

# Linear Sigma EFT for Nearly Conformal Gauge Theories

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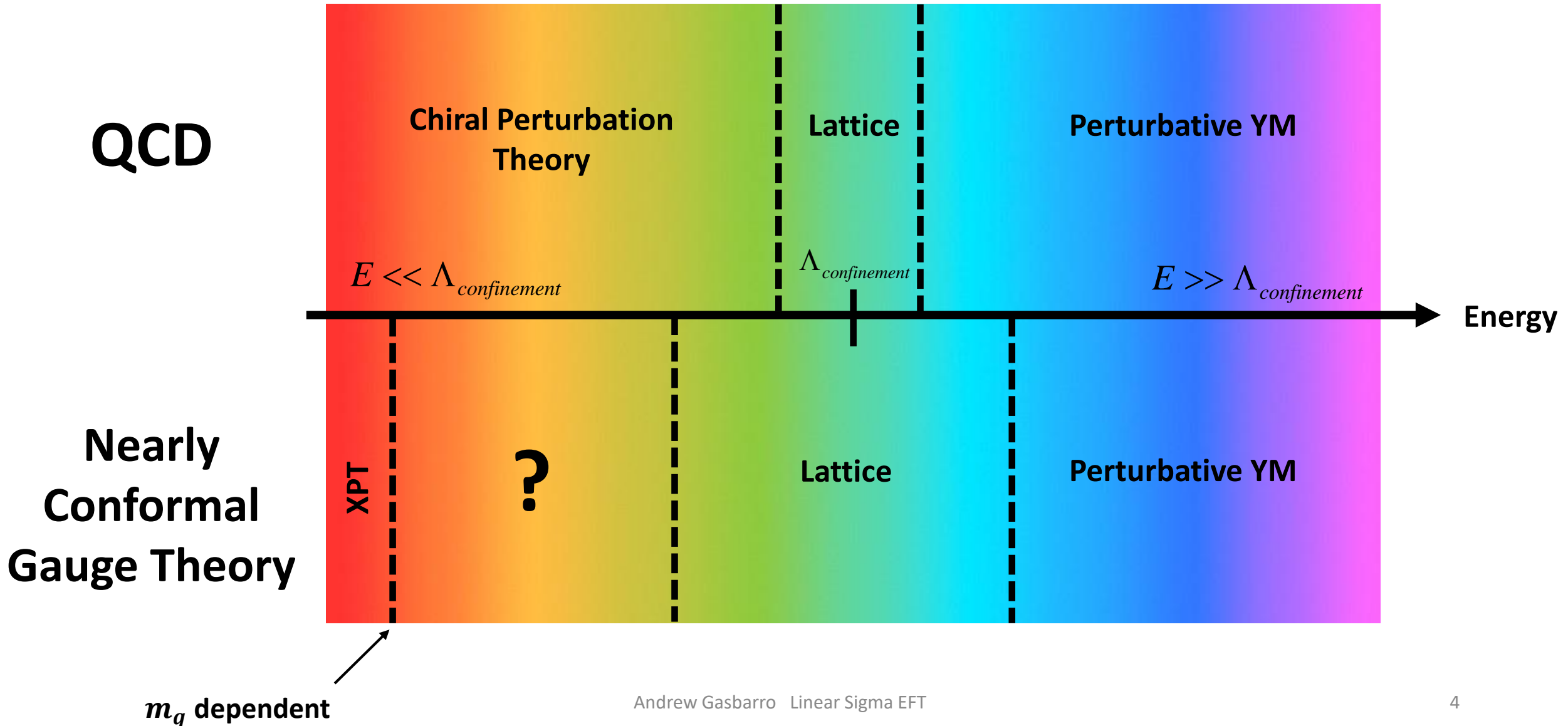
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# Outline

- EFT Considerations for Nearly Conformal Gauge Theories
  - Light singlet scalars in nearly conformal gauge theories
  - Review properties of eight flavor SU(3) Spectrum
    - Scale Setting in nearly conformal gauge theories
- Linear Sigma EFT
  - Construction for SU(N)xSU(N)
  - Power counting and chiral breaking terms
- Fits of EFT to Lattice Data

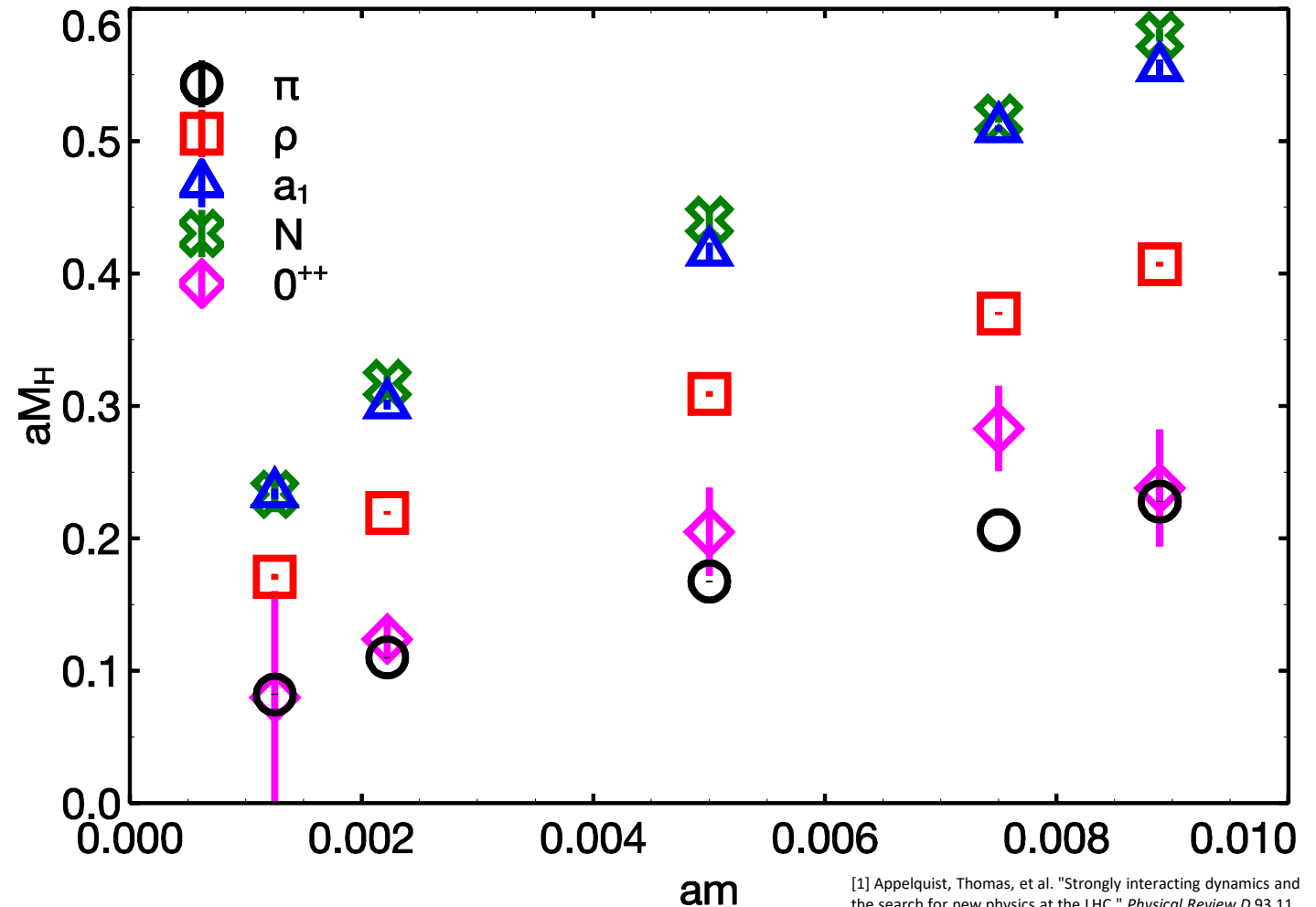
# Confining Gauge Theories at High and Low Energies



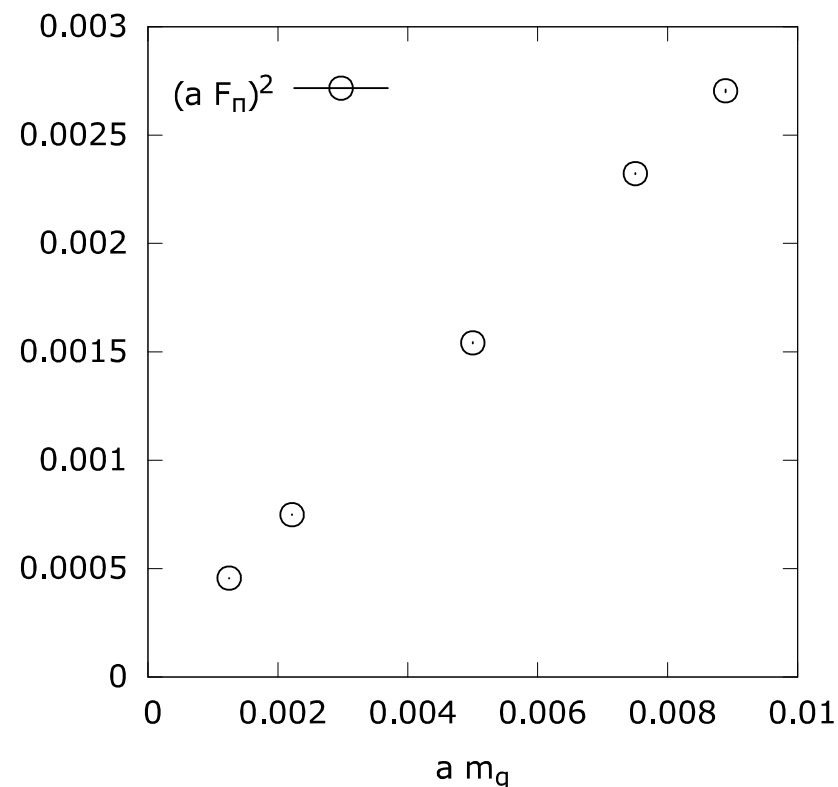
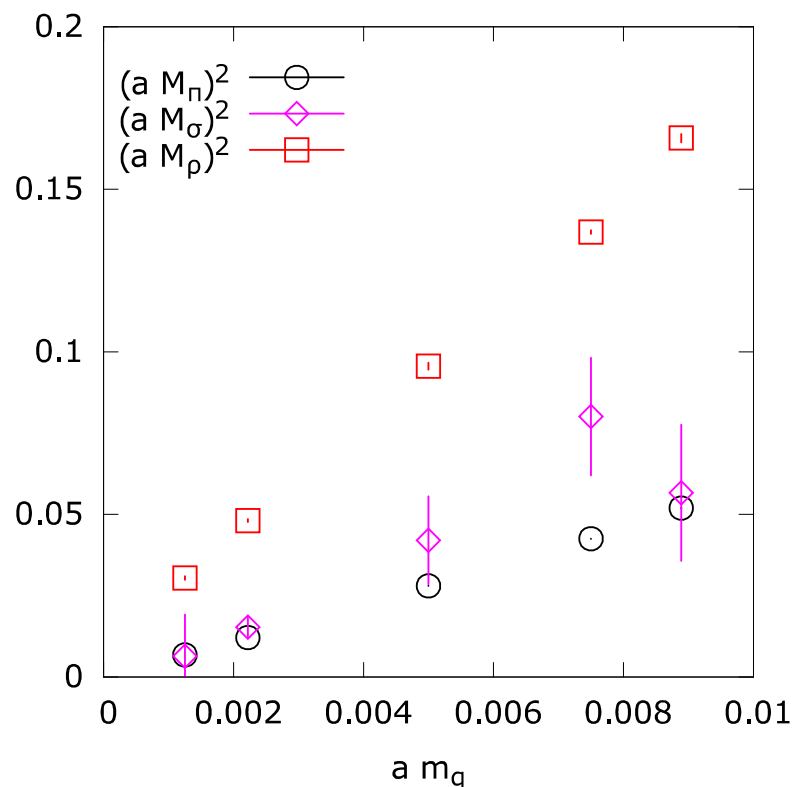
# Light Scalars

an example: SU(3) with Eight Fundamental Flavors

- Sigma similar in mass to the pions
- Separation of Scales
  - sigma and pions separated from rho and heavier resonances
- Many Light Scalars on the Lattice
  - SU(3), Nf=8 Fundamental [1-4]
  - SU(3), Nf=2 Sextet [5,6]
  - SU(3), 4+8 & 12 Fundamental [7,8]
  - SU(2), Nf=2 Adjoint [9]
- Seek EFT descriptions of light states that is good up to cutoff set by next resonance ( $M_\rho$ )
- Pions and sigma should “peel apart” at small enough quark mass.
- Update on LSD collaboration study of Nf=8 QCD given at this workshop by George Fleming



# Interpreting the $N_f=8$ Spectrum for an EFT



In lattice units, approximate relationships:  $(a M_x)^2 \sim c_x (a m_q)$        $(a F_x)^2 \sim c_x (a m_q)$

Should we expect EFT to yield these relationships? Not necessarily.  
Is pion behaving like GMOR / LOXPT? Not necessarily.

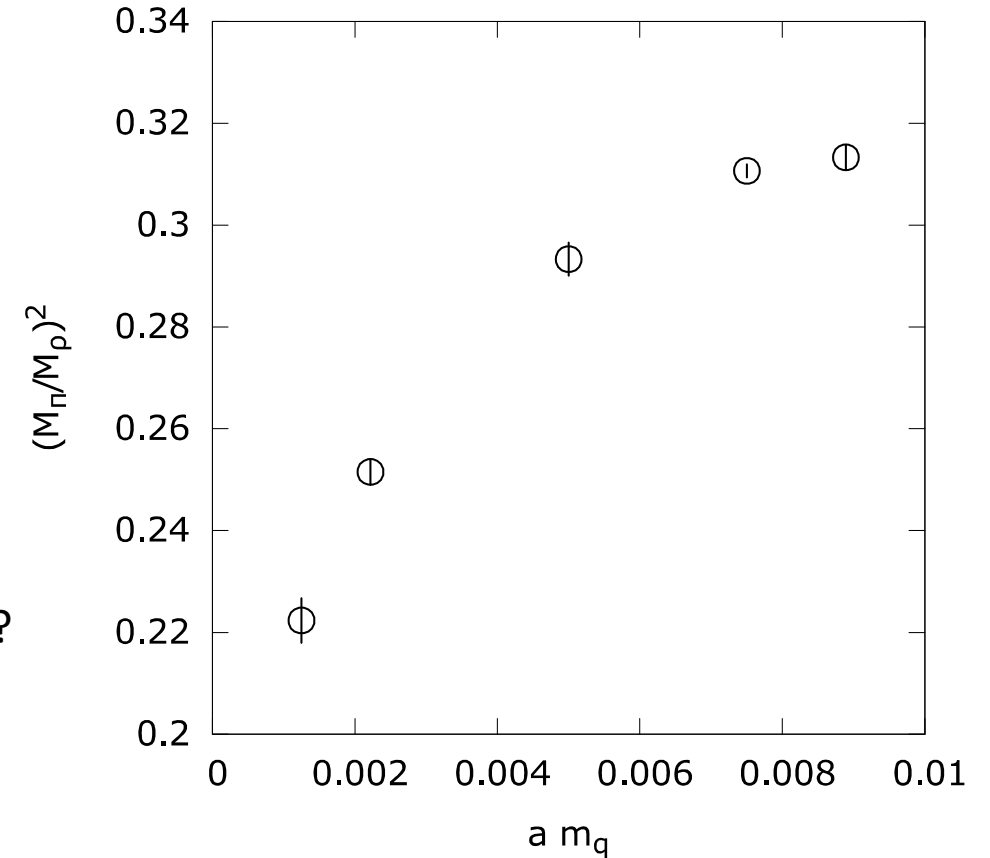
# Interpreting the Nf=8 Spectrum for an EFT

- Not hyperscaling. Ratios do move!

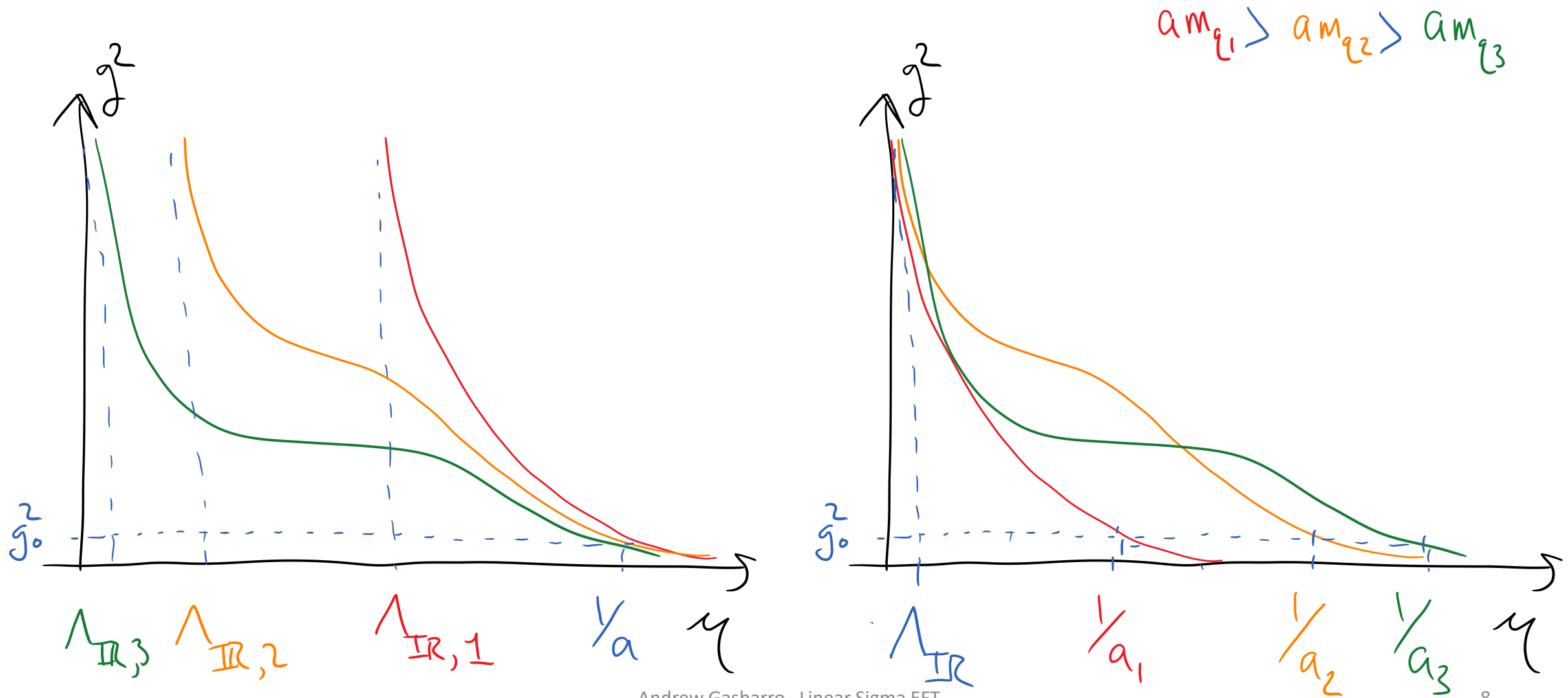
- There is a dominant effect,

$$(a \Lambda_{\text{IR}})^2 \sim c (a m_q)$$

- But also subdominant variation in the ratios
- Is the pion really exhibiting LOXPT / GMOR-like behavior?

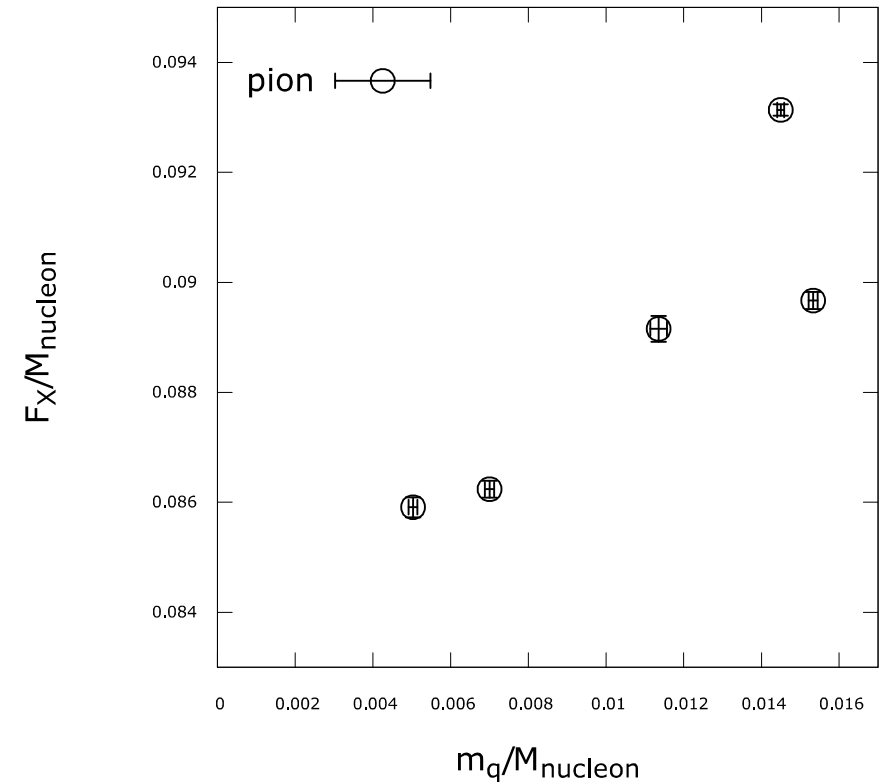
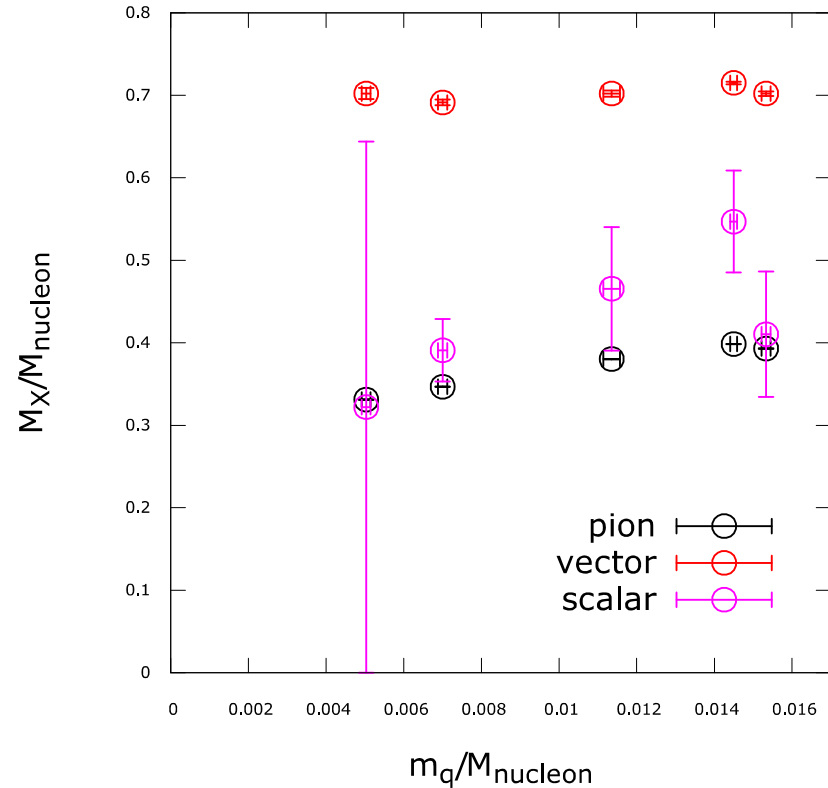


# A cartoon of quark mass effect on $a\Lambda$





# Interpreting the $N_f=8$ Spectrum for an EFT



- If we interpret lattice spacing as moving and IR scale as fixed, can use nucleon units
  - EFT Cutoff is relatively constant
  - Finite lattice spacing effects may be substantial.
- Moving forward, we will consider both **lattice units** and **nucleon units**

# Field Content of $SU_L(N_f) \times SU_R(N_f)$ Linear Sigma Model

- Fields live in bifundamental,  $(N_f, \overline{N_f})$ , representation:  $M_a^{\bar{b}}(x)$ 
  - Transform Linearly under  $U_L(N_f) \times U_R(N_f)$

$$M(x) \rightarrow LM(x)R^\dagger$$

- $N_f = 2$  is special. Admits a real linear representation due to isometry with  $O(4)$ 
  - Otherwise, matrix is complex.  $2N_f^2$  Real degrees of freedom
- Express degrees of freedom via a polar decomposition:
  - Nonlinear realization of chiral symmetry

$$M = \Sigma(x)S(x) \quad \Sigma(x) = \exp \left[ \frac{i\sqrt{2}}{F_\pi} \left( \frac{\eta'(x)}{\sqrt{N_f}} + \pi_i(x)T_i \right) \right] \quad S(x) = \frac{\sigma(x)}{\sqrt{N_f}} + a_i(x)T_i$$

- Without flavored scalars, fields do not form a complete linear representation of  $SU_L(N_f) \times SU_R(N_f) \times U_V(1)$
- Without eta prime, fields do not form a complete representation of  $U_A(1)$  but do form a complete representation of  $SU_L(N_f) \times SU_R(N_f) \times U_V(1)$ 
  - Set eta prime field to zero because it is heavy. Does not break the chiral symmetry

# Leading Order $SU_L(N_f) \times SU_R(N_f)$ Linear Sigma Model

- Most general Lagrangian,
  - symmetric under flavor group and parity
  - includes all relevant and marginal operators

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \langle \partial_\mu M^\dagger \partial^\mu M \rangle - V_0(M)$$

$$V_0 = \frac{\mu^2}{2} \langle M^\dagger M \rangle + \frac{\lambda_1}{4} \langle M^\dagger M \rangle^2 + \frac{N_f \lambda_2}{4} \langle (M^\dagger M)^2 \rangle$$

- $\mu^2 < 0$ , symmetry spontaneously breaks:  $SU_L(N_f) \times SU_R(N_f) \rightarrow SU_V(N_f)$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial M^\dagger} V_0(M) = \frac{1}{2} (\mu^2 + \lambda_1 \langle M^\dagger M \rangle + N_f \lambda_2 M^\dagger M) M = 0 \quad \langle 0 | M_{ab} | 0 \rangle = \frac{f}{\sqrt{N_f}} \delta_{ab} \quad f = \frac{-\mu^2}{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2}$$

- Can show:  $F_\pi = f \sqrt{2/N_f}$

- Convenient to rewrite:  $V_0 = \frac{-m_\sigma^2}{4} \langle M^\dagger M \rangle + \frac{m_\sigma^2 - m_a^2}{8f^2} \langle M^\dagger M \rangle^2 + \frac{N_f m_a^2}{8f^2} \langle (M^\dagger M)^2 \rangle$

# Explicit Breaking in $SU_L(N_f) \times SU_R(N_f)$ Linear Sigma Model

- Introduce operators to explicitly break symmetry to  $SU_V(N_f)$
- Can organize breaking terms by looking to underlying gauge theory for guidance.

- Only source of explicit breaking in

Yang Mills model is quark mass.  $\mathcal{L}_{YM} \supset \psi_L^\dagger \mathcal{M} \psi_R + \psi_R^\dagger \mathcal{M} \psi_L$

- Spurion analysis: treat chiral breaking as an external source which transforms as  $\chi(x) \rightarrow L\chi(x)R^\dagger$

- Symmetry broken when spurion field set to a constant matrix:  $\chi(x) = B\mathcal{M}$

- V.e.v. (and other quantities) depend on breaking at tree level

$$\frac{F^3}{f^2} - F + \frac{2}{m_\sigma^2} \frac{\partial V_{SB}}{\partial \sigma} \Big|_{\sigma=F} = 0$$

Symbol	Operator
$O_1$	$\langle \chi^\dagger M + M^\dagger \chi \rangle$
$O_2$	$\langle M^\dagger M \rangle \langle \chi^\dagger M + M^\dagger \chi \rangle$
$O_3$	$\langle (M^\dagger M)(\chi^\dagger M + M^\dagger \chi) \rangle$
$O_4$	$\langle \chi^\dagger M + M^\dagger \chi \rangle^2$
$O_5$	$\langle \chi^\dagger \chi M^\dagger M \rangle$
$O_6$	$\langle \chi^\dagger \chi \rangle \langle M^\dagger M \rangle$
$O_7$	$\langle \chi^\dagger M \chi^\dagger M + M^\dagger \chi M^\dagger \chi \rangle$
$O_8$	$\langle \chi^\dagger \chi \rangle \langle \chi^\dagger M + M^\dagger \chi \rangle$
$O_9$	$\langle (\chi^\dagger \chi)(\chi^\dagger M + M^\dagger \chi) \rangle$

# Power Counting in $SU_L(N_f) \times SU_R(N_f)$ Linear Sigma EFT

- Expansion in chiral limit:

$$\frac{M(x)}{\Lambda}, \frac{\partial}{\Lambda} \sim \frac{F_\pi}{\Lambda}, \frac{M_\sigma}{\Lambda} < 1$$

- Chiral Breaking:

- Power counting dimension may differ from 2
- Also,  $\chi(x)$  has no natural engineering dimension

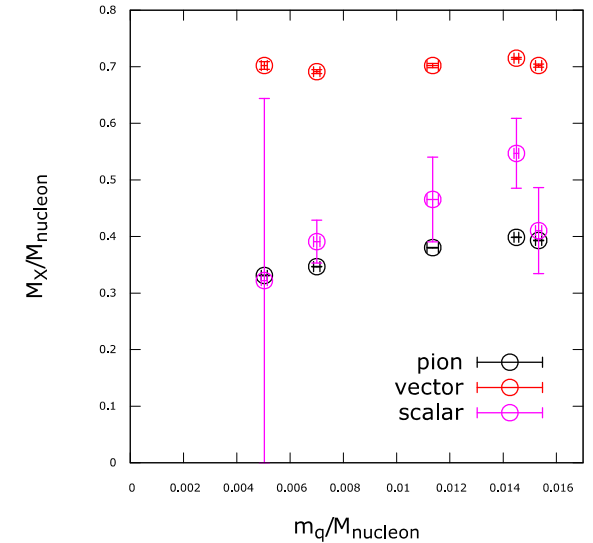
$$\chi(x) \text{ corresponds to } m_q \frac{\langle 0 | \bar{\psi}\psi | 0 \rangle |_{m_q=0}}{f_\pi^2} \stackrel{?}{\leftrightarrow} M_\pi^2$$

$$\frac{\chi(x)}{\Lambda^\alpha} < 1$$

- Additional operators in breaking potential and affect tree level observables

$$\mathcal{L} \supset \Lambda^4 \left( \frac{\partial}{\Lambda} \right)^{N_p} \left( \frac{M(x)}{\Lambda} \right)^{N_M} \left( \frac{\chi(x)}{\Lambda^\alpha} \right)^{N_\chi}$$

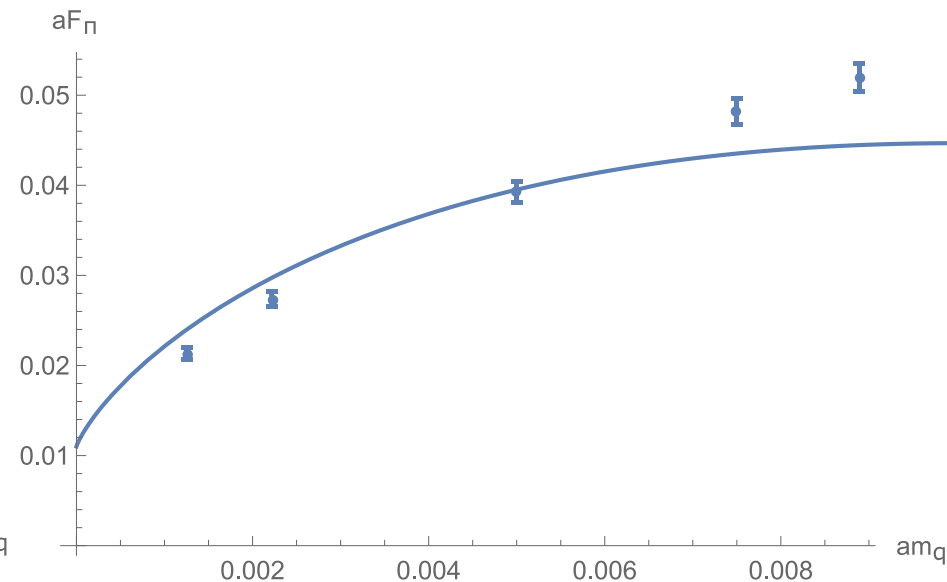
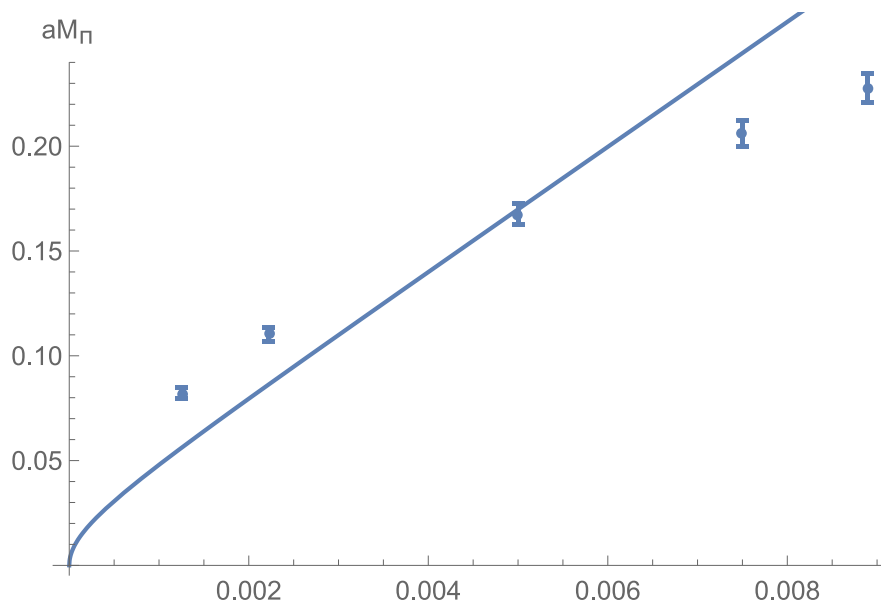
$$M_\sigma^2 - 3M_\pi^2 = m_\sigma^2 - 4B^2 m_q^2 (2c_4 - c_5 - c_6 + 4c_7)$$



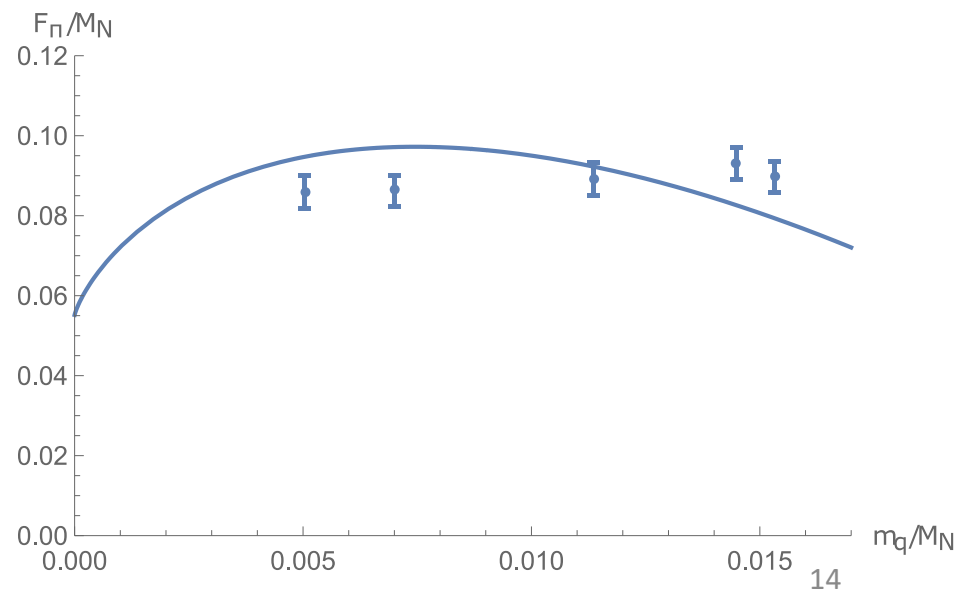
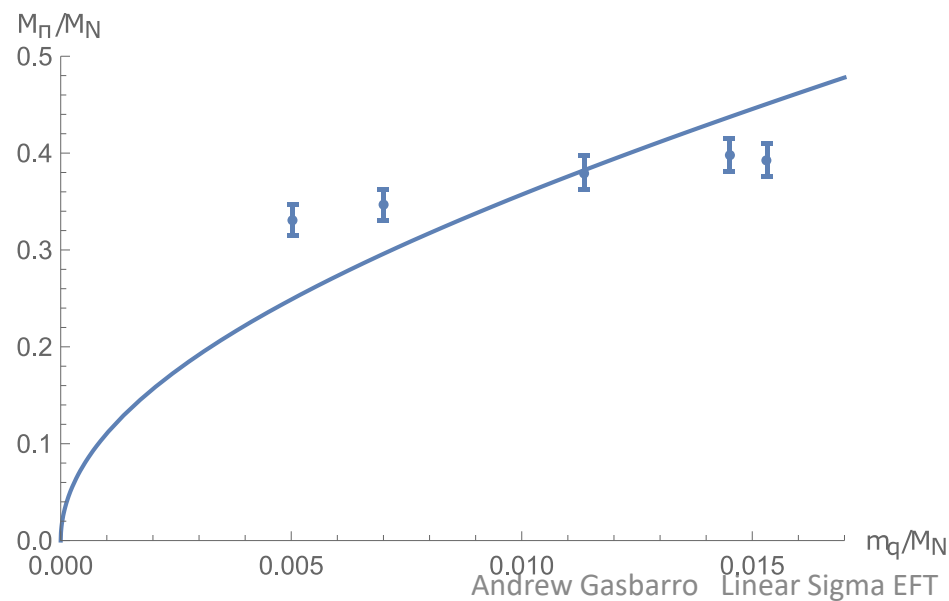
Symbol	Operator	$3/5 < \alpha \leq 1$	$1 < \alpha \leq 3$
$O_1$	$\langle \chi^\dagger M + M^\dagger \chi \rangle$	✓	✓
$O_2$	$\langle M^\dagger M \rangle \langle \chi^\dagger M + M^\dagger \chi \rangle$	✓	X
$O_3$	$\langle (M^\dagger M)(\chi^\dagger M + M^\dagger \chi) \rangle$	✓	X
$O_4$	$\langle \chi^\dagger M + M^\dagger \chi \rangle^2$	✓	X
$O_5$	$\langle \chi^\dagger \chi M^\dagger M \rangle$	✓	X
$O_6$	$\langle \chi^\dagger \chi \rangle \langle M^\dagger M \rangle$	✓	X
$O_7$	$\langle \chi^\dagger M \chi^\dagger M + M^\dagger \chi M^\dagger \chi \rangle$	✓	X
$O_8$	$\langle \chi^\dagger \chi \rangle \langle \chi^\dagger M + M^\dagger \chi \rangle$	✓	X
$O_9$	$\langle (\chi^\dagger \chi)(\chi^\dagger M + M^\dagger \chi) \rangle$	✓	X

# Nf=8 QCD and NLO XPT

$\chi^2/\text{d.o.f.} = 29.77$



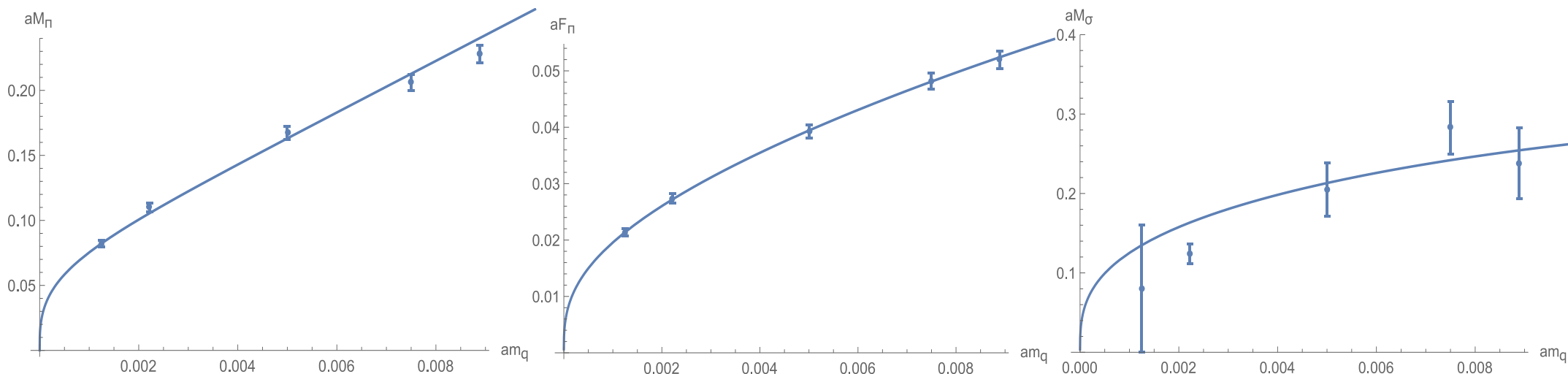
$\chi^2/\text{d.o.f.} = 7.65$



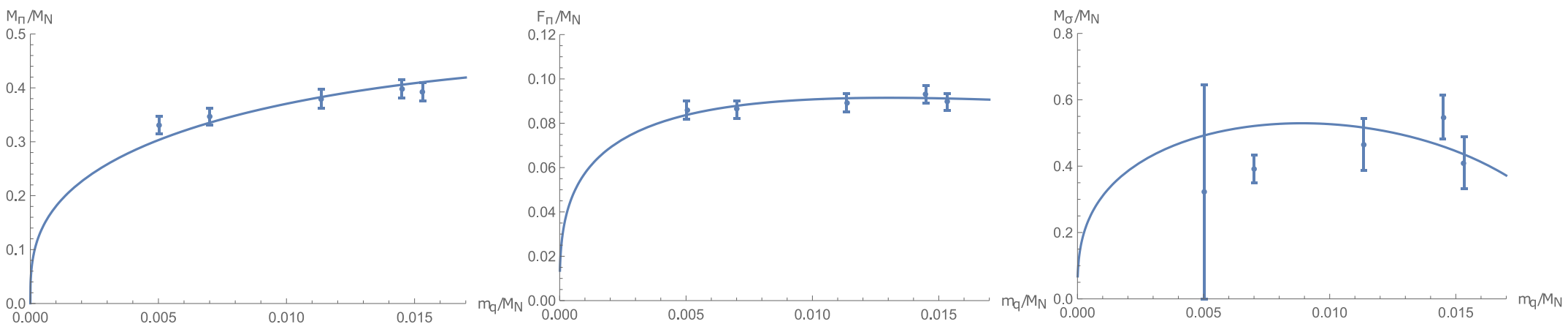
# Nf=8 QCD and LSM9

Preliminary

$\chi^2/\text{d.o.f.} = 1.30$



$\chi^2/\text{d.o.f.} = 1.39$



# Conclusions

- Reviewed Nearly Conformal Gauge Theory Results from the Lattice
- Motivated New EFT framework
- Introduced EFT Framework Based on Linear Multiplet
- Developed an appropriate Power counting
- Fits to data show marked improvement over XPT

# Ongoing & Future Work

- Better analysis of fitting parameter space
- Incorporate finite lattice spacing effects into EFT
- Include additional observables
  - Chiral Condensate
  - Pi-Pi Scattering Length
  - Form Factors



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