

# A bit of history.....

## Momentum sum rule

fraction of p

$$\sum_q \int_0^1 x (q(x) + \bar{q}(x)) dx \simeq 0.5 \quad (\text{not } 1)$$

early SLAC<sup>+2</sup> expts.  
(~1970)

First (indirect) evidence for gluon

$$\int_0^1 x g(x) dx \simeq 0.5$$

Quarks not free. Interact. Need to improve parton model. How? Need the theory of q + g interactions.

# Evidence for SU(3) of colour

- Originally need for hadron spectroscopy (1964 on)

$$\begin{aligned}
 q &= \text{col. triplet} \\
 \text{hadron} &= \text{col. singlet} \\
 q\bar{q} &= 3 \otimes \bar{3} = 1 \oplus 8 \\
 qqq &= 3 \otimes 3 \otimes 3 = 1 \oplus 8 \oplus \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

$\uparrow$   
 $\epsilon_{abc} q_a q_b q_c$

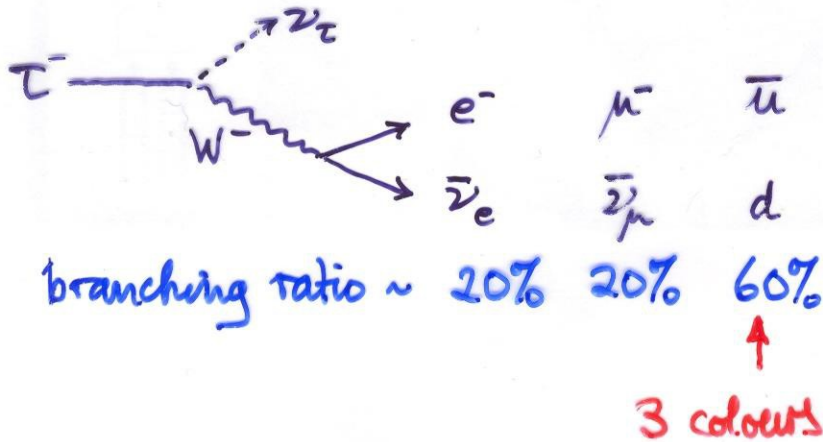
$$\Delta^{++} (j_z = \frac{3}{2}) = \underbrace{u\uparrow u\uparrow u\uparrow}_{\substack{\psi_{\text{space}} \psi_{\text{spin}} \psi_{\text{flavour}}}}$$

$\uparrow$   
 fermion

Antisym = Sym

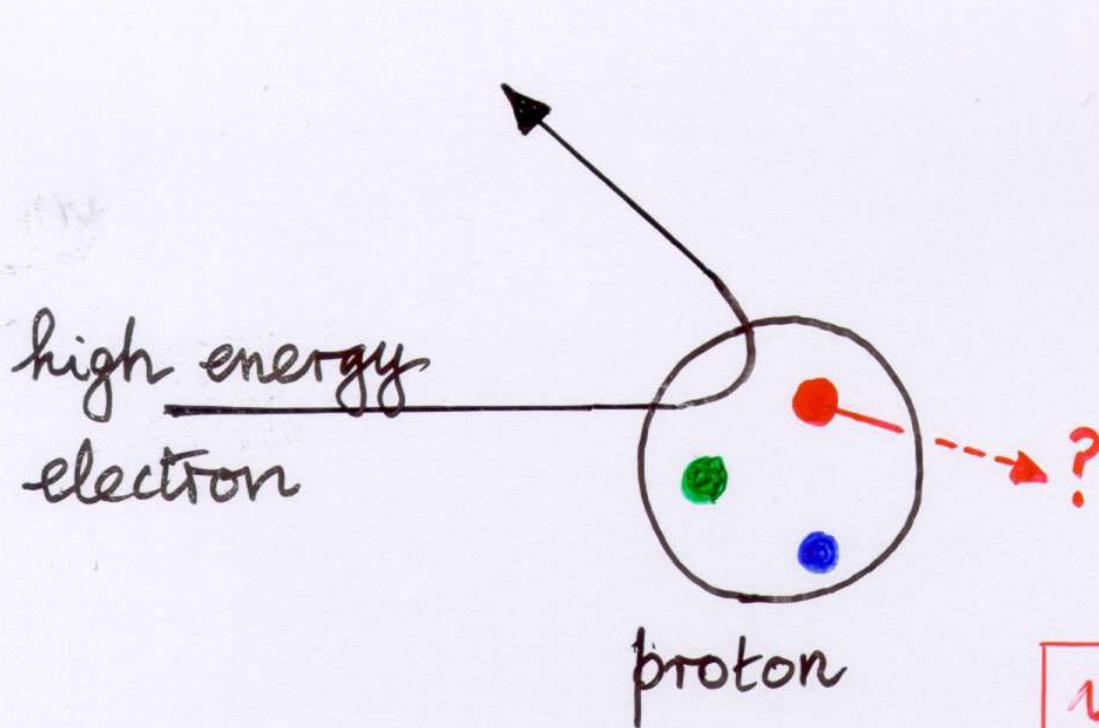
$\times \psi_{\text{colour singlet}}$   
 $\times$  Antisym

- Now "see" colour everywhere e.g.  $\tau$  decay



$SU(3)_c$  gauge theory  
 Explain confinement?

# ~ BIG PUZZLE ~



Quark acts  
as if free

Puzzle "explained" by QCD  
non-abelian gauge theory

yet not seen,  
(confined in  
colourless hadron)

$$\psi \rightarrow \psi e^{i\theta}$$

GLOBAL

Probability  $|\psi|^2$  unchanged  
physics " "

Symmetry under ~~phase~~ transformation  
gauge


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$$\psi \rightarrow \psi e^{i\theta(x)}$$

LOCAL



need photon to reconcile phase differences

  
massless

→ QED

Empirical  
Laws

Maxwell's  
equations

→ QED

→ local gauge  
Symmetry

Coulomb's law  
Biot-Savart law  
Faraday's law  
Ampere's law

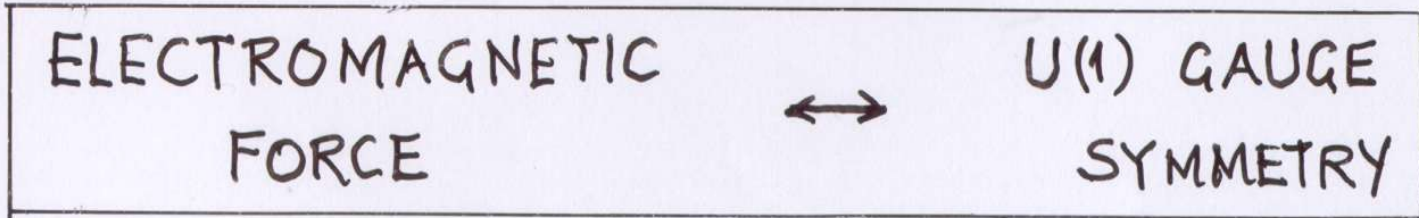
for  $\vec{E}, \vec{B}$

photon:  
massless  
Spin 1

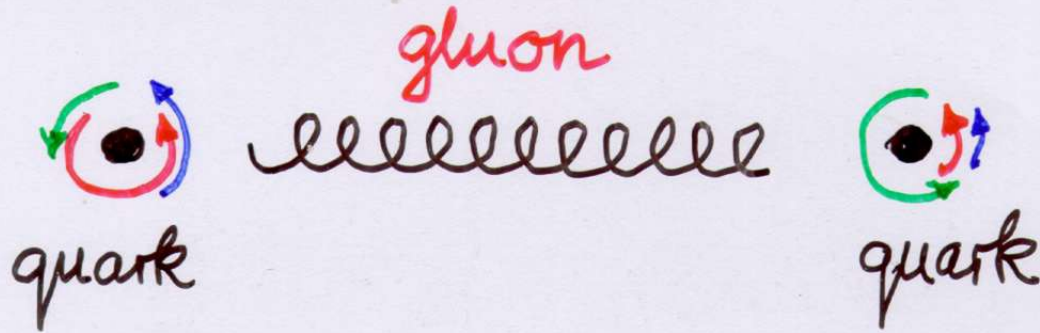
$U(1)$



Impose gauge  
Symmetry on  
 $\psi_{\text{electron}}$



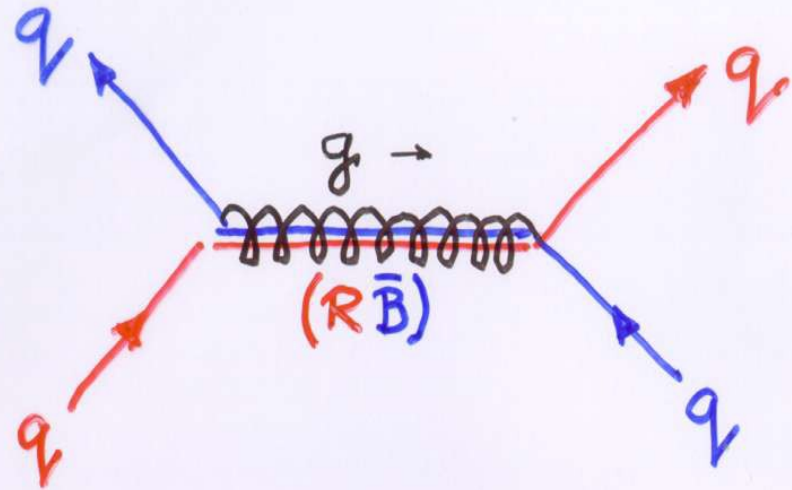
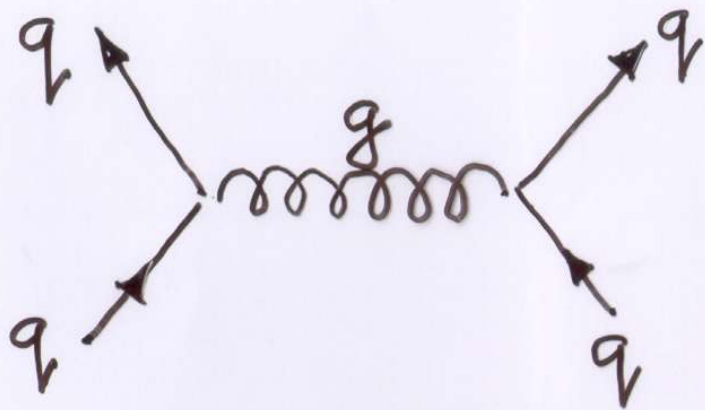
# Quarks have 3 colour charges



To impose gauge symmetry we need  
8 coloured gluons → QCD

massless

$SU(3)_{\text{colour}}$



8 possibilities: 8 coloured gluons  $R\bar{B}$ ,  $R\bar{G}$ , ...

$9^{\text{th}}$  is colourless (colour singlet) :  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} (R\bar{R} + B\bar{B} + G\bar{G})$

## Coupling constant renormalisation

Consider a dimensionless QCD observable  $R$

Naive prediction for energies  $Q \gg m_i$ :  $R \rightarrow \text{const. indep of } Q$

no scale in  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}}$



Not true in renormalizable field theory like QCD (or QED)

Scale enters when calculate  $R = \sum_n c_n \alpha_s^{n^2}$  since encounter (loop) Feynman diagrams which diverge logarithmically.

Need to renormalize (reparametrize) the theory

→ introduces a renormalization scale  $\mu$

→  $R(\log \frac{Q^2}{\mu^2}, \alpha_s(\mu^2))$



# Running coupling

## QED

$$\begin{array}{c}
 e \\
 \diagdown \quad \diagup \\
 \text{physical or} \\
 \text{effective charge}
 \end{array}
 =
 \begin{array}{c}
 e_0 \\
 \diagdown \quad \diagup \\
 \text{bare} \\
 \text{charge}
 \end{array}
 +
 \begin{array}{c}
 e_0 \text{ --- } \text{loop} \text{ --- } e_0 \\
 \text{bare charge screened}
 \end{array}
 + \dots$$

At large  $Q^2$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \alpha(Q^2) &= \alpha_0 \left\{ 1 + \frac{\alpha_0}{3\pi} \log \frac{Q^2}{M^2} + \left( \frac{\alpha_0}{3\pi} \log \frac{Q^2}{M^2} \right)^2 + \dots \right\} \\
 &= \frac{\alpha_0}{1 - \frac{\alpha_0}{3\pi} \log \frac{Q^2}{M^2}}
 \end{aligned}$$

Loops each give infinite contribution

$M$  = cut-off on loop momentum

To eliminate dep. on  $M$ , introduce renormalisation scale  $\mu$

$$\left. \begin{aligned}
 \frac{1}{\alpha(Q^2)} &= \frac{1}{\alpha_0} - \frac{1}{3\pi} \log \frac{Q^2}{M^2} \\
 \frac{1}{\alpha(\mu^2)} &= \frac{1}{\alpha_0} - \frac{1}{3\pi} \log \frac{\mu^2}{M^2}
 \end{aligned} \right\}$$

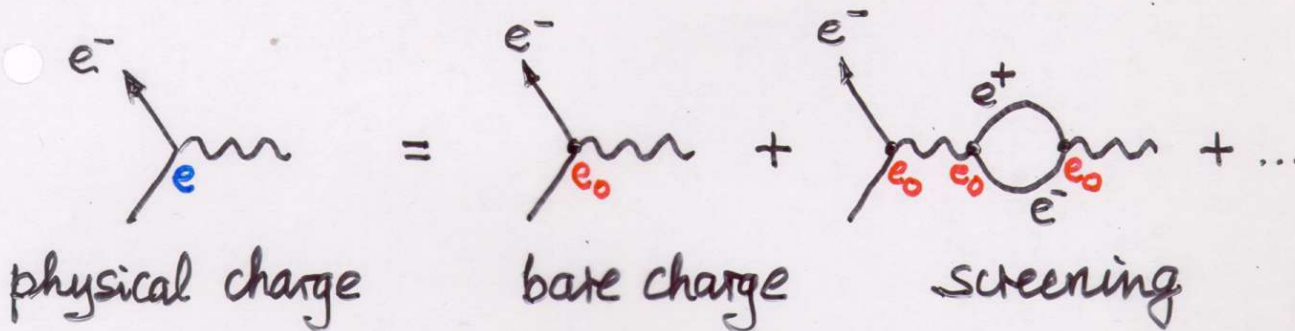
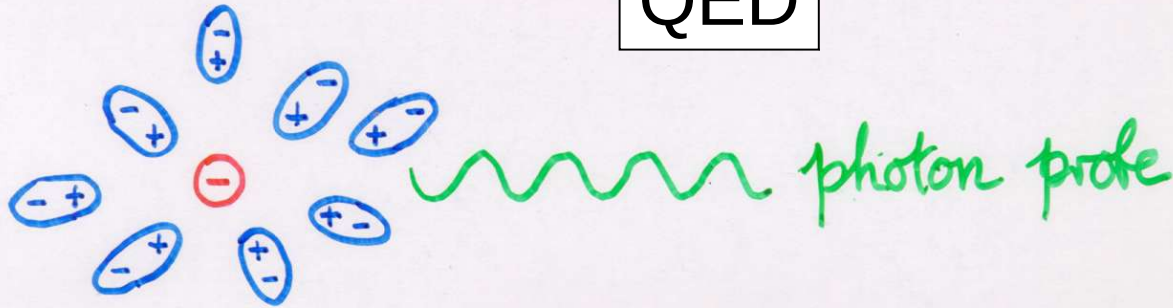
subtract

$$\alpha(Q^2) = \frac{\alpha(\mu^2)}{1 - \frac{\alpha(\mu^2)}{3\pi} \log \frac{Q^2}{\mu^2}}$$

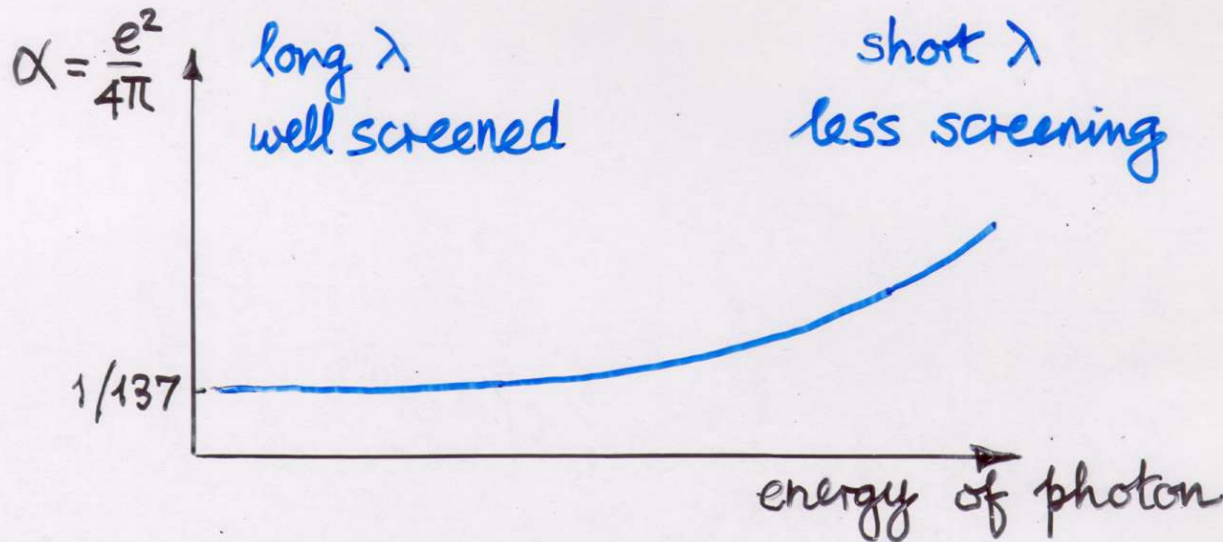
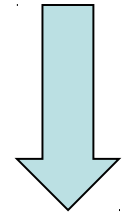
infinities removed at price of ren. scale  $\mu$

QED predicts running, expt. the absolute value.

# QED

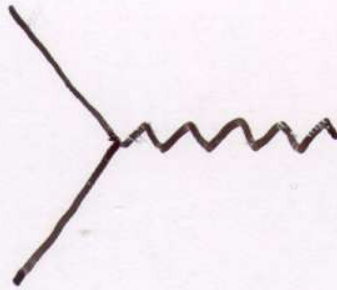


Vacuum is polarised

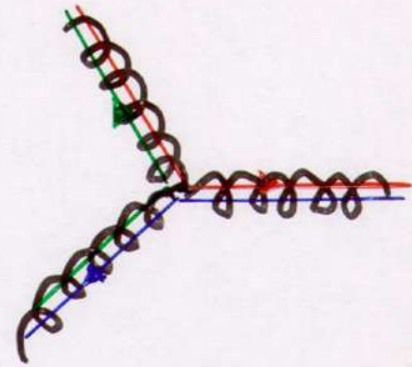
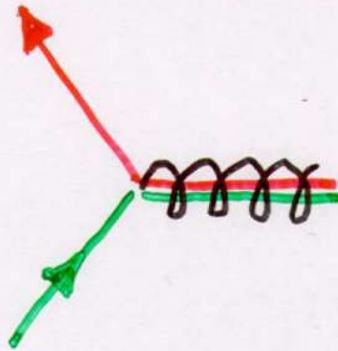


QED coupling runs


QED



QCD



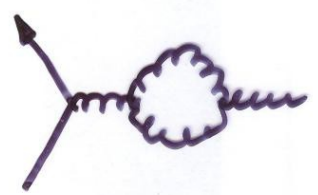
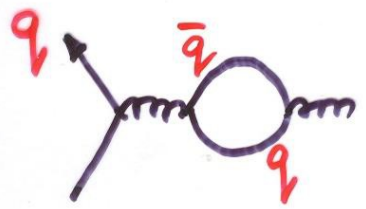
VERY  
INTERESTING

Note: UV divergences of  cancel via Ward identities (basic prop of gauge FT's)  
 Just as well - so renormalized charge for e, mu, ... remains equal

**QCD** Running of  $\alpha_s$

like  $-\frac{1}{3\pi}$  of QED

**(New)**



$$b_0 = -\frac{n_f}{6\pi}$$

screening

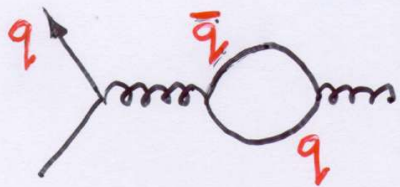
$$+ \frac{33}{12\pi}$$

antiscreening

$$\alpha_s(Q^2) = \frac{\alpha_s(\mu^2)}{1 + b_0 \alpha_s(\mu^2) \ln \frac{Q^2}{\mu^2}}$$

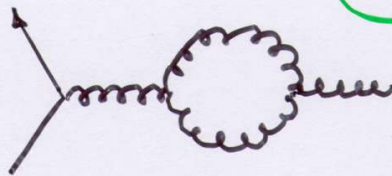
# Running of QCD coupling $\alpha_s$

~ QED



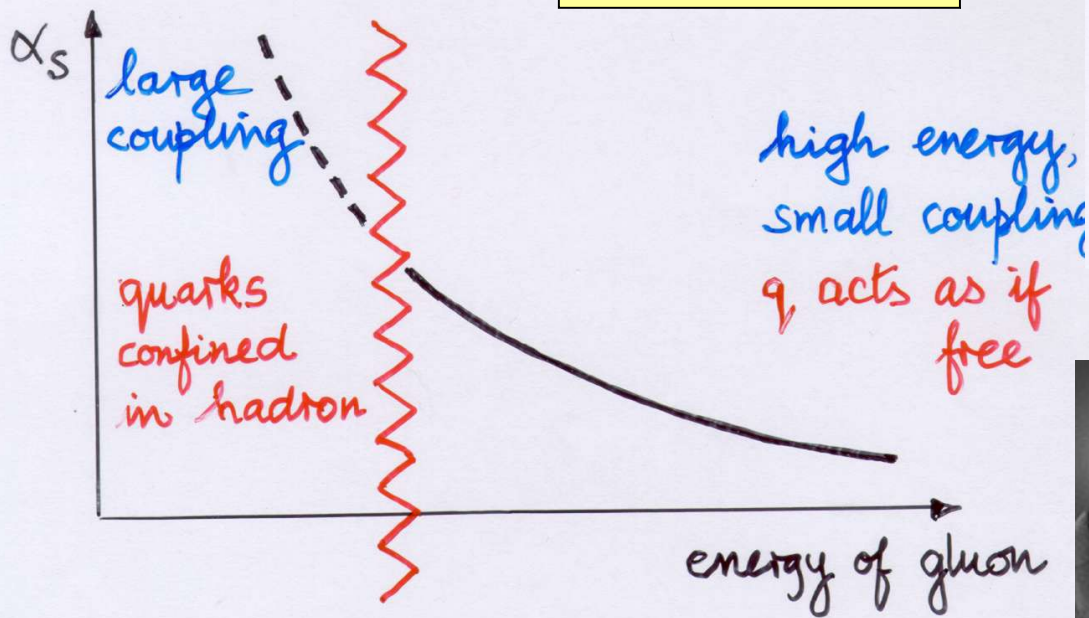
colour screening

NEW



colour antiscreening

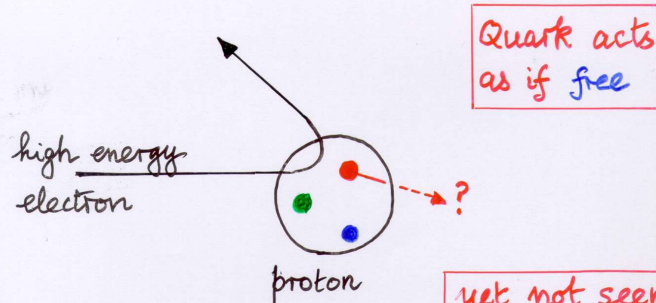
QCD -- 1973



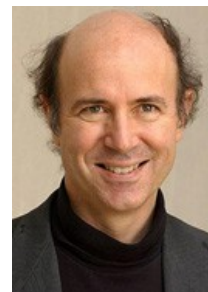
A 'dream' theory!



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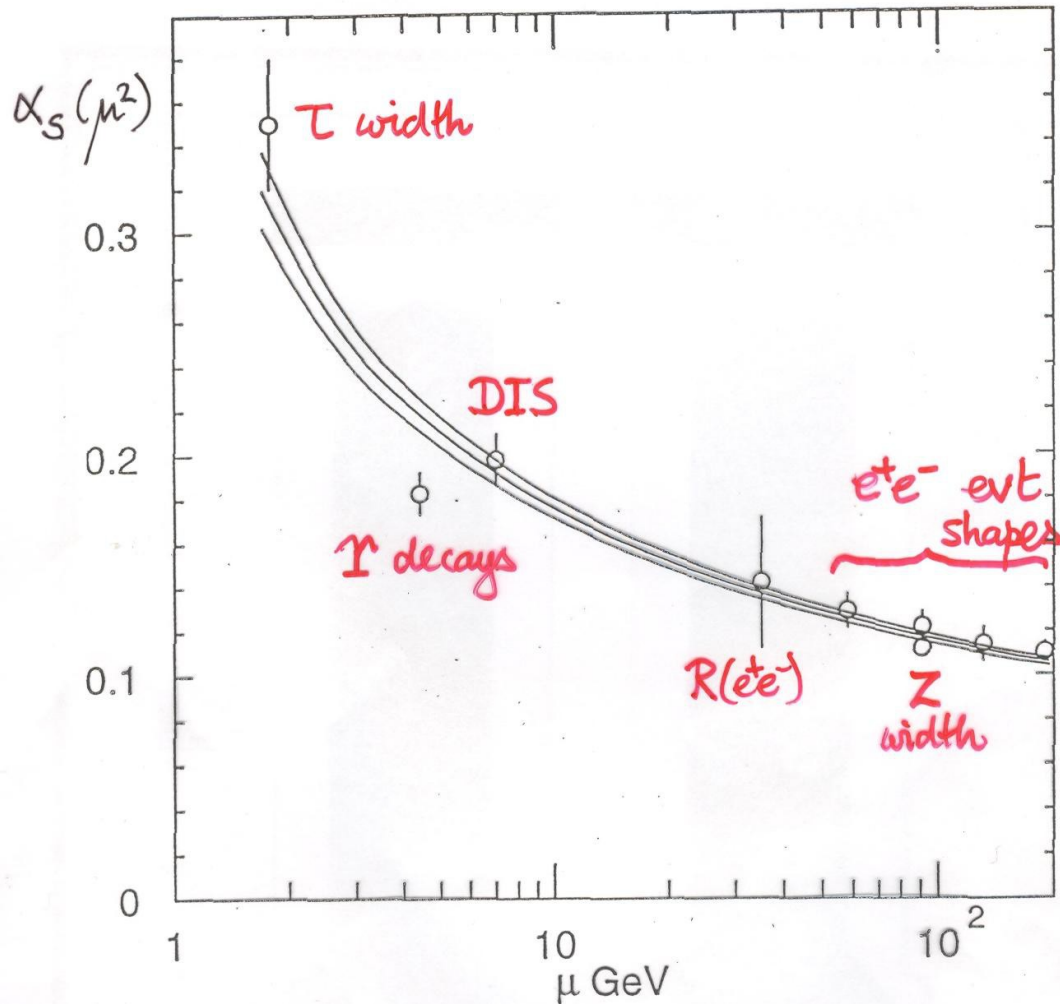


Gross Wilczek Politzer

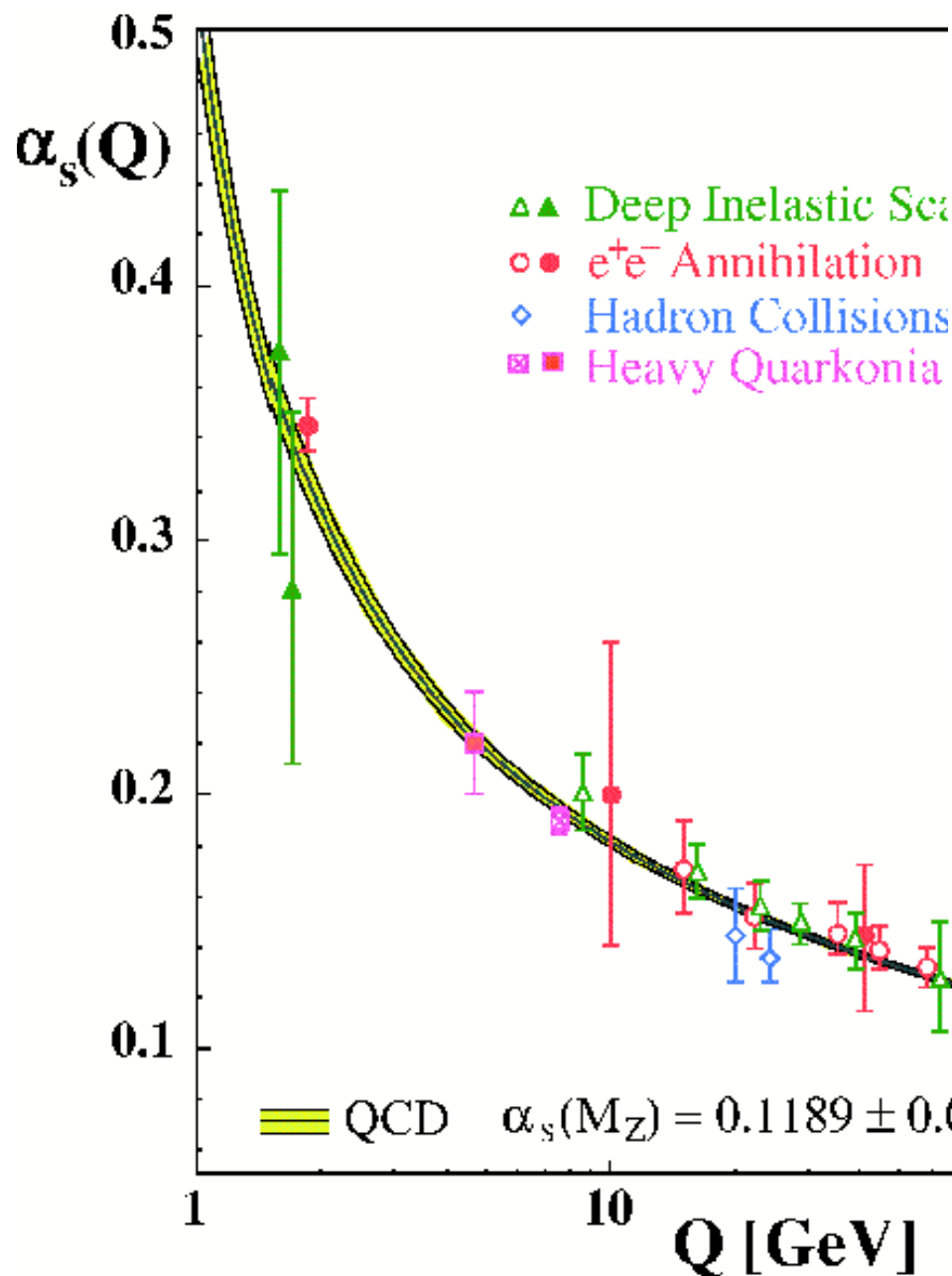


Nobel prize -- 2004

$$\frac{\Gamma, \tau \rightarrow \text{hadrons}}{\Gamma, \tau \rightarrow \text{leptons}} = R_{EW} (1 + \delta_{QCD} + \delta_{NP})$$

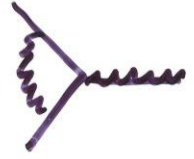




curves correspond to  $\alpha_s(M_Z^2) = 0.1172 \pm 0.002$



Process	Q [GeV]	$\alpha_s(M_{Z^0})$
DIS [Bj-SR]	1.58	$0.121 \pm \begin{smallmatrix} 0.005 \\ 0.009 \end{smallmatrix}$
$\tau$ -decays	1.78	$0.1215 \pm 0.0012$
DIS [ $\nu$ ; $xF_2$ ]	2.8 - 11	$0.119 \pm \begin{smallmatrix} 0.007 \\ 0.006 \end{smallmatrix}$
DIS [ $e/\mu$ ; $F_2$ ]	2 - 15	$0.1166 \pm 0.0022$
DIS [ $e-p \rightarrow$ jets]	6 - 100	$0.1186 \pm 0.0051$
$\Upsilon$ decays	4.75	$0.118 \pm 0.006$
$Q\bar{Q}$ states	7.5	$0.1170 \pm 0.0012$
$e^+e^- [\Gamma(Z \rightarrow had)]$	91.2	$0.1226 \pm \begin{smallmatrix} 0.0058 \\ 0.0028 \end{smallmatrix}$
$e^+e^-$ 4-jet rate	91.2	$0.1176 \pm 0.0022$
$e^+e^-$ [jets & shps]	189	$0.121 \pm 0.005$

== QCD  $\alpha_s(M_Z) = 0.1189 \pm 0.0010$

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Ward identities of QED → Slavnov-Taylor identities of QCD



$$\alpha_s(q\bar{q}g)_{\text{with loops}} = \alpha_s(ggg)_{\text{with loops}}$$

(gauge theory)

equality preserved by renormalisation



dimensionless  $R \xrightarrow{\text{renormalisation}} R\left(\frac{Q^2}{\mu^2}, \alpha_s(\mu^2)\right)$

but  $R$  cannot depend on renorm scale  $\mu$ : **RGE**  $\frac{\partial R}{\partial \log \mu^2} = 0$

can show this gives  $R\left(\frac{Q^2}{\mu^2}, \alpha_s(\mu^2)\right) = R(1, \alpha_s(Q^2))$

running of  $\alpha_s$  determines  $Q$  dep of  $R$

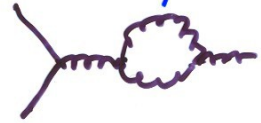
$$\frac{\partial \alpha_s}{\partial \log \mu^2} \equiv \beta(\alpha_s)$$

**1 loop  $\beta$  function** so far only summed LL (i.e.  $(\alpha_s \log \frac{Q^2}{\mu^2})^n$ )

$$\alpha_s(Q^2) = \frac{\alpha_s(\mu^2)}{1 + b_0 \alpha_s(\mu^2) \log \frac{Q^2}{\mu^2}}$$

$$\frac{1}{\alpha_s(Q^2)} = \frac{1}{\alpha_s(\mu^2)} + b_0 \log \frac{Q^2}{\mu^2}$$

$$0 = -\frac{1}{\alpha_s^2(\mu^2)} \frac{d\alpha_s}{d \log \mu^2} - b_0 \Rightarrow \boxed{\beta(\alpha_s) = -b_0 \alpha_s^2}$$



$$b_0 = -\frac{n_f}{6\pi} + \frac{33}{12\pi}$$

$$\left[ \frac{dg}{d \log \mu^2} \sim g^3 \right. \\ \left. \therefore \frac{d\alpha_s}{d \log \mu^2} \sim g^4 \sim \alpha_s^2 \right]$$