

Double parton distributions in colour space.

Perturbative splitting and positivity bounds.

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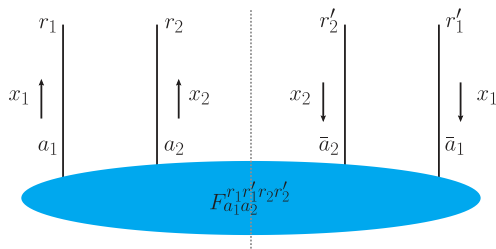
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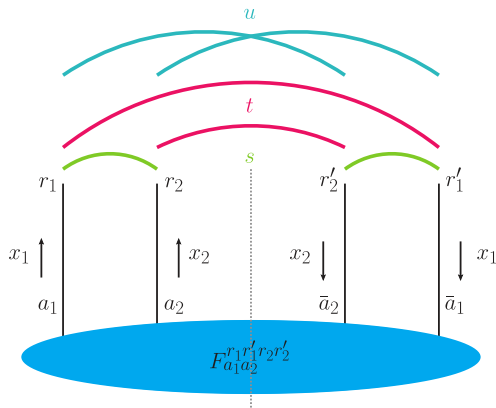


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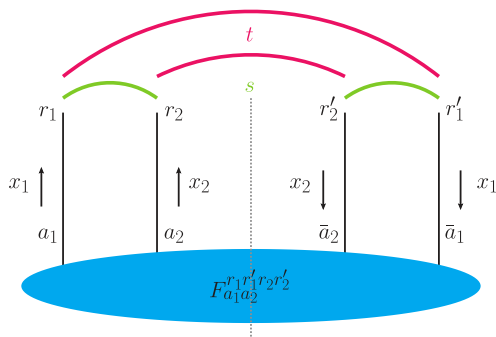


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t - and s -channel DPDs.

In the t -channel the colour indices r_i and r'_i are coupled to an irreducible representation R_i of $SU(N)$ such that $R_1 R_2$ is a singlet:

$${}^{R_1 R_2} F_{a_1 a_2} \sim P_{\overline{R_1} \overline{R_2}}^{r_1 r'_1 r_2 r'_2} F_{a_1 a_2}^{r_1 r'_1 r_2 r'_2} \quad \text{such that} \quad F_{a_1 a_2}^{r_1 r'_1 r_2 r'_2} \sim \sum_{R_1, R_2} P_{R_1 R_2}^{r_1 r'_1 r_2 r'_2} {}^{R_1 R_2} F_{a_1 a_2}$$

In the s -channel the colour indices r_1 and r_2 are coupled to an irreducible representation R and r'_1 while r'_2 are coupled to R' such that RR' is again a singlet:

$$F_{a_1 a_2}^{RR'} \sim P_{\overline{RR'}}^{r_1 r_2 r'_1 r'_2} F_{a_1 a_2}^{r_1 r'_1 r_2 r'_2} \quad \text{such that} \quad F_{a_1 a_2}^{r_1 r'_1 r_2 r'_2} \sim \sum_{R, R'} P_{RR'}^{r_1 r_2 r'_1 r'_2} F_{a_1 a_2}^{RR'}$$

Note that the exact form of $F_{a_1 a_2}^{RR'}$ and ${}^{R_1 R_2} F_{a_1 a_2}$ depends on the choice of normalisation.

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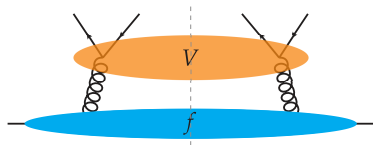
Perturbative splitting in DPDs.

In the limit of small distance y the leading contribution to a DPD is due to the perturbative splitting of one parton into two and can be calculated in perturbation theory:

$$R_1 R_2 F_{a_1 a_2}(x_i, y, \zeta_p, \mu) \stackrel{y \rightarrow 0}{=} \frac{1}{\pi y^2} \left[R_1 R_2 V_{a_1 a_2, a_0}(y, \zeta_p, \mu) \otimes_{12} f_{a_0}(\mu) \right](x_i),$$

where

$$\left[V \otimes_{12} f \right](x_i) = \int_x^1 \frac{dz}{z^2} V\left(\frac{x_1}{z}, \frac{x_2}{z}\right) f(z)$$



LO kernels for all $R_1 R_2$ can be found in [\[Diehl, Ostermeier, and Schäfer, 2012\]](#).

NLO kernels for $R_1 R_2 = 11$ have been calculated in [\[Diehl, Gaunt, Plöb, and Schäfer, 2019\]](#).

Colour non-singlet splitting DPDs at NLO.

Many ingredients from the calculation of the colour singlet splitting in [Diehl, Gaunt, Plöchl, and Schäfer, 2019] can be reused for the colour non-singlet case: diagrams, master integrals, Dirac algebra.

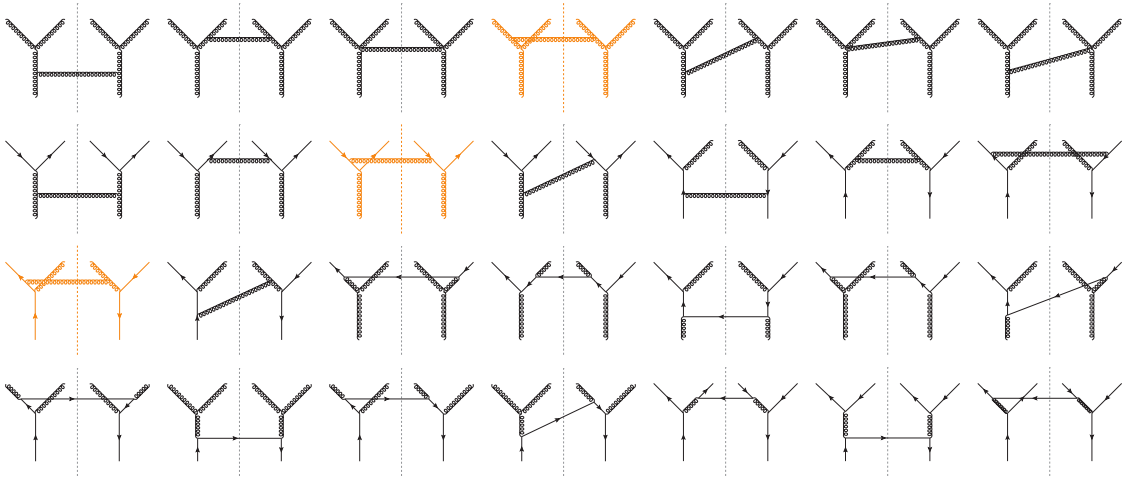
In the colour non-singlet case rapidity divergences no longer cancel after a sum over graphs and have to be treated with utmost care. For this we use two regulators:

- ▶ Collins regulator using space-like Wilson lines. [Collins, 2011]
- ▶ δ regulator. [Echevarria, Scimemi and Vladimirov, 2016]

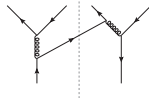
After combining the splitting DPDs calculated with these regulators with the DPS soft factor we find matching results in both schemes!

→ First application (to our knowledge) of the Collins regulator to a two loop calculation!

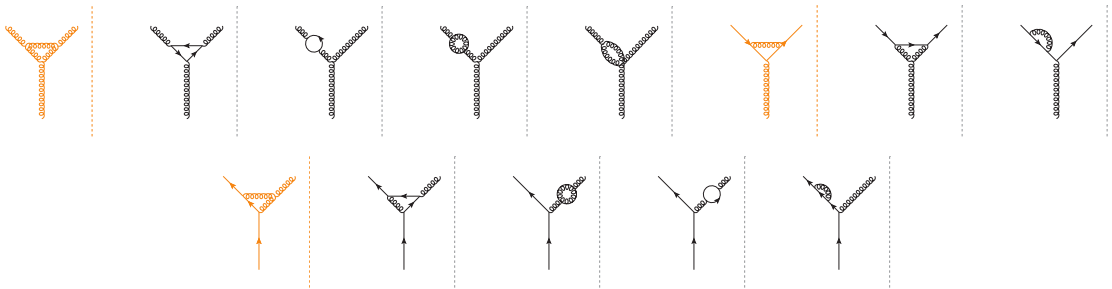
Small- y limit of DPDs.



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General structure of NLO colour non-singlet kernels.

Colour non-singlet kernels:

$$\begin{aligned}
 R_1 R_2 V_{a_1 a_2, a_0}^{(2)}(z, u, y, \mu, \zeta) &= R_1 R_2 V_{a_1 a_2, a_0}^{[2,0]}(z, u) + L R_1 R_2 V_{a_1 a_2, a_0}^{[2,1]}(z, u) \\
 &+ \left(L \log \frac{\mu^2}{\zeta} - \frac{L^2}{2} + c_{\overline{\text{MS}}} \right) \frac{R_1 \gamma_J^{(0)}}{2} R_1 R_2 V_{a_1 a_2, a_0}^{(1)}(z, u)
 \end{aligned}$$

where $L = \log \frac{y^2 \mu^2}{b_0^2}$ and $b_0 = 2e^{-\gamma}$ and

$$R_1 R_2 V^{[2,0]}(z, u) = R_1 R_2 V_{\text{regular}}^{[2,0]}(z, u) + \delta(1-z) R_1 R_2 V_{\delta}^{[2,0]}(u),$$

$$R_1 R_2 V^{[2,1]}(z, u) = R_1 R_2 V_{\text{regular}}^{[2,1]}(z, u) + \frac{1}{[1-z]_+} R_1 R_2 V_+^{[2,1]}(u) + \delta(1-z) R_1 R_2 V_{\delta}^{[2,1]}(u)$$

In contrast to the LO case there are – with few exceptions – no simple scaling relations between different colour channels!

Impact of NLO corrections on small y DPDs.

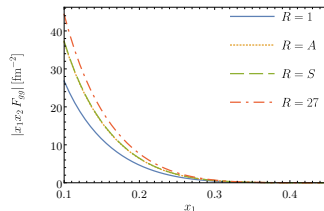
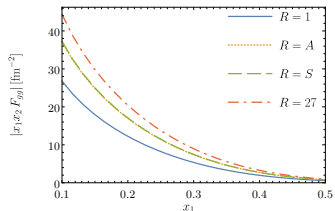
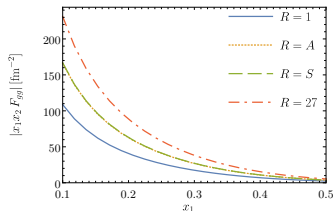
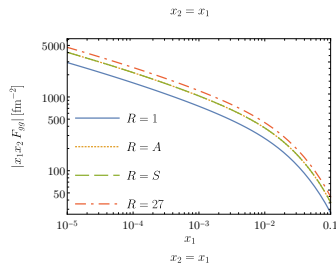
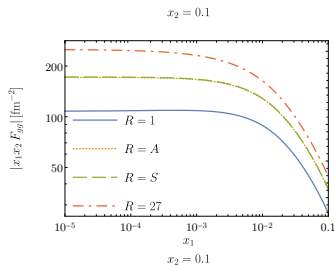
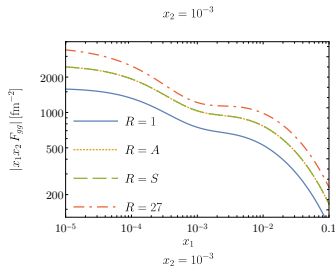
We study how including the NLO corrections effects the small y gg DPD for the following set of parameters:

- ▶ $y = 0.022$ fm
- ▶ $\mu = \frac{b_0}{y} = 10$ GeV
- ▶ $x_1 x_2 \zeta_p = \mu^2 = 100$ GeV²

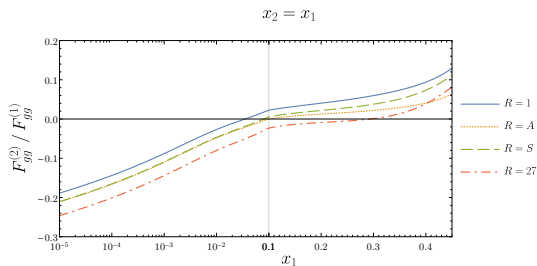
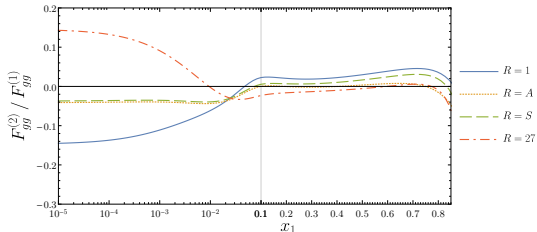
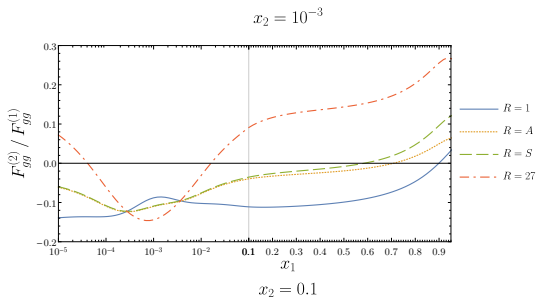
For this choice of parameters only the $V^{[2,0]}$ part of the kernels contributes to the final DPD.

In order to get a feeling for the relative importance of the logarithmic $V^{[2,1]}$ and double logarithmic $V^{(1)}$ parts we vary μ and $\sqrt{x_1 x_2 \zeta_p}$ by a factor of two around their central values.

$$|x_1 x_2^{RR} F_{gg}|.$$



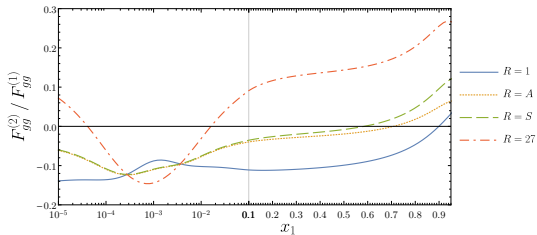
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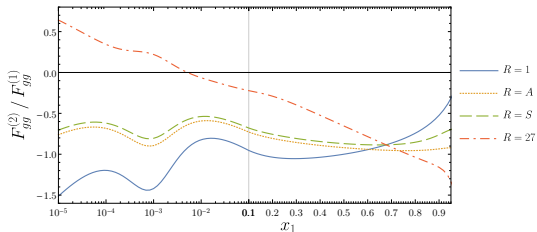
- ▶ moderate ($\mathcal{O}(10\%)$) NLO corrections.
- ▶ varied structure as a function of x_1 and x_2 .
- ▶ results rather independent of PDF sets used.

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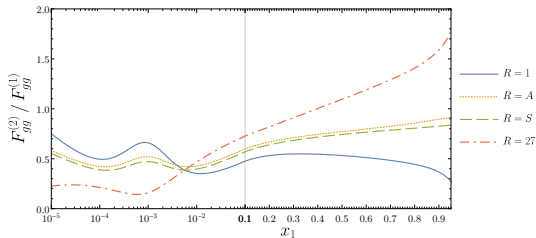
$$x_2 = 10^{-3}, \mu = \mu_y$$



$$x_2 = 10^{-3}, \mu = \mu_y/2$$



$$x_2 = 10^{-3}, \mu = 2\mu_y$$



- ▶ large ($\mathcal{O}(100\%)$) NLO corrections for $\mu \neq \mu_y$.
- ▶ splitting form should be evaluated at $\mu \sim \mu_y$ to avoid large higher order corrections.

Violation of positivity bounds for s -channel DPDs.

Positivity bounds for s -channel DPDs.

Introduction.

s -channel DPDs $F_{a_1 a_2}^{R\bar{R}}$ allow a density interpretation as the probability to find the parton pair $a_1 a_2$ in any of the $m(R)$ states of representation R . [Kasements and Mulders, 2014]

This interpretation results in the following positivity bound for s -channel DPDs:

$$F_{a_1 a_2}^{R\bar{R}} \geq 0$$

for all representations R and parton combinations $a_1 a_2$.

Check if these bounds are violated:

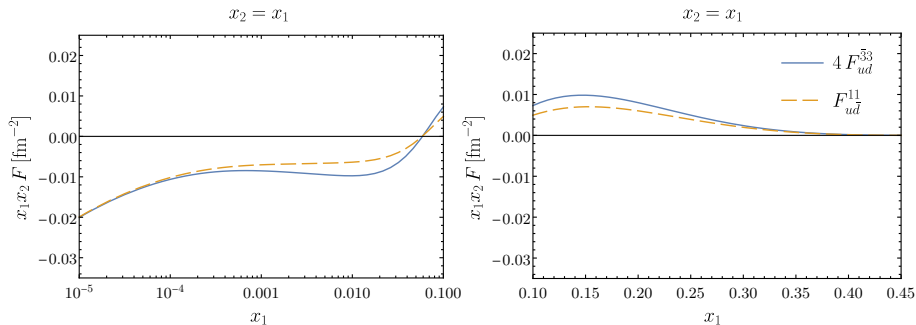
- ▶ Consider the small- y regime where DPDs are known from perturbation theory.
- ▶ Restrict discussion to quark-quark and quark-antiquark distributions (comparatively simple colour structure).
- ▶ Consider s -channel DPDs that vanish at LO: $F_{qq}^{\bar{3}3}, F_{qq}^{6\bar{6}}, F_{qq'}^{\bar{3}3}, F_{qq'}^{6\bar{6}}, F_{q\bar{q}}^{11}, F_{q\bar{q}'}^{11}, F_{q\bar{q}'}^{88}$.

Violation of positivity for NLO splitting DPDs.

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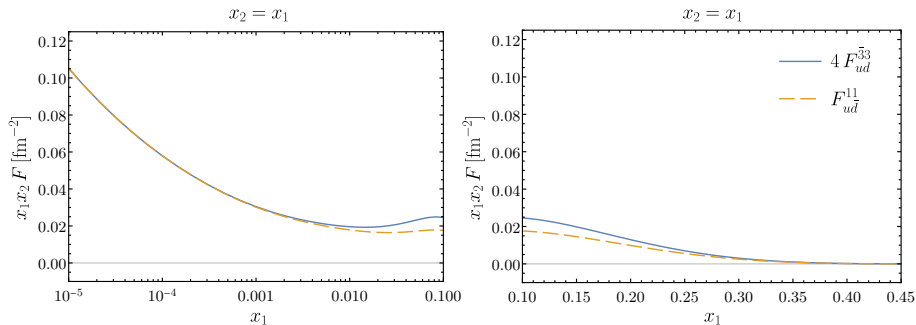
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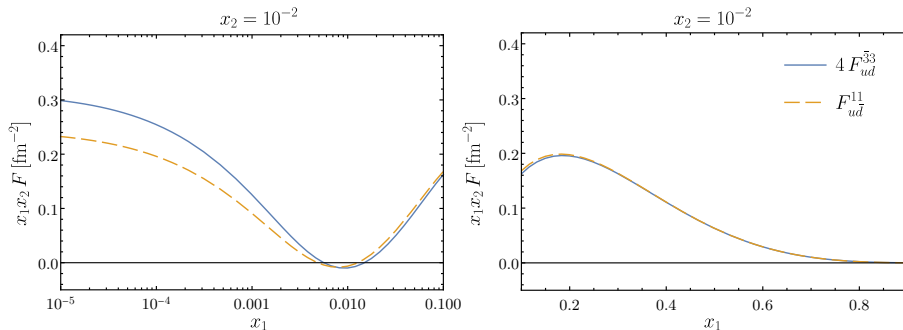
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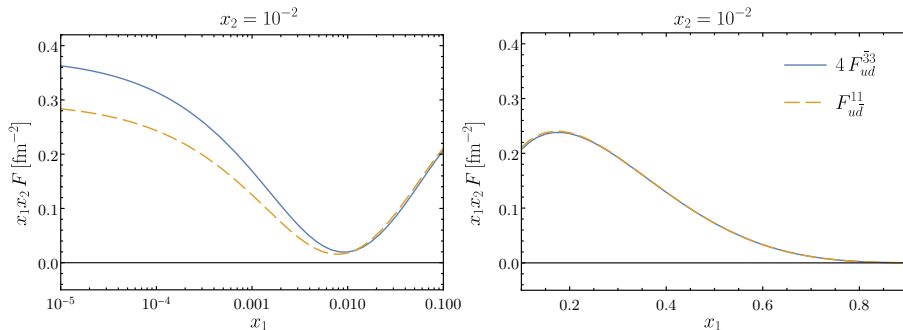
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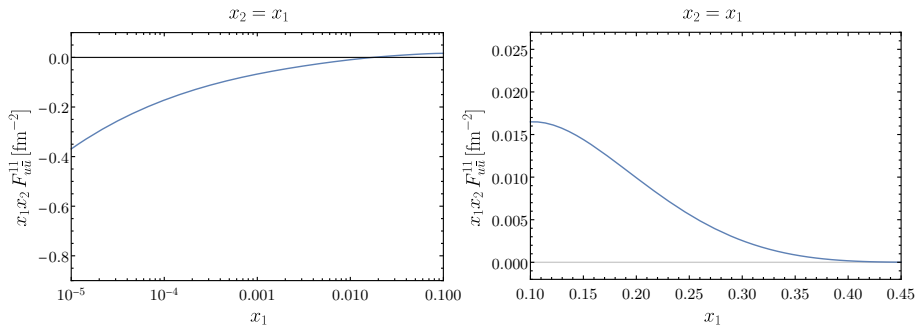
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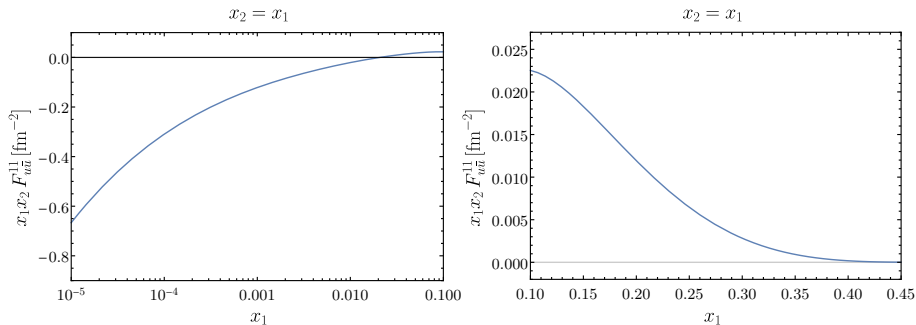
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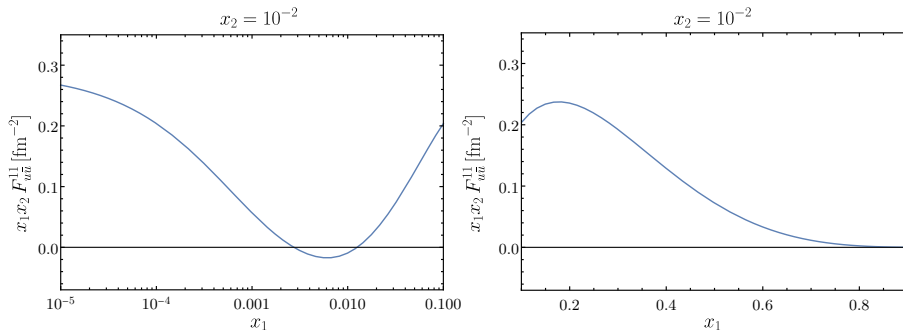
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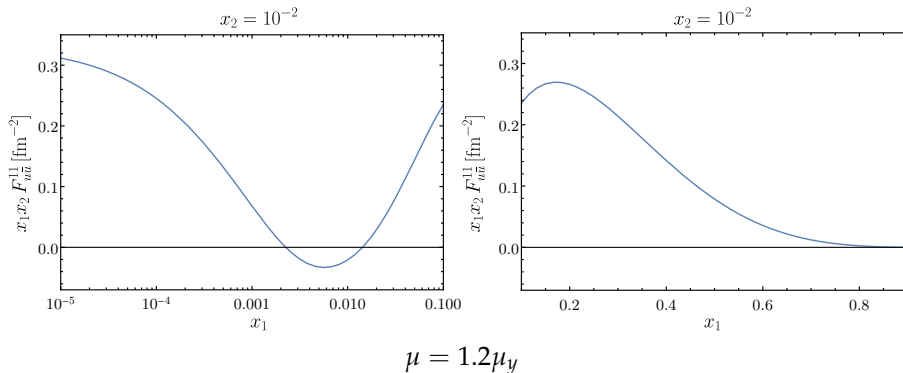
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Violation of positivity from DGLAP evolution.

Evolution of s -channel DPDs.

One can show that positivity is not necessarily conserved under LO DGLAP evolution.

Consider to this end one of the small- y s -channel distributions which are zero at LO: $F_{q\bar{q}}^{11}$.

The double DGLAP equation is most naturally formulated in the t -channel, where it reads:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \log \mu_1^2} {}^{R_1 R_2} F_{q\bar{q}}(x_i, \mathbf{y}, \zeta_p, \mu_i) = \left[{}^{R_1 R_2} P_{qq} \otimes_{x_1} {}^{R_1 R_2} F_{q\bar{q}} + \sum_{R'} {}^{R_1 R'} P_{qg} \otimes_{x_1} {}^{R' R_2} F_{g\bar{q}} \right] (x_i, \mathbf{y}, \zeta_p, \mu_i)$$

From this one can obtain the evolution equation for $F_{q\bar{q}}^{11}$ as:

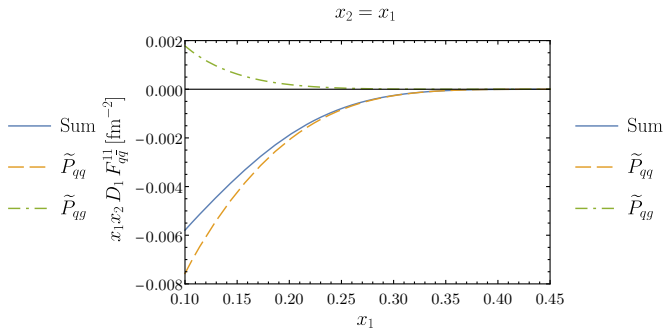
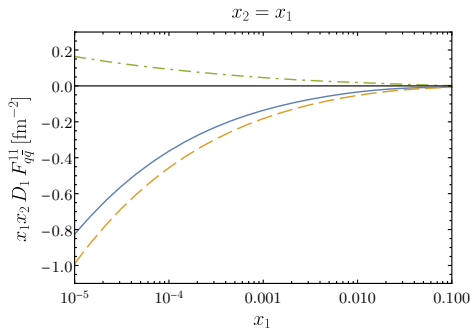
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \log \mu_1^2} F_{q\bar{q}}^{11}(x_i, \mathbf{y}, \zeta_p, \mu_i) = a_s \left[\tilde{P}_{qq} \otimes_{x_1} F_{q\bar{q}}^{88} + \frac{8}{3} \tilde{P}_{qg} \otimes_{x_1} F_{g\bar{q}}^{\bar{3}3} - \frac{2}{9} 8 \gamma_J^{(0)} \log \frac{\mu_1^2}{x_1^2 \zeta_p} F_{q\bar{q}}^{88} \right] (x_i, \mathbf{y}, \zeta_p, \mu_i)$$

→ If the rhs. is negative this implies that evolution to higher scales drives $F_{q\bar{q}}^{11}$ negative!

Violation of positivity from DGLAP evolution.

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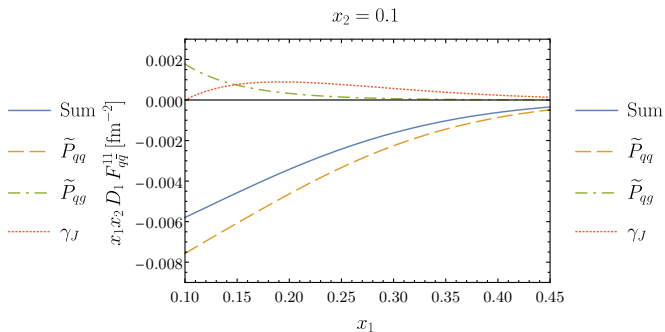
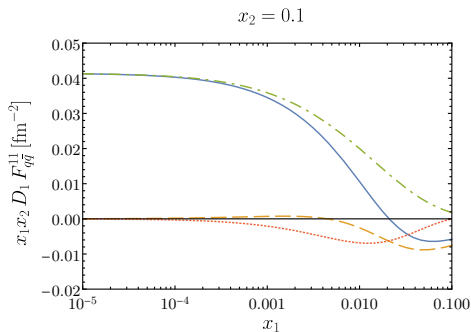
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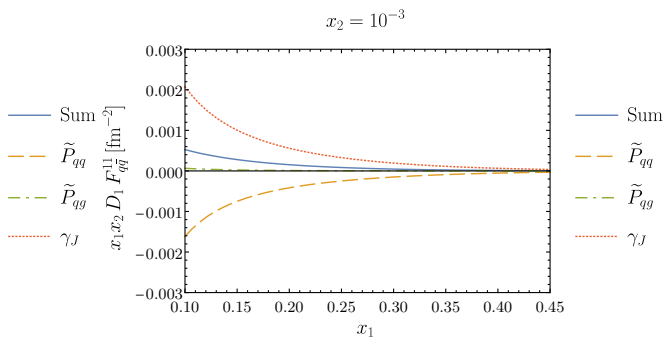
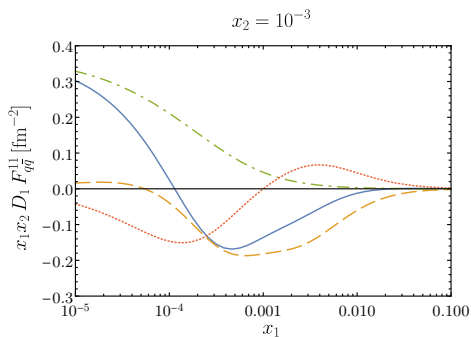
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Thank you for your attention!

Backup.

More on rapidity.

Rescaling of the rapidity parameter.

The rapidity parameters ζ_p and $\zeta_{\bar{p}}$ in this work are normalised as:

$$\zeta_p \zeta_{\bar{p}} = (2p^+ \bar{p}^-)^2 = s^2,$$

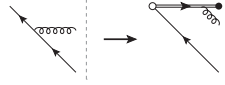
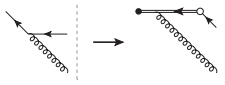
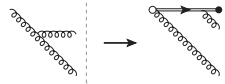
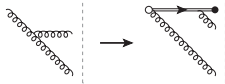
which differs from the convention in the TMD case

$$\zeta \bar{\zeta} = x^2 \bar{x}^2 (2p^+ \bar{p}^-)^2 = Q^4,$$

where the rapidity parameters are normalized w.r.t. the extracted parton, which would be awkward in the DPD case where parton momenta often appear in convolution integrals.

- need to rescale the rapidity parameter in renormalisation factors and evolution kernels!
- reason: can only depend on the plus-momentum $x_i p^+$ of the parton to which they refer!

From light-cone gauge diagrams to Wilson line diagrams in Feynman gauge.



Kinematic limits of the small y DPDs.

Large $x_1 + x_2$: Plus distributions in the kernels lead to a $\log(1 - x_1 - x_2)$ enhancement in the DPDs.

- ▶ $g \rightarrow gg$, $g \rightarrow q\bar{q}$, and $q \rightarrow qg$

Small $x_1 + x_2$: For sufficiently steep PDFs the convolution integral in the small y DPD is dominated by z^{-2} terms in the kernels (in analogy to z^{-1} terms in DGLAP kernels).

- ▶ $g \rightarrow gg$, $g \rightarrow q\bar{q}$, and $q \rightarrow gg$ (in almost all colour channels)

Small x_1 or x_2 : Corresponds to the small u and small \bar{u} limit, with leading contributions going as u^{-1} and \bar{u}^{-1} due to slow gluons.

- ▶ $g \rightarrow gg$, $q \rightarrow gg$, $g \rightarrow qg$ (u^{-1} & \bar{u}^{-1}),
 $q \rightarrow qg$, and $q \rightarrow qq'$ (\bar{u}^{-1})

Find two sources for this behaviour in small y DPDs:

- ▶ Explicit u^{-1} and \bar{u}^{-1} terms in the kernels.
- ▶ $(1 - z\bar{u})^{-1} \sim (k^+ - k_2^+)^{-1}$, $(1 - zu)^{-1} \sim (k^+ - k_1^+)^{-1}$ and similar terms.

Colour non-singlet evolution kernels.

The colour non-singlet evolution kernels have in the t -channel double DGLAP equation for $R_1 R_2 F_{q\bar{q}}$ on slide 18 have the following structure:

$${}^{RR'} P_{qa}(z, \zeta, \mu) = a_s \left[c_{RR'} \tilde{P}_{qb}(z) + \delta_{RR'} \delta(1-z) \left(\frac{\gamma_q^{(0)}(\mu)}{2} + \frac{{}^R \gamma_J^{(0)}(\mu)}{2} \log \frac{\mu^2}{\zeta} \right) \right] + \mathcal{O}(a_s^2)$$

where

$$c_{11} = 1, \quad c_{88} = -\frac{1}{8}, \quad c_{8S} = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{4}, \quad c_{8A} = \frac{3}{4}$$

and

$$\gamma_q(\mu) = 3 C_F a_s(\mu) + \mathcal{O}(a_s^2), \quad {}^1 \gamma_J(\mu) = 0, \quad {}^8 \gamma_J(\mu) = 2 C_A a_s(\mu) + \mathcal{O}(a_s^2)$$