

# The impact of the ghost-gluon vertex on the ghost Schwinger-Dyson equations



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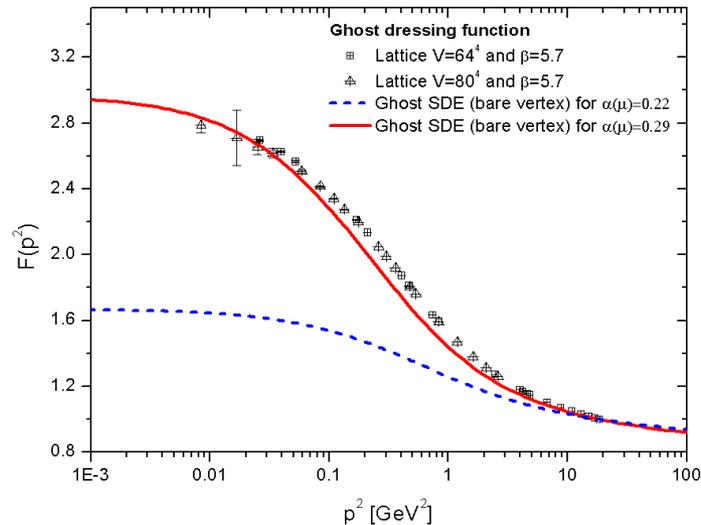
# *Outline of the talk*

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# Motivation

- *Lattice results and various analytic approaches find a massless ghost propagator with an infrared finite dressing function,  $F(p^2)$ .*
- *Interpretation: The finiteness of  $F(p^2)$  is associated with the massiveness of the gluon propagator, which saturates the logarithms present in  $F(p^2)$ .*
- *Qualitative agreement between lattice and SDE.*
- *Ghost SDE results are suppressed in comparison to the lattice, when we use the **bare ghost-gluon vertex** in the structure of the ghost SDE.*

- Lattice is reproduced with artificial increase of the gauge coupling value from  $\alpha_s(4.3 \text{ GeV}) = 0.22$  to  $\alpha_s(4.3 \text{ GeV}) = 0.29$

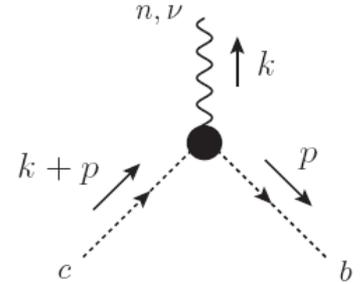


- Improvement: Study a **SDE that controls the nonperturbative behavior of the ghost-gluon vertex**, in the Landau gauge, and coupled to the ghost SDE
- Other analytical studies:

**OPE-Based**     **D. Dudal, O. Oliveira and J. Rodriguez-Quintero**, Phys. Rev. D 86, 105005 (2012).  
**P. Boucaud, et al.** JHEP 1112, 018 (2011).

**SDE**             **M. Q. Huber and L. von Smekal**, arXiv:1211.6092 [hep-th].

# The gluon-ghost vertex



- Let us denote the full ghost-gluon vertex as

$$\Gamma_{\nu}^{nbc}(-k, -p, r) = gf^{nbc}\Gamma_{\nu}(-k, -p, r), \quad r = k + p,$$

where  $k$  is momentum of the gluon and  $p$  of the anti-ghost.

- The most general tensorial structure of the vertex is given by

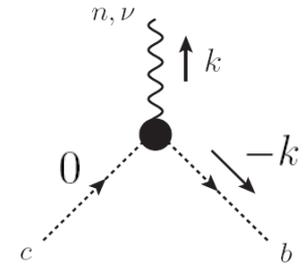
$$\Gamma_{\nu}(-k, -p, r) = A(-k, -p, r) p_{\nu} + B(-k, -p, r) k_{\nu};$$

at tree-level, the two form factors assume the values:  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} A^{[0]}(-k, -p, r) = 1 \\ B^{[0]}(-k, -p, r) = 0, \end{array} \right. \Rightarrow \Gamma_{\nu}^{[0]} = p_{\nu}$

$$\Gamma_\nu(-k, -p, r) = A(-k, -p, r) p_\nu + B(-k, -p, r) k_\nu;$$

## Taylor limit

- When  $r=0$  (zero ghost momentum)  $\rightarrow p = -k$ , in this limit full vertex becomes



$$\Gamma_\nu(-k, k, 0) = -[A(-k, k, 0) - B(-k, k, 0)]k_\nu$$

- The Taylor theorem states that, to all orders, in perturbation theory,

**J. C. Taylor**, Nucl. Phys. B 33, 436 (1971).

$$A(-k, k, 0) - B(-k, k, 0) = 1;$$

- The vertex assumes the tree-level value in this particular kinematic configuration, i.e.

$$\Gamma_\nu(-k, k, 0) = -k_\nu.$$



- We will consider the behavior of  $A(-k, -p, k + p)$  for vanishing external momentum  $p$ .
- We keep the first term of the Taylor expansion of  $A(-k, -p, k + p)$  around  $p = 0 \rightarrow$  Converting  $A$  into a function of a single variable.
- Notice that limit  $p \rightarrow 0$  is taken only inside the argument of the form factor  $A$ , but not in the rest of the terms appearing in the ghost SDE
- The approximate version of the SDE becomes

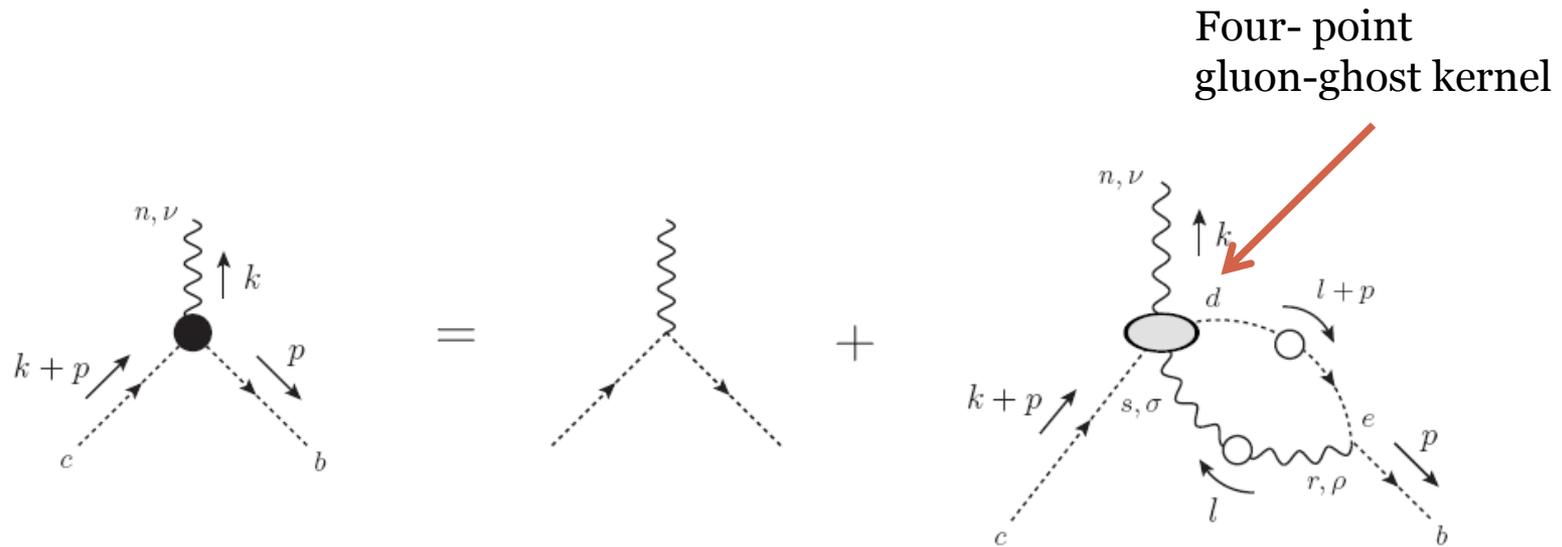
$$F^{-1}(p^2) = 1 + ig^2 C_A \int_k \left[ 1 - \frac{(k \cdot p)^2}{k^2 p^2} \right] \underline{A(-k, 0, k)} \Delta(k) D(k + p).$$



*Soft ghost limit*

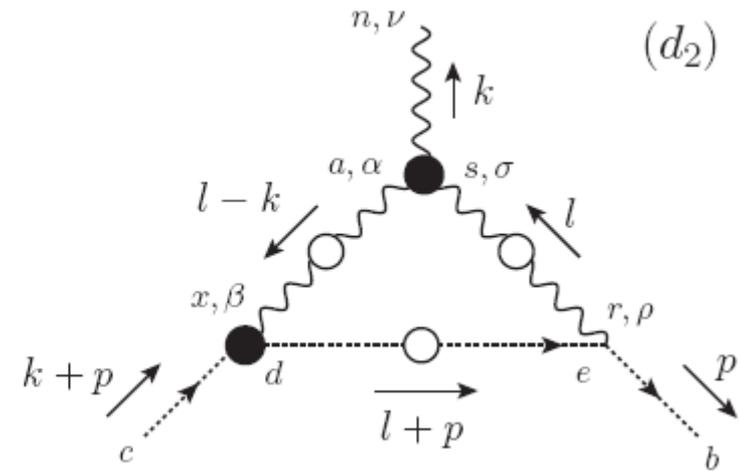
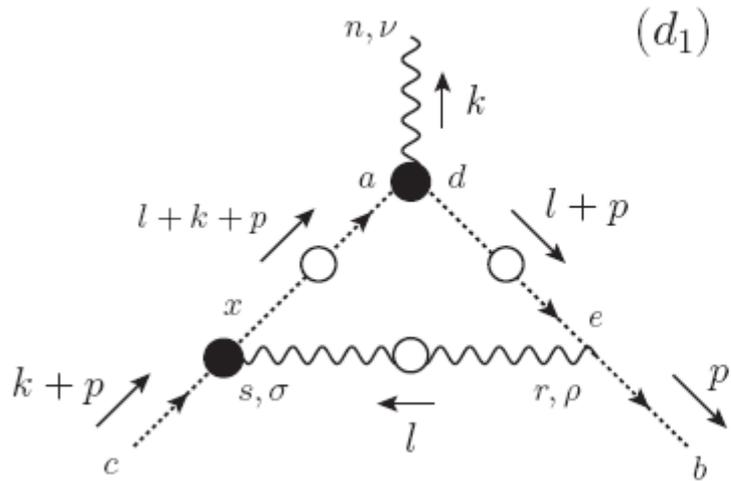
# The SDE for the ghost-gluon vertex

- The diagrammatic of SDE for the ghost-gluon vertex is given by:



- Relevant quantity is the **four-point ghost-gluon kernel**.

- The ghost-gluon kernel will be replaced by its “one-loop dressed” approximation, i.e.

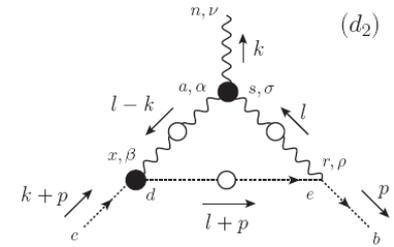
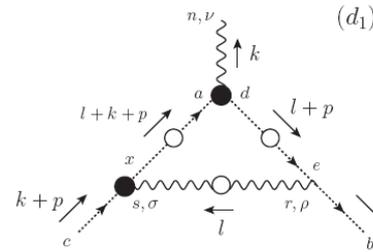


$$\Gamma_\nu(-k, -p, k+p) = p_\nu - \frac{i}{2}g^2 C_A [(d_1)_\nu - (d_2)_\nu],$$

$$(d_1)_\nu = \int_l \Gamma_\rho^{[0]} \Delta^{\rho\sigma}(l) \Gamma_\sigma D(l+k+p) \Gamma_\nu D(l+p),$$

$$(d_2)_\nu = \int_l \Gamma_\rho^{[0]} \Delta^{\rho\sigma}(l) \Gamma_{\nu\sigma\alpha} \Delta^{\alpha\beta}(l-k) \Gamma_\beta D(l+p).$$

- *In the two diagrams:*

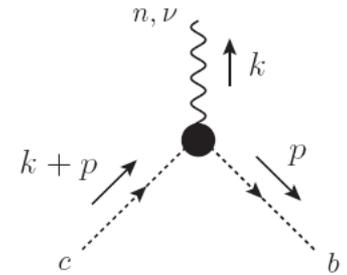


1. *We will keep the fully dressed gluon and ghost propagators,*
2. *We will replace the fully dressed three-gluon vertex by tree-level expression*

$$\Gamma_{\alpha\mu\nu}(q, r, p) \rightarrow \Gamma_{\alpha\mu\nu}^{[0]}(q, r, p) = (r - p)_\alpha g_{\mu\nu} + (p - q)_\mu g_{\nu\alpha} + (q - r)_\nu g_{\alpha\mu}.$$

3. *Additional approximations will be imposed on the fully dressed ghost-gluon vertices for each configuration we study.*

# Kinematic configurations

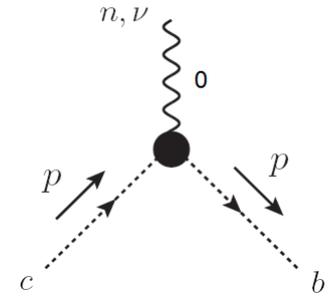


- We will study the form factor  $A$  in two special kinematic configurations:

1. **The soft gluon limit**, in which the momentum carried by the gluon leg is zero ( $k = 0$ )
2. **The soft ghost limit**, where the momentum of the anti-ghost leg vanishes ( $p = 0$ ).

# Soft gluon configuration

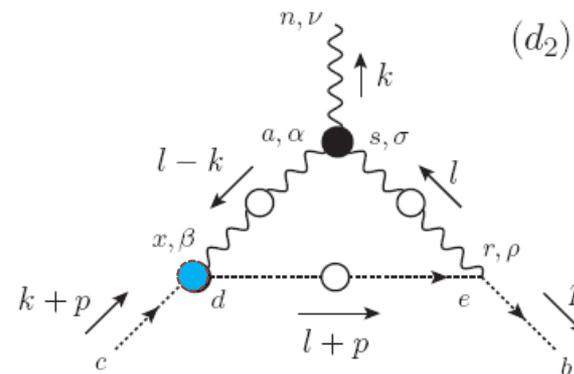
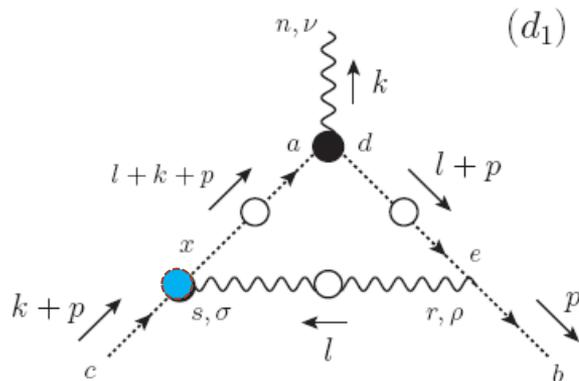
- In this limit the momentum carried by the gluon leg is zero ( $k = 0$ )



- The form factor  $A$  becomes a function of only  $p$ . i.e.

$$\Gamma_\nu(0, -p, p) = A(p)p_\nu; \quad A(p) \equiv A(0, -p, p).$$

- We use for the ghost-gluon vertices (●) their tree level expression  $\rightarrow$  linear integral equation



$$(d_1) = \int_l \frac{(l \cdot p)}{(l + p)^2 p^2} [(l \cdot p)^2 - l^2 p^2] D^2(l) \Delta(l + p) A(l) .$$

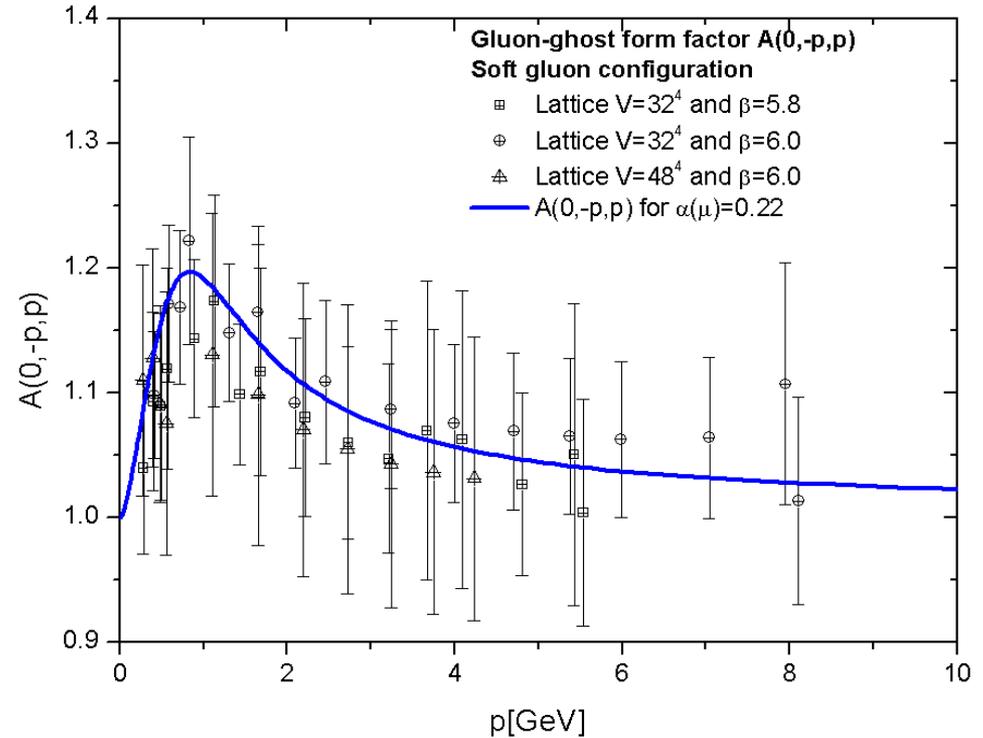
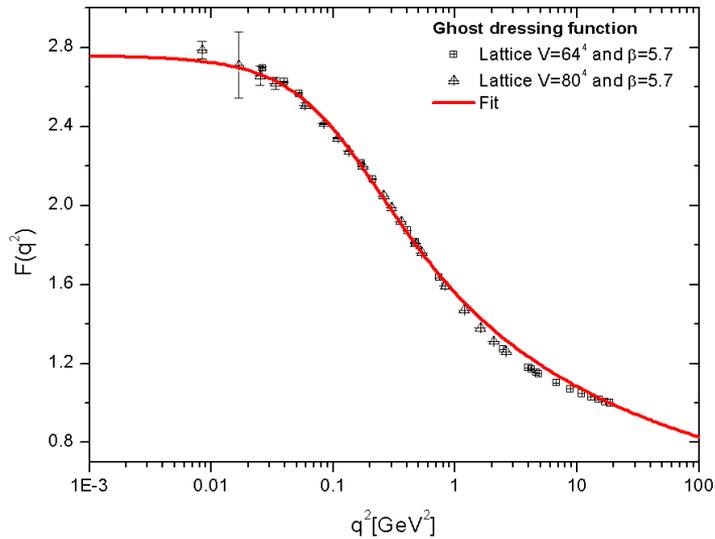
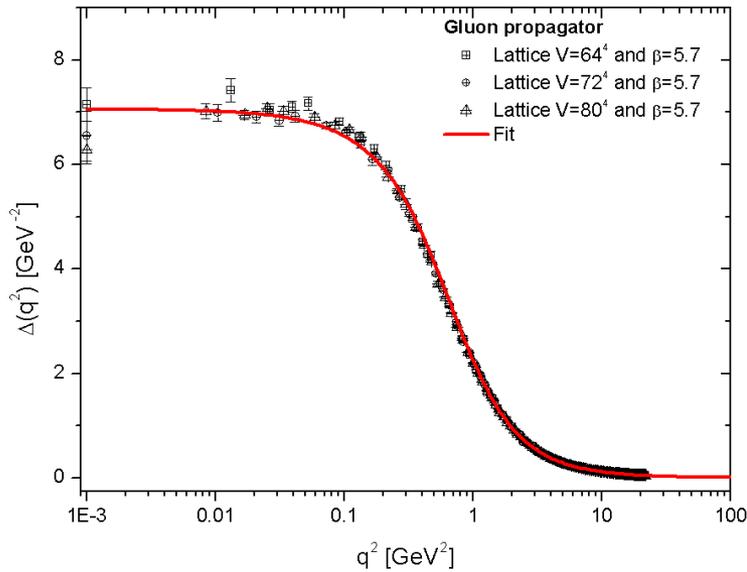
$$(d_2) = 2 \int_l \frac{(l \cdot p)}{l^2 p^2} [l^2 p^2 - (l \cdot p)^2] \Delta^2(l) D(l + p) .$$

- *The form factor  $A(p)$  is given by*

$$A(p) = 1 - \frac{i}{2} g^2 C_A [(d_1) - (d_2)];$$

- Linear integral equation
- *When  $p^2=0 \rightarrow A(0)=1$  (tree level value)*

# Numerical results: Soft gluon



*Notice that:*

- ✓  $A(\mathbf{0},-\mathbf{p},\mathbf{p})$  develops peak around  $p=830$  MeV.
- ✓  $A(\mathbf{0})=1$  and in the UV limit the form factors gradually approaches to 1.

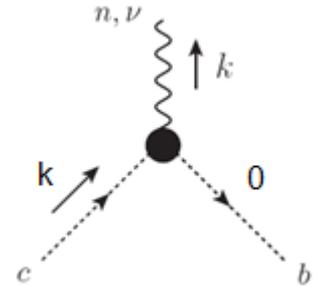
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**A. Cucchieri, A. Maas and T. Mendes**,  
Phys. Rev. D 77, 094510 (2008).

## Soft ghost limit

- In this limit the momentum of the anti-ghost leg vanishes ( $p = 0$ ).



- The form factor  $A$  becomes a function of only  $k$ , i.e.

$$\lim_{p \rightarrow 0} A(-k, -p, k + p) = A(-k, 0, k) \equiv A(k).$$

- The soft ghost limit coincides with that of the Taylor kinematics, i.e.

$$A(-k, 0, k) = A(-k, k, 0),$$

→ Taylor limit

- To see that rewrite the SDE of the ghost propagator, dressing the left ghost-gluon vertex instead of the right,

$$(\text{---}\rightarrow\text{---})^{-1} = (\text{---}\rightarrow\text{---})^{-1} + \text{---}\rightarrow\text{---}$$

$$F^{-1}(p^2) = 1 + ig^2 C_A \int_k \left[ 1 - \frac{(k \cdot p)^2}{k^2 p^2} \right] A(k, -k - p, p) \Delta(k) D(k + p).$$

- Since  $A$  is quadratic in  $k$  and  $p \rightarrow A(k, -k - p, p) = A(-k, k + p, -p)$ .
- Evidently we must get an identical result for  $F(p^2)$ , independent of the vertex we choose to dress. Then

$$A(-k, -p, k + p) = A(-k, k + p, -p),$$

- In the limit of  $p \rightarrow 0$  this reduces to

$$A(-k, 0, k) = A(-k, k, 0), \quad \text{Taylor limit}$$

- *Dressing all the propagators and using tree level values for the vertices, we arrive at*

$$(d_1)_\nu = -\frac{1}{d-1} p_\nu \int_l \frac{(l \cdot k)}{l^2 k^2} [l^2 k^2 - (l \cdot k)^2] D(l) D(l+k) \Delta(l),$$

$$(d_2)_\nu = \frac{2}{d-1} p_\nu \int_l \frac{[l^2 k^2 - (l \cdot k)^2]}{l^2 k^2 (l+k)^2} [(l+k)^2 (l \cdot k) - (l \cdot k)^2 - (d-2) l^2 k^2] D(l) \Delta(l) \Delta(l+k),$$

- *The form factor is given by*

$$A(k) = 1 - \frac{i}{2} g^2 C_A [(d_1) - (d_2)];$$

## *The coupled system*

- The final system of equations for A in the soft ghost limit and the ghost SDE is given by

$$F^{-1}(x) = 1 - \frac{\alpha_s C_A}{2\pi^2} \int_0^\infty dy y \Delta(y) A(y) \int_0^\pi d\theta \sin^4 \theta \left[ \frac{F(z)}{z} - \frac{F(z')}{z'} \right].$$

$$A(y) = 1 - \frac{\alpha_s C_A}{12\pi^2} \int_0^\infty dt \sqrt{yt} F(t) \Delta(t) \int_0^\pi d\theta' \sin^4 \theta' \cos \theta' \left[ \frac{F(u)}{u} \right] \\ + \frac{\alpha_s C_A}{6\pi^2} \int_0^\infty dt F(t) \Delta(t) \int_0^\pi d\theta' \sin^4 \theta' \left[ \frac{\Delta(u)}{u} \right] [yt(1 + \sin^2 \theta') - (y + t)\sqrt{yt} \cos \theta'],$$

where

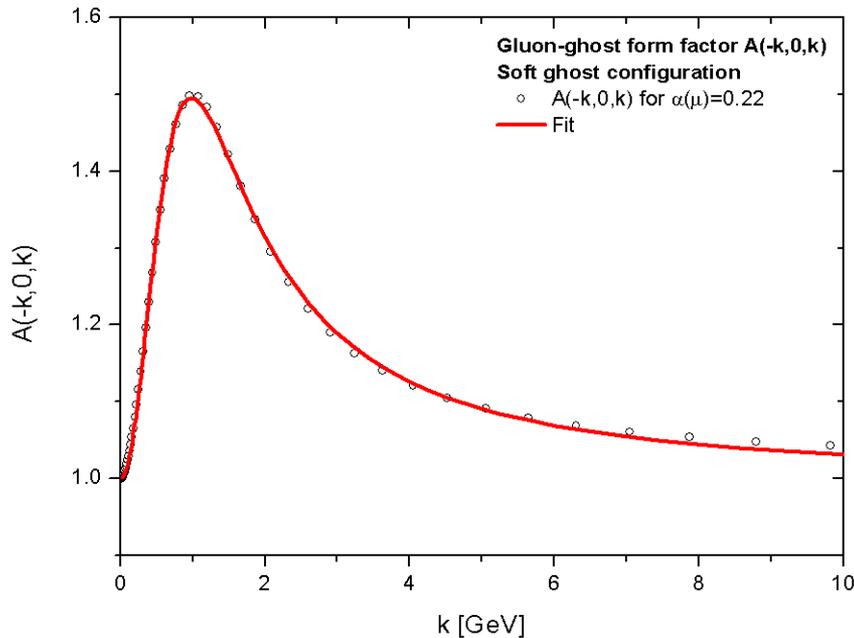
$$x = p^2$$

$$y = k^2$$

$$z = (k + p)^2, \quad z' = (k + \mu)^2$$

# SU(3) results for the system

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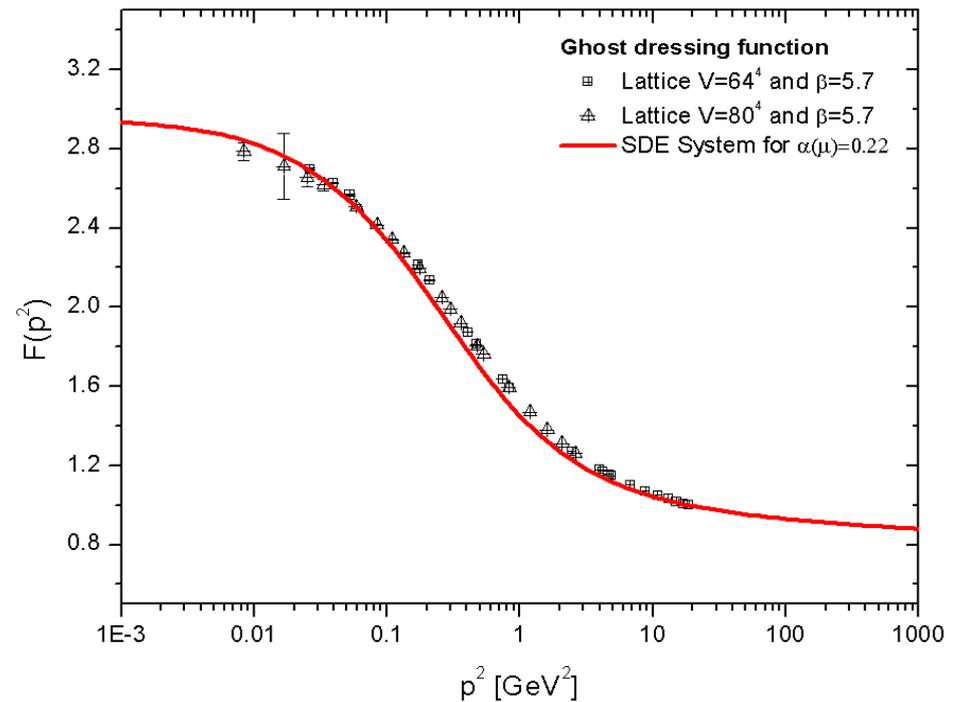


✓  $A(-\mathbf{k},\mathbf{0},\mathbf{k})$  develops a sizable peak at  $p=1$  GeV (50% bigger than of tree value)

✓ In the IR and UV limits the form factors approaches to 1.

Ghost SDE

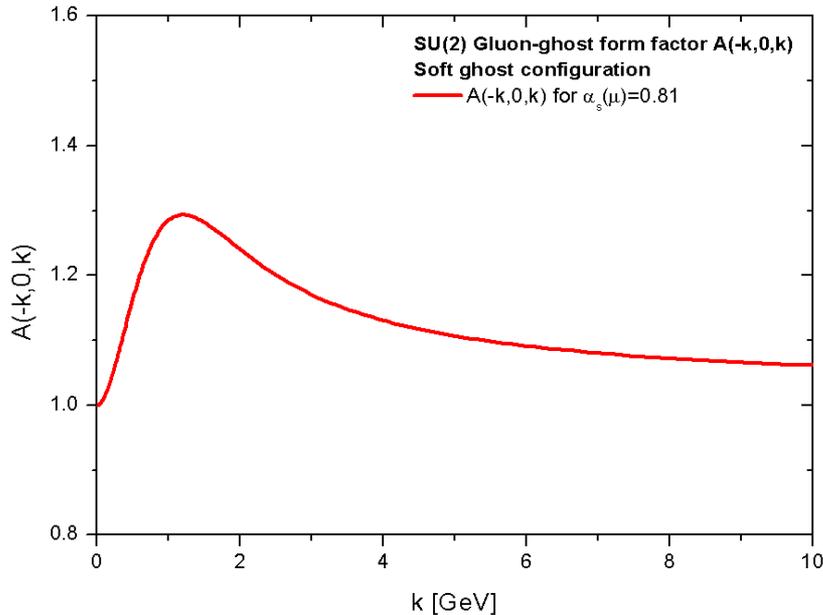
$$\alpha(\mu)=0.29 \rightarrow \alpha(\mu)=0.22$$



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# SU(2) results for the system

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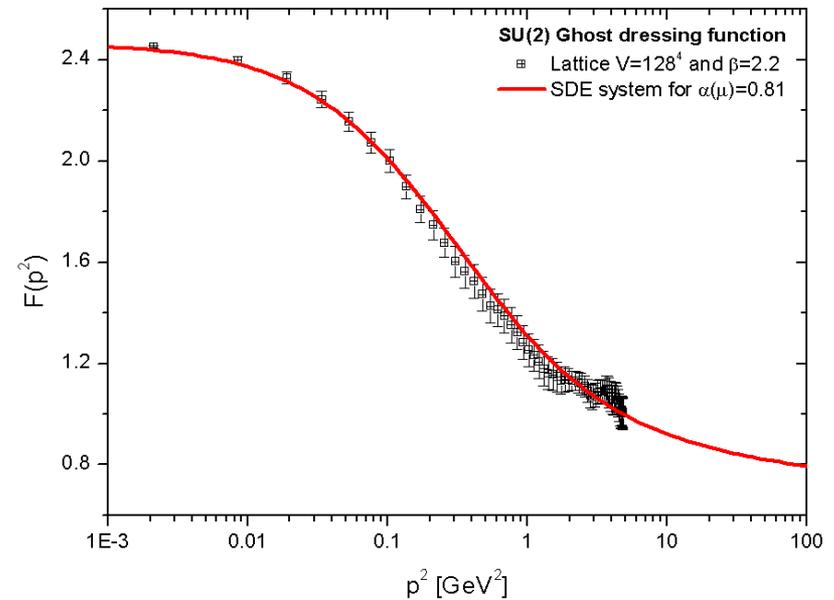


- ✓ Peak at  $p=1.2$  GeV
- ✓ In the IR and UV limits the form factors approaches to 1.

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Same qualitative behavior found in  
the SU(3)

Ghost SDE  
 $\alpha(\mu)=0.99 \rightarrow \alpha(\mu)=0.81$



A. Cucchieri and T. Mendes,  
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# Conclusions

- We study the “one-loop dressed” approximation for the ghost-gluon vertex SDE.
- The vertex SDE has been evaluated for two special kinematic configurations: soft gluon and soft ghost.
- Soft ghost limit were coupled to the ghost SDE.
- Rather good agreement with the lattice data available for the vertex
- The A form factor accounts for the missing strength in the kernel of the ghost SDE → Allowing to reproduce the ghost lattice results with the standard value of  $\alpha_s$ .