

# Lattice Study of the Extent of the Conformal window in an $SU(3)$ Gauge Theory with $N_f$ Fermions in the Fundamental Representation

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1) arXiv:0712.0609, PRL 100,  
171607 , 2008

2) arXiv:0901.3766 PR D79,  
076010, 2009

Conformality violated  
by  $a, L$  !!

# Focus: Gauge Invariant and Non-Perturbative Definition of the Running Coupling from the Schroedinger Functional of the Gauge Theory

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Wolff, Bode, Heitger, Simma, ...

Transition amplitude from a prescribed state at  $t=0$  to one at  $t=T = L \pm a$  (Dirichlet BC). ( $m = 0$ )

# At three loops

$N_f = 16$       IRFP at  $g^{*2}_{SF} = 0.47$        $(g^{*2}_{SF}/4\pi \approx .04)$

$N_f = 12$       IRFP at  $g^{*2}_{SF} = 5.18$        $(g^{*2}_{SF}/4\pi \approx 0.4)$

$N_f \leq 8$       No perturbative IRFP

# Using Staggered Fermions as in

U. Heller, Nucl. Phys. B504, 435 (1997)  
Miyazaki & Kikukawa

Focus on  $N_f$  = multiples of 4:

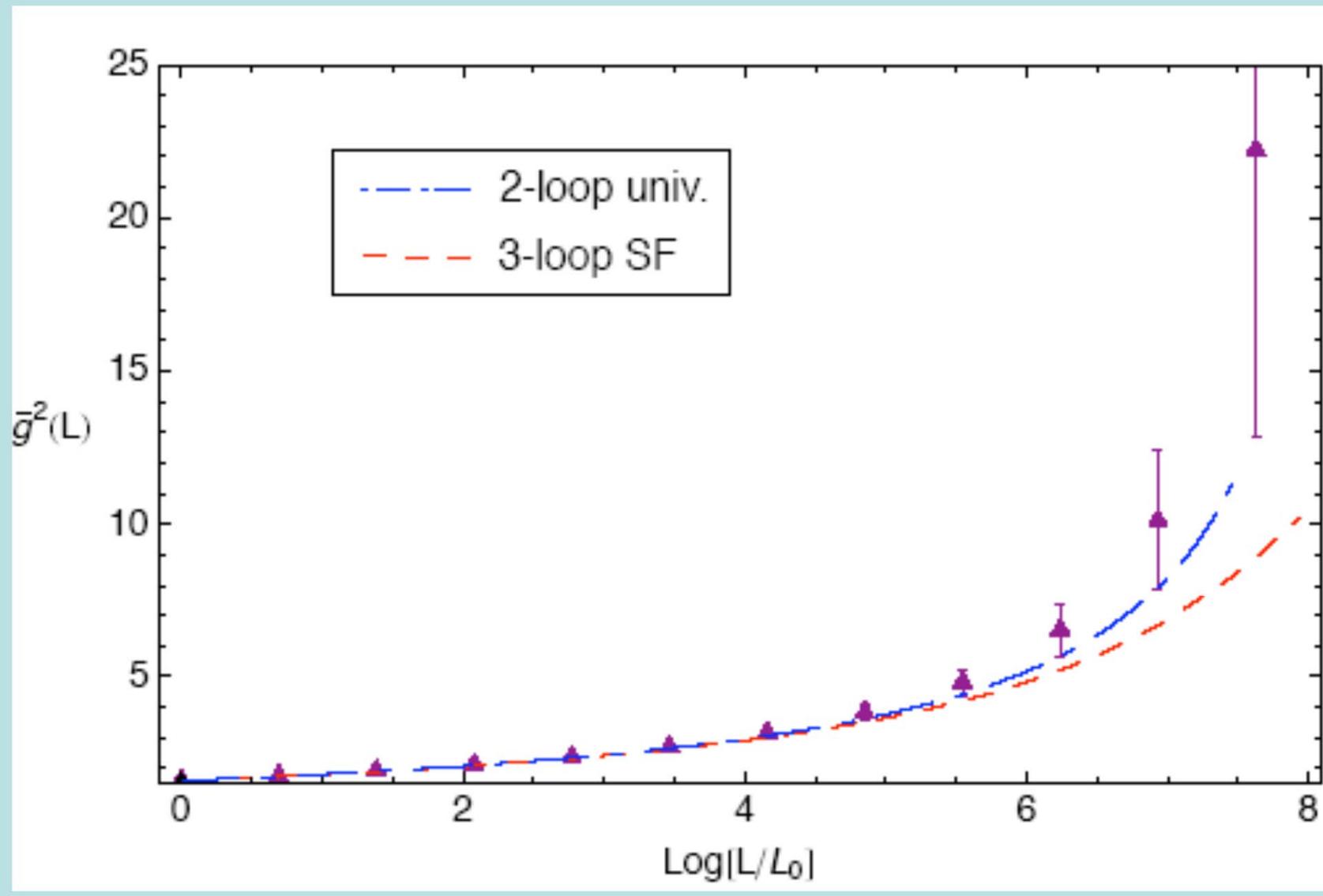
16: Perturbative IRFP

12: IRFP “expected”, Simulate

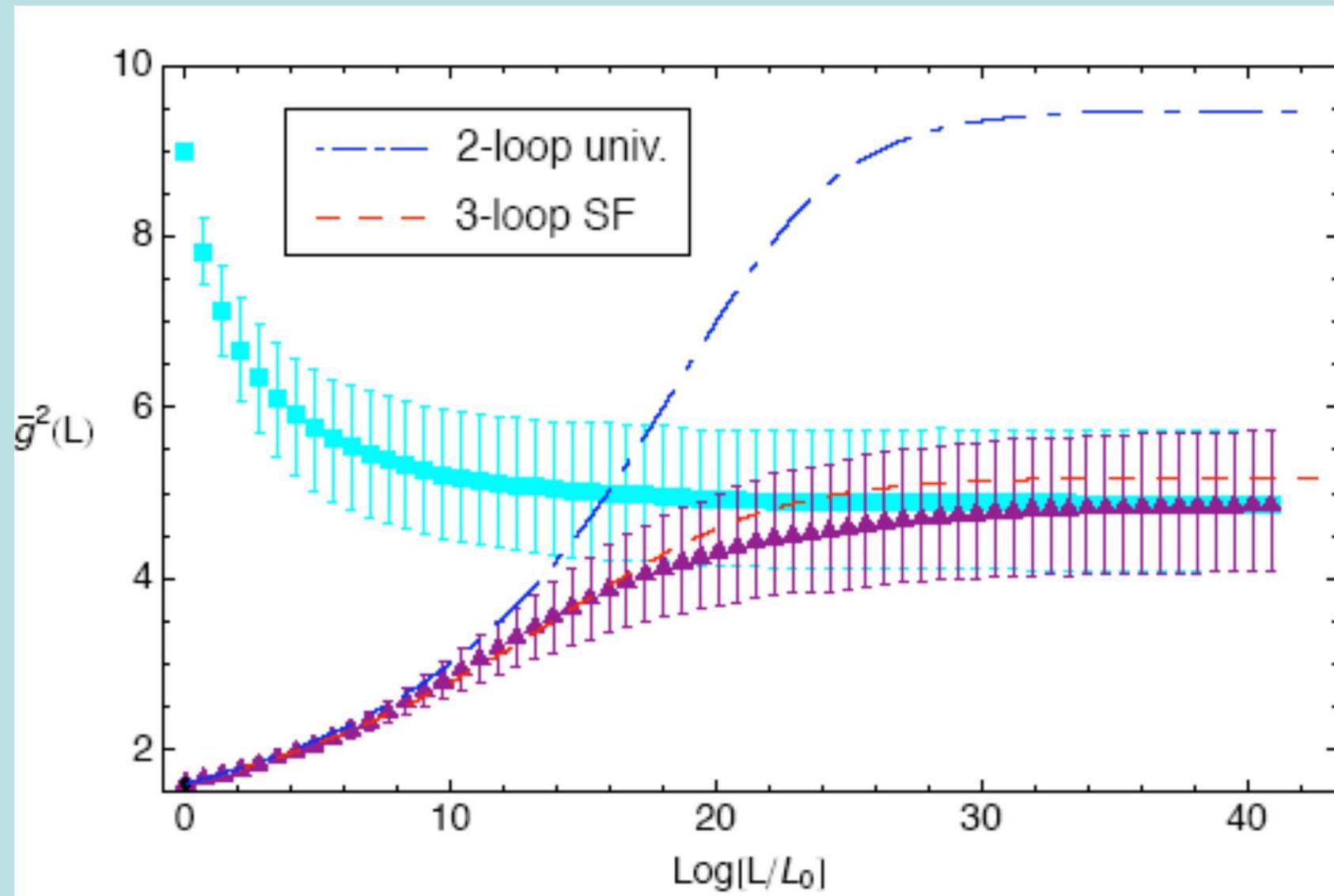
8 : IRFP uncertain , Simulate

4 : Confinement, ChSB

# $N_f = 8$ Continuum Running



# $N_f = 12$ Continuum Running



# Approach to Fixed Point

$$\overline{\beta} \left( \overline{g}^2(L) \right) \simeq \gamma \left[ \overline{g}_*^2 - \overline{g}^2(L) \right]$$

$$\overline{g}^2(L) \rightarrow \overline{g}_*^2 - \frac{\text{const}}{L^\gamma}$$

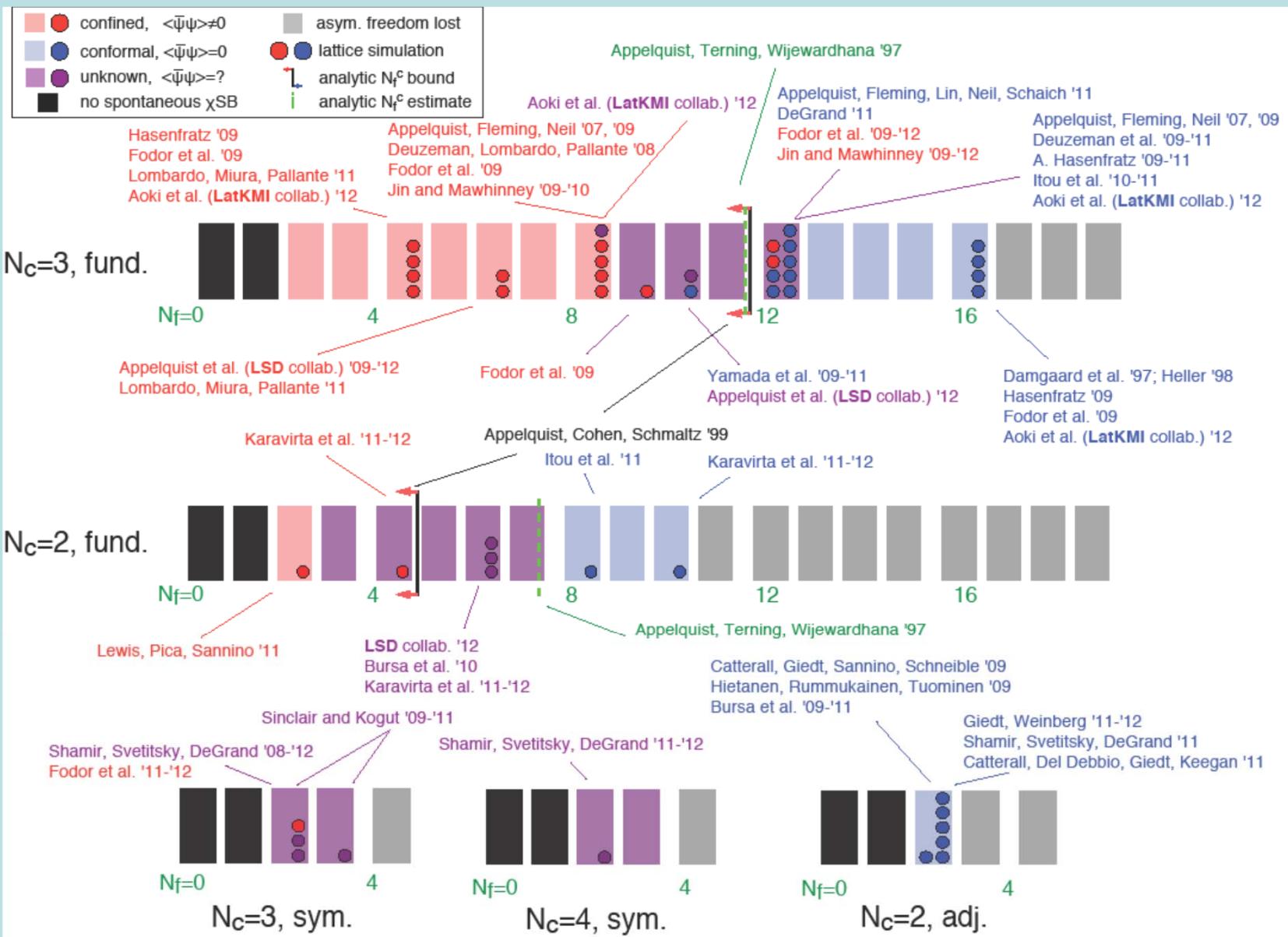
*Fit* :  $\gamma = 0.13 \pm 0.03$

*3-loop* :  $\gamma = 0.296$

# Our Conclusions

1. Lattice evidence that for an SU(3) gauge theory with  $N_f$  Dirac fermions in the fundamental representation  
 $8 < N_{fc} < 12$
2.  $N_f=12$ : Relatively weak IRFP
3.  $N_f=8$ : Confinement  $\rightarrow$  chiral symmetry breaking.

Employing the Schroedinger-functional running coupling  
defined at the box boundary  $L$



# Physics with SU(3), $N_f = 2$ and $6$ . Toward IR conformality

(LSD) arXiv:0910.2224  
PRL 104, 071601 (2010)

Walking Idea:

As the conformal window is approached ( $N_f \rightarrow N_{fc}$ ),  
 $\langle \bar{\psi} \psi \rangle$  is enhanced relative to its nominal value  $4\pi F^3$ .

LSD Program:

Search for enhancement of  $\langle \bar{\psi} \psi \rangle / F^3$  by starting at  $N_f = 2$ ,  
then  $\rightarrow N_f = 6$ . (Creeping Toward the Conformal Window)

( $\Lambda = a^{-1}$  )

# Some Details

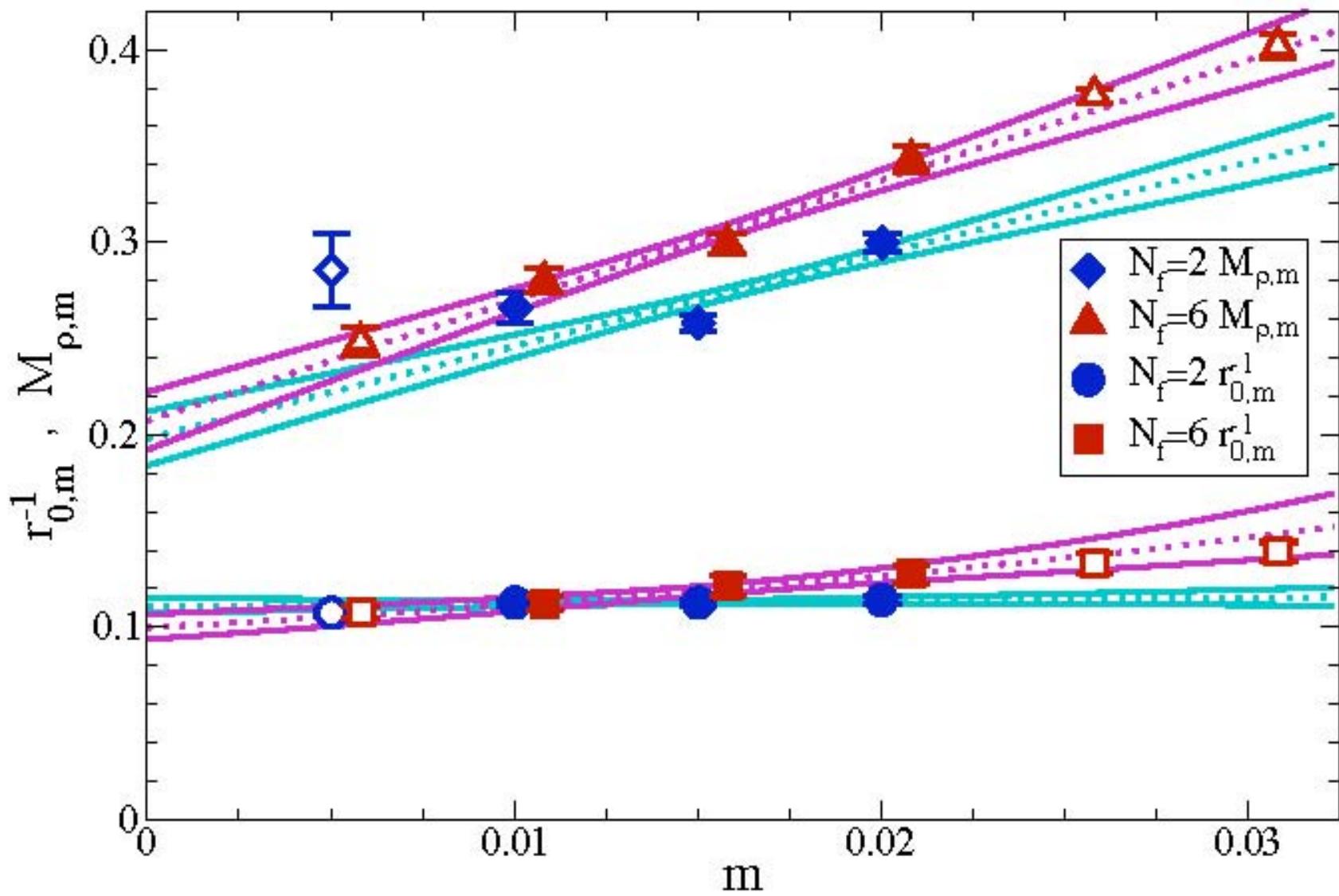
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- USQCD: Chroma, CPS
- $32^3 \times 64$  lattice ( $L_s = 16$ )
- $m_f = .005, .01, .015, .02, .025$ ,  $m = m_f + m_{res}$
- $N_f^2 - 1$  PNGB's
- Simulate:  $M_P, F, \langle \bar{\Psi} \Psi \rangle, M_V \quad M_P L > 4$
- Extrapolate to  $m=0$  with Chiral Perturbation Theory

# Extrapolate to m=0 with Chiral Perturbation Theory

- $M_{Pm}^2 = 2m \langle \psi \psi \rangle / F^2 \{ 1 + zm [\alpha_{M1} + (1/N_f) \log(zm)] + \dots \}$   $z \equiv 2 \langle \bar{\psi} \psi \rangle / (4\pi)^2 F^4$
- $F_m = F \{ 1 + zm [\alpha_{F1} - (N_f/2) \log(zm)] + \dots \}$
- $\langle \bar{\psi} \psi \rangle_m = \langle \bar{\psi} \psi \rangle \{ 1 + zm [\alpha_{C1} - ((N_f^2 - 1)/N_f) \log(zm)] + \dots \}$

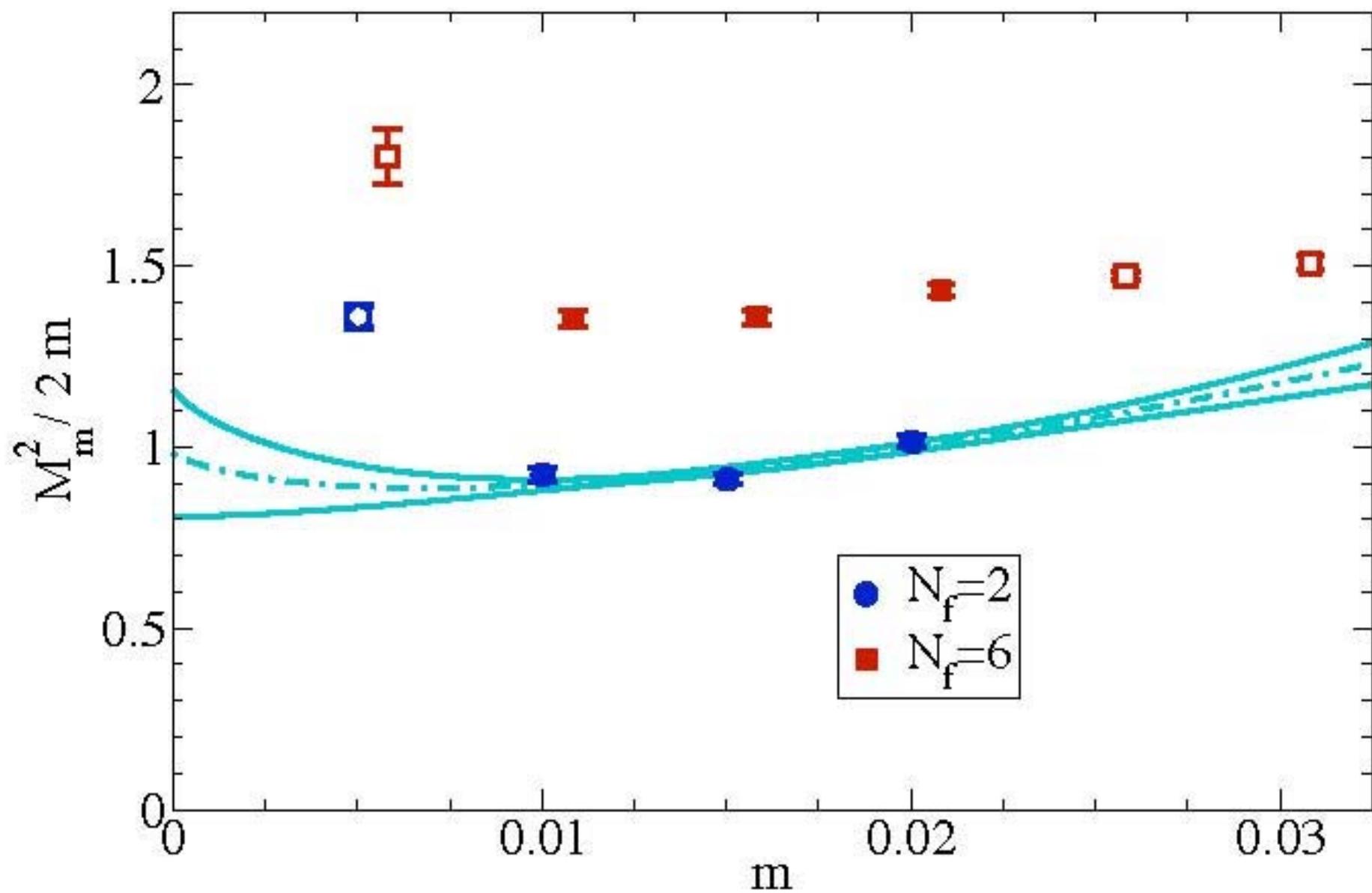
$$M_{Vm} = M_V \{ 1 + \alpha_{R1} zm + \alpha_{R3/2} (zm)^{3/2} + \dots \}$$

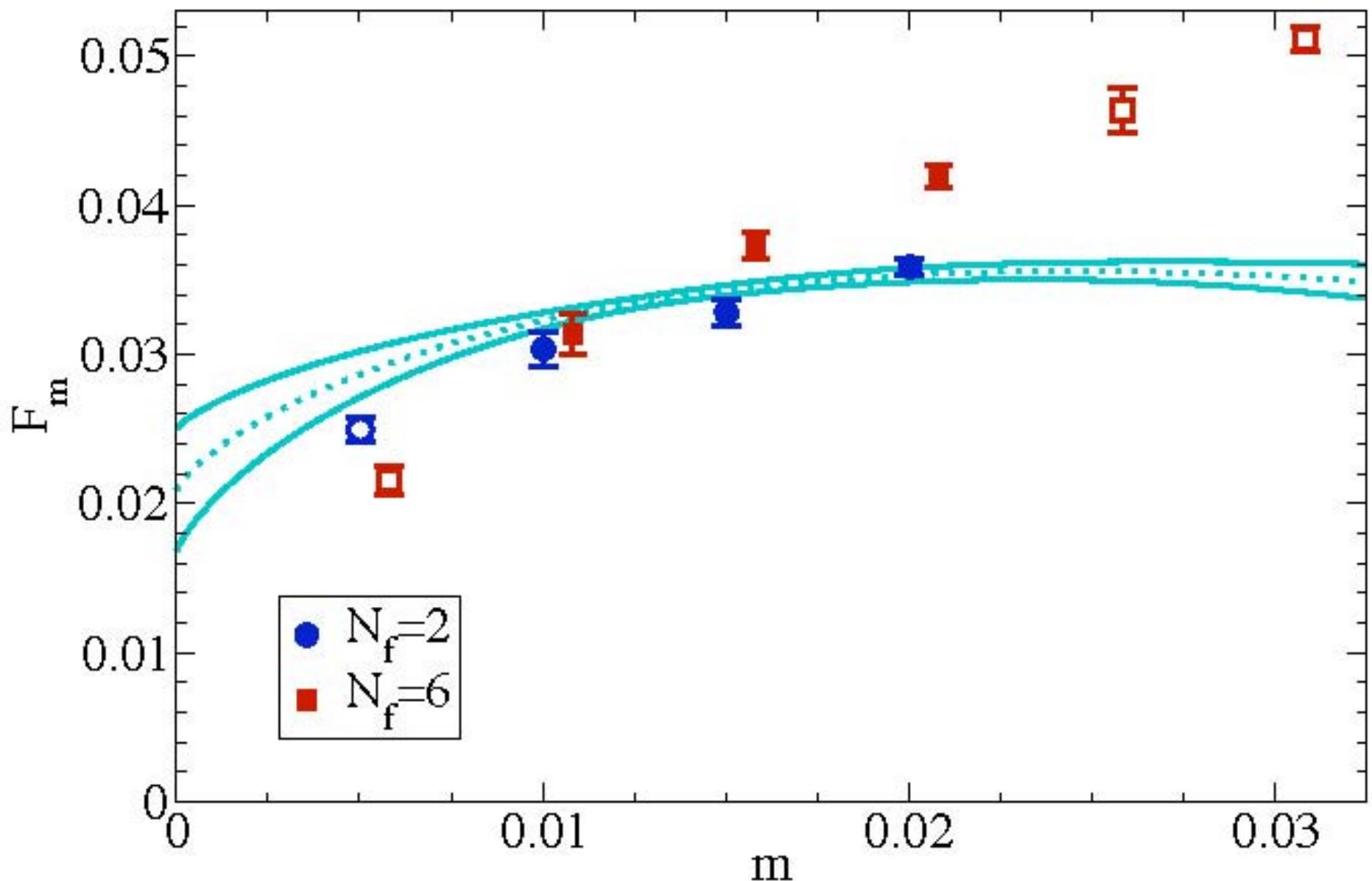
$$M_{Am} = M_A \{ 1 + \alpha_{A1} zm + \alpha_{A3/2} (zm)^{3/2} + \dots \}$$

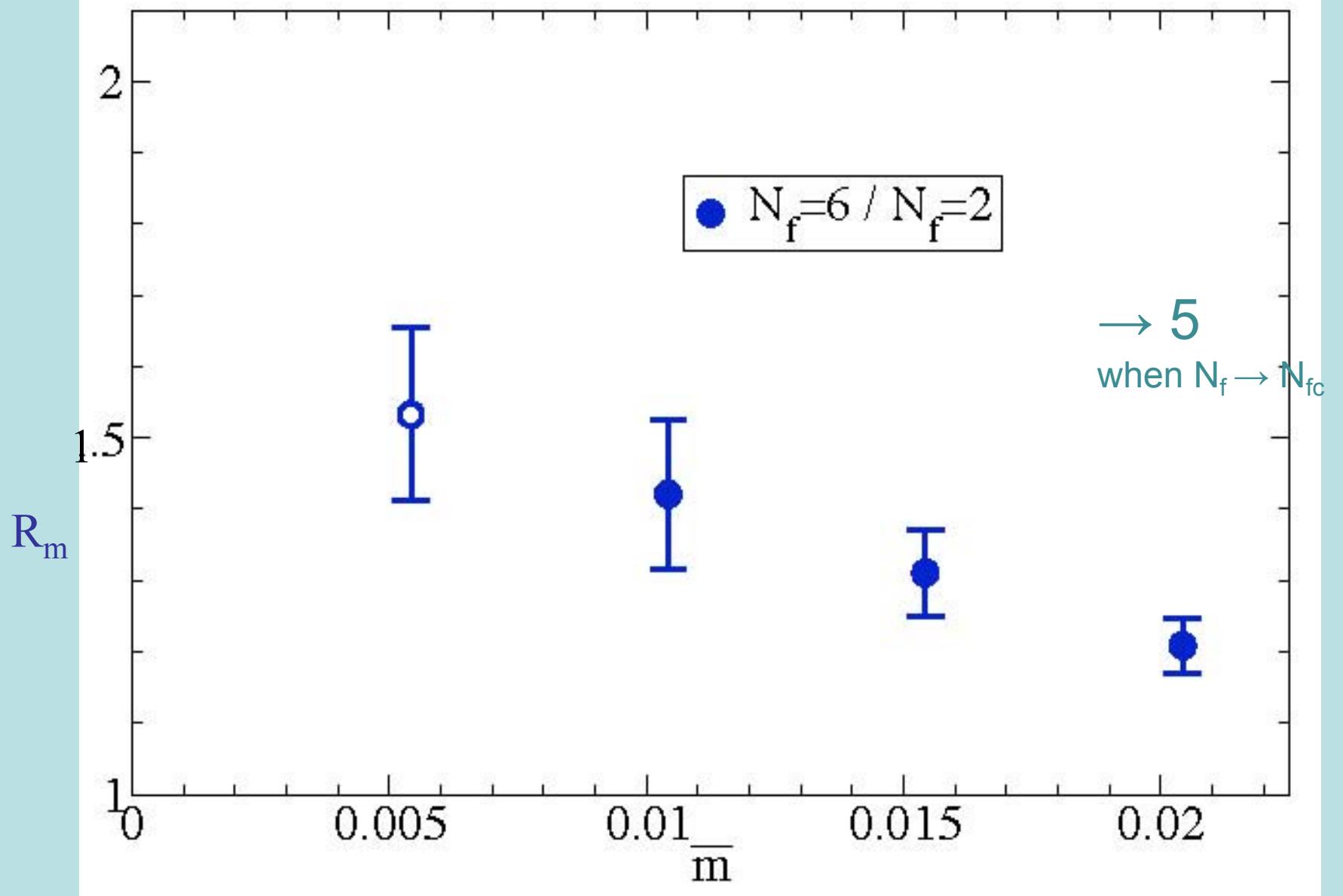


$N_f = 2: \beta = 2.7$

$N_f = 6: \beta = 2.1$







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$$R_m = [\langle \bar{\psi} \psi \rangle_m / F_m^3]_{6f} / [\langle \bar{\psi} \psi \rangle_m / F_m^3]_{2f}$$

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$$N_f = 2$$

- Chiral perturbation theory extrapolation:

$$\langle \bar{\psi} \psi \rangle / F^3 = 47.1 (17.6)$$

QCD Experimental Value: (renormalized to our lattice  
scheme - Aoki et al hep-lat/0206013)

$$\langle \bar{\psi} \psi \rangle / F^3 = 36.2 (6.5)$$

$$N_f = 6$$

Linear Extrapolation →

Conservative Lower Bound on  $\langle \bar{\psi} \psi \rangle / F^2$

Conservative Upper Bound on  $F$

Thus  $\langle \bar{\psi} \psi \rangle / F^3 \geq 60.0 \text{ (8.0)}$

# Resonance Spectrum and the S Parameter

- Parity Doubling?
- Diminished S parameter?

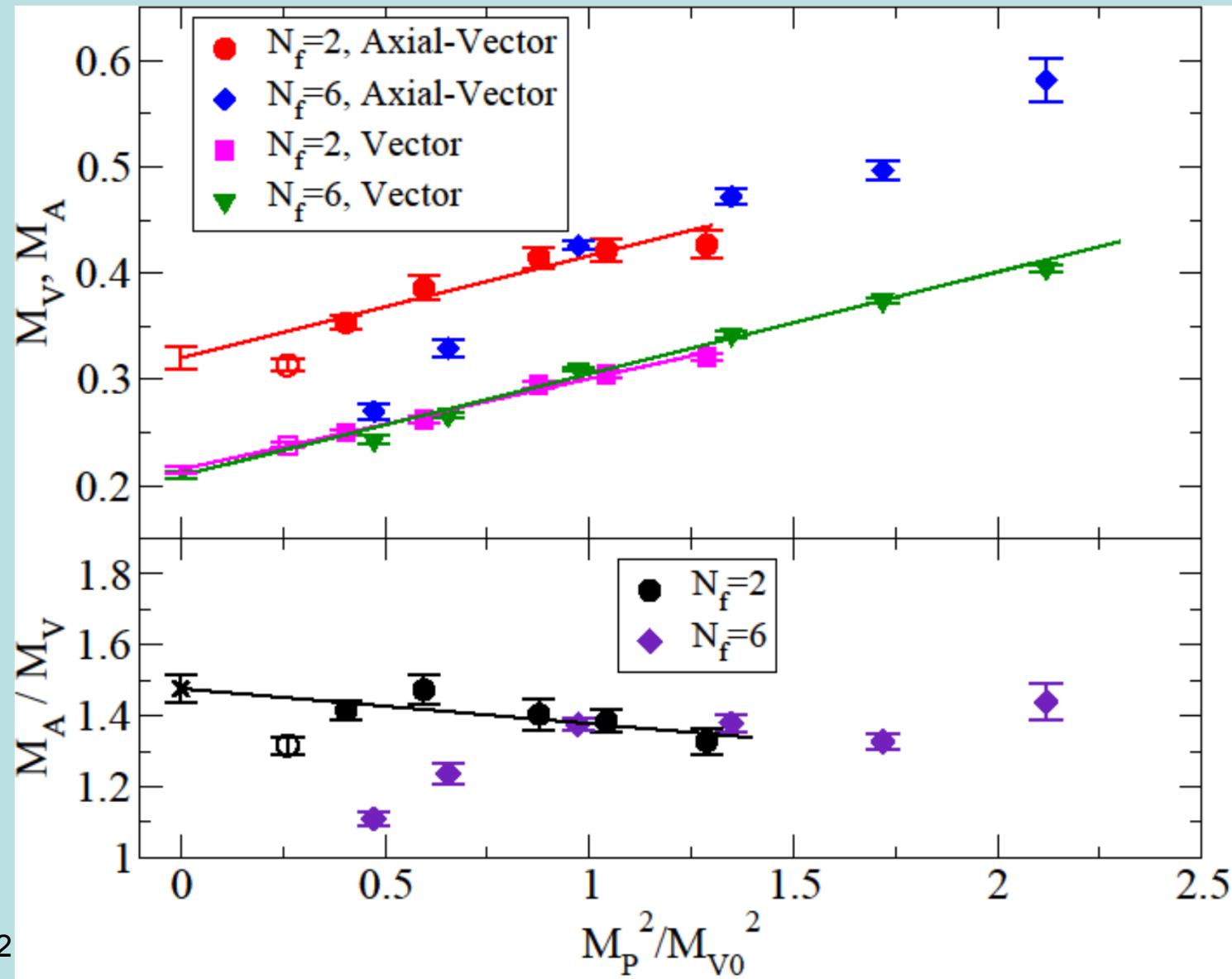
$$S(m_{H,ref}) = 4 \int_0^\infty \frac{ds}{s} \left\{ [\text{Im } \Pi_{VV}(s) - \text{Im } \Pi_{AA}(s)] - \frac{1}{48\pi} \left[ 1 - \left( 1 - \frac{m_{H,ref}}{s} \right)^3 \theta(s - m_{H,ref}^2) \right] \right\}$$

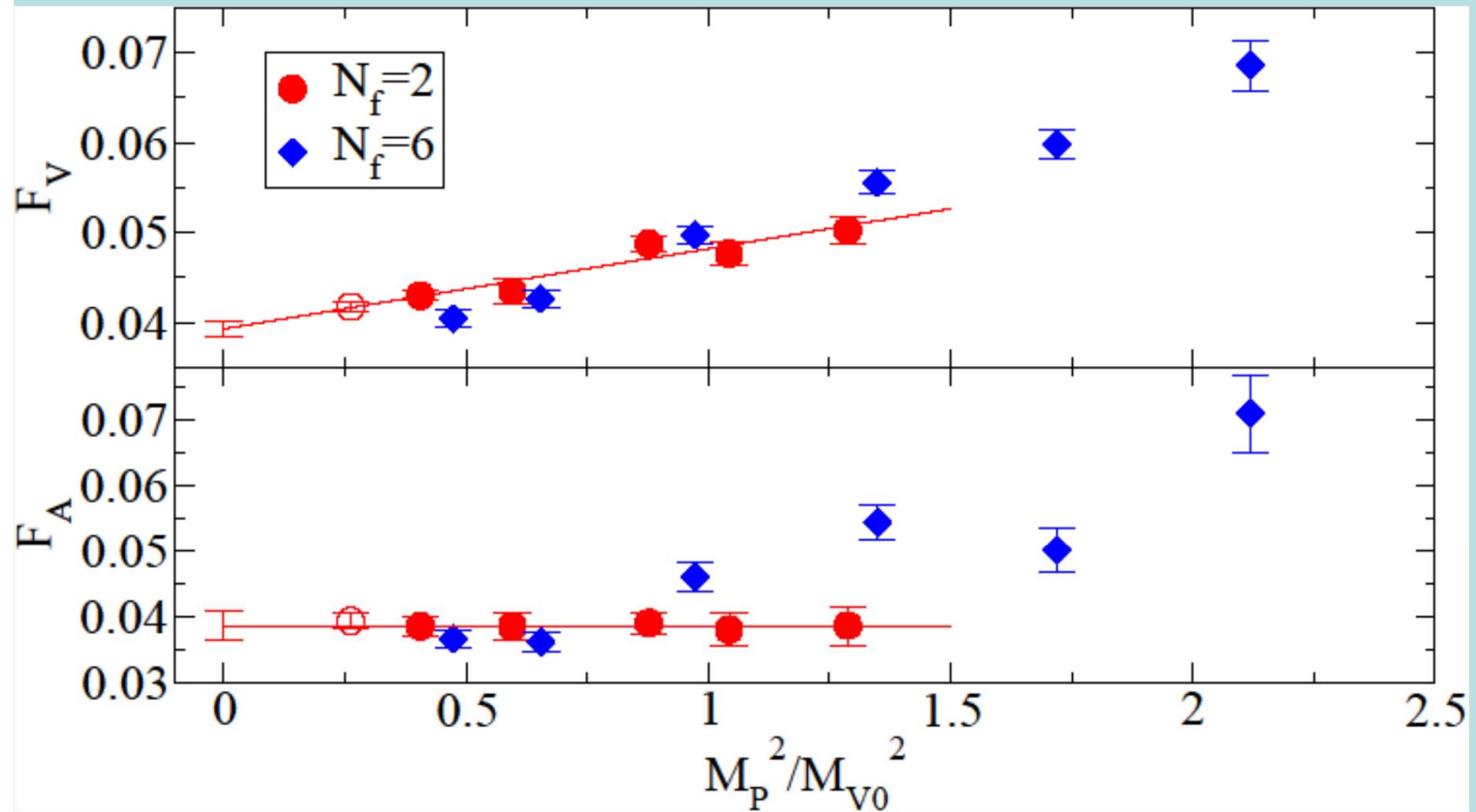
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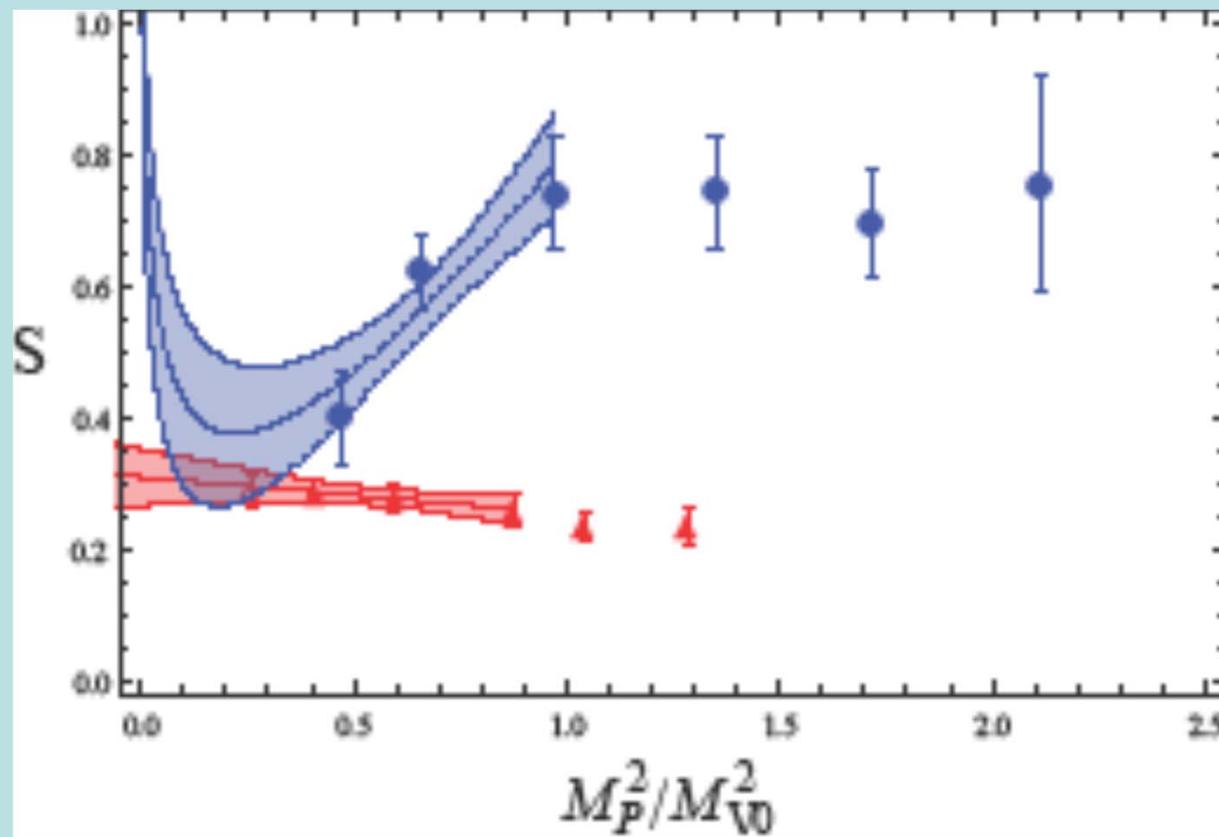
$$M_P L > 4$$

# Vector and Axial-Vector Masses





## S Parameter



3 EW doublets

$N_f = 2$ : S is smooth  
Extrapolation:

$$N_f = 6: S \sim 1/12\pi [N_f^2/4 - 1] \log (1/m)$$

Cut off by PNGB masses

DelDebbio et al  
arXiv:0909.4931  
Shintani et al  
arXiv:0806.4222

# Features

When  $N_f$  is increased from 2 to 6:

1. The lightest vector and axial states become more parity doubled.
2. The S parameter per electroweak doublet decreases  
(In the chiral limit  $m \rightarrow 0$ , the full answer will depend logarithmically on PNGB masses.)

Single pole dominance ( $S = 4\pi [ F_V^2 / M_V^2 - F_A^2 / M_A^2 ]$ ) works to within 20% at  $N_f = 2$  and at least as well at  $N_f = 6$ , showing the relative decrease of S per electroweak doublet.

# Current Projects

1. SU(3)  $N_f = 10$  LSD arXiv: 1204.6000

Consistent with Conformality  $\gamma^* = 1.10 \pm 0.17$   
But finite-volume, topology, ...

2. SU(2) LSD coming soon

$N_f = 6$  Looking broken

3. Big question: Light  $0^{++}$  State ?

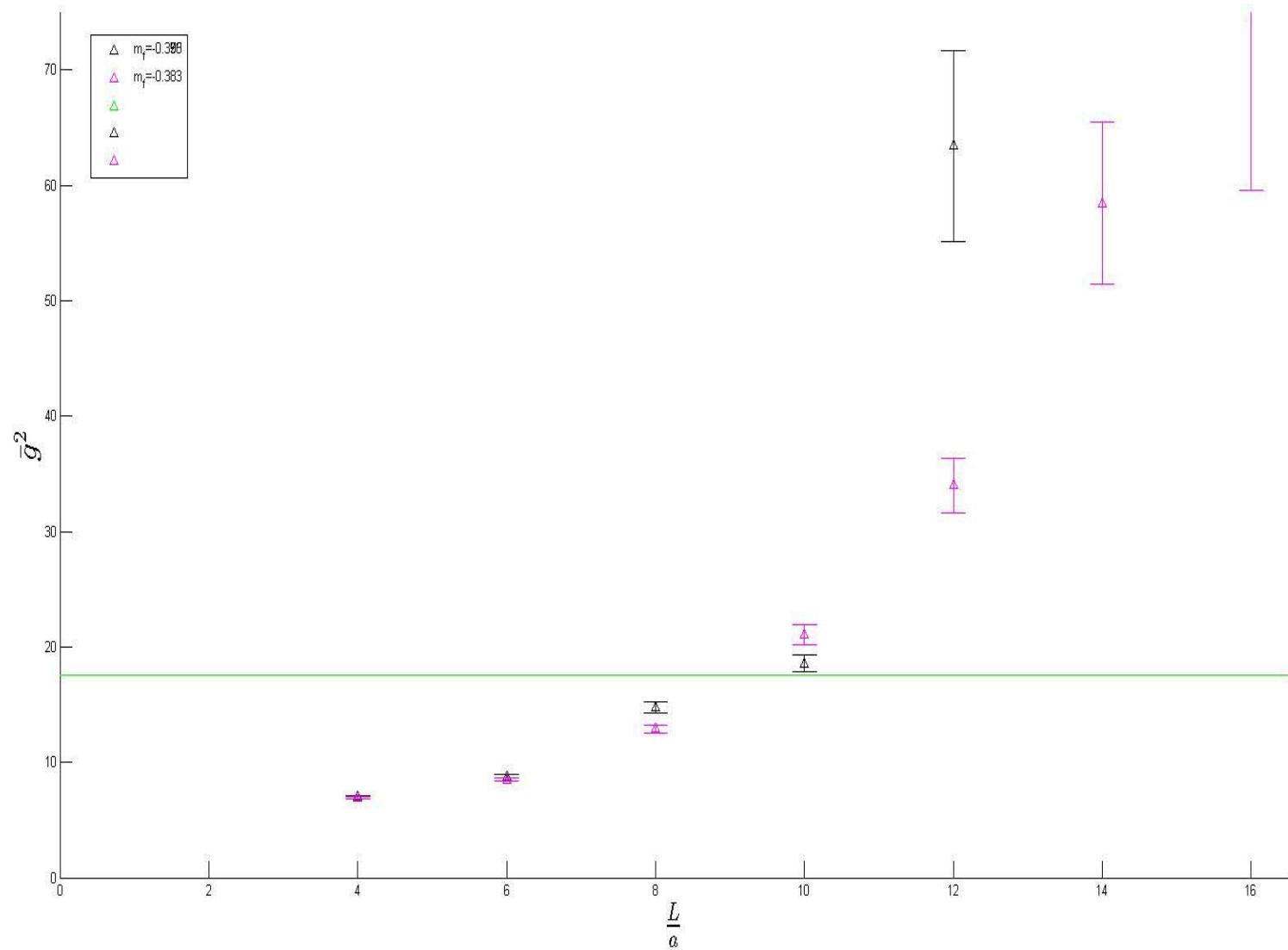
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Topology : Ordered and Disordered starts

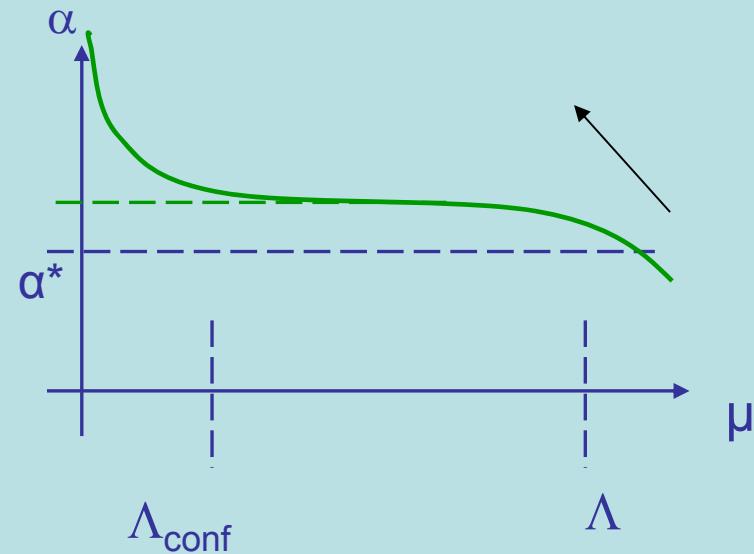
Finite-Volume Effects

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# Dilaton ?



An (approximate)  
NGB (a PNGB)  
associated with the  
spontaneous breaking  
of (approximate)  
scale symmetry



Yang Bai and TA arXiv: 1006.4375  
PRL 104:071601, 2010

Dilaton Phenomenology:

Goldberger, Grinstein, Skiba PRL 2008

