

# Gluonic Excitations and String Theory

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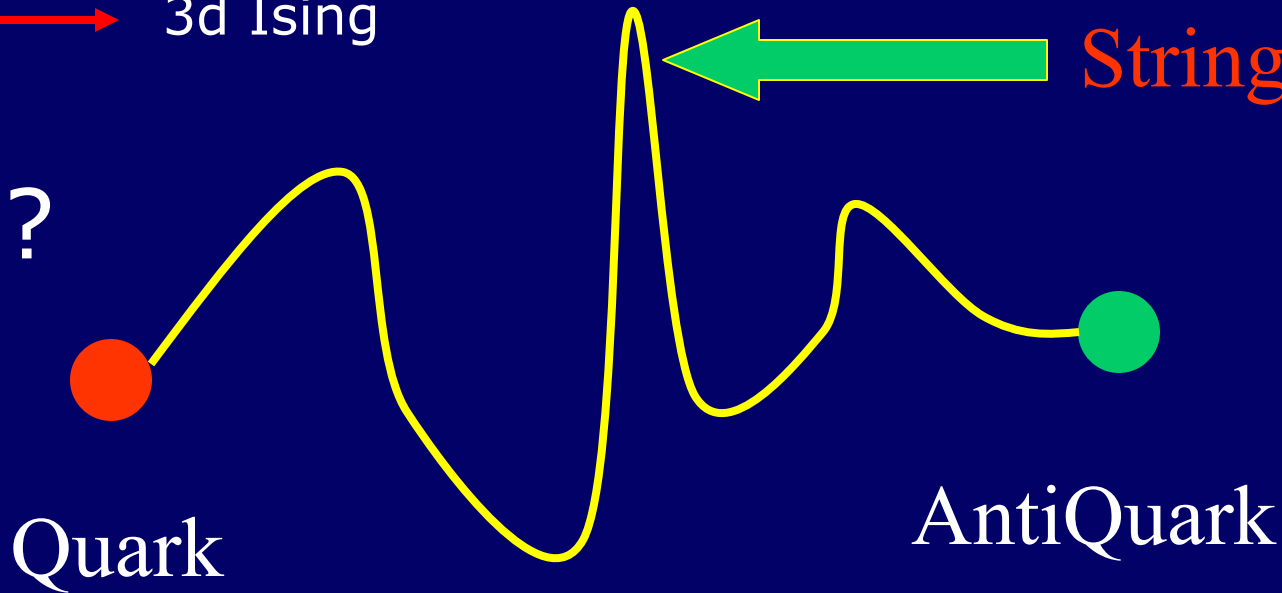
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# Confining Force

Polyakov Z(2) gauge model  
duality  $\longleftrightarrow$  3d Ising

What is this stuff?  
String?

QCD?

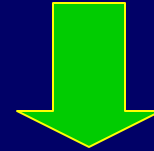


String theorists are interested in the problem

Quenched, relevant in large N limit

Early work: Polyakov  
Luscher  
Polchinski, Strominger  
Michael  
Teper  
Gliozzi et al.  
Hasenbusch, Pinn  
JKM (old)  
Baker et al.  
Munster  
...

This talk: tutorial on the paper



New work: Juge, JK, Morningstar → spectrum with fine structure  
HEP-LAT 0207004 PRL 90 (2003) 161601

Luscher, Weisz → ground state Casimir energy  
HEP-LAT 0207003 JHEP 0207 (2002) 049

created "Casimir energy paradox"

$$\frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n = -\frac{\pi}{24} (d - 2)$$

Space-time dimension

smart enough  
for string theory?



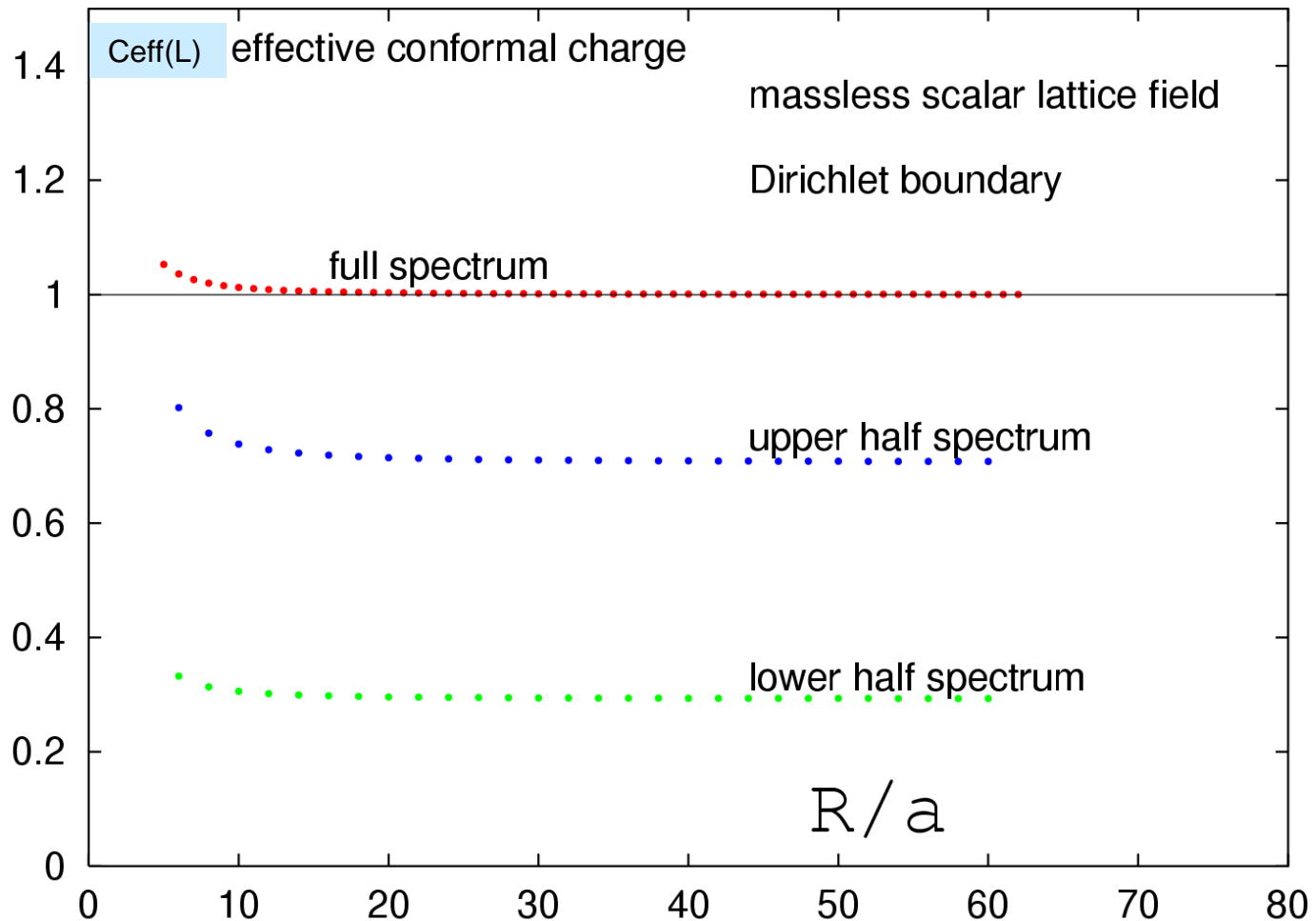
This is NOT a paradox

We turn to the lattice for learning how to do the sum:

$$E_{reg}(L, a) = \frac{2L}{\pi a^2} - \frac{1}{2a} \left[ \frac{\pi}{24L} \right] + O(a^2)$$

$$E_{reg}(L, a) = \frac{2L}{\pi a^2} - \frac{1}{2a} - \frac{\pi}{24L} + O(a^2)$$

$$C_{eff}(L) = -12L^3 E_{reg}''(L, a) / \pi$$



LW makes math even harder:

$$\frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^3 n = -\frac{\pi}{24} (d-2)$$

This IS a paradox!

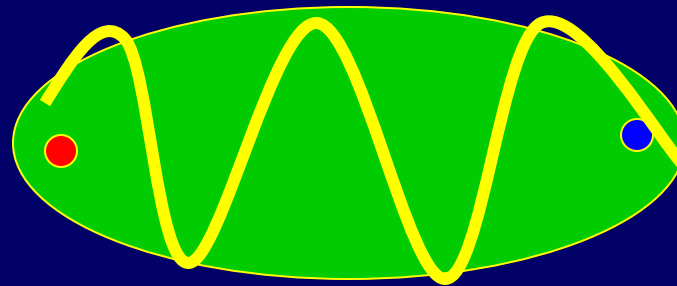
# OUTLINE

1. QCD String Spectrum
  - spectrum
  - Casimir energy
  - the paradox
2.  $Z(2)$  string
  - phase diagram and surface criticality
  - spectrum
  - systematic loop expansion
  - Casimir energy
3. Conclusions

For applications to hybrids -> Morningstar's talk

TwentyTHIRD anniversary of the first paper  
on heavy QQgluon states:

P. Hasenfratz, R. Horgan, JK, J. Richard  
Phys. Lett. B95, 299, 1980



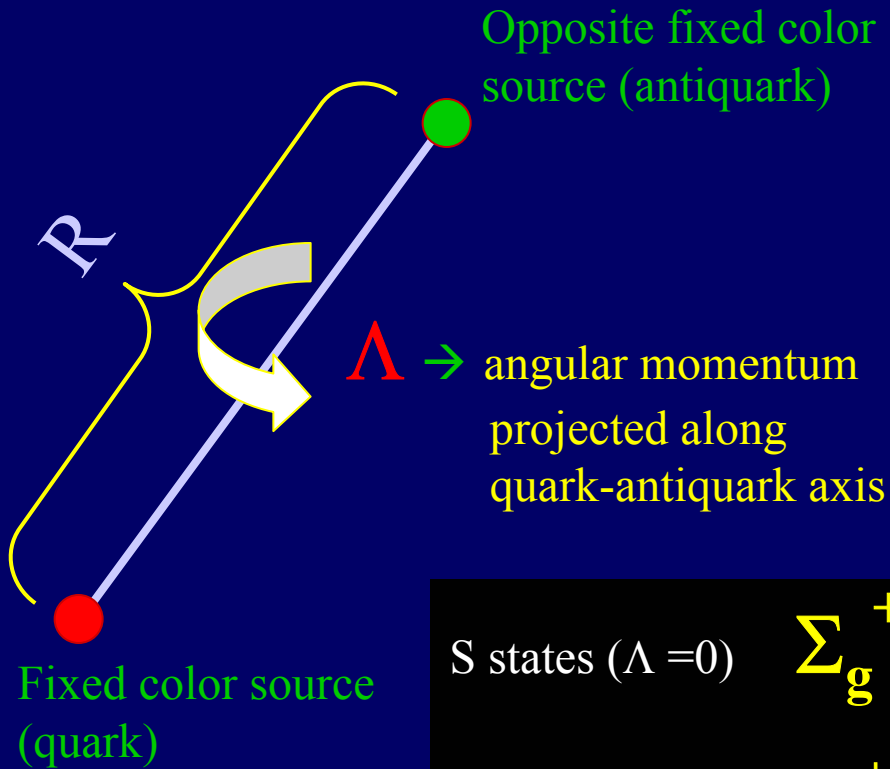
TE and TM gluon

Hybrid  $\pi_u$  potential was calculated

Born-Oppenheimer picture was developed for  
exotic and non-exotic states

Predictions hold today





S states ( $\Lambda = 0$ )	$\Sigma_g^{+-}$
P states ( $\Lambda = 1$ )	$\Pi^{+-}$
D states ( $\Lambda = 2$ )	$\Delta^{+-}$
⋮	

Three exact quantum numbers characterize gluon excitations:

$\Lambda^{+-}$  Angular momentum with chirality

$\pm$  Chirality, or reflection symmetry for  $\Lambda = 0$

**CP** g (gerade) CP even  
 u (ungerade) CP odd

# D=4 SU(3)

All results are quenched

19 states in 0.2 fm - 3 fm range

Very complex spectrum

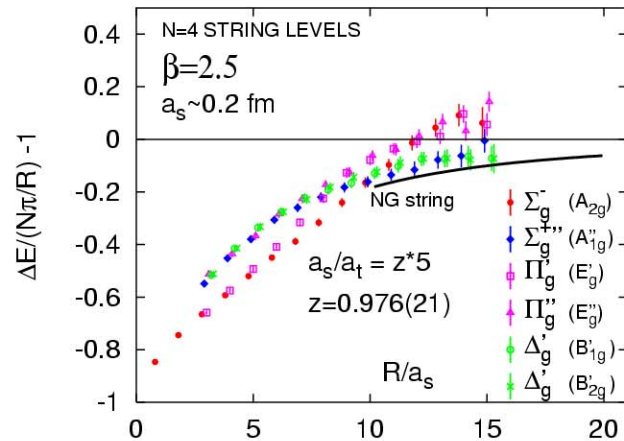
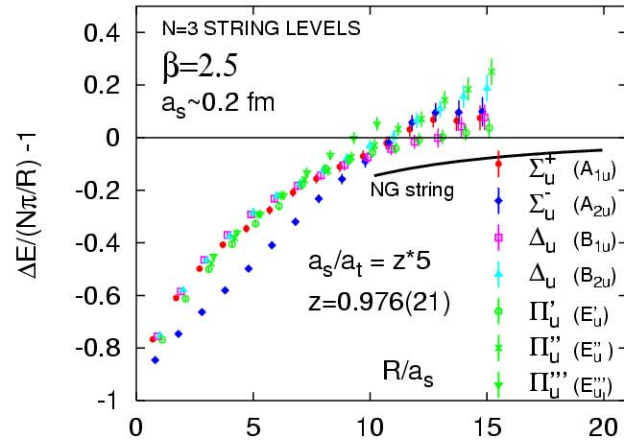
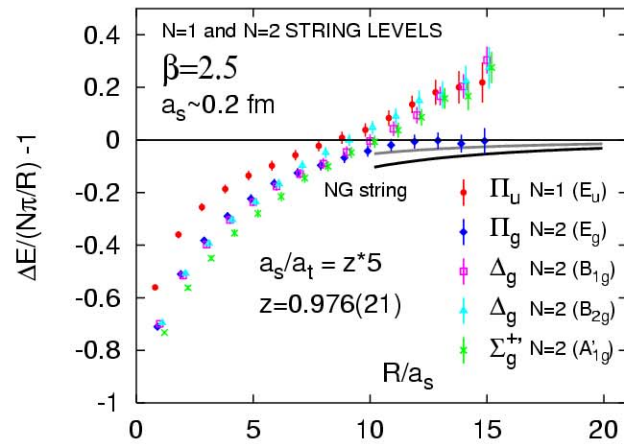
Searching for string limit?

for reference:

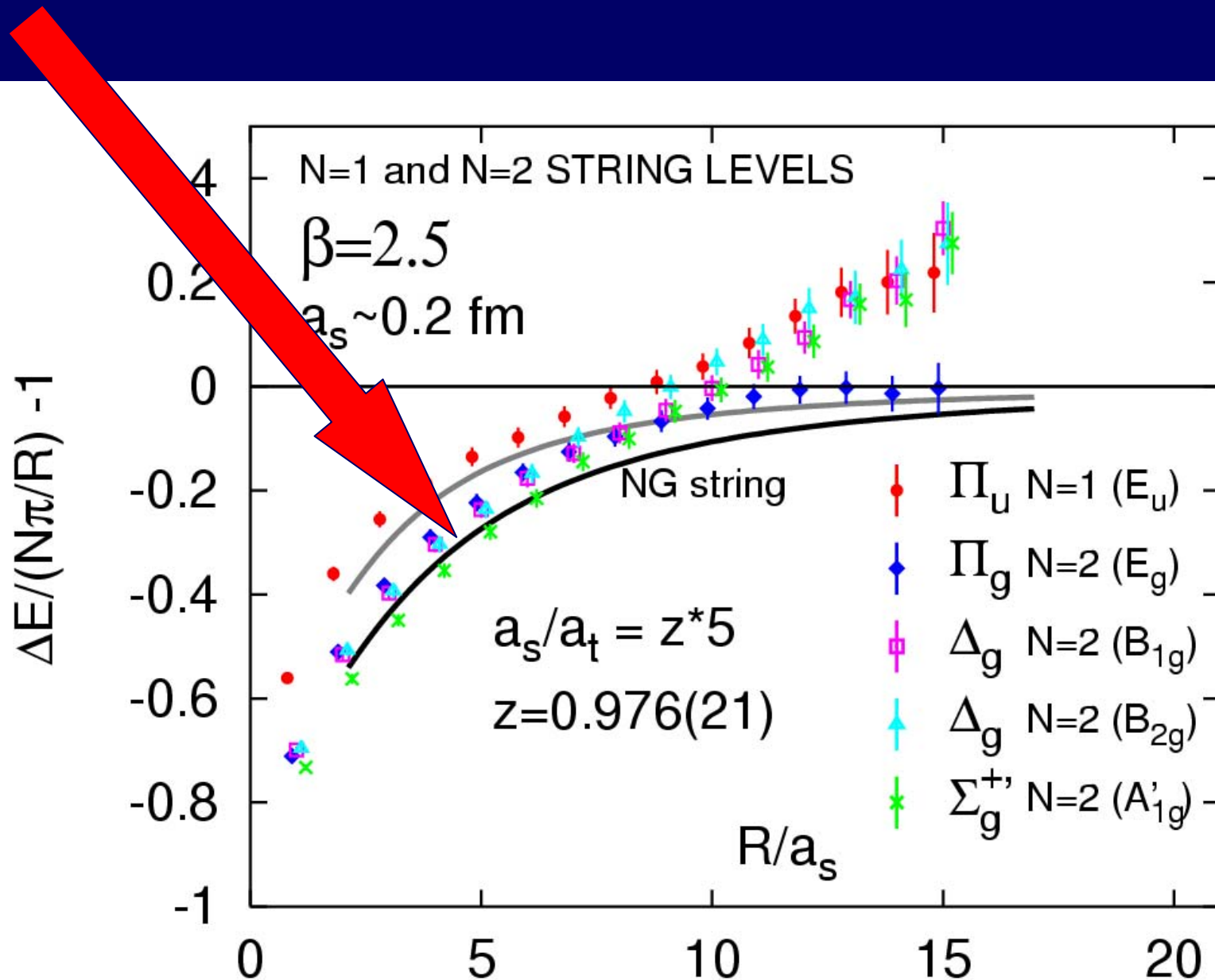
Nambu-Goto Bosonic string:

tachion problem

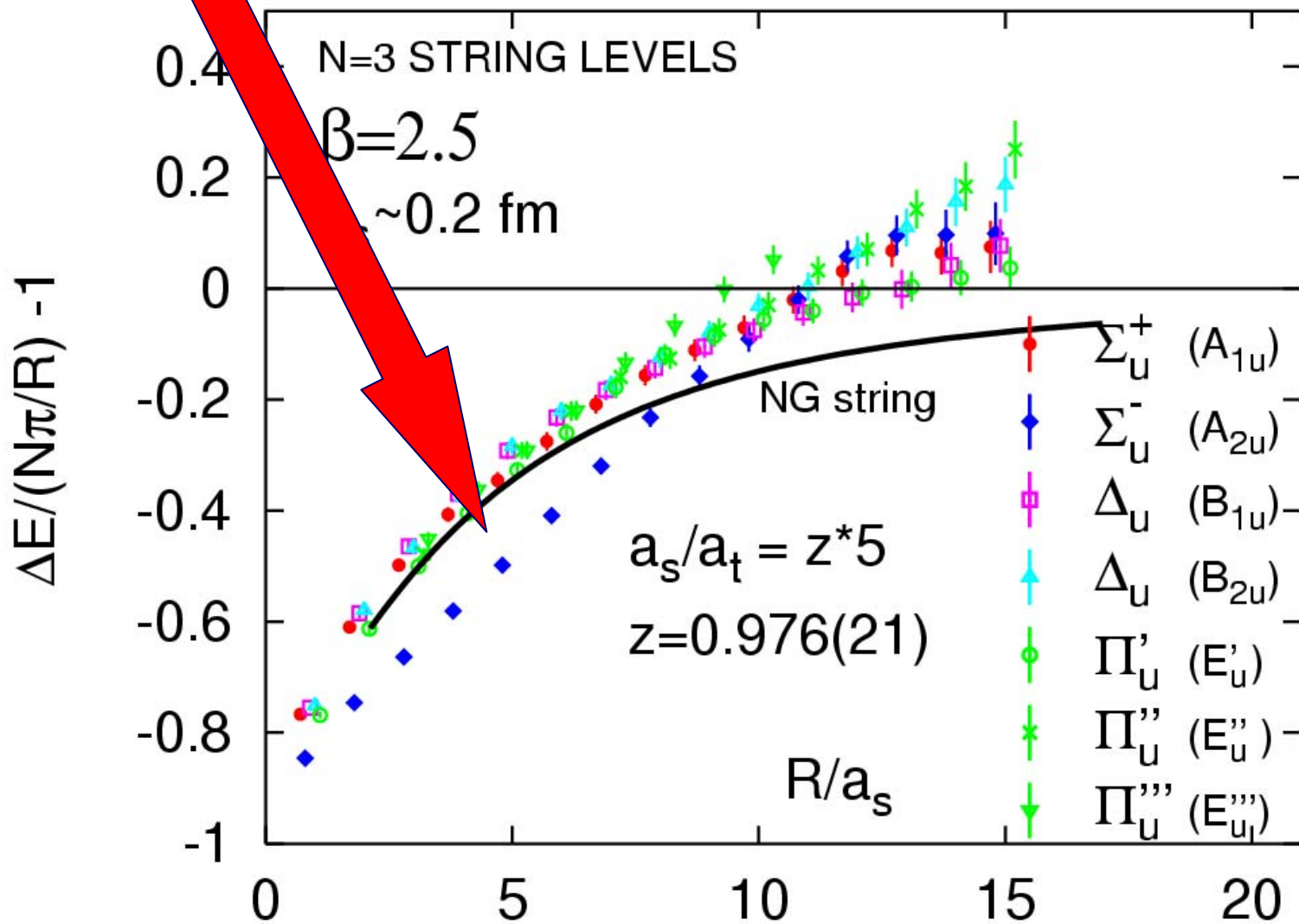
$$E_N = \sigma R \left[ 1 - \frac{D-2}{12\sigma R^2} \pi + \frac{2\pi N}{\sigma R^2} \right] \frac{1}{2}$$



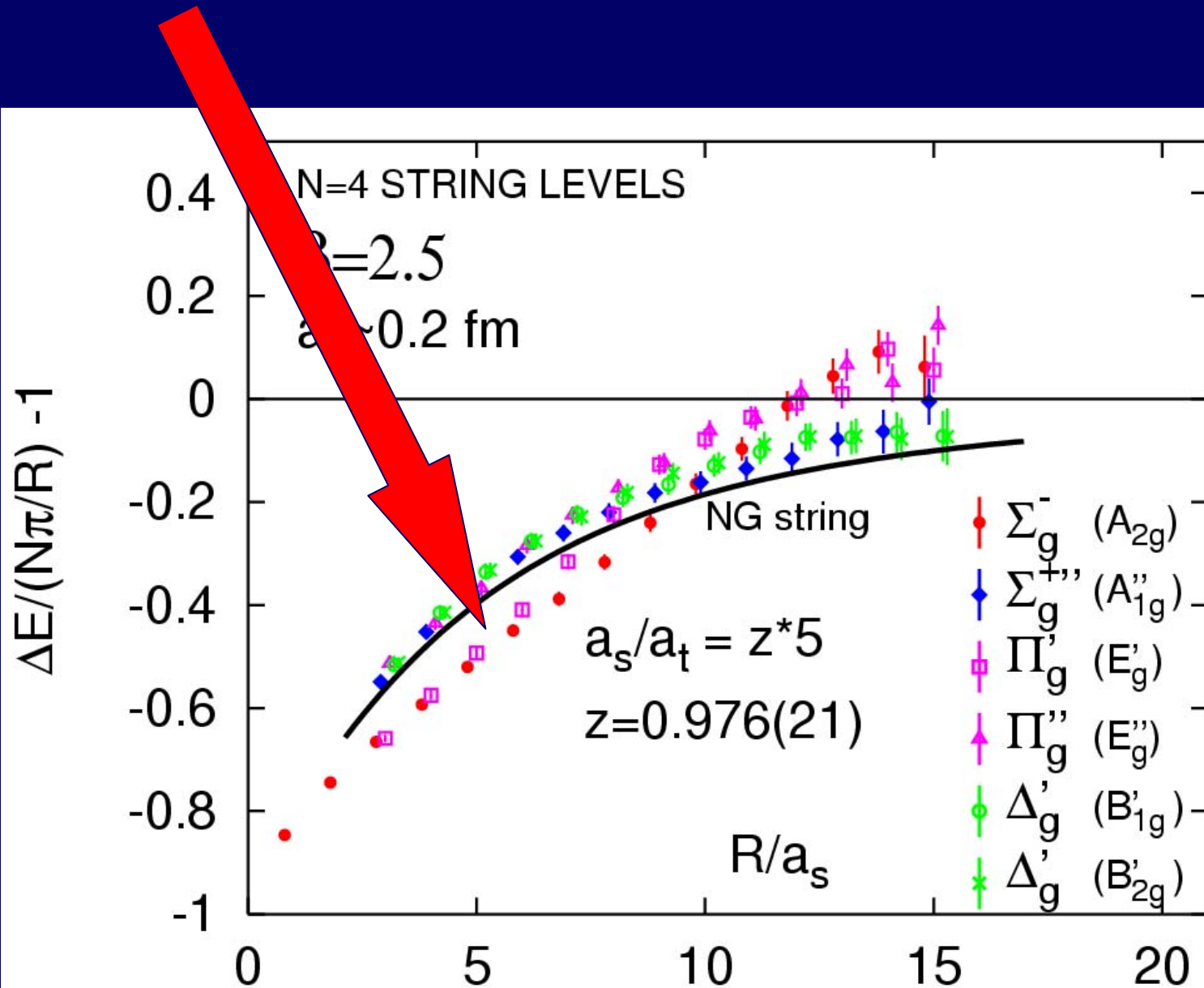
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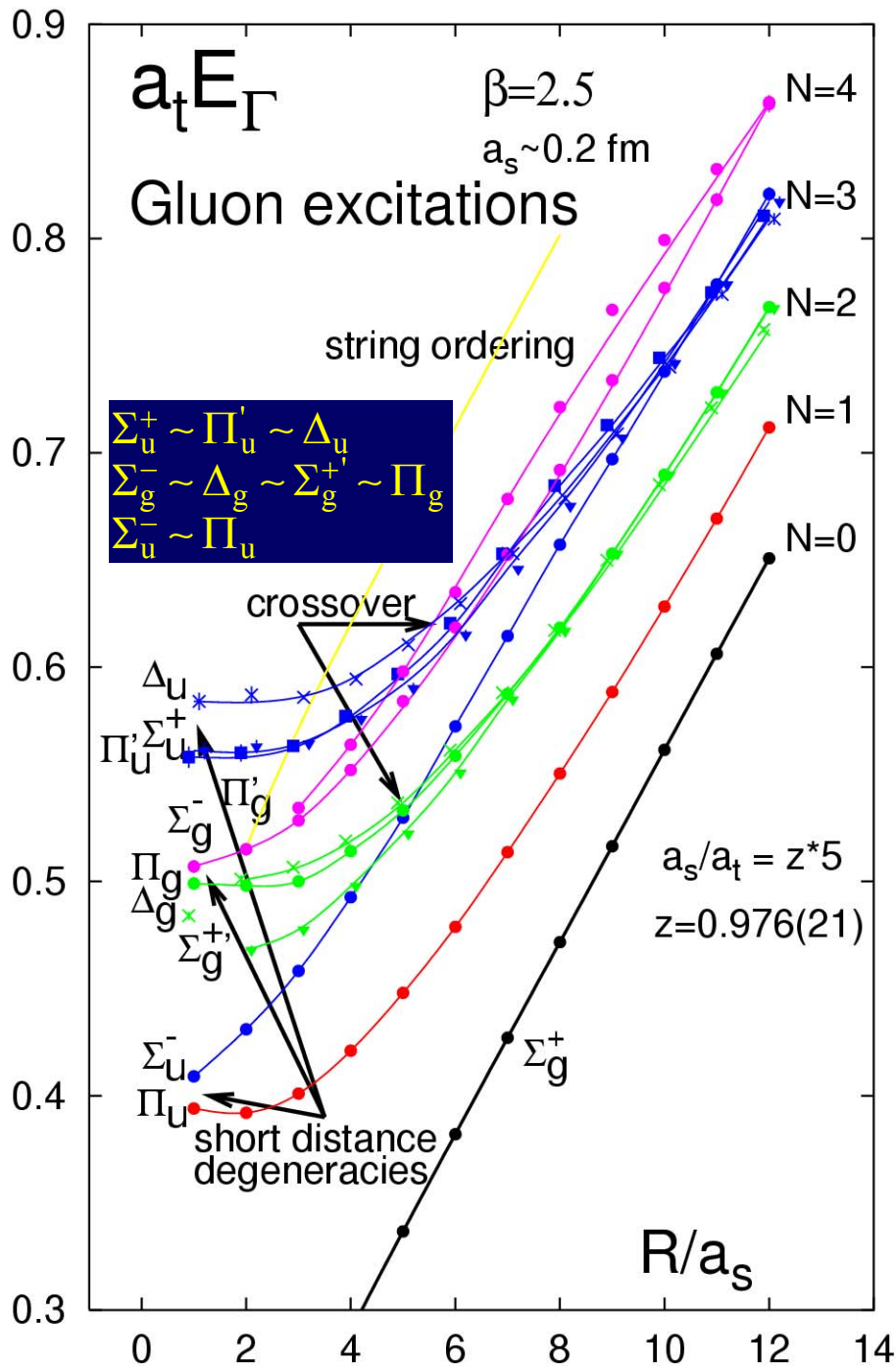


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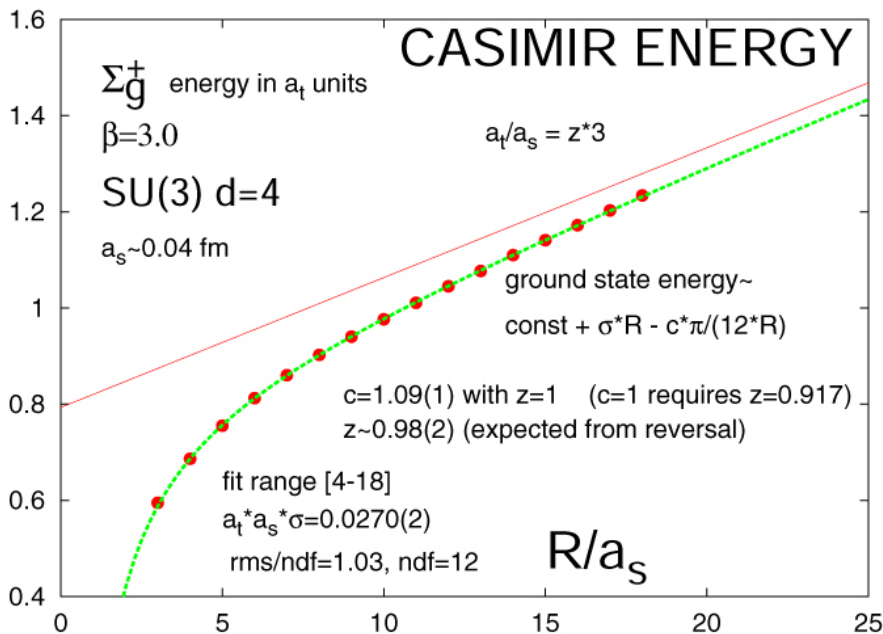
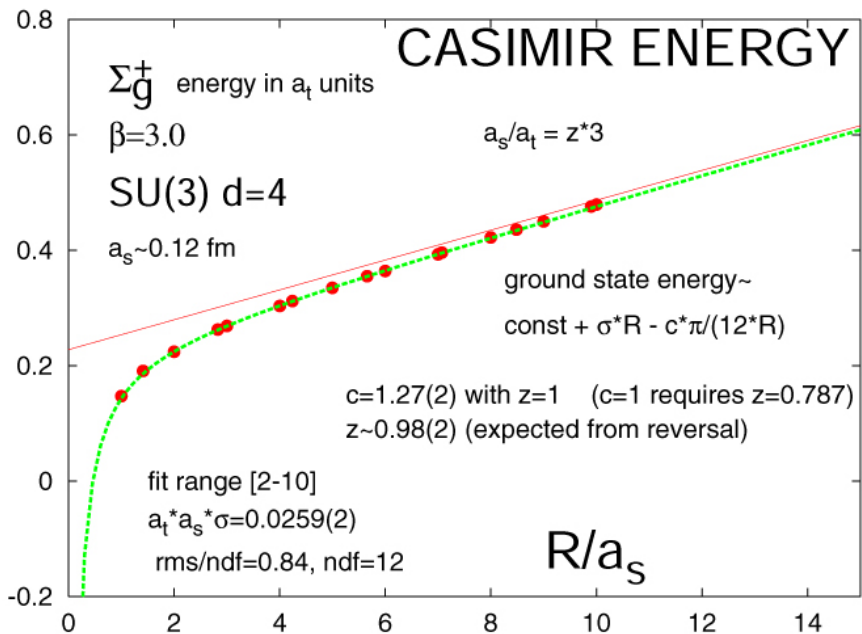
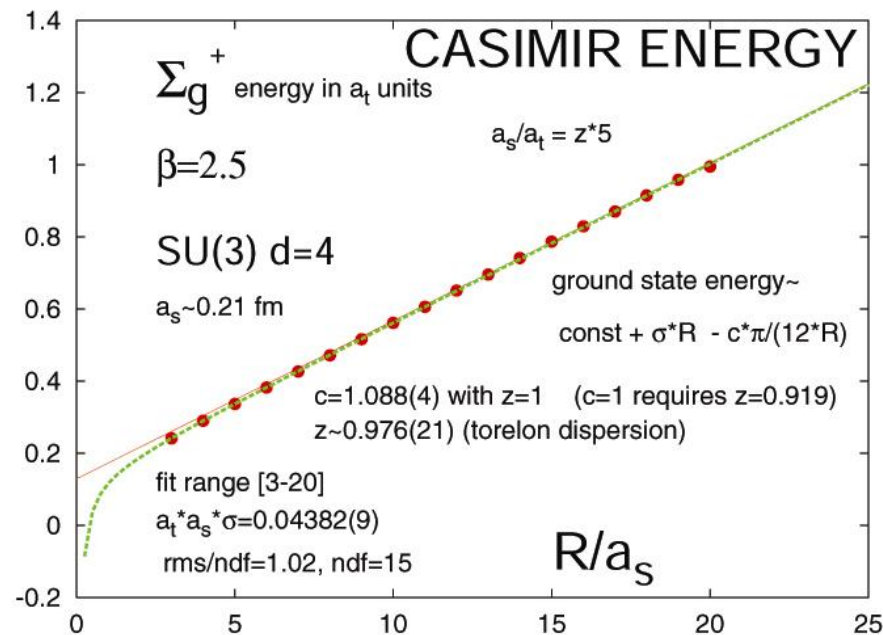
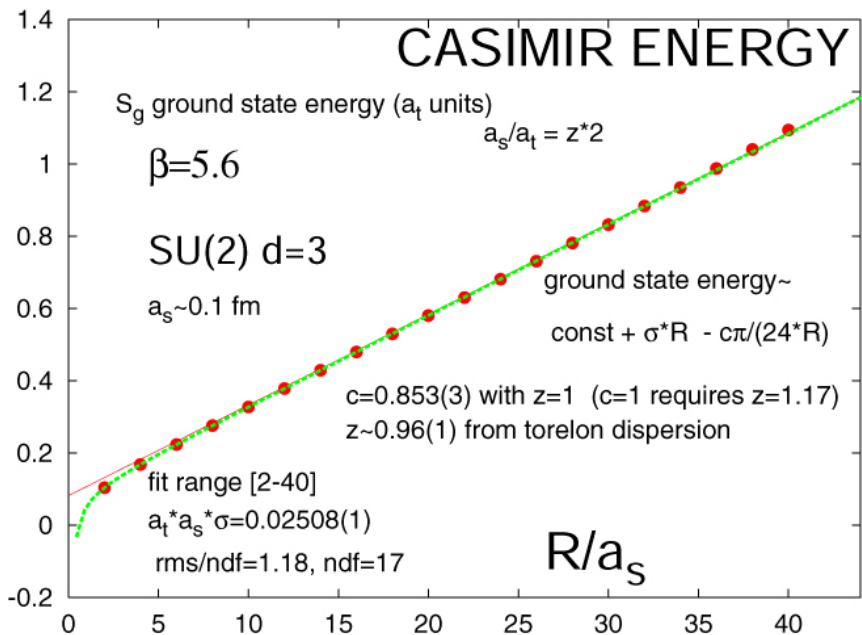
## Three length scales in energy spectrum:

$R < 0.5 \text{ fm}$  approximate spherical symmetry  
 Bag-like "anti-string" picture  
 Short distance QCD Bag picture  
 OPE Soto et al.

$R \sim 0.5 \text{ fm} - 1.5 \text{ fm}$   
 Crossover (model sensitive)

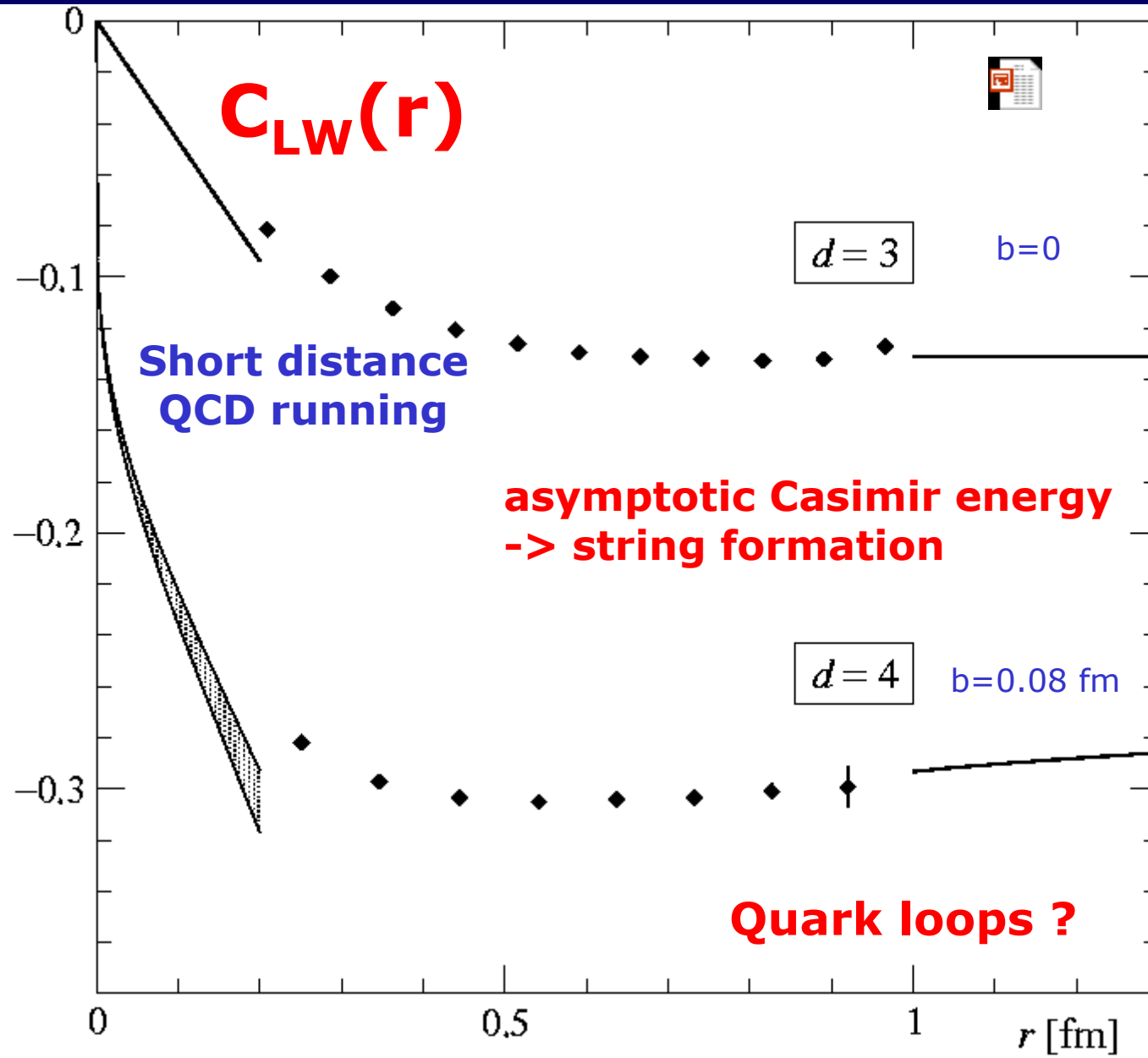
$R \sim 2 \text{ fm} - 3 \text{ fm}$   
 Onset of string ordering

# 3d SU(2) and 4d SU(3) Conformal Charges



# Luscher-Weisz Casimir Energy

SU(3)



$$V(r) = \sigma r + \text{const} - \pi(d-2)/24r$$

$$F(r) = V'(r)$$

$$C_{LW}(r) = \frac{1}{2} r^3 F'(r)$$

$$-\pi(d-2)/24$$

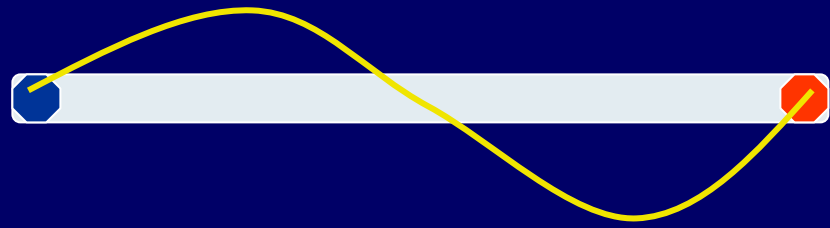
asymptotic  $r \rightarrow$  infinity

Evidence for string formulation of QCD?

Loop equations  
ADS string theory



$$S_{eff} = \frac{1}{2\pi\alpha'} \int_0^T d\tau \int_0^R d\sigma \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \partial_a \xi \partial_a \xi + \dots \right\}$$



Masless Goldstone field  $\Leftrightarrow$  collective string coordinate

Small wavelengths unstable!!  $\Rightarrow$  glueball emission

$$S_1 = \frac{1}{4} b \int_0^T d\tau \left\{ (\partial_1 \xi \partial_1 \xi)_{\sigma=0} + (\partial_1 \xi \partial_1 \xi)_{\sigma=R} \right\}$$

Boundary operators

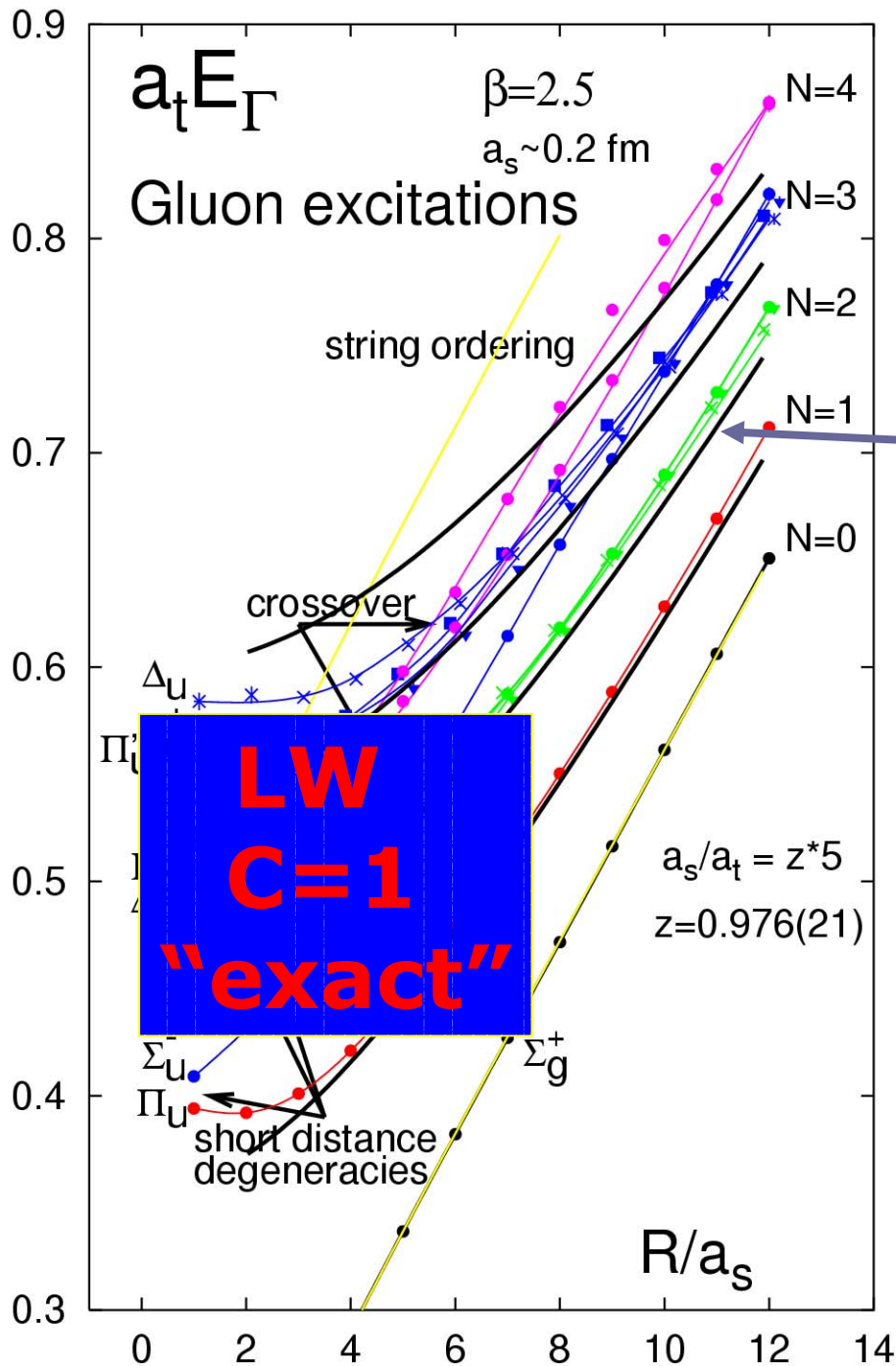
$$V(R) = \sigma R + \mu - \frac{\pi}{24R} (d-2) \left(1 + \frac{b}{R}\right)$$

$$\Delta E = \frac{\pi}{R} \left(1 + \frac{b}{R}\right)$$

$$S_2 = \frac{1}{4} c_2 \int_0^T d\tau \int_0^R d\sigma \left\{ \frac{1}{2} (\partial_a \xi \partial_a \xi) (\partial_b \xi \partial_b \xi) \right\}$$

Higher dimensional ops

$O(1/R^3)$



Fine structure in string formation

Nambu-Goto levels in black

Fine structure  $R \sim 2-4 \text{ fm}$

Casimir energy puzzle:

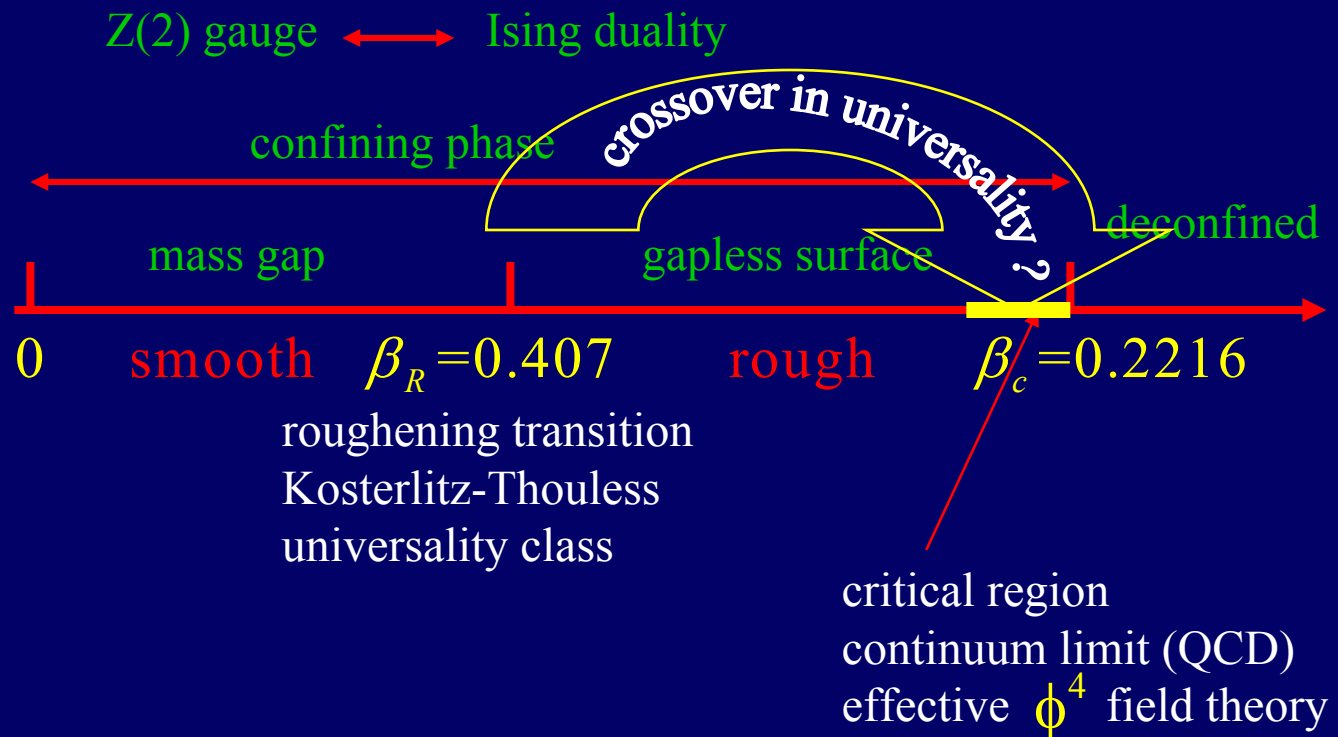
around  $R \sim 0.5 \text{ fm}$

1. Very few stable modes
2. Non string-like distortions

# Wilson Surface of 3d Z(2) Gauge Model

Similar picture expected in QCD

$$\bar{\beta} = -\frac{1}{2} \ln(\tanh \beta)$$



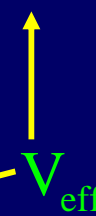
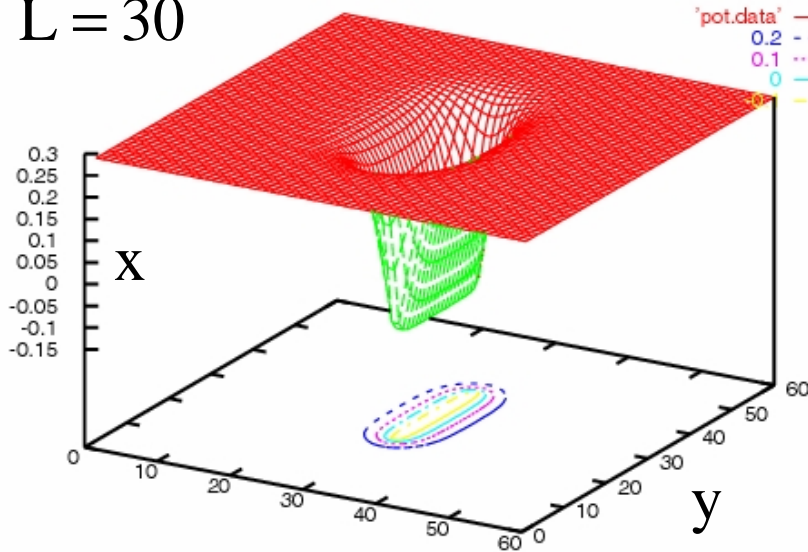
Semiclassical Loop Expansion  
Soliton Quantization (string)



Effective Schrodinger equation  
based on fluctuation matrix of string soliton

$$M = -\nabla^2 + U''(\phi_{\text{soliton}})$$

L = 30



$V_{\text{eff}}$

- in long flux limit spectrum is expected to factorize

- translational zero mode of soliton



- Goldstone spectrum

$$\phi(x) \cdot \exp(iqy)$$

zero energy  
bound state

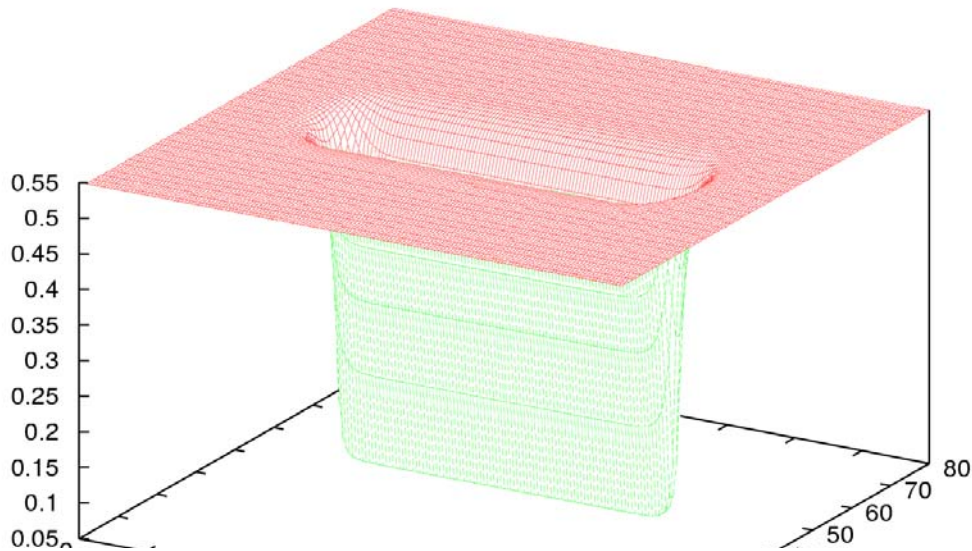
quantized momenta of Goldstone modes  
in box of length L



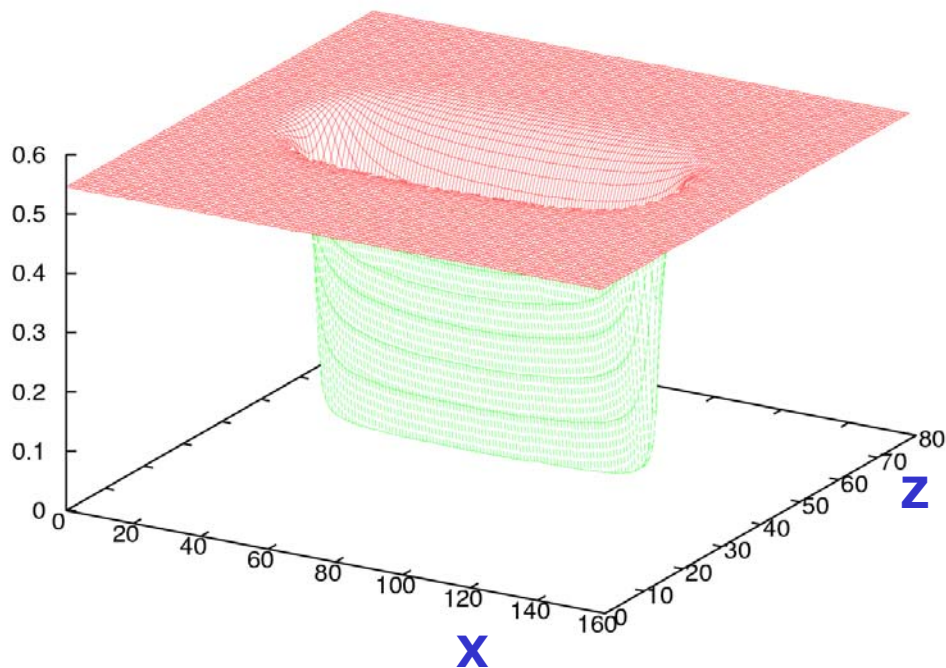
$$q = \frac{\pi}{L} n, \quad n = 1, 2, 3 \dots$$

shape and end effects distort!

Order parameter profile from Mean Field  $R/a = 100$



Order parameter profile from MC simulation  $R/a = 100$



good analytic/numerical  
handle on the  $Z(2)$  model

in addition to MC

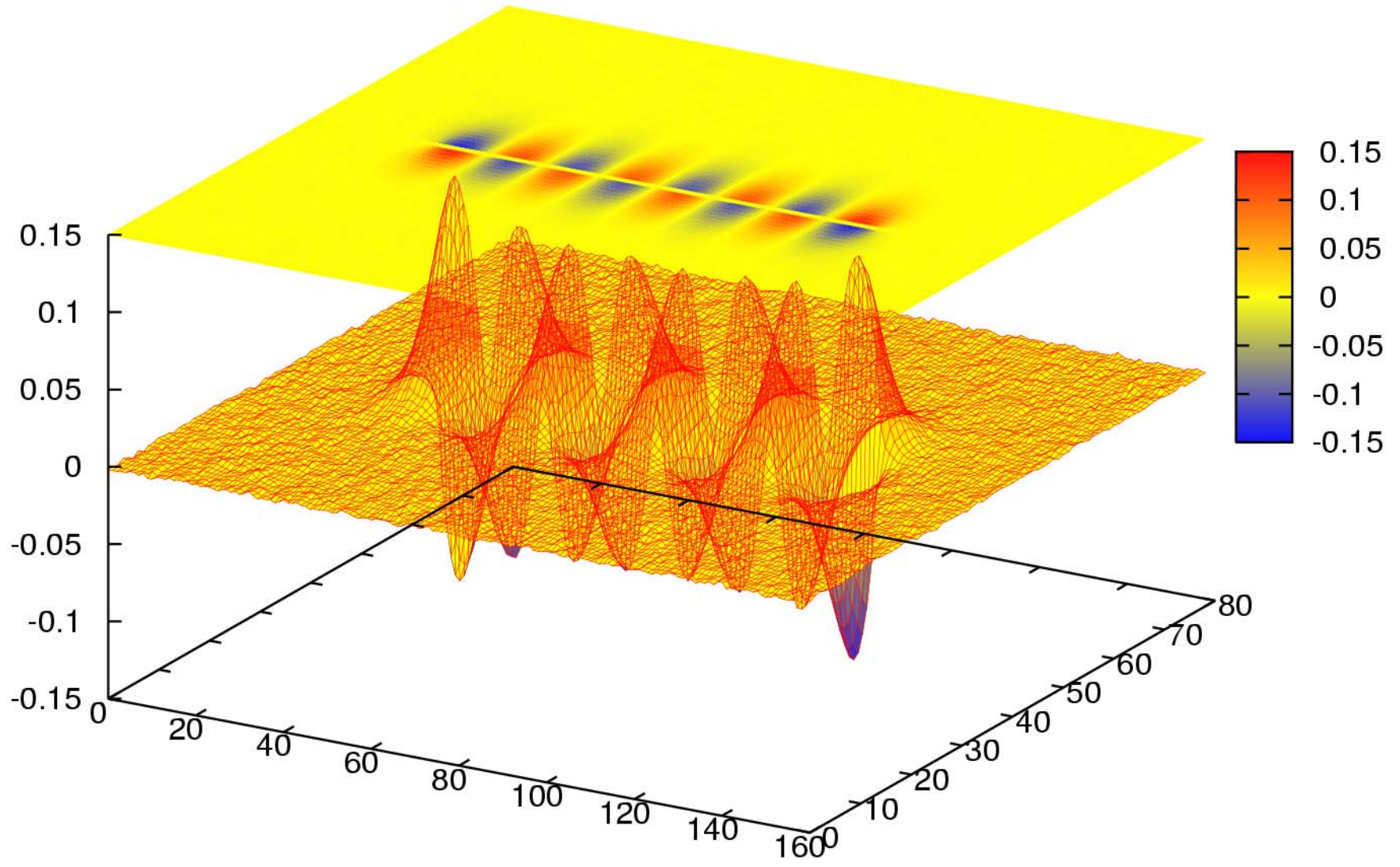
Effective Schrodinger  
potential

$P_x = \pm 1$  and  $P_z = \pm 1$

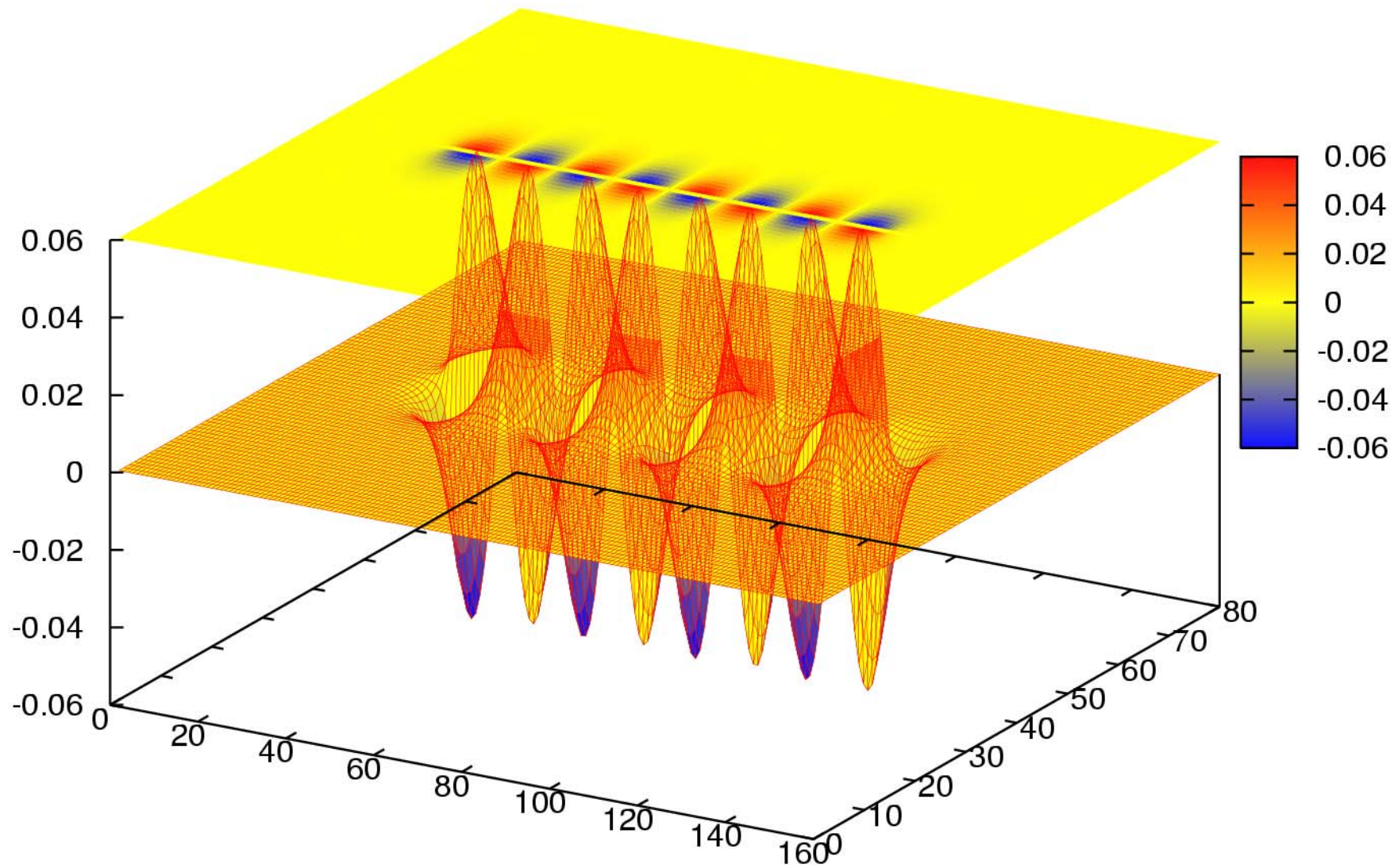
two symmetry quantum numbers

N=8 string excitation from MC simulation

R/a = 100



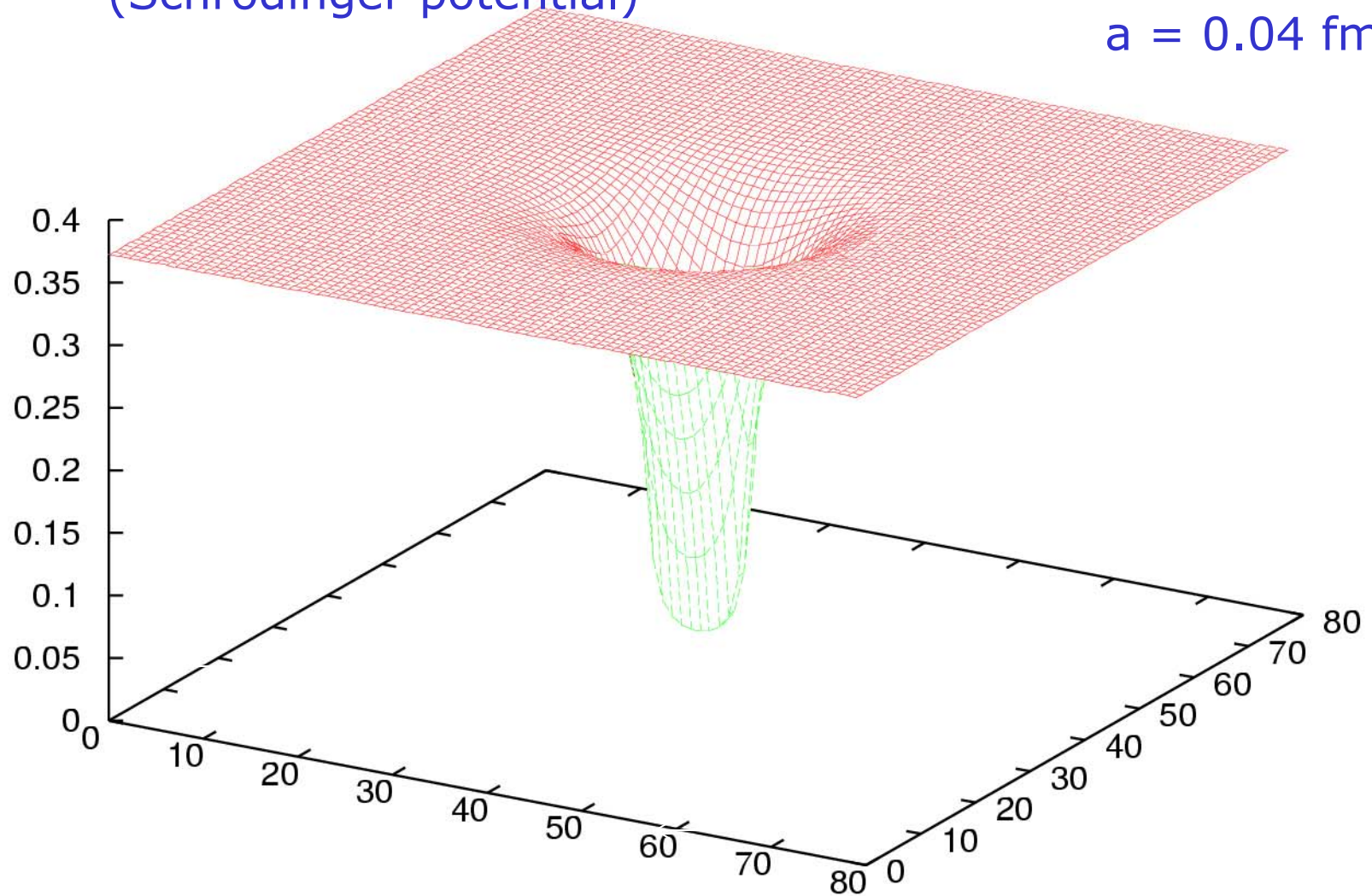
# Analytic (from soliton quantization)



Order parameter profile from MC simulation  
(Schrodinger potential)

$R/a = 10$

$a = 0.04$  fm



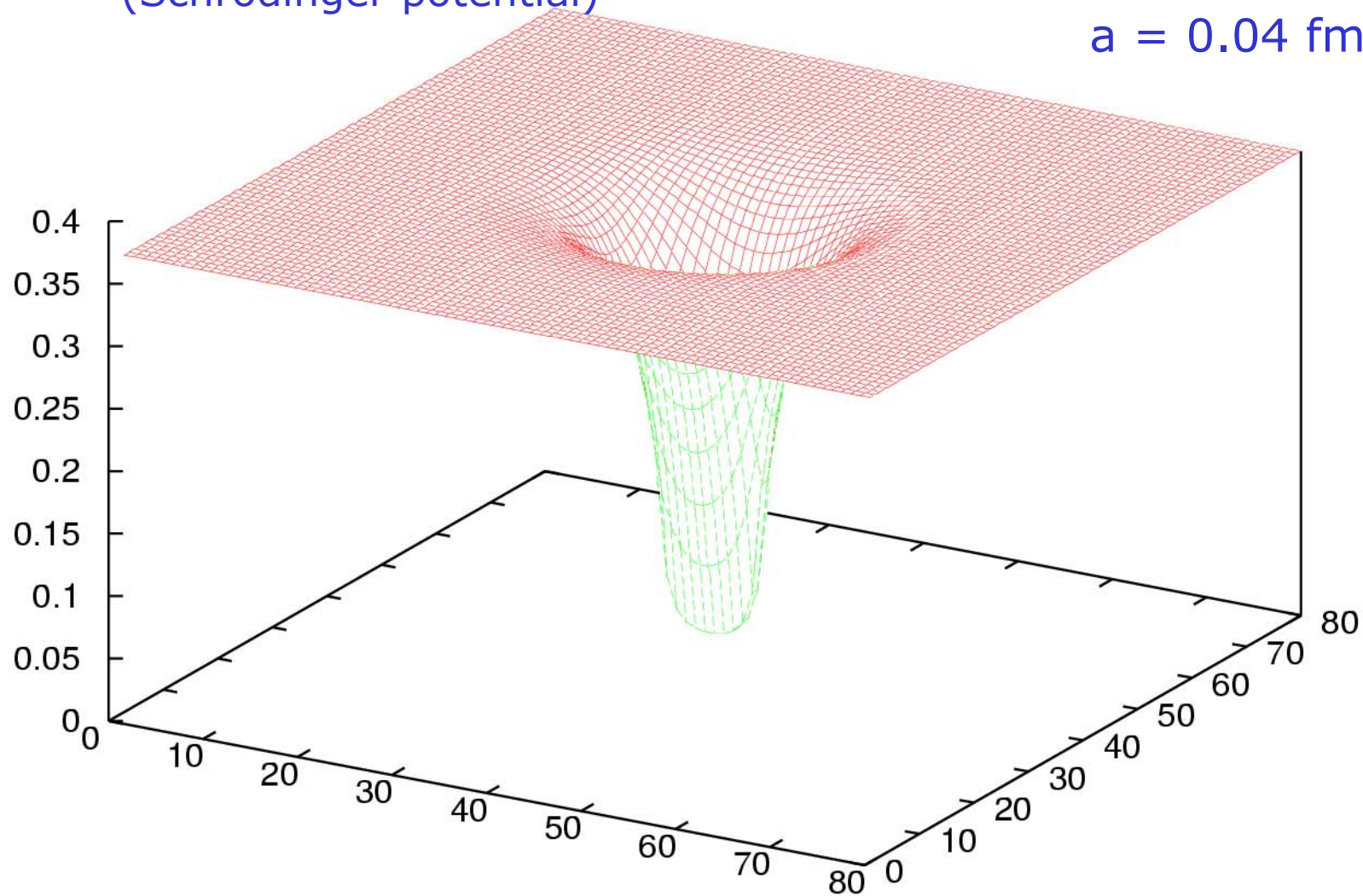


Order parameter profile from Mean Field

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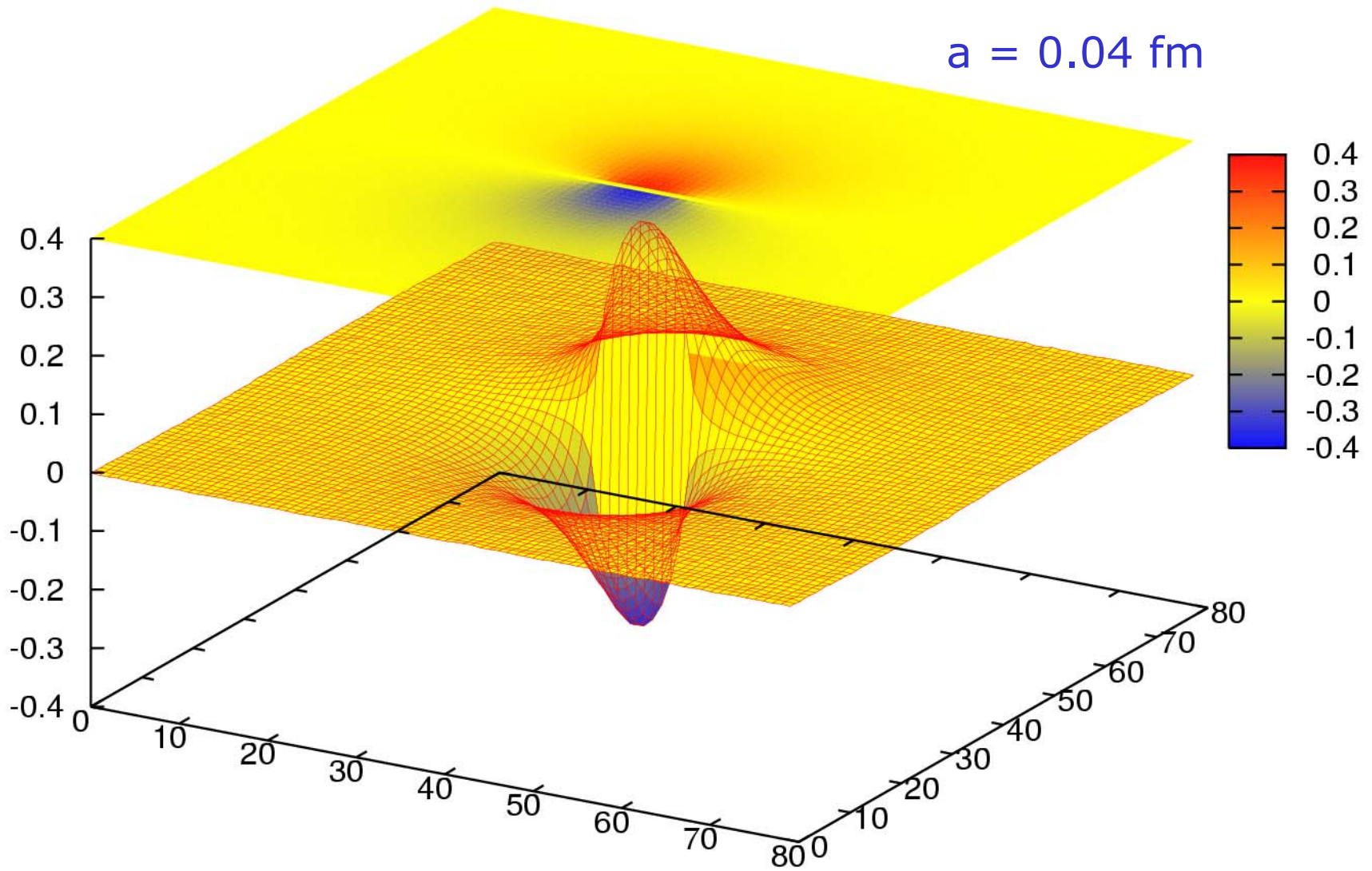
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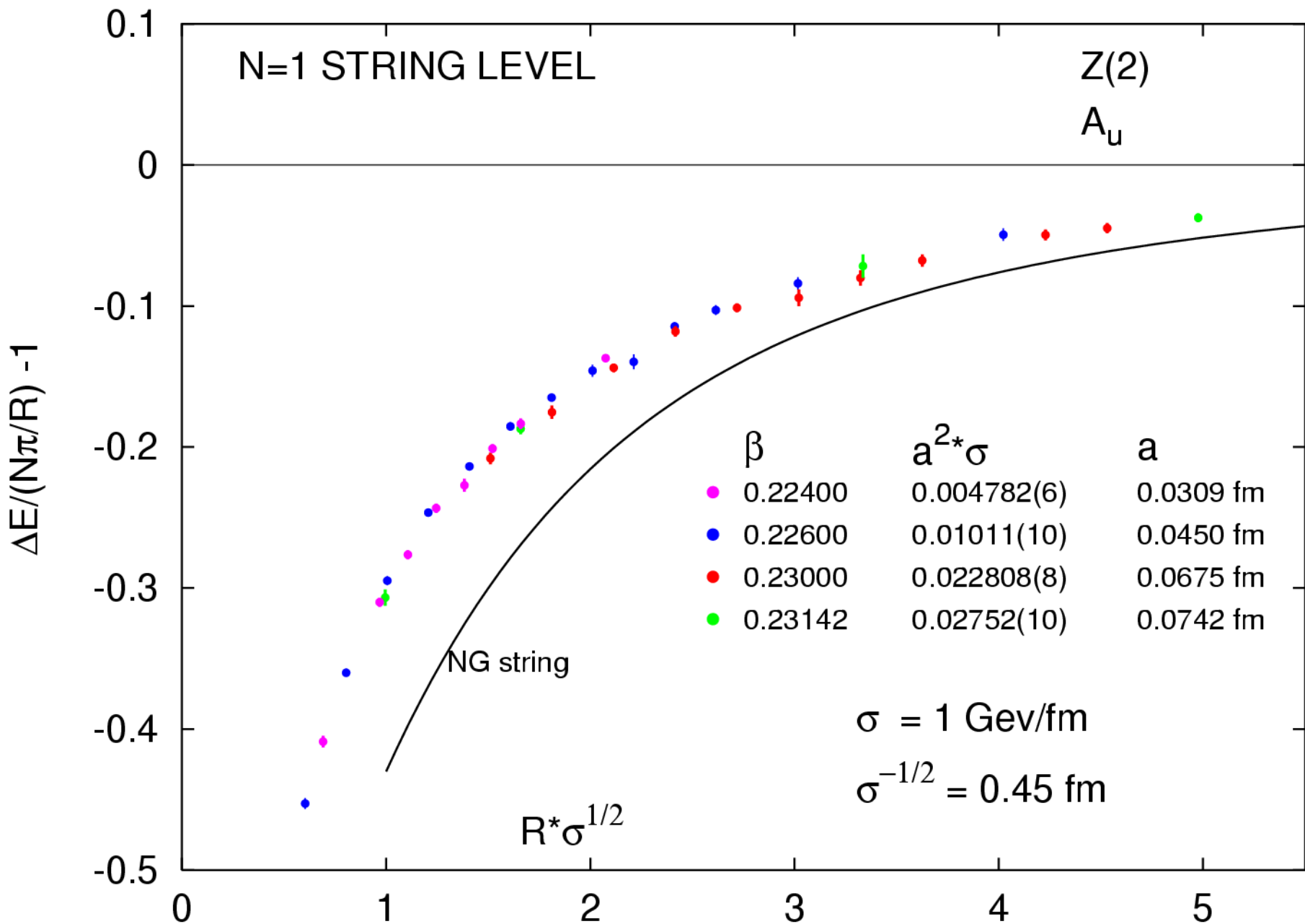


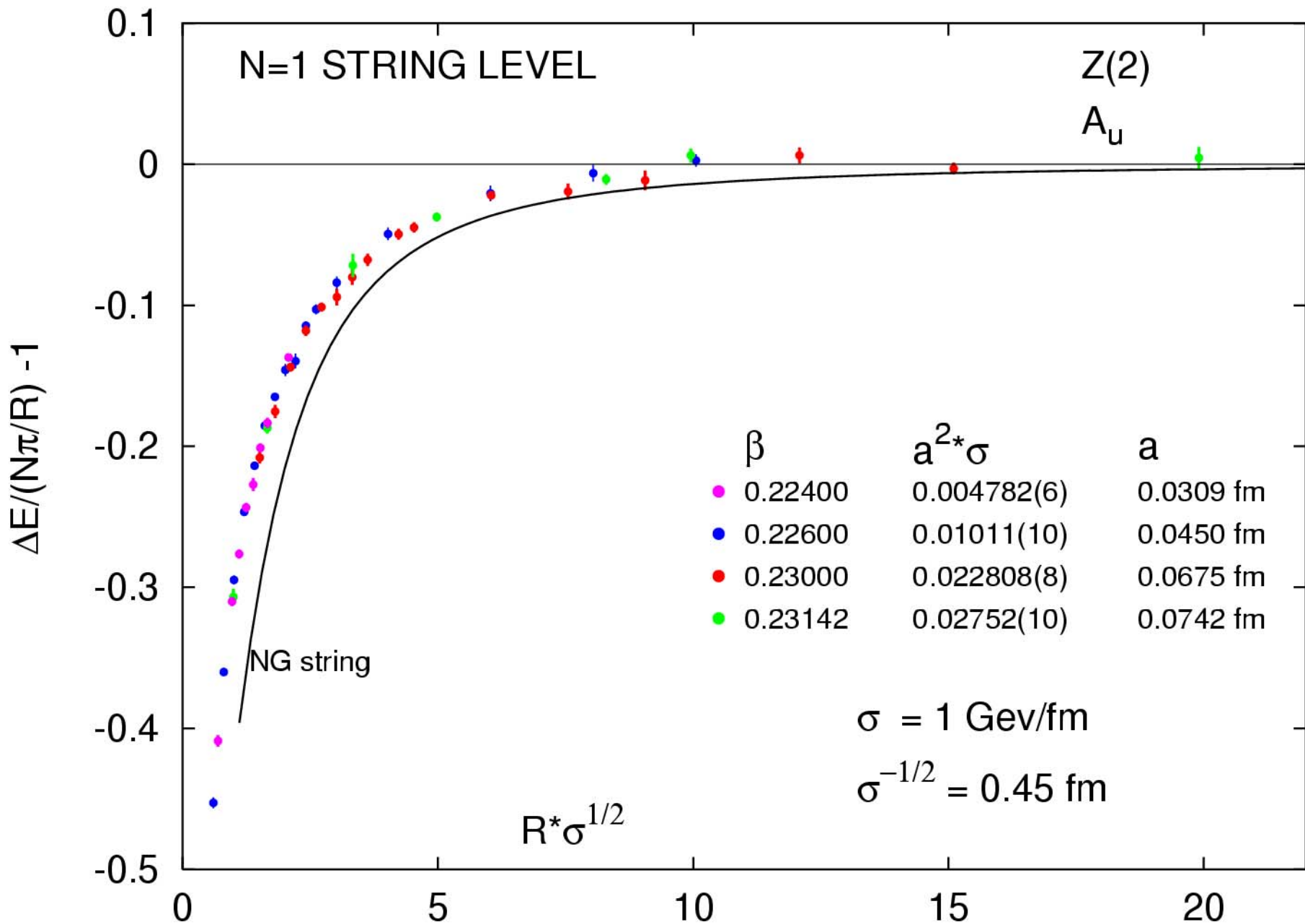
N=1 string excitation from MC simulation

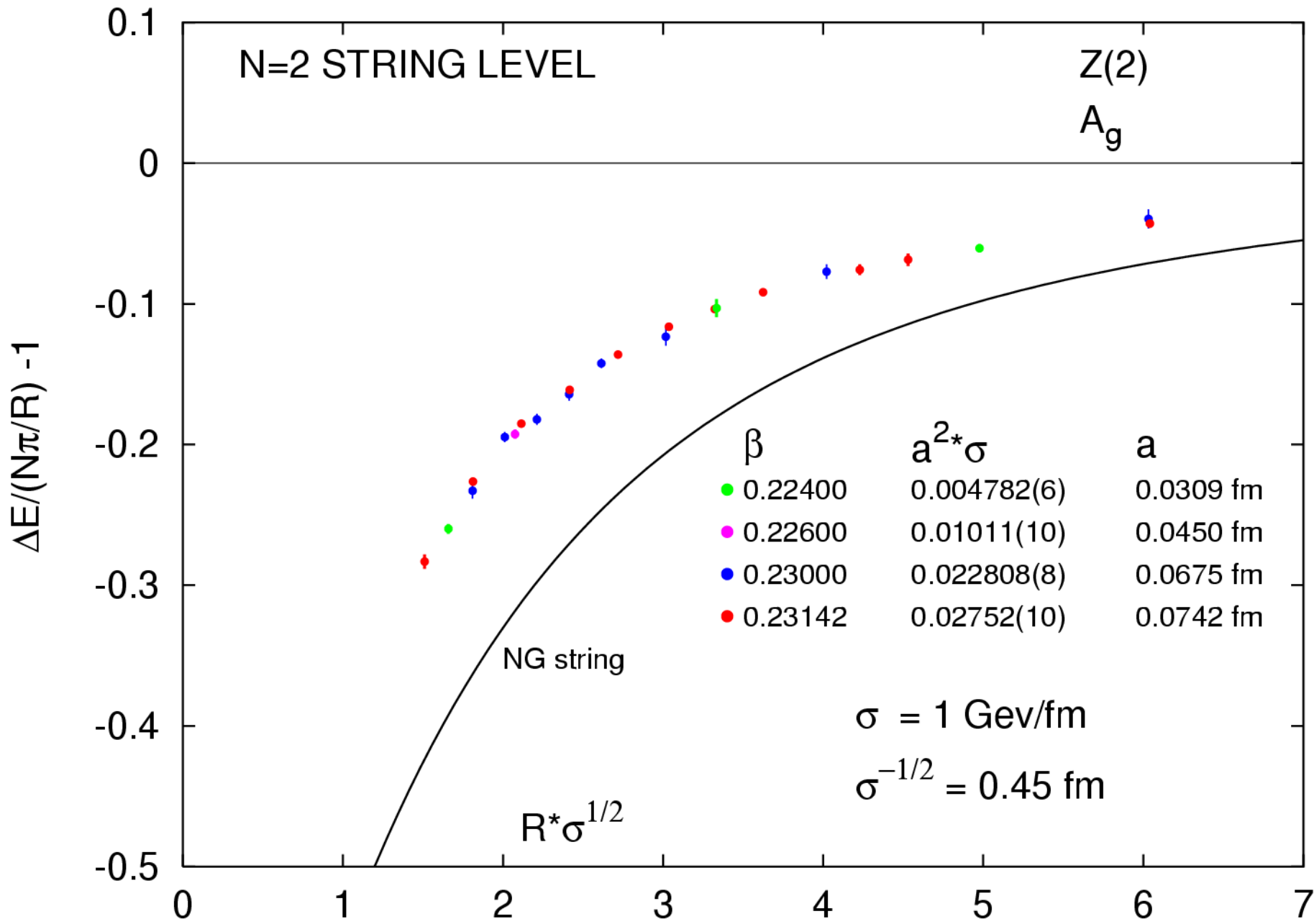
$R/a = 10$

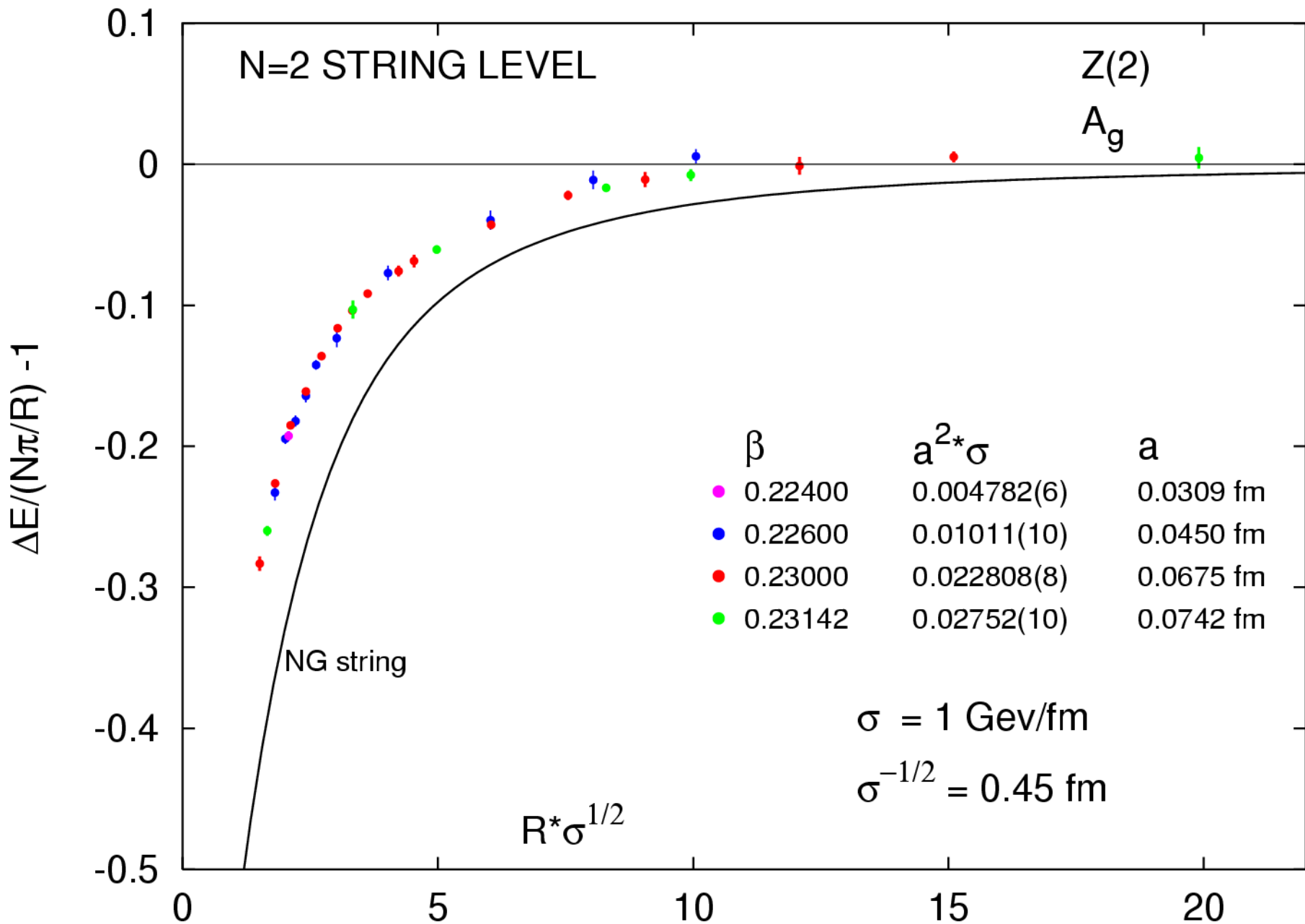
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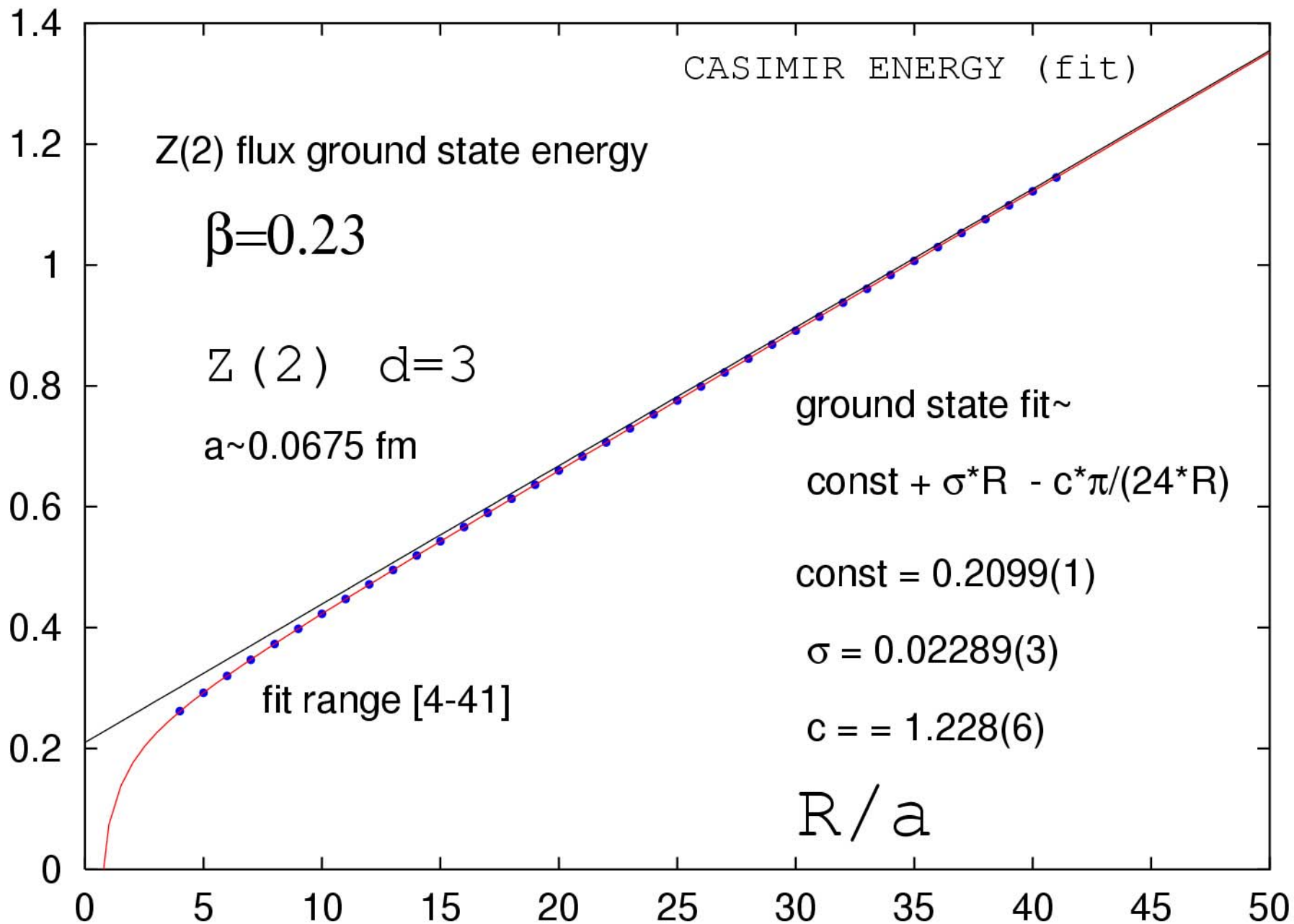




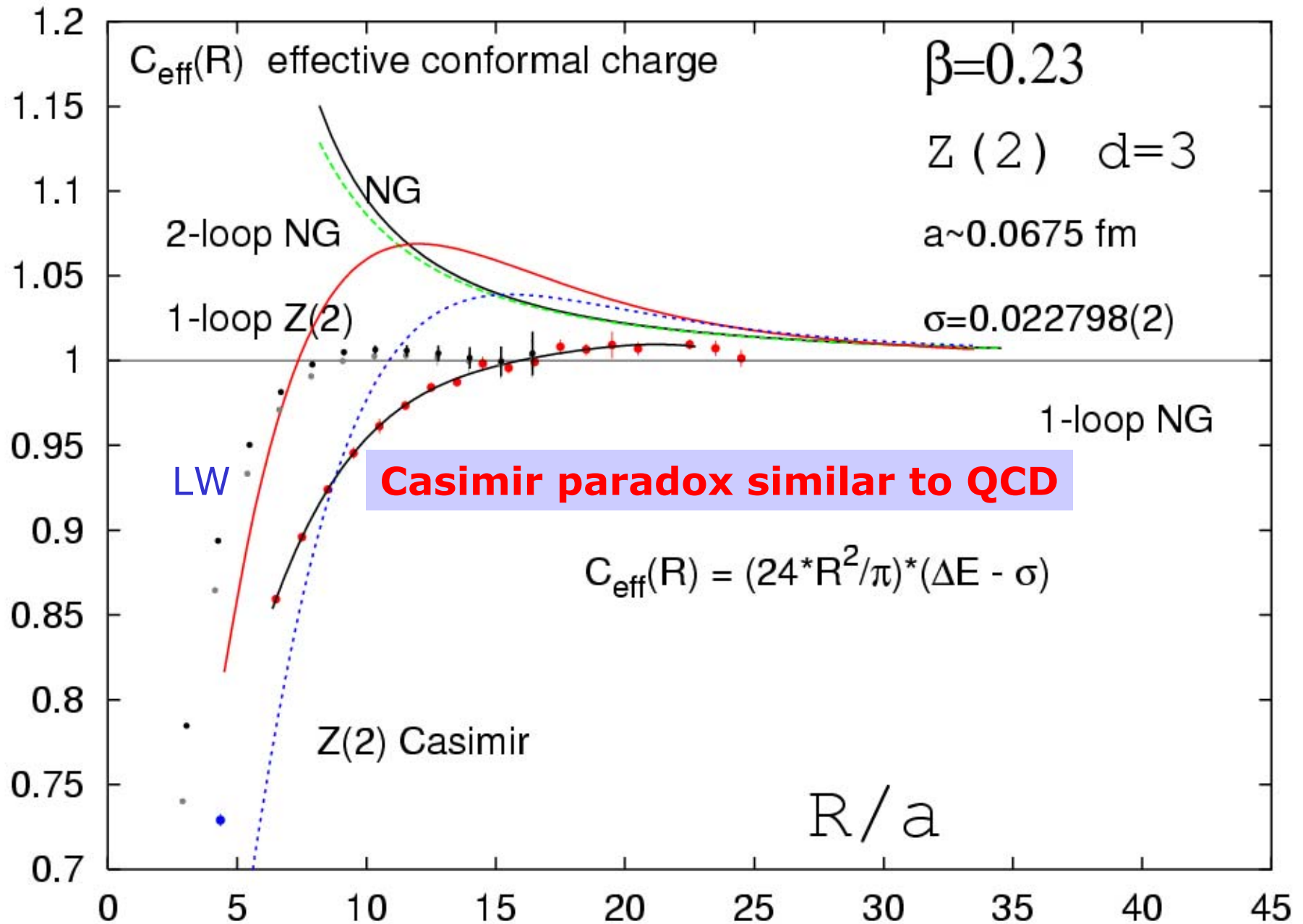








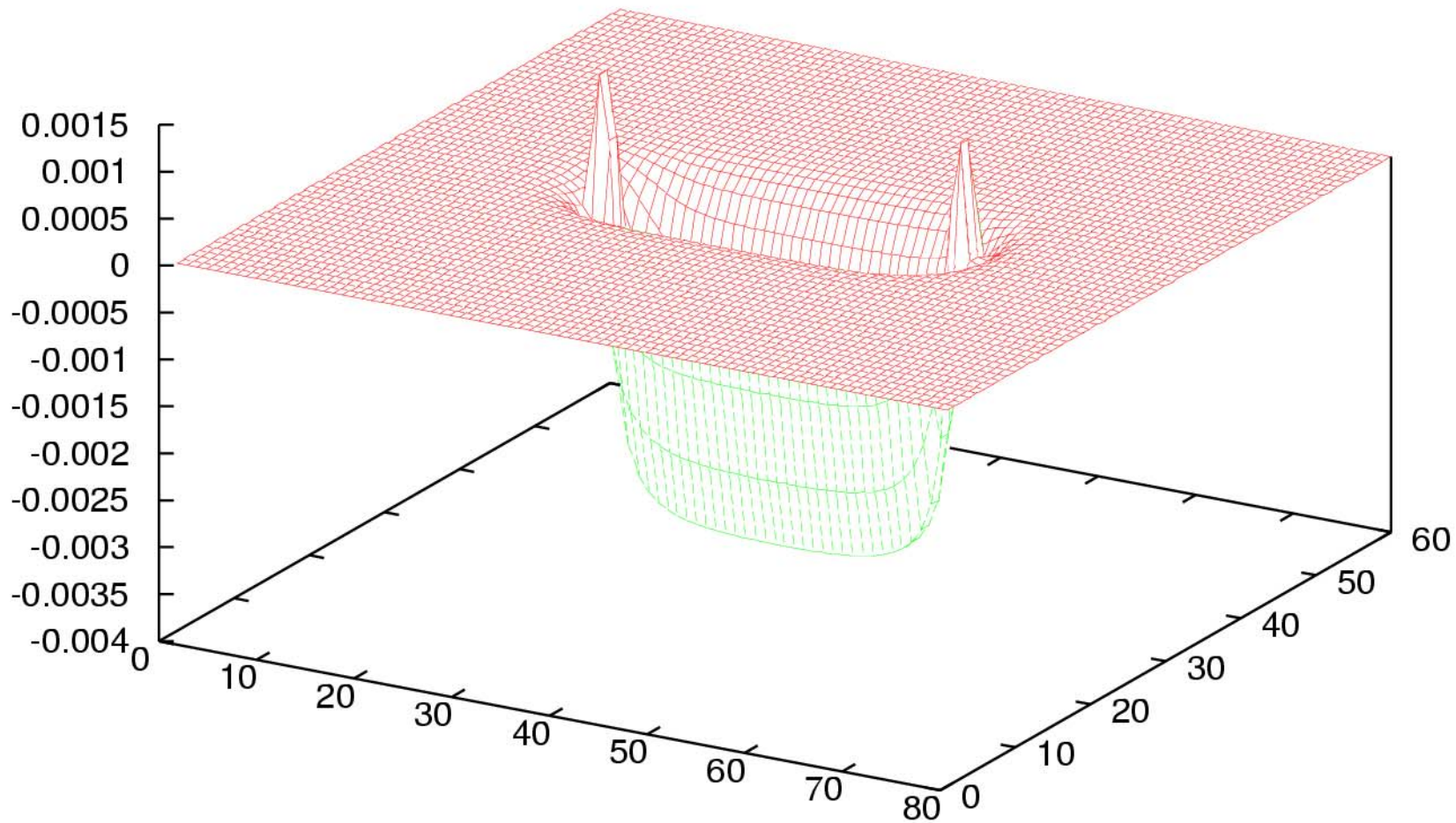
# Z(2) Casimir story





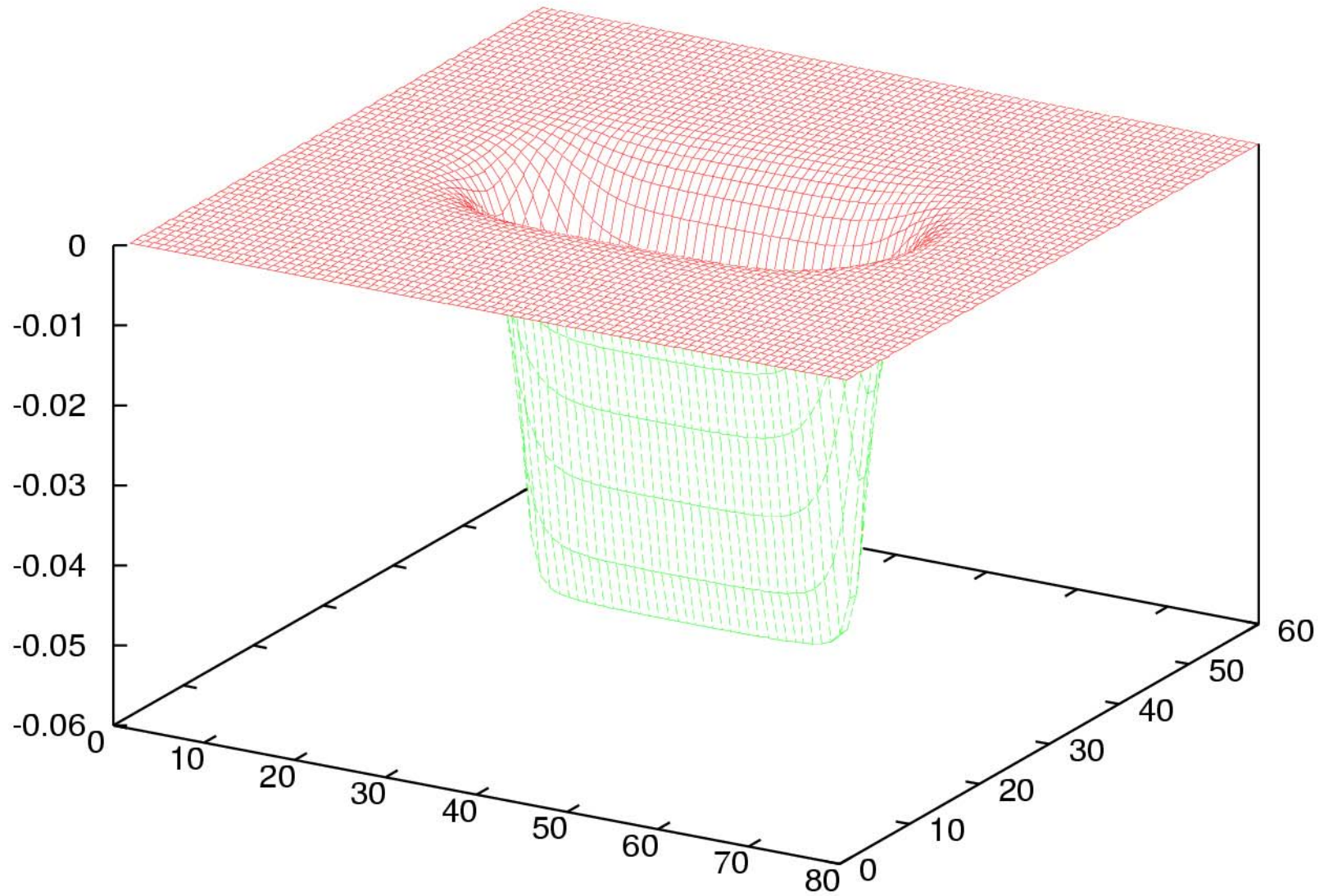
Casimir energy density

$R/a = 36$

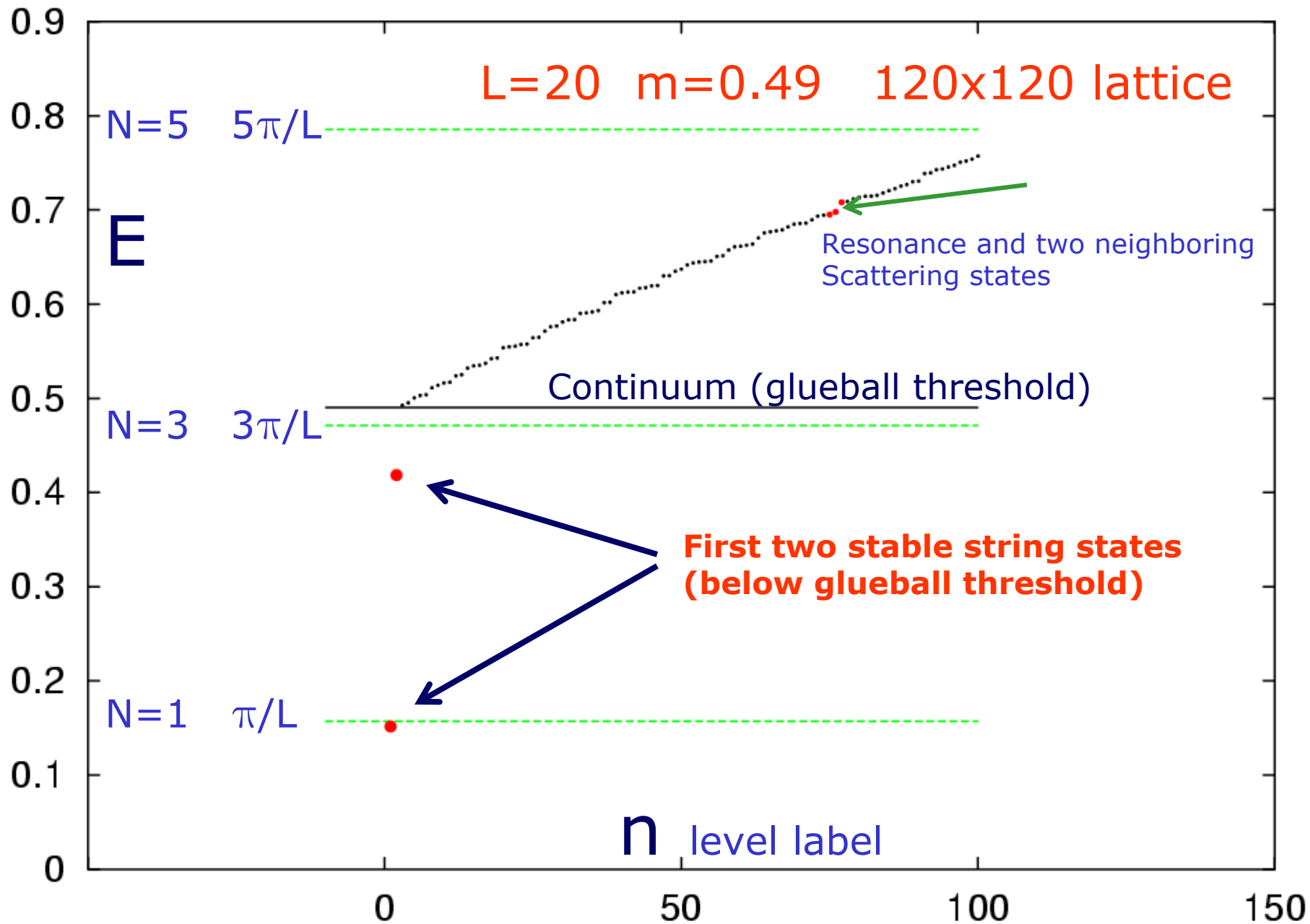


Casimir energy density of field oscillators

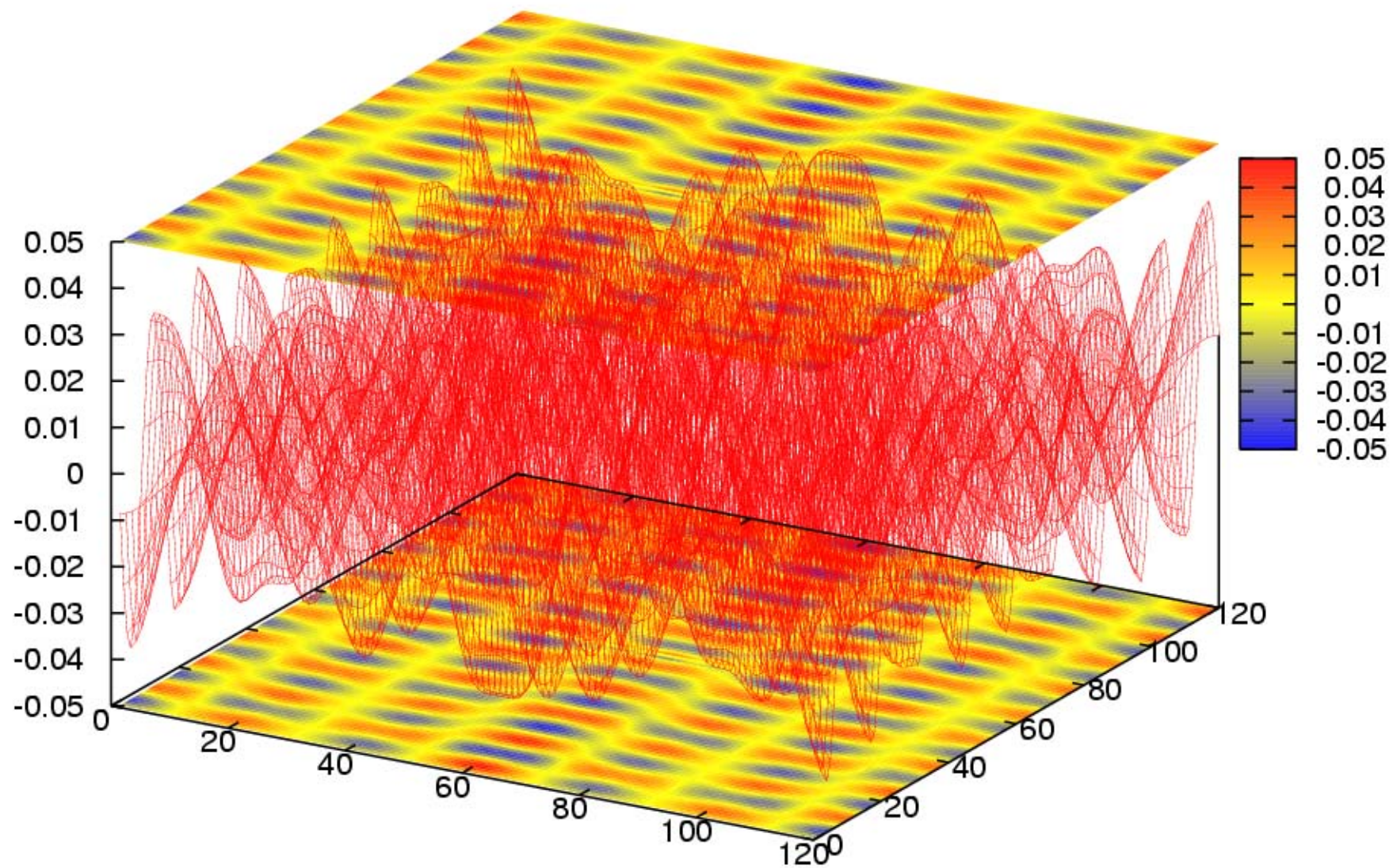
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First 100 energy levels in ( $P_x=+1$   $P_z=-1$ ) sector

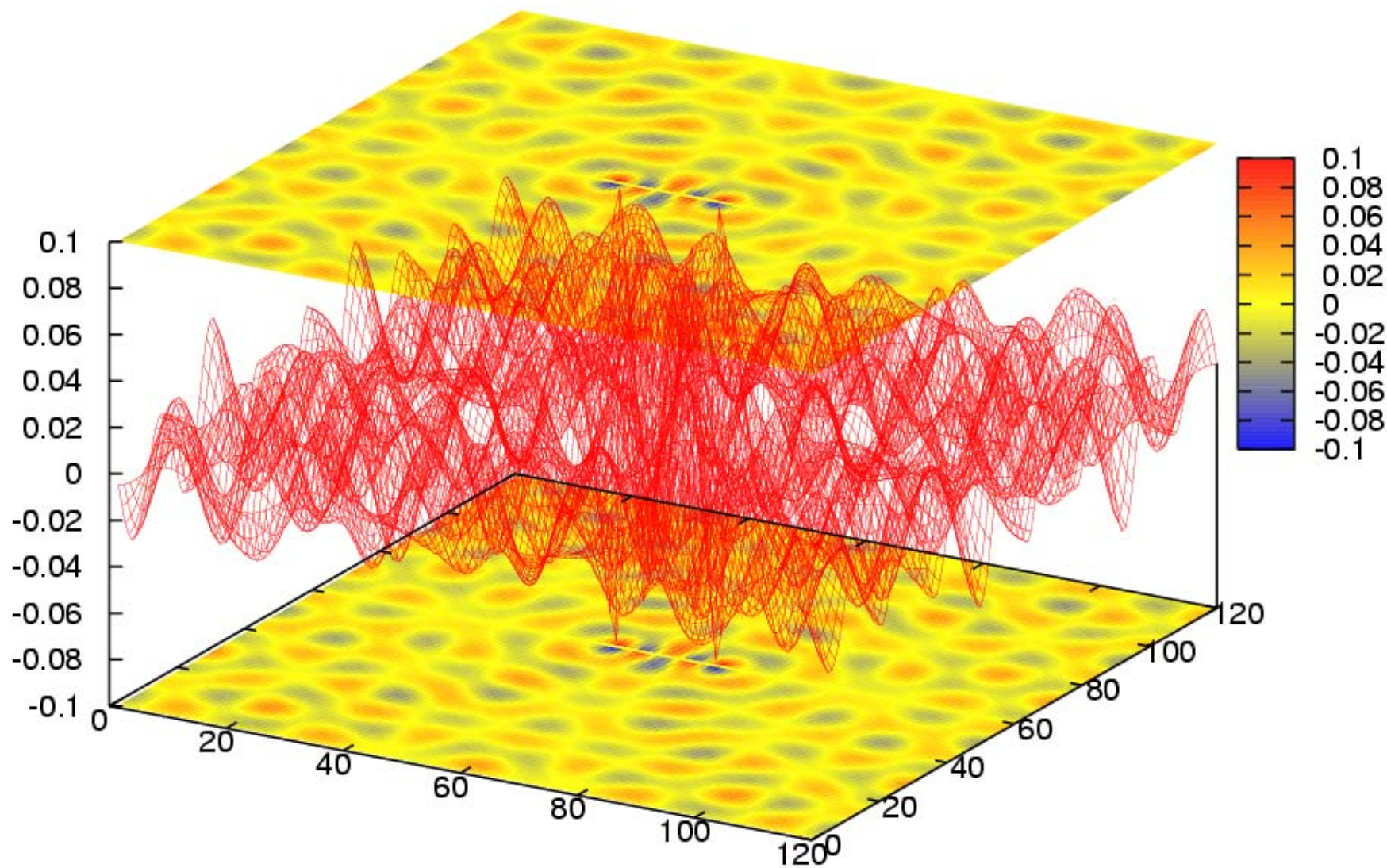


# $n=75$ ordinary scattering state

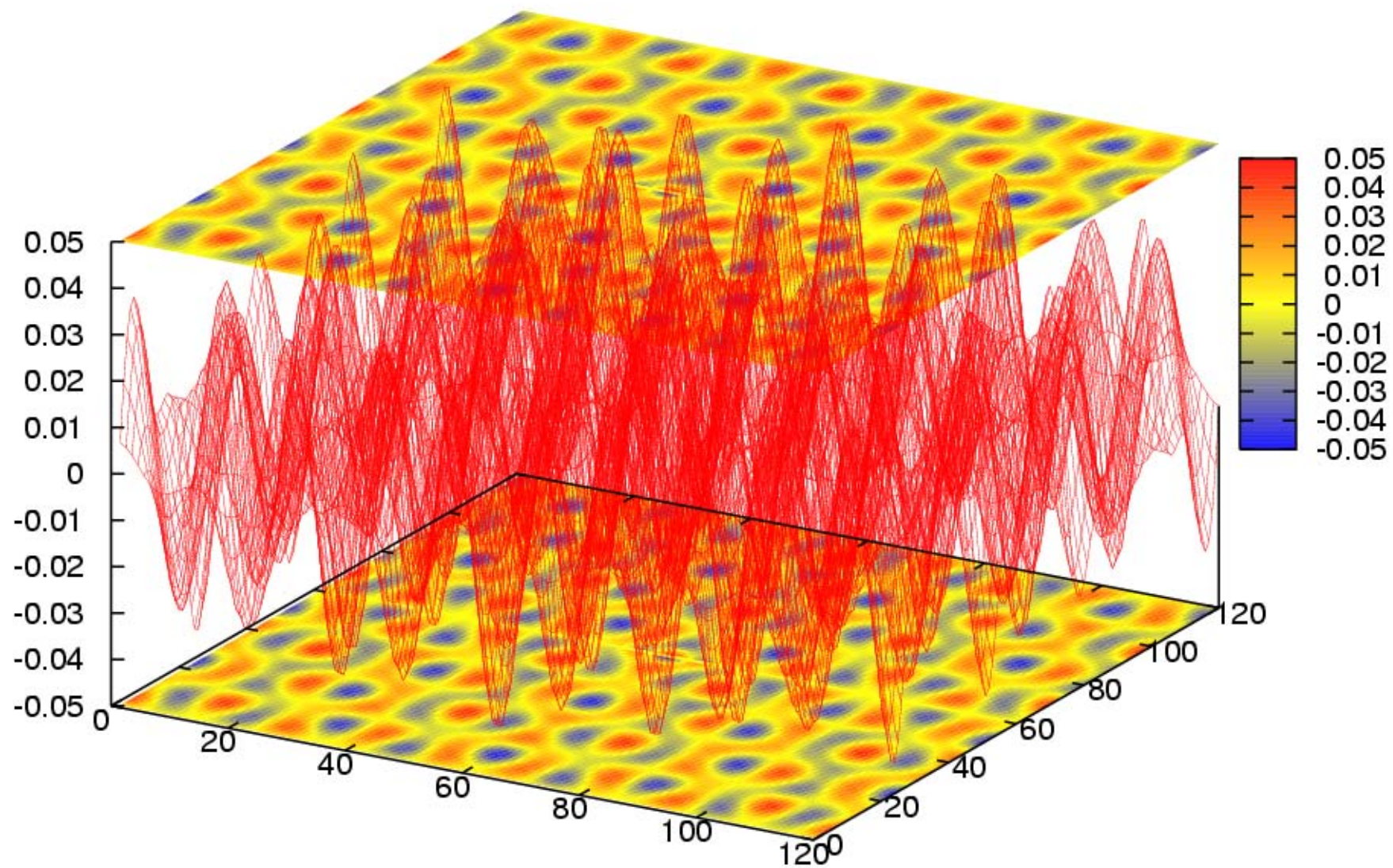


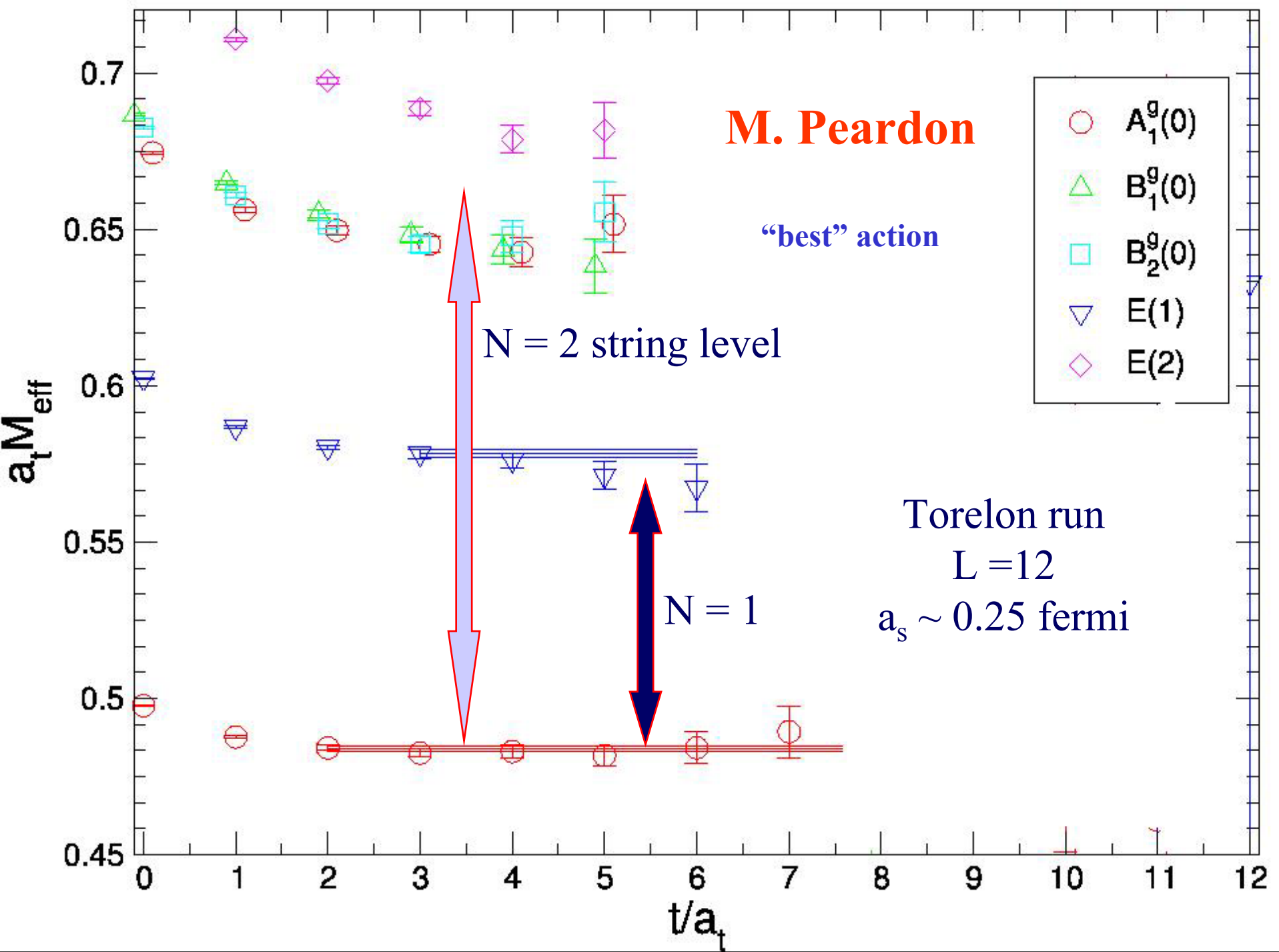
N=5 resonant string state

n=76 energy level



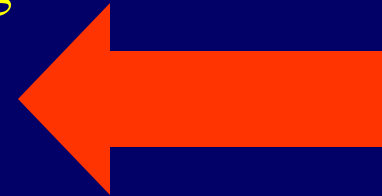
# $n=77$ ordinary scattering state





# Conclusions on QCD String Spectrum:

1. Formation of some bosonic QCD string
2. Fine structure in the string spectrum
3. Precocious onset of Casimir energy
4. Is the resonance spectrum the clue?
5. Progress on torelon spectrum
6. Effective low-energy string theory?  
Universality class of QCD string ?



**neither was  
seen before**

Peardon