

# Line of constant physics in QCD

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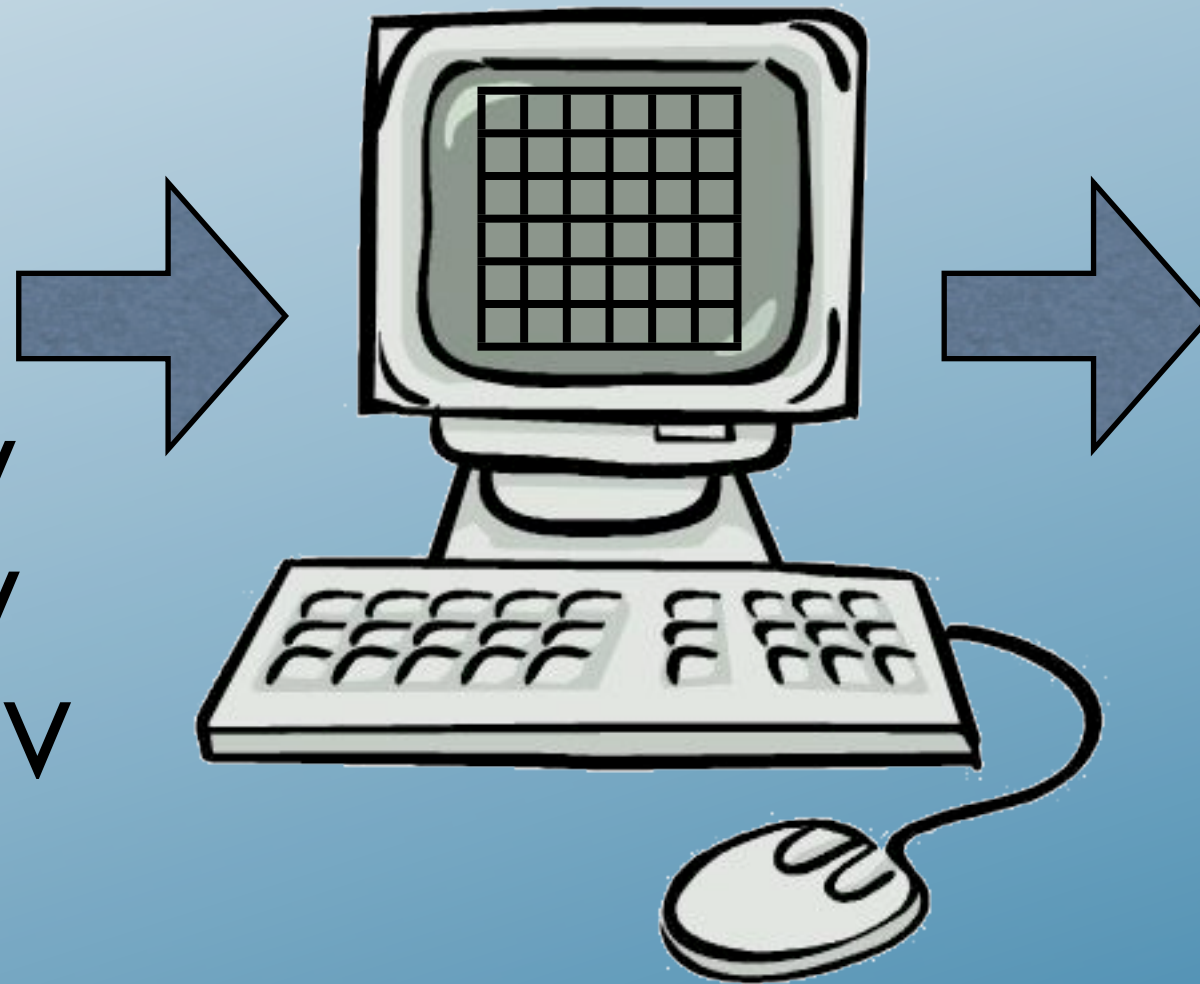
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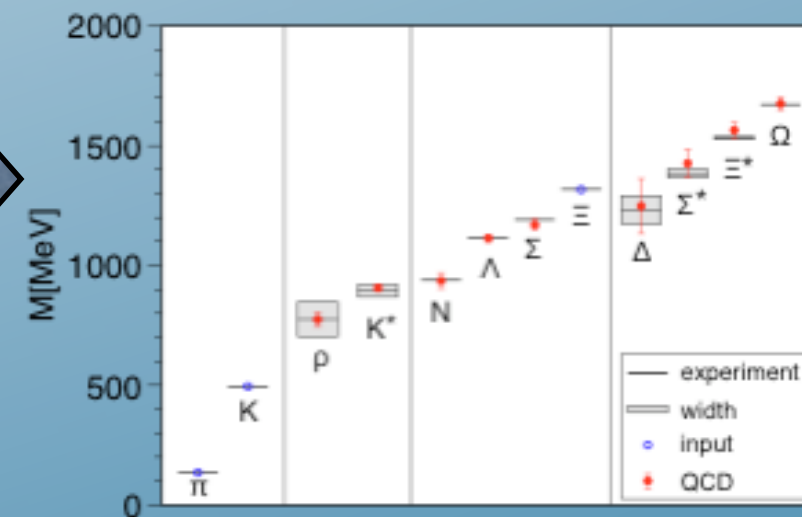
# Lattice field theory -- ideally

Few easily  
accessible  
experimental  
data

$$m_{\pi} = 135 \text{ MeV}$$
$$m_K = 495 \text{ MeV}$$
$$m_{\Omega} = 1317 \text{ MeV}$$



Standard model's  
prediction



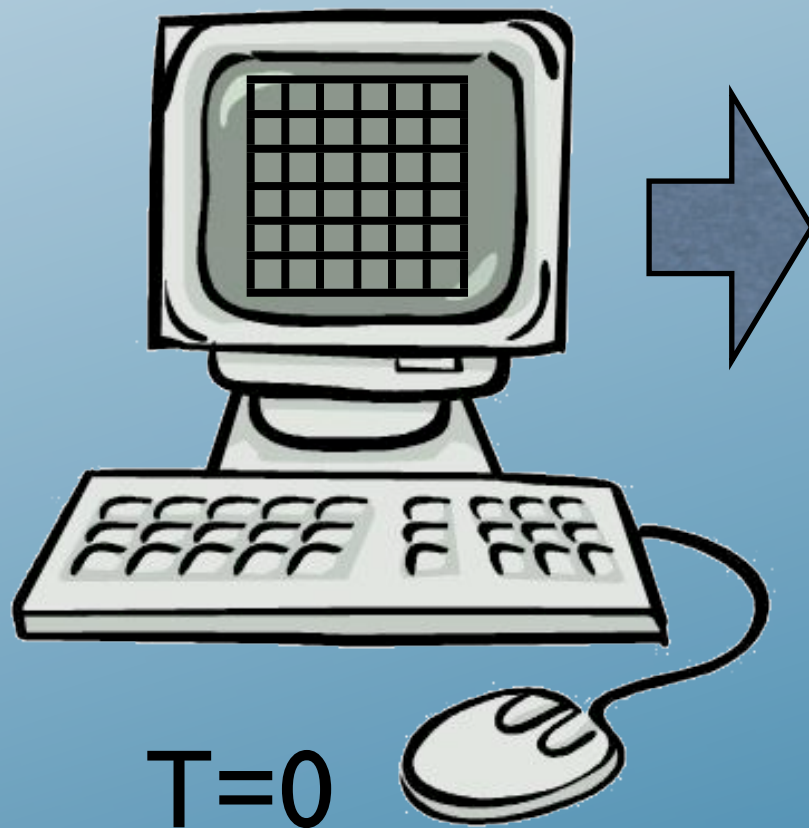
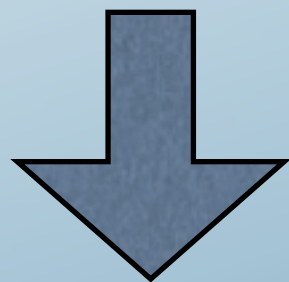
# But the action needs bare parameters

Physical input:

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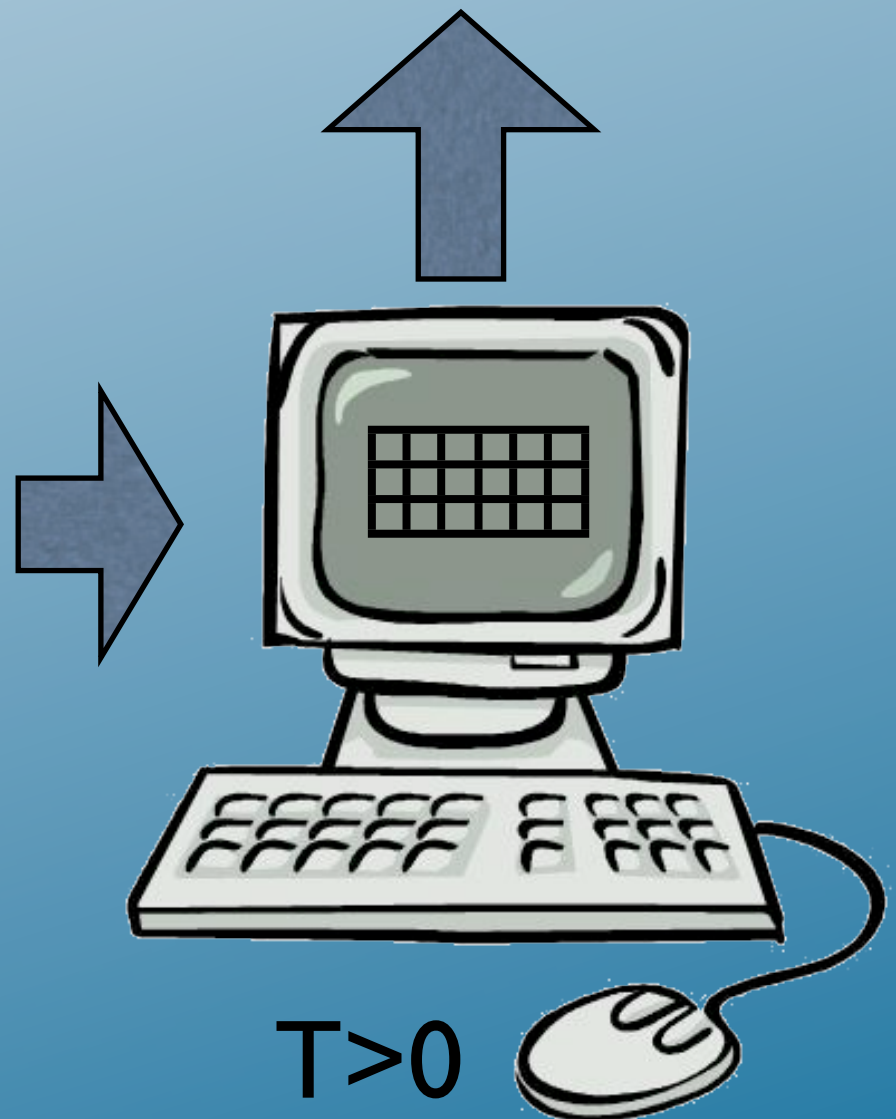
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$$f_{K} = 155.5 \text{ MeV}$$



a:  $\beta, m_s, m_{ud}$

Lattice QCD  
thermodynamics





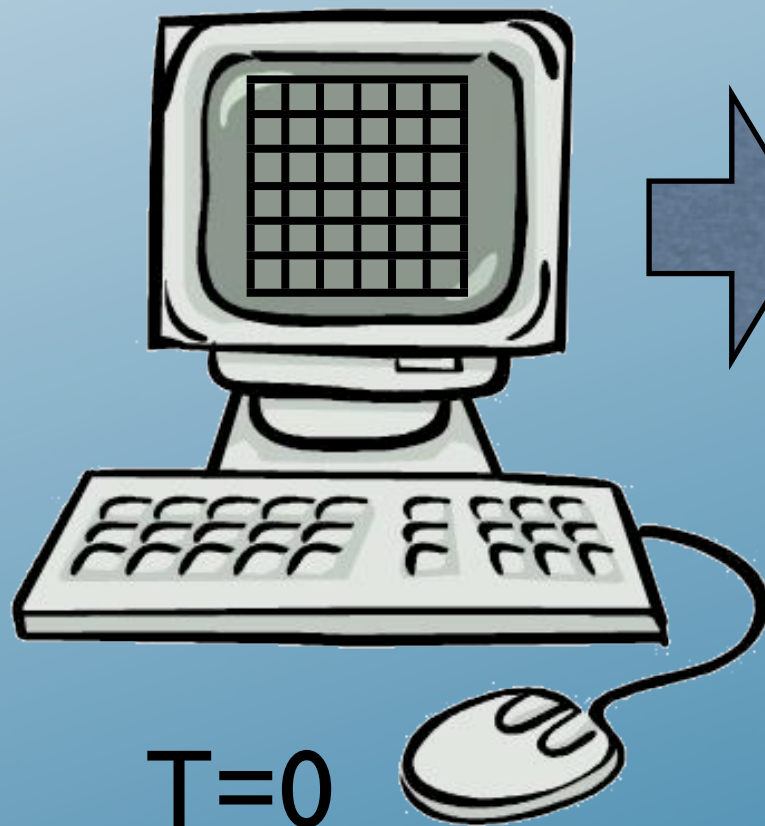
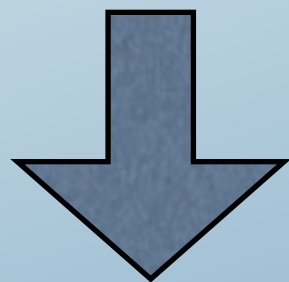
# We have to take a continuum limit, too

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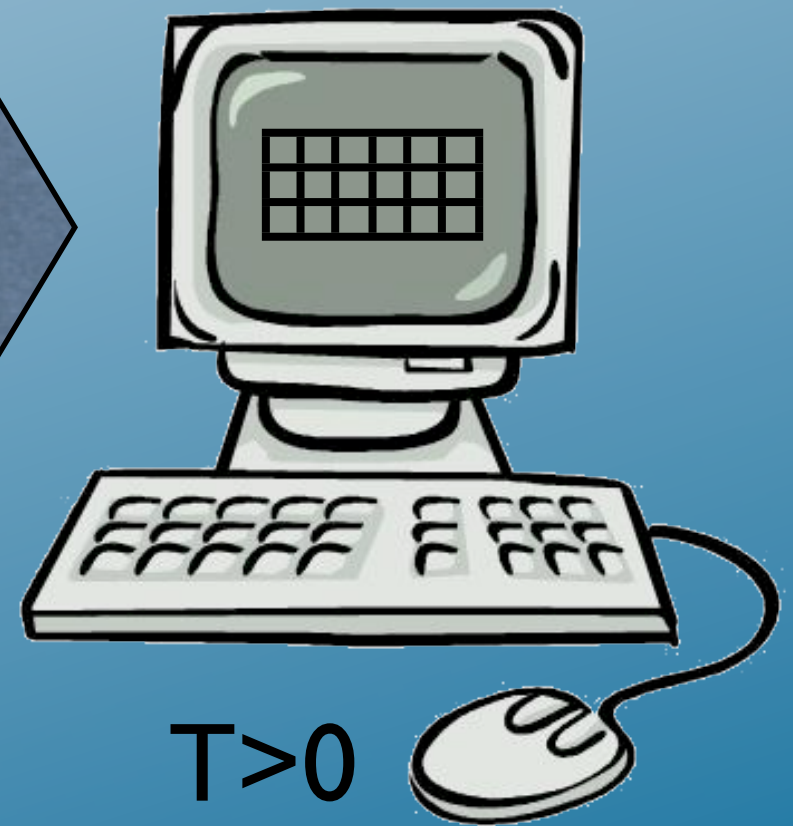
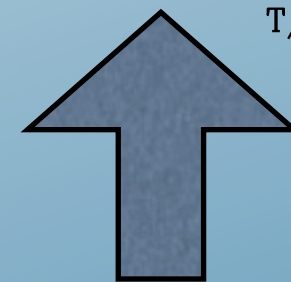
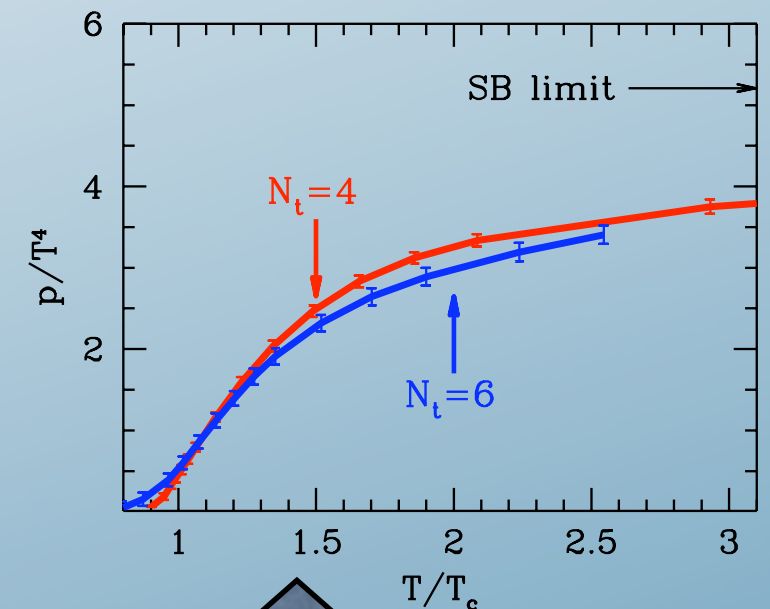
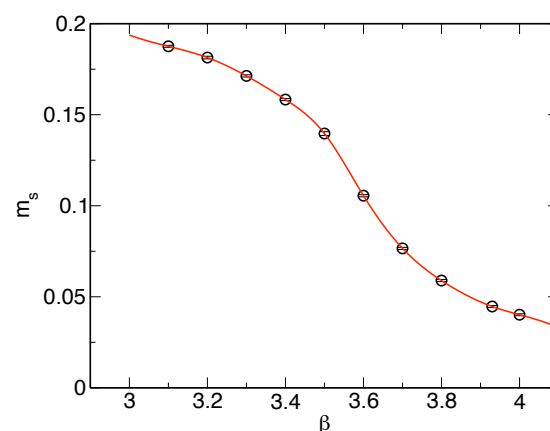


Line of  
constant physics

$$a_1: \beta, m_s, m_{ud}$$

$$a_2: \beta, m_s, m_{ud}$$

$$a_3: \beta, m_s, m_{ud}$$



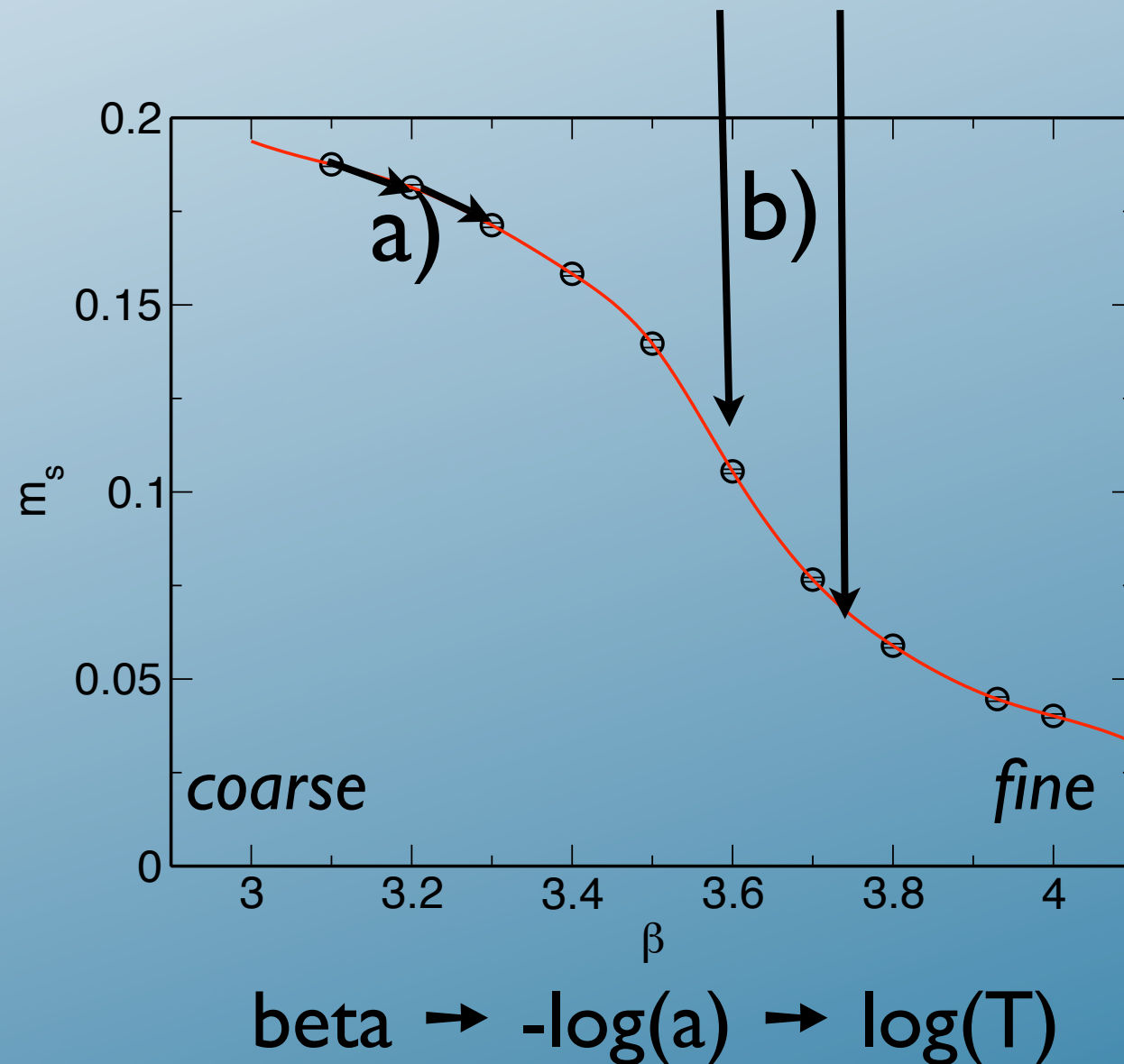
# LCP in use

QCD pressure  
(no direct measurement)

$$\frac{p}{T^4} = N_t^4 \left[ \frac{1}{N_t N_s^3} \log Z(N_s, N_t; \beta, m_q) - \frac{1}{N_{t0} N_{s0}^3} \log Z(N_{s0}, N_{t0}; \beta, m_q) \right]$$

$$\frac{p}{T^4} = N_t^4 \int_{(\beta_0, m_{q0})}^{(\beta, m_q)} d(\beta, m_q) \left[ \frac{1}{N_t N_s^3} \left( \frac{\partial \log Z}{\partial \beta} \right) - \frac{1}{N_{t0} N_{s0}^3} \left( \frac{\partial \log Z_0}{\partial \beta} \right) \right]$$

line integral

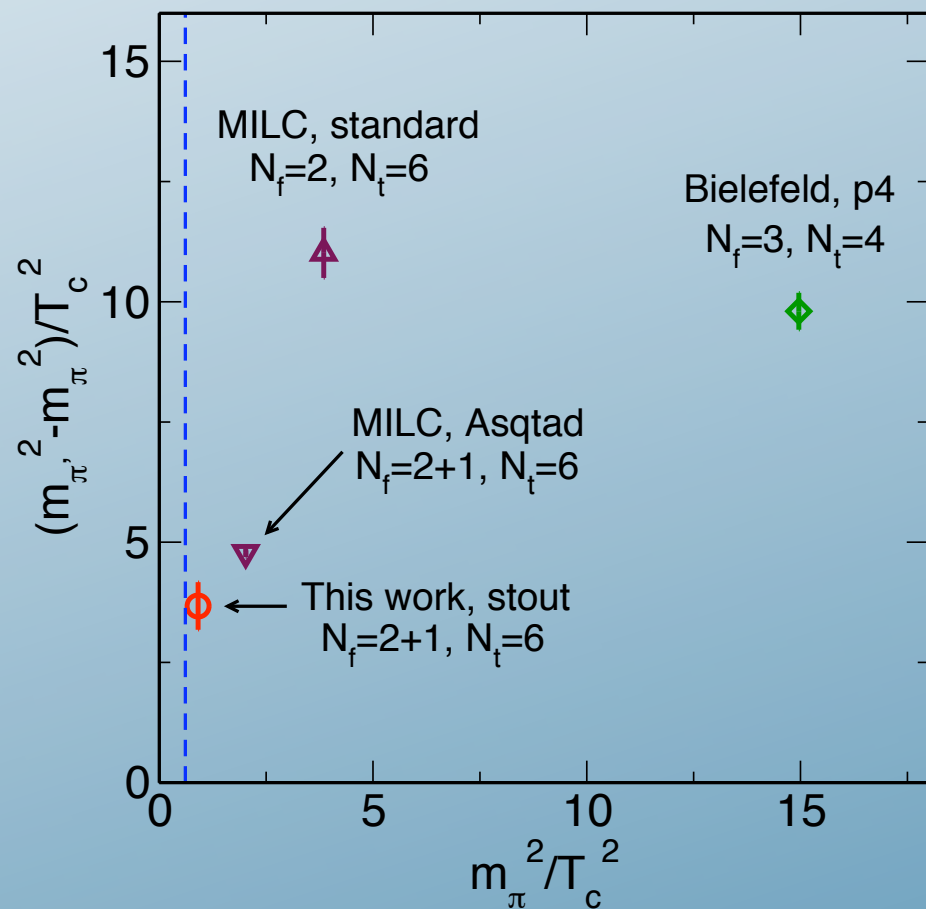


- a) along the LCP  
(assumes that the pressure is known at a reference temperature)
- b) down from quenched  
(a lot more simulation points, but much less statistics are required)

# Action, simulation, ...

Gauge: Symanzik improved action

Fermion: Stout-improved staggered



*small taste violation, fast*

$$S_g = \sum_x \frac{\beta}{3} (c_0 \sum_{\mu > \nu} W_{\mu, \nu}^{1 \times 1}(x) + c_1 \sum_{\mu \neq \nu} W_{\mu, \nu}^{1 \times 2}(x)),$$

$$S_f = \sum_{x, y} \{ \bar{\eta}_{ud}(x) [\mathcal{D}(U^{stout})_{xy} + m_{ud} \delta_{x, y}]^{-1/2} \eta_{ud}(y) + \bar{\eta}_s(x) [\mathcal{D}(U^{stout})_{xy} + m_s \delta_{x, y}]^{-1/4} \eta_s(y) \},$$

$$S_g = \square + \square \square$$

$$S_f = \circ - \circ + \begin{array}{c} \square \\ \circ - \circ \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{stout smearing } \rho=0.15 \\ \text{parameters } N_{smr}=2 \end{array}$$

(oversimplified)

[Morningstar, Peardon PRD69, 054501]

Updating: Rational Hybrid Monte Carlo  
+ improvemens

[Clark, Joo, Kennedy, hep-lat/0209035]

# Machines



Blue Gene/P,  
total sustained performance for QCD:  
Jülich Supercomputing Centre: 82.5 Teraflops,  
IDRIS/CNRS: 51,5 Teraflops

CPU and GPU clusters,  
Bergische Universität Wuppertal  
and at CNRS Marseille  
31 Teraflops (sustained for QCD)



# A recent tendency: QCD on GPUs



○ “Lattice QCD as a video game”,  
G.I.Egri, Z.Fodor, S.D.Katz, D.Nogradi,  
K.K.Szabo, hep-lat/0611022.

Simulation codes are ported  
to Graphical processors  
(OpenGL / Cuda)

(> 700 Gflop)

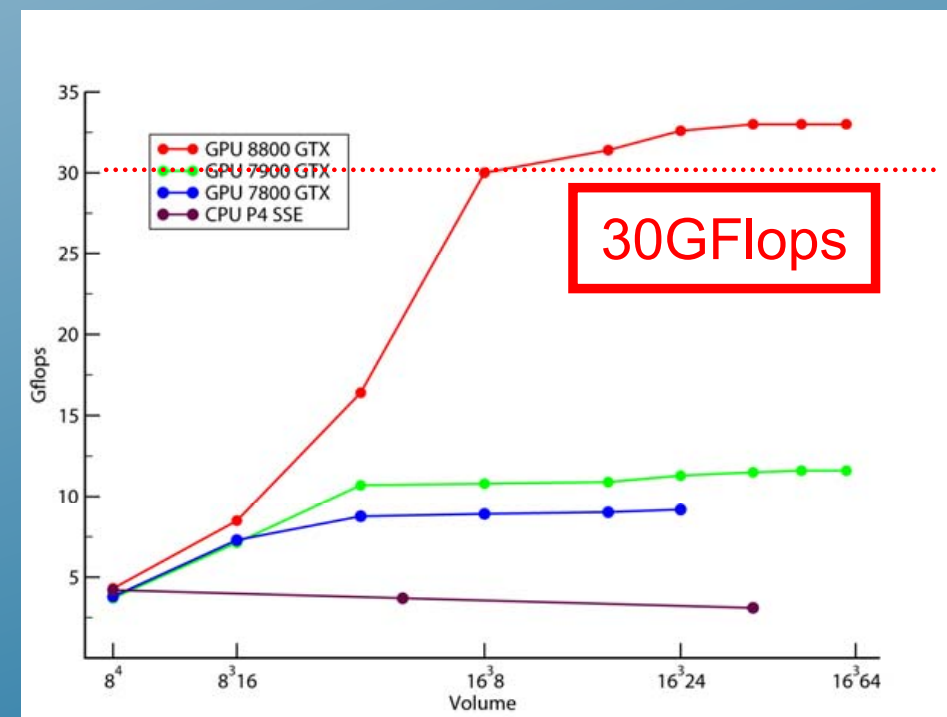
(> 110 GB/sec)

Our staggered code:  
10-30 Gflop sustained

Currently: max size/card is  $24^3 48$

This limit will soon be broken

- new tesla cards,
- communication support in our code





# Quark masses

## 1. light quarks: $m_{ud}(m_s)$

a) leading order  $\chi$ pt:

$$(m_{\bar{s}s}/m_K)^2 \sim m_s/(m_{ud} + m_s)$$

b) keep this constant.

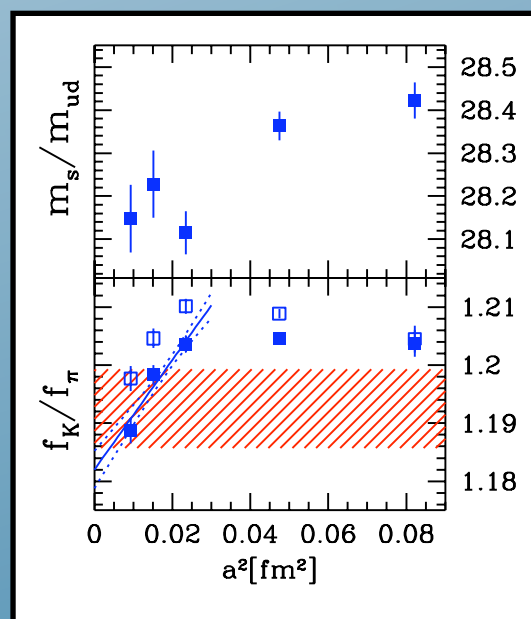
$$m_s/m_{ud} = 10$$

[Cheng et al PRD77,014511]

$$m_s/m_{ud} = 27.3$$

[Aoki et al Nature 443,675]

c) Find final  $m_s/m_{ud}$  by interpolation



## 2. strange quark $m_s(\beta)$

trial runs +  $\chi$ pt

$$m_{\bar{s}s} = \sqrt{2m_K^2 - m_\pi^2} = 686 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\left( r^2 \frac{dV_{\bar{q}q}(r)}{dr} \right)_{r=r_0} = 1.65,$$

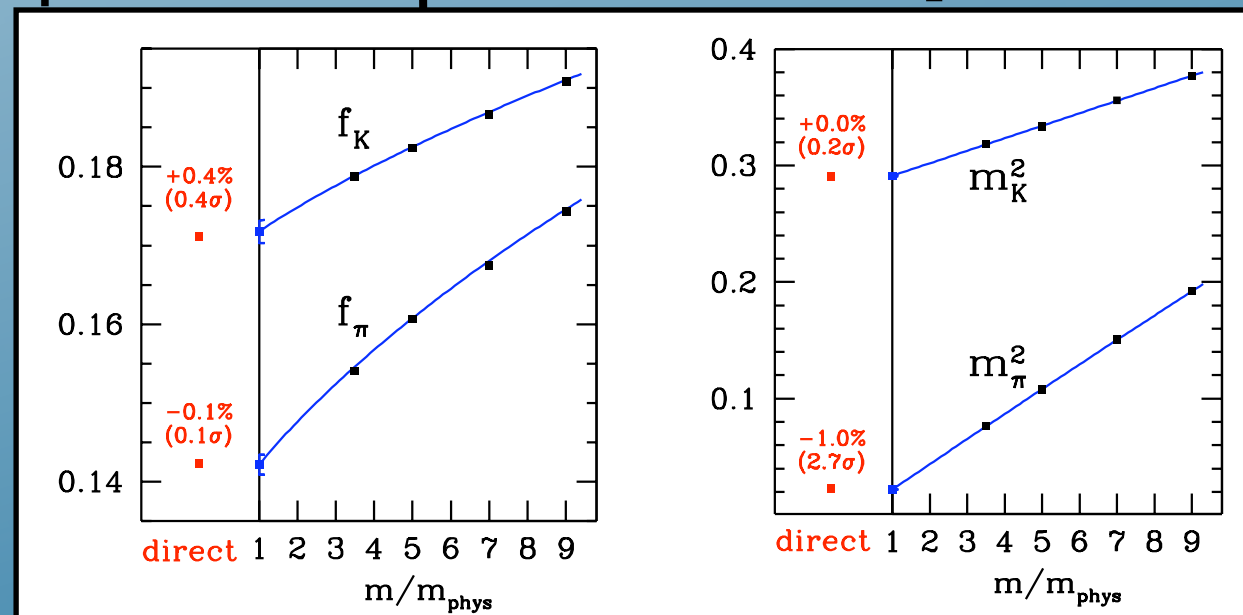
$$m_{\bar{s}s} r_0 = 1.59,$$

[Cheng et al PRD77,014511]

$$m_K/f_K = 135/159.8$$

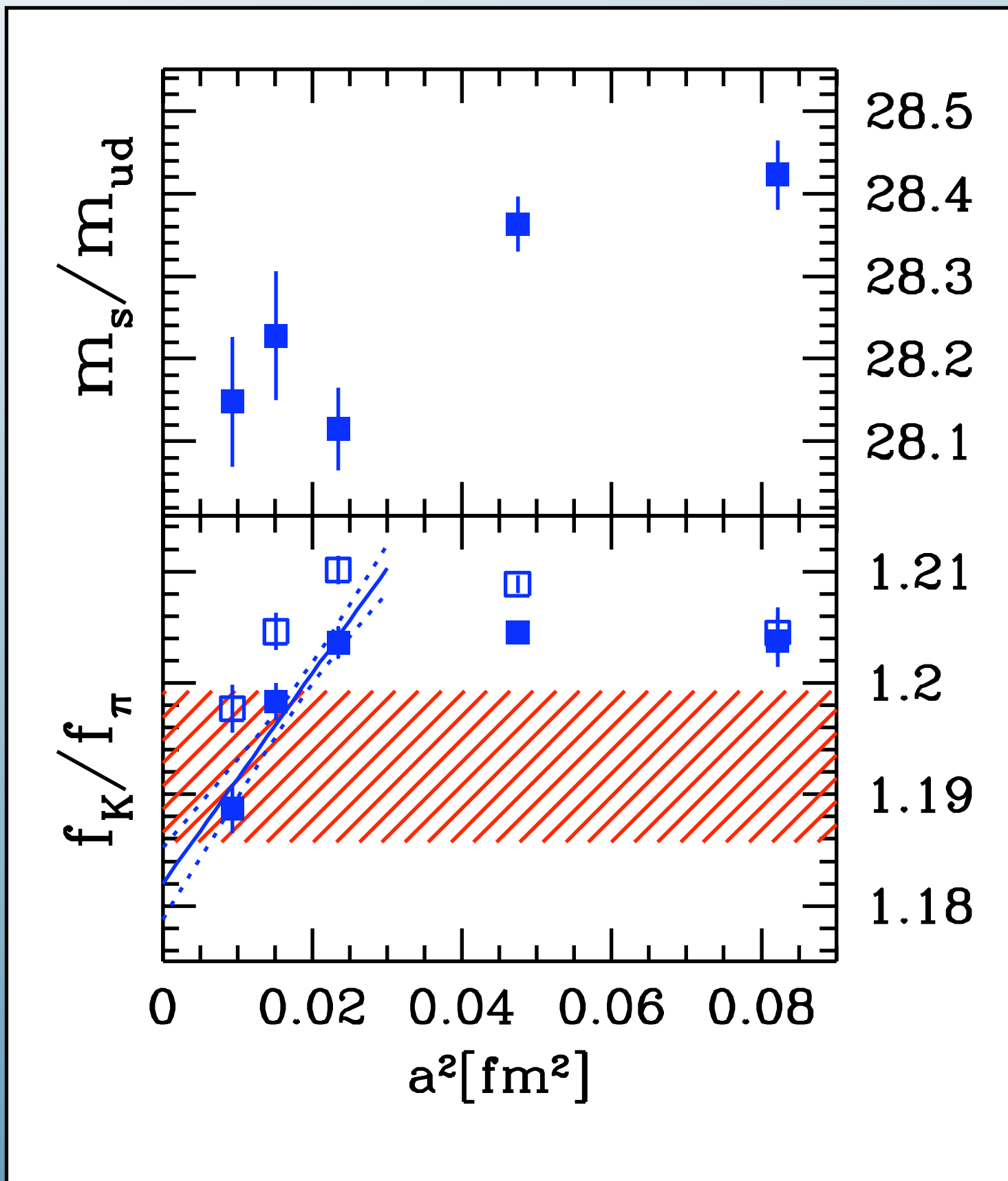
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[Aoki et al hep-lat/0609068]



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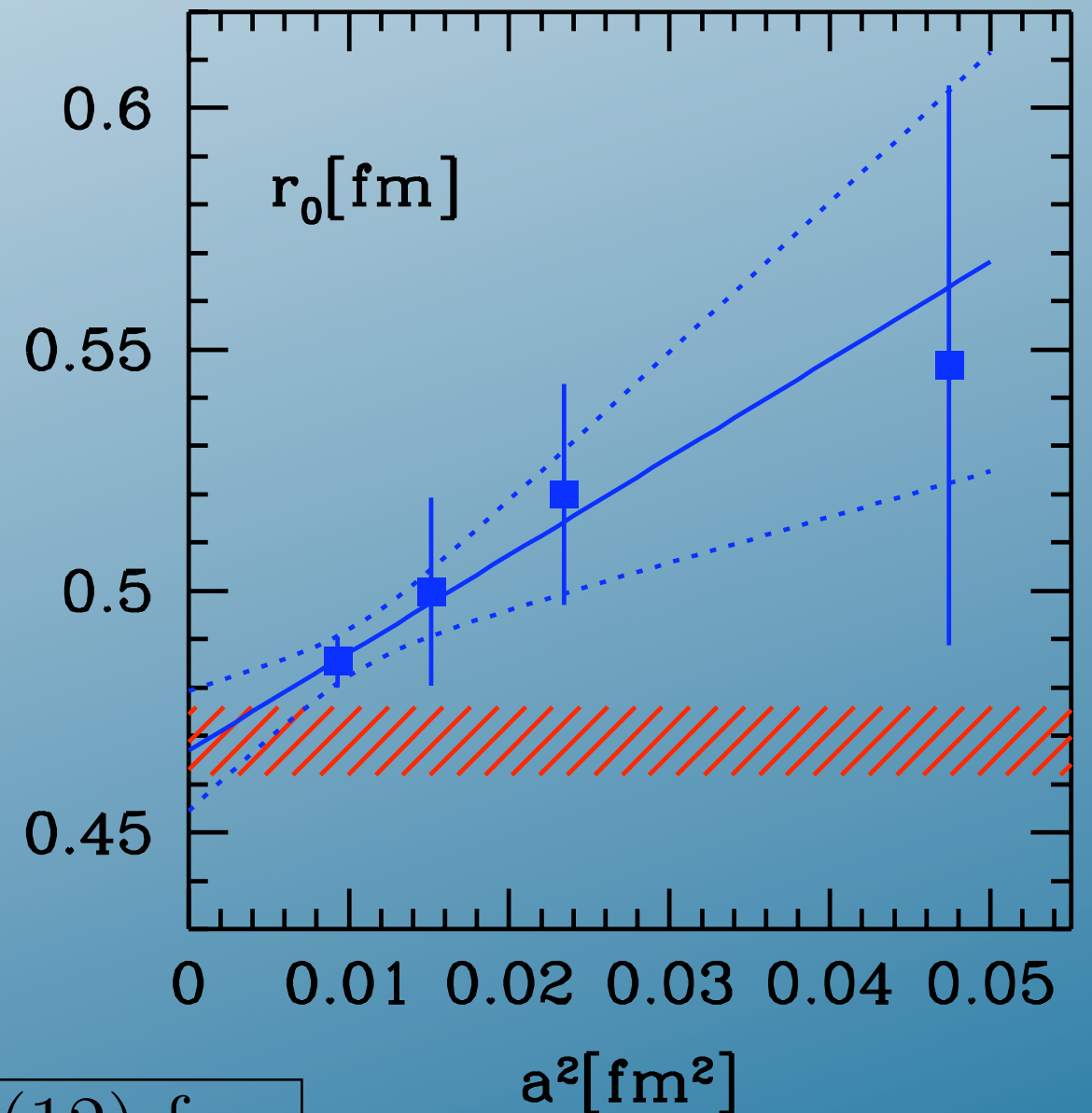
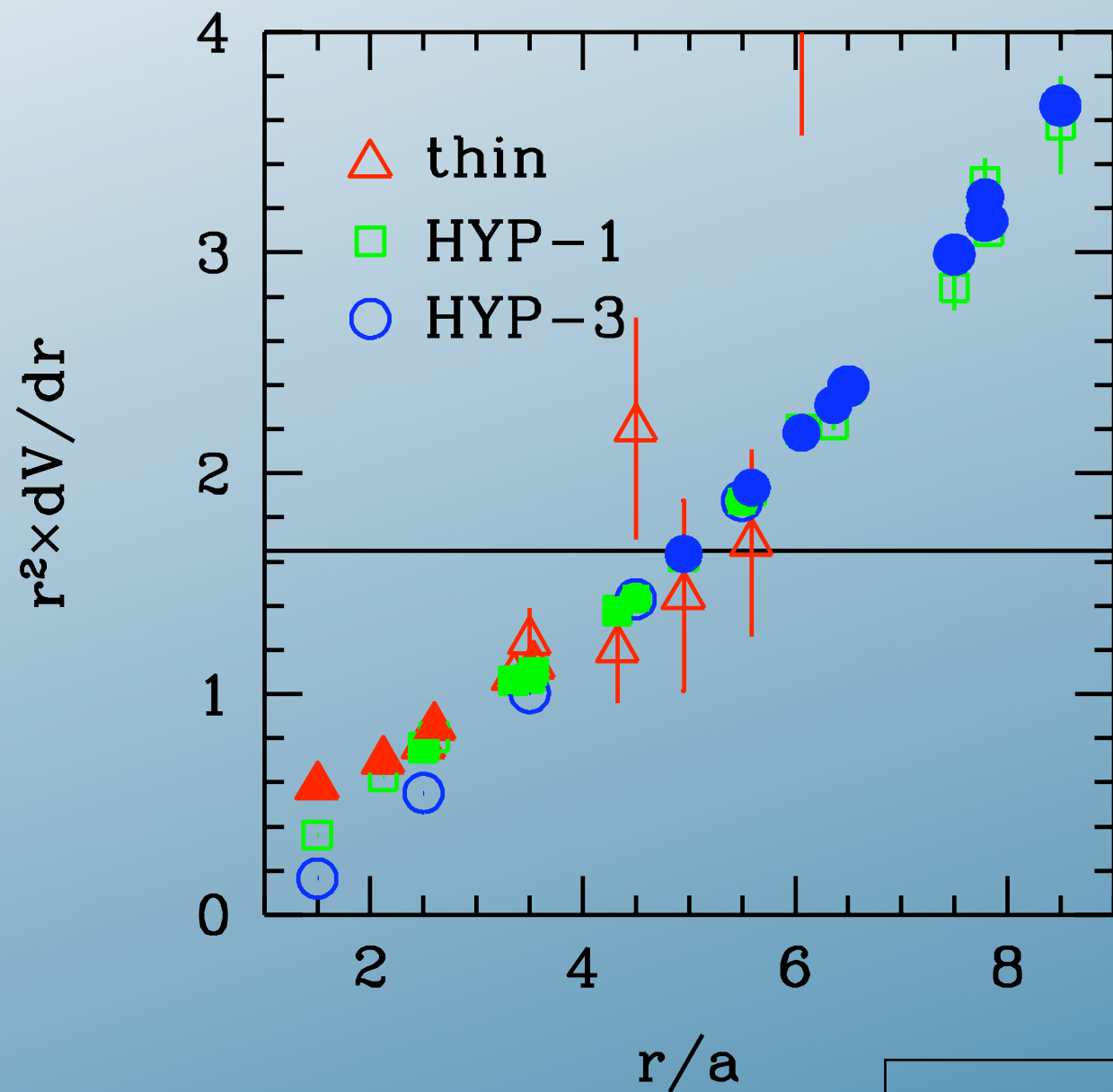
simulations  
with  $m_{ud}/m_{ud,LCP}=1.10$

$$m_s/m_{ud} = 28.15(8)$$

$$f_K/f_\pi = 1.182(3)$$

[Aoki et al.  
in prep]

# $r_0$ from the kaon condensate



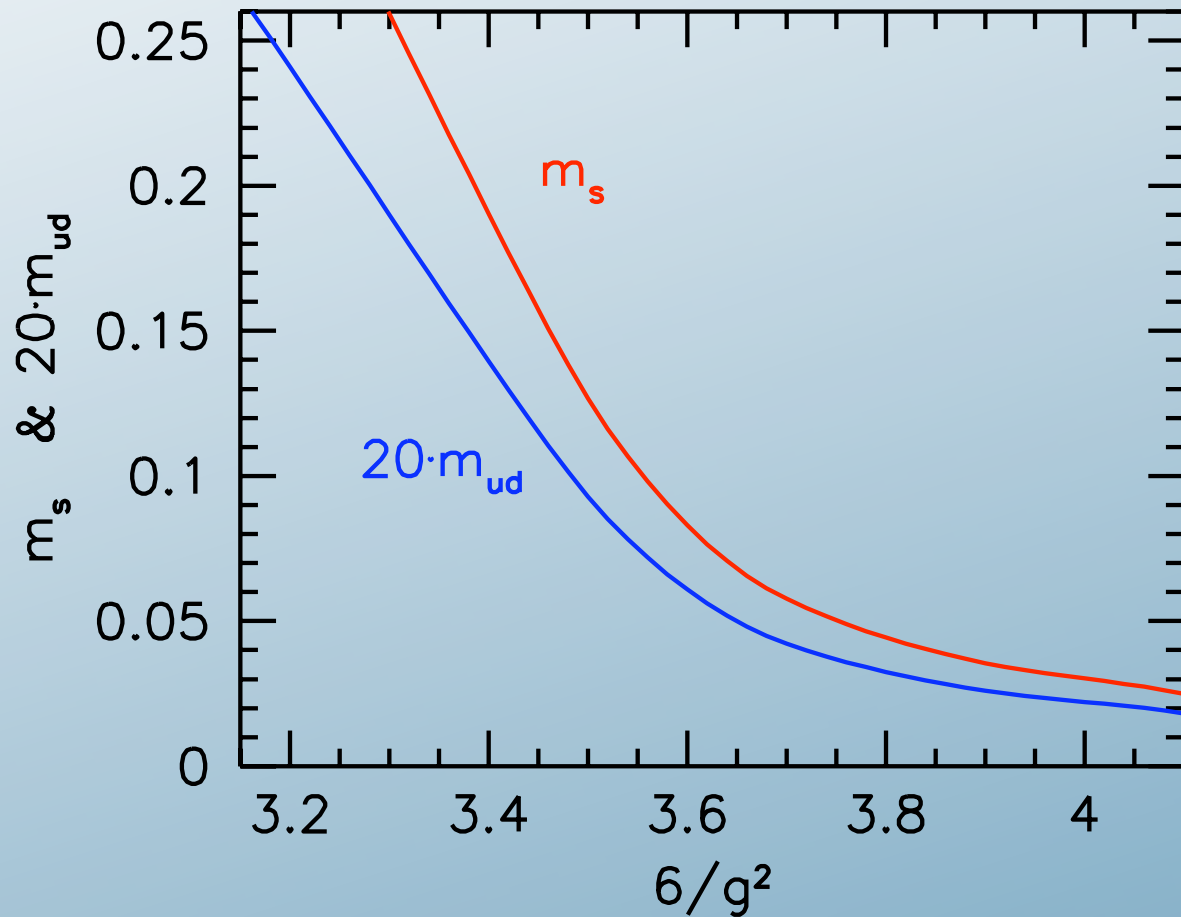
$$r_0 = 0.467(12) \text{ fm.}$$

charmonium mass splitting:  $r_0=0.469(7)$  fm

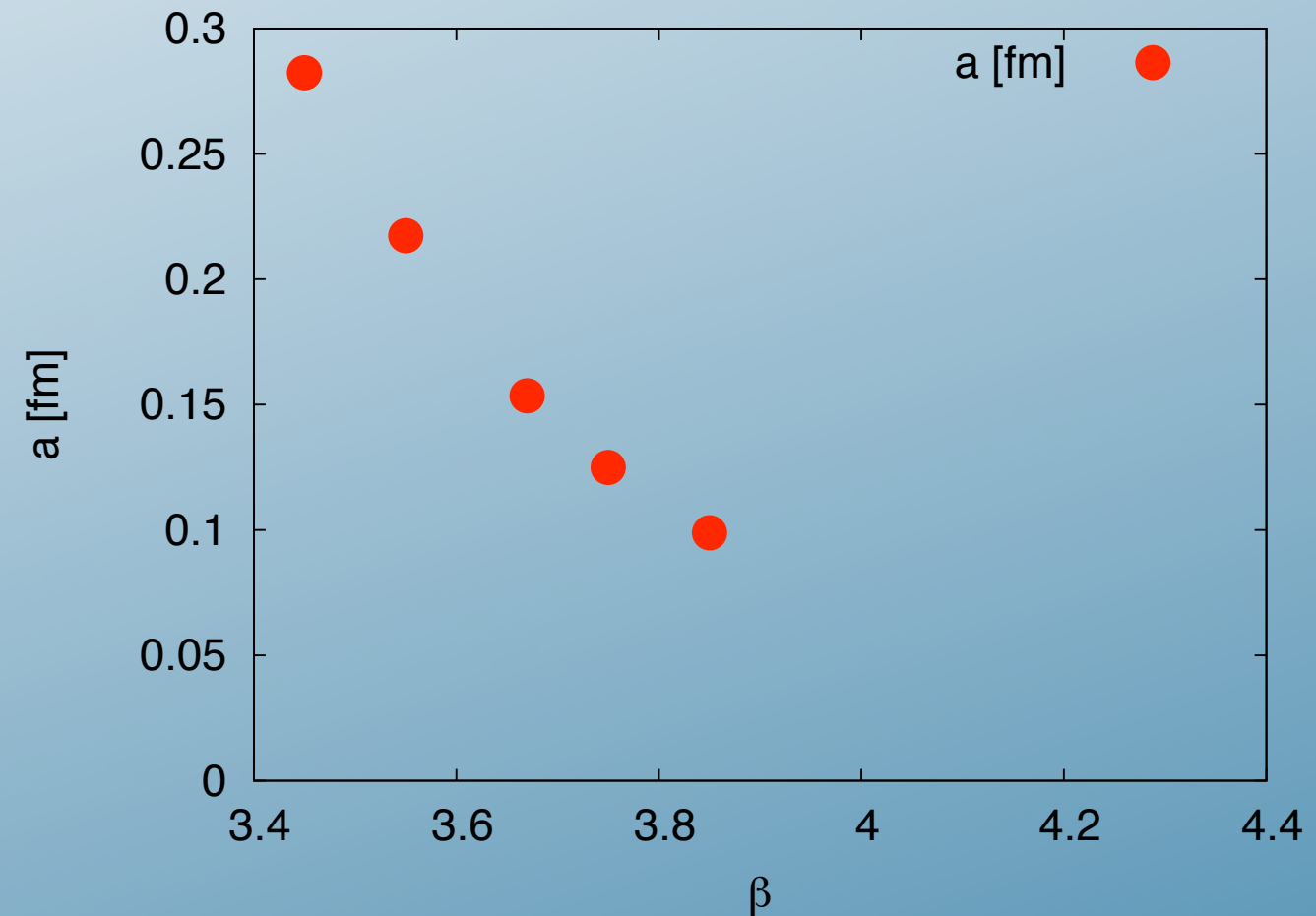
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in prep]



# LCP up to $a < 0.1$ fm



[Aoki et al Nature 443,675]



[Aoki et al. in prep]

## How to proceed?

Smaller lattice spacing requires bigger (numerical) lattice size so that the used scales ( $m_K, f_K, m_\pi$ ) fit into the box.

# Using $N_f = 3$

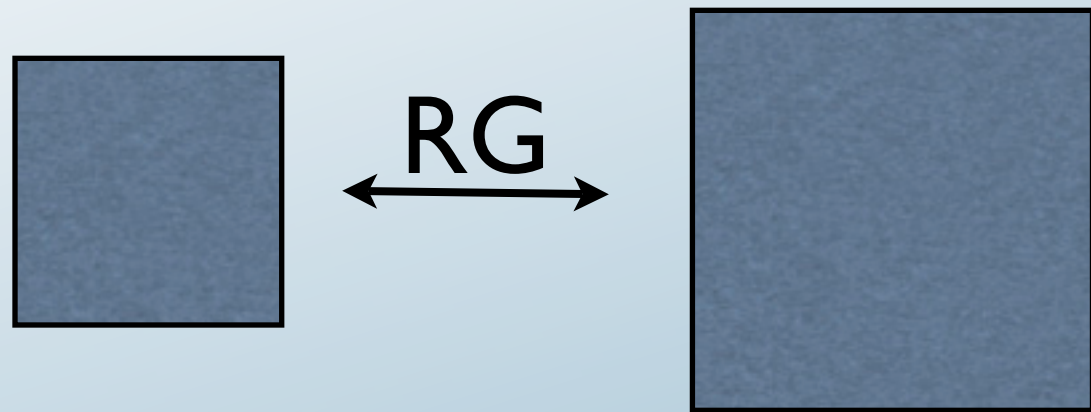
The beta function and the mass renormalisation is  $N_f$  dependent, but mass independent in the continuum limit

We set  $m_q := m_s, N_f = 3$ .

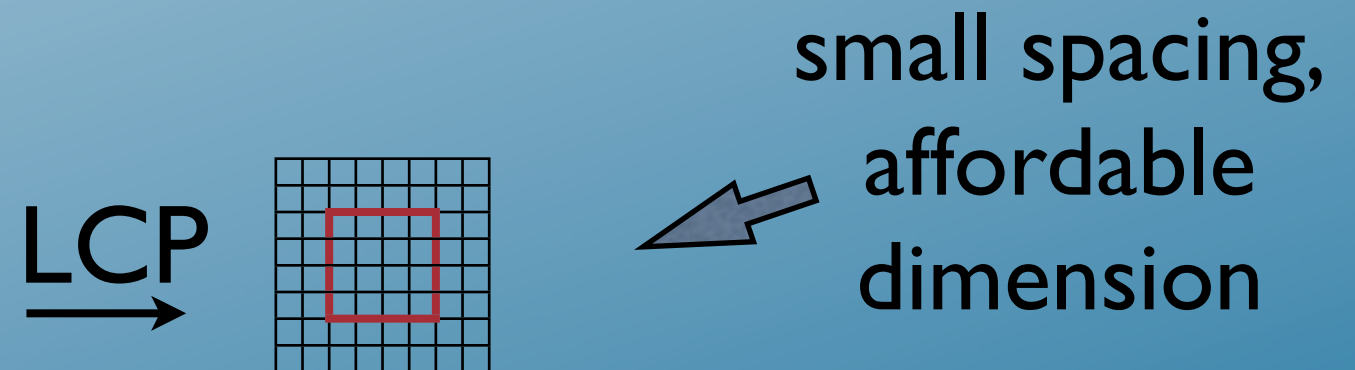
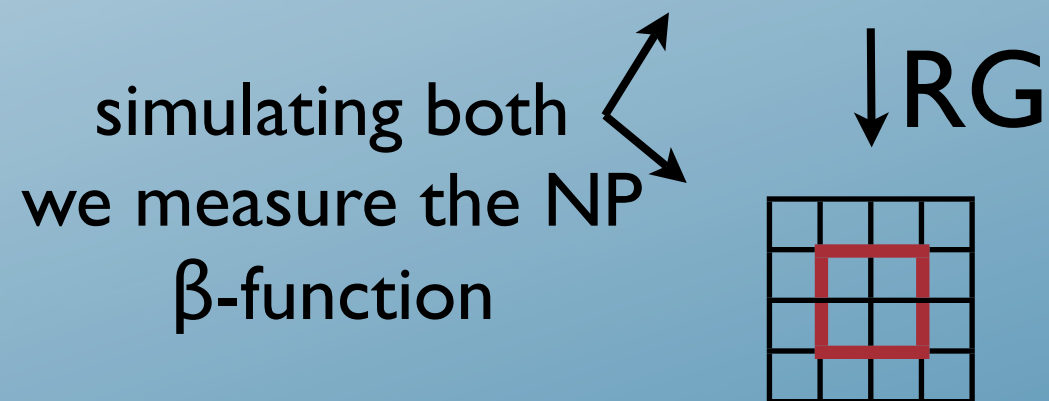
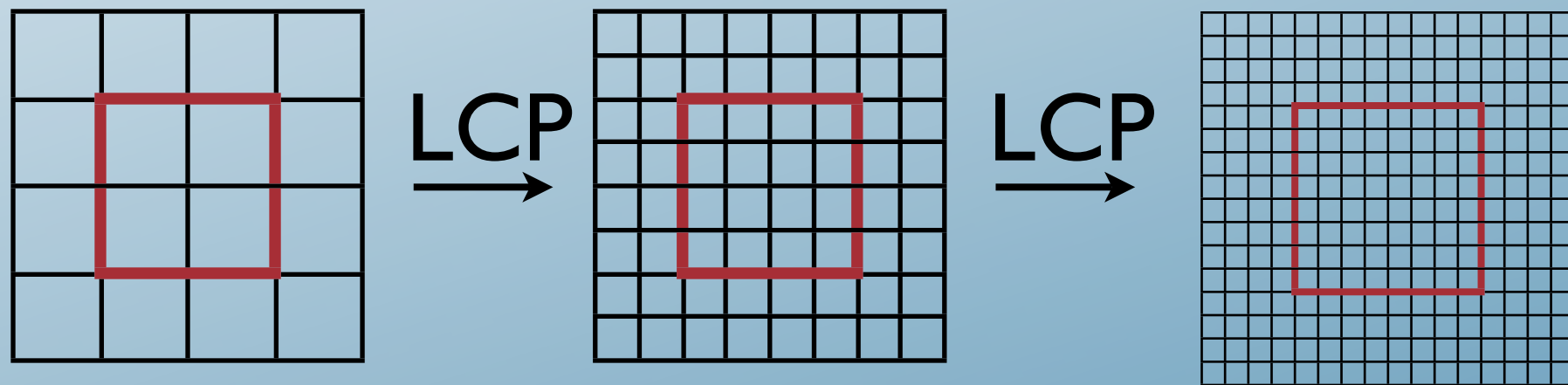
But what is the physics to keep fixed along the LCP?

- 1) Calculate the continuum limit of  $m_{PS}$  and  $f_{PS}$  along the 2+1 flavour LCP
- 2) These (unphysical) values define the 3 flavour LCP
- 3) We extract  $m_u = m_q / 28.15, m_s = m_q$
- 4) Check LCP with further 2+1 flavour simulations

# RG on the lattice: Step scaling



Renormaliation group:  
RG flow equations connect the two  
continuum systems with very  
different physics



*.. if we made the RG step in the continuum limit*

This scheme has been previously used to  
measure the running coupling.

[Lüscher, Weisz, Wolff NPB359,221]

[Lüscher, Sommer, Weisz, Wolff NPB413,481]



# LCP from $a$ -halving

From the known bit of 2+1f LCP:  $N_s=4,6,8,10,12$

We do  $N_f=3$  simulations with fixed physical volume:

$$f_{PS}L=1.3 \quad (201\text{Mev})$$

The  $m_{PS}L$  is not constant, but has a continuum limit

$$m_{PS}L=4.9 \quad (758\text{Mev})$$

Then we double  $N_s$ , keeping  $m_{PS}L$  and  $f_{PS}L$  fixed.

This involves a search in the  $(\beta, m_q)$  space.

This way we arrive at  $\beta=4.057$ ;  $a=0.064$  fm

After this point:

- a) matching  $m_q(\beta)$  to perturbative running
- b) continuing with  $m_{PS}'=1.66 m_{PS}$ ;  $m_q'/m_q \rightarrow 1.64$

Checks:  $m_q(\beta)$  from a) vs b)

# b) pushing the LCP with heavier “pion”

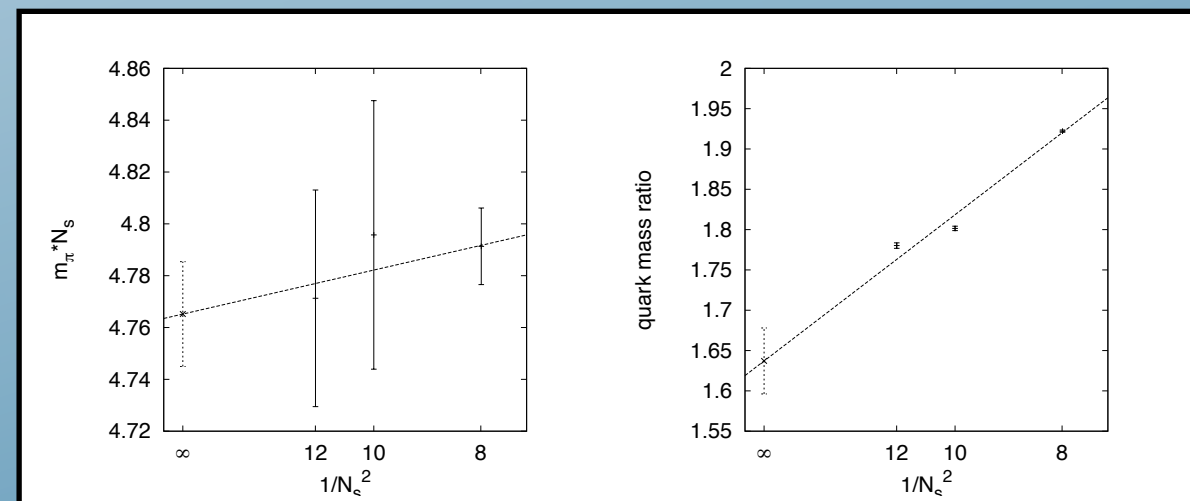
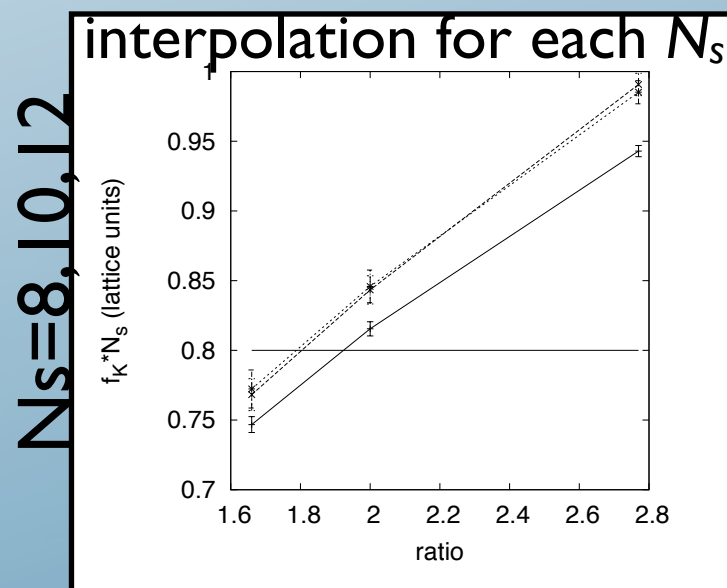
We know LCP up to  $\beta \leq 4.057$

We had  $m_{PS}L=4.9$  at  $N=20$ .

New lattice:  $L'=L/1.667$ , but with  $m_{PS}'L'=4.9$

*( $f_{PS}L'=0.8$ , properly scaled)*

First we search  $m_q'/m_q$  so that  $f_{PS}L'$  is kept fixed.

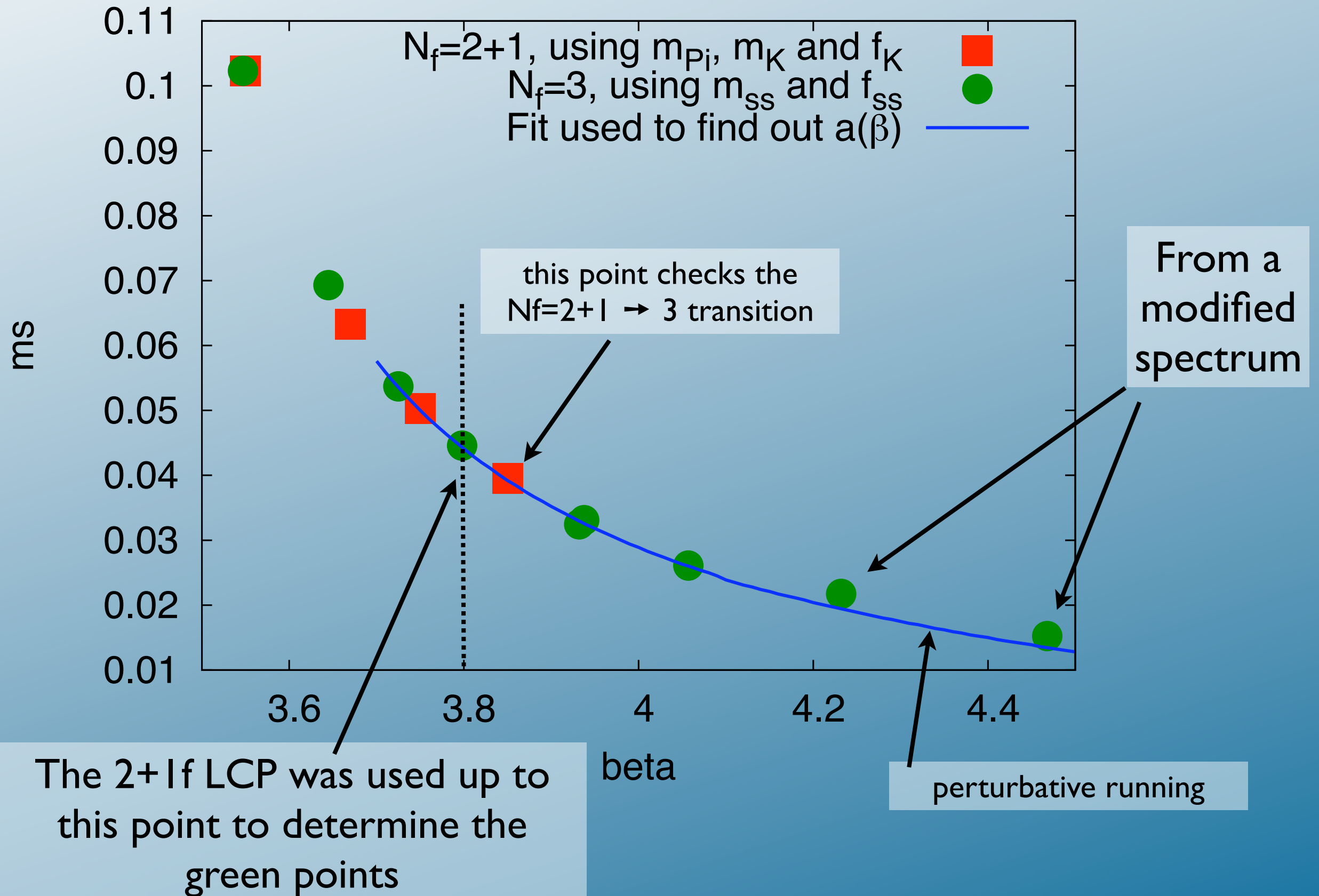


$$m_q' / m_q \rightarrow 1.64$$

Then we search  $\beta$  and  $m_q'$  for the  $N=16,20$  lattices.

$m_q$  is then scaled back to the physical quark mass

# LCP from $a$ -halving





# But,

what is  $a(\beta)$ ,

down to arbitrarily small lattice spacings?

Can we reproduce the perturbative running?

(as opposed to matching)

From which point on, is the running perturbative?

To answer these questions  
we'll need a new dimensionless observable.

Alpha collaboration (quenched):  $g_{SF}$   
alternatively: coupling constant from the Wilson loop

# Wilson loop scheme

[Itou&Kurachi Lattice08]

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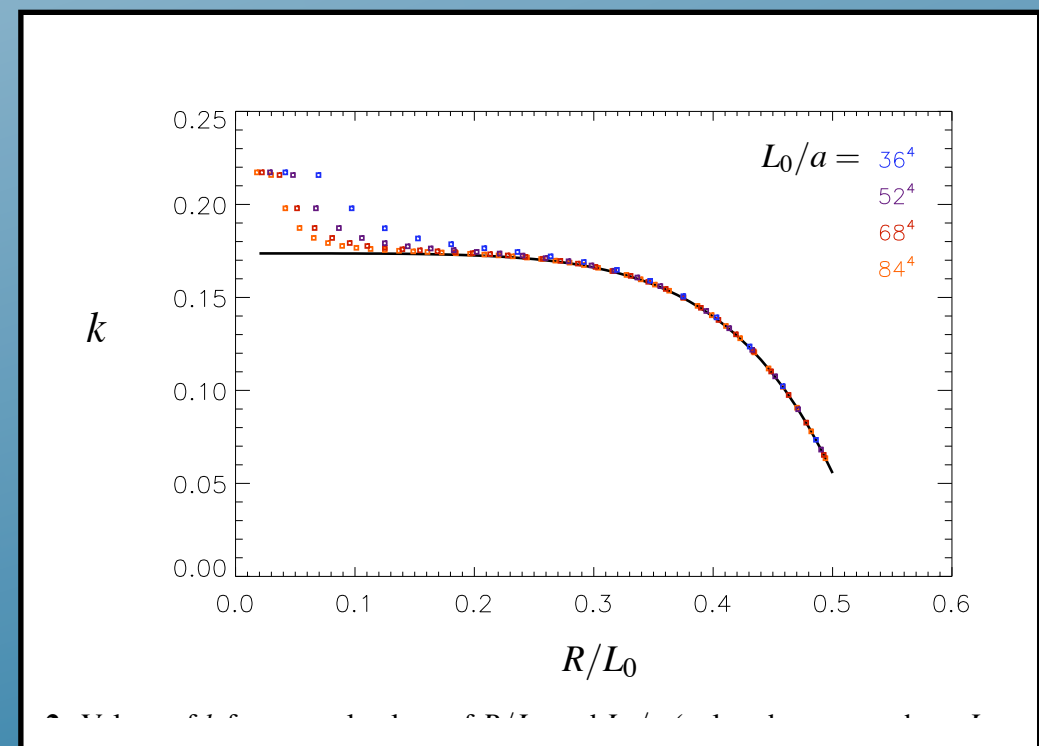
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Our choice:  $-R^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial R \partial T} \ln \langle W(R, T; L_0) \rangle^{\text{tree}} \Big|_{T=R} = kg_0^2,$

with  $k = -R^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial R \partial T} \left[ \frac{4}{(2\pi)^4} \sum_{n_0, n_1, n_2, n_3 (\neq 0)} \left( \frac{\sin(\frac{\pi n_0 T}{L_0})}{n_0} \right)^2 \frac{e^{i \frac{2\pi n_1 R}{L_0}}}{n_0^2 + \vec{n}^2} \right] \Big|_{T=R}$

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[Coste et al NPB262,67]



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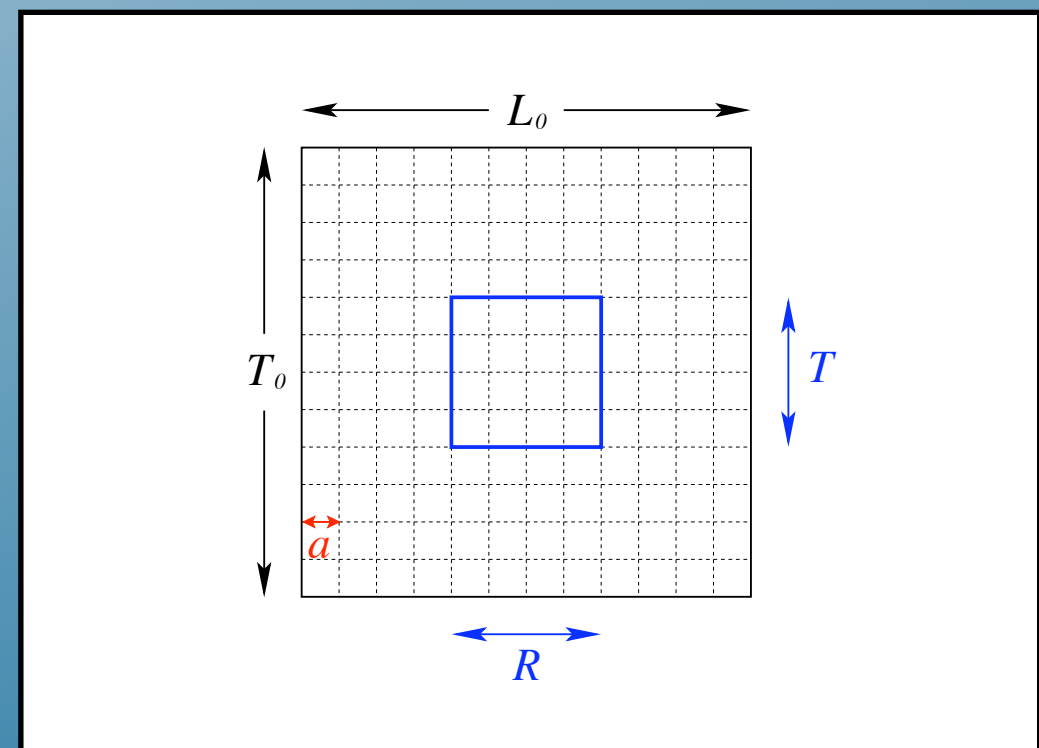
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This defines a coupling  $\sim$  Creutz ratio

$$\chi(\hat{R} + 1/2, \hat{T} + 1/2; L_0/a) = -\ln \left( \frac{W(\hat{R} + 1, \hat{T} + 1; L_0/a) W(\hat{R}, \hat{T}; L_0/a)}{W(\hat{R} + 1, \hat{T}; L_0/a) W(\hat{R}, \hat{T} + 1; L_0/a)} \right),$$

$$g_w^2 \left( L_0, \frac{R + a/2}{L_0}, \frac{a}{L_0} \right) = (\hat{R} + 1/2)^2 \cdot \chi(\hat{R} + 1/2; L_0/a) / k$$

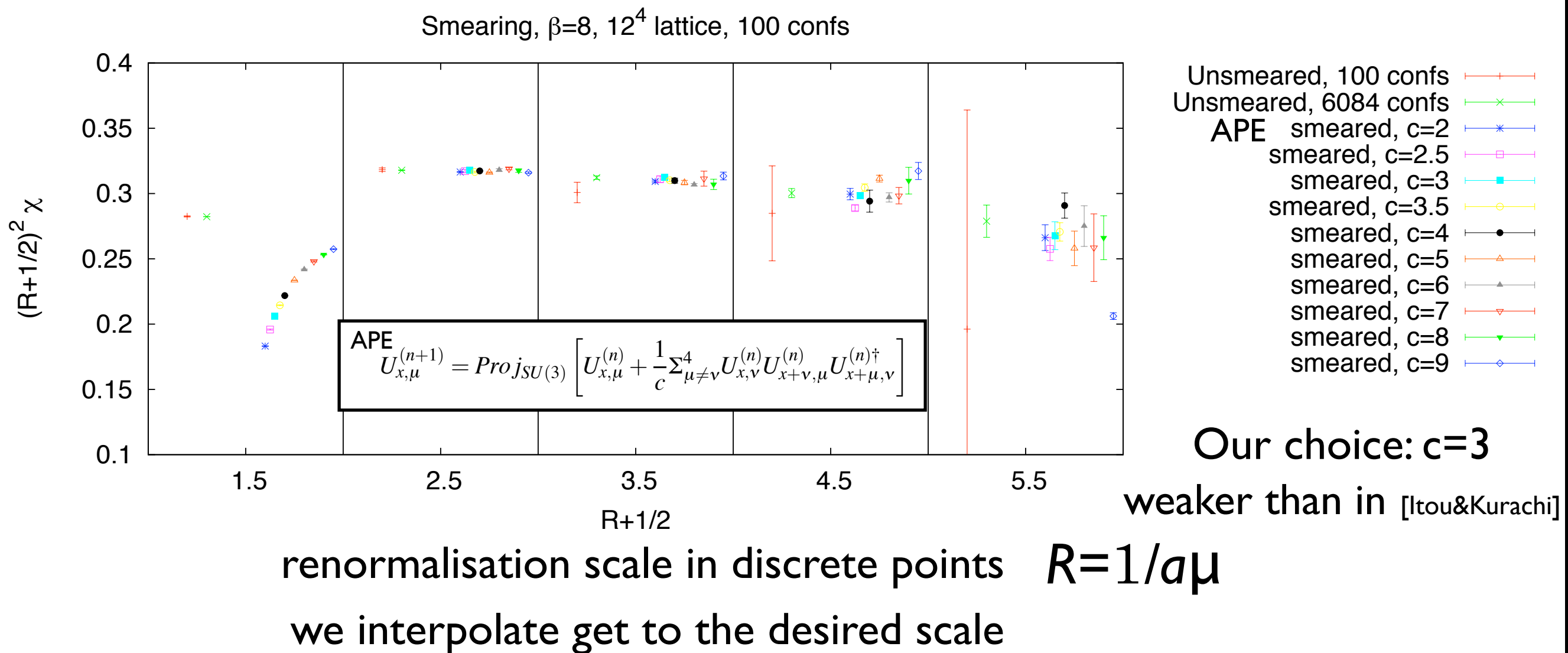
↑ renormalisation scale



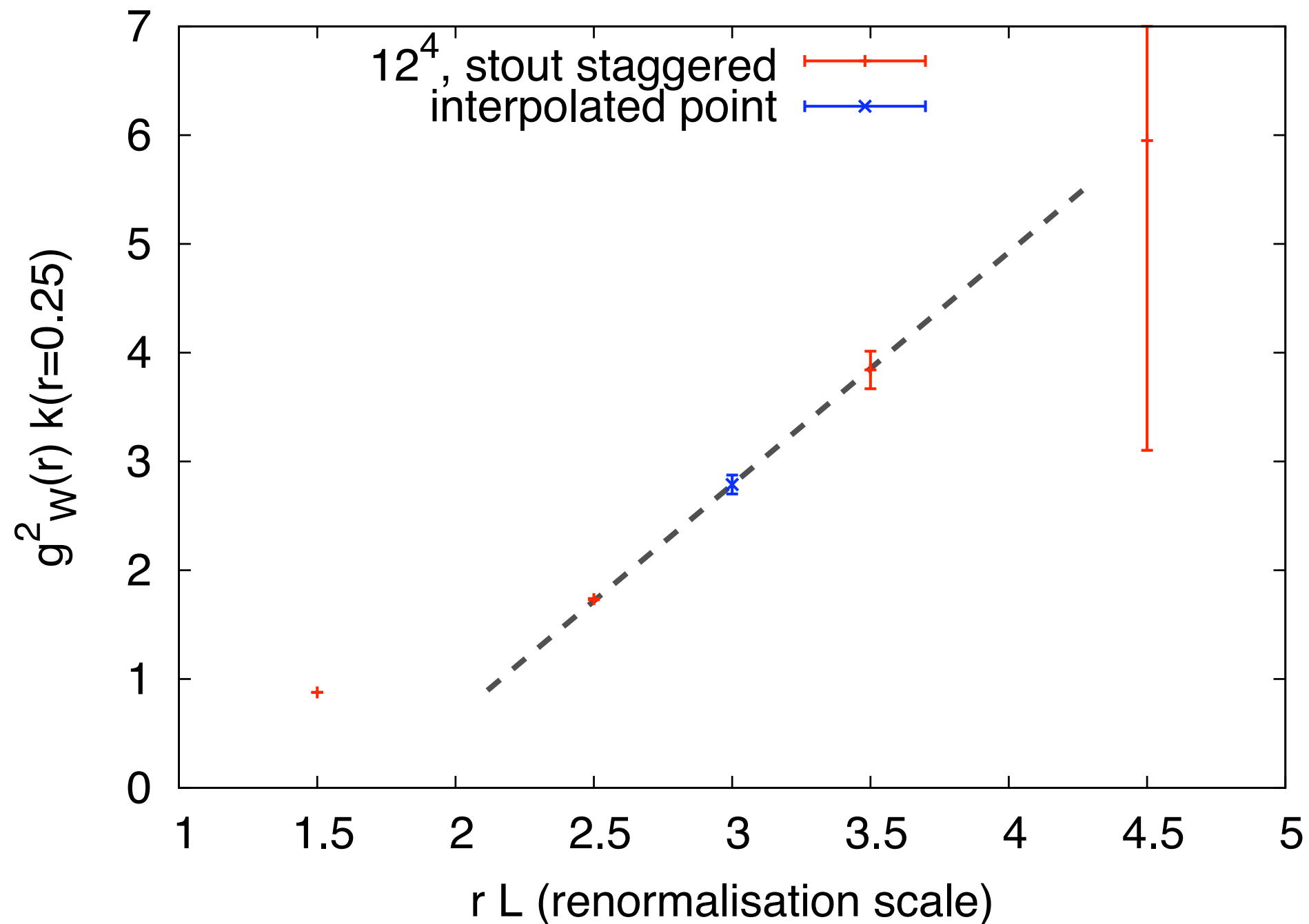


# How to measure it at a desired $\mu$ ?

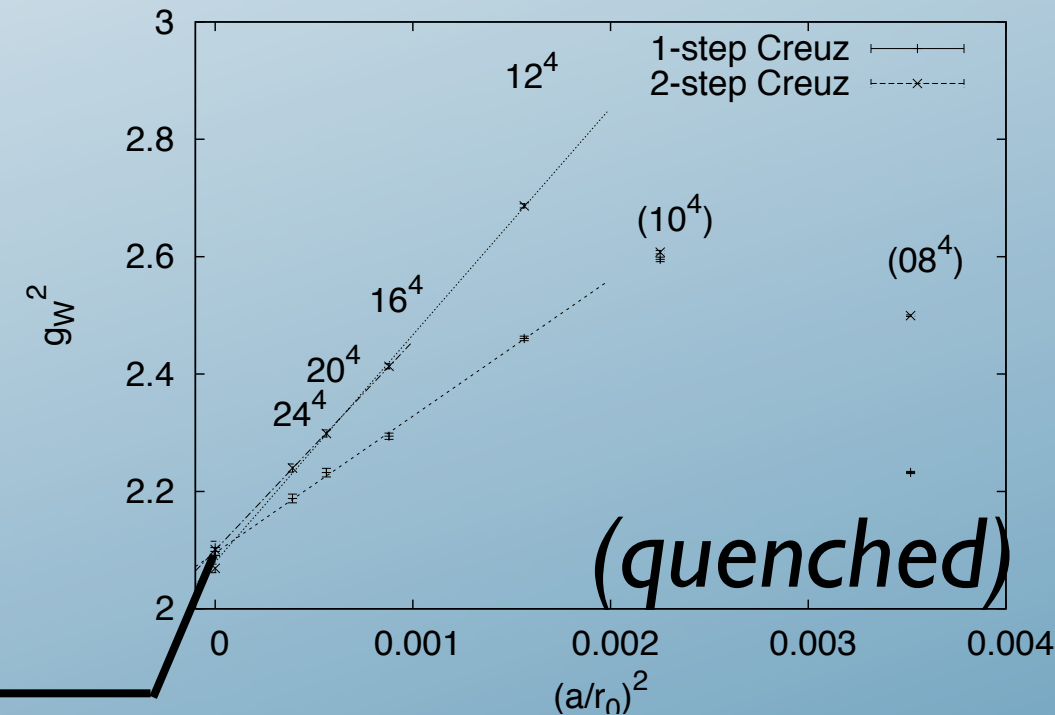
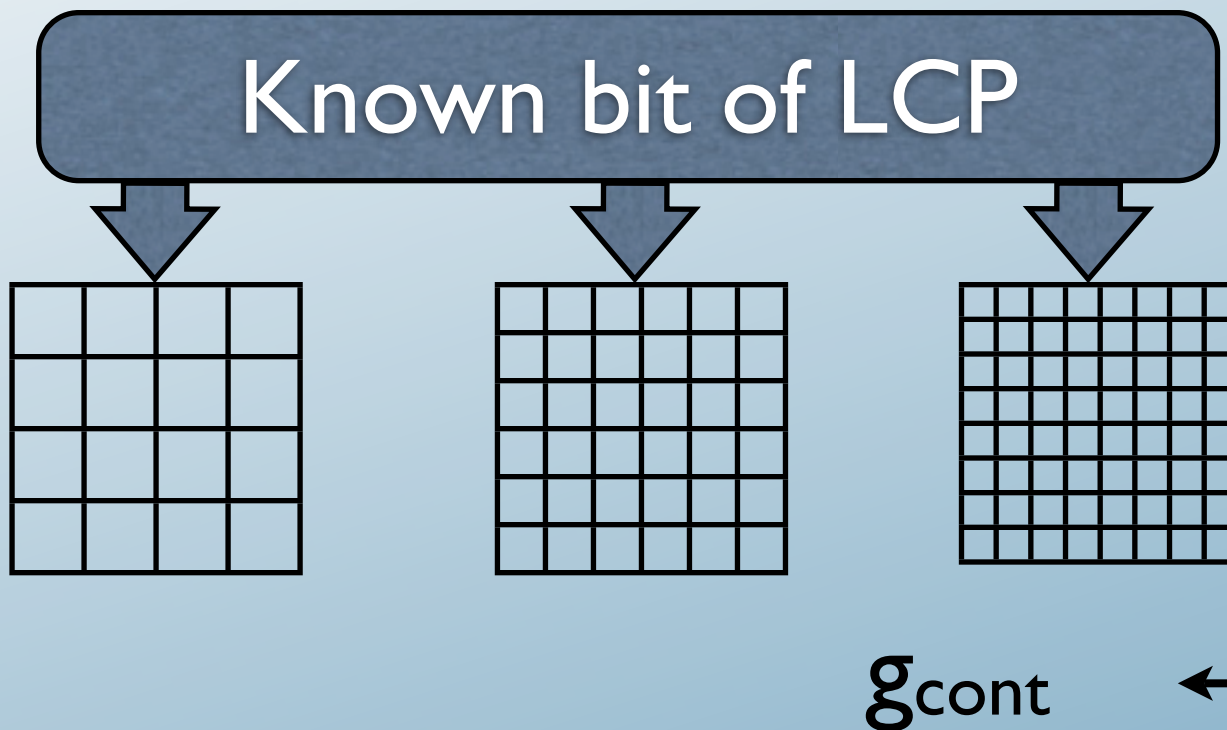
The Creutz ratio is not sensitive to smearing, discretisation effects enter at  $a^2$  order.



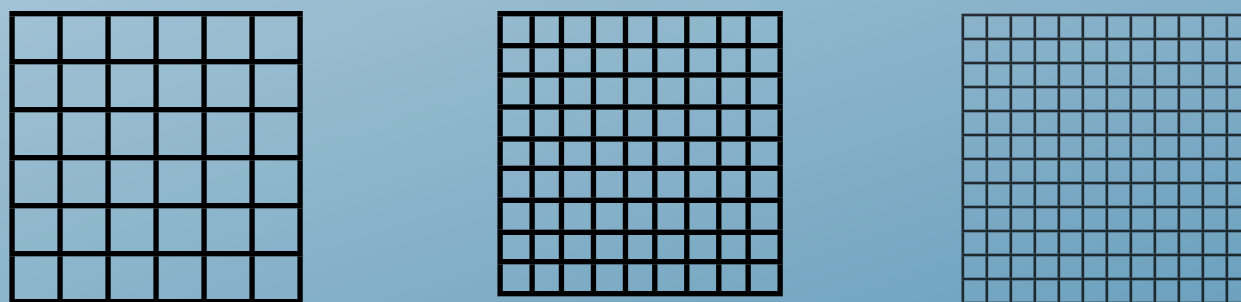
# Analogous plot with st. fermions



# How to take the continuum limit ?

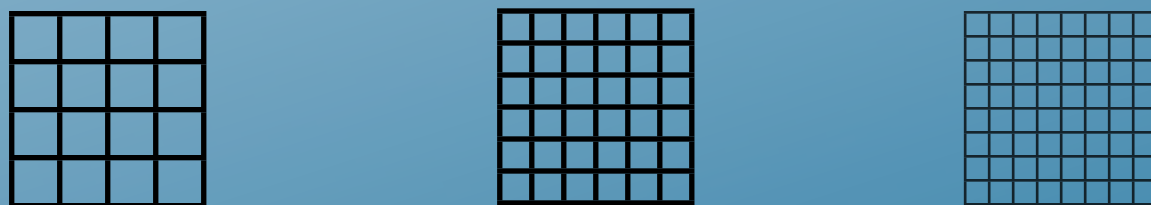


Find bare parameters so that these big lattices have  $g_{\text{cont}}$



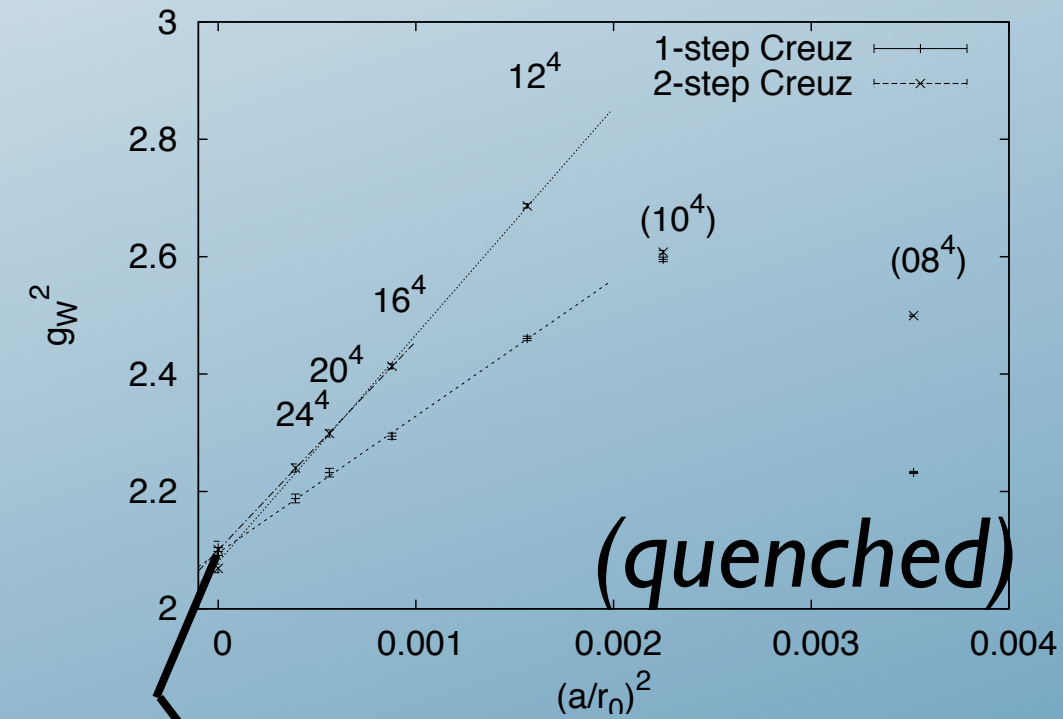
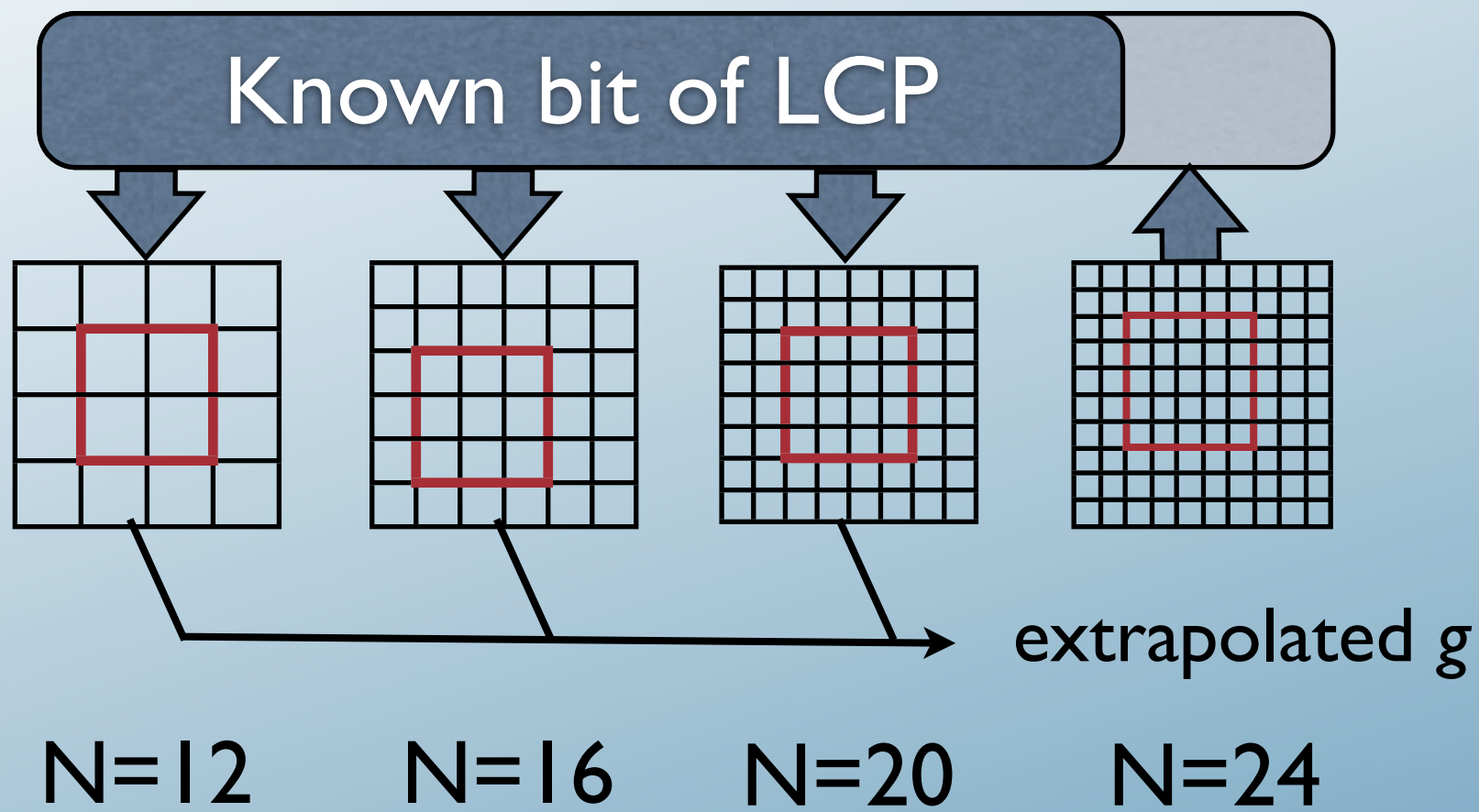
Room for improvement:  
big lattices should have  
a  $g$  extrapolated to their  
own lattice spacing, not to zero.

Change renormalisation scale / box size



Use this in step 2

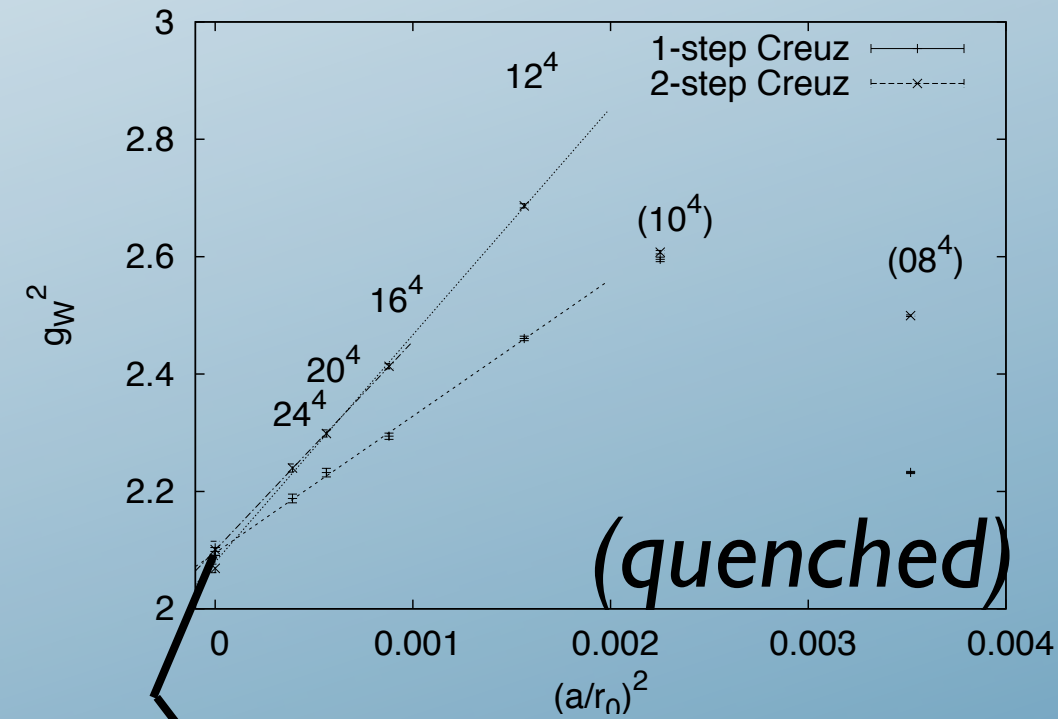
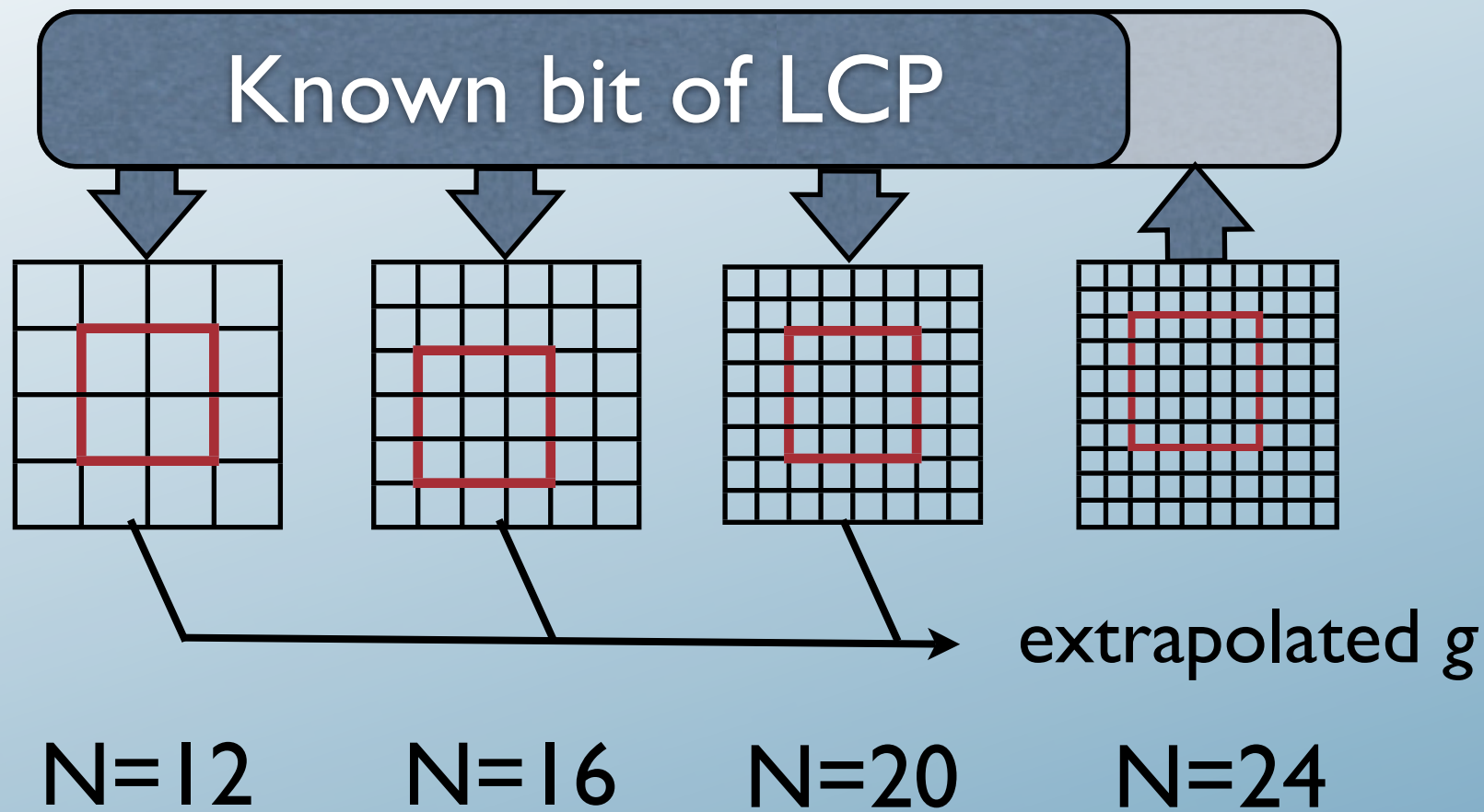
# Our scheme



$g_{\text{cont}}$  is used for the  
beta function only

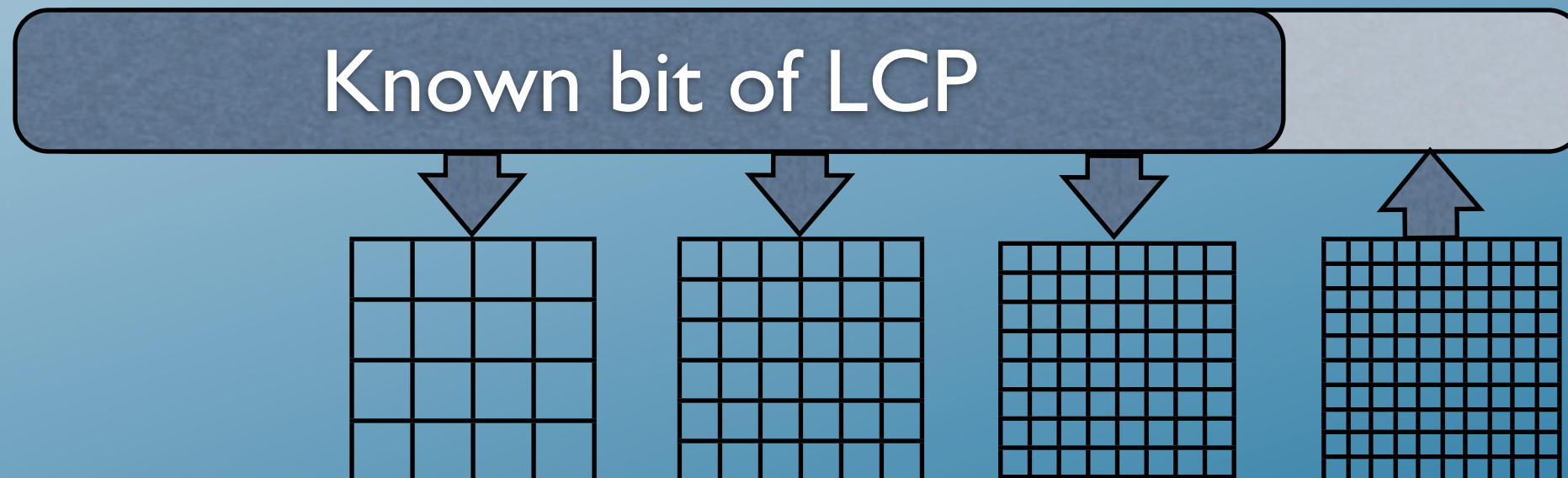


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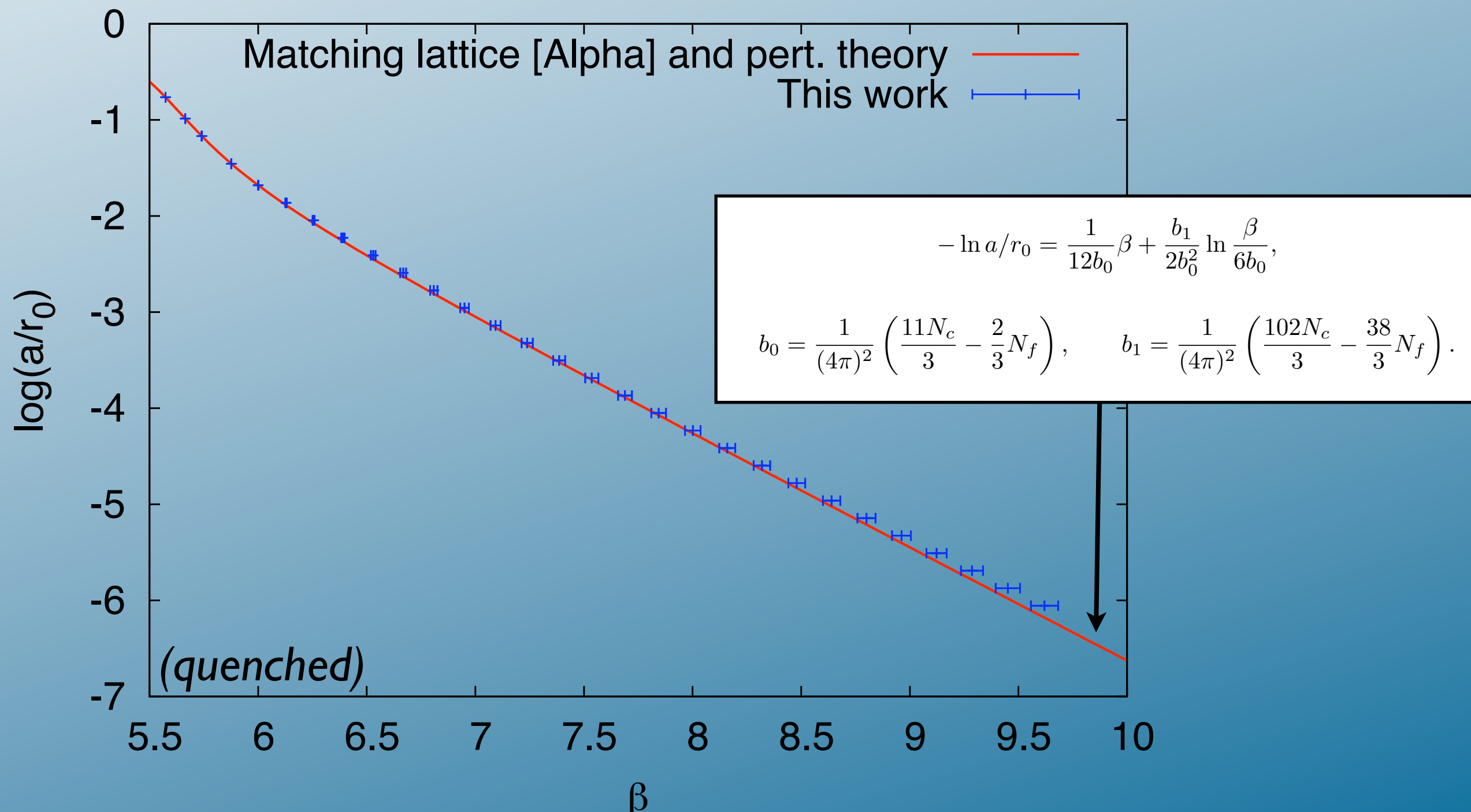
Next step: interpolate LCP to find  $\beta(a)$  at geometrically suitable cut-offs



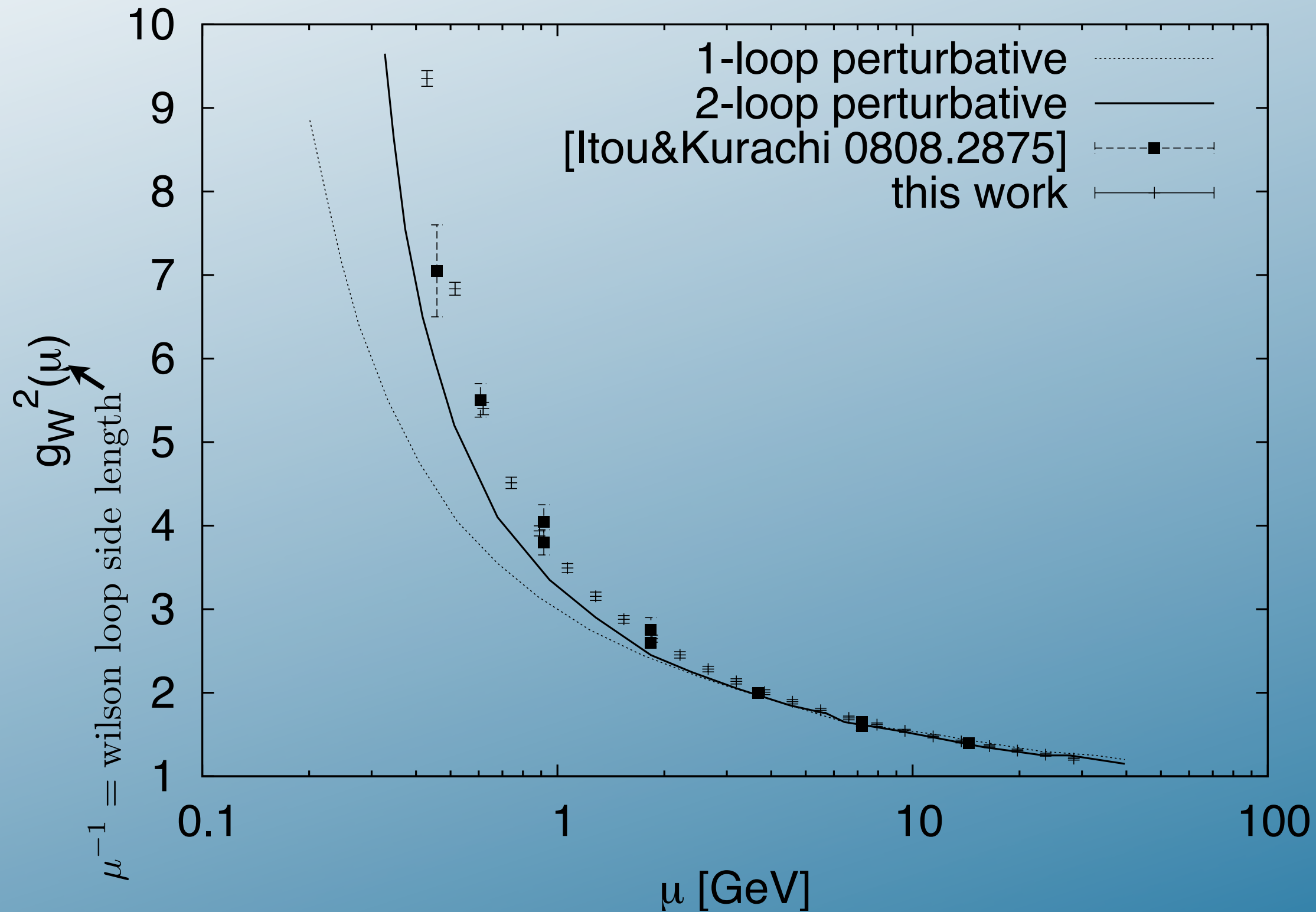
# Can this scheme work?

over several orders of magnitude in  $a$

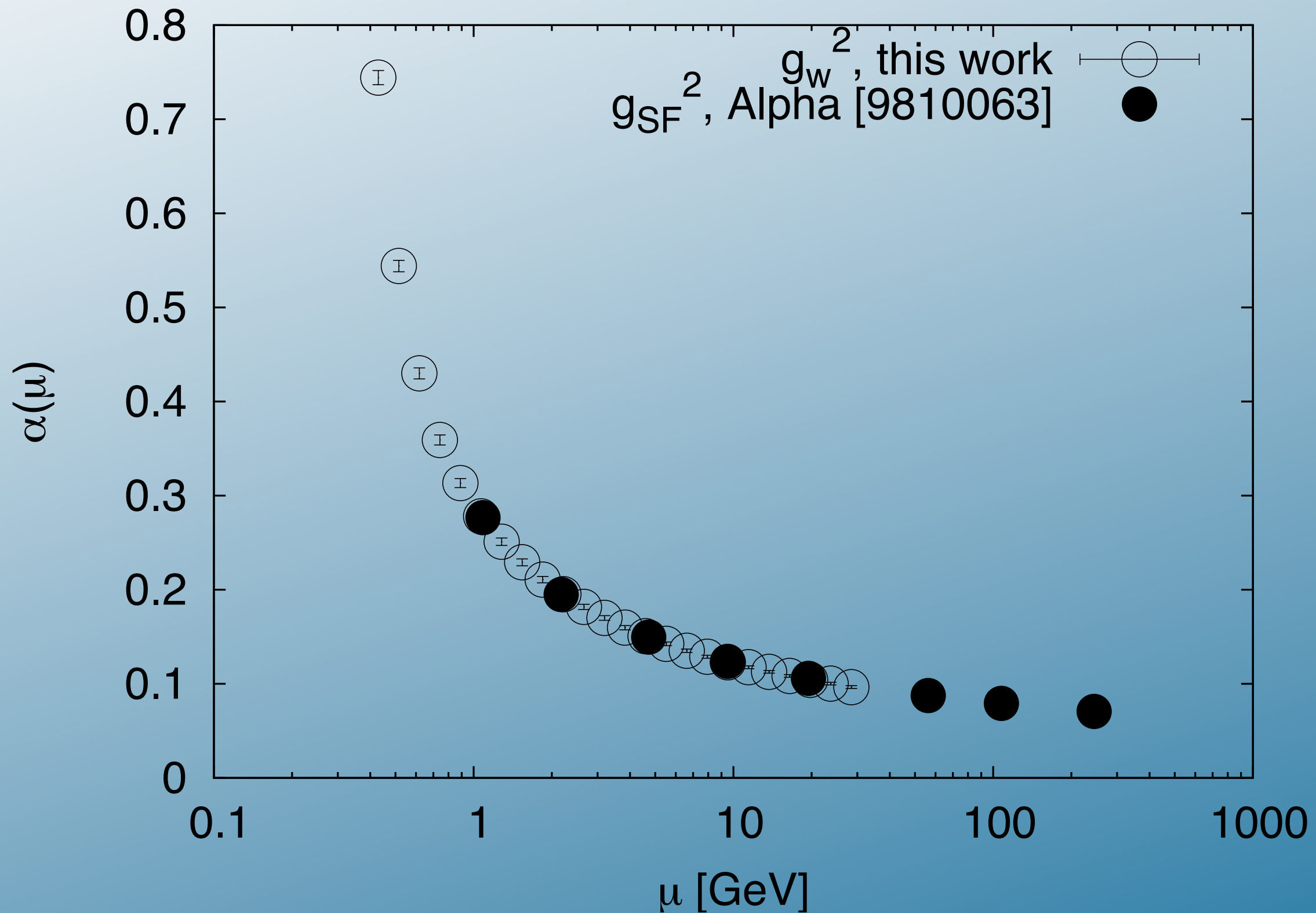
Quenched QCD: LCP is known, it is a safe testing ground



# Running coupling



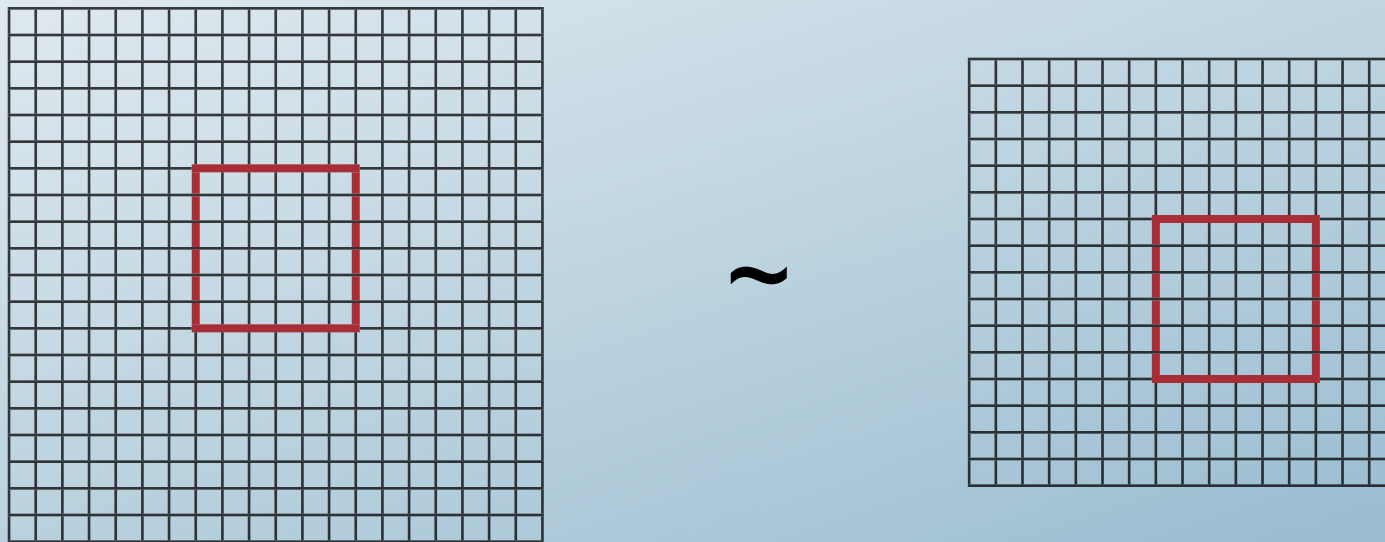
# How does it relate to $g_{SF}$ ?



$$\alpha_{\overline{MS}} = \alpha + k_1 \alpha^2 + \dots, \quad k_1 = 1.25563(4), \quad [\text{Lüscher, Sommer, Weisz, Wolff NPB413,481}]$$

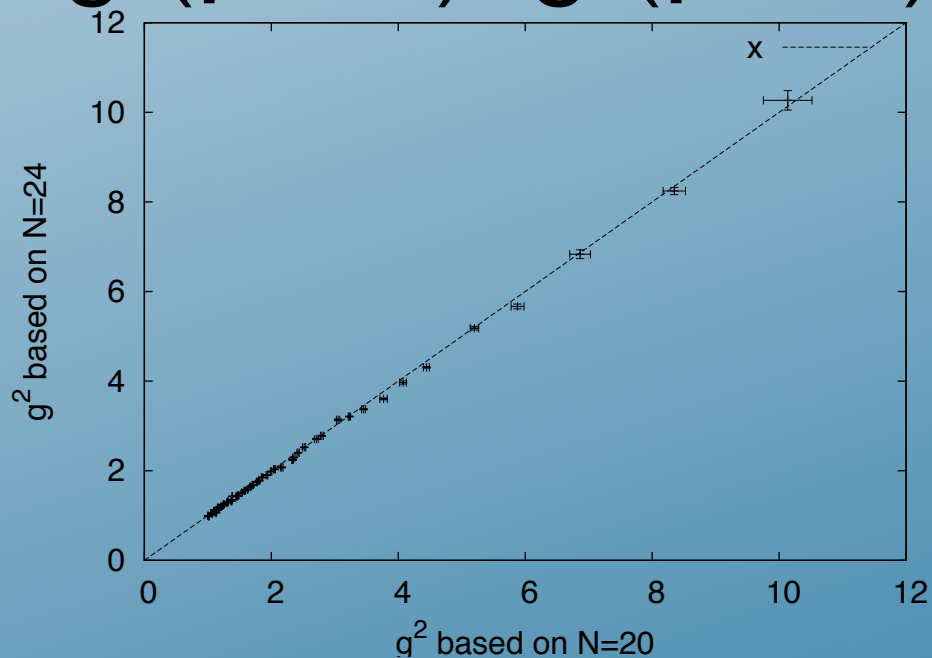


# Remark: scale is independent of L

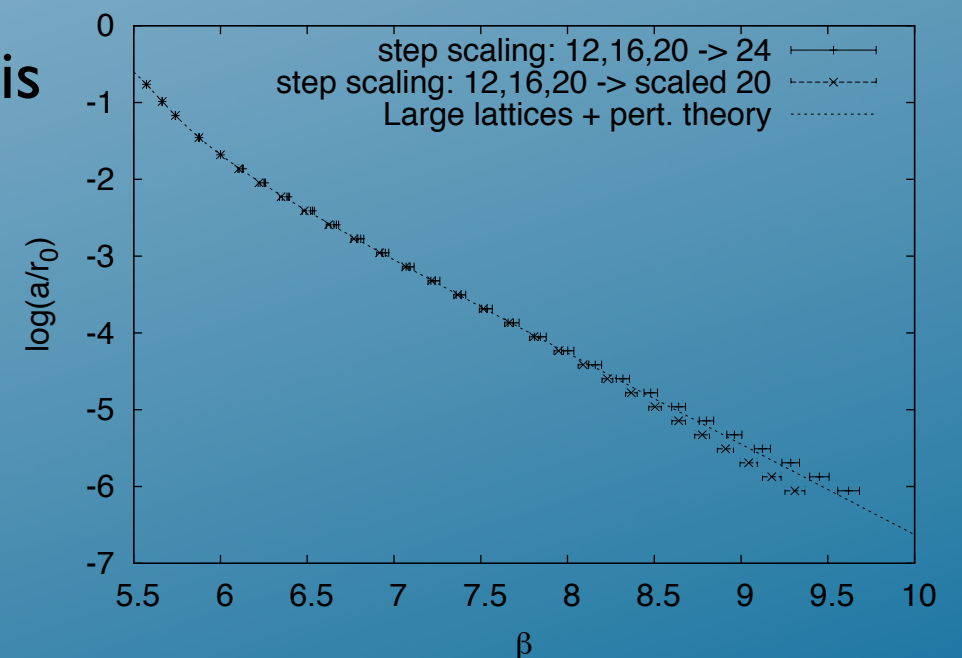


The renormalisation scale is not set by the box size, but the size of the Wilson loop.

$$g^2(\mu, 20^2) \sim g^2(\mu, 24^2)$$



replace  $24^4$  by  $20^4$   
in the previous analysis



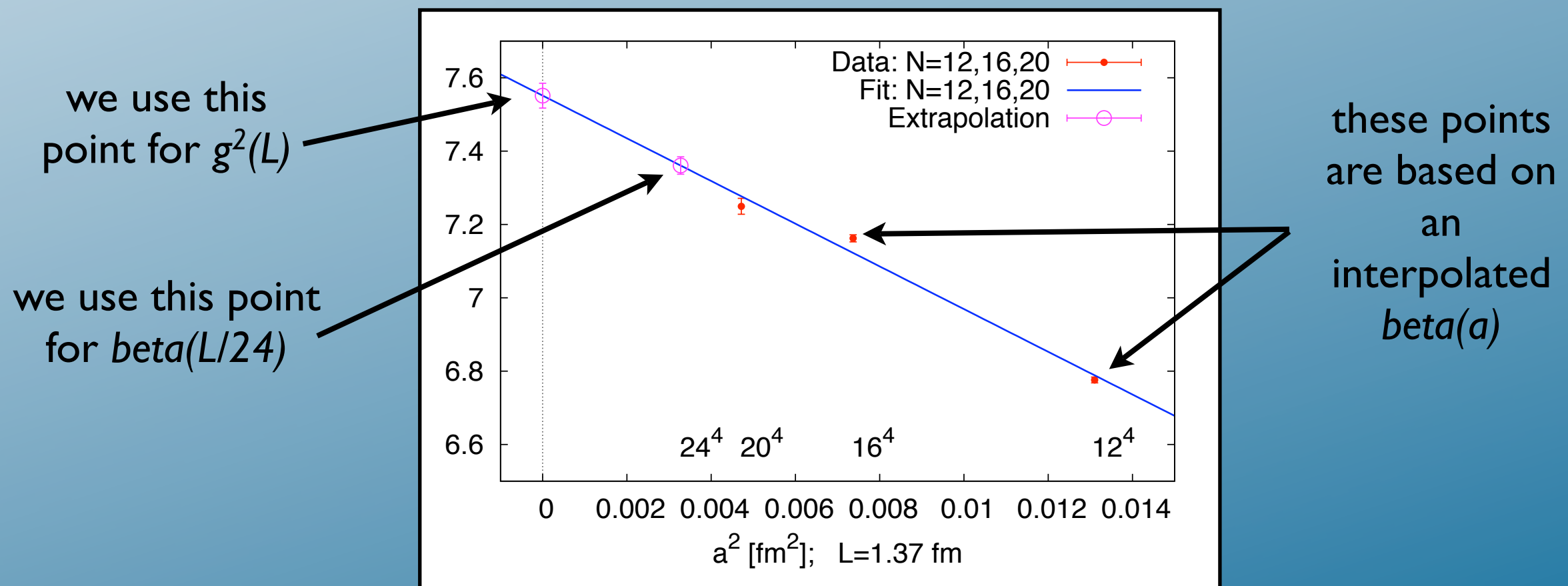
# The same for the unquenched model:

*We know “a” and search for a matching “beta”.*

We use:  $m_q(\text{beta})$  as determined previously;  
we keep the volume fixed with  $N=12,16,20$ ;

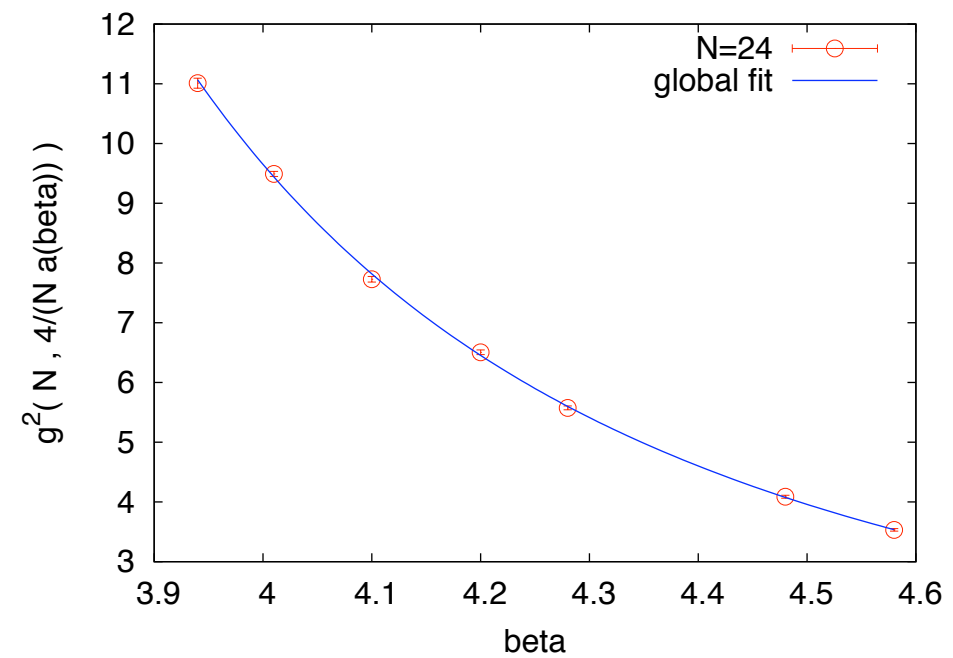
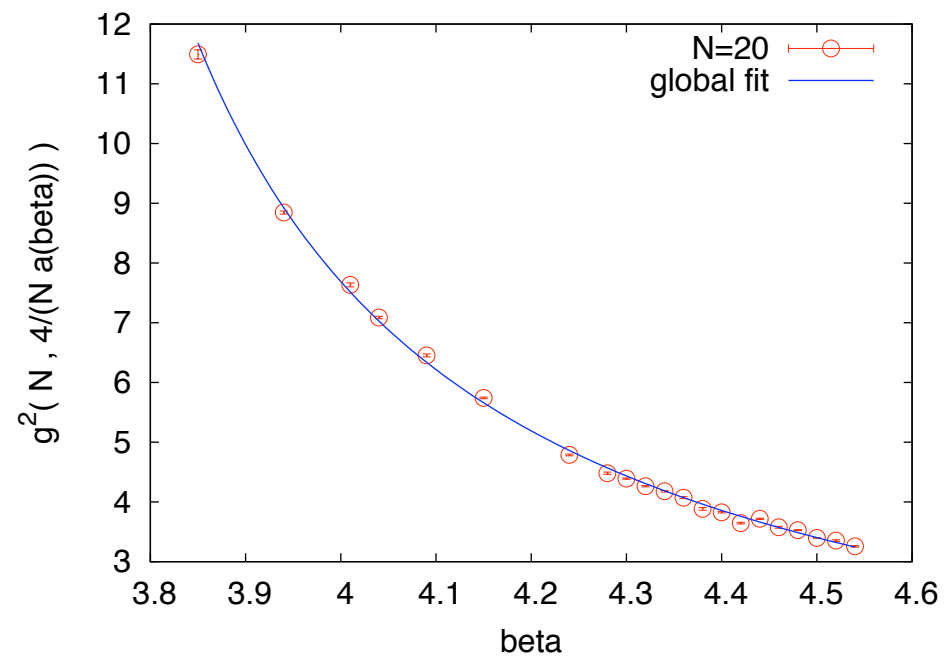
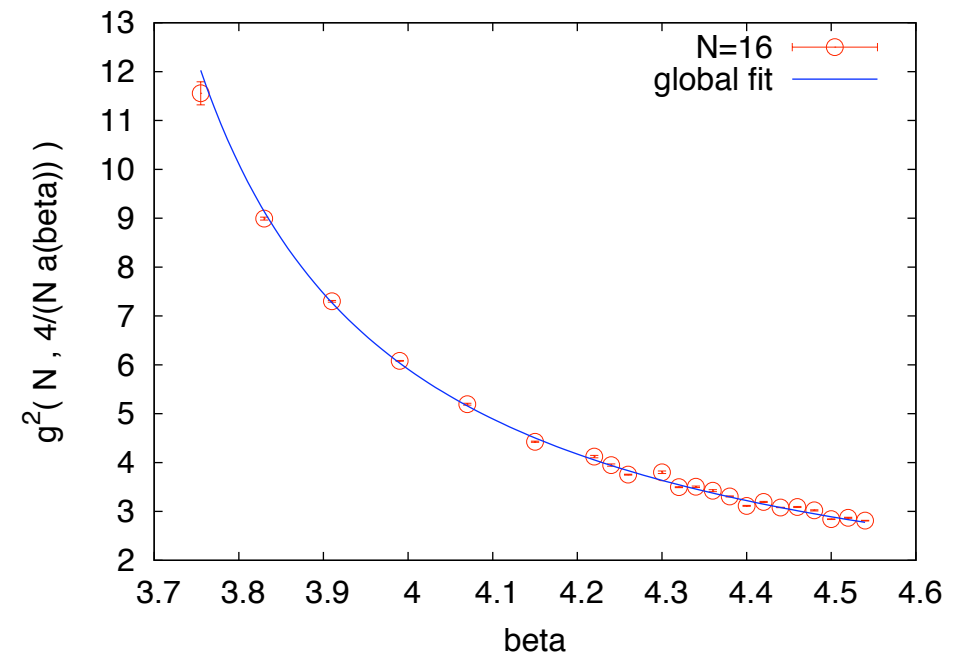
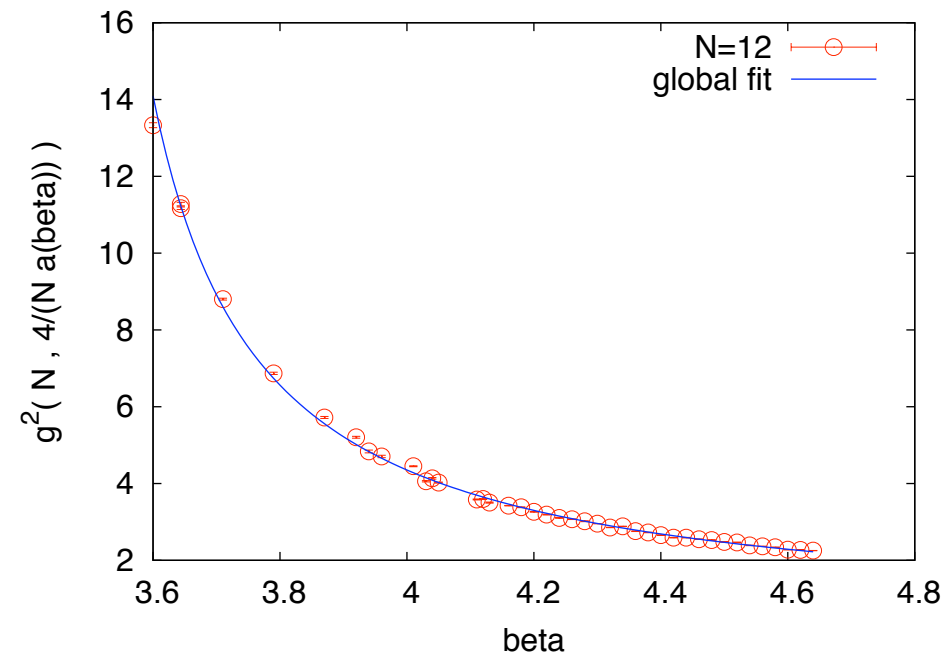
we determine the coupling constant;

we extrapolate  $g^2$  to  $N=24$ , search for beta to hit this  $g^2$ ;



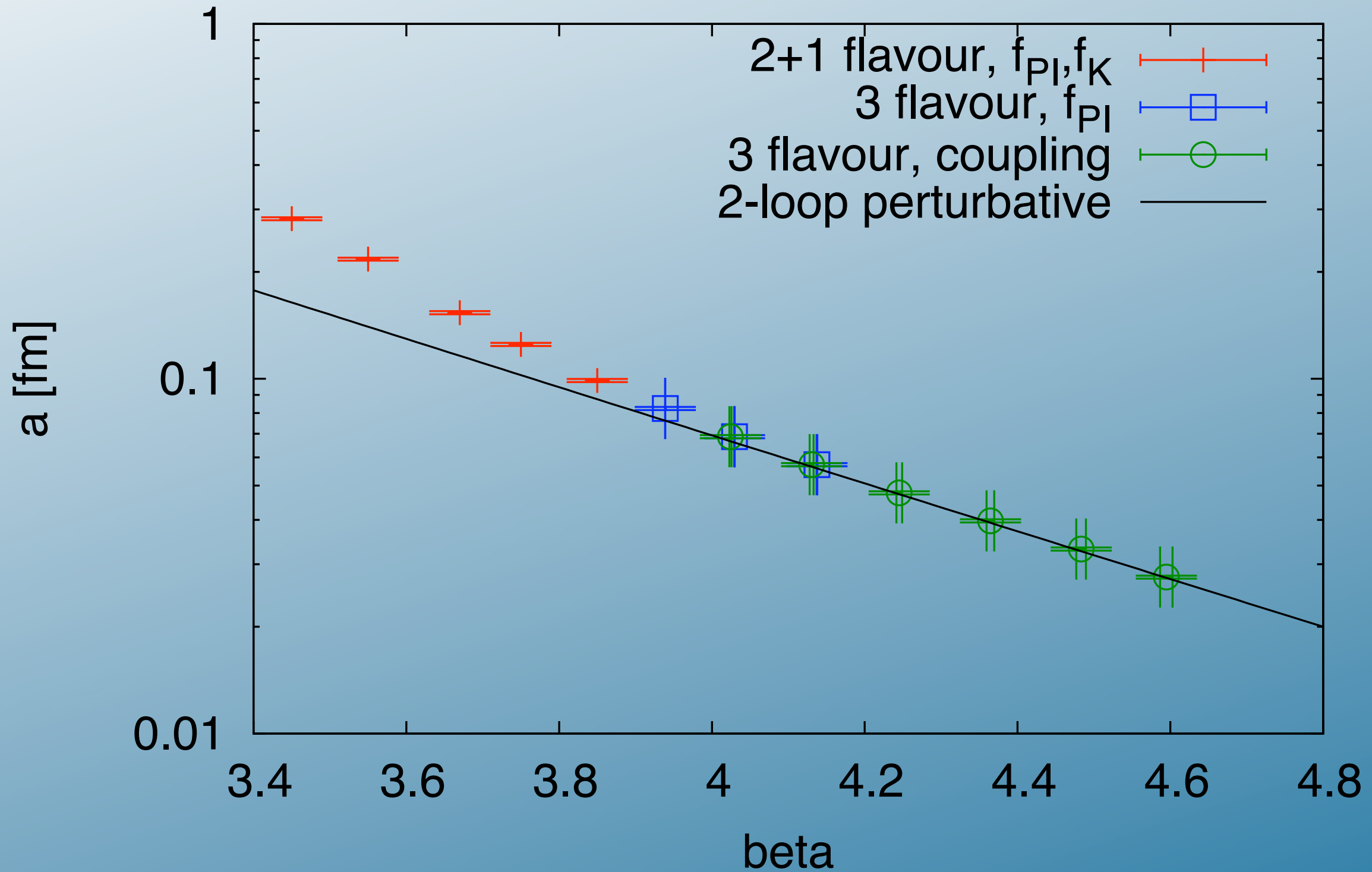
# In fact, we do no searching at all

*global fits for better project scheduling*



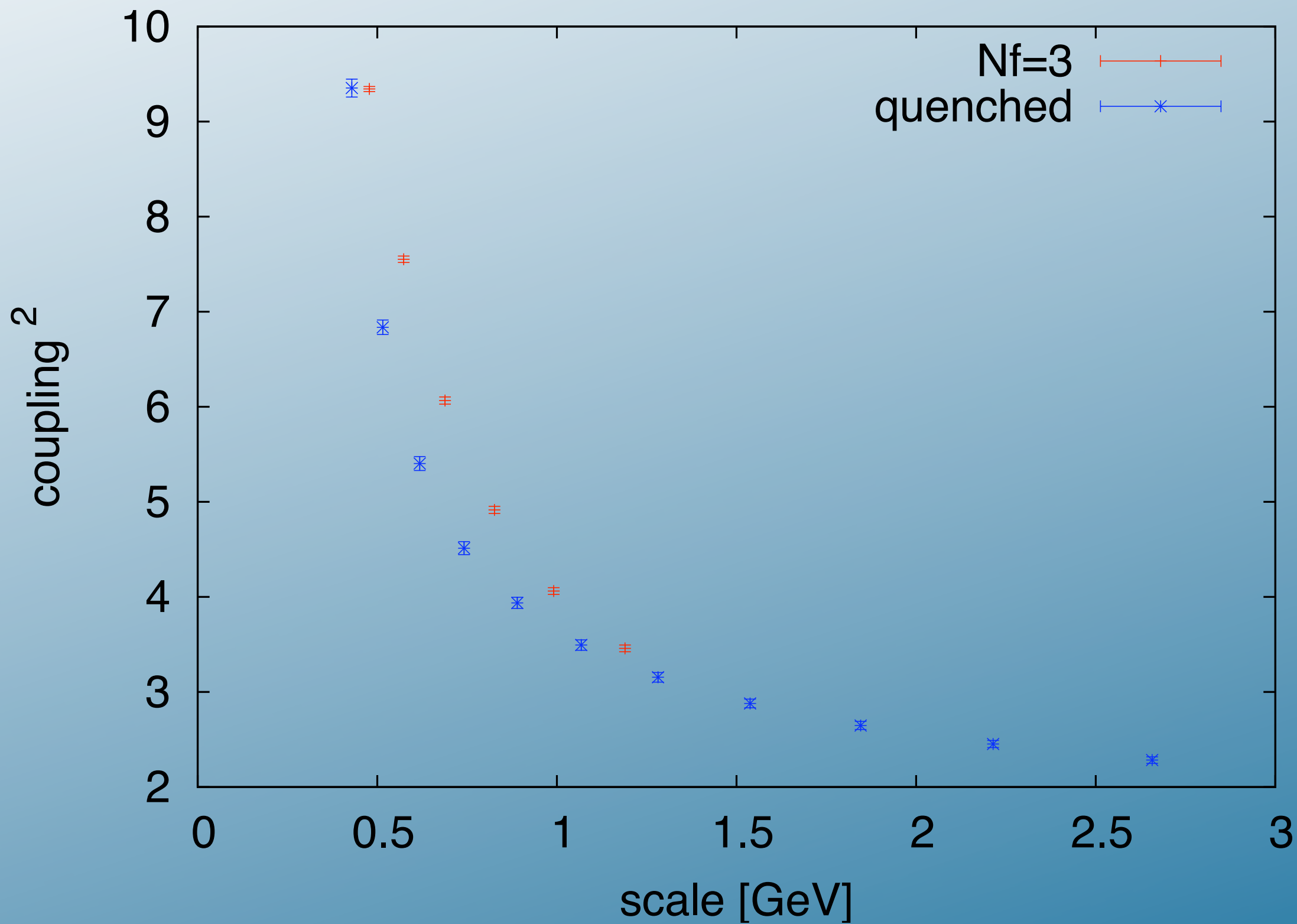
# Result: $a(\beta)$

Line of constant physics





# Running coupling:



# Outlook

The LCP (for our action) is known to arbitrary UV scales.  
What can we do with our new LCP?

Lattice QCD thermodynamics:

EOS with physical quark masses,  $N_t=8+$

*$N_t=4,6$  has been known...*

[Aoki *et al* JHEP 0601:089,2006.]

[Cheng *et al* PRD77,014511]

Todo: What is the impact of charm?

$\Lambda_{\overline{\text{MS}}}$  could be calculated without doing lattice perturbation theory (coupling is measured).