

Quarks, Partons, and Quantum Chromodynamics

Lecture 11

Mass singularities in QCD

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Mass singularities

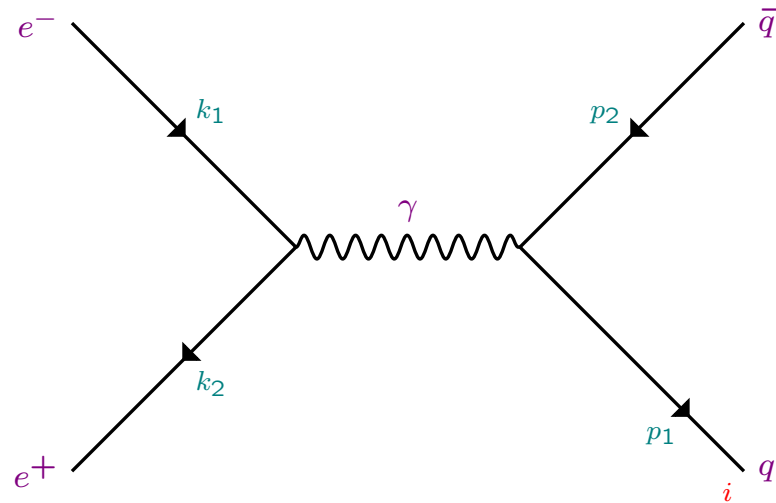
- gauge theories, like QED or QCD, have besides UV divergences (short distance behavior) another type of divergences connected with large distance scales
- they appear if we have massless particles (or if we neglect their masses)
- the treatment is different
 - we only need to regularize them (no renormalization)
 - if we define carefully the final state (we put physically indistinguishable states together) we obtain finite cross sections
 - stand-alone massless e^- cannot be distinguished from the state when electron radiates photon in the direction of its flight



- massive e^- is slower than foton and they are separated and distinguishable (at least in principle)

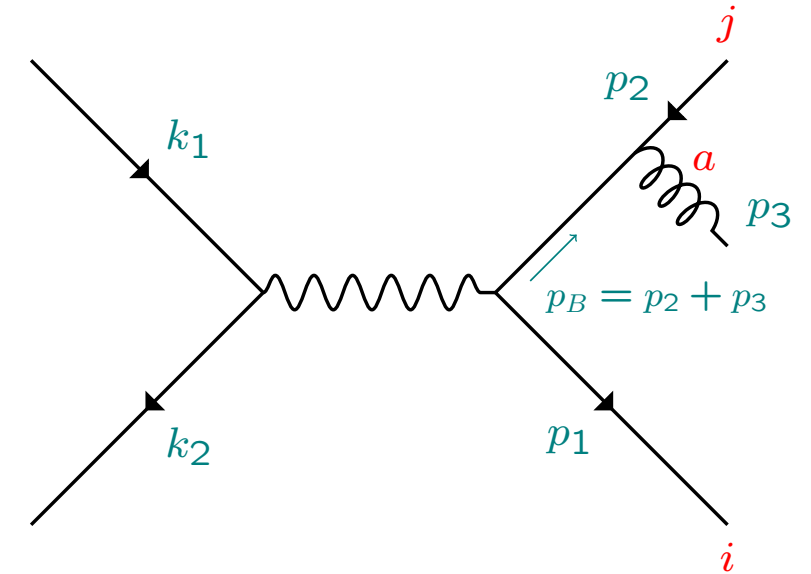
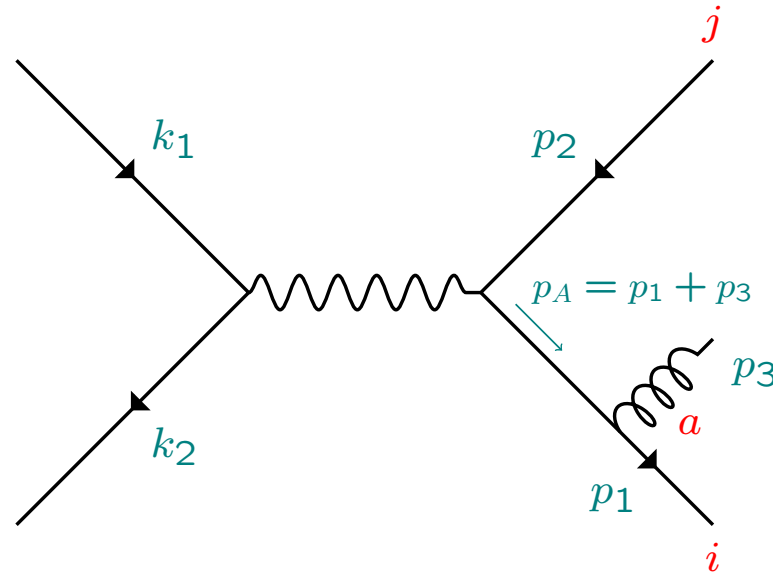
$e^+e^- \rightarrow \text{hadrons}$

LO - $e^+e^- \rightarrow q\bar{q}$



$$\sigma_0 = 3 \frac{4\pi\alpha^2}{3s} e_q^2$$

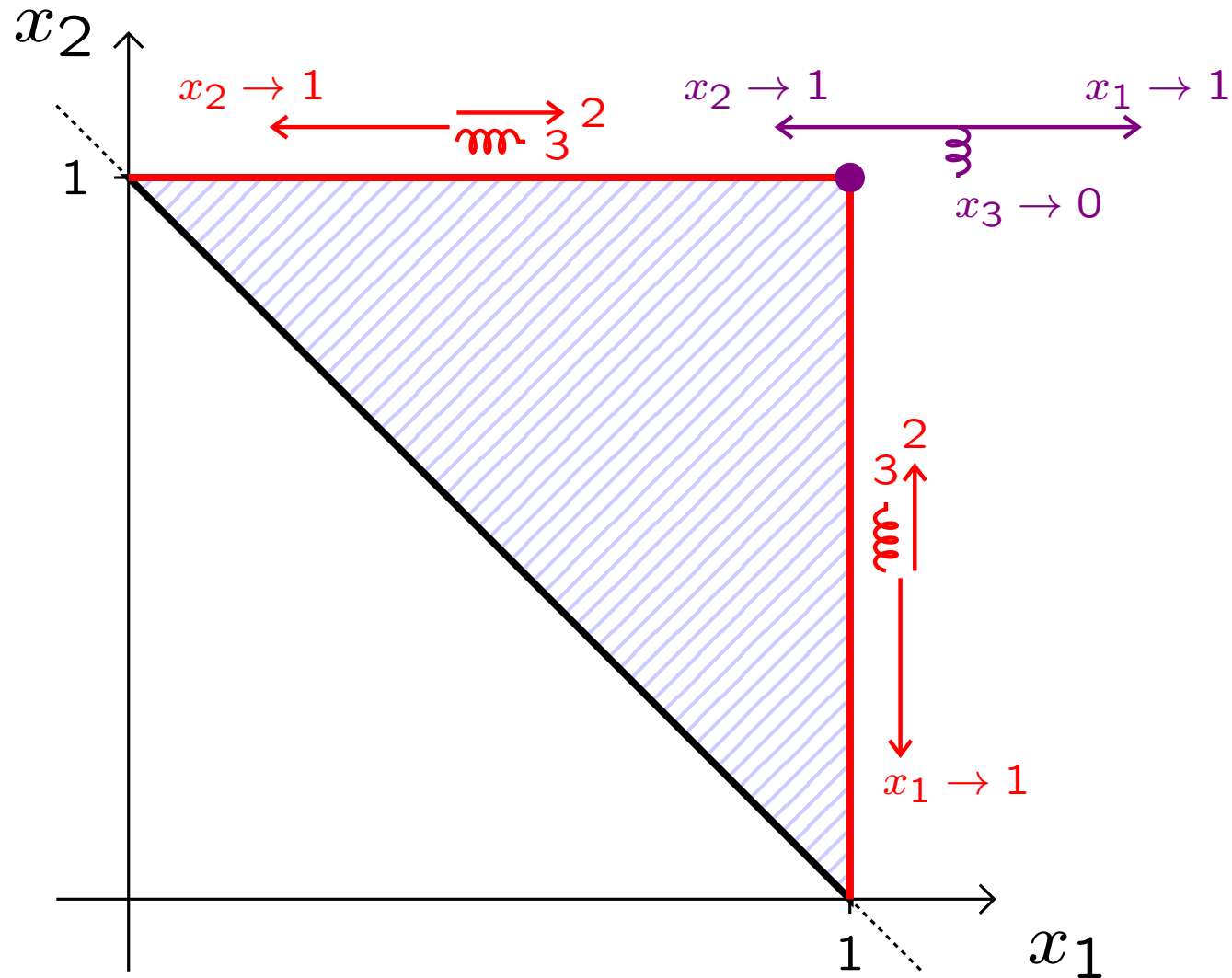
next order - $e^+e^- \rightarrow q\bar{q}g$



$$\frac{d\sigma}{dx_1 dx_2} = C_F \frac{\alpha_S}{2\pi} \sigma_0 \frac{x_1^2 + x_2^2}{(1-x_2)(1-x_1)}$$

- $\sigma_{\text{real}} \equiv \int \frac{d\sigma}{dx_1 dx_2} \rightarrow \infty$
- real gluon emission – only part of NLO QCD

Mass singularities in $e^+e^- \rightarrow q\bar{q}g$



$$x_i \equiv \frac{2E_i}{\sqrt{s}}, \quad 1 - \text{quark}, 2 - \text{antiquark}, 3 - \text{gluon}$$

- energy conservation $x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 2$
- momentum conservation ($\vec{p}_1 + \vec{p}_2 + \vec{p}_3 = 0$)
 $\Rightarrow 0 < x_i < 1$

- **collinear singularities** ($x_1 \rightarrow 1$ or $x_2 \rightarrow 1$)
- **IR singularities** (both $x_1 \rightarrow 1$ and $x_2 \rightarrow 1$)
 - implies soft gluon ($x_3 \rightarrow 0$)

$$\sigma_{\text{real}} = C_F \frac{\alpha_S}{2\pi} \sigma_0 \int_0^1 dx_1 \int_{1-x_1}^1 dx_2 \frac{x_1^2 + x_2^2}{(1-x_2)(1-x_1)} \rightarrow \infty$$

$$p_1 + p_2 + p_3 = q (= (Q, \vec{0})) \Rightarrow m_{23}^2 = (p_2 + p_3)^2 = (q - p_1)^2 = Q^2 - 2QE_1 = Q^2(1 - x_1) \Rightarrow y_{ij} \equiv \frac{m_{ij}^2}{s} = (1 - x_k)$$

$$\frac{d\sigma_{\text{real}}}{dy_{13} dy_{23}} = C_F \frac{\alpha_S}{2\pi} \sigma_0 \frac{(1 - y_{23})^2 + (1 - y_{13})^2}{y_{13} y_{23}}$$

- singular when one of qg or $\bar{q}g$ invariant masses approaches zero
- this is possible only if $m_q = m_g = 0 \Rightarrow$ **mass singularities**

$q \rightarrow qg$ splitting functions $P_{qq}(z)$ and $P_{gq}(z)$

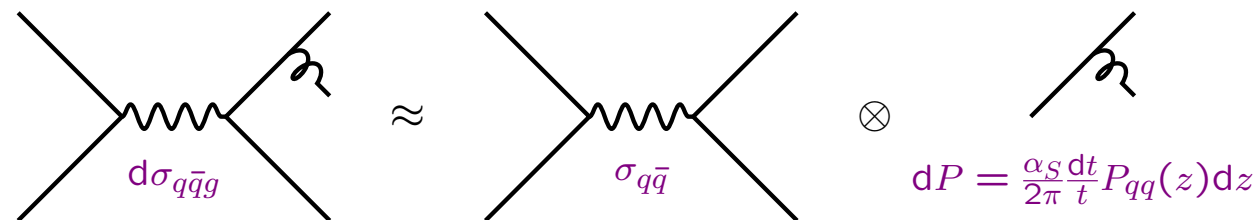
$$\frac{d\sigma}{dx_1 dx_2} = C_F \frac{\alpha_S}{2\pi} \sigma_0 \frac{x_1^2 + x_2^2}{(1-x_2)(1-x_1)} \Rightarrow \frac{d\sigma}{dm_{13}^2 dx_1} = \frac{1}{Q^2} \frac{d\sigma}{dx_1 dx_2} = C_F \frac{\alpha_S}{2\pi} \sigma_0 \underbrace{\frac{1}{Q^2}}_{m_{13}^2 \dots \text{virtuality of virtual } q} \frac{x_1^2 + x_2^2}{(1-x_2)(1-x_1)} = C_F \frac{\alpha_S}{2\pi} \sigma_0 \frac{x_1^2 + x_2^2}{m_{13}^2 (1-x_1)}$$

- dominant contribution from kinematic region $x_2 \rightarrow 1$ (and similarly for $x_1 \rightarrow 1$)

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dm_{13}^2 dx_1} \xrightarrow{x_2 \rightarrow 1} \sigma_0 \frac{\alpha_S}{2\pi} \frac{1}{m_{13}^2} \underbrace{C_F \frac{1+x_1^2}{1-x_1}}_{P_{qq}(x_1) \dots \text{splitting function}}$$

- in this kinematic domain we can say that gluon is radiated from quark
- splitting function $P_{qq}(z)$ describes the distribution of quark fractional energy after radiation of gluon
- universal - the leading (divergent) term does not depend on the origin of quark (ee , DIS, ...)
- factorization - first we create quark ($ee \rightarrow q\bar{q}$) and then we let it to radiate with probability

$$dP = \frac{\alpha_S}{2\pi} \frac{dt}{t} P_{qq}(z) dz$$



- z is fractional energy of quark $\Rightarrow$ gluon carries $1-z \Rightarrow P_{gq}(z) = P_{qq}(1-z) = C_F \frac{1+(1-z)^2}{z}$

Splitting functions in QCD (ex. 8.1)

based on Ellis, Stirling, Webber: QCD and collider physics

- universality $\Rightarrow$ the splitting functions can be derived from 2 body decay of virtual parton in collinear limit $\vartheta = \vartheta_b + \vartheta_c \rightarrow 0$

Kinematics

- energy conservation $E_a = E_b + E_c$
- z - fractional energy carried by parton b

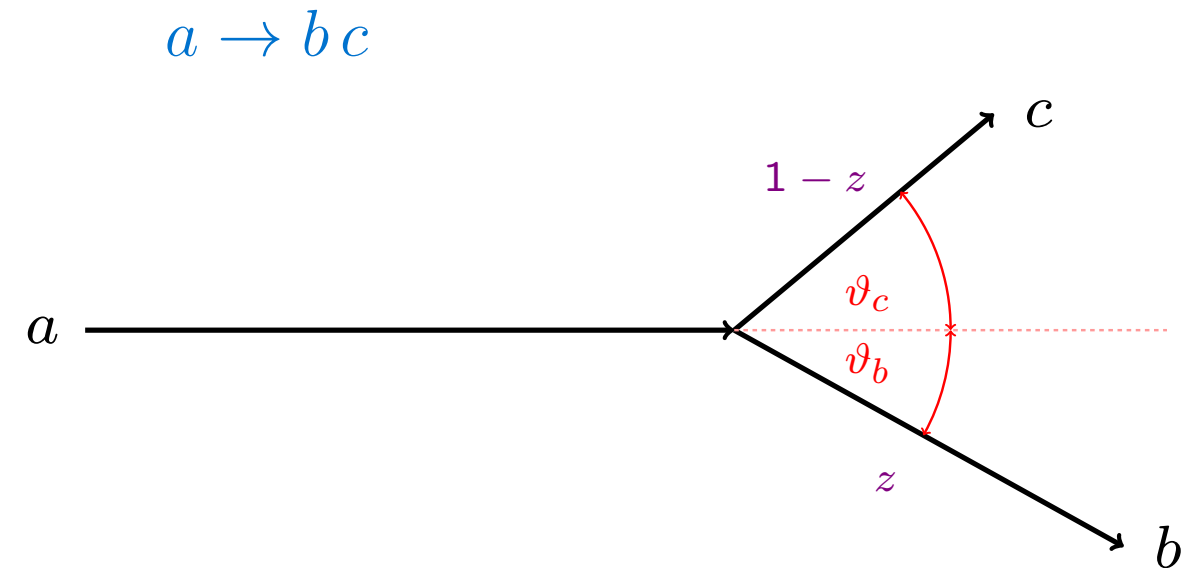
$$E_b = zE_a, \quad E_c = (1 - z)E_a$$

- momentum conservation in transversal direction

$$z \sin \vartheta_b = (1 - z) \sin \vartheta_c \xrightarrow{\vartheta \ll 1} z(\vartheta_b + \vartheta_c) = \vartheta_c \Rightarrow \vartheta_c = z\vartheta \quad \text{and} \quad \vartheta_b = (1 - z)\vartheta$$

- invariant mass of bc pair (and virtuality of decaying parton a)

$$t = 2E_b E_c (1 - \cos \vartheta) \xrightarrow{\vartheta \ll 1} E_a^2 \vartheta^2 z(1 - z)$$



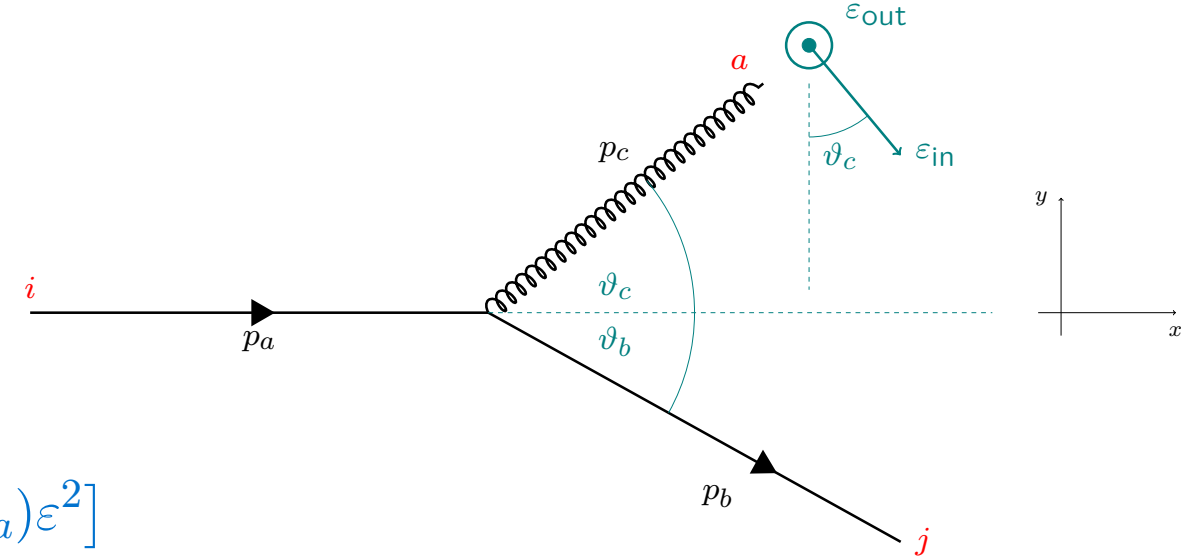
Splitting function $P_{qq}(z)$

Matrix element for process $q \rightarrow qg$

$$i\mathcal{M} = i\bar{u}(p_b, s_b)ig\gamma^\mu T_{ji}^a u(p_a, s_a)\varepsilon_\mu(p_c)$$

Squared, averaged over initial states, and summed over final state spins and colors, except for gluon polarization

$$|\mathcal{M}|^2 = \frac{1}{2} \underbrace{\frac{1}{3} \text{Tr}(T^a T^a)}_{C_F} g^2 \text{Tr}(\not{p}_b \not{p}_a) = 2g^2 C_F [2(p_b \cdot \varepsilon)(p_a \cdot \varepsilon) - (p_b \cdot p_a)\varepsilon^2]$$



Normalization of polarization vector ε^μ is fixed by condition $\varepsilon^2 = -1$. The two transversal polarization states can be picked in such a way, that one polarization vector is in the plane of the decay products (ε_{in}) while the second one is perpendicular to this plane (ε_{out}). The coordinates of the two polarization vectors are $\varepsilon_{\text{in}} = (0, \vartheta_c, -1, 0)$ and $\varepsilon_{\text{out}} = (0, 0, 0, -1)$.

The signs in polarization vectors coordinates were chosen in such a way that vectors $\vec{p}_c$, $\vec{\varepsilon}_{\text{in}}$ and $\vec{\varepsilon}_{\text{out}}$ constitute a right-handed system similar to axis x , y , and z . This will be important later on, when we analyze $g \rightarrow gg$ case.

Quark 4-momenta read $p_a = E_a(1, 1, 0, 0)$ and $p_b = zE_a(1, 1 - \vartheta_b^2/2, -\vartheta_b, 0)$, where we have expanded the trigonometric functions up to the relevant terms in angle ϑ . We neglected the virtuality of decaying quark, slightly violating 4-momentum conservation, hoping that this will not affect the final result. Note also that $p_a \cdot \varepsilon_{\text{out}} = p_b \cdot \varepsilon_{\text{out}} = 0$.

$$|\mathcal{M}|^2 = 2g^2 C_F E_a^2 z [2(\vartheta_c + \vartheta_b)\vartheta_c + \vartheta_b^2] = 2g^2 C_F E_a^2 \vartheta^2 z [2z + (1 - z)^2] = 2g^2 C_F E_a^2 \vartheta^2 z (1 - z) \frac{1 + z^2}{1 - z} = 2g^2 t P_{qq}(z)$$

Splitting function $P_{qg}(z)$

Matrix element for process $g \rightarrow q\bar{q}$

$$i\mathcal{M} = \bar{u}(p_b, s_b) igT_{ji}^a \gamma^\mu u(p_c, s_c) \varepsilon_\mu^*(p_a)$$

Squared, averaged and summed, except for gluon polarizations

$$|\mathcal{M}|^2 = \underbrace{\frac{1}{8} \text{Tr}(T^a T^a)}_{\frac{1}{8} T_R \delta_{aa} = T_R (=1/2)} g^2 \text{Tr}(\not{p}_b \not{p}_c) = 4T_R g^2 [2(p_b \cdot \varepsilon)(p_c \cdot \varepsilon) - (p_b \cdot p_c) \varepsilon^2]$$

Now we have

$$\varepsilon_{\text{in}} = (0, 0, -1, 0), \quad \varepsilon_{\text{out}} = (0, 0, 0, -1), \quad p_b = zE_a(1, 1 - \vartheta_b^2/2, -\vartheta_b, 0), \quad p_c = (1 - z)E_a(1, 1 - \vartheta_c^2/2, \vartheta_c, 0)$$

Matrix element averaged over the two initial gluon polarizations

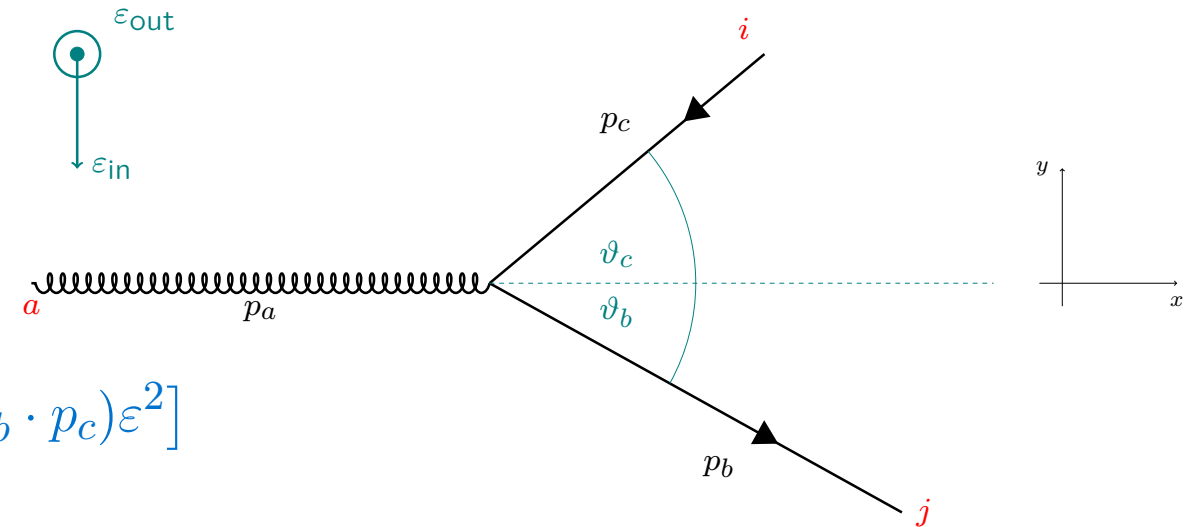
$$|\mathcal{M}|^2 = \frac{1}{2} 4T_R g^2 E_a^2 z(1 - z) [-2\vartheta_b \vartheta_c + \vartheta_b^2 + \vartheta_c^2 + 2\vartheta_b \vartheta_c] = 2g^2 E_a^2 \vartheta^2 z(1 - z) T_R [z^2 + (1 - z)^2] = 2g^2 t T_R [z^2 + (1 - z)^2]$$

Splitting function for finding quark inside gluon is then

$$P_{qg}(z) = T_R [z^2 + (1 - z)^2]$$

The splitting function for finding anti-quark inside gluon, is due to symmetry of $P_{qg}(z) = P_{qg}(1 - z)$,

$$P_{\bar{q}g}(z) = P_{qg}(1 - z) = P_{qg}(z)$$



Splitting function $P_{gg}(z)$

Matrix element for process $g \rightarrow gg$ (all momenta outgoing)

$$i\mathcal{M} = g f_{abc} C^{\mu\nu\lambda}(p_a, p_b, p_c) \varepsilon_\mu^*(p_a) \varepsilon_\nu(p_b) \varepsilon_\lambda(p_c)$$

$$C^{\mu\nu\lambda}(p_a, p_b, p_c) = g^{\mu\nu}(p_a - p_b)^\lambda + g^{\nu\lambda}(p_b - p_c)^\mu + g^{\lambda\mu}(p_c - p_a)^\nu$$

Color factor

$$\frac{1}{8} f_{abc} f_{abc} = -\frac{1}{8} f_{abc} f_{acb} = \frac{1}{8} \text{Tr}(F^a F^a) = \frac{1}{8} C_A \text{Tr} \mathbf{1}_8 = C_A$$

Kinematic factor

$$K = C^{\mu\nu\lambda}(p_a, p_b, p_c) \varepsilon_\mu^*(p_a) \varepsilon_\nu(p_b) \varepsilon_\lambda(p_c) = (\varepsilon_a \cdot \varepsilon_b) [(p_a - p_b) \cdot \varepsilon_c] + (\varepsilon_b \cdot \varepsilon_c) [(p_b - p_c) \cdot \varepsilon_a] + (\varepsilon_a \cdot \varepsilon_c) [(p_c - p_a) \cdot \varepsilon_b]$$

can be rewritten using 4-momentum conservation ($p_a + p_b + p_c = 0$) and transversality of polarization, $q \cdot \varepsilon(q) = 0$,

$$K = 2(p_a \cdot \varepsilon_c)(\varepsilon_a \cdot \varepsilon_b) + 2(p_b \cdot \varepsilon_a)(\varepsilon_b \cdot \varepsilon_c) + 2(p_c \cdot \varepsilon_b)(\varepsilon_a \cdot \varepsilon_c).$$

$$p_a = E_a(1, -1, 0, 0) \quad p_b = zE_a(1, 1 - \vartheta_b^2/2, -\vartheta_b, 0) \quad p_c = (1 - z)E_a(1, 1 - \vartheta_c^2/2, \vartheta_c, 0)$$

$$\varepsilon_{\text{in}}^a = (0, 0, -1, 0) \quad \varepsilon_{\text{in}}^b = (0, \vartheta_b, 1, 0) \quad \varepsilon_{\text{in}}^c = (0, -\vartheta_c, 1, 0) \quad \varepsilon_{\text{out}}^a = \varepsilon_{\text{out}}^b = \varepsilon_{\text{out}}^c = (0, 0, 0, 1)$$

$$p_a \cdot \varepsilon_{\text{in}}^c = -E_a \vartheta_c = -z E_a \vartheta$$

$$p_b \cdot \varepsilon_{\text{in}}^a = -z E_a \vartheta_b = -z(1 - z) E_a \vartheta$$

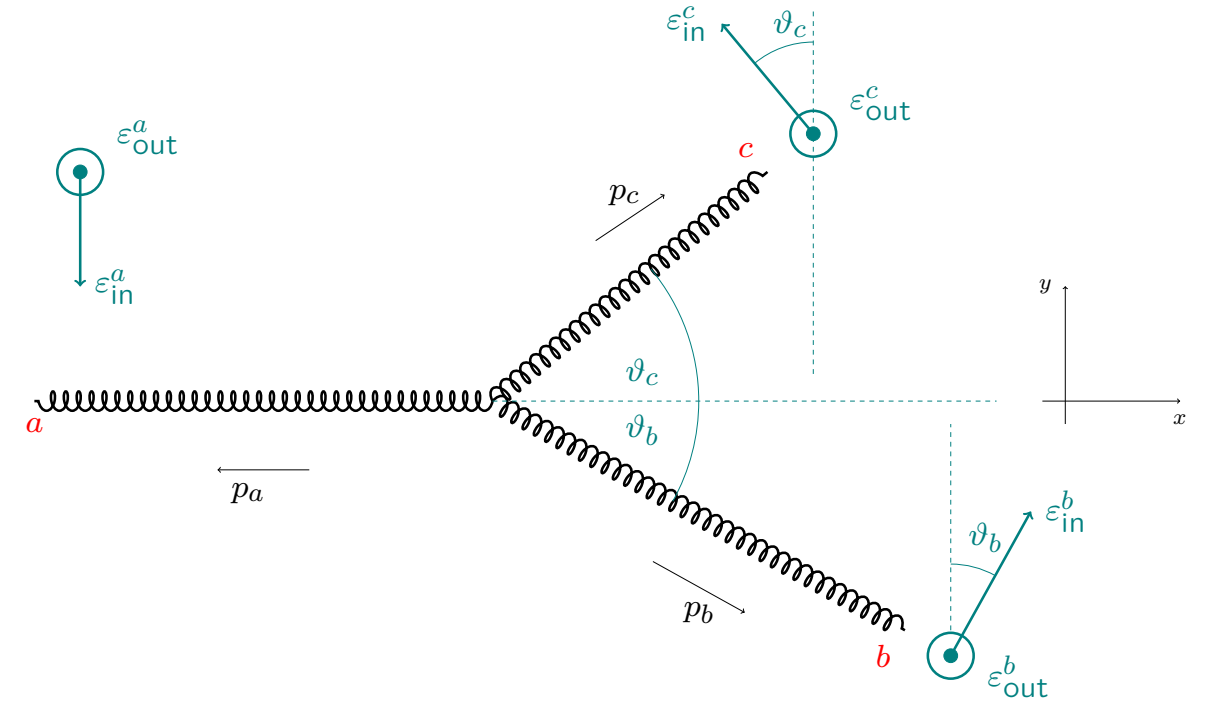
$$p_c \cdot \varepsilon_{\text{in}}^b = -(1 - z) E_a (\vartheta_b + \vartheta_c) = -(1 - z) E_a \vartheta$$

$$\varepsilon_{\text{in}}^a \cdot \varepsilon_{\text{in}}^b = \varepsilon_{\text{in}}^a \cdot \varepsilon_{\text{in}}^c = 1$$

$$\varepsilon_{\text{in}}^b \cdot \varepsilon_{\text{in}}^c = -1$$

$$p \cdot \varepsilon_{\text{out}} = 0$$

$$\varepsilon_{\text{in}} \cdot \varepsilon_{\text{out}} = 0$$



Splitting function $P_{gg}(z)$

- kinematic factors for all possible polarizations

$K_{ooo} = 0$ (all three gluons are polarized perpendicular to the decay plane, we obtain trivially zero)

$$K_{ioo} = 2(p_b \cdot \varepsilon_{in}^a)(\varepsilon_{out}^b \cdot \varepsilon_{out}^c) = 2z(1-z)E_a\vartheta$$

$$K_{oio} = 2(p_c \cdot \varepsilon_{in}^b)(\varepsilon_{out}^a \cdot \varepsilon_{out}^c) = 2(1-z)E_a\vartheta$$

$$K_{ooi} = 2(p_a \cdot \varepsilon_{in}^c)(\varepsilon_{out}^b \cdot \varepsilon_{out}^c) = 2zE_a\vartheta$$

$$K_{oii} = K_{ioi} = K_{iio} = 0$$

$$K_{iii} = 2[-z + z(1-z) - (1-z)]E_a\vartheta$$

For the sum of squares we have then

$$|K_i|^2 = |K_{ioo}|^2 + |K_{oio}|^2 + |K_{ooi}|^2 = 4E_a^2\vartheta^2 [z^2(1-z)^2 + (1-z)^2 + z^2] = 4\overbrace{E_a^2\vartheta^2 z(1-z)}^t \left[z(1-z) + \frac{1-z}{z} + \frac{z}{1-z} \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned} |K_{iii}|^2 &= 4E_a^2\vartheta^2 [z^2 + z^2(1-z)^2 + (1-z)^2 - 2z^2(1-z) + 2z(1-z) - 2z(1-z)^2] \\ &= |K_i|^2 + 8E_a^2\vartheta^2 z(1-z) \underbrace{(-z + 1 - 1 + z)}_{=0} \end{aligned}$$

For matrix element we then have

$$|\mathcal{M}|^2 = \frac{1}{2}C_A g^2 8t \left[z(1-z) + \frac{1-z}{z} + \frac{z}{1-z} \right] \Rightarrow P_{gg}(z) = 2C_A \left[z(1-z) + \frac{1-z}{z} + \frac{z}{1-z} \right]$$

$e^+e^- \rightarrow \text{hadrons at order of } \alpha_S$

- $e^+e^- \rightarrow q\bar{q}$ at LO ($\mathcal{O}(\alpha_S^0)$) - σ_0
- $e^+e^- \rightarrow q\bar{q}g$ at LO ($\mathcal{O}(\alpha_S^1)$) - $\sigma_{\text{real}} \rightarrow +\infty$
- $e^+e^- \rightarrow q\bar{q}$ at NLO ($\mathcal{O}(\alpha_S^1)$) - interference term - $\sigma_{\text{virtual}} \rightarrow -\infty$

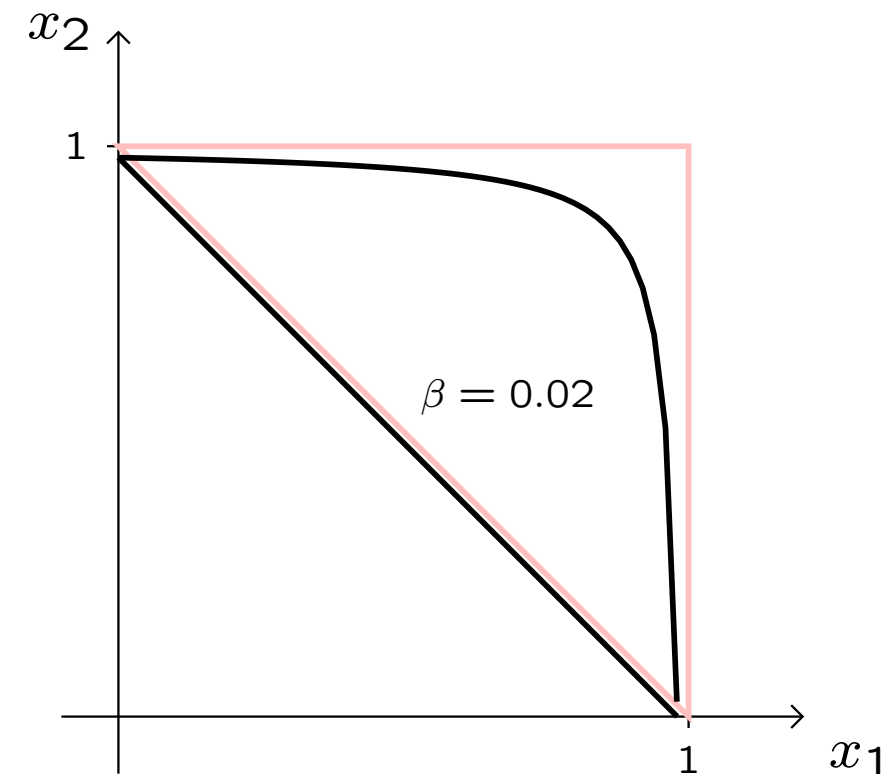
$$2\text{Re} \left[\left[\text{diagram 1} \right]^* \otimes \left[\text{diagram 2} + \text{diagram 3} + \text{diagram 4} \right] \right]$$

- first we need to tame the infinities - **regularization** by introducing gluon mass m_g : $\beta = m_g^2/Q^2$
(other options are m_q , dimensional regularization, ...)
- this modifies the kinematic boundaries (ex. 7.2)

$$0 \leq x_1 \leq 1 - \beta, \quad 1 - \beta - x_1 \leq x_2 \leq 1 - \frac{\beta}{1 - x_1}$$

and gluon propagator

$$-g_{\mu\nu} \rightarrow -g_{\mu\nu} + q_\mu q_\nu / m_g^2$$



$e^+e^- \rightarrow \text{hadrons}$ at order of α_S

R. Field: Applications of perturbative QCD

$$\frac{d\sigma_{\text{real}}}{dx_1 dx_2} \stackrel{\beta \rightarrow 0}{=} \sigma_0 \frac{\alpha_S}{2\pi} C_F \frac{1}{(1-x_2)(1-x_1)} \left(x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \beta \left[2x_1 + 2x_2 + \frac{(1-x_1)^2 + (1-x_2)^2}{(1-x_2)(1-x_1)} \right] + 2\beta^2 \right)$$

- terms proportional to β and β^2 still give finite contribution after the integration of phase space
- integration over x_2 leads to ($x \equiv x_1$)

$$\frac{d\sigma_{\text{real}}}{dx} \stackrel{\beta \rightarrow 0}{=} \sigma_0 \frac{\alpha_S}{2\pi} C_F \left[\frac{1+x^2}{1-x} \ln \frac{x(1-x)}{\beta} - \frac{3}{2} \frac{1}{1-x} + \frac{1}{2}(1+x) + \beta \frac{2-x}{(1-x)^2} + \frac{1}{2}\beta^2 \frac{1}{(1-x)^3} \right]$$

- note that in front of divergent term ($\ln \beta$) we find the splitting function $P_{qq}(x)$ - **universality**
- further integration over $x_1(=x)$ leads to

$$\sigma_{\text{real}} = \sigma_0 \frac{\alpha_S}{2\pi} C_F \left(\ln^2 \beta + 3 \ln \beta - \frac{\pi^2}{3} + 5 \right)$$

- if we do the same for the virtual contribution ($e^+e^- \rightarrow q\bar{q}$ at NLO)

$$\sigma_{\text{virt}} = \sigma_0 \frac{\alpha_S}{2\pi} C_F \left(-\ln^2 \beta - 3 \ln \beta + \frac{\pi^2}{3} - \frac{7}{2} \right)$$

$\Rightarrow \sigma_{\text{NLO}} = \sigma_0 + \sigma_{\text{real}} + \sigma_{\text{virt}} = \sigma_0(1 + \alpha_S/\pi)$ is finite even in the limit $\beta \rightarrow 0$

Virtual correction to splitting function - "+" distribution

- virtual emission at $x = 1$

$$\frac{d\sigma_{\text{virt}}}{dx} = \sigma_0 \frac{\alpha_S}{2\pi} C_F \left(-\ln^2 \beta - 3 \ln \beta + \frac{\pi^2}{3} - \frac{7}{2} \right) \delta(1-x)$$

- radiation from quark is then

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dx} = \frac{d\sigma_{\text{real}}}{dx} + \frac{d\sigma_{\text{virt}}}{dx} \quad \text{more precisely} \quad \frac{d\sigma}{dx} = \lim_{\beta \rightarrow 0} \left[\frac{d\sigma_{\text{real}}}{dx} \theta(1-x-\beta) + \sigma_{\text{virt}} \delta(1-x-\beta) \right]$$

- concept of "+"-distribution

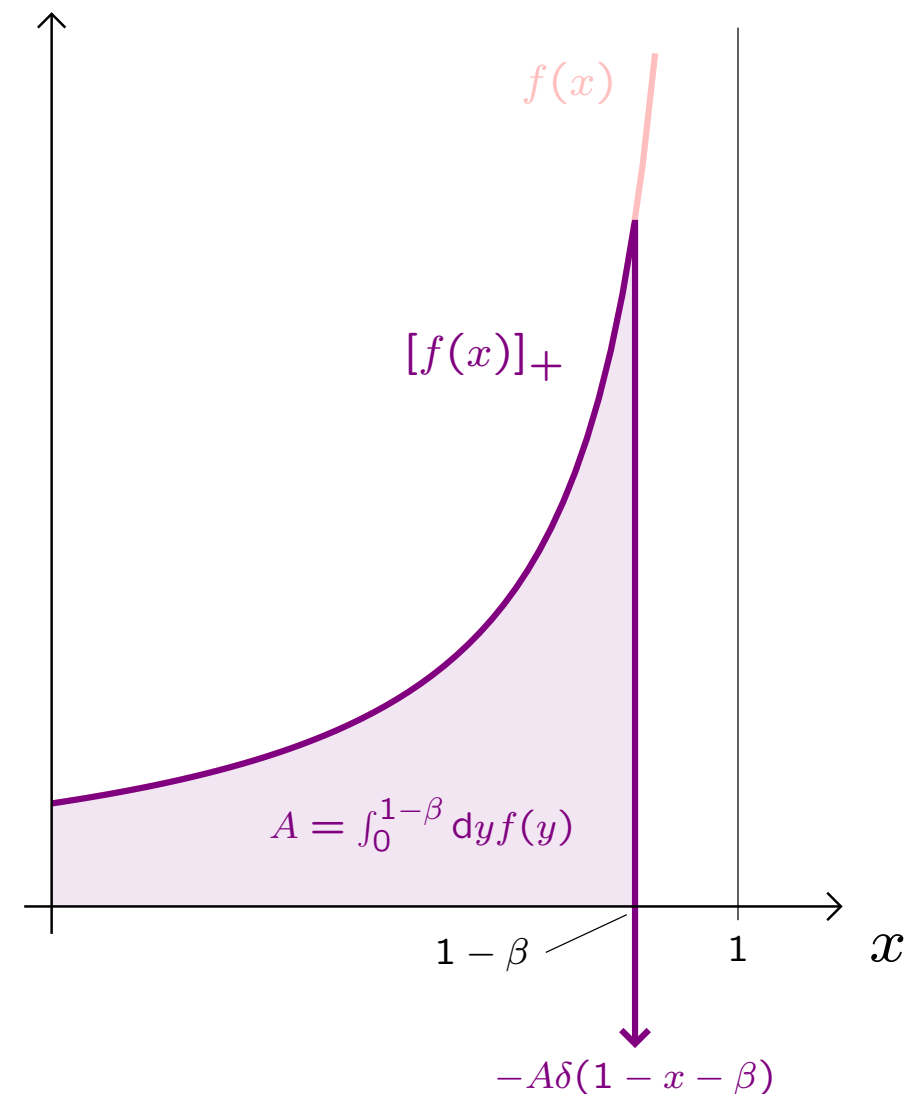
$$[f(x)]_+ \equiv \lim_{\beta \rightarrow 0} \left[f(x) \theta(1-x-\beta) - \delta(1-x-\beta) \int_0^{1-\beta} dy f(y) \right]$$

from the definition: $\int_0^1 dx [f(x)]_+ = 0$

- divergent part ($\ln \beta$ term) in real emission must vanish after adding virtual emission and integration

$$P_{qq}(x) = C_F \frac{1+x^2}{1-x} \rightarrow C_F \left[\frac{1+x^2}{1-x} \right]_+ + K \delta(1-x)$$

- $K = 0$ from explicit calculation (or from neat trick)



Virtual correction to splitting function - "+" distribution

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d\sigma}{dx} &= \lim_{\beta \rightarrow 0} \left[\frac{d\sigma_{\text{real}}}{dx} \theta(1-x-\beta) + \sigma_{\text{virt}} \delta(1-x-\beta) \right] \\ &= \lim_{\beta \rightarrow 0} \sigma_0 \frac{\alpha_S}{2\pi} C_F \left[\left(\frac{1+x^2}{1-x} \ln \frac{x(1-x)}{\beta} - \frac{3}{2} \frac{1}{1-x} + \frac{1}{2}(1+x) + \beta \frac{2-x}{(1-x)^2} + \frac{1}{2} \beta^2 \frac{1}{(1-x)^3} \right) \theta(1-x-\beta) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \left(-\ln^2 \beta - 3 \ln \beta + \frac{\pi^2}{3} - \frac{7}{2} \right) \delta(1-x-\beta) \right]\end{aligned}$$

$$A) \quad \beta \frac{2-x}{(1-x)^2} \rightarrow \delta(1-x)$$

$$B) \quad \frac{1}{2} \beta^2 \frac{1}{(1-x)^3} \rightarrow \frac{1}{4} \delta(1-x)$$

$$C) \quad \left[\frac{1}{1-x} \right]_+ = \lim_{\beta \rightarrow 0} \left[\frac{1}{1-x} \theta(1-x-\beta) + \ln \beta \delta(1-x-\beta) \right]$$

$$D) \quad \left[\frac{1+x^2}{1-x} \right]_+ = (1+x^2) \left[\frac{1}{1-x} \right]_+ + \frac{3}{2} \delta(1-x)$$

$$E) \quad (1+x^2) \left[\frac{\ln(1-x)}{1-x} \right]_+ = \lim_{\beta \rightarrow 0} \left[\frac{1+x^2}{1-x} \ln(1-x) \theta(1-x-\beta) + \ln^2 \beta \delta(1-x-\beta) \right]$$

Prove them!

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dx} = \sigma_0 \frac{\alpha_S}{2\pi} C_F \left\{ \ln \frac{1}{\beta} \left[\frac{1+x^2}{1-x} \right]_+ + (1+x^2) \left[\frac{\ln(1-x)}{1-x} \right]_+ + \frac{1+x^2}{1-x} \ln x - \frac{3}{2} \left[\frac{1}{1-x} \right]_+ + \frac{1+x}{2} + \left(\frac{\pi^2}{3} - \frac{9}{4} \right) \delta(1-x) \right\}$$

leading, divergent term

constant terms

$$\Rightarrow \text{virtual corrections modify } P_{qq}(x) \text{ to } P_{qq}(x) = C_F \left[\frac{1+x^2}{1-x} \right]_+$$

KLN theorem

Kinoshita-Lee-Naunberg

Consider the general scattering process $A \rightarrow B$ between states A and B of massive particles. It may happen that the scattering matrix $|S_{AB}|$ has mass singularities but if we sum the squares of scattering amplitudes

$$\sum_{D(A), D(B)} |S_{D(A), D(B)}|^2$$

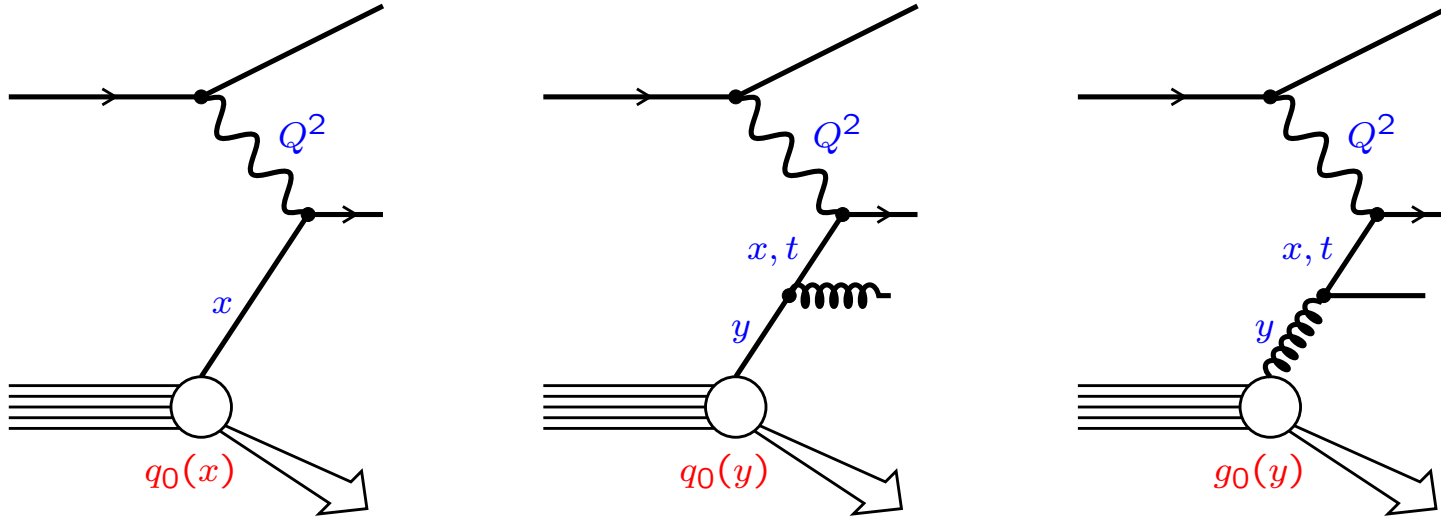
over the sets $D(A)$, $D(B)$ of states degenerate with A and B , the sum has no mass singularities, i.e. is finite even for massless particles.

- **degenerate states** - all states of particles that have the same conserving quantum numbers as well as the same total four-momentum — experimentally cannot be distinguished



- as electron and quarks have masses, only γ/g mass singularities are present in QED/QCD
- however $m_q \ll \Lambda_{\text{QCD}} \ll Q_{\text{process}} + \text{confinement} + \text{experimental resolution}$ is usually worse than m_q
- the KLN theorem and techniques how to deal with mass singularities very useful in QCD
- we cannot characterize the final state by number of partons - to get more detailed description of final state (besides some global variables as event shapes) we need to introduce new concepts that put all degenerate states into one object - **jets**

PDFs in QCD



$$dP = \frac{\alpha_S dt}{2\pi t} P_{qq}(z) dz$$

- QPM - partons are quasi-free
 $\Rightarrow$ on mass shell (no virtuality)
 proton described by **bare** PDF $q_0(x)$ and $g_0(x)$
- let's allow one parton radiation (α_S order)
 dominant contribution from collinear radiation at small parton virtualities $t \ll Q^2$
- proton described by **dressed** PDF $q(x, M^2)$
 number of partons with fractional momentum x and virtuality up to M^2

$$q(x, M^2) dx = q_0(x) dx + \int_x^1 dy q_0(y) P_{qq} \left(\frac{x}{y} \right) \frac{dx}{y} \int_\beta^{M^2} \frac{\alpha_s(t) dt}{2\pi t} + \int_x^1 dy g_0(y) P_{qg} \left(\frac{x}{y} \right) \frac{dx}{y} \int_\beta^{M^2} \frac{\alpha_s(t) dt}{2\pi t} + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_S^2)$$

- we can't send the gluon mass (β) to zero, but we can get rid of β by derivation with respect to M^2

$$\frac{dq(x, M^2)}{dM^2} = \frac{\alpha_s(M^2)}{2\pi} \frac{1}{M^2} \int_x^1 \frac{dy}{y} \left[P_{qq} \left(\frac{x}{y} \right) q_0(y) + P_{qg} \left(\frac{x}{y} \right) g_0(y) \right] + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_S^2)$$

- $q_0(x)$ and $q(x, M^2)$ differ by quantity proportional to α_S ; $M^2/dM^2 = 1/d \ln M^2$

$$\frac{dq(x, M^2)}{d \ln M^2} = \frac{\alpha_s(M^2)}{2\pi} \int_x^1 \frac{dy}{y} \left[P_{qq} \left(\frac{x}{y} \right) q(y, M^2) + P_{qg} \left(\frac{x}{y} \right) g(y, M^2) \right] + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_S^2)$$

DGLAP evolution equations

Dokshitzer-Gribov-Lipatov-Altarelli-Parisi

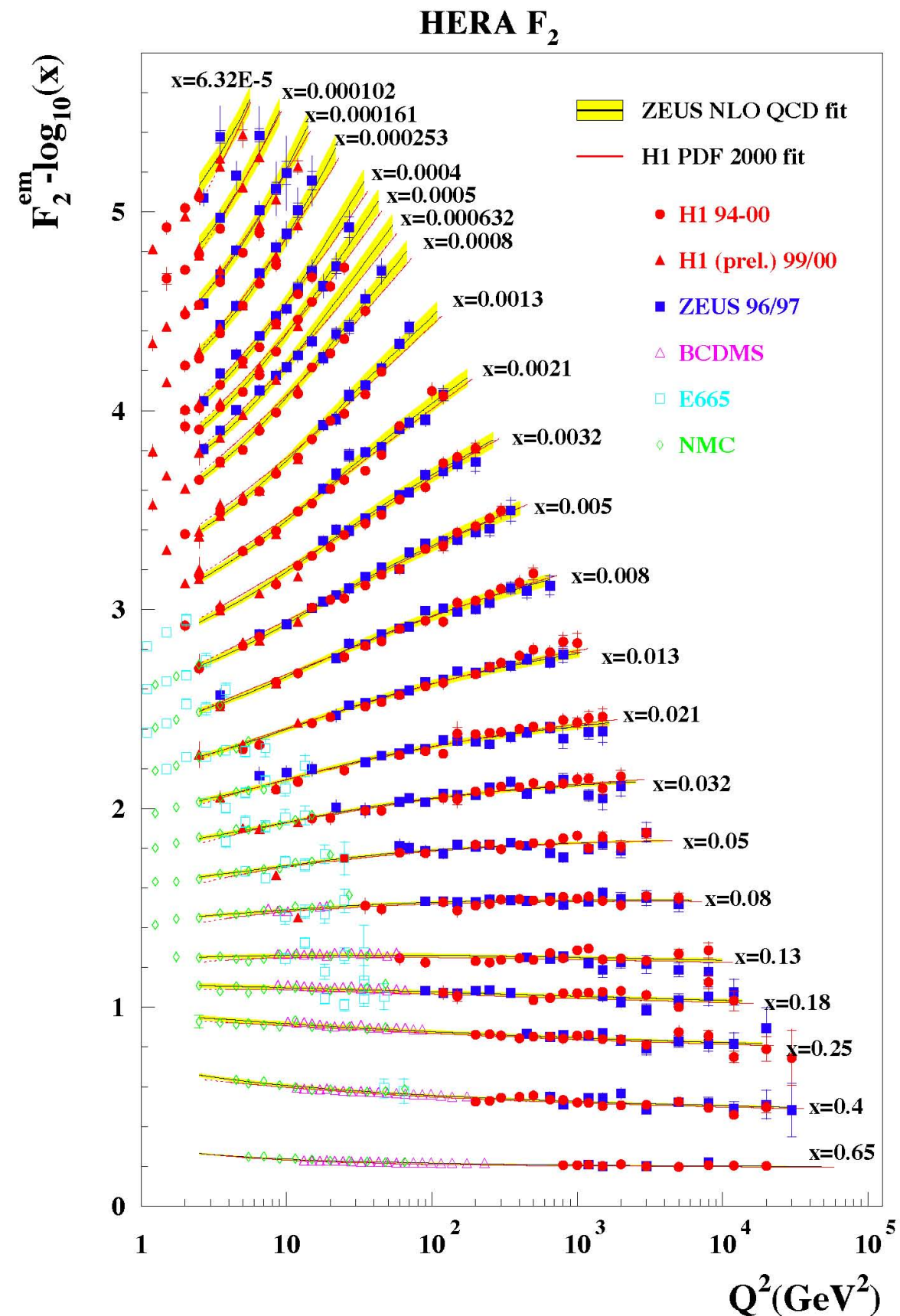
$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dq(x, M^2)}{d \ln M^2} &= \frac{\alpha_s(M^2)}{2\pi} \int_x^1 \frac{dy}{y} \left[P_{qq} \left(\frac{x}{y} \right) q(y, M^2) + P_{qg} \left(\frac{x}{y} \right) g(y, M^2) \right] \\ \frac{dg(x, M^2)}{d \ln M^2} &= \frac{\alpha_s(M^2)}{2\pi} \int_x^1 \frac{dy}{y} \left[P_{gq} \left(\frac{x}{y} \right) \sum_q^{\text{flav.}} \{q(y, M^2) + \bar{q}(y, M^2)\} + P_{gg} \left(\frac{x}{y} \right) g(y, M^2) \right]\end{aligned}$$

- integro-differential equations that governs the evolution of PDF on parton virtualities
- derived for just one parton emission – in next lecture, we will see that they hold in a dominant kinematic region for multiple emissions
 - NLO splitting functions: [Curci, Furmanski, and Petronzio '80](#)
 - NNLO splitting functions: [Mochm Vernaseren, Vogt '04](#)
- remarkable achievement of QCD - description of dependence of $F_2(x, Q^2)$ on Q^2

$$F_2(x, Q^2) = x \sum_q^{\text{flav.}} e_q^2 \left[q(x, Q^2) + \bar{q}(x, Q^2) \right]$$

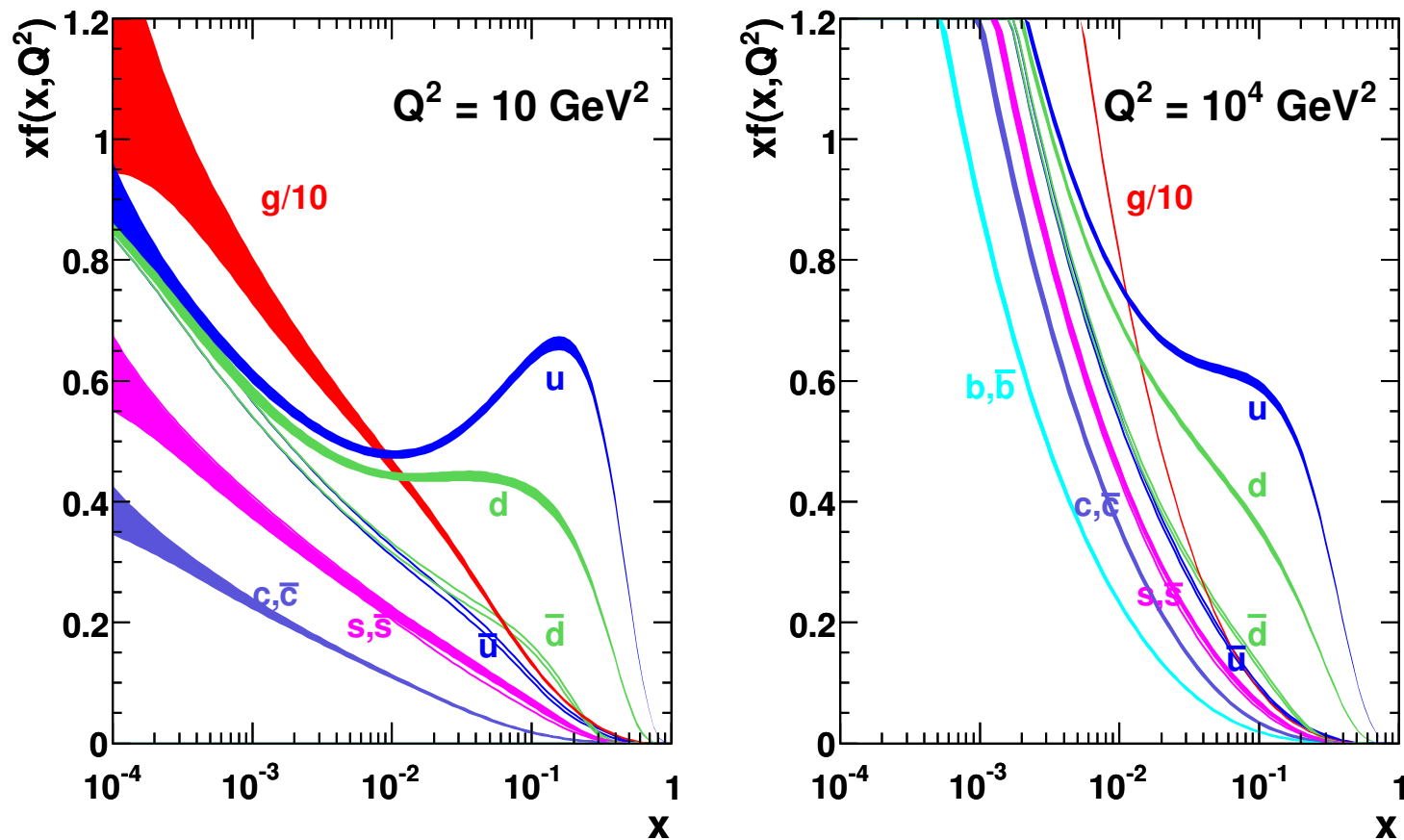
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PDF global fits

MSTW 2008 NLO PDFs (68% C.L.)



- PDF parameterization at low scale Q_0^2

$$q(x, Q_0^2) = A_q x^{B_q} (1-x)^{C_q} (1 + D_q x + \dots)$$

$$g(x, Q_0^2) = A_g x^{B_g} (1-x)^{C_g} (1 + D_g x + \dots)$$

- QCD
 - $q(x, Q_0^2) \rightarrow q(x, Q_{\text{exp}}^2)$
 - theory prediction $T_i(\alpha_S, \text{PDF pars})$
- Global fit

$$\chi^2 = \sum_i \frac{(D_i - T_i)^2}{\sigma_i^2}$$

For reading and for exercises

- For reading (J. Chyla textbook)
 - chapter 9.1 (Mass singularities in perturbation theory)
 - chapter 9.2 (KLN theorem)
- Exercise
 - exercise 7.2 (Process $e^+e^- \rightarrow q\bar{q}g$ with finite gluon mass)
 - exercise 8.1 (Splitting functions in QCD)