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## Non-perturbative running of the coupling from four-flavour lattice QCD with staggered quarks

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Using the Schroedinger functional (SF) with a single staggered fermion field we calculate the SF coupling in four-flavour QCD for a wide range of energies and lattice sizes up to  $L/a = 16$ . Preliminary results for the continuum extrapolation of the step-scaling function are presented. To reduce cutoff effects, one-loop  $O(a)$  improvement has been implemented. Various cross checks are made possible by the use of two independent sets of lattices with either  $T = L + a$  or  $T = L - a$ .

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