



# $O(\alpha_s^3)$ heavy flavor contributions to the charged current structure function $xF_3(x, Q^2)$ at large momentum transfer

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We calculate the massive Wilson coefficients for the heavy-flavor contributions to the nonsinglet charged-current deep-inelastic scattering structure function  $xF_3^{W^+}(x, Q^2) + xF_3^{W^-}(x, Q^2)$  in the asymptotic region  $Q^2 \gg m^2$  to three-loop order in QCD at general values of the Mellin variable  $N$  and the momentum fraction  $x$ . Besides the heavy-quark pair production also the single heavy-flavor excitation  $s \rightarrow c$  contributes. Numerical results are presented for the charm-quark contributions and consequences on the Gross-Llewellyn Smith sum rule are discussed.

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## I. INTRODUCTION

The nonsinglet structure function  $xF_3(x, Q^2)$  has been a first experimental source to determine the valence-quark distributions  $u_v(x, Q^2)$  and  $d_v(x, Q^2)$  of the nucleon in deep-inelastic charged-current neutrino-nucleon scattering [1–3]. Flavor nonsinglet distributions allow for clear measurements of the strong coupling constant  $a_s = \alpha_s/(4\pi) \equiv g_s^2/(4\pi)^2$  [4], due to the absence of gluonic effects in the QCD evolution [5].

Massless and massive QCD corrections have been calculated in Refs. [6–9] to first order in the strong coupling constant<sup>1</sup> and in Refs. [11–15] to  $O(a_s^2)$ .<sup>2</sup> The massive  $O(a_s^2)$  corrections were calculated in the asymptotic representation [16], which is valid at high scales  $Q^2$ . One may perform an  $O(a_s)$  comparison for the process of single heavy-quark excitation. Here the approximation holds for  $Q^2/m^2 \gtrsim 50$  [17], where  $Q^2 = -q^2$  denotes the virtuality of the 4-momentum transfer  $q$ , and  $m$  is the heavy-quark mass.

The present data on the neutrino structure function  $xF_3(x, Q^2)$  or similar measurements at HERA [18] have not yet reached the level of precision of 1–2%, as is the case for the structure function  $F_2(x, Q^2)$  in neutral-current deep-inelastic scattering. However, at neutrino factories planned for the future [19] this situation will change and even three-loop QCD corrections will be of importance. The

experimental precision reached for charged-current interactions at the  $ep$  collider HERA can also be further refined at future high-energy facilities probing deep-inelastic scattering, such as LHeC [20] and EIC [21]. It is expected that nonsinglet data taken at these facilities will help to improve further the knowledge of the strong coupling constant  $\alpha_s(M_Z^2)$  [22]. The three-loop massless Wilson coefficient for the structure function combination  $xF_3^{W^+}(x, Q^2) + xF_3^{W^-}(x, Q^2)$  has been calculated in Ref. [23]. In the present paper we calculate the massive three-loop Wilson coefficient for this combination in the asymptotic region  $Q^2 \gg m^2$ .

The charged-current structure functions  $xF_3^{W^\pm}(x, Q^2)$  may be measured both in neutrino- and charged lepton-nucleon scattering. In the case of single gauge-boson exchange the differential scattering cross sections read [24,25]

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\sigma^{\nu(\bar{\nu})}}{dx dy} &= \frac{G_F^2 s}{4\pi} \frac{M_W^4}{(M_W^2 + Q^2)^2} \\ &\times \left\{ (1 + (1-y)^2) F_2^{W^\pm}(x, Q^2) \right. \\ &\left. - y^2 F_L^{W^\pm}(x, Q^2) \pm (1 - (1-y)^2) x F_3^{W^\pm}(x, Q^2) \right\}, \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\sigma^{l(\bar{l})}}{dx dy} &= \frac{G_F^2 s}{4\pi} \frac{M_W^4}{(M_W^2 + Q^2)^2} \\ &\times \left\{ (1 + (1-y)^2) F_2^{W^\mp}(x, Q^2) \right. \\ &\left. - y^2 F_L^{W^\mp}(x, Q^2) \pm (1 - (1-y)^2) x F_3^{W^\mp}(x, Q^2) \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

Here  $x = Q^2/ys$  and  $y = q \cdot P / l \cdot P$  denote the Bjorken variables,  $l$  and  $P$  are the incoming lepton and nucleon 4-momenta,

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<sup>1</sup>The massive one-loop corrections given in Ref. [10] were corrected in Ref. [8]; see also Ref. [9].

<sup>2</sup>Some results given in Ref. [13] have been corrected in Ref. [14].

and  $s = (l + P)^2$ .  $G_F$  is the Fermi constant and  $M_W$  is the mass of the  $W$  boson.  $F_i^{W^\pm}(x, Q^2)$  are the structure functions, where the  $+$ ( $-$ ) signs refer to incoming neutrinos (antineutrinos) and charged antileptons (leptons), respectively. We will consider the combination of structure functions

$$xF_3^{W^+-W^-}(x, Q^2) = xF_3^{W^+}(x, Q^2) + xF_3^{W^-}(x, Q^2) \quad (3)$$

in the following. It can be measured by projecting onto the kinematic factor  $Y_- = 1 - (1 - y)^2$  of the differential cross sections at  $x, Q^2 = \text{const}$  as a difference. It is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2}F_3^{W^+-W^-}(x, Q^2) &= [|V_{du}|^2(d - \bar{d}) + |V_{su}|^2(s - \bar{s}) + V_u(u - \bar{u})] \\ &\otimes [C_{q,3}^{W^+-W^-,\text{NS}} + L_{q,3}^{W^+-W^-,\text{NS}}] + [|V_{dc}|^2(d - \bar{d}) \\ &+ |V_{sc}|^2(s - \bar{s})] \otimes H_{q,3}^{W^+-W^-,\text{NS}}, \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

with one massless Wilson coefficient  $C_{q,3}^{W^+-W^-,\text{NS}}$  and two massive Wilson coefficients  $L_{q,3}^{W^+-W^-,\text{NS}}$  and  $H_{q,3}^{W^+-W^-,\text{NS}}$ ; see Sec. II. The coefficients  $V_{ij}$  are the Cabibbo-Kobayashi-Maskawa (CKM) [26,27] matrix elements, where  $V_u = |V_{du}|^2 + |V_{su}|^2$ , and the present numerical values are [18]

$$|V_{du}| = 0.97425, \quad (5)$$

$$|V_{su}| = 0.2253, \quad (6)$$

$$|V_{dc}| = 0.225, \quad (7)$$

$$|V_{sc}| = 0.986. \quad (8)$$

The massless Wilson coefficient reads to  $O(a_s^3)$

$$\begin{aligned} C_{q,3}^{W^+-W^-, \text{NS}} \left( x, \frac{Q^2}{\mu^2} \right) &= \delta(1-x) + \sum_{k=1}^3 a_s^k(\mu^2) C_{q,3}^{(k), W^+-W^-, \text{NS}} \left( x, \frac{Q^2}{\mu^2} \right), \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

where  $\mu$  denotes both the factorization and renormalization scales, which have been set equal  $\mu = \mu_R = \mu_F$ ,<sup>3</sup> and

$$A(x) \otimes B(x) = \int_0^1 dx_1 \int_0^1 dx_2 \delta(x - x_1 x_2) A(x_1) B(x_2) \quad (10)$$

is the Mellin convolution.  $u, d$  and  $s$  are the light-quark number densities and  $\bar{q}$  denotes the corresponding antiquark densities, written here for a proton target. The valence distributions are given by

<sup>3</sup>For the scale dependence of the Wilson coefficient see e.g. Ref. [28].

$$q_v = q - \bar{q}. \quad (11)$$

Very often one considers the case

$$s_v = 0. \quad (12)$$

Various experiments are carried out using isoscalar targets, possessing neutron-proton symmetry. Here the following replacements have to be made:

$$\begin{aligned} u &\rightarrow \frac{1}{2}(u + d), & \bar{u} &\rightarrow \frac{1}{2}(\bar{u} + \bar{d}), \\ d &\rightarrow \frac{1}{2}(u + d), & \bar{d} &\rightarrow \frac{1}{2}(\bar{u} + \bar{d}). \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

The paper is organized as follows. In Sec. II we calculate the heavy-flavor contributions to the nonsinglet Wilson coefficients in the asymptotic region  $Q^2 \gg m^2$  to the structure function  $xF_3^{W^+-W^-}(x, Q^2)$  to three-loop order in the strong coupling constant. We present the results both in Mellin  $N$  and  $x$  space. Numerical results are given in Sec. III. Consequences for the Gross-Llewellyn sum rule are discussed in Sec. IV, and Sec. V contains the conclusions. An Appendix deals with a technical detail.

## II. THE WILSON COEFFICIENTS

The asymptotic heavy-flavor corrections to the structure function  $xF_3^{W^+-W^-}(x, Q^2)$  are resulting from the Wilson coefficients  $L_{q,3}^{W^+-W^-, \text{NS}}$  and  $H_{q,3}^{W^+-W^-, \text{NS}}$ . In the former case the charged-current couples to a line of light quarks only, while in the latter case a heavy quark is excited by the exchanged  $W$  boson with or without other heavy-flavor effects through QCD corrections. In the following we work in Mellin space. The corresponding representation is obtained by applying the transformation

$$\mathbf{M}[f(x)](N) = \int_0^1 dx x^{N-1} f(x) \quad (14)$$

to the above relations. One obtains

$$\begin{aligned} L_{q,3}^{W^+-W^-, \text{NS}}(N_F + 1) &= A_{qq,Q}^{\text{NS}} C_{q,3}^{W^+-W^-, \text{NS}}(N_F + 1) - C_{q,3}^{W^+-W^-, \text{NS}}(N_F), \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

$$H_{q,3}^{W^+-W^-, \text{NS}}(N_F + 1) = A_{qq,Q}^{\text{NS}} C_{q,3}^{W^+-W^-, \text{NS}}(N_F + 1) \quad (16)$$

as the general relations. Here  $A_{qq,Q}^{\text{NS}} \equiv A_{qq,Q}^{\text{NS}}(N_F + 1)$  denotes the massive nonsinglet operator matrix element [29,30]. The expansion of both the massive operator matrix element (OME) and the massless Wilson coefficients in the strong coupling constant to three-loop order leads to

$$\begin{aligned}
 L_{q,3}^{W^+-W^-,NS}(N_F+1) &= a_s^2(A_{qq,Q}^{(2),NS} + \hat{C}_{q,3}^{(2),W^+-W^-,NS}(N_F)) + a_s^3[A_{qq,Q}^{(3),NS} \\
 &+ A_{qq,Q}^{(2),NS}C_{q,3}^{(1),W^+-W^-,NS}(N_F+1) \\
 &+ \hat{C}_{q,3}^{(3),W^+-W^-,NS}(N_F)], \tag{17}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 H_{q,3}^{W^+-W^-,NS}(N_F+1) &= 1 + a_s C_{q,3}^{(1),W^+-W^-,NS}(N_F+1) \\
 &+ a_s^2[A_{qq,Q}^{(2),NS} + C_{q,3}^{(2),W^+-W^-,NS}(N_F+1)] \\
 &+ a_s^3[A_{qq,Q}^{(3),NS} + A_{qq,Q}^{(2),NS}C_{q,3}^{(1),W^+-W^-,NS}(N_F+1) \\
 &+ C_{q,3}^{(3),W^+-W^-,NS}(N_F+1)] \tag{18}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= L_{q,3}^{W^+-W^-,NS}(N_F+1) + C_{q,3}^{W^+-W^-,NS}(N_F), \tag{19}$$

where  $C_{q,3}^{W^+-W^-,NS}(N_F)$  is the massless Wilson coefficient up to three-loop order. Here we use the convention

$$\hat{f}(N_F) = f(N_F+1) - f(N_F). \tag{20}$$

The label “ $N_F+1$ ” in some of the above quantities means that they depend on  $N_F$  massless and one massive flavor.

The calculation of the different contributions to the Wilson coefficients (17) and (18) is performed in  $D=4+\epsilon$  dimensions to regulate the Feynman integrals. The treatment of  $\gamma_5$  has to be considered. In the flavor-nonsinglet case both for the massive OMEs and the massless Wilson coefficients,  $\gamma_5$  always appears in traces along one quark line. For the asymptotic Wilson coefficient  $L_{q,3}^{NS}$ , this line is massless, while for  $H_{q,3}^{NS}$  also heavy quarks contribute due to single charged-current flavor excitations like  $s \rightarrow c$ . Still we are considering the case in which power corrections  $(m^2/Q^2)^k$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $k \geq 1$ , are disregarded and therefore the corresponding line has to be treated as massless. In this case a

(reversed) Ward-Takahashi identity implies anticommuting  $\gamma_5$ , mapping the corresponding vertex correction to a self-energy correction, which is the same in the case without  $\gamma_5$ .

The inclusive massive OME  $A_{qq,Q}^{NS}$  to three-loop order for even and odd moments  $N$  has been calculated in Ref. [30]. The corresponding Feynman integrals have been reduced using integration-by-parts relations [31] by applying an extension of the package REDUZE 2 [32].<sup>4</sup> The master integrals have been calculated using hypergeometric, Mellin-Barnes and differential equation techniques, mapping them to recurrences, which have been solved by modern summation technologies using extensively the packages sigma [35,36], EvaluateMultisums, sumProduction [37], rhoSUM [38], and HarmonicSums [39].

In Mellin  $N$  space the Wilson coefficient can be expressed by nested harmonic sums  $S_{\vec{a}}(N)$  [40] which are defined by

$$\begin{aligned}
 S_{b,\vec{a}}(N) &= \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{(\text{sign}(b))^k}{k^{|b|}} S_{\vec{a}}(k), \\
 S_0 &= 1, b, a_i \in \mathbb{Z}, b, a_i \neq 0, N > 0, N \in \mathbb{N}. \tag{21}
 \end{aligned}$$

In the following, we drop the argument  $N$  of the harmonic sums and use the shorthand notation  $S_{\vec{a}}(N) \equiv S_{\vec{a}}$ . The Wilson coefficients depend on the logarithms

$$L_Q = \ln\left(\frac{Q^2}{\mu^2}\right) \quad \text{and} \quad L_M = \ln\left(\frac{m^2}{\mu^2}\right). \tag{22}$$

As a shorthand notation we define the leading-order splitting function  $\gamma_{qq}^{(0)}$  without its color factor

$$\gamma_{qq}^{(0)} = 4 \left[ 2S_1 - \frac{3N^2 + 3N + 2}{2N(N+1)} \right]. \tag{23}$$

The massive Wilson coefficient for the structure function  $x F_3^{W^+-W^-}(x, Q^2)$  in the asymptotic region in the on-shell scheme in Mellin space is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
 L_{q,3}^{W^+-W^-,NS}(N) &= a_s^2 C_F T_F \left\{ L_Q \left[ -\frac{2P_9}{9N^2(N+1)^2} + \frac{4(29N^2 + 29N - 6)}{9N(N+1)} S_1 + \frac{8}{3} S_1^2 - 8S_2 \right] \right. \\
 &+ L_M \left[ \frac{2P_4}{9N^2(N+1)^2} - \frac{80}{9} S_1 + \frac{16}{3} S_2 \right] - \frac{\gamma_{qq}^{(0)} L_M^2}{3} - \frac{\gamma_{qq}^{(0)} L_Q^2}{3} + \frac{P_{35}}{27N^3(N+1)^3} \\
 &+ \left( -\frac{2P_{14}}{27N^2(N+1)^2} + \frac{8}{3} S_2 \right) S_1 - \frac{2(29N^2 + 29N - 6)}{9N(N+1)} S_1^2 - \frac{8}{9} S_1^3 + \frac{2(35N^2 + 35N - 2)}{3N(N+1)} S_2 \\
 &\left. - \frac{112}{9} S_3 + \frac{16}{3} S_{2,1} \right\} + a_s^3 \left\{ C_F^2 T_F \left[ \frac{1}{6} \gamma_{qq}^{(0)2} L_Q (L_Q^2 + L_M^2) \right. \right.
 \end{aligned}$$

<sup>4</sup>The package REDUZE 2 uses the packages FERMAT [33] and GINAC [34].

$$\begin{aligned}
& + L_M^2 \left[ -\frac{2P_{29}}{3N^3(N+1)^3} + \frac{2P_8}{3N^2(N+1)^2} S_1 - \frac{4(N-1)(N+2)}{N(N+1)} S_1^2 - \frac{16}{3} S_1^3 + \frac{10}{3} \gamma_{qq}^{(0)} S_2 + \frac{64}{3} S_3 \right. \\
& + \left. \left( -\frac{64}{3N(N+1)} + \frac{128}{3} S_1 \right) S_{-2} + \frac{64}{3} S_{-3} - \frac{128}{3} S_{-2,1} \right] + L_Q^2 \left[ -\frac{2P_{31}}{9N^3(N+1)^3} + \frac{2P_{15}}{9N^2(N+1)^2} S_1 \right. \\
& - \left. \frac{4(107N^2 + 107N - 54)}{9N(N+1)} S_1^2 - 16S_1^3 + \frac{22}{3} \gamma_{qq}^{(0)} S_2 + \frac{64}{3} S_3 + \left( -\frac{64}{3N(N+1)} + \frac{128}{3} S_1 \right) S_{-2} + \frac{64}{3} S_{-3} - \frac{128}{3} S_{-2,1} \right] \\
& + \gamma_{qq}^{(0)} L_M L_Q \left[ \frac{P_2}{9N^2(N+1)^2} + \frac{40}{9} S_1 - \frac{8}{3} S_2 \right] + L_Q \left[ \frac{80}{9} S_1^4 + \frac{448}{3} S_{-4} + \frac{4P_{50}}{27(N-1)N^4(N+1)^4(N+2)} \right. \\
& + \left. \left( -\frac{16(9N^2 + 9N - 2)}{N(N+1)} + 64S_1 \right) \zeta_3 + \left( -\frac{4P_{38}}{27N^3(N+1)^3} - \frac{32(67N^2 + 67N - 21)}{9N(N+1)} S_2 + \frac{640}{9} S_3 \right. \right. \\
& + \left. \left. \frac{64}{3} S_{2,1} + \frac{512}{3} S_{-2,1} \right) S_1 + \left( \frac{2P_{18}}{27N^2(N+1)^2} - \frac{224}{3} S_2 \right) S_1^2 + \frac{32(4N-1)(4N+5)}{9N(N+1)} S_1^3 + \frac{2P_{17}}{9N^2(N+1)^2} S_2 \right. \\
& + 48S_2^2 - \frac{32(53N^2 + 53N + 16)}{9N(N+1)} S_3 + \frac{352}{3} S_4 + \left( -\frac{64P_{28}}{9(N-1)N^2(N+1)^2(N+2)} - \frac{128(10N^2 + 10N - 3)}{9N(N+1)} S_1 \right. \\
& - \left. \frac{256}{3} S_1^2 + \frac{256}{3} S_2 \right) S_{-2} + 64S_{-2}^2 + 64S_{3,1} + \left( -\frac{64(10N^2 + 10N + 9)}{9N(N+1)} + \frac{256}{3} S_1 \right) S_{-3} + \frac{16(9N^2 + 9N - 2)}{3N(N+1)} S_{2,1} \\
& + \left. \frac{128(10N^2 + 10N - 3)S_{-2,1}}{9N(N+1)} - \frac{256}{3} S_{-3,1} - 64S_{2,1,1} - \frac{512}{3} S_{-2,1,1} \right] + L_M \left[ \frac{P_{41}}{9N^4(N+1)^4} - 32S_2^2 \right. \\
& + \left. \left( \frac{2P_{32}}{9N^3(N+1)^3} + \frac{16(59N^2 + 59N - 6)}{9N(N+1)} S_2 - \frac{256}{3} S_3 - \frac{256}{3} S_{-2,1} \right) S_1 + \left( -\frac{4P_6}{3N^2(N+1)^2} + \frac{32}{3} S_2 \right) S_1^2 \right. \\
& - \frac{160}{9} S_1^3 - \frac{4P_{11}}{9N^2(N+1)^2} S_2 + \frac{32(29N^2 + 29N + 12)}{9N(N+1)} S_3 - \frac{256}{3} S_4 + \left( -\frac{64(16N^2 + 10N - 3)}{9N^2(N+1)^2} + \frac{1280}{9} S_1 \right. \\
& - \left. \frac{128}{3} S_2 \right) S_{-2} + \left( \frac{64(10N^2 + 10N + 3)}{9N(N+1)} - \frac{128}{3} S_1 \right) S_{-3} - \frac{128}{3} S_{-4} + \frac{128}{3} S_{3,1} - \frac{128(10N^2 + 10N - 3)}{9N(N+1)} S_{-2,1} \\
& - \left. \frac{128}{3} S_{-2,2} + \frac{512}{3} S_{-2,1,1} + 8\gamma_{qq}^{(0)} \zeta_3 \right] + \frac{P_{48}}{162N^5(N+1)^5} - \frac{128(112N^3 + 112N^2 - 39N + 18)}{81N^2(N+1)} S_{-2,1} \\
& + \left( \frac{2P_{16}}{9N^2(N+1)^2} - \frac{1208}{9} S_1 - \frac{64}{3} S_2 \right) \zeta_3 + \gamma_{qq}^{(0)} \left( -\frac{8B_4}{3} + 12\zeta_4 + \frac{8}{3} S_{2,1,1} \right) + \left( \frac{P_{47}}{162N^4(N+1)^4} + \frac{8P_{19}}{81N^2(N+1)^2} S_2 \right. \\
& - \frac{64}{9} S_2^2 - \frac{8(347N^2 + 347N + 54)S_3}{27N(N+1)} + \frac{704}{9} S_4 + \frac{128}{9N(N+1)} S_{2,1} - \frac{320}{9} S_{3,1} - \frac{256(10N^2 + 10N - 3)}{27N(N+1)} S_{-2,1} \\
& - \left. \frac{256}{9} S_{-2,2} + \frac{1024}{9} S_{-2,1,1} \right) S_1 + \left( \frac{P_{26}}{9N^3(N+1)^3} + \frac{16(5N^2 + 5N - 4)}{9N(N+1)} S_2 + 16S_3 - \frac{128}{9} S_{2,1} - \frac{256}{9} S_{-2,1} \right) S_1^2 \\
& + \left( -\frac{16P_7}{27N^2(N+1)^2} + \frac{128}{27} S_2 \right) S_1^3 + \left( \frac{P_{25}}{81N^3(N+1)^3} + \frac{400}{27} S_3 + \frac{256}{3} S_{-2,1} \right) S_2 - \frac{32(23N^2 + 23N - 3)}{27N(N+1)} S_2^2 \\
& + \frac{8P_{20}}{81N^2(N+1)^2} S_3 + \frac{512}{9} S_5 - \frac{176(17N^2 + 17N + 6)}{27N(N+1)} S_4 + \left( -\frac{64P_{12}}{81N^3(N+1)^3} + \frac{128P_{10}}{81N^2(N+1)^2} S_1 - \frac{1280}{27} S_2 \right. \\
& - \left. \frac{128}{9N(N+1)} S_1^2 + \frac{256}{27} S_1^3 + \frac{512}{27} S_3 - \frac{512}{9} S_{2,1} \right) S_{-2} + \left( -\frac{128(10N^2 + 10N + 3)}{27N(N+1)} S_1 \right. \\
& + \left. \frac{64(112N^3 + 224N^2 + 169N + 39)}{81N(N+1)^2} + \frac{128}{9} S_1^2 + \frac{128}{9} S_2 \right) S_{-3} + \left( \frac{256}{9} S_1 - \frac{128(10N^2 + 10N + 3)}{27N(N+1)} \right) S_{-4} \\
& + \frac{256}{9} S_{-5} + \frac{16P_5 S_{2,1}}{9N^2(N+1)^2} + \frac{256}{9} S_{2,3} - \frac{512}{9} S_{2,-3} + \frac{16(89N^2 + 89N + 30)}{27N(N+1)} S_{3,1} - \frac{512}{9} S_{4,1}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & -\frac{128(10N^2 + 10N - 3)}{27N(N + 1)}S_{-2,2} + \frac{256}{9}(2S_{-2,3} + 2S_{2,1,-2} + S_{3,1,1} + 2S_{-2,2,1}) + \frac{512(10N^2 + 10N - 3)}{27N(N + 1)}S_{-2,1,1} \\
 & -\frac{2048}{9}S_{-2,1,1,1} \Big] + C_A C_F T_F \Big[ \frac{22\gamma_{qq}^{(0)}}{27}(L_M^3 + 2L_Q^3) + L_M^2 \Big[ \frac{\gamma_{qq}^{(0)}P_1}{9N^2(N + 1)^2} - \frac{16P_3}{3N^2(N + 1)^2}S_1 - \frac{32}{3}S_3 \\
 & + \left( \frac{32}{3N(N + 1)} - \frac{64}{3}S_1 \right)S_{-2} - \frac{32}{3}S_{-3} + \frac{64}{3}S_{-2,1} \Big] + L_Q^2 \Big[ \frac{2P_{37}}{27N^3(N + 1)^3} - \frac{16(194N^2 + 194N - 33)}{27N(N + 1)}S_1 \\
 & - \frac{176}{9}S_1^2 + \frac{176}{3}S_2 - \frac{32}{3}S_3 + \left( \frac{32}{3N(N + 1)} - \frac{64}{3}S_1 \right)S_{-2} - \frac{32}{3}S_{-3} + \frac{64}{3}S_{-2,1} \Big] + L_M \Big[ \frac{P_{40}}{81N^4(N + 1)^4} \\
 & + \left( -\frac{8P_{30}}{81N^3(N + 1)^3} + 32S_3 + \frac{128}{3}S_{-2,1} \right)S_1 + \frac{1792}{27}S_2 - \frac{16(31N^2 + 31N + 9)}{9N(N + 1)}S_3 + \frac{160}{3}S_4 \\
 & + \left( \frac{32(16N^2 + 10N - 3)}{9N^2(N + 1)^2} - \frac{640}{9}S_1 + \frac{64}{3}S_2 \right)S_{-2} + \left( -\frac{32(10N^2 + 10N + 3)}{9N(N + 1)} + \frac{64}{3}S_1 \right)S_{-3} + \frac{64}{3}S_{-4} - \frac{128}{3}S_{3,1} \\
 & + \frac{64(10N^2 + 10N - 3)}{9N(N + 1)}S_{-2,1} + \frac{64}{3}S_{-2,2} - \frac{256}{3}S_{-2,1,1} - 8\gamma_{qq}^{(0)}\zeta_3 \Big] + L_Q \Big[ -\frac{16(230N^3 + 460N^2 + 213N - 11)}{9N(N + 1)^2}S_2 \\
 & - \frac{4P_{51}}{81(N - 1)N^4(N + 1)^4(N + 2)} + \left( \frac{4P_{39}}{81N^3(N + 1)^3} - \frac{32(11N^2 + 11N + 3)}{9N(N + 1)}S_2 + 32S_3 - \frac{128}{3}S_{2,1} - \frac{256}{3}S_{-2,1} \right)S_1 \\
 & + \left( \frac{16(194N^2 + 194N - 33)}{27N(N + 1)} + \frac{32}{3}S_2 \right)S_1^2 + \frac{352}{27}S_1^3 - \frac{32}{3}S_2^2 + \frac{16(368N^2 + 368N - 9)}{27N(N + 1)}S_3 \\
 & + \left( \frac{32P_{28}}{9(N - 1)N^2(N + 1)^2(N + 2)} + \frac{64(10N^2 + 10N - 3)}{9N(N + 1)}S_1 + \frac{128}{3}S_1^2 - \frac{128}{3}S_2 \right)S_{-2} - \frac{224}{3}S_4 - 32S_{-2}^2 \\
 & + \left( \frac{32(10N^2 + 10N + 9)}{9N(N + 1)} - \frac{128}{3}S_1 \right)S_{-3} - \frac{224}{3}S_{-4} - \frac{64(11N^2 + 11N - 3)}{9N(N + 1)}S_{2,1} - \frac{64}{3}S_{3,1} \\
 & - \frac{64(10N^2 + 10N - 3)}{9N(N + 1)}S_{-2,1} + \frac{128}{3}S_{-3,1} + 64S_{2,1,1} + \frac{256}{3}S_{-2,1,1} + (96 - 64S_1)\zeta_3 \Big] \\
 & + \frac{P_{49}}{729N^5(N + 1)^5} + \frac{S_{-2,1}}{N^2(N + 1)}\frac{64}{81}(112N^3 + 112N^2 - 39N + 18) + \left( \frac{P_{24}}{27N^2(N + 1)^2} + \frac{4(593N^2 + 593N + 108)}{27N(N + 1)}S_1 \right. \\
 & - 16S_1^2 + 16S_2 \Big)\zeta_3 + \gamma_{qq}^{(0)}\left( \frac{4B_4}{3} - 12\zeta_4 - 4S_{2,1,1} \right) + \left( -\frac{4P_{46}}{729N^4(N + 1)^4} - \frac{16(N - 1)}{9N^2(N + 1)^2}(2N^3 - N^2 - N - 2)S_2 \right. \\
 & + \frac{112}{9}S_2^2 + \frac{80(2N + 1)^2S_3}{9N(N + 1)} - \frac{208}{9}S_4 + \frac{64}{3}S_{3,1} + \frac{128}{9}S_{-2,2} - \frac{8(9N^2 + 9N + 16)}{9N(N + 1)}S_{2,1} \\
 & + \frac{128(10N^2 + 10N - 3)}{27N(N + 1)}S_{-2,1} - \frac{512}{9}S_{-2,1,1} \Big)S_1 + \left( \frac{4P_{21}}{9N^3(N + 1)^3} + \frac{32}{9N(N + 1)}S_2 - \frac{80}{9}S_3 + \frac{128}{9}S_{2,1} + \frac{128}{9}S_{-2,1} \right)S_1^2 \\
 & + \left( \frac{496}{27}S_3 + \frac{4P_{36}}{81N^3(N + 1)^3} - \frac{64}{3}S_{2,1} - \frac{128}{3}S_{-2,1} \right)S_2 - \frac{64}{27}S_1^3S_2 - \frac{4(15N^2 + 15N + 14)}{9N(N + 1)}S_2^2 - \frac{8P_{23}}{81N^2(N + 1)^2}S_3 \\
 & + \frac{4(443N^2 + 443N + 78)}{27N(N + 1)}S_4 - \frac{224}{9}S_5 + \left( \frac{32P_{12}}{81N^3(N + 1)^3} - \frac{64P_{10}}{81N^2(N + 1)^2}S_1 + \frac{64}{9N(N + 1)}S_1^2 - \frac{128}{27}S_1^3 \right. \\
 & + \frac{640}{27}S_2 - \frac{256}{27}S_3 + \frac{256}{9}S_{2,1} \Big)S_{-2} + \left( -\frac{32(112N^3 + 224N^2 + 169N + 39)}{81N(N + 1)^2} + \frac{64(10N^2 + 10N + 3)}{27N(N + 1)}S_1 \right. \\
 & - \frac{64}{9}S_1^2 - \frac{64}{9}S_2 \Big)S_{-3} + \left( \frac{64(10N^2 + 10N + 3)}{27N(N + 1)} - \frac{128}{9}S_1 \right)S_{-4} - \frac{128}{9}S_{-5} - \frac{8P_{22}}{9N^2(N + 1)^2}S_{2,1} - \frac{128}{3}S_{2,3} \\
 & + \frac{256}{9}S_{2,-3} - \frac{8(13N + 4)(13N + 9)}{27N(N + 1)}S_{3,1} + \frac{256}{9}S_{4,1} + \frac{64(10N^2 + 10N - 3)}{27N(N + 1)}S_{-2,2} - \frac{256}{9}S_{-2,3} - \frac{256}{9}S_{2,1,-2}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \frac{64}{3} S_{2,2,1} - \frac{256}{9} S_{3,1,1} - \frac{256(10N^2 + 10N - 3)}{27N(N+1)} S_{-2,1,1} - \frac{256}{9} S_{-2,2,1} + \frac{224}{9} S_{2,1,1,1} + \frac{1024}{9} S_{-2,1,1,1} \Big] \\
& + C_F T_F^2 \left[ -\frac{8\gamma_{qq}^{(0)}}{27} (2L_M^3 + L_Q^3) + L_Q^2 \left[ -\frac{8P_9}{27N^2(N+1)^2} + \frac{32}{9} S_1^2 - \frac{32}{3} S_2 + \frac{16(29N^2 + 29N - 6)}{27N(N+1)} S_1 \right] \right. \\
& + L_M^2 \left[ \frac{8P_4}{27N^2(N+1)^2} - \frac{320}{27} S_1 + \frac{64}{9} S_2 \right] - L_M \frac{248\gamma_{qq}^{(0)}}{81} + L_Q \left[ \frac{8P_{34}}{81N^3(N+1)^3} + \left( -\frac{16P_{13}}{81N^2(N+1)^2} + \frac{64}{9} S_2 \right) S_1 \right. \\
& \left. - \frac{16(29N^2 + 29N - 6)}{27N(N+1)} S_1^2 - \frac{64}{27} S_1^3 + \frac{16(35N^2 + 35N - 2)}{9N(N+1)} S_2 - \frac{896}{27} S_3 + \frac{128}{9} S_{2,1} \right] - \frac{2P_{45}}{729N^4(N+1)^4} \\
& + \frac{12064}{729} S_1 + \frac{64}{81} S_2 + \frac{320}{81} S_3 - \frac{64}{27} S_4 - \frac{112\gamma_{qq}^{(0)}\zeta_3}{27} \Big] + C_F N_F T_F^2 \left[ -\frac{8\gamma_{qq}^{(0)}}{27} (L_M^3 + 2L_Q^3) + L_Q^2 \left[ -\frac{16P_9}{27N^2(N+1)^2} \right. \right. \\
& + \frac{64}{9} S_1^2 - \frac{64}{3} S_2 + \frac{32(29N^2 + 29N - 6)}{27N(N+1)} S_1 \Big] + L_M \left[ \frac{4P_{33}}{81N^3(N+1)^3} - \frac{2176}{81} S_1 - \frac{320}{27} S_2 + \frac{64}{9} S_3 \right] \\
& + L_Q \left[ \frac{16P_{34}}{81N^3(N+1)^3} + \left( -\frac{32P_{13}}{81N^2(N+1)^2} + \frac{128}{9} S_2 \right) S_1 - \frac{1792}{27} S_3 - \frac{32(29N^2 + 29N - 6)}{27N(N+1)} S_1^2 - \frac{128}{27} S_1^3 \right. \\
& + \frac{32(35N^2 + 35N - 2)}{9N(N+1)} S_2 + \frac{256}{9} S_{2,1} \Big] + \frac{4P_{44}}{729N^4(N+1)^4} - \frac{24064}{729} S_1 + \frac{128}{81} S_2 + \frac{640}{81} S_3 - \frac{128}{27} S_4 + \frac{64\gamma_{qq}^{(0)}\zeta_3}{27} \Big] \\
& + \frac{d^{abc} d^{abc}}{N_c} \frac{1}{2} L_Q \left[ -\frac{8P_{42}}{(N-1)N^5(N+1)^5(N+2)} + \frac{4P_{43}}{(N-1)N^4(N+1)^4(N+2)} S_1 + \frac{4(N^2 + N + 2)}{N^2(N+1)^2} S_3 \right. \\
& + \left( \frac{16(N^2 + N + 2)^2}{(N-1)N^2(N+1)^2(N+2)} S_1 + \frac{8P_{27}}{(N-1)N^3(N+1)^3(N+2)} \right) S_{-2} - \frac{8(N^2 + N + 2)}{N^2(N+1)^2} S_{-3} \\
& \left. + \frac{16(N^2 + N + 2)}{N^2(N+1)^2} S_{-2,1} \right] + \hat{C}_{q,3}^{\text{NS},(3)}(N_F) \Big\}, \tag{24}
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\hat{C}_{q,3}^{\text{NS},(3)}(N_F)$  denotes the contribution due to the massless Wilson coefficient at three-loop order [23], and the polynomials  $P_i$  are

$$P_1 = -17N^4 - 34N^3 - 29N^2 - 12N - 24, \tag{25}$$

$$P_2 = -3N^4 - 6N^3 - 47N^2 - 20N + 12, \tag{26}$$

$$P_3 = N^4 + 2N^3 - N^2 - 2N - 4, \tag{27}$$

$$P_4 = 3N^4 + 6N^3 + 47N^2 + 20N - 12, \tag{28}$$

$$P_5 = 7N^4 + 14N^3 + 3N^2 - 4N - 4, \tag{29}$$

$$P_6 = 19N^4 + 38N^3 - 9N^2 - 20N + 4, \tag{30}$$

$$P_7 = 28N^4 + 56N^3 + 28N^2 + 2N + 1, \tag{31}$$

$$P_8 = 33N^4 + 54N^3 + 9N^2 - 52N - 28, \tag{32}$$

$$P_9 = 57N^4 + 96N^3 + 65N^2 - 10N - 24, \tag{33}$$

$$P_{10} = 112N^4 + 224N^3 + 121N^2 + 9N + 9, \tag{34}$$

$$P_{11} = 141N^4 + 246N^3 + 241N^2 - 8N - 84, \tag{35}$$

$$P_{12} = 181N^4 + 266N^3 + 82N^2 - 3N + 18, \tag{36}$$

$$P_{13} = 235N^4 + 524N^3 + 211N^2 + 30N + 72, \tag{37}$$

$$P_{14} = 359N^4 + 772N^3 + 335N^2 + 30N + 72, \tag{38}$$

$$P_{15} = 501N^4 + 894N^3 + 541N^2 - 116N - 204, \tag{39}$$

$$P_{16} = 561N^4 + 1122N^3 + 767N^2 + 302N + 48, \tag{40}$$

$$P_{17} = 1131N^4 + 2118N^3 + 1307N^2 + 32N - 276, \tag{41}$$

$$P_{18} = 1139N^4 + 2710N^3 + 635N^2 + 216N + 828, \tag{42}$$

$$P_{19} = 1199N^4 + 2398N^3 + 1181N^2 + 18N + 90, \tag{43}$$

$$P_{20} = 1220N^4 + 2359N^3 + 1934N^2 + 357N - 138, \tag{44}$$

$$P_{21} = 3N^5 + 11N^4 + 10N^3 + 19N^2 + 23N + 16, \tag{45}$$

$$P_{22} = 12N^5 + 16N^4 + 18N^3 - 15N^2 - 5N - 8, \tag{46}$$



$$P_{23} = 27N^5 + 863N^4 + 1573N^3 + 1151N^2 + 144N - 36, \quad (47)$$

$$P_{24} = 648N^5 - 2103N^4 - 4278N^3 - 3505N^2 - 682N - 432, \quad (48)$$

$$P_{25} = -11145N^6 - 32355N^5 - 37523N^4 - 14329N^3 + 1240N^2 - 1032N - 2088, \quad (49)$$

$$P_{26} = -151N^6 - 469N^5 - 181N^4 + 305N^3 + 80N^2 - 88N - 56, \quad (50)$$

$$P_{27} = N^6 + 3N^5 - 8N^4 - 21N^3 - 23N^2 - 12N - 4, \quad (51)$$

$$P_{28} = 6N^6 + 18N^5 - N^4 - 20N^3 + 46N^2 + 29N - 6, \quad (52)$$

$$P_{29} = 15N^6 + 36N^5 + 30N^4 - 24N^3 + 3N^2 + 16N + 20, \quad (53)$$

$$P_{30} = 155N^6 + 465N^5 + 465N^4 + 155N^3 + 108N^2 + 108N + 54, \quad (54)$$

$$P_{31} = 216N^6 + 567N^5 + 687N^4 + 285N^3 + 37N^2 - 44N + 12, \quad (55)$$

$$P_{32} = 309N^6 + 807N^5 + 693N^4 - 463N^3 - 638N^2 + 68N + 216, \quad (56)$$

$$P_{33} = 525N^6 + 1575N^5 + 1535N^4 + 973N^3 + 536N^2 + 48N - 72, \quad (57)$$

$$P_{34} = 609N^6 + 1485N^5 + 1393N^4 + 83N^3 - 422N^2 + 156N + 216, \quad (58)$$

$$P_{35} = 795N^6 + 2043N^5 + 2075N^4 + 517N^3 - 298N^2 + 156N + 216, \quad (59)$$

$$P_{36} = 868N^6 + 2469N^5 + 2487N^4 + 940N^3 + 171N^2 + 207N + 144, \quad (60)$$

$$P_{37} = 1407N^6 + 3825N^5 + 4211N^4 + 1783N^3 - 250N^2 - 240N + 144, \quad (61)$$

$$P_{38} = 1770N^6 + 4671N^5 + 4765N^4 + 1205N^3 - 227N^2 + 1044N + 756, \quad (62)$$

$$P_{39} = 7531N^6 + 23673N^5 + 23055N^4 + 7375N^3 + 1614N^2 + 936N - 324, \quad (63)$$

$$P_{40} = -4785N^8 - 19140N^7 - 18754N^6 + 1320N^5 + 12723N^4 + 6548N^3 + 4080N^2 - 648N - 1728, \quad (64)$$

$$P_{41} = -45N^8 - 162N^7 - 858N^6 - 936N^5 - 1629N^4 - 1094N^3 - 804N^2 - 40N + 192, \quad (65)$$

$$P_{42} = N^8 + 4N^7 + 13N^6 + 25N^5 + 57N^4 + 77N^3 + 55N^2 + 20N + 4, \quad (66)$$

$$P_{43} = 3N^8 + 12N^7 + 16N^6 + 6N^5 + 30N^4 + 64N^3 + 73N^2 + 40N + 12, \quad (67)$$

$$P_{44} = 3549N^8 + 14196N^7 + 23870N^6 + 25380N^5 + 15165N^4 + 1712N^3 - 2016N^2 + 144N + 432, \quad (68)$$

$$P_{45} = 5487N^8 + 21948N^7 + 36370N^6 + 28836N^5 + 11943N^4 + 4312N^3 + 2016N^2 - 144N - 432, \quad (69)$$

$$P_{46} = 10807N^8 + 43228N^7 + 63222N^6 + 40150N^5 + 14587N^4 + 9018N^3 + 7452N^2 + 2376N + 324, \quad (70)$$

$$P_{47} = 42591N^8 + 166764N^7 + 245664N^6 + 129982N^5 - 13295N^4 - 25978N^3 + 3560N^2 - 3192N - 4464, \quad (71)$$

$$P_{48} = -18351N^{10} - 89784N^9 - 210021N^8 - 271638N^7 - 219369N^6 - 90572N^5 - 26491N^4 - 7790N^3 - 1992N^2 - 2760N - 2160, \quad (72)$$

$$P_{49} = 165N^{10} + 825N^9 + 109664N^8 + 331682N^7 + 457641N^6 + 346145N^5 + 219290N^4 + 86724N^3 + 13608N^2 + 14256N + 10368, \quad (73)$$

$$P_{50} = 828N^{10} + 3492N^9 + 4305N^8 - 2013N^7 - 8540N^6 - 3822N^5 - 1157N^4 - 3057N^3 - 4112N^2 - 324N + 576, \quad (74)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
P_{51} = & 8274N^{10} + 37149N^9 + 53630N^8 \\
& + 7538N^7 - 59902N^6 - 55159N^5 \\
& - 6994N^4 + 3272N^3 - 9048N^2 - 1656N + 2160.
\end{aligned} \tag{75}$$

Here  $C_A = N_c$ ,  $C_F = (N_c^2 - 1)/(2N_c)$ ,  $T_F = 1/2$  and  $d^{abc}d^{abc}/N_c = (N_c^2 - 1)(N_c^2 - 4)/N_c^2$  denote the color factors for  $SU(N_c)$ , with  $N_c = 3$  in the case of QCD. The constant  $B_4$  is given by

$$B_4 = -4\zeta_2 \ln^2(2) + \frac{2}{3} \ln^4(2) - \frac{13}{2} \zeta_4 + 16\text{Li}_4\left(\frac{1}{2}\right), \tag{76}$$

which is related to multiple zeta values [41],  $\zeta_n = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 1/k^n$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $n \geq 2$ , denote the values of Riemann's  $\zeta$  function at integer argument and  $\text{Li}_n(x)$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , is the polylogarithm [42]. Terms containing the color factor  $d^{abc}d^{abc}/N_c$  stem only from the massless Wilson coefficient and the nonsinglet valence anomalous dimension at three-loop order [43], cf. Appendix A.

One obtains the analytic continuation of the harmonic sums to complex values of  $N$  by performing their asymptotic expansion analytically, cf. Refs. [44,45]. These expansions can be obtained automatically using the package `HarmonicSums` [39]. Furthermore, the nested harmonic sums obey the shift relations

$$S_{b,\bar{a}}(N) = S_{b,\bar{a}}(N-1) + \frac{(\text{sign}(b))^N}{N^{|b|}} S_{\bar{a}}(N), \tag{77}$$

through which any regular point in the complex plane can be reached using the analytic asymptotic representation as input. The poles of the nested harmonic sums  $S_{\bar{a}}(N)$  are located at the nonpositive integers. In data analyses, one may thus encode the QCD evolution [5] together with the Wilson coefficient for complex values of  $N$  analytically and finally perform one numerical contour integral around the singularities of the problem.<sup>5</sup>

In  $x$  space the Wilson coefficient is represented in terms of harmonic polylogarithms [47] over the alphabet  $\{f_0, f_1, f_{-1}\}$ , which were again reduced by applying the shuffle relations [48]. They are defined by

$$\begin{aligned}
H_{b,\bar{a}}(x) &= \int_0^x dy f_b(y) H_{\bar{a}}(y), \\
H_{\underbrace{0, \dots, 0}_k}(x) &= \frac{1}{k!} \ln^k(x), \quad H_{\emptyset} = 1,
\end{aligned} \tag{78}$$

$$f_0(x) = \frac{1}{x}, \quad f_1(x) = \frac{1}{1-x}, \quad f_{-1}(x) = \frac{1}{1+x}. \tag{79}$$

The Wilson coefficient is represented by three contributions—the  $(\dots)_+$  distribution, the  $\delta(1-x)$  term, and the regular term—with the  $+$  distribution being defined by

$$\int_0^1 dy [F(y)]_+ g(y) = \int_0^1 dy F(y) [g(y) - g(1)]. \tag{80}$$

It reads

$$\begin{aligned}
L_{q,3}^{W^+ - W^-, \text{NS}}(x) = & a_s^2 \left\{ \left( \frac{1}{1-x} C_F T_F \left[ L_M^2 \frac{8}{3} + L_Q^2 \frac{8}{3} + L_M \left[ \frac{80}{9} + \frac{16}{3} H_0 \right] + L_Q \left[ -\frac{116}{9} - \frac{32}{3} H_0 - \frac{16}{3} H_1 \right] \right. \right. \right. \\
& + \left. \left. \frac{718}{27} - \frac{32}{3} \zeta_2 + \frac{268}{9} H_0 + 8H_0^2 + \left( \frac{116}{9} + \frac{16}{3} H_0 \right) H_1 + \frac{8}{3} H_1^2 + \frac{16}{3} H_{0,1} \right] \right\}_+ \\
& + \delta(1-x) \left( C_F T_F \left[ L_M^2 2 + L_Q^2 2 + L_M \frac{2}{3} - L_Q \frac{38}{3} + \frac{265}{9} \right] \right) + C_F T_F \left[ -(L_M^2 + L_Q^2) \frac{4}{3} (x+1) \right. \\
& + L_M \left[ -\frac{8}{9} (11x-1) - \frac{8}{3} (x+1) H_0 \right] + L_Q \left[ \frac{8}{9} (14x+5) + \frac{16}{3} (x+1) H_0 + \frac{8}{3} (x+1) H_1 \right] \\
& - \frac{4}{27} (218x+47) + \frac{16}{3} (x+1) \zeta_2 - \frac{8}{9} (28x+13) H_0 - 4(x+1) H_0^2 + \left( -\frac{8}{9} (14x+5) - \frac{8}{3} (x+1) H_0 \right) H_1 \\
& \left. - \frac{4}{3} (x+1) H_1^2 - \frac{8}{3} (x+1) H_{0,1} \right] \left. \right\} + a_s^3 \left\{ \left( \frac{1}{(1-x)^2} C_A C_F T_F \left[ \frac{32}{81} (94x-121) \zeta_2 \right. \right. \right. \\
& - \frac{4}{81} (800x-773) H_0^2 + \frac{32}{9} (x+2) H_{0,1} \left. \right] + \frac{1}{1-x} \left( C_A C_F T_F \left[ -L_M^3 \frac{176}{27} - L_Q^3 \frac{352}{27} \right. \right. \right. \\
& \left. \left. + L_M^2 \left[ \frac{184}{9} - \frac{32}{3} \zeta_2 + \frac{16}{3} H_0^2 \right] + L_Q^2 \left[ \frac{3104}{27} - \frac{32}{3} \zeta_2 + \frac{704}{9} H_0 + \frac{16}{3} H_0^2 + \frac{352}{9} H_1 \right] \right. \right.
\end{aligned}$$

<sup>5</sup>For precise numerical implementations of the analytic continuation of harmonic sums see Ref. [46].



$$\begin{aligned}
 & + L_M \left[ \frac{1240}{81} + \left( -\frac{320}{9} - \frac{64}{3} H_0 \right) \zeta_2 + 96 \zeta_3 + \frac{1792}{27} H_0 + \frac{248}{9} H_0^2 + \frac{32}{9} H_0^3 - 16 H_0^2 H_1 + 32 H_0 H_{0,1} - \frac{64}{3} H_{0,0,1} \right] \\
 & + L_Q \left[ -\frac{30124}{81} + \left( 192 + \frac{128}{3} H_0 + 64 H_1 \right) \zeta_2 - \frac{256}{3} \zeta_3 - \frac{14144}{27} H_0 - \frac{1216}{9} H_0^2 - \frac{80}{9} H_0^3 \right. \\
 & + \left( -\frac{6208}{27} - \frac{704}{9} H_0 - \frac{16}{3} H_0^2 \right) H_1 + \left( -\frac{352}{9} + \frac{32}{3} H_0 \right) H_1^2 - 64 H_0 H_{0,-1} + \left( -\frac{704}{9} + \frac{32}{3} H_0 - \frac{128}{3} H_1 \right) H_{0,1} \\
 & + 128 H_{0,0,-1} - \frac{128}{3} H_{0,0,1} + 64 H_{0,1,1} \left. \right] + \frac{43228}{729} - \frac{32}{3} B_4 + \left( -\frac{496}{27} H_0 - \frac{112}{9} H_0^2 + \left( 8 - \frac{160}{9} H_0 \right) H_1 \right. \\
 & - \frac{128}{9} H_1^2 + \frac{32}{9} H_{0,1} \left. \right) \zeta_2 + \left( -\frac{1196}{27} + \frac{160}{9} H_0 - \frac{32}{9} H_1 \right) \zeta_3 + \frac{296}{3} \zeta_4 + \frac{3256}{81} H_0 + \frac{496}{81} H_0^3 + \frac{16}{27} H_0^4 \\
 & + \left( -\frac{32}{3} (x-2) - \frac{32}{9} H_0 - \frac{160}{9} H_0^2 - \frac{112}{27} H_0^3 \right) H_1 + \frac{8}{9} H_0^2 H_1^2 - \frac{64}{27} H_0 H_1^3 + \left( \frac{368}{9} H_0 + \frac{16}{3} H_0^2 \right. \\
 & + \left( -8 - \frac{128}{9} H_0 \right) H_1 + \frac{128}{9} H_1^2 \left. \right) H_{0,1} - \frac{32}{9} H_{0,1}^2 + \left( -\frac{1072}{27} + \frac{32}{9} H_0 + \frac{320}{9} H_1 \right) H_{0,0,1} \\
 & + \left( 24 + \frac{160}{9} H_0 - 32 H_1 \right) H_{0,1,1} - \frac{224}{9} (H_{0,0,1,1} - H_{0,1,1,1}) \left. \right] + C_F^2 T_F \left[ L_Q^3 \left[ 16 - \frac{32}{3} H_0 - \frac{64}{3} H_1 \right] \right. \\
 & + L_M^2 L_Q \left[ 16 - \frac{32}{3} H_0 - \frac{64}{3} H_1 \right] + L_Q^2 \left[ -\frac{334}{3} - \frac{256}{3} \zeta_2 + \frac{32}{9} H_0 + \frac{80}{3} H_0^2 + \left( \frac{856}{9} + \frac{320}{3} H_0 \right) H_1 + 48 H_1^2 \right] \\
 & + L_M^2 \left[ -22 - \frac{64}{3} \zeta_2 - 16 H_0 + \frac{16}{3} H_0^2 + \left( 8 + \frac{128}{3} H_0 \right) H_1 + 16 H_1^2 \right] + L_M L_Q \left[ \frac{88}{3} + \frac{64}{3} \zeta_2 - \frac{176}{9} H_0 - \frac{32}{3} H_0^2 \right. \\
 & + \left. \left( -\frac{640}{9} - \frac{64}{3} H_0 \right) H_1 \right] + L_M \left[ -\frac{206}{3} + \left( -\frac{784}{9} - \frac{128}{3} H_0 - \frac{64}{3} H_1 \right) \zeta_2 - 64 \zeta_3 - \frac{112}{3} H_0 + \frac{88}{9} H_0^2 + \frac{64}{9} H_0^3 \right. \\
 & + \left. \left( \frac{152}{3} + \frac{1424}{9} H_0 + \frac{160}{3} H_0^2 \right) H_1 + \left( \frac{160}{3} + \frac{32}{3} H_0 \right) H_1^2 - \frac{64}{3} H_0 H_{0,1} \right] + L_Q \left[ \frac{2360}{9} + \left( \frac{2608}{9} + \frac{832}{3} H_0 + \frac{448}{3} H_1 \right) \zeta_2 \right. \\
 & + 320 \zeta_3 + \frac{4508}{27} H_0 - \frac{160}{3} H_0^2 - \frac{224}{9} H_0^3 + \left( -\frac{4556}{27} - \frac{3680}{9} H_0 - 128 H_0^2 \right) H_1 + \left( -\frac{512}{3} - 128 H_0 \right) H_1^2 \\
 & - \frac{320}{9} H_1^3 + 128 H_0 H_{0,-1} + \left( 48 - \frac{64}{3} H_0 + \frac{64}{3} H_1 \right) H_{0,1} - 256 H_{0,0,-1} - 64 H_{0,1,1} \left. \right] - \frac{14197}{54} + \frac{64}{3} B_4 \\
 & + \left( -\frac{2488}{27} - \frac{1192}{27} H_0 - \frac{80}{9} H_0^2 + \left( -\frac{160}{9} + \frac{32}{3} H_0 \right) H_1 + \frac{128}{9} H_1^2 - \frac{32}{9} H_{0,1} \right) \zeta_2 + \left( \frac{3088}{27} - \frac{128}{9} H_0 + \frac{160}{9} H_1 \right) \zeta_3 \\
 & - \frac{664}{9} \zeta_4 - \frac{3262}{27} H_0 + \frac{196}{27} H_0^2 + \frac{380}{81} H_0^3 + \frac{4}{3} H_0^4 + \left( \frac{302}{9} + \frac{13624}{81} H_0 + \frac{1628}{27} H_0^2 + \frac{304}{27} H_0^3 \right) H_1 \\
 & + \left( \frac{448}{9} + \frac{80}{9} H_0 - \frac{8}{9} H_0^2 \right) H_1^2 + \frac{128}{27} H_0 H_1^3 + \left( \frac{112}{9} - \frac{1304}{27} H_0 - \frac{32}{3} H_0^2 + \frac{160}{9} H_0 H_1 - \frac{128}{9} H_1^2 \right) H_{0,1} \\
 & - \frac{16}{9} H_{0,1}^2 + \left( \frac{1184}{27} + \frac{128}{9} H_0 - \frac{256}{9} H_1 \right) H_{0,0,1} + \left( -16 - \frac{32}{3} H_0 + \frac{64}{3} H_1 \right) H_{0,1,1} - \frac{128}{9} H_{0,0,0,1} + \frac{64}{3} H_{0,0,1,1} \left. \right] \\
 & + C_F T_F^2 \left[ L_M^3 \frac{128}{27} + L_Q^3 \frac{64}{27} + L_M^2 \left[ \frac{320}{27} + \frac{64}{9} H_0 \right] + L_Q^2 \left[ -\frac{464}{27} - \frac{128}{9} H_0 - \frac{64}{9} H_1 \right] + L_M \frac{1984}{81} \right. \\
 & + L_Q \left[ \frac{3760}{81} - \frac{256}{9} \zeta_2 + \frac{2144}{27} H_0 + \frac{64}{3} H_0^2 + \left( \frac{928}{27} + \frac{128}{9} H_0 \right) H_1 + \frac{64}{9} H_1^2 + \frac{128}{9} H_{0,1} \right] - \frac{12064}{729} + \frac{896}{27} \zeta_3 \\
 & + \frac{64}{81} H_0 - \frac{160}{81} H_0^2 - \frac{32}{81} H_0^3 \left. \right] + C_F N_F T_F^2 \left[ L_M^3 \frac{64}{27} + L_Q^3 \frac{128}{27} + L_Q^2 \left[ -\frac{928}{27} - \frac{256}{9} H_0 - \frac{128}{9} H_1 \right] \right]
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& + L_M \left[ \frac{2176}{81} - \frac{320}{27} H_0 - \frac{32}{9} H_0^2 \right] + L_Q \left[ \frac{7520}{81} - \frac{512}{9} \zeta_2 + \frac{4288}{27} H_0 + \frac{128}{3} H_0^2 + \left( \frac{1856}{27} + \frac{256}{9} H_0 \right) H_1 \right. \\
& \left. + \frac{128}{9} H_1^2 + \frac{256}{9} H_{0,1} \right] + \frac{24064}{729} - \frac{512}{27} \zeta_3 + \frac{128}{81} H_0 - \frac{320}{81} H_0^2 - \frac{64}{81} H_0^3 \Big) \Big) + \\
& + \delta(1-x) \left( C_A C_F T_F \left[ -L_M^3 \frac{44}{9} - L_Q^3 \frac{88}{9} + L_M^2 \left[ \frac{34}{3} - \frac{16}{3} \zeta_3 \right] + L_Q^2 \left[ \frac{938}{9} - \frac{16}{3} \zeta_3 \right] + L_M \left[ -\frac{1595}{27} + \frac{272}{9} \zeta_3 + \frac{68}{3} \zeta_4 \right] \right. \right. \\
& \left. \left. + L_Q \left[ -\frac{11032}{27} - \frac{32}{3} \zeta_2 + \frac{1024}{9} \zeta_3 - \frac{196}{3} \zeta_4 \right] + \frac{2647}{243} - 8B_4 - \frac{10045}{81} \zeta_3 - \frac{16}{9} \zeta_2 \zeta_3 + \frac{2624}{27} \zeta_4 - \frac{176}{9} \zeta_5 \right] \right. \\
& \left. + C_F^2 T_F \left[ 6L_Q(L_Q^2 + L_M^2) + L_M^2 \left[ -10 + \frac{32}{3} \zeta_3 \right] + L_Q^2 \left[ -48 + \frac{32}{3} \zeta_3 \right] + 2L_M L_Q + L_M \left[ -5 - \frac{112}{9} \zeta_3 - \frac{136}{3} \zeta_4 \right] \right. \right. \\
& \left. \left. + L_Q \left[ \frac{368}{3} + \frac{64}{3} \zeta_2 - \frac{1616}{9} \zeta_3 + \frac{392}{3} \zeta_4 \right] - \frac{2039}{18} + 16B_4 + \frac{13682}{81} \zeta_3 + \frac{32}{9} \zeta_2 \zeta_3 - \frac{3304}{27} \zeta_4 + \frac{352}{9} \zeta_5 \right] \right. \\
& \left. + C_F T_F^2 \left[ L_M^3 \frac{32}{9} + L_Q^3 \frac{16}{9} + L_M^2 \frac{8}{9} - L_Q^2 \frac{152}{9} + L_M \frac{496}{27} + L_Q \frac{1624}{27} - \frac{3658}{243} + \frac{224}{9} \zeta_3 \right] \right. \\
& \left. + C_F N_F T_F^2 \left[ L_M^3 \frac{16}{9} + L_Q^3 \frac{32}{9} - L_Q^2 \frac{304}{9} + L_M \frac{700}{27} + L_Q \frac{3248}{27} + \frac{4732}{243} - \frac{128}{9} \zeta_3 \right] \right) \\
& + C_A C_F T_F \left[ L_M^3 \frac{88}{27} (x+1) + L_Q^3 \frac{176}{27} (x+1) + L_M^2 \left[ -\frac{4}{9} (83x-37) + \frac{32}{3} \frac{x}{x+1} \zeta_2 + \frac{32}{3} (x+1) H_0 \right. \right. \\
& \left. \left. - \frac{32x^2+1}{3} \frac{x}{x+1} H_{-1} H_0 - \frac{16}{3} \frac{x}{x+1} H_0^2 + \frac{32x^2+1}{3} \frac{x}{x+1} H_{0,-1} \right] + L_Q^2 \left[ -\frac{4}{27} (865x+109) + \frac{32}{3} \frac{x}{x+1} \zeta_2 - \frac{256}{9} (x+1) H_0 \right. \right. \\
& \left. \left. - \frac{32x^2+1}{3} \frac{x}{x+1} H_{-1} H_0 - \frac{16}{3} \frac{x}{x+1} H_0^2 - \frac{176}{9} (x+1) H_1 + \frac{32x^2+1}{3} \frac{x}{x+1} H_{0,-1} \right] + L_M \left[ -\frac{4}{81} (4577x-4267) \right. \right. \\
& \left. \left. + \left( \frac{163x^2+14x-9}{9} \frac{x}{x+1} - \frac{64x^2+1}{3} \frac{x}{x+1} H_{-1} + \frac{163x^2+4x+3}{3} \frac{x}{x+1} H_0 \right) \zeta_2 - 32 \frac{x^2+3x+1}{x+1} \zeta_3 - \frac{16}{27} (29x-109) H_0 \right. \right. \\
& \left. \left. + \frac{419x^2+4x+25}{9} \frac{x}{x+1} H_0^2 - \frac{32}{9} \frac{x}{x+1} H_0^3 + \left( \frac{32}{3} (x-1) + 8(x+1) H_0^2 \right) H_1 + \frac{1284x^2+3x+4}{9} \frac{x}{x+1} H_{0,-1} \right. \right. \\
& \left. \left. + \left( -\frac{16}{3} (x+1) - 16(x+1) H_0 \right) H_{0,1} + \left( -\frac{1284x^2+3x+4}{9} \frac{x}{x+1} H_0 - \frac{16x^2+1}{3} \frac{x}{x+1} H_0^2 + \frac{64x^2+1}{3} \frac{x}{x+1} H_{0,1} \right) H_{-1} \right. \right. \\
& \left. \left. - \frac{64x^2+1}{3} \frac{x}{x+1} H_{0,-1,1} + \frac{32x^2+1}{3} \frac{x}{x+1} H_{0,0,-1} + \frac{64}{3} \frac{x}{x+1} H_{0,0,1} - \frac{64x^2+1}{3} \frac{x}{x+1} H_{0,1,-1} \right] + L_Q \left[ \frac{4}{81} (12329x-577) \right. \right. \\
& \left. \left. + \left( \frac{1612x^3-23x^2-72x-17}{9} \frac{x}{x+1} - \frac{32}{3} \frac{(x-1)^2}{x+1} H_{-1} - \frac{163x^2+8x+3}{3} \frac{x}{x+1} H_0 - \frac{64}{3} (x+2) H_1 \right) \zeta_2 \right. \right. \\
& \left. \left. + \frac{643x^2+3x+2}{3} \frac{x}{x+1} \zeta_3 + \left( \frac{64181x^2+239x+49}{27} \frac{x}{x+1} + \frac{326x^4+25x^3+18x^2+25x+6}{9} \frac{x}{(x+1)x} H_{-1} \right. \right. \right. \\
& \left. \left. - \frac{32}{3} \frac{(x-1)^2}{x+1} H_{-1}^2 \right) H_0 + \left( -\frac{812x^3-21x^2-77x-24}{9} \frac{x}{x+1} + \frac{165x^2-2x+5}{3} \frac{x}{x+1} H_{-1} \right) H_0^2 + \frac{80}{9} \frac{x}{x+1} H_0^3 \right. \right. \\
& \left. \left. + \left( \frac{8}{27} (703x+253) + \frac{352}{9} (x+1) H_0 - \frac{8}{3} (x-3) H_0^2 \right) H_1 + \left( \frac{176}{9} (x+1) - \frac{16}{3} (x+1) H_0 \right) H_1^2 \right. \right. \\
& \left. \left. + \left( -\frac{326x^4+25x^3+18x^2+25x+6}{9} \frac{x}{(x+1)x} + \frac{64}{3} \frac{(x-1)^2}{x+1} H_{-1} + \frac{643x+1}{3} \frac{x}{x+1} H_0 \right) H_{0,-1} \right. \right. \\
& \left. \left. + \left( \frac{208}{9} (x+1) + \frac{16}{3} (x-3) H_0 + \frac{64}{3} (x+1) H_1 \right) H_{0,1} - \frac{64}{3} \frac{(x-1)^2}{x+1} H_{0,-1,-1} - \frac{325x^2+10x+9}{3} \frac{x}{x+1} H_{0,0,-1} \right. \right.
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 & + \frac{32}{3}(x+3)H_{0,0,1} - 32(x+1)H_{0,1,1} \Big] - \frac{2}{729}(108295x - 86681) + \frac{16}{3}(x+1)B_4 + \left( \frac{16174x^2 + 209x - 189}{81} \frac{1}{x+1} \right. \\
 & - \frac{3229x^2 + 18x + 29}{27} \frac{1}{x+1} H_{-1} - \frac{32x^2 + 1}{9} \frac{1}{x+1} H_{-1}^2 + \left( \frac{863x^2 + 29x + 6}{27} \frac{1}{x+1} - \frac{32x^2 + 1}{9} \frac{1}{x+1} H_{-1} \right) H_0 + \frac{83x^2 + 8x + 9}{9} \frac{1}{x+1} H_0^2 \\
 & + \left( -\frac{8}{9}(3x+14) + \frac{80}{9}(x+1)H_0 \right) H_1 + \frac{64}{9}(x+1)H_1^2 - \frac{16}{9}(7x+1)H_{0,1} \Big) \zeta_2 + \left( \frac{2497x^2 + 1102x + 1085}{27} \frac{1}{x+1} \right. \\
 & + \frac{128x^2 + 1}{9} \frac{1}{x+1} H_{-1} + \frac{326x^2 + 4x - 3}{9} \frac{1}{x+1} H_0 + \frac{16}{9}(x+1)H_1 \Big) \zeta_3 - \frac{836x^2 + 51x + 22}{3} \frac{1}{x+1} \zeta_4 + \left( -\frac{4}{81}(995x - 2807) \right. \\
 & - \frac{32199x^2 + 174x + 199}{81} \frac{1}{x+1} H_{-1} + \frac{32}{9}(x+1)H_{-1}^2 - \frac{64x^2 + 1}{27} \frac{1}{x+1} H_{-1}^3 \Big) H_0 + \left( \frac{4253x^2 + 391x + 586}{81} \frac{1}{x+1} \right. \\
 & - \frac{1619x^2 + 18x + 19}{27} \frac{1}{x+1} H_{-1} + \frac{16x^2 + 1}{9} \frac{1}{x+1} H_{-1}^2 \Big) H_0^2 + \left( \frac{822x^2 + 7x + 25}{81} \frac{1}{x+1} - \frac{32x^2 + 1}{27} \frac{1}{x+1} H_{-1} \right) H_0^3 - \frac{16}{27} \frac{x}{x+1} H_0^4 \\
 & + \left( -\frac{8}{27}(65x+7) + \frac{8}{9}(9x+4)H_0 + \frac{8}{9}(14x+3)H_0^2 + \frac{56}{27}(x+1)H_0^3 \right) H_1 + \left( -\frac{4}{9}(43x-46) - \frac{8}{9}(2x+5)H_0 \right. \\
 & - \frac{4}{9}(x+1)H_0^2 \Big) H_1^2 + \frac{32}{27}(x+1)H_0H_1^3 + \left( -\frac{64}{9}(x+1)H_{-1} + \frac{32199x^2 + 174x + 199}{81} \frac{1}{x+1} + \frac{64x^2 + 1}{9} \frac{1}{x+1} H_{-1}^2 \right) H_{0,-1} \\
 & + \left( -\frac{8}{27}(143x+2) + \frac{2564x^2 + 3x + 4}{27} \frac{1}{x+1} H_{-1} - \frac{16}{9}(13x+6)H_0 - \frac{8}{3}(x+1)H_0^2 + \left( \frac{8}{9}(11x+20) + \frac{64}{9}(x+1)H_0 \right) H_1 \right. \\
 & - \frac{64}{9}(x+1)H_1^2 \Big) H_{0,1} + \frac{16}{9}(7x+1)H_{0,1}^2 + \left( \frac{64}{9}(x+1) - \frac{128x^2 + 1}{9} \frac{1}{x+1} H_{-1} \right) H_{0,-1,-1} - \frac{2564x^2 + 3x + 4}{27} \frac{1}{x+1} H_{0,-1,1} \\
 & + \left( \frac{3219x^2 + 18x + 19}{27} \frac{1}{x+1} - \frac{64x^2 + 1}{9} \frac{1}{x+1} H_{-1} \right) H_{0,0,-1} + \left( \frac{89x^2 + 101x + 12}{27} \frac{1}{x+1} + \frac{64x^2 + 1}{9} \frac{1}{x+1} H_{-1} - \frac{16}{9}(7x+1)H_0 \right. \\
 & - \frac{160}{9}(x+1)H_1 \Big) H_{0,0,1} - \frac{2564x^2 + 3x + 4}{27} \frac{1}{x+1} H_{0,1,-1} + \left( 16(x+1)H_1 - \frac{16}{9}(x+7) - \frac{128x^2 + 1}{9} \frac{1}{x+1} H_{-1} \right. \\
 & - \frac{16}{9}(11x+5)H_0 \Big) H_{0,1,1} + \frac{128x^2 + 1}{9} \frac{1}{x+1} (H_{0,-1,-1,-1} + H_{0,-1,1,1} + \frac{1}{2}(H_{0,0,-1,-1} - H_{0,0,-1,1} + H_{0,0,0,-1} - H_{0,0,1,-1}) \\
 & + H_{0,1,-1,1} + H_{0,1,1,-1}) + \frac{645x^2 + 6x - 1}{9} \frac{1}{x+1} H_{0,0,0,1} - \frac{16x^2 - 2x - 11}{9} \frac{1}{x+1} H_{0,0,1,1} - \frac{112}{9}(x+1)H_{0,1,1,1} \Big] \\
 & + C_F^2 T_F \left[ L_Q^3 \left[ -\frac{8}{3}(x+5) + 8(x+1)H_0 + \frac{32}{3}(x+1)H_1 \right] + L_M^2 L_Q \left[ -\frac{8}{3}(x+5) + 8(x+1)H_0 + \frac{32}{3}(x+1)H_1 \right] \right] \\
 & + L_M^2 \left[ 28(2x-1) + \frac{89x^2 + 10x + 9}{3} \frac{1}{x+1} \zeta_2 + \left( -\frac{8}{3}(11x+5) + \frac{64x^2 + 1}{3} \frac{1}{x+1} H_{-1} \right) H_0 - \frac{49x^2 + 10x + 9}{3} \frac{1}{x+1} H_0^2 \right. \\
 & + \left( -\frac{16}{3}(2x+1) - \frac{64}{3}(x+1)H_0 \right) H_1 - 8(x+1)H_1^2 - \frac{64x^2 + 1}{3} \frac{1}{x+1} H_{0,-1} - \frac{8}{3}(x+1)H_{0,1} \Big] + L_Q^2 \left[ \frac{4}{9}(161x+130) \right. \\
 & + \frac{823x^2 + 38x + 23}{3} \frac{1}{x+1} \zeta_2 + \left( \frac{64x^2 + 1}{3} \frac{1}{x+1} H_{-1} - \frac{16}{3}(15x+4) \right) H_0 - \frac{421x^2 + 34x + 21}{3} \frac{1}{x+1} H_0^2 + \left( -\frac{16}{9}(50x+17) \right. \\
 & - \frac{160}{3}(x+1)H_0 \Big) H_1 - 24(x+1)H_1^2 - \frac{64x^2 + 1}{3} \frac{1}{x+1} H_{0,-1} - 8(x+1)H_{0,1} \Big] + L_M L_Q \left[ \frac{4}{9}(19x-85) \right. \\
 & - \frac{32}{3}(x+1)\zeta_2 + \frac{8}{3}(13x+1)H_0 + 8(x+1)H_0^2 + \left( \frac{128}{9}(4x+1) + \frac{32}{3}(x+1)H_0 \right) H_1 \Big] + L_M \left[ \frac{4}{3}(178x-125) \right. \\
 & + \left( \frac{8117x^2 + 118x + 81}{9} \frac{1}{x+1} + \frac{128x^2 + 1}{3} \frac{1}{x+1} H_{-1} + \frac{16(x+3)(3x+1)}{3} \frac{1}{x+1} H_0 + \frac{32}{3}(x+1)H_1 \right) \zeta_2
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$$\begin{aligned}
& -\frac{4}{9} \frac{195x^2 + 238x + 123}{x+1} H_0^2 + \frac{16}{3} \frac{x^2 + 14x + 1}{x+1} \zeta_3 - \frac{4}{9} (337x + 235) H_0 - \frac{32}{9} \frac{3x^2 + 4x + 3}{x+1} H_0^3 \\
& + \left( -\frac{4}{9} (287x - 113) - \frac{224}{9} (5x + 2) H_0 - \frac{80}{3} (x + 1) H_0^2 \right) H_1 - \left( \frac{16}{3} (7x + 3) + \frac{16}{3} (x + 1) H_0 \right) H_1^2 \\
& - \frac{256}{9} \frac{4x^2 + 3x + 4}{x+1} H_{0,-1} + \left( \frac{184}{9} (x + 1) + \frac{32}{3} (x + 1) H_0 \right) H_{0,1} + \left( \frac{256}{9} \frac{4x^2 + 3x + 4}{x+1} H_0 + \frac{32}{3} \frac{x^2 + 1}{x+1} H_0^2 \right. \\
& \left. - \frac{128}{3} \frac{x^2 + 1}{x+1} H_{0,1} \right) H_{-1} + \frac{64}{3} \frac{x^2 + 1}{x+1} (2H_{0,-1,1} - H_{0,0,-1} + 2H_{0,1,-1}) + \frac{16}{3} \frac{3x^2 - 2x + 3}{x+1} H_{0,0,1} \\
& + L_Q \left[ -\frac{8}{27} (557x + 652) + \left( -\frac{16}{9} \frac{24x^3 + 245x^2 + 318x + 137}{x+1} + \frac{64}{3} \frac{(x-1)^2}{x+1} H_{-1} - \frac{16}{3} \frac{35x^2 + 66x + 35}{x+1} H_0 \right. \right. \\
& \left. \left. - \frac{32}{3} (9x + 5) H_1 \right) \zeta_2 - \frac{32}{3} \frac{21x^2 + 30x + 17}{x+1} \zeta_3 + \left( \frac{8}{9} \frac{115x^2 + 99x + 32}{x+1} - \frac{64}{9} \frac{6x^4 + 25x^3 + 18x^2 + 25x + 6}{(x+1)x} H_{-1} \right. \right. \\
& \left. \left. + \frac{64}{3} \frac{(x-1)^2}{x+1} H_{-1}^2 \right) H_0 + \left( \frac{448x^3 + 519x^2 + 706x + 315}{9} - \frac{32}{3} \frac{5x^2 - 2x + 5}{x+1} H_{-1} \right) H_0^2 + \frac{32}{9} \frac{9x^2 + 13x + 9}{x+1} H_0^3 \right. \\
& + \left( \frac{8}{27} (908x - 19) + \frac{16}{9} (169x + 97) H_0 + \frac{32}{3} (7x + 5) H_0^2 \right) H_1 + \left( \frac{32}{3} (13x + 6) + 64(x + 1) H_0 \right) H_1^2 \\
& + \frac{160}{9} (x + 1) H_1^3 + \left( -\frac{128}{3} \frac{(x-1)^2}{x+1} H_{-1} + \frac{64}{9} \frac{6x^4 + 25x^3 + 18x^2 + 25x + 6}{(x+1)x} - \frac{128}{3} \frac{3x + 1}{x+1} H_0 \right) H_{0,-1} \\
& + \left( \frac{64}{9} (13x + 1) + \frac{16}{3} (x + 9) H_0 - \frac{32}{3} (x + 1) H_1 \right) H_{0,1} + \frac{128}{3} \frac{(x-1)^2}{x+1} H_{0,-1,-1} + \frac{16}{3} (5x - 3) H_{0,0,1} \\
& + 48(x + 1) H_{0,1,1} + \frac{64}{3} \frac{5x^2 + 10x + 9}{x+1} H_{0,0,-1} \left. \right] + \frac{1}{27} (12332x - 4905) - \frac{32}{3} (x + 1) B_4 \\
& + \left( \frac{4}{81} \frac{1619x^2 + 1338x + 1511}{x+1} + \frac{64}{27} \frac{29x^2 + 18x + 29}{x+1} H_{-1} + \frac{64}{9} \frac{x^2 + 1}{x+1} H_{-1}^2 + \left( \frac{4}{27} \frac{147x^2 + 298x - 9}{x+1} \right. \right. \\
& \left. \left. + \frac{64}{9} \frac{x^2 + 1}{x+1} H_{-1} \right) H_0 + \frac{4}{9} \frac{(x+5)(5x+1)}{x+1} H_0^2 + \left( \frac{16}{9} (x+9) - \frac{16}{3} (x+1) H_0 \right) H_1 - \frac{64}{9} (x+1) H_1^2 \right. \\
& \left. + \frac{16}{9} (x+1) H_{0,1} \right) \zeta_2 + \left( -\frac{8}{27} \frac{235x^2 + 404x + 409}{x+1} - \frac{256}{9} \frac{x^2 + 1}{x+1} H_{-1} + \frac{8}{9} \frac{15x^2 + 22x + 15}{x+1} H_0 - \frac{80}{9} (x+1) H_1 \right) \zeta_3 \\
& + \frac{4}{9} \frac{131x^2 + 178x + 131}{x+1} \zeta_4 + \left( \frac{1}{81} (-10999x - 8399) + \frac{64}{81} \frac{199x^2 + 174x + 199}{x+1} H_{-1} - \frac{64}{9} (x+1) H_{-1}^2 \right. \\
& \left. + \frac{128}{27} \frac{x^2 + 1}{x+1} H_{-1}^3 \right) H_0 + \left( -\frac{2}{81} \frac{4179x^2 + 5255x + 2868}{x+1} + \frac{32}{27} \frac{19x^2 + 18x + 19}{x+1} H_{-1} - \frac{32}{9} \frac{x^2 + 1}{x+1} H_{-1}^2 \right) H_0^2 \\
& + \left( -\frac{10}{81} \frac{177x^2 + 218x + 105}{x+1} + \frac{64}{27} \frac{x^2 + 1}{x+1} H_{-1} \right) H_0^3 - \frac{1}{27} \frac{51x^2 + 70x + 51}{x+1} H_0^4 + \left( \frac{1}{27} (-3457x + 1951) \right. \\
& \left. - \frac{16}{81} (593x + 335) H_0 - \frac{8}{27} (146x + 71) H_0^2 - \frac{152}{27} (x+1) H_0^3 \right) H_1 + \left( -\frac{8}{9} (3x + 55) - \frac{8}{9} (9x + 1) H_0 \right. \\
& \left. + \frac{4}{9} (x+1) H_0^2 \right) H_1^2 - \frac{64}{27} (x+1) H_0 H_1^3 + \left( -\frac{64}{81} \frac{199x^2 + 174x + 199}{x+1} + \frac{128}{9} (x+1) H_{-1} - \frac{128}{9} \frac{x^2 + 1}{x+1} H_{-1}^2 \right) H_{0,-1} \\
& + \left( \frac{4}{27} (251x + 407) - \frac{512}{27} \frac{4x^2 + 3x + 4}{x+1} H_{-1} + \frac{16}{27} (10x + 43) H_0 + \frac{16}{3} (x+1) H_0^2 + \left( \frac{64}{9} (x-1) - \frac{80}{9} (x+1) H_0 \right) H_1 \right. \\
& \left. + \frac{64}{9} (x+1) H_1^2 \right) H_{0,1} + \frac{8}{9} (x+1) H_{0,1}^2 + \left( \frac{256}{9} \frac{x^2 + 1}{x+1} H_{-1} - \frac{128}{9} (x+1) \right) H_{0,-1,-1} + \frac{512}{27} \frac{4x^2 + 3x + 4}{x+1} H_{0,-1,1}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & + \left( -\frac{64}{27} \frac{19x^2 + 18x + 19}{x+1} + \frac{128}{9} \frac{x^2 + 1}{x+1} H_{-1} \right) H_{0,0,-1} + \left( \frac{4}{27} \frac{357x^2 + 130x + 93}{x+1} - \frac{128}{9} \frac{x^2 + 1}{x+1} H_{-1} \right. \\
 & - \frac{64}{9} (x+1) H_0 + \frac{128}{9} (x+1) H_1 \left. \right) H_{0,0,1} + \frac{512}{27} \frac{4x^2 + 3x + 4}{x+1} H_{0,1,-1} + \left( -\frac{32}{9} (13x+1) + \frac{256}{9} \frac{x^2 + 1}{x+1} H_{-1} \right. \\
 & + \frac{16}{3} (x+1) H_0 - \frac{32}{3} (x+1) H_1 \left. \right) H_{0,1,1} + \frac{128}{9} \frac{x^2 + 1}{x+1} (-2H_{0,-1,-1,-1} - 2H_{0,-1,1,1} - H_{0,0,-1,-1} + H_{0,0,-1,1} \\
 & - H_{0,0,0,-1} + H_{0,0,1,-1} - 2H_{0,1,-1,1} - 2H_{0,1,1,-1}) + \frac{8}{9} \frac{21x^2 + 10x + 21}{x+1} H_{0,0,0,1} - \frac{32}{9} \frac{7x^2 + 6x + 7}{x+1} H_{0,0,1,1} \left. \right] \\
 & + C_F T_F^2 \left[ -(2L_M^3 + L_Q^3) \frac{32}{27} (x+1) + L_M^2 \left[ -\frac{32}{27} (11x-1) - \frac{32}{9} (x+1) H_0 \right] + L_Q^2 \left[ \frac{32}{27} (14x+5) + \frac{64}{9} (x+1) H_0 \right. \right. \\
 & + \left. \frac{32}{9} (x+1) H_1 \right] - L_M \frac{992}{81} (x+1) + L_Q \left[ -\frac{32}{81} (187x+16) + \frac{128}{9} (x+1) \zeta_2 - \frac{64}{27} (28x+13) H_0 - \frac{32}{3} (x+1) H_0^2 \right. \\
 & + \left. \left( -\frac{64}{27} (14x+5) - \frac{64}{9} (x+1) H_0 \right) H_1 - \frac{32}{9} (x+1) H_1^2 - \frac{64}{9} (x+1) H_{0,1} \right] + \frac{16}{729} (431x+323) - \frac{448}{27} (x+1) \zeta_3 \\
 & + \frac{64}{81} (6x-7) H_0 + \frac{16}{81} (11x-1) H_0^2 + \frac{16}{81} (x+1) H_0^3 \left. \right] + C_F N_F T_F^2 \left[ -(L_M^3 + 2L_Q^3) \frac{32}{27} (x+1) + L_Q^2 \left[ \frac{64}{27} (14x+5) \right. \right. \\
 & + \left. \frac{128}{9} (x+1) H_0 + \frac{64}{9} (x+1) H_1 \right] + L_M \left[ \frac{32}{81} (5x-73) + \frac{32}{27} (11x-1) H_0 + \frac{16}{9} (x+1) H_0^2 \right] \\
 & + L_Q \left[ -\frac{64}{81} (187x+16) + \frac{256}{9} (x+1) \zeta_2 - \frac{128}{27} (28x+13) H_0 - \frac{64}{3} (x+1) H_0^2 + \left( -\frac{128}{27} (14x+5) \right. \right. \\
 & - \left. \frac{128}{9} (x+1) H_0 \right) H_1 - \frac{64}{9} (x+1) H_1^2 - \frac{128}{9} (x+1) H_{0,1} \left. \right] - \frac{64}{729} (161x+215) + \frac{256}{27} (x+1) \zeta_3 \\
 & + \frac{128}{81} (6x-7) H_0 + \frac{32}{81} (11x-1) H_0^2 + \frac{32}{81} (x+1) H_0^3 \left. \right] + \frac{d^{abc} d^{abc}}{N_c} \frac{1}{2} L_Q \left[ -\frac{800}{3} (x-1) + \left( -\frac{4}{3} (41x+67) \right. \right. \\
 & - \left. \frac{8(x+1)(4x^2-x+4)}{x} H_{-1} + \frac{4}{3} (32x^2+27x+3) H_0 - 4(3x+5) H_0^2 + \frac{8(x-1)(4x^2+7x+4)}{x} H_1 \right. \\
 & - \left. 16(x-1) H_{0,-1} - 16(x+1) H_{0,1} \right) \zeta_2 + \left( \frac{32}{3} (5x^2+3) - 32H_0 \right) \zeta_3 + 10(5x+3) \zeta_4 + \left( \frac{4}{3} (9x+100) \right. \\
 & - \left. \frac{104}{3} (x+1) H_{-1} - \frac{8(x+1)(4x^2-7x+4)}{3x} H_{-1}^2 \right) H_0 + \left( \frac{2}{3} (29x+38) + \frac{4(x+1)(8x^2-5x+8)}{3x} H_{-1} \right) H_0^2 \\
 & - \frac{4}{9} (8x^2+3) H_0^3 + \frac{2}{3} H_0^4 + \left( -\frac{364}{3} (x-1) + 6(x-1) H_0^2 \right) H_1 + \left( \frac{104}{3} (x+1) - \frac{32}{3} \frac{3x^2+2}{x} H_0 + 8(x-1) H_0^2 \right. \\
 & + \left. \frac{16(x+1)(4x^2-7x+4)}{3x} H_{-1} \right) H_{0,-1} + 16(x-1) H_{0,-1}^2 + \left( \frac{164}{3} (x+1) + \frac{32(x+1)(2x^2+x+2)}{3x} H_{-1} \right. \\
 & - \left. 12(x-1) H_0 - 4(x+1) H_0^2 \right) H_{0,1} + \left( -\frac{16(x+1)(4x^2-7x+4)}{3x} - 32(x-1) H_0 \right) H_{0,-1,-1} \\
 & + \left( -\frac{8}{3} \frac{8x^3-21x^2+3x-8}{x} - 16(x-1) H_0 \right) H_{0,0,-1} - \frac{32(x+1)(2x^2+x+2)}{3x} H_{0,-1,1} + \left( -\frac{8}{3} (8x^2+9x+3) \right. \\
 & \left. + 16(x+1) H_0 \right) H_{0,0,1} - \frac{32(x+1)(2x^2+x+2)}{3x} H_{0,1,-1} \left. \right] + \hat{C}_{q,3}^{\text{NS},(3)}(N_F) \left. \right\}. \tag{81}
 \end{aligned}$$

Again, we used the shorthand notation  $H_{\bar{a}}(x) \equiv H_{\bar{a}}$  here. The transformation of the modified minimal subtraction ( $\overline{\text{MS}}$ ) scheme for the heavy-quark mass affects the massive OME at three-loops and was given in Ref. [30], Eqs. (5.52) and (5.53); the terms are the same in the unpolarized and polarized case.

The + distribution of the Wilson coefficient also contains  $1/(1-x)^2$  terms, cf. Ref. [30]. The explicit expressions for the Wilson coefficient  $H_{q,3}^{\text{NS}}(N_F+1)$  can be easily obtained from Eq. (19).

### III. NUMERICAL RESULTS

In what follows, we will choose the factorization and renormalization scale  $\mu^2 = Q^2$ . We first study the behavior of the massive and massless Wilson coefficients in the small- and large- $x$  regions and then give numerical illustrations in the whole  $x$  region.

At small  $x$ , the pure massive Wilson coefficient behaves like

$$\begin{aligned} L_{q,3}^{\text{NS}}(N_F+1) - \hat{C}_{q,3}^{\text{NS}}(N_F) \\ \propto a_s^2 \frac{2}{3} C_F T_F \ln^2(x) + a_s^3 \left[ \frac{16}{27} C_A C_F T_F - \frac{5}{9} C_F^2 T_F \right] \ln^4(x), \end{aligned} \quad (82)$$

while in the region  $x \rightarrow 1$  one obtains<sup>6</sup>

$$\begin{aligned} L_{q,3}^{\text{NS}}(N_F+1) - \hat{C}_{q,3}^{\text{NS}}(N_F) \\ \propto a_s^2 C_F T_F \left[ \frac{224}{27} + \frac{80}{9} L_M + \frac{8}{3} L_M^2 \right] \left( \frac{1}{1-x} \right)_+ \\ + a_s^3 C_F^2 T_F \left[ \frac{448}{9} + \frac{160}{3} L_M + 16 L_M^2 \right] \left( \frac{\ln^2(1-x)}{1-x} \right)_+. \end{aligned} \quad (83)$$

Likewise one obtains for  $H_{q,3}^{\text{NS}}(N_F+1)$  at small  $x$

$$\begin{aligned} H_{q,3}^{\text{NS}}(N_F+1) - C_{q,3}^{\text{NS}}(N_F+1) \\ \propto a_s^2 \frac{2}{3} C_F T_F \ln^2(x) + a_s^3 \left[ \frac{16}{27} C_A C_F T_F - \frac{5}{9} C_F^2 T_F \right] \ln^4(x), \end{aligned} \quad (84)$$

and in the region  $x \rightarrow 1$

$$\begin{aligned} H_{q,3}^{\text{NS}}(N_F+1) - C_{q,3}^{\text{NS}}(N_F+1) \\ \propto a_s^2 C_F T_F \left[ \frac{224}{27} + \frac{80}{9} L_M + \frac{8}{3} L_M^2 \right] \left( \frac{1}{1-x} \right)_+ \\ + a_s^3 C_F^2 T_F \left[ \frac{448}{9} + \frac{160}{3} L_M + 16 L_M^2 \right] \left( \frac{\ln^2(1-x)}{1-x} \right)_+. \end{aligned} \quad (85)$$

The above results can be compared with the case of the massless Wilson coefficient  $\hat{C}_{q,3}$  and  $C_{q,3}$ , respectively. The

<sup>6</sup>There is a typo in the second contribution to the  $O(a_s^3)$  term of Eq. (3.2) in Ref. [49], which should be  $\propto \ln(m^2/Q^2)$ .

following dominant terms are found in the small- and large- $x$  regions:

$$\hat{C}_{q,3}^{\text{NS},(2)}(N_F) \propto a_s^2 \frac{10}{3} C_F T_F \ln^2(x), \quad (86)$$

$$\hat{C}_{q,3}^{\text{NS},(3)}(N_F) \propto -a_s^3 \frac{2}{15} \frac{d^{abc} d^{abc}}{N_c} \ln^5(x), \quad (87)$$

$$C_{q,3}^{\text{NS},(1)}(N_F) \propto -a_s 2 C_F \ln(x), \quad (88)$$

$$C_{q,3}^{\text{NS},(2)}(N_F) \propto a_s^2 \left[ \frac{7}{3} C_F^2 - 2 C_A C_F \right] \ln^3(x), \quad (89)$$

$$\begin{aligned} C_{q,3}^{\text{NS},(3)}(N_F) \propto a_s^3 \left[ \frac{2}{5} C_A^2 C_F - \frac{29}{15} C_A C_F^2 + \frac{53}{30} C_F^3 \right. \\ \left. - \frac{2}{15} \frac{d^{abc} d^{abc}}{N_c} N_F \right] \ln^5(x) \end{aligned} \quad (90)$$

and

$$\hat{C}_{q,3}^{\text{NS},(2)}(N_F) \propto a_s^2 \frac{8}{3} C_F T_F \left( \frac{\ln^2(1-x)}{1-x} \right)_+, \quad (91)$$

$$\hat{C}_{q,3}^{\text{NS},(3)}(N_F) \propto a_s^3 \frac{80}{9} C_F^2 T_F \left( \frac{\ln^4(1-x)}{1-x} \right)_+, \quad (92)$$

$$C_{q,3}^{\text{NS},(1)}(N_F) \propto a_s 4 C_F \left( \frac{\ln(1-x)}{1-x} \right)_+, \quad (93)$$

$$C_{q,3}^{\text{NS},(2)}(N_F) \propto a_s^2 8 C_F^2 \left( \frac{\ln^3(1-x)}{1-x} \right)_+, \quad (94)$$

$$C_{q,3}^{\text{NS},(3)}(N_F) \propto a_s^3 8 C_F^3 \left( \frac{\ln^5(1-x)}{1-x} \right)_+, \quad (95)$$

respectively.

Let us finally also consider the case  $L_Q \neq 0$ . Terms of this order have the following leading small- and large- $x$  behavior:

$$\hat{C}_{q,3}^{\text{NS},(2)}(N_F) \propto -a_s^2 \frac{16}{3} C_F T_F L_Q \ln(x), \quad (96)$$

$$\hat{C}_{q,3}^{\text{NS},(3)}(N_F) \propto a_s^3 \frac{1}{3} \frac{d^{abc} d^{abc}}{N_c} L_Q \ln^4(x), \quad (97)$$

$$C_{q,3}^{\text{NS},(1)}(N_F) \propto a_s 2 C_F L_Q, \quad (98)$$

$$C_{q,3}^{\text{NS},(2)}(N_F) \propto a_s^2 4 C_F [C_A - C_F] L_Q \ln^2(x), \quad (99)$$



$$C_{q,3}^{\text{NS},(3)}(N_F) \propto a_s^3 \left[ -C_A^2 C_F + \frac{17}{3} C_A C_F^2 - \frac{11}{2} C_F^3 + \frac{1}{3} \frac{d^{abc} d^{abc}}{N_c} N_F \right] L_Q \ln^4(x) \quad (100)$$

and

$$\hat{C}_{q,3}^{\text{NS},(2)}(N_F) \propto a_s^2 \frac{16}{3} C_F T_F L_Q \left( \frac{\ln(1-x)}{1-x} \right)_+, \quad (101)$$

$$\hat{C}_{q,3}^{\text{NS},(3)}(N_F) \propto a_s^3 \frac{320}{9} C_F^2 T_F L_Q \left( \frac{\ln^3(1-x)}{1-x} \right)_+, \quad (102)$$

$$C_{q,3}^{\text{NS},(1)}(N_F) \propto a_s 4 C_F \left( \frac{1}{1-x} \right)_+, \quad (103)$$

$$C_{q,3}^{\text{NS},(2)}(N_F) \propto a_s^2 24 C_F^2 \left( \frac{\ln^2(1-x)}{1-x} \right)_+, \quad (104)$$

$$C_{q,3}^{\text{NS},(3)}(N_F) \propto a_s^3 40 C_F^3 L_Q \left( \frac{\ln^4(1-x)}{1-x} \right)_+, \quad (105)$$

respectively, and are less singular than those for  $L_Q = 0$ .

The small- $x$  behavior can be compared with leading-order predictions for the nonsinglet evolution kernel in Refs. [50,51]. Indeed, both the massive and massless contributions follow the principle pattern  $\sim c_k a_s^{k+1} \ln^{2k}(x)$ . However, as is well known [51], less singular terms widely cancel the numerical effect of these

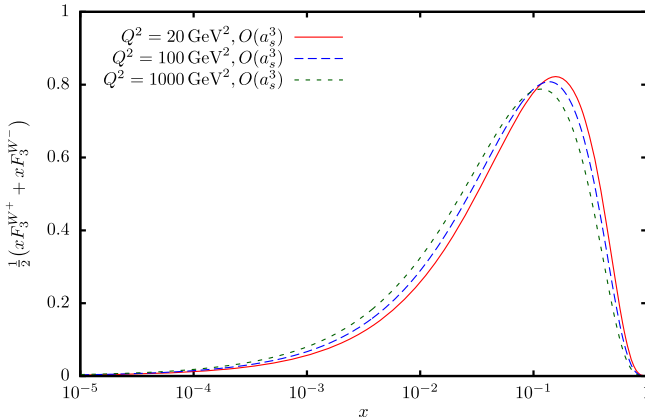


FIG. 1 (color online). The corrections up to three-loop order to the combination of the structure functions  $x F_3^{W^+}(x, Q^2) + x F_3^{W^-}(x, Q^2)$  off a proton target, including both the massless and the charm contributions in the asymptotic approximation in the on-shell scheme for  $m_c = 1.59$  GeV [17] as a function of  $x$  and  $Q^2$ . The parton distribution functions of Ref. [53] have been used with  $\alpha_s(M_Z^2) = 0.1132$ . These settings are the same in the subsequent figures.

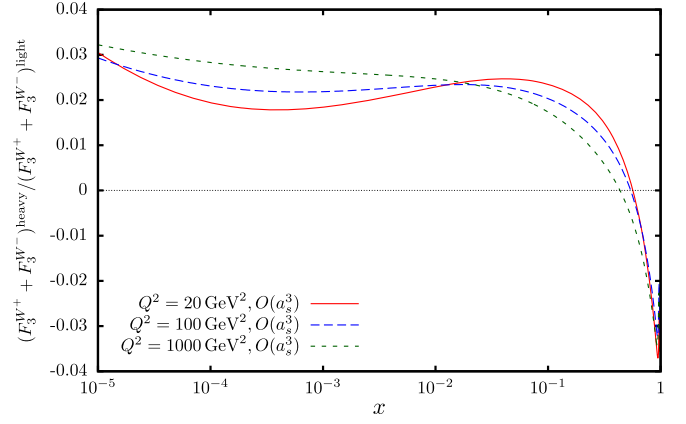


FIG. 2 (color online). Ratio of the structure functions  $x F_3^{W^+}(x, Q^2) + x F_3^{W^-}(x, Q^2)$  off a proton target up to three-loop order for the charm contribution and the massless terms for three flavors.

leading terms. For the large- $x$  terms the massless terms exhibit a stronger soft singularity than the massive ones.

In Fig. 1 we present the combination of structure functions  $x F_3^{W^+ - W^-, \text{NS}}$  up to  $O(a_s^3)$  at a proton target as a function of  $x$  and  $Q^2$  up to three-loop order for three massless flavors and charm in the asymptotic representation, assuming  $m_c = 1.59$  GeV [52] in the on-shell scheme for mass renormalization and setting  $\mu^2 = Q^2$ . It shows valence-like scaling violations moving towards smaller values of  $x$ .

The effect of the charm contributions are illustrated in comparison to the purely massless ones up to  $O(a_s^3)$  in Fig. 2 evolving with  $Q^2$ . The contribution amounts to a correction of up to +3% in the small- $x$  region and to -3% in the large- $x$  region with some evolution in  $Q^2$ .

In Fig. 3 we show a similar ratio as in Fig. 2, but taken for each order of the perturbative corrections to

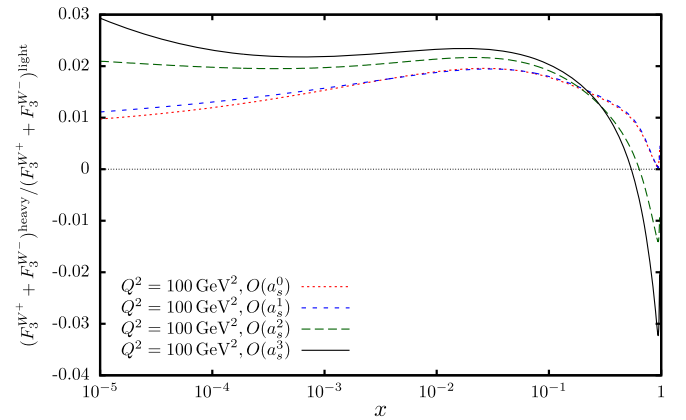


FIG. 3 (color online). Ratio of the structure functions  $x F_3^{W^+}(x, Q^2) + x F_3^{W^-}(x, Q^2)$  off a proton target up to three-loop order for the charm contribution and the massless terms for three flavors from tree level to  $O(a_s^3)$  at  $Q^2 = 100$  GeV<sup>2</sup>.

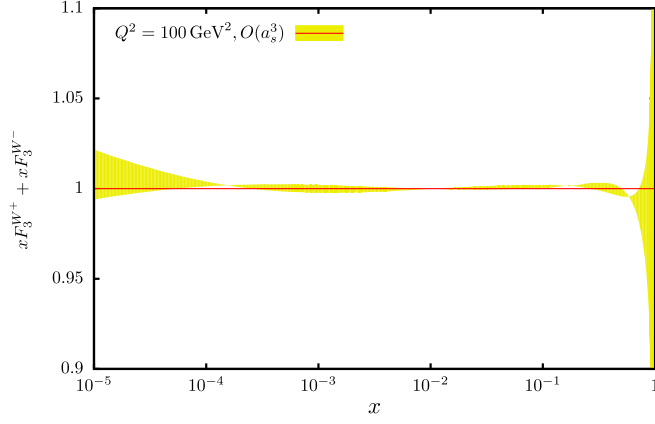


FIG. 4 (color online). The ratio of the structure functions  $x F_3^{W^+}(x, \mu^2) + x F_3^{W^-}(x, \mu^2)$  to  $x F_3^{W^+}(x, Q^2) + x F_3^{W^-}(x, Q^2)$ , varying  $\mu^2 \in [Q^2/4, 4Q^2]$  at  $O(a_s^3)$  and  $Q^2 = 100 \text{ GeV}^2$  as a function of  $x$ .

$x F_3^{W^+}(x, \mu^2) + x F_3^{W^-}(x, \mu^2)$  separately at  $Q^2 = 100 \text{ GeV}^2$ . In the small- $x$  region the corrections grow from 1% to 3%. At large values of  $x$  the relative corrections tend to become negative and do also amount to a few percent. Figure 4 shows the remaining scale variations of the combination  $x F_3^{W^+}(x, \mu^2) + x F_3^{W^-}(x, \mu^2)$  up to three-loop order in the region  $\mu^2 \in [Q^2/4, 4Q^2]$  normalized to the value at  $\mu^2 = Q^2$  (yellow band) as a function of  $x$  for  $Q^2 = 100 \text{ GeV}^2$ . The behavior is overall flat with  $\pm 1\%$  variations in the medium- $x$  range and shows larger uncertainties at very low and large values of  $x$ . The behavior is similar at other virtualities.

Figure 5 shows the combination of structure functions  $x F_3^{W^+ - W^-, \text{NS}}$  up to  $O(a_s^3)$  at a nucleon in an isoscalar target.

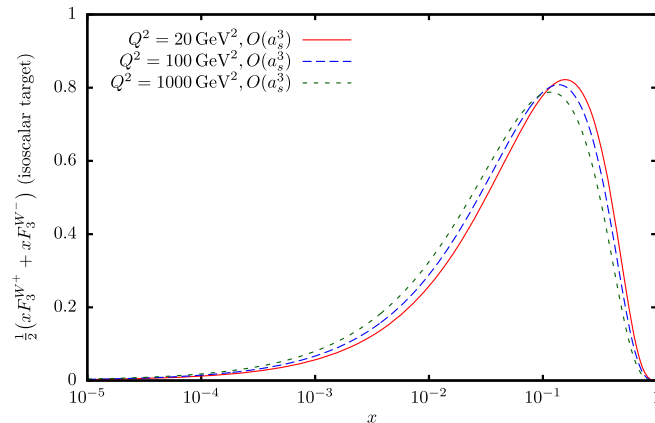


FIG. 5 (color online). The corrections up to three-loop order to the combination of the structure functions  $x F_3^{W^+}(x, Q^2) + x F_3^{W^-}(x, Q^2)$  off a nucleon in an isoscalar target, including both the massless and charm contributions in the asymptotic approximation.

The differences to the case of the proton target shown in Fig. 1 turn out to be rather small in the case of this combination, which widely pronounces isoscalarity due to the present combination of currents, if  $s_v \approx 0$ .

#### IV. THE GROSS-LLEWELLYN SMITH SUM RULE

The Gross-Llewellyn Smith sum rule [54] refers to the first moment of the flavor-nonsinglet combination

$$\int_0^1 dx [F_3^{\bar{\nu}p}(x, Q^2) + F_3^{\nu p}(x, Q^2)] = 6C_{\text{GLS}}(\hat{a}_s), \quad (106)$$

with  $\hat{a}_s = \alpha_s/\pi$  and idealized CKM mixing. The one-loop [6,7,55,56], two-loop [57], three-loop [58] and four-loop QCD corrections [59,60] in the massless case are given by

$$\begin{aligned} C_{\text{GLS}}(\hat{a}_s) = & 1 - \hat{a}_s + \hat{a}_s^2(-4.58333 + 0.33333N_F) \\ & + \hat{a}_s^3(-41.4399 + 8.02047N_F - 0.17747N_F^2) \\ & + \hat{a}_s^4(-479.448 + 129.193N_F - 7.93065N_F^2 \\ & + 0.10374N_F^3), \end{aligned} \quad (107)$$

choosing the renormalization scale  $\mu^2 = Q^2$ , for  $SU(3)_c$ . Here  $N_F$  denotes the number of active light flavors. The expression for general color factors was given in Refs. [59,60]. Note that the QCD corrections to the Gross-Llewellyn Smith sum rule and to the polarized Bjorken sum rule [61] are identical up to  $O(\hat{a}_s^2)$ .

For the asymptotic massive corrections (17) and (18) only the first moment of the massless Wilson coefficients  $\hat{C}_{q,3}^{(2,3),\text{NS}}(N_F)$  contributes, weighted by the first moments of the valence-quark densities and the corresponding CKM matrix elements, since the first moments of the massive nonsinglet OMEs vanish due to fermion number conservation. This also holds at higher order. Unlike the case of the polarized Bjorken sum rule [49], in the present case two massive Wilson coefficients contribute. One obtains

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^1 dx [F_3^{\bar{\nu}p}(x, Q^2) + F_3^{\nu p}(x, Q^2)] \\ & = 2[(|V_{du}|^2 + |V_{su}|^2)\langle u_v \rangle + (|V_{dc}|^2 + |V_{du}|^2)\langle d_v \rangle] \\ & \quad \times C_{\text{GLS}}(\hat{a}_s, N_F + 1) \end{aligned} \quad (108)$$

$$= 2[2 \cdot 0.9999 + 0.9998]C_{\text{GLS}}(\hat{a}_s, N_F + 1) \quad (109)$$

for the charm excitation with additional  $N_F$  light flavors. Here we assumed  $s_v = 0$  and  $\langle q_v \rangle = \int_0^1 dx q_v(x)$  denotes the first moment of a valence distribution. The CKM matrix elements imply a very small deviation from the factor 6 in Eq. (109) in the asymptotic case  $Q^2 \gg m^2$  for proton targets. Very similar results are obtained for isoscalar targets. There are, in particular, no logarithmic corrections

in the mass scales involved. The heavy quark just induces a shift  $N_F \rightarrow N_F + 1$  with respect to the case of  $N_F$  light quarks only. Different results are obtained in the non-inclusive tagged-flavor case [13], which has been calculated to  $O(\alpha_s^2)$ . Here no inclusive structure functions are considered unlike the case in Ref. [14]. Corresponding power corrections in the tagged-flavor case were derived in Refs. [62,63].

## V. CONCLUSIONS

We calculated the heavy-flavor nonsinglet Wilson coefficients for the charged-current structure function  $x F_3^{W^+ - W^-}(x, Q^2)$  to  $O(\alpha_s^3)$  in the asymptotic region  $Q^2 \gg m^2$ . They can be expressed in terms of nested harmonic sums and polylogarithms. In contrast to the neutral-current case, here, a second heavy-flavor Wilson coefficient contributes, which describes the flavor excitation due to a  $s \rightarrow c$  transition. The heavy-flavor contributions to this combination of structure functions amounts up to the  $O(\pm 3\%)$  for proton targets. Very similar results are obtained for deuteron targets, as the present combination approximately selects isoscalarity. In the small- and large- $x$  regions the heavy-flavor effects at three-loop order are visible on top of those up to two-loop orders by an enhancement and a depletion of  $O(1\%)$ , respectively, in the ratio to the three-loop massless Wilson coefficient. This is below the present resolution reached at HERA, but may become of importance in high-luminosity measurements at future colliders. The scale dependence reached for the nonsinglet combination studied turns out to be widely flat. We also presented the leading terms in the heavy- and light-flavor Wilson coefficients at small and large values of the momentum fraction  $x$ .

In the asymptotic case  $Q^2 \gg m^2$  the contribution of the massive Wilson coefficients to the Gross-Llewellyn Smith sum rule reduce to the replacement  $N_F \rightarrow N_F + 1$  in the massless approximation. One has to note CKM-matrix effects here.

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## APPENDIX

The massless Wilson coefficients and anomalous dimensions for  $x F_3^{W^+}(x, Q^2) + x F_3^{W^-}(x, Q^2)$  contain a new color factor proportional to  $d^{abc} d^{abc}$  ( $= 40/3$  in QCD) [23,43].



FIG. 6. Example of a pair of diagrams which each contain a term proportional to the color factor  $d^{abc} d^{abc}$ .

This color factor does not appear in the massive operator matrix elements at three-loop order, which we would like to discuss in the following. Those terms, however, do arise in individual diagrams contributing to the OMEs but they cancel in the complete result. The cancellation can be seen as follows.

The color factor can appear when there are two separate fermion lines connected by three gluons. One fermion line connected to three gluons yields the color structure

$$\text{Tr}[t^a t^b t^c] = \frac{T_F}{2} (i f^{abc} + d^{abc}). \quad (\text{A1})$$

Thus, two fermion lines connected by three individual gluon propagators produce the color structure

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Tr}[t^a t^b t^c] \delta^{aa'} \delta^{bb'} \delta^{cc'} \text{Tr}[t^{a'} t^{b'} t^{c'}] \\ &= \frac{T_F^2}{4} (-f^{abc} f^{abc} + d^{abc} d^{abc}). \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A2})$$

For each such diagram there is a corresponding diagram with the fermion flow along the closed fermion loop reversed. An example of a pair of diagrams is given in Fig. 6. The closed loop has to have three quark-gluon vertices in order to produce the color factor and therefore the loop must have three fermion propagators. Keeping the direction of the momenta fixed, the reversal of the fermion flow entails a change of the sign of the momentum  $\not{p}_i$  in the numerator of each fermion propagator,

$$\frac{i(\not{p}_i + m)}{p_i^2 - m^2} \rightarrow \frac{i(-\not{p}_i + m)}{p_i^2 - m^2}. \quad (\text{A3})$$

This sign can be factored out since traces over an odd number of Dirac matrices vanish and yields a global factor  $(-1)$ . Besides that, the reversal of the fermion flow also reverses the order of the color generators  $t^{a'} t^{b'} t^{c'}$  in Eq. (A2) which flips the sign in front of the  $f^{abc} f^{abc}$  term, but leaves the  $d^{abc} d^{abc}$  term unchanged. We see that each pair of such diagrams has exactly the same integrand, but the sign in front of the  $d^{abc} d^{abc}$  color factor is changed. Therefore, this color factor cancels in the sum for each pair of diagrams.

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