The dynamics of the gluon mass

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Bound states in QCD



The mass of the visible matter depends $\,$ on the non-perturbative behavior of the gluon propagator

Large volume lattice simulations

The gluon propagator **saturates** in the deep infrared, both in the Landau gauge and away from it !

I.L.Bogolubsky, et al , PoS LAT2007, 290 (2007)

P. Bicudo et al, Phys. Rev.D 92, 114514 (2015)

 $\Delta^{-1}(0) = m^2(0)$



Saturation suggests some sort of "dynamical gluon mass generation"

J. M. Cornwall, Phys. Rev. D26, 1453 (1982)

SDEs in the PT-BFM framework

The Background Field Method (BFM) is a powerful quantization scheme

B. S. DeWitt, Phys. Rev. 162 (1967) 195-1239

G. 't Hooft, In *Karpacz 1975, Proceedings, Acta Universitatis Wratislaviensis No.368, 1976, 345-369 L. F. Abbott, Nucl. Phys. B185 (1981) 189

Residual invariance after special gauge-fixing leads to ghost-free Slavnov-Taylor identities

The Pinch Technique (PT) is a diagrammatic method: systematic rearrangement of off-shell Green's functions, starting from any gauge-fixing scheme

J. M. Cornwall, Phys. Rev. D26, 1453 (1982) J. M. Cornwall and J.P., Phys. Rev. D40 (1989) D. Binosi and J.P., Phys.Rept. 479 (2009)



D. Binosi and J.P., Phys. Rev. D77, 061702 (2008) ; JHEP 0811, 063 (2008)

Improved truncation scheme for SDEs

Background and quantum propagators are related :

$$\widehat{\Delta}(q) = [\mathbf{1} + \mathbf{G}(\mathbf{q})]\Delta(q)$$

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Known function in the Landau gauge

P. A. Grassi, T. Hurth and M. Steinhauser, Annals Phys. 288, 197 (2001) D. Binosi and J. P., Phys. Rev. D66, 025024 (2002)

The "quantum-background " gluon self-energy



Transversality is enforced *separately* for gluon and ghost loops, and order-by-order in the "dressed-loop" expansion!

A.C. Aguilar and J.P., JHEP 0612, 012 (2006)
D. Binosi and J. P., Phys.Rev. D 77, 061702 (2008); JHEP 0811:063,2008.

First ingredient : From Takahashi to Ward identities

$$q^{\mu} \tilde{\Gamma}_{\mu\alpha\beta}(q,r,p) = i \Delta_{\alpha\beta}^{-1}(r) - i \Delta_{\alpha\beta}^{-1}(p)$$

Taylor expansion of both sides around q = 0assuming no poles $1/q^2$ in the form factors of $\tilde{\Gamma}_{\mu\alpha\beta}(q, r, p)$



Exact analogy with the Ward identity of spinor QED ! $\Gamma_{\mu}(0,r,-r) = \frac{\partial S^{-1}(r)}{\partial r^{\mu}}$

Second ingredient: Seagull identity

In dimensional regularization, any function that satisfies the criterion of Wilson

$$\int_{k} f(k^{2}) = \frac{1}{(4\pi)^{\frac{d}{2}} \Gamma(\frac{d}{2})} \int_{0}^{\infty} dy y^{\frac{d}{2}-1} f(y) = \text{finite}, \quad \text{for } 0 < d < d^{*}$$

$$\longrightarrow \int_{k} k^{2} \frac{\partial f(k^{2})}{\partial k^{2}} + \frac{d}{2} \int_{k} f(k^{2}) = 0$$

Integrate by parts, drop the surface term, do analytic continuation

Gluon propagator at the origin



Exact result from BFM Schwinger-Dyson equation !

Vertices with massless poles

To evade the previous result, one must relax one of the underlying assumptions

In particular, the derivation of the WI hinges on the absence of poles $\,1/q^2$

Therefore, let us introduce poles in $\Gamma_{\mu\alpha\beta}$



Explicit implementation of the Schwinger mechanism in Yang-Mills theories

J.S. Schwinger

Phys. Rev.125, 397 (1962); Phys.Rev.128, 2425 (1962). **R. Jackiw and K. Johnson**, Phys. Rev. D8, 2386 (1973)

E. Eichten and F. Feinberg, Phys. Rev. D10, 3254 (1974)

The poles correspond to massless bound-state (colored) excitations



Ward identities in the presence of poles $\widetilde{\Gamma}_{\mu\alpha\beta}(q,r,p) = \widetilde{\Gamma}^{\mathbf{np}}_{\mu\alpha\beta}(q,r,p) + \frac{q_{\mu}}{q^2}\widetilde{C}_{\alpha\beta}(q,r,p)$ $q^{\mu}\widetilde{\Gamma}_{\mu\alpha\beta}(q,r,p) = i\Delta_{\alpha\beta}^{-1}(r) - i\Delta_{\alpha\beta}^{-1}(p)$ Same ST identity ! $q^{\mu}\widetilde{\Gamma}^{\mathbf{np}}_{\mu\alpha\beta}(q,r,p) + \widetilde{C}_{\alpha\beta}(q,r,p) = i\Delta^{-1}_{\alpha\beta}(r) - i\Delta^{-1}_{\alpha\beta}(p),$ Expand around q=0

$$\widetilde{\Gamma}^{\mathbf{np}}_{\mu\alpha\beta}(0,r,-r) = -i\frac{\partial\Delta^{-1}_{\alpha\beta}(r)}{\partial r^{\mu}} - \left\{\frac{\partial}{\partial q^{\mu}}\widetilde{C}_{\alpha\beta}(q,r,p)\right\}_{q=0}$$

Evading the seagull identity



Triggers seagull identity exactly as before



Vanishes identically

$$\Delta^{-1}(0) \sim \int_k k^2 \Delta^2(k^2) \widetilde{C}_1'(k^2)$$



A.C.Aguilar, D.Binosi, C.T.Figueiredo and J.P., Phys. Rev. D 94, no. 4, 045002 (2016)

Dynamical formation of massless poles



Bethe-Salpeter equation for the bound state wave function

$$\widetilde{C}_1'(p^2) = \lambda \int_k \widetilde{C}_1'(k^2) \Delta^2(k) \Delta(k+p) \mathcal{K}(k,p)$$





