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# QCD Bound-State Problem via Dyson-Schwinger Equation

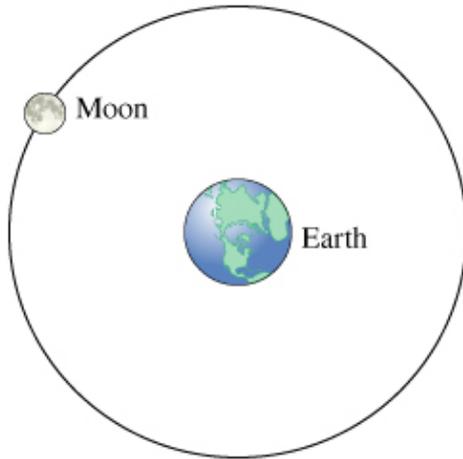
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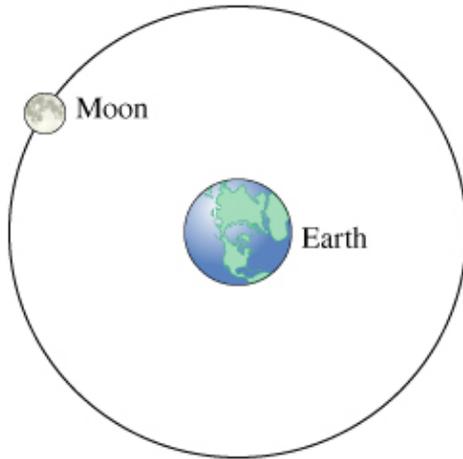
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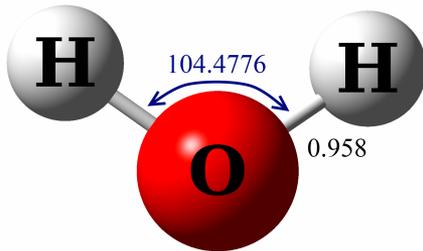


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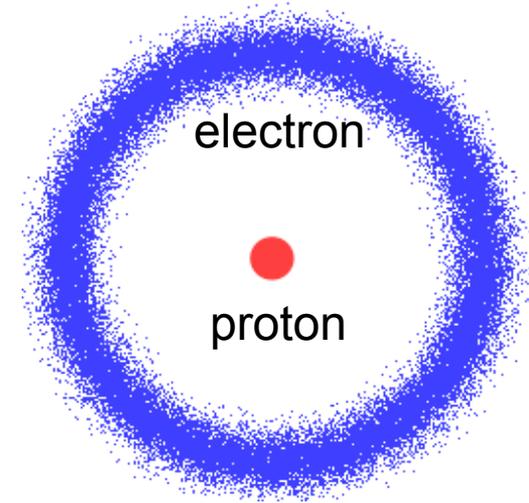
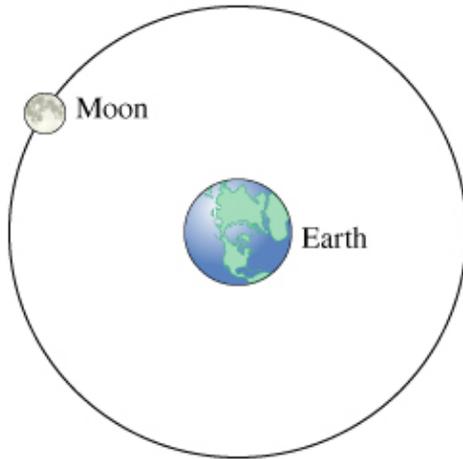
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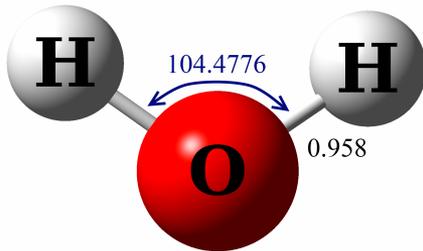
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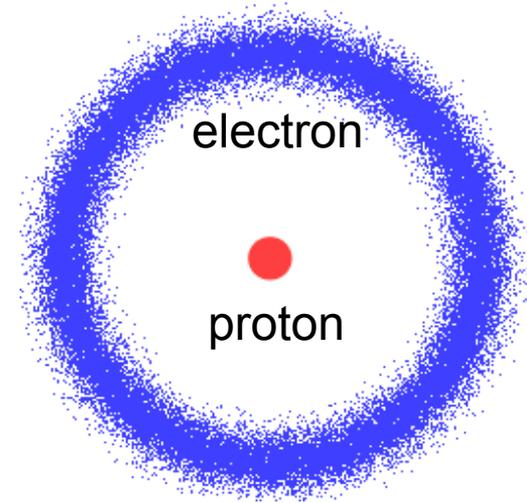
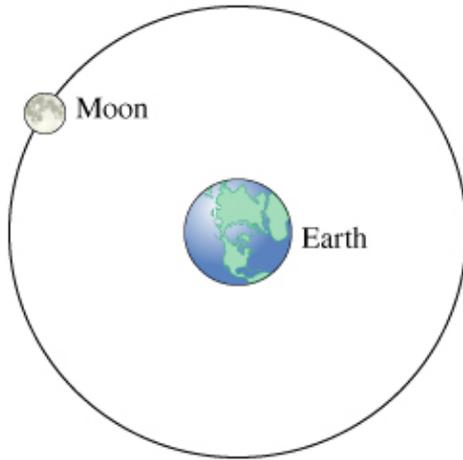
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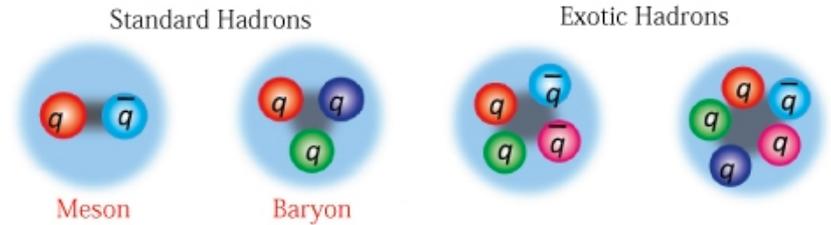
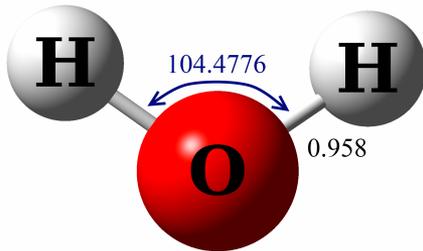
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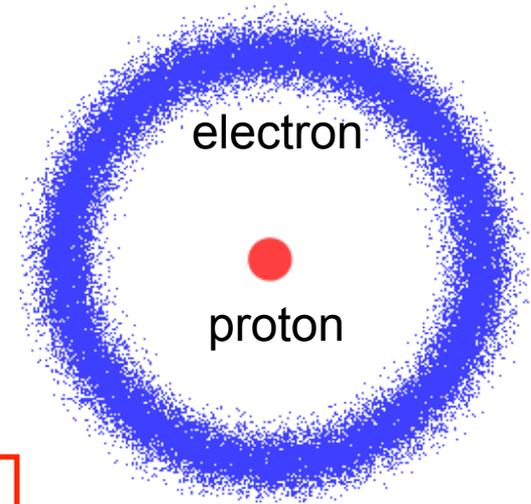
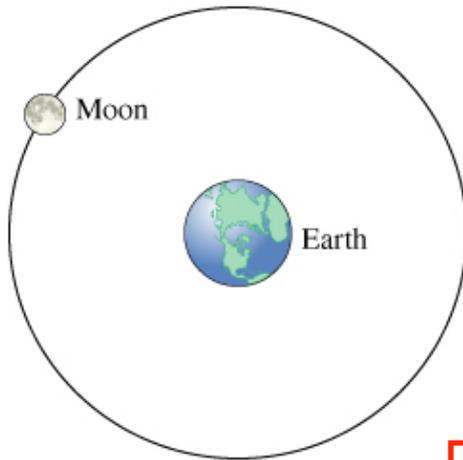
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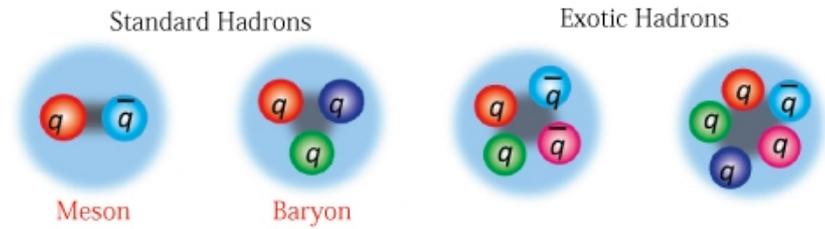
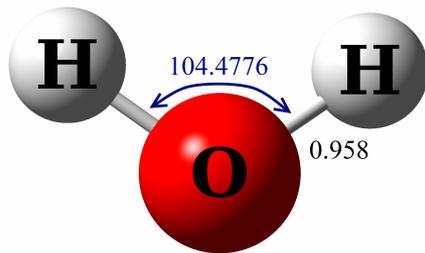
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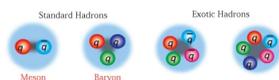
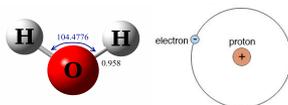
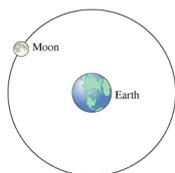
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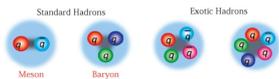
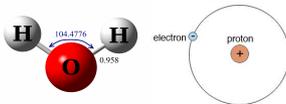
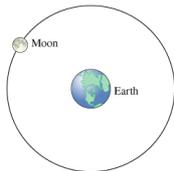


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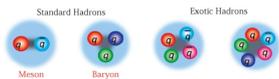
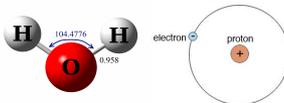
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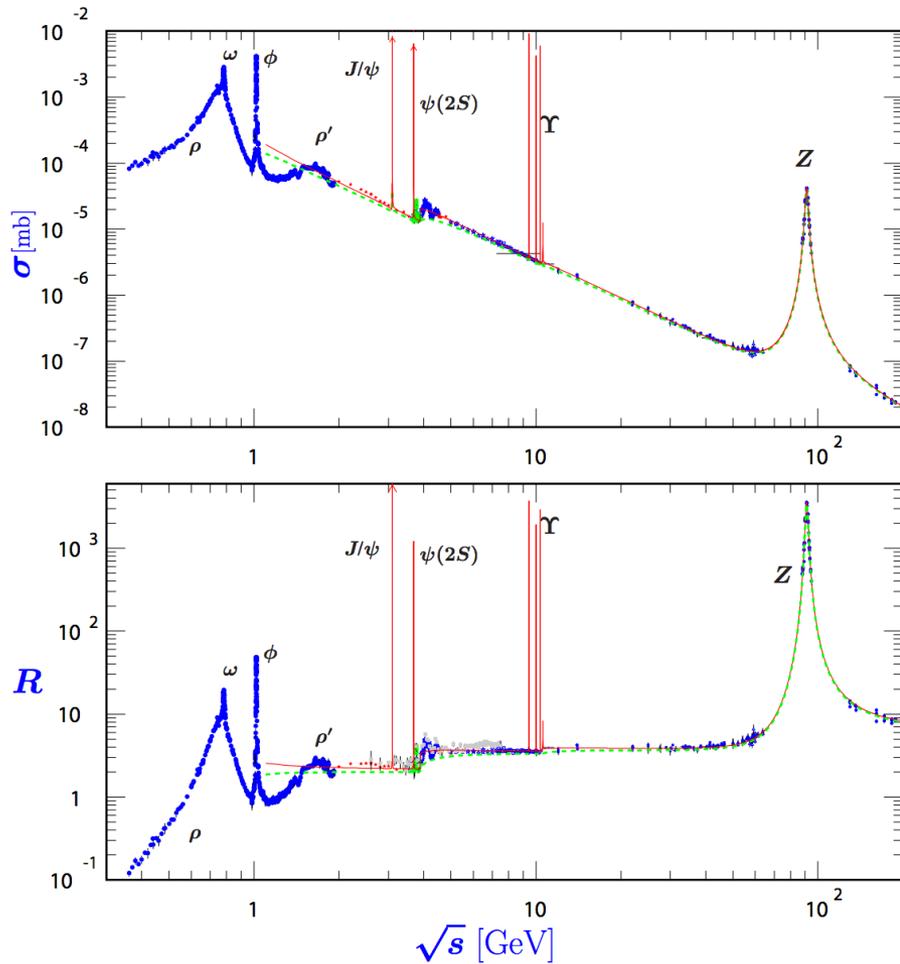
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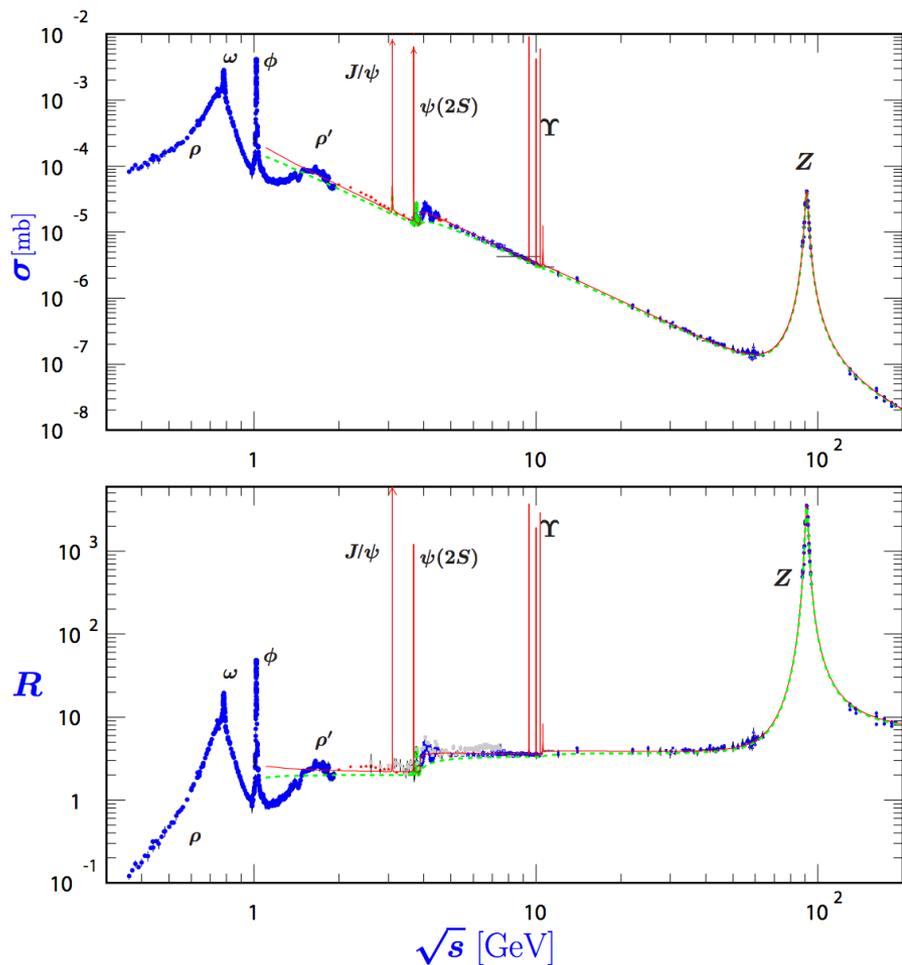
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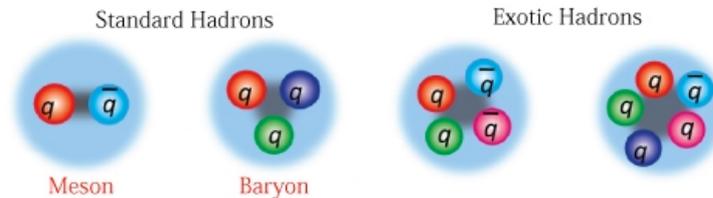


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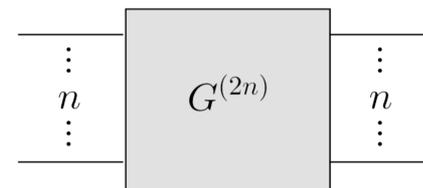


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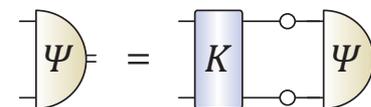


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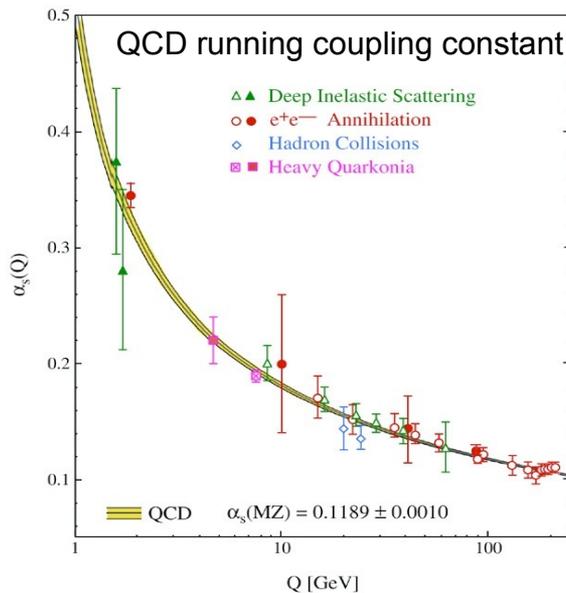
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## • Relativistic bound states

“These problems are those involving bound states [...] such problems necessarily involve a breakdown of ordinary perturbation theory. [...] The pole therefore can only arise from a divergence of the sum of all diagrams [...].”

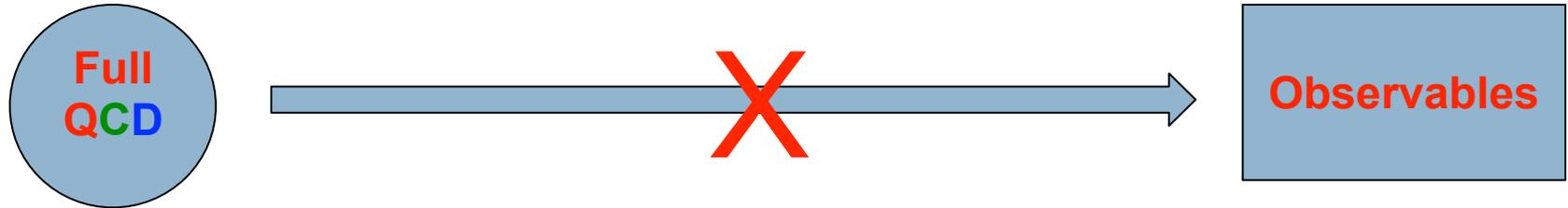
The QFT book vol1 p564 Weinberg

## • Strongly coupled systems

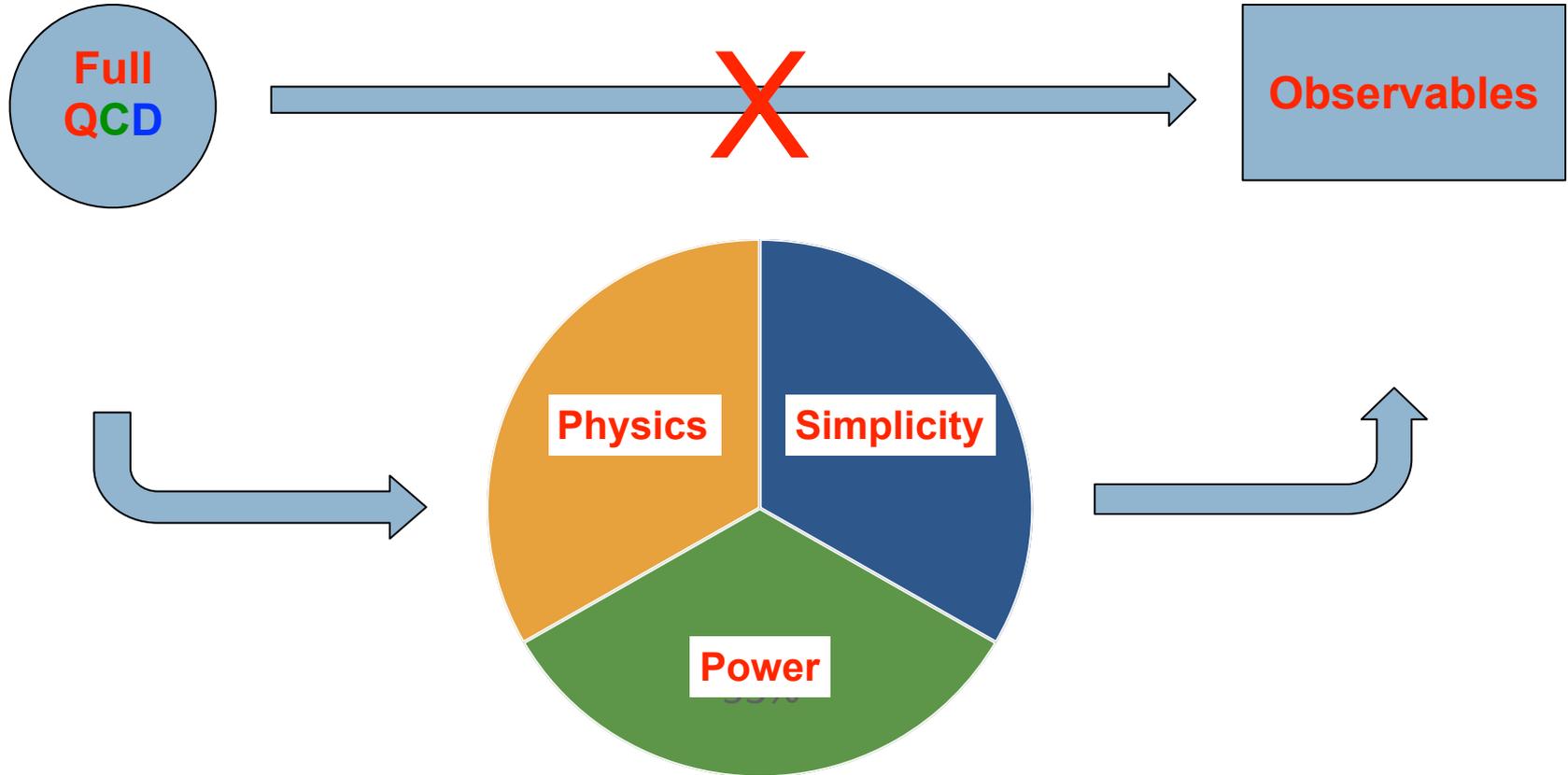


- **Asymptotic freedom:** Bonds between particles become asymptotically weaker as energy increases and distance decreases (Nobel Prize).
- **Quark and Gluon Confinement:** No matter how hard one strikes the proton, one cannot liberate an individual quark or gluon.
- **Dynamical Chiral Symmetry Breaking:** Mystery of bound state masses, e.g., current quark mass (Higgs) is small, and no degeneracy between *parity partners*.

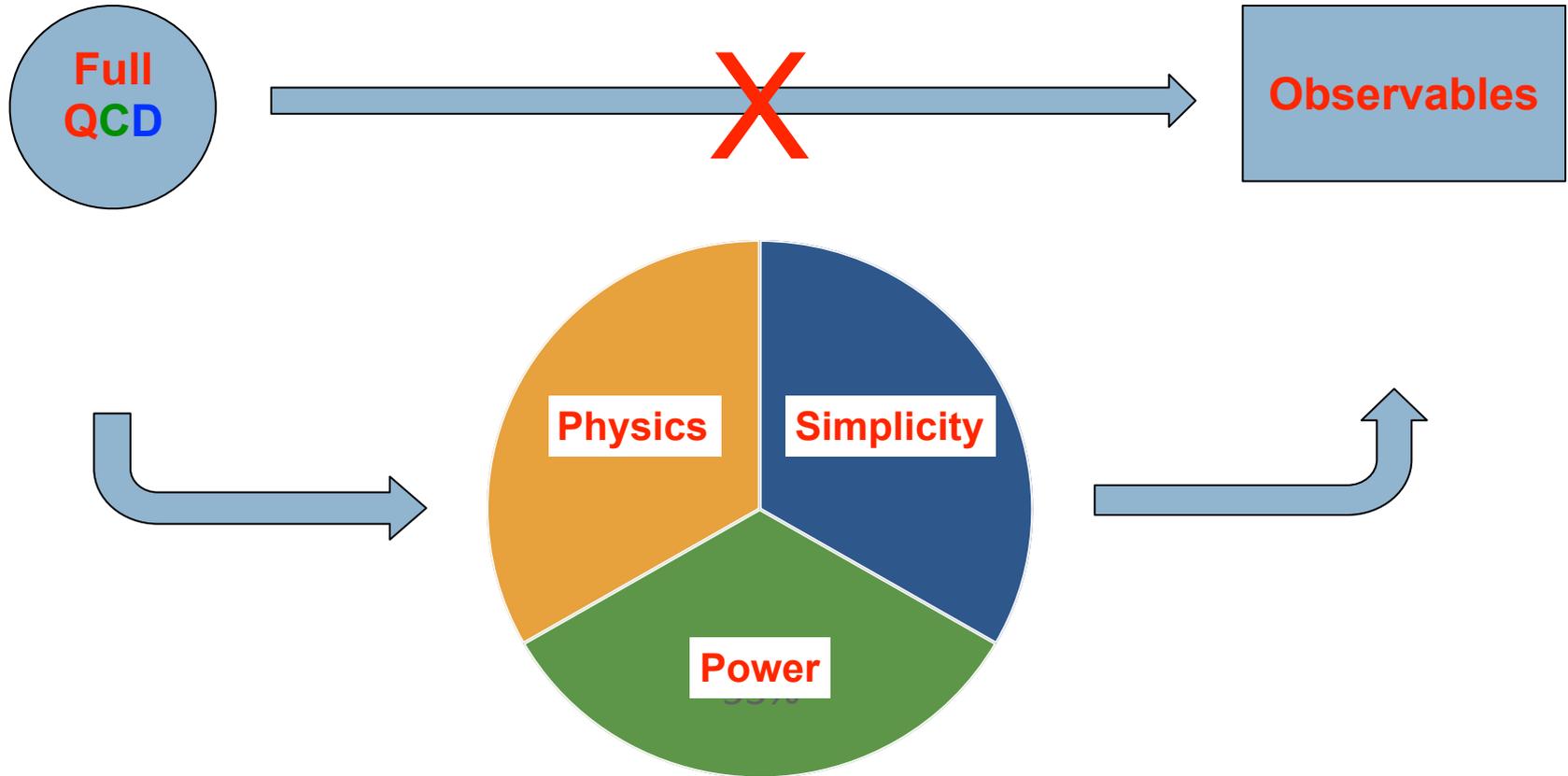
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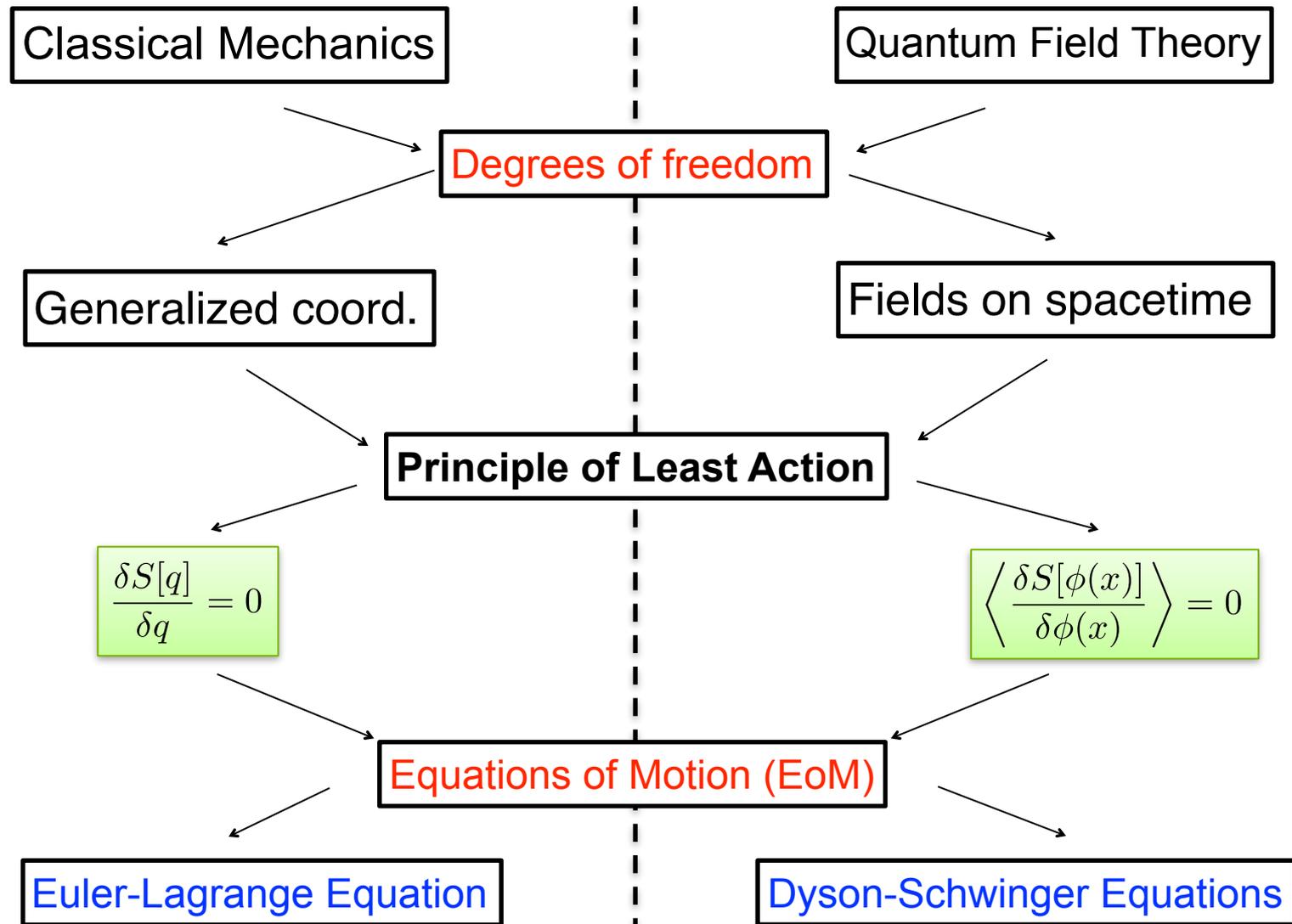


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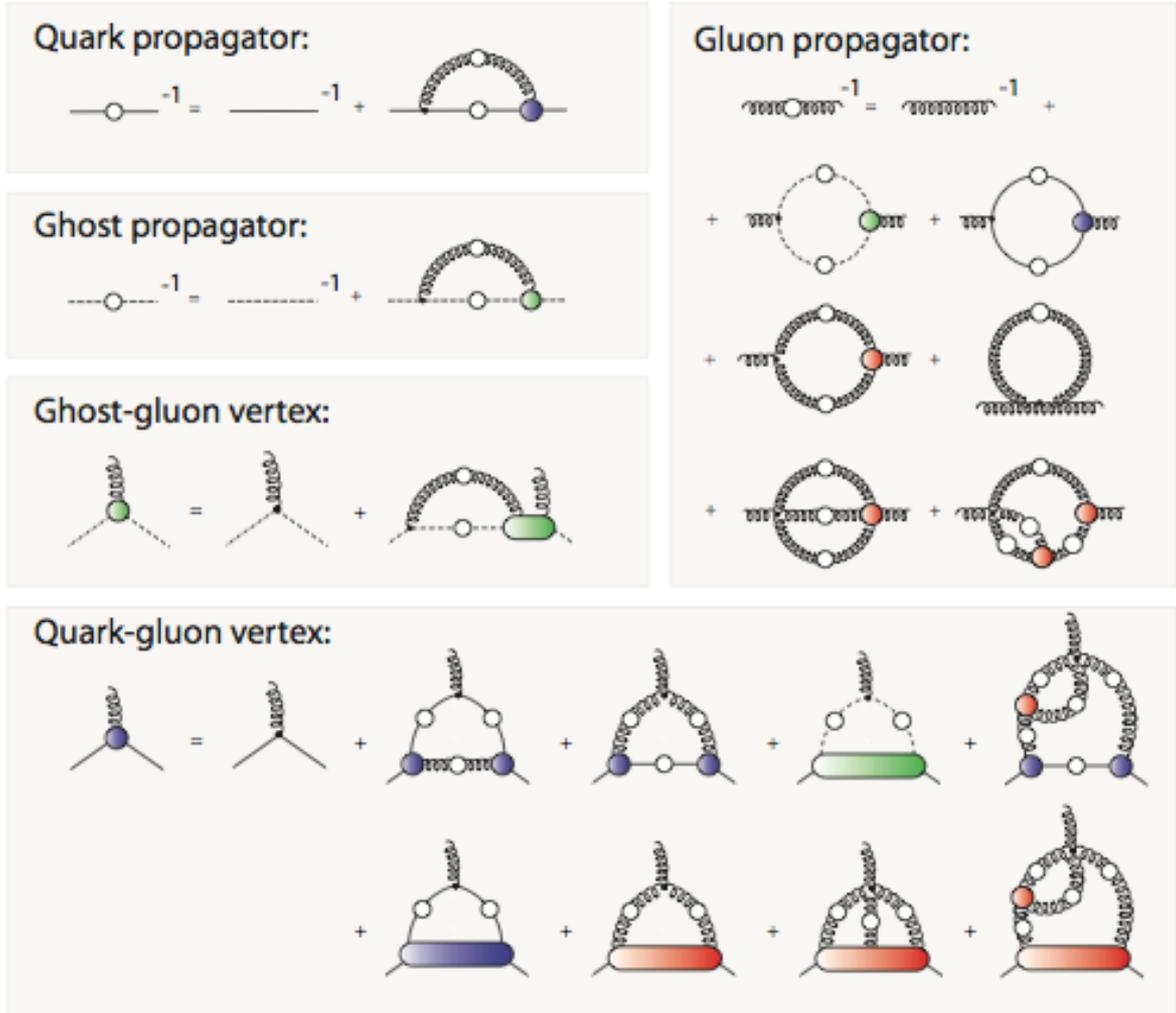


Lattice QCD, Dyson-Schwinger equations, chiral perturbation, AdS/QCD, NJL model, ...

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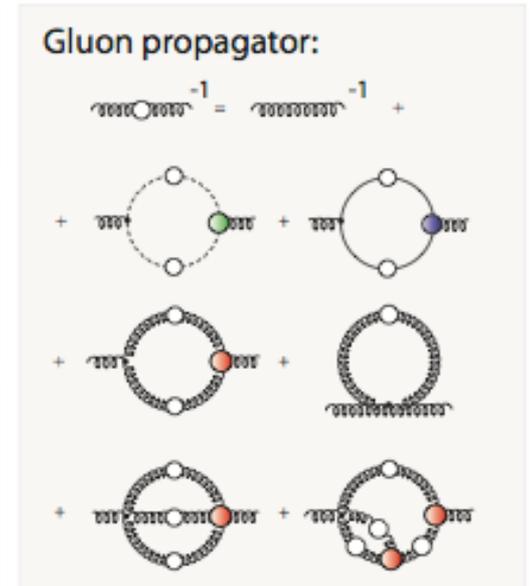
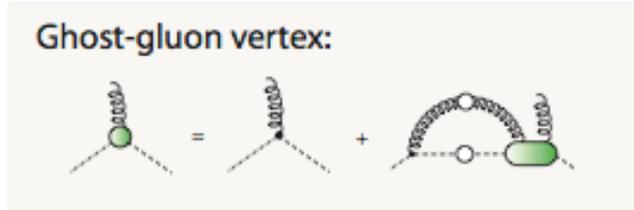
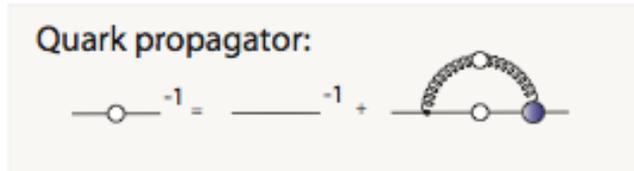
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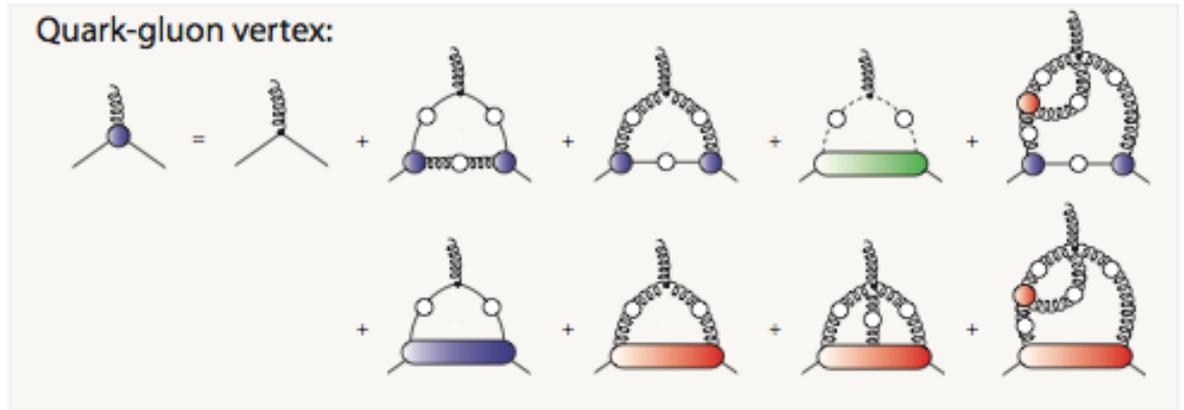
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◆ Green functions of different orders **couple together**.

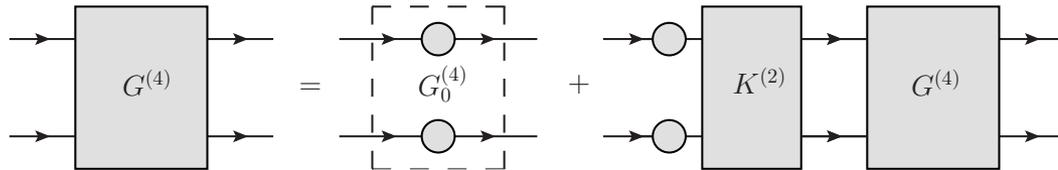


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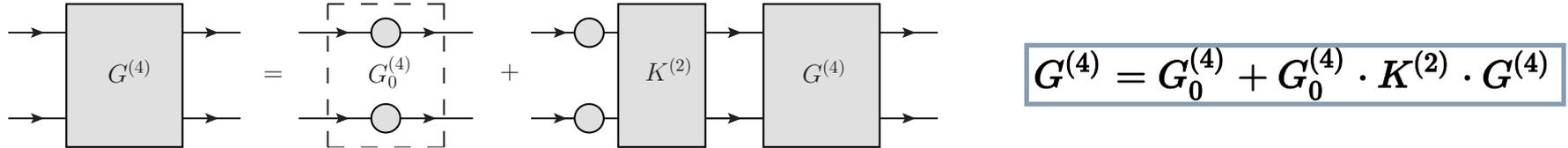
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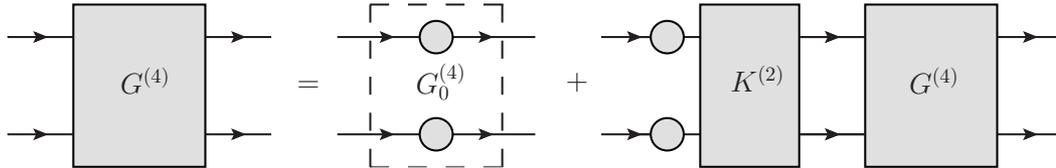


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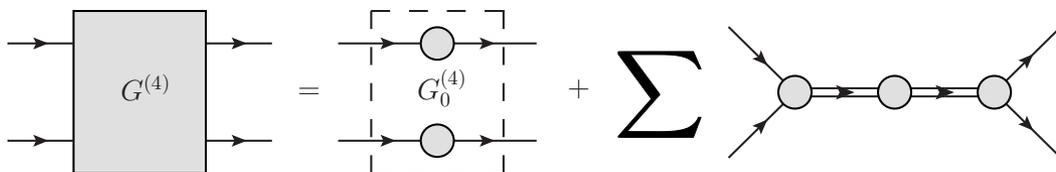
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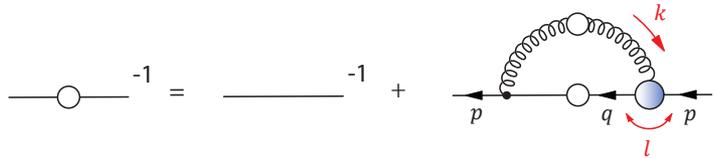


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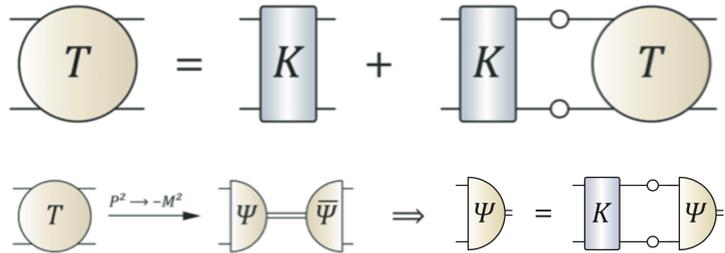
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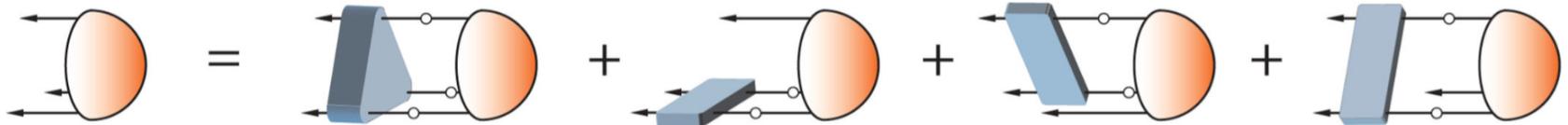
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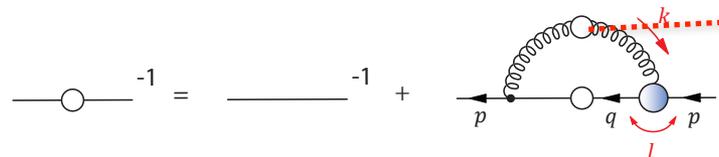


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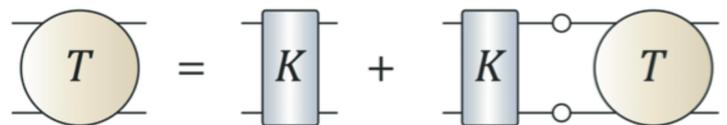
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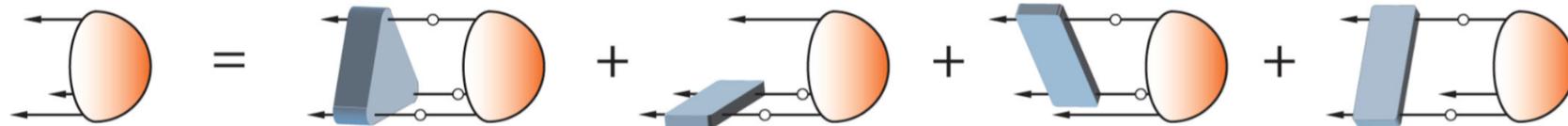


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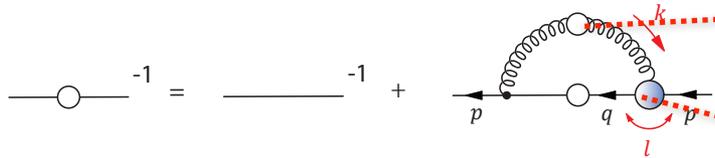


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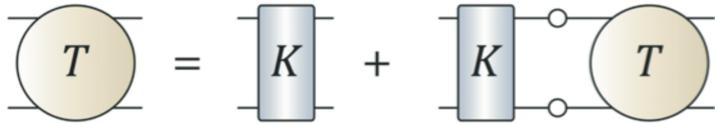
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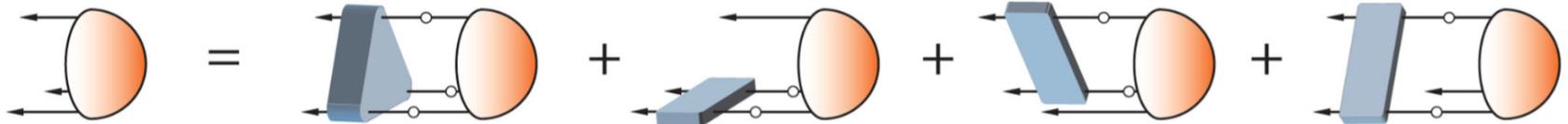
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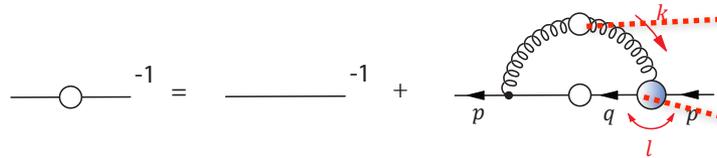
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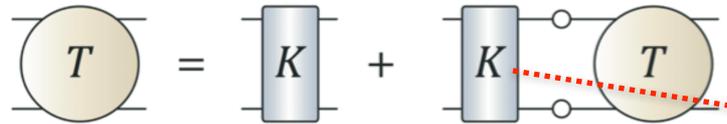
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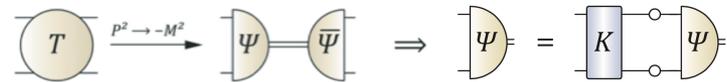


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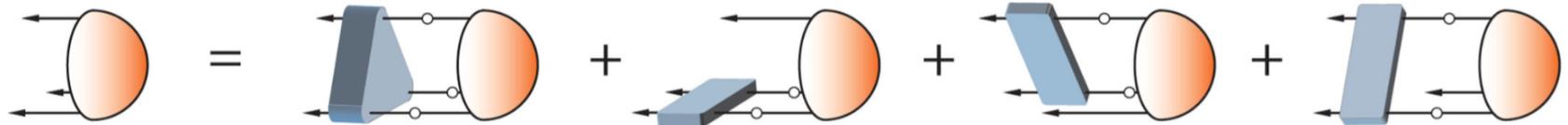


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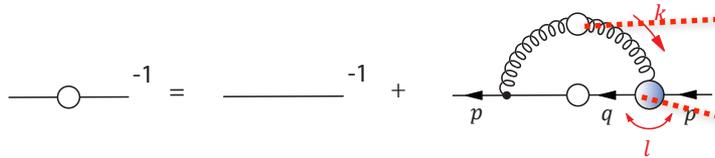
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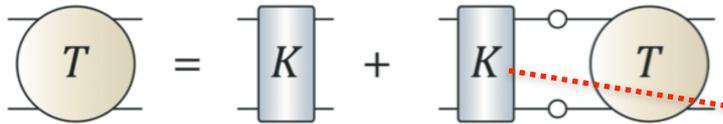
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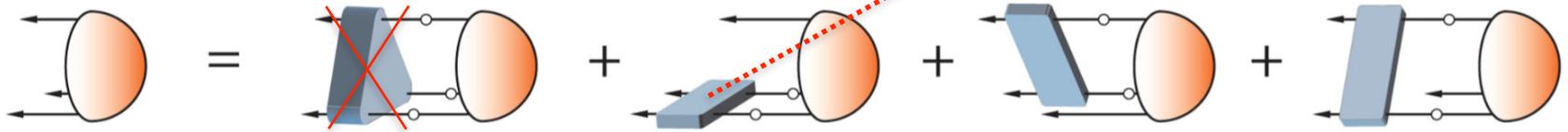


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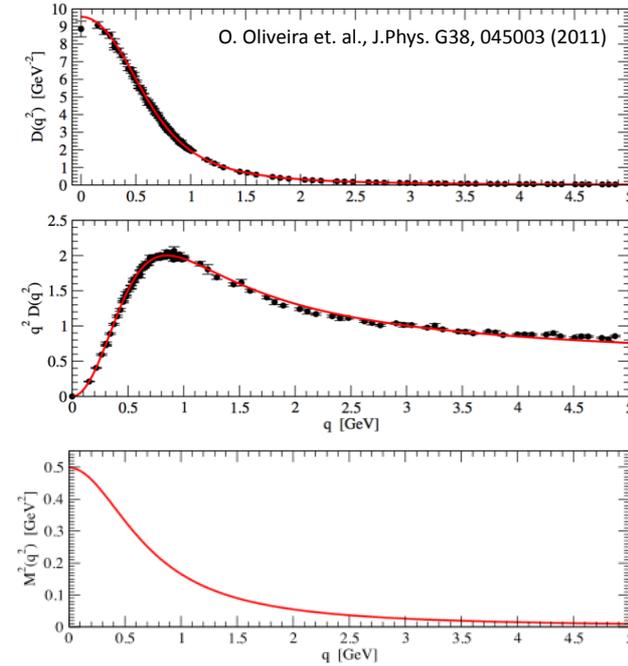
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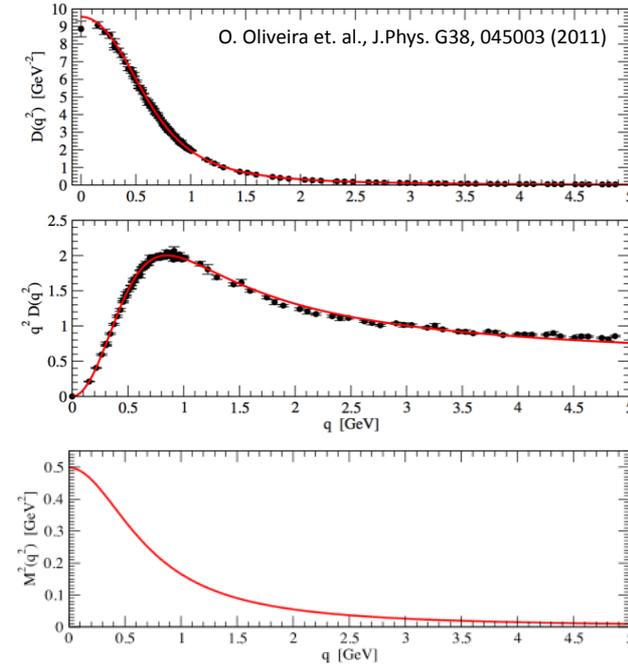
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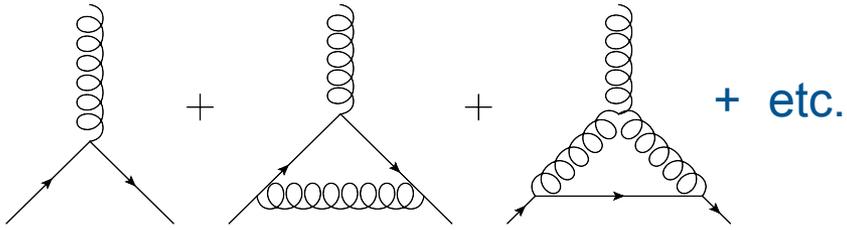
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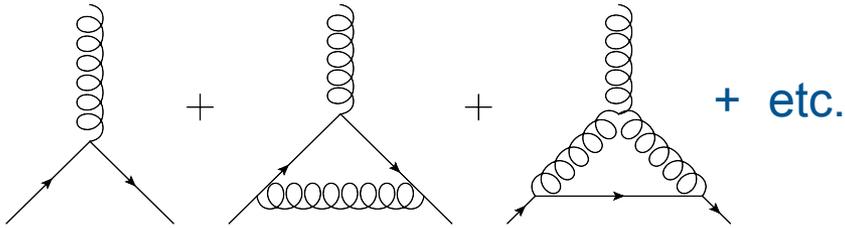
- The gluon mass scale is *typical values of lattice QCD*:  $M_g$  in [0.6, 0.8] GeV.
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□ Chiral symmetry: axial-vector WGTI

$$q_\mu \Gamma_\mu^A(k, q) = S^{-1}(k) i\gamma_5 + i\gamma_5 S^{-1}(p) - 2im\Gamma_5(k, p)$$

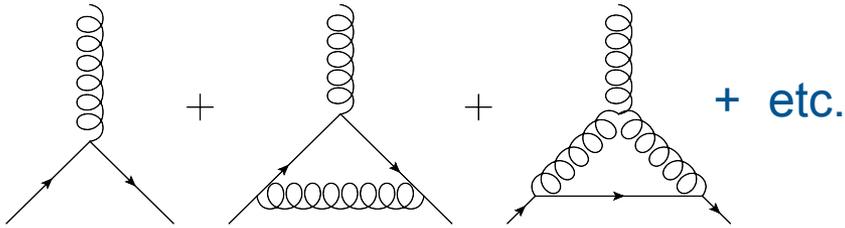
□ Lorentz symmetry + : transverse WGTIs

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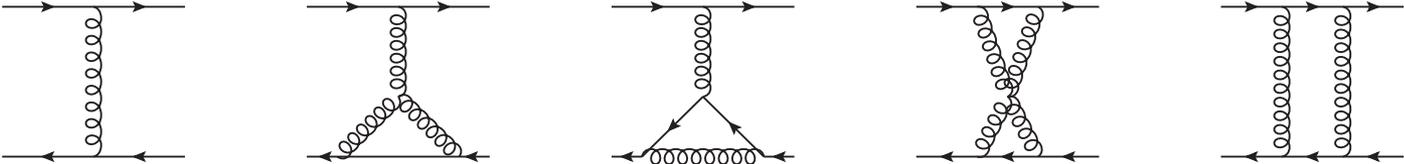
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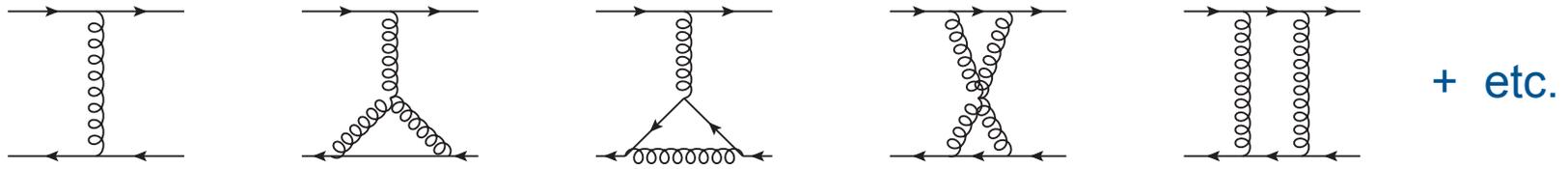
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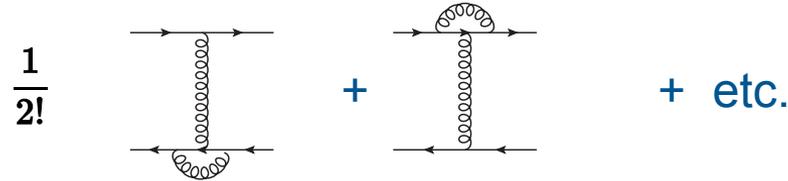
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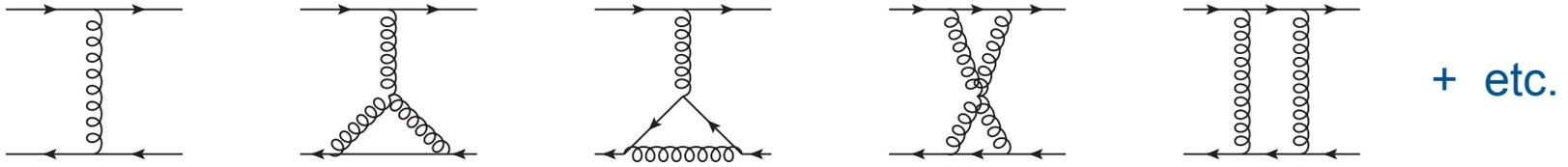


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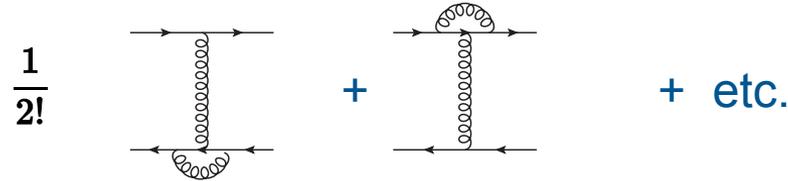
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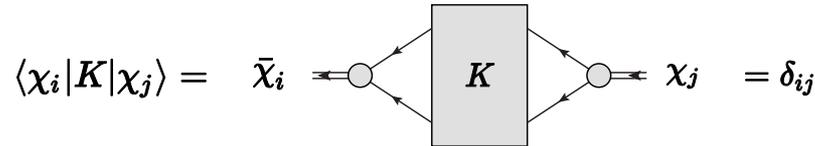
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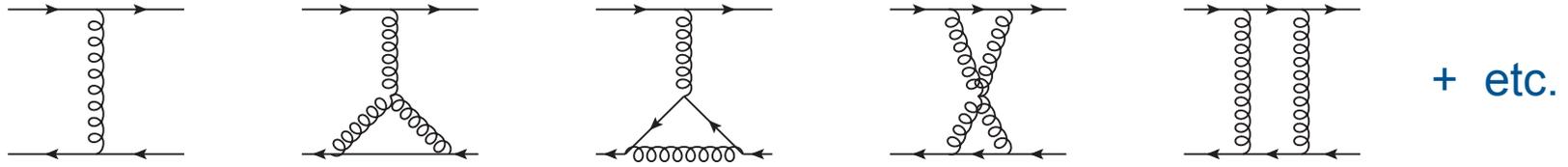
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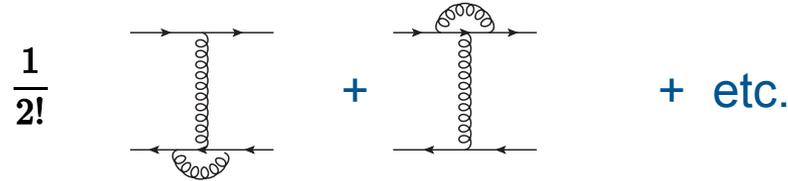
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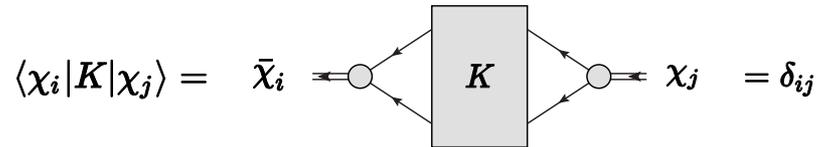
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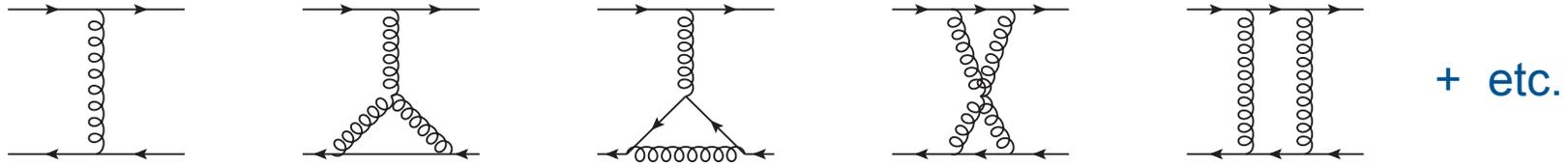
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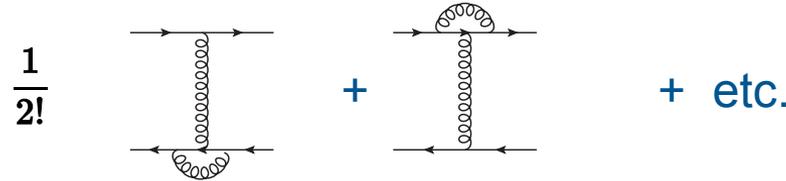
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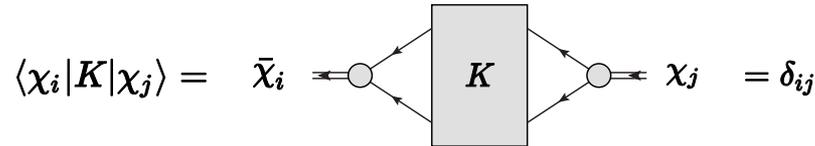
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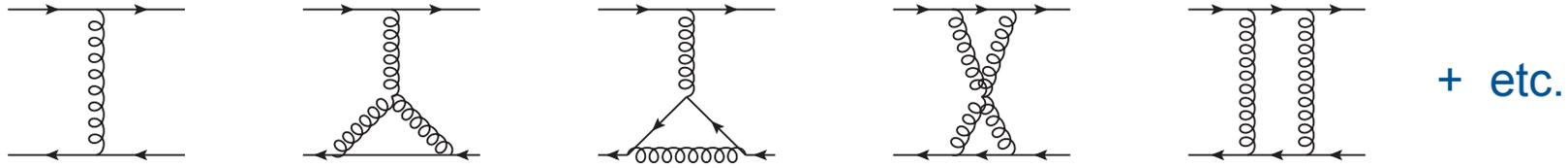
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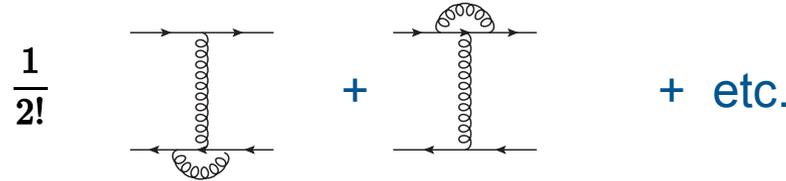
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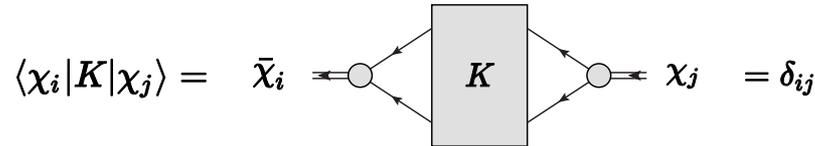
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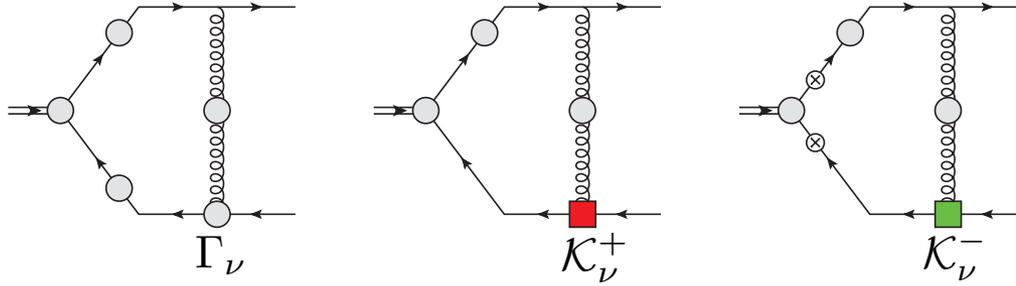
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The kernel satisfies the following WGTIs: quark propagator + quark-gluon vertex

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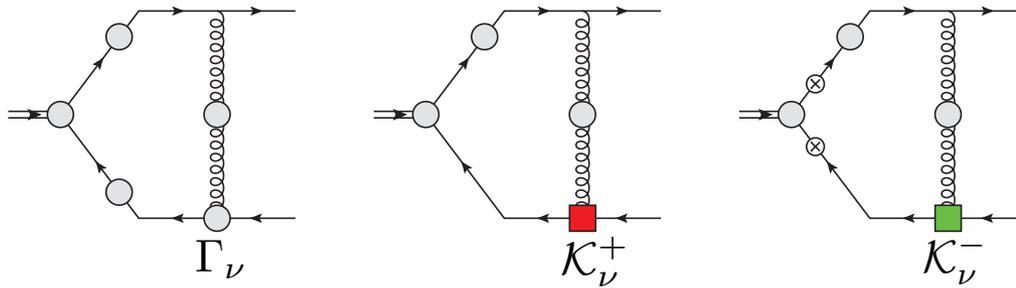
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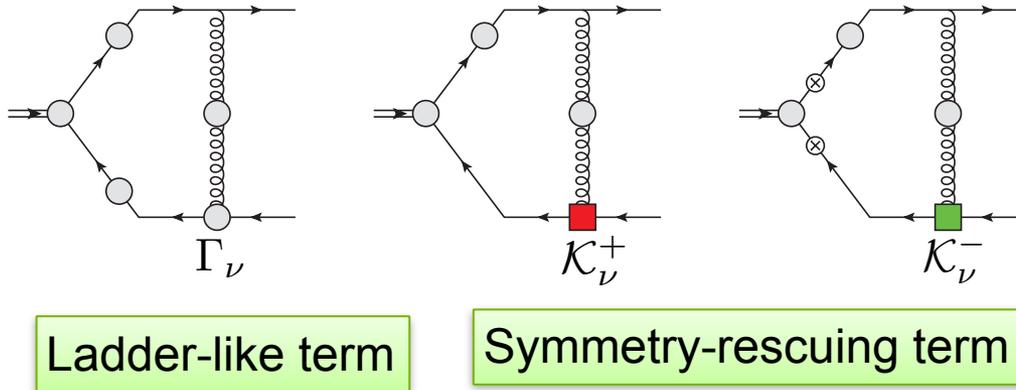


Ladder-like term

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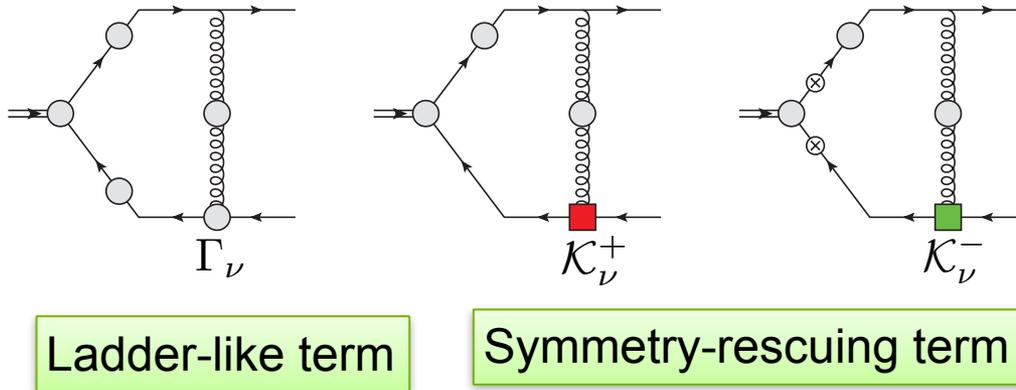
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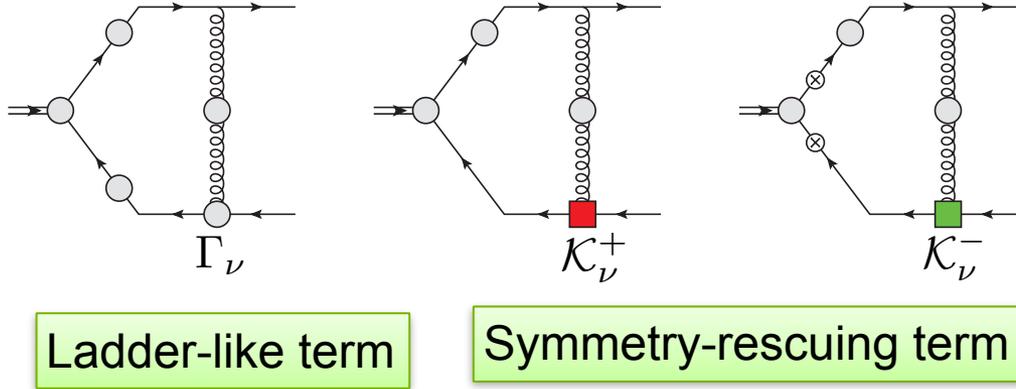


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Eventually, the solution is straightforward:

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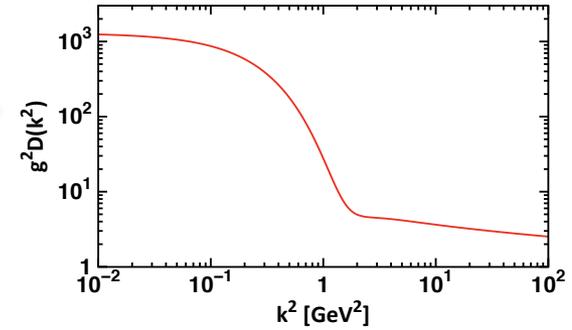
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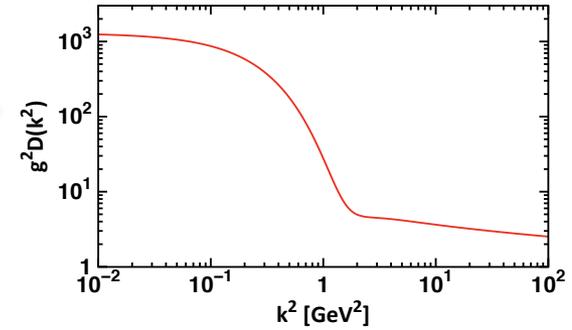
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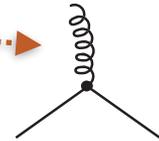
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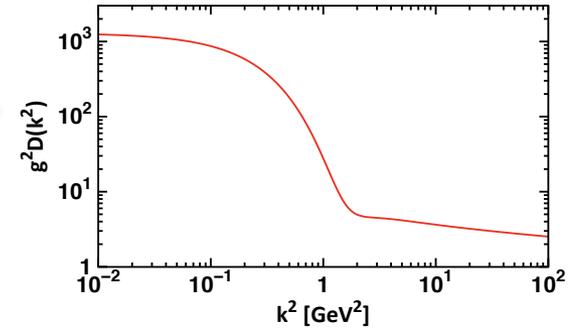
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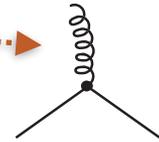
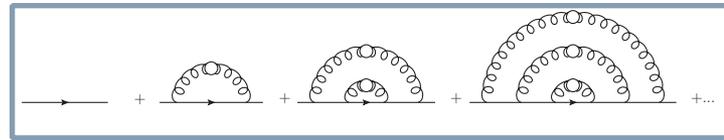
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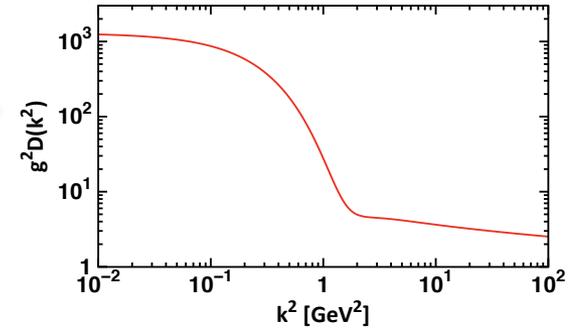
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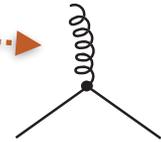
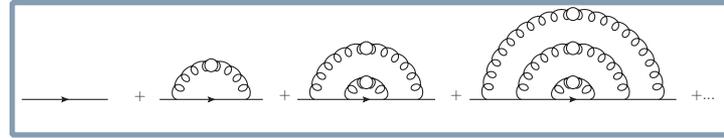
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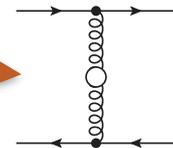
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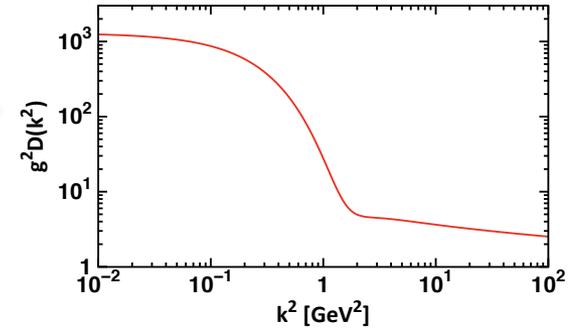


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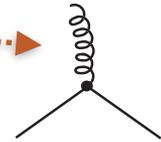
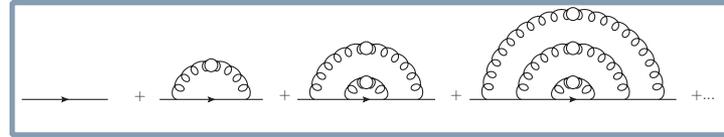
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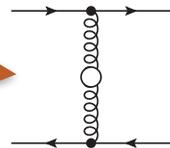
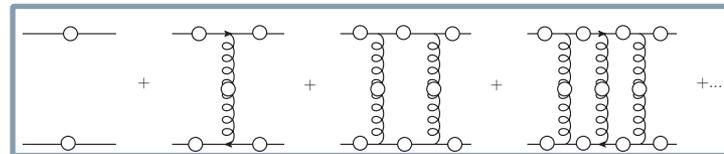
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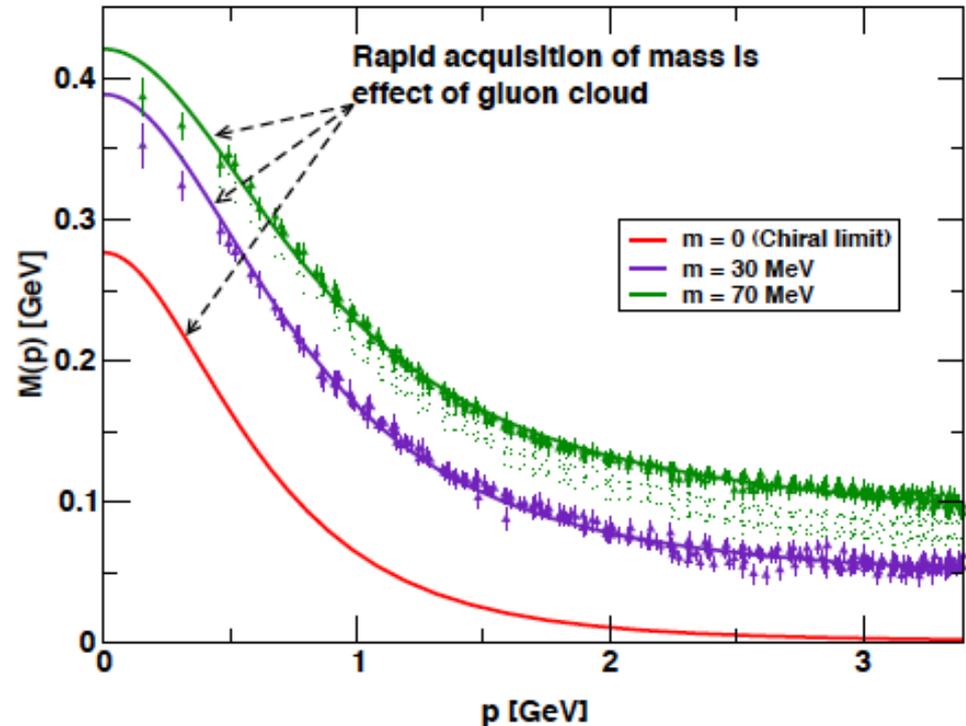
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2. The most of **constituent quark mass** comes from a cloud of gluons.

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#### ◆ Confinement:

Although we exactly know few knowledge about confinement, the **positivity violation** of quark spectral density supports a fact that a asymptotically free quark is unphysical. In this sense, we say that quarks are **confined**.



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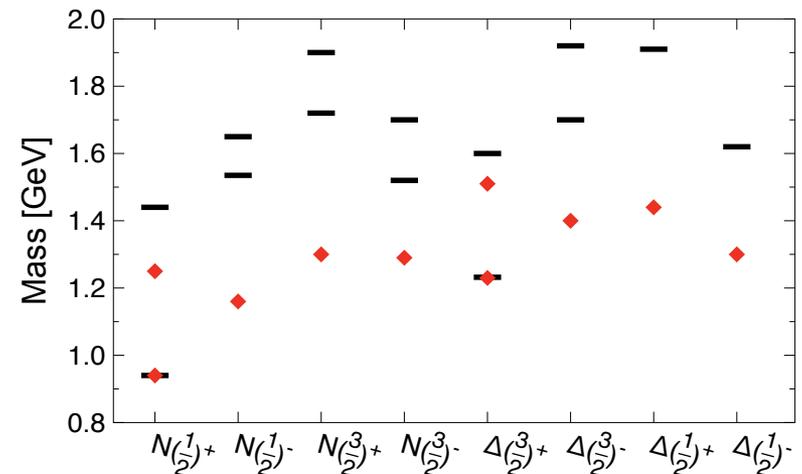
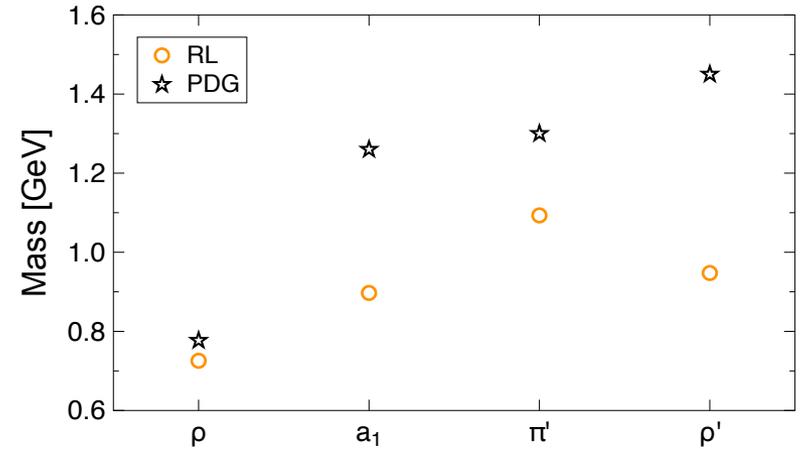
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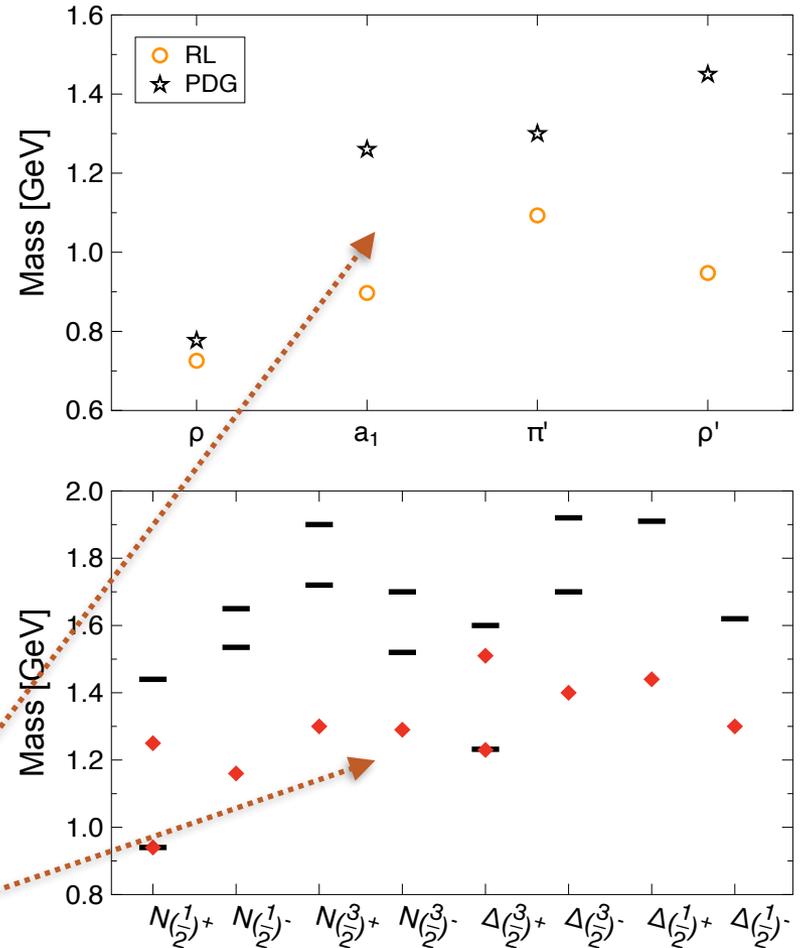
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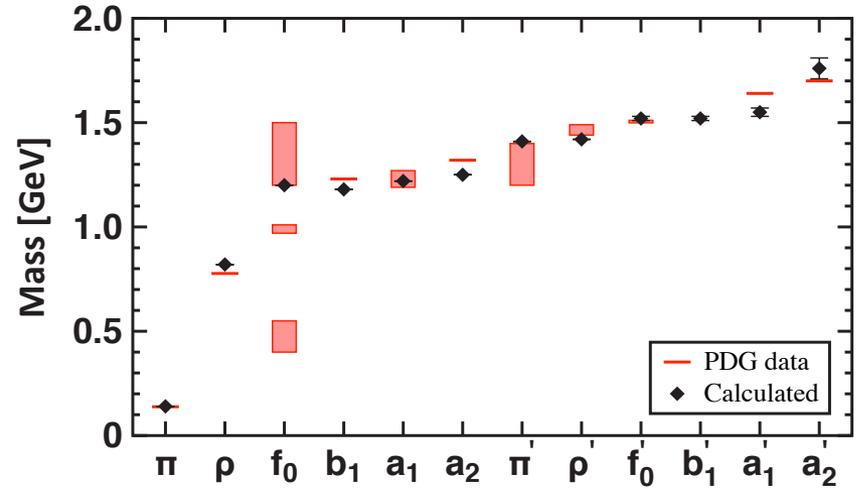
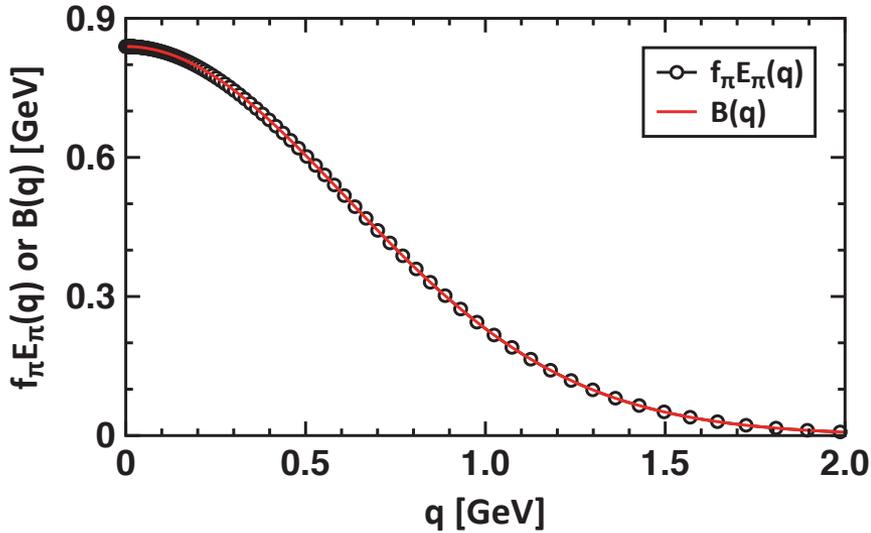


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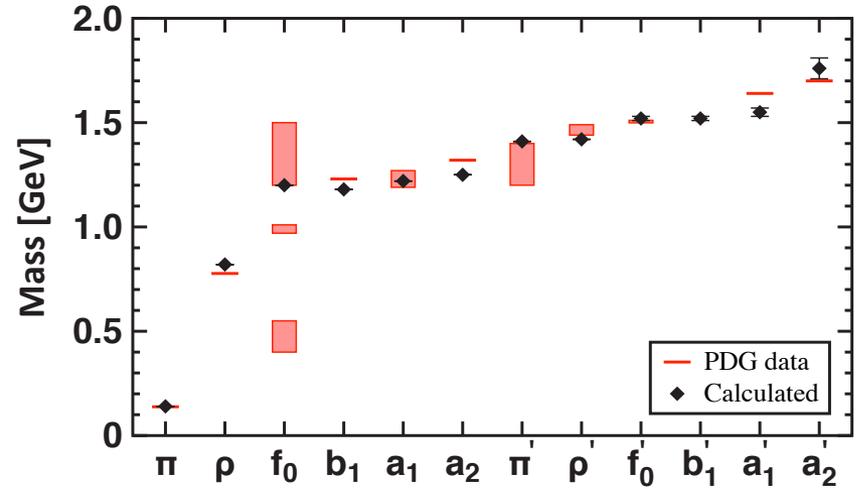
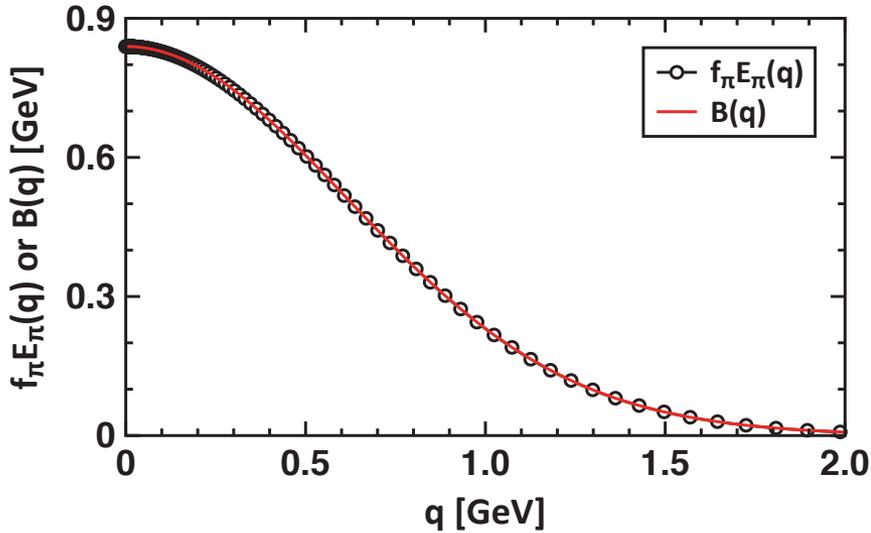
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|-----------|-------------------------------------|------------------|---------|---------|----------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| this work | 0.283                               | 0.493            | 0.093   | 0.14    | 0.82     | 1.20       | 1.18      | 1.22      | 1.25      | 1.41       | 1.42        | $1.52 \pm 0.01$ | $1.52 \pm 0.01$ | $1.55 \pm 0.02$ | $1.76 \pm 0.05$ |
| PDG       | -                                   | -                | 0.092   | 0.14    | 0.78     | 0.50       | 1.24      | 1.26      | 1.32      | 1.30       | 1.45        | -               | -               | 1.64            | 1.70            |

TABLE I: The meson spectrum (Full vertex,  $(D\omega)^{1/3} = 0.637$  GeV,  $\omega = 0.60$  GeV,  $\eta = 1.00$  and  $m_q = 3.0$  MeV).

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## Outlook

◆ With the **sophisticated method** to solve the DSEs, we can push the approach to a wide range of applications in **QCD bound-state** problems, e.g., baryons and structures.

◆ Hopefully, after more and more **successful applications** are presented, the DSEs may provide a **faithful path** to understand **QCD** and a powerful tool for general physics.