

# Lattice Artifacts in Strongly interacting theories



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# Strongly interacting theories

The coupling constant **g** is big, perturbation theory is not valid.

Easily constructed with **Yang-Mills** fields coupled to **fermion fields**.

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{4} F_a^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu}^a + \sum_{j=1}^{N_f} (i\bar{\psi}_j \gamma_\mu D^\mu \psi_j)$$

Starting with such Lagrangian, we specify a particular theory by fixing

The gauge group **SU(N)**

The number of flavours **N<sub>f</sub>**.

The representation **R**.

Some examples

Quantum Chromodynamics

Dynamical EW Symmetry breaking (**Technicolor**).

Unparticle Physics

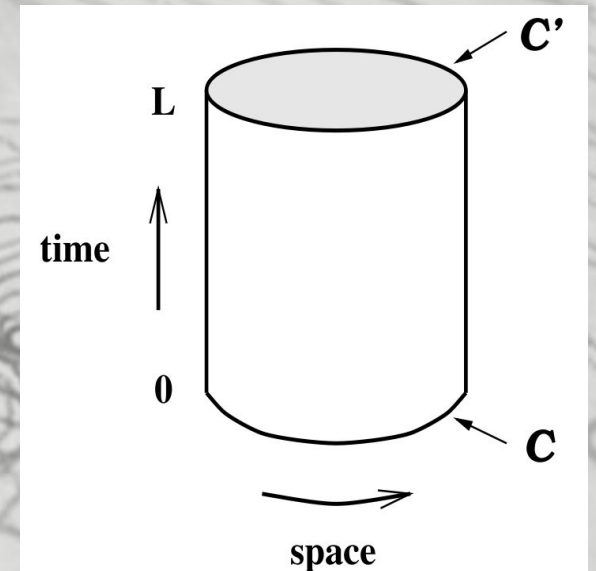
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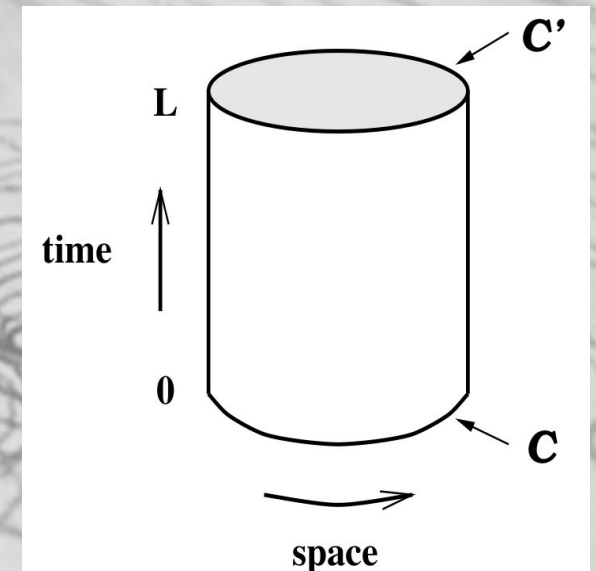
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Boundary Conditions:

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$$C_k = \frac{i}{L} \text{diag}(\phi_{1k}, \dots, \phi_{Nk})$$



- 2 Fermion regularizations:

**SF** [Sint '94]

$$\begin{aligned} P_+ \psi|_{x_0=0} &= P_- \psi|_{x_T=0} = 0 \\ \bar{\psi} P_-|_{x_0=0} &= \bar{\psi} P_+|_{x_T=0} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

**$\chi$  SF** [Sint '05-'10]

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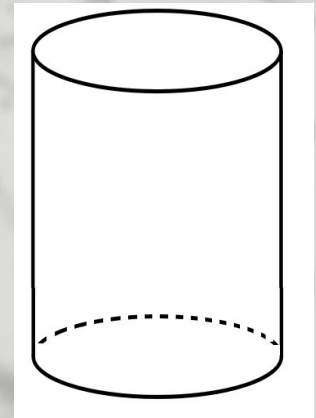
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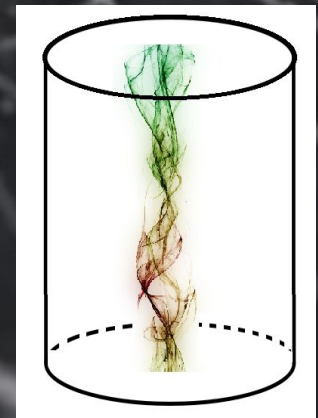
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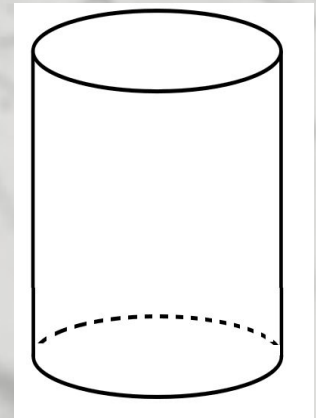
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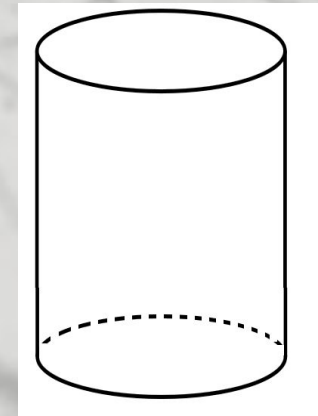
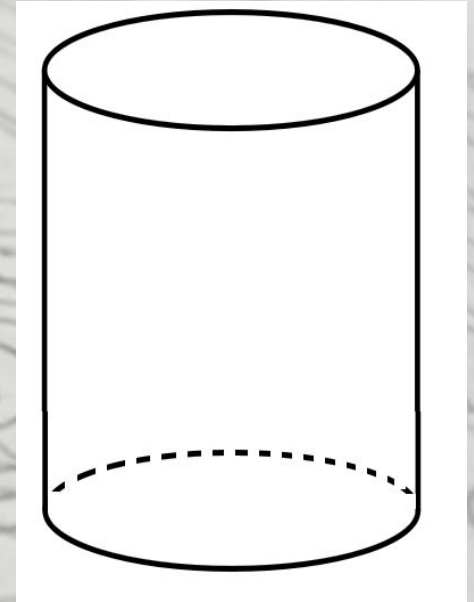
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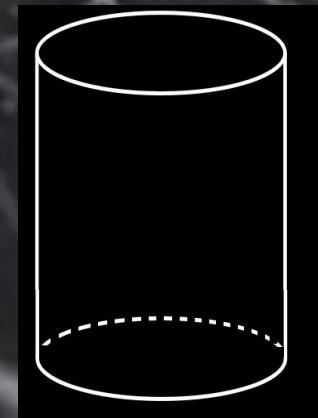
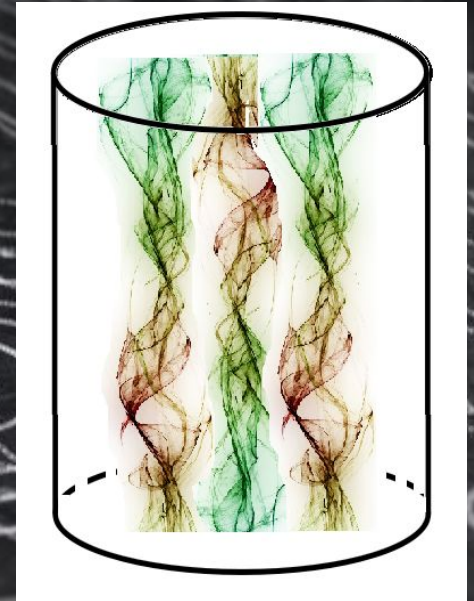
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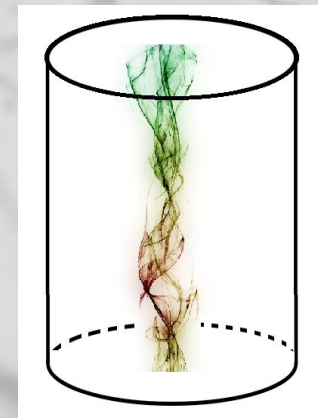
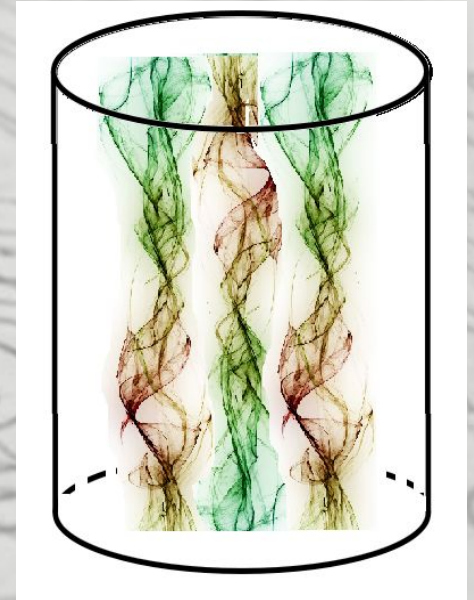
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The coupling:

$$\bar{g}^2 \xrightarrow{g_0 \rightarrow 0} g_0^2 + p_1 g_0^4 + O(g_0^6)$$

$$p_1(L/a) = p_{1,0}(L/a) + n_f p_{1,1}(L/a)$$

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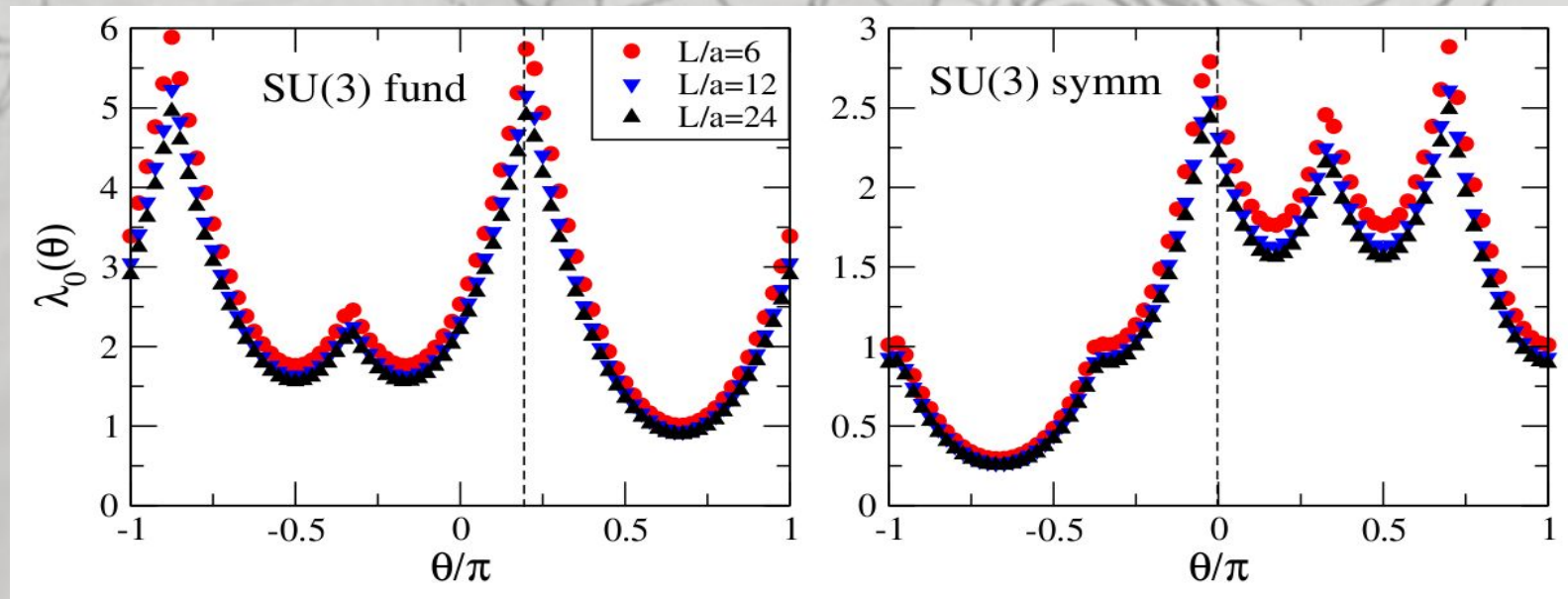
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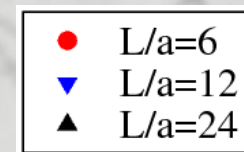
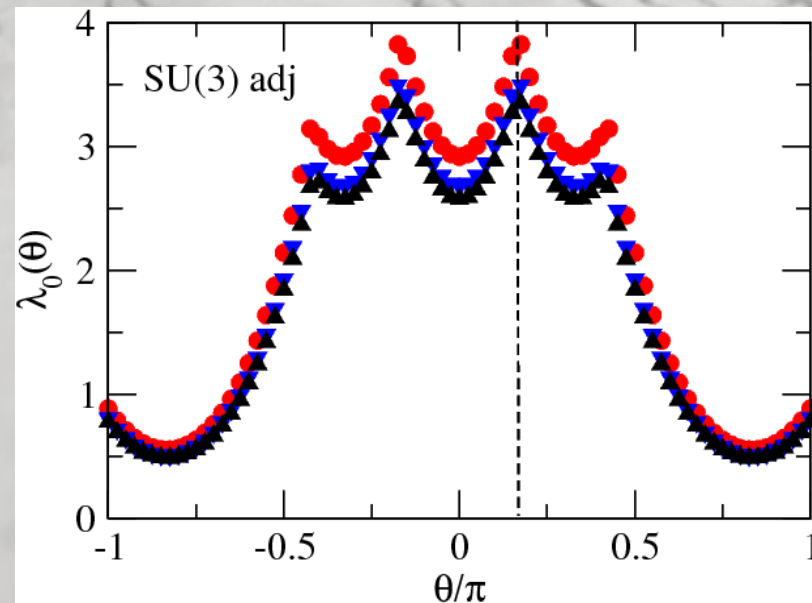
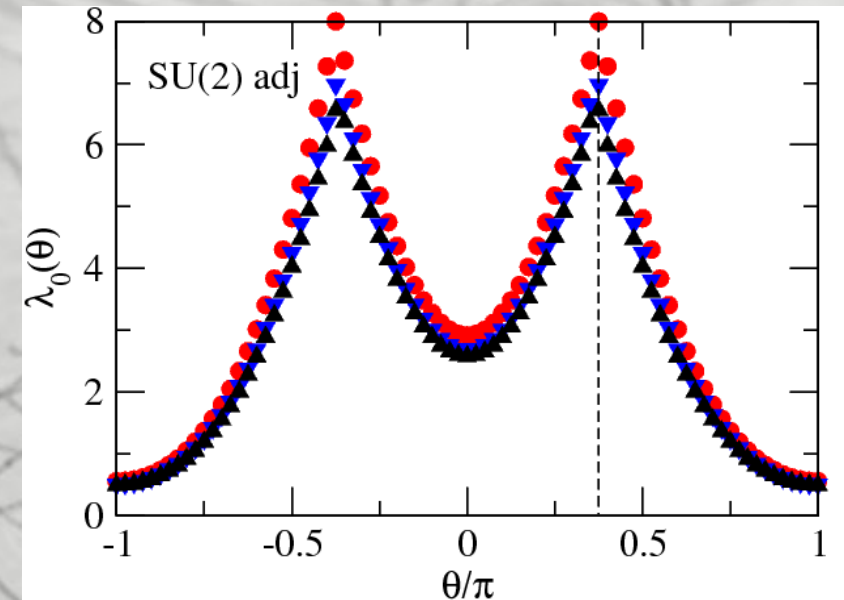
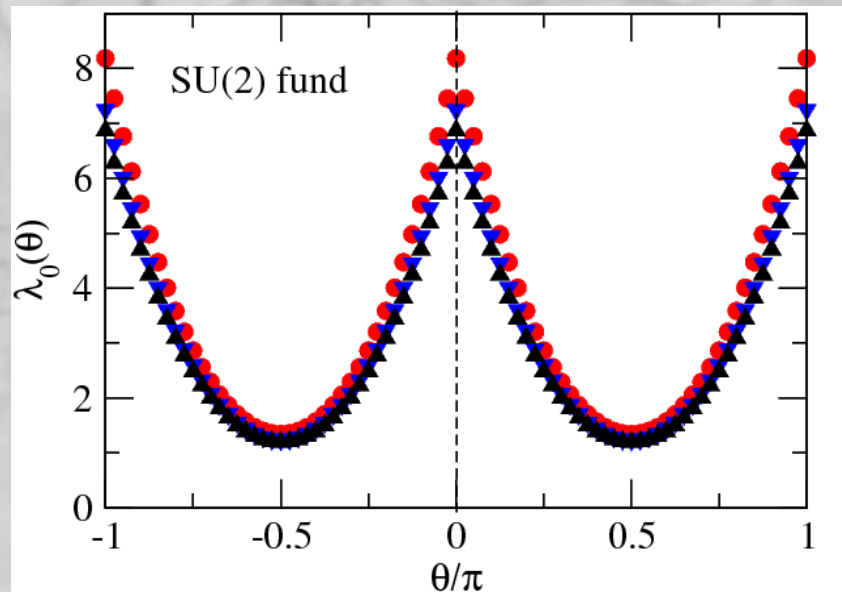
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Tree level values

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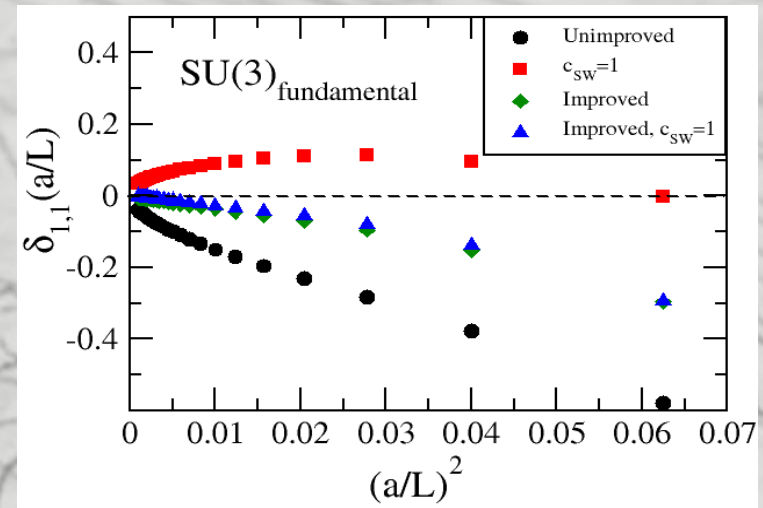
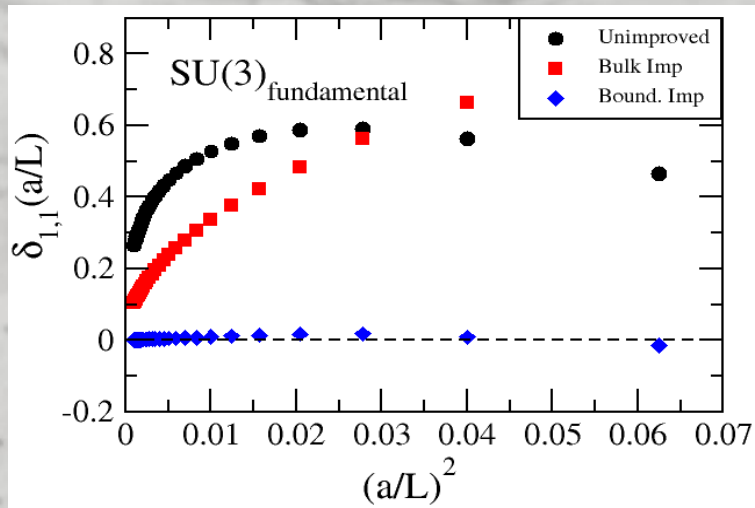
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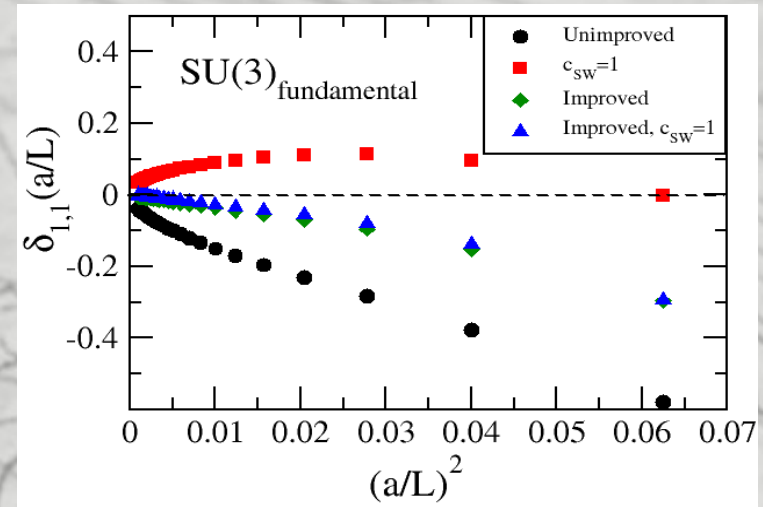
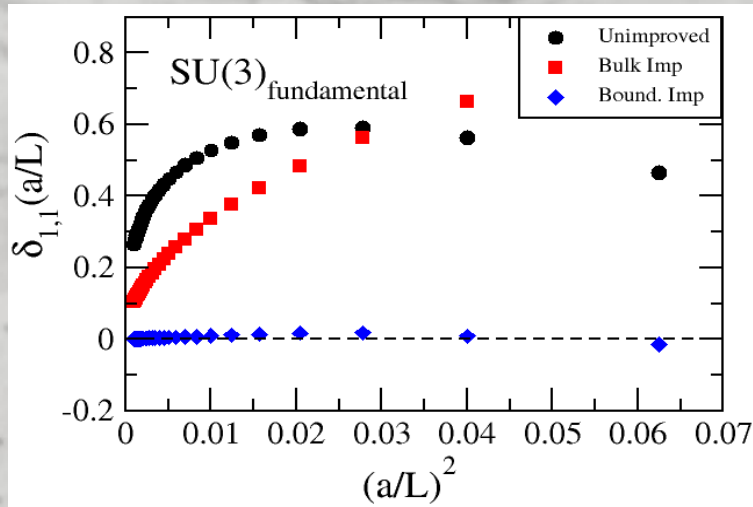


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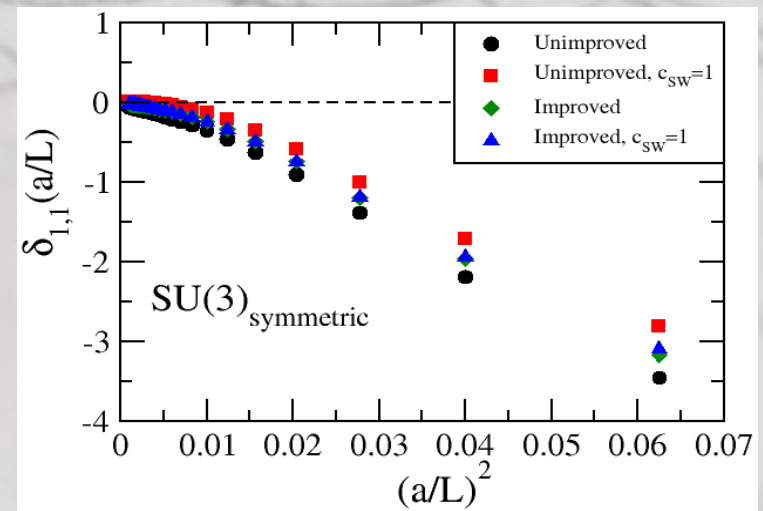
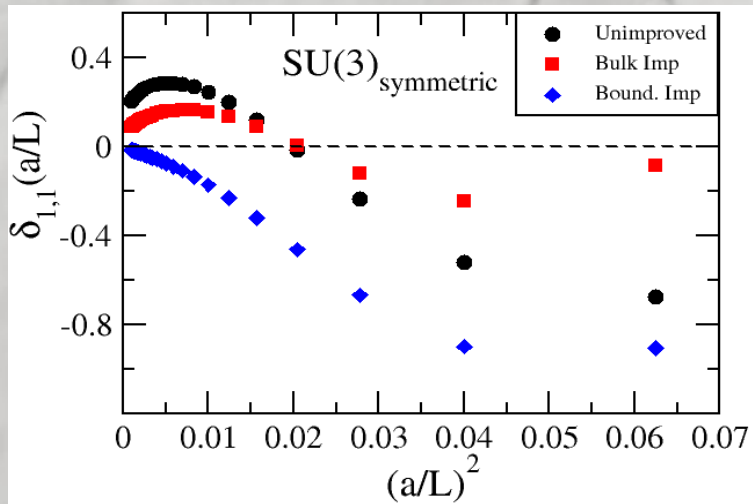
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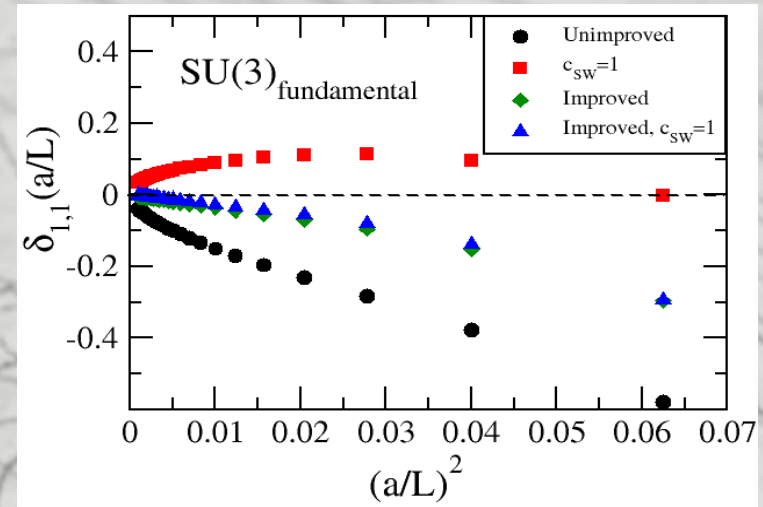
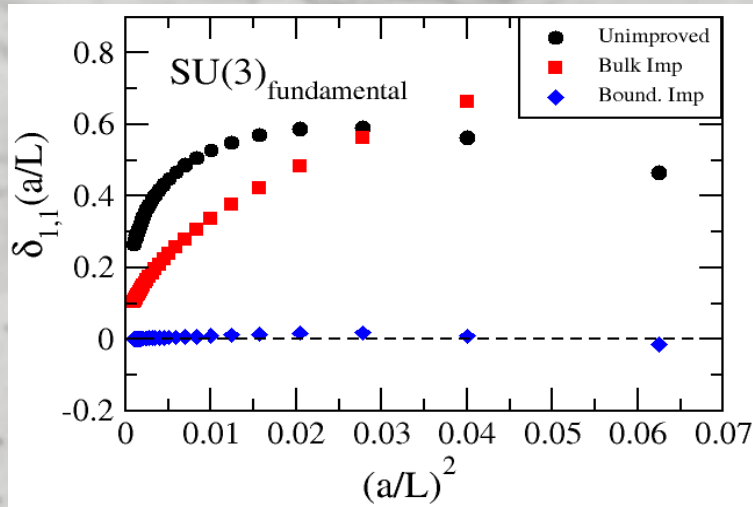


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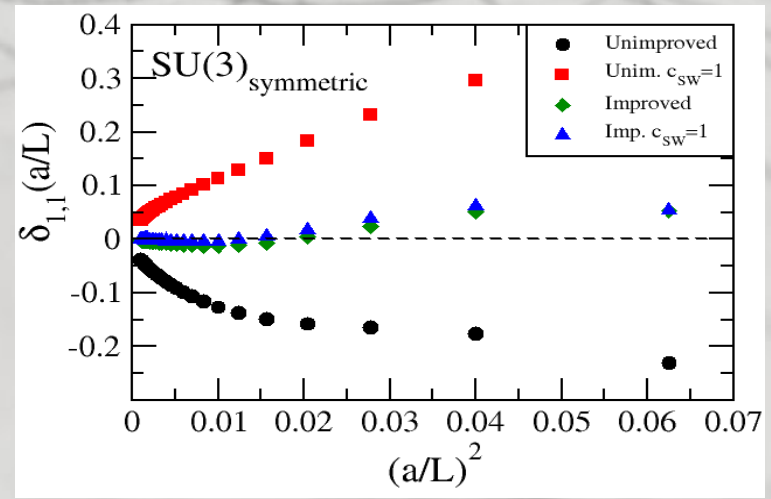
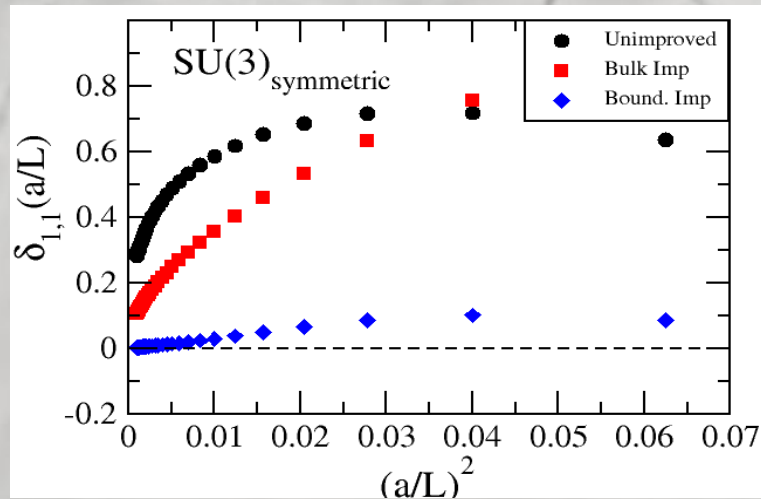


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[Sint, V., Lattice 2011]



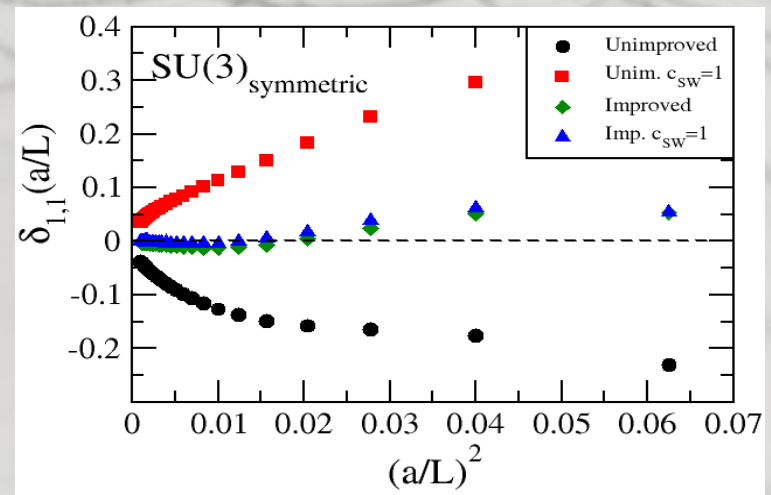
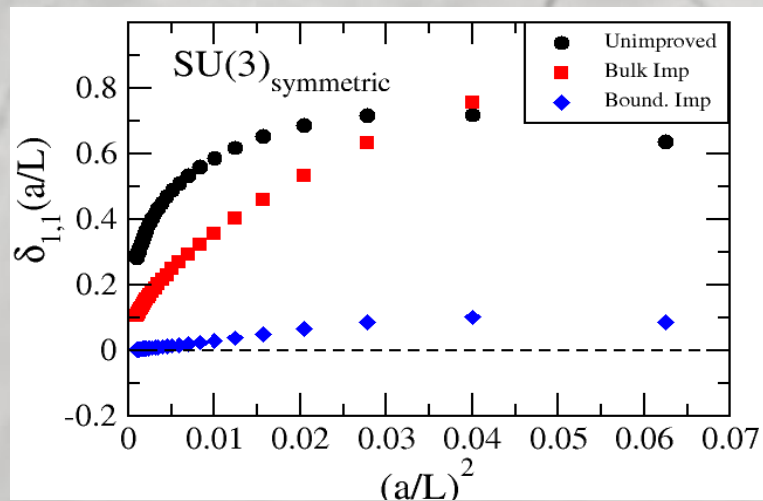
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Problems alleviated, but...

Modified BF  $\longrightarrow$  pure gauge part must be recomputed.

Non-symmetric fields induce big statistical fluctuations.

Symmetric BF  $\longrightarrow$  BF/2 [Sint, V., Lattice 2011]



# Removing higher order effects:

The parameter  $\eta$  is added to define the coupling

$$C_k = \frac{i}{L} \text{diag}(\phi_{1k}, \dots, \phi_{Nk}) + \frac{i}{L} \eta \lambda_8|_{\eta=0}$$

The BF can depend on an extra parameter  $\nu$ .

$$\eta \lambda_8 \longrightarrow \eta (\lambda_8 + \nu \lambda_3)$$

A whole family of renormalized couplings can be defined

$$\frac{1}{\bar{g}_\nu^2(L)} = \frac{1}{\bar{g}^2(L)} - \nu \bar{v}(L)$$

$$\bar{v}(L) = \frac{1}{\kappa} \frac{\partial}{\partial \nu} \left\{ \frac{\partial \Gamma}{\partial \eta} \Big|_{\eta=0} \right\} \Big|_{\nu=0}$$

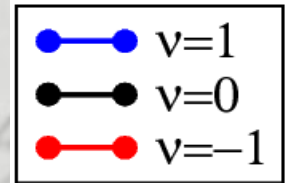
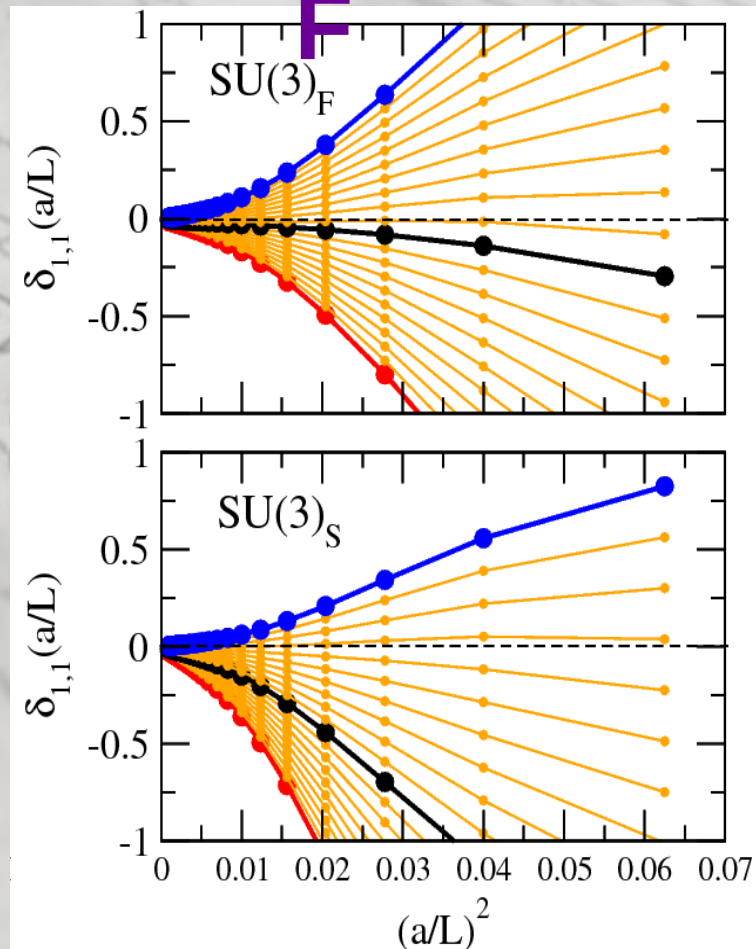
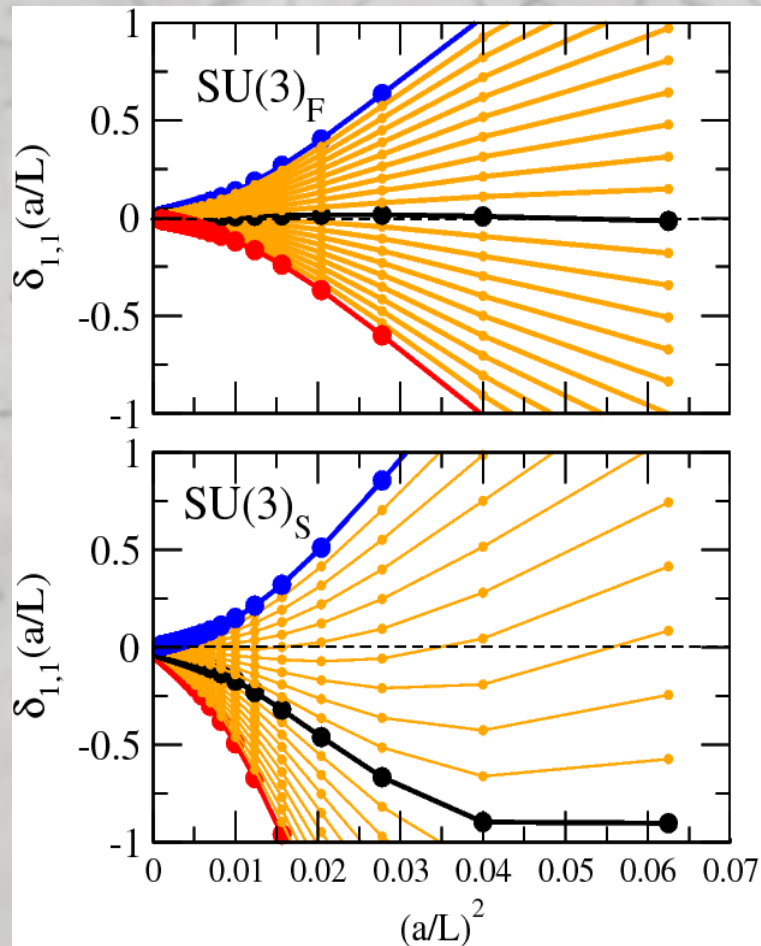


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Cutoff effects **dramatically** reduced.

The **BF** is **not modified** (no extra calculations needed).

The quantities  $\mathbf{g}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  can be computed once, and the optimal  $\mathbf{v}$  chosen a posteriori.

**SU(2):** Only one **abelian** direction.

Consider **non-abelian** directions in the algebra.



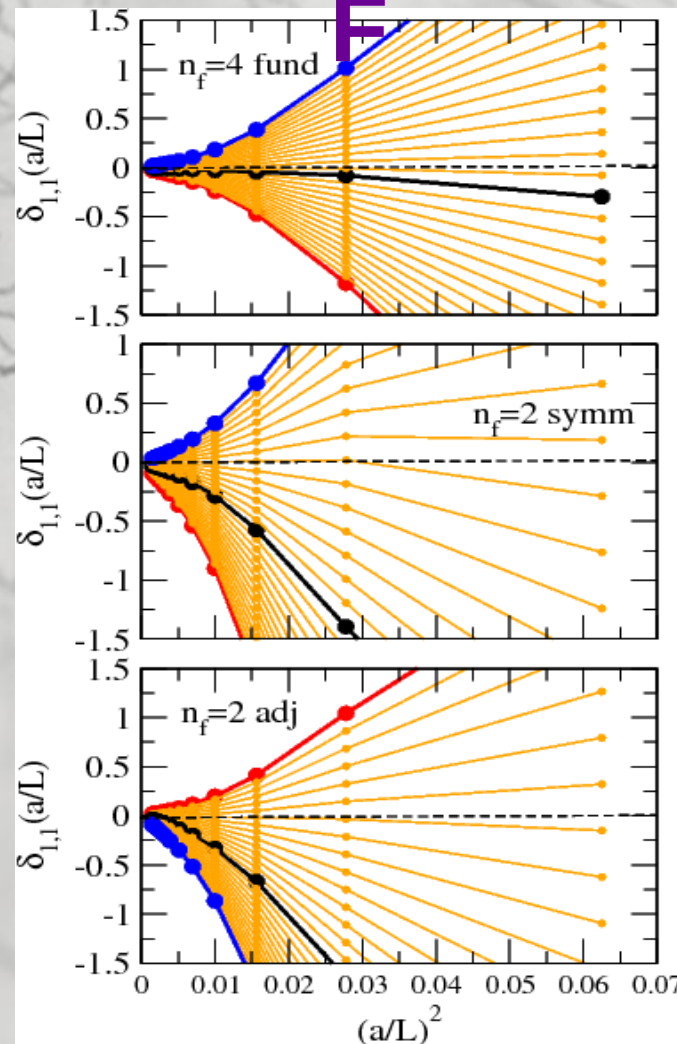
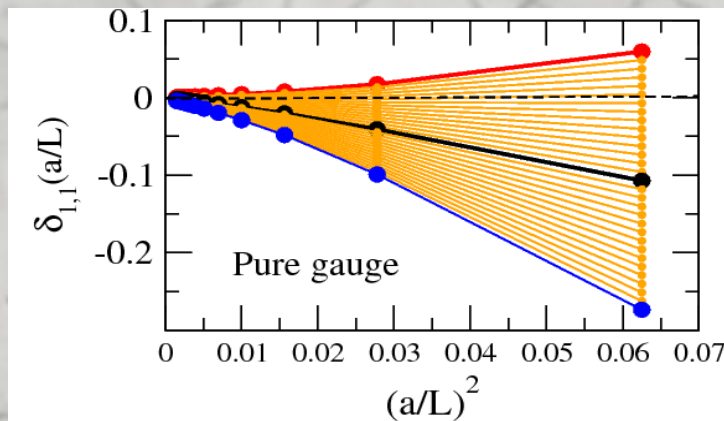
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$$\frac{1}{\bar{g}_{\vec{V}}^2(L)} = \frac{1}{\bar{g}^2(L)} - \sum_{i=1}^2 \nu_i \bar{\nu}_i(L)$$

# Removing higher order effects:

The full theory, for fundamental  $n_f=4$ , and adjoint and symmetric  $n_f=2$ .

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# Conclusions:

We want to study the coupling  **$g$**  of strongly interacting theories.

We put them in the **lattice**.

**Cutoff effects** are the **enemy**. They must be **terminated**.

They are **large**, hence we develop alternative strategies.

We **remove** them

At  **$O(a)$**  through **Symanzik's improvement**.

At **higher orders** through a **redefinition of the coupling**.

The  **$\chi$  SF** regularization works particularly well.

The **condition number** is **minimized** by a choice of spatial BC.



**.....so that is the story !!!**

**Go raibh míle maith agat !!!**

**Slán go fóill !!!**