Landau-gauge gluon and ghost propagators from gauge-invariant Schwinger-Dyson equations

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Outline of the talk

- General considerations
- Gauge-invariant truncation
- System of Schwinger-Dyson equations
- Regularization of quadratic divergences
- Solutions
- Conclusions

Motivation

Study the infrared behaviour of the gluon and ghost propagators (in the Landau gauge) using Schwinger-Dyson equations .

Schwinger-Dyson equations:

- Infinite system of coupled non-linear integral equations for all Green's functions of the theory.
- Inherently non-perturbative
- Truncation scheme must be used

General Considerations

The gluon propagator $\Delta_{\mu\nu}(q)$ and the gluon self-energy $\Pi_{\mu\nu}(q)$ are related by

$$\Delta^{-1}_{\mu\nu}(q) = q^2\, g_{\mu\nu} + (\xi^{-1} - 1) q_\mu q_\nu - \Pi_{\mu\nu}(q)$$

with

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

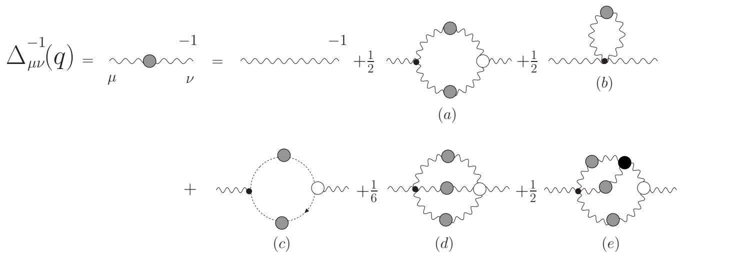
The most fundamental statement at the level of Green's functions that one can obtain from the BRST symmetry .

It affirms the transversality of the gluon self-energy and is valid both perturbatively (to all orders) as well as non-perturbatively .

Any good truncation scheme ought to respect this property

Naive truncation violates it

Difficulty with conventional SD series



$$q^{\mu}\Pi_{\mu\nu}(q)|_{(a)+(b)} \neq 0$$

$$q^{\mu}\Pi_{\mu\nu}(q)|_{(a)+(b)+(c)} \neq 0$$

Main reason : Full vertices satisfy complicated Slavnov-Taylor identities.

Pinch Technique

The pinch technique defines a good truncation scheme.

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Diagrammatic rearrangement of perturbative expansion (to all orders) gives rise to effective Green's functions with special properties.

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- Simple, QED-like Ward Identities , instead of Slavnov-Taylor Identities, to all orders

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\begin{aligned}
q_1^{\mu}\widetilde{\mathbb{\Gamma}}^{abc}_{\mu\alpha\beta}(q_1,q_2,q_3) &= gf^{abc}\left[\Delta^{-1}_{\alpha\beta}(q_2)-\Delta^{-1}_{\alpha\beta}(q_3)\right]\\
q_1^{\mu}\widetilde{\mathbb{\Gamma}}^{acb}_{\mu}(q_2,q_1,q_3) &= gf^{abc}\left[D^{-1}(q_2)-D^{-1}(q_3)\right]
\end{aligned}
$$

- Profound connection with

  Background Field Method $\Longrightarrow$ easy to calculate

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- Can move consistently from one gauge to another (from Landau to Feynman, etc)

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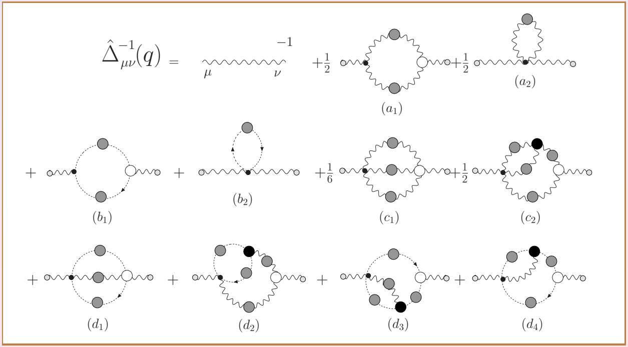
The new Schwinger-Dyson series based on the pinch technique



Transversality is enforced separately for gluon- and ghost-loops, and order-by-order in the "dressed-loop" expansion!

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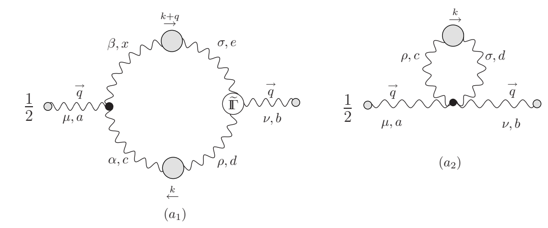
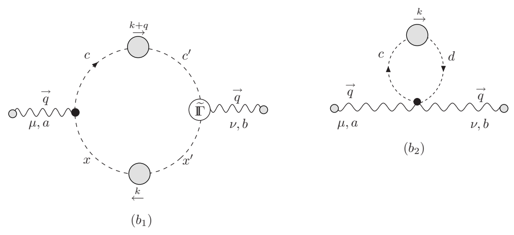


The gluonic contribution

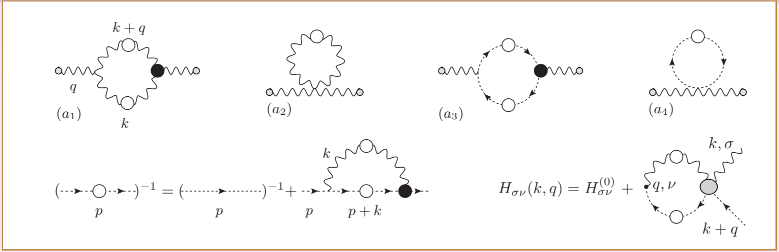
$$q^{\mu}\Pi_{\mu\nu}(q)|_{(a_1)+(a_2)} = 0$$

The ghost contribution

$$q^{\mu}\Pi_{\mu\nu}(q)|_{(b_1)+(b_2)} = 0$$



The system of SD equations



Gauge-technique Ansatz for the full vertex:

$$\widetilde{\Gamma}_{\mu\alpha\beta} = \Gamma_{\mu\alpha\beta} + i\,\frac{q_\mu}{q^2}\left[\Pi_{\alpha\beta}(k+q) - \Pi_{\alpha\beta}(k)\right],$$

- Satisfies the correct Ward identity
- Contains longitudinally coupled massless poles $\sim 1/q^2$.
  Instrumental for obtaining an IR finite solution

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IR-finiteness

Setting $\Delta^{-1}(q^2) = q^2 + i\Pi(q^2)$, IR-finiteness means that

$$\Delta^{-1}(0) \neq 0$$

The system of SD equations has the form

$$\Delta^{-1}(q^2) = q^2 + c_1 \int_k \Delta(k)\Delta(k+q) f_1(q,k) + c_2 \int_k \Delta(k) f_2(q,k)$$

$$D^{-1}(p^2) = p^2 + c_3 \int_k \left[p^2 - \frac{(p\cdot k)^2}{k^2}\right] \Delta(k)\, D(p+k)\,,$$

Regularization

The crux of the matter is the limit as $q^2 \to 0$:

$$\Delta^{-1}(0) \sim \frac{15}{4}\int_k \Delta(k) - \frac{3}{2}\int_k k^2\Delta^2(k),$$

The integrals on the rhs are quadratically divergent

- Perturbatively the rhs vanishes because

$$\int_k \frac{\ln^n k^2}{k^2} = 0\,,\;\; n = 0, 1, 2, \ldots$$

- Ensures the masslessness of the gluon to all orders in perturbation theory.
- Non-perturbatively $\Delta^{-1}(0)$ does not have to vanish, provided that the quadratically divergent integrals defining it can be properly regulated and made finite, without introducing counterterms of the form $m_0^2(\Lambda^2_{UV})A^2_\mu$, forbidden by the local gauge invariance .

Regularization

- This is indeed possible: the divergent integrals can be regulated by subtracting an appropriate combination of dimensional regularization "zeros"
  For large enough k^2:

$$\Delta(k^2) \to \Delta_{\rm pert}(k^2)$$

$$\Delta_{\rm pert}(k^2) = \sum_{n=0}^{N} a_n \frac{\ln^n k^2}{k^2},$$

a_n known from perturbative expansion:
$a_0 \approx 1.7,\ a_1 \approx -0.1,\ a_3 \approx 2.5 \times 10^{-3}.$

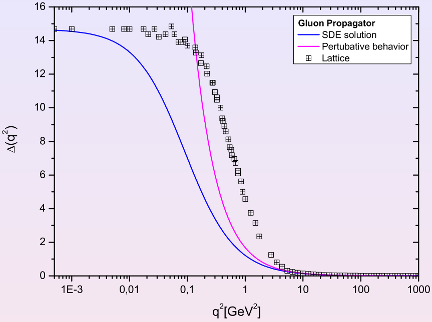
Then, subtracting from both sides

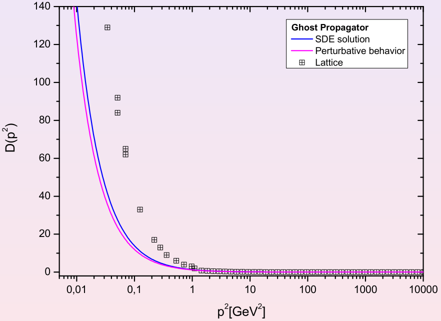
$$0 = \int_k \Delta_{\rm pert}(k^2)$$

$$\Delta_{\rm reg}^{-1}(0) \sim \frac{15}{4}\int_0^s dy\;\, y\,[\Delta(y) - \Delta_{\rm pert}(y)] - \frac{3}{2}\int_0^s dy\;\, y^2\left[\Delta^2(y) - \Delta_{\rm pert}^2(y)\right]\;.$$

s: the point where the perturbative expansion ceases to be valid.

Solution





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Conclusions

- Gauge-invariant treatment of SD equations. The transversality of the gluon self-energy is preserved .
- The gluon propagator is (and always has been) finite in the IR . In qualitative agreement with the early description by Cornwall (generation of a dynamical gluon mass)

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and many more ...

Conclusions

- In the Landau gauge the ghosts don't do much.
  (ghost submission)

- Gauge-dependent quantities (like ghost propagators) have the right (and the obligation!) to behave gauge-dependently
  Challenge and bet : The ghost propagator in the
  Feynman gauge is IR-finite !

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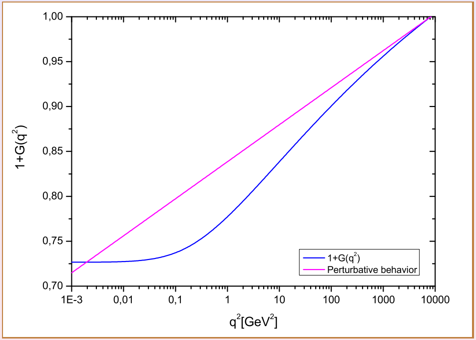
G function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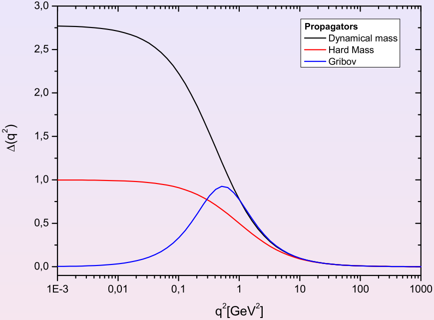
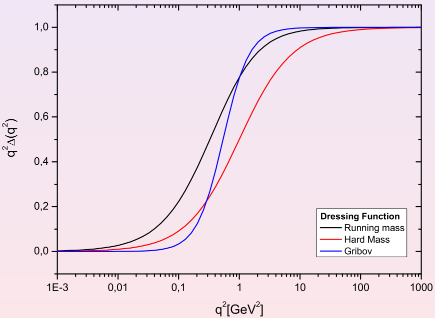
Perturbative behavior

Propagator versus Dressing function





$$D(k) = \frac{G(k^2)}{k^2}, \qquad \textbf{and} \qquad \Delta_{\mu\nu}(k) = \left[\delta_{\mu\nu} - \frac{k_\mu k_\nu}{k^2}\right] \frac{Z(k^2)}{k^2}.$$

where $G(k^2)$ and $Z(k^2)$ are the ghost and the gluon dressing functions respectively.
in the deep IR, $G(k^2)$ and $Z(k^2)$ satisfy

$$Z(k^2) \to (k^2)^{2\kappa} \qquad G(k^2) \to (k^2)^{-\kappa}.$$

(same κ!). With the approximations they employ, their SD equations yields for κ the value $\kappa = 0.59$;
define the QCD coupling as

$$\alpha(k^2) = \alpha(\mu^2) G^2(k^2) Z(k^2).$$

Clearly, we can see that Eq.(1) will lead to a IR fixed point if and only if the ghost and gluon are parametrized by the same κ.