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QCD, Jets and Monte Carlo techniques

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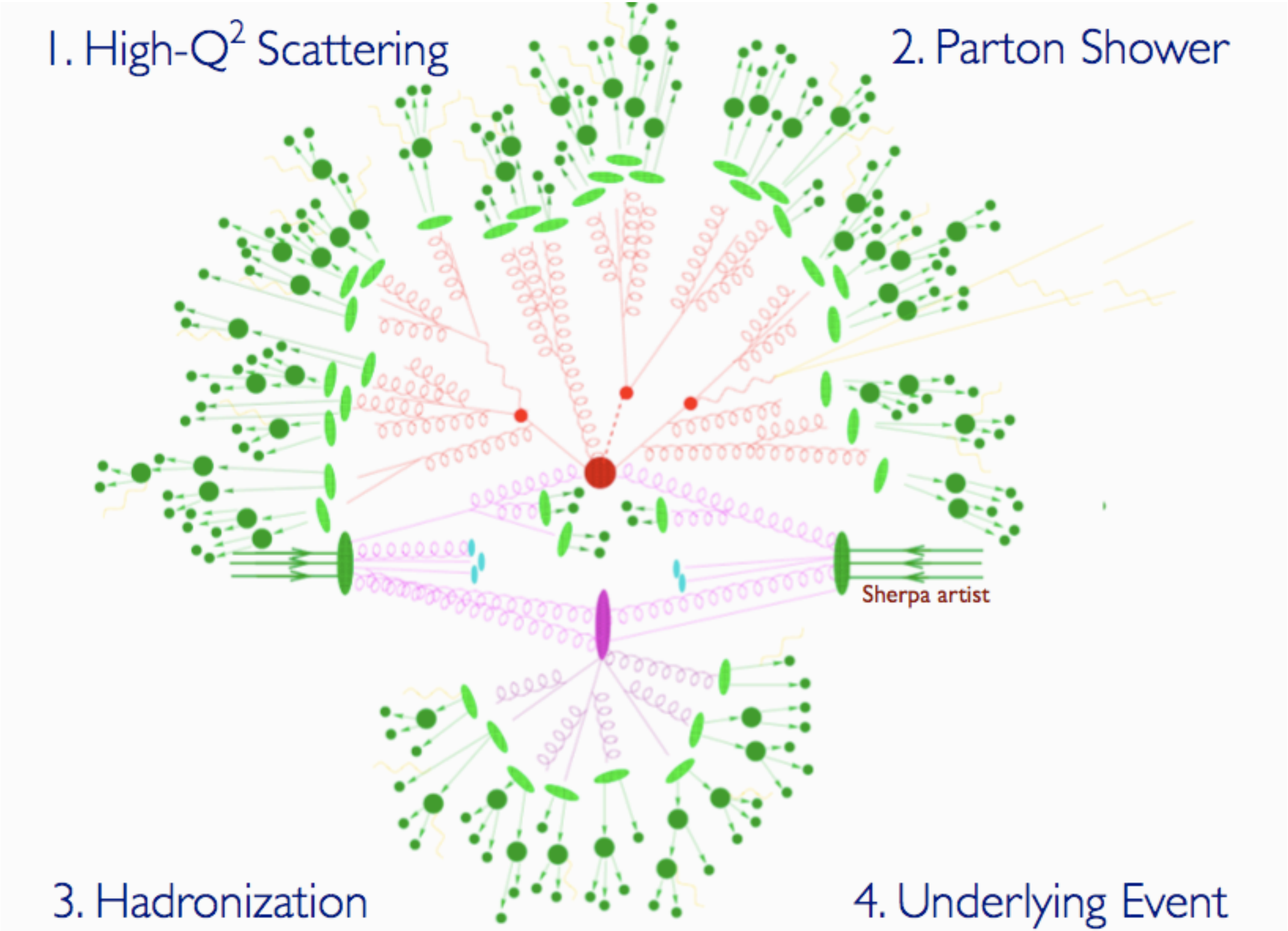
Lecture 1: basics of QCD

Strong interactions are complicated



"We are driven to the conclusion that the Hamiltonian method for strong interactions is dead and must be buried, although of course with deserved honor"

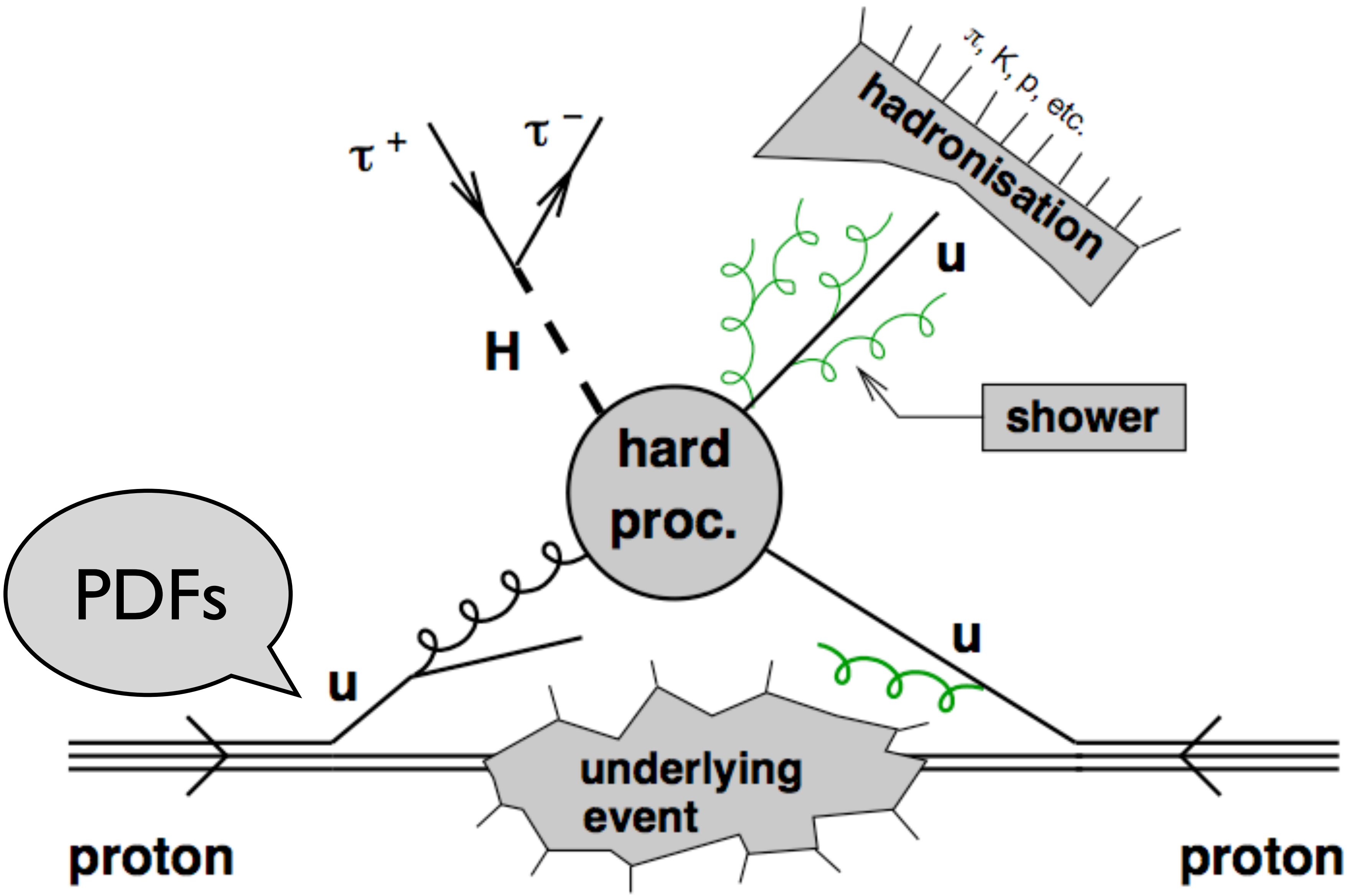
Lev Landau

"The correct theory [of strong interactions] will not be found in the next hundred years"

Freeman Dyson

We have come a long way towards disproving these predictions

A hadronic process



Final state

Hard process

Initial state

Books and "classics"...

- T. Muta, *Foundations of Quantum Chromodynamics*, World Scientific (1987)
- R.D. Field, *Applications of perturbative QCD*, Addison Wesley (1989)

  Great for specific examples of detailed calculations
- R.K. Ellis, W.J. Stirling and B.R. Webber, *QCD and Collider Physics*, Cambridge University Press (1996)

  Phenomenology-oriented
- G. Sterman, *An Introduction to Quantum Field Theory*, Cambridge University Press (1993)

  A QFT book, but applications tilted towards QCD
- Dokshitzer, Khoze, Muller, Troyan, *Basics of perturbative QCD*, http://www.lpthe.jussieu.fr/~yuri

  For the brave ones
- Dissertori, Knowles, Schmelling, *Quantum Chromodynamics: High Energy Experiments and Theory,* Oxford Science Publications

  One of the most recent QCD books
- M.L. Mangano, *Introduction to QCD*, http://doc.cern.ch//archive/cernrep//1999/99-04/p53.pdf
- S. Catani, *Introduction to QCD*, CERN Summer School Lectures 1999

...and recent lectures, slides and...videos

- Gavin Salam,
  - "Elements of QCD for Hadron Colliders", http://arxiv.org/abs/arXiv:1011.5131
  - http://gsalam.web.cern.ch/gsalam/teaching/PhD-courses.html
- Peter Skands
  - 2015 CERN-Fermilab School lectures, http://skands.physics.monash.edu/slides/
  - "Introduction to QCD", http://arxiv.org/abs/arXiv:1207.2389
- Fabio Maltoni
  - "QCD and collider physics", GGI lectures,

    https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL1CFLtxeIrQqvt-e8C5pwBKG4PljSyouP

Outline of ‘Basics of QCD’

- strong interactions
- QCD lagrangian, colour, ghosts
- running coupling
- radiation
- calculations of observables
  - theoretical uncertainties estimates
  - power corrections
  - infrared divergencies and IRC safety
  - factorisation

QED v. QCD

QED has a wonderfully simple lagrangian, determined by local gauge invariance

$$\mathcal{L} = \bar{\psi}(i\not{\partial} - m)\psi - e\bar{\psi}\not{A}\psi - \frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu}$$

In the same spirit, we build **QCD**:
a non abelian local gauge theory, based on SU(3)$_{\text{colour}}$,
with 3 quarks (for each flavour) in the fundamental representation of the group and 8 gluons in the adjoint

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4}F^a_{\mu\nu}F_a^{\mu\nu} + \sum_f \bar{\psi}_i^{(f)}(i\not{\partial} - m_f)\psi_i^{(f)} - \bar{\psi}_i^{(f)}(g_s t^a_{ij}\not{A}_a)\psi_j^{(f)}$$

Gauge Fields and their interact.

Matter

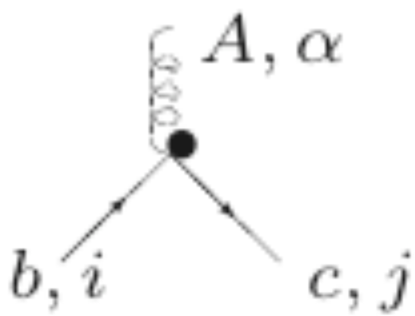
Interaction

$$F^a_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu A^a_\nu - \partial_\nu A^a_\mu - g f^{abc} A^b_\mu A^c_\nu$$

What’s new?

1. Colour

quark-gluon interaction



$$-ig\,(t^A)_{cb}\,(\gamma^\alpha)_{ji}$$

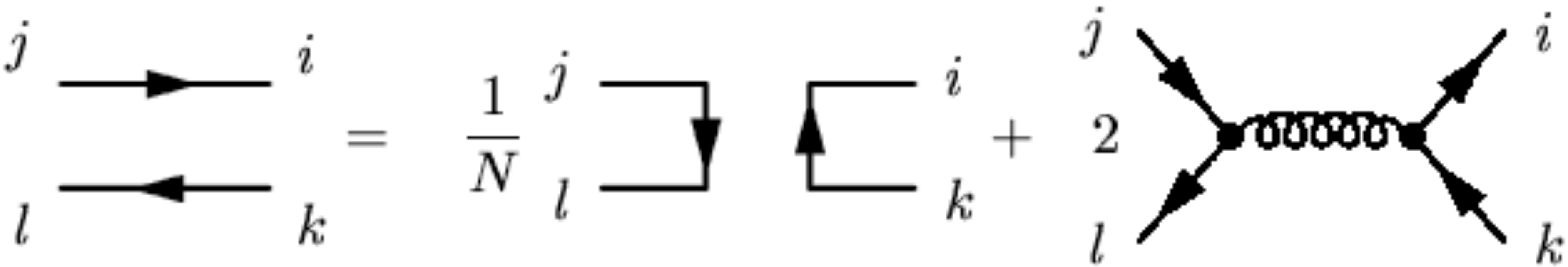
colour matrix (generator of $SU(3)_{\text{colour}}$)

$$t^A{}_{cb}$$

Index of the **adjoint** representation

Indices of the **fundamental** representation

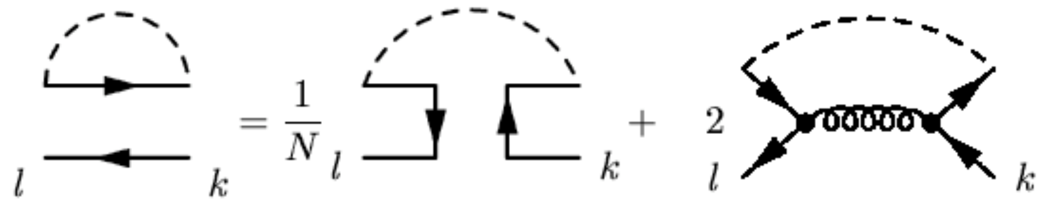
A fundamental colour relation



$$\delta_{ij}\delta_{lk} = \frac{1}{N}\delta_{ik}\delta_{lj} + 2\,t^A_{ik}t^A_{lj}$$

Take i=j in

$$\delta_{ij}\delta_{lk} = \frac{1}{N}\delta_{ik}\delta_{lj} + 2\, t^A_{ik} t^A_{lj}$$



$$\Downarrow$$

$$N\delta_{lk} = \frac{1}{N}\delta_{lk} + 2\, t^A_{ik} t^A_{li}$$

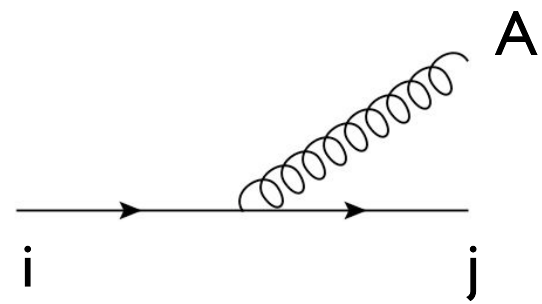
$$\Downarrow$$

$$(t^A t^A)_{lk} = \frac{1}{2}\left(N - \frac{1}{N}\right)\delta_{lk} = \frac{N^2-1}{2N}\delta_{lk} \equiv C_F \delta_{lk}$$

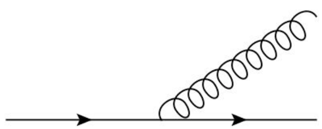
This defines C_F.
It is the Casimir of the fundamental representation of SU(N).
What is it, physically?

C_F

Gluon emission
from a quark



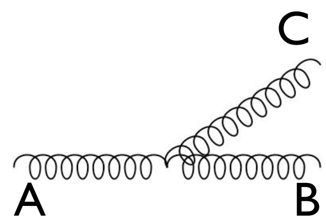
$$\sim \quad t^A_{ji}$$

Prob ~ $\sum_{jA}\Big|$  $\Big|^2$ $\sim \sum_{jA} t^A_{ij} t^A_{ji} = \sum_{A} (t^A t^A)_{ii} = C_F \delta_{ii}$

$C_F = (N^2-1)/(2N)$ is therefore the ‘colour charge’ of a quark, i.e.
its probability of emitting a gluon (except for the strong coupling, of course)

C_A

Analogously, one can show that

$$\text{Prob} \sim \sum_{BC} \left| \vphantom{\sum} \right.$$


$$\left. \vphantom{\sum} \right|^2 \sim C_A \delta_{AA}$$

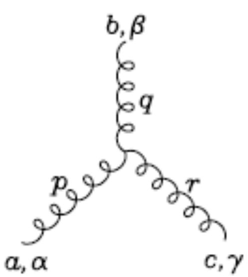
C_A = N is the 'colour charge' of a gluon, i.e.
its probability of emitting a gluon (except for the strong coupling, of course).
It is also the Casimir of the adjoint representation.

2. Gauge bosons self couplings

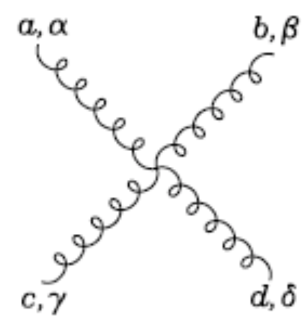
In QCD the gluons interact among themselves:

$$\mathcal{L}_{YM} = -\frac{1}{4}\sum_a F^a_{\mu\nu}F^{a\mu\nu}$$

$$F^a_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu A^a_\nu - \partial_\nu A^a_\mu + g f^{abc} A^b_\mu A^c_\nu$$



$$= g f^{abc}\left[g^{\alpha\beta}(p-q)^\gamma + g^{\beta\gamma}(q-r)^\alpha + g^{\gamma\alpha}(r-p)^\beta\right]$$



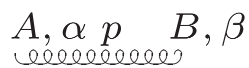
$$\begin{aligned} = & -ig^2 f^{xac} f^{xbd}\left(g^{\alpha\beta}g^{\gamma\delta} - g^{\alpha\delta}g^{\beta\gamma}\right) \\ & -ig^2 f^{xad} f^{xbc}\left(g^{\alpha\beta}g^{\gamma\delta} - g^{\alpha\gamma}g^{\beta\delta}\right) \\ & -ig^2 f^{xab} f^{xcd}\left(g^{\alpha\gamma}g^{\beta\delta} - g^{\alpha\delta}g^{\beta\gamma}\right) \end{aligned}$$

New Feynman diagrams, in addition to the 'standard' QED-like ones

Direct consequence of non-abelianity of theory

3. Need for ghosts

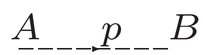
Cancel unphysical degrees of freedom that would otherwise propagate in covariant gauges



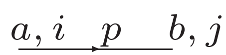
$$\delta^{AB}\left[-g^{\alpha\beta}+(1-\lambda)\frac{p^{\alpha}p^{\beta}}{p^{2}+i\varepsilon}\right]\frac{i}{p^{2}+i\varepsilon}$$

gauge parameter

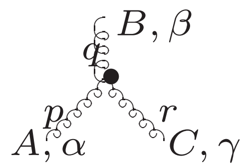
ghost propagator



$$\delta^{AB}\frac{i}{p^{2}+i\varepsilon}$$

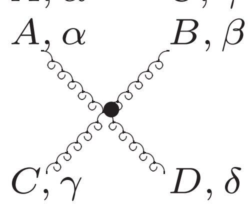


$$\delta^{ab}\frac{i}{(\not p-m+i\varepsilon)_{ji}}$$

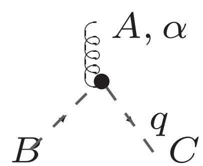


$$-gf^{ABC}\left[g^{\alpha\beta}(p-q)^{\gamma}+g^{\beta\gamma}(q-r)^{\alpha}+g^{\gamma\alpha}(r-p)^{\beta}\right]$$

(all momenta incoming)

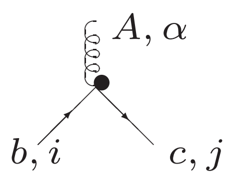


$$\begin{aligned}&-ig^{2}f^{XAC}f^{XBD}\left(g_{\alpha\beta}g_{\gamma\delta}-g_{\alpha\delta}g_{\beta\gamma}\right)\\&-ig^{2}f^{XAD}f^{XBC}\left(g_{\alpha\beta}g_{\gamma\delta}-g_{\alpha\gamma}g_{\beta\delta}\right)\\&-ig^{2}f^{XAB}f^{XCD}\left(g_{\alpha\gamma}g_{\beta\delta}-g_{\alpha\delta}g_{\beta\gamma}\right)\end{aligned}$$



$$gf^{ABC}q^{\alpha}$$

gluon-ghost vertex

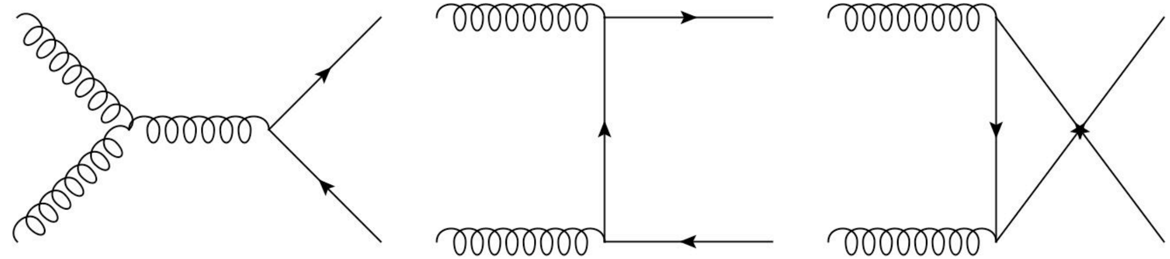


$$-ig\left(t^{A}\right)_{cb}\left(\gamma^{\alpha}\right)_{ji}$$

Table 1: Feynman rules for QCD in a covariant gauge.

Ghosts: an example

$gg \to qq$



In QED we would sum over the (photon) polarisations using

$$\sum_{pol} \epsilon_i^{\mu} \epsilon_i^{*\nu} = -g_{\mu\nu}$$

In QCD this would give the wrong result

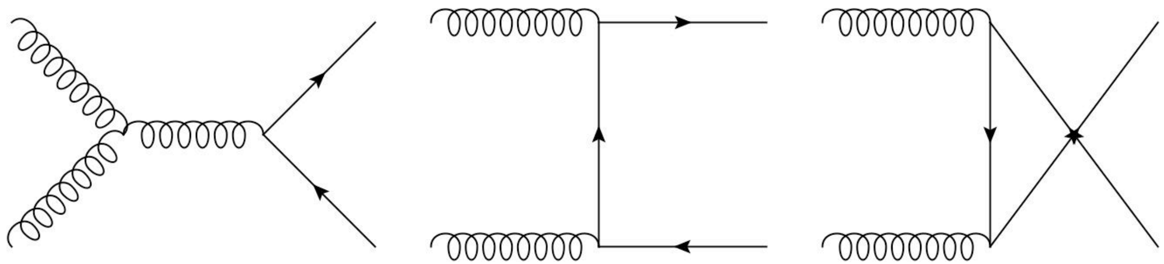
We must use instead

$$\sum_{phys\,pol} \epsilon_i^{\mu} \epsilon_i^{*\nu} = -g_{\mu\nu} + \frac{k_\mu \bar{k}_\nu + k_\nu \bar{k}_\mu}{k \cdot \bar{k}}$$

$\bar{k}$ is a light-like vector, we can use $(k_0,0,0,-k_0)$

Ghosts: an example

An **alternative** approach is to include the ghosts in the calculation



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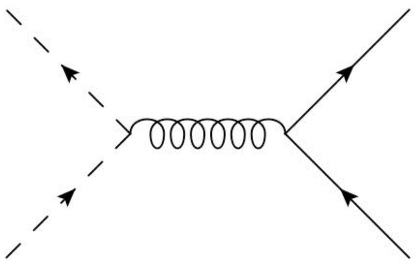


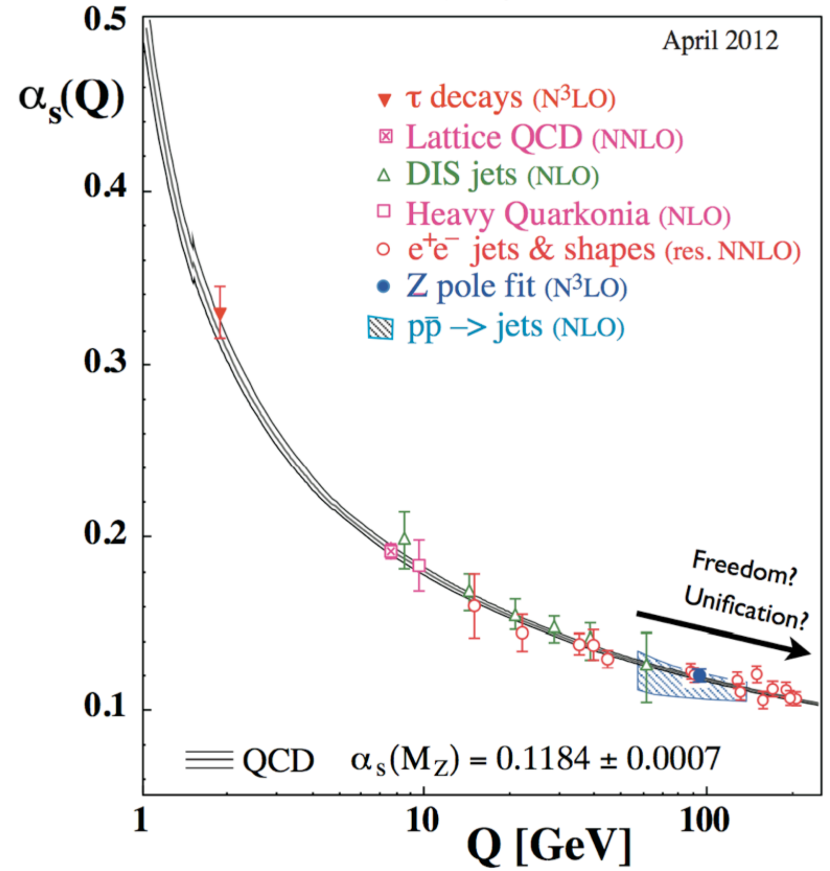
Now we can safely use $$\sum_{pol} \epsilon_i^\mu \epsilon_i^{*\nu} = -g_{\mu\nu}$$

Macroscopic differences

1. Confinement (probably -- no proof in QCD)

We never observe the fundamental degrees of freedom (quarks and gluons). They are always confined into hadrons.

From S. Bethke, Nucl.Phys.Proc.Suppl. 234 (2013) 229
See also PDG Review on QCD. by Dissertori & Salam

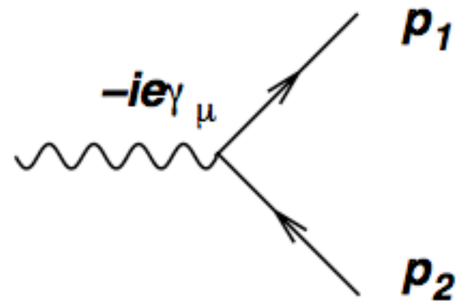


2. Asymptotic Feedom

The running coupling of the theory, α_s, **decreases** at large energies

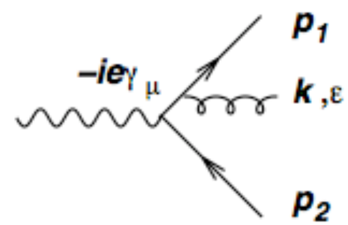
Start with $\gamma^* \to q\bar{q}$:

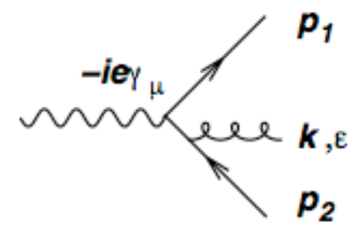
$$\mathcal{M}_{q\bar{q}} = -\bar{u}(p_1) i e_q \gamma_\mu v(p_2)$$



Emit a gluon:

$$\mathcal{M}_{q\bar{q}g} = \bar{u}(p_1) i g_s \not{\epsilon} t^A \frac{i}{\not{p}_1 + \not{k}} i e_q \gamma_\mu v(p_2) - \bar{u}(p_1) i e_q \gamma_\mu \frac{i}{\not{p}_2 + \not{k}} i g_s \not{\epsilon} t^A v(p_2)$$





In the **soft** limit , k << $p_{1,2}$

$$\boxed{\mathcal{M}_{q\bar{q}g} \simeq \bar{u}(p_1) i e_q \gamma_\mu t^A v(p_2)\, g_s \left(\frac{p_1.\epsilon}{p_1.k} - \frac{p_2.\epsilon}{p_2.k} \right)}$$

Squared amplitude, including phase space

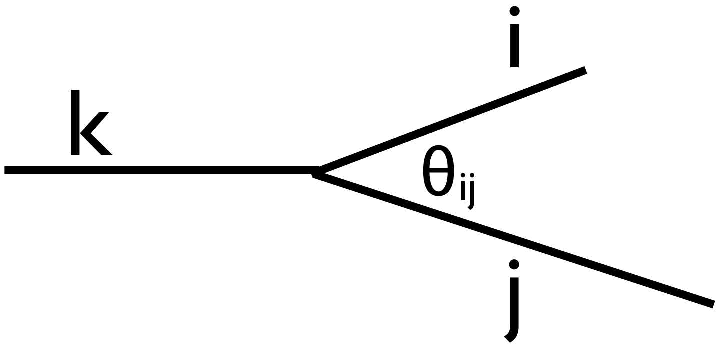
$$d\Phi_{q\bar{q}g}|M^2_{q\bar{q}g}| \simeq (d\Phi_{q\bar{q}}|M^2_{q\bar{q}}|)\, \frac{d^3\vec{k}}{2E(2\pi)^3} C_F g_s^2 \frac{2p_1.p_2}{(p_1.k)(p_2.k)}$$

Factorisation: Born × radiation

Changing variables (use energy of gluon E and emission angle θ) we get for the radiation part

$$dS = \frac{2\alpha_s C_F}{\pi} \frac{dE}{E} \frac{d\theta}{\sin\theta} \frac{d\phi}{2\pi}$$

QCD emission probability



$$\frac{dP_{k\to ij}}{dE_i d\theta_{ij}} \sim \frac{\alpha_s}{\min(E_i, E_j)\theta_{ij}}$$

Divergent in the soft ($E_{i,j} \to 0$) and in the collinear ($\theta_{ij} \to 0$) limits

The divergences can be cured by the addition of virtual corrections and/or **if** the definition of an observable is appropriate

Altarelli-Parisi kernel

Using the variables $E=(1-z)p$ and $k_t = E\theta$ we can rewrite

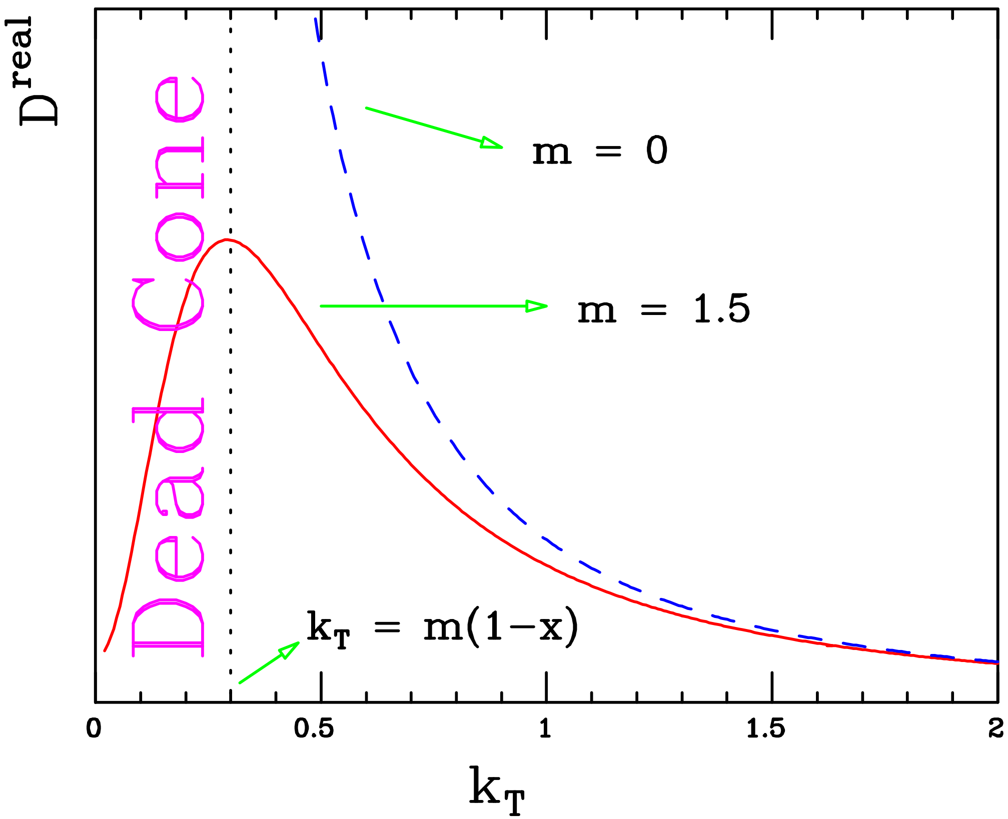
$$dS = \frac{2\alpha_s C_F}{\pi}\frac{dE}{E}\frac{d\theta}{\sin\theta}\frac{d\phi}{2\pi} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \frac{\alpha_s C_F}{\pi}\frac{1}{1-z}dz\frac{dk_t^2}{k_t^2}\frac{d\phi}{2\pi}$$

'almost' the Altarelli-Parisi splitting function P_{qq}

Massive quarks

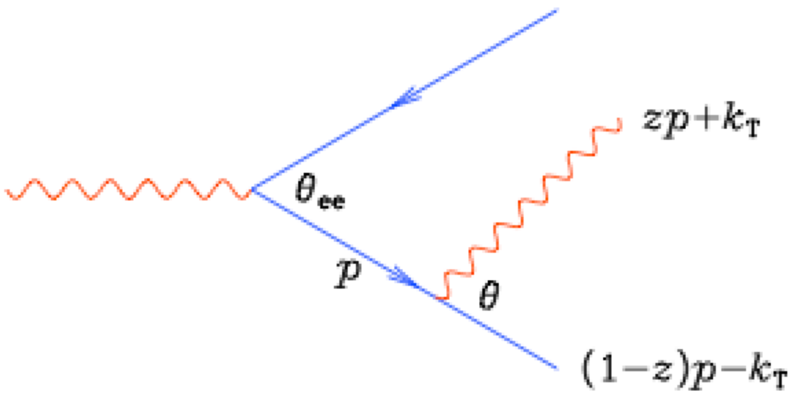
If the quark is massive the collinear singularity is **screened**

$$\frac{\alpha_s C_F}{\pi}\frac{1}{1-z}dz\frac{dk_t^2}{k_t^2}\frac{d\phi}{2\pi} \rightarrow \frac{\alpha_s C_F}{\pi}\frac{1}{1-z}dz\frac{dk_t^2}{k_t^2+(1-z)^2m^2}\frac{d\phi}{2\pi}+\cdots$$

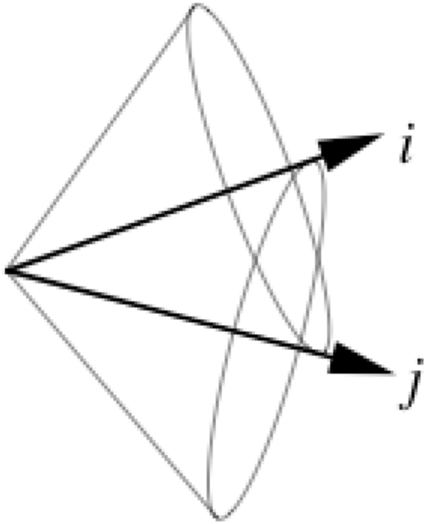


Angular ordering

The universal soft and collinear spectrum is not the only relevant characteristic of radiation. **Angular ordering** is another



Angular ordering means $\theta < \theta_{ee}$



Soft radiation emitted by a dipole is restricted to cones smaller than the angle of the dipole

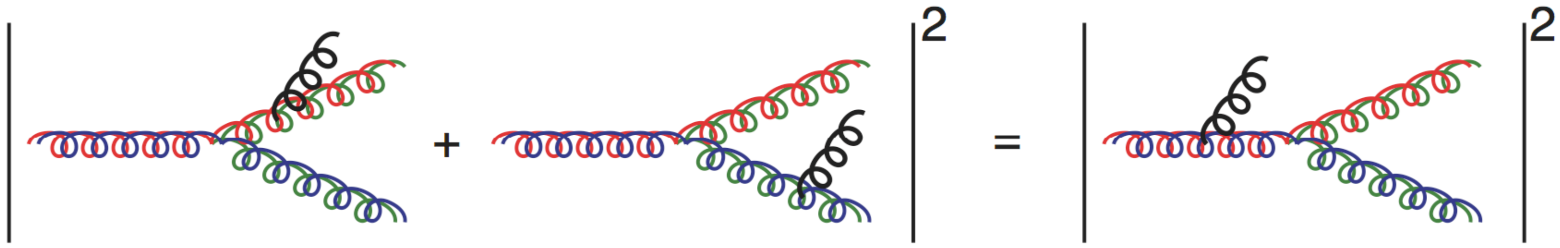
Coherence

Angular ordering is a manifestation of **coherence**,
a phenomenon typical of gauge theories

Coherence leads to the **Chudakov effect**,
suppression of soft bremsstrahlung from an e^+e^- pair.

"Quasi-classical" explanation: a soft photon cannot resolve a small-sized pair, and only sees its total electric charge (i.e. zero)

The phenomenon of coherence is preserved also in QCD.
Soft guon radiation off a coloured pair can be described as being emitted coherently by the colour charge of the parent of the pair



Drawing:
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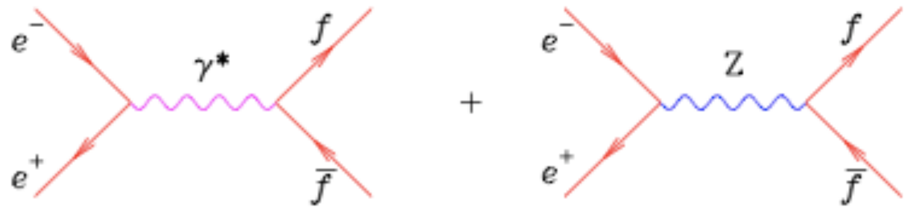
$e^+e^- \to$ hadrons

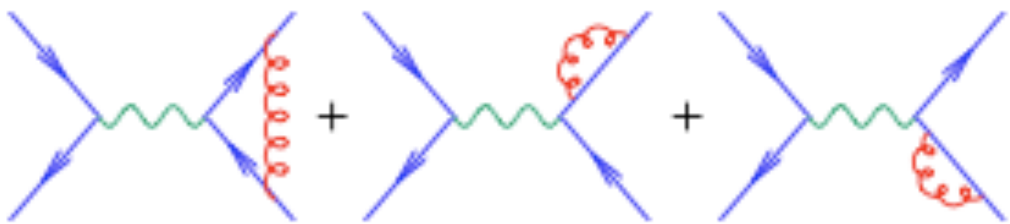
Easiest higher order calculation in QCD. Calculate $e^+e^- \to$ qqbar in pQCD

Born



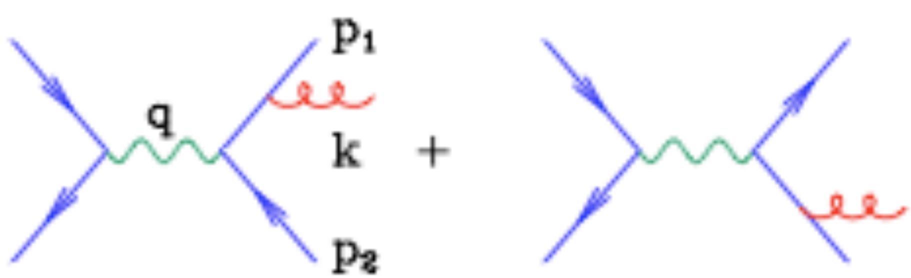
α_s^0

Virtual



α_s^1

Real



$e^+e^- \to$ hadrons

Regularize with dimensional regularization, expand in powers of ε

$$\sigma^{q\bar{q}g} = 2\sigma_0 \frac{\alpha_S}{\pi} H(\epsilon) \left[\frac{2}{\epsilon^2} + \frac{3}{\epsilon} + \frac{19}{2} - \pi^2 + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon)\right]$$

Real

$$\sigma^{q\bar{q}} = 3\sigma_0 \left\{1 + \frac{2\alpha_S}{3\pi} H(\epsilon) \left[-\frac{2}{\epsilon^2} - \frac{3}{\epsilon} - 8 + \pi^2 + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon)\right]\right\}$$

Virtual

$$R = 3 \sum_q Q_q^2 \left\{1 + \frac{\alpha_S}{\pi} + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_S^2)\right\}$$

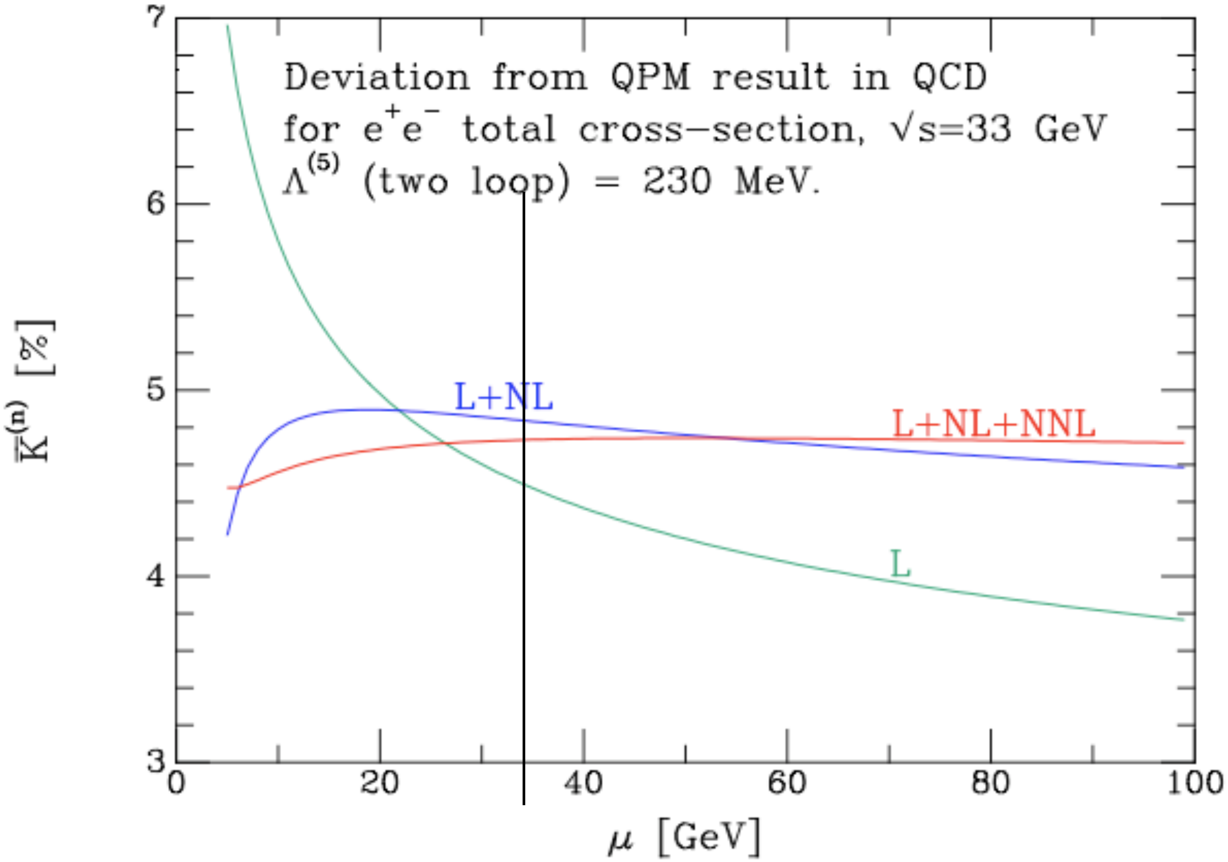
Sum

Real and virtual, separately divergent, 'conspire' to make total cross section finite

Scale dependence

$$K_{QCD} = 1 + \frac{\alpha_S(\mu^2)}{\pi} + \sum_{n\geq 2} C_n \left(\frac{s}{\mu^2}\right) \left(\frac{\alpha_S(\mu^2)}{\pi}\right)^n$$

C_n known up to C_3



Cross section prediction varies with renormalisation scale choice. **Which value do we pick for μ?**

None.

μ cannot be uniquely fixed. It can however be exploited to **estimate the theoretical uncertainty of the calculation**

Theoretical uncertainties

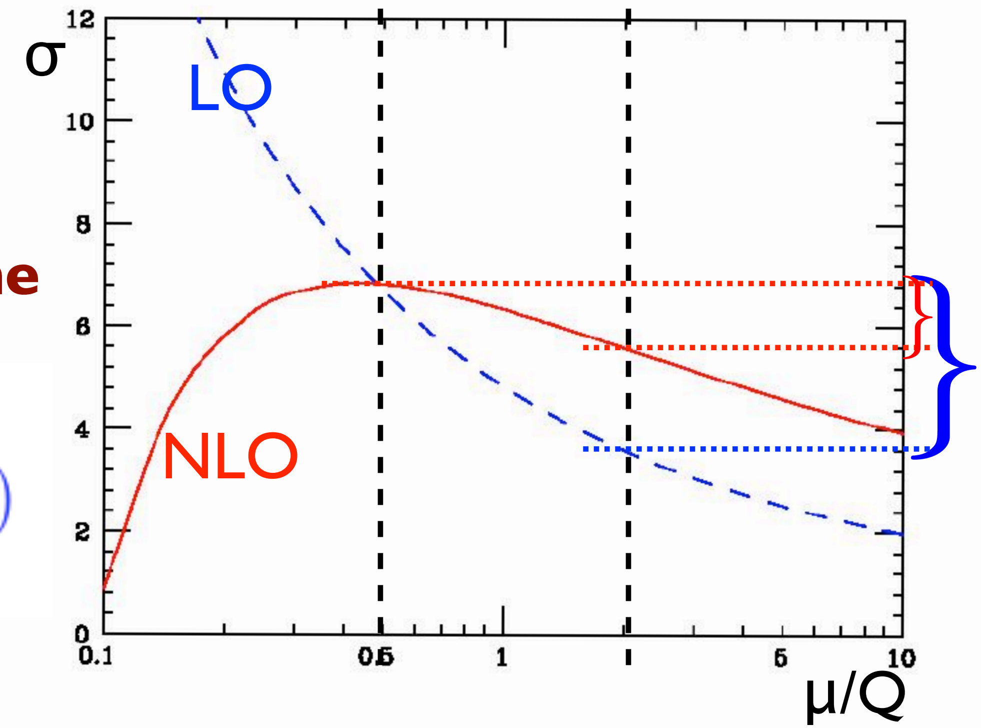
We wrote before: $$\frac{d}{d\ln\mu^2}\ln\sigma^{phys} = 0$$

i.e. independence of cross sections on artificial scales

Would only hold for all-orders calculations.

In real life: residual dependence at one order higher than the calculation

$$\frac{d}{d\log\mu}\sum_{n=1}^{N} c_n(\mu)\alpha_S^n(\mu) \sim \mathcal{O}\left(\alpha_S^n(\mu)^{N+1}(\mu)\right)$$



Vary scales (around a physical one) to **ESTIMATE** the uncalculated higher order

Non-perturbative contributions

We have calculated $\sum_q \sigma(e^+e^- \to q\bar{q})$ in **perturbative** QCD

However

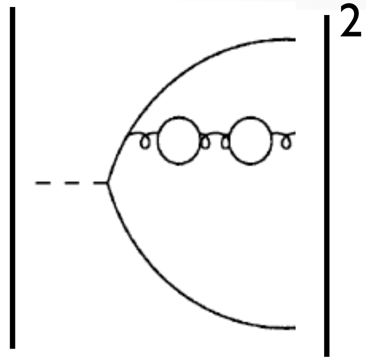
$$\sum_q \sigma(e^+e^- \to q\bar{q}) \neq \sigma(e^+e^- \to \mathrm{hadrons})$$

The (small) difference is due to hadronisation corrections, and is of non-perturbative origin

We cannot calculate it in pQCD, but in some cases we can get an idea of its behaviour from the incompleteness of pQCD itself

Renormalons

Suppose we keep calculating to higher and higher orders:



$$\rightarrow \alpha_s^{n+1}\, \beta_{0f}^{n}\, n!$$

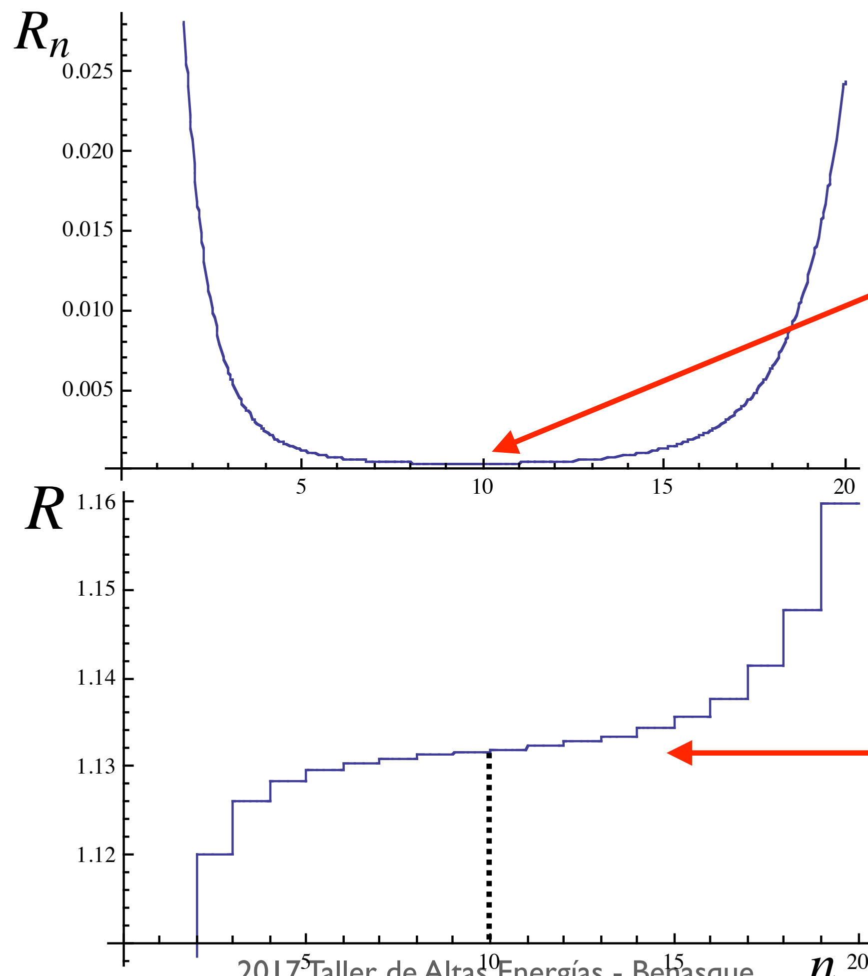
Factorial growth

This is big trouble: the series is not convergent, but only asymptotic

Evidence: try summing

$$R = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \alpha^n\, n!$$

$$(\alpha = 0.1)$$



minimal term

$n_{min} \simeq 1/\alpha$

Asymptotic value of the sum:

$$R^{asymp} \equiv \sum_{n=0}^{n_{min}} R_n$$

Power corrections

The renormalons signal the incompleteness of perturbative QCD

One can only define what the sum of a perturbative series is (like truncation at the minimal term)

The rest is a genuine ambiguity, to be eventually lifted by non-perturbative corrections:

$$R^{true} = R^{pQCD} + R^{NP}$$

In QCD these non-perturbative corrections take the form of power suppressed terms:

$$R^{NP} \sim \exp\left(-\frac{p}{\beta_0 \alpha_s}\right) = \exp\left(-p \ln\frac{Q^2}{\Lambda^2}\right) = \left(\frac{\Lambda^2}{Q^2}\right)^p$$

The value of p depends on the process, and can sometimes be predicted by studying the perturbative series: pQCD - NP physics bridge

Cancellation of singularities

Block-Nordsieck theorem

IR singularities cancel in sum over soft unobserved photons in final state

(formulated for massive fermions ⇒ no collinear divergences)

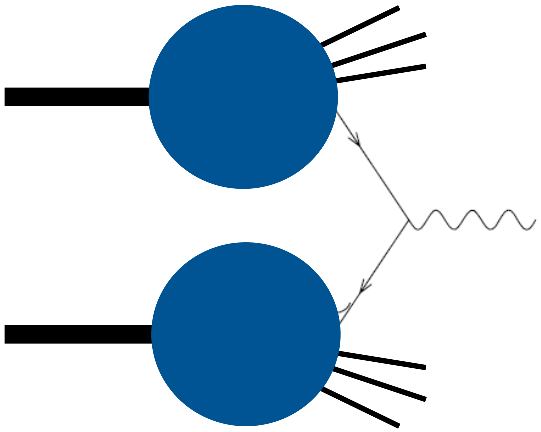
Kinoshita-Lee-Nauenberg theorem

IR and collinear divergences cancel in sum over degenerate initial and final states

These theorems suggest that the observable must be crafted in a proper way for the cancellation to take place

pQCD calculations: hadrons

Turn hadron production in e+e- collisions around: Drell-Yan.



Still easy in Parton Model: just a convolution of probabilities

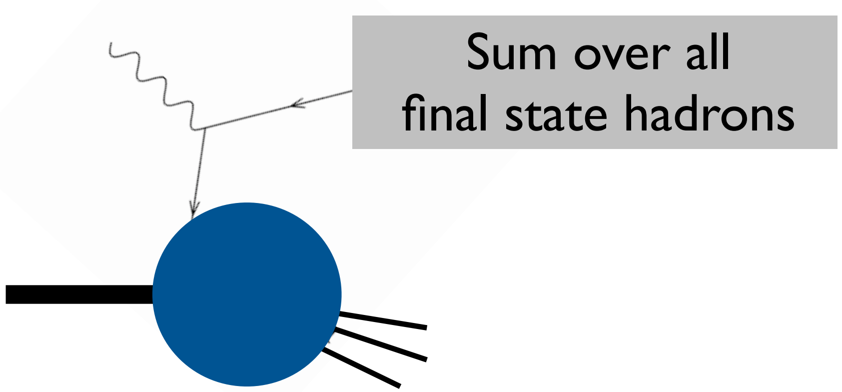
$$\frac{d\sigma_{NN\to\mu\bar{\mu}+X}(Q,p_1,p_2)}{dQ^2 d\ldots} \sim \int d\xi_1 d\xi_2 \sum_{a=\mathrm{q}\bar{\mathrm{q}}} \frac{d\sigma^{\mathrm{EW,\,Born}}_{\mathrm{a}\bar{\mathrm{a}}\to\mu\bar{\mu}}(Q,\xi_1 p_1,\xi_2 p_2)}{dQ^2 d\ldots}$$

$$\times(\text{probability to find parton a}(\xi_1)\text{ in }N)$$

$$\times(\text{probability to find parton }\bar{\text{a}}(\xi_2)\text{ in }N)$$

This isn't anymore an **inclusive process** as far as hadrons are concerned:
I find them in the initial state, **I can't 'sum over all of them'**

Still, the picture holds at tree level (parton model)
The parton distribution functions can be roughly equated to those extracted from DIS



The non-inclusiveness of a general strong interaction process is a threat to calculability.

What do we do if we can't count on Bloch-Nordsieck and Kinoshita-Lee-Nauenberg?

- Infrared and collinear safe observables
  - less inclusive but still calculable in pQCD
- Factorisation
  - trade divergencies for universal measurable quantities

A generic (not fully inclusive) observable *O* is **infrared and collinear safe** if

$$O(X; p_1, \ldots, p_n, p_{n+1} \to 0) \to O(X; p_1, \ldots, p_n)$$
$$O(X; p_1, \ldots, p_n \parallel p_{n+1}) \to O(X; p_1, \ldots, p_n + p_{n+1})$$

Infrared and collinear safety demands that, in the limit of a collinear splitting, or the emission of an infinitely soft particle, the observable remain **unchanged**

IRC safety: proof

Cancellation of singularities in **total cross section** (KLN)

$$\sigma_{tot} = \int_n |M_n^B|^2 d\Phi_n + \int_n |M_n^V|^2 d\Phi_n + \int_{n+1} |M_{n+1}^R|^2 d\Phi_{n+1}$$

A generic observable

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dO}{dX} &= \int_n |M_n^B|^2 O(X;p_1,\ldots,p_n) d\Phi_n \\ &+ \int_n |M_n^V|^2 O(X;p_1,\ldots,p_n) d\Phi_n + \int_{n+1} |M_{n+1}^R|^2 O(X;p_1,\ldots,p_n,p_{n+1}) d\Phi_{n+1}\end{aligned}$$

In order to ensure the same cancellation existing in σ_{tot}, the definition of the observable must not affect the soft/collinear limit of the real emission term, because it is there that the real/virtual cancellation takes place

Drell-Yan: factorisation

In pQCD (i.e. with gluon emissions), life becomes more complicated

Non fully inclusive process (hadrons in initial state):
non cancellation of collinear singularities in pQCD

Same procedure used for renormalising the coupling:
reabsorb the divergence into bare non-perturbative quantities, the parton probabilities (collinear factorisation)

The factorisation theorem

$$\sigma^{phys} = F^{bare} F^{bare} \sigma^{divergent}(\varepsilon) = F(\mu) F(\mu) \hat{\sigma}(\mu)$$

infrared regulator

Parton Distribution Function

factorisation scale

short-distance cross section

and (schematically) $$F(\mu) = F^{bare}\left(1 + \alpha_s P \log\frac{\mu^2}{\mu_0^2}\right)$$

This factor universal

Drell-Yan: NLO result

$$\frac{d^2\hat{\sigma}^{(1)}_{q\bar{q}\to\gamma^* g}(z,Q^2,\mu^2)}{dQ^2} = \sigma_0(Q^2)\left(\frac{\alpha_s(\mu)}{\pi}\right)\left\{2(1+z^2)\left[\frac{\ln(1+z^2)}{1-z}\right]_+ \right.$$

$$\left. -\frac{[(1+z^2)\ln z\,]}{(1-z)} + \left(\frac{\pi^2}{3}-4\right)\delta(1-z)\right\}$$

$$+\,\sigma_0(Q^2)\,C_F\,\frac{\alpha_s}{\pi}\left[\frac{1+z^2}{1-z}\right]_+ \ln\left(\frac{Q^2}{\mu^2}\right)$$

soft and collinear large log

residual of collinear factorisation

A prototype of QCD calculations: many finite terms but, more importantly, a few characteristic large logarithms

In many circumstances and kinematical situations the logs are much more important than the finite terms: hence in pQCD resummations of these terms are often phenomenologically more relevant than a full higher order calculation

Cascade

Factorisation

$$\sigma^{phys} = F(\mu)\hat{\sigma}(\mu)$$

Evolution

$$F(\mu) = F^{bare}\left(1 + \alpha_s P \log\frac{\mu^2}{\mu_0^2}\right)$$

$$\frac{d}{d\ln\mu^2}\ln\sigma^{phys} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{d\ln\hat{\sigma}(\mu)}{\ln\mu^2} = \boxed{-\frac{d\ln F(\mu)}{\ln\mu^2} = -\alpha_s P}$$

DGLAP evolution equations for PDF's

Resummation

Solution of evolution equations resums higher order terms

Responsible for scaling violations (for instance in DIS structure functions)

DGLAP equations

[Dokshitzer, Gribov, Lipatov, Altarelli, Parisi]

$$\frac{df_q(x,t)}{dt} = \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi}\int_x^1 \frac{dz}{z}\left[P_{qq}(z)\, f_q(\frac{x}{z},t) + P_{qg}(z) f_g(\frac{x}{z},t)\right]$$

$$\frac{df_g(x,t)}{dt} = \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi}\int_x^1 \frac{dz}{z}\left[P_{gq}(z)\sum_{i=q,\bar{q}} f_i\left(\frac{x}{z},t\right) + P_{gg}(z) f_g\left(\frac{x}{z},t\right)\right]$$

The Altarelli-Parisi kernels control the evolution of the Parton Distribution Functions

Altarelli-Parisi kernels

[Altarelli-Parisi, 1977]

$$P_{gg} \to 2C_A \left\{ \frac{x}{(1-x)_+} + \frac{1-x}{x} + x(1-x) \right\} + \delta(1-x) \left[\frac{11C_A - 2n_f}{6} \right]$$

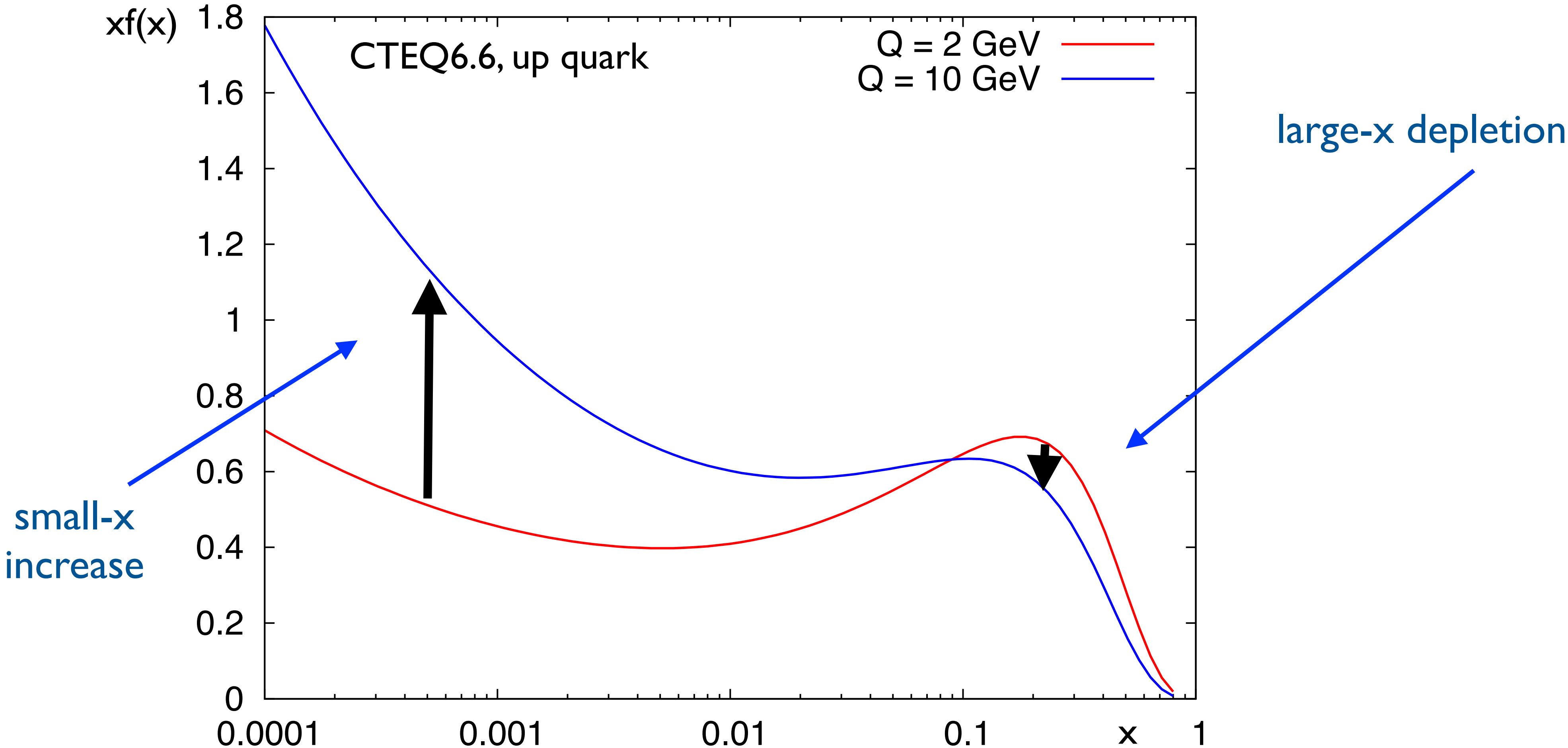
$$P_{qq}(z) \to \left(\frac{1+z^2}{1-z} \right)_+ \equiv \frac{1+z^2}{1-z} - \delta(1-z) \int_0^1 dy \left(\frac{1+y^2}{1-y} \right)$$

$$P_{qg} = \frac{1}{2} \left[z^2 + (1-z)^2 \right]$$

$$P_{gq}(z) = \quad C_F \frac{1+(1-z)^2}{z}$$

Higher orders: Curci-Furmansky-Petronzio (1980), Moch, Vermaseren, Vogt (2004)

DGLAP evolution of PDFs



Evolution (i.e. higher momentum scale) produces more partons at small momentum fraction (because they lose energy by radiating)

<u>As for the coupling, one can't predict PDF's values in pQCD, but only their evolution</u>

Take-home points

- universal character of soft/collinear emission
- both real and virtual diagrams usually contribute to an observable (and are both needed to cancel divergencies)
- not everything is calculable. Restrict to IRC-safe observables and/or employ factorisation