

Dynamical mass generation constrained by gauge symmetries



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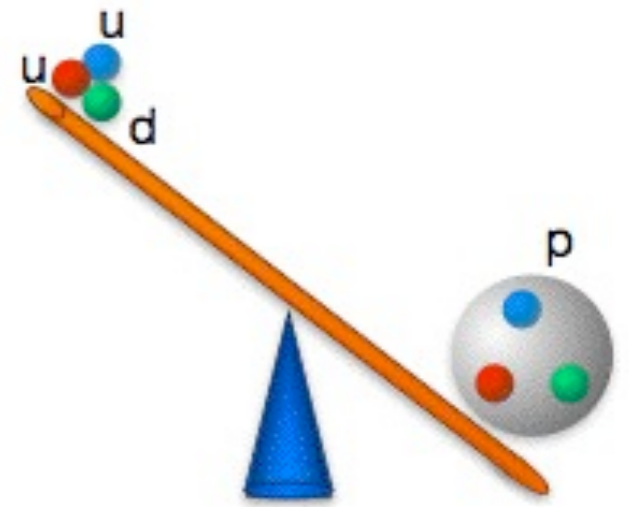


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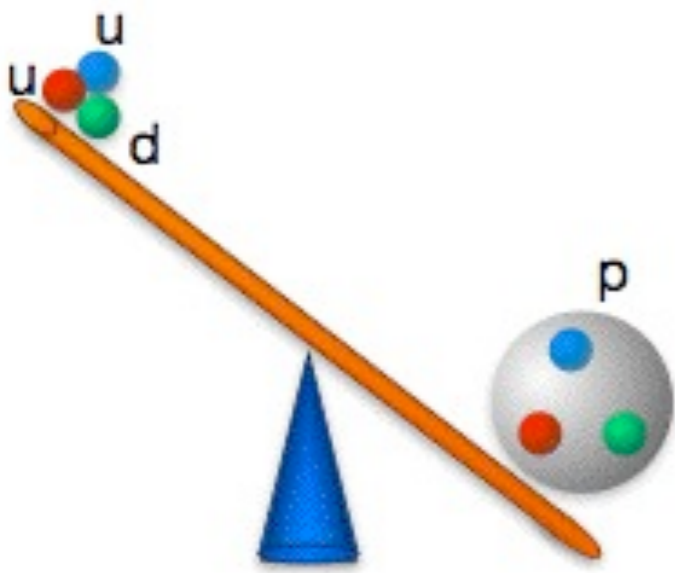
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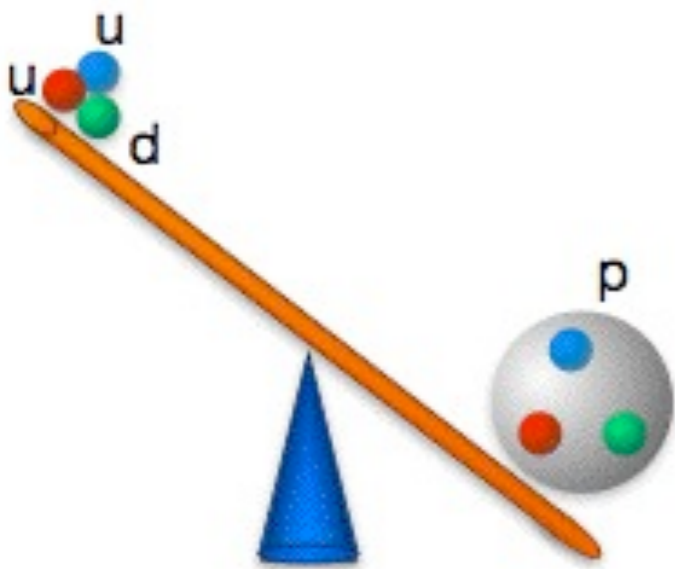
Quantum ChromoDynamics



- 📌 We strive for a description of interactions between quarks and gluons which form hadrons as observed in *Nature*.
- 📌 The key issue is: while the Brout-Englert-Higgs mechanism has been established as the essential explicit source of elementary particle's masses, the same cannot be said of the atoms and their nuclei.
- 📌 The lightest Nambu-Goldstone mode of QCD, the pion, is more than an order of magnitude heavier than the sum of two light current quarks
- 📌 The formation of hadronic and nuclear bound states via its fundamental constituents is an inherently *nonperturbative* problem.



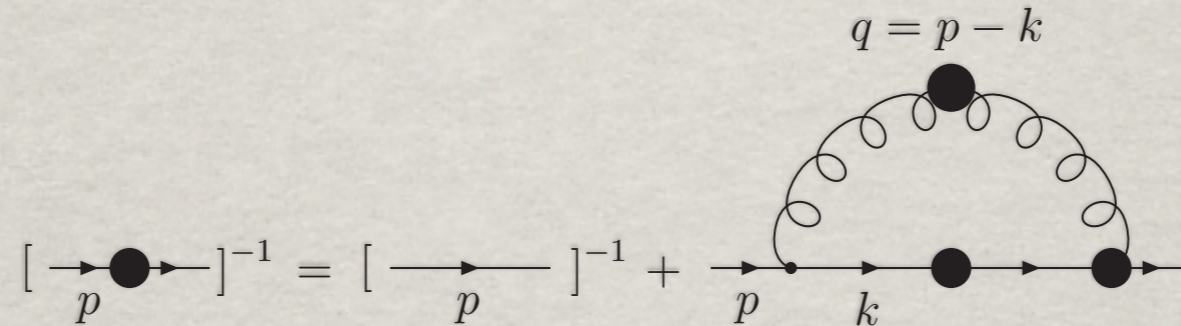
So where do the Hadron's masses
come from after all?! The Higgs
boson isn't doing the job alone!



Hint: the gluons interact with each other and have infinite ways to interact with the quark and “dress it”.

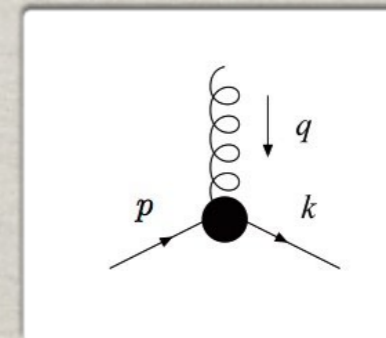
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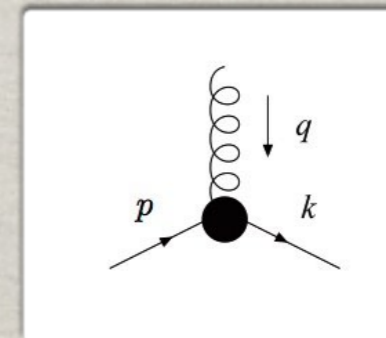
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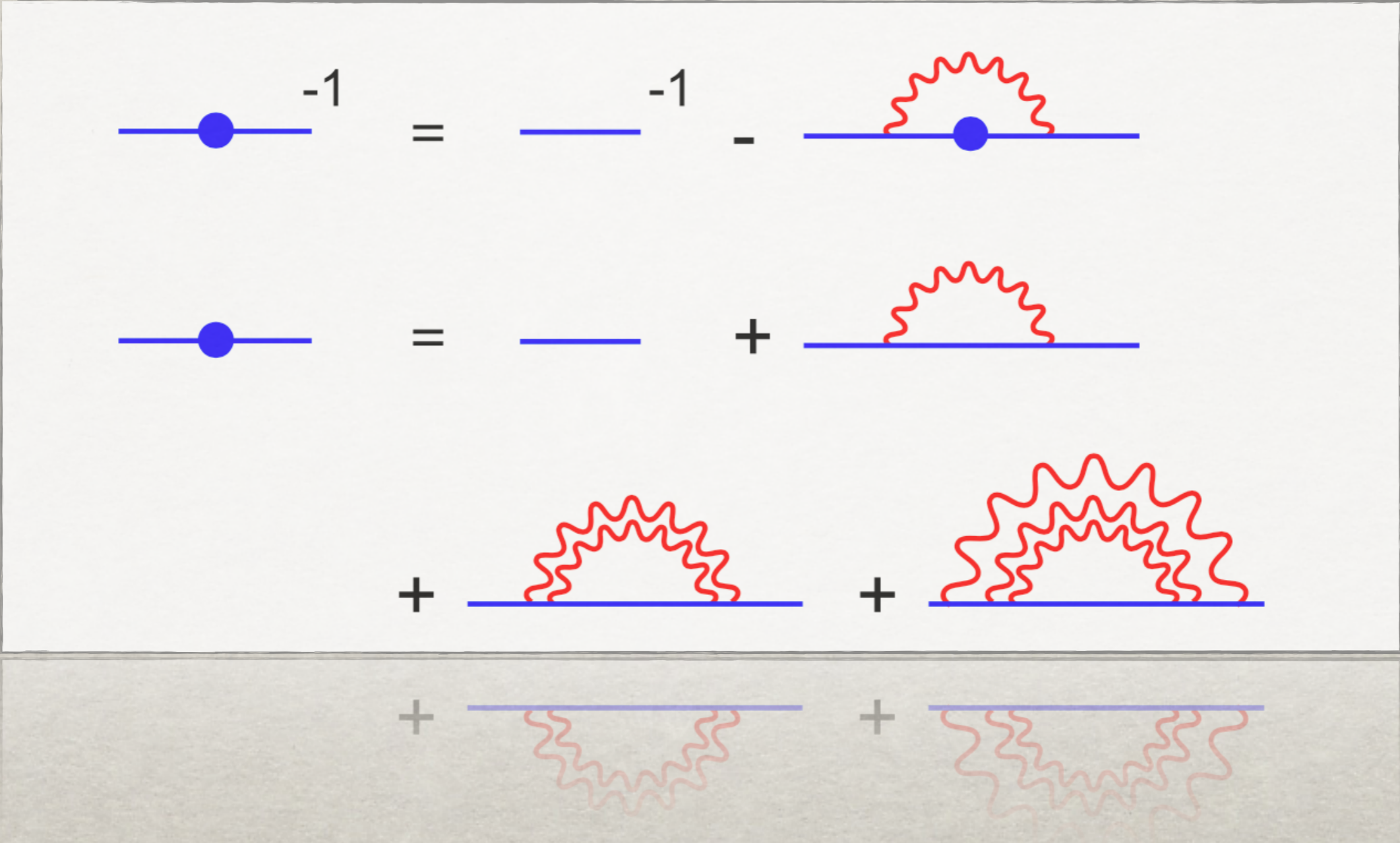
Since the Dyson-Schwinger Equation for QCD imply an infinite tower of non-linear integral equations, a symmetry preserving truncation scheme must be employed. The leading term in such a scheme is the **Rainbow-Ladder** (RL) truncation (Abelian approach).

$$\Gamma_\nu \rightarrow \gamma_\nu$$

RL truncation satisfies flavor non-singlet axial-vector Ward-Takahashi identities (chiral symmetry!) but has bad gauge dependence.

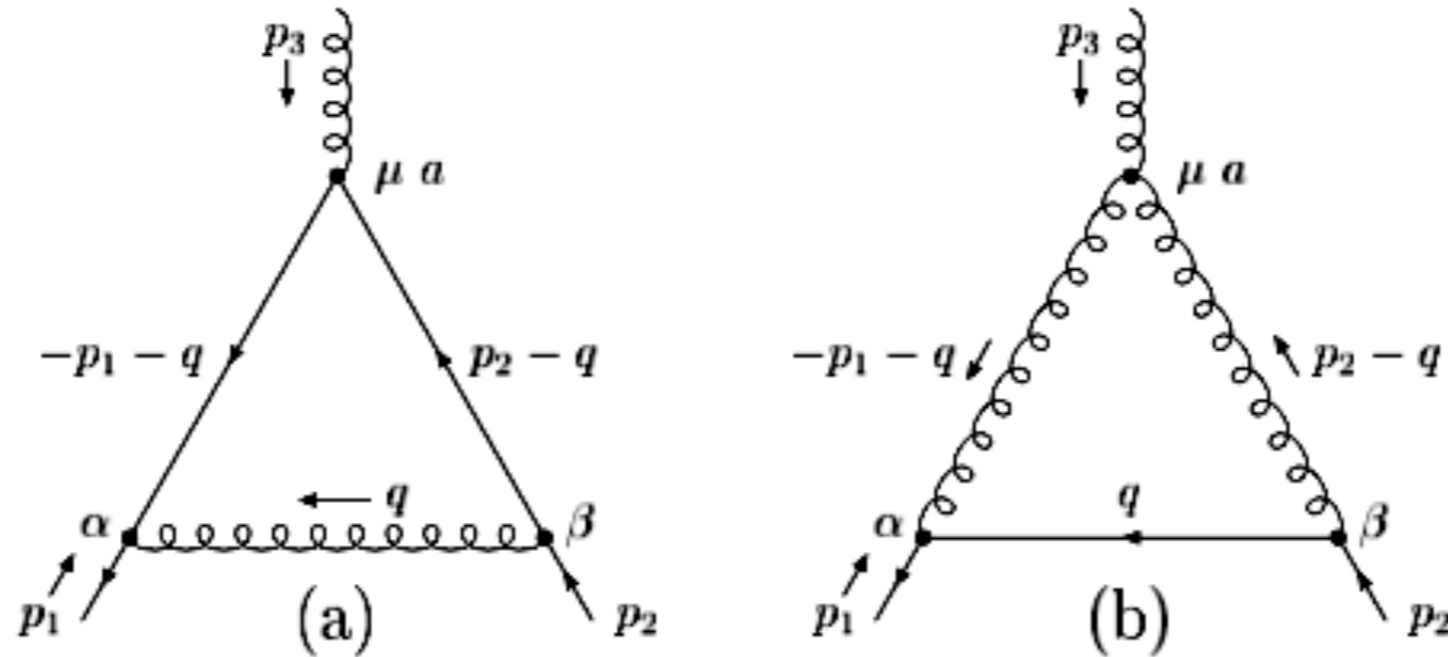
⇒ Landau gauge!

Rainbow Truncation



Here the bare gauge-boson propagator is used, can also be dressed.

The Quark-Gluon Vertex in QCD



(a) *Abelian* correction at one loop
 (b) *Non-Abelian* correction at one loop

- The quark-gluon vertex in a tree-order is just $i \frac{\lambda_i}{2} \gamma_\mu$.
- However, already at one loop the Dirac-tensor structure is very complex.

Davydychev, Osland and Saks (2000)

Nonperturbative quark-gluon vertex: tensor structure

The fermion-gauge-boson vertex can be decomposed into “longitudinal” and transverse components: $\Gamma_\mu(k, p) = \Gamma_\mu^L(k, p) + \Gamma_\mu^T(k, p)$

$$\Gamma_\mu^L(k, p) = \sum_{i=1}^4 \lambda_i(k^2, p^2) L_\mu^i(k, p)$$

$$\Gamma_\mu^T(k, p) = \sum_{i=1}^8 \tau_i(k^2, p^2) T_\mu^i(k, p)$$

$$\Gamma_\mu(k, p) \Big|_{k^2=p^2=q^2=\mu^2} = \gamma_\mu$$
$$q \cdot \Gamma_\mu^T(k, p) = 0$$

Nonperturbative quark-gluon vertex: tensor structure

Which independent tensor structures to specify the longitudinal and transverse vertex?
Following Ball and Chiu (1980), one can write:

RL approximation

$$\begin{aligned}L_{\mu}^1(k, p) &= \gamma_{\mu} \\L_{\mu}^2(k, p) &= \frac{1}{2}(k+p)_{\mu} \gamma \cdot (k+p) \\L_{\mu}^3(k, p) &= -i(k+p)_{\mu} \\L_{\mu}^4(k, p) &= -\sigma_{\mu\nu} (k+p)_{\mu} \\ \\T_{\mu}^1(k, p) &= i[p_{\mu}(k \cdot q) - k_{\mu}(p \cdot q)] \\T_{\mu}^2(k, p) &= [p_{\mu}(k \cdot q) - k_{\mu}(p \cdot q)] \gamma \cdot t \\T_{\mu}^3(k, p) &= q^2 \gamma_{\mu} - q_{\mu} \gamma \cdot q \\T_{\mu}^4(k, p) &= -[p_{\mu}(k \cdot q) - k_{\mu}(p \cdot q)] p^{\nu} k^{\rho} \sigma_{\nu\rho} \\T_{\mu}^5(k, p) &= \sigma^{\mu\nu} q_{\nu} \\T_{\mu}^6(k, p) &= -\gamma_{\mu} (k^2 - p^2) + t_{\mu} \gamma \cdot q \\T_{\mu}^7(k, p) &= \frac{i}{2}(k^2 - p^2) [\gamma_{\mu} \gamma \cdot t - t_{\mu}] + t_{\mu} p^{\nu} k^{\rho} \sigma_{\nu\rho} \\T_{\mu}^8(k, p) &= -i\gamma_{\mu} p^{\nu} k^{\rho} \sigma_{\nu\rho} - p_{\mu} \gamma \cdot k + k_{\mu} \gamma \cdot p\end{aligned}$$

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Not constrained by Ward-Takahashi or Slavnov-Taylor identities (BRST symmetries).

What about invariance of generating functional under transverse symmetry transformations?

Infinitesimal Lorentz transformation

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Kei-Ichi Kondo, Int. J. Mod. Phys. A12(1996)

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Abelian Ward-Takahashi identities: **divergence and curl**

Ward-Takahashi identity:

$$q_\mu i\Gamma_\mu(k, p) = S^{-1}(k) - S^{-1}(p)$$

Transverse Ward-Takahashi identities:

$$q_\mu \Gamma_\nu(k, p) - q_\nu \Gamma_\mu(k, p) = S^{-1}(p)\sigma_{\mu\nu} + \sigma_{\mu\nu}S^{-1}(k) \\ + 2im\Gamma_{\mu\nu}(k, p) + t_\lambda \varepsilon_{\lambda\mu\nu\rho} \Gamma_\rho^A(k, p) + A_{\mu\nu}^V(k, p)$$

$$q_\mu \Gamma_\nu^A(k, p) - q_\nu \Gamma_\mu^A(k, p) = S^{-1}(p)\sigma_{\mu\nu}^5 - \sigma_{\mu\nu}^5 S^{-1}(k) \\ + t_\lambda \varepsilon_{\lambda\mu\nu\rho} \Gamma_\rho(k, p) + V_{\mu\nu}^A(k, p)$$

Slavnov-Taylor Identity

One can relate the longitudinal form factors λ_i to the quark propagator's scalar and vector pieces, $B(p^2)$ and $A(p^2)$ via an STI:

$$i q \cdot \Gamma^a(k, p) = G(q^2) \left[S^{-1}(-k) H^a(k, p) - \bar{H}^a(p, k) S^{-1}(p) \right]$$

Ghost dressing function

Quark-ghost scattering kernel

Decomposition of $H(k, p)$ and its conjugate in terms of Lorentz covariants:

$$H(p_1, p_2, p_3) = X_0 \mathbb{I}_D + i X_1 \gamma \cdot p_1 + i X_2 \gamma \cdot p_2 + i X_3 \sigma_{\alpha\beta} p_1^\alpha p_2^\beta$$

$$\bar{H}(p_2, p_1, p_3) = \bar{X}_0 \mathbb{I}_D - i \bar{X}_2 \gamma \cdot p_1 - i \bar{X}_1 \gamma \cdot p_2 + i \bar{X}_3 \sigma_{\alpha\beta} p_1^\alpha p_2^\beta$$

$$X_i \equiv X_i(p_1, p_2, p_3)$$

$$X_i(p, k, q) = \bar{X}_i(k, p, q)$$

Davydychev, Osland & Saks (2001)

A .C. Aguilar and J. Papavassiliou (2011)

A. C. Aguilar, J. C. Cardona, M. N. Ferreira and J.~Papavassiliou (2016, 2018)

Decoupling the transverse **STIs**

$$q_\mu \Gamma_\nu^a(k, p) - q_\nu \Gamma_\mu^a(k, p) = G(q^2) [S^{-1}(p) \sigma_{\mu\nu} H^a(k, p) + \bar{H}^a(p, k) \sigma_{\mu\nu} S^{-1}(k)] \\ + 2im \Gamma_{\mu\nu}^a(k, p) + t_\alpha \epsilon_{\alpha\mu\nu\beta} \Gamma_\beta^{5a}(k, p) + A_{\mu\nu}^a(k, p)$$

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- The decoupling of the vector and axialvector vertices can be achieved by appropriate projections with two tensors which lead to **two** independent equations for each vertex !
S.-x. Qin, L. Chang, Y.-x. Liu, C.D. Roberts & S. Schmidt (2013)

- Using the two identities for the vector vertex, we can use another set of projections to isolate the **8** tensor structures of the transverse vertex as functions of the *quark propagator*, the *ghost dressing function*, the *quark-ghost scattering form factors* and an *hitherto undetermined nonlocal tensor structure*.

Gluon and ghost dressing functions

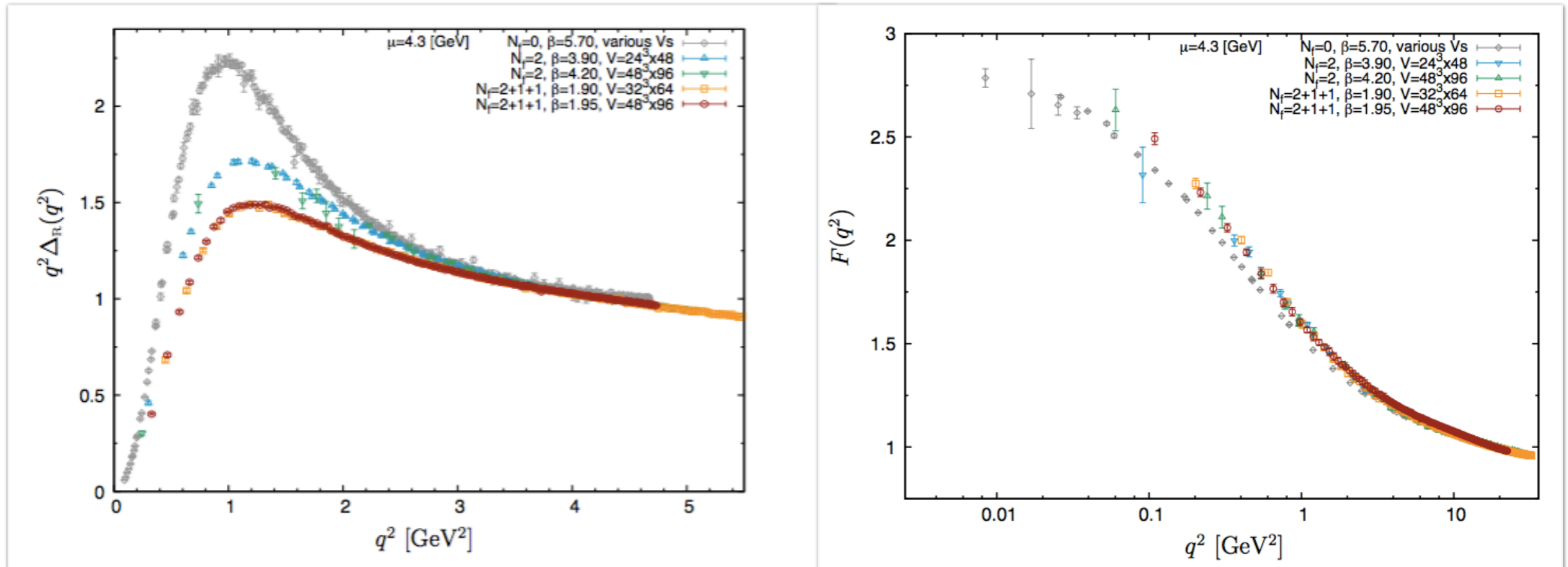
The gluon propagator in Landau gauge is:

$$\Delta_{\mu\nu}^{ab}(q) = \delta^{ab} \left(\delta_{\mu\nu} - \frac{q_\mu q_\nu}{q^2} \right) \Delta(q^2) \quad \Delta(q^2) \xrightarrow{q^2 \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{q^2}$$

The ghost propagator is:

$$D^{ab}(q^2) = -\delta^{ab} \frac{G(q^2)}{q^2} \quad G(q^2) \xrightarrow{q^2 \rightarrow \infty} 1$$

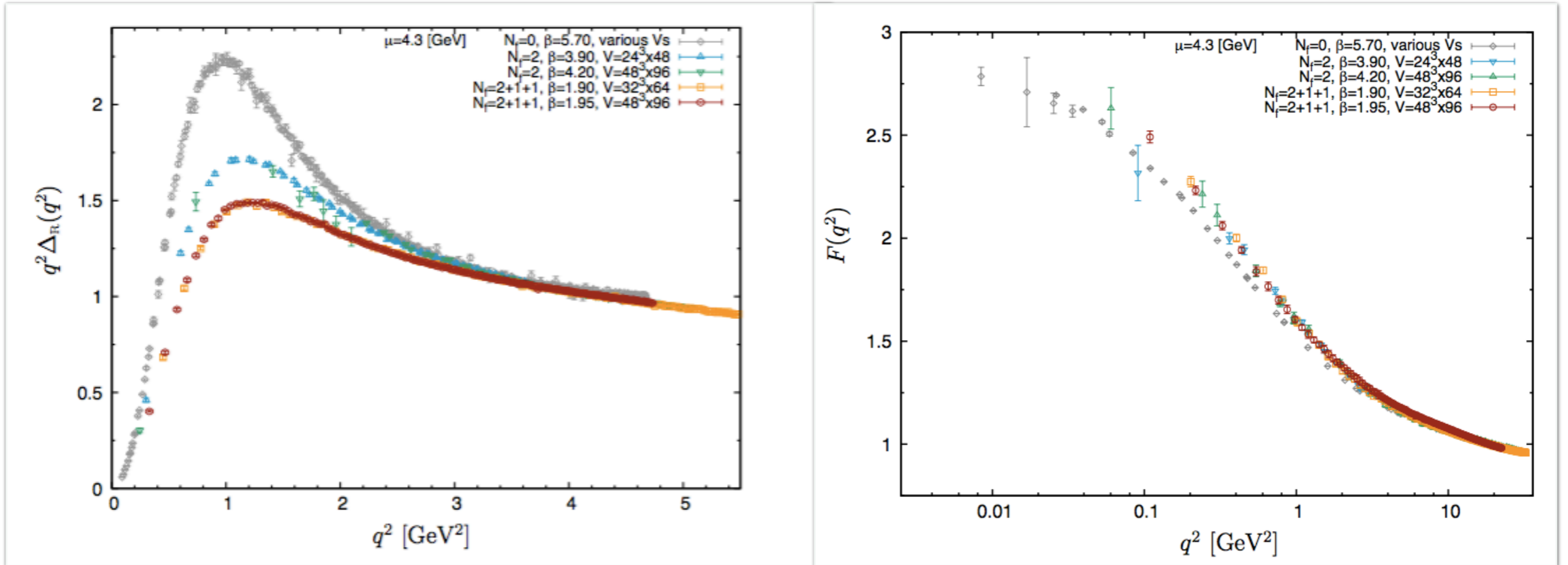
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DSE solutions with three sets of propagators from different collaborations:

- Set I: Bogolubsky *et al.*, Phys. Lett. B 676, 69 (2009)
- Set II: Dudal *et al.*, Annals Phys. 397, 351-364 (2018)
Duarte *et al.*, Phys. Rev. D 94 (2016)
- Set III: A. Ayala *et al.*, Phys. Rev. D 86, 074512 (2012)

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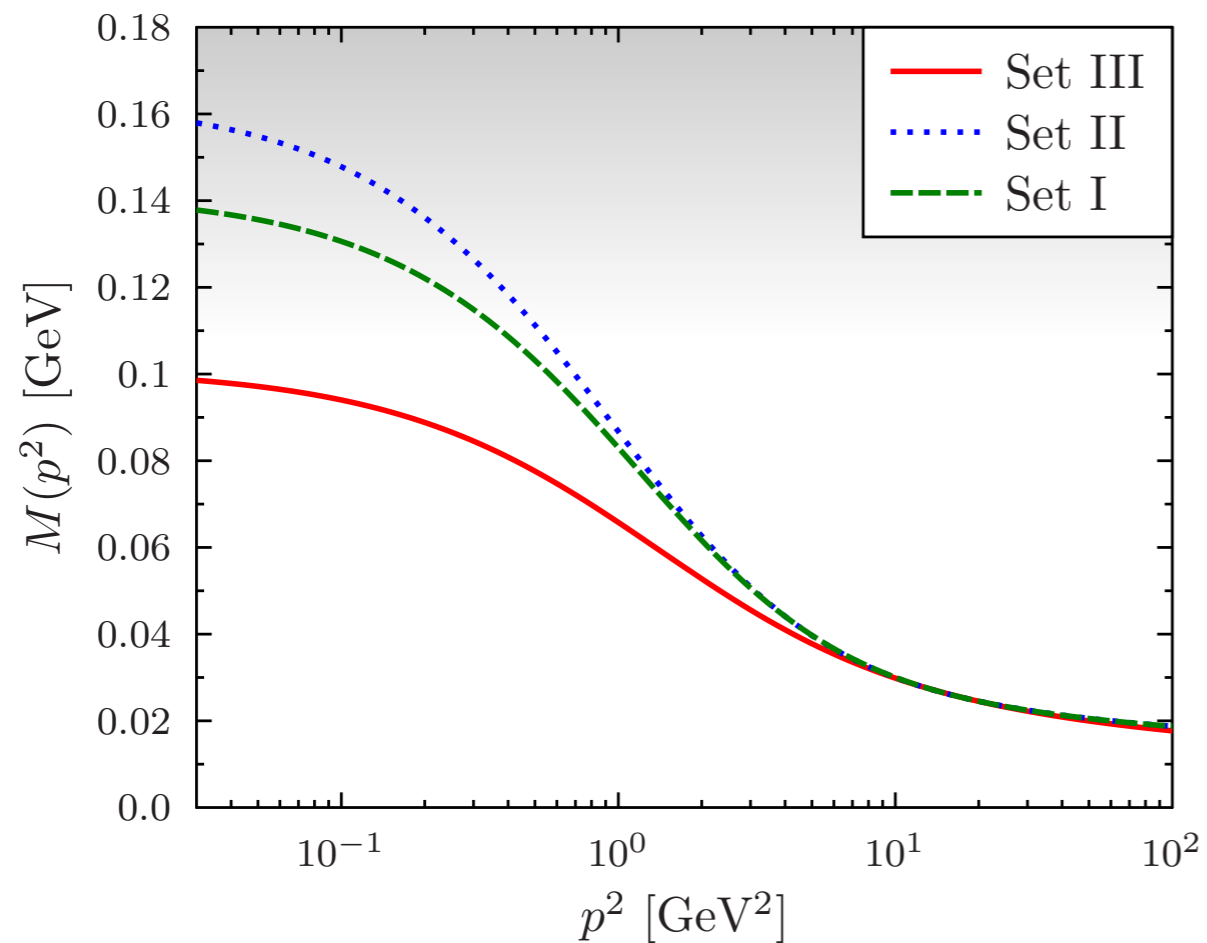
$$\Delta(q^2) = Z \frac{q^2 + M_1^2}{q^4 + M_2^2 q^2 + M_3^4} \left[1 + \omega \ln \left(\frac{q^2 + M_0^2}{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2} \right) \right]^{\gamma_{\text{gl}}}$$

$$G(q^2) = Z \frac{q^4 + M_2^2 q^2 + M_1^4}{q^4 + M_4^2 q^2 + M_3^4} \left[1 + \omega \ln \left(\frac{q^2 + \frac{m_1^4}{q^2 + m_0^2}}{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2} \right) \right]^{\gamma_{\text{gh}}}$$

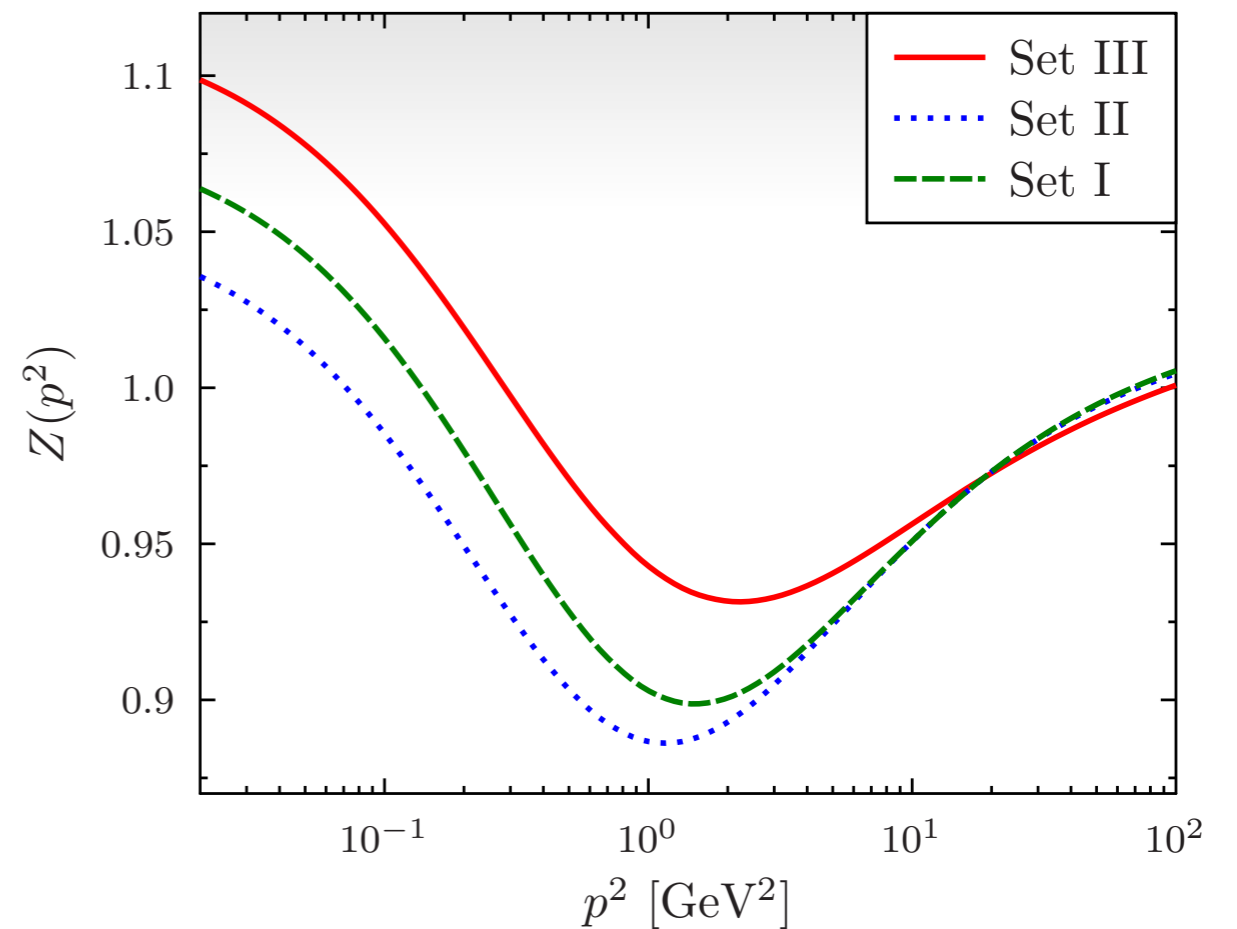
Mass function with non-transverse vertex

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Mass Function

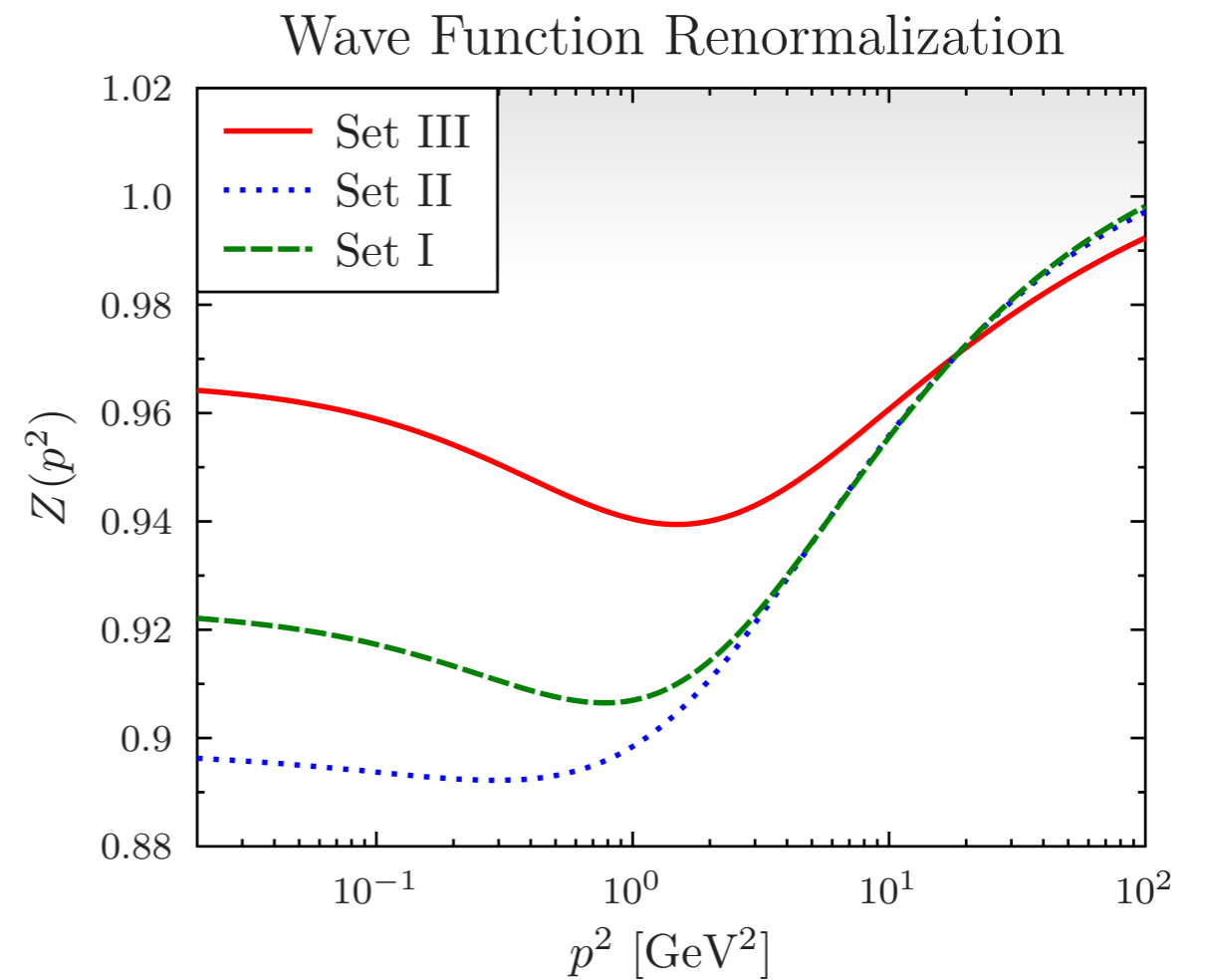
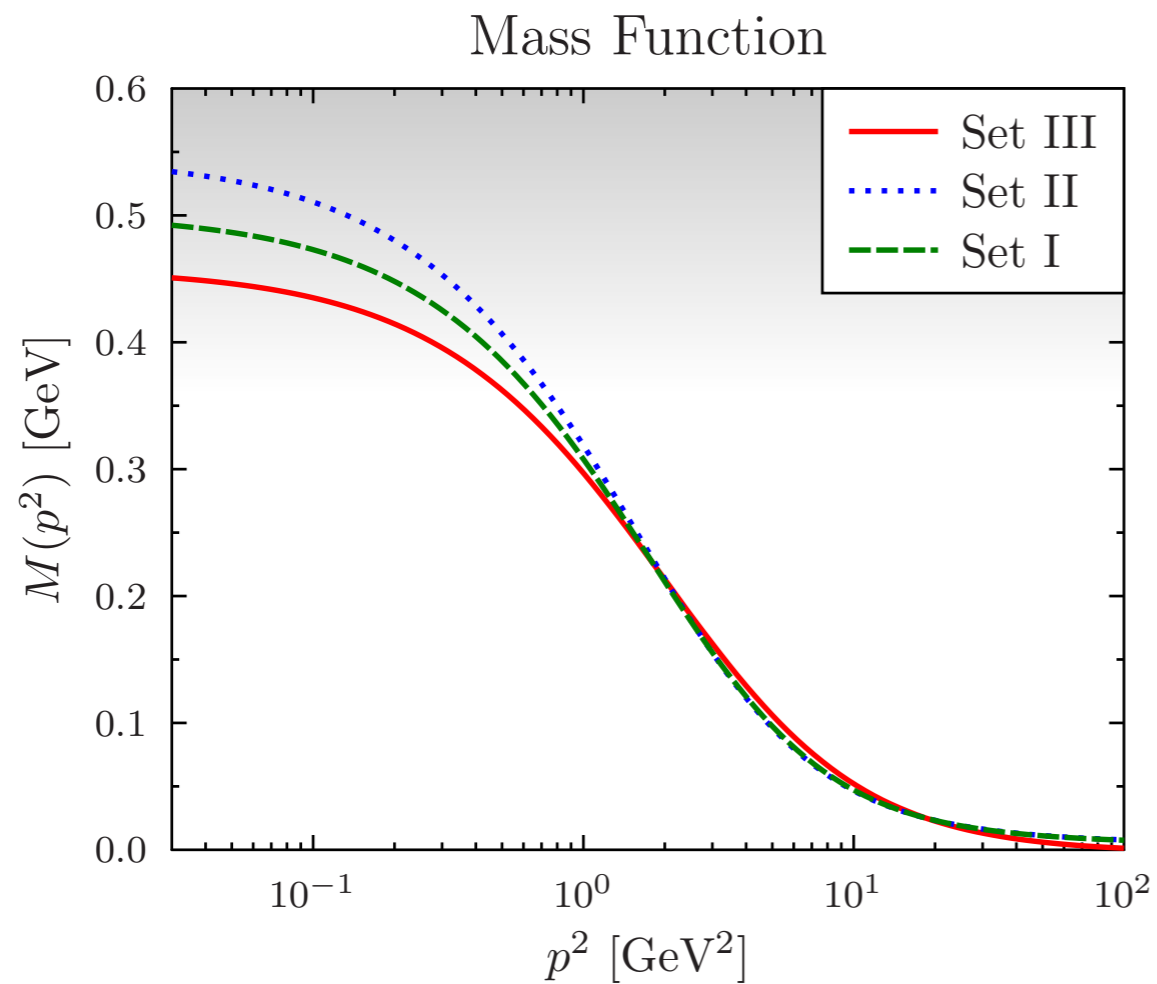


Wave Function Renormalization



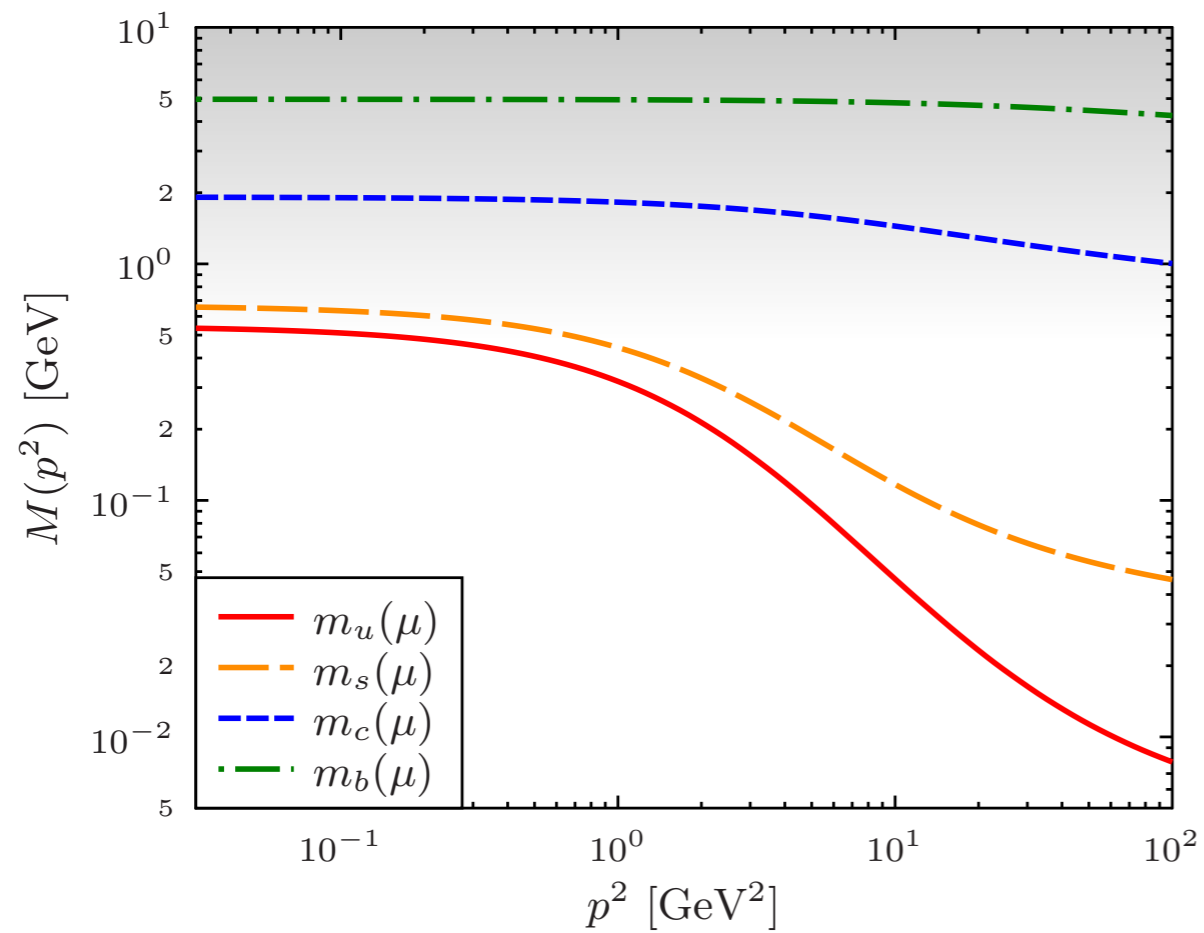
Mass functions with full quark-gluon vertex

$$\Gamma_\mu(k, p) = \Gamma_\mu^L(k, p) + \Gamma_\mu^T(k, p)$$

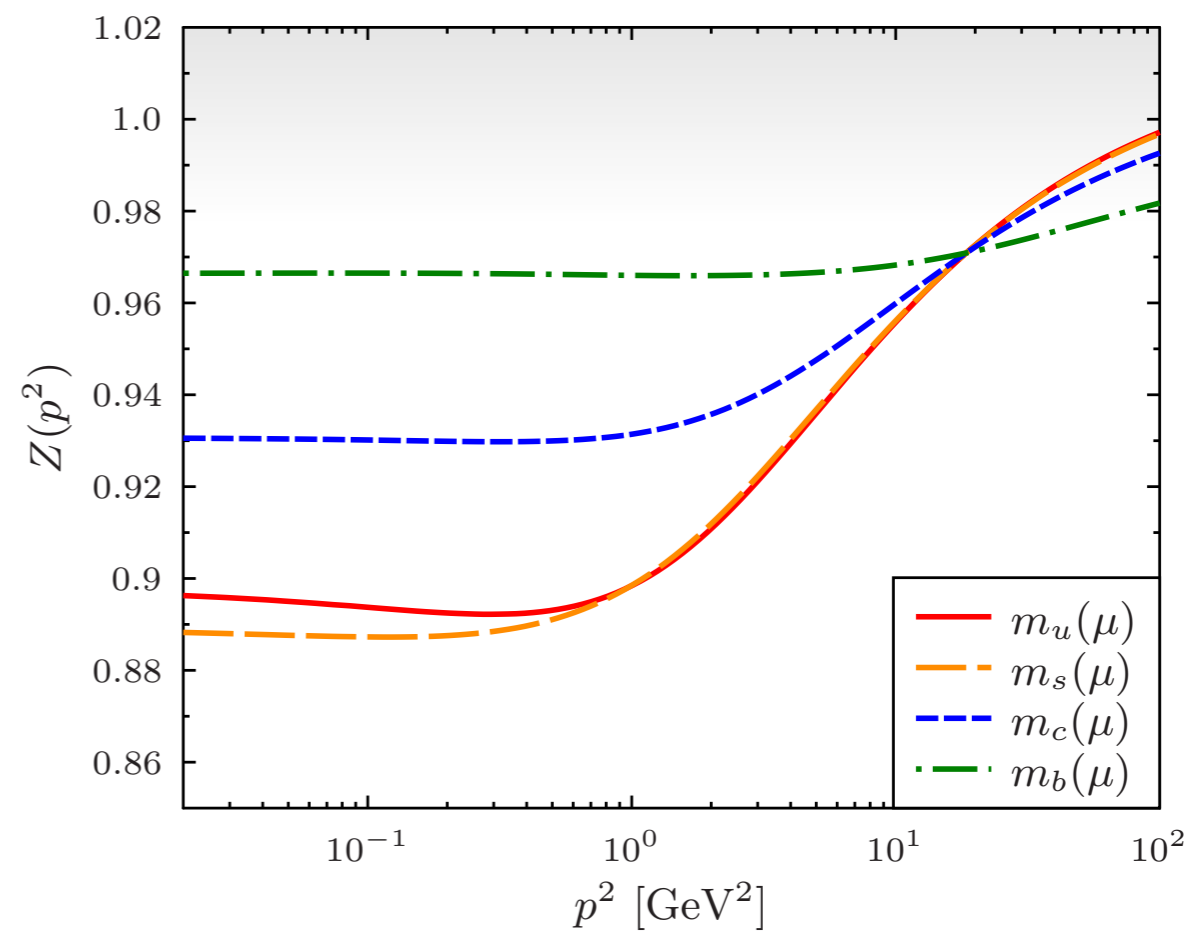


Flavor dependence of DSE solutions

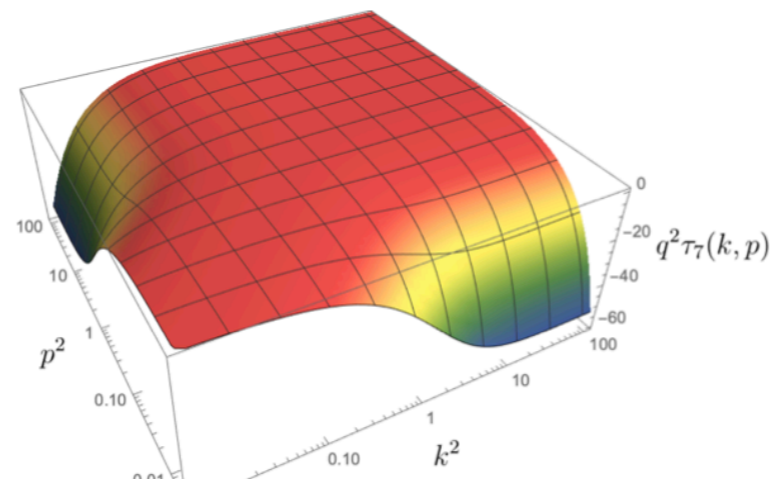
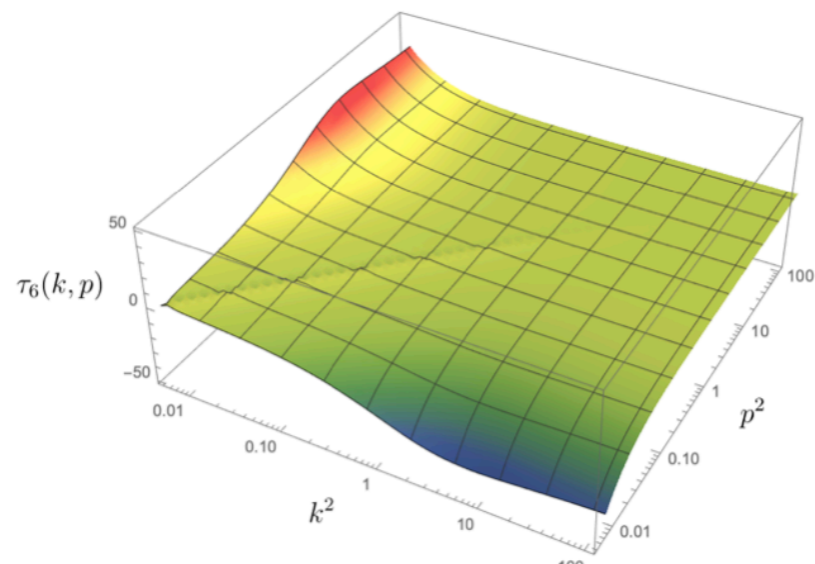
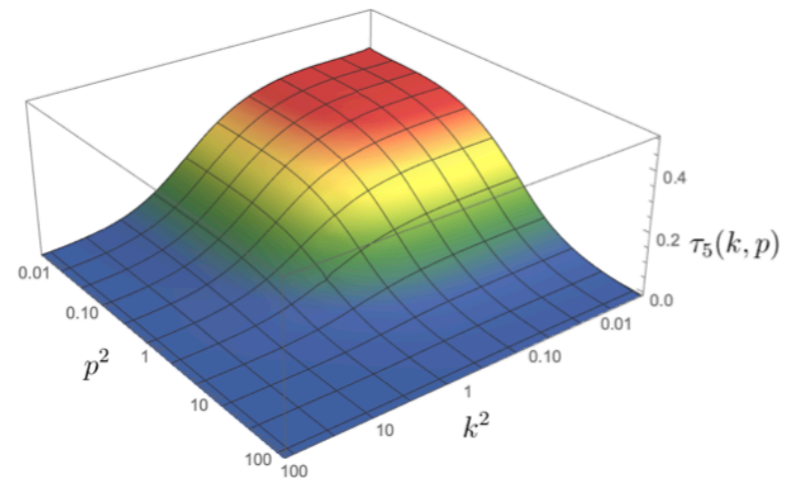
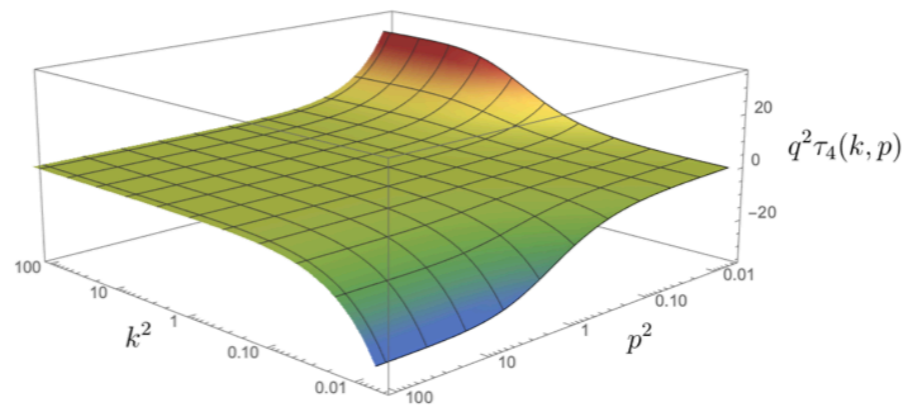
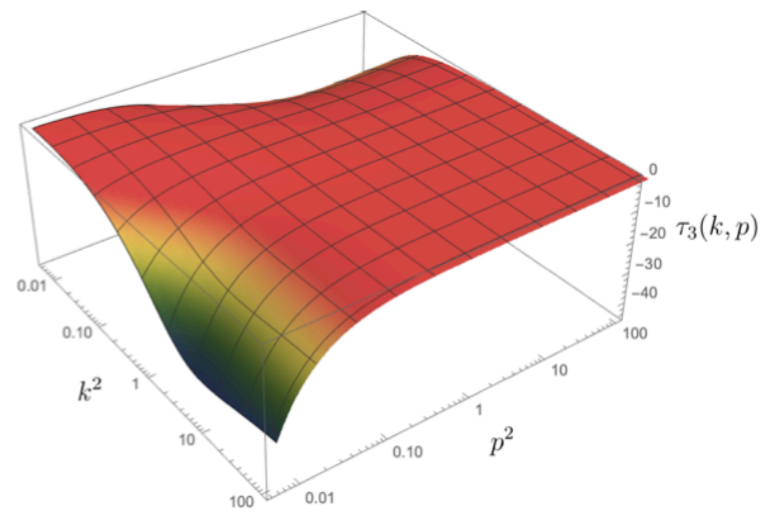
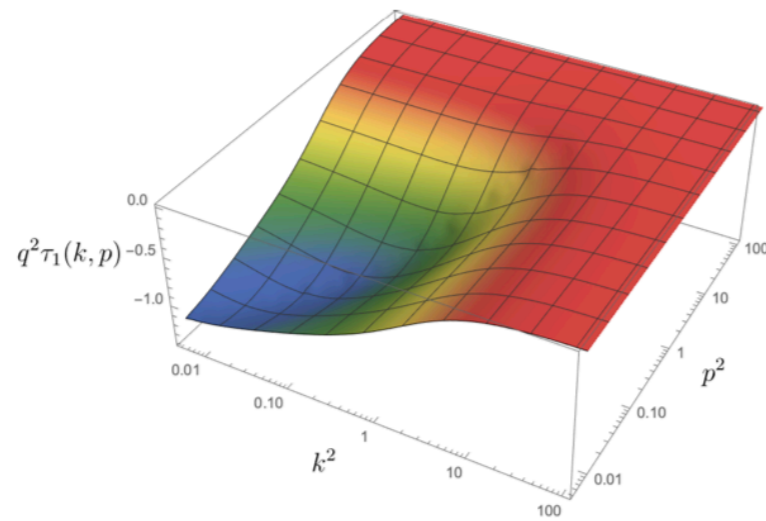
Mass Function



Wave Function Renormalization

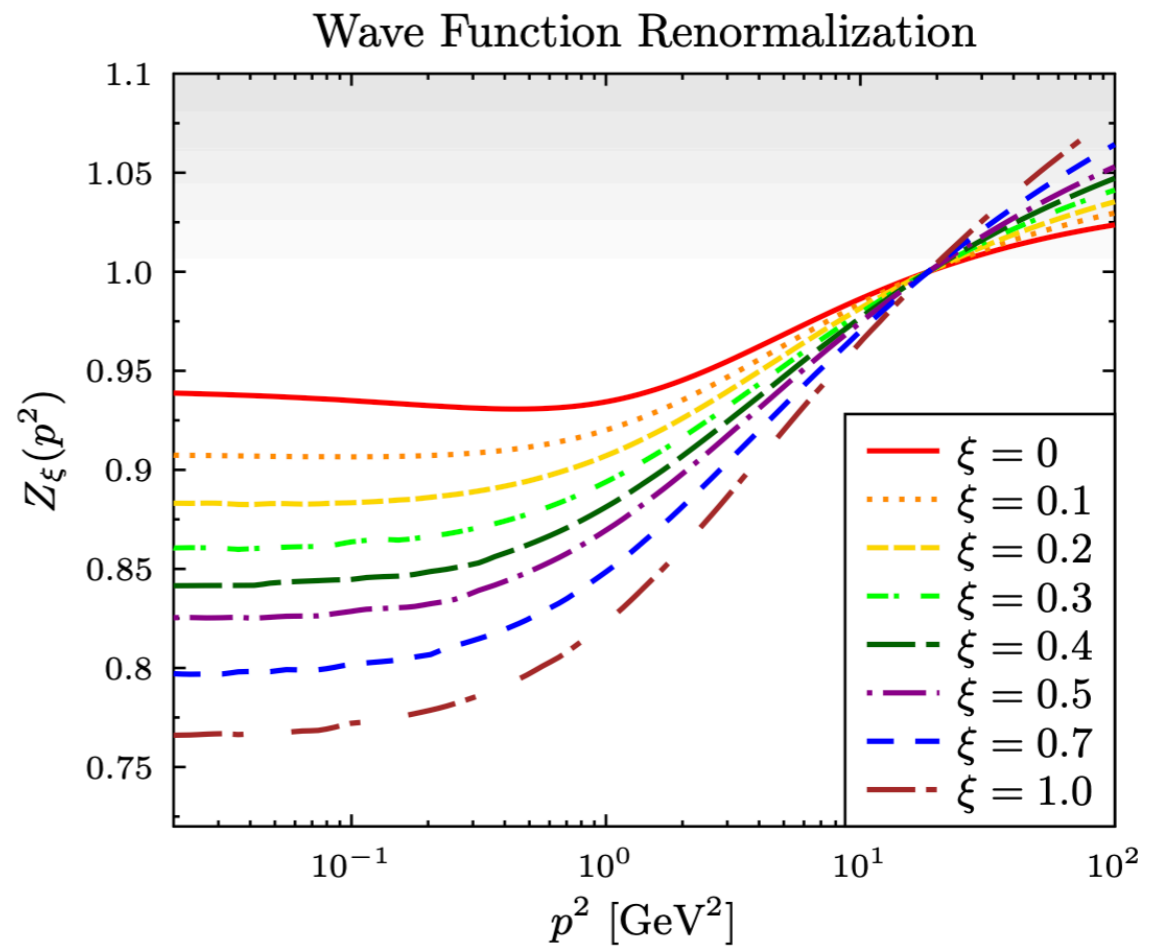
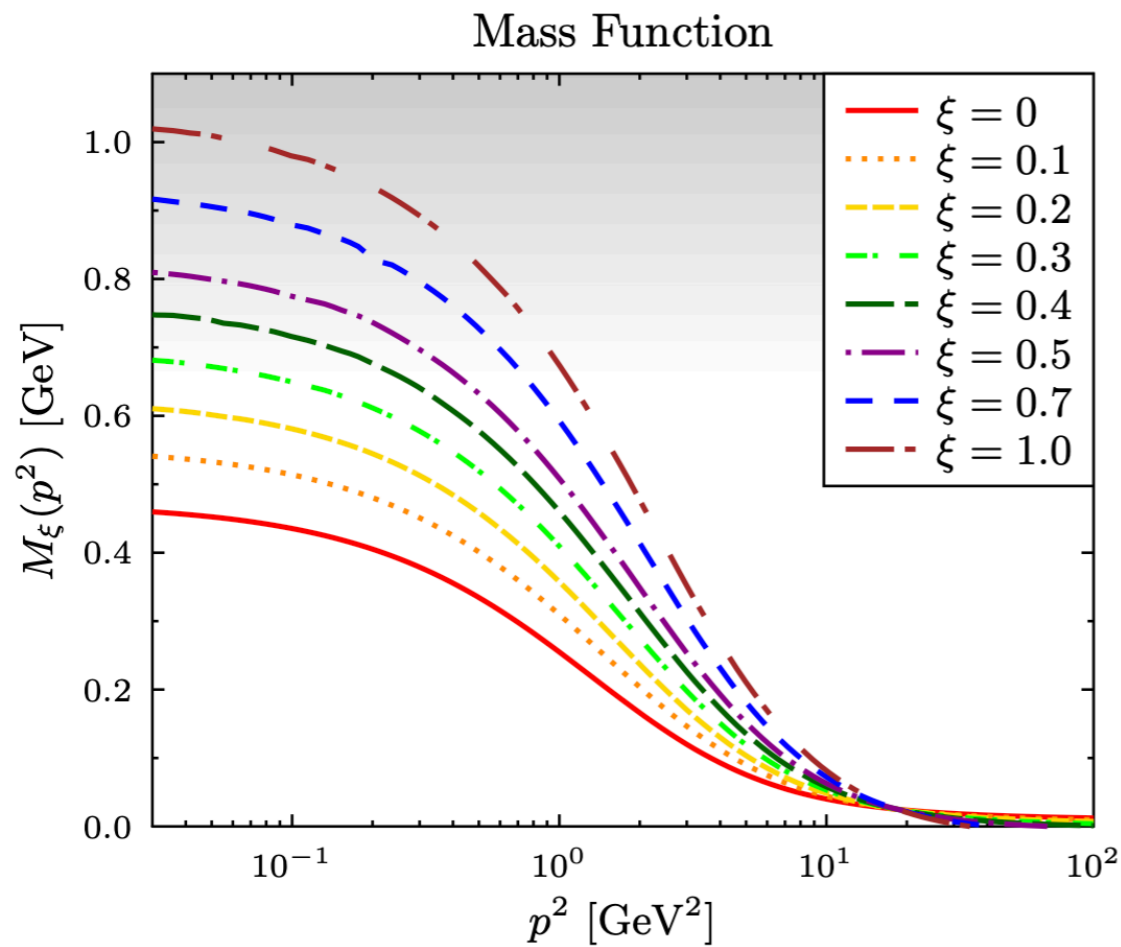


Quark-gluon transverse vertex



DSE with gluon propagators in R_ξ gauge

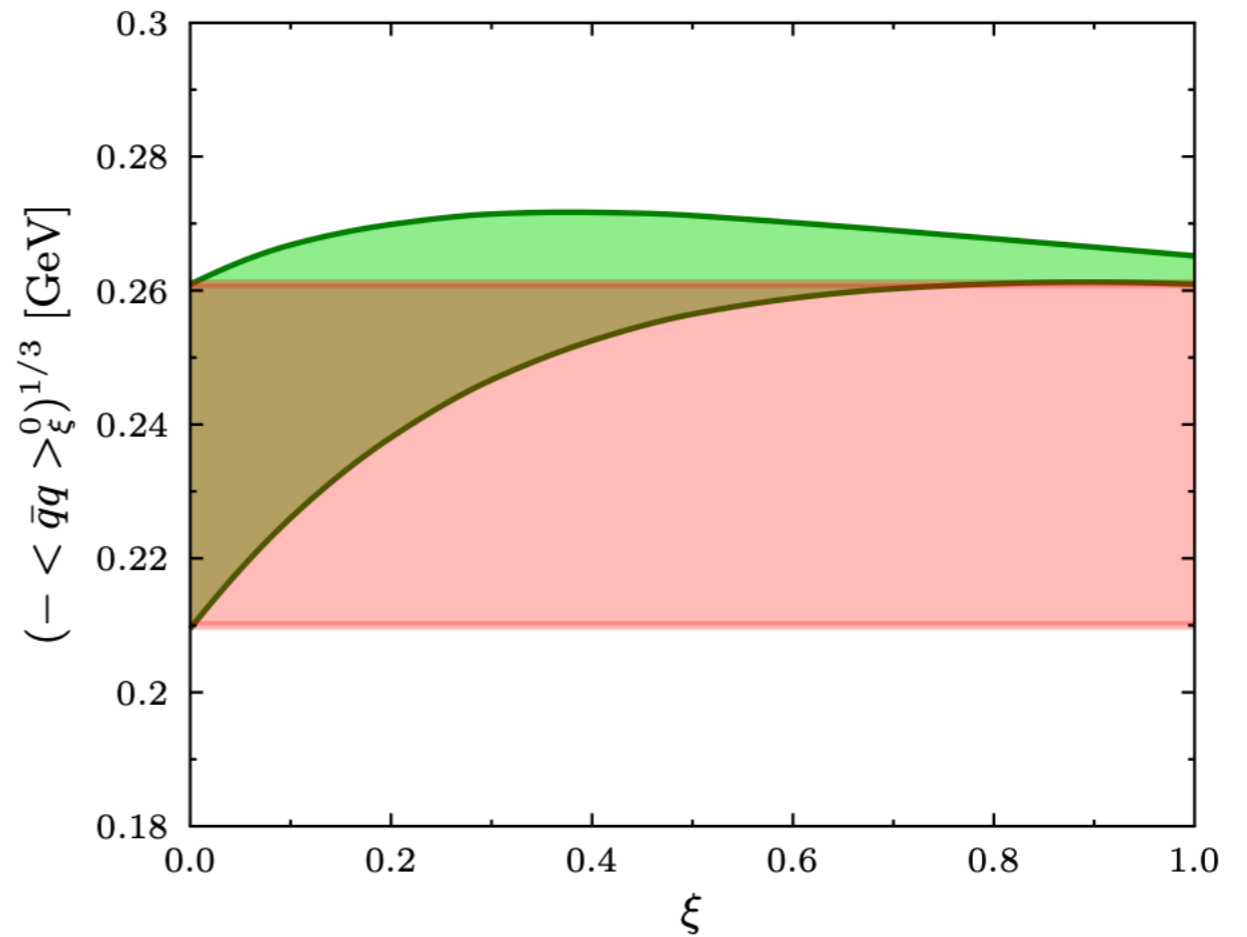
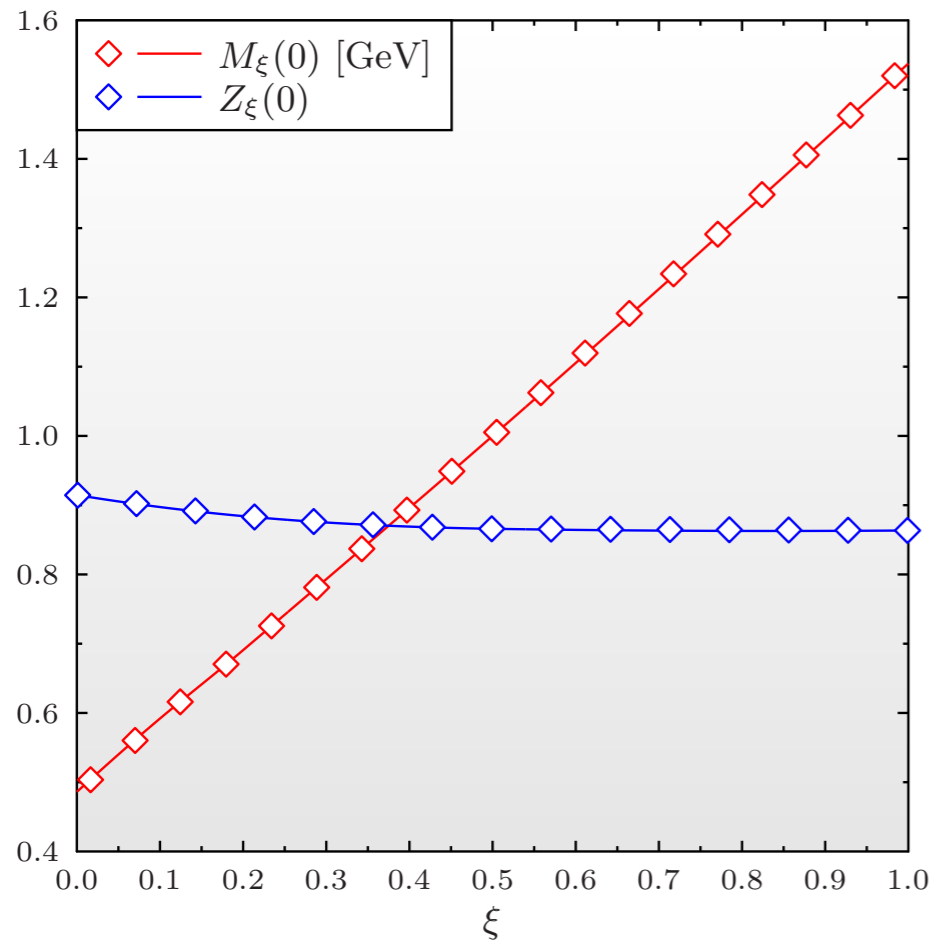
Lattice QCD input for gluon: P. Bicudo, D. Binosi, N. Cardoso, O. Oliveira and P. J. Silva, Phys. Rev. D 92, 114514 (2015)



$$\alpha_s^\xi = 0.29 + 0.098\xi - 0.064\xi^2$$

A. C. Aguilar, D. Binosi and J. Papavassiliou, Phys. Rev. D95, 034017 (2017)

DSE with gluon propagators in R_ξ gauge: constituent mass and quark condensate



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O. Oliveira and P. J. Silva, Phys. Rev. D 92, 114514 (2015)

Quark Propagator in Light Cone Gauge

Wilson lines in definitions of Parton Distributions Functions

$$q(x) = \int \frac{d\lambda}{4\pi} e^{-ixP \cdot n\lambda} \langle P | \bar{\psi}_q(\lambda n) \not{n} W(\lambda, n \cdot A) \psi_q(0) | P \rangle$$

In light-cone gauge: $n \cdot A = 0 \implies W(0, n\lambda) = \mathcal{P} e^{-ig \int_\lambda^0 n \cdot A(n\xi) d\xi} \equiv 1$

Quark Propagator in Light Cone Gauge

$$S^{-1}(p) = Z_2(i\gamma \cdot p + m^{\text{bm}}) + \Sigma(p)$$
$$\Sigma(p) = Z_1 \int^{\Lambda} \frac{d^4 q}{(2\pi)^4} g^2 D_{\mu\nu}(p-q) \frac{\lambda^a}{2} \gamma_\mu S(q) \Gamma_\nu^a(q,p)$$

The general form of the quark propagator in light-cone gauge:

$$S_f^{-1}(p) = iA(p^2)\not{p} + B(p^2) + iC(p^2)\not{n}$$

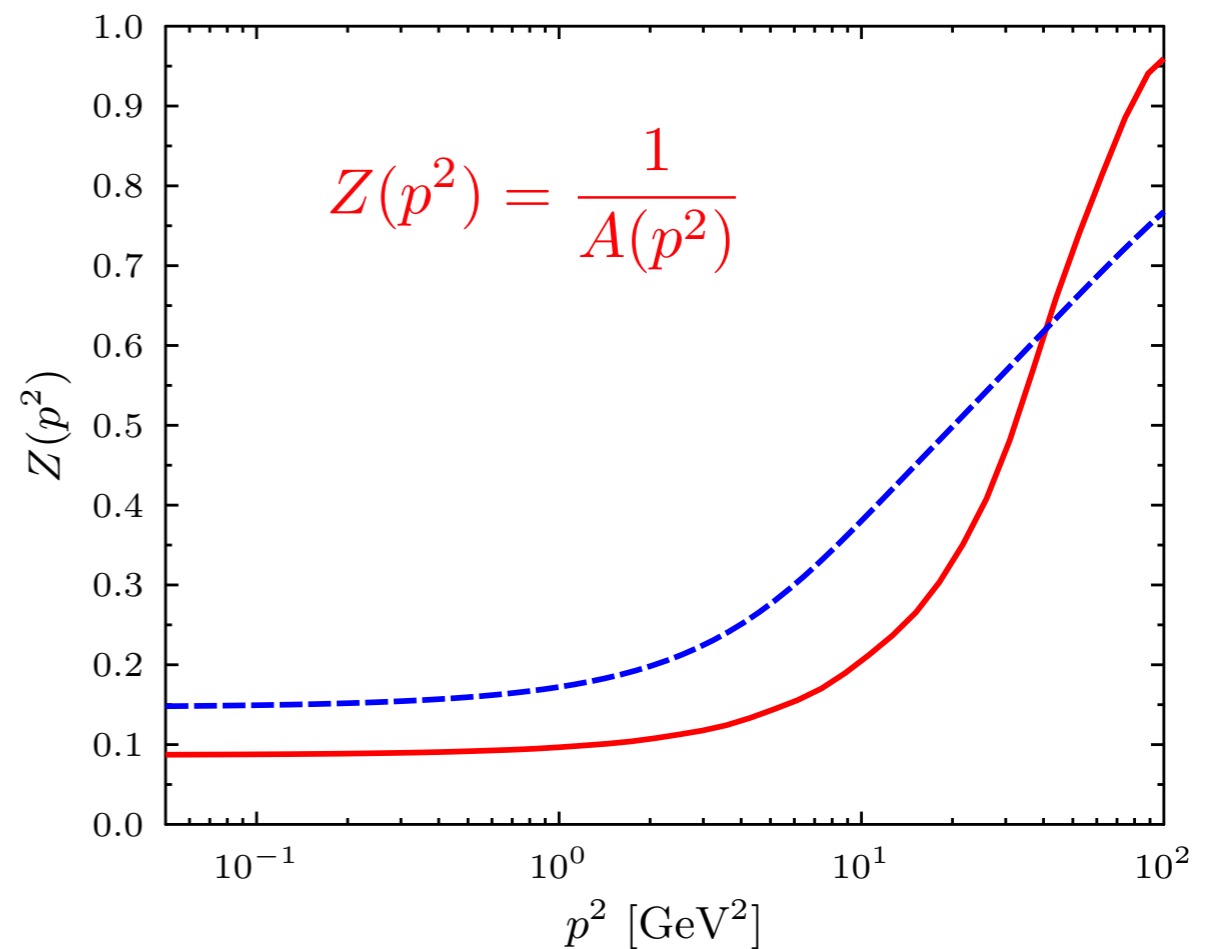
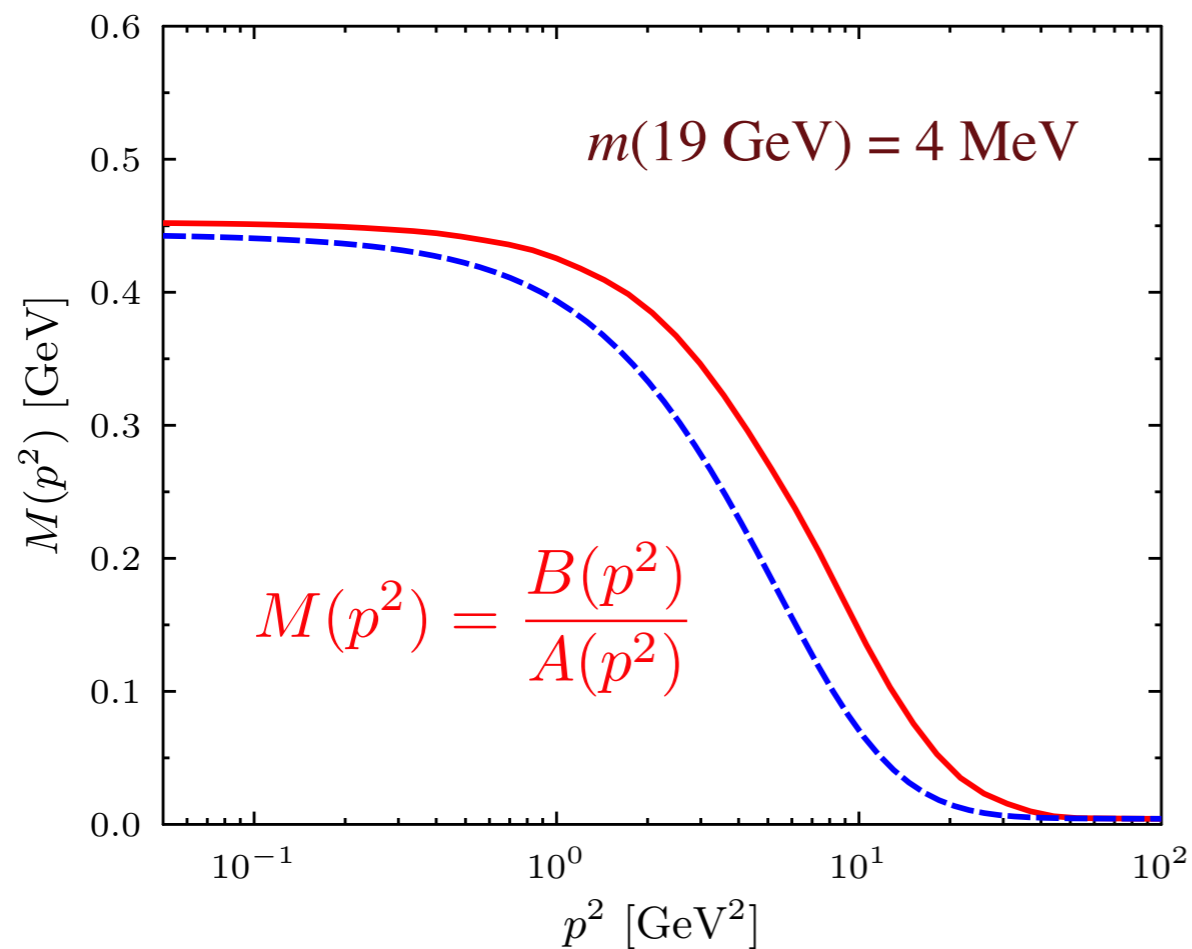
n is a light-like vector with $n^2 = 0$ and introduces a preferred direction, in particular in the momentum integral of the gap equation.

In light-cone gauge the gluon propagator is:

$$D_{\mu\nu}(q) = \frac{\Delta(q^2)}{q^2} \left[\delta_{\mu\nu} - \frac{q_\mu n_\nu + n_\mu q_\nu}{n \cdot q} \right] \quad \Leftarrow \quad n_\mu D_{\mu\nu}(q) = 0$$

Quark Propagator in Light Cone Gauge

$$S_f^{-1}(p) = iA(p^2)\not{p} + B(p^2) + iC(p^2)\not{n}$$



Angular dependence between n_μ and p_μ of $M(p^2)$ and $Z(p^2)$ represents the *gauge dependence* of quark propagator.

$$S_f^{-1}(p) = iA(p^2)\not{p} + B(p^2) + iC(p^2)\not{p} \Rightarrow C(p^2) \text{ is complex valued}$$

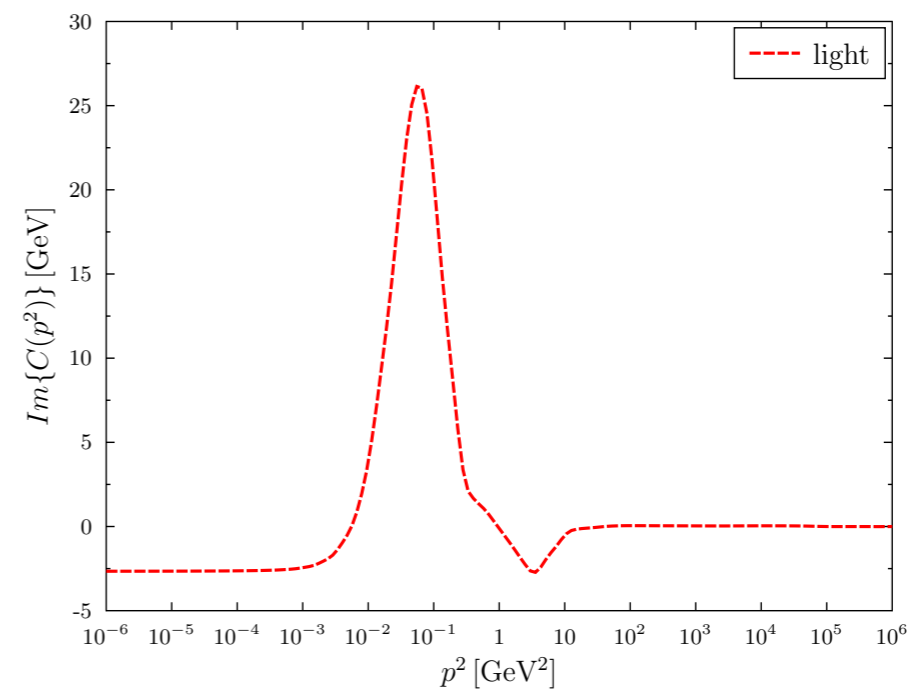
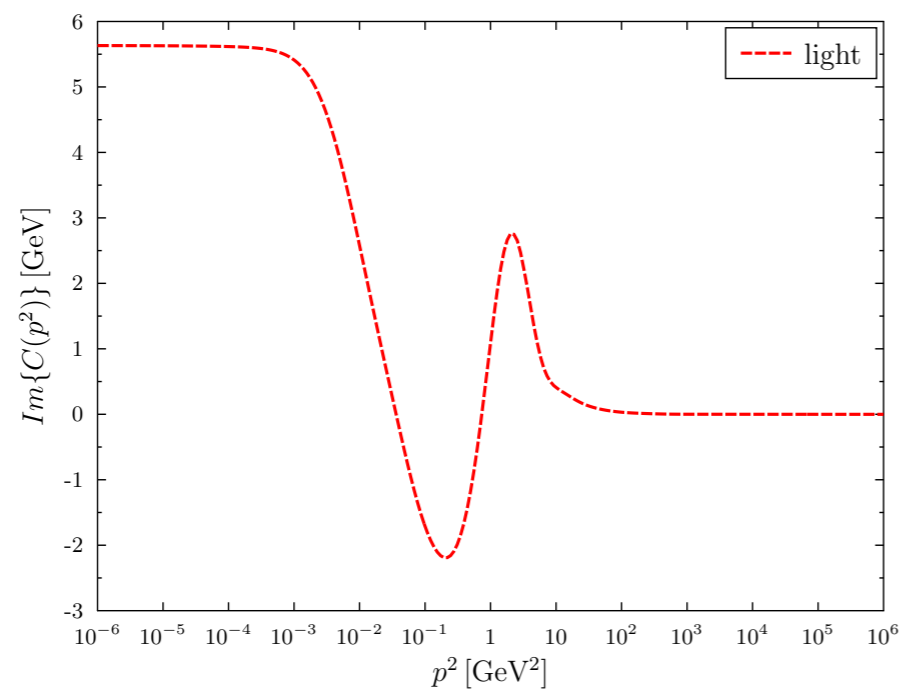
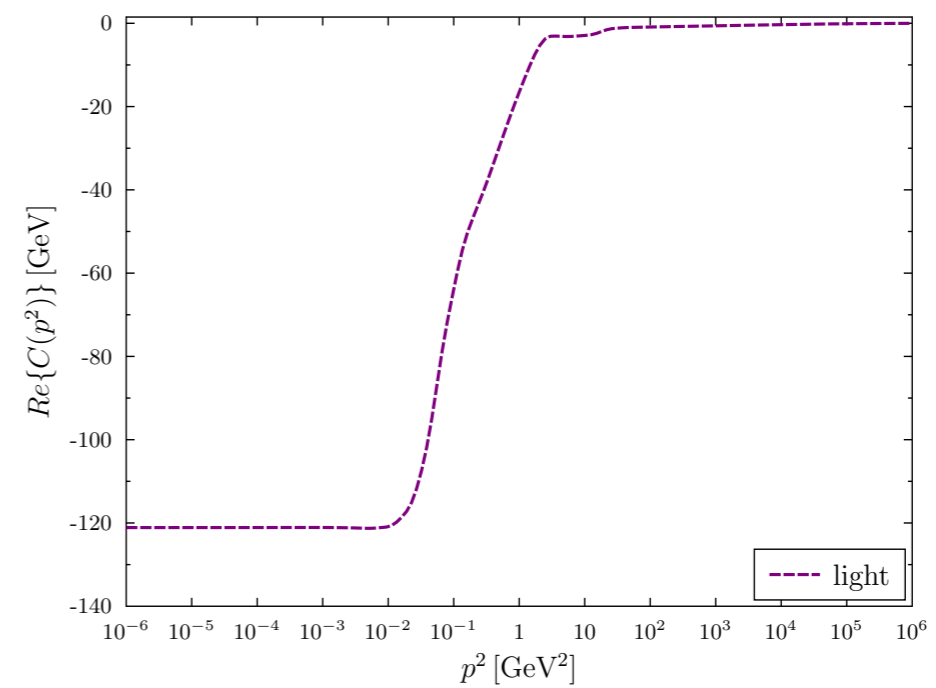
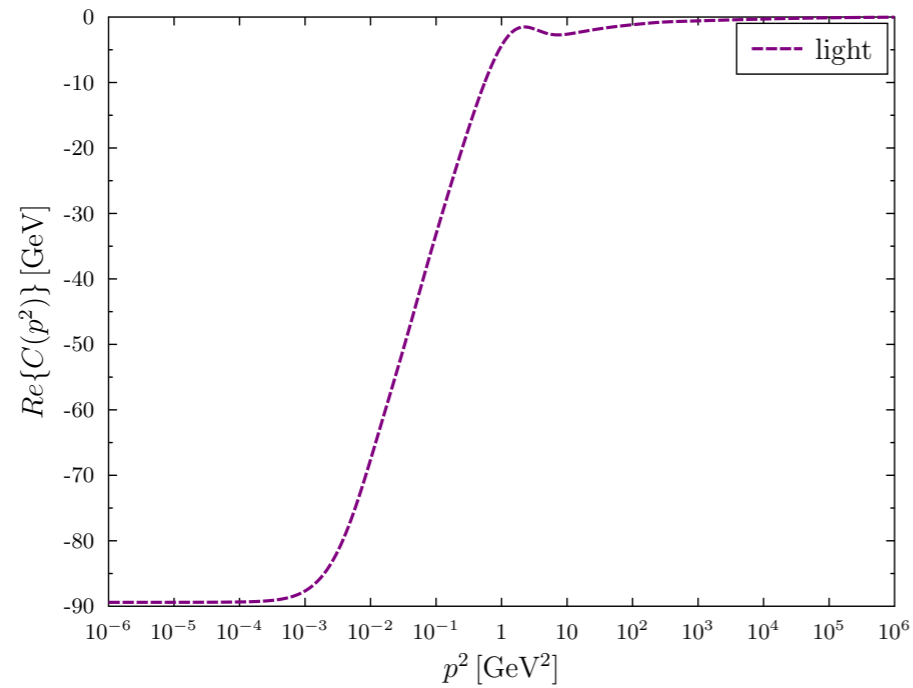


Figure. On the top real part and in the bottom imaginary part of $C(p^2)$ with $p = |p|(0, 0, 0, 1)$.

Figure. On the top real part and in the bottom imaginary part of $C(p^2)$ with $p = |p|(0, 0, y_p\sqrt{1 - z_p^2}, z_p)$.

Conclusions & Progress

- We derived a quark-gluon vertex from symmetries (gauge + Lorentz), that is we don't solve the inhomogeneous BSE for the quark-gluon vertex.
- The self-consistent solutions employ as ingredients gluon and ghost propagators from lattice QCD.
- The transverse vertex is necessary to ensure multiplicative renormalizability and contributes significantly to DCSB and therefore to a *constituent quark mass scale*.
- Underway: deriving the Bethe-Salpeter kernel consistent with this quark-gluon vertex (STIs) that *also satisfies the axialvector Ward identity and thus guarantees a zero pion mass in the chiral limit and the correct DCSB pattern for the meson spectrum*.
- First steps of calculating nonperturbative quark propagators in light-cone gauge.