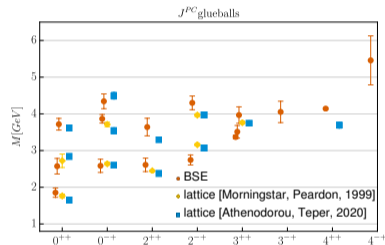
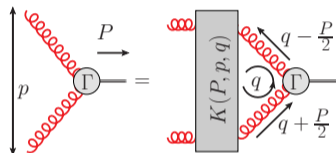


## Gluonic bound states from bound state equations

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# Glueballs

Non-Abelian nature of QCD  $\rightarrow$  self-interaction of force fields.



Mass dynamically created from **massless** (due to gauge invariance) gluons.

Theory:

Glueballs from gauge inv. operators, e.g.,  $F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu}$ .

$\rightarrow$  **Mixing** of operators with equal quantum numbers.

Experiment:

Production in glue-rich environments, e.g.,  $p\bar{p}$  annihilation (PANDA), pomeron exchange in  $pp$  (central exclusive production), radiative  $J/\psi$  decays

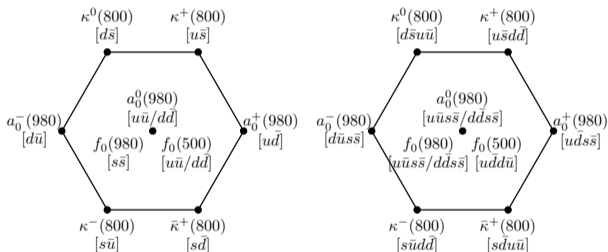
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# Scalar sector

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

- $q\bar{q}$  mesons, tetraquarks: (inverted) mass hierarchy?

[Jaffe, Phys. Rev. D 15 (1977)]



Functional review:

[Eichmann, Fischer,  
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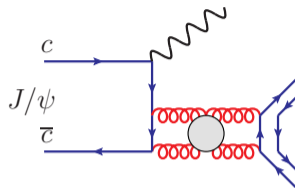
$f_0(500)$
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glueball candidates

# Scalar glueballs from $J/\psi$ decay

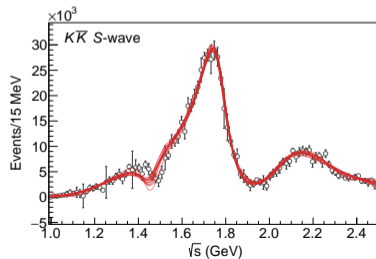
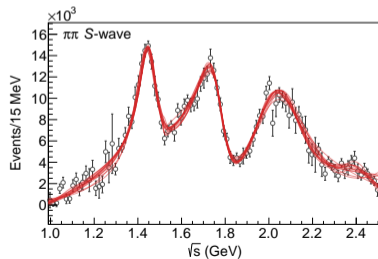
Coupled-channel analyses of exp. data (BESIII):

- +add. data, largest overlap with  $f_0(1770)$
- largest overlap with  $f_0(1710)$



[Sarantsev, Denisenko, Thoma, Klempt, Phys. Lett. B 816 (2021)]

[JPAC Coll., Rodas et al., Eur.Phys.J.C 82 (2022)]





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- **Hamiltonian many body methods:** [Szczepaniak, Swanson, Ji, Cotanch, PRL 76 (1996); Szczepaniak, Swanson, Phys. Lett. B 577 (2003); ...]
- **Chiral Lagrangians:** [Janowski, Parganlija, Giacosa, Rischke, Phys. Rev. D 84 (2011); Eshraim, Janowski, Giacosa, Rischke, Phys. Rev. D 87 (2013); ...]
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- **Gribov-Zwanziger framework:** [Dudal, Guimaraes, Sorella, Phys. Lett. B 732 (2014)]
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# Glueball calculations: Lattice

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No dynamic quarks.

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- [Morningstar, Peardon, Phys. Rev. D60 (1999)]: standard reference
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“Real QCD”:

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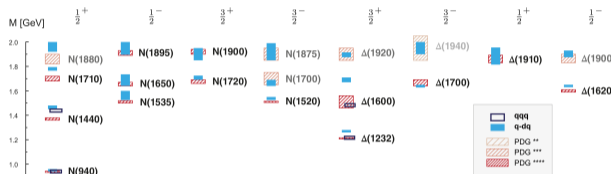
Challenging:

- 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
- $m_\pi = 360$  MeV
- Small unquenching effects found

No quantitative results yet.

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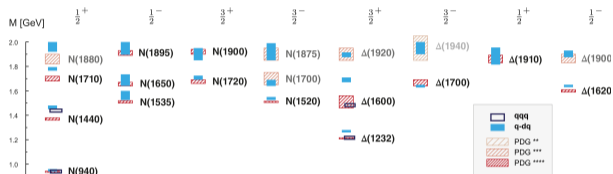
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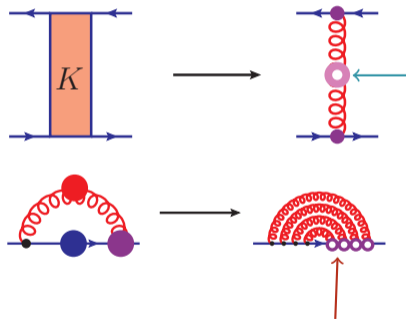


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Workhorse for more than 20 years: **Rainbow-ladder** truncation with an effective interaction, e.g., **Maris-Tandy** (or similar).

restricted structure of equations ( $\Gamma_\mu \rightarrow \gamma_\mu$ )

IR strength + perturbative UV



Results for mesons beyond rainbow-ladder, e.g., [Williams, Fischer, Heupel, Phys.Rev.D 93 (2016)].

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The diagram shows the rainbow-ladder approximation for the gluon propagator. On the left, a gluon line with a red dot is labeled with a superscript  $-1$ . This is set equal to a sum of diagrams on the right. The first term is a gluon line with a superscript  $-1$ . The second term is a gluon line with a red loop and a superscript  $-\frac{1}{2}$ . The third term is a gluon line with a red loop and a superscript  $-\frac{1}{2}$ . The fourth term is a gluon line with a blue loop and a superscript  $+$ . The fifth term is a gluon line with a green loop and a superscript  $+$ . The sixth term is a gluon line with a red loop and a superscript  $-\frac{1}{6}$ . The seventh term is a gluon line with a red loop and a superscript  $-\frac{1}{2}$ .

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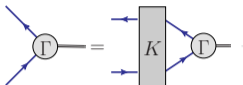
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Alternative: Calculated input [MQH, Phys.Rev.D 101 (2020)]

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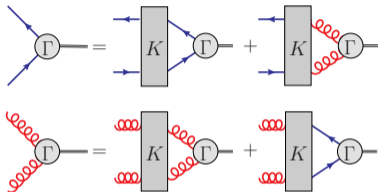
Extreme sensitivity on input!

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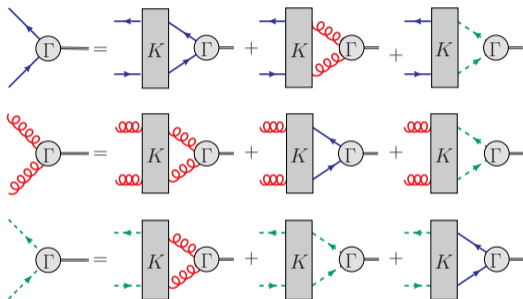
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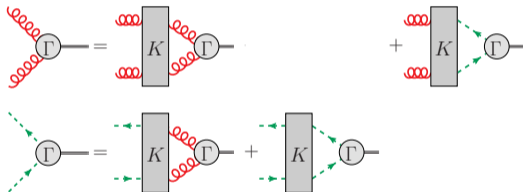
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# Kernels

Systematic derivation from 3PI effective action: [Berges, Phys. Rev. D 70 (2004); Carrington, Gao, Phys. Rev. D 83 (2011)]

Self-consistent treatment of 3-point functions requires 3-loop expansion.

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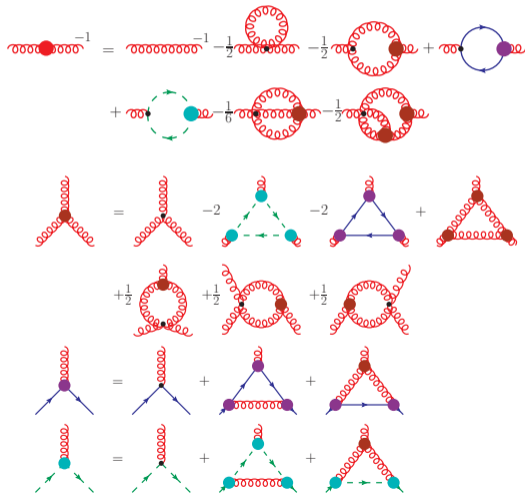


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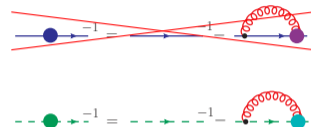
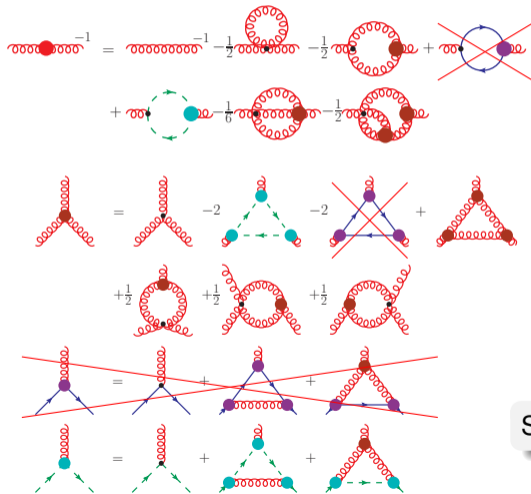


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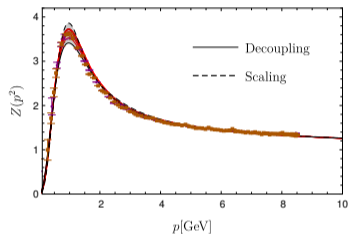
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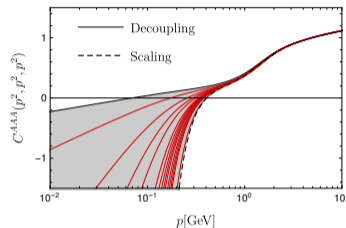
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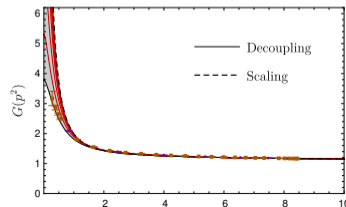
Three-gluon vertex:



Family of solutions [von Smekal, Alkofer, Hauck, PRL79 (1997); Aguilar, Binosi, Papavassiliou, Phys.Rev.D 78 (2008); Boucaud et al., JHEP06 (2008); Fischer, Maas, Pawłowski, Ann.Phys. 324 (2008); Alkofer, MQH, Schwenzer, Phys. Rev. D 81 (2010)]

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

Ghost dressing function:



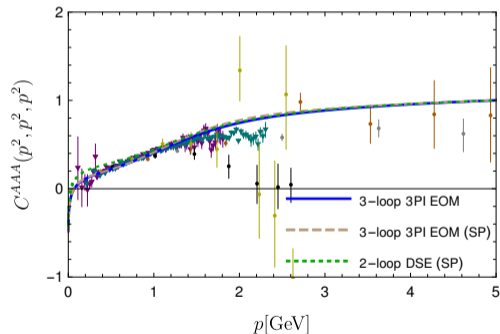
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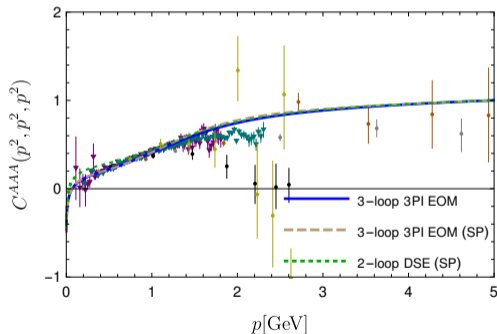
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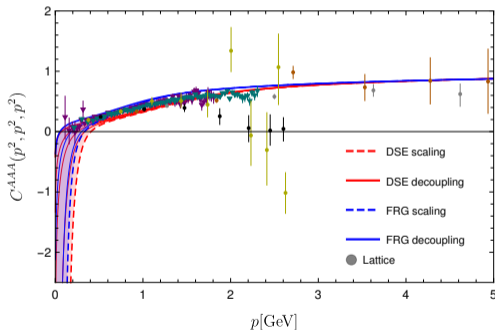
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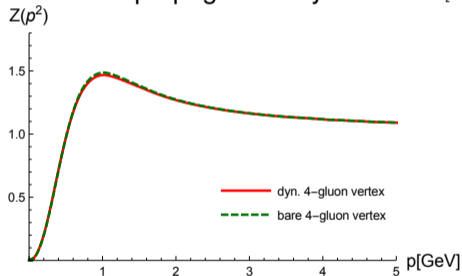
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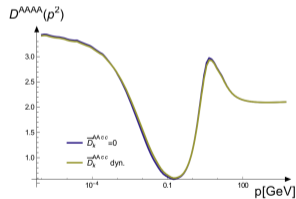
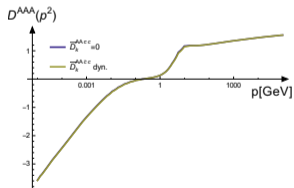
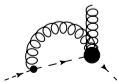
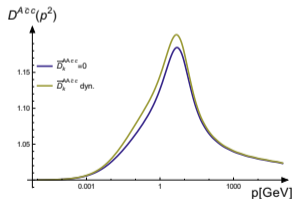
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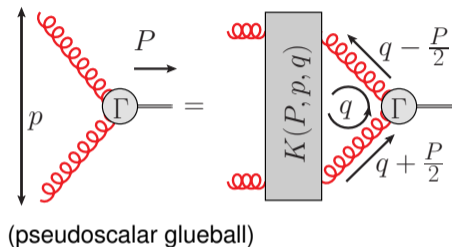
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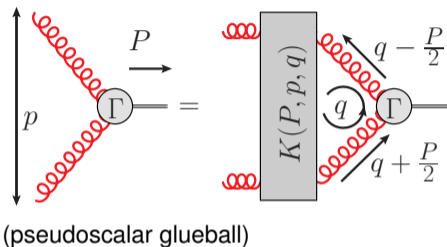


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→ Complex for  $P^2 < 0!$

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

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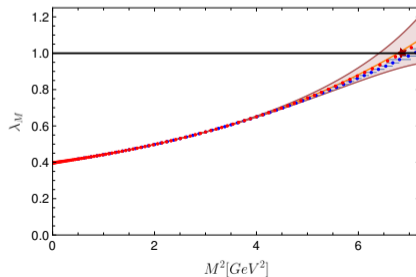
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Heavy meson [MQH, Sanchis-Alepuz, Fischer, Eur.Phys.J.C 80 (2020)]

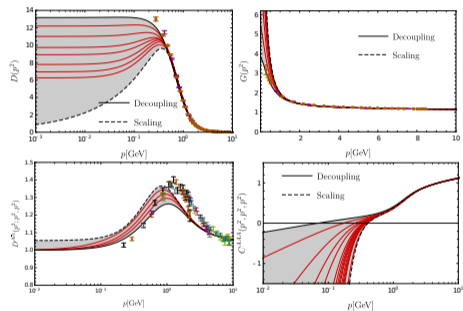
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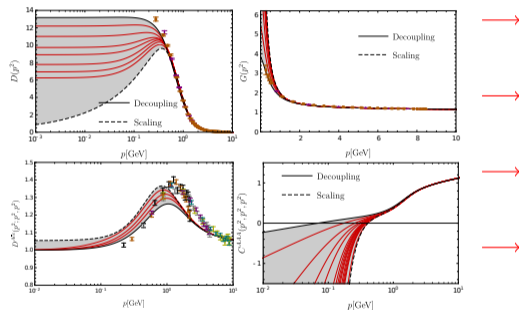
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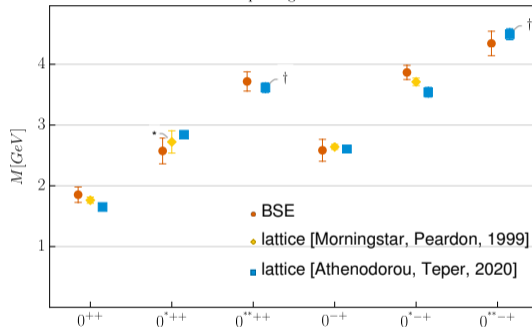
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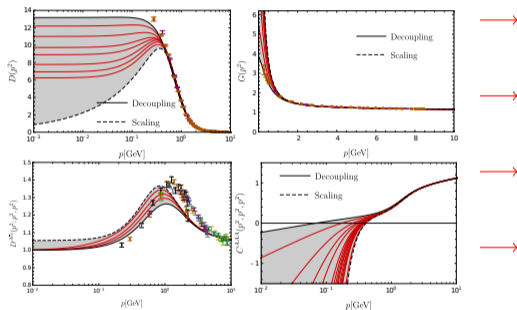
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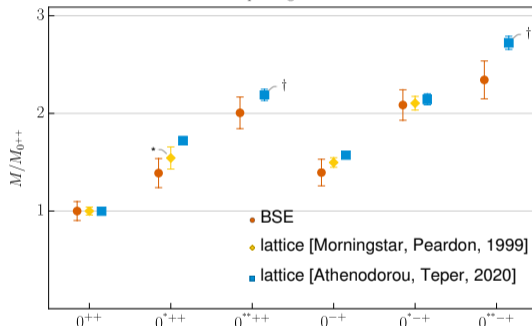
# Glueball results J=0

Gauge-variant correlation functions:



Unique physical spectrum:

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

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

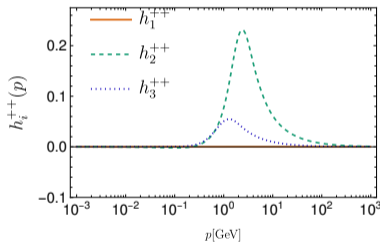
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# Amplitudes

Information about significance of single parts.

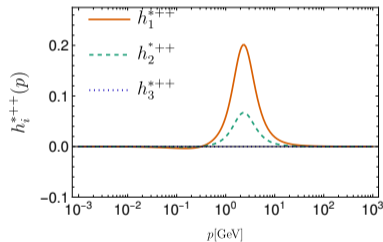
Ground state scalar glueball:

Amplitudes  $0^{++}$



Excited scalar glueball:

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

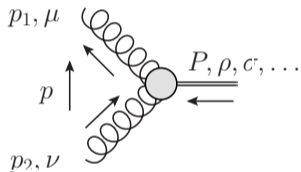
→ Meson/glueball amplitudes: **Information about mixing.**



# Glueball amplitudes for spin $J$

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

$$\Gamma_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma\dots}(p_1, p_2) = \sum \tau_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma\dots}^i(p_1, p_2) h_i(p_1, p_2)$$



Increase in complexity:

- 2 gluon indices (transverse)
- $J$  spin indices (symmetric, traceless, transverse to  $P$ )

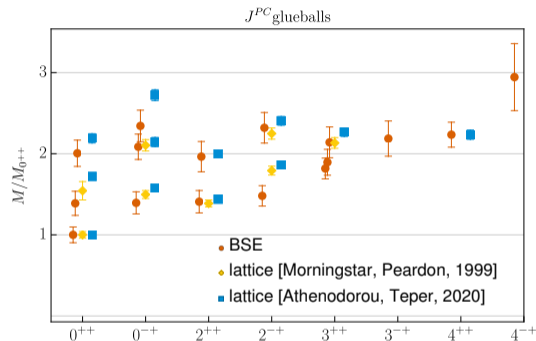
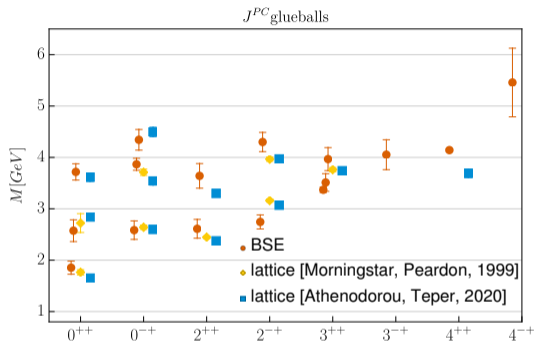
Numbers of tensors:

$J$	$P = +$	$P = -$
0	2	1
1	4	3
>2	5	4

Low number of tensors, but high-dimensional tensors!

→ Computational cost increases with  $J$ .

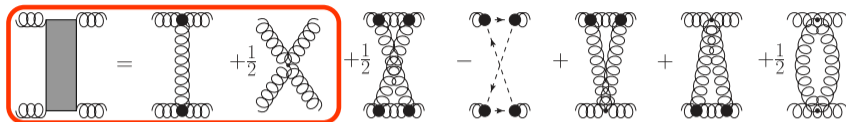
# Glueball results



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

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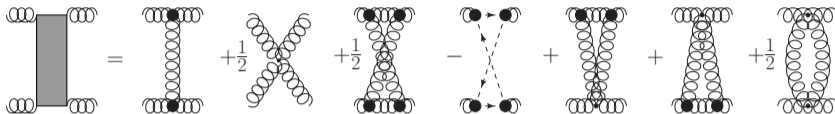
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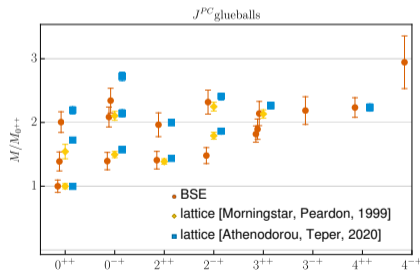
## Two-loop diagrams: subleading effects

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

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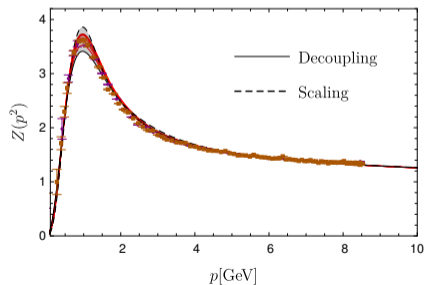
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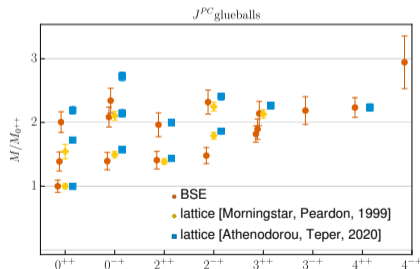




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## Future:

- +quarks  $\rightarrow$  QCD
- three-body bound state eq.  $\rightarrow C = -1$

Thank you for your attention.

# $J = 1$ glueballs

## Landau-Yang theorem

Two-photon states cannot couple to  $J^P = 1^\pm$  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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Lattice: Mass exponential Euclidean time decay:

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \langle O(x)O(0) \rangle \sim e^{-tM}$$

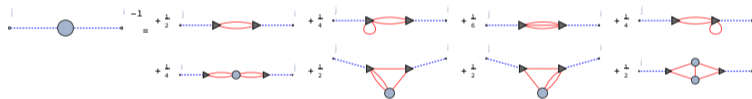
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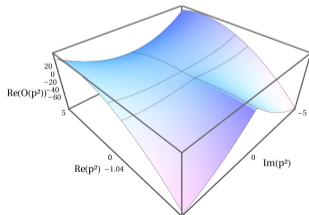
Functional approach: Complicated object in a diagrammatic language, 2-, 3- and 4-gluon contributions [MQH, Cyrol, Pawłowski, Comput.Phys.Commun. 248 (2020)]



+ 3-loop diagrams

Leading order:

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



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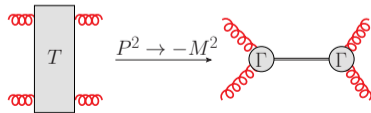
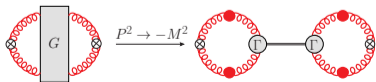
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Put total momentum **on-shell** and consider individual 2-, 3- and 4-gluon contributions.  $\rightarrow$   
Each can have a pole at the glueball mass.

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



# Kernel construction

From 3PI effective action truncated to three-loops: [Berges, Phys. Rev. D 70 (2004); Carrington, Gao, Phys. Rev. D 83 (2011)]

$$\Gamma^{3l}[\Phi, D, \Gamma^{(3)}] = \Gamma^{0,3l}[\Phi, D, \Gamma^{(3)}] + \Gamma^{\text{int},3l}[\Phi, D, \Gamma^{(3)}]$$

$$\Gamma^{0,3l}[\Phi, D, \Gamma^{(3)}] = \frac{1}{8} \text{diagram 1} + \frac{1}{6} \text{diagram 2} - \text{diagram 3} + \frac{1}{48} \text{diagram 4} + \frac{1}{8} \text{diagram 5}$$

$$\Gamma^{\text{int},3l}[D, \Gamma^{(3)}] = -\frac{1}{12} \text{diagram 1} + \frac{1}{2} \text{diagram 2} + \frac{1}{24} \text{diagram 3} - \frac{1}{3} \text{diagram 4} - \frac{1}{4} \text{diagram 5}$$

Kernels constructed by cutting two legs:

gluon/gluon, ghost/gluon, gluon/ghost, ghost/ghost

[Fukuda, Prog. Theor. Phys 78 (1987); McKay, Munczek, Phys. Rev. D 40 (1989); Sanchis-Alepuz, Williams, J. Phys: Conf. Ser. 631 (2015); MQH, Fischer, Sanchis-Alepuz, Eur.Phys.J.C80 (2020)]



# Charge parity

Transformation of gluon field under charge conjugation:

$$A_{\mu}^a \rightarrow -\eta(a)A_{\mu}^a$$

where

$$\eta(a) = \begin{cases} +1 & a = 1, 3, 4, 6, 8 \\ -1 & a = 2, 5, 7 \end{cases}$$

Color neutral operator with two gluon fields:

$$A_{\mu}^a A_{\nu}^a \rightarrow \eta(a)^2 A_{\mu}^a A_{\nu}^a = A_{\mu}^a A_{\nu}^a.$$

$$\Rightarrow C = +1$$

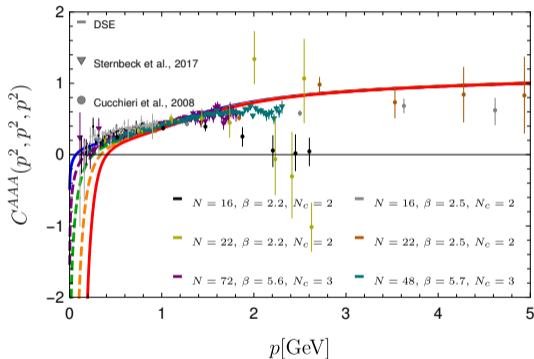
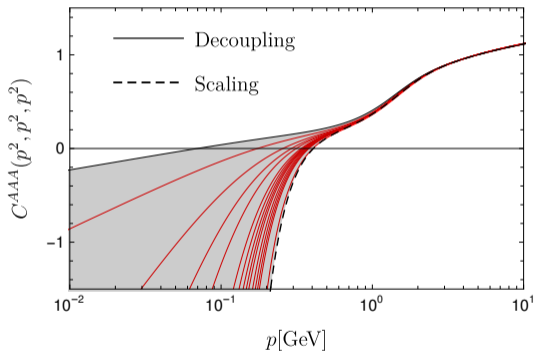
Negative charge parity, e.g.:

$$\begin{aligned} d^{abc} A_{\mu}^a A_{\nu}^b A_{\rho}^c &\rightarrow -d^{abc} \eta(a)\eta(b)\eta(c) A_{\mu}^a A_{\nu}^b A_{\rho}^c = \\ &-d^{abc} A_{\mu}^a A_{\nu}^b A_{\rho}^c. \end{aligned}$$

Only nonvanishing elements of the symmetric structure constant  $d^{abc}$ : zero or two indices equal to 2, 5 or 7.

# Three-gluon vertex

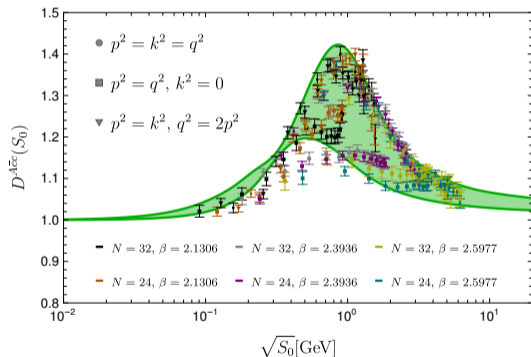
[Cucchieri, Maas, Mendes, Phys. Rev. D 77 (2008); Sternbeck et al., 1702.00612; MQH, Phys. Rev. D 101 (2020)]



- Simple kinematic dependence of three-gluon vertex (only singlet variable of  $S_3$ )
- Large cancellations between diagrams

# Ghost-gluon vertex

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[Maas, SciPost Phys. 8 (2019);

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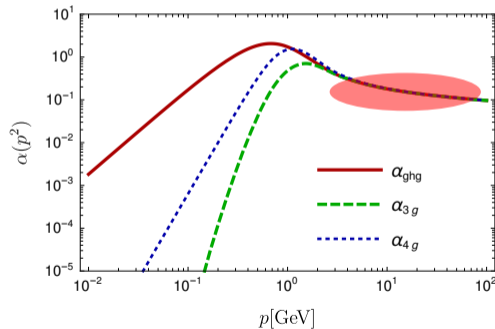
- Nontrivial kinematic dependence of ghost-gluon vertex
- Qualitative agreement with lattice results, though some quantitative differences (position of peak!).

# Gauge invariance

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

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



# Landau gauge propagators in the complex plane

Simpler truncation:

$$\text{wavy line with vertex}^{-1} = \text{wavy line}^{-1} - \frac{1}{2} \text{wavy loop with vertex} + \text{wavy line with dashed loop and vertex}$$

[Fischer, MQH, Phys.Rev.D 102 (2020)]

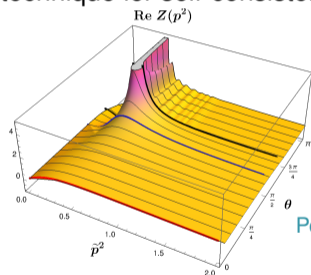
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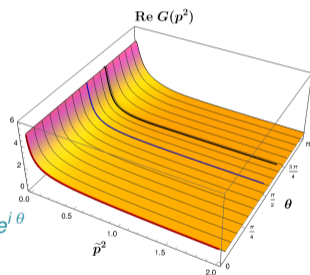
$$\text{gluon loop}^{-1} = \text{gluon}^{-1} - \frac{1}{2} \text{ghost loop} + \text{ghost}$$

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Ray technique for self-consistent solution of a DSE:



Polar coordinates:  $p^2 = \tilde{p}^2 e^{i\theta}$



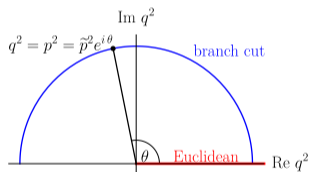
- Current truncation leads to a pole-like structure in the gluon propagator.
- Analyticity up to 'pole' confirmed by various tests (Cauchy-Riemann, Schlessinger, reconstruction)



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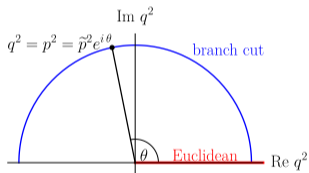
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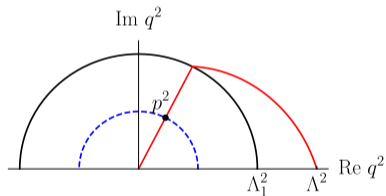
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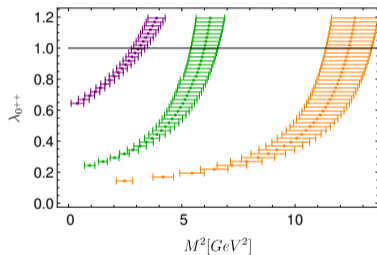
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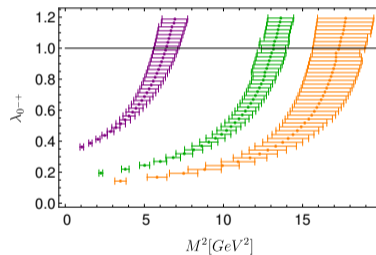
Appearance of branch cuts for complex momenta forbids integration directly to cutoff.

# Extrapolation for glueball eigenvalue curves

$0^{++}$ :



$0^{-+}$ :



Several curves: ground state and excited states.