233B HW #1

1. Synchrotron radiation loss

According to the formula (1), the synchrotron radiation loss scales as E^4/R^2 , once $v \approx c$. However, in order to compensate for the falling cross section $\sigma \propto 1/E^2$, we need to increase $\mathcal{L} \propto E^2$, which requires $N_{\pm} \propto E$ according to Eq. (2) if f_c is kept constant. Therefore, the overall synchrotron loss scales as E^5/R^2 to maintain the same event rate for annihilation processes. Of course, one could have chosen to increase the repetition rate $f_c \propto E^2$, but that would require the number of bunches to increase as E^2 , and the synchrotron radiation loss as E^6/R^2 . Therefore, increasing the number of electrons in the beam is more benefitial (if it is possible to maintain the beam stable is an entirely different manner). Using R = 27 km for E = 100 GeV ($\sqrt{s} = 200$ GeV for LEP-II), we scale it up to R = 27 km * (2 TeV/200 GeV)^{5/2} = 8500 km. This is clearly impractical.

There is currently only one known way to overcome this problem in designing higher energy e^+e^- colliders. You make it completely linear, with two beams colliding head-on from two LINACs (LINear ACcelerators). This is the concept behind the ILC (International Linear Collider).

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2. α_s from J/ψ decay

According to the PDG particle listing, the branching fractions of J/ψ decays are

inclusive hadronic: $87.7 \pm 0.5 \%$

among which virtual photon contribution is $13.50\pm0.30~\%$

 $\mu^+ \mu^-$: 5.93 ± 0.06 %

Separating out the g g g contribution (non-virtual-photon piece), we find $74.2 \pm 0.6 \%$ (assumed uncorrelated Gaussian error, which may not be too conservative.) Taking the ratio to $\mu^+ \mu^-$, we find

 $\frac{\Gamma(J/\psi \to g g g)}{\Gamma(J/\psi \to \mu^+ \mu^-)} = 12.5 \pm 0.16.$ Equating it to the lowest order prediction, we find $\alpha_s = 0.205 \pm 0.001$. The error due to the higher order corrections is actually much bigger than this error bar which we ignore. (Actually at this energy, α is more like 1/134, which changes the result very little.) This result is not crazy (but a little low), compared to Fig. 9.2 in Ian Hinchliffe's review on QCD in PDG, http://pdg.lbl.gov/2007/reviews/qcdrpp.pdf

As a cross check, we can see if the hadronic width through the virtual photon agrees with the lowest order formula. We find $\frac{\Gamma(J/\psi \to q \bar{q})}{\Gamma(J/\psi \to \mu^+ \mu^-)} = 2.28$, which should be compared to $N_c \left(\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{-1}{3}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{-1}{3}\right)^2\right) = 2$, which is in a *reasonably* good agreement given that we ignore the higher order QCD corrections. We see that there are 10-20% errors because we ignored the higher order corrections.

87.7-13.5

74.2

Sqrt [0.5² + 0.3²]
0.583095
74.2 / 5.93
12.5126
% * Sqrt [
$$\left(\frac{0.6}{74.2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{0.06}{5.93}\right)^2$$
]
0.162068
 $\left(\frac{16\pi \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2 \left(\frac{1}{137}\right)^2}{\frac{160}{81} (\pi^2 - 9)} 12.51\right)^{1/3}$
0.205423
 $\frac{13.50}{5.93}$
2.27656

3. J/ψ line shape

The cross section into g g g final state is given by the Breit-Wigner formula because there is no interference, while that into $q \overline{q}$ final state interfers between the resonant and virtual photon contributions. The Breit-Wigner contribution is

$$\sigma_{\rm BW} = \frac{2J+1}{(2S_1+1)(2S_2+1)} \frac{4\pi}{k^2} \frac{m^2 \Gamma^2}{\left(s-m^2\right)^2 + m^2 \Gamma^2} B_{\rm in} B_{\rm out} = \frac{12\pi}{s} \frac{m^2 \Gamma^2}{\left(s-m^2\right)^2 + m^2 \Gamma^2} B_{\rm in} B_{\rm out}$$

The case of the $\mu^+ \mu^-$ final state has the interference and the cross section is

$$\sigma = \frac{4\pi\alpha^2}{3s} \left| 1 + \frac{\xi^2 s}{s - m^2 + im\Gamma} \right|^2$$

To fix ξ , we drop the non-resonant piece and require it gives the Breit-Wigner formula,

$$\frac{4\pi \alpha^2}{3s} \frac{\xi^4 s^2}{(s-m^2)^2 + m^2 \Gamma^2} = \frac{12\pi}{s} \frac{m^2 \Gamma^2}{(s-m^2)^2 + m^2 \Gamma^2} B_{\rm in} B_{\rm out}$$

and hence (using $s \approx m^2$), $\alpha^2 \xi^4 m^2 = 9 \Gamma^2 B_{ee} B_{\mu\mu}$

or $\alpha \xi^2 m = 3 \Gamma B_{ll}$

Having fixed ξ , the cross section to the $q \overline{q}$ final state is

$$\sigma = \frac{4\pi\alpha^2}{3s} \left| 1 + \frac{3m1B_{ll}}{\alpha} \frac{1}{s - m^2 + im\Gamma} \right|^2 \frac{B_{qq}}{B_{ll}}$$



