

# QCD and hadron structure

## Lecture 1: elements of factorization

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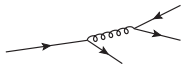


## Two views of the nucleon:

- ▶ three quarks (spectroscopy, quark models):  $p = uud, n = ddu, \dots$
- ▶ many quarks, antiquarks, gluons (high-energy processes,  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}}$ )

How are these two pictures and the underlying concepts related?

- ▶ simple (and often quoted) picture of nucleon:
  - three quarks at low resolution scale
  - gluons and sea quarks generated by perturbative splitting



is too simple:

- PDF fits of Glück, Reya et al. require gluons and sea quarks at very low scales ( $< 1 \text{ GeV}$ )
- ▶ parton densities have tails at large  $x$   
not just three quarks with small relative momenta

## General setting

- ▶ explore and quantify how quarks, antiquarks, gluons are distributed inside nucleon (“nucleon tomography”)
- ▶ essential tool: **factorization** to separate
  - physics at long and short distances  
**confinement** vs. **asymptotic freedom**
  - “structure of nucleon” and “probe”

## Plan of lectures

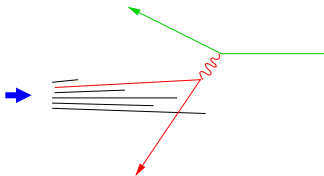
- ▶ factorization
- ▶ generalized parton distributions (GPDs)  
**and the transverse spatial distribution of partons**    more: J Roche’s lectures
- ▶ transverse-momentum dependent distributions (TMDs)  
**and the limitations of separating “structure” from “probe”**  
more: C Aidala’s lectures
- ▶ multiparton interactions in high-energy  $pp$  collisions  
**transverse spatial distribution and correlations between partons**

## Some references for all lectures:

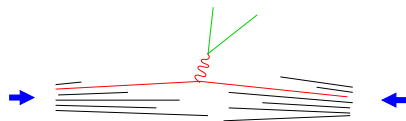
- ▶ more on short-distance factorization
  - J Collins, hep-ph/9907513 and hep-ph/0107252
  - J Collins, Foundations of Perturbative QCD, CUP 2011
- ▶ short overview of GPDs and TMDS
  - MD, arXiv:1512.01328
- ▶ full bibliography for GPDs e.g. in reviews
  - S Boffi and B Pasquini, arXiv:0711.2625
  - A Belitsky and A Radyushkin, hep-ph/0504030
  - MD, hep-ph/0307382
  - K Goeke et al., hep-ph/0106012
- ▶ overviews of TMDs
  - A Bacchetta et al., hep-ph/0611265
  - S Mert Aybat and T Rogers, arXiv:1101.5057
  - T Rogers, arXiv:1509.04766
- ▶ multiparton interactions
  - MD, summer school lectures (2014)
  - <https://indico.in2p3.fr/event/9917/other-view?view=standard>

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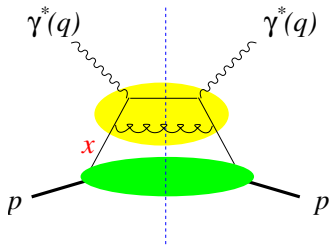
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## Short-distance factorization in QCD

- ▶ implement the parton-model ideas in QCD  
 and correct them where necessary
  - ▶ identify conditions and limitations of validity  
 (kinematics, processes, observables)
  - ▶ corrections: partons interact  
 $\alpha_s$  small at large scales  $\rightsquigarrow$  perturbation theory
  - ▶ definition of parton distributions in QCD  
 derive their general properties  
 make contact with non-perturbative methods  
 $\rightsquigarrow$  effective field theories, lattice QCD

## Example: inclusive DIS (deep inelastic scattering)

- ▶  $\sigma_{\text{tot}}(\gamma^* p \rightarrow X)$   
     opt. theorem  $\longrightarrow$   $\text{Im } \mathcal{A}(\gamma^* p \rightarrow \gamma^* p)$   
     forward amplitude
- ▶ measure in  $ep \rightarrow eX$



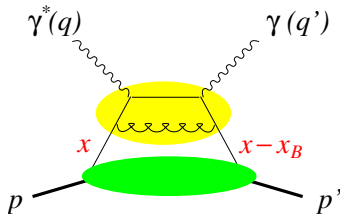
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     hard-scattering coefficient  $\otimes$  parton distribution
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     small print  $\rightarrow$  later
  - ▶ parton densities (PDFs): process independent  
     also appear in  $pp \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^- X$ ,  $\gamma^* p \rightarrow \text{jet} + X$ , ...

$\rightarrow$  lectures of A Cooper-Sarkar

## Example: DVCS (deeply virtual Compton scattering)

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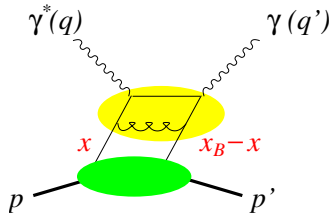
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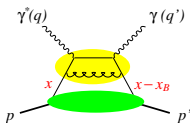
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 both cases included in  $\int dx$

## Short-distance factorization in QCD: step by step

- ▶ specify kinematic limit  
choose suitable reference frame  
identify small and large momentum components
- ▶ establish dominant graphs  
and dominant loop momentum regions of these graphs
- ▶ simplify resulting expression to obtain factors for
  - short distance  $\leftrightarrow$  large virtuality  $\leftrightarrow$  **parton level**  
calculate in perturbation theory
  - long distance  $\leftrightarrow$  low virtuality  
transition from **hadrons** to **partons**  
matrix elements of quark/gluon operators



Note difference with **high-energy/small  $x$**  factorization

- ▶ separate dynamics according to **rapidity** (not virtuality) of particles
- ▶ overlap of two factorization schemes if have strong ordering in rapidity **and** virtuality

## Light-cone coordinates

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## Kinematics of DIS and of DVCS

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## Factorization from Feynman graphs

DIS and DVCS very similar, discuss in parallel

- ▶ consider Bjorken limit, choose frame where
  - ▶  $p^+ \gg p^-$  (proton fast right-moving)
  - ▶  $q^+ \sim q^- \sim p^+$
  - ▶  $\mathbf{p}_T = \mathbf{q}_T = 0$
- ▶ for power counting
  - ▶ large:  $p^+ \sim q^+ \sim q^- \sim Q$
  - ▶ small: hadron masses, scales of non-perturbative interact.  $\sim m$
  - ▶ very small:  $p^- \sim m^2/Q$

small expansion parameter is  $m/Q$

# Dominant momentum regions

## Libby-Sterman analysis

- ▶ in Bj limit graphs for Compton amplitude dominated by distinct momentum regions:

- ▶ **hard**:

$$k^+ \sim k^- \sim k_T \sim Q,$$

- ▶ **collinear** (to proton):

$$k^+ \sim Q, k_T \sim m, k^- \sim m^2/Q,$$

- ▶ **soft**:

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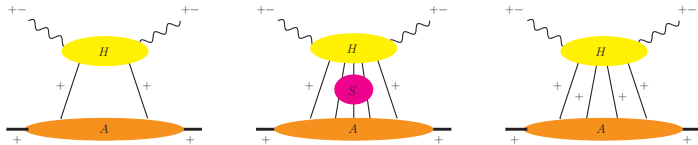
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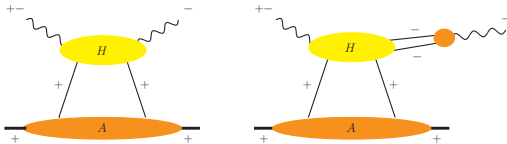
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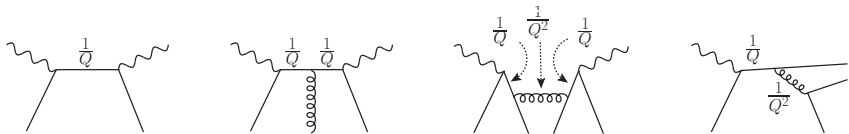
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- ▶ for real photon can have collinear subgraph:  
 $k^- \sim Q, k_T \sim m, k^+ \sim m^2/Q$   
 “hadronic behavior of photon”

## Power counting

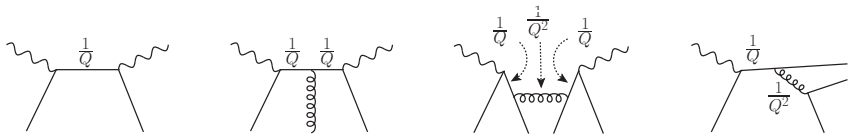
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  - ▶ hard subgraph  $\propto Q^{\dim(H)}$
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  - ▶ collinear lines:
    - $d^4k = dk^+ dk^- d^2k_T \sim Q \times m^2/Q \times m^2 = m^4$
    - ▶ soft subgraph and lines: depends on detailed size of  $k^\mu$
- ▶ leading term: smallest possible number of lines to  $H$



in tree graphs no large  $k_T$ , but  $k^+ \sim k^- \sim Q$ ; in loops  $k_T \sim Q$

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- ▶ “twist” of contribution (sometimes called “dynamical twist”)
  - twist 2  $\leftrightarrow$  leading term in Bj limit
  - twist 3  $\leftrightarrow$  down by relative factor  $1/Q$
  - twist 4  $\leftrightarrow$  down by relative factor  $1/Q^2$



## Collinear expansion

- ▶ in hard graphs neglect small components of external coll. lines  
↪ Taylor expansion

$$H(k^+, k^-, k_T) = H(k^+, 0, 0) + k_T^\mu \left[ \frac{\partial H(k^+, 0, k_T)}{\partial k_T^\mu} \right]_{k_T=0} + \mathcal{O}(m^2)$$

first term → leading twist, second term → twist three, ...

- ▶ loop integration simplifies:

$$\int d^4k H(k)A(k) \approx \int dk^+ H(k^+, 0, 0) \int dk^- d^2k_T A(k^+, k^-, k_T)$$

- ▶ in hard scattering (**and only there**) treat incoming/outgoing partons as exactly collinear ( $k_T = 0$ ) and on-shell ( $k^- = 0$ )
- ▶ in coll. matrix element **integrate** over  $k_T$  and virtuality  
↪ collinear (or  $k_T$  integrated) parton densities  
only depend on  $k^+$

## Complication from spin of partons (here: quarks, similar for gluons)

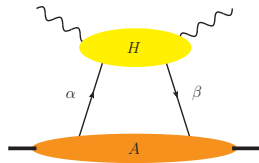
- ▶  $H$  and  $A$  carry spinor indices:

$$H_{\beta\alpha} A_{\alpha\beta} = \text{tr}(HA)$$

- ▶ use Fierz transformation

$$\rightsquigarrow \text{tr}(\gamma_\mu H) \text{tr}(\gamma^\mu A) \text{ etc.}$$

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- ▶ Lorentz invariance: in proton rest frame all components of

$$\text{tr}(\gamma^\mu A(k, p, s)), \text{tr}(\gamma^\mu \gamma_5 A(k, p, s)), \text{tr}(\sigma^{\mu\nu} \gamma_5 A(k, p, s)), \dots$$

are  $\sim m^{\dim(A)}$  since  $k^\mu, p^\mu, m s^\mu \sim m$

- ▶ boost to Breit frame  $\rightsquigarrow$  largest components

$$\text{tr}(\gamma^+ A(k, p, s)), \text{tr}(\gamma^+ \gamma_5 A(k, p, s)), \text{tr}(\sigma^{+j} \gamma_5 A(k, p, s))$$

are  $\sim Q m^{\dim(A)-1}$

$j = 1, 2$  transverse index

- ▶ in Breit frame all components of  $\text{tr}(\gamma_\mu H), \text{tr}(\gamma_\mu \gamma_5 H), \dots$

are  $\sim Q^{\dim(B)}$

- ▶ up to power corrections have

$$\begin{aligned} \text{tr}(HA) &= \frac{1}{4} \left[ \text{tr}(\gamma^- H) \text{tr}(\gamma^+ A) + \text{tr}(\gamma_5 \gamma^- H) \text{tr}(\gamma^+ \gamma_5 A) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{1}{2} \text{tr}(i\sigma^{-j} \gamma_5 H) \text{tr}(i\sigma^{+j} \gamma_5 A) \right] \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ coll. approx.: in  $H$  replace  $k \rightarrow \bar{k}$   
with  $\bar{k}^+ = k^+$ ,  $\bar{k}^- = 0$ ,  $\bar{k}_T = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} &\int d^4k \text{tr}(HA) \\ &= \int dk^+ \frac{1}{4} \text{tr}[\gamma^- H(\bar{k})] \int dk^- d^2k_T \text{tr}[\gamma^+ A(k)] + \{\text{other terms}\} \\ &= \int \frac{dk^+}{k^+} \text{tr}\left[\frac{1}{2}\bar{k}^+ \gamma^- H(\bar{k})\right] \times \int dk^- d^2k_T \text{tr}\left[\frac{1}{2}\gamma^+ A(k)\right] + \{\text{other terms}\} \\ &= \int \frac{dx}{x} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \sum_s \bar{u}(\bar{k}, s) H u(\bar{k}, s) \right] \times \int dk^- d^2k_T \text{tr}\left[\frac{1}{2}\gamma^+ A(k)\right] + \{\text{other terms}\} \end{aligned}$$

- $x = k^+/p^+$  = plus-momentum fraction of parton
- unpolarized term: average  $H$  over parton polarization

## Definition of quark densities

- ▶ express collinear graph in terms of fields and matrix elements

$$A(k) = \int \frac{d^4 z}{(2\pi)^4} e^{ikz} \tilde{A}(z), \quad \tilde{A}(z) = \langle p | T \bar{q}(0) q(z) | p \rangle$$

- ▶ momentum integration

$$\int dk^- d^2 k_T \int \frac{d^4 z}{(2\pi)^4} e^{ikz} \tilde{A}(z) = \int \frac{dz^-}{2\pi} e^{ik^+ z^-} \tilde{A}(z) \Big|_{z^+=0, z_T=0}$$

$\rightsquigarrow z$  on light cone

- ▶ trace over  $\frac{1}{2}\gamma^+$  gives

$$\int \frac{dz^-}{2\pi} e^{ixp^+ z^-} \langle p | \bar{q}(0) \frac{1}{2}\gamma^+ q(z^-) | p \rangle$$

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$$f_1(x) = \int \frac{dz^-}{2\pi} e^{ixp^+z^-} \langle p | \bar{q}(0) \frac{1}{2} \gamma^+ W(0, z^-) q(z^-) | p \rangle$$

$$= \begin{cases} q(x) & \text{for } x > 0 \\ -\bar{q}(-x) & \text{for } x < 0 \end{cases} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{from } b^\dagger b \\ \text{from } d d^\dagger = -d^\dagger d \end{array}$$

$b, d =$  annihilation operators for quarks, antiquarks  
 $q$  contains  $b$  and  $d^\dagger$ ;  $\bar{q}$  contains  $b^\dagger$  and  $d$

depends on  $x = k^+/p^+$  due to **boost invariance**

- ▶  $W(0, z^-) =$  Wilson line

$$W[0, z^-] = P \exp \left[ -igt_a \int_0^{z^-} d\xi^- A_a^+(\xi) \right]$$

- makes product of fields **gauge invariant**
- reduces to 1 in light-cone gauge  $A^+ = 0$
- dynamical origin → **lecture on TMDs**

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- ▶ helicity distrib.  $g_1(x)$  with  $\gamma^+ \rightarrow \gamma^+ \gamma_5$
- ▶ transversity distrib.  $h_1(x)$  with  $\gamma^+ \rightarrow i\sigma^{+j} \gamma_5$
- ▶ alternative notation:  $f_1 = q$ ,  $g_1 = \Delta q$ ,  $h_1 = \delta q$
- ▶ def. for **GPDs**: same operators, different hadron states

## Gluon densities

$$q(x) = \int \frac{dz^-}{2\pi} e^{ixp^+z^-} \langle p | \bar{q}(0) \frac{1}{2} \gamma^+ W(0, z^-) q(z^-) | p \rangle$$

- ▶ for gluons replace

$$q(x) \rightarrow xg(x)$$

$$\Delta q(x) \rightarrow x\Delta g(x)$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \bar{q} \gamma^+ q \rightarrow F^{+i} F_i^+$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \bar{q} \gamma^+ \gamma_5 q \rightarrow F^{+i} \tilde{F}_i^+$$

with dual field strength  $\tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} F_{\alpha\beta}$

- ▶ understand extra factors  $x$

- ▶  $F_{\mu\nu}^a = \partial_\mu A_\nu^a - \partial_\nu A_\mu^a + gf^{abc} A_\mu^b A_\nu^c$

- ▶ in light-cone gauge  $A^+ = 0$  have  $F^{+i} = \partial^+ A^i$

- ▶ compare  $\frac{1}{2} \bar{q} \gamma^+ q \rightarrow k^+$  with  $F^{+i} F_i^+ = (\partial^+ A^i)^2 \rightarrow (k^+)^2$

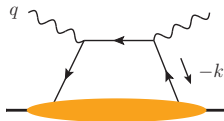
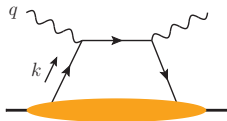
## Result for DIS and DVCS



- ▶ leading twist = twist two ( $\sim 1/Q^0$ ): handbag graphs  
and their radiative corrections
- ▶ twist three ( $\sim 1/Q$ ): graphs with extra transverse gluon from proton + subleading parts of handbag graphs



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- ▶ for DIS:

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{\text{tot}} \propto \text{Im} \mathcal{A}(\gamma^* p \rightarrow \gamma^* p) &= \sum_q (e e_q)^2 [q(x_B) + \bar{q}(x_B)] \\ &+ \{\text{helicity distributions}\} + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s) + \mathcal{O}(m/Q) \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ **no** contribution from transversity distribution  
is chiral odd:  $\sigma^{+j}\gamma_5 = \text{even number of Dirac matrices}$   
need another chiral odd quantity to get a contribution

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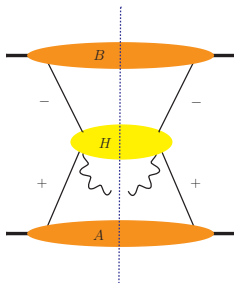
- ▶ for DVCS:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A}(\gamma^* p \rightarrow \gamma p) = & \sum_q (ee_q)^2 \left[ \text{PV} \int dx \frac{\text{GPD}(x, x_B, t)}{x_B - x} + i\pi \text{GPD}(x_B, x_B, t) \right] + \{\text{crossed}\} \\ & + \{\text{helicity distributions}\} + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s) + \mathcal{O}(m/Q) \end{aligned}$$

## Recap:

- ▶ derive factorization from analysis of Feynman graphs
- ▶ main ingredients:
  - dominance of hard, collinear or soft momenta for internal lines
  - kinematic analysis and approximations
- ▶ apply to processes totally inclusive (DIS) or totally exclusive (DVCS)
- ▶ operator definitions for parton distributions (PDFs) and their generalization to finite momentum transfer (GPDs)
- ▶ analysis yields non-trivial spin dependence

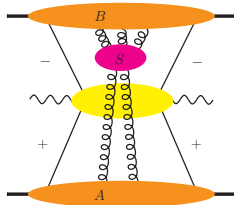
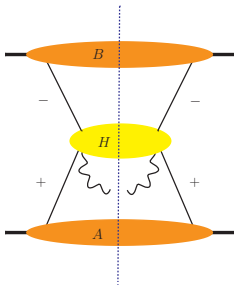
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*( $q_T \sim m$  in later lecture)*

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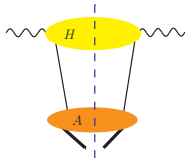
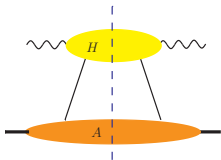
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- ▶ soft interactions between right- and left- moving spectators  
power suppr. **only** if sum over details of hadronic final state

## More complicated final states

- ▶ production of  $W, Z$  or other colorless particle (Higgs, etc)  
same treatment as Drell-Yan
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- ▶ heavy quark production: hard scale is  $m_c, m_b, m_t$

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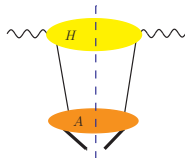
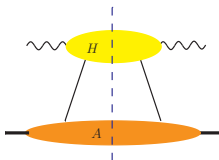
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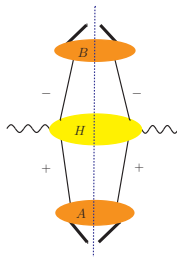
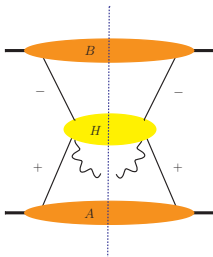


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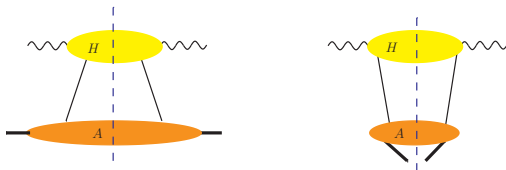


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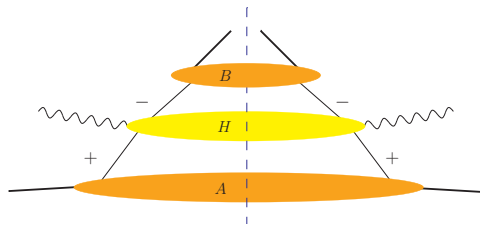


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## Fragmentation functions

- ▶ replace parton density

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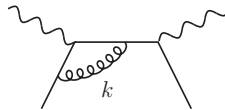
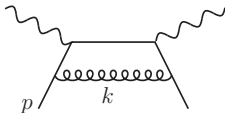
by fragmentation function

$$p^+ = zk^+$$

$$\begin{aligned} D(z) &= \frac{1}{2N_c z} \int \frac{d\xi^-}{4\pi} e^{i\xi^- p^+ / z} \\ &\quad \times \sum_X \langle 0 | W(\infty, \xi^-) q_\alpha(\xi^-) | \bar{h} X \rangle \langle \bar{h} X | (\bar{q}(0) \Gamma^+)_\alpha W(0, \infty) | 0 \rangle \end{aligned}$$

## A closer look at one-loop corrections

- ▶ example: DIS

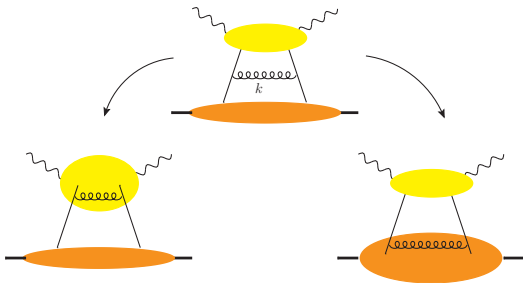


- ▶ ultraviolet divergences ( $k^\mu \rightarrow \infty$ ) removed by standard counterterms
- ▶ soft divergences ( $k^\mu \rightarrow 0$ ) cancel in sum over graphs
- ▶ collinear div. ( $k^\mu \propto p^\mu$ ) do **not** cancel, have integrals

$$\int_0^{k_{\max}^2} \frac{dk_T^2}{k_T^2}$$

what went wrong?

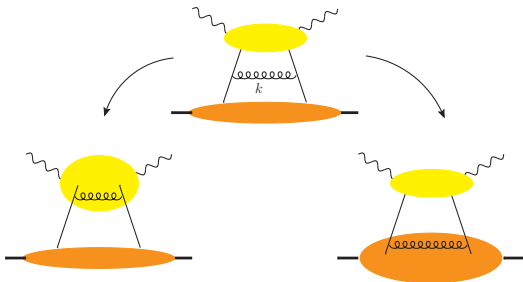
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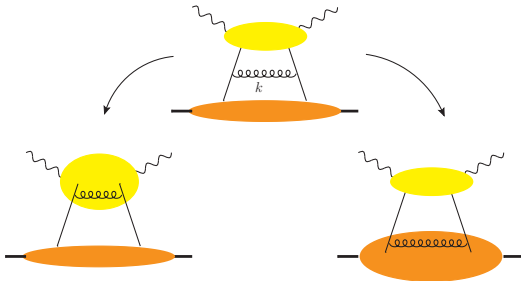
- ▶ avoiding cutoffs:  
in  $D = 4 - 2\epsilon$  dimensions  
subtract collinear pole  $1/\epsilon$

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