

Landau-gauge propagators from lattice QCD at finite temperature

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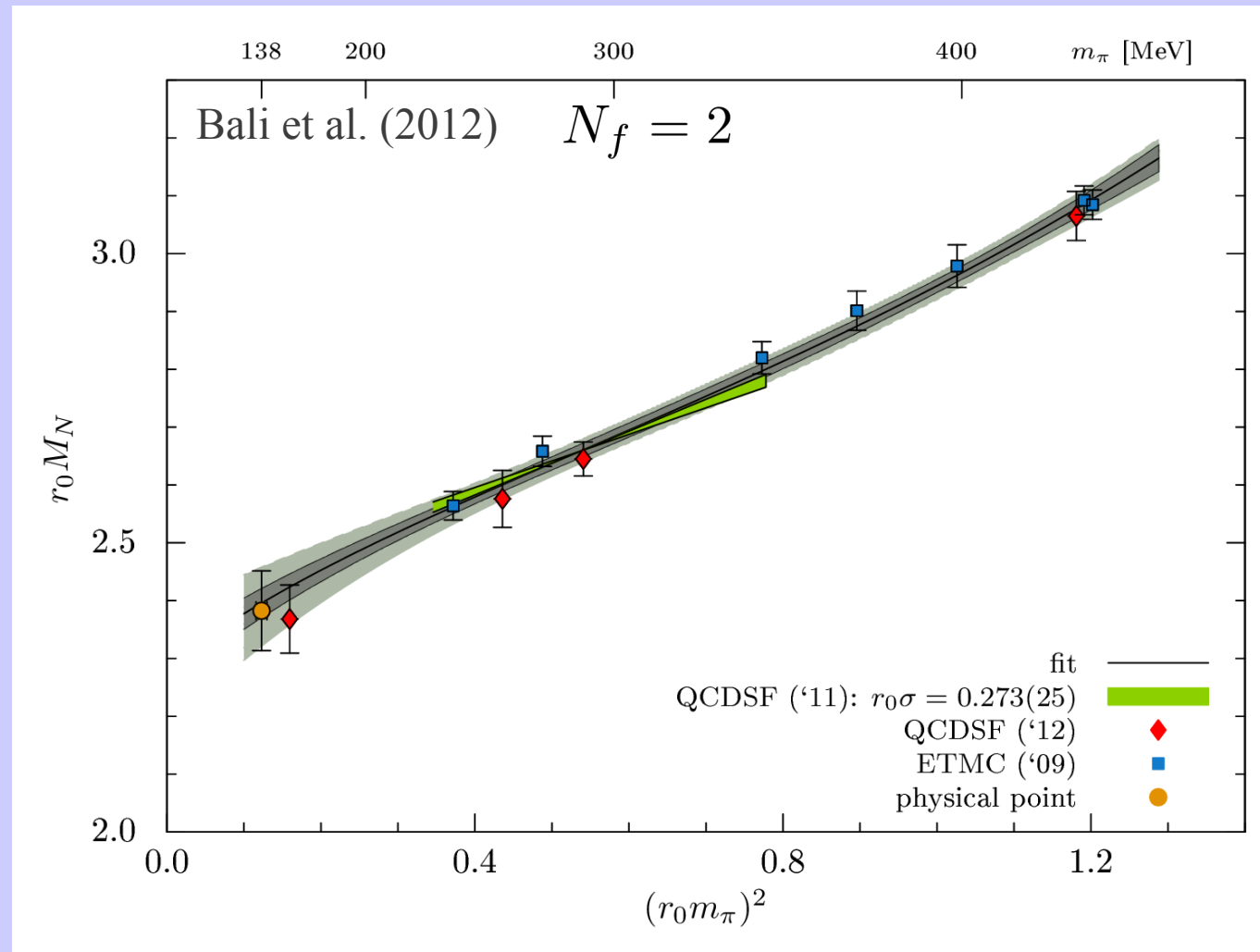
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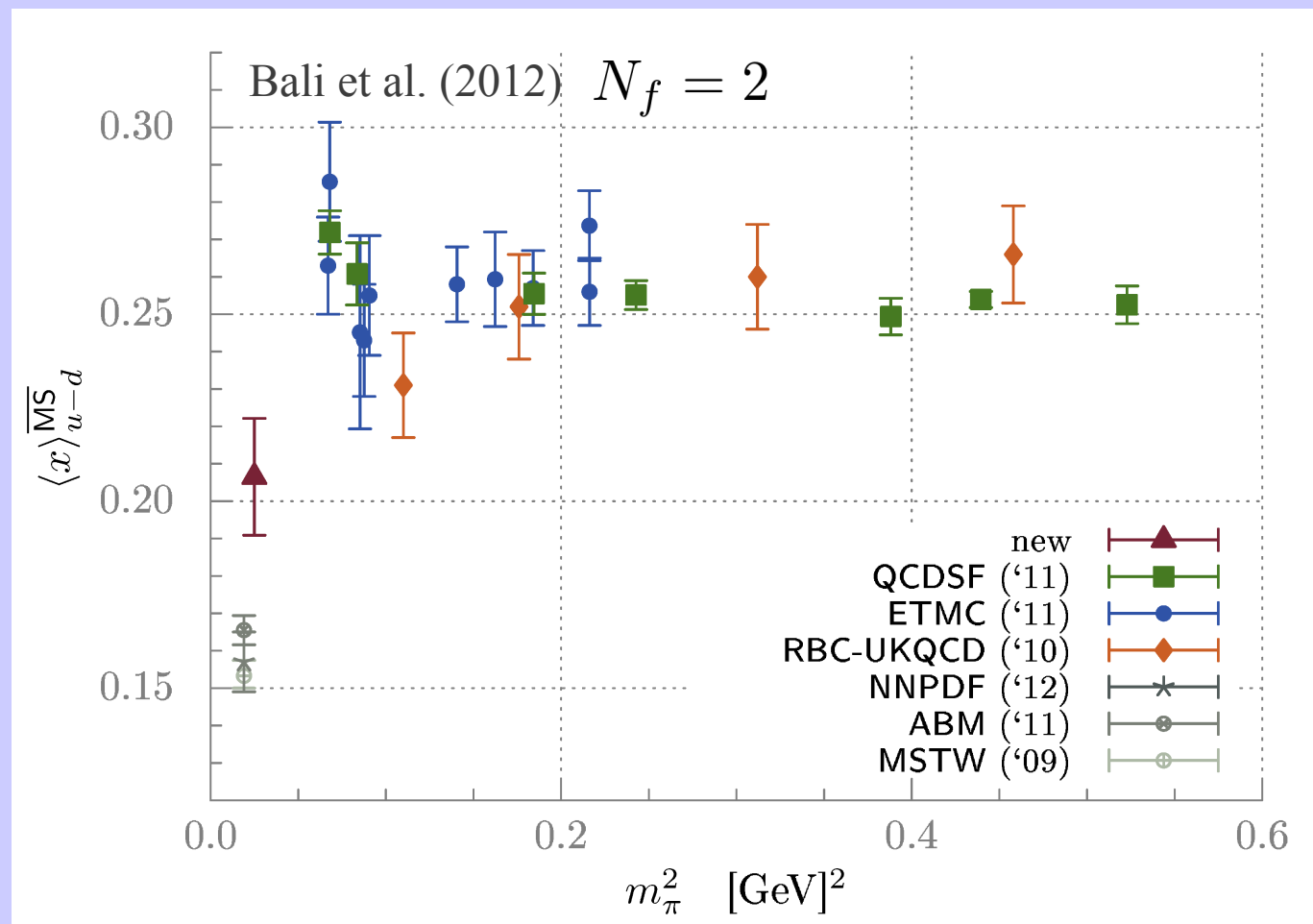
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Current problems

- $T=0$: continuum limit (freezing of top. charge)
- $T=0$: simulations numerically expensive the closer to physical point
- $T>0$: finite chemical potential $\leftrightarrow$ sign-problem
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Advantages and disadvantages

- no sign-problem, no continuum + infinite-volume limit
- all momenta accessible, easy change of quark mass
- less rigorous than lattice QCD due to **truncations**

→ conservation laws, symmetries and **lattice results** help
to **improve** upon these **truncations**

DSE & FRGE $\leftrightarrow$ Lattice

T=0: Strong coupling

Von Smekal, Hauck, Alkofer (1997)

$$\alpha_s(p^2) = \frac{g_0^2}{4\pi} Z(p^2) \cdot J^2(p^2)$$

- Gluon propagator (Landau gauge)

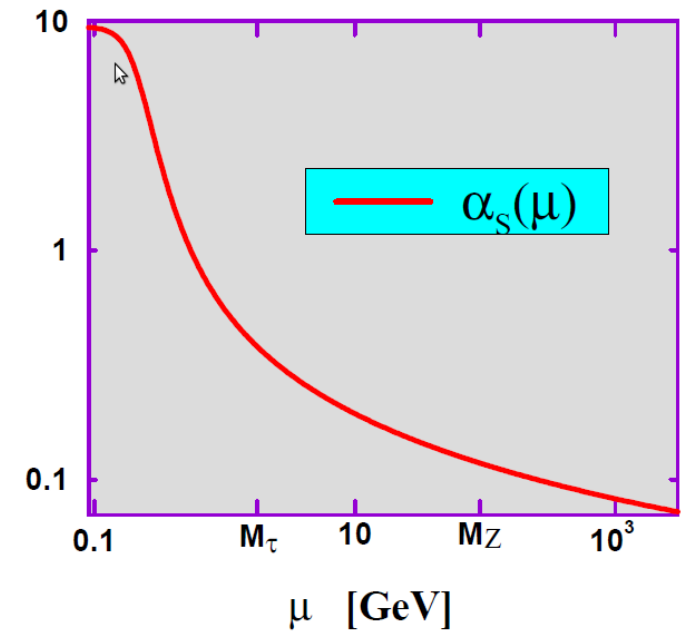
$$D(p^2) = \left(\delta_{\mu\nu} - \frac{p_\mu p_\nu}{p^2} \right) \frac{Z(p^2)}{p^2}$$

- Ghost propagator

$$G(p^2) = -\frac{J(p^2)}{p^2}$$

DSE:

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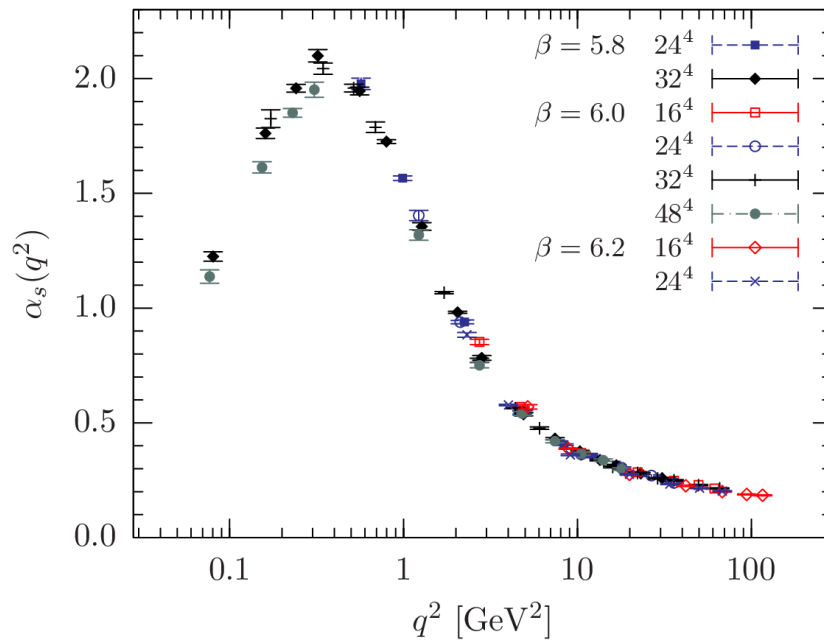
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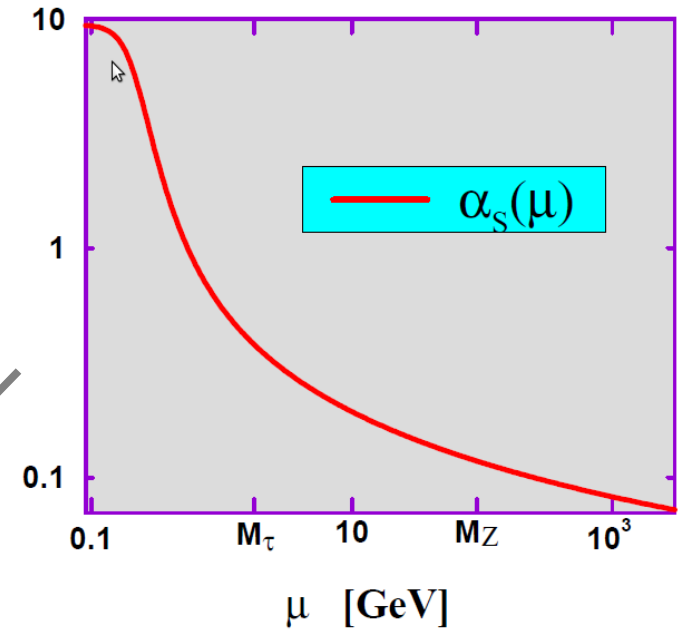
Lattice:

A.S., Ilgenfritz, Müller-Preussker, Schiller. (2005)



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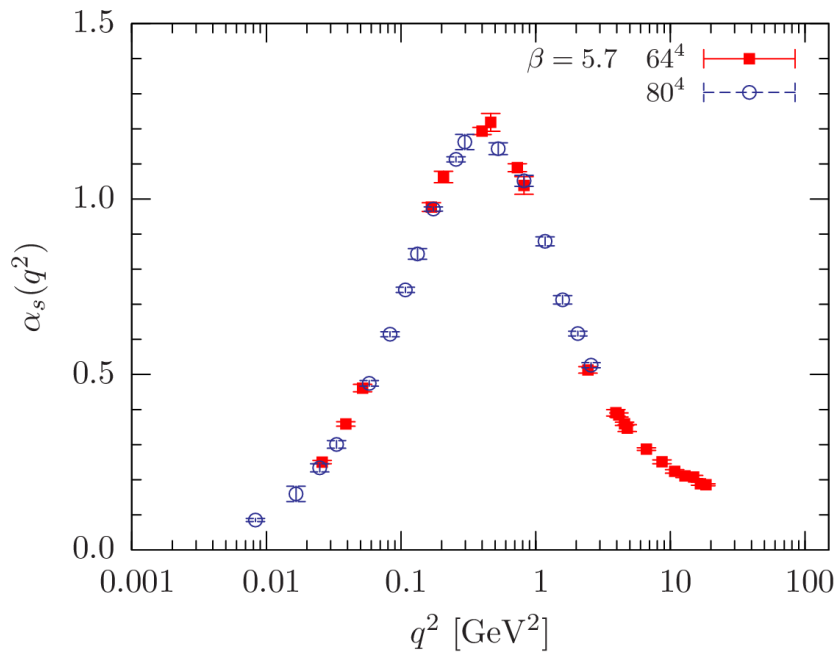
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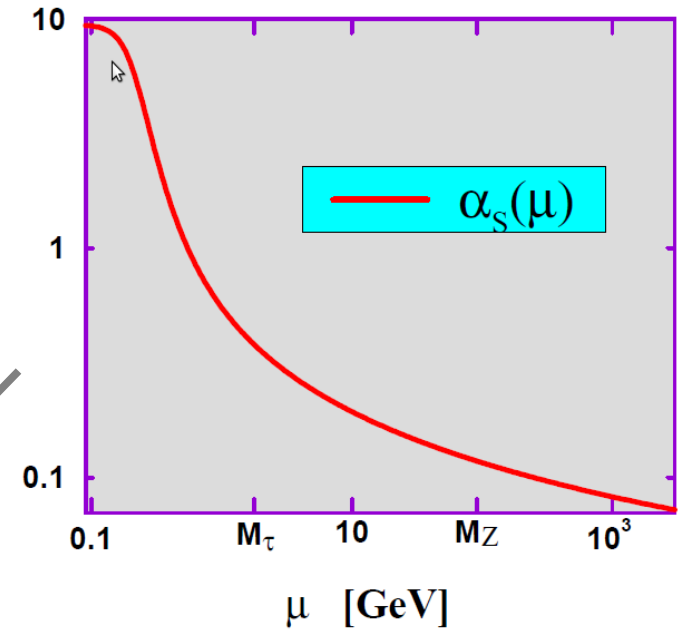
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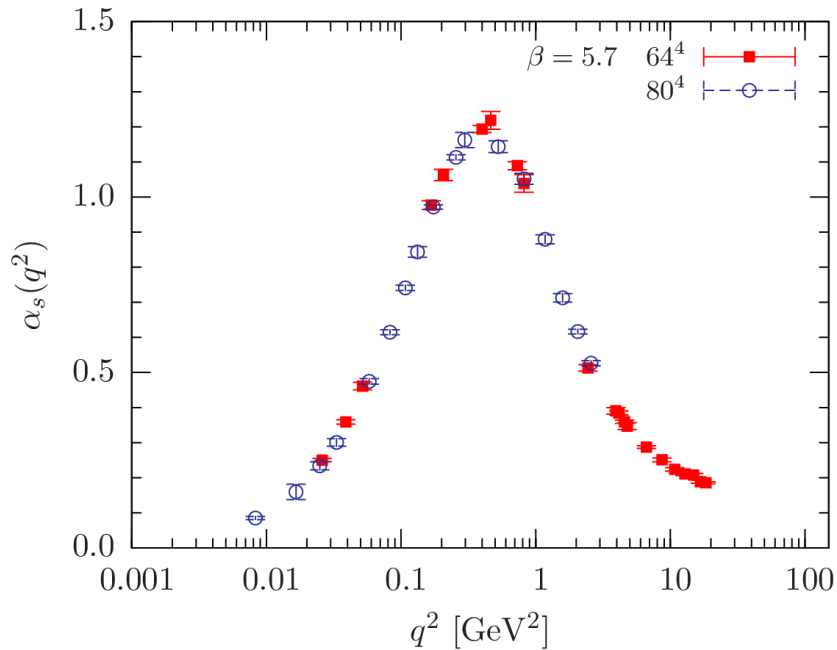
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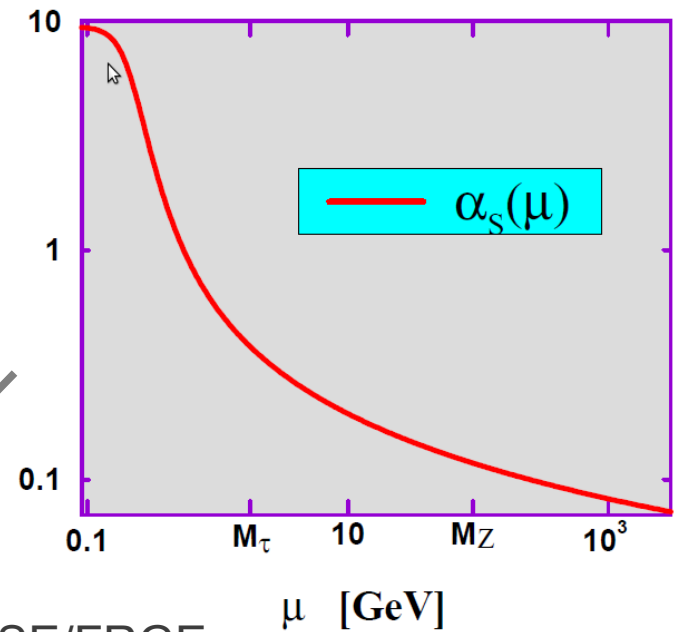
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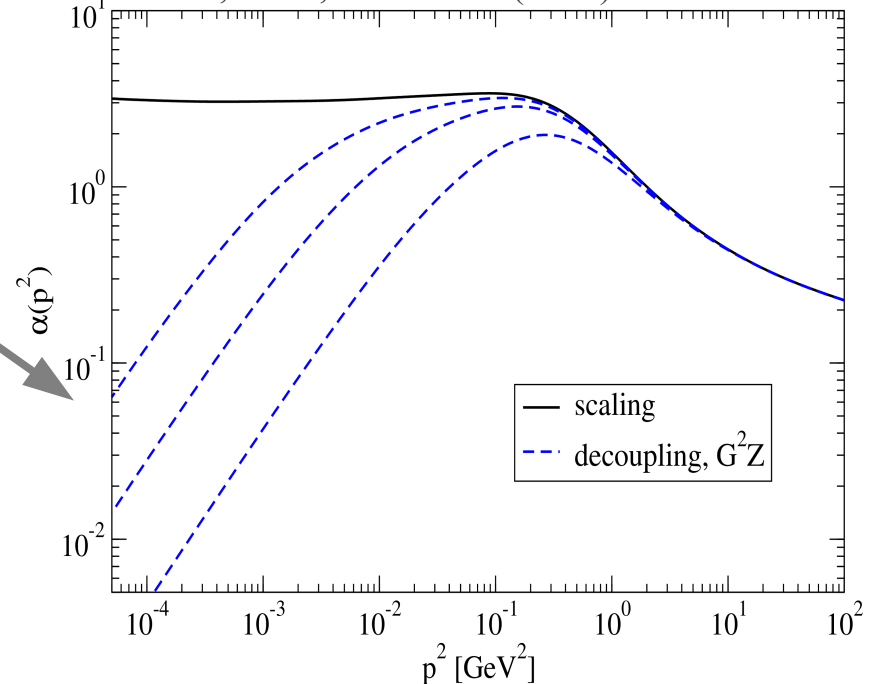
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DSE/FRGE:

Fischer, Maas, Pawłowski (2009)



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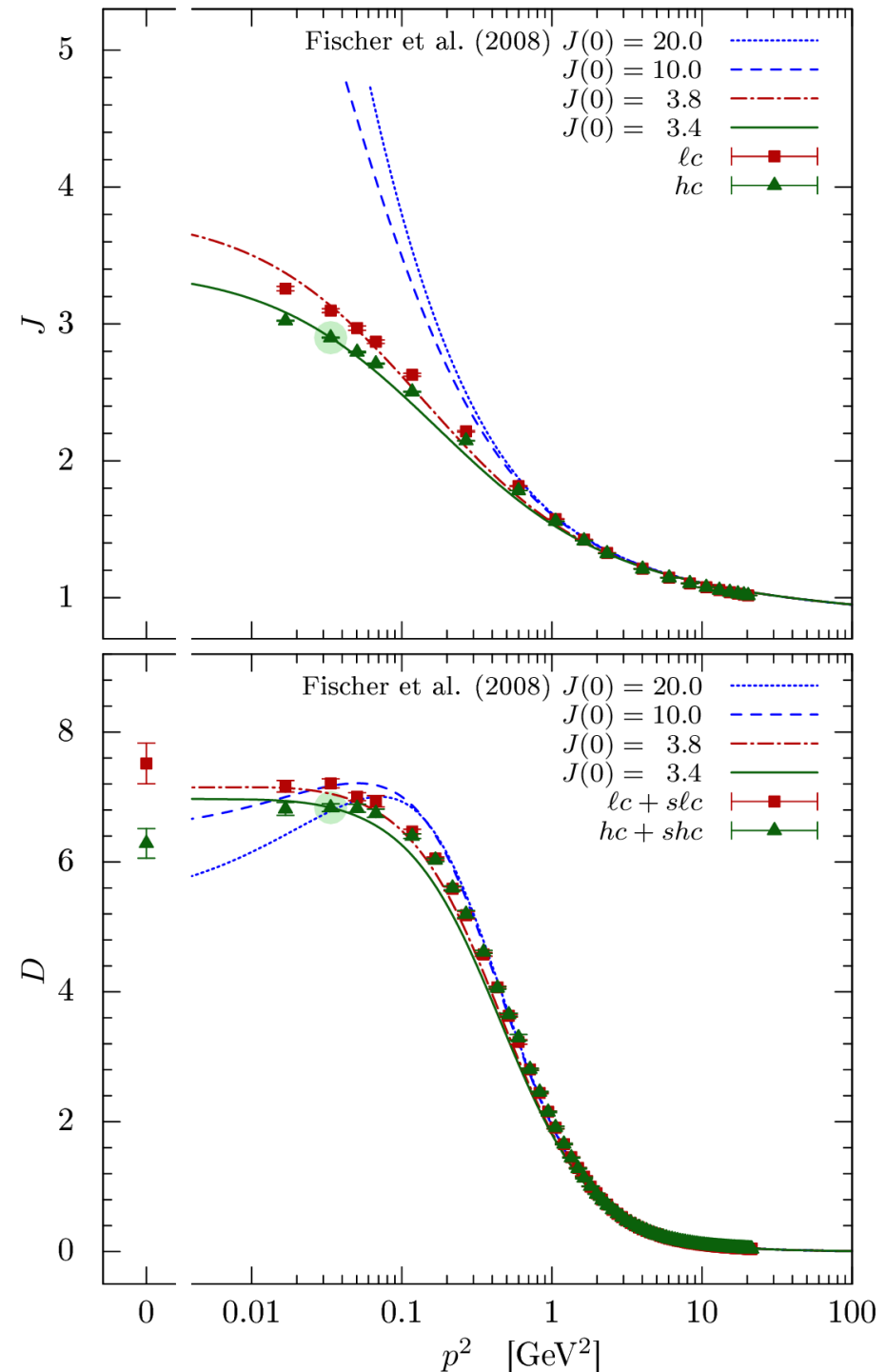
T=0: Today

- 1) a few members of family of decoupling solutions can be reproduced qualitatively on the lattice
- 2) strong coupling constant

$$\alpha_s^{\text{MM}}(p^2) = \frac{g_0^2}{4\pi} Z(p^2) \cdot J^2(p^2)$$

is used to calculate Λ_{QCD}
on the lattice [A.S. et al. 1212.2039]

A.S., Müller-Preussker (2013)



Functional methods for QCD at finite T

DSEs (biased selection)

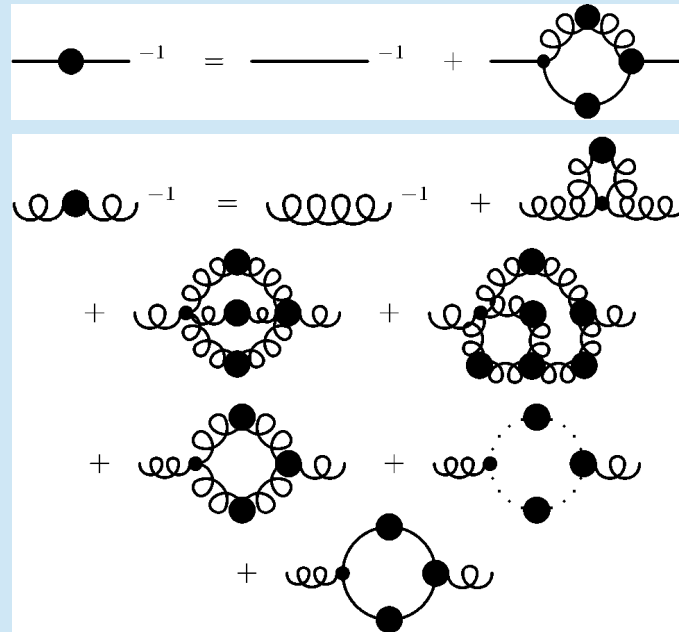
- Grüter, Alkofer, Maas, Wambach (2005)
 - Temperature-dependence of gluon+ghost propagator
- Fischer, Luecker, Mueller (2009-2012):
 - Phase diagram of quenched QCD and unquenched QCD with finite real μ
 - (dual) quark condensate and dressed Polyakov loop
 - input: Landau gauge quark (DSE) + lattice gluon propagator (nf=0),
 - + quark-gluon vertex model
 - + quark pol.tensor from gluon DSE (~ unquenching)
- Müller, Buballa, Wambach (2013)
 - Color superconductivity at finite T and μ
 - Input: similar as above

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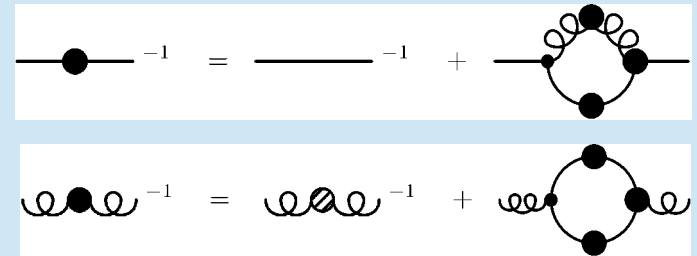
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 - Temperature
- Fischer, Lutz (2009)
 - Phase diagram
 - (dual) quark
 - input: Lattice
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- Müller, Burkhard (2009)
 - Color superconductivity
 - Input: simple

Full DSEs



Fischer et al. (2009) Truncated DSEs



Lattice (finite T, nf=0)

Functional methods for QCD at finite T

FRGEs (biased selection)

- Braun, Haas, Marhauser, Pawłowski (2009):
 - Phase diagram of $N_f=2$ QCD at imag. chem. potential in chiral limit
 - Input gluon and ghost propagators Landau gauge YM
- Fister, Pawłowski (2011):
 - Landau-gauge gluon, ghost propagators and the ghost-gluon vertex $N_f=0$
 - agree with lattice findings, as far as available

Lattice studies

$$D_{\mu\nu}^{ab}(k) = \langle A_\mu^a(k) A_\mu^b(-k) \rangle$$

Can provide (untruncated) input to DSEs

- Lattice Landau gauge gluon propagator most reliable source
- High-precision data for ($N_f = \underline{0}, \underline{2}, \underline{2+1}, \underline{2+1+1}$) for $\underline{T=0}$, $\underline{T>0}$ available
- also: ghost/quark propagator + vertex functions partly available

In Landau gauge, for $T > 0$

$$D_{\mu\nu}^{ab}(q) = \delta^{ab} \left(P_{\mu\nu}^T \underset{\substack{\text{transverse} \\ \text{("chromomagnetic")}}}{D_T}(\vec{k}, k_4) + P_{\mu\nu}^L \underset{\substack{\text{longitudinal} \\ \text{("chromoelectric")}}}{D_L}(\vec{k}, k_4) \right)$$

- projectors:

$$P_{\mu\nu}^T = (1 - \delta_{\mu 4})(1 - \delta_{\nu 4}) \left(\delta_{\mu\nu} - \frac{q_\mu q_\nu}{\vec{q}^2} \right)$$
$$P_{\mu\nu}^L = \left(\delta_{\mu\nu} - \frac{q_\mu q_\nu}{\vec{q}^2} \right) - P_{\mu\nu}^T$$

- momenta:

$$k_\mu \in (-L_\mu/2, L_\mu/2]$$
$$q_\mu(k_\mu) = \frac{2}{a} \sin \left(\frac{\pi k_\mu}{L_\mu} \right)$$

Gluon propagator on the lattice

Gluon propagator

$$\langle A_\mu^a(k) A_\nu^b(-k) \rangle_{U_g} = \frac{\sum_{U_g} e^{-S[U]} A_\mu^a(k) A_\nu^b(-k)}{\sum_U e^{-S[U]}}$$

Gauge-fix configurations $U_{x\mu} \rightarrow U_{x\mu}^g$

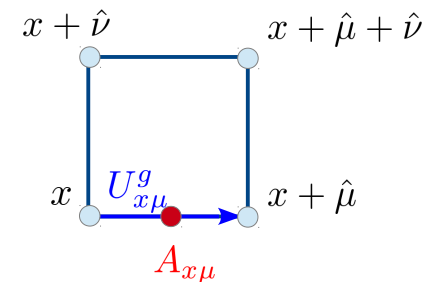
- Iteratively maximize Landau-gauge functional
- Stop if:

$$\max_x [\nabla_\mu \textcolor{red}{A}_{x\mu} \nabla_\nu \textcolor{red}{A}_{x\nu}^\dagger] < 10^{-13}$$

$$F_U[g] = \frac{1}{3} \sum_{x,\mu} \underbrace{g_x U_{x\mu} g_{x+\hat{\mu}}^\dagger}_{\textcolor{blue}{U}_{x\mu}^g}$$

Gluon fields $(A_\mu = A_\mu^a T^a)$

$$\textcolor{red}{A}_{x\mu} \equiv A_\mu(x + \hat{\mu}/2) = \frac{1}{2ia g_0} (\textcolor{blue}{U}_{x\mu}^g - \textcolor{blue}{U}_{x\mu}^{g\dagger})|_{tr.less}$$



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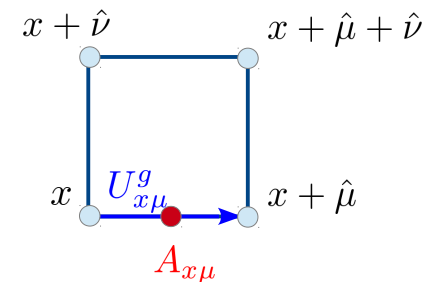
$$D_L = \frac{1}{N_g} \left(1 + \frac{q_4^2}{\vec{q}^2} \right) \left\langle \tilde{A}_4^a(k) \tilde{A}_4^a(-k) \right\rangle \quad D_T = \frac{1}{2N_g} \left\langle \sum_{i=1}^3 \tilde{A}_i^a(k) \tilde{A}_i^a(-k) - \frac{q_4^2}{\vec{q}^2} \tilde{A}_4^a(k) \tilde{A}_4^a(-k) \right\rangle$$

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Lattice studies

Gluon propagator at finite T ($N_f = 0$)

- SU(3): Mandula, Ogilvie (1988)
- SU(2): Heller, Karsch, Rank (1995-1998)

electric and magnetic screening masses in deconfinement phase

- SU(2): Cucchieri, Karsch, Petreczky (2000-'01)

screening masses + momentum dependence, 3d+4d

- SU(2): Cucchieri, Maas, Mendes (2007)

momentum dependence + comparison DSE vs. lattice, 3d+4d

- SU(2) + SU(3): Fischer, Maas, Müller (2010)

Comparison SU(2) + SU(3)

- SU(2): Cucchieri, Mendes (2011-'12)

low-momentum dependence around T_c

- SU(2): Bornyakov, Mitrjushkin (2011)

momentum dependence $T > T_c > T_*$, Gribov-copy effects, screening masses

- SU(2) + SU(3): Maas, Pawłowski, von Smekal, Spielmann (2012)

order of phase transition is reflected in momentum dependence, screening masses, 3d+4d

- SU(3): Aouane et al. (2011):

phase transition reflected in momentum dependence, continuum limit → input to DSE studies, also ghost propagator

Gluon dressing functions

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Setup

- Wilson gauge action

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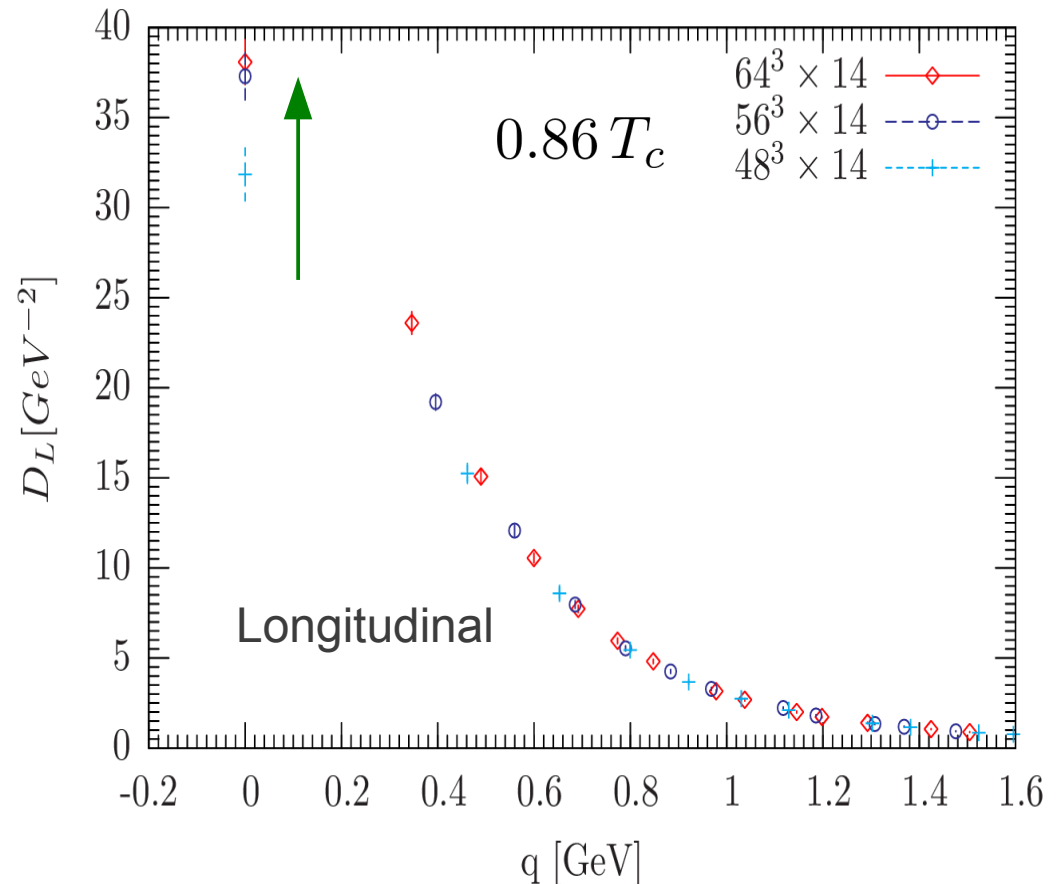
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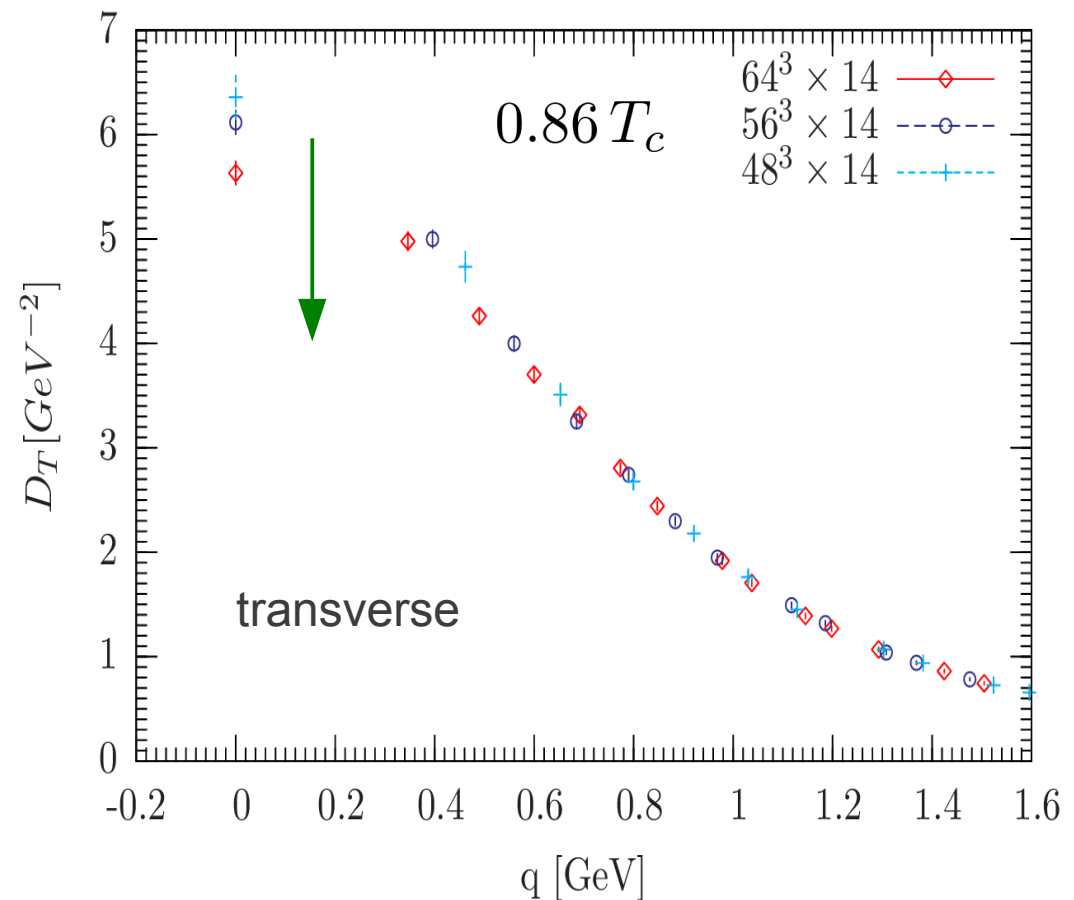
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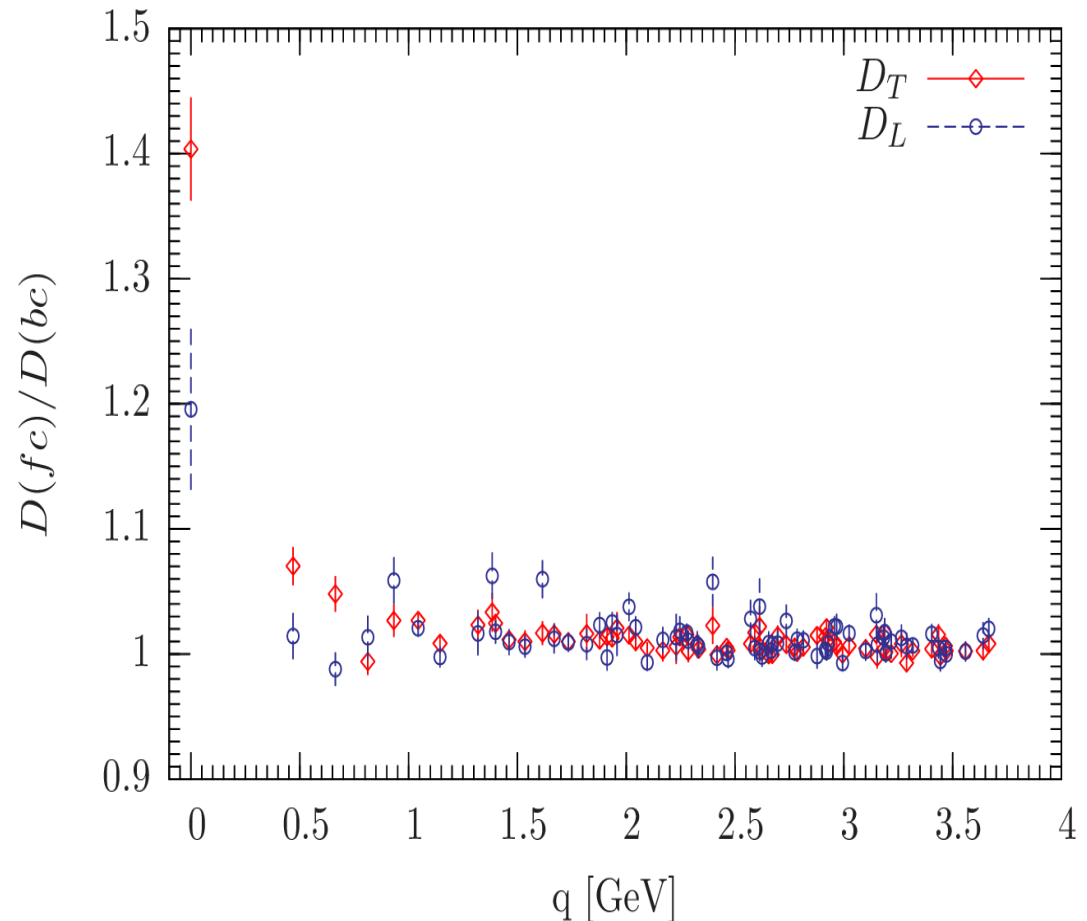
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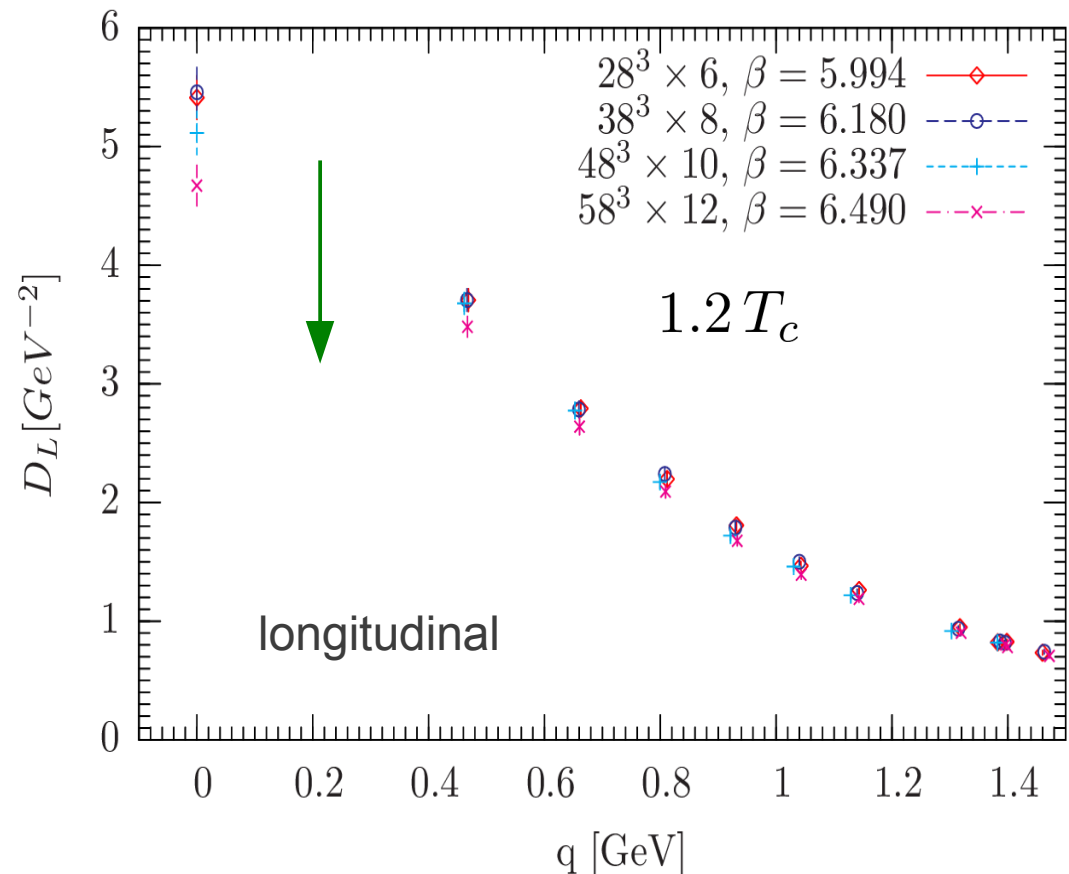
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Take continuum limit

- For fixed volume
- For two temperatures

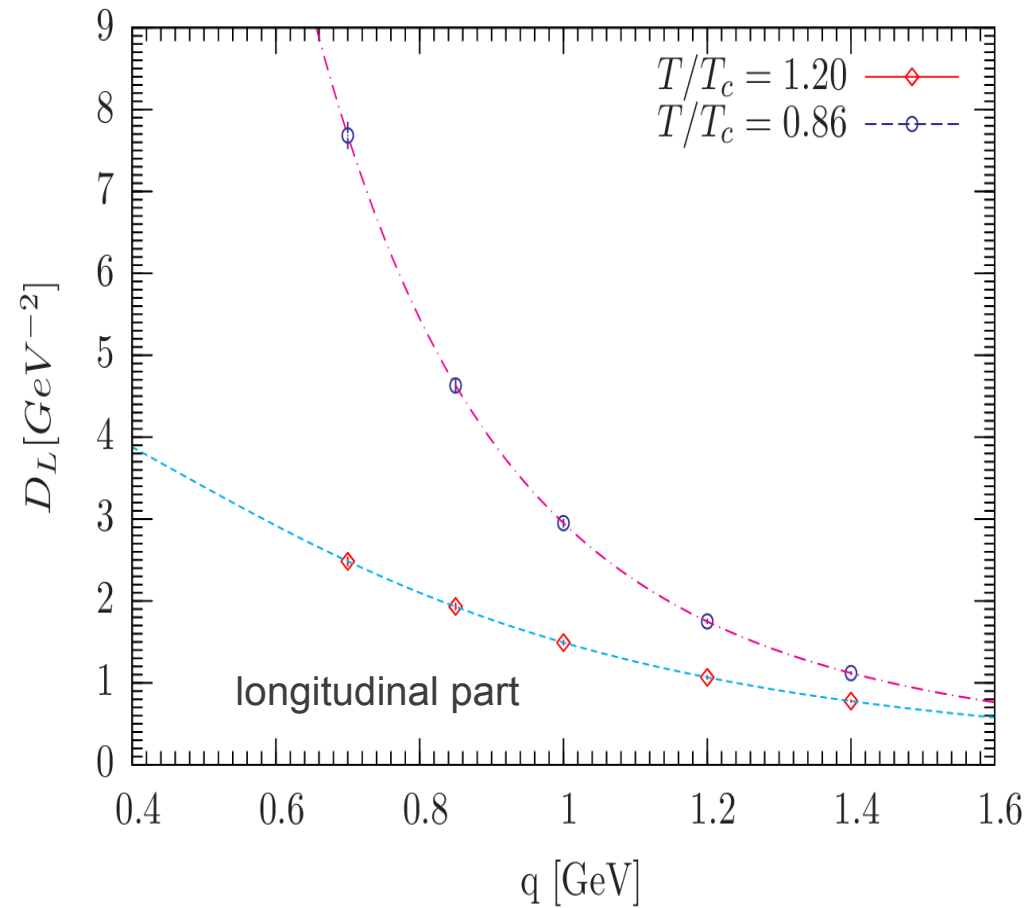
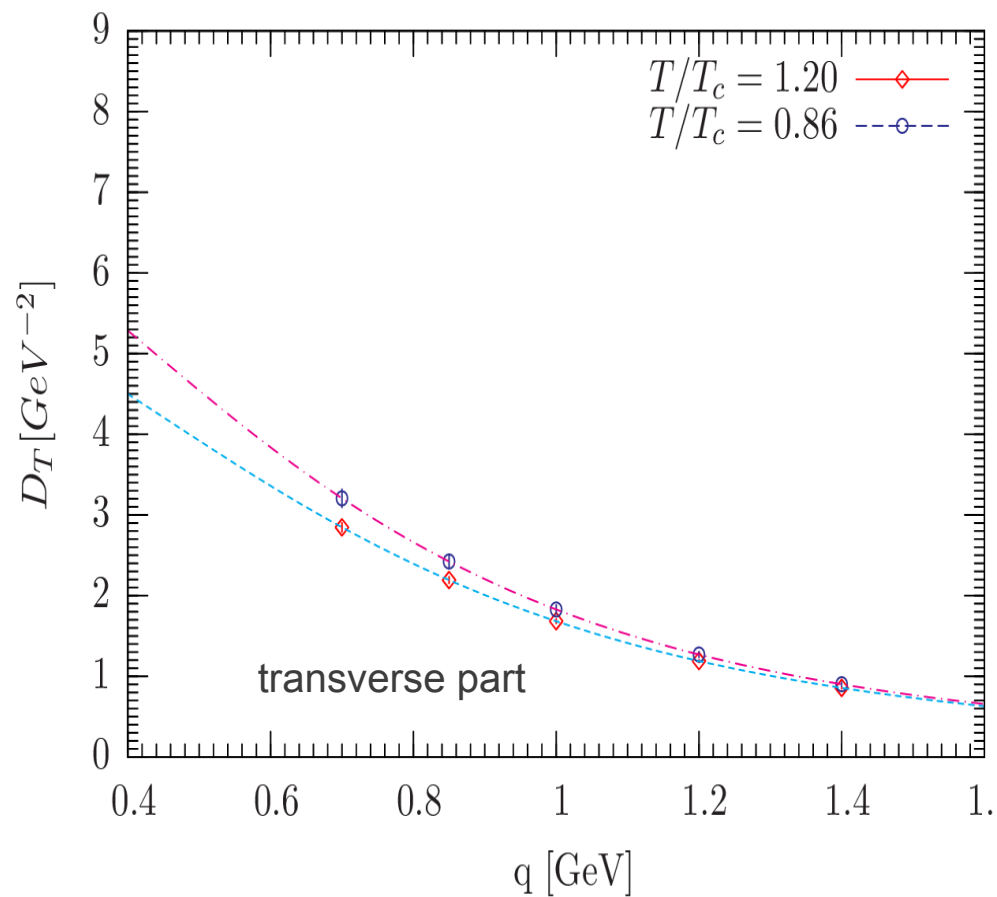
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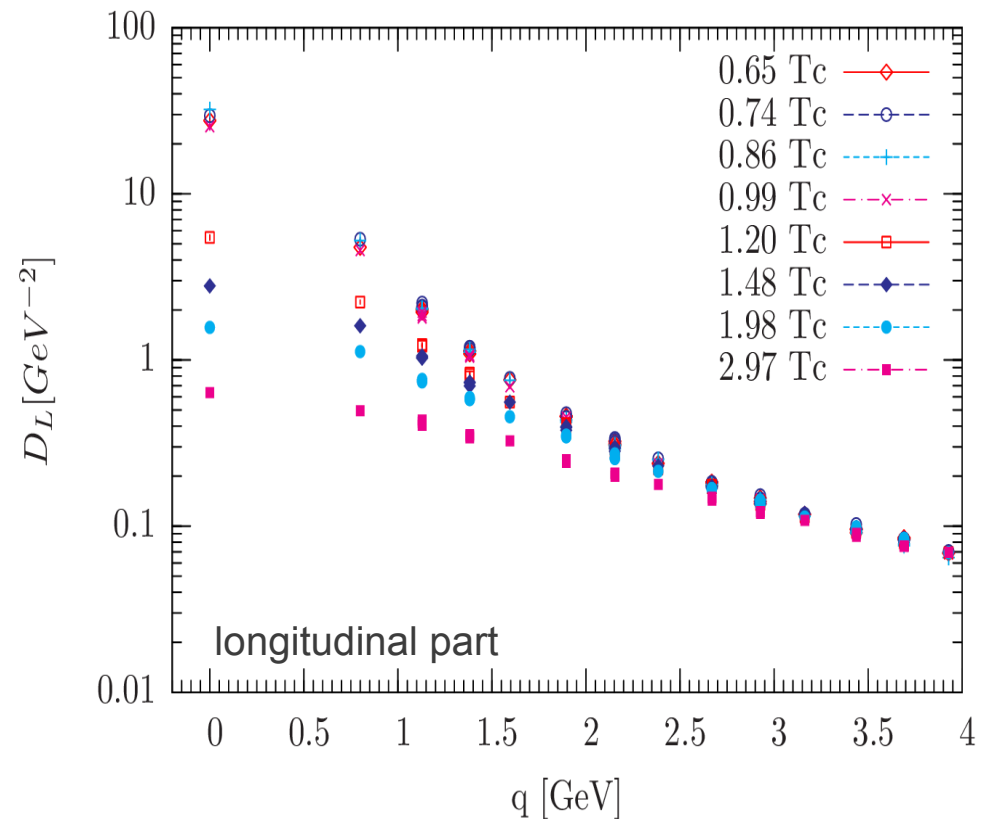
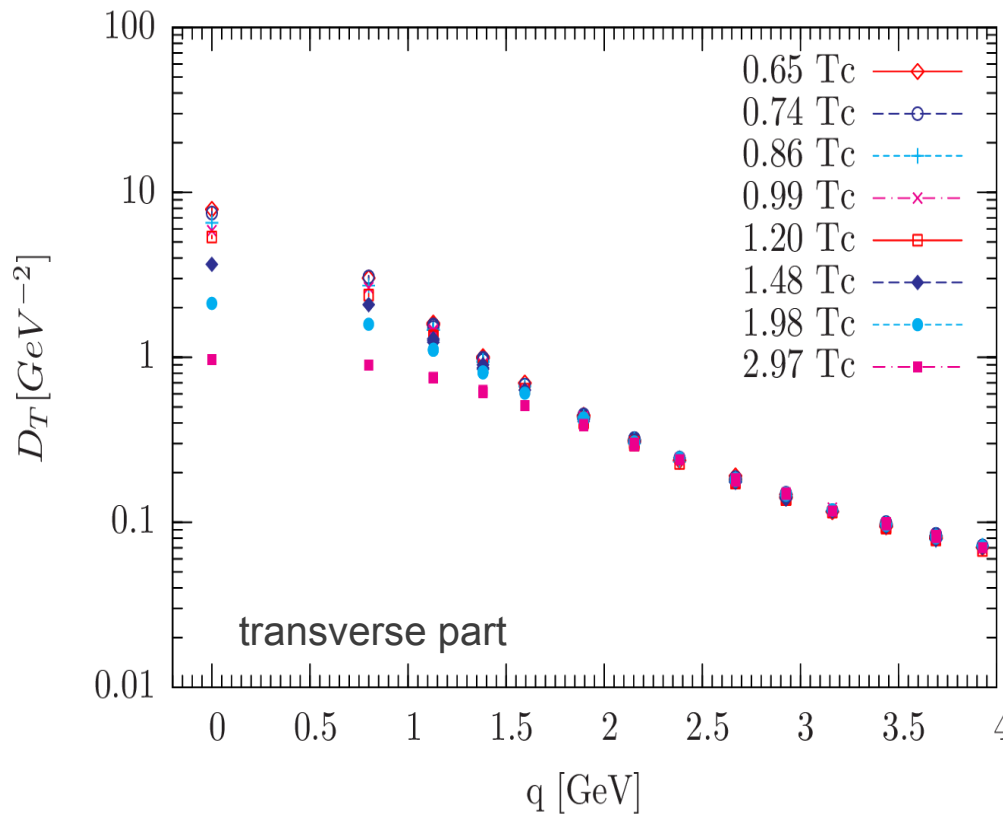
Continuum-limit extrapolated data + interpolation lines



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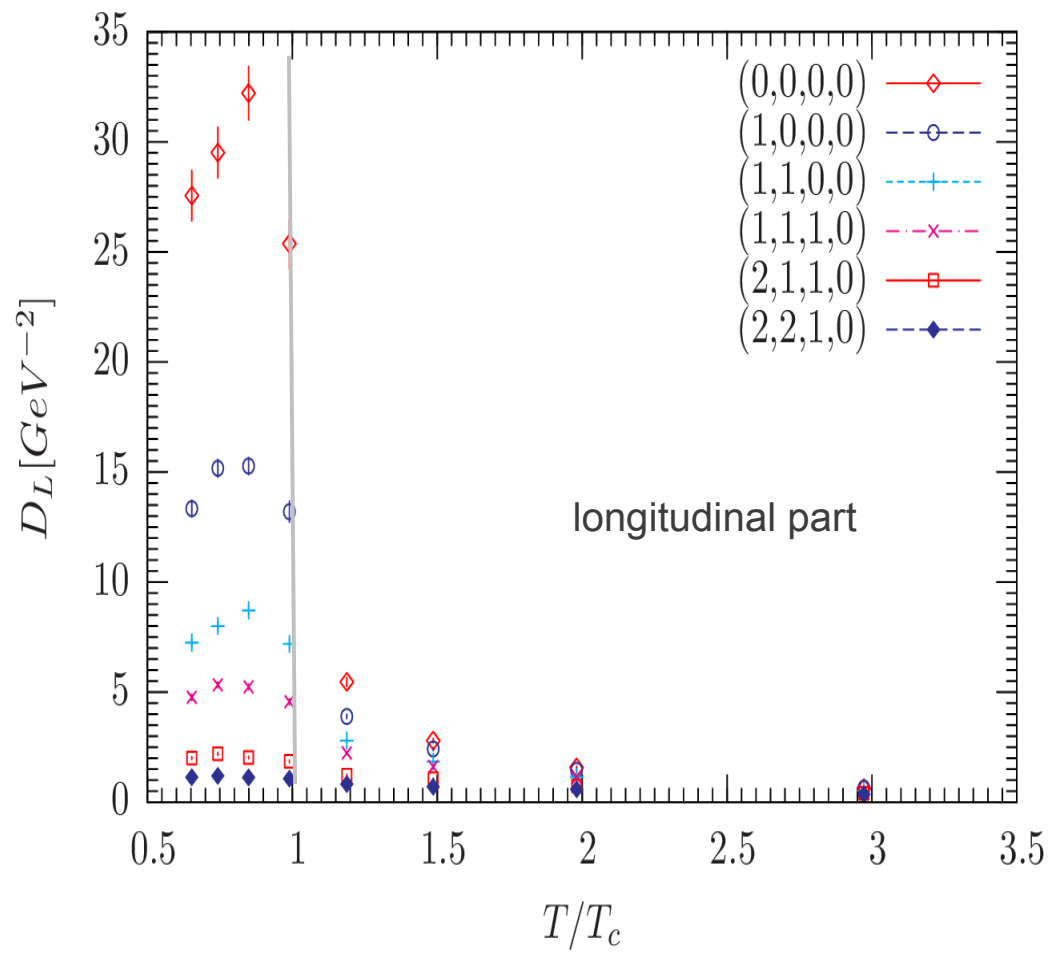
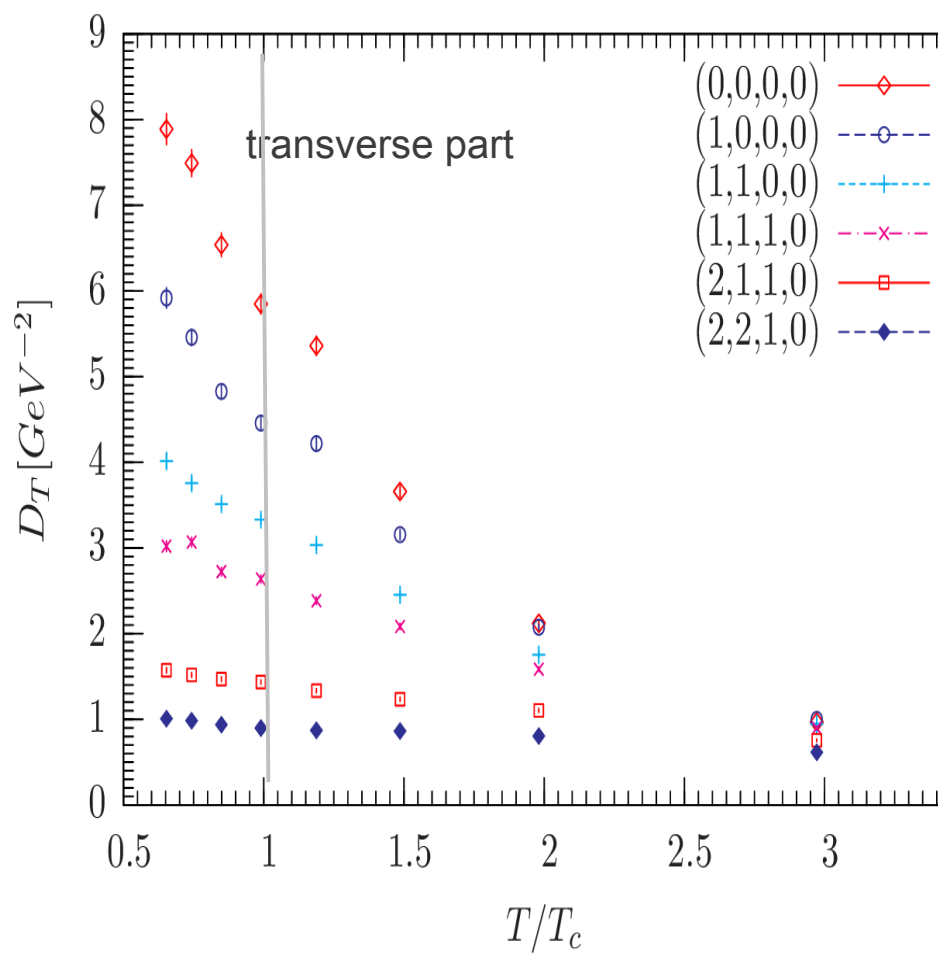
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Summary $N_f = 0$

Gluon

- Z_T changes smoothly from below to above T_c
- Z_L changes significantly from below to above T_c
- temperature dependence as found, e.g., in [Fischer, Maas, Müller (2010)]
- Find clear Gribov-copy and finite-volume effects at low momenta
- For $0.6 \leq q \leq 8.0 \text{ MeV}$ we give interpolation formula

$$Z_{Z,L}^{\text{fit}} = q^2 \frac{c \cdot (1 + dq^2)}{(q^2 + r^2)^2} \quad \rightarrow \text{input to FRGE / DSE studies}$$

Ghost

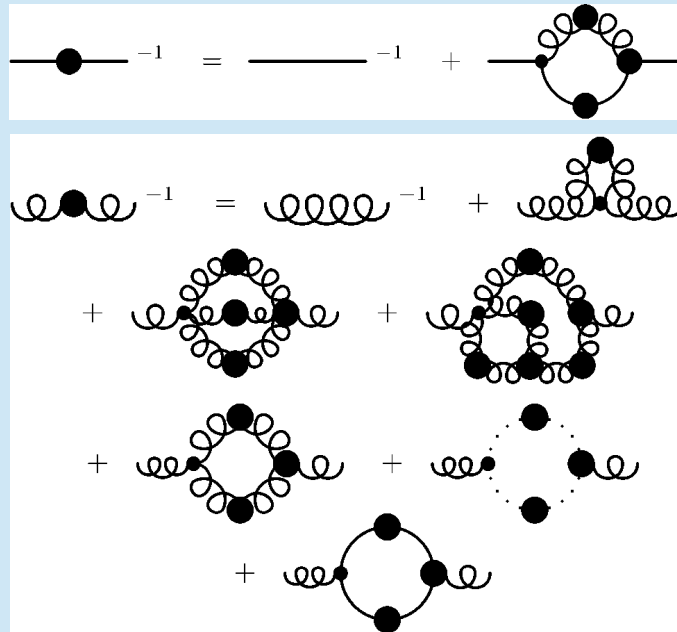
- Shows a weak temperature dependence at low momenta

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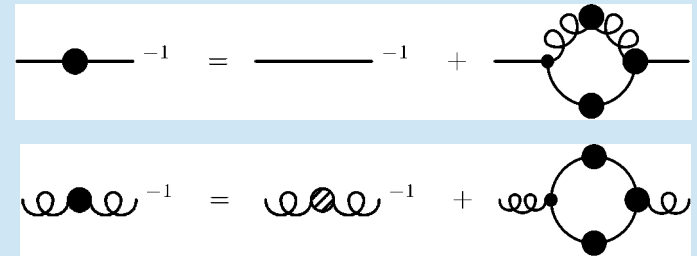
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Full DSEs



Fischer et al. (2009) Truncated DSEs



Lattice (fin.T, nf=0)

Lattice data for finite T, **nf>0** needed

How good is this truncation?

Lattice studies $(N_f = 2)$

Gluon + ghost propagators at finite T

- Furui and Nakajima (2007):
momentum dependence $T \rightarrow T_c \rightarrow T$, screening masses, ghost condensate
- Bornyakov, Mitrjushkin (2011):
Only gluon propagator, momentum dependence $T > T_c > T$, Gribov-copy effects, screening masses
- Aouane et al. (2012):
momentum dependence changes smoothly for $T \rightarrow T_c \rightarrow T$, $m_\pi = 320..470 \text{ MeV}$, interpolation of data $\rightarrow$ input to DSE studies

Gluon dressing functions

$$N_f = 2$$

Setup

- Tree-level Symanzik-improved Wilson gauge action

$$3.84 \leq \beta \leq 4.07$$

$$T^{-1} = N_T a(\beta)$$

- Two flavours of twisted-mass fermions (tmfT collaboration)

$$N_s = 32, \quad N_T = 12$$

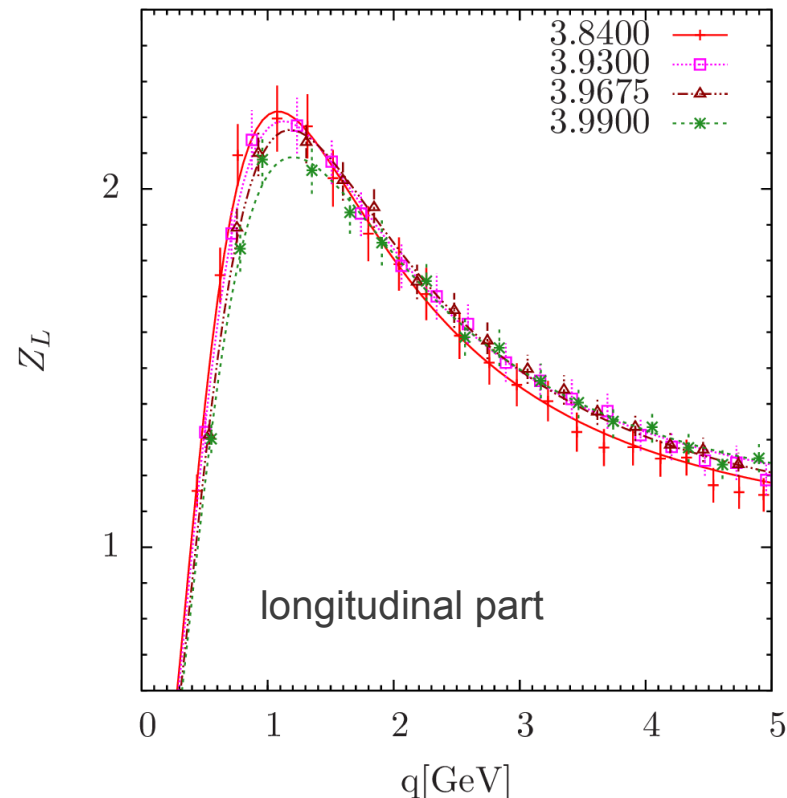
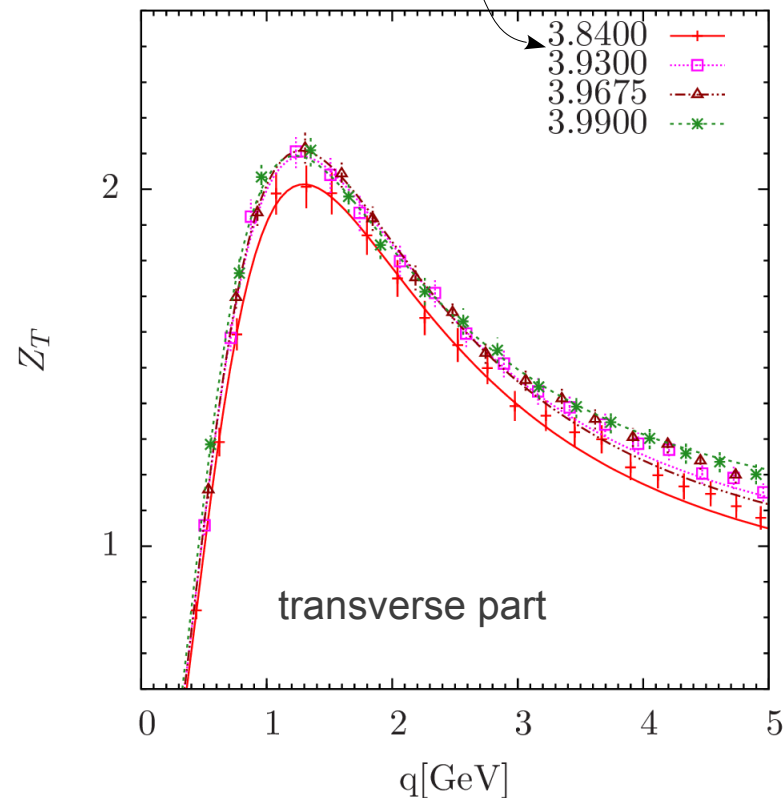
- Pion masses: $m_\pi = 316, 398, 469 \text{ MeV}$ (smooth crossover expected)

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$$m_\pi \approx 316 \text{ MeV}$$

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(unrenormalized)

Interpolation function:
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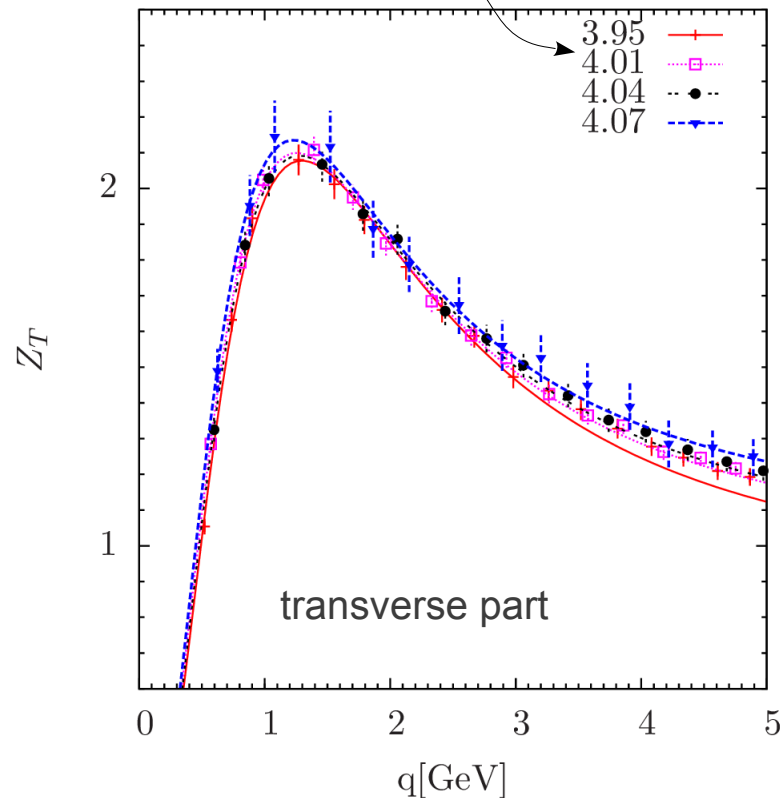
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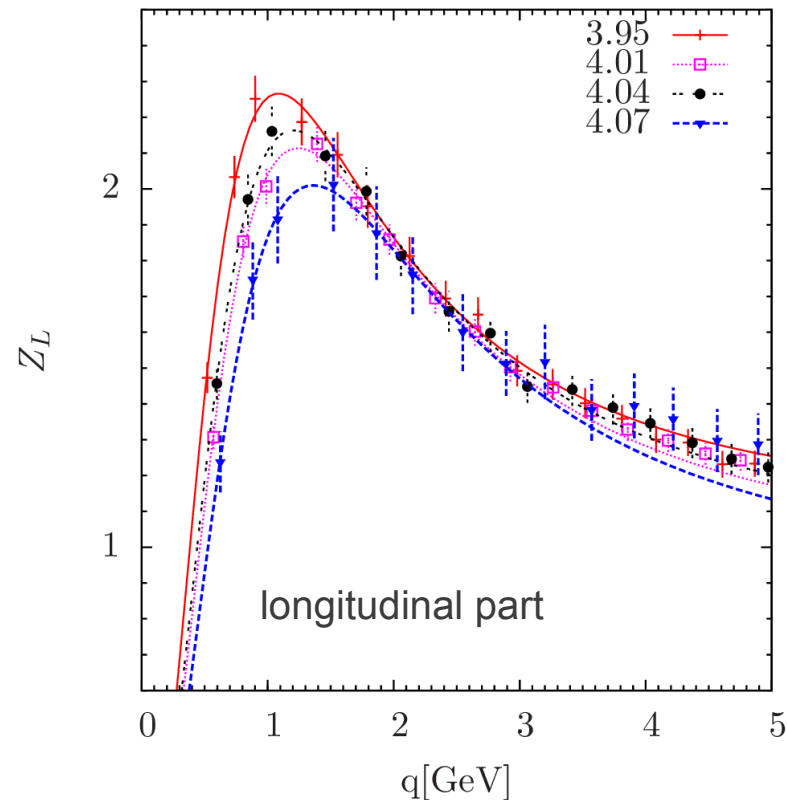
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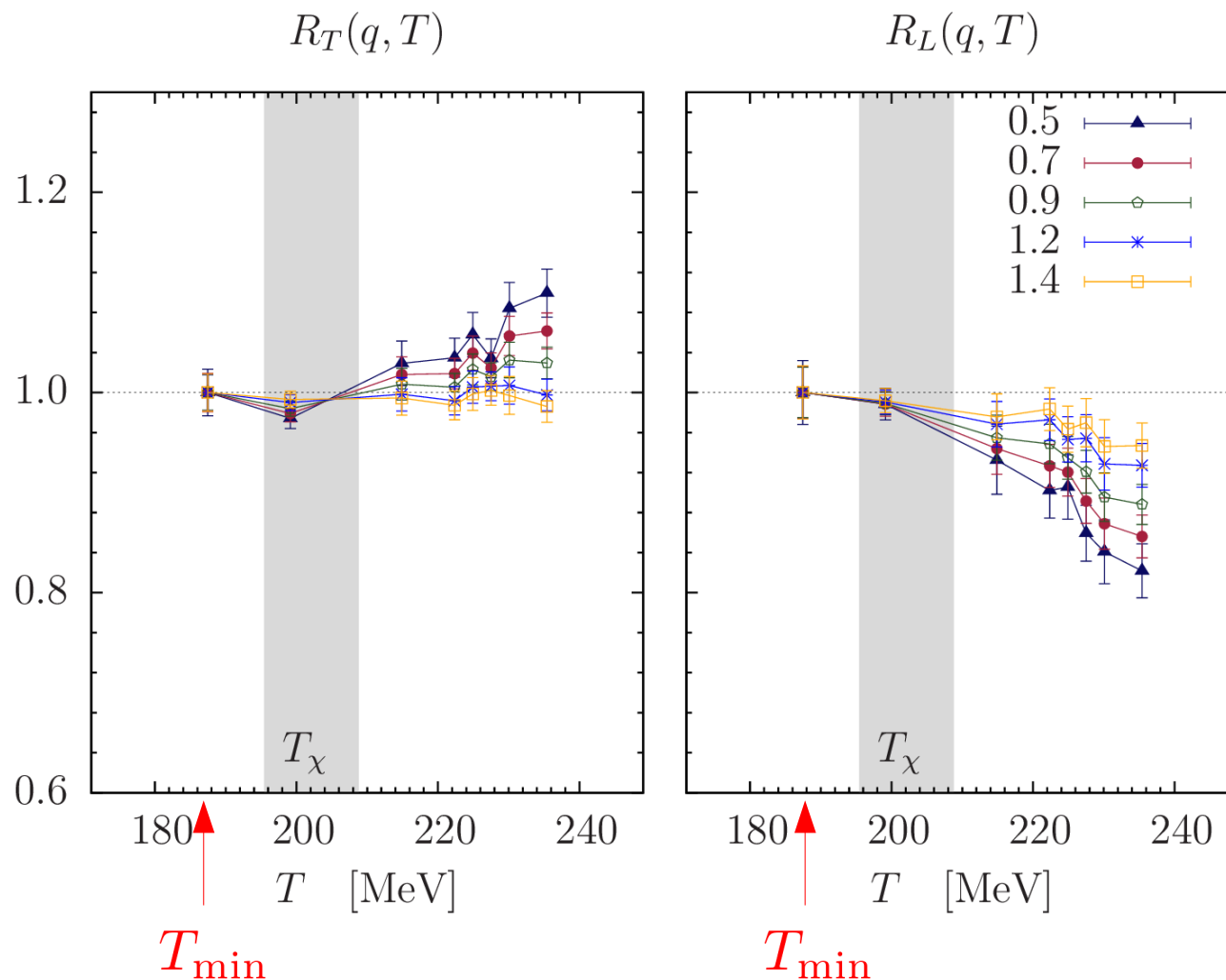
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Ratios for selected momenta

$$R_{T,L}(q, T) = \frac{D_{T,L}^{\text{ren}}(q, T)}{D_{T,L}^{\text{ren}}(q, T_{\text{min}})}$$



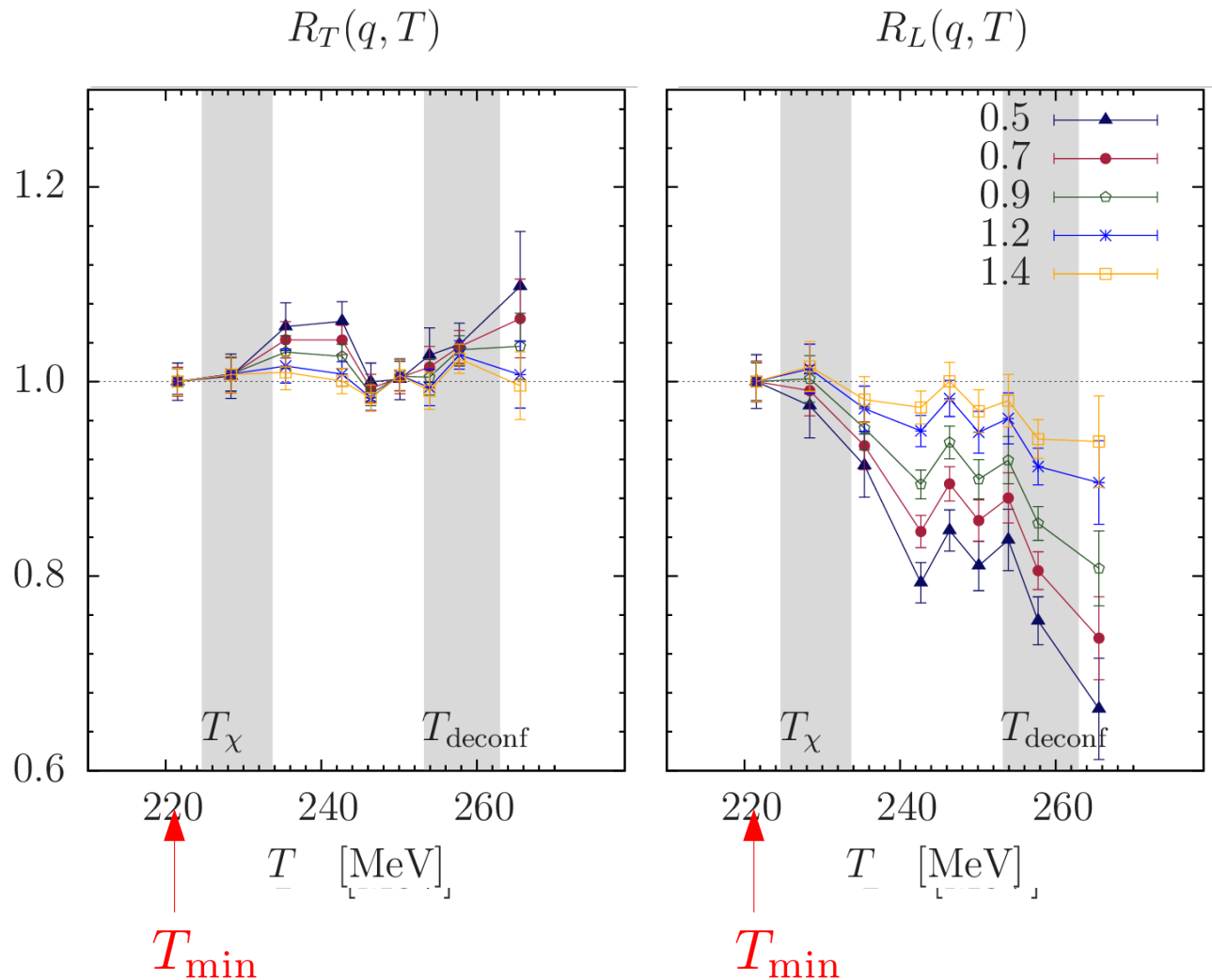
Gluon dressing function

$$N_f = 2$$

$$m_\pi \approx 469 \text{ MeV}$$

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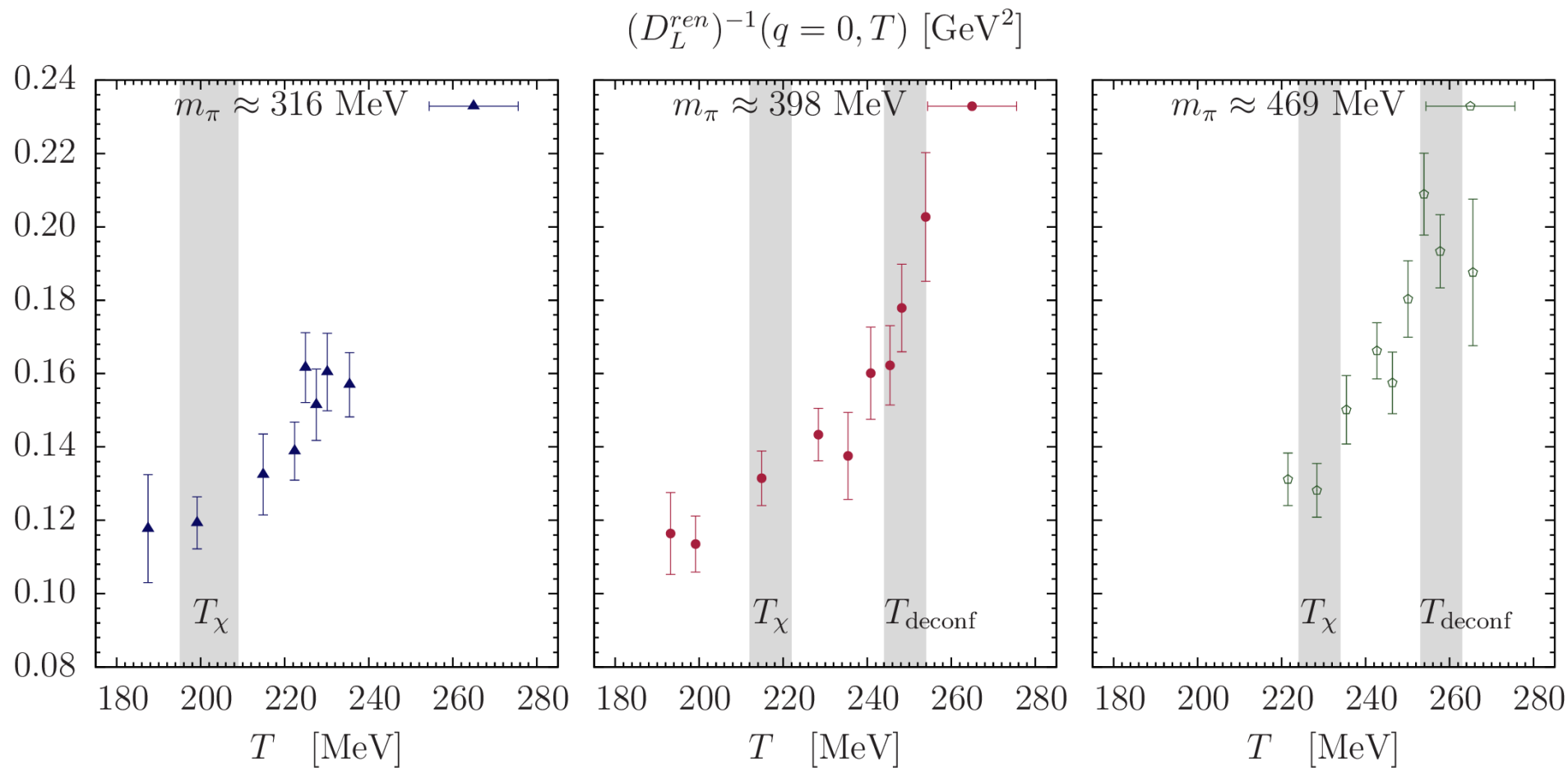
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Gluon dressing function

$$N_f = 2$$

At **zero** momentum



Ghost propagator

Yet another Landau-gauge two-point function

- Relevant for example for the gluon DSE
- Can be estimated on the lattice for finite momentum
- Numerically much more expensive than ghost

$$q_\mu(k_\mu) = \frac{2}{a} \sin\left(\frac{\pi k_\mu}{L_\mu}\right)$$

“Inverse Faddeev-Popov matrix”

$$G^{ab}(q) = \delta^{ab} \frac{J(q)}{q^2} = a^2 \sum_{x,y} \left\langle e^{-2\pi i(k/N) \cdot (x-y)} [\textcolor{red}{M}^{-1}]_{xy}^{ab} \right\rangle$$

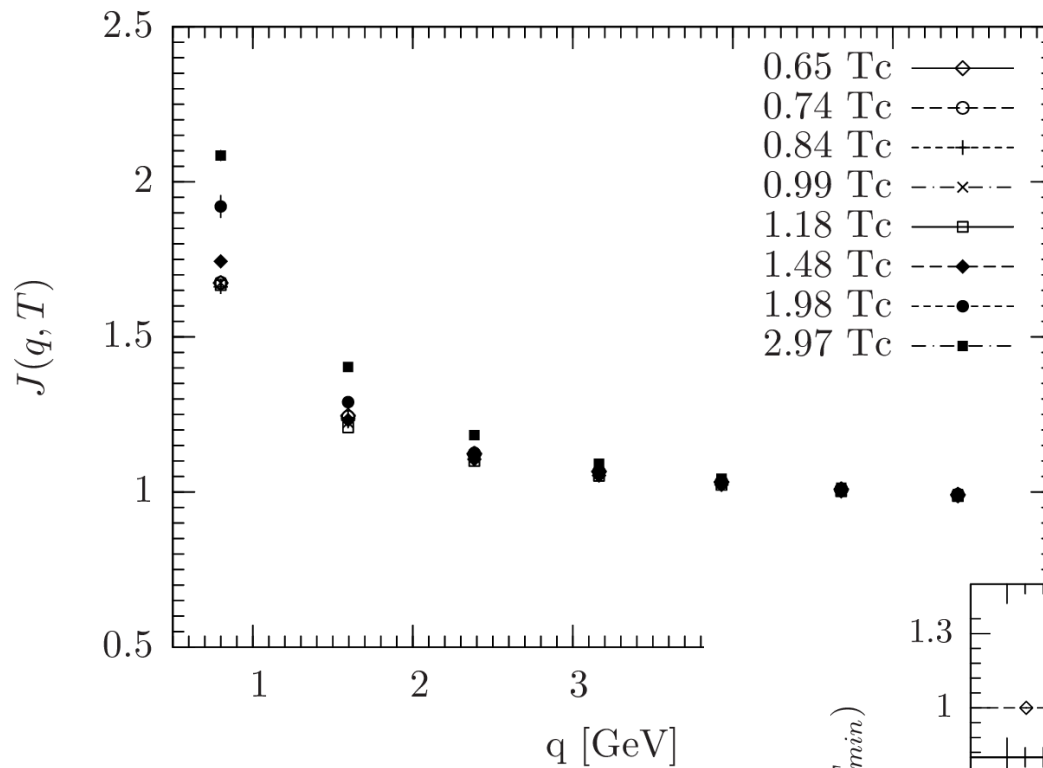
- separate inversion for each momentum
- restrict to diagonal momenta ((1,1,1), (2,2,2),...)
- use accelerated inverter [A.S., PRD75(2005)014507]
 - preconditioned CG
 - improves performance much

$$\textcolor{red}{M}[U = \mathbb{I}] = \Delta^{-1}$$

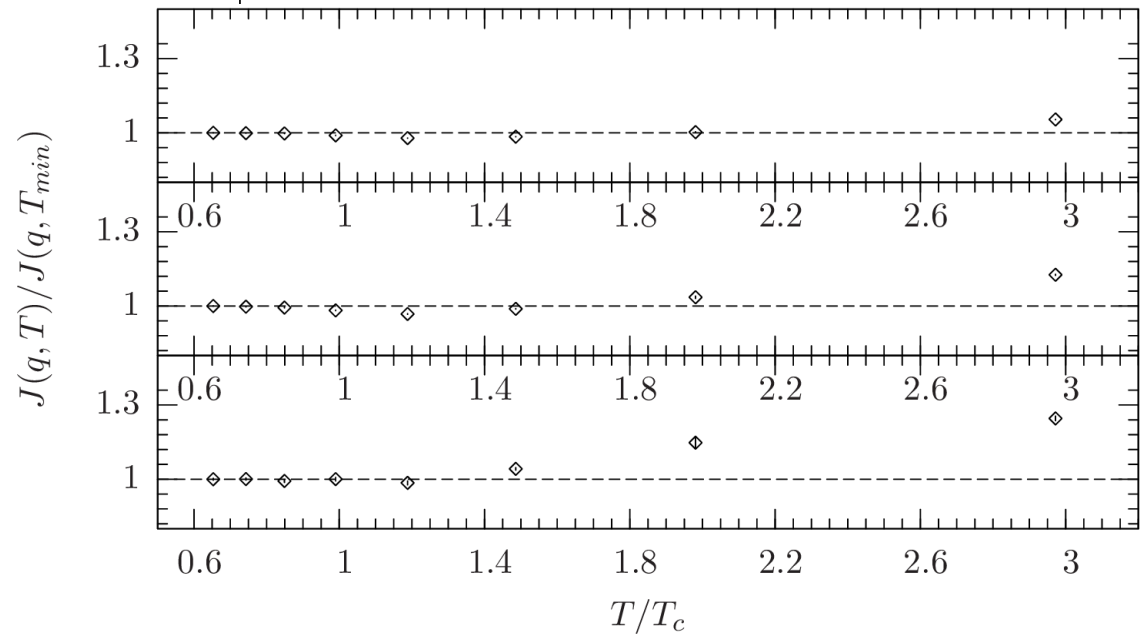
Ghost dressing function

$$N_f = 0$$

$$\beta = 6.337, N_s = 48$$

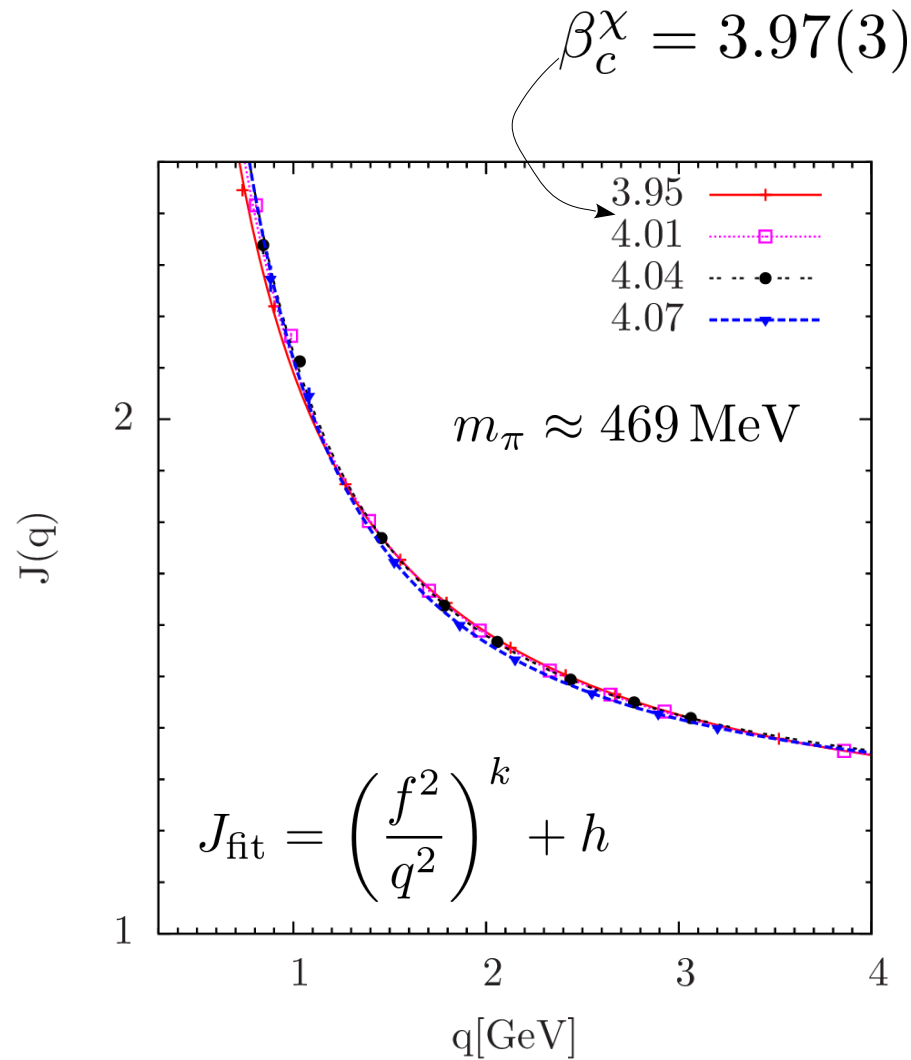
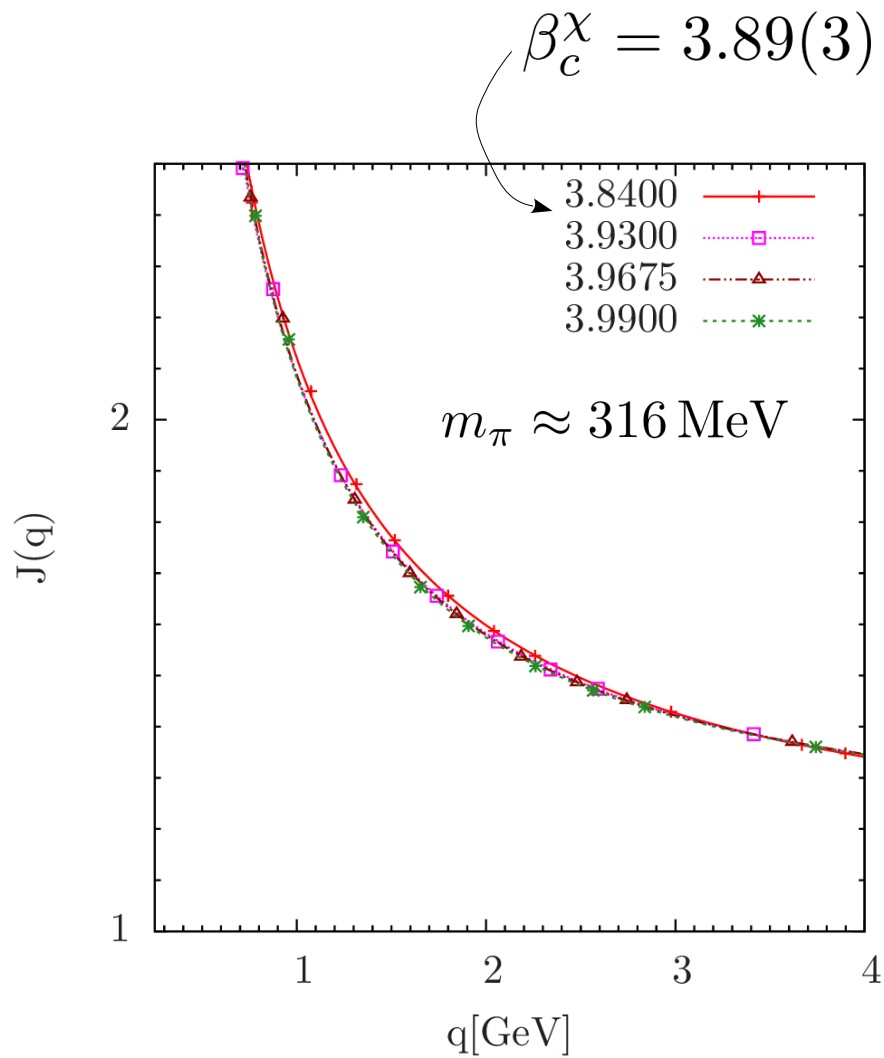


$$R(q, T) = \frac{J^{\text{ren}}(q, T)}{J^{\text{ren}}(q, T_{\text{min}})}$$



Ghost dressing function

$$N_f = 2$$



Summary $N_f = 2$

Gluon

- Z_L and Z_T change smoothly in the crossover region
- Changes for Z_L are larger than for Z_T
- For $0.4 \leq q \leq 3.0 \text{ MeV}$ we give interpolation formula

$$Z_{Z,L}^{\text{fit}} = q^2 \frac{c \cdot (1 + dq^2)}{(q^2 + r^2)^2} \quad \rightarrow \text{input to FRGE / DSE studies}$$

Ghost

- Almost no temperature dependence
- For $0.4 \leq q \leq 3.0 \text{ MeV}$ we give interpolation formula

$$J_{\text{fit}} = \left(\frac{f^2}{q^2} \right)^k + h \quad \rightarrow \text{input to FRGE / DSE studies}$$

Conclusion

Lattice studies of gauge-fixed n-point functions

- can be performed to high-precision
- limit of infinite-volume / continuum has to be taken carefully
- provides important input to Functional methods (DSE,FRGE)
(helps to improve truncations)

Mutual checks (DSE/FRGE $\leftrightarrow$ Lattice QCD)

- successfully performed in the past for $T=0$
- now also for $T>0$

Functional methods

- can complement lattice results
- may provide insight in a regime not accessible on a lattice

Thank you for your attention!