

Nonperturbative structure of the three-gluon vertex

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Motivation

- ✓ Determine the nonperturbative structure of *three-gluon vertex* is essential for the understanding the gluon mass generation.



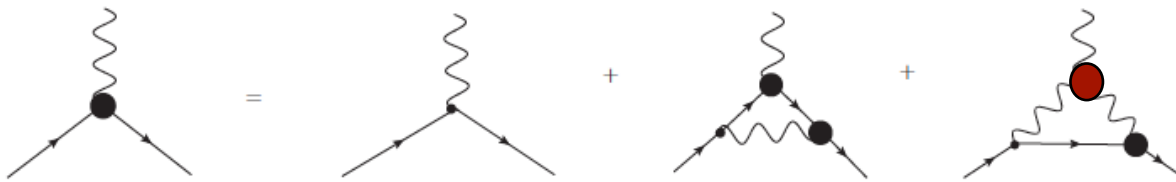
Key ingredient of the BSE for massless poles, crucial for the dynamical gluon mass generation

$$= g f^{abc} \Pi_{\alpha\mu\nu}(q, r, p)$$

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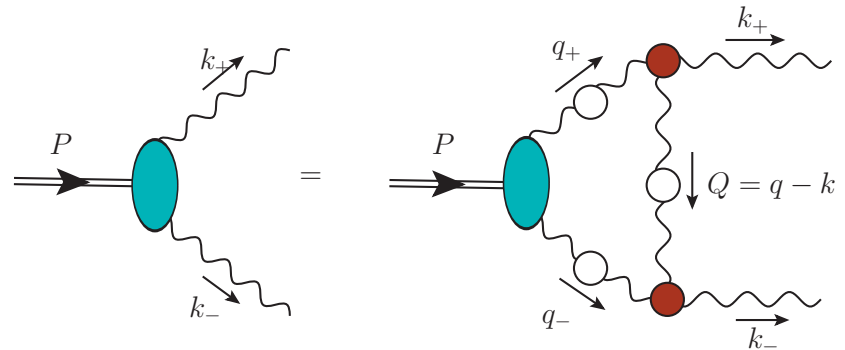
✓ *Not only that, it appears in the nonperturbative skeleton expansion of others vertices (as the quark-gluon vertex), effective potential, BSE for the glueballs, hybrids etc.*



Quark-gluon vertex

$$\Omega_{2PI} = \frac{1}{6} \text{[diagram 1]} - \frac{1}{12} \text{[diagram 2]} + \frac{1}{8} \text{[diagram 3]}$$

Effective potential



glueball

Strong evidences of IR suppression

- ✓ Suppression with respect to its tree-value.
- ✓ In the previous examples, *it is crucial to use* a model for the three-gluon vertex, $f_{3g}(q^2)$, which displays an IR suppression for a particular kinematic configuration \rightarrow (symmetric).

$$f_{3g}(q^2) = 1 - \exp(-q^2/\omega_{3g}^2)$$

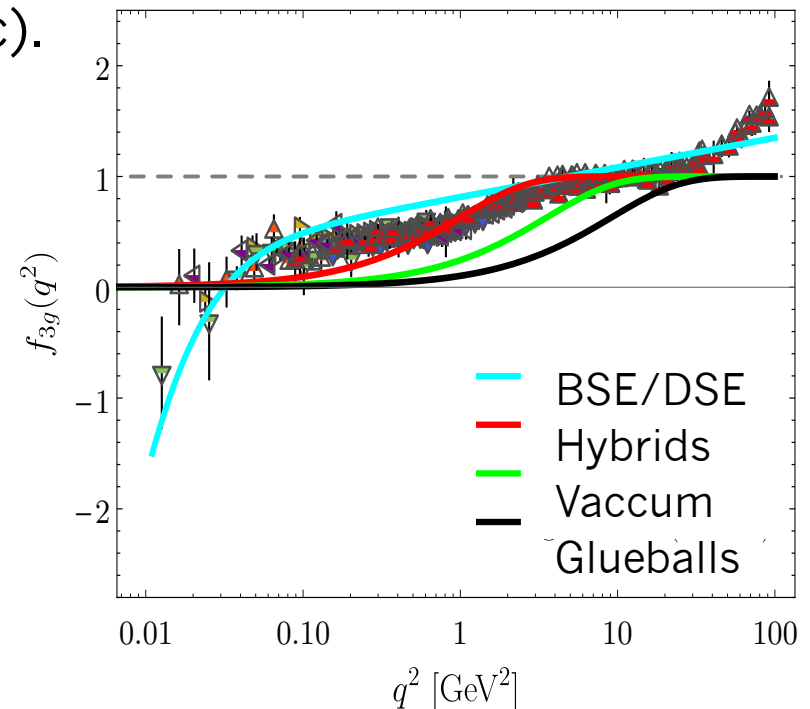
- ✓ Lattice also seems this suppression!

Lattice:

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A. G. Duarte, O. Oliveira and P.J.Silva, Phys. Rev. D94, 074502 (2016)

Hybrids:

S.S.Xu, Z.F.Cui, L.Chang, J.Papavassiliou, C.D.Roberts and H.S.Zong arXiv:1805.06430 [nucl-th].



Variations in the value of ω_{3g}
 \rightarrow most likely each equation probes a different kinematics

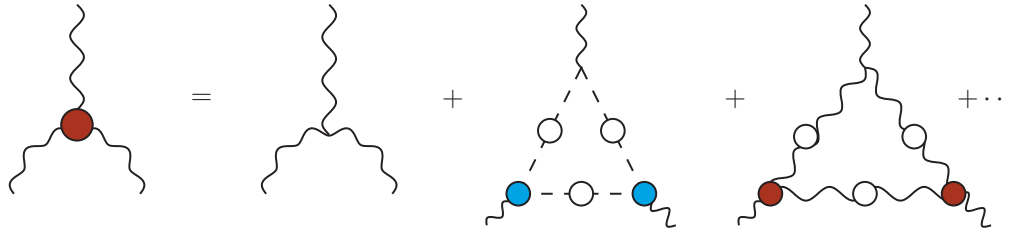
What is the origin of the IR suppression?

- It is the outcome of the competition between the IR contributions originating from diagrams containing “massless” ghosts diagrams containing “massive” gluons”

massless ghost propagators



log-divergences in the infrared



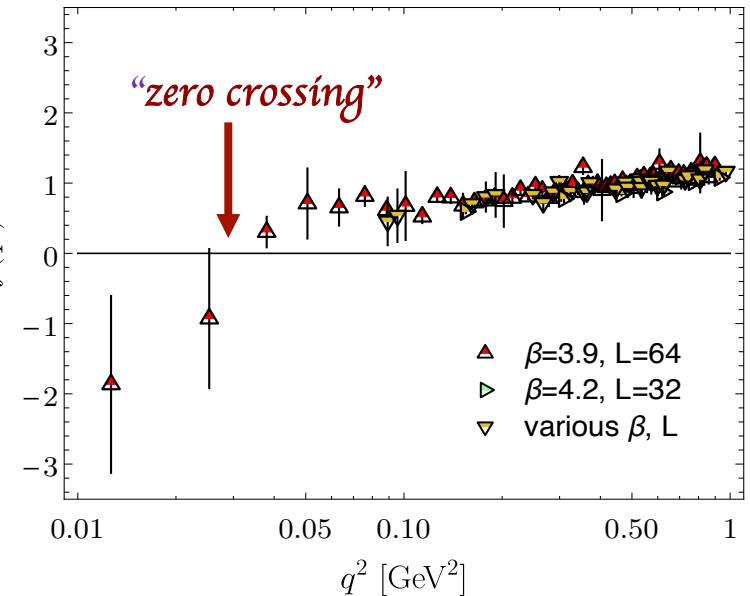
Symmetric point:
 $q^2 = p^2 = r^2$

$$f(q^2) = a \left[1 + \underbrace{b \ln \left(\frac{q^2}{\mu^2} \right)}_{\text{massless loops}} + \underbrace{c \ln \left(\frac{q^2 + m^2}{\mu^2} \right)}_{\text{massive loops}} \right]$$

massless loops
IR unprotected log

massive loops
IR protected log

$$f(0) \rightarrow -\infty$$



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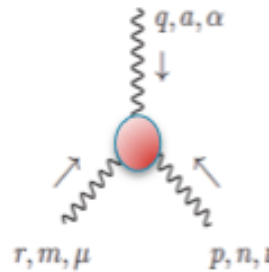
- Despite its physical importance, its nonperturbative behavior is still only partially known, mainly due to a variety of serious technical difficulties

1. *Rich tensorial structure* leads to a proliferation of form factors:

- ✓ 10 non-transverse tensors – constrained by STI
- ✓ 4 transverse tensors **J. S. Ball and T. W. Chiu**, Phys. Rev. D 22, 2550 (1980)

2. Form factors *depend on three kinematic variables*

- ✓ The moduli of two momenta, q, r and their relative angle θ .

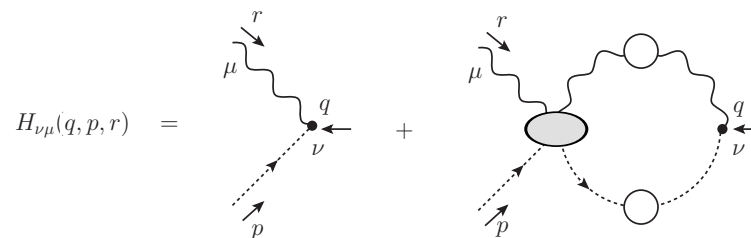


3. *Satisfies STIs instead of simple QED-like WIs* → contribution of the ghost sector → *gluon-ghost scattering kernel*.

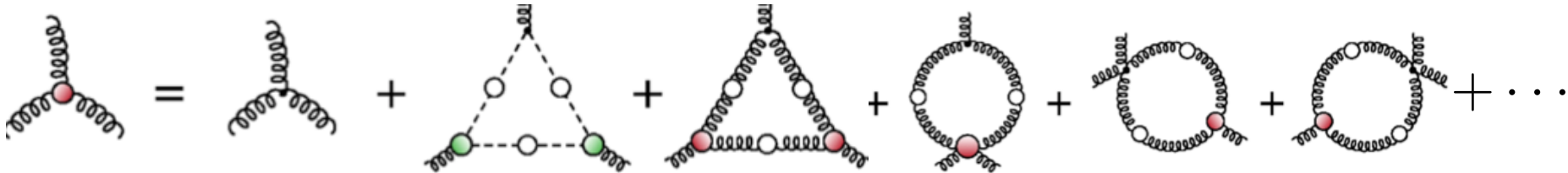
$$q^\alpha \Pi_{\alpha\mu\nu}(q, r, p) = F(q) [\Delta^{-1}(p) P_\nu^\alpha(p) H_{\alpha\mu}(p, q, r) - \Delta^{-1}(r) P_\mu^\alpha(r) H_{\alpha\nu}(r, q, p)]$$

$$D(q^2) = \frac{iF(q^2)}{q^2}$$

Ghost dressing function



🎯 *Conventional approach*: Solve the SDE for the three-gluon vertex

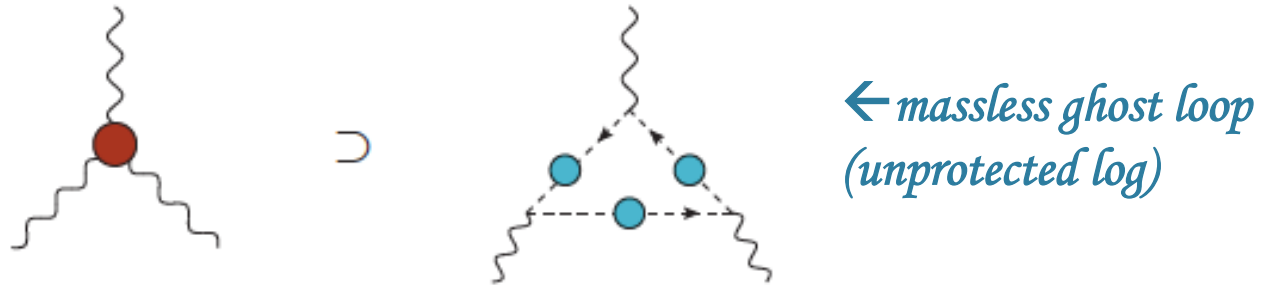


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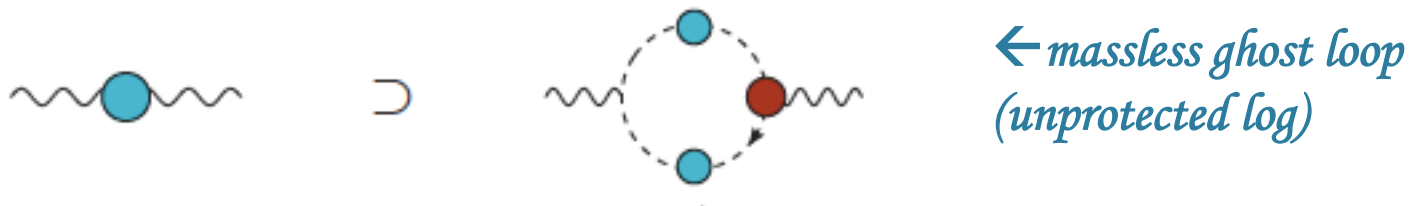
🎯 Instead, we reconstruct $\Gamma_{\alpha\mu\nu}$ from its

Slavnov-Taylor identity (STI)

✓ Notice that in the three-gluon vertex, $\Pi_{\alpha\mu\nu}$, we have

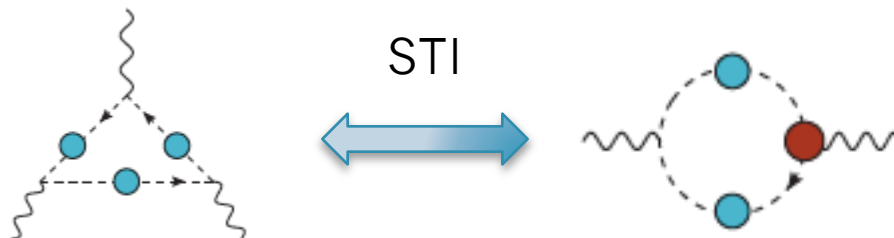


whereas in the gluon propagator, $\Delta(q^2)$



✓ Therefore the STI connects

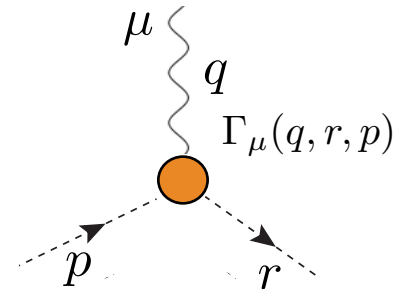
$$q^\alpha \Pi_{\alpha\mu\nu}(q, r, p) = F(q) [\Delta^{-1}(p) P_\nu^\alpha(p) H_{\alpha\mu}(p, q, r) - \Delta^{-1}(r) P_\mu^\alpha(r) H_{\alpha\nu}(r, q, p)]$$



A sophisticated version of the gauge technique

- Prototype: Three-particle vertex of scalar QED
- It satisfies the Ward-Takahashi identity

$$q^\mu \Gamma_\mu(q, r, p) = \mathcal{D}^{-1}(p^2) - \mathcal{D}^{-1}(r^2)$$



write the vertex as $\Gamma_\mu(q, r, p) = \underbrace{\Gamma_\mu^L(q, r, p)}_{\text{“longitudinal”}} + \underbrace{\Gamma_\mu^T(q, r, p)}_{\text{“transverse”}}$

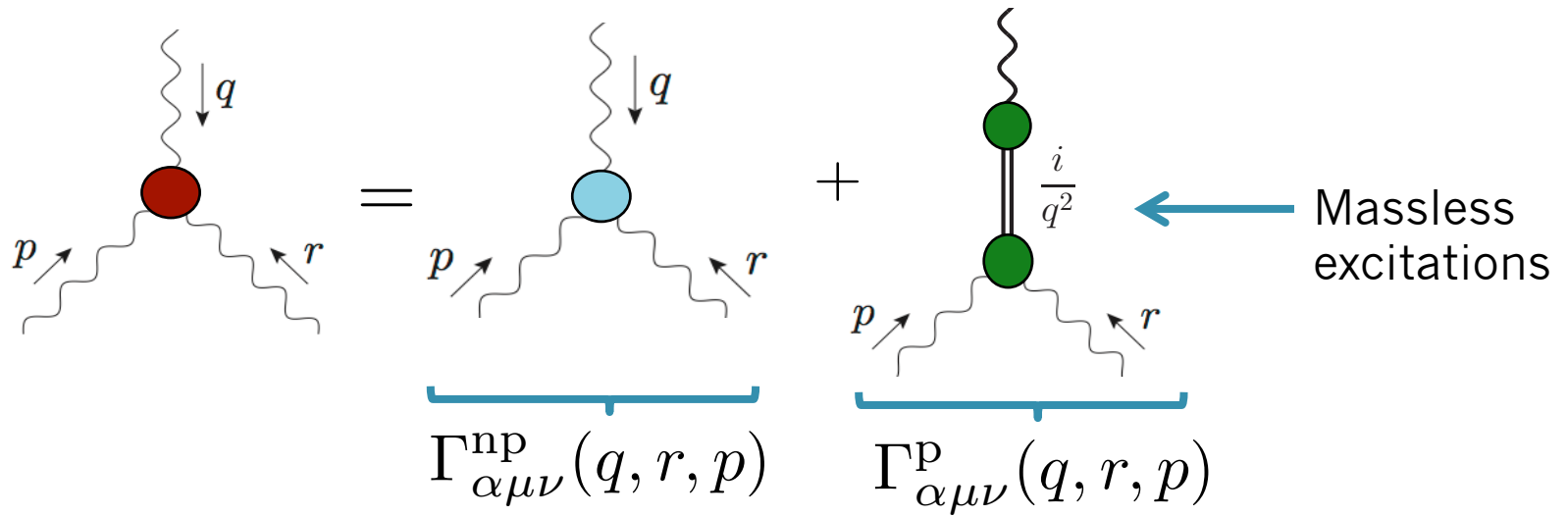
- The longitudinal piece satisfies the WTI

$$\Gamma_\mu^L(q, r, p) = \frac{(r - p)_\mu}{p^2 - r^2} [\mathcal{D}^{-1}(p^2) - \mathcal{D}^{-1}(r^2)]$$

while the transversal part is automatically conserved

$$q^\mu \Gamma_\mu^T(q, r, p) = 0 \quad \rightarrow \textit{undertermined}$$

But non-perturbative aspects make the construction rather subtle



$$\Pi_{\alpha\mu\nu}(q, r, p) = \Gamma_{\alpha\mu\nu}^{\text{NP}}(q, r, p) + \Gamma_{\alpha\mu\nu}^{\text{P}}(q, r, p)$$

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



Piece-wise realization of the STI

$$q^\alpha \Pi_{\alpha\mu\nu}(q, r, p) = F(q) [\Delta^{-1}(p) P_\nu^\alpha(p) H_{\alpha\mu}(p, q, r) - \Delta^{-1}(r) P_\mu^\alpha(r) H_{\alpha\nu}(r, q, p)]$$



Turn off ghost sector
 $F(q) = 1; \quad H_{\alpha\mu} = g_{\alpha\mu}$

$$q^\alpha \Pi_{\alpha\mu\nu}(q, r, p) = [\Delta^{-1}(p) P_{\mu\nu}(p) - \Delta^{-1}(r) P_{\mu\nu}(r)]$$

$$\Pi_{\alpha\mu\nu}(q, r, p) = \Gamma_{\alpha\mu\nu}^{\text{NP}}(q, r, p) + \Gamma_{\alpha\mu\nu}^{\text{P}}(q, r, p)$$

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

The sum
 recovers the
 original STI

Piece-wise realization :

$$q^\alpha \Gamma_{\alpha\mu\nu}^{\text{NP}}(q, r, p) = [p^2 J(p^2) P_{\mu\nu}(p) - r^2 J(r^2) P_{\mu\nu}(r)]$$

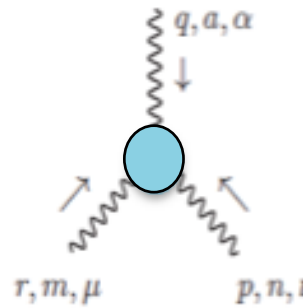
$$q^\alpha \Gamma_{\alpha\mu\nu}^{\text{P}}(q, r, p) = [m^2(p^2) P_{\mu\nu}(p) - m^2(r^2) P_{\mu\nu}(r)]$$

$$P_{\alpha\alpha'}(q) P_{\mu\mu'}(r) P_{\nu\nu'}(p) \Gamma_{\alpha\mu\nu}^{\text{P}}(q, r, p) = 0$$



Drops out from observables

Constructing the three-gluon vertex



- The most general decomposition of the full three-gluon vertex has 14 tensorial structures.
- It can be separated in “longitudinal” and “transverse” part

$$\Gamma_{\alpha\mu\nu}^{\text{NP}}(q, r, p) = \Gamma_{\alpha\mu\nu}^{\text{L}}(q, r, p) + \Gamma_{\alpha\mu\nu}^{\text{T}}(q, r, p)$$

- ✓ The transverse part (4 tensorial structures) is automatically conserved:

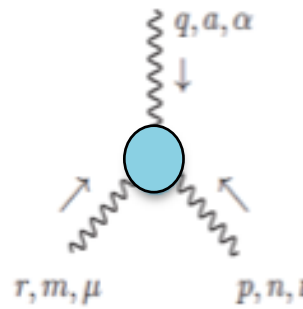
$$q^\alpha \Gamma_{\alpha\mu\nu}^{\text{T}}(q, r, p) = 0, \quad r^\mu \Gamma_{\alpha\mu\nu}^{\text{T}}(q, r, p) = 0, \quad p^\nu \Gamma_{\alpha\mu\nu}^{\text{T}}(q, r, p) = 0$$

- ✓ While the 10 “longitudinal” structures saturate the STI:

$$q^\alpha \Gamma_{\alpha\mu\nu}^{\text{L}}(q, r, p) = F(q) [p^2 J(p^2) P_\nu^\alpha(p) H_{\alpha\mu}(p, q, r) - r^2 J(r^2) P_\mu^\alpha(r) H_{\alpha\nu}(r, q, p)]$$

Tensorial basis

- The most general Lorentz decomposition of the non-transverse part in the Ball-Chiu basis is



$$\Gamma_L^{\alpha\mu\nu}(q, r, p) = \sum_{i=1}^{10} X_i(q, r, p) \ell_i^{\alpha\mu\nu}$$

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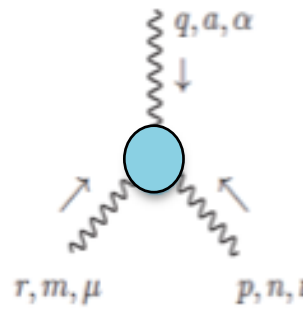
where the tensors

$$\begin{aligned} \ell_{\alpha\mu\nu}^1 &= (q - r)_\nu g_{\alpha\mu}, & \ell_{\alpha\mu\nu}^2 &= -p_\nu g_{\alpha\mu}, & \ell_{\alpha\mu\nu}^3 &= (q - r)_\nu [q_\mu r_\alpha - (q \cdot r) g_{\alpha\mu}], \\ \ell_{\alpha\mu\nu}^4 &= (r - p)_\alpha g_{\mu\nu}, & \ell_{\alpha\mu\nu}^5 &= -q_\alpha g_{\mu\nu}, & \ell_{\alpha\mu\nu}^6 &= (r - p)_\alpha [r_\nu p_\mu - (r \cdot p) g_{\mu\nu}], \\ \ell_{\alpha\mu\nu}^7 &= (p - q)_\mu g_{\alpha\nu}, & \ell_{\alpha\mu\nu}^8 &= -r_\mu g_{\alpha\nu}, & \ell_{\alpha\mu\nu}^9 &= (p - q)_\mu [p_\alpha q_\nu - (p \cdot q) g_{\alpha\nu}], \\ \ell_{\alpha\mu\nu}^{10} &= q_\nu r_\alpha p_\mu + q_\mu r_\nu p_\alpha. \end{aligned}$$

- At tree level the form factors reduce to

$$X_1(q, r, p) = 1 \quad X_4(q, r, p) = 1 \quad X_7(q, r, p) = 1 \quad X_i(q, r, p) = 0$$

Bose Symmetry



- Bose symmetry implies that some form factors are related to each other by cyclic permutations of the legs


$$\begin{aligned} X_4(q, r, p) &= X_1(r, p, q), & X_5(q, r, p) &= X_2(r, p, q), & X_6(q, r, p) &= X_3(r, p, q), \\ X_7(q, r, p) &= X_1(p, q, r), & X_8(q, r, p) &= X_2(p, q, r), & X_9(q, r, p) &= X_3(p, q, r), \end{aligned}$$

As consequence, only 4 out of the 10 form factors should be determined $\rightarrow X_1, X_2, X_3$ and X_{10} .

Abelianized solution

- Turn of the ghost sector $\rightarrow F(q) = 1; H_{\alpha\mu} = g_{\alpha\mu}$
- We are “solving”

$$q^\alpha \Gamma_{\alpha\mu\nu}^L(q, r, p) = [p^2 J(p^2) P_{\mu\nu}(p) - r^2 J(r^2) P_{\mu\nu}(r)]$$



$$\Gamma_L^{\alpha\mu\nu}(q, r, p) = \sum_{i=1}^{10} X_i(q, r, p) \ell_i^{\alpha\mu\nu}$$

- Then

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{X}_1(q, r, p) &= \frac{1}{2}[J(r) + J(q)], & \hat{X}_3(q, r, p) &= \frac{[J(q) - J(r)]}{q^2 - r^2}, \\ \hat{X}_2(q, r, p) &= \frac{1}{2}[J(q) - J(r)]. & \hat{X}_{10}(q, r, p) &= 0, \end{aligned}$$

But the full STI has...

The STI solution

...the *gluon-ghost scattering kernel*, H

$$H_{\nu\mu}(q, p, r) =$$

✓ which has the following Lorentz decomposition

$$H_{\nu\mu}(q, p, r) = g_{\mu\nu}A_1 + q_\mu q_\nu A_2 + r_\mu r_\nu A_3 + q_\mu r_\nu A_4 + r_\mu q_\nu A_5,$$

$A_i \equiv A_i(q, p, r)$, \rightarrow form factors (function of two momenta and the angle between them)

✓ At tree level:

$$H_{\nu\mu}^{(0)}(q, p, r) = g_{\mu\nu}, \quad \longrightarrow \quad A_1^{(0)} = 1 \quad A_i^{(0)} = 0, \text{ for } i = 1, 2, 3, 4.$$

The STI solution for $\Gamma_{\alpha\mu\nu}^L(q, r, p)$

- Replacing in the STI the tensorial decompositions for the three-gluon vertex and gluon-ghost scattering kernel

$$H_{\nu\mu}(q, p, r) = g_{\mu\nu}A_1 + q_\mu q_\nu A_2 + r_\mu r_\nu A_3 + q_\mu r_\nu A_4 + r_\mu q_\nu A_5,$$

$$\Gamma_L^{\alpha\mu\nu}(q, r, p) = \sum_{i=1}^{10} X_i(q, r, p) \ell_i^{\alpha\mu\nu}$$



$$q^\alpha \Gamma_{\alpha\mu\nu}^L(q, r, p) = F(q) [p^2 J(p^2) P_\nu^\alpha(p) H_{\alpha\mu}(p, q, r) - r^2 J(r^2) P_\mu^\alpha(r) H_{\alpha\nu}(r, q, p)]$$

We obtain...

- The following expressions for the longitudinal three-gluon form factors

$$X_1(q, r, p) = \frac{1}{4} [2(a_{pqr} + a_{prq}) + p^2(b_{qrp} + b_{rqp}) + 2(q \cdot p d_{prq} + r \cdot p d_{pqr}) + (q^2 - r^2)(b_{rpq} + b_{pqr} - b_{qpr} - b_{prq})],$$

$$X_2(q, r, p) = \dots$$

$$X_3(q, r, p) = \dots$$

$$X_{10}(q, r, p) = \dots$$

where

$$a_{qrp} \equiv F(r)J(p)A_1(p, r, q),$$

$$b_{qrp} \equiv F(r)J(p)A_3(p, r, q),$$

$$d_{qrp} \equiv F(r)J(p)[A_4(p, r, q) - A_3(p, r, q)].$$

The longitudinal form factors may be construct from:

$$J(p), F(r), A_1, A_3 \text{ and } A_4$$

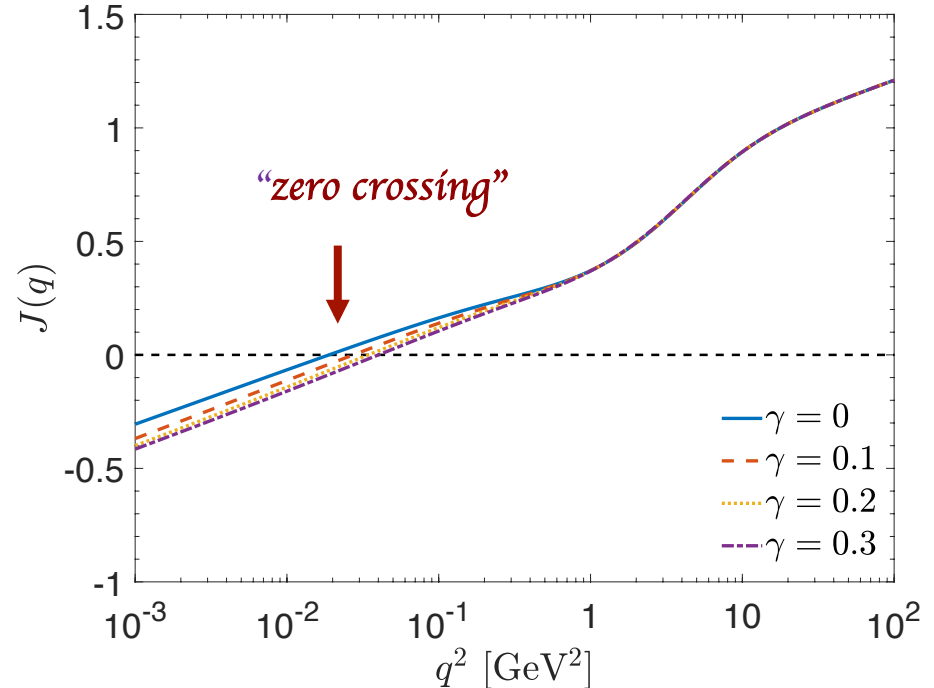
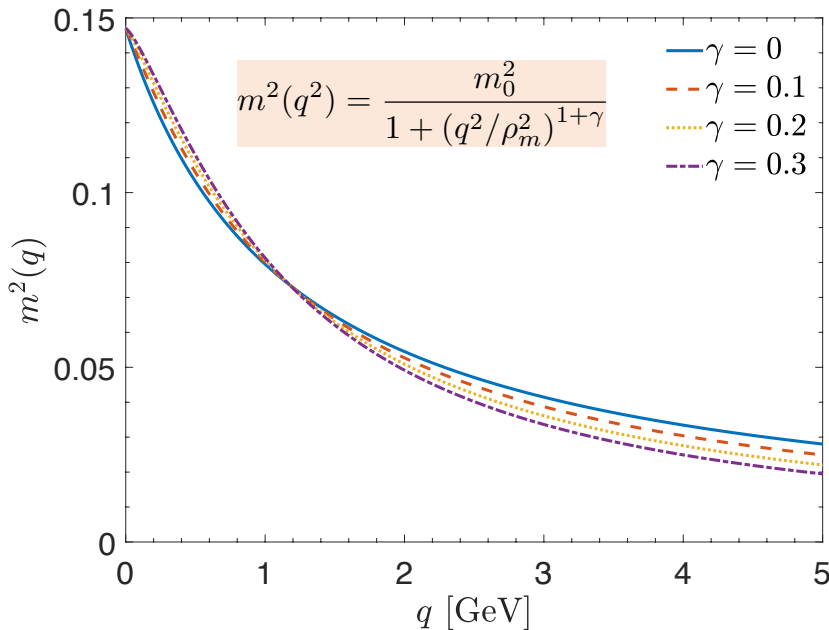
Ingredients

- Solving the dynamical equations for the gluon propagator

$$\Delta_{\mu\nu}^{-1}(q) \approx (\text{wavy})^{-1} + \frac{1}{2} \underbrace{\text{loop}}_{\sim \ln(q^2 + m^2)} + \frac{1}{2} \text{loop} + \underbrace{\text{ghost loop}}_{\sim \ln(q^2)} \rightarrow \text{Ghost loop Creates the zero crossing in } J(q)$$

$$m^2(q^2) = \int_k \mathcal{K}_2(q, k, m^2, J)$$

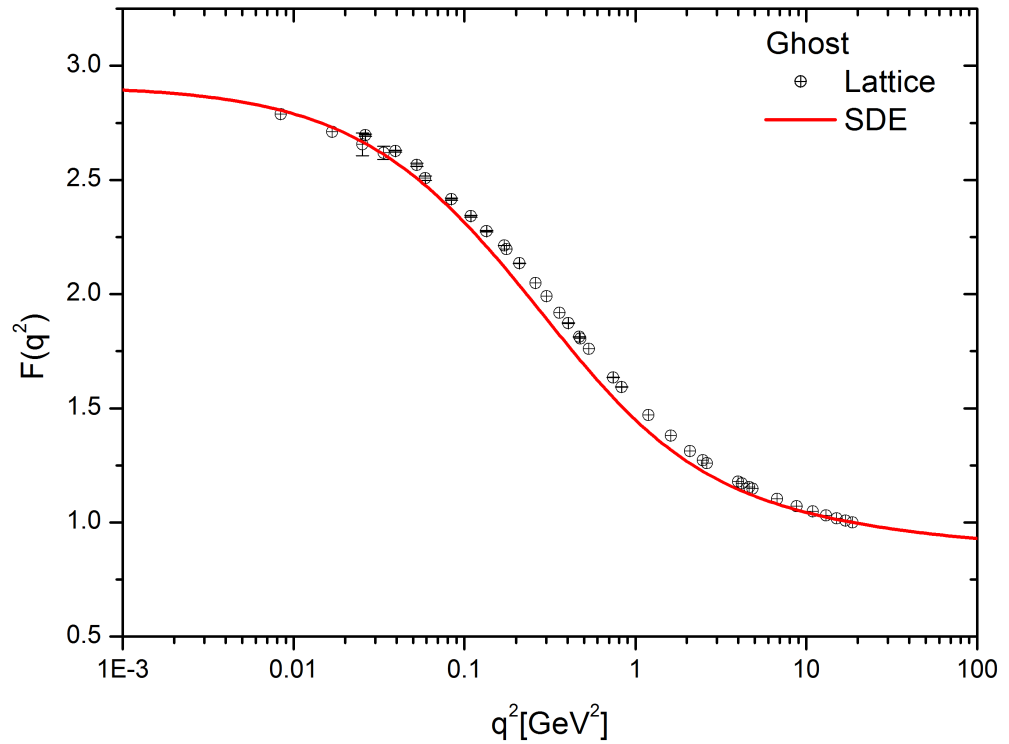
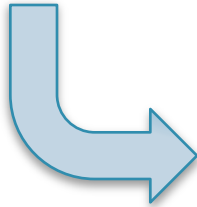
$$J(q^2) = 1 + \int_k \mathcal{K}_1(q, k, m^2, J)$$



Ghost dressing function

$$\left(\text{---} \circ \text{---} \right)^{-1} = \left(\text{---} \text{---} \right)^{-1} + \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---}$$

The diagram illustrates the Dyson-Schwinger equation for the ghost dressing function. On the left, a ghost loop diagram (a circle with two external dashed lines) is labeled with momentum q and its inverse is shown. This is equal to the sum of a tree-level ghost propagator (two external dashed lines) and a ghost loop diagram with a ghost-gluon vertex (a circle with two external dashed lines and a wavy line loop). The loop momentum is k , and the external momenta are q and $k+q$.

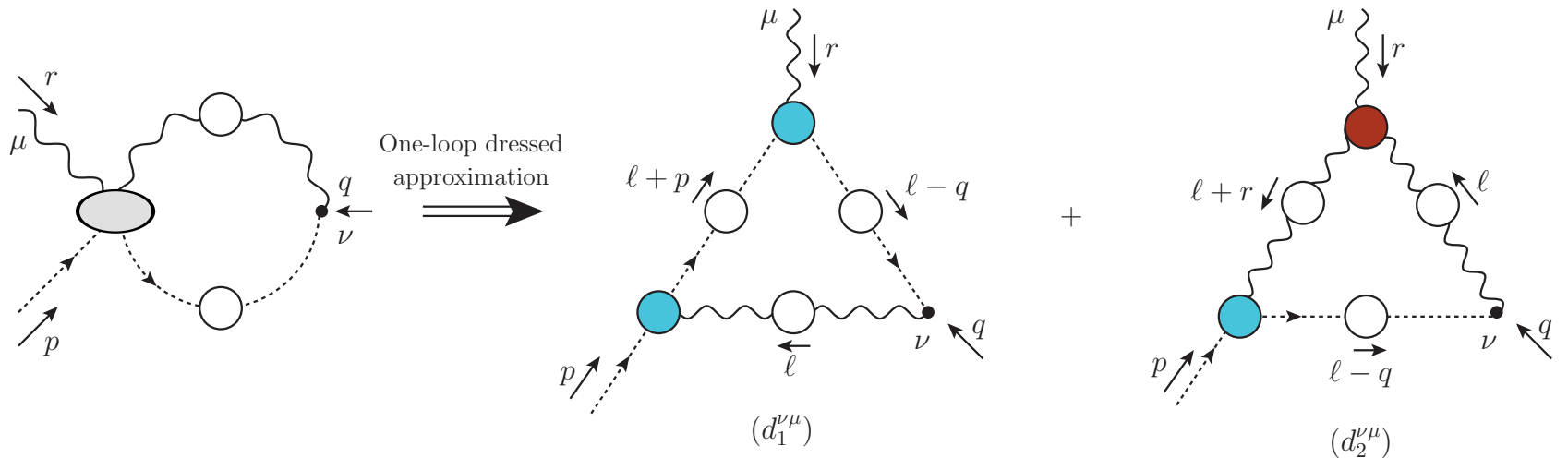


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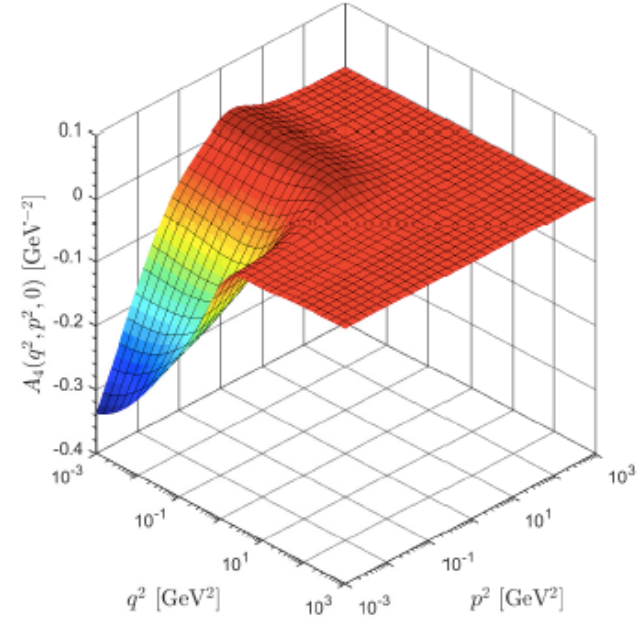
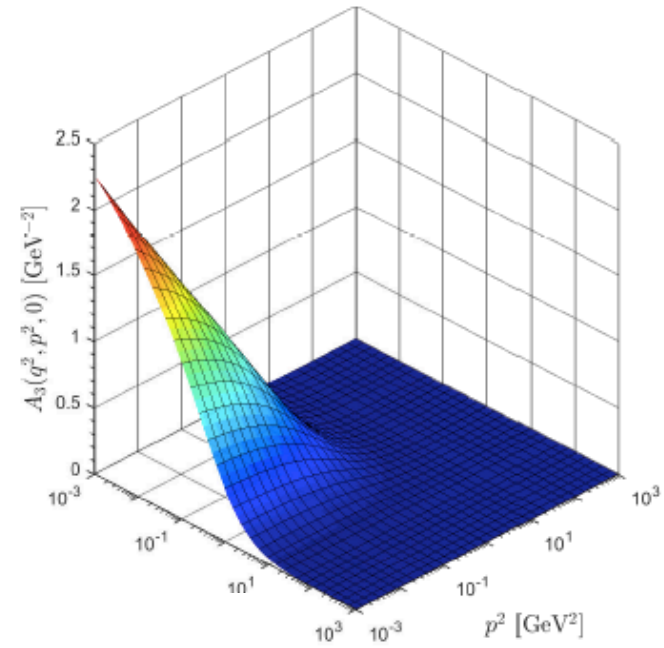
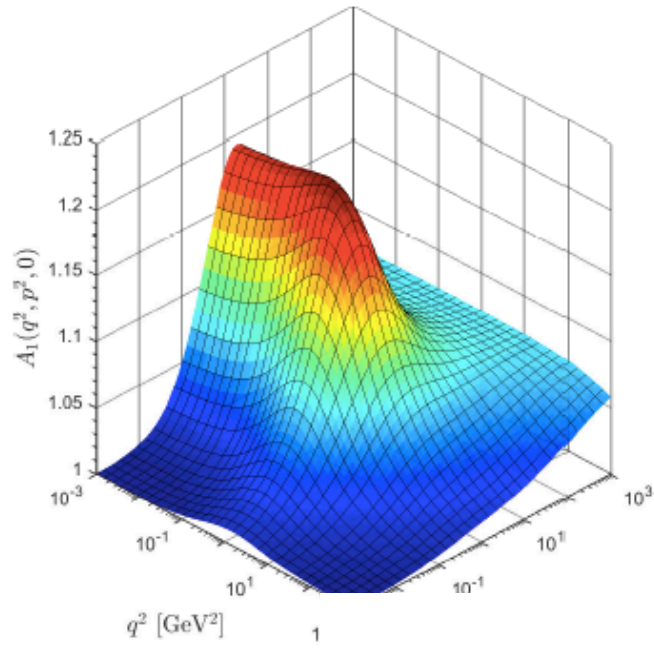
Scattering gluon-ghost kernel

$$H_{\nu\mu}(q, p, r) =$$



Contribution of 2 dressed diagrams

A_1, A_3 and A_4



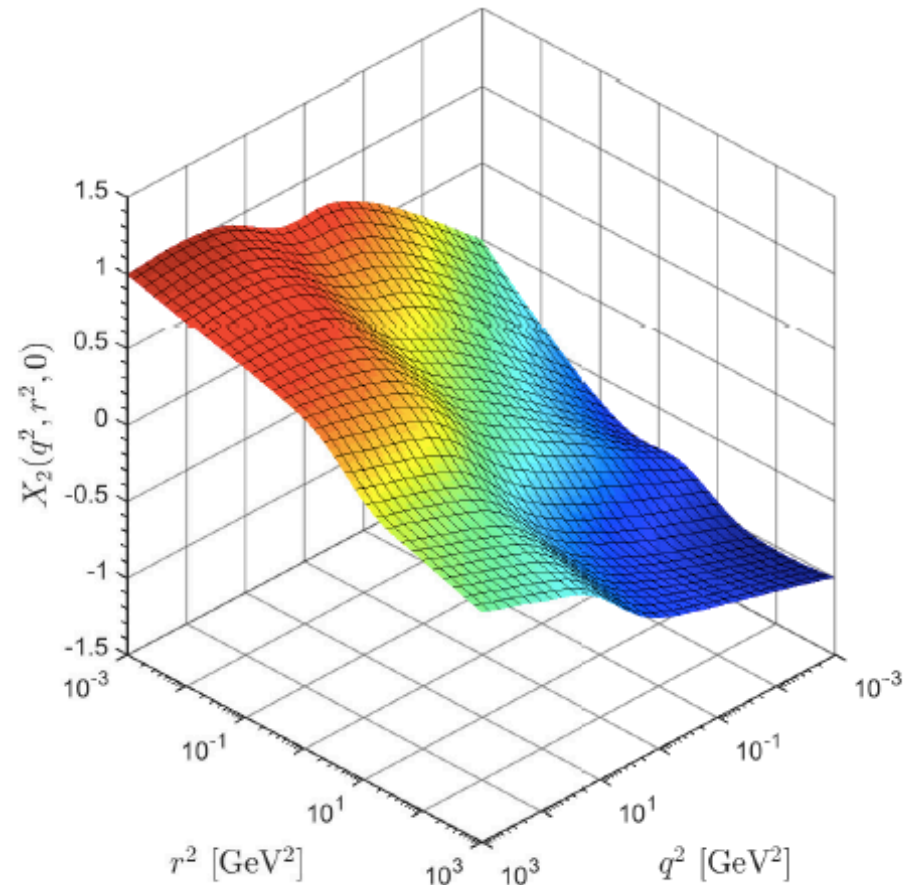
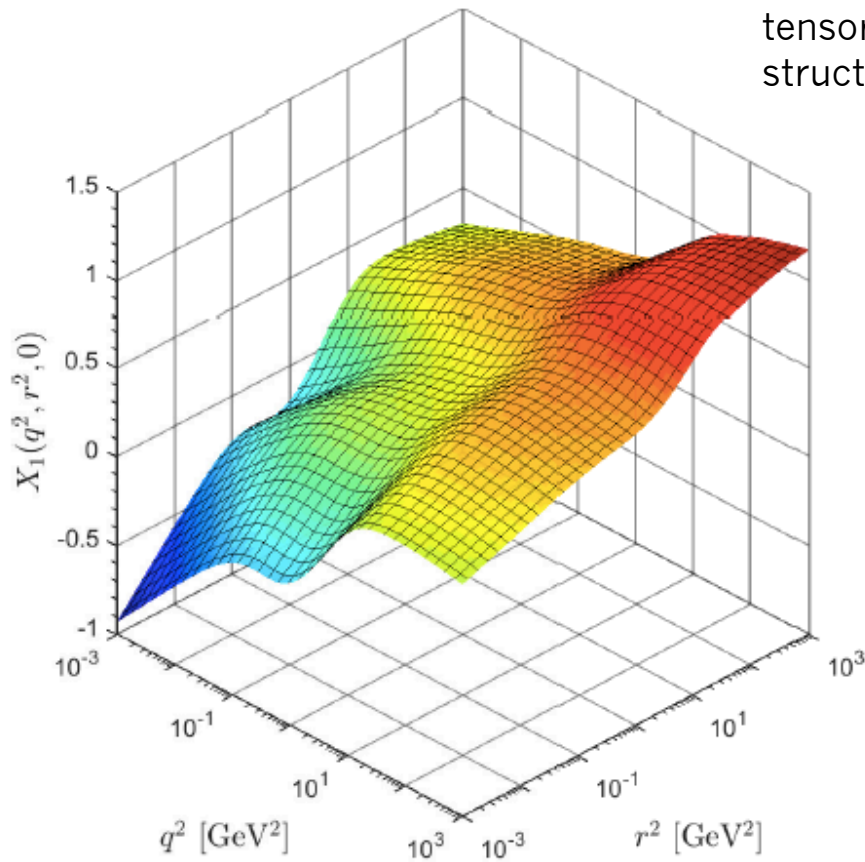
Sizable deviation from their tree level values!

Numerical results for the three-gluon vertex

✓ The angular dependence is weak and barely visible in the 3D plots

$X_1(q^2, r^2, \theta = 0)$ ← Related to the tree level tensorial structure

$X_2(q^2, r^2, \theta = 0)$

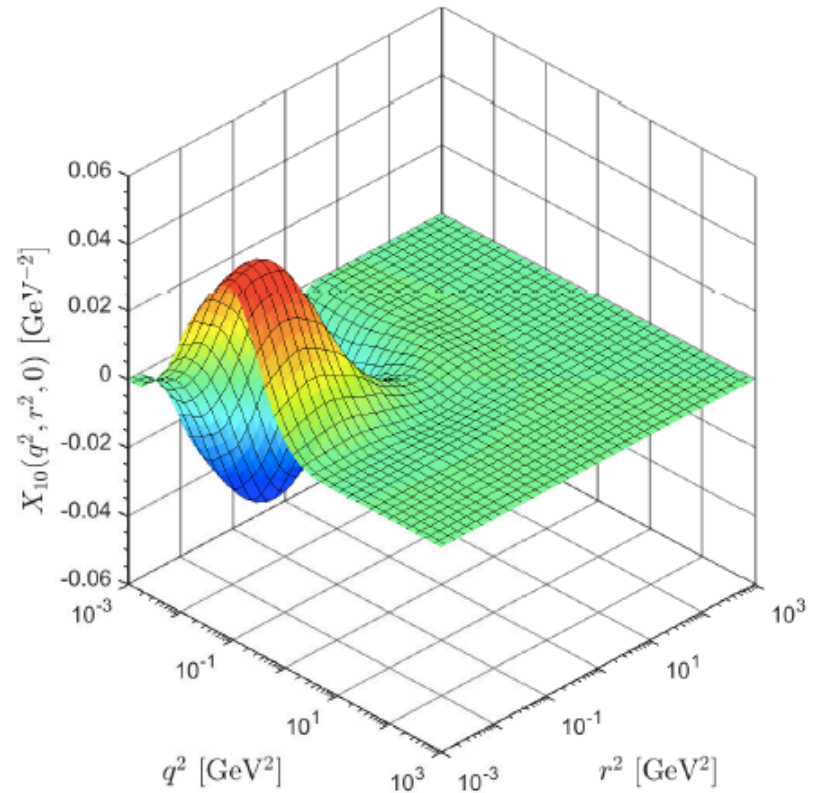
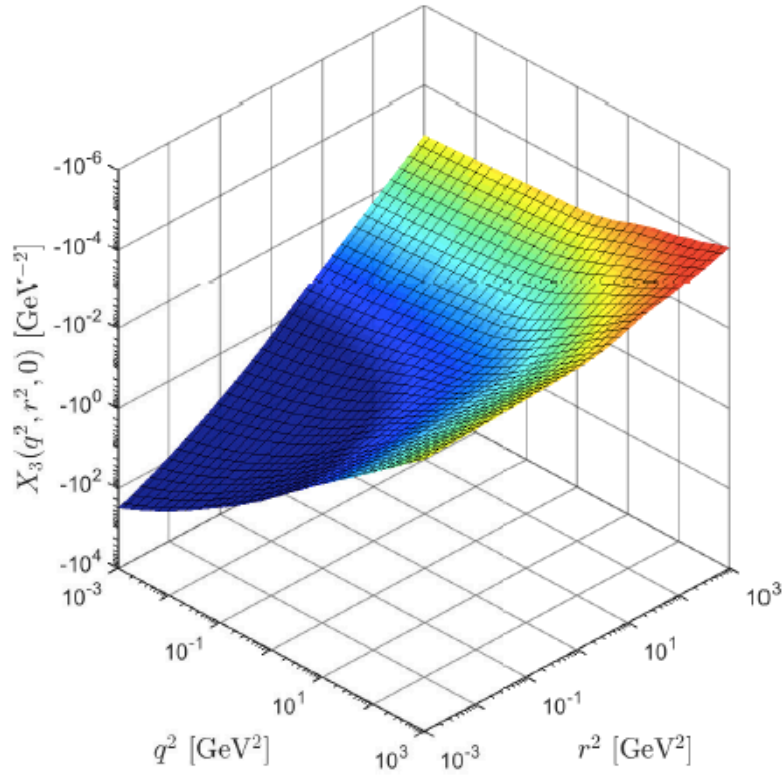


$$X_3(q^2, r^2, \theta = 0)$$

In the abelian approximation is identically zero

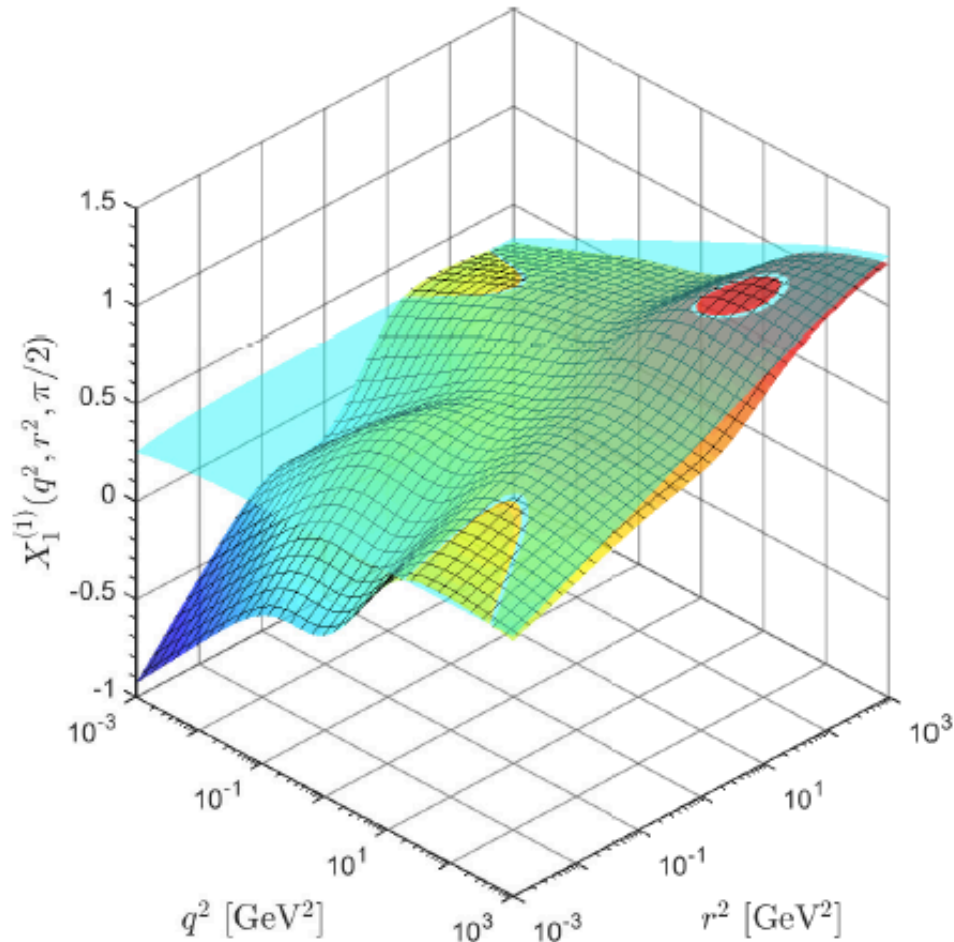


$$X_{10}(q^2, r^2, \theta = 0)$$



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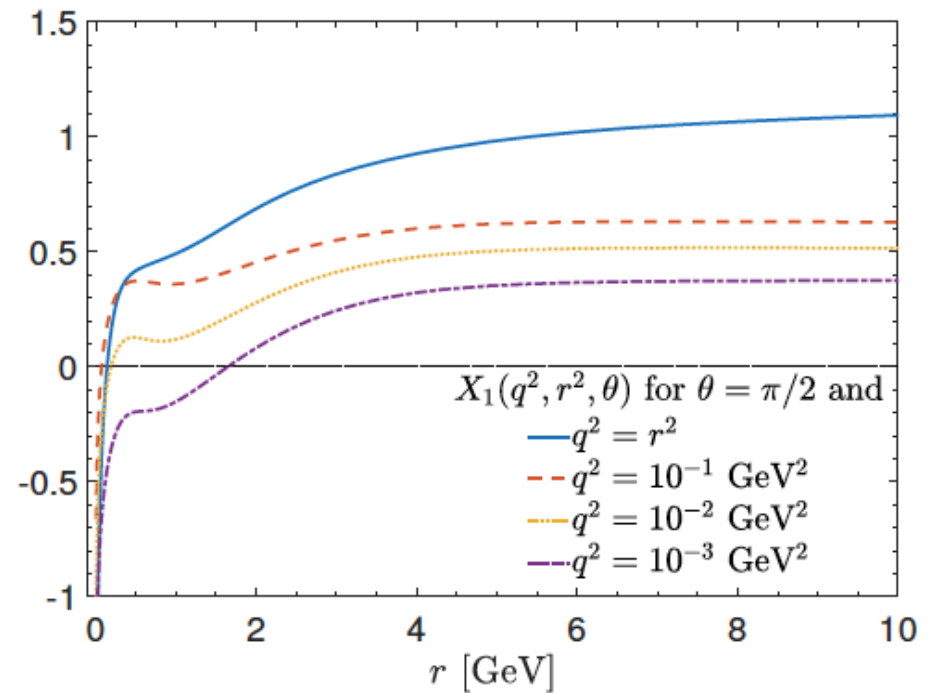
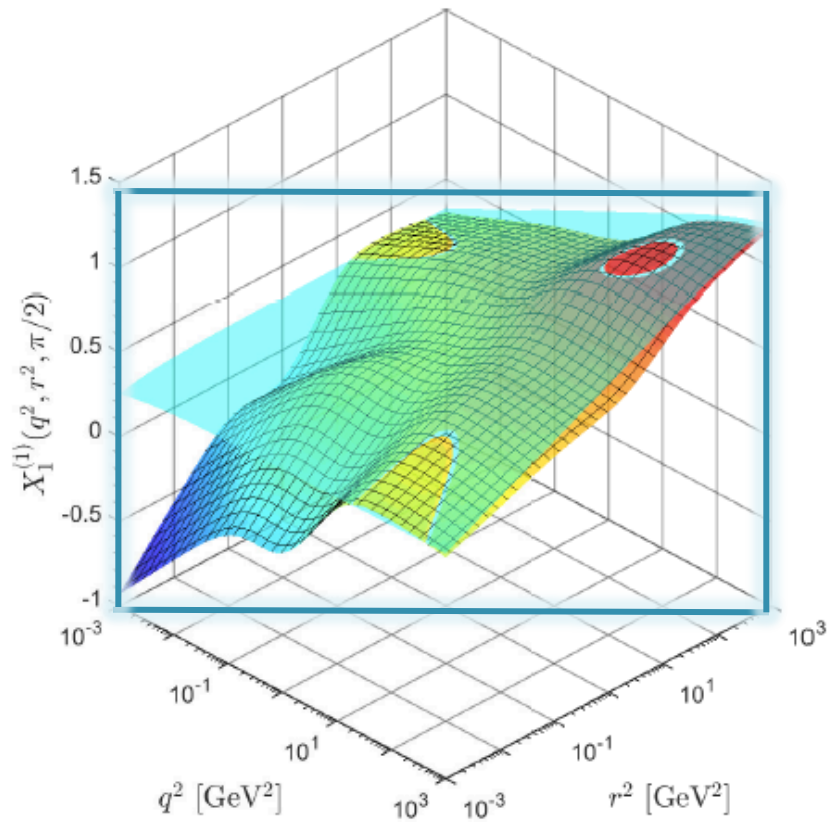
Suppression is a nonperturbative effect



- ✓ Cyan surface is the one-loop result
- ✓ Nonperturbative result is more tilted towards the IR \rightarrow presence of the crossing

Remark 2:

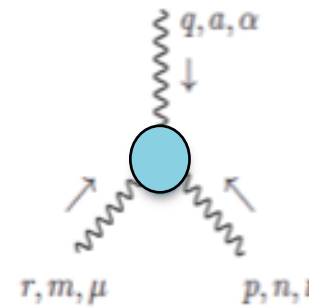
- The configuration where $q^2 = r^2$ *is less suppressed* than others configurations



Comparison with the lattice results

- In the totally symmetric configuration

$$q^2 = r^2 = p^2 \text{ and } q \cdot r = q \cdot p = r \cdot p = -q^2/2.$$



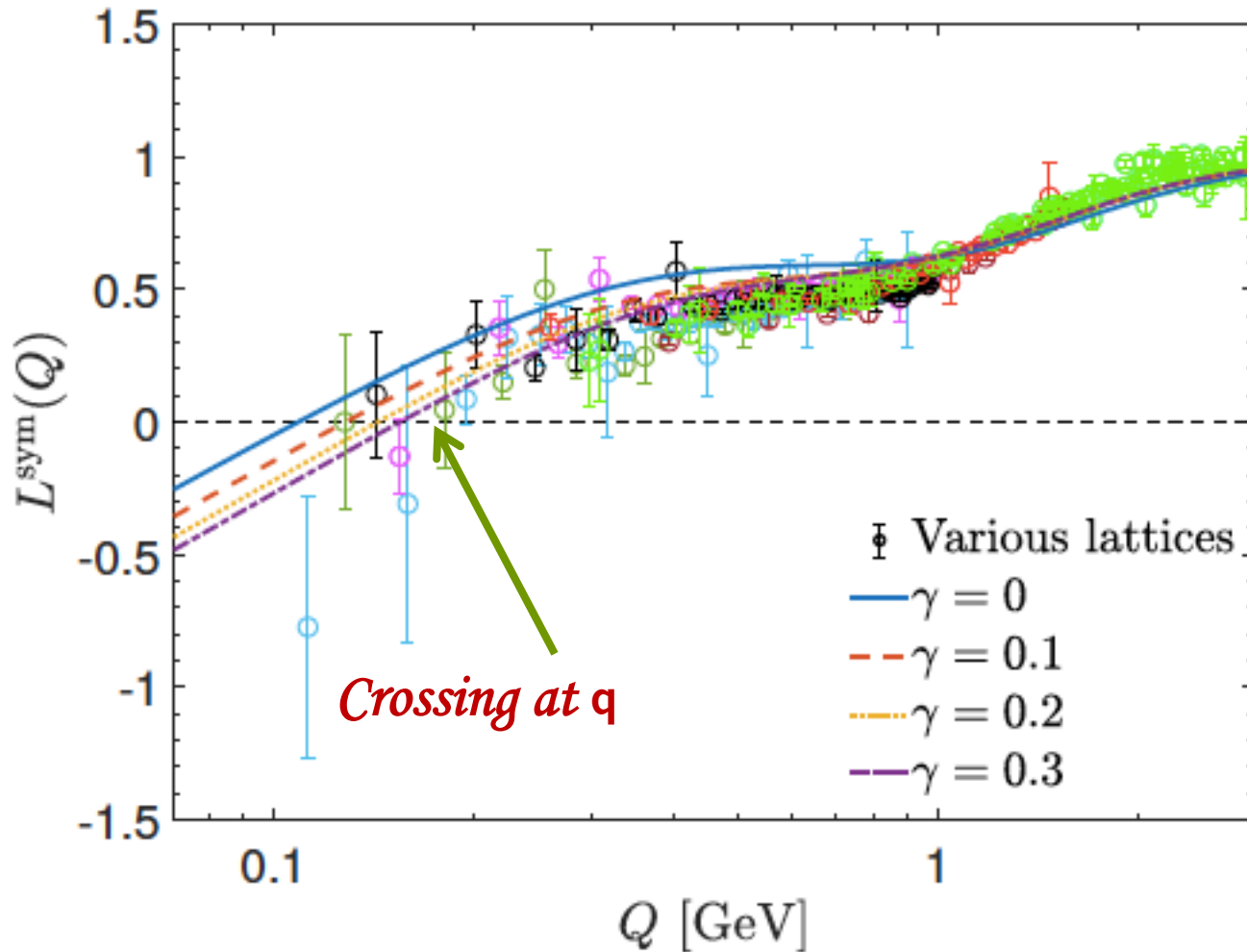
$$\theta = 120^\circ$$

- Lattice has access to the following combination of form factors

$$L^{\text{sym}}(Q) = X_1(Q) - \frac{Q^2}{2} X_3(Q) + \frac{Q^4}{4} Y_1(Q) - \frac{Q^2}{2} Y_4(Q)$$

- In our approach *we can not determine the transverse form factors* using the STI, then we will consider in the above expression $T_i=0$

Comparison with the lattice results: Symmetric



Good agreement
 In the IR two sources
 of errors:
 ✓ Truncation
 ✓ Transverse form
 factors

| γ | q_0^{sym} [in MeV] |
|----------|--------------------------------|
| 0 | 109 |
| 0.1 | 128 |
| 0.2 | 143 |
| 0.3 | 155 |

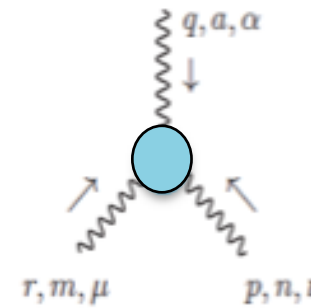
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- In the asymmetric configuration :

$$p = 0 \text{ and } r = -q$$



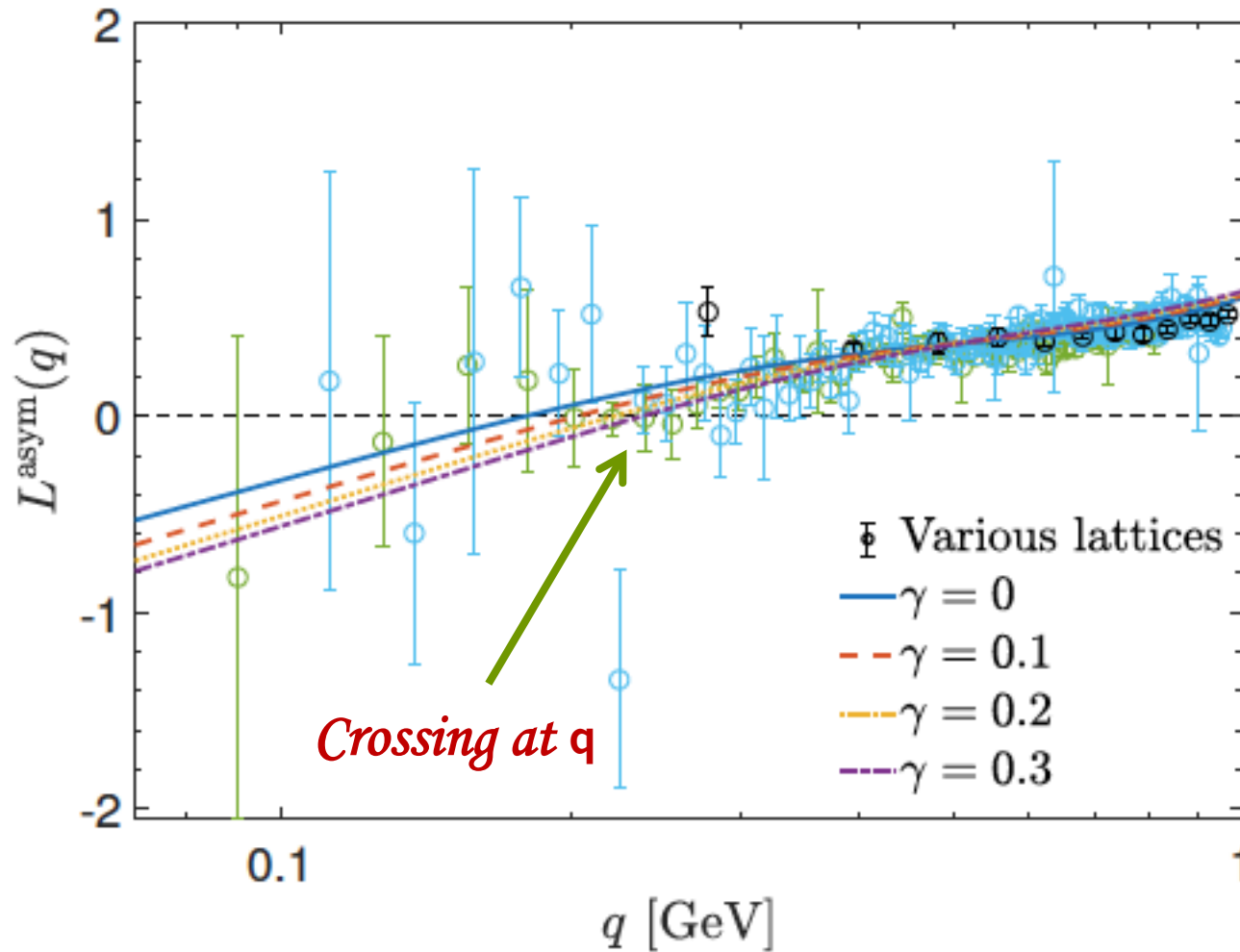
$$\theta = \pi$$

- We have

$$L^{\text{asym}}(q) = X_1(q^2, q^2, \pi) - q^2 X_3(q^2, q^2, \pi) .$$

No transversal contamination!

Comparison with the lattice results: Asymmetric



Good agreement!

| γ | q_0^{asym} [in MeV] |
|----------|---------------------------------|
| 0 | 180 |
| 0.1 | 204 |
| 0.2 | 221 |
| 0.3 | 237 |

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Conclusions

- © We have determined the **longitudinal form factors of the three-gluon vertex** for **general values of the Euclidean momenta**.
- © **STI fixes completely its 10 longitudinal form factors** in terms of the gluon propagator, the ghost dressing function, and the **gluon-ghost scattering kernel**.
- © **Due to the Bose symmetry out of 10 form factors we have to computed only 4.**
- © The form factors of **the gluon-ghost scattering kernel** have been computed within the **"one-loop dressed" approximation**
- © There is a **sizable suppression in the IR** caused by the presence of the massless ghost loops
- © In agreement with **lattice simulations** and **phenomenological requirements**