From LEP to the LHC

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General intro

Monte Carlo generators

Measurements of the strong coupling

The (N)(N)NLO, Multi-Leg, NLO+PS revolutions...

Achievements at the LHC



Quantum Chromodynamics







in 1989....

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LEP data



LEP statistics (4 million events per experiment): a plethora of detailed studies of pert. and non-pert. QCD.







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Anatomy of a LEP process





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Measurements of α_s



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NLO only, typical results

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Resummation NLO



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 $\alpha_s^n \ln^{2n} y_{\rm cut}$



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Resummation matched to NLO, typical results

α_s(M_Z) ≈ 0.120 ± **0.005**



α_s from inclusive Z or Tau Decays



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$$\delta_{QCD} = c_1 \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} + c_2 \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{\pi}\right)^2 + c_3 \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{\pi}\right)^3 + \dots \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{\Lambda^4}{Q^4}\right)$$

quarks ((N)NNLO) \rightarrow hadrons : " X 1"

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In any case, one can discuss the error, but what is true and remarkable, is that the central value of α_s from τ decay, obtained at very small Q^2 , is in good agreement with all other precise determinations of α_s at more typical LEP values of Q^2 .



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eg. very first α_s measurement at NNLO, 3-jet rate, in 2009: $\alpha_s(M_Z) \approx 0.1175 \pm 0.0025$

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Anatomy of a hadron-hadron collision Φ

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The rise of automated tools, multi-leg generators, MC @ NLO,, N3LO



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During the last ~decade:

A real explosion in the content of our tool-box; again, thanks to many heroic efforts!

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Giulia Zanderighi compared some of them to the 7 wonders of the world...... (Moriond 2016)



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some examples

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Z and W boson production



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put important constraints on theory (NNLO, PDFs)

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Vector Bosons + jets

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DY + jets: MADGRAPH (version 5.1.1.0), CTEQ6L1, normalized to incl. DY NNLO (FEWZ)

EW : WW, ZZ, WZ, W+jets, normalized to NLO (MCFM); ttbar normalized to NNLL incl. xsec



Very good agreement with QCD pred., such as LO (NLO) + PS matched calculations.

Also important for searches for new physics, where this is a background.

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gluon

PDF: MSTW, CTEQ, NNPDF, etc

LHAPDF, HOPPET, APFEL





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ttH

bbH

(NLO QCD)

HAWK (NLO QCD+EW)

bbh@NNLO (NNLO QCD)-

VH@NNLO (NNLO)

HQQ (LO QCD)

HPAIR (NLO QCD)

+ private codes

HqT/HRes (NLO+NNLL)

ResBos (NLO+NNLL)

W/Z

Higgs Properties

MSSM/2HDM

HIGLU+HDECAY

<u>MELA/JHU, MEKD</u>

MG5_aMC@NLO (HC)

FeynHiggs, CPSuperH SusHi+2HDMC

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The big picture



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α_s at the LHC









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