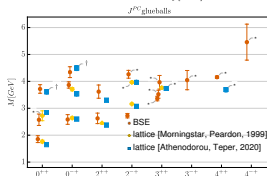
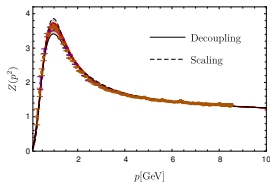
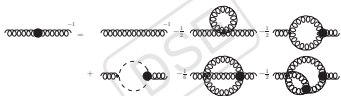


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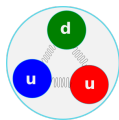
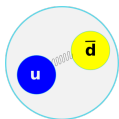
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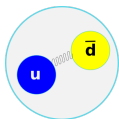
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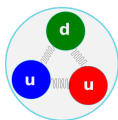
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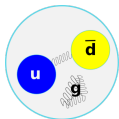
Pentaquarks

First observations 2015 (LHCb)



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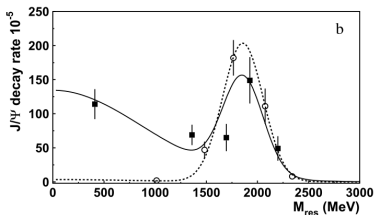
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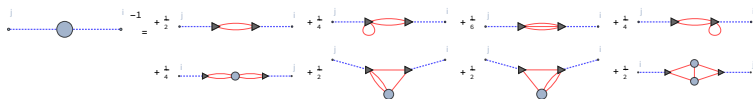
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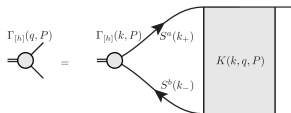
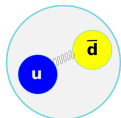
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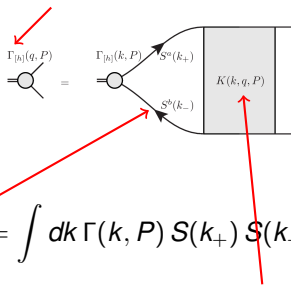
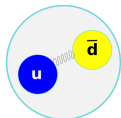


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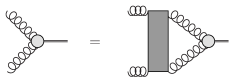
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
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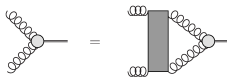
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
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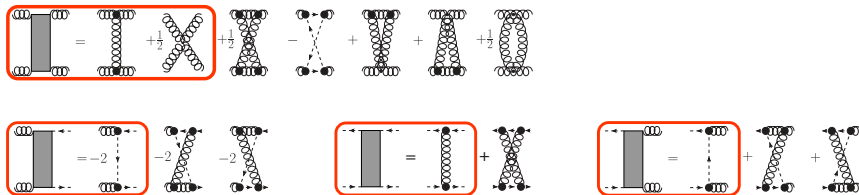
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
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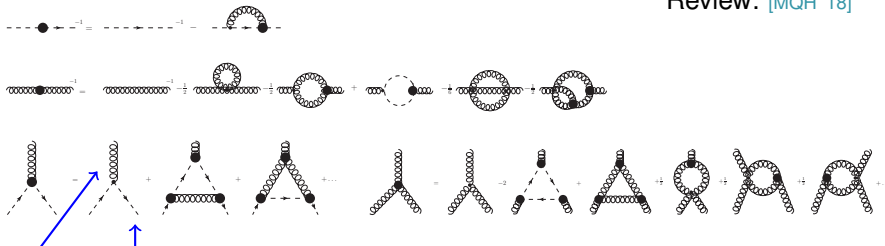


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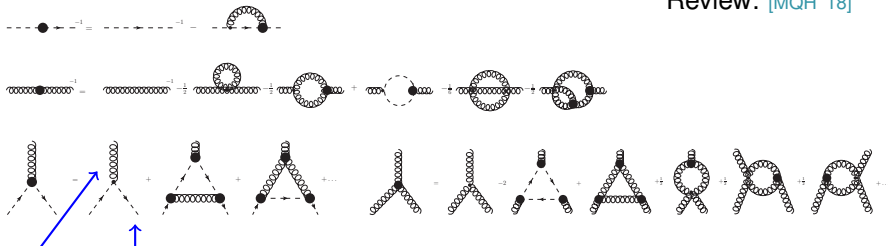


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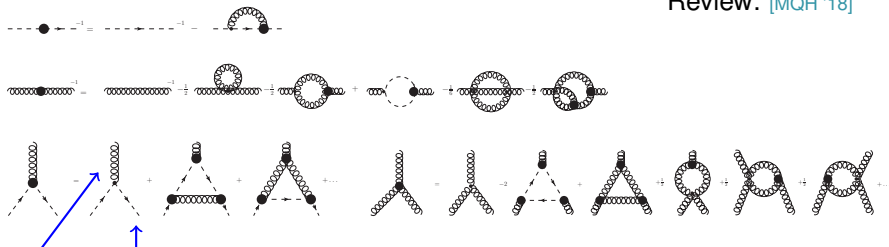
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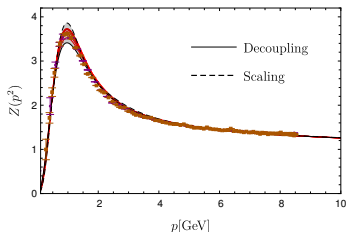
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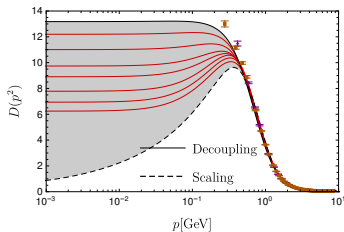
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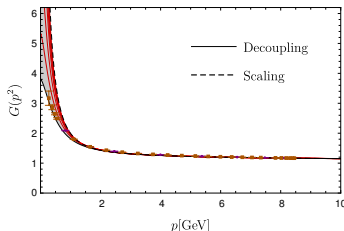


- Family of solutions:  
Nonperturbative completions of Landau gauge [Maas '10]?
- Realized by condition on  $G(0)$   
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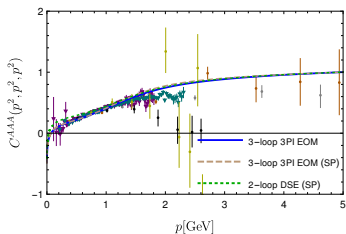


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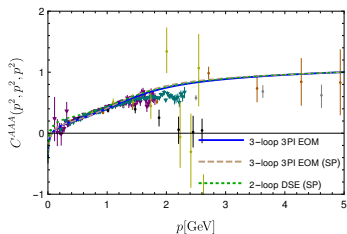


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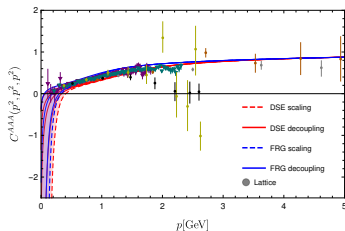
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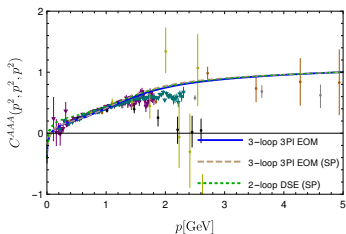
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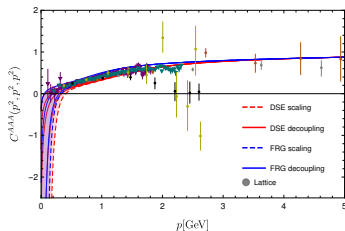
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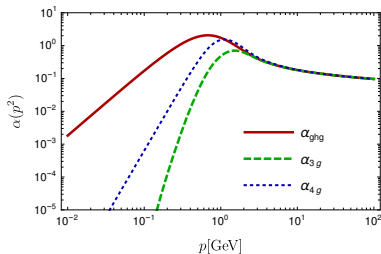
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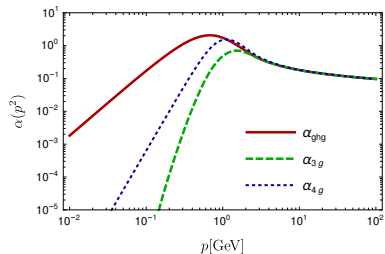
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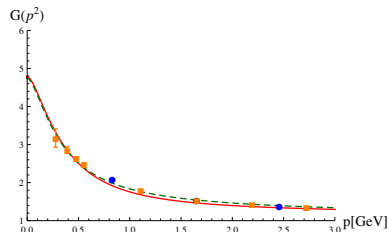
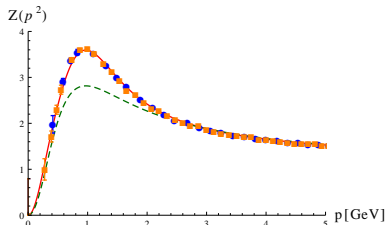


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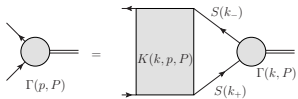


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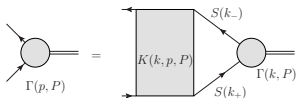


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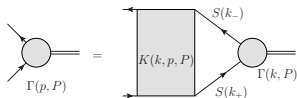


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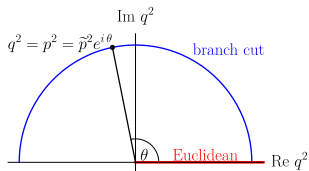
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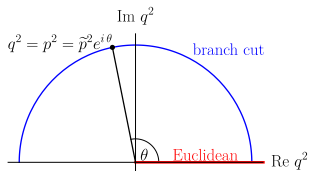
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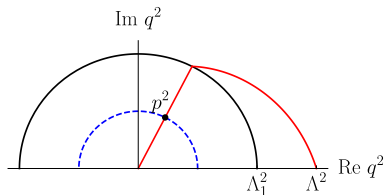
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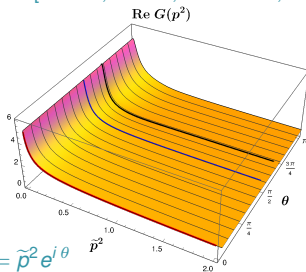
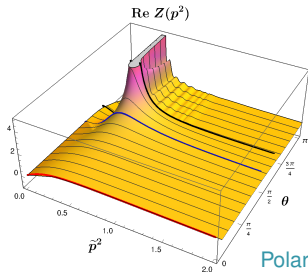
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# Landau gauge propagators in the complex plane

Ray technique for self-consistent solution of a DSE:

[Strauss, Fischer, Kellermann; Fischer, MQH '20].



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[Fischer, MQH '20]

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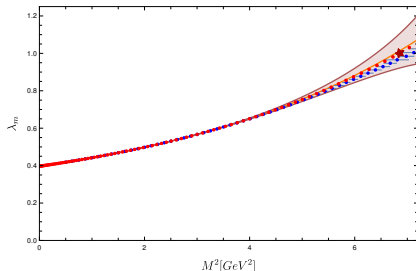
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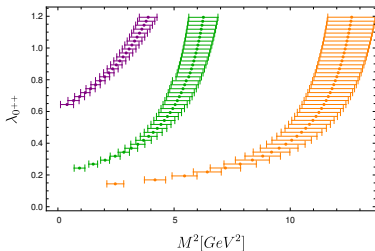
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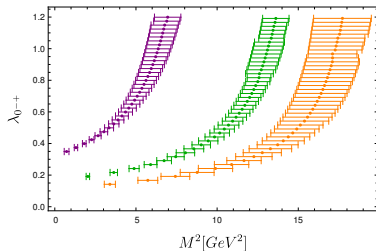
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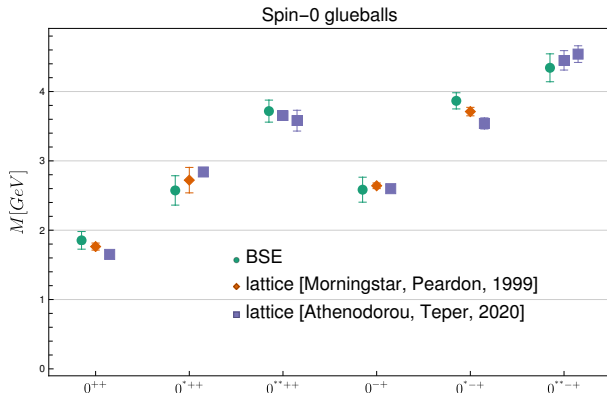


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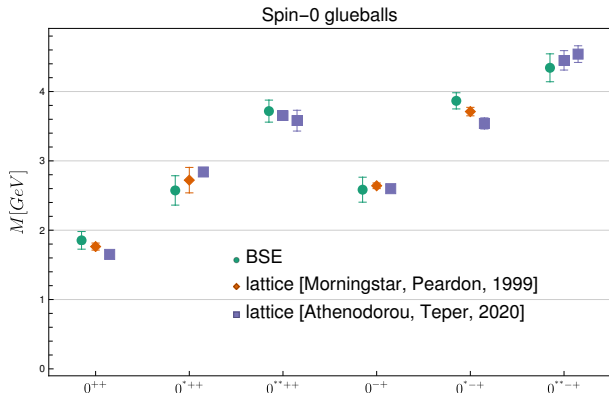
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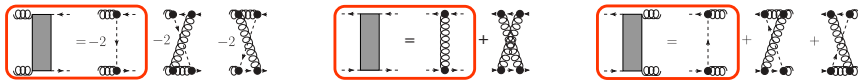
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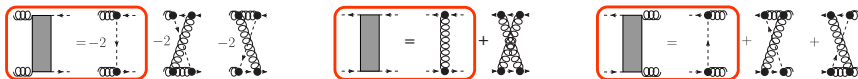
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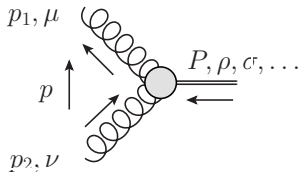
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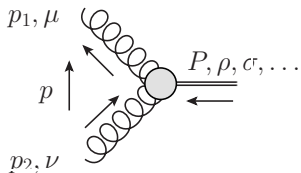


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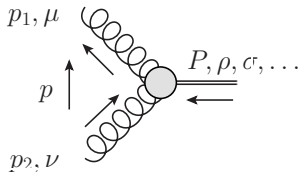


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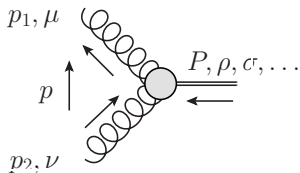


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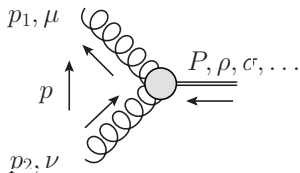


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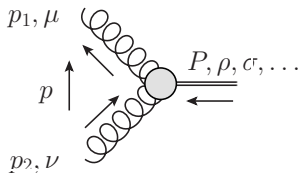
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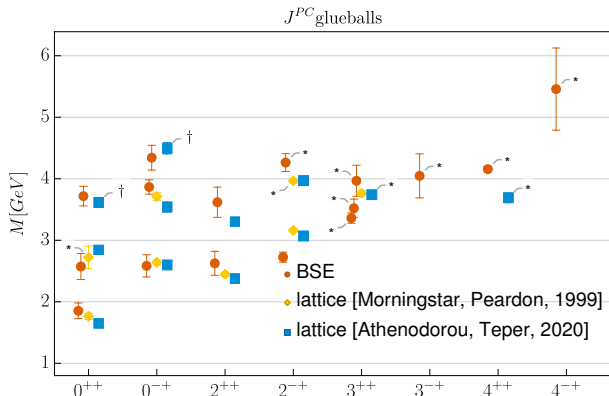
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where

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

Color neutral operator with two gluon fields:

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$$\Rightarrow C = +1$$

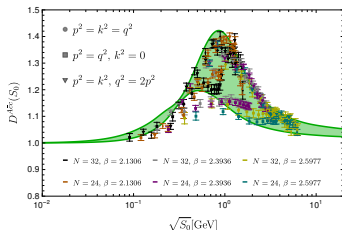
Negative charge parity, e.g.:

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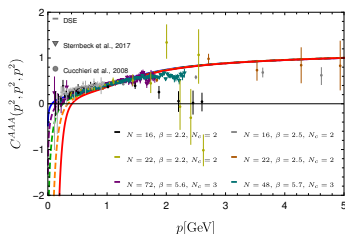
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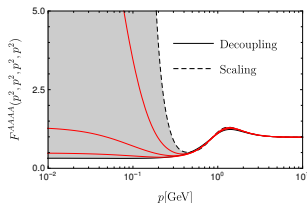
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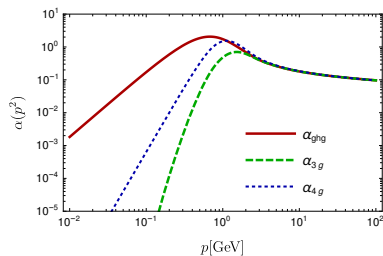


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