

# *QCD Green's Functions and Phases of Strongly Interacting Matter*

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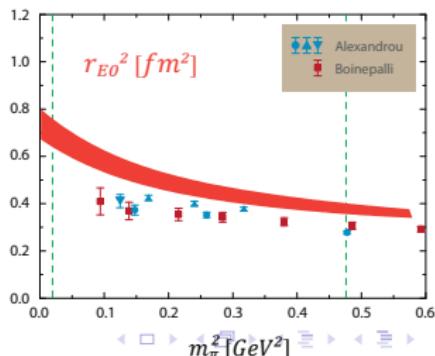
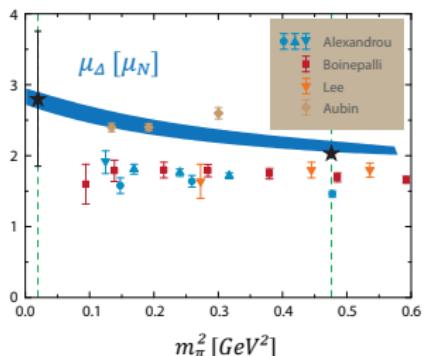
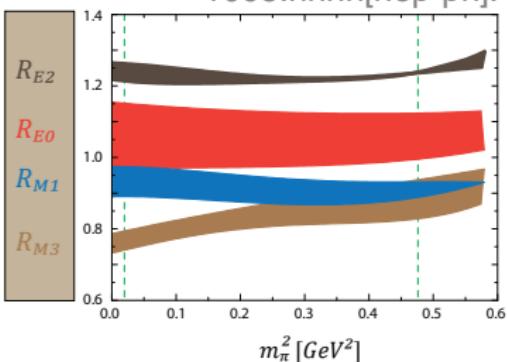
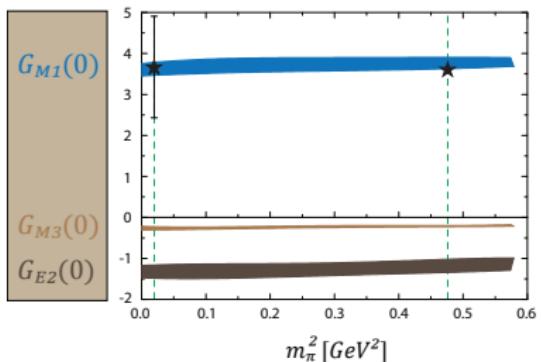
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Example for application to hadron physics:  
Electromagnetic form factors of  $\Delta$  and  $\Omega$

D. Nicmorus, G. Eichmann, R.A., arXiv: 1008.nnnn[hep-ph].



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! — Combination of Methods

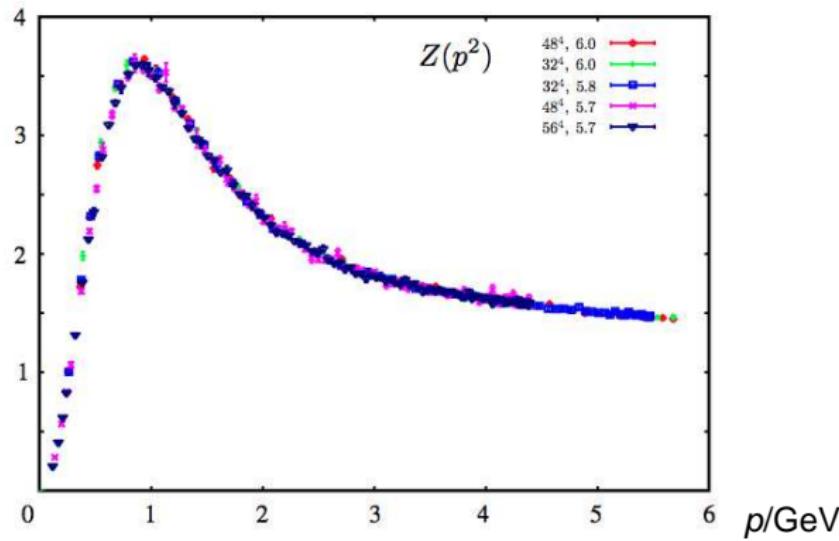


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pure Yang-Mills,  $T = 0$

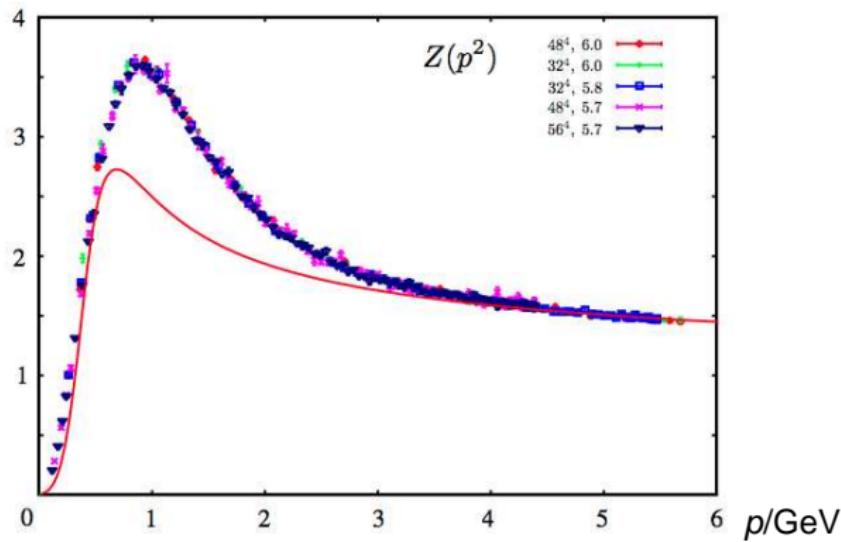
Landau gauge Gluon Ren. Fct.  $D_{\text{Gluon}}^{tr} = Z(p^2)/p^2$

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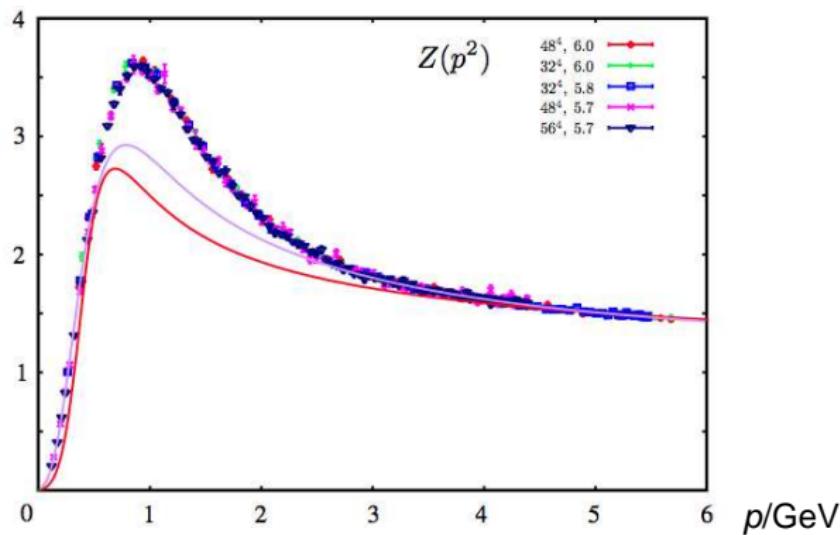
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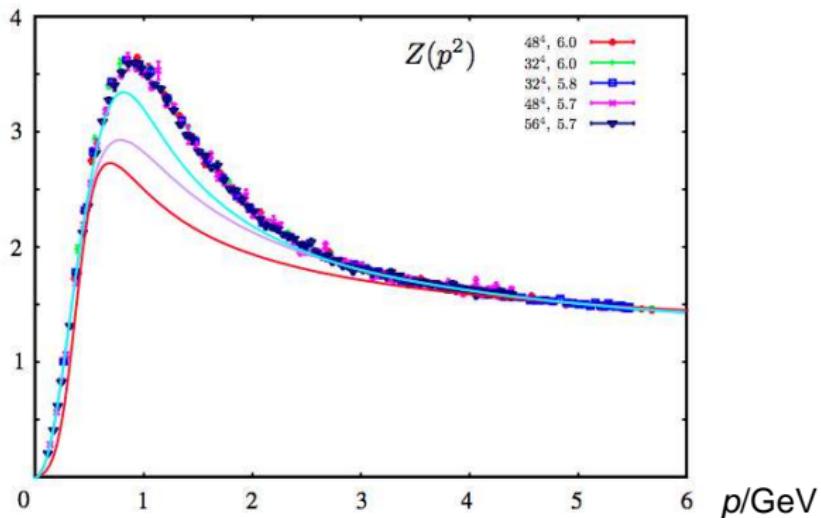
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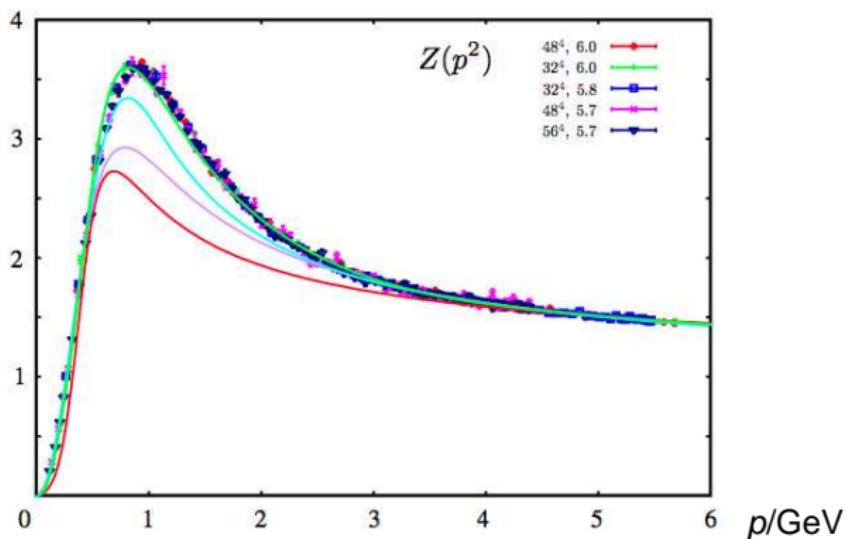
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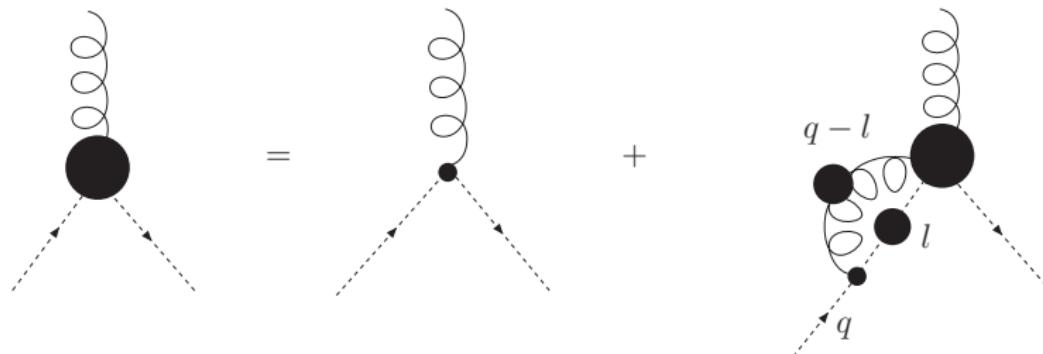
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# Infrared Structure of Landau gauge Yang-Mills theory

- Starting point in gauges with transverse gluon propagator:  
Ghost-Gluon-Vertex fulfills Dyson-Schwinger equation



- Transversality of gluon  $\Rightarrow$  **Bare Vertex** for  $q_\mu \rightarrow 0$
- No anomalous dimensions in the IR

J. C. Taylor, Nucl. Phys. B 33 (1971) 436.

C. Lerche, L. v. Smekal, PRD 65 (2002) 125006.

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W. Schleifenbaum, A. Maas, J. Wambach and R. A., Phys. Rev. D 72 (2005) 014017.

# Infrared Exponents for Gluons and Ghosts

- Dyson-Schwinger equation (DSE) for the ghost-propagator:



Ansatz for Gluon,  $Z(p^2) \sim (p^2)^\alpha$ ,  
and Ghost Ren. Fct.,  $G(p^2) \sim (p^2)^\beta$ .

- Selfconsistency  $\Rightarrow -\beta = \alpha + \beta =: \kappa$  i.e.

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- IR enhanced ghost propagator:  $0.5 \leq \kappa < 1$

**Kugo–Ojima confinement criterion,**  
**Oehme–Zimmermann superconvergence relation,**  
**and Gribov–Zwanziger horizon condition fulfilled!**

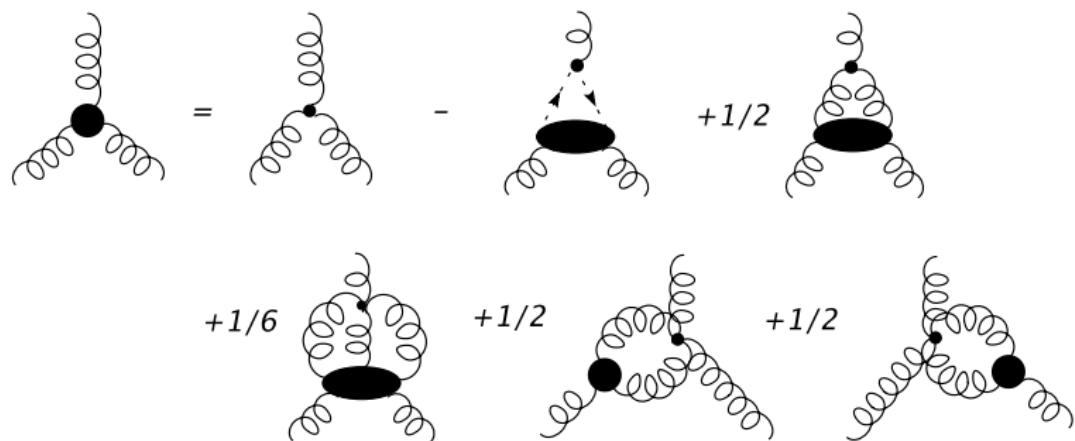
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Example: DSE for 3-gluon-vertex



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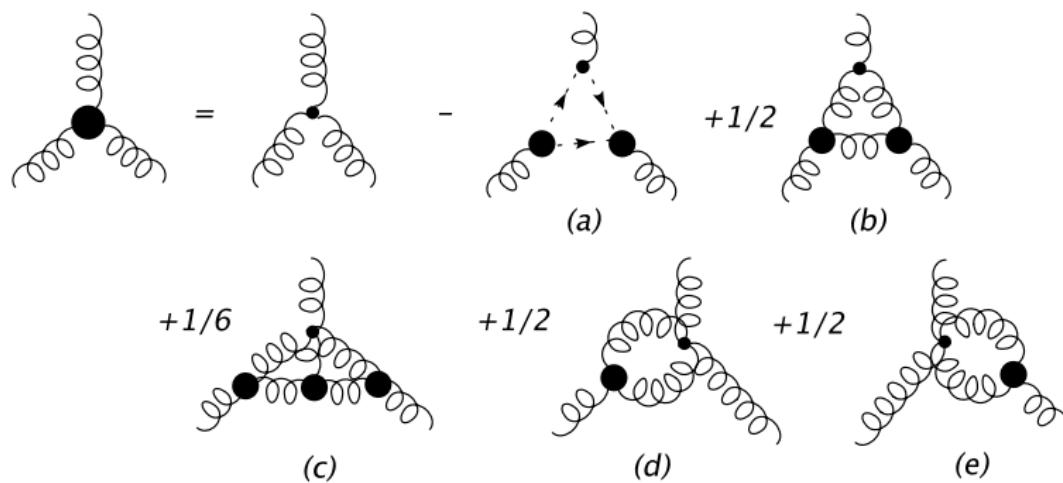
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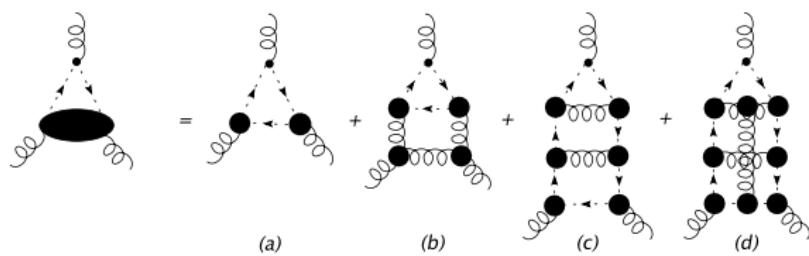
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Skeleton expansion &  
generalized formulas (neg. dim.) for Feynman integrals:



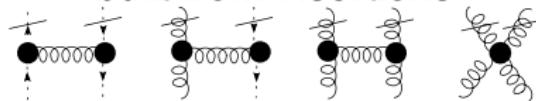
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Three-gluon vertex: **higher order** in skeleton expansion



built from insertions

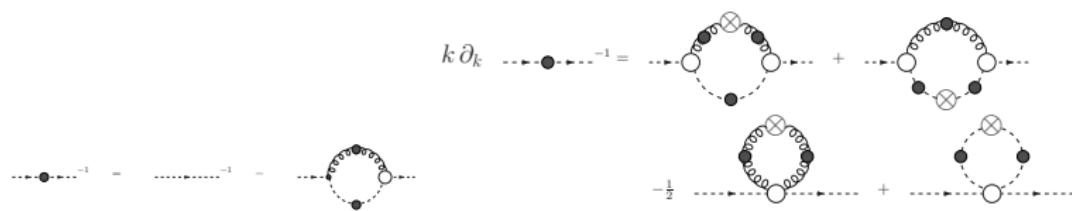


insertions have zero IR anomalous dimensions  $\Rightarrow$   
IR-analysis valid to all orders in skeleton expansion

# Infrared Exponents for Gluons and Ghosts

Use DSEs and ERGEs:

→ Two different towers of equations for Green functions  
E.g. ghost propagator

$$k \partial_k \dots \bullet \dots^{-1} = \dots \circlearrowleft \dots^{-1} + \dots \circlearrowright \dots$$
$$\dots \bullet \dots^{-1} = \dots \circlearrowleft \dots^{-1} - \dots \circlearrowright \dots$$
$$-\frac{1}{2} \dots \circlearrowleft \dots + \dots \circlearrowright \dots$$


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IR-Analysis of two different towers of equations ⇒

## Unique scaling solution

(C.S. Fischer and J.M. Pawłowski, PRD **75** (2007) 025012; PRD **80** (2009) 025023)

and a one-parameter family of solutions with IR trivial Green functions,  
(the decoupling solutions).

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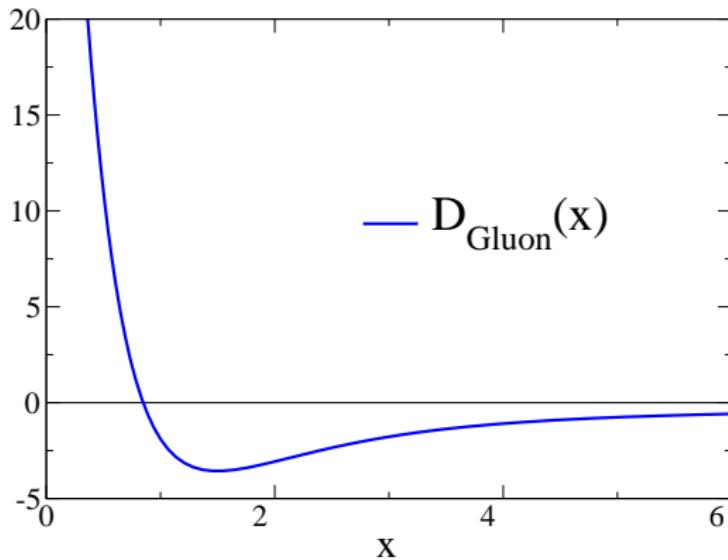
Simple argument [Zwanziger]:  
IR vanishing gluon propagator implies

$$0 = D_{\text{gluon}}(k^2 = 0) = \int d^4x D_{\text{gluon}}(x)$$

⇒  $D_{\text{gluon}}(x)$  has to be negative for some values of  $x$ .

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Fourier transform of DSE result:

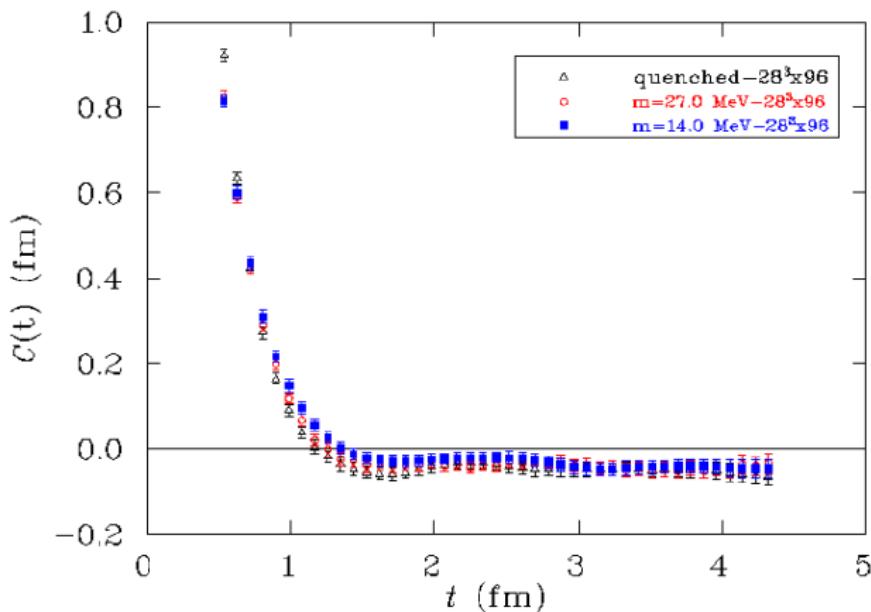


Gluons unobservable  $\implies$  **Gluon Confinement!**

R.A., W. Detmold, C.S. Fischer and P. Maris, PRD70 (2004) 014014

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Lattice (P. Bowman et al., Phys.Rev.**D76** (2007) 094505):



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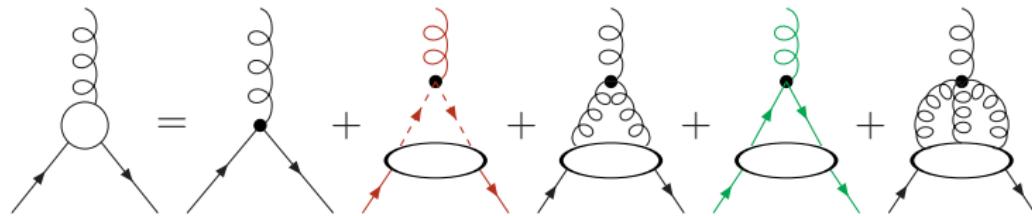
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Quark-gluon vertex:



**Quark diagram:** Hadronic contributions ('unquenching')

**Ghost diagram: Infrared leading!**

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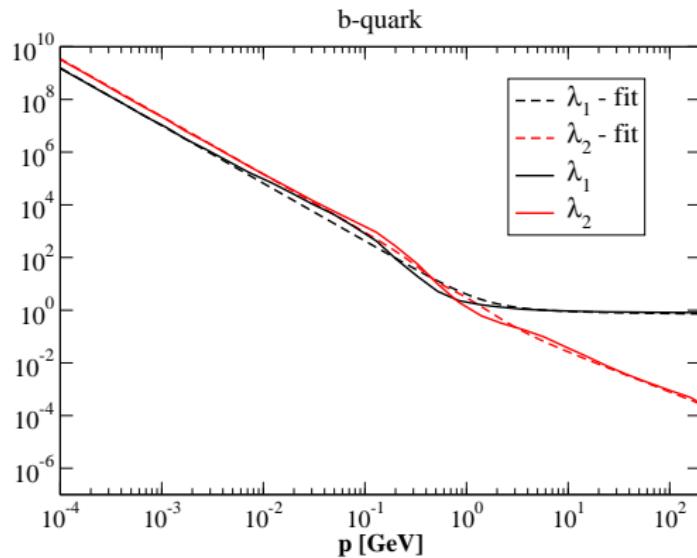
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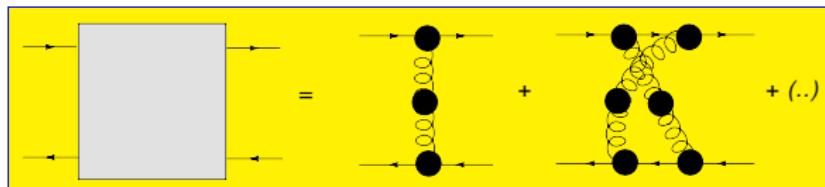
Quark-Gluon vertex IR divergent!

Scalar component  $\lambda_2$  in IR even **larger** than vector component  $\lambda_1$ !



# Dynamically induced scalar quark confinement

“Quenched” quark-antiquark potential



infrared divergent such that

$$V(\mathbf{r}) = \int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} H(p^0 = 0, \mathbf{p}) e^{i\mathbf{p}\mathbf{r}} \sim |\mathbf{r}|$$

i.e. linear, dominantly scalar, quark confinement!

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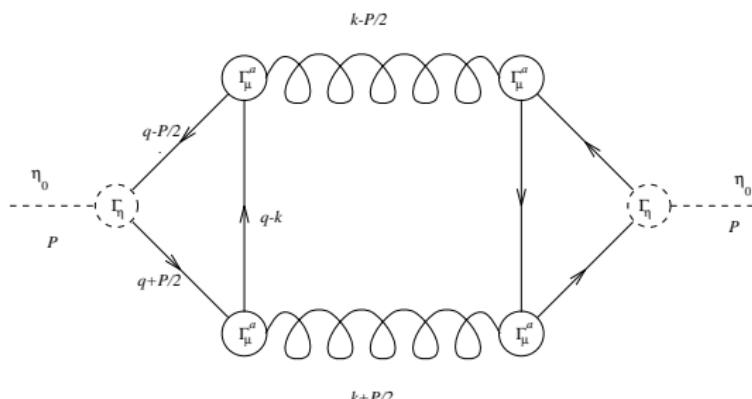
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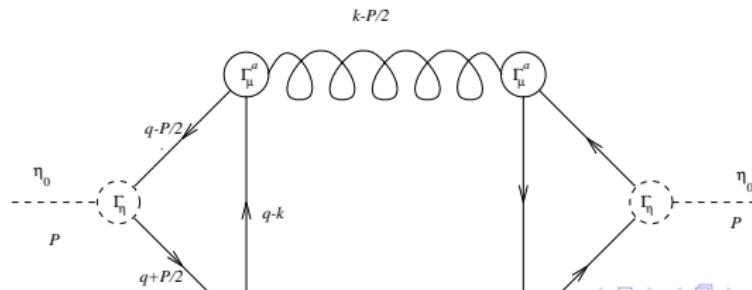
QCD vacuum: winding number spots as, e.g., instantons,

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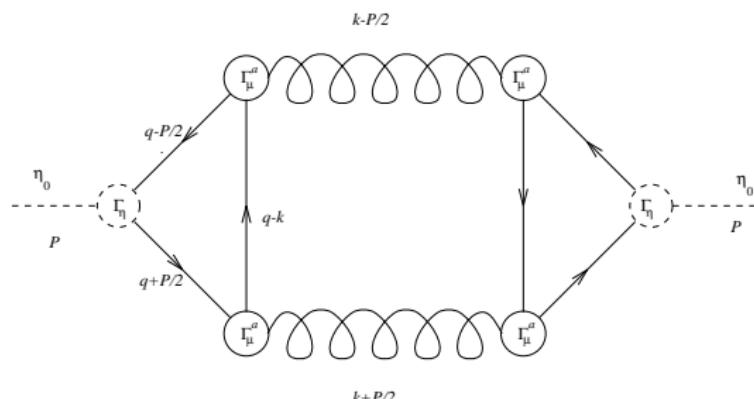
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However: Infinitely many diagrams ( $n$ -gluon exchange) contribute!

Nevertheless:

Calculate contribution from **diamond diagram only** employing DSE results for the gluon and quark propagators and quark-gluon vertex (provides correct pseudoscalar and vector meson masses):

$$\chi^2 \approx (160\text{MeV})^4 \text{ vs. phenomenological value } (180\text{MeV})^4$$

$$\text{results in: } m_\eta = 479\text{MeV}, m_{\eta'} = 906\text{MeV}, \theta = -23^\circ.$$

Conclusion:

(Fluct.) topologically non-trivial fields  $\Leftrightarrow$  IR singularities of GF!

... another view to generate the Witten-Veneziano mechanism ...

Quark confinement  $\Rightarrow$   $U_A(1)$  anomaly!

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# Phases of strongly interacting matter

$$T \neq 0 (\mu = 0)$$

Landau gauge propagators:

- $D_{\mu\nu}^{\text{Gluon}} = \frac{Z_T(p^2)}{p^2} P_{\mu\nu}^T(p) + \frac{Z_L(p^2)}{p^2} P_{\mu\nu}^L(p)$
- $S(p) = \frac{1}{-i\vec{\gamma}\vec{p}\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{p}) - i\gamma_4\omega_p\mathbf{C}(\mathbf{p}) + \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{p})}$

$T = 0$   $Z_T = Z_L = Z$  and  $C = A$ , functions of  $p^2$  only

$T \neq 0$  Six propagator functions depending on  $\vec{p}^2$  and  $\omega_p$  ( $p = (\omega_p, \vec{p})$ )  
transv. to medium  $\rightarrow$  chromomag. / long. to medium  $\rightarrow$  chromoel.

$\rightarrow \infty$  3-dimensional Yang-Mills theory + “Higgs” ( $A_4$ )

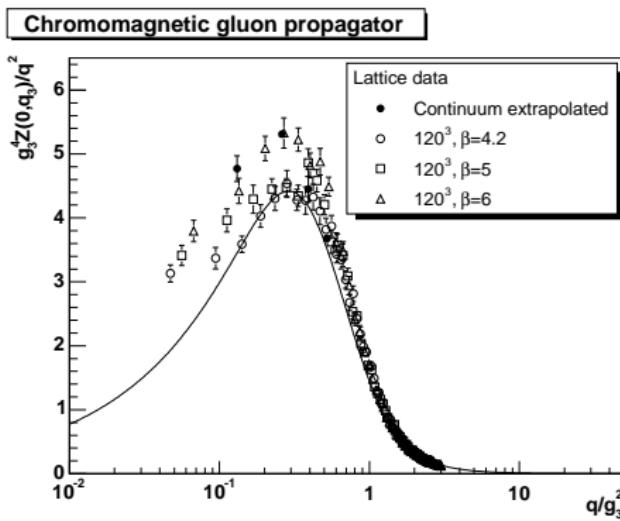


# Partial gluon confinement at any $T$

Gluon propagator, chromomagnetic part, at high  $T$ :

A. Maas, J. Wambach, RA, EPJ C37 (2004) 335; C42 (2005) 93.

A. Cucchieri, A. Maas and T. Mendes, PR D75 (2007) 076003.



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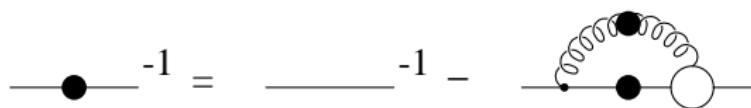
No infrared singularities, c.f. Linde (1980),  
because no chromomagnetic mass of type  $\omega_m(\vec{k} = 0) = m_m(T)$ !  
K. Lichtenegger, D. Zwanziger, Phys. Rev. D **78** (2008) 034038.

No surprise:

- three-dimensional YM theory confining
- area law for spatial Wilson loop
- Coulomb string tension  $\neq 0$  at any  $T$

Static chromomagnetic sector is never deconfined!

# Ordinary chiral condensate

$$\text{---} \bullet \text{---}^{-1} = \text{_____}^{-1} - \text{---} \bullet \text{---} \text{---}$$


- input: gluon propagator and quark-gluon vertex
- antiperiodic boundary conditions for quarks
- order parameter for **chiral transition**

$$\langle \bar{q}q \rangle = Z_2 N_c \sum_{\omega_n} \int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \text{tr} S$$

# Dual (Gattringer) condensate

C.Gattringer, Phys. Rev. Lett. 97 (2006) 032003

F.Synatschke, A.Wipf, C.Wozar, Phys. Rev. D 75 (2007) 114003

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*U(1)-valued boundary conditions for quark field in “temporal” direction:*

$$q(\vec{x}, \beta = 1/T) = e^{i\varphi} q(\vec{x}, 0)$$

Matsubara frequencies:  $\omega_n = 2\pi T(n + \varphi/2\pi)$

# Dual (Gattringer) condensate

The condensate  $\langle \bar{q}q \rangle_\varphi$  is

- the expectation value of the Dirac operator,
- expandable in a geometric series containing loops of link variables with increasing winding number.

Dual condensate  $\Sigma_\nu = - \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\varphi}{2\pi} e^{-i\nu\varphi} \langle \bar{q}q \rangle_\varphi$ :

- $\nu = 1$  projects out winding-#-1 loops: Dressed Polyakov Loop
- **order parameter for center symmetry breaking / confinement**
- Calculated on the lattice

E.Bilgici *et al.*, Phys. Rev. D 77 (2008) 094007

and by functional methods

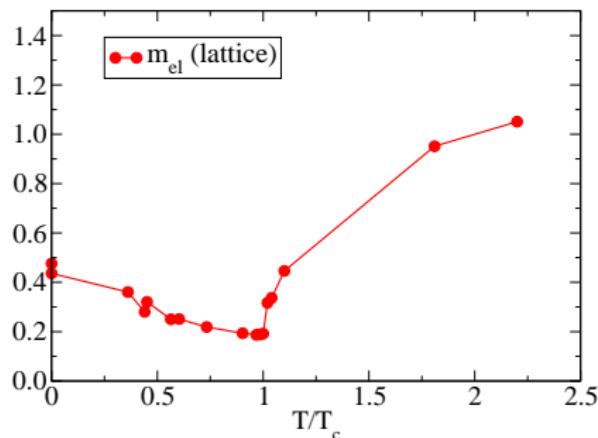
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# Transition Temperature

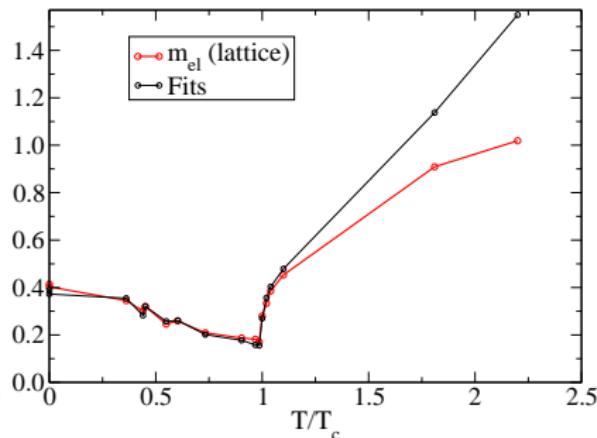
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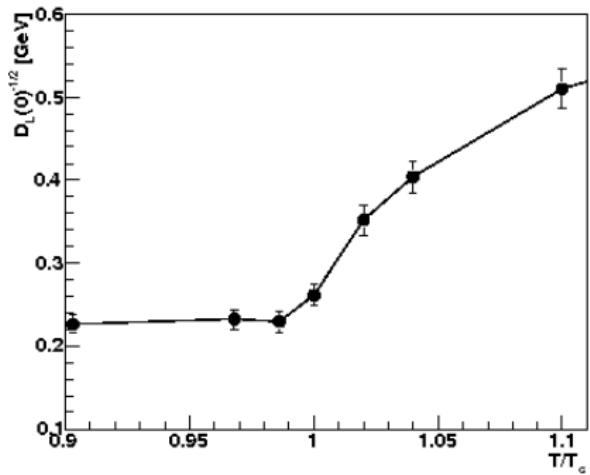


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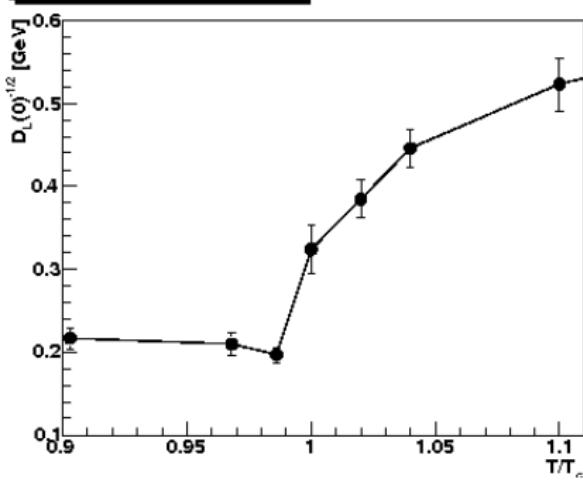
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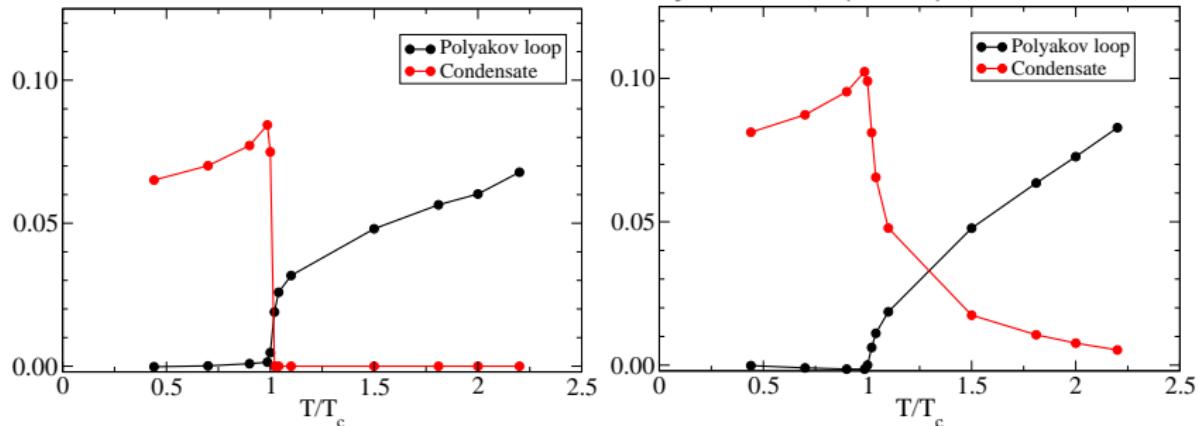


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- similar transition temperatures for chiral and “deconfinement”
- SU(2):  $T_c \approx 305$  MeV; SU(3):  $T_c \approx 270$  MeV
- increasing chiral condensate due to electric screening masses

# Transition Temperature

J.Braun, H.Gies, J.M.Pawlowski, Phys. Lett. B 684 (2010) 262

★ Confinement criterium from infrared exponents  
via Polyakov loop potential

★ Polyakov loop potential and transition temperatures from FRG

J.Braun *et al.*, arXiv:1007.2619

★ 2nd order transition for  $SU(2)$ , Ising universality class  
★ 1st order transition for  $SU(N \geq 3)$ ,  $Sp(2)$ ,  $E(7)$

# Color superconducting phase

D. Nickel, R.A., J. Wambach, Phys.Rev.**D77** (2008) 114010.

R.A., D. Horvatic, B.J. Schaefer, in preparation.

## Quark Dyson–Schwinger eq. at non-vanishing chemical potential: (No sign problem!)

- so far results for an abelian-type vertex *model*  
 $\Gamma_\mu(p, q; k) \rightarrow \gamma_\mu \alpha(k^2)/Z(k^2)$
  - add **medium modifications** of [bare] quarks  
to inverse vacuum gluon propagator
  - use DSE  $\alpha(k^2)$  (see above)  
or phenomenological / lattice fit
- M.S. Bhagwat *et al.*, Phys. Rev. **C68** (2003) 015203 [arXiv:nucl-th/0304003]
- impose electric and color neutrality  
(not decisive for main result)

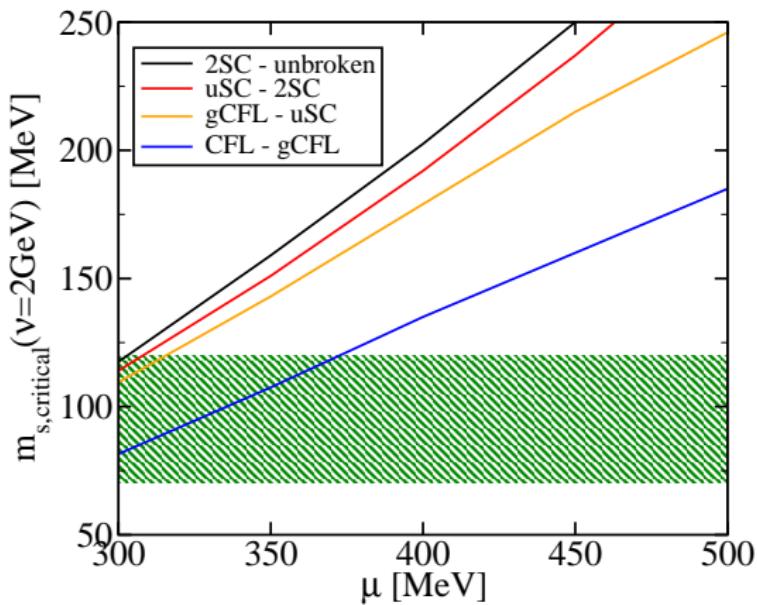
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Huge deviations of gap functions in CFL and 2SC phase from extrapolated weak-coupling result up to  $\mu \approx$  several GeV!

- weak coupling regime: gap fctns. concentrated at Fermi mom.  
strong coupling regime: no scale separation
- light quarks screen interaction also in strange quark sector,  
not present in NJL model calculations!
- preferred phase from pressure in CJT formalism:  
color-flavor-locked (like) phase!

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Phase diagram: Renormalized strange mass vs. chemical potential



Translational invariance:

Only color-flavor-locked phase for realistic strange quark masses!

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