

Five loop running in QCD: the current status”



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RENORMALIZATION-GROUP (all started in 1953)
Stückelberg and Petermann; Gell-Mann and Low; Bogoliubov and Shirkov
and after only 50 years



Nobel Prize in Physics in 2004!

$$\beta_0 = \frac{33 - 2N_F}{12}$$



QCD Running: Current Status

Theory:

Any 5-loop RG functions (that is β -functions and anomalous dimensions) are *analytically* computable in any model (in the minimal subtraction scheme)

Practice:

- QED-beta function (including corrections due to the quark-gluon interaction)
/ Baikov, K. Ch. , P, J. Kühn, J. Rittinger, 2008-2012/
- ghost and quark field and quark mass anomalous dimensions as well as ghost-ghost-gluon vertex anomalous dimension are ready /in normal QCD with SU(3) gauge group; this talk/
- the QCD β -function: two pieces: $\sim n_f^4$ and n_f^3 (out of 5: $n_f^4, n_f^3, n_f^2, n_f^1, n_f^0$)
recently finished /this talk/

(gluon field renormalization \rightarrow main technical challenge, due to $\#$ of diagrams and over-complicated IR structure)

Motivations:

$\beta(\alpha_s)$ and $\gamma_m(\alpha_s)$ at 5 loops are useful for

- the analysis of the τ -decay rate within so-called CIPT (a host of **new** terms will be added to the current theoretical prediction)
- various QCD “optimization” schemes like PMS and PMC (the Principles of Maximal Sensitivity P. Stevenson, 1981) and of Maximal Conformality (S. Brodsky, X. G. Wu, L. Di Giustino, M. Mojaza, 2012) ... will benefit from the knowledge of β -function at 5 loops
- construction of a self-consistent prediction for $H \rightarrow \bar{b}b/\bar{c}c$ at $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^4)$ from the corresponding result for the scalar correlator /P. Baikov, K.Ch. and J. Kühn, (2006)/ **and** the quark mass anom. dim. $\gamma_m(\alpha_s)$ (also at 5 loops) /this talk/
- construction of a self-consistent prediction for $\alpha_s(M_Z)$ from $\alpha_s(M_\tau)$ **and** the decoupling equation for α_s (known to 4 loops /K.Ch., J.Kühn and Ch. Sturm; Y. Schröder and M. Steinhauser (2006)/)
- lattice (description of running vertexes and propagators for intermediate momentum transfer)

$$\mathcal{L}_R^{QCD} = -\frac{1}{4}Z_3(\partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu)^2 - \frac{1}{2}g Z_1^{3g}(\partial_\mu A_\nu^a - \partial_\nu A_\mu^a)(A_\mu \times A_\nu)^a - \frac{1}{4}g^2 Z_1^{4g}(A_\mu \times A_\nu)^2$$

$$+ Z_3^c \partial_\nu \bar{c}(\partial_\nu c) + g Z_1^{ccg} \partial^\mu \bar{c}(A \times c) + Z_2 \bar{\psi} i \not{\partial} \psi - Z_{\bar{\psi}\psi} m_f \bar{\psi} \psi + g Z_1^{\psi\psi g} \bar{\psi} A \psi$$

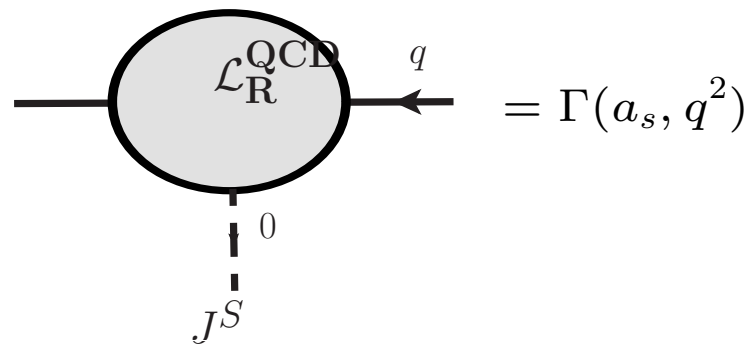
Minimal sets of Z-factors to compute β and γ_m : $\boxed{Z_3, Z_3^c, Z_1^{ccg}}$ and $\boxed{Z_2, Z_{\bar{\psi}\psi}}$

Most important property of Z-factors (in minimal schemes based on CDR): they depend *only* on $\epsilon = 2 - D/2$ (J. Collins, 1975). This leads to tremendous simplifications in calculations \rightarrow multiloop completely analytical calculations are really possible.

Let us concentrate on $Z_{\bar{\psi}\psi}$ and consider consider vertex function

$$\Gamma(a_s, q^2) = Z_{\bar{\psi}\psi} + Z_{\bar{\psi}\psi} \delta\Gamma(a_s, q^2)$$

of the scalar quark current



Suppose we want to compute L-loop contribution to $Z_{\bar{\psi}\psi}$. There are (at least) 4 ways to do it:

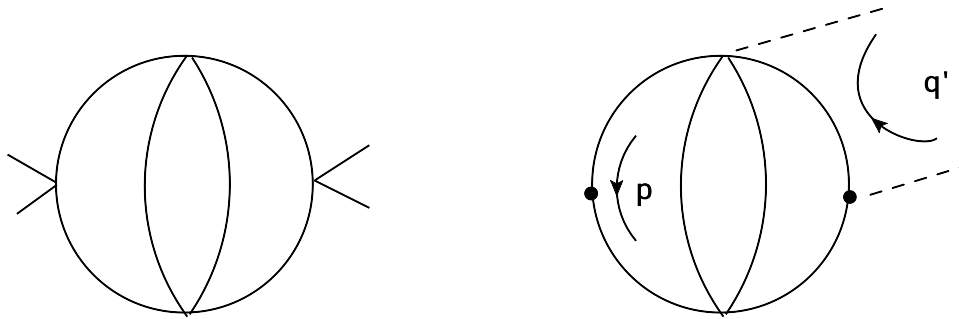
1. set 1 of 2 ext. momenta to zero \rightarrow (the poles of) L-loop p-integrals (massless propagators) to be computed. That is how first 2-loop RG calculations in QCD were done /D. R.T Jones, 1974/.

2. set **all ext.** momenta to zero and introduce an universal mass to **all** propagators (including gluon!) \rightarrow (the poles of) L-loop m-integrals (massive tadpoles) to be computed. That is how the first 4-loop calculation of the QCD β -function was done /van Ritbergen, T., Vermaseren, J. and Larin, S. (1997); M. Czakon, (2004) /

3. set **all ext.** momenta to zero and introduce a mass into only **one** (*but properly chosen to avoid IR singularities*) propagator \rightarrow (L-1)-loop p-integrals (including their finite part) to be computed /A. Vladimirov (1978)/ That is how the first 3-loop calculation of the QCD β -function was done /Tarasov, O., Vladimirov, A. and Zharkov, A. (1980)/. Problems: difficult to automatize; not applicable to all diagrams.

4. the same as 3. but IR singularities are removed recursively with so-called R^* -operation /K.Ch. V. Smirnov (1984)/. Features: applicable for every possible diagram, automatization is possible but not simple (due to involved structure of **UV** subtractions (**not IR ones!**))

An example of a diagram which can not be computed with the 3-rd method



Here two well-separated IR divergencies in loop-integration makes problems. One, of course, could regulate it with a small “auxiliary” mass: $\frac{1}{p^4} \rightarrow \frac{1}{(p^2+m^2)^2}$ but that will complicate integration, leading to a 2-scale integral.

The idea how to overcome the problem (in fact, it came from the Bogolyubov’s distributional approach to QFT) is very simple: to subtract the unwanted IR divergency with the help of an IR counterterm but now local in *position space*:

$$\frac{1}{p^4} \rightarrow \frac{1}{(p^4)} - \frac{c}{\epsilon} \delta^D(p)$$

with the constant c chosen such that there would be no IR poles coming from the integration region of small momentum p .

After such a replacement no IR poles survive and integrations are made easily.

At 5-loop level only the 4-th way seems to be feasible

with the use of the following tools:

- global solution of the combinatorics of R^* operation (rather involved and problem specific)
- the Baikov's way of doing reduction with the help of $1/D$ expansion of the corresponding coefficient functions in front of masters (analytically known from **two!** independent calculations /K.Ch, P.Baikov (2010), R. Lee, V. Smirnov (2012)/

- **ParFORM and T-FORM:**

M. Tentyukov et al. "ParFORM: Parallel Version of the Symbolic Manipulation Program", PoS ACAT2010 (2010) 072

M. Tentyukov, H. M. Staudenmaier, and J. A. M. Vermaseren. "ParFORM: Recent development". *Nucl. Instrum. Meth.*, A559:224–228, 2006.

M. Tentyukov and J. A. M. Vermaseren. "The multithreaded version of FORM", hep-ph/0702279"

in order to effectively implement the $1/D$ expansion

Result for the ghost field anomalous dimension $\gamma_3^c = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} (\gamma_3^c)_i \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi}\right)^{i+1}$ at **5 loops reads (Feynman gauge):**

$$\begin{aligned}
(\gamma_3^c)_4 = & \frac{193301287}{2048} + \frac{19562145}{128} \zeta_3 + \frac{2060829}{128} \zeta_3^2 - \frac{1101573}{16} \zeta_4 - \frac{66632427}{128} \zeta_5 + \frac{36327825}{256} \zeta_6 + \frac{140900823}{512} \zeta_7 \\
+ & n_f \left[-\frac{633704171}{27648} - \frac{5166473}{144} \zeta_3 - \frac{233519}{64} \zeta_3^2 + \frac{764949}{32} \zeta_4 + \frac{32902291}{384} \zeta_5 - \frac{4123825}{128} \zeta_6 - \frac{14425075}{384} \zeta_7 \right] \\
+ & n_f^2 \left[\frac{1326547}{3456} + \frac{1739167}{864} \zeta_3 + \frac{2659}{6} \zeta_3^2 - \frac{13485}{8} \zeta_4 - \frac{8074}{9} \zeta_5 + \frac{16775}{12} \zeta_6 \right] \\
+ & n_f^3 \left[\frac{342895}{7776} + \frac{1211}{18} \zeta_3 + \frac{5}{2} \zeta_4 - \frac{284}{3} \zeta_5 \right] + n_f^4 \left[-\frac{65}{108} - \frac{20}{27} \zeta_3 + \frac{4}{3} \zeta_4 \right]
\end{aligned}$$

Numerically ($a_s \equiv \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi}$):

$$\gamma_3^c(n_f = 3) = \frac{3}{8} \left(a_s + 2.4375 a_s^2 + 4.8867 a_s^3 + 19.980 a_s^4 + 122.246 a_s^5 \right)$$

For generic n_f :

$$\begin{aligned}
\gamma_3^c = & \frac{3}{8} \left\{ a_s + a_s^2 (3.063 - 0.208 n_f) + a_s^3 (10.556 - 1.768 n_f - 0.0405 n_f^2) \right. \\
+ & a_s^4 (49.325 - 10.957 n_f + 0.36562 n_f^2 + 0.0087 n_f^3) \\
& \left. + a_s^5 (283.632 - 70.979 n_f + 5.498 n_f^2 + 0.0769 n_f^3 - 0.000128038 n_f^4) \right\}
\end{aligned}$$

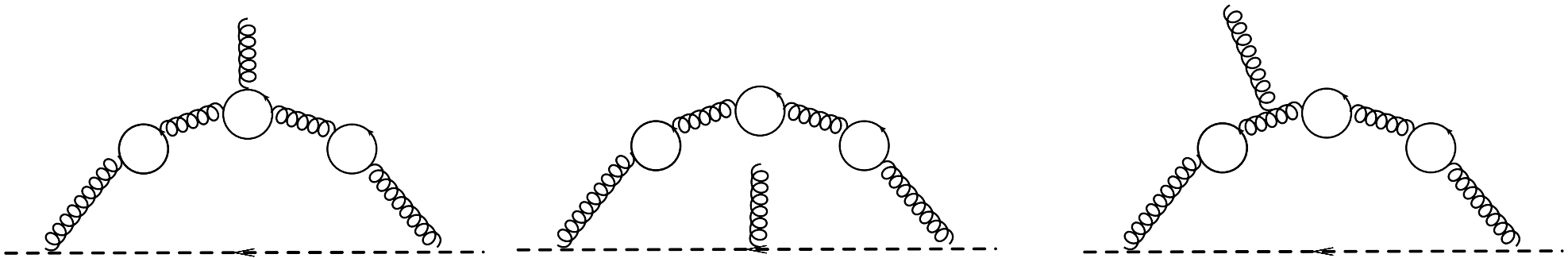
Result for the anomalous dimension of gluon-ghost-ghost vertex

$$\gamma_1^{cgg} = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} (\gamma_1^{cgg})_i \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi}\right)^{i+1}$$

is also available (Feynman gauge):

$$(\gamma_1^{cgg})_4 = n_f^3 \left[\frac{2989}{864} + \frac{5}{3}\zeta_3 - 6\zeta_4 \right] + n_f^2 \left[-\frac{572723}{2304} - \frac{8105}{16}\zeta_3 + \frac{3789}{32}\zeta_4 + \frac{2109}{8}\zeta_5 \right] + \mathcal{O}(n_f^1, n_f^0)$$

Note that the leading renormalon contribution $\approx n_f^4 a_s^5$ vanishes (*in any gauge!*) due to the Taylor theorem which states, in particular, that $\gamma_1^{cgg} \equiv 0$ in the Landau gauge



QCD β -function $\beta = \sum_{i \geq 0} \beta_i \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi}\right)^{i+1}$ in FIVE loops

we have recently finished the calculation of two leading (in n_f) terms in the gluon field anomalous dimension \rightarrow two leading terms in β -function can now be constructed

The first one reads (we decompose β_4 as $\beta_4 = \sum_0^4 \beta_{4,i} n_f^{4-i}$)

$$\beta_{4,4} = -\frac{1205}{2916} + \frac{152}{81} \zeta_3$$

This is in **FULL AGREEMENT** with the 20 years old result by John Gracey which, in turn, had been obtained exclusively in the framework of the conformal bootstrap method of A. Vasiliev, Yu. Pis'mak and J. Honkonen (Theor. Math. Phys. 46 (1981) 157; 47 (1981) 465)

QCD β -function $\beta = \sum_{i \geq 0} \beta_i \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi}\right)^{i+1}$ in FIVE loops

The second (**NEW**) term reads

$$\beta_{4,3} = \frac{630559}{5832} - \frac{460}{9} \zeta_5 - \frac{1618}{27} \zeta_4 + \frac{48722}{243} \zeta_3$$

Numerically it looks like:

$$\beta_4 = 1.842 n_f^4 + 231.278 n_f^3 + \mathcal{O}(n_f^2, n_f, n_f^0)$$

which could be compared with a prediction

$$\beta_4 = 1.842 n_f^4 + (60.5|49.8) n_f^3 \boxed{\text{predicted}} + \dots$$

made 20 years ago in J. Ellis, I. Jack, D.R.T. Jones, M. Karliner, M.A. Samuel, "Asymptotic Pade approximant predictions: Up to five loops in QCD and SQCD", Phys. Rev. (1998).

Quark Mass Anomalous Dimension $\gamma_m = - \sum_{i \geq 0} \gamma_i a_s^i$: history

3-loops: /O, Tarasov (82, with IRR reduced to 2-loop p-integrals);

3-loops: /S. Larin/ (92; direct evaluation of 3-loop p-integrals with MINCER)

4-loops: /K. Chetyrkin/ (97; with R^* -operation all FI's were reduced to 3-loop p-integrals; the latter were performed with MINCER)

4-loops: /J.A.M. Vermaseren, S.A. Larin, T. van Ritbergen/ (97; direct evaluation of the **completely massive 4-loop tadpoles** /via a kind of Laporta machine (?)/)

$$\gamma_0 = 1 \quad \gamma_1 = \frac{1}{16} \left\{ \frac{202}{3} + n_f \left[-\frac{20}{9} \right] \right\}, \quad \gamma_2 = \frac{1}{64} \left\{ 1249 + n_f \left[-\frac{2216}{27} - \frac{160}{3} \zeta(3) \right] + n_f^2 \left[-\frac{140}{81} \right] \right\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_3 = & \frac{1}{256} \left\{ \frac{4603055}{162} + \frac{135680}{27} \zeta(3) - 8800 \zeta(5) \right. \\ & + n_f \left[-\frac{91723}{27} - \frac{34192}{9} \zeta(3) + 880 \zeta(4) + \frac{18400}{9} \zeta(5) \right] \\ & \left. + n_f^2 \left[\frac{5242}{243} + \frac{800}{9} \zeta(3) - \frac{160}{3} \zeta(4) \right] + n_f^3 \left[-\frac{332}{243} + \frac{64}{27} \zeta(3) \right] \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

5 loop term in $\gamma_m = -\sum_{-i \geq 0} \gamma_i a_s^i$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \gamma_4 = & \frac{-1}{4^5} \left\{ -\frac{99512327}{162} - \frac{46402466}{243} \zeta_3 - 96800 \zeta_3^2 + \frac{698126}{9} \zeta_4 \right. \\
 & \left. + \frac{231757160}{243} \zeta_5 - 242000 \zeta_6 - 412720 \zeta_7 \right. \\
 + & n_f \left[\frac{150736283}{1458} + \frac{12538016}{81} \zeta_3 + \frac{75680}{9} \zeta_3^2 - \frac{2038742}{27} \zeta_4 \right. \\
 & \left. - \frac{49876180}{243} \zeta_5 + \frac{638000}{9} \zeta_6 + \frac{1820000}{27} \zeta_7 \right] \\
 + & n_f^2 \left[-\frac{1320742}{729} - \frac{2010824}{243} \zeta_3 - \frac{46400}{27} \zeta_3^2 + \frac{166300}{27} \zeta_4 + \frac{264040}{81} \zeta_5 - \frac{92000}{27} \zeta_6 \right] \\
 + & \left. \left[n_f^3 \left[-\frac{91865}{1458} - \frac{12848}{81} \zeta_3 - \frac{448}{9} \zeta_4 + \frac{5120}{27} \zeta_5 \right] + n_f^4 \left[\frac{260}{243} + \frac{320}{243} \zeta_3 - \frac{64}{27} \zeta_4 \right] \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

Boxed terms are in full agreement with predication made on the base of the $1/n_f$ method /M. Ciuchini, S.E. Derkachov, J.A. Gracey, A.N. Manashov, (2000)/

Numerical result:

$$\gamma_4^{exact} = 559.71 - 143.6 n_f + 7.4824 n_f^2 + 0.1083 n_f^3 - 0.00008535 n_f^4$$

should be compared with a prediction

$$\gamma_4^{APAP} = 530 - 143 n_f + 6.67 n_f^2 + 0.037 n_f^3 - \boxed{0.00008535 n_f^4}$$

which is 15 years old result (obtained with the “Asymptotic Pade Approximants” /APAP/ method) by J. Ellis, I. Jack, D.R.T. Jones, M. Karliner, M. A. Samuel, Phys. Rev. D57 (1998) 2665

Unfortunately, this strikingly good agreement does **not** survive for fixed values of n_f :

n_f	3	4	5	6
$(\gamma_m)_4^{\text{exact}}$	198.899	111.579	41.807	-9.777
$(\gamma_m)_4^{\text{APAP}}$ [EJJKS]	162.0	67.1	-13.7	-80.0
$(\gamma_m)_4^{\text{APAP}}$ [ESFM]	163.0	75.2	12.6	12.2
$(\gamma_m)_4^{\text{APAP}}$ [KK]	164.0	71.6	-4.8	-64.6

where we compare The exact results for $(\gamma_m)_4$ together with the predictions made with the help of the original APAP method and its two somewhat modified versions:

[EJJKS] = J. R. Ellis, I. Jack, D. Jones, M. Karliner, and M. Samuel, (1997)

[ESFM] = V. Elias, T. G. Steele, F. Chishtie, R. Migneron, and K. B. Sprague, (1998)

[KK] = A. Kataev and V. Kim, (2008)

The mass evolution is described by equation $\frac{m(\mu)}{m(\mu_0)} = \frac{c(a_s(\mu))}{c(a_s(\mu_0))}$ where

$$\begin{aligned}
 c(x) &= \exp\left\{\int \frac{dx'}{x'} \frac{\gamma_m(x')}{\beta(x')}\right\} = (x)^{\bar{\gamma}_0} \left\{ 1 + (\bar{\gamma}_1 - \bar{\beta}_1 \bar{\gamma}_0)x \right. \\
 &+ \frac{1}{2} \left[(\bar{\gamma}_1 - \bar{\beta}_1 \bar{\gamma}_0)^2 + \bar{\gamma}_2 + \bar{\beta}_1^2 \bar{\gamma}_0 - \bar{\beta}_1 \bar{\gamma}_1 - \bar{\beta}_2 \bar{\gamma}_0 \right] x^2 \\
 &+ \left[\frac{1}{6} (\bar{\gamma}_1 - \bar{\beta}_1 \bar{\gamma}_0)^3 + \frac{1}{2} (\bar{\gamma}_1 - \bar{\beta}_1 \bar{\gamma}_0) (\bar{\gamma}_2 + \bar{\beta}_1^2 \bar{\gamma}_0 - \bar{\beta}_1 \bar{\gamma}_1 - \bar{\beta}_2 \bar{\gamma}_0) \right. \\
 &\left. \left. + \frac{1}{3} \left(\bar{\gamma}_3 - \bar{\beta}_1^3 \bar{\gamma}_0 + 2\bar{\beta}_1 \bar{\beta}_2 \bar{\gamma}_0 - \bar{\beta}_3 \bar{\gamma}_0 + \bar{\beta}_1 \bar{\gamma}_1 - \bar{\beta}_2 \bar{\gamma}_1 - \bar{\beta}_1 \bar{\gamma}_2 \right) \right] x^3 + \mathcal{O}(x^4) \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\bar{\gamma}_i = \gamma_i / \beta_0, \quad \bar{\beta}_i = \beta_i / \beta_0$$

Important concept: RGI mass

$$m^{RGI} \equiv m(\mu_0) / c(a_s(\mu_0))$$

is μ and *scheme* independent; in *any* (mass-independent) scheme

$$\lim_{\mu \rightarrow \infty} a_s(\mu)^{-\bar{\gamma}_0} m(\mu) = m^{RGI}$$

The function $c(x)$ is used, e.g, by the **ALPHA** lattice collaboration to find the $(\overline{\text{MS}})$ mass of the strange quark at a lower scale from the RGI mass determined from lattice simulations

Example (setting $a_s(\mu = 2 \text{ GeV}) = \frac{\alpha_s(\mu)}{\pi} = .1$; h counts loops)

$$m_s(2 \text{ GeV}) = \hat{m}_s \cdot (a_s(2 \text{ GeV}))^{\frac{4}{9}}.$$

$$(1 + 0.0895 h^2 + 0.0137 h^3 + 0.00195 h^4 + (0.00157 - .000011 \overline{\beta}_4) h^5)$$

$$\beta(n_f = 3) = - \left(\beta_0 = \frac{4}{9} \right) \cdot \{ a_s + 1.777 a_s^2 + 4.4711 a_s^3 + 20.990 a_s^4 + \overline{\beta}_4 a_s^5 \}$$

It is natural to estimate $\overline{\beta}_4$ as sitting in the interval 50 – 100 Note that for any reasonable value of $\overline{\beta}_4$ (positive and ≤ 200) the (apparent) convergency of the above series is quite good even at rather small energy scale

Higgs Decay into $\bar{b}b$ quarks

$$\Gamma(H \rightarrow \bar{f}f) = \frac{G_F M_H}{4\sqrt{2}\pi} m_f^2(\mu) R^S(s = M_H^2, \mu)$$

R^S is the spectral density of the scalar correlator and is known to α_s^4
/P. Baikov, J. Kühn, K.Ch. (2006)/

$$\begin{aligned} R^S(s = M_H^2, \mu = M_H) &= 1 + 5.667 a_s + 29.147 a_s^2 + 41.758 a_s^3 - 825.7 a_s^4 \\ &= 1 + 0.2041 + 0.0379 + 0.0020 - 0.00140 \end{aligned}$$

where we set $a_s = \alpha_s/\pi = 0.0360$ (for the Higgs mass value $M_H = 125$ GeV and $\alpha_s(M_Z) = 0.118$)

$m_b(\mu = M_H)$ is to be obtained with RG running from $m_b(\mu = 10 \text{ GeV})$ and, thus, depends on β and γ_m :

$$\frac{\delta m_b^2(M_H)}{m_b^2(M_H)} = -1.4 \cdot 10^{-4}(\bar{b}_4 = 0) - 4.3 \cdot 10^{-4}(\bar{b}_4 = 100) - 7.3 \cdot 10^{-4}(\bar{b}_4 = 200)$$

If we set $\mu = M_H$, then the combined effect of $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^4)$ terms as coming from the 5-loop running and 4-loop contribution to R^S on

$$\Gamma(H \rightarrow \bar{b}b) = \frac{G_F M_H}{4\sqrt{2}\pi} m_f^2(M_H) R^S(s = M_H^2, M_H)$$

is around -2% . This should be contrasted to the parametric uncertainties

as coming from $\star \alpha_s(M_Z)$ ($\pm 6\%$) and $\star\star m_b^2(\mu = 10 \text{ GeV})$ ($\pm 9\%$)

(we neglect higher order QCD corrections)

Conclusion: our α_s^4 terms are of no phenomenological relevancy at present. BUT, the situation could be different if the project of TLEP $\star\star\star$ is implemented. For instance, the uncertainty in $\alpha_s(M_Z)$ will be reduced to $\pm 2\%$...

\star A. Pich, "Review of α_s determinations", arXiv:1303.2262

$\star\star$ K. Ch., J. H. Kühn, A. Maier, P. Maierhöfer, P. Marquard, M. Steinhauser, C. Sturm, "Charm and Bottom Quark Masses: an Update", arXiv:0907.2110

$\star\star\star$ M. Bice et al., "First Look at the Physics Case of TLEP", arXiv:1308.6176

Concluding Notes I:

- R^* + Baikov Algorithm to reduce 4-loop p-integrals + Form (J. Vermaseren, M. Tentyukov + ...) + known 4-loop masters (P. Baikov, K.Ch.) \implies the 5-loop RG functions are *in principle* doable in *any* model.
- But: global representation of necessary IR subtractions (that is on the level of Green functions) strongly depends on the problem and is not always easy.
- The 5-loop quark anomalous dimension γ_m QCD is finished. The phenomenological implications are not not very dramatic.
- The 5-loop QCD β -function is more complicated; the first results have been obtained and the old result for the leading $\mathcal{O}(1/n_f)$ term in β_4 have been confirmed

Concluding Notes II:

- Truly remarkable fact: N=4 SYM theory seems to be simpler than QCD (see the talk by V. Velizhanin):
"Konishi" (anomalous dimension of a specific operator in N=4 SYM) in 5-loop has been recently computed with a via IRR + p-integrals + Laporta machine + a lot of ingenuity; the result confirms the prediction from non-perturbative methods ("Five-loop Konishi in N=4 SYM", B. Eden, P. Heslop, G. Korchemsky, V. Smirnov, E. Sokatchev, arXiv:1202.5733)
- There are some theoretical problems requiring analytical evaluation of 6-loop anomalous dimensions: e.g. "Konishi" in 6-loop is already available from non-perturbative methods:
Six and seven loop Konishi from Luscher corrections. Z. Bajnok, R. Janik e-Print: arXiv:1209.0791
Here the main problem is the very reduction to masters (the way to compute the resulting masters is known /K.Ch. and Baikov, 2010/. BUT: sheer # of contributing diagrams in "normal" gauge theories would presumably be prohibitively large for, say, QCD 6-loop β -function.