

# Infrared analysis of Yang-Mills theory in the maximally Abelian gauge and the Landau gauge

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# Contents of the talk

- Infrared of Yang-Mills theory: What can we learn from it?
- Maximally Abelian gauge: Why do we need this complicated gauge, anyway? And what is its infrared behavior?
- Landau gauge: Does (partly) solving the Gribov problem change the infrared behavior?
- Non-perturbative tool: Dyson-Schwinger equations; is there an easy way to derive them?

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- Different confinement criteria for the propagators:
  - **Positivity violations**: negative norm contributions  $\rightarrow$  not a particle of the physical state space
  - **Kugo-Ojima**: quartet mechanism, e. g. Gupta-Bleuler formalism in QED: time-like and longitudinal photon cancel each other.
  - **Gribov-Zwanziger** (Landau gauge, Coulomb gauge): IR suppression of the gluon propagator due to Gribov horizon  $\rightarrow$  no long-distance propagation.  
Already manifest at perturbative level with Gribov-Zwanziger Lagrangian!

KO and GZ in Landau gauge Yang-Mills theory:

$$p^2 \rightarrow 0: D_{\text{gluon}} \rightarrow 0, p^2 D_{\text{ghost}} \rightarrow \infty$$

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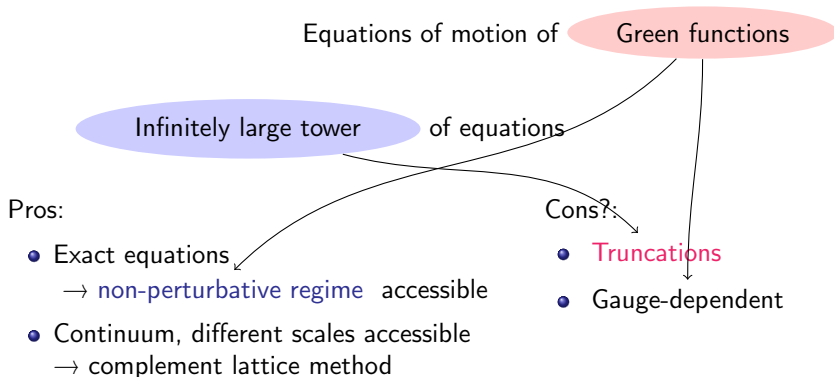
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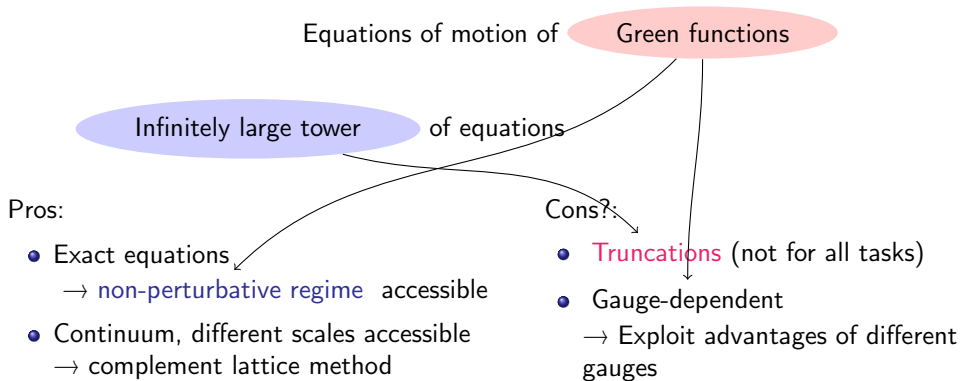
Pros:

- Exact equations  
→ **non-perturbative regime** accessible
- Continuum, different scales accessible  
→ complement lattice method

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# Infrared regime of Yang-Mills theory in Landau gauge

## Scaling solution [Alkofer, Fischer, Gies, Maas, Pawłowski, von Smekal, ...]

- Qualitative IR solution of ALL correlation functions is known.
- IR vanishing gluon ( $\rightarrow$  gluon confinement) and IR enhanced ghost propagator ( $\rightarrow$  long-range force to confine quarks).

## Decoupling solution

- Gluon massive, ghost tree-level like.
- Seen in most lattice calculations [Bogolubsky, Bornyakov, Cucchieri, Ilgenfritz, Maas, Mendes, Müller-Preussker, Pawłowski, Spielmann, Sternbeck, von Smekal, ...], in the refined Gribov-Zwanziger scenario [Dudal et al.] and in DSEs/FRGEs [Boucaud et al., Aguilar et al., Fischer et al.]
- Different renormalization of the ghost propagator  $\leftrightarrow$  boundary condition for DSEs [Fischer et al., Ann. Phys. 324; Maas, 0907.5185]

Both: Gluon propagator violates positivity,  
confining Polyakov loop potential [Braun, Gies, Pawłowski, PLB684].

# Hypothesis of Abelian dominance

## Dual superconductor picture of confinement [Mandelstam, 't Hooft]

- Picture a conventional superconductor, where the electric charges condense and force the magnetic flux into vortices.
- Change "electric" and "magnetic" components and you get a dual superconductor, where **condensed magnetic monopoles** squeeze the electric flux into flux tubes.
- QCD: No free chromoelectric charges. Are they confined by condensed magnetic monopoles?

Hypothesis of Abelian dominance [Ezawa, Iwazaki, PRD 25 (1981)]:

Magnetic monopoles live in Abelian part of the theory.

→ **Abelian part dominates in the IR?**

# Definition of the maximally Abelian gauge

Look for dominance of Abelian part. What is the **Abelian part**?

Gauge field components:

$$A_\mu = \mathbf{A}_\mu^i \mathbf{T}^i + \mathbf{B}_\mu^a \mathbf{T}^a, \quad i = 1, \dots, N-1, \quad a = N, \dots, N^2-1$$

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Which interactions are possible ( $[T^r, T^s] = i f^{rst} T^t$ )?

	$SU(2)$	$SU(N > 2)$
$f^{ijk}$	0	0
$f^{ija}$	0	0
$f^{iab}$	✓	✓
$f^{abc}$	0	✓

$\Rightarrow$  2 off-diagonal and 1 diagonal field can interact; 3 off-diagonal fields can only interact in  $SU(N > 2)$

$\rightarrow SU(2)$  and  $SU(3)$  different ?

# Gauge fixing condition

Stress role of diagonal fields  $\Rightarrow$  minimize norm of off-diagonal field  $B$ :

$$\|B_U\| = \int dx B_U^a B_U^a \rightarrow \text{minimize wrt. gauge transformations } U$$

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Remaining symmetry of diagonal part:  $U(1)^{N-1}$

Fix gauge of diag. gluon field  $A$  by Landau gauge condition:  $\partial_\mu A_\mu = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow$  diagonal ghosts decouple (like in QED).

# Lagrangian for the MAG

 diagonal gluon

 off-diagonal gluon

 ghost



***ABB***



***Acc***



***AABB***



***AAcc***



***BBcc***



***BBBB***



***cccc***

$SU(N > 2)$

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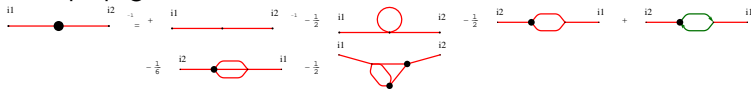
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Example: Landau gauge, only 2 propagators (**AA**, **cc**), 3 interactions (**A<sub>cc</sub>**, **AAA**, **AAAA**)

# Landau Gauge: Propagators

**Gluon propagator:**



**Ghost propagator:**



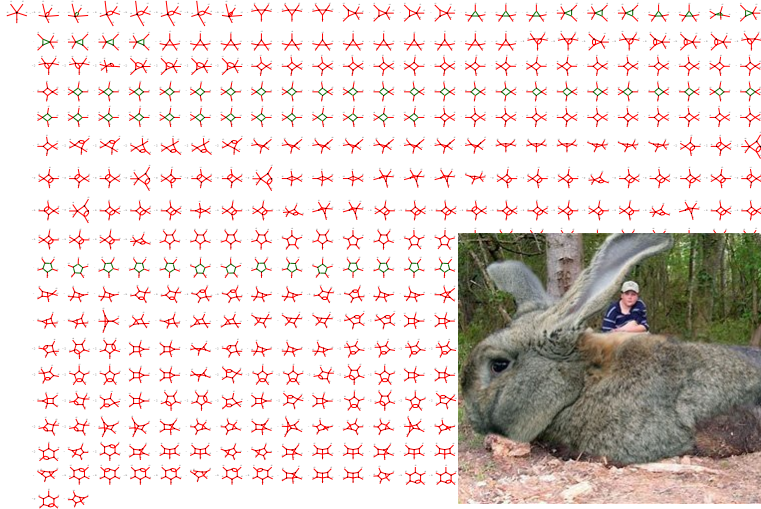
# Landau Gauge: Four-Gluon Vertex

66 terms



# Landau Gauge: Five-Gluon Vertex

434 terms



# DoDSE

⇒ *DoDSE* [Alkofer, M.Q.H., Schwenzer, CPC 180 (2009)]

Given a structure of interactions, the *DSEs are derived symbolically* using *Mathematica*.

Example (Landau gauge):

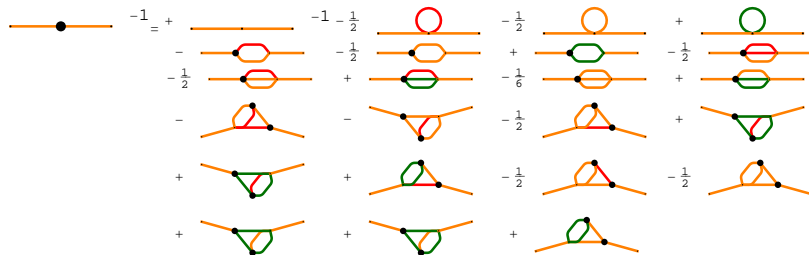
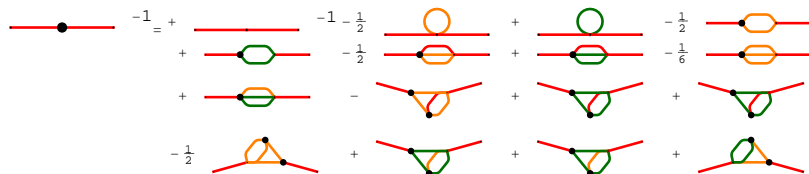
- only input: interactions in Lagrangian (AA, AAA, AAAA, cc, Acc)
  - Which DSE do I want?
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- Step-by-step calculations possible.
  - Can handle mixed propagators (then there are really many diagrams; e. g. in Gribov-Zwanziger action).

Upgrade: *Symb2Alg*

Provide Feynman rules and get complete algebraic expressions.

→ E. g. calculate color algebra with *FORM* and integrals with *C*.

## DSEs of the MAG



# Infrared power counting

## Generic propagator

$$T_{(ij)} \cdot \frac{D(p^2)}{p^2},$$

assume **power law** behavior at low  $p^2$

$$D^{IR}(p^2) = A \cdot (p^2)^\delta$$

**IR exponent**



- **Vertices also assume power law behavior** [Alkofer, Fischer, Llanes-Estrada, PLB 611 (2005) (skeleton expansion)].
- Limit of all momenta approaching zero simultaneously.
- Upon integration all momenta converted into powers of external momenta.  $\Rightarrow$  Counting of IR exponents

# System of inequalities

- IR exponent for every diagram
- lhs is dominated by at least one diagram on rhs and rhs cannot be more divergent than lhs.  $\rightarrow \delta_{lhs} \leq \delta_{rhs, any\ diagram}$ .
- Not knowing which diagram is leading on the rhs, we can write inequalities from all diagrams.

$$\text{wavy line with dot}^{-1} = \text{wavy line}^{-1} - \frac{1}{2} \text{wavy line with star loop and dot} - \frac{1}{2} \text{wavy line with star loop} + \text{dashed circle with dot} - \frac{1}{6} \text{wavy line with star loop and dot} - \frac{1}{2} \text{wavy line with four-pointed star loop and dot}$$

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# Relevant inequalities

A closed form for all relevant inequalities can be derived from DSEs and FRGEs [Huber, Schwenzer, Alkofer, 0904.1873].

type		derived from	#
dressed vertices	$C_1 := \delta_{vertex} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\text{legs } j \text{ of vertex}} \delta_j \geq 0$	FRGEs	infinite
prim. div. vertices	$C_2 := \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\substack{\text{legs } j \text{ of} \\ \text{prim. div.} \\ \text{vertex}}} \delta_j \geq 0$	DSEs+FRGEs	finite

Some inequalities are contained within others.

E. g. in MAG:  $\delta_B \geq 0$  and  $\delta_c \geq 0$  render  $\delta_B + \delta_c \geq 0$  useless.

# Scaling relations

## General analysis of propagator DSEs

[M.Q.H., Schwenzer, Alkofer, arXiv:0804.1873]

- At least one inequality from a prim. divergent vertex has to be saturated, i. e.  $C_2^i = 0$  for at least one  $i$ .
- Necessary condition for a scaling solution.
- Related to bare vertices in DSEs: Fischer-Pawlowski consistency condition DSEs  $\leftrightarrow$  FRGEs [Fischer, Pawlowski, PRD 75 (2007)].

$\Rightarrow$  One primitively divergent vertex is not IR enhanced.

The non-enhancement of at least one primitively divergent vertex is now established for all scaling type solutions.

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Application to the MAG:

- 1  $\delta_B \geq 0, \delta_c \geq 0, \delta_A + \delta_B \geq 0, \delta_A + \delta_c \geq 0$
- 2
  - a  $\delta_B = 0$
  - b  $\delta_c = 0$
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  - d  $\delta_A + \delta_c = 0$
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Scaling relation of the MAG:  $\delta_B = \delta_c = -\delta_A = \kappa_{\text{MAG}} \geq 0$

# IR scaling solution of the MAG

$$\delta_B = \delta_c = -\delta_A = \kappa_{MAG} \geq 0$$

- The **Abelian fields are IR enhanced**.  $\rightarrow$  Realization of Abelian dominance?
- Off-diagonal fields are IR suppressed.
- $SU(2)$  and  $SU(N > 2)$  have the same solution.
- **Qualitative solutions** for tower of **all Green functions**.

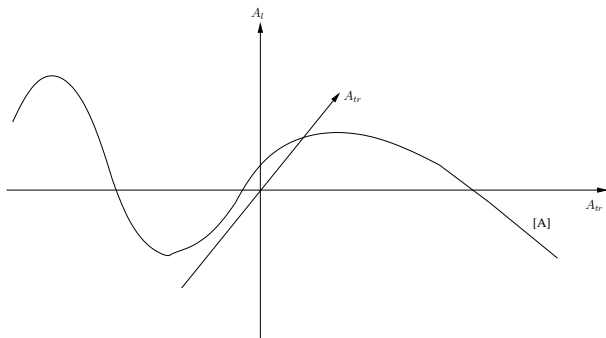
# Relation Landau gauge & MAG

Landau gauge	maximally Abelian gauge
ghost dominance	Abelian (gluon) dominance
Gribov region bounded	Gribov region unbounded in diagonal direction [Capri et al., PRD79]

Greensite, Olejnik, Zwanziger, PRD78:

Abelian configurations  $\xrightarrow{\text{Landau gauge}}$  on Gribov horizon

# Gauge orbits and Gribov copies

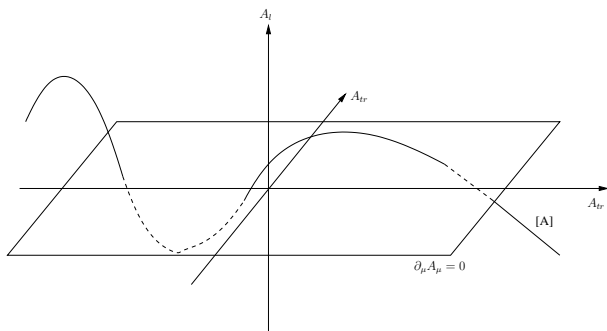


Gauge equivalent configurations (gauge orbit  $[A]$ )  $\Rightarrow$  integration in path integral is overcomplete:

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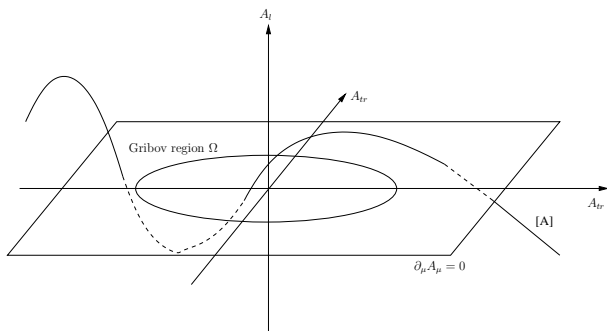


Faddeev and Popov: Restriction of integration to **single representative** of each gauge orbit possible? Gauge symmetry replaced by BRST symmetry!

$$Z[J] = \int [D\phi] \delta(\partial_\mu \mathbf{A}_\mu) \text{det} \mathbf{M} e^{-S + \phi J}$$

Faddeev-Popov operator  
↓

# Gauge orbits and Gribov copies



Restriction to Gribov region  $\Omega$ : almost unique gauge fixing.

$$\Omega := \{A; \partial_\mu A_\mu = 0, M > 0\}$$

# Local renormalizable action

Non-local term can be localized with auxiliary fields

$(\bar{\varphi}_\mu^{ab}, \varphi_\mu^{ab}, \bar{\omega}_\mu^{ab}, \omega_\mu^{ab}) \rightarrow$  local Gribov-Zwanziger action:

$$\mathcal{L}_{GZ} = \mathcal{L}_{FP} + \bar{\varphi}_\mu^{ac} M^{ab} \varphi_\mu^{bc} - \bar{\omega}_\mu^{ac} M^{ab} \omega_\mu^{bc} + \gamma^2 g f^{abc} A_\mu^a (\varphi_\mu^{bc} - \bar{\varphi}_\mu^{bc})$$

- **Mixing at the level of two-point functions**, e. g.  $\langle A_\mu^a \varphi_\nu^{bc} \rangle$ .  
 $\Rightarrow$  (3x3)-matrix relation between propagators and two-point functions:

$$D^{\Phi\Phi} = (\Gamma^{\Phi\Phi})^{-1}, \quad \Phi \in \{A, \varphi, \bar{\varphi}\}$$

# More fields ...

Simplify to (2x2)-matrix relation by splitting into real and imaginary part  
[Zwanziger, 0904.2380]:

$$\varphi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (U + i V), \quad \bar{\varphi} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (U - i V).$$

$$\mathcal{L}'_{GZ} = \mathcal{L}_U + \mathcal{L}_V + \mathcal{L}_{UV} - \bar{\omega}_\mu^{ac} M^{ab} \omega_\mu^{bc},$$

$$\mathcal{L}_U = \frac{1}{2} U_\mu^{ac} M^{ab} U_\mu^{bc},$$

$$\mathcal{L}_V = \frac{1}{2} V_\mu^{ac} M^{ab} V_\mu^{bc} + i g \gamma^2 \sqrt{2} f^{abc} A_\mu^a V_\mu^{bc},$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{UV} = \frac{1}{2} i g f^{abc} U_\mu^{ad} V_\mu^{bd} \partial_\nu A_\nu^c \stackrel{LG}{=} 0,$$

Simplify even further:

$$c, \bar{c}, U, \omega, \bar{\omega} \longrightarrow \eta, \bar{\eta}$$

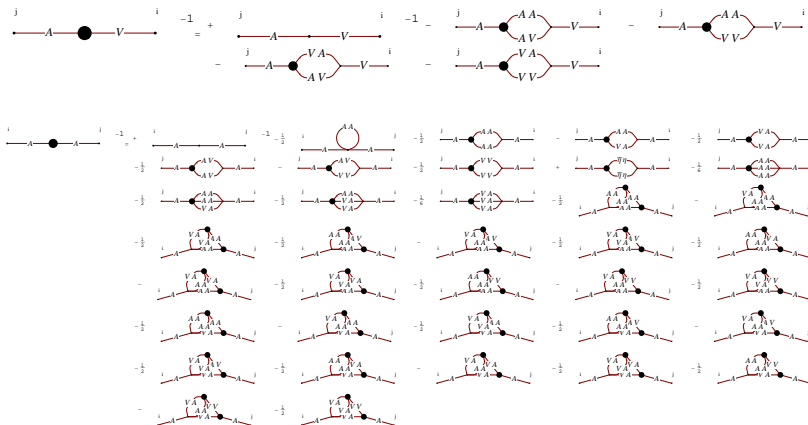
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Complete analysis of all diagrams!

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 & - f^{abe} f^{cde} \frac{1}{p^2} P_{\mu\nu} \frac{2c_{AV}^2(p^2)}{c_A^\perp(p^2) c_V^2(p^2) + 2N c_{AV}^2(p^2) c_V(p^2)}
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# The four possibilities

Which part of the determinant  $c_A^\perp(p^2)c_V(p^2) + 2N c_{AV}^2(p^2)$  dominates in the IR?

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Two solutions lead to inconsistencies [M.Q.H., R. Alkofer, S. P. Sorella, PRD 81].

# Result: Qualitative behavior of the solutions

[M.Q.H., Alkofer, Sorella, PRD 81]

- **Scaling relation** between FP ghost and gluon unaltered:

$$\kappa_A + 2\kappa_c = 0.$$

- Gluon propagator is IR suppressed.
- Propagators of ghost and auxiliary fields are IR enhanced.
- Mixed propagators are IR suppressed.
- IR exponents of all vertices are obtained.
- Input for numerical solution of the equations.
- Qualitatively the **IR behavior of Faddeev-Popov theory** is reproduced (Case II corresponds in the IR *exactly* to the Faddeev-Popov theory.)



in agreement with scenarios of Gribov-Zwanziger and Kugo-Ojima

# Summary: Derivation of scaling relations

[M.Q.H., Schwenzer, Alkofer, 0904.1873]

- **Existence and form of scaling solutions** can easily be obtained directly from the interactions.
- Based on Fischer-Pawlowski consistency condition: compare DSEs and FRGEs.
- Scaling solution may exist in the MAG:
  - Abelian gluon propagator is IR enhanced. → **Support of hypothesis of Abelian dominance.**
  - Complete numerical solution required. ← Input for asymptotic behavior
  - Two-loop terms are IR leading  $\leftrightarrow$  UV/IR preserving truncation?
  - Relation to chromomagnetic monopoles?

# The end

Thank you very much for your attention.

# IR Scaling solutions for other gauges

The analysis can be used also for other gauges. Beware: This corresponds to a naive application!

Linear covariant gauges

scaling solution only, if the **longitudinal part of the gluon propagator** gets dressed, but gauge fixing condition  $\Rightarrow$  longitudinal part bare

Ghost-antighost symmetric gauges

quartic ghost interaction  $\rightarrow \delta_{gh} \geq 0$   
 $\rightarrow$  with non-negative IREs only the **trivial solution** can be realized

This is valid for all possible dressings and agrees with the results from [Alkofer, Fischer, Reinhardt, v. Smekal, PRD 68 (2003)], where only certain dressings were considered.

$\Rightarrow$

- Either the existence of a **scaling solution is something special (?)** or
- a **more refined analysis** (symmetries  $\leftrightarrow$  cancelations) is needed in these cases.