

Landau-gauge Yang-Mills correlation functions from the functional renormalization group

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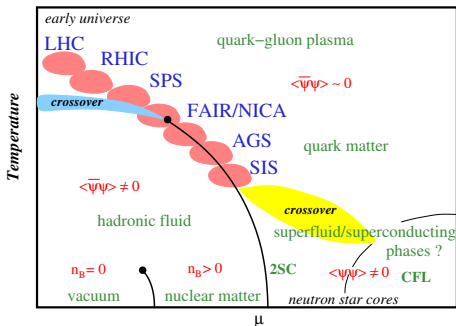
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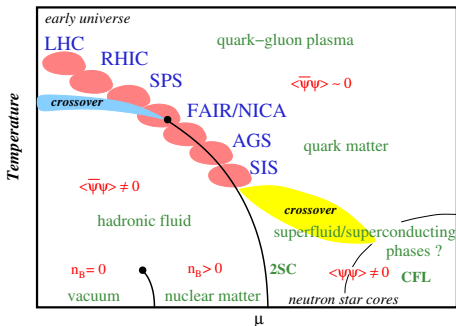
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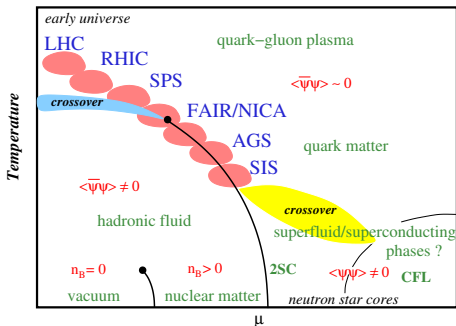


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- ▶ further quantities: $\Gamma[\Phi] \propto$ eff. potential, propagators, 't Hooft determinant

- ★ chiral condensate(s)/ $\langle \sigma \rangle$

e.g. [Schaefer, Wambach '04], [Fischer, Luecker, Mueller '11], [MM, Schaefer, '13]

- ★ (dressed) Polyakov loop

e.g. [Fischer, '09], [Braun, Haas, Marhauser, Pawłowski, '09], [MM, et al., '17]

- ★ axial anomaly

e.g. [Grah, Rischke, '13], [MM, Schaefer, '13], [Fejos, '15], [Heller, MM, '15]

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- use results from lattice gauge theory to check truncation:
what do we need from the lattice?

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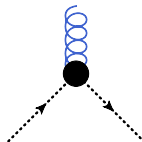
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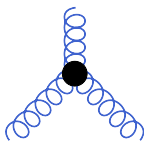
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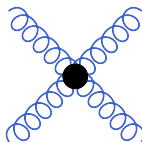
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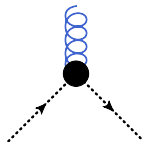
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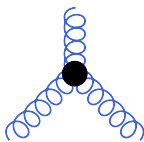
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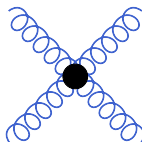
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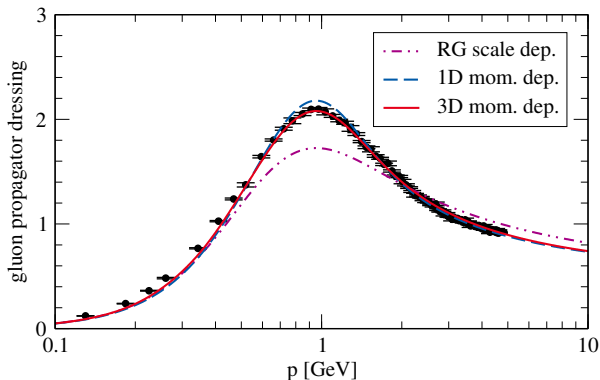
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- set of coupled equations: cf. DoFun [Huber, Braun, '11], FormTracer [Cyrol, MM, Strodthoff, '16]
 all propagators/vertices dressed and momentum-dependent

Intermission: “apparent convergence”

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- different approximations for vertex dressing functions:



- RG scale dep.: $\lambda_X(k; p, q, z) \equiv \lambda_X(k)$
- 1D mom dep.: $\lambda_X(k; p, q, z) \equiv \lambda_X(k; \bar{p})$
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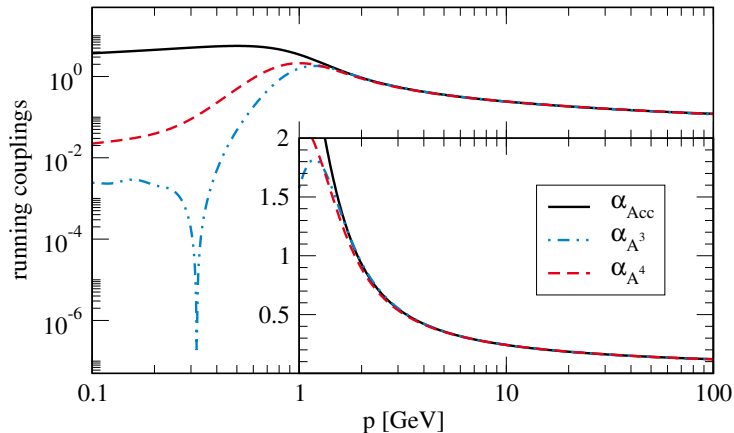
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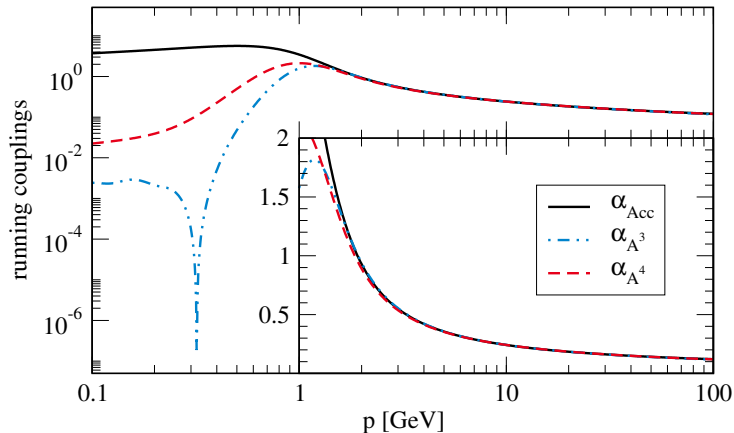
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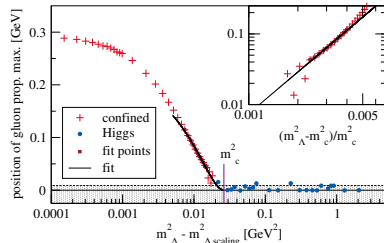
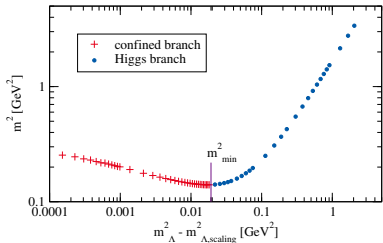
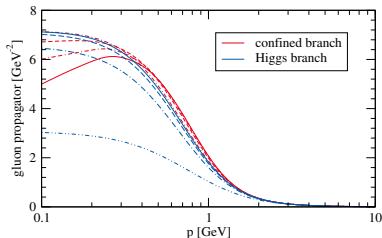
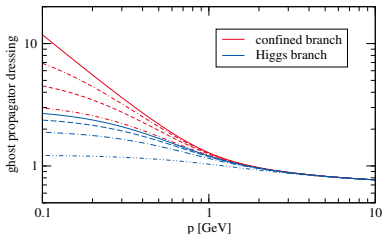
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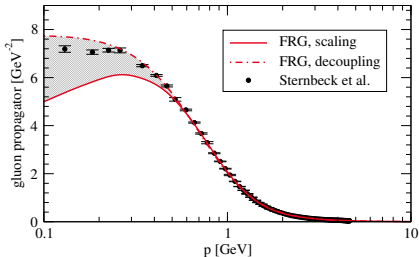
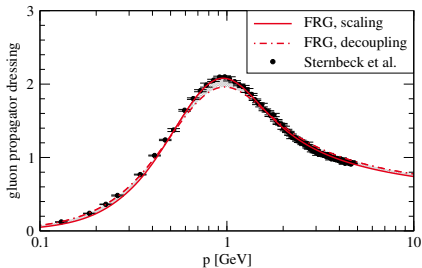
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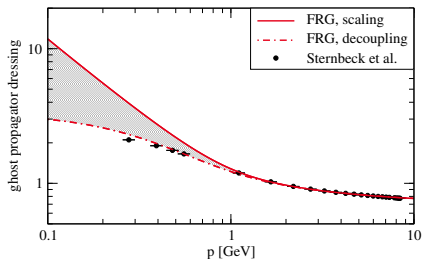
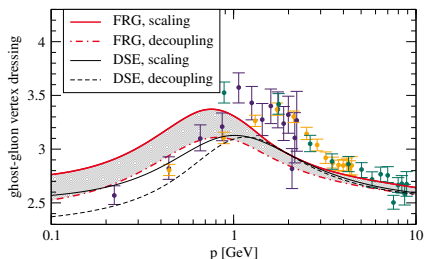


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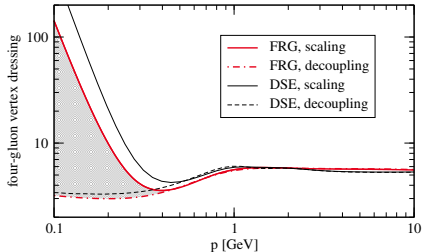
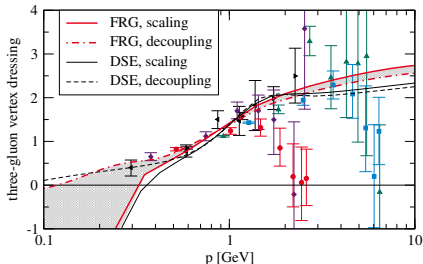
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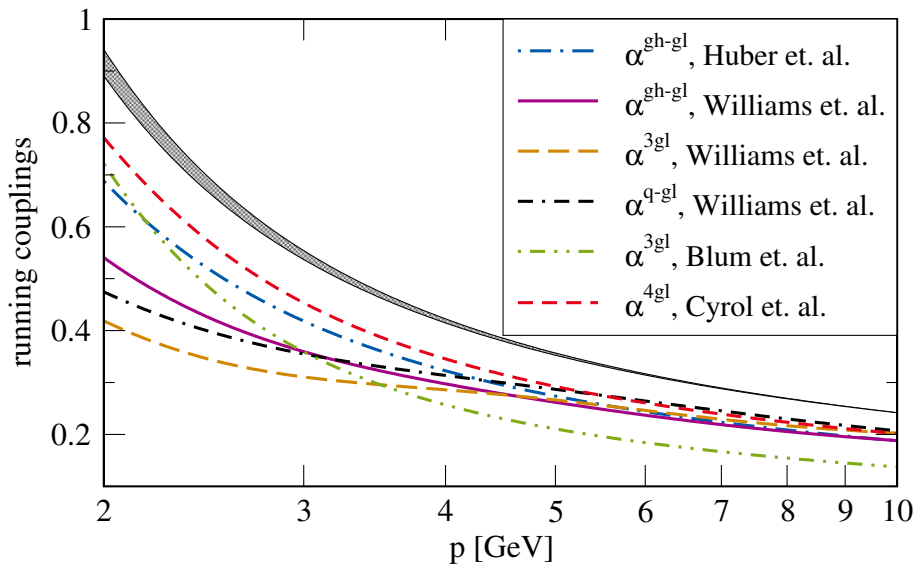


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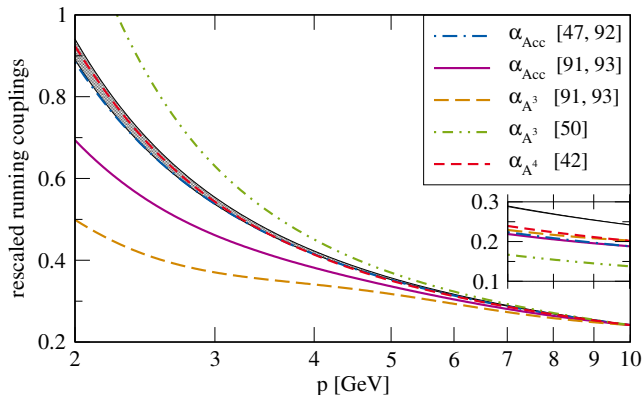
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