



# probing the conformal window on the lattice

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#### <u>Is there an IR fixed point in SU(3) Nf=12 theory?</u>

Ishikawa, Iwasaki, Nakayama, Yoshie (phase structure, correlation fn.)

Appelquist, Fleming, Neil, M.Lin, Schaich (running coupling, mass spectrum)

Deuzeman, Lombardo, Pallante, Miura, da Silva (finite temperature)

Cheng, A. Hasenfratz, Petropoulos, Schaich (MCRG, phase structure, Dirac eigenmodes)

DeGrand (mass spectrum)

LatKMI (mass spectrum)

D.Lin, Ogawa, Ohki, Shintani (running coupling)

Fodor, Holland, Kuti, Nogradi, Schroeder, (running coupling, phase structure, spectrum)

Jin and Mawhinney (phase structure)

#### Slide adapted from E. Itou

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#### outline

- background
- the pre-conformal regime
- the conformal window



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- inside the conformal window



#### beta function and conformality

$$\beta(g) = -b_0 g^3 - b_1 g^5 + (\dots)$$

$$b_0 = \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \left( 11 - 2\frac{N_f}{3} \right), \qquad b_1 = \frac{1}{(16\pi^2)^2} \left( 102 - 38\frac{N_f}{3} \right)$$



# the T- $N_f$ phase diagram



# the $N_f - 1/g$ phase diagram



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### hunting a thermal transition



# a thermal transition with $N_f = 8$







A. Deuzeman, E. Pallante and M.P. Lombardo; Phys.Lett.B670 (2008)

#### opening the conformal window



J. Braun, H. Gies; JHEP 0606 024 (2006)

 $N_{f} = 6$ 0.7 Θ 2 x PBP 4 x Re[PLOOP] 0.6 Θ 0.5 Θ Ξ Θ 0.4 Θ Ξ 0.3 Ξ Ξ 0.2 0.1 ΘΘ 0 T: 3.5 3.75 4.25 4.5 5 5.25 5.5 4 4.75  $\beta_{L}$ 0.18 Cold Start +++ Hot Start +=+ 0.16 0.14 Θ 2 x PBP ۲ 0.12 Θ Ξ 0.1 Ŧ 0.08 Ē Ð 0.06 4.1 4 4.2 4.3 4.4  $\beta_L$ 

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 $N_{f} = 8$ 

#### opening the conformal window



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### opening the conformal window

- We would like to find a direct evidence of the singularity that opens the CW from  $\binom{T_C}{M}(N_f^*) = 0$ , where M is an UV scale that should disentangle the behavior in the IR.
- In the work above it was calculate at the plaquette scale with the help of the two-loop beta function.
- How can we define the UV scale directly from lattice measurements, without using perturbation theory?

# work in progress: $T_c/\sqrt{\sigma}$



Quantity serves as input for model building in Gauge/Gravity duality models. See, e.g., Gursoy et. al. arXiv:1006.5461

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#### evidences of conformality





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Phys.Rev.D82 (2010)

### a tale of two jumps

SU(3) with  $N_f = 12$  fundamental flavors

Tree level Symanzik + Naik improved action





#### a game of symmetries



#### signatures of the exotic phase



#### effect of improvement I



## effect of improvement

- The Transfer matrix of a Symanzik improved lattice gauge action is no longer Hermitean. (Luscher, Weisz 1984).
- The appearance of complex eigenvalues opens up the possibility of the emergence of new phases.
- Where and how these phases appear will depend on the specifics of the improvement being used.

# effect of improvement II

- In our specific case, the exotic phase will appear as a consequence of the competition between nearest and third nearest interactions introduced by Naik improvement.
- But this is a general feature of improved theories at strong coupling and such exotics may be observed by other groups using different actions (e.g. maybe the S<sup>4</sup> broken phase observed by A. Hasenfratz et al. ).
- Since our studies on chiral symmetry restoration were carried at weaker couplings these results are not affected by this exotic.

#### order of the transition



# work in progress

• New ensembles with  $N_f = 12, 16$  at volumes up to 32x32 are under study.

Study of the eigenvalues and update on the study of the spectrum.

# work in progress: mass dependence of eigenvalues



### work in progress: chirality



#### Smearing pushes eigenvalues to higher values and suppresses chirality

#### mass ratios



# the Edinburgh plot



#### conclusions and outlook

- Our results are consistent with an conformal window opening below  $N_f = 12$ .
- Improved lattice theories might develop exotic phases at strong coupling
- Final analysis on the way -> stay tuned!
- Thank you!



#### backup – CPB scaling

# backup – bulk $N_f = 16$



# backup – chi\_U(1)



## backup - improvement

Consider the free lattice fermion propagator:

$$S_F(p)^{-1} = \sum_{\mu} i\gamma_{\mu} \left(\frac{9}{8}\sin p_{\mu} - \frac{1}{24}\sin 3p_{\mu}\right)$$

- Contributions from the interacting theory can modify the coefficients of each sine term.
- In particular, a change in the sign of the second term will induce imaginary poles and ghosts and signal the emergence of the exotic phase.

## backup - improvement

 Baryon number density will receive contributions from nearest and third nearest interactions:

$$n(\mu) = \frac{d}{d\mu} \log Z(\mu) = n_1(\mu) + n_3(\mu)$$

- Baryon number conservation at  $\mu = 0$  can be realized with  $n_1 = n_3 = 0$  or with  $n_1 = -n_3 \neq 0$ .
- At strong coupling, when third nearest interactions become relevant, the second realization is possible. A non-zero value of n<sub>1</sub>(μ) allows for both an oscillation term in the PS correlator and the time asymmetry in all correlators.

# backup I – eigenvalue distribution

Eigenvalues distribution,  $N_f = 16$ ,  $\beta = 3.300$ , 100 first eigenvalues



#### backup II – cooling effect on

eigenvalues



# backup - relation to chiral condensate

