# Podolsky Propagator as a low-Energy QCD interaction



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### Generalized QED Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L} = \bar{\psi} \left( i\hat{\partial} - m + e\hat{A} \right) \psi - \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2m_P^2} \partial^{\mu} F_{\mu\beta} \partial_{\alpha} F^{\alpha\beta} - \frac{1}{2\xi} \left[ \left( 1 + m_P^{-2} \partial^2 \right) \partial^{\mu} A_{\mu} \right]^2 + \delta_{Z_2} \bar{\psi} i \hat{\partial} \psi - \delta_{Z_0} \bar{\psi} m \psi + \delta_{Z_1} e \bar{\psi} \hat{A} \psi - \delta_{Z_3} \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}$$

### Podolsky Propagator.

$$G_{\mu\nu} = -i\Delta(q^2)P_{\mu\nu}(q),$$
  

$$P_{\mu\nu}(q) = \Delta_{\mu\nu}(q) - \left[g_{\mu\nu} + (1-\xi)\frac{q_{\mu}q_{\nu}}{q^2 - m_P^2}\right]\frac{1}{q^2 - m_P^2} + (1-2\xi)\frac{q_{\mu}q_{\nu}}{q^2(q^2 - m_P^2)} + \frac{q_{\mu}q_{\nu}}{(q^2 - m_P^2)^2},$$

$$\Delta_{\mu\nu}(q) = \left[g_{\mu\nu} - (1-\xi)\frac{q_{\mu}q_{\nu}}{q^2}\right]\frac{1}{q^2}$$

### SDE and the low-energy QCD effective interaction

$$S_{f}^{-1}(p) = Z_{2}\gamma \cdot p - Z_{4}m_{f}(\mu) - Z_{1}g^{2}\int^{\Lambda} \frac{d^{4}k}{(2\pi)^{4}}G^{\mu\nu}(q)\frac{\lambda^{a}}{2}\gamma_{\mu}S_{f}(k)\frac{\lambda^{a}}{2}\Gamma_{\nu}(k,p),$$

$$S_f(p) = rac{\mathcal{F}_f(p)}{\gamma \cdot p - \mathcal{M}_f(p)}$$

### SDE and the low-energy QCD effective interaction

$$\frac{\mathcal{M}_{f}(p_{E})}{\mathcal{F}_{f}(p_{E})} = Z_{4}m(\mu) + 3C_{F} \int \frac{d^{4}k_{E}}{(2\pi)^{4}} \frac{\mathcal{M}_{f}(k_{E})\mathcal{F}_{f}(k_{E})}{k_{E}^{2} + \mathcal{M}_{f}^{2}(k_{E})} \frac{\mathcal{G}(q_{E}^{2})}{q_{E}^{2}},$$

$$\mathcal{G}(q_E^2) = 4\pi lpha_{
m eff} rac{m_P^2}{q_E^2+m_P^2},$$

$$\mathcal{F}_{f}(p^{2})|_{p^{2}=\mu^{2}}=1, \quad S_{f}^{-1}(p)|_{p^{2}=\mu^{2}}=\gamma \cdot p - m_{f}(\mu),$$

### SDE and the low-energy QCD effective interaction

$$\frac{1}{\mathcal{F}_f(p_E)} = Z_2 + \frac{C_F}{p_E^2} \int \frac{d^4k_E}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{\mathcal{F}_f(k_E)}{k_E^2 + \mathcal{M}_f^2(k_E)} \left[ 3p_E \cdot k_E + \frac{2[(p_E \cdot k_E)^2 - p_E^2 k_E^2]}{q_E^2} \right] \frac{\mathcal{G}(q_E^2)}{q_E^2}.$$

## The Podolsky propagator in the Landau Gauge.

 $\Delta(q^2) = 1$ 

$$D_{\mu\nu}(q) \coloneqq \frac{m_P^2}{q_E^2 + m_P^2} \left( g_{\mu\nu} - \frac{q_{E\mu}q_{E\nu}}{q_E^2} \right) \frac{1}{q_E^2} = \frac{m_P^2}{q_E^2 + m_P^2} \Delta_{\mu\nu}^{\xi=0}(q_E^2).$$

 In the Landau gauge with \Delta(q^2)= 1 the Podolsky propagator is equivalent multiplying by a factor m^2\_{P}/q^2 the massive gluon propagator introduced by Tissier-Wschebor (2010). The latter is motivated by the soft breaking of Becchi-Rouet-Stora-Tyutin (BRST) symmetry and described by a gluon-mass term in the Lagrangian corresponding to a particular case of the Curci-Ferrari model.







$$\Gamma_{mn}^{fg}(p,P) = \int^{\Lambda} \frac{d^4k_E}{(2\pi)^4} \mathcal{K}_{mn}^{kl}(p,k,P) [S_f(k_+)\Gamma^{fg}(k,P)S_g(k_-)]_{lk},$$

$$\mathcal{K}_{mn}^{kl}(p,k,P) = -4\pi\alpha_{\rm eff}\left(\frac{\lambda^a}{2}\gamma_{\mu}\right)_{kn}P_{\mu\nu}(q)\left(\frac{\lambda^a}{2}\gamma_{\nu}\right)_{ml},$$

 $\Gamma(p, P) = \gamma_5[i\mathbb{I}_D E(p, P) + \gamma \cdot PF(p, P) + \gamma \cdot pp \cdot PG(p, P) + \sigma_{\mu\nu}p_{\mu}P_{\nu}H(p, P)],$ 

	Podolsky model	QC. model	Reference
$M_{\pi}$	0.138	0.138	0.139 [103]
$f_{\pi}$	0.133	0.139	0.130 [103]
$f_{\pi}^{\text{GMOR}}$	0.117		
$M_{K}$	0.494	0.493	0.493 [103]
$f_K$	0.164	0.164	0.156 [103]
$f_K^{\text{GMOR}}$	0.162	0.162	
$M_{\eta_c(1S)}$	2.985	3.065	2.984 [103]
$f_{n_{o}(1S)}$	0.454	0.389	0.395 [104]
$f_{\eta_c(1S)}^{\mathrm{GMOR}}$	0.451	0.380	
$M_D$	2.100	2.115	1.870 [103]
$f_D$	0.263	0.204	0.212 [105]
$M_{D_s}$	2.130	2.130	1.968 [103]
$f_{D_s}$	0.304	0.249	0.250 [105]

#### Conclusions

 We solve for the first time the DSE with the Podolsky propagator in rainbow truncation and find a mass gap for a typical hadronic scale of the Podolsky mass. Based on this observation, we propose a novel interaction model within the rainbow-ladder truncation of the DSE and BSE kernels, based on the Podolsky propagator which preserves gauge invariance in perturbative GQED.

#### Conclusions

• Employing these complex solutions for the quark propagators in the BSE, we fix the quark masses and interaction parameters with the masses of the  $\pi$ , K,  $\eta$ c and find weak decay constants that agree very well with experimental reference values or results from lattice-QCD simulations. The D mesons are also obtained within this framework, where their masses are somewhat overestimated and the mass difference between the D and Ds is too small, a consequence of the too simplistic truncation for heavy-light systems.