



# A non-perturbative definition of Magnetostatic QCD

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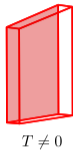
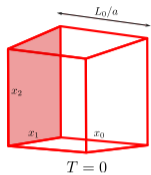
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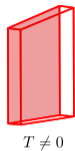
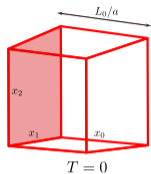
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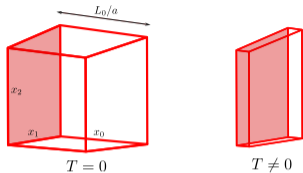
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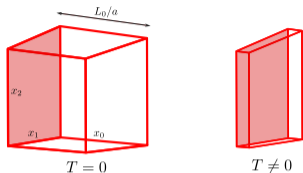
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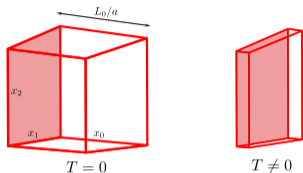
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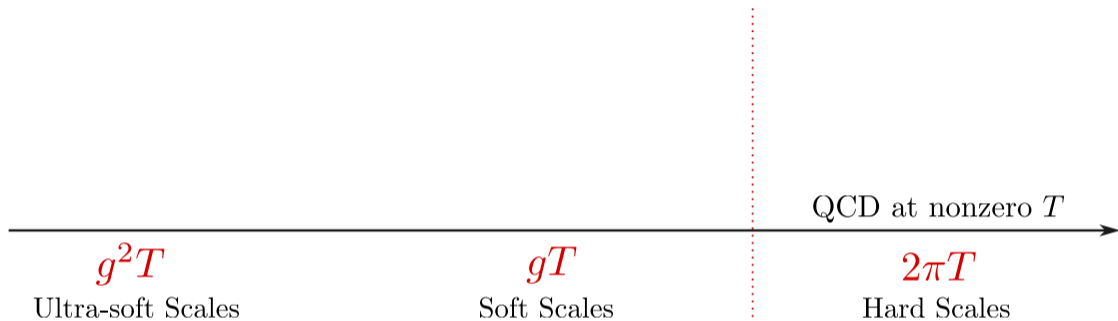
- ❖ Pressure, screening masses, jet quenching, ...
- ❖ Properties of phase transitions (order, critical temperature), ...

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QCD at nonzero  $T$

$g^2 T$

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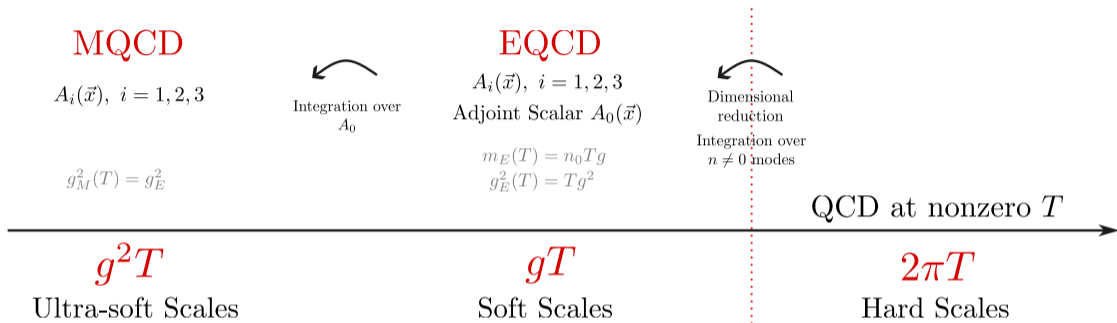
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- ❖ Where do we find **separation of scales**? (range of validity of the EFT)

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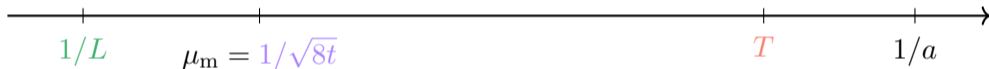
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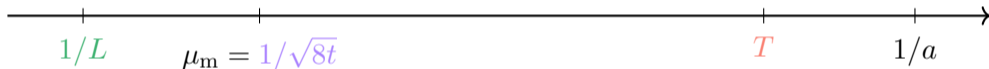
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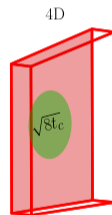
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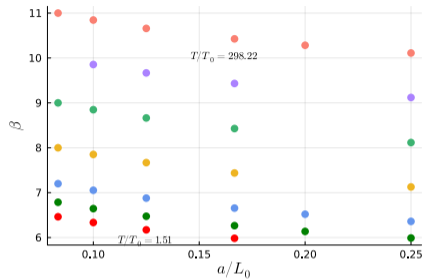
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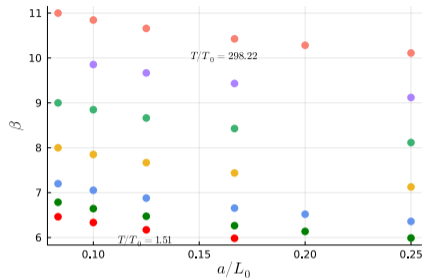


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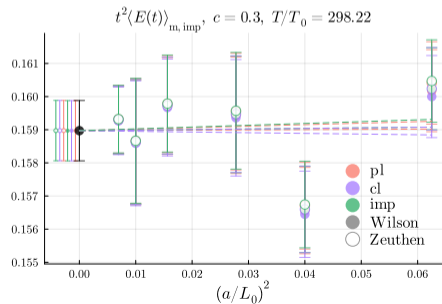
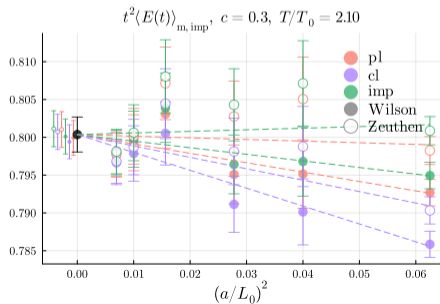


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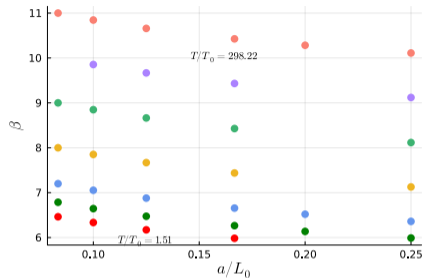
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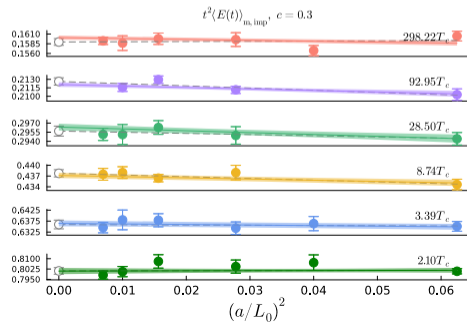
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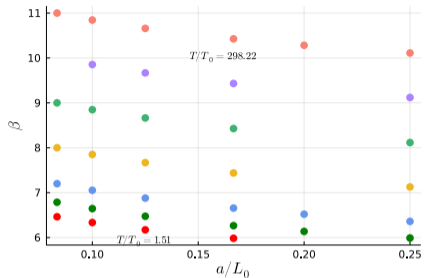
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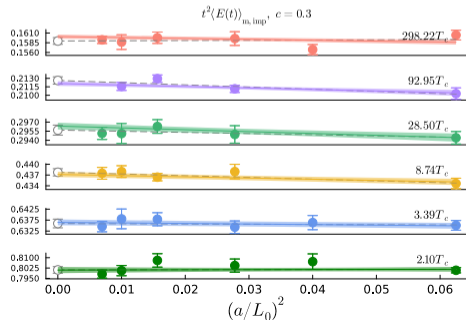


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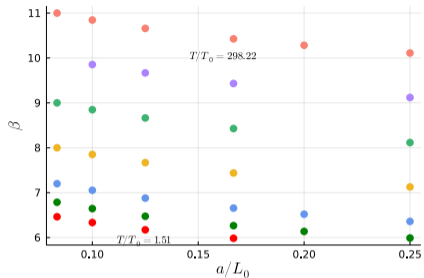
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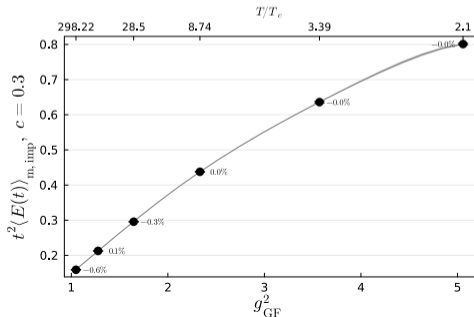


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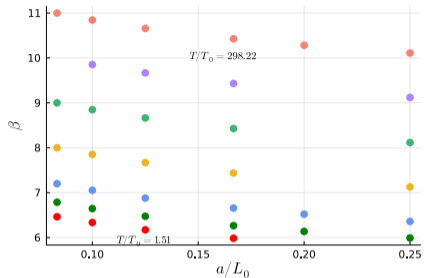
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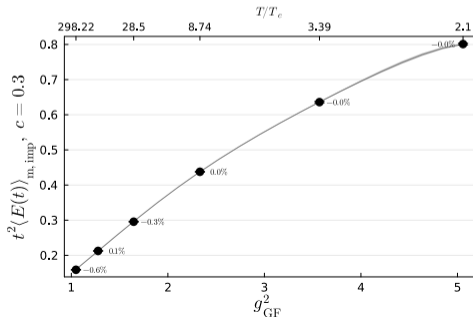


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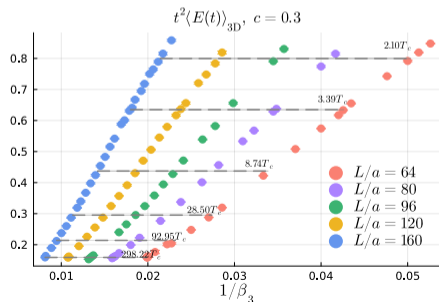
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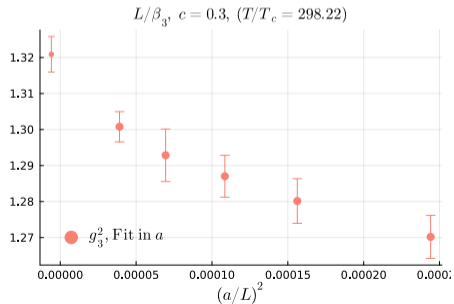


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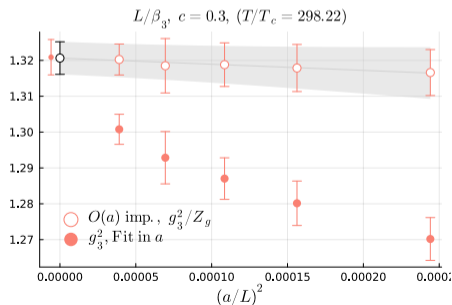
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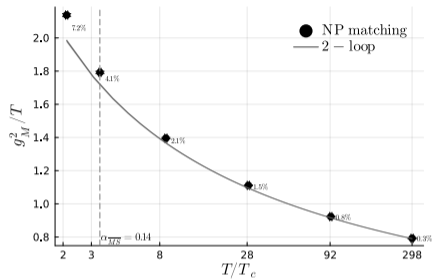
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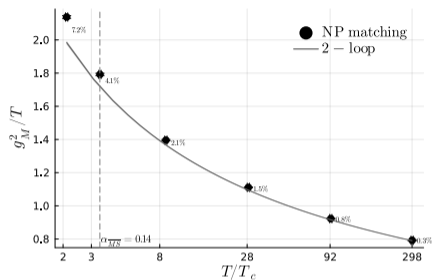
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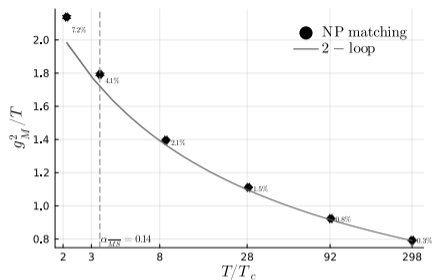
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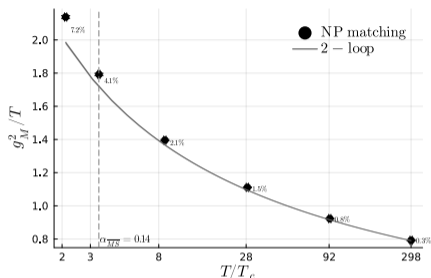
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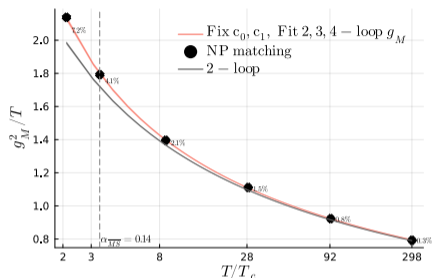
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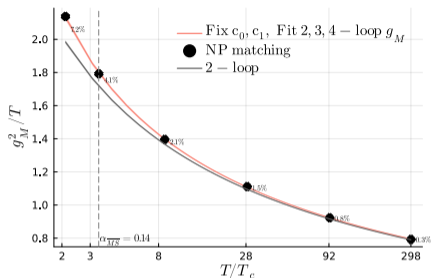
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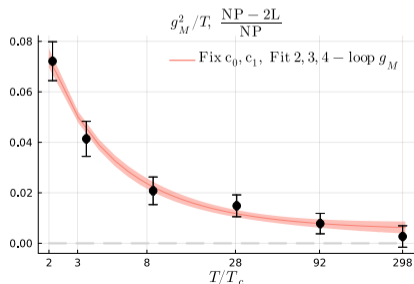
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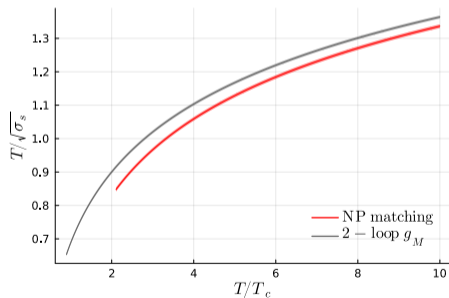
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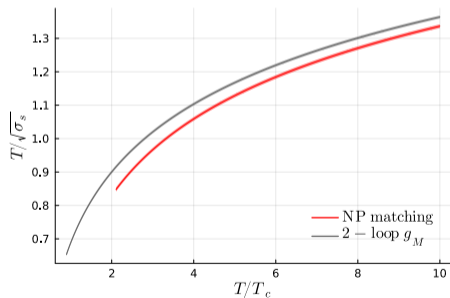
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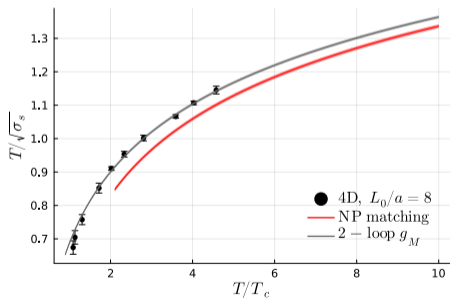
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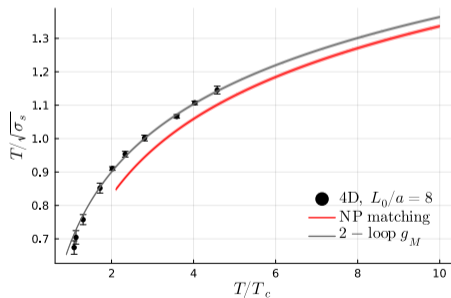
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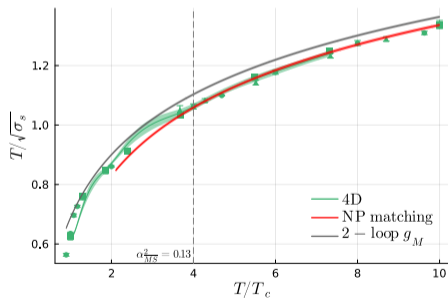
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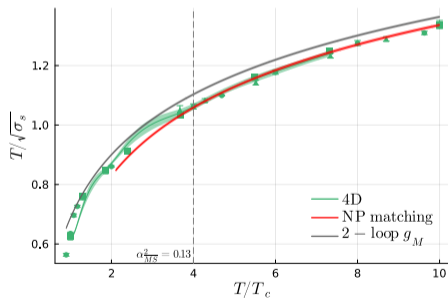
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# Future plans

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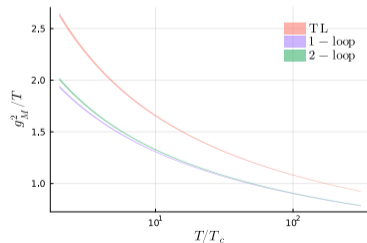
Matching only known perturbatively

[Giovannangeli 2006; Ghisoiu, Moller, and Schroder 2015 ...]

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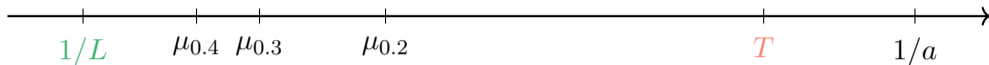
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Here  $g$  is the 4D coupling at the scale used for the matching,  $\mu_c$ . If  $c$  defines an IR scale, then  $g$  will be  $\mathcal{O}(1)$  and the condition is easier to satisfy.

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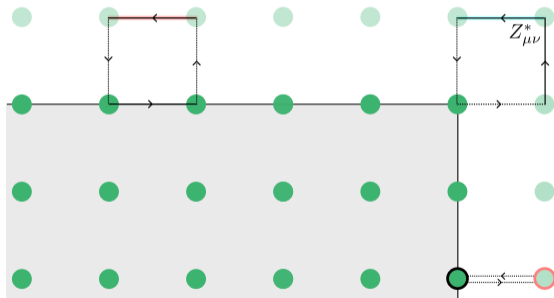
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## Twisted Boundary Conditions on the lattice

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Considering the space-independent twist matrices

$$\Omega_\mu(x) = \Gamma_\mu \longrightarrow \Gamma_\mu\Gamma_\nu = Z_{\mu\nu}\Gamma_\nu\Gamma_\mu$$



The lattice Wilson action is then modified to

$$S_{\text{Wilson}} \propto \sum_x \sum_{\mu \neq \nu} (N - Z_{\mu\nu}^* \text{Tr} P_{\mu\nu}(x)). \quad (1)$$

## Tree-level norms – TBC

Continuum Infinite volume norm

$$N_{\infty}^{4D,m} = \frac{3 \times 8}{(16\pi t)^2}, \quad N_{\infty}^{4D} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{N^2 - 1}{(8\pi t)^{D/2}} (D - 1) = \frac{3}{16(\pi t)^2}, \quad N_{\infty}^{3D} = \frac{8}{(8\pi)^{3/2}}$$

Continuum/Lattice finite volume  $\sqrt{8t} = cL$  w/ finite temperature  $R = L/L_0$

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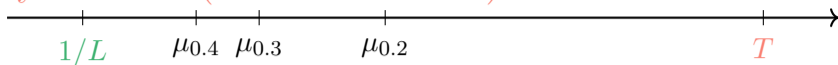
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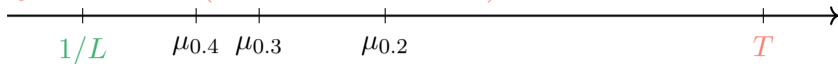
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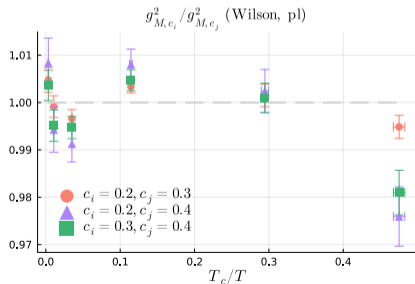


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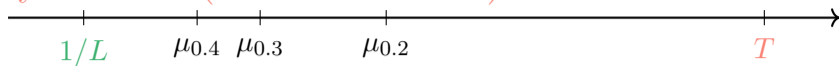
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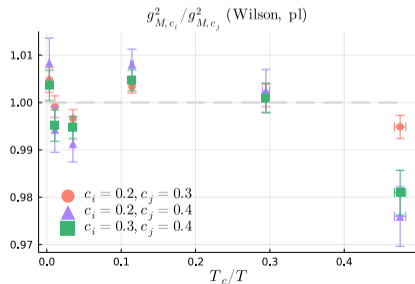


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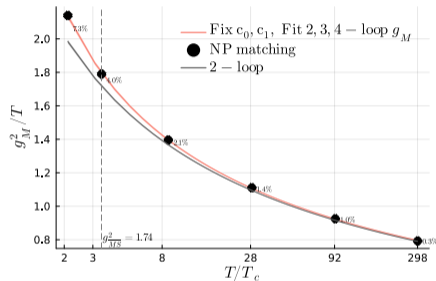
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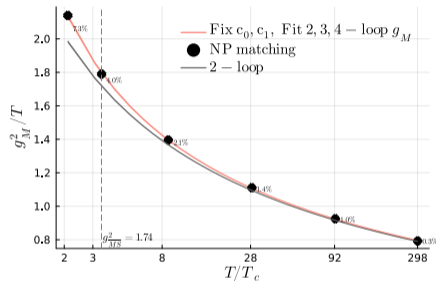
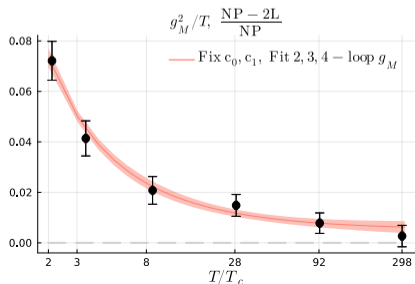
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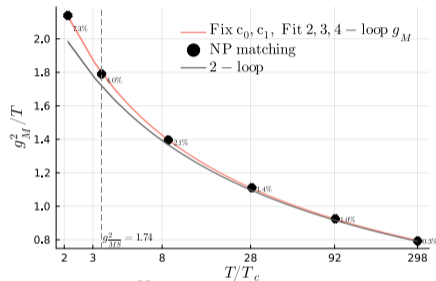
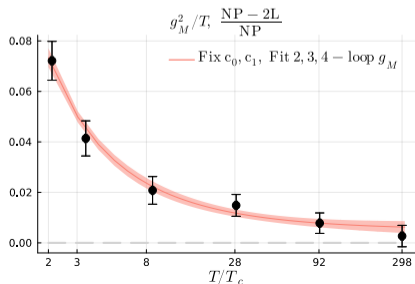
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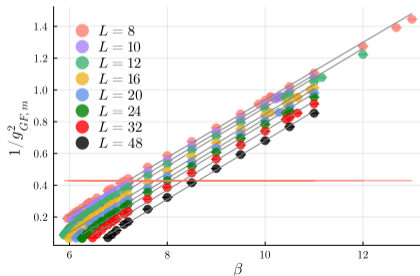
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To define the topological charge on the lattice we use the clover discretization of the flow strength tensor [11]:

$$Q = -\frac{1}{16\pi^2} \sum_x \epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \text{tr} \{ G_{\mu\nu}^{\text{cl}}(t, x) G_{\rho\sigma}^{\text{cl}}(t, x) \}, \quad (3.9)$$

measured at flow time  $\sqrt{8t} = cL$ . For the discretization of the flow equations used for  $Q$  we will always use the one employed for the discretization of  $E_{e/m}$  entering the coupling definition. In addition, since on the lattice  $Q$  is not integer-valued, we replace the Dirac  $\delta$ -function with:

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## Exact Matching condition

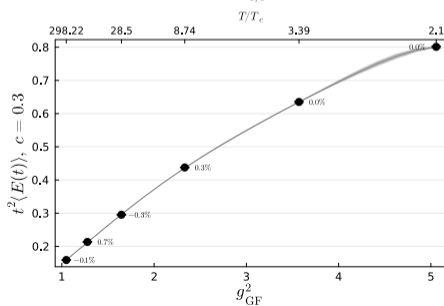
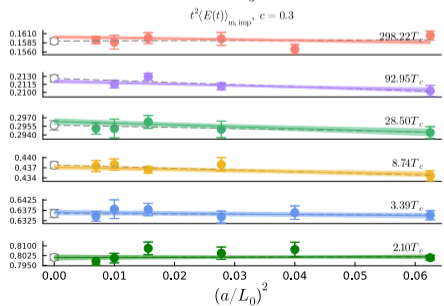
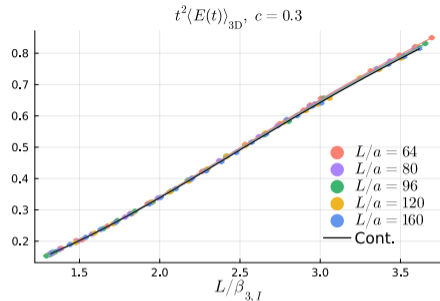
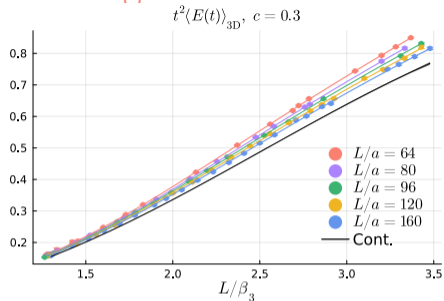
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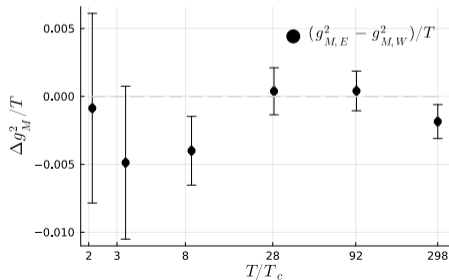
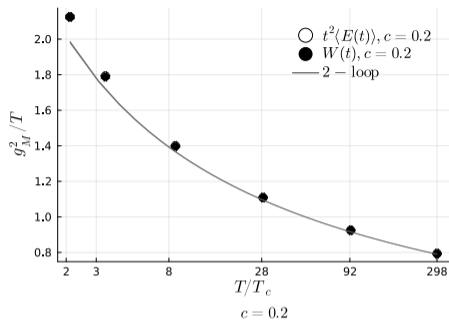


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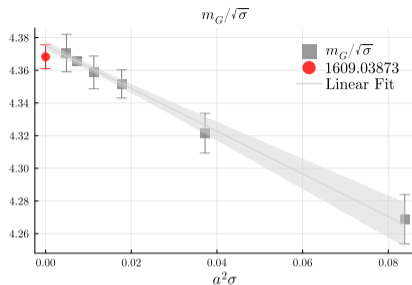
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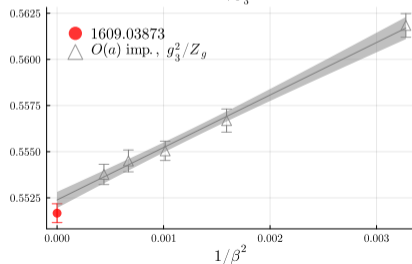
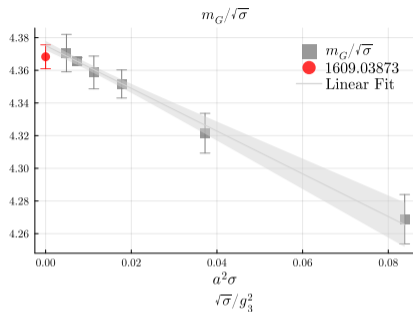
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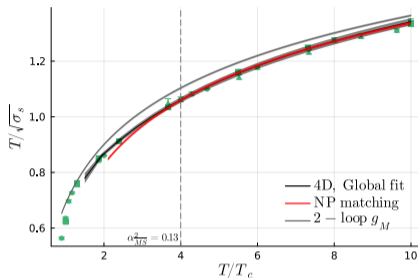
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