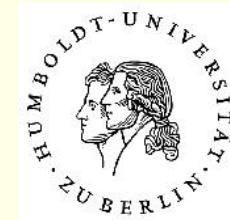


Landau gauge gluon and ghost propagators from lattice QCD

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1. Introduction, motivation: the infrared debate

Why do we consider Landau gauge gluon, ghost, quark propagators and vertex functions?

- ⇒ Allow to fix parameters by comparison with cont. pert. theory:
 Λ_{QCD} , $\langle \bar{\psi} \psi \rangle$, quark masses, $\langle A^2 \rangle$ (?), etc.
 - ⇒ For $T > 0$ allow for determining screening lengths etc.
 - ⇒ Can be used as input for hadron phenomenology:
bound state Bethe-Salpeter and Faddeev eqs. for mesons and baryons,
cf. review Alkofer, Eichmann, Krassnigg, Nicmorus, Chin. Phys. C34 (2010),
arXiv:0912.3105 [hep-ph].
 - ⇒ Their infrared behaviour is related to confinement criteria:
Gribov-Zwanziger, Kugo-Ojima, violation of positivity,....
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- ⇒⇒ Intensive non-perturbative investigations in the continuum and
on the lattice over many years.
 - ⇒⇒ Infrared (IR) limit of special interest.

Landau gauge Green's functions in the continuum determined from
 (truncated) Dyson-Schwinger (DS) and Wetterich funct. RG (FRG) eqs.
 taking into account Slavnov-Taylor identities (STI)

[Alkofer, Aguilar, Boucaud, Dudal, Fischer, Pawłowski, von Smekal, Zwanziger,.. ('97 - '09)]

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{Diagram 1: } \text{Diagram with a shaded loop} = \text{Diagram with a shaded loop} - \frac{1}{2} \text{Diagram with a shaded loop and a gluon loop} \\
 & - \frac{1}{2} \text{Diagram with a shaded loop and a gluon loop} - \frac{1}{6} \text{Diagram with a shaded loop and two gluon loops} \Rightarrow D_{\mu\nu}^{ab} = \delta^{ab} \left(\delta_{\mu\nu} - \frac{q_\mu q_\nu}{q^2} \right) \frac{Z(q^2)}{q^2} \\
 & - \frac{1}{2} \text{Diagram with a shaded loop and a gluon loop} + \text{Diagram with a dashed loop and a shaded loop} \\
 & \text{Diagram 2: } \text{Diagram with a dashed loop} = \text{Diagram with a dashed loop} - \text{Diagram with a dashed loop and a gluon loop} \Rightarrow G^{ab} = \delta^{ab} \frac{J(q^2)}{q^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

Running coupling from ghost-ghost-gluon vertex in a MOM scheme

$$\alpha_s(q^2) \equiv \frac{g^2(\mu)}{4\pi} Z(q^2, \mu^2) \cdot [J(q^2, \mu^2)]^2$$

Renorm. group invariant quantity [von Smekal, Maltman, Sternbeck ('09)].

Infrared “scaling” solution of DS and FRG eqs.

[Alkofer, Fischer, Lerche, Maas, Pawlowski, von Smekal, Zwanziger,... ('97 - '09)]

$$Z(q^2) \propto (q^2)^{\kappa_D}, \quad J(q^2) \propto (q^2)^{-\kappa_G} \quad \text{for } q^2 \rightarrow 0$$

with

$$\kappa_D = 2 \kappa_G + (4 - d)/2 \implies \kappa_D = 2 \kappa_G, \quad \kappa_G \simeq 0.59 \quad \text{for } d = 4$$

is claimed

- to hold without any truncation of the tower of DS or FRG eqs.,
- to be independent of the number of colors N_c ,
- to be consistent with BRST quantization.

Running coupling:

$$\alpha_s(q^2) \rightarrow \text{const.} \quad \text{for } q^2 \rightarrow 0$$

i.e. infrared fixed point as in analytic perturbation theory

[D.V. Shirkov, I.L. Solovtsov ('97 - '02)].

Alternative “decoupling” IR solution

[Boucaud et al. ('06 -'08), Aguilar et al. ('07-'08), Dudal et al. ('05-'08)]

$$\kappa_D = 1, \kappa_G = 0$$

i.e.

$$D(q^2) = Z(q^2)/q^2 \rightarrow \text{const.}, \quad J(q^2) \rightarrow \text{const.}$$

such that

$$\alpha_s(q^2) = \frac{g^2}{4\pi} Z(q^2) \cdot [J(q^2)]^2 \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{for } q^2 \rightarrow 0.$$

Existence has been confirmed.

[Fischer, Maas, Pawlowski, Annals Phys. '09, arXiv:0810-1987 [hep-ph]]

No debate any more on who is right, but about criteria what is the physically correct solution (BRST).

Claim: $J(0)$ can be chosen as an IR boundary condition.

Expect: close relation to the notorious **Gribov problem**.

Question: Relevance for phenomenology ?

IR “scaling” solution for Z , J at a first view in agreement with confinement scenarios:

- Kugo-Ojima confinement criterion [Ojima, Kugo ('78 - '79)]: absence of colored physical states \iff ghost (gluon) propagator more (less) singular than simple pole for $q^2 \rightarrow 0$.
- Gribov-Zwanziger confinement scenario [Gribov ('78), Zwanziger ('89 - ...)]: gauge fields restricted the Gribov region

$$\Omega = \left\{ A_\mu(x) : \partial_\mu A_\mu = 0, M_{FP} \equiv -\partial D(A) \geq 0 \right\}$$

are accumulated at the Gribov horizon $\partial\Omega$:

non-trivial eigenvalues of M_{FP} : $\lambda_0 \rightarrow 0$.

$$\implies \begin{array}{ll} \text{Ghost: } & J(q^2) \rightarrow \infty \\ & \text{for } q^2 \rightarrow 0. \\ \text{Gluon: } & D(q^2) \rightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

There are attempts to modify scenarios such, that IR “decoupling” solution can be accommodated, too. [Dudal et al. ('08 - '09), Kondo ('09)].

The Gribov problem:

- Existence of many gauge copies inside Ω .
- What are the right copies?

Restriction inside Ω to fundamental modular region (FMR) required

$$\Lambda = \left\{ A_\mu(x) : F(A^g) > F(A) \text{ for all } g \neq 1 \right\},$$

i.e. to global extremum of the Landau gauge functional $F(A^g)$?

Answer in the limit of infinite volume [Zwanziger ('04)]:

Non-perturbative quantization requires only restriction to Ω ,

$$\text{i.e. } \delta_\Omega(\partial_\mu A_\mu) \det(-\partial_\mu D_\mu^{ab}) e^{-S_{YM}[A]}.$$

Expectation values taken on Ω or Λ should be equal in the thermodynamic limit.

- What happens on a (finite) torus?
- How Gribov copies influence finite-size effects?

Questions to Yang-Mills theory on the lattice:

- What kind of infrared DS and FRG solutions are supported ?
- What is the influence of Gribov copies on gluon and ghost propagators ?
- Finite-volume effects ?
- Scaling, multiplicative renormalization, continuum limit ?

Lattice investigations of gluon and ghost propagators over many years in

Adelaide: Bonnet, Leinweber, Skullerud, von Smekal, Williams, et al.;

Berlin: Burgio, Ilgenfritz, M.-P., Sternbeck, et al.;

Coimbra: Oliveira, Silva;

Dubna/Protvino: Bakeev, Bogolubsky, Bornyakov, Mitrjushkin;

Hiroshima/Osaka: Nakagawa, A. Nakamura, Saito, Toki, et al.;

Paris: Boucaud, Leroy, Pene, et al.;

San Carlos: Cucchieri, Maas, Mendes;

Tübingen: Bloch, Langfeld, Reinhardt, Watson et al.;

Utsunomiya: Furui, Nakajima.

2. How to compute Landau gauge gluon and ghost propagators on the lattice

- i) Generate lattice discretized gauge fields $U = \{U_{x,\mu} \equiv e^{iag_0 A_\mu(x)} \in SU(N_c)\}$ by MC simulation from path integral

$$Z_{\text{Latt}} = \int \prod_{x,\mu} [dU_{x,\mu}] (\det Q(\kappa, U))^{N_f} \exp(-S_G(U))$$

– standard Wilson plaquette action

$$\begin{aligned} S_G(U) &= \beta \sum_x \sum_{\mu < \nu} \left(1 - \frac{1}{N_c} \operatorname{\Re e} \operatorname{tr} U_{x,\mu\nu} \right), \\ U_{x,\mu\nu} &\equiv U_{x,\mu} U_{x+\hat{\mu},\nu} U_{x+\hat{\nu},\mu}^\dagger U_{x,\nu}^\dagger, \quad \beta \equiv 2N_c/g_0^2 \end{aligned}$$

– (clover-improved) Dirac-Wilson fermion operator $Q(\kappa, U)$:

$N_f = 0$ – pure gauge case,

$N_f = 2$ – full QCD with equal bare quark masses $ma = 1/2\kappa - 1/2\kappa_c$,

$a(\beta)$ – lattice spacing.

- ii) Z_{Latt} is simulated with (Hybrid) MC method **without gauge fixing**.
- iii) Fix Landau gauge for U :

$$U_{x\mu}^g = g_x \cdot U_{x\mu} \cdot g_{x+\hat{\mu}}^\dagger$$

standard orbits: $\{g_x\}$ periodic on the lattice;

extended orbits: $\{g_x\}$ periodic up to global $Z(N)$ transformations;

Standard (linear) definition $\mathcal{A}_{x+\hat{\mu}/2,\mu} = \frac{1}{2iag_0} (U_{x\mu} - U_{x\mu}^\dagger)|_{\text{traceless}}$

$$(\partial \mathcal{A})_x = \sum_{\mu=1}^4 (\mathcal{A}_{x+\hat{\mu}/2;\mu} - \mathcal{A}_{x-\hat{\mu}/2;\mu}) = 0$$

equivalent to minimizing the gauge functional

$$F_U(g) = \sum_{x,\mu} \left(1 - \frac{1}{N_c} \Re \operatorname{tr} U_{x\mu}^g \right) = \text{Min. .}$$

For uniqueness (FMR) one requires to find the **global minimum**

[Parrinello, Jona-Lasinio ('90), Zwanziger ('90)].

Well understood in compact $U(1)$ theory in order to get

e.g. massless photon propagator [A. Nakamura, Plewnia ('91);

Bogolubsky, Bornyakov, Mitrjushkin, M.-P., Peters, Zverev ('93-'99)].

Optimized minimization in (our) practice: simulated annealing (SA) + overrelaxation (OR)

Gribov problem: global minimum of $F_U(g)$ very hard or impossible to find.

"Best copy strategy": repeated initial random gauges

- ⇒ best copies (bc) from subsequent SA + OR minimizations,
- ⇒ compared with first (random) copies (fc)).

iv) Compute propagators

- Gluon propagator:

$$D_{\mu\nu}^{ab}(q) = \left\langle \tilde{A}_\mu^a(k) \tilde{A}_\nu^b(-k) \right\rangle \equiv \delta^{ab} \left(\delta_{\mu\nu} - \frac{q_\mu q_\nu}{q^2} \right) D(q^2)$$

for lattice momenta

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

with (cylinder and cone) cuts in order to suppress artifacts of lattice discretization and geometry.

- Ghost propagator:

$$G^{ab}(q) = \frac{1}{V(4)} \sum_{x,y} \left\langle e^{-2\pi i k \cdot (x-y)} [M^{-1}]_{xy}^{ab} \right\rangle \equiv \delta^{ab} G(q).$$

$M \sim \partial_\mu D_\mu$ - Landau gauge Faddeev-Popov operator

$$M_{xy}^{ab}(U) = \sum_\mu A_{x,\mu}^{ab}(U) \delta_{x,y} - B_{x,\mu}^{ab}(U) \delta_{x+\hat{\mu},y} - C_{x,\mu}^{ab}(U) \delta_{x-\hat{\mu},y}$$

$$\begin{aligned} A_{x,\mu}^{ab} &= \Re \operatorname{tr} \left[\{T^a, T^b\} (U_{x,\mu} + U_{x-\hat{\mu},\mu}) \right], \\ B_{x,\mu}^{ab} &= 2 \cdot \Re \operatorname{tr} \left[T^b T^a U_{x,\mu} \right], \\ C_{x,\mu}^{ab} &= 2 \cdot \Re \operatorname{tr} \left[T^a T^b U_{x-\hat{\mu},\mu} \right], \quad \operatorname{tr}[T^a T^b] = \delta^{ab}/2. \end{aligned}$$

M^{-1} from solving

$$M_{xy}^{ab} \phi^b(y) = \psi_c^a(x) \equiv \delta^{ac} \exp(2\pi i k \cdot x)$$

with (preconditioned) conjugate gradient algorithm.

3. Results for gluon, ghost propagators and the running coupling and the running coupling in lattice quenched and full QCD

- Pure gauge case $N_f = 0$:

$$\begin{aligned}\beta &= 5.7, 5.8, 6.0, 6.2; \quad 12^4, \dots, 56^4, \quad aL_{max} \simeq 9.5\text{fm}; \\ \beta &= 5.7; \quad 64^4, \dots, 96^4, \quad aL_{max} \simeq 16.3\text{fm}.\end{aligned}$$

- Full QCD case $N_f = 2$:

thanks: configurations provided by QCDSF - collaboration,

$$\begin{aligned}\beta &= 5.29, 5.25; \text{ mass parameter } \kappa = 0.135, \dots, 0.13575; \\ 16^3 \times 32, \quad 24^3 \times 48.\end{aligned}$$

- Results for propagators / dressing functions and α_s

$$\text{Gluon} \quad Z(q^2) \equiv q^2 D(q^2), \quad \text{Ghost} \quad J(q^2) \equiv q^2 G(q^2)$$

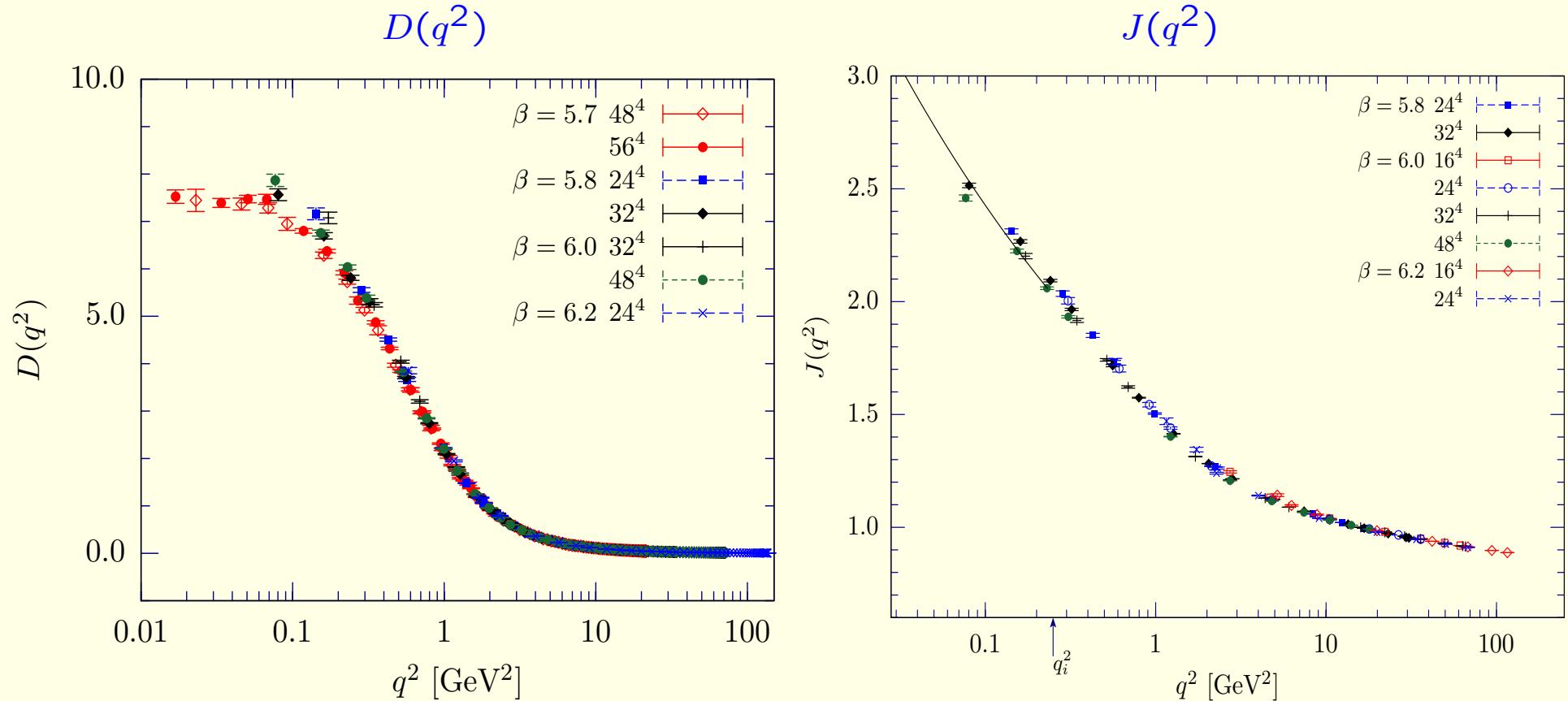
as well as ghost-ghost-gluon vertex and Kugo-Ojima parameter.

- Propagators at $T > 0$ studied, too.

First results: Gluon propagator and ghost dressing function

quenched QCD ($N_f = 0$), renorm. pt.: $q = \mu = 4\text{GeV}$, first OR copies

[Sternbeck, Ilgenfritz, M.-P., Schiller, PRD 72 (2006), Proc. IRQCD '06]

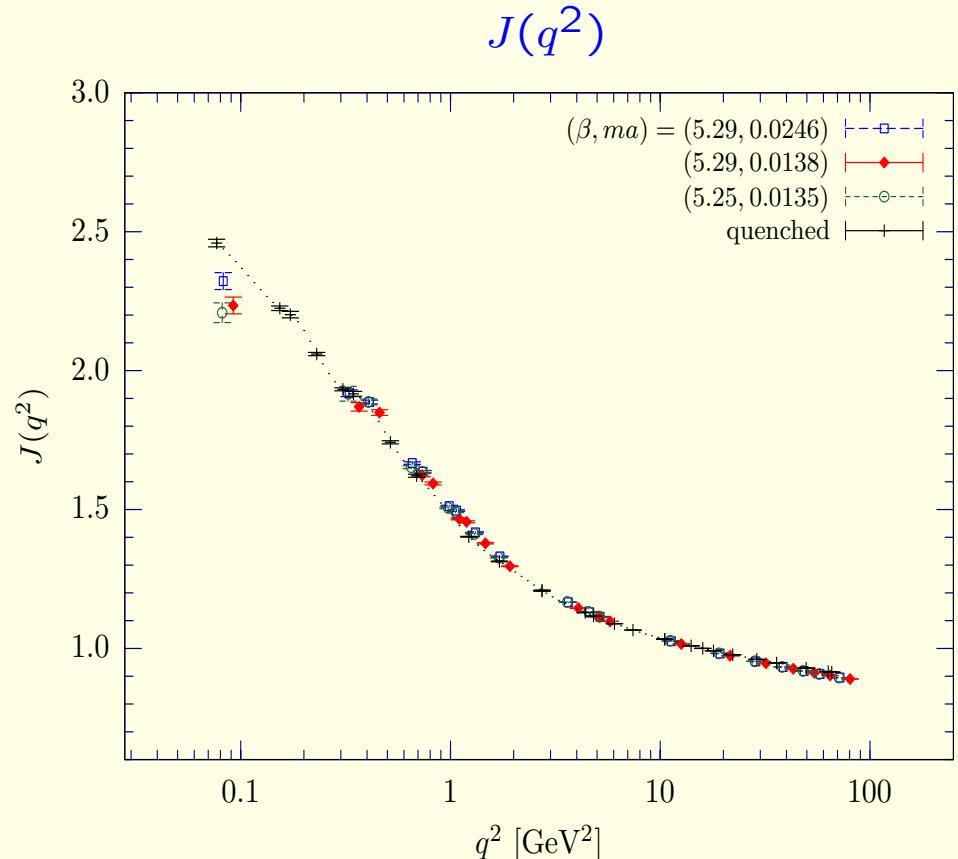
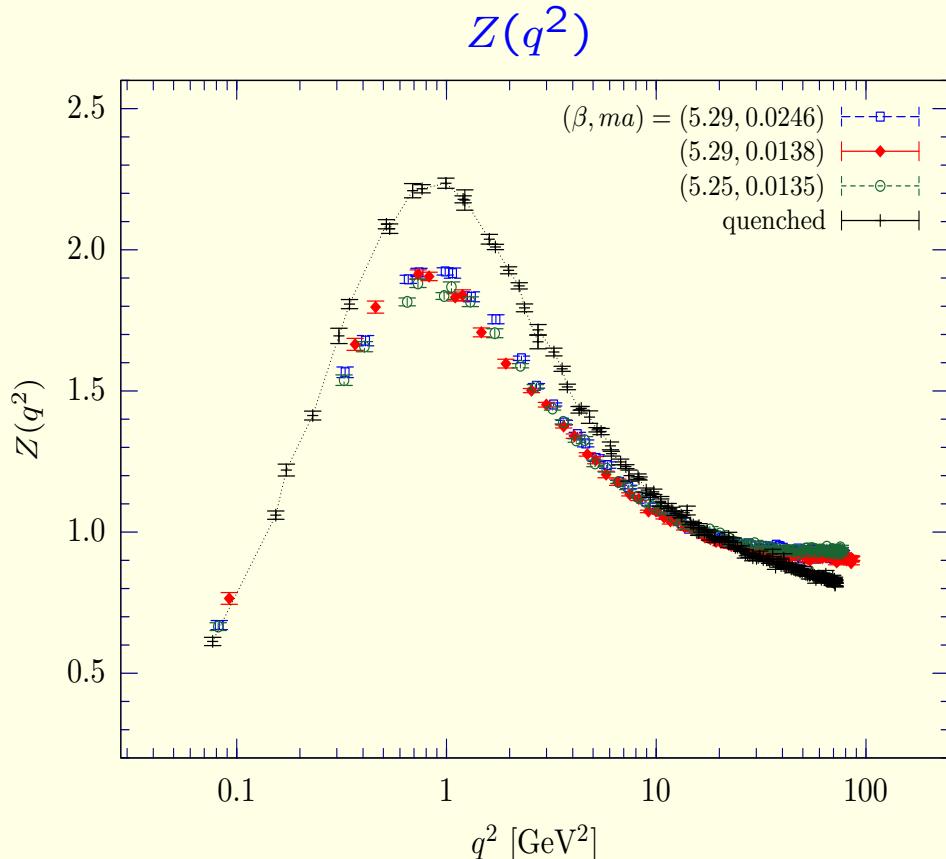


- ⇒ Gluon prop. $D(q^2)$ shows plateau and not $D(q^2) \rightarrow 0$ for $q^2 \rightarrow 0$,
- ⇒ corresponds to an effective gluon mass behaviour.
- ⇒ Ghost dress. fct. $J(q^2)$ power-like, expon. too small for scaling solution.

Gluon and ghost dressing functions

full QCD ($N_f = 2$) versus quenched QCD ($N_f = 0$), renorm. point: $q = \mu = 4\text{GeV}$

[Ilgenfritz, M.-P., Schiller, Sternbeck (A. DiGiacomo 70, '06)]

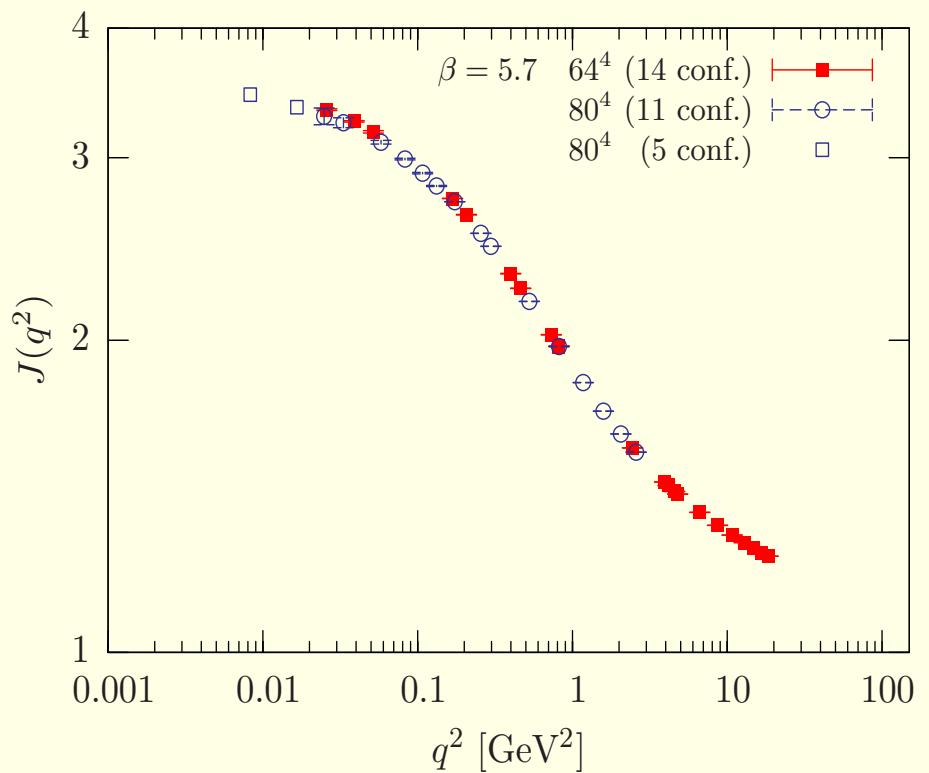
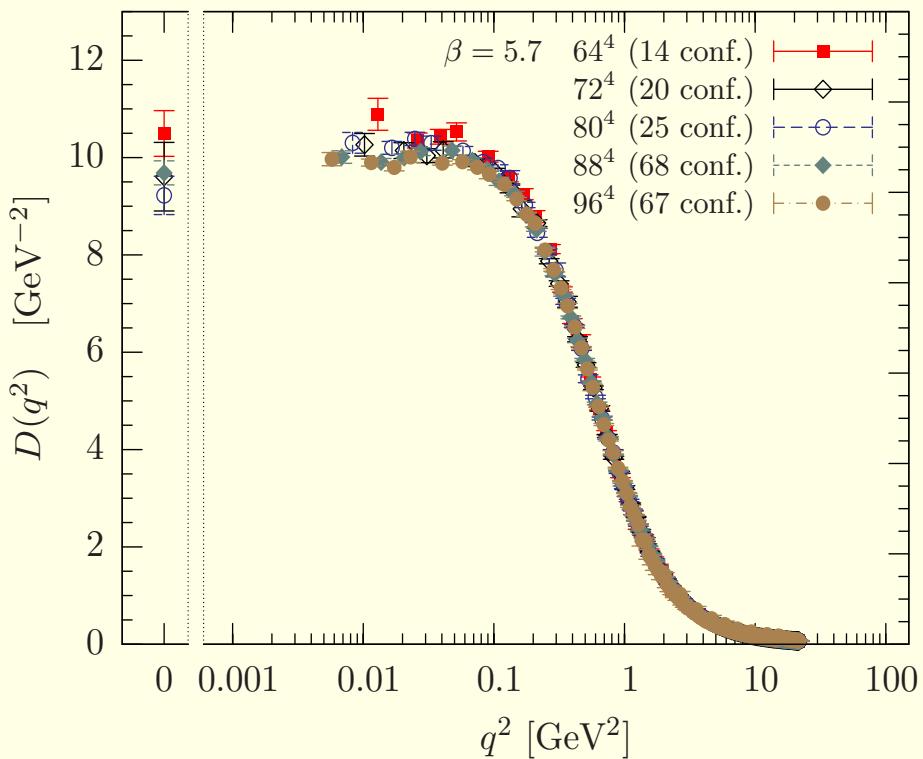


- ⇒ Influence of virtual quark loops in $Z(q^2)$ clearly visible.
- ⇒ No quenching effect in $J(q^2)$, as ghosts do not directly couple to quarks.

Gluon propagator and ghost dressing function on huge volumes

quenched QCD, first but long run SA + OR copies, unrenormalized

[Bogolubsky, Ilgenfritz, M.-P., Sternbeck, PLB 676 (2009)]

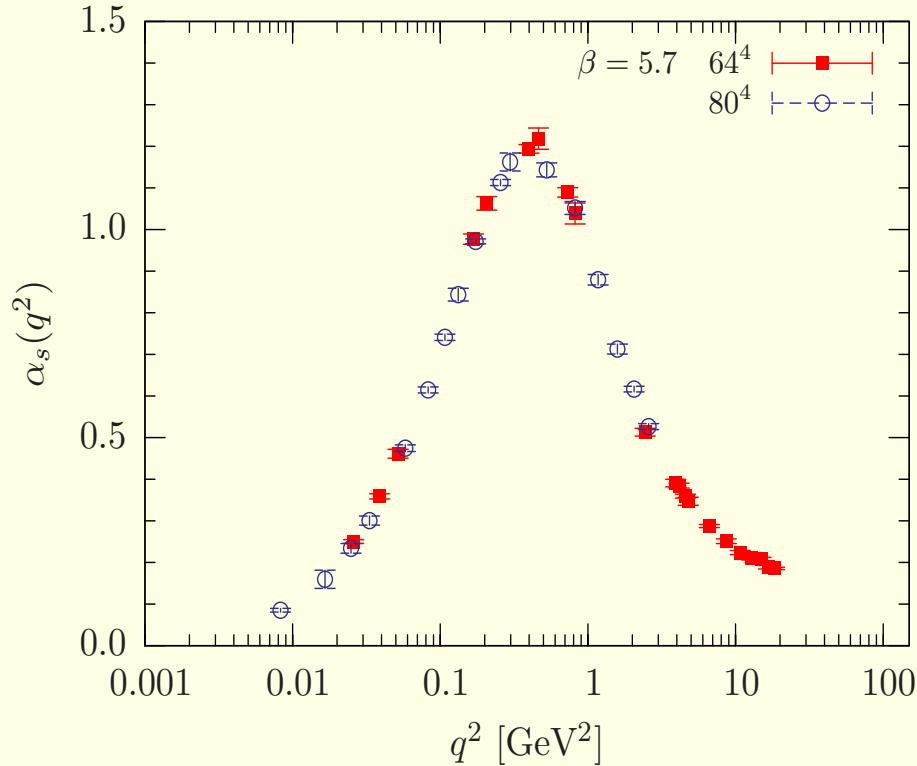


- ⇒ Both $D(q^2)$ and $J(q^2)$ seem to tend to const..
- ⇒ Clear indication for “decoupling” solution.
- ⇒ Here coarse lattices used. Question: continuum limit ?

Result for the running coupling on large volumes

quenched QCD, first but long run SA + OR copies, coarse lattices

[Bogolubsky, Ilgenfritz, M.-P., Sternbeck, PLB 676 (2009),]



- Running coupling not monotonous, $\alpha_s \rightarrow 0$ for $q \rightarrow 0$,
⇒ “decoupling behaviour” .
- Agrees with other lattice studies, in particular for the three-gluon vertex.
- At large q^2 allows to fix $\Lambda_{\overline{MS}}$.

Gluon propagator at $T > 0$

Temperature dependence from $T \equiv 1/aL_\tau$, $L_\tau \ll L_\sigma$.

Separate time and space components, Matsubara frequency $\omega \sim q_4$.

Transverse propagator:

$$D_T \sim \langle \sum_{i=1}^3 A_i^a(q) A_i^a(-q) - \frac{q_4^2}{\bar{q}^2} A_4^a(q) A_4^a(-q) \rangle$$

Longitudinal propagator:

$$D_L \sim (1 + \frac{q_4^2}{\bar{q}^2}) \langle A_4^a(q) A_4^a(-q) \rangle$$

$T > T_c \implies$ spontaneous $Z(3)$ symmetry breaking.

Polyakov loop average $\langle L \rangle$ takes values in 3 sectors.

Real sector = “physical” sector.

[See Cucchieri, Karsch, '00; Bogolubsky, Mitrjushkin, '02; Fischer, Maas, Mueller, '10;]

Here: quenched QCD, gauge fixing – first copies with SA + OR,

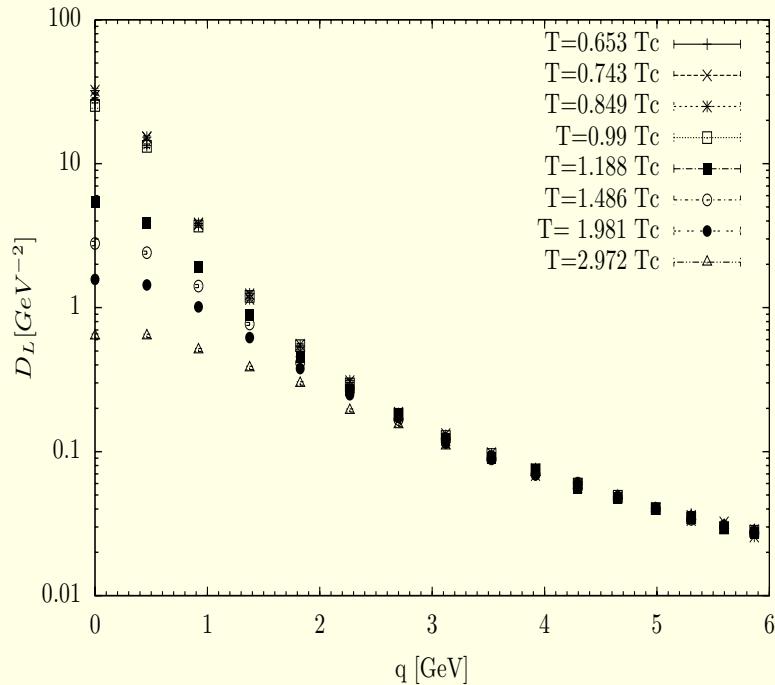
$48^3 \times L_\tau$, $L_\tau = 4, 6, \dots, 18$ varies, spacing $a = a(\beta = 6.337)$ fixed,

$T_c \longleftrightarrow L_\tau = 12$

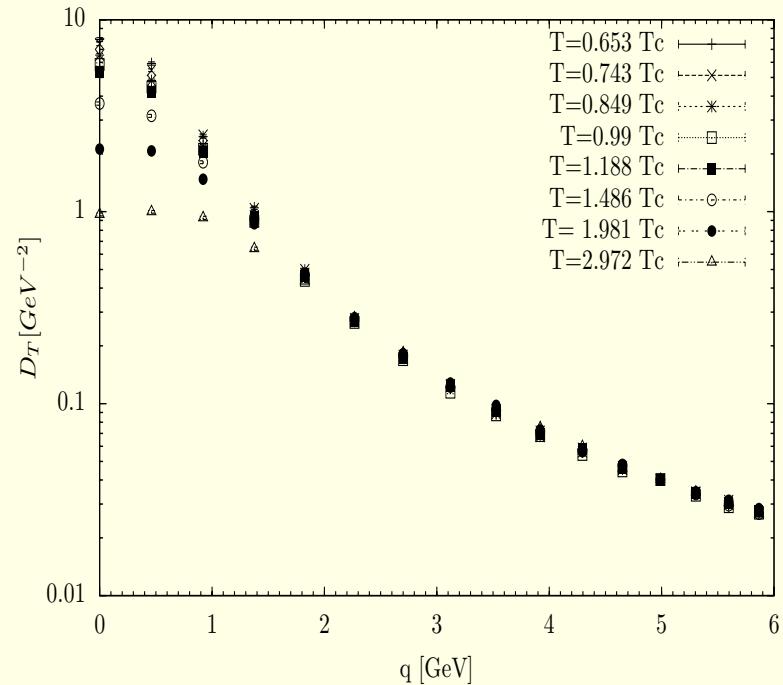
[Aouane, Ilgenfritz, M.-P., Sternbeck, preliminary result]

Renormalized gluon propagators at $T > 0$, $q_4 = 0$

longitudinal gluon propagator

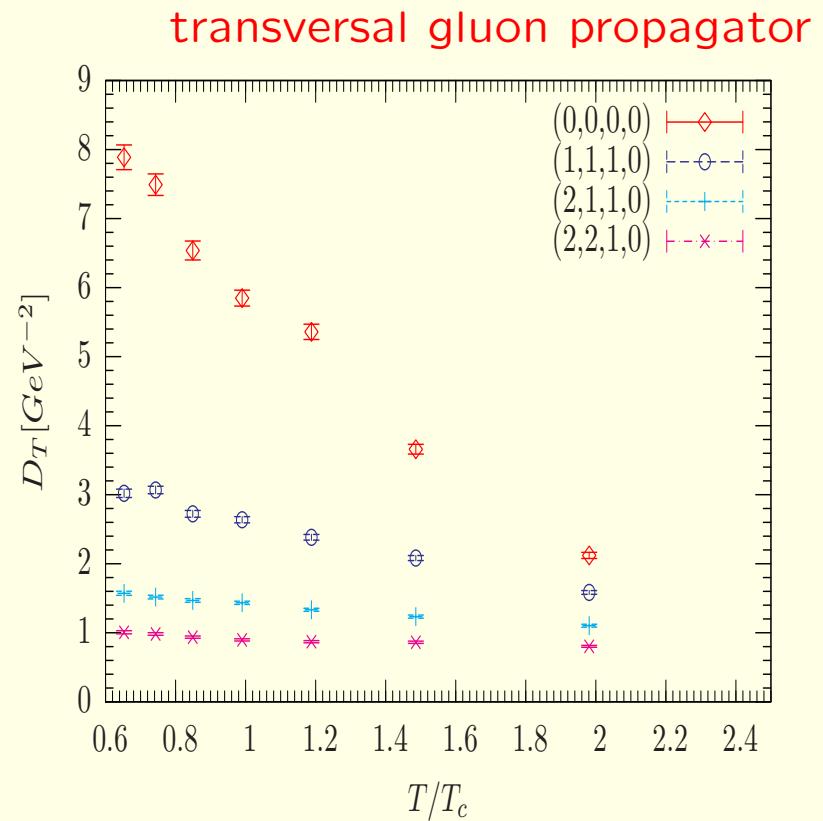
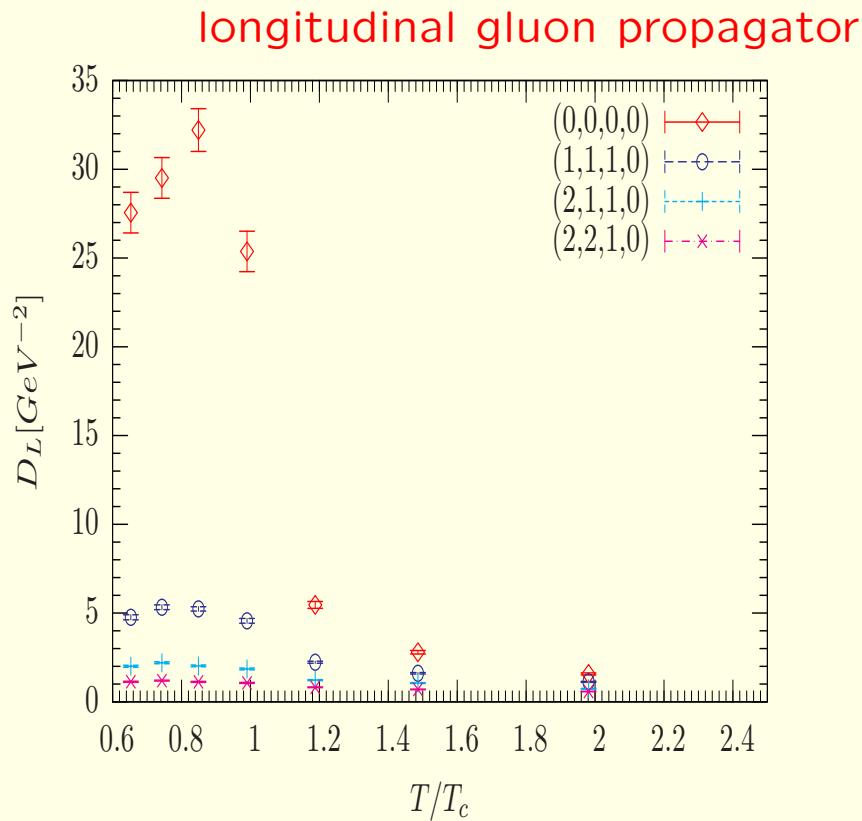


transversal gluon propagator



- ⇒ Gluon propagators depend on T at low momenta.
- ⇒ Not shown: Ghost propagator T -independent.
- ⇒ Longitudinal gluon propagator most sensitive.

Renormalized gluon propagators vs. T at lowest momenta



⇒ Longitudinal propagator at low momenta can serve as "order parameter".

4. Systematic effects: Gribov copies, finite-volume effects, multiplicative renormalization, continuum limit

(a) Universality: gluon and ghost propagators from alternative $A_\mu(x)$ definition

Use logarithmic definition for the lattice gluon field

$$A_{x+\frac{\hat{\mu}}{2},\mu}^{(\log)} = \frac{1}{i a g_0} \log (U_{x,\mu}) ,$$

minimize lattice gauge functional directly translated from continuum

$$F_U^{(\log)}[g] = \sum_{x,\mu} \frac{1}{N_c} \text{tr} \left[{}^g A_{x+\frac{\hat{\mu}}{2},\mu}^{(\log)} {}^g A_{x+\frac{\hat{\mu}}{2},\mu}^{(\log)} \right] .$$

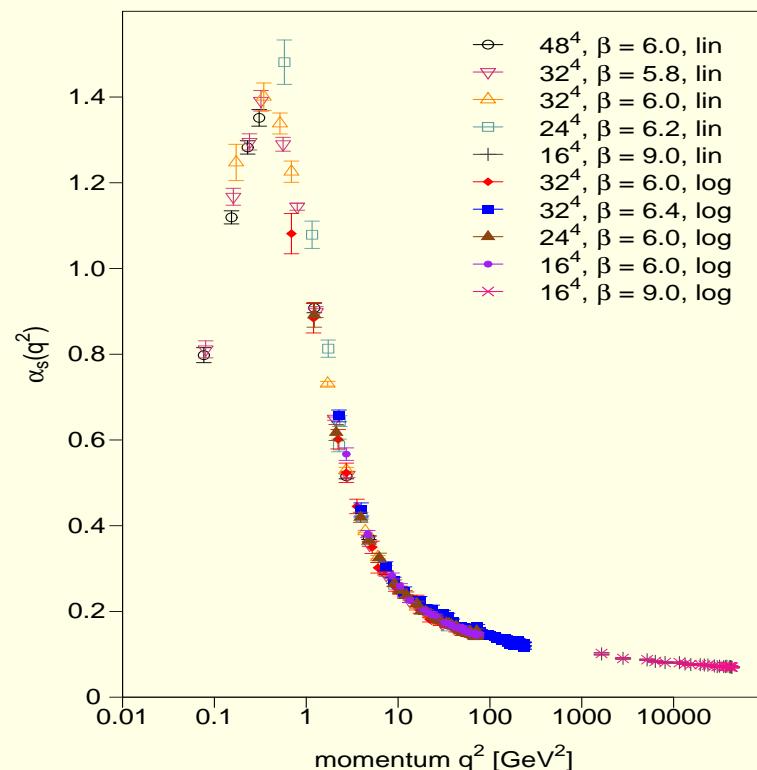
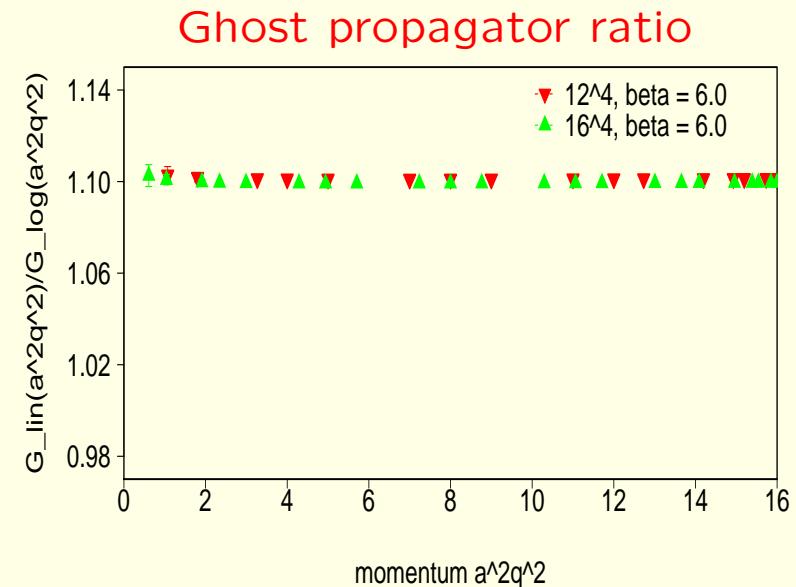
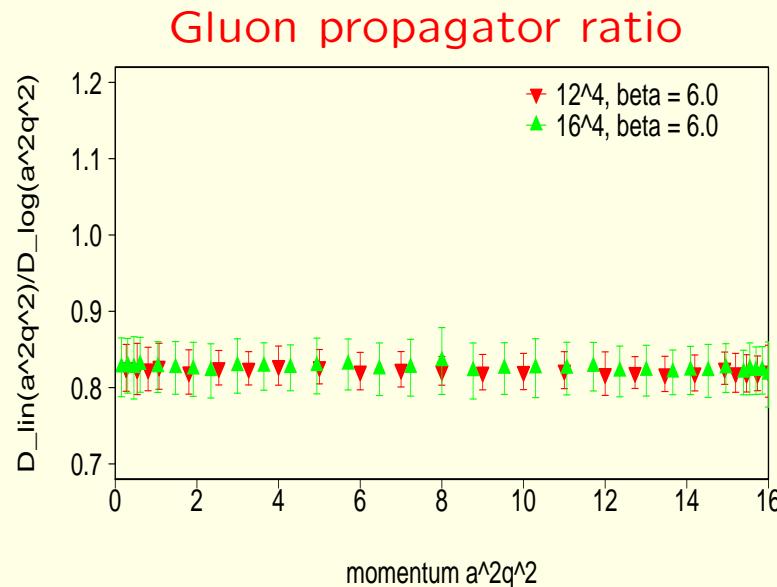
Faddeev-Popov determinant derived accordingly.

Numerical treatment differs: accelerated multigrid algorithm + preconditioning.

- ➡ Compare results for linear and logarithmic definition.
- ➡ Check independence of the running coupling.
- ➡ Compare with stochastic perturbation theory.

Related work: [Petrarca et al., '99; Cucchieri, Karsch, '99; Bogolubsky, Mitrjushkin, '02;...]

Linear definition results vs. logarithmic definition, $\beta = 6.0$



Running coupling

⇒ multipl. renormalizability confirmed.

⇒ $\alpha_s(q^2)$ in given MOM scheme
approx. renorm. independent.

[Ilgenfritz, Menz, M.-P., Schiller, Sternbeck,
arXiv:1010.5120 [hep-lat]]

Monte Carlo vs. numerical stochastic perturbation theory (NSPT)

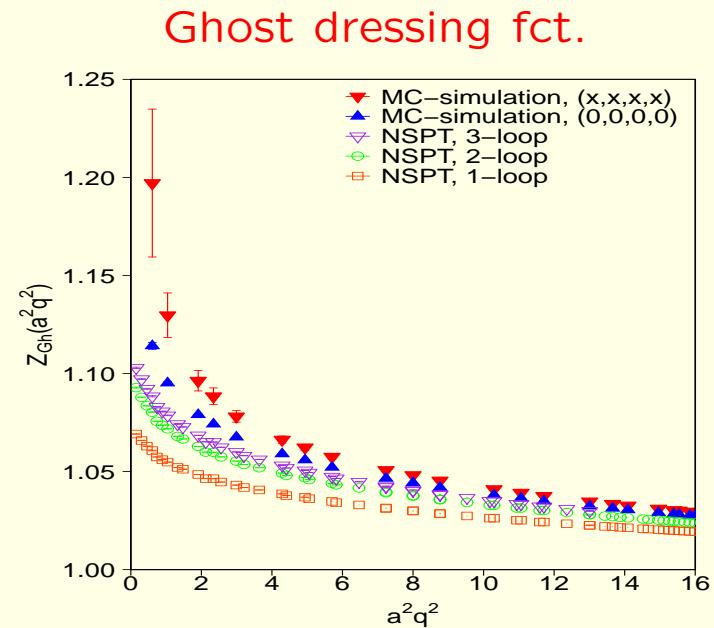
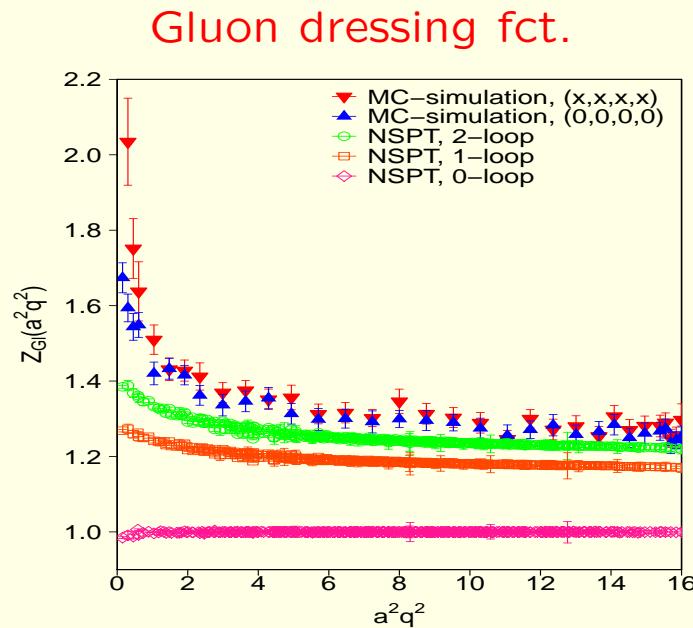
NSPT with Langevin technique allows for higher loop perturbation theory.

Logarithmic definition for A_μ is natural.

See [di Renzo, Ilgenfritz, Perlt, Schiller, Torrero, '09 - '10] \Rightarrow cf. talk by A. Schiller

Compare arbitrary Polyakov loop sectors (x, x, x, x) with real sector $(0, 0, 0, 0)$.

Here: 16^4 , large $\beta = 9.0$ for both approaches.



\Rightarrow Nice consistency, approach to full result can be checked !

(b) Gribov copy effects and continuum limit in pure $SU(2)$ gauge theory

[Bakeev, Bogolubsky, Bornyakov, Burgio, Ilgenfritz, Mitrjushkin, M.-P. ('04 - '09)]

Improved gauge fixing \implies getting ‘close’ to the FMR:

- Simulated annealing (SA):

Find g 's randomly with statistical weight:

$$W \propto \exp\left(-\frac{F_U(g)}{T_{SA}}\right).$$

Let “temperature” T_{SA} slowly decrease.

In practice SA clearly wins for large lattice sizes.

(Over)relaxation (OR) has to be applied subsequently in order to reach

$$(\partial\mathcal{A})_x = \sum_{\mu=1}^4 \left(\mathcal{A}_{x+\hat{\mu}/2;\mu} - \mathcal{A}_{x-\hat{\mu}/2;\mu} \right) < \epsilon \quad \text{for all } x.$$

- $\mathbb{Z}(N_c)$ flips:
Gauge functional $F_U(g)$ minimized by **enlarging the gauge orbit** with respect to $\mathbb{Z}(N_c)$ non-periodic gauge transformations:

$$g(x + L\hat{\nu}) = z_{\nu} g(x), \quad z_{\nu} \in \mathbb{Z}(N_c).$$

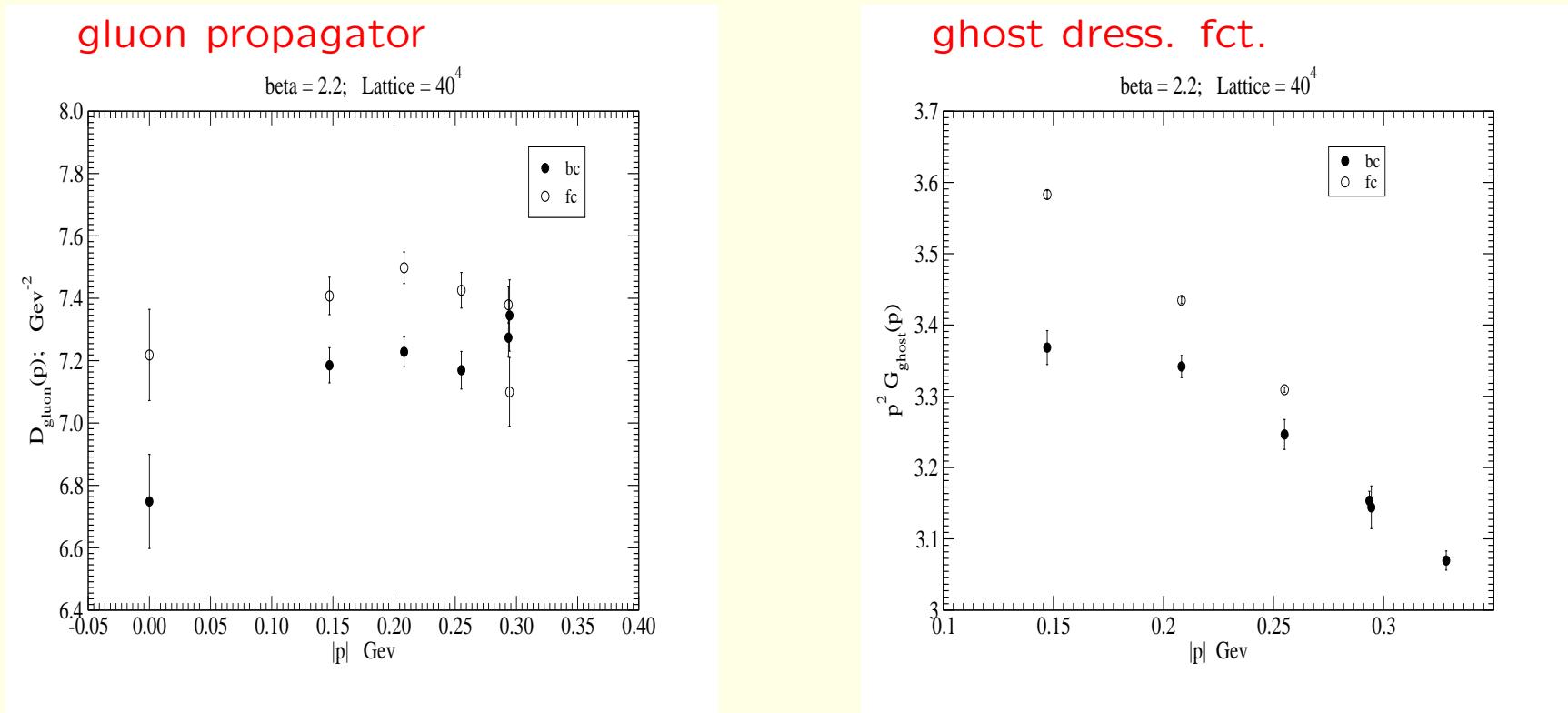
For $SU(N_c)$ the N_c^4 different sectors of Polyakov loop averages are combined.

In order to view Gribov copy effects we compare:

- first (random) copy from simulated annealing “fc SA”,
- best copy from $\mathbb{Z}(2)$ flips + simulated annealing “bc FSA”,
compare typically 5 copies in each of the $2^4 = 16$ Polyakov loop sectors.

Gluon propagator and ghost dressing fct.: fc SA versus bc FSA

[Bornyakov, Mitrjushkin, M.-P., PRD 79 (2009), arXiv:0812.2761 [hep-lat]]

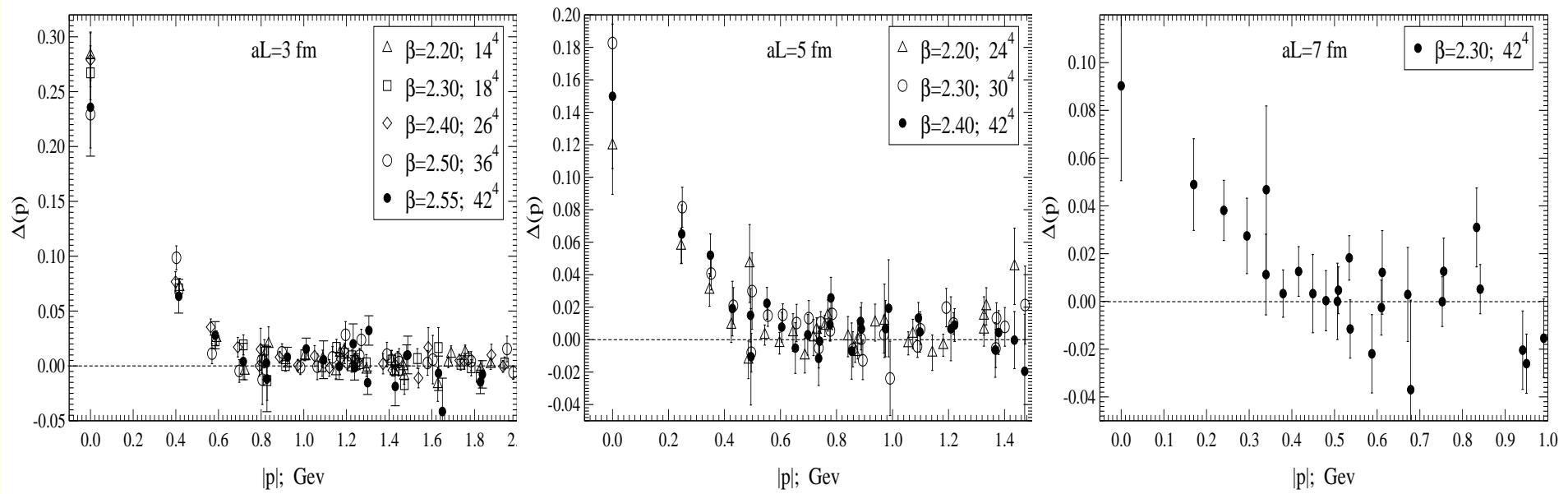


- ⇒ Gribov copies important for both gluon and ghost !
- ⇒ The closer to the global minimum (FMR), the weaker the ‘singularity’ of the ghost dressing fct., the lower the IR values of the gluon propagator.
- ⇒ $D(q^2 \rightarrow 0) = 0$? Would contradict DS and FRG eqs. !

Gribov copy sensitivity for the gluon propagator bc FSA versus fc SA

$$\Delta(p) = \frac{D^{fc}(p) - D^{bc}(p)}{D^{bc}(p)}$$

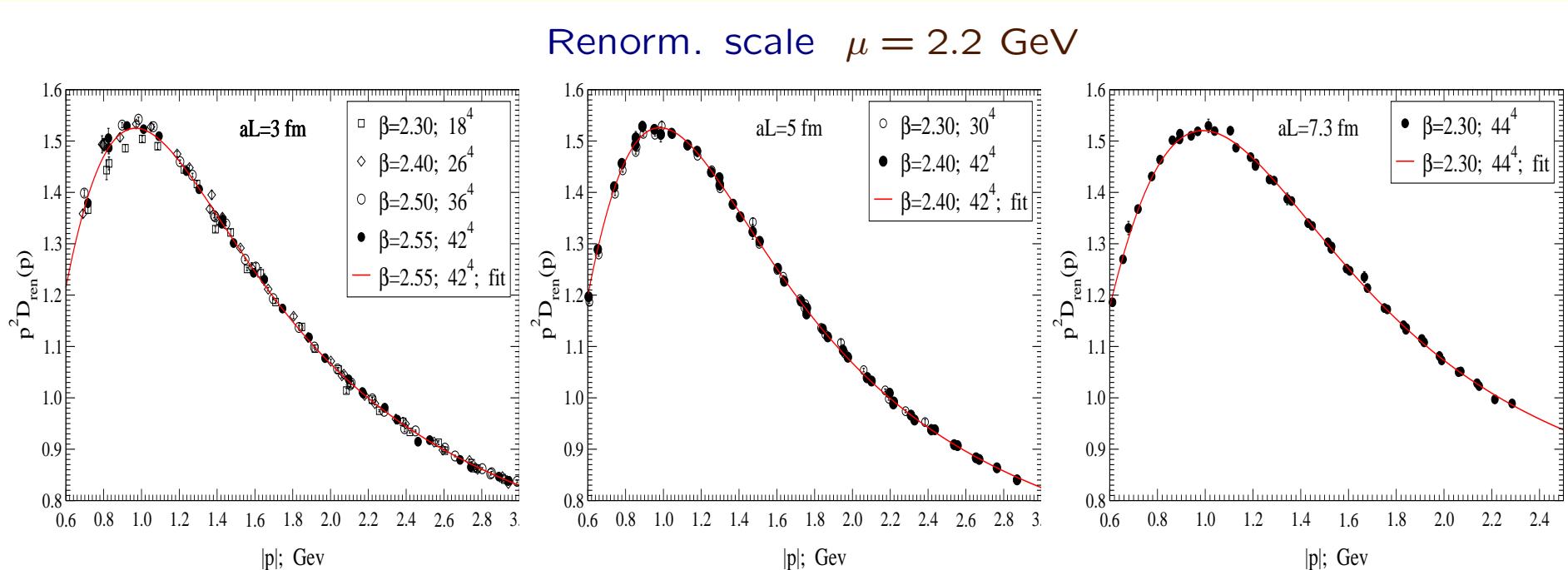
[Bornyakov, Mitrjushkin, M.-P., PRD 81 (2010), arXiv:0912.4475 [hep-lat]].



Gribov copy effect: \Rightarrow at low momenta, appr. independent of lattice spacing,
 \Rightarrow weakens with increasing physical volume [Zwanziger ('04)].

Finite-volume and cont. limit results for renormalized gluon dressing fct. bc FSA

[Bornyakov, Mitrjushkin, M.-P., PRD 81 (2010), arXiv:0912.4475 [hep-lat]].



- ⇒ For $\beta \geq 2.40$, $p > 0.6$ MeV renormalized data fall on top of each other.
- ⇒ Contin. limit reached, good fits available.
- ⇒ Curves for different linear sizes 3, 5, 7 fm nicely agree.
- ⇒ Analogous result for the ghost dressing fct. available.
- ⇒ Resulting MOM-scheme $\alpha_s(q^2)$ is approx. renorm-invariant,
i.e. Z factors for ghost and gluon dressing functions nicely cancel each other.

5. Conclusion and outlook

- Lattice results support “decoupling solution” as long as we assume approach

$$F_U(g) \rightarrow \text{Global Min.}$$

- Gribov effects turn out to be important. For pure LGT simulated annealing + $\mathbb{Z}(N)$ flips (“bc FSA”) provides a solution with weak finite-size effects.
- Continuum limit can be consistently reached within the non-perturbatively and phenomenologically important range around 1GeV.
- Analogous results, when available for full QCD will allow to tune DS and FRG truncations and provide input into Bethe-Salpeter or Faddeev Eqs.
- Debate “scaling” versus “decoupling” solution continues.

On the lattice it could mean to give up the condition $F_U(g) \rightarrow \text{Global Min.}$
[Maas et al. ('09)].

Consequences for the continuum limit and for phenomenology?

Thank you for your attention.