

# QCD running in 5 loops



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**RENORMALIZATION-GROUP** (all started in 1953)  
Stückelberg and Petermann; Gell-Mann and Low; Bogoliubov and Shirkov  
and after only 50 years



Nobel Prize in Physics in 2004!

$$\beta_0 = \frac{33 - 2N_F}{12}$$



**QCD Running Today:  
(after 20 Years since the first 4-loop results)**

- quark mass anomalous dimension is known  
/Baikov, K.Ch. and Kühn (2013)/
- the QCD  $\beta$ -function is just finished /this talk/

$\beta_{\text{QCD}}$  is expressed completely through Z-factors appearing in the (renormalized) QCD Lagrangian

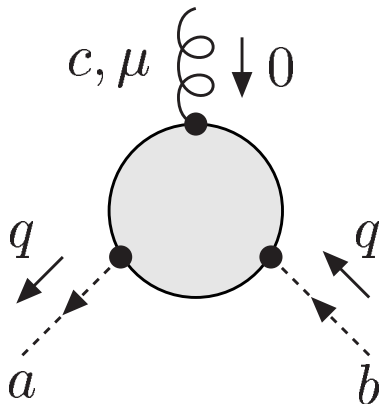
$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_R^{\text{QCD}} = & -\frac{1}{4}Z_3 (\partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu)^2 - \frac{1}{2}g Z_1^{3g} (\partial_\mu A_\nu^a - \partial_\nu A_\mu^a) (A_\mu \times A_\nu)^a - \frac{1}{4}g^2 Z_1^{4g} (A_\mu \times A_\nu)^2 \\ & + Z_3^c \partial_\nu \bar{c} (\partial_\nu c) + g Z_1^{ccg} \partial^\mu \bar{c} (A_\mu \times c) + Z_2 \bar{\psi} i \not{\partial} \psi - Z_{\bar{\psi}\psi} m_f \bar{\psi} \psi + g Z_1^{\psi\psi g} \bar{\psi} \not{A} \psi \end{aligned}$$

Minimal (and simplest) set of Z-factors to compute  $\beta$ :  $Z_3, Z_3^c, Z_1^{ccg}$

Let us concentrate on  $Z_1^{ccg}$  and consider vertex function

$$\Gamma(a_s, q^2) = Z_1^{ccg} + Z_1^{ccg} \delta\Gamma(a_s^0, q^2)$$

of the scalar quark current



$$= q_\mu \Gamma(a_s^0, q^2) \equiv q_\mu (1 + \delta\Gamma(a_s^0, q^2))$$

Suppose we want to compute L-loop contribution to  $Z_1^{ccg}$ . There are (at least) 4 ways to do it:

1. set 1 of 2 ext. momenta to zero  $\rightarrow$  (the poles of) L-loop p-integrals (massless propagators) to be computed. That is how first 2-loop RG calculations in QCD were done /D. R.T Jones, 1974/.

2. set **all ext.** momenta to zero and introduce an universal mass to **all** propagators (including gluon!)  $\rightarrow$  (the poles of) L-loop m-integrals (massive tadpoles) to be computed.

**That is how the first 4-loop calculation of the QCD  $\beta$ -function was done /van Ritbergen, T., Vermaseren, J. and Larin, S. (1997).**

### NOTES:

- This truly outstanding, ahead of its time, calculation was done long before “Laporta approach” started to flower.
- It was checked and confirmed only significantly later / M. Czakon, (2004) /

3. set all ext. momenta to zero and introduce a mass into only one (*but properly chosen to avoid IR singularities*) propagator  $\rightarrow$  (L-1)-loop p-integrals (including their finite part) to be computed /A. Vladimirov (1978)/  
That is how the first 3-loop calculation of the QCD  $\beta$ -function was done /Tarasov, O., Vladimirov, A. and Zharkov, A. (1980)/.

Problems: difficult to automatize; not applicable to all diagrams.

4. the same as 3. but IR singularities are removed recursively with so-called  $R^*$ -operation /K.Ch. V. Smirnov (1984)/. Features: applicable for every possible diagram, automatization is possible but not simple (due to involved structure of **UV** and **IR** subtractions)

Essentially we have two “big” ways: m-(massive) and p-(massless) ones.

Comparison:

m-way: more complicated IBP-relations, one more squared propagator, straightforward renormalization NO IR singularities (all props are massive)

p-way: both UV and IR subtractions are significantly more sophisticated (basically because even global gauge invariance is broken by singling out a massive line)

## At 5-loop level we have employed the 4-th way (until recently the only feasible)

with the use of the following tools:

- global solution of the combinatorics of  $R^*$  operation (rather involved and problem specific)
- the Baikov's way of doing reduction with the help of  $1/D$  expansion of the corresponding coefficient functions in front of masters (analytically known from **three(!)** independent calculations /K.Ch, P. Baikov (2010); R. Lee, V. Smirnov (2012); E. Panzer (2013)/
- Effective implementation of the  $1/D$  expansion **would hardly be feasible** without excellent possibilities for dealing with gigantic data streams offered by **T-FORM**, as being developed by /J. A. M. Vermaseren, M. Tentyukov, T. Ueda, J. Kuipers .../
- properly administrated cluster of workstations (see more details below)

## QCD $\beta$ -function in FIVE loops: result

$$\mu^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu^2} a_s = \beta(a_s) a_s, \quad a_s \equiv \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi}, \quad \beta(a_s) = \sum_{i \geq 0} \beta_i a_s^{i+1}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 4^5 \beta_4 &= \frac{8157455}{16} + \frac{621885}{2} \zeta_3 - \frac{88209}{2} \zeta_4 - 288090 \zeta_5 \\
 + n_f &\left[ -\frac{336460813}{1944} - \frac{4811164}{81} \zeta_3 + \frac{33935}{6} \zeta_4 + \frac{1358995}{27} \zeta_5 \right] \\
 + n_f^2 &\left[ \frac{25960913}{1944} + \frac{698531}{81} \zeta_3 - \frac{10526}{9} \zeta_4 - \frac{381760}{81} \zeta_5 \right] \\
 + n_f^3 &\left[ -\frac{630559}{5832} - \frac{48722}{243} \zeta_3 + \frac{1618}{27} \zeta_4 + \frac{460}{9} \zeta_5 \right] + n_f^4 \left[ \frac{1205}{2916} - \frac{152}{81} \zeta_3 \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

$n_f^4$  term is in **FULL AGREEMENT** with the 20 years old result by John Gracey (in the framework of the conformal bootstrap method of A. Vasiliev, Yu. Pis'mak and J. Honkonen (1981))

$n_f^3$  term is in **FULL AGREEMENT** with the the very recent calculation by Th. Luthe, A. Maier, P. Marquard and Y. Schröder (made within "massive way", see York's talk on Friday)



## QCD $\beta$ -function in FIVE loops: Zeta's

In general any 5-loop beta in any theory will have the following “transcendental structure” (an obvious outcome of our knowledge of the corresponding masters)

1 and 2 loops: rational

3 loops: rationals +  $\zeta_3$

4 loops: rationals +  $\zeta_3$  +  $\zeta_4$  +  $\zeta_5$

5 loops: rationals +  $\zeta_3$  +  $\zeta_4$  +  $\zeta_5$  +  $\zeta_5$  +  $\zeta_7$

$$\beta_0 = \frac{1}{4} \left\{ 11 - \frac{2}{3} n_f \right\}, \quad \beta_1 = \frac{1}{4^2} \left\{ 102 - \frac{38}{3} n_f \right\}, \quad \beta_2 = \frac{1}{4^3} \left\{ \frac{2857}{2} - \frac{5033}{18} n_f + \frac{325}{54} n_f^2 \right\},$$
$$\beta_3 = \frac{1}{4^4} \left\{ \left( \frac{149753}{6} + 3564 \zeta_3 \right) - \left( \frac{1078361}{162} + \frac{6508}{27} \zeta_3 \right) n_f \right. \\ \left. + \left( \frac{50065}{162} + \frac{6472}{81} \zeta_3 \right) n_f^2 + \frac{1093}{729} n_f^3 \right\}$$

The one-loop-delayed appearance of zeta's (well-known at 3 and 4 loops) shows itself also at 5 loops. Any explanation is missing, indeed!

/David, Dirk, AU...! We do need your intuition!/

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## QCD $\beta$ -function in FIVE loops: Numerics

$$\begin{aligned}
 -\beta &= a_s (2.75 - 0.166667 n_f) + a_s^2 (6.375 - 0.791667 n_f) \\
 &+ a_s^3 (22.3203 - 4.36892 n_f + 0.0940394 n_f^2) \\
 &+ a_s^4 (114.23 - 27.1339 n_f + 1.58238 n_f^2 + 0.0058567 n_f^3) \\
 &+ a_s^5 \underbrace{(524.56 - 181.8 n_f + 17.16 n_f^2 - 0.22586 n_f^3 - 0.0017993 n_f^4)}_{\beta_4} \quad (1)
 \end{aligned}$$

It is instructive to compare  $\beta_4$  with a (20 years old!) prediction by J. Ellis, I. Jack, D.R.T. Jones, M. Karliner, M.A. Samuel, "Asymptotic Pade approximant predictions: Up to five loops in QCD and SQCD", Phys. Rev. (1998).

$$\beta_4^{\text{APAP}} = 740 - 213 n_f + 20 n_f^2 - 0.0486 n_f^3 - \boxed{0.0017993 n_f^4}$$

## QCD $\beta$ -function in FIVE loops: Numerics

Unfortunately, this strikingly good agreement does **not always** survive for fixed values of  $n_f$ :

$n_f$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
$\beta_4^{\text{exact}}$	525	360	228	127	57	15	0.27
$\beta_4^{\text{APAP}}$	741	548	395	281	205	169	170

due to severe cancellations between different powers of  $n_f$

Very similar picture for the quark mass anomalous dimension:

$$\gamma_4^{\text{exact}} = 559.71 - 143.6 n_f + 7.4824 n_f^2 + 0.1083 n_f^3 - 0.00008535 n_f^4$$

$$\gamma_4^{\text{APAP}} = 530 - 143 n_f + 6.67 n_f^2 + 0.037 n_f^3 - \boxed{0.00008535 n_f^4}$$

## QCD $\beta$ -function in FIVE loops: Apparent Convergence

It is instructive to consider the properly normalized  $\bar{\beta} \equiv \frac{\beta}{-\beta_0}$ :

$$\bar{\beta}(n_f = 0) = 1. + 2.32 a_s + 8.12 a_s^2 + 41.54 a_s^3 + 190.75 a_s^4$$

$$\bar{\beta}(n_f = 1) = 1 + 2.16 a_s + 6.99 a_s^2 + 34.33 a_s^3 + 139.23 a_s^4$$

$$\bar{\beta}(n_f = 2) = 1 + 1.983 a_s + 5.776 a_s^2 + 27.45 a_s^3 + 94.24 a_s^4$$

$$\bar{\beta}(n_f = 3) = 1 + 1.78 a_s + 4.47 a_s^2 + 20.99 a_s^3 + 56.59 a_s^4$$

$$\bar{\beta}(n_f = 4) = 1 + 1.54 a_s + 3.05 a_s^2 + 15.07 a_s^3 + 27.33 a_s^4$$

$$\bar{\beta}(n_f = 5) = 1 + 1.261 a_s + 1.47 a_s^2 + 9.83 a_s^3 + 7.88 a_s^4$$

$$\bar{\beta}(n_f = 6) = 1 + 0.93 a_s - 0.29 a_s^2 + 5.52 a_s^3 + 0.15 a_s^4$$

We see very modest growth of the coefficients, that is (apparent) convergence us better than one would expect (from comparison with other examples)

## QCD $\beta$ -function in FIVE loops: Applications

The mass evolution is described by equation  $\frac{m(\mu)}{m(\mu_0)} = \frac{c(a_s(\mu))}{c(a_s(\mu_0))}$  where

$$\begin{aligned}
 c(x) &= \exp \left\{ \int \frac{dx'}{x'} \frac{\gamma_m(x')}{\beta(x')} \right\} = (x)^{\bar{\gamma}_0} \left\{ 1 + (\bar{\gamma}_1 - \bar{\beta}_1 \bar{\gamma}_0)x \right. \\
 &+ \frac{1}{2} [(\bar{\gamma}_1 - \bar{\beta}_1 \bar{\gamma}_0)^2 + \bar{\gamma}_2 + \bar{\beta}_1^2 \bar{\gamma}_0 - \bar{\beta}_1 \bar{\gamma}_1 - \bar{\beta}_2 \bar{\gamma}_0] x^2 \\
 &+ \left[ \frac{1}{6} (\bar{\gamma}_1 - \bar{\beta}_1 \bar{\gamma}_0)^3 + \frac{1}{2} (\bar{\gamma}_1 - \bar{\beta}_1 \bar{\gamma}_0) (\bar{\gamma}_2 + \bar{\beta}_1^2 \bar{\gamma}_0 - \bar{\beta}_1 \bar{\gamma}_1 - \bar{\beta}_2 \bar{\gamma}_0) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \frac{1}{3} \left( \bar{\gamma}_3 - \bar{\beta}_1^3 \bar{\gamma}_0 + 2\bar{\beta}_1 \bar{\beta}_2 \bar{\gamma}_0 - \bar{\beta}_3 \bar{\gamma}_0 + \bar{\beta}_1 \bar{\gamma}_1 - \bar{\beta}_2 \bar{\gamma}_1 - \bar{\beta}_1 \bar{\gamma}_2 \right) \right] x^3 + \mathcal{O}(x^4) \left. \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\bar{\gamma}_i = \gamma_i / \beta_0, \quad \bar{\beta}_i = \beta_i / \beta_0$$

Important concept: RGI mass

$$m^{RGI} \equiv m(\mu_0) / c(a_s(\mu_0))$$

is  $\mu$  and *scheme* independent; in *any* (mass-independent) scheme

The function  $c(x)$  is used, e.g, by the **ALPHA** lattice collaboration to find the  $(\overline{\text{MS}})$  mass of the strange quark at a lower scale from the RGI mass determined from lattice simulations

Example (setting  $a_s(\mu = 2 \text{ GeV}) = \frac{\alpha_s(\mu)}{\pi} = .1$ ;  $h$  counts loops)

$$m_s(2 \text{ GeV}) = \hat{m}_s \cdot (a_s(2 \text{ GeV}))^{\frac{4}{9}}.$$

$$\left( 1 + 0.0895 h^2 + 0.0137 h^3 + 0.00195 h^4 + \underbrace{(0.00157 - .000011 \bar{\beta}_4)}_{0.00096} h^5 \right)$$

Thus, the 5-loop term in the  $\beta$ -function decreases the overall 5-loop shift from a minute  $1.5 \cdot 10^{-3}$  to even smaller  $1 \cdot 10^{-3}$

The effects of the 5-loop running on the determination of  $\overline{m}_b^2(M_H)$  which appears as a common factor in  $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$  decay will be discussed in the talk by J. Kühn

## QCD $\beta$ -function in FIVE loops: effective $Hgg$ vertex in 5 loops

In the heavy top limit the Higgs boson couples directly with gluons via

$$\mathcal{L}_{eff} = -2^{1/4} G_F^{1/2} H C_1(\mu^2/m_t^2, a_s(\mu)) G_{\nu\rho}^a G_{\nu\rho}^a$$

The effective c.c.  $C_1(\mu^2/m_t^2, a_s(\mu))$  is expressible through massive tadpoles and was computed at 4 loops in 1997 (**long before the direct calculation of 4-loop /generic/ massive tadpole started to be technically possible**) / K. Ch., B. Kniehl and M. Steinahuser (1998)/

The trick behind: a low energy theorem:

$$C_1 = -\frac{1}{2} m_t^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial m_t^2} \ln \zeta_g^2, \quad \alpha'_s(\mu) = \zeta_g^2(\mu^2/m_t^2, a_s(\mu)) \alpha_s(\mu)$$

which connects  $C_1$  with the corresponding “decoupling” constant for  $\alpha_s$ .

The appearance of the derivative  $\frac{\partial}{\partial m_t^2}$  means that the most complicated (that is constant) part of  $\zeta_g^2$  **does** not contribute to  $C_1 \implies$  one could use the corresponding RG equation to find logs at next loop order (**provided we know the  $\beta$  function at the same increased loop order!**)



# QCD $\beta$ -function in FIVE loops: effective $Hgg$ vertex in 5 loops

$\zeta_g^2$  is known since long at 4 loops

/Y. Schröder, M. Steinauser (2006)/  
/Baikov, K.Ch. and Kühn (2006)/

with available  $\beta_4$  we arrive at:

$$\begin{aligned} C_1 = & -\frac{1}{12} a_s(\mu_h) \left[ 1 + 2.7500 a_s(\mu_h) + (9.7951 - 0.6979 n_l) a_s^2(\mu_h) \right. \\ & + \left( 49.1827 - 7.7743 n_l - 0.2207 n_l^2 \right) a_s^3(\mu_h) \\ & \left. + \left( -662.507 + 137.601 n_l - 2.53666 n_l^2 - 0.077522 n_l^3 + 6 \Delta\beta_4 \right) a_s^4(\mu_h) \right] \end{aligned}$$

where  $n_l = n_f - 1$  and,

$$\Delta\beta_4 = \beta_4^{(n_f)} - \beta_4^{(n_f-1)} = 199.179 - 34.99n_f + 0.667n_f^2 + 0.0072n_f^3 = 14.843(n_f = 6).$$

Finally,

$$C_1 = 1. + 2.75 a_s + 6.306 a_s^2 + 9.208 a_s^3 + (101.49 = 12.427 + 89.058) a_s^4$$

## QCD $\beta$ -function in FIVE loops: technical info for experts

Complexity of calculations:

for a given  $\#$  of loops and a (generic) topology it essentially depends on the deviation from the corresponding scalar graph:

the sum of  $\#$  of “dots” (that is squared propagators) + maximal power of irreducible scalar products  $p_i \cdot p_j$  in the corresponding numerator

**For  $Z_3$  (the gluon prop, most demanding part of our calculations) we have:**

**dots + max. power of  $p_i \cdot p_j = 3 + 7 = 10$  (for the massive way it would be  $4 + 7 = 11$ )**

**Required computer time for a “slice” (VERY ROUGHLY):**

**$n_f^4$  and  $n_f^3$  slices have required a day and a week correspondingly**

**all other slices ( $n_f^2$  and  $n_f^1$  and  $n_f^0$ ) have required 6-7 MONTHS each**

## QCD $\beta$ -function in FIVE loops: technical info for experts

Definition of the “Computational time”:

the difference between generation of input file with all dias classified according their topologies and with traces, etc. already evaluated and the production of a final file with the results of the corresponding reduction

The use of computer resources:

CPUS:

For  $1/D$  reduction it was usually possible for us to employ 15-20 machines, every one with 8 cores running a TFORM with (-w 8 option)

Disk storage:

usually 2-3 Tb per “octet” in most complicated cases up to 6 Tb

Main part of calculations was done without gzip -option

# QCD $\beta$ -function in FIVE loops: THANKS

The continues running of our calculation at such computer & time scales would be certainly impossible without the effective support of our computer gurus:

**Peter Marquard, Jens Hoff, David Kunz and Alexander Hasselnuß**

+

corresponding administrative support due to

**Matthias Steinhauser**

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## Conclusions

- $R^*$  + Baikov Algorithm to reduce 4-loop p-integrals + Form (J. Vermaseren, +...) + known 4-loop masters  $\implies$  the 5-loop RG functions are *in principle* doable in *any* model
- The 5-loop quark anomalous dimension  $\gamma_m$  and the QCD  $\beta$ -function have been done (and even partially checked)
- The apparent convergence of PT series for both RG functions is very good  $\implies$  the phenomenological implications are not not very dramatic.