

Introduction to QCD

Lecture 1

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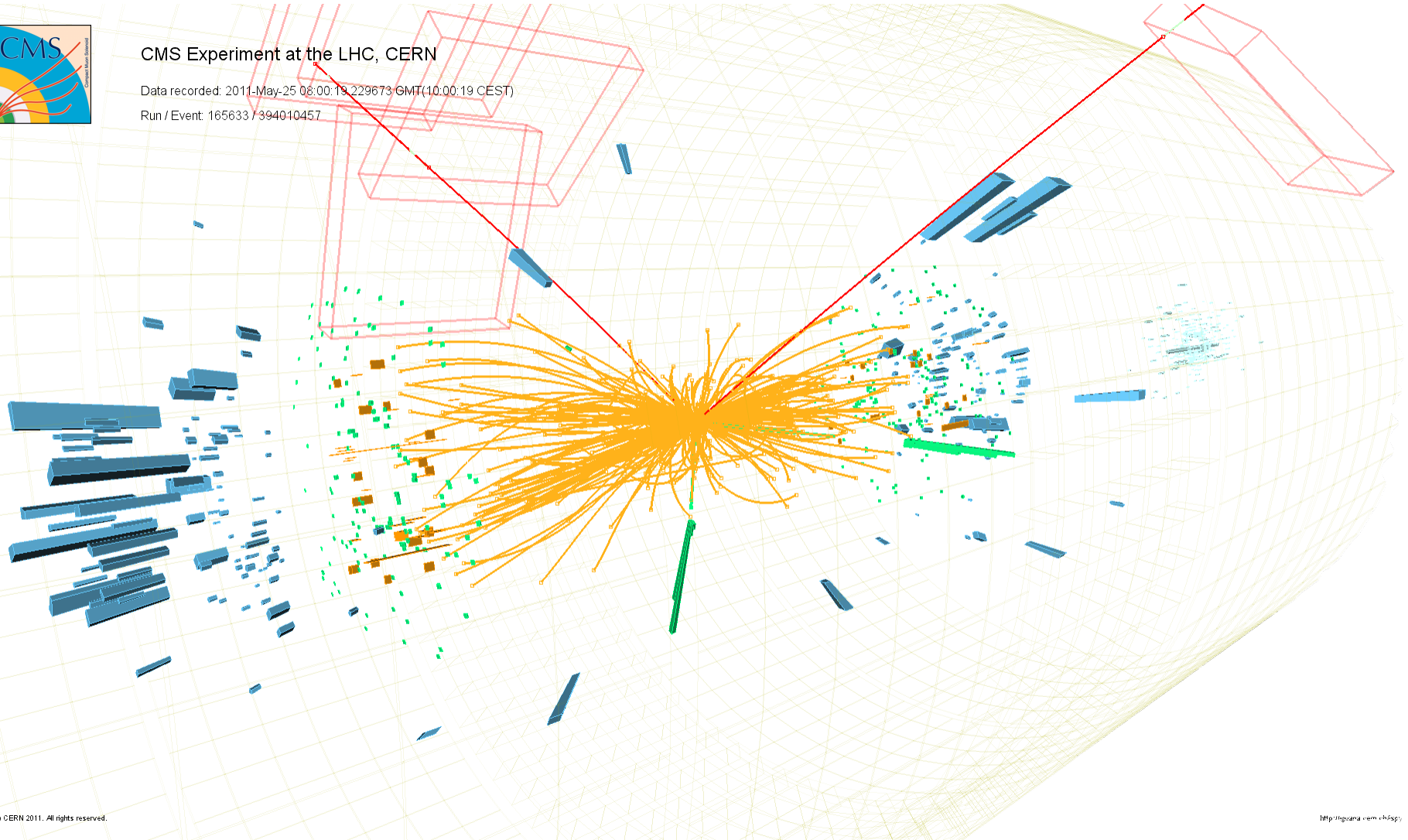
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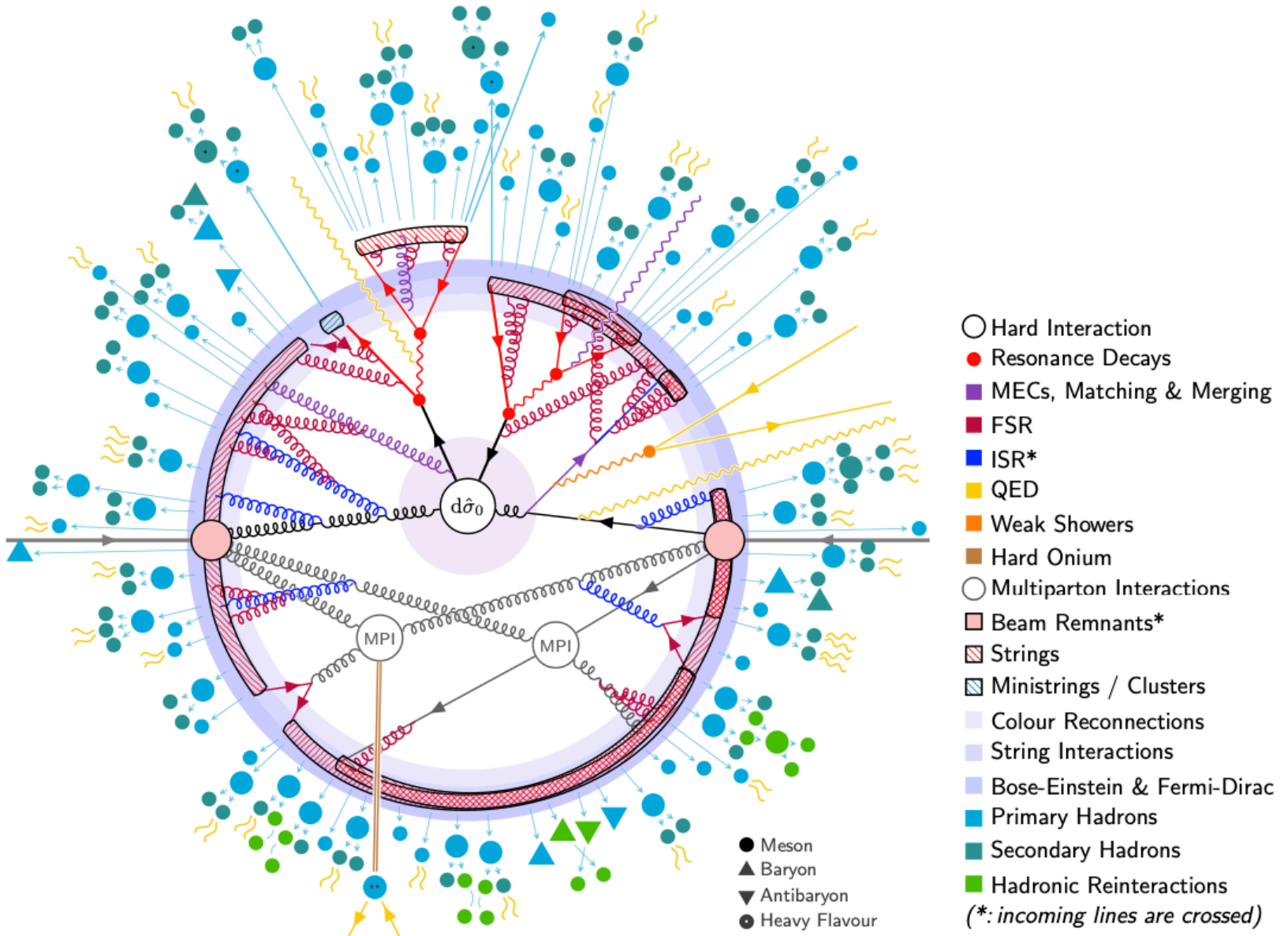
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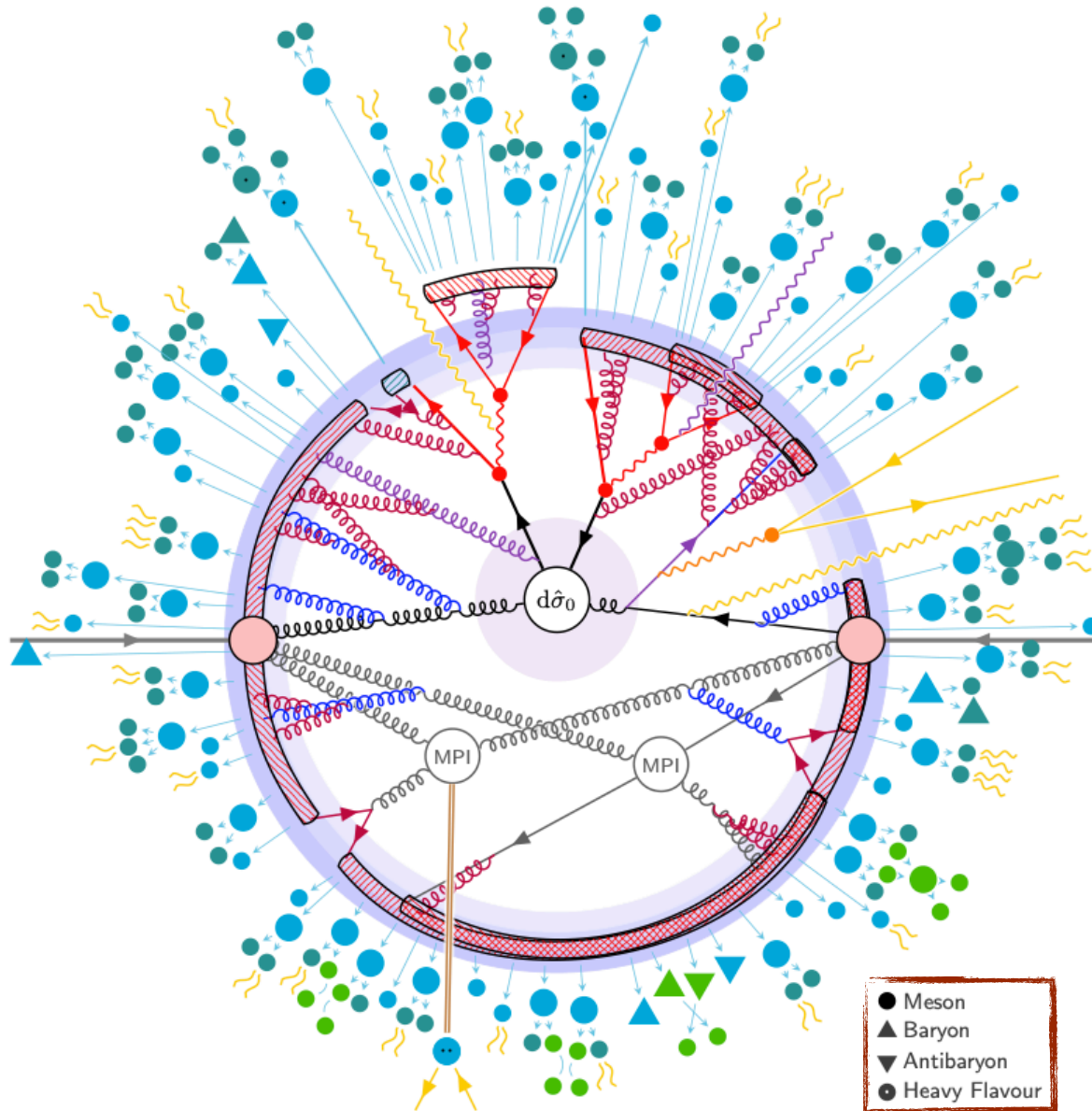
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Hadron collisions in theory





QCD

- Hard Interaction
 - Resonance Decays
 - MECs, Matching & Merging
 - FSR
 - ISR*
 - QED
 - Weak Showers
 - Hard Onium
 - Multiparton Interactions
 - Beam Remnants*
 - Strings
 - Ministrings / Clusters
 - Colour Reconnections
 - String Interactions
 - Bose-Einstein & Fermi-Dirac
 - Primary Hadrons
 - Secondary Hadrons
 - Hadronic Reinteractions
- (*: incoming lines are crossed)

- Meson
- ▲ Baryon
- ▼ Antibaryon
- Heavy Flavour

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I'm standing on the shoulders of giants...

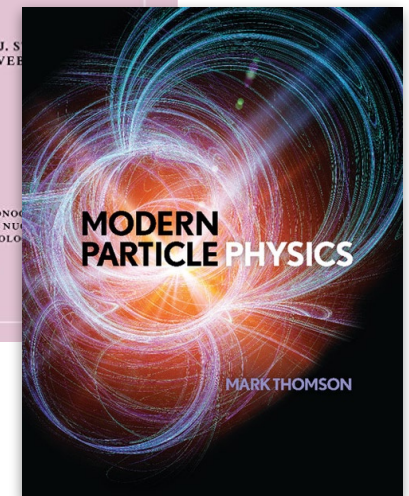
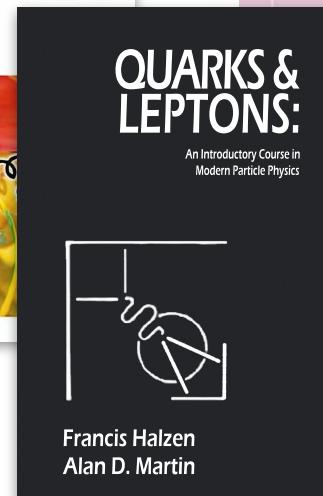
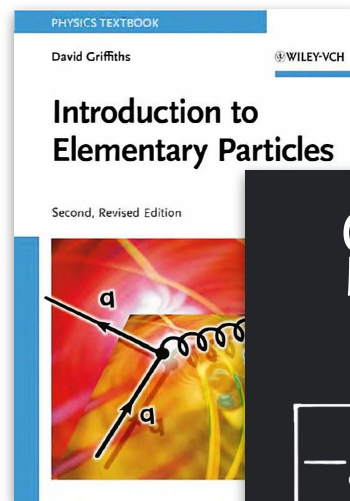
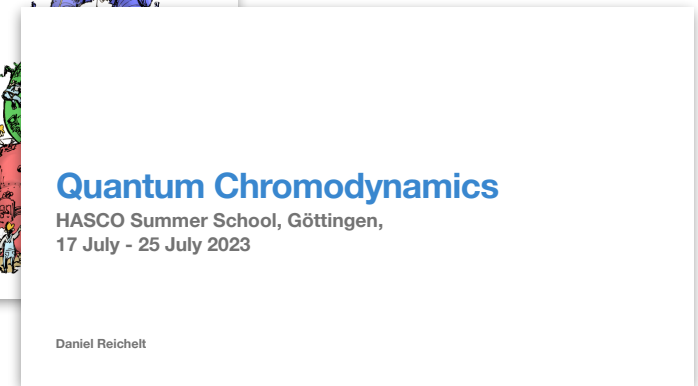
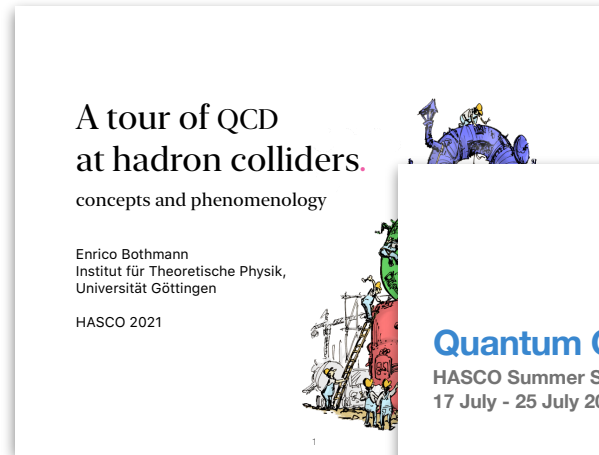
The content of these lectures is compiled from many different sources.

Previous HASCO lectures:

- Enrico Bothmann [2021](#) & [2022](#)
- Daniel Reichelt [2023](#)

“Standard” text books:

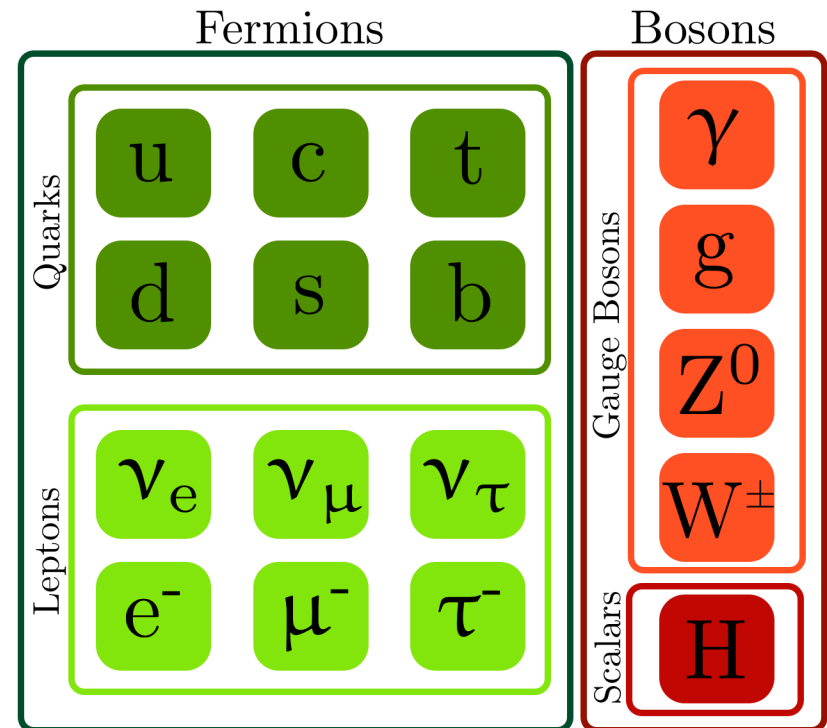
- Griffiths — Introduction to Elementary Particles
- Halzen, Martin — Quarks & Leptons
- Ellis, Stirling, Webber — QCD and Collider Physics
- Thomson — Modern Particle Physics



QCD describes **strong interaction** in the Standard Model of particle physics

Ingredients:

- quarks/antiquarks:
 - basic constituents of matter
 - 3 “families”, 6 “flavours”
(up, down, charm, strange, top, bottom)
 - 3 “colours”
- gluons:
 - “mediators” of the strong force
 - 8 “colours”
- strong coupling $\alpha_s \approx 0.1$



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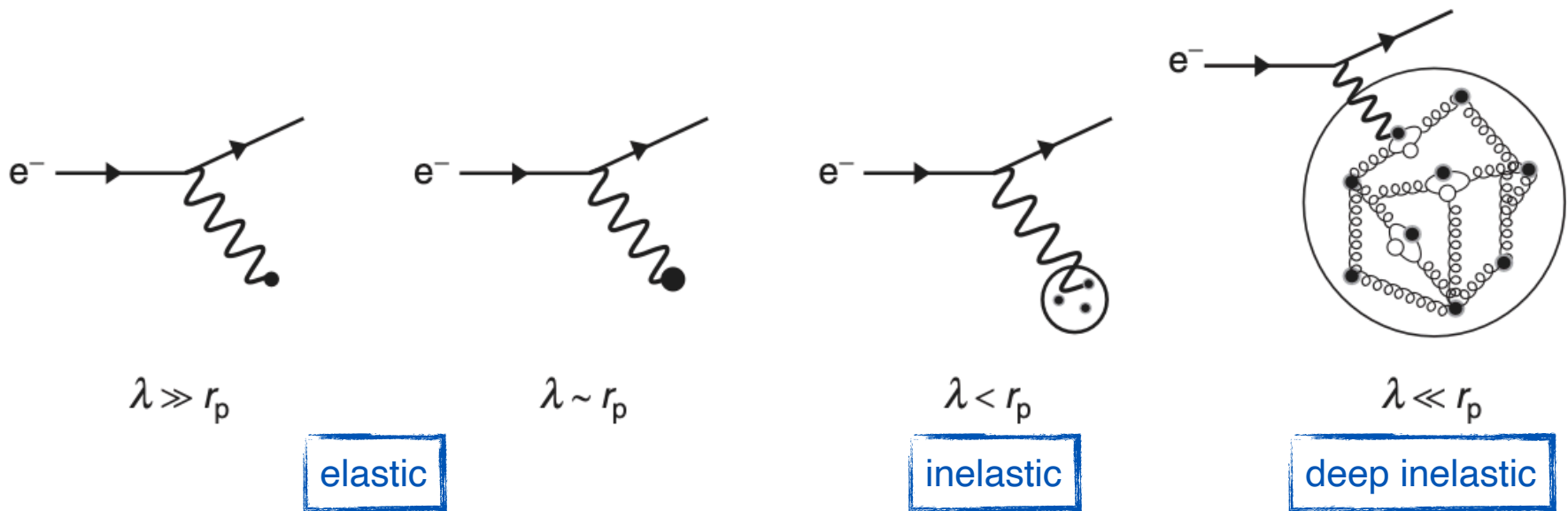
Proton structure

In hadron colliders we collide protons with (anti-)protons.

Protons (and hadrons in general) are **not elementary particles**, but **composite**.

→ need to understand the proton structure first!

We need a **clean** “projectile” to break up **messy** proton → **electron beams**



To resolve **proton substructure** we need electron wave lengths $\lambda \ll r_p$

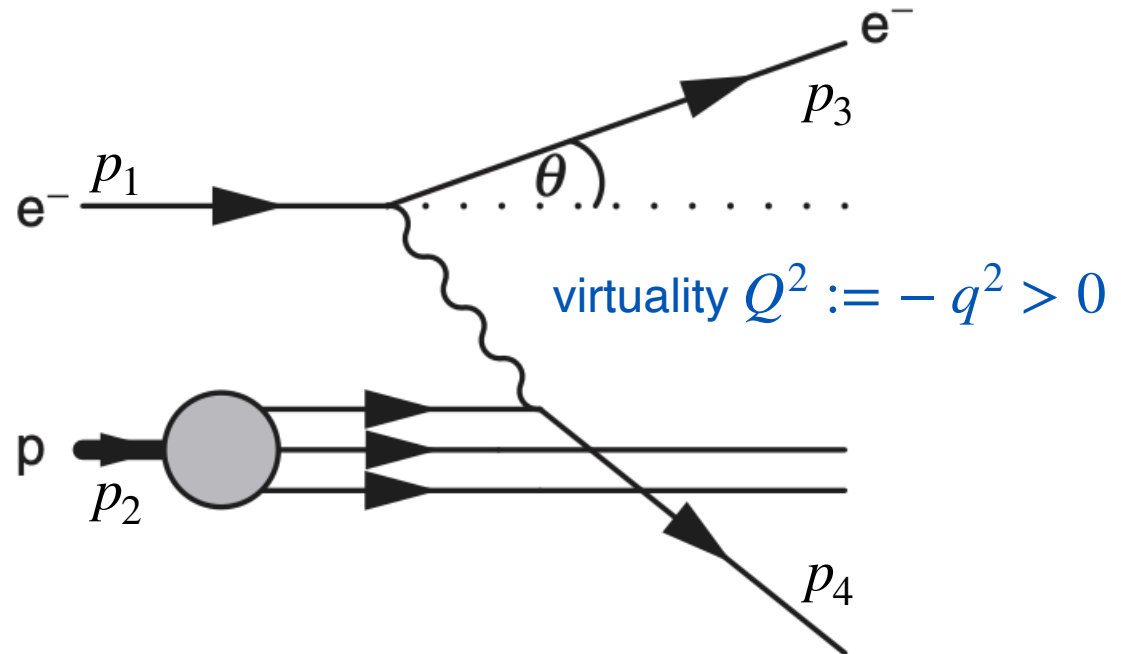
→ **deep inelastic scattering**

Assumption: point-like electrons scatter from point-like quarks inside the proton

Kinematics parametrised as:

Björken- x : $x = \frac{Q^2}{2p_2q}$

inelasticity: $y = \frac{p_2q}{p_1p_2}$



Ansatz* for double-differential cross section in terms of **structure functions**:

$$\frac{d^2\sigma}{dx dQ^2} = \frac{4\pi\alpha^2}{Q^2} \left((1-y) \frac{F_2(x, Q^2)}{x} + \frac{y}{2} 2F_1(x, Q^2) \right)$$

electric + magnetic

purely magnetic

*its derivation is beyond the scope of these lectures

Deep inelastic scattering (DIS) II

Two important observations:

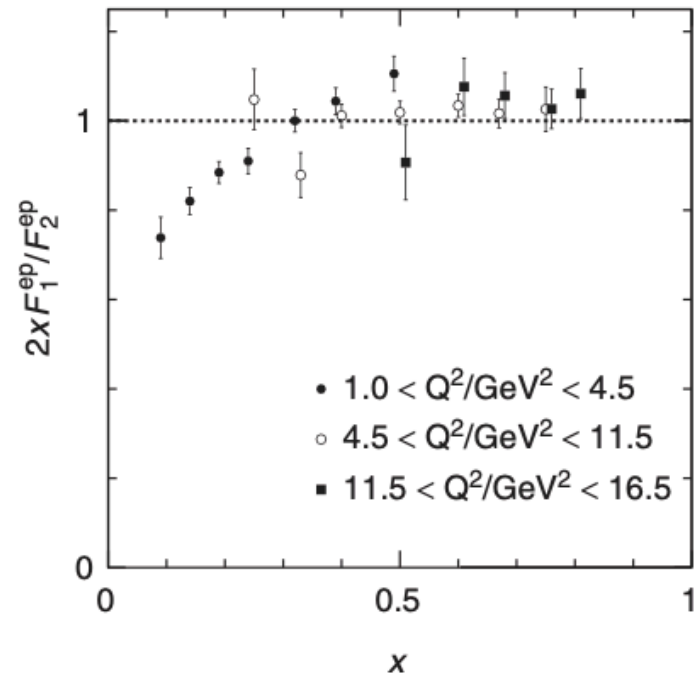
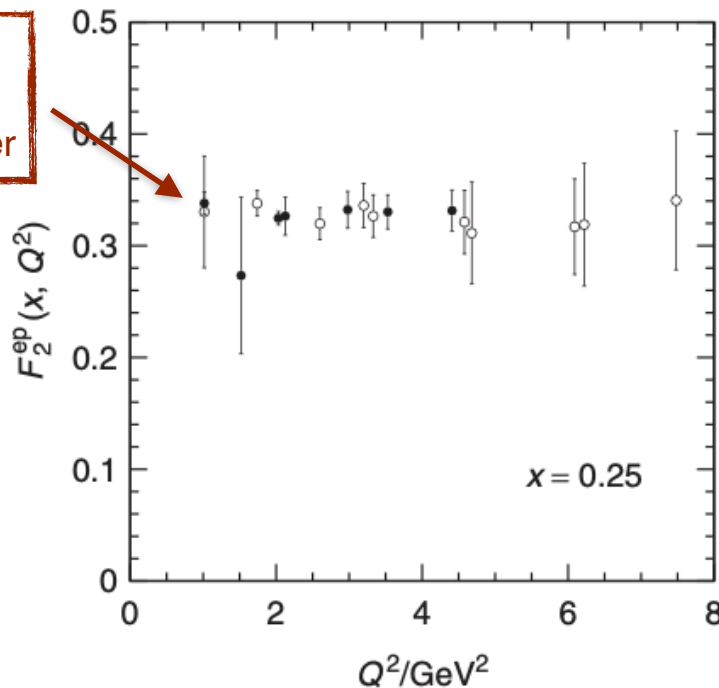
Björken scaling: to first approximation, structure functions are **independent** of Q^2

$$F_1(x, Q^2) \rightarrow F_1(x) \text{ and } F_2(x, Q^2) \rightarrow F_2(x)$$

Callan-Gross relation: electrons scatter from point-like spin- $\frac{1}{2}$ constituents (quarks)

$$F_2(x) = 2xF_1(x)$$

will see
how true
this is later



Flavour symmetry I

The **strong interaction** treats all quarks equally

→ assume **approximate** flavour symmetry between light quarks u , d , and s

Not exact, because $m_u \neq m_d \neq m_s$, but differences at most $\sim 100 \text{ MeV}$, which is a lot smaller than typical hadron binding energies $\sim 1 \text{ GeV}$.

Express symmetry by **unitary rotation** in flavour space

$$\begin{pmatrix} u' \\ d' \\ s' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} U_{11} & U_{12} & U_{13} \\ U_{21} & U_{22} & U_{23} \\ U_{31} & U_{32} & U_{33} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u \\ d \\ s \end{pmatrix}$$

sum convention!

- ignoring a trivial “rotation” $U = \mathbf{1}e^{i\phi}$, the matrices U form the group $SU(3)$
- each matrix can be written in terms of the eight **generators** T^a as $U = e^{i\lambda^a T^a}$
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Flavour symmetry II

The SU(3) generators can be written in terms of Gell-Mann matrices as $T^a = \frac{1}{2}\lambda^a$

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda_1 &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, & \lambda_4 &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, & \lambda_6 &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ \lambda_2 &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i & 0 \\ i & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, & \lambda_5 &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -i \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ i & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, & \lambda_7 &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -i \\ 0 & i & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ \lambda_3 &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, & \lambda_8 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix}.\end{aligned}$$

Only two of these commute \Rightarrow **two observable quantities** (“quantum numbers”)

\rightarrow third component of isospin: eigenstates of $T_3 = \frac{1}{2}\lambda_3$

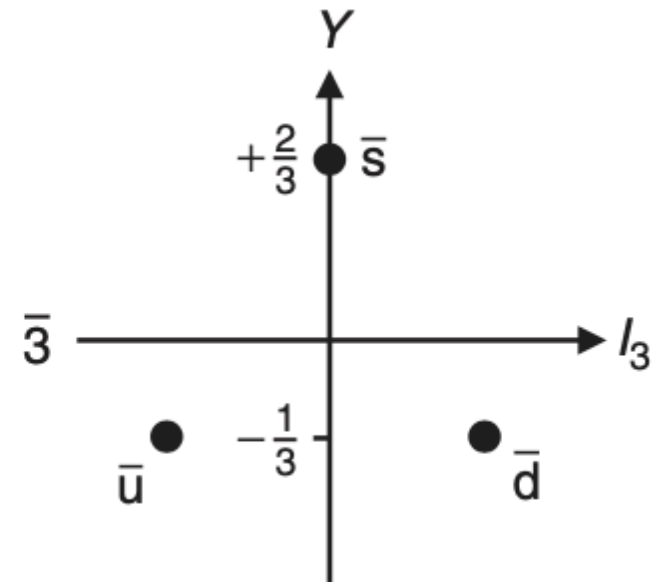
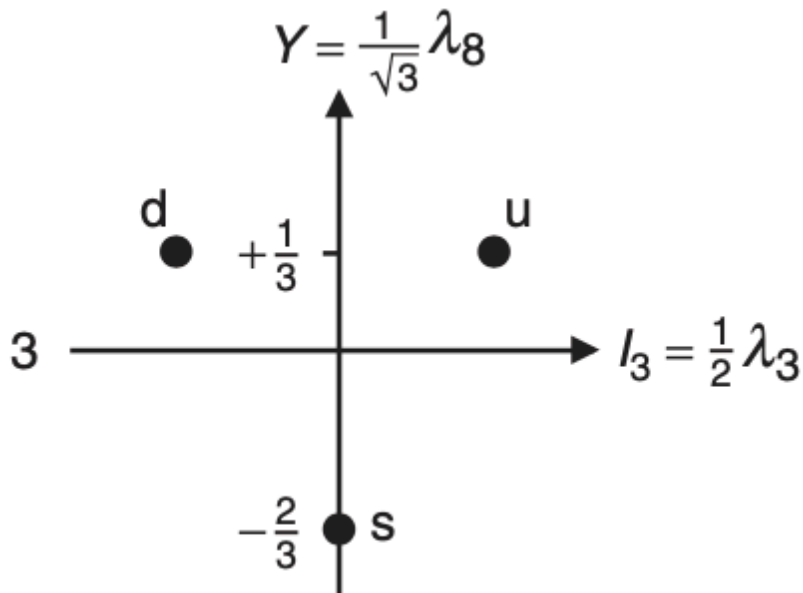
\rightarrow flavour hypercharge: eigenstates of $Y = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\lambda_8$

Flavour symmetry III

The light quarks are identified with the eigenstates of T_3 and Y

$$u \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, d \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, s \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

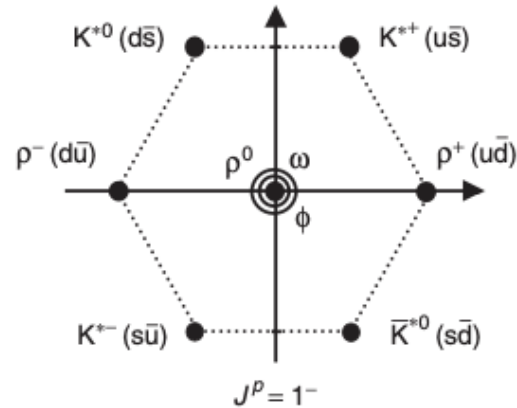
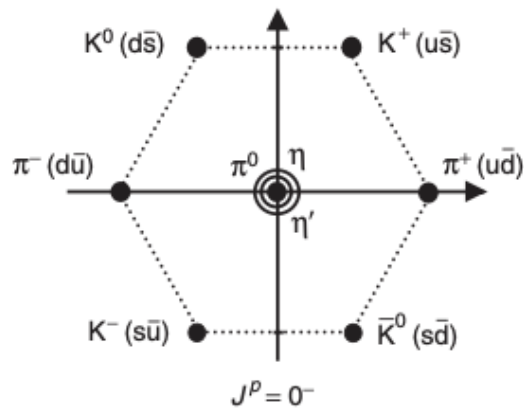
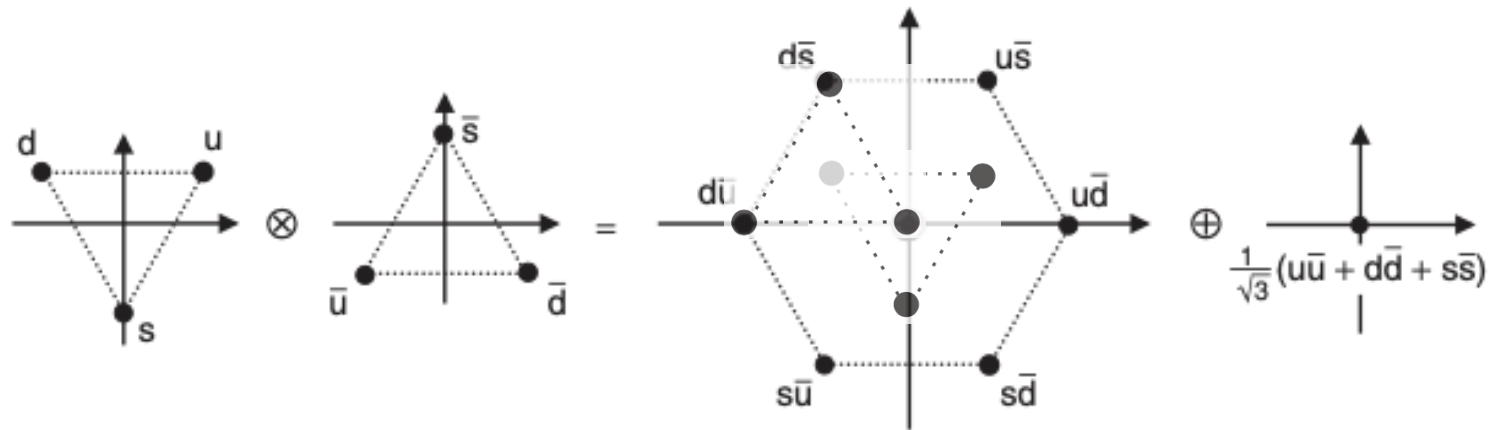
→ light quarks form a **flavour triplet**, antiquarks a **flavour anti-triplet**:



Light mesons

Mesons: bound $q\bar{q}$ states

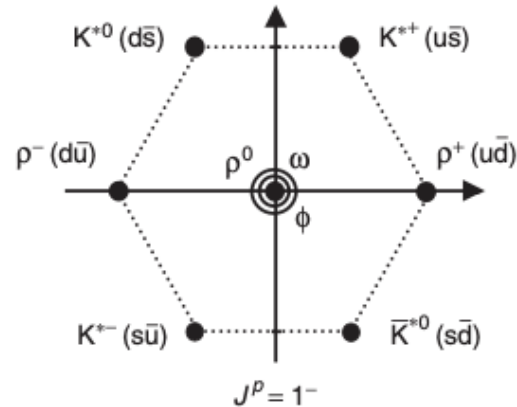
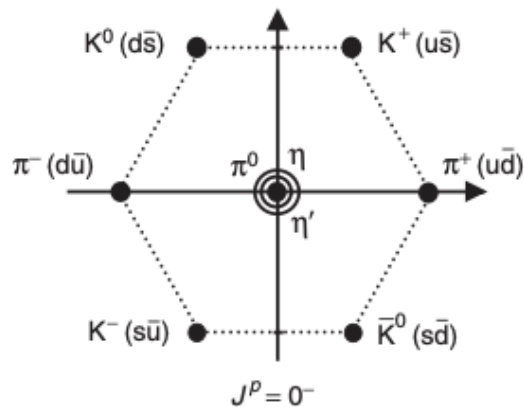
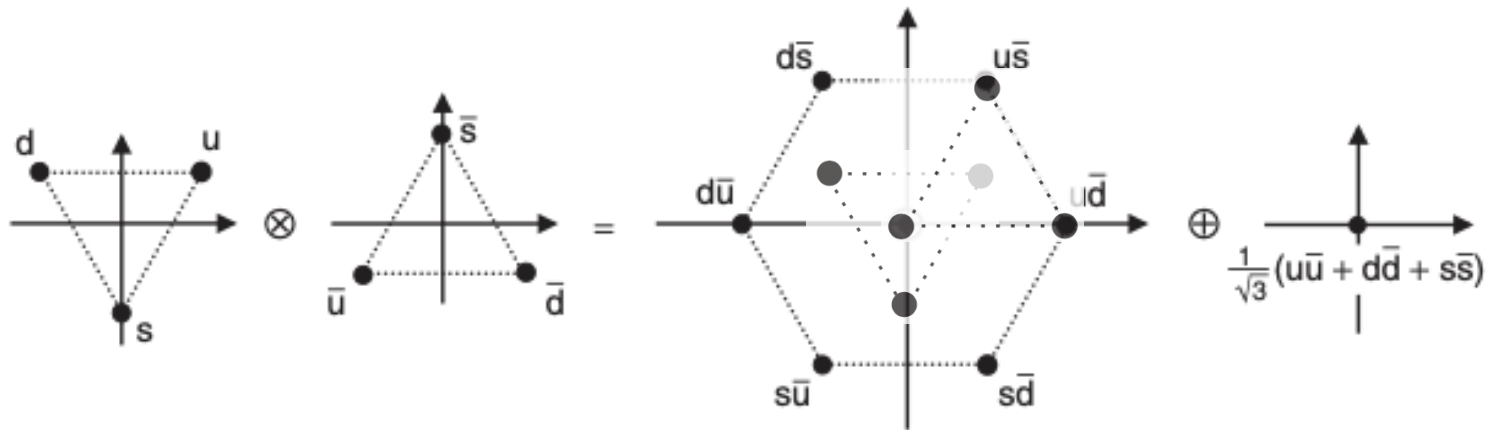
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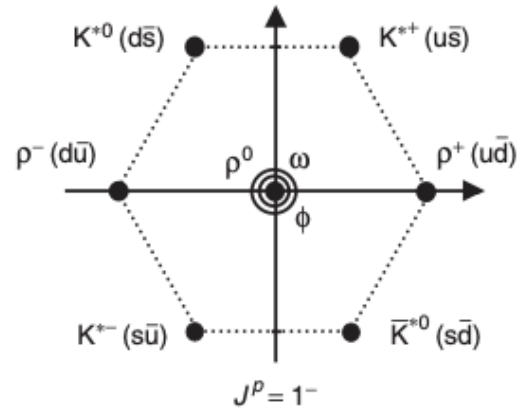
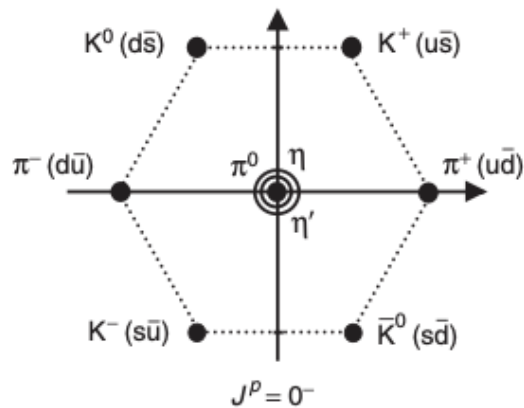
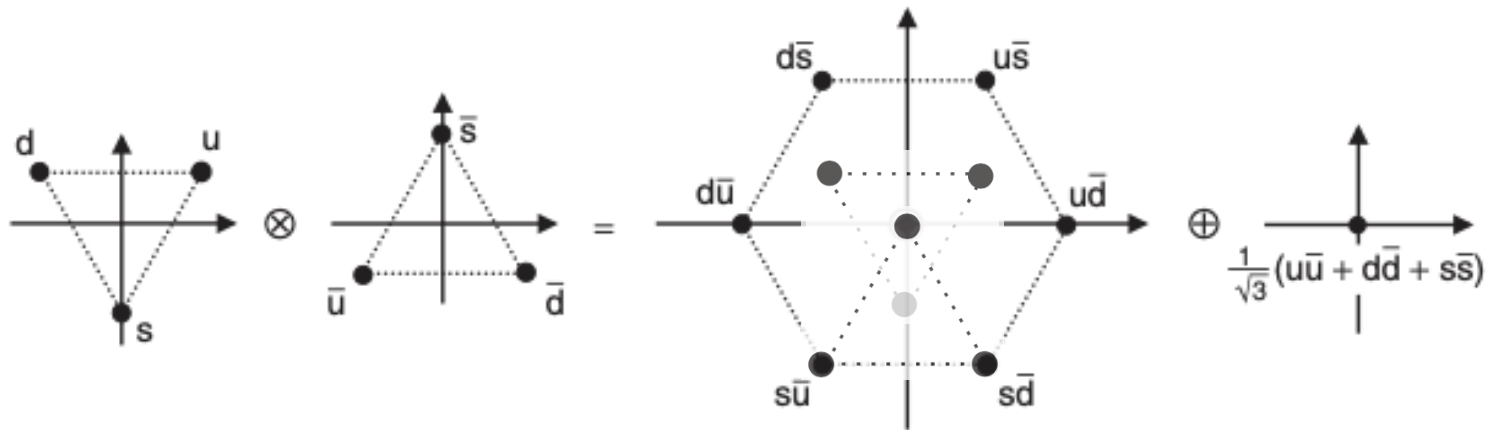
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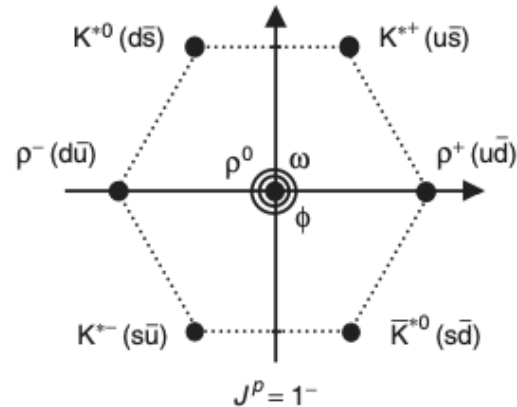
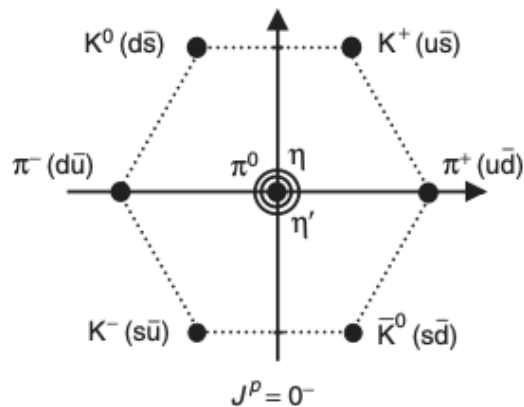
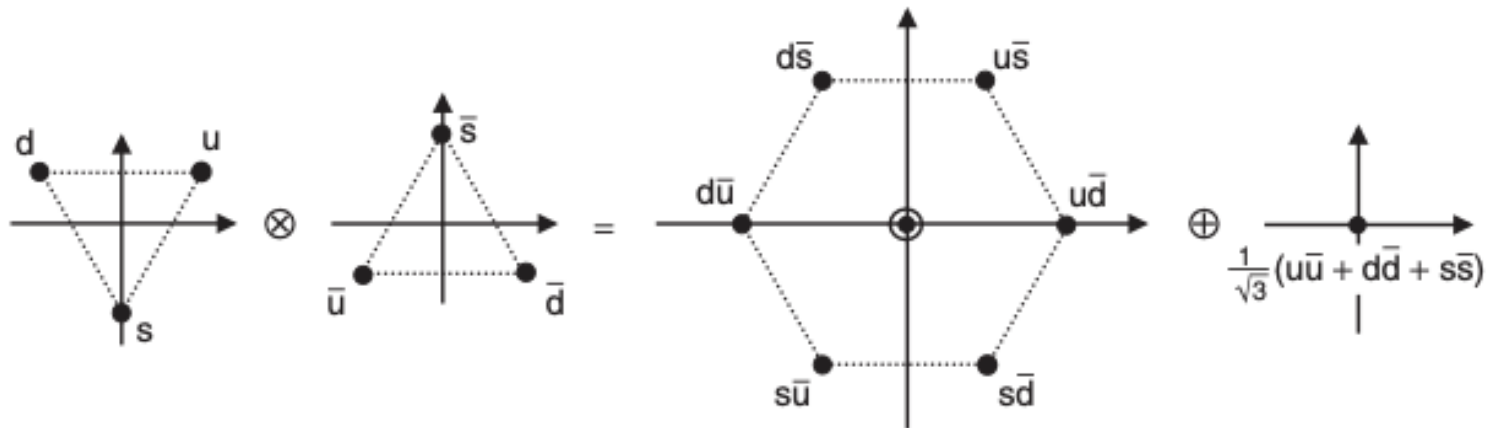
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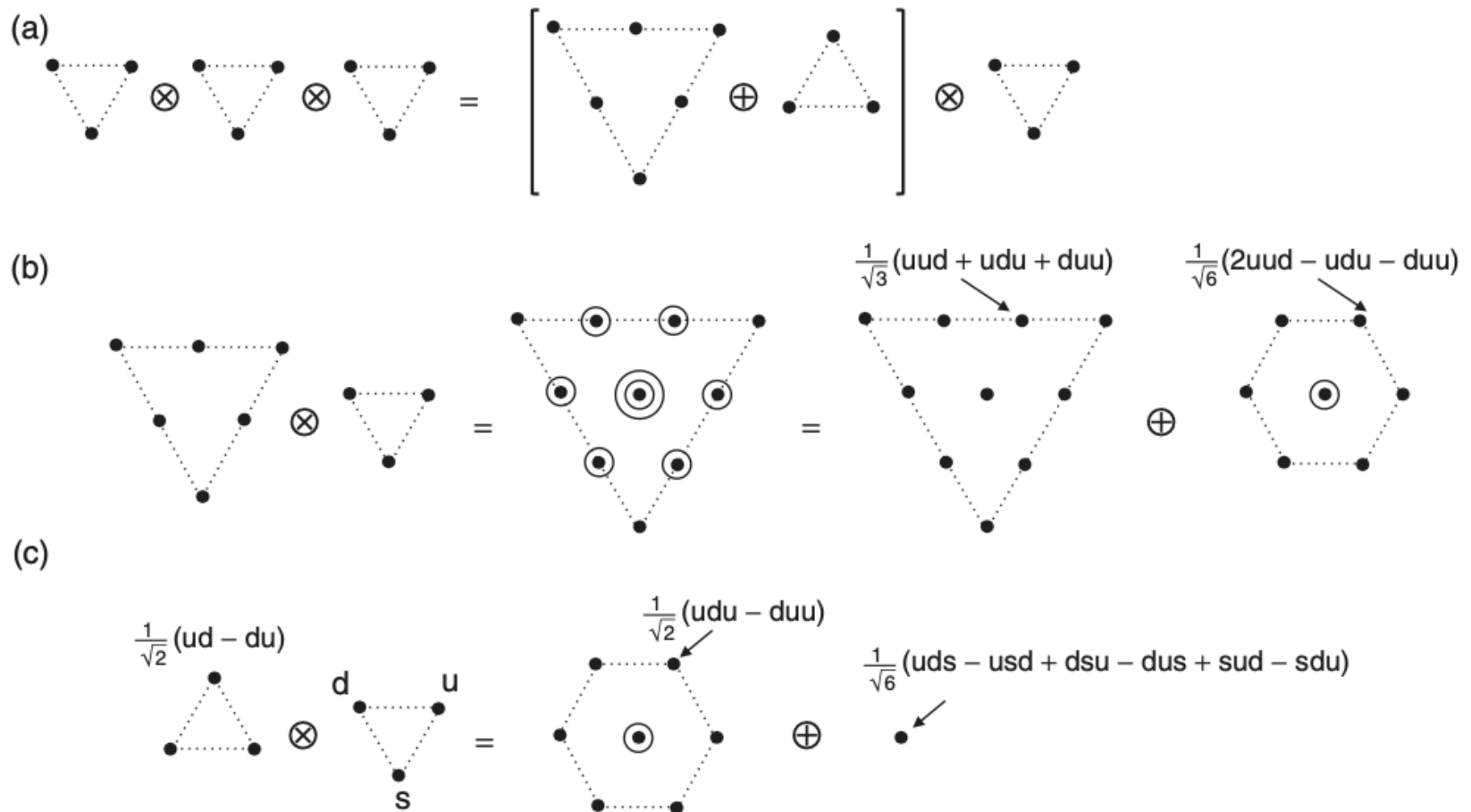
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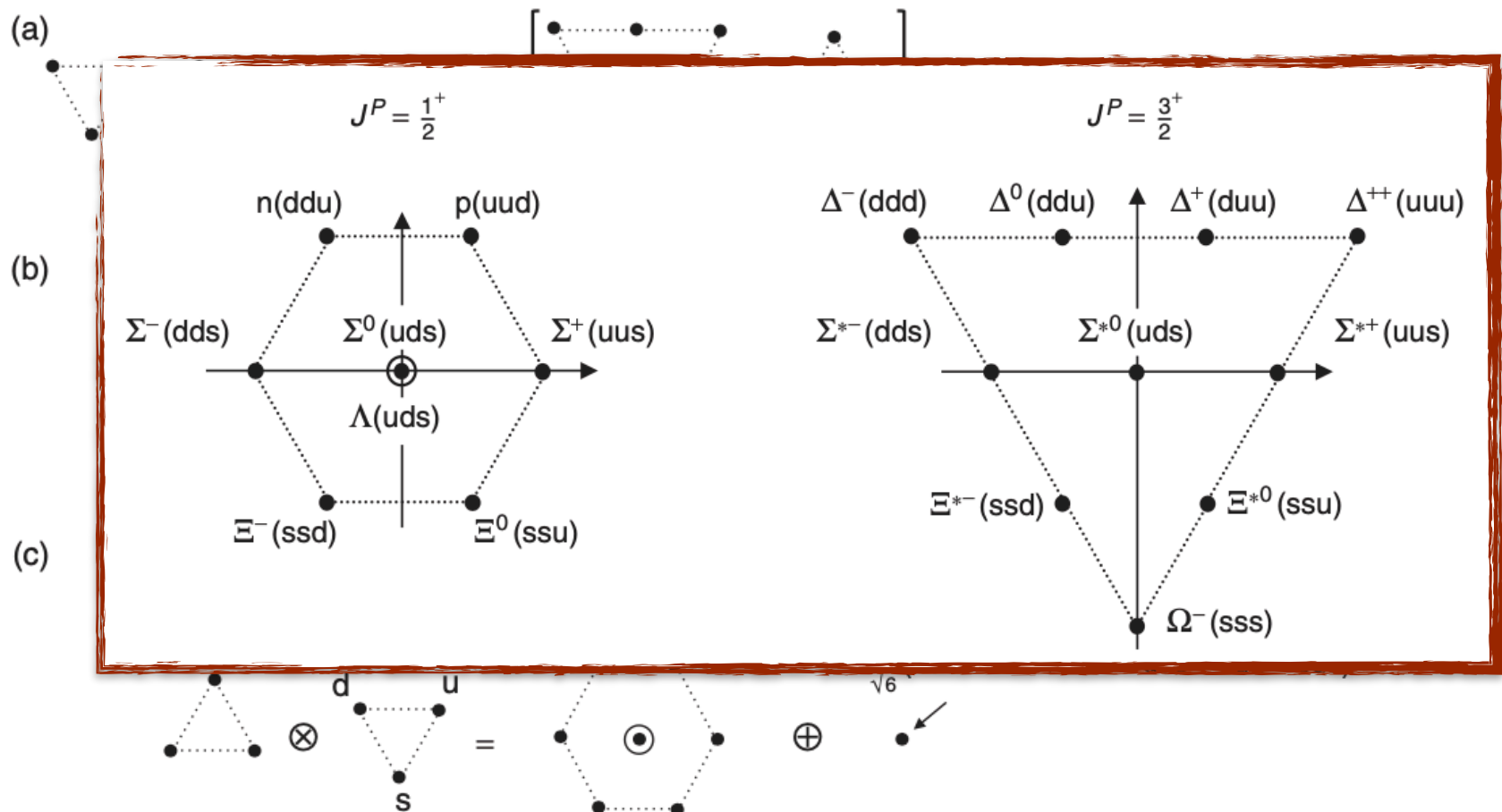
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Problem: we observe hadrons in states such as $|\Delta^{++}\rangle \equiv |u_{\uparrow}u_{\uparrow}u_{\uparrow}\rangle$

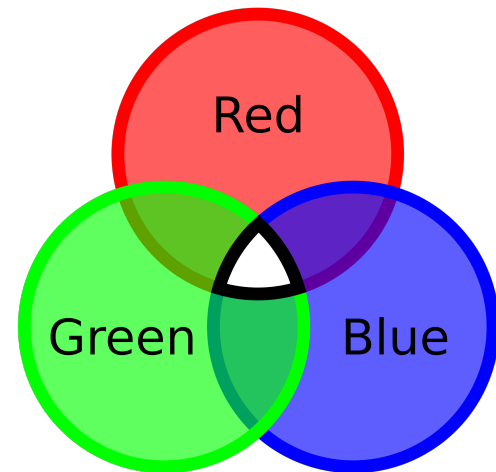
- this is a completely symmetric state
- does this violate Fermi-Dirac statistics?

Solution: with an additional quantum number (“**colour**”) with three states, this can be anti-symmetrised as

$$|\Delta^{++}\rangle = \varepsilon_{ijk} |u_{\uparrow}^i u_{\uparrow}^j u_{\uparrow}^k\rangle$$

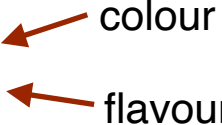
All observed particles are **colour-neutral**, i.e., this quantum number is not observed directly!

→ **confinement**



The three colour charges of quarks can be represented as

$$r \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, g \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, b \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

and each quark wave function carries an additional colour index ψ_q^i  colour
flavour

Just as in QED, we impose invariance under a **local** gauge transformation

$$\psi_q^i(x) \rightarrow U_j^i \psi_q^j(x) = \left(e^{i\lambda^a(x)T^a} \right)_j^i \psi_q^j$$

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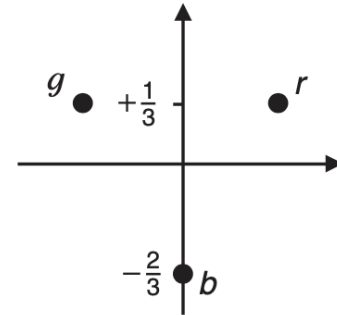
We have seen this before!

But: despite the same structure, flavour $SU(3)$ and colour $SU(3)$ describe very different concepts!

Colour gauge group II

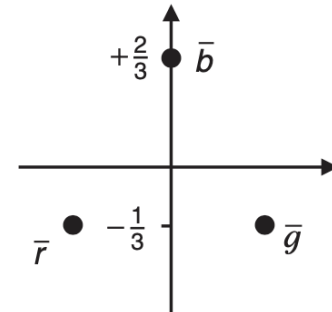
Quarks transform according to the **fundamental representation** of SU(3)

$$(T^a)^i_j = \frac{1}{2}(\lambda^a)^i_j \quad \text{with indices } i, j \in \{1, 2, 3\}$$



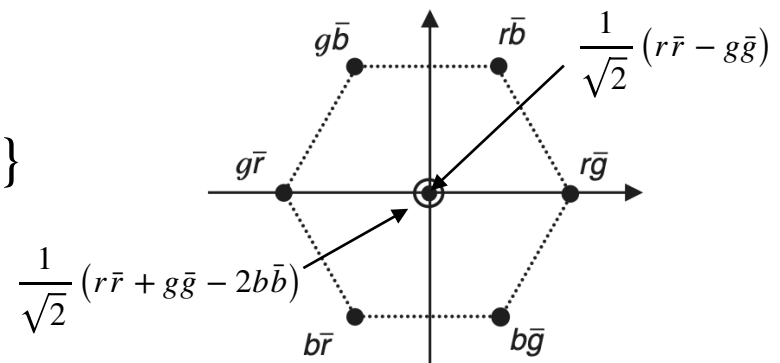
Antiquarks transform according to the **anti-fundamental representation** of SU(3)

$$(T^a)^j_i = -\frac{1}{2}(\lambda^{a*})^j_i \quad \text{with indices } i, j \in \{1, 2, 3\}$$



Gluons transform according to the **adjoint representation** of SU(3)

$$(T^a_{\text{adj}})^{bc} = -if^{abc} \quad \text{with indices } b, c \in \{1, \dots, 8\}$$



Here, λ^a are the 3×3 Gell-Mann matrices

Choose normalisation of generators as $\text{Tr}(T^a T^b) = T_R \delta^{ab}$ with $T_R = \frac{1}{2}$

- **Casimir invariants**

Fundamental Casimir: $(T^a)_j^i (T^a)_k^j = C_F \delta_k^i$ with $C_F = T_R \frac{N_C^2 - 1}{N_C}$

Adjoint Casimir: $f^{acd} f^{bcd} = C_A \delta^{ab}$ with $C_A = N_C$

- **Fierz identity:**

$$(T^a)_j^i (T^a)_l^k = T_R \left(\delta_l^i \delta_j^k - \frac{1}{N_C} \delta_j^i \delta_l^k \right)$$

Example: calculate fundamental Casimir using Fierz identity

$$\begin{aligned} (T^a)_j^i (T^a)_k^j &= T_R \left(\delta_k^i \delta_j^j - \frac{1}{N_C} \delta_j^i \delta_j^k \right) = T_R \left(N_C - \frac{1}{N_C} \right) \delta_k^i \\ &= T_R \frac{N_C^2 - 1}{N_C} \delta_k^i = C_F \delta_k^i \end{aligned}$$

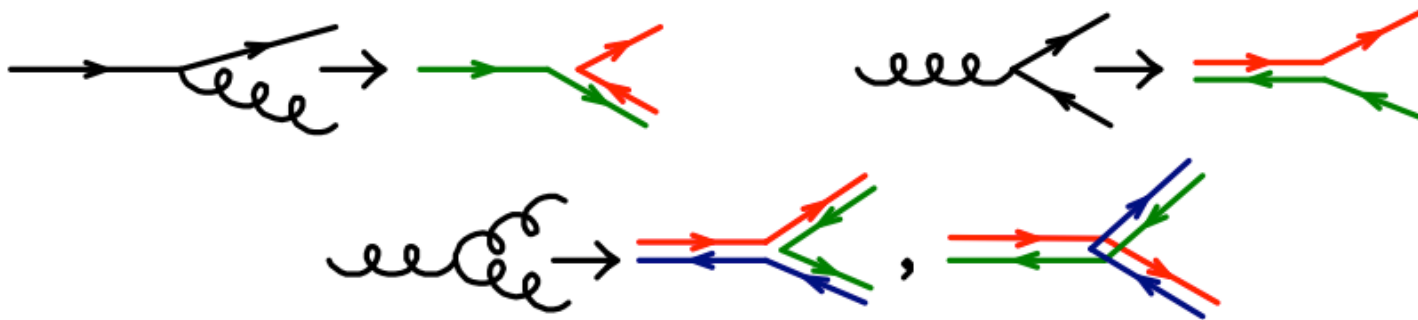
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Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
 [T^a, T^b] &= if^{abc}T^c \\
 \Rightarrow [T^a, T^b]T^d &= if^{abc}T^cT^d \\
 \Rightarrow \text{Tr}([T^a, T^b]T^d) &= if^{abc}\text{Tr}(T^cT^d) = iT_R f^{abc}\delta^{cd} = iT_R f^{abd} \\
 \Leftrightarrow f^{abd} &= -\frac{i}{T_R}\text{Tr}([T^a, T^b]T^d)
 \end{aligned}$$

+ Fierz identity: all colour factors can be expressed in terms of (anti-)colour lines δ_j^i



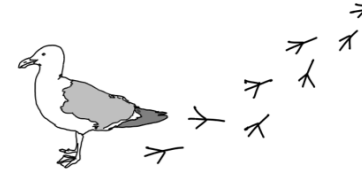
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Colour factors can most easily be calculated using **birdtrack diagrams**

- Kronecker deltas are represented by colour lines
(+ implicit summation over colour indices)

$$i \longrightarrow \blacktriangleright \longrightarrow j = \delta_j^i$$

$$a \text{ (wavy line) } - b = \delta^{ab}$$



[Keppeler 1707.07280]

- generators and structure constants are represented by vertices

$$i \longrightarrow \blacktriangleright \begin{matrix} a \\ \text{(wavy)} \end{matrix} \longrightarrow j = (T^a)_j^i$$

$$\begin{matrix} a \\ \text{(wavy)} \\ \bullet \\ \begin{matrix} c \text{ (wavy)} & \text{---} & b \text{ (wavy)} \end{matrix} \end{matrix} = i f^{abc}$$

- there are N_C quark colours and $N_C^2 - 1$ gluon colours


$$\begin{matrix} \circlearrowleft \\ \circlearrowright \end{matrix} = N_C$$

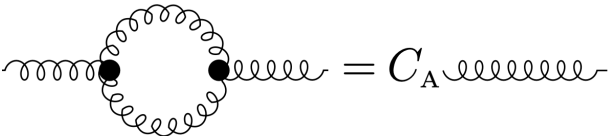

$$\begin{matrix} \circlearrowleft \\ \text{(wavy)} \end{matrix} = N_C^2 - 1$$

- generators are traceless $\begin{matrix} \circlearrowleft \\ \text{(wavy)} \end{matrix} = 0$

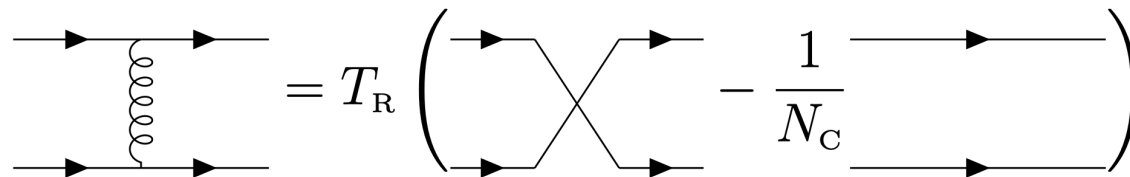
Rewrite $SU(N_C)$ identities as birdtracks

- Casimir invariants**

Fundamental Casimir:  $= C_F$ 

Adjoint Casimir:  $= C_A$ 

- Fierz identity:**



$$= T_R \left(\text{crossed fermion lines} - \frac{1}{N_C} \text{parallel fermion lines} \right)$$

Example: calculate fundamental Casimir using Fierz identity *with birdtracks*

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{Diagram: a quark line with a gluon loop} \\
 &= T_R \left[\text{Diagram: a quark line with a ghost loop} - \frac{1}{N_C} \text{Diagram: a quark line with a ghost loop} \right] \\
 &= T_R \left[\text{Diagram: a quark line with a gluon loop} - \frac{1}{N_C} \text{Diagram: a quark line with a gluon loop} \right] \\
 &= T_R \left[N_C - \frac{1}{N_C} \right] \text{Diagram: a quark line} \\
 &= T_R \frac{N_C^2 - 1}{N_C} \text{Diagram: a quark line} \\
 &= C_F \text{Diagram: a quark line}
 \end{aligned}$$

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The quark Lagrangian

Free quark Lagrangian:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{quark}} = \bar{\psi}_q i \gamma^\mu \partial_\mu \psi_q^i - m_q \bar{\psi}_q i \psi_q^i$$

- yields the free Dirac equation $(i\gamma^\mu \partial_\mu - m)\psi_q^i = 0$
- **not invariant** under SU(3) transformations $\psi_q \rightarrow e^{ig_s \lambda^a(x) T^a} \psi_q$

Introduce covariant derivative to **restore local gauge invariance**:

$$(D_\mu)_j^i := \delta_j^i \partial_\mu - ig_s (T^a)_j^i A_\mu^a$$

This introduces **interactions** between the quark spinors ψ_q^i and the gluon field A_μ^a :

$$(i\gamma^\mu \partial_\mu - m)\psi_q^i = -g_s \gamma^\mu T^a A_\mu^a \psi_q^i$$

The gluon Lagrangian

The field-strength tensor is defined as the **commutator of the covariant derivative**:

$$\begin{aligned} F_{\mu\nu}^c &= \frac{1}{ig_s} [D_\mu, D_\nu] \\ &= \partial_\mu A_\nu^c - \partial_\nu A_\mu^c - g_s f^{abc} A_\mu^a A_\nu^b \end{aligned}$$

It obeys the **Yang-Mills equation of motion**

$$\partial_\mu F^{a\mu\nu} + g_s f^{abc} A_\mu^b F^{c\mu\nu} = g_s \bar{\psi}_q \gamma^\nu T^a \psi_q$$

compare to Maxwell eqs.
in Lorenz gauge:
 $\partial_\mu \partial^\mu A^\nu = j^\nu$

The corresponding Lagrangian is given by

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{gluon}} = -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu}^a F^{a\mu\nu}$$

which is **invariant** under SU(3) transformations due to gauge freedom of A_μ^a

QCD as a non-abelian gauge theory

Quark Lagrangian:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{quark}} = \bar{\psi}_{qi} i\gamma^\mu (D_\mu)_j^i \psi_q^j - m_q \bar{\psi}_{qi} \psi_q^i$$

Gluon Lagrangian:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{gluon}} = -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu}^a F^{a\mu\nu} \quad \text{with} \quad F_{\mu\nu}^c = \partial_\mu A_\nu^c - \partial_\nu A_\mu^c - g_s f^{abc} A_\mu^a A_\nu^b$$

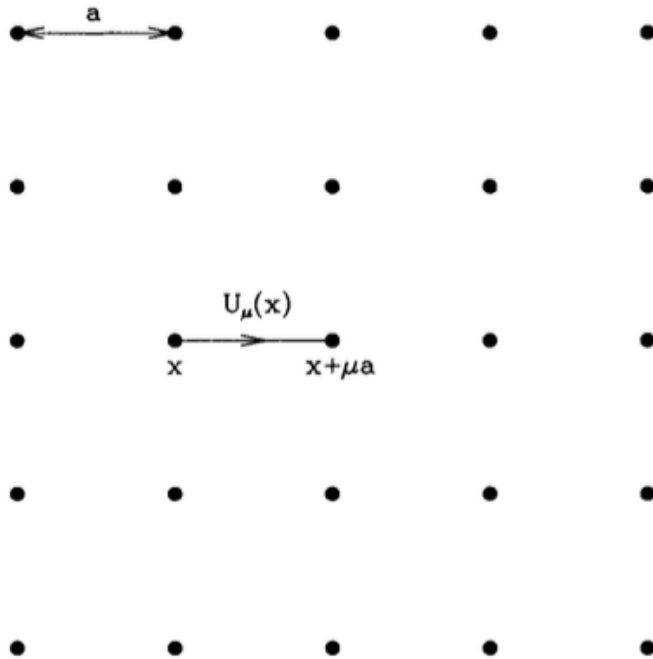
Final **QCD Lagrangian**:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}} = -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu}^a F^{a\mu\nu} + \bar{\psi}_{qi} \left(i\gamma^\mu (D_\mu)_j^i - \delta_j^i m_q \right) \psi_q^j$$

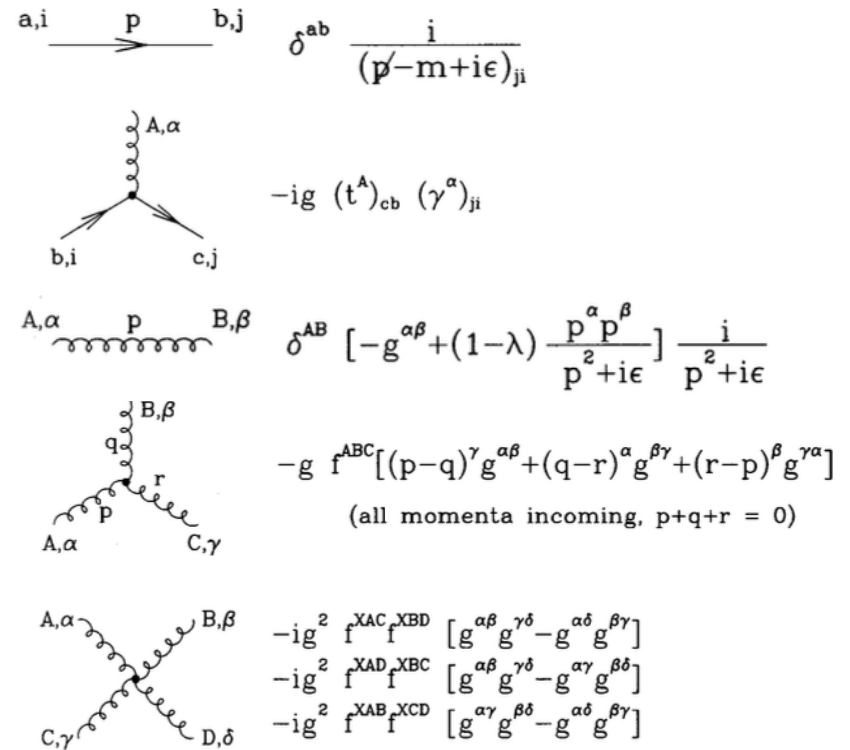
Note: quantisation requires gauge-fixing terms and so-called ghost fields (ignored for now).

Two approaches to solve equations of motions as governed by QCD Lagrangian

Lattice QCD



Perturbative QCD

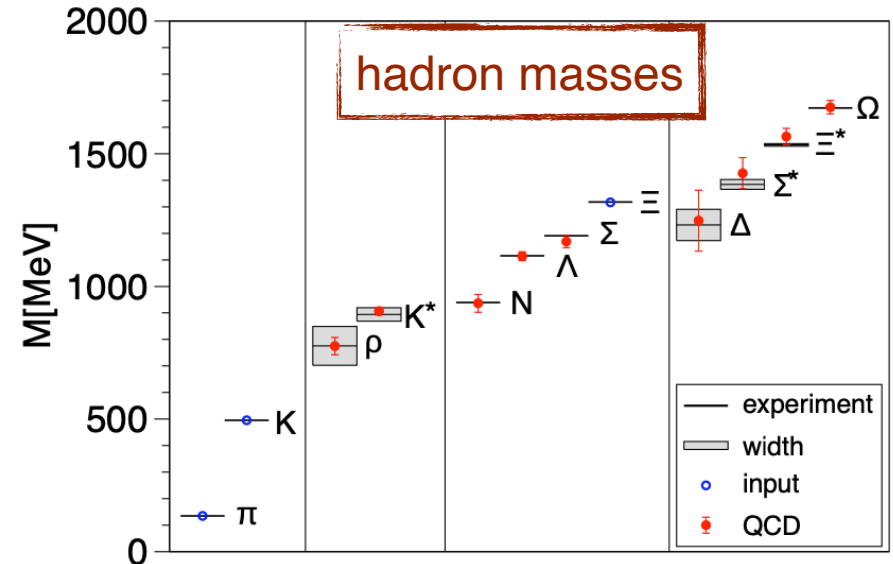
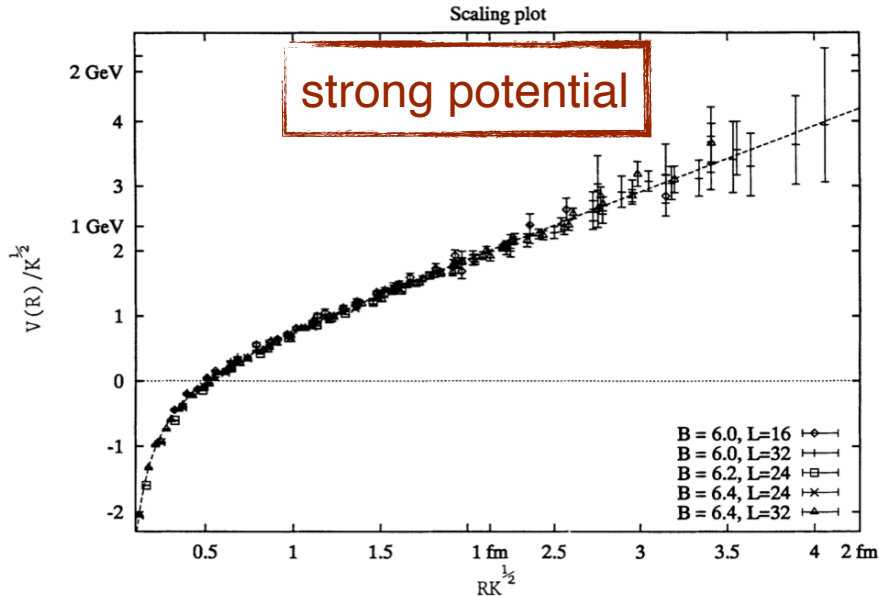
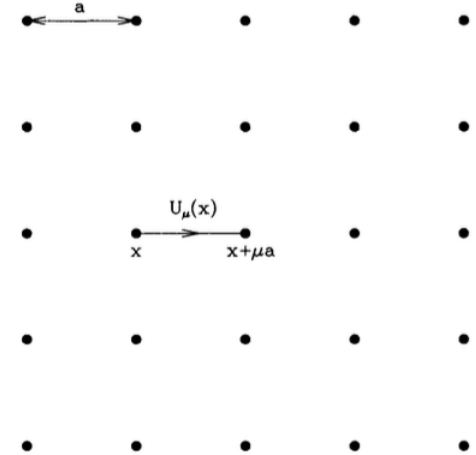


Idea: [\[Wilson PRD 10 \(1974\) 2445\]](#)

- quantise QCD on a discrete lattice in euclidean space time
- finite lattice spacing a acts as infrared regulator
- solve path integrals numerically

→ suitable to calculate non-perturbative hadron properties

→ not suitable for large-scale collider processes



[\[Bali, Schilling PRD 46 \(1992\) 2636-2646\]](#)

[\[BMW collaboration 0906.3599\]](#)

Idea:

at high scales $\alpha_s \approx 0.1 \Rightarrow$ series expansion in powers of the strong coupling α_s

$$d\sigma \sim C_0 + \alpha_s C_1 + \underbrace{\alpha_s^2 C_2}_{\text{small}} + \underbrace{\alpha_s^3 C_3}_{\text{smaller}} + \underbrace{\dots}_{\text{negligible?}}$$

\rightarrow improve prediction by successively correcting **leading-order** approximation
(leading order, next-to-leading order, next-to-next-to-leading order, ...)

Example:

$$\frac{1}{7} = \frac{1}{10} \left(1 - \frac{3}{10} \right)^{-1} \approx \frac{1}{10} \left(1 + 0.3 + 0.09 + 0.027 + \dots \right)$$

Exact: 0.142857143

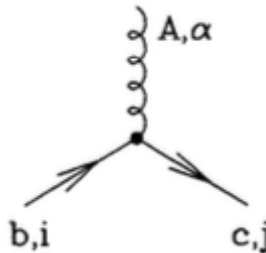
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Need: set of **universal rules** to calculate cross sections **order by order**

Feynman rules of QCD — vertices

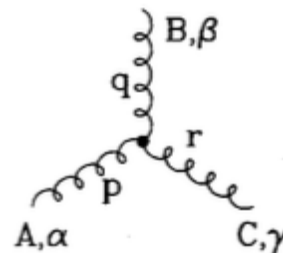
Three types of vertices in QCD

- quark-gluon vertex (\sim fermion-photon vertex in QED)



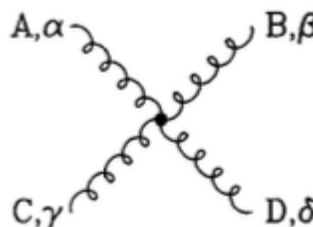
$$-ig (t^A)_{cb} (\gamma^A)_{ji}$$

- pure gluon vertices (result of non-abelian structure of SU(3))



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

(all momenta incoming, $p+q+r = 0$)



$$-ig^2 f^{XAC} f^{XBD} [g^{\alpha\beta} g^{\gamma\delta} - g^{\alpha\delta} g^{\beta\gamma}]$$

$$-ig^2 f^{XAD} f^{XBC} [g^{\alpha\beta} g^{\gamma\delta} - g^{\alpha\gamma} g^{\beta\delta}]$$

$$-ig^2 f^{XAB} f^{XCD} [g^{\alpha\gamma} g^{\beta\delta} - g^{\alpha\delta} g^{\beta\gamma}]$$

Propagators $\hat{=}$ Green's functions of inhomogeneous equations of motion

- gluon propagator (vector propagator)

$$\begin{array}{c} A, \alpha \quad p \quad B, \beta \\ \text{-----} \\ \text{~~~~~} \end{array} = \delta^{AB} \frac{-g^{\alpha\beta} + (1 - \lambda) \frac{p^\alpha p^\beta}{p^2 + i\epsilon}}{p^2 + i\epsilon} \stackrel{\lambda=1}{=} \delta^{AB} \frac{-g^{\alpha\beta}}{p^2 + i\epsilon}$$

- quark propagator (spinor propagator)

$$\begin{array}{c} a, i \quad p \quad b, j \\ \text{-----} \\ \text{-----} \end{array} = \delta_b^a \frac{i\not{p} + m}{p^2 - m^2 + i\epsilon}$$

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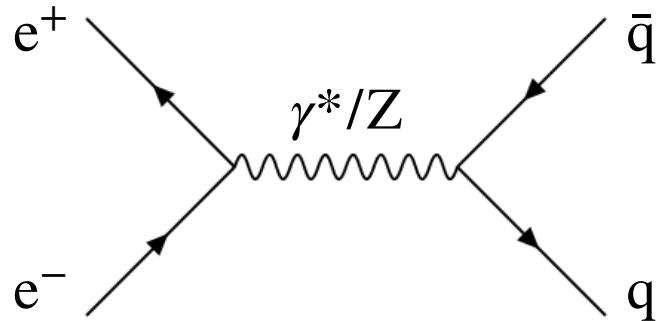
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Quark production at lepton colliders

Simplest process involving quarks: $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma^*/Z \rightarrow q\bar{q}$
 (does not actually involve any QCD!)



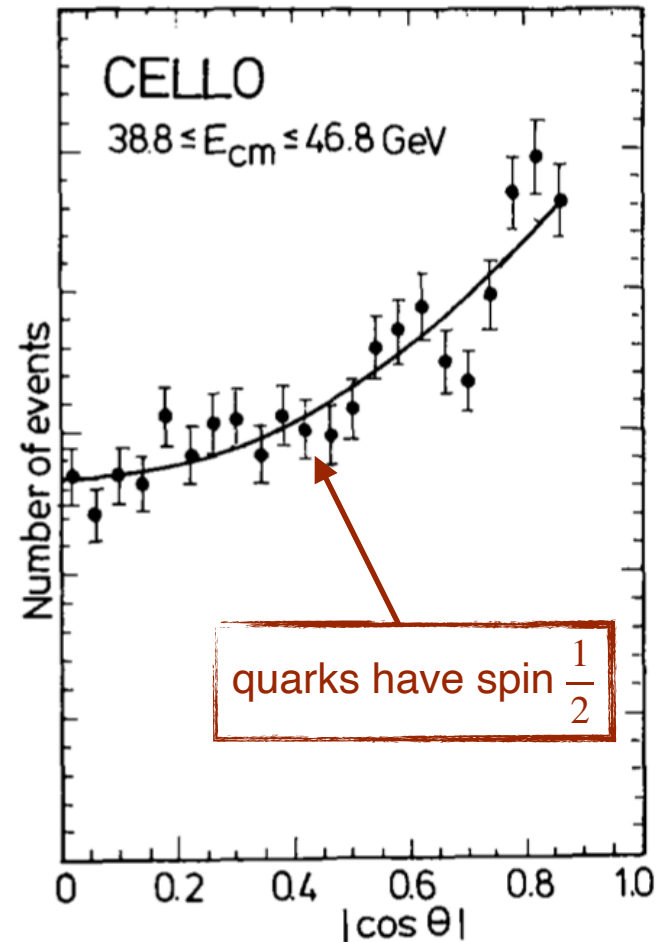
Differential cross section:

$$\frac{d\sigma_{e^+e^- \rightarrow q\bar{q}}}{d\Omega} = \frac{\alpha^2}{4s} (1 + \cos^2 \theta) N_C \sum_q Q_q^2$$

Inclusive cross section via integration over

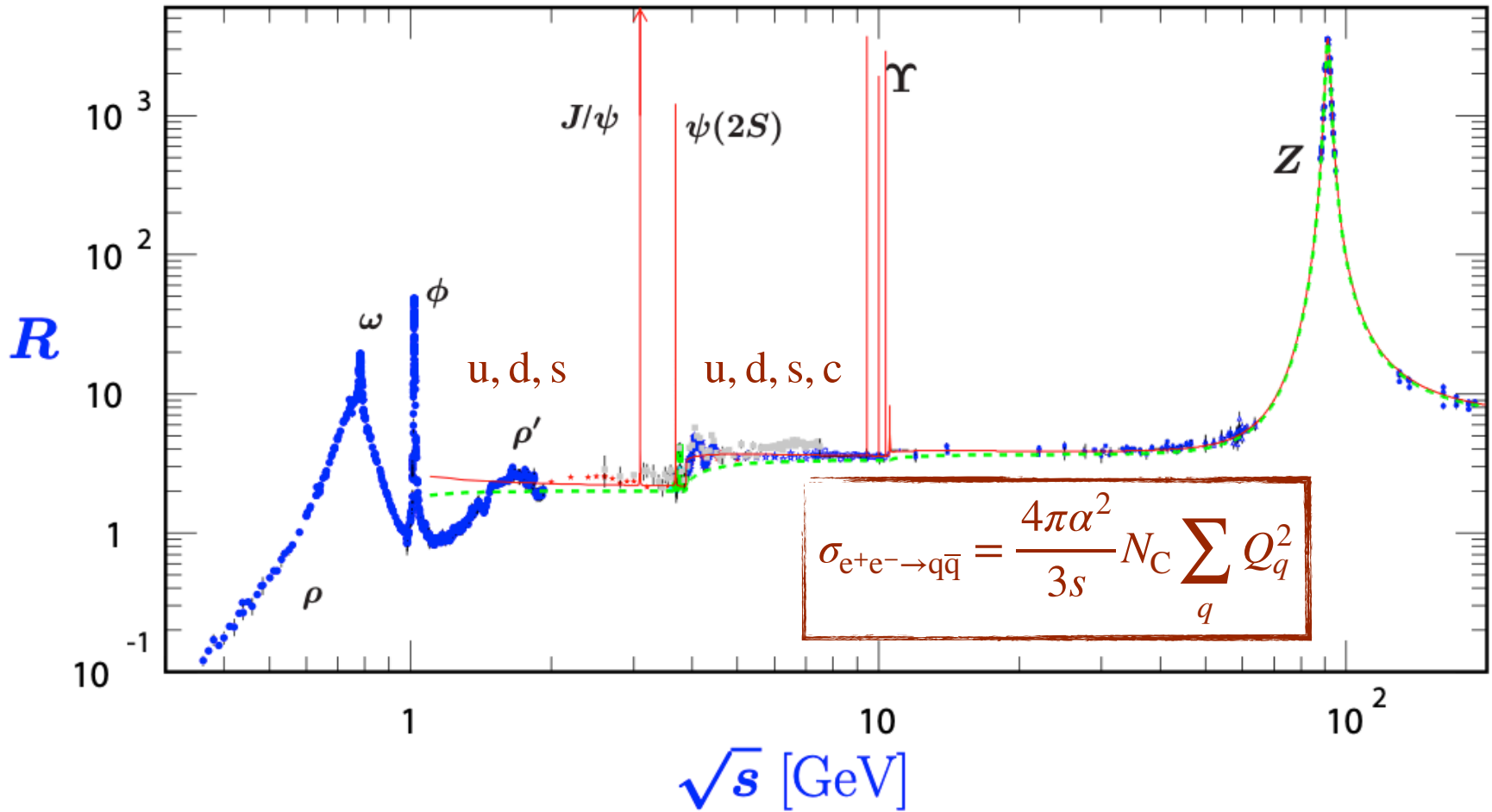
solid angle $\int d\Omega = \int_{-1}^1 d\cos\theta \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi$:

$$\sigma_{e^+e^- \rightarrow q\bar{q}} = \frac{4\pi\alpha^2}{3s} N_C \sum_q Q_q^2$$



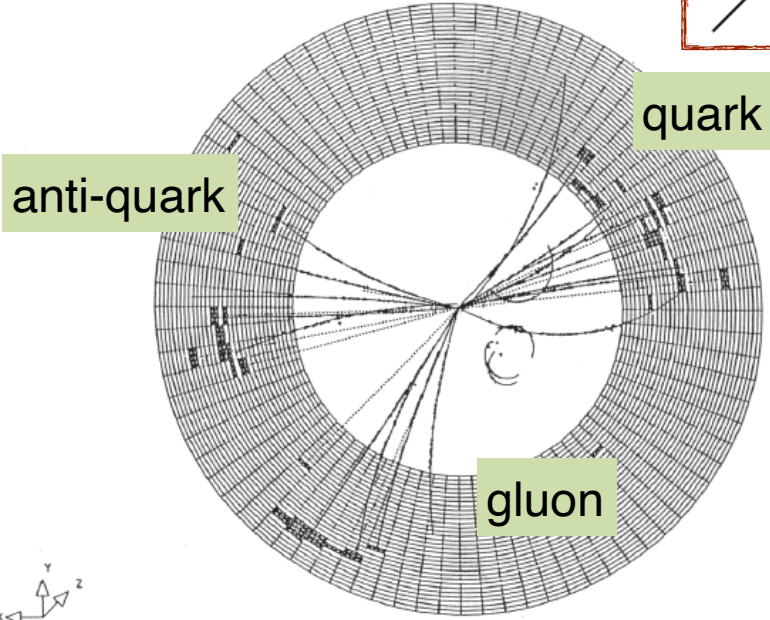
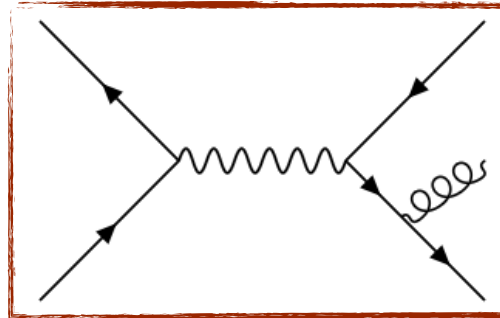
[CELLO collaboration PLB183 (1987) 400]

The R -ratio

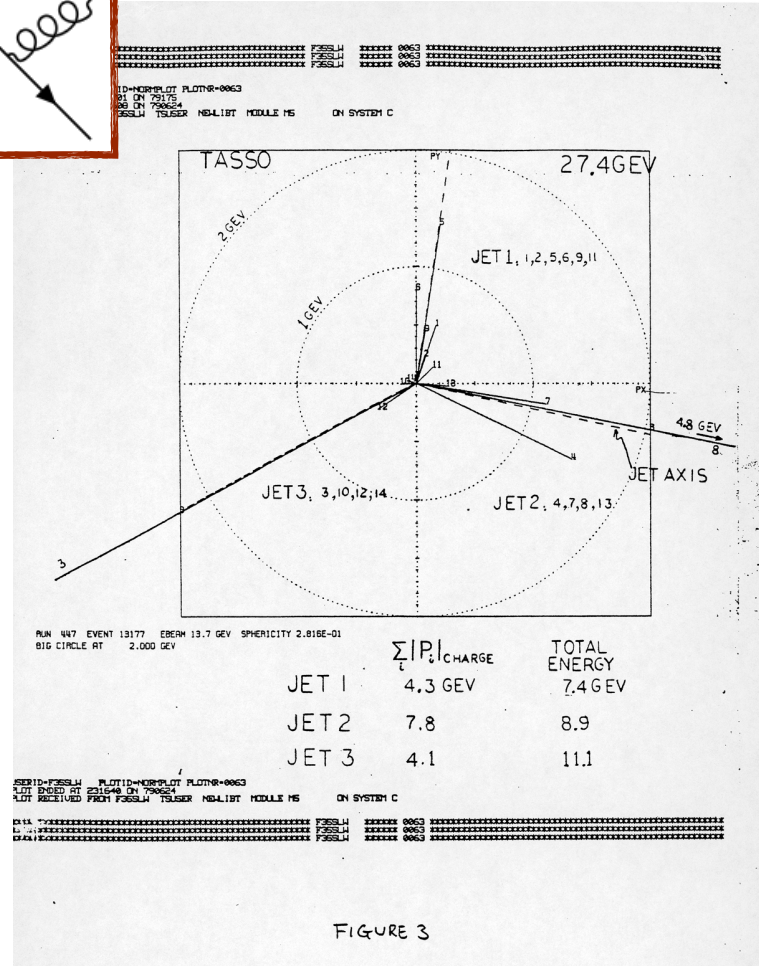


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Existence of the gluon



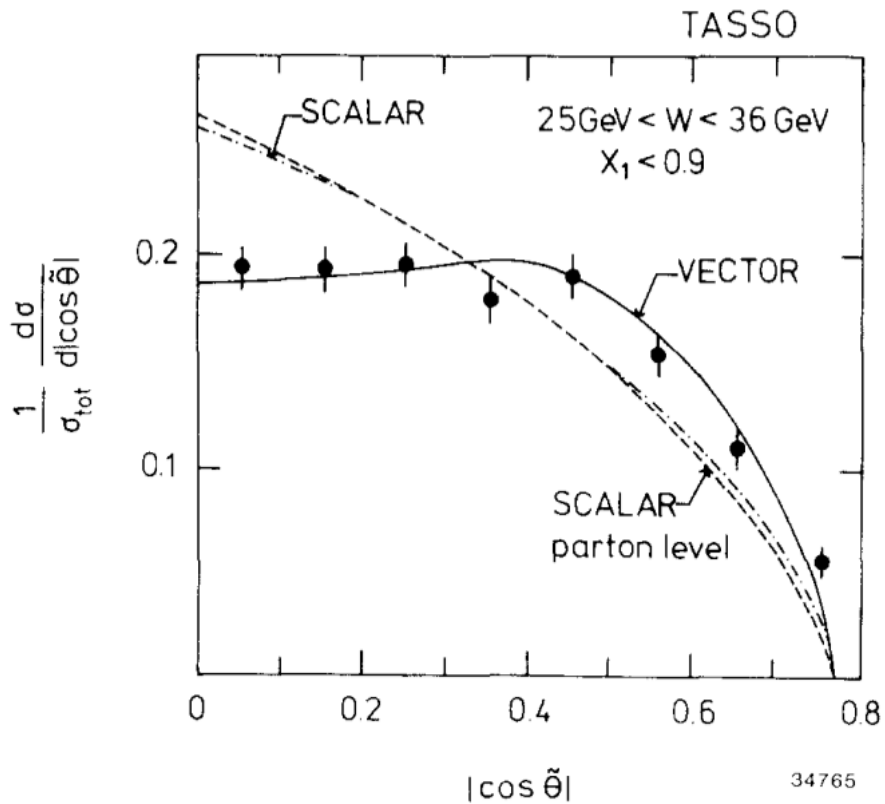
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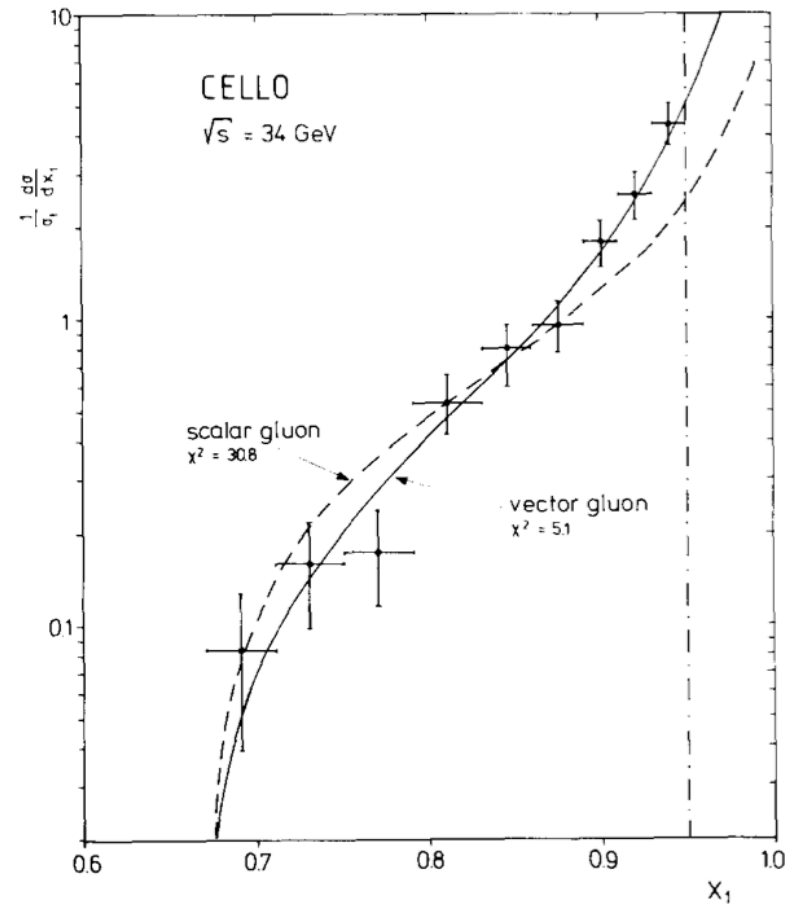
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Spin of the gluon

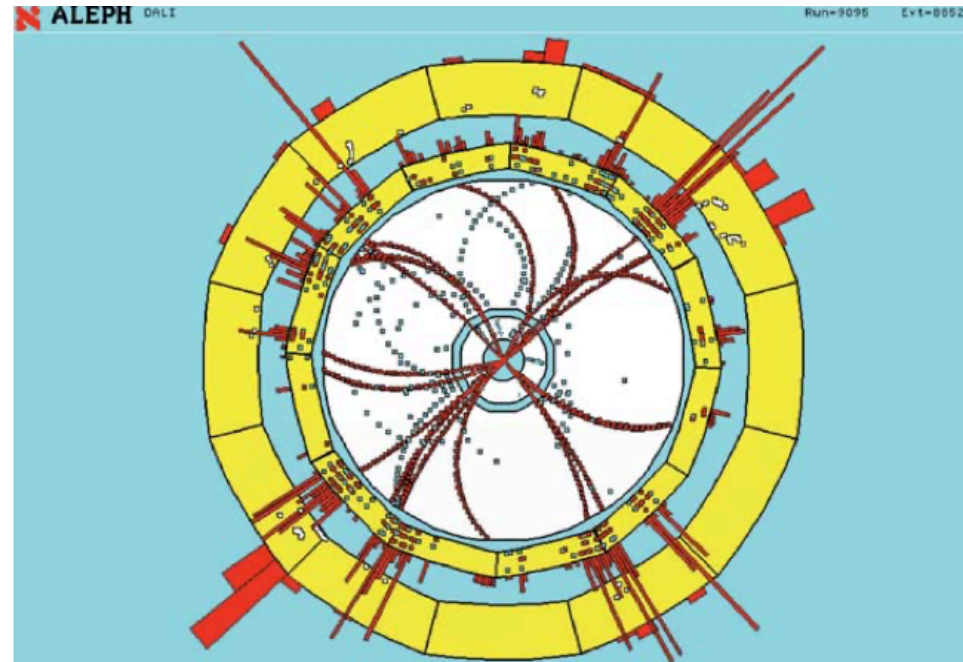
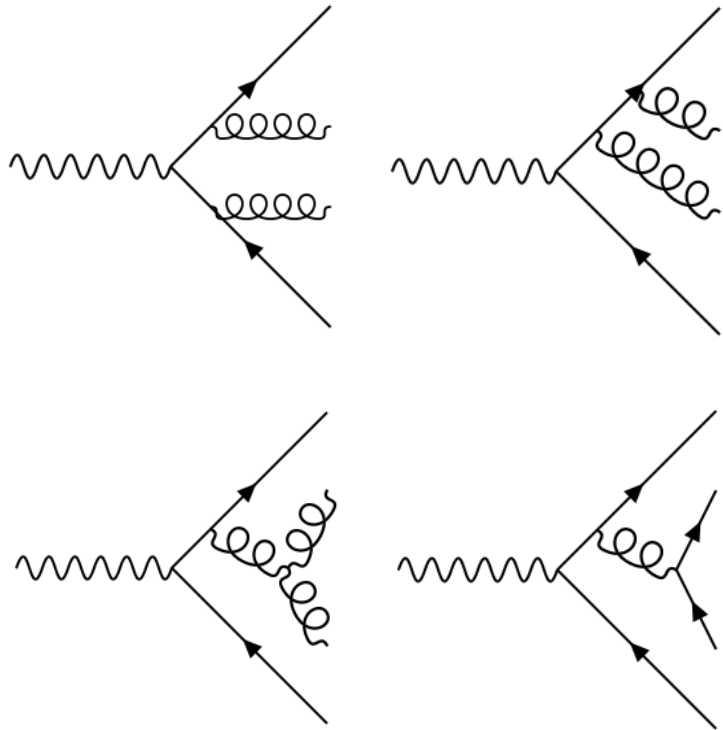


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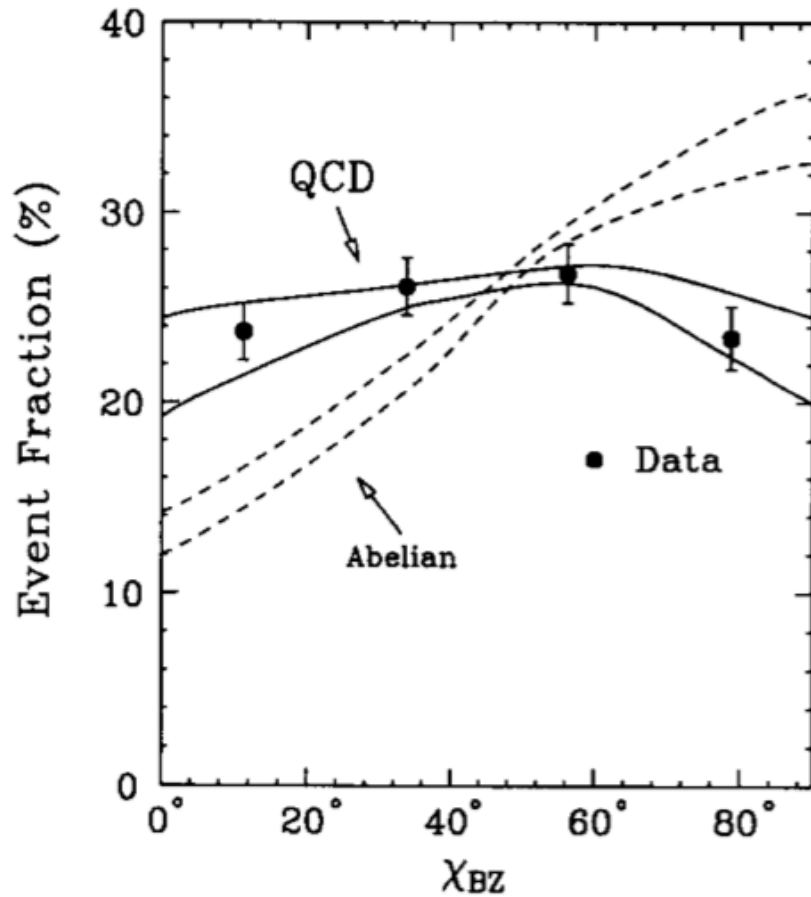
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Gluon self-coupling

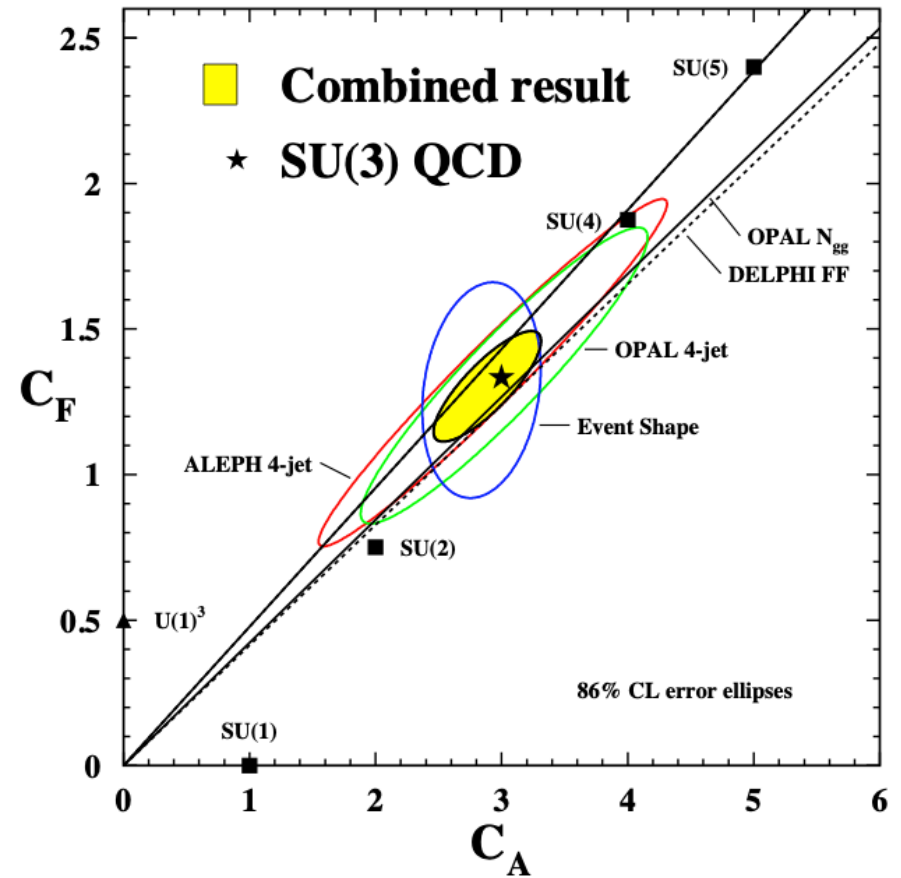


[\[Bethke PR 403-404 \(2004\) 203\]](#)

Non-abelian structure and Casimirs

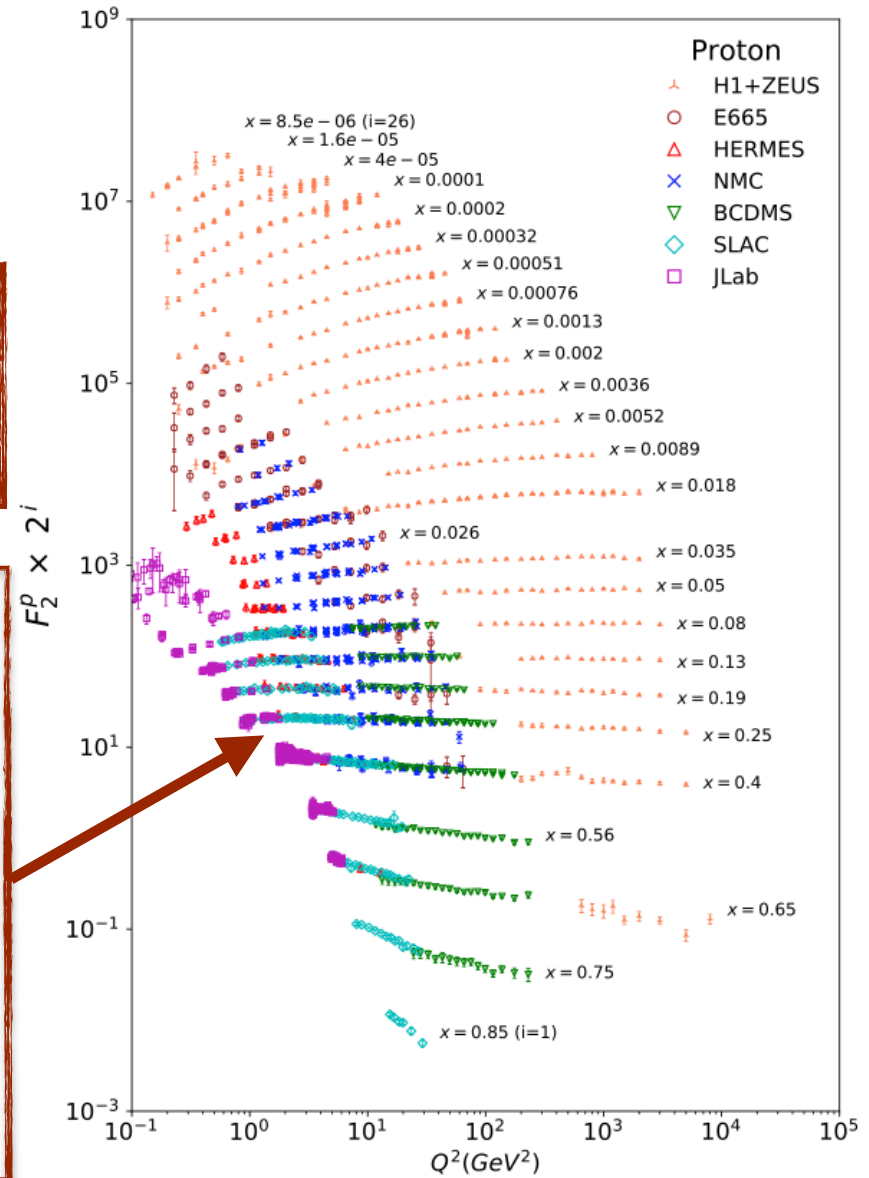
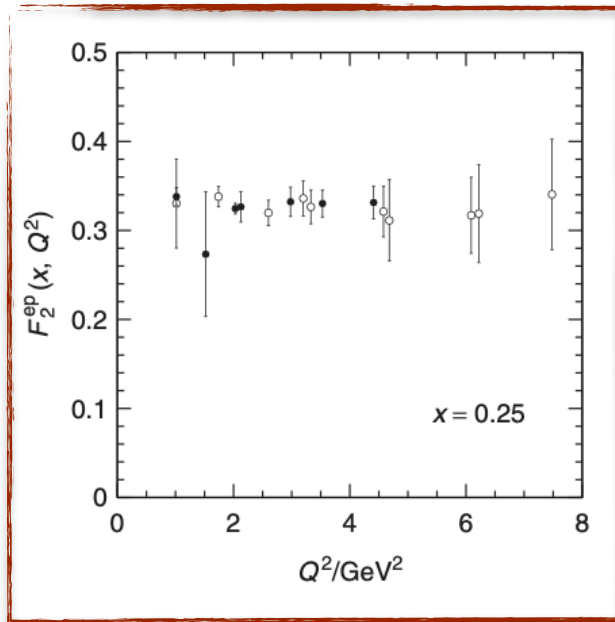


[L3 Collaboration PLB 248 (1990) 227]



[Kluth NPB Suppl. 133 (2004) 36]

Independence of structure functions $F_1(Q^2, x)$ and $F_2(Q^2, x)$ on Q^2 only approximately true at medium x and Q^2 .



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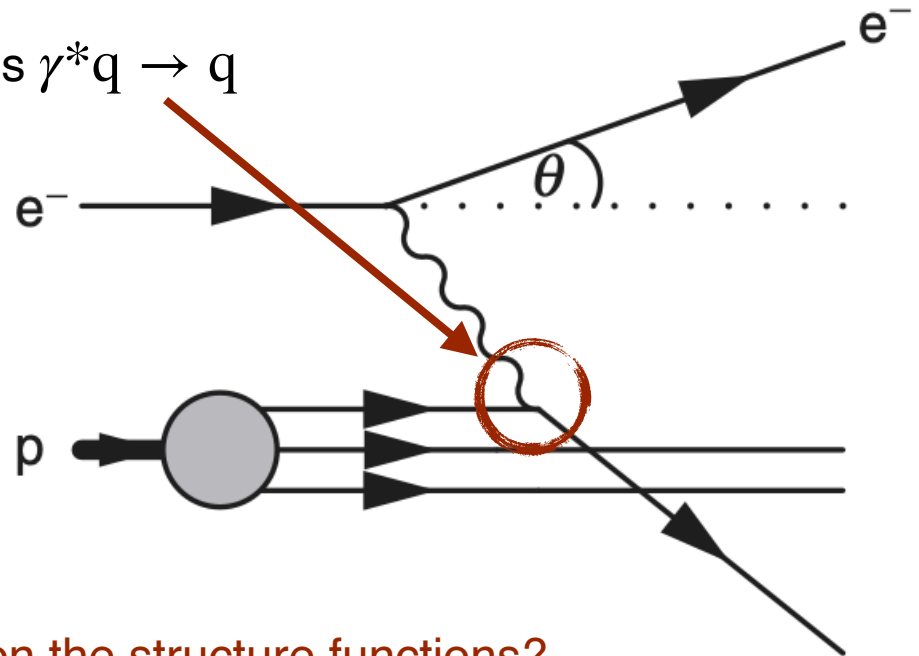
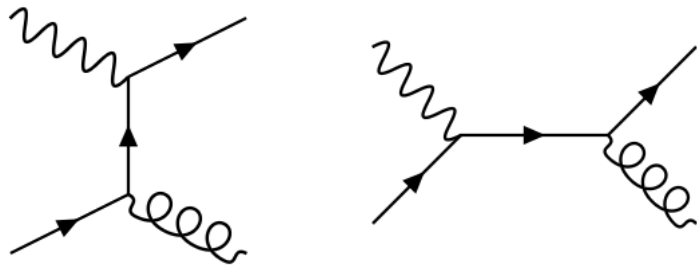
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QCD dynamics in the proton

In our simple DIS model we neglected QCD dynamics in the proton!

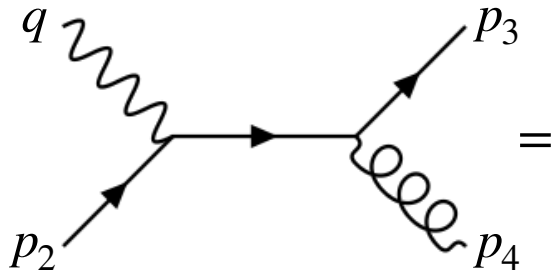
At first order in QCD, the DIS sub-process $\gamma^*q \rightarrow q$ receives a correction from $\gamma^*q \rightarrow qg$



What is the effect of the gluon emission on the structure functions?

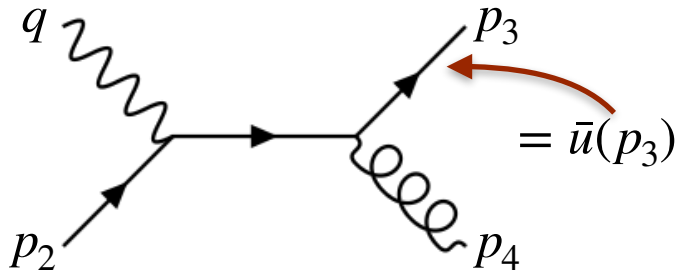
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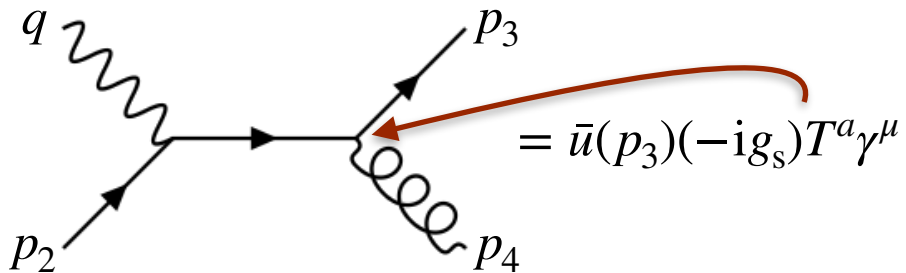
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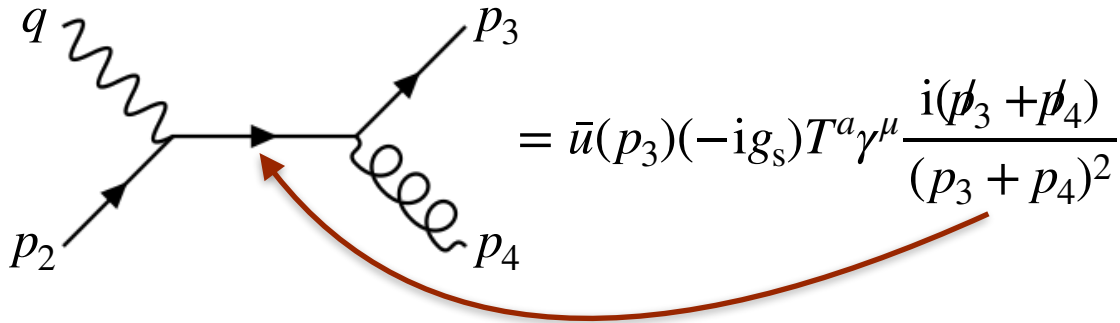
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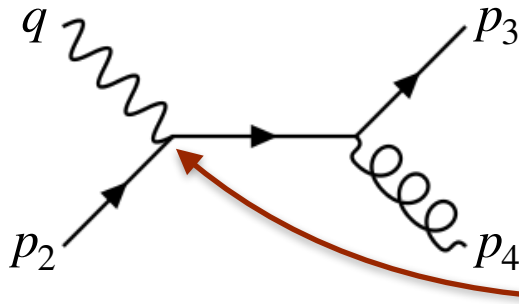
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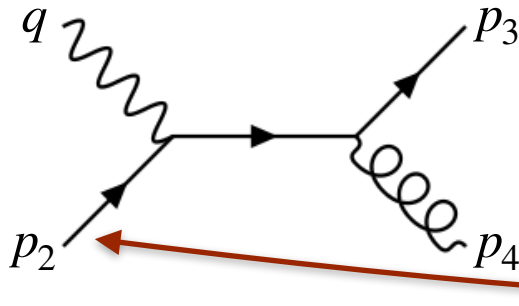
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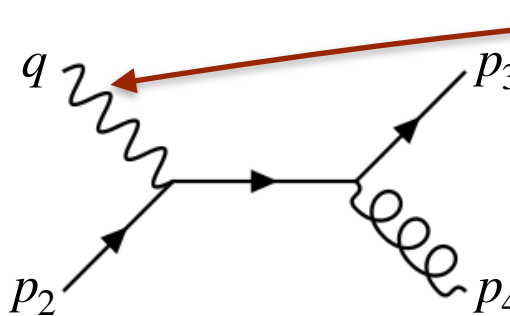
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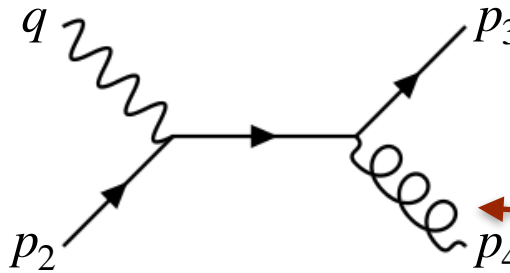
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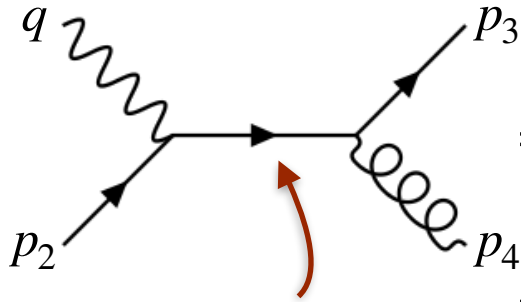
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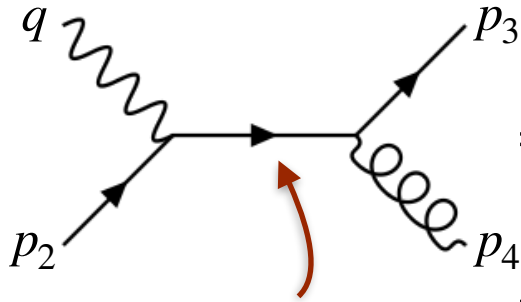
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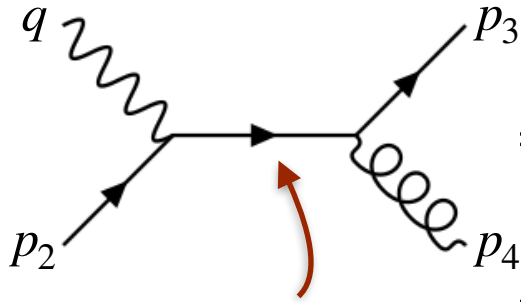
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for on-shell p

$$\sum_\lambda u_\lambda(p)\bar{u}_\lambda(p) = \not{p}$$

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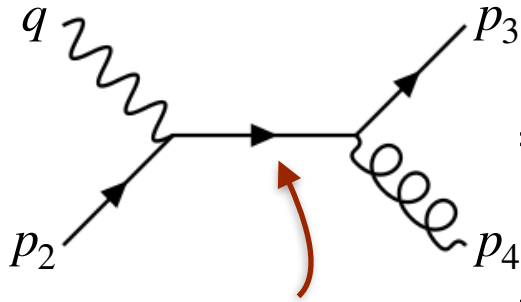
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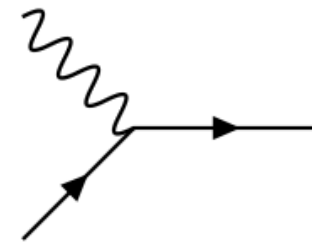
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collinear
emissions factorise!

$$= g_s T^a \frac{1}{p_{34}^2} \sum_\lambda [\bar{u}(p_3)\epsilon^*(p_4)u_\lambda(p_{34})] \times$$




Scaling violations

In the **collinear limit**, the squared amplitude becomes

$$|\mathcal{M}_{\gamma^*q \rightarrow qg}|^2 \sim g_s^2 \frac{1}{P_{34}^2} P_{qg}(z) |\mathcal{M}_{\gamma^*q \rightarrow q}|^2, \quad P_{qg}(z) = C_F \frac{1+z^2}{1-z}$$

The effect of the gluon emission on the cross section is given by

$$\sigma_{\gamma^*q \rightarrow qg} \sim \sigma_{\gamma^*q \rightarrow q} g_s^2 \frac{1}{8\pi^2} \int \frac{ds_{34}}{s_{34}} P_{qg}(z) = \sigma_{\gamma^*q \rightarrow q} \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} P_{qg}(z) \log \frac{Q^2}{\mu^2}$$


reference scale

We can now write the structure functions as

$$2F_1(x, Q^2) = \sum_i Q_i^2 \int_x^1 \frac{dy}{y} f_i(y) \left(\delta\left(1 - \frac{x}{y}\right) + \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} P_{qg}\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) \log \frac{Q^2}{\mu^2} \right)$$

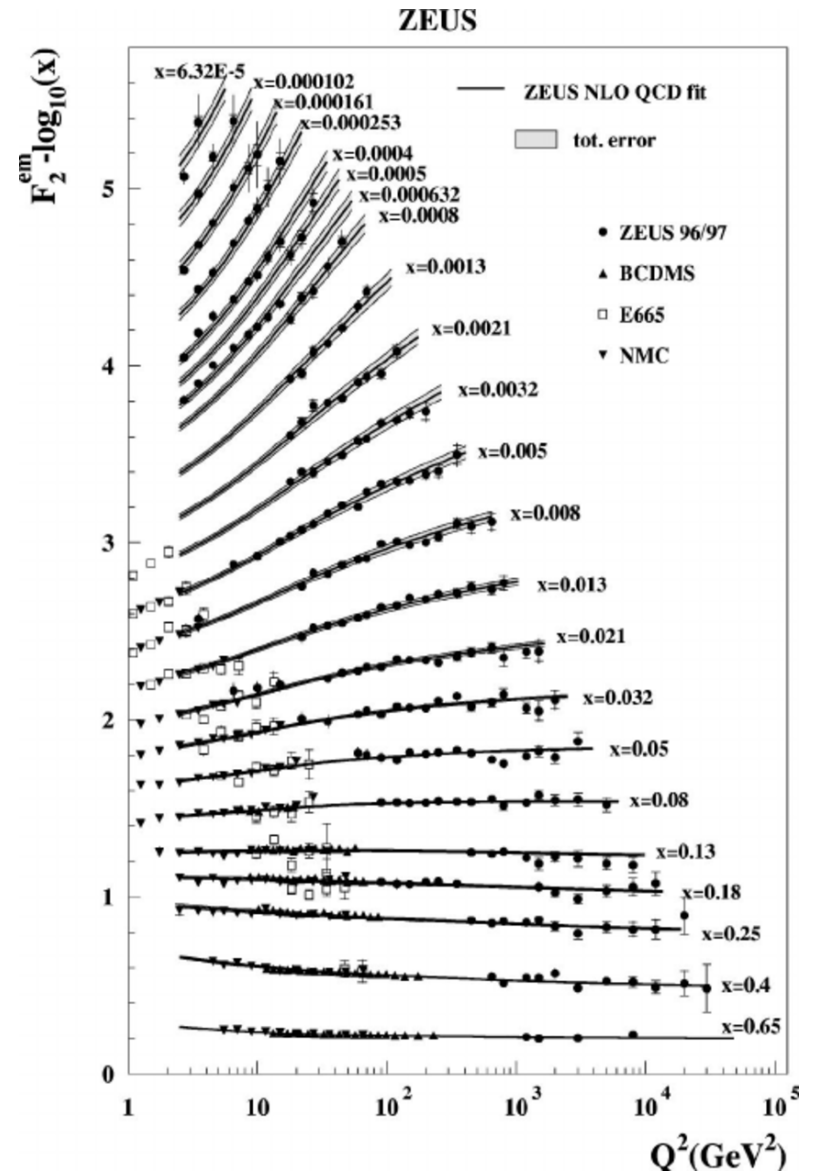
parton distribution function

no scaling

logarithmic scaling

Scaling violations

logarithmic scaling ✓



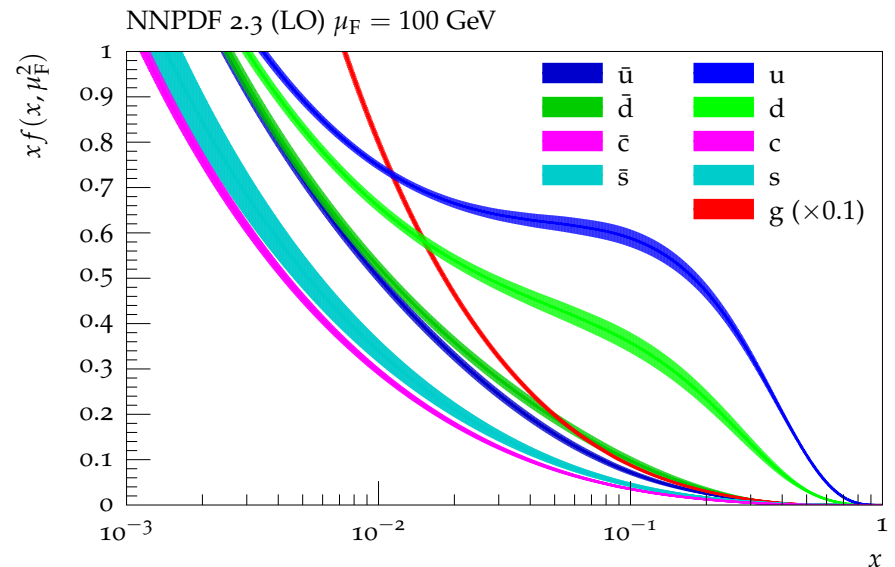
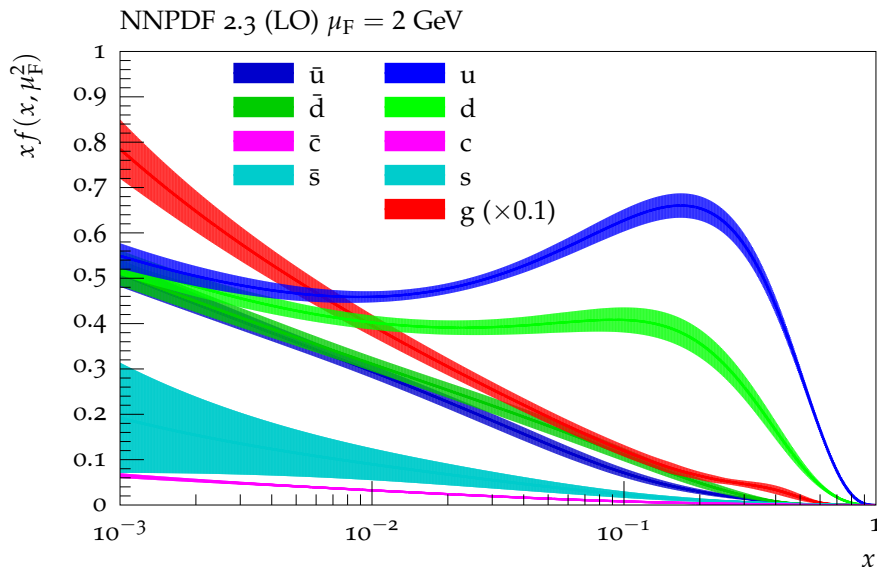
Parton distribution functions

Parton distribution functions (PDFs) $f_a(x_a, Q^2)$ parametrise the probability to find a parton a with energy fraction x_a at scale Q^2 in the proton.

PDFs are intrinsically **non-perturbative** and have to be **measured** at some scale Q^2 .

“Running” of PDFs with scale Q^2 described by **collinear evolution**.

see previous slides



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Tomorrow we'll see how we can utilise this to simulate collider events...