



3-Loop Heavy Flavor Corrections to DI Scattering

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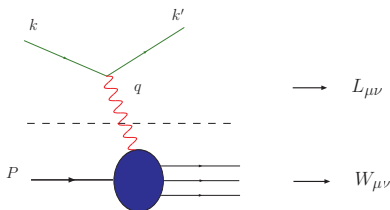
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- Kinematic invariants:

$$Q^2 = -q^2, x = \frac{Q^2}{2P \cdot q}$$

- The cross section factorizes into leptonic and hadronic tensor:

$$\frac{d^2\sigma}{dQ^2 dx} \sim L_{\mu\nu} W^{\mu\nu}$$

- The hadronic tensor can be expressed through structure functions:

$$\begin{aligned} W_{\mu\nu} &= \frac{1}{4\pi} \int d^4\xi \exp(iq\xi) \langle P, | [J_\mu^{\text{em}}(\xi), J_\nu^{\text{em}}(\xi)] | P \rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{2x} \left(g_{\mu\nu} + \frac{q_\mu q_\nu}{Q^2} \right) F_L(x, Q^2) + \frac{2x}{Q^2} \left(P_\mu P_\nu + \frac{q_\mu P_\nu + q_\nu P_\mu}{2x} - \frac{Q^2}{4x^2} g_{\mu\nu} \right) F_2(x, Q^2) \\ &\quad + i\epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \frac{q^\rho S^\sigma}{q \cdot P} g_1(x, Q^2) + i\epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \frac{q^\rho (q \cdot P S^\sigma - q \cdot S P^\sigma)}{(q \cdot P)^2} g_2(x, Q^2) \end{aligned}$$

- F_L, F_2, g_1 and g_2 contain contributions from both, charm and bottom quarks.

Why are Heavy Flavor Contributions important?

- They form a significant contribution to all structure functions particularly at small x and high Q^2 .
- Concise 3-loop corrections are needed to determine $\alpha_s(M_Z)$, m_c and perhaps m_b .
- The accuracy of measurements at the LHC reaches a level of precision requiring 3-loop VFNS matching.

NNLO: [S. Alekhin, J. Blümlein, S. Moch and R. Placakyte (Phys. Rev. D96 (2017))]

$$\alpha_s(M_Z^2) = 0.1147 \pm 0.0008$$

$$m_c(m_c) = 1.252 \pm 0.018(\text{exp}) \begin{matrix} +0.03 \\ -0.02 \end{matrix} (\text{scale}), \begin{matrix} +0.00 \\ -0.07 \end{matrix} (\text{thy})\text{GeV} \quad (\overline{\text{MS}}\text{-scheme})$$

Yet approximate NNLO treatment for F_2 (non-negligible error) [H. Kawamura et al. (Nucl. Phys. B864 (2012))]

NS and PS corrections are already final [J. Ablinger et al. (Nucl. Phys. B 844 (2011), B886 and B890 (2014))]

EIC: many more high precision data ahead for various detailed unpolarized and polarized precision measurements.

Factorization of the Structure Functions



At leading twist the structure functions factorize in terms of a Mellin convolution

$$F_{(2,L)}(x, Q^2) = \sum_j \underbrace{C_{j,(2,L)} \left(x, \frac{Q^2}{\mu^2}, \frac{m^2}{\mu^2} \right)}_{\text{perturbative}} \otimes \underbrace{f_j(x, \mu^2)}_{\text{nonpert.}}$$

into (pert.) **Wilson coefficients** and (nonpert.) **parton distribution functions (PDFs)**. Wilson coefficients:

$$C_{j,(2,L)} \left(N, \frac{Q^2}{\mu^2}, \frac{m^2}{\mu^2} \right) = C_{j,(2,L)} \left(N, \frac{Q^2}{\mu^2} \right) + H_{j,(2,L)} \left(N, \frac{Q^2}{\mu^2}, \frac{m^2}{\mu^2} \right).$$

At $Q^2 \gg m^2$ the heavy flavor part

$$H_{j,(2,L)} \left(N, \frac{Q^2}{\mu^2}, \frac{m^2}{\mu^2} \right) = \sum_i C_{i,(2,L)} \left(N, \frac{Q^2}{\mu^2} \right) A_{ij} \left(\frac{m^2}{\mu^2}, N \right)$$

[Buza, Matiounine, Smith, van Neerven (Nucl.Phys.B (1996))] factorizes into the **light flavor Wilson coefficients** C and the **massive operator matrix elements (OMEs)** of local operators O_i between partonic states j . For $F_2(x, Q^2)$: at $Q^2 \gtrsim 10m^2$ the asymptotic representation holds at the 1% level.

Status of OME calculations



Unpolarized and Polarized:

Leading Order:

1976 [Witten] and others later.

Next-to-Leading Order:

1992 full m^2/Q^2 dependence (numeric) [Laenen, van Neerven, Riemersma, Smith]

1996 analytic asymptotic [Buza, Matiounine, Smith, Migneron, van Neerven] , [Bierenbaum,Blümlein,Klein (2007)]

Next-to-Next-to-Leading Order:

2009 a series of moments: [Bierenbaum,Blümlein,Klein]

2010 the N_F terms

2014 the $A_{gq,Q}$, NS , PS , $A_{qg,Q}$, $A_{gg,Q}$ and all unpolarized log. terms; CC @ $O(a_s^2)$

2015 A_{gg} nearly complete, HQ corrections to g_1 , xF_3

2016 HQ $F_{L,2}^{W^+ - W^-}$, HQ sum rules 2- and 3-loop, binomial topologies A_{Qg}

2017 all non-elliptic terms to A_{Qg} completed, unpolarized 2-mass terms: NS , $A_{gq,Q}$, PS

unp. 3-loop anom. dims $\propto T_F$

2018 2-mass $A_{gq,Q}$ unpol.

2019 2-mass A_{qq}^{PS} pol., pol. 3-loop anom. dims $\propto T_F$; complete analytic 2-loop PS pol+unpol WC

2020 2-mass $A_{gq,Q}$ pol., single mass A_{qq}^{PS} pol.

2021 $A_{gq,Q}$ pol., all pol. logarithmic contributions.

Calculation of the 3-loop operator matrix elements



The OMEs are calculated using the QCD Feynman rules together with the following operator insertion Feynman rules:

$$\delta^{ij} \Delta \gamma_{\pm} (\Delta \cdot p)^{N-1}, \quad N \geq 1$$

$$g_{\mu\nu}^a \Delta^a \Delta \gamma_{\pm} \sum_{j=0}^{N-2} (\Delta \cdot p_1)^j (\Delta \cdot p_2)^{N-j-2}, \quad N \geq 2$$

$$g^2 \Delta^a \Delta^b \Delta \gamma_{\pm} \sum_{j=0}^{N-3} \sum_{l=m-l+1}^{N-2} (\Delta p_2)^l (\Delta p_1)^{N-l-2} \left[(t^a t^b)_{ji} (\Delta p_1 + \Delta p_4)^{l-j-1} + (t^b t^a)_{ji} (\Delta p_1 + \Delta p_3)^{l-j-1} \right], \quad N \geq 3$$

$$g^3 \Delta_\mu \Delta_\nu \Delta_\rho \Delta \gamma_{\pm} \sum_{j=0}^{N-4} \sum_{l=m-l+1}^{N-3} \sum_{k=m-l+1}^{N-2} (\Delta p_2)^l (\Delta p_1)^{N-m-2} \left[(t^a t^b t^c)_{jil} (\Delta p_4 + \Delta p_5 + \Delta p_1)^{l-j-1} (\Delta p_5 + \Delta p_1)^{m-l-1} + (t^a t^c t^b)_{jil} (\Delta p_4 + \Delta p_5 + \Delta p_1)^{l-j-1} (\Delta p_4 + \Delta p_1)^{m-l-1} + (t^b t^a t^c)_{jil} (\Delta p_3 + \Delta p_5 + \Delta p_1)^{l-j-1} (\Delta p_5 + \Delta p_1)^{m-l-1} + (t^b t^c t^a)_{jil} (\Delta p_3 + \Delta p_5 + \Delta p_1)^{l-j-1} (\Delta p_3 + \Delta p_1)^{m-l-1} + (t^c t^a t^b)_{jil} (\Delta p_3 + \Delta p_4 + \Delta p_1)^{l-j-1} (\Delta p_4 + \Delta p_1)^{m-l-1} + (t^c t^b t^a)_{jil} (\Delta p_3 + \Delta p_4 + \Delta p_1)^{l-j-1} (\Delta p_3 + \Delta p_1)^{m-l-1} \right], \quad N \geq 4$$

$$\gamma_+ = 1, \quad \gamma_- = \gamma_5.$$

$$g_{\mu\nu}^a (\Delta \cdot p)^2 - (\Delta_\mu p_\nu + \Delta_\nu p_\mu) \Delta \cdot p + p^2 \Delta_\mu \Delta_\nu, \quad N \geq 2$$

$$-i g \frac{1+(-1)^N}{2} f^{abc} \left(\begin{aligned} & [(\Delta_\nu g_{\lambda\mu} - \Delta_\lambda g_{\mu\nu}) \Delta \cdot p_1 + \Delta_\mu (p_{1,\nu} \Delta_\lambda - p_{1,\lambda} \Delta_\nu)] (\Delta \cdot p_1)^{N-2} \\ & + \Delta_\lambda [\Delta \cdot p_1 p_{2,\mu} \Delta_\nu + \Delta \cdot p_2 p_{1,\nu} \Delta_\mu - \Delta \cdot p_1 \Delta \cdot p_2 g_{\mu\nu} - p_1 \cdot p_2 \Delta_\mu \Delta_\nu] \\ & \times \sum_{j=0}^{N-3} (-\Delta \cdot p_1)^j (\Delta \cdot p_2)^{N-3-j} \\ & + \left\{ \begin{aligned} & p_1 \cdot p_2 - p_2 \cdot p_1 \\ & \mu \rightarrow \nu, \lambda \rightarrow \mu \end{aligned} \right\} + \left\{ \begin{aligned} & p_1 \cdot p_2 - p_2 \cdot p_1 \\ & \mu \rightarrow \lambda, \nu \rightarrow \mu \end{aligned} \right\} \right), \quad N \geq 2$$

$$g^2 \frac{1+(-1)^N}{2} \left(f^{abc} f^{cde} O_{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma}(p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4) + f^{ace} f^{bdc} O_{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma}(p_1, p_3, p_2, p_4) + f^{abc} f^{bca} O_{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma}(p_1, p_4, p_2, p_3) \right),$$

$$O_{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma}(p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4) = \Delta_\nu \Delta_\lambda \left\{ -g_{\mu\sigma} (\Delta \cdot p_3 + \Delta \cdot p_4)^{N-2} + [p_{4,\mu} \Delta_\sigma - \Delta \cdot p_4 g_{\mu\sigma}] \sum_{i=0}^{N-3} (\Delta \cdot p_3 + \Delta \cdot p_4)^i (\Delta \cdot p_1)^{N-3-i} - [p_{1,\sigma} \Delta_\mu - \Delta \cdot p_1 g_{\mu\sigma}] \sum_{i=0}^{N-3} (-\Delta \cdot p_1)^i (\Delta \cdot p_3 + \Delta \cdot p_4)^{N-3-i} + [\Delta \cdot p_1 \Delta \cdot p_4 g_{\mu\sigma} + p_1 \cdot p_4 \Delta_\mu \Delta_\sigma - \Delta \cdot p_4 p_{1,\sigma} \Delta_\mu - \Delta \cdot p_1 p_{4,\mu} \Delta_\sigma] \times \sum_{i=0}^{N-4} \sum_{j=0}^i (-\Delta \cdot p_1)^{N-4-i} (\Delta \cdot p_3 + \Delta \cdot p_4)^{i-j} (\Delta \cdot p_4)^j \right\}$$

$$- \left\{ \begin{aligned} & p_1 \leftrightarrow p_2 \\ & \lambda \leftrightarrow \sigma \end{aligned} \right\} - \left\{ \begin{aligned} & p_2 \leftrightarrow p_3 \\ & \mu \leftrightarrow \nu, \lambda \leftrightarrow \sigma \end{aligned} \right\}, \quad N \geq 2$$

- Resummation of operator insertion into propagator structure ($\Delta \cdot \Delta = 0$):

$$\sum_{N=0}^{\infty} t^N (\Delta \cdot k)^N = \frac{1}{1 - t \Delta \cdot k}$$

- Reduction to master integrals using IBP relations implemented in Reduze2 [Manteuffel, Studerus (2012)]
- Solution of master integrals obtained by different methods:
 - direct integration using Mellin-Barnes and ${}_pF_q$ -techniques
 - differential equations in resummation variable t
- method of arbitrary high moments, i.e. reconstructing all- N solution from a large number of fixed moments

⇒ All these methods use the packages `Sigma`, `EvaluateMultiSums` [Schneider (2007-)] and `HarmonicSums` [Ablinger et al. (2010-)] which have been developed with these calculations.

The Wilson Coefficients at large Q^2



$$L_{q,(2,L)}^{NS}(N_F + 1) = a_s^2 [A_{qq,Q}^{(2),NS}(N_F + 1)\delta_2 + \hat{C}_{q,(2,L)}^{(2),NS}(N_F)] + a_s^3 [A_{qq,Q}^{(3),NS}(N_F + 1)\delta_2 + A_{qq,Q}^{(2),NS}(N_F + 1)C_{q,(2,L)}^{(1),NS}(N_F + 1) + \hat{C}_{q,(2,L)}^{(3),NS}(N_F)]$$

$$L_{q,(2,L)}^{PS}(N_F + 1) = a_s^3 [A_{qq,Q}^{(3),PS}(N_F + 1)\delta_2 + N_F A_{gg,Q}^{(2),NS}(N_F) \tilde{C}_{g,(2,L)}^{(1),NS}(N_F + 1) + N_F \hat{C}_{q,(2,L)}^{(3),PS}(N_F)]$$

$$L_{g,(2,L)}^S(N_F + 1) = a_s^2 A_{gg,Q}^{(1)}(N_F + 1) N_F \tilde{C}_{g,(2,L)}^{(2)}(N_F + 1) + a_s^3 [A_{qq,Q}^{(3)}(N_F + 1)\delta_2 + A_{gg,Q}^{(1)}(N_F + 1) N_F \tilde{C}_{g,(2,L)}^{(2)}(N_F + 1) + A_{gg,Q}^{(2)}(N_F + 1) N_F \tilde{C}_{g,(2,L)}^{(1)}(N_F + 1) + A_{Qg}^{(1)}(N_F + 1) N_F \tilde{C}_{q,(2,L)}^{(2),PS}(N_F + 1) + N_F \hat{C}_{g,(2,L)}^{(3)}(N_F)]$$

$$H_{q,(2,L)}^{PS}(N_F + 1) = a_s^2 [A_{Qq}^{(2),PS}(N_F + 1)\delta_2 + \tilde{C}_{q,(2,L)}^{(2),PS}(N_F + 1)] + a_s^3 [A_{Qq}^{(3),PS}(N_F + 1)\delta_2 + A_{gg,Q}^{(2)}(N_F + 1) \tilde{C}_{g,(1,L)}^{(2)}(N_F + 1) + A_{Qq}^{(2),PS}(N_F + 1) \tilde{C}_{q,(2,L)}^{(1),NS}(N_F + 1) + \tilde{C}_{q,(2,L)}^{(3),PS}(N_F + 1)]$$

$$H_{g,(2,L)}^S(N_F + 1) = a_s [A_{Qg}^{(1)}(N_F + 1)\delta_2 + \tilde{C}_{g,(2,L)}^{(1)}(N_F + 1)] + a_s^2 [A_{Qg}^{(2)}(N_F + 1)\delta_2 + A_{Qg}^{(1)}(N_F + 1) \tilde{C}_{q,(2,L)}^{(1)}(N_F + 1) + A_{gg,Q}^{(1)}(N_F + 1) \tilde{C}_{g,(2,L)}^{(1)}(N_F + 1) + \tilde{C}_{g,(2,L)}^{(2)}(N_F + 1)] + a_s^3 [A_{Qg}^{(3)}(N_F + 1)\delta_2 + A_{Qg}^{(2)}(N_F + 1) \tilde{C}_{q,(2,L)}^{(1)}(N_F + 1) + A_{gg,Q}^{(2)}(N_F + 1) \tilde{C}_{g,(2,L)}^{(1)}(N_F + 1) + A_{Qg}^{(1)}(N_F + 1) \tilde{C}_{q,(2,L)}^{(2),S}(N_F + 1) + A_{gg,Q}^{(1)}(N_F + 1) \tilde{C}_{g,(2,L)}^{(1)}(N_F + 1) + \tilde{C}_{g,(2,L)}^{(3)}(N_F + 1)]$$

- All first order factorizable contributions and $O(1000)$ fixed moments of $A_{Qg}^{(3)}$ are known.
- The case for two different masses obeys an analogous representation.

The variable flavor number scheme



- Matching conditions for parton distribution functions: important for LHC physics

$$f_k(N_F + 2) + \bar{f}_k(N_F + 2) = A_{qq,Q}^{\text{NS}} \left(N_F + 2, \frac{m_1^2}{\mu^2}, \frac{m_2^2}{\mu^2} \right) \cdot [f_k(N_F) + \bar{f}_k(N_F)] + \frac{1}{N_F} A_{qq,Q}^{\text{PS}} \left(N_F + 2, \frac{m_1^2}{\mu^2}, \frac{m_2^2}{\mu^2} \right) \cdot \Sigma(N_F) \\ + \frac{1}{N_F} A_{qg,Q} \left(N_F + 2, \frac{m_1^2}{\mu^2}, \frac{m_2^2}{\mu^2} \right) \cdot G(N_F),$$

$$f_Q(N_F + 2) + \bar{f}_Q(N_F + 2) = A_{Qq}^{\text{PS}} \left(N_F + 2, \frac{m_1^2}{\mu^2}, \frac{m_2^2}{\mu^2} \right) \cdot \Sigma(N_F) + A_{Qg} \left(N_F + 2, \frac{m_1^2}{\mu^2}, \frac{m_2^2}{\mu^2} \right) \cdot G(N_F),$$

$$\Sigma(N_F + 2) = \left[A_{qq,Q}^{\text{NS}} \left(N_F + 2, \frac{m_1^2}{\mu^2}, \frac{m_2^2}{\mu^2} \right) + A_{qq,Q}^{\text{PS}} \left(N_F + 2, \frac{m_1^2}{\mu^2}, \frac{m_2^2}{\mu^2} \right) + A_{Qq}^{\text{PS}} \left(N_F + 2, \frac{m_1^2}{\mu^2}, \frac{m_2^2}{\mu^2} \right) \right] \cdot \Sigma(N_F) \\ + \left[A_{qg,Q} \left(N_F + 2, \frac{m_1^2}{\mu^2}, \frac{m_2^2}{\mu^2} \right) + A_{Qg} \left(N_F + 2, \frac{m_1^2}{\mu^2}, \frac{m_2^2}{\mu^2} \right) \right] \cdot G(N_F),$$

$$G(N_F + 2) = A_{gq,Q} \left(N_F + 2, \frac{m_1^2}{\mu^2}, \frac{m_2^2}{\mu^2} \right) \cdot \Sigma(N_F) + A_{gg,Q} \left(N_F + 2, \frac{m_1^2}{\mu^2}, \frac{m_2^2}{\mu^2} \right) \cdot G(N_F).$$

$m_c/m_b \sim 3$. Decoupling of these two flavors at once; two mass OMEs @ 3 loops.

The NC PS contributions to $F_2(x, Q^2)$ and $F_L(x, Q^2)$

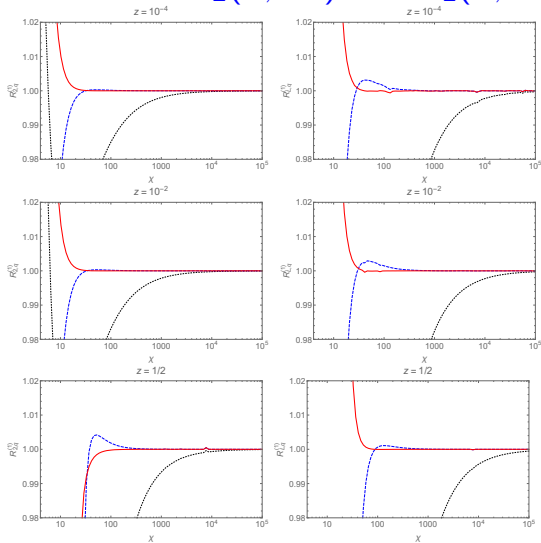


Figure 1: The ratios $R_{2,q}^{(1)}$ (left) and $R_{L,q}^{(1)}$ (right) as a function of $\chi = Q^2/m^2$ for different values of z gradually improved with κ suppressed terms. Dotted lines: asymptotic result; dashed lines: $O(m^2/Q^2)$ improved; solid lines: $O((m^2/Q^2)^2)$ improved.

- Polarized OMEs for heavy flavor production at 2-loop order have been calculated before. [Buza et al. (1996), Klein (2009), Hasselhuhn (2013)]
- Calculation of OMEs relied on tensor-decomposition in order to arrive at Larin scheme, i.e.

$$\gamma_5 \rightarrow \frac{i}{24} \epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu \gamma^\rho \gamma^\sigma.$$

- We found out that a change of projector can accomplish the same:

$$\epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \text{tr} [\not{p} \gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu \gamma^\rho \gamma^\sigma G_q] \rightarrow \epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} p^\rho \Delta^\sigma \text{tr} [\not{p} \gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu G_q]$$

⇒ this allows to apply all technologies for the unpolarized OMEs directly to the polarized ones, i.e.

- 1 the terms $\sim T_F$ of the polarized 3-loop **anomalous dimensions** from a massive calculation [Behring et al. (Nucl. Phys. B948 (2020))]
- 2 $A_{qq,Q}^{(3),\text{PS}}$, $A_{Qq}^{(3),\text{PS}}$, $A_{gq,Q}^{(3)}$ (single and 2-mass contributions) [Ablinger et al. (Nucl. Phys. B952,953,955 (2020)), Behring et al. (Nucl. Phys. B964 (2021))]

Polarized anomalous dimensions



$$\begin{aligned}
 \gamma_{gg}^{(2)} = & C_A N_F^2 T_F^2 \left\{ -\frac{5N^2 + 8N + 10}{N(N+1)(N+2)} \frac{128}{9} S_{-2} - \frac{64P_3}{9N(N+1)^2(N+2)^2} S_1^2 \right. \\
 & - \frac{64P_3}{9N(N+1)^2(N+2)^2} S_2 + \frac{64P_{25}}{27N(N+1)^3(N+2)^3} S_1 + \frac{16P_{34}}{27(N-1)N^4(N+1)^4(N+2)^4} \\
 & \left. + p_{gg}^{(0)}(N) \left(\frac{32}{9} S_1^3 - \frac{32}{3} S_1 S_2 + \frac{64}{9} S_3 + \frac{128}{3} S_{-3} + \frac{128}{3} S_{2,1} \right) \right\} \\
 & + C_F N_F^2 T_F^2 \left\{ \frac{5N^2 + 3N + 2}{N^2(N+1)(N+2)} \frac{32}{3} S_2 + \frac{10N^3 + 13N^2 + 29N + 6}{N^2(N+1)(N+2)} \frac{32}{9} S_1^2 \right. \\
 & - \frac{32P_{12}}{27N^2(N+1)^2(N+2)} S_1 + \frac{4P_{38}}{27(N-1)N^3(N+1)^3(N+2)^4} \\
 & \left. + p_{gg}^{(0)}(N) \left(-\frac{32}{9} S_1^3 - \frac{32}{3} S_1 S_2 + \frac{320}{9} S_3 \right) \right\} \\
 & + C_A C_F N_F T_F \left\{ -128 \frac{N^3 - 7N^2 - 6N + 4}{N^2(N+1)^2(N+2)} S_{-2,1} + \frac{32P_5}{N^2(N+1)^2(N+2)} S_{-3} \right. \\
 & + \frac{16P_{18}}{9(N-1)N^2(N+1)^2(N+2)^2} S_1^3 - \frac{16P_{24}}{9(N-1)N^2(N+1)^2(N+2)^2} S_3 \\
 & - \frac{8P_{27}}{9(N-1)N^3(N+1)^3(N+2)^2} S_1^2 + \frac{8P_{29}}{3(N-1)N^3(N+1)^3(N+2)^2} S_2 \\
 & + \frac{P_{37}}{27(N-1)N^3(N+1)^3(N+2)^4} + p_{gg}^{(0)}(N) \left[\left(\frac{640}{3} S_3 - 384 S_{2,1} \right) S_1 + \frac{32}{3} S_1^4 \right. \\
 & + 160 S_2^2 - 64 S_2^3 + (192 S_2^2 + 64 S_2) S_{-2} + 96 S_{-2}^2 + 224 S_{-4} - 64 S_{-2} + 64 S_{3,1} \\
 & + 192 S_{2,1,1} - 256 S_{-2,1,1} - 192 S_1 \zeta_3 \left. \right] - \frac{192 P_{17}}{(N-1)N^2(N+1)^2(N+2)^2} \zeta_3 \\
 & + \left(\frac{16P_{16}}{3(N-1)N^2(N+1)^2(N+2)^2} S_2 + \frac{16P_{35}}{27(N-1)N^4(N+1)^4(N+2)^4} \right) S_1 \\
 & + \left[-\frac{32P_{15}}{N^3(N+1)^3(N+2)} + \frac{128(N^3 - 13N^2 - 14N - 2)}{N^2(N+1)^2(N+2)} S_1 \right] S_{-2} \\
 & \left. + \frac{96N(N+1)p_{gg}^{(0)}(N)^2}{N-1} S_{2,1} \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & + C_A^2 N_F T_F \left\{ -\frac{64P_{11}}{(N-1)N^2(N+1)^2(N+2)^2} S_{-2,1} - \frac{16P_{20}}{9(N-1)N^2(N+1)^2(N+2)^2} S_3 \right. \\
 & - \frac{32P_{21}}{3(N-1)N^2(N+1)^2(N+2)^2} S_{-3} - \frac{8P_{22}}{9(N-1)N^2(N+1)^2(N+2)^2} S_1^3 \\
 & + \frac{16P_{32}}{9(N-1)^2 N^3(N+1)^3(N+2)^3} S_1^2 + \frac{16P_{33}}{9(N-1)^2 N^3(N+1)^3(N+2)^3} S_2 \\
 & - \frac{8P_{39}}{27(N-1)^2 N^5(N+1)^5(N+2)^5} + p_{gg}^{(0)}(N) \left[-\frac{32P_{10}}{3(N-1)N(N+1)(N+2)} S_{2,1} \right. \\
 & + \left(-\frac{704}{3} S_3 + 128 S_{2,1} + 512 S_{-2,1} \right) S_1 - 512 S_{-3} S_1 - \frac{16}{3} S_1^4 - 160 S_1^2 S_2 - 16 S_2^2 - 32 S_4 \\
 & + \left(-192 S_1^2 + 320 S_2 \right) S_{-2} - 96 S_{-2}^2 + 96 S_{-4} - 448 S_{-2,2} - 128 S_{3,1} + 512 S_{-3,1} \\
 & - 768 S_{-2,1,1} + 192 S_1 \zeta_3 \left. \right] + \frac{96(N-2)(N+3)P_4}{(N-1)N^2(N+1)^2(N+2)^2} \zeta_3 \\
 & + \left(\frac{8P_{19}}{3(N-1)N^2(N+1)^2(N+2)^2} S_2 - \frac{8P_{36}}{27(N-1)^2 N^4(N+1)^4(N+2)^4} \right) S_1 \\
 & + \left(-\frac{64P_{13}}{(N-1)N^2(N+1)^2(N+2)^2} S_1 + \frac{32P_{30}}{9(N-1)N^3(N+1)^3(N+2)^3} S_{-2} \right) \\
 & + C_F^2 N_F T_F \left\{ \frac{P_{31}}{N^3(N+1)^3(N+2)} - \frac{8P_1}{3N^2(N+1)^2(N+2)} S_1^3 - \frac{16P_4}{3N^2(N+1)^2(N+2)} S_3 \right. \\
 & + \frac{64P_{14}}{N^3(N+1)^3(N+2)} S_{-2} - \frac{8P_{23}}{N^3(N+1)^3(N+2)} S_1^2 + \frac{8P_{26}}{N^3(N+1)^3(N+2)} S_2 \\
 & + p_{gg}^{(0)}(N) \left[\left(-\frac{704}{3} S_3 + 256 S_{2,1} \right) S_1 - 256 S_{-3} S_1 - \frac{16}{3} S_1^4 - 48 S_2^2 - 160 S_4 - 64 S_{-2}^2 \right. \\
 & - 192 S_{-4} - \frac{128}{N(N+1)} S_{2,1} - 128 S_{-2,2} + 64 S_{3,1} + 256 S_{-3,1} - 192 S_{2,1,1} \left. \right] \\
 & + \frac{96(N-1)(3N^2 + 3N - 2)}{N^2(N+1)^2} \zeta_3 - 256 \frac{2 - N + N^2}{N^2(N+1)(N+2)} [S_{-2} S_1 - S_{-2,1}] \\
 & + \left(-\frac{8P_{28}}{N^4(N+1)^4(N+2)} - \frac{8P_7}{N^2(N+1)^2(N+2)} S_2 \right) S_1 - \frac{128(N-1)}{(N+1)^2(N+2)} S_{-3} \left. \right\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

also $\gamma_{qq}^{(2),PS}$ complete. Agree with [Moch, Vermaseren, Vogt (2014)] + all other terms $\propto T_F$.

Results: $A_{Qg}^{(3)}$



- 2010: N_F terms
- 2017: calculation of all ζ -color factors except of the pure rational and ζ_3 terms
- 1000 even moments are available; 8000 moments for the T_F^2 terms
- Difference equations for the T_F^2 available:
(d,o) = (1407;46) [$T_F^2 C_A$], (447;24) [$T_F^2 C_A \zeta_3$]; (654;27) [$T_F^2 C_F$], (283;15) [$T_F^2 C_F \zeta_3$].
- The 1st difference eq. is more voluminous than the biggest for the massless WCs
[JB, Kauers, Klein, Schneider, (2008)]
- 3-loop massive form factor: 2 equal mass cases: (d,o) = (1324;55).
- The solution of the associated differential equations lead to an **exponential singularity** in $z \in [0, 1]$ both for the rational and $\zeta_3 T_F^2$ terms
- The unification of both difference eqs. is necessary to cancel this spurious singularity.
- New method to solve the associated differential eq.: several formal Laurent series to a given finite order around $z_0 \in [0, 1]$ to map out the whole region with overlapping convergence radii.
[J. Ablinger, J. Blümlein, C. Schneider, 2021]
- In this way a full representation, tuneable to any precision is obtained.
Here it is irrelevant, if elliptic, hyper-elliptic or whatsoever structures are present.
- One should notice that even any HPL solution finally needs an efficient numerical solution.
- The generation of high number of moments for the non T_F^2 terms is underway.

Single mass case: mathematical structures

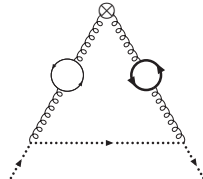
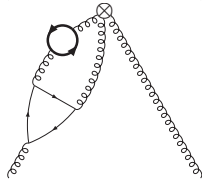
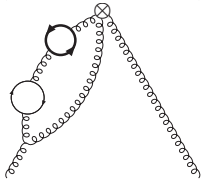
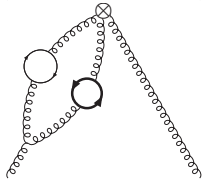
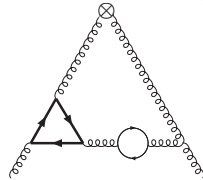
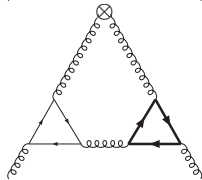
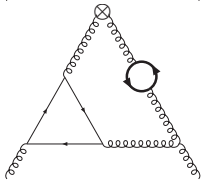
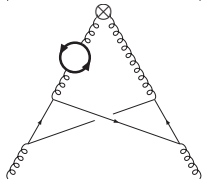
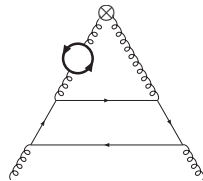
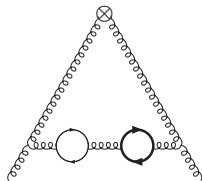
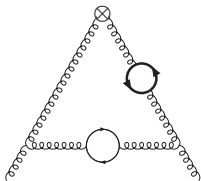
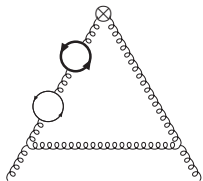


- **Before 1998:**
classical polylogarithms, Nielsen integrals [Lewin, 1958,1981] , [Kölbig, Mignaco, Remiddi, 1970; Kölbig, 1986]

- **1997:** Shuffle algebras [Hoffman] , **2003** algebraic relations [Blümlein]
- **1998:** Harmonic sums [Vermaseren;Blümlein & Kurth]
- **1998:** generalized harmonic sums and polylogarithms [Goncharov] , **2001:** [Moch,Uwer,Weinzierl]
- **1999:** Harmonic polylogarithms [Remiddi,Vermaseren]
- **2004:** infinite binomial and inverse binomial sums [Davydychev, Kalmykov; Weinzierl]
- **2009:** structural relations of harmonic sums [Blümlein]
- **2009:** MZV data mine [Blümlein, Broadhurst, Vermaseren]
- **2011:** cyclotomic harmonic sums and polylogarithms [Ablinger,Blümlein,Schneider]
- **2013:** detailed theory generalized sums [Ablinger,Blümlein,Schneider]
- **2014:** finite binomial and inverse binomial sums [Ablinger,Blümlein,Raab,Schneider]
- **2014–** complete elliptic integrals in Feynman diagrams: [very many authors: Broadhurst et al., Remiddi et al., Weinzierl et al., Duhr et al.,]
- **2017:** method of arbitrary high moments [Blümlein, Schneider]
- **2021:** iterated integrals over letters induced by quadratic forms [Ablinger,Blümlein,Schneider]

List far from being complete.

2-mass contributions



2-mass contributions: mathematical functions



$$A_{qq,Q}^{(3),NS}, A_{gg,Q}^{(3)}$$

Harmonic Sums

[Vermaseren '98; Blümlein, Kurth '98]

$$\sum_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{i^\beta} \sum_{j=1}^i \frac{1}{j}$$

HPLs

[Remiddi, Vermaseren '99]

$$\int_0^x \frac{d\tau_1}{1+\tau_1} \int_0^{\tau_1} \frac{d\tau_2}{1-\tau_2}$$

$$A_{gg,Q}^{(3)}$$

Generalized harmonic and binomial sums

[Ablinger, Blümlein, Schneider '13]

[Ablinger, Blümlein, Raab, Schneider '14]

$$\sum_{i=1}^N \frac{4^i (1-\eta)^{-i}}{i \binom{2i}{i}} \sum_{j=1}^i \frac{(1-\eta)^j}{j^2}$$

Iterated integrals over root and η valued letters

[Ablinger, Blümlein, Raab, Schneider '14]

$$\int_0^x d\tau_1 \frac{\sqrt{\tau_1(1-\tau_1)}}{1-\tau_1(1-\eta)} \int_0^{\tau_1} \frac{d\tau_2}{\tau_2}$$

$$A_{Qq}^{(3),PS}$$

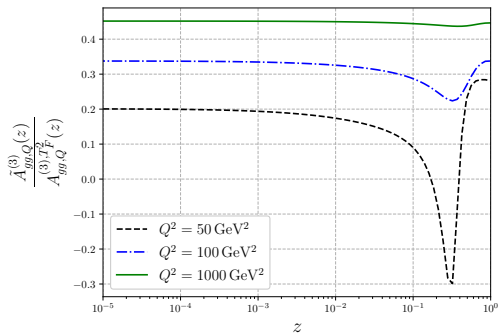
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Iterated integrals over root valued letters with restricted support

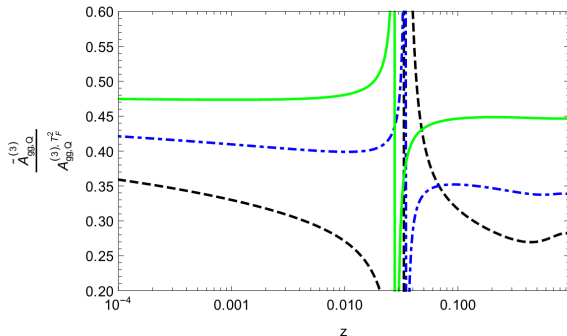
$$\theta(x - \eta_+) \int_0^{x(1-x)/\eta} d\tau \frac{\sqrt{1-4\tau}}{\tau}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \tilde{a}_{gg,Q}^{(3)}(N) &= \frac{1}{2} \left(1 + (-1)^N\right) \left\{ T_F^3 \left\{ \frac{32}{3} (L_1^3 + L_2^3) + \frac{64}{3} L_1 L_2 (L_1 + L_2) + 32 \zeta_2 (L_1 + L_2) + \frac{128}{9} \zeta_3 \right\} \right. \\
 &+ C_F T_F^2 \left\{ \dots + 32 \left(H_0^2(\eta) - \frac{1}{3} S_2 \right) S_1 + \frac{128}{3} S_{2,1} - \frac{64}{3} S_{1,1,1} \left(\frac{1}{1-\eta}, 1-\eta, 1, N \right) \right. \\
 &\quad - \frac{4P_{41}}{3(N-1)N^3(N+1)^2(N+2)(2N-3)(2N-1)} \left(\frac{\eta}{1-\eta} \right)^N \left[H_0^2(\eta) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \left. - 2H_0(\eta) S_1 \left(\frac{\eta-1}{\eta}, N \right) - 2S_2 \left(\frac{\eta-1}{\eta}, N \right) + 2S_{1,1} \left(\frac{\eta-1}{\eta}, 1, N \right) \right] + \dots \right\} \\
 &+ C_A T_F^2 \left\{ \dots + \left[\frac{8P_{65}}{3645\eta(N-1)N^3(N+1)^3(N+2)(2N-3)(2N-1)} \right. \right. \\
 &\quad + \frac{8P_{37}H_0(\eta)}{45\eta(N-1)N^2(N+1)^2(N+2)} + \frac{2P_{23}H_0^2(\eta)}{9\eta(N-1)N(N+1)^2} + \frac{32}{27} H_0^3(\eta) + \frac{128}{9} H_{0,0,1}(\eta) \\
 &\quad \left. \left. + \frac{64}{9} H_0^2(\eta) H_1(\eta) - \frac{128}{9} H_0(\eta) H_{0,1}(\eta) \right] S_1 \right. \\
 &\quad + \frac{2^{-1-2N} P_{47}}{45\eta^2(N-1)N(N+1)^2(N+2)(2N-3)(2N-1)} \binom{2N}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{4^i \left(\frac{\eta}{\eta-1} \right)^i}{i \binom{2i}{i}} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} H_0^2(\eta) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \left. S_{1,1} \left(\frac{\eta-1}{\eta}, 1, i \right) \right\} + \dots \right\}, \quad \eta = \frac{m_c^2}{m_b^2}.
 \end{aligned}$$

The **two mass contributions** over the whole T_F^2 - contributions to the OME $A_{gg,Q}^{(3)}$:



unpolarized case

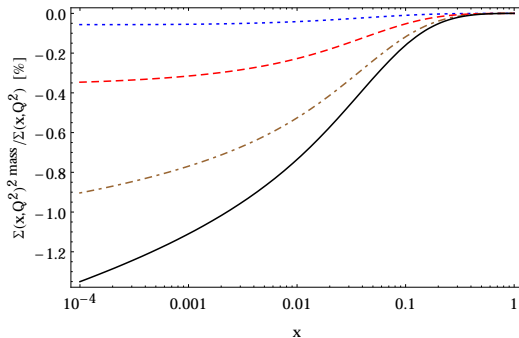


polarized case

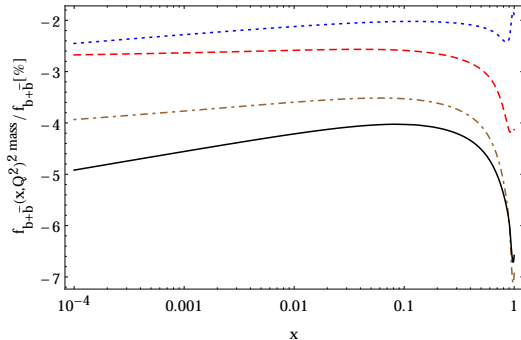
The 2-mass variable flavor number scheme at NLO



$$\Sigma(x, Q^2)^{2\text{-mass}} / \Sigma(x, Q^2)$$



$$f_{b+\bar{b}}(x, Q^2)^{2\text{-mass}} / f_{b+\bar{b}}(x, Q^2)$$



- The ratio of the 2-mass contributions to the singlet parton distribution $\Sigma(x, Q^2)$ (left) and the heavy flavor parton distribution $f_{b+\bar{b}}(x, Q^2)$ (right) over their full form in percent for $m_c = 1.59$ GeV, $m_b = 4.78$ GeV in the on-shell scheme. Dash-dotted line: $Q^2 = 30$ GeV²; Dotted line: $Q^2 = 100$ GeV²; Dashed line: $Q^2 = 1000$ GeV²; Full line: $Q^2 = 10000$ GeV².
- For the PDFs the NNLO variant of ABMP16 with $N_f = 3$ flavors was used. Alekhin et al., Phys. Rev. D 96 (2017) 1

HQ contributions in N³LO QCD analyses

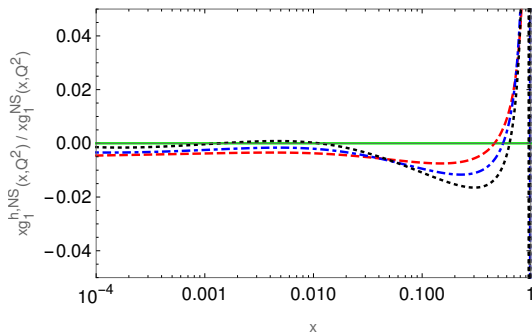
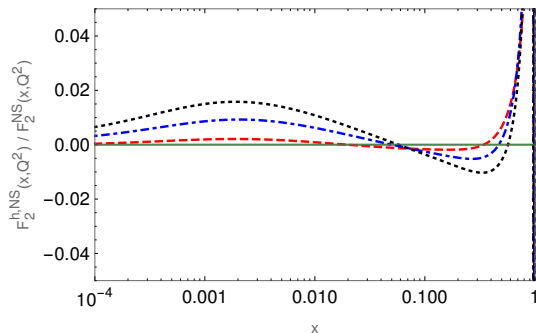


[Blümlein & Saragnese, 2021]

$$F_2(x, Q^2)^{\text{NS}}(N) = E_{\text{NS}}(Q^2, Q_0^2; N) F_2(x, Q_0^2)^{\text{NS}}(N)$$

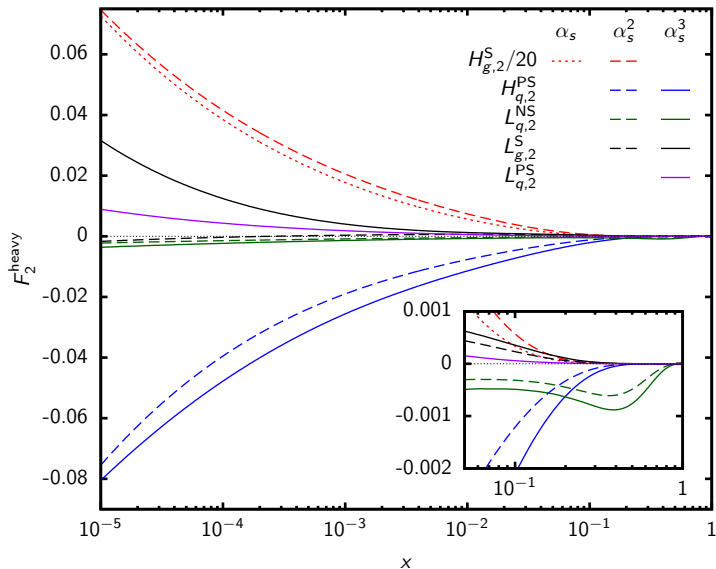
evolution operator: $E_{\text{NS}}(Q^2, Q_0^2; N)$

$F_2(x, Q_0^2)^{\text{NS}}(z)$ is **measured**. $\alpha_s(M_Z)$ from a one-parameter fit (knowing m_c and m_b).



⇒ Future high luminosity analyses at the EIC or LHeC.

Heavy Flavor contribution to F_2



$Q^2 = 100 \text{ GeV}^2$



- Most of the massive 3-loop OMEs (VFNS) and asymptotic Wilson coefficients have been calculated in the unpolarized and polarized case (for single- and two-mass).
- $A_{gg,Q}^{(3)}$ nearly completed; $A_{Qg}^{(3)}$ going to come.
- High difference equations can be solved either fully analytically or in representations which can be tune to high precision.
- Various new computing technologies were developed for massive Feynman diagram calculations
- The properties of the contributing mathematical function spaces were worked out.
- In the 2-loop case progress has been made in the analytic calculation of power corrections, relevant for the region of smaller virtualities.
- (T_F contributions to the) 3-loop anomalous dimensions appear as by-product, [see also the talks by P. Marquard and S. Moch.]
- applications also to QED corrections in $e^+e^- \rightarrow Z^*/\gamma^*$ [K. Schönwald's talk.]