

# DSE and the pion in Minkowski space: new developments

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## DSE in Minkowski space

$$[ \text{---}\overset{\bullet}{\text{---}}\text{---} ]^{-1} = [ \text{---}\text{---}\text{---} ]^{-1} + \text{---}\text{---}\text{---}$$

The diagram illustrates the Dyson-Schwinger equation for a fermion propagator in Minkowski space. The left-hand side represents the inverse of the full propagator, which is a fermion line with a self-energy insertion (a black dot). The right-hand side is the sum of the inverse of the bare propagator (a simple fermion line) and a loop diagram. The loop diagram shows a fermion line with two self-energy insertions (black dots) connected by a gluon loop (curly line). The momentum of the fermion is  $p$ , the momentum of the gluon is  $q = p - k$ , and the momentum of the fermion in the loop is  $k$ .

Usually defined and solved in Euclidean space:

- Lattice gauge theory simulations and its numerical solutions;
- QCD perturbation theory are strictly valid only at spacelike-momenta, the only possibility for Euclidean formulation.

Why Minkowski? Difficulties to deal with singular behavior of physical quantities...

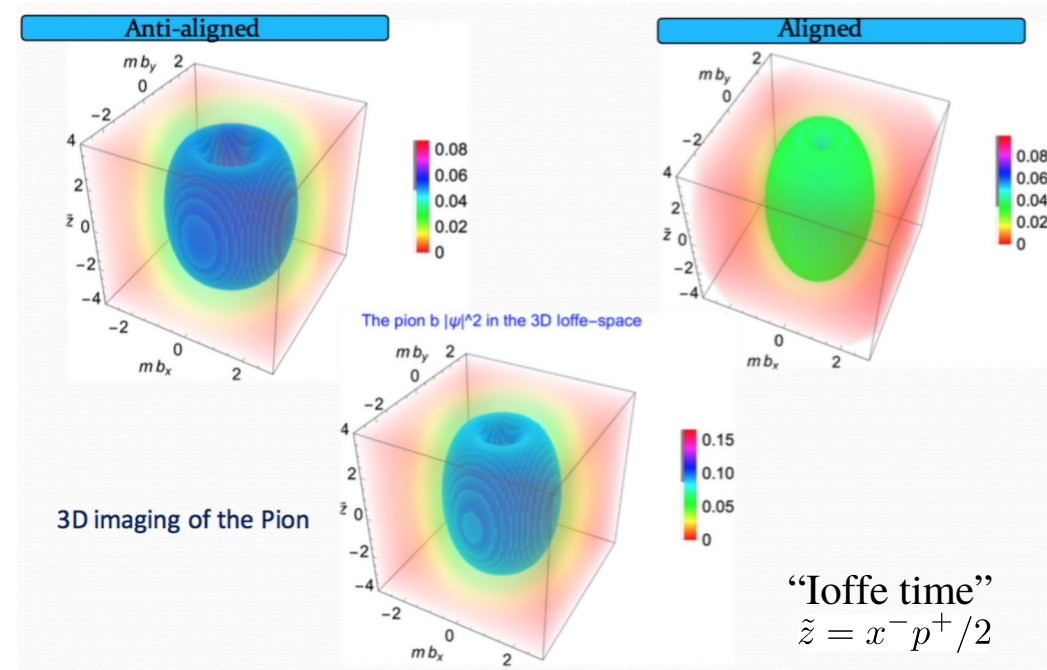
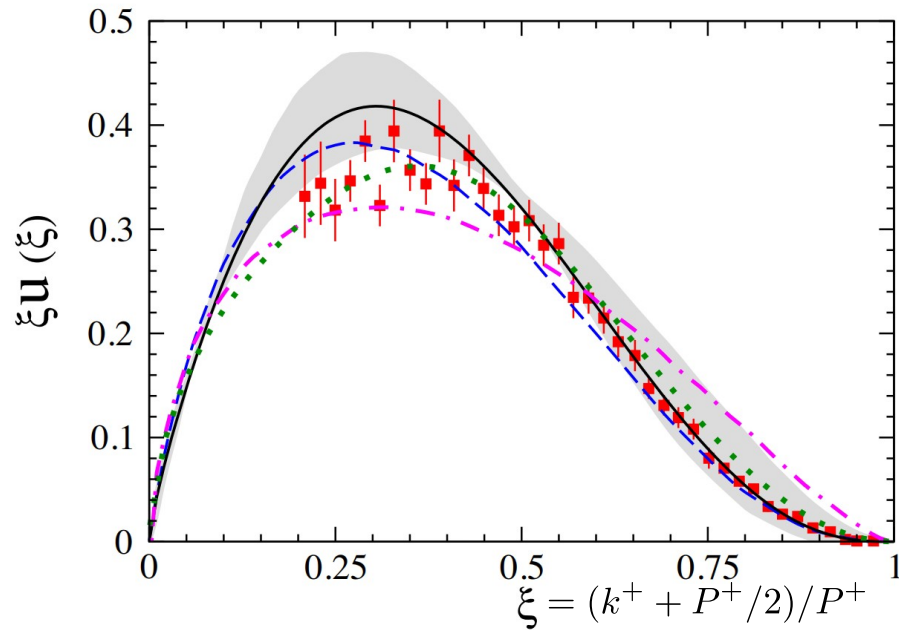
- Dynamical observables defined in the light-front;
- Electromagnetic form-factors (singularities!);
- 3d imaging that may clarify the hadron content (EIC facility in the future);
- ...
- QCD at finite density?
- Finite magnetic field?

# DSE in Minkowski space

Main Tool: Nakanishi  
Integral Representation

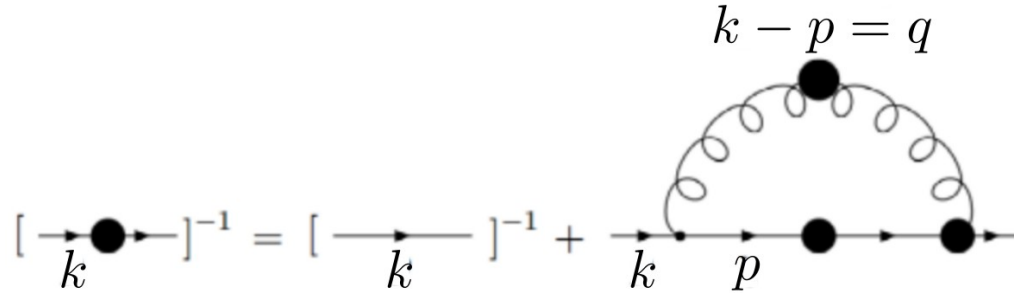
$$f_G(s) = \prod_h \int_0^1 dz_h \delta \left( 1 - \sum_h z_h \right) \int_0^\infty d\chi \frac{\tilde{\phi}_G(z_h, \chi)}{\chi - \sum_h z_h s_h - i\varepsilon}$$

Information about the loops  
Independent of the diagrams  
internal structure



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# Fermion Dyson Schwinger Equation (Rainbow-Ladder)



- DSE for the above schematic representation:

$$S_q^{-1}(k) = \not{k} - m_B + ig^2 \int \frac{d^4 q}{(2\pi)^4} \Gamma_\mu(q, k) S_q(k - q) \gamma_\nu D^{\mu\nu}(q)$$

- Rainbow ladder approximation:  $\Gamma_\mu(q, k) = \gamma_\mu$

- Gluon propagator:  $D^{\mu\nu}(q) = \frac{1}{q^2 - m_\sigma^2 + i\epsilon} \left[ g^{\mu\nu} - \frac{(1 - \xi)q^\mu q^\nu}{q^2 - \xi m_\sigma^2 + i\epsilon} \right]$

**Gauge fixing**

- Quark propagator:  $S_q(k) = \left[ \not{k} A(k^2) - B(k^2) + i\epsilon \right]^{-1}$

$$S_q(k) = R \frac{\not{k} + \bar{m}_0}{k^2 - \bar{m}_0^2 + i\epsilon} + \not{k} \int_0^\infty ds \frac{\rho_v(s)}{k^2 - s + i\epsilon} + \int_0^\infty ds \frac{\rho_s(s)}{k^2 - s + i\epsilon}$$

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$$\frac{R \overline{m}_0}{\gamma - \overline{m}_0^2 + i\epsilon} + \int_0^\infty ds \frac{\rho_s(s)}{\gamma - s + i\epsilon} = \frac{B(\gamma)}{\gamma A^2(\gamma) - B^2(\gamma) + i\epsilon}$$

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$$A^2(\overline{m}_0^2) - B^2(\overline{m}_0^2) = 0$$

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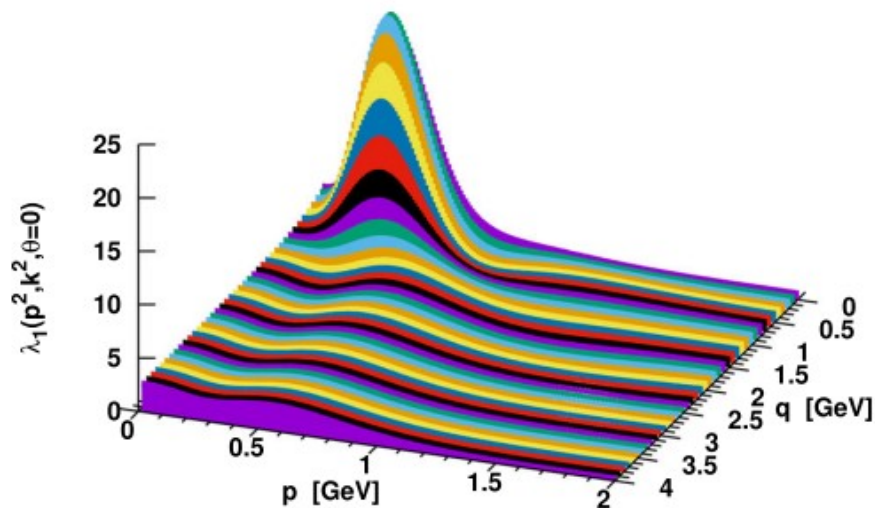
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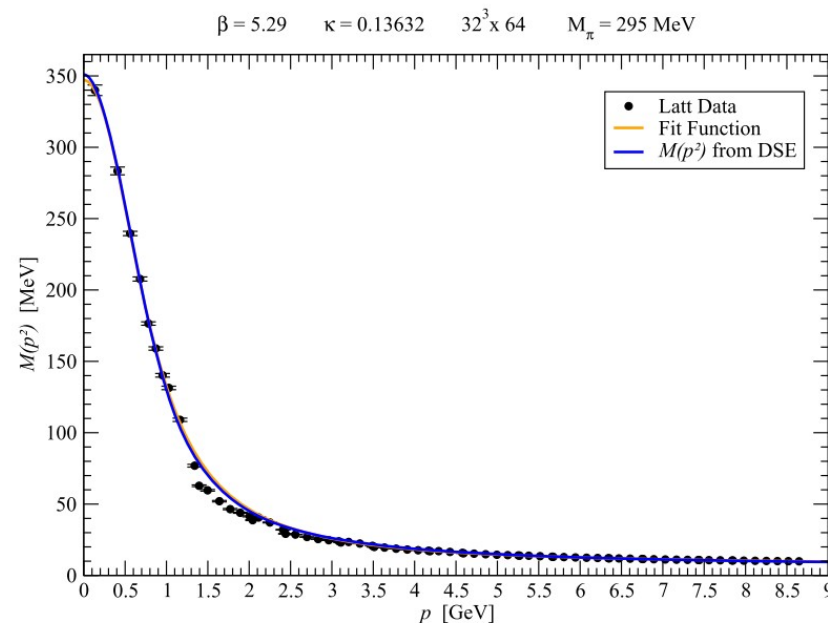
# DSE+Lattice QCD propagators: Enhancement of the quark-gluon vertex at the infrared region!<sup>†</sup>

<sup>†</sup>O. Oliveira et al., EPJC 80,484 (2020).



Pauli-Villars regulator can also be effectively associated with the form factor of the  $\gamma^\mu$  component of the quark-gluon vertex:

$$\lambda_1(q^2) = \frac{m_g^2 - \Lambda^2}{q^2 - \Lambda + i\epsilon}$$



<sup>†</sup>Rojas et al., JHEP 10 (2013) 193;  
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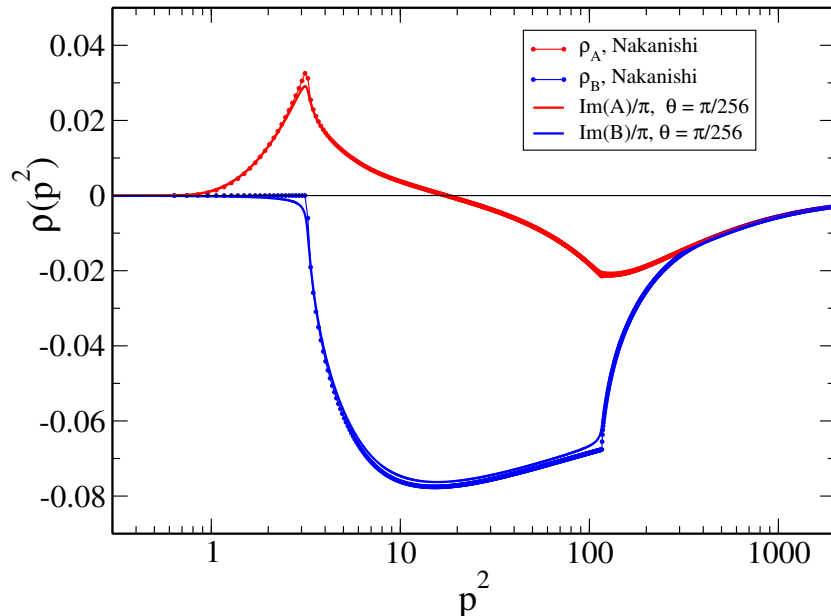
# Comparison with Un-Wick rotated results

Wick rotation is the exact analytical continuation of the Minkowski space Nakanishi representation: **Explorations in the complex plane.**

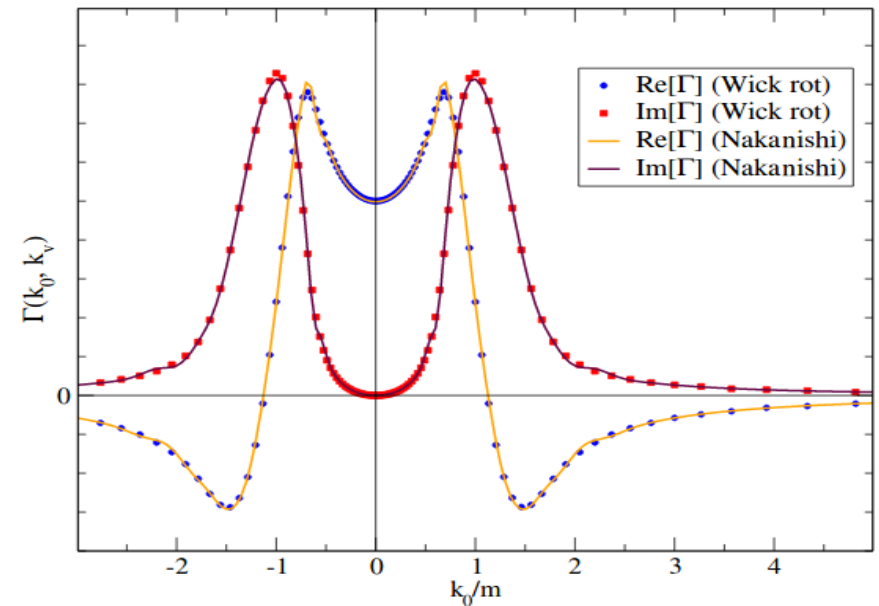
$$p_0 \rightarrow \exp(-i\delta)p_0$$

$$k_0 \rightarrow \exp(-i\delta)k_0$$

$$\theta = 0, \begin{cases} p_0^2 = 0, & \vec{p}^2 > 0 & \text{spacelike region} \\ p_0^2 > 0, & \vec{p}^2 = 0 & \text{timelike region} \end{cases}$$



- Minkowski space:  $\delta = \pi/2$ , or  $\Theta = \pi/2 - \delta$ .





# Large coupling regime: Phenomenological model

Calibration of the model: Possibility to explore the chiral symmetry breaking region!

Set	$\bar{m}_0$ (GeV)	$m_g$ (GeV)	$\Lambda$ (GeV)	$\alpha$
1	0.42	0.84	1.20	19.70
2	0.38	0.78	1.10	20.30
3	0.35	0.60	1.00	13.25

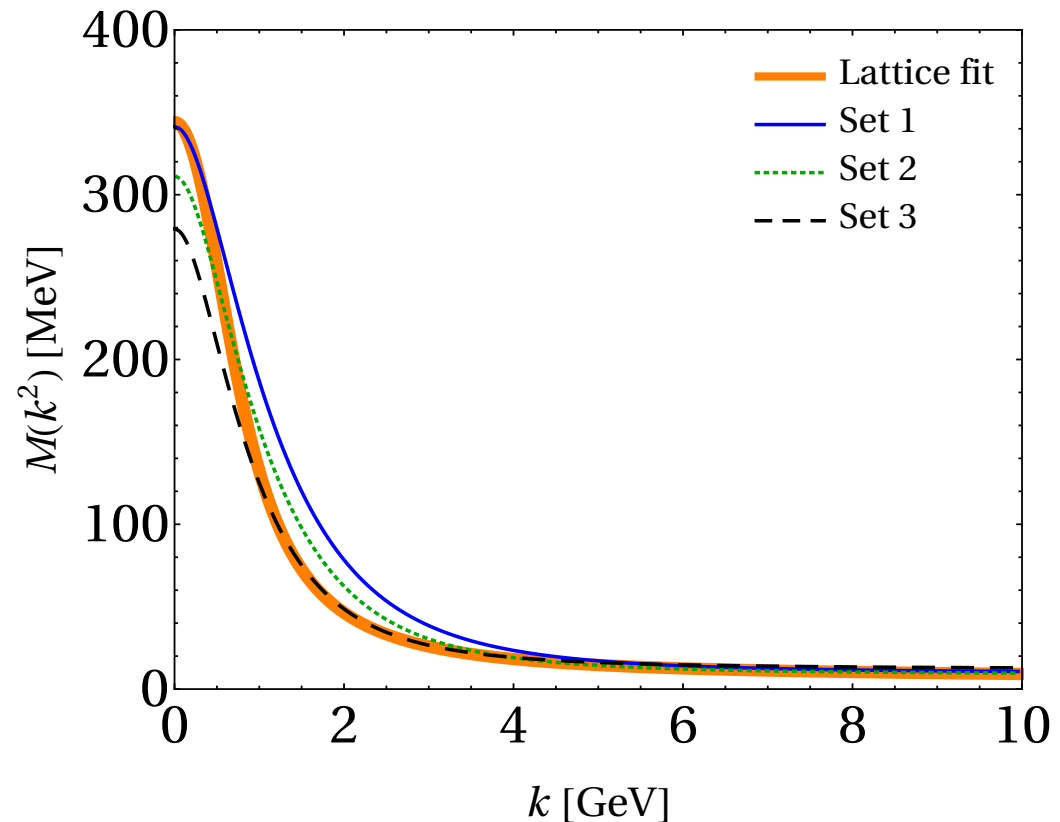
  

Set	(Outputs)	$m_B$ (MeV)	$R$
1		9.06	2.22
2		8.53	2.09
3		12.25	2.64

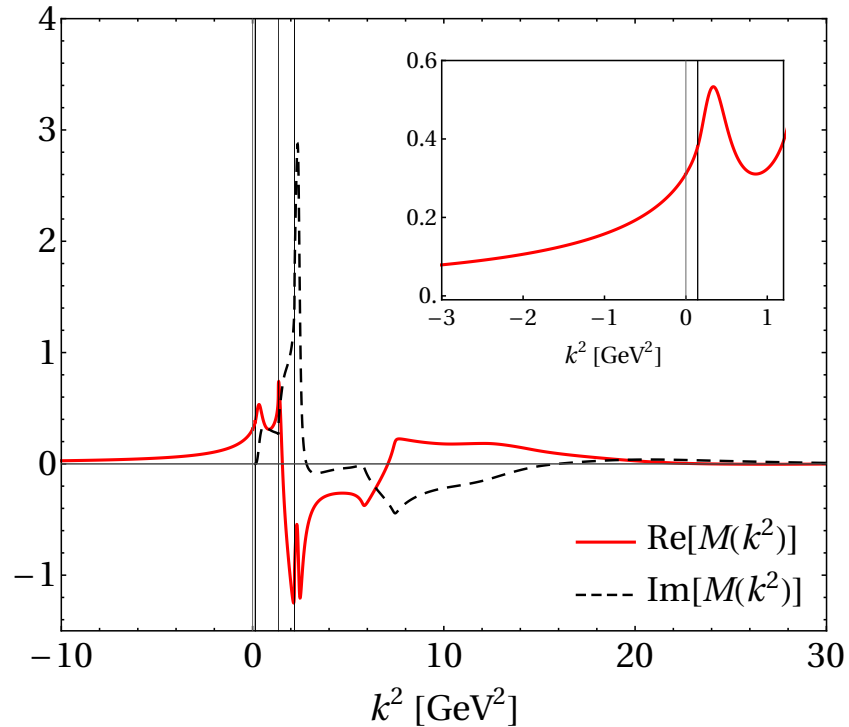
Appropriate behavior in the infrared require a large enough Kernel



$\Lambda$  cannot be large compared to  $m_g$ , and as a consequence,  $\alpha$  must increase!



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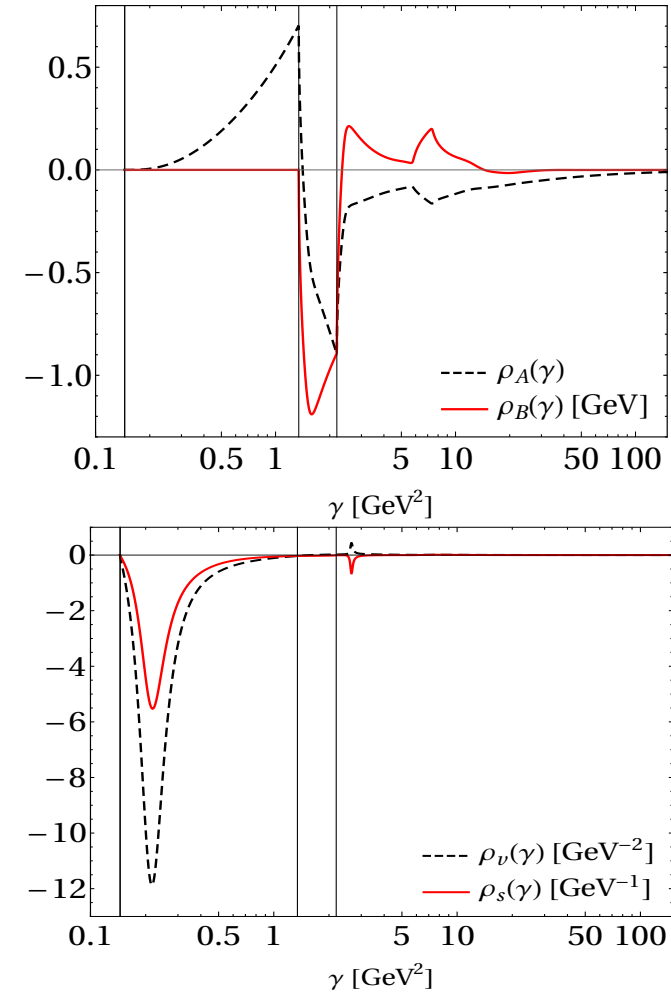


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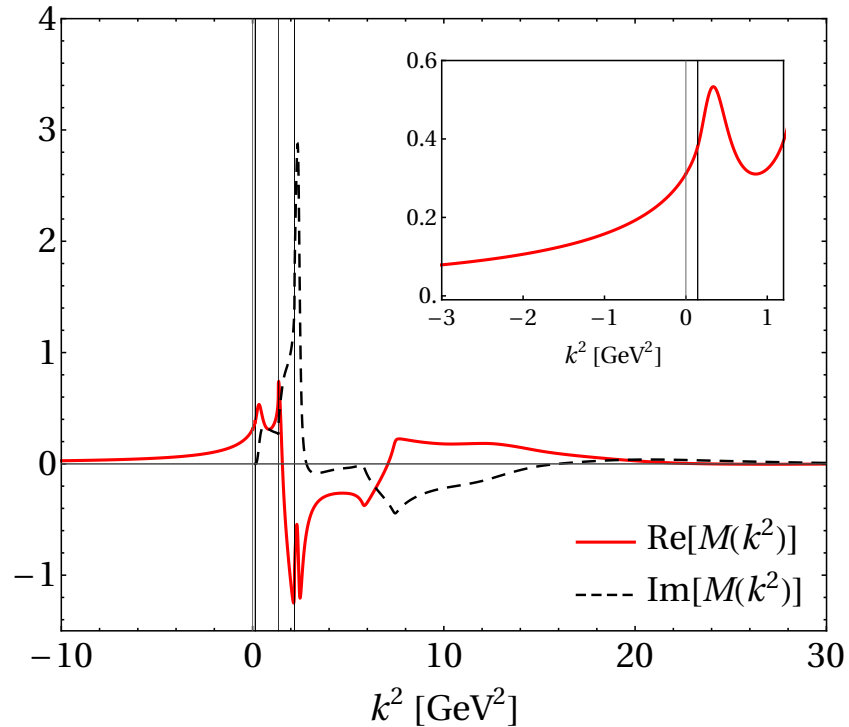
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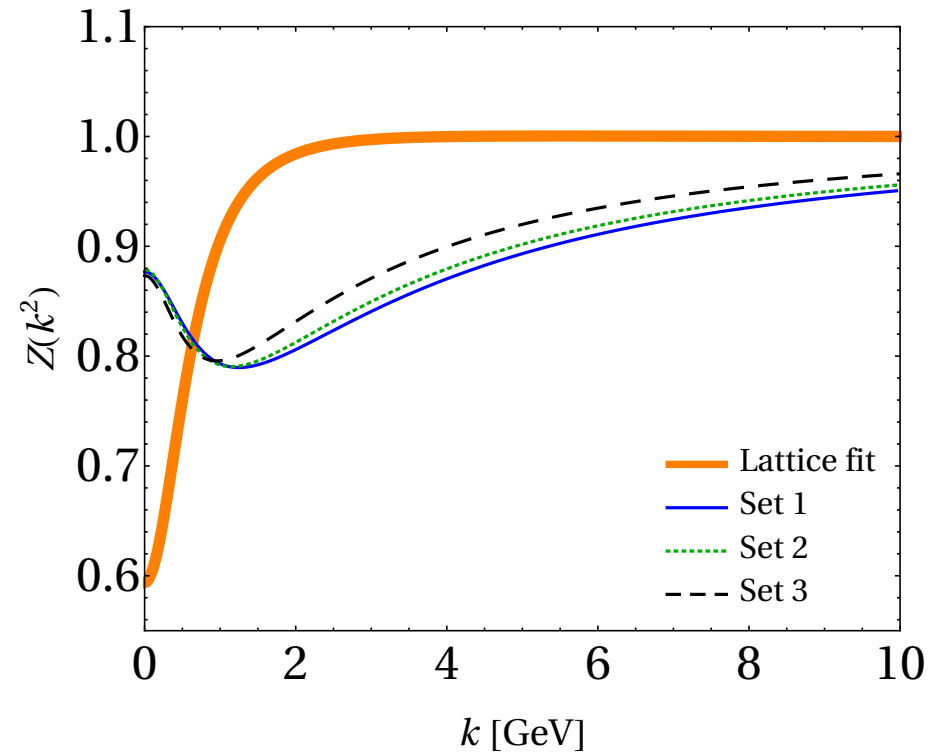


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Not enough to get a good fit for  $Z(k^2)$



# The pion

Spectral densities evaluated by solving the DSE the method described previously as inputs for the pion Bethe-Salpeter equation.

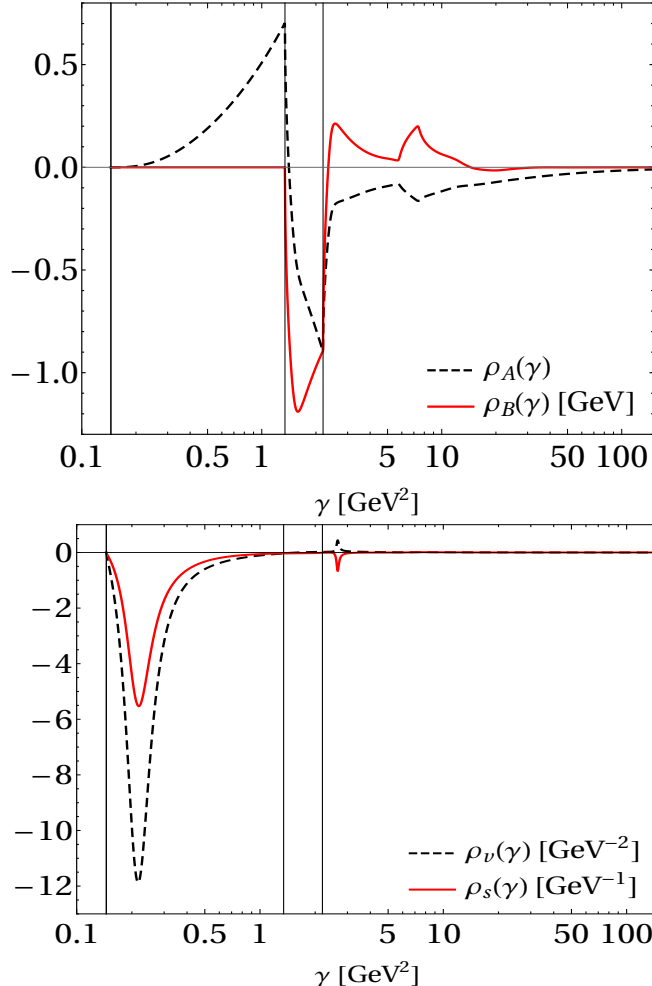
$$\Psi_{\pi}(k; p) = S_F(k_q) \Gamma_{\pi}(k; p) S_F(k_{\bar{q}})$$

$$S_F(k) = \frac{1}{A(k^2) \not{k} - B(k^2)} \\ = S_v(k^2) \not{k} + S_s(k^2)$$

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$$\Gamma_{\pi}(k, p) = \gamma_5 [\not{E}_{\pi}(k, p) + F_{\pi}(k, p) \\ + k^{\mu} p_{\mu} G_{\pi}(k, p) + \sigma_{\mu\nu} k^{\mu} p^{\nu} H_{\pi}(k, p)]$$



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- Bethe Salpeter equation:  $\Psi_\pi(p, P) = S(q)\Gamma_\pi(p, P)S(\bar{q})$

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- First approximation: **Chiral limit!** In this case, the pion quark-antiquark vertex is given by\*\*

$$E_\pi(k) = -\frac{1}{f_\pi^0} B(k^2), \quad B(k^2) = \int_0^\infty ds \frac{\rho_B(s)}{k^2 - s + i\epsilon}$$

- Calculation of observables, more rigorous study of chiral symmetry breaking, ingredients from LQCD...

**Pion decay constant:**  $ip^\mu f_\pi = N_c \int \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} \text{Tr} [\gamma^\mu \gamma^5 \Psi_\pi(k, p)]$

\*\*C. S. Mello, et al., Phys. Lett. B, 766 86–93 (2017), L. Chang et al., PRL 110, 132001 (2013).

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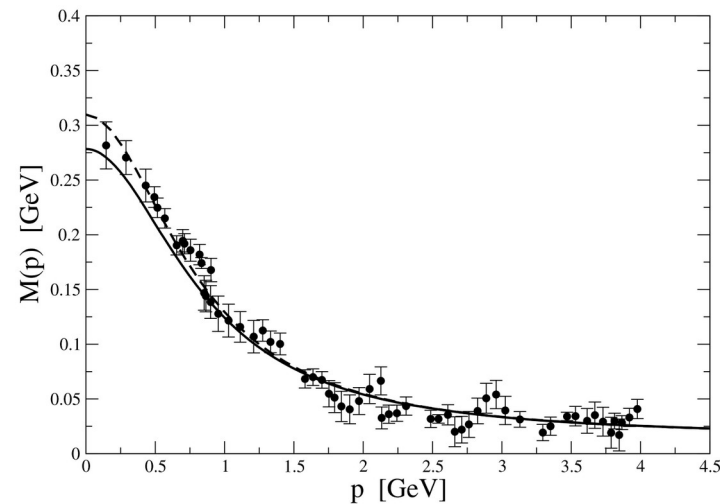
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$$\begin{aligned}
 f_\pi^2 = & \frac{4N_c}{\sqrt{2}(4\pi)^2} \int_0^\infty ds \int_0^\infty ds' \int_0^\infty ds'' \rho_B(s'') \tilde{\rho}_v(s') \tilde{\rho}_s(s) \\
 & \times \int_0^1 dv \int_0^{1-v} du \frac{1-u+v}{\frac{M_\pi^2}{4}(v-u)^2 + s''(1-v-u) - \frac{M_\pi^2}{4}(v+u) + vs + us' + i\epsilon} \\
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 \end{aligned}$$

Only the fit of running mass is not enough to  
generate good results for the observables!

- Inspired in a phenomenological model for the quark mass\*

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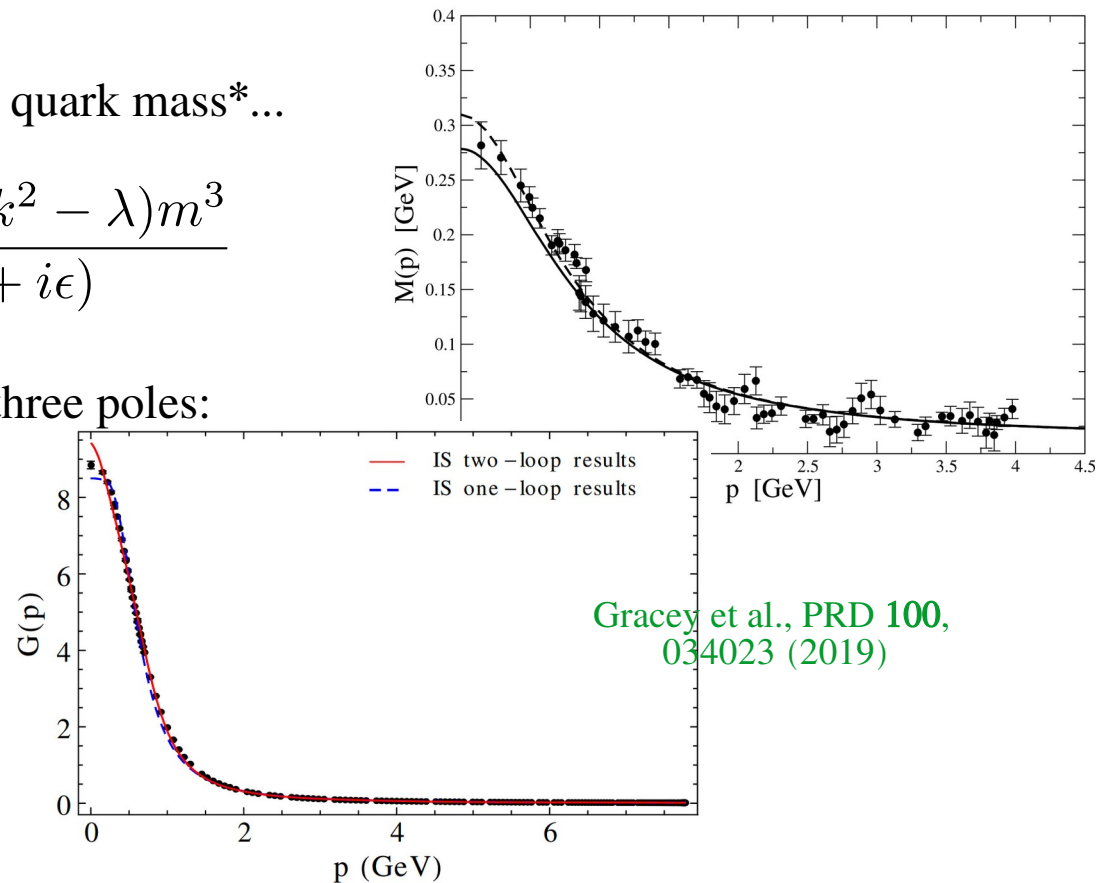
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Gracey et al., PRD 100,  
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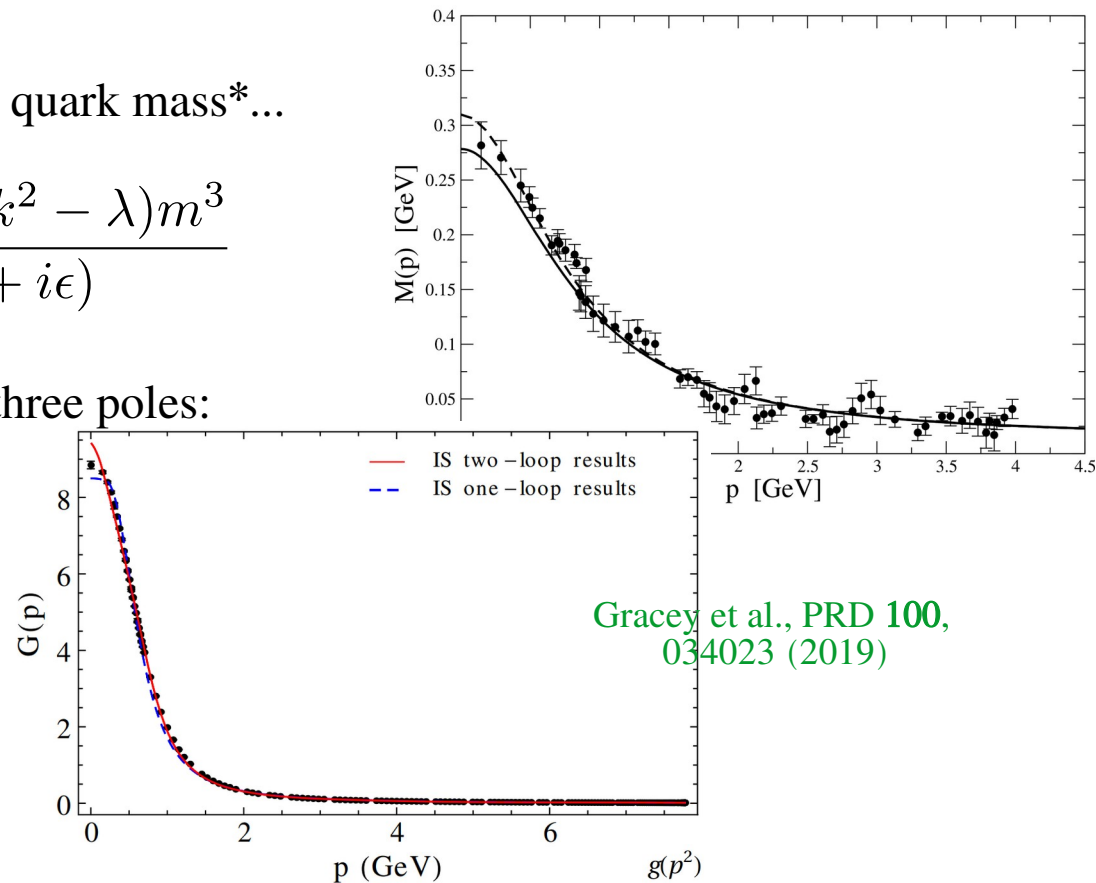
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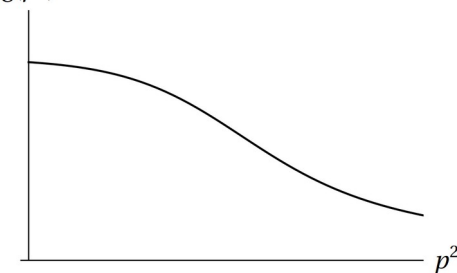
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- ... and a running coupling\*\*

$$g^2 \Rightarrow g^2(\gamma) = \frac{g_0^2}{1 + \beta_0 g_0^2 \ln \left( \frac{\gamma + x^2 \overline{m}_0^2}{x^2 \overline{m}_0^2} \right)}$$



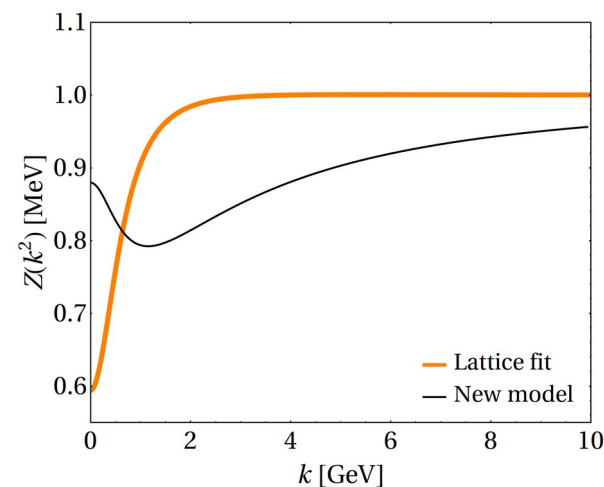
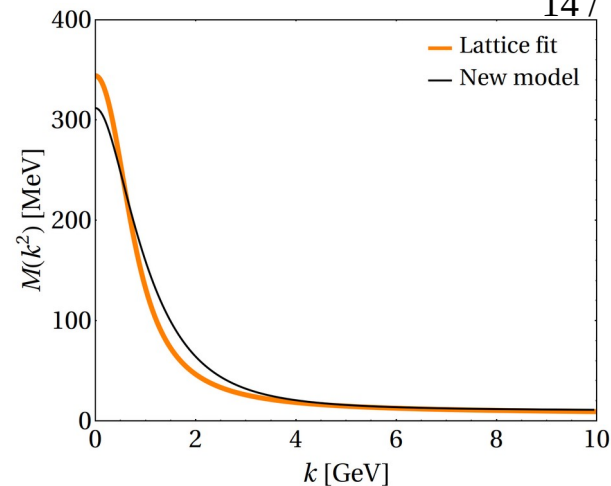
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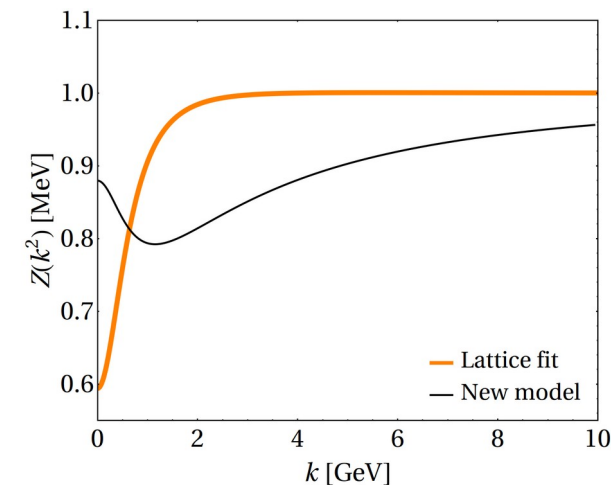
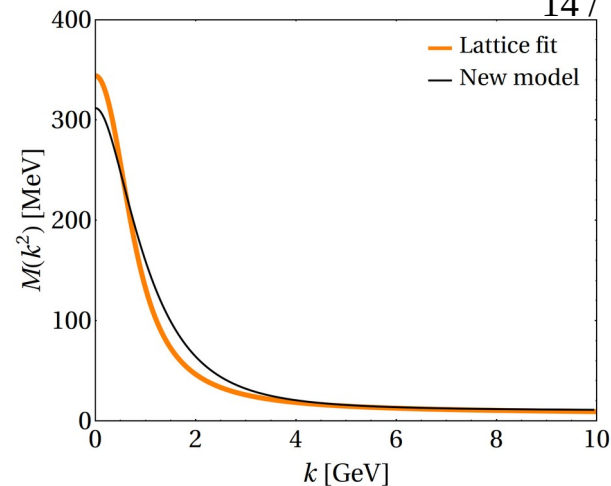
### Next steps:

- Valence wave function, probability amplitudes, .....

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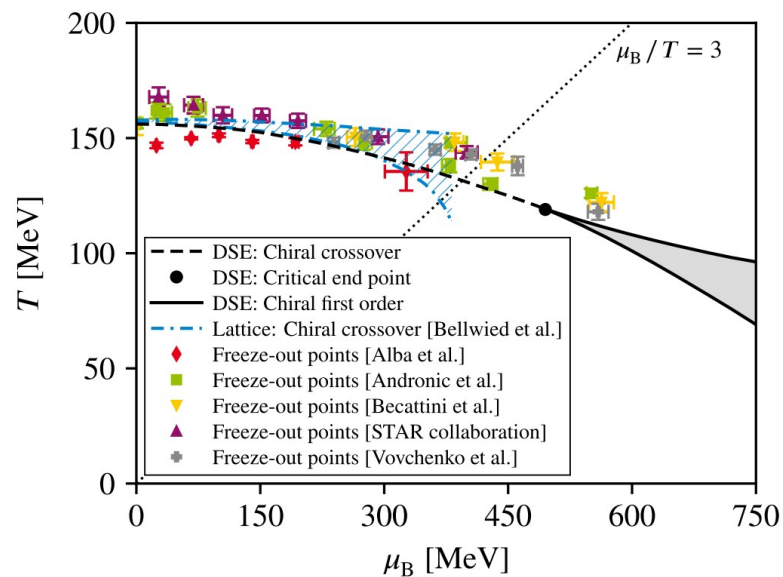
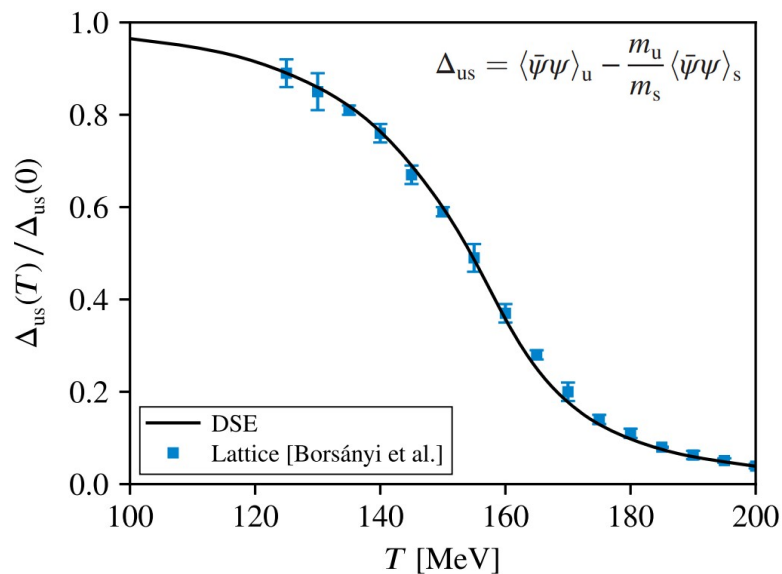
$$ip^i \psi_{\uparrow\uparrow}(p^+, \vec{p}_\perp) = \frac{\sqrt{\gamma}}{4} \int \frac{dp^-}{2\pi} \text{Tr} [\sigma^{+i} \gamma_5 \psi(p, P)]$$

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# Medium effects: Challenges

→ Is there a way to write down the propagators in such a way that overall the analytic structure is carried out in the denominator?  $\langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle = -\text{Tr} \int \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} S_F(k)$



Isserstedt et al., PRD 100, 074011 (2019)

- How to construct the EoS at finite density and/or temperature in Minkowski space? [Mallik, Sarkar: EPJC 61:489-494\(2009\)](#).
- Is it possible to retain the integral representation while including magnetic field effects?

## Summary

- Formulation in Minkowski space: possibility of calculation of dynamical observables;
- Based on the NIR, which is as a very important tool to solve DSE and BSE;
- More sophisticated ingredients, as quark-gluon vertex, Lattice QCD (self energy, vertex, ...)  $\Rightarrow$  more realistic theories!
- Wide range of applications: Form factors, parton distribution functions, analytic structure of pion, kaon, nucleon, Nakanishi weight functions ...
- Modifying the quark propagator to include  $T$ ,  $\mu$ ,  $eB$ : Phase diagram and EoS and in Minkowski space?

Thanks for your attention!



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- In terms of vector and scalar components (Källén-Lehman SR):

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$$\begin{aligned}
 k^2 A(k^2) &= i\alpha \int \frac{d^4 q}{4\pi^3} \left\{ \frac{R}{(k-q)^2 - \bar{m}_0^2 + i\epsilon} \right. \\
 &+ \int_0^\infty ds \frac{\rho_v(s)}{(k-q)^2 - s + i\epsilon} \left[ \frac{-2k^2 + 2(k \cdot q)}{q^2 - m_g^2 + i\epsilon} \right. \\
 &\left. \left. - \frac{(1-\xi) \left( 2(k \cdot q)^2 - k^2 q^2 - q^2 (k \cdot q) \right)}{(q^2 - m_g^2 + i\epsilon) (q^2 - \xi m_g^2 + i\epsilon)} \right] \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

$-[m_g \rightarrow \Lambda]$

$$\begin{aligned}
 B(k^2) &= -i\alpha \int \frac{d^4 q}{4\pi^3} \left\{ \frac{R \bar{m}_0}{(k-q)^2 - \bar{m}_0^2 + i\epsilon} \right. \\
 &+ \int_0^\infty ds \frac{\rho_s(s)}{(k-q)^2 - s + i\epsilon} \\
 &\left. \times \frac{1}{q^2 - m_g^2 + i\epsilon} \left[ 4 - \frac{q^2(1-\xi)}{q^2 - \xi m_g^2 + i\epsilon} \right] \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

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Pauli-Villars regularization



# Fermion DSE solution

$$\begin{aligned}
 \rho_A(\gamma) &= R\mathcal{K}_{0A}^\xi(\gamma, \bar{m}_0^2, m_g^2) \\
 &+ \int_0^\infty ds \mathcal{K}_A^\xi(\gamma, s, m_g^2) \rho_v(s) - [m_g \rightarrow \Lambda] \\
 \rho_B(\gamma) &= R\bar{m}_0 \mathcal{K}_{0B}^\xi(\gamma, \bar{m}_0^2, m_g^2) \\
 &+ \int_0^\infty ds \mathcal{K}_B^\xi(\gamma, s, m_g^2) \rho_s(s) - [m_g \rightarrow \Lambda]
 \end{aligned}$$

- **Driving term:**

$$\mathcal{K}_{0A(0B)}^\xi = K_{A(B)} + m_g^{-2} \bar{K}_{A(B)}^\xi$$

- **Kernel:**

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{K}_A^\xi(\gamma, s, m_g^2) &= K_A(\gamma, s, m_g^2) \Theta(s - (\bar{m}_0 + m_g)^2) \\
 &+ m_g^{-2} \bar{K}_A^\xi(\gamma, s, m_g^2) \Theta(s - (\bar{m}_0 + \sqrt{\xi} m_g)^2)
 \end{aligned}$$

## Connection Formulas

$$f_A(\gamma) = 1 + \int_0^\infty ds \frac{\rho_A(s)}{\gamma - s}$$

$$f_B(\gamma) = m_B + \int_0^\infty ds \frac{\rho_B(s)}{\gamma - s}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 d(\gamma) &= \left[ \gamma f_A^2(\gamma) - \pi^2 \gamma \rho_A^2(\gamma) - f_B^2(\gamma) + \pi^2 \rho_B^2(\gamma) \right]^2 \\
 &+ 4\pi^2 \left[ \gamma \rho_A(\gamma) f_A(\gamma) - \rho_B(\gamma) f_B(\gamma) \right]^2
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \rho_v(\gamma) &= -2 \frac{f_A(\gamma)}{d(\gamma)} [\gamma \rho_A(\gamma) f_A(\gamma) - \rho_B(\gamma) f_B(\gamma)] \\
 &+ \frac{\rho_A(\gamma)}{d(\gamma)} [\gamma f_A^2(\gamma) - \pi^2 \gamma \rho_A^2(\gamma) - f_B^2(\gamma) + \pi^2 \rho_B^2(\gamma)] \\
 \rho_s(\gamma) &= -2 \frac{f_B(\gamma)}{d(\gamma)} [\gamma \rho_A(\gamma) f_A(\gamma) - \rho_B(\gamma) f_B(\gamma)] \\
 &+ \frac{\rho_B(\gamma)}{d(\gamma)} [\gamma f_A^2(\gamma) - \pi^2 \gamma \rho_A^2(\gamma) - f_B^2(\gamma) + \pi^2 \rho_B^2(\gamma)]
 \end{aligned}$$

## Feynman gauge kernel ( $\xi = 1$ ):

$$K_A(\gamma, s, m_g^2) = -\frac{\alpha}{4\pi} \frac{\gamma - m_g^2 + s}{\gamma^2} \sqrt{(\gamma - m_g^2 + s)^2 - 4\gamma s} \Theta[\gamma - (m_g + \sqrt{s})^2]$$

$$K_B(\gamma, s, m_g^2) = -\frac{\alpha}{4\pi} \frac{4}{\gamma} \sqrt{(\gamma - m_g^2 + s)^2 - 4\gamma s} \Theta[\gamma - (m_g + \sqrt{s})^2]$$

## Remaining arbitrary $\xi$ -gauge contribution:

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{K}_A^\xi(\gamma, s, m_g^2) &= -\frac{\alpha}{4\pi} \frac{(\gamma - s)^2 - m_g^2(\gamma + s)}{2\gamma^2} \sqrt{(\gamma - m_g^2 + s)^2 - 4\gamma s} \\ &\quad \times \Theta[\gamma - (m_g + \sqrt{s})^2] - [m_g^2 \rightarrow \xi m_g^2] \end{aligned}$$

$$\bar{K}_B^\xi(\gamma, s, m_g^2) = \frac{\alpha m_g^2}{4\pi} \frac{\sqrt{(\gamma - m_g^2 + s)^2 - 4\gamma s}}{\gamma} \Theta[\gamma - (m_g + \sqrt{s})^2] - [m_g^2 \rightarrow \xi m_g^2]$$

## Bare mass:

$$m_B = \bar{m}_0 + \bar{m}_0 \int_0^\infty ds \frac{\rho_A(s)}{\bar{m}_0^2 - s} - \int_0^\infty ds \frac{\rho_B(s)}{\bar{m}_0^2 - s}$$

## Residue:

$$\begin{aligned} R^{-1} &= 1 + \int_0^\infty ds \frac{\rho_A(s)}{\bar{m}_0^2 - s} - 2\bar{m}_0^2 \int_0^\infty ds \frac{\rho_A(s)}{(\bar{m}_0^2 - s)^2} \\ &\quad + 2\bar{m}_0 \int_0^\infty ds \frac{\rho_B(s)}{(\bar{m}_0^2 - s)^2} \end{aligned}$$