

QCD physics at the Future Circular Collider

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Particle physics at the end of 2024

- Apart from the Higgs discovery, **all fundamental questions that motivated the LHC still remain open!** *DM, matter-antimatter asymm., EW-Planck hierarchy, ν masses, strong CP problem, DE, cosmol.const, inflation,...*
- World priority is a **high-precision Higgs factory** to precisely probe the crucial scalar sector of the SM.
- FCC-ee Feasibility Study:
 - Model-indep. Higgs **couplings down to 0.1%: Indirect BSM up to $\Lambda \approx 7$ (70) TeV (+EW observ.)**
 - Higgs **Yukawa couplings to lightest fermions** (u,d,s,e, ν ?,DM?)
Flavor-violating $H \rightarrow qq'$ decays?
- Followed by energy-frontier **hadron collider (FCC-hh): H selfcoupling + direct BSM searches up to $\Lambda \approx 100$ TeV**



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High-priority future initiatives

A. An electron-positron Higgs factory is the highest-priority next collider. For the longer term, the European particle physics community has the ambition to operate a proton-proton collider at the highest achievable energy. Accomplishing these compelling goals will require innovation and cutting-edge technology:

- *the particle physics community should ramp up its R&D effort focused on advanced accelerator technologies, in particular that for high-field superconducting magnets, including high-temperature superconductors;*
- *Europe, together with its international partners, should investigate the technical and financial feasibility of a future hadron collider at CERN with a centre-of-mass energy of at least 100 TeV and with an electron-positron Higgs and electroweak factory as a possible first stage. Such a feasibility study of the colliders and related infrastructure should be established as a global endeavour and be completed on the timescale of the next Strategy update.*

CERN Future Circular Collider (FCC)



- 90.7 km tunnel
- 4 experimental sites
- Deepest shaft 400 m, average 240 m

Two stages

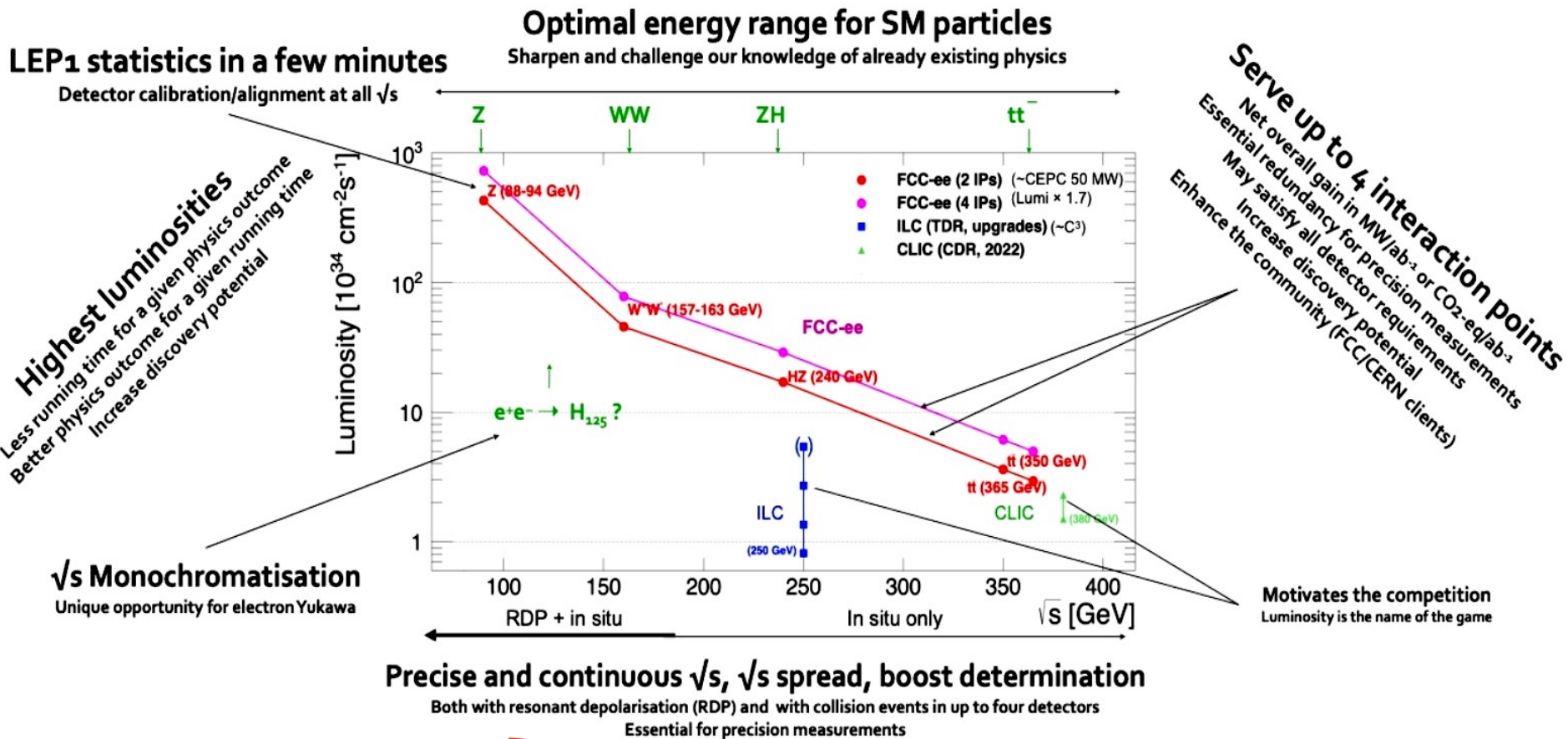
- FCC-ee (~15 years)
- FCC-hh (>20 years)



Exploit **world-class international community, facilities, and sci-tech *savoir-faire*** accumulated at CERN over the last **70 years!**

“I believe FCC is the best project for CERN’s future, we need to work together to make it happen“
- Fabiola Gianotti, FCC Week London, 5th June 2023

Impressive FCC-ee luminosities



$6 \cdot 10^{12}$ Z bosons

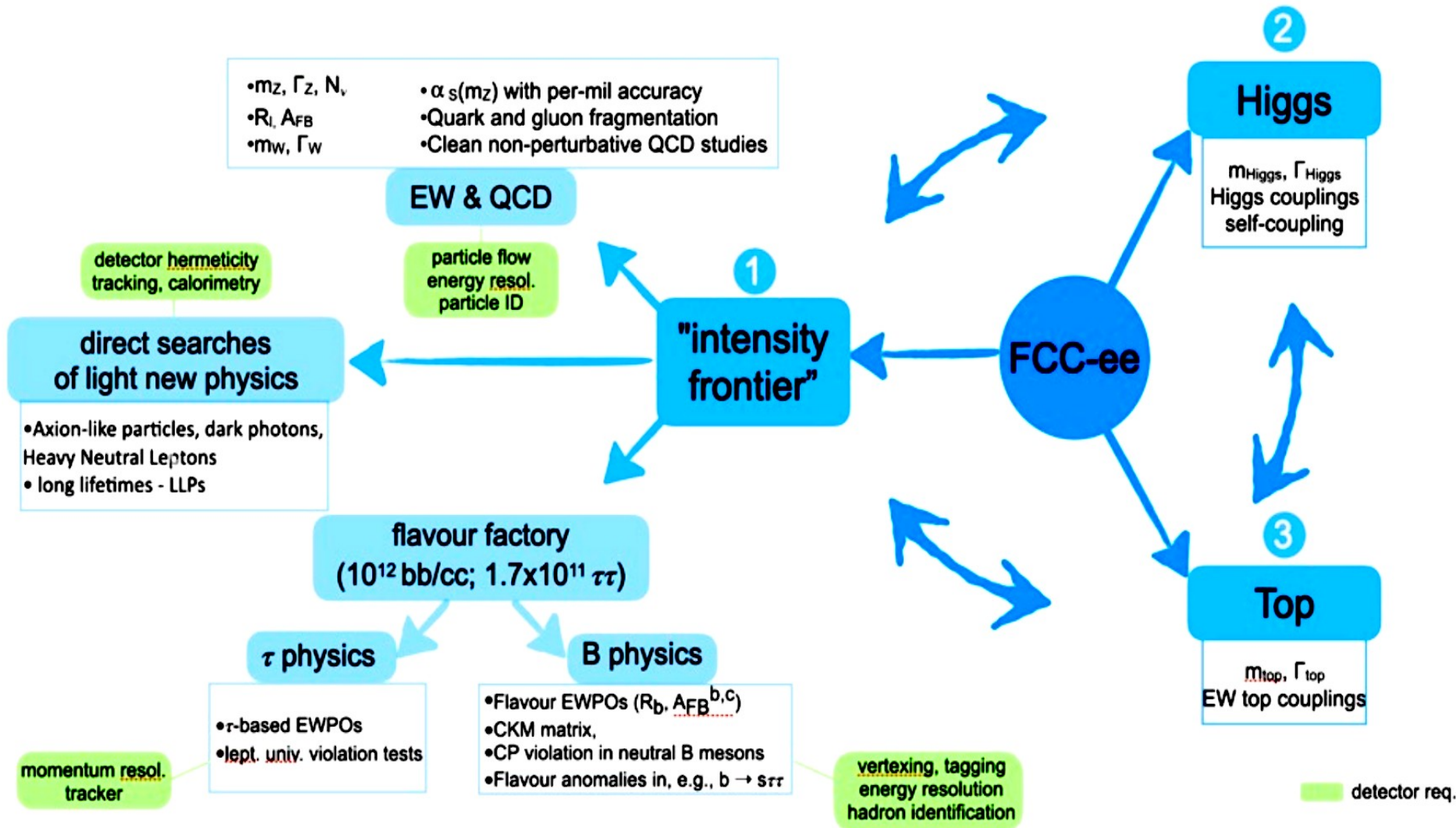
$5 \cdot 10^8$ W bosons

$2 \cdot 10^6$ Higgs bosons

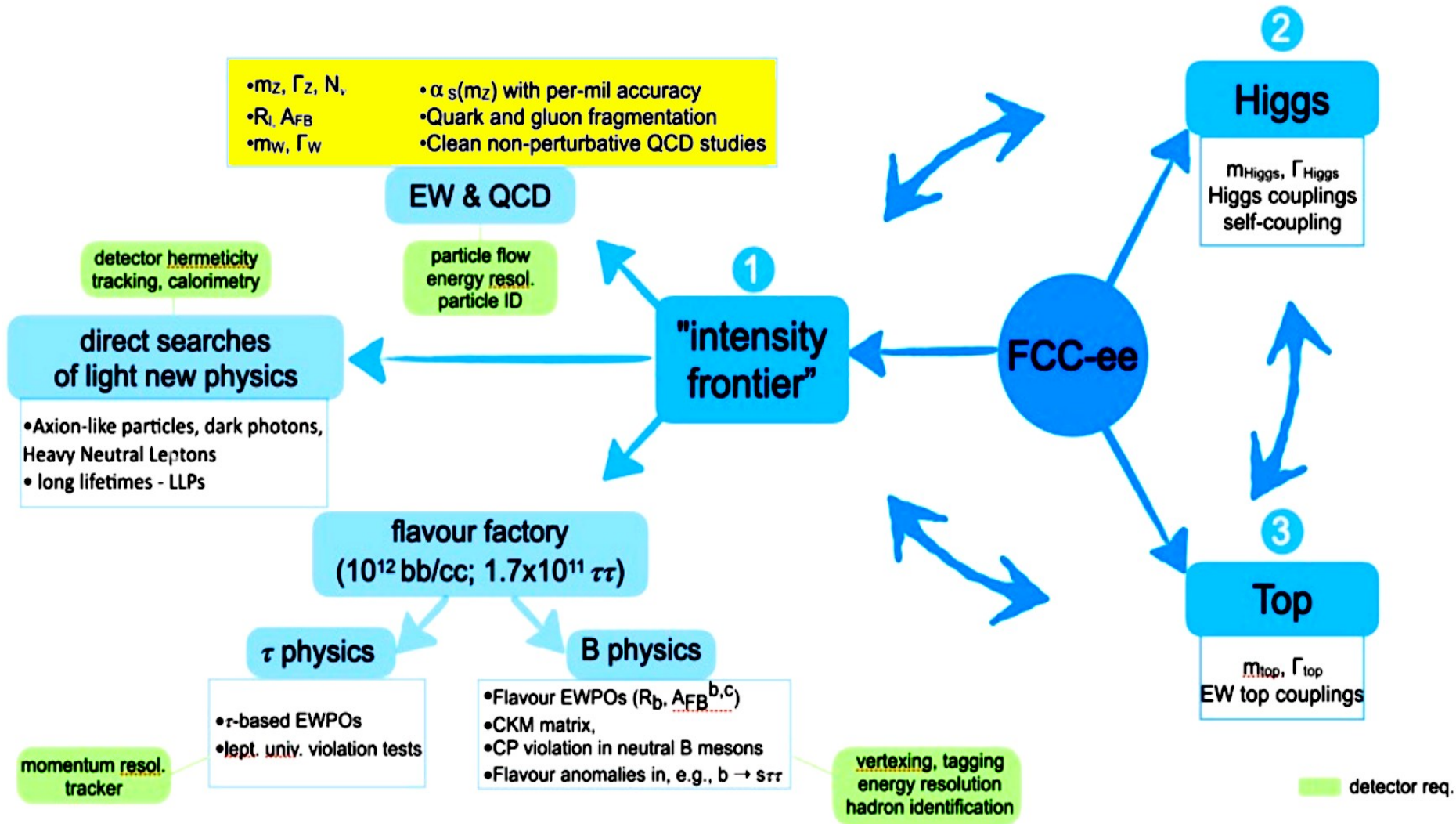
$4 \cdot 10^6$ top quarks

Heaviest SM particles (plus their u,d,s,c,b,g decay jets for QCD studies) probed **in pristine conditions...**

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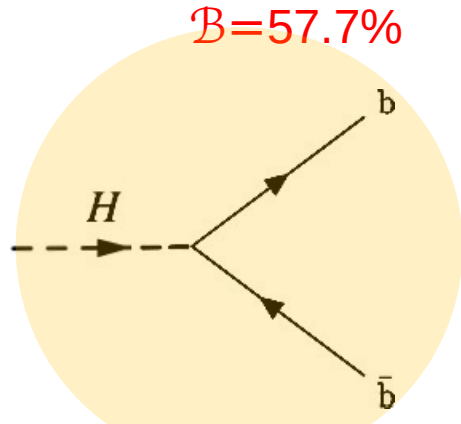


QCD at the core of future e^+e^- colliders

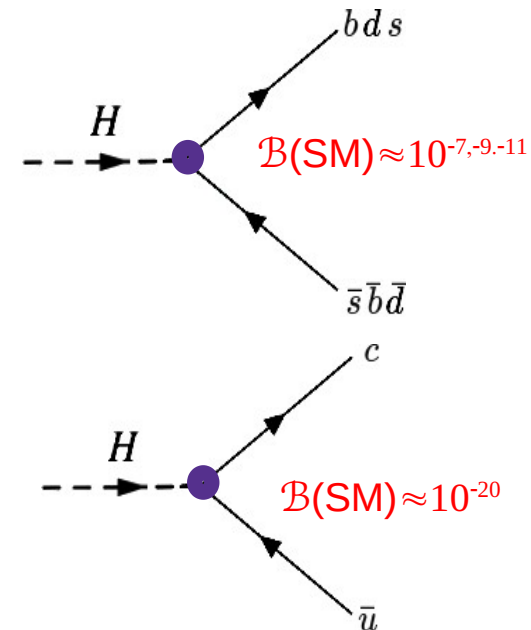
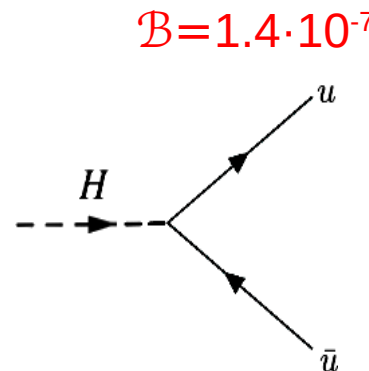
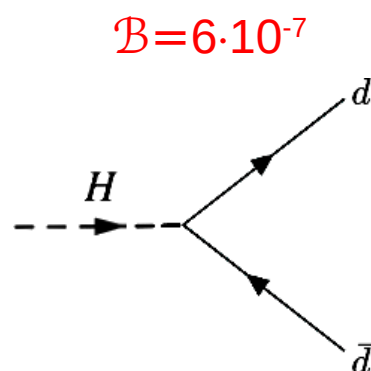
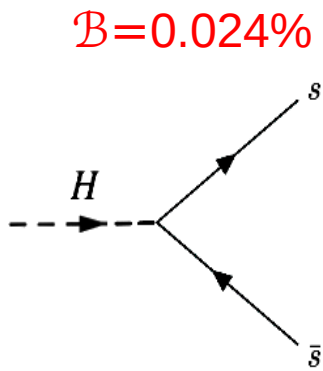
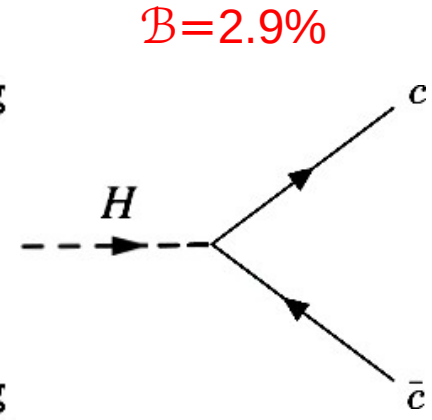
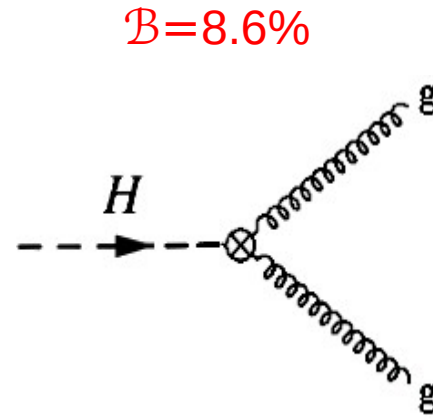
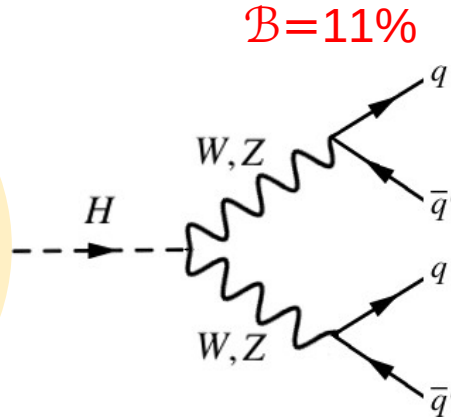
- Though QCD is not per se the driving force for FCC-ee, it is crucial for a huge range of studies:
 - ▶ 70–80% of H, Z, W boson decays have fully hadronic final states!
- 1. Precise α_s determination is needed to accurately & precisely predict all SM x-sections & decay rates (Higgs, top, EWPOs,...)
- 2. Higher-order (N^n LO, N^n LL) calculations crucial to gain precise control over hadronic final states & jet dynamics.
- 3. Heavy/light quark & gluon separation (flavour tagging, substructure,...) is key for multiple SM measurements (H Yukawas,...) and BSM searches ($X \rightarrow jj$ decays,...).
- 4. Non-perturbative QCD (hadronisation, colour reconnection,...) impacts studies with hadronic final states: $e^+e^- \rightarrow WW, t\bar{t}$ (\rightarrow jets), m_W , m_{top} extractions.

QCD at the core of the Higgs e^+e^- programme

- 80% of the Higgs decays are **fully hadronic!** (Light Yukawas, FCNC Higgs...)



Only hadronic decay channel observed so far!



Precision QCD in e^+e^- collisions

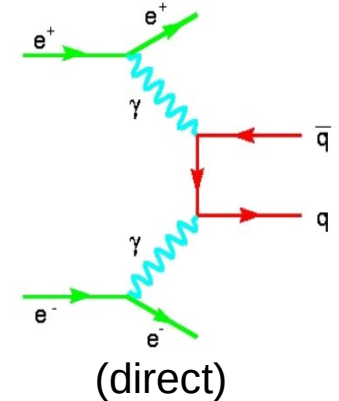
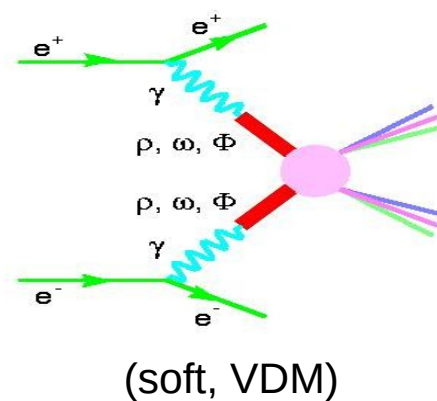
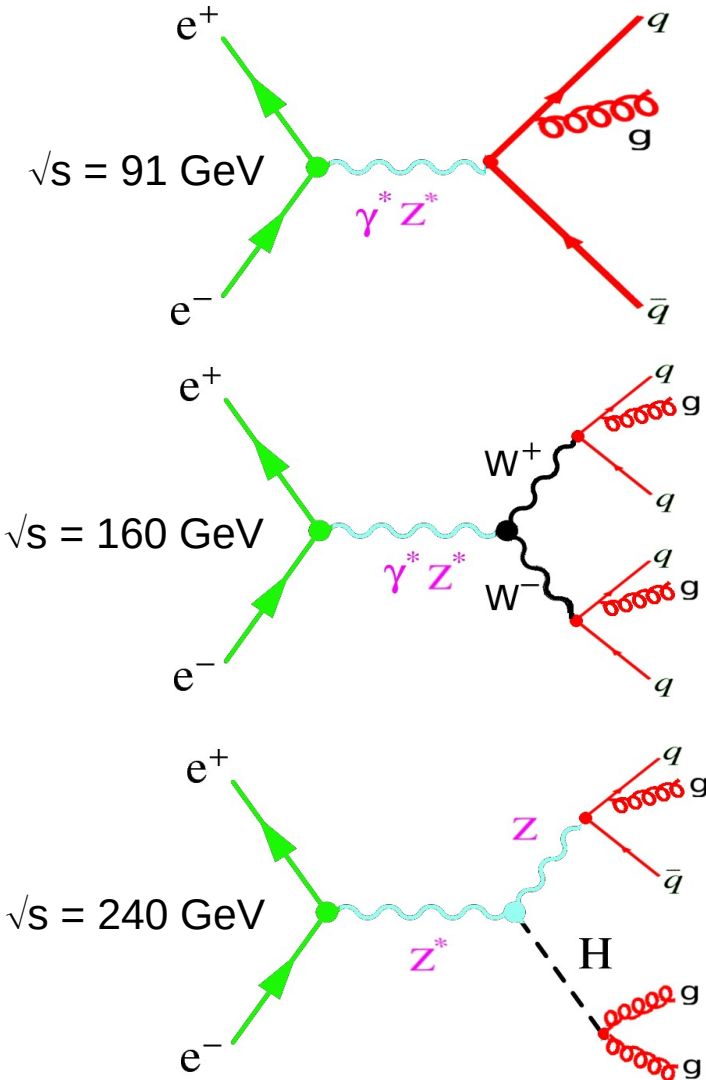
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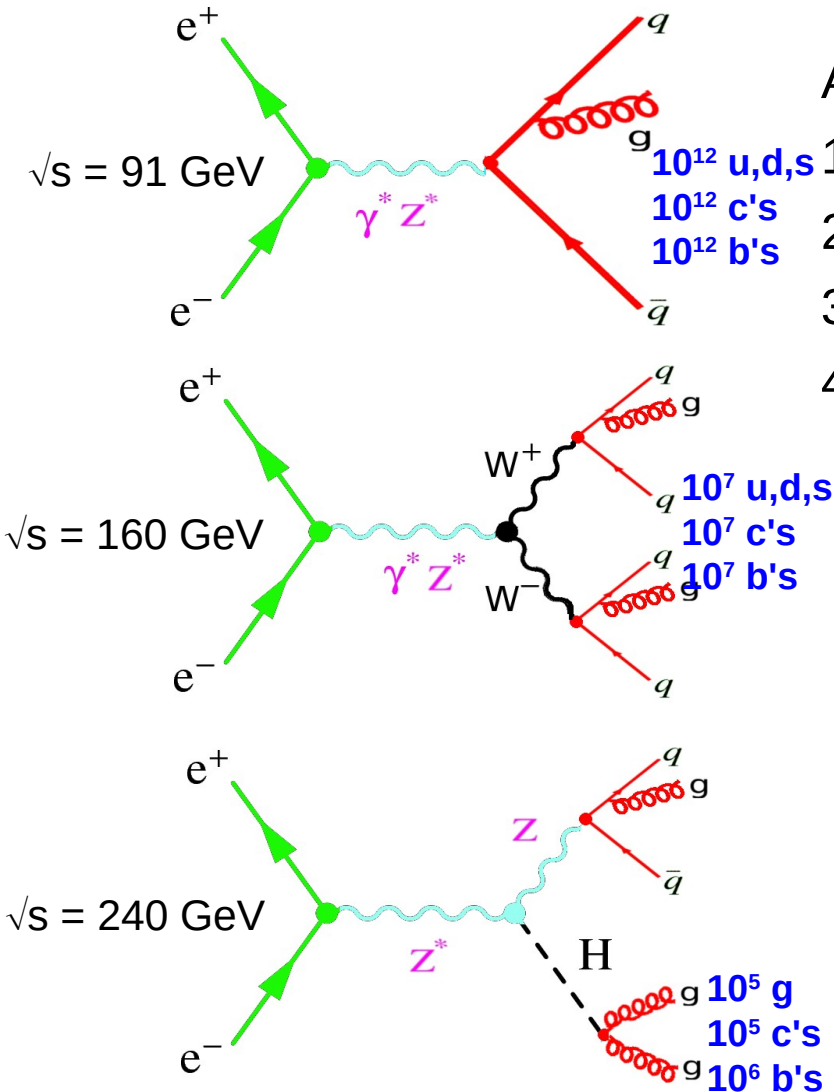
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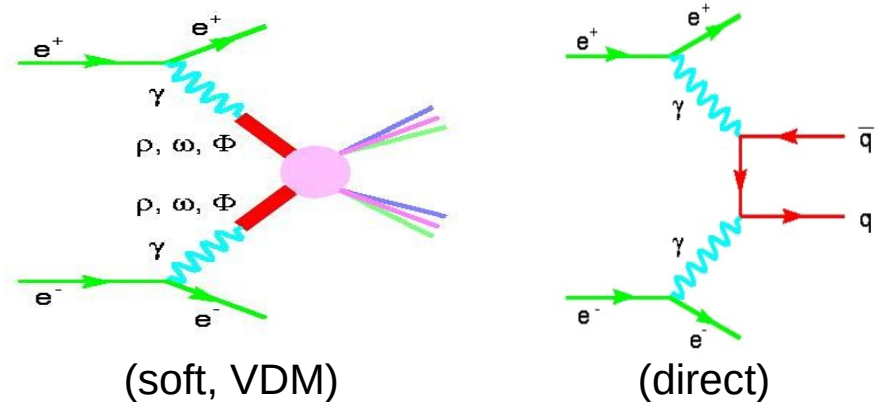


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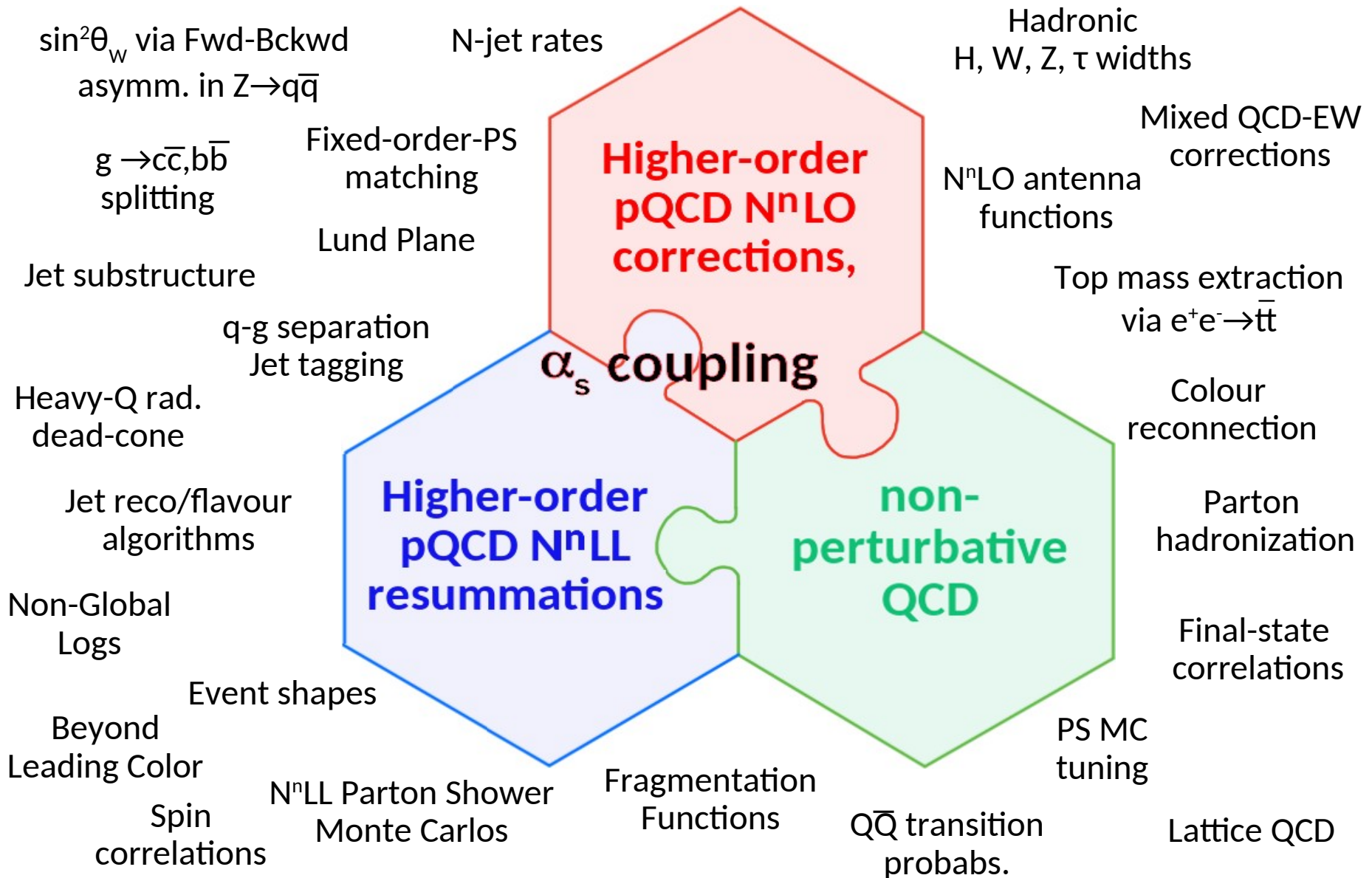
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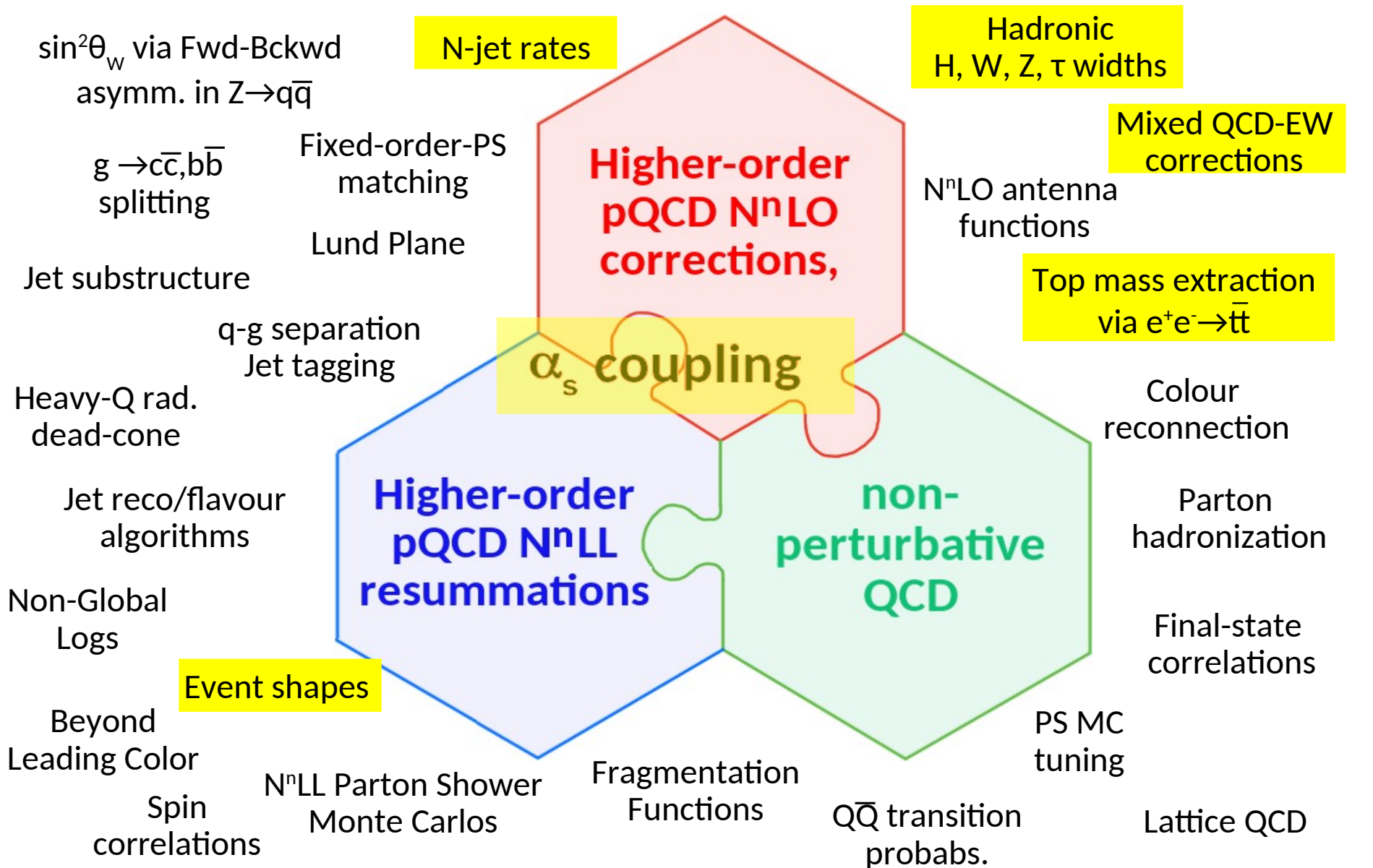
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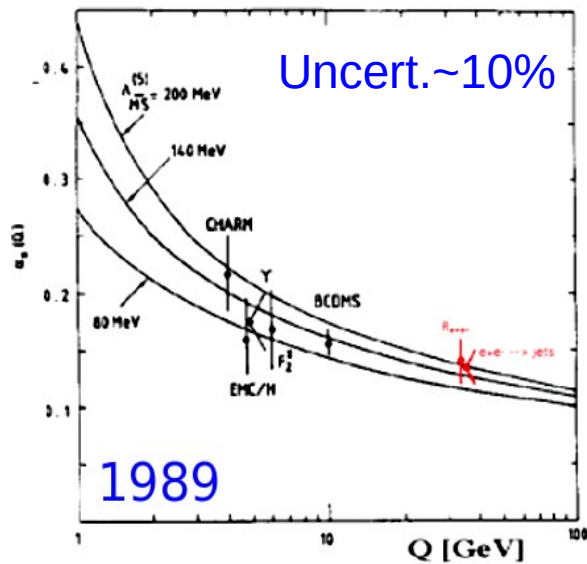


Very rich QCD at FCC-ee. Examples:



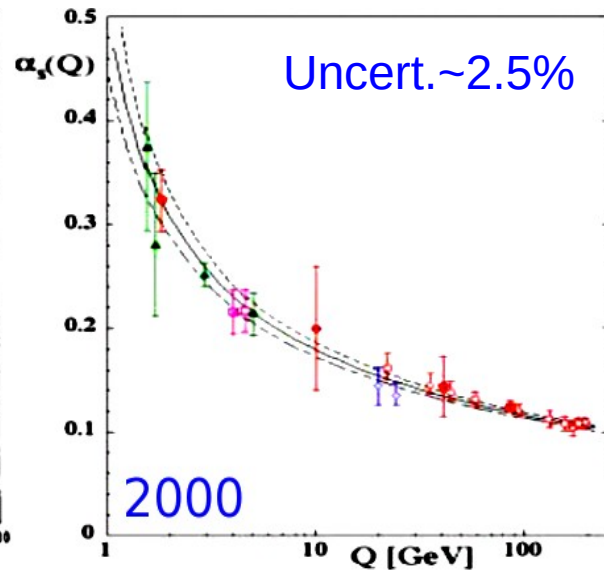
QCD coupling α_s

- Determines **strength of the strong interaction** between quarks & gluons.
- **Single free parameter of QCD** in the $m_q = 0$ limit.
- Determined at a **ref. scale** ($Q=m_Z$), decreases as $\alpha_s \approx \ln(Q^2/\Lambda^2)^{-1}$, $\Lambda \approx 0.2$ GeV



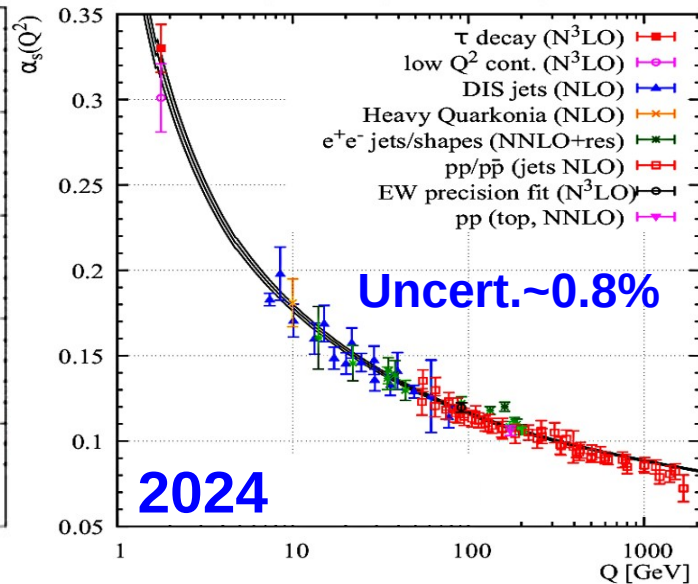
$$\alpha_s(M_Z) = 0.110^{+0.006}_{-0.008} \text{ (NLO)}$$

G. Altarelli, Ann. Rev. Nucl. Part. Sci. 39, 1989



$$\alpha_s(M_Z) = 0.1184 \pm 0.0031 \text{ (NNLO)}$$

S. B., J. Phys. G 26, 2000



$$\alpha_s(M_Z) = 0.1180 \pm 0.0011 \text{ (NNLO)}$$

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

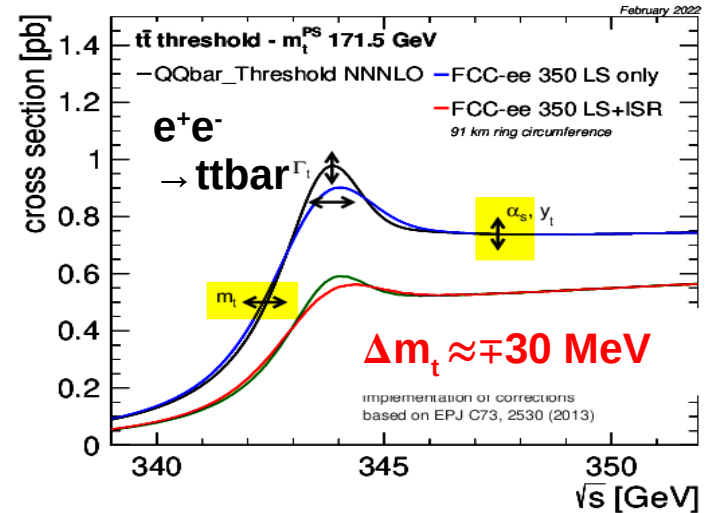
$$\delta\alpha \sim 10^{-10} \ll \delta G_F \ll 10^{-7} \ll \delta G \sim 10^{-5} \ll \delta\alpha_s \sim 10^{-3}$$

α_s impact well beyond QCD

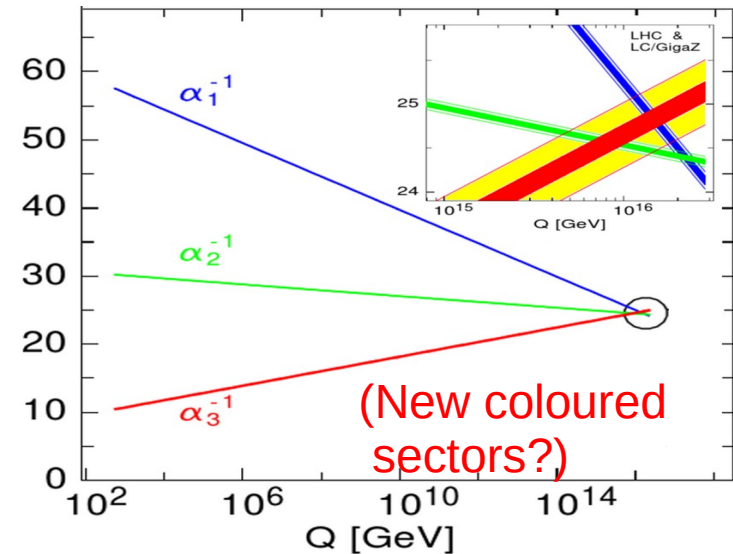
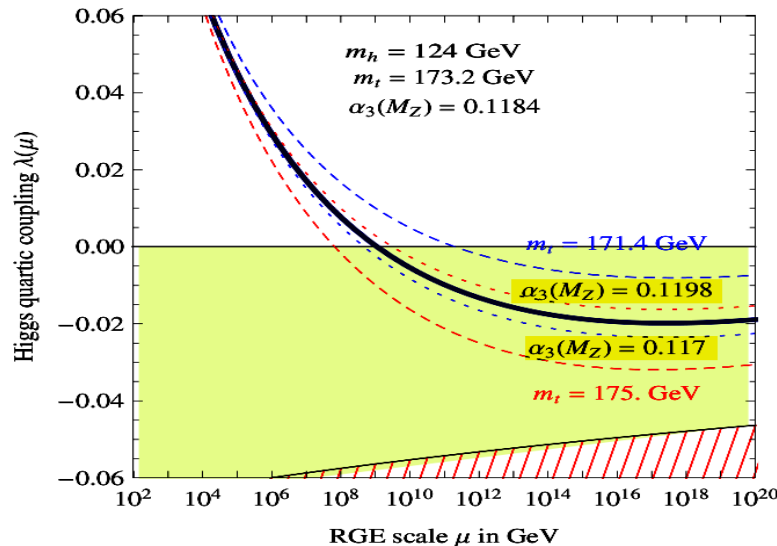
■ Parametric uncertainties in multiple precision SM observable calculations:

Process	σ (pb)	$\delta\alpha_s$ (%)	PDF + α_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%



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

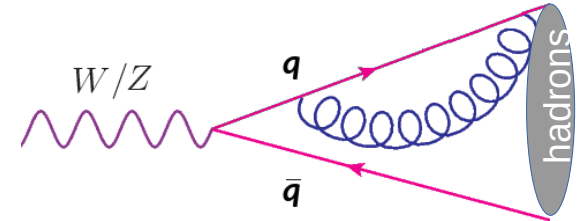


QCD coupling at FCC-ee (Tera-Z)

EW boson pseudoobservables known at N³LO in pQCD:

- The W and Z hadronic widths :

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



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

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Note: Sensitivity to $\alpha_s(m_Z)$ from O(4%) virtual corrs.

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

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

[DdE, Jacobsen: arXiv:2005.04545]

FCC-ee will reach 0.1% precision on $\alpha_s(m_Z)$ ($\times 20$ better than LEP results):

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

$$\Delta R_Z = 10^{-3}, \quad R_Z = 20.7500 \pm 0.0010$$

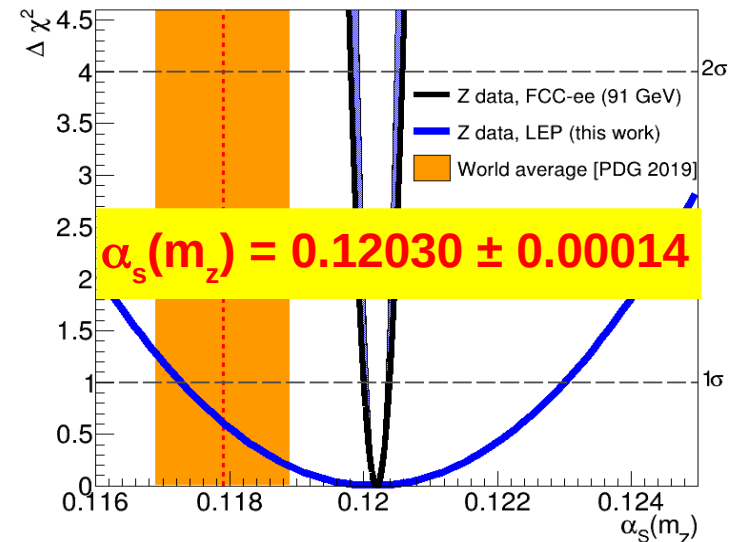
$$\Delta \Gamma_Z^{\text{tot}} = 0.1 \text{ MeV}, \quad \Gamma_Z^{\text{tot}} = 2495.2 \pm 0.1 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\Delta \sigma_Z^{\text{had}} = 4.0 \text{ pb}, \quad \sigma_Z^{\text{had}} = 41\,494 \pm 4 \text{ pb}$$

$$\Delta m_Z = 0.1 \text{ MeV}, \quad m_Z = 91.18760 \pm 0.00001 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\Delta \alpha = 3 \cdot 10^{-5}, \quad \Delta \alpha_{\text{had}}^{(5)}(m_Z) = 0.0275300 \pm 0.0000009$$

- TH uncertainty to be reduced by $\times 4$ from missing $\alpha_s^5, \alpha_s^3, \alpha\alpha_s^2, \alpha\alpha_s^2, \alpha^2\alpha_s$ terms

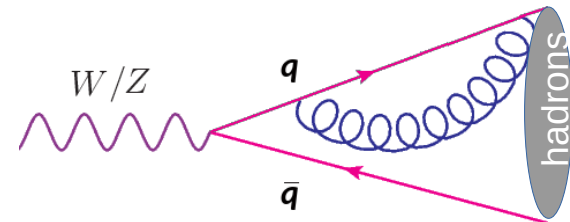


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[DdE, Jacobsen: arXiv:2005.04545]

FCC-ee will reach 0.2% precision on $\alpha_s(m_W)$ ($\times 300$ better than LEP results):

- Huge W pole stats. ($\times 10^4$ LEP-2).
- Exquisite syst./parametric precision:

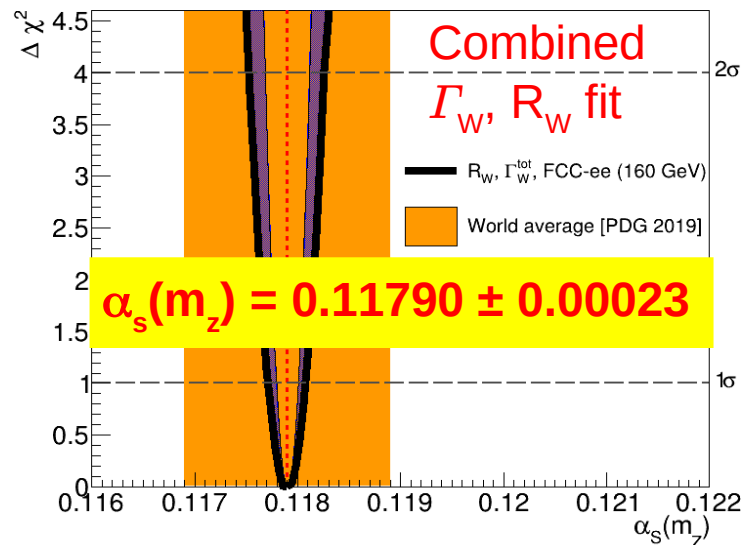
$$\Gamma_W^{\text{tot}} = 2088.0 \pm 1.2 \text{ MeV}$$

$$R_W = 2.08000 \pm 0.00008$$

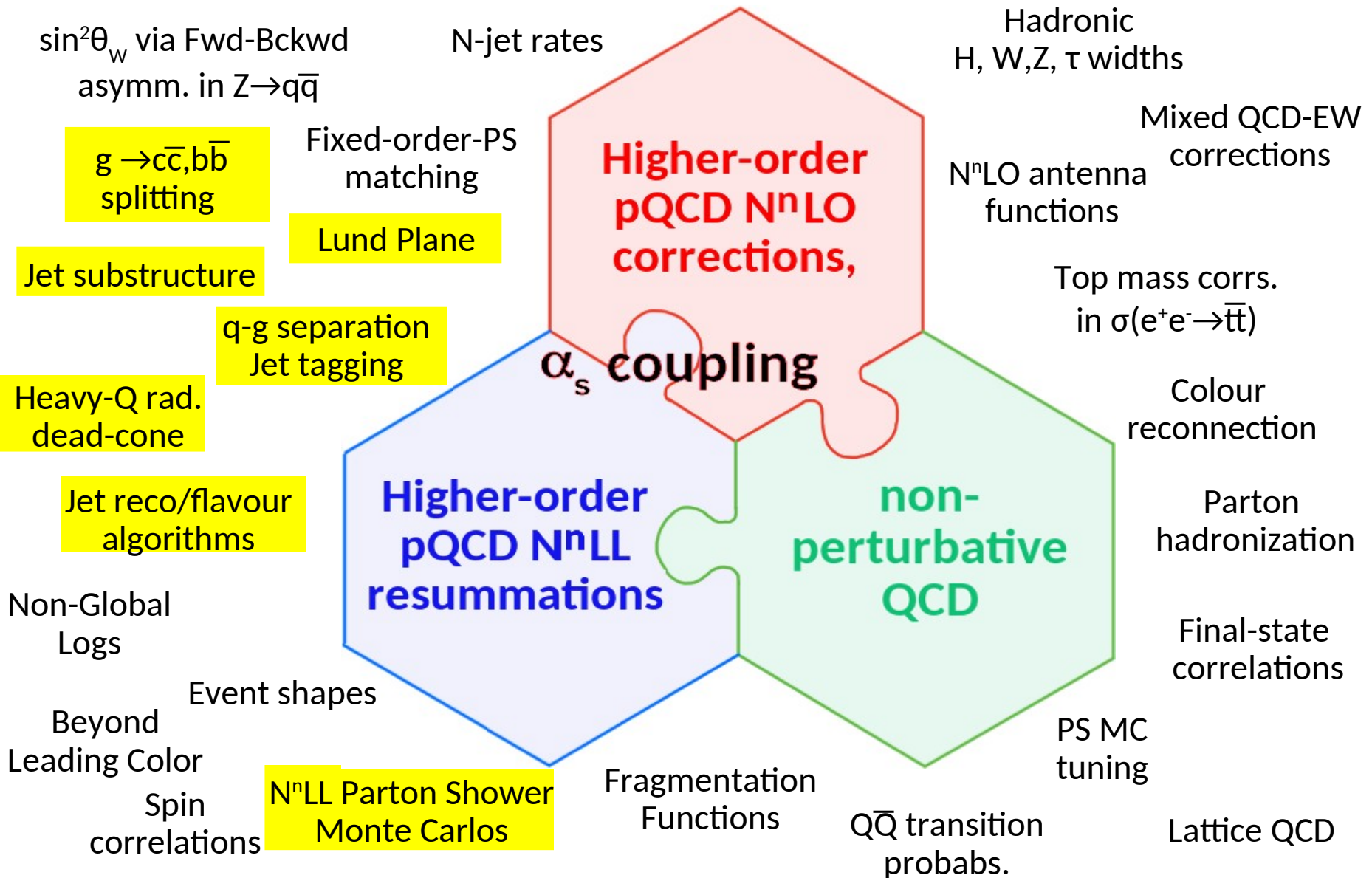
$$m_W = 80.3800 \pm 0.0005 \text{ GeV}$$

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

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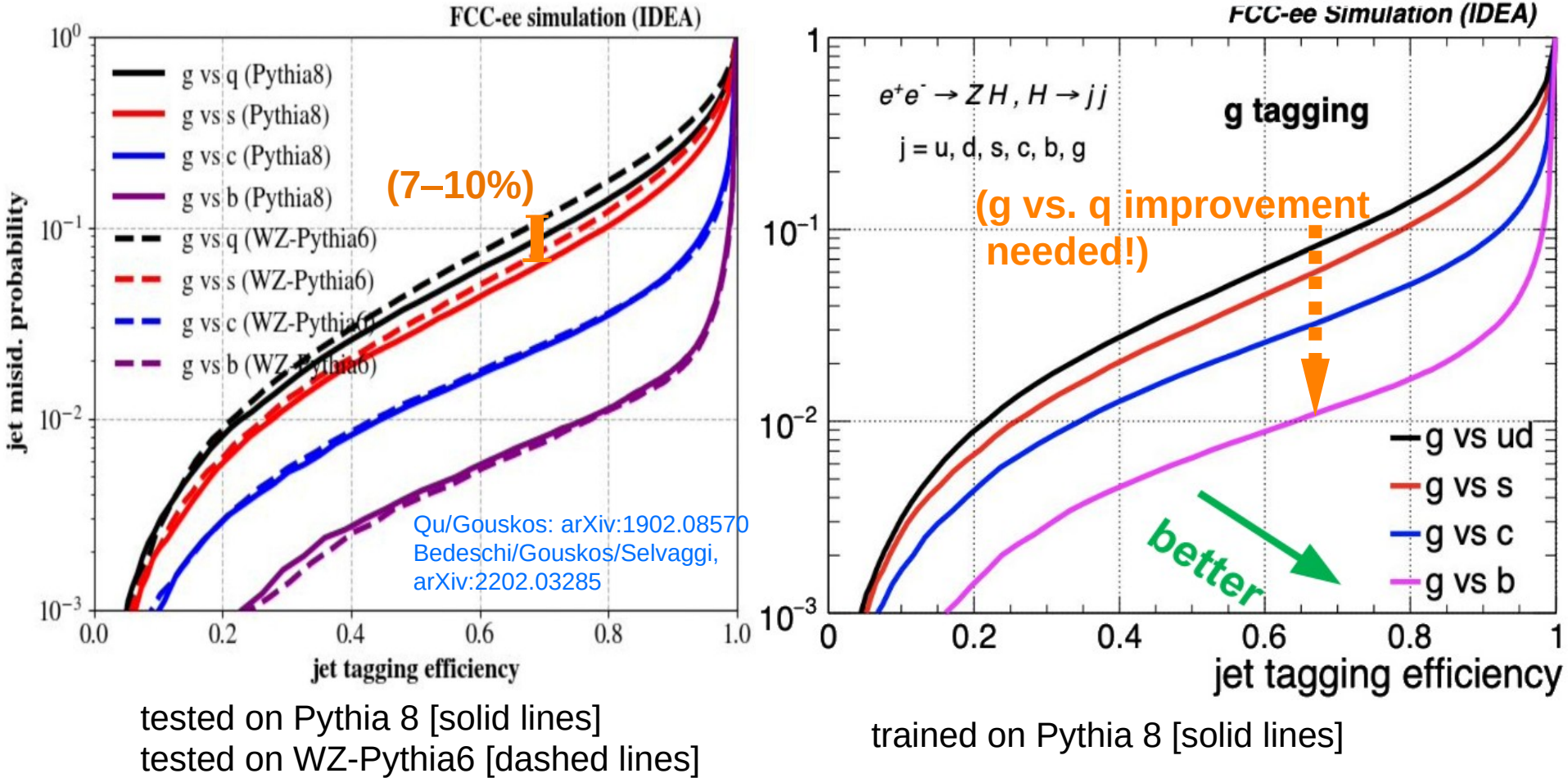


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Gluon jet tagging at FCC-ee

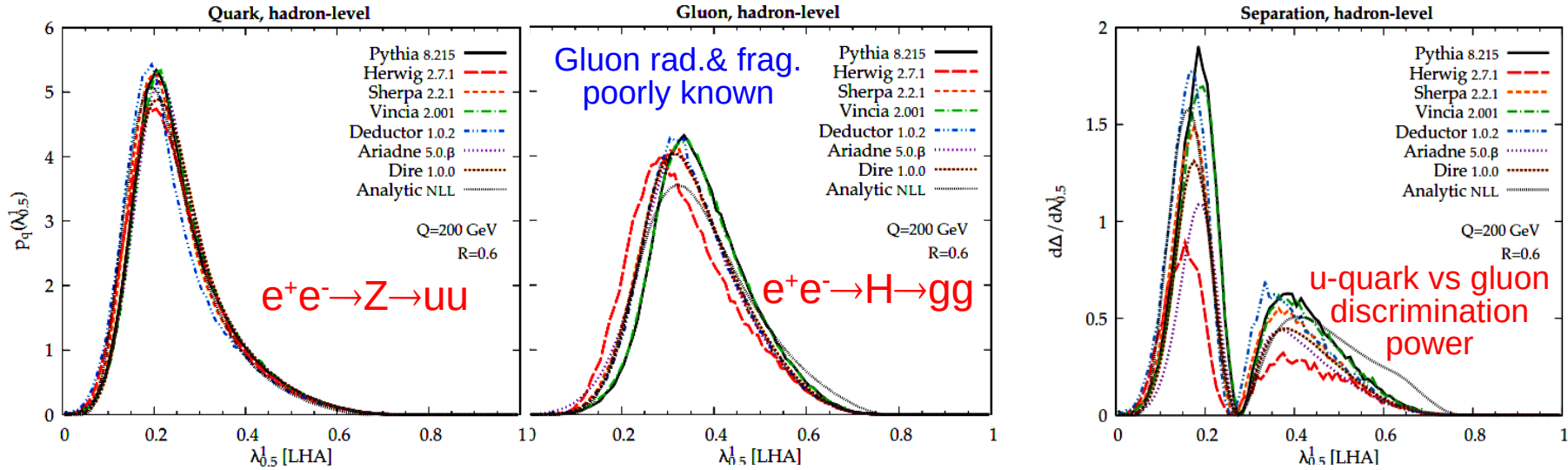
- Current state-of-the-art **GNN ParticleNet (+IDEA)**: $\epsilon_g \sim 70\%$, $\epsilon_{q\text{-mistag}} \sim 0.07\text{--}0.1$



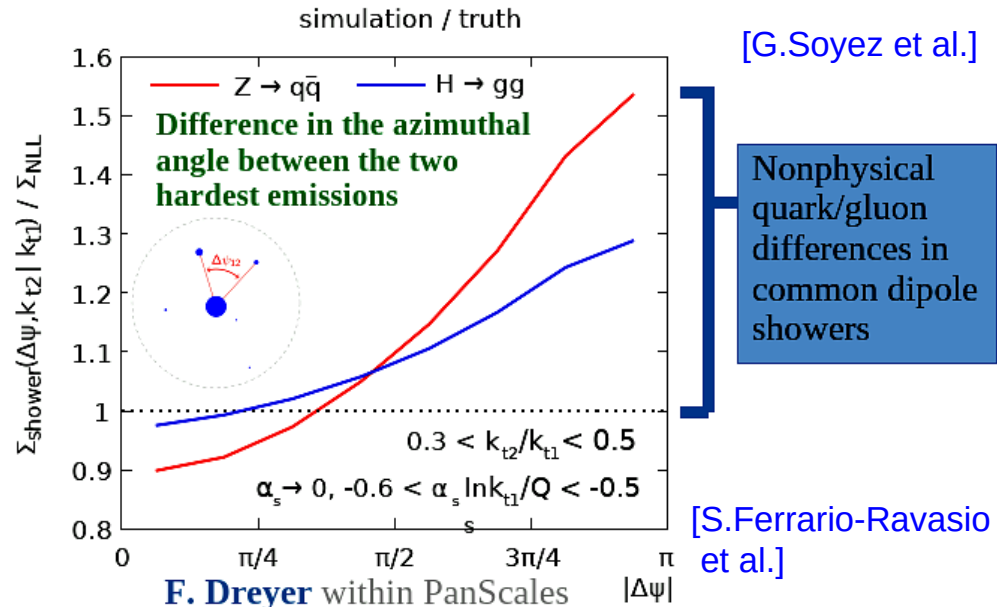
- Performance needs to measure e-Yukawa via $ee \rightarrow H(gg)$ over $ee \rightarrow Z(qq)$: $\epsilon_g \sim 70\%$, $\epsilon_{q\text{-mistag}} \sim 0.01$ (factor x10 improvement). However...

Gluon jets are badly known today

- MC LL parton showers differ vastly on gluon jet substructure properties:

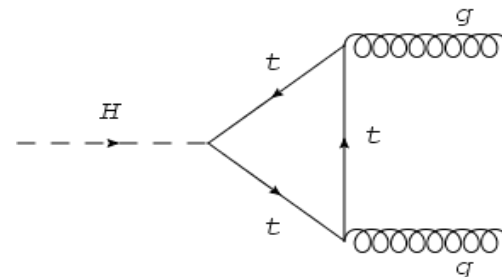


- Unphysical differences in the radiation pattern of q & g jets in LL PS:
- NNLL PS + high-quality e^+e^- gluon jet data/tuning badly needed (orders-of-magn. over LEP data)



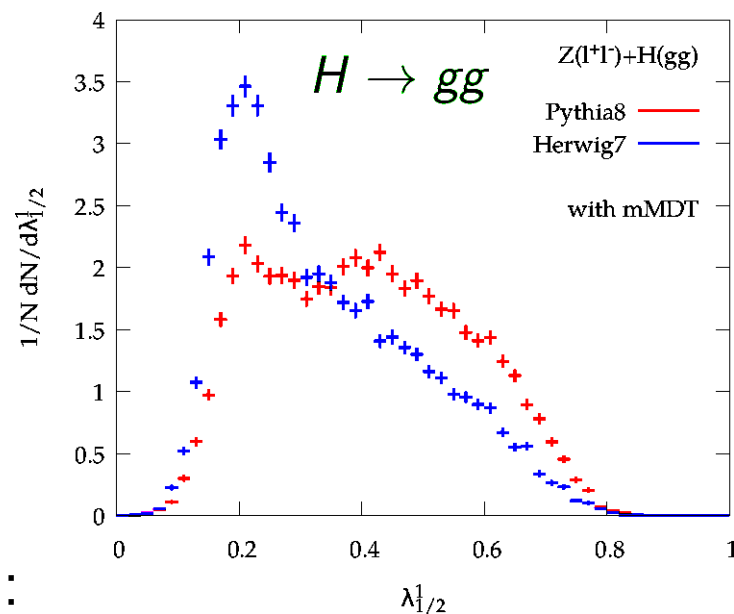
High-precision g & q jet studies at FCC-ee

- Exploit $\mathcal{O}(200.000)$ $ee \rightarrow ZH(gg)$ at 260 GeV as a "pure gluon" factory: $H \rightarrow gg$ provides perfectly tagged digluon events.



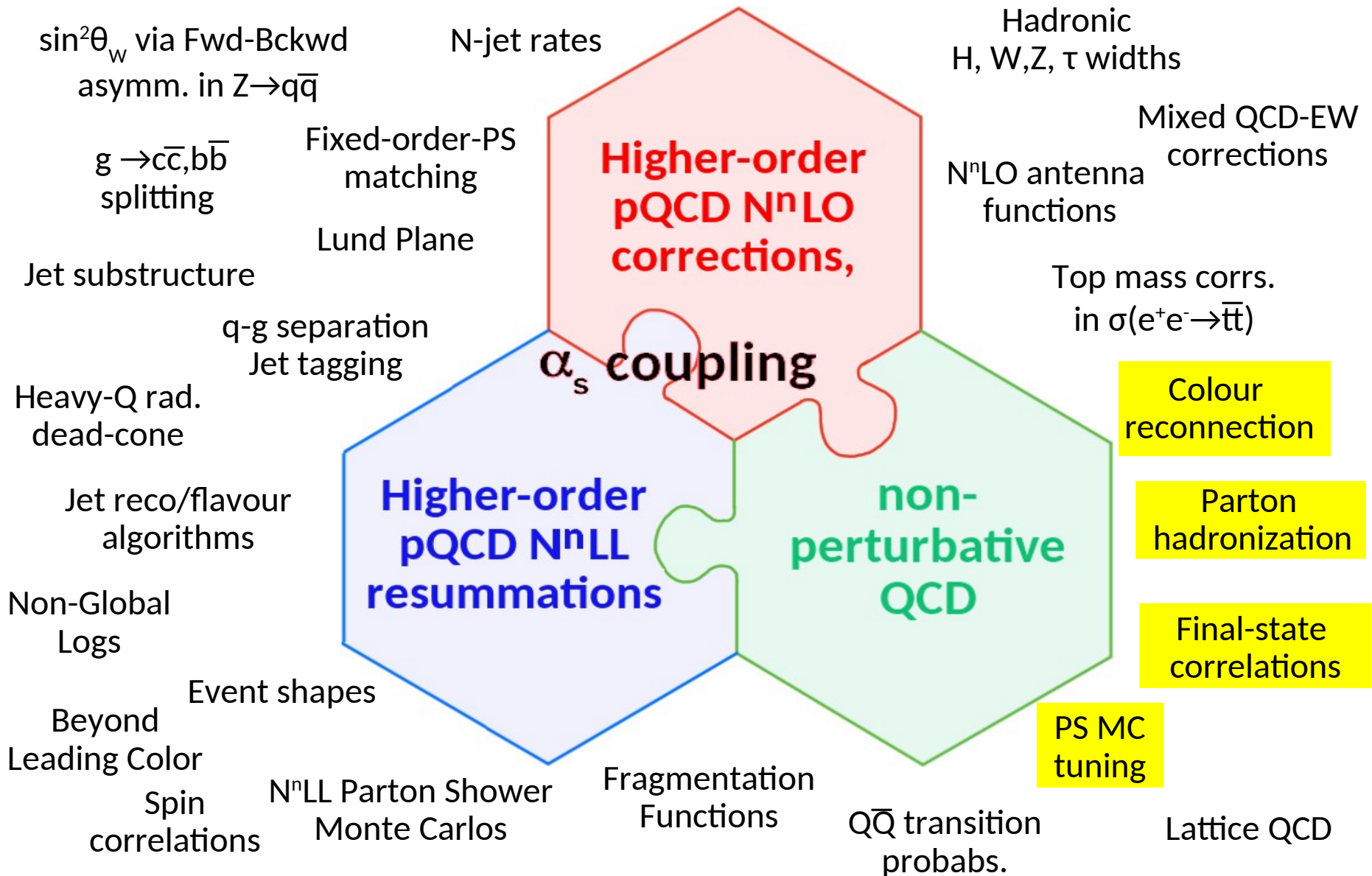
- Compare to $\mathcal{O}(10^{12})$ $Z \rightarrow qq(g)$ evts at 91 GeV:

- 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:
 - Jet tagging: ML training on pure samples: Improve q/g/Q discrimination
 - pQCD: Improve/retune NNLL parton showers, Lund Plane, jet substructure...
 - non-pQCD: Improved gluon hadronization: Leading η 's ? Baryon junctions ? Octet neutralization? Colour reconnection? Glueballs ?

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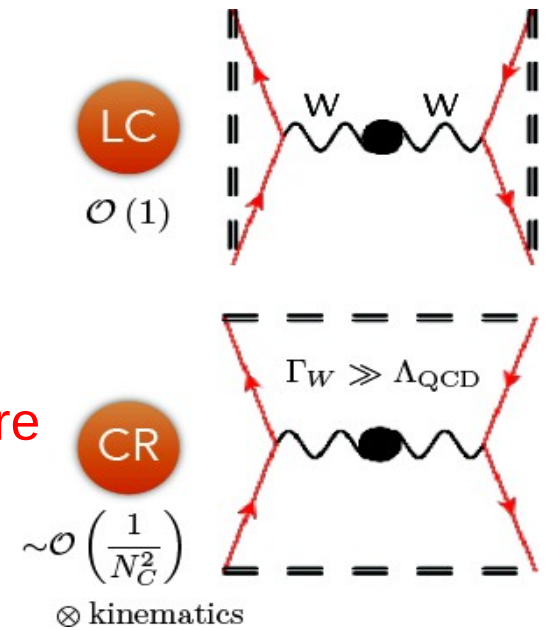


Colour reconnection studies at FCC-ee

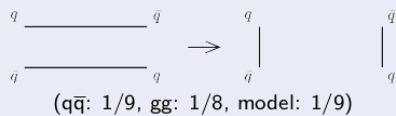
- Colour reconnection among partons is source of **uncertainty in m_W , m_{top} , α_{GC} extractions in multijet final-states**. Especially in pp (MPI cross-talk).
- CR “string drag” effect impacts all FCC-ee multi-jet final-states: $e^+e^- \rightarrow WW(4j)$, $H(2j,4j)$, $t\bar{t}$, ...
 - Shifted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

- Exploit huge stat **WW at rest ($\times 10^4$ LEP)** to measure m_W leptonically & hadronically and constrain CR:

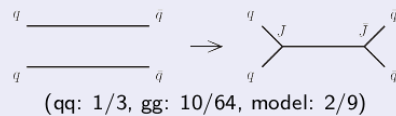
“Recent” PYTHIA option: QCD-inspired CR (QCDCR) (1505.01681):



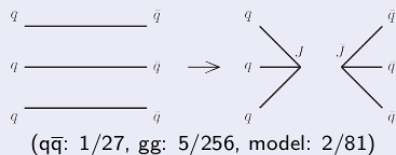
Ordinary string reconnection



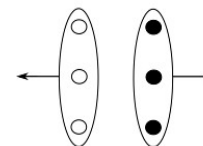
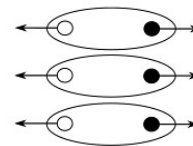
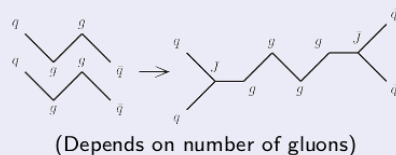
Double junction reconnection



Triple junction reconnection



Zippering reconnection

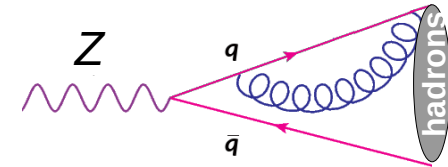


Triple-junction also in HERWIG cluster model. (1710.10906)

Vacuum hadronization studies at FCC-ee

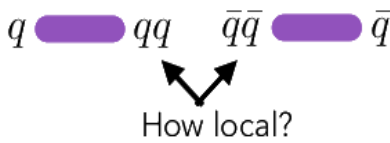
- Precision low- p_T PID hadrons in $10^{12} e^+e^- \rightarrow Z \rightarrow (10^{14} \text{ hadrons})$ for studies:

- Baryon & strangeness prod. Colour string dynamics
- Final-state correlations: space-time, spin (BE, FD)
- Exotic BR(10^{-12}) bound-states: Onia, multi-quark states, glueballs, ...

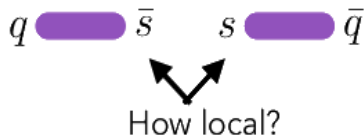


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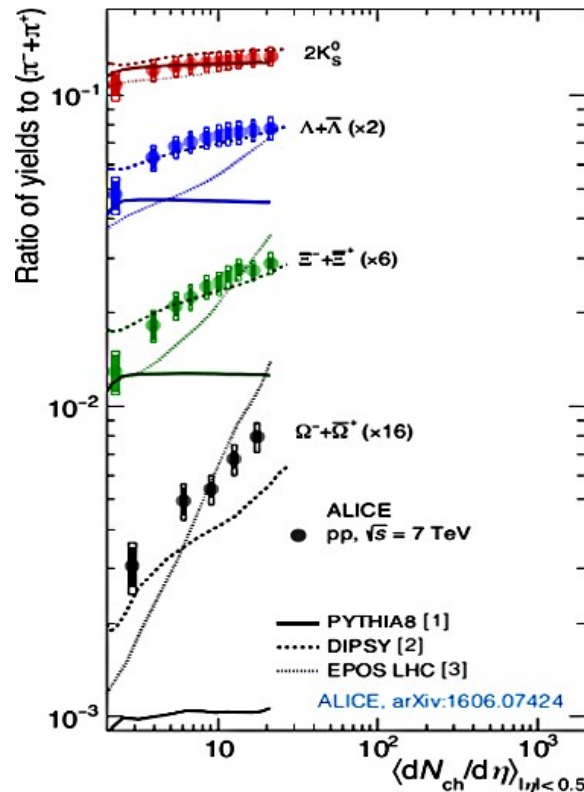
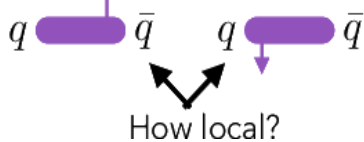
baryon number



strangeness



transverse momentum



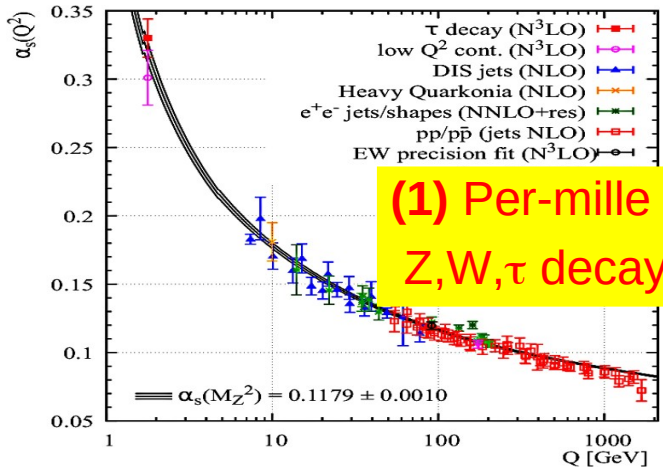
- Understand breakdown of universality of parton hadronization with system size observed at LHC.

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

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

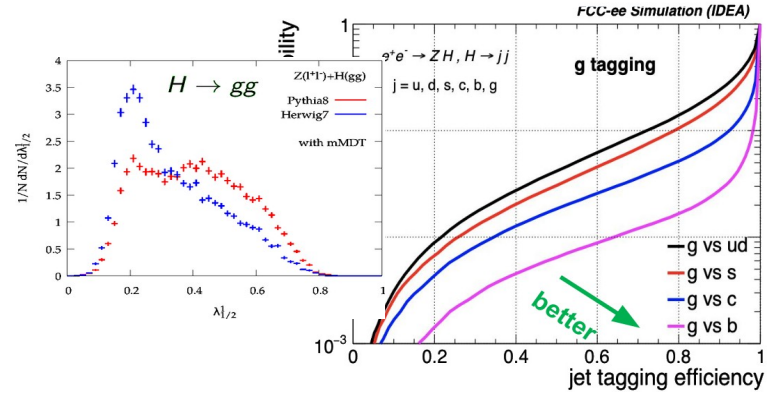
Summary (1): High-precision QCD at FCC-ee

- 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**:

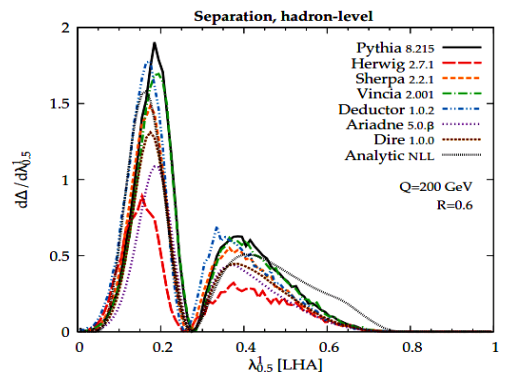


(1) Per-mille α_s via hadronic Z,W, τ decays, evt shapes...

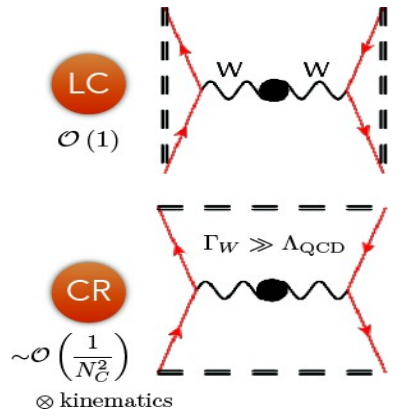
(2) Ultimate g/q/Q discrimination



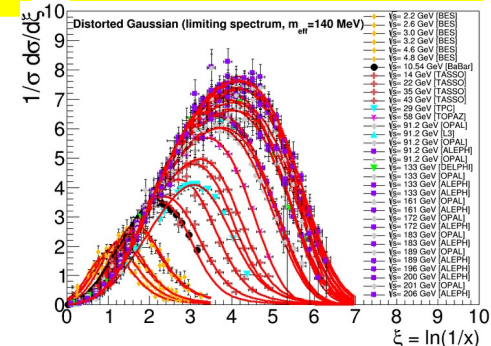
(3) Improved N^nLO+N^nLL parton showers tuning



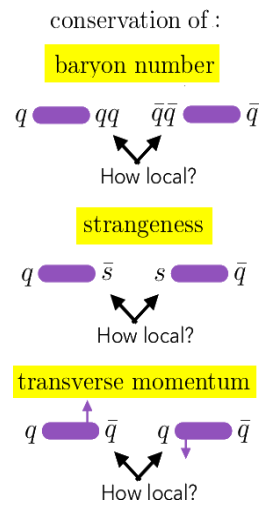
(4) <<1% control of colour reconnection



(5) High-precision hadronization:



(6) Ultra-rare QCD bound states, ...

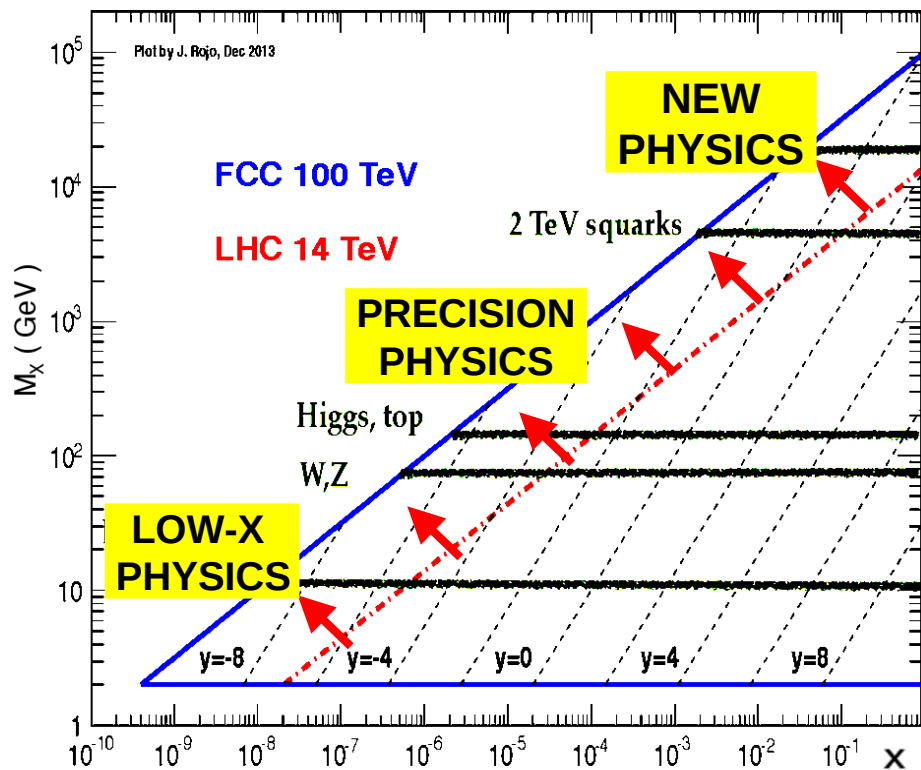


Quick flash on QCD physics topics at FCC-pp...

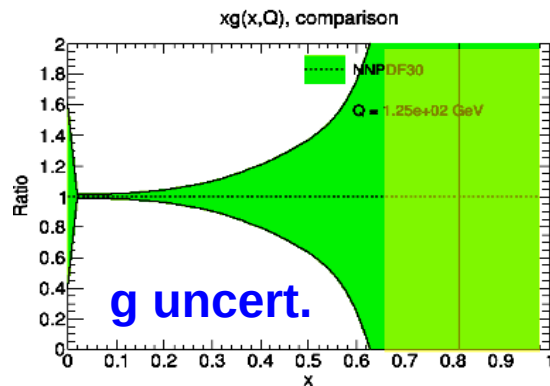
Parton densities at very-low, low, and high-x

- PDF uncertainties in pp at 100 TeV in key (x, Q^2) regions:

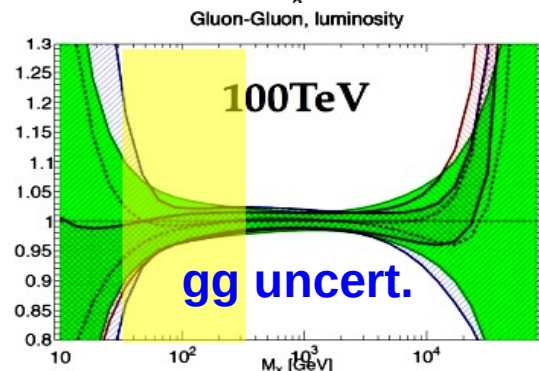
(somehow outdated PDF plots)



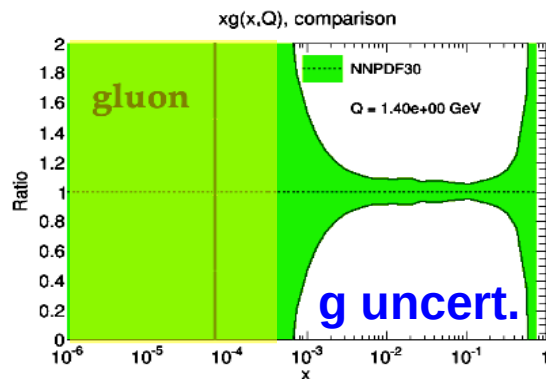
- Z, W, top, photons, jets... to constrain PDFs, as done at LHC
- FCC-ep required to go below $O(1\%)$ PDF uncertainties?



High-x



Mid-x

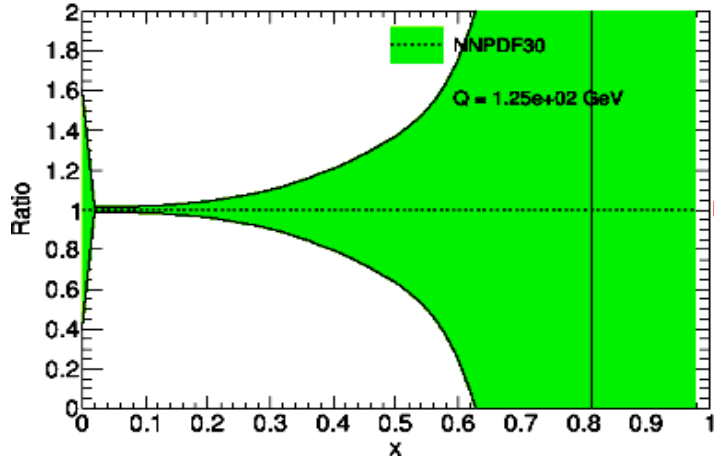


Low-x

PDFs impact on BSM & precision SM physics

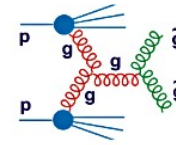
New physics at high-x?

$xg(x,Q)$, comparison



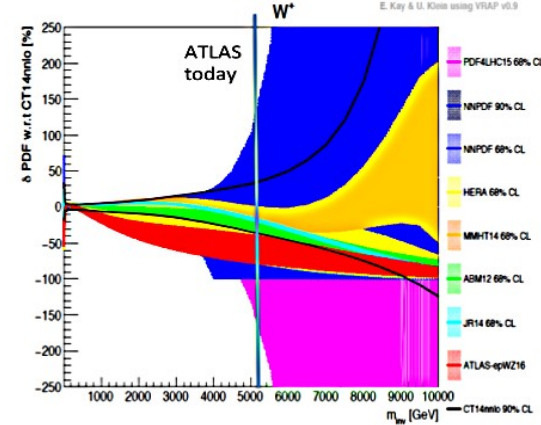
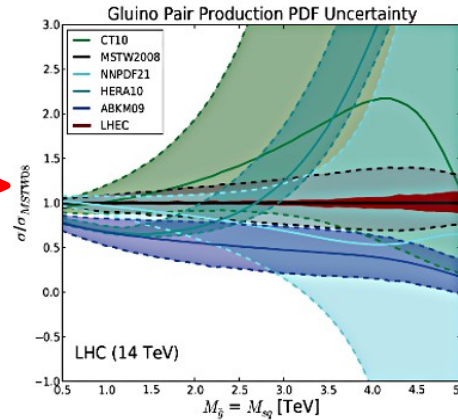
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GLUON
SUSY, RPC, RPV, LQS..



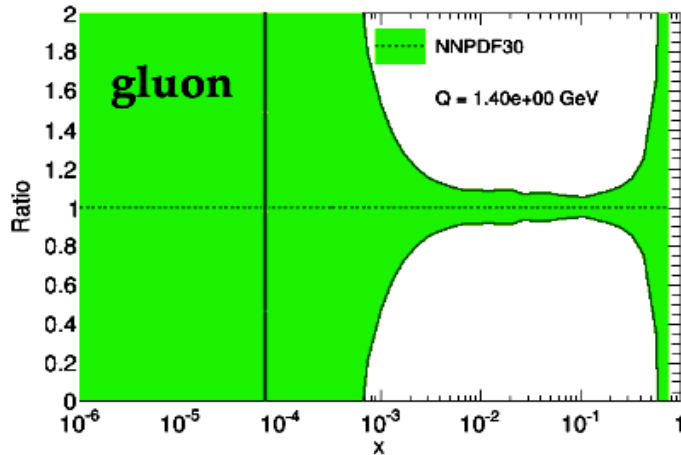
QUARKS

Exotic+ Extra boson searches at high mass

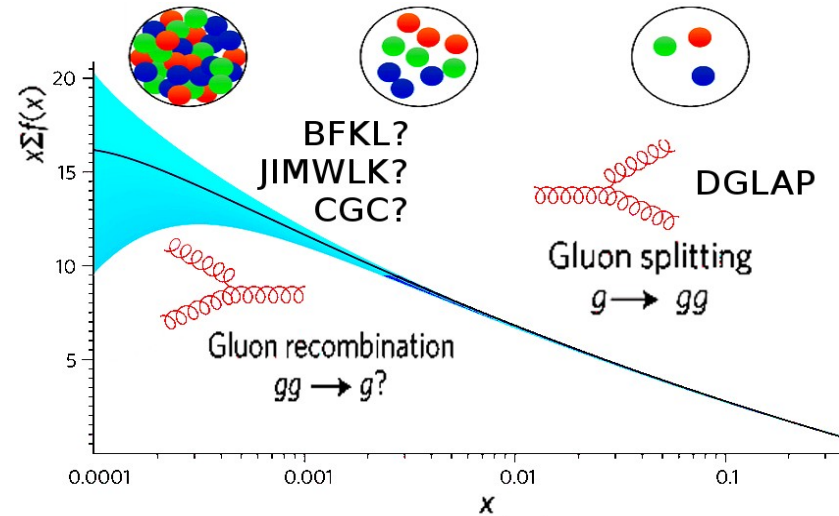


New QCD evolution at low-x?

$xg(x,Q)$, comparison



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α_s running at the multi-TeV scale

- ▶ Jets from pp collisions above LHC energies provide the only known means to **test asymptotic freedom & new coloured sectors above ~ 3 TeV**:

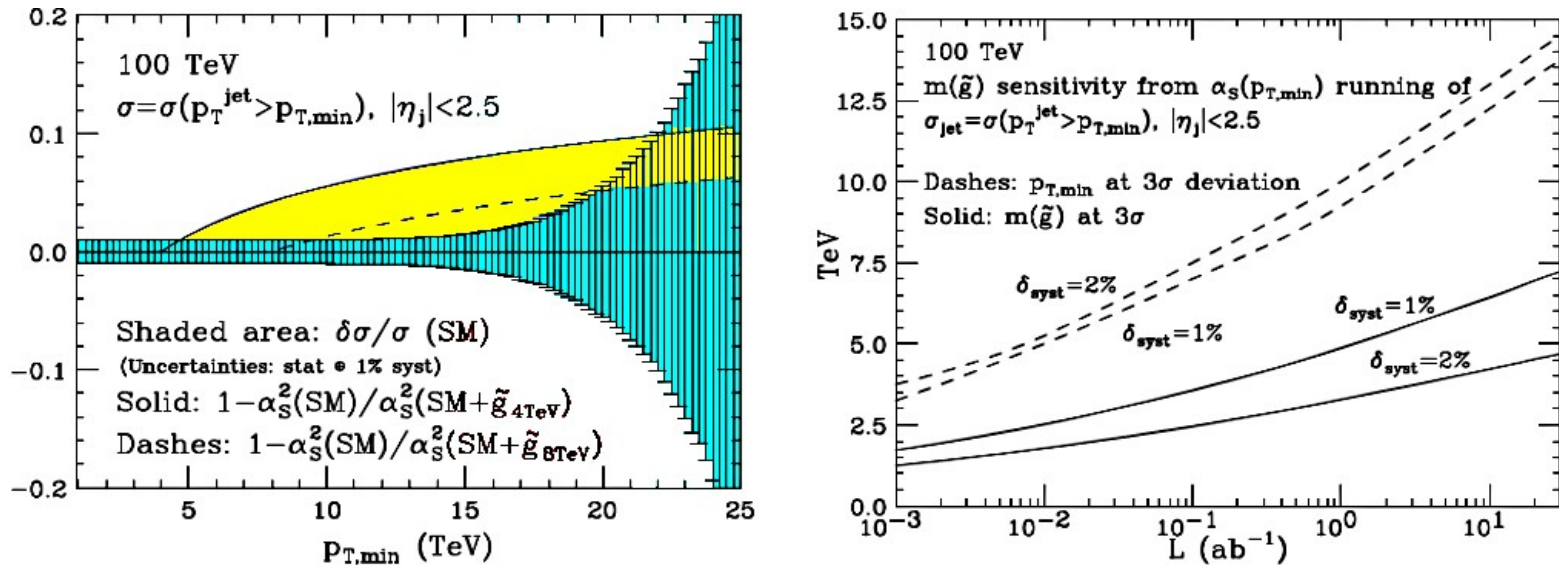


Figure 5.5: Left plot: combined statistical and 1% systematic uncertainties, at 30 ab^{-1} , vs p_T threshold; these are compared to the rate change induced by the presence of 4 or 8 TeV gluinos in the running of α_s . Right plot: the gluino mass that can be probed with a 3σ deviation from the SM jet rate (solid line), and the p_T scale at which the corresponding deviation is detected.

- ▶ **Jet cross sections with $<10\%$ stat. uncert. up to $p_T \sim 25$ TeV:**
 - Sensitivity to e.g. $m_g = 4\text{--}8$ GeV gluinos in α_s running
- ▶ α_s from **PDF fits, advanced jet substructure (LJP), hadronic obs.**,

Highly-boosted jets & multijet events

- Proton-proton collisions at 100 TeV provide **unique conditions** to produce & study **multi-TeV objects**: top, W, Z, H, $R_{\text{BSM}}(jj), \dots$

Resolving **small angular dijet sep.** $\Delta R \approx 2M(jj)/p_T(j)$.

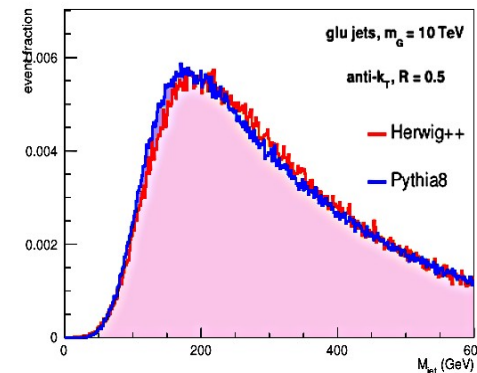
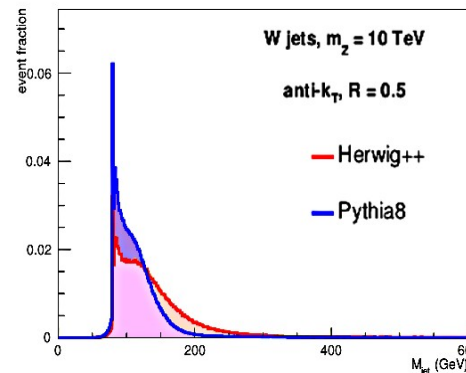
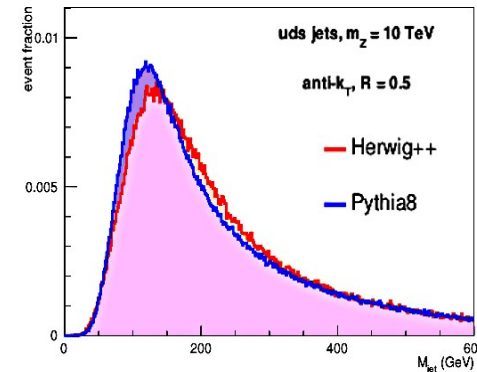
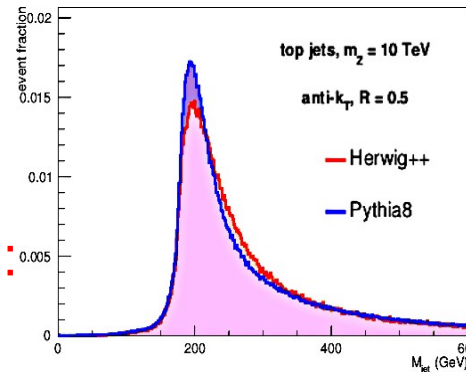
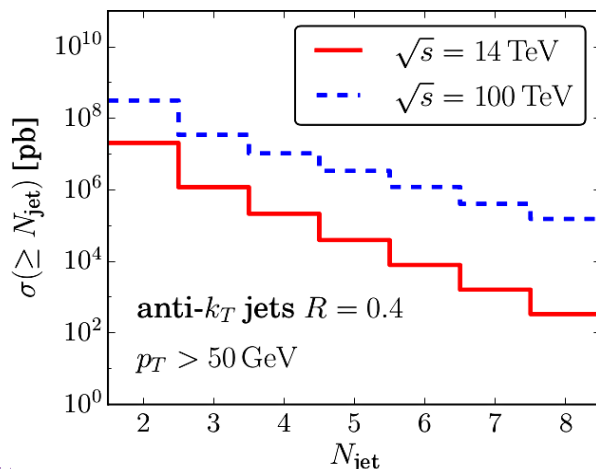
- Jet substructure: key to separate **dijets from QCD & (un)coloured resonance** decays, e.g.

$R_{10\text{-TeV}} \rightarrow tt, qq, gg, WW$:

- Diffs. in MC generators for **quark vs. gluon jets (& jet radius)**:

- Also **unique multijet ($N \gg 10$)**

QCD,
(BSM?)
studies

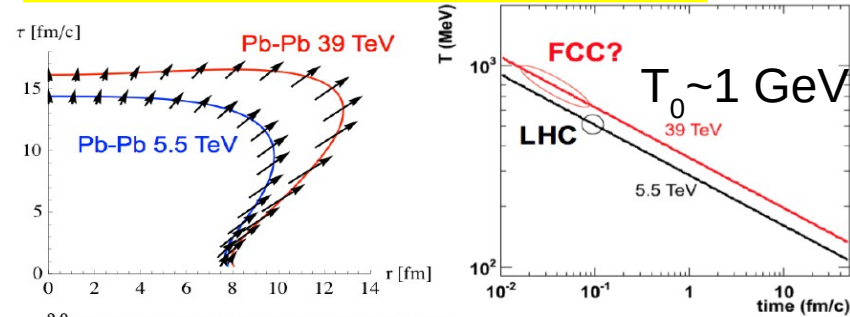


[FCC-pp, arXiv:1607.01831]

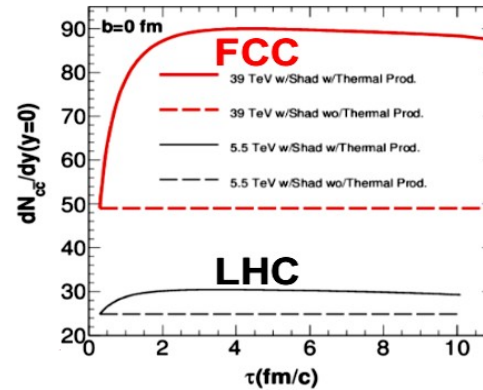
Also... Unique many-body QCD with ions

- Unparalleled HI physics with $\times 7$ (39 TeV), $\times 10$ larger \sqrt{s} , \mathcal{L}_{int} than LHC:

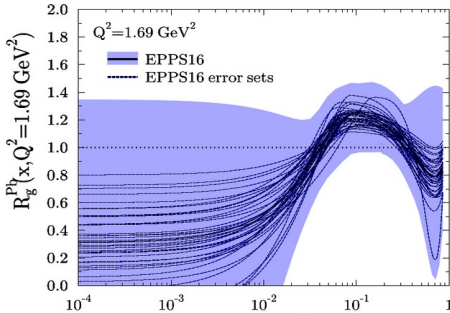
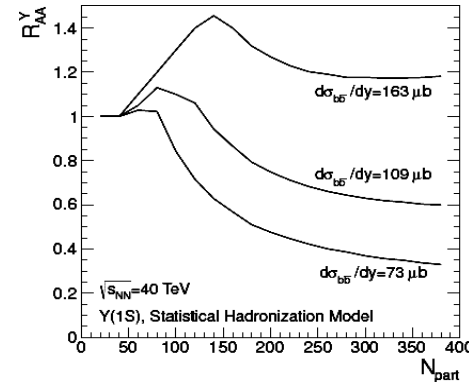
Energy densities: $\sim 40 \text{ GeV/fm}^3$



~ 500 charm pairs in QGP

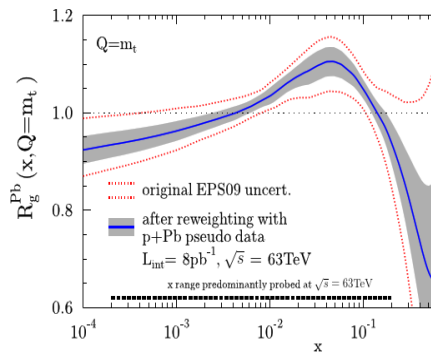
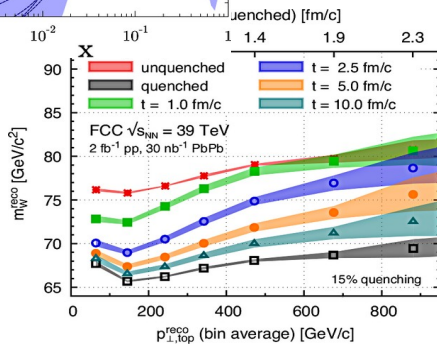


$\Upsilon(1S)$ melt.+recomb.?



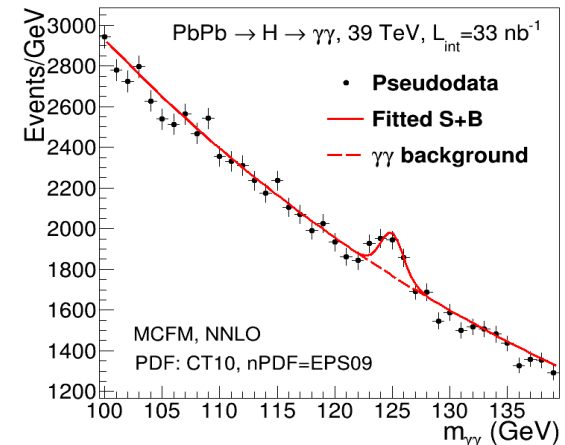
Gluon nPDF saturation down to $x \sim 10^{-7}$

See: <https://indico.in2p3.fr/event/33460/>



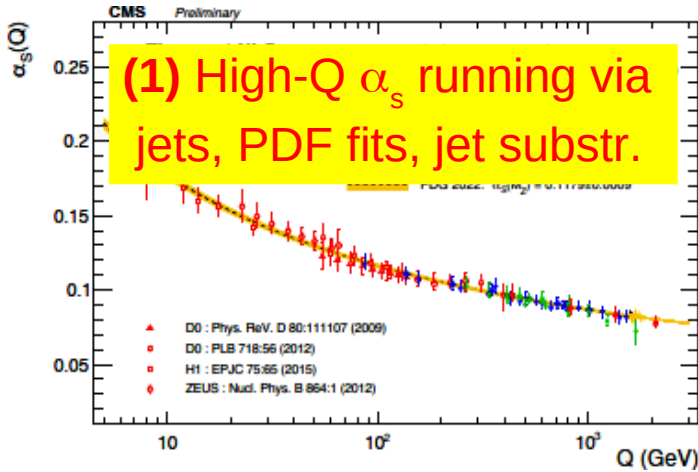
Top quark = Parton rad. "chrono-fmeter" & high-x gluon nPDF probe

Higgs in the QGP

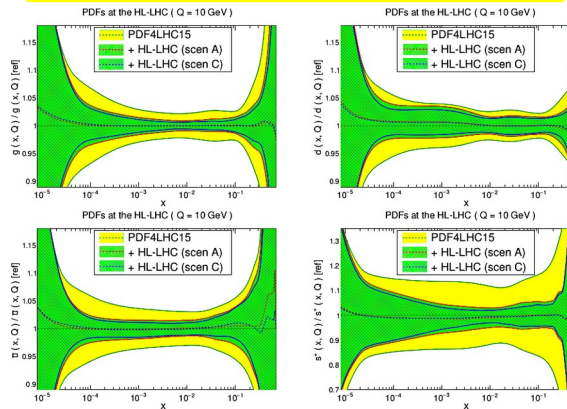


Summary (2): QCD at the FCC-hh

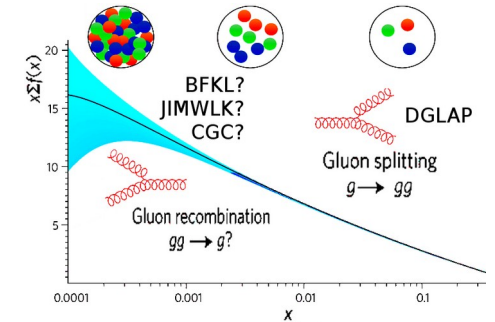
Unique QCD precision and multi-TeV studies at the energy frontier:



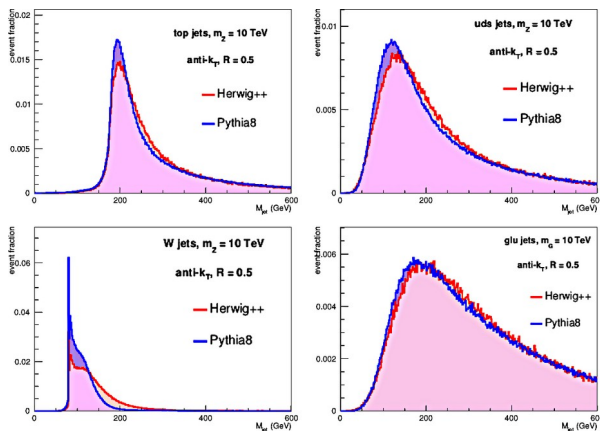
(2) High-precision PDFs



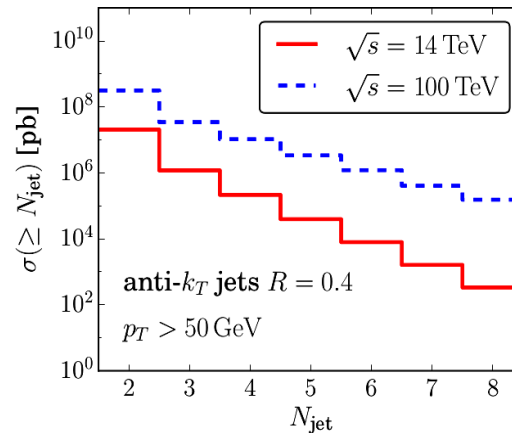
(3) Searches for beyond DGLAP at low $x \sim 10^{-7}$



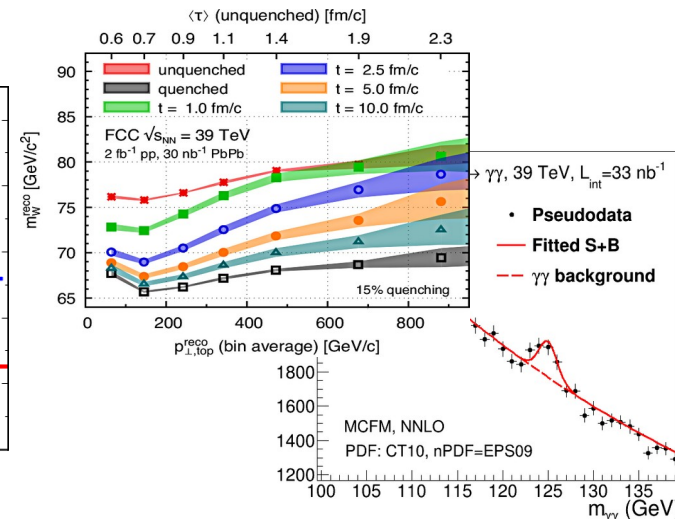
(4) Highly-boosted jets up to $p_T \sim 50$ TeV



(5) Multijets ($N \gg 10$) production



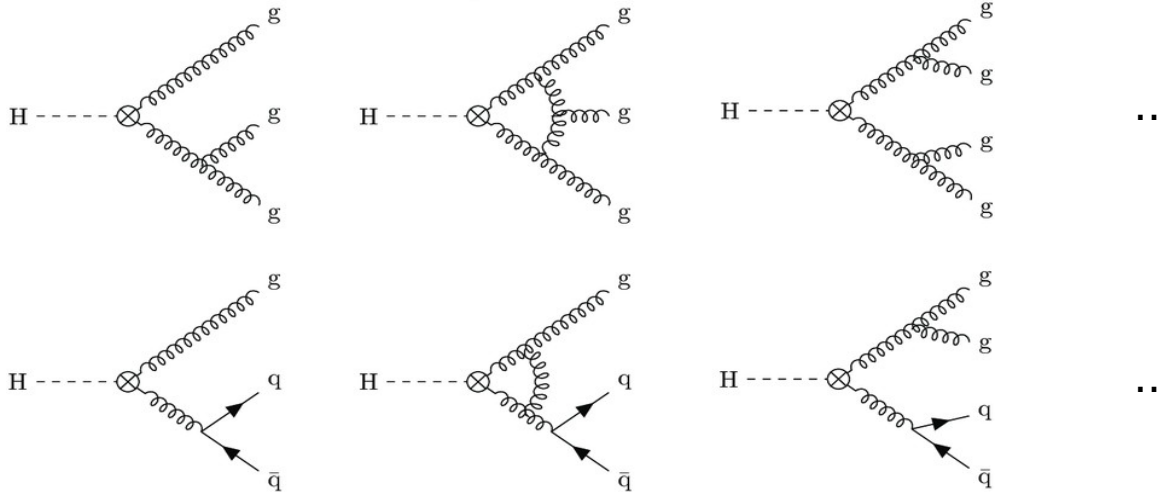
(6) Top and Higgs in the QCD plasma



Back-up slides

Higgs \rightarrow gg decay and BSM

- $H \rightarrow gg$ partial width known today theoretically at N^4 LO (approx) accuracy



- Percent deviations on Higgs-gluon coupling in BSM models:

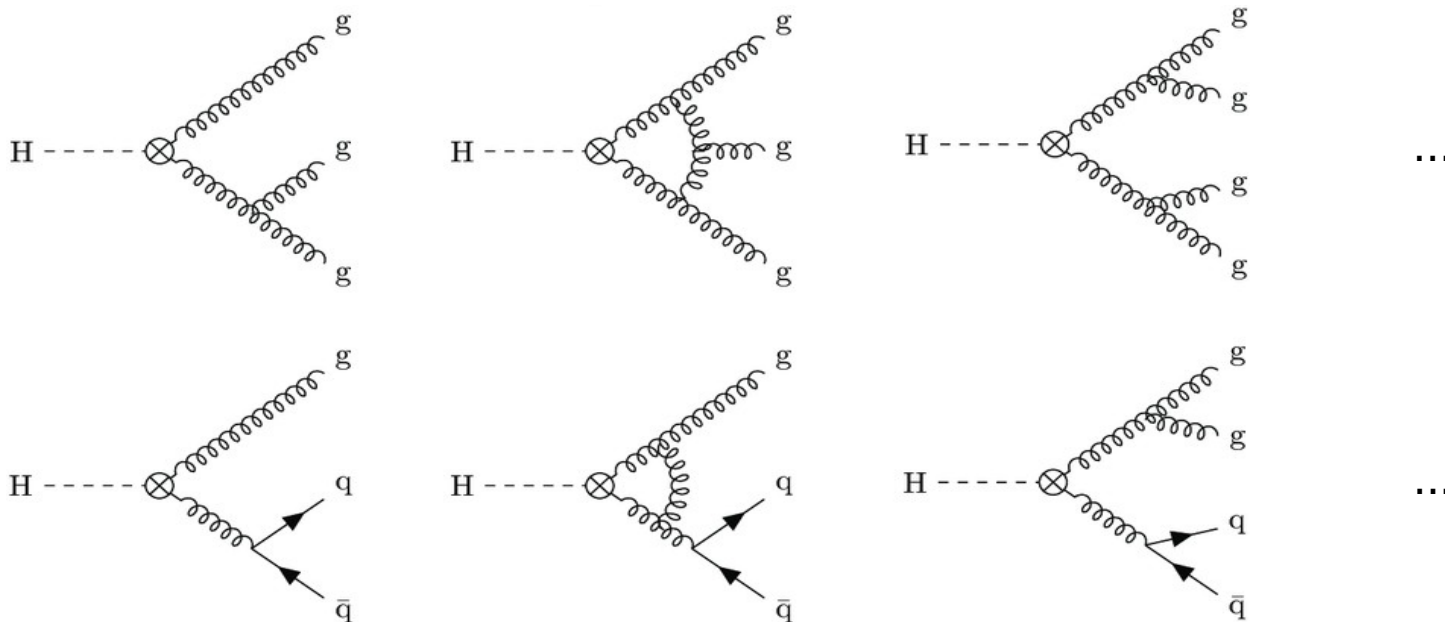
Table 5: Deviations from the Standard Model predictions for the Higgs boson couplings in %

	Model	$b\bar{b}$	$c\bar{c}$	gg	WW	$\tau\tau$	ZZ	$\gamma\gamma$	$\mu\mu$
1	MSSM [40]	+4.8	-0.8	-0.8	-0.2	+0.4	-0.5	+0.1	+0.3
2	Type II 2HD [42]	+10.1	-0.2	-0.2	0.0	+9.8	0.0	+0.1	+9.8
3	Type X 2HD [42]	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	0.0	+7.8	0.0	0.0	+7.8
4	Type Y 2HD [42]	+10.1	-0.2	-0.2	0.0	-0.2	0.0	0.1	-0.2
5	Composite Higgs [44]	-6.4	-6.4	-6.4	-2.1	-6.4	-2.1	-2.1	-6.4
6	Little Higgs w. T-parity [45]	0.0	0.0	-6.1	-2.5	0.0	-2.5	-1.5	0.0
7	Little Higgs w. T-parity [46]	-7.8	-4.6	-3.5	-1.5	-7.8	-1.5	-1.0	-7.8
8	Higgs-Radion [47]	-1.5	-1.5	+10.	-1.5	-1.5	-1.5	-1.0	-1.5
9	Higgs Singlet [48]	-3.5	-3.5	-3.5	-3.5	-3.5	-3.5	-3.5	-3.5

[T. Barklow et al.
arXiv:1708.08912]

Higgs decays widths & QCD coupling

- $H \rightarrow gg$ partial width known today theoretically at N^4LO (approx) accuracy



Uncertainties: $O(3\%)$ TH + $O(4\%)$ parametric from $\alpha_s(m_Z) = 0.118 \pm 1\%$ (today):

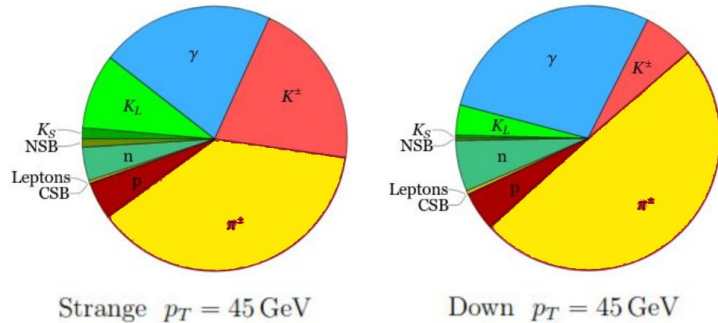
Partial width	intr. QCD	intr. electroweak	total	para. m_q	para. α_s
$H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$	$\sim 0.2\%$	$< 0.3\%$	$< 0.4\%$	1.4%	0.4%
$H \rightarrow c\bar{c}$	$\sim 0.2\%$	$< 0.3\%$	$< 0.4\%$	4.0%	0.4%
$H \rightarrow gg$	$\sim 3\%$	$\sim 1\%$	$\sim 3.2\%$	$< 0.2\%$	3.7%

- FCC-ee needs a much more precise $\alpha_s(m_Z)$ to constrain κ_g at $\pm 0.7\%$ (exp)

Strange-quark jet tagging at FCC-ee

- FCC-ee will produce $O(400)$ $H \rightarrow s\bar{s}$ decays. Can we measure y_s ?
- ParticleNet jet tagger exploiting hadron PID (via dE/dx , ToF, RICH):

[2003.09517] Momentum weighted fraction:



Tagger exploits directly full list of jet constituents (ReconstructedParticles):

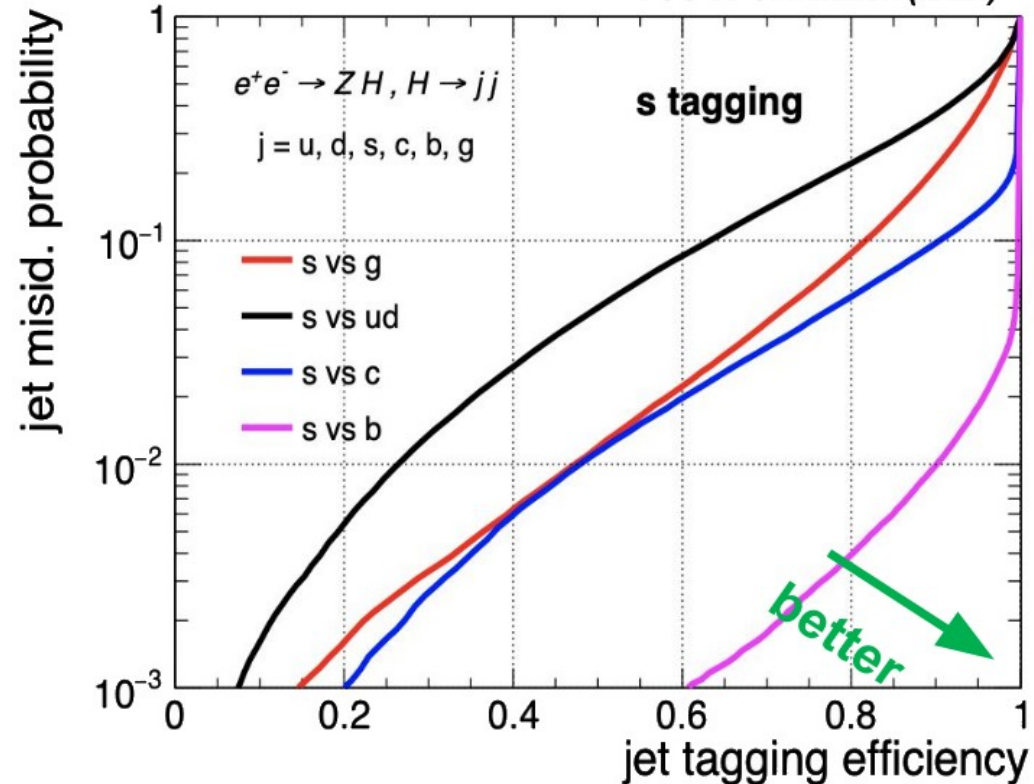
[$O(50)$ properties/particle]

\times [~ 50 - 100 particles/jet]

$\sim O(1000)$ inputs/jet

[L.Gouskos, M.Selvaggi et al.]

FCC-ee Simulation (IDEA)



- Analysis $e^+e^- \rightarrow HZ, H \rightarrow qq$ with $N=2j$ exclusive jet algorithm:

Backgds: $WW/ZZ/Z, qqH, HWW, HZZ$

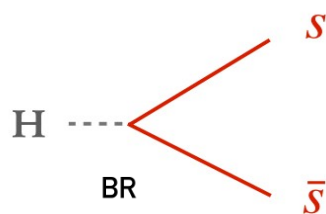
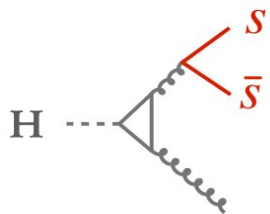
Combined jj (Hbb, Hcc, Hss, Hbb) fit yields: $H \rightarrow ss$ with $O(80\%)$ uncertainty

Separating $H \rightarrow ss$ and $H \rightarrow gg$

- Does the $H \rightarrow gg(ss)$ Dalitz decay jeopardize the $H \rightarrow ss$ measurement?

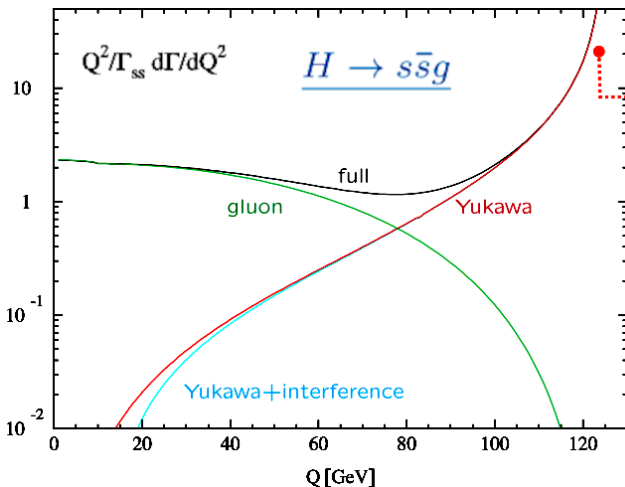
Dalitz decay ($\alpha_s^3 y_t^2$)

Yukawa decay (y_s^2)



	BR
$H \rightarrow gg$	8.1×10^{-2}
$H \rightarrow ss$	$\sim 2 \times 10^{-4}$

Ratio is ~ 400



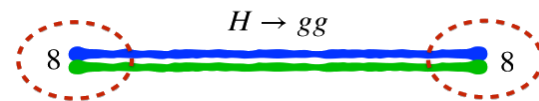
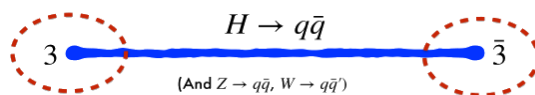
For $m_{jj} > 100$ GeV:
Dalitz ssg decays are **no bottleneck** to the y_s extraction (high mass resum. needed)

[M.Spira; G. Salam]

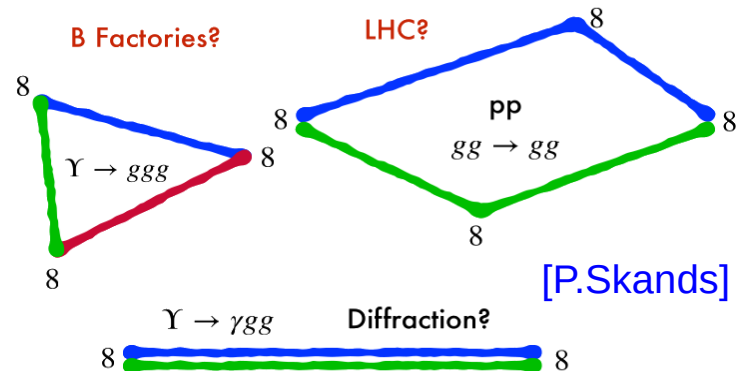
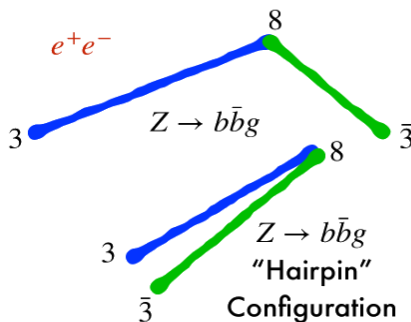
- Need also **NNLL** parton showers

(matched to NNLO) and accurate/precise s, g (string, cluster) hadronization:

High-precision hadron data (FCC-ee, B-factories?) needed to reliably distinguish leading s, u, d, g fragmentation hadrons



Other gluon fragmentation sources:

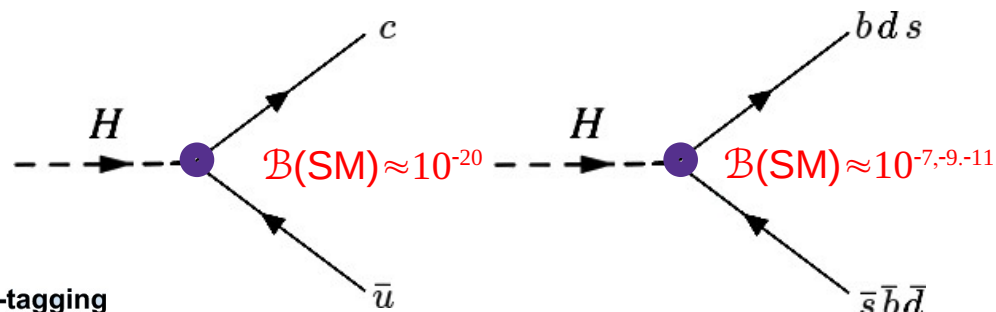


Another clean s source? $W \rightarrow c \bar{s}$

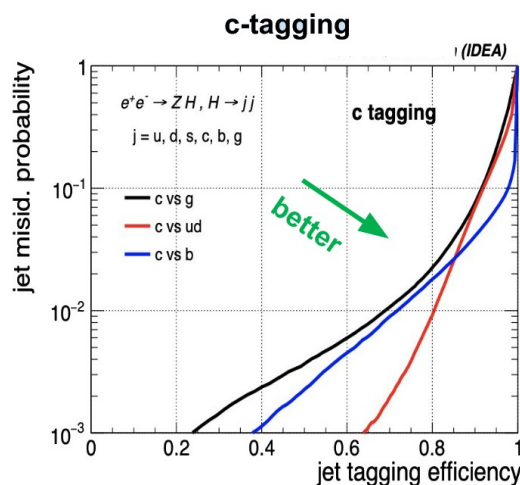
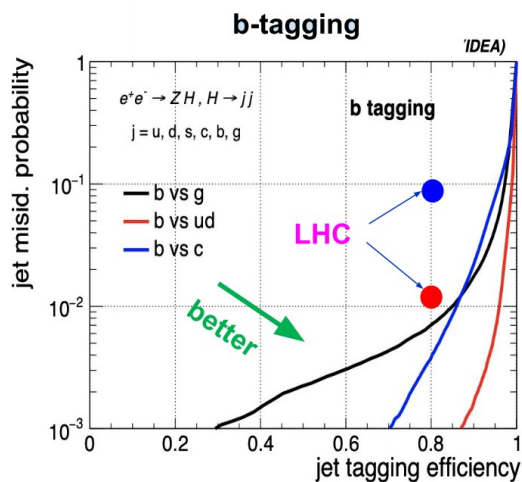
[P.Skands]

Flavor-violating Higgs decays at FCC-ee

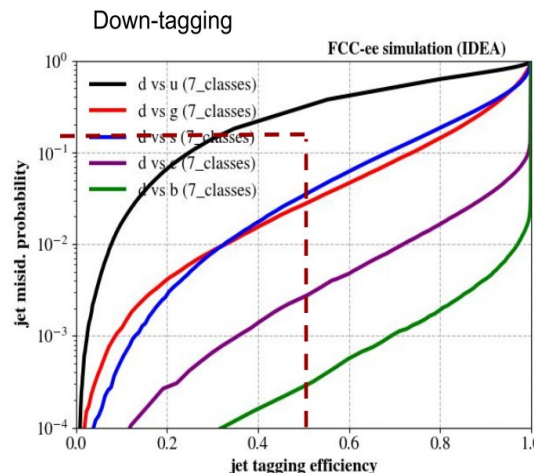
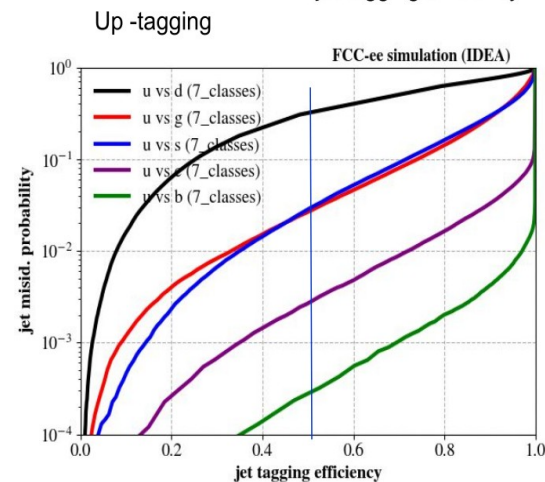
- Are there **flavour-violating** Higgs decays $H \rightarrow qq'$?



[Kamenik et al. arXiv:2306.17520]



- Projected sensitivities:
 $y_{bs, bd, cu} \sim 3 \cdot 10^{-4}$, $y_{sd} \sim 8 \cdot 10^{-4}$
 well beyond current indirect constraints (B_s and D meson oscillations)



- Expected reach **strongly depend** on the performance of jet flavor taggers:
 Tunable (tag&probe) with ultra-pure $Z \rightarrow qq$, $W \rightarrow qq'$ samples

Qu/Gouskos: arXiv:1902.08570
 Bedeschi/Gouskos/Selvaggi, arXiv:2202.03285

α_s from photon QCD structure function (NLO)

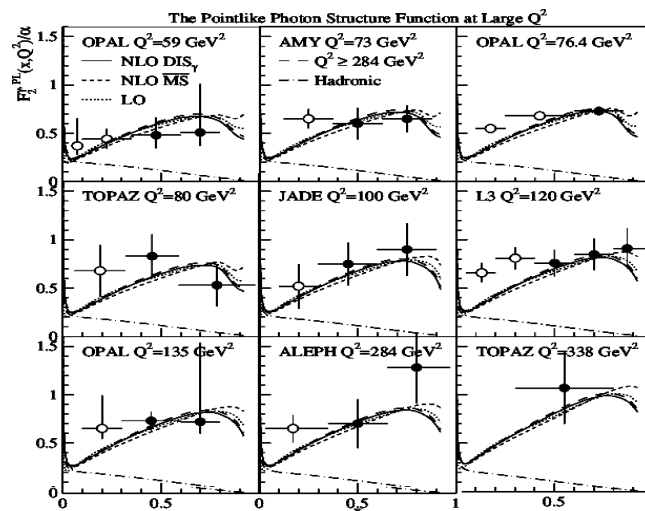
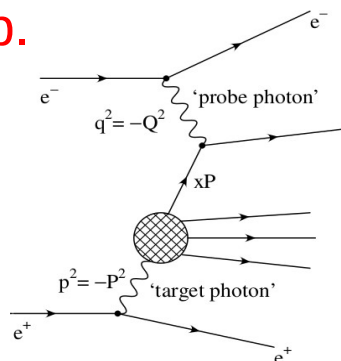
➔ Computed at **NNLO**: $\int_0^1 dx F_2^\gamma(x, Q^2, P^2) = \frac{\alpha}{4\pi} \frac{1}{2\beta_0} \left\{ \frac{4\pi}{\alpha_s(Q^2)} c_{LO} + c_{NLO} + \frac{\alpha_s(Q^2)}{4\pi} c_{NNLO} + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2) \right\}$

➔ Poor $F_2^\gamma(x, Q^2)$ experimental measurements:

➔ **Extraction (NLO) with large exp. uncertainties today:**

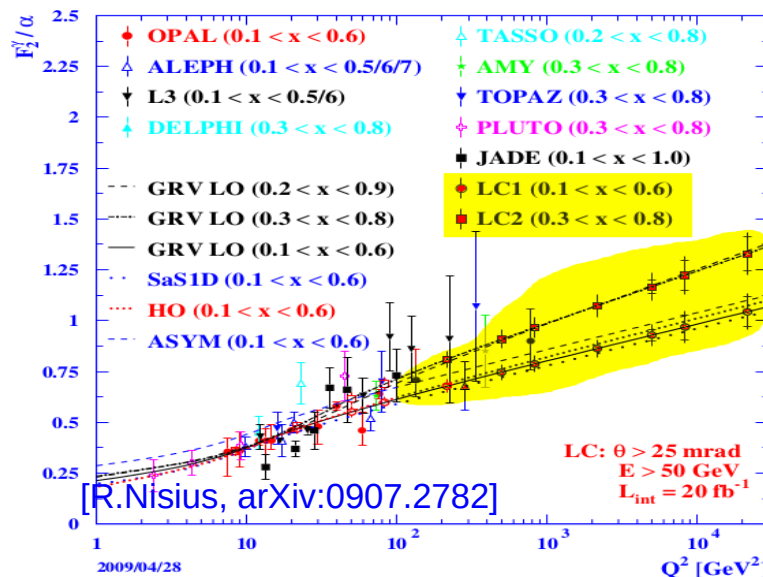
$$\alpha_s(m_z) = 0.1198 \pm 0.0054 \quad (\pm 4.5\%)$$

[M.Klasen et al. PRL89 (2002)122004]



➔ Future prospects:

- Fit with NNLO F_2^γ evolution (ongoing)
- **Better data** badly needed: Belle-II ?
- Dedicated simul. studies at **ILC** exist:
- Huge $\gamma\gamma$ (EPA) stats at **FCC-ee** will lead to: $\delta\alpha_s/\alpha_s < 1\%$



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	≈ 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	≈ 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	≈ 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	≈ 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	(≈ 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)	≈ 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%	≈ 0.4% (0.1%)

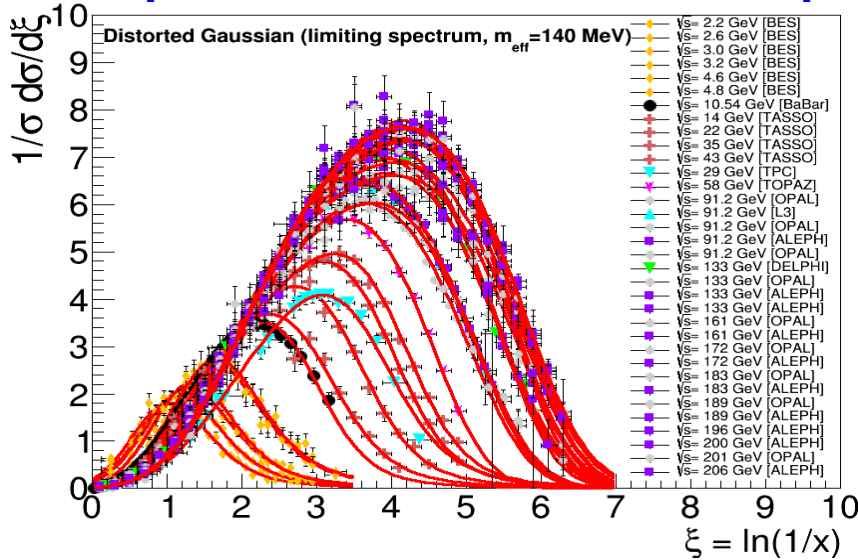
■ Well-defined exp./th. path towards $\alpha_s(m_Z)$ permil precision in coming years

α_s extractions from jet fragmentation (NLO, NNLO*)

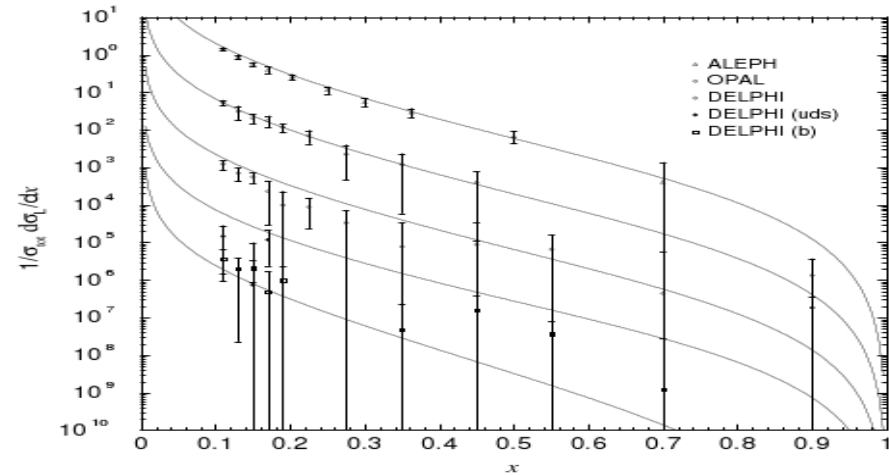
➔ Soft parton-to-hadron FFs (NNLO*+NNLL):

➔ Hard parton-to-hadron FFs (NLO):

[D.d'E., R.Perez-Ramos, arXiv:1505.02624]



$$\alpha_s(m_Z) = 0.1176 \pm 0.0055$$



Combined fit of the jet-energy evolution of the FF moments (multiplicity, peak, width,...) with α_s as single free parameter:

$$\alpha_s(m_Z) = 0.1205 \pm 0.0022$$

(+2%)

(full-NNLO corrections missing)

[AKK, B. Kniehl et al., NPB

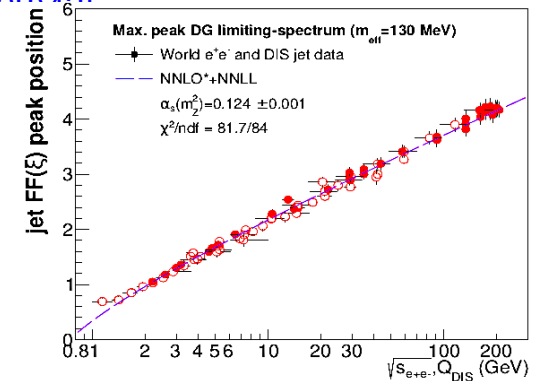
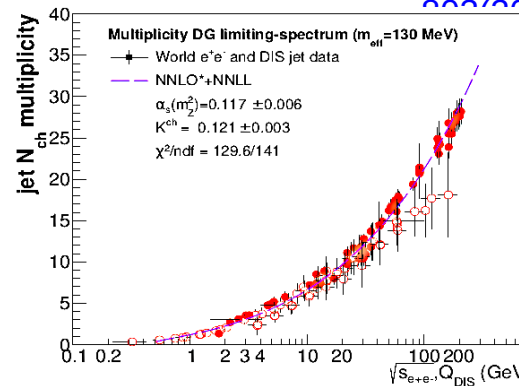


Figure 3: Energy evolution of the charged-hadron multiplicity (left) and of the FF peak position (right) measured in e^+e^- and DIS data fitted to the NNLO*+NNLL predictions. The obtained \mathcal{K}_{ch} normalization constant, individual NNLO* $\alpha_s(m_Z)$ values, and the goodness-of-fit per degree-of-freedom χ^2/ndf .