



QCD Phenomenology of Gluon Jets

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ABSTRACT

We investigate in detail, within the framework of perturbative QCD, the properties of the gluon jet in comparison with those of the quark jet. The short-distance features of a gluon jet are quite similar to those of a quark jet, apart from the difference in the overall color charges $C_2(G)/C_2(R) = \frac{9}{4}$: The spread of a gluon jet in the transverse momentum is much bigger than that of a quark jet and the narrowing of a gluon jet with increasing energy is slower than that of a quark jet. We also evaluate the thrust T distribution which has the same features for both types of hadronic jets. The average $\langle 1-T \rangle$ and higher "thrust moments" $\langle (1-T)^n \rangle$ for the gluon-jet case are again approximately $C_2(G)/C_2(R) = \frac{9}{4}$ times those for the quark-jet case. The usefulness of these thrust moments is emphasized. The implication of the above result on the search for gluon jets is discussed, especially in the hadronic decay of a heavy quarkonium state. We express the gluon-jet production cross section in terms of the Altarelli-Parisi parton functions.

I. INTRODUCTION

It appears likely that strong interactions are governed by the non-Abelian gauge field theory – Quantum Chromodynamics (QCD) – which involves elementary quark and gluon fields. The evidence for the existence of spin $\frac{1}{2}$ quarks is overwhelming. All evidences for the existence of colored gluons, on the other hand, are circumstantial at best. The effects of gluonic degrees of freedom have so far been seen in the form of deviations from the naive quark-parton picture. Therefore, to put QCD on firmer grounds, it is essential to search for more direct signatures of the existence of vector gluons.

It is generally believed that, due to some nonperturbative color-confinement effects in QCD, quarks and gluons cannot be seen by themselves but only in the form of hadrons which are color-singlets. Therefore, one must search for some other manifestations (as direct as possible) of the fundamental quanta. The hadronic jet phenomena observed in e^+e^- annihilation¹ and other experiments are considered to be induced by energetic quarks which fragment into hadrons. Similarly, it is expected that an energetic gluon would also manifest itself in the form of a hadronic jet. In lieu of a free gluon, gluon jets (i.e., hadronic jets arising from energetic gluons) should best reflect the features of the colored vector quanta. In this work we continue our study² on the properties of gluon jets in comparison with those of quark jets, within the framework of perturbative QCD.

The quark-confinement effect in QCD is not yet understood.

With the idea of asymptotic freedom,³ QCD perturbation theory is reliable only for the calculations of short-distance effects. Correspondingly, to calculate any quantitative properties of quarks and gluons by means of QCD perturbation theory, one must take great care to isolate perturbative short-distance effects from nonperturbative quark-confinement effects. In the case of deep-inelastic lepton-hadron scattering, this type of isolation of short-distance effects is achieved by use of Wilson's operator product expansion along with the renormalization group.³ There are also attempts^{4,5} to extend the application of QCD perturbation theory to other processes where the analysis based on the operator-product expansion and the renormalization group is not directly applicable.

Recently, many authors, in particular Politzer⁴ and Sterman and Weinberg,⁵ have suggested that suitably chosen features of hadronic final states produced in scattering processes may be calculable by means of QCD perturbation theory, provided (1) non-perturbative confinement effects are either factorized or smeared over and (2) all infrared divergences and mass singularities are absent.

Following this criterion, Sterman and Weinberg have studied, using perturbative QCD, the hadronic-jet structure observed in e^+e^- annihilation. They define the cross section in terms of jet-like hadronic final states, characterized by the back-to-back cone of half angle δ , in which all but a small fraction ϵ of the total e^+e^- energy E is emitted. Fig. 1(a) shows the basic

process that leads to quark jets. A pair of energetic quark and antiquark produced via the virtual photon decay into hadrons due to some nonperturbative long-range effects in QCD. The gluon bremsstrahlung process (Fig. 1(b)) leads to the broadening of hadronic jets (which we shall call quark jets). The fraction of the jet-like events characterized by ϵ and δ in the total events is, to leading order in $\alpha_C = g^2/(4\pi)$, given by ⁵

$$f(\text{quark}) = 1 - \frac{\alpha_C}{\pi} C_2(R) \left\{ (4 \ln 2\epsilon + 3) \ln \delta + \frac{\pi^2}{3} - \frac{7}{4} \right\}, \quad (1.1)$$

where terms of order ϵ and/or δ are neglected and the color factor $C_2(R) = \frac{4}{3}$ for triplet quarks. This expression is free of infrared divergences and mass singularities since they are cancelled between the real-particle emission process (Fig. 1(b)) and the virtual correction processes (Fig. 1(c) and (d)). In a sense, the long-range effects are smeared over the energy resolution ϵ and the angular radius δ so that only the short-distance features of jet phenomena survive. The ratio f provides a measure of "jettiness" of the quark jet.

This approach is particularly useful for the study of gluon jets for the following reasons: (1) the perturbative QCD calculation of the fraction f for the gluon-jet case is also free of infrared and mass singularities, (2) the property calculated is qualitatively independent of the source of the energetic gluon produced; hence it is applicable to many scattering processes where the production of gluon jets is expected; for

example, the lepton-hadron deep inelastic scattering, Drell-Yan di-lepton production, large- p_{\perp} scattering experiments, e^+e^- annihilation into hadrons and the hadronic decays of heavy quark bound states; (3) the calculation does not require any knowledge of how an energetic gluon fragments into hadrons, as long as the overall transverse momentum spread of the gluon-jet fragmentation does not differ drastically from that of the quark-jet fragmentation. This last point is of particular importance since we know nothing about the gluon fragmentation function.

Using this approach, we have shown that qualitatively a gluon jet tends to spread substantially more than a quark jet.^{2,6,7} Of course, this conclusion is applicable only to kinematic regions where QCD perturbation theory is valid while nonperturbative effects are small. Unfortunately, at energies available today or in the near future the kinematic region where such a quantitative comparison is valid is rather limited. Hence it is worthwhile to use a more suitable variable instead of $f(\epsilon, \delta)$ for a quantitative comparison between the quark jet and the gluon jet. In this work we choose the variable thrust⁸ T , $\frac{1}{2} \leq T \leq 1$

$$T = \max \left(\sum_i |\vec{p}_{\parallel i}| / \sum_i |\vec{p}_i| \right) \quad (1.2)$$

where the sum runs over all observed particles and the \vec{p}_{\parallel} are parallel to a "jet" axis which is chosen to maximize T . This axis is called the thrust axis. (Our definition differs

slightly from that proposed originally by Farhi⁸; we believe this definition is better in practice since, for an event where some hadrons escape detection, the thrust T in his definition may attain values beyond the bound $\frac{1}{2} \leq T \leq 1$. The two definitions coincide for a perfect detector.) In terms of the thrust distribution, we find that the gluon jet is again less jet-like than the quark jet. This means that the observation of a gluon jet is difficult to achieve.

In perturbative QCD the transverse-momentum spread of a gluon jet arises from the gluon pair or quark pair emission. At high energies the structure of those particle emission processes is determined by that of mass singularities associated with them. It was noticed by a number of authors^{4,7} that the leading mass singularities in QCD have a structure universal to many high-energy processes. In physically sensible quantities such as the inclusive jet cross section, those mass singularities as well as infrared divergences are expected to be cancelled⁹ between the real and virtual correction processes, leaving their short-distance features which reflect the structure of the mass singularities. This in turn implies that the high-energy features of a gluon jet are independent of how it is produced. It will be reasonable to suppose that the production of energetic gluons is insensitive to the nonperturbative confinement effect which induces a gluon to fragment into hadrons; this is because the energetic-gluon production is considered to take place in a much shorter time scale than the latter.

With this in mind we can study the gluon-jet property in perturbative QCD by choosing the simplest, well-understood operator as a gluon production source. The hadronic jet production has a clear parton interpretation. To emphasize the parton language, we discuss the scalar source and the pseudoscalar source in two different presentations. We shall express the inclusive jet cross section in terms of the Altarelli-Parisi parton functions¹⁰ in Appendix A.

Quantitatively, the cross section $(1/\sigma)(d\sigma/dT)$ for either the gluon pair or quark pair production is peaked at $T \rightarrow 1$. This is the case even after all infrared and mass singularities are cancelled between the real and virtual particle emission diagrams. Physically, events with smaller p_{\perp} (or equivalently $T \rightarrow 1$) would be crowded with particles arising from the confinement effects, as characterized by a limited average transverse momentum $\langle p_{\perp} \rangle \sim 0.3$ GeV. Even within perturbative QCD, the Kinoshita-Lee-Nauenberg theorem⁹ requires us to average the cross section over the detection resolution size ΔT of T to remove the small-momentum singularities at $T \rightarrow 1$. Therefore, to render the perturbative calculation sensible, we must average the cross section over a resolution ΔT larger than the uncertainty ΔT (nonperturbative) induced by the fragmentation process.¹¹ For example, we can use the inclusive cross section

$$\sigma(\Delta T) = \int_{1-\Delta T}^1 dT (d\sigma/dt)$$

with $\Delta T > \Delta T(\text{nonperturbative})$.

As an alternative to the above smearing procedure, we suggest to use some "large- T suppressed" expression for the comparison between theory and experiment. Let us introduce $(1-T)^n (1/\sigma_{\text{tot}})(d\sigma/dT)$ for $n \geq 0$. For positive integer n , the small- T region (where perturbative QCD effects dominate) is enhanced relative to the large- T region (where infrared and confinement effects are big). In particular, for the gluon pair and quark pair production discussed in Sec. III, we can use $(1-T)(1/\sigma_{\text{tot}})(d\sigma/dT)$ so that the leading infrared and mass singularities in $d\sigma/dT$ (which are proportional to $\delta(1-T)$) are suppressed. It will be equally useful to consider the integrated quantities

$$M_n(E) = \langle (1-T)^n \rangle = \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^1 dT (1-T)^n (1/\sigma_{\text{tot}})(d\sigma/dT) \quad , \quad (1.3)$$

which we shall refer to as thrust moments at energy E . It is clear that to leading order in perturbative QCD, all thrust moments are proportional to the effective running coupling constant $\alpha_C(E)$.

The rest of this paper is organized as follows: in Sec. II, we present the doubly differential cross section for the production of a pair of gluon jets from a color-singlet gauge-invariant, scalar source $(F_{\mu\nu}^a)^2$, in the leading-order perturbative QCD, as a function of the energies of the quanta. We evaluate the total cross section which includes both the virtual and real emissions. In Sec. III, we derive the fraction $f(\varepsilon, \delta; E)$ with the inclusion of the constant term in it. We also

derive the differential cross section expressed in terms of the thrust and compare the gluon jet and the quark jet productions. The nonperturbative effects are also discussed. Section IV contains discussions and remarks on how best to find gluon jets, in view of the prediction that they are broader in transverse momentum than quark jets. In Appendix A, we show that the pseudoscalar source $(F_{\mu\nu}^a \hat{\gamma}^5)$ gives the same gluon-jet structure as the scalar source.

II. GLUON JET PRODUCTION CROSS SECTION

To study the gluon-jet properties by means of QCD perturbation theory, we consider the gluon-jet production from the color-singlet, gauge-invariant, scalar source $F_{\mu\nu}^a[A]F_{\mu\nu}^a[A]$, where

$$F_{\mu\nu}^a[A] = \partial_\mu A_\nu^a - \partial_\nu A_\mu^a + g f^{abc} A_\mu^b A_\nu^c .$$

To zeroth order in the coupling constant g , a pair of gluons is produced from this source. To investigate the short-distance effects on the gluon-jet spreading we calculate the gluon-jet production cross section in the one-loop approximation, which subsequently is promoted, on the basis of the argument of Sterman and Weinberg,⁵ to the leading-logarithmic approximation. In this section we evaluate the differential cross section and the total cross section to order $\alpha_C = g^2/(4\pi)$.

Figure 2(a) shows the basic process that leads to the production of a pair of gluon jets. Figure 2(b) - (e) are

particle emission processes to order g , where the final states have either three gluons or a gluon plus a quark pair. All quark masses are taken to be zero. We shall perform our calculation in the Feynman gauge, and correspondingly we have to include the fictitious final state of a gluon plus a ghost pair (Fig. 2(c)) (we can of course avoid the ghost-pair production diagram by working in the axial gauge). In order to regularize the infrared divergences and mass singularities we shall work in $n = 4+D$ dimensions.¹² The three-body Lorentz invariant phase space is five-fold differential (in four dimensions). Since the angular distribution of the gluon production cross section depends on the source and is of no interest to us, we shall integrate over all angles, leaving only two independent energy fractions $x_i = 2E_i/E$ ($i=1,2,3$), $x_1+x_2+x_3 = 2$ and $0 \leq x_i \leq 1$ (E_i is the energy carried by the massless particle i and E is the center of mass total energy).

A straightforward calculation yields the following doubly differential cross section for the sum of real-particle emission processes (Fig. 2(f) - (k)) in $n=4+D$ dimensions:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\sigma_0} \frac{d\sigma(1)}{dx_1 dx_2} = & \frac{\alpha_C}{3\pi} f(D) E^D \left[C_2(G) \left\{ \frac{11}{6} - \frac{5}{2} \frac{1}{1-x_1} + \frac{(1-x_2)(1-x_3)}{1-x_1} + \right. \right. \\ & + \left. \frac{1}{2} \frac{(1-x_2)^2 + (1-x_3)^2 + 2}{(1-x_2)(1-x_3)} \right\} + T(R) N_f \frac{1}{(1-x_1)} \left\{ 1 - (2-D)(1-x_2)(1-x_3) \right\} \\ & \left. + \text{symmetrization in } (x_1, x_2, x_3) \right] . \end{aligned} \quad (2.1)$$

Here $\alpha_C = g^2/(4\pi)$ is the QCD coupling constant and σ_0 is the total cross section for the Born diagram Fig. 2(a).

$f(D) \equiv [(2\sqrt{\pi})^D \Gamma(1+\frac{1}{2}D)]^{-1}$, where $f(D) = 1$ for $D=0$. $C_2(G)$ is the value of the quadratic Casimir operator for the color representation G of the gluon; in QCD $C_2(G) = C_2(8) = 3$. $T(R)$ is given by the trace of the product of two color-representation matrices of the quark; for triplet quarks $T(R) = \frac{1}{2}$. N_f is the number of quark flavors. The symmetrization means $(x_1 \rightarrow x_2 \rightarrow x_3 \rightarrow x_1)$ and $(x_1 \rightarrow x_3 \rightarrow x_2 \rightarrow x_1)$, so that the sum of the constant terms is three times of that shown in (2.1). For later convenience we have also fully symmetrized the quark-pair emission contribution, which originally is symmetric in the quark and antiquark energy fractions but not in the gluon energy fraction. We observe that diagram Fig. 2(e) contributes only a constant term.

It is a simple exercise to derive the three-body phase space in terms of x_i in $n = 4+D$ dimensions:¹³

$$dR = dx_1 dx_2 dx_3 \delta(2-x_1-x_2-x_3) [(1-x_1)(1-x_2)(1-x_3)]^{\frac{1}{2}D} . \quad (2.2)$$

The physical region is given by the Dalitz triangle region shown in Fig. 3. The three sides ($x_i = 1$) of the triangle correspond to two-jet-like configurations where two of the three final-state particles are collinear. The differential cross section (2.1) is singular for $x_i = 1$; this gives rise to mass singularities. The three corners of the triangle, where one of x_i is close to zero, correspond to soft particle

emissions and lead to infrared divergences as well as mass singularities for the soft gluon emission processes (Fig. 2 (f), (g), (i) and (j)). The quark-pair emission process (Fig. 2(h)) has only a mass singularity.

The integration of the differential cross section (2.1) over the whole phase space gives the cross section $\sigma(1)$ for the real-particle emission processes:

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma(1) &= \int_0^1 dx_1 \int_{1-x_1}^1 dx_2 [(1-x_1)(1-x_2)(1-x_3)]^{\frac{1}{2}D} (d\sigma(1)/dx_1 dx_2) \\ &= \sigma_0 \frac{\alpha_C}{\pi} f(D) E^D \left[C_2(G) \left\{ \frac{4}{D^2} - \frac{11}{3} \frac{1}{D} + \frac{73}{12} - \frac{\pi^2}{2} \right\} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + N_f T(R) \left(\frac{4}{3} \frac{1}{D} - \frac{7}{3} \right) \right] .\end{aligned}\quad (2.3)$$

The single poles in $D=n-4$ represent mass singularities while the double pole arises from the coalescence of a mass singularity and an infrared divergence at the corners of the Dalitz triangle.

These divergences are cancelled⁹ by those arising from the virtual corrections to the same order in α_C , which are shown in Fig. 4. The total cross section $\sigma(2)$ for the virtual correction processes to order α_C has previously been calculated:²

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma(2) &= \sigma_0 \frac{\alpha_C}{\pi} f(D) \left[C_2(G) \left(-\frac{4}{D^2} E^D + \frac{11}{3} \frac{\mu^D}{D} - \frac{67}{18} \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + N_f T(R) \left(-\frac{4}{3} \frac{\mu^D}{D} + \frac{20}{9} \right) \right] ,\end{aligned}\quad (2.4)$$

where μ denotes the subtraction point $p^2 = \mu^2$ at which we have performed the renormalization of the gluon propagators.

For the renormalization of the scalar source $(F_{\mu\nu}[A])^2$ we have subtracted only the ultraviolet-divergent piece at $p^2=\mu^2$ for gluon lines and at $p^2=E^2$ for the source momentum.

As a consequence of the cancellation of the infrared divergences and mass singularities between the real and virtual corrections, the total cross section to order α_C , $\sigma_{\text{tot}} = \sigma_0 + \sigma(1) + \sigma(2)$, is finite: ($D \rightarrow 0$)

$$\sigma_{\text{tot}} = \sigma_0 \left[1 - \frac{\alpha_C}{\pi} \left\{ \left(\frac{11}{3} C_2(G) - \frac{4}{3} N_f T(R) \right) \ln(E/\mu) + \left(\frac{\pi^2}{2} - \frac{85}{36} \right) C_2(G) + \frac{1}{9} N_f T(R) \right\} \right]. \quad (2.5)$$

The source we have used is not a conserved source. Accordingly, the coefficient of the $\ln(E/\mu)$ term in (2.5) represents the anomalous dimension¹⁴ of the scalar source $(F_{\mu\nu}[A])^2$. It will be important to remark that the constant terms in the virtual correction (2.4) are somewhat ambiguous in the sense that they depend on how we renormalize the source (we have employed an off-mass-shell renormalization procedure). This is because one cannot use, due to the presence of infrared divergences and mass singularities, the on-mass-shell renormalization for exclusive processes such as the virtual correction (2.4). Physically one should define σ_{tot} in terms of some inclusive cross section which is free of the infrared and mass singularities; we shall discuss this point in the next section.

In general the operator $(F_{\mu\nu}[A])^2$ is mixed, under renormalization, with the gauge-invariant

operator $i \bar{q}^a \gamma^\mu \mathcal{D}_\mu^{ab} [A] q^b$, where $\mathcal{D}_\mu^{ab}[A]$ is the covariant derivative for the colored quark field $q^b(x)$. With the help of the equation of motion, this operator turns out to be proportional to the quark mass operator $\bar{q}^a m q^a$ which vanishes for massless quarks (i.e., a soft operator). Therefore, it is not necessary to consider the mixing with the quark operator. Since we calculate physical quantities, it is also unnecessary to take explicit account of the mixing with non-gauge-invariant operators.¹⁴

III. TRANSVERSE MOMENTUM SPREAD OF GLUON JETS

We are now ready to study the spread of the gluon jet due to short-distance QCD effects and compare it to that of the quark jet. We calculate the fraction $f(\epsilon, \delta, E)$ of two-jet-like events specified by ϵ and δ in the total events. We then calculate the thrust distribution from eq. (2.1) and compare it to the quark-jet case. In Appendix A, we present our previous method² of calculation which is essentially the equivalent photon approximation of Weizsäcker and Williams.¹⁵ This method was extensively used in the generalized parton language of Altarelli and Parisi.¹⁰

Let us first determine the kinematical regions which contribute to the inclusive cross section $\sigma(\epsilon, \delta)$ for jet-like final states. A jet-like configuration is characterized by a hadronic cone of half angle δ inside which all but a small fraction ϵ of the total energy E is emitted. Suppose we consider

the configuration where $x_1 > x_2, x_3$ (See Fig. 2(1)). The angle θ between \vec{p}_2 and \vec{p}_3 is given in terms of x_1, x_2 and x_3 by

$$\sin^2 \theta = (1-x_1)/(x_2 x_3) \quad . \quad (3.1)$$

Therefore, $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\delta$ when

$$1 - x_1 = x_2 + x_3 - 1 \leq (\sin^2 \delta) x_2 x_3 \quad (3.2)$$

which is, together with the two other similar regions, shown as a shaded region in Fig. 3. The hard-momentum regions are characterized by $2\epsilon \leq x_i \leq 1-2\epsilon$ ($i=1,2,3$) while the soft-momentum regions are the three remaining regions on the corners of the triangle.

The inclusive jet cross section is obtained by integrating the differential cross section (2.1) over the shaded area (hard +soft) in the Dalitz triangle.¹⁶ In particular, for the hard momentum region near $x_1 \simeq 1$, i.e., $x_2 + x_3 - 1 \leq \delta^2 x_2 x_3$ and $2\epsilon \leq x_2 \leq 1-2\epsilon$, the phase space integration is written as

$$\int_{2\epsilon}^{1-2\epsilon} dx_2 \int_{1-x_2}^{(1-x_2)/(1-\delta^2 x_2)} dx_3 I(x_i) = \int_{2\epsilon}^{1-2\epsilon} dx_2 \int_0^{\delta^2 (1-x_2) x_2} d(1-x_1) I(x_i), \quad (3.3)$$

apart from terms of order δ^2 , where $I(x_i) = [(1-x_1)(1-x_2)(1-x_3)]^{\frac{1}{2}D}$. The phase space integration for the soft momentum region $0 \leq x_2 \leq 2\epsilon$ is given by

$$\int_0^{2\epsilon} dx_2 \int_{1-x_3}^1 dx_3 I(x_i) = \int_0^{2\epsilon} dx_2 \int_0^{x_2} d(1-x_1) I(x_i) \quad . \quad (3.4)$$

The actual calculation is simplified by making a suitable change of variables. The result is the inclusive cross section for the real-particle emission processes

$$\sigma_1(\epsilon, \delta) = \sigma_0 \frac{\alpha_C}{\pi} f(D) \left[C_2(G) \left\{ \left(\frac{4}{D^2} - \frac{11}{3} \frac{1}{D} \right) E^D - \left(4 \ln(2\epsilon) + \frac{11}{3} \right) \ln \delta - \frac{5}{6} \pi^2 + \frac{67}{9} \right\} + N_f T(R) \left\{ \frac{4}{3} \frac{1}{D} E^D + \frac{4}{3} \ln \delta - \frac{23}{9} \right\} \right], \quad (3.5)$$

where finite terms proportional to ϵ and/or δ have been neglected. This expression agrees with our previous result,² which was obtained by a different method of calculation. The Born diagram (Fig. 2(a)) and the virtual corrections (Fig. 4) lead to two back-to-back jets. They must be added to the cross section (3.5) to give the inclusive jet cross section to order α_C

$$\sigma(\epsilon, \delta) = \sigma_0 + \sigma(2) + \sigma_1(\epsilon, \delta), \quad (3.6)$$

which is free of infrared divergences and mass singularities. Let us define the fraction $f(\epsilon, \delta)$ of all jet-like events which have a fraction $(1-\epsilon)$ of the total energy E inside some pair of opposite cones of half angle δ :

$$\begin{aligned} f(\text{gluon}) &= \sigma(\epsilon, \delta) / \sigma_{\text{tot}} \\ &= 1 - \frac{\alpha_C}{\pi} \left[\left\{ 4C_2(G) \ln(2\epsilon) + \frac{11}{3} C_2(G) - \frac{4}{3} N_f T(R) \right\} \ln(\delta) + \left(\frac{\pi^2}{3} - \frac{49}{36} \right) C_2(G) + \frac{2}{9} N_f T(R) \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (3.7)$$

Note that the source-dependent $\ln(E/\mu)$ terms in $\sigma(\epsilon, \delta)$ and σ_{tot} are cancelled in the ratio $f(\epsilon, \delta)$. As noted earlier, the virtual

correction $\sigma(2)$ has some ambiguity associated with the renormalization of the source. Owing to the multiplicative nature of the renormalization of the source, this ambiguity is common to $\sigma(\epsilon, \delta)$ and σ_{tot} and therefore it disappears from the ratio $f(\epsilon, \delta) = \sigma(\epsilon, \delta)/\sigma_{\text{tot}}$. This ratio f , including the constant term in it, has a definite physical meaning independent of the renormalization of the source. We note that the total cross section σ_{tot} can be written as $\sigma_{\text{tot}} = \sigma(\epsilon, \delta)/f(\epsilon, \delta)$, where quantities on the right-hand-side are directly measurable.

It is interesting to observe that the fraction $f(\epsilon, \delta)$ can be expressed directly in terms of the Altarelli-Parisi¹⁰ parton-splitting functions $P_{\text{GG}}(Z)$, $P_{\text{qG}}(Z)$, $P_{\text{qq}}(Z)$ and $P_{\text{Gq}}(Z)$ (listed in Appendix A):

$$f(\text{gluon}) = 1 - \frac{\alpha_C}{\pi} (\ln \delta) \int_{2\epsilon}^{1-2\epsilon} dZ (P_{\text{GG}}(Z) + P_{\text{qG}}(Z)) \quad , \quad (3.8)$$

$$f(\text{quark}) = 1 - \frac{\alpha_C}{\pi} (\ln \delta) \int_{2\epsilon}^{1-2\epsilon} dZ (P_{\text{Gq}}(Z) + P_{\text{qq}}(Z)) \quad , \quad (3.9)$$

where only logarithmic terms are kept. The fractions f in Eqs. (3.7) and (1.1) (apart from the constant terms) are reproduced upon integrations over Z . In Appendix A we show the derivation of Eq. (3.8) in detail. It is clear from this analysis that the "jettiness" of quark jets and gluon jets is source independent.

Before the comparison of the quark jet and the gluon jet, let us consider the meaning of the coupling constant α_C in (3.7) and (3.9). These two expressions are based on one-loop calculations and α_C is a constant at this level. As suggested in Refs. 4,5, with suitable assumptions, these one-loop results

can be generalized to the leading logarithmic approximation; namely, the coupling constant α_C can be replaced by the running coupling constant³ $\alpha_C(E)$ which approaches zero as $E \rightarrow \infty$. Such a replacement is valid in the case of deep inelastic scattering where the short-distance effect and the long-distance effect are factorized by use of the operator product expansion. Now let us look at the three-jet-like configuration in Fig. 2(l). If \vec{p}_2 and \vec{p}_3 are not soft (i.e., $x_2 \geq 2\varepsilon$ and $x_3 \geq 2\varepsilon$) and $\theta \geq 2\delta$, all momentum invariants such as \vec{p}_1^2 , $\vec{p}_2^2 = (\frac{1}{2}Ex_2)^2 \gtrsim \varepsilon^2 E^2$ and $(\vec{p}_2 - \vec{p}_3)^2 \geq (\frac{1}{2}E)^2 2x_1x_2(1 - \cos\theta) \gtrsim 2\varepsilon\delta^2 E^2$ increase with the total energy E . Such a reaction will be regarded as a short-distance phenomenon and will be characterized by the QCD running coupling constant $\alpha_C(E)$ which decreases like $(\ln E)^{-1}$ as $E \rightarrow \infty$. On the other hand, if, e.g., $0 \leq x_2 \leq 2\varepsilon$ or $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\delta$ so that some momentum variables are no longer hard, then perturbative QCD cannot be applied to such configurations. However, for the inclusive cross section $\sigma(\varepsilon, \delta)$ or the ratio $f(\varepsilon, \delta)$ the contribution from these latter configurations are smeared over; the real-particle-emission contribution and the virtual correction add up to remove these long-distance singularities. Therefore, if ε and δ are chosen so that the (nonperturbative) long-distance effects are smeared over, the ratio $f(\varepsilon, \delta)$ will represent the short-distance features of jet phenomena. For short-distance phenomena one can use an argument based on the renormalization group. As noted by Sterman and Weinberg,⁵ if the ratio $f = f(E/\mu, \alpha_C; \varepsilon, \delta)$

is free from infrared and mass singularities, it is rewritten as

$$f(E/\mu, \alpha_C; \varepsilon, \delta) = f(1, \alpha_C(E); \varepsilon, \delta) \quad , \quad (3.10)$$

where $\alpha_C(E)$ is the coupling constant defined at the momentum of order E . With α_C replaced by $\alpha_C(E)$, the perturbative results (3.7) and (1.1) are expected to be reliable at high energies; so is the total cross section (2.5).

In Fig. 5 we compare the quark-jet angular radius $\delta(\text{quark})$ and the gluon-jet angular radius $\delta(\text{gluon})$ for the same values of f , ε and $\alpha_C(E)$. To a good approximation

$$\delta(\text{gluon}) \simeq (\delta(\text{quark}))^{C_2(R)/C_2(G)} = (\delta(\text{quark}))^{4/9} \quad , \quad (3.11)$$

as noted earlier.^{2,6} The short-distance effects of QCD tend to make the gluon jet much broader than the quark jet. The energy-dependence of the coupling constant $\alpha_C(E)$ tells us that the quark and gluon jets get narrower with increasing E . The narrowing of gluons jets, however, is slower than that of quark jets. This general qualitative feature is mainly a consequence of the difference in the color factors $C_2(R)$ and $C_2(G)$ associated with the representations of the quark and the gluon in QCD. (The larger the representation, i.e., the gross color charge, the larger the spreading of a jet.) The threshold energy for the detection of a clean gluon jet will be an order of magnitude bigger than that (~ 3 GeV) for the detection of a quark jet. This renders the detection of gluon jets very difficult. It is intriguing to

consider this as the reason why gluon jets have so far escaped detection.

The perturbative results (3.7) and (1.1), from which we can extract some qualitative features of jet phenomena at high energies, may not be adequate for quantitative analysis at present energies. This is because nonperturbative effects (fragmentation of quarks into hadrons) observed experimentally seem at least as important ⁸ as the perturbative effects at the center-of-mass energy $E \sim 9$ GeV available at present. There is no inkling as to how a gluon fragments into hadrons. We do not know how big an angular radius δ is required to smear out the non-perturbative effects in a gluon jet. It is even possible that an energetic gluon fragments with such a large average transverse momentum that the jet formation never materializes. If this is the case, any QCD perturbative study of the gluon-jet structure is useless and we have to look for other means to test the existence of the gluon. For rough estimate, let us suppose that the gluon fragmentation has a comparable limited transverse momentum as the quark fragmentation. Even in this case, $f(\epsilon, \delta)$ may not be a useful quantitative formula for energies available now or in the near future. Let us take the average transverse momentum to be $\langle p_{\perp} \rangle \sim 0.3$ GeV/c. The non-perturbative effect on ϵ and δ will be $\epsilon_{N.P.} \sim \langle p_{\perp} \rangle / E$ and $\delta_{N.P.} \sim (\langle p_{\perp} \rangle \langle n \rangle) / E$, where $\langle n \rangle$ is the average hadron multiplicity. Typically, for $E = 10$ GeV and $\langle n \rangle \sim 10$, we have $\epsilon_{N.P.} (\sim 0.03)$ reasonably small but $\delta_{N.P.} (\sim 0.3)$ uncomfortably large.

For a given energy, the perturbative effects are expected to dominate over the non-perturbative effects at large transverse momentum with respect to the jet axis. If we have the differential cross-section expressed as a function of p_\perp , we can compare the quark-and the gluon-jet processes at large p_\perp where non-perturbative effects are small. Following the suggestion of Farhi,⁸ let us use the thrust T distribution (see eq. (1.2)) to make a quantitative comparison of the quark-jet and gluon-jet productions.

For two-body configurations the thrust T is proportional to $\delta(1-T)$. Therefore the Born cross section σ_0 and the virtual correction $\sigma(2)$ lead to the differential thrust cross sections $(d\sigma_0/dT) = \sigma_0\delta(1-T)$ and $(d\sigma(2)/dT) = \sigma(2)\delta(1-T)$, respectively.

For three-body configurations the thrust is given by $T = \max(x_1, x_2, x_3)$ and $\frac{2}{3} \leq T \leq 1$. Let us suppose $T = x_1 > x_2, x_3$ and integrate the differential cross section (2.1) over x_2 with $T = x_1$ kept fixed, taking into account the symmetry of the phase space. We obtain the differential cross section for the three-particle emission expressed in terms of thrust:

$$\frac{d\sigma(1)}{dT} = 3 \int_{2(1-T)}^T dx_2 \left[(1-x_1)(1-x_2)(1-x_3) \right]^{\frac{1}{2}D} \frac{d^2\sigma(1)}{dx_1 dx_2}, \quad (3.12)$$

where $T+x_2+x_3 = 2$. The factor $\left[(1-x_1)(1-x_2)(1-x_3) \right]^{\frac{1}{2}D}$ serves to regularize the infrared divergences and mass singularities that occur at $T=1$, and can be set equal to one for $T \neq 1$.

Therefore, except for $T=1$,

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{1}{\sigma_0} \frac{d\sigma(1)}{dT} &= \frac{\alpha_C}{\pi} \left[2 \{ C_2(G) \left(T(1-T) + \frac{1}{T(1-T)} - 2 \right) + N_f T(R) (1-2T(1-T)) \} \right. \\
&\times \ln \left(\frac{2T-1}{1-T} \right) + (3T-2) \{ C_2(G) \left(\frac{3}{2} + \frac{5}{2} T - \frac{11}{6} \frac{1}{1-T} \right) + N_f T(R) \left(-5T + \frac{2}{3} \frac{1}{1-T} \right) \} \Big].
\end{aligned}
\tag{3.13}$$

It is evident that the leading singularities of $d\sigma(1)/dT$ at $T=1$ are cancelled by those of the virtual correction $d\sigma(2)/dT = \sigma(2)\delta(1-T)$. (This is simply because the infrared divergences and mass singularities are cancelled between $\sigma(1)$ and $\sigma(2)$.) In general, if we consider quantities like $(1-T)^n (d\sigma/dT)$ ($n \geq 1$), it is not necessary to take explicit account of genuine two-body configurations (i.e., the Born term and the virtual correction) whose contributions are proportional to $\delta(1-T)$. Correspondingly, we shall henceforth consider the $(1-T)$ weighted, normalized thrust distribution $(1-T)^n (1/\sigma_{\text{tot}}) (d\sigma/dT)$, ($n \geq 1$). Up to order $\alpha_C(E)$, we can write $(1-T)^n (1/\sigma_{\text{tot}}) (d\sigma/dT) = (1-T)^n (1/\sigma_0) (d\sigma(1)/dT)$, so that the renormalization-scheme dependence drops out trivially. In particular, the average of $(1-T)$ is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle 1-T \rangle^{\text{gluon}} &= \int_{2/3}^1 dT (1-T) (1/\sigma_0) (d\sigma/dT) \\
&= \frac{\alpha_C}{\pi} \left[C_2(G) \left\{ \frac{11}{216} - \frac{43}{96} \ln 3 - \frac{\pi^2}{6} + 2 \ln 2 \ln 3 + \right. \right. \\
&\quad \left. \left. 2 \left(L(-\frac{1}{3}) - L(\frac{1}{3}) \right) \right\} + N_f T(R) \left\{ -\frac{5}{108} + \frac{7}{48} \ln 3 \right\} \right] \\
&= \frac{\alpha_C}{\pi} \left[C_2(G) (0.787) + N_f T(R) (0.114) \right] \\
&= \frac{\alpha_C}{\pi} (2.59) \quad ,
\end{aligned}
\tag{3.14}$$

where we have included four flavors. $L(x)$ is the Spence function

$$L(x) = \int_0^x (dy/y) \ln(1-y) \quad .$$

We observe that most of the contribution to $\langle 1-T \rangle$ comes from the gluon-gluon interaction. The spreading due to the quark-gluon interaction contributes roughly 10% to the total. For the quark jet, on the other hand, the differential cross section in terms of thrust is¹⁷

$$\frac{1}{\sigma_{\text{tot}}} \frac{d\sigma(\text{quark})}{dT} = \frac{\alpha_C}{\pi} C_2(R) \left[\left(\frac{2}{T(1-T)} - 3 \right) \ln \left(\frac{2T-1}{1-T} \right) - \frac{3}{2} (3T-2) \frac{2-T}{1-T} \right], \quad (3.15)$$

and the averaged $1-T$ is

$$\langle 1-T \rangle^{\text{quark}} \simeq \frac{\alpha_C}{\pi} C_2(R) (0.789) \simeq \frac{\alpha_C}{\pi} (1.05) \quad . \quad (3.16)$$

In Fig. 6 we plot $(1-T)(1/\sigma_0)(d\sigma/dT)$ for both the gluon case (solid line) and the quark case (dashed line). In addition, in Fig. 7 we show the ratio $((1/\sigma_0)(d\sigma/dT))_{\text{gluon}} / ((1/\sigma_0)(d\sigma/dT))_{\text{quark}}$, which turns out to be close to $C_2(G)/C_2(R) = \frac{9}{4}$ for the entire range $\frac{2}{3} \leq T < 1$.¹⁸ This implies that a gluon jet and a quark jet will have, apart from the overall color charges, almost the same structure. Roughly speaking, for both types of jets, quantities which are related to the transverse-momentum spread of a jet, such as $\langle 1-T \rangle$ and the sphericity,⁸ will be characterized by the ratio $C_2(G)/C_2(R) = \frac{9}{4}$. In particular, from (3.14) and (3.15) we learn that $\langle 1-T \rangle^{\text{gluon}} / \langle 1-T \rangle^{\text{quark}} = 2.47 \sim C_2(G)/C_2(R)$; this is also true for the ratio of the "large- T suppressed" n -th moments $\langle (1-T)^n \rangle^{\text{gluon}} / \langle (1-T)^n \rangle^{\text{quark}} \sim C_2(G)/C_2(R)$ ($n \geq 1$). The nonperturbative effect on $d\sigma/dT$ is important for large T

(See Fig. 6). To suppress this nonperturbative effect relative to the perturbative effect, it will be useful to consider the abovementioned moments

$$\langle (1-T)^n \rangle \equiv \int_{2/3}^1 dT (1-T)^n (1/\sigma_{\text{tot}}) (d\sigma/dT) \quad (n \geq 1) \quad .$$

In Fig. 6, we have included the $(1-T)$ weighted thrust distribution for the quark fragmentation, which is obtained phenomenologically¹⁷ from experiment. In Fig. 8, where the $(1-T)^2 (1/\sigma_{\text{tot}}) (d\sigma/dT)$ distributions are plotted, we observe that the non-perturbative effects are suppressed for $T < 0.9$, where the perturbative effects begin to dominate. The effects of higher order perturbative QCD contributions can best be measured for T values between $\frac{1}{2}$ and $2/3$.

IV. DISCUSSION AND REMARKS

The hadronic decay of a quarkonium state via the three-gluon intermediate mode has been discussed exhaustively in the literature.¹⁹ Direct observation of the gluon jets from the T decay is anticipated. However, as a consequence of our analysis on the gluon jets, the following distinct possibility emerges: the gluon jets from T decay are not observable, that is, prohibitive statistics would be required to sort out the three-jet structure in the hadronic decays of the T . If this is the case, we are left with few alternatives to search for the gluon-jet structure in the quarkonium decay. The best solution to this problem is provided by the discovery of a

very heavy quark. The heavier the quark mass, the more energetic are the gluons produced from the decay. Since the gluon jet narrows as the energy of the gluon increases, the detection of the three-gluon jet structure becomes more accessible. In this section we give a brief discussion on what we consider to be the best way to search for the gluon-jet structure in T decay.

The property that is easiest to find in the analysis of jet structures is the jet axis. Even for a multijet event, we can still define the thrust axis by maximizing the momenta parallel to it. Once the thrust axis is determined for each hadronic decay event, we can then study its angular distribution with respect to a fixed direction, say, the e^+e^- beam direction. We call this angle θ_T .

It is straightforward to derive the differential decay cross-section for the three-gluon decay of an ortho-quarkonium state:²⁰

$$\frac{1}{\Gamma_{3g}} \frac{d\Gamma_{3g}}{dT d\cos\theta_T} = \frac{9}{(\pi^2-9)} \cdot \frac{1}{4T^2(2-T)^2} \left[A(T)(1+\cos^2\theta_T) - B(T)(1-3\cos^2\theta_T) \right] \quad (4.1)$$

where

$$A(T) = \frac{(3T-2)(2-T^2)}{T} + \frac{2(1-T)(5T^2-12T+8)}{2-T} \ln\left(\frac{2-2T}{T}\right)$$

$$B(T) = \frac{1-T}{T^2} \left[\frac{(3T-2)(2T^3-7T^2+6T+2)}{T} + \frac{2(T^4-6T^3+18T^2-24T+12)}{2-T} \ln\left(\frac{2-2T}{T}\right) \right]$$

and Γ_{3g} is the three-gluon decay width of a heavy quarkonium state (see Fig. 9(a)). We note that as $T \rightarrow 1$, $B(T) \rightarrow 0$ and

$$\frac{1}{\Gamma_{3g}} \frac{d\Gamma_{3g}}{dT d\cos\theta_T} \rightarrow \frac{9}{(\pi^2-9)} \frac{1}{4} (1+\cos^2\theta_T) \quad . \quad (4.2)$$

This is the same angular distribution as the background $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma^* \rightarrow \bar{q}q$ and the hadronic decay via a virtual photon. For values of T away from unity, the angular dependence and the differential cross-section both decrease, as shown clearly in Fig. 10. For example, at $T = 0.8$

$$\left. \frac{1}{\Gamma_{3g}} \frac{d\Gamma_{3g}}{dT d\cos\theta_T} \right|_{T=0.8} \simeq \frac{9}{\pi^2-9} \cdot \frac{1}{9} (1+0.2 \cos^2\theta_T) \quad . \quad (4.3)$$

The angular dependence should provide a better test of the three-gluon decay mode than a single T dependent differential cross-section. To see this, let us integrate over the angle θ_T to obtain¹⁷

$$\frac{1}{\Gamma_{3g}} \frac{d\Gamma_{3g}}{dT} = \frac{6}{(\pi^2-9)} \frac{A(T)}{T^2(2-T)^2} \quad . \quad (4.4)$$

This T distribution is plotted in Fig. 11, where we have also plotted a pure three-body phase-space distribution (properly normalized):

$$(1/\sigma_{\text{tot}})(d\sigma/dT) = 6(3T-2) \quad . \quad (4.5)$$

The two distributions (4.4) and (4.5) look almost identical, with the three-gluon decay distribution slightly more peaked at $T=1$. In fact they have the same average thrust

$$\langle 1-T \rangle_{3g} = \langle 1-T \rangle_{3\text{-body phase-space}} = 0.111 \quad . \quad (4.6)$$

This means that the thrust distribution of the T decay does not provide a sensitive test of the vector nature of the gluons. This is in contrast with the bremsstrahlung processes, where the amplitudes have enhancements due to infrared and mass singularities, giving rise to drastic deviations from the phase space.

Here we have tacitly assumed that the angular distribution (Fig. 10) calculated from the lowest-order three-gluon decay diagram is not drastically altered by higher-order corrections. These corrections include (1) higher-order perturbative QCD corrections (such as shown in Fig. 9(b)) as well as (2) non-perturbative effects, e.g., the internal motion of quarks inside the quarkonium. Careful evaluation of these corrections (which may be sizable) is beyond the scope of this paper. Phenomenologically, we can learn something about the size of the corrections by looking at the T distribution. A pure three-body decay (such as Fig. 9(a)) covers the range $2/3 \leq T \leq 1$. Due to the higher-order corrections, a quarkonium state can decay via four (or more) gluons (and/or light quarks) into hadrons; then the thrust distribution becomes nonzero for values of thrust down to $T \geq \frac{1}{2}$. A measurement of such events with $\frac{1}{2} \leq T \leq 2/3$ should give us some indication of the size of the higher-order corrections. In Fig. 11, we have, for the purpose of illustration, also

plotted the thrust distribution of a four-body final-state toy model (for convenience, we choose the matrix element to be a smooth-behaving function such that the thrust axis is always along the direction of the most energetic particle). It is properly normalized, with an average thrust $\langle 1-T \rangle_{4\text{-body}} = 0.16$; this bigger value for $\langle 1-T \rangle$ will typically characterize the contribution of four(or more)-body phase-space models.

We should point out that the experimental thrust distribution of a quarkonium decay into hadrons is expected to peak towards large T more than that shown in Fig. 11. This is due to the electromagnetic decay mode $(Q\bar{Q}) \rightarrow \gamma^* \rightarrow q\bar{q} \rightarrow \text{hadrons}$, where Q is a heavy quark and q is a light quark. Fortunately this decay mode can be determined accurately from the measurements of the background $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma^* \rightarrow q\bar{q} \rightarrow \text{hadrons}$ and the leptonic width of the 1^{--} quarkonium state.

We conclude the discussion with a few remarks.

- (1) we do not expect to observe the gluon-jet structure in T decay. Probably even the acoplanarity structure is not observable. It is difficult to estimate the threshold energy of a gluon above which its jet structure is observable. Our best guess of this threshold value is somewhere above 10 GeV per jet.
- (2) The three-gluon decay mode is infrared finite. A comparison of its thrust and sphericity distributions would reveal properties of the gluon fragmentation. Properties such as multiplicity and quantum number correlations are of utmost interest, even though they cannot be unambiguously calculated within the framework of perturbative QCD.²¹

(3) Theoretically, the hadronic decay of a pseudoscalar (or a higher angular momentum) state via two gluons (Fig. 9(c)) would be most useful,²² since this decay width is much bigger than that of the three-gluon decay mode. Typically we arrive at the decay of a state X via radiative transition

$$(1^{--}) \rightarrow \gamma + X \quad \begin{array}{l} \downarrow \\ \text{two gluons} \end{array}$$

for any quarkonium system. We can always go to the rest frame of the state X by measuring the photon momentum. Our Eqs. (3.7) and (3.13) should be directly applicable to the hadronic decay of X.

(4) As pointed out originally by Appelquist and Politzer,²³ the hadronic decay of an orthoquarkonium state provides a measurement of the QCD coupling

$$R_Q = \frac{\Gamma_{\text{had}}}{\Gamma_{\mu^+\mu^-}} e_Q^2 = C_1 [\alpha_C(E)]^3 = C_2 \left(\ln \frac{E}{\Lambda} \right)^{-3} \quad (4.7)$$

where C_1 , C_2 are known constants and e_Q is the fraction of the electric charge of the heavy quark Q. This cubic logarithmic dependence on the bound-state mass E provides a good test of perturbative QCD. However, there may be parts of the phase space where some of the energy-momentum invariants involved are not big enough to justify the use of perturbative QCD.²⁴ The situation can be somewhat improved by considering the partially integrated Γ_{3g} , say $\Gamma_{3g}(T_0)$

$$\Gamma_{3g}(T_0) = \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^{T_0} (d\Gamma_{3g}/dT) dT \quad (4.8)$$

instead of $\Gamma_{3g}(\Gamma_{3g}(T_0=1) = \Gamma_{3g})$ since for T away from 1, all energy-momentum invariants involved are large. Hence we replace eq. (4.7) by

$$R_Q(T_0) = e_Q^2 (\Gamma_{\text{had}}(T_0) / \Gamma_{\mu^+\mu^-}) \quad . \quad (4.9)$$

If we take $\Lambda=500$ MeV, we have

$$\frac{R_\Psi}{R_T} = \frac{R_\Psi(T_0)}{R_T(T_0)} \sim 4 \quad (4.10)$$

for any value of the thrust threshold $T_0 \neq 1$.

APPENDIX

In this appendix we shall outline the calculation of the inclusive jet cross section for the color-singlet, gauge-invariant pseudoscalar source $F_{\mu\nu}^a[A] \tilde{F}_{\mu\nu}^a[A] = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\tau} F_{\mu\nu}^a[A] F_{\rho\tau}^a[A]$. In particular, we shall express the cross section for real particle emission processes in terms of the parton splitting functions of Altarelli and Parisi.¹⁰

The pseudoscalar source $F_{\mu\nu}^a[A] \tilde{F}_{\mu\nu}^a[A]$ effectively represents the two-gluon decay of a 0^{-+} quark-antiquark bound system in the limit of heavy quark mass.²⁵ To discuss this source in the framework of dimensional regularization, special care must be taken to define the Levi-Civita tensor $\epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\tau}$ (which is peculiar to four dimensions) in arbitrary dimensions. In four dimensions the product of two of these tensors is expressed in the form of a determinant

$$\epsilon_{\mu_1\mu_2\mu_3\mu_4} \epsilon_{\nu_1\nu_2\nu_3\nu_4} = - \det(g_{\mu_i\nu_j}). \quad (i,j = 1\sim 4) \quad (A.1)$$

Since only such products appear in our present case, we shall define the $n(=4+D)$ -dimensional generalization of this product by the right hand side of eq. (A.1).

In the real-particle emission processes shown in Fig. 2 a virtual gluon (with momentum p) decays into two gluons or ghosts or quarks (with momentum k and l). Let us denote by θ the angle between the three-momenta \vec{p} and \vec{k} in the center-of-mass frame, and introduce the fractional energy $Z=2k^0/E$, $0 \leq Z \leq 1$. In terms of these variables the cross section is given by

$$\sigma = \sigma_0 (8\pi^2)^{-1} f(D) \left(\frac{1}{2}E\right)^{2+D} \int dZ (Z(1-Z))^{1+D} \int d\cos\theta \left[(\sin\theta)^D / (1-Z \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2})^{2+D} \right] \mathcal{F} \quad , \quad (\text{A.2})$$

where \mathcal{F} is the square of the one-loop Feynman amplitude

\mathcal{M} divided by the lowest-order amplitude \mathcal{M}_0 , $\mathcal{F} = |\mathcal{M}(\text{1-loop})/\mathcal{M}_0|^2$.

In the Feynman gauge the contributions from diagrams Fig. 2

(f) \sim (j) are given by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}^{(f)+(g)+(h)+(i)} &= 2g^2 \left[\{C_2(G)(1+2Z(1-Z)) + N_f T(R)2(1 - \right. \\ &\quad \left. (2-D)Z(1-Z))\} (1/p^2) + \dots \right] , \\ \mathcal{F}^{(j)} &= 2g^2 C_2(G) \left[4 \{ (2-Z)(1-Z)/(Z(1-\cos\theta)) \} \right. \\ &\quad \left. (1/p^2) + \dots \right] \quad , \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.3})$$

where only terms singular for $p^2 \rightarrow 0$ are retained. (The contributions from the mirror image diagrams have also been included.) As may be checked easily, the $1/p^2$ terms in \mathcal{F} take exactly the same form for both scalar and pseudoscalar sources (diagram by diagram). It is simple to see that the leading contribution (i.e., excluding nonleading terms of order ϵ and/or δ) to the jet cross section comes from those parts of \mathcal{F} that are singular for $p^2 \rightarrow 0$. This, combined with the above fact, implies that both sources lead to the same short-distance features of gluon jets.

The hard-momentum region which gives rise to mass singularities is characterized by the phase space $2\epsilon \leq Z \leq 1-2\epsilon$ and $0 \leq \theta \leq 2(1-Z)\delta$, where the latter follows from the restriction

that the angle between \vec{k} and $\vec{\ell}$ be less than 2δ . Note that Fig. 2(b) involves two collinear configurations $\vec{k} \parallel \vec{\ell}$ or $-\vec{k} \parallel \vec{p}$) that lead to mass singularities. The infrared divergences arise from the soft-momentum configuration $0 \leq Z \leq 2\varepsilon$ and $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$ as well as another similar configuration corresponding to $0 \leq 1-Z \leq 2\varepsilon$. Let us add up and rearrange the contributions from the hard- and soft-momentum configurations within the phase-space integral for each amplitude in (A.3). Then we perform the angular integration and put all the expressions together. The result is the cross section

$$\sigma_1 = \sigma_0 (\alpha_C/\pi) f(D) \left[\left(\frac{1}{D} - \frac{1}{24} \pi^2 D \right) \int_0^1 dZ (2Z(1-Z))^D (P_{GG}(Z) + P_{qG}(Z)) \right. \\ \left. + (\ln \delta) \int_{2\varepsilon}^{1-2\varepsilon} dZ (P_{GG}(Z) + P_{qG}(Z)) + \frac{1}{3} N_f T(R) \right] , \quad (A.4)$$

where $P_{GG}(Z)$ and $P_{qG}(Z)$ are the parton-splitting functions¹⁰

$$P_{GG}(Z) = C_2(G) \left[\frac{1-Z}{2} + \frac{Z}{1-Z} + Z(1-Z) \right] , \\ P_{qG}(Z) = N_f T(R) \left[Z^2 + (1-Z)^2 \right] . \quad (A.5)$$

In the above expression (A.4), the limit $D \rightarrow 0$ is understood and terms of order ε and/or δ are neglected. The $1/D$ term in (A.3) represents mass singularities arising from the angular integration, e.g.,

$$\int_0^\pi d\theta (\sin \theta)^{\frac{1}{2}D} = B(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}D) = (2^{1+D}/D) \left[1 - \frac{1}{24} \pi^2 D^2 + O(D^3) \right] .$$

The constant term $\frac{1}{3} N_f T(R)$ is related to the use of dimensional

regularization; in fact, we could remove it by assigning suitable $D=n-4$ dependence to the trace $\text{Tr}(\gamma_\mu \gamma_\nu)$ (which is chosen to be $4g_{\mu\nu}$ in our present calculation) so that $\text{Tr}(\gamma_\mu \gamma_\nu) = (4-D)g_{\mu\nu}$. Of course, all physical results are independent of the choice of definition, as long as it is used consistently. The integration over Z leads to our previous result (3.5) and hence the fraction $f(\epsilon, \delta)$ in eq. (3.7).

The interpretation of (A.4) in terms of the generalized parton language is obvious. The parton language, in particular, suggests that the structure of the $\ln \delta$ term in (A.4) is quite universal, being independent of how gluon and quark jets are produced.

It is straightforward to calculate the fraction $f(\epsilon, \delta)$ for the quark-jet case.²⁶ Eq. (3.9) is obtained after the cancellation of divergences. The parton functions¹⁰ are

$$\begin{aligned} P_{qq}(Z) &= C_2(R)(1+Z^2)/(1-Z) \quad , \\ P_{Gq}(Z) &= C_2(R)[1+(1-Z)^2]/Z \quad . \end{aligned} \tag{A.6}$$

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$$d\Gamma = \delta^{(n)}(Q - \sum_{i=1}^3 p_i) \prod_{i=1}^3 (d^{n-1}p_i / (2E_i)) \quad ,$$

where $Q_\mu = (E, \vec{0})$ is the center-of-mass total momentum, is related to the phase space dR expressed in terms of x_i (eq. (2.2)) so that

$$d\Gamma = \frac{1}{8} B(\frac{1}{2}, 1+\frac{1}{2}D) C_1^2 (\frac{1}{2}E)^{2+D} dR$$

where $C_1 = 2\pi^{1+\frac{1}{2}D} / \Gamma(1+\frac{1}{2}D)$ and $D=n-4$.

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FIGURE CAPTIONS

- Fig. 1 e^+e^- annihilation processes that lead to hadronic jet phenomena. The wavy line denoted by γ^* is the virtual photon. q and g stand for a quark and a gluon, respectively.
- Fig. 2 Gluon-jet production from a source. Wavy lines are gluons, dotted lines are Faddeev-Popov ghosts and solid lines are massless quarks. (a) lowest order diagram. (b) - (e) particle emission processes to leading order. (f) - (k) squared amplitudes; the dashed lines denote unitary cuts. Mirror reflections of these diagrams are not shown. (l) three-body configuration.
- Fig. 3 Three-body phase space expressed in terms of the energy fractions x_i ($i=1,2,3$) (Dalitz plot). The physical region is $0 \leq x_i \leq 1$, $x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 2$. The shaded area along the boundary of the phase-space region corresponds to the two-jet like final state configuration specified by ϵ and δ .
- Fig. 4 Leading-order virtual corrections to two-gluon production. Diagrams (f) and (g) involve only ultraviolet divergences.
- Fig. 5 Comparison of the gluon-jet angular radius and the quark-jet angular radius for fixed f , ϵ , α_C .

Fig. 6 Thrust distributions $(\alpha_C/\pi)^{-1}(1-T)(1/\sigma_{\text{tot}})(d\sigma/dT)$. The solid line corresponds to the gluon jet while the dashed line corresponds to the quark jet. The long-dashed line corresponds to the thrust distribution for the quark fragmentation with exponential p_{\perp}^2 dependence at $E_{\text{CM}} = 16$ GeV with $\alpha_C(E=16 \text{ GeV}) \sim 0.21$. (See Ref. 17)

Fig. 7 The ratio of the differential cross sections $(1/\sigma_0)(d\sigma/dT)$ for the gluon-jet and quark-jet cases. The vertical scale is measured in units of $C_2(G)/C_2(R) = 9/4$. The dashed line represents the contribution to $(d\sigma/dT)(\text{gluon})$ from the gluon-gluon interaction only. The solid line includes the quark-gluon interaction as well. ($N_f=4$).

Fig. 8 The $n=2$ thrust distribution $(\alpha_C/\pi)^{-1}(1-T)^2(1/\sigma_{\text{tot}})(d\sigma/dT)$. The solid line and the dashed correspond to the gluon and quark jets, respectively. The long-dashed line corresponds to the quark fragmentation.

Fig. 9 (a) The three-gluon decay mode of an ortho-quarkonium state; (b) a typical higher-order diagram for the decay of a quarkonium state (c) the two-gluon decay mode of a para-quarkonium or a P state.

Fig. 10

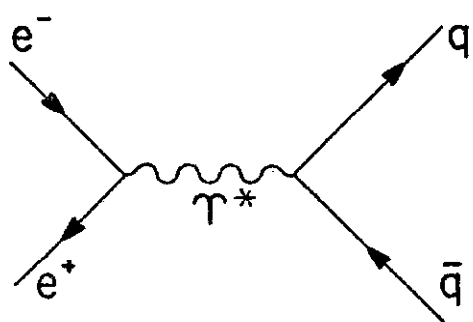
The plot of

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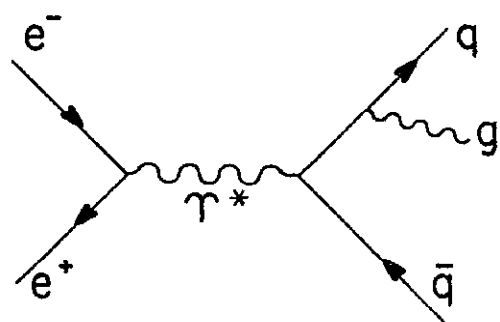
as a function of the angle θ_T for different values of T .

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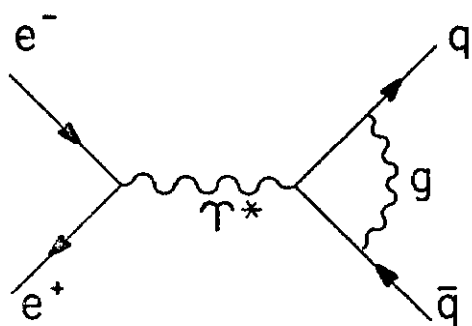
The thrust distribution of $(1/\sigma_{\text{tot}})(d\sigma/dT)$. The solid line is for the three-body phase space. The dashed line is for the three-gluon decay. The long-dashed line is for the four-body toy model. The last is provided to illustrate a typical four-body thrust distribution.



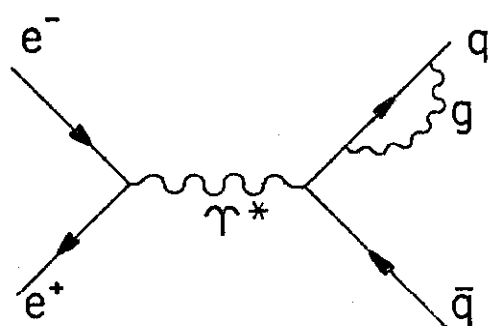
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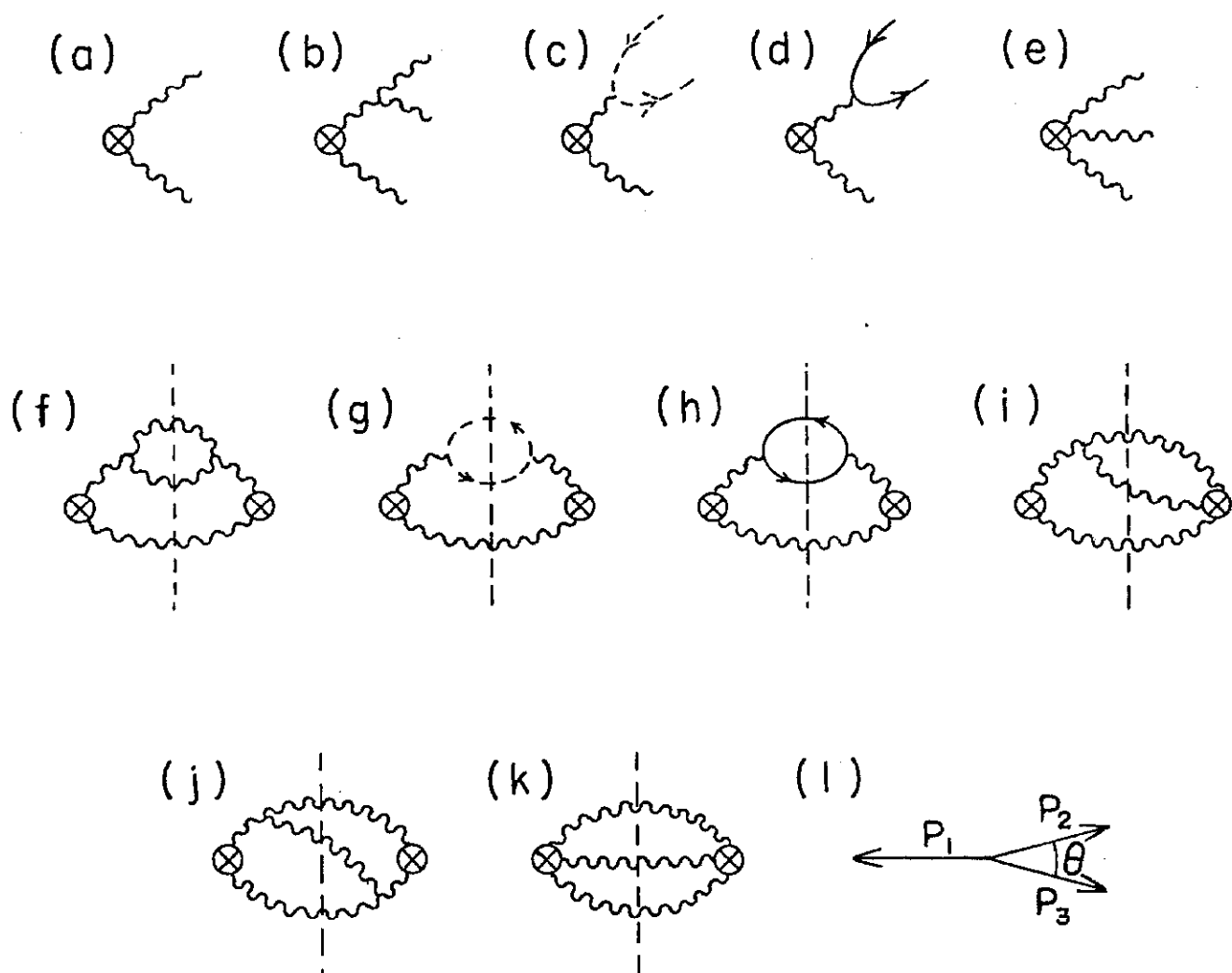


Fig 2

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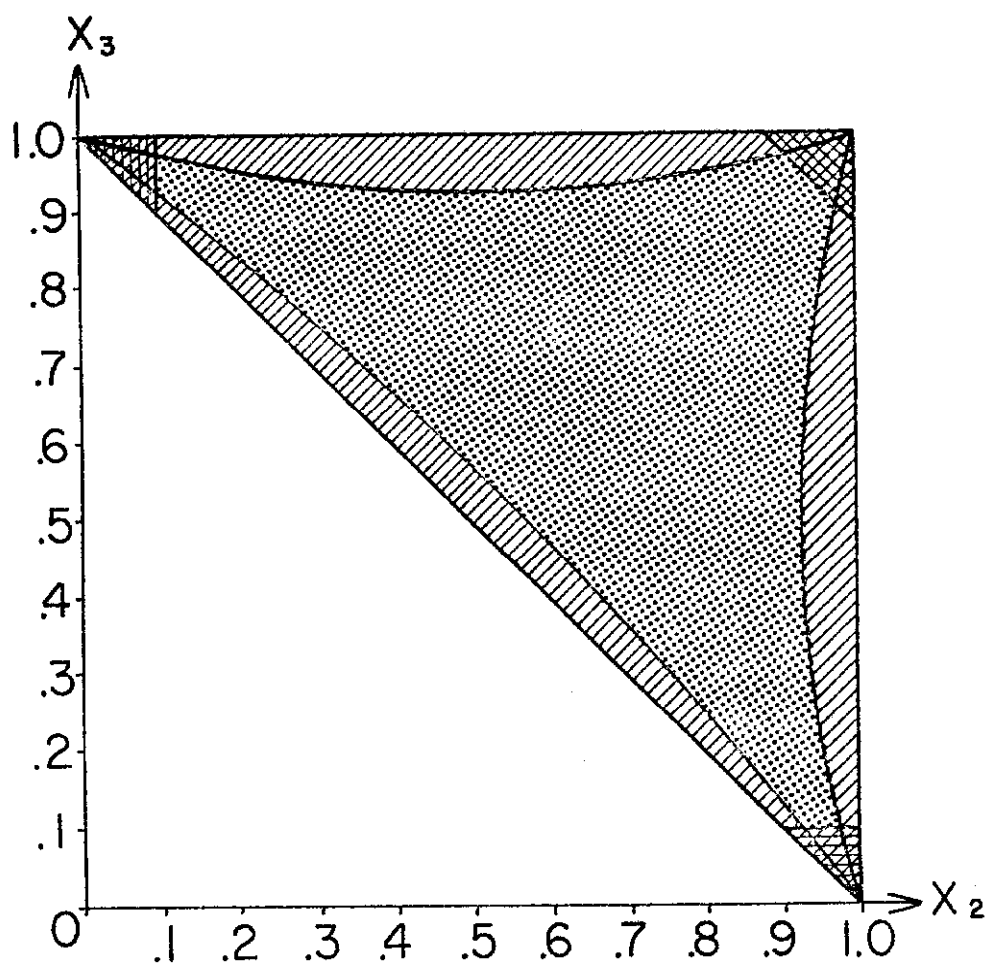


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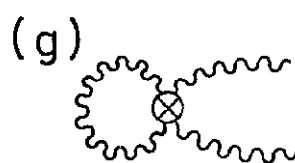
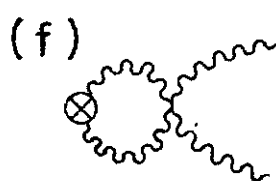
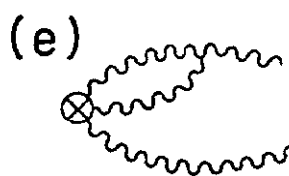
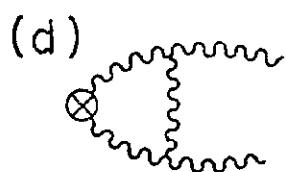
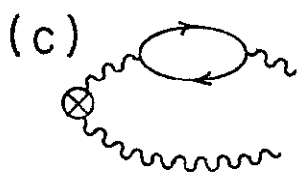
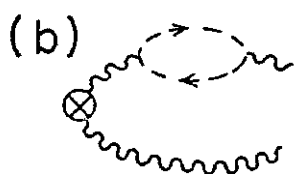
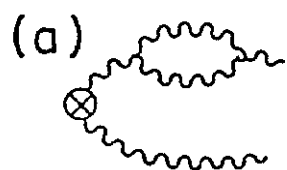


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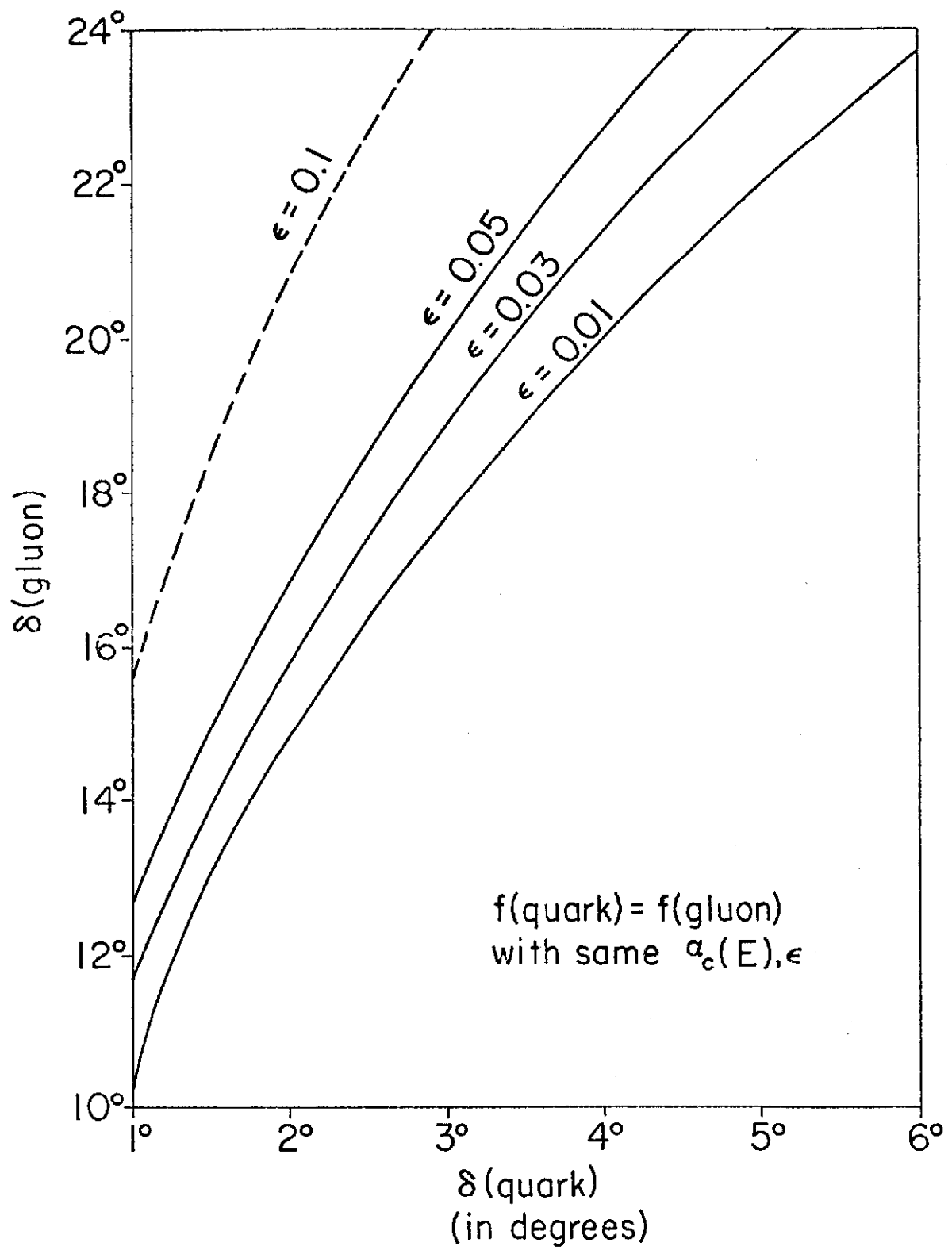


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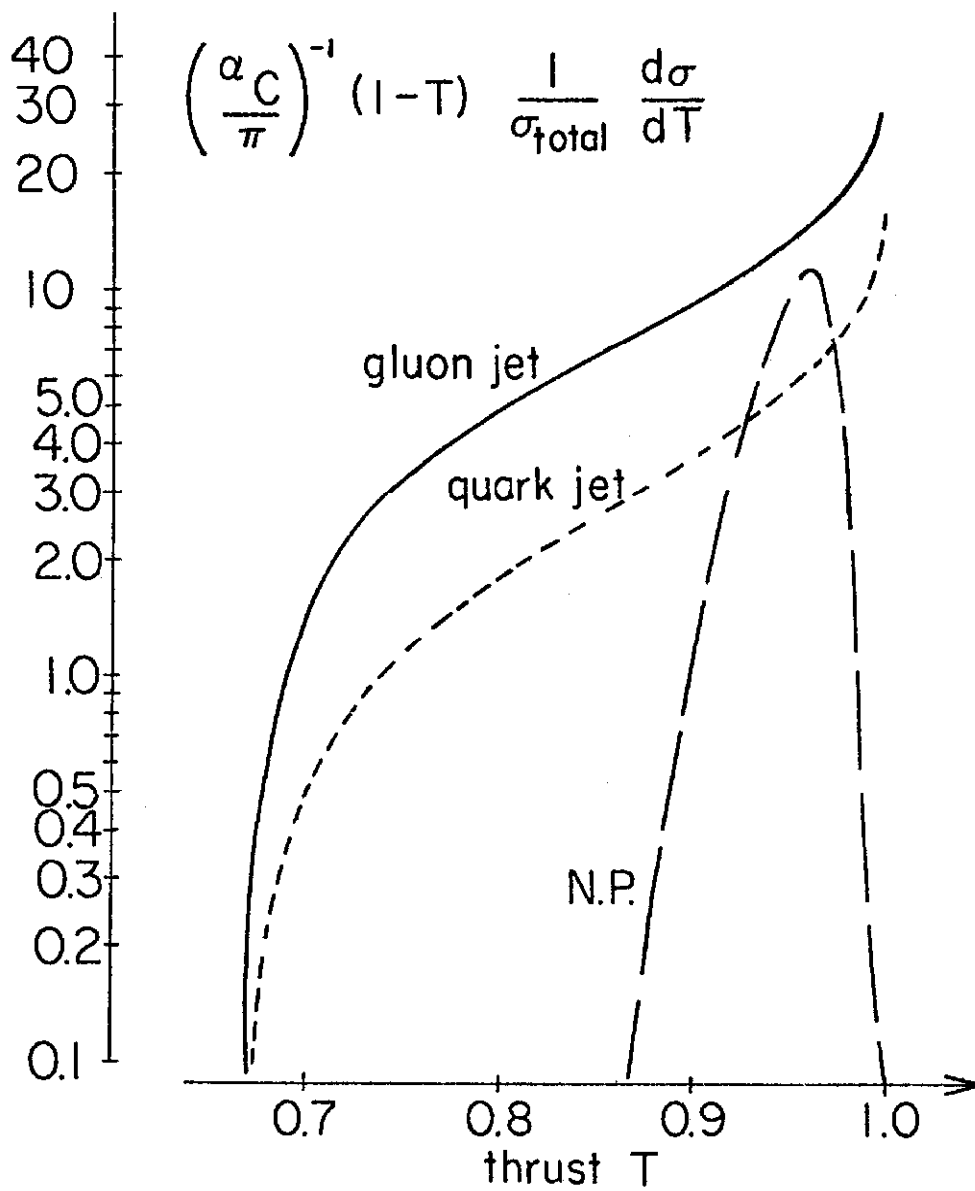


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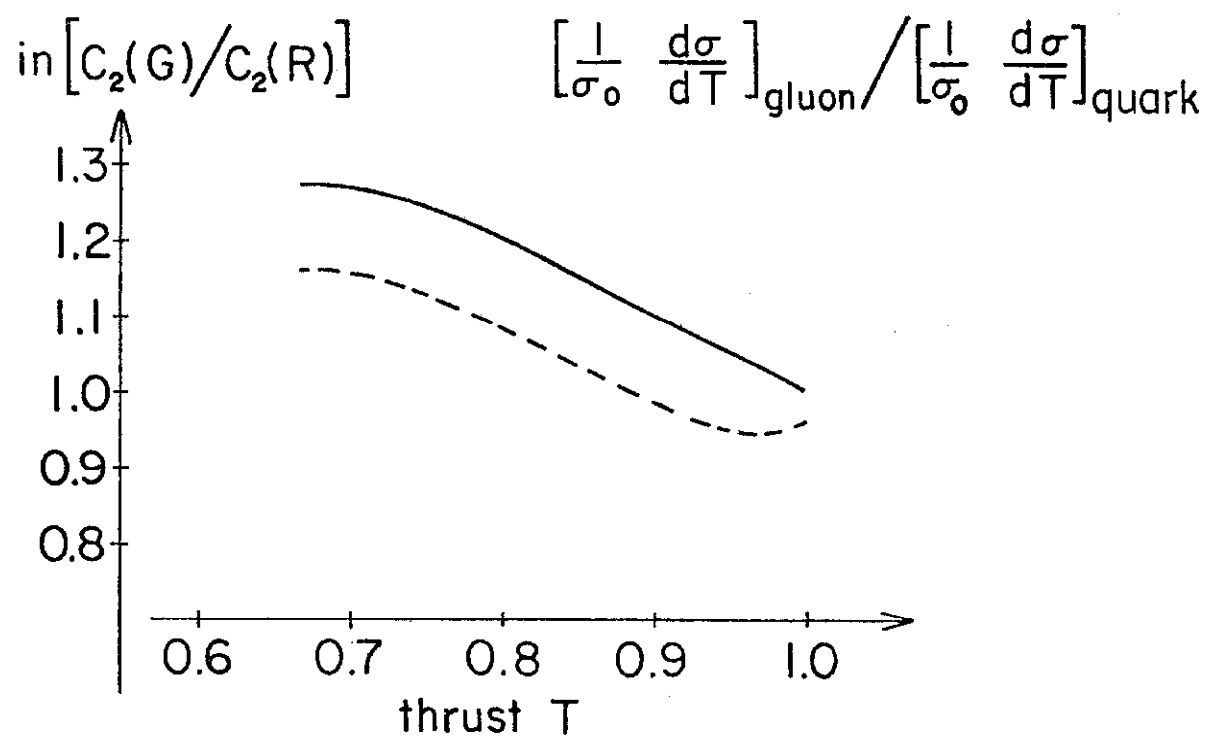


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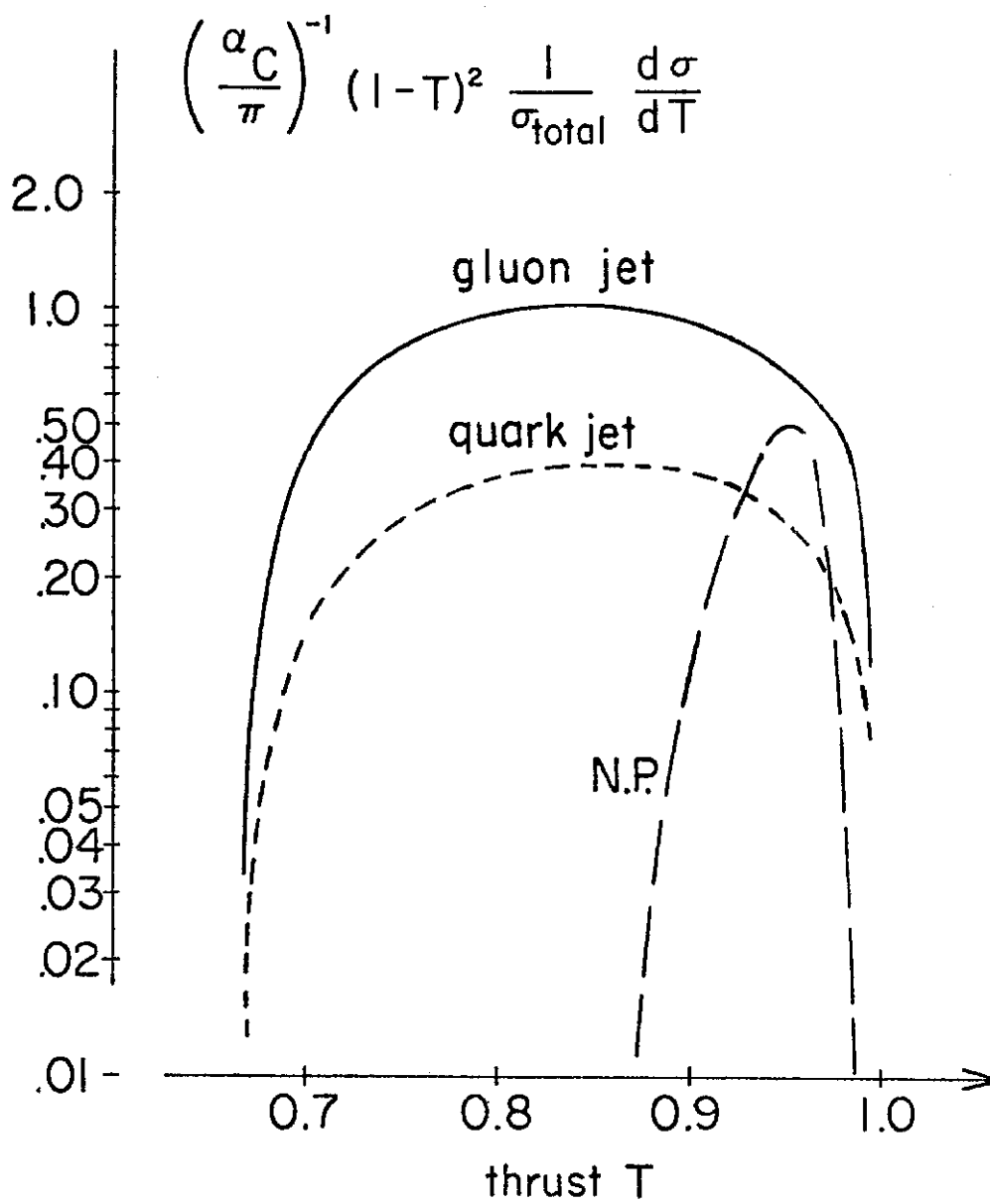


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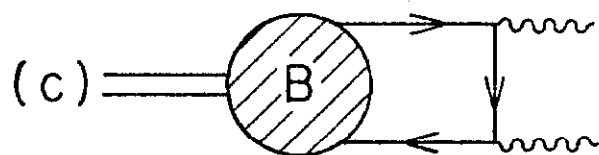
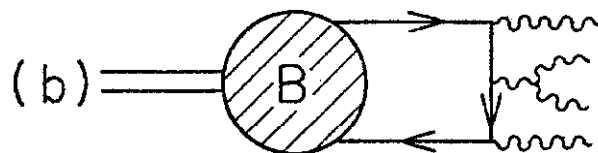
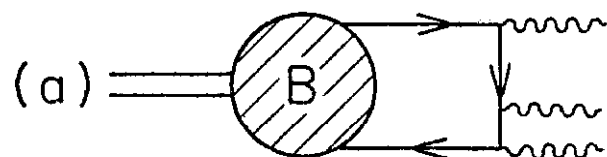


Fig 9

Plot of $\frac{1}{\Gamma_{3g}} \frac{d\Gamma_{3g}}{d \cos \theta_T dT} \left(\frac{\pi^2 - 9}{9} \right)$

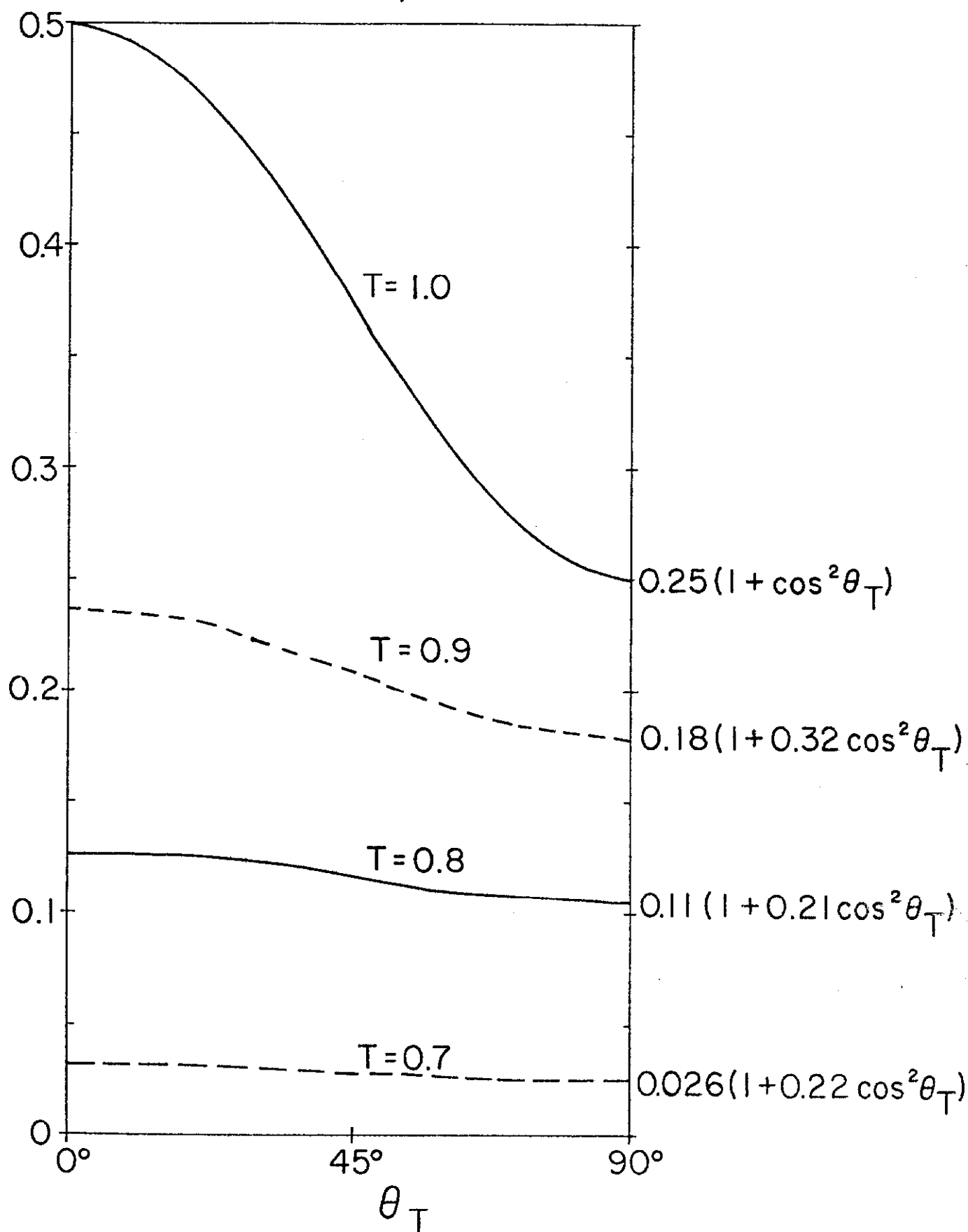


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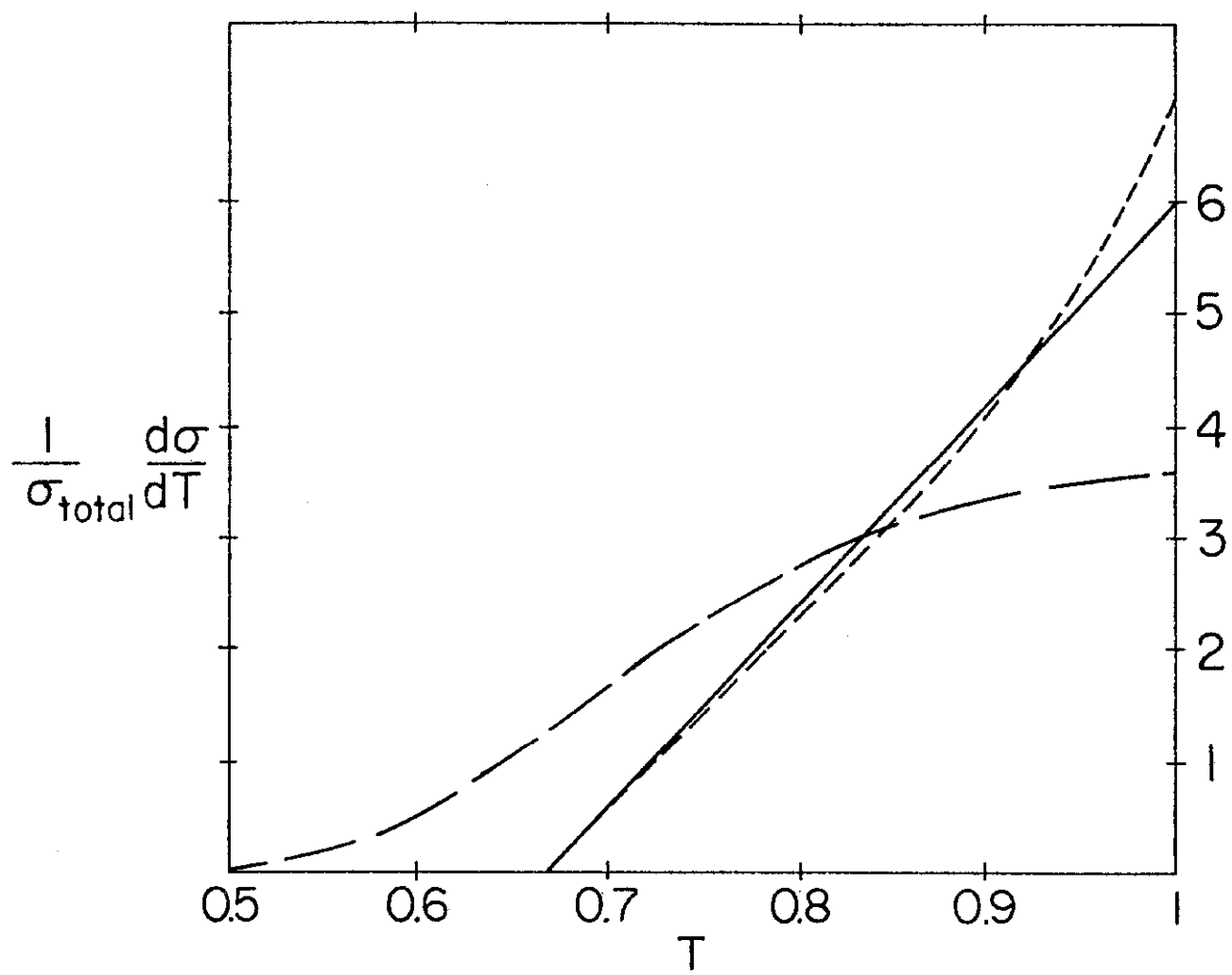


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