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# Introduction



- Massive OMEs allow to describe the massive DIS Wilson coefficients for  $Q^2 \gg m_Q^2$ .
- Furthermore, they form the transition elements in the variable flavor number scheme (VFNS).
- The current state of art is 3-loop order, including two-mass corrections, because  $m_c/m_b$  is not small.
- After having calculated a series of moments in 2009 I. Bierenbaum, JB, S. Klein, Nucl. Phys B **820** (2009) 417, we started to calculate all OMEs for general values of the Mellin variable  $N$ .
- There are the following massive OMEs:  $A_{qq,Q}^{NS}$ ,  $A_{qg,Q}$ ,  $A_{qq,Q}^{PS}$ ,  $A_{gq,Q}$ ,  $A_{Qq}^{PS}$ ,  $A_{gg,Q}$ ,  $A_{Qg}$ .
- To 2-loop order  $A_{qq,Q}^{NS}$ ,  $A_{Qq}^{PS}$ ,  $A_{Qg}$ , [2007]  $A_{gq,Q}$ ,  $A_{gg,Q}$  [2009] contribute. These quantities are represented by harmonic sums resp. harmonic polylogarithms. [Older work by van Neerven, et al.]
- The 3-loop contributions of  $O(N_F)$  [2010] to all OMEs and the  $A_{qq,Q}^{NS}$ ,  $A_{qg,Q}$ ,  $A_{gq,Q}$ ,  $A_{qq,Q}^{PS}$  [2014] are also given by harmonic sums only. [Also all logarithmic terms of all OMEs.]
- For  $A_{Qq}^{PS}$  [2014] also generalized harmonic sums are necessary.
- $A_{gg,Q}$  [2022] requires finite binomial sums.
- Finally,  $A_{Qg}$  depends also on  ${}_2F_1$ -solutions [2017] (or modular forms).
- In the **two-mass case** to 3-loop order  $A_{qq,Q}^{NS}$ ,  $A_{qg,Q}$ ,  $A_{qq,Q}^{PS}$ ,  $A_{Qq}^{PS}$ ,  $A_{gq,Q}$ ,  $A_{gg,Q}$  [2017-2020] can be solved analytically due to 1st order factorization of the respective differential equations. The solution for  $A_{Qg}$  is by far more involved.

# I. The massive OME $A_{gg,Q}^{(3)}$



A 1st order factorizing, but involved case.

$$\hat{A}_{gg,Q}^{(1)} = \left(\frac{\hat{m}^2}{\mu^2}\right)^{\varepsilon/2} \left[ \frac{\hat{\gamma}_{gg}^{(0)}}{\varepsilon} + a_{gg,Q}^{(1)} + \varepsilon \bar{a}_{gg,Q}^{(1)} + \varepsilon^2 \bar{\bar{a}}_{gg,Q}^{(1)} \right] + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^3),$$

$$\hat{A}_{gg,Q}^{(2)} = \left(\frac{\hat{m}^2}{\mu^2}\right)^{\varepsilon} \left[ \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} c_{gg,Q,(2)}^{(-2)} + \frac{1}{\varepsilon} c_{gg,Q,(2)}^{(-1)} + c_{gg,Q,(2)}^{(0)} + \varepsilon c_{gg,Q,(2)}^{(1)} \right] + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^2),$$

$$\hat{A}_{gg,Q}^{(3)} = \left(\frac{\hat{m}^2}{\mu^2}\right)^{3\varepsilon/2} \left[ \frac{1}{\varepsilon^3} c_{gg,Q,(3)}^{(-3)} + \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} c_{gg,Q,(3)}^{(-2)} + \frac{1}{\varepsilon} c_{gg,Q,(3)}^{(-1)} + a_{gg,Q}^{(3)} \right] + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon).$$

The alphabet:

$$\mathfrak{A} = \{f_k(x)\}_{k=1..6} = \left\{ \frac{1}{x}, \frac{1}{1-x}, \frac{1}{1+x}, \frac{\sqrt{1-x}}{x}, \sqrt{x(1-x)}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x}} \right\}.$$

# Principal computation steps



Chains of packages are used to perform the calculation:

- QGRAF, [Nogueira, 1993](#) Diagram generation
- FORM, [Vermaseren, 2001](#); [Tentyukov, Vermaseren, 2010](#) Lorentz algebra
- Color, [van Ritbergen, Schellekens and Vermaseren, 1999](#) Color algebra
- Reduze 2 [Studerus, von Manteuffel, 2009/12](#), [Crusher, Marquard, Seidel](#) IBPs
- Method of arbitrary high moments, [JB, Schneider, 2017](#) Computing large numbers of Mellin moments
- Guess, [Kauers et al. 2009/2015](#); [JB, Kauers, Schneider, 2009](#) Computing the recurrences
- Sigma, [EvaluateMultiSums](#), [SolveCoupledSystems](#), [Schneider, 2007/14](#) Solving the recurrences
- OreSys, [Zürcher, 1994](#); [Gerhold, 2002](#); [Bostan et al., 2013](#) Decoupling differential and difference equations
- Diffeq, [Ablinger et al, 2015](#), [JB, Marquard, Rana, Schneider, 2018](#) Solving differential equations
- HarmonicSums, [Ablinger and Ablinger et al. 2010-2019](#) Simplifying nested sums and iterated integrals to basic building blocks, performing series and asymptotic expansions, Almkvist-Zeilberger algorithm etc.

# Binomial Sums



$$BS_0(N) = \frac{1}{2N - (2l + 1)}, \quad l \in \mathbb{N},$$

$$BS_2(N) = \frac{1}{4^N} \frac{(2N)!}{(N!)^2},$$

$$BS_4(N) = \sum_{\tau_1=1}^N \frac{4^{\tau_1} (\tau_1!)^2}{(2\tau_1)! \tau_1^2},$$

$$BS_6(N) = \sum_{\tau_1=1}^N \frac{4^{-\tau_1} (2\tau_1)! \sum_{\tau_2=1}^{\tau_1} \frac{4^{\tau_2} (\tau_2!)^2}{(2\tau_2)! \tau_2^2}}{(\tau_1!)^2 \tau_1},$$

$$BS_8(N) = \sum_{\tau_1=1}^N \frac{\sum_{\tau_2=1}^{\tau_1} \frac{4^{\tau_2} (\tau_2!)^2}{(2\tau_2)! \tau_2^2}}{\tau_1},$$

$$BS_{10}(N) = \sum_{\tau_1=1}^N \frac{4^{\tau_1}}{(2\tau_1)!} \frac{1}{\tau_1^2} S_1(\tau_1).$$

$$BS_1(N) = 4^N \frac{(N!)^2}{(2N)!},$$

$$BS_3(N) = \sum_{\tau_1=1}^N \frac{4^{-\tau_1} (2\tau_1)!}{(\tau_1!)^2 \tau_1},$$

$$BS_5(N) = \sum_{\tau_1=1}^N \frac{4^{\tau_1} (\tau_1!)^2}{(2\tau_1)! \tau_1^3},$$

$$BS_7(N) = \sum_{\tau_1=1}^N \frac{4^{-\tau_1} (2\tau_1)! \sum_{\tau_2=1}^{\tau_1} \frac{4^{\tau_2} (\tau_2!)^2}{(2\tau_2)! \tau_2^3}}{(\tau_1!)^2 \tau_1},$$

$$BS_9(N) = \sum_{\tau_1=1}^N \frac{4^{-\tau_1} (2\tau_1)! \sum_{\tau_2=1}^{\tau_1} \frac{4^{\tau_2} (\tau_2!)^2 \sum_{\tau_3=1}^{\tau_2} \frac{1}{\tau_3}}{(2\tau_2)! \tau_2^2}}{(\tau_1!)^2 \tau_1},$$

# Recursions and Asymptotic Representation



$$BS_8(N) - BS_8(N-1) = \frac{1}{N} BS_4(N),$$

$$BS_9(N) - BS_9(N-1) = \frac{1}{N} BS_3(N) BS_{10}(N),$$

$$BS_{10}(N) - BS_{10}(N-1) = \frac{1}{N} BS_1(N) S_1.$$

$$BS_0(N) \propto \frac{1}{2N} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{2k+1}{2N} \right)^k,$$

$$BS_8(N) \propto -7\zeta_3 + \left[ +3(\ln(N) + \gamma_E) + \frac{3}{2N} - \frac{1}{4N^2} + \frac{1}{40N^4} - \frac{1}{84N^6} + \frac{1}{80N^8} - \frac{1}{44N^{10}} \right] \zeta_2$$

$$+ \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{N}} \left[ 4 - \frac{23}{18N} + \frac{1163}{2400N^2} - \frac{64177}{564480N^3} - \frac{237829}{7741440N^4} + \frac{5982083}{166526976N^5} \right.$$

$$+ \frac{5577806159}{438593126400N^6} - \frac{12013850977}{377864847360N^7} - \frac{1042694885077}{90766080737280N^8}$$

$$\left. + \frac{6663445693908281}{127863697547722752N^9} + \frac{23651830282693133}{1363413316298342400N^{10}} \right],$$

$$\mathbf{M}^{-1}[\text{BS}_8(N)](x) = \left[ -\frac{4(1-\sqrt{1-x})}{1-x} + \left( \frac{2(1-\ln(2))}{1-x} + \frac{H_0(x)}{\sqrt{1-x}} \right) H_1(x) - \frac{H_{0,1}(x)}{\sqrt{1-x}} + \frac{H_1(x)G(\{6,1\},x)}{2(1-x)} - \frac{G(\{6,1,2\},x)}{2(1-x)} \right]_+,$$

$$\mathbf{M}^{-1}[\text{BS}_{10}(N)](x) = \left[ -\frac{1}{1-x} \left[ -4 - 4\ln(2)(-1 + \sqrt{1-x}) + 4\sqrt{1-x} + \zeta_2 \right] + 2(-1 + \ln(2))(-1 + \sqrt{1-x} + x) \frac{H_0(x)}{(1-x)^{3/2}} - 2 \frac{H_1(x)}{\sqrt{1-x}} + \frac{H_{0,1}(x)}{\sqrt{1-x}} - \frac{(-2 + \ln(2))G(\{6,1\},x)}{1-x} + \frac{G(\{6,1,2\},x)}{2(1-x)} - \frac{G(\{1,6,1\},x)}{2(1-x)} \right]_+.$$



# Small $x$ limits of $a_{gg,Q}^{(3)}$



$$a_{gg,Q}^{x \rightarrow 0}(x) \propto$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{x} \left\{ \ln(x) \left[ C_A^2 T_F \left( -\frac{11488}{81} + \frac{224\zeta_2}{27} + \frac{256\zeta_3}{3} \right) + C_A C_F T_F \left( -\frac{15040}{243} - \frac{1408\zeta_2}{27} \right. \right. \right. \\ & \left. \left. \left. - \frac{1088\zeta_3}{9} \right) \right] + C_A T_F^2 \left[ \frac{112016}{729} + \frac{1288}{27}\zeta_2 + \frac{1120}{27}\zeta_3 + \left( \frac{108256}{729} + \frac{368\zeta_2}{27} - \frac{448\zeta_3}{27} \right) \right. \right. \\ & \left. \left. \times N_F \right] + C_F \left[ T_F^2 \left( -\frac{107488}{729} - \frac{656}{27}\zeta_2 + \frac{3904}{27}\zeta_3 + \left( \frac{116800}{729} + \frac{224\zeta_2}{27} - \frac{1792\zeta_3}{27} \right) N_F \right) \right. \right. \\ & \left. \left. + C_A T_F \left( -\frac{5538448}{3645} + \frac{1664B_4}{3} - \frac{43024\zeta_4}{9} + \frac{12208}{27}\zeta_2 + \frac{211504}{45}\zeta_3 \right) \right] \right. \\ & \left. + C_A^2 T_F \left( -\frac{4849484}{3645} - \frac{352B_4}{3} + \frac{11056\zeta_4}{9} - \frac{1088}{81}\zeta_2 - \frac{84764}{135}\zeta_3 \right) \right. \\ & \left. + C_F^2 T_F \left( \frac{10048}{5} - 640B_4 + \frac{51104\zeta_4}{9} - \frac{10096}{9}\zeta_2 - \frac{280016}{45}\zeta_3 \right) \right\} \end{aligned}$$

# Small $x$ limits of $a_{gg,Q}^{(3)}$



$$\begin{aligned}
 & + \left[ -\frac{4}{3} C_F C_A T_F + \frac{2}{15} C_F^2 T_F \right] \ln^5(x) + \left[ -\frac{40}{27} C_A^2 T_F + \frac{4}{9} C_F^2 T_F + C_F \left( -\frac{296}{27} C_A T_F \right. \right. \\
 & \left. \left. + \left( \frac{28}{27} + \frac{56}{27} N_F \right) T_F^2 \right) \right] \ln^4(x) + \left[ \frac{112}{81} C_A (1 + 2N_F) T_F^2 + C_F \left( \left( \frac{1016}{81} + \frac{496}{81} N_F \right) T_F^2 \right. \right. \\
 & \left. \left. + C_A T_F \left( -\frac{10372}{81} - \frac{328\zeta_2}{9} \right) \right) \right] + C_F^2 T_F \left[ -\frac{2}{3} + \frac{4\zeta_2}{9} \right] + C_A^2 T_F \left[ -\frac{1672}{81} + 8\zeta_2 \right] \ln^3(x) \\
 & + \left[ \frac{8}{81} C_A (155 + 118N_F) T_F^2 + C_F \left[ T_F^2 \left( -\frac{32}{81} + N_F \left( \frac{3872}{81} - \frac{16\zeta_2}{9} \right) + \frac{232\zeta_2}{9} \right) \right. \right. \\
 & \left. \left. + C_A T_F \left( -\frac{70304}{81} - \frac{680\zeta_2}{9} + \frac{80\zeta_3}{3} \right) \right) \right] + C_A^2 T_F \left[ \frac{4684}{81} + \frac{20\zeta_2}{3} \right] + C_F^2 T_F \left[ 56 \right. \\
 & \left. + \frac{8\zeta_2}{3} - 40\zeta_3 \right] \ln^2(x) + \left[ C_F \left[ T_F^2 \left( \frac{140992}{243} + N_F \left( \frac{182528}{243} - \frac{400\zeta_2}{27} - \frac{640\zeta_3}{9} \right) \right) \right. \right.
 \end{aligned}$$

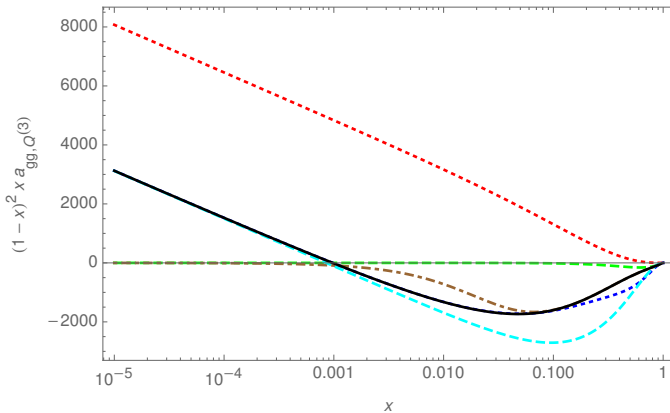
# Small and large $x$ limits of $a_{gg,Q}^{(3)}$



$$\begin{aligned}
 & -\frac{728}{27}\zeta_2 - \frac{224}{9}\zeta_3 \Big) + C_A T_F \left( -\frac{514952}{243} + \frac{152\zeta_4}{3} - \frac{21140\zeta_2}{27} - \frac{2576\zeta_3}{9} \right) \Big] \\
 & + C_A T_F^2 \left[ \frac{184}{27} + N_F \left( \frac{656}{27} - \frac{32\zeta_2}{27} \right) + \frac{464\zeta_2}{27} \right] + C_A^2 T_F \left[ -\frac{42476}{81} - 92\zeta_4 + \frac{4504\zeta_2}{27} \right. \\
 & \left. + \frac{64\zeta_3}{3} \right] + C_F^2 T_F \left[ -\frac{1036}{3} - \frac{976\zeta_4}{3} - \frac{58\zeta_2}{3} + \frac{416\zeta_3}{3} \right] \Big] \ln(x),
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 a_{gg,Q}^{(3),x \rightarrow 1}(x) & \propto a_{gg,Q,\delta}^{(3)} \delta(1-x) + a_{gg,Q,\text{plus}}^{(3)}(x) + \left[ -\frac{32}{27} C_A T_F^2 (17 + 12N_F) + C_A C_F T_F \left( 56 - \frac{32\zeta_2}{3} \right) \right. \\
 & \left. + C_A^2 T_F \left( \frac{9238}{81} - \frac{104\zeta_2}{9} + 16\zeta_3 \right) \right] \ln(1-x) + \left[ -\frac{8}{27} C_A T_F^2 (7 + 8N_F) \right. \\
 & \left. + C_A^2 T_F \left( \frac{314}{27} - \frac{4\zeta_2}{3} \right) \right] \ln^2(1-x) + \frac{32}{27} C_A^2 T_F \ln^3(1-x).
 \end{aligned}$$

- The logarithmic parts of  $(\Delta)A_{Qg}^{(3)}$  were computed in [Behring et al., (2014)], [JB et al. (2021)].
- We did not spent efforts to choose the MI basis such that the needed  $\varepsilon$ -expansion is minimal, which we could afford in all first order factorizing cases.
- $N$  space
  - Recursions available for all building blocks:  $N \rightarrow N + 1$ .
  - Asymptotic representations available.
  - Contour integral around the singularities of the problem at the non-positive real axis.
- $x$  space
  - All constants occurring in the transition  $t \rightarrow x$  can be calculated in terms of  $\zeta$ -values.
  - This can be proven analytically by first rationalizing and then calculating the obtained cyclotomic G-functions.
  - Separate the  $\delta(1 - x)$  and  $\pm$ -function terms first.
  - Series representations to 50 terms around  $x = 0$  and  $x = 1$  can be derived for the regular part analytically (12 digits).
  - The accuracy can be easily enlarged, if needed.



The non- $N_F$  terms of  $a_{gg,Q}^{(3)}(N)$  (rescaled) as a function of  $x$ . Full line (black): complete result; upper dotted line (red): term  $\propto \ln(x)/x$ , **BFKL limit**; lower dashed line (cyan): small  $x$  terms  $\propto 1/x$ ; lower dotted line (blue): small  $x$  terms including all  $\ln(x)$  terms up to the constant term; upper dashed line (green): large  $x$  contribution up to the constant term; dash-dotted line (brown): complete large  $x$  contribution.

## II. Inverse Mellin transform via analytic continuation:

$a_{Qg}^{(3)}$



Resumming Mellin  $N$  into a continuous variable  $t$ , observing crossing relations. Ablinger et al. 2014

$$\mathfrak{A} = \{f_1(t), \dots, f_m(t)\}, \quad G(b, \vec{a}; t) = \int_0^t dx_1 f_b(x_1) G(\vec{a}; x_1), \quad \left[ \frac{1}{1 - t\Delta.p} \pm \frac{1}{1 + t\Delta.p} \right] \left[ \frac{d}{dt} \frac{1}{f_{a_{k-1}}(t)} \frac{d}{dt} \dots \frac{1}{f_{a_1}(t)} \frac{d}{dt} \right] G(\vec{a}; t) = f_{a_k}(t).$$

Regularization for  $t \rightarrow 0$  needed.

$$F(N) = \int_0^1 dx x^{N-1} [f(x) + (-1)^{N-1} g(x)]$$

$$\tilde{F}(t) = \sum_{N=1}^{\infty} t^N F(N)$$

$$f(x) + (-1)^{N-1} g(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \left[ \text{Disc}_x \tilde{F} \left( \frac{1}{x} \right) + (-1)^{N-1} \text{Disc}_x \tilde{F} \left( -\frac{1}{x} \right) \right]. \quad (3)$$

$t$ -space is still Mellin space. One needs closed expressions to perform the analytic continuation (3).

Continuation is needed to calculate the **small  $x$  behaviour** analytically.

$$\mathfrak{A}_{\text{HPL}} = \{f_0, f_1, f_{-1}\} \left\{ \frac{1}{t}, \frac{1}{1-t}, \frac{1}{1+t} \right\}$$

$$H_{b,\vec{a}}(x) = \int_0^x dy f_b(y) H_{\vec{a}}(y), \quad f_c \in \mathfrak{A}_{\text{HPL}}, \quad H_{\underbrace{0,\dots,0}_k}(x) := \frac{1}{k!} \ln^k(x).$$

A finite **monodromy at  $x = 1$**  requires at least one letter  $f_1(t)$ .

Example:

$$\tilde{F}_1(t) = H_{0,0,1}(t)$$

$$F_1(x) = \frac{1}{2} H_0^2(x)$$

$$\mathbf{M}[F_1(x)](n-1) = \frac{1}{n^3}$$

$$\tilde{F}_1(t) = t + \frac{t^2}{8} + \frac{t^3}{27} + \frac{t^4}{64} + \frac{t^5}{125} + \frac{t^6}{216} + \frac{t^7}{343} + \frac{t^8}{512} + \frac{t^9}{729} + \frac{t^{10}}{1000} + O(t^{11})$$

Also here the index set has to contain  $f_{\pm 1}(t)$ .

$$\mathfrak{A}_{\text{cycl}} = \left\{ \frac{1}{x} \right\} \cup \left\{ \frac{1}{1-x}, \frac{1}{1+x}, \frac{1}{1+x+x^2}, \frac{x}{1+x+x^2}, \frac{1}{1+x^2}, \frac{x}{1+x^2}, \frac{1}{1-x+x^2}, \frac{x}{1-x+x^2}, \dots \right\}.$$

Example:

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{F}_3(t) &= \frac{1}{3(1-t)t^{1/3}} G \left[ \frac{\xi^{1/3}}{1-\xi}; t \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{1-t} \left( -1 + \frac{t^{-1/3}}{3} \left( H_1(t^{1/3}) + 2H_{\{3,0\}}(t^{1/3}) + H_{\{3,1\}}(t^{1/3}) \right) \right). \end{aligned}$$

$$F_3(x) = -\frac{1}{3} \left[ \frac{1}{1-x} \right]_+ + \frac{1}{18} \left[ \sqrt{3}\pi + 9(-2 + \ln(3)) \right] \delta(1-x) + \frac{1-x^{4/3}}{3(1-x)}$$



$$\mathfrak{A}_{\text{gHPL}} = \left\{ \frac{1}{x-a} \right\}, \quad a \in \mathbb{C}.$$

$$F_5(x) = \frac{1}{\pi} \operatorname{Im} \frac{t}{t-1} \left[ \operatorname{H}_{0,0,0,1}(t) + 2G(\gamma_1, 0, 0, 1; t) \right] = -\frac{1}{1-x} \left\{ \theta(1-x) \left[ \frac{1}{24} (4 \ln^3(2) - 2 \ln(2)\pi^2 + 21\zeta_3) - \operatorname{H}_{2,0,0}(x) \right] - \theta(2-x) \frac{1}{24} (4 \ln^3(2) - 2 \ln(2)\pi^2 + 21\zeta_3) \right\},$$

In intermediary steps Heaviside functions occur and the support of the x-space functions is here [0,2].

$$\tilde{\mathbf{M}}_a^{+,b}[g(x)](N) = \int_0^a dx (x^N - b^N) f(x), \quad a, b \in \mathbb{R},$$

$$\tilde{\mathbf{M}}_2^{+,1}[F_5(x)](N) = -S_{1,3} \left( 2, \frac{1}{2} \right) (N-1),$$

$$S_{b,\vec{a}}(c, \vec{d})(N) = \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{c^k}{k^b} S_{\vec{a}}(\vec{d})(k), \quad b, a_i \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}, \quad c, d_i \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}.$$

# Square root valued alphabets



$$\mathcal{A}_{\text{sqrt}} = \left\{ f_4, f_5, f_6 \dots \right\}$$

$$= \left\{ \frac{\sqrt{1-x}}{x}, \sqrt{x(1-x)}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}\sqrt{1\pm x}}, \frac{1}{x\sqrt{1\pm x}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{1\pm x}\sqrt{2\pm x}}, \frac{1}{x\sqrt{1\pm x/4}}, \dots \right\},$$

Monodromy also through:

$$(1-t)^\alpha, \quad \alpha \in \mathbb{R},$$

$$F_7(x) = \frac{1}{\pi} \text{Im} \frac{1}{t} G\left(4; \frac{1}{t}\right) = 1 - \frac{2(1-x)(1+2x)}{\pi} \sqrt{\frac{1-x}{x}} - \frac{8}{\pi} G(5; x),$$

$$F_8(x) = \frac{1}{\pi} \text{Im} \frac{1}{t} G\left(4, 2; \frac{1}{t}\right) = -\frac{1}{\pi} \left[ 4 \frac{(1-x)^{3/2}}{\sqrt{x}} + 2(1-x)(1+2x) \sqrt{\frac{1-x}{x}} [H_0(x) + H_1(x)] \right. \\ \left. + 8[G(5, 2; x) + G(5, 1; x)] \right],$$

- Master integrals, solving differential equations not factorizing to 1st order
- ${}_2F_1$  solutions [Ablinger et al. \[2017\]](#)
- Mapping to complete elliptic integrals: **duplication** of the higher transcendental letters.
- Complete elliptic integrals, modular forms [Sabry, Broadhurst, Weinzierl, Remiddi, Duhr, Broedel et al. and many more](#)
- Abel integrals
- K3 surfaces [Brown, Schnetz \[2012\]](#)
- Calabi-Yau motives [Klemm, Duhr, Weinzierl et al. \[2022\]](#)

Refer to as few as possible higher transcendental functions, the properties of which are known in full detail.

- $A_{Qg}^{(3)}$ : effectively only one  $3 \times 3$  system of this kind.
- The system is connected to that occurring in the case of  $\rho$  parameter. [Ablinger et al. \[2017\]](#), [JB et al. \[2018\]](#), [Abreu et al. \[2019\]](#)
- Most simple solution: **two**  ${}_2F_1$  functions.

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} F_1(t) \\ F_2(t) \\ F_3(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{t} & -\frac{1}{1-t} & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{t(1-t)} & -\frac{2}{1-t} \\ 0 & \frac{2}{t(8+t)} & \frac{1}{8+t} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} F_1(t) \\ F_2(t) \\ F_3(t) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} R_1(t, \varepsilon) \\ R_2(t, \varepsilon) \\ R_3(t, \varepsilon) \end{bmatrix} + O(\varepsilon),$$

It is very important to which function  $F_i(t)$  the system is decoupled.

# Iterative non-iterative Integrals



- Decoupling for  $F_1$  first leads to a **very involved solution**:  ${}_2F_1$ -terms seemingly enter at  $O(1/\varepsilon)$  already.
- However, these terms are actually not there.
- Furthermore, there is also a **singularity at  $x = 1/4$** .
- All this can be seen, when decoupling for  $F_3$  first.

Homogeneous solutions:

$$F_3'(t) + \frac{1}{t}F_3(t) = 0, \quad g_0 = \frac{1}{t}$$

$$F_1''(t) + \frac{(2-t)}{(1-t)t}F_1'(t) + \frac{2+t}{(1-t)t(8+t)}F_1(t) = 0,$$

with

$$g_1(t) = \frac{2}{(1-t)^{2/3}(8+t)^{1/3}} {}_2F_1 \left[ \begin{matrix} \frac{1}{3}, \frac{4}{3} \\ 2 \end{matrix}; -\frac{27t}{(1-t)^2(8+t)} \right],$$
$$g_2(t) = \frac{2}{(1-t)^{2/3}(8+t)^{1/3}} {}_2F_1 \left[ \begin{matrix} \frac{1}{3}, \frac{4}{3} \\ \frac{2}{3} \end{matrix}; 1 + \frac{27t}{(1-t)^2(8+t)} \right],$$

# Iterative non-iterative Integrals



Alphabet:

$$\mathfrak{A}_2 = \left\{ \frac{1}{t}, \frac{1}{1-t}, \frac{1}{8+t}, g_1, g_2, \frac{g_1}{t}, \frac{g_1}{1-t}, \frac{g_1}{8+t}, \frac{g_1'}{t}, \frac{g_1'}{1-t}, \frac{g_1'}{8+t}, \frac{g_2}{t}, \frac{g_2}{1-t}, \frac{g_2}{8+t}, \frac{g_2'}{t}, \frac{g_2'}{1-t}, \frac{g_2'}{8+t}, tg_1, tg_2 \right\}$$

$$F_1(t) = \frac{8}{\varepsilon^3} \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{t} H_1(t) \right] - \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} \left[ \frac{1}{6} (106 + t) + \frac{(9 + 2t)}{t} H_1(t) + \frac{4}{t} H_{0,1}(t) \right]$$

$$+ \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \left\{ \frac{1}{12} (271 + 9t) + \left[ \frac{71 + 32t + 2t^2}{12t} + \frac{3\zeta_2}{t} \right] H_1(t) + \frac{(9 + 2t)}{2t} H_{0,1}(t) + \frac{2}{t} H_{0,0,1}(t) \right.$$

$$\left. + 3\zeta_2 \right\} + \frac{1}{t} \left\{ \frac{6696 - 22680t - 16278t^2 - 255t^3 - 62t^4}{864t} + (9 + 9t + t^2) g_1(t) \left[ \frac{31 \ln(2)}{16} \right. \right.$$

$$\left. \left. + \frac{1}{144} (265 + 31\pi(-3i + \sqrt{3})) + \frac{3}{8} \ln(2)\zeta_2 + \frac{1}{24} (10 + \pi(-3i + \sqrt{3}))\zeta_2 - \frac{7}{4}\zeta_3 \right] \right\}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& +G(18, t) \left[ -\frac{93 \ln(2)}{16} + \frac{1}{48} (-265 - 31\pi(-3i + \sqrt{3})) + \left( -\frac{9 \ln(2)}{8} \right. \right. \\
& \left. \left. + \frac{1}{8} (-10 - \pi(-3i + \sqrt{3})) \right) \zeta_2 + \frac{21}{4} \zeta_3 \right] \dots \\
& + \frac{5}{2} [G(4, 14, 1, 2; t) - G(5, 8, 1, 2; t)] + \frac{1}{4} [G(13, 8, 1, 2; t) - G(7, 14, 1, 2; t)] \\
& + \frac{9}{4} [G(10, 14, 1, 2; t) - G(16, 8, 1, 2; t)] + \frac{3}{4} [G(19, 14, 1, 2; t) - G(19, 8, 1, 2; t)] \left. \right\} + O(\varepsilon),
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
F_2(t) = & \frac{8}{\varepsilon^3} + \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} \left[ -\frac{1}{3} (34 + t) + \frac{2(1-t)}{t} H_1(t) \right] + \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \left[ \frac{116 + 15t}{12} + 3\zeta_2 - \frac{(1-t)(8+t)}{3t} H_1(t) \right. \\
& \left. - \frac{1-t}{t} H_{0,1}(t) \right] + \frac{992 - 368t + 75t^2 - 27t^3}{144t} + (1-t) \left( \frac{(43 + 10t + t^2)}{12t} H_1(t) + \frac{(4-t)}{4t} \right. \\
& \left. \times H_{0,1}(t) + \frac{3\zeta_2}{4t} H_1(t) \right) + (1-t) g_1(t) \left( \frac{31 \ln(2)}{16} + \frac{1}{144} (265 + 31\pi(-3i + \sqrt{3})) \dots \right)
\end{aligned}$$

# Structure in $x$ space



Expansion around  $x = 1$ :

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{l=0}^L \hat{a}_{k,l} (1-x)^k \ln^l(1-x).$$

Expansion around  $x = 0$ :

$$\frac{1}{x} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{l=0}^S \hat{b}_{k,l} x^k \ln^l(x).$$

Expansion around  $x = 1/2$ :

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \hat{c}_k \left(x - \frac{1}{2}\right)^k.$$

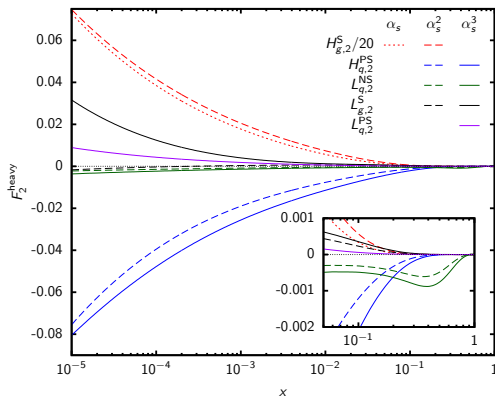
The occurring **constants**  $G(\dots; 1)$  are calculated numerically. [At most double integrals.]



# Current summary on $F_2^{charm}$



An example to show numerical effects: the **charm quark** contributions to the structure function  $F_2(x, Q^2)$



Allows to strongly reduce the current theory error on  $m_c$ .

Started  $\sim$  2009; might be completed this year.

Lots of new algorithms had to be designed; different new function spaces; new analytic calculation techniques ...

- Contributions to massless & massive OMEs and Wilson coefficients factorizing at 1st order can be computed in Mellin  $N$  space using difference ring techniques as implemented in the package `Sigma`.
- $N$ -space methods also applicable in the case of non-1st order factorization are more involved and need further study.
- $x$ -space representations are needed also to determine the small  $x$  behaviour, since it cannot be obtained by the  $N$ -space methods, because they are related to integer values in  $N$  not covered.
- The  $t$ -resummation of the original  $N$ -space expressions is already necessary to perform the IBP reduction.
- The transformation from the continuous variable  $t$  to the continuous variable  $x$  is possible through the optical theorem.
- This applies to all 1st order factorizing cases and also to non-1st order factorizing situations, provided one can derive a **closed form solution** of the respective equations and perform the analytic continuation.
- This includes also the calculation of various new constants, which might open up a new field for **special numbers**, unless these quantities finally reduce to what is known already.
- The moments of the master integrals depend on  $\zeta$ -values only.

- It is most efficient to work with  ${}_2F_1$ -solutions in the present examples, because they are most compact and since everything is known about them.
- For numerical representations analytic expansions around  $x = 0$ ,  $x = 1/2$  and  $x = 1$  suffice, with  $\sim 50$  terms, (Example:  $a_{Qg}^{(3)}$ ). In some cases further overlapping series expansions have to be performed.
- $A_{gg,Q}^{(3)}$  has contributions from finite central binomial sums or square-root valued alphabets, factorizing at 1st order.
- Both efficient  $N$ - and  $x$ -space solutions can be derived which are very fast numerically.  $\implies$  QCD analysis.
- BFKL-like approaches are shown to utterly fail in describing these quantities.
- Polarized and unpolarized massless Wilson coefficients are available since 2022.