

The complex structure of strong interactions in Euclidean and Minkowski space

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The full QCD gluon and ghost propagators and the transition to the deconfinement regime

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The gluon and ghost propagators are computed in full QCD using non-perturbative order- α improved Clover fermions above and below the deconfinement temperature. Our simulations employ a setup that yields a pion mass of 290 MeV at $T=0$. Defining a gluon mass m_g from the inverse of the gluon propagator *at zero momenta*, we show that both the electric and magnetic masses have a smooth behaviour with T and above T_c . In particular, they are compatible with the predictions of thermal perturbation theory based on the hard thermal loop expansion.

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