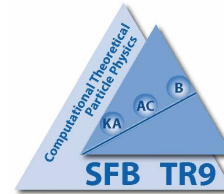


Ladder Topologies for Massive 3-Loop Operator Matrix Elements

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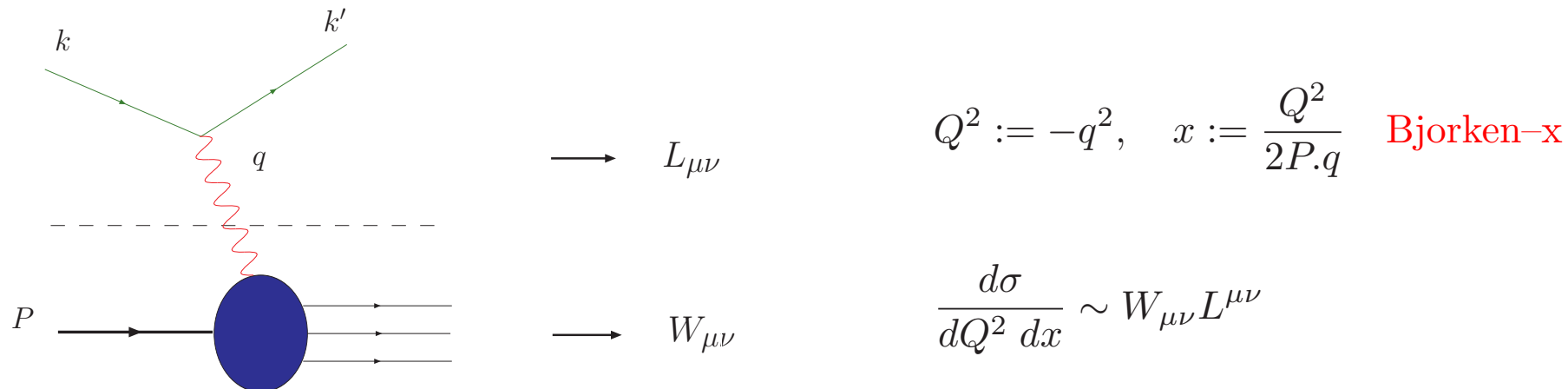
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1. Introduction

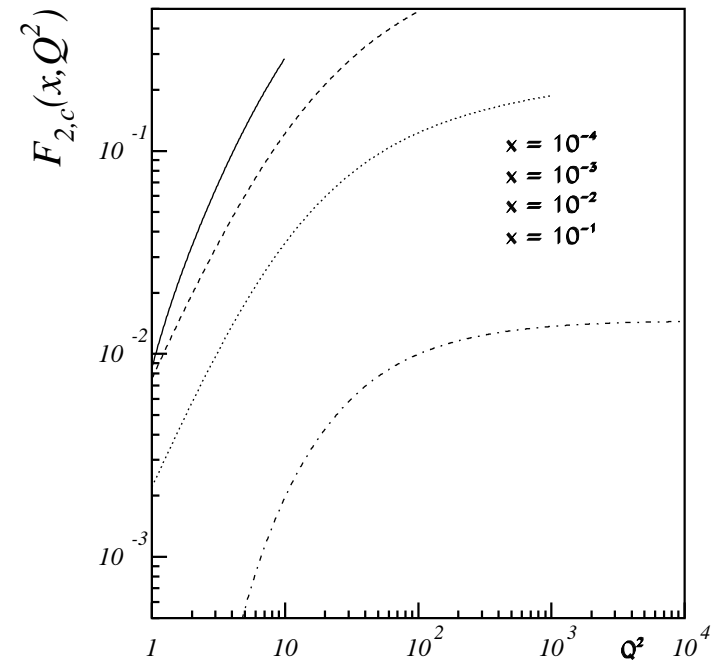
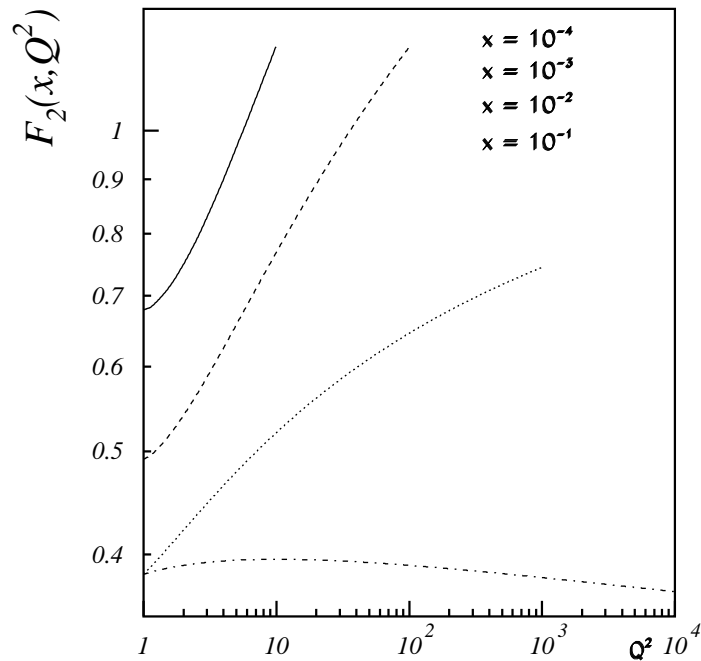
Unpolarized Deep-Inelastic Scattering (DIS):



$$\begin{aligned}
 W_{\mu\nu}(q, P, s) &= \frac{1}{4\pi} \int d^4\xi \exp(iq\xi) \langle P, s | [J_\mu^{em}(\xi), J_\nu^{em}(0)] | P, s \rangle \\
 &= \frac{1}{2x} \left(g_{\mu\nu} - \frac{q_\mu q_\nu}{q^2} \right) F_L(x, Q^2) + \frac{2x}{Q^2} \left(P_\mu P_\nu + \frac{q_\mu P_\nu + q_\nu P_\mu}{2x} - \frac{Q^2}{4x^2} g_{\mu\nu} \right) F_2(x, Q^2) .
 \end{aligned}$$

Structure Functions: $F_{2,L}$

contain light and heavy quark contributions.



LO charm contributions: PDFs from [Alekhin, Melnikov, Petriello, 2006.]

→ different scaling violations,

→ massive contributions at lower values of x are of order 20%-35%.

Hence for the prediction of cross sections at the LHC the precise knowledge of all PDFs is needed.

2. Status of Heavy Flavor Contributions to DIS Structure Functions

Leading Order: [Witten, 1976; Babcock, Sivers, 1978; Shifman, Vainshtein, Zakharov, 1978; Leveille, Weiler, 1979; Glück, Reya, 1979; Glück, Hoffmann, Reya, 1982.]

Next-to-Leading Order : [Laenen, Riemersma, Smith, van Neerven, 1993, 1995]

asymptotic: [Buza, Matiounine, Smith, Migneron, van Neerven, 1996] via IBP

$(Q^2 \gg m^2)$ [Bierenbaum, Blümlein, Klein, 2007] via ${}_pF_q$'s, more compact results

NLO fast Mellin space implementation: [Alekhin, Blümlein 2003]

NNLO, $Q^2 \gg m^2$: contribs. to F_L for all N: [Blümlein, De Freitas, van Neerven, Klein 2006]

contributions to F_2 ($N = 2 \dots 10(14)$): [Bierenbaum, Blümlein, Klein 2009]

contributions to transversity ($N = 1 \dots 13$): [Blümlein, Klein, Tödtli 2009]

all $O(\alpha_s^3) \times \ln^k \left(\frac{Q^2}{m^2} \right)$ terms for massive OMEs for general N:

[Bierenbaum, Blümlein, Klein 2010]

contributions to $O(N_f T_f^2 C_{A,F})$ for all N: (\rightarrow Talk by F. Wißbrock)

[Ablinger, Blümlein, Klein, Schneider, Wißbrock 2010]

Goal: Calculate the 3-loop massive Wilson coefficients for $F_2(x, Q^2)$ in the region $Q^2 \gtrsim 10m^2$ for general values of N.

3. Computation Method of Heavy Flavor Wilson Coefficients

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

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

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

\otimes denotes the Mellin convolution

$$f(x) \otimes g(x) \equiv \int_0^1 dy \int_0^1 dz \delta(x - yz) f(y) g(z) .$$

The subsequent calculations are performed in Mellin space, where \otimes reduces to a multiplication, due to the Mellin transformation

$$\hat{f}(N) := \int_0^1 dx x^{N-1} f(x) .$$

Wilson coefficients:

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

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

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

[Buza, Matiounine, Smith, van Neerven 1995]

factorizes into the **light flavor Wilson coefficients** C and the **massive operator matrix elements (OMEs)** of local operators O_i between partonic states j

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

→ additional **Feynman rules with local operator insertions** for partonic matrix elements.

The unpolarized light flavor Wilson coefficients are **known up to NNLO**

[Moch, Vermaseren, Vogt, 2005].

For $F_2(x, Q^2)$: at $Q^2 \gtrsim 10m^2$ the asymptotic representation holds at the 1% level.

Renormalization

The unrenormalized OMEs read:

$$\hat{A}_{ij} = \delta_{ij} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \hat{a}_s^k \sum_{l=0}^k \frac{\hat{a}_{kl}}{\varepsilon^{k-l}} .$$

The renormalization requires the following steps, cf. [Bierenbaum, Blümlein, Klein 2009]:

- **mass** renormalization,
- **charge** renormalization,
- **UV**-divergence are absorbed into Z

$$\begin{aligned} O_q^{\text{NS}} &= Z^{\text{NS}} \hat{O}_q^{\text{NS}} \\ O_i^{\text{S}} &= Z_{ij}^{\text{S}} \hat{O}_j^{\text{S}}, \quad i, j = q, g , \end{aligned}$$

- **collinear** divergences in the graphs are factorized $\rightarrow \Gamma \neq Z$.

Thus the renormalized OME can be expressed as

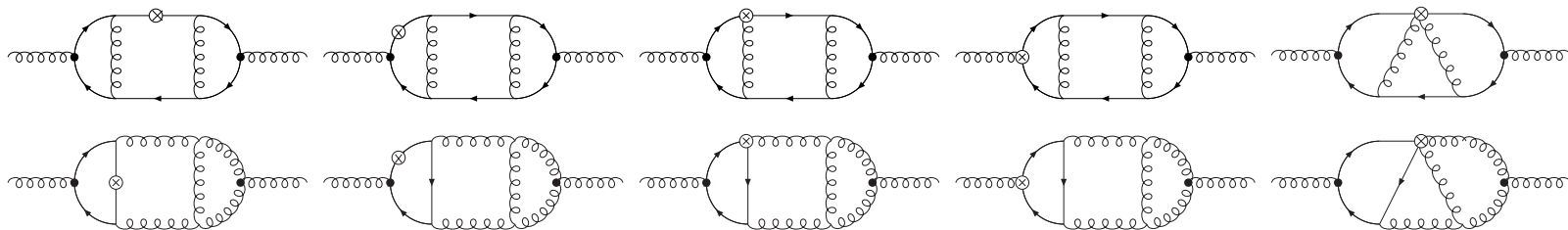
$$A_{ij} \left(N, \frac{m^2}{\mu^2} \right) = \delta_{ij} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_s^k \sum_{l=0}^k \ln^{k-l} \left(\frac{m^2}{\mu^2} \right) a_{kl}(N) .$$

4. Calculation of 3-Loop ladder graphs for massive OMEs

In the following the most complicated parts of **three loop contributions** to the massive OME A_{Qg} with ladder topology are calculated.

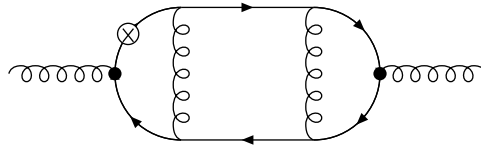
The steps of the calculation are:

- Generate the **momentum integral** using the Feynman rules encoded in QGRAF + operator insertions. [Bierenbaum, Blümlein, Klein 2009] [Nogueira 1993]



- Apply the **Feynman parametrization**.
- Identify the characteristic **hypergeometric structure**: ${}_pF_q$'s, Appell's functions and generalizations thereof.
- After representing the integrals as sums over hypergeometric functions, the **expansion in ε** leads to nested sums over hypergeometric terms equipped with harmonic sums.
- Perform these sums using **modern symbolic summation methods**. The results are expressed in terms of rational expressions, harmonic sums and generalizations thereof.

Example 1: Feynman parametrization



The **Feynman rules** provide us with the following integral ($\hat{d}k \equiv \frac{d^D k}{(2\pi)^D}$ and $D = 4 + \epsilon$):

$$I_{2a} := K_{2a} \iiint \frac{\hat{d}k \hat{d}r \hat{d}s (\Delta.k)^{N-1}}{((k-p)^2 - m^2)((r-p)^2 - m^2)((s-p)^2 - m^2)(s^2 - m^2)(r^2 - m^2)(k^2 - m^2)(k-r)^2(s-r)^2}.$$

Apply **Feynman parametrization** proceeding from outer to inner loops

$$I_{2a} = \tilde{K}_{2a} S_\epsilon^3 e^{-\gamma_E \epsilon/2} \Gamma\left(2 - \frac{3\epsilon}{2}\right) \int_{[0,1]^7} dx dz du dw da ds dt z^{\frac{\epsilon}{2}-1} (1-z)^{\frac{\epsilon}{2}} (1-u) w^{\frac{\epsilon}{2}-1} (1-w)^{\frac{\epsilon}{2}} \times \\ \times s^{-\frac{\epsilon}{2}} t^{-\frac{\epsilon}{2}} \theta(1-s-t)(1-s-t) \left(1 - s \frac{z-1}{z} - t \frac{w-1}{w}\right)^{-2+3\epsilon/2} \times \\ \times (u(1-w) + wa(1-s-t) + wsx + wtu)^{N-1}.$$

The **operator insertion** contributes as an integer power of a **polynomial** linear in each Feynman parameter. Therefore the binomial theorem may be applied.

Example 1: Hypergeometric Series

The [topology of massive lines](#) leads to characteristic terms of an integral representation of Appell's function F_1

$$F_1 [a; b, b'; c; X, Y] = \int_0^1 ds \int_0^1 dt \frac{\theta(1-s-t) s^{b-1} t^{b'-1} (1-s-t)^{c-b-b'-1}}{(1-sX-tY)^a} .$$

The form of the arguments of F_1 is independent of the operator insertion.

$$F_1 \left[a; b, b'; c; \frac{w-1}{w}, \frac{z-1}{z} \right]$$

Its standard series representation does not converge for $w, z \in [0, 1]$. Therefore an [analytic continuation](#) formula is needed:

$$F_1 \left[a; b, b'; c; \frac{w-1}{w}, \frac{z-1}{z} \right] = w^b z^{b'} F_1 [c-a; b, b'; c; (1-w), (1-z)] ,$$

which can be represented via:

$$F_1 [c-a; b, b'; c; (1-w), (1-z)] = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(c-a)_{m+n} (b)_m (b')_n}{m! n! (c)_{m+n}} (1-w)^m (1-z)^n .$$

The Pochhammer symbol is defined as

$$(a)_m \equiv a(a+1)\dots(a+m-1) .$$

Example 1: Hypergeometric representation

- The application of the binomial theorem leads to an integral for F_1 .
- One applies the series representation for F_1 and performs beta-type integrals.

→ binomial sums over a hypergeometric series:

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_{2a} = & \tilde{K}_{2a} S_\varepsilon^3 e^{-\gamma_E 3\varepsilon/2} \Gamma\left(2 - \frac{3}{2}\varepsilon\right) \frac{1}{(N+1)(N+2)} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{l=2}^{N+2} \binom{N+2}{l} \sum_{j=2}^l \binom{l}{j} \left\{ \right. \\
 & \times \sum_{k=1}^j \binom{j}{k} \sum_{r=0}^{l-k} \binom{l-k}{r} (-1)^{l+j+k+r} B\left(k, m+1 + \frac{\varepsilon}{2}\right) \\
 & \times \Gamma\left[\begin{matrix} k+r+j+m+n + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \\ m+1, n+1, k+r + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \end{matrix} \right] \frac{B\left(k+m - \frac{\varepsilon}{2}, r+1+n - \frac{\varepsilon}{2}\right) B\left(r+l-1, n+1 + \frac{\varepsilon}{2}\right)}{(k+r+1+m+n-\varepsilon)(N+3-j)} \\
 & + \sum_{r=0}^{l-j} \binom{l-j}{r} (-1)^{l+j+r} B\left(j, m+1 + \frac{\varepsilon}{2}\right) \\
 & \times \Gamma\left[\begin{matrix} j+r+m+n + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \\ m+1, n+1, j+r + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \end{matrix} \right] \frac{B\left(j+m - \frac{\varepsilon}{2}, r+1+n - \frac{\varepsilon}{2}\right) B\left(r+l-1, n+1 - \frac{\varepsilon}{2}\right)}{(j+r+1+m+n-\varepsilon)(N+3-j)} \left. \right\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

This expression is finite as $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$.

Example 1: Symbolic Summation

Sums over hypergeometric expressions equipped with harmonic sums are solved using the package [Sigma](#) [[C. Schneider 2007](#)] applying modern [symbolic summation techniques](#).

The result can be written in terms of rational expressions, [harmonic sums](#) and [generalizations thereof](#) in N :

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_{2a} = & \frac{\tilde{K}_{2a} S_\varepsilon^3}{(N+1)(N+2)(N+3)} \left\{ \frac{1}{6} S_1^3 + \frac{N^2 + 12N + 16}{2(N+1)(N+2)} S_1^2 + \frac{4(2N+3)}{(N+1)^2(N+2)} S_1 \right. \\
 & + \frac{8(2N+3)}{(N+1)^3(N+2)} + 2 \left[-2^{N+3} + 3 - (-1)^N \right] \zeta_3 - (-1)^N S_{-3} + \left[\frac{3N^2 + 40N + 56}{2(N+1)(N+2)} - 2S_1 \right] S_2 \\
 & \left. - \frac{3N+17}{3} S_3 - 2(-1)^N S_{-2,1} - (N+3) S_{2,1} + 2^{N+4} S_{1,2} \left(\frac{1}{2}, 1 \right) + 2^{N+3} S_{1,1,1} \left(\frac{1}{2}, 1, 1 \right) \right\} + O(\varepsilon). \quad (1)
 \end{aligned}$$

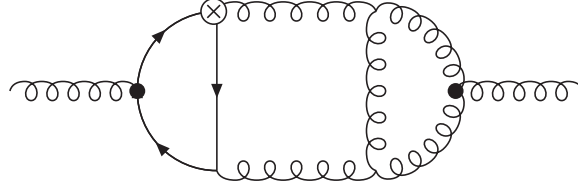
Where we used the shorthand for harmonic sums and generalizations defined resp.:

$$S_{b,\vec{a}}(N) = \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{\text{sign}(b)^k}{k^{|b|}} S_{\vec{a}}(k) \quad \rightarrow S_{b,\vec{a}}, \quad b, a_i \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\} \quad \begin{array}{l} [\text{Blümlein, Kurth 1998}] \\ [\text{Vermaseren 1998}] \end{array}$$

$$S_{b,\vec{a}}(\eta, \vec{\xi}; N) = \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{\eta^k}{k^b} S_{\vec{a}}(\vec{\xi}, k) \quad \rightarrow S_{b,\vec{a}}(\eta, \vec{\xi}), \quad b, a_i \in \mathbb{N}^+, \eta, \xi_i \in \mathbb{R} \quad \begin{array}{l} [\text{Moch, Uwer, Weinzierl 2002}] \\ [\text{Ablinger, Blümlein, Schneider 2010}] \end{array} .$$

In (1) the powers 2^N lead to divergences as $N \rightarrow \infty$ and are therefore expected to cancel in the full expression.

Example 2: Hypergeometric representation



The **momentum integral** reads:

$$I_9 = K_9 \iiint \hat{d}k \hat{d}r \hat{d}s \sum_{j=0}^N \frac{(\Delta \cdot k)^j (\Delta \cdot k - \Delta \cdot r)^{N-j}}{((k-p)^2 - m^2)(k-r)^2(k-s)^2 s^2 r^2 (k^2 - m^2)((k-r)^2 - m^2)(s-r)^2}.$$

The **Feynman parametrization** becomes simpler, due to the more local mass distribution:

$$I_9 = \tilde{K}_9 S_\varepsilon^3 e^{-\gamma_E 3\varepsilon/2} \Gamma\left(2 - \frac{3\varepsilon}{2}\right) \sum_{j=0}^N \int_{[0,1]^7} dx dz du dw da ds dt z^{\frac{\varepsilon}{2}-1} (1-z)^{\frac{\varepsilon}{2}} w^{1-\varepsilon} (1-w)^{2-\varepsilon} \theta(1-s-t)(1-s-t) s^{-\frac{\varepsilon}{2}} t^{\varepsilon-2} \times \\ \times ((1-w)u + w((1-s-t)a + sx + tu))^j (1-w)^{N-j} (u - a(1-s-t) - sx - tu)^{N-j}.$$

Having introduced **binomial sums**, the integrals represent **rational, gamma and beta functions**:

$$I_9 = \tilde{K}_9 S_\varepsilon^3 e^{-\gamma_E 3\varepsilon/2} \Gamma(\varepsilon - 1) \Gamma\left(2 - \frac{3\varepsilon}{2}\right) B\left(\frac{\varepsilon}{2}, 1 + \frac{\varepsilon}{2}\right) \sum_{i=0}^N \sum_{j=0}^{N-i} \binom{N-i}{j} (-1)^j \sum_{l=0}^{i+j} \binom{i+j}{l} (-1)^l \\ \times \Gamma\left[\begin{matrix} 3 + j + i - \frac{\varepsilon}{2}, 3 + i - \varepsilon, 2 + j - \varepsilon \\ 5 + i + j - 2\varepsilon, 2 + i + j + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \end{matrix} \right] \frac{1}{(l+1)(l+2)(N+1-l)} \\ \times \left[B\left(-\frac{\varepsilon}{2}, 1\right) - B\left(l+2 - \frac{\varepsilon}{2}, 1\right) - B\left(-\frac{\varepsilon}{2}, l+3\right) \right]$$

Example 2: Results

After expanding in ε the sums are again performed using **Sigma**:

$$\begin{aligned}
I_9 = & \frac{\tilde{K}_9 S_\varepsilon^3}{(2+N)(4+N)(5+N)} \left\{ \left[S_1^2 + 3S_2 + \left(\frac{2(-1)^N (N^2 + 5N + 7)}{(N+2)(N+3)^2} \right. \right. \right. \\
& + \left. \left. \frac{2(2N^3 + 13N^2 + 27N + 20)}{(N+1)(N+3)^2} \right) S_1 + \frac{2(-1)^N (2N^3 + 13N^2 + 29N + 21)}{(N+1)(N+2)^2(N+3)^2} \right. \\
& \left. \left. - \frac{2(2N^6 + 18N^5 + 57N^4 + 60N^3 - 53N^2 - 163N - 99)}{(N+1)^2(N+2)^2(N+3)^2} \right] \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} \right. \\
& + \frac{1}{N+3} \left[\frac{(N+3)}{2} S_1^3 + \left((-1)^N \frac{(N^2 + 5N + 7)}{2(N+2)(N+3)} \right. \right. \\
& + \left. \left. \frac{2N^6 + 43N^5 + 360N^4 + 1529N^3 + 3524N^2 + 4218N + 2048}{2(N+1)(N+2)(N+3)(N+4)(N+5)} \right) S_1^2 \right. \\
& + \left(\frac{P_{12}(N)}{(N+1)^2(N+2)(N+3)^2(N+4)(N+5)} + \frac{(-1)^N P_{13}}{(N+1)^2(N+2)^2(N+3)^2(N+4)(N+5)} \right. \\
& + \left. 4S_{-2}(N) \right) S_1 + (-1)^N \frac{P_{11}}{(N+1)^3(N+2)^3(N+3)^2(N+4)(N+5)} \\
& + \frac{P_{10}}{(N+1)^2(N+2)^3(N+3)^2(N+4)(N+5)} + \frac{4(2N+3)}{(N+1)(N+2)} S_{-2} \\
& + \left((-1)^N \frac{(N^2 + 5N + 7)}{2(N+2)(N+3)} + \frac{-10N^6 - 133N^5 - 612N^4 - 915N^3 + 1052N^2 + 4246N + 3104}{2(N+1)(N+2)(N+3)(N+4)(N+5)} \right. \\
& + \left. \left. \frac{7}{2}(N+3)S_1 \right) S_2 + 2(N+5)S_3 - 4(N+3)S_{2,1} \right] \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \left\{ \right. \\
& + \frac{1}{(N+2)(N+3)(N+4)(N+5)} \left\{ \frac{7(N+3)}{48} S_1^4 + \left[\frac{(-1)^N (N^2 + 5N + 7)}{12(N+2)(N+3)} \right. \right. \\
& + \left. \left. \frac{2N^6 + 59N^5 + 588N^4 + 2805N^3 + 7040N^2 + 8974N + 4544}{12(N+1)(N+2)(N+3)(N+4)(N+5)} \right] S_1^3 \right. \\
& + \left[\frac{(-1)^N P_{15}(N)}{4(N+1)^2(N+2)^2(N+3)^2(N+4)(N+5)} \right. \\
& + \left. \left. \frac{P_{14}(N)}{4(N+1)^2(N+2)^2(N+3)^2(N+4)^2(N+5)^2} + 7S_{-2} \right] S_1^2 \right.
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \left[\frac{(-1)^N P_{16}(N)}{2(N+1)^3(N+2)^3(N+3)^3(N+4)^2(N+5)^2} \right. \\
& + \frac{P_{17}(N)}{2(N+1)^3(N+2)^2(N+3)^3(N+4)^2(N+5)^2} + 5S_{-3} \\
& \left. - \frac{2(5N^5 + 49N^4 + 104N^3 - 285N^2 - 1213N - 1036)}{(N+1)(N+2)(N+3)(N+4)(N+5)} S_{-2} \right] S_1 + \frac{(55N+141)}{16} S_2^2 \\
& + \frac{(-1)^N P_{18}(N)}{2(N+1)^4(N+2)^4(N+3)^3(N+4)^2(N+5)^2} \\
& + \frac{P_{19}(N)}{2(N+1)^4(N+2)^4(N+3)^3(N+4)^2(N+5)^2} \\
& + \frac{5(2N+3)}{(N+1)(N+2)} S_{-3} - \frac{4(5N^6 + 63N^5 + 275N^4 + 425N^3 - 160N^2 - 1004N - 684)}{(N+1)^2(N+2)^2(N+3)(N+4)(N+5)} S_{-2} \\
& + \left(\frac{3}{8}(9N+31)S_1^2 + \left(\frac{13(-1)^N (N^2 + 5N + 7)}{4(N+2)(N+3)} \right. \right. \\
& + \left. \left. \frac{-10N^6 - 65N^5 + 420N^4 + 5213N^3 + 18860N^2 + 29514N + 16976}{4(N+1)(N+2)(N+3)(N+4)(N+5)} \right) S_1 \right. \\
& + \frac{(-1)^N P_{20}(N)}{4(N+1)^2(N+2)^2(N+3)^2(N+4)(N+5)} \\
& + \left. \frac{P_{21}(N)}{4(N+1)^2(N+2)^2(N+3)^2(N+4)^2(N+5)^2} + S_{-2} \right) S_2 \\
& + \zeta_2 \left[\frac{3}{8}(N+3)S_1^2 + \left(\frac{3(-1)^N (N^2 + 5N + 7)}{4(N+2)(N+3)} + \frac{3(2N^3 + 13N^2 + 27N + 20)}{4(N+1)(N+3)} \right) S_1 \right. \\
& + \frac{3(-1)^N (2N^3 + 13N^2 + 29N + 21)}{4(N+1)(N+2)^2(N+3)} - \frac{3(2N^6 + 18N^5 + 57N^4 + 60N^3 - 53N^2 - 163N - 99)}{4(N+1)^2(N+2)^2(N+3)} \\
& + \frac{9}{8}(N+3)S_2 \left. \right] + \left(\frac{(-1)^N (N^2 + 5N + 7)}{6(N+2)(N+3)} + \frac{-34N^5 - 383N^4 - 1379N^3 - 1280N^2 + 1830N + 2632}{6(N+1)(N+2)(N+3)(N+4)} \right. \\
& + \left. \frac{(13N+105)}{6} S_1 \right) S_3 + \frac{(53-N)}{8} S_4 + \left(-\frac{6(2N+3)}{(N+1)(N+2)} - 6S_1 \right) S_{-2,1} \\
& + \left(\frac{12N^5 + 140N^4 + 546N^3 + 725N^2 - 93N - 532}{(N+1)(N+2)(N+4)(N+5)} \right. \\
& \left. - (4N+15)S_1 \right) S_{2,1} + (N-11)S_{3,1} + (N+9)S_{2,1,1} \left. \right\} + O(\varepsilon).
\end{aligned}$$

5. Automation

So far the **scalar parts** of three loop ladder graphs have been calculated, which contribute to the massive OME A_{Qg} .

- The **full QCD contribution** requires: Dirac and color structure have to be included.
- This leads to many terms with mild variation.

→ An algorithmic approach based on computer algebraic methods is developed.

The graphs are generated in an automated way, also providing comparisons for a series of finite moments [Bierenbaum, Blümlein, Klein 2009].

We develop a FORM [Vermaseren 2000] program to **transform a given graph into nested sums over hypergeometric terms equipped with harmonic sums**. The summation of these nested sums is carried out by Sigma [C. Schneider 2007] using modern summation technologies based on $\Pi\Sigma$ -field construction.

Graph generation → Feynman Parametrization

- The graphs are generated by QGRAF [Nogueira 1993] + local operator insertions [Bierenbaum, Blümlein, Klein 2009] .
- An implementation of the Feynman rules constructs the momentum integral.
- Color traces are performed using the color package by [van Ritbergen, Schellekens, Vermaseren 1999].
- Feynman parametrization is introduced for each loop momentum

$$\prod_i \frac{1}{A_i^{a_i}} = \frac{\Gamma(\sum_i a_i)}{\prod_i \Gamma(a_i)} \int_0^1 \prod_i dx_i x_i^{a_i-1} \frac{\delta(1 - \sum_i x_i)}{(\sum_i x_i A_i)^{\sum_i a_i}} , \quad (i = 1 \dots n) .$$

- Momentum integrals are performed with standard methods.

Integral Representation

- Map the integration region to a hypercube: Integrating the δ -functions yields Heaviside functions $\theta(1 - \sum_i x_i)$ which are eliminated via successive application of the relation

$$\int_0^1 dx \theta(1 - R - x) f(x) = \int_0^1 dx (1 - R) \theta(1 - R) f((1 - R)x) .$$

- This map may be applied in such a way that the operator insertion is mapped to a polynomial; e.g.

$$\begin{aligned} & \theta(1 - x_1 - x_2) \theta(1 - y_1 - y_2) \left(x_1 + x_2 z_1 + \frac{x_2 y_1 z_2}{1 - y_2} + \frac{x_1 x_2 z_3}{1 - x_2} \right)^N \\ & \longrightarrow (x_1(1 - x_2) + x_2 z_1 + x_2 y_1 z_2 + x_1 x_2 z_3)^N . \end{aligned}$$

- Perform integrals over certain rational structures.
- Apply, if possible, hypergeometric representations.

- Functions are introduced in a regularized form; i.e.
 - split manifestly divergent parts off, which cancel in the full graph; e.g. ($0 \leq a \leq b$)

$$\int_0^1 dx \sum_{s=a}^b x^\varepsilon (1-x)^{s-c} = \sum_{s=a}^b \theta(s-c) B(1+\varepsilon, s-c+1) + \int_0^1 \tilde{d}x \sum_{s=a}^b \theta(c-1-s) x^\varepsilon (1-x)^{s-c},$$

with the θ -function defined as $\theta(a) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } a \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } a < 0 \end{cases}$.

- θ -functions are then simplified using the obvious commutation relation

$$\sum_{s=a}^b \theta(s-c) = \theta(a-c) \sum_{s=a}^b 1 + \theta(c-a-1) \theta(b-c) \sum_{s=c}^b 1.$$

- Finally binomial sums are introduced.

ε -Expansion

- Represent beta functions in terms of gamma functions.
- Again split singular expansions ($a \geq 0$)

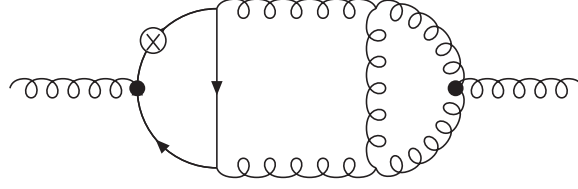
$$\Gamma(-a + \varepsilon) = \frac{(-1)^a}{\varepsilon} \frac{\Gamma(1 + \varepsilon)\Gamma(1 - \varepsilon)}{\Gamma(a + 1 - \varepsilon)}$$

- from regular expansion

$$\Gamma(a + \varepsilon) = \Gamma(a)e^{-\gamma_E \varepsilon} \left\{ 1 + \varepsilon S_1(a - 1) + \frac{\varepsilon^2}{2} (S_1^2(a - 1) - S_2(a - 1) + \zeta_2) \right\} + \dots$$

using θ functions and the commutation relation with sums as shown above.

Example



(scalar graph, with $l = 1$ for $1/(k^2 - m^2)^l$)

$$\begin{aligned}
&= K_{6a} \int \hat{d}k \hat{d}q \hat{d}l \frac{(\Delta \cdot k)^{N-1}}{((k-p)^2 - m^2)((k-l)^2 - m^2)(k^2 - m^2)l^2(l-p)^2(q-l)^2(q-p)^2q^2} \\
&= \frac{i\tilde{K}_{6a} S_\varepsilon^3}{(N+1)(N+3)(N+4)} \left\{ 4 \left[S_1 - \frac{N^2 + N - 1}{(N+1)(N+2)} \right] \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} \right. \\
&\quad + \left[\frac{5}{2} S_1^2 - \frac{1}{2} S_2 + \frac{-5N^4 - 18N^3 + 62N^2 + 289N + 244}{(N+1)(N+2)(N+3)(N+4)} S_1 + \frac{P_3(N)}{(N+1)^2(N+2)^2(N+3)(N+4)} \right] \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \\
&\quad + \left[\frac{11}{12} S_1^3 + \frac{(-8N^4 + 3N^3 + 335N^2 + 994N + 736)}{4(N+1)(N+2)(N+3)(N+4)} S_1^2 + \left(\frac{P_4(N)}{2(N+1)^2(N+2)^2(N+3)^2(N+4)^2} + \frac{11}{4} S_2 \right) S_1 \right. \\
&\quad + \frac{P_5(N)}{(N+1)^3(N+2)^3(N+3)^2(N+4)^2} + \frac{3}{2} \left(S_1 - \frac{(N^2 + N - 1)}{(N+1)(N+2)} \right) \zeta_2 + \frac{-2N^4 + 9N^3 + 185N^2 + 580N + 472}{4(N+1)(N+2)(N+3)(N+4)} S_2 \\
&\quad \left. - \frac{8}{3} S_3 + 6S_{2,1} \right]
\end{aligned}$$

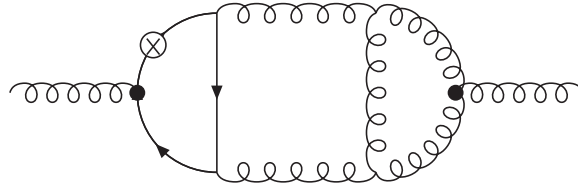
$$P_3(N) = -3N^6 - 65N^5 - 415N^4 - 1109N^3 - 1276N^2 - 468N + 64$$

$$P_4(N) = -12N^8 - 311N^7 - 2943N^6 - 13584N^5 - 32101N^4 - 32407N^3 + 7542N^2 + 40744N + 22784$$

$$P_5(N) = -24N^9 - 604N^8 - 6089N^7 - 32820N^6 - 104549N^5 - 202546N^4 - 232976N^3 - 143560N^2 - 32816N + 3328$$

obtained by Sigma

Example



(full expression including Dirac and color structure)

Here sums of the following type occur:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sum_{s_1=1}^N \binom{N}{s_1} \sum_{s_2=0}^{s_1} \binom{s_1}{s_2} \frac{(-1)^{s_2}}{2(s_2+1)} \Gamma \left[\begin{matrix} N - s_1 + 2, N - s_1 + 3, s_1, s_2 + 2 \\ N + 3, N - s_1 + s_2 + 4 \end{matrix} \right] S_1(s_1 + 1) S_2(s_1 + 1) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{S_1^2(N)}{2(N+1)(N+2)(N+3)} - \frac{2N^2 + 5N + 4}{(N+1)^3(N+2)(N+3)} S_1(N) + \frac{N(3N^2 + 9N + 7)}{(N+1)^3(N+2)(N+3)} \right. \\
 & \quad \left. + \left(\frac{S_1^2(N)}{2(N+2)(N+3)} - \frac{N}{(N+1)(N+2)(N+3)} S_1(N) - \frac{3}{2(N+1)(N+2)(N+3)} \right) S_2(N) \right. \\
 & \quad \left. + \frac{S_3(N)}{(N+1)(N+2)} - \frac{S_4(N)}{2(N+2)(N+3)} - \frac{S_{2,1}(N)}{(N+1)(N+2)} + \frac{S_{3,1}(N)}{(N+2)(N+3)} - \frac{S_{2,1,1}(N)}{(N+2)(N+3)} \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

obtained by Sigma

Example

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{s_1=0}^{N-2} \binom{N-2}{s_1} \sum_{s_2=0}^{N-s_1-2} \binom{N-s_1-2}{s_2} \sum_{s_3=0}^{s_2} \binom{s_2}{s_3} \frac{(-1)^{s_3} (N-1)}{2(s_1+2)(s_3+1)(s_1+s_2+3)(s_1+s_2+2)} \\
& \times \Gamma \left[\begin{matrix} s_1+2, N-s_1-s_2, N-s_1-s_2+1, s_2+2, s_3+1 \\ N+3, N-s_1-s_2+s_3+2 \end{matrix} \right] S_1(s_1+s_2+1) \\
& = \frac{1}{2} \left[-\frac{N^2+3N+5}{3N(N+1)(N+2)^2(N+3)} S_1^3(N) + \frac{P_1(N)}{2N(N+1)^3(N+2)^3(N+3)^2} S_1^2(N) + \frac{P_2(N)}{N(N+1)^3(N+2)^3(N+3)^2} S_1(N) \right. \\
& \quad + \frac{3N^4+29N^3+100N^2+145N+73}{(N+1)^3(N+2)^2(N+3)^2} + \left(\frac{S_1^2(N)}{N(N+1)(N+2)} - \frac{N^4+8N^3+19N^2+9N-7}{N(N+1)^2(N+2)^2(N+3)} S_1(N) \right. \\
& \quad \left. \left. + \frac{P_3(N)}{2N(N+1)^3(N+2)^3(N+3)^2} \right) S_2(N) + \left(\frac{3N^4+28N^3+82N^2+86N+23}{3N(N+1)^2(N+2)^2(N+3)} - \frac{S_1(N)}{N(N+1)(N+2)} \right) S_3(N) \right. \\
& \quad \left. + \left(-\frac{N^3+7N^2+17N+13}{N(N+1)^2(N+2)^2(N+3)} - \frac{S_1(N)}{N(N+1)(N+2)} \right) S_{2,1}(N) + \frac{S_{2,1,1}(N)}{N(N+1)(N+2)} \right]
\end{aligned}$$

$$P_1(N) = -N^6 - 12N^5 - 53N^4 - 118N^3 - 151N^2 - 106N - 27$$

$$P_2(N) = 2N^7 + 27N^6 + 148N^5 + 420N^4 + 650N^3 + 514N^2 + 142N - 25$$

$$P_3(N) = -2N^7 - 33N^6 - 222N^5 - 789N^4 - 1578N^3 - 1725N^2 - 898N - 141$$

obtained by Sigma

6. Summary and Outlook

- In the present project the most difficult contributions to the three loop ladder graphs, with 3 to 6 massive lines contributing to the massive OME A_{Qg} are calculated.
- This is achieved by identifying the hypergeometric structure generated from the underlying topology and by introducing appropriate finite binomial expansions.
- The sums over hypergeometric terms equipped with harmonic sums are solved using modern symbolic summation methods.
- The results are given in terms of rational expressions, harmonic sums and generalizations thereof.
- First steps of an algorithmic approach of the calculation have been presented in the case of the ladder graphs.
- The incorporation of more general hypergeometric functions is possible within this approach.
- The method will be applied to all ladder topologies contributing to the 3-loop massive Wilson coefficients in the asymptotic region.