

Schwinger-Dyson Studies in Coulomb gauge

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Outline

- Why Coulomb gauge?
(comparison to other gauges/approaches notwithstanding)
 - Gauß' law
 - formal physicality
- DSe's
 - structure
 - some perturbative results
- STid's (realising the formal?)
 - Gauß-BRST invariance
 - 2-point functions
 - 3-point functions...
- Summary and outlook

Gauß' law

Reminder – electrodynamics ($\sigma \equiv A^0$):

$$\mathcal{S} = \int \left[-\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} \right] = \int \left[\frac{1}{2} E^2 - \frac{1}{2} B^2 \right]$$
$$\vec{E} = -\partial_t \vec{A} - \vec{\nabla} \sigma$$

equation of motion for \vec{E} -field: $-\nabla^2 \sigma - \partial_t \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A} = -\rho$

Coulomb gauge, $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A} = 0 \rightarrow$ constraint equation for σ .

\Rightarrow charges and fields are closely related in Coulomb gauge

Gauß' law is especially prominent

QCD: color confinement needs charge conservation/Gauß' law,
we have fields...

1st order formalism

Consider the functional integral

$$Z = \int \mathcal{D}\Phi \exp \{i\mathcal{S}_{YM}\}$$

where \mathcal{S}_{YM} is invariant under gauge transforms:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{S}_{YM} &= \int \left[-\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu}^a F^{a\mu\nu} \right] = \int \left[\frac{1}{2} E^2 - \frac{1}{2} B^2 \right] \\ \vec{E}^a &= -\partial_t \vec{A}^a - \vec{D}^{ac} \sigma^c \quad \left(\vec{D}^{ac} = \delta^{ac} \vec{\nabla} - g f^{abc} \vec{A}^b \right) \end{aligned}$$

Avoid zero modes by fixing the (Coulomb) gauge:

$$Z \rightarrow \int \mathcal{D}\Phi \det \left[-\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{D} \right] \delta(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A}) \exp \{i\mathcal{S}_{YM}\}$$

1st order formalism

Introduce ‘momentum conjugate’ field $\vec{\pi}^a$:

$$\exp \left\{ i \int \frac{1}{2} E^2 \right\} = \int \mathcal{D}\pi \exp \left\{ i \int \left[-\frac{1}{2} \pi^2 - \vec{\pi}^a \cdot \vec{E}^a \right] \right\}$$

E^2 has 4-point interactions, $\vec{\pi} \cdot \vec{E}$ has only 3-point interactions.

\Rightarrow 1st order formalism may be ‘simpler’.

\Rightarrow action is linear in σ .

Decompose $\vec{\pi}$ into transverse ($\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{\pi} = 0$) and longitudinal ($\vec{\nabla} \phi$) parts...

1st order formalism

Implement integration over σ -field as δ -functional:

$$\delta(-\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{D}^{ab} \phi^b - g f^{ade} \vec{A}^d \cdot \vec{\pi}^e), \quad (\text{Gau\ss}' \text{ law})$$

define inverse Faddeev-Popov operator: $-\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{D}^{ab} M^{bc} = \delta^{ac}$

$$= \det \left[-\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{D} \right]^{-1} \delta(\phi^a - M^{ac} g f^{cde} \vec{A}^d \cdot \vec{\pi}^e)$$

Inverse determinant cancels ghost sector!

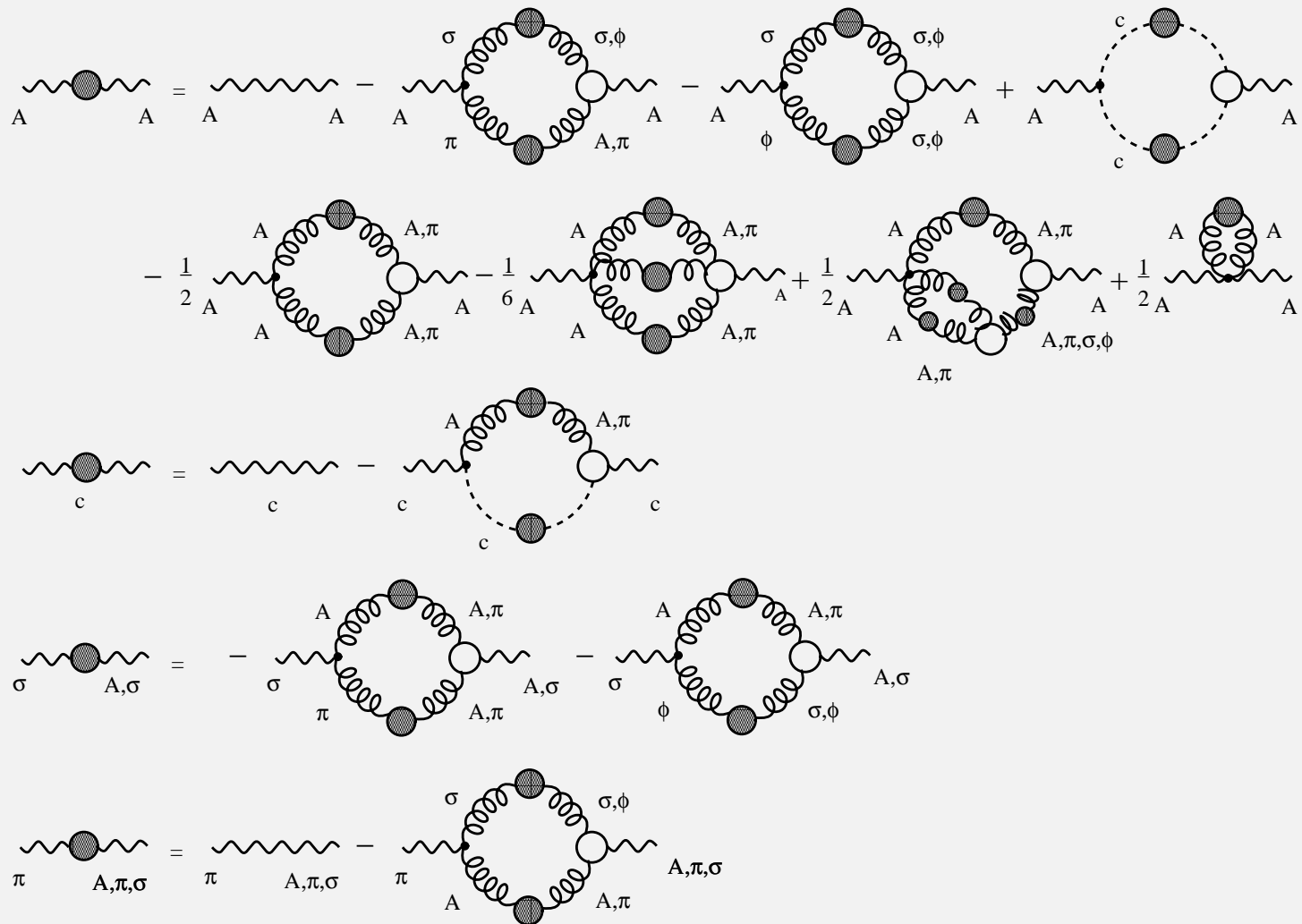
$$Z = \int \mathcal{D}\Phi \delta(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A}) \delta(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{\pi}) \exp \{i\mathcal{S}_B + i\mathcal{S}\}$$

$$\mathcal{S} \sim \int \left[-\frac{1}{2} \pi^2 - \frac{1}{2} (\vec{A} \cdot \vec{\pi}) M(-\nabla^2) M (\vec{A} \cdot \vec{\pi}) + \vec{\pi} \cdot \partial_t \vec{A} \right]$$

1st order formalism

- 1st order formalism formally reduces to ‘physical’ (transverse) degrees of freedom
- Gauß’ law gets rid of the ghosts!
- BUT: we need a local theory
 - in practise, the above is still not obvious

DSe's (1st order formalism)



Perturbation theory

In Coulomb gauge,

$$D_{AA}(k) \sim \left[\delta_{ij} - \frac{k_i k_j}{\vec{k}^2} \right] \frac{1}{(k_0^2 - \vec{k}^2)}$$

and this gives rise to (nasty) Euclidean loop integrals of the form

$$I(k_4^2, \vec{k}^2) = \int \frac{\vec{d}\omega \omega_4}{\omega^2 (k - \omega)^2 \vec{\omega}^2}.$$

We need a new technique!

Differential equations and integration by parts

Notice that everything is a function of energy *and* momentum, unlike covariant gauges.

Perturbation theory

Solution with $x = k_4^2$, $y = \vec{k}^2$, $z = x/y$:

$$I(x, y) = k_4 \frac{(x + y)^{-1-\varepsilon}}{(4\pi)^{2-\varepsilon}} (1 + z) f(z)$$

$$f(z) = 4 \ln 2 \frac{\arctan(\sqrt{z})}{\sqrt{z}} - \int_0^1 \frac{dt \ln(1 + zt)}{\sqrt{t}(1 + zt)}$$

(integral is dilogarithmic)

- first part of integral is standard $\ln(k^2)/k^2$
- rest is some (finite) function of z
- singularities at $z = -1$ (*not* $z = 0$)

Perturbation theory

Results:

with $g(z) = 2 \ln 2 - \ln(1 + z)$

$$D_{AA}(x, y) \sim 1 + \frac{g^2 N_c}{(4\pi)^{2-\varepsilon}} \left\{ \left[\frac{1}{\varepsilon} - \gamma - \ln \left(\frac{x+y}{\mu} \right) \right] - \frac{64}{9} + 3z \right. \\ \left. + \left[-\frac{1}{2z} + \frac{14}{3} - \frac{3}{2}z \right] g(z) + \left[\frac{1}{4z} - \frac{1}{4} + \frac{11}{4}z - \frac{3}{4}z^2 \right] f(z) \right\}$$
$$D_{\sigma\sigma}(x, y) \sim \dots$$

Features:

- Explicit non-covariance, sometimes even for $1/\varepsilon$.
- Singularity at $z = -1$ (light-cone) only.
- $g^2 D_{AA} D_c^2$ and $g^2 D_{\sigma\sigma}$ renormalisation group invariant.
- 1st and 2nd order formalism results obtained.

Slavnov-Taylor identities*

Action is invariant under a Gauß-BRST transform
– a *time-dependent* BRS transform:

$$\theta_x^a = c_x^a \delta \lambda_t.$$

– timescale t serves to inject energy q_0 into the identities!

NB*: 2nd order formalism here

Slavnov-Taylor identities

After some work, for the 2-point functions...

$$k_0 \Gamma_{\sigma\sigma}(k_0, \vec{k}) = i \frac{k_i}{\vec{k}^2} \Gamma_{\sigma A_i}(k_0, \vec{k}) \Gamma_c(q_0 + k_0, \vec{k})$$

$$k_0 \Gamma_{A\sigma k}(k_0, \vec{k}) = i \frac{k_i}{\vec{k}^2} \Gamma_{AAki}(k_0, \vec{k}) \Gamma_c(q_0 + k_0, \vec{k})$$

- gluon polarization is not transverse (even at tree-level)
- inverse ghost propagator independent of energy
- σ Green's functions known in terms of others
 - (local) elimination of σ -field (Gauß' law)!
- G.I. \leftrightarrow STid \leftrightarrow Gauß' law \leftrightarrow charge cons. \leftrightarrow Kugo-Ojima
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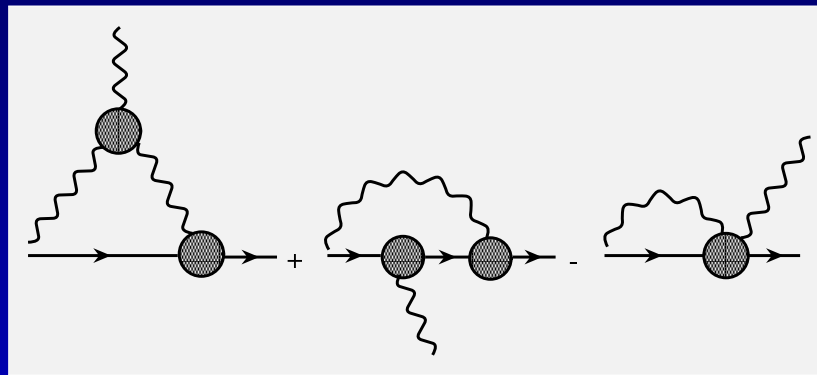
Slavnov-Taylor identities

After some more work, for the 3-point functions...

$$k_0 \Gamma_{XY\sigma} + k_i \Gamma_{XYA_i} \sim \Gamma_{XY} \tilde{\Gamma}_{\text{nasty}}$$

where $\tilde{\Gamma}_{\text{nasty}}$ is familiar from covariant gauges:

$\tilde{\Gamma}_{\text{nasty}} \sim$



neglecting ghosts, STid's can be solved for $\Gamma_{XY\sigma}$ (IR approx?)

NB. No 'transverse' part because energy is scalar – noncovariance is good for this!

Slavnov-Taylor identities

It turns out though...

$$\tilde{\Gamma}_{\text{nasty}} \sim F(\Gamma_{\bar{c}c\sigma}, \Gamma_{\bar{c}cA\sigma}, \Gamma_{\bar{c}c\sigma\sigma}, \dots)$$

$$\Gamma_{\bar{c}c\sigma} \sim F(\Gamma_{\bar{c}c\sigma}, \dots)$$

$$\Gamma_{\bar{c}cX\sigma} \sim F(\Gamma_{\bar{c}c\sigma}, \Gamma_{\bar{c}cA\sigma}, \Gamma_{\bar{c}c\sigma\sigma}, \Gamma_{\bar{c}c\bar{c}c\sigma}, \dots)$$

$$\Gamma_{\bar{c}c\bar{c}c\sigma} \sim F(\Gamma_{\bar{c}c\bar{c}c\sigma}, \dots)$$

can solve STid's for σ -functions without truncation because the system of equations closes!

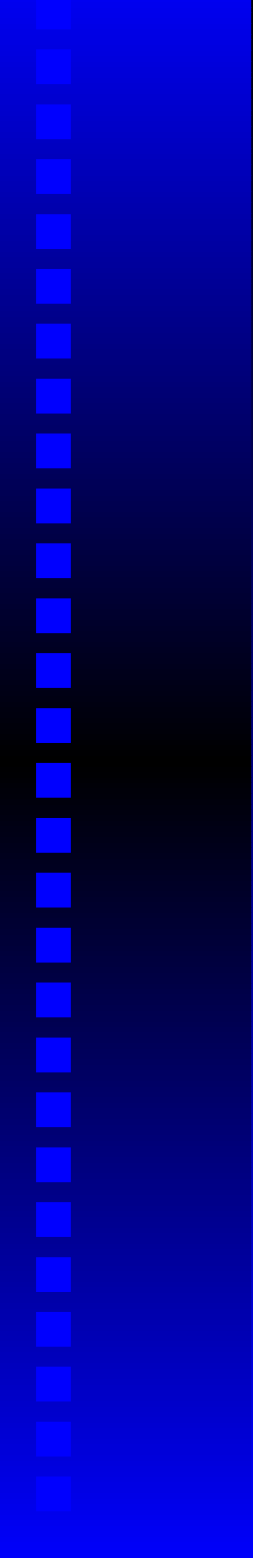
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Slavnov-Taylor identities

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- STid's more powerful than Landau gauge
 - given (spatial) A and ghost function ansätze, can 'solve' STid's to get correct charges!
- STid's are the key to showing how the formal aspects of Coulomb gauge are realised in practise!

Summary and conclusions

- Coulomb gauge has great potential in understanding confinement
- there are significant technical issues to be overcome...
- ...and we're beginning to sort them out
- STid's hold the key to releasing the potential (or maybe even confining the potential)



Differential equation technique

First notice that:

$$k_4 \frac{\partial I}{\partial k_4} = \int \frac{\bar{d}\omega \omega_4}{\omega^2 (k - \omega)^2 \vec{\omega}^2} \left\{ -2 \frac{k_4 (k_4 - \omega_4)}{(k - \omega)^2} \right\}$$
$$k_i \frac{\partial I}{\partial k_i} = \int \frac{\bar{d}\omega \omega_4}{\omega^2 (k - \omega)^2 \vec{\omega}^2} \left\{ -2 \frac{\vec{k} \cdot (\vec{k} - \vec{\omega})}{(k - \omega)^2} \right\}$$

and use integration by parts [IBP] identities:

$$0 = \int \bar{d}\omega \frac{\partial}{\partial \omega_4} \frac{\omega_4^2}{\omega^2 (k - \omega)^2 \vec{\omega}^2}$$
$$0 = \int \bar{d}\omega \frac{\partial}{\partial \omega_i} \frac{\omega_i \omega_4}{\omega^2 (k - \omega)^2 \vec{\omega}^2}$$

Differential equation technique

Eventually...

$$k_4 \frac{\partial I}{\partial k_4} = \left[2(d-3) \frac{\vec{k}^2}{k^2} \right] I + 2 \frac{\vec{k}^2}{k^2} \int \frac{\vec{d}\omega \omega_4}{(k-\omega)^4 \vec{\omega}^2} - 2 \int \frac{\vec{d}\omega \omega_4}{(k-\omega)^4 \omega^4} [(k-\omega)^2 + \omega^2]$$

$$k_i \frac{\partial I}{\partial k_i} = -k_4 \frac{\partial I}{\partial k_4} + (d-4)I$$

- integrals can be done using standard techniques
- partial differential equations reduce with $I = FG$:
 F solves homogeneous problem, G the rest
- (boundary conditions are trivial)...

