Towards the N³LO evolution of the parton distribution functions

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1%-level phenomenology at the LHC

The HL-LHC will push the precision frontier to the %-level E.g. Higgs measurements



- Systematic uncertainties (e.g. luminosity determination, resolution) around 1%
- Statistical errors reduced by 20-fold increase of data collected
- Theory will be the most important source of errors.

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Theory errors

	Q [GeV]	$\delta \sigma^{N^3LO}$	$\delta(scale)$	δ (PDF-TH)
$gg ightarrow {\sf Higgs}$	m _H	3.5%	$^{+0.21\%}_{-2.37\%}$	$\pm 1.2\%$
$bar{b} o Higgs$	m _H	-2.3%	$^{+3.0\%}_{-4.8\%}$	$\pm 2.5\%$
NCDY	30	-4.8%	$^{+1.53\%}_{-2.54\%}$	±2.8%
	100	-2.1%	$^{+0.66\%}_{-0.79\%}$	$\pm 2.5\%$
$CCDY(W^+)$	30	-4.7%	$^{+2.5\%}_{-1.7\%}$	±3.2%
	150	-2.0%	$+0.5\% \\ -0.5\%$	$\pm 2.1\%$
$CCDY(W^{-})$	30	-5.0%	$^{+2.6\%}_{-1.6\%}$	±3.2%
	150	-2.1%	+0.6% -0.5%	$\pm 2.13\%$

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$$\delta(\mathsf{PDF-TH}) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\left|\sigma^{\mathrm{NNLO}}(\mathrm{NNLO~PDF}) - \sigma^{\mathrm{NNLO}}(\mathrm{NLO~PDF})\right|}{\sigma^{\mathrm{NNLO}}(\mathrm{NNLO~PDF})}$$

Towards N³LO PDFs

Scale evolution of the PDFs

(Gribov, Lipatov 1972; Lipatov 1975; Altarelli, Parisi 1977; Dokshitzer 1977)

$$\mu^2 \frac{d}{d\mu^2} f_i(x,\mu^2) = \int_x^1 \frac{dy}{y} P_{ij}(\alpha_s,y) f_j\left(\frac{x}{y},\mu^2\right), \quad i = g, u, d, s, \dots$$

Flavour decomposition of the quark contribution

$$f_{\mathsf{NS},ik}^{\pm} = (f_i \pm f_{\overline{i}}) - (f_k \pm f_{\overline{k}}), \qquad i, k = u, d, s, \dots$$
$$f_{\mathsf{S}} = \sum_i (f_i + f_{\overline{i}}), \qquad i = u, d, s, \dots,$$

Perturbative expansion

$$P_{ij}(\alpha_{s}, x) = \underbrace{a P_{ij}^{(0)}}_{\text{LO}} + \underbrace{a^{2} P_{ij}^{(1)}}_{\text{NLO}} + \underbrace{a^{3} P_{ij}^{(2)}}_{\text{NNLO}} + \underbrace{a^{4} P_{ij}^{(3)}}_{\text{N}^{3}\text{LO}}, a = \frac{\alpha_{s}}{4\pi}$$

Recent progress at N³LO

- Large-n_f limit (Gracey 1994, 1996; Davies, Vogt, Ruijl, Ueda, Vermaseren 2016)
- Flavour non-singlet: complete planar limit and approximate full QCD (Ruijl,Ueda,Vermaseren,Vogt 2017)
- Four Mellin moments of the splitting kernels (Moch,Ruijl,Ueda,Vermaseren,Vogt 2021)
- Approximate N³LO PDF fits (McGowan, Cridge, Harland-Lang, Thorne 2022; Hekhorn, Magni 2023)

Complete n_f^2 term in $P_{qq}^{(3)}$ (Gehrmann,von Manteuffel,Sotnikov,Yang 2023) In this talk

- Theory framework to compute the Mellin moments of P_{ij}
- Results for $P_{qq}^{(3)}$ and $P_{qg}^{(3)}$ up to 10 moments.

Operators of leading twist

The Mellin moments of the PDFs are operator matrix elements (Collins,Soper 1981)

$$\langle H(P) | \mathcal{O}_{i;+,\ldots,+}^{(N),\text{bare}} | H(P) \rangle = (P^+)^N \int_0^1 dx \, x^{N-1} \, f_i^{\text{bare}}(x)$$

|H(P)
angle proton state of momentum P, $\mathcal{O}^{(N)}_{i;\mu_1...\mu_N}$ operators of leading twist

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{O}_{g;\mu_{1}...\mu_{N}}^{(N)} &= \frac{1}{2} \, \mathcal{S}_{T} \left\{ F_{\rho\mu_{1}}^{a_{1}} D_{\mu_{2}}^{a_{1}a_{2}} \, \dots \, D_{\mu_{N-1}}^{a_{N-2}a_{N-1}} \, F^{a_{N};\rho}_{\ \mu_{N}} \right\}, \\ \mathcal{O}_{q;\mu_{1}...\mu_{N}}^{(N)} &= \frac{1}{2} \, \mathcal{S}_{T} \left\{ \bar{\psi}_{i_{1}} \, \gamma_{\mu_{1}} \, D_{\mu_{2}}^{i_{1}i_{2}} \, \dots \, D_{\mu_{N}}^{i_{N-1}i_{N}} \, \psi_{i_{N}} \right\}, \\ \mathcal{O}_{\mathrm{ns};\mu_{1}...\mu_{N}}^{(N),\rho} &= \frac{1}{2} \, \mathcal{S}_{T} \left\{ \bar{\psi}_{i_{1}} \left(\lambda^{\rho} \right) \gamma_{\mu_{1}} \, D_{\mu_{2}}^{i_{1}i_{2}} \, \dots \, D_{\mu_{N}}^{i_{N-1}i_{N}} \, \psi_{i_{N}} \right\}, \end{split}$$

 $\lambda^{
ho} \rightarrow \text{generator of } \mathrm{SU}(n_f).$

 $\mathcal{S}_T \rightarrow$ symmetrise over $\mu_1 \dots \mu_N$ and remove trace terms.

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Scale dependence upon renormalisation

Scale dependence given by a matrix of renormalisation constants

$$\mathcal{O}_{i}^{(N),\mathsf{ren}}(\mu^2) = Z_{ij}^{(N)}(lpha_{\mathfrak{s}},\mu^2) \, \mathcal{O}_{j}^{(N),\mathsf{bare}}$$

The anomalous dimensions of $\mathcal{O}_i^{(N),\text{ren.}}$ control the evolution of the PDFs (Gross, Wilczek 1974; Politzer, Georgi 1974)

$$\gamma_{ij}^{(N)} \equiv -\left(\mu^2 \frac{d}{d\mu^2} Z_{ik}^{(N)}\right) Z_{kj}^{-1} = -\int_0^1 dx \, x^{N-1} \, P_{ij}^{(N)}(x, \alpha_s).$$

In minimal subtraction

$$\gamma_{ij}^{(N)} = a \frac{\partial}{\partial a} Z_{ij}^{(N)} \Big|_{\frac{1}{e}}$$

Computing the anomalous dimensions

Non-singlet case

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Singlet operators \rightarrow the alien issue (Gross,Wilczek 1974)

$$\mathcal{O}_{g}^{(N),R}(\mu^{2}) = Z_{gi}^{(N)}(\mu^{2}) \mathcal{O}_{i}^{(N),\text{bare}}$$

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$$-\sum_{i\neq g} \frac{\gamma_{g\,i}^{(N)}}{\epsilon} \xrightarrow{i} + O(\epsilon^{0})$$
Alien operators

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Multiloop renormalisation

 $\Pi_g^{\rm ren},$ i.e. renormalised 2-point functions with an insertion of $\mathcal{O}_g^{(N)},$ is finite

 $Z_3(Z_{g\,i} \prod_i (g_{bare}(g), \xi_{bare}(g, \xi))) = finite$

Diagrammatically





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Alien operators, including ghost operators enter in subdivergences





Facts about aliens

Required aliens at 2-loop level (Dixon and Taylor 1974). Defining

$$\partial \equiv \partial_+ = \partial_\mu \, \Delta^\mu, \quad D = D_\mu \Delta^\mu, \quad A^a = A^a_\mu \Delta^\mu, \quad F^a_\nu = F^a_{\nu\mu} \Delta^\mu,$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{A}^{(N)} = \eta F^{a;\alpha} D_{\alpha}^{ab} \partial^{N-2} A^{b} - g f^{abc} F_{\alpha}^{a} \sum_{i=1}^{N-2} \kappa_{i} \partial^{\alpha} \left[\left(\partial^{i-1} A^{b} \right) \left(\partial^{N-2-i} A^{c} \right) \right] + O(g^{2}),$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{c}^{(N)} = -\eta \, \bar{c}^{a} \partial^{N} c^{a} - g f^{abc} \sum_{i=1}^{N-2} \eta_{i}(\eta, \kappa_{i}) \, \bar{c}^{a} \partial \left[\left(\partial^{N-2-i} A^{b} \right) \left(\partial^{i} c^{c} \right) \right] + O(g^{2}),$$

- η , κ_i chosen to cancel the divergences (Hamberg, van Neerven 1993)
- Joglekar and Lee (1976): generalisation of BRST implies that aliens are
 - Operators proportional to the equation of motion
 - BRST-exact operators

Reminder: BRST invariance of the Yang-Mills lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L} = \underbrace{-\frac{1}{4} F^{a;\mu\nu} F^{a}_{\mu\nu}}_{\mathcal{L}_{0}} + \underbrace{s \left[\bar{c}^{a} \left(\partial^{\mu} A^{a}_{\mu} - \frac{\xi_{L}}{2} b^{a} \right) \right]}_{\text{Gauge fixing + ghost}}$$

*L*₀ invariant under

$$\delta A^{a}_{\mu} = (D_{\mu}\omega)^{a},$$

with ω^a scalar function.

 \blacksquare s is the BRST transformation obtained by $\omega^a \rightarrow c^a$

$$sA^a_\mu = (D_\mu c)^a,$$

 c^a , \bar{c}^a and b^a transform such that

 $s^2(anything) = 0.$

Introducing leading twist operators

$$\widetilde{\mathcal{L}} = \underbrace{\mathcal{L}_{0} + c_{g} \, \mathcal{O}_{g}^{(N)} + \mathcal{O}_{EOM}^{(N)}}_{\mathcal{L}_{GGI}} + \underbrace{\mathbf{s'} \left[\overline{c}^{a} \left(\partial^{\mu} A_{\mu}^{a} - \frac{\xi_{L}}{2} b^{a} \right) \right]}_{\text{Gauge fixing + ghost}}$$

 $\mathcal{O}_{\mathsf{EOM}}^{(N)}$ takes care of *gluonic* divergent (sub)diagrams

$$\mathcal{O}_{\text{EOM}}^{(N)} = (D^{\mu}F_{\mu})^{a} \left[\underbrace{\eta \partial^{N-2}A^{a}}_{\mathcal{O}_{g}^{'}} + gf^{aa_{1}a_{2}} \sum_{i_{1}+i_{2}=N-3} \underbrace{\kappa_{i_{1}i_{2}}(\partial^{i_{1}}A^{a_{1}})(\partial^{i_{2}}A^{a_{2}})}_{\mathcal{O}_{g}^{''}} \right] \\ + g^{2} \sum_{i_{1}+i_{2}+i_{3}} \left(\underbrace{\kappa_{i_{1}i_{2}i_{3}}^{(1)}f^{aa_{1}z}f^{a_{2}a_{3}z} + \kappa_{i_{1}i_{2}i_{3}}^{(2)}d_{4}^{aa_{1}a_{2}a_{3}} + \kappa_{i_{1}i_{2}i_{3}}^{(3)}d_{4ff}^{aa_{1}a_{2}a_{3}}} \right) (\partial^{i_{1}}A^{a_{1}})..(\partial^{i_{3}}A^{a_{3}})}_{\mathcal{O}_{g}^{'''}} \\ + g^{3} \sum_{i_{1}+...+i_{4}} \left(\underbrace{\kappa_{i_{1}...i_{4}}^{(1)}(fff)^{aa_{1}a_{2}a_{3}a_{4}} + \kappa_{i_{1}...i_{4}}^{(2)}d_{4f}^{aa_{1}a_{2}a_{3}a_{4}}}_{\mathcal{O}_{g}^{''}} \right) (\partial^{i_{1}}A^{a_{1}})..(\partial^{i_{4}}A^{a_{4}})}_{\mathcal{O}_{g}^{''}} + O(g^{4}) \right]$$

Generalised Gauge and BRST transformations

 \mathcal{L}_{GGI} is invariant under generalised gauge transformations. Given

$$\mathcal{O}_{\mathsf{EOM}}^{(N)} = (D^{\mu} F_{\mu\nu})^{a} \mathcal{G}_{\nu}^{a} (A^{b}, \partial A^{b}, \partial^{2} A^{b}, \dots),$$

the generalised transformation $A^a_\mu o A^a_\mu + \delta' A^a_\mu$ is shown to be

$$\delta^{\prime} A^{\rm a}_{\mu} = \delta A^{\rm a}_{\mu} - \delta \mathcal{G}^{\rm a}_{\mu} + {\rm g} \, f^{\rm abc} \, \mathcal{G}^{\rm b}_{\mu} \, \omega^{\rm c}$$

This defines immediately the generalised BRST transformations

$$s'(A^a_\mu) = s(A^a_\mu) - s(\mathcal{G}^a_\mu) + g f^{abc} \mathcal{G}^b_\mu c^c \equiv s(A^a_\mu) + s_\Delta(A^a_\mu)$$

such that $s'^2(anything) = 0$.

Generalised BRST symmetry at work

The general ansatz of $\mathcal{O}_{EOM}^{(N)}$ fixes the structure of the aliens • Example: first moment N = 2

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{G}^{a}_{\mu} &= \eta \Delta_{\mu} A^{a}, \qquad s_{\Delta} \left[\bar{c}^{a} \partial^{\rho} A^{a}_{\rho} \right] = -\bar{c}^{a} \partial \left[-\eta \left(Dc \right)^{a} + \eta g f^{abc} A^{b} c^{c} \right], \\ \mathcal{O}^{I}_{g} &= \eta \left(D^{\nu} F_{\nu} \right)^{a} A^{a}, \qquad \mathcal{O}^{I}_{c} = \eta \ \bar{c}^{a} \partial^{2} c^{a}. \end{split}$$

There is a **single** alien operator

$$\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{A}}^{I} = \eta \left[(D^{\nu} F_{\nu})^{a} \mathcal{A}^{a} + \bar{c}^{a} \partial^{2} c^{a} \right].$$

 η mixes the physical operator into gluon and ghost aliens, Z_{galien} .



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Quark operators



The quark 2-point functions renormalise easily. Aliens occur only at 3 loops



Note: the aliens must include now also a **quark** contribution in the EOM.

Pure singlet: aliens

$$\begin{aligned} O_{g}^{l} &= \eta \left(D^{\nu} F_{\nu} \right)^{a} \partial^{N-2} A^{a}, \qquad O_{g}^{ll} &= g f^{abc} \left(D^{\nu} F_{\nu} \right)^{a} \sum_{i_{1}+i_{2}=N-3} \kappa_{i_{1}i_{2}} (\partial^{i_{1}} A^{b}) (\partial^{i_{2}} A^{c}), \\ O_{q}^{l} &= \eta g (\bar{\psi} \Delta t^{a} \psi) \partial^{N-2} A^{a}, \qquad O_{q}^{ll} &= g^{2} (\bar{\psi} \Delta t^{a} \psi) \sum_{i_{1}+i_{2}=N-3} \kappa_{i_{1}i_{2}} (\partial^{i_{1}} A^{b}) (\partial^{i_{2}} A^{c}), \\ O_{c}^{l} &= \eta \bar{c}^{a} \partial^{N} c^{a}, \qquad O_{c}^{ll} &= -(\partial \bar{c}^{a}) \sum_{i_{1}+i_{2}=N-3} \eta_{i_{1}i_{2}} (\partial^{i_{1}} A^{b}) (\partial^{i_{2}+1} c^{c}), \end{aligned}$$

BRST and antiBRST symmetry impose relations

$$\eta_{ij} = 2\kappa_{ij} + \eta \left(\begin{array}{c} \mathsf{N} - 2\\i\end{array}\right) = -\sum_{s=0}^{\prime} (-1)^{s+j} \left(\begin{array}{c} s+j\\s\end{array}\right) \eta_{i-s,j+s}$$

The mixing constant are found to factorise up to 2 loops

$$\kappa_{ij} = \frac{\eta(N)}{8} \Big[(-1)^i - 3 \begin{pmatrix} N-2 \\ i \end{pmatrix} + 3 \begin{pmatrix} N-2 \\ i+1 \end{pmatrix} \Big]$$

 η renormalise ghost 2pt functions. Agreement with (Gehmann,von Manteuffel,Yang 2023).

Pure singlet anomalous dimensions

The required 2pt functions computed with FORCER (Ruijl,Ueda,Vermaseren 2017) for moments up to N = 20

$$\begin{split} \gamma^{(3)}_{\rm ps}(N\!=\!2) &= -691.5937093 \, n_{\rm f} + 84.77398149 \, n_{\rm f}^2 + 4.466956849 \, n_{\rm f}^3 \,, \\ \gamma^{(3)}_{\rm ps}(N\!=\!4) &= -109.3302335 \, n_{\rm f} + 8.776885259 \, n_{\rm f}^2 + 0.306077137 \, n_{\rm f}^3 \,, \\ \gamma^{(3)}_{\rm ps}(N\!=\!6) &= -46.03061374 \, n_{\rm f} + 4.744075766 \, n_{\rm f}^2 + 0.042548957 \, n_{\rm f}^3 \,, \\ & \dots \\ \gamma^{(3)}_{\rm ps}(N\!=\!20) &= -0.442681568 \, n_{\rm f} + 0.805745333 \, n_{\rm f}^2 - 0.020918264 \, n_{\rm f}^3 \,. \end{split}$$

- Agreement with results up to N = 8 (Moch,Ruijl,Ueda,Vermasersen,Vogt 2021), extended up to N = 12 (Moch,Ruijl,Ueda,Vermaseren,Vogt to appear).
- Leading terms in the large-n_f limit agree with (Davies,Moch,Ruijl,Ueda,Vermaseren,Vogt 2016)
- Terms n_f^2 agree with (Gehrmann, von Manteuffel, Sotnikov, Yang 2023)

Approximations of $P_{qq}^{(3)}(x)$ (I)

Following (Moch,Ruijl,Ueda,Vermaseren,Vogt 2017): approximations of the x-space results from 80 trial functions matching

- Moments up to N = 20
- Small-x limits
 - Coefficients of $\frac{\log^2 x}{x}$ (Catani, Hautmann 1994)
 - Coefficients of $\log^{k} x$ with k = 6, 5, 4 (Davies, Kom, Moch, Vogt 2022)
- Large-x limits
 - Coefficients of $(1 x)^j \log^k (1 x)$ with k = 4, 3 and $\forall j \ge 1$ (Soar,Moch,Vermaseren,Vogt 2010)

while unknown coefficients are fitted

• Small-x:
$$\frac{\log x}{x}$$
, $1/x$, $\log^k x$ with $k = 3, 2, 1$

• Large-x:
$$(1 - x) \log^k x$$
, $k = 2, 1$

Calculations and results

Approximations of $P_{qq}^{(3)}(x)$ (II)



Impact of the N³LO corrections

 $P_{qq}(x)$ including approximate N³LO corrections for fixed $\alpha_s = 0.2$ (left). $P_{qq} \otimes f_S$ (right), where



Results for $\gamma_{qg}^{(3)}$

Moments up to N=20 of $\gamma^{(3)}_{qg}$ were computed in the same approach

$\gamma_{\rm qg}^{(3)}(N=2)$	=	$-654.4627782 {\it n_{\! f}}+245.6106197 {\it n_{\! f}}^2-0.924990969 {\it n_{\! f}}^3,$
$\gamma_{ m qg}^{(3)}(N\!=\!4)$	=	290.3110686 n _f - 76.51672403 n _f ² - 4.911625629 n _f ³ ,
$\gamma_{ m qg}^{(3)}(N\!=\!6)$	=	$335.8008046 \ \textit{n_{f}} - 124.5710225 \ \textit{n_{f}}^2 - 4.193871425 \ \textit{n_{f}}^3 ,$
$\gamma_{\rm qg}^{(3)}(N=20)$	=	$52.24329555 n_{\rm f} - 109.3424891 n_{\rm f}^2 - 2.153153725 n_{\rm f}^3$.

 Agreement with moments up to N = 8 computed in (Moch,Ruijl,Ueda,Vermaseren,Vogt 2021), extended to N = 10 (Moch,Ruijl,Ueda,Vermaseren,Vogt to appear)

Agreement with the large-n_f limit (Davies, Vogt, Ruijl, Ueda, Vermaseren 2016)

Approximations of $P_{qg}^{(3)}$ (I)

The trial functions for $P_{qg}^{(3)}$ are constrained by the limits at

- Small-x:
 - Coefficients of $\frac{\log^2 x}{x}$ (Catani, Hautmann 1994)
 - Coefficients of $\log^{k} x$ with k = 6, 5, 4 (Davies, Kom, Moch, Vogt 2022)
- Large-x:
 - Coefficients of log^k(1 x) with k = 6,5,4 (Soar, Moch, Vermaseren, Vogt 2010; Vogt 2010; Almasy, Soar, Vogt 2011)
 - Coefficients of (1 x) log^k(1 x) with k = 6, 5, 4 (Soar, Moch, Vermaseren, Vogt 2010)

The coefficients of $\log^{k}(1-x)$ with k = 1, 2, 3 are now **unknown** \rightarrow uncertainties are larger compared to P_{qq} .

Calculations and results

Approximations of $P_{qg}^{(3)}$ (II)



Impact of the N³LO corrections

 $P_{qg}(x)$ including approximate N³LO corrections fixing α_s = 0.2 (left). $P_{qg}\otimes f_g$ (right), where



$$x f_g(x) = 1.6 x^{-0.3} (1-x)^{4.5} (1-0.6 x^{0.3})$$

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Scale evolution of the quark distribution

Using approximate P_{qq} and P_{qg} one derives $\mu_f^2 \frac{d}{d\mu_c^2} f_S \equiv \dot{q}_S = P_{qq} \otimes f_S + P_{qg} \otimes f_g$



The stability under variations of the renormalisation scale are quantified via

$$\Delta_{\mu_r} \dot{q}_S = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\max[\dot{q}_S(\mu_r^2 = \lambda \mu_f^2)] - \min[\dot{q}_S(\mu_r^2 = \lambda \mu_f^2)]}{\operatorname{average}[\dot{q}_S(\mu_r^2 = \lambda \mu_f^2)]}, \qquad \lambda = \frac{1}{4} \dots 4$$

Conclusions

- The moments of P_{ij}(x) are computed *efficiently* from the renormalisation of 2-point correlators **provided** we take into account the mixing with alien operators.
- A generalised BRST symmetry fixes the structure of the aliens.
 - Classification in towers of contributions: O^I_k, O^{II}_k, O^{III}_k, ... with k = g, c, q
 O^I_k include 2-, 3- and 4-point vertices,
 O^{II}_k include 3-, 4- and 5-point vertices, ...
 - The renormalisation of quark operators requires few classes of terms.

Results

- The moments of $P_{qq}^{(3)}$ and $P_{qg}^{(3)}$ were computed up to N = 20.
- The approximate expressions of $P_{qq}(x)$ and $P_{qg}(x)$ at N³LO are characterised by
 - Small uncertainties at large-x, growing at small-x. E.g. $\delta P_{qg}(x = 10^{-4}) \sim \mathcal{O}(10\%)$
 - The convolution with PDFs dampens the uncertainty at small-x.
- Effect of the N³LO corrections to $\mu^2 \frac{d}{d\mu^2} f_S(x,\mu^2) = \dot{q}_S$

$$\delta_{\mathrm{N^3LO}}\dot{q}_S(x=10^{-4})\lesssim 1\%.$$

Renormalisation scale uncertainties are small, e.g. $x = 10^{-4} 2\%$ vs compared to 5% at NNLO.

Outlook

- Ongoing work to compute the moments of $P_{gq}^{(3)}(x)$ and $P_{gg}^{(3)}(x)$.
- Can we obtain the exact expressions? This requires results for all N.
 Only coefficient of Riemann-ζ numbers were reconstructed from the available moments
 - $\gamma_{qq}(N) \rightarrow \text{Coefficients of } \zeta_5, \ \zeta_4 \text{ and of } \zeta_3 n_f \frac{d_{RR}}{n_c} \text{ and } \zeta_3 n_f^2 C_F^2$
 - $\gamma_{qg}(N) \rightarrow \text{Coefficients of } \zeta_5 \text{ and } \zeta_3 n_f \frac{d_{RA}}{n_A} \text{ and } \zeta_3 n_f^2 \frac{d_{RR}}{n_A}$
 - These do not translate to the same coefficients of ζ in x-space.
- All fits would improve significantly with knowledge of the terms $\sim \frac{\log x}{x}$ in $P_{ij}^{(3)}$.
- Different methods to attack the all-N problem.

Thank you!