
On the timelike splitting functions at next-to-next-to-leading order and beyond

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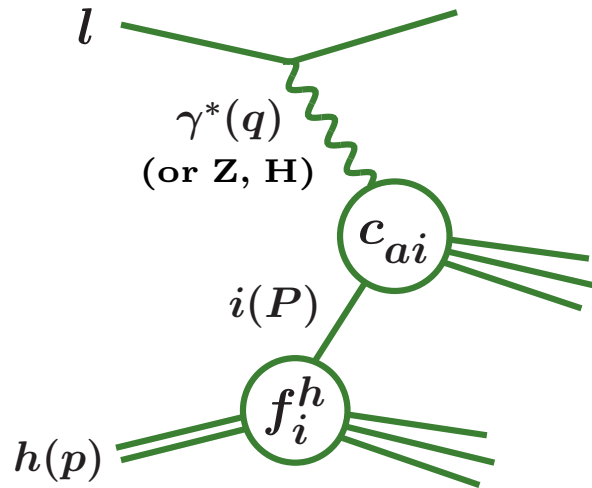
mainly with Andrea Almasy (UoL, now DESY), Sven Moch (DESY)

- Introduction: inclusive DIS and semi-inclusive e^+e^- annihilation
- Unfactorized observables + generalized DMS relation: NNLO $P_{qq, gg}^T$
- Crewther-like structure of physical kernels: $P_{qg, gq}^T$ at NNLO, almost
- Small- x instability, next-to-next-to leading logarithmic resummation

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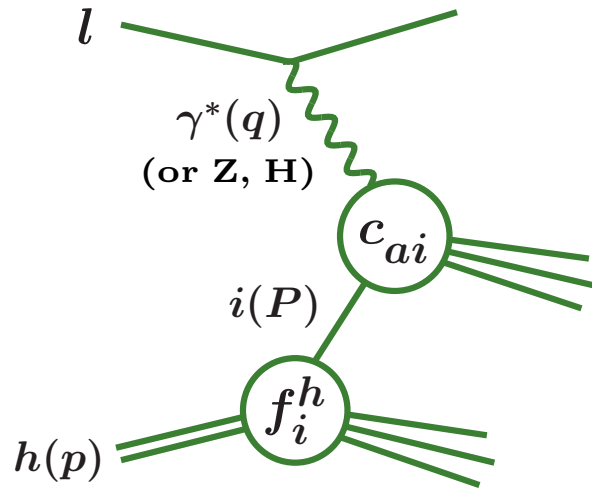
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Structure functions, fragmentation functions etc F_a : coefficient functions

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

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

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Expansion in α_s : **splitting functions P , coefficient fct's c_a of observables**

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

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

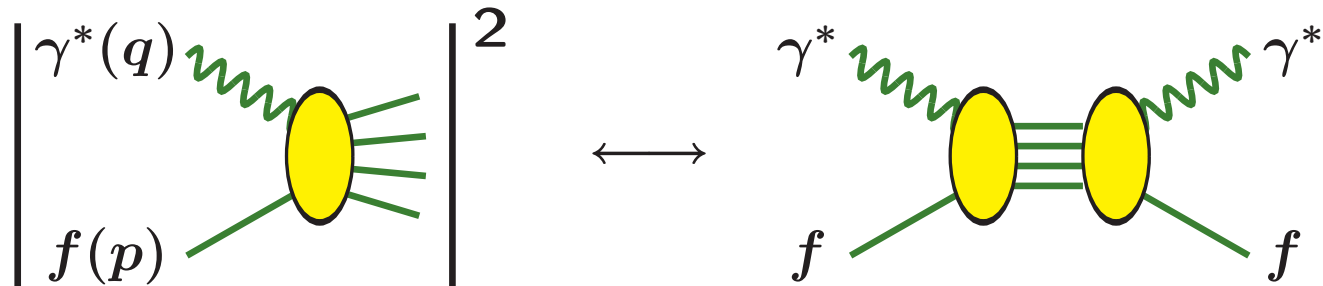
NLO: first real prediction of size of cross sections

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

$P_{ik}^{(2)S}$ via forward amplitudes: Vermaseren, MV (04). Here: $P_{ik}^{(2)T}$, indirectly

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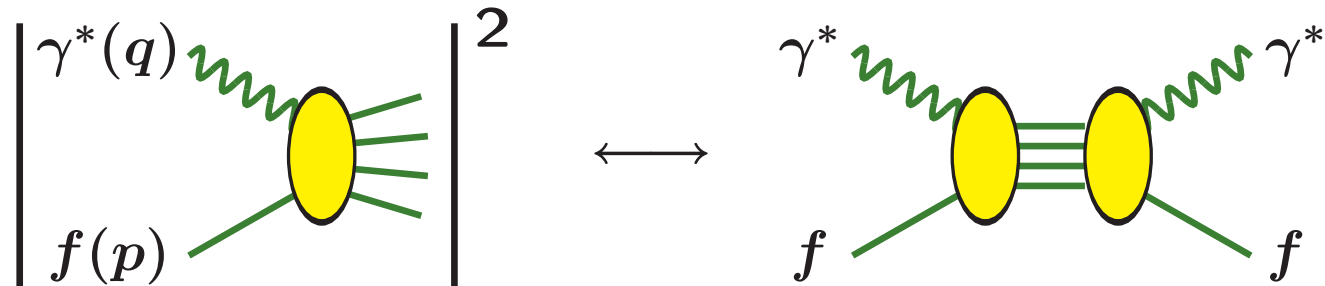
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$\gamma^* qq, Hgg$ form factors: 'reverse-engineered' to ϵ^{-1} at order α_s^3 **MVV (05)**

Confirmed and extended to ϵ^0 by diagram calculations

Baikov et al. (09); Lee et al., Gehrmann et al. (10)

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Analytic cont. of \mathcal{R}_n : $q^2 [\rightarrow (i\pi)^k]$, phase-space factor $x^{1-2\epsilon}$, $x \rightarrow 1/x$

$$\ln(1-x) \rightarrow \ln(1-x) - \ln x + i\pi$$

Curci et al. (80); Floratos et al. (81); Stratmann, Vogelsang (96); ...

Only \mathcal{R}_1 from trees only (same \mathcal{R}_1^T from ' $i=0$ ') \rightarrow 'small' 3-loop problem

From spacelike to timelike quantities (II)

Reassemble for timelike case (\mathcal{F}_n^T known), α_s and $G_{\mu\nu}^a G_a^{\mu\nu}$ renormalization:
 Diagonal splitting and coefficient functions from mass-factorization relations

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Products = convolutions, performed via N -space using **FORM** **Vermaseren**

Two-loop 'off-diagonal' quantities like $c_{H,q}^{(2)T}$: direct continuation of DIS $F_{H,q}^b$

Soar, MVV; Daleo, Gehrmann-De Ridder, Gehrmann, Luisoni (09)

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Confirmed by extending NS approach of Dokshitzer, Marchesini, Salam (05)

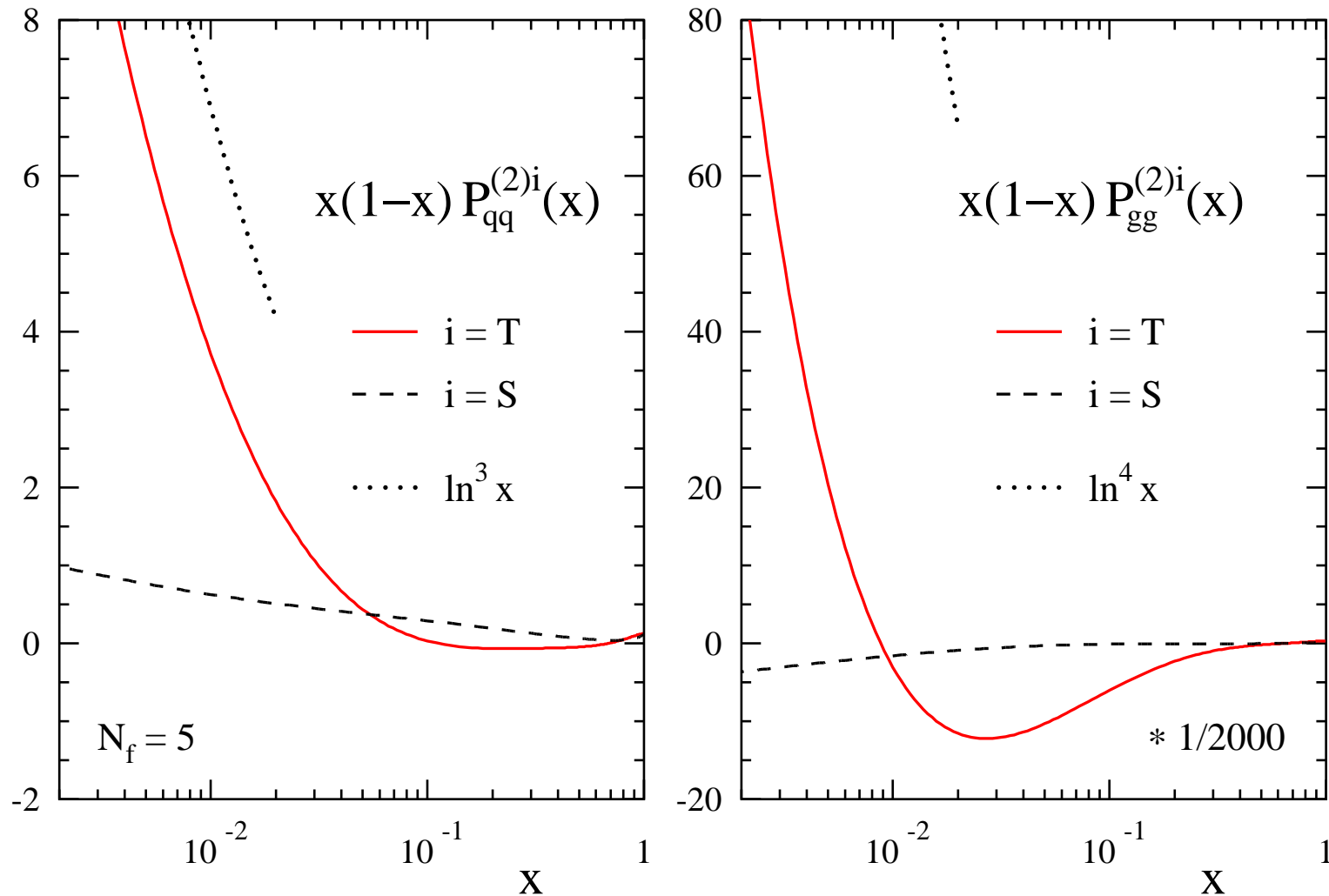
$$P_{gg}^{(2)T-S} \Big|_{C_A^k n_f^{3-k}} = 2 \left[\left\{ \ln x \cdot P_{av.}^{(1)} \right\} \otimes P_{gg}^{(0)} + \left\{ \ln x \cdot P_{gg}^{(0)} \right\} \otimes P_{av.}^{(1)} \right]_{C_A^k n_f^{3-k}}$$

Momentum sum rule $\Rightarrow P_{qg}^{(2)T}(N=2), P_{gq}^{(2)T}(N=2)$ completely known

Leading double log $x^{-1} \ln^4 x$ agrees with Mueller (81); Bassetto et al. (82)

No obvious unfact. decomposition/DMS generalization in off-diagonal cases

Third-order diagonal splitting functions



T: extreme small- x rise from $x \gtrsim 10^{-2}$, in gg despite huge cancellations

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NNLO, diagonal cases – subscripts 1, 0 for $i\pi$ /no $i\pi$ in cont'n of $\ln(1-x)$

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\mathcal{AC}_1 : old $\zeta_2 C_{F/A}^3$ splitting function error + $P_{qq/gg}^{(0)}$ with and without $\ln x$

Structure of 'Crewther relation' of GLS sum rule in DIS and Adler fct. in e^+e^-
 Broadhurst, Kataev (93); Crewther (97); Baikov, Chetyrkin, Kühn (10)

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\Rightarrow NNLO splitting functions $P_{gq}^{(n)T}, P_{qg}^{(n)T}$ (but see next slide for latter) with

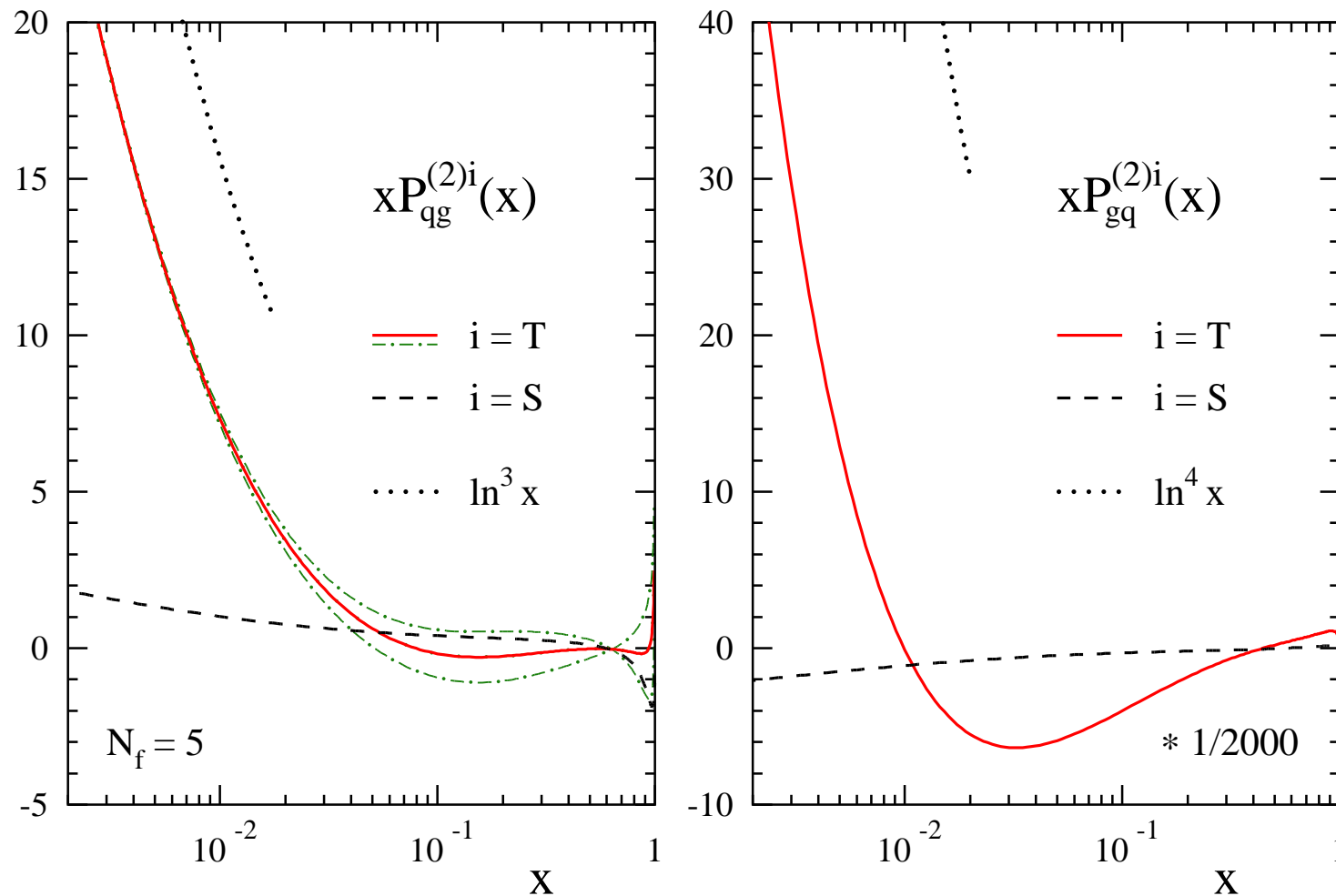
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SUSY limit $C_A = C_F = n_f$ for $\Delta_A^{(n)} = P_{qq}^{(n)A} + P_{gq}^{(n)A} - P_{qg}^{(n)A} - P_{gg}^{(n)A}$

$$\Delta_S^{(1)} + \Delta_T^{(1)} = 12 p_{qg}(x), \quad \Delta_S^{(2)} + \Delta_T^{(2)} = -24 \zeta_2 p_{qg}(x) + \text{non-}\zeta_2 \text{ terms}$$

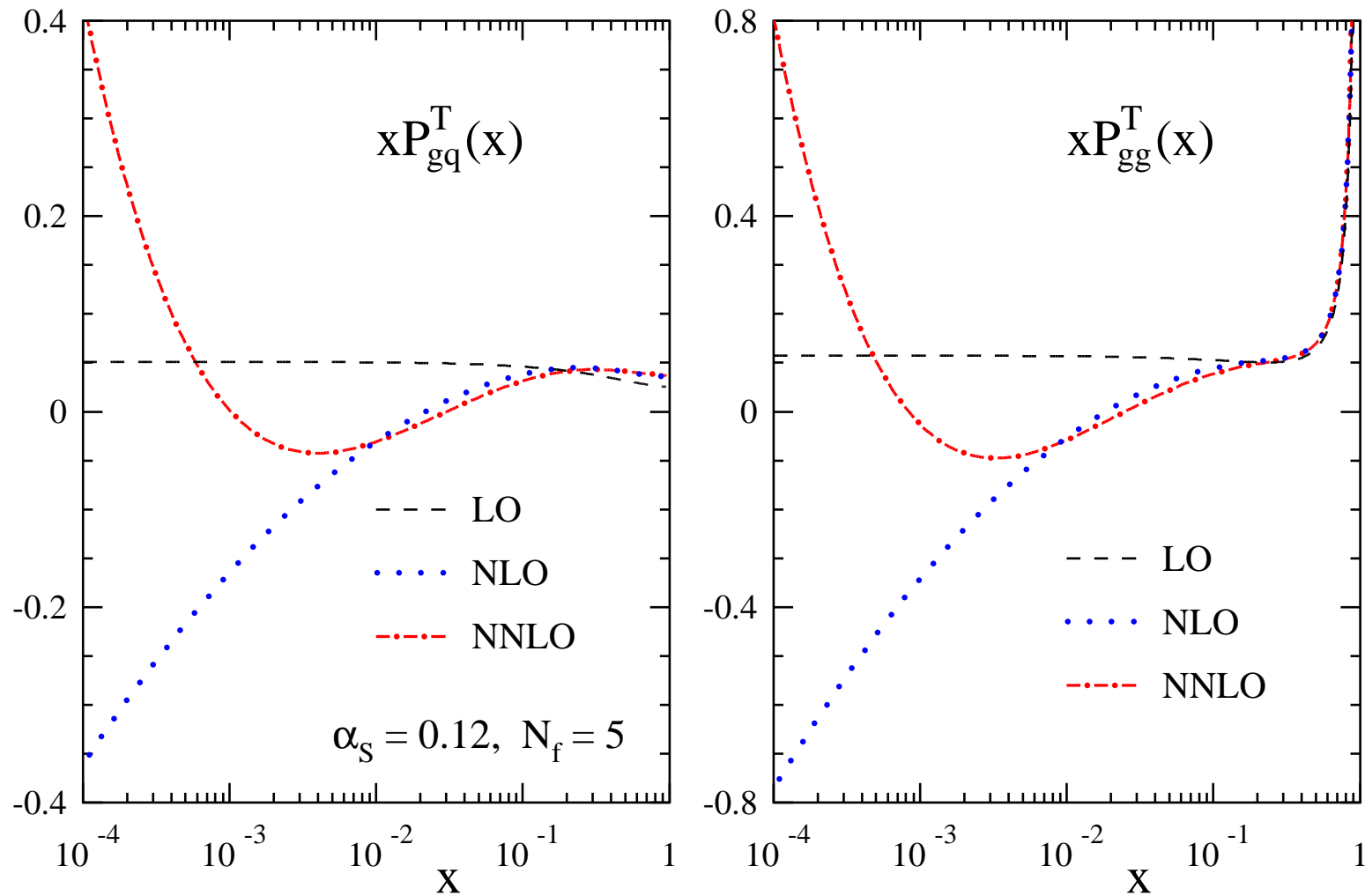
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$q \rightarrow g$: not entirely fixed by Crewther-like ST -relation, $N = 2$, SUSY limit

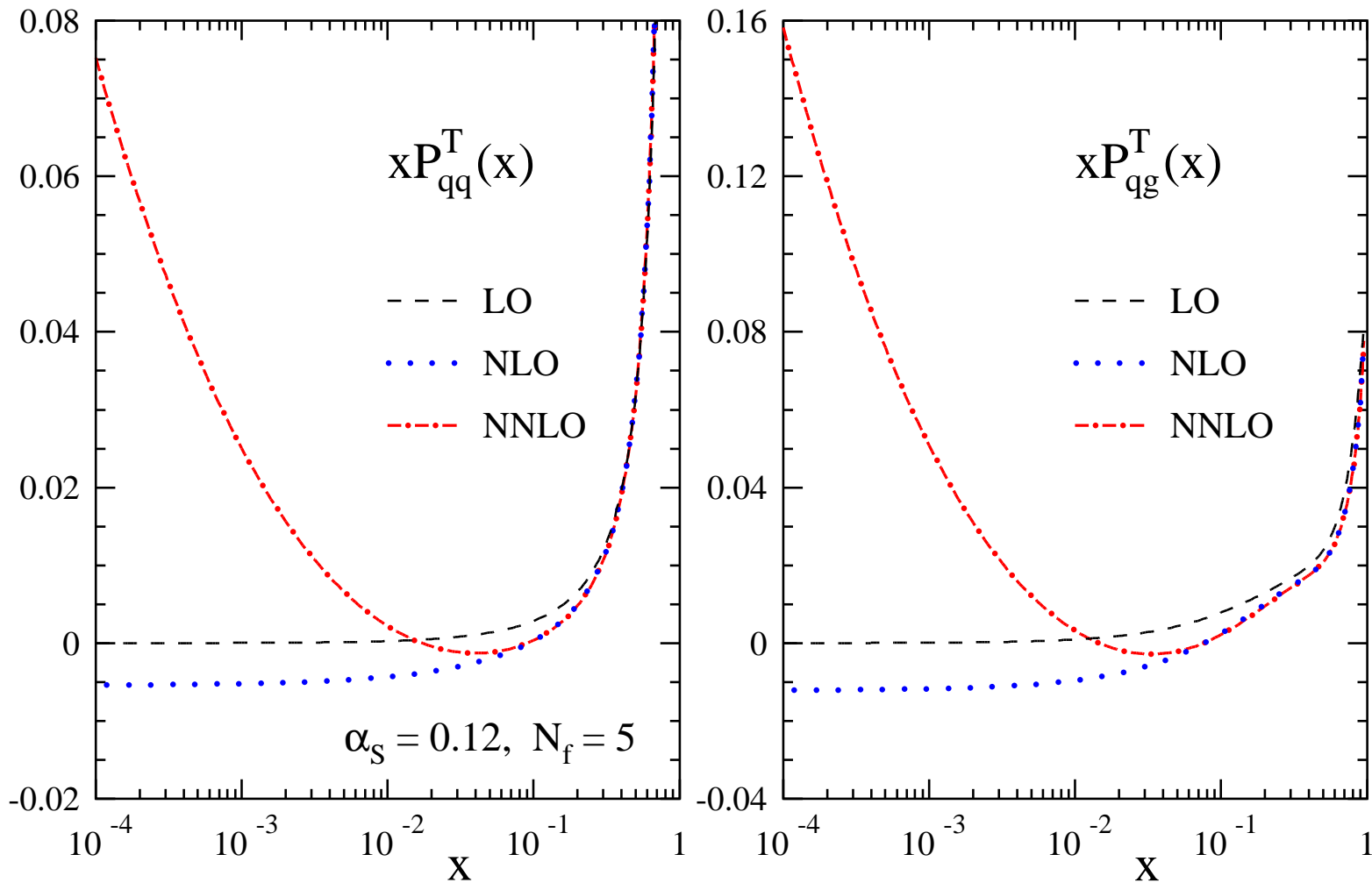
Dash-dotted: $\delta P_{qg}^{(2)T}(x) = \pm 2\zeta_2\beta_0 (C_A - C_F) (11 + 24 \ln x) P_{qg}^{(0)T}(x)$

NNLO approximations for $P_{gi}^T(x, \alpha_s)$



NLO/NNLO: terms up to $x^{-1} \ln^2 x / x^{-1} \ln^4 x$. Unstable at $x \lesssim 0.005$

NNLO approximations for $P_{qi}^T(x, \alpha_s)$



NLO: no $x^{-1} \ln x$ terms. NNLO: up to $x^{-1} \ln^3 x$. Unstable at $x \lesssim 0.02$

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$n-1$ KLN-type cancellations – $\widehat{F}_{a,g}^{(n)}$ starts at order $1/\varepsilon^n$ – plus 3 constraints from the NNLO results $\Rightarrow n+2$ linear equations for n coefficients $A_{a,g}^{(\ell,n)}$

Thus: NⁿLO known \Rightarrow highest $n+1$ (NⁿLL) double logs fixed at all orders

‘All-order’ mass factorization: NNLL timelike splitting & coefficient functions

Resummed timelike splitting functions

$$\frac{C_A}{C_F} P_{\text{gq}}^T(N, \alpha_s) \stackrel{\text{LL}}{=} P_{\text{gg}}^T(N, \alpha_s) \stackrel{\text{LL}}{=} \frac{1}{4} (N-1) \left\{ (1 - 4\xi)^{1/2} - 1 \right\}, \quad \xi = -\frac{8C_A a_s}{(N-1)^2}$$

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LL coefficient functions for F_T and F_ϕ [also: Albino, Bolzoni, Kniehl, Kotikov (11)]

$$C_{T,g}^{\text{LL}} = \frac{C_F}{C_A} \left(C_{\phi,g}^{T,\text{LL}} - 1 \right) = \frac{C_F}{C_A} \left\{ (1 - 4\xi)^{-1/4} - 1 \right\} \quad \text{in } \overline{\text{MS}}$$

‘Everything else’, including all of P_{qq}^T , P_{qg}^T , the quark coefficient fct’s, $C_{L,i}$:

Tables of coefficients to order α_s^{16} – numerically sufficient for $x \gtrsim 10^{-4}$

$$P_{\text{gg},\text{NLL}}^{(n)T}(N) = -\frac{(-8)^n C_A^{n-1}}{3(N-1)^{2n}} \left[(11C_A^2 + 2C_A n_f) B_{\text{gg},1}^{(n)} - 2C_F n_f B_{\text{gg},2}^{(n)} \right]$$

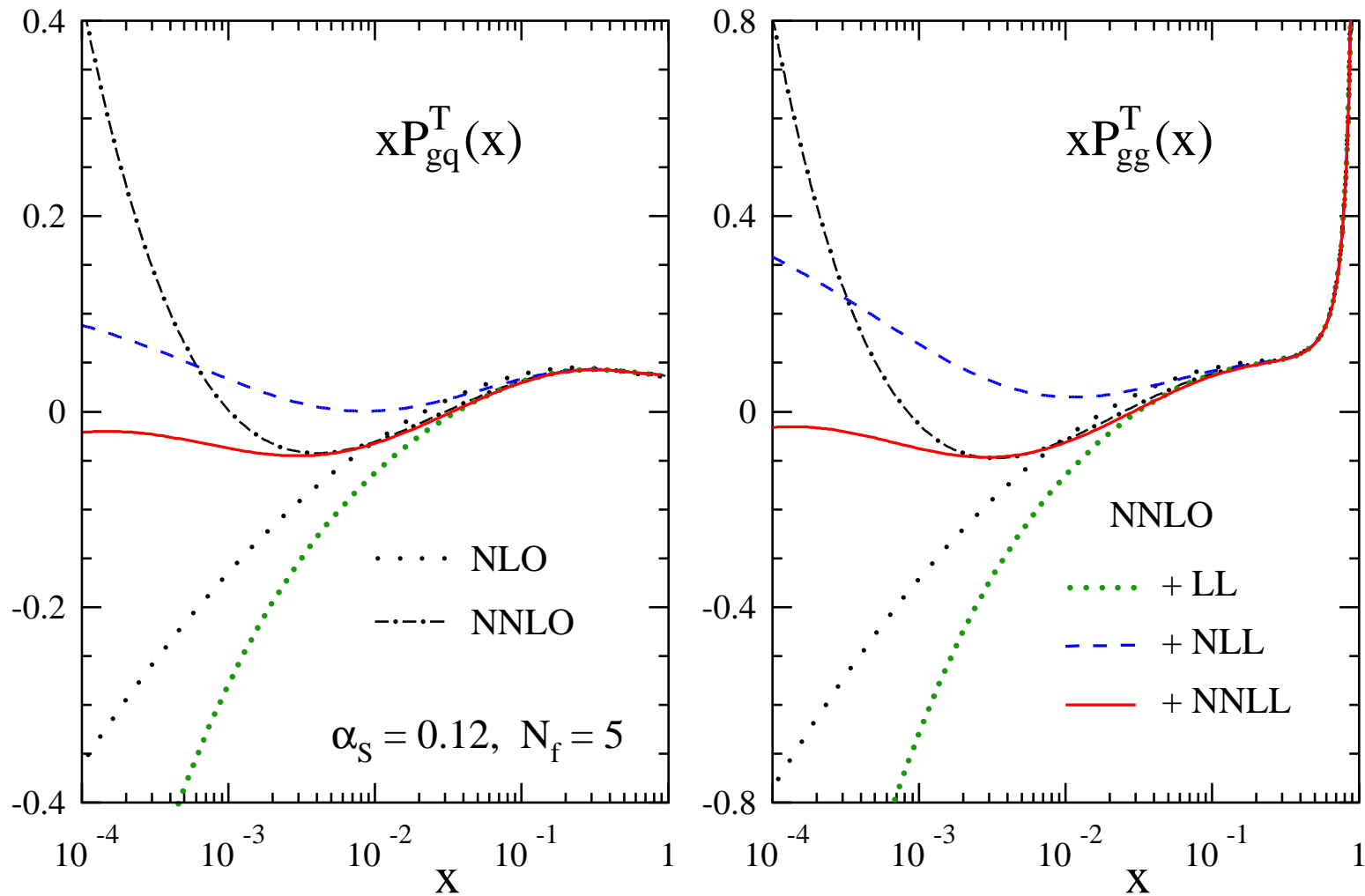
Normalized LL, NLL splitting-fct. coefficients

n	$A_{gi}^{(n)}$	$B_{gg,1}^{(n)}$	$B_{gg,2}^{(n)}$	$B_{gq,1}^{(n)}$	$B_{gq,2}^{(n)}$	$B_{gq,3}^{(n)}$	$A_{qi}^{(n)}$
0	1	1	—	9	—	—	—
1	1	1	2	9	—	—	—
2	2	3	5	29	1	1	1
3	5	10	$\frac{49}{3}$	100	5	$\frac{19}{3}$	$\frac{11}{3}$
4	14	35	$\frac{347}{6}$	357	21	$\frac{179}{6}$	$\frac{73}{6}$
5	42	126	$\frac{6353}{30}$	1302	84	$\frac{3833}{30}$	$\frac{1207}{30}$
6	132	462	$\frac{11839}{15}$	4818	330	$\frac{7879}{15}$	$\frac{2021}{15}$
7	429	1716	$\frac{624557}{210}$	18018	1287	$\frac{444377}{210}$	$\frac{96163}{210}$
8	1430	6435	$\frac{316175}{28}$	67925	5005	$\frac{236095}{28}$	$\frac{44185}{28}$
9	4862	24310	$\frac{54324719}{1260}$	257686	19448	$\frac{42072479}{1260}$	$\frac{6936481}{1260}$

All integer series known, $B_{gg,2}^{(n)} - B_{gq,3}^{(n)} = 2A_{gi}^{(n)}$, $A_{qi}^{(n)} + B_{gg,2}^{(n)} = 2B_{gg,1}^{(n)}$

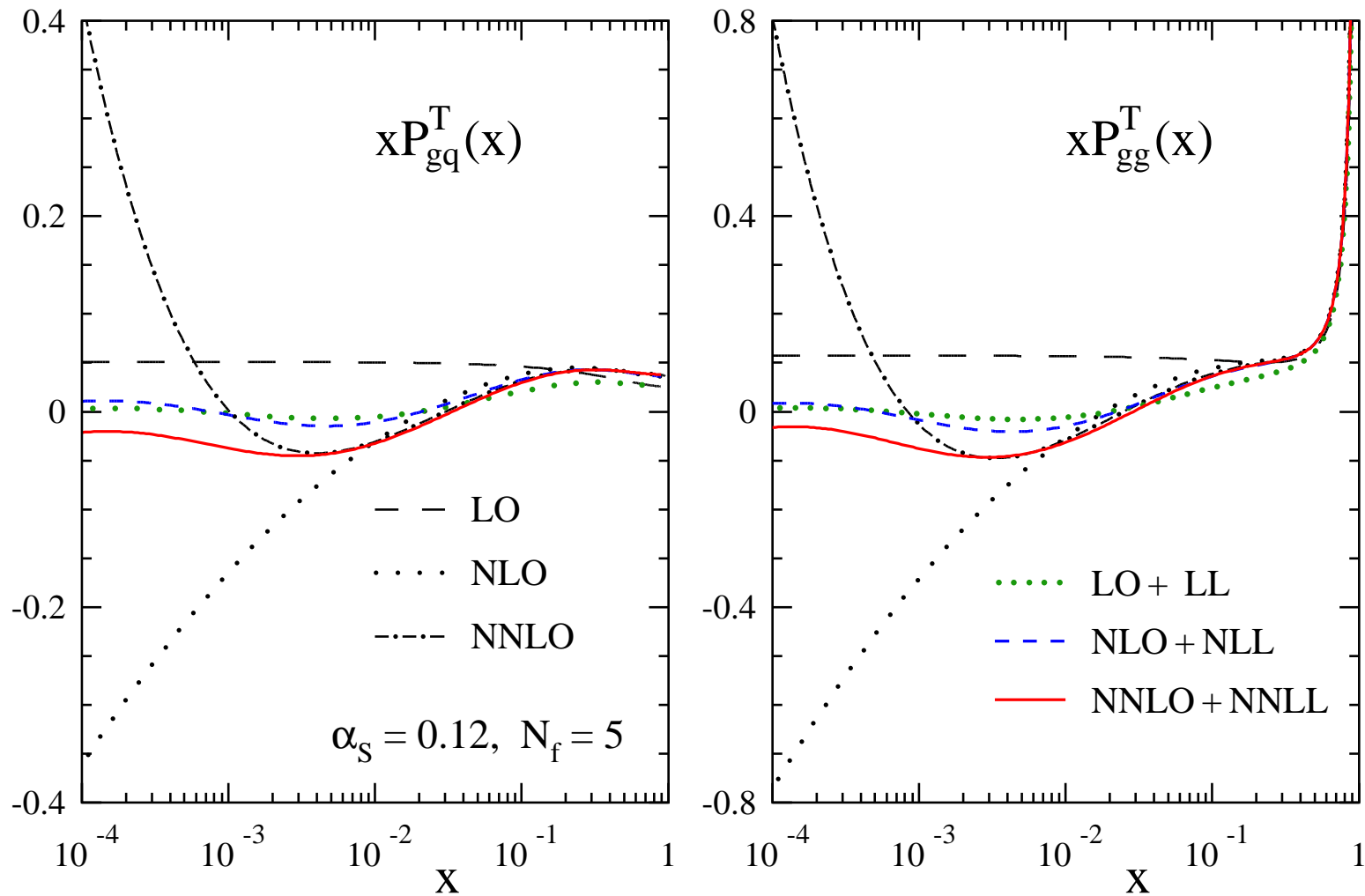
Solution of one non-integer series: analytic structure of all NLL contributions

Small- x gluon-parton splitting functions (I)



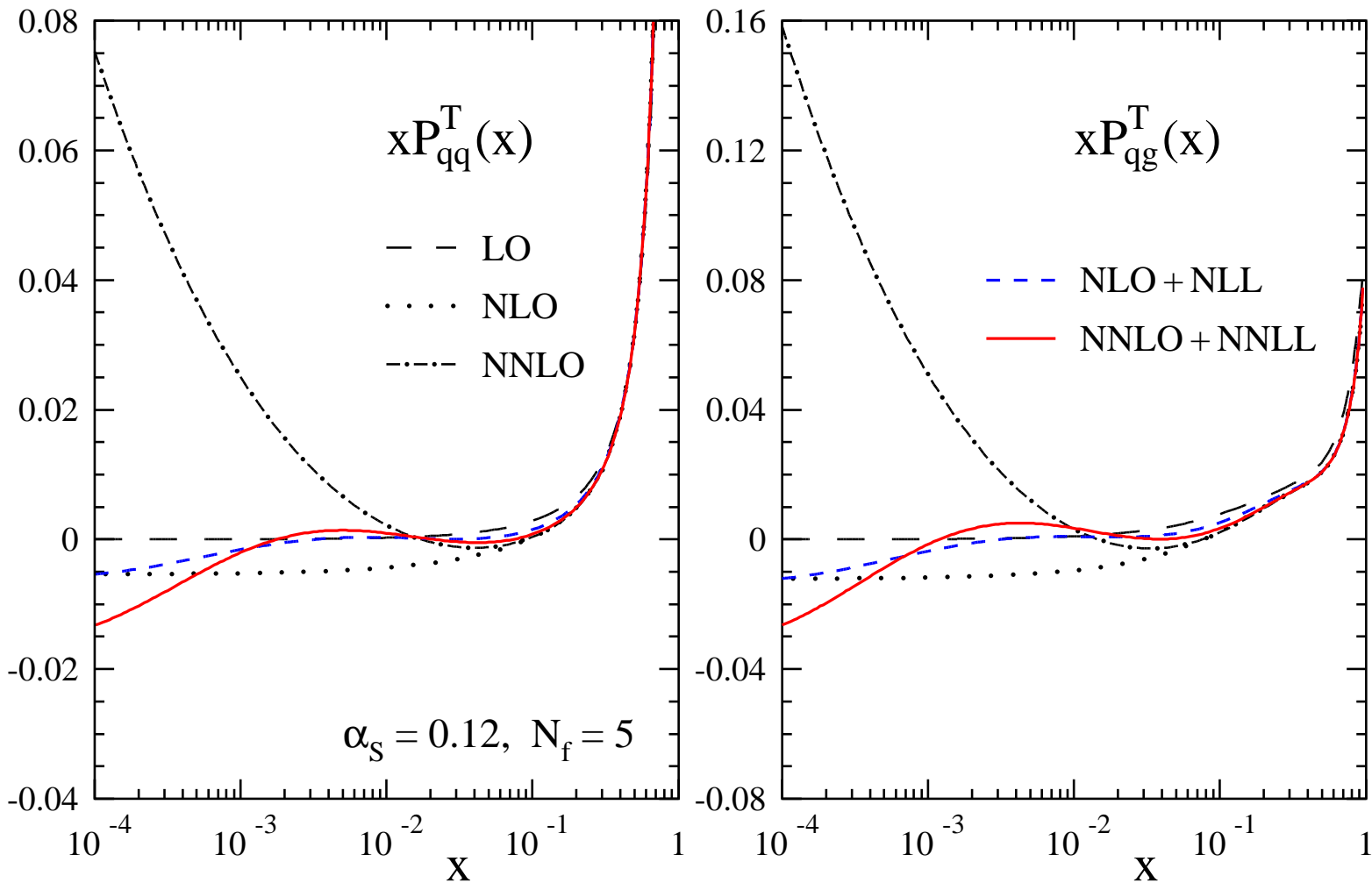
LL insufficient, near-perfect cancellation of NNLO rise by NNLL resummation

Small- x gluon-parton splitting functions (II)



Approximation sequence LO+LL, NLO+NLL, NNLO+NNLL rather stable to very small x

Small- x quark-parton splitting functions



Also consistent with $xP_{ji}^T \approx 0$ at $x < 10^{-2}$ (N^3LL corr's known and positive)

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 x -range limited by knowledge of series esp. at NNLL, now to $x \gtrsim 10^{-4}$
(order α_s^{16} , helped by FORM wizardry by Jos Vermaseren)
- $N = 1$ at NNLL (multiplicities): more work needed

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