

Tests of QCD

at e^+e^- colliders

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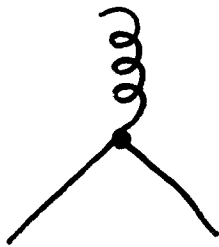
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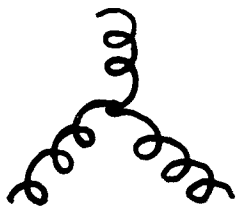
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Fundamental Elements of QCD

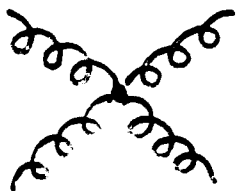
- Non-Abelian $SU(3)$ gauge theory describing the interactions of Spin $\frac{1}{2}$ quarks and Spin 1 gluons
- Fundamental interactions:



Quark - Gluon vertex

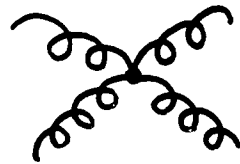


Triple Gluon vertex



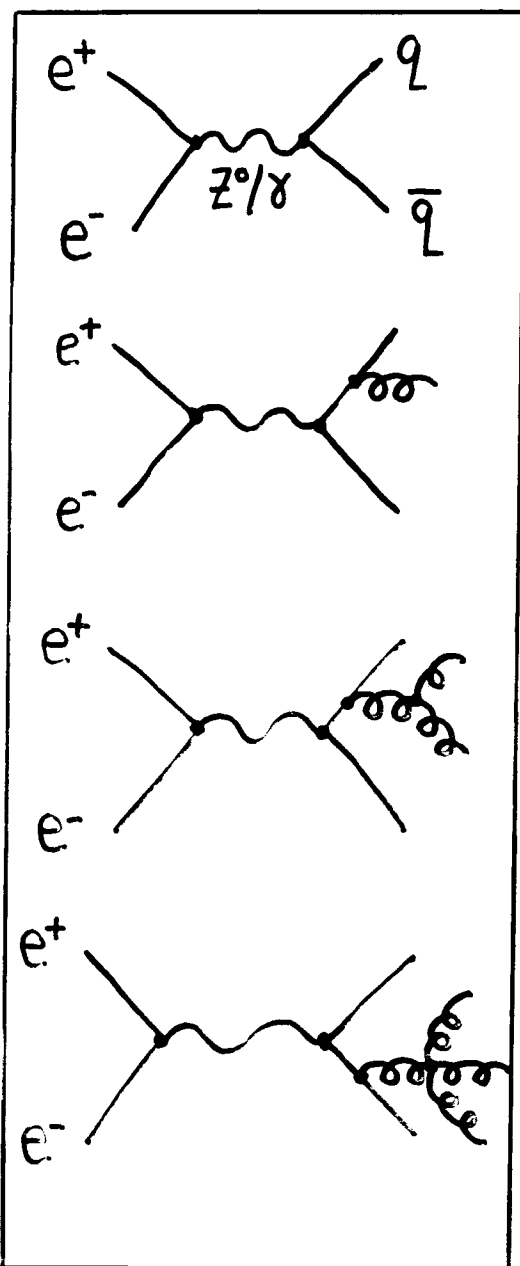
Four Gluon vertex

Four gluon vertex



$$\sim C_A^2$$

→ enters e^+e^- annihilations at $O(\alpha_s^3)$:



$O(\alpha_s^0)$ No QCD

2-jet tree level

L0: $O(\alpha_s)$

3-jet tree level

1-loop corrections to 2-jet σ

NLO: $O(\alpha_s^2)$

4-jet tree level

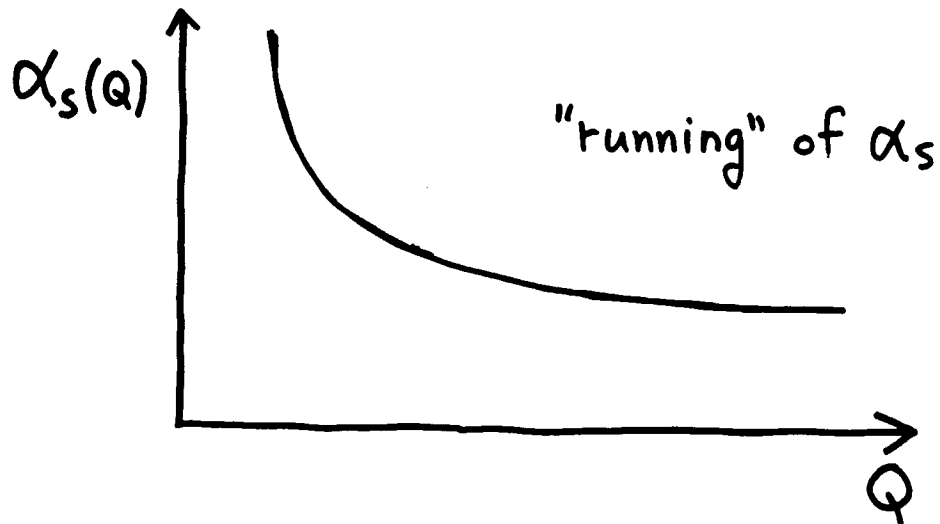
2-loop corrections to 2-jet σ

NNLO: $O(\alpha_s^3)$

5-jet tree level

3-loop corrections to 2-jet σ

- One free parameter: $\alpha_s(Q)$ or $\Lambda_{\overline{MS}}$



- α_s decreases with increasing energy scale Q :

$$\frac{\partial \alpha_s}{\partial Q} = - \left(\frac{\beta_0}{2\pi} \right) \frac{\alpha_s^2}{Q} - \left(\frac{\beta_1}{4\pi^2} \right) \frac{\alpha_s^3}{Q} - \left(\frac{\beta_2}{64\pi^3} \right) \frac{\alpha_s^4}{Q} - \dots$$

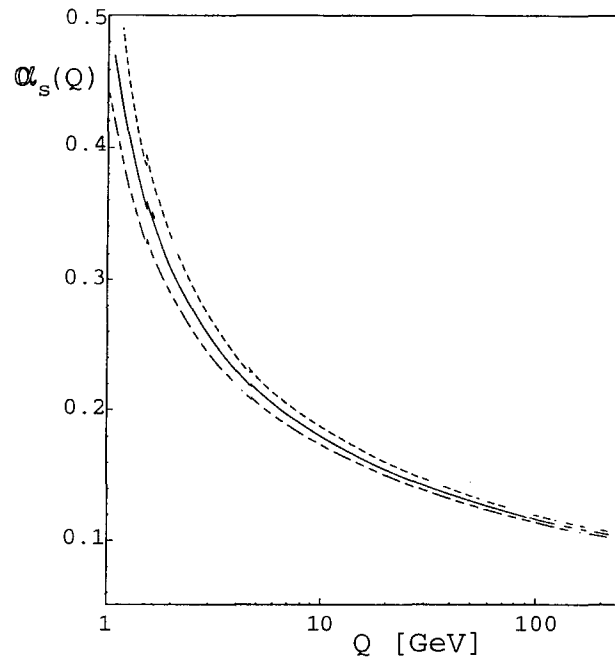
$$\beta_0 = 11 - \frac{2}{3} n_f ; \quad \beta_1 = 51 - \frac{19}{3} n_f ; \quad \dots$$

n_f = effective nr. of active quark flavors

- use to compare the values of α_s measured at different scales Q

- Standard scale: $Q = M_Z$

The “shrinking error”



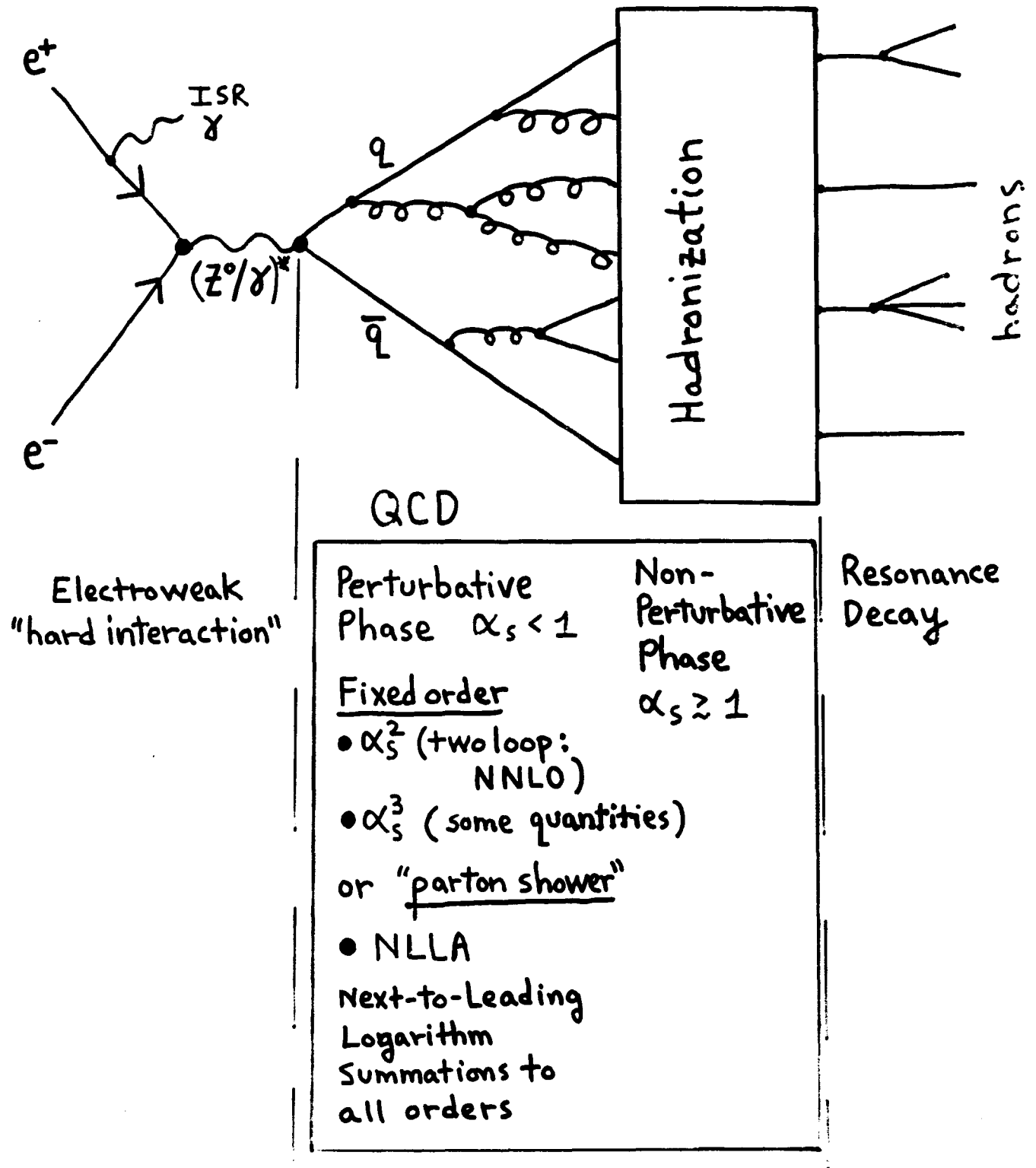
Evolve α_S from the physical scale Q to the standard scale M_Z

$$\frac{\delta\alpha_S(M_Z)}{\alpha_S(M_Z)} = \frac{\delta\alpha_S(Q)}{\alpha_S(Q)} \cdot \left(\frac{\alpha_S(M_Z)}{\alpha_S(Q)} \right)$$

The relative uncertainty of α_S decreases as the measurement is evolved from a low scale Q to M_Z

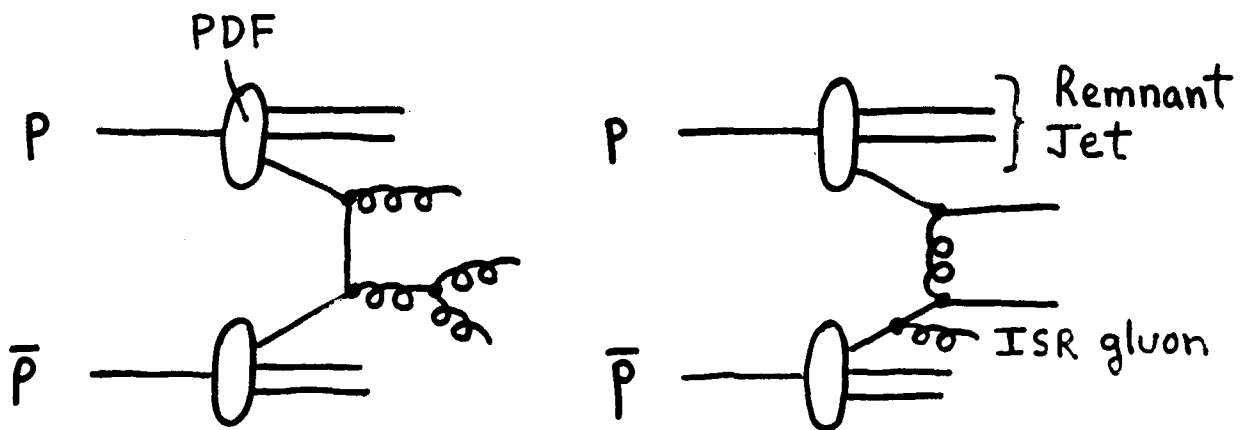
QCD in e^+e^- annihilations

QCD event: $e^+e^- \rightarrow (Z^0/\gamma)^* \rightarrow \text{hadrons}$



QCD at hadron colliders

- Ultra-high energy jets { no "hadronization correction"
- complementarity to e^+e^- colliders



with the complications of

- Parton Distribution Functions (PDFs)
- Strong interactions in initial state (ISR)
- Remnant Jets (underlying event)

and with perturbative expressions valid to α_s^3 (one loop: NLO) ONLY at fixed order (plus NLLA summations as in e^+e^-)

Principal e^+e^- accelerators which have contributed to QCD

SPEAR	(1972-1990)	8 GeV
CESR	(1979-present)	~ 10 GeV
PETRA	(1978-1986)	14-44 GeV
PEP	(1980-1990)	29 GeV
TRISTAN	(1987-1995)	52-64 GeV
SLC	(1989-2000)	91 GeV
	– SLD experiment	
LEP-1	(1989-1995)	91 GeV
	– ALEPH, DELPHI, L3 & OPAL experiments	
LEP-2	(1996-2000)	130-209 GeV
	– ALEPH, DELPHI, L3 & OPAL experiments	

LEP/SLC

Large collision energies compared to previous e^+e^- colliders

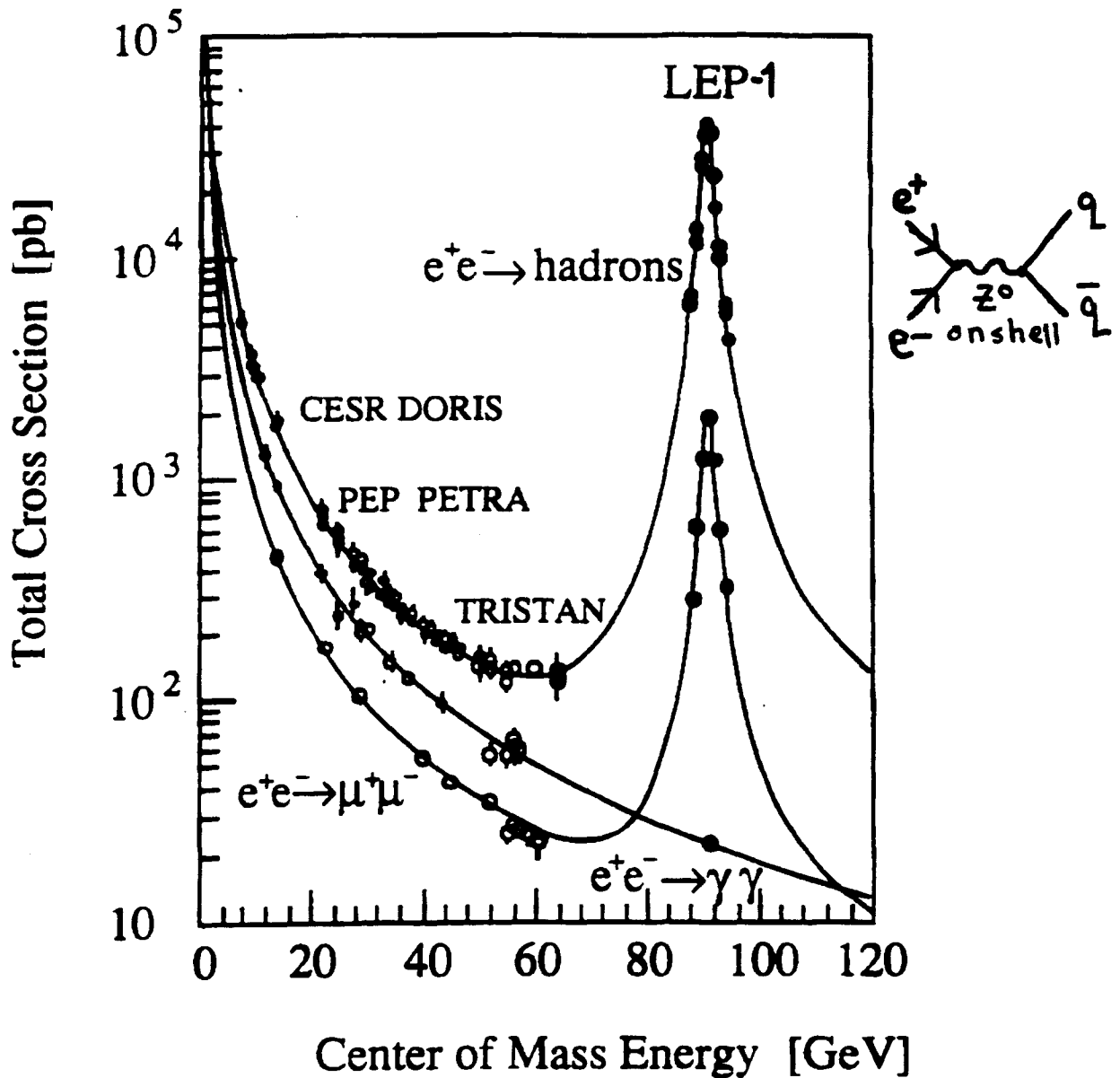
- Perturbative calculations are more reliable
(since α_S is smaller)
- Hadronization uncertainties are less important
(hadronization terms scale like $1/\sqrt{s}$)
- The perturbative structure of the jets is more developed:
closer to the “asymptotic regime”

$$\Lambda_{\overline{MS}} \sim 200 \text{ MeV} \ll E_{particle} \ll \sqrt{s}$$

- Particle (parton) evolution is more likely to be governed by QCD dynamics than by kinematic constraints, compared to lower energy data
 - Closer to the realm of validity of analytic calculations for multiparticle production, allowing quantitative tests of these QCD predictions
- Almost all results shown here will be from LEP/SLC

QCD at LEP-1/SLC

$$E_{c.m.} \approx m_Z = 91.2 \text{ GeV}$$



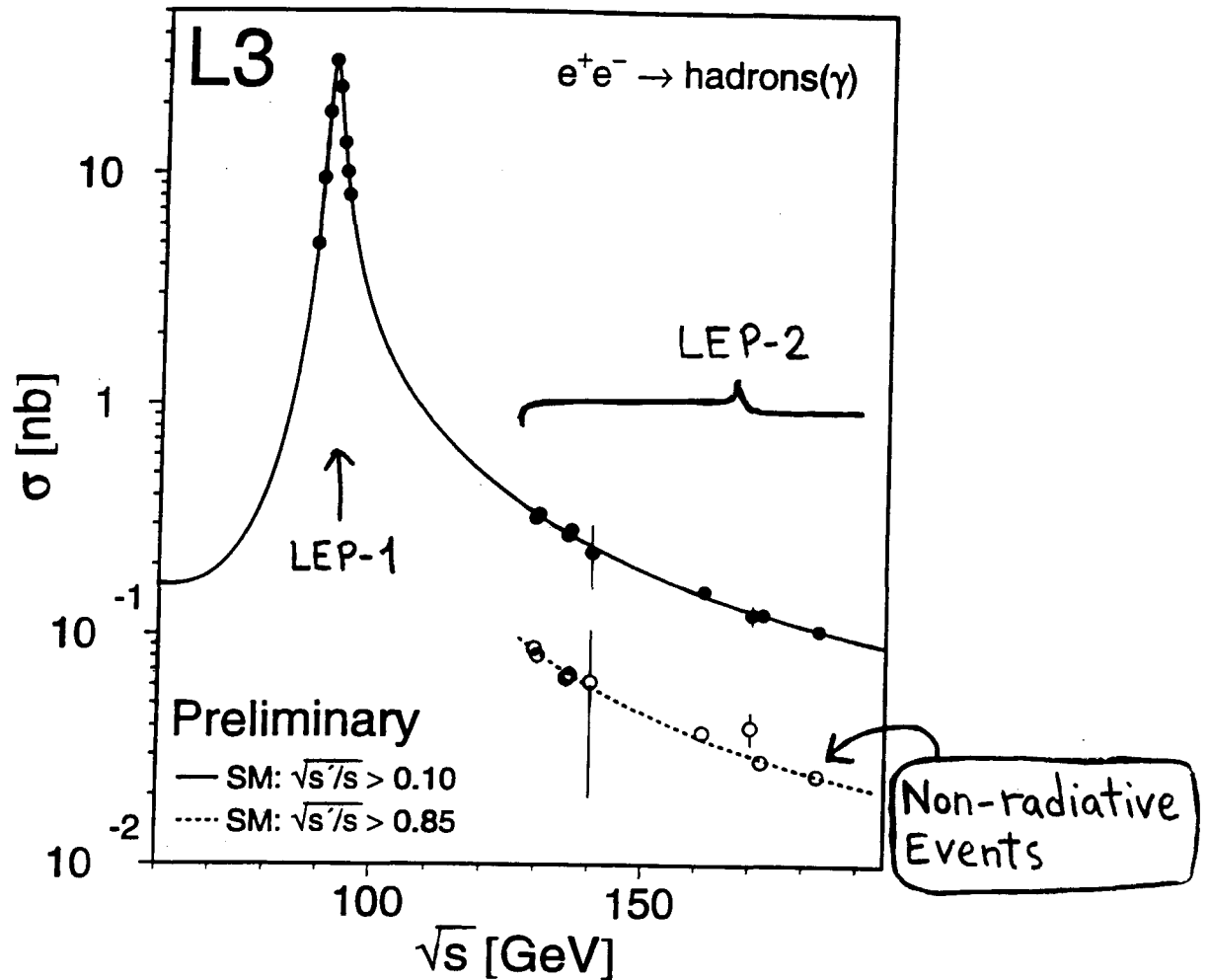
→ the largest e^+e^- data samples

above the Υ region

LEP-1 event samples : $\sim 4 \times 10^6$ events per experiment
Essentially no background and 100% efficiency!

QCD at LEP-2

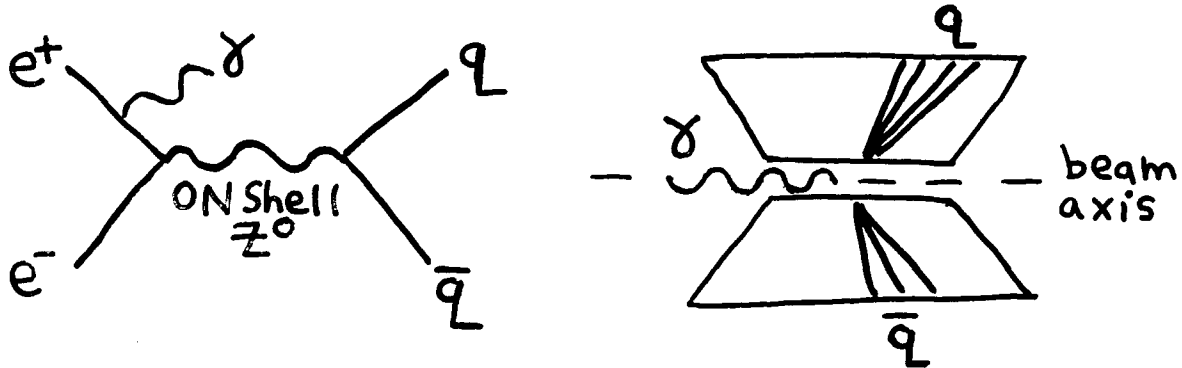
$$130 \lesssim E_{c.m.} \lesssim 209 \text{ GeV}$$



→ the highest e^+e^- energies

LEP-2: 1995-2000

- $\sim 80\%$ of QCD events are radiative returns to the Z^0



→ Reject by requiring $\sqrt{S}_{\text{hadronic}} \approx 2 E_{\text{beam}}$

- "4-fermion events" $e^+e^- \rightarrow W^+W^- \rightarrow q\bar{q}q\bar{q}$
 $\rightarrow Z^0Z^0 \rightarrow q\bar{q}q\bar{q}$

form a serious background
to $e^+e^- \rightarrow Z^0/\gamma^* \rightarrow q\bar{q}$

→ Reject by cuts on matrix element probabilities (jet energies and angular distributions differ for 4-fermion and QCD processes) or an analogous technique

- $\sim 10^4$ QCD non-radiative events

efficiency $\sim 75\%$ background $\sim 5\%$

QCD Monte Carlo simulation programs

Essential

- for the evaluation of detector response (also requires computer simulation of the detector)
- to estimate hadronization effects (corrections)
- to evaluate biases, e.g. introduced by jet-finders
- to demonstrate sensitivity to a certain physics effect

The principal QCD programs

- Jetset/Pythia
- Herwig
- Ariadne
- Cojets

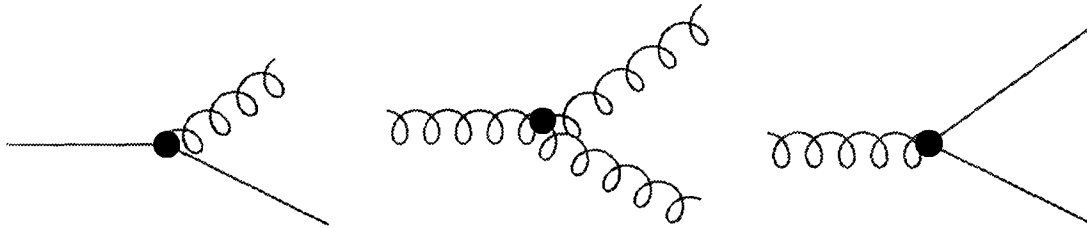
have been tuned to LEP-1 data using

- the mean charged particle multiplicity, $\langle n_{ch} \rangle$
- “event shape” variables, e.g. Thrust (the momentum structure of an event)
- Inclusive identified particle production rates and distributions

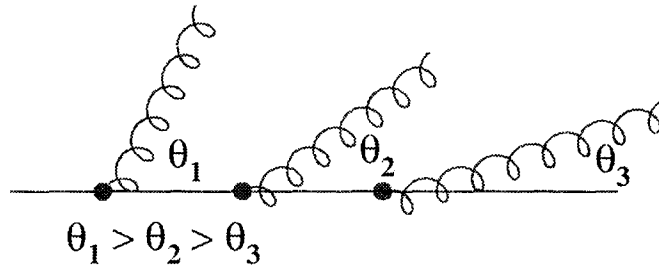
Jetset/Pythia

[T. Sjöstrand, Comp. Phys. Comm. 82 (1994) 74]

- LO parton shower based on Altarelli-Parisi splitting functions



with angular ordering:

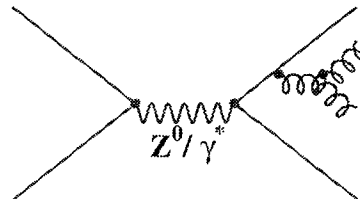


and azimuthal asymmetry in the soft gluon radiation pattern
to simulate COHERENCE $\longrightarrow$ QCD interference effects

ALSO: matching of the first gluon branching to the
 e^+e^- 3-jet matrix element

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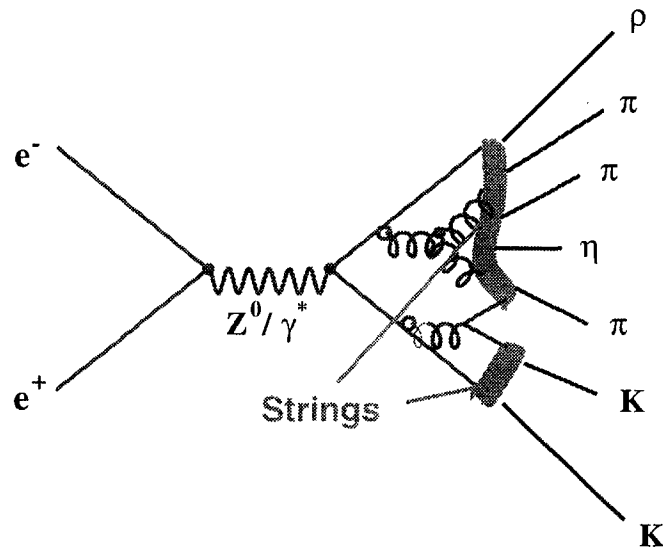
- fixed order $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_S^2)$ matrix elements



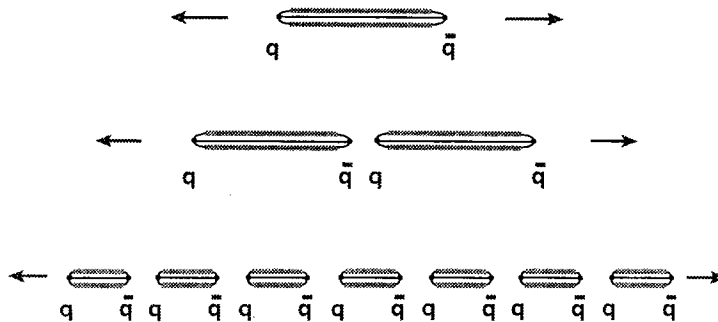
$\longrightarrow$ up to four partons in the final state: $q\bar{q}gg, q\bar{q}q\bar{q}$

Hadronization $\longrightarrow$ the Lund String model

[Bo Andersson et al., Phys.Rep. 97 (1983) 31]



Each string segment hadronizes in its rest frame according to a longitudinal phase space model



Principal parameters tuned to data

Λ, Q_0 : Perturbative phase
 a, b : Longitudinal momentum distribution
 σ_q : Transverse momentum distribution

- $\longrightarrow$ Very successful description of data
- $\longrightarrow$ The most widely used Monte Carlo for QCD studies at e^+e^- colliders

Herwig

[B.R.Webber, G. Marchesini et al., JHEP 0101 (2001) 010]

- Parton shower based on AP splitting functions:

$$q \rightarrow qg \quad g \rightarrow gg \quad g \rightarrow q\bar{q}$$

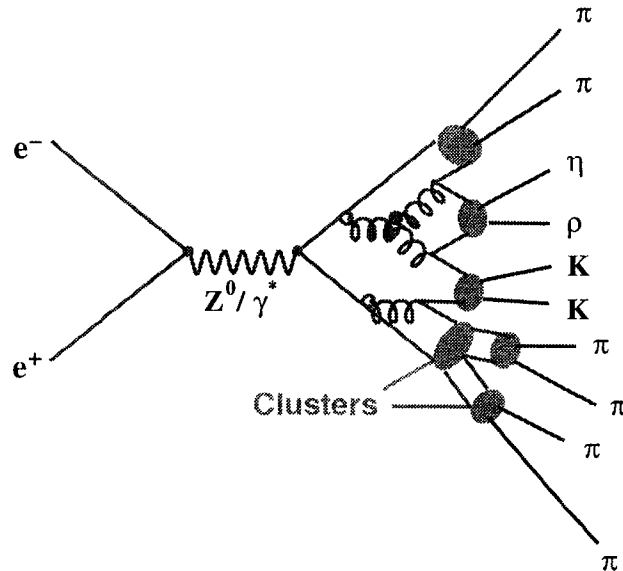
with NLO accuracy at high x

→ Herwig at the parton level is $\sim$ equivalent to an NLO calculation with exact $E - \vec{p}$ conservation

- Like Jetset/Pythia, the Herwig parton shower includes
 - Angular ordering and azimuthal asymmetries to simulate the effects of coherence
 - Matching of the first gluon branching to the 3-jet matrix element
- As an alternative to the parton shower, Herwig also includes the fixed order $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_S^2)$ matrix elements

Hadronization → the Cluster model

[G.C. Fox and S. Wolfram, Nucl. Phys. B168 (1980) 285]



- Gluons from the parton shower are forcibly split to $q\bar{q}$ pairs
- Color singlet clusters are formed from neighboring q and $\bar{q}$
- Clusters with a mass above a threshold ~ 3 GeV evolve through string model-like splitting before decaying
- The low mass clusters decay into hadrons according to 2-body phase space

Principal parameters tuned to data

Λ, M_g :	Perturbative phase
CLMAX, CLPOW	Cluster mass threshold
PSPLT:	Cluster mass spectrum from string decay
CLSMR:	Angular correlation between $q\bar{q}$ and a hadron

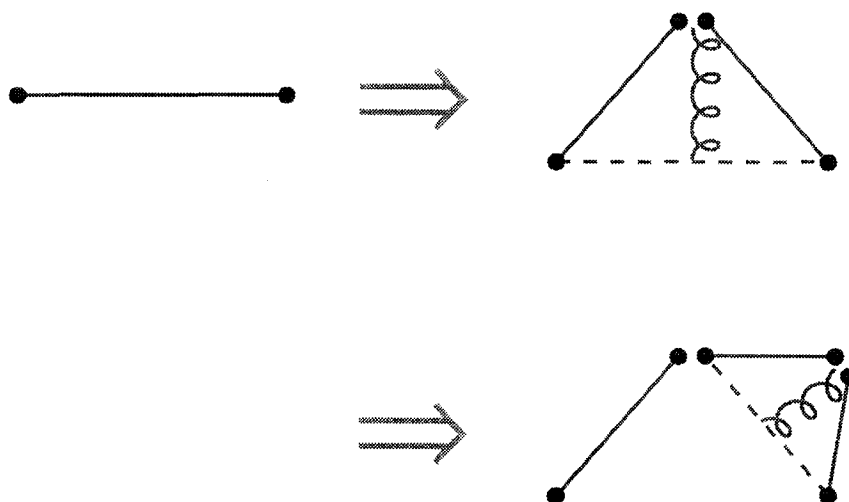
- Overall description of data very good, but generally worse than Jetset except for gluon jets
- The hadronization model provides an important alternative to the Lund model

Ariadne

[L. Lönnblad, Comp. Phys. Comm. 71 (1992) 15]

- LO Parton shower based on a dipole cascade:

[G. Gustafson, Phys. Lett. B75 (1986) 453]



→ An alternative to Altarelli-Parisi-type splittings

- The soft gluon radiation is inherently coherent (the gluon radiation is not from independently evolving partons)
- Hadronization → The Lund string model
- Principal parameters: same as Jetset except $Q_0 \rightarrow p_\perp$ to terminate the parton shower
- Description of data similar to Jetset, sometimes better

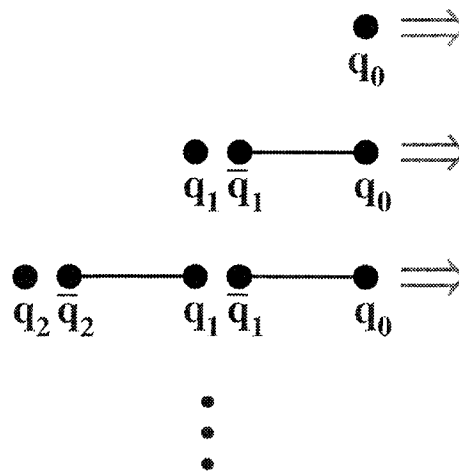
Cojets

[R. Odorico, Comp. Phys. Comm. 72 (1992) 238]

- LO Altarelli-Parisi-type Parton shower without simulation of coherence effects: (no angular ordering)
- Hadronization $\longrightarrow$ the Independent Fragmentation model

[R.D. Field & R.P. Feynman, Nucl. Phys. B136 (1978) 1]

- $\longrightarrow$ Split gluons into $q\bar{q}$ pairs
- $\longrightarrow$ Each q and $\bar{q}$ hadronizes independently according to a longitudinal phase space model

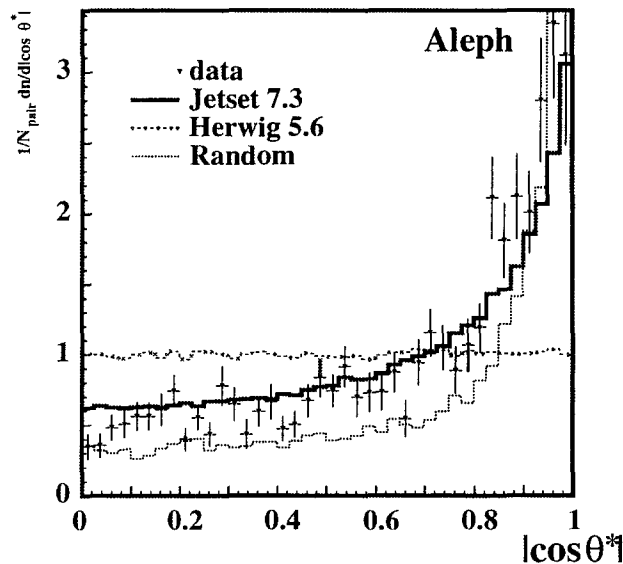


- Describes the main features of LEP-1 data ... but
 - $\longrightarrow$ it provides a poor description of the $\sqrt{s}$ evolution of basic measurements: $n_{ch.}$, Thrust, etc.
 - $\longrightarrow$ it fails to describe experimental distributions sensitive to color flow $\longrightarrow$ The String Effect (see lecture 2)
- Useful as a “toy model” to establish the sensitivity of a measurement to coherence effects and/or color flow

Experimental discrimination between the string & and cluster models

→ $\cos \theta^*$ distribution of identified proton-antiproton ($p\bar{p}$) pairs

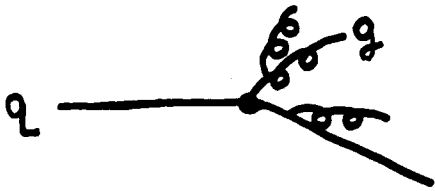
$\cos \theta^*$ = angle between the proton and event axis (sphericity axis) in the $p\bar{p}$ rest frame



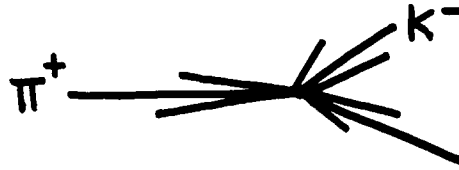
- “Naive” isotropic cluster decay is disfavored
- Tune-able angular correlations implemented in later versions of Herwig partially correct this problem: CLSMR
- An example of how the e^+e^- data has been used to test and improve the hadronization models

Jet Definition

Many tests of QCD are based on the grouping of particles into JETS



Theory $\rightarrow$ partons



Experiment $\rightarrow$ hadrons

Group particles close together in phase space into a single jet

Want a good correspondence between the parton and hadron levels

The results of the jet algorithm should correspond to intuition

$\rightarrow$ all particles in a jet move in about the same direction

Good theoretical properties :

- infrared and collinear "safe"
(insensitive to soft and collinear radiation)
- small hadronization corrections
- allows "resummation:"
the summation of leading and next-to-leading terms in $\ln(y)$; y = resolution parameter to all orders (NLLA calculation)
→ improves reliability in the two-jet region

Jet finders

① Standard recombination algorithms:

$$y_{ij} = M_{ij}^2 / E_{vis}^2$$

→ combine the particle pair (i, j)
with smallest y_{ij}

$$(i, j) \rightarrow k$$

E scheme: $P_k = P_i + P_j \rightarrow$ massive jets
(Lorentz invariant)

$E_\perp$ scheme: $E_k = E_i + E_j \rightarrow$ massless jets
$$\vec{P}_k = E_k \frac{\vec{P}_i + \vec{P}_j}{|\vec{P}_i + \vec{P}_j|}$$

→ iterate until all particle pairs
satisfy

$$y_{ij} > y_{cut}$$

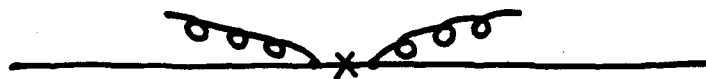
$y_{cut} \rightarrow$ the (single) resolution parameter

JADE jet finder

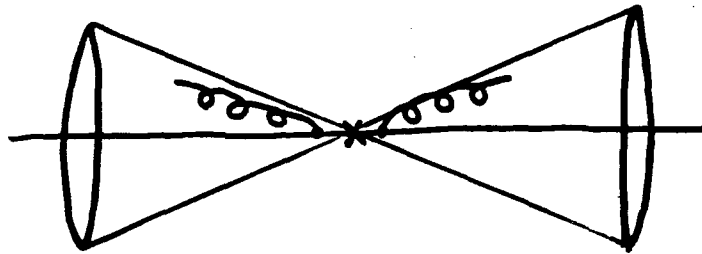
$$M_{ij}^2 = 2E_i E_j (1 - \cos \theta_{ij}) \approx (\text{invariant mass})^2$$

→ does not allow resummation

i.e. consider two soft, colinear gluons 1 and 2:



the event should "resum" in the 2-jet class



The invariant mass of the two gluons can be less than that of any quark-gluon pair



Unnatural factorization of n-jet phase space
spoils resummation

[Brown, Stirling, PLB 252 (1990) 657]

$K_{\perp}$ or "Durham" jet finder

$$M_{ij}^2 = 2 \min(E_i^2, E_j^2) (1 - \cos \theta_{ij})$$

~ same experimental characteristics as JADE algorithm

Small θ_{ij} $\rightarrow$

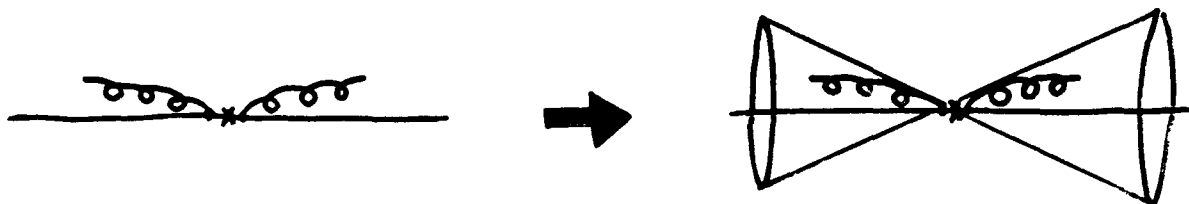
$$\underline{M_{ij}^2} \approx 2 \min(E_i^2, E_j^2) \left[1 - \left(1 - \frac{\theta_{ij}^2}{2} + \dots \right) \right]$$

$$\approx \min(E_i^2, E_j^2) \theta_{ij}^2 \approx \min(E_i^2, E_j^2) \sin^2 \theta_{ij}$$

$$\approx \underline{("K_{\perp}")^2} \text{ minimum relative transverse energy}$$

soft colinear radiation $\rightarrow$

$\rightarrow$ attached to the quark jet



$\rightarrow$ allows resummation

③ Cone algorithm:
(standard jet finder used at hadron colliders)

→ Cluster particles which lie within a cone of half angle R into a jet



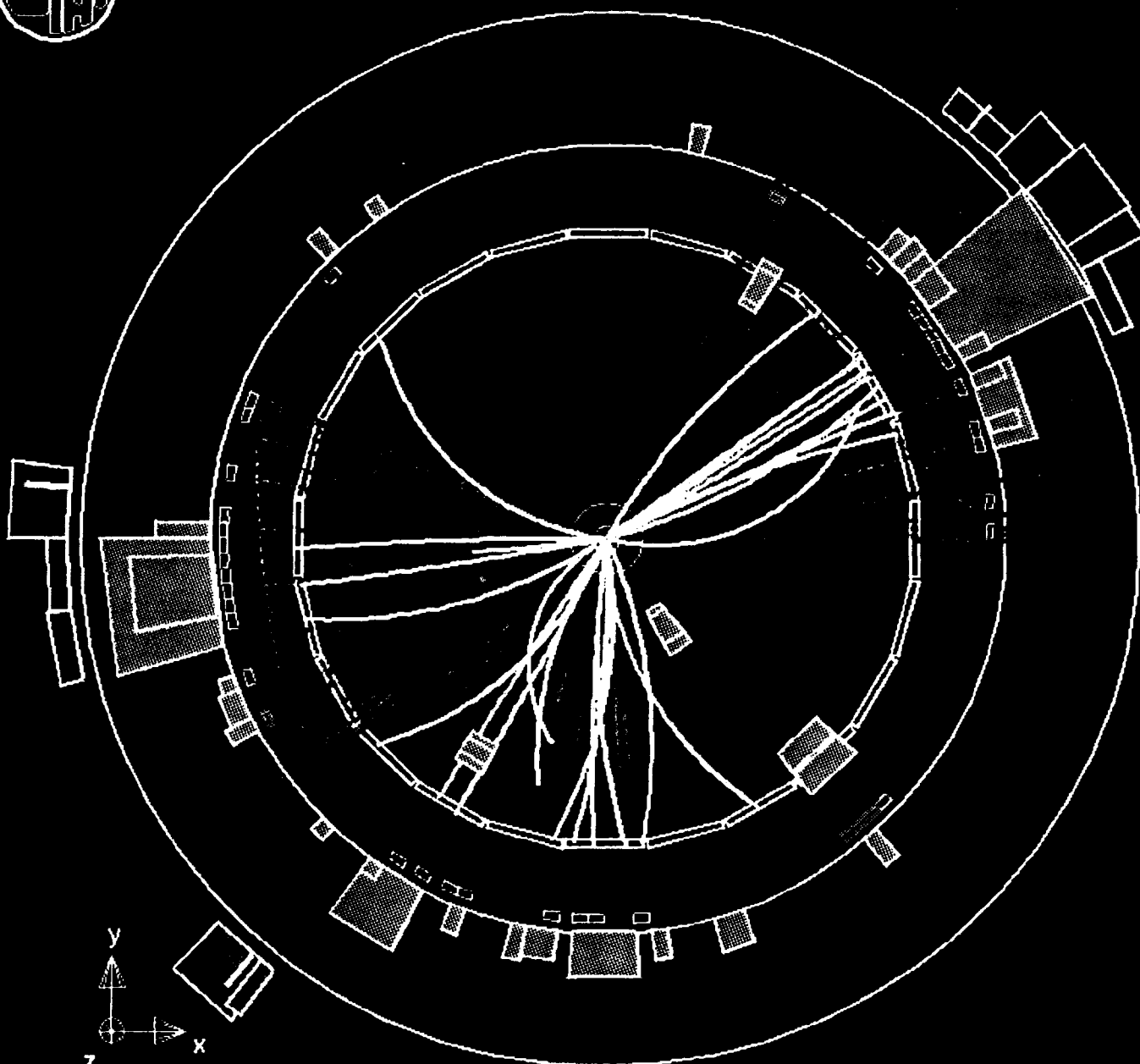
→ Require minimum jet energy
 $E_{\text{jet}} > \underline{\epsilon}$

→ Eliminate/merge overlapping jets
(R, ϵ → two resolution parameters)

- a more intuitive representation of a jet than that given by recombination jet finders
- not all particles are necessarily assigned to a jet (unlike the case with recombination algorithms)



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2 5 10 20 GeV

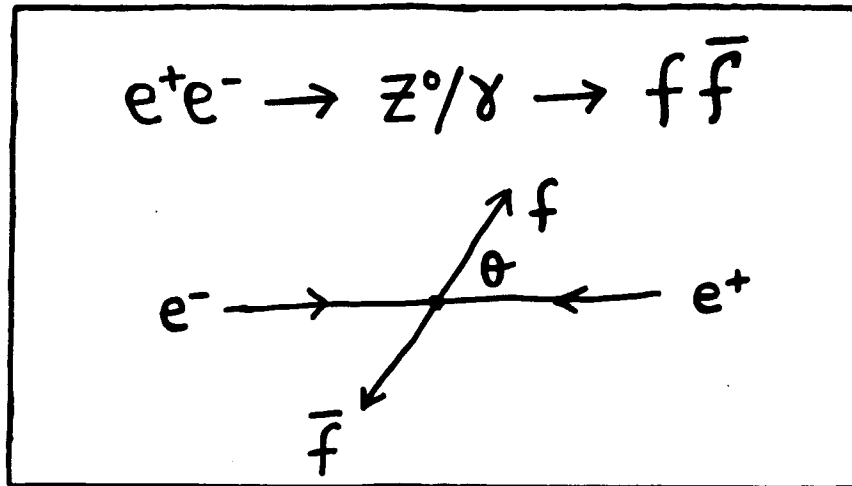
Test of "matrix elements"

→ energy and angular
distributions of jets

sensitive to:

- spin of the partons
- group structure of
the gauge theory

Two jet "matrix element"
(spin of the quark)



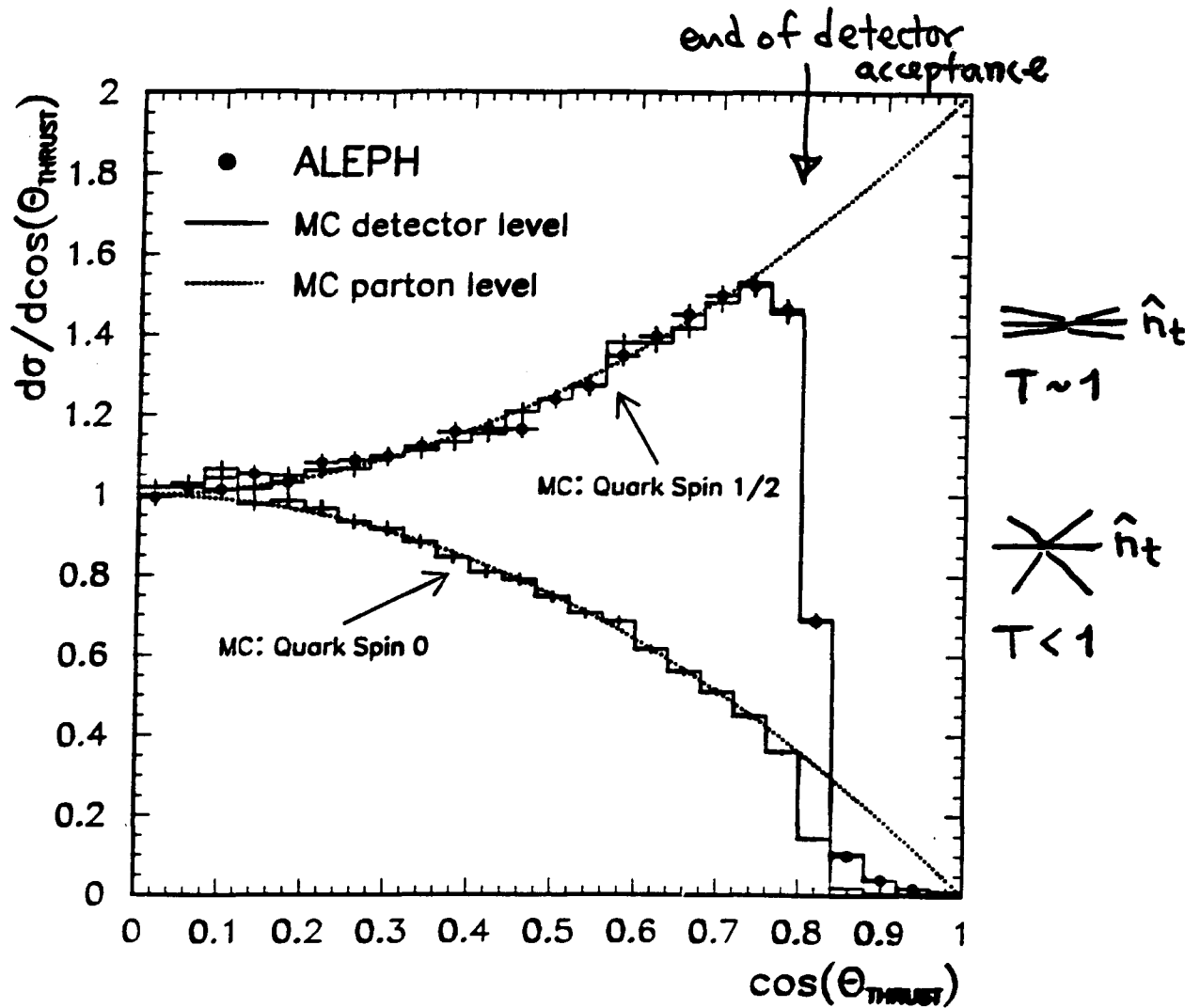
$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\cos\theta} \propto \underline{1 + \cos^2\theta + \frac{8}{3}A_{FB}\cos\theta}$$

for spin $1/2$, massless fermions

Forward-backward asymmetry cancels
between f and $\bar{f}$ (i.e. if charge
information is not used)

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\cos\theta} \propto \underline{1 + \cos^2\theta}$$

Angle θ_{thrust} between the Thrust and beam axes



Thrust axis: the direction $\hat{n}_t$ which minimizes $P_{\perp}$ of the particles (maximizes $P_{\parallel}$):

$$T = \max \left(\frac{\sum \vec{P}_i \cdot \hat{n}_t}{\sum |\vec{P}_i|} \right)$$

$$= \text{Thrust value}$$

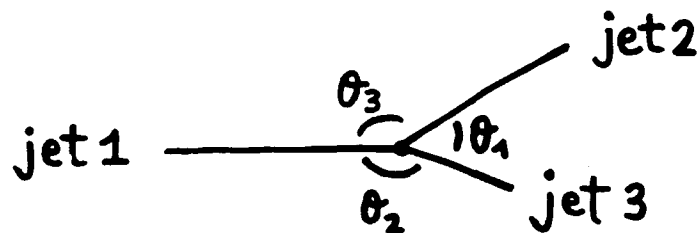
$\vec{P}_i$ = particle momentum

Test of the 3-jet matrix element (spin of the gluon)

- Select 3-jet events →

L3: JADE jet finder, $y_{cut} = 0.02$

→ 25% of events classified
as having 3-jet structure



- Calculated jet energies →

$$E_i = E_{c.m.} \frac{\sin \theta_i}{\sum_{i=1,3} \sin \theta_i} \quad \left(\begin{array}{c} \text{massless} \\ \text{jets} \end{array} \right)$$

$$E_1 > E_2 > E_3$$

→ jet 3 is the gluon jet in $\sim 75\%$
of the events (energy tagging of g jets)

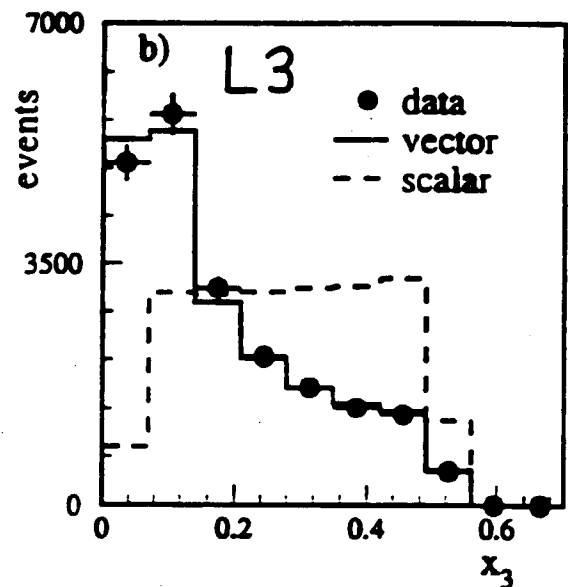
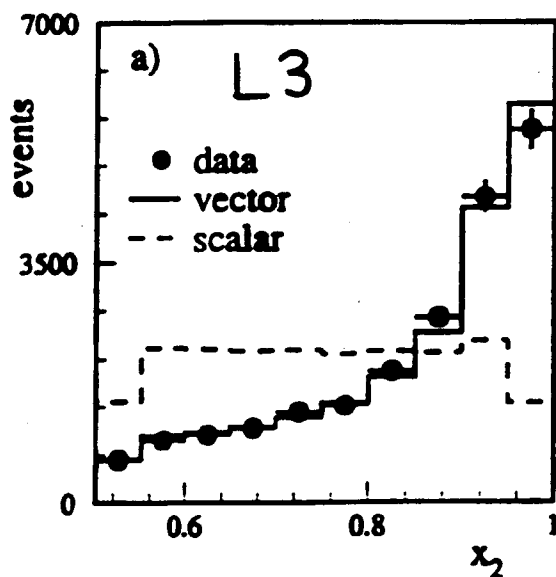
- Scaled energies: $X_i = \frac{2E_i}{E_{c.m.}}$; $X_1 + X_2 + X_3 = 2$

$O(\alpha_s)$ differential cross section:

$$\underline{e^+e^- \rightarrow 3\text{jets}}: \frac{d^2\sigma}{dx_1 dx_2} \propto \frac{x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2}{(1-x_1)(1-x_2)(1-x_3)}$$

(2nd order corrections and hadronization don't make much difference)

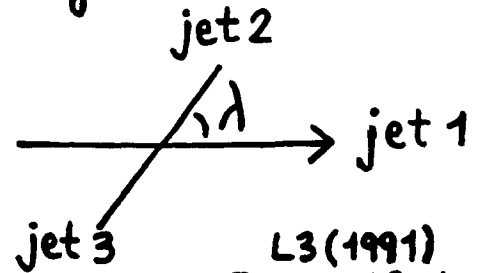
→ poles for soft gluon radiation
 $x_3 \rightarrow 0 \quad x_1, x_2 \rightarrow 1$



Comparison to $O(\alpha_s^2)$ (ERT) QCD matrix element
and to $O(\alpha_s)$ scalar gluon matrix element,
including hadronization

Ellis-Karliner angle

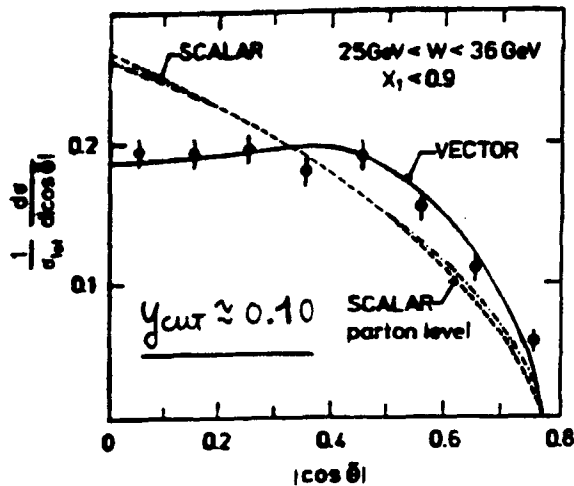
$$\cos \lambda \equiv \frac{X_2 - X_3}{X_1}$$



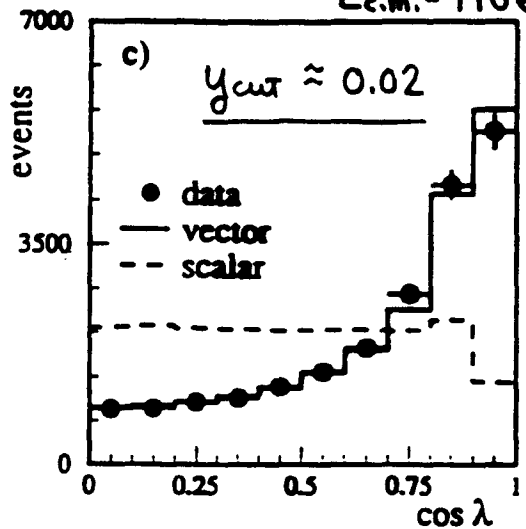
TASSO (1980)

$E_{c.m.} \approx 30 \text{ GeV}$

TASSO



L3 (1991)
 $E_{c.m.} = 91 \text{ GeV}$



The larger jet energies at LEP/SLC permit the use of smaller y_{cut} values

$$E_{jet} \approx \sqrt{y_{cut}} E_{c.m.}$$

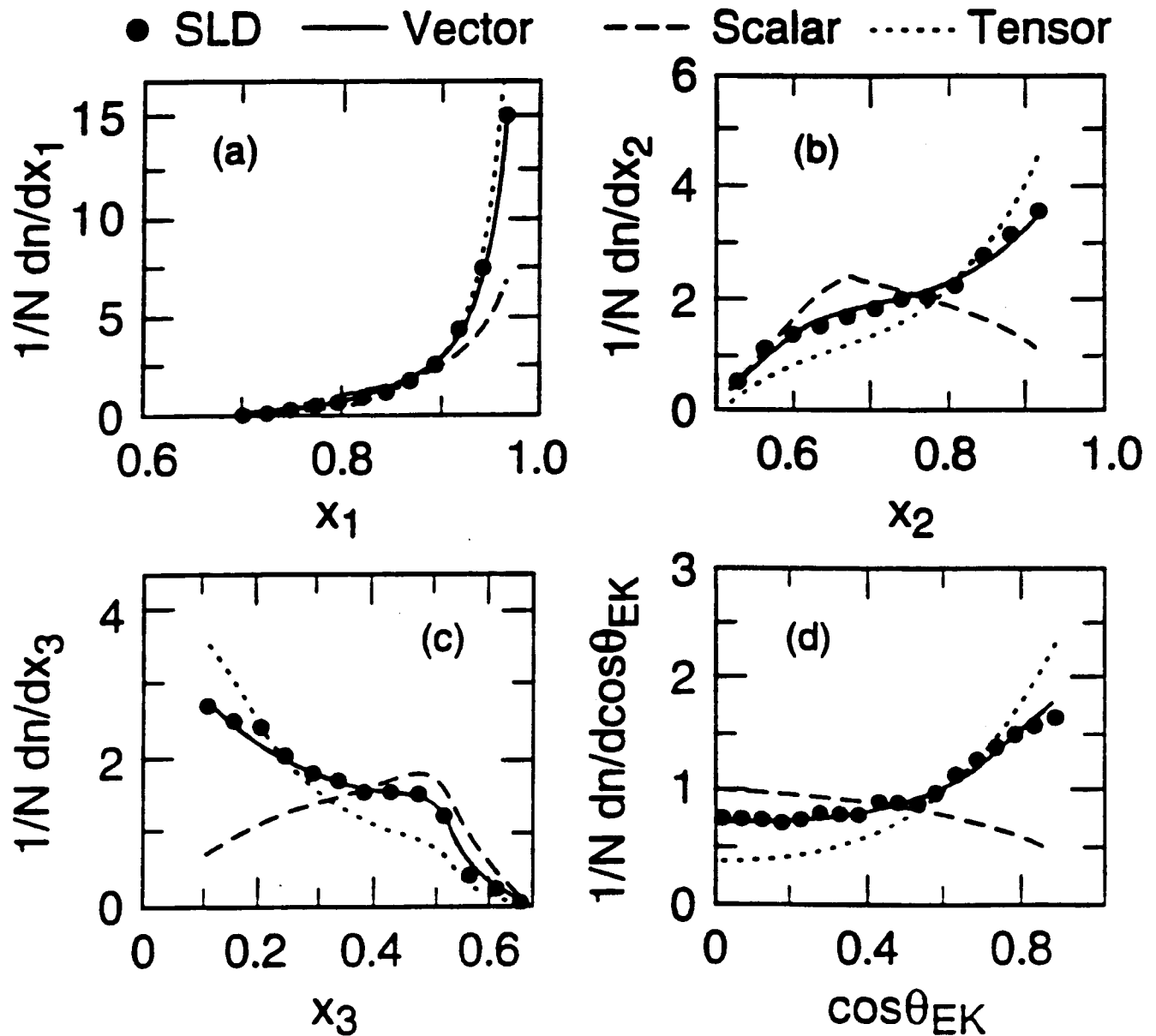
Factor of 3 in $E_{c.m.}$
→ factor of 9
in y_{cut}

→ the pole structure of the matrix element becomes visible

$X_3 \approx 0, X_2 \approx 1 \rightarrow$ the region most sensitive to the gluon spin

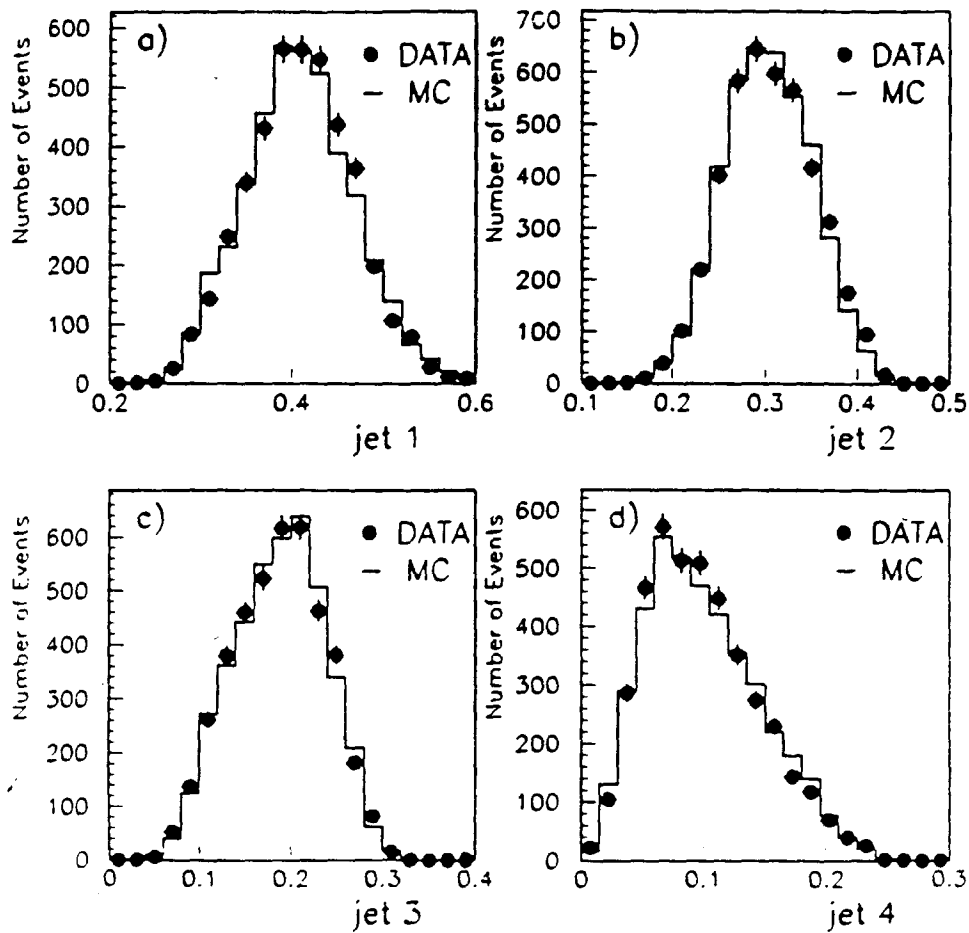
SLD (1996)

→ Update and include tensor gluon predictions



Test of the 4-jet matrix element (ALEPH/DELPHI/L3/OPAL)

L3 (JADE-E ; $y_{cut} = 0.02$)



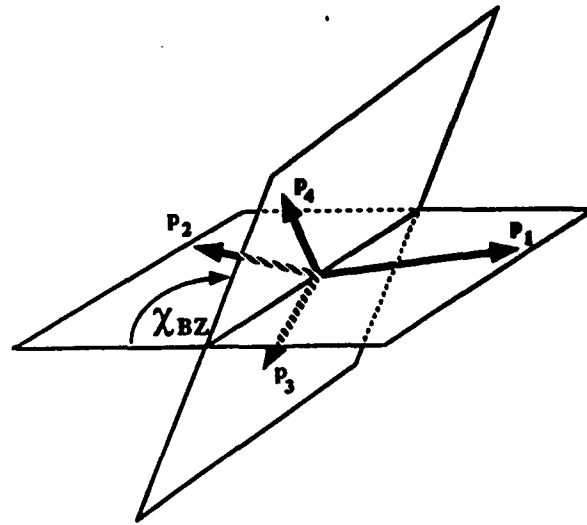
$E_{jet} / E_{c.m.}$

$\sim 9\%$ of events classified as 4-jet events

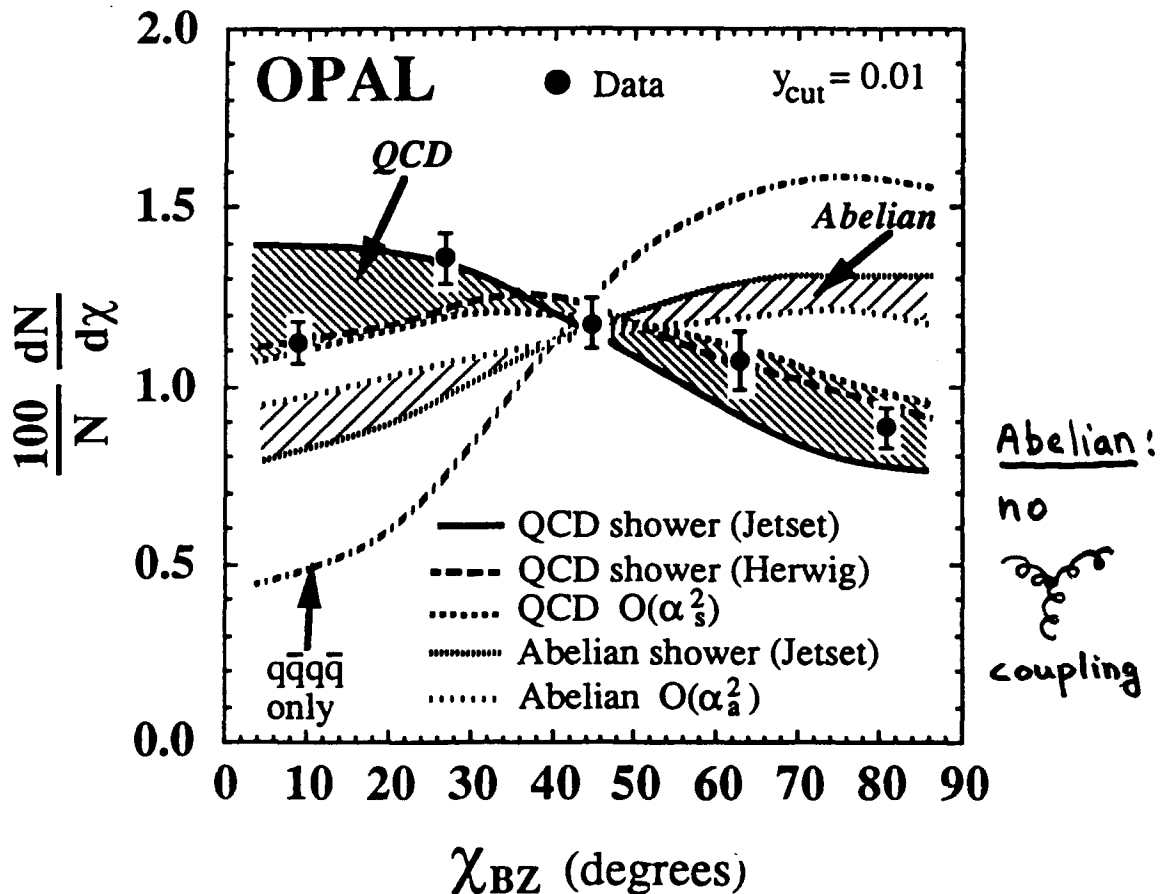
(comparison with Jetset parton shower MC)

4-jet angular correlations

→ Bengtsson-Zerwas angle



$$E_1 > E_2 > E_3 > E_4$$

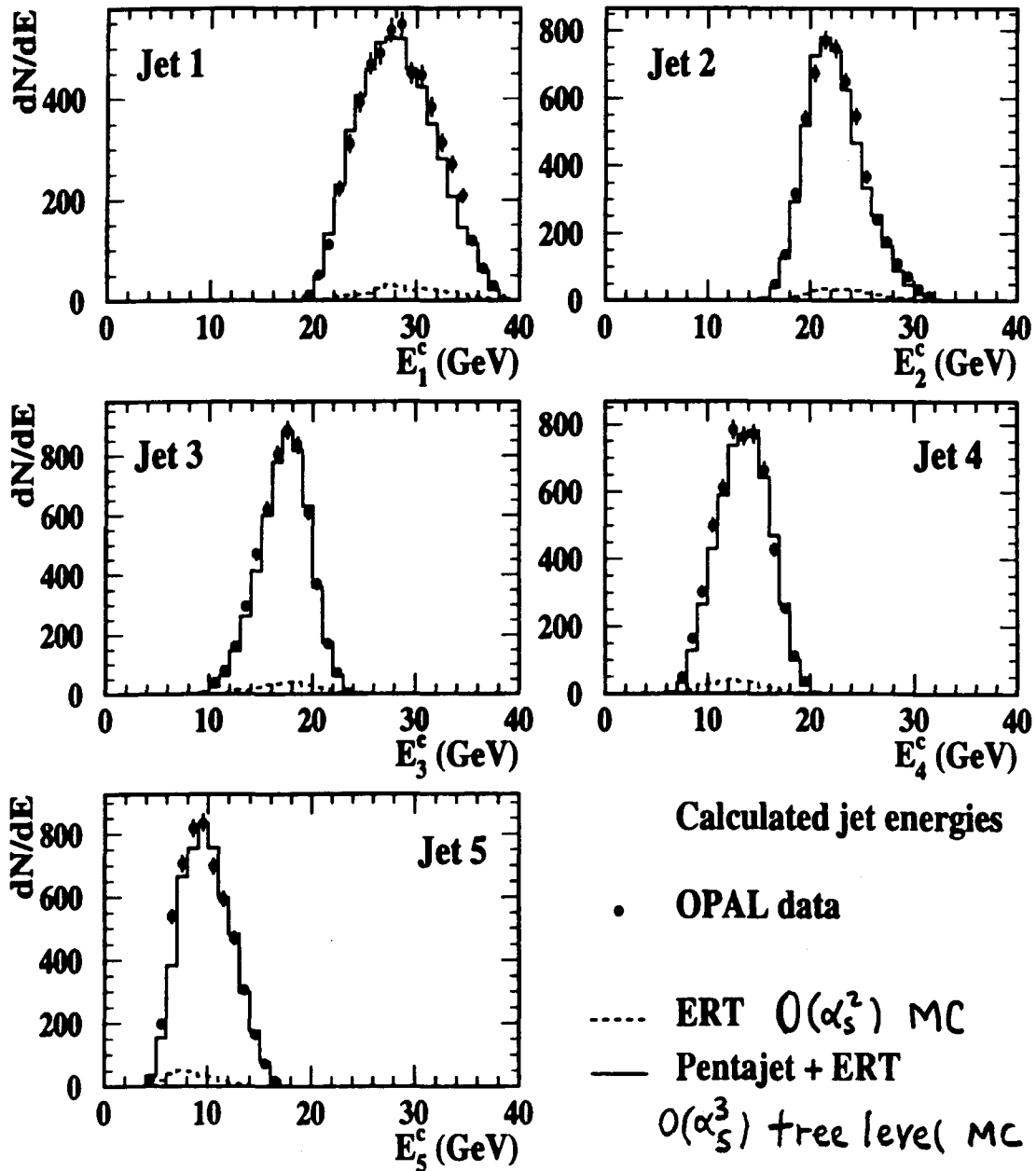


→ Sensitive to the group structure of QCD

Test of the 5-jet matrix element

$$\sqrt{s} = 91 \text{ GeV}$$

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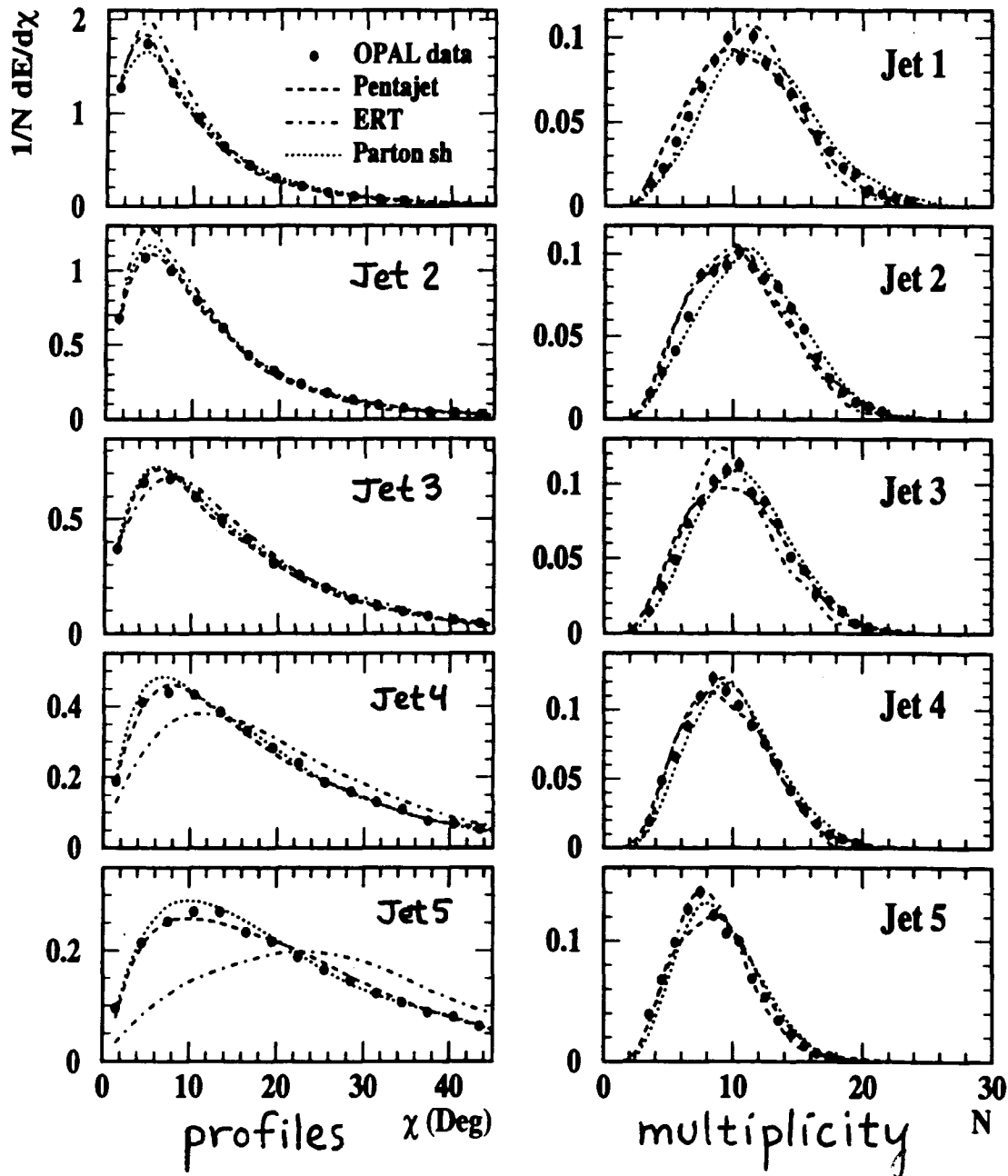
JADE algorithm

gluon jet content $\sim 35, 50, 60, 70, 80\%$
for the five jets $E_1 > E_2 > E_3 > E_4 > E_5$

Data show a need for 5-jet structure

jet profiles $\rightarrow$ distribution of jet energy around the jet axis

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Cannot describe the 5-jet jet profiles using $O(\alpha_s^2)$ matrix element (ERT)

Measurements of α_S

→ Inclusive:

- $R_\ell = \frac{\Gamma(Z^0 \rightarrow \text{hadrons})}{\Gamma(Z^0 \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^-)} \quad \ell = e, \mu \text{ or } \tau$
- $R_\tau = \frac{\Gamma(\tau \rightarrow \text{hadrons})}{\Gamma(\tau \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^-)} \quad \ell = e \text{ or } \mu$
- Standard Model (SM) fit result for σ_ℓ , the leptonic pole cross section at the Z^0

→ 3-jet dominated:

- Event shapes: Thrust, Jet broadening, $\dots$
- N-jet rates
- Energy-energy correlations

→ Scaling violations:

- “ Q^2 ” evolution of fragmentation functions

α_S from R_ℓ

R_ℓ = ratio of the total hadronic to the single species (massless) leptonic branching ratios of the Z^0

$$= \frac{\Gamma(Z^0 \rightarrow \text{hadrons})}{\Gamma(Z^0 \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^-)} \quad \ell = e, \mu \text{ or } \tau$$

Experiment

- based exclusively on event counting
- no “analysis” except to understand the acceptance for the hadronic and charged leptonic events
- no hadronization correction (there is some hadronization uncertainty in the acceptance corrections)

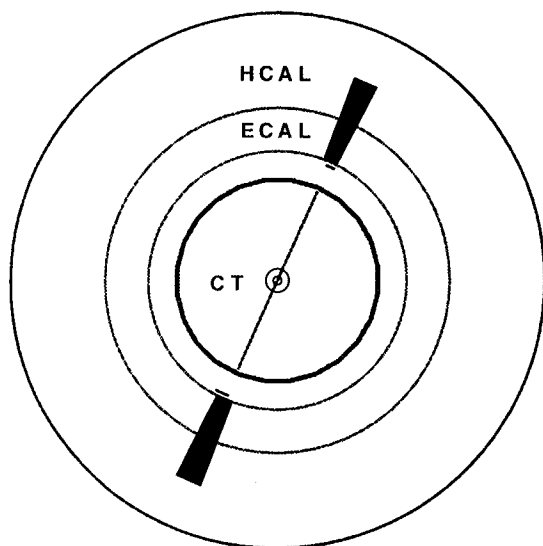
Theory

- Complete $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_S^3)$ (3 loop) calculation available
- The only observable, along with R_τ , for which this is true

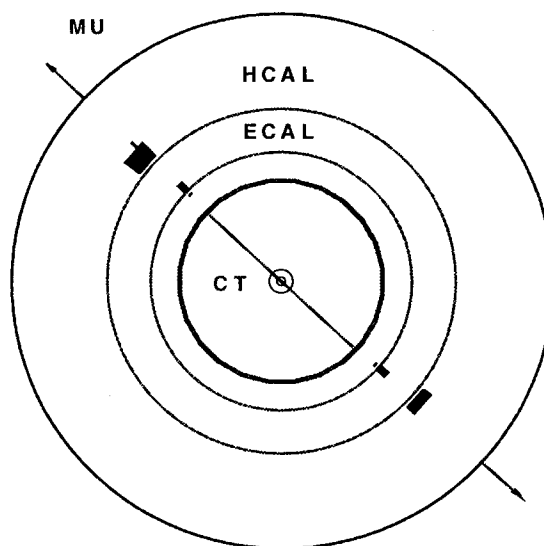
α_S from R_ℓ has intrinsically small experimental and theoretical uncertainties !

$$Z^0 \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^- \text{ and } Z^0 \rightarrow \text{hadrons}$$

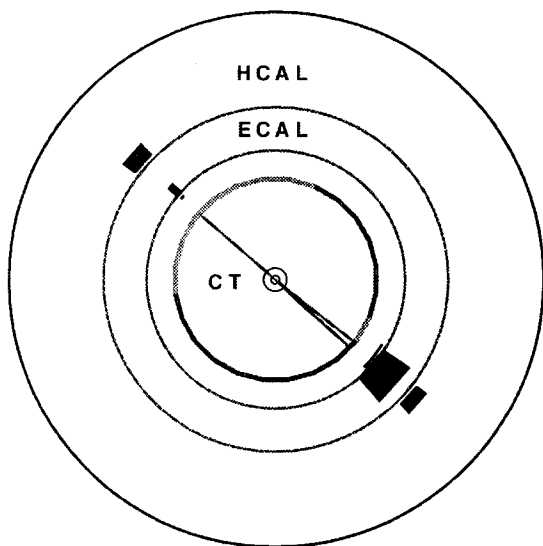
$e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^-$



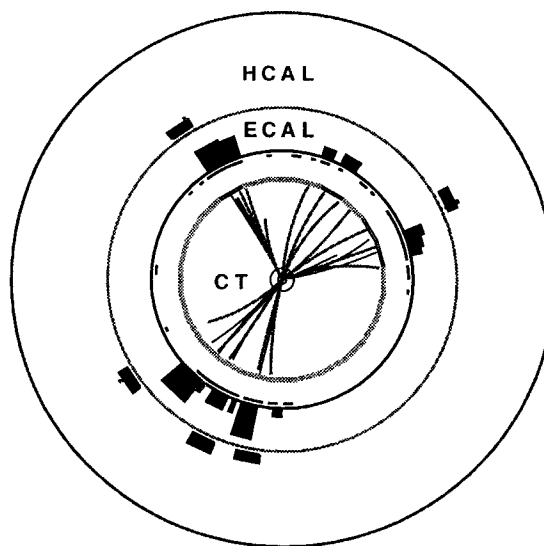
$e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$



$e^+e^- \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-$



$e^+e^- \rightarrow q\bar{q}(g)$



However, the dependence of R_ℓ on α_S is
non-leading and therefore weak:

$$\mathbf{R}_1 \sim \text{diagram 1} + \text{diagram 2} + \text{diagram 3}$$

$$\text{or } R_\ell = R_\ell^0 (1 + \delta_{QCD})$$

with

$$R_\ell^0 = R_\ell(\alpha_S = 0) = 19.934$$

and

$$\delta_{QCD} = 1.045 \left(\frac{\alpha_S}{\pi} \right) + 0.94 \left(\frac{\alpha_S}{\pi} \right)^2 - 15 \left(\frac{\alpha_S}{\pi} \right)^3 \approx 0.042$$

where $\alpha_S = \alpha_S(m_Z)$ [see E. Tournefier, hep-ex/9810042]

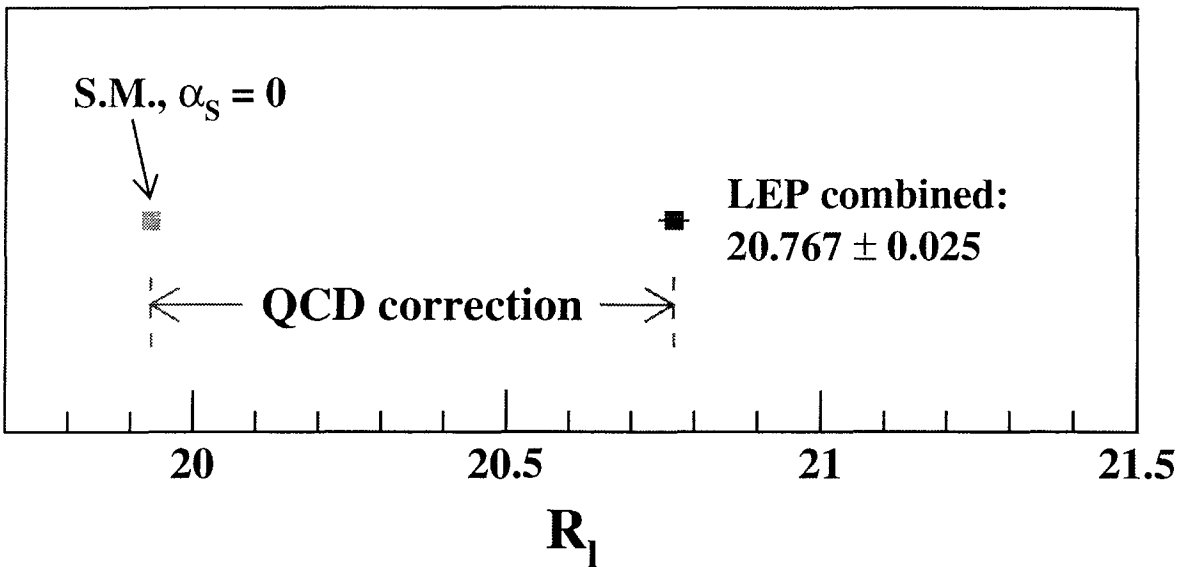
→ An accurate determination of α_S from R_ℓ
 requires the total LEP-1 event statistics from
 the four LEP experiments combined !

Total LEP-1 event statistics (combined):

$$Z^0 \rightarrow \text{hadrons}: \sim 15\,000\,000$$

$$Z^0 \rightarrow \text{leptons}: \sim 1\,724\,000$$

(all species)



[see LEP Electroweak Working Group Note LEPEWWG/2002-01]

$$\longrightarrow \boxed{\alpha_S = 0.1224 \pm 0.0038}$$

3% precision

→ Uncertainty dominated by experimental systematics (e.g. acceptance for narrow 2-jet-like events near the beam axis) and event statistics.

α_S from σ_ℓ

σ_ℓ = cross section for $e^+e^- \rightarrow \ell^+\ell^-$ at the Z^0 pole

$$= \frac{12\pi}{M_Z^2} \frac{\Gamma^2(Z^0 \rightarrow \ell^+\ell^-)}{\Gamma^2(Z_{total})}$$

with

- $\Gamma(Z_{total}) = \Gamma_{had.} + 3\Gamma_{\ell^+\ell^-} + 3\Gamma_{\nu\bar{\nu}}$
- M_Z

→ Determined in a Standard Model fit of the Z^0 resonance parameters

[LEP Electroweak Working Group Note LEPEWWG/2002-01]

$$\longrightarrow \boxed{\alpha_S = 0.1180 \pm 0.0030}$$

2.5% precision

→ Uncertainty dominated by experimental measurement of the absolute luminosity.

α_S from Event Shapes

- Measures of the momentum structure of an event
- 3-jet dominated quantities with one entry “y” per event
- Leading terms are $\sim \alpha_S$

$$y \sim \text{Z}^0 \text{ decay diagrams}$$

- Thrust T:

$$T = \max \left(\frac{\sum_i \vec{p}_i \cdot \hat{n}}{\sum |\vec{p}_i|} \right) \quad i = \text{particles}$$

resulting $\hat{n} = \hat{n}_T \rightarrow$ the thrust axis

- Jet broadening variables B_T and B_W :

- Divide event into hemispheres using plane $\perp$ to $\hat{n}_T$
- Calculate the transverse momentum components

$$B_k = \frac{\sum_{k \ni i} |\vec{p}_i \times \hat{n}_T|}{\sum |\vec{p}_i|} \quad k = 1, 2 \text{ (hemispheres)}$$

$$B_T = B_1 + B_2 \quad \text{Total jet broadening}$$

$$B_W = \max(B_1, B_2) \quad \text{Wide jet broadening}$$

- Jet rate “flip” value y_{23} : (also known as y_3 or D_2)
 - Define jets using the Durham jet finder
 - Find the y_{cut} value at which an event flips from the 2-jet to the 3-jet class
- plus many others : C parameter, major, minor, oblateness ...

- Many of these variables are equivalent to each other at LO but have different higher order corrections
- Unlike σ_ℓ , the distributions in “y” require a hadronization correction before being fitted by theoretical expressions
- The hadronization correction of $\sim 10\%$ is determined using the ratio of the Monte Carlo predictions at the parton & hadron levels and is one of the main sources of systematic uncertainty

QCD predictions for event shape variables

- Exact $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_S^2)$ expressions:

$$\frac{1}{\sigma_0} \frac{d\sigma}{dy} = A(y) \frac{\alpha_S(\mu)}{2\pi} + [B(y) + A(y)2\pi b_0 \log f] \left(\frac{\alpha_S(\mu)}{2\pi} \right)^2$$

$$f = \frac{\mu^2}{s} \quad ; \mu = \text{renormalization scale}$$

$$b_0 = (33 - 2n_f)/12\pi$$

- The renormalization scale μ is an unphysical parameter
- If the calculation were available to all orders in perturbation theory, there would be no dependence on μ
- For finite orders, a residual dependence $\sim \left(\log \frac{\mu^2}{s} \right)^n$ is present
- Need $\mu \approx \sqrt{s}$ for the effects of higher order terms to be negligible
- Two parameter fits of $\alpha_S(M_Z)$ and μ to the hadronization corrected data typically yield $\mu \approx \sqrt{s}/20$, indicating the importance of the missing higher order terms
- We need $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_S^3)$ expressions for event shapes !
(not yet available, several groups are working on them)
- Theory uncertainties due to the missing higher orders
(renormalization scale dependence) dominate the total uncertainty of α_S measurements from event shapes

- $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_S^2)$ + NLLA expressions:

→ A perturbative expansion can be performed for the cumulative event shape cross section $R(y)$

$$R(y) = \int_0^y \frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{d\sigma}{dy'} dy'$$

→ Expressed as a series in $L = \ln(1/y)$

→ Most singular (largest) terms are in the 2-jet region, $y \rightarrow 0$

→ Leading and next-to-leading logarithmic terms have been summed to all orders of α_S for a number of event shape variables: NLLA

Perturbative structure of $R(y)$:

NLLA		
	Leading logs	Next-to- leading logs
$\mathcal{O}(\alpha_S)$	$\alpha_S L^2$	$\alpha_S L$
$\mathcal{O}(\alpha_S^2)$	$\alpha_S^2 L^3$	$\alpha_S^2 L^2$
	$\alpha_S^3 L^4$	$\alpha_S^3 L^3$
	...	...
		...
		Common to $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_S^2)$ and NLLA

$\left. \begin{matrix} \alpha_S, \alpha_S \frac{1}{L} \\ \alpha_S^2 L, \alpha_S^2, \alpha_S^2 \frac{1}{L} \end{matrix} \right\} \mathcal{O}(\alpha_S^2)$

→ Terms up to $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_S^2)$ in the NLLA expression are replaced by the exact $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_S^2)$ results

$$\longrightarrow \boxed{\mathcal{O}(\alpha_S^2) + \text{NLLA}}$$

→ This provides the most complete analytic descriptions currently available for event shapes

→ Fits of the $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_S^2) + \text{NLLA}$ expressions to data yield results for μ much closer to the physical scale $\sqrt{s}$ than the pure $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_S^2)$ expressions

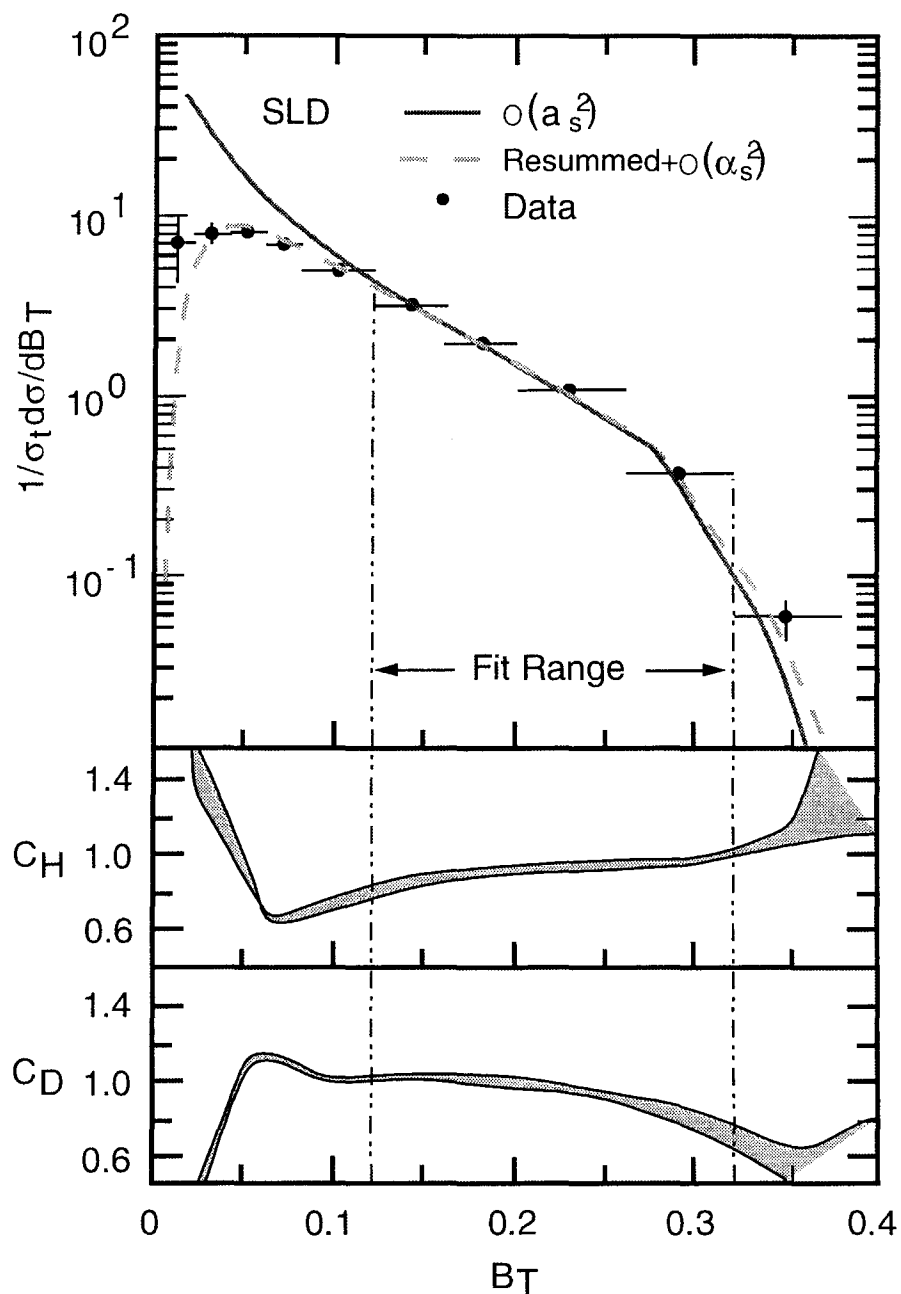
→ The perturbative description of the data is more sensible

→ The description of the 2-jet region is improved

→ The NLLA terms reduce the sensitivity of the α_S result to the choice of μ

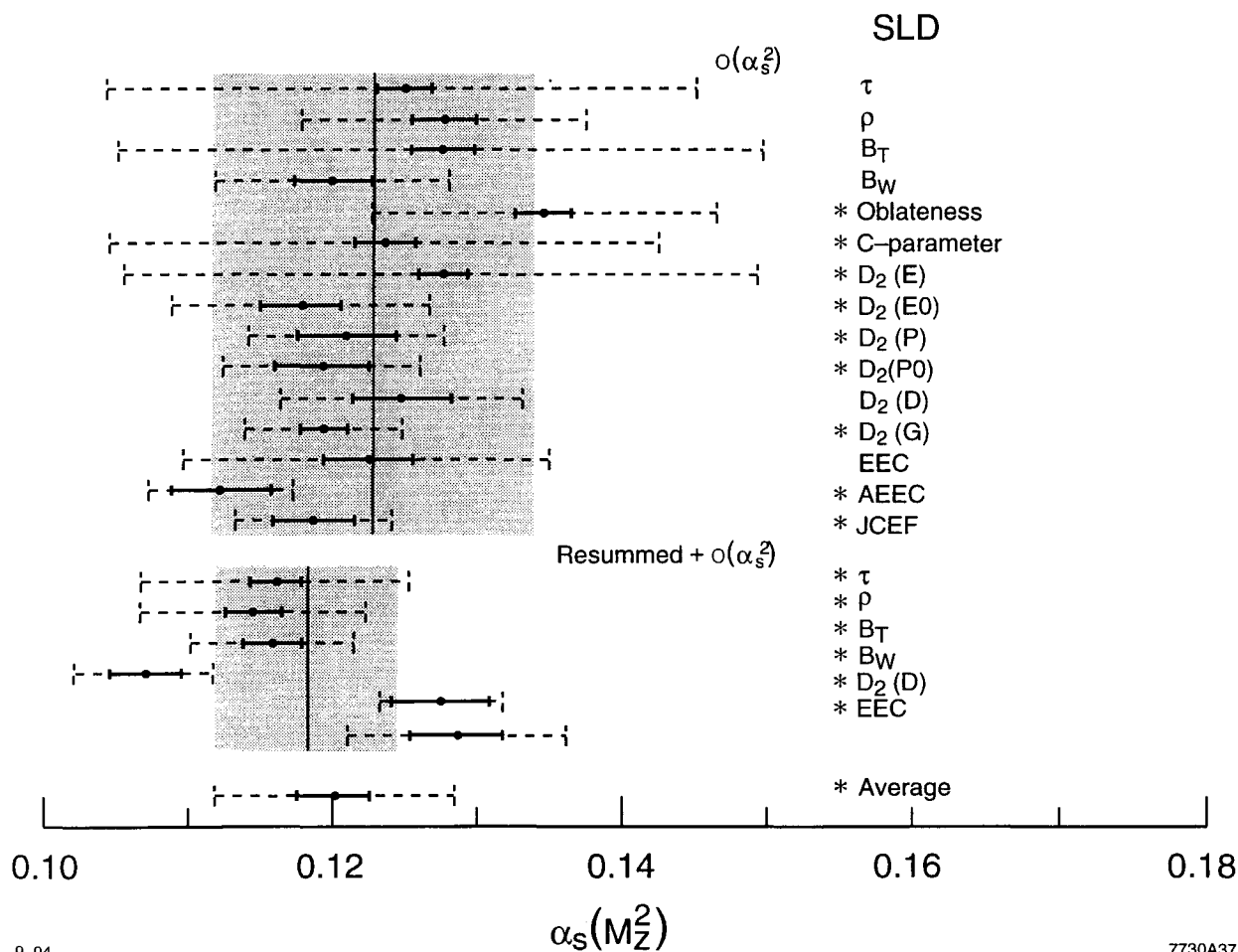
→ The theory uncertainty due to missing higher order terms remains the dominant uncertainty for α_S , however

[SLD Collab., Phys. Rev. D51 (1995) 962]



C_H = Hadronization correction

C_D = Correction for detector acceptance & resolution



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|----------------|---|--|
| Solid bars | → | Experimental uncertainties |
| Dashed bars | → | Experimental & theory uncertainties |
| Top section | → | $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_S^2)$ results |
| Bottom section | → | $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_S^2)$ + NLLA results |
| Shaded regions | → | Average α_S value and total uncertainty |

α_S from event shapes [S. Bethke, hep-ex/0004021]

→ $\alpha_S = 0.121 \pm 0.006$ 5% precision

α_S from scaling violations

Inclusive cross section for the production of a hadron with
scaled energy $x = 2E/\sqrt{s}$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dx} (e^+e^- \rightarrow h + X) = \int_x^1 \frac{dz}{z} \sum_{f=u,d,s,c,b,g} C_f(z, \alpha_S, \sqrt{s}) D_f^h\left(\frac{x}{z}, \mu\right)$$

C_f = “coefficient functions” describing the probability to create a parton f with energy fraction $z = 2E/\sqrt{s}$
(Known to NLO, so far used only to LO by expts.)

D_f = “fragmentation functions,” i.e. the probability that parton f yields a hadron with energy fraction x

- D_f is not predicted by theory
→ Measure the charged particle fragmentation functions

$$D(x, s) = \sum_f D_f(x, s) \equiv \frac{1}{N} \frac{dn_{ch}}{dx}$$

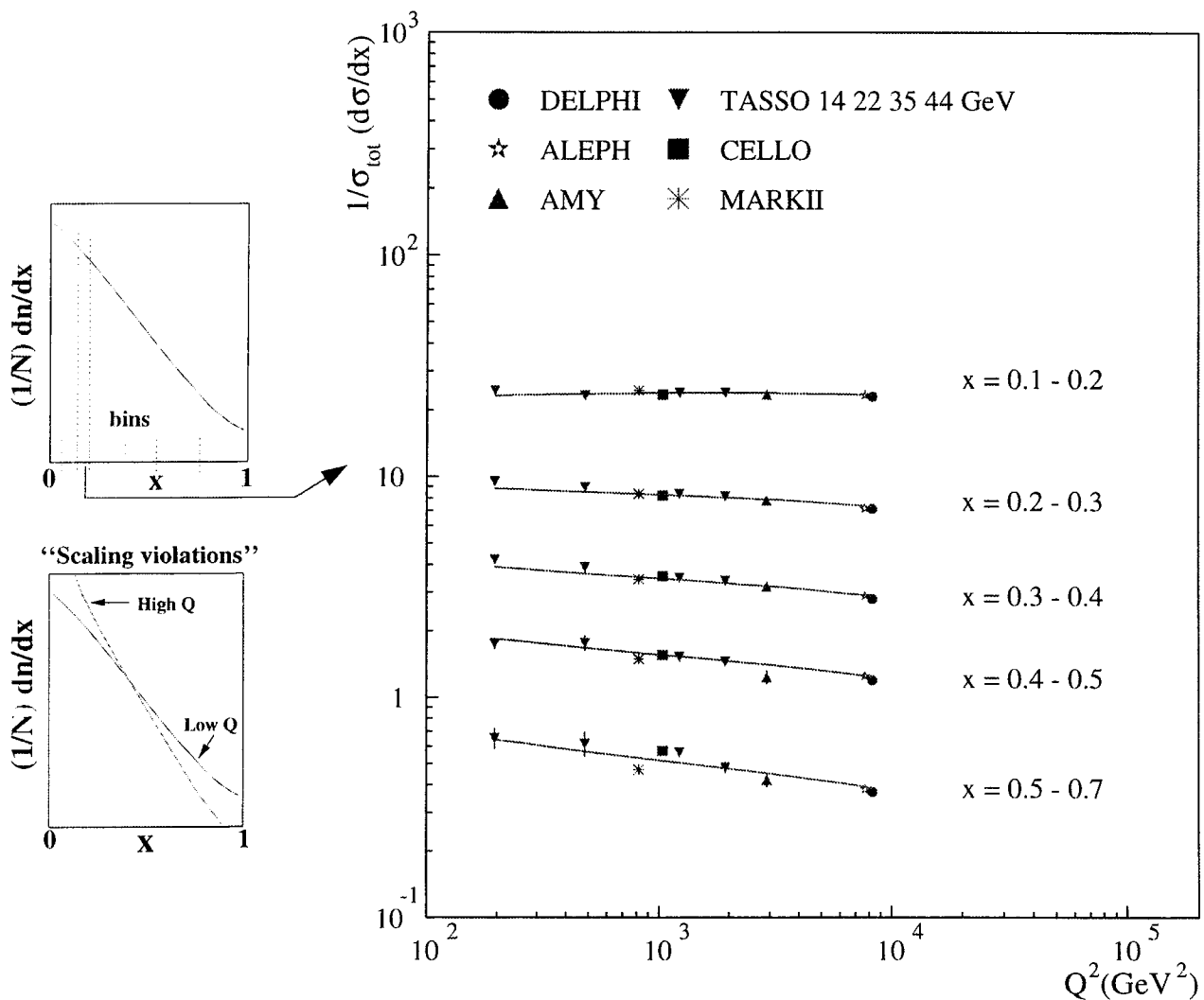
using e^+e^- data from $\sqrt{s} \sim 20$ to 91 GeV

- $\sqrt{s}$ dependence of D_f is predicted by DGLAP evolution equations
- A priori unknowns are α_S and analytic expressions for D_f

$D_f \longrightarrow$ parametrized

- Define D_f at an arbitrary scale μ , evolve the D_f over the relevant range of scales using DGLAP, fit the expression for $d\sigma/dx$ to the measurements of $(1/N)dn_{ch}/dx$ versus $\sqrt{s}$

[DELPHI Collab., Phys. Lett. B398 (1997) 194]

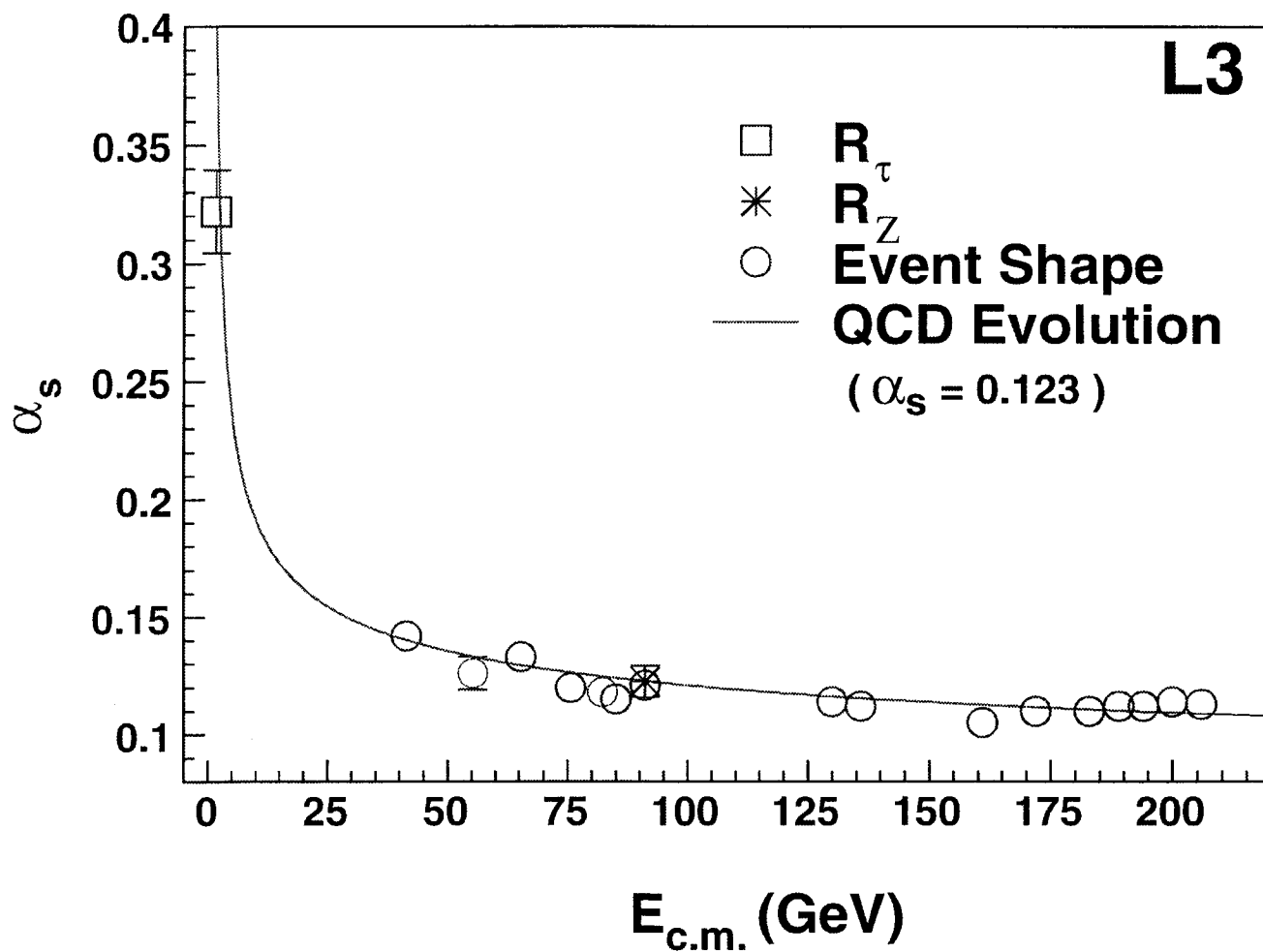


α_S from scaling violations

→ $\alpha_S = 0.124 \pm 0.011$ 9% precision

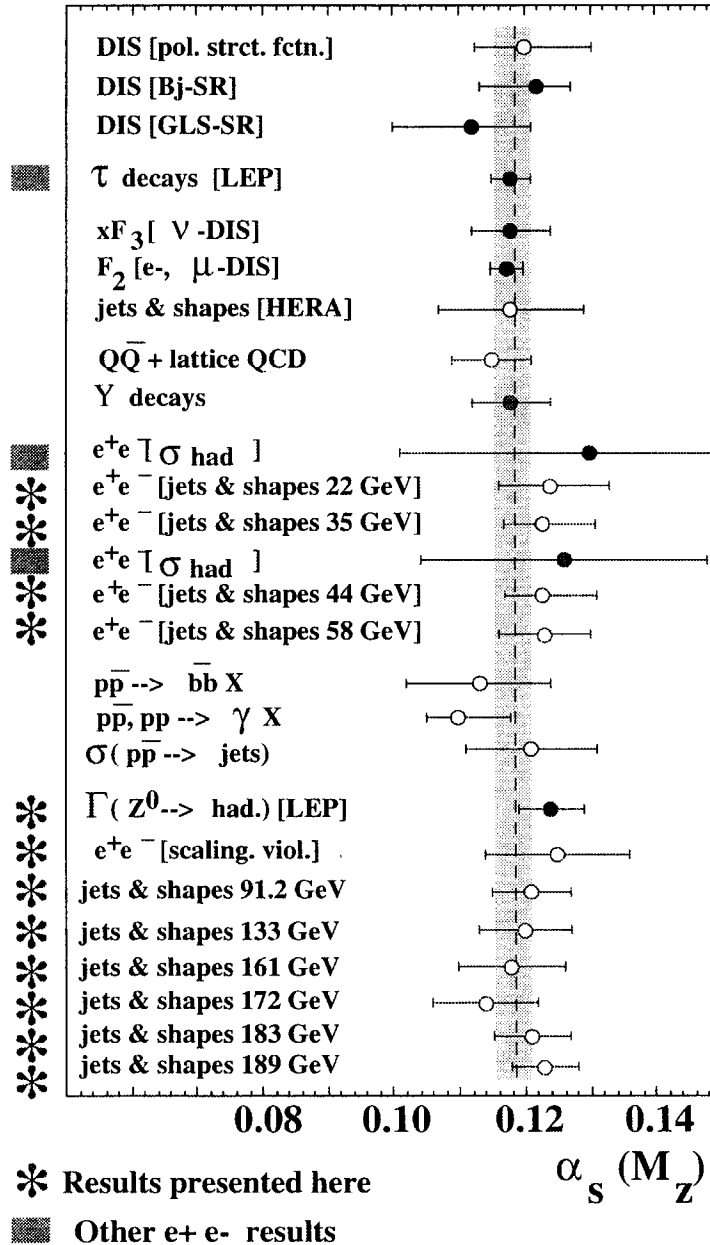
α_S : LEP summary $\rightarrow$ the running of α_S

[L3 Collab., CERN-EP-2002-015]



α_S : Overall summary

[S. Bethke, hep-ex/0004021: $\alpha_S(M_Z) = 0.1884 \pm 0.0031$ (2.6% precision)]



Note the smallness of the α_S result from τ decays

→ The “shrinking error” of QCD !