

# The Schrödinger Functional in Numerical Stochastic Perturbation Theory

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# Overview

- Stochastic quantization and NSPT
  - NSPT in the Schrödinger functional
- The running SF coupling in NSPT

# Preliminaries

We work in the Schrödinger Functional as defined in  
[Lüscher, Narayanan, Weisz, and Wolff 1992].

I.e. the SU(3) lattice gauge fields  $U_\mu(x)$   
obey the **boundary conditions**

$$\begin{aligned}U_k(x)|_{x_0=0} &= e^{C(\mathbf{x})} \\U_k(x)|_{x_0=T} &= e^{C'(\mathbf{x})} \\U_\mu(x + \hat{k}L) &= U_\mu(x)\end{aligned}$$

and may be **decomposed**  
(in the perturbative regime) as

$$U_\mu(x) = e^{a g_0 q_\mu(x)} V_\mu(x)$$

(sometimes I'll also write  $U_{x\mu}$ )

# Stochastic Quantization

Introduce an extra d.o.f., the *stochastic time*.  
The field evolution in stochastic time is given  
by the Langevin Equation.

$$\partial_t U_{x\mu}(t; \eta) = - \left\{ \nabla_{x\mu} S_G[U(t; \eta)] + \eta_{x\mu}(t) \right\} U_{x\mu}(t; \eta)$$

with Gaussian noise  $\eta = \eta^a T^a$

$$\langle \eta_{x\mu}^a(t) \rangle_\eta = 0, \quad \langle \eta_{x\mu}^a(t) \eta_{y\nu}^b(u) \rangle_\eta = 2\delta^{ab} \delta_{xy} \delta_{\mu\nu} \delta(t - u)$$

# Stochastic Quantization

The expectation value of an observable w.r.t. the stochastic noise may be written as

$$\begin{aligned}\langle O \rangle_\eta &= \frac{1}{Z_\eta} \int \mathcal{D}[\eta] O[U(t; \eta)] e^{-\frac{1}{4} \int dx dt \eta^2(x, t)} \\ &= \int \mathcal{D}U O[U] \underline{P[U, t]}\end{aligned}$$

Where the time evolution of the weight is given by the Fokker-Planck equation

$$\underline{\dot{P}[U, t]} = \int dx d\mu \frac{\delta}{\delta U_{x\mu}} \left( \frac{\delta S[U]}{\delta U_{x\mu}} + \frac{\delta}{\delta U_{x\mu}} \right) P[U, t]$$

# Stochastic Quantization

One can prove that in a well-defined sense the weight converges to the one encountered in the path integral formalism, order by order..

$$P^{(0)} [U(\eta; t)] \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow \infty} P_{\text{PI}}^{(0)} [U] = \frac{1}{Z^{(0)}} e^{-S_G^{(0)} [U]},$$

$$P^{(1)} [U(\eta; t)] \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow \infty} P_{\text{PI}}^{(1)} [U], \dots$$

Hence one may obtain perturbative expansion of any observable in the large-time-limit

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left\langle \mathcal{O} \left[ \sum_k g_0^k U^{(k)}(t; \eta) \right] \right\rangle_\eta = \sum_k g_0^k \mathcal{O}^{(k)}$$

# Numerical Stochastic Perturbation Theory

Solve the Langevin equation on a lattice numerically  
e.g. using an Euler Scheme

$$U_{x\mu}(t + \epsilon; \eta) = e^{-F_{x\mu}[U]} U_{x\mu}(t; \eta), \quad F_{x\mu}[U] = \epsilon \nabla_{x\mu} S_G[U] - \sqrt{\epsilon} \eta_{x\mu}$$

... the perturbative expansion of which may be  
consistently truncated ...

$$U^{(0)} \rightarrow U^{(0)}, \quad U^{(1)} \rightarrow U^{(1)} - F^{(1)}$$

$$U^{(2)} \rightarrow U^{(2)} - F^{(2)} + \frac{1}{2} \left( F^{(1)} \right)^2 - F^{(1)} U^{(1)}, \dots$$

[Di Renzo, Marchesini, et al. 1994]

# Numerical Stochastic Perturbation Theory

Set up a computer simulation, storing all gauge fields as a series

$$U = \sum_{k=0}^N g_0^k U^{(k)}$$

and perform all computations order by order, e.g.

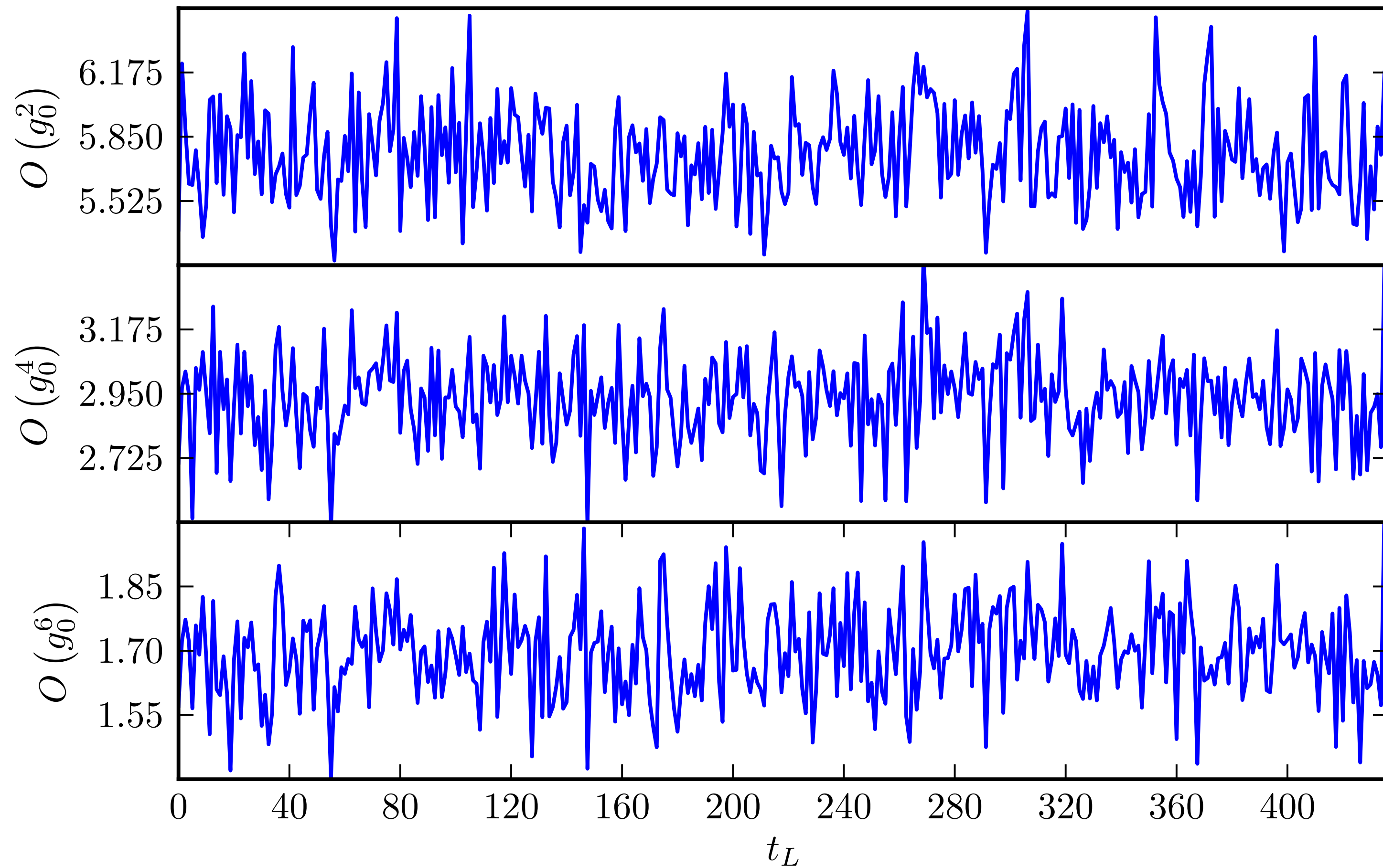
$$(U \cdot U')^{(k)} = \sum_{l=0}^N U^{(l)} U'^{(k-l)}$$

- Obtain expectation value through single long history
- Perform the limit  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$



# Sample History

$$\check{\mathcal{E}}_m, \quad L/a = 6, \quad \epsilon = 0.0125$$



# Gauge Suppression

Historically: *Stochastic gauge fixing.*

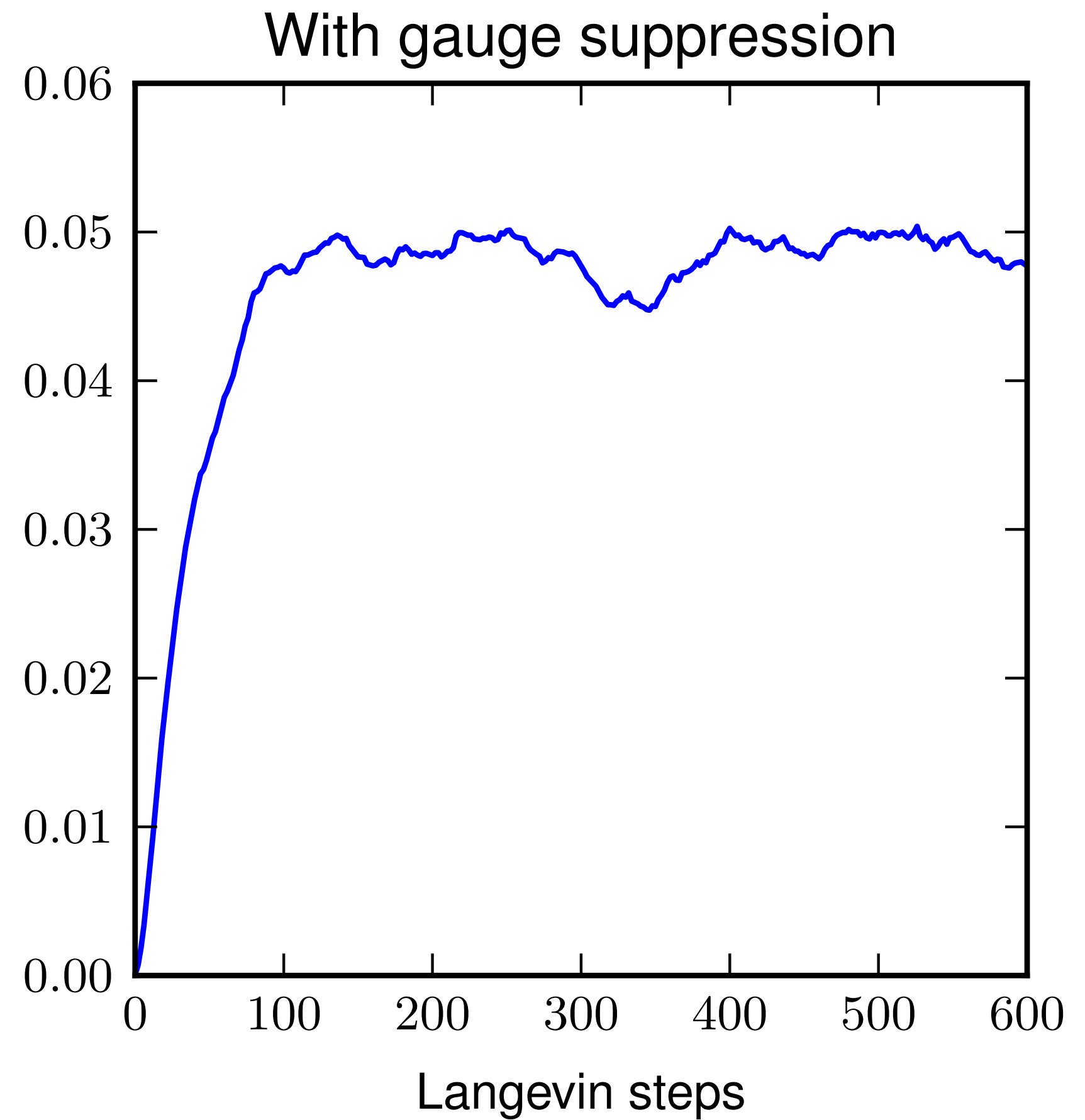
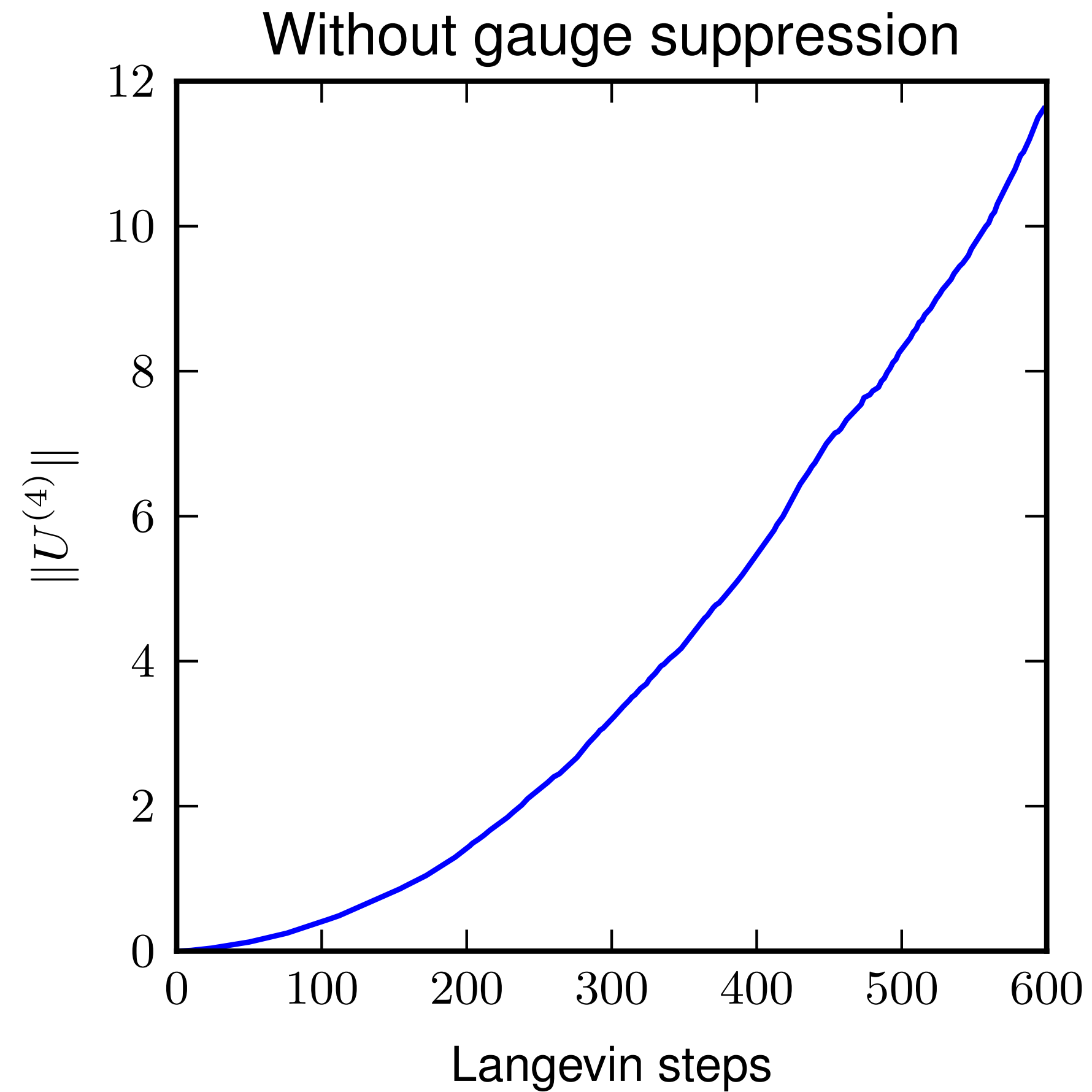
$$F_{x\mu}[U] = \epsilon \nabla_{x\mu} S_G[U] - \sqrt{\epsilon} \eta_{x\mu}$$

Drives *transversal* gauge modes to classical solution.

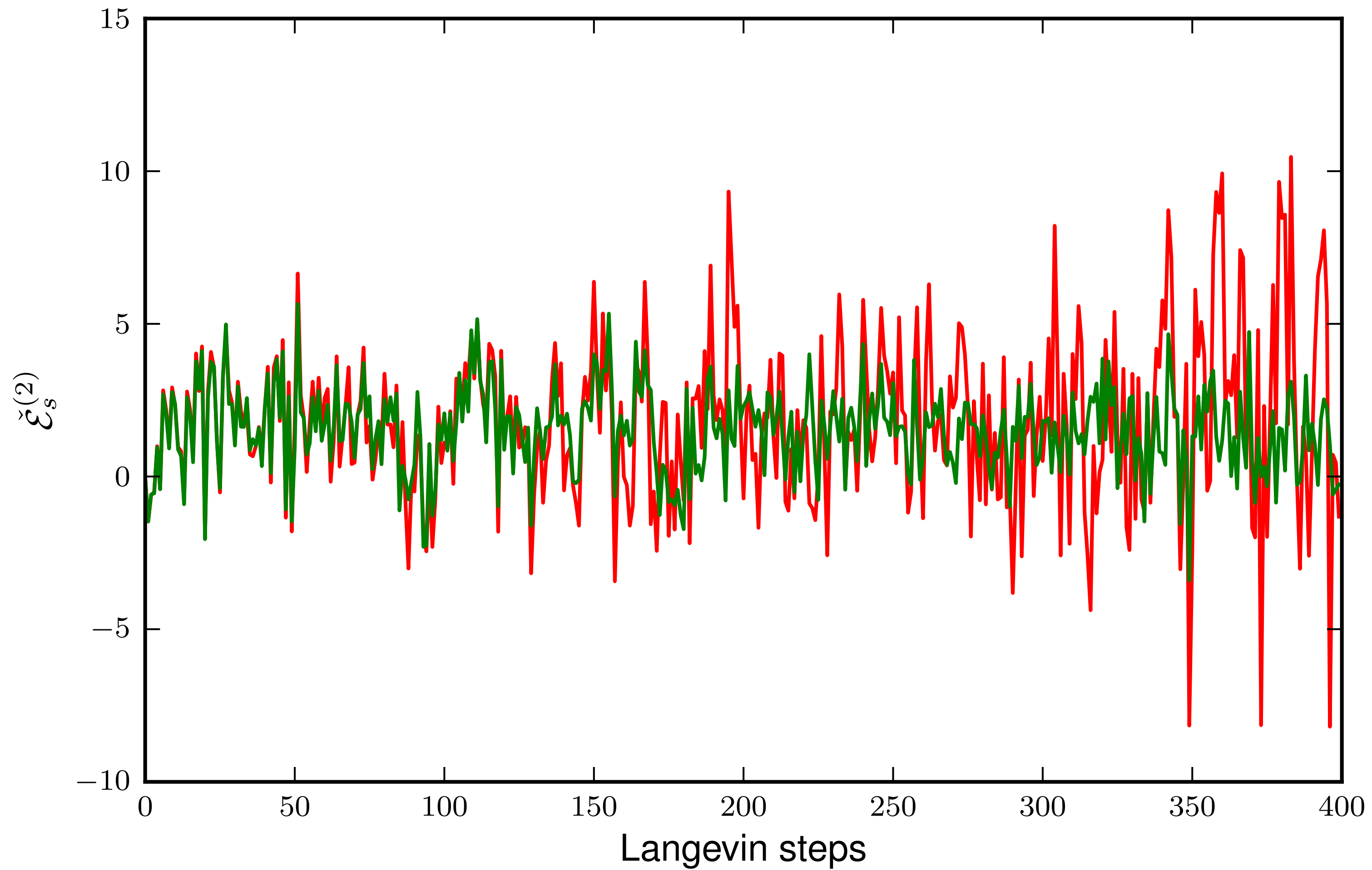
Random walk.

→ Perform properly chosen gauge transformation to suppress longitudinal modes and avoid growing variance.

# Numerical Tests



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# Running Coupling

# SF Coupling

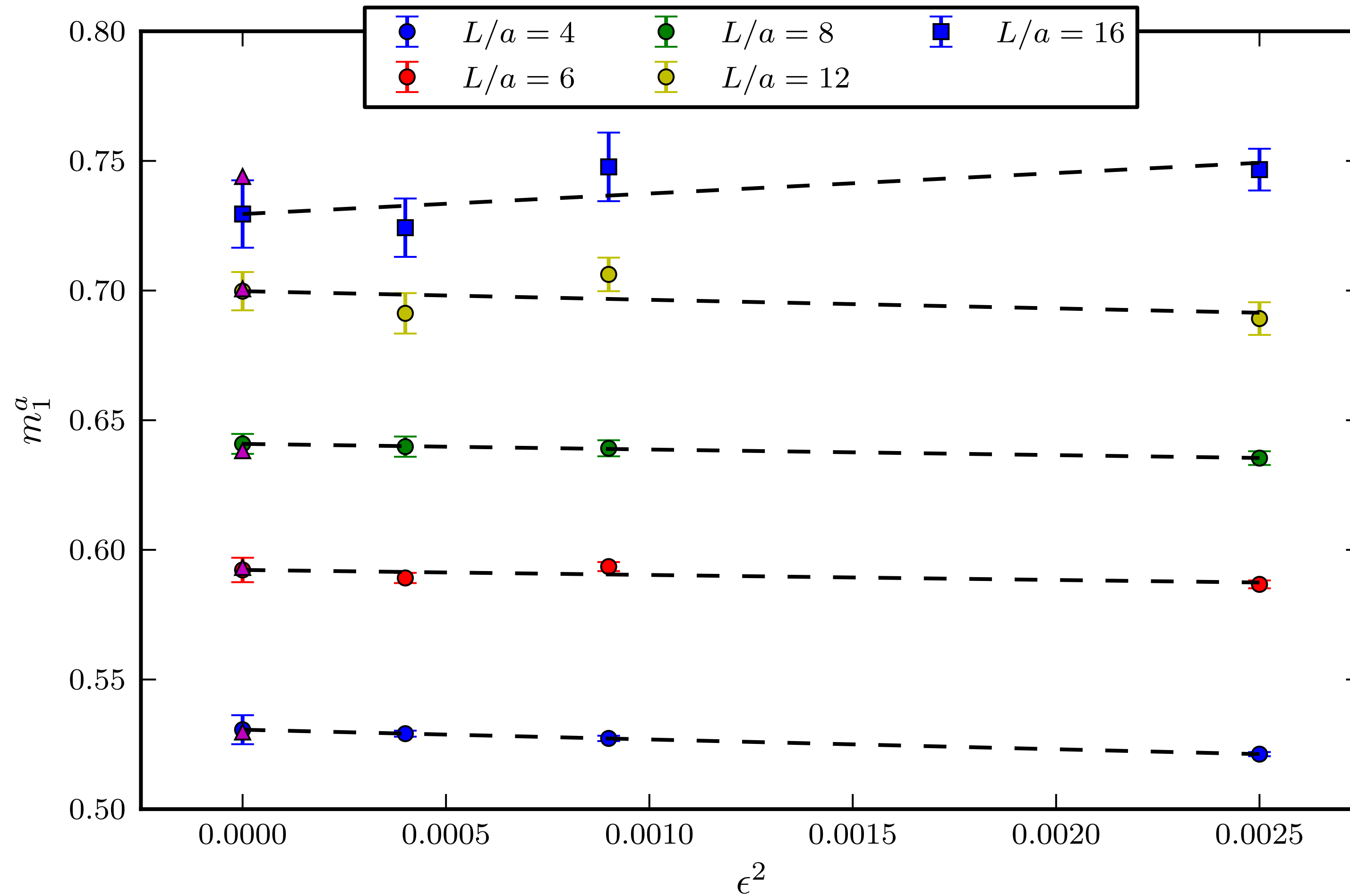
In the SF, we can define a running coupling, using the external scale  $L$ , employing the free energy

$$e^{-\Gamma} = \int \mathcal{D}[U] e^{-S_G[U]}$$

with which we define

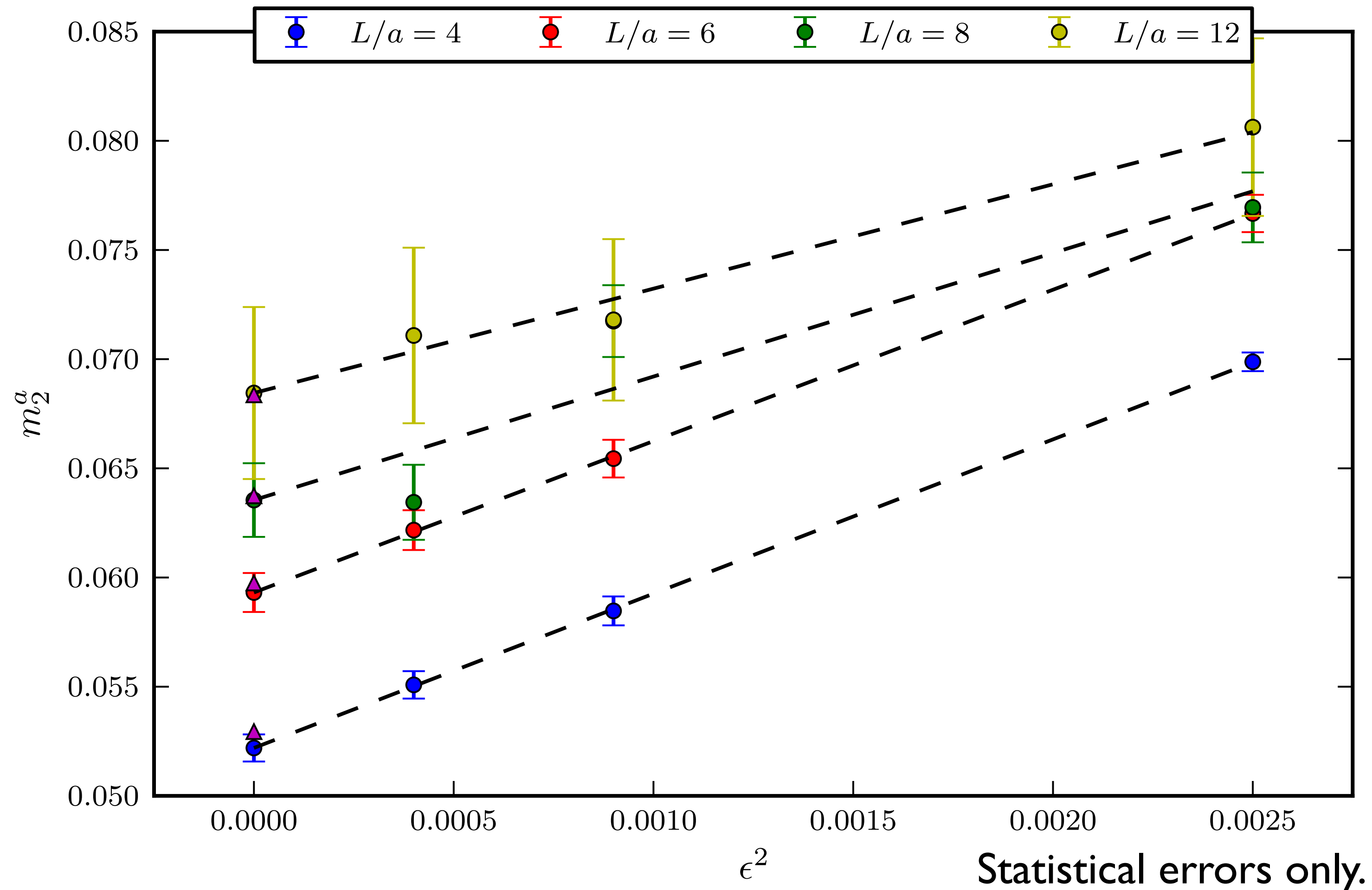
$$\bar{g}_{SF}^2(L) = \frac{k}{\partial_\eta \Gamma|_{\eta=0}} = g_0^2 + m_1(L/a) g_0^4 + m_2(L/a) g_0^6 + \dots$$

# One Loop



Known values from [ALPHA Collaboration 1998].

# Two Loops



Known values from [ALPHA Collaboration 1998].



# Comparison with known results

Defining  $\delta m_i^a = \frac{m_i^{a,\text{NSPT}}}{m_i^a} - 1$ , we obtain

$L/a$	4	6	8	12	16
$\delta m_1^a$	0.0017(21)	-0.0016(31)	0.0041(56)	-0.001(10)	-0.019(16)
$\delta m_2^a$	-0.014(12)	-0.007(15)	-0.003(26)	0.001(58)	-0.045(91)

Statistical errors only.

$L/a$	4	6	8	12	16
$\delta m_1^a$	0.002(11)	-0.0016(79)	0.0041(60)	-0.001(11)	-0.019(17)
$\delta m_2^a$	-0.01(19)	-0.01(17)	-0.003(69)	0.001(72)	-0.05(20)

Statistical and systematic errors.

# Numerical Effort

$L$	$\epsilon$	$\tau_{\text{int}}$	$N_{\text{eff}}$
4	0.02	2.309(67)	24978
	0.03	1.665(43)	34668
	0.05	1.032(22)	55882
6	0.02	7.78(31)	12212
	0.03	5.58(19)	17091
	0.05	3.58(10)	26514
8	0.02	11.79(67)	5074
	0.03	8.19(40)	7308
	0.05	5.20(21)	11506
12	0.02	17.44(161)	1651
	0.03	12.19(97)	2363
	0.05	9.18(65)	3138
16	0.02	13.59(184)	655
	0.03	9.92(157)	443
	0.05	5.57(53)	1597

Final result for  $L/a = 12$

$$m_2^a = 0.0684(49)$$

Corresponding to a precision of

$$\frac{\delta m_2^a}{m_2^a} \approx 7.2\%$$

With wall-clock time of 210h on a single node of TCD's Lonsdale cluster (AMD Opteron, 8 cores / node)

# Conclusion & Outlook

## Conclusion

- NSPT is a useful tool to extract perturbative expansions with decent precision.
- Valuable for *gradient flow observables* (next talk!).

## Shopping list

- MPI parallelization
- Fermions
- Higher order integrator(s)

# Appendix

# Gauge Suppression

To construct a gauge transformation that suppresses the unwanted modes, one minimizes

$$W[U] = -a^2 \sum_{(x,\mu) \in \Lambda} \cosh\{a g_0 q_\mu(x)\}.$$

This is achieved by applying a gauge transformation  $\Omega(x) = e^{-i \epsilon \omega(x)}$

$$\omega(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x_0 = T, \\ -\alpha \left(\frac{a}{L}\right)^3 \sum_{x, x_0=0} \sinh\{a g_0 q_0(x)\}_{jj} \big|_{\text{traceless}} & x_0 = 0, \\ -\alpha \sum_{\mu} D_{\mu}^* \sinh\{a g_0 q_{\mu}(x)\} \big|_{\text{traceless}} & \text{else.} \end{cases}$$