

An Introduction to perturbative QCD

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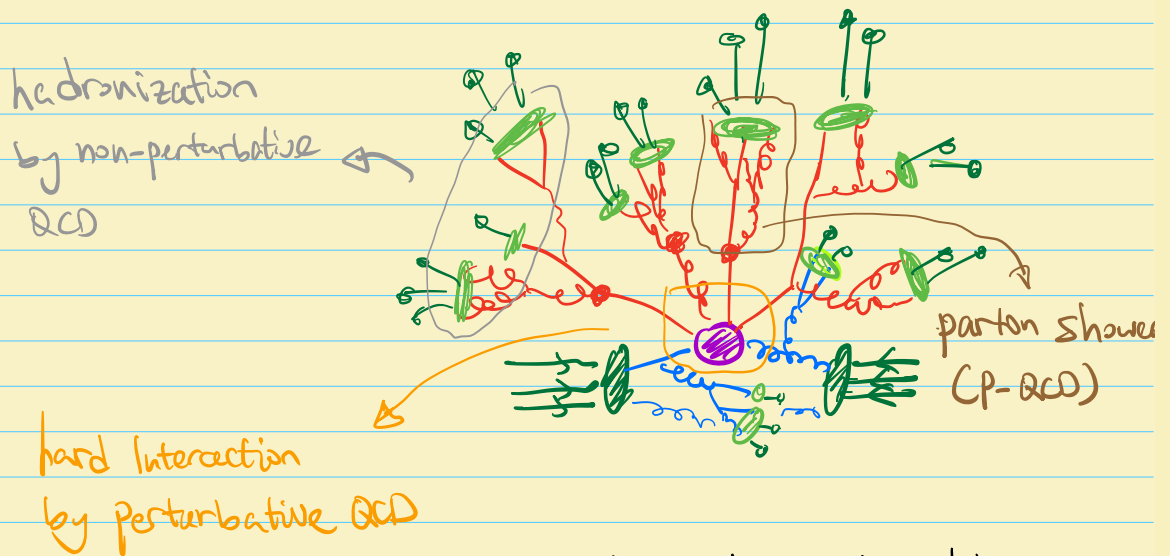
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Why (perturbative) QCD?

$$\alpha \sim \alpha_s \sim 10^{-2} \ll \alpha_s(M_W) \sim 0.1$$

$\Rightarrow$ more QCD activities at a collider.



a typical event @ LHC

$$\sigma = \hat{\sigma}_{ij}^{e^{+}e^{-}} \cdot F_{i/P} F_{j/P}(u) \cdot D_e(u)$$

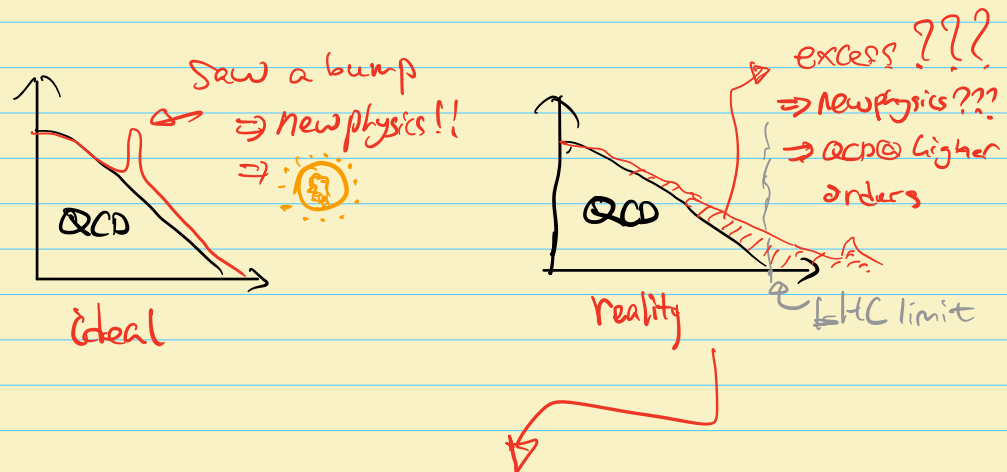
$$\sim \sigma(\mu_0 \sim 100 \text{ GeV}) \hat{\sigma}(u)$$

evolution, resummation, parton shower deal with log of scales

$$\sim \sigma(\mu_{\text{QCD}}) F(u \sim 1000), D(u \sim 1000)$$

Possible other scales introduced by kinematics or cuts

- dominant background to New physics Searches,



new physics $\sim$ Data - QCD prediction.

- Fundamentals to the Monte-Carlo tools

e.g. Madgraph. pythia. Sherpa. ...

— Outline

• thrust as an example

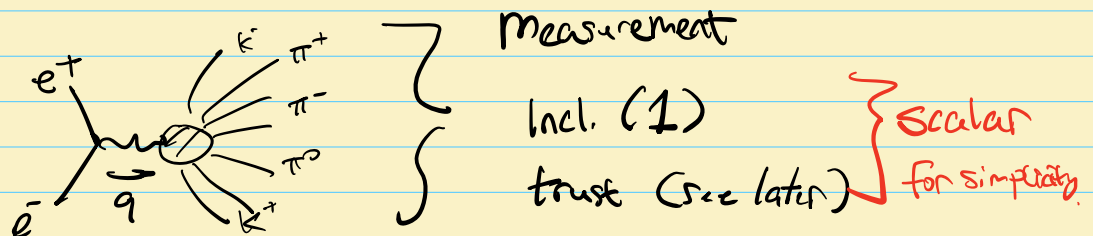
- NLO calculation
- infrared safe
- break-down of fixed order

• Infrared behaviour in QCD/QED

- Coherent branching
- DL Resummation

① Thrust in e^+e^- -annihilation

Consider



$$\sigma = \frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{2s} \int d\Phi_N L_{\mu\nu}(l, \bar{l}) \frac{1}{s^2} H^{\mu\nu}(q, \Phi_N) \Theta(\Phi_N)$$

$\underbrace{\quad}_{\text{Spin ave.}} \quad \underbrace{\quad}_{\text{FLux}} \quad \underbrace{\quad}_{\text{Phase space of } N \text{ final particles.}}$

scalar $\rightarrow \frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{2s^3} L_{\mu\nu}(l, \bar{l}) \int d\Phi_N \left(g_{\mu\nu} - \frac{q_\mu q_\nu}{q^2} \right) H(q, \Phi_N) \Theta(\Phi_N)$

gauge

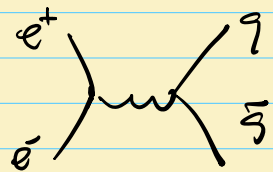
$$= \frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{2s^3} L_{\mu}^{\mu}(l, \bar{l}) \int d\Phi_N H(q, \Phi_N) \Theta(\Phi_N)$$

where

$$H = \frac{1}{d-1} \left(g_{\mu\nu} - \frac{q_\mu q_\nu}{q^2} \right) H^{\mu\nu}$$

$$L_{\mu}^{\mu} = 4(2l\bar{l} - d l\bar{l}) = -2(d-2)s$$

For large $s = Q^2 \gg \Lambda_{QCD}$, it is well modeled by
perturbative calculation



$$H^{(\gamma)} = 4(\bar{q}\gamma^\mu q + q\gamma^\mu \bar{q} - g^{\mu\nu} \bar{q}\gamma_\nu q)$$

$$L^0, \quad H^{(\gamma)} = -\frac{1}{2-1} 2(d-2)s$$

$$= \frac{2}{f} Q_F^2 N_c e^4 \frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{2s} \frac{[4(1-\epsilon)s]^2}{d-1} \int d\Phi_2 \ominus(\Phi_2) = 1$$

$$= \frac{2}{f} Q_F^2 N_c e^4 \frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{2s} \frac{16(1-\epsilon)^2}{3-2\epsilon} (2\pi) \frac{1}{4} \frac{\Omega_{d-2}}{(2\pi)^{d-1}} s^{-\epsilon} \int_0^1 dx x^{-\epsilon} (1-x)^{-\epsilon}$$

where $x \equiv \frac{-t}{s}$, $\Omega_{d-2} = \frac{2\pi^{1-\epsilon}}{\Gamma(1-\epsilon)}$ is the solid angle

$$\Rightarrow G_0 = \frac{2}{f} Q_F^2 N_c \frac{4\pi\alpha^2}{s} \frac{1-\epsilon}{3-2\epsilon} \frac{\Gamma(2-\epsilon)}{\Gamma(2-2\epsilon)} \left(\frac{4\pi\mu^2}{s}\right)^\epsilon$$

$$= \frac{2}{f} Q_F^2 N_c \frac{4\pi\alpha^2}{3s} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$$

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$$\int d\Phi_2 = \int \frac{d^d q}{(2\pi)^{d-1}} \delta(q^2) \frac{d^d \bar{q}}{(2\pi)^{d-1}} \delta(\bar{q}^2) (2\pi)^d \delta^d(Q - q - \bar{q})$$

$$= (2\pi) \int \frac{d^d q}{(2\pi)^{d-1}} \delta(q^2) \delta((Q - q)^2) \stackrel{Q^2 - 2Q \cdot q}{=} Q^2 - 2Q \cdot q - 2\bar{q} \cdot q = s + u + t$$

$$= (2\pi) \int \frac{d^d q}{(2\pi)^{d-1}} \delta(q^2) \delta(s + u + t)$$

$$\text{let } q^\mu = \frac{2q \cdot \bar{l}}{2l \cdot \bar{l}} l^\mu + \frac{2q \cdot l}{2l \cdot \bar{l}} \bar{l}^\mu + q_\perp^\mu$$

$$= -\frac{u}{s} l^\mu + \frac{-t}{s} \bar{l}^\mu + q_\perp^\mu$$

$$\text{Hence } q^2 = \frac{4t}{s} - q_\perp^2$$

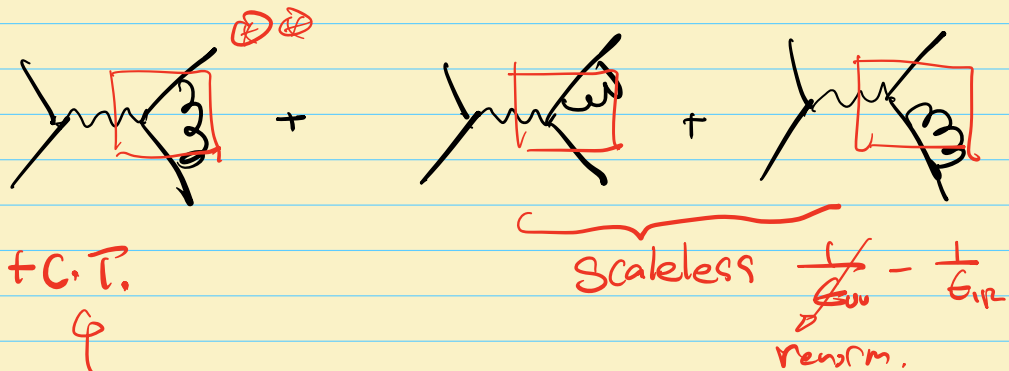
$$\text{and } d^d q = \frac{1}{2} \frac{d(u)}{s} \frac{d(-t)}{s} d^{d-2} q_\perp$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \frac{d(-u)}{s} \frac{d(-t)}{s} (q_\perp^2)^{\frac{d-2}{2}} dq_\perp d\Omega_{d-2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \int d\Phi_2 = \frac{(2\pi)}{(2\pi)^{d-1}} \frac{1}{4} d\Omega_{d-2} s^{-6} \int_0^1 dx x^6 (1-x)^6$$

for NLO, we have both virtual and real corrections

Virtual :



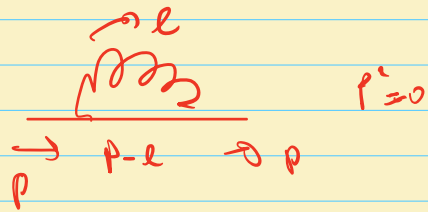
$$\square = M_0^4 \frac{d^3s}{4\pi} C_F \left(\frac{4\pi\mu^2}{-s} \right)^\epsilon \underbrace{\left(-\frac{2}{\epsilon^2} + \frac{1}{\epsilon} - 2 \right)}_{\text{IR Poles}} \frac{T^2(1-\epsilon)T(1+\epsilon)}{T(2-2\epsilon)} e^{\epsilon\gamma_E}$$

$\Rightarrow$ $\mathcal{Q}_{\text{virt}}$

$$= G_0 \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} C_F \left(\frac{4\pi\mu^2}{s} \right)^\epsilon e^{\gamma_E\epsilon} \cos\pi\epsilon \left(-\frac{2}{\epsilon^2} + \frac{1}{\epsilon} - 2 \right) \frac{\Gamma(1-\epsilon)\Gamma(1+\epsilon)}{\Gamma(2-2\epsilon)}$$

$$= G_0 \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} C_F \left(\frac{4\pi\mu^2}{s} \right)^\epsilon \left(-\frac{2}{\epsilon^2} - \frac{3}{\epsilon} - 8 + \frac{7}{6}\pi^2 \right)$$

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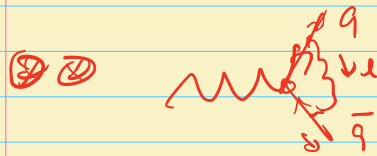
$$\propto \int d^d l \frac{1}{e^2 (p-l)^2} \sim [p^\mu]^{\frac{d-4}{2}} = 0 = \frac{1}{\epsilon_{UV}} - \frac{1}{\epsilon_{IR}}$$

$\xrightarrow{\text{dim. analysis}}$
 $\xrightarrow{\text{scaler}}$

$$\int d^d l \frac{1}{l^4} \sim UV \text{ div.}$$

$$\text{Diagram} = -\frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \left(\frac{1}{\epsilon_{UV}} - \frac{1}{\epsilon_{IR}} \right)$$

$\xrightarrow{\text{canceled by Counter term}}$


 $[d\ell] \equiv \frac{d^4\ell}{(2\pi)^4}$

$$= \int d\ell \quad \bar{u}_i \quad i g_s \gamma_s^a t_{ik}^a \quad i \frac{\not{x} + \not{\ell}}{(\ell + x)^2} \quad i e \gamma_s^\mu (-i) \frac{\not{\bar{q}} - \not{\ell}}{(\bar{q} - \ell)^2} \quad i g_s t_{kj}^a \gamma_a \psi_j \quad \frac{-i}{\ell^2}$$

$$= +i e g_s^2 (t^a t^a)_{ik} \int [d\ell] \quad \bar{u}_i \gamma^\mu (\not{x} + \not{\ell}) \not{(\bar{q} - \ell)} \gamma_\mu \psi_j \quad \left[\frac{1}{(\ell + x)^2} \frac{1}{(\bar{q} - \ell)^2} \frac{1}{\ell^2} \right]$$

Now using the Feyn. Param. we find

$$\left[\frac{1}{(\ell + x)^2} \frac{1}{(\bar{q} - \ell)^2} \frac{1}{\ell^2} \right] = \Gamma(3) \int d\alpha_1 d\alpha_2 d\alpha_3 \frac{\delta(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3 - 1)}{(L^2 - \alpha_1 \alpha_3 S)^3}$$

$$\hookrightarrow \alpha_1 \ell^2 + \alpha_2 \bar{\ell}^2 + 2\alpha_2 \ell \cdot \bar{q} + \alpha_3 \ell^2 - 2\alpha_3 \ell \cdot \bar{q}$$

$$= \ell^2 + 2(\alpha_2 \bar{q} - \alpha_3 \bar{q}) \cdot \ell + (\alpha_2 \bar{q} - \alpha_3 \bar{q})^2 + \alpha_2 \alpha_3 S$$

$$= \underbrace{(\ell + \alpha_2 \bar{q} - \alpha_3 \bar{q})^2}_{\equiv L} + \alpha_2 \alpha_3 S$$

$$\equiv L$$

We simplify the numerator

$$\begin{aligned}
 \square &= \bar{u}_i \gamma^\alpha (1 + \alpha_2 \not{x} + \alpha_3 \not{\bar{x}}) \gamma^\mu (1 - \alpha_2 \not{x} - \alpha_3 \not{\bar{x}}) \gamma_\alpha v_j \\
 &= -2 \bar{u}_i (1 - \alpha_2 \not{x} - \alpha_3 \not{\bar{x}}) \gamma^\mu (1 + \alpha_2 \not{x} + \alpha_3 \not{\bar{x}}) v_j \\
 &\quad + 2\epsilon \bar{u}_i (1 + \alpha_2 \not{x} + \alpha_3 \not{\bar{x}}) \gamma^\mu (1 - \alpha_2 \not{x} - \alpha_3 \not{\bar{x}}) v_j
 \end{aligned}$$

$\propto L^{2n}$
 odd power
 integrated
 to zero

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\sim 2 \bar{u}_i \not{x} \gamma^\mu 1 - \alpha_3 \alpha_2 \not{\bar{x}} \gamma^\mu \not{x} v_j \\
 &\quad + 2\epsilon \bar{u}_i \not{x} \gamma^\mu 1 - \alpha_2 \alpha_3 \not{x} \gamma^\mu \not{\bar{x}} v_j
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= -2(1-\epsilon) \bar{u}_i \not{x} \gamma^\mu 1 v_j \\
 &\quad + (2\alpha_3 \alpha_2 - 2\epsilon \alpha_3 \alpha_2) \bar{u}_i \not{\bar{x}} \gamma^\mu \not{x} v_j
 \end{aligned}$$

$$L^\mu L^\nu \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} L^\mu g^{\mu\nu}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\frac{(d-2)^2}{2} L^2 \bar{u}_i \not{x} v_j \\
 &\quad + 2(\alpha_2 \alpha_3 - \epsilon \alpha_2 \alpha_3) (-S) \bar{u}_i \not{\bar{x}} v_j
 \end{aligned}$$

$$d_L = 2 - \epsilon$$

Now we use

$$\int [dL] \frac{L^2}{(L^2 + \alpha_2 \alpha_3 S)^3} = \frac{i}{(4\pi)^{d_L/2}} \frac{1}{2} \frac{\Gamma(\epsilon)}{\Gamma(3)} (\alpha_2 \alpha_3)^{-\epsilon} (-S)^{-\epsilon} \quad (1)$$

$$\int [dL] \frac{1}{(L^2 + \alpha_2 \alpha_3 S)^3} = \frac{-i}{(4\pi)^{d_L/2}} \frac{\Gamma(1+\epsilon)}{\Gamma(3)} (\alpha_2 \alpha_3)^{-1+\epsilon} (-S)^{-1-\epsilon} \quad (2)$$

$\Rightarrow$

(1) $\Rightarrow$

$$g_s^2 \frac{i}{(4\pi)^{d/2}} \frac{d}{2} \frac{\Gamma(\epsilon)}{\Gamma(3)} (G_S)^{-\epsilon} \frac{(d-2)^2}{2} \int_0^1 dx_2 \int_0^{\bar{x}_2} dx_3 (x_2 x_3)^{-\epsilon} \Gamma(\epsilon)$$

$$= \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} C_F \left(\frac{4\pi\mu^2}{-s} \right)^{+\epsilon} \left[\frac{1}{2\epsilon} + \frac{1}{2} \right]$$

ϵ UV cancelled by counter term

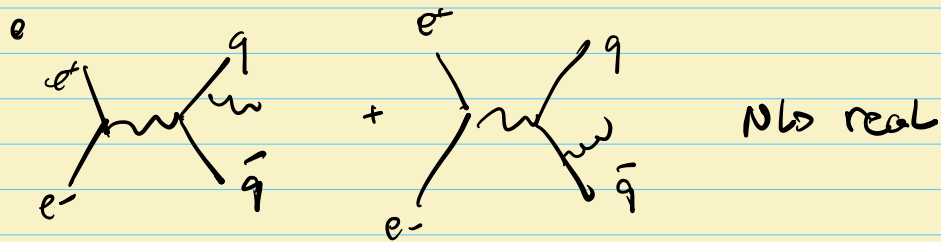
(2) $\Rightarrow$

$$\frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} C_F \left(\frac{4\pi\mu^2}{-s} \right)^{+\epsilon} \left[-\frac{1}{\epsilon^2} - \frac{2}{\epsilon} - \frac{9}{2} + \frac{\pi^2}{12} \right]$$

$\hookrightarrow \text{Call } \int_R$

$$\text{Diagram 1} + \text{Diagram 2} + \text{Diagram 3} + \text{Diagram 4} + \text{Diagram 5} + \text{Diagram 6}$$

$$= \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} C_F \left(\frac{4\pi\mu^2}{-s} \right)^{\epsilon} \left[-\frac{1}{\epsilon^2} - \frac{3}{2\epsilon} - 4 + \frac{\pi^2}{12} \right]$$



$$H^{(1)} = -C_F g_s^2 \delta(1-\epsilon) \frac{1}{d-1}$$

$$\times \left\{ \frac{2}{y_2 y_3} + \frac{-2 + y_3 - \epsilon y_3}{y_2} + \frac{-2 + y_2 - \epsilon y_2}{y_3} - 2\epsilon \right\}$$

Where

$$y_1 = \frac{S_{12}}{Q^2}, \quad y_2 = \frac{S_{13}}{Q^2}, \quad y_3 = \frac{S_{23}}{Q^2}$$

$$\text{and } S_{ij} = 2 p_i \cdot p_j$$

$$d\Phi_3 = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{2d-3}} \frac{1}{2^{d+1}} s^{d-3} d\Omega_{d-1} d\Omega_{d-2}$$

$$(y_1 y_2 y_3)^{-\epsilon} \int_0^1 dy_1 dy_2 dy_3 \delta(1-y_1-y_2-y_3)$$

$$\sigma_{\text{real}} = \sigma_0 \cdot \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} C_F \frac{e^{\gamma_{\text{E}}}}{\Gamma(1-\epsilon)} \left(\frac{4\pi\mu^2}{s} \right)^{-\epsilon}$$

$$\times \int_0^1 dy_1 dy_2 dy_3 (y_1 y_2 y_3)^{-\epsilon} \delta(1-y_1-y_2-y_3)$$

$$\times \left\{ \frac{2}{y_2 y_3} + \frac{-2+y_3-\epsilon y_3}{y_2} + \frac{-2+y_2-\epsilon y_2}{y_3} - 2\epsilon \right\}$$

$$\times \mathcal{O}(\Phi_3)$$

Inclusive: $\mathcal{O}(\Phi_3) = 1$

$$\text{let } y_1 = (1-z_1), y_2 = z_1 z_2, y_3 = (1-z_2)z_1$$

$$\sigma_{\text{real}} = \sigma_0 \cdot \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} C_F \frac{e^{\gamma_{\text{E}}}}{\Gamma(1-\epsilon)} \left(\frac{4\pi\mu^2}{s} \right)^{-\epsilon}$$

$$\times \int_0^1 dz_1 dz_2 \bar{z}_1^{-\epsilon} z_1^{-2\epsilon} \bar{z}_2^{-\epsilon} \bar{z}_2^{-\epsilon} z_1 \quad \nearrow \text{Jacobian}$$

$$\times \left\{ \frac{2}{z_1 \bar{z}_1 z_2 \bar{z}_2} + \frac{-2+z_2-\epsilon z_2}{z_1 z_2} + \frac{-2+\bar{z}_2-\epsilon \bar{z}_2}{z_1 \bar{z}_1} - 2\epsilon \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta_{\text{real}} = \Delta_0 \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} C_F \left(\frac{4\pi M^2}{s} \right)^{\epsilon} \left(\frac{2}{\epsilon^2} + \frac{3}{\epsilon} + \frac{19}{2} - \frac{7}{6}\pi^2 \right)$$

$$\Delta_{\text{virt.}} = \Delta_0 \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} C_F \left(\frac{4\pi M^2}{s} \right)^{\epsilon} \left(-\frac{2}{\epsilon^2} - \frac{3}{\epsilon} - 8 + \frac{7}{6}\pi^2 \right)$$

$$\Delta = \Delta_0 \left\{ 1 + \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} C_F \frac{3}{2} \right\}$$

• all IR poles cancelled, KLN Theorem

• Virt & Real almost completely cancelled with each other: $V + R \sim 1 \pm \text{Unity}$

• Origin of the IR poles:

all IR poles from the soft & coll. limit

$$1. z_1 \rightarrow 0. \Rightarrow y_2 \neq y_3 \rightarrow 0$$

$$\Rightarrow p_3 \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{soft}$$

$$\cancel{\phi_{u, \bar{g} \rightarrow 0}}$$

$$2. z_2 \text{ or } \bar{z}_2 \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow y_2 \text{ or } y_3 \rightarrow 0$$

$$\Rightarrow p_3 \cdot p_1 \rightarrow 0, p_3 \cdot p_1 \neq 0 \Rightarrow p_3 \parallel p_1$$

$$\text{or } p_3 \cdot p_2 \rightarrow 0, p_2 \cdot p_1 \neq 0 \Rightarrow p_3 \parallel p_2$$

$$z_1 \rightarrow 0$$

$$\int_0^1 d\alpha d\bar{z}_2 \bar{z}_1^{-2\epsilon} \bar{z}_2^{-\epsilon} \bar{z}_2^{-\epsilon} \times \left\{ \frac{2}{z_1 + \bar{z}_1 \bar{z}_2} \right\} = \frac{2}{6\epsilon} + \dots$$

$\uparrow \quad \uparrow \quad \uparrow$
 soft collinear soft+coll.

$$\bar{z}_2 \rightarrow 0$$

$$\int_0^1 d\alpha d\bar{z}_2 \bar{z}_1^{-\epsilon} \bar{z}_1^{-2\epsilon} \bar{z}_2^{-\epsilon} \times \left\{ \frac{2}{z_1 + \bar{z}_1 \bar{z}_2} + \frac{-2 + \bar{z}_1 - \bar{z}_2}{z_2} \right\} = \frac{3}{2} \frac{1}{\epsilon}$$

Subtract out to avoid double counting

does reproduce all poles

every order you will have

$$\Delta_{\text{real}}^{(n)} \propto \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi}\right)^n \left(\underbrace{\frac{\#_{n-1}}{\epsilon^{2n}} + \dots + \frac{\#_1}{\epsilon}}_{n \text{ soft + coll.}} + \text{Finite terms} \right)$$

n-emission

cancel against the IR poles
in the virtual. For inclusive
processes

for exclusive processes,

e.g. $pp \rightarrow \dots$
 $e^+e^- \rightarrow \text{hadron} + \dots$

remaining poles to be absorbed
into PDFs or FFs.