With functional methods from propagators and vertices to glueballs





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Calculate their properties?

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- 3-loop expanded 3PI effective action for kernel construction [Fukuda '87; McKay, Munczek '89; Sanchis-Alepuz, Williams '15]
- Full QCD: Same for quarks
 → Mixing with mesons.

Functional methods

Functional RG equations (FRGEs)	<i>m</i> -loop expanded <i>n</i> Pl effective action
effective average action $\Gamma^k[\phi]$	<i>n</i> PI effective action $\Gamma[\phi, D, R^{(3)}, \dots, R^{(n)}]$
infinitely many equations	finite number of equations
$k\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\Gamma^{k}[\phi] =$	$\Gamma_2^0[\Phi, D, \Gamma^{(3)}] = \frac{1}{8} \bigcirc + \frac{1}{6} \bigcirc + \frac{1}{18} \bigcirc + \frac{1}{8} \bigcirc + \frac{1}$
	$\Gamma_2^{\text{int}}[D, \Gamma^{(3)}] = -\frac{1}{12} + \frac{1}{24}$
1-loop	1- & 2-loop (equations of motion)
	Similarities to Dyson-Schwinger
	equations (1PI) (resummations)

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Some nontrivialities:

- Renormalization incl. quadratic divergences
- Slavnov-Taylor identities
- Momentum dependence of vertices

Nontrivialities of quark sector \rightarrow Talk by R. Alkofer

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• Alternative: Analytically continue $\lambda(P)$.

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Applications of contour deformation: QED3 [Maris '95], quark propagator [Alkofer et al. '04], Yang-Mills propagators [Strauss, Fischer, Kellermann '12; Fischer, MQH '20], glueball correlators [Windisch, MQH, Alkofer '12], meson decays [Weil et al. '17; Williams '18], quark-photon vertex [Miramontes, Sanchis-Alepuz '19], finite-T spectral functions of O(N) model: [Pawlowski,Strodthoff, Wink '18], scattering amplitudes scalar theory [Eichmann et al. '19]

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- Method works,
- but current truncation leads to a pole-like structure in the gluon propagator.
- Analyticity up to 'pole' confirmed by various tests.
- Warning: No proof of existence of complex conjugate poles.

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DSE vs. 3PI

Three-gluon vertex:

- DSE: 1- & 2-loop
- 3-loop 3PI: 1-loop



[Cucchieri et al. '08; Sternbeck et al. '17; MQH '20]

 \rightarrow Use 3PI because it is simpler.

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 A^4 -part of D(x - y), total momentum on-shell:

For bound state equations, consider general four-point function: \rightarrow Bethe-Salpeter wave functions



Note: '2-gluon'-component sufficient to calculate mass for $J^{PC} = 0^{\pm +}$.