

# Lattice Study of the Conformal Window in QCD-Like Theories

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# Beyond the Standard Model

## Conformal or Near-Conformal Behavior in the IR:

Dynamical Electroweak Symmetry Breaking. (Walking Technicolor)

New Conformal Sector?

SUSY Flavor Hierarchies (Nelson & Strassler 2000/01)

For an asymptotically free theory, an IR fixed point can emerge already in the two-loop  $\beta$  function, depending on the number of fermions  $N_f$

Gross and Wilczek, antiquity

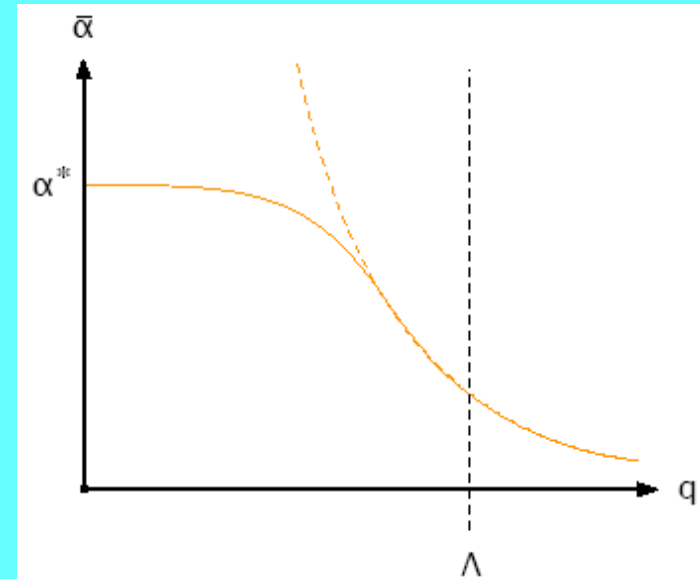
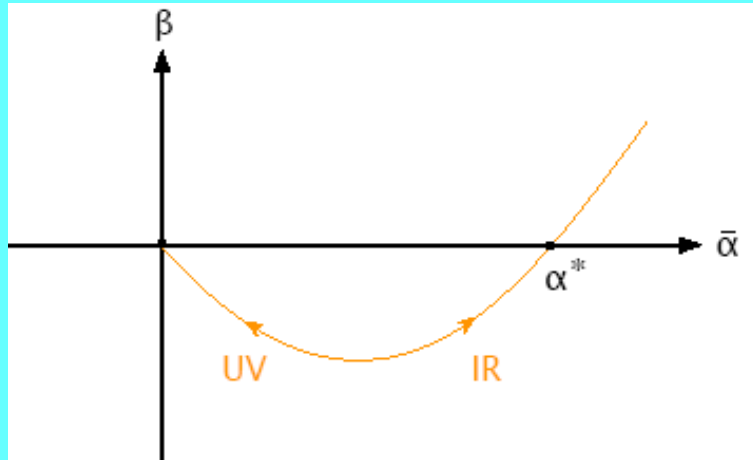
Caswell, 1974

Banks and Zaks, 1982

Many Others

Reliable if the number of fermions is very close to the number at which asymptotic freedom is lost

# Cartoons



$\alpha^*$  increases as  $N_f$  decreases.

Should be a range of  $N_f$  where IR fixed point exists, not necessarily accessible in PT. (This is known in certain SUSY theories.)

# Possibilities

(1)  $\alpha^* < \alpha_c^*$  ( $N_f > N_{fc}$ )

Conformal IR behavior (Non-abelian coulomb phase).

(2)  $\alpha^* > \alpha_c^*$  ( $N_f < N_{fc}$ )

Chiral symmetry breaking, confinement

(3)  $\alpha^* \gtrsim \alpha_c^*$  ( $N_f \lesssim N_{fc}$ ) (fine tuning?)

If the transition is continuous, breaking scale  $\ll \Lambda$ ,  
 $\Rightarrow$  Walking at intermediate scales.

# Questions

1. Value of  $N_{fc}$ ?
2. Order of the phase transition?
3. Physical states below and near the transition?
4. Implications for EW precision studies? (The S parameter etc)?
5. Implications for the LHC?

# $N_{fc}$ in $SU(N)$ QCD

- Degree-of-Freedom Inequality (Cohen, Schmaltz, TA 1999).  
Fundamental rep:

$$N_{fc} \leq 4 N [1 - 1/18N^2 + \dots]$$

- Gap-Equation Studies, Instantons (1996):  $N_{fc} \cong 4 N$
- Lattice Simulation (Iwasaki et al, Phys Rev D69, 014507 2004):

$$6 < N_{fc} < 7 \quad \text{For } N = 3$$

# $N_{fc}$ in SUSY SU(N) QCD

Degree of Freedom Inequality:

$$N_{fc} \leq (3/2) N$$

Seiberg Duality:  $N_{fc} = (3/2) N !!$

Weakly coupled magnetic dual in the vicinity of this value



# Some Quasi-Perturbative Studies of the Conformal Window in QCD-like Theories

1. Gap – Equation studies in the mid 1990s
2. V. Miransky and K. Yamawaki hep-th/9611142 (1996)
3. E. Gardi, G. Grunberg, M. Karliner hep-ph/9806462 (1998)
4. E. Gardi and G. Grunberg  
JHEP/004A/1298 (2004) “The IRFP is perturbative in the entire conformal window”
5. Kurachi and Shrock, hep-ph/0605290
6. H. Terao and A. Tsuchiya arXiv:0704.3659 [hep-ph] (2007)

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

# Previous Lattice Work with Many Light Fermions

1. Brown et al (Columbia group) Phys. Rev. D12, 5655 (1992)  
 $N_f = 8$
2. Damgaard, Heller, Krasnitz and Oleson, hep-lat/9701008  
 $N_f = 16$
3. R. Mahwinney, hep-lat/9701030(1) ( $N_f \rightarrow 4$ ),  
Nucl.Phys.Proc.Suppl.83:57-66,2000. e-Print: hep-lat/0001032
4. C. Sui, Flavor dependence of quantum chromodynamics. PhD thesis, Columbia University, New York, NY, 2001. UMI-99-98219
5. Iwasaki et al, Phys. Rev, D69, 014507 (2004)

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

ALPHA Collaboration: Luscher, Sommer, Weisz, Wolff, Bode, Heitger, Simma, ...

# Using Staggered Fermions as in

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

$O(a^2)$  Chiral Breaking  $\implies$  Remaining Continuous Chiral Symmetry

Focus on  $N_f = \text{Multiples of } 4$ :

16: Perturbative IRFP

12: IRFP “expected”, Simulate

8 : IRFP uncertain , Simulate

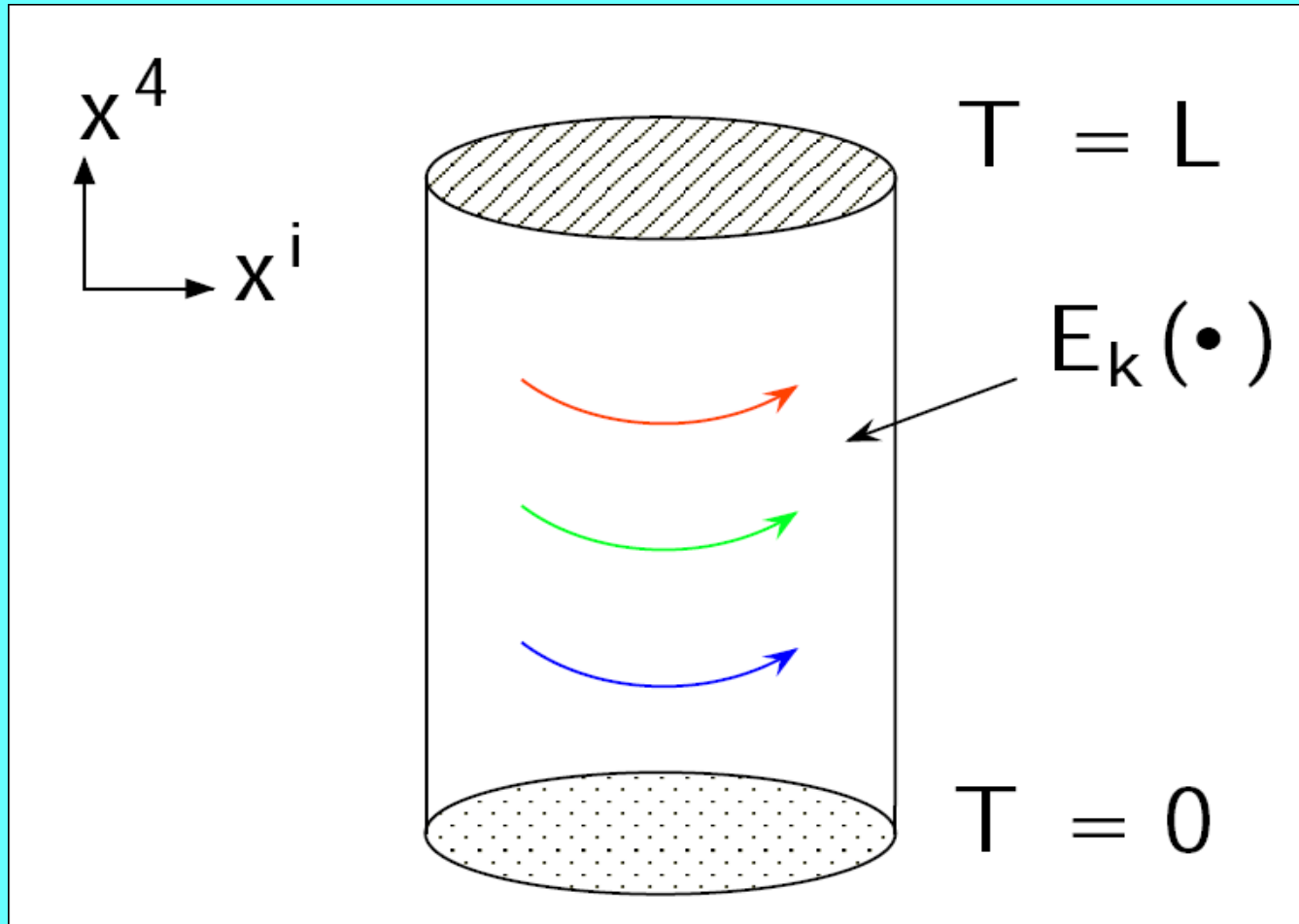
4 : Confinement, ChSB

# The Schroedinger Functional

- Transition amplitude from a prescribed state at  $t=0$  to one at  $t=T$  (Dirichlet BC).
- Euclidean path integral with Dirichlet BC in time and periodic in space ( $L$ ) to describe a constant chromo-electric background field.

$$Z[W, \zeta, \bar{\zeta}; W', \zeta', \bar{\zeta}'] = \int [DUD\chi D\bar{\chi}] e^{-S_G(W, W') - S_F(W, W', \zeta, \bar{\zeta}, \zeta', \bar{\zeta}')}$$

# Picture



# Abelian Boundary Fields

$$W_k(x) = \text{diag} \left( e^{i\phi_1/L}, e^{i\phi_2/L}, e^{i\phi_3/L} \right),$$

$$W'_k(x) = \text{diag} \left( e^{i\phi'_1/L}, e^{i\phi'_2/L}, e^{i\phi'_3/L} \right).$$

$$\phi_1 = -\frac{\pi}{3} + \eta, \quad \phi_2 = -\frac{1}{2}\eta, \quad \phi_3 = -\frac{\pi}{3} + \frac{1}{2}\eta,$$

$$\phi'_1 = -\pi - \eta, \quad \phi'_2 = \frac{\pi}{3} + \frac{1}{2}\eta, \quad \phi'_3 = \frac{2\pi}{3} + \frac{1}{2}\eta.$$

- Constant chromoelectric background field of strength  $\frac{1}{L}$
- Can set  $m_f = 0$



# Schroedinger Functional (SF) Running Coupling on Lattice

Define:  $\frac{1}{\bar{g}^2(L, T)} \equiv \frac{-1}{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} \log Z \Big|_{\eta=0},$

$$= \frac{1}{g_0^2} + O(1) + O(g_0^2) + \dots$$

Response of system to small changes in the background field.

$$k = 12 \left( \frac{L}{a} \right)^2 \left[ \sin \left( \frac{2\pi a^2}{3LT} \right) + \sin \left( \frac{\pi a^2}{3LT} \right) \right]$$

# SF Running Coupling

Then, to remove the  $O(a)$  bulk lattice artifact

$$\frac{1}{\bar{g}^2(L)} = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{1}{\bar{g}^2(L, L-a)} + \frac{1}{\bar{g}^2(L, L+a)} \right]$$

Depends on only one scale  $L$

Look for conformal symmetry (IRFP) at the box scale  $L$

# Loop Expansion

$$L \frac{\partial}{\partial L} \bar{g}^2(L) = \beta(\bar{g}^2(L)) = b_1 \bar{g}^4(L) + b_2 \bar{g}^6(L) + b_3 \bar{g}^8(L) + \dots$$

$$b_1 = \frac{2}{(4\pi)^2} \left( 11 - \frac{2}{3} N_f \right), \quad b_2 = \frac{2}{(4\pi)^4} \left( 102 - \frac{38}{3} N_f \right)$$

$$b_3 = b_3^{\overline{MS}} + \frac{b_2 c_2}{2\pi^2} - \frac{b_1 (c_3 - c_2)}{8\pi^2}$$

$$b_3^{\overline{MS}} = \frac{1}{(4\pi)^6} \left[ \frac{2857}{2} - \frac{5033}{18} N_f + \frac{325}{54} N_f^2 \right]$$

$$c_2 = 1.256 + 0.04 N_f$$

$$c_3 = c_2^2 + 1.20 + 0.14 N_f - 0.03 N_f^2$$

# Loop Expansion

$$N_f = 16 \quad \text{IRFP at } g_{SF}^{*2} = 0.47 \quad \left( \frac{\bar{g}^2}{4\pi^2} \approx .01 \right)$$

$$N_f = 12 \quad \text{IRFP at } g_{SF}^{*2} = 5.18 \quad \left( \frac{\bar{g}^2}{4\pi^2} \approx .13 \right)$$

$N_f \leq 8$  No perturbative IRFP

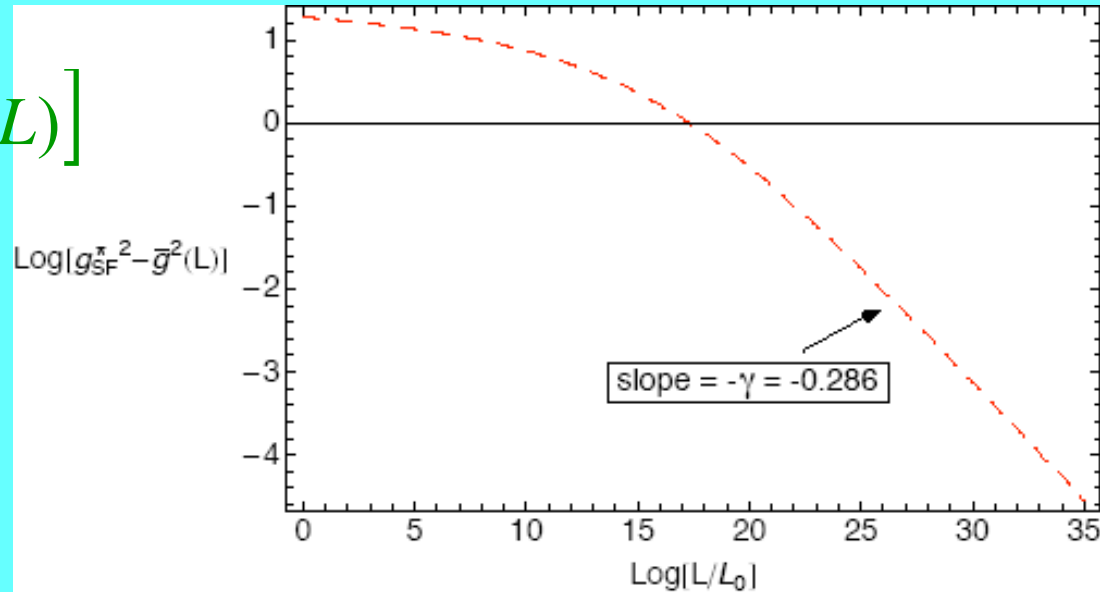
# Loop Expansion

Linearize  $\beta$  near the  $N_f = 12$   
IRFP

$$\beta(\bar{g}^2(L)) \cong \gamma \left[ g_{SF}^{*2} - \bar{g}^2(L) \right]$$

Then:

$$\bar{g}^2(L) \xrightarrow{L \rightarrow \infty} g_{SF}^{*2} - \frac{const}{L^\gamma}$$



# Lattice Simulations

MILC Code (Heller)  
Staggered Fermions

$$N_f = 8, 12$$

Range of Lattice Couplings  $g_0^2 (= 6/\beta)$  and Lattice  
Sizes  $L/a \rightarrow 20$

$O(a)$  Lattice Artifacts due to Dirichlet Boundary  
Conditions

# Statistical and Systematic Error

1. Numerical-simulation error
2. Interpolating-function error
3. Continuum-extrapolation error

Statistics Dominates

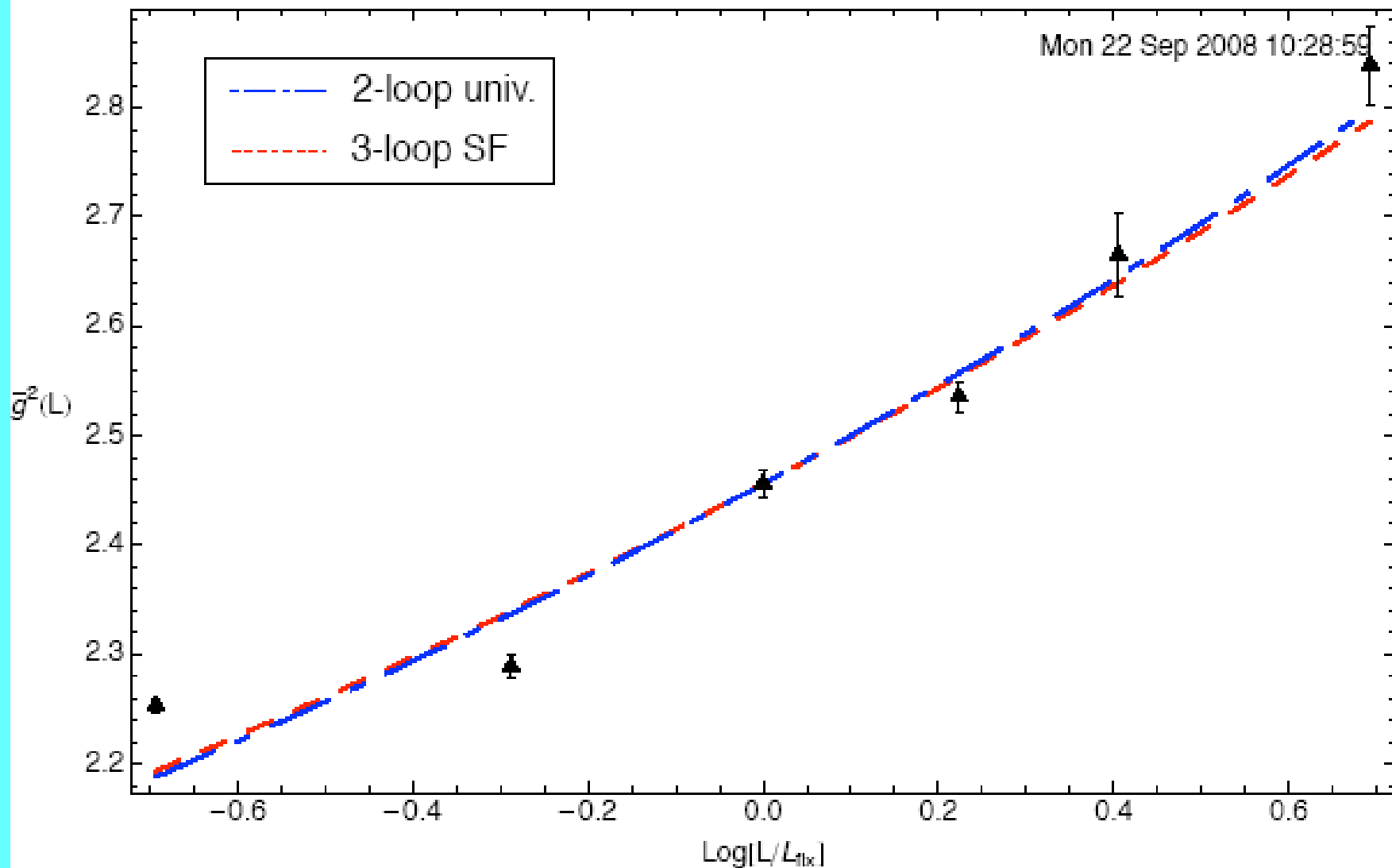
# $N_f = 8$ Data

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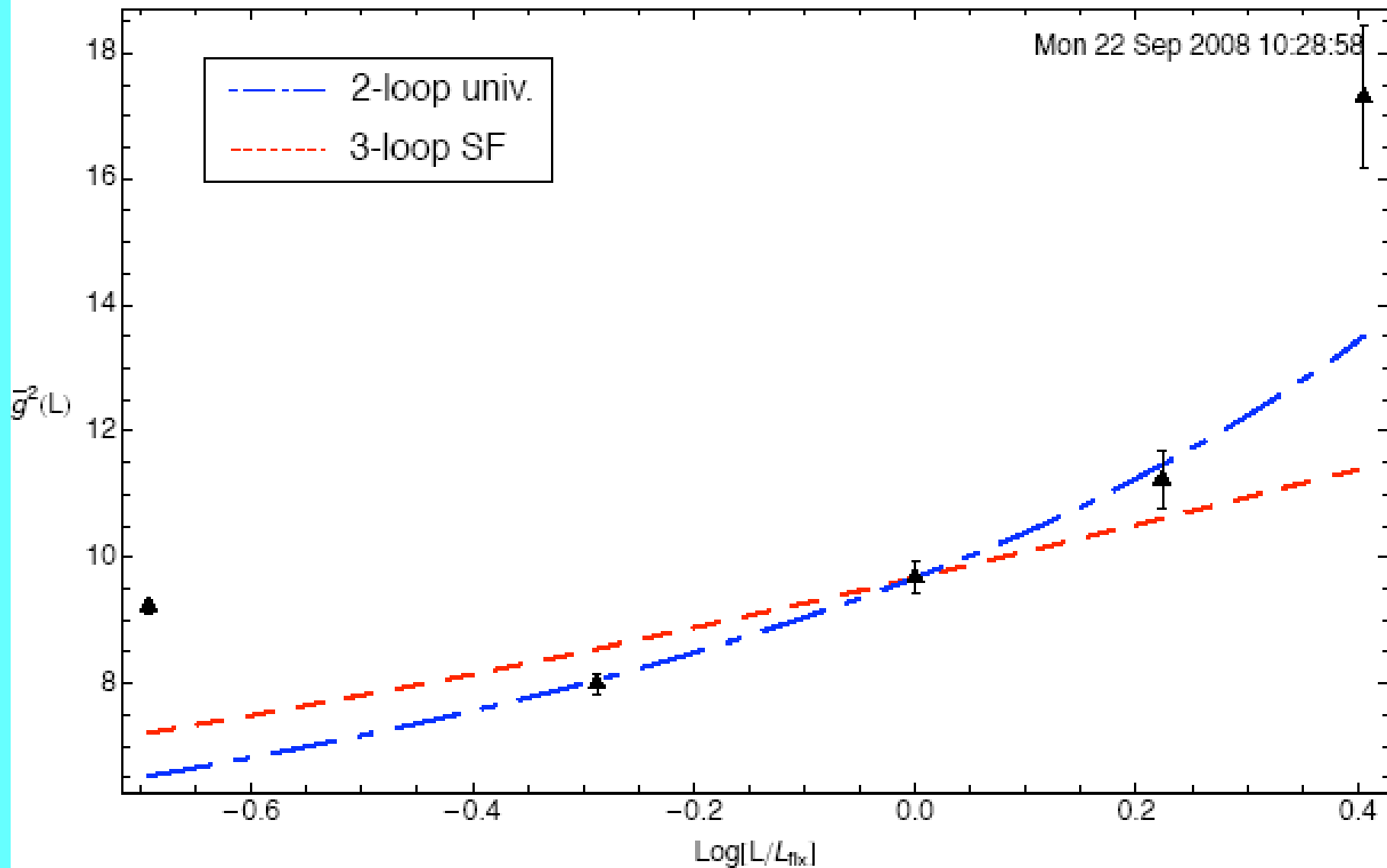
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$\nu$	$\nu$ traj	$\nu$ traj	$\nu$ traj	$\nu$ traj	$\nu$ traj	$\nu$ traj	$\nu$ traj
4.200	027857(360000)	91- 162-					
4.300	-816(130)	77- 87-					
4.400	161(45)	60- 86-					
4.450	41.5(1.6)	82- 82-	40.5(3.2)	33- 75-			
4.500	23.79(61)	82- 82-	17.60(53)	82- 82-	34.9(3.4)	26- 30-	
4.550	15.94(32)	82- 82-	12.27(29)	82- 82-	18.1(1.0)	61- 59-	
4.600	11.63(13)	47- 47-	9.70(28)	82- 82-	11.1(1.9)	81- 53-	14.52(68)
4.650	9.22(11)	82- 82-	8.00(16)	82- 82-	9.61(23)	81- 81-	16.6(1.8)
4.700	7.55(15)	42- 42-	6.79(19)	42- 42-	8.58(56)	26- 31-	17.3(1.1)
4.800	5.86(12)	42- 42-	5.64(13)	42- 42-	6.60(23)	33- 40-	11.15(81)
4.900	4.990(80)	42- 42-	5.03(24)	42- 42-	5.31(17)	37- 42-	7.19(25)
5.000	4.169(63)	42- 42-	4.159(97)	40- 40-	4.76(12)	29- 30-	7.48(41)
5.100	3.755(34)	41- 41-	3.803(59)	41- 41-	4.226(96)	41- 41-	9.8(1.4)
5.200	3.382(42)	41- 41-	3.385(26)	41- 41-	3.771(74)	35- 53-	12- 12-
5.300	3.115(26)	41- 41-	3.099(26)	41- 41-	3.339(74)	54- 41-	24- 25-
5.400	2.882(29)	41- 41-	3.022(41)	41- 41-	3.171(39)	41- 41-	25- 25-
5.500	2.743(26)	41- 41-	2.736(17)	40- 40-	2.980(34)	24- 24-	6.10(61)
5.600	2.578(21)	41- 41-	2.599(21)	41- 41-	2.794(31)	41- 41-	37- 38-
5.700	2.4058(83)	41- 41-	2.458(18)	41- 41-	2.591(14)	41- 41-	41- 41-
5.800	2.2859(80)	37- 41-	2.324(11)	41- 41-	2.494(16)	41- 41-	41- 41-
5.830	2.2531(71)	41- 41-	2.2889(99)	41- 41-	2.456(13)	41- 41-	3.113(52)
5.900	2.211(14)	41- 41-	2.2244(88)	41- 41-	2.344(14)	41- 41-	3.4(0.1)
							3.355(82)
							30- 31-
							41- 41-
							2.839(36)
							31- 32-



Measured data vs. perturbation theory,  $N_f=8$ ,  $\beta=5.83$ ,  $L_{\text{fix}}/a=8$



Measured data vs. perturbation theory,  $N_f=8$ ,  $\beta=4.65$ ,  $L_{\text{fix}}/a=8$



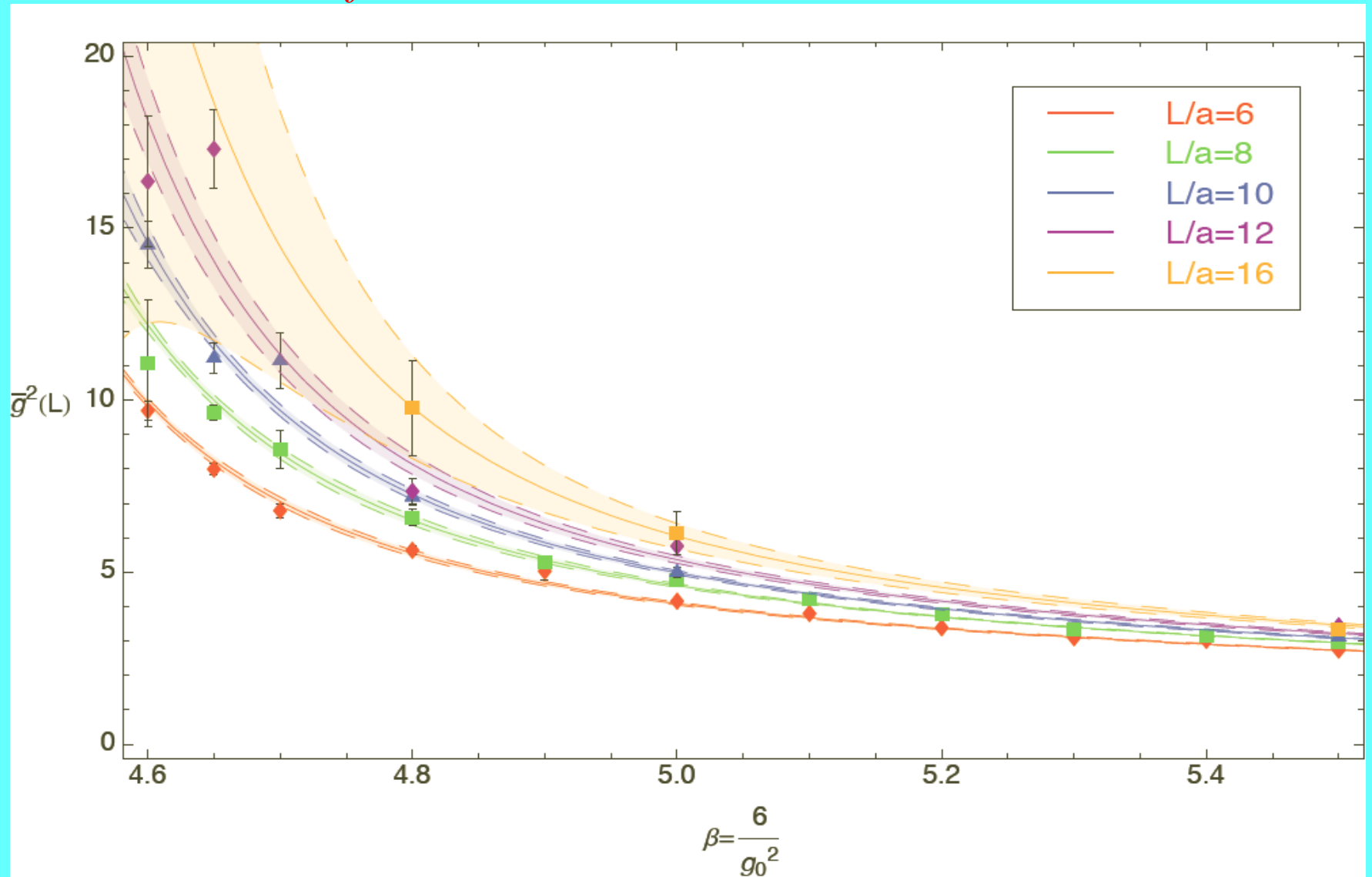
$$\bar{g}^2(\beta, L/a) = \sum_{i=1}^4 \frac{c_i}{(\beta - \beta_0)^i} + a_0 e^{-m_0 \beta}$$

$$c_i = (2N_c)^i (c_{i0} + c_{i1}(a/L) + c_{i2}(a/L)^2)$$

$$\beta_0 = 2N_c (q_0 + q_1(a/L) + q_2(a/L)^2 + 2d_1 \log(L/a))$$

$c_{10}$	1	$c_{40}$	-0.0040(82)
$c_{11}$	0	$c_{41}$	0.08(17)
$c_{12}$	0	$c_{42}$	-0.33(73)
$c_{20}$	-0.19(14)	$q_0$	0.34(48)
$c_{21}$	1.3(3.0)	$q_1$	-0.4(3.6)
$c_{22}$	-6.8(12.8)	$q_2$	5.3(12.4)
$c_{30}$	0.033(56)	$d_1$	-0.067(60)
$c_{31}$	-0.4(1.1)	$a_0$	1200(2600)
$c_{32}$	1.8(4.8)	$m_0$	1.5(0.3)
$N_{dof}$	70	$\chi^2/N_{dof}$	1.99(1.09)

# $N_f = 8$ Data with Fits



# Renormalization Group (Step Scaling)

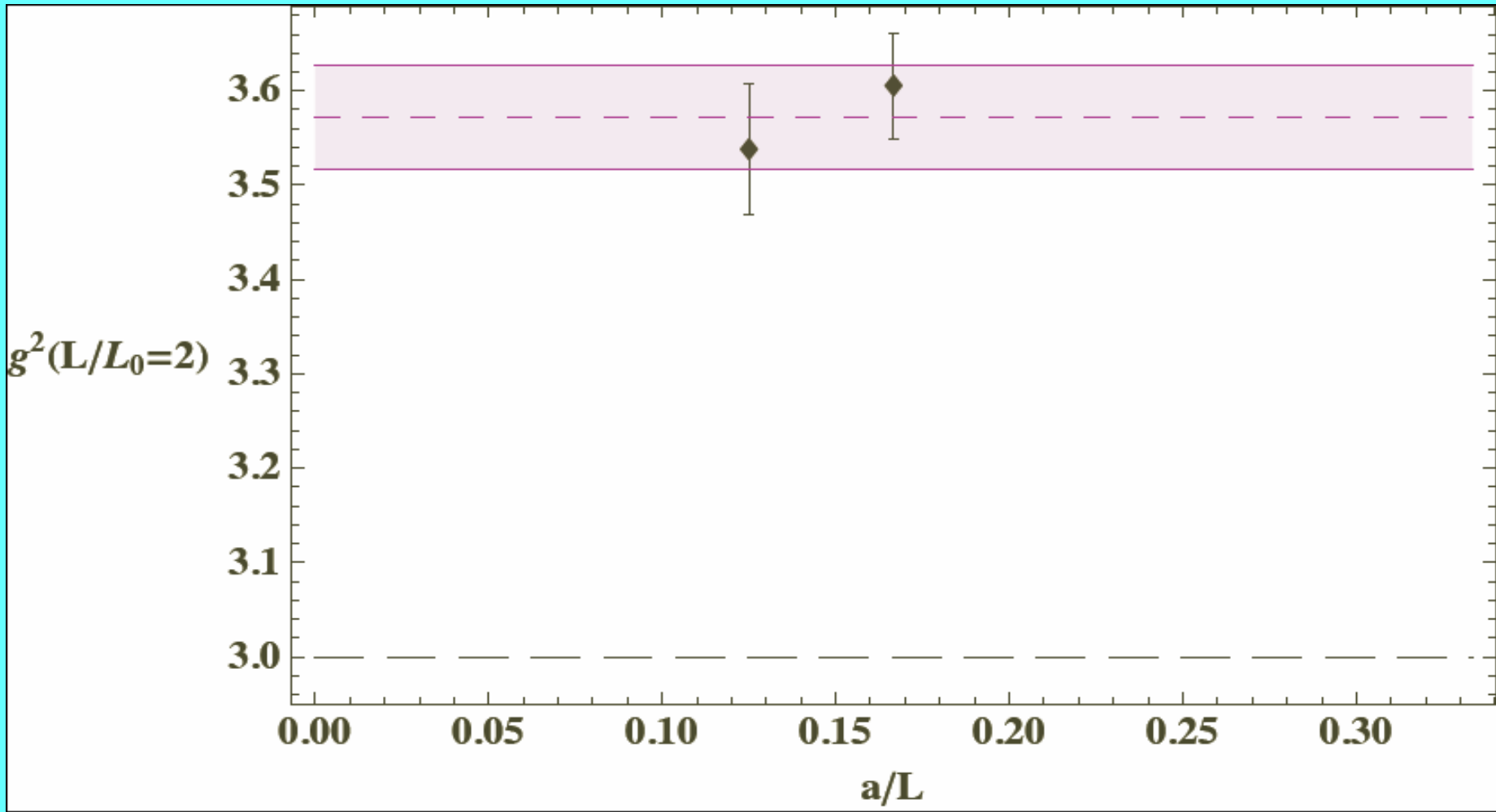
$$\bar{g}^{-2} \left( g_0^2, \frac{a}{L} \right) = \bar{g}^{-2} \left( \bar{g}^{-2}(L_0), \frac{L}{L_0}, \frac{a}{L_0} \right)$$

$$g_0^2 \xrightarrow{a \rightarrow 0} 1/\ln(L_0/a)$$

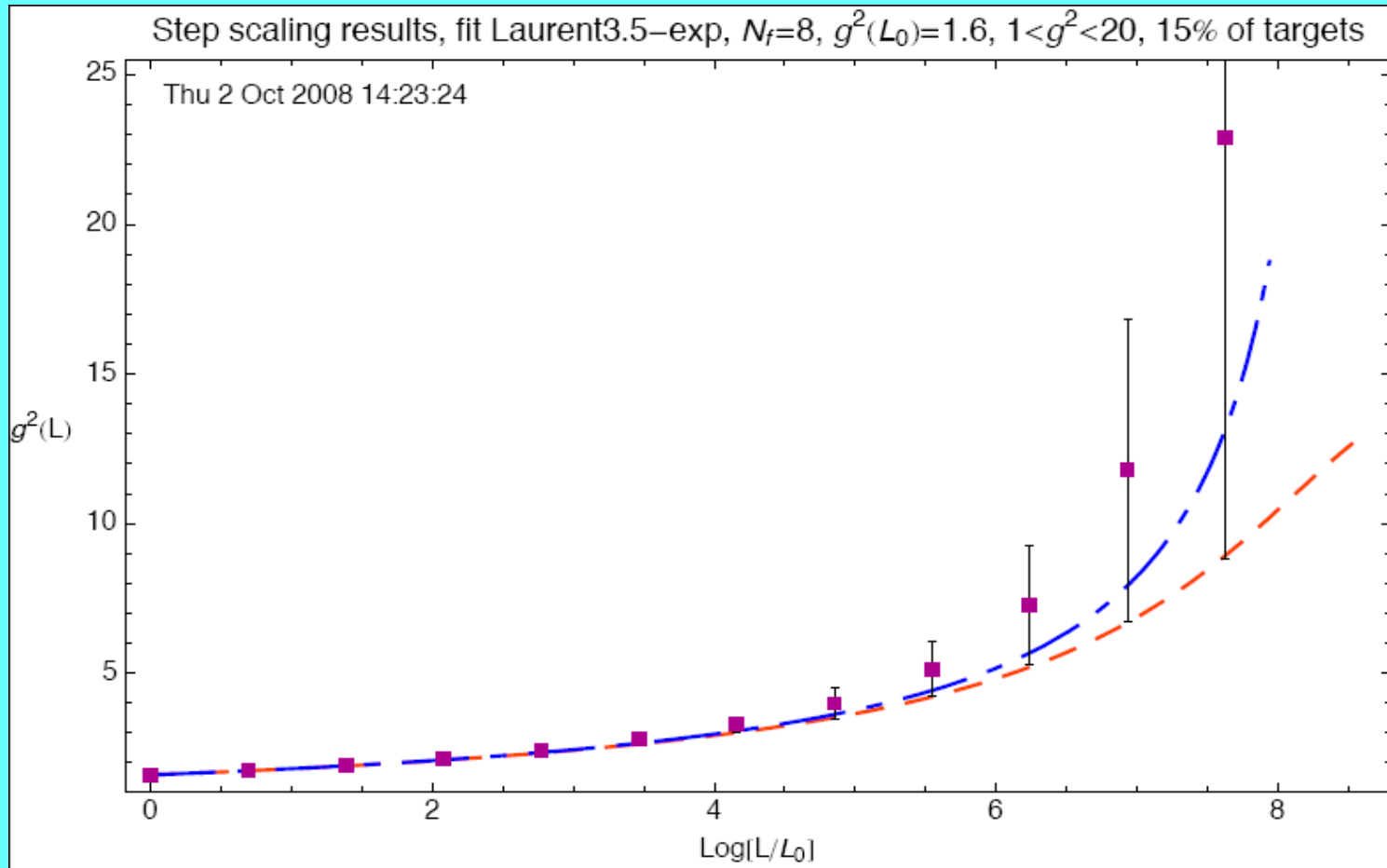
$$\xrightarrow{a/L_0 \rightarrow 0} \bar{g}^{-2} \left( \bar{g}^{-2}(L_0), \frac{L}{L_0} \right) \equiv \bar{g}^{-2} \left( \frac{L}{L_0} \right) \quad \left( \frac{L}{L_0} = 2 \right)$$

$$\bar{g}^{-2} \left( \bar{g}^{-2}(L), \frac{L'}{L}, \frac{a}{L} \right) \xrightarrow{\frac{a}{L} \rightarrow 0} \bar{g}^{-2} \left( \frac{L'}{L} \right) \quad \left( \frac{L'}{L} = 2 \right)$$

# $N_f=8$ Extrapolation Curve



# $N_f = 8$ Continuum Running



# $N_f = 8$ Features

1. No evidence for IRFP or even inflection point up through  $\bar{g}^2(L) \approx 15$ .
2. Exceeds rough estimate  $(\alpha_c^*/\pi \approx 1/4)$  of strength required to break chiral symmetry, and therefore produce confinement. Must be confirmed by direct lattice simulations.
3. Rate of growth exceeds 3 loop perturbation theory.
4. Behavior similar to quenched theory [ALPHA N.P. Proc. Suppl. 106, 859 (2002)] and  $N_f=2$  theory [ALPHA, N.P. B713, 378 (2005)], but slower growth as expected.

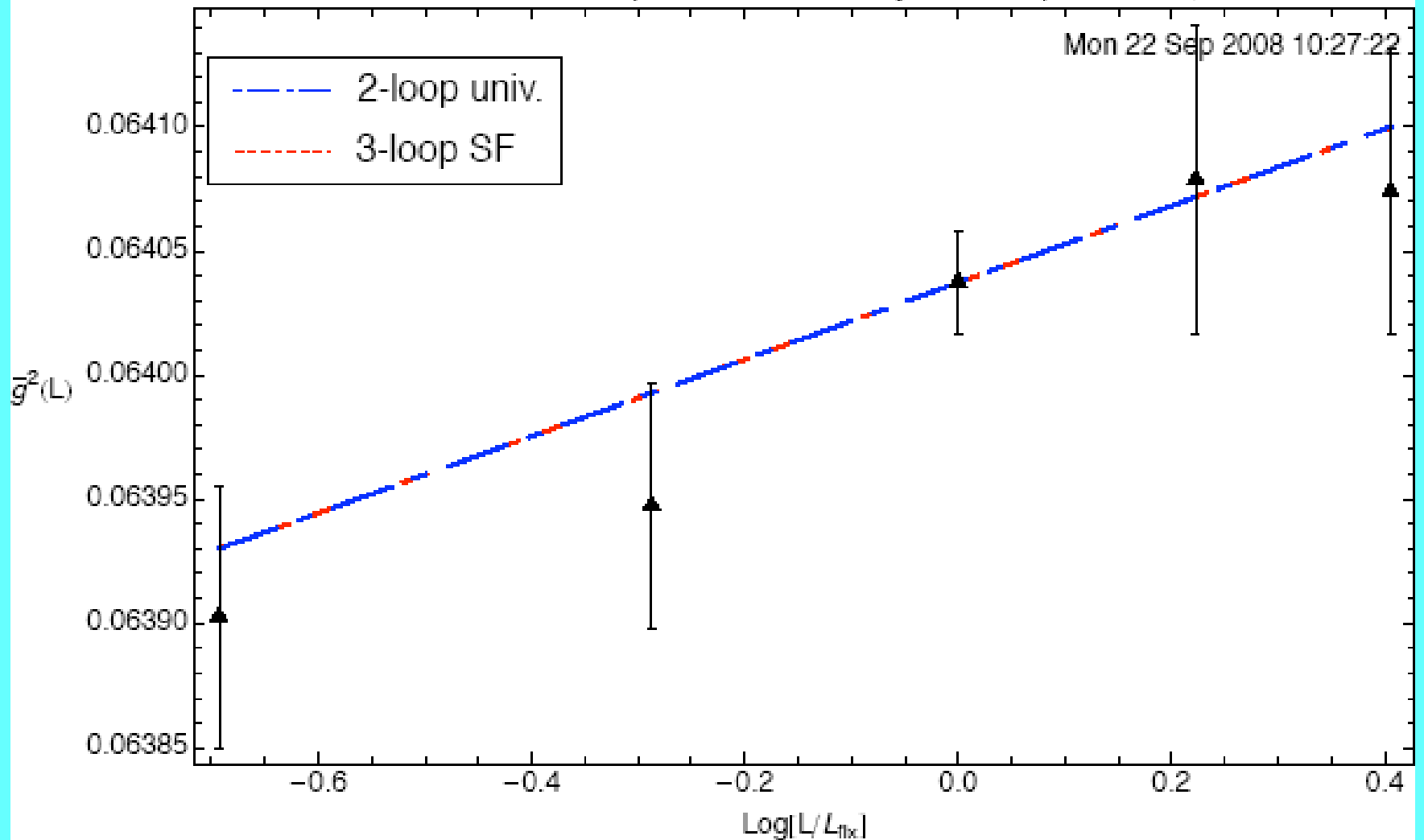


# $N_f = 12$ Data

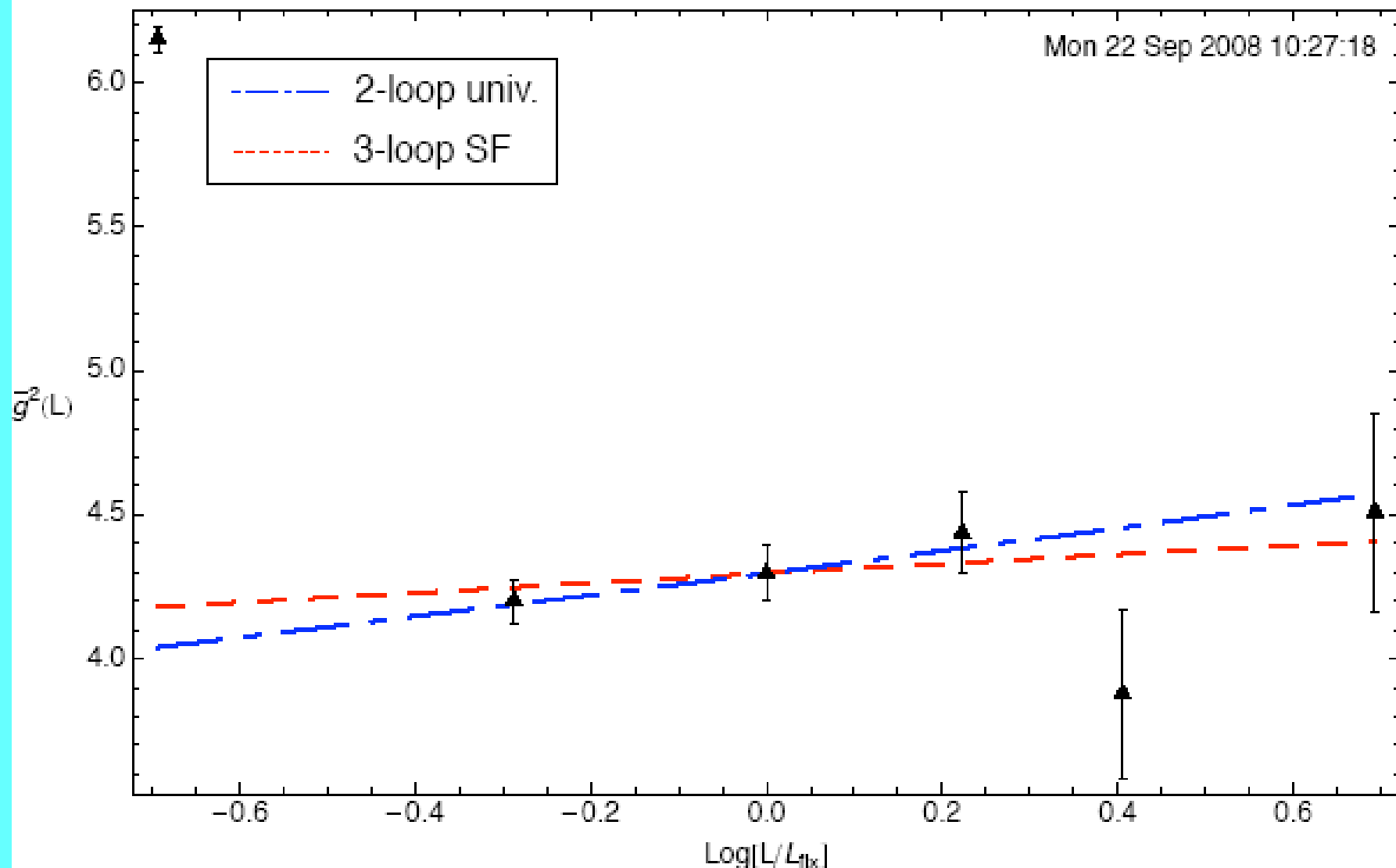
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$\omega^2(\cdot)$	***													
$\cdot$	4	$\cdot$ traj	6	$\cdot$ traj	8	$\cdot$ traj	10	$\cdot$ traj	12	$\cdot$ traj	16	$\cdot$ traj	20	$\cdot$ traj
4.10			66.0(9.7)	<del>80</del> <del>81</del>	25.4(1.5)	<del>76</del> <del>82</del>								
4.13			30.0(1.9)	<del>80</del> <del>80</del>	22.8(2.6)	<del>48</del> <del>62</del>								
4.15			26.6(0.9)	<del>81</del> <del>81</del>	15.80(72)	<del>81</del> <del>81</del>	15.61(98)	<del>59</del> <del>79</del>						
4.18			17.94(85)	<del>82</del> <del>82</del>	12.28(46)	<del>81</del> <del>81</del>	12.75(83)	<del>60</del> <del>82</del>						
4.20	-0.79(8800)	<del>94</del> <del>160</del>	14.57(86)	<del>82</del> <del>82</del>	11.3(0.4)	<del>82</del> <del>82</del>	13.5(2.0)	<del>50</del> <del>54</del>						
4.25	70.8(7.0)	<del>162</del> <del>136</del>	10.53(32)	<del>71</del> <del>75</del>	9.65(69)	<del>49</del> <del>60</del>	9.58(32)	<del>82</del> <del>82</del>						
4.30	29.91(91)	<del>162</del> <del>178</del>	8.48(22)	<del>82</del> <del>82</del>	7.28(27)	<del>58</del> <del>58</del>	7.93(49)	<del>44</del> <del>44</del>	6.65(53)	<del>51</del> <del>52</del>	7.95(57)	<del>42</del> <del>51</del>		
4.35	18.98(38)	<del>162</del> <del>162</del>	6.94(15)	<del>82</del> <del>82</del>	6.79(22)	<del>82</del> <del>82</del>	6.76(22)	<del>72</del> <del>82</del>	6.31(72)	<del>70</del> <del>76</del>				
4.40	13.70(28)	<del>162</del> <del>162</del>	6.023(73)	<del>82</del> <del>82</del>	5.98(13)	<del>82</del> <del>82</del>	6.13(35)	<del>25</del> <del>36</del>	5.95(59)	<del>79</del> <del>82</del>				
4.45	10.44(17)	<del>162</del> <del>162</del>	5.3(0.1)	<del>82</del> <del>82</del>	5.32(13)	<del>82</del> <del>82</del>	4.99(16)	<del>68</del> <del>82</del>						
4.50	8.300(72)	<del>162</del> <del>162</del>	5.139(96)	<del>96</del> <del>96</del>	5.02(14)	<del>84</del> <del>98</del>	5.22(17)	<del>85</del> <del>84</del>	4.9(0.2)	<del>81</del> <del>83</del>				
4.60	6.152(45)	<del>162</del> <del>162</del>	4.200(76)	<del>82</del> <del>82</del>	4.297(98)	<del>82</del> <del>82</del>	4.44(14)	<del>81</del> <del>81</del>	3.93(29)	<del>78</del> <del>74</del>	4.51(34)	<del>40</del> <del>40</del>		
4.70	4.987(43)	<del>162</del> <del>162</del>	3.842(54)	<del>82</del> <del>80</del>	3.731(51)	<del>86</del> <del>87</del>	3.657(98)	<del>22</del> <del>22</del>	3.82(26)	<del>82</del> <del>82</del>	5.44(42)	<del>60</del> <del>61</del>		
4.80	4.244(23)	<del>162</del> <del>162</del>	3.469(34)	<del>82</del> <del>81</del>	3.507(56)	<del>82</del> <del>82</del>	3.61(13)	<del>39</del> <del>38</del>						
4.90	3.705(21)	<del>162</del> <del>162</del>	3.105(29)	<del>116</del> <del>132</del>	3.191(48)	<del>82</del> <del>82</del>	3.207(57)	<del>74</del> <del>79</del>						
5.00	3.346(23)	<del>121</del> <del>40</del>	2.896(27)	<del>54</del> <del>40</del>	2.918(35)	<del>53</del> <del>89</del>	3.002(72)	<del>40</del> <del>40</del>	3.142(93)	<del>43</del> <del>43</del>	3.11(16)	<del>65</del> <del>37</del>		
5.10	3.061(28)	<del>40</del> <del>40</del>	2.731(34)	<del>36</del> <del>52</del>	2.856(59)	<del>41</del> <del>42</del>	2.674(14)	<del>41</del> <del>41</del>						
5.20	2.825(25)	<del>41</del> <del>40</del>	2.546(12)	<del>36</del> <del>56</del>	2.568(25)	<del>53</del> <del>89</del>								
5.30	2.618(20)	<del>40</del> <del>40</del>	2.464(27)	<del>36</del> <del>56</del>	2.471(38)	<del>42</del> <del>42</del>	2.439(12)	<del>41</del> <del>41</del>						
5.40	2.481(18)	<del>41</del> <del>40</del>	2.325(20)	<del>36</del> <del>56</del>	2.3104(95)	<del>42</del> <del>42</del>								
5.50	2.343(15)	<del>40</del> <del>40</del>	2.1965(95)	<del>36</del> <del>56</del>	2.279(36)	<del>32</del> <del>40</del>	2.238(17)	<del>42</del> <del>42</del>	2.247(23)	<del>54</del> <del>41</del>	2.307(19)	<del>41</del> <del>41</del>	2.21(12)	<del>39</del> <del>39</del>
5.60	2.238(14)	<del>41</del> <del>40</del>	2.0978(41)	<del>36</del> <del>56</del>	2.1161(74)	<del>42</del> <del>42</del>								

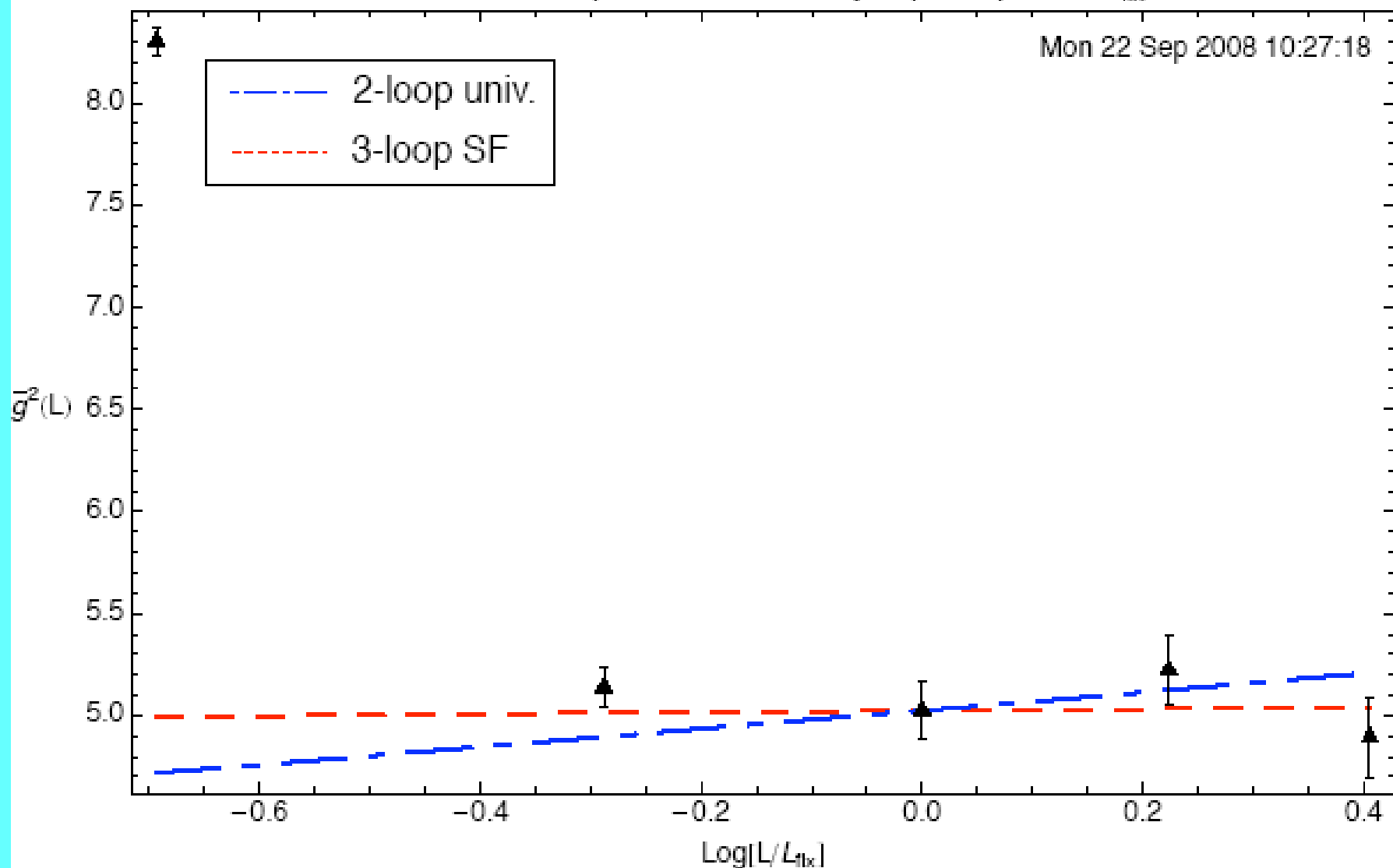
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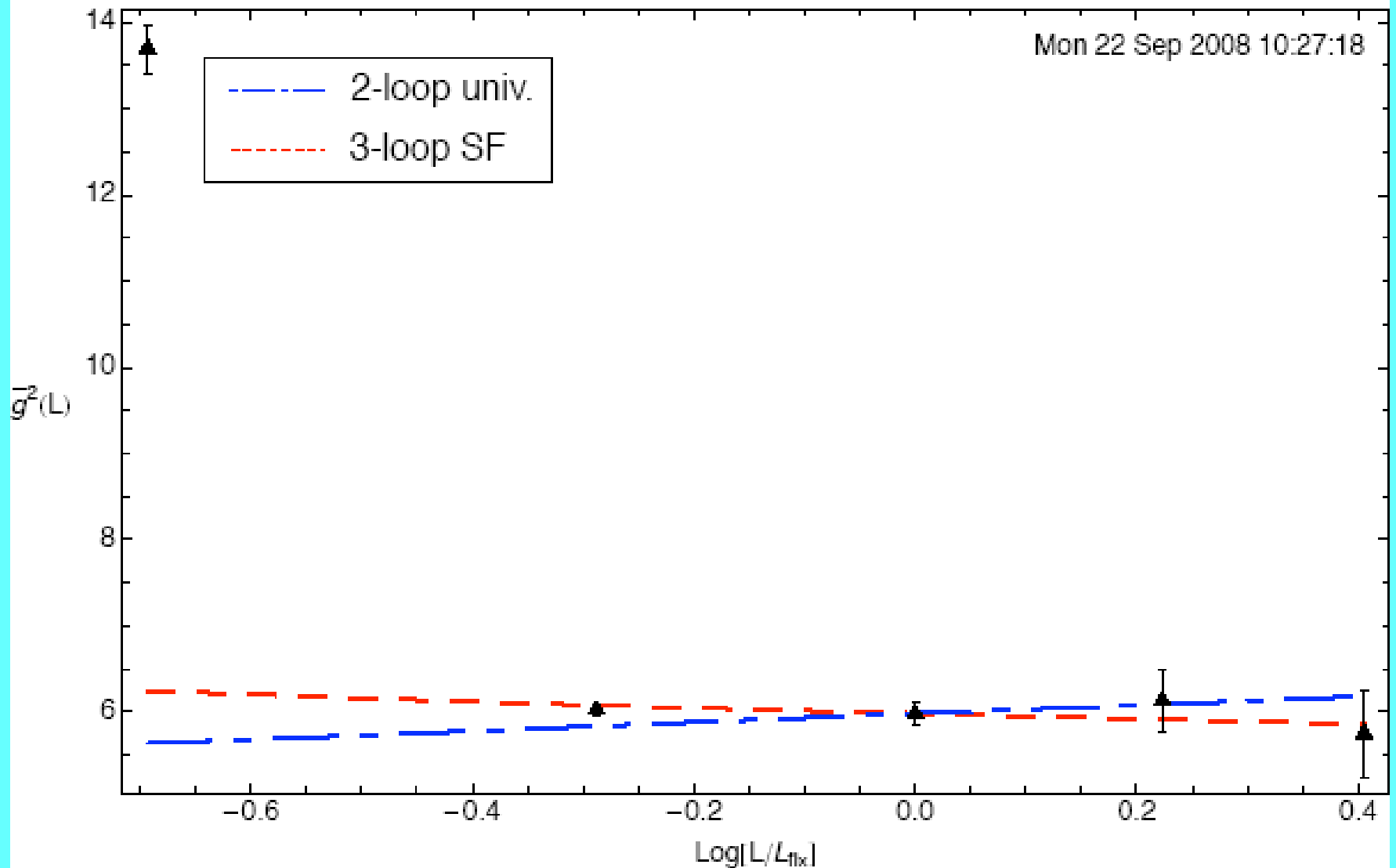
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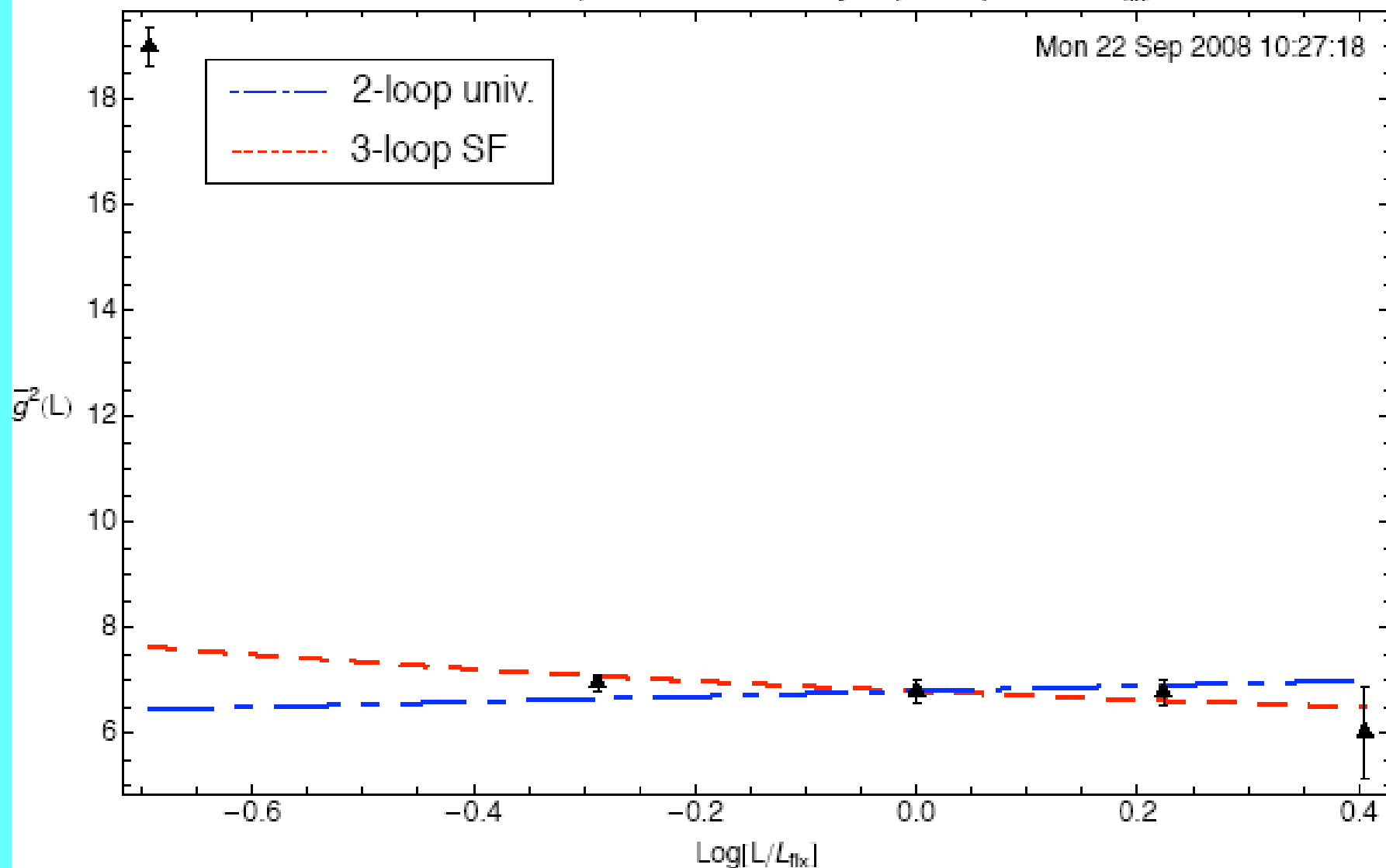
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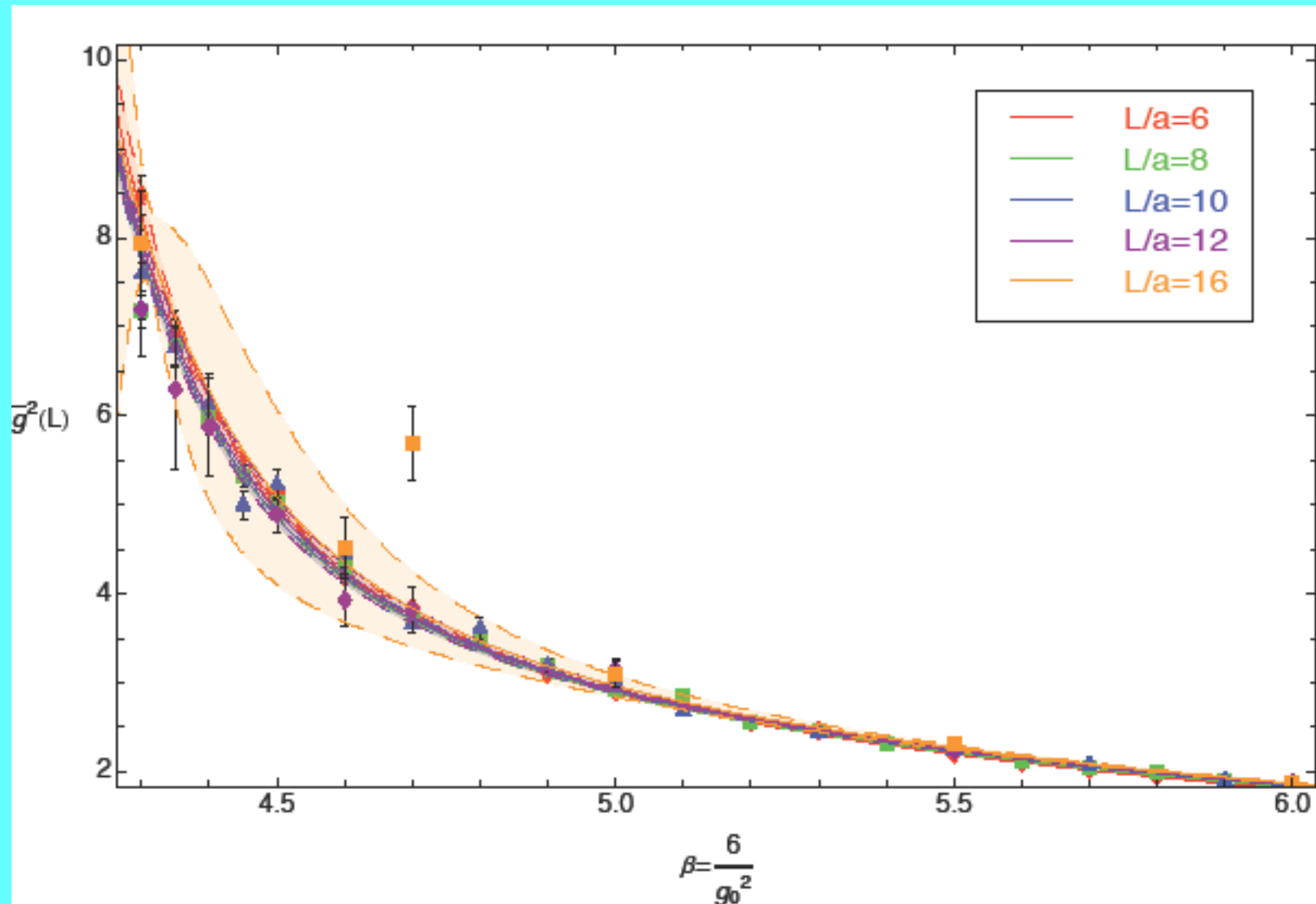
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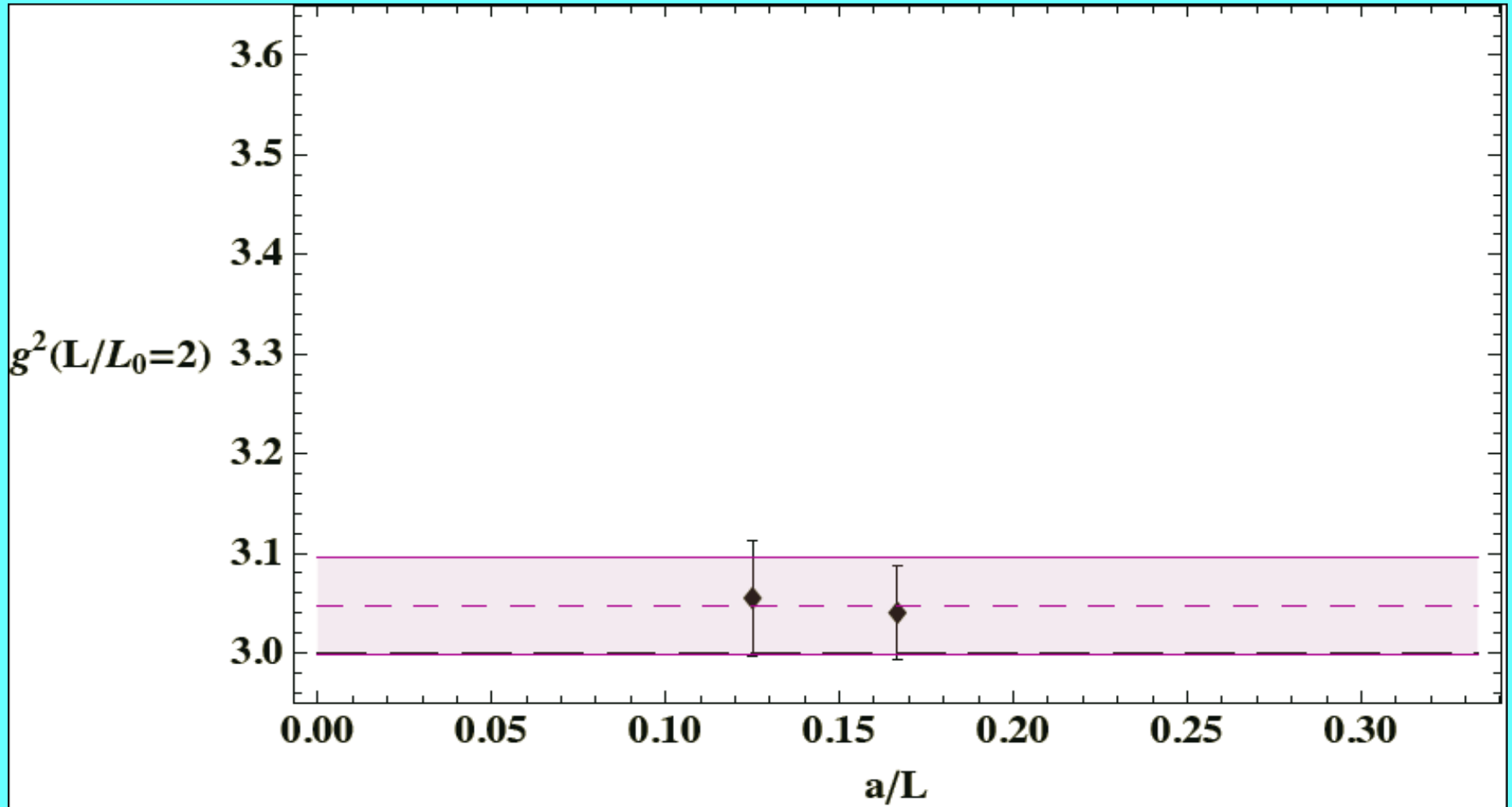
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# $N_f = 12$ Data with Fits

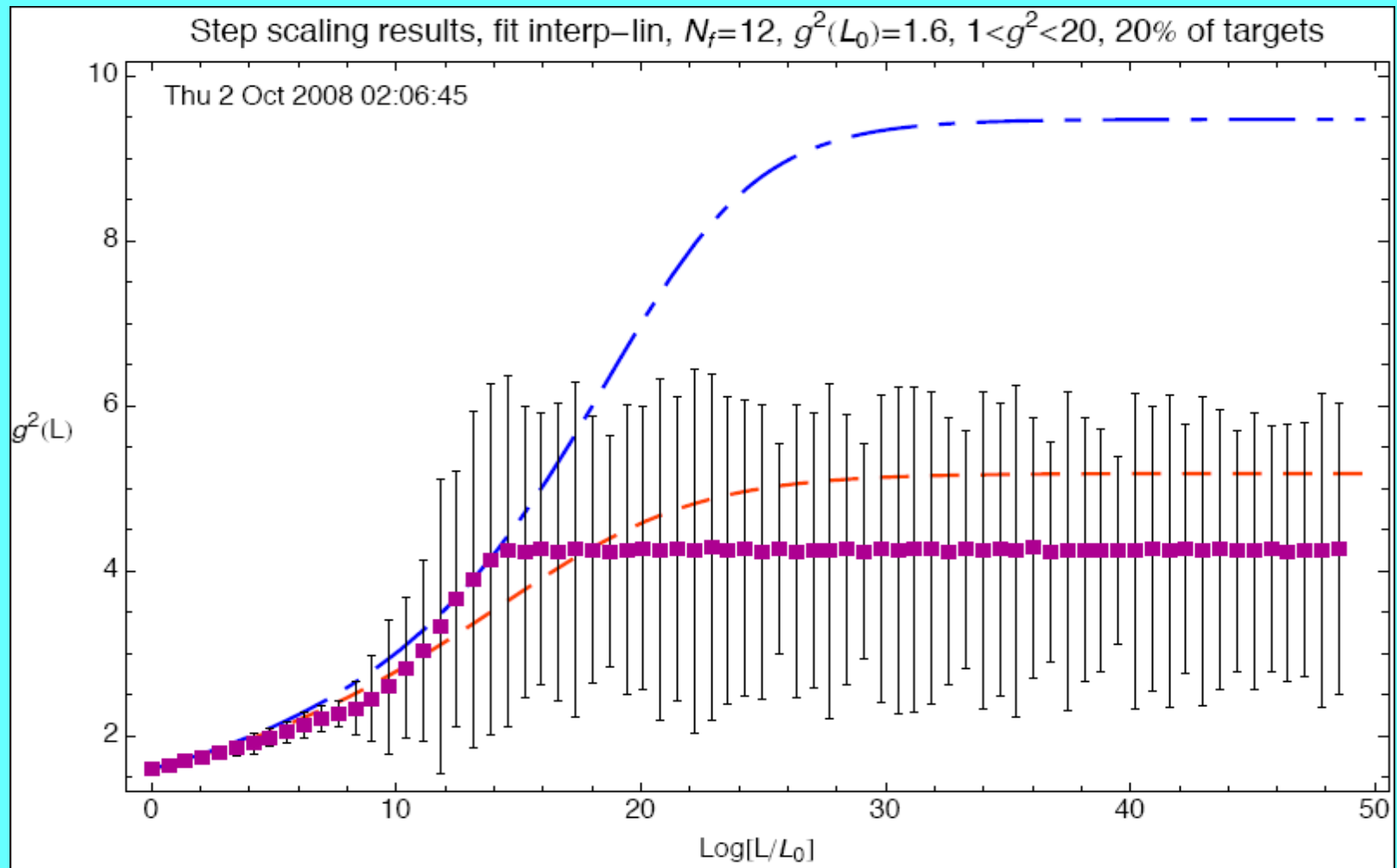


# $N_f=12$ Extrapolation Curve





# $N_f = 12$ Continuum Running



# Conclusions

1. First 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 and chiral symmetry breaking – in disagreement with Iwasaki et al

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

# Things to Do

1. Refine the simulations at  $N_f = 8$  and 12 and examine other values such as  $N_f = 10$ .
2. Study the phase transition as a function of  $N_f$ .
3. Consider other gauge groups and representation assignments for the fermions
4. Examine physical quantities such as the static potential (Wilson loop) and correlation functions.

5. Examine chiral symmetry breaking directly:

$\langle \psi \psi \rangle$  at zero temperature

6. Apply to BSM Physics. Is  $S$  naturally small as  $N_f \rightarrow N_{fc}$  due to approximate parity doubling?

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

Includes the contribution of the  $[N_f^2 - 1 - 3]$  pseudo-Nambu-Goldstone bosons present in the model.

## Further studies of the conformal window

- Study of asqtad  $N_f = 8, 12$  finite temperature transition.<sup>16</sup> Indications of a physical confined phase for  $N_f = 8$  and a bulk transition for  $N_f = 12$ .
- Columbia zero temperature spectrum study of staggered  $N_f = 8$  with DBW2 gauge action.<sup>17</sup> Clear indications of confined spectrum properly scaling towards continuum limit.
- Study of staggered  $N_f = 8, 12$  Dirac eigenvalue distributions underway for comparison with RMT.<sup>18</sup> Stout-link smearing important for degeneracies. Looking for the  $\epsilon$ -regime:  
 $m_\pi \ll L^{-1} \ll f_\pi$ .
- A promising new scheme being developed to compute the running coupling from Wilson loops in a finite box.<sup>19</sup> Direct simulation at zero quark mass possible with twisted BC's.

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<sup>16</sup>Deuzeman, Lombardo, Pallante, arXiv:0804.2905 [hep-lat]

<sup>17</sup>Xin and Mawhinney, in preparation.

<sup>18</sup>K. Holland *et al.*, in preparation.

<sup>19</sup>E. Bilgici *et al.*, arXiv:0808.2875 [hep-lat]

## Conformal windows for higher color representations

- $N_f = 2$  Wilson fermions in the **6** of  $SU(3)$  may have an IRFP<sup>20</sup> and a novel deconfined yet chirally-broken phase. Explorations continue.
- Eigenvalue distributions of  $N_f = 2$  overlap fermions in the **6** of  $SU(3)$  were studied on small volumes at fixed zero topology. Do not fit RMT predictions for  $\chi$ SB.  $f_\pi$  not measured yet, so may not be in  $\epsilon$ -regime.
- Three groups are studying  $SU(2)$  with  $N_f = 2$  adjoint Wilson fermions<sup>21 22 23</sup> and producing consistent results. Clear evidence for bulk transition at  $\beta = 2$ . For  $\beta > 2$  vector mesons seem very light at small quark masses. Is it a finite volume effect?

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<sup>20</sup>Shamir, Svetitsky and DeGrand, arXiv:0803.1707 [hep-lat]

<sup>21</sup>Del Debbio, Patella and Pica, arXiv:0805.2058 [hep-lat]

<sup>22</sup>Catterall, Giedt, Sannino and Schneible, arXiv:0807.0792 [hep-lat]

<sup>23</sup>Hietanen, Rantaharju, Rummukainen, and Tuominen, in preparation

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