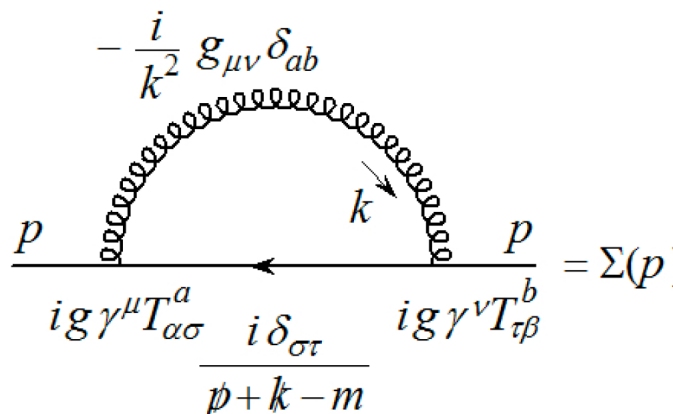


# QCD lecture 4

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# Quark self - energy

$$4 \rightarrow d = 4 - 2\varepsilon$$


$$\Sigma(p) = -g^2 \mu^{4-d} C_F \delta_{\alpha\beta} \int \frac{d^d k}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{\gamma^\mu (p' + k' + m) \gamma_\mu}{[(p+k)^2 - m^2] k^2}$$

We want to keep the same dimensionality of  $\Sigma$  and  $g$  in any number of physical dimensions. We therefore introduce a dimensionfull parameter  $\mu$  to correct for this.

We will extend Dirac algebra by simply using  $g_{\mu\nu} g^{\mu\nu} = d$   
It can be shown that we can treat Dirac bispinors as 4-dimensional.

Dimensional regularization preserves gauge invariance, but has problems in theories with  $\gamma_5$ . This is not the case of QCD.

In the following we shall keep  $m = 0$ .

# Integrals

$$\begin{aligned}\Sigma(p) &= 2(1 - \varepsilon) g^2 \mu^{2\varepsilon} C_F \delta_{\alpha\beta} \int \frac{d^d k}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{\not{p} + \not{k}}{(p+k)^2 k^2} \\ &= 2(1 - \varepsilon) g^2 \mu^{2\varepsilon} C_F \delta_{\alpha\beta} [\not{p} I + \gamma_\mu I^\mu]\end{aligned}$$

Define two integrals

$$\{I, I^\mu\} = \int \frac{d^d k}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{1}{(p+k)^2 k^2} \{1, k^\mu\}$$

Result:

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$p^2$  and  $\mu^2$  combine into a dimensionless ratio

$g \rightarrow g \mu^\varepsilon$

both integrals are proportional to  $\not{p}$

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remark:

$$\left( \frac{\bar{\mu}^2}{-p^2} \right)^\varepsilon \frac{1}{\varepsilon} = \left( \frac{\mu^2}{-p^2} \right)^\varepsilon \exp(\varepsilon \log(4\pi e^{-\gamma})) \frac{1}{\varepsilon} = \left( \frac{\mu^2}{-p^2} \right)^\varepsilon \left[ \frac{1}{\varepsilon} + \log(4\pi e^{-\gamma}) \right]$$

this defines the  $\overline{\text{MS}}$ -bar renormalization scheme

# Full quark propagator




The diagram shows a horizontal line with an arrow pointing to the left, representing a quark. This is followed by a plus sign and another horizontal line with an arrow pointing to the left. A gluon loop, represented by a series of small circles forming a semi-circle, connects the two horizontal lines. The loop starts from the top of the second horizontal line, goes up and around, and ends at the top of the first horizontal line.

$$S_F(p) = \frac{i}{\not{p}} + \frac{i}{\not{p}} \Sigma(p) \frac{i}{\not{p}}$$

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# Renormalization



The diagram shows a fermion line (solid line with arrows) with a gluon loop (curly line) attached to it. The loop is formed by two vertices connected by two gluon lines, creating a bubble structure on the fermion line.

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Practical renormalization: remove only poles ( $\overline{\text{MS}}$ : minimal subtraction)

$$S_F^R(p) = \frac{i}{\not{p}} \left( 1 - \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} C_F \left( \frac{\bar{\mu}^2}{-p^2} \right)^\epsilon \left( \frac{1}{\epsilon} + 1 \right) + \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} C_F \frac{1}{\epsilon} \right)$$

$$= \frac{i}{\not{p}} \left( 1 + \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} C_F \left( \ln \left( \frac{-p^2}{\bar{\mu}^2} \right) - 1 \right) \right)$$

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inverse of  $Z_2$       $\frac{1}{Z_2} \simeq 1 + \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} C_F \frac{1}{\varepsilon}$

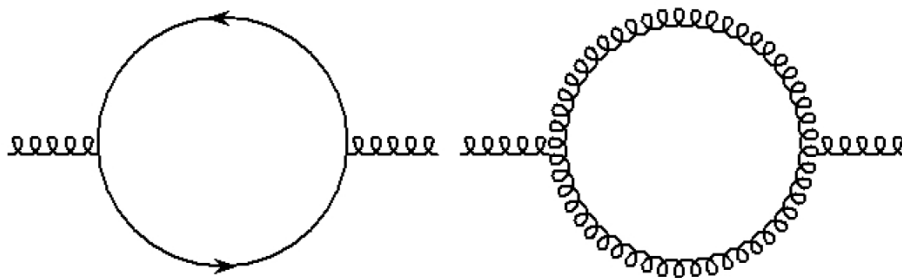
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nonabelian piece

$$Z_3 = 1 - \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} \left( \frac{2}{3} n_f - \frac{5}{3} C_A \right) \frac{1}{\varepsilon}.$$

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Write the QCD lagrangian in terms of the *bare* fields in  $d = 4 - 2\varepsilon$  dims. where everything is finite and we have canonical commutation rules.

$$\mathcal{L} = \bar{\psi}_{(0)} (i\not{D} - m_{(0)}) \psi_{(0)} - \frac{1}{4} F_{(0)}^{a\mu\nu} F_{(0)\mu\nu}^a$$

Here

$$D_\mu \psi_{(0)} = (\partial_\mu + ig_{(0)} T^a A_\mu^{a(0)}) \psi_{(0)}$$

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Counterterms remove singularities in loops, which allows to remove regularization. If we need only a finite number of counterterms to remove singularities in  $1/\varepsilon$  to all orders of perturbation theory, then theory is **renormalizable**. Gauge theories are renormalizable.

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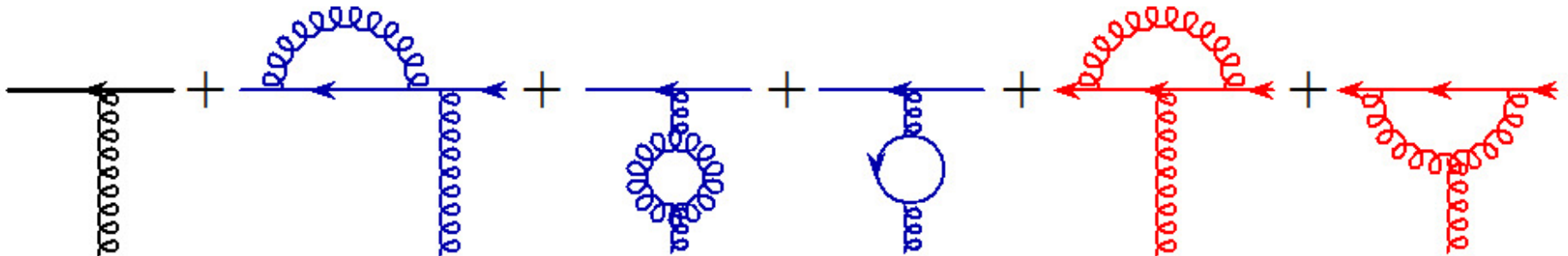
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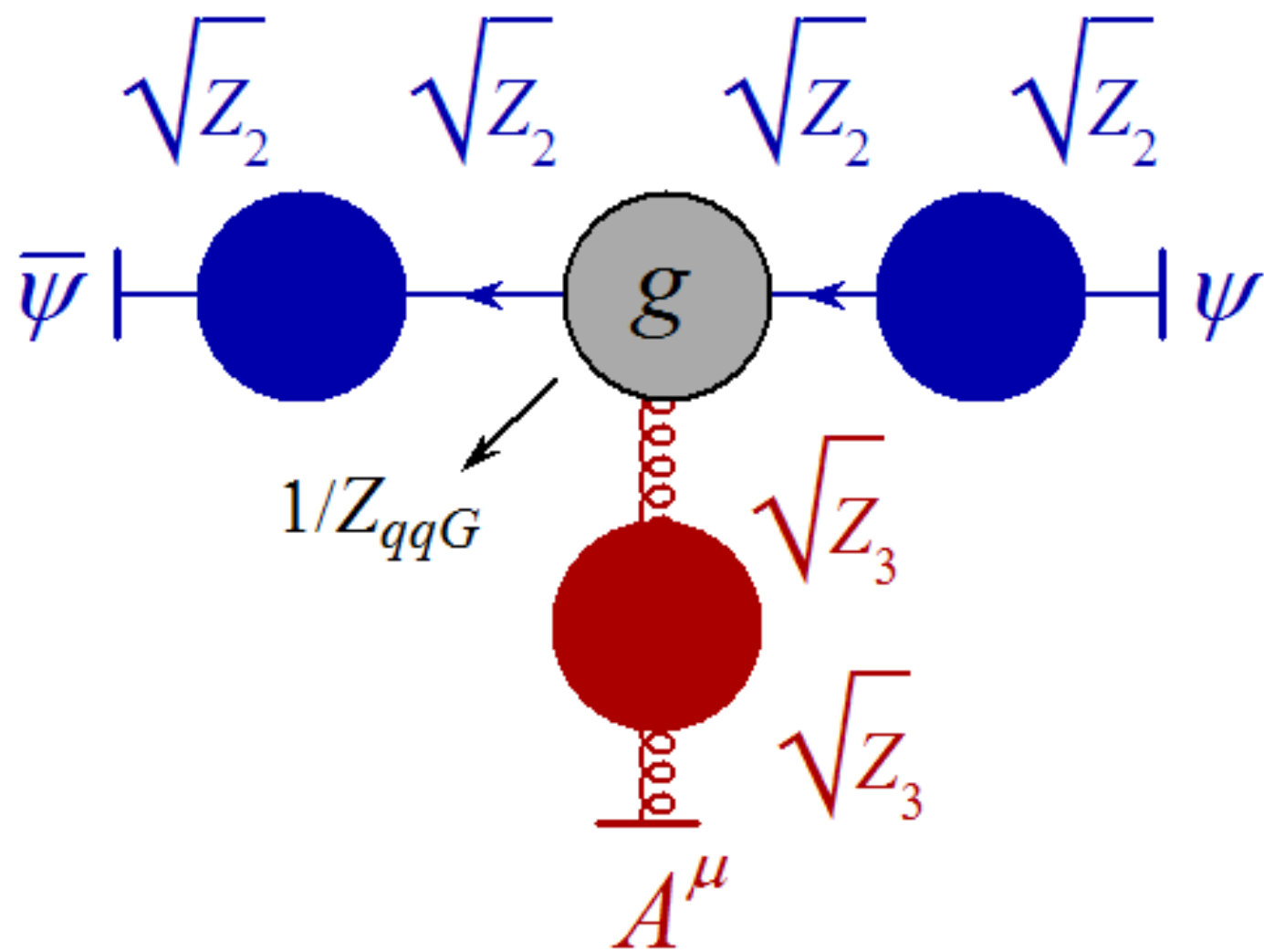
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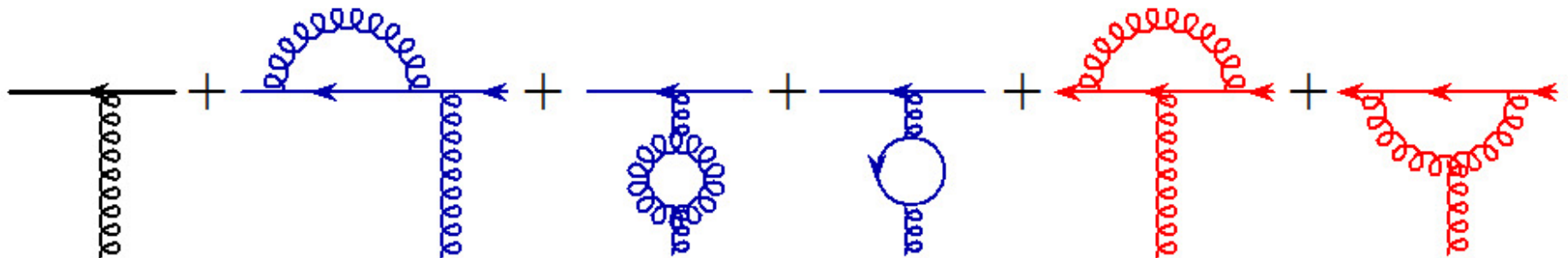
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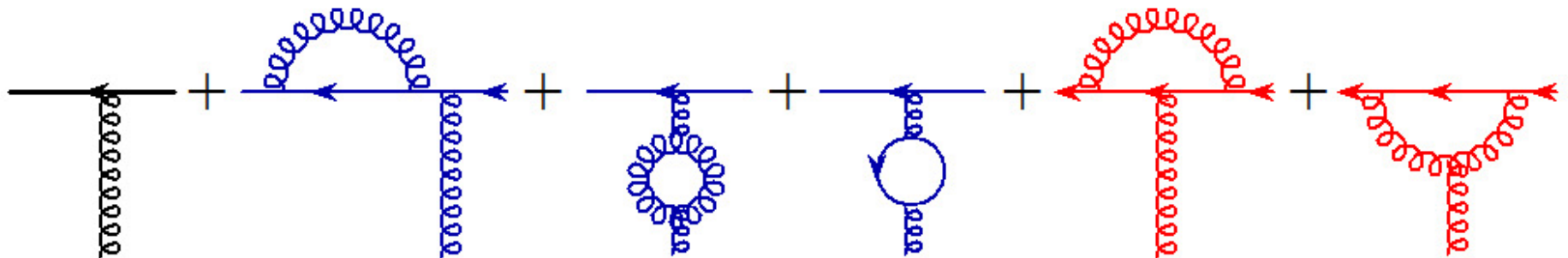
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Full result:

$$g_{(0)} = g\mu^\varepsilon \left( 1 - \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} \left( \frac{11}{6}C_A - \frac{1}{3}n_f \right) \frac{1}{\varepsilon} + \dots \right)$$

At this order this is gauge invariant.

$$\alpha_s = \frac{g^2}{4\pi}$$



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Bare coupling constant should not depend on  $\mu$ . This can be achieved only if:

$$g = g(\mu)$$


Hence we have the following equation:

$$0 = \frac{d}{d \ln \mu^2} g_{(0)}(\mu, g(\mu), \varepsilon) = \frac{\partial g_{(0)}}{\partial \ln \mu^2} + \frac{\partial g_{(0)}}{\partial g} \frac{dg(\mu)}{d \ln \mu^2}$$
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We need a pole part only

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beta function

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# QCD beta function

$$\beta(a_s) = -a_s^2 \left( \frac{11}{3} C_A - \frac{2}{3} n_f \right) + \dots$$

Renormalization group equation (RGE):

$$\frac{da_s}{d \ln \mu^2} = \beta(a_s)$$

Generally

$$\beta(a_s) = -\beta_0 a_s^2 - \beta_1 a_s^3 + \dots$$

# Solving RGE

$$\frac{da_s}{d \ln \mu^2} = \beta(a_s)$$

$$\ln \frac{\mu^2}{\mu_0^2} = \int_{a_s(\mu_0)}^{a_s(\mu)} \frac{da_s}{\beta(a_s)}$$



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Rewrite last equation in the following form:

$$\frac{1}{a_s(\mu)} - \beta_0 \ln \mu^2 = \frac{1}{a_s(\mu_0)} - \beta_0 \ln \mu_0^2 = -\beta_0 \ln \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2$$

This equation says that both sides are constant as functions of  $\mu$  or  $\mu_0$ .  
This constant is encoded in  $\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$ , which has to be taken from experiment.

# Running coupling constant

We can either write the asymptotic solution

$$a_s(\mu) = \frac{1}{\beta_0 \ln \frac{\mu^2}{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2}}$$

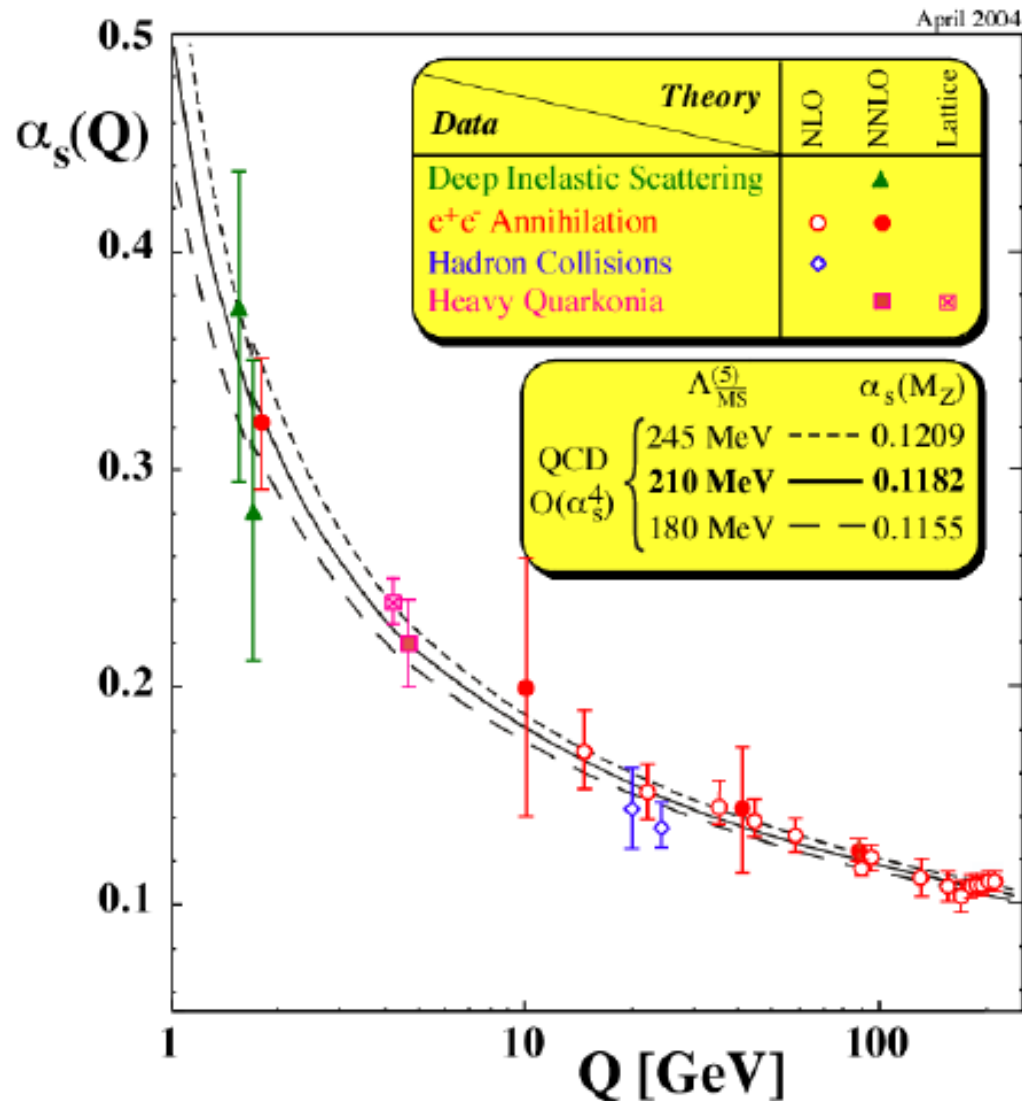
or an equation relating the couplings at two different scales:

$$a_s(\mu) = \frac{a_s(\mu_0)}{1 + \beta_0 a_s(\mu_0) \ln(\mu^2/\mu_0^2)}$$

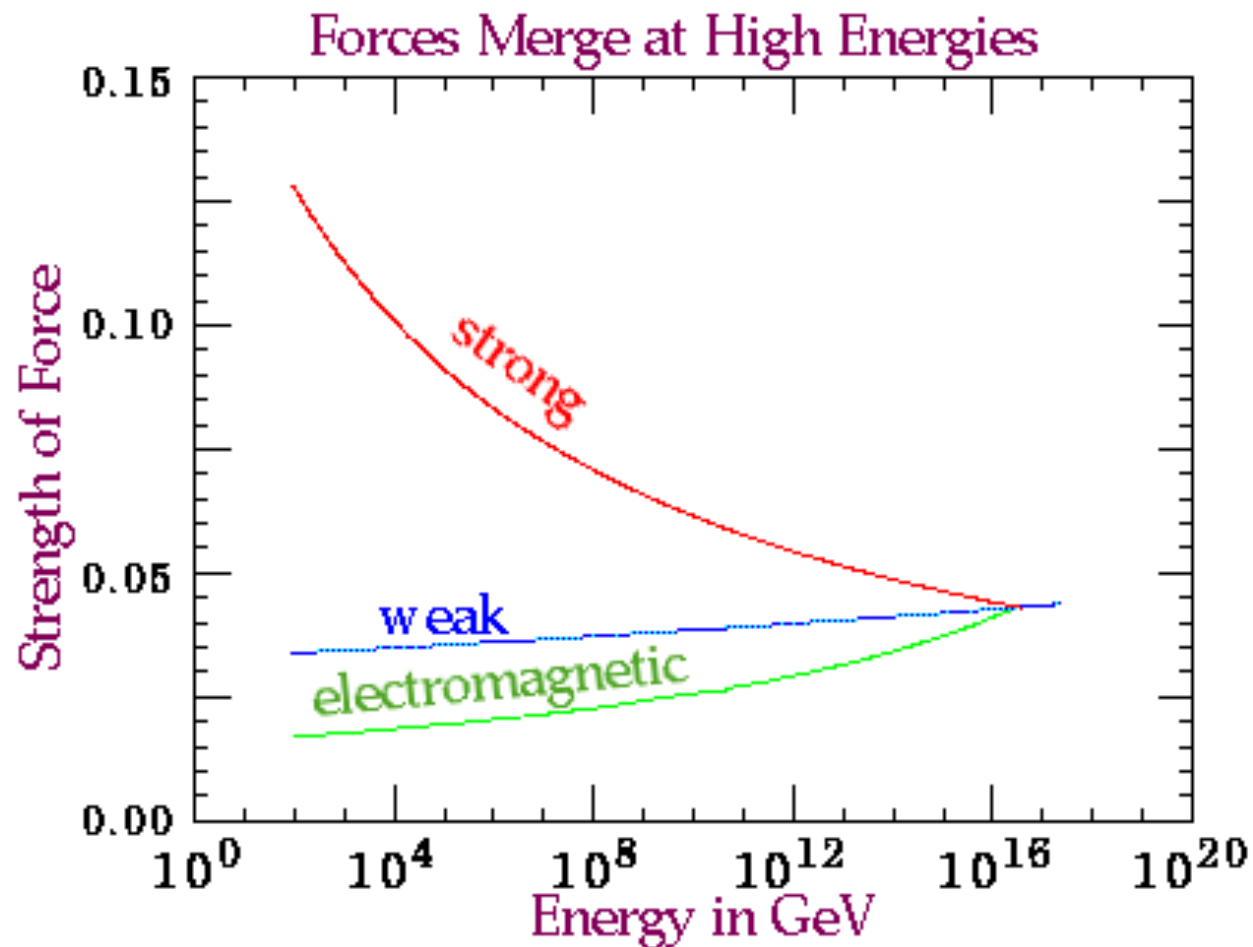
For negative  $\beta_0$  there is a problem (in QED: Landau pole).

In QCD  $a_s(\mu \rightarrow \infty) \rightarrow 0$  This is called **asymptotic freedom**.  
This is why we can apply pert. theory even though the coupling is not a priori small. This also explains why the parton model works.

# Running coupling constant



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# Consequences of running

In a typical QCD calculation we can choose  $\mu^2$  at will, and a typical choice is that  $\mu^2$  corresponds to the large momentum transfer present in a given process. See for example the quark propagator (although it is not an observable):

$$S_F^R = \frac{i}{\not{p}} \left( 1 + \frac{\alpha(\mu^2)}{4\pi} C_F \left( \ln \left( \frac{-p^2}{\bar{\mu}^2} \right) - 1 \right) \right)$$

Choice:

$$\bar{\mu}^2 \sim -p^2 \text{ (provided } -p^2 \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2)$$

nullifies large logarithm.

One might be worried that the change of scale changes the numerical value of the quark propagator in plain contradiction with the RG invariance. One should, however, keep in mind that RG invariance concerns *full theory*, and here we are dealing with one loop approximation only. In two, three *etc.* loop calculations sensitivity to the choice of scale is significantly reduced.

# Renormalization: summary

- Ultraviolet infinities appear in loop diagrams
- Regularization, usefull method: dimensional regularization
- Renormalization constants: fields, couplings, masses
- Relations between renormalization constants
- Counterterms (finite # - theory is renormalizable)
- Dimensional transmutation:  $\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$
- Running couplings and masses
- Asymptotic freedom
- Scale choice may minimize h.o. correctons
- Only full theory is scale invariant

$$\frac{Z_2\sqrt{Z_3}}{Z_{Gqq}} = \frac{Z_3^{3/2}}{Z_{GGG}}$$

# Historical remarks

David Gross, David Politzer and Frank Wilczek  
received the Nobel Prize in 2004 for:

the discovery of asymptotic freedom  
in the theory of the strong interaction

However, they were not the first ones to compute  
beta function in nonabelian gauge theories



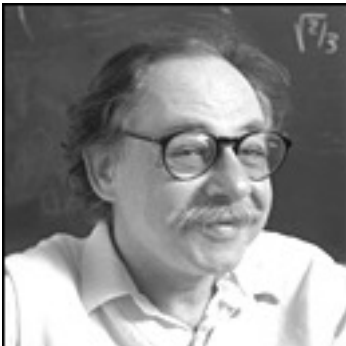
# Asymptotic freedom)

1973: Gross & Wilczek w Princeton oraz Politzer (student Coleman, który był na sabattical w Princeton) na Harvardzie wyliczyli funkcję beta dla teorii Yanga-Millsa

Gross:

For me the discovery of asymptotic freedom was totally unexpected. Like an atheist who has just received a message from a burning bush, I became an immediate true believer. Field theory wasn't wrong—instead scaling must be explained by an asymptotically free gauge theory

Nobel  
2004



# Asymptotic freedom (prehistory)

$$b_1 = -\left[\frac{11}{6}C_A - \frac{2}{3}\sum_R n_R T_R\right]$$

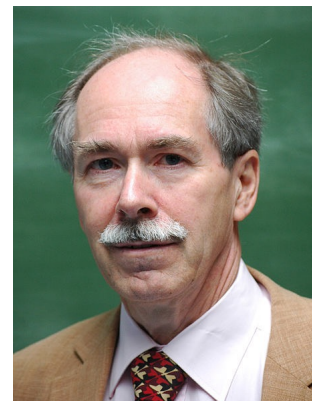
- 1965 Mikhail Terentyev & Vlasimir Vanyashin (ITEP)  
błąd:  $11 \times 2 = 22$ , ich wynik = 21

Ваняшин В С, Терентьев М В *ЖЭТФ* **48** 565 (1965) [Vanyashin V S, Terentyev M V *Sov. Phys. JETP* **21** 375 (1965)]

- 1969 Iosif Khripovich (Nowosybirsk)  
(cechowanie Coulomba)

Хриплович И Б *ЯФ* **10** 410 (1969) [Khriplovich I B *Sov. J. Nucl. Phys.* **10** 235 (1970)]

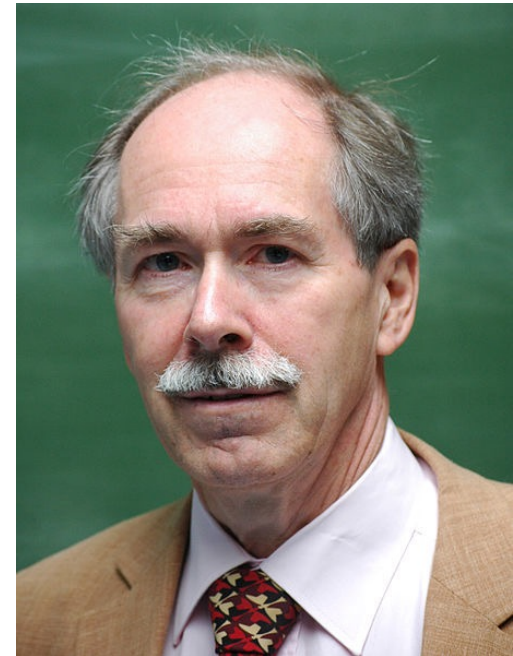
- 1972 Gerald 't Hooft  
konferencja w Marsylii, dyskusja po referacie  
Kurta Symanzika



# YM renormalization with spontaneous symmetry breaking



1971: 't Hooft, student Veltmana przeprowadza dowód w oparciu metodę całek funkcjonalnych Feynmana



Konsystentny opis oddziaływań elektroslabych w ramach teorii pola. Nagrody Nobla:

1979 – Glashow, Salam, Weinberg

1999 – 't Hooft, Veltman

2013 – Higgs, Englert