

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}} = & \bar{\psi} (i\gamma^\mu \partial_\mu - m) \psi \\
& - g \bar{\psi} \gamma_\mu \frac{\lambda_a}{2} \psi \\
& - \frac{1}{4} (\partial_\mu A_\nu^a - \partial_\nu A_\mu^a)^2 \\
& + \frac{g}{2} (\partial_\mu A_\nu^a - \partial_\nu A_\mu^a) (f_{abc} A_\mu^b A_\nu^c) \\
& + \mathcal{O}(g^2)
\end{aligned}$$

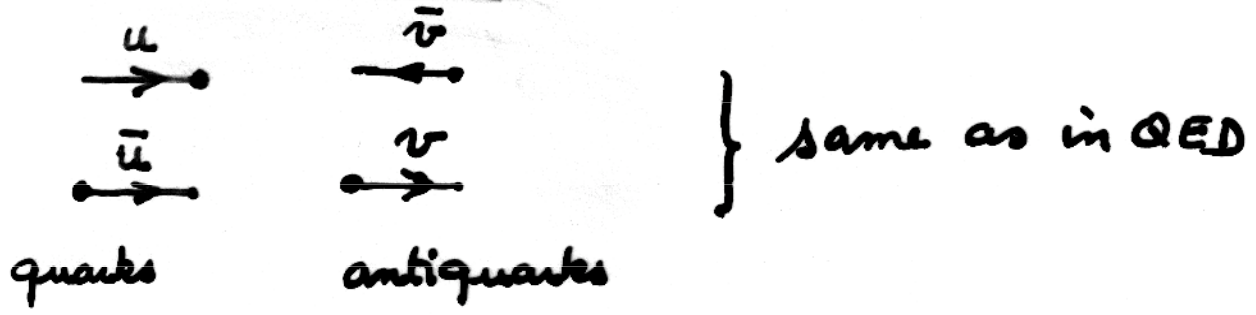
$\Rightarrow$ 

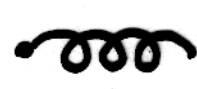
- classical solutions
- gluon free states
- quark free states

# Quantization of QCD $\Rightarrow$ Feynman rules

Start with free states:

quarks:  $u(k) e^{-ik \cdot x} \chi_A$  and  $v(k) e^{ik \cdot x} \chi_B$   $SU(3)_c$  direction  
 $A, B = 1 \dots 3$



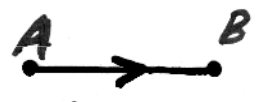
gluons:  $\epsilon_\mu(k) e^{-ik \cdot x} G_a$    $a = 1 \dots 8$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{gauge invariance} \Rightarrow \epsilon_\mu \Leftrightarrow \epsilon_\mu + \lambda k_\mu \\ \epsilon^2 = -1 \end{array} \right.$$

$\Rightarrow$  2 physical degrees of freedom  
same as in QED

propagation: Green's functions

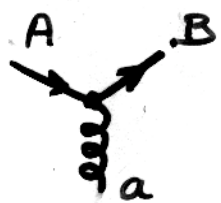
quarks



$$\int_{AB} \frac{i(\not{p} + m)}{p^2 - m^2 + i\epsilon} = S_F(p)$$

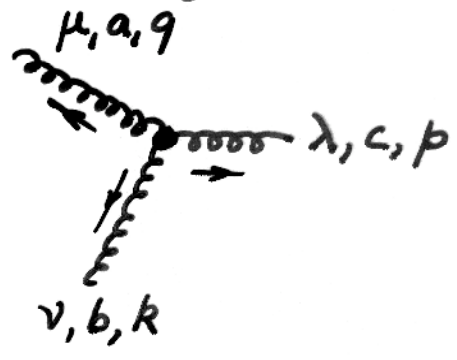
$$(i\not{\partial} - m) S_F(x) \doteq \delta^{(4)}(x - x')$$

quark - gluon vertex:



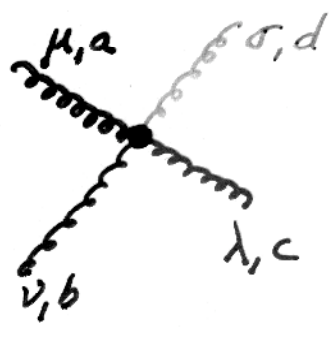
$$-ig_s \gamma^\mu \left( \frac{\lambda_a}{2} \right)_{AB}$$

gluon - gluon vertices:



$$+g f_{abc} \left( (p-q)_\nu g_{\lambda\mu} + (q-k)_\lambda g_{\mu\nu} + (k-p)_\mu g_{\lambda\nu} \right)$$

+ outgoing

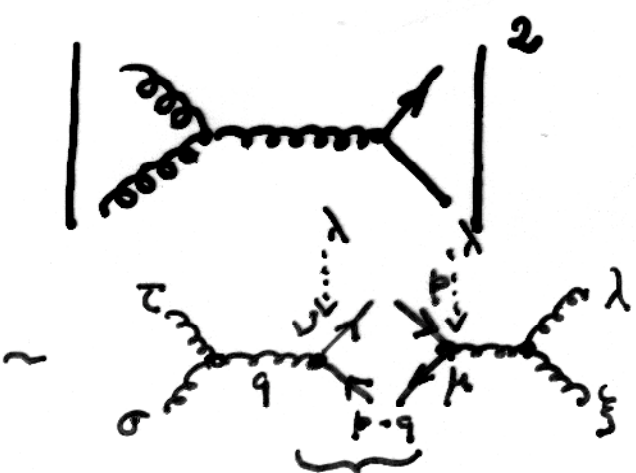


$$ig_s^2 \sum \left\{ f_{abe} f_{cde} (g_{\mu\sigma} g_{\nu\lambda} - g_{\mu\lambda} g_{\nu\sigma}) + f_{ace} f_{bde} (g_{\mu\sigma} g_{\lambda\nu} - g_{\mu\nu} g_{\lambda\sigma}) + f_{ade} f_{cbe} (g_{\mu\nu} g_{\sigma\lambda} - g_{\mu\lambda} g_{\sigma\nu}) \right\}$$

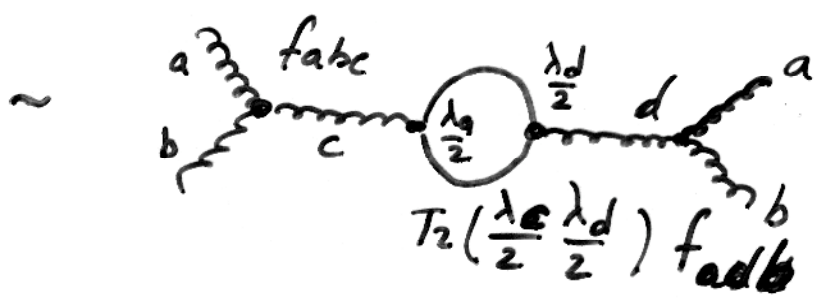
QCD calculations split:

- • Lorentz group
- • Colour group

Example:



$$T_2(\delta_\mu \delta_\nu \delta_\lambda \delta_\sigma \delta(p-q)) \underbrace{\sum \epsilon_\tau \epsilon_\lambda^* \sum \epsilon_\sigma \epsilon_\xi^*}_{\sim \text{num. of propagator}}$$



$$T_2\left(\frac{\lambda_c}{2} \frac{\lambda_d}{2}\right) f_{adb}$$

$$\sim \sum_{abd} f_{abc} T_2\left(\frac{\lambda_c}{2} \frac{\lambda_d}{2}\right) f_{abb}$$

# Colour factors in SU(N)

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always sum over colour indices

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} T_C \left( \frac{\lambda_1}{2} \dots \frac{\lambda_n}{2} \right) \\ \Sigma f-f \\ \Sigma f T_C \end{cases}$$

which can be expressed as SU(N) invariants ("Casimir operators")

$$\cdot T_C \left( \frac{\lambda_A}{2} \frac{\lambda_B}{2} \right) = T_R \delta_{AB}$$

$$T_R = \frac{1}{2} \text{ for fundamental}$$

$$\cdot \Sigma_A \left( \frac{\lambda_A}{2} \right)_{AB} \left( \frac{\lambda_A}{2} \right)_{BC} = C_F \delta_{AC}$$

$$C_F = \frac{N^2 - 1}{2N} = \frac{4}{3} \text{ in } SU(3)$$

$$\cdot \text{octet: } (T^C)_{AB} = f_{ABC}$$

$$T_C (T^C T^D) = C_A \delta^{CD} \quad C_A = N$$

$$\cdot \left\{ \frac{\lambda_A}{2}, \frac{\lambda_B}{2} \right\} = \frac{1}{N} \delta^{AB} + d^{ABC} \frac{\lambda_C}{2}$$

$$\Sigma_{AB} d_{ABC} d_{ABD} = \frac{N^2 - 4}{N} \delta_{CD}$$

$$d_{AAC} = 0$$

Trick : colour flow

$$\frac{\lambda_a}{2} = t_{ij}^a \Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{---} i \text{---} \text{---} j \text{---} \\ \uparrow \downarrow \\ \text{---} i \text{---} \text{---} j \text{---} \end{array} - \frac{1}{N} \begin{array}{c} \text{---} i \text{---} \text{---} j \text{---} \\ \uparrow \downarrow \\ \text{---} i \text{---} \text{---} j \text{---} \end{array} \right)$$

$$f^{abc} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{---} i \text{---} \text{---} j \text{---} \\ \uparrow \downarrow \\ \text{---} i \text{---} \text{---} j \text{---} \end{array} - \begin{array}{c} \text{---} i \text{---} \text{---} j \text{---} \\ \uparrow \downarrow \\ \text{---} i \text{---} \text{---} j \text{---} \end{array} \right)$$

$$\sum \left( \frac{\lambda_a}{2} \frac{\lambda_a}{2} \right)_{ij}$$

$$= \frac{i \text{---} \text{---} j}{\lambda_a \lambda_a} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{---} i \text{---} \text{---} j \text{---} \\ \uparrow \downarrow \\ \text{---} i \text{---} \text{---} j \text{---} \end{array} - \frac{1}{N} \begin{array}{c} \text{---} i \text{---} \text{---} j \text{---} \\ \uparrow \downarrow \\ \text{---} i \text{---} \text{---} j \text{---} \end{array} \right) \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{---} i \text{---} \text{---} j \text{---} \\ \uparrow \downarrow \\ \text{---} i \text{---} \text{---} j \text{---} \end{array} - \frac{1}{N} \begin{array}{c} \text{---} i \text{---} \text{---} j \text{---} \\ \uparrow \downarrow \\ \text{---} i \text{---} \text{---} j \text{---} \end{array} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{---} i \text{---} \text{---} j \text{---} \\ \uparrow \downarrow \\ \text{---} i \text{---} \text{---} j \text{---} \end{array} - \frac{1}{N} \begin{array}{c} \text{---} i \text{---} \text{---} j \text{---} \\ \uparrow \downarrow \\ \text{---} i \text{---} \text{---} j \text{---} \end{array} - \frac{1}{N} \begin{array}{c} \text{---} i \text{---} \text{---} j \text{---} \\ \uparrow \downarrow \\ \text{---} i \text{---} \text{---} j \text{---} \end{array} + \frac{1}{N^2} \begin{array}{c} \text{---} i \text{---} \text{---} j \text{---} \\ \uparrow \downarrow \\ \text{---} i \text{---} \text{---} j \text{---} \end{array} \right)$$

$$= \delta_{ij} \left( \frac{N}{2} - \frac{1}{2N} \right) = C_F \delta_{ij}$$

$$\sum \left( \frac{\lambda_a}{2} \right)_{ij} \left( \frac{\lambda_a}{2} \right)_{lk} = \begin{array}{c} j \text{---} l \\ \uparrow \downarrow \\ i \text{---} k \end{array}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{---} j \text{---} \text{---} l \text{---} \\ \uparrow \downarrow \\ \text{---} j \text{---} \text{---} l \text{---} \end{array} - \frac{2}{N} \begin{array}{c} \text{---} j \text{---} \text{---} l \text{---} \\ \uparrow \downarrow \\ \text{---} j \text{---} \text{---} l \text{---} \end{array} + \frac{1}{N^2} \begin{array}{c} \text{---} j \text{---} \text{---} l \text{---} \\ \uparrow \downarrow \\ \text{---} j \text{---} \text{---} l \text{---} \end{array} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{---} j \text{---} \text{---} l \text{---} \\ \uparrow \downarrow \\ \text{---} j \text{---} \text{---} l \text{---} \end{array} - \frac{1}{N} \begin{array}{c} \text{---} j \text{---} \text{---} l \text{---} \\ \uparrow \downarrow \\ \text{---} j \text{---} \text{---} l \text{---} \end{array} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \delta_{ik} \delta_{jl} - \frac{1}{N} \delta_{ij} \delta_{lk} \right)$$

propagation of gluons: 

we want to solve  $\partial_\mu F^{\mu\nu} = \square A^\nu - \partial_\mu \partial^\nu A^\mu = [\square g^{\mu\nu} - \partial^\mu \partial^\nu] A_\nu$

$[\square g^{\mu\nu} - \partial^\mu \partial^\nu] D_{\nu\lambda}(x-x') = j_\lambda \delta^{(4)}(x-x')$

$\uparrow$   
 $\langle 0 | T A_\nu(x) A_\lambda(x') | 0 \rangle$

no solution

⇒ we must first **Fix THE GAUGE**

$\partial_\mu A^\mu = 0$  covariant

$$D_{\mu\nu}(p) = \frac{i}{p^2} \left[ -g_{\mu\nu} + (1-\lambda) \frac{p_\mu p_\nu}{p^2} \right] \delta_{ab}$$

- $\lambda = 1$  Feynman
- $\lambda = 0$  Landau

$n_\mu A^\mu = 0$  axial

(light-cone if  $n^2 = 0$ )

$$D_{\mu\nu}(p) = \frac{i}{p^2} \left[ -g_{\mu\nu} + \frac{n_\mu p_\nu + p_\mu n_\nu}{n \cdot p} - \frac{n^2 p_\mu p_\nu}{(n \cdot p)^2} \right] \delta_{ab}$$



very dangerous

$\frac{i}{n \cdot p}$  unphysical singularities

# Loop diagrams :

Unitarity  $\Rightarrow$  optical theorem

Cutkovsky's cutting rules

The imaginary part of a diagram is  $\frac{1}{2}$  the sum of all cuts corresponding to 2 physical scattering processes

$$J_m \left[ \text{Diagram 1} \right] = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \text{Diagram 2} + \text{Diagram 3} \right]$$

Diagram 1: A box with two horizontal lines and two vertical lines. A wavy line goes from the bottom-left to the top-right, and another from the bottom-right to the top-left. A vertical cut line is drawn through the middle.

Diagram 2: A vertical wavy line on the left and a vertical wavy line on the right, connected at the top and bottom by horizontal lines.

Diagram 3: A vertical wavy line on the left and a vertical wavy line on the right, connected at the top and bottom by horizontal lines, with a diagonal cut line through the middle.

$$J_m \left[ \text{Diagram 4} \right] = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \text{Diagram 5} + \text{Diagram 6} + \text{Diagram 7} + \text{Diagram 8} \right\}$$

Diagram 4: A box with two horizontal lines and two vertical lines, with three vertical wavy lines inside.

Diagram 5: A vertical wavy line on the left and a vertical wavy line on the right, connected at the top and bottom by horizontal lines.

Diagram 6: A vertical wavy line on the left and a vertical wavy line on the right, connected at the top and bottom by horizontal lines.

Diagram 7: A vertical wavy line on the left and a vertical wavy line on the right, connected at the top and bottom by horizontal lines, with a diagonal cut line through the middle.

Diagram 8: A vertical wavy line on the left and a vertical wavy line on the right, connected at the top and bottom by horizontal lines, with a diagonal cut line through the middle.

$$J_m \left[ \text{Diagram 9} \right] = 0 \quad \text{Diagram 10} + \text{Diagram 11}$$

Diagram 9: A box with two horizontal lines and two vertical lines, with a wavy line forming a loop inside.

Diagram 10: A vertical wavy line on the left and a vertical wavy line on the right, connected at the top and bottom by horizontal lines, with a diagonal cut line through the middle.

Diagram 11: A vertical wavy line on the left and a vertical wavy line on the right, connected at the top and bottom by horizontal lines.

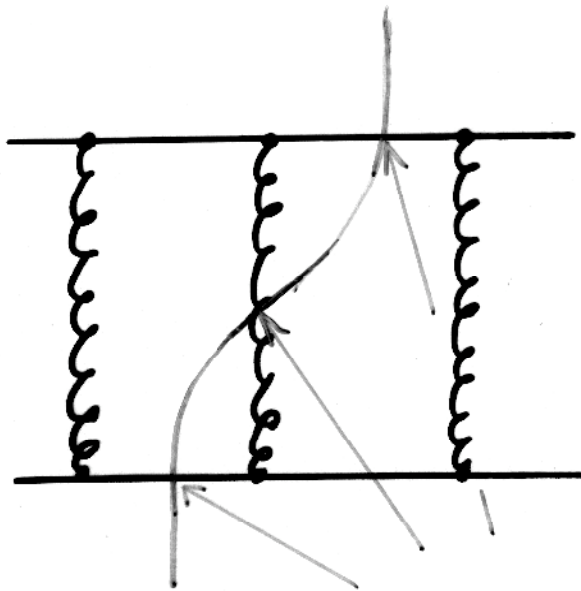
$$J_m \left[ \text{Diagram 12} \right] \stackrel{?}{=} \frac{1}{2} \text{Diagram 13}$$

Diagram 12: A box with two horizontal lines and two vertical lines, with a circular loop of wavy lines inside.

Diagram 13: A diamond-shaped loop of wavy lines with two external wavy lines extending from the left and right vertices.



## Cutting rules:



replace  $\frac{1}{k^2 - m^2}$   
by  $2\pi \delta_+(k^2 - m^2)$   
 $\delta_+(k^2) \equiv \delta(k^2) \theta(k_0)$

e.g. 
$$S = \frac{i \gamma \cdot p + m}{p^2 - m^2} \rightarrow 2\pi (\gamma \cdot p + m) \delta_+(p^2 - m^2)$$

$$\text{Im } A = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\text{cuts}} A_c = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\text{cuts}} a_{\text{left}}^+ a_{\text{right}}$$

- much simpler
- sometimes finite although  $\text{Re } A \rightarrow \infty$
- imposes physical intermediate states


physical gauges: only asymptotic polarisations propagate

e.g.  $n^2 = 0$

$$D_{\mu\nu} \div -g_{\mu\nu} + \frac{n_\mu p_\nu + n_\nu p_\mu}{n \cdot p}$$

$$n \cdot D = 0$$

$$p \cdot D = \frac{p^2}{n \cdot p} n \rightarrow 0$$

 propagates 2 physical degrees of freedom

=> no problem with cut diagrams

covariant gauges

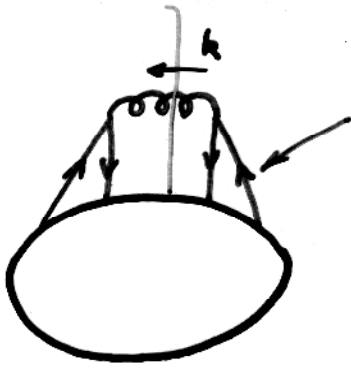
$$D_{\mu\nu} \div -g_{\mu\nu} + (1-\lambda) \frac{p_\mu p_\nu}{p^2}$$

$$\frac{n}{p} \cdot D \rightarrow 0$$

$$\Rightarrow D_{\mu\nu} \div (\epsilon_1^T)_\mu (\epsilon_1^T)_\nu + (\epsilon_2^T)_\mu (\epsilon_2^T)_\nu$$

$$\rightarrow + \epsilon_\mu^L \epsilon_\nu^L \left[ - \epsilon_\mu^0 \epsilon_\nu^0 \right]$$

need to be cancelled

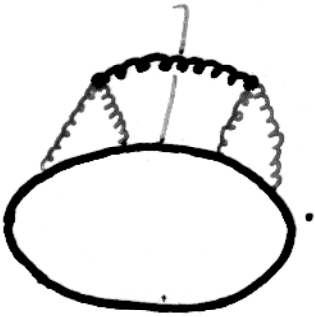


current conserved

$$\partial_\mu j^\mu = 0$$

$\Rightarrow$  cancellation

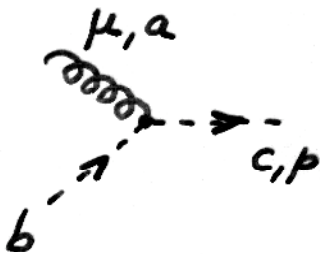
QED and quark-gluon OK



problem

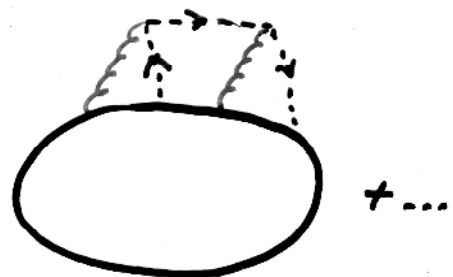
In gluon loop diagrams, introduce an unphysical particle to cancel unphysical polarisations  
 "ghost" = spin 0 obeying Fermi-Dirac stat.!

$$\mathcal{L}_{ghost} = \sum (\partial_\mu \bar{w}_a) (\delta_{ab} \partial^\mu - g f_{abc} A_c^\mu) w_b$$

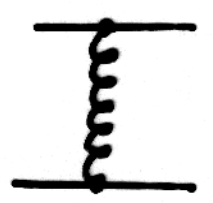


$$-g f_{abc} p_\mu$$

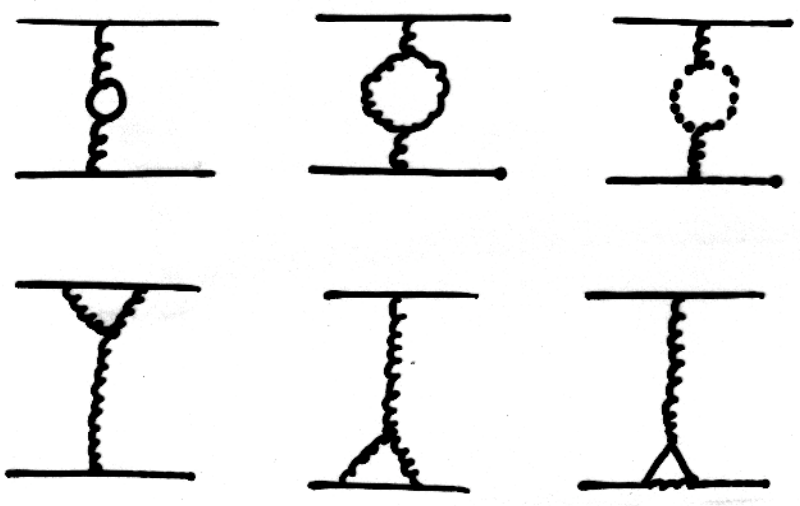
$$\frac{i}{p^2}$$



A priori  $\alpha_s \sim 1 \Rightarrow$  perturbation theory fails?



$O(g^2)$



}  $O(g^4)$

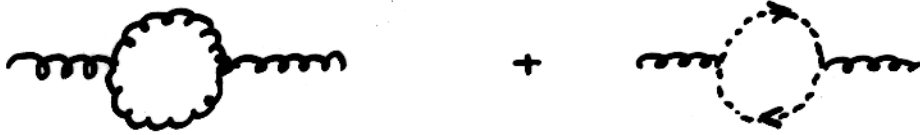
fermion loop

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sim \frac{g^4}{g^2} \left[ \int \frac{d^4 l}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{\text{Tr}(\gamma^\mu (q-l) \cdot \gamma \gamma^\nu l \cdot \gamma)}{(q-l)^2 l^2} \right] \frac{g_{\rho\sigma}}{g^2} \\
 & \times \text{Tr} \left( \frac{\lambda_a}{2} \frac{\lambda_b}{2} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\sim \frac{g_{\mu\nu}}{g^2} g^4 I^{\nu\tau}(q^2) \frac{g_{\rho\sigma}}{g^2}$$

$$I^{\nu\tau}(q^2) = -i g^{\nu\tau} q^2 g^4 \left[ \frac{\alpha_s}{3\pi} \int \frac{d^4 l^2}{l^2} - \text{finite} \right]$$


$\log +$




$$I^{\nu\tau} = + ig^{\mu\nu} q^2 \left[ \frac{\alpha_s}{3\pi} \int \frac{d^4 l^2}{l^2} + \text{finite} \right]$$



$$\alpha_s \frac{g_{\mu\nu}}{q^2}$$



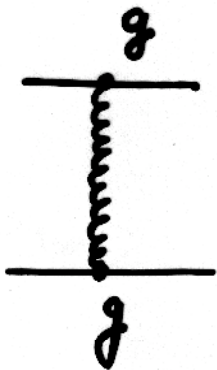
$$\sim \frac{\alpha_s g_{\mu\nu}}{q^2} \alpha_s I(q^2)$$



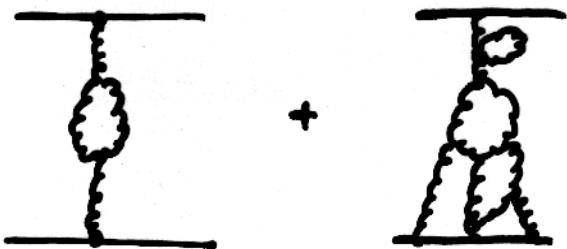
$$I(q^2) = \frac{33 - 2 n_f}{12\pi} \log \frac{\infty}{q^2}$$

$4\beta_0$

These infinities can be reabsorbed in the parameters of the theory



measure "g<sup>2</sup>"



also there  
→ not really g<sup>2</sup>

# lowest-order renormalisation

$$\begin{array}{c} g_{exp} \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \\ \downarrow q \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ g_{exp} \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} g \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \\ \downarrow q \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ g \end{array} \underbrace{\left[ 1 + \begin{array}{c} q \downarrow \\ \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \\ \downarrow q \\ \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \\ \downarrow q \\ \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \\ \downarrow q_{(\infty)} \end{array} + \dots \right]}_{F(q^2)} + \text{finite}$$

=> can only measure  $g_{exp}(\mu^2 = q^2)$

eliminate  $g$ :

$$\begin{array}{c} g_{exp} \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \\ \downarrow q \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ g \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} g \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \\ \downarrow g_{exp}(\mu^2) \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ g \end{array} \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{2} \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \\ \downarrow q \\ \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \\ \downarrow q \\ \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \\ \downarrow q_{\infty} \end{array} + \dots \right] \text{ at } q^2 = \mu^2$$

$$\begin{array}{c} g \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \\ \downarrow q \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ g \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} g_{exp}(\mu^2) \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \\ \downarrow q \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ g_{exp}(\mu^2) \end{array} \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{2} \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \\ \downarrow q \\ \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \\ \downarrow g_{exp}(\mu^2) \end{array} + \dots \right]$$

$$\begin{array}{c} g_{exp} \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \\ \downarrow q \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ g_{exp} \end{array} \Big|_{Q^2} = \begin{array}{c} g_{exp} \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \\ \downarrow g_{exp} \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ g_{exp} \end{array} \Big|_{\mu^2} + \begin{array}{c} g_{exp} \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \\ \downarrow q_{exp} \\ \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \\ \downarrow q_{exp} \\ \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \\ \downarrow \mu^2 \end{array} \Big|_{\mu^2} - \begin{array}{c} g_{exp} \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \\ \downarrow q_{exp} \\ \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \\ \downarrow q_{exp} \\ \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \\ \downarrow q_{exp} \end{array} \Big|_{Q^2}$$

$\log \frac{Q^2}{\mu^2}$  finite!

=> infinities can be reabsorbed in the definition of  $g$


# Renormalisability

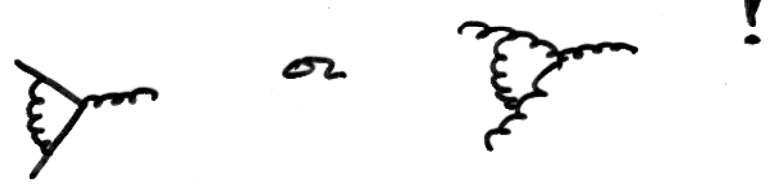
all infinities can be reabsorbed in the parameters of the lagrangian

$$\begin{cases} m_i \\ g \\ \text{wave-function normalisation} \end{cases}$$

to all orders of perturbation theory

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} m_i^R(q^2) \\ g_R(q^2) \\ Z_R(q^2) \end{cases}$$

Note:  $\alpha_s^R$  from  is the same as that from



# Renormalisation scheme:

$$\begin{array}{c} g_{\text{eff}} \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ \text{---} \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} g \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ \text{---} \end{array} \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{2} \underbrace{\left( \text{---} \right)}_{\rightarrow \infty} + \dots \right]$$

can choose to include finite constants  
 gauge invariance  $\rightarrow$  dimensional regularisation

$$d = 4 - \epsilon$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \end{array} \sim \frac{g^2}{\mu^2} \quad \text{MS}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \end{array} \sim -\gamma_E + \frac{2}{\epsilon} + \log 4\pi \quad \overline{\text{MS}}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \end{array} \Big|_{Q^2} \rightarrow \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \end{array} \Big|_{q^2} - \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \end{array} \Big|_{\mu^2} \quad \text{MOM}$$

$\alpha_s(q^2)$  depends on the scheme



Renormalisation group: physics does not depend on  $\mu^2$



$$\frac{d\mathcal{M}}{d \log \mu^2/Q^2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \log \mu^2/Q^2} + \boxed{\frac{\partial \alpha_s}{\partial \log \mu^2/Q^2}} \frac{\partial \mathcal{M}}{\partial \alpha_s} = 0$$

$$\mathcal{M} = \sum C_n \left( \log \frac{\mu^2}{Q^2} \right) \alpha_s^n(\mu^2) \beta(\alpha_s)$$

$$\beta(\alpha_s) = -\alpha_s \sum \beta_n \left( \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} \right)^{n+1}$$

$$\beta_0 = 11 - \frac{2}{3} n_f$$

$$\beta_1 = 102 - \frac{38}{3} n_f$$

$$\beta_2 = \frac{2857}{2} - \frac{5033}{18} n_f + \frac{325}{54} n_f^2$$

$$\left[ -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \beta(\alpha_s) \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha_s} \right] \mathcal{M}(\alpha_s, e^t) \quad t = \log \frac{Q^2}{\mu^2}$$

Solve by defining a new function:

the running coupling  $\alpha_s(Q^2)$

$\Rightarrow \mathcal{M}(\alpha_s(Q^2), 1)$  is solution

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial \alpha_s(Q^2)}{\partial t} = \beta(\alpha_s(Q^2)) \\ \alpha_s(\mu^2) = \alpha_s(Q^2 = \mu^2) \text{ initial condition} \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha_s(Q^2) \approx \frac{\alpha_s(\mu^2)}{1 + \alpha_s(\mu^2) \left( \log \frac{Q^2}{\mu^2} \right) \left( \frac{33 - 2n_f}{12\pi} \right)}$$

can also be obtained from

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{tree} \\ \alpha_s(\mu^2) \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} \text{1-loop} \\ \alpha_s(\mu^2) \log \frac{Q^2}{\mu^2} \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} \text{2-loop} \\ \alpha_s^2 \log^2 \frac{Q^2}{\mu^2} \end{array} + \dots$$

$$\alpha_s(Q^2) \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } Q^2 \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\alpha_s(Q^2) \rightarrow \infty \quad \text{for } Q^2 = \mu^2 e^{-\frac{12\pi}{(33-2n_f)\alpha_s(\mu^2)}}$$

Landau pole

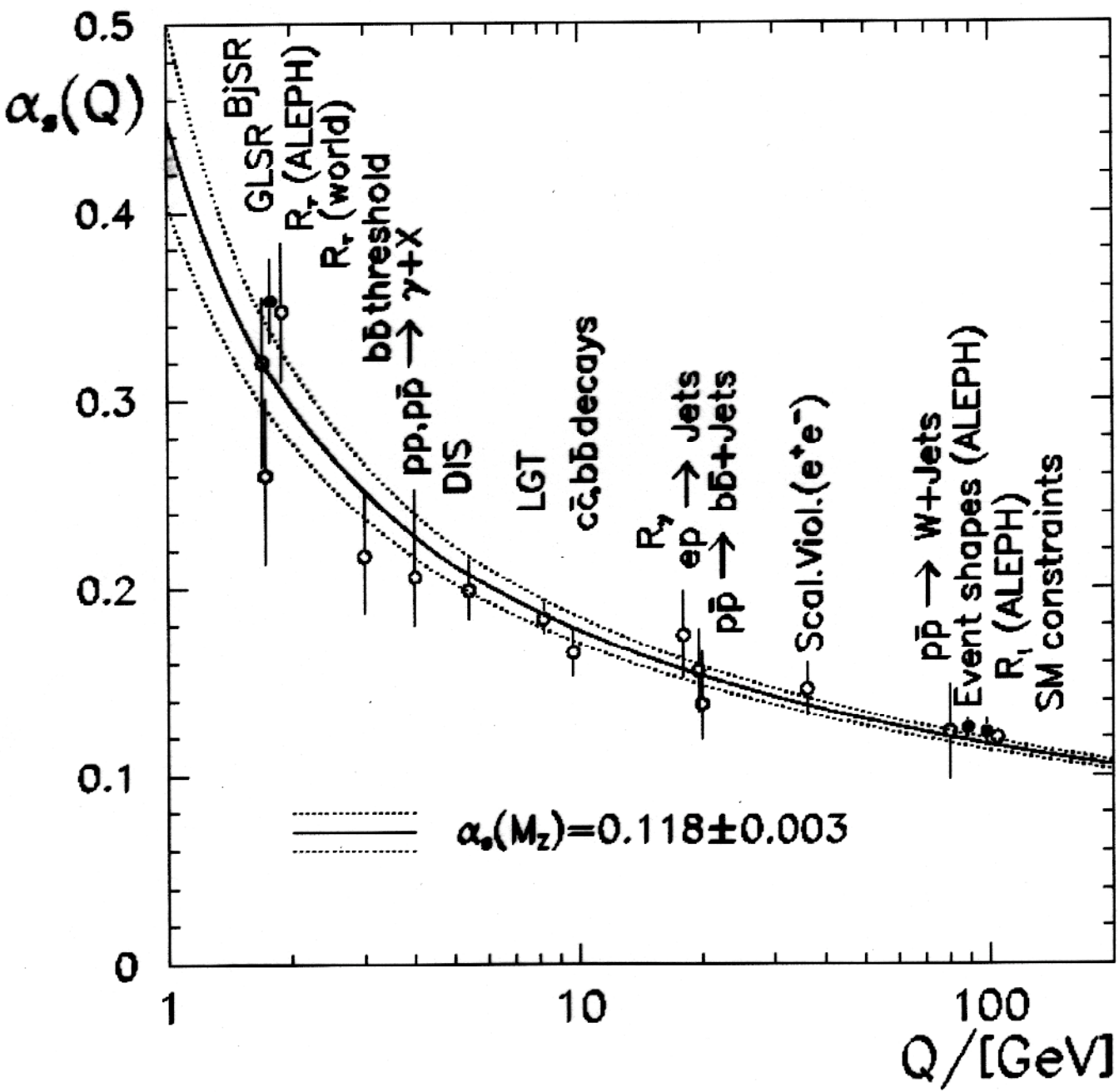
$\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$

$\Rightarrow$

perturbation

theory possible at

SHORT DISTANCE



Note:

because  $\beta(\alpha_s)$  is not the complete function, but only the first few terms, we really have

$$\frac{d\mathcal{K}}{d \log \frac{Q^2}{\mu^2}} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{K}}{\partial \log \frac{Q^2}{\mu^2}} + \underbrace{\left( \beta_0 \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} + \beta_1 \left( \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} \right)^2 + \dots \right)}_{n \text{ terms}} \frac{\partial \mathcal{K}}{\partial \alpha_s}$$

$$= O(\alpha_s^{n+1})$$

$\Rightarrow$  residual  $\mu$  dependence

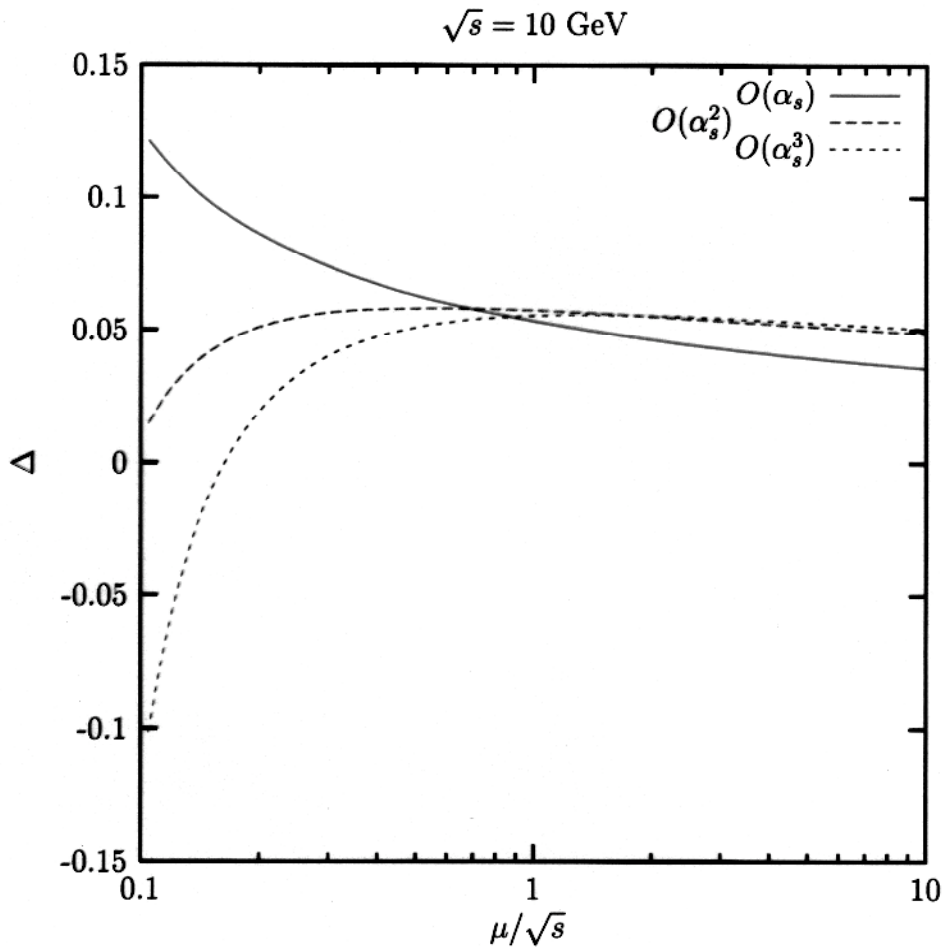
e.g. 
$$\frac{\sigma(ee \rightarrow h)}{\sigma(ee \rightarrow \mu\mu)} = \left( \sum_f Q_f^2 \right) [1 + \Delta]$$

$$\Delta_{\overline{MS}}(\mu) = \frac{\alpha_s(\mu)}{\pi}$$

$$+ \left( \frac{\alpha_s(\mu)}{\pi} \right)^2 \left( 1.4092 + 1.9167 \log \frac{\mu^2}{S} \right)$$

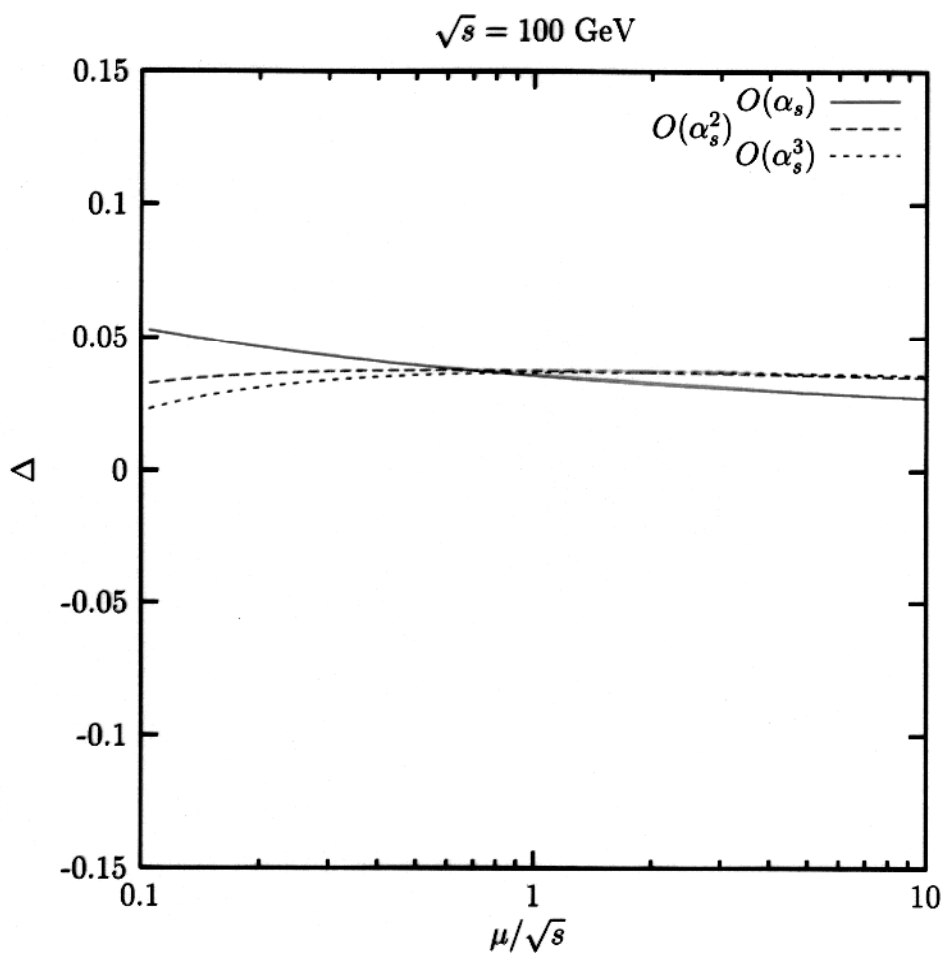
$$+ \left( \frac{\alpha_s(\mu)}{\pi} \right)^3 \left( -12.805 + 7.8186 \log \frac{\mu^2}{S} \right. \\ \left. + 3.674 \log^2 \frac{\mu^2}{S} \right)$$

+...

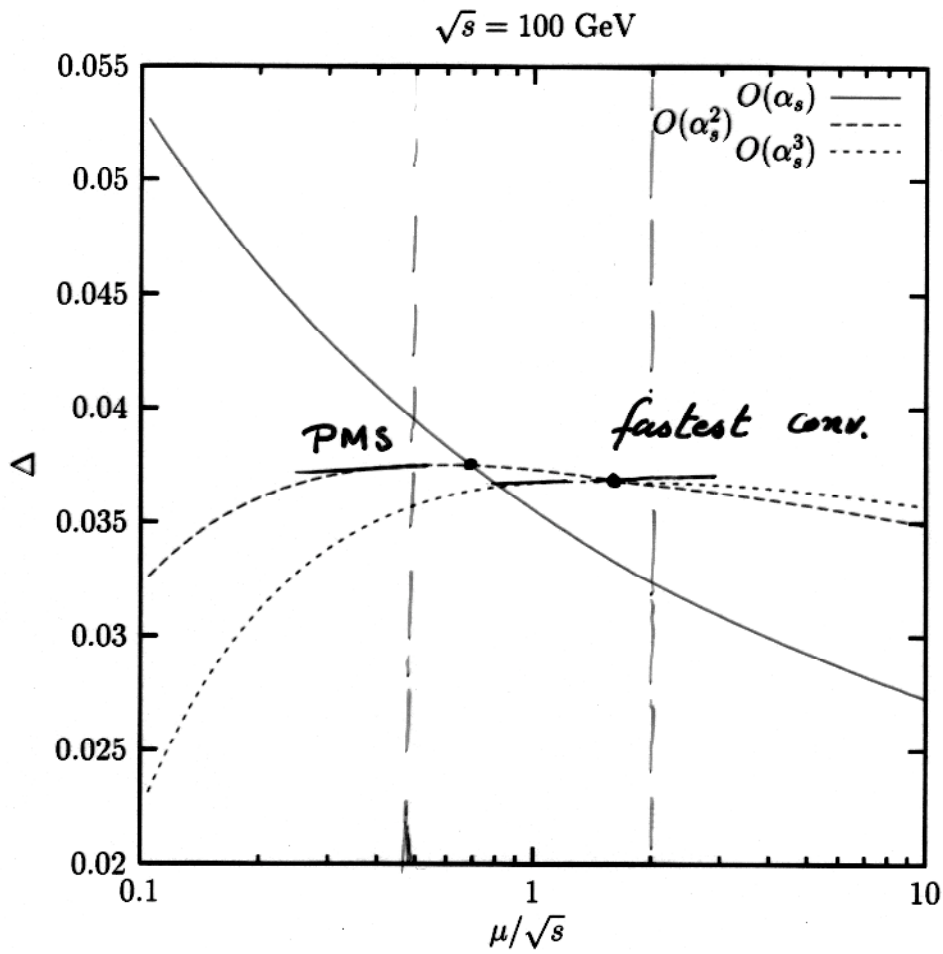


higher orders  $\Rightarrow \frac{d}{d\mu} R$  smaller

$\mu \approx \sqrt{s}$  most reasonable

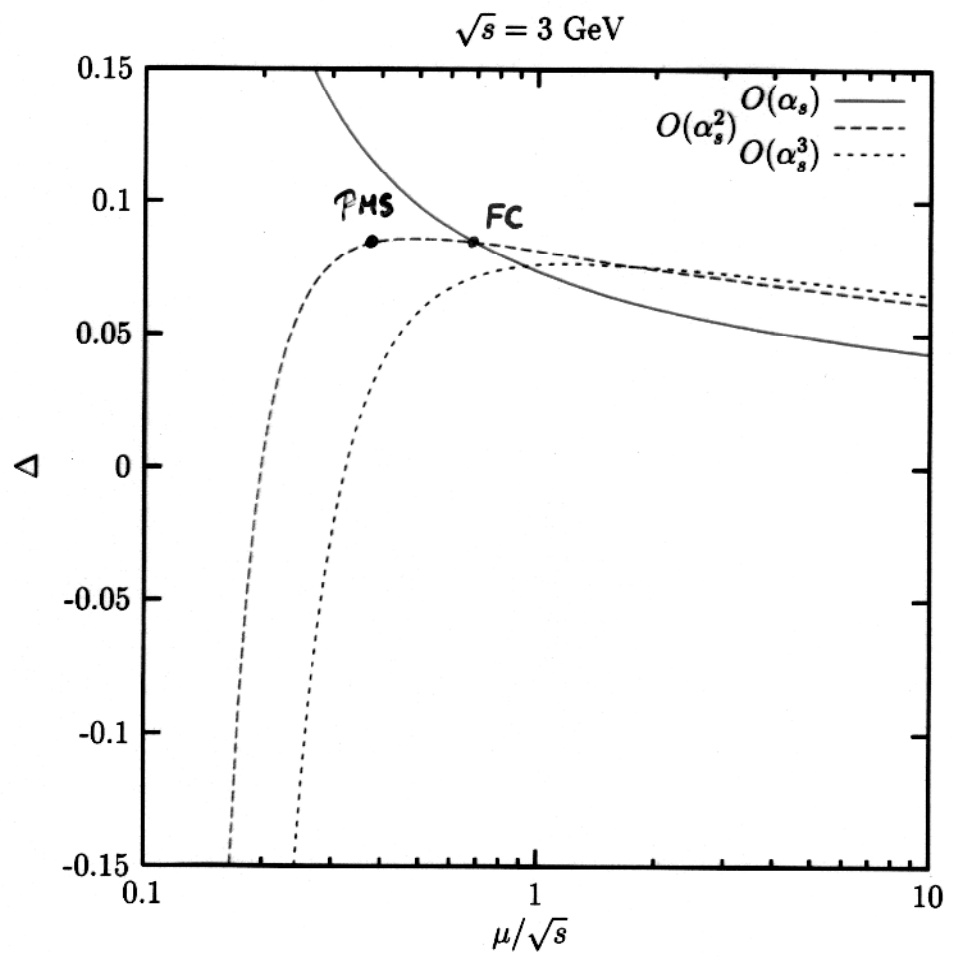


*higher scale  $\Rightarrow$  smaller dependence  
( $\alpha_s$  smaller)*



criteria to guess ?

$\frac{\mu}{\sqrt{s}}$  varied by 2 around 1



*criteria fail if  $\mu$  too small*



# Evolution of quark masses:



$$\left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial \log \mu^2} + \beta(\alpha_s) \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha_s} - \gamma_m(\alpha_s) \frac{\partial}{\partial \log m} \right] \mathcal{N}\left(\frac{Q^2}{\mu^2}, \alpha_s, \frac{m}{Q}\right) = 0$$

$$\gamma_m(\alpha_s) = \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} + \frac{(303 - 10 n_f) \alpha_s^2}{72\pi^2} + \dots$$

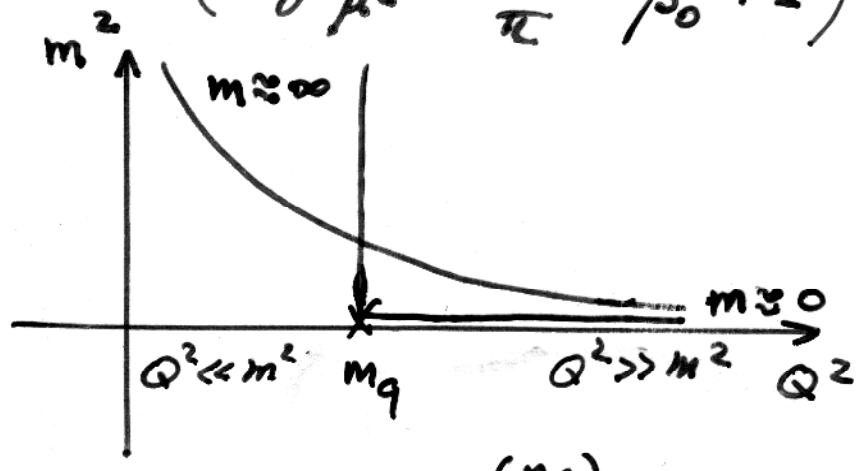
$$\gamma_0 = 1$$

Running mass:

$$\frac{\partial m}{\partial \log Q^2} = -\gamma_m(\alpha_s) m(Q^2)$$

$$m(Q^2) = m(\mu^2) \exp\left[-\int_{\mu^2}^{Q^2} \frac{dQ^2}{Q^2} \gamma_m(\alpha_s(Q^2))\right]$$

$$= \frac{m(\mu^2)}{\left(\log \frac{Q^2}{\mu^2} \frac{\alpha_s(\mu^2)}{\pi} \beta_0 + 1\right)^{\gamma_0/\beta_0}}$$



$$\Rightarrow \alpha_s(n_f)$$

$$\alpha_s(Q^2) = \frac{12\pi}{(33-2n_f) \log \frac{Q^2}{\Lambda^2(n_f)}}$$

Define  $\Lambda^{(2)}, \Lambda^{(3)}, \Lambda^{(4)} \dots$  so that  $\alpha_s(Q^2)$  is continuous

$$\frac{12\pi}{(33-2n_f) \log \frac{Q^2}{\Lambda(n_f)^2}} = \frac{12\pi}{(33-2-2n_f) \log \frac{Q^2}{\Lambda(n_f+1)^2}}$$

$$\Lambda(n_f) = \Lambda(n_f+1) \left( \frac{Q}{\Lambda(n_f+1)} \right)^{\frac{2}{33-2n_f}}$$

$$m_b \approx 4.6 \text{ GeV}$$

$$m_c \approx 1.35 \text{ GeV}$$

$$m_s \approx 500 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\Lambda^{(5)} \approx 200 \text{ MeV} \quad 350 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Lambda^{(4)} \approx 257 \text{ MeV} \quad 430 \text{ MeV}$$

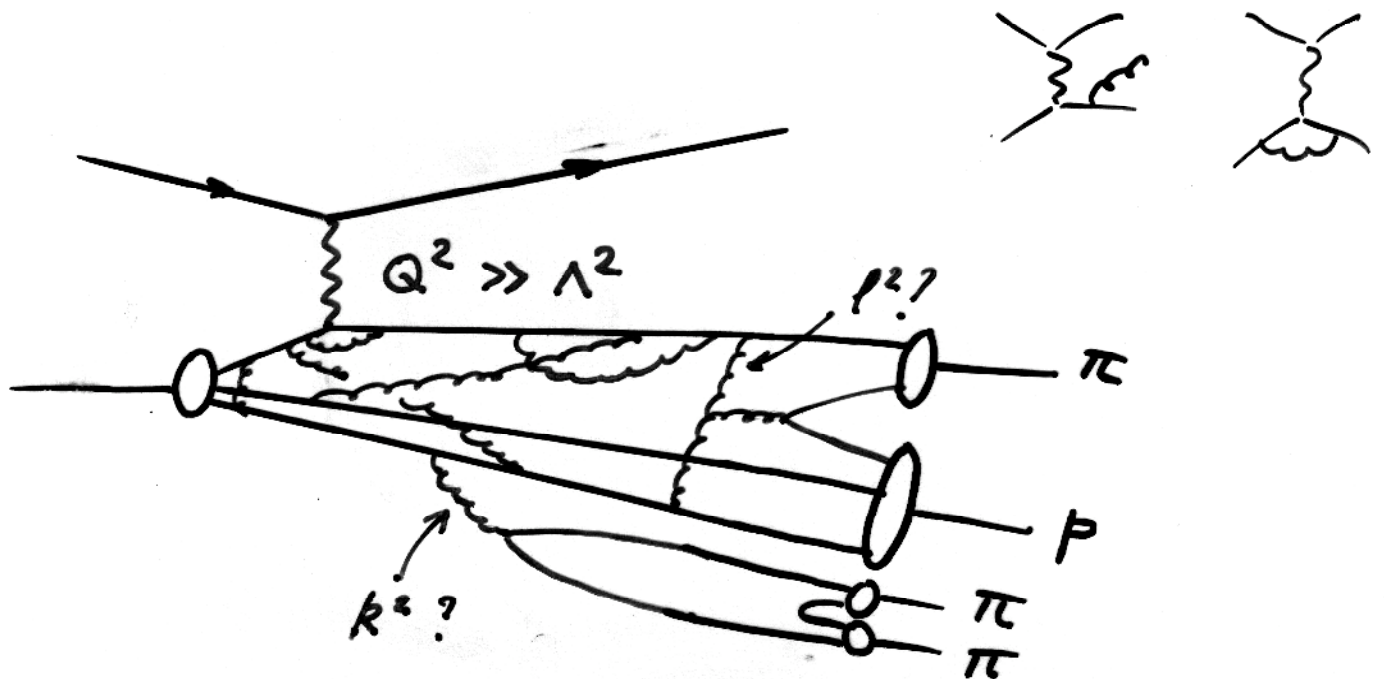
$$\Lambda^{(3)} \approx 291 \text{ MeV} \quad 468 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\Lambda^{(2)} \approx 302 \text{ MeV} \quad 470 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\alpha_s = 1 \text{ for } Q^2 = 3.7 \Lambda^2 = 380 - 820 \text{ MeV}$$

$$Q \approx 600 - 1000 \text{ MeV}$$

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How do we force short distances?



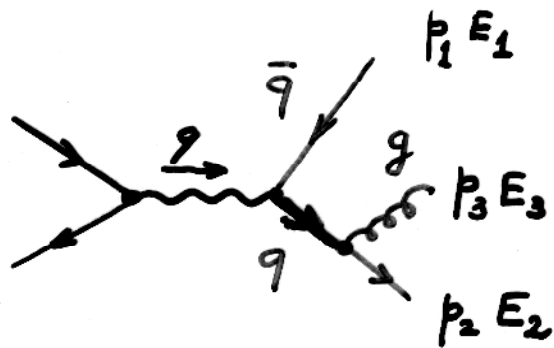
part of the physics is  
always long-distance

=> find observables for  
which it does not matter

e.g. what is the probability  
that the high- $Q^2$  virtual  
photon interacts with the proton

"I.R. finite" quantities

# long distances



$$\sqrt{S} = E_1 + E_2 + E_3$$

$$q^2 = s$$

$$m \approx 0$$

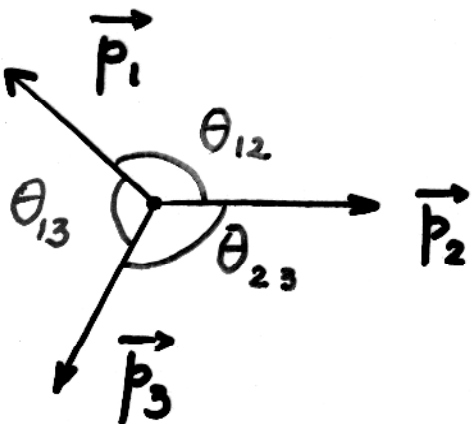
energy fractions

$$x_i = \frac{2E_i^*}{\sqrt{s}} = \frac{2p_i \cdot q}{s}$$

$$\begin{cases} \sum x_i = \frac{2(\sum p_i) \cdot q}{s} = 2 \\ x_i > 0 \end{cases}$$

$$(p_1 + p_2)^2 = (q - p_3)^2$$

$$2p_1 \cdot p_2 = s - 2q \cdot p_3 \Rightarrow 2E_1 E_2 (1 - \cos \theta_{12}) = s(1 - x_3)$$



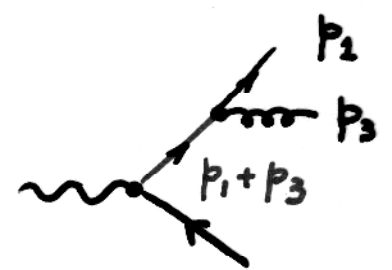
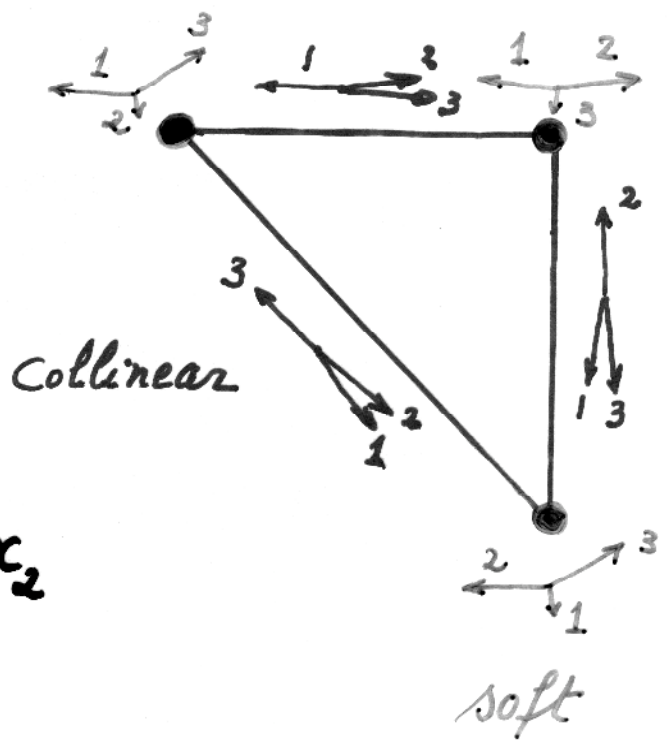
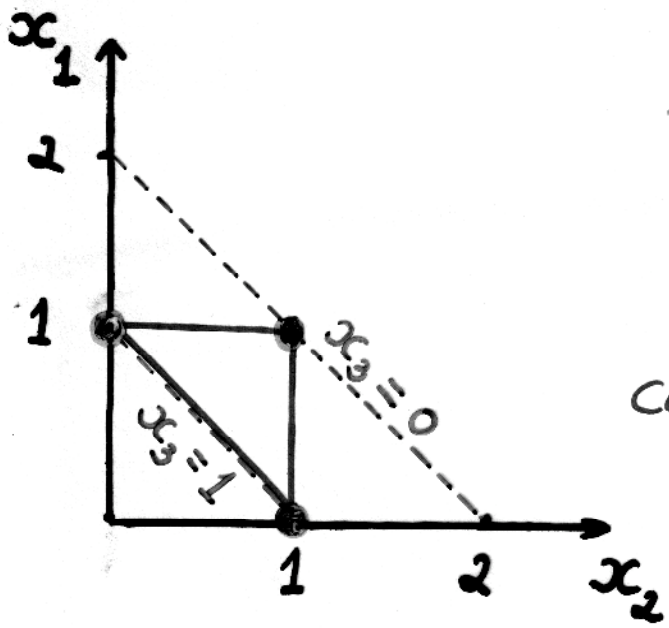
(c.m. system)

$$\begin{cases} x_1 x_2 (1 - \cos \theta_{12}) = 2(1 - x_3) \\ x_1 x_3 (1 - \cos \theta_{13}) = 2(1 - x_2) \\ x_2 x_3 (1 - \cos \theta_{23}) = 2(1 - x_1) \end{cases}$$

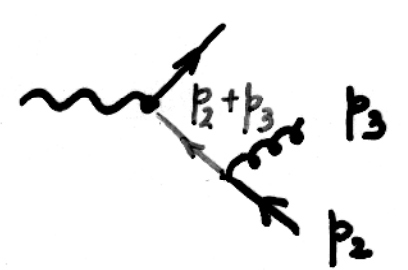


$$\begin{aligned} x_i = 1 &\Rightarrow \cos \theta_{jk} = 1 \\ &\Rightarrow \theta_{jk} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$x_i < 1$$



$$(p_1 + p_3)^2 = 2 p_1 \cdot p_3 = 2 E_1 E_3 (1 - \cos \theta_{31})$$



$$(p_2 + p_3)^2 = 2 E_2 E_3 (1 - \cos \theta_{23})$$

**Singularities :**

- $E_3 \rightarrow 0$  IR
  - $\theta_{31} \rightarrow 0$
  - $\theta_{32} \rightarrow 0$
- } collinear

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dx_1 dx_2} = \left[ \frac{4\pi\alpha^2}{s} \sum Q^2 \right] \frac{\alpha_s C_F}{2\pi} \frac{x_1^2 + x_2^2}{(1-x_1)(1-x_2)}$$



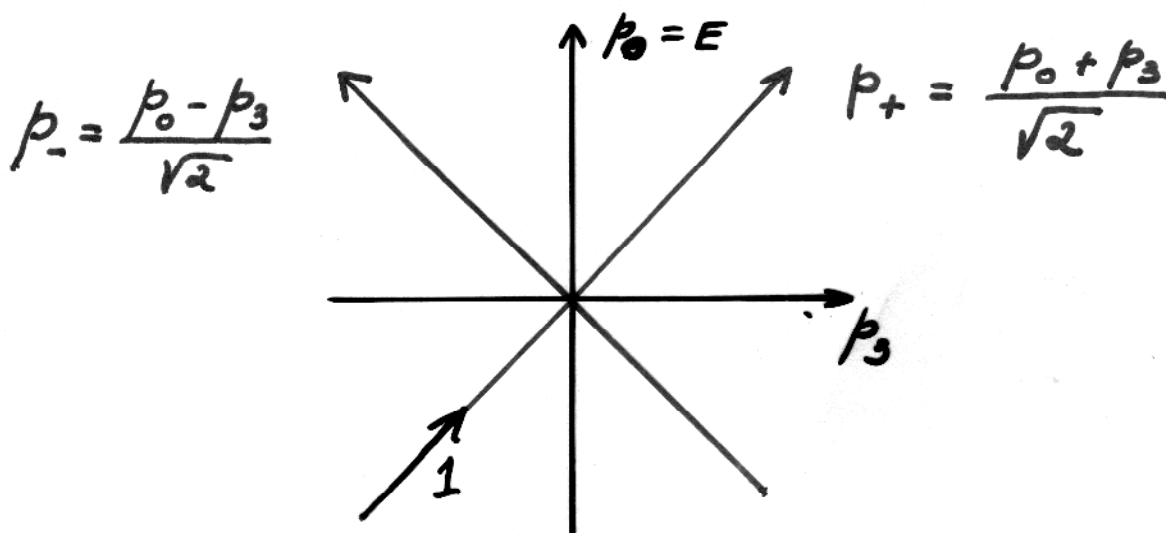
can also write

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dE_3 d\cos\theta_{31}} \sim \frac{1}{E_3} \frac{1}{1-\cos\theta_{31}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \log \frac{\Lambda_{IR}}{\sqrt{s}}, \log \frac{m}{\sqrt{s}}$$

$\Rightarrow$  perturbation theory fails?

Space-time structure:



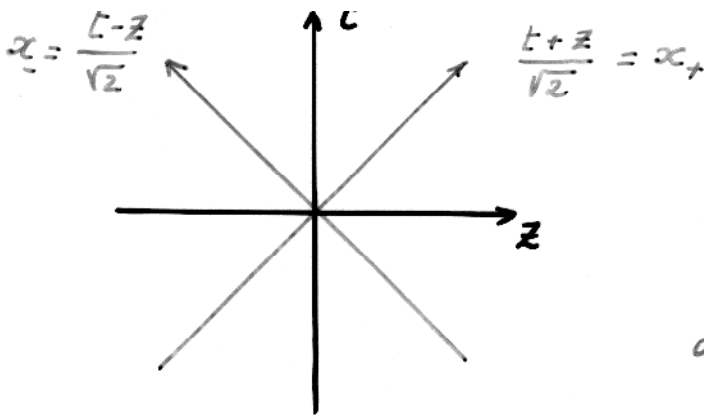
light-cone coordinates:

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} p_3 \text{ large} \\ \vec{p}_T \text{ finite} \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow p_+ \text{ large, } p_- \text{ small}$$

$$p \cdot p = 2p_+ p_- - \vec{p}_T^2 = m^2$$

$$\Rightarrow p_- = \frac{\vec{p}_T^2 + m^2}{2p_+}$$

on-shell  $\Rightarrow p_+ > 0, p_- > 0$



$$p_+ \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\Rightarrow p_- \rightarrow 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x_- \sim \text{fixed}$$

$$x \cdot x = p^+ x_- + p^- x_+ - \vec{p}_T \cdot \vec{x}_T$$

$x^\pm$  conjugate to  $p^\pm$



choose axis  $z$  so that

$$\vec{k}_T = 0 \quad k_3 > 0$$

$k_+$  large

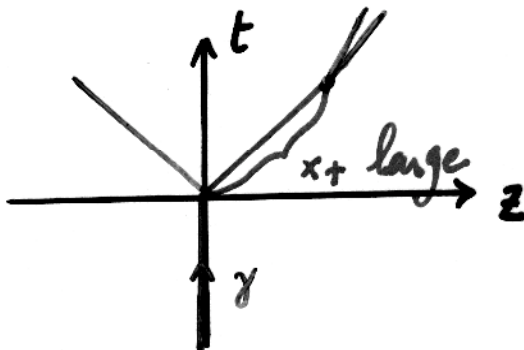
$$k^2 = 2k_+ k_-$$

small if  $k_- = \frac{p_{3,T}^2}{2p_1^+} + \frac{p_{3,T}^2}{2p_3^+}$  small

collinear:  $p_{3,T} \sim 0$   $p_1^+, p_3^+$  fixed

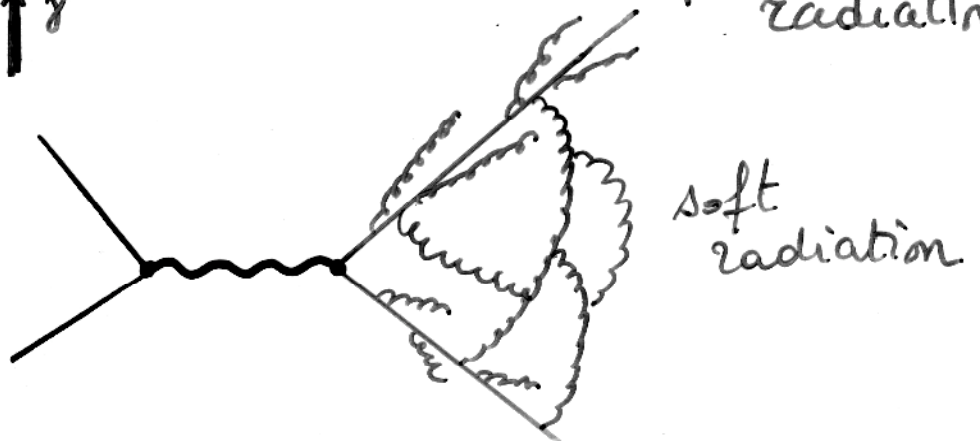
soft:  $p_{3T} \sim 0$   $p_3^+ \sim p_{3T}$

small  $k_- \Rightarrow$  large  $x_+$

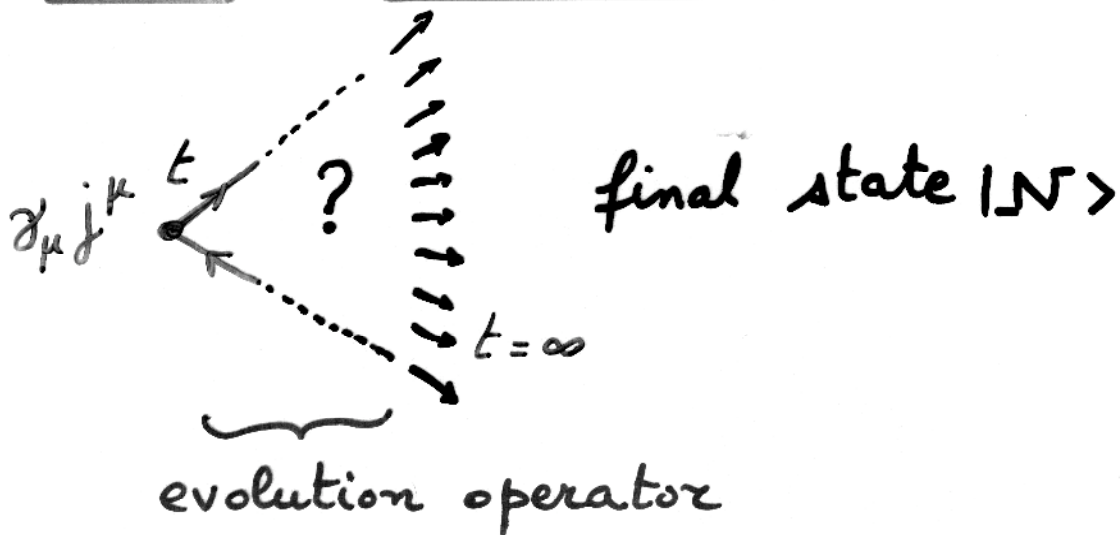


collinear radiation

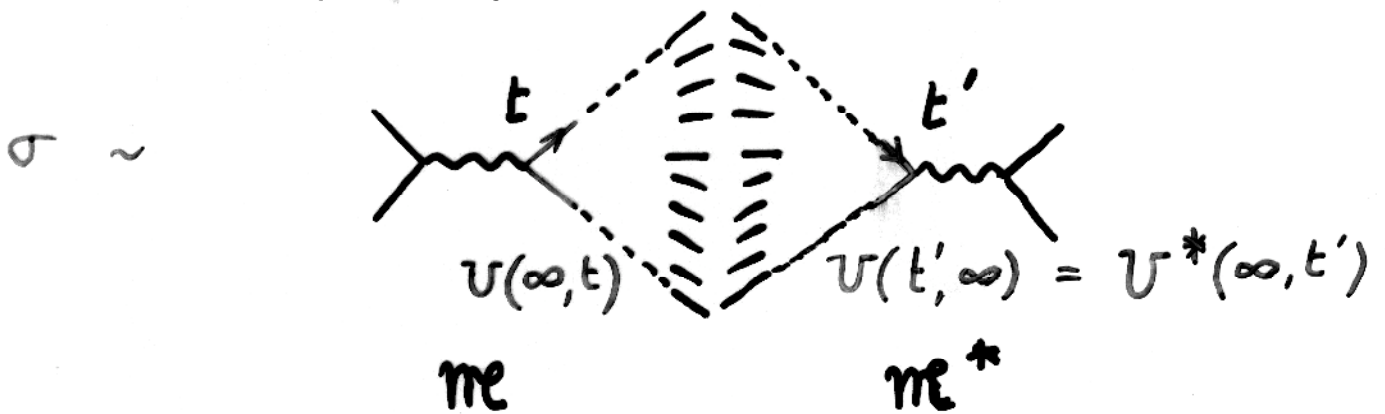
suggests:



# Trick: inclusive observables



$$U(\infty, t) \equiv U(t \rightarrow \infty)$$



$$\sigma_{tot} \sim \sum_{\mathbf{N}} \dots \langle 0 | j(t') U(t', \infty) | \mathbf{N} \rangle \langle \mathbf{N} | U(\infty, t) j(t) | 0 \rangle \dots$$

$$\sim \langle 0 | j(t') U(t', \infty) U(\infty, t) j(t) | 0 \rangle$$

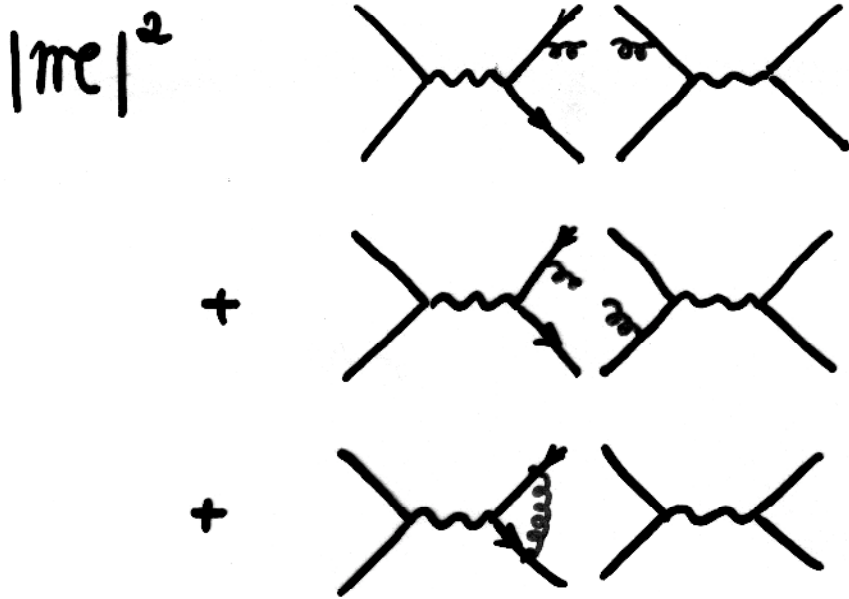
$$\sim \langle 0 | j(t') U(t', t) j(t) | 0 \rangle$$

$$e^{-i\sqrt{s}(t-t')} \Rightarrow t-t' \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{s}} \text{ small}$$

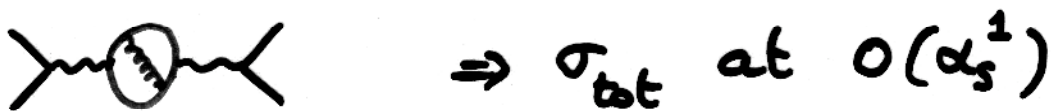
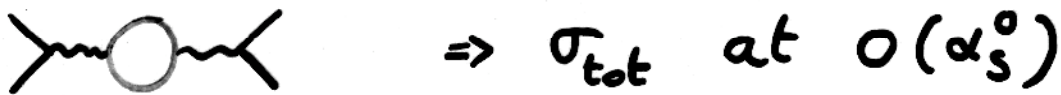
$\Rightarrow$  only short distance



$\Rightarrow O(\alpha_s)$  finite :



virtual corrections cancel the divergences of bremsstrahlung

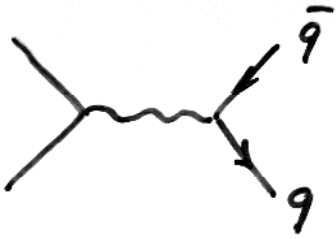


NOT  $n$ -particle final state!

NB:  $\langle q, ng | \hat{O} | q, mg \rangle = 0$

if definite  $m, n$ : no naive S matrix  
collective states?

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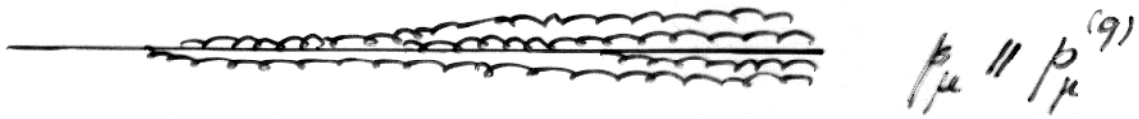
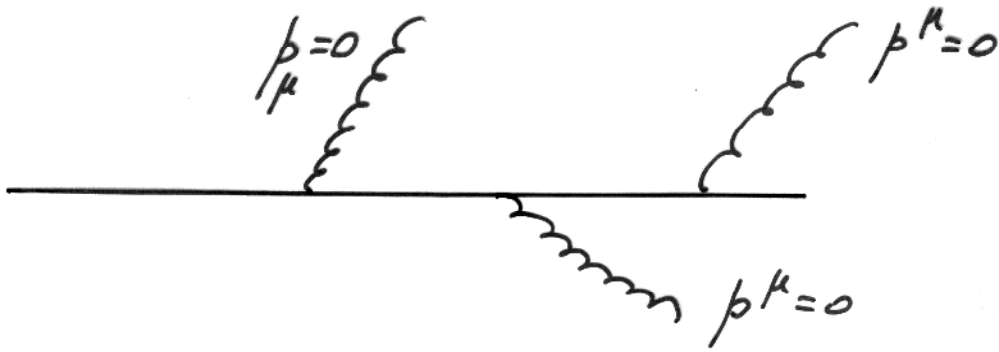


= inclusive jet  
cross section  
to  $O(\alpha_s)$



= inclusive cross  
section to  $O(\alpha_s^2)$

⋮



states with a fixed  
number of gluons do not exist