

# Determination of the QCD coupling constant from the static energy and the free energy

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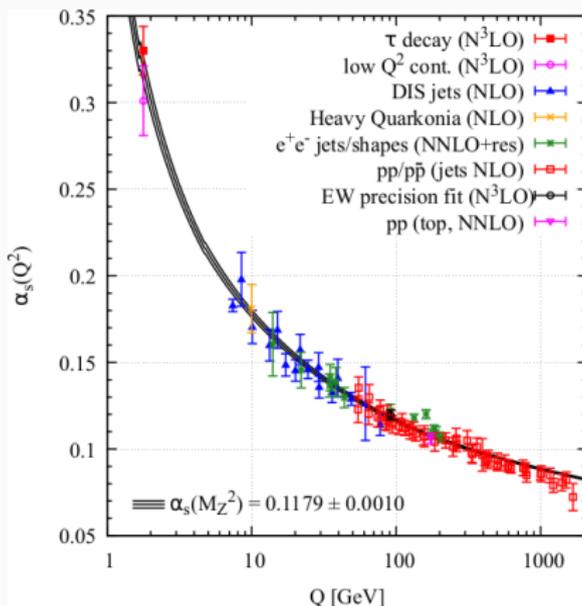
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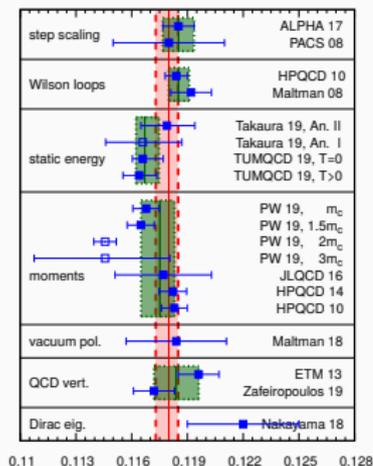
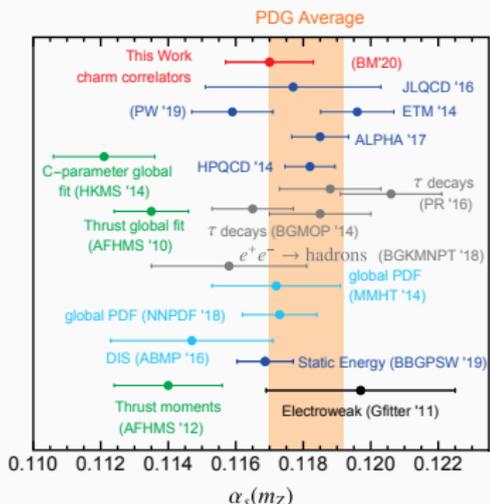
# Overall picture



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- QCD has only one parameter:  $\alpha_s(Q^2)$  (or  $\Lambda_{QCD}$ , respectively)
- $\alpha_s(Q^2)$  is determined experimentally via different processes
- The overall picture from high to low scales seems consistent

# Lattice determinations of $\alpha_s$ in context



- PDG has increased the global error of  $\alpha_s$  since 2014
  - Spread hints at **underestimated systematic uncertainties**
  - Lattice QCD dominates the global average and error
- ⇒ urgent need for **reexamining errors of lattice** calculations

## Conceptual idea of lattice determinations of $\alpha_s$

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The QCD static energy of a (static) quark-antiquark pair (2010-2021)

- The scale is set by the (inverse) size of the system,  $\nu = 1/r$
- Other scales are involved, i.e. the ultra-soft scale  $\mu_{us} = \alpha_s/r$
- The singlet potential contributes
  - renormalon subtraction (DR)
  - diverges as  $\sim 1/a$  towards the continuum limit in lattice reg.

## Bibliography : $\alpha_s$ from the QCD static energy

- TUM group<sup>1</sup> using 3 sea quark flavors (2010-2019)
- TUM data re-analyzed<sup>2</sup> (2020)
- Frankfurt/Jena group<sup>3</sup> using 2 sea quark flavors (2012-2018)
- JLQCD-affiliated group<sup>4</sup> using 3 sea quark flavors (2018)

Extension to 4 sea quark flavors by TUMQCD collaboration ongoing

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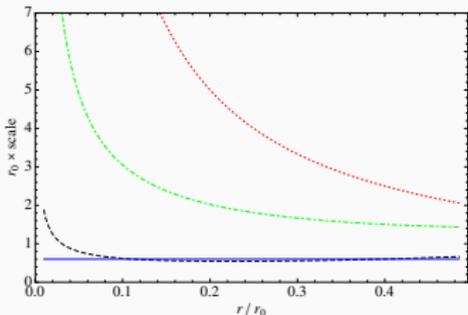
## Static quark-antiquark energy

- Static energy determined from large-time behavior of Wilson loops

$$E(r) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} i \frac{d}{dt} \langle \ln W(t, \mathbf{r}) \rangle, \quad W(t, \mathbf{r}) = \exp \left\{ ig \oint_{\mathbf{r}, t} dz^\mu A_\mu \right\}$$

- Known in perturbation theory @ N<sup>3</sup>LL (dimensional regularization)
- Nonperturbatively calculable in the lattice regularization
- For  $r \ll 1/\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$  both schemes must agree, with hierarchy of scales

$$\frac{1}{r} \gg V_o - V_s \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}, \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{c} V_s \\ V_o \end{array} \right\} \approx - \left\{ \begin{array}{c} -C_F \\ +\frac{1}{2N_c} \end{array} \right\} \frac{\alpha_s}{r}$$



# Static quark-antiquark energy in perturbation theory

- Static energy determined from large-time behavior of Wilson loops

$$E(r) = \Lambda_s - \frac{C_F \alpha_s}{r} \left( 1 + \# \alpha_s + \# \alpha_s^2 + \# \alpha_s^3 + \# \alpha_s^3 \ln \alpha_s + \# \alpha_s^4 \ln^2 \alpha_s + \# \alpha_s^4 \ln \alpha_s + \dots \right) \quad @ \text{N}^3\text{LL}$$

- US contributions to the static energy can be understood in pNRQCD

$$E(r) = \Lambda_s + \underbrace{V_s(r, \mu_{us})}_{\sim \ln^k(r\mu_{us}), k=1,2,\dots} - i \frac{g^2}{N_c} V_A^2 \int_0^\infty dt e^{-it(V_0 - V_s)} \underbrace{\langle \text{tr } \mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{E}(t) \mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{E}(0) \rangle (\mu_{us})}_{\sim \ln^k(r\mu_{us}), \ln^k\left(\frac{V_0 - V_s}{\mu_{us}}\right), k=1,2,\dots} + \dots$$

include the **singlet potential** and the ultra-soft contribution

- Potential nonrelativistic QCD (pNRQCD) Lagrangian<sup>5</sup> at NLO

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{\text{pNRQCD}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{light}} + \int d^3r \text{tr} \left\{ S^\dagger [i\partial_0 - V_s(r, \nu, \mu_{us})] S + \right. & \left. \left. [iD_0 - V_0(r, \nu, \mu_{us})] O \right\} \\ + V_A(r, \nu, \mu_{us}) \text{tr} \left\{ O^\dagger \mathbf{r} \cdot g\mathbf{E} S + S^\dagger \mathbf{r} \cdot g\mathbf{E} O \right\} & \\ + V_B(r, \nu, \mu_{us}) \text{tr} \left\{ O^\dagger \mathbf{r} \cdot g\mathbf{E} O + O^\dagger O \mathbf{r} \cdot g\mathbf{E} \right\} + \dots & \end{aligned}$$

<sup>5</sup>Brambilla et al., Nucl. Phys. B566 (2000) 275

## Dealing with the mass renormalon of the potential

- The **singlet potential** is affected by an  $r$ -independent renormalon

$$E(r) = \Lambda_s + V_s(r, \nu, \mu_{us}) + \delta_{us}(r, \nu, \mu_{us}),$$

- May absorb renormalon into residual mass:

$$RS(\nu) = \Lambda_s - \Lambda_s^{\text{rs}}(\nu), \quad V_s^{\text{rs}}(r, \nu, \mu_{us}) = V_s(r, \nu, \mu_{us}) + \Lambda_s^{\text{rs}}(\nu),$$

$$E(r) = RS(\nu) + V_s^{\text{rs}}(r, \nu, \mu_{us}) + \delta_{us}(r, \nu, \mu_{us}),$$

- Or, to avoid both large logs  $\ln(r\nu)$  or an  $r$ -dependent renormalon term  
 $\Rightarrow$  compute the force, resum the logarithm via  $\nu = 1/r$ , and integrate<sup>6</sup>

$$F\left(r, \frac{1}{r}\right) = \left. \frac{\partial E(r, \nu)}{\partial r} \right|_{\nu=\frac{1}{r}}$$

$$E(r) = \int_{\bar{r}}^r dr' F\left(r', \frac{1}{r'}\right) + \text{const}$$

<sup>6</sup>Garcia i Tormo, MPLA 28 133028

## Three-loop force

The force at N<sup>3</sup>LO with  $\nu = 1/r$

$$F(r, 1/r) = \frac{C_F}{r^2} \alpha_s(1/r) \left[ 1 + \frac{\alpha_s(1/r)}{4\pi} (\tilde{a}_1 - 2\beta_0) + \frac{\alpha_s^2(1/r)}{(4\pi)^2} (\tilde{a}_2 - 4\tilde{a}_1\beta_0 - 2\beta_1) + \frac{\alpha_s^3(1/r)}{(4\pi)^3} (\tilde{a}_3 - 6\tilde{a}_2\beta_0 - 4\tilde{a}_1\beta_1 - 2\beta_2) + a_3^L \ln \frac{C_A \alpha_s(1/r)}{2} \right] + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^4, \alpha_s^4 \ln^2 \alpha_s)$$

... with leading ultra-soft resummation

$$F(r, 1/r) = \frac{C_F}{r^2} \alpha_s(1/r) \left[ 1 + \frac{\alpha_s(1/r)}{4\pi} (\tilde{a}_1 - 2\beta_0) + \frac{\alpha_s^2(1/r)}{(4\pi)^2} (\tilde{a}_2 - 4\tilde{a}_1\beta_0 - 2\beta_1) - \frac{\alpha_s^2(1/r)}{(4\pi)^2} \frac{a_3^L}{2\beta_0} \ln \frac{\alpha_s(\mu_{us})}{\alpha_s(1/r)} + \frac{\alpha_s^2(1/r) \alpha_s(\mu_{us})}{(4\pi)^3} a_3^L \ln \frac{C_A \alpha_s(1/r)}{2r\mu_{us}} + \frac{\alpha_s^3(1/r)}{(4\pi)^3} (\tilde{a}_3 - 6\tilde{a}_2\beta_0 - 4\tilde{a}_1\beta_1 - 2\beta_2) + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^4) \right]$$

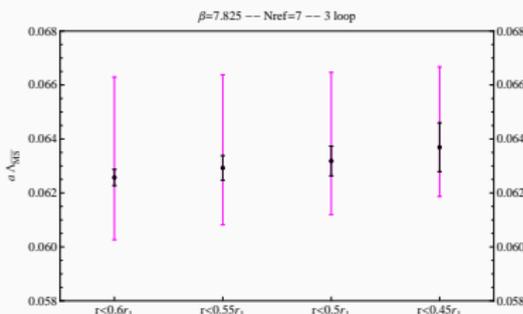
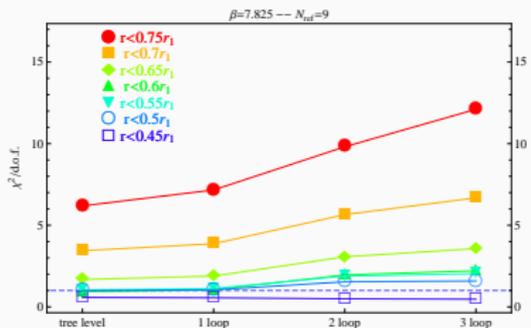
The ultra-soft scale  $\mu_{us} = \frac{C_A}{2} \frac{\alpha_s(1/r)}{r}$  gives rise to  $\ln \alpha_s(1/r)$  term<sup>a</sup>

$$\ln \left[ \frac{V_o - V_s}{\nu} \right] - \ln [r\nu] = \ln \left[ \frac{C_A}{2} \alpha_s(1/r) \right] = \ln [r\mu_{us}]$$

Leading ultra-soft resummation recovers  $F^{N^3LO}$  in limit  $\mu_{us} \rightarrow 1/r$

<sup>a</sup>Brambilla et al., Phys. Rev. D60 (1999) 091502

# Fitting lattice results of the static energy (2014)



## Different perturbative orders

- $\chi^2/\text{dof}$  reduces for higher orders at shorter distances
- ⇒ Weak-coupling suitable for static energy for  $r \lesssim 0.15 \text{ fm}$
- At shortest distances little sensitivity to perturbative order

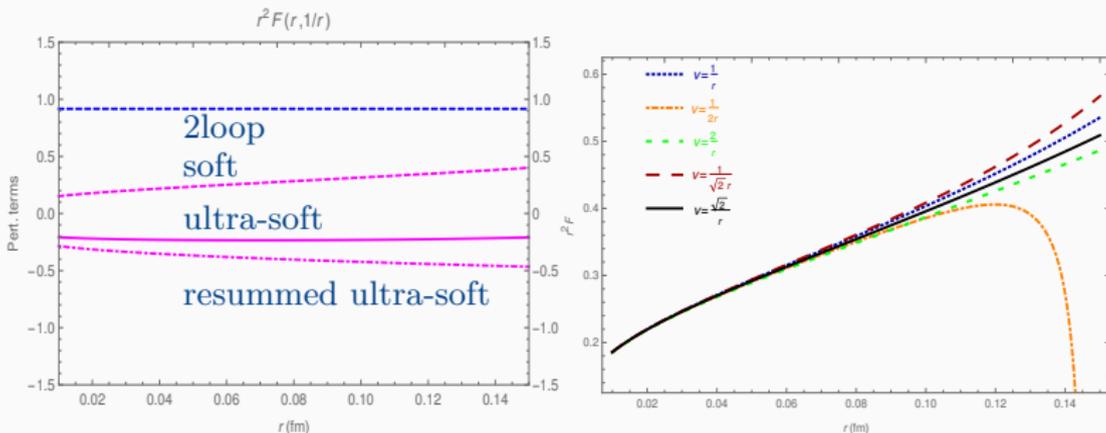
## When going to shorter distances

- Statistical errors increase
- Perturbative errors decrease

## Perturbative errors estimated from

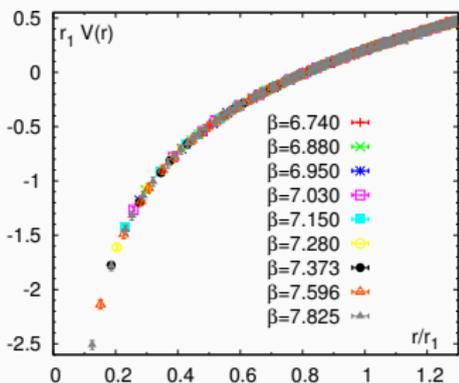
- scale variation  $\nu = 1/\sqrt{2}r$  to  $\sqrt{2}/r$
- soft higher order term  $\pm \#\alpha_s^4/r$

# Perturbative uncertainty in the 2019 edition



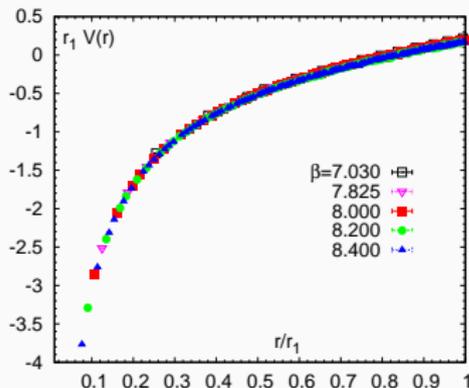
- Ultra-soft logs are small – use *three-loop with leading US resummation*
- Soft scale variation generates the dominant uncertainty at three loops
- More conservative soft scale variation in 2019 edition:  $\nu = 1/2r$  to  $2/r$
- Nonmonotonic scale dependence is a common effect in EFTs, whenever the error is estimated from scale variation, is minimal for  $\nu \approx 1/\sqrt{2}r$
- Variation of ultra-soft resummation included in the error budget

# Static energy on the lattice: 2014 vs 2019



2014 edition<sup>7</sup>,  $a^{-1} \leq 4.9$  GeV

- Smallest distance  $r = 0.04$  fm
- Perturbative errors dominant
- Very light pion  $m_\pi = 160$  MeV
- Consistent with 2012 edition<sup>9</sup>



2019 edition<sup>8</sup>,  $a^{-1} \leq 7.9$  GeV

- Three extra fine lattice spacings at  $T = 0$
- Include for shortest distances singlet free energies at  $T > 0$   
 $\Rightarrow a^{-1} \lesssim 22$  GeV

<sup>7</sup>Bazavov et al., Phys. Rev. D90 (2014) 7, 074038

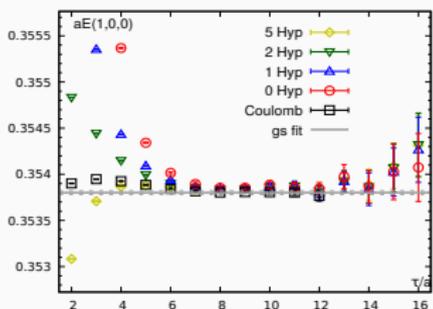
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# Wilson loops vs Wilson line correlators in Coulomb gauge

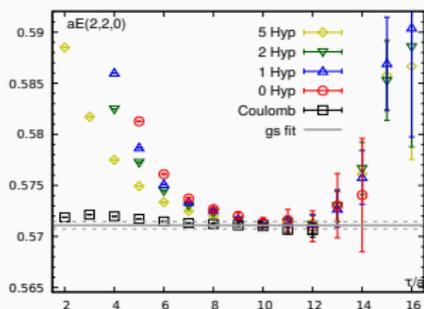
## Wilson loops on the lattice

- + Explicit gauge invariance
- Cusp divergences due to corners
- Extra cusp divergences for off-axis separation
- Self-energy divergences due to spatial Wilson lines



## Wilson line correlator on the lattice

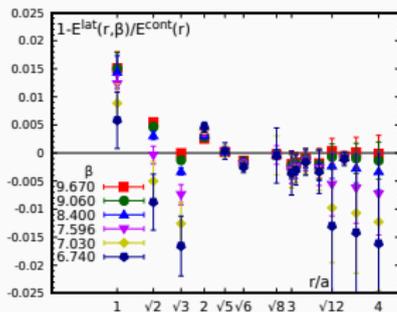
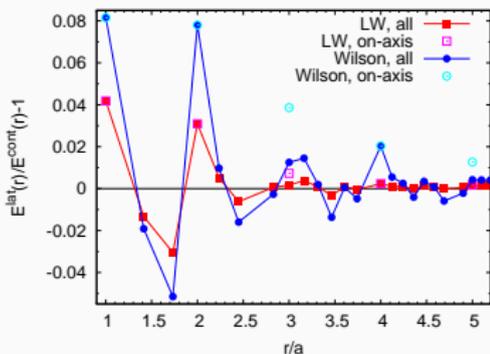
- Must fix some gauge, i.e. Coulomb gauge
- + No corners, no cusps
- + On- and off-axis separation have same divergence
- + No spatial Wilson lines



- Same ground state for both, but Wilson lines technically favorable
- Distortions at small distance and time for both operators

# Lattice artifacts in the static quark-antiquark energy

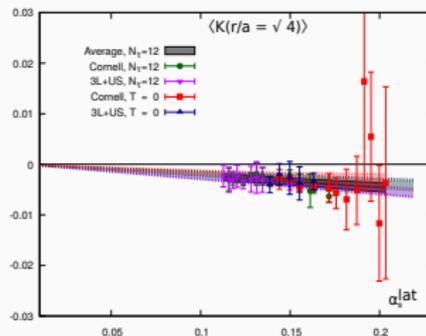
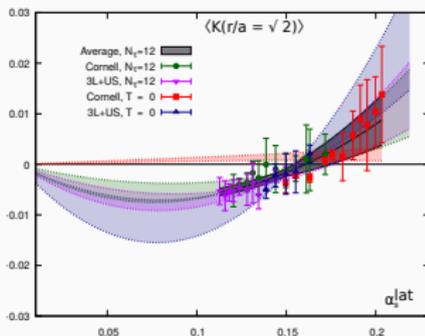
- The static energy at short distances has percent-level lattice artifacts



- Improved gauge action (Lüscher–Weisz) – reduced symmetry breaking
- Tree-level correction (TLC):  $\frac{E^{\text{lat}}(r)}{E^{\text{cont}}(r)}$  for OGE without running coupling
- After tree-level correction – smaller, similar pattern of lattice artifacts<sup>10</sup>
- Impasse: only data with  $r/a \geq \sqrt{8}$  omitting  $r/a = \sqrt{12}$  are safe
- Way out: estimate the artifacts  $\Rightarrow$  nonperturbative correction (NPC)

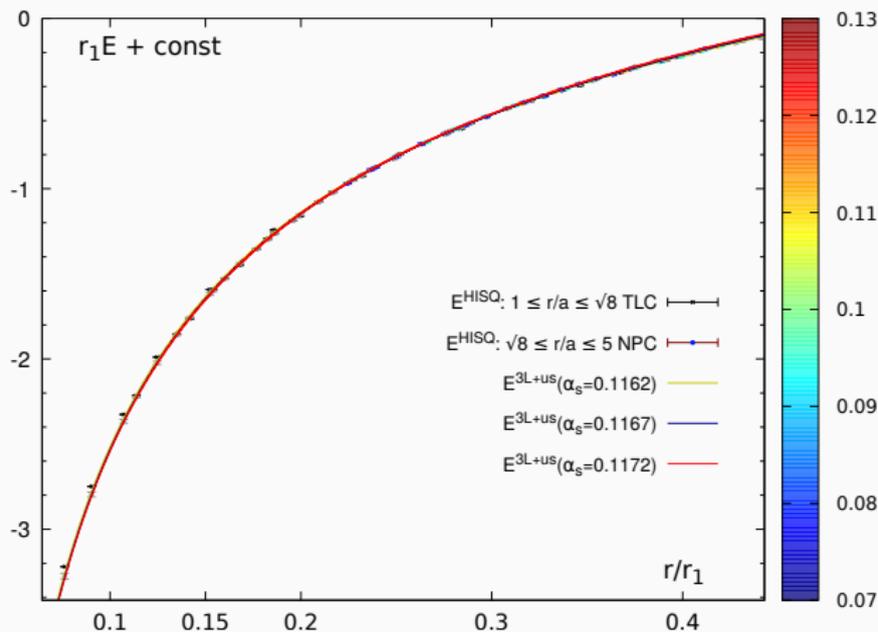
<sup>10</sup>Bazavov et al, Phys. Rev. D98 (2018) no.5, 054511

# Nonperturbative correction of the static energy



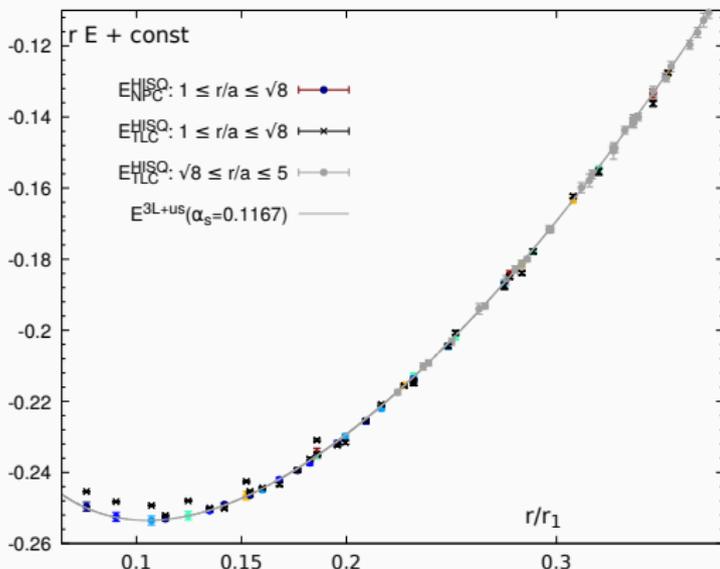
- Estimate continuum static energy using fine lattice using  $r/a \geq \sqrt{5}$ , interpolate (Cornell ansatz), determine corrections for coarser lattices
  - Estimate continuum static energy for  $r/a \geq 1$  at  $N^3LO$  with leading ultra-soft resummation, marginalizing over  $\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$  in some window
- ⇒ Extrapolate the corrections in boosted coupling  $\alpha_s^{\text{lat}}$  to finer lattices

# Impact of the lattice artifacts



- Restrict lattice data to  $r < 0.14 \text{ fm} \approx 0.45 r_1$  (perturbative regime)
- Analyze TLC data at  $r/a \geq \sqrt{8} \Rightarrow$  artifacts are statistically irrelevant

## Impact of the lattice artifacts



- TLC data at  $r/a < \sqrt{8}$  yield  $\alpha_s$  smaller by up to  $2\sigma$  at bad  $\chi^2/\text{dof}$
- NPC data at  $r/a < \sqrt{8}$  are well-described by fit for  $r/a \geq \sqrt{8}$
- Combined analysis of lattice data with  $a \leq 0.06$  fm, i.e.,  $a/r_1 \leq 0.2$
- Statistical and systematic errors reduced, while  $\chi^2/\text{dof}$  is unchanged

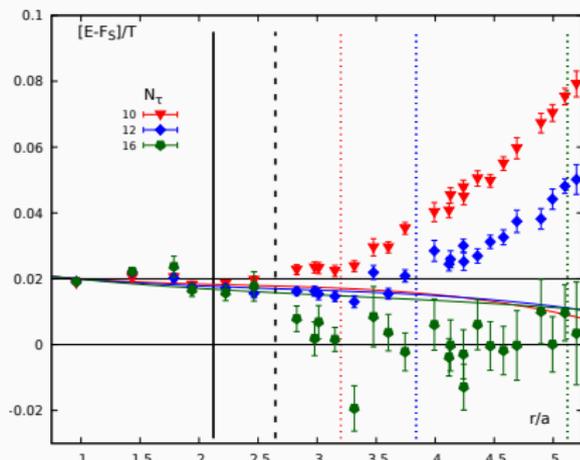
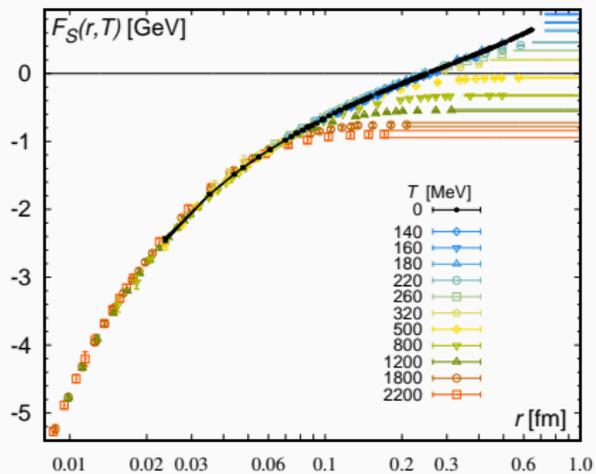
# Systematic errors in the 2019 edition

$\min(r/a)$	$\max(r)$ fm	$\alpha_s^{3L}$	$\delta^{\text{stat}}$	$\delta_{2014}^{\text{pert}}$	$\delta_{2019}^{\text{pert}}$	$\alpha_s^{2L}$
$\sqrt{8}$	0.097	0.1166	0.0007	+0.0007 -0.0003	+0.0016 -0.0005	0.1167
$\sqrt{8}$	0.131	0.1167	0.0005	+0.0008 -0.0003	+0.0019 -0.0006	0.1168
1	0.055	0.1164	0.0005	+0.0003 -0.0001	+0.0008 -0.0003	0.1164
1	0.073	0.1166	0.0004	+0.0004 -0.0001	+0.0010 -0.0003	0.1166
1	0.098	0.1167	0.0003	+0.0005 -0.0002	+0.0012 -0.0004	0.1167
1	0.131	0.1167	0.0003	+0.0007 -0.0003	+0.0015 -0.0005	0.1168

- Must keep  $r \lesssim 0.1$  fm to enable the full (factor 2) soft scale variation
- For soft scale  $1/\sqrt{2}r \leq \nu \leq \sqrt{2}/r$  stable against variation of  $\max(r)$
- No leading ultra-soft resummation:  $\alpha_s^{3L}$  lower by  $\sim 70\%$  of lower  $\delta^{\text{pert}}$
- Include  $r/a < \sqrt{8}$  to reduce all perturbative errors
- $r_1$  lattice scale error:  $\pm 1.7$  MeV for  $\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$ ,  $\pm 0.0001$  for  $\alpha_s(m_z, N_f = 5)$

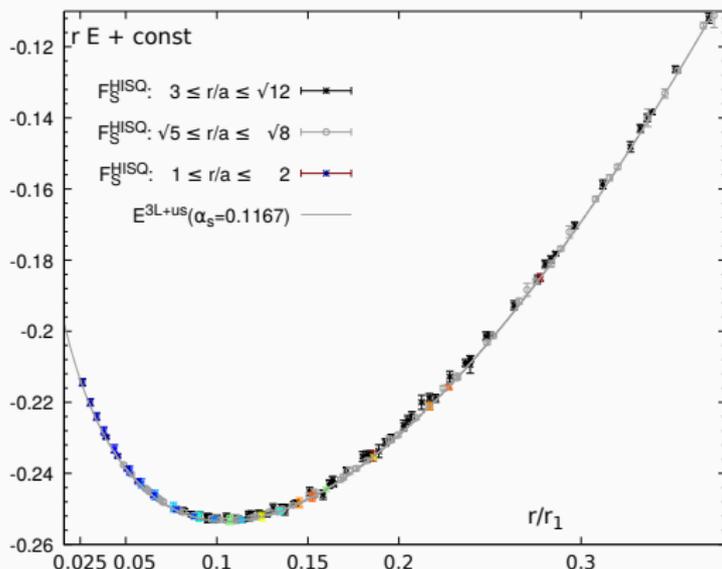
$$\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^{N_f=3} = 314_{-8}^{+16} \text{ MeV}, \quad \alpha_s(m_z, N_f = 5) = 0.11660_{-0.00056}^{+0.00110}$$

# $T > 0$ data in the 2019 edition



- Singlet free energy for  $T > 0$  with much finer lattice spacing<sup>11</sup> (no pion)
- $F_S$  defined via Coulomb gauge thermal Wilson line correlator:  $\tau = 1/T$
- $T > 0$  effects exponentially suppressed for  $\alpha_s/r \gg T$ , i.e.,  $r/a \ll \alpha_s N_\tau$
- Nonconstant  $T > 0$  effects are numerically small for  $r/a \lesssim 0.3N_\tau$  due to compensation between static gluons vs nonstatic gluons and quarks

<sup>11</sup>Bazavov et al, Phys. Rev. D98 (2018) no.5, 054511

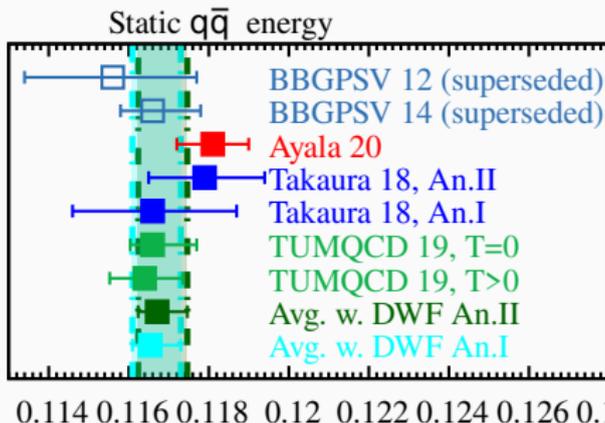
$\alpha_s$  from  $T > 0$ 

- Restrict  $N_\tau = 12$  data to  $r/a \leq 2$  or  $3$ , i.e.,  $r \leq 0.17/\tau$  or  $0.25/\tau$
- Cannot avoid the nonperturbative correction for the lattice artifacts
- Restrict to tiny distances  $r \leq 0.03$  fm to reduce the perturbative error

$T = 0$  vs  $T > 0$ 

$N_\tau$	$\max(r/a)$	$\max(r)$ fm	$\alpha_s^{3L}$	$\delta^{\text{stat}}$	$\delta_{2014}^{\text{pert}}$	$\delta_{2019}^{\text{pert}}$	$\alpha_s^{2L}$
64	2	0.057	0.1165	0.0006	+0.0003 -0.0001	+0.0008 -0.0003	0.1164
64	2	0.096	0.1166	0.0005	+0.0004 -0.0002	+0.0011 -0.0003	0.1166
12	2	0.030	0.1164	0.0008	+0.0002 -0.0001	+0.0004 -0.0002	0.1163
12	2	0.057	0.1165	0.0007	+0.0002 -0.0001	+0.0006 -0.0002	0.1164
12	2	0.091	0.1167	0.0006	+0.0003 -0.0001	+0.0009 -0.0003	0.1167
64	3	0.055	0.1164	0.0005	+0.0003 -0.0001	+0.0008 -0.0003	0.1164
64	3	0.134	0.1167	0.0003	+0.0006 -0.0003	+0.0014 -0.0005	0.1168
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Complete agreement between  $\alpha_s$  from  $T = 0$  or  $T > 0$

$\alpha_s$  from the QCD static energy on the lattice

not included in averages

$$\alpha_s(m_Z) = 0.11671^{+76}_{-47}$$

$$\alpha_s(m_Z) = 0.11654^{+76}_{-45}$$

0.114 0.116 0.118 0.12 0.122 0.124 0.126 0.128

adapted from: Komijani, Petreczky, JHW PPNP 113 (2020)

- Perfect agreement between superseded TUM<sup>12</sup> and TUMQCD results<sup>13</sup>
  - Agreement with results for Wilson loops on JLQCD ensembles<sup>14</sup>
- ⇒ but potential issues with continuum limit and quark mass effects<sup>15</sup>
- Higher  $\alpha_s$  in re-analysis<sup>16</sup> of TUMQCD data (hyperasymptotic exp.)

<sup>12</sup>Bazavov et al., Phys. Rev. D86 (2012) 114031

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## Coefficients of the force – color factors and beta function

- Color factors:  $C_F = \frac{N_c^2 - 1}{2N_c}$ ,  $C_A = N_c$ ,  $T_F = \frac{1}{2}$

- Beta function:

$$\frac{d\alpha_s(\nu)}{d\ln\nu} = \alpha_s\beta(\alpha_s) = -\frac{\alpha_s^2}{2\pi} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi}\right)^n \beta_n = -2\alpha_s \left[ \beta_0 \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} + \beta_1 \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi}\right)^2 + \dots \right]$$

- Relevant coefficients explicitly contributing to the force:

$$\beta_0 = \frac{11}{3} C_A - \frac{4}{3} T_F N_f,$$

$$\beta_1 = \frac{34}{3} C_A^2 - \frac{20}{3} C_A N_f T_F - 4 C_F N_f T_F,$$

$$\beta_2 = \frac{2857}{54} C_A^3 - \left( \frac{1415}{27} C_A^2 + \frac{205}{9} C_A C_F - 2 C_F^2 \right) N_f T_F + \left( \frac{158}{27} C_A + \frac{44}{9} C_F \right) N_f^2 T_F^2$$

## Coefficients of the force – other coefficients (I)

- Coefficients  $\tilde{a}_i$ :

$$\tilde{a}_1 = a_1 + 2\gamma_E\beta_0,$$

$$\tilde{a}_2 = a_2 + \left(\frac{\pi^2}{3} + 4\gamma_E^2\right)\beta_0^2 + \gamma_E(4a_1\beta_0 + 2\beta_1),$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{a}_3 = a_3 + & \left(8\gamma_E^3 + 2\gamma_E\pi^2 + 16\zeta(3)\right)\beta_0^3 + 2\gamma_E\beta_2 \\ & + \left[\left(12\gamma_E^2 + \pi^2\right)\beta_0^2 + 4\gamma_E\beta_1\right]a_1 + \left[6a_2\gamma_E + \frac{5}{2}\left(4\gamma_E^2 + \frac{\pi^2}{3}\right)\beta_1\right]\beta_0 \end{aligned}$$

- Coefficients  $a_i$ :

$$a_1 = \frac{31}{9}C_A - \frac{20}{9}T_F N_f,$$

$$\begin{aligned} a_2 = & \left(\frac{4343}{162} + 4\pi^2 - \frac{\pi^4}{4} + \frac{22}{3}\zeta(3)\right)C_A^2 - \left(\frac{1798}{81} + \frac{56}{3}\zeta(3)\right)C_A T_F N_f \\ & - \left(\frac{55}{3} - 16\zeta(3)\right)C_F T_F N_f + \left(\frac{20}{9}T_F N_f\right)^2 \end{aligned}$$

## Coefficients of the force – other coefficients (II)

- Coefficient  $a_3$ :

$$a_3 = a_3^{(3)} N_f^3 + a_3^{(2)} N_f^2 + a_3^{(1)} N_f + a_3^{(0)},$$

$$a_3^{(3)} = - \left( \frac{20}{9} \right)^3 T_F^3,$$

$$a_3^{(2)} = \left( \frac{12541}{243} + \frac{368}{3} \zeta(3) + \frac{64\pi^4}{135} \right) C_A T_F^2 + \left( \frac{14002}{81} - \frac{416}{3} \zeta(3) \right) C_F T_F^2,$$

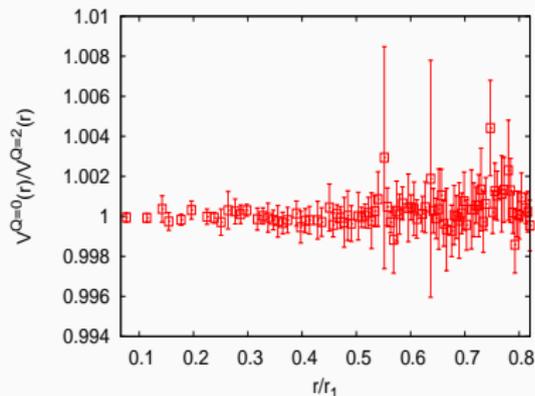
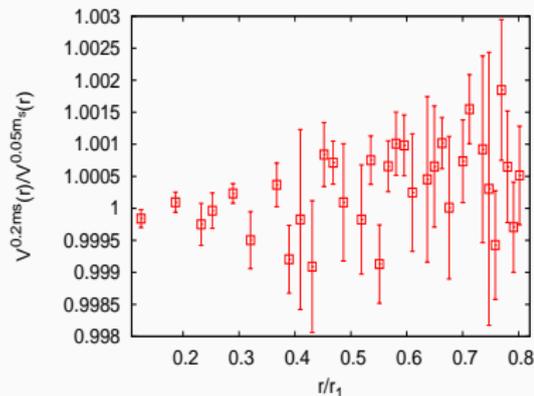
$$a_3^{(1)} = (-709.717) C_A^2 T_F + \left( -\frac{71281}{162} + 264\zeta(3) + 80\zeta(5) \right) C_A C_F T_F \\ + \left( \frac{286}{9} + \frac{296}{3} \zeta(3) - 160\zeta(5) \right) C_F^2 T_F + (-56.83(1)) \frac{18 - 6N_c^2 + N_c^4}{96N_c^2},$$

$$a_3^{(0)} = 502.24(1) C_A^3 - 136.39(12) \frac{N_c^3 + 6N_c}{48} + \frac{8}{3} \pi^2 C_A^3 \left( -\frac{5}{3} + 2\gamma_E + 2 \log 2 \right)$$

- Coefficient  $a_3^L$ :  $a_3^L = \frac{16\pi^2}{3} C_A^3$

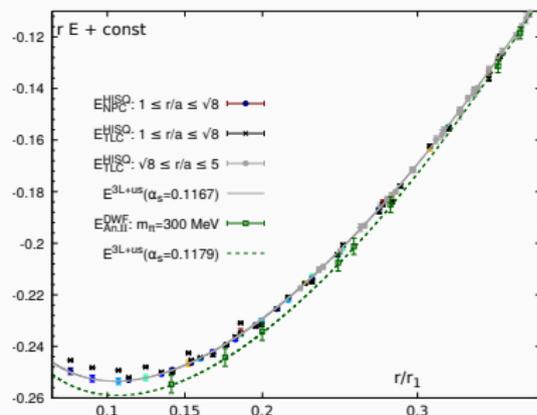
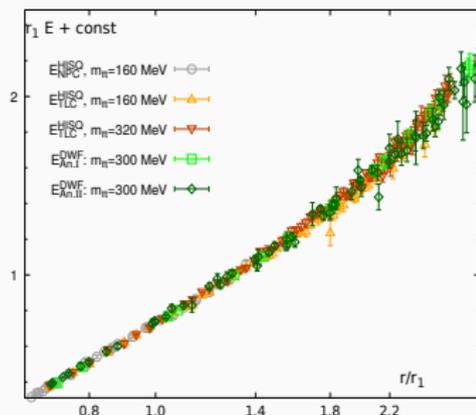
# Quark mass dependence and topology

- Combine gauge ensembles with different light sea quark mass
- ⇒ No statistically significant quark mass effects up to  $r \approx 0.5r_1$
- Fine gauge ensembles with fully suppressed topological tunneling
- ⇒ No statistically significant difference between static energy in different topological sectors up to  $r \approx 0.5r_1$  observed<sup>17</sup>



<sup>17</sup>Bazavov et al., PoS Confinement2018 (2019) 166

# Quark mass dependence and continuum limit on JLQCD ensembles



- $E(r)$  distinguishes  $m_\pi = 160 \text{ MeV}$  or  $m_\pi = 320 \text{ MeV}$  for  $r \gg 0.5r_1$
- $E(r)$  for DWF at  $m_\pi = 300 \text{ MeV}$  and for HISQ at  $m_\pi = 320 \text{ MeV}$  agree
- For  $r < 0.8r_1$  continuum extrapolation for DWF via rescaled TLC combined with a smooth global fit using power series in  $a^2$