

# Confinement and infrared propagators in lattice Landau gauge

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## Talk mainly based on

- A. Maas, J. M. Pawłowski, D.S., A. Sternbeck, L. von Smekal:  
*Strong-coupling study of the Gribov ambiguity in lattice Landau gauge*  
0912.4203 [hep-lat], Eur. Phys. J. C, in press
- J. M. Pawłowski, D.S., A. Sternbeck, L. von Smekal:  
work in preparation (on free b.c.)
- **and also (marginally)**  
J. M. Pawłowski, D.S., I.-O. Stamatescu:  
*Lattice Landau gauge with stochastic quantisation*  
0911.4921 [hep-lat], Nucl. Phys. B 830:291, 2010

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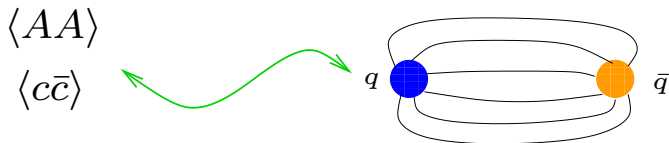
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# Confinement and infrared propagators

## Signatures of confinement

- Confining quark-antiquark potential (gauge-invariant)
  - ▶ demands an explanation
- Infrared behavior of gluon & ghost propagator (gauge-dependent)
  - ▶ may provide an explanation
    - ★ Gribov–Zwanziger scenario
      - related to confinement via topological defects
  - ▶ here: Landau gauge,  $\partial_\mu A_\mu = 0$



# Gluon & ghost propagator

## Basic task

Gauge fixing



extract infrared Yang–Mills propagators

## Question

Is the IR behavior of

- **scaling** type or
- **decoupling** type?

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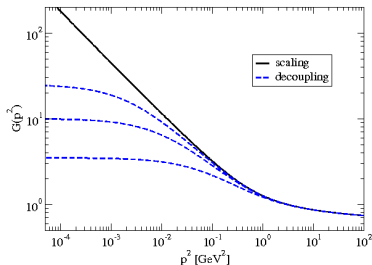
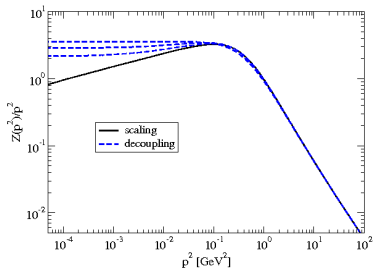
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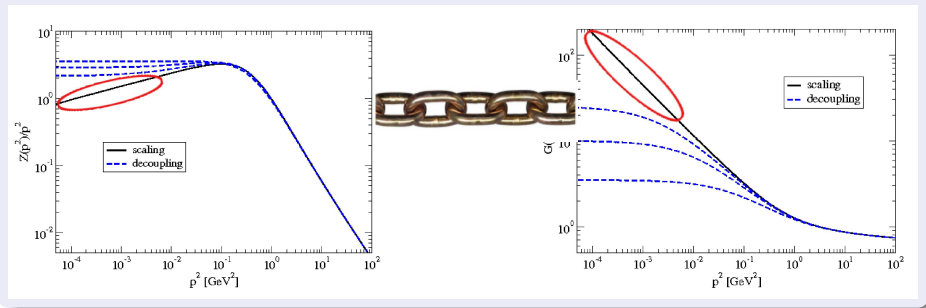
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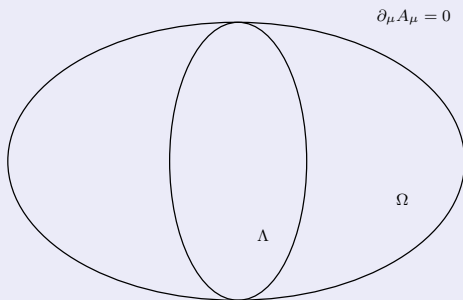
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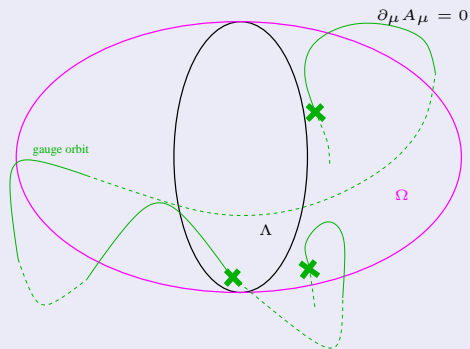



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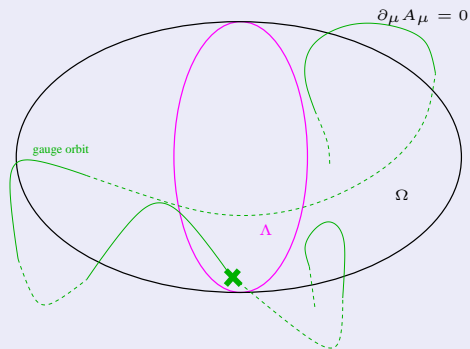
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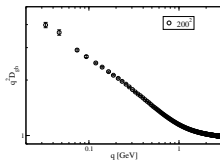
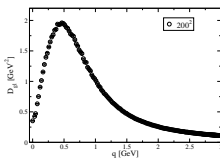
# Standard lattice scenario here: from stochastic gauge fixing (Pawlowski/DS/Stamatescu '09)

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ghost d.f.

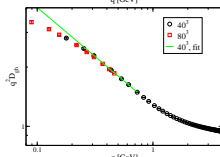
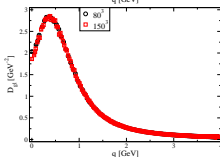
scaling

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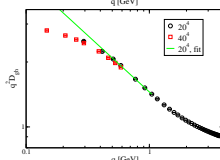
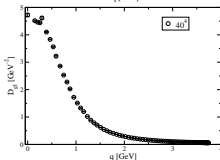
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$d = 4$



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- here: quenched  $SU(2)$

- $N_c = 3$  (Bogolubsky et al. '07, Cucchieri et al. '07, Oliveira et al. '07, Sternbeck et al. '07)  
or dyn. fermions (Ilgenfritz et al. '06)

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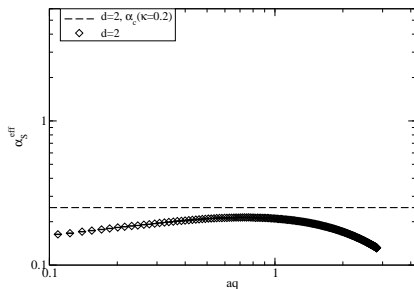
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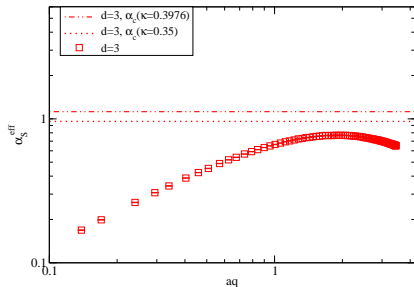
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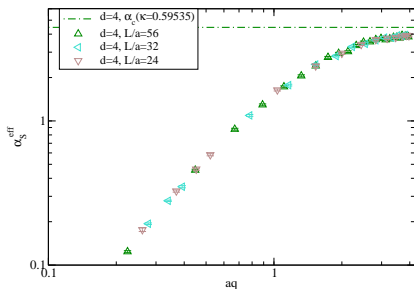
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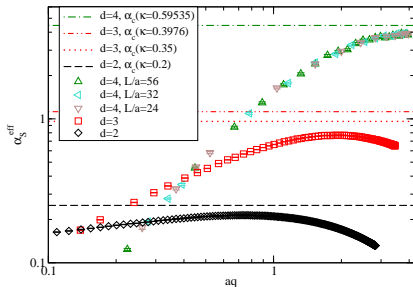
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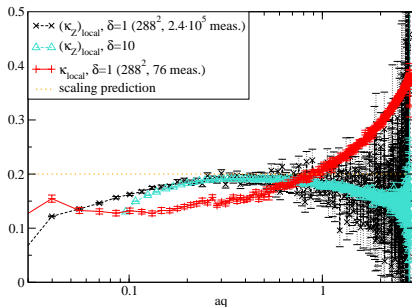
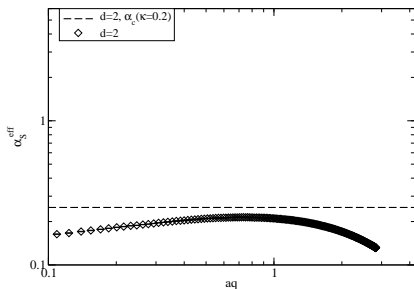
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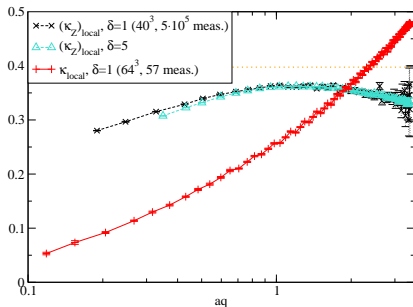
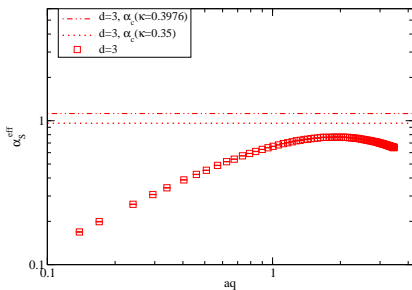
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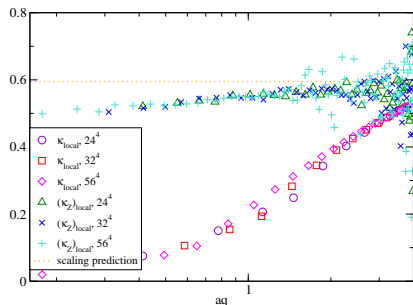
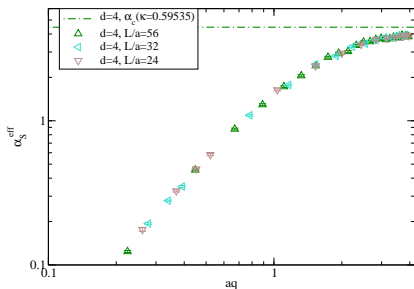
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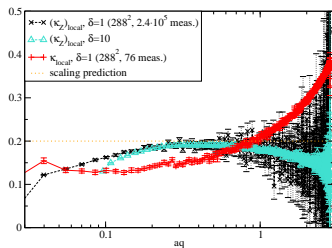
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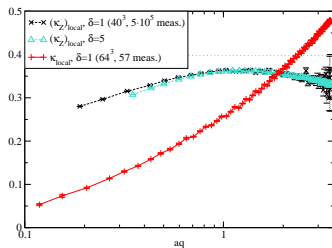
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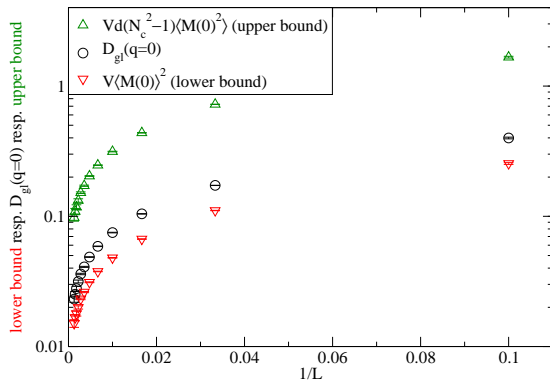
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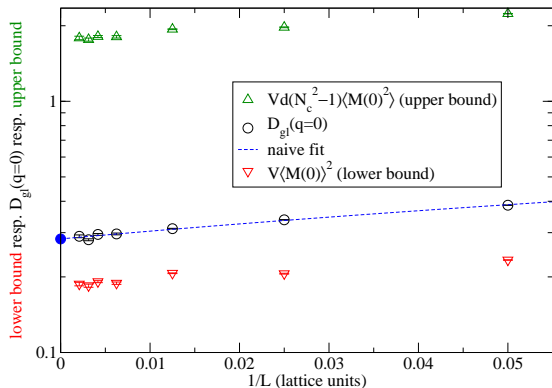


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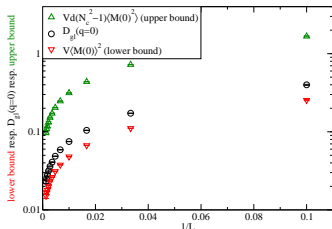
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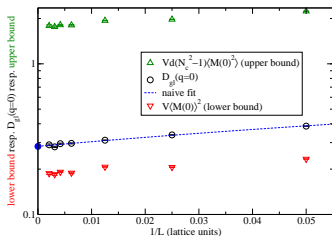
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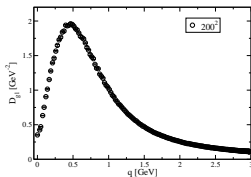
$d = 2, 3$  and  $4$

- no uniform scaling at all  $aq$
- possible scaling window
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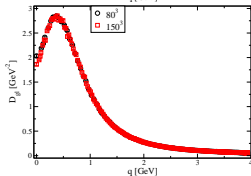
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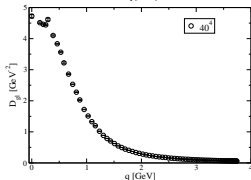
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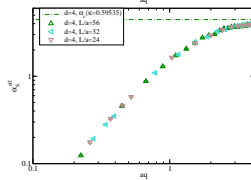
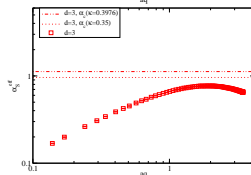
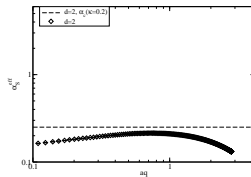
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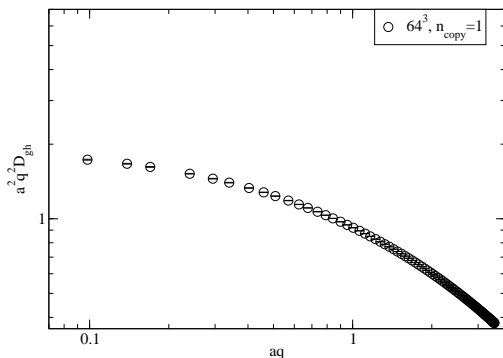
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finite  $\beta$ : Maas '09 ...

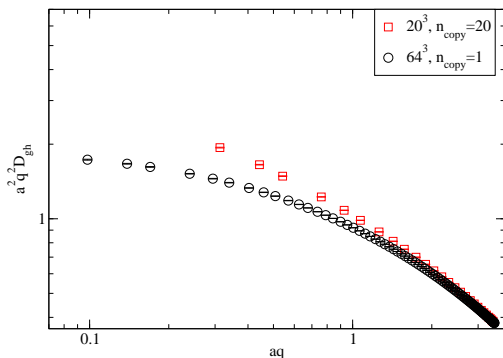
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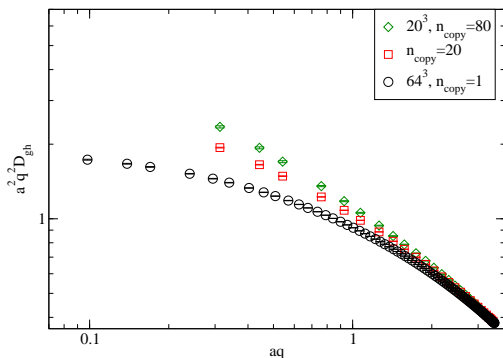
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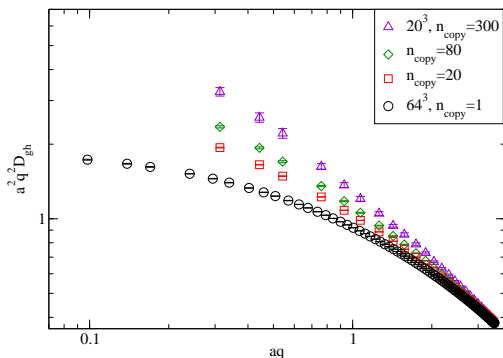
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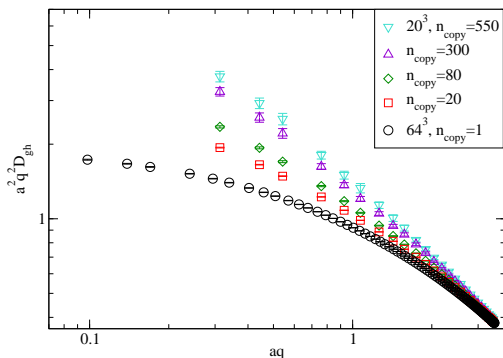
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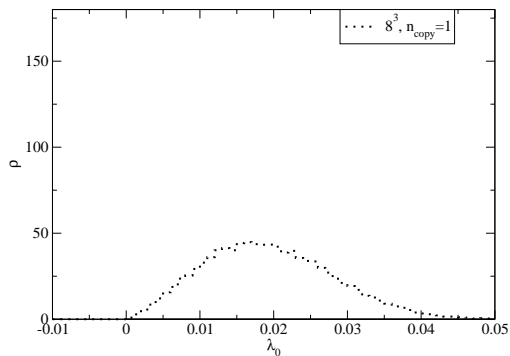
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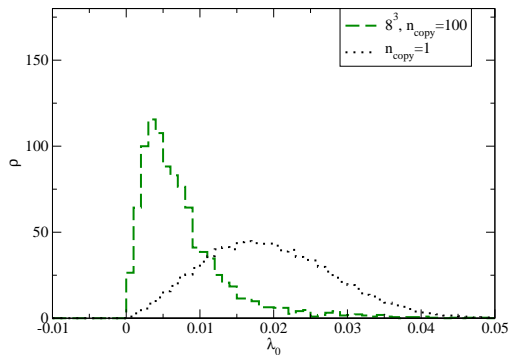
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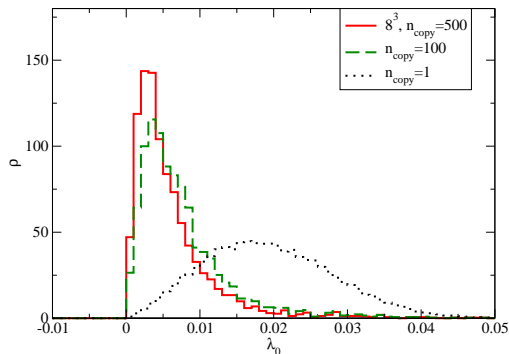
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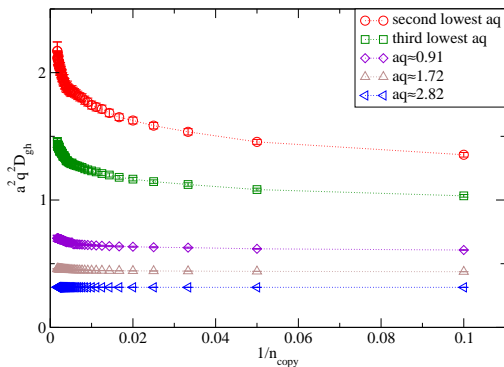


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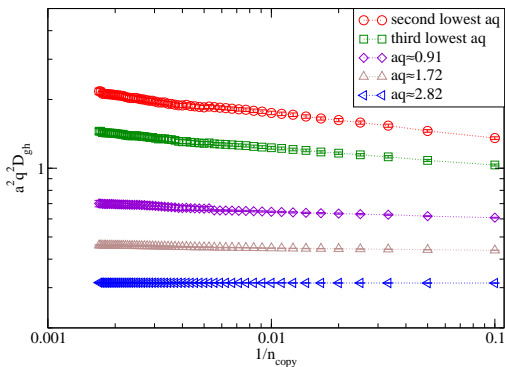
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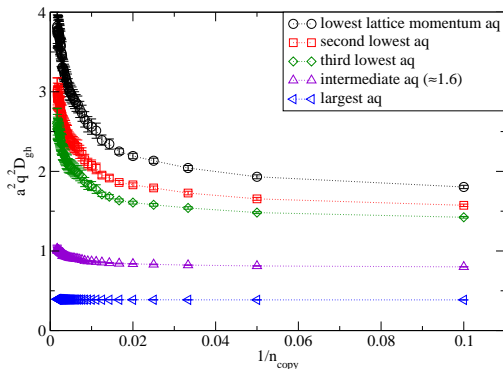


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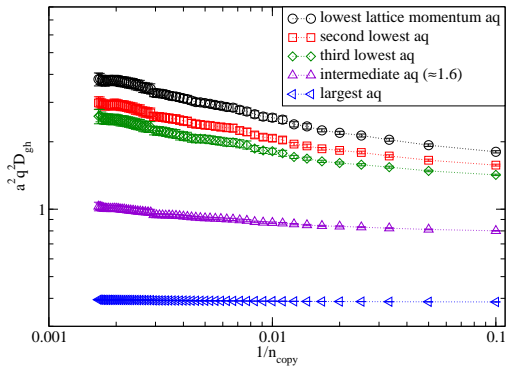
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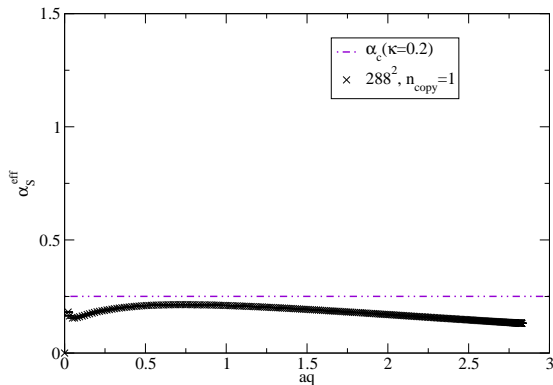
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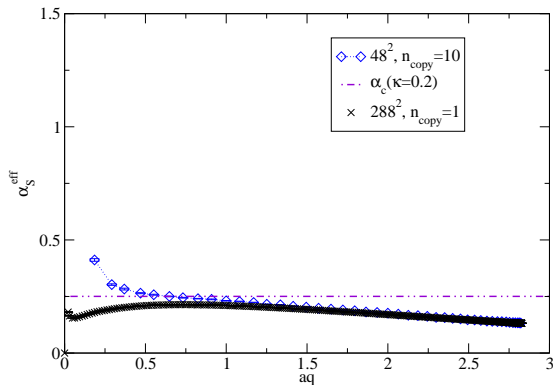
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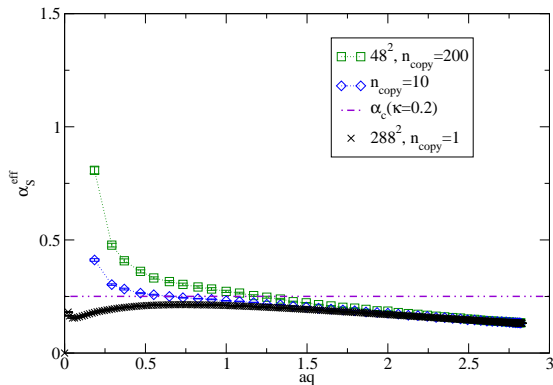


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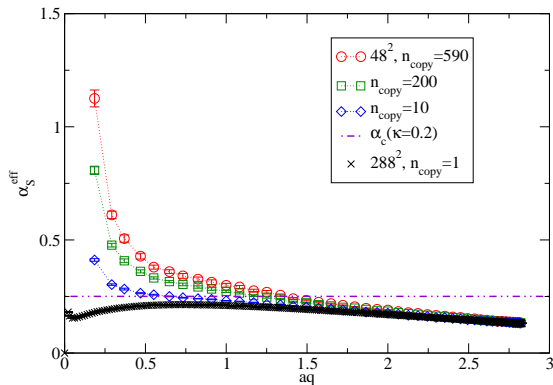
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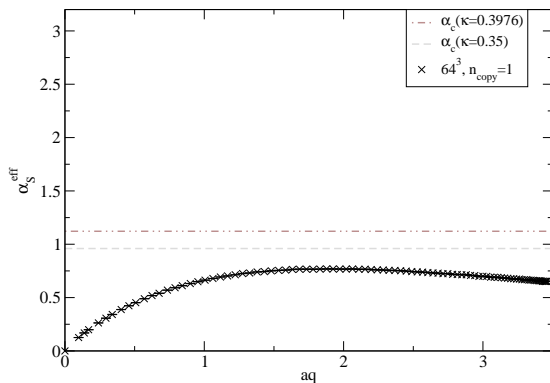
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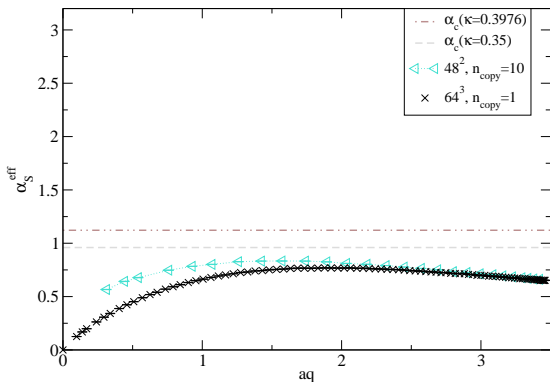
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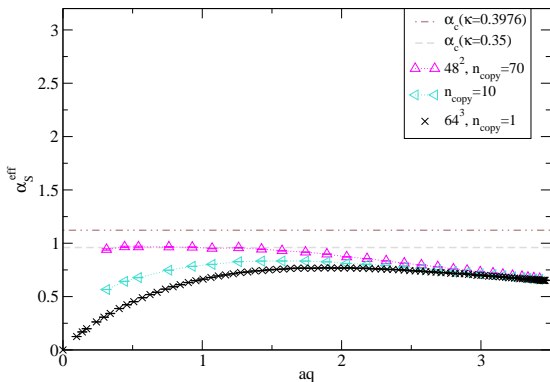
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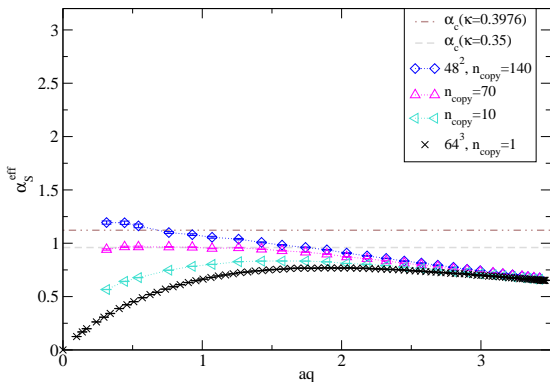
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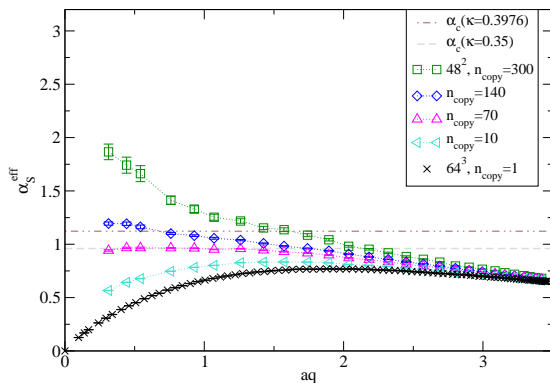
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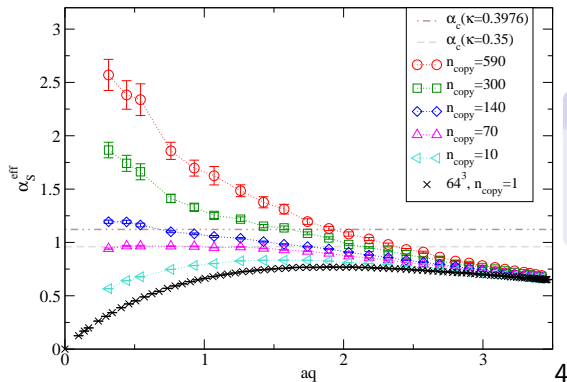
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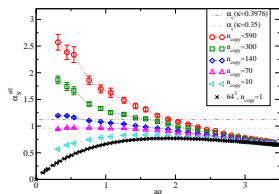
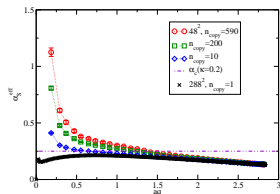
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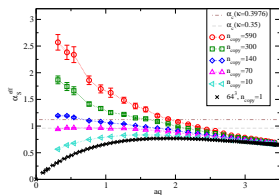
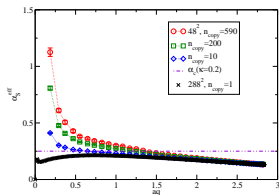
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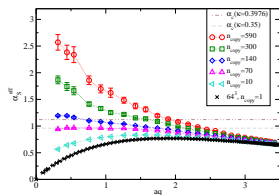
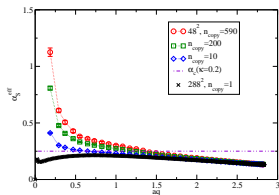
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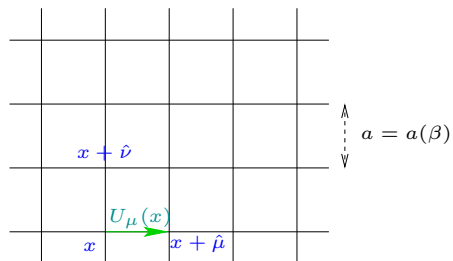
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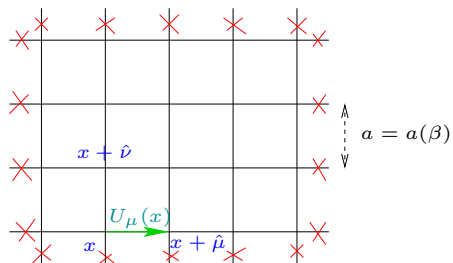
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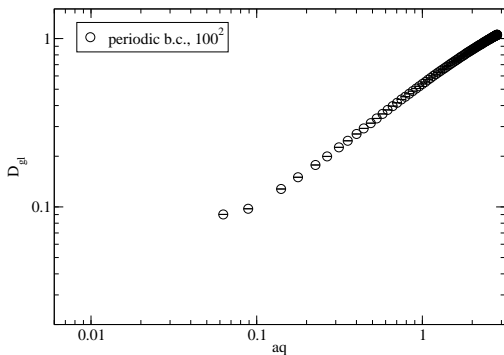
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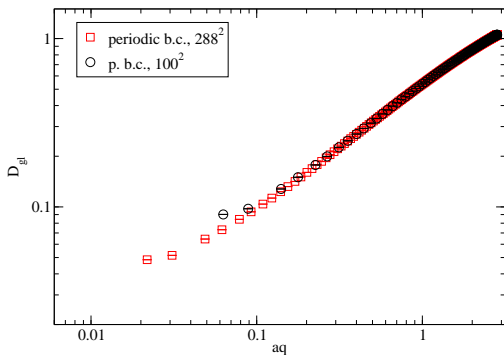


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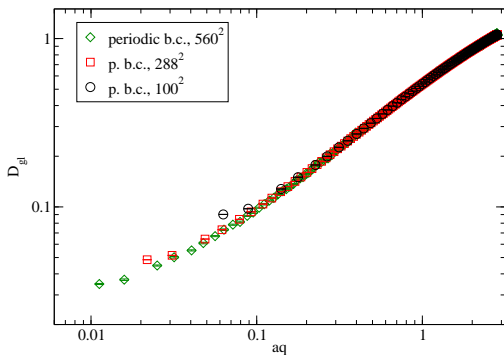


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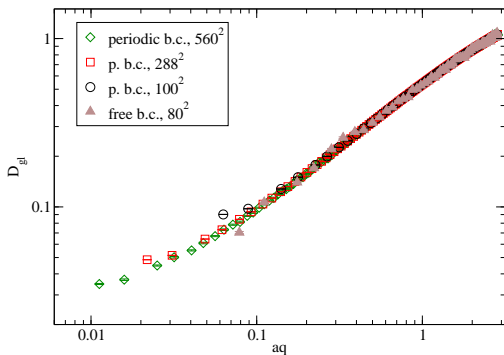


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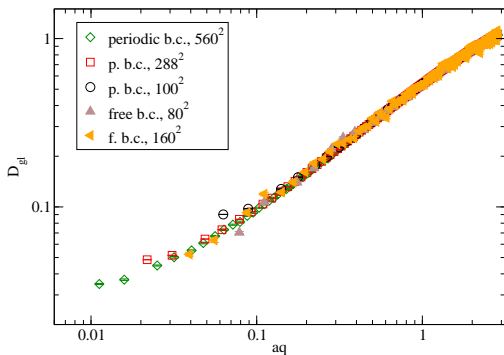
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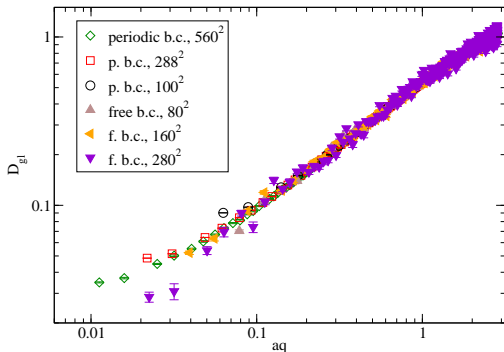
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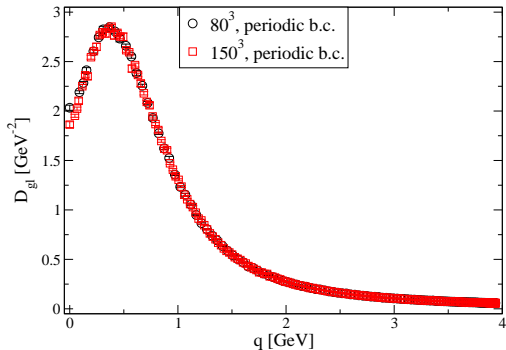
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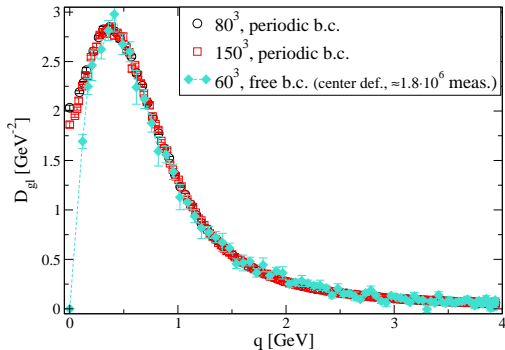


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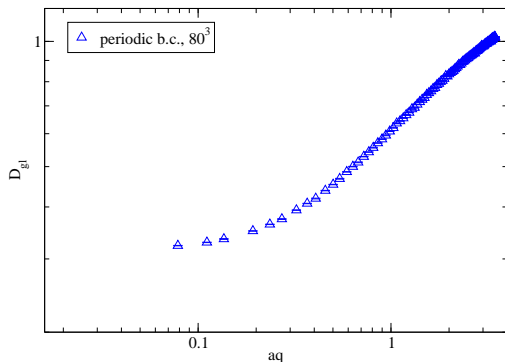


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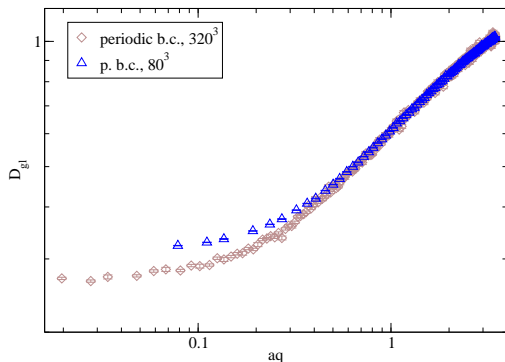
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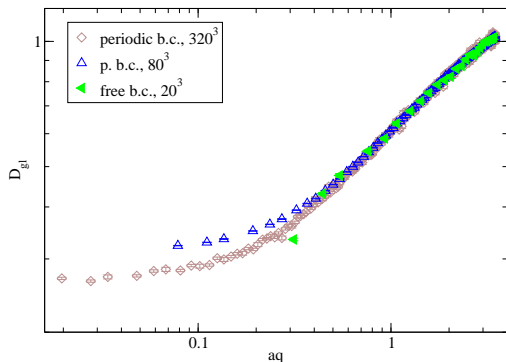


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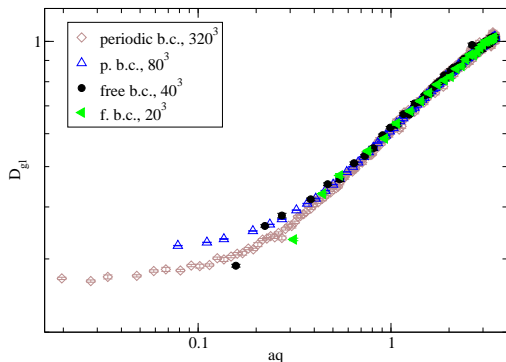


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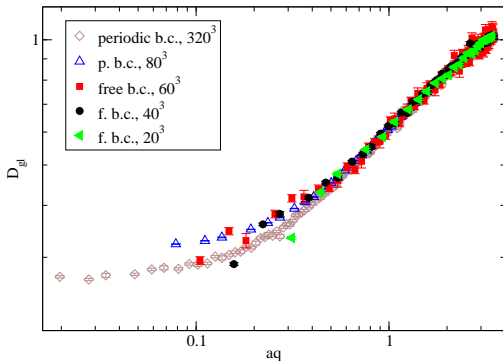


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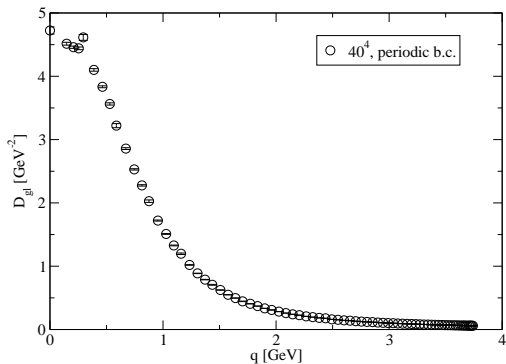
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•  $\Rightarrow$  **no** uniform scaling

$60^3$ :  $10^6$  config's  
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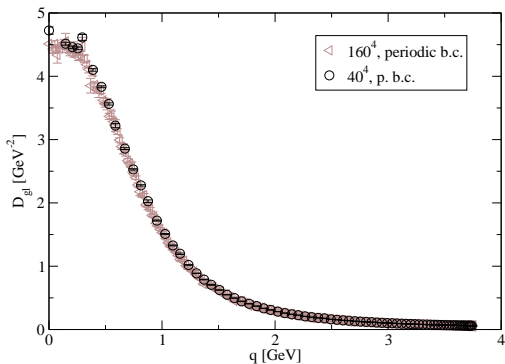


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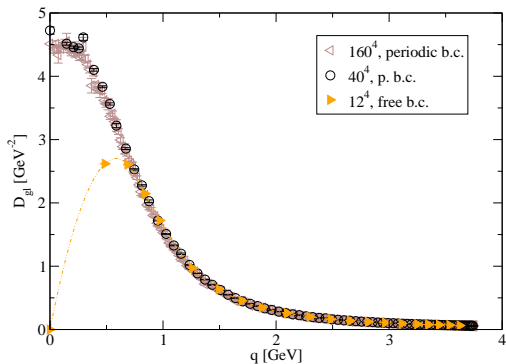
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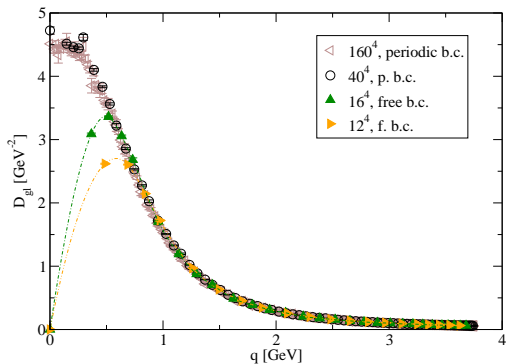


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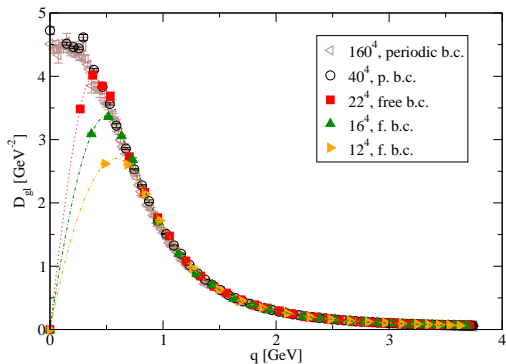


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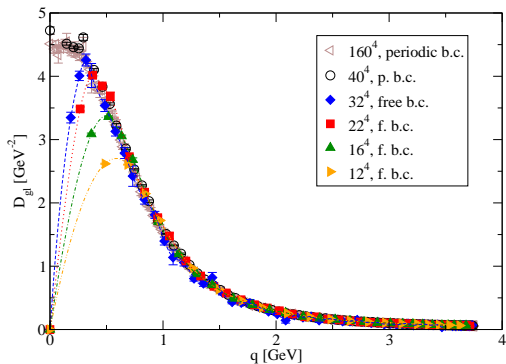


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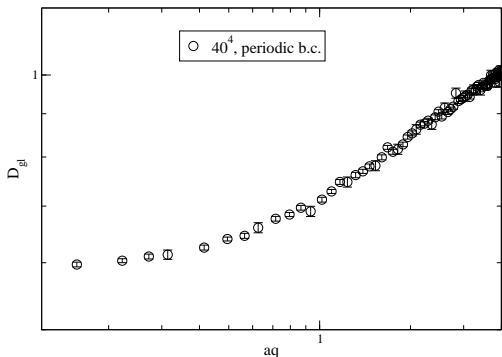


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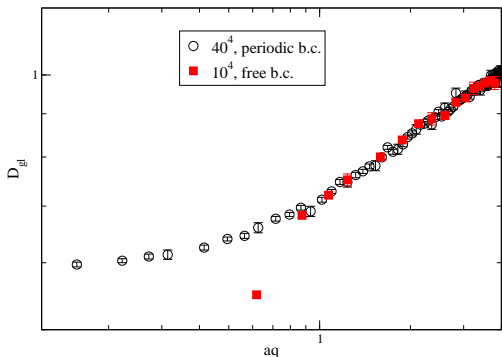


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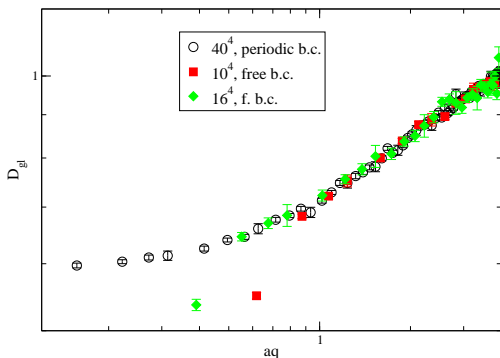
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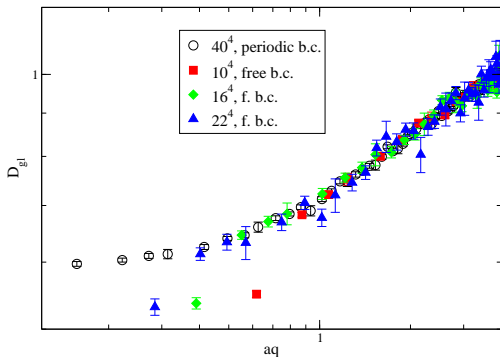


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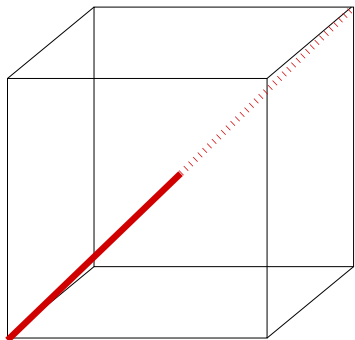
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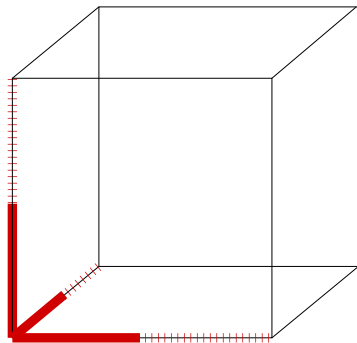
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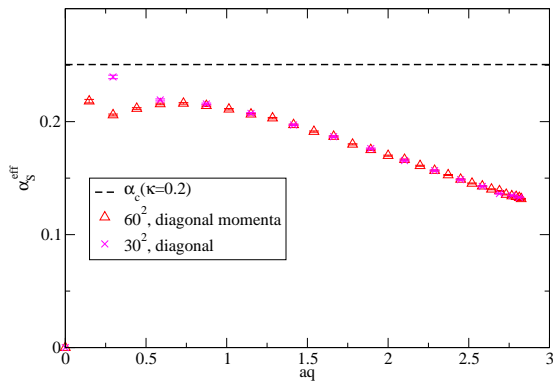


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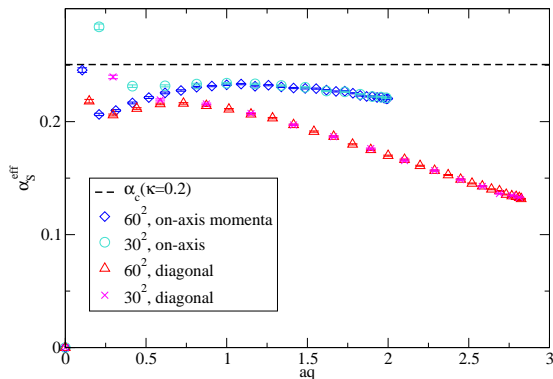
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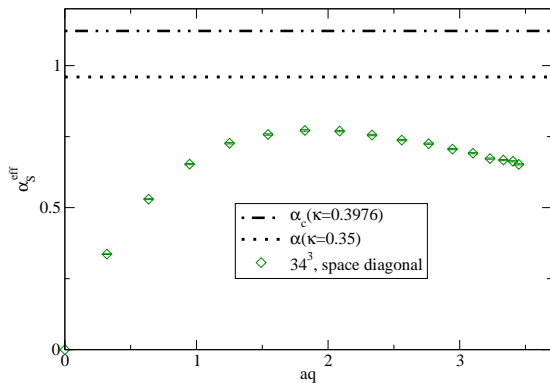
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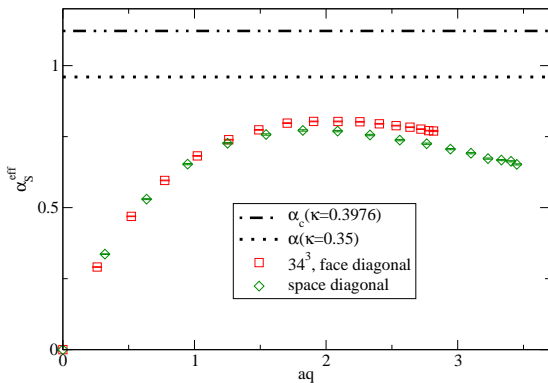
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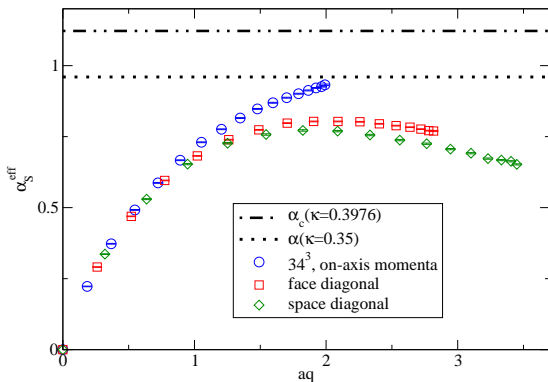
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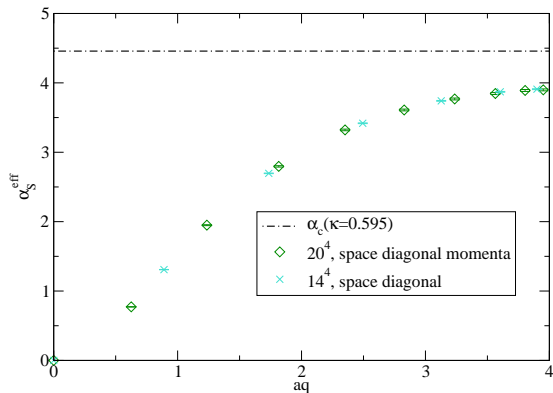
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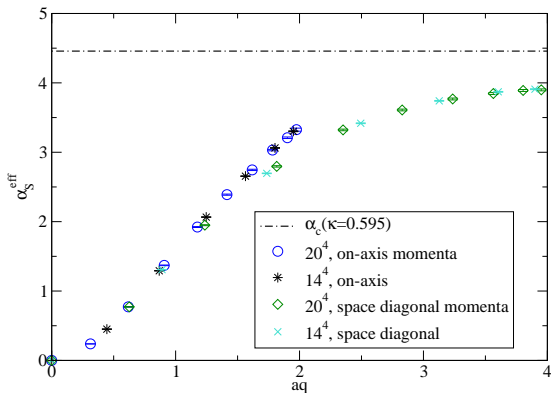
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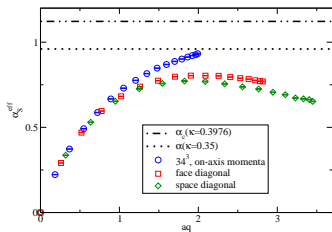
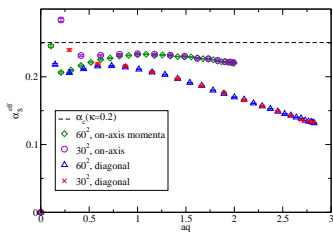
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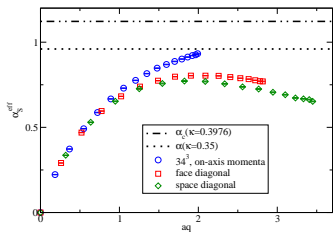
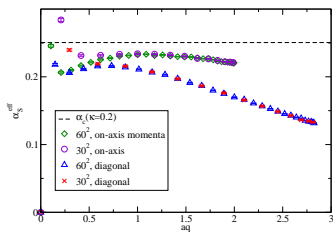
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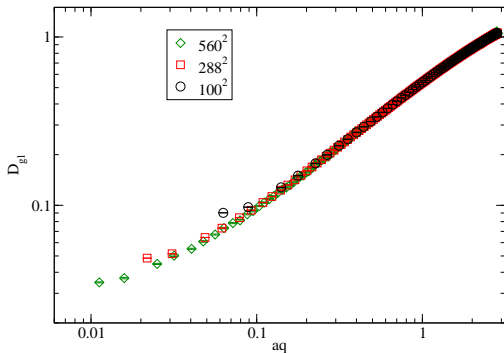


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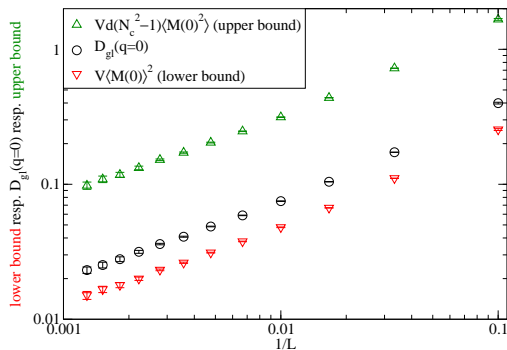
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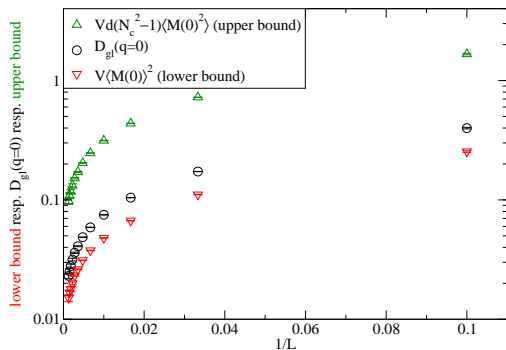
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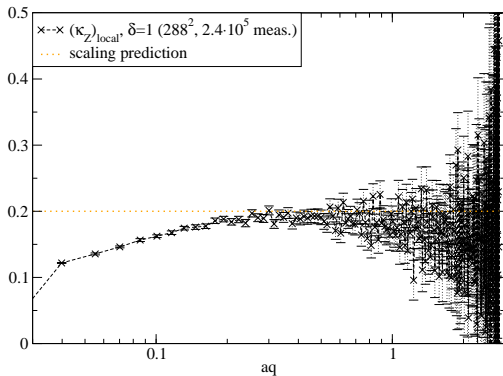
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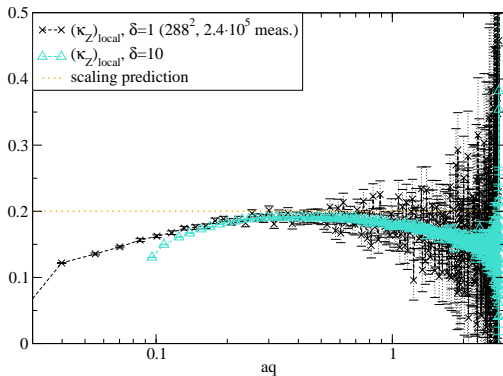
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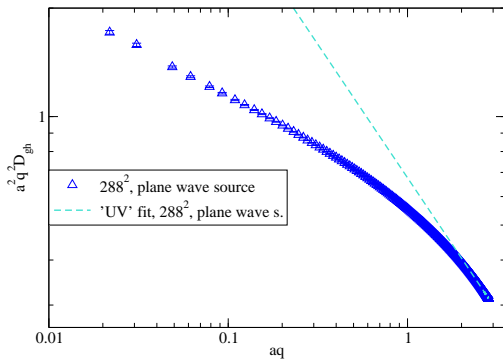
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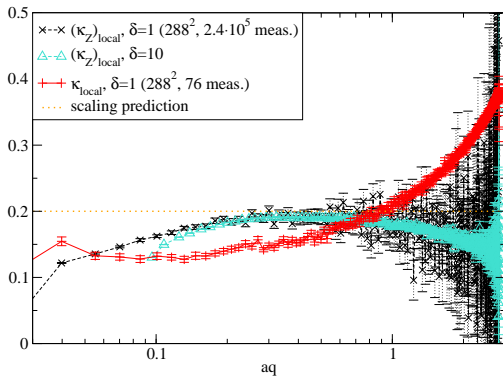
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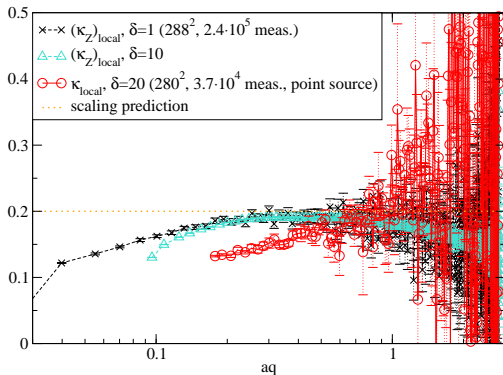


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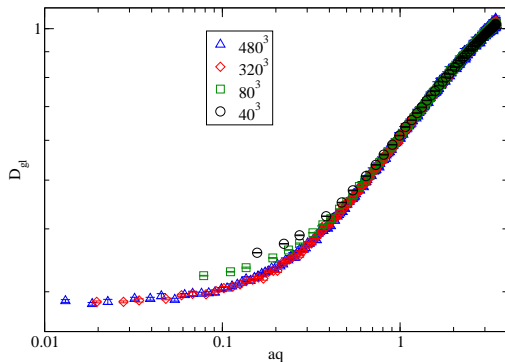




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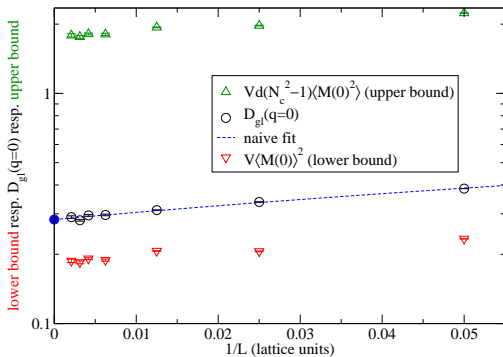
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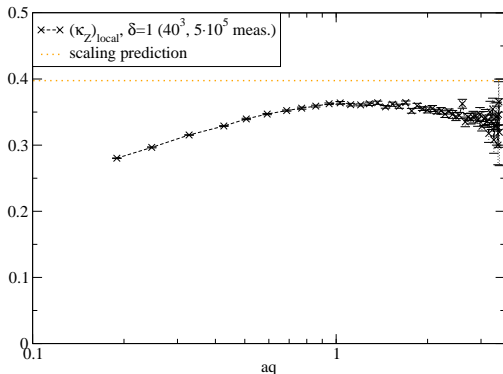
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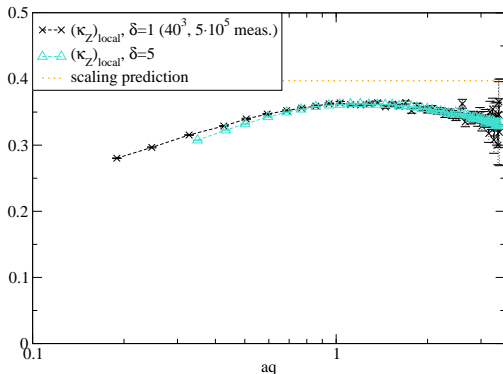
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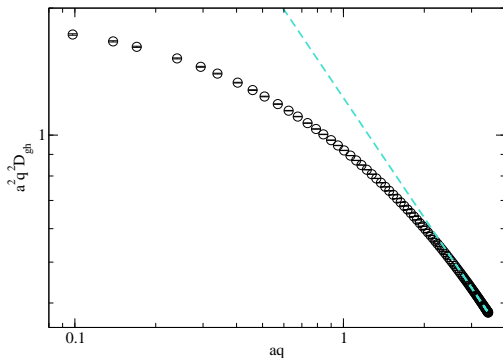
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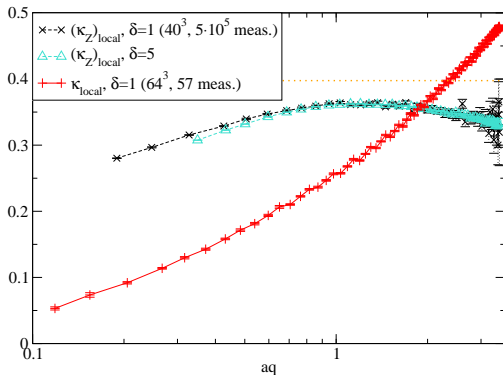
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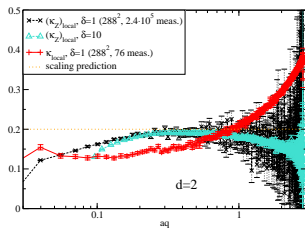
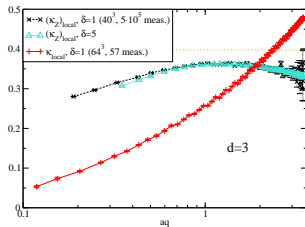
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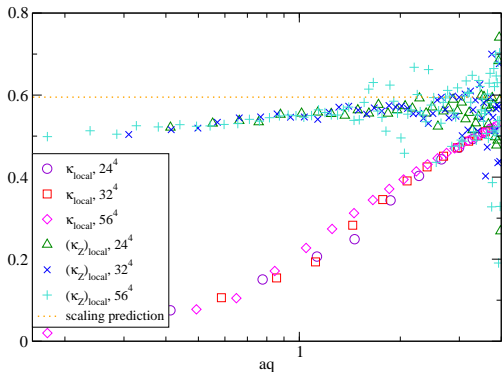


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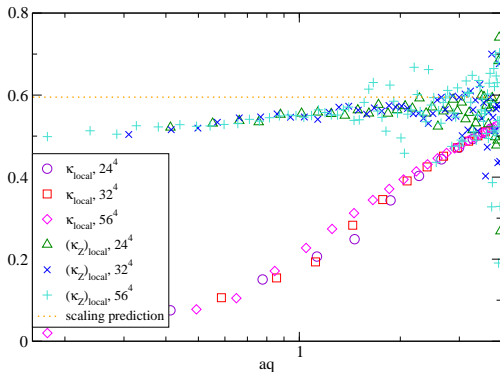
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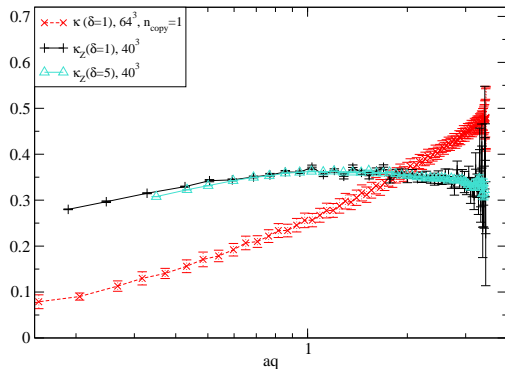
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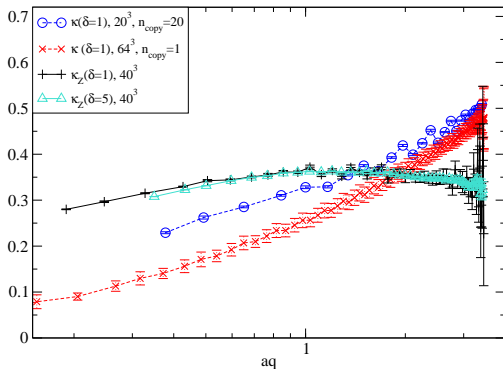
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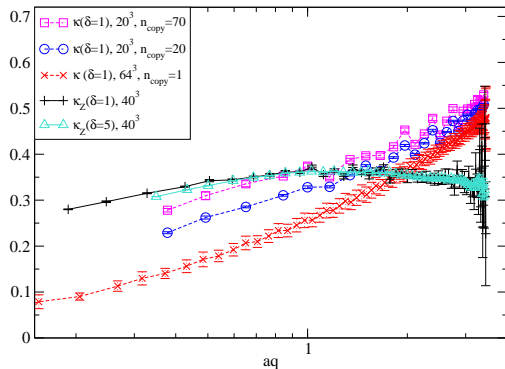
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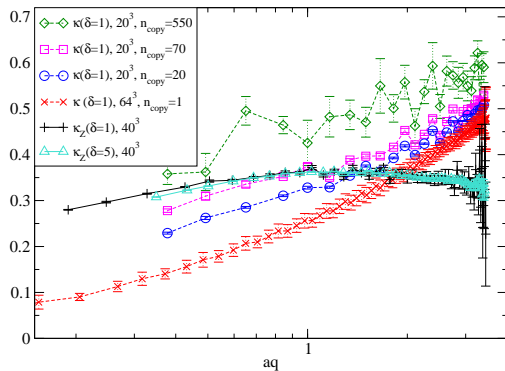
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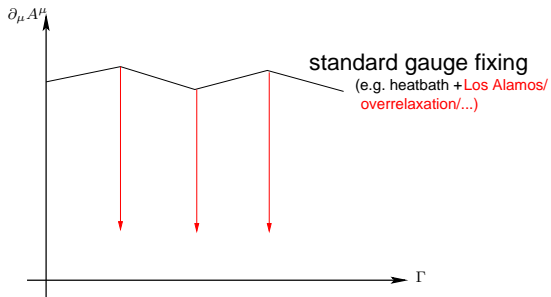
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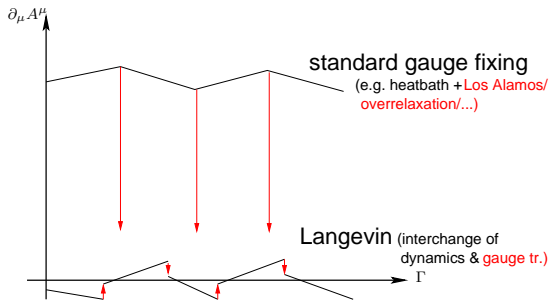
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Langevin eq. incl. gauge  
force (Zwanziger '81)

more local than standard g. f.

$\Rightarrow$  possibly different sampling  
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## Bottom line

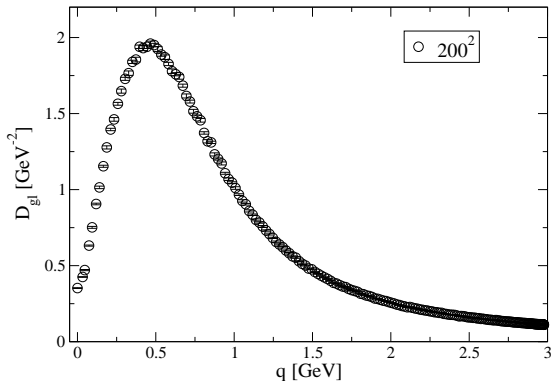
Confirmation of  
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2D: scaling, 3&4D: decoupling  
e.g.

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- 3D: Cucchieri/Mendes '03
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. . . with alternative  
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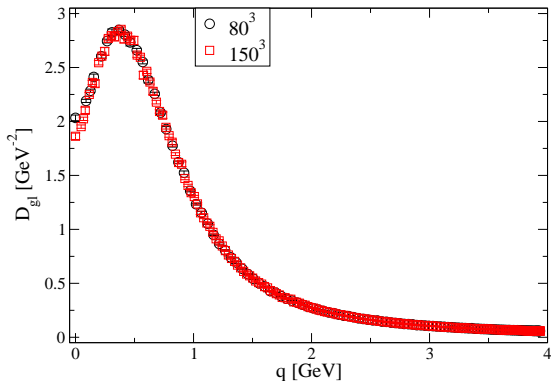
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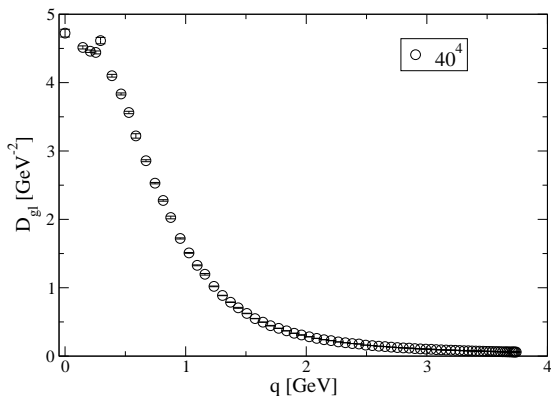
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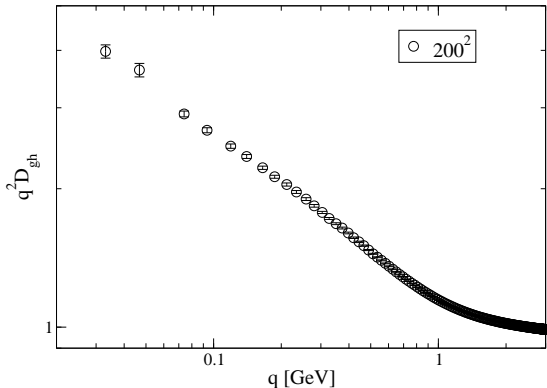


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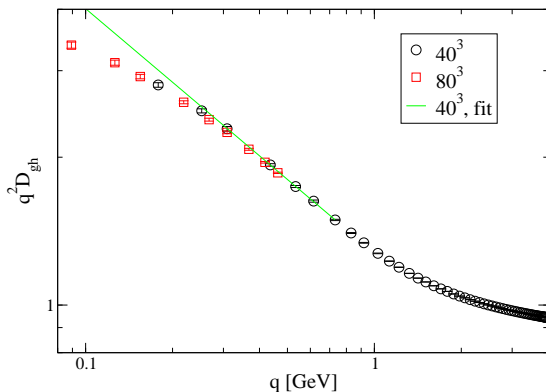
2D: IR divergent

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- as expected for scaling
- consistent with gluon data

But: different picture at  $\beta = 0$

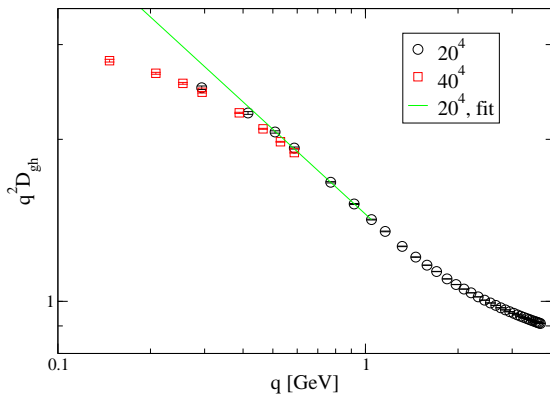
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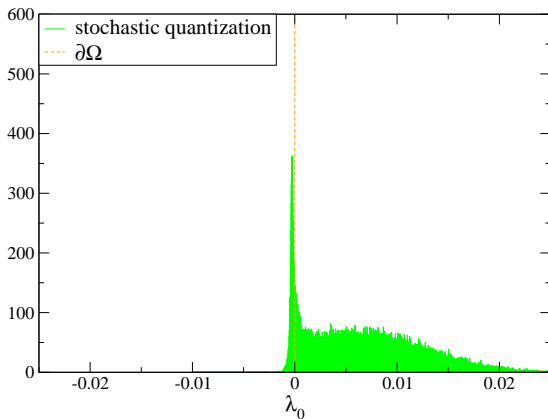
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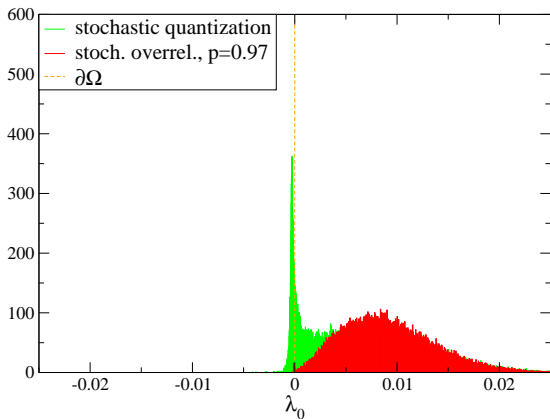
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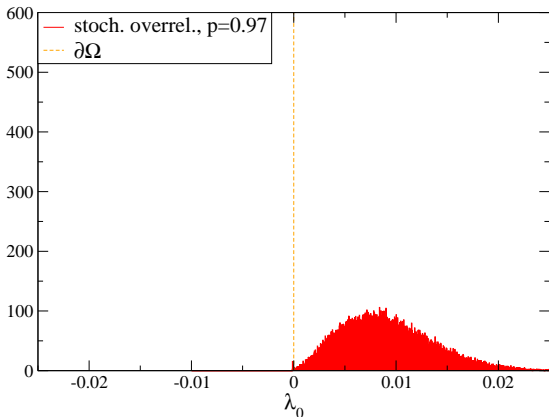
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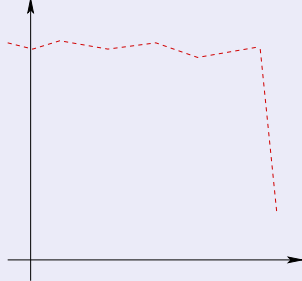
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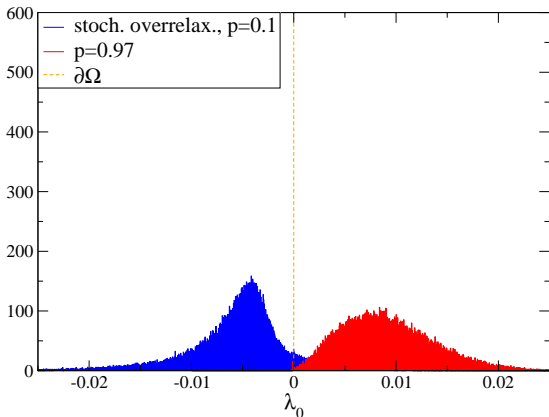
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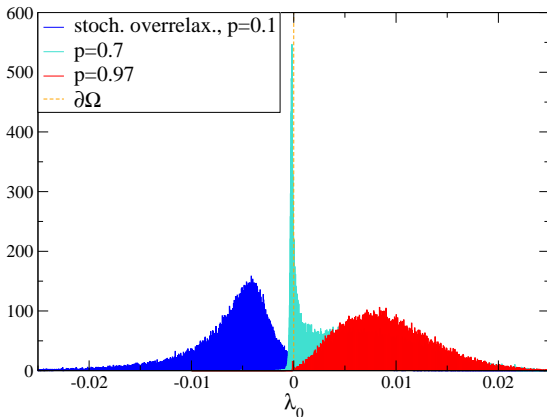
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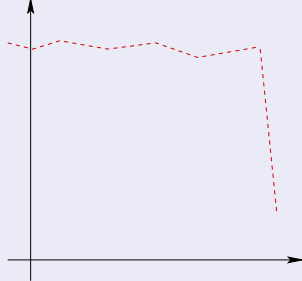
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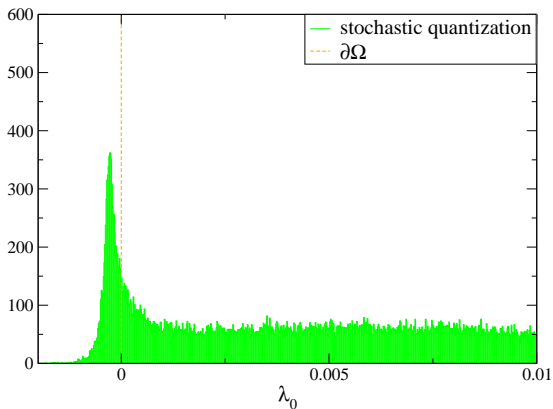
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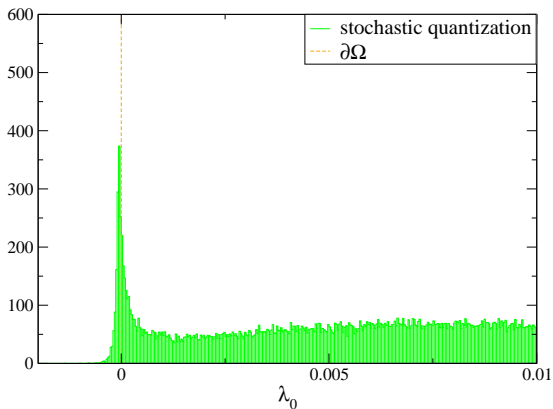
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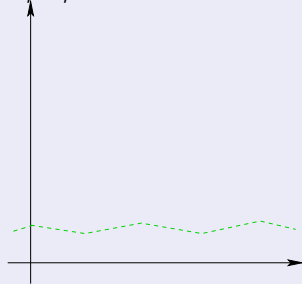
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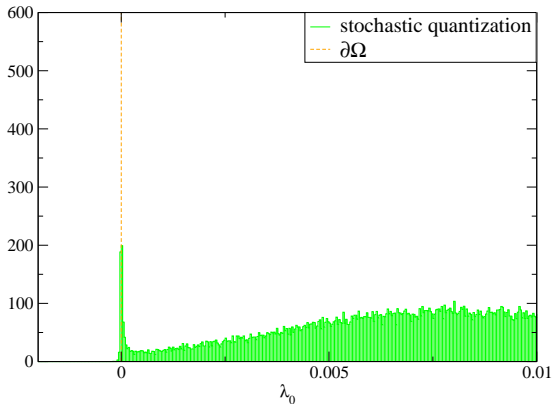
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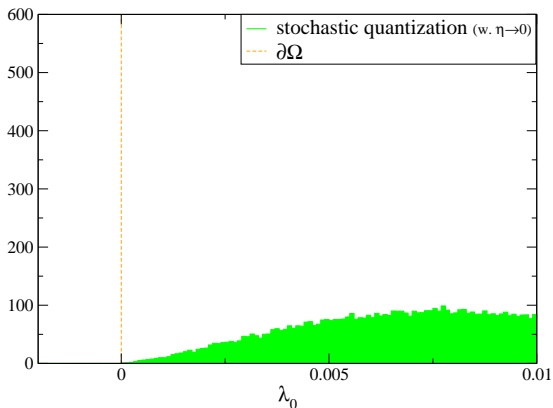
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$$\Delta^2 < 10^{-15}$$

by SQ & step size  $\rightarrow 0$



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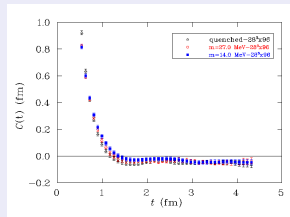
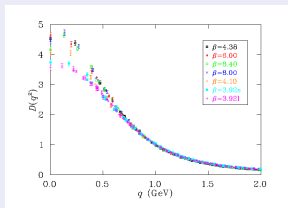
## Upshot

Peak disappears for sufficiently small  $\Delta^2$

# Importance of IR asymptotics

## What $\kappa$ may tell about confinement

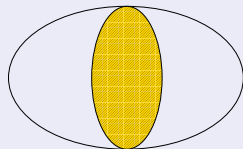
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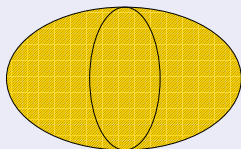


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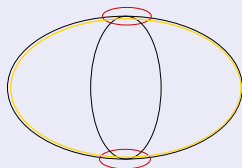


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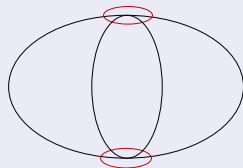


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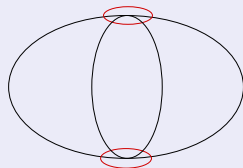
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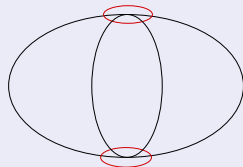


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