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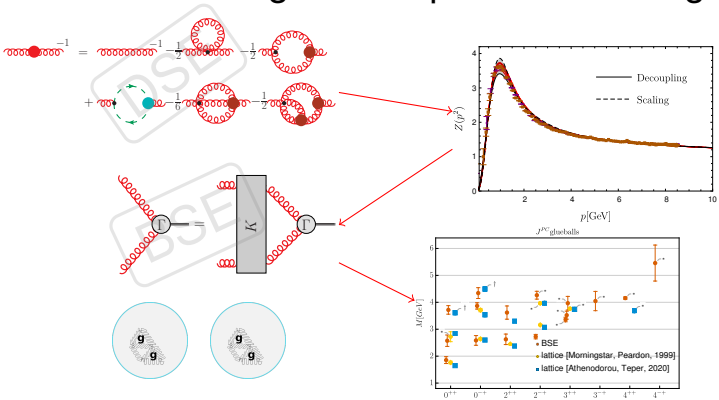

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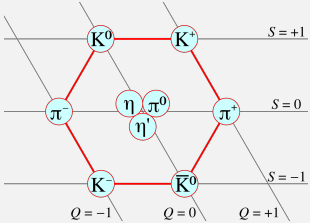

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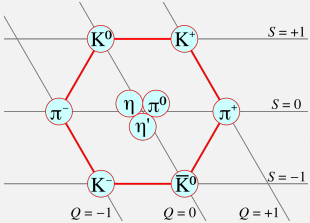

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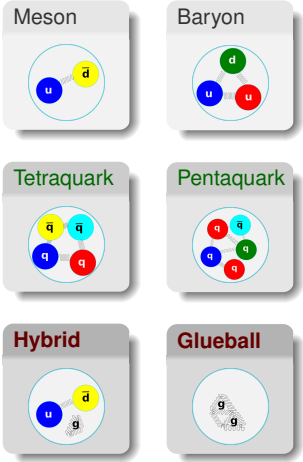

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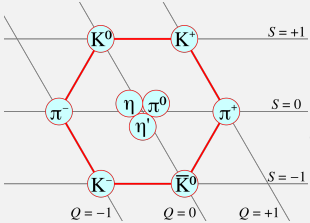

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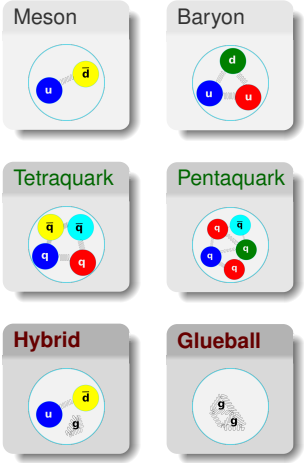

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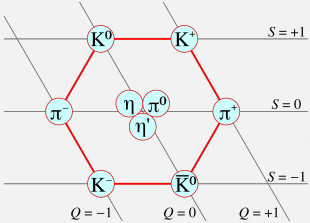

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Classification not always easy, e.g., scalar sector $J^{PC} = 0^{++}$:

tetraquarks [Jaffe, PRD15 (1977)]?

glueball candidates

$f_0(500)$
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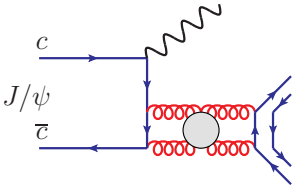
+ more states not considered established

Glueballs from J/ψ decay



Coupled-channel analyses of exp. data (BESIII):

- +add. data, largest overlap with $f_0(1770)$ [Sarantsev, Denisenko, Thoma, Klempt, Phys. Lett. B 816 (2021)]
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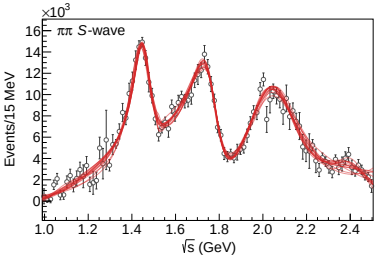

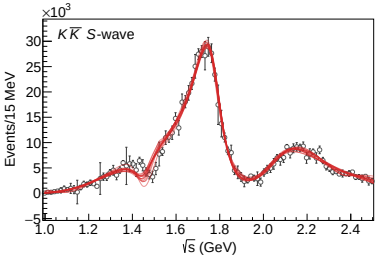

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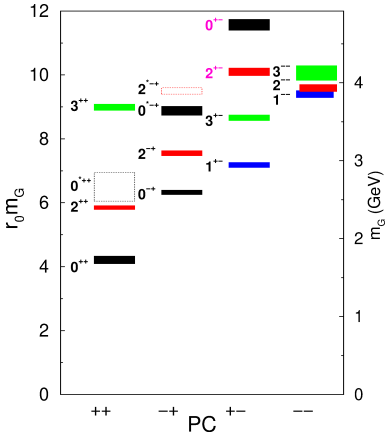

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"Real QCD":

- [Gregory et al., JHEP10 (2012)]

Challenging:

- Much higher statistics required (poor signal-to-noise ratio)
- Continuum extrapolation and inclusion of fermionic operators still to be done
- Mixing with $\bar{q}q$ challenging
- $m_\pi = 360\,\text{MeV}$
- Tiny (e.g., 0^{++}, 2^{++}) to moderate unquenching effects (e.g., 0^{-+}) found

No quantitative results yet.

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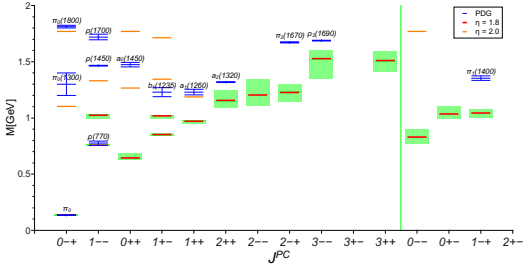
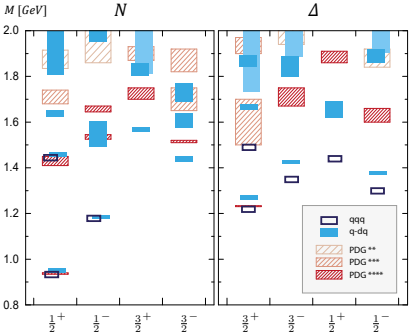


[Fischer, Kubrak, Williams, Eur.Phys.J.A50 (2014)]



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Extreme sensitivity on input!

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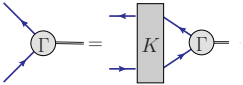

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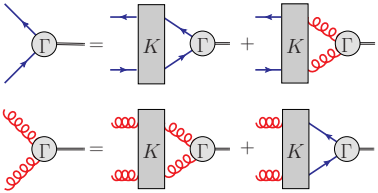

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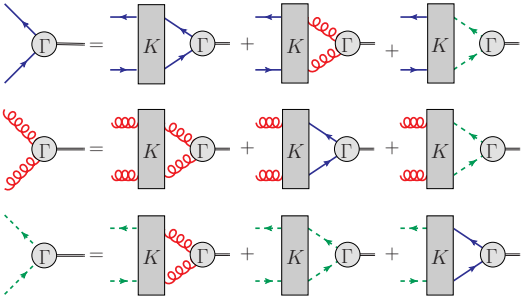

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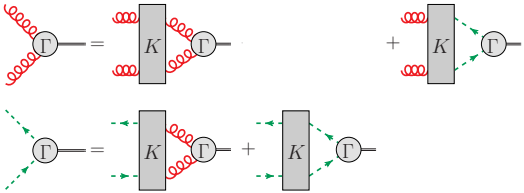

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From 3PI effective action truncated to three-loops:

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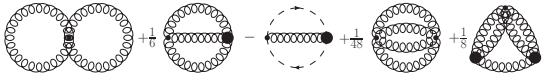
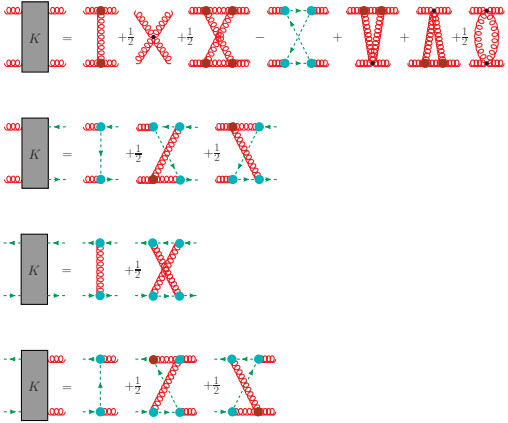
$\Gamma^{0,3l}[\Phi, D, \Gamma^{(3)}] = \frac{1}{8}$ 

$\Gamma^{\text{int},3l}[D, \Gamma^{(3)}] = -\frac{1}{12}$ 

Kernels constructed by cutting two legs:
gluon/gluon,ghost/gluon, gluon/ghost, ghost/ghost

Kernels

Systematic derivation from 3PI effective action:
Self-consistent treatment of 3-point functions requires 3-loop expansion.



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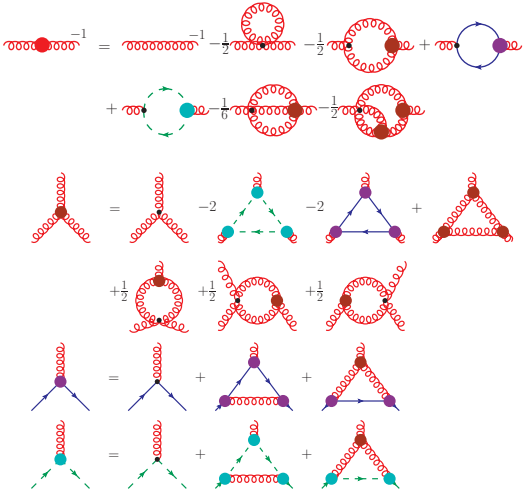

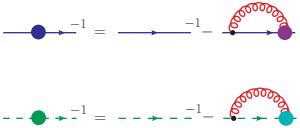

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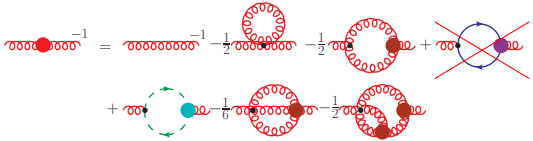

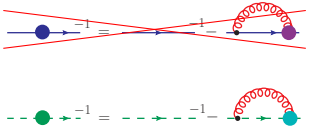

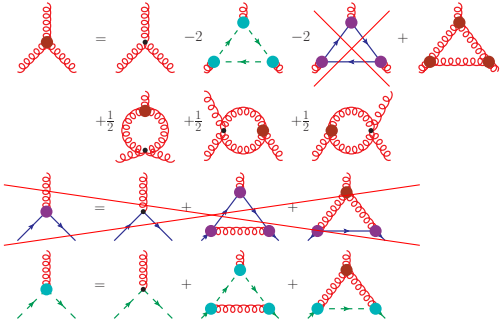

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Landau gauge propagators

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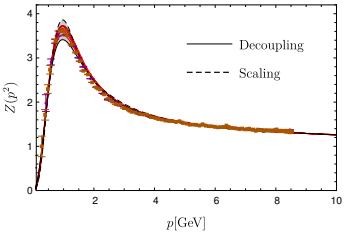

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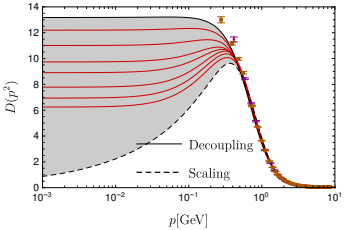

Family of solutions [Aguilar, Binosi, Papavassiliou, Phys.Rev.D 78 (2008); Boucaud et al., JHEP06 (2008); Fischer, Maas, Pawlowski, Ann.Phys. 324 (2008); Alkofer, MQH, Schwenzer, Phys. Rev. D 81 (2010)]:
Mass parameter $m_A \to$ talk by N. Wink

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

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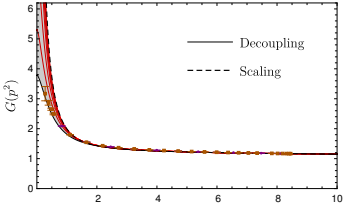

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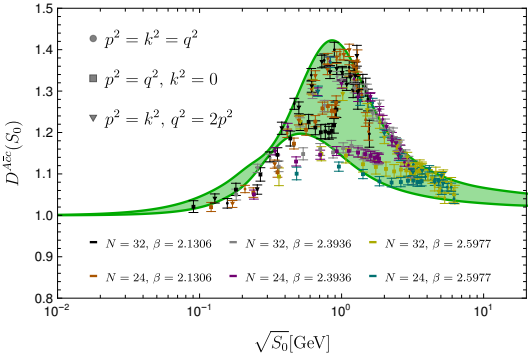

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- Nontrivial kinematic dependence of ghost-gluon vertex
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Three-gluon vertex

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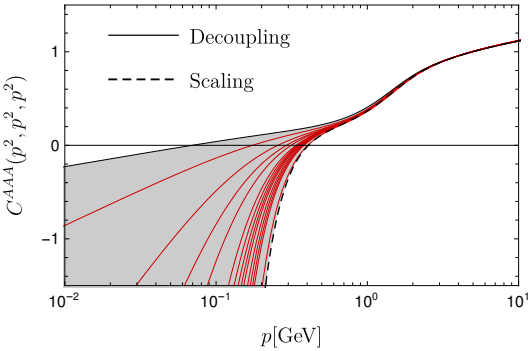
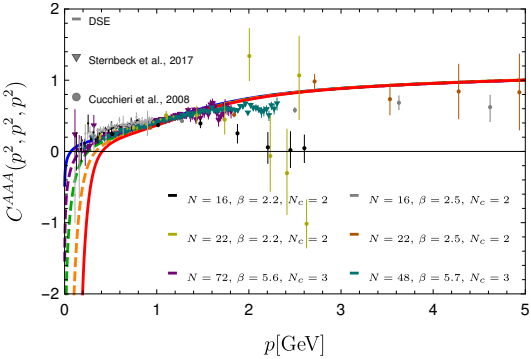




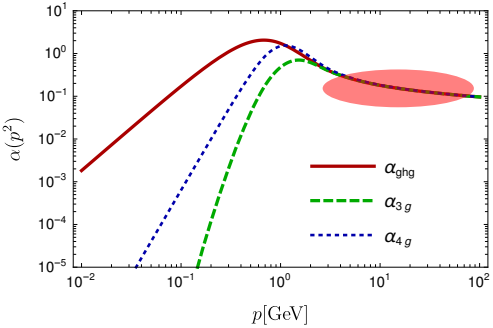
- Simple kinematic dependence of three-gluon vertex (only singlet variable of S_3)
  $\rightarrow$ Talk F. de Soto
- Large cancellations between diagrams

Gauge invariance

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

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 → Couplings cross and do not agree.
- Here: Vertex couplings agree down to GeV regime (IR can be different).



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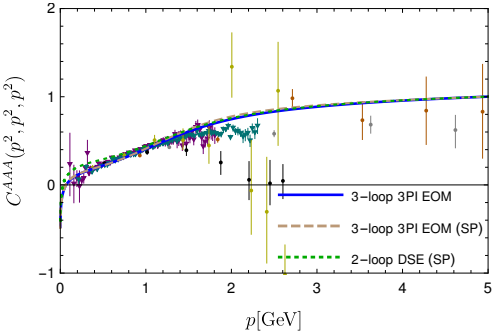

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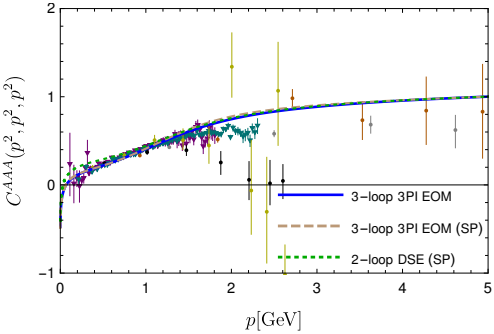

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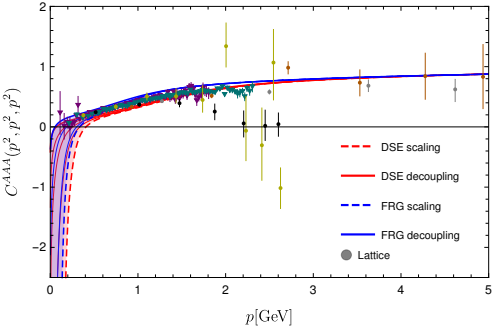

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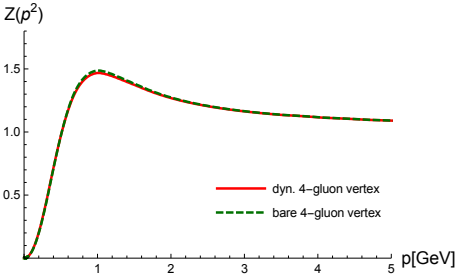

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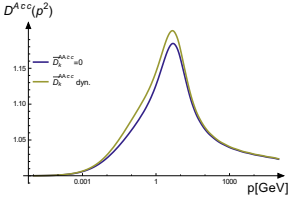

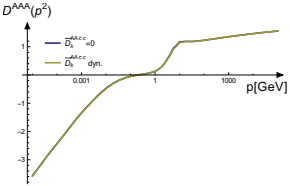

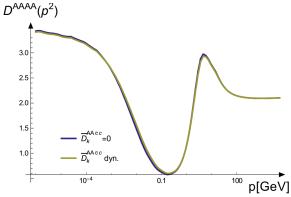

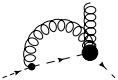

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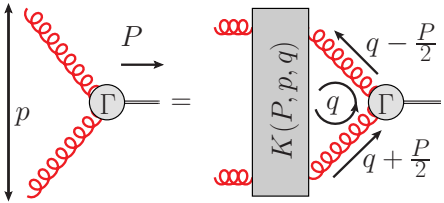

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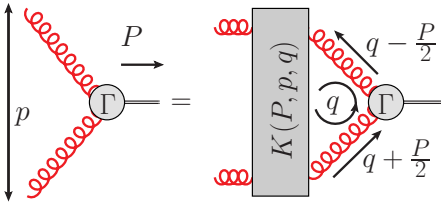

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$\rightarrow$ Complex for $P^2 < 0$!

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

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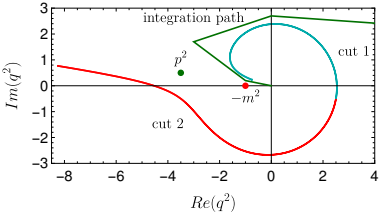

→ Talk by G. Eichmann

→ Adapted technique:
Contour deformation (QED: [Maris, Phys.Rev.D52, (1995)]).

Recent resurgence, e.g.: [Alkofer et al., Phys.Rev.D 70 (2004); Eichmann, Krassnigg, Schwinzerl, Alkofer, Ann.Phys. 323 (2008); Strauss, Fischer, Kellermann, Phys.Rev.Lett. 109 (2012); Windisch, MQH, Alkofer, Phys.Rev.D 87 (2013), Acta Phys.Polon.Supp. 6 (2013); Weil, Eichmann, Fischer, Williams, Phys.Rev.D 96 (2017); Williams, Phys.Lett.B 798 (2019); Miramontes, Sanchis-Alepuz, Eur.Phys.J.A 55 (2019); Eichmann, Duarte, Pena, Stadler, Phys.Rev.D 100 (2019); Fischer, MQH, Phys.Rev.D 102 (2020); Eichmann, Ferreira, Stadler, Phys.Rev.D 105 (2022); Miramontes, Sanchis-Alepuz, Phys.Rev.D 103 (2021); Miramontes, Alkofer, Fischer, Sanchis-Alepuz, '22; . . .]

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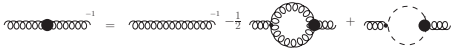

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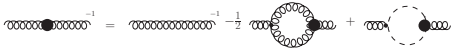

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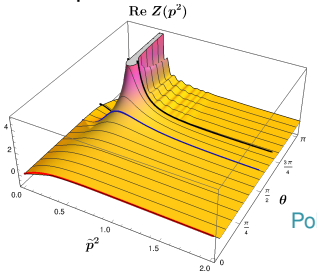

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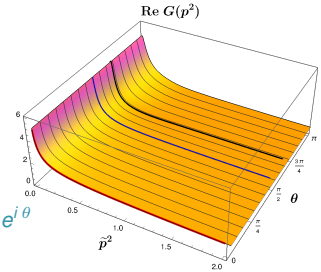

- Current truncation leads to a pole-like structure in the gluon propagator.
- Analyticity up to 'pole' confirmed by various tests (Cauchy-Riemann, Schlessinger, reconstruction)

$\rightarrow$ Talky by J. Horak

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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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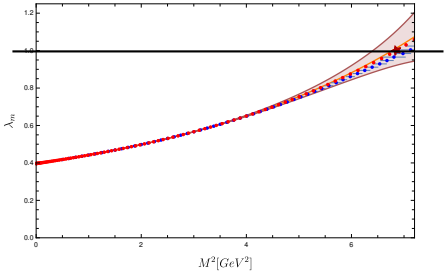

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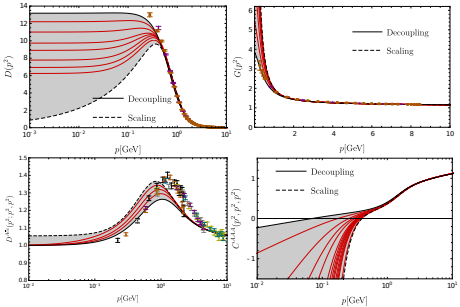

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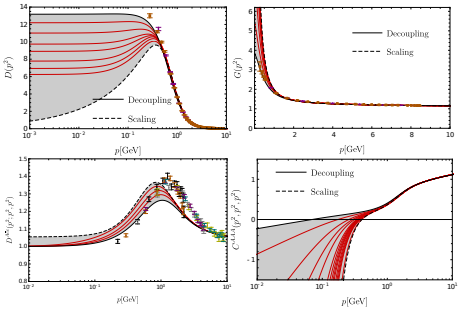

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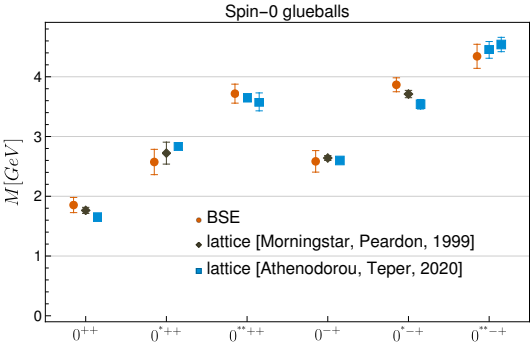
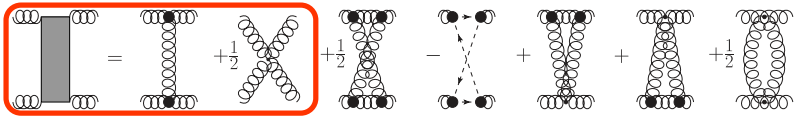


Spectrum independent of m_A! → Family of solutions yields the same physics.

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

[MQH, Fischer, Sanchis-Alepuz, Eur.Phys.J.C80 (2020)]

Higher order diagrams



One-loop diagrams only:

[MQH, Fischer, Sanchis-Alepuz, Eur.Phys.J.C80 (2020); MQH, Fischer, Sanchis-Alepuz, Eur.Phys.J.C81 (2021)]

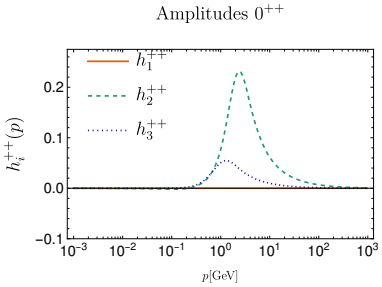
Two-loop diagrams: subleading effects

- 0^{-+}: none [MQH, Fischer, Sanchis-Alepuz, EPJ Web Conf. 258 (2022)]
- 0^{++}: $< 2\%$ [MQH, Fischer, Sanchis-Alepuz, HADRON2021, arXiv:2201.05163]

Amplitudes

Information about significance of single parts.

Ground state scalar glueball:



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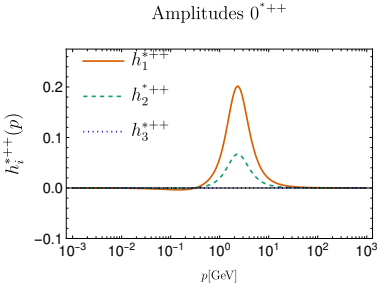


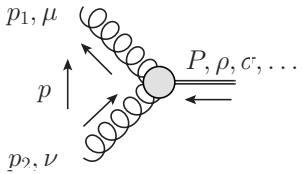
→ Amplitudes have different behavior for ground state and excited state. Useful guide for future developments.

→ Meson/glueball amplitudes: Information about mixing.

Glueball amplitudes for spin J

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

$$\Gamma_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma\ldots}(p_1, p_2) = \sum \tau^i_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma\ldots}(p_1, p_2) h_i(p_1, p_2)$$



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!

$\rightarrow$ Computational cost increases with J.

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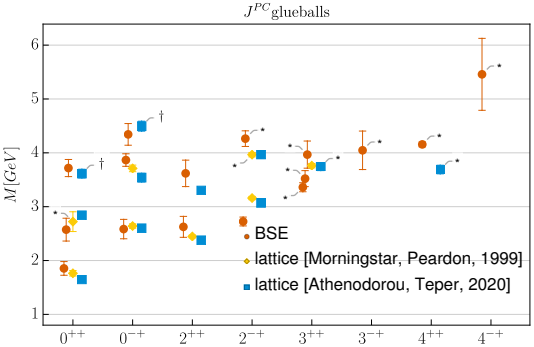

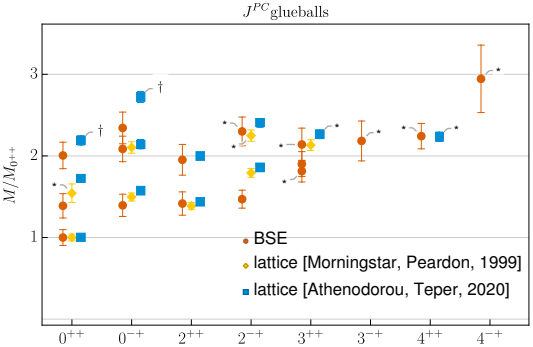

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*: identification with some uncertainty
†: conjecture based on irred. rep of octahedral group

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

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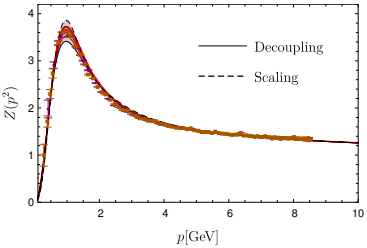

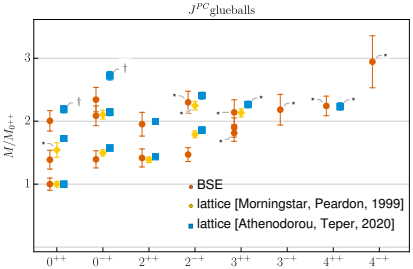

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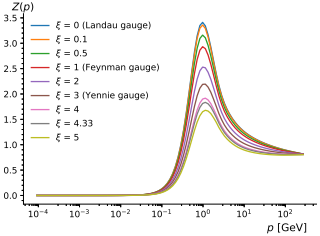

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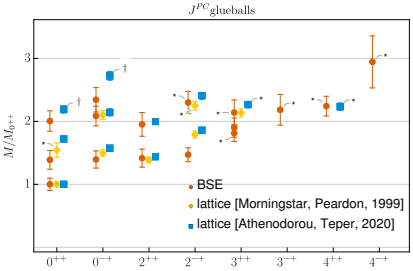

Thank you for your attention.

$J = 1$ glueballs

Landau-Yang theorem

Two-photon states cannot couple to $J^P = \mathbf{1}^{\pm}$ 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.

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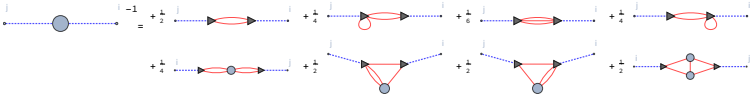

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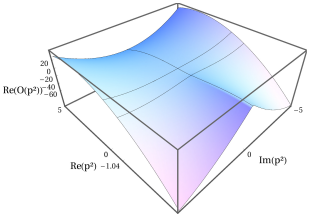
Leading order:

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



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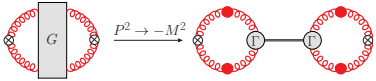
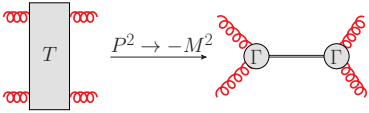
Put total momentum on-shell and consider individual 2-, 3- and 4-gluon contributions. $\rightarrow$ Each can have a pole at the glueball mass.

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





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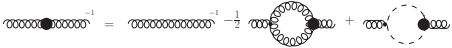

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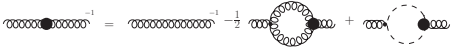

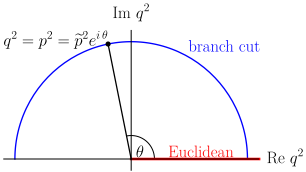

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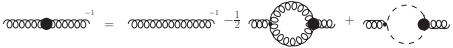

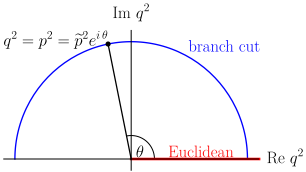

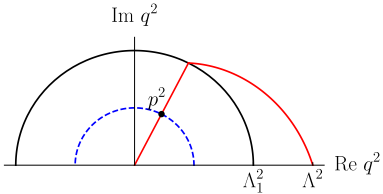

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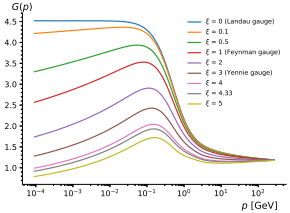

- Logarithmic IR suppression for $\xi > 0$
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- Otherwise effects small for low ξ.

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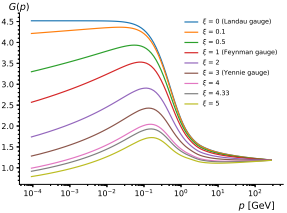

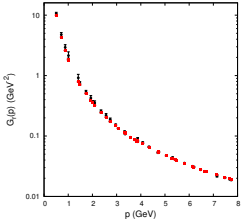

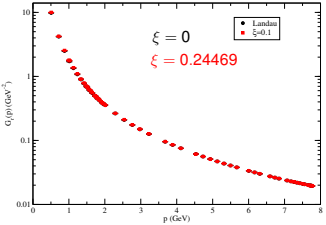

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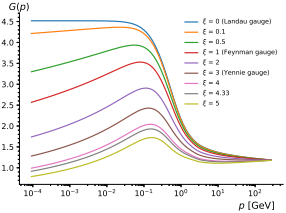

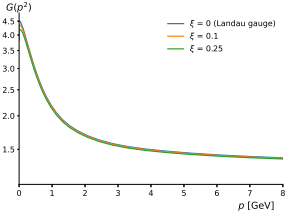

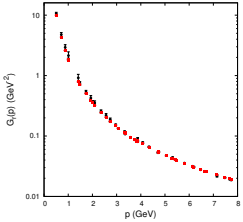

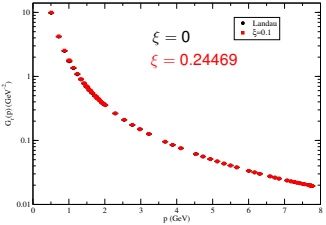

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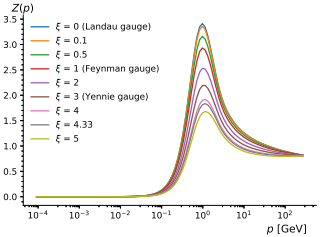

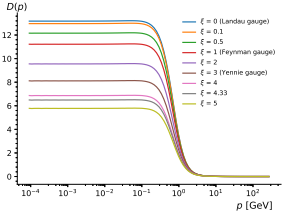

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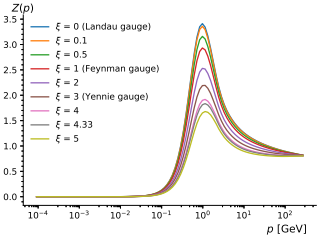

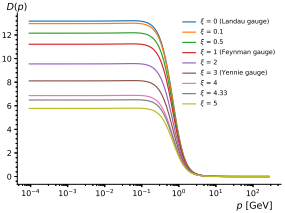

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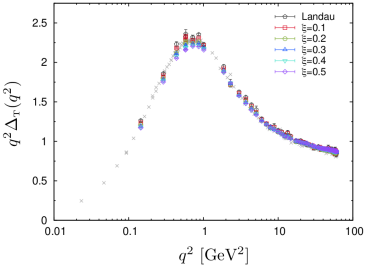

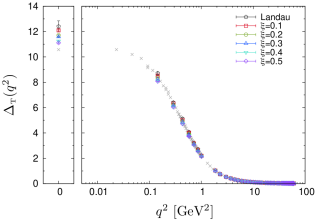

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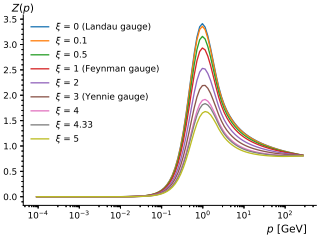

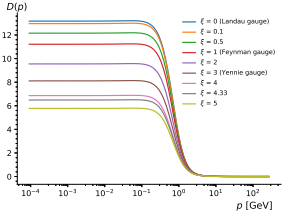

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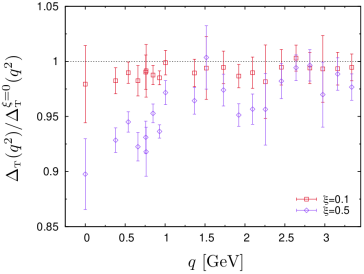
Ratios from Nielsen identities:

$\xi = 0.1$:

- 0 GeV: 0.98
- 1 GeV: 0.98

$\xi = 0.5$:

- 0 GeV: 0.92
- 1 GeV: 0.93



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