

GLUON MASS THROUGH MASSLESS BOUND-STATE EXCITATIONS

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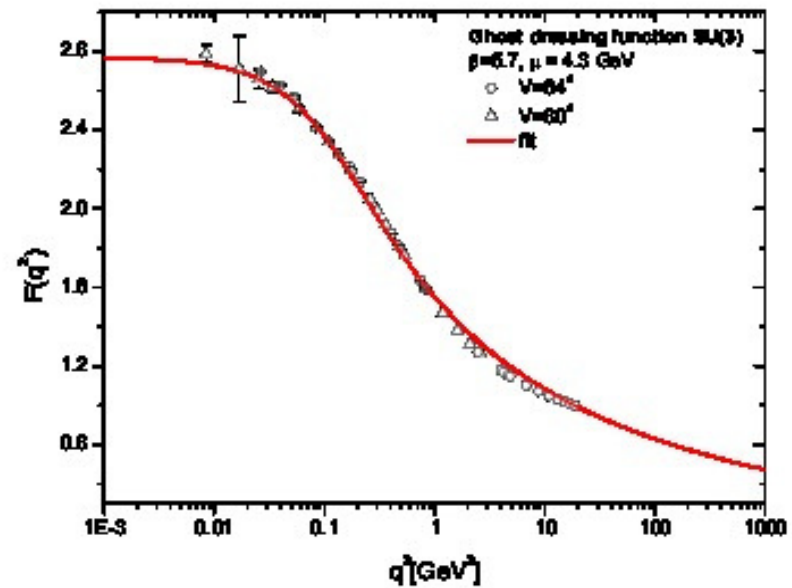
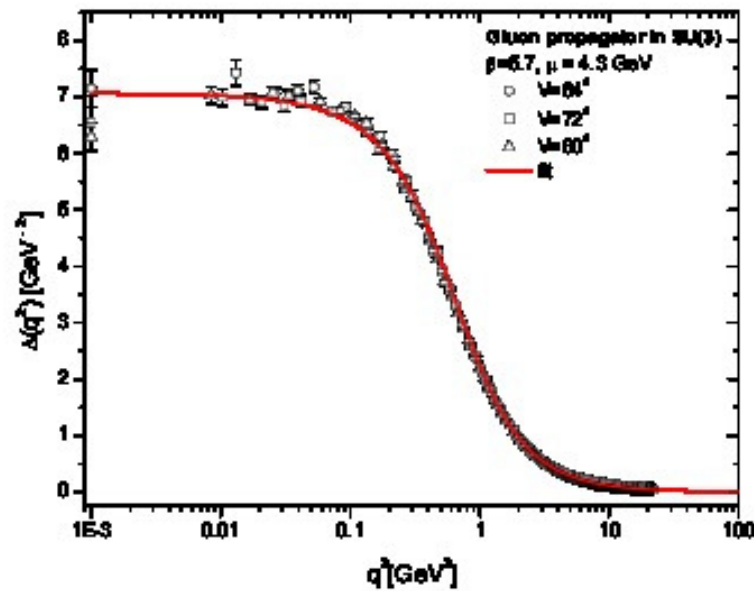
Outline



- Motivation
- Schwinger Mechanism and the need of massless bound-state excitations
- Structure and properties of the bound state vertex
- Dynamical implementation – The Bethe-Salpeter equation
- Numerical Results
- Conclusions

Lattice results

- Gluon propagator and ghost dressing function from lattice data (Landau gauge).



- This behavior can be explained by means of an effective gluon mass.

Gluon mass generation

- The dynamical gluon mass should be generated without modify the QCD lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L}_{QCD} = -\frac{1}{4}G_a^{\mu\nu}G_{\mu\nu}^a + \frac{1}{2\xi}(\partial^\mu A_\mu^a)^2 + \partial^\mu \bar{c}^a \partial_\mu c^a + g f^{abc}(\partial^\mu \bar{c}^a)A_\mu^b c^c$$

where the gluonic field strength tensor

$$G_{\mu\nu}^a = \partial_\mu A_\nu^a - \partial_\nu A_\mu^a - g f^{abc}A_\mu^b A_\nu^c$$

- A mass term ($m^2 A_\mu^2$) is forbidden by gauge invariance



- **How to obtain massive solutions gauge invariantly?**

Schwinger Mechanism

- Dyson resummation:

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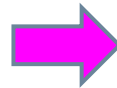
$$\Delta(q^2) = \frac{1}{q^2[1 + \Pi(q^2)]}$$

- If the vacuum polarization $\Pi(q^2)$ has a pole with positive residue m^2 i.e.

$$\Pi(q^2) = m^2/q^2$$

- Then

$$\Delta^{-1}(q^2) = q^2 + m^2$$



$$\Delta^{-1}(0) = m^2$$

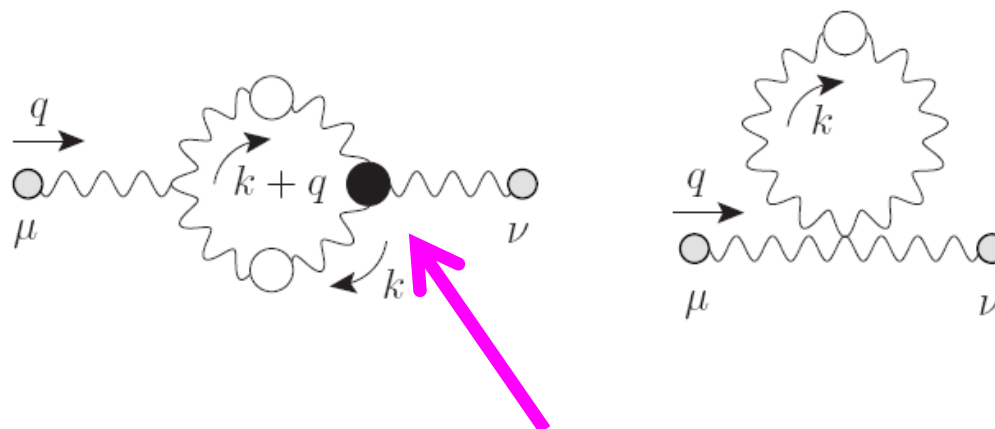


The vector meson becomes massive even though it is massless at the level of the fundamental Lagrangian

Massive propagator

Triggering the Schwinger Mechanism in QCD

- The PT-BFM SDE truncation scheme



- The way the Schwinger mechanism is integrated into the SDE is through the form of the **three-gluon vertex**.

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□ Necessary ingredient:

The existence of a nonperturbative vertex V that contains massless, longitudinally coupled, bound-state excitations.

1. Composite Nambu-Goldstone-like massless poles ($\sim 1/q^2$).
2. Such **poles** must **occur dynamically**, even in the **absence** of canonical **scalar fields**.
3. **Composite excitation**: a pole in a off-shell Green's function representing a field that does not exist in the classical action.
4. It is purely longitudinal $P^{\alpha'\alpha}(q)P^{\mu'\mu}(r)P^{\nu'\nu}(p)V_{\alpha\mu\nu}(q,r,p) = 0$
5. It decouples from on shell amplitudes.

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V enforces **gauge invariance** in the presence of a gluon mass



The STIs **remain the same before** and **after mass generation**

$$\Delta^{-1}(q^2) = q^2 J(q^2), \quad \longrightarrow \quad \Delta_m^{-1}(q^2) = q^2 J(q^2) + m^2(q^2)$$

$$\mathbb{\Gamma} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \mathbb{\Gamma}' = \mathbb{\Gamma} + V$$

□ $\mathbb{\Gamma}$ satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} q^\alpha \mathbb{\Gamma}_{\alpha\mu\nu}(q, r, p) &= p^2 J(p^2) P_{\mu\nu}(p) - r^2 J(r^2) P_{\mu\nu}(r), \\ &= \Delta^{-1}(p^2) P_{\mu\nu}(p) - \Delta^{-1}(r^2) P_{\mu\nu}(r) \end{aligned}$$

□ whereas V

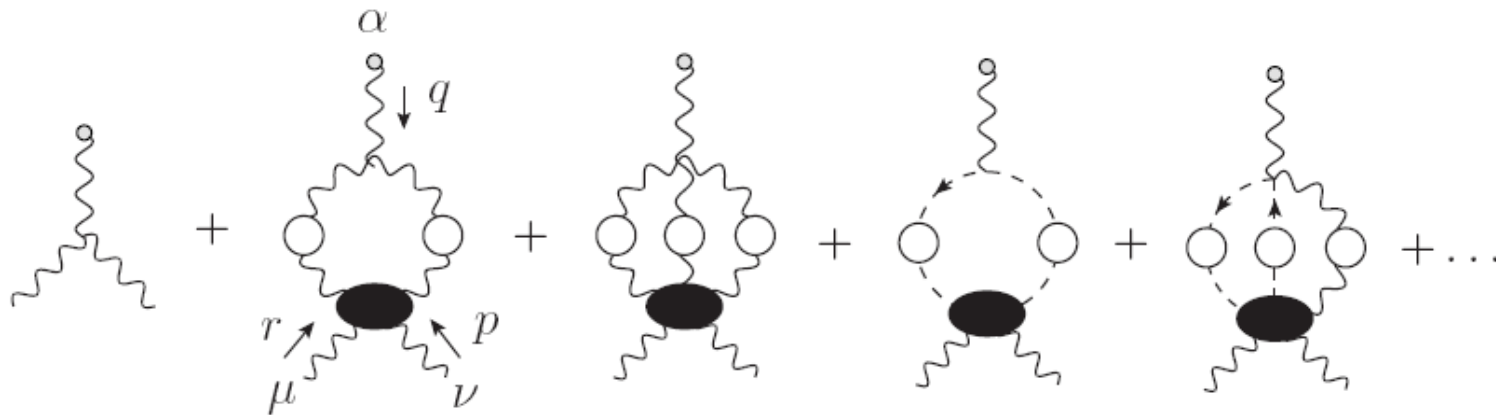
$$q^\alpha V_{\alpha\mu\nu}(q, r, p) = m^2(r^2) P_{\mu\nu}(r) - m^2(p^2) P_{\mu\nu}(p),$$

□ It follows that

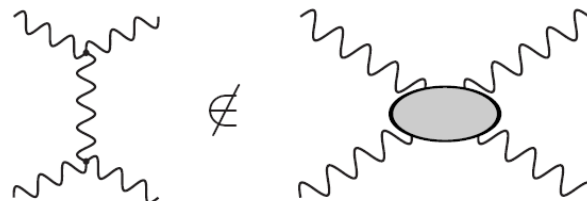
$$\begin{aligned} q^\alpha \mathbb{\Gamma}'_{\alpha\mu\nu}(q, r, p) &= q^\alpha [\mathbb{\Gamma}(q, r, p) + V(q, r, p)]_{\alpha\mu\nu} \\ &= [p^2 J_m(p^2) - m^2(p^2)] P_{\mu\nu}(p) - [r^2 J_m(r^2) - m^2(r^2)] P_{\mu\nu}(r), \\ &= \Delta_m^{-1}(p^2) P_{\mu\nu}(p) - \Delta_m^{-1}(r^2) P_{\mu\nu}(r) \end{aligned}$$

Dynamical implementation

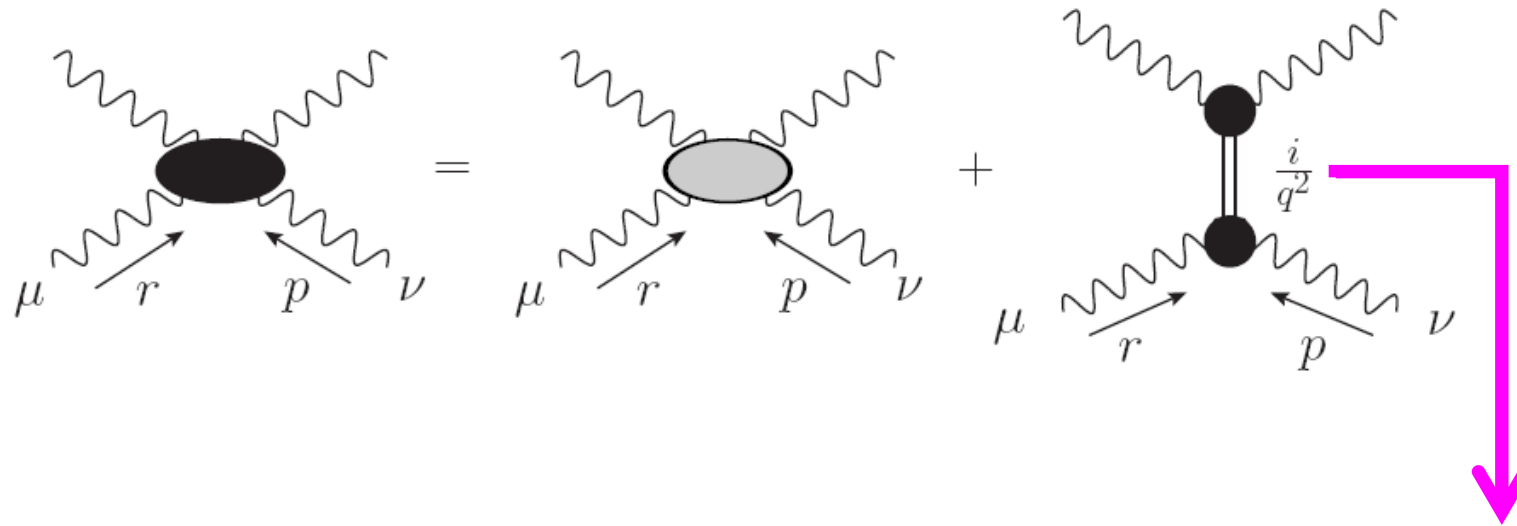
- With the Schwinger mechanism **turned off**



- **1PI diagrams** with respect to cuts in the direction of the momentum q **are excluded** from the **four-gluon kernel**

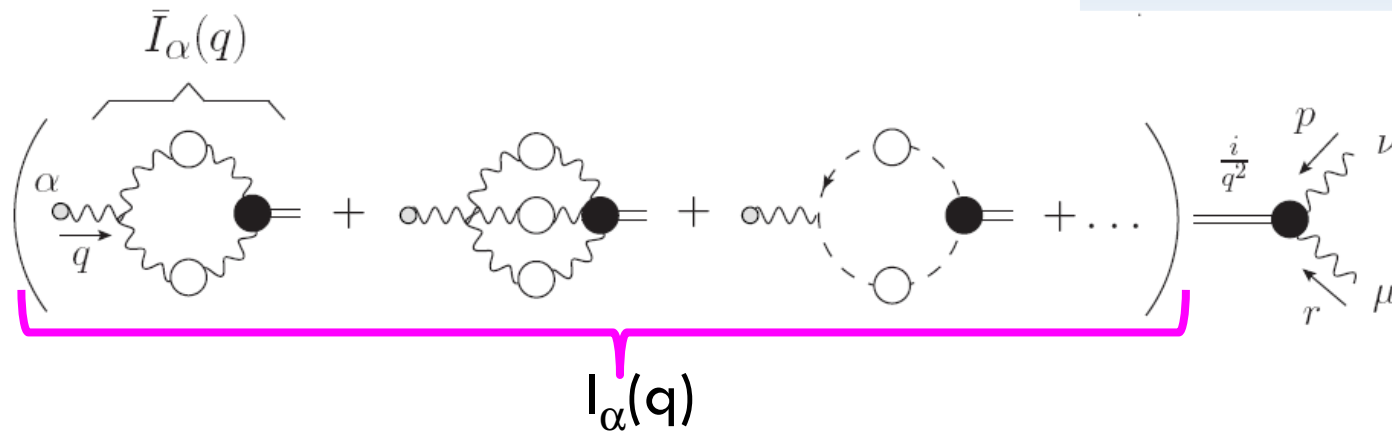


- Schwinger mechanism turned on \rightarrow modify the structure of the kernel



- The sum of these terms belongs to V

Presence of composite massless excitation

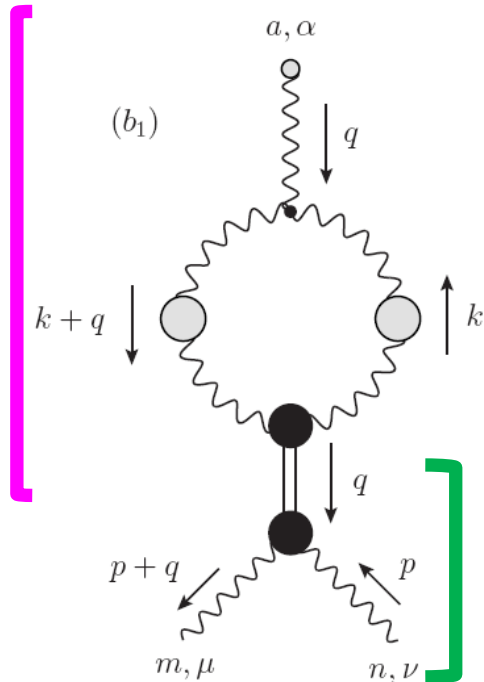


$$\bar{V}_{\alpha\mu\nu}(q, r, p) = I_\alpha(q) \left(\frac{i}{q^2} \right) B_{\mu\nu}(q, r, p)$$

$I_\alpha(q)$ is the transition amplitude mixing gluon and bound-state

$$I_\alpha(q) = q_\alpha I(q)$$

$$I(q) = \frac{q^\alpha I_\alpha(q)}{q^2}$$



$B_{\mu\nu}$ is the gluon-pole interaction vertex

□ $B_{\mu\nu}$ can be decomposed as

$$B_{\mu\nu}(q, r, p) = B_1 g_{\mu\nu} + B_2 q_\mu q_\nu + B_3 p_\mu p_\nu + B_4 r_\mu q_\nu + B_5 r_\mu p_\nu$$

□ Due to Bose symmetry (interchange $\mu \leftrightarrow \nu$ and $p \leftrightarrow r$)

$$B_{1,2}(q, r, p) = -B_{1,2}(q, p, r) \quad \longrightarrow \quad B_{1,2}(0, -p, p) = 0$$

The “one-loop” dressed approximation

- The gluon-pole transition amplitude in the Landau gauge is given by

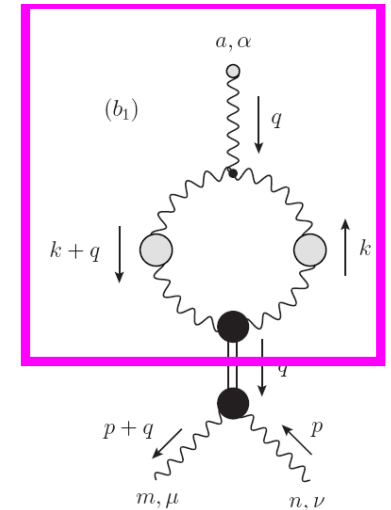
$$I_\alpha(q) = \frac{1}{2} C_A \int_k \Delta(k) \Delta(k+q) \Gamma_{\alpha\beta\lambda} P^{\lambda\mu}(k) P^{\beta\nu}(k+q) B_{\mu\nu}(-q, -k, k+q)$$

- Then

$$I(q) = -\frac{C_A}{q^2} \int_k k^2 \Delta(k) \Delta(k+q) P_\beta^\mu(k) P^{\beta\nu}(k+q) [B_1 g_{\mu\nu} + B_2 q_\mu q_\nu]$$

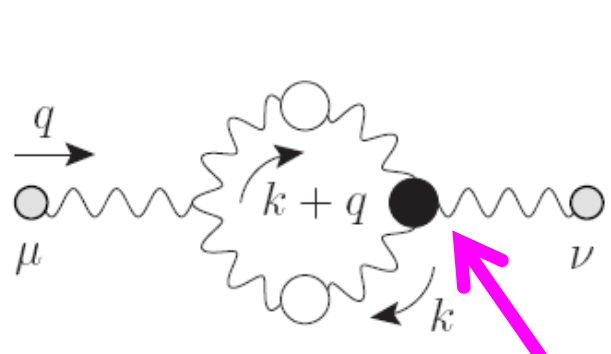
- In the limit of $q \rightarrow 0$, $I(q)$ becomes

$$I(0) = \frac{3}{2} C_A \int_k k^2 \Delta^2(k) B'_1(k)$$



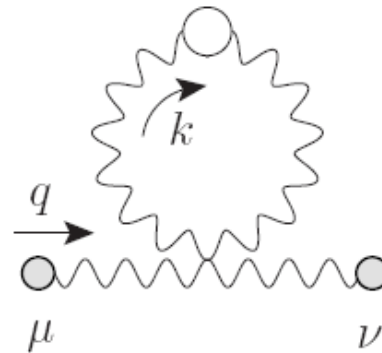
Gluon mass equation

- The one-loop dressed approximation is given by



Use

$$\Gamma + V$$

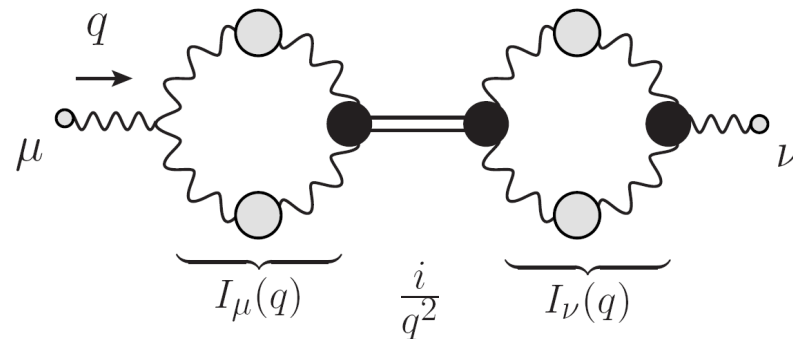


$$\Delta^{-1}(q^2)P_{\mu\nu}(q) = \frac{q^2 P_{\mu\nu}(q) + i \Pi_{\mu\nu}(q)}{[1 + G(q^2)]^2},$$

- Before and after the gluon mass generation we maintain **the crucial transversality property**

$$q^\mu \Pi_{\mu\nu}(q) = 0$$

- When the pole vertex is inserted in the SDE we obtain the “squared” diagram

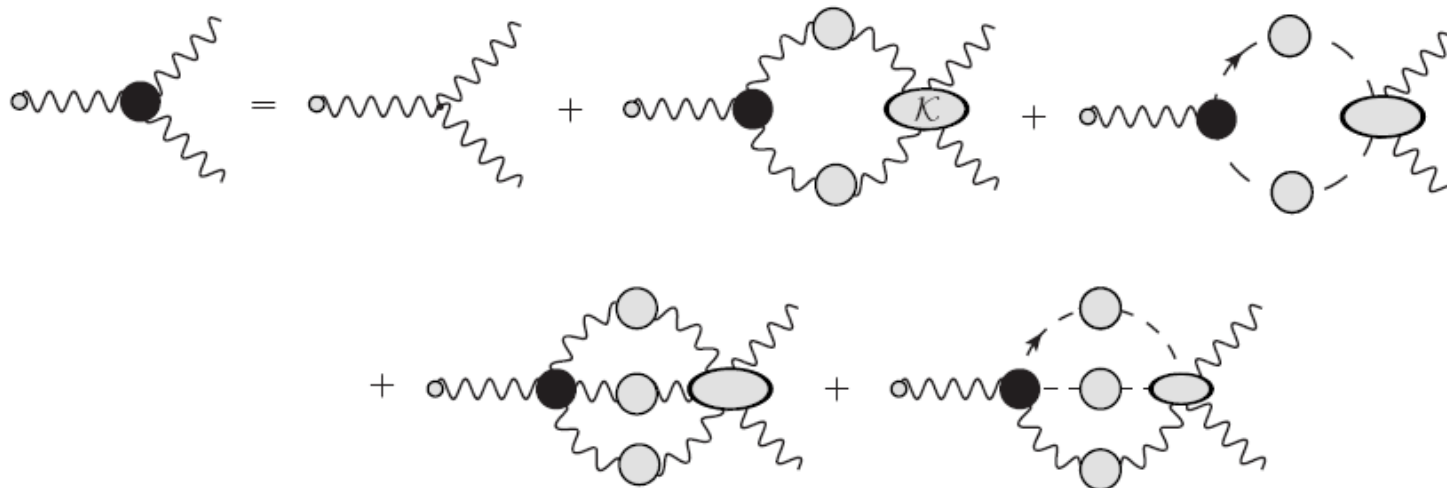


- We arrive at the following relation (in euclidean space)

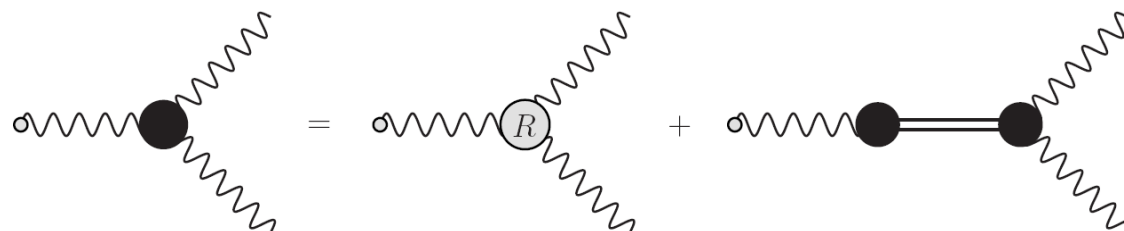
$$m^2(0) = g^2 F^2(0) I^2(0)$$

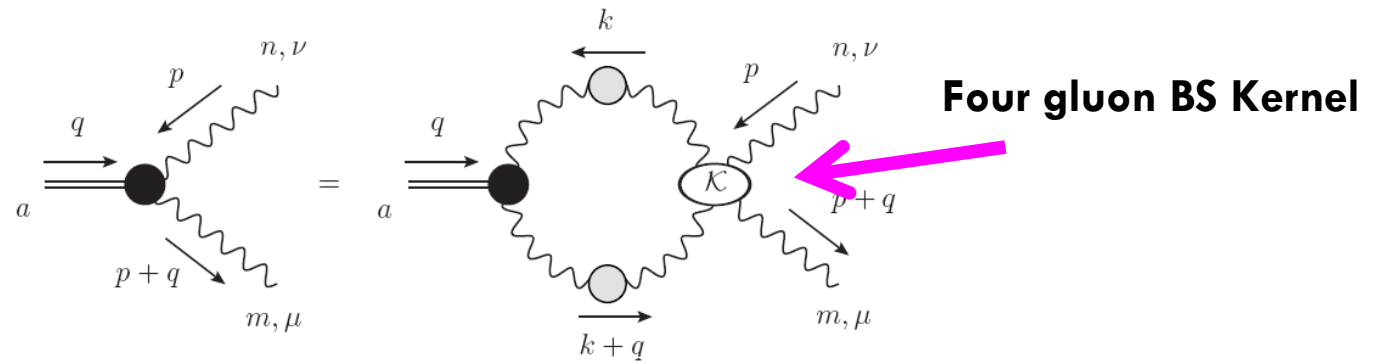
Bethe Salpeter equation

- The BSE for Π' is



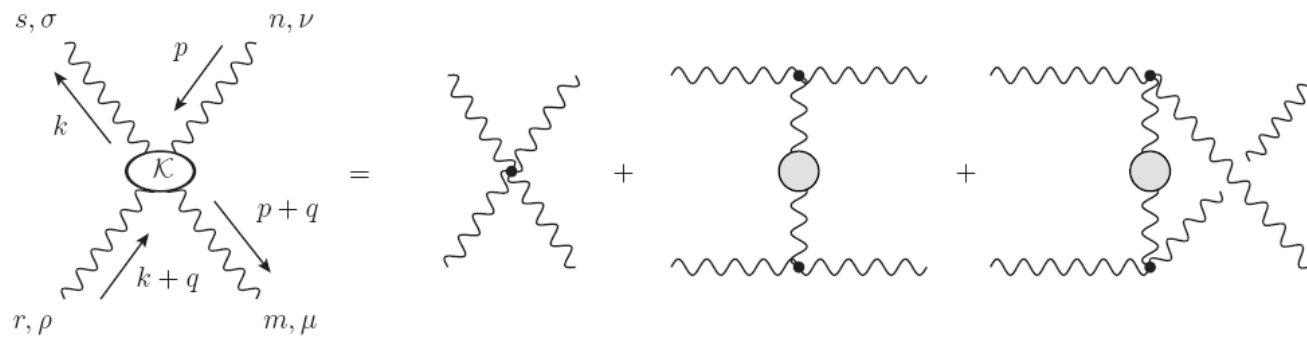
- Separate **regular** and **pole parts**





$$B_{\mu\nu} = \int_k B_{\alpha\beta} \Delta^{\alpha\rho}(k+q) \Delta^{\beta\sigma}(k) \mathcal{K}_{\sigma\nu\mu\rho}$$

Ladder approximation



$$\mathcal{K}_{\sigma\nu\mu\rho} = -ig^2 \Gamma_{\sigma\gamma\nu}^{(0)} \Delta^{\gamma\lambda}(k-p) \Gamma_{\mu\lambda\rho}^{(0)}$$

- Using the ladder approximation for 4 gluon kernel , the BSE becomes

$$B_{\mu\nu} = -2\pi i\alpha_s C_A \int_k B_{\alpha\beta} \Delta(k+q) \Delta(k) \Delta(k-p) P^{\alpha\rho}(k+q) P^{\beta\sigma}(k) P^{\gamma\lambda}(k-p) \Gamma_{\sigma\gamma\nu}^{(0)} \Gamma_{\mu\lambda\rho}^{(0)}$$

- After some calculation

$$B'_1(x) = \frac{\alpha_s C_A}{24\pi} \left\{ \int_0^x dy B'_1(y) \Delta^2(y) \frac{y^2}{x} \left(3 + \frac{25y}{4x} - \frac{3y^2}{4x^2} \right) + \int_x^\infty dy B'_1(y) \Delta^2(y) y \left(3 + \frac{25x}{4y} - \frac{3x^2}{4y^2} \right) \right\} .$$

$$x \equiv p^2 \quad ; \quad y \equiv k^2 \quad ; \quad z \equiv (p+k)^2$$

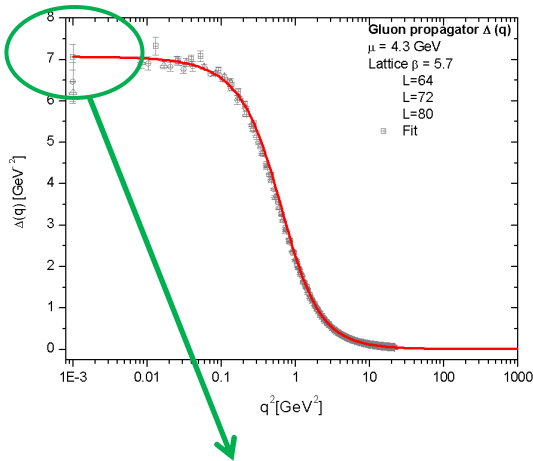
- In the limit of $x \rightarrow 0$, we have

$$B'_1(0) = \frac{\alpha_s C_A}{8\pi} \int_0^\infty dy y B'_1(y) \Delta^2(y)$$

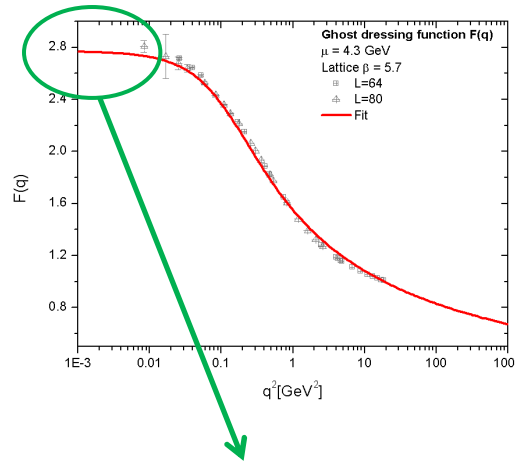
Numerical Solution

- We will solve numerically the integral equation

$$B'_1(x) = \frac{\alpha_s C_A}{24\pi} \left\{ \int_0^x dy B'_1(y) \Delta^2(y) \frac{y^2}{x} \left(3 + \frac{25y}{4x} - \frac{3y^2}{4x^2} \right) + \int_x^\infty dy B'_1(y) \Delta^2(y) y \left(3 + \frac{25x}{4y} - \frac{3x^2}{4y^2} \right) \right\} .$$



$$\Delta^{-1}(0) = m^2(0) = 0.14$$



$$F(0) = 2.76$$

Under the constraints

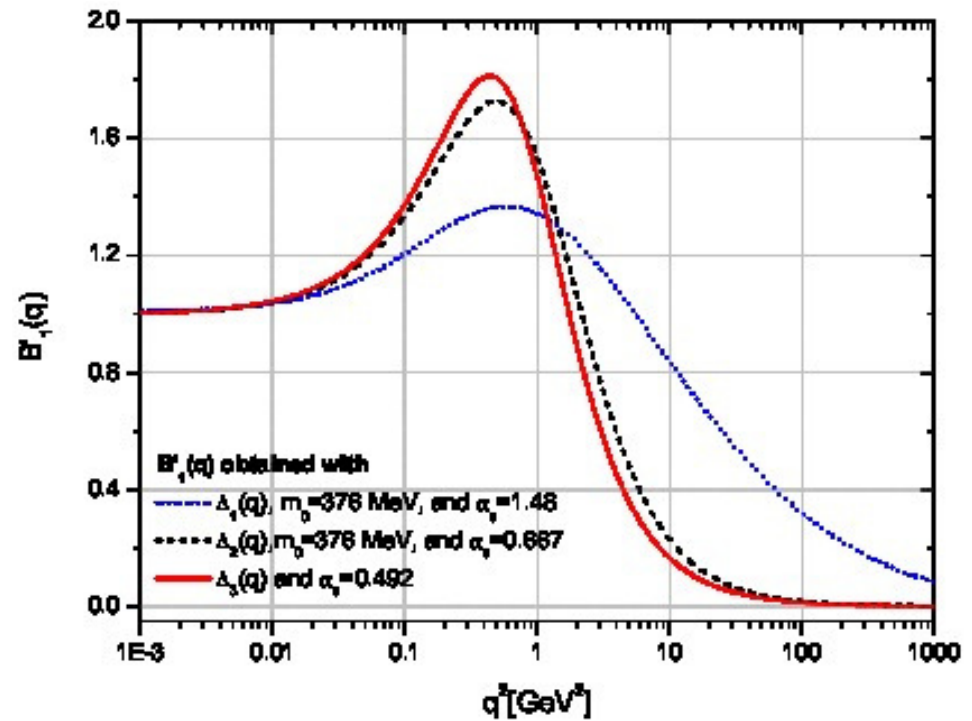
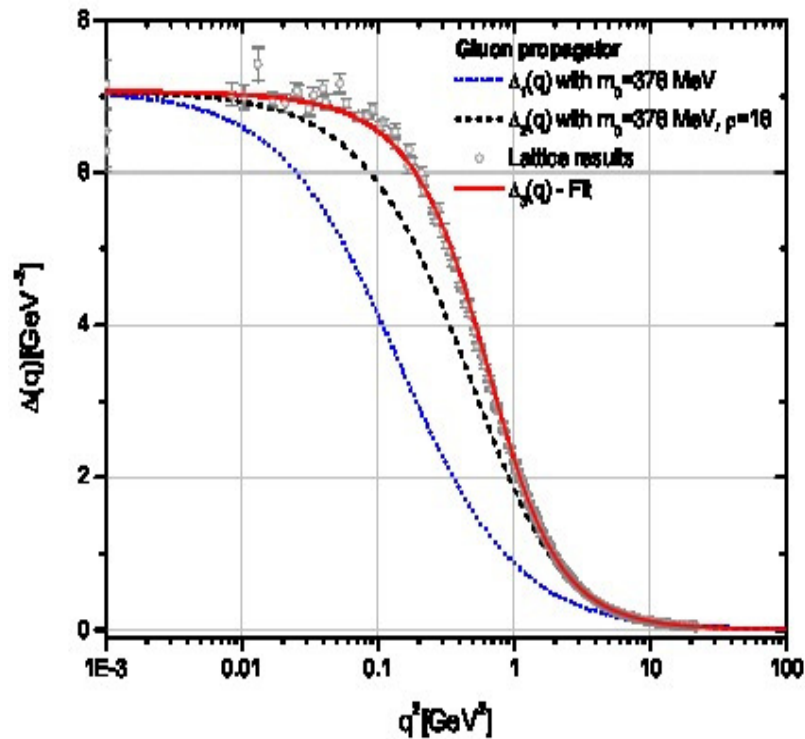
$$I(0) = \frac{3}{2} C_A \int_k k^2 \Delta^2(k) B'_1(k)$$

$$m^2(0) = g^2 F^2(0) I^2(0)$$

$$I(0) = \frac{m^2(0)}{F^2(0) g^2} = 0.18/g^2$$

Numerical Solution

- Ansätze for the gluon propagators and solutions for the derivative of the form factor B_1



Conclusions



- The **gauge-invariant** generation of a gluon mass **relies on** the existence of **massless bound-state excitations**, which trigger the **Schwinger mechanism**.
- The study of a simplified **Bethe-Salpeter equation suggests** that the nonperturbative **QCD dynamics lead** indeed **to** the formation of such **massless bound states**.
- Our approximations should be further refined, and the possibility of having **additional similar excitations** (related to the **other vertices**) **must be explored** (coupled system of integral equations).