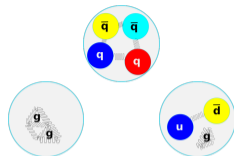
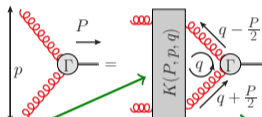
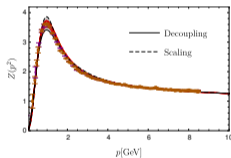
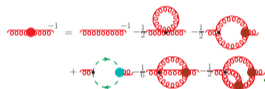


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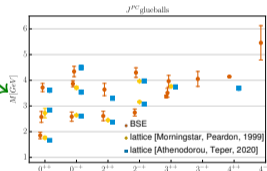
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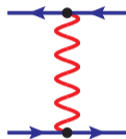
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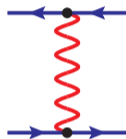
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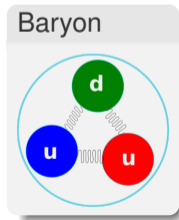
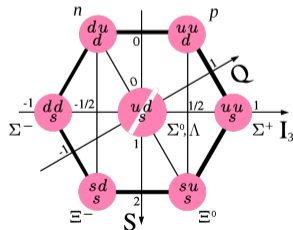
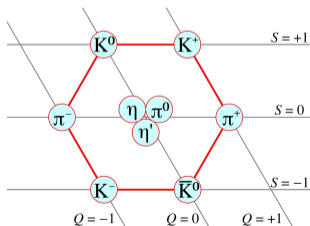
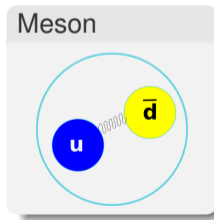
Proton, neutron (1932), pion (1947)

Explosion of discoveries of new hadrons in 50s, 60s → “particle zoo”

Pauli: “Had I foreseen that, I would have gone into botany.”

Quark model:

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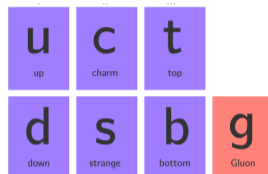




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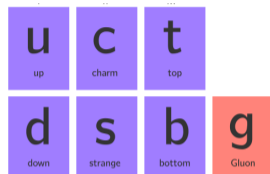
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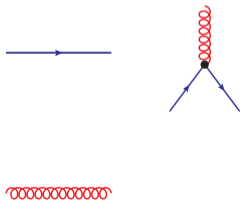
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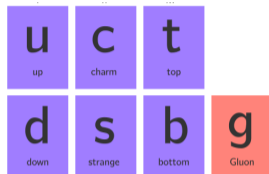


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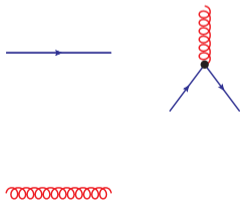
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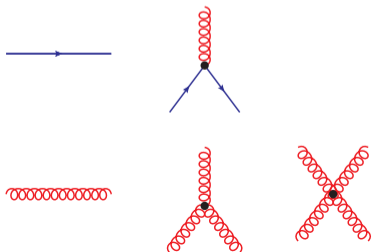
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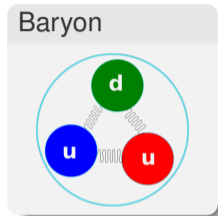
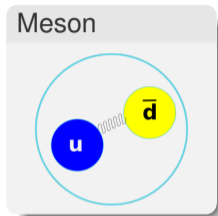
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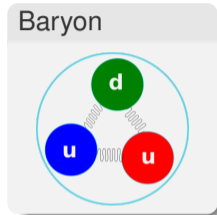
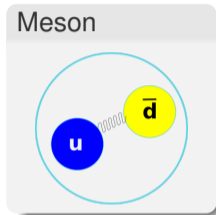
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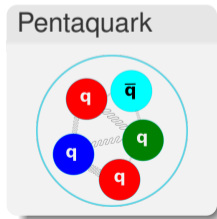
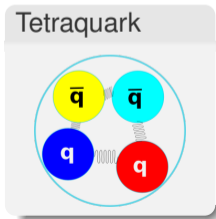


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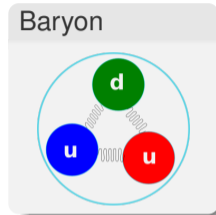
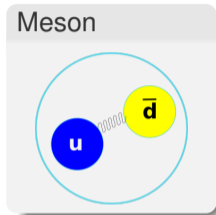


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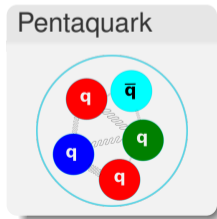
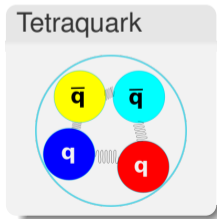


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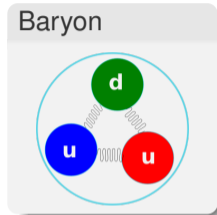
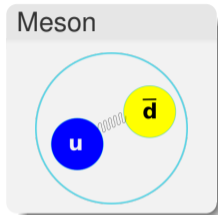


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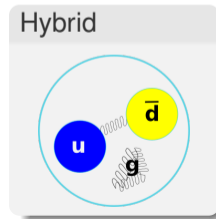
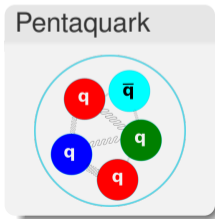
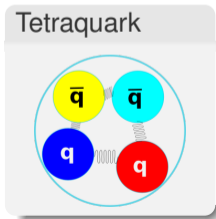


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Reviews on glueballs: [Klempt, Zaitsev, Phys.Rept.454 (2007); Mathieu, Kochelev, Vento, Int.J.Mod.Phys.18 (2009); Crede, Meyer, Prog.Part.Nucl.Phys.63 (2009); Ochs, J.Phys.G40 (2013); Llanes-Estrada, EPJST 230 (2021); Vadamchino, 2305.04869]

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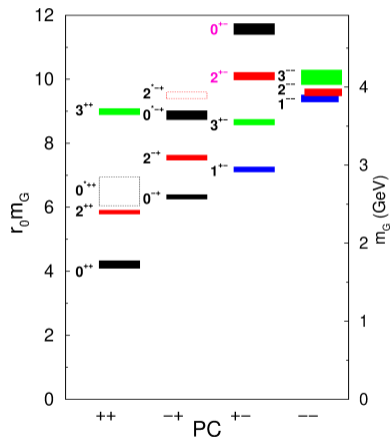
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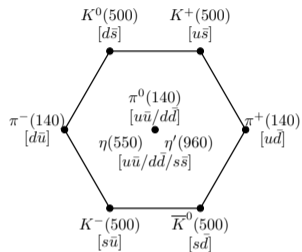


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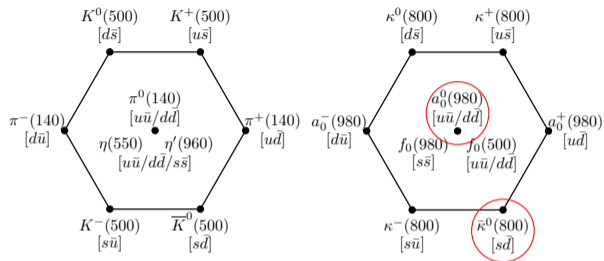


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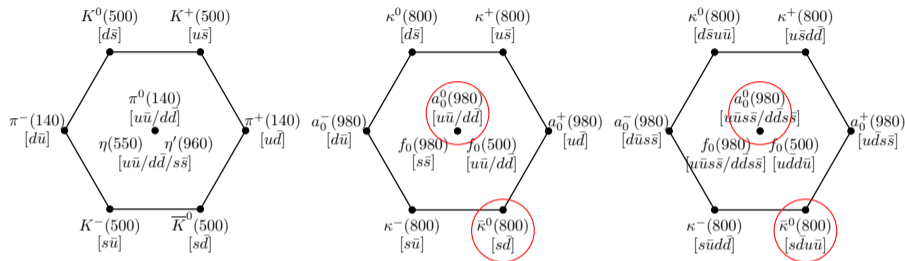
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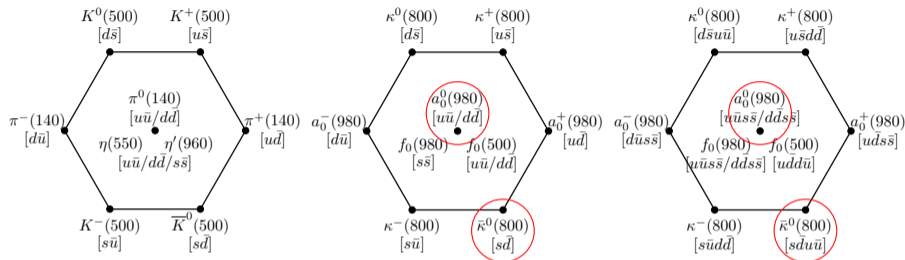
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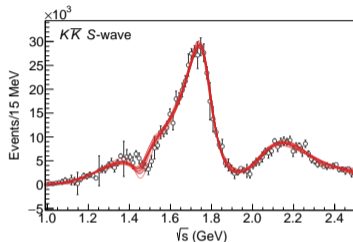
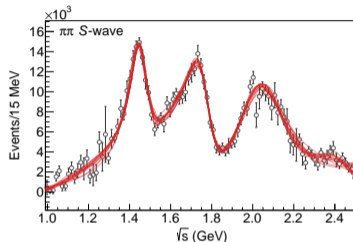
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Scalar glueballs:  $Q = 0$ , isoscalar

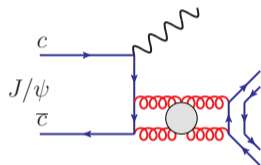
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glueball candidates

# Glueballs from $J/\psi$ decay



[JPAC Coll., Rodas et al.,  
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## Scalar glueball candidate: Coupled-channel analyses of exp. data (BESIII)

- +add. data, largest overlap with  $f_0(1770)$
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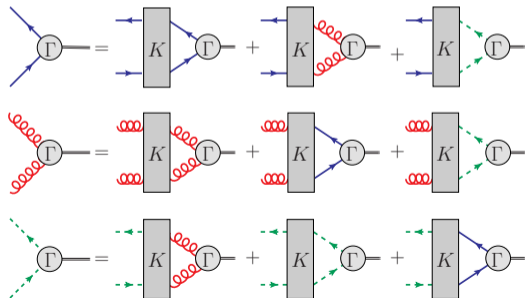
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# Methods: Bound state equations





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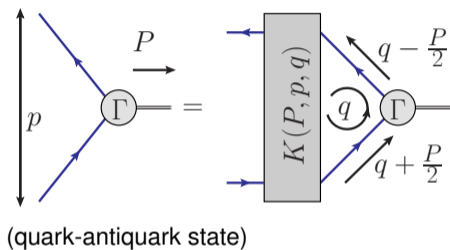
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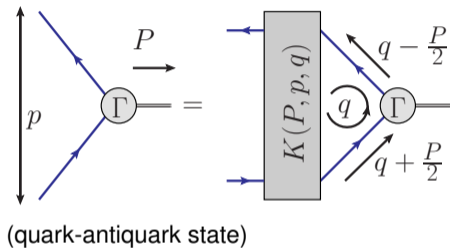
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The diagram shows an equation for the quark-gluon vertex. On the left, a blue horizontal line with an arrow pointing right has a solid blue circle at its left end. To the right of the line is a minus sign and a superscript -1. This is followed by an equals sign. On the right side of the equation, there are two terms. The first term is a blue horizontal line with an arrow pointing right, followed by a minus sign and a superscript -1. The second term is a blue horizontal line with an arrow pointing right, starting from a solid black dot on the left and ending at a solid purple dot on the right. A red curly line (representing a gluon) is attached to the top of this line, connecting the black dot and the purple dot.

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- $\Gamma^{a,\nu}(k; p, q) \propto \gamma^\nu h_1(k; p, q)$

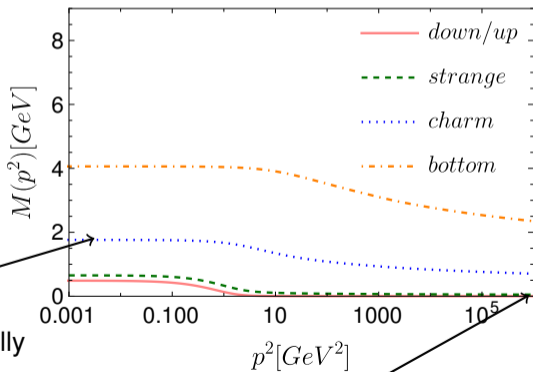
- $\frac{g^2}{4\pi} Z(k^2) h_1(k; p, q) \propto \alpha(k^2)$



'model interaction'

Iteration  $\rightarrow$  only 'rainbow-like' diagrams

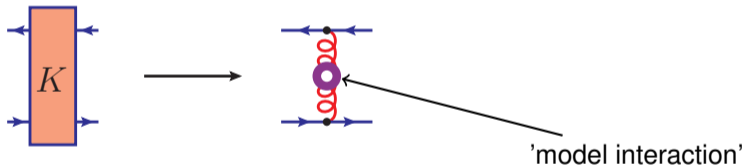
'constituent quark mass' from dynamically broken chiral symmetry  $\rightarrow$  QCD



'current quark mass', QCD parameter

## Bottom-up approximation: Ladder

Scattering kernel: “all interactions which are two-particle irreducible with respect to two horizontal quark lines”



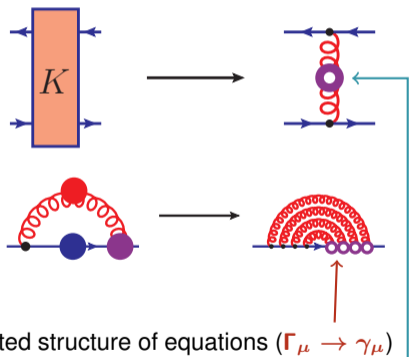
Same model  $\rightarrow$  Rainbow+ladder approximation respects chiral symmetry (axial-vector WTI).

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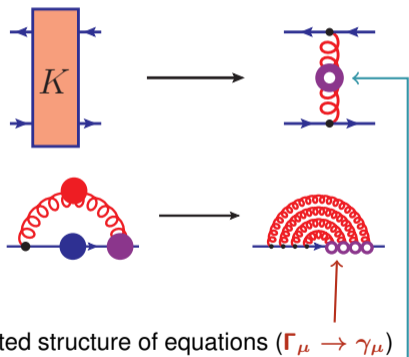


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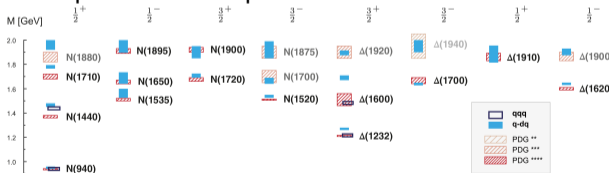
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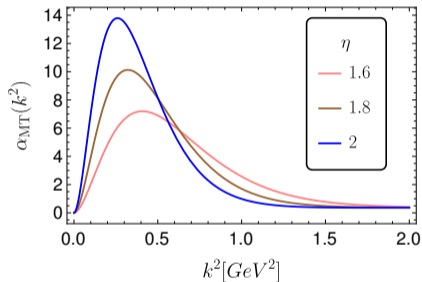
[Eichmann, Sanchis-Alepuz, Williams, Alkofer, Fischer, Prog.Part.Nucl.Phys. 91 (2016); Eichmann, Few Body Syst. 63 (2022)]



# Example for a model: Maris-Tandy interaction

[Maris, Roberts, Tandy, Phys. Rev. C 56 (1997); Maris, Tandy, Phys. Rev. C 60 (1999)]:

$$\alpha(k^2) = \underbrace{\pi \eta^7 \left(\frac{k^2}{\Lambda^2}\right)^2 e^{-\eta^2 \frac{k^2}{\Lambda^2}}}_{\alpha_{\text{IR}}(k^2)} + \alpha_{\text{UV}}(k^2)$$



- Scale  $\Lambda$  from  $f_\pi$
- Quark masses  $m_U = m_d, m_s$  from  $m_\pi, m_K$
- Parameter  $\eta$ : window of small sensitivity (for meson masses and decay constants)
- $\alpha_{\text{UV}}$ : Phenomenologically irrelevant, provides correct perturbative running to quark propagator

# Functional glueball calculations

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The diagram shows the rainbow-ladder truncation of the inverse gluon propagator. The left side is a red gluon line with a red dot representing the inverse propagator, labeled with a superscript  $-1$ . This is equal to a sum of terms:

- A red gluon line with a red dot, labeled with a superscript  $-1$ .
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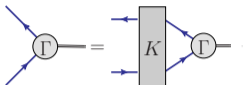
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Alternative: Calculated input [MQH, Phys.Rev.D 101 (2020)]

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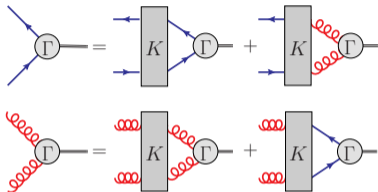
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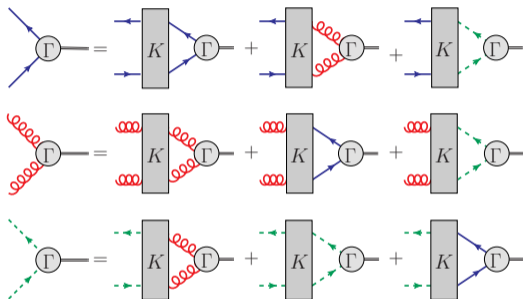
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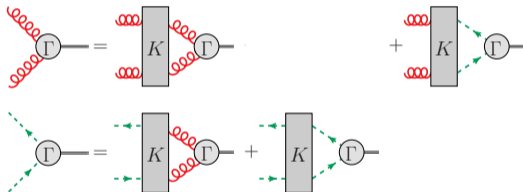
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# Kernels

Systematic derivation from 3PI effective action: [Berges, Phys. Rev. D 70 (2004); Carrington, Gao, Phys. Rev. D 83 (2011)]

Self-consistent treatment of 3-point functions requires 3-loop expansion.

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# Correlation functions

The diagram illustrates the expansion of a correlation function into various topologies. The expansion is shown in three rows:

- Row 1:** A tree-level diagram (a red wavy line with a red dot) is equal to a sum of terms: a tree-level diagram with a ghost loop (red wavy line with a red dot and a red loop), a tree-level diagram with a ghost loop and a ghost vertex (red wavy line with a red dot, a red loop, and a red dot with a red loop), a tree-level diagram with a ghost loop and a ghost vertex (red wavy line with a red dot, a red loop, and a red dot with a red loop), and a tree-level diagram with a ghost loop and a ghost vertex (red wavy line with a red dot, a red loop, and a red dot with a red loop).
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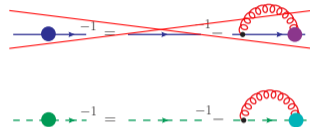
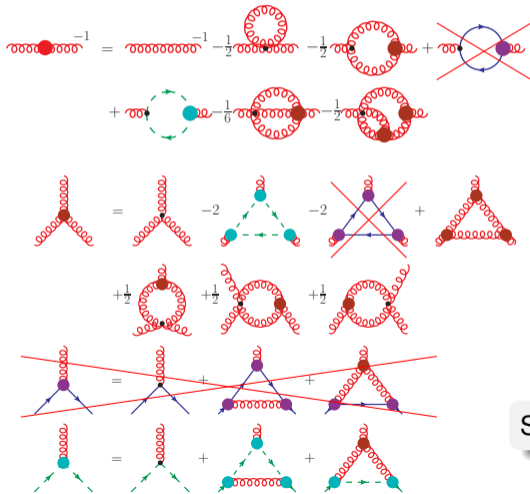
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Start with **pure gauge theory**.

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Early attempts very simple, e.g., gluon propagator with one diagram only [Mandelstam, Phys. Rev. D20 (1979)].

From [von Smekal, Alkofer, Hauck, PRL79 (1997)]

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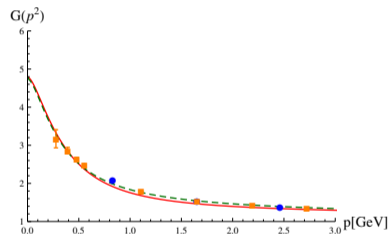
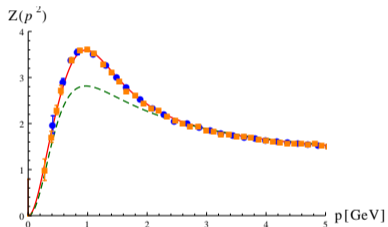
Successive calculation and inclusion of vertices, e.g.,

- ghost-gluon vertex [MQH, von Smekal, JHEP 04 (2013)]
- three-gluon vertex [Blum, MQH, Mitter, von Smekal, PRD89 (2014)]
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→ [Review: MQH, Phys.Rept. 879 (2020)]

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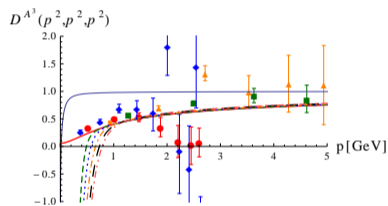
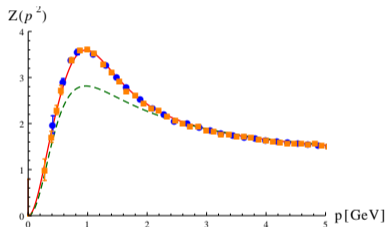
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- Vertex couplings show violations of gauge invariance.
- Model optimized for one quantity. → Restricted applicability to other quantities, e.g., glueballs.



# Interlude: Derivation of equations

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→ <https://github.com/markusqh/DoFun/>

Works in two steps:

- **Symbolic** derivation (no Feynman rules, just types of fields)
- **Algebraic**: Plug in Feynman rules

## doDSE

`doDSE[ac, flis, [opts]]` derives the DSE from the action *ac* for the fields contained in *flis*.

`doDSE[ac, flis, props, [opts]]` derives the DSE only with propagators contained in *prop*.

`doDSE[ac, flist, vtest, [opts]]` derives the DSE only with vertices allowed by *vtest*.

Allowed propagators will be taken from *ac* if the *props* argument is not given.

### ▼ Details

- The following options can be given:

# Landau gauge propagators

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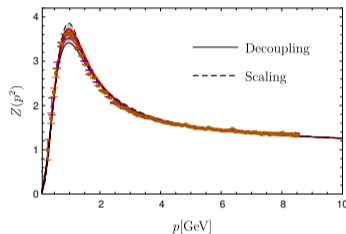
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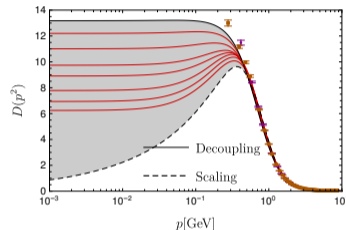
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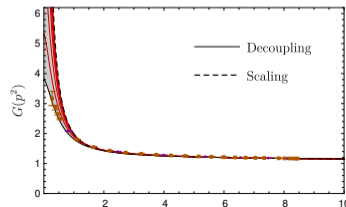
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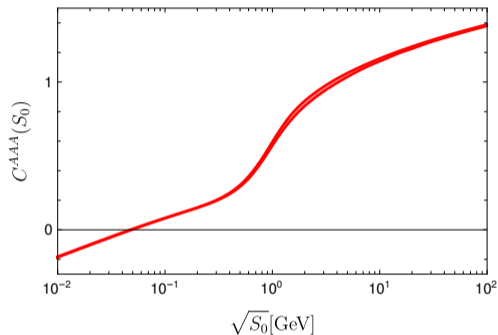
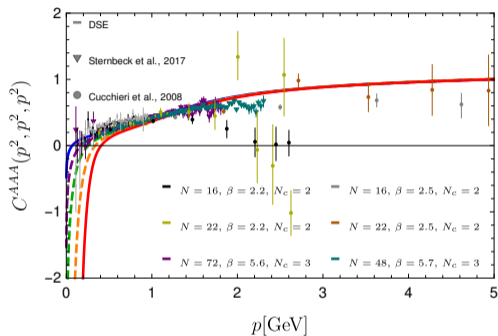
Family of solutions [von Smekal, Alkofer, Hauck, PRL79 (1997); Aguilar, Binosi, Papavassiliou, Phys.Rev.D 78 (2008); Boucaud et al., JHEP06 (2008); Fischer, Maas, Pawłowski, Ann.Phys. 324 (2008); Alkofer, MQH, Schwenzer, Phys. Rev. D 81 (2010)]

Nonperturbative completions of Landau gauge [Maas, Phys. Lett. B 689 (2010)]?

Ghost dressing function:



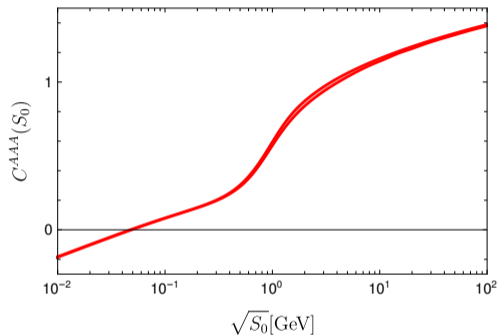
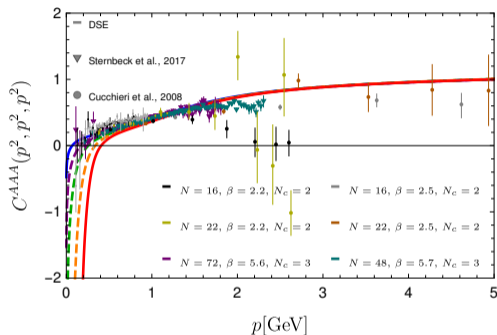
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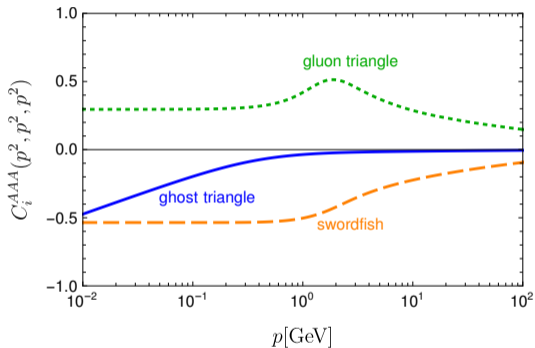
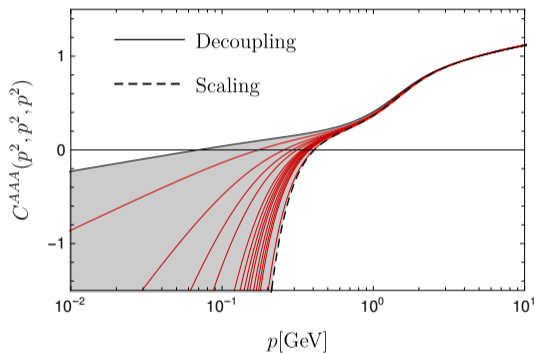


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- Simple kinematic dependence of three-gluon vertex (only singlet variable of  $S_3$ ), “planar degeneracy” confirmed by lattice [Pinto-Gómez et al., Phys.Lett.B838 (2023)]

First observation: [Eichmann, Williams, Alkofer, Vujanovic, Phys.Rev.D89 (2014)], but already in old data [Blum, Huber, Mitter, von Smekal, Phys.Rev.D89 (2014)] → **stable property**

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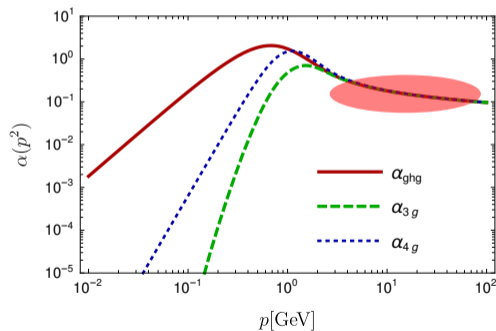
- Family of solutions
- Cancellations between diagrams important

# Gauge invariance

Couplings can be extracted from each vertex.

- Slavnov-Taylor identities (gauge invariance): Agreement perturbatively (UV) necessary.  
[Cyrol et al., Phys.Rev.D 94 (2016)]
- Difficult to realize: Small deviations  $\rightarrow$  Couplings cross and do not agree.
- Here: Vertex couplings agree down to GeV regime (IR can be different).

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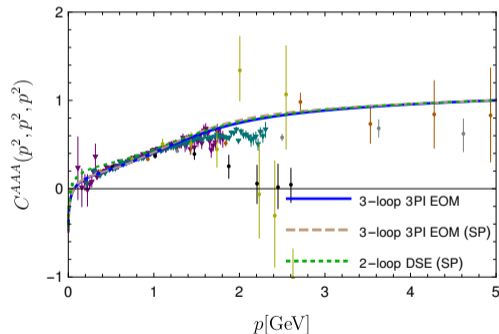
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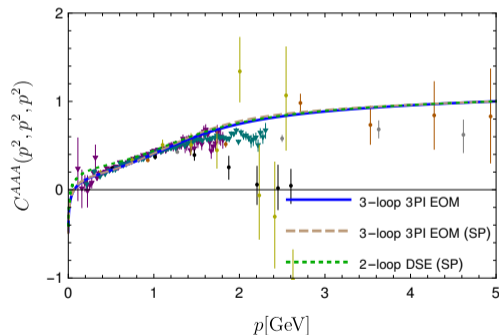
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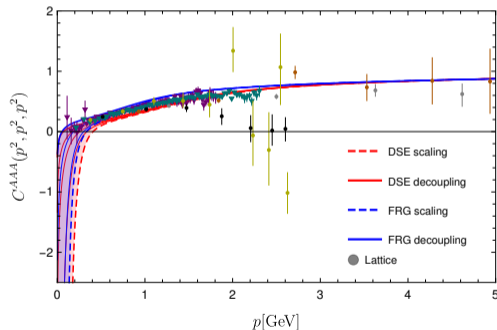
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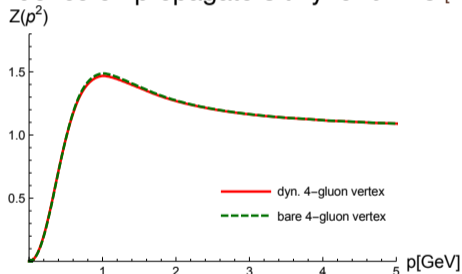
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# Stability of the solution: Extensions

- Three-gluon vertex: Tree-level dressing dominant, others subleading [Eichmann, Williams, Alkofer, Vujanovic, Phys.Rev.D89 (2014); Pinto-Gómez et al., 2208.01020] ✓

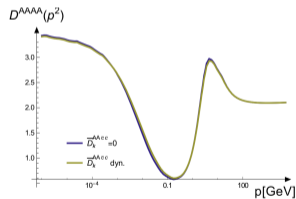
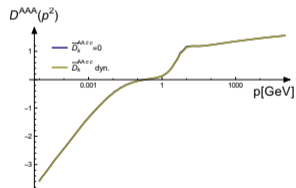
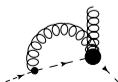
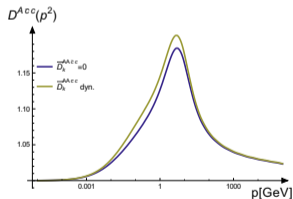
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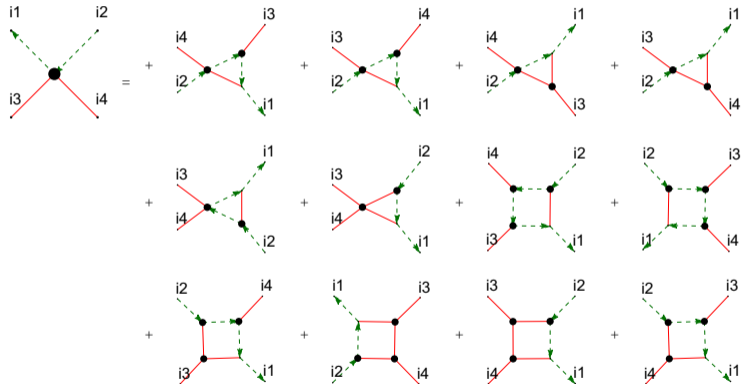
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(FRG: [Corell, SciPost Phys. 5 (2018)])



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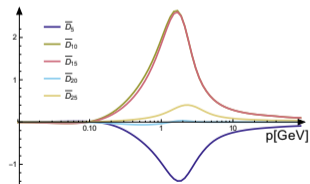
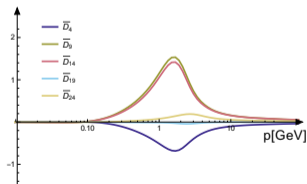
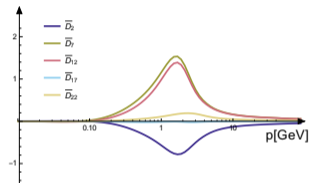
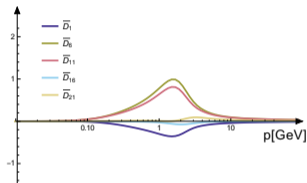
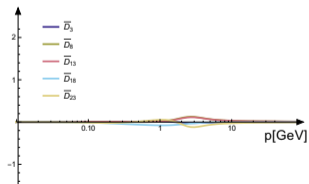
2 DSEs, choose the one with the ghost leg attached to the bare vertex  
 → Truncation **discards only one diagram**.



# Results for the two-ghost-two-gluon vertex

Kinematic approximation: one-momentum configuration

- Dimensionless dressing functions  $\overline{D}_k$ .
- Each plot one Lorentz tensor.



→ Two classes of dressings: 13 very small, 12 not small

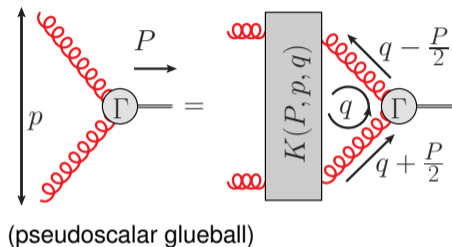
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# Glueballs



# Correlation functions for complex momenta

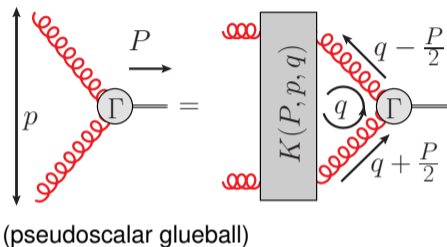


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$$\text{Propagators are probed at } \left(q \pm \frac{P}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{P^2}{4} + q^2 \pm \sqrt{P^2} q^2 \cos \theta = -\frac{M^2}{4} + q^2 \pm i M \sqrt{q^2} \cos \theta$$

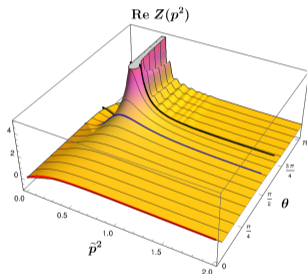
→ Complex for  $P^2 < 0$ !

Time-like quantities ( $P^2 < 0$ ) → Correlation functions for complex arguments.

# Correlation functions in the complex plane

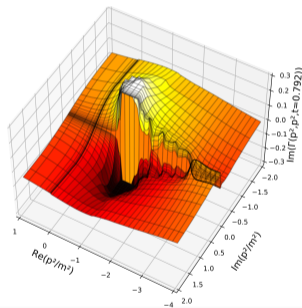
## Glueon

[Fischer, MQH, Phys.Rev.D 102 (2020)]



## Vertex (scalar toy theory)

[MQH, Kern, Alkofer, Phys.Rev.D107 (2023)]



Simpler truncation:

$$\text{glueon}^{-1} = \text{glueon}^{-1} - \frac{1}{2} \text{glueon} \text{ loop } + \text{glueon} \text{ loop}$$

- Numerically more demanding due to calculations close to cuts.
- Branch cut

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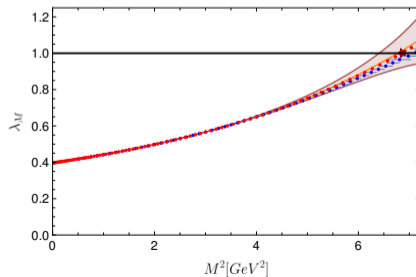
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Test extrapolation for solvable system:

Heavy meson [MQH, Sanchis-Alepuz, Fischer, Eur.Phys.J.C 80 (2020)]

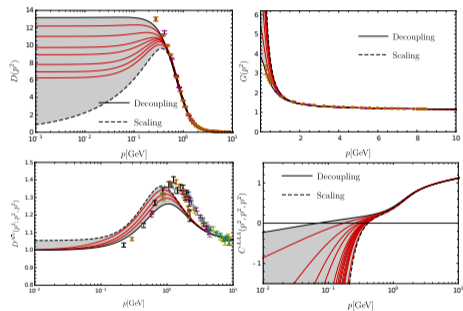
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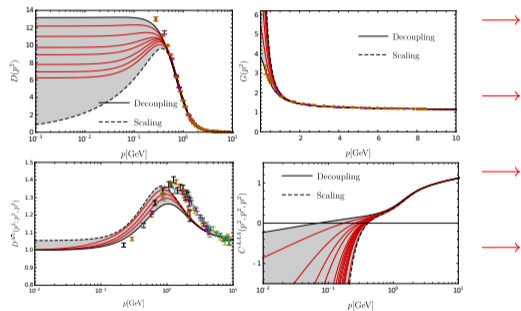
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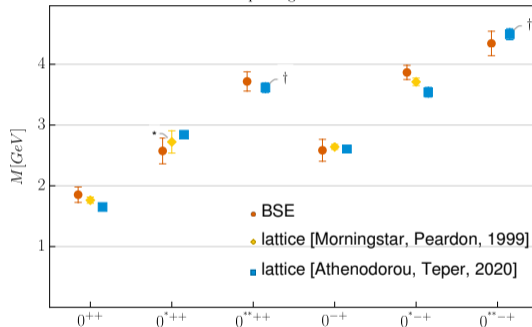
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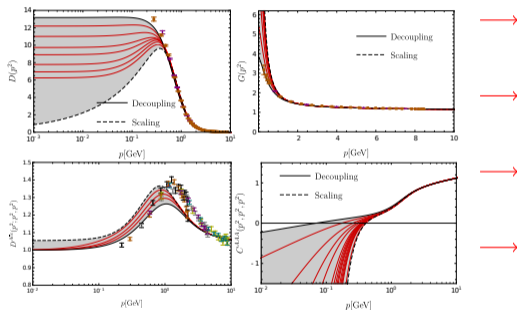
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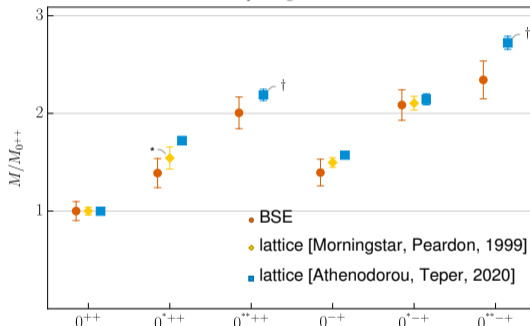
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Spectrum independent! → Family of solutions yields the same physics.

All results for  $r_0 = 1/418(5)$  MeV.

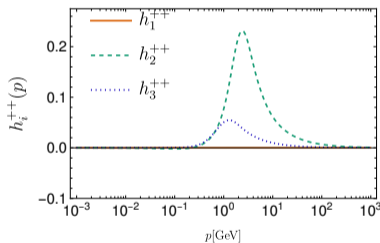
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# Amplitudes

Information about significance of single parts.

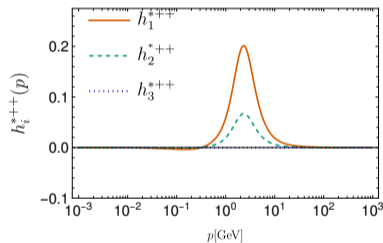
Ground state scalar glueball:

Amplitudes  $0^{++}$



Excited scalar glueball:

Amplitudes  $0^{*++}$



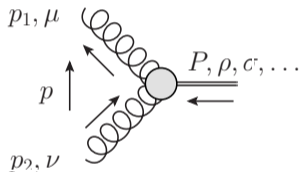
→ Amplitudes have different behavior for ground state and excited state. Useful guide for future developments.

→ Meson/glueball amplitudes: **Information about mixing.**

# Glueball amplitudes for spin $J$

[MQH, Fischer, Sanchis-Alepuz, Eur.Phys.J.C81 (2021)]

$$\Gamma_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma\dots}(p_1, p_2) = \sum \tau_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma\dots}^i(p_1, p_2) h_i(p_1, p_2)$$



Increase in complexity:

- 2 gluon indices (transverse)
- $J$  spin indices (symmetric, traceless, transverse to  $P$ )

Numbers of tensors:

$J$	$P = +$	$P = -$
0	2	1
1	4	3
>2	5	4

Low number of tensors, but high-dimensional tensors!

→ Computational cost increases with  $J$ .

# $J = 1$ glueballs

## Landau-Yang theorem

Two-photon states cannot couple to  $J^P = 1^\pm$  or  $(2n + 1)^-$

[Landau, Dokl.Akad.Nauk SSSR 60 (1948); Yang, Phys. Rev. 77 (1950)].

( $\rightarrow$  Exclusion of  $J = 1$  for Higgs because of  $h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ .)

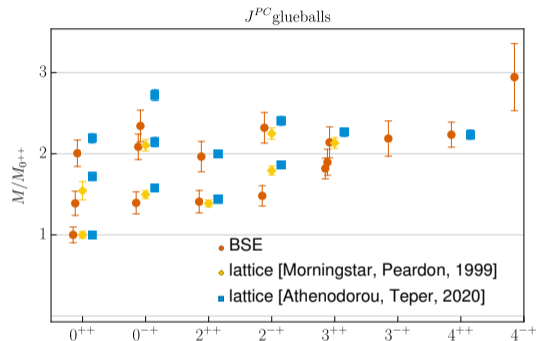
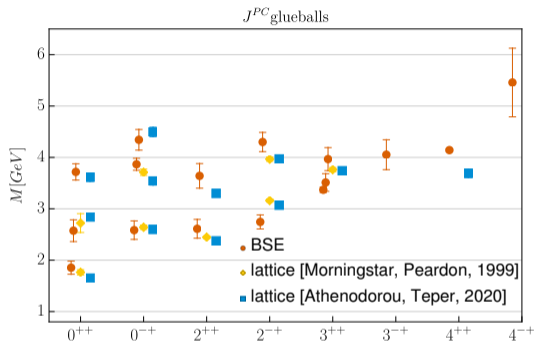
Applicable to glueballs?

$\rightarrow$  Not in this framework, since gluons are not on-shell.

$\rightarrow$  Presence of  $J = 1$  states is a dynamical question.

$J = 1$  not found here.

# Glueball results

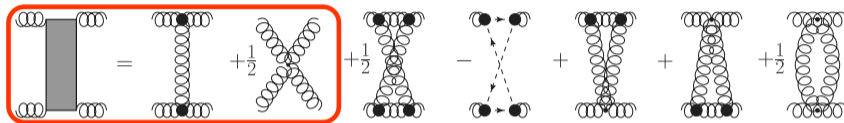


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- Agreement with lattice results
- New states:  $0^{*+ +}$ ,  $0^{* - +}$ ,  $3^{- +}$ ,  $4^{- +}$

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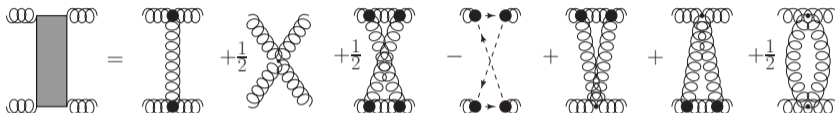
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## Two-loop diagrams: **subleading effects**

- $0^{-+}$ : none

[MQH, Fischer, Sanchis-Alepuz, EPJ Web Conf. 258 (2022)]

- $0^{++}$ :  $< 2\%$

[MQH, Fischer, Sanchis-Alepuz, HADRON2021, arXiv:2201.05163]

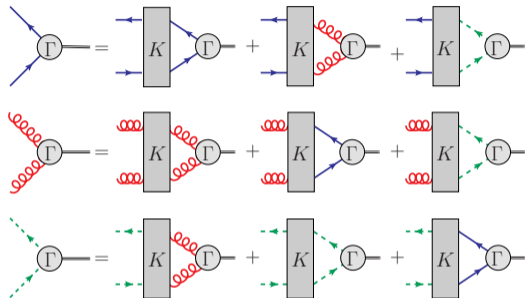
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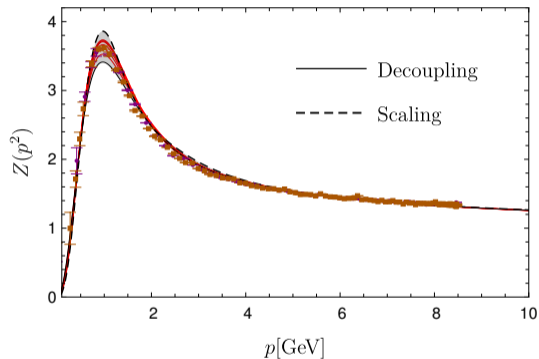




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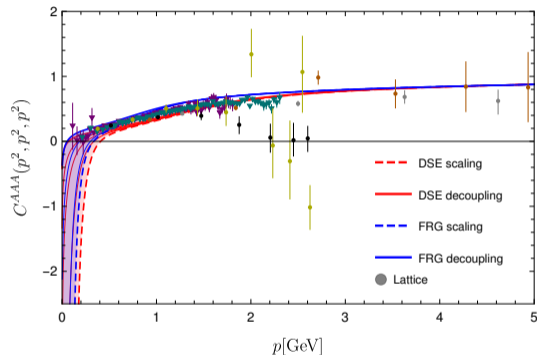
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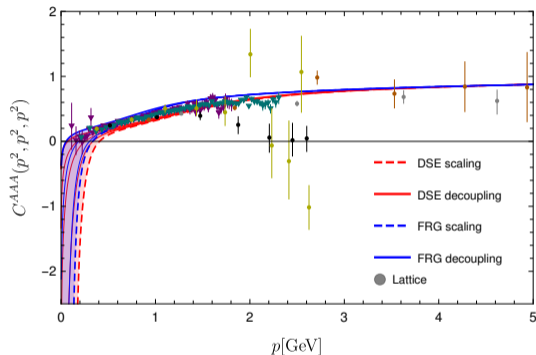
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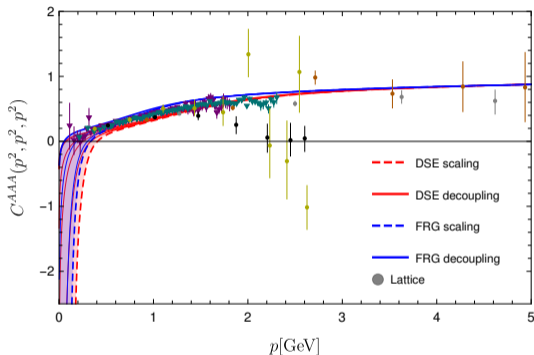
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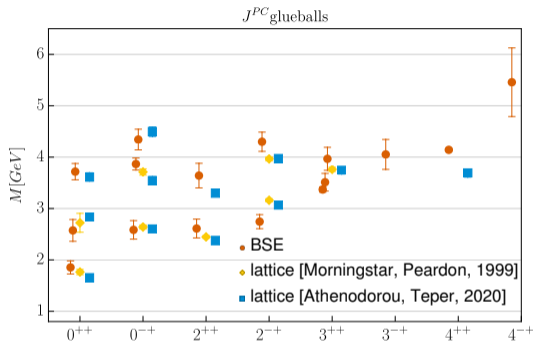
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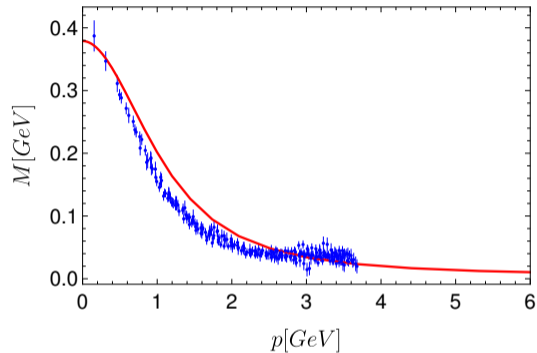
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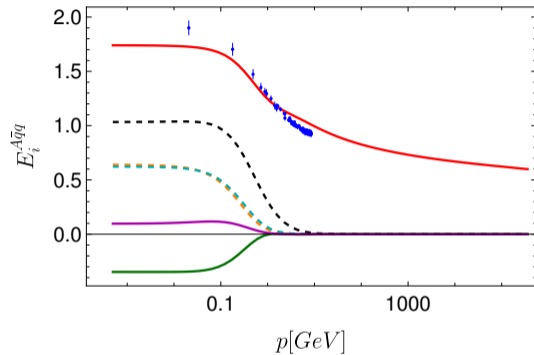
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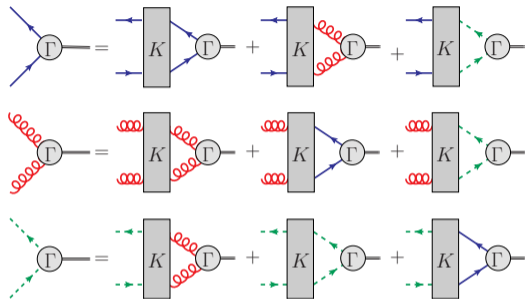
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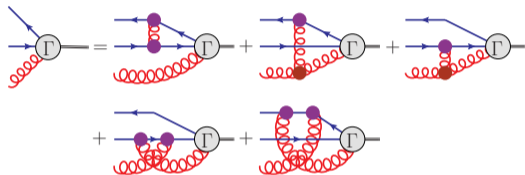
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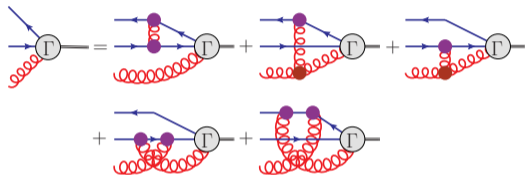
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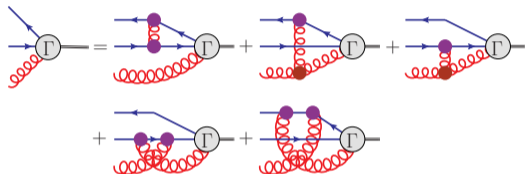
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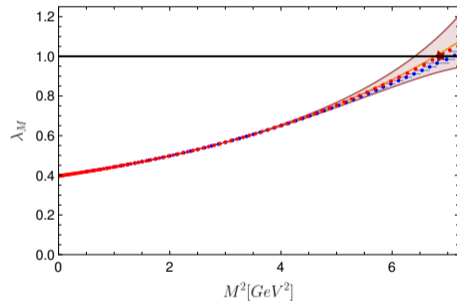
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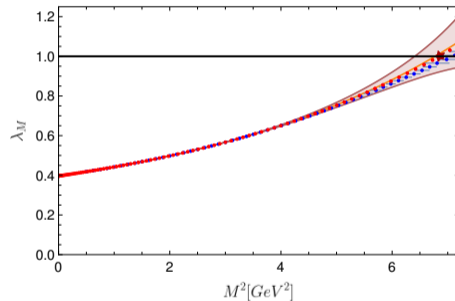
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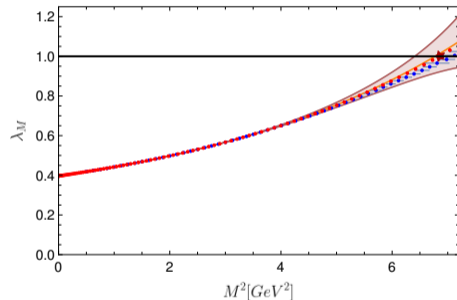
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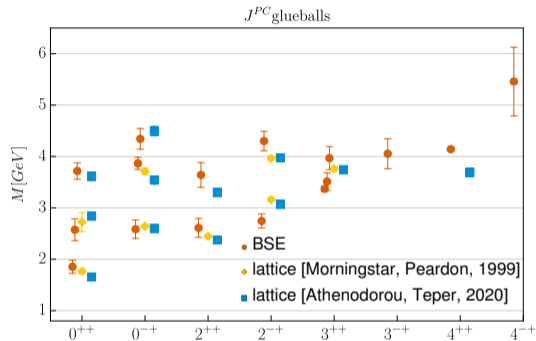
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Thank you for your attention!

# Charge parity

Transformation of gluon field under charge conjugation:

$$A_{\mu}^a \rightarrow -\eta(a)A_{\mu}^a$$

where

$$\eta(a) = \begin{cases} +1 & a = 1, 3, 4, 6, 8 \\ -1 & a = 2, 5, 7 \end{cases}$$

Color neutral operator with two gluon fields:

$$A_{\mu}^a A_{\nu}^a \rightarrow \eta(a)^2 A_{\mu}^a A_{\nu}^a = A_{\mu}^a A_{\nu}^a.$$

$$\Rightarrow C = +1$$

Negative charge parity, e.g.:

$$\begin{aligned} d^{abc} A_{\mu}^a A_{\nu}^b A_{\rho}^c &\rightarrow -d^{abc} \eta(a)\eta(b)\eta(c) A_{\mu}^a A_{\nu}^b A_{\rho}^c = \\ &-d^{abc} A_{\mu}^a A_{\nu}^b A_{\rho}^c. \end{aligned}$$

Only nonvanishing elements of the symmetric structure constant  $d^{abc}$ : zero or two indices equal to 2, 5 or 7.

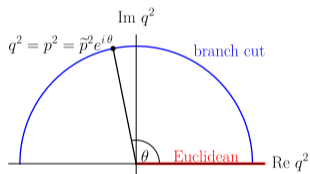




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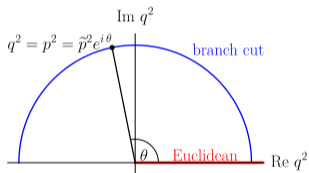
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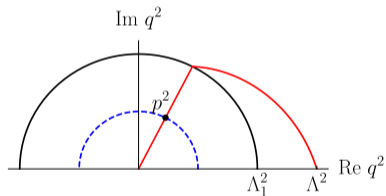
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The diagram shows an equation between Feynman diagrams. On the left is a ghost loop (two wavy lines meeting at a central black dot) with a superscript  $-1$ . This is equal to a ghost loop with a superscript  $-1$  minus  $\frac{1}{2}$  times a ghost loop with a superscript  $-1$  (representing a self-energy correction), plus a ghost loop with a superscript  $0$  (representing a tadpole correction).



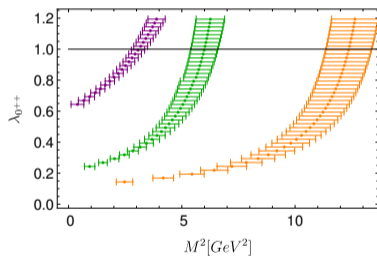
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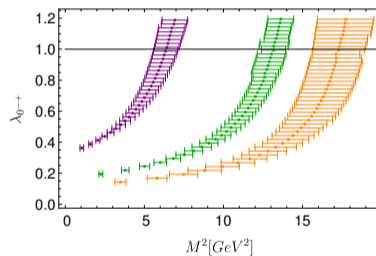
Appearance of branch cuts for complex momenta forbids integration directly to cutoff.

# Extrapolation for glueball eigenvalue curves

$0^{++}$ :



$0^{-+}$ :



Several curves: ground state and excited states.

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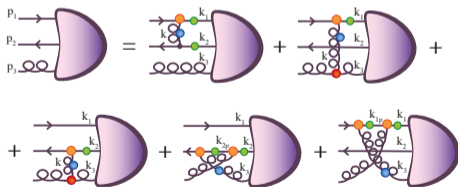
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Lattice: Mass from exponential Euclidean time decay

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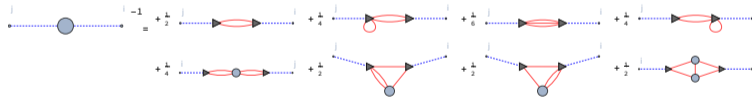
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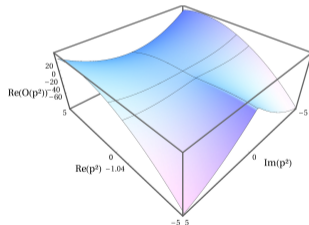
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Functional approach:

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Leading order: [Windisch, MQH, Alkofer, Phys.Rev.D87 (2013)]

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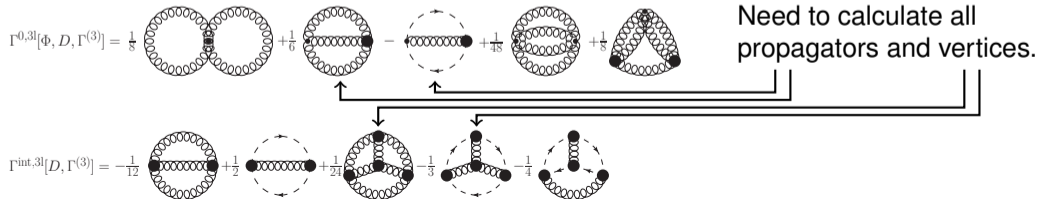
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Example: 3-loop 3PI effective action [Berges, Phys. Rev. D 70 (2004); Carrington, Gao, Phys. Rev. D 83 (2011)]

$$\Gamma^{3l}[\Phi, D, \Gamma^{(3)}] = \Gamma^{0,3l}[\Phi, D, \Gamma^{(3)}] + \Gamma^{\text{int},3l}[\Phi, D, \Gamma^{(3)}]$$



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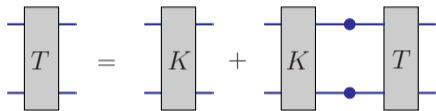
Dyson equation: nonperturbative resummation!

Compare:  $f(x) = \frac{1}{1-x} = 1 + x + x^2 + \dots = 1 + x f(x) = 1 + x + x^2 f(x)$

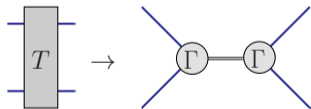
Scattering kernel  $K$ : interactions

Scattering matrix  $T$

Bethe-Salpeter amplitude  $\Gamma$



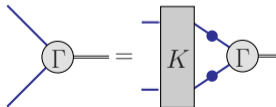
$T$  contains bound states:



$$T \rightarrow \frac{\Gamma \bar{\Gamma}}{P^2 + M^2}$$

Plug into Dyson equation:

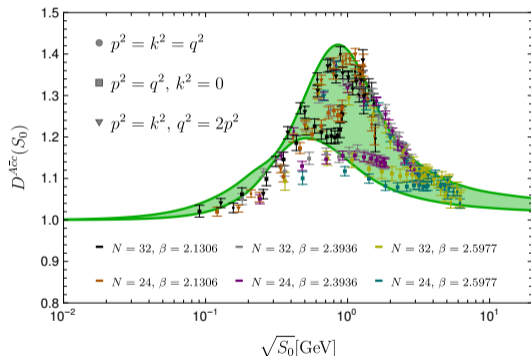
→ homogeneous Bethe-Salpeter equ.



[Review: Eichmann, Sanchis-Alepuz, Williams, Alkofer, Fischer, Prog.Part.Nucl.Phys. 91 (2016)]

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[Maas, SciPost Phys. 8 (2019);

MQH, Phys. Rev. D 101 (2020)]

- Nontrivial kinematic dependence of ghost-gluon vertex
- Qualitative agreement with lattice results, though some quantitative differences (position of peak!).