

Quarks, Partons, and Quantum Chromodynamics

Lecture 8

Quantum Chromodynamics

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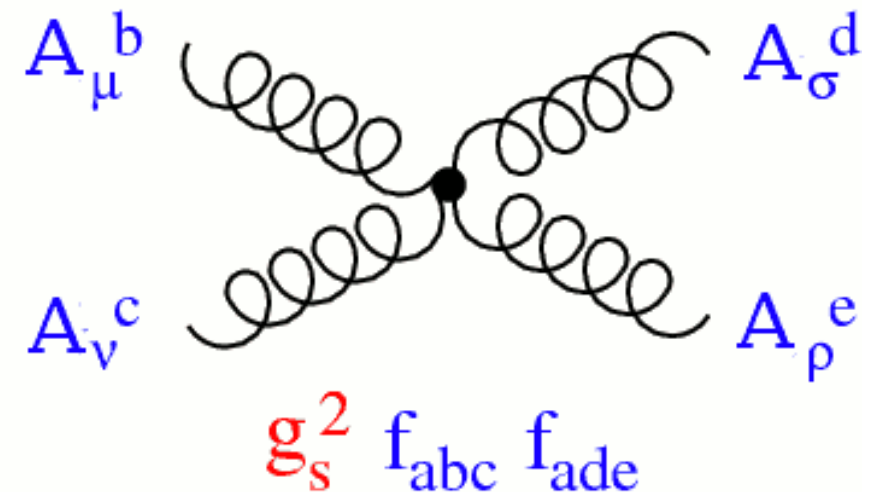
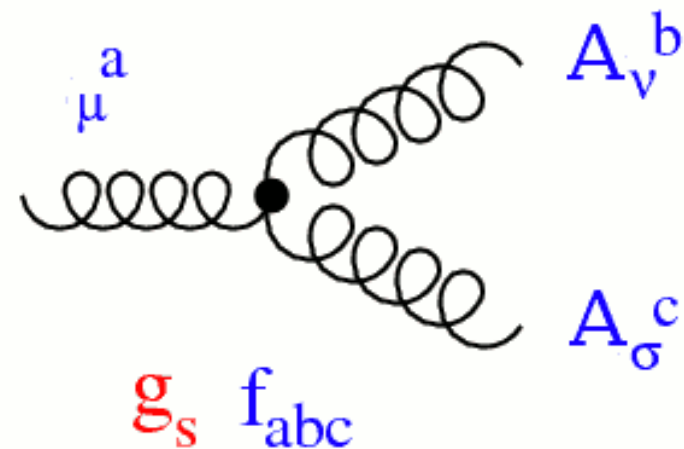
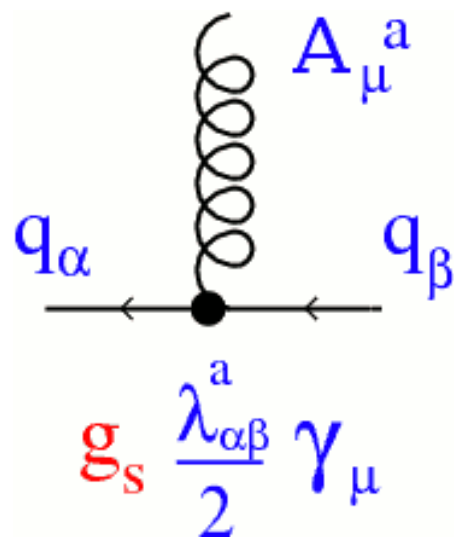
Quantum Chromodynamics - theory of strong interaction

- What kind of quantum field theory (if any) gives:
confinement at large distances $\times$ with **asymptotic freedom** at small scales
- Gross, Wilczek, Politzer (1973) - this behaviour have non-abelian Yang-Mills Quantum Field Theories
- QCD - Yang-Mills QFT with local SU(3) gauge invariance, $\Psi' = \exp[ig\alpha_a(x)T_a]\Psi$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}} = -\frac{1}{4}G_{\mu\nu}^a G_a^{\mu\nu} + \bar{\Psi} (i\gamma_\mu \mathcal{D}^\mu - m) \Psi$$

$$\mathcal{D}^\mu \equiv \partial^\mu - igT_a A_a^\mu, \quad A_a'^\mu = A_a^\mu + (1/g)\partial^\mu \alpha_a + gf_{abc}\alpha_b A_c^\mu$$

$$[\mathcal{D}_\mu, \mathcal{D}_\nu] = -igT^a G_{\mu\nu}^a, \quad G_{\mu\nu}^a = \partial_\mu A_\nu^a - \partial_\nu A_\mu^a + gf^{abc}A_\mu^b A_\nu^c$$



Quantum Electrodynamics

Classical Electrodynamics

(Maxwell 1861-1862)

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = \frac{\varrho}{\varepsilon_0}, \quad \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} = 0, \quad \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = -\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t}, \quad \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} = \mu_0 \vec{j} + \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t}, \quad (\text{in next } c = 1)$$

- Lorentz force $\vec{F} = q [\vec{E} + \vec{v} \times \vec{B}]$

- relativistic formulation in terms of 4-potential $A^\mu = (\varphi, \vec{A})$, $\vec{E} = -\vec{\nabla}\varphi - \frac{\partial \vec{A}}{\partial t}$, $\vec{B} = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}$

equation of motion $\partial^\mu F_{\mu\nu} = \mu_0 j_\nu$, $F_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu$, $j_\mu = (\varrho, \vec{j})$

generated from $\mathcal{L}_{\text{EM}} = -\frac{1}{4}F^{\mu\nu}F_{\mu\nu} + j^\mu A_\mu$ via E.-L. eq $\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial A_\mu} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x_\nu} \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial(\partial A_\mu / \partial x_\nu)} \right) = 0$

- if A^μ solves EoM, then $A'^\mu = A^\mu + \partial^\mu f$ solves it as well (same physics)

Quantum Electrodynamics

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{QED}} = -\frac{1}{4}F^{\mu\nu}F_{\mu\nu} + \bar{\Psi}(i \not{\partial} - m)\Psi + j^\mu A_\mu$$

- current $j^\mu = e\bar{\Psi}\gamma^\mu\Psi$ generates right Lorentz force

E.-L. eq. for variables $(\Psi, \bar{\Psi})$ gives $[i \not{\partial} + e\gamma^\mu A_\mu - m] \Psi(x) = 0$

QED

- QED - QFT with U(1) local gauge invariance
- **Weyl** – interaction free QED has global invariance with respect to U(1): $\Psi' = e^{i\alpha}\Psi$, $\bar{\Psi}' = \bar{\Psi} e^{-i\alpha}$
- What happens if we allow $\alpha(x)$?

$$\bar{\Psi}'(i \not{\partial} - m)\Psi' = \bar{\Psi} e^{-i\alpha(x)}(i \not{\partial} - m)e^{i\alpha(x)}\Psi = \bar{\Psi}(i \not{\partial} - m)\Psi - \bar{\Psi}\partial_\mu\alpha(x)\gamma^\mu\Psi$$

- to preserve local invariance, we have to compensate last term with interaction term of type

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} = e\bar{\Psi}\gamma^\mu\Psi A_\mu, \quad \text{with gauge field transforming as } A'_\mu(x) = A_\mu(x) + \frac{1}{e}\partial_\mu\alpha(x) \quad (\text{same physics})$$

- principle of **local gauge invariance** dictates the form of interaction term
- this can be done quickly by replacing ∂_μ with **covariant derivation** $D_\mu = \partial_\mu - ieA_\mu$
transforms as Ψ : $D'_\mu\Psi'(x) = (\partial_\mu - ieA'_\mu)e^{i\alpha(x)}\Psi(x) = e^{i\alpha(x)}D_\mu\Psi(x) = e^{i\alpha(x)}D_\mu e^{-i\alpha(x)}\Psi'(x) \Rightarrow D'_\mu = e^{i\alpha}D_\mu e^{-i\alpha}$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{QED}} = -\frac{1}{4}F^{\mu\nu}F_{\mu\nu} + \bar{\Psi}(i\gamma^\mu D_\mu - m)\Psi$$

- note that $F'_{\mu\nu} = F_{\mu\nu}$ ($\partial_\mu\partial_\nu\alpha = \partial_\nu\partial_\mu\alpha$) $\Rightarrow$ whole $\mathcal{L}_{\text{QED}}$ is U(1) local gauge invariant
- covariant derivation can be used to generate $F_{\mu\nu}$ (check it!)

$$[D_\mu, D_\nu]\Psi = -ieF_{\mu\nu}\Psi$$

Quantization of $\mathcal{L}_{QED}$ - propagator

- propagator for field A_μ

$$0 = \partial_\mu F^{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu \partial^\mu A^\nu - \partial_\mu \partial^\nu A^\mu = [\partial^2 g^{\mu\nu} - \partial^\mu \partial^\nu] A_\mu$$

- propagator $D_{\rho\nu}(x - y)$ (Green function) is given by solution of

$$[\partial^2 g^{\mu\rho} - \partial^\mu \partial^\rho] D_{\rho\nu}(x - y) = -ig_\nu^\mu \delta(x - y)$$

- solution in momentum space (Fourier transformation) - 16 linear equations

$$[-k^2 g^{\mu\rho} + k^\mu k^\rho] D_{\rho\nu}(k) = -ig_\nu^\mu$$

- matrix $-k^2 g^{\mu\rho} + k^\mu k^\rho$ is singular, $[-k^2 g^{\mu\rho} + k^\mu k^\rho] k_\rho = 0$
- gauge fixing conditions $f(A_\mu, \partial_\mu A_\nu) = 0$, technically by adding $\mathcal{L}_{\text{fix}} = -\frac{1}{2\alpha_G} f^2(A_\mu, \partial_\mu A_\nu)$
- Lorenz (covariant) gauge** $\partial_\mu A^\mu(x) = 0 \Rightarrow$ EoM: $\partial_\mu F^{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{\alpha_G} \partial_\nu \partial_\mu A^\mu = 0$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial A_\nu} - \partial_\mu \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\partial_\mu A_\nu)} \right) = 0$$

$$\left[-k^2 g^{\mu\rho} + \left(1 - \frac{1}{\alpha_G} \right) k^\mu k^\rho \right] D_{\rho\nu}(k) = -ig_\nu^\mu$$

try to find $D_{\mu\nu}$, hint look for solution in form $D_{\mu\nu} = Ag_{\mu\nu} + Bk_\mu k_\nu$ and find functions A and B

$$D_{\mu\nu} = -\frac{i}{k^2} \left[g_{\mu\nu} - (1 - \alpha_G) \frac{k_\mu k_\nu}{k^2} \right]$$

- Axial gauge** $c_\mu A^\mu(x) = 0$ has propagator $D_{\mu\nu} = i \frac{d_{\mu\nu}}{k^2}$, $d_{\mu\nu} = -g_{\mu\nu} + \frac{\alpha_G - k^2 - c^2}{(c \cdot k)^2} k_\mu k_\nu + \frac{k_\mu c_\nu + k_\nu c_\mu}{k \cdot c}$

Comments on quantization of $\mathcal{L}_{QED}$

- in **classical field theory**

- adding $\mathcal{L}_{\text{fix}}$ is not completely correct
- we can have additional solutions that satisfy $\mathcal{L}_{QED} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{fix}}$ but not the gauge fixing condition

- in **quantum field theory**

- the whole treatment is consistent
- observables do not depend on choice of gauge fixing condition and choice α_G
- proof is not trivial, it is related to the quantization of $\mathcal{L}$ (mostly via Feynman integral technique)
- in addition, the requirements of renormalizable QFT (up to dimension 4 operators) + local gauge invariance fixes (almost) unambiguously the interaction term and the whole Lagrangian

$$[\mathcal{L}] = [E]^4, [\Psi] = [E]^{3/2}, [A^\mu] = [E]^1, [F^{\mu\nu}] = [E]^2$$

option $\mathcal{L} = \varepsilon_{\mu\nu\sigma\tau} F^{\mu\nu} F^{\sigma\tau}$ leads to renormalizable QFT - it gives zero contribution at all orders of perturbative series

QCD - Yang-Mills QFT with SU(3) local gauge invariance

- quarks in 3 color states: $\Psi = \begin{pmatrix} \Psi_R \\ \Psi_G \\ \Psi_B \end{pmatrix}$, SU(3) transformation $\Psi \rightarrow \Psi' = \exp[i\alpha_a T_a] \Psi$,

- T_a ($a = 1, \dots, 8$) generators of SU(3) fundamental representation (color matrices)

- $\mathcal{L}_{\text{free}} = \bar{\Psi}[i \not{\partial} - m]\Psi \rightarrow \mathcal{L}'_{\text{free}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{free}} - \bar{\Psi}\gamma^\mu T_a \Psi \partial_\mu \alpha_a \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} = g \bar{\Psi}\gamma^\mu T_a \Psi A_\mu^a$

$$D_\mu = \partial_\mu - ig T_a A_\mu^a$$

- $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{free}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{int}}$ has global SU(3) invariance if A_μ^a transforms as adjoint repr.

$$A_\mu^a \rightarrow A_\mu'^a = \exp[i\alpha_b F_b] A_\mu^a, \quad (F^a)_{bc} \equiv -if_{abc}, \quad \text{for } \alpha_b \ll 1 \quad A_\mu'^a = A_\mu^a + \alpha_b f_{bac} A_\mu^c \quad (\text{ex. 3.17})$$

- for local gauge invariance we find $A_\mu'^a = A_\mu^a + \alpha_b f_{bac} A_\mu^c + \frac{1}{g} \partial_\mu \alpha^a$
- non-abelian character of SU(3) (some f_{abc} are non-zero) $\Rightarrow F_a'^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu}'^a \neq F_a^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu}^a$
- use $G_a^{\mu\nu}$ defined by $[D_\mu, D_\nu] \Psi = -ig T^a G_{\mu\nu}^a \Psi$

$$\text{prove } D_\mu' = S D_\mu S^{-1}, \text{ with } S = e^{i\alpha_a T_a} = 1 + i\alpha_a T_a \Rightarrow [D_\mu', D_\nu'] = S [D_\mu, D_\nu] S^{-1}$$

$$G_a^{\mu\nu} G_{\mu\nu}^a = 2\text{Tr}[T^a G_{\mu\nu}^a T_b G_b^{\mu\nu}] \quad \text{which follows from } \text{Tr}(T_a T_b) = \frac{1}{2} \delta_{ab}$$

$$-g^2 G_a'^{\mu\nu} G_{\mu\nu}'^a = -2g^2 \text{Tr}(T_a G_a'^{\mu\nu} T^b G_{\mu\nu}'^b) = 2\text{Tr}([D_\mu', D_\nu'] [D_\mu', D_\nu']) = 2\text{Tr}(S [D_\mu, D_\nu] S^{-1}) = -g^2 G_a^{\mu\nu} G_{\mu\nu}^a$$

Gluon field Lagrangian

$$[D_\mu, D_\nu] \Psi = -igT^a G_{\mu\nu}^a \Psi$$

$$D_\mu D_\nu \Psi = (\partial_\mu - igT_a A_\mu^a)(\partial_\nu - igT_b A_\nu^b) \Psi = [\partial_\mu \partial_\nu - igT_b(\partial_\mu A_\nu^b) - igT_b A_\nu^b \partial_\mu - igT_a A_\mu^a \partial_\nu - g^2 T_a T_b A_\mu^a A_\nu^b] \Psi$$

$$D_\nu D_\mu = \partial_\nu \partial_\mu - igT_b(\partial_\nu A_\mu^b) - igT_a A_\mu^a \partial_\nu - igT_b A_\nu^b \partial_\mu - g^2 T_a T_b A_\nu^a A_\mu^b \quad (\mu \leftrightarrow \nu, \text{ sometimes } a \leftrightarrow b)$$

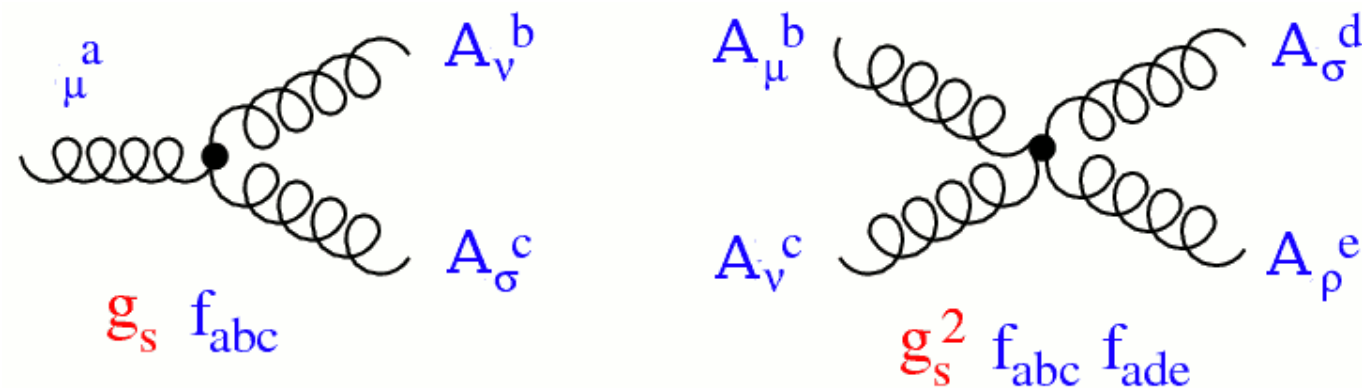
$$\begin{aligned} [D_\mu, D_\nu] &= -igT^a F_{\mu\nu}^a - g^2 [T_a, T_b] A_\mu^a A_\nu^b = -igT^a F_{\mu\nu}^a - ig^2 f_{abc} T_c A_\mu^a A_\nu^b \\ &= -igT^a F_{\mu\nu}^a - ig^2 f_{bca} T_a A_\mu^b A_\nu^c = -igT_a \left(F_{\mu\nu}^a + g f_{abc} A_\mu^b A_\nu^c \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$G_{\mu\nu}^a = F_{\mu\nu}^a + g f_{abc} A_\mu^b A_\nu^c$$

- gluon field Lagrangian preserving local gauge SU(3) invariance $\mathcal{L}_{\text{gluon}} = -\frac{1}{4} G_a^{\mu\nu} G_{\mu\nu}^a$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{gluon}} = -\frac{1}{4} F_a^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu}^a - \frac{1}{2} g f_{abc} F_a^{\mu\nu} A_\mu^b A_\nu^c - \frac{1}{4} g^2 f_{abc} f_{ade} A_\mu^b A_\nu^c A_d^a A_e^d$$

- unlike in QED, the gluons interact with themselves



Feynman rules for pQCD - propagators

Rules for external particles:

- $u(p, s)$ for each incoming fermion with momentum p and spin s ,
- $\bar{v}(p, s)$ for each incoming antifermion with momentum p and spin s ,
- $\bar{u}(p, s)$ for each outgoing fermion with momentum p and spin s ,
- $v(p, s)$ for each outgoing antifermion with momentum p and spin s .

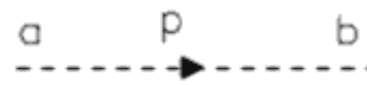
Statistical factors in loops:

- -1 for each closed fermion loop.
- $1/2!$ for each gluon loop with two internal gluons.
- $1/3!$ for each gluon loop with three internal gluons.

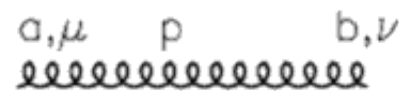
Rules for propagators



$$\delta^{ij} \frac{i}{(\not{p} - m + i\epsilon)}$$



$$\delta^{ab} \frac{i}{(p^2 + i\epsilon)} \quad \text{ghost propagator in loops only}$$



$$\delta^{ab} \frac{i}{(p^2 + i\epsilon)} \left[-g_{\mu\nu} + (1 - \alpha_G) \frac{p_\mu p_\nu}{(p^2 + i\epsilon)} \right]$$

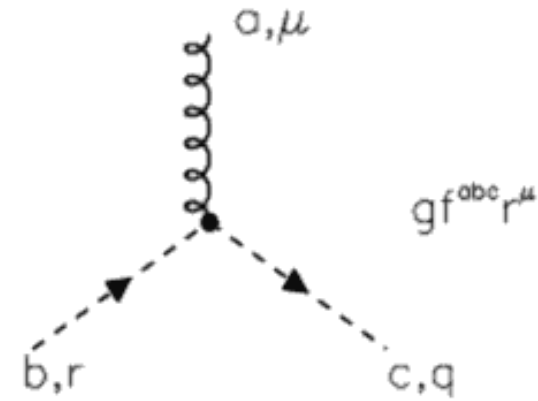
- factor -1 for
 - a) exchange of two identical final state fermions
 - b) or exchange $f \leftrightarrow \bar{f}$ in initial $\leftrightarrow$ final state
- Fadeev-Poppov ghosts
 - result of quantization
 - appear in certain gauges (not in axial gauge)
 - appear only in loops

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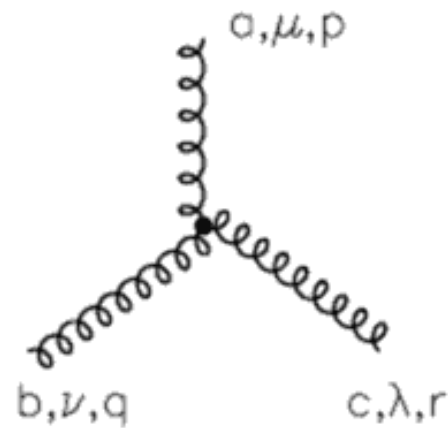
Feynman rules for pQCD - vertices



$$-ig(T^a)_{ji}\gamma_\mu$$



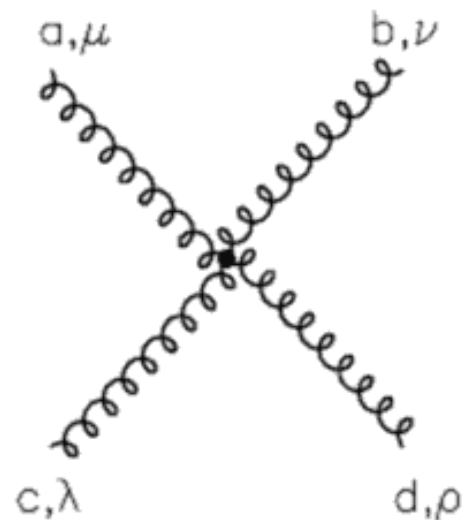
$$gf^{abc}r^\mu$$



all momenta ~~outgoing~~ incoming

$$-gf^{abc}C^{\mu\nu\lambda}(p,q,r)$$

$$C^{\mu\nu\lambda}(p,q,r)=g^{\mu\nu}(p-q)^\lambda+g^{\nu\lambda}(q-r)^\mu+g^{\lambda\mu}(r-p)^\nu$$



$$-ig^2f^{eac}f^{ebd}(g^{\mu\nu}g^{\lambda\rho}-g^{\mu\rho}g^{\nu\lambda})$$

$$-ig^2f^{ead}f^{ebc}(g^{\mu\nu}g^{\lambda\rho}-g^{\mu\lambda}g^{\nu\rho})$$

$$-ig^2f^{aeb}f^{ecd}(g^{\mu\lambda}g^{\nu\rho}-g^{\mu\rho}g^{\nu\lambda})$$

- starting point: $T_a T_b = \frac{1}{6} \delta_{ab} \mathbf{1} + \frac{1}{2} (d_{abc} + i f_{abc}) T_c$

with anti-symmetric f_{abc} and symmetric d_{abc} defined via $[T_a, T_b] = i f_{abc} T_c$ and $\{T_a, T_b\} = \frac{1}{3} \delta_{ab} \mathbf{1} + d_{abc} T_c$

- compare with $\sigma_i \sigma_j = \delta_{ij} \mathbf{1} + i \varepsilon_{ijk} \sigma_k$ for the SU2 case

- most common traces

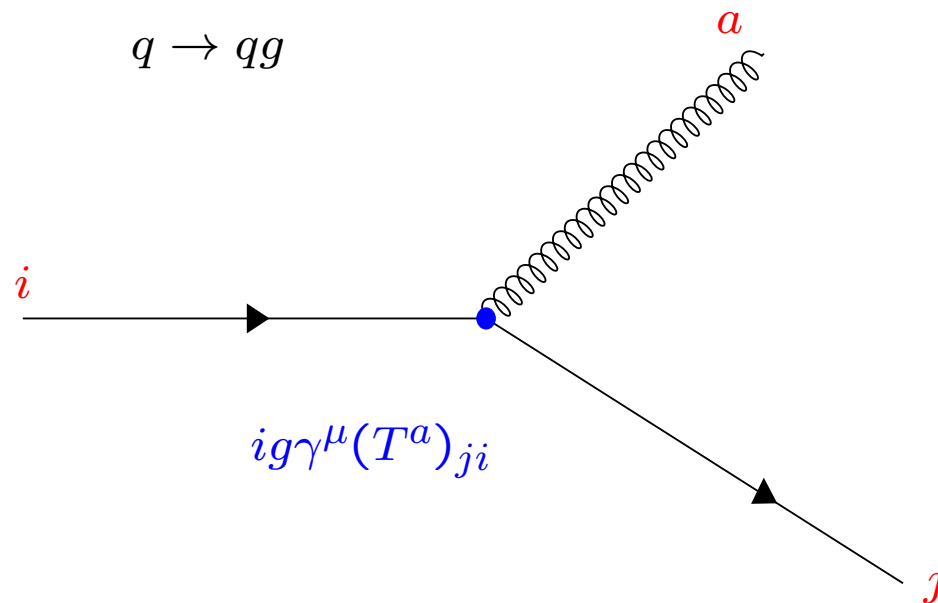
$$\begin{aligned}\text{Tr}(T^a T^{b\dagger}) &= \text{Tr}(T^a T^b) = \frac{1}{2} \delta_{ab} \\ \text{Tr}(T^a T^b T^c) &= \frac{1}{4} (d_{abc} + i f_{abc}) \\ \text{Tr}(T^a T^b T^a T^c) &= -\frac{1}{12} \delta_{bc}\end{aligned}$$

- other most common formulae

$$\begin{aligned}d_{abc} f_{abd} &= 0 \\ f_{abc} f_{abd} &= \text{Tr}(F_c F_d) = 3 \delta_{cd} \\ d_{abc} d_{abd} &= \frac{5}{3} \delta_{cd}\end{aligned}$$

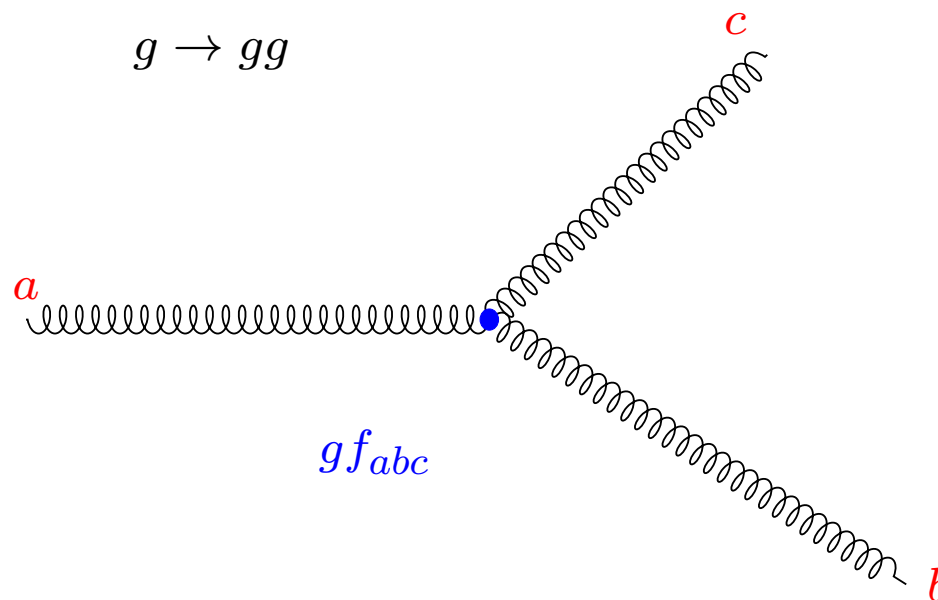
Color factors for basic processes (ex. 6.2)

example 6.2



- color factor in $|\overline{\mathcal{M}}|^2$

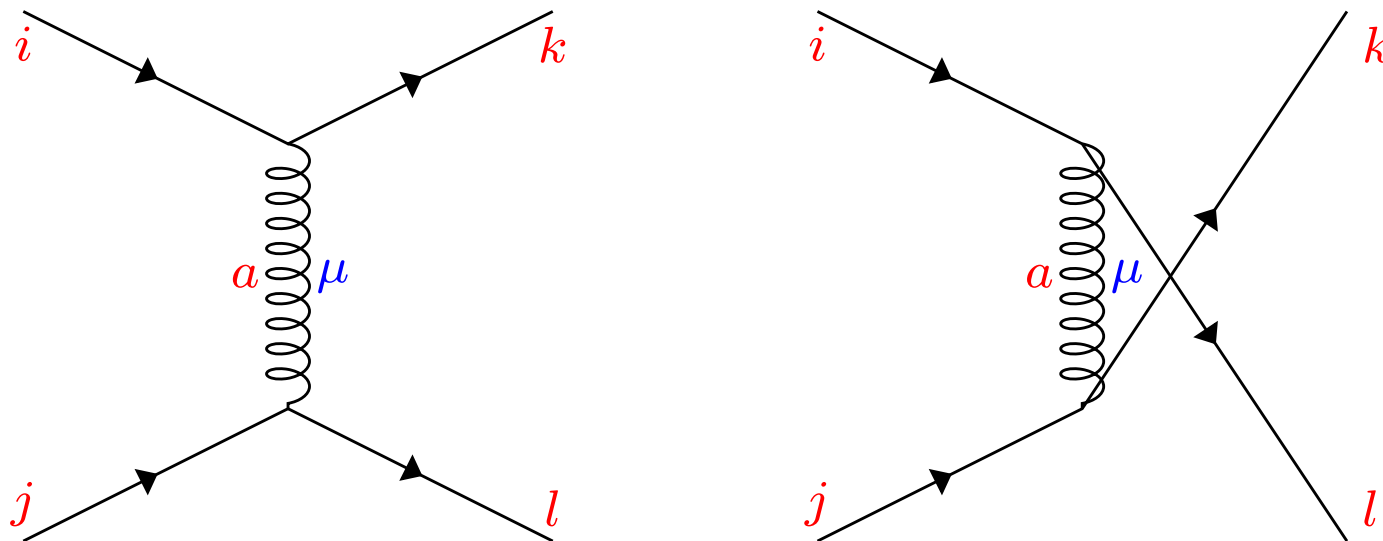
$$\begin{aligned} C_{q \rightarrow qg} &= \frac{1}{3} T_{ji}^a (T_{ji}^a)^* = \frac{1}{3} T_{ji}^a (T_{ji}^a)^T = \frac{1}{3} T_{ji}^a T_{ij}^a \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \text{Tr}(T^a T^a) = \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \delta_{aa} = \frac{8}{6} = \frac{4}{3} \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \text{Tr}(T^a T^a) = \frac{1}{3} \text{Tr}(C_F \mathbf{1}_3) = C_F \end{aligned}$$



generators of adjoint repr.: $(F^a)_{bc} = -if_{abc}$

$$\begin{aligned} C_{g \rightarrow gg} &= \frac{1}{8} f_{abc} f_{abc} = -\frac{1}{8} f_{abc} f_{acb} = \frac{1}{8} (-if_{abc}) (-if_{acb}) \\ &= \frac{1}{8} \text{Tr}(F^a F^a) = \frac{1}{8} \text{Tr}(C_A \mathbf{1}_8) = C_A = 3 \end{aligned}$$

Elementary QCD processes - $uu \rightarrow uu$ (ex. 6.3)



- process similar to QED $ee \rightarrow ee$ scattering

$$|\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{\text{QED}}|^2 = 2e^4 \left(\frac{s^2 + u^2}{t^2} + \frac{s^2 + t^2}{u^2} + 2\frac{s^2}{tu} \right)$$

- try to derive the QED result by yourself

- in QCD, there are in addition just color factors from $q \rightarrow qg$ vertices

$$C_t = \frac{1}{9} T_{ki}^a T_{lj}^a (T_{ki}^b T_{lj}^b)^* = \frac{1}{9} T_{ki}^a T_{ki}^b T_{lj}^a T_{lj}^b = \frac{1}{9} \text{Tr}(T^a T^b) \text{Tr}(T^a T^b) = \frac{1}{9} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \delta_{ab} \frac{1}{2} \delta_{ab} = \frac{1}{4 \cdot 9} \delta_{aa} = \frac{8}{4 \cdot 9} = \frac{2}{9}$$

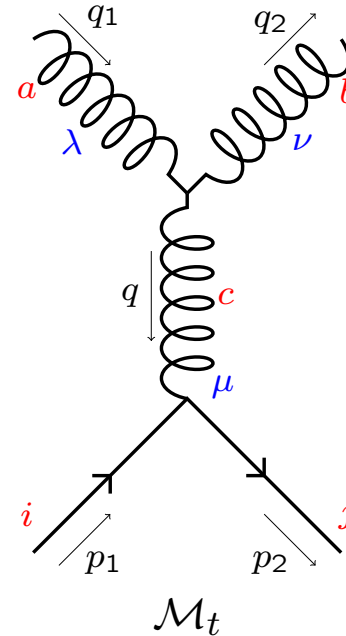
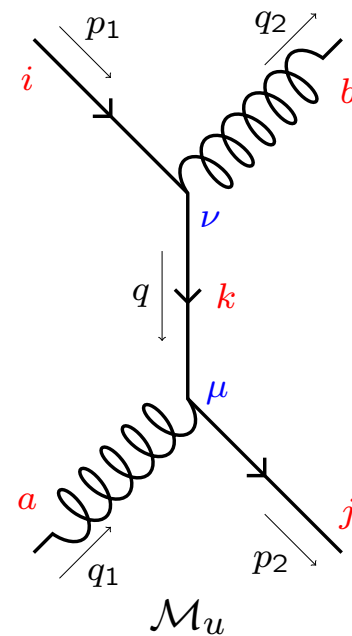
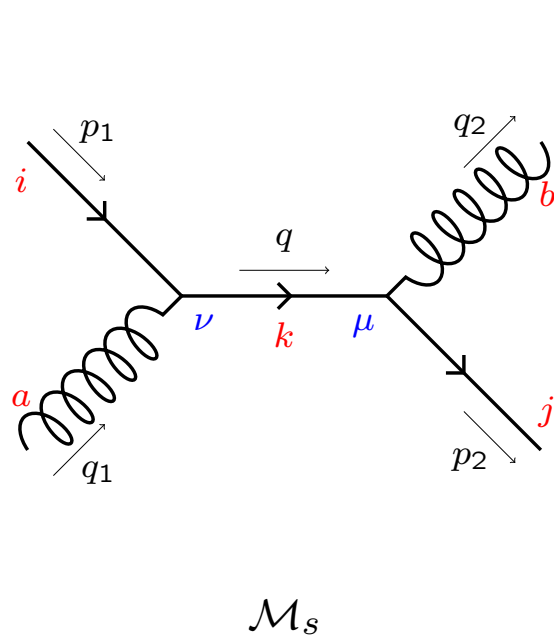
$$C_u = \frac{1}{9} T_{li}^a T_{kj}^a (T_{kj}^b T_{li}^b)^* = C_t$$

$$C_{tu} = \frac{1}{9} T_{ki}^a T_{lj}^a (T_{li}^b T_{kj}^b)^* = \frac{1}{9} T_{ki}^a T_{il}^b T_{lj}^a T_{jk}^b = \frac{1}{9} \text{Tr}(T^a T^b T^a T^b) = \frac{1}{9} \left(-\frac{1}{12} \right) \delta_{bb} = -\frac{8}{9 \cdot 12} = -\frac{2}{9} \cdot \frac{1}{3}$$

- this leads to

$$|\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{\text{QCD}}|^2 = 2g^4 \frac{2}{9} \left(\frac{s^2 + u^2}{t^2} + \frac{s^2 + t^2}{u^2} + \left(-\frac{1}{3} \right) 2\frac{s^2}{tu} \right)$$

$qg \rightarrow qg$ and $gg \rightarrow gg$ scatterings



QED

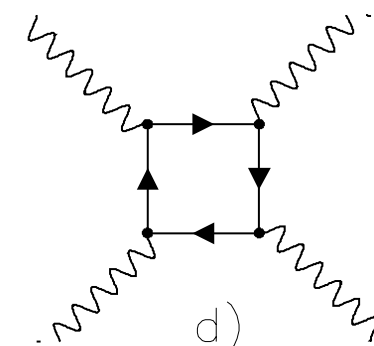
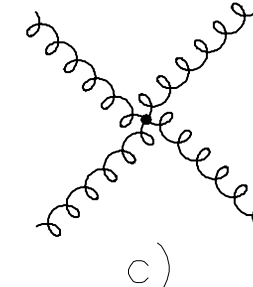
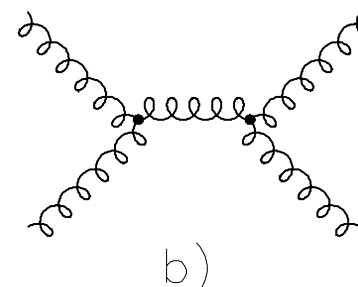
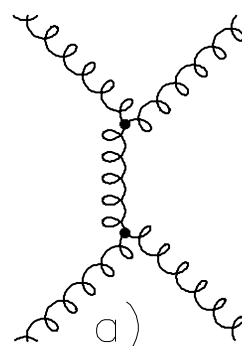
- only $\mathcal{M}_s$ and $\mathcal{M}_u$
- $\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{M}_s + \mathcal{M}_u$ vanishes for longitudinally polarized outgoing photon $\varepsilon_\mu(q_2) = K q_{2\mu}$

QCD - three tree level processes

- show that $\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{M}_s + \mathcal{M}_u + \mathcal{M}_t$ vanishes for longitudinally polarized outgoing gluon (ex. 6.4)

Gluon-gluon scattering

- no tree level contribution in QED
- in QCD, the most strong process



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Quark and gluon scattering

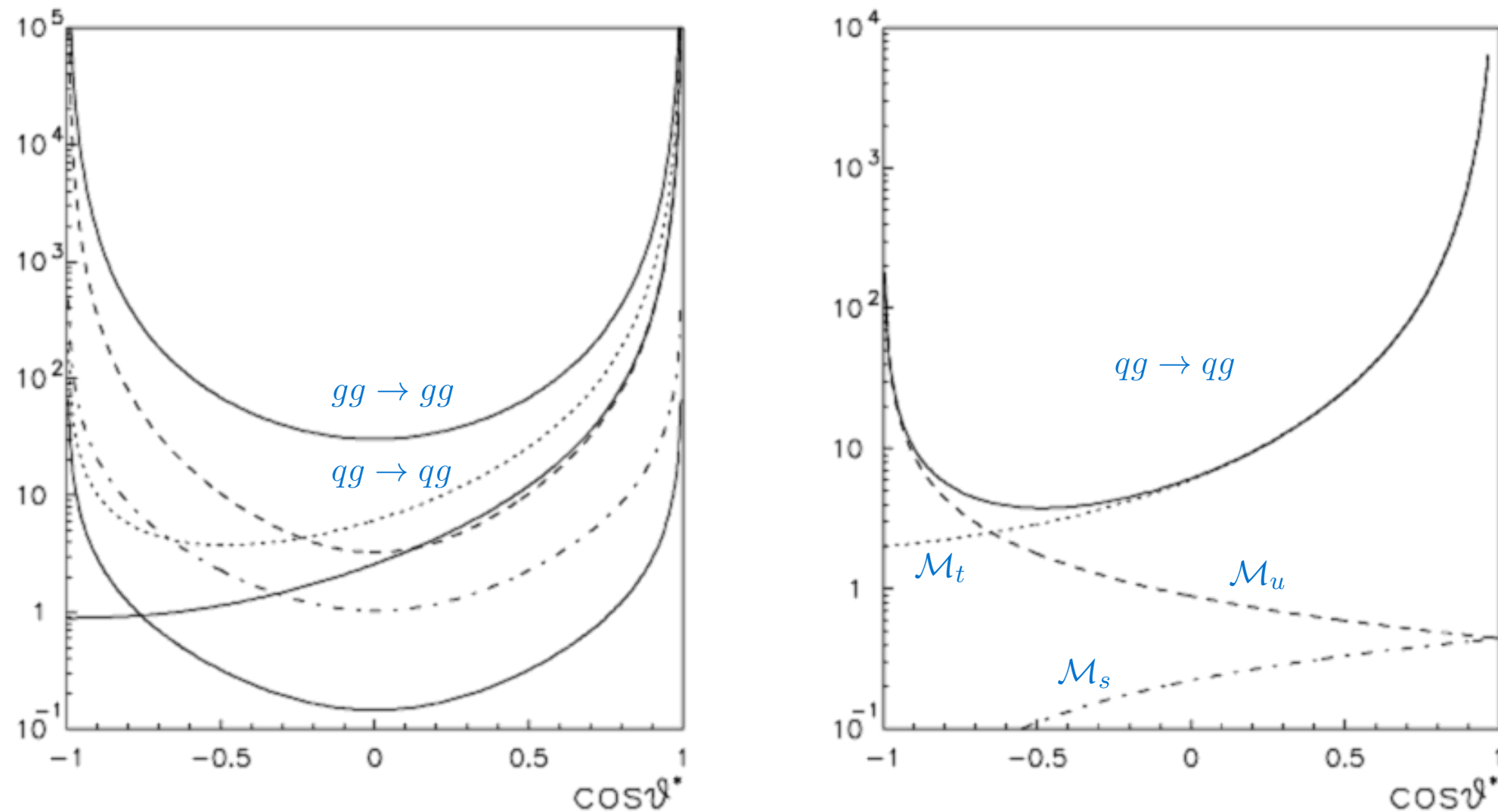


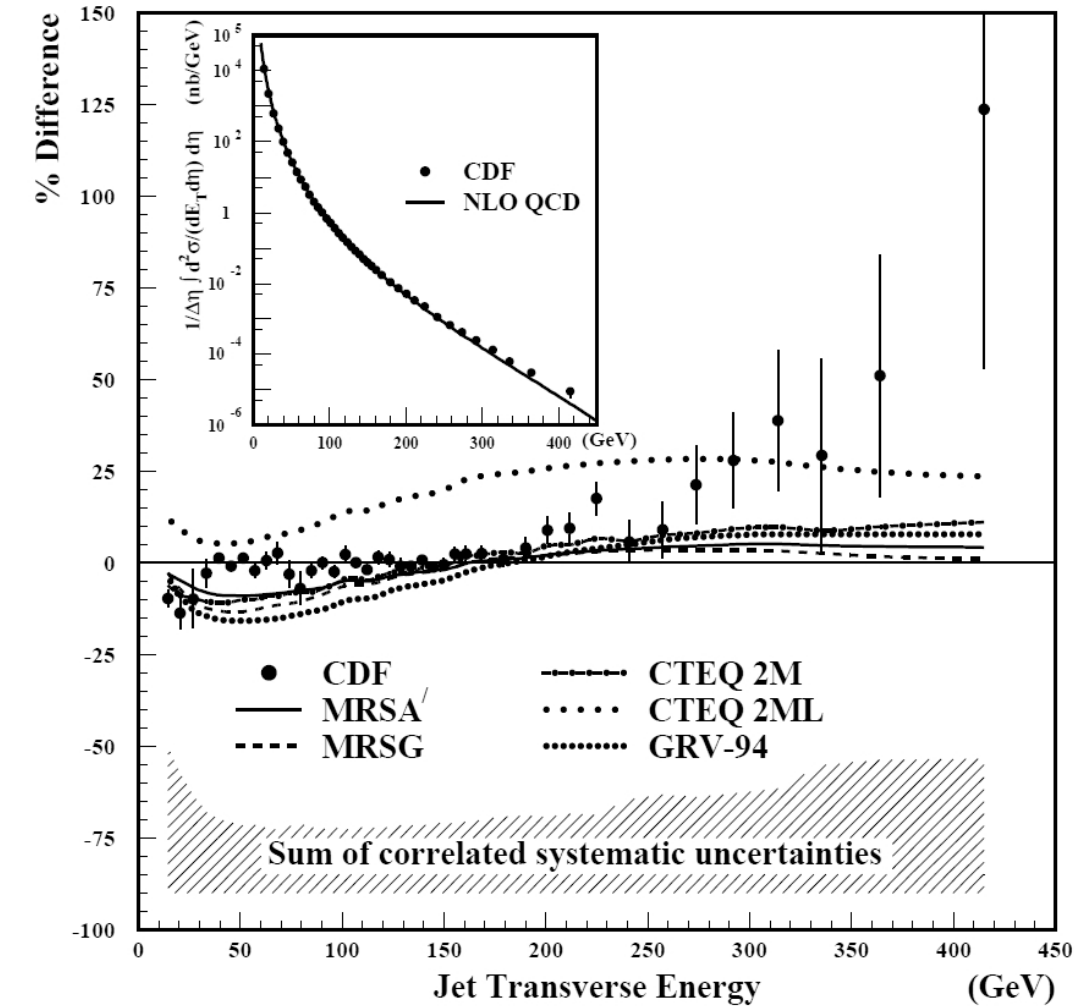
Figure 7.4: a): $\langle |M|^2 \rangle / g^4$ plotted for different 2 body processes as given in the Table below. The curves correspond, in decreasing order of their values for $\cos \vartheta = 0.5$, to $gg \rightarrow gg$, $qg \rightarrow qg$, $q\bar{q} \rightarrow q\bar{q}$, $qq \rightarrow qq$, $q\bar{q} \rightarrow gg$, $gg \rightarrow q\bar{q}$; b): Individual contributions of M_s (dash-dotted line), M_u (dashed line) and M_t (dotted line) to the full $qg \rightarrow qg$ cross-section (solid line)

Test QCD - jet production - 1996 (CDF experiment)

- *Rutherford experiment* in $p\bar{p}$ collisions

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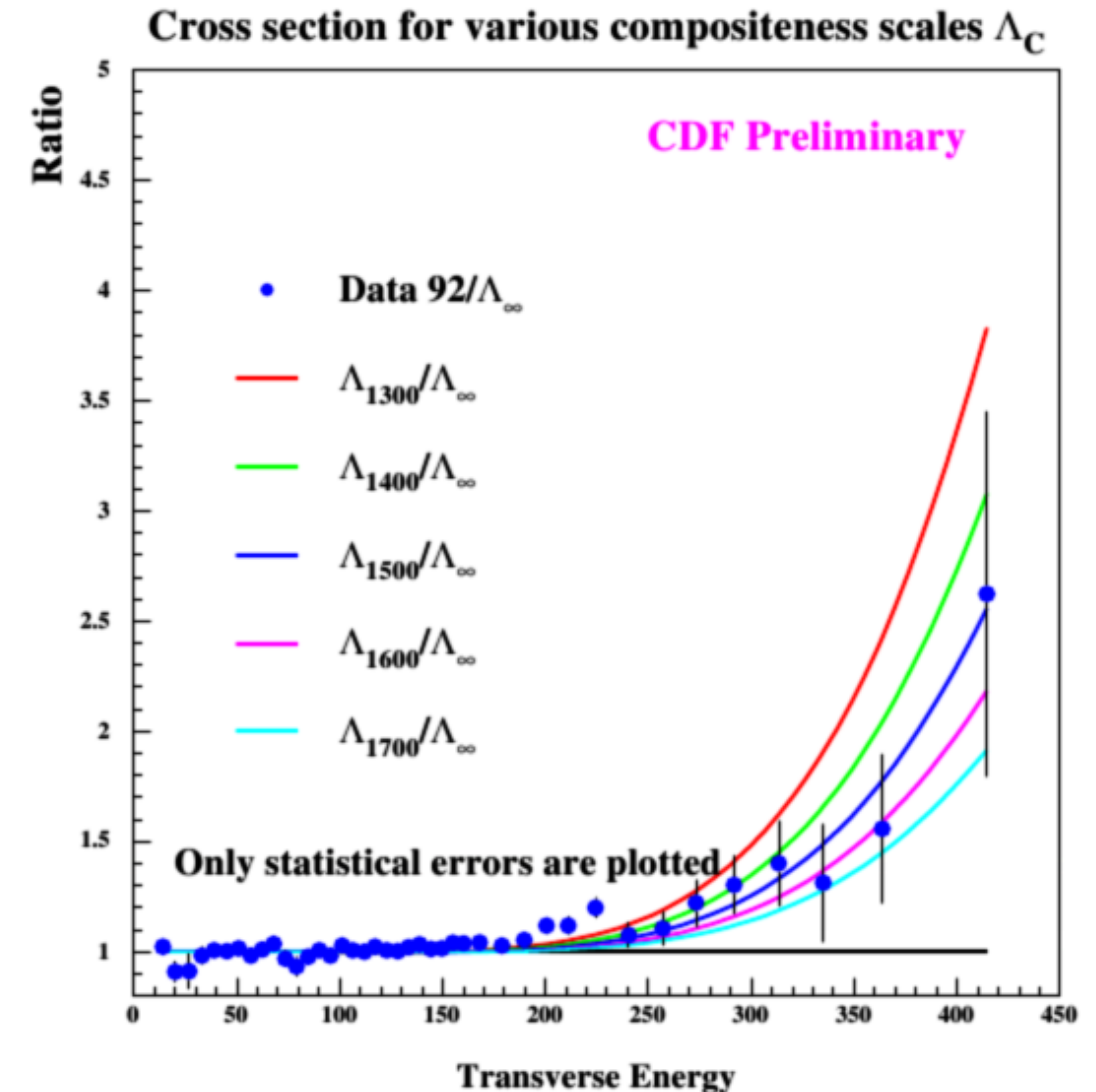
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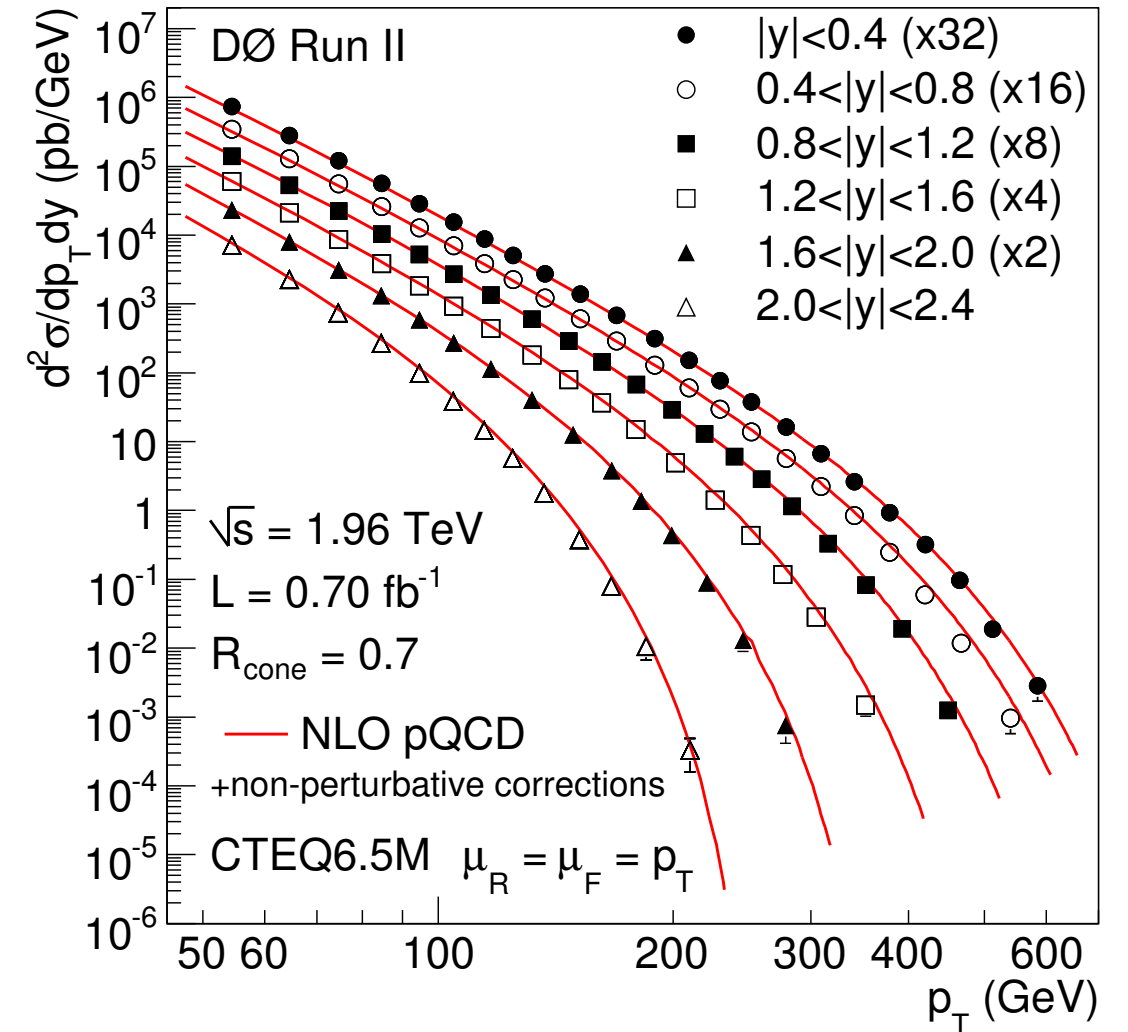
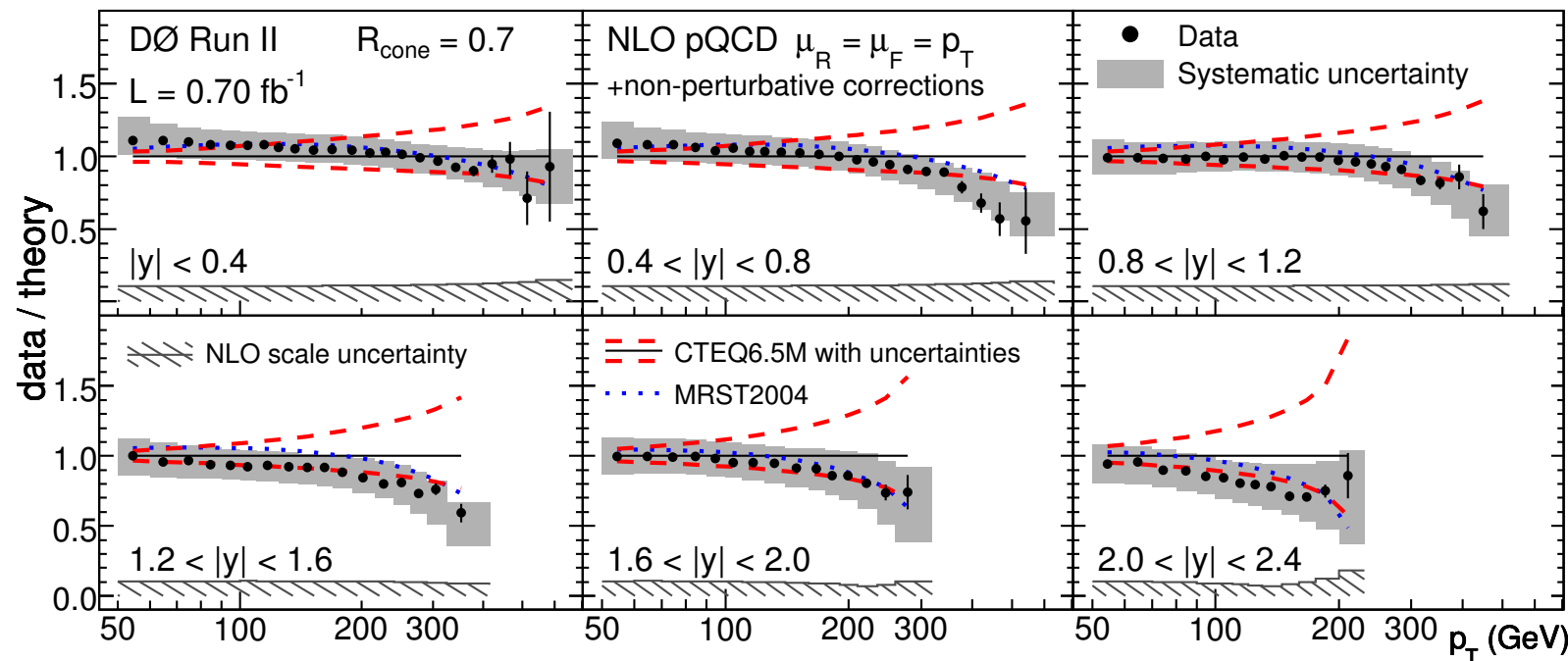


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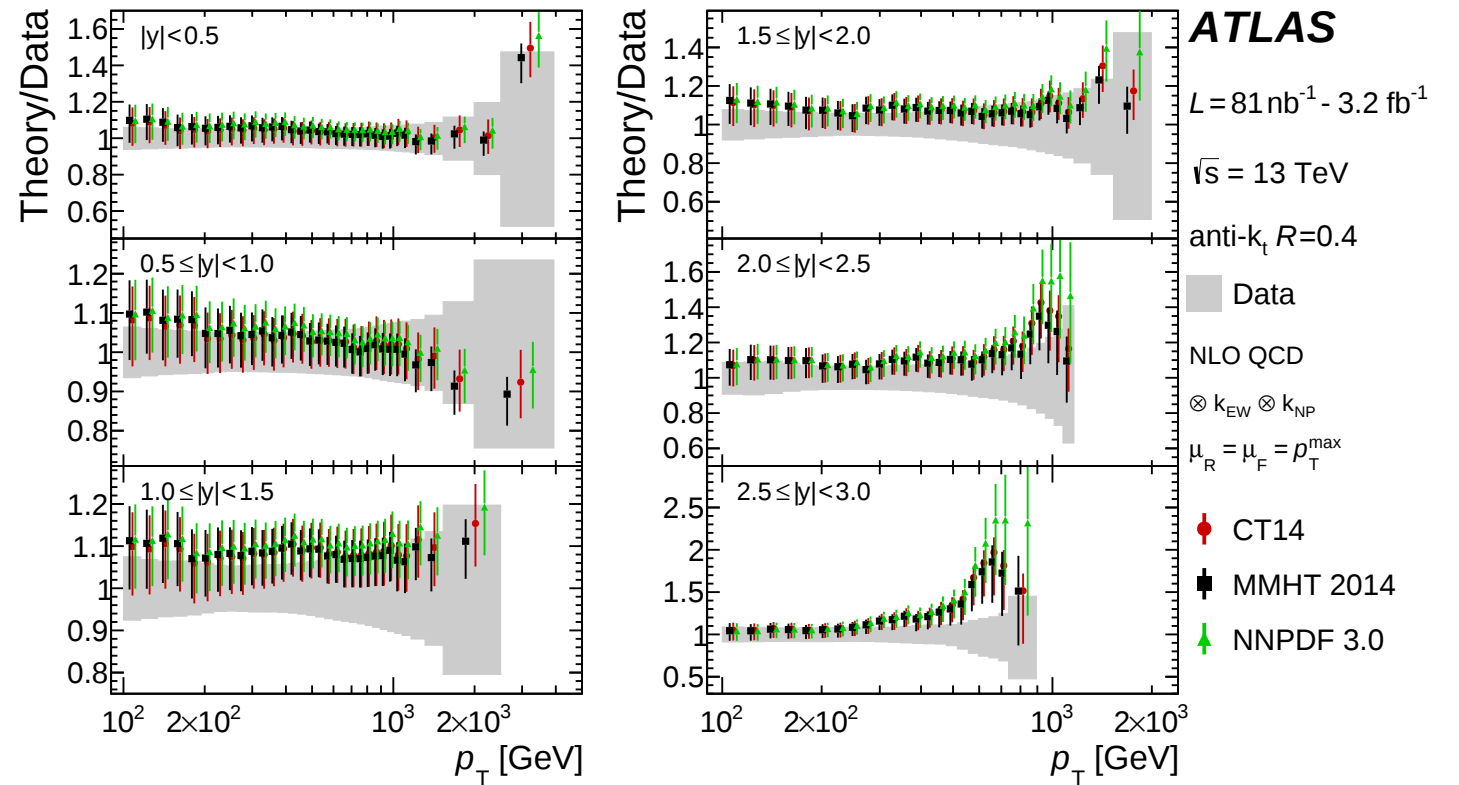
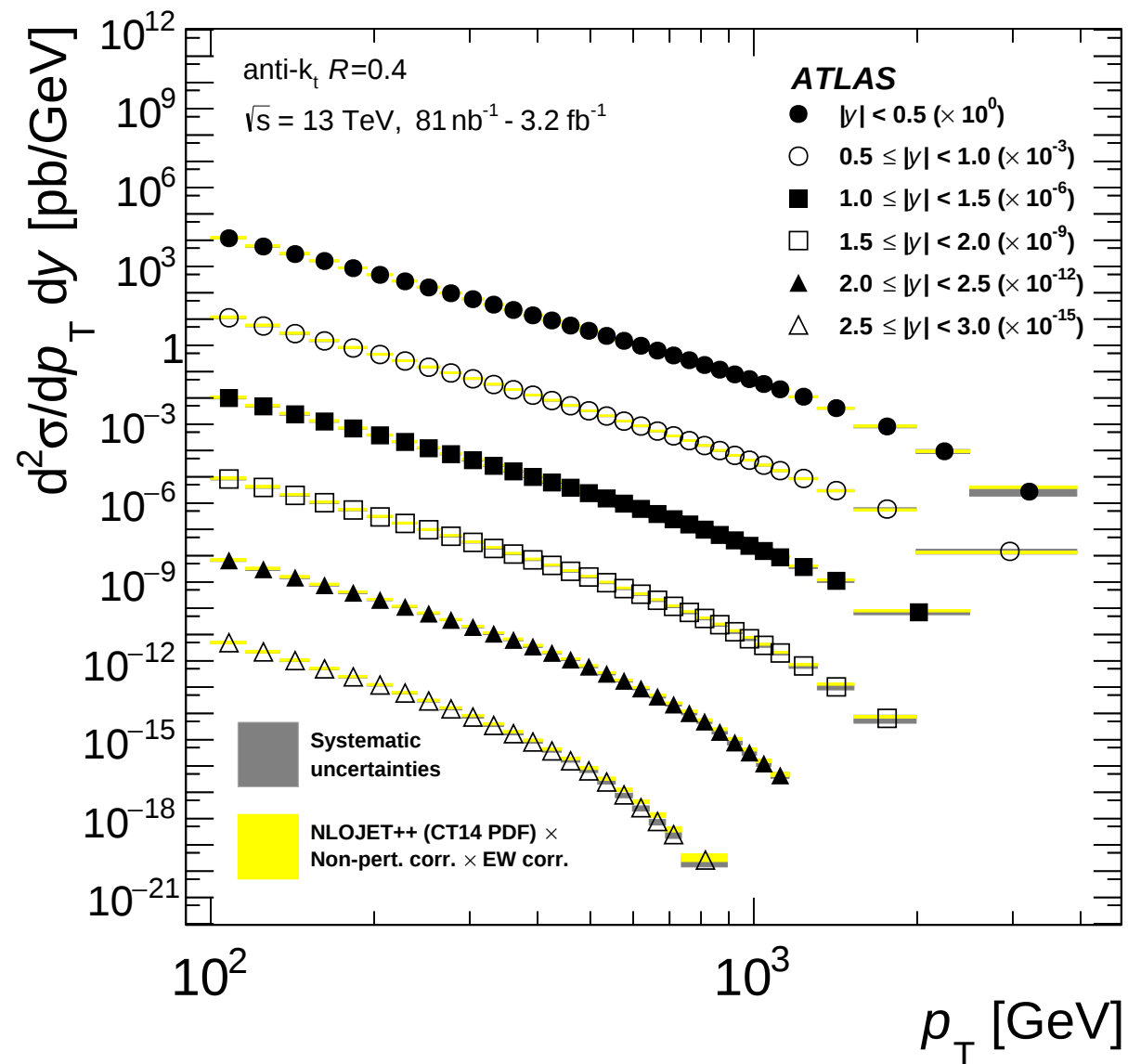
- the highest momentum transfer with $p_T \approx 600$ GeV
probing QCD at distance scales of $\Delta x \sim 10^{-3}$ fm



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- improved knowledge of proton structure
(more data from HERA)
- very good agreement with QCD

Jet production from LHC



- QCD works at least up to 2 TeV scales
- quarks are point-like at least up to 10^{-4} fm

For reading and for exercises

- Chapter 6 (Basics of QCD)
- Exercises
 - ex. 6.1 (Color matrices formulae)
 - ex. 6.2 (Color factors for basic QCD processes)
 - ex. 6.3 ($uu \rightarrow uu$ scattering)
 - ex. 6.4 ($qg \rightarrow qg$ scattering)
 - reminder of exercise 3.17 (invariance of interaction lagrangian)
 - derive photon propagator in Lorenz gauge $\partial_\mu A^\mu = 0$ and try the same for axial gauge $c_\mu A^\mu = 0$ (J. Chyla scripts)
 - prove covariance of D'_μ in SU(3), i.e. that $D'_\mu = S D_\mu S^{-1}$, with $S = e^{i\alpha_a T_a} = 1 + i\alpha_a T_a$