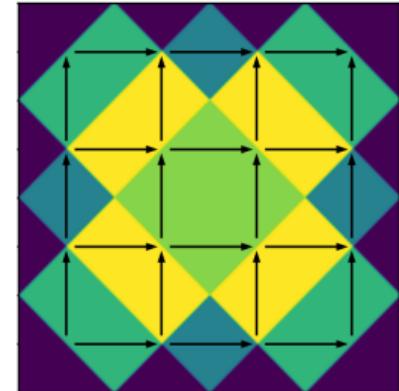


# NuMeriQS Project C01

Lattice Gauge Theories: Combining Approaches with  $\hat{H}$  and  $\mathcal{L}$

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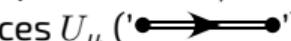
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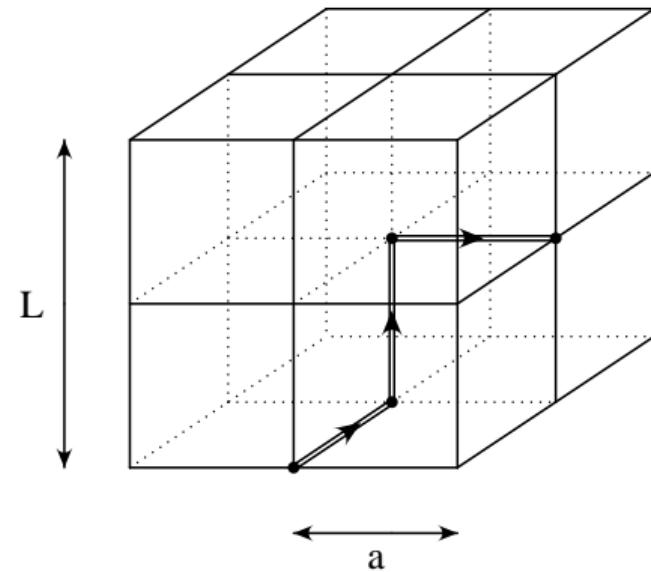
Combine the strengths of both approaches!

- match both approaches non-perturbatively
- combine both approaches in a first application

# Lattice Regularisation

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- quantum field theory requires regularisation
- lattice regularisation:
  - ⇒ discretise space-time
    - hyper-cubic  $L^3 \times T$ -lattice with lattice spacing  $a$
    - ⇒ momentum cut-off:  $k_{\max} \propto 1/a$
    - derivatives ⇒ finite differences
    - integrals ⇒ sums
    - gauge potentials  $A_\mu$  in  $G_{\mu\nu}$  ⇒ link matrices  $U_\mu$  (''')



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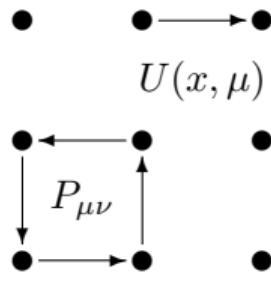
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# Hamiltonian Limit

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Matching Lattice Lagrangian and Lattice Hamiltonian approach:  $g(g_0)$

- starting in 4d Euclidean Space-Time:  
Hamiltonian should be obtained by taking the limit  $a_t \rightarrow 0$

[\[Creutz, PRD 15 \(1977\)\]](#)

- introduce anisotropy  $\xi_0 = a_t/a_s$  and action

$$S_W = \frac{\beta}{\xi_0} \sum_{\mathbf{x}, i} \text{Re} (1 - P_{0i}(\mathbf{x})) + \beta \xi_0 \sum_{\mathbf{x}, i > j} \text{Re} (1 - P_{ij}(\mathbf{x}))$$

with  $\beta = N/g_0^2$ . [\[Peardon, Morningstar, PRD 60, \(1999\)\]](#)

- which  $g$ -value corresponds to  $g_0$  at  $\xi_0 = 1$  and do observables match?

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- ❶ start with some  $g_0$ -value
- ❷ compute  $r_{\text{iso}} = r_0/a_s(g_0, \xi_0 = 1)$
- ❸ for every  $\xi_0^i < 1$  tune  $g_0^i$  such that

$$r_0/a_s(g_0^i, \xi_0^i) = r_{\text{iso}}$$

- ❹ compute other observable  $O(g_0^i, \xi_0^i)$  and take the limit  $\xi_0 \rightarrow 0$

# Test-case: U(1) Lattice Gauge Theory

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We consider compact U(1) LGT in 2 + 1 dimensions as a first test-case

$$\Rightarrow U \in U(1) \text{ or } U_\mu \equiv e^{i\varphi_\mu}$$

## Pros:

- Similarities to QCD
- fast to simulate
- also accessible for QC / TN

## Cons:

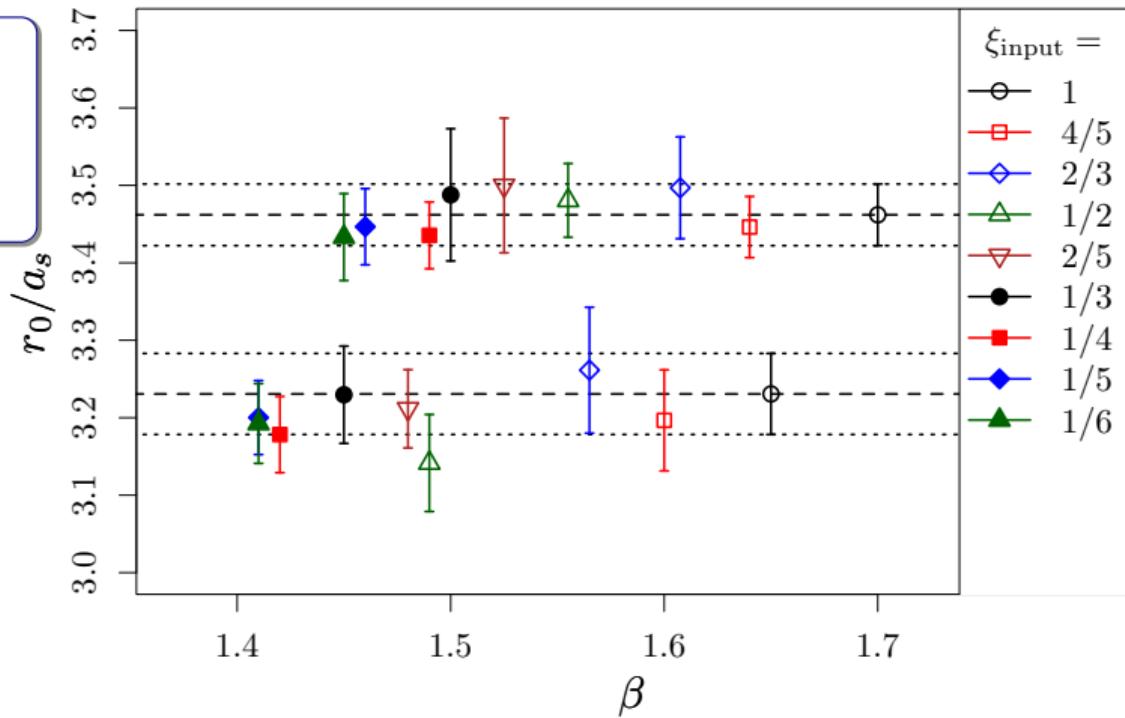
- no equivalent physical system
- no running coupling

Note: I'm omitting some renormalisation details in the following!

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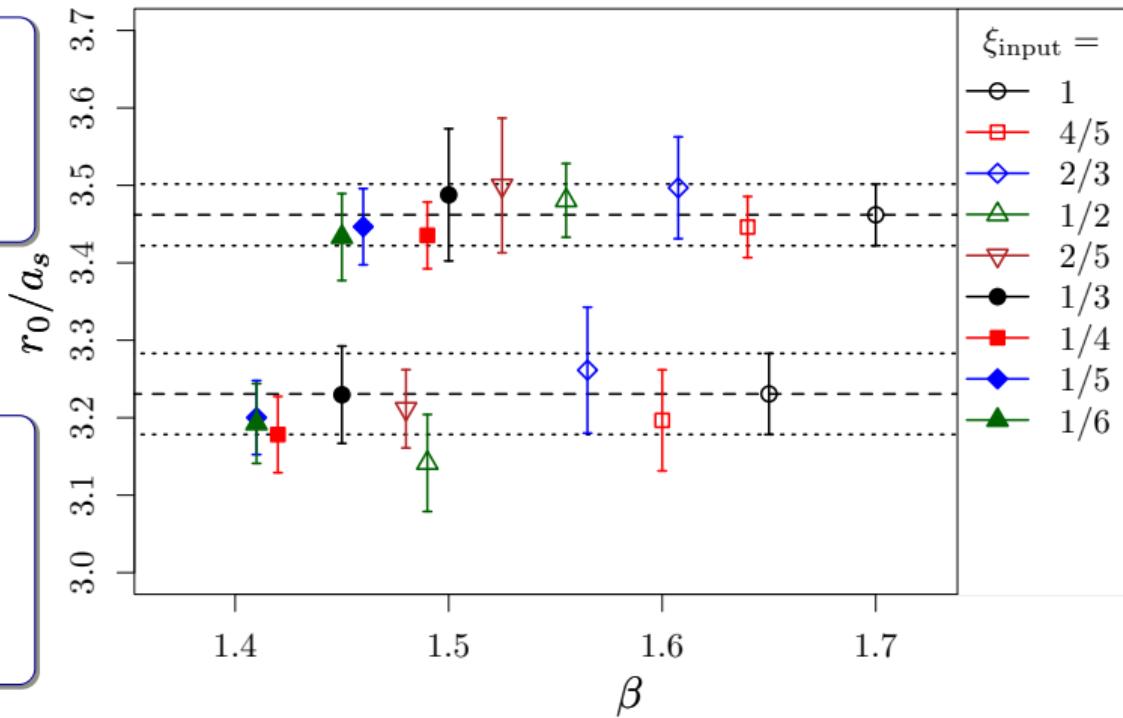


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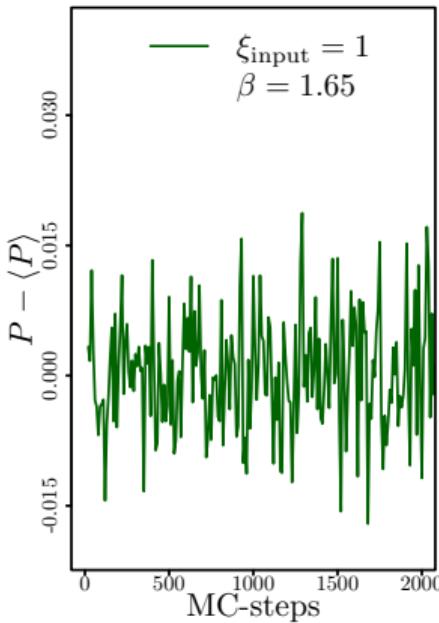
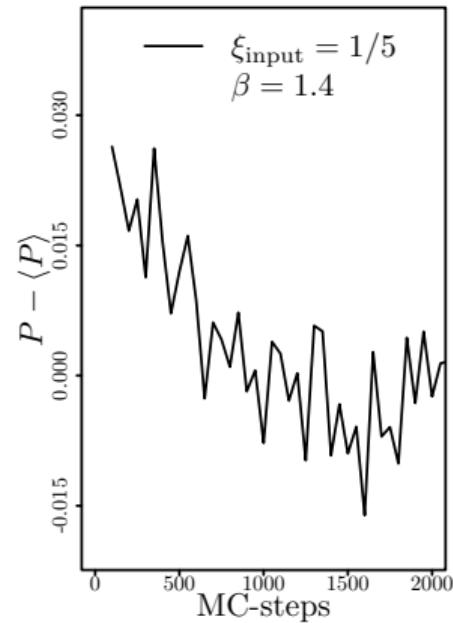
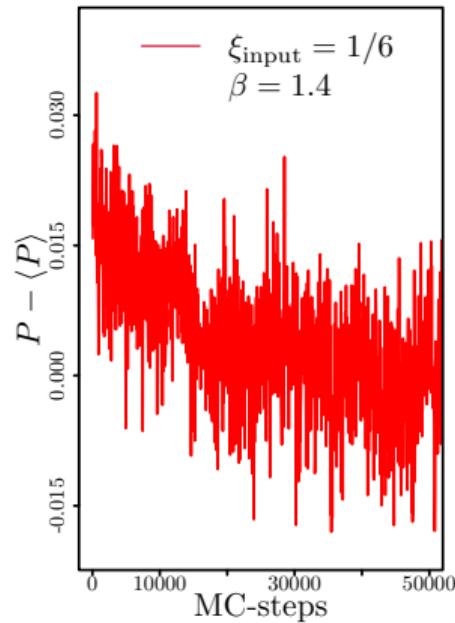
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- matching within stat. errors
- at small  $\xi_0$ : critical slowing down



# Critical Slowing Down in Practice

Severe slowing down with  $\xi_0 \rightarrow 0$



# The Finite Volume Issue

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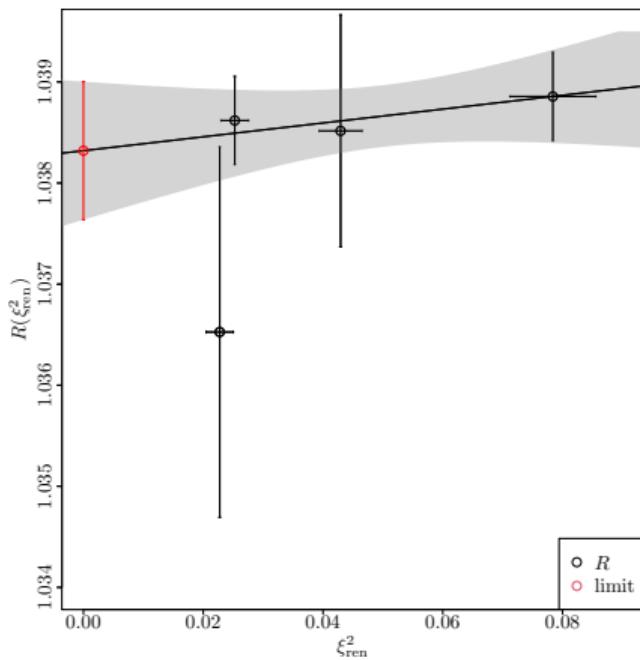
- Hamiltonian calculation:  $L = 3$
- Lagrangian:  $L = 16$  required

⇒ Repeat MC with  $L = 3$

- define ratio

$$R = \frac{P(L = 16)}{P(L = 3)}$$

- and extrapolate  $\xi \rightarrow 0$



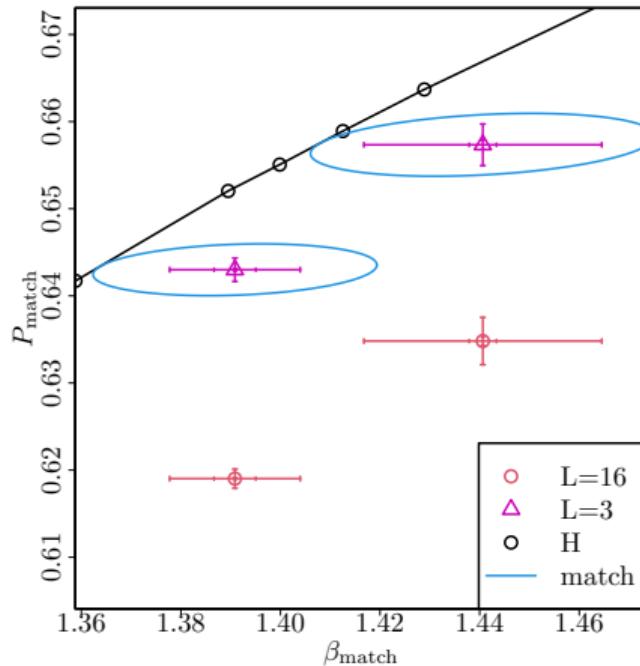
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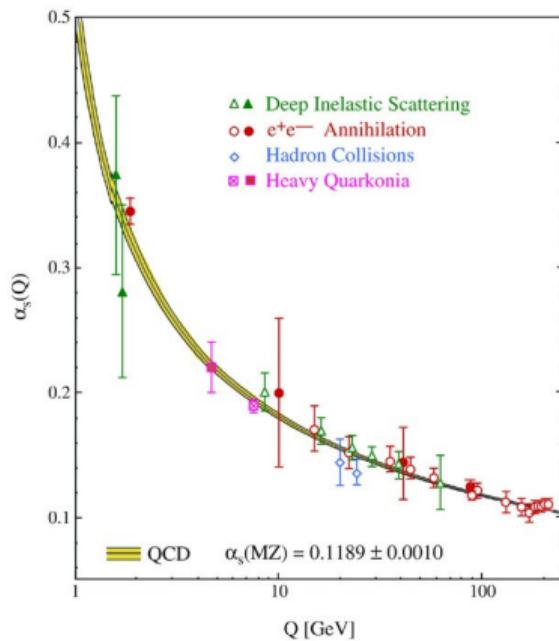
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- can be determined via step scaling  $s \in \mathbb{R}_+$

$$\sigma_s(\alpha_{\text{ren}}(r)) = \alpha_{\text{ren}}(s \cdot r)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_{\text{ren}}(r_0, g_0) &\rightarrow \alpha_{\text{ren}}(sr_0, g_0) \\ &\downarrow \\ \alpha_{\text{ren}}(r_1, g_1) &\rightarrow \alpha_{\text{ren}}(sr_1, g_1) \\ &\downarrow \\ &\quad \vdots \\ \alpha_{\text{ren}}(r_2, g_2) &\dots \end{aligned}$$

[Lüscher, Weisz, Wolff, NPB 359, (1991)]

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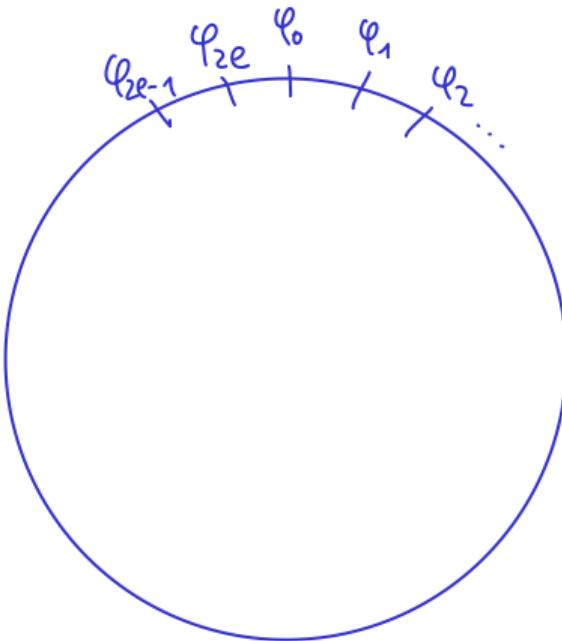
# Discretised $U(1)$ Gauge Theory

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- need to discretise gauge dofs
- interestingly, one can find discrete operators  $\hat{L}$  and  $\hat{U}$  exactly fulfilling  $[\hat{L}, \hat{U}] = \hat{U}$
- but in a basis where  $\hat{L}$  is diagonal

$$\hat{L} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \end{pmatrix}, \hat{U} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 & \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & \\ \vdots & & & \\ 0 & 0 & & \dots 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- angular momentum interpretation!



# Approximation / Truncation

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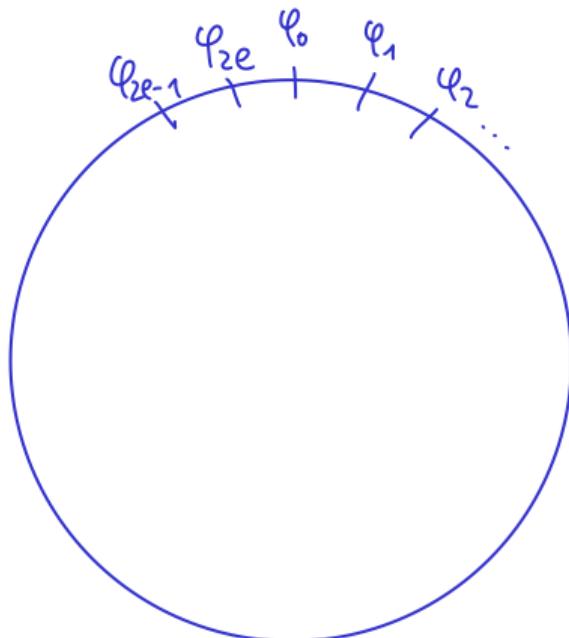
- discretisation requires finite  $l$  approximation
- replace  $U(1)$  by  $\mathbb{Z}_{2l+1}$

[Haase et al., Quantum 5, 393 (2021)]

- $\hat{U}$  not unitary, but commutation relations exact
- $\hat{L}$  diagonal
- at small  $g_0$ : magnetic basis favourable ( $\hat{U}$  diagonal)

[Haase et al., Quantum 5, (2021); Kaplan and Stryker, PRD 102, (2020); Paulson et al., PRX

Quantum 2, (2021)]



# Step Scaling in 2 + 1d Compact U(1) Gauge Theory

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- compact pure U(1) gauge theory shares confinement with QCD
  - however, theory is trivial, no renormalisation of the coupling
- ⇒ proof-of-concept calculation
- we employ exact diagonalisation (ED) and variational quantum eigensolver (VQE)
  - and use  $r^2 F(r)$  as a proxy for the renormalised coupling

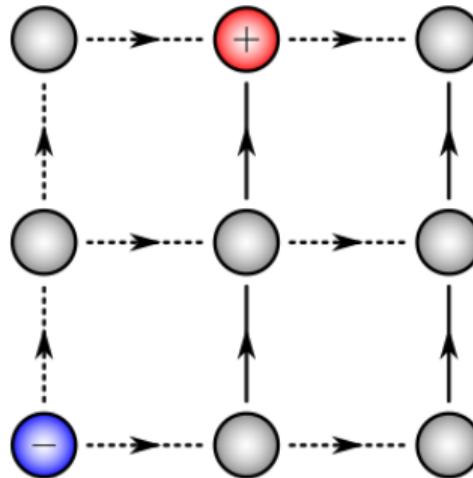
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- $L = 3$  with periodic open conditions

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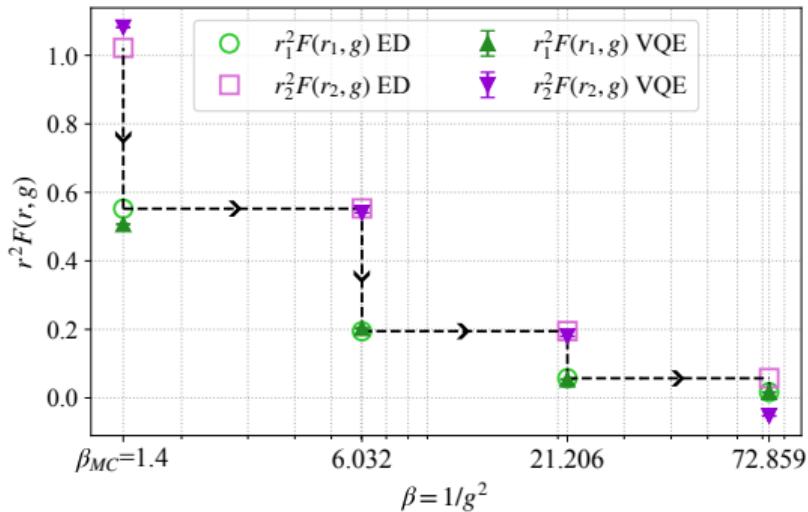


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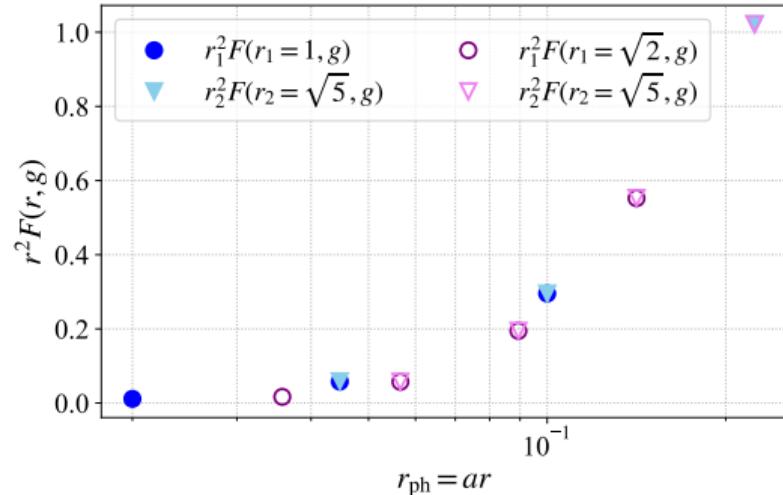
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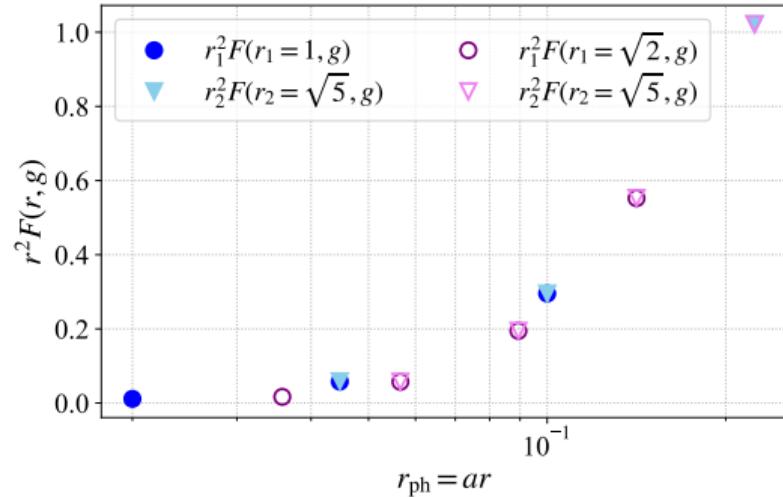
- assume the scale has been set at  $\beta = 1.4$
- e.g. 0.1 fm
- this would be determined via Monte Carlo
- now follow the step scaling to  $\beta_{\max}$
- reasonable agreement for different  $r$ -pairs
- residual lattice artefacts visible



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Non-trivial dependence on  $r$ ?
- in 2 + 1d:  $g_0^2$  has dimension of a mass
- define  $\tilde{g}^2 = g_0^2/\mu$  with  $[\mu]$  mass
- in terms of  $\tilde{g}^2$ ,  $\beta$ -function becomes linear
- ⇒ dimensionless  $r^2 F$  becomes non-trivial dependence on physical  $r$
- residual lattice artefacts visible



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# Currently Ongoing: Adding Matter

- U(1) in 2 + 1d with matter fields:  
⇒ non-trivial  $\beta$ -function
- requires effort on Hamiltonian as well as on Lagrangian side
- ongoing work by Emil Rosanowski and Alessio Negro

## Additional Terms in $\hat{H}$

- mass term

$$\hat{H}_m \propto m \hat{\phi}_x^\dagger \hat{\phi}_x$$

- kinetic term

$$\hat{H}_{\text{kin}} \propto \hat{\phi}_x^\dagger \hat{U}_{x,k} \hat{\phi}_{x+\hat{k}}$$

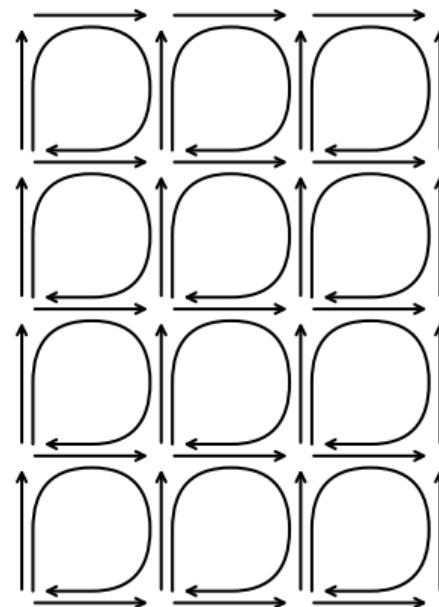
- possibly Wilson term

$$\hat{H}_W \propto a \phi^\dagger \nabla_k^* \nabla_k \phi$$

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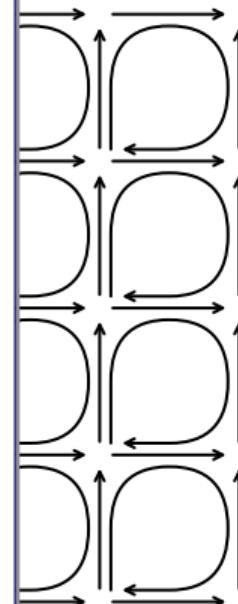
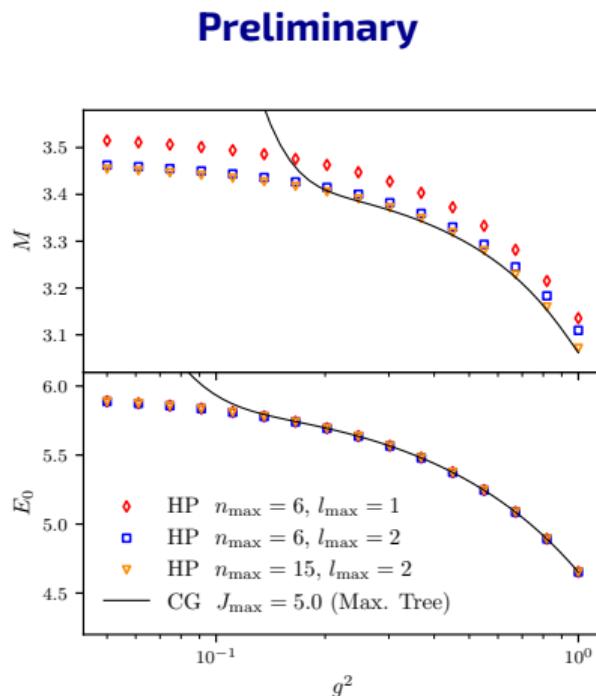
- apply canonical transformation
  - local string/loop formulation
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# Summary

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- matching  $\hat{H}$  and  $\mathcal{L}$  in compact U(1) LGT
- steps scaling in compact U(1) LGT
- next steps are
  - including matter fields
  - non-Abelian gauge groups
- thanks to:  
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