Particle production in pQCD How do the models work?

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What is QCD?

What is QCD (Quantum Chromo Dynamics)?

Elementary fields: Quarks Gluons

$$(q_{\alpha})_{f}^{a} \begin{cases} \text{color} \quad a = 1, \dots, 3\\ \text{spin} \quad \alpha = 1, 2\\ \text{flavor} \quad f = u, d, s, c, b, t \end{cases} A_{\mu}^{a} \begin{cases} \text{color} \quad a = 1, \dots, 8\\ \text{spin} \quad \epsilon_{\mu}^{\pm} \end{cases}$$

Dynamics: Generalized Maxwell (Yang-Mills) + Dirac theory

From: T. Schaefer, QM08 student talk

QCD and hadrons

strangeness

Quarks and gluons are the fundamental particles of QCD (feature in the Lagrangian)

However, in nature, we observe hadrons: Color-neutral combinations of quarks, anti-quarks



Baryon multiplet

Meson multiplet

 K^+

 \overline{K}^0

I₃ (u,d content)

 π^+

q = 0

q = 1

 K^0

 K^{-}

s = 1

s = 0

s = -1

 π





q = -1

Baryons: 3 quarks

Seeing quarks and gluons



In high-energy collisions, observe traces of quarks, gluons ('jets')

How does it fit together?



Asymptotic freedom and pQCD



At large Q², hard processes: calculate 'free parton scattering'



At high energies, quarks and gluons are manifest

+ more subprocesses

But need to add hadronisation (+initial state PDFs)

Low Q²: confinement

 α large, perturbative techniques not suitable



Part I: Hard processes in fundamental collisions

Accelerators and colliders

- p+p colliders (fixed target+ISR, SPPS, TevaTron, LHC)
 - Low-density QCD
 - Broad set of production mechanisms
- Electron-positron colliders (SLC, LEP)
 - Electroweak physics
 - Clean, exclusive processes
 - Measure fragmentation functions
- ep, μp accelerators (SLC, SPS, HERA)
 - Deeply Inelastic Scattering, proton structure
 - Parton density functions
- Heavy ion accelerators/colliders (AGS, SPS, RHIC, LHC)
 - Bulk QCD and Quark Gluon Plasma

Many decisive QCD measurements done

Seeing quarks and gluons



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Singularities in pQCD



Closely related to hadronisation effects

Hard processes in QCD Factorization

Cross section calculation can be split into

- Hard part: perturbative matrix element
- Soft part: parton density (PDF), fragmentation (FF)

$$\frac{d\sigma_{pp}^{h}}{dyd^{2}p_{T}} = K \sum_{abcd} \int dx_{a} dx_{b} f_{a}(x_{a}, Q^{2}) f_{b}(x_{b}, Q^{2}) \frac{d\sigma}{d\hat{t}} (ab \rightarrow cd) \frac{D_{h/c}^{0}}{\pi z_{c}}$$
parton density
matrix element FF

- Hard process: scale Q >> Λ_{QCD}
- Hard scattering High- p_T parton(photon) Q ~ p_T
- Heavy flavour production m >> Λ_{QCD}

QM interference between hard and soft suppressed (by Q^2/Λ^2 'Higher Twist') Soft parts, PDF, FF are *universal*: independent of hard process This is likely to break down in a QGP, but still a good starting point

The HERA Collider

The first and only ep collider in the world

Hera at DESY near Hamburg



Equivalent to fixed target experiment with 50 TeV e[±]

Example DIS events NC: $e^{\pm} + p \rightarrow e^{\pm} + X$, CC: $e^{\pm} + p \rightarrow \overline{v_e}(v_e) + X$









DIS: Measured electron/jet momentum fixes kinematics: x, Q²

Proton structure F₂



 F_2 : essentially a cross section/scattering probability

Factorisation in DIS

the physical structure fct. is independent of μ_f (this will lead to the concept of renormalization group eqs.)

both, pdf's and the short-dist. coefficient depend on μ_f (choice of μ_f : shifting terms between long- and short-distance parts)

Integral over x is DGLAP evolution with splitting kernel P_{qq}

Parton density functions

Low Q²: valence structure

Intermezzo I: PDFs and splitting functions

QCDNUM manual: https://www.nikhef.nl/~h24/gcdnum-files/doc/gcdnum170115.pdf

2.2 The DGLAP Evolution Equations

The DGLAP evolution equations can be written as

$$\frac{\partial f_i(x,\mu^2)}{\partial \ln \mu^2} = \sum_{j=q,\bar{q},g} \int_x^1 \frac{\mathrm{d}z}{z} P_{ij}\left(\frac{x}{z},\mu^2\right) f_j(z,\mu^2) \tag{2.4}$$

where f_i denotes an un-polarised parton number density, P_{ij} are the QCD splitting functions, x is the Bjorken scaling variable and $\mu^2 = \mu_F^2$ is the mass factorisation scale which we assume here to be equal to the renormalisation scale μ_R^2 . The indices i and jin (2.4) run over the parton species *i.e.*, the gluon and n_f active flavours of quarks and anti-quarks. In the quark parton model, and also in LO pQCD, the parton densities

The splitting functions of the LO splitting matrix $P_{ij}^{(0)}$ in (2.14) can be written as

$$P_{qq}^{(0)}(x) = \frac{4}{3} \left[\frac{1+x^2}{(1-x)_+} + \frac{3}{2} \delta(1-x) \right]$$

$$P_{qg}^{(0)}(x) = 2n_f \frac{1}{2} \left[x^2 + (1-x)^2 \right]$$

$$P_{gq}^{(0)}(x) = \frac{4}{3} \left[\frac{1+(1-x)^2}{x} \right]$$

$$P_{gg}^{(0)}(x) = 6 \left[\frac{x}{(1-x)_+} + \frac{1-x}{x} + x(1-x) + \left(\frac{11}{12} - \frac{n_f}{18} \right) \delta(1-x) \right].$$
(B.2)

Splitting functions illustrated

Pgg

$p+\overline{p} \rightarrow dijet at Tevatron$

Tevatron: $p + \overline{p}$ at $\sqrt{s} = 1.9$ TeV

Jets produced with several 100 GeV

Testing QCD at high energy

Theory matches data over many orders of magnitude Universality: PDFs from DIS used to calculate jet-production in pp

Testing QCD at RHIC with jets

RHIC: p+p at \sqrt{s} = 200 GeV (p+p at 500 GeV also available)

Jets also measured at RHIC

NLO pQCD also works at RHIC

However: significant uncertainties in energy scale, both 'theory' and experiment

Intermezzo II: calculating the spectra

Sarcevic, Ellis and Carruthers, Phys.Rev. D40 (1989) 1446

Here y_1 and y_2 refer to the rapidities of the scattered partons and the symbols with carets refer to the parton-parton c.m. system. The summation is over all flavors *i* and *j* and the factor $\frac{1}{2}$ in front of the integral in Eq. (1b) is due to the fact that there are assumed to be 2 jets in the final state (in general this factor should account for the actual average multiplicity of jets per event). The relations between the variables \hat{t} , \hat{u} , \hat{s} , p_T , y_1 , y_2 , and $\cos\hat{\theta}$, x_a , x_b are given by

$$\hat{s} = x_a x_b s = 4p_T^2 \cosh^2 \left[\frac{y_1 - y_2}{2} \right], \quad \cos \hat{\theta} = \left[1 - \frac{4p_T^2}{\hat{s}} \right]^{1/2} = \tanh \left[\frac{y_1 - y_2}{2} \right],$$

$$x_b^a = \left[\frac{\hat{s}}{s} e^{\pm (y_1 + y_2)} \right]^{1/2}, \quad \hat{t} = -\frac{\hat{s}}{2} (1 - \cos \hat{\theta}), \quad \hat{u} = -\frac{\hat{s}}{2} (1 + \cos \hat{\theta}).$$
(2)

For the total cross section the range for $\cos\hat{\theta}$ is between $-\sqrt{1-4(p_T^{\min})^2/\hat{s}}$ and $+\sqrt{1-4(p_T^{\min})^2/\hat{s}}$ for a given \hat{s} (i.e., given x_a and x_b). In Eq. (1) the $G(x, Q^2)$'s are parton distribution functions and the $\hat{\sigma}_{ij}$ are parton cross sections. In particular the required $\hat{\sigma}_{ij}$ are given by

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\sigma}(q_{i}q_{j}' \to q_{i}q_{j}') &= \frac{4\alpha_{s}^{2}}{9\hat{s}} \left[\frac{\hat{s}^{2} + \hat{u}^{2}}{\hat{t}^{2}} \right], \quad \hat{\sigma}(q_{i}\bar{q}_{i} \to q_{j}\bar{q}_{j}) &= \frac{4\alpha_{s}^{2}}{9\hat{s}} \left[\frac{\hat{s}^{2} + \hat{u}^{2}}{\hat{t}^{2}} \right], \\ \hat{\sigma}(q_{i}q_{i} \to q_{i}q_{i}) &= \frac{4\alpha_{s}^{2}}{9\hat{s}} \left[\frac{\hat{s}^{2} + \hat{u}^{2}}{\hat{t}^{2}} + \frac{\hat{s}^{2} + \hat{t}^{2}}{\hat{u}^{2}} - \frac{2\hat{s}^{2}}{3\hat{t}\hat{u}} \right], \quad \hat{\sigma}(q_{i}\bar{q}_{i} \to q_{i}\bar{q}_{i}) &= \frac{4\alpha_{s}^{2}}{9\hat{s}} \left[\frac{\hat{s}^{2} + \hat{u}^{2}}{\hat{t}^{2}} + \frac{\hat{t}^{2} + \hat{u}^{2}}{\hat{u}^{2}} - \frac{2\hat{u}^{2}}{3\hat{t}\hat{u}} \right], \quad \hat{\sigma}(q_{i}\bar{q}_{i} \to q_{i}\bar{q}_{i}) &= \frac{4\alpha_{s}^{2}}{9\hat{s}} \left[\frac{\hat{s}^{2} + \hat{u}^{2}}{\hat{t}^{2}} + \frac{\hat{t}^{2} + \hat{u}^{2}}{\hat{s}^{2}} - \frac{2\hat{u}^{2}}{3\hat{s}\hat{t}} \right], \\ \hat{\sigma}(q_{i}\bar{q}_{i} \to gg) &= \frac{8\alpha_{s}^{2}}{3\hat{s}} (\hat{t}^{2} + \hat{u}^{2}) \left[\frac{4}{9\hat{t}\hat{u}} - \frac{1}{\hat{s}^{2}} \right], \quad \hat{\sigma}(gg \to q_{i}\bar{q}_{i}) &= \frac{3\alpha_{s}^{2}}{8\hat{s}} (\hat{t}^{2} + \hat{u}^{2}) \left[\frac{4}{9\hat{t}\hat{u}} - \frac{1}{\hat{s}^{2}} \right], \\ \hat{\sigma}(gg \to gg) &= \frac{\alpha_{s}^{2}}{\hat{s}} (\hat{s}^{2} + \hat{u}^{2}) \left[\frac{1}{\hat{t}^{2}} - \frac{4}{9\hat{s}\hat{u}} \right], \quad \hat{\sigma}(gg \to gg) &= \frac{9\alpha_{s}^{2}}{2\hat{s}} \left[3 - \frac{\hat{u}\hat{t}}{\hat{s}^{2}} - \frac{\hat{u}\hat{s}\hat{t}}{\hat{u}^{2}} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Parton scattering cross section

Four example processes; can you guess which ones they are?

Subprocesses

Quark fractions

Kinematics, quark fraction very different at LHC, RHIC

Discussion: why?

Towards hadron production: Fragmentation Functions

 $e^+e^- \rightarrow qq \rightarrow jets$

Direct measurement of fragmentation functions

pQCD illustrated

Jet spectrum ~ parton spectrum

Note: difference p+p, e++e-

p+p: steeply falling jet spectrum Hadron spectrum convolution of jet spectrum with fragmentation e⁺ + e⁻ QCD events: jets have p=1/2 √s Directly measure frag function

Fragmentation function fits

Fragmentation function fits based on e⁺e⁻ have large uncertainty in gluon fragmentation Some groups use hadron production to further constrain FFs

Adding the LHC data in the game

Kretzer fragmentation

Ratios data/theory with uncertainties

Factor ~2 spread of results due to FF parameterisations

Mostly due to uncertainty in gluons: next step: use data to constrain gluon FF Also note: large scale uncertainties at $p_T < 5$ GeV

Heavy quark fragmentation: leading heavy meson carries large momentum fraction

Less gluon radiation than for light quarks, due to 'dead cone'

Dead cone effect

Radiated wave front cannot out-run source quark

$$\sin\theta_{\rm DC} = 1 - \beta^2 = \left(\frac{M}{E}\right)^2$$

Heavy quark: $\beta < 1$

Result: minimum angle for radiation ⇒ Mass regulates collinear divergence

in heavy quark fragmentation

Heavy and light flavor cross talk

As expected: charm -> light is softer than quark -> light fragmentation Fragmentation of charm to light hadrons also contributes to light flavor yields

Fragmentation and parton showers

Analytical calculations: Fragmentation Function D(z, μ) z=p_h/E_{jet} Only longitudinal dynamics

Thank you for your attention