

# 3 Loop unpolarized and polarized heavy flavor corrections to DIS: two mass contributions

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Introduction

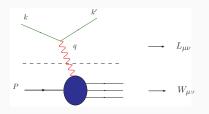
#### Introduction

- The correct treatment of heavy quark masses is important for precision at the LHC.
- Often we want to describe data in different kinematic regimes:
  - (a)  $m^2 \sim Q^2$ : low energies where power corrections are important
  - (b)  $m^2 \ll Q^2$ : high energies, where large logarithms are produced
  - ⇒ Heavy flavor effects need to be consistently treated over wide energy ranges.

#### In this talk:

- Heavy flavor production in deep-inelastic-scattering.
- Asymptotic heavy mass effects via operator matrix elements.
- Treating more than one heavy quark.

### Theory of Deep Inelastic Scattering



• Kinematic invariants:

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

• The cross section factorizes into leptonic and hadronic tensor:

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}^2 \sigma}{\mathrm{d} Q^2 \mathrm{d} x} \sim L_{\mu\nu} W^{\mu\nu}$$

• The hadronic tensor can be expressed through structure functions:

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

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

#### **Variable Flavor Number Scheme**

- Idea: When  $Q^2 \gg m^2$  we can treat the heavy quark effectively as massless.
- Demand for the structure functions in the asymptotic limit:

$$F_i(n_f, Q^2) + F_i^{c\bar{c}, asymp}(n_f, Q^2, m^2) \stackrel{Q^2 \ge m^2}{=} F_i^{VFNS}(n_f + 1, Q^2)$$

- By comparing both sides of the equation we can define new parton densities, which become dependent on the heavy quark mass.
- General-Mass VFNS: interpolate between fixed flavor number scheme and asymptotic representation, e.g. (S)-ACOT, FONLL:

[Aivazis, Collins, Olness, Tung '94;...; Guzzi, Nadolsky, Reina, Wackeroth, Xie '24] [Cacciari, Greco, Nason '98;...; Barontini, Candido, Hekhorn, Magni, Stegeman '24]

$$\mathbb{C}_{i} = \mathbb{C}_{i}^{\mathit{VFNS}}(\textit{n}_{\mathit{f}}+1,\textit{Q}^{2}) + \left[\mathbb{C}_{i}\left(\textit{n}_{\mathit{f}},\textit{Q}^{2},\textit{m}^{2}\right) - \mathbb{C}_{i}\left(\textit{n}_{\mathit{f}},\textit{Q}^{2},\textit{m}^{2}\right)\big|_{\textit{Q}^{2} \gg \textit{m}^{2}}\right]$$

#### Two mass contributions

At high enough energies  $Q^2 \gg m_c^2$ ,  $m_b^2$ , treat charm and bottom as massless:

**Option 1:** 
$$Q^2 \gg m_b^2 \gg m_c^2$$

- Decouple charm, then decouple bottom while considering the charm as massless.
- No new ingredients appear in the asymptotic representation.
- $\bullet$  Universal power corrections in  $\sqrt{\eta} = \frac{m_c}{m_b} \sim 0.3$  are not accounted for.

Option 2: 
$$Q^2 \gg m_b^2 \sim m_c^2$$

- Decouple charm and bottom together.
- New OMEs with both massive quarks present simultaneously appear.
   [Ablinger, Blümlein, De Freitas, Hasselhuhn, Schneider, Wißbrock '17]

$$A_{ij}(N_F + 2, m_c, m_b, \mu) = A_{ij}\left(N_F + 1, \frac{m_c^2}{\mu^2}\right) + A_{ij}\left(N_F + 1, \frac{m_b^2}{\mu^2}\right) + \tilde{A}_{ij}(N_F + 2, m_c, m_b, \mu)$$

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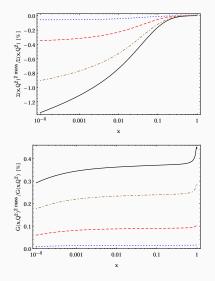
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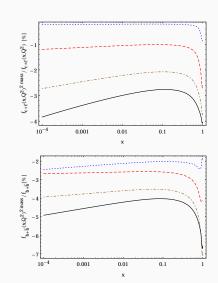
### Matching conditions for parton distribution functions:

 $f_k(N_F + 2) + f_{\overline{k}}(N_F + 2) = A_{qq,Q}^{NS} \left(N_F + 2, \frac{m_c^2}{n^2}, \frac{m_b^2}{n^2}\right) \cdot \left[f_k(N_F) + f_{\overline{k}}(N_F)\right]$ 

$$\begin{split} & + \frac{1}{N_F} A_{qq,Q}^{PS} \left( N_F + 2, \frac{m_c^2}{\mu^2}, \frac{m_b^2}{\mu^2} \right) \cdot \Sigma(N_F) \\ & + \frac{1}{N_F} A_{qg,Q} \left( N_F + 2, \frac{m_c^2}{\mu^2}, \frac{m_b^2}{\mu^2} \right) \cdot G(N_F) \;, \\ & f_Q(N_F + 2) + f_{\overline{Q}}(N_F + 2) = A_{Qq}^{PS} \left( N_F + 2, \frac{m_c^2}{\mu^2}, \frac{m_b^2}{\mu^2} \right) \cdot \Sigma(N_F) + A_{Qg} \left( N_F + 2, \frac{m_c^2}{\mu^2}, \frac{m_b^2}{\mu^2} \right) \cdot G(N_F) \;, \\ & \Sigma(N_F + 2) = \left[ A_{qq,Q}^{NS} \left( N_F + 2, \frac{m_c^2}{\mu^2}, \frac{m_b^2}{\mu^2} \right) + A_{qq,Q}^{PS} \left( N_F + 2, \frac{m_c^2}{\mu^2}, \frac{m_b^2}{\mu^2} \right) + A_{Qq}^{PS} \left( N_F + 2, \frac{m_c^2}{\mu^2}, \frac{m_b^2}{\mu^2} \right) \right] \cdot \Sigma(N_F) \\ & + \left[ A_{qg,Q} \left( N_F + 2, \frac{m_c^2}{\mu^2}, \frac{m_b^2}{\mu^2} \right) + A_{Qg} \left( N_F + 2, \frac{m_c^2}{\mu^2}, \frac{m_b^2}{\mu^2} \right) \right] \cdot G(N_F) \;, \\ & G(N_F + 2) = A_{gq,Q} \left( N_F + 2, \frac{m_c^2}{\mu^2}, \frac{m_b^2}{\mu^2} \right) \cdot \Sigma(N_F) + A_{gg,Q} \left( N_F + 2, \frac{m_c^2}{\mu^2}, \frac{m_b^2}{\mu^2} \right) \cdot G(N_F) \;. \end{split}$$

Illustration of two mass effects at NLO ( $Q^2 = 30 \text{GeV}^2$ ,  $\frac{50 \text{GeV}^2}{100 \text{GeV}^2}$ ,  $\frac{100 \text{GeV}^2}{100 \text{GeV}^2}$ ):





### **Massive Operator Matrix**

# Elements at $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^3)$

### **Computing Massive Operator Matrix Elements**

• We want to calculate massive operator matrix elements:  $A_{ij} = \langle i | O_i | i \rangle$ , with the operators

$$\begin{split} O_{q,r;\mu_1,...,\mu_N}^{\rm NS} &= i^{N-1}\mathcal{S}\left[\bar{\psi}\gamma_{\mu_1}D_{\mu_2}...D_{\mu_N}\frac{\lambda_r}{2}\psi\right] - \text{trace terms}\;,\\ O_{q,r;\mu_1,...,\mu_N}^{\rm S} &= i^{N-1}\mathcal{S}\left[\bar{\psi}\gamma_{\mu_1}D_{\mu_2}...D_{\mu_N}\psi\right] - \text{trace terms}\;,\\ O_{g,r;\mu_1,...,\mu_N}^{\rm S} &= 2i^{N-2}\mathcal{S}\left[F_{\mu_1\alpha}^aD_{\mu_2}...D_{\mu_N}F_{\mu_N}^{\alpha,a}\right] - \text{trace terms} \end{split}$$

and on-shell external partons i = q, g.

ullet The operator insertions introduce Feynman rules which depend on the Mellin variable N.









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

$$\begin{array}{c} \underbrace{1+(-1)^{N}}_{p_{1},\mu,b}\underbrace{\delta^{ab}(\Delta\cdot p)^{N-2}}_{p_{1},\mu,a} \\ \\ \underbrace{\left[g_{\mu\nu}(\Delta\cdot p)^{2}-(\Delta_{\mu}p_{\nu}+\Delta_{\nu}p_{\mu})\Delta\cdot p+p^{2}\Delta_{\mu}\Delta_{\nu}\right],\quad N\geq2} \\ \\ \underbrace{\left[g_{\mu\nu}(\Delta\cdot p)^{2}-(\Delta_{\mu}p_{\nu}+\Delta_{\nu}p_{\mu})\Delta\cdot p+p^{2}\Delta_{\mu}\Delta_{\nu}\right],\quad N\geq2} \\ \\ \underbrace{\rightarrow \quad p_{3},\lambda,c}_{p_{3},\lambda,c} \\ \\ \underbrace{\left[(\Delta_{\nu}g_{\lambda\mu}-\Delta_{\lambda}g_{\mu\nu})\Delta\cdot p_{1}+\Delta_{\mu}(p_{1,\nu}\Delta_{\lambda}-p_{1,\lambda}\Delta_{\nu})\right](\Delta\cdot p_{1})^{N-2}}_{p_{2},\nu,b} \\ \\ \underbrace{\left[(\Delta_{\nu}g_{\lambda\mu}-\Delta_{\lambda}g_{\mu\nu})\Delta\cdot p_{1}+\Delta_{\mu}(p_{1,\nu}\Delta_{\lambda}-p_{1,\lambda}\Delta_{\nu})\right](\Delta\cdot p_{1})^{N-2}}_{\times\sum_{j=0}^{N-3}(-\Delta\cdot p_{1})(\Delta\cdot p_{2})^{N-3}-j} \\ \\ \underbrace{\left\{p_{1}-p_{2}-p_{1}-p_{2}}_{p_{1}-\lambda-\nu}p_{3}\right\}}_{+\sum_{j=0}^{N-3}(-\Delta\cdot p_{1})(\Delta\cdot p_{2})^{N-3}-j} \\ \\ \underbrace{\left\{p_{1}-p_{2}-p_{1}-p_{2}}_{p_{1}-\lambda-\nu}p_{3}\right\}}_{+\sum_{j=0}^{N-3}(-\Delta\cdot p_{1})^{N-2}} \\ \underbrace{\left\{p_{1}-p_{2}-p_{1}-p_{2}}_{p_{1}-\lambda-\nu}p_{3}\right\}}_{+\sum_{j=0}^{N-3}(-\Delta\cdot p_{1})^{N-2}} \\ \underbrace{\left\{p_{1}-p_{2}-p_{1}-p_{2}}_{p_{1}-\lambda-\nu}p_{3}\right\}}_{+\sum_{j=0}^{N-3}(\Delta\cdot p_{3}+\Delta\cdot p_{4})^{N-2}} \\ \underbrace{\left\{p_{2}-p_{1}-p_{2}-p_{1}-p_{2}}_{p_{1}-\lambda-\nu}p_{2}\right\}}_{+\sum_{j=0}^{N-3}(\Delta\cdot p_{3}+\Delta\cdot p_{4})^{N-2}} \\ \underbrace{\left\{p_{2}-p_{1}-p_{2}-p_{1}-p_{2}}_{p_{1}-\lambda-\nu}p_{2}\right\}}_{+\sum_{j=0}^{N-3}(\Delta\cdot p_{3}+\Delta\cdot p_{4})^{N-2}} \\ \underbrace{\left\{p_{2}-p_{2}-p_{1}-p_{2}$$

#### Calculation methods

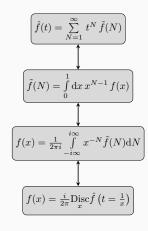
• Resum operator insertions into propagator insertions:

- Diagram generation: QGRAF [Nogueira, 1993]
- Lorentz and Dirac algebra: Form [Vermaseren, 2000]
- $\gamma_5$  is treated in the Larin scheme: [Larin, 1993]
- Color algebra: Color [van Ritbergen, Schellekens, Vermaseren, 1999]
- IBP reduction: Reduze 2 [von Manteuffel, Studerus 2009,2012]
- $\Rightarrow$  We obtain the amplitudes in terms of master integrals  $\vec{M}$  and their associated system of differential equations in t:

$$\frac{d}{dt}\vec{M} = A(\epsilon, t) \cdot \vec{M}$$

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### Relation between the different spaces



- $\hat{f}(t) \rightarrow \tilde{f}(N)$ : find ans solve a recurrence starting from the differential equation in t
- $f(x) \to \tilde{f}(N)$ : find ans solve a recurrence starting from the differential equation in x
- $\tilde{f}(N) \to f(x)$ : find and solve a differential equations starting from the recurrence in N
- $\hat{f}(t) \rightarrow f(x)$ : analytic continuation to t > 1.

[Behring, Blümlein, Schönwald '23]

 algorithms implemented in public packages Sigma [Schneider, '07,'13,...] and HarmonicSums [Ablinger, '09,'12,...]

BUT: Algorithmic solutions are only possible if the recurrences or differential equations factorize to first order.

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#### N-space calculations:

• Insert a formal power series into the differential equation

$$\vec{M} = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \vec{c}_i \ t^i$$

and obtain recurrences for the expansion coefficients.

- **Method 1:** Solve the recurrences directly with advanced methods implemented in Sigma [Schneider, '07,'13] .
- Method 2: Obtain a large number of moments [Blümlein, Schneider, '17] and guess a
  recurrence [Kauers et al. '09] of the final quantity to compute and solve with Sigma.

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#### *x*-space calculations:

- **Method 1:** Solve the differential equation analytically in t and compute the *N*th derivative symbolically and do the inverse Mellin transform (algorithms implemented in HarmonicSums [Ablinger '09-]).
- **Method 2:** Use analytic series expansions and numerical matching to obtain semi-analytic results for all values of t. The x-space solution can be found through the imaginary part for t > 0.









• After introducing Feynman parameters the integrals can be represented as:

$$I \sim \frac{\mathcal{C}(\varepsilon, N)}{\int\limits_{-i\infty}^{+i\infty}} d\sigma \eta^{\sigma} \Gamma \begin{bmatrix} g_1(\varepsilon) + \sigma, g_2(\varepsilon) + \sigma, g_3(\varepsilon) + \sigma, g_4(\varepsilon) - \sigma, g_5(\varepsilon) - \sigma \\ g_6(\varepsilon) + \sigma, g_7(\varepsilon) - \sigma \end{bmatrix}.$$

• The  $\eta$  and N dependence completely factorizes, and after closing the integration contour and summing residues a linear combination of hypergeometric  ${}_4F_3$ -functions is obtained

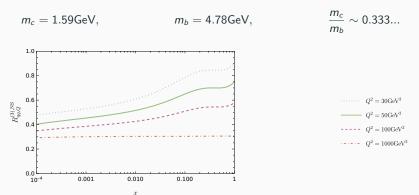
$$I = \sum_{j} \frac{C_{j}(\varepsilon, N)}{b_{1}(\varepsilon)} {}_{4}F_{3} \begin{bmatrix} a_{1}(\varepsilon), a_{2}(\varepsilon), a_{3}(\varepsilon), a_{4}(\varepsilon) \\ b_{1}(\varepsilon), b_{2}(\varepsilon), b_{3}(\varepsilon) \end{bmatrix}$$

• The  $\varepsilon$ -expansion gives rise to (poly)logarithmic functions with argument  $\eta$ ,  $\sqrt{\eta}$  and  $-\sqrt{\eta}$ .

### Two mass contributions to $A_{qq,Q}^{NS,(3)}$

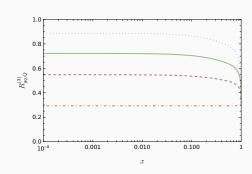
• We use the following ratio to visualize the size of the two mass contributions:

$$(\Delta)R_{ij} = \frac{(\Delta)\tilde{A}_{ij}^{(3)}(m_c^2, m_b^2, Q^2)}{(\Delta)\tilde{A}_{ij}^{(3)}(m_c^2, m_b^2, Q^2) + (\Delta)A_{ij}^{(3), T_F^2 + T_F^3}(m_c^2, Q^2) + (\Delta)A_{ij}^{(3), T_F^2 + T_F^3}(m_b^2, Q^2)} \xrightarrow{m_c = m_b} \frac{1}{2}$$



# Two mass contributions to $A_{gq}^{(3)}$

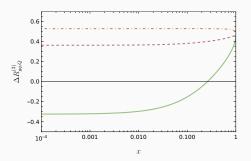




[Ablinger, Blümlein, De Freitas, Hasselhuhn, Schneider, Wißbrock '17]

$$m_b = 4.78 \text{GeV},$$

$$\frac{m_c}{m_b} \sim 0.333...$$



[Behring, Blümlein, De Freitas, von Manteuffel, Schönwald, Schneider '21]

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• After introducing Feynman parameters the integrals can be represented as:

$$I \sim r(N) \int_{0}^{1} \mathrm{d}x \, x^{N} \, f(x) \int_{-i\infty}^{+i\infty} \mathrm{d}\sigma \, \xi^{\sigma} \, g(\sigma)$$

- Problem: the sums for the *N*-space solution are not first order factorizable
   Summation algorithms of Sigma cannot find the closed form solution
- Solution: aim directly for the solution in momentum fraction space, which is first order factorizable

### Details: $A_{Qa}^{(3),PS}$

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- We now have two different cases for closing the contour:
- o Case 1:  $\xi = \frac{1}{\eta x(1-x)}$ We can close the contour to the left, since  $\xi \geq 4/\eta$ .
- o Case 2:  $\xi = \frac{\eta}{\chi(1-\chi)}$  We have to split the integration region into the three regions:
  - 1:  $x \in (0, \eta_-)$  : close to the left 2:  $x \in (\eta_-, \eta_+)$ : close to the right 3:  $x \in (\eta_+, 1)$  : close to the left with  $\eta_\pm = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 \pm \sqrt{1 - \eta}\right)$
- This shows that in momentum fraction space functions with different support contribute.

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

$$\begin{split} a^{(3),\mathrm{PS}}_{Qq}(N) &= \int_0^1 dx \ x^{N-1} \bigg\{ K(\eta,x) + \big( \theta(\eta_- - x) + \theta(x - \eta_+) \big) x \, g_0(\eta,x) \\ &+ \theta(\eta_+ - x) \theta(x - \eta_-) \bigg[ x \, f_0(\eta,x) - \int_{\eta_-}^x dy \, \bigg( f_1(\eta,y) + \frac{y}{x} \, f_2(\eta,y) + \frac{x}{y} \, f_3(\eta,y) \bigg) \bigg] \\ &+ \theta(\eta_- - x) \int_x^{\eta_-} dy \, \bigg( g_1(\eta,y) + \frac{y}{x} g_2(\eta,y) + \frac{x}{y} g_3(\eta,y) \bigg) \\ &- \theta(x - \eta_+) \int_{\eta_+}^x dy \, \bigg( g_1(\eta,y) + \frac{y}{x} g_2(\eta,y) + \frac{x}{y} g_3(\eta,y) \bigg) \\ &+ x \, h_0(\eta,x) + \int_x^1 dy \, \bigg( h_1(\eta,y) + \frac{y}{y} h_2(\eta,y) + \frac{x}{y} h_3(\eta,y) \bigg) \\ &+ \theta(\eta_+ - x) \int_{\eta_-}^{\eta_+} dy \, \bigg( f_1(\eta,y) + \frac{y}{\eta_+ x} \, f_2(\eta,y) + \eta_+ \frac{x}{y} \, f_3(\eta,y) \bigg) \\ &+ \int_{\eta_+}^1 dy \, \bigg( g_1(\eta,y) + \frac{y}{x} \, g_2(\eta,y) + \frac{x}{y} \, g_3(\eta,y) \bigg) \, \bigg\} \end{split}$$

The function  $a_{Qq}^{(3),PS}(x)$  is continuous.

The integrals  $\int_{\eta_{-}}^{x} dy$ ,  $\int_{\eta_{+}}^{x} dy$ ,  $\int_{\chi}^{1} dy$ ,  $\int_{\eta_{-}}^{\eta_{+}} dy$  and  $\int_{\eta_{+}}^{1} dy$  arise from the absorption of **N** dependant factors.

E.g. we find:

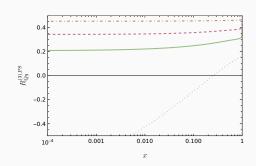
$$\begin{split} f_2(\eta,y) &= -\frac{64P_1\left(\eta + 4y^2 - 4y\right)^{3/2}}{9\eta^{3/2}(1-y)y^2} G\left(\left\{\frac{1}{\tau},\sqrt{4-\tau}\sqrt{\tau}\right\}, \frac{\eta}{y(1-y)}\right) \\ &+ G\left(\left\{\sqrt{4-\tau}\sqrt{\tau}\right\}, \frac{\eta}{y(1-y)}\right) \left\{\frac{128}{3}(1-y)G\left(\left\{\frac{1}{\tau},\sqrt{4-\tau}\sqrt{\tau}\right\}, \frac{\eta}{y(1-y)}\right) \right. \\ &- \frac{32P_1\left(\eta + 4y^2 - 4y\right)^{3/2}}{9\eta^{3/2}(1-y)y^2} \left[1 - 2\ln\left(\frac{\eta}{y(1-y)}\right)\right]\right\} + \frac{1280}{9}(1-y)\ln^2\left(\frac{\eta}{y(1-y)}\right) \\ &- \frac{128}{3}(1-y)G\left(\left\{\frac{1}{\tau},\sqrt{4-\tau}\sqrt{\tau},\sqrt{4-\tau}\sqrt{\tau}\right\}, \frac{\eta}{y(1-y)}\right) - \frac{256}{9}(1-y)\ln^3\left(\frac{\eta}{(1-y)y}\right) \\ &+ \frac{32}{3}(1-y)\left[1 - 2\ln\left(\frac{\eta}{y(1-y)}\right)\right]G\left(\left\{\sqrt{4-\tau}\sqrt{\tau}\right\}, \frac{\eta}{y(1-y)}\right)^2 + \frac{4P_2}{9(1-y)^3y^4} \\ &- \left(\frac{16P_3}{9(1-y)^3y^4} + \frac{512}{3}(1-y)\zeta_2\right)\ln\left(\frac{\eta}{y(1-y)}\right) + \frac{2560}{9}(1-y)\zeta_2 - \frac{1024}{3}(1-y)\zeta_3 \end{split}$$

 For numerical evaluations we calculated a long list of iterated integrals as HPLs at involved and complex arguments, i.e.:

$$\begin{split} G\left(\left\{\frac{\sqrt{1-4\tau}}{\tau},\frac{1}{\tau}\right\},\xi_1\right) &= \omega_1\left(-4-4\ln(2)+2\ln\left(4\xi_1\right)\right) + \ln^2\left(1-\omega_1\right) - \frac{1}{2}\ln^2\left(4\xi_1\right) \\ &- 4\ln\left(1-\omega_1\right) - 2\ln(2)\ln\left(1-\omega_1\right) + 2\ln\left(4\xi_1\right) + 2\ln(2)\ln\left(4\xi_1\right) - 2\text{Li}_2\left(\frac{1-\omega_1}{2}\right) + 4 - \ln^2(2), \\ G\left(\left\{\frac{1}{\tau},\frac{\sqrt{1-4\tau}}{\tau},\frac{1-\sqrt{4\tau}}{\tau}\right\},\xi_1\right) &= -\left(\ln\left(1-\omega_1\right)\left(2\ln\left(4\xi_1\right)-4\right) - \ln^2\left(4\xi_1\right)\right)\ln(2) \\ &- \left(2-2\ln\left(1-\omega_1\right) + \ln\left(4\xi_1\right)\right)\ln^2(2) - \ln^2\left(1-\omega_1\right)\left(-5\ln\left(4\xi_1\right)-6\right) - \left(8-4\text{Li}_2\left(\frac{1-\omega_1}{2}\right) - 8\omega_1 + 8\ln\left(4\xi_1\right) + 2\ln^2\left(4\xi_1\right) + 4\zeta_2\right)\ln\left(1-\omega_1\right) - \left(-4+2\text{Li}_2\left(\frac{1-\omega_1}{2}\right) + 4\omega_1 - 2\zeta_2\right)\ln\left(4\xi_1\right) \\ &- 2\left(-4-\text{Li}_3\left(\frac{1+\omega_1}{\omega_1-1}\right) + 2\text{Li}_2\left(\frac{1-\omega_1}{2}\right) + 4\omega_1 + 4\xi_1\right) \\ &- \frac{10}{3}\ln^3\left(1-\omega_1\right) + \frac{1}{6}\ln^3\left(4\xi_1\right) + 2\ln^2\left(4\xi_1\right) \end{split}$$

with  $\omega_1 = \sqrt{1-4\xi_1}$ .

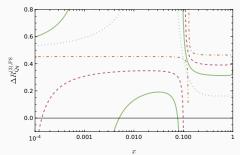
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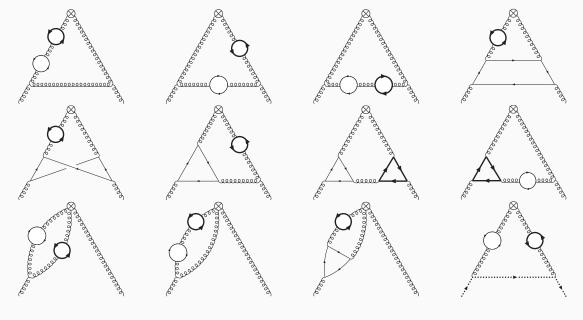
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### Details: $A_{gg,Q}^{(3)}$

• In general the structures in N and  $\eta$  do not factorize:

$$I \sim C(\epsilon, N) \int\limits_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{\eta^{\sigma}}{\Gamma} \Gamma \left[ (2 + \frac{\epsilon}{2} - \sigma)^{2}, \epsilon - \sigma, -\sigma, \sigma - \frac{3\epsilon}{2}, (2 - \epsilon + \sigma)^{2}, \frac{N}{N} - \frac{\epsilon}{2} + \frac{\sigma}{2} \right]$$

- The gluonic Feynman rules introduce large numerator structures
- ightarrow single diagrams can lead to big expressions after taking all residues, the most involved diagram 11b amounts to  $\sim 100 {\rm MB}$  disk space
- Our approach to tackle these sums:
  - 1. Crunch the expressions to a few master sums using SumProduction.
  - Solve these master sums independently using the refined algorithms implemented in EvaluateMultiSums using HarmonicSums for limiting procedures.
  - 3. Reduce the occurring sums from the master sums to a smaller set of independent sums.
- $\bullet$  This way the summation of diagram 11b can be tackled in  $\sim$  78 days and  $\sim$  33 days are needed to reduce the occurring sums to a basis
- The full summation amounted to around 5 months of calculation.

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

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

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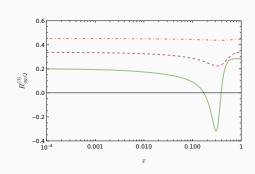
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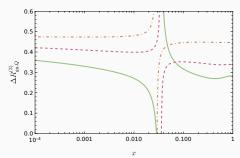
$$m_c = 1.59 \text{GeV},$$



[Ablinger, Blümlein, De Freitas, Schneider, Schönwald '18]

$$m_b = 4.78 \text{GeV},$$

$$\frac{m_c}{m_b} \sim 0.333...$$



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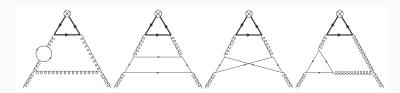
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### Two mass contributions to $A_{Qg}^{(3)}$



The calculation of  $\tilde{A}_{Qg}^{(3)}$  is the biggest challenge:

- $A_{Qg}^{(3)}$  in the single mass case is already elliptic, the function space gets more complicated including a second mass.
- ullet However, the physical value of  $m_c/m_b\sim 0.3$  provides a natural expansion variable.
- $\Rightarrow$  Idea: Obtain results in an expansion around  $\eta \to 0!$

### Two mass contributions to $A_{Qg}^{(3)}$ : $\eta \ll 1$

- Use  $\eta = m_c^2/m_b^2$  as expansion parameter similar do  $\epsilon = d-4$ .
- Calculate a large number of moments ( $\mathcal{O}(3000)$ ) of the master integrals with the methods of arbitrary high moments utilizing the differential equation.
- Boundary conditions at fixed N, which can be computed for arbitrary  $\eta$ .
- Use guessing techniques to reconstruct the all-*N* solution of the amplitude.

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#### **Problems:**

- Closed solutions only for  $N > N_0$ .
- $N_0$  increases with higher orders in the expansion in  $\eta$ .
- More poles appear for  $N < N_0$  leading to an unphysical behavior of the x-space solution.

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Success! We can find solutions, which can approximate the OMEs over all x!

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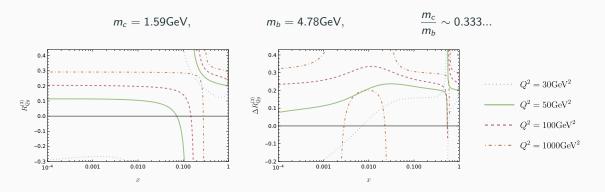
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$$(\Delta)r(N) = rac{ ilde{A}_{Qg}^{ ext{exact}}(N) - ilde{A}_{Qg}^{ ext{approx}}(N)}{ ilde{A}_{Qg}^{ ext{exact}}(N)}$$

N	$ ilde{A}_{Qg}^{ ext{exact}}( extcolor{N})$	r(N)[%]	N	$\Delta ilde{A}_{Qg}^{ m exact}(N)$	$\Delta r(N)[\%]$
2	-4236.5	0.00004	1	0	(0.00004)
6	-3091.6	0.00005	5	-2988.0	0.00008
12	-1970.7	0.00005	11	-2026.4	0.00008

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#### Summary

- Two mass corrections can make up 20%-50% of the respective color factors of the OMEs.
- Massive operator matrix elements are important for phenomenology.
   They can be used for:
  - the interpretation of DIS precision data.
  - the precise determination of parton distribution functions.
- At 3-loop order all OMEs for unpolarized and polarized scattering have been calculated.
- Together with the massless Wilson coefficients we can describe heavy quark production in DIS at large  $Q^2$ .
- The variable-flavor-number-scheme at 3-loop is completed.
- During the project new methods and tools have been developed.
- Also power corrections in  $\frac{m_c}{m_b}$  can be considered.

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⇒ Polarized results are directly applicable for EIC analysis in the future.

Backup

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

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

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

[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

$$A_{ij}\left(\frac{m^2}{\mu^2},N\right)=\langle j|O_i|j\rangle$$
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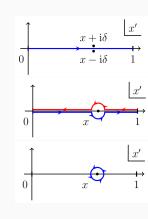
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Therefore:

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For physical examples:

$$\tilde{f}(N) = \int_{0}^{1} dx \, x^{N-1} \left[ f(x) + (-1)^{N} g(x) + \left( f_{\delta} + (-1)^{N} g_{\delta} \right) \delta(1-x) \right] + \int_{0}^{1} dx \, \frac{x^{N-1} - 1}{1-x}, \left[ f_{+}(x) + (-1)^{N} g_{+}(x) \right]$$

All of this can be lifted, but the discussion is more involved.

### Variable Flavor Number Scheme

#### **FFNS**

- Fixed order in perturbation theory and fixed number of light partons in the proton.
- The heavy quarks are produced extrinsically only.
- The large logarithmic terms in the heavy quark coefficient functions entirely determine the charm component of the structure function for large values of Q<sup>2</sup>.

#### **VFNS**

- Define a threshold above which the heavy quark is treated as light, thereby obtaining a parton density.
- Absorb mass singular terms from the asymptotic heavy quark coefficient functions and absorb them into parton densities.
- Resum large logarithms involving the mass.
- Provide heavy flavor initial state parton desities for the LHC, e.g. for  $c\bar{s} \to W^+$ .

#### Important:

- The VFNS is derived from the FFNS directly.
- New parton densities for the heavy quarks appear, which are now treated as light.
- Only universal (not power-supressed) terms are absorbed into the parton densities.

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

$$\begin{split} \tilde{\mathfrak{J}}_{qq,Q}^{(3),\mathrm{NS}} &= & C_F T_F^2 \Bigg\{ \Bigg( \frac{4}{9} S_1 - \frac{3N^2 + 3N + 2}{9N(N+1)} \Bigg) \left[ -24 \Big( L_1^3 + L_2^3 + \Big( L_1 L_2 + 2 \zeta_2 + 5 \Big) \, \Big( L_1 + L_2 \Big) \Big) \right. \\ &+ \frac{\eta + 1}{\eta^{3/2}} \left( 5 \eta^2 + 22 \eta + 5 \right) \left( -\frac{1}{4} \ln^2(\eta) \ln \left( \frac{1 + \sqrt{\eta}}{1 - \sqrt{\eta}} \right) + 2 \ln(\eta) \mathrm{Li}_2 \left( \sqrt{\eta} \right) - 4 \mathrm{Li}_3 \left( \sqrt{\eta} \right) \right) \\ &+ \frac{\left( \sqrt{\eta} + 1 \right)^2}{2 \eta^{3/2}} \left( -10 \eta^{3/2} + 5 \eta^2 + 42 \eta - 10 \sqrt{\eta} + 5 \right) \left[ \mathrm{Li}_3 \left( \eta \right) - \ln(\eta) \mathrm{Li}_2 \left( \eta \right) \right] + \frac{64}{3} \zeta_3 \\ &+ \frac{8}{3} \ln^3(\eta) - 16 \ln^2(\eta) \ln(1 - \eta) + 10 \frac{\eta^2 - 1}{\eta} \ln(\eta) \right] + \frac{16 \left( 405 \eta^2 - 3238 \eta + 405 \right)}{729 \eta} S_1 \\ &+ \frac{4}{3} \left( \frac{3N^4 + 6N^3 + 47N^2 + 20N - 12}{3N^2(N+1)^2} - \frac{40}{3} S_1 + 8 S_2 \right) \left[ \frac{4}{3} \zeta_2 + \left( L_1 + L_2 \right)^2 \right] \\ &+ \frac{8}{9} \left( \frac{130N^4 + 84N^3 - 62N^2 - 16N + 24}{3N^3(N+1)^3} - \frac{52}{3} S_1 + \frac{80}{3} S_2 - 16 S_3 \right) \left( L_1 + L_2 \right) \\ &+ \left[ -\frac{R_1}{18N^2(N+1)^2 \eta} + \frac{2 \left( 5\eta^2 + 2\eta + 5 \right)}{9 \eta} S_1 + \frac{32}{9} S_2 \right] \ln^2(\eta) - \frac{4R_2}{729N^4(N+1)^4 \eta} \\ &+ \frac{3712}{81} S_2 - \frac{1280}{81} S_3 + \frac{256}{27} S_4 \Bigg\} \end{split}$$

The  $R_i$ 's are polynomials in N and  $\eta$ . For  $\tilde{a}_{gq,Q}^{(3)}$  and  $\tilde{a}_{qq,Q}^{(3),NS, \, {\rm Tr}}$  one finds similar expressions.

## Details: $A_{Qa}^{(3),PS}$

 The residue sums can be done with Sigma, EvaluateMultiSums and HarmonicSums in terms of generalized iterated integrals and there special values

$$G(\{f_1(\tau), f_2(\tau), \cdots, f_n(\tau)\}, z) = \int_0^z d\tau_1 \ f_1(\tau_1) G(\{f_2(\tau), \cdots, f_n(\tau)\}, \tau_1)$$

 Rational prefactors in N can be absorbed via integration by parts identities or convolution integrals, i.e.

$$\frac{1}{N+l} \int_a^b dx \ x^{N-1} \ f(x) = \frac{b^{N+l}}{N+l} \int_a^b dy \ \frac{f(y)}{y^{l+1}} - \int_a^b dx \ x^{N+l-1} \int_a^x dy \ \frac{f(y)}{y^{l+1}}.$$

• The alphabet of the occurring iterated integrals contains only two new letters:

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