

On the dynamically generated quark-gluon and scalar-gluon couplings at zero and non-vanishing temperatures

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Quarks, Gluons, and Hadronic Matter under Extreme Conditions

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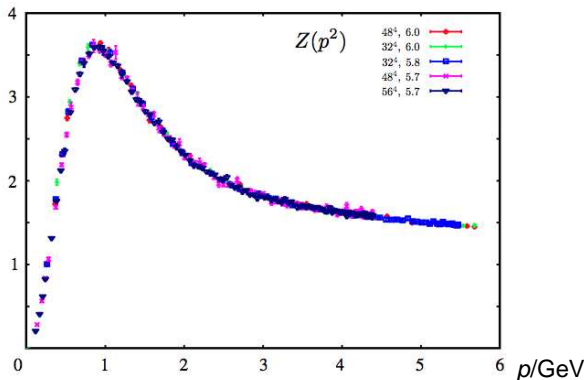
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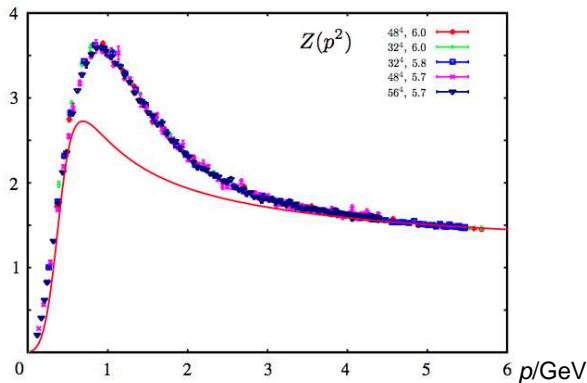
Gluon Propagator

pure Yang-Mills, $T = 0$

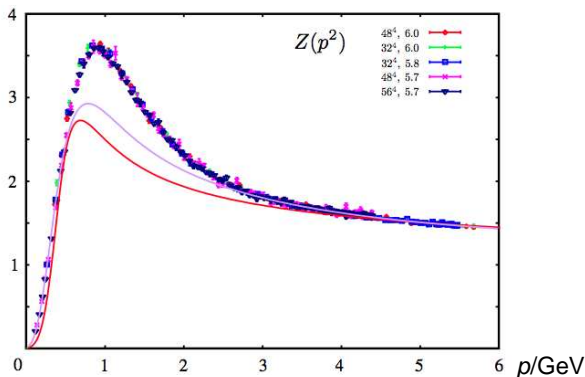
Landau gauge Gluon Ren. Fct. $D_{\text{Gluon}}^{tr} = \mathbf{Z}(p^2)/p^2$

A. Sternbeck *et al.*, PoS LAT2006, 76

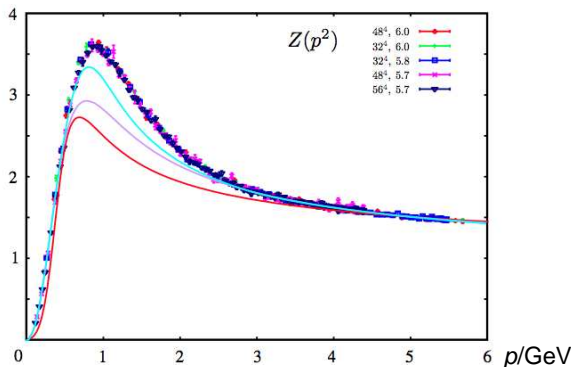




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Dyson-Schwinger eqs. (DSEs)

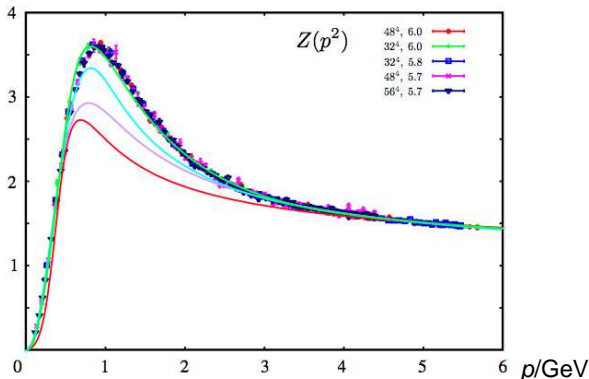


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Functional Renormalization Group (FRG) eqs.



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J.M. Pawlowski, unpublished

Infrared Exponents for Gluons and Ghosts

Use DSEs **and** FRG eqs:

→ **Two different** towers of equations for Green functions

E.g. ghost propagator

The diagram illustrates the Dyson-Schwinger equation (DSE) for the ghost propagator. It shows the ghost propagator with a self-energy correction loop. The equation is written as:

$$k \partial_k \dots^{-1} = \dots^{-1} - \dots$$

The diagrams consist of dashed lines with black dots representing ghost lines. The first diagram shows a ghost propagator with a self-energy loop. The second diagram shows a ghost propagator with a ghost loop. The third diagram shows a ghost propagator with a ghost loop and a ghost-gluon loop. The fourth diagram shows a ghost propagator with a ghost loop and a ghost-gluon loop, with a factor of $-\frac{1}{2}$ in front of it.

MATHEMATICA-based derivation of functional equations:

R. A., M. Q. Huber, K. Schwenzer, *Comp. Phys. Comm.* **180** (2009) 965;
M. Q. Huber and J. Braun, *DoFun*, arXiv:1102.5307 [hep-th].

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IR-Analysis of two different towers of equations \Rightarrow

Unique **scaling** solution

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

as an endpoint of an one-parameter family of solutions with IR trivial Green functions (the **decoupling** solutions).

C.S. Fischer, A. Maas and J.M. Pawłowski, AoP **324** (2009) 2408.

A.C. Aguilar, D. Binosi , J. Papavassiliou, PRD **78** (2008) 025010 and refs. therein.

Difference of fundamental interest

but phenomenologically irrelevant!

Use scaling solution for qualitative arguments . . .

Scaling solution:

n external ghost & antighost legs and m external gluon legs
(one external scale p^2 ; **solves functional eqs. and STIs**):

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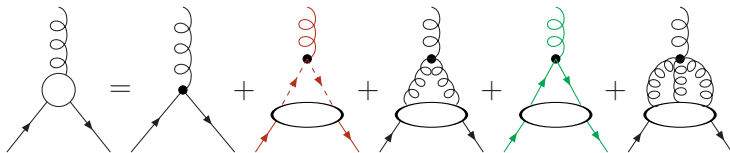
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Dynamically induced scalar quark confinement

R.A., C.S. Fischer, F. Llanes-Estrada, K. Schwenzer, *Annals Phys.* **324** (2009) 106.

Quark-gluon vertex:



Quark diagram: Hadronic contributions ('unquenching')

Ghost diagram: Infrared leading!

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Chiral symmetry dynamically or explicitly broken:
quark propagator infrared finite

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AND

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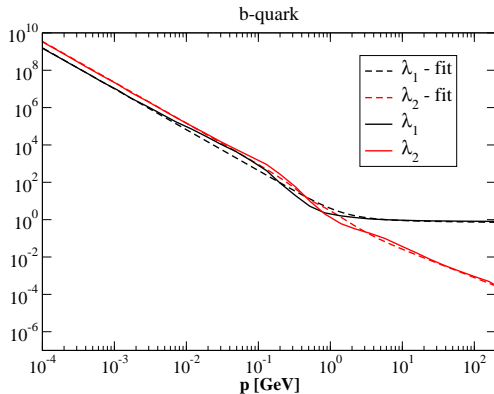
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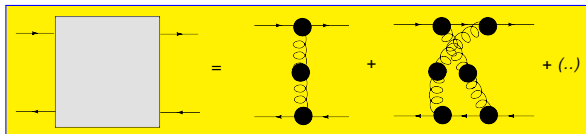
Quark-Gluon vertex IR divergent!

Scalar component λ_2 in IR even **larger** than vector component λ_1 !



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“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!

$U_A(1)$: η' mass from IR divergent Green functions

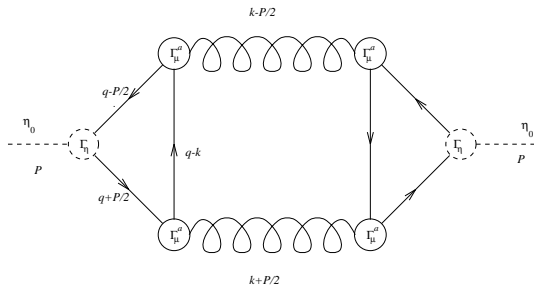
R.A., C. S. Fischer, R. Williams, Eur. Phys. J. A **38** (2008) 53.

$U_A(1)$ symmetry anomalous $\Rightarrow \eta'$ mass $\gg \pi$ mass

Where is this encoded in the Green functions?

(J. B. Kogut and L. Susskind, Phys. Rev. D **10** (1974) 3468.)

E.g. in:



$$\Gamma_\mu D^{\mu\nu} \Gamma_\nu \propto 1/k^4$$

η' mass from IR divergent Green functions

Infinitely many diagrams (n -gluon exchange) contribute!

Diamond diagram only with DSE results for the gluon and quark propagators and quark-gluon vertex:

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

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

Conclusion:

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

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

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Coupled system of quark propagator and quark-gluon vertex fragile!

- $T = 0$: Twelve tensor components of quark-gluon vertex!
- $T \neq 0$: **32** (mostly lin. ind.) tensors!!!

- + $T = 0$: Only two independent components of scalar-gluon vertex.
- + $T \neq 0$: Only four components!

⇒ **Employ fundamentally charged scalar field as a “laboratory” for quark dynamics!**

See also related lattice calculations

A. Maas, Eur. Phys. J. **C71** (2011) 1548 [arXiv:1007.0729 [hep-lat]];

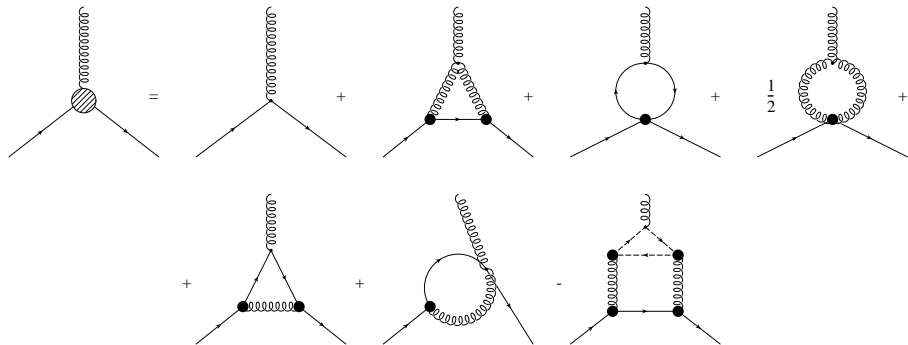
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DSE for scalar-gluon vertex:



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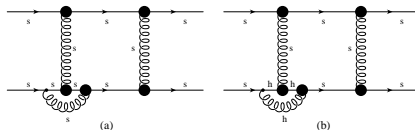
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- Kinematic singularities in quenched approximation:
 - ▶ Soft-gluon same as uniform divergence!
 - ▶ Leading diagrams:

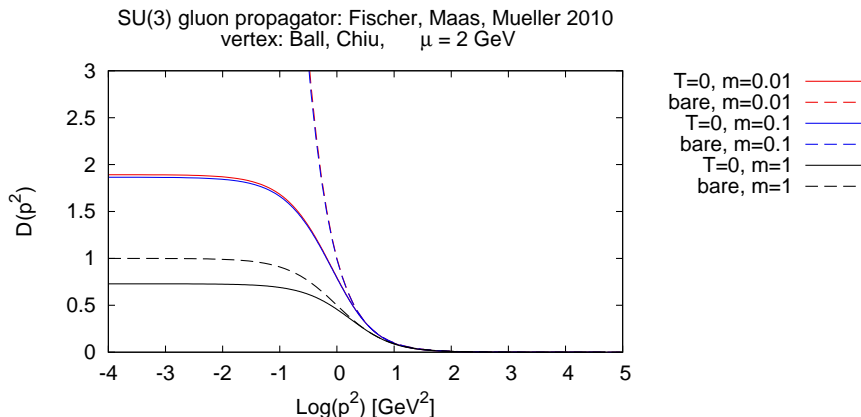


Linear **confinement** as $V(r) \propto r!$

Actually holds for matter fields in any representation of the Lorentz group: Confinement of fundamental $SU(N)$ charges!

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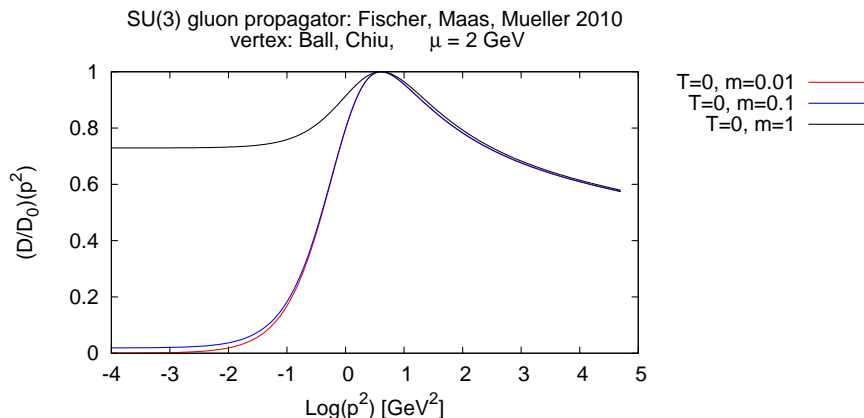
Scalar propagator with Ball-Chiu scalar-gluon vertex:



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Scalar propagator **dressing function** with BC scalar-gluon vertex:



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$$\begin{aligned} \bullet D_{\mu\nu}^{\text{Gluon}} &= \frac{Z_T(\mathbf{p}^2)}{p^2} P_{\mu\nu}^T(p) + \frac{Z_L(\mathbf{p}^2)}{p^2} P_{\mu\nu}^L(p) \\ \bullet S(p) &= \frac{1}{-i\vec{\gamma}\vec{p}\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{p}) - i\gamma_4\omega_p\mathbf{C}(\mathbf{p}) + \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{p})} \\ \bullet D_S(p) &= \frac{Z_S(\mathbf{p})}{p^2 + m_{\text{bare}}^2} \end{aligned}$$

$T \neq 0$:

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

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

$T \rightarrow \infty$: 3-dimensional Yang-Mills theory + "Higgs" (A_4)

Quark Propagator $T \neq 0$

State of the art: See talk of Jan Lücker from Tuesday!

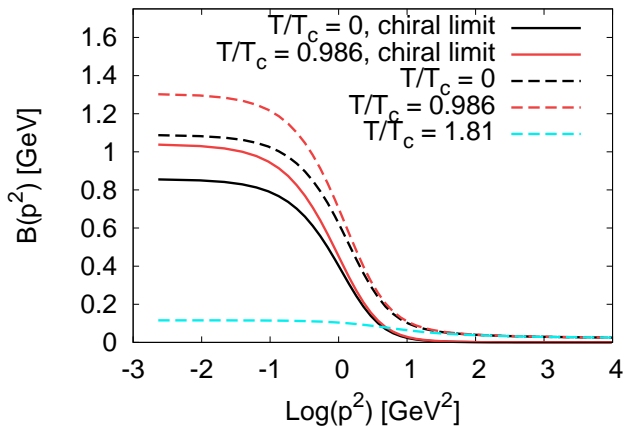
Input:

- + Dressed, fully T -dependent, unquenched gluon propagator.
- *Quark-gluon vertex not dynamical* but STI-motivated ansatz

$$\Gamma_{\mu}^a = t^a \gamma_{\mu} \Gamma(k^2) \left(\delta_{\mu,4} \frac{1}{2} (C(p) + C(q)) + \delta_{\mu,i} \frac{1}{2} (A(p) + A(q)) \right)$$

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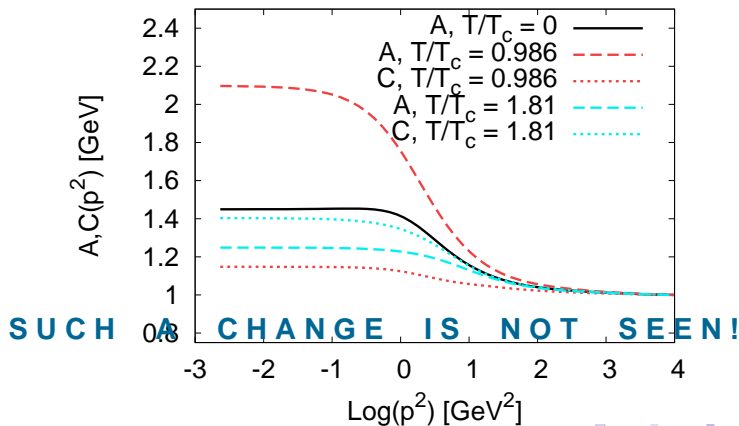
Phase / crossover transition:
dynamically generated χ SB function B vanishes!



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Deconfinement transition:

Change in quark renormalization functions $Z_4 = 1/C$, resp., $Z_i = 1/A$?

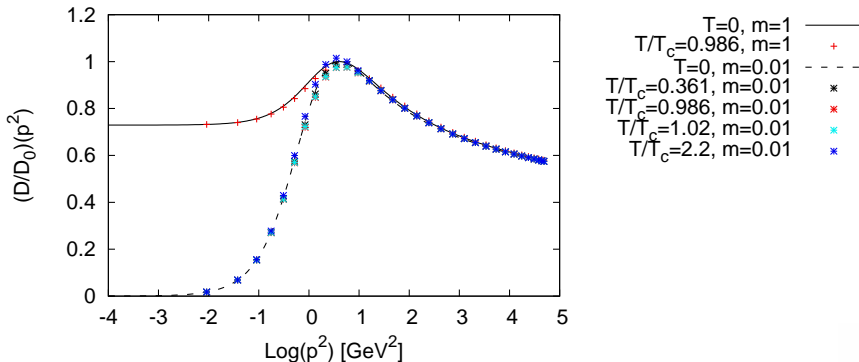


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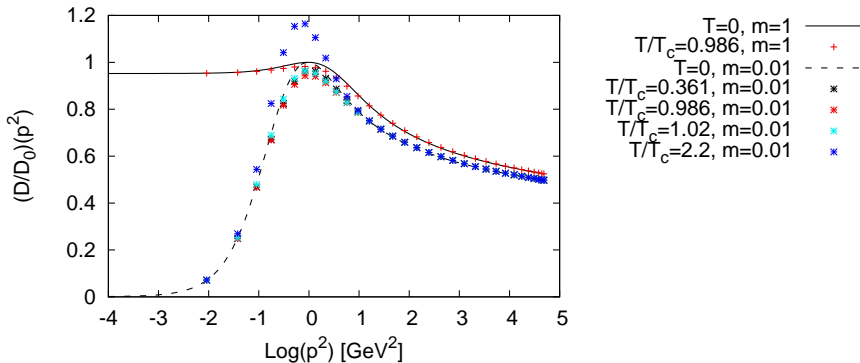
SU(3) gluon propagator: Fischer, Maas, Mueller 2010
vertex: Ball, Chiu, $\mu = 2 \text{ GeV}$



Scalar Propagator $T \neq 0$

Lowering renormalization scale:

SU(3) gluon propagator: Fischer, Maas, Mueller 2010
vertex: Ball, Chiu, $\mu = 1 \text{ GeV}$



Green's Function $T \neq 0$

Result for scalar propagator only very weakly T -dependent?!?

Possible interpretation:

Confinement / deconfinement transition not seen
because matter-gluon vertex is not dynamical?

Current investigation:

- Dressed Polyakov loop (*cf.* C. Gattringer *et al.*) from scalar propagator.
- Solution of (truncated) **coupled** scalar propagator and scalar-gluon vertex DSEs.

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