

The infinite volume based beta-function from the gradient flow with applications

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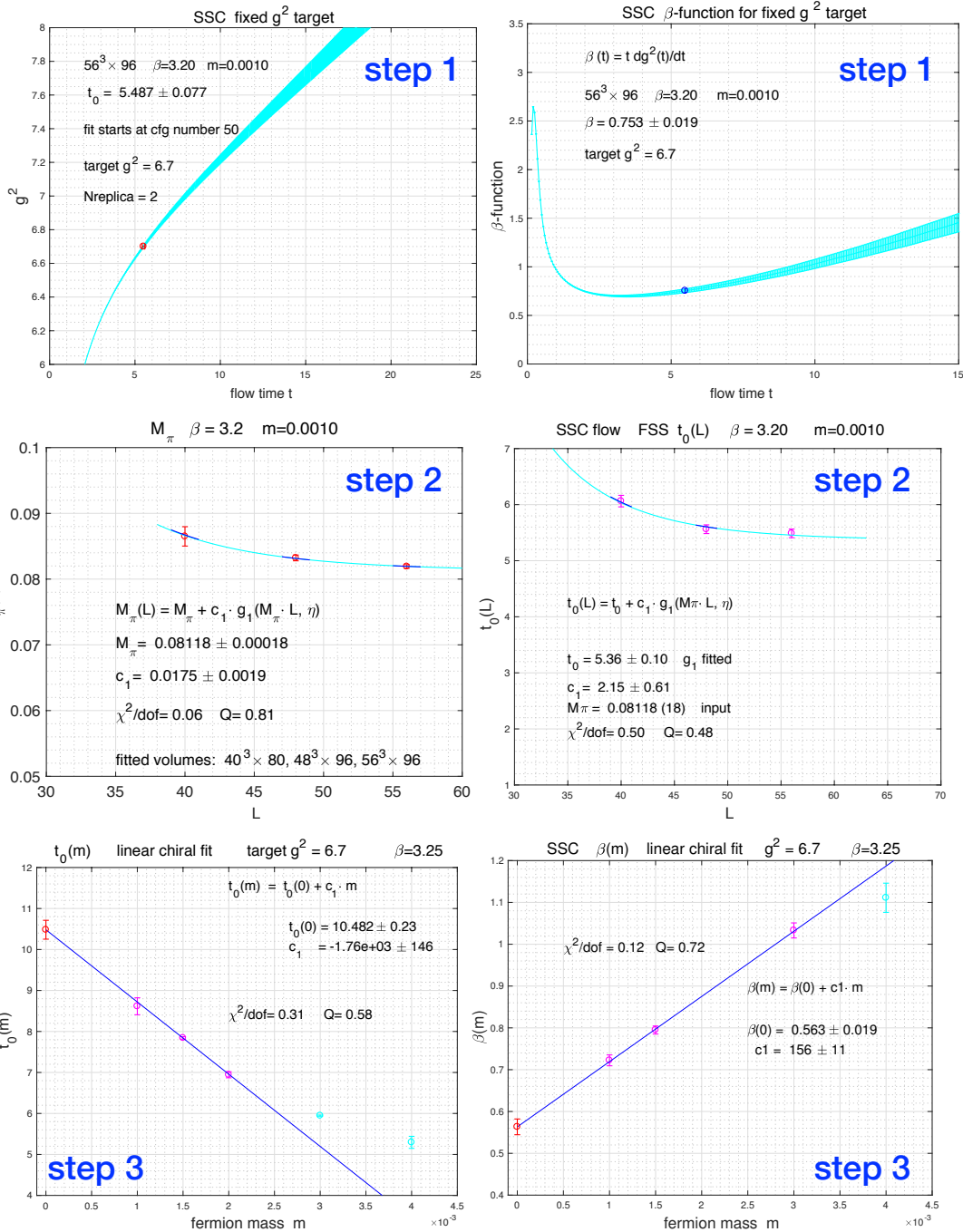
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$$[-g^2(t+2\epsilon) + 8g^2(t+\epsilon) - 8g^2(t-\epsilon) + g^2(t-2\epsilon)]/(12\epsilon) = dg^2/dt + O(\epsilon^4)$$

checked by 7-point stencil

$$\frac{1}{30} f^{(5)}(x) \cdot \epsilon^4$$

original sextet algorithm for $\beta(t(g^2)) = t dg^2/dt$:



sextet model β -function defined in infinite volume approached from p-regime

step 1 (a) select target renormalized coupling g^2 on the GF held fixed at several lattice spacings
 (b) at each lattice spacing in the p-regime calculate $t dg^2/dt$ on the flow at several fermion masses, for several L at each m

step 2 at each lattice spacing for each m take $L \rightarrow \infty$ limit of M_π , $t_0(g^2)$, tdg^2/dt

$$t_0 = t_{0,ch} \left(1 + k_1 \frac{M_\pi^2}{(4\pi f)^2} + k_2 \frac{M_\pi^4}{(4\pi f)^4} \log\left(\frac{M_\pi^2}{\mu^2}\right) + k_3 \frac{M_\pi^4}{(4\pi f)^4} \right) \quad \text{Golterman, Baer}$$

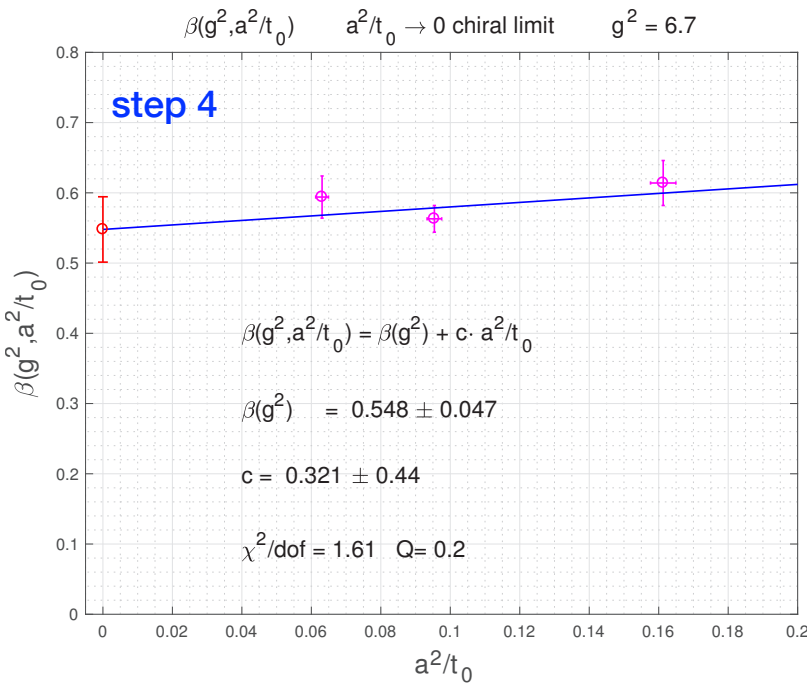
step 3 at target g^2 take chiral limit $m \rightarrow 0$ at each lattice spacing for t_0 , tdg^2/dt

step 4 repeat for 3 lattice spacings and take $a^2/t \rightarrow 0$ continuum limit of $\beta = t dg^2/dt$

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- Recent high precision data show the scaling behavior at strong coupling as well:

control of infinite volume limit is critical and more challenging than for the step β -function running with the physical volume

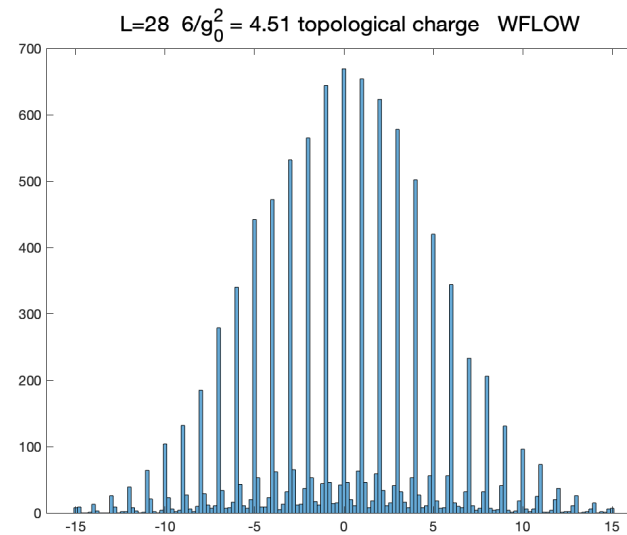
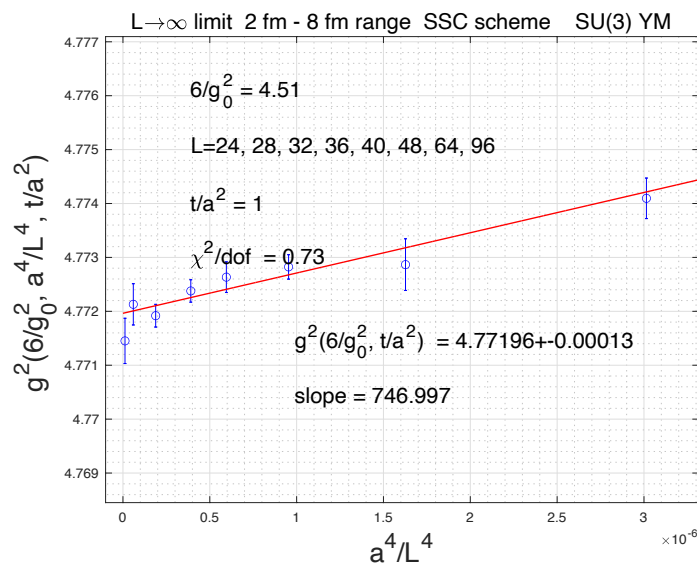
balance:

required large volumes can be matched to large volumes with mass deformations anyway

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high-precision tests of the volume dependence and its source



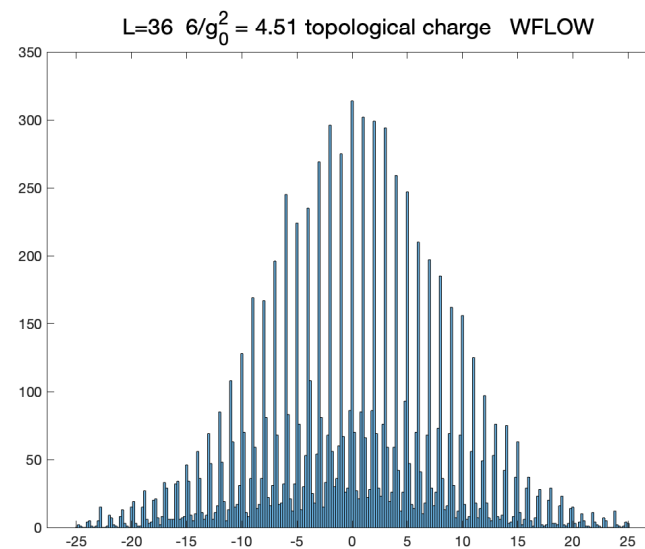
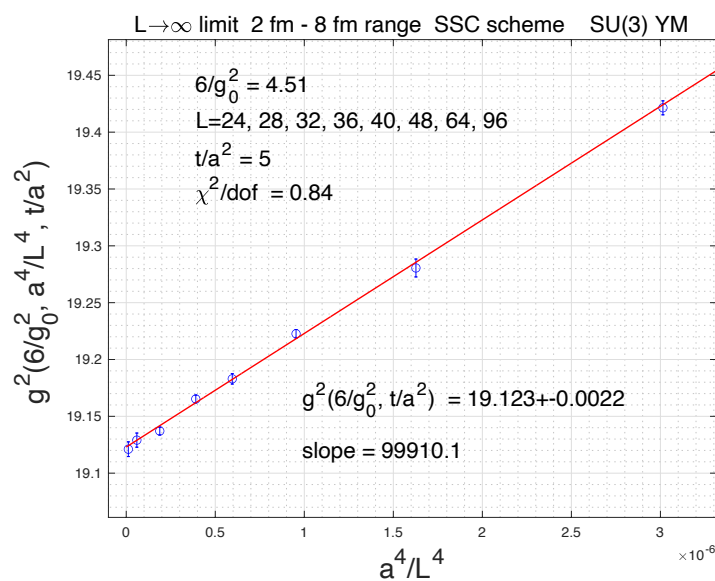
potential sources of a^4/L^4 scaling:

- Symanzik effective action at fixed a and t

absence of a^2/L^2 term remains unexplained at small latt. spacing a but strong coupling, like here

- frozen topology

not here, with well sampled topology



- form factor of the energy op on GF

most likely origin, surprisingly indicates a larger extension of the form factor than the $C = \frac{\sqrt{8t}}{L}$ expectation

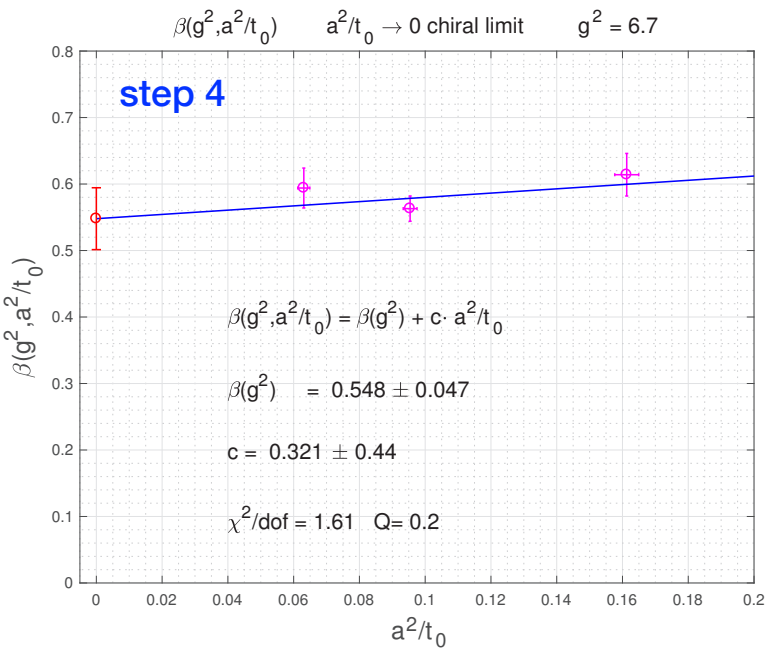
not under exponentially suppressed global control

care needed when infinite L taken at fixed a and fixed t

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- Lattice 2019 surprise: first direct $nf=2$ calculation of $\beta_{m_f=0}$ goes public for the first time [1910.06408](#) switching $a^2/L^2 \rightarrow 0$ fitting of the talk to $a^4/L^4 \rightarrow 0$ in the publication.
- We chose to immediately publish our previously unpublished multi-flavor results of the $a^4/L^4 \rightarrow 0$ fitting procedure for $\beta_{m_f=0}$ as shown in [1912.07653](#).
- Back to the future? How to apply the $\beta_{m_f=0}$ and $\beta_{m_f \rightarrow 0}$ methods to the $nf=10$ model for testing if its chiral symmetry is broken in the $m \rightarrow 0$ limit? (Recent announcement claiming IRFP in the model). [arXiv:2306.07236](#)

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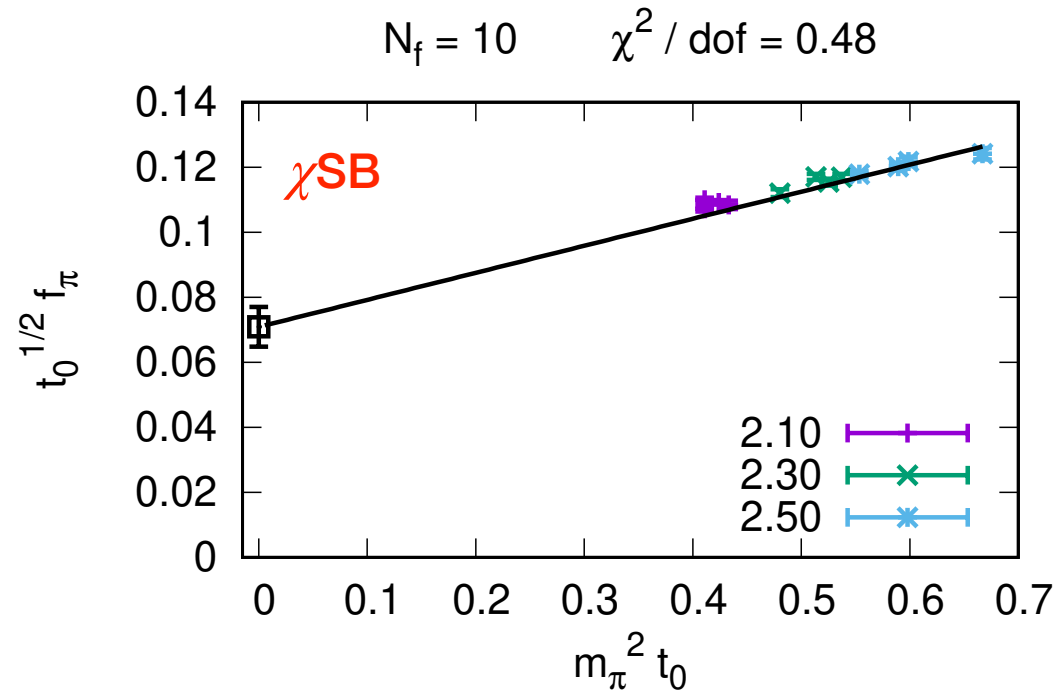
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Back to the future?

Building on the ensembles of Dani Negradi and his collaborators?



- $f_\pi L \sim 2 - 3$ might be required at $n_f=10$ for conventional p-regime χ SB analysis
- the volume dependence of the GF time t_0 requires control
- original sextet analysis of $\beta(g^2)_{m_f \rightarrow 0}$ was based on χ SB theory (Baer and Golterman)

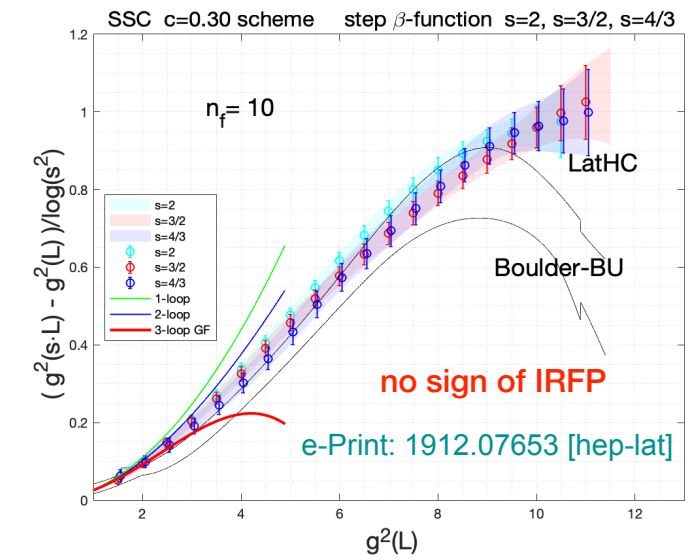
dilaton EFT is the alternate analysis perhaps needed to test matching $\beta(g^2)_{m_f \rightarrow 0} = \beta(g^2(t))_{m=0}$

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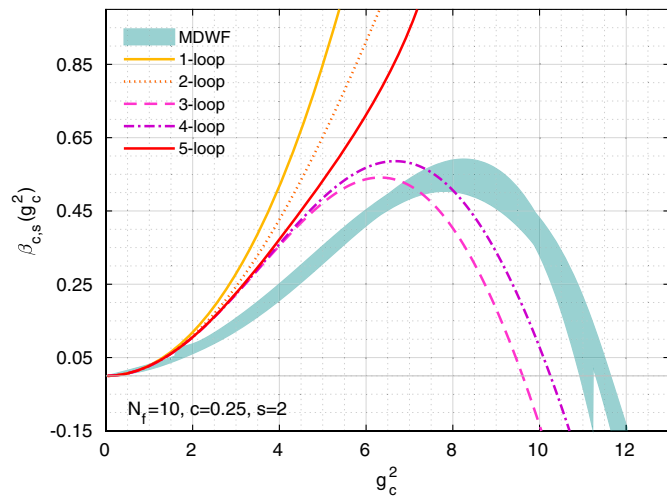
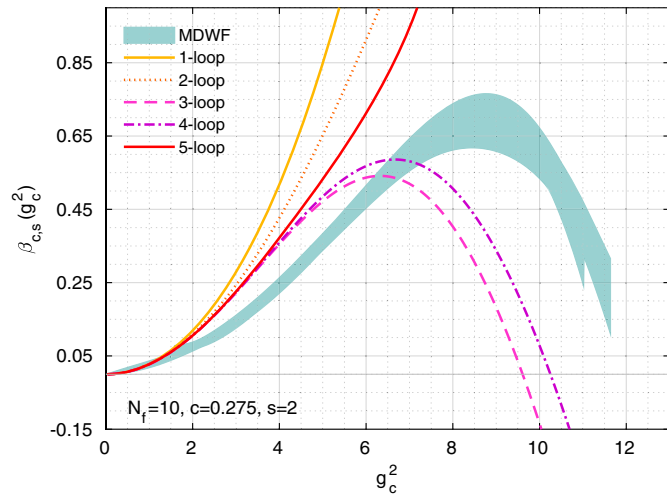
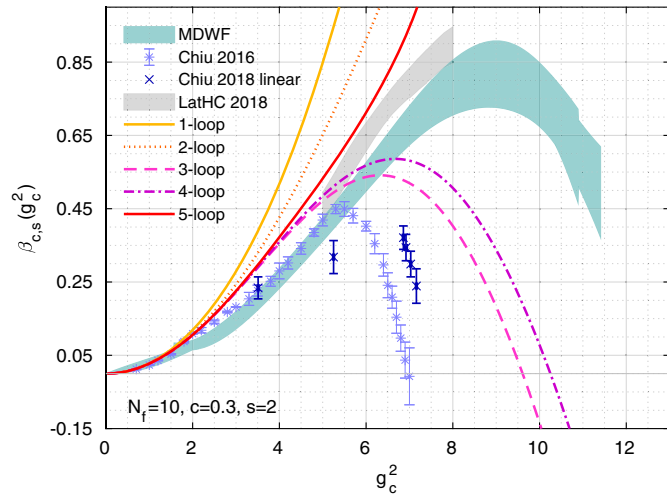
two findings are consistent but newly challenged

N_f	β	m	L/a	am_π	af_π	am_ρ	t_0/a^2	$m_\pi L$	$f_\pi L$
10	2.10	0.0165	32	0.2423(7)	0.0416(2)	0.326(2)	7.00(7)	7.75(2)	1.330(5)
		0.0126	36	0.2037(7)	0.0342(1)	0.275(1)	10.2(1)	7.33(2)	1.230(5)
		0.0100	40	0.1801(9)	0.0297(2)	0.241(2)	13.4(3)	7.20(3)	1.186(6)
	2.30	0.0081	48	0.1535(6)	0.02567(9)	0.202(2)	17.4(2)	7.37(3)	1.232(4)
		0.0185	32	0.2386(7)	0.0390(1)	0.310(1)	9.0(1)	7.63(2)	1.247(5)
		0.0142	36	0.2005(9)	0.0320(1)	0.259(2)	13.4(2)	7.22(3)	1.152(5)
	2.50	0.0112	40	0.174(1)	0.0277(1)	0.227(1)	17.4(3)	6.95(4)	1.106(4)
		0.0091	48	0.1502(9)	0.0243(2)	0.194(2)	21.3(4)	7.21(4)	1.166(7)
		0.0233	28	0.2584(9)	0.0393(3)	0.328(2)	10.0(2)	7.23(3)	1.100(8)
	2.50	0.0178	36	0.2106(5)	0.0332(2)	0.267(2)	13.5(3)	7.58(2)	1.194(8)
		0.0141	40	0.1800(7)	0.0282(1)	0.227(2)	18.2(3)	7.20(3)	1.128(6)
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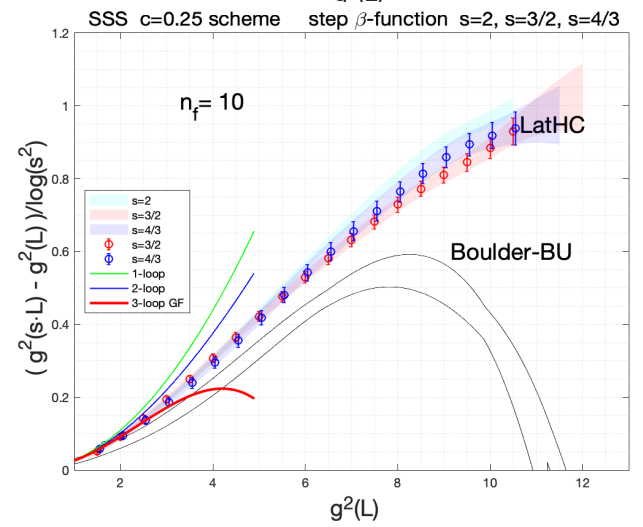
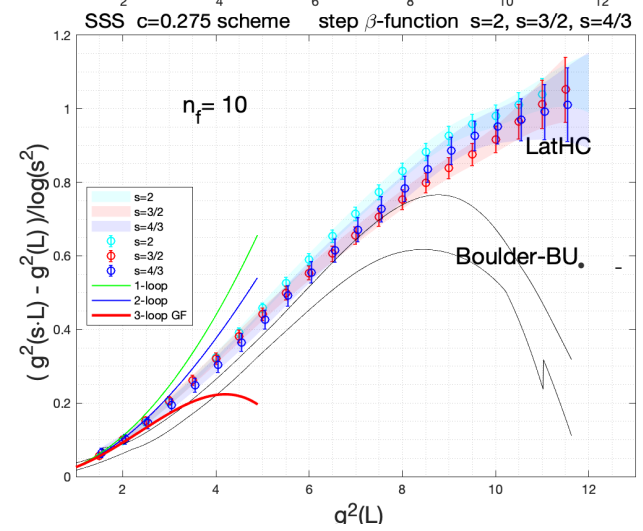
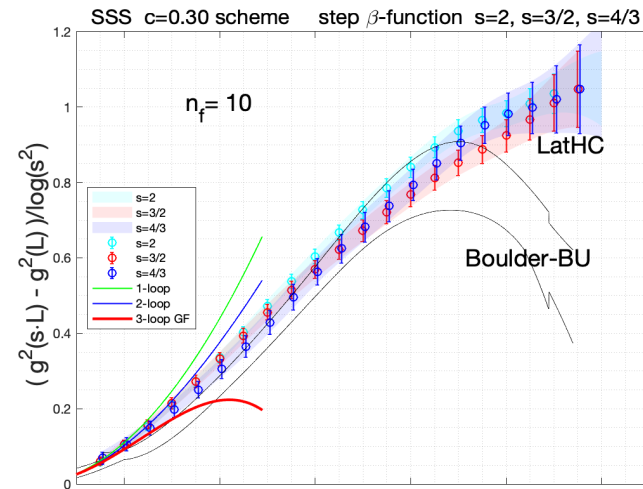
- in our earlier $\beta(g^2(t))_{m=0}$ investigation we reached $g^2 \sim 12$ with $\beta(g^2(t))_{m=0} \sim 1$
- we could extend $\beta(g^2(t))_{m=0}$ into the $6/g_0^2 = 2.3$ range with $g^2 \sim 12 - 15$
- more ensembles would be needed



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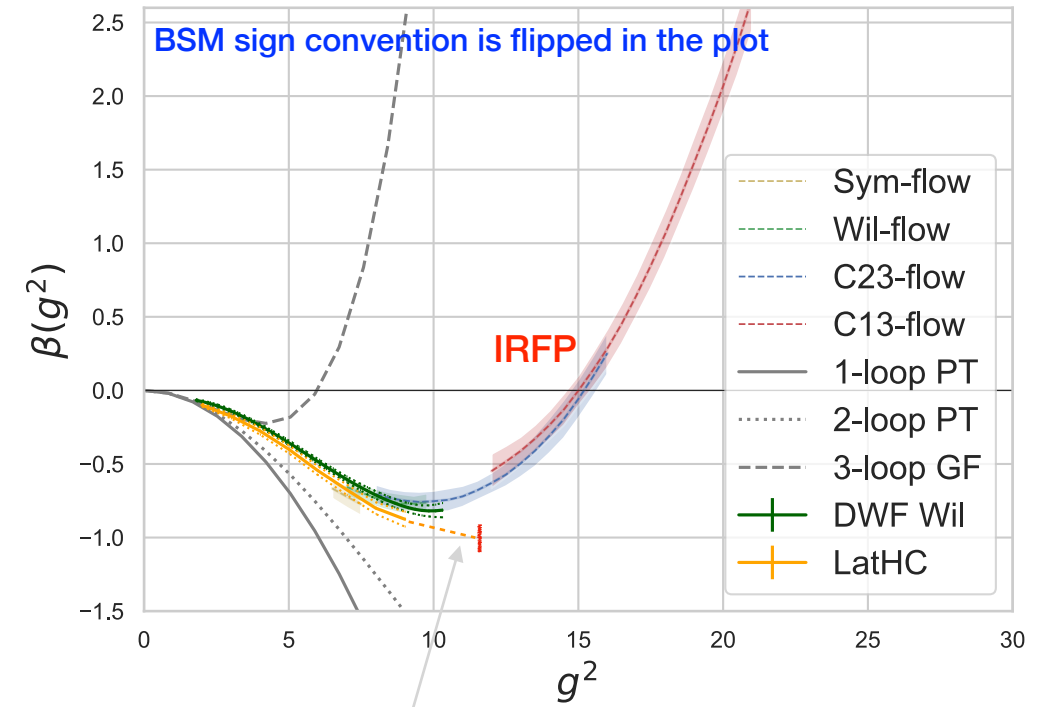


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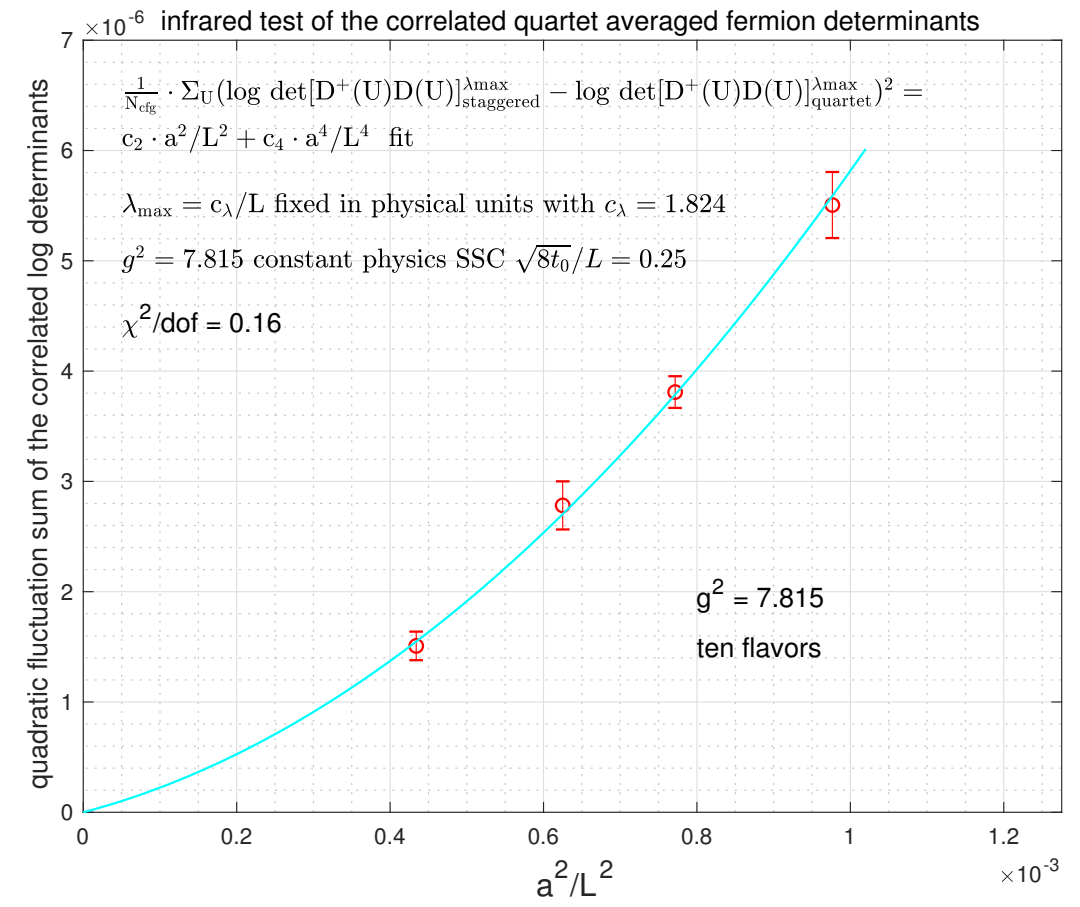
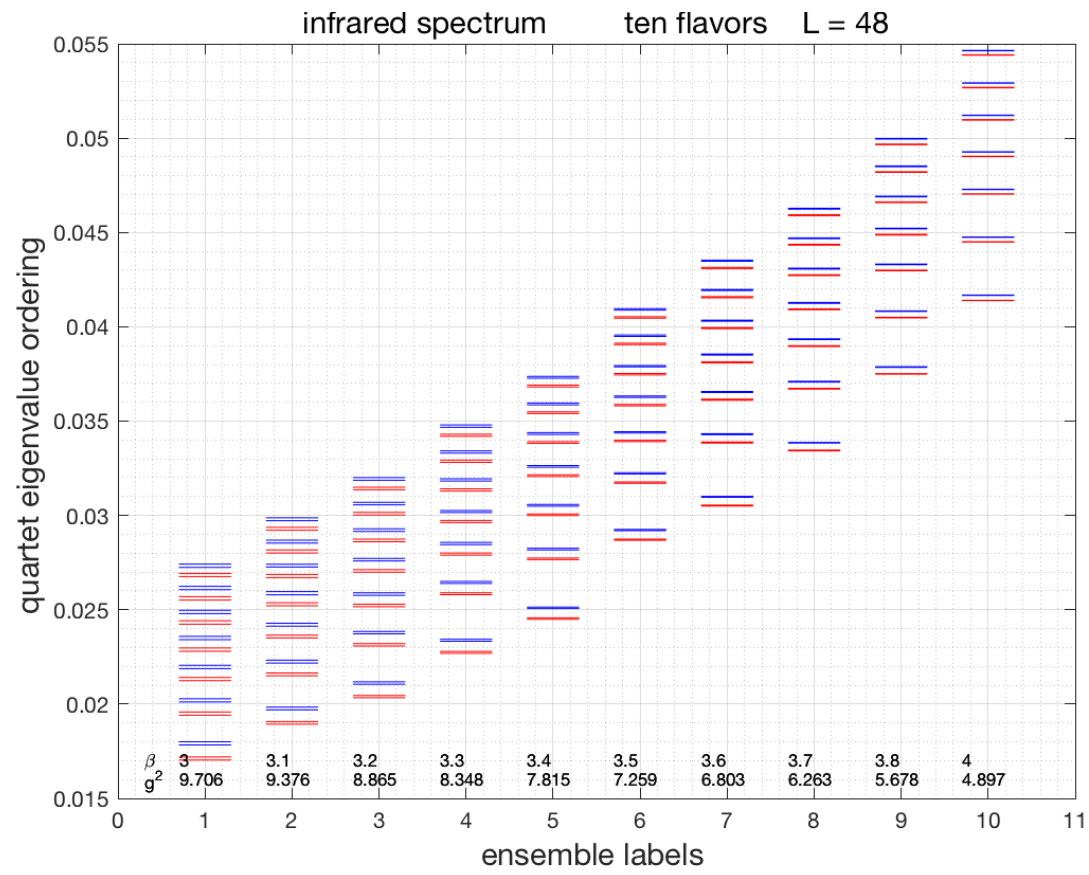
here comes the new challenge:

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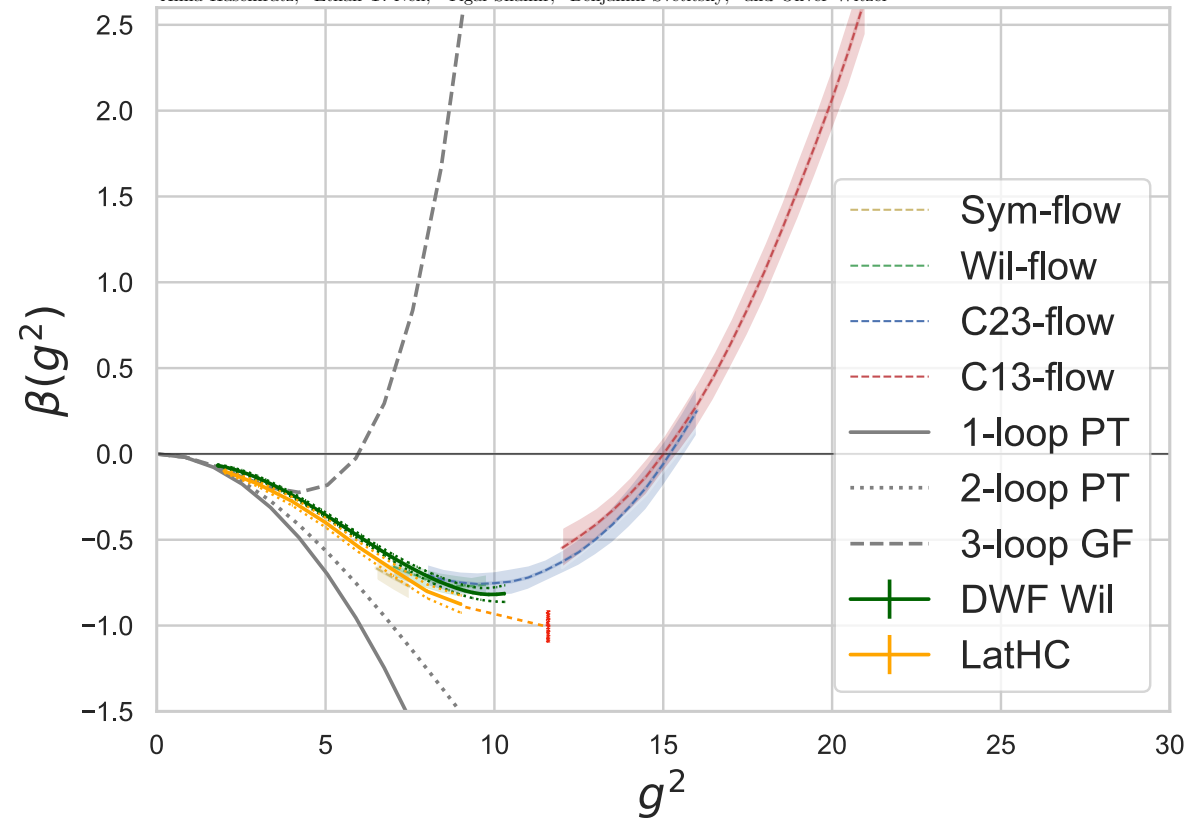
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precision control on the staggered Dirac spectrum



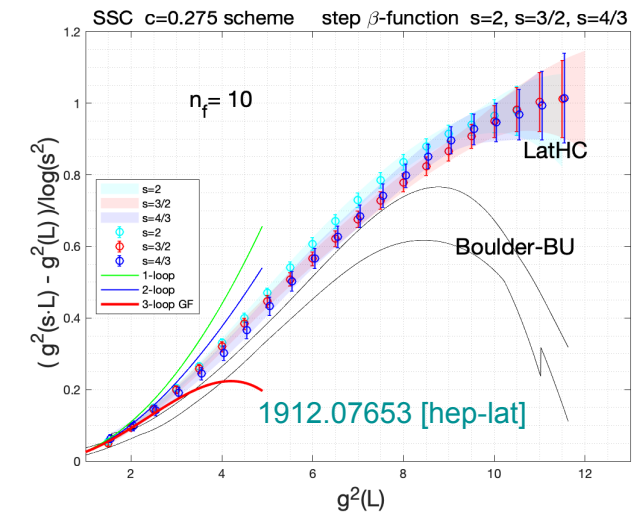
Infrared fixed point of the SU(3) gauge theory with $N_f = 10$ flavors

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comments for future discussions:

- $g^2 \sim 11.5$ reach of our earlier analysis is not shown
- if the IRFP is reached from the UVFP, this must be demonstrated without switching operator scheme and flow scheme
nothing less should be acceptable in going from UV to IR
- only $L=24$ and $L=28$ for infinite volume extrapolation?
why infinite volume method rather than running with the volume?
- what supports the continuum β -function beyond the IRFP?
no second zero in β -function?
- tuning Wilson fermion with PCAC is not accuracy issue in the small lattice
there is a residual mass $\sim 1/L$ which effects how the infinite volume limit is taken
- why switch from staggered to Wilson fermion?
earlier results with PV regulator were done with staggered fermions
- No control on the decoupling of the ghost sector at strong coupling
Is this still the original $n_f=10$ model at strong coupling?

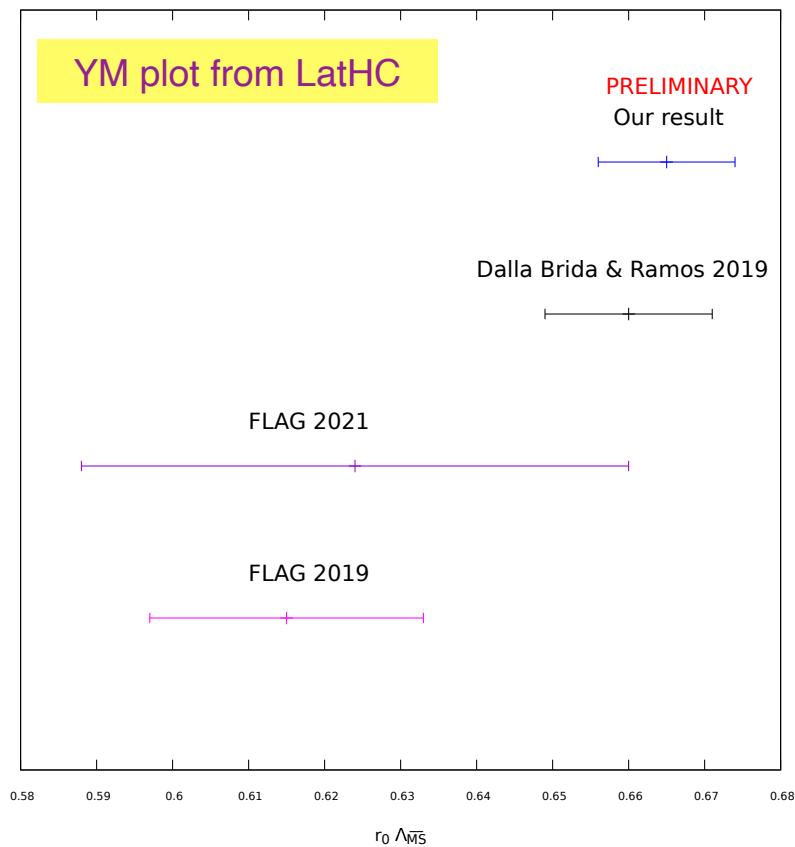


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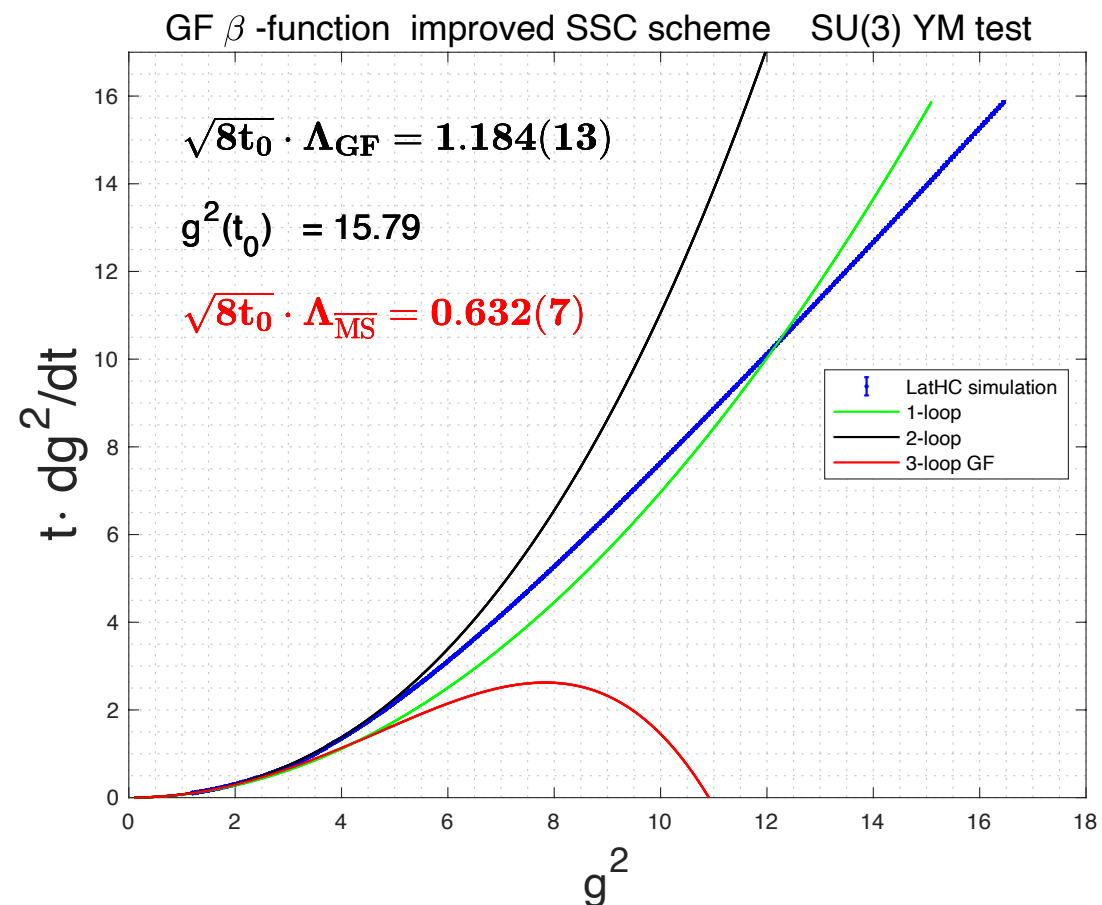
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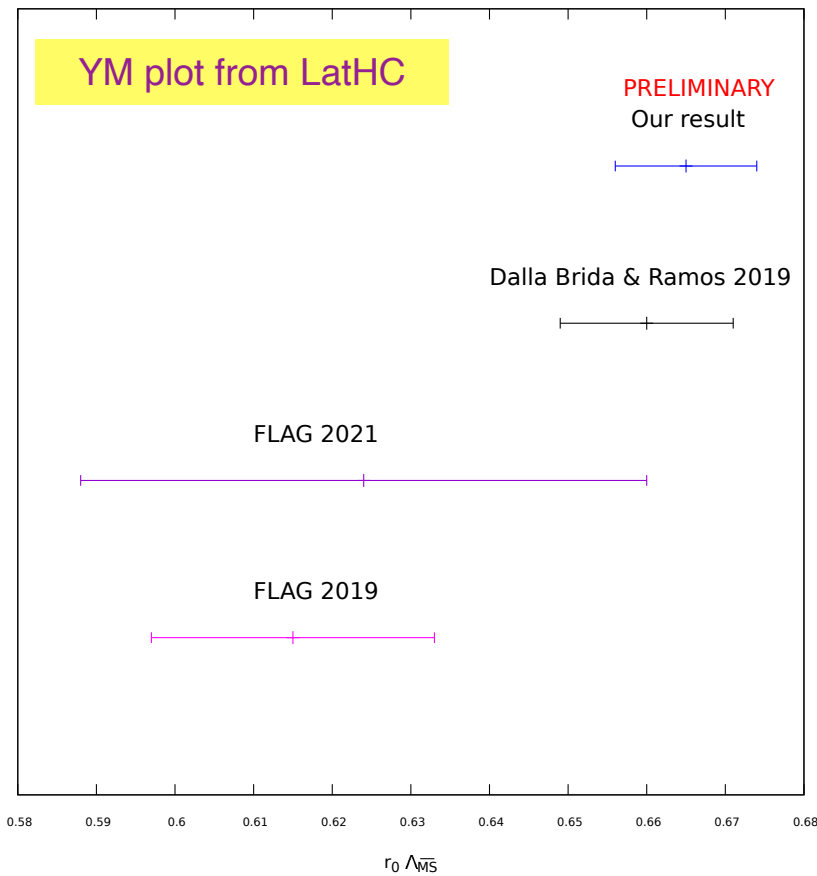
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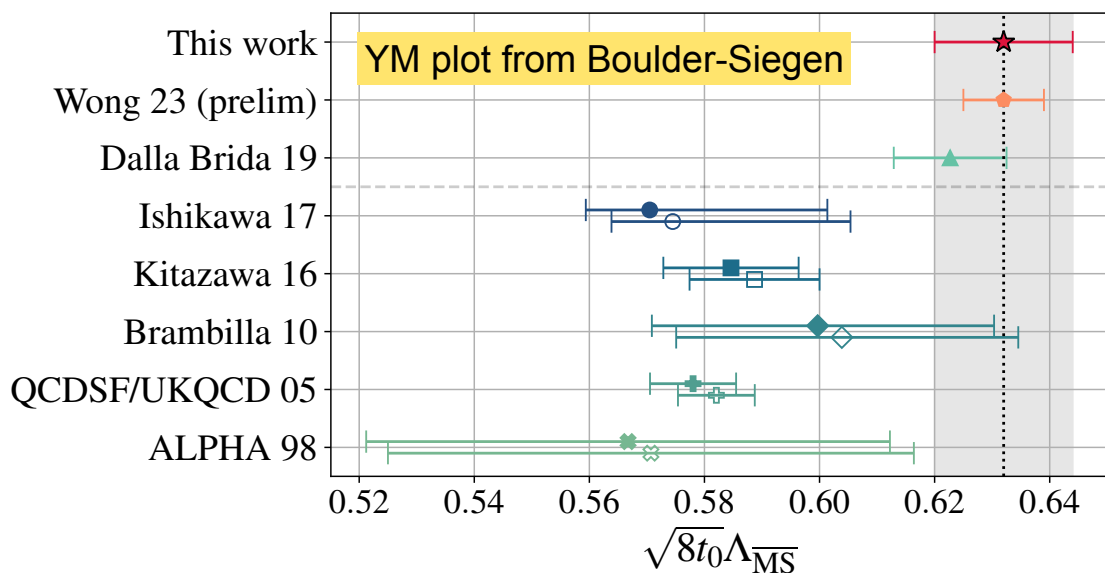




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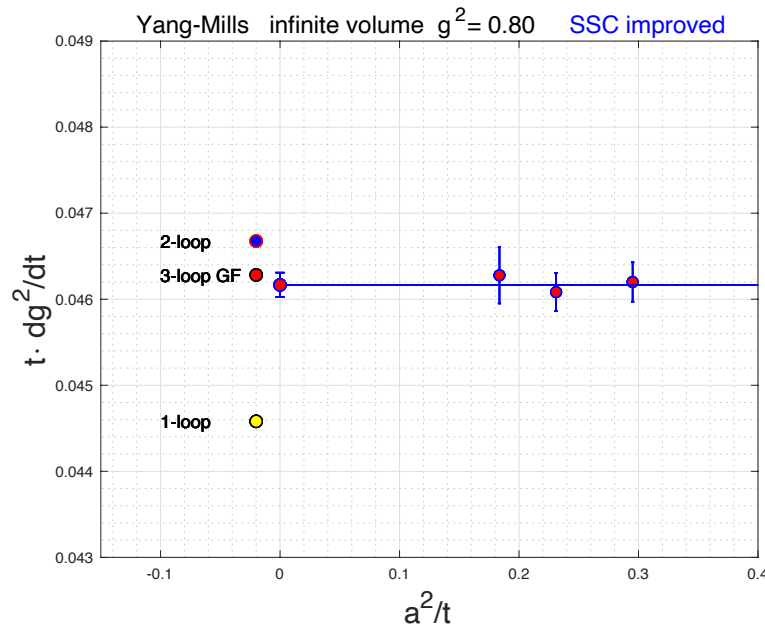
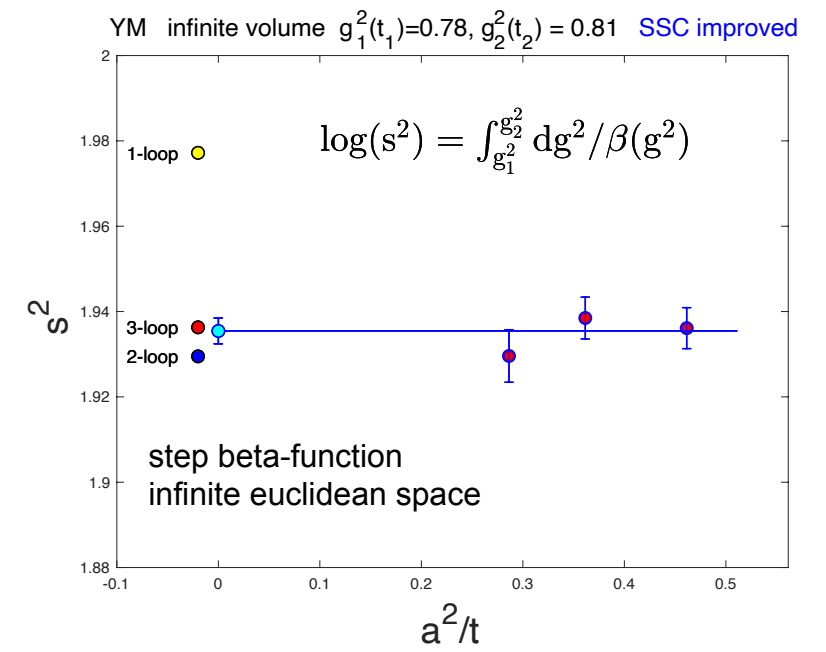
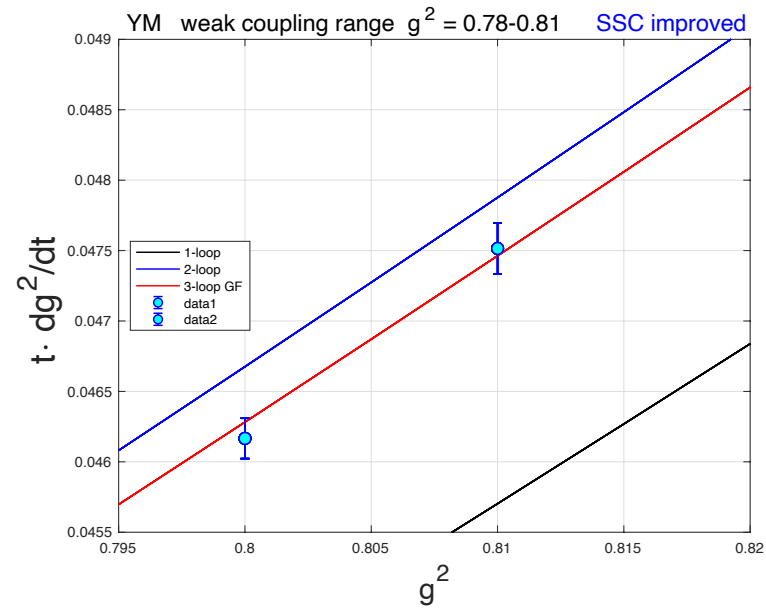
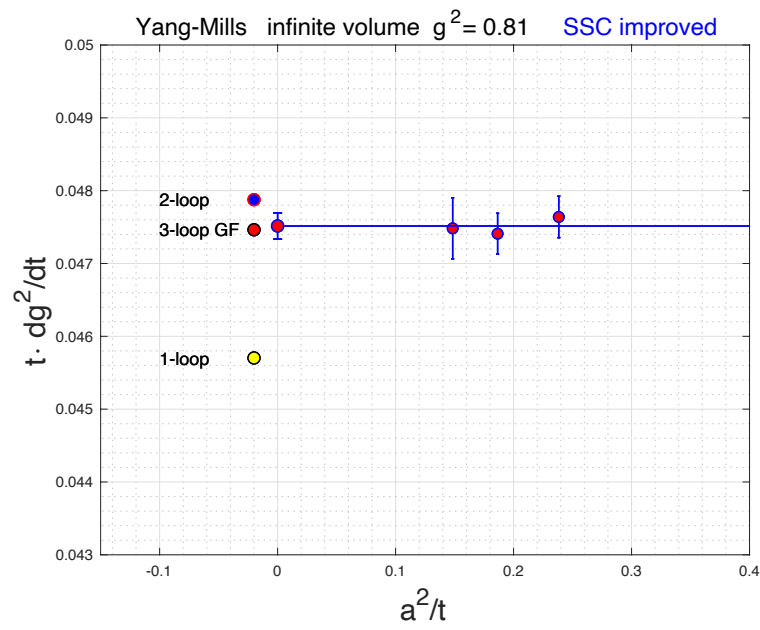
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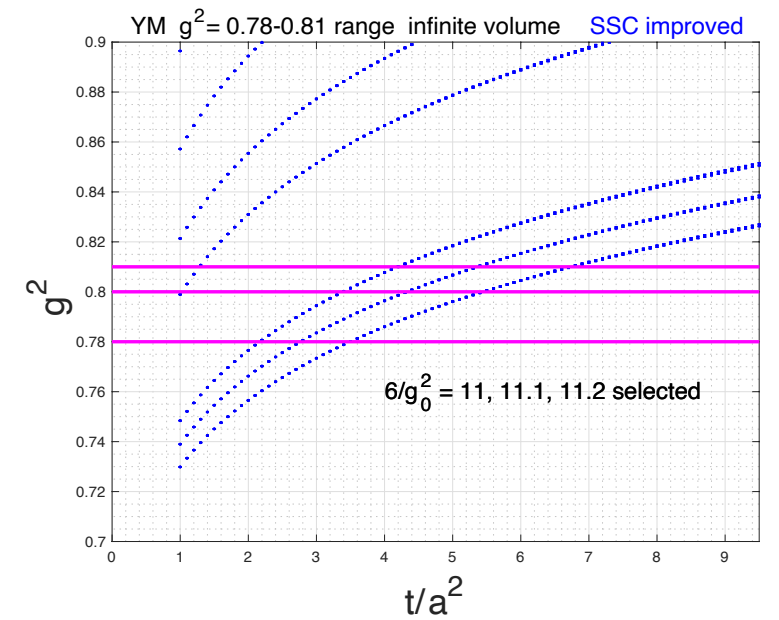
- Shortly after our publication, almost identical results of Boulder-Siegen YM project
- Move toward an ambitious new goal: to create similar competing result in QCD with three massless fermions?

Yang-Mills project

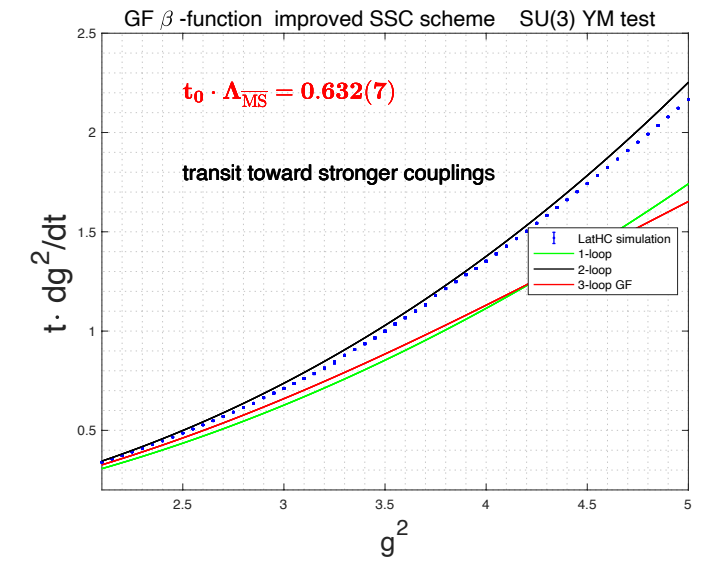
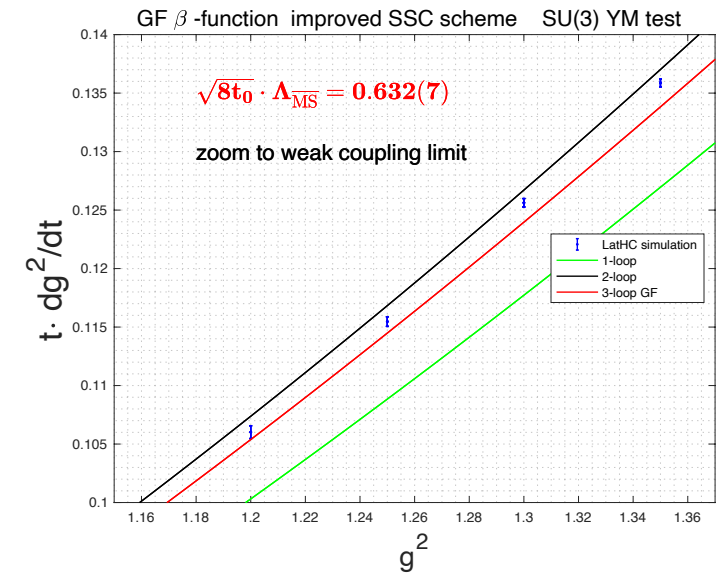
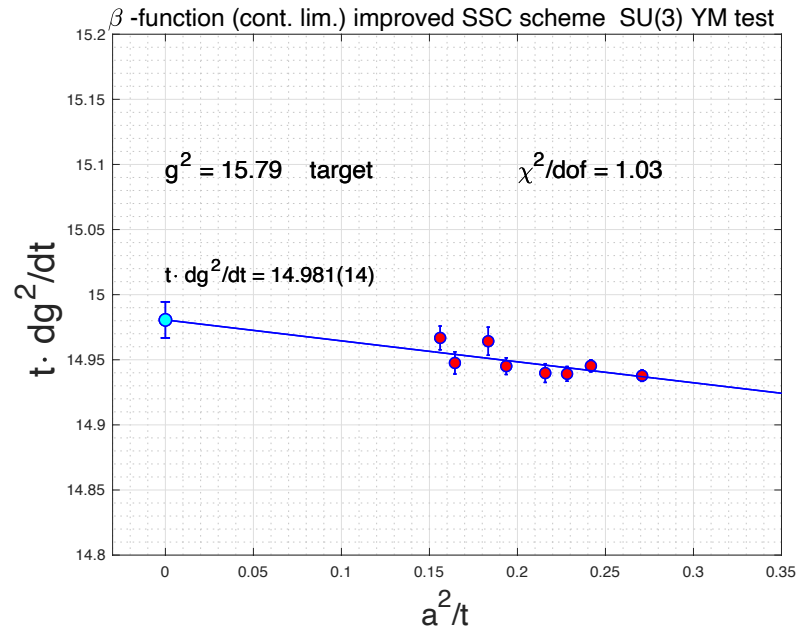
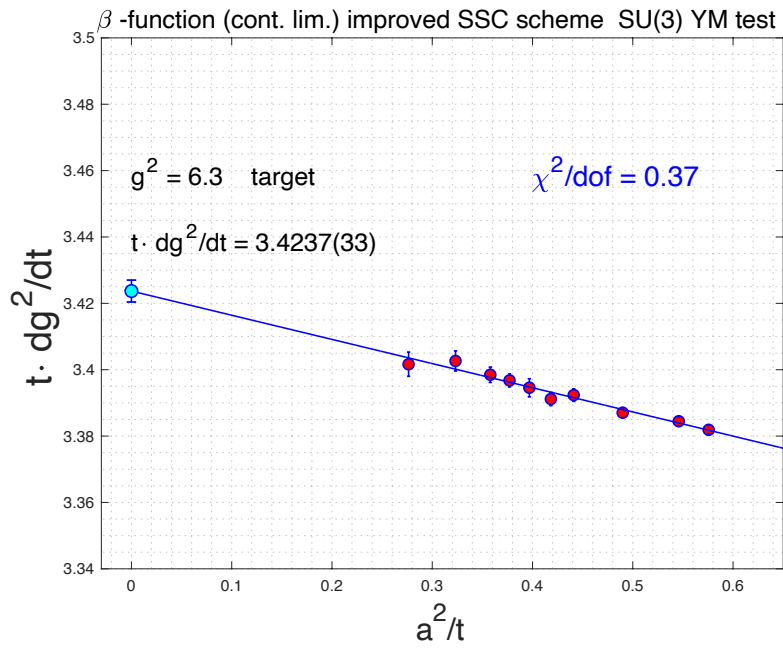
$t dg^2/dt$ and inf. vol. based step beta-function at weak coupling



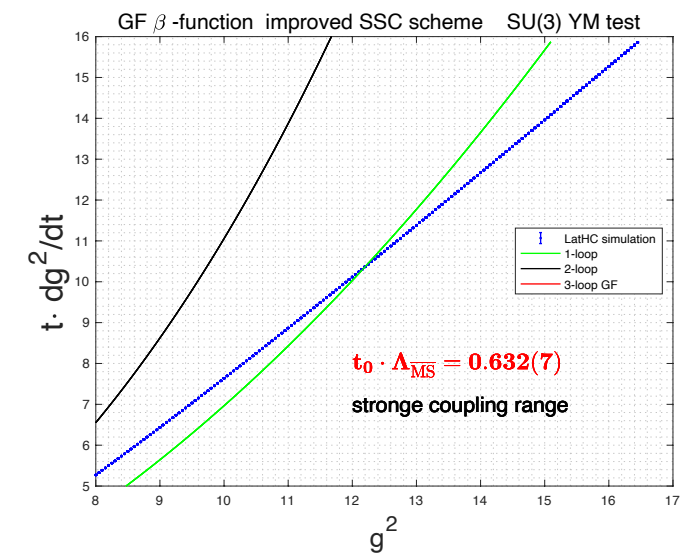
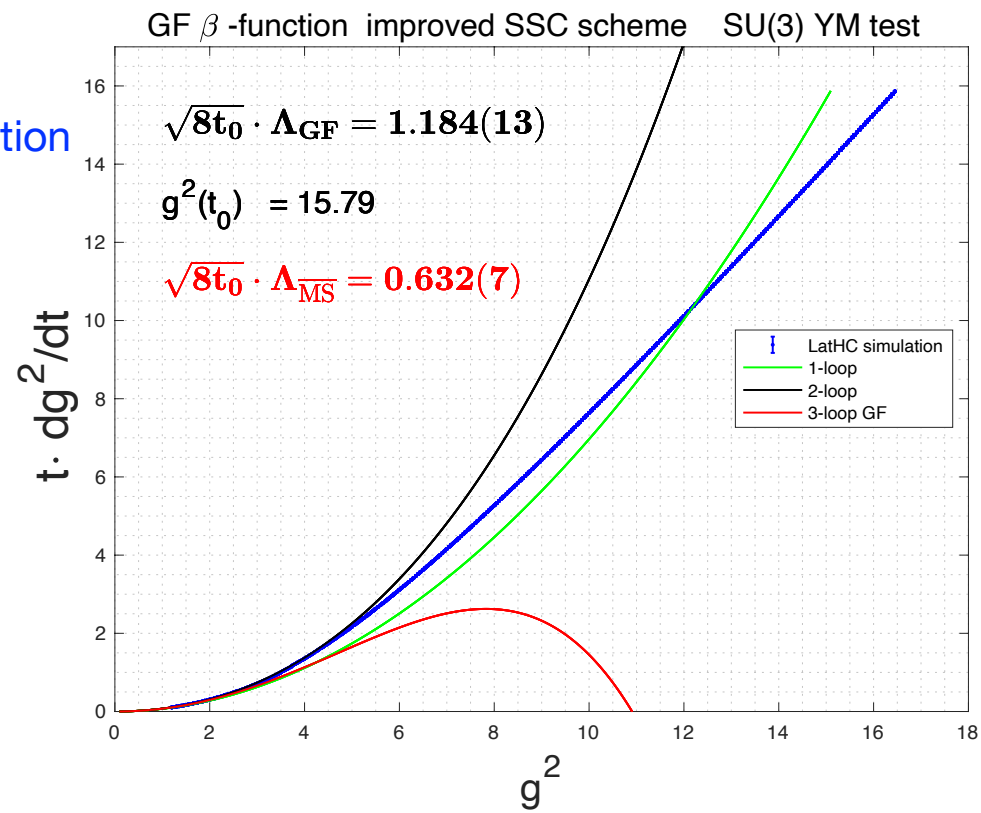
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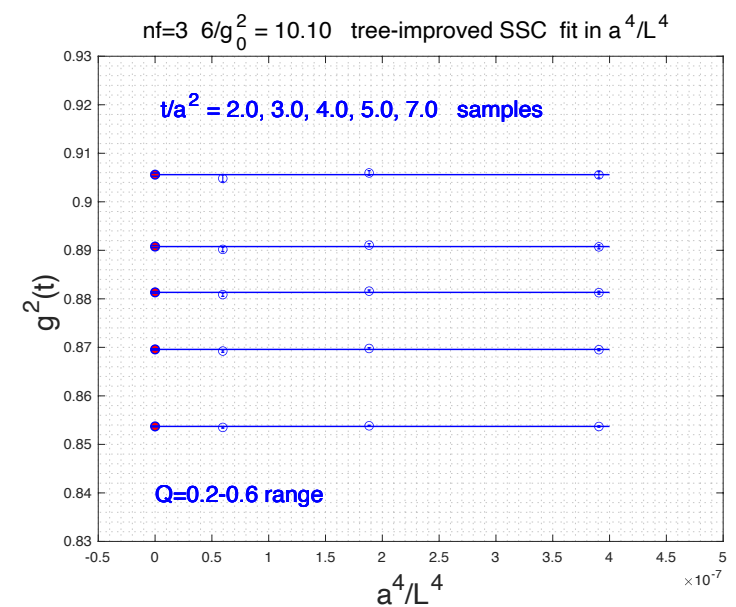
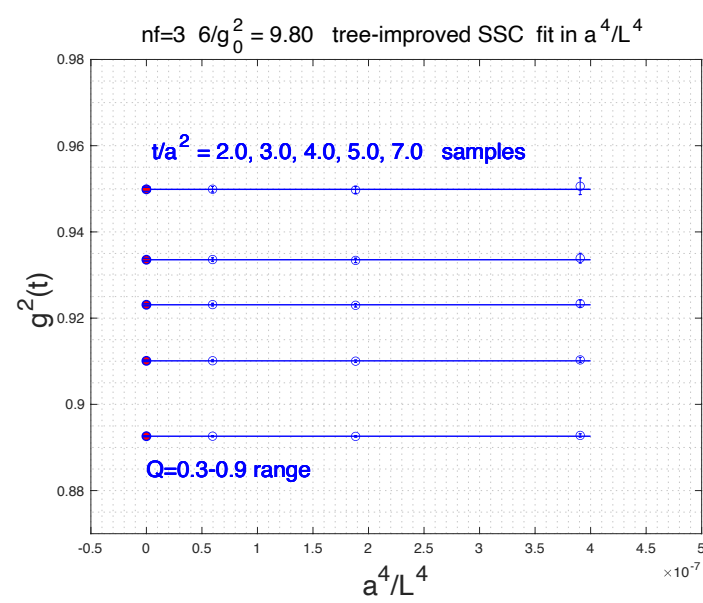
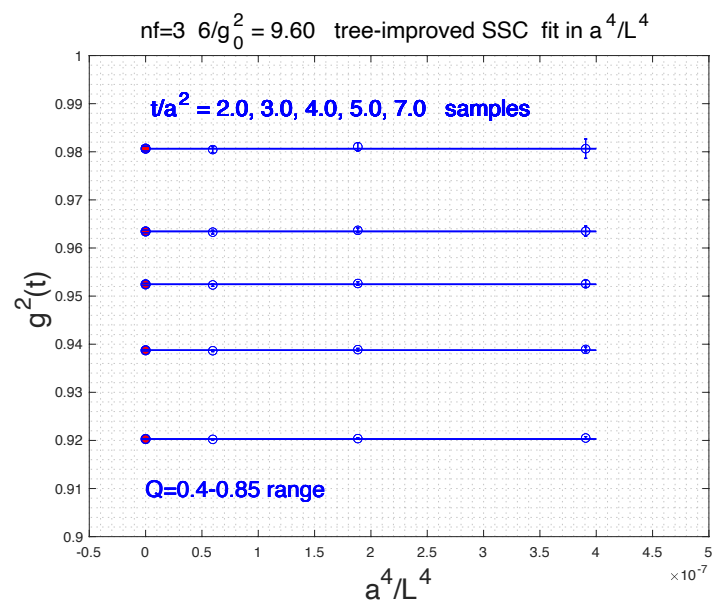
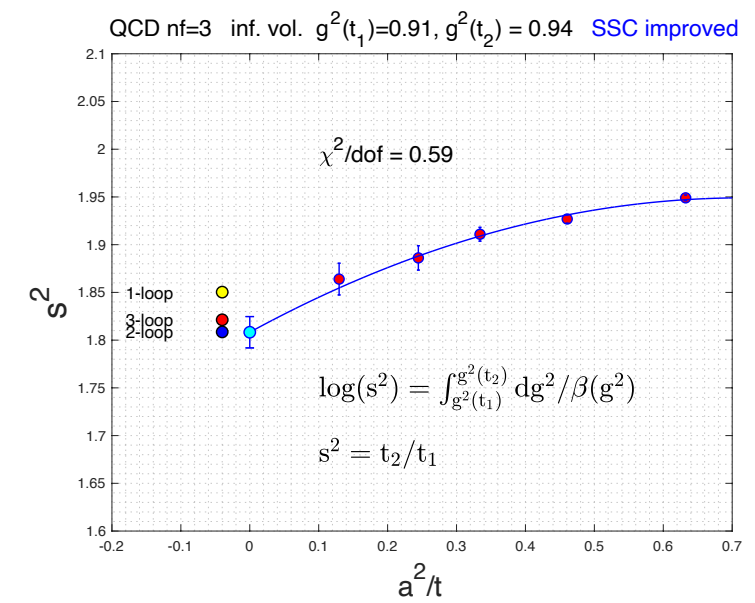
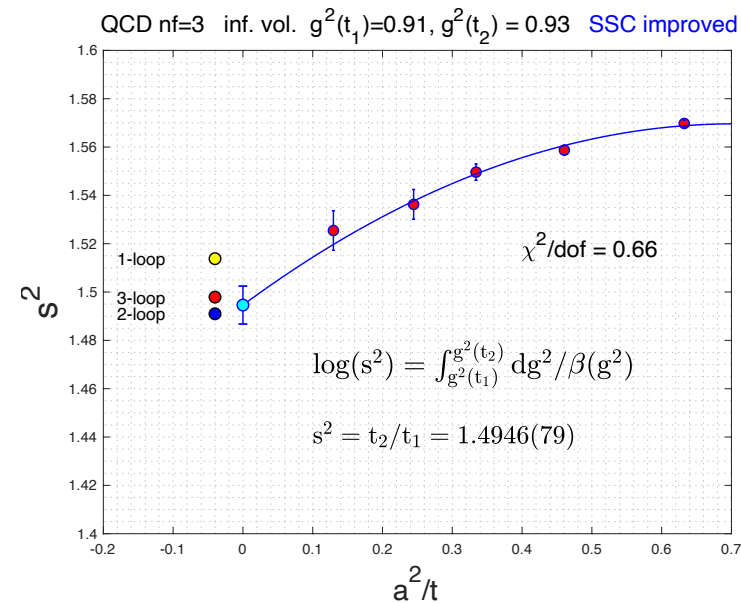
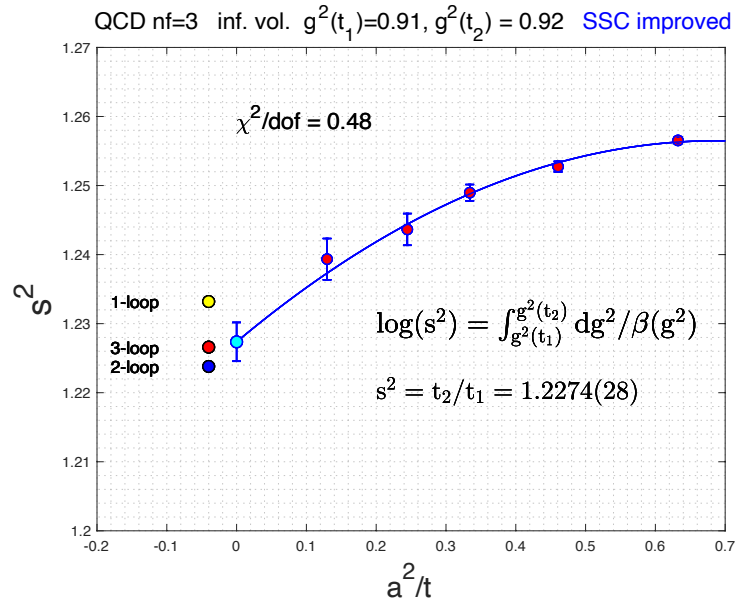
new analysis is being prepared for journal publication



QCD with three massless flavors

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reaching the strong scale is in the works