

# Quarks and Hadrons in Strong QCD

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## Measuring Landau Gauge Gluon and Ghost Infrared Exponents from Lattice QCD

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# Introduction and motivation

- Study of IR limit of QCD can be useful for the understanding of confinement mechanism.
  - Kugo-Ojima confinement criterion  $\frac{1}{G(0)} = 1 + u = 0$
  - Zwanziger horizon condition  $D(0) = 0$
- This limit requires nonperturbative methods:
  - Dyson-Schwinger equations;
  - Lattice QCD.

	Good features	Bad features
DSE	analytical solution in the IR	truncation of infinite tower of equations
Lattice	include all non-perturbative physics	finite volume and finite lattice spacing

# Infrared exponent $\kappa$

- DSE Infrared analysis

$$Z_{gluon}(p^2) \sim (p^2)^{2\kappa}, \quad Z_{ghost}(p^2) \sim (p^2)^{-\kappa}$$

$$\kappa = 0.595, \quad \alpha(0) = 2.972$$

[Lerche, von Smekal, Phys. Rev. **D65**(2002)125006]

- Flow equation

$$0.52 \leq \kappa \leq 0.595$$

[Pawlowski *et al*, Phys. Rev. Lett. **93**(2004)152002 ; Fischer, Gies, JHEP 0410 (2004) 048]

- Time independent stochastic quantisation

$$\kappa = 0.52145$$

[Zwanziger, Phys. Rev. **D65**(2002)094039, **D67**(2003)105001]

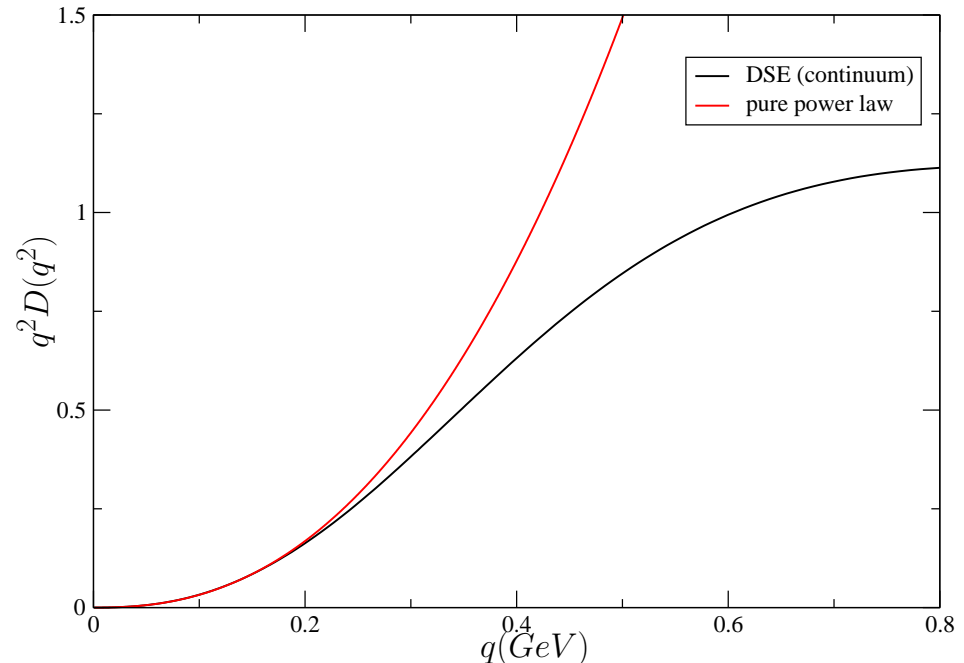
# Infrared exponent $\kappa$

As an infrared analytical solution of DSE, the pure power law  $Z(q^2) \sim (q^2)^{2\kappa}$  is valid only for very low momenta.

[From DSE solution of Alkofer *et al*:  $q < 200MeV$ ]

On the lattice:  
( $\beta = 6.0$ )

$V = L^4$	$q_{min}(MeV)$
$32^4$	381
$48^4$	254
$64^4$	191
$128^4$	95
$256^4$	48



In order to try to measure  $\kappa$  and study IR properties of QCD, we will consider large SU(3) 4D asymmetric lattices ( $L_s^3 \times L_t$ , with  $L_t \gg L_s$ )

# Lattice setup

- pure gauge, Wilson action SU(3) configurations
- $\beta = 6.0$  ( $a^{-1} = 1.943\text{GeV} \implies a = 0.106\text{fm}$ )
- generated with MILC code [<http://physics.indiana.edu/~sg/milc.html>]
- combinations of over-relaxation (OVR) and Cabibbo-Mariani (HB) updates

Lattice	Update	therm.	Sep.	Conf
$8^3 \times 256$	7OVR+4HB	1500	1000	80
$10^3 \times 256$	7OVR+4HB	1500	1000	80
$12^3 \times 256$	7OVR+4HB	1500	1000	80
$14^3 \times 256$	7OVR+4HB	3000	1000	128
$16^3 \times 256$	7OVR+4HB	3000	1500	155
$18^3 \times 256$	7OVR+4HB	2000	1000	150
$16^3 \times 128$	7OVR+2HB	3000	3000	164

- $L_t$  large allow access to deep IR region [ $L_t = 256 \implies p_{min} = 48\text{MeV}$ ]
- Finite volume effects motivated by small  $L_s$

# Lattice setup

- Gauge fixing to Landau gauge  $\partial_\mu A_\mu = 0$ 
  - Steepest descent (SD) with Fourier acceleration  
C.T.Davies *et al*, Phys. Rev. **D37**(1988)1581

$$\theta < 10^{-15}$$

- Continuum / Lattice momentum

$$q_\mu = \frac{2}{a} \sin \frac{\hat{q}_\mu a}{2}$$

- Bare gluon propagator

$$D_{\mu\nu}^{ab}(\hat{q}) = \frac{1}{V} \langle A_\mu^a(\hat{q}) A_\nu^b(-\hat{q}) \rangle = \delta^{ab} \left( \delta_{\mu\nu} - \frac{q_\mu q_\nu}{q^2} \right) D(q^2)$$

- Gluon dressing function

$$Z(q^2) = q^2 D(q^2)$$

# Ghost propagator

- ghost propagator: inverse of Faddeev-Popov matrix
- FP matrix: second variation  $F_U[g]$  in order to infinitesimal gauge transformations

$$\frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial \tau^2} \sim \frac{1}{2}(\omega, M(U)\omega)$$

- propagator in momentum space:

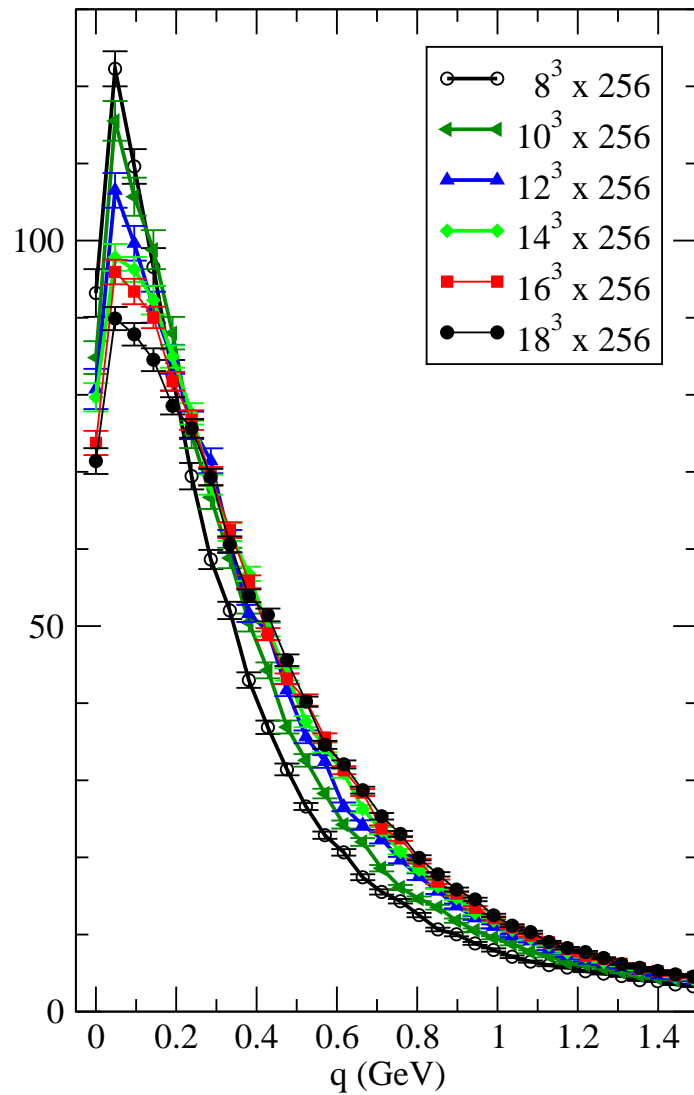
$$G^{ab}(k) = \frac{1}{V} \left\langle \sum_{x,y} (M^{-1})_{xy}^{ab} e^{ik \cdot (x-y)} \right\rangle = \delta^{ab} G(k)$$

$$G(k) = \frac{1}{N_c^2 - 1} \sum_a G^{aa}(k)$$

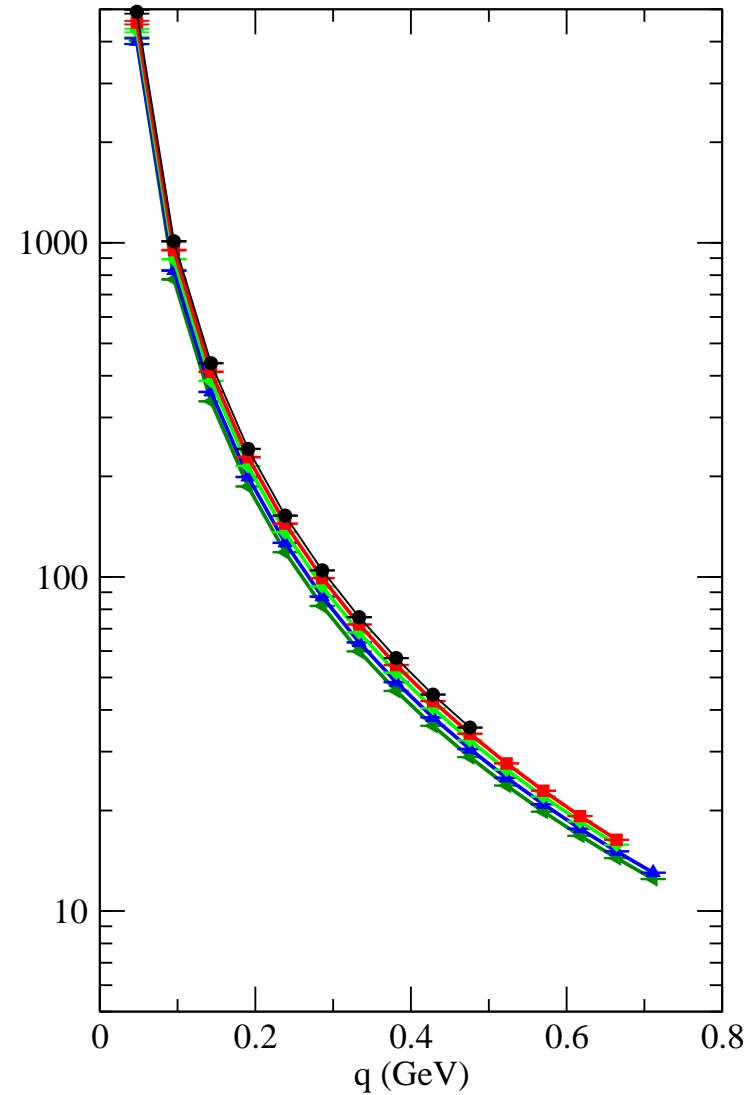


# Gluon and ghost propagators

## Gluon Propagator



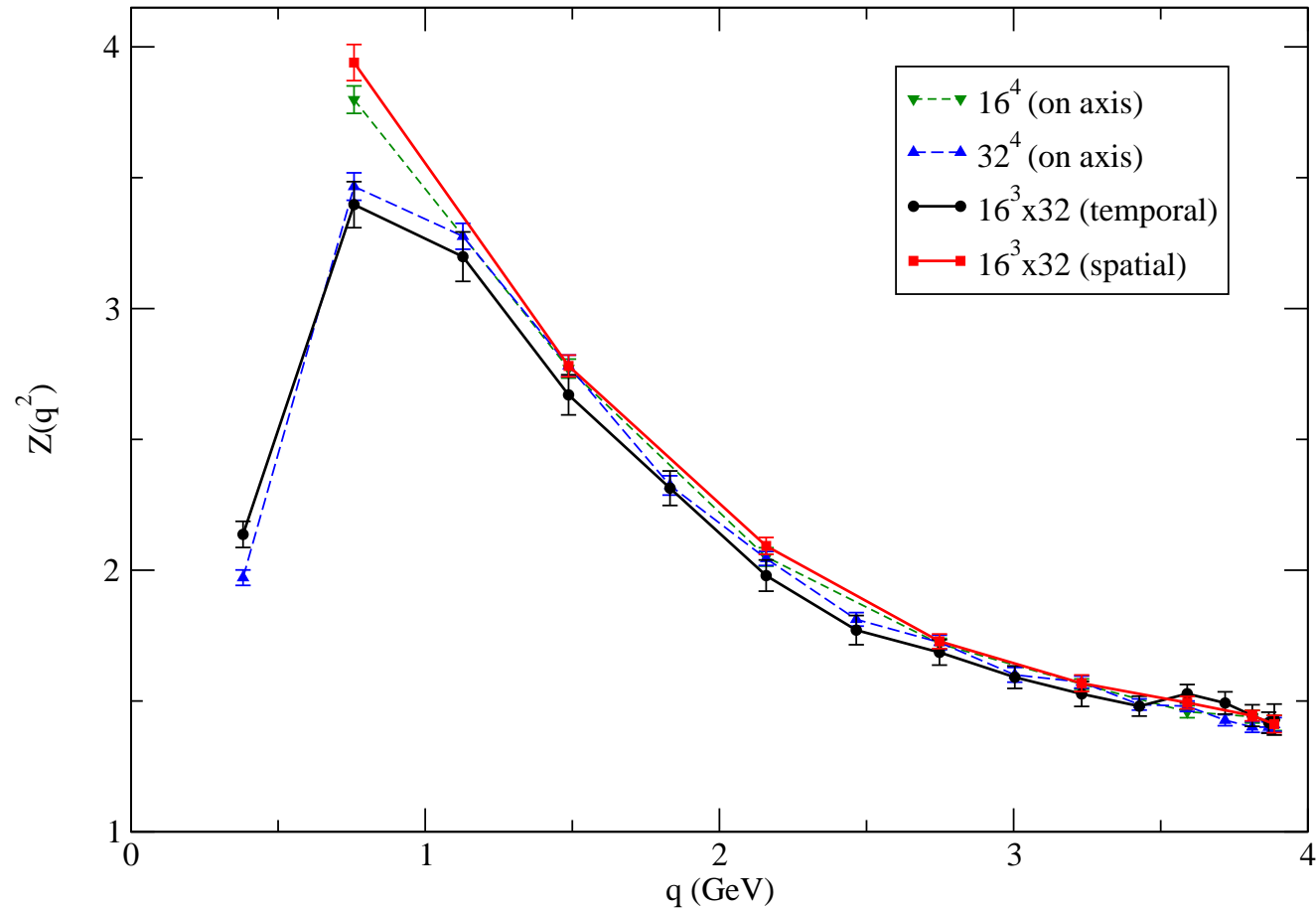
## Ghost Propagator



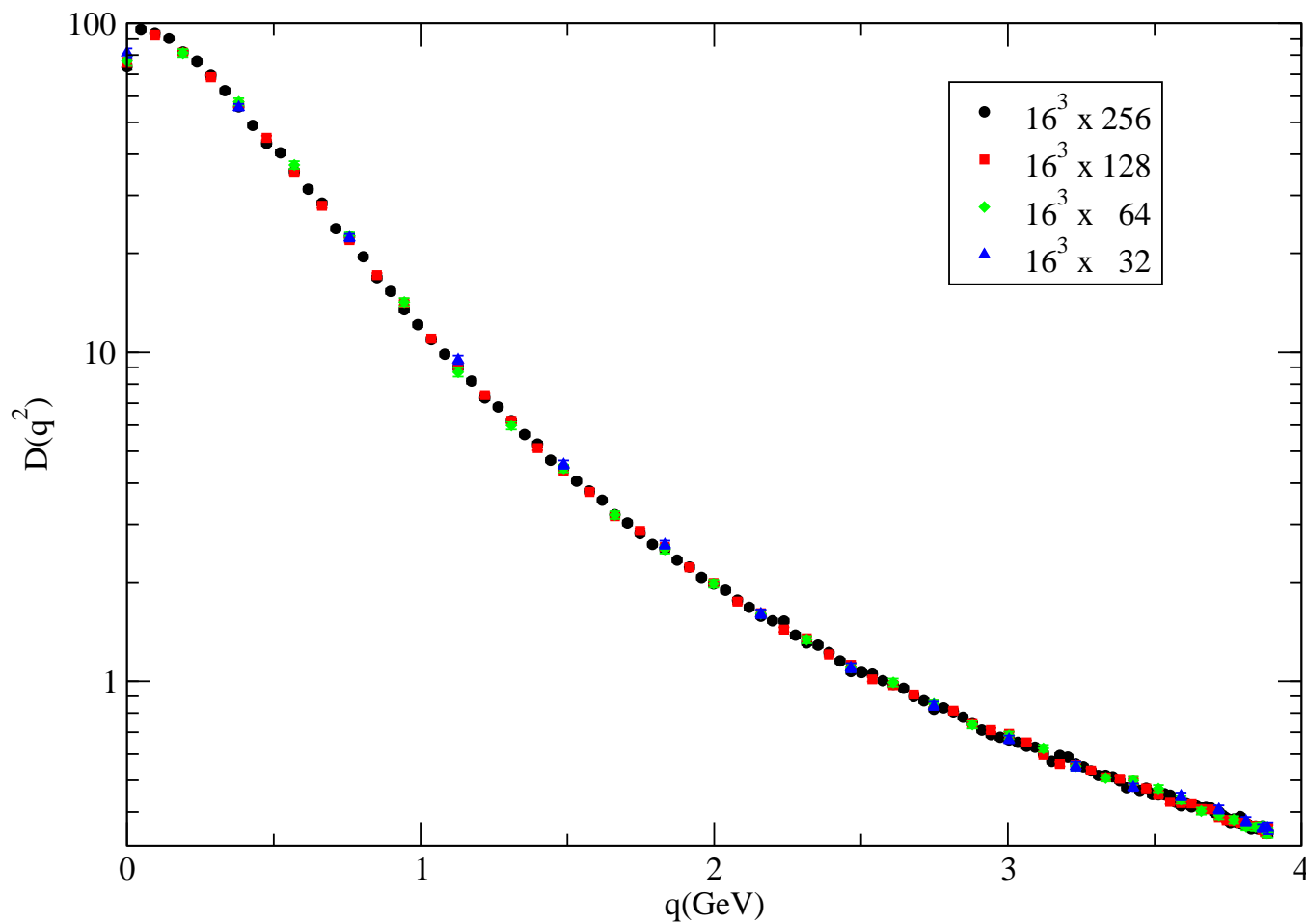
# Lattice effects in gluon propagator

Analysis under way: various lattice volumes and shapes

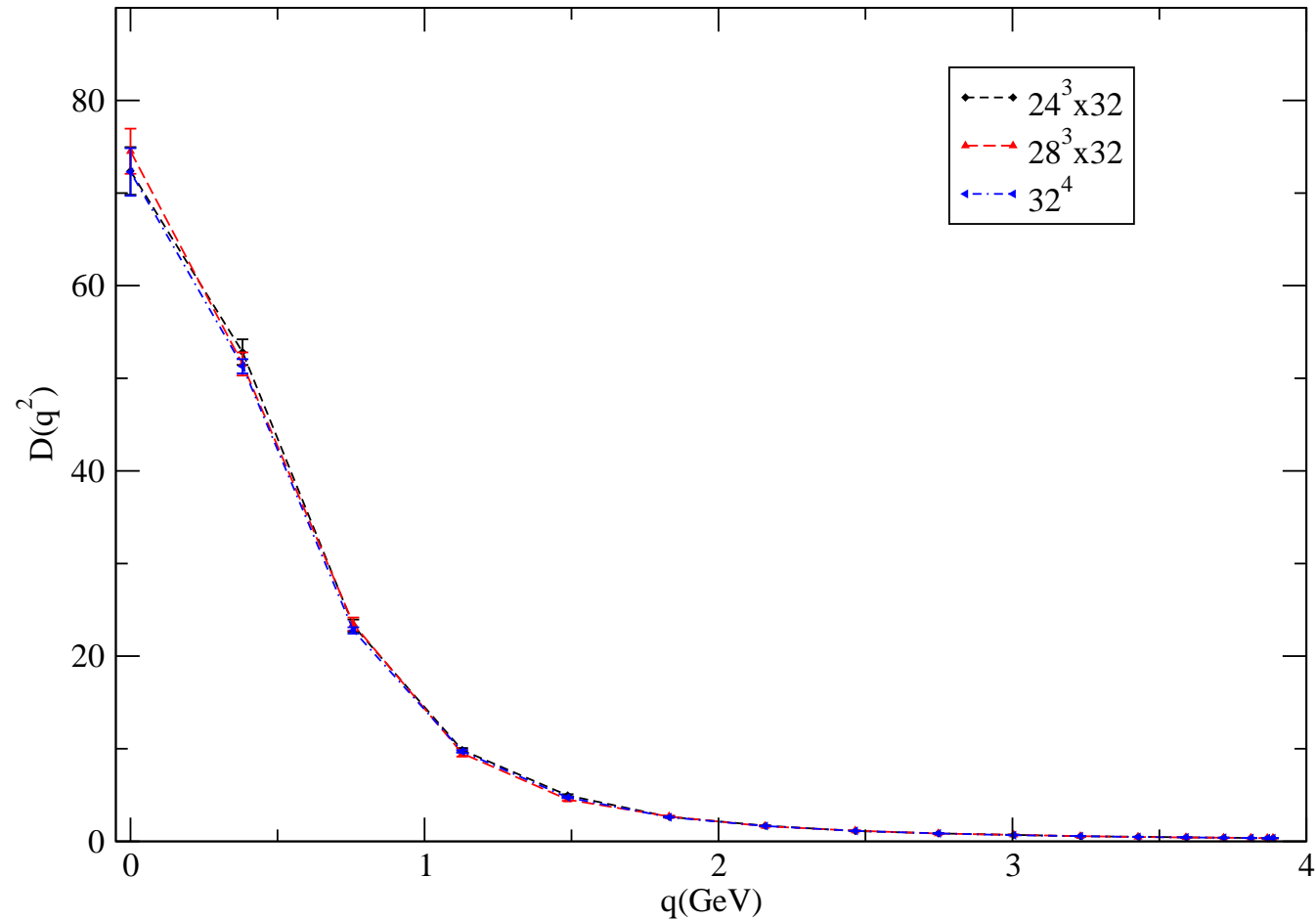
**Preliminary  
results**



# Gluon propagator computed with $L_s = 16$



# Gluon propagator computed with $L_t = 32$



# Ratios between consecutive momenta

- On the lattice, ratios help to suppress systematic errors
- Example: a quantity  $A$ , dependent of  $x$ ;  
supposing systematic errors given by  $1 + \delta(x)$ ;  
supposing also  $x' \sim x$ , and  $\delta \ll 1$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{A(x')(1 + \delta')}{A(x)(1 + \delta)} &\simeq \frac{A(x')}{A(x)} (1 + \delta')(1 - \delta) \\ &\sim \frac{A(x')}{A(x)} (1 - \delta^2)\end{aligned}$$

Error of  $2^{nd}$  order on the ratio!!!

# Ratios: gluon propagator

O. Oliveira, P.J. Silva, arXiv:0705.0964[hep-lat]

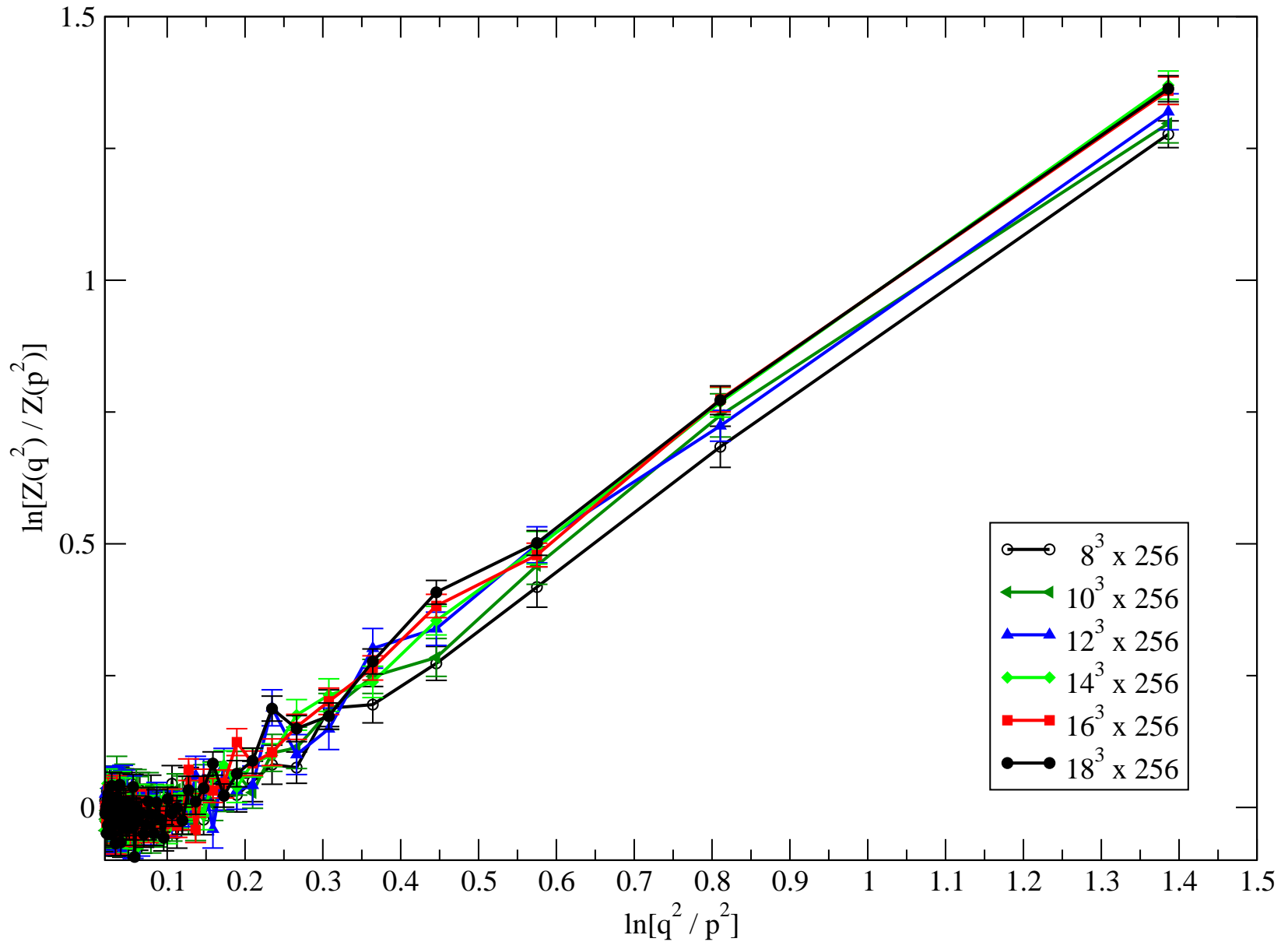
- continuum:  $Z(q^2) = (q^2)^{2\kappa}$   
finite lattice:  $Z_{latt}(q^2) = (q^2)^{2\kappa} \Delta(q)$
- ratios of dressing function between consecutive temporal momenta:

$$q[n] = q_4[n] = \frac{2}{a} \sin\left(\frac{\pi n}{T}\right), \quad n = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{T}{2}$$

$$\ln \left[ \frac{Z_{latt}(q^2[n+1])}{Z_{latt}(q^2[n])} \right] = 2\kappa \ln \left[ \frac{q^2[n+1]}{q^2[n]} \right] + C(q)$$

- $C(q) = C$  constant!!!

# Ratios: gluon propagator



# Linear fit to gluon ratios

L		191 MeV	238 MeV	286 MeV	333 MeV	381 MeV
8	$\kappa$	0.526(27)	0.531(19)	0.531(13)	0.522(16)	0.527(12)
	$C$	-0.179(54)	-0.194(34)	-0.193(19)	-0.171(28)	-0.184(18)
	$\chi^2/d.o.f.$	0.12	0.11	0.08	0.48	0.54
10	$\kappa$	0.511(35)	0.531(25)	0.525(21)	0.523(17)	0.527(16)
	$\chi^2/d.o.f.$	0.69	0.98	0.74	0.56	0.50
12	$\kappa$	0.509(31)	0.517(21)	0.508(18)	0.521(18)	0.530(14)
	$\chi^2/d.o.f.$	0.11	0.16	0.33	0.84	1.03
14	$\kappa$	0.536(24)	0.540(19)	0.548(16)	0.545(12)	0.542(11)
	$C$	-0.114(44)	-0.123(30)	-0.140(21)	-0.134(15)	-0.127(12)
	$\chi^2/d.o.f.$	0.33	0.20	0.39	0.34	0.34
16	$\kappa$	0.539(22)	0.528(17)	0.534(12)	0.536(12)	0.539(11)
	$\chi^2/d.o.f.$	1.77	1.24	0.96	0.78	0.68
18	$\kappa$	0.529(20)	0.516(16)	0.523(14)	0.536(11)	0.5398(95)
	$C$	-0.099(36)	-0.068(25)	-0.085(19)	-0.111(14)	-0.119(13)
	$\chi^2/d.o.f.$	0.39	0.77	0.85	1.79	1.58



# Understanding finite volume effects

$$\left. \begin{aligned} Z_{latt}(q^2) &= (q^2)^{2\kappa} \Delta(q) \\ \ln \left[ \frac{Z_{latt}(q^2[n+1])}{Z_{latt}(q^2[n])} \right] &= 2\kappa \ln \left[ \frac{q^2[n+1]}{q^2[n]} \right] + C \end{aligned} \right\} \Delta(q[n+1]) = \Delta(q[n]) e^C$$

$$\frac{d\Delta(q)}{dq} \sim \frac{\Delta(q[n+1]) - \Delta(q[n])}{q[n+1] - q[n]} \sim \Delta(q) \frac{e^C - 1}{\frac{2\pi}{aT}} = \Delta(q) A$$

$$\Delta(q) = \Delta_0 e^{Aq}$$

Exponential correction to  $Z(q^2)$

$$Z_{latt}(q^2) = \omega (q^2)^{2\kappa} e^{Aq}$$

Finite volume effects parametrized by  $A$ .

# Exponential correction to the pure power law

L		191 MeV	238 MeV	286 MeV	333 MeV	381 MeV
8	$\kappa$	0.526(26)	0.533(19)	0.534(11)	0.523(10)	0.524(9)
	$A(\text{GeV}^{-1})$	$-3.75 \pm 1.1$	$-4.06(68)$	$-4.11(34)$	$-3.69(28)$	$-3.73(23)$
	$\chi^2/d.o.f.$	0.09	0.12	0.08	0.62	0.51
10	$\kappa$	0.511(27)	0.536(22)	0.534(17)	0.531(14)	0.534(13)
	$\chi^2/d.o.f.$	0.53	1.08	0.73	0.58	0.49
12	$\kappa$	0.508(31)	0.515(22)	0.507(15)	0.520(12)	0.537(9)
	$\chi^2/d.o.f.$	0.07	0.12	0.24	0.84	1.94
14	$\kappa$	0.538(23)	0.542(18)	0.552(14)	0.551(11)	0.546(9)
	$A(\text{GeV}^{-1})$	$-2.42(87)$	$-2.62(59)$	$-3.00(41)$	$-2.96(29)$	$-2.80(21)$
	$\chi^2/d.o.f.$	0.24	0.17	0.47	0.36	0.45
16	$\kappa$	0.541(22)	0.532(16)	0.535(10)	0.539(9)	0.543(8)
	$\chi^2/d.o.f.$	1.15	0.78	0.55	0.50	0.54
18	$\kappa$	0.529(20)	0.516(15)	0.523(12)	0.539(9)	0.550(8)
	$A(\text{GeV}^{-1})$	$-2.05(79)$	$-1.50(51)$	$-1.75(33)$	$-2.31(24)$	$-2.66(20)$
	$\chi^2/d.o.f.$	0.28	0.59	0.54	2.14	2.71

# Gluon ratios

## ● Ratios

$$\kappa \in [0.508, 0.548]$$

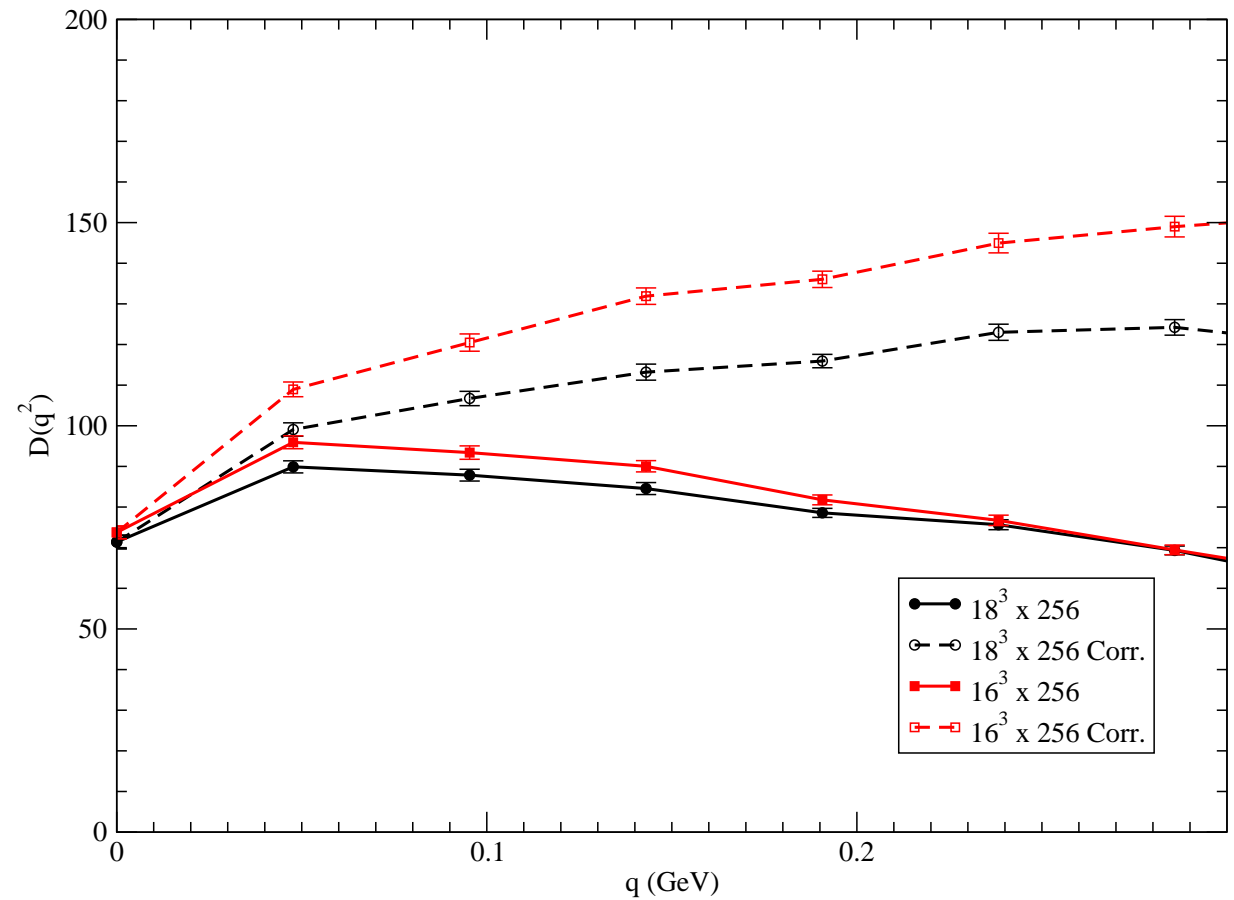
$$\langle \kappa \rangle = 0.529(8)$$

## ● Modelling

$$\kappa \in [0.507, 0.552]$$

$$\langle \kappa \rangle = 0.531(7)$$

Bare Gluon Propagator

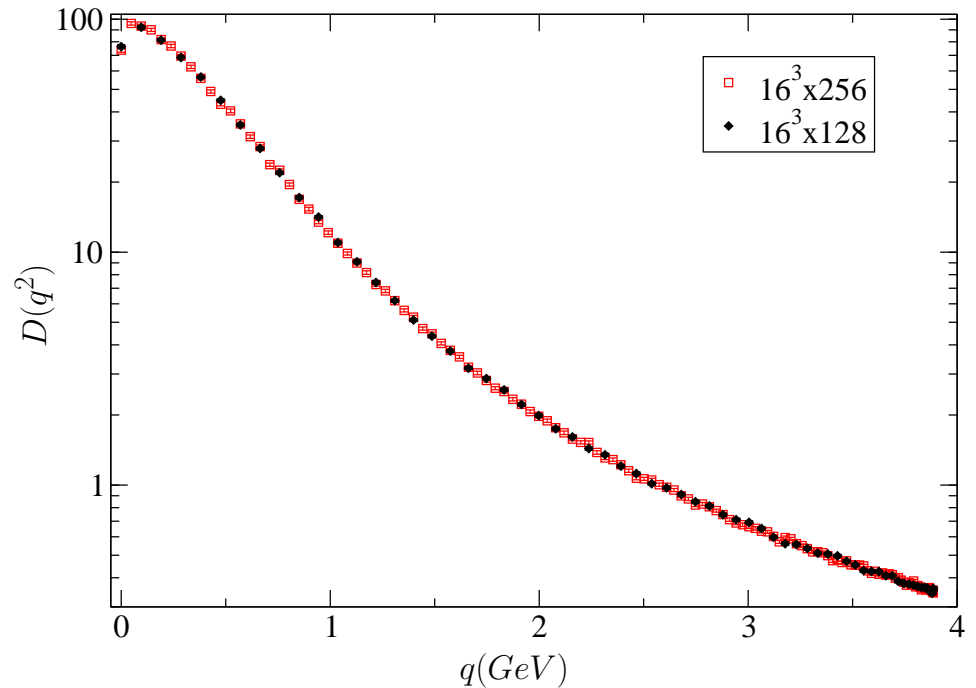


# $L_s = 16$ lattices

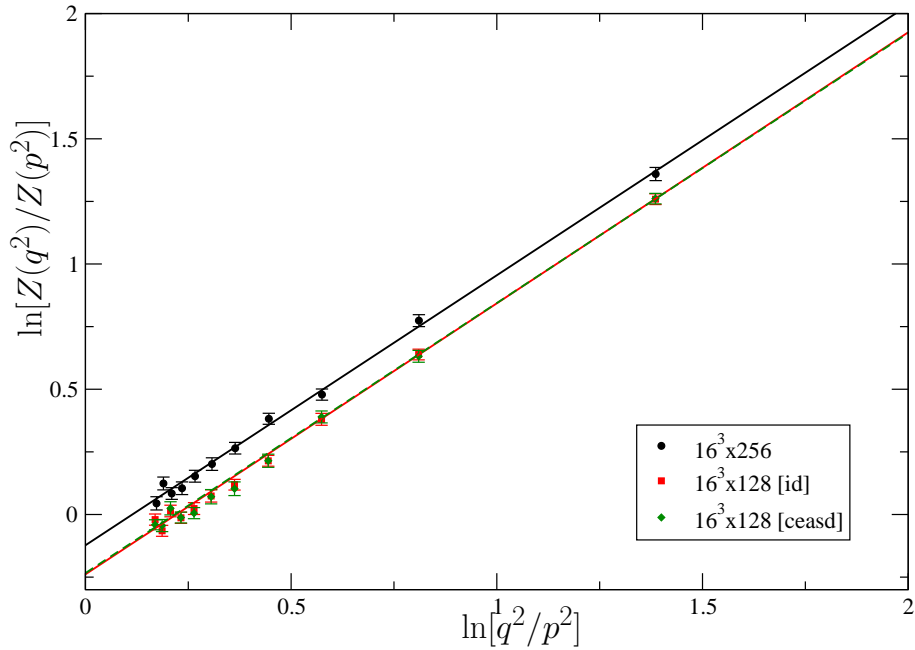
$16^3 \times T$	Ratios			Modelling		
381 MeV	$\kappa$	$C$	$\chi^2/dof$	$\kappa$	$A(GeV^{-1})$	$\chi^2/dof$
$T = 256$	0.539(11)	-0.123(12)	0.68	0.543(8)	-2.66(18)	0.54
$T = 128$ [ID]	0.541(19)	-0.239(38)	0.01	0.542(20)	-2.56(39)	0.01
$T = 128$ [CEASD]	0.539(19)	-0.234(36)	0.15	0.539(18)	-2.47(36)	0.10

$$A = \frac{e^C - 1}{\frac{2\pi}{aT}} \sim C \frac{aT}{2\pi}$$

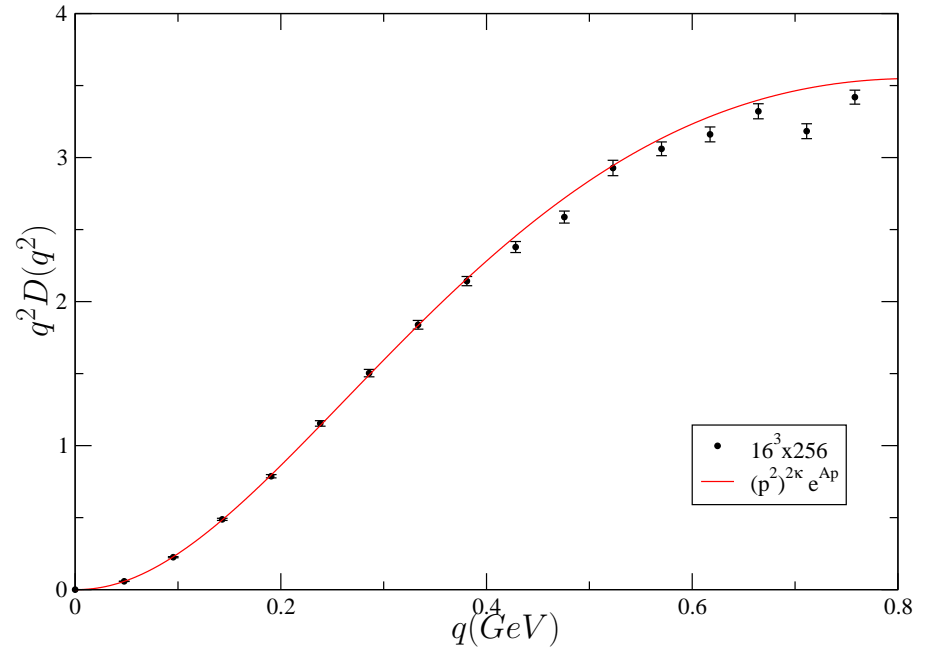
Lattice data for  $16^3 \times 256$   
and  $16^3 \times 128$  compatible  
within errors  $\Rightarrow$  same  $A \Rightarrow$   
 $C_{T=128} \simeq 2 \times C_{T=256}$



# Matching fits with lattice data

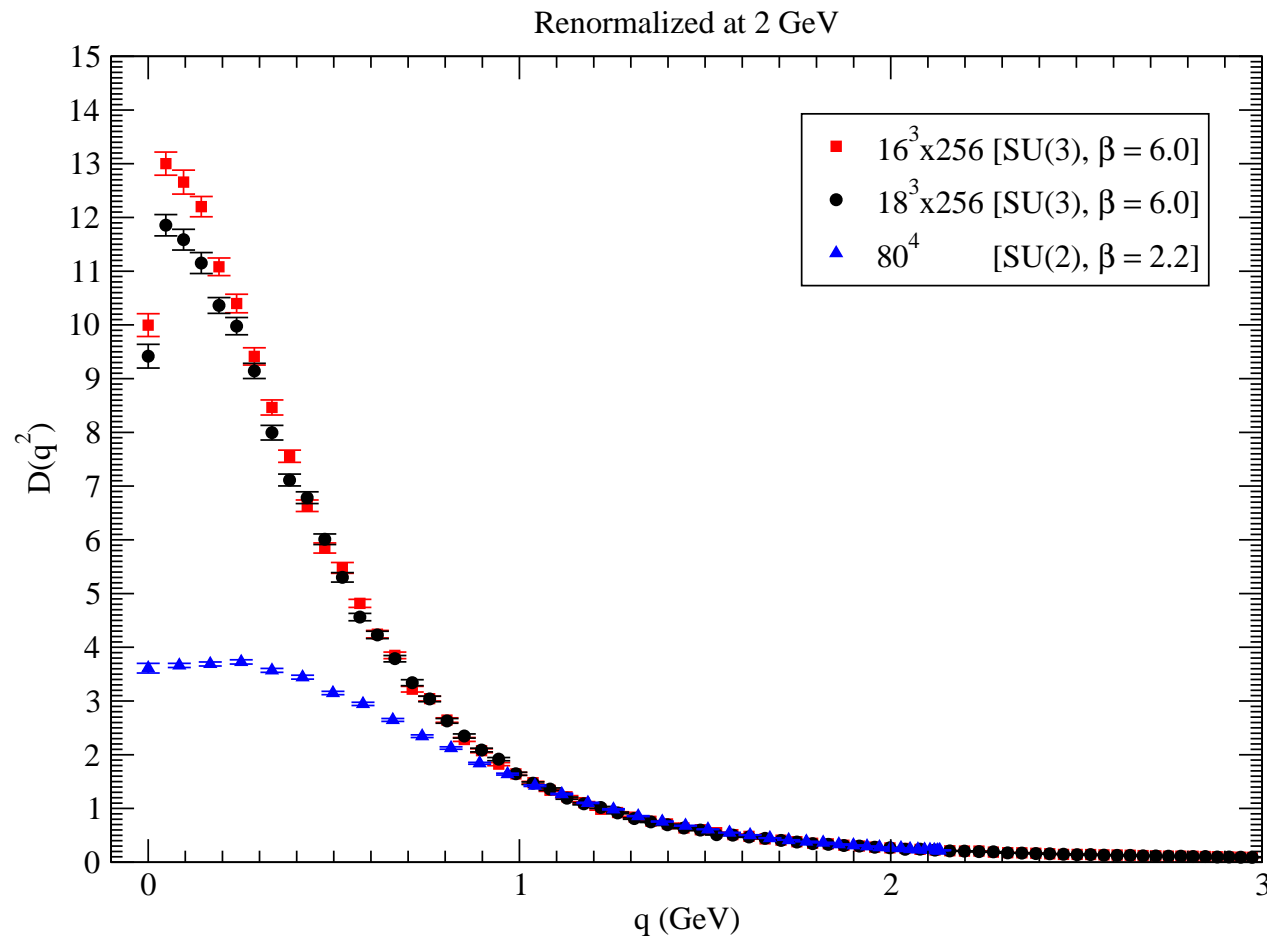


(a) Ratios



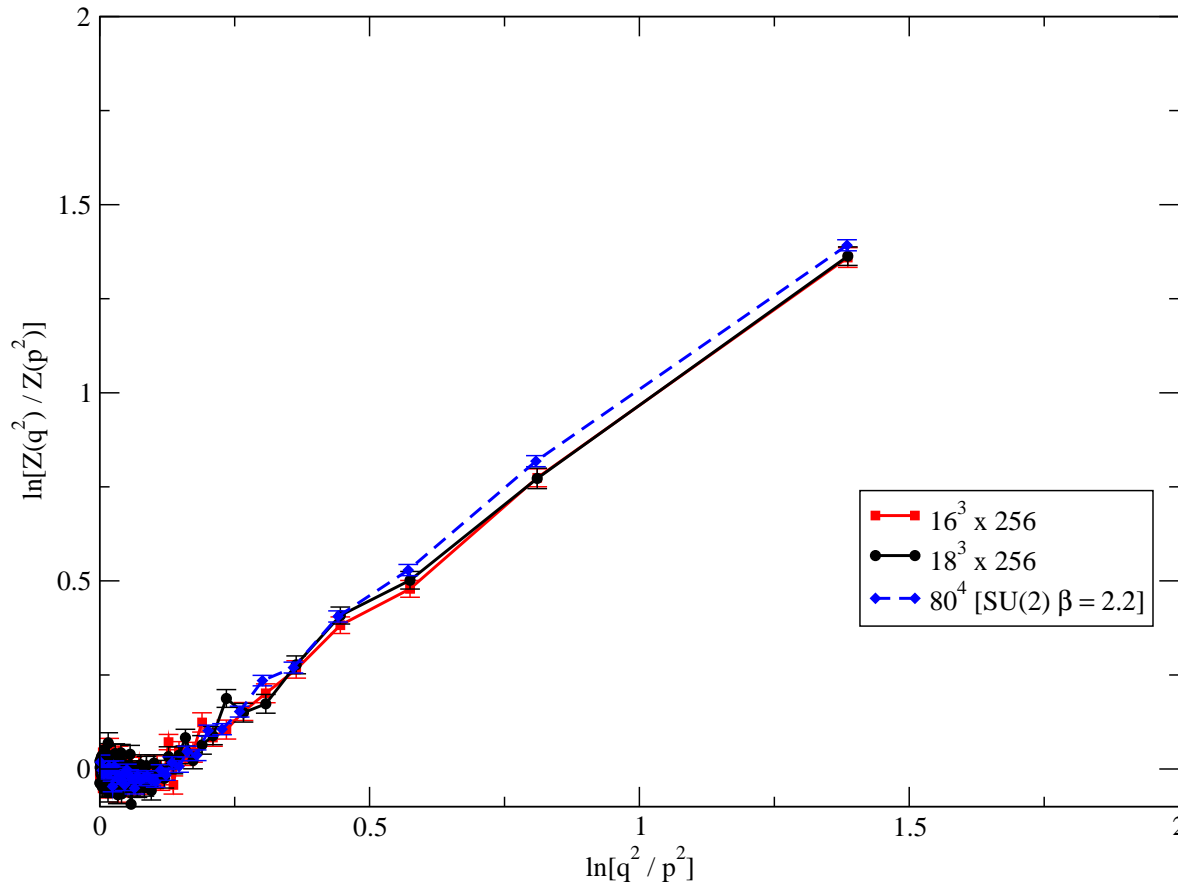
(b) Modelling

# Comparing with results from other groups



Results for  $80^4$ , SU(2),  $\beta = 2.2$  [Cucchieri and Mendes]

# Comparing with results from other groups



● 80<sup>4</sup>, SU(2):

$$\kappa \sim 0.53$$

$$C \sim -0.06$$

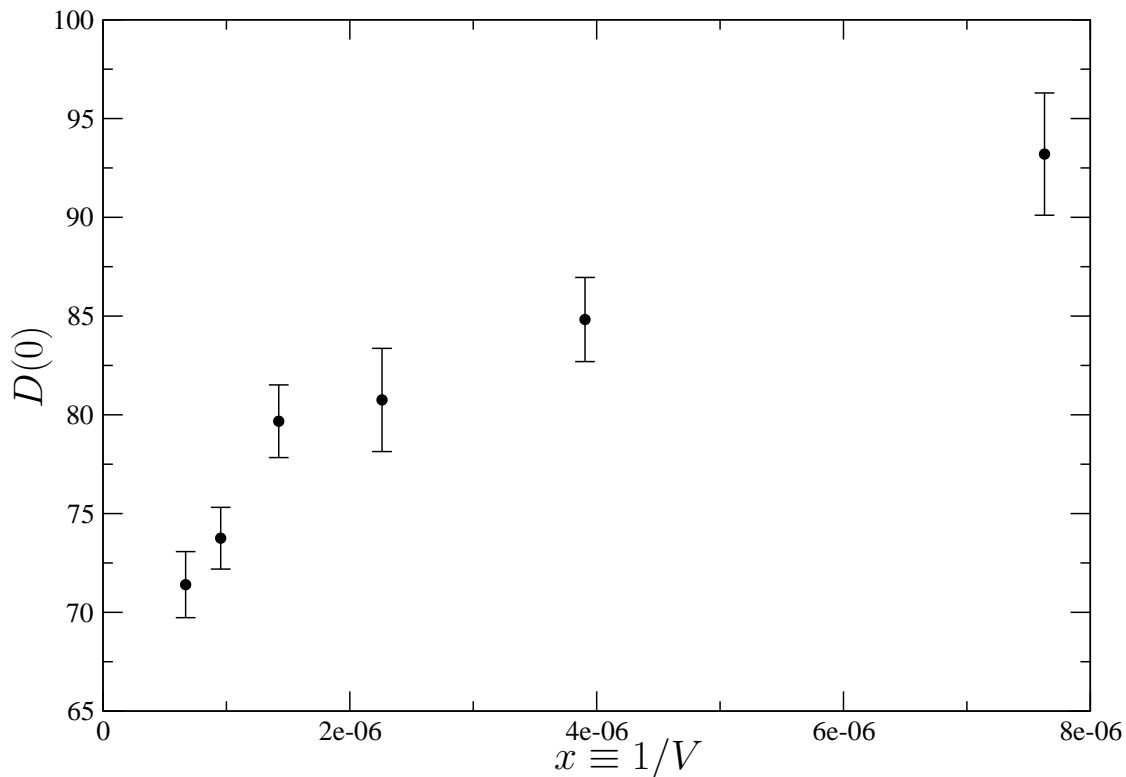
●  $L_s^3 \times 256$ , SU(3):

$$\kappa \sim 0.53$$

$$-0.18 < C < -0.09$$

Very good agreement

# What about $D(0)$ ?



Extrapolations  $V \rightarrow \infty$ :

● linear  
 $D(0) + bx$   
 $D(0) = 71.7$

● quadratic  
 $D(0) + bx + cx^2$   
 $D(0) = 68.9$

● power law  
 $ax^b, D(0) = 0$   
 $b = 0.10$

No conclusive answer!!!

$b = 0.10$  very similar to that obtained in DSE on a torus ( $b \sim 0.095$ )

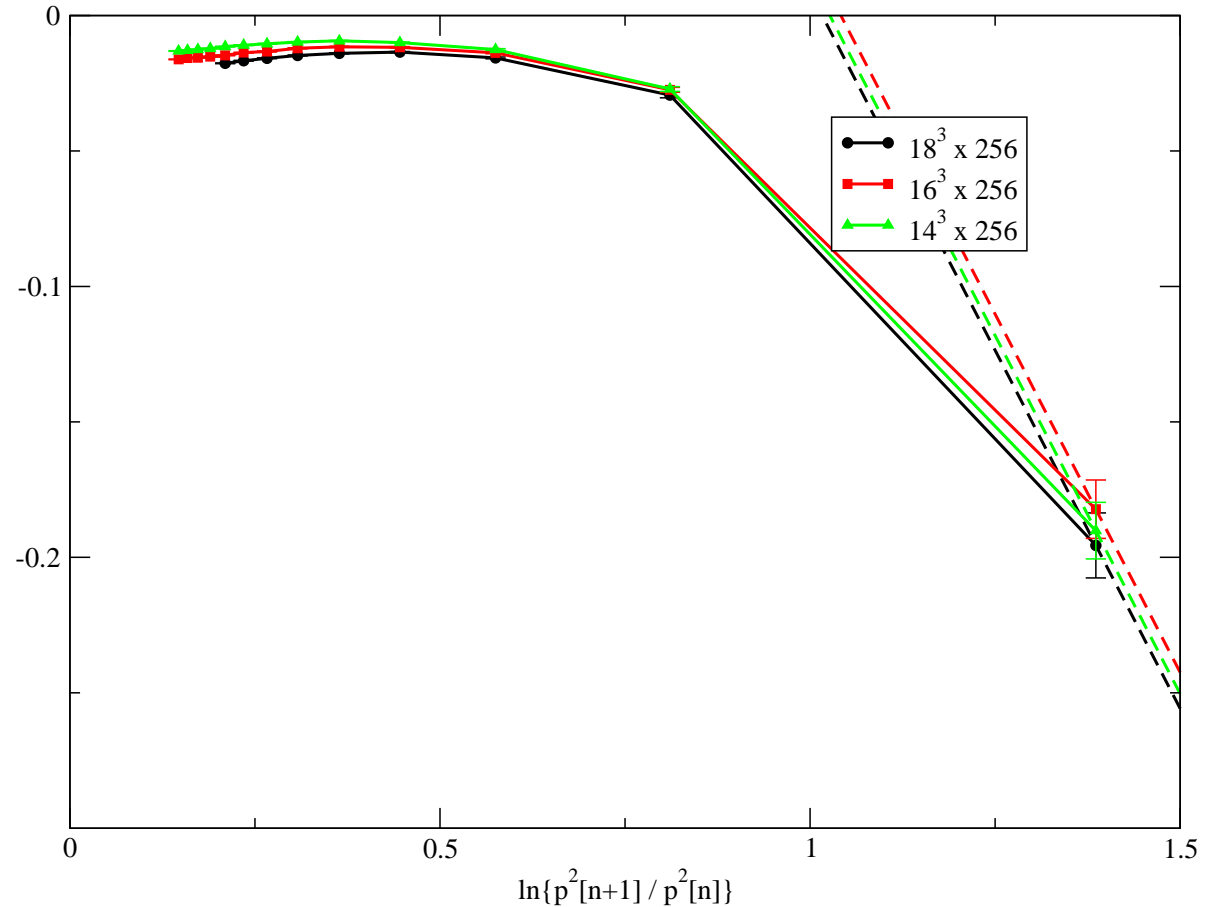


# Ratios for ghost dressing function

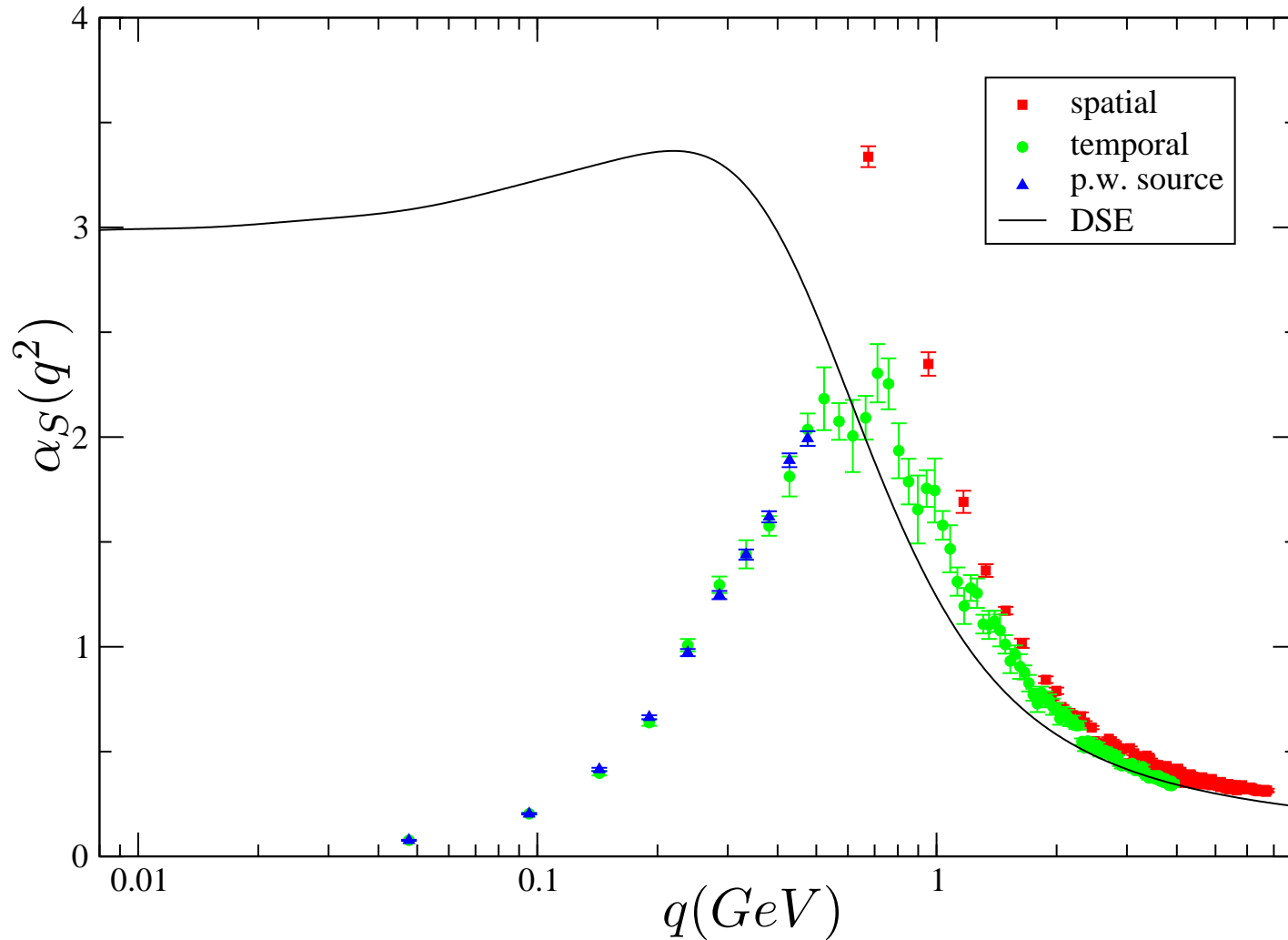
● No linear behaviour!

● Far from  $\kappa \sim 0.53$

● Lower bound:  
 $\kappa \sim 0.29$   
(two lowest points)



# Strong running coupling – $18^3 \times 256$



# Conclusions

- New method for extracting infrared exponents
- without relying in extrapolations to infinite volume
- Gluon propagator:
  - stable, volume independent  $\kappa \sim 0.53$
  - compares well with results from  $80^4$  SU(2)
  - modelling the finite volume effects

$$Z_{latt}(q^2) = Z_{cont}(q^2) e^{Aq}$$

volume dependent A

- Ghost propagator:
  - No pure power law behaviour; lower bound  $\kappa > 0.29$
- **FUTURE WORK:**
  - careful analysis of lattice effects under way
  - larger lattices