# Determination of $\alpha_{s}$ from the Z-boson $q_{T}$ distribution at hadron colliders

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Wonderful person, outstanding physicist

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## The idea: $\alpha_{S}$ from semi-inclusive processes

#### QCD COHERENT BRANCHING AND SEMI-INCLUSIVE PROCESSES AT LARGE x\*

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 $\alpha_{\rm s}^{\rm (MC)} = \alpha_{\rm s}^{\rm (\overline{\rm MS})} \left( 1 + K \frac{\alpha_{\rm s}^{\rm (MS)}}{2\pi} \right),$ 

 $\Lambda_{\rm MC} = \Lambda_{\rm \overline{MS}} \exp(K/4\pi\beta_0)$  $\approx 1.569 \Lambda_{\rm \overline{MS}} \quad \text{for } N_{\rm f} = 5.$ 

In this paper we have studied [...] the next-to-leading logarithmic terms in semi-inclusive hard processes such as the DIS and DY processes at large x. Since the Monte Carlo algorithm with these improvements is accurate to next-to-leading order in the large-x region, it can be used to determine the fundamental QCD scale  $\Lambda_{MS}$ 

## The idea: $\alpha_{\rm S}$ from semi-inclusive processes

### Advantages:

- higher sensitivity to  $\alpha_s$  w.r.t. *inclusive* observables;
- calculable at **higher theoretical accuracy** w.r.t. *exclusive* observables.

Challenges:

- sensitivity to infrared (Sudakov) logs;
- sensitivity non perturbative QCD effects.

Classical semi-inclusive obs. at hadron colliders: high invariant-mass Drell–Yan lepton pair at small transverse-momentum (q<sub>T</sub>).

### $\alpha_{S}$ from Z-boson q<sub>T</sub> distribution

0.10

0.08

0.02

Spp̄S ( $\sqrt{s} = 0.63$  TeV)

Tevatron ( $\sqrt{s} = 1.96 \text{ TeV}$ ) LHC ( $\sqrt{s} = 7 - 8 \text{ TeV}$ )

80 100 12

u- variations

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[UA2 Coll.('92)]
compared with
[Altarelli et al.('84)]

[D0 Coll.('08,'10)]
compared with
[Catani et al.('10)]

 $nn \rightarrow Z^0 + X \rightarrow 1^+1^- + X$ 

96 TeV MSTW2

0.0200

0.0100

0.0050

0.0020

0.0010

0.0005

10

a. (GeV)



[ATLAS Coll.('14)] compared with [Catani et al.('15)]

### Drell–Yan q<sub>T</sub> distribution

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{h}_1(\mathbf{p}_1) + \mathbf{h}_2(\mathbf{p}_2) &\to \mathbf{V} + \mathbf{X} \to \ell_1 + \ell_2 + \mathbf{X} \\ \text{where} \quad V = Z^0 / \gamma^*, W^{\pm} \end{split}$$

QCD factorization formula:

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dq_T^2} = \sum_{a,b} \int_0^1 dx_1 \int_0^1 dx_2 f_{a/h_1}(x_1,\mu_F^2) f_{b/h_2}(x_2,\mu_F^2) \frac{d\hat{\sigma}_{ab}}{dq_T^2} (\alpha_S(\mu_R^2),\mu_R^2,\mu_F^2).$$

Fixed-order perturbative expansion reliable

only for  $q_T \sim M$ . When  $q_T \ll M$ :

$$\int_{0}^{q_T^2} d\bar{q}_T^2 \frac{d\hat{\sigma}_{q\bar{q}}}{d\bar{q}_T^2} \sim 1 + \alpha_S \bigg[ c_{12} L_{q_T}^2 + c_{11} L_{q_T} + \cdots \bigg]$$
$$+ \alpha_S^2 \bigg[ c_{24} L_{q_T}^4 + \cdots + c_{21} L_{q_T} + \cdots \bigg] + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_S^3)$$

with  $\alpha_{S}^{n}L_{q_{T}}^{m} \equiv \alpha_{S}^{n}\log^{m}(M^{2}/q_{T}^{2}) \gtrsim 1.$ 

Resummation of logarithmic corrections mandatory.





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#### **q<sub>T</sub>** resummation in QCD [Catani,deFlorian,Grazzini('01)] [Bozzi,Catani,deFlorian,Grazzini('03,'06)]

$$rac{d\hat{\sigma}}{dq_T^2} = rac{d\hat{\sigma}^{(res)}}{dq_T^2} + rac{d\hat{\sigma}^{(fin)}}{dq_T^2};$$

In the impact parameter space:  $q_T \ll M \Leftrightarrow Mb \gg 1$ ,  $\log M/q_T \gg 1 \Leftrightarrow \log Mb \gg 1$ 

$$\frac{d\hat{\sigma}^{(res)}}{dq_T^2} = \frac{M^2}{\hat{s}} \int \frac{d^2 \mathbf{b}}{4\pi} e^{i\mathbf{b}\cdot\mathbf{q}_{\mathsf{T}}} \, \mathcal{W}(\mathbf{b}, \mathbf{M}),$$

In the Mellin space (with respect to  $z = M^2/\hat{s}$ ) we have:

$$\mathcal{W}_{N}(b,M) = \mathcal{H}_{N}(\alpha_{S}) \times \exp \left\{ \mathcal{G}_{N}(\alpha_{S},L) \right\}$$

with  $L \equiv \log(M^2 b^2)$  and  $\alpha_S L \sim 1$ 

$$\mathcal{G}(\alpha_{\mathcal{S}}, \mathcal{L}) = \mathcal{L}g^{(1)}(\alpha_{\mathcal{S}}\mathcal{L}) + g^{(2)}(\alpha_{\mathcal{S}}\mathcal{L}) + \frac{\alpha_{\mathcal{S}}}{\pi}g^{(3)}(\alpha_{\mathcal{S}}\mathcal{L}) + \cdots \qquad \mathcal{H}(\alpha_{\mathcal{S}}) = \hat{\sigma}^{(0)}\left(1 + \frac{\alpha_{\mathcal{S}}}{\pi}\mathcal{H}^{(1)} + \left(\frac{\alpha_{\mathcal{S}}}{\pi}\right)^{2}\mathcal{H}^{(2)} + \cdots\right)$$

 $\mathsf{LL} \ (\sim \alpha_S^n L^{n+1}): \ \mathbf{g}^{(1)}, \ (\hat{\sigma}^{(0)}); \ \mathsf{NLL} \ (\sim \alpha_S^n L^n): \ \mathbf{g}^{(2)}, \ \mathcal{H}^{(1)}; \ \cdots \ \mathsf{N}^k \mathsf{LL} \ (\sim \alpha_S^n L^{n+k-1}): \ \mathbf{g}^{(k+1)}, \ \mathcal{H}^{(k)};$ 

Resummed result at small  $q_T$  matched with corresponding fixed "finite" part at large  $q_T$ : uniform accuracy for  $q_T \ll M$  and  $q_T \sim M$ .

- Resummed effects exponentiated in a universal of Sudakov form factor, process-dependence factorized in the hard-virtual factor  $H_c^F(\alpha_S)$  via all-order formula [Catani,Cieri,deFlorian,G.F.,Grazzini('14)].
- Resummation performed at partonic cross section level: (collinear) PDF evaluated at  $\mu_F \sim M$ ,  $f_N(b_0^2/b^2) = \exp\left\{-\int_{b_0^2/b^2}^{\mu_F^2} \frac{dq^2}{q^2} \gamma_N(\alpha_S(q^2))\right\} f_N(\mu_F^2)$ : no PDF extrapolation in the non perturbative region, study of  $\mu_R$  and  $\mu_F$  dependence as in fixed-order calculations.
- No need for NP models: Landau singularity of α<sub>S</sub> regularized using a Minimal Prescription without power-suppressed corrections [Laenen et al.('00)], [Catani et al.('96)].
- Introduction of resummation scale  $Q \sim M$ : variations give an estimate of the uncertainty from uncalculated logarithmic corrections.

$$\ln(M^2b^2) \rightarrow \ln(Q^2b^2) + \ln(M^2/Q^2)$$

 Perturbative unitarity constraint: recover *exactly* the total cross-section (upon integration on q<sub>T</sub>)

$$\ln(Q^2b^2) \rightarrow \widetilde{L} \equiv \ln(Q^2b^2 + 1) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \exp\left\{\alpha_S^n \widetilde{L}^k\right\}\Big|_{b=0} = 1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \int_0^\infty dq_T^2\left(\frac{d\widehat{\sigma}}{dq_T^2}\right) = \widehat{\sigma}^{(tot)};$$

• General procedure to treat the q<sub>T</sub> recoil [Catani, de Florian, G.F., Grazzini('15)]:

$$\frac{d\hat{\sigma}^{(0)}}{d\boldsymbol{\Omega}} = \hat{\sigma}^{(0)}(M^2) F(\mathbf{q}_{\mathsf{T}}; M^2, \boldsymbol{\Omega}) \text{ with } F(\mathbf{q}_{\mathsf{T}}; M^2, \boldsymbol{\Omega}) = F(\mathbf{0}; M^2, \boldsymbol{\Omega}) + \mathcal{O}(\mathbf{q}_{\mathsf{T}}^2/M^2)$$

## **Connection with CSS and TMD formalisms**

[Collins,Soper,Sterman('85)]

$$\begin{split} h_{1}(p_{1}) & = \int_{z_{1}}^{z_{1}} \int_{z_{1}}^{z_{1}} \int_{z_{1}}^{z_{1}} \int_{z_{1}}^{z_{1}} \int_{z_{2}}^{z_{2}} \int_{z_{2}}$$

$$\tilde{F}_{q_f/h}(x, b, M) = \sum_a \int_x^1 \frac{dz}{z} \sqrt{S_q(M, b)} C_{q_f a}(z; \alpha_S(b_0^2/b^2)) f_{a/h}(x/z, b_0^2/b^2)$$

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### https://dyturbo.hepforge.org.

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# $\mathbf{Z}/\gamma^*$ production at $\mathbf{N}^4\mathbf{L}\mathbf{L}+\mathbf{N}^4\mathbf{L}\mathbf{O}\mathbf{a}$ resummed

### [Camarda,Cieri,G.F.('23)]



**DYTurbo** results. Left: Resummed NLL, NNLL, N<sup>3</sup>LL and N<sup>4</sup>LLa bands for  $Z/\gamma^*$  (left). Right: Uncertainties from approximations of the perturbative coefficients at N4LL+N4LOa compared to scale variations.

# $\mathbf{Z}/\gamma^*$ production: finite part

[Camarda,Cieri,G.F.('21)]



Finite part at  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_5)$ ,  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_5^2)$  and  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_5^3)$  (left) and ratio wrt matched results (right).

### Combining QED and QCD q<sub>T</sub> resummation

[Cieri,G.F.,Sborlini('18)]

We start considering QED contributions to the  $q_T$  spectrum in the case of colourless and **neutral** high mass systems, e.g. on-shell Z boson production

$$h_1 + h_2 \rightarrow Z^0 + X$$

In the impact parameter and Mellin spaces resummed partonic cross section reads:

 $\mathcal{W}_{N}(b,M) = \hat{\sigma}^{(0)} \mathcal{H}'_{N}(\alpha_{S},\alpha) \times \exp\left\{\mathcal{G}'_{N}(\alpha_{S},\alpha,L)\right\}$ 

$$\mathcal{G}'(\alpha_{\mathcal{S}}, \alpha, L) = \mathcal{G}(\alpha_{\mathcal{S}}, L) + L g'^{(1)}(\alpha L) + g'^{(2)}(\alpha L) + \sum_{n=3}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi}\right)^{n-2} g'^{(n)}(\alpha L)$$

+ 
$$g'^{(1,1)}(\alpha_{\mathsf{S}}\mathsf{L},\alpha\mathsf{L})$$
 +  $\sum_{\substack{n,m=1\\n+m\neq 2}}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\alpha_{\mathsf{S}}}{\pi}\right)^{n-1} \left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi}\right)^{m-1} g_{\mathsf{N}}'^{(n,m)}(\alpha_{\mathsf{S}}\mathsf{L},\alpha\mathsf{L})$ 

$$\mathcal{H}'(\alpha_{\mathcal{S}},\alpha) \quad = \quad \mathcal{H}(\alpha_{\mathcal{S}}) + \ \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \mathcal{H}'^{(1)} + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi}\right)^n \ \mathcal{H}_N^{\prime(n)} \ + \ \sum_{n,m=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\alpha_{\mathcal{S}}}{\pi}\right)^n \left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi}\right)^m \ \mathcal{H}_N^{\prime F(n,m)}$$

LL QED (
$$\sim \alpha^n L^{n+1}$$
):  $g'^{(1)}$ ; NLL QED ( $\sim \alpha^n L^n$ ):  $g'^{(2)}$ ,  $\mathcal{H}'^{(1)}$ ; LL mixed QCD-QED ( $\sim \alpha_5^n \alpha^n L^{2n}$ ):  $g'^{(1,1)}$ ;

### Combined QED and QCD $q_T$ resummation for Z production at

[Cieri,G.F.,Sborlini('18)]



the Tevatron



Z qT spectrum at the LHC. NNLL+NNLO QCD combined with the LL (red dashed) and NLL+NLO (blue solid) QED with corresponding QED uncertainty bands. Ratio of the resummation (upper panel) and renormalization (lower panel) QED scale-dependent results with respect to the central value NNLL+NNLO QCD result.

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$$S_{\text{NP}}(b) = \exp\left[-g_{j}(b) - g_{K}(b)\log\frac{m_{\ell\ell}^{2}}{Q_{0}^{2}}\right]$$

$$g_j(b) = \frac{g b^2}{\sqrt{1 + \lambda b^2}} + \operatorname{sign}(q) \left( 1 - \exp\left[-|q| b^4\right] \right)$$
$$g_K(b) = g_0 \left( 1 - \exp\left[-\frac{C_F \alpha_s(b_0/b_*)b^2}{\pi g_0 b_{\lim}^2}\right] \right),$$

S<sub>NP</sub> parameterization from
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# Modelling Z (and W) production for $\sin^2 \theta_{eff}^{I}$ and $M_W$ determinations



Comparison of the measurements of the  $\sin^2\theta_{eff}^{l}.$ 



Measured values of  $M_W$  compared with the prediction of from the global electroweak fit

### Methodology for $\alpha_{S}$ determination



- DYTurbo interfaced to xFitter.
- Defined χ<sup>2</sup> with experimental (β<sub>exp</sub>) and PDFs (β<sub>th</sub>) uncertainties (equivalent to including the new dataset in the PDF using profiling/reweighting).
- The non-perturbative form factor is *S<sub>NP</sub>* left free in the fit.

$$\begin{split} \chi^2(\beta_{\mathrm{exp}},\beta_{\mathrm{th}}) &= \sum_{i=1}^{N_{\mathrm{data}}} \frac{\left(\sigma_i^{\mathrm{exp}} + \sum_j \Gamma_{ij}^{\mathrm{exp}} \beta_{j,\mathrm{exp}} - \sigma_i^{\mathrm{th}} - \sum_k \Gamma_{ik}^{\mathrm{th}} \beta_{k,\mathrm{th}}\right)^2}{\Delta_i^2} \\ &+ \sum_j \beta_{j,\mathrm{exp}}^2 + \sum_k \beta_{k,\mathrm{th}}^2 \,. \end{split}$$

### Z-boson q<sub>T</sub> measurement at CDF

The CDF measurement of  $Z/\gamma^* \rightarrow e^+e^-$  ( $\sqrt{s} = 1.96 \, TeV$  with  $\int \mathcal{L} = 2.1 f b^{-1}$ ) [CDF Coll.('10)] is ideal for  $\alpha_S(m_Z)$  determination.



[CDF Coll.('10)]

- Measurement in full-lepton phase space with small extrapolation using angular coefficients method ⇒ allows fast analytic predictions with DYTurbo.
- *pp̄* collisions: small contribution from heavy-flavour in initial state (0.4% *bb̄* → *Z*, 1.3% *cc̄* → *Z*). Quark mass effects negligible.
- Low pile-up and good electron resolution.
   Fine q<sub>T</sub> bins (0.5GeV) with relatively small bin-to-bin correlations.

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46/39	
219/159	
53/42	
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	$\alpha_S(m_Z)$	$g [GeV^2]$	$\chi^2/dof$
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CT18	$0.1189 \pm 0.0010$	$0.67 \pm 0.05$	40/53
CT18Z	$0.1198 \pm 0.0009$	$0.62 \pm 0.05$	41/53
MSHT20	$0.1185 \pm 0.0009$	$0.72 \pm 0.05$	40/53
HERAPDF2.0	$0.1188 \pm 0.0008$	$0.69 \pm 0.05$	40/53
ABMP16	$0.1185 \pm 0.0007$	$0.62 \pm 0.05$	42/53
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$\mu_R/m_{\ell\ell}$	$\mu_F/m_{\ell\ell}$	$Q/m_{\ell\ell}$	$\alpha_S(m_Z)$	g [GeV <sup>2</sup> ]	χ <sup>2</sup> /dof
1	1	1	$0.1192 \pm 0.0008$	$0.66 \pm 0.05$	41/53
1	1	2	$0.1183 \pm 0.0007$	$0.77 \pm 0.05$	40/53
1	1	0.5	$0.1196 \pm 0.0008$	$0.57 \pm 0.05$	42/53
1	2	1	$0.1194 \pm 0.0008$	$0.66 \pm 0.05$	41/53
1	2	2	$0.1183 \pm 0.0007$	$0.77 \pm 0.05$	41/53
1	0.5	1	$0.1193 \pm 0.0008$	$0.68 \pm 0.05$	42/53
1	0.5	0.5	$0.1196 \pm 0.0008$	$0.59 \pm 0.05$	42/53
2	1	1	$0.1193 \pm 0.0008$	$0.67 \pm 0.05$	42/53
2	1	2	$0.1194 \pm 0.0008$	$0.70 \pm 0.05$	41/53
2	2	1	$0.1192 \pm 0.0008$	$0.65 \pm 0.05$	42/53
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0.5	1	1	$0.1184 \pm 0.0007$	$0.75 \pm 0.05$	42/53
0.5	1	0.5	$0.1192 \pm 0.0007$	$0.64 \pm 0.05$	41/53
0.5	0.5	1	$0.1183 \pm 0.0007$	$0.75 \pm 0.05$	42/53
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$b_{lim} = 2 \text{ GeV}^{-1}$	$0.1187 \pm 0.0007$	$0.83\pm0.05$
$b_{\lim} \rightarrow \infty$	$0.1199 \pm 0.0008$	$0.42 \pm 0.05$
g <sub>k</sub>	$0.1186 \pm 0.0008$	$0.65 \pm 0.05$
$q = 0.1 \text{ GeV}^4$	$0.1197 \pm 0.0008$	$0.51 \pm 0.05$
VFN PDF evolution	$0.1190 \pm 0.0007$	$0.71 \pm 0.05$

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### **Fit results**



Statistical uncertainty		$\pm 0.7$	
Experimental systematic uncertainty		$\pm 0.1$	
PDF uncertainty (NNPDF4.0)		$\pm 0.4$	
PDF uncertainty (envelope of PDFs)		$\pm 0.7$	
Scale variations uncertainties	+0.4		- 0.9
Matching at $O(\alpha_S^3)$		$\pm 0.1$	
Non-perturbative model		±0.7	
Flavour model	0		- 0.3
QED ISR		$< \pm 0.1$	
Lower limit of fit range		$\pm 0.2$	
Total	+1.3		- 1.6

Simultaneous fit of  $\alpha_{S}(m_{Z})$  and g at N<sup>3</sup>LL+ $O(\alpha_{S}^{3})$  (N<sup>3</sup>LL+N<sup>3</sup>LO):

 $\alpha_{\rm S}({\rm m_Z}) = 0.1191^{+0.0013}_{-0.0016}$ 

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## Z-boson q<sub>T</sub> measurement at ATLAS





First measurement at the LHC of full-lepton phase space cross sections. Double differential in pT and rapidity.

Permille level precision in the central region, subpercent uncertainties up to |y| < 3.6. Dominant uncertainties from lepton calibration. Very small (negligible) theory uncertainties.

	UA1/UA2	LEP	Tevatron 1.96 TeV	LHC 8 TeV	LHC 13 TeV
$Z \rightarrow \ell \ell$ events	200	500 K	300 K	15 M	150 M

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# Z-boson $q_T$ measurement at ATLAS vs theory



DYTurbo predictions at N<sup>4</sup>LLa accuracy compared with data [ATLAS Coll.('23)].

Time performance of  $\mathcal{O}(seconds)$ : (with exception of V+jet term with fiducial lepton cuts).

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## Exp. and theory uncertainties

Table 1:	Summary of	the uncertainties in the determination of $\alpha_s(m_Z)$ , in units	of $10^{-3}$ .
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Experimental uncertainty	±0.44		
PDF uncertainty	$\pm 0$	.51	
Scale variation uncertainties	$\pm 0$	±0.42	
Matching to fixed order	0	-0.08	
Non-perturbative model	+0.12	-0.20	
Flavour model	+0.40	-0.29	
QED ISR	$\pm 0$	.14	
N <sup>4</sup> LL approximation	$\pm 0.04$		
Total	+0.91	-0.88	

## **Fit results**



Simultaneous fit of  $\alpha_S(m_Z)$  and NP parameters at N<sup>4</sup>LL+ $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_S^3)$ :

 $\alpha_{\rm S}({\rm m_Z}) = 0.11828^{+0.00084}_{-0.00088}$ 

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# $\alpha_{S}$ from Energy-Energy-Correlation in e<sup>+</sup>e<sup>-</sup>



Comparison with data of the resummed EEC spectrum at N<sup>3</sup>LL+NLO with non perturbative  $k_T$  dependent effects parameterized by a NP form factor  $S_{NP} = \exp\{-g_2b^2\}(1-g_1b)$  [G.F., Aglietti('24)].

### Conclusions

- Novel methodology for determination of  $\alpha_S(m_Z)$  based on Z-boson small- $q_T$  distribution.
- Based on N<sup>4</sup>LL+ $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_5^3)$  resummed QCD predictions.
- Extraction from CDF Tevatron and ATLAS LHC data.
- Result in agreement with the world average.
- Precise collider determination: less than 1% relative uncertainty.
- Crucial development of DYTurbo program to compute fast and accurate theoretical predictions: https://dyturbo.hepforge.org