

# Large- $x$ results for coefficient and splitting functions

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- Hard lepton-hadron processes in higher-order perturbative QCD  
large- $x$  / large- $N$  splitting functions  $P_{ik}$  and coefficient functions  $C_{a,i}$
- Non-singlet physical evolution kernels,  $\ln^n(1-x)$  behaviour  
⇒ highest (two or three) logarithms in  $C_{a,i}$  to all orders in  $\alpha_s$
- Singlet physical kernels for the systems  $(F_2, F_\phi)$  and  $(F_2, F_L)$   
⇒ leading three powers of  $\ln(1-x)$  of  $P_{ik}$  and  $C_{L,i}$  at fourth order
- $D$ -dimensional structure of leading-logarithmic large- $x$  amplitudes  
⇒ All-order off-diagonal splitting functions and coefficient functions

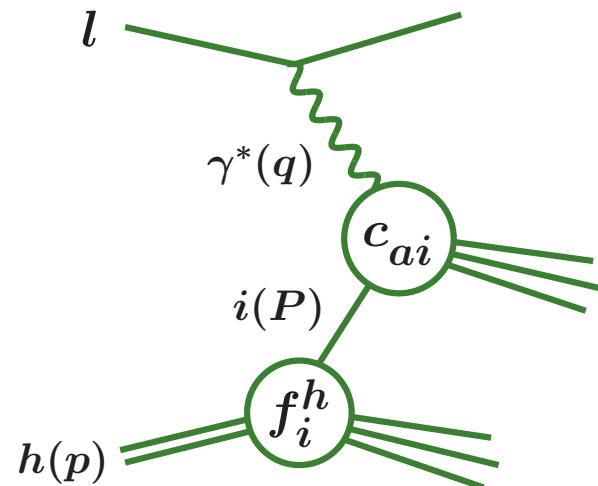
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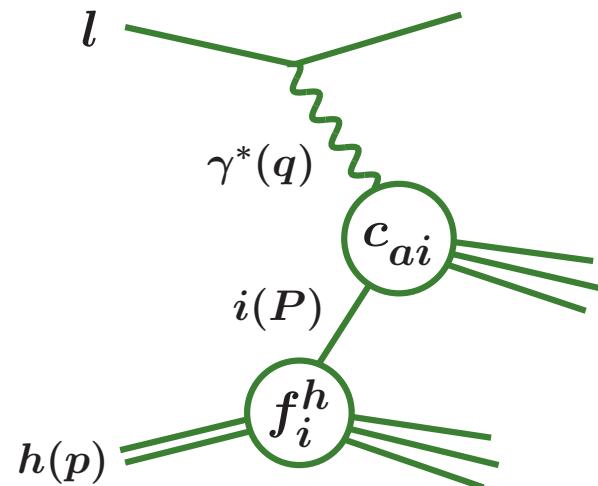
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Structure functions/normalized cross sections  $F_a$ : coefficient functions

$$F_a(x, Q^2) = [C_{a,i\{j\}}(\alpha_s(\mu^2), \mu^2/Q^2) \otimes f_i^h(\mu^2) \{\otimes f_j^{h'}(\mu^2)\}](x) + \mathcal{O}(1/Q^{(2)})$$

Scaling variables:  $x = Q^2/(2p \cdot q)$  in DIS etc.  $\mu$ : renorm./mass-fact. scale

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Expansion in  $\alpha_s$ : splitting functions  $P$ , coefficient fct's  $c_a$  of observables

$$P = \alpha_s P^{(0)} + \alpha_s^2 P^{(1)} + \alpha_s^3 P^{(2)} + \alpha_s^4 P^{(3)} + \dots$$

$$C_a = \underbrace{\alpha_s^{n_a} \left[ c_a^{(0)} + \alpha_s c_a^{(1)} + \alpha_s^2 c_a^{(2)} + \alpha_s^3 c_a^{(3)} + \dots \right]}_{}$$

NLO: first real prediction of size of cross sections

NNLO,  $P^{(2)}$ ,  $c_a^{(2)}$ : first serious error estimate of pQCD predictions

$N^3LO$ : for high precision ( $\alpha_s$  from DIS), slow convergence (Higgs in  $pp/p\bar{p}$ )

The 2010 frontier:  $\alpha_s^4$  for DIS,  $\alpha_s^3$  for SIA (and DY)

Baikov, Chetyrkin; MV

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Off-diagonal: double-log behaviour, colour structure with  $C_{AF} = C_A - C_F$

$$C_F^{-1} P_{\text{gq}}^{(l)} / n_f^{-1} P_{\text{qg}}^{(l)} = \frac{1}{N} \ln^{2l} N \# C_{AF}^l \\ + \frac{1}{N} \ln^{2l-1} N (\# C_{AF} + \# C_F + \# n_f) C_{AF}^{l-1} + \dots$$

Double logs  $\ln^n N$ ,  $l+1 \leq n \leq 2l$  vanish for  $C_F = C_A$  ( $\rightarrow$  SUSY case)

Aim: obtain, at least, these (next-to) leading terms to all orders  $l$  in  $\alpha_s$

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'Off-diagonal' [ $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s)$ ] quantities: leading  $N^{-1}$  double logarithms

$$C_{\phi,\text{q}/2,\text{g}/\dots}^{(l)} = N^{-1} (\# \ln^{2l-1} N + \# \ln^{2l-2} N + \dots) + \dots$$

Longitudinal DIS/SIA structure functions [ recall:  $l = \text{order in } \alpha_s - 1$  ]

$$C_{\text{L,q}}^{(l)} = N^{-1} (\# \ln^{2l} N + \dots) + \dots, \quad C_{\text{L,g}}^{(l)} = N^{-2} (\# \ln^{2l} N + \dots) + \dots$$

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NNLO/N<sup>3</sup>LO observation: all  $K_a$  singly enhanced at all powers of  $N^{-1}/1-x$

Conjecture: Single-log behaviour of  $K_a$  persists to all higher orders in  $\alpha_s$   
 $\Leftrightarrow$  exponentiation of the coefficient functions beyond soft-gluon  $N^0$  terms

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$$K_{a,4}(x): \quad \underbrace{\tilde{c}_{a,4}}_{\text{SL}} = \underbrace{4 c_{a,4}}_{\text{DL, new}} - \underbrace{4 c_{a,3} c_{a,1} - 2 c_{a,2}^2 + 4 c_{a,2} c_{a,1}^2 - c_{a,1}^4}_{\text{DL, known for DIS/SIA}}$$

$\Rightarrow$  **coefficients of highest three double logarithms from fourth order in  $\alpha_s$ ,**  
**i.e.,  $\ln^{7,6,5}(1-x)$  at order  $\alpha_s^4$  for  $F_{1,2,3}$  in DIS and  $F_{T,I,A}$  in SIA**

**Leading terms:**  $K_1 = K_2, K_T = K_I$  [total ('integrated') fragmentation fct.]

$\Rightarrow$  also three logarithms for space- and timelike  $F_L$ :  $\ln^{6,5,4}(1-x)$  at  $\alpha_s^4$  etc

**Alternative derivation:** physical kernels for  $F_L$ , agreement non-trivial check

# Example: $\alpha_s^4$ coefficient function for $F_1$ in DIS

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$$\begin{aligned}
c_{1,\text{ns}}^{(4)}(x) = & \left( \ln^7(1-x) \frac{8}{3} C_F^4 - \ln^6(1-x) \frac{14}{3} C_F^3 \beta_0 + \ln^5(1-x) \frac{8}{3} C_F^2 \beta_0^2 \right) p_{\text{qq}}(x) \\
& + \ln^6(1-x) \left[ C_F^4 \{ p_{\text{qq}}(x) (-14 - 68/3 H_0) + 4 + 8 H_0 - (1-x)(6 + 4 H_0) \} \right] \\
& + \ln^5(1-x) \left[ C_F^4 \left\{ p_{\text{qq}}(x) (-9 - 8 \tilde{H}_{1,0} + 448/3 H_{0,0} + 84 H_0 - 64 \zeta_2) + 48 \tilde{H}_{1,0} \right. \right. \\
& \quad \left. \left. - 22 - 96 H_{0,0} - 104 H_0 - (1-x)(13 + 24 \tilde{H}_{1,0} - 48 H_{0,0} - 84 H_0 - 16 \zeta_2) \right\} \right. \\
& \quad \left. + C_F^3 \beta_0 \{ p_{\text{qq}}(x) (41 + 316/9 H_0) - 10 - 32/3 H_0 + (1-x)(41/3 + 16/3 H_0) \} \right. \\
& \quad \left. + C_F^3 C_A \left\{ p_{\text{qq}}(x) (16 + 8 \tilde{H}_{1,0} + 8 H_{0,0} - 24 \zeta_2) + 4 + (1-x)(28 - 8 \zeta_2) \right\} \right. \\
& \quad \left. + C_F^3 (C_A - 2 C_F) p_{\text{qq}}(-x) (16 \tilde{H}_{-1,0} - 8 H_{0,0}) \right] + \mathcal{O}(\ln^4(1-x))
\end{aligned}$$

First line includes identity of coefficients of leading  $\ln^k(1-x)$  and  $\frac{\ln^k(1-x)}{x-1}$  terms

Conjectured by Krämer, Laenen, Spira (97)

**Modified basis**  $\tilde{H}_{m_1,m_2,\dots} \equiv \tilde{H}_{m_1,m_2,\dots}(x)$  of harmonic polylogarithms, e.g.,

$$\tilde{H}_{1,0} = H_{1,0} + \zeta_2, \quad \tilde{H}_{1,1,0} = H_{1,1,0} - \zeta_2 \ln(1-x) - \zeta_3$$

All  $\ln(1-x)$  terms and  $\zeta$ -functions taken out of expansions to all orders in  $1-x$

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Coefficients for DIS/SIA (upper/lower sign) relative to  $N^0 L^k$  resummation

$$h_{1k} = g_{1k} \quad g_{lk} = \text{coefficients in soft-gluon exponentiation}$$

$$h_{21} = g_{21} + \frac{1}{2} \beta_0 \pm 6 C_F$$

$$h_{22} = g_{22} + \frac{5}{24} \beta_0^2 \pm \frac{17}{9} \beta_0 C_F - 18 C_F^2$$

$$h_{23} = g_{23} + \frac{1}{8} \beta_0^3 \pm \left( \frac{\xi_{K_4}}{8} - \frac{53}{18} \right) \beta_0^2 C_F - \frac{34}{3} \beta_0 C_F^2 \pm 72 C_F^3$$

$\xi_{K_4}$ : next-to-leading large- $n_f$  coefficient at fourth order – should be feasible

First term of  $h_3$  also known, but non-universal within DIS and SIA ( $\Leftrightarrow F_L$ )

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Remarks/questions

- Less predictive than resum. of  $N^0 L^k$  terms: nothing new, but  $A_2$ , in  $g_{22}$
- Full NLL accuracy – complete  $g_2(a_s L)$  – should be feasible for  $F_{1,2,3}$  etc
- Full NNLL for  $F_{1,2,3}$  etc, NLL for  $F_L$ : a log too far?  $h_{23}$  for  $F_L$ , anyone?

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$F_\phi$ : Higgs-exchange DIS in heavy-top limit, to order  $\alpha_s^2$  also by

Daleo, Gehrmann-De Ridder, Gehrmann, Luisoni (09)

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Conjecture: this behaviour persists to N<sup>3</sup>LO

$\Rightarrow$  prediction of  $\ln^{6,5,4}(1-x)$  of  $P_{qg,gq}^{(3)}$  [and  $\ln^{5,4,3}(1-x)$  of  $P_{ps,gg|C_F}^{(3)}$ ]

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accidental (?) cancellation of contributions, for all four splitting fct's
- Remaining terms vanish in the supersymmetric case  $C_A = C_F (= n_f)$   
Nontrivial check: same as for  $P_{qg}^{(2)}$ , not obvious from above construction

(published MV, SMVV papers to here)

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**N<sup>3</sup>LO conjecture + above  $P_{qg}^{(3)}$ :** prediction of three double logs in  $c_{L,q/g}^{(3)}$ , e.g.

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Agrees with/extends results [NS-like  $C_F = 0$  part of  $C_{L,g}$  only] of MV (02/09)

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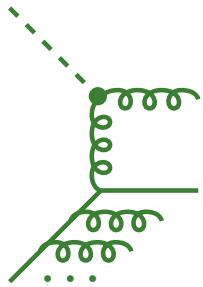
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to all orders in  $\varepsilon$  (calc. +  $D$ -dim. structure), with same coefficients  $\mathcal{L}_{n,k}$

⇒ all-order relation for one colour structure of either amplitude sufficient

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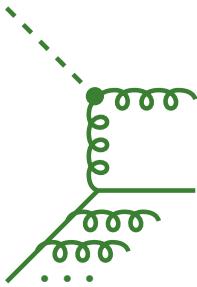
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$P_{\text{qg}}^{\text{LL}}, C_{2,g}^{\text{LL}}$ : same functions but with  $C_F \rightarrow n_f$  once, then  $C_F \leftrightarrow C_A$  in rest

$$\Rightarrow C_{\phi, q}^{\text{LL}}(N) \stackrel{C_A=0}{=} \frac{1}{2N \ln N} \left( \mathcal{B}_0(\tilde{a}_s) - e^{\frac{1}{2}\tilde{a}_s} \right), \quad \mathcal{B}_0(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{B_n}{(n!)^2} x^n$$

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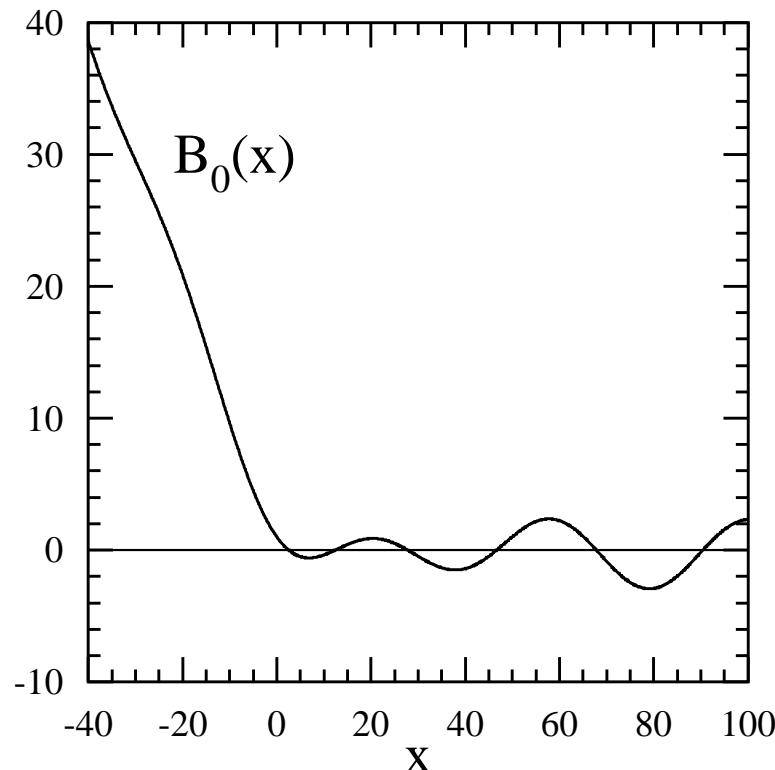
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$\exp(\dots)$ : LL soft-gluon exponentials.  $C_{2,g}^{\text{LL}}$  by colour-factor replacement

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