Three-loop cusp anomalous dimension in QCD

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- $t\bar{t}$ production at LHC and ILC
- $t \to bW$
- $b \to c$
- $\ldots$

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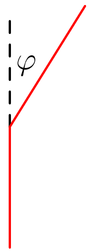

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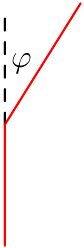
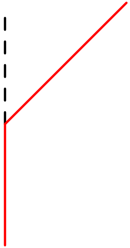


Limiting cases

$\varphi \to 0$

$\varphi \to \infty$



$\varphi_E = \pi - \delta$

HQET heavy-to-heavy current

$$J = h^{+}_{v'} h_v = Z_J(\alpha_s(\mu); \varphi) J_r(\mu)$$
$$h_v = Z_h^{1/2}(\alpha_s(\mu)) h_{vr}(\mu)$$
$$\cosh \varphi = v \cdot v'$$

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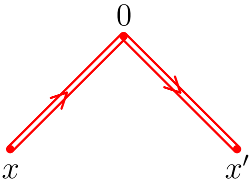

$$(-i)^2 \langle h_{v'}(x') J(0) h_v^+(x)\rangle = \delta(x_\perp)\delta(x'_{\perp'}) W(t,t';\varphi)$$
$$= Z_h Z_J \delta(x_\perp)\delta(x'_{\perp'}) W_r(t,t';\varphi;\mu)$$

Renormalization

$$W(t, t'; 0) = W(t + t')$$

$$\log \frac{W(t, t'; \varphi)}{W(t, t'; 0)} = \log Z_J + \text{finite}$$

$$\Gamma(\alpha_s, \varphi) = \frac{d \log Z_J}{d \log \mu}$$

$$\Gamma(\alpha_s, 0) = 0$$

Exponentiation in QED

Coordinate space, Wilson line of any shape ($n_f = 0$)

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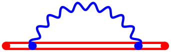
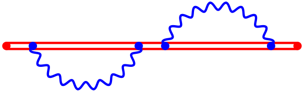
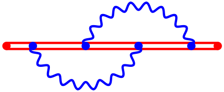
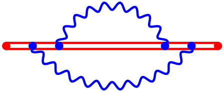
$+$ 

$+$  $+$  $+$ 

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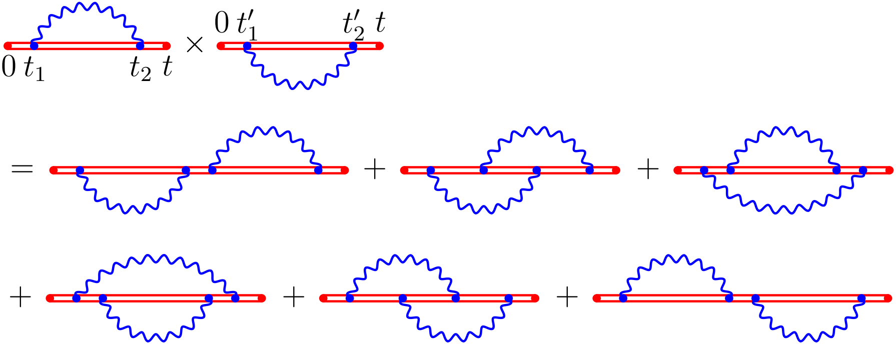

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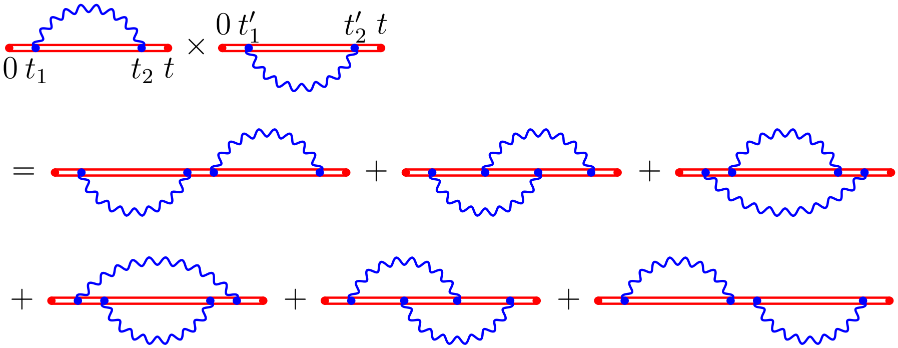
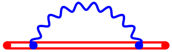


$\log W(t) =$ 

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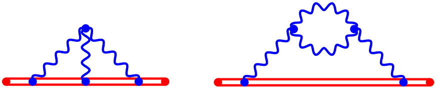

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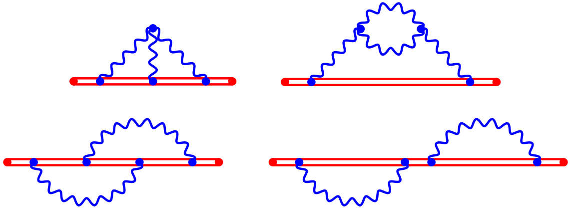

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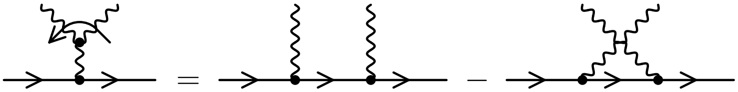

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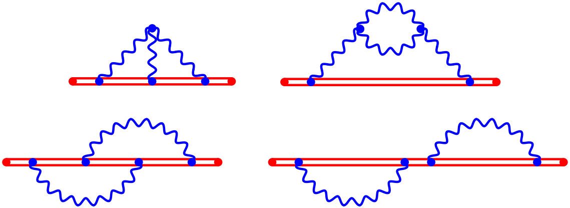

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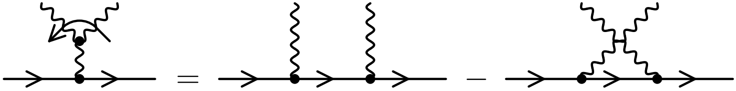

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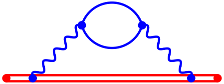

$T_F n_f \Rightarrow$ all color structures allowed

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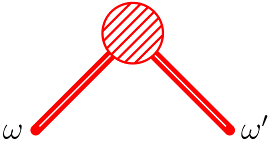
Casimir scaling up to 3 loops

Momentum space



Vertex function V: 1PI, without external-leg propagators

$$G(\omega,\omega';\varphi) = V(\omega,\omega';\varphi) S_v(\omega) S_{v'}(\omega')$$
$$V(\omega,\omega';\varphi) = Z_J Z_h^{-1} V_r(\omega,\omega';\varphi;\mu)$$
$$\log V(\omega,\omega';\varphi) - \log V(\omega,\omega';0) = \log Z_J + \text{finite}$$

Convenient to set $\omega' = \omega$

$\varphi = 0$

$$V(\omega, \omega'; 0) = \frac{S^{-1}(\omega') - S^{-1}(\omega)}{\omega' - \omega} = Z_h^{-1} V_r(\omega, \omega'; 0; \mu)$$
$$\log V(\omega, \omega'; 0) = -\log Z_h + \text{finite}$$

Z_h is gauge dependent; Z_J is gauge invariant

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γ_h at 3 loops — Melnikov, van Ritbergen (2000)
Chetyrkin, Grozin (2003)

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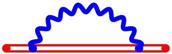
QED with n_f flavors $C_F = 1$, $C_A = 0$, $T_F = 1$, $\beta_0 = -\frac{4}{3}n_f$
At Lβ_0 and NLβ_0, the Wilson line of any shape

$\log W =$ 

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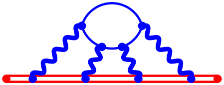
up to NLβ_0. First broken at NNLβ_0



$n_f^{L-3}\alpha^L$ $(L \geq 4)$

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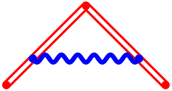
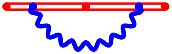
$=$  $-$  $= \log Z_J + \text{finite}$

(external-leg corrections cancel). Momentum space

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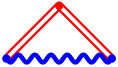
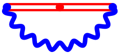
$=$  $-$  $= \log Z_J + \text{finite}$

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NLβ_0

- NL photon self energy

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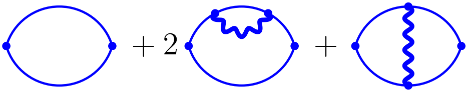

- NL Z_α

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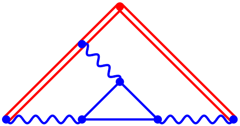

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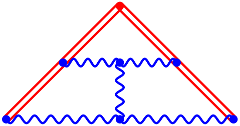
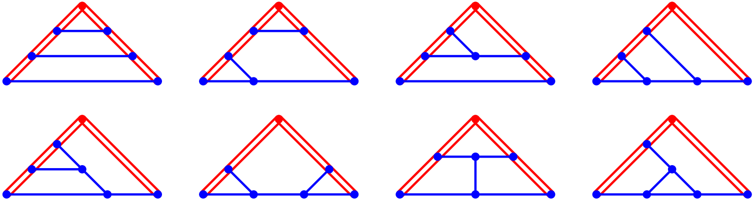


Only topologies surviving at $N_c \to \infty$

Topologies and master integrals



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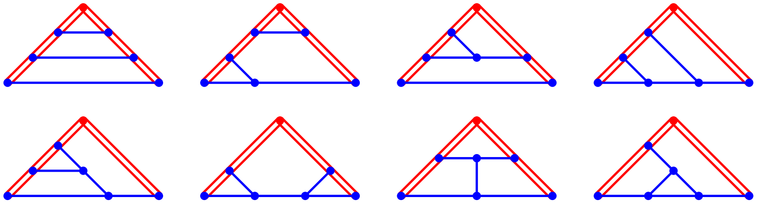

71 master integrals

- 7 straight-line [Grozin (2000)]
- 8 products of lower loops
- 10 generalized triangles [Grozin, Kotikov (2011)]
- 46 nontrivial

Differential equations

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Canonical basis $\vec{f}$ [Henn (2013)]

$$\partial_x \vec{f}(x,\epsilon) = \epsilon \left[\frac{a}{x} + \frac{b}{x+1} + \frac{c}{x-1} \right] \vec{f}(x,\epsilon)$$

4 singular points

- $x = 1$ $(\varphi \to 0)$
- $x = 0, \infty$ $(\varphi \to \pm\infty)$
- $x = -1$ $(\varphi_E \to \pi)$

Harmonic polylogarithms $H_{n_1 \dots n_k}(x)$ $(n_i = 0, \pm 1)$
[Remiddi,Vermaseren (2000)]
Uniform weight functions

Result

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\begin{aligned}
\Gamma(\alpha_s, x) = C_F \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \Bigg\{ & \tilde{A}_1 \\
& + \left[\frac{1}{2} C_A \left(\tilde{A}_3 + \tilde{A}_2 \right) + \frac{1}{9} \left(\frac{67}{4} C_A - 5 T_F n_f \right) \tilde{A}_1 \right] \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \\
& + \Bigg\{ \Bigg[\frac{1}{4} \left(\tilde{A}_5 + \tilde{A}_4 + \tilde{B}_5 + \tilde{B}_3 \right) + \frac{67}{36} \tilde{A}_3 + \frac{29}{18} \tilde{A}_2 \\
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Result

$$\tilde{A}_i(x) = A_i(x) - A_i(1)$$

$$A_1(x) = \frac{\xi}{2} H_1(y)$$

$$A_2(x) = \frac{1}{2} H_{1,1}(y) + \frac{\pi^2}{3} - \xi \left[\frac{1}{2} H_{1,1}(y) - H_{1,0}(y) \right]$$

$$A_3(x) = -\xi \left[\frac{1}{4} H_{1,1,1}(y) + \frac{\pi^2}{6} H_1(y) \right] + \xi^2 \left[\frac{1}{4} H_{1,1,1}(y) + \frac{1}{2} H_{1,0,1}(y) \right]$$

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$$y = 1 - x^2 \qquad \xi = \frac{1 + x^2}{1 - x^2}$$

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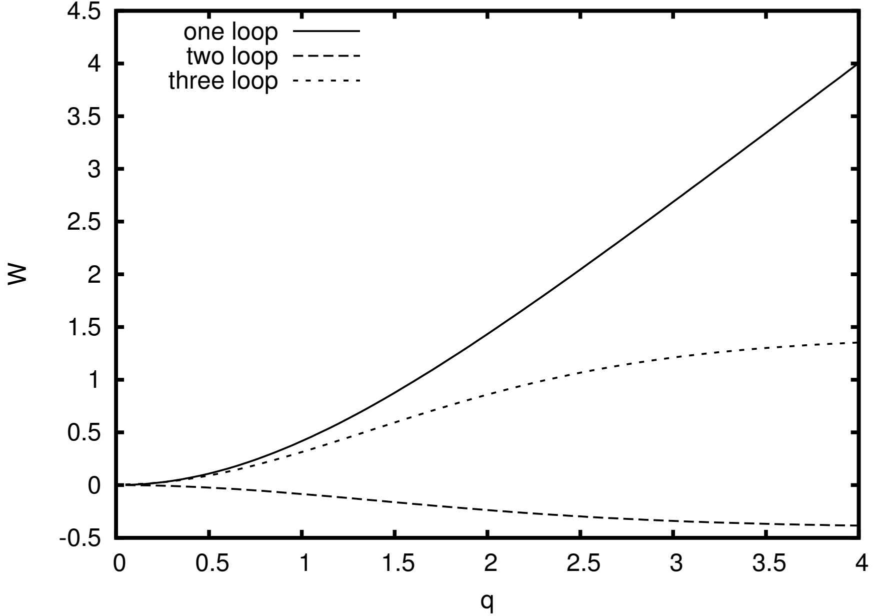
Does not contain n_f!



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Kilian, Mannel, Ohl (1993)

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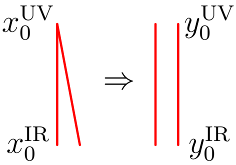

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