p, p-p) machines**? (Are there new observables being considered?) Provide your personal **wish-list in data/theory developments** needed to reach your ultimate α_s precision.

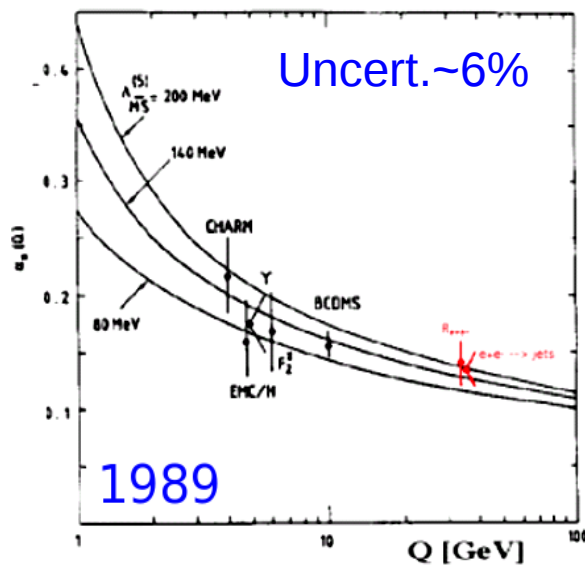
α_s white paper contents

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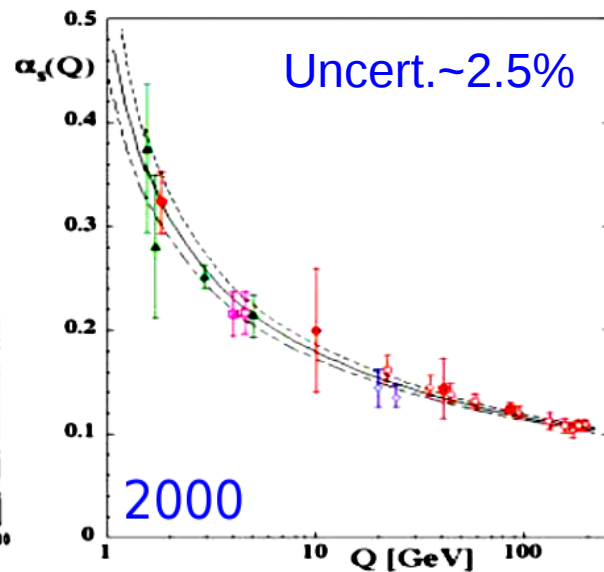
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- **Single free parameter of QCD** in the $m_q = 0$ limit.
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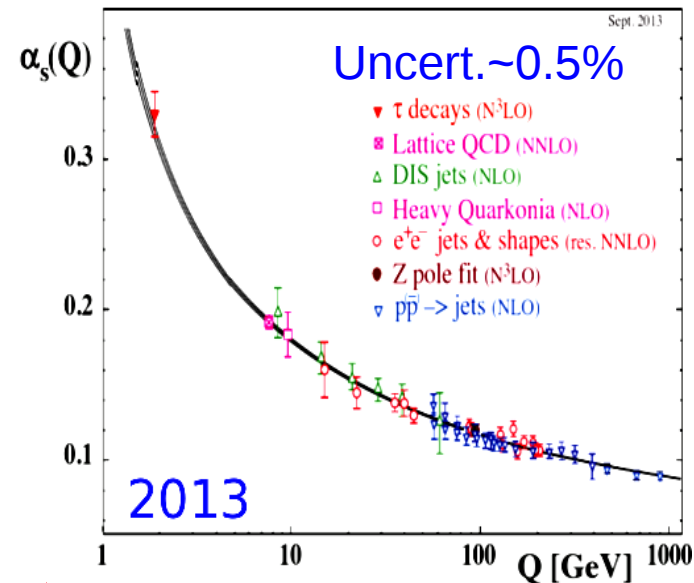
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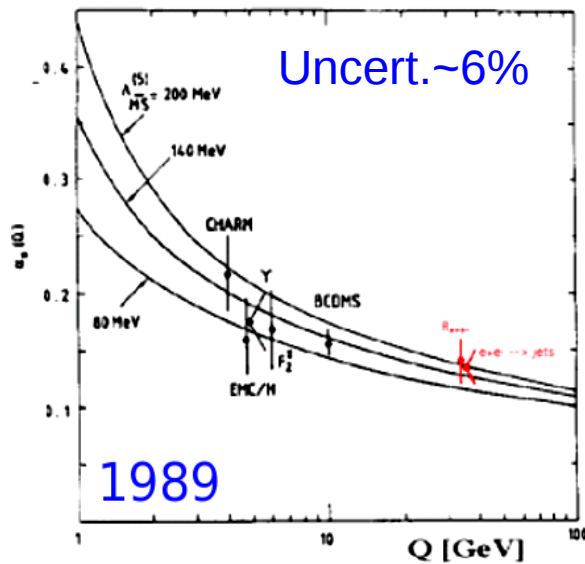
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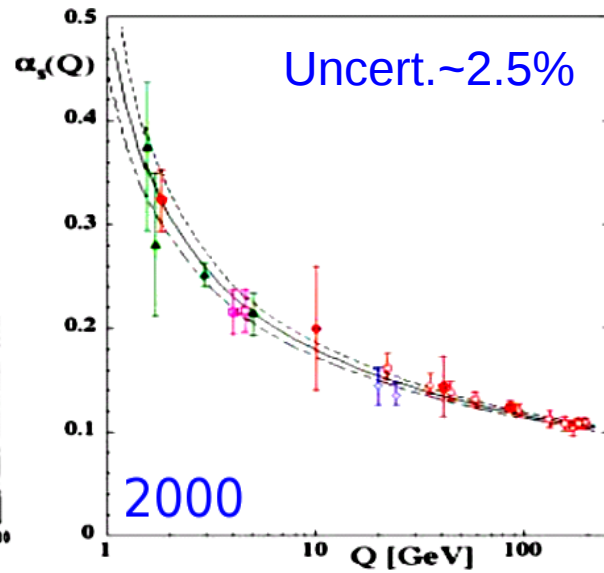
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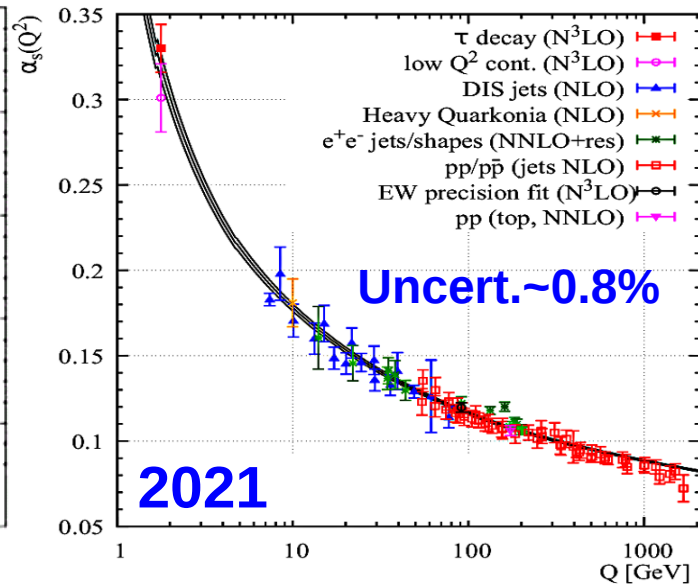
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$$\equiv \alpha_s(M_Z^2) = 0.1179 \pm 0.0010$$

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

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

Motivation: α_s importance beyond QCD

- Precision calculations of Higgs hadronic x-sections/decays, top mass, 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

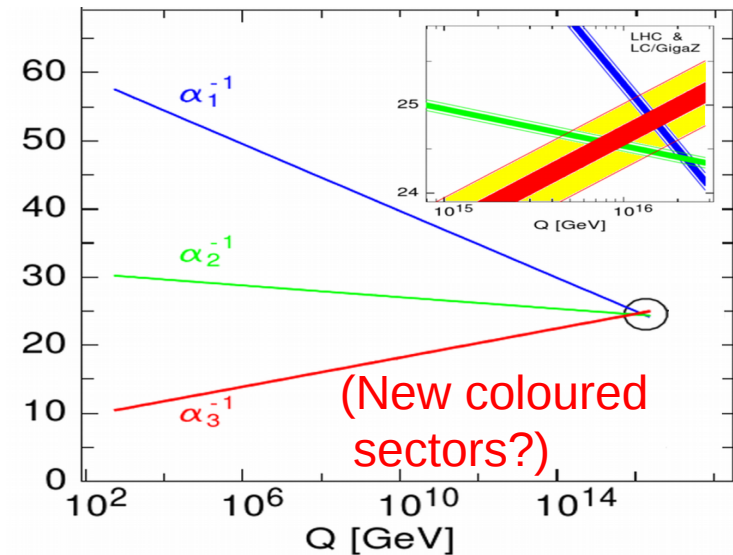
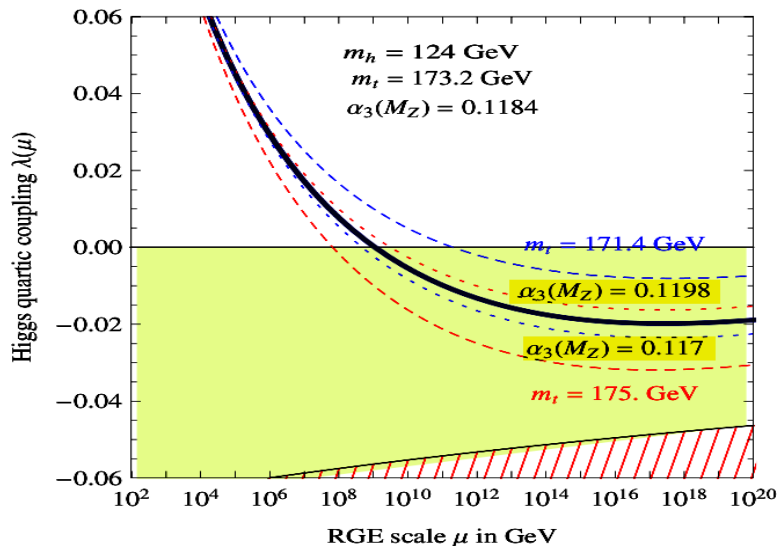
Partial width	intr. QCD	para. m_q	para. α_s
$H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$	$\sim 0.2\%$	1.4%	0.4%
$H \rightarrow c\bar{c}$	$\sim 0.2\%$	4.0%	0.4%
$H \rightarrow gg$	$\sim 3\%$	$< 0.2\%$	3.7%

Msbare 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 α_s crucial			$\delta\alpha_s(M_Z) = 0.001$

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	$\delta\alpha_s$

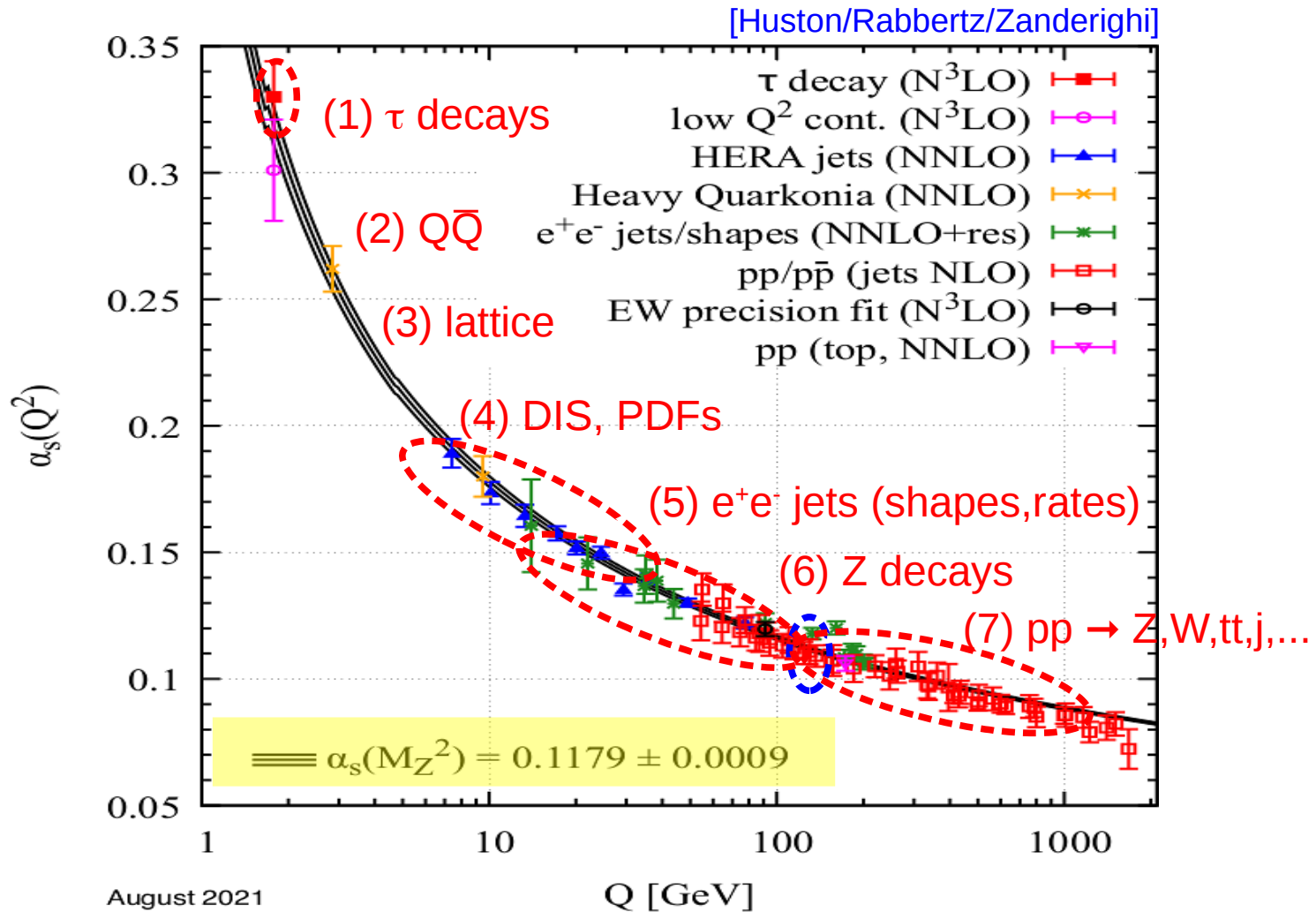
Sven Heinemeyer – 1st FCC physics workshop, CERN, 17.01.2017

- Impacts physics approaching Planck scale: EW vacuum stability, GUT



World α_s determination (PDG 2021)

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



World-average α_s (PDG 2021)

- Average of pre-averages from 7 categories of observables:

$$\alpha_s(M_Z) = 0.1179 \pm 0.0009 \quad (\pm 0.8\%)$$

Hadronic tau decay (4 values):

$$\alpha_s(M_Z) = 0.1178 \pm 0.0019 \quad (\pm 1.6\%)$$

Quarkonia properties (4 values):

$$\alpha_s(M_Z) = 0.1181 \pm 0.037 \quad (\pm 3.3\%)$$

DIS & PDFs fits (6 values):

$$\alpha_s(M_Z) = 0.1162 \pm 0.0020 \quad (\pm 1.7\%)$$

$e^+e^- \rightarrow$ hadrons final states (10 values):

$$\alpha_s(M_Z) = 0.1171 \pm 0.0031 \quad (\pm 2.6\%)$$

Hadron collider measurements (5 values):

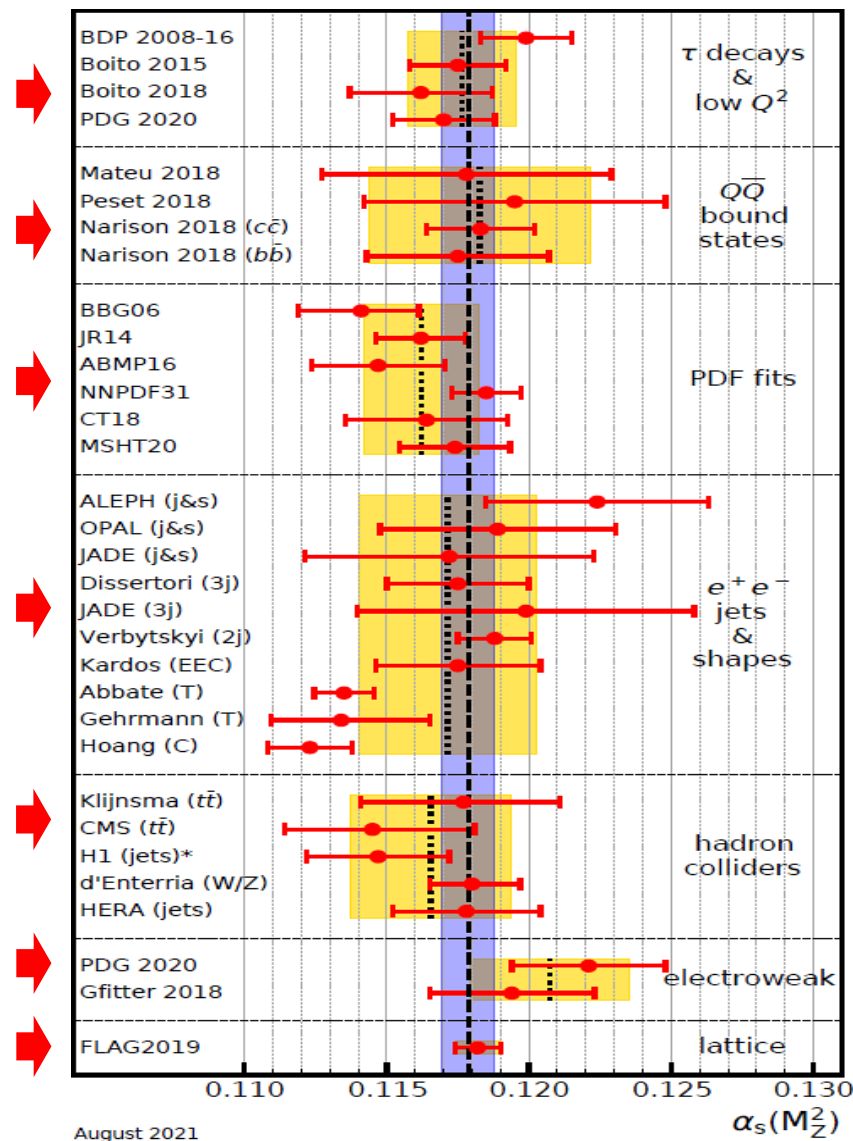
$$\alpha_s(M_Z) = 0.1165 \pm 0.0028 \quad (\pm 2.4\%)$$

Electroweak precision fits (2 values):

$$\alpha_s(M_Z) = 0.1208 \pm 0.0028 \quad (\pm 2.3\%)$$

Lattice-QCD (1 FLAG value):

$$\alpha_s(M_Z) = 0.1182 \pm 0.0008 \quad (\pm 0.7\%)$$

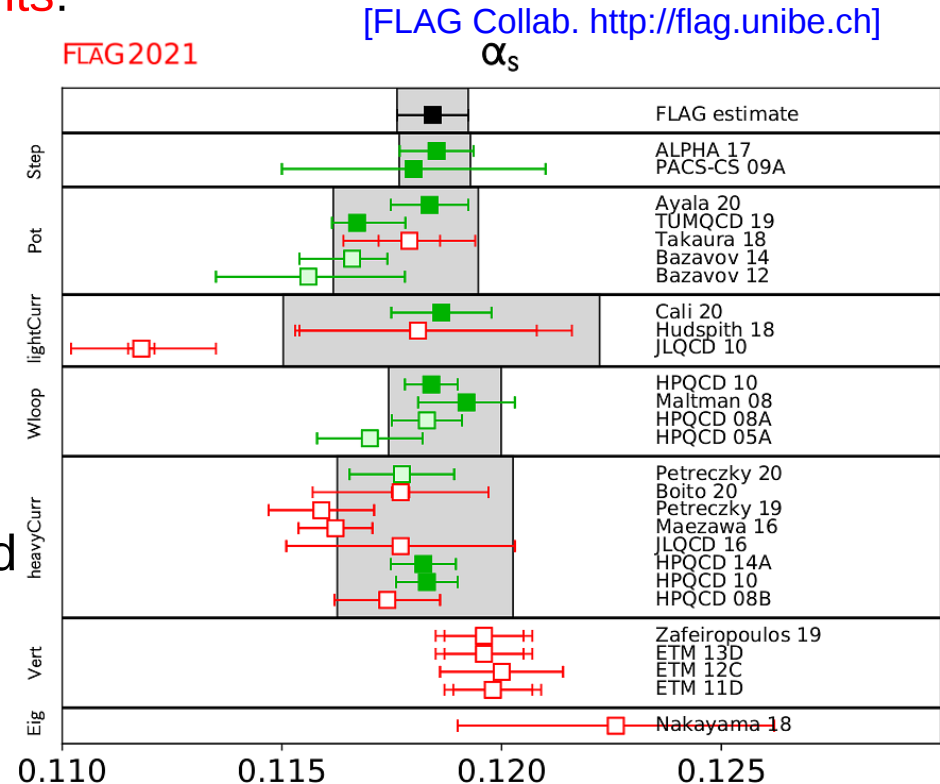


(1) α_s from lattice QCD

- **Comparison** of short-distance quantities (QCD static energy/force, light-q & heavy-Q currents, quarkonium,...) computed at $N^{2,3}\text{LO}$ in pQCD to **lattice** data with $m_{\text{had}}, f_{\text{had}}$ **experimental constraints**:

$$K^{\text{NP}} = K^{\text{PT}} = \sum_{i=0}^n c_i \alpha_s^i$$

- **Community-agreed (FLAG) criteria** based on: renorm. scale, pQCD behaviour, continuum limit, peer-reviewed results.
- **Current uncertainties** driven mostly by pQCD truncation & matching, and **continuum** limit (lattice spacing & computing stats).



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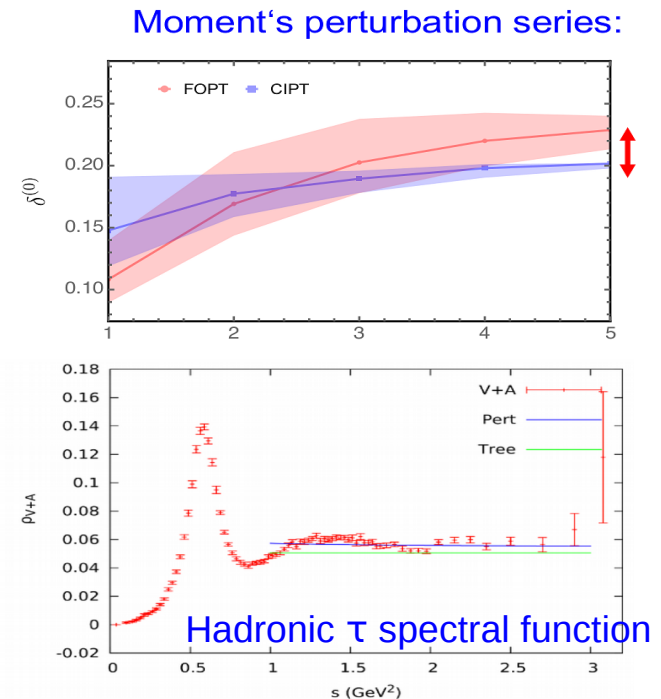
Future prospects:

- **Uncertainty in α_s halved** with reduced latt. spacing, $N^{3,4}\text{LO}$ pQCD, active charm quark, extension of step-scaling method to more observables.

(2) 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: $R_{\tau, \text{exp}} = 3.6355 \pm 0.0081 (\pm 0.22\%)$

- Uncertainty driven today by:
 - Differences in pQCD approaches.
FOPT vs CIPT OPE expansions:
 - Treatment of **non-pQCD corrections** (duality violations):
Note: $(\Lambda/m_\tau)^2 \sim 2\%$



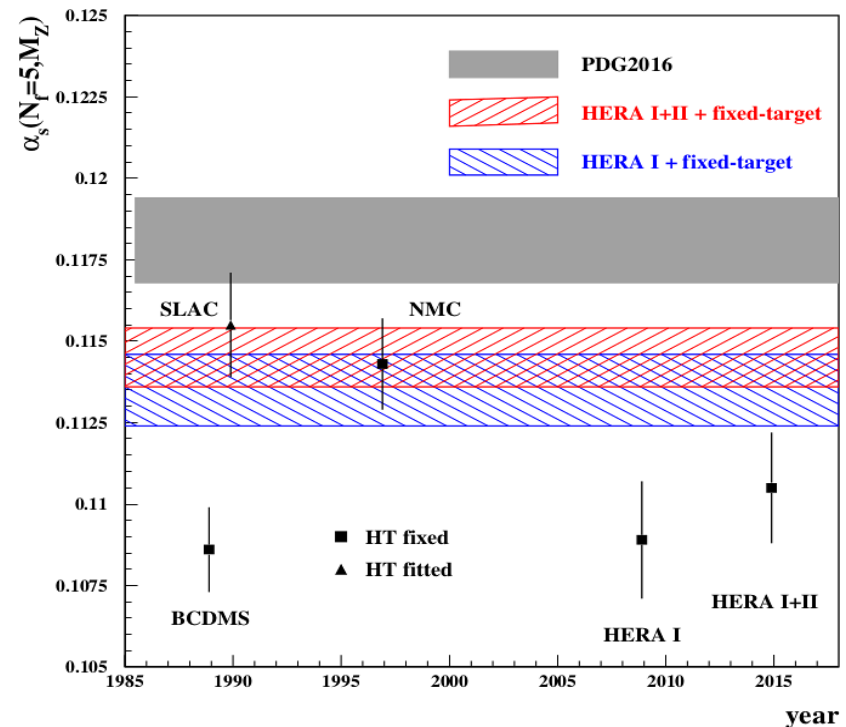
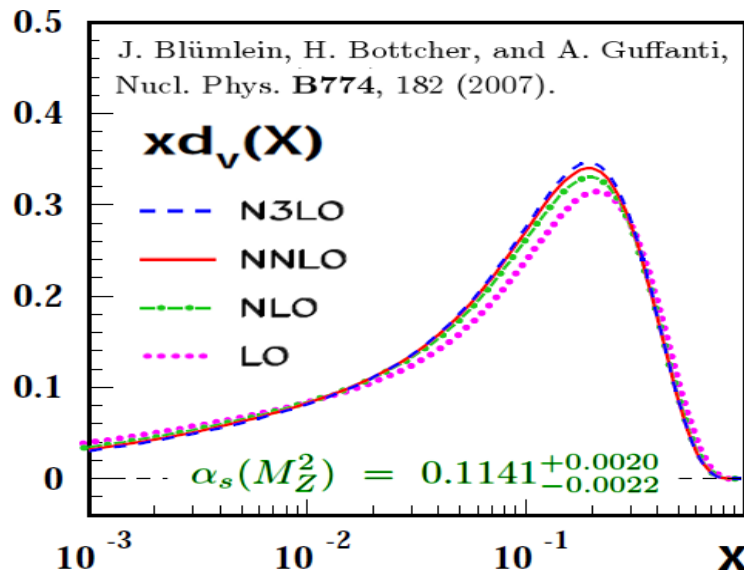
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- Future prospects:
 - **N⁴LO** calculations.
 - Reconciling **FOPT vs CIPT** results (IR renormalon-free gluon condensate)
 - **Better spectral functions** needed:
BELLE-II (~now). Longer future: $\mathcal{O}(10^{11})$ $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$ at FCC-ee(90) !

(3) α_s from DIS struct. functions & PDF fits

- N³LO/NNLO analysis of (non)singlet struct. functions (BBG, JR14) (and NNLO global PDF AMBP fit) tend to give “lowish” $\alpha_s(M_Z) \approx 0.1150$

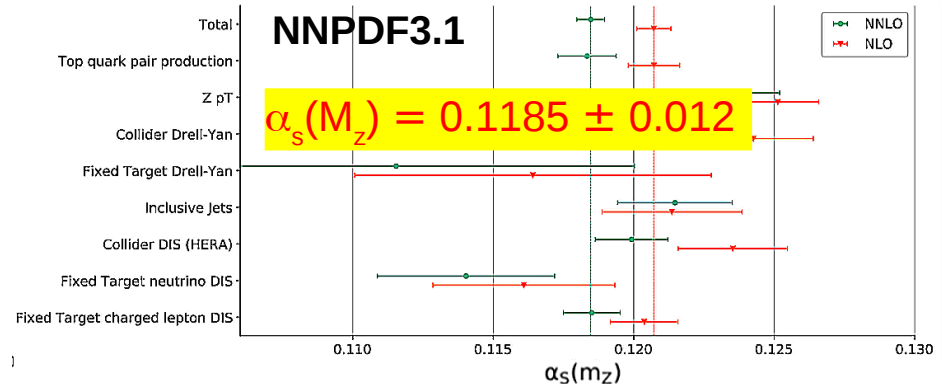
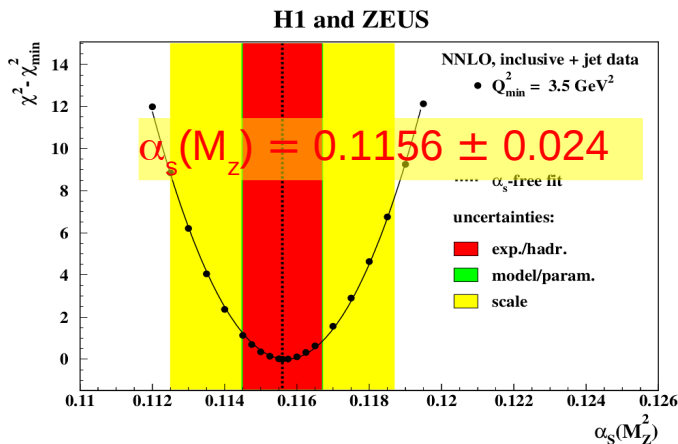
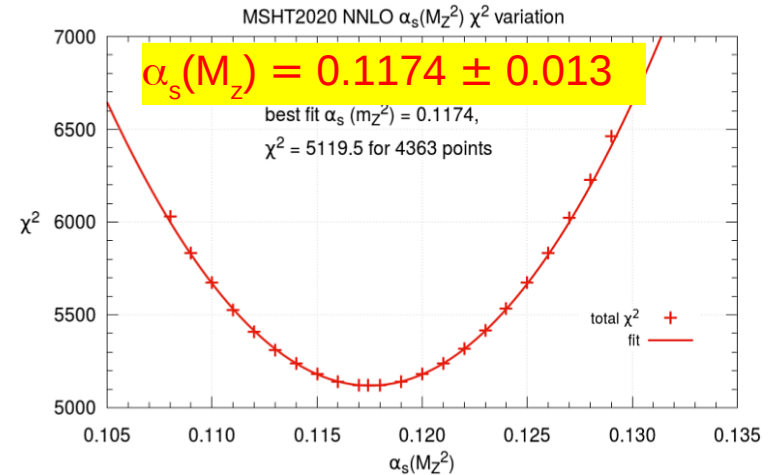
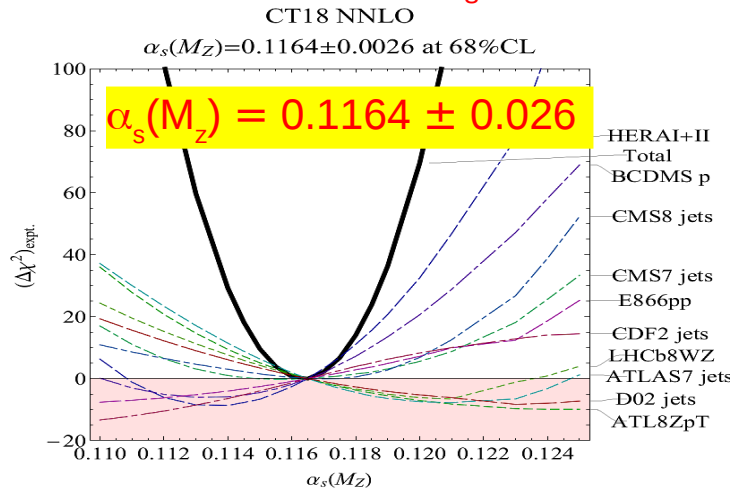
$$F_2(x, Q^2) = x \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\alpha_s^n(\mu_R^2)}{(2\pi)^n} \sum_{i=q,g} \int_x^1 \frac{dz}{z} C_{2,i}^{(n)}(z, Q^2, \mu_R^2, \mu_F^2) f_{i/p}\left(\frac{x}{z}, \mu_F^2\right) + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{\Lambda^2}{Q^2}\right)$$



- Neglect of singlet contribs. for $x > 0.3$ in NS fits? Size of higher-order corrs.?
- Future: New high-precision $F_i(x, Q^2)$ & polarized $g_i(x, Q^2)$ at EIC.

(3) α_s from DIS struct. functions & PDF fits

■ NNLO global PDF+ α_s fits: CT18, HERAPDF2.0+j, MSTH2020, NNPDF3.1



■ DIS/FT (LHC) data tend to prefer lower (higher) values of $\alpha_s(M_Z)$.

■ Size of missing HO corrections? Global fits at N³LO needed.

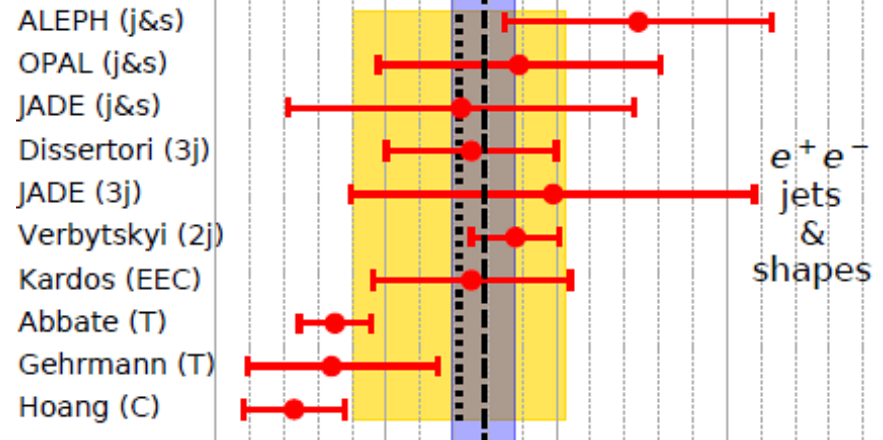
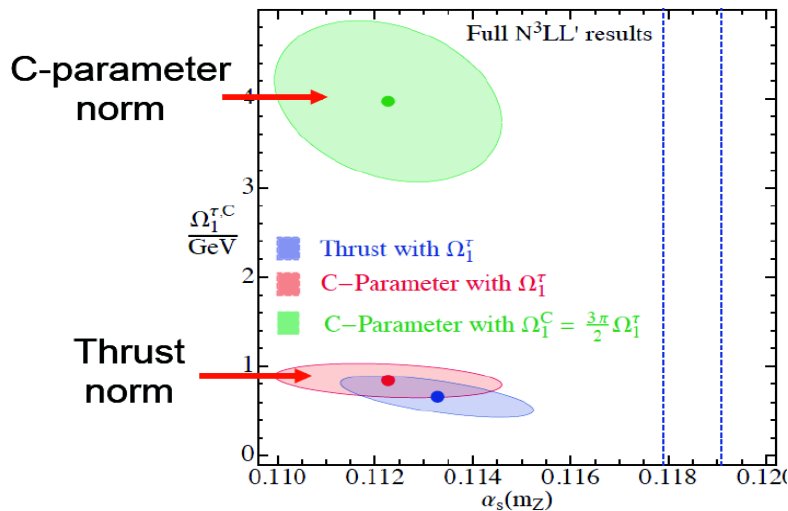
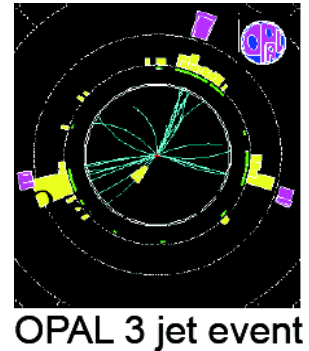
➔ Future: $\pm 0.2\%$ at LHeC/FCC-eh

(4) 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
3-jet x-sections
- Results sensitive to non-pQCD
(hadronization) accounted for
via MCs or analytically:

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

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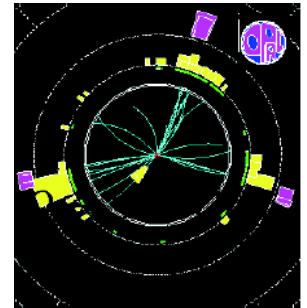
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■ Results sensitive to non-pQCD
(hadronization) corrections.

➤ Improved evt-shape power-corrs:

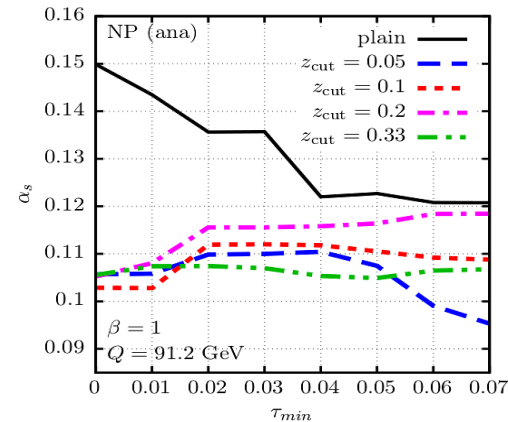
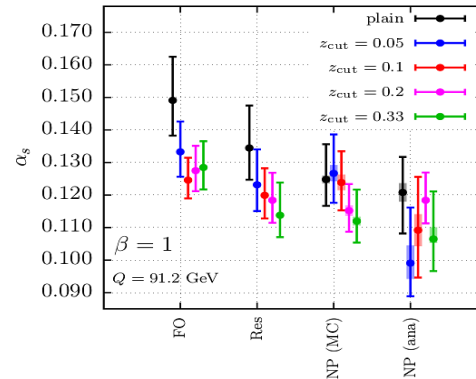
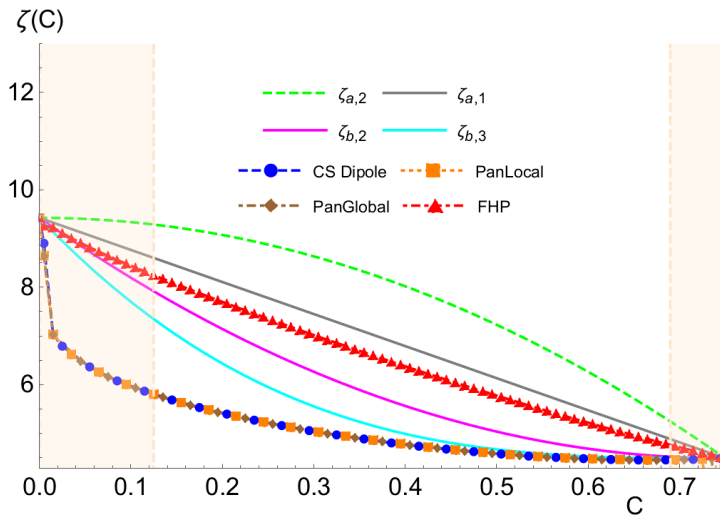
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OPAL 3 jet event

➤ Modern jet substructure techniques:
“Soft drop” can help reduce non-pQCD corrections for thrust:

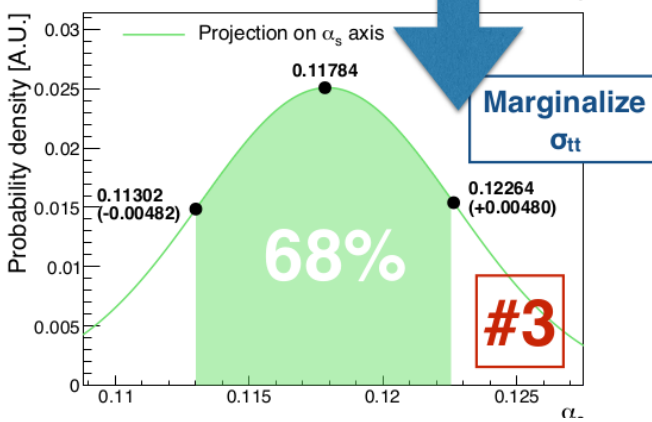
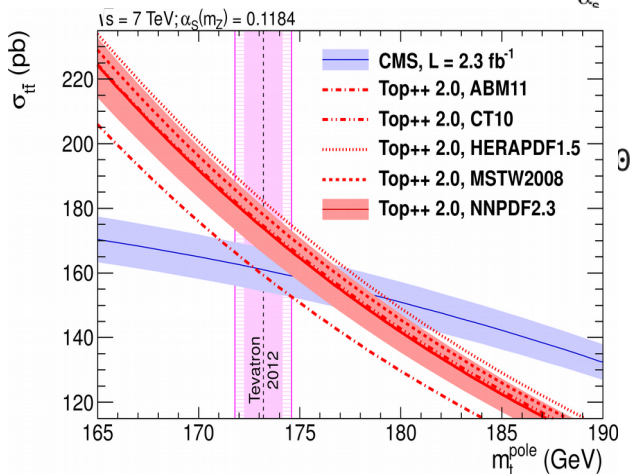
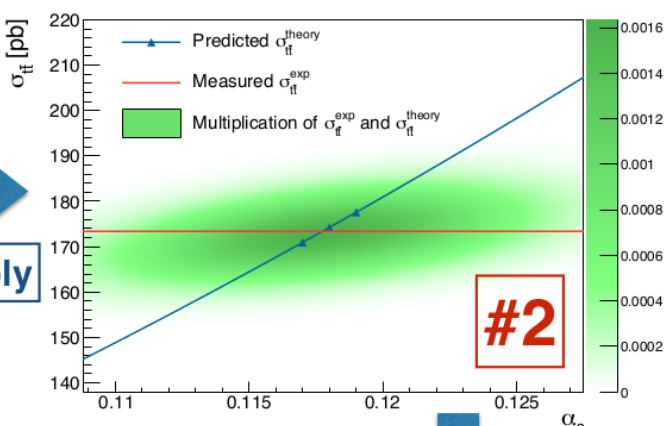
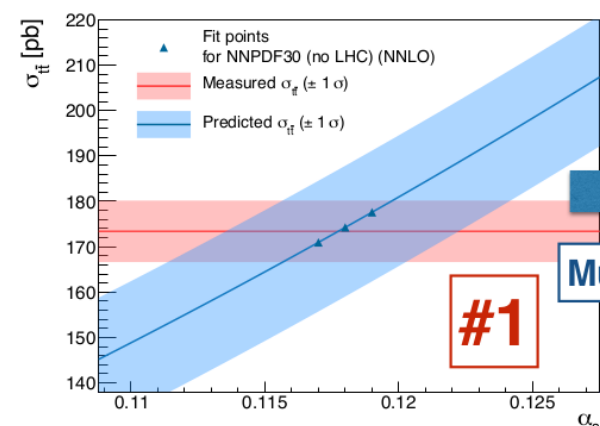


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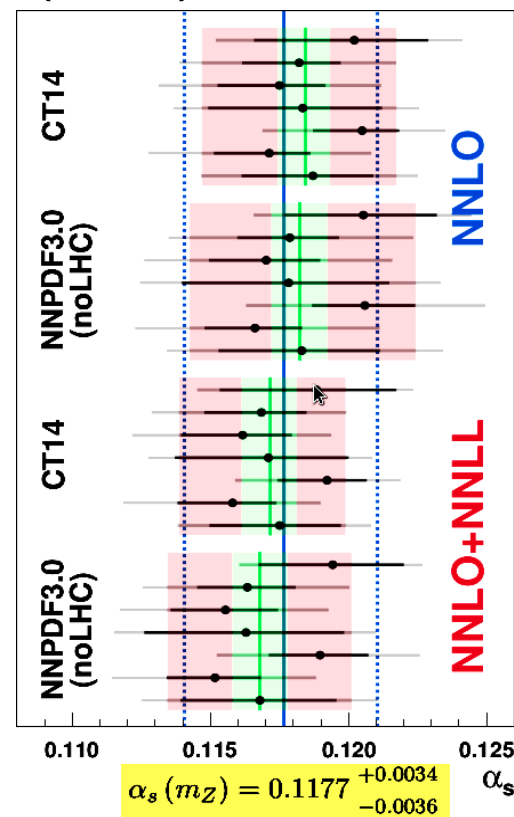
- Power-corrections for shapes, ($N^{2,3}\text{LL}$) resummation for rates. Grooming.
- New e^+e^- data at lower- \sqrt{s} (Belle-II) & higher- \sqrt{s} (Higgs factories) needed.

(5) α_s from hadron collider x-sections (ttbar)

- So far, only **top-pair and W,Z boson x-sections available at NNLO**.
(Jets also available at NNLO since couple of years: (long) analysis ongoing).
- Method: **Compare $\sigma(\text{exp})$ to $\sigma(\text{NNLO})$ computed w/ diff. PDFs/ α_s : Extract α_s**
- $\sigma(\text{tt})$ [dis]advantages: Direct sensitivity to α_s [uncertainties: $\sim 5\%$ exp./th., m_{top}]

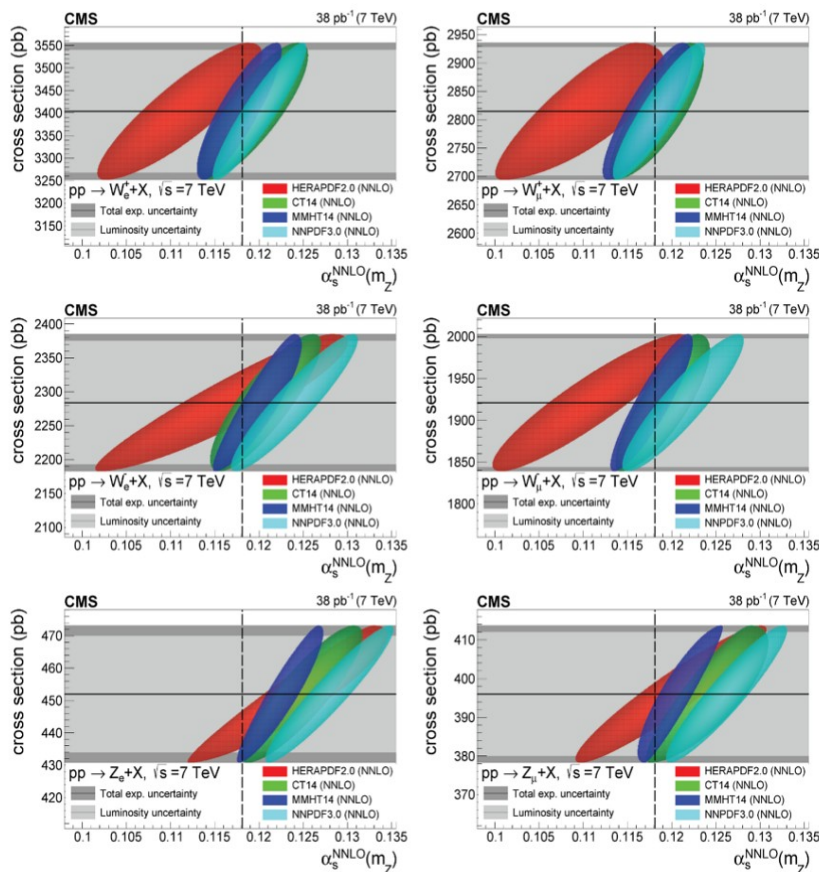


Analysis of **8 data sets** (<2018)

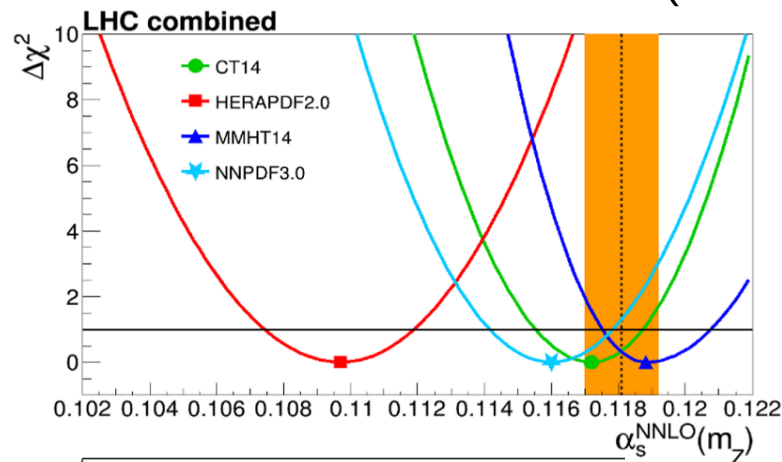


(5) α_s from hadron collider x-sections (W,Z)

- So far, only **top-pair and W,Z boson x-sections available at NNLO**.
(Jets also available at NNLO since couple of years: (long) analysis ongoing).
- Method: **Compare $\sigma(\text{exp})$ to $\sigma(\text{NNLO})$ computed w/ diff. PDFs/ α_s : Extract α_s**
- $\sigma(W,Z)$ [dis]advantages: $\sim 1\text{--}2\%$ th./exp. uncertainties [not LO sensitivity to α_s]



Combined fit of **28 LHC data sets (<2019)**



PDF	$\alpha_s(m_Z)$
CT14	$0.1172^{+0.0015}_{-0.0017}$
MMHT14	$0.1188^{+0.0019}_{-0.0013}$
HERAPDF2.0	$0.1097^{+0.0022}_{-0.0023}$
NNPDF3.0	0.1160 ± 0.0018

$$\alpha_s = 0.1180 \pm 0.0016 (\pm 1.3\%)$$

► **Future: Incorporate $\sigma(tt)$, $\sigma(W,Z)$, $\sigma(j)$, x-section ratios into global PDF+ α_s fits.**

(5) α_s from hadron collider x-sections (HERA jets)

■ DIS HERA jet x-sections employed for α_s extractions via NNLOjet:

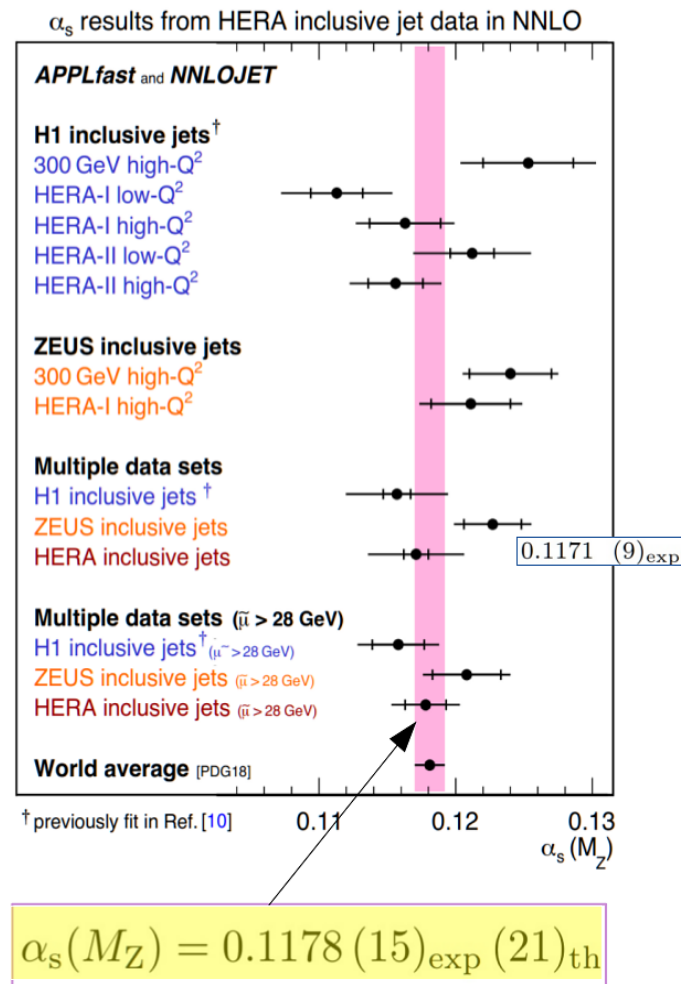
Double-differential HERA jet data in NC DIS (as function of p_T, Q^2) commonly used for α_s determinations

		"Absolute" jet cross sections		"Normalised" jet cross sections	
		820GeV	HERA-I	20GeV	HERA-II
Inclusive jet	low Q^2				
	high Q^2				
Dijet	low Q^2				
	high Q^2				
Three-jet	low Q^2				
	high Q^2				

- α_s from inclusive jet cross sections in NC DIS
- NNLO pQCD w/ non-pert. hadronisation corrections
- H1 and ZEUS consistent
- Sizeable scale uncertainties (MHOU) since data are at comparably low scales
- Highest precision obtained in fit to data with $\mu > 28$ GeV

■ Largest uncertainty from missing HO corrs.

➔ Future: Nice testbed for upcoming LHC NNLO jet x-sections-based extractions



(6) α_s from EW precision fits

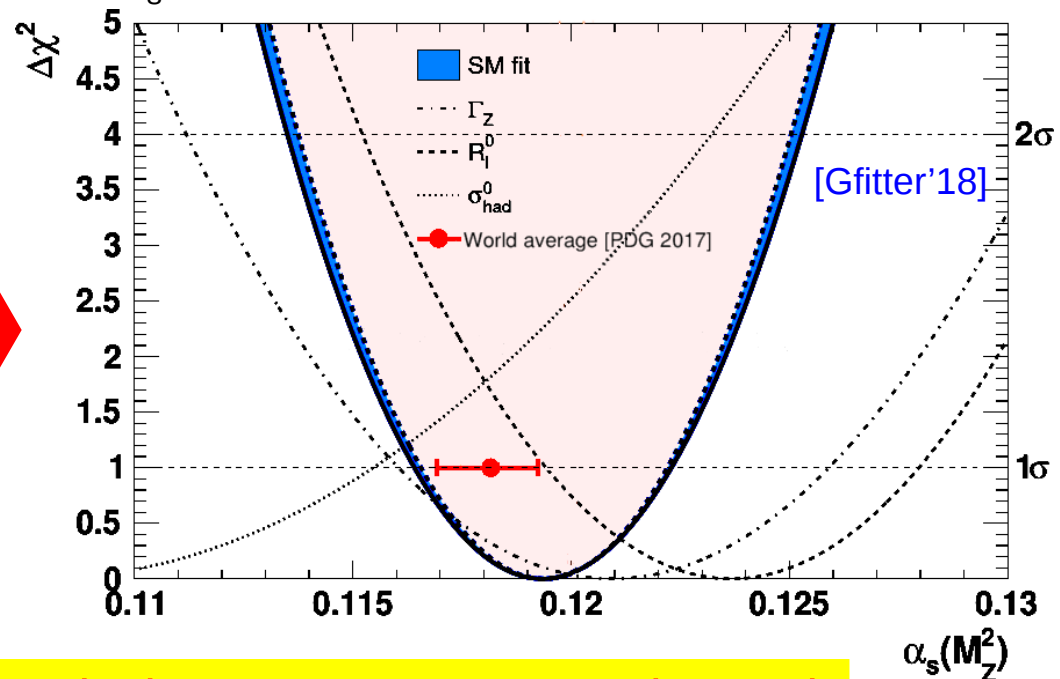
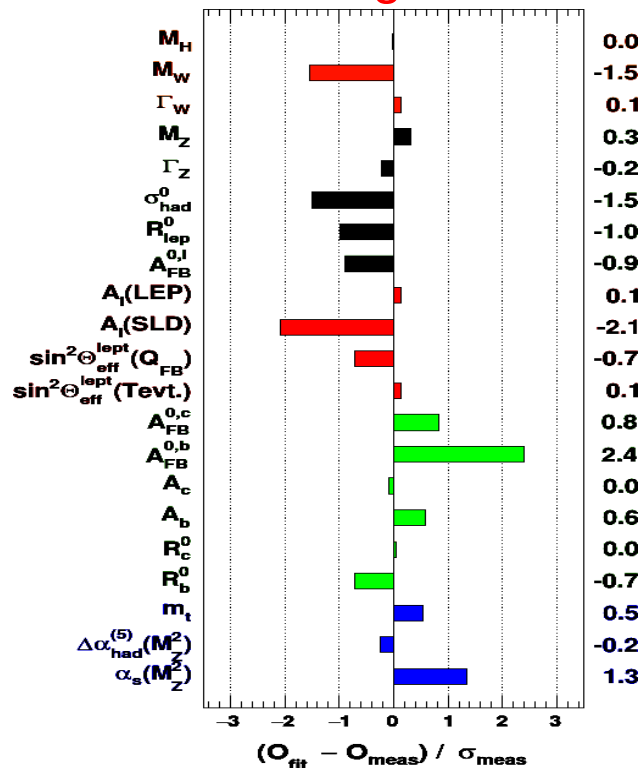
- ♦ Z-boson decays known at N³LO, no NP uncs. (but only ~4% sensitivity to α_s):

$$R_l^0 \equiv \frac{\Gamma(Z \rightarrow h)}{\Gamma(Z \rightarrow l)} = R_Z^{\text{EW}} N_C (1 + \sum_{n=1}^4 c_n \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{\pi}\right)^n + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^5)) + \delta_m + \delta_{\text{np}}$$

- ♦ Extraction from three Z-peak pseudo-observables (LEP, SLC):

$$\Gamma_Z = 2.4952 \pm 0.0023 \text{ GeV } (\pm 0.1\%) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \alpha_s(M_Z) = 0.1221 \pm 0.0027 \text{ } (\pm 2.3\%)$$

- ♦ Also from the global EW fit leaving α_s as single free parameter:

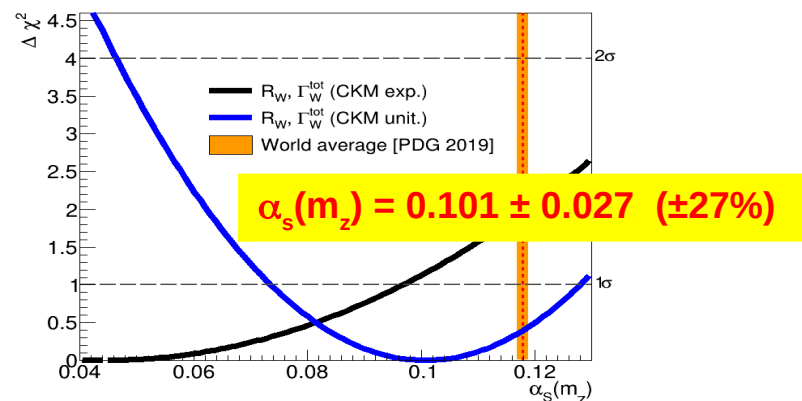
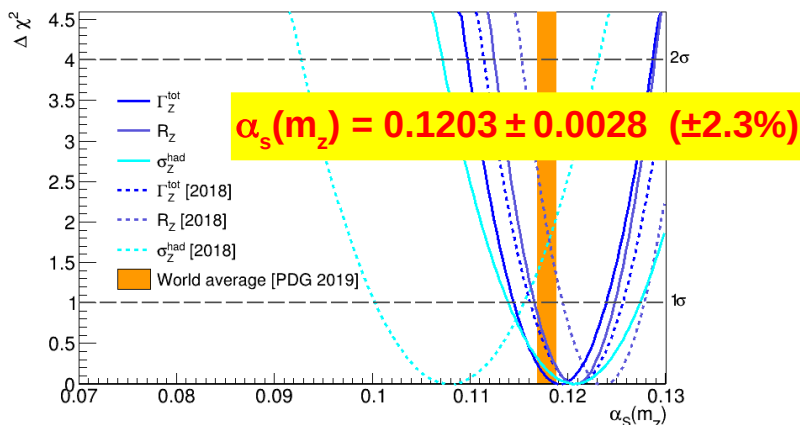


$$\alpha_s(M_Z) = 0.1194 \pm 0.0029 \text{ } (\pm 2.4\%)$$

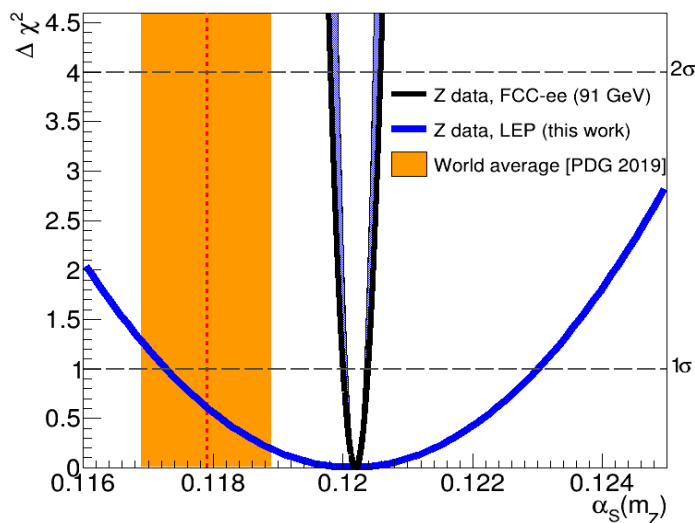
(6) α_s from hadronic EW bosons decays

■ Updated Z,W-based $\alpha_s(m_Z)$ extractions:

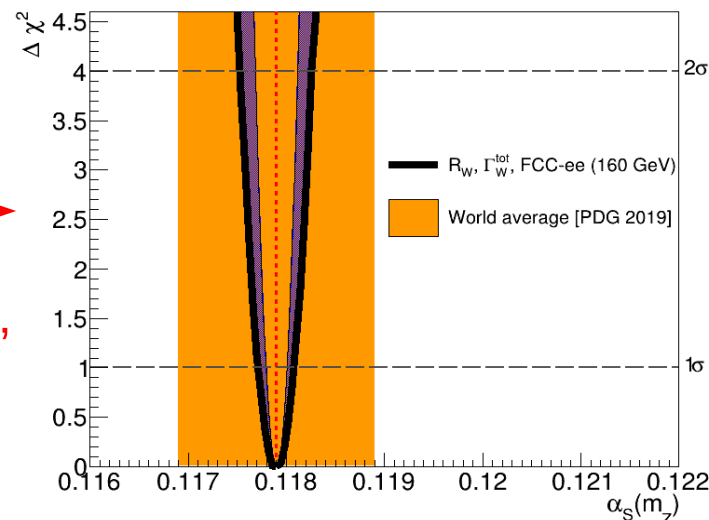
New fit with HO EW corrs. + corrected Z LEP data. New N³LO fit to Γ_W , R_W



■ Future: Permil uncertainty possible only with a machine like FCC-e⁺e⁻



Strong SM
"stress test"



Summary (I): Current & future α_s precision

Method	Relative $\alpha_s(m_Z^2)$ uncertainty	
	Current theory & exp. uncertainties sources	Near (long-term) future theory & experimental progress
(1) Lattice	0.7% Finite lattice spacing & stats. N ^{2,3} LO pQCD truncation	$\approx 0.3\%$ (0.1%) Reduced latt. spacing. Add more observables Add N ^{3,4} LO, active charm (QED effects) Higher renorm. scale via step-scaling to more observ.
(2) τ decays	1.6% N ³ LO CIPT vs. FOPT diffs. Limited τ spectral data	$< 1\%$ Add N ⁴ LO terms. Solve CIPT-FOPT diffs. Improved τ spectral functions at Belle II
(3) $Q\bar{Q}$ bound states	3.3% N ^{2,3} LO pQCD truncation $m_{c,b}$ uncertainties	$\approx 1.5\%$ Add N ^{3,4} LO & more ($c\bar{c}$), ($b\bar{b}$) bound states Combined $m_{c,b} + \alpha_s$ fits
(4) DIS & PDF fits	1.7% N ^{2,(3)} LO PDF (SF) fits Span of PDF-based results	$\approx 1\%$ (0.2%) N ³ LO fits. Add new SF fits: $F_2^{p,d}$, g_i (EIC) Better corr. matrices. More PDF data (LHeC/FCC-eh)
(5) e^+e^- jets & evt shapes	2.6% NNLO+N ^(1,2,3) LL truncation Different NP analytical & PS corrs. Limited datasets w/ old detectors	$\approx 1.5\%$ ($< 1\%$) Add N ^{2,3} LO+N ³ LL, power corrections Improved NP corrs. via: NNLL PS, grooming New improved data at B factories (FCC-ee)
(6) Electroweak fits	2.3% N ³ LO truncation Small LEP+SLD datasets	$(\approx 0.1\%)$ N ⁴ LO, reduced param. uncerts. ($m_{W,Z}$, α , CKM) Add W boson. Tera-Z, Oku-W datasets (FCC-ee)
(7) Hadron colliders	2.4% NNLO(+NNLL) truncation, PDF uncerts. Limited data sets ($t\bar{t}$, W, Z, e-p jets)	$\approx 1.5\%$ N ³ LO+NNLL (for color-singlets), improved PDFs Add more datasets: Z p_T , p-p jets, σ_i/σ_j ratios,...
World average	0.8%	$\approx 0.4\%$ (0.1%)

Summary (II): α_s wish-list

■ Experimental/Theoretical needs to reach $\mathcal{O}(0.1\%)$ precision:

- (1) Lattice QCD. Sufficient dedicated **computing resources & person-power** to:
 - Develop pQCD **$N^{3,4}$ LO theory** for observables in a finite space-time volume
 - **Extend** higher renormalization scales via **step-scaling to more observables**
- (2) Other theory efforts:
 - Completion of hadronic **τ decay renormalon analysis**
 - Advanced **power corrections** for e^+e^- event shapes and **resummation** for jet rates
 - **NNLL accuracy parton showers matched** to NNLO
 - **NNLO(+NNLL) MCs** for complex final states in e^+e^- , e-p, p-p
 - Differential **NNLO** predictions for **LHC & HERA multi-jet observables**,...
- (3) Extension of **NNLO hadron-collider- and/or PDF-based** extractions via:
 - Incorporation of **multiple new LHC precision observables and datasets**
 - Improved treatment of **exp. correlation matrices** uncertainties among measurements.
 - **New DIS measurements** at high-energy facilities: **EIC first, LHeC/FCC-eh** longer future (approx. $\pm 0.2\%$).
- (4) Hadronic **Z (and W) decays is the only non-lattice method known** that can reach **permil precision**: Tera-Z (FCC-ee) machine needed.

Backup slides

α_s from hadronic EW decays (Update)

► Incorporated **new α^2, α^3 EW corrections(*)** to Z pseudoobserv:

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arXiv:2005.04545 [hep-ph]

- The W and Z hadronic widths : (*)Dubovyk/Chen/Freitas et al. arXiv:1906.08815, arXiv:2002.05845

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

TH uncertainties:

$\pm 0.01\%$ (Z)

$\pm 0.02\%$ (W)

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

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

Parametric uncerts.:

$(\alpha_s, m_{Z,W}; V_{cs,ud})$:

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

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

$\pm 0.03\%$ (Z)

$\pm 1.7\%$ (W)

$\pm 0.03\%$ (W, CKM unit)

► Incorporated **modified LEP data due to luminosity bias correction(*)**:

	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

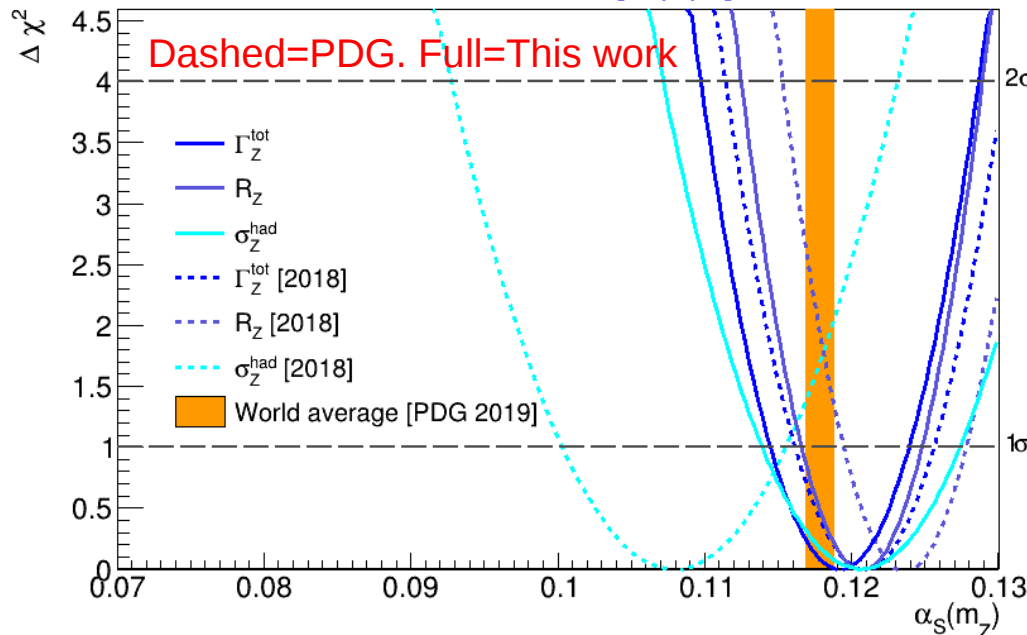
α_s from hadronic Z decays (Update)

➤ 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	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

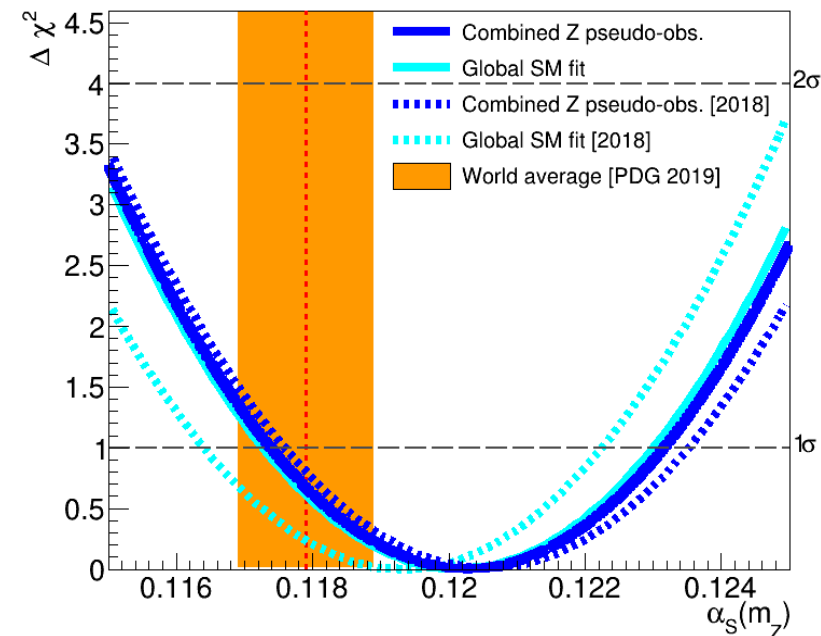
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➤ LEP lumi-bias updates lead to much **better agreement** among Γ_Z , R_Z , σ_0 extractions:

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

$$\text{PDG'21: } \alpha_s(m_Z) = 0.1221 \pm 0.0027 \quad (\pm 2.3\%)$$



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

$$\alpha_s(m_Z) = 0.1202 \pm 0.0028$$

$$\text{PDG'21: } \alpha_s(m_Z) = 0.1194 \pm 0.0029$$

α_s from hadronic W decays (Update)

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► **Parametrized W boson** Γ_W^{lep} , Γ_W^{had} , Γ_W^{tot} , R_W (with $\alpha_s^4, \alpha, \alpha_s \alpha$ corrections):

$$\Gamma_W^{\text{lep}} = \Gamma_0 + c_1 \Delta_W + c_4 \Delta_H + c_5 \Delta_t + c_7 \Delta_\tau,$$

$$\Gamma_W^{\text{had}} = \Gamma_0 + c_1 \Delta_W + c_2 \Delta_{\text{CKM}} + c_3 \Delta_{\alpha_s} + c_6 \Delta_{\alpha_s}^2,$$

$$\Delta_W = \left(\frac{m_W}{80.379}\right)^3 - 1, \quad \Delta_H = \log\left(\frac{m_H}{125.10}\right), \quad \Delta_t = \left(\frac{m_t}{172.9}\right) - 1, \quad \Delta_\tau = \left(\frac{m_\tau}{1.777}\right) - 1, \quad \Delta_{\alpha_s} = \frac{\alpha_s(m_Z)}{0.1179} - 1, \quad \Delta_{\text{CKM}} = \frac{|V_{cd}|^2 + |V_{cs}|^2}{0.218^2 + 0.997^2} - 1$$

W widths (GeV)	Γ_0	c_1	c_2	c_3	c_4	c_5	c_6	c_7	Max dev.
Γ_W^{lep}	679.35	676.78	–	–	0.04674	0.47745	–	–0.347428	< 0.00002
Γ_W^{had} (exp. CKM)	1440.28	1446.61	734.557	53.76	–	–	–1.24411	–	< 0.0002
Γ_W^{had} (CKM unit.)	1410.21	1409.59	–	52.34	–	–	–1.15932	–	< 0.0002
Γ_W^{tot} (exp. CKM)	2119.58	2044.8	732.55	50.67	0.03980	0.46258	–1.0723	–0.36408	< 0.0002
Γ_W^{tot} (CKM unit.)	2089.51	2088.26	–	52.28	0.04790	0.47842	–1.2683	–0.32942	< 0.0002

► **Numerical evaluation** of W boson (N³LO + EW corrs.) pseudo-observables :

W boson observables	GFITTER 2.2 (NNLO)	this work (N ³ LO)		experiment
		(exp. CKM)	(CKM unit.)	
Γ_W^{lep} (MeV)	–	$679.4 \pm 0.3_{\text{par}} \pm 0.5_{\text{th}}$		682.2 ± 10.2
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)	$2091.8 \pm 1.0_{\text{par}}$	$2119.6 \pm 23.9_{\text{par}} \pm 0.7_{\text{th}}$	$2089.5 \pm 1.1_{\text{par}} \pm 0.7_{\text{th}}$	2085 ± 42
R_W	–	$2.1200 \pm 0.0352_{\text{par}} \pm 0.0016_{\text{th}}$	$2.0757 \pm 0.0014_{\text{par}} \pm 0.0015_{\text{th}}$	2.0684 ± 0.0254

α_s from hadronic W decays (Update)

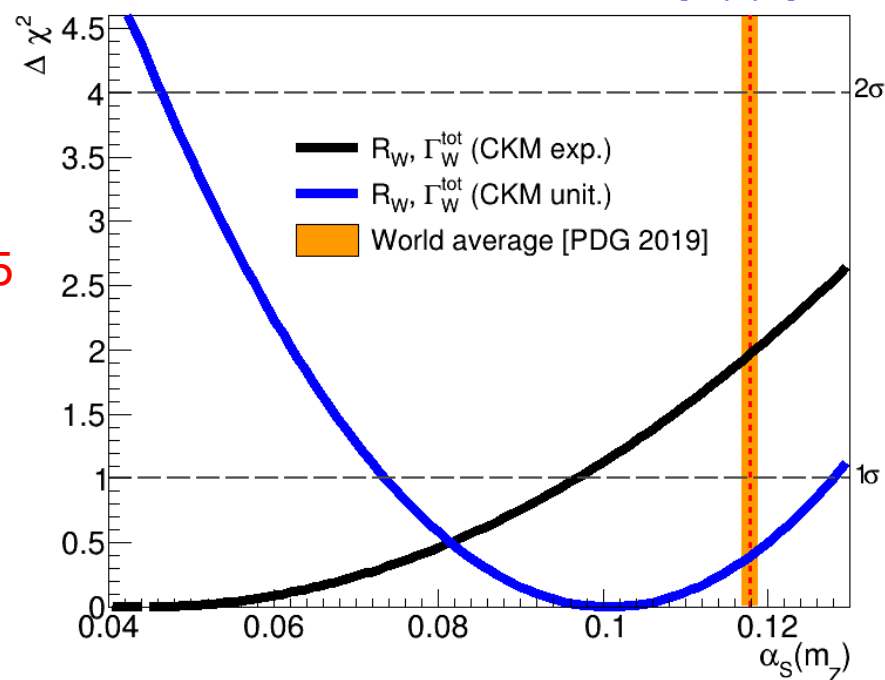
♦ QCD coupling extracted from **new N³LO fit of combined Γ_W , R_W pseudo-observ.**:

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

♦ Still 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 coupling with **$\sim 27\%$ precision**
- **Propagated TH uncertainty** much smaller today than exp. ones: **$\sim 1\%$**

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

α_s from hadronic Z decays (future)

► 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	exp.	uncertainties	
			param.	theor.
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
All combined (FCC-ee)	0.12030 ± 0.00026	± 0.00013	± 0.00005	± 0.00022
Global SM fit (FCC-ee)	0.12020 ± 0.00026	± 0.00013	± 0.00005	± 0.00022

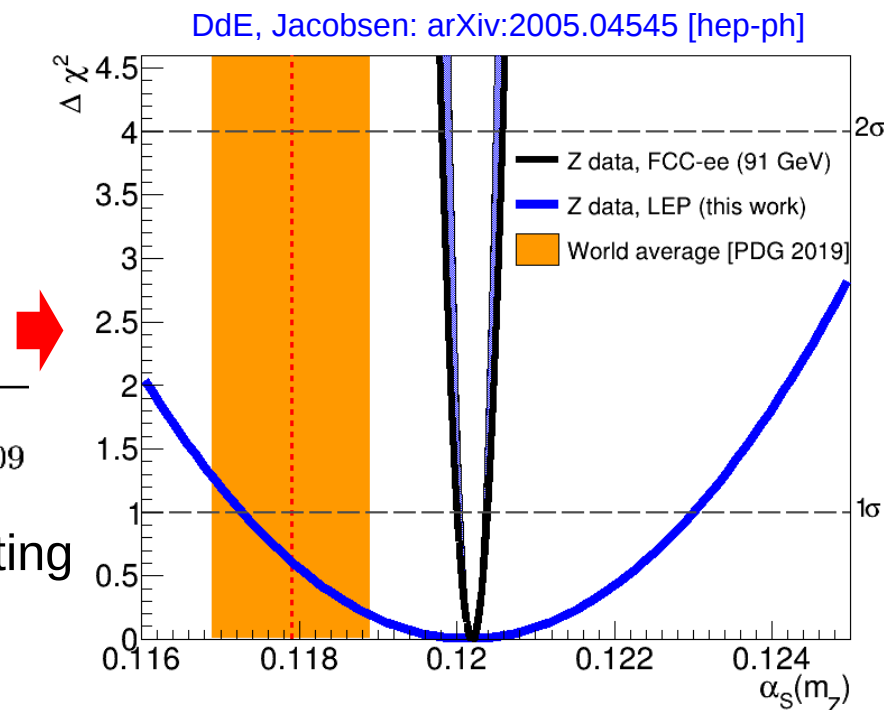
► FCC-ee:

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

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

- TH uncert. to be reduced by $\times 4$ computing missing $\alpha_s^5, \alpha^3, \alpha\alpha_s^2, \alpha\alpha_s^2, \alpha^2\alpha_s$ terms

- 10 times better precision than today:
 $\delta\alpha_s/\alpha_s \sim \pm 0.2\%$ (exp+th), $\pm 0.1\%$ (exp)
 Strong (B)SM consistency test.



$$\alpha_s(m_Z) = 0.12030 \pm 0.00028 \quad (\pm 0.2\%)$$

α_s from hadronic W decays (future)

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

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

➤ FCC-ee extraction:

– Huge W pole stats. ($\times 10^4$ LEP-2).

– Exquisite syst./parametric precision:

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

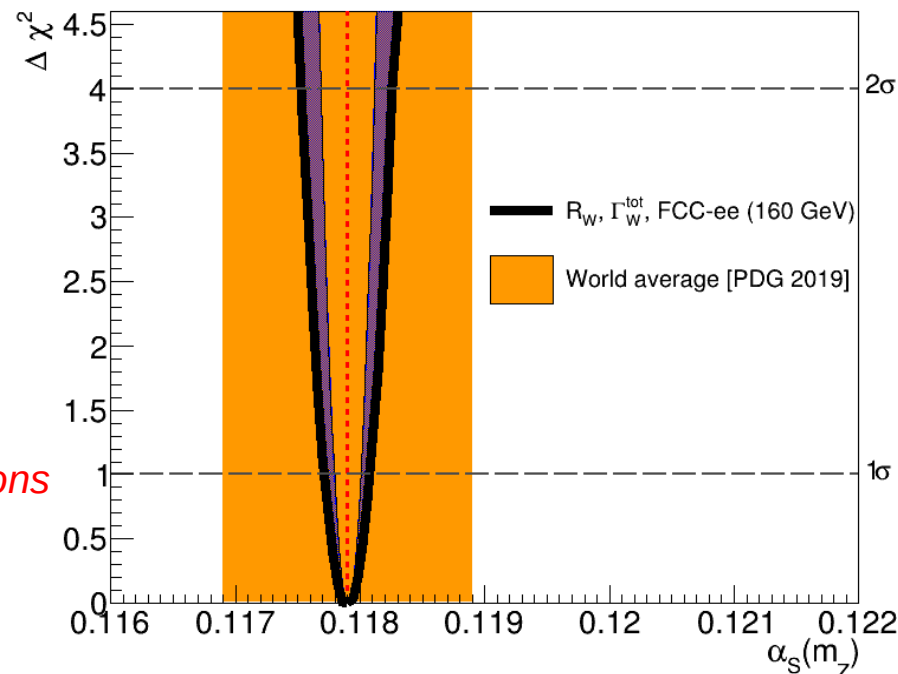
$$R_W = 2.08000 \pm 0.00008$$

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

$$|V_{cs}| = 0.97359 \pm 0.00010 \leftarrow O(10^{12}) \text{ D mesons}$$

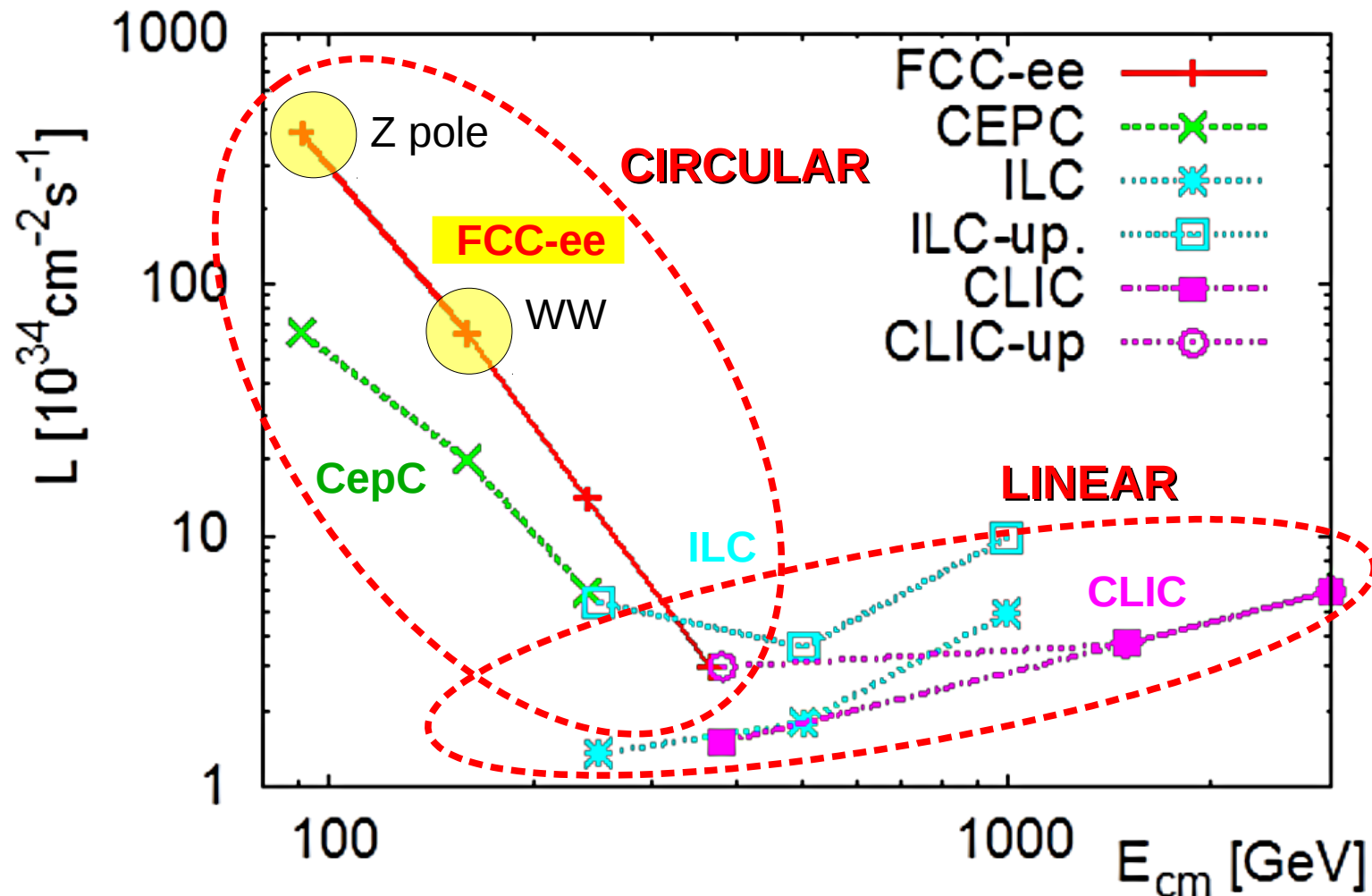
– TH uncertainty to be reduced by $\times 10$
after computing missing $\alpha_s^5, \alpha_s^2, \alpha_s^3,$
 $\alpha\alpha_s^2, \alpha\alpha_s^2, \alpha^2\alpha_s$ terms

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

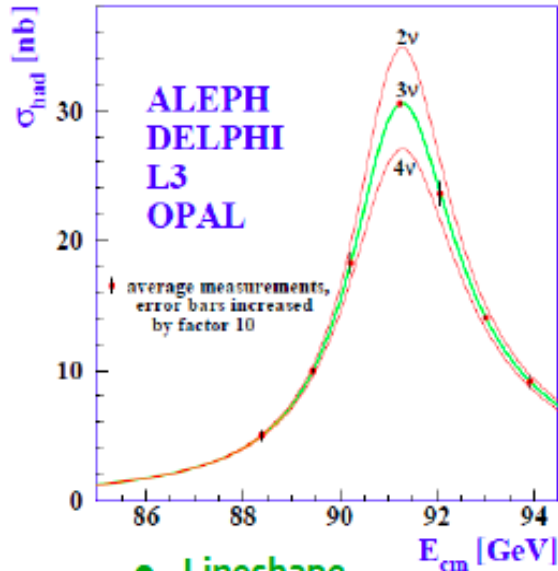
Future e^+e^- colliders under discussion



- FCC-ee features lumis a few times larger than other machines over 90–240 GeV
- Unparalleled Z, W, jets, τ ,... data sets: Negligible α_s stat. uncertainties

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

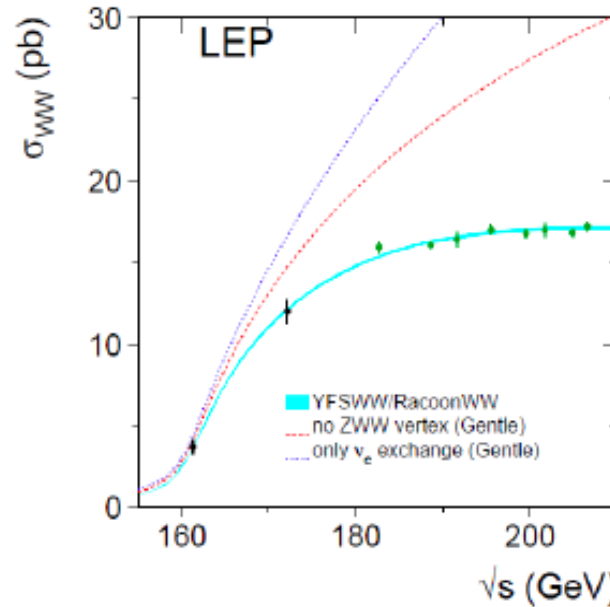
➔ $\sin^2\theta_W$ to 5×10^{-6}

● 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

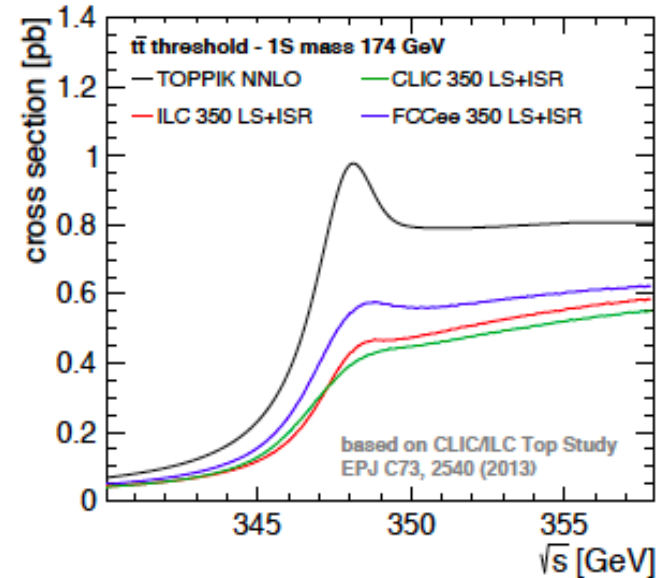
● Branching ratios R_l, R_{had}

➔ $\alpha_s(m_W)$ 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%

■ Unparalleled Z, W, jets, τ, \dots data sets: Negligible α_s stat. uncertainties

■ Unparalleled syst. uncert.: $\delta E_{\text{cm}}(Z, W) \sim 0.1, 0.3$ MeV \rightarrow Very precise $\Gamma_{W,Z}$

α_s from hadronic W decays (today)

- Width known at N^3LO . As for Z boson, small sensitivity to α_s (only beyond Born):

$$\Gamma_{W, \text{had}} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{4\pi} G_F m_W^3 \sum_{\text{quarks } i,j} |V_{i,j}|^2 \left[1 + \sum_{k=1}^4 \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \right)^k + \delta_{\text{electroweak}}(\alpha) + \delta_{\text{mixed}}(\alpha\alpha_s) \right]$$

[EWK: -0.35%]

- Recalculation of **partial and total** hadronic W widths:

DdE, Srebre:arXiv:1603.06501

Partial widths (MeV)	$\Gamma^{(0)}$	$\Gamma_{\text{QCD}}^{(1)}$	$\Gamma_{\text{QCD}}^{(2)}$	$\Gamma_{\text{QCD}}^{(3)}$	$\Gamma_{\text{QCD}}^{(4)}$	Γ_{ewk}	Γ_{mixed}	Γ_{had}^W
$W \rightarrow qq'$ (exp. V_{ij})	1379.851	52.931	2.857	-0.992	-0.238	-5.002	-0.755	$1428.65 \pm 22.40_{\text{par}} \pm 0.04_{\text{th}}$
$W \rightarrow qq'$ ($V_{ij}V_{jk} = \delta_{ik}$)	1363.197	52.291	2.822	-0.980	-0.235	-4.942	-0.746	$1411.40 \pm 0.96_{\text{par}} \pm 0.04_{\text{th}}$
$W \rightarrow qq'$ (exp. V_{ij}) [5]	1408.980	54.087	2.927	-1.018	-0.245	-5.132	-0.779	$1458.820 \pm 0.006_{\text{th}}$
$W \rightarrow qq'$ ($V_{ij}V_{jk} = \delta_{ik}$) [5]	1363.640	52.346	2.833	-0.985	-0.237	-4.940	-0.748	$1411.910 \pm 0.006_{\text{th}}$

- Careful evaluation of parametric (V_{ij} , m_W) & theoretical **uncertainties**:

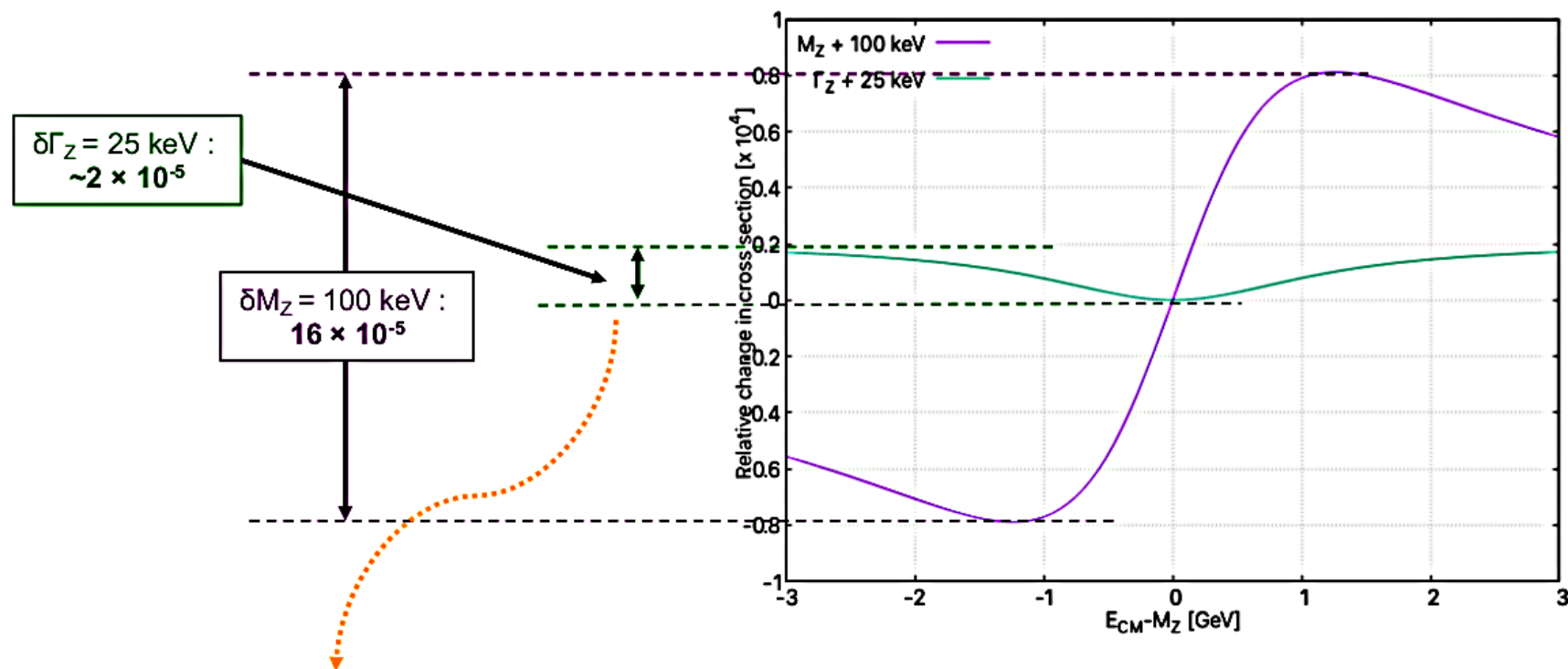
- **Parametric** uncertainty: ± 22.40 MeV (dominated by V_{cs})
 ± 0.96 MeV (CKM unitarity, dominated by m_W)
- Higher-order QCD corrections: ± 0.2 MeV (diffs. N^3LO vs N^4LO for Γ_Z)
- Higher-order EWK, mixed corrections: ± 0.035 MeV (from D.Kara NPB877(2013)683)
- Others (non-pQCD (Λ_{QCD}/m_W)⁴, finite q masses above LO, ren. scheme,...): negligible

FCC-ee (91 GeV) syst. uncertainties

- ◆ FCC-ee goal: Via Z line-shape scan, determine Z parameters to precisions:

$$\delta M_Z = 100 \text{ keV} ; \quad \delta \Gamma_Z = 25 \text{ keV}$$

□ Plot shows relative change in cross section across Z resonance for parameter variation of this size



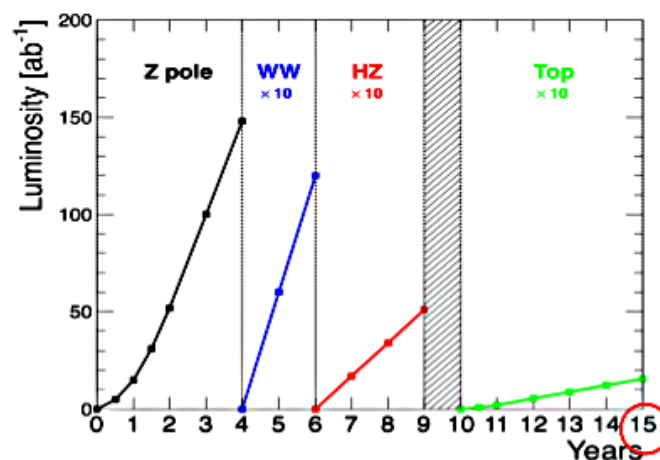
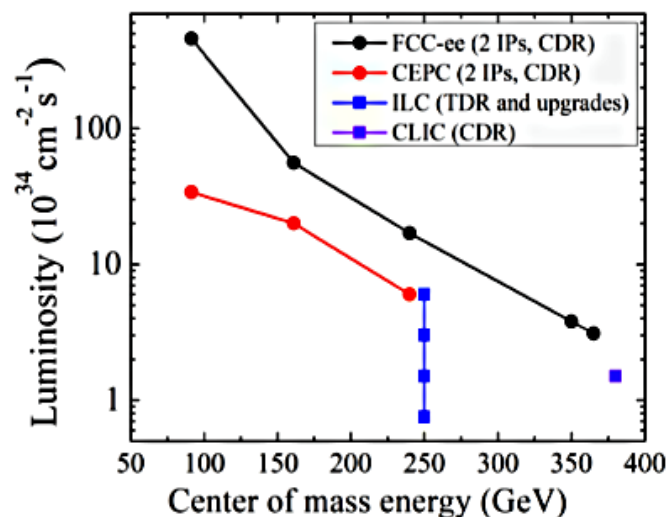
- ◆ Z width measurement most demanding: Need relative normalisation to about 10^{-5}

□ Need statistics of order 10^{10}

□ Need careful control of energy dependent effects

FCC-ee Luminosity, Operation, Data samples

Largest luminosities in the 88 – 365 GeV energy range



Event statistics

$5 \times 10^{12} e^+e^- \rightarrow Z$
 $10^8 e^+e^- \rightarrow W^+W^-$
 $10^6 e^+e^- \rightarrow HZ$
 $10^6 e^+e^- \rightarrow tt$

\sqrt{s} precision

100 keV
 300 keV
 1 MeV
 2 MeV

Working point	Z, years 1-2	Z, later	WW	HZ	tt threshold...	... and above
$\sqrt{s}(\text{GeV})$	88, 91, 94		157, 163	240	340–350	365
Lumi/IP ($10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$)	100	200	25	7	0.8	1.4
Lumi/year (2 IP)	24 ab^{-1}	48 ab^{-1}	6 ab^{-1}	1.7 ab^{-1}	0.2 ab^{-1}	0.34 ab^{-1}
Physics goal	150 ab^{-1}		10 ab^{-1}	5 ab^{-1}	0.2 ab^{-1}	1.5 ab^{-1}
Run time (year)	2	2	2	3	1	4