

# Strong Interactions for the LHC

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# Outline

- Dynamical Electroweak Symmetry Breaking (DEWSB)
  - *Wasn't technicolor ruled out more than a decade ago?*
- The Conformal Window of  $SU(N)$  Yang-Mills Theories
- Lattice Strong Dynamics for the LHC

# Brief History of Electroweak Symmetry

- **1967:** S. Weinberg publishes the electroweak (EW) sector of the standard model.
  - He speculated that it might be renormalizable.
  - The paper was completely ignored for four years.
- **1971:** G. 't Hooft proves renormalizability of EW theory.
  - Now, Weinberg's 1967 paper most-cited in SPIRES.
- **Mid 1970's:** Growing appreciation of the hierarchy problem for the standard model Higgs boson:
  - **Technical naturalness:** New physics should appear at the TeV scale to explain why Higgs is so much lighter than the Planck/GUT scale: SUSY, ...
- **1976–9:** S. Weinberg describes dynamical electroweak symmetry breaking (DEWSB), dubbed *technicolor* (TC) by L. Susskind, obviated the need for a scalar Higgs field.

## General features of DEWSB

- Dynamical Electroweak Symmetry Breaking (DEWSB) signals new strong interactions.
- New strong sector has several general features at TeV scale:
  - Spontaneously broken global chiral symmetry producing at least three Nambu-Goldstone Bosons (NGB's) “eaten” to become longitudinal  $W$ ,  $Z$  bosons.
  - Any extra pseudo-NGB's (PNGB's) are massive (like kaons).
  - Additional resonances expected (e.g. vector mesons).
- Many possible gauge groups, colors, flavors, representations.
- Additional extended technicolor (ETC) fields and interactions are needed to describe how fermions get their masses.
  - Effectively generated by  $(\bar{Q}Q)(\bar{q}q)/\Lambda_{\text{ETC}}^2$ .
- A scaled-up copy of QCD has all the ingredients, but ...

# Wasn't technicolor ruled out more than a decade ago?

Aren't flavor-changing neutral currents (FCNC's) too large?

- **NO**, if TC generates modestly enhanced condensates
- In extended technicolor (ETC)<sup>1</sup>, masses and FCNC's from

$$\text{Masses : } \frac{(\overline{Q}Q)(\overline{q}q)}{\Lambda_{\text{ETC}}^2} \quad \text{FCNC's : } \frac{(\overline{q}q)(\overline{q}q)}{\Lambda_{\text{ETC}}^2}$$

- For current limits on FCNC's involving strange quarks

$$\Lambda_{\text{ETC}} \gtrsim 1000 \text{ TeV}$$

- So, the natural scale for strange quark mass in ETC

$$m_s \sim \langle \overline{Q}Q \rangle / \Lambda_{\text{ETC}}^2$$

- In QCD  $\langle \overline{\psi}\psi \rangle \sim (3f_\pi)^3$ , so in QCD-like TC ( $v \sim 250 \text{ MeV}$ )

$$\langle \overline{Q}Q \rangle \sim (3v)^3 \sim (750 \text{ GeV})^3 \implies m_s \sim 0.4 \text{ MeV}$$

- Enhancement of about  $4\times$  is sufficient

$$\langle \overline{\psi}\psi \rangle \gtrsim (12f_\pi)^3 \implies m_s \sim 27 \text{ MeV}$$

<sup>1</sup>T. Appelquist, M. Piai, R. Shrock, Phys. Rev. D **69**,105002 (2004)

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Aren't precision electroweak constraints violated?

- **NO**, unless TC is QCD-like and ...
- The  $S$  parameter<sup>2</sup> is a *one-loop* EW radiative correction
 
$$\Pi_{LR}^{\mu\nu}(q) = ig^{\mu\nu} \Pi_{LR}(q^2) + \dots \equiv \int d^4x e^{-iqx} \langle J_L^\mu(x) J_R^\nu(0) \rangle$$

$$S \equiv -4\pi \lim_{q^2 \rightarrow 0} \frac{d}{dq^2} \Pi_{LR}(q^2)$$
- Naively counts d.o.f. connecting left and right EW currents
 

Naive TC estimate :  $S \simeq 0.3 \left[ \frac{N_{TC} N_{TF}}{2} \right]$
- $\chi$ PT  $\bar{\ell}_5$  (or  $\bar{L}_{10}$ )<sup>3</sup> leads to better estimate of  $S$  in QCD-like TC and  $2.6 \sigma$  discrepancy with experiment [Fri. N. Yamada]
 
$$S_{\text{QCD-like}} \approx 0.42 \quad S_{\text{expt}} \approx -0.07(19) \quad m_H^{\text{ref}} = 117 \text{ GeV}$$
- For larger  $N_{TF}$  chiral symmetry is unbroken and  $S$  is zero.  
How reliable is naive  $N_{TF}$  dependence?

<sup>2</sup>M. Pepsin and T. Takeuchi, Phys. Rev. D **46**, 381 (1992)

<sup>3</sup>E. Shintani *et al.*, arXiv:0806.4222 [hep-lat].

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## The Bottom Line

- **FCNC's:** ETC models indicate TC should produce enhanced condensates:  $\langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle \gtrsim (12f_\pi)^3$ . This is incompatible with QCD-like TC.
- **The  $S$  Parameter:** Currently, about  $2.5 \sigma$  tension between experiment and QCD-like TC. Could disfavor QCD-like TC *or* could indicate higher-order effects are important.
- **Bottom line:** So much is known about QCD, it's easy to argue against QCD-like TC. For other TC theories, so little is known that model-building becomes a baroque exercise based on conjecture and too many free parameters.
- **Our Challenge:** Can we find new confining gauge theories whose properties are sufficiently different from QCD?

## Using LGT to study new strong interactions

- Lattice gauge theory (LGT) can identify vector-like, asymptotically-free theories with the general features needed for DEWSB.
- QCD  $SU(3)$ ,  $N_f = 2$  is best (only?) understood example theory. Small changes in number of colors/flavors should be similar.
- Larger number of flavors, *etc.* may exhibit novel phenomena: approximately conformal behavior, *i.e.* “walking”.
- Walking behavior is conjectured to enhance UV contributions to condensates.
- Changing the color representation of fermions may also exhibit walking due to the increased number of fermionic d.o.f. To date, no higher rep. ETC models have been constructed.
- Current lattice methods are optimized for study of QCD. Will novel phenomena require new methods?



# Flavor dependence of $SU(3)$ Yang-Mills

- The running coupling  $g$  of QCD is characterized by two important features: **asymptotic freedom** ( $g \rightarrow 0$  in the UV) and **confinement** ( $g \rightarrow \infty$  in the IR.)
- These properties are strongly dependent on the number of fermion flavors,  $N_f$ :

	Short-distance (UV)	Long-distance (IR)
$0 < N_f < N_f^c$	Free ( $g \rightarrow 0$ )	Confined ( $g \rightarrow \infty$ )
$N_f^c < N_f < 16.5$	Free ( $g \rightarrow 0$ )	Fixed point ( $g \rightarrow g^*$ )
$N_f > 16.5$	Divergent ( $g \rightarrow \infty$ )	Trivial ( $g \rightarrow 0$ )

- Theories in the first row are useful for DEWSB model-building.
- The second row defines the **conformal window**.
- Pert. theory is unreliable near bottom of conformal window.  
 $N_f^c$  must be computed non-perturbatively.

# Analytic guesstimates of $N_f^c$ in SU(3) Yang-Mills

- Original two-loop beta function<sup>4</sup>:  $N_f^c > 8.05$
- Two-loop ladder gap equation<sup>5</sup>:  $N_f^c = 11.9 \dots$
- Instanton-driven  $\chi$ SB<sup>6</sup>:  $N_f^c \gtrsim 11.1$
- Conjectured thermal inequality bound<sup>7</sup>:  $N_f^c \leq 11.9 \dots$
- Conjectured superconvergence of gluon prop.<sup>8</sup>:  $N_f^c \geq 9.75$
- There are several more estimates [see writeup]. By a large margin, the majority suggest  $8 < N_f^c < 12$ .
- **Caution:** All these estimates are strongly influenced by two-loop perturbation theory, but the bottom of the conformal window is where the IRFP coupling should be largest.

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<sup>4</sup>W. E. Caswell, Phys. Rev. Lett. **33**, 244 (1974)

<sup>5</sup>Appelquist, Terning, Wijewardhana, Phys. Rev. Lett. **77**, 1214 (1996)

<sup>6</sup>T. Appelquist and S. Selipsky, Phys. Lett. B **400**, 364 (1997)

<sup>7</sup>T. Appelquist, A. Cohen, M. Schmaltz, Phys. Rev. D **60**, 045003 (1999)

<sup>8</sup>E. Gardi and G. Grunberg, JHEP **03**, 024 (1999)

## Prior LGT estimates for $N_f^c$ in SU(3) Yang-Mills

- Starting with Kogut *et al.*<sup>9</sup>, many studies done through the 1980's and early 1990's that are generally inconclusive.
- Iwasaki *et al.*<sup>10</sup> predicted  $6 < N_f^c < 7$  using Wilson fermions based on absence of Goldstone modes in strong coupling expansion and on relatively coarse lattices.
- Columbia<sup>11</sup> staggered  $N_f = 8$  calculation had strong evidence for confinement, but rendered inconclusive by bulk transition.
- Damgaard *et al.*<sup>12</sup> had evidence of confinement (!) for staggered  $N_f = 16$  correctly associated with a bulk transition.
- Heller<sup>13</sup> at Lattice '97 clearly showed staggered  $N_f = 16$  backward flow from strong UV coupling at bulk transition towards known weak IRFP. *No citations before Dec, 2007!*

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<sup>9</sup>Kogut, Polonyi, Wyld, Sinclair, Phys. Rev. Lett. **54**, 1475 (1985)

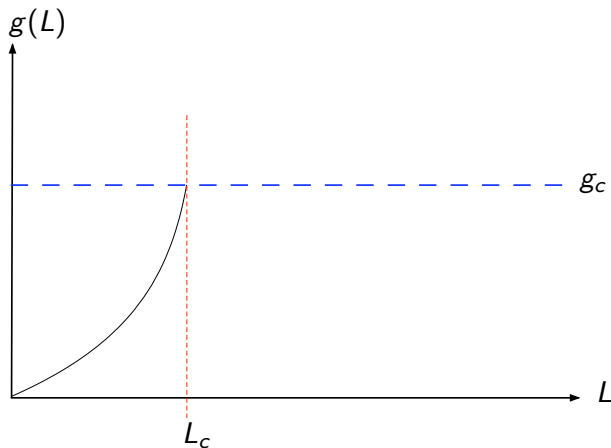
<sup>10</sup>Iwasaki *et al.*, Phys. Rev. D **69**, 014507 (2004)

<sup>11</sup>F. Brown *et al.*, Phys. Rev. D **46**, 5655 (1992)

<sup>12</sup>Damgaard, Heller, Krasnitz, Olesen, Phys. Lett. B **400**, 169 (1997)

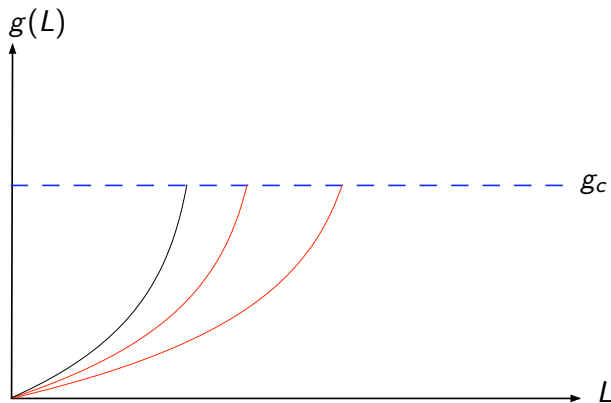
<sup>13</sup>U. M. Heller, Nucl. Phys. (Proc. Suppl.) **63**, 248 (1998)

# A cartoon of dynamical scales in $SU(N)$ Yang-Mills



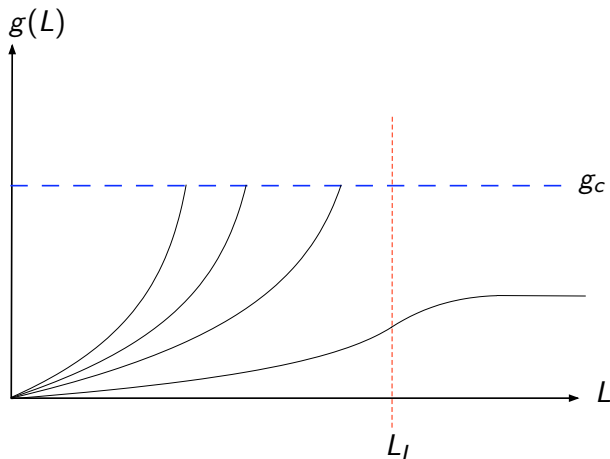
QCD is a one-scale theory where  $L_c$  is confinement scale.

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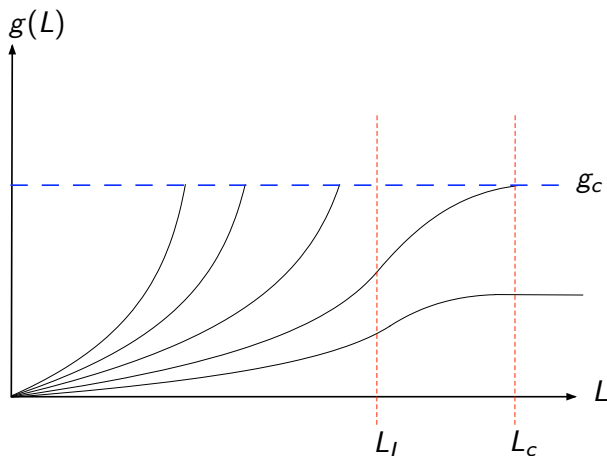
Increasing  $N_f$  pushes confinement scale to longer distances.

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For large  $N_f$  an appropriate scale is the inflection point  $L_I$ .

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A “walking” theory can have both scales  $L_I$  and  $L_C$ . Condensates are enhanced by modes between  $L_I$  and  $L_C$ <sup>a</sup>.

<sup>a</sup>Appelquist, Terning, Wijewardhana, Phys. Rev. D **44**, 871 (1991)

## Determining $N_f^c$ from the running coupling

- We have logically extended Heller's Lattice '97  $N_f = 16$  study to smaller  $N_f$  starting from existing MILC (v6) code.
- We continued with *unrooted* staggered fermions for reduced computational cost and ease of setting bare mass to zero.
  - $N_f = 4$ : Clearly in the confining phase<sup>14</sup>
  - $N_f = 8$ : presence of IRFP unknown
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<sup>14</sup>C. Sui, Ph.D. Thesis, Columbia U., 2001



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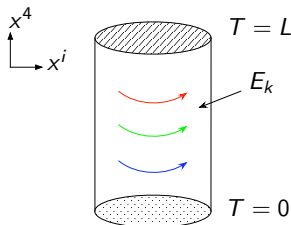
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Simulate here!

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# The Schrödinger Functional<sup>15</sup>



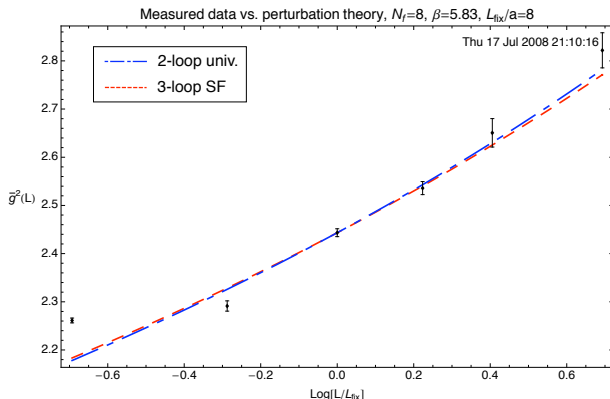
**Schrödinger Functional** simulations introduce Dirichlet boundaries in time; boundary gauge fields are chosen to give a constant chromoelectric background field. Boundary conditions enable simulations with massless fermions.

## Running coupling

The SF running coupling  $\bar{g}^2(L)$  is defined to vary inversely with the response of the action to the strength  $\eta$  of the background field,

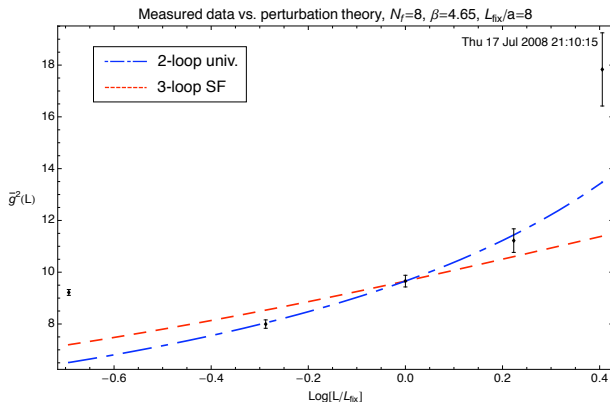
$$\frac{dS}{d\eta} = \frac{k}{\bar{g}^2(L)} \Big|_{\eta=0}$$

# The SF running coupling at fixed lattice spacing



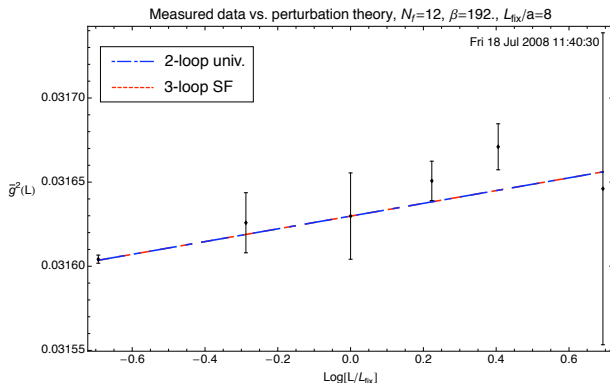
For  $N_f = 8$ , modest  $\beta = 5.83$ : agrees with 2,3-loop PT up to  $O(a/L)$  lattice artifacts.

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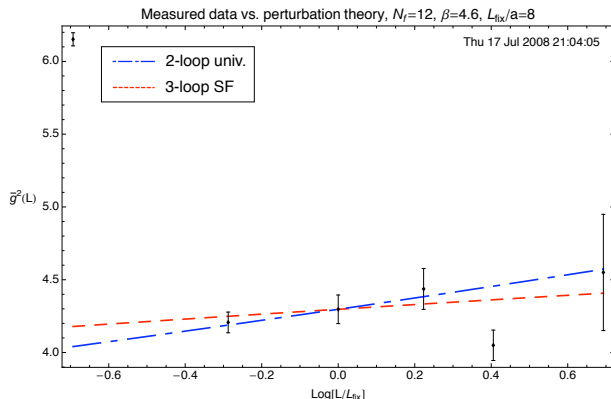
For  $N_f = 8$ , strong  $\beta = 4.65$ : outpaces PT. No obvious fixed point.

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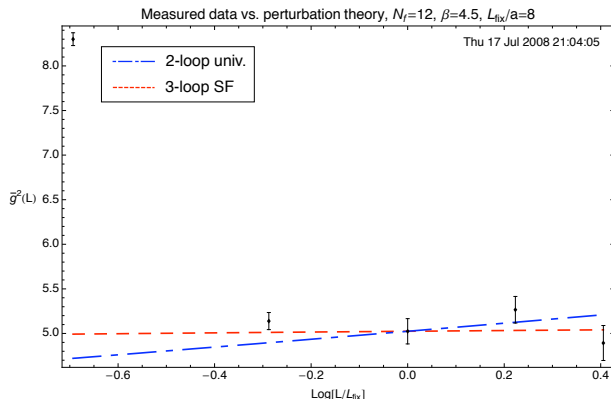
For  $N_f = 12$ , very weak  $\beta = 192.0$ : no one-loop artifacts.

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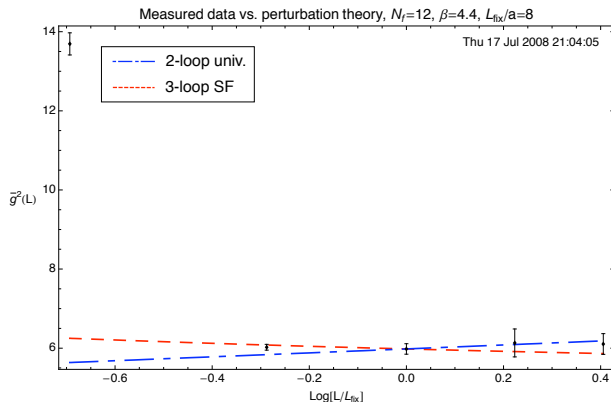
For  $N_f = 12$ ,  $\beta = 4.6$ : fixed point here?

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For  $N_f = 12$ ,  $\beta = 4.5$ : fixed point here?

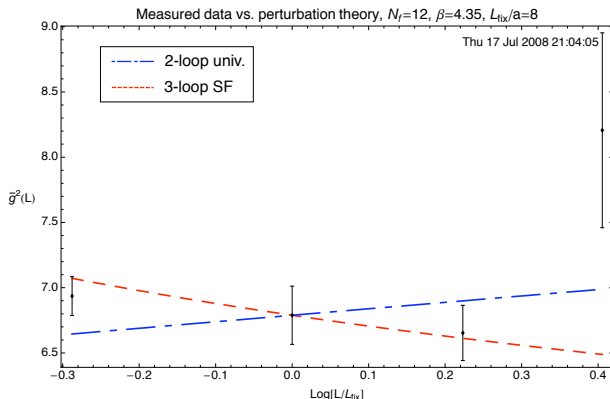
# The SF running coupling at fixed lattice spacing



For  $N_f = 12$ ,  $\beta = 4.4$ : fixed point here?



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For  $N_f = 12$ ,  $\beta = 4.35$ : or fixed point here?

## Extracting the continuum running coupling

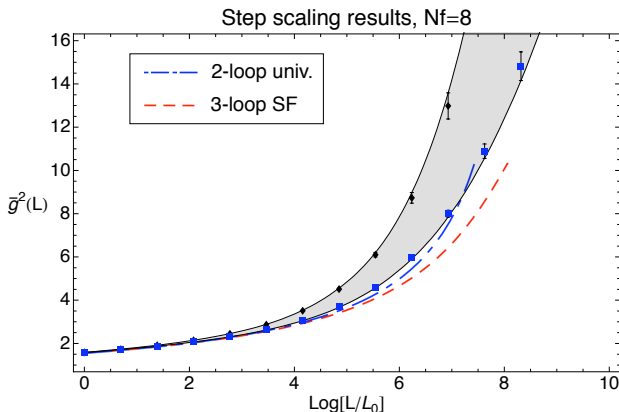
- The **Schrödinger Functional** coupling  $\bar{g}^2(L)$ , defined directly at the scale  $L$ , avoids introducing additional scales.
- In order to compute the evolution of  $\bar{g}^2(L)$ , we use the **step scaling** procedure to link together results of simulations at many different lattice spacings  $a$ . Calculate in discrete steps:  $\bar{g}^2(L) \rightarrow \bar{g}^2(2L) \rightarrow \dots$
- Conformal invariance means  $\bar{g}^2(L) = \bar{g}^2(2L)$ .
- Define the **step-scaling function**,

$$\Sigma(2, \bar{g}^2(L), a/L) \equiv \bar{g}^2(2L) + O(a/L)$$

The continuum limit  $\sigma(2, u) \equiv \lim_{a \rightarrow 0} \Sigma(2, u, a/L)$  is a discrete analogue of the beta function.

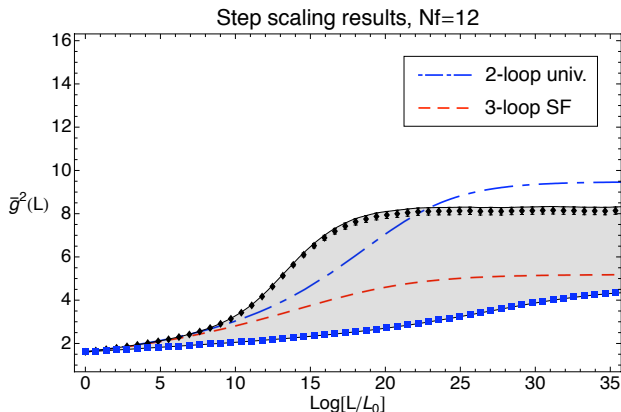
- $\bar{g}^2(L)$  will not be conformal at any finite lattice spacing due to  $O(a/L)$  terms.

# Results for $N_f = 8$ SU(3) Yang-Mills<sup>16</sup>



No evidence for an IR fixed point at  $N_f = 8$ .  
 Shaded area is systematic error of continuum extrapolation.

# Results for $N_f = 12$ SU(3) Yang-Mills<sup>17</sup>



The conformal window extends to  $N_f = 12$ .  
Running consistent with 3-loop PT in SF scheme.

<sup>17</sup> T. Appelquist, G. Fleming and E. Neil, Phys. Rev. Lett. **100**, 171607 (2008)

## Further studies of the conformal window

- Study of asqtad  $N_f = 8, 12$  finite temperature transition<sup>18</sup> [Tue. talks by Duezeman, Pallante]. Indications of a physical confined phase for  $N_f = 8$  and a bulk transition for  $N_f = 12$ .
- Columbia zero temperature spectrum study of staggered  $N_f = 8$  with DBW2 gauge action. Clear indications of confined spectrum properly scaling towards continuum limit. [Tue. talk by X. Jin]
- Study of staggered  $N_f = 8, 12$  eigenvalue distributions look quite similar and don't agree with RMT predictions. Need better predictions for distributions inside the conformal window. [Fri. talk by K. Holland]
- A promising new scheme was presented to compute the running coupling from Wilson loops in a finite box. Direct simulation at zero quark mass doesn't seem possible requiring chiral extrapolation. Quenched studies underway. [Thu. talks by Kurachi and Itou]

<sup>18</sup>Deuzeman, Lombardo, Pallante, arXiv:0804.2905 [hep-lat]

# Conformal windows for higher color representations

- More d.o.f. per flavor means  $N_f^c$  is smaller<sup>19</sup>
- $N_f = 2$  Wilson fermions in the **6** of  $SU(3)$  may have an IRFP<sup>20</sup> and a novel deconfined yet chirally-broken phase. Explorations continue. [Fri. talks by DeGrand and Svetitsky]
- Eigenvalue distributions of  $N_f = 2$  overlap fermions in the **6** of  $SU(3)$  were studied on small volumes at fixed zero topology. Do not fit RMT predictions for  $\chi$ SB.  $f_\pi$  not measured yet, so may not be in epsilon-regime. [Tue. talk by N3gr3di]
- Three groups are studying  $SU(2)$  with  $N_f = 2$  adjoint Wilson fermions<sup>21,22</sup> and producing consistent results. Clear evidence for bulk transition at  $\beta = 2$ . For  $\beta > 2$  vector mesons seem very light at small quark masses. Is it a finite volume effect? [Fri. talks by A. Patella and A. Hietanen]

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<sup>19</sup>F. Sannino and K. Tuominen, Phys. Rev. D **71**, 051901 (2005)

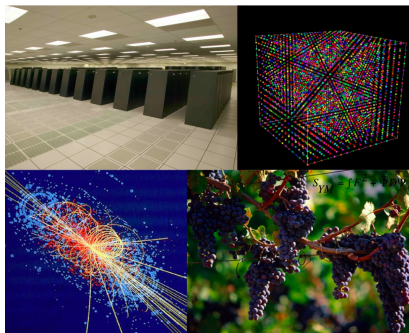
<sup>20</sup>Shamir, Svetitsky and DeGrand, arXiv:0803.1707 [hep-lat]

<sup>21</sup>Del Debbio, Patella and Pica, arXiv:0805.2058 [hep-lat]

<sup>22</sup>Catterall, Giedt, Sannino and Schneible, arXiv:0807.0792 [hep-lat]

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# The LHC is coming ...

- **Ten groups** presented calculations relevant to DEWSB at the LHC. Last year there were none. The excitement is apparently contagious.
- Predominantly, the effort is currently focused on finding the edge of the conformal window.
- First non-perturbative calculation of a (non-SUSY) IRFP for  $SU(3)$  with  $N_f = 12$  inside a conformal window, using Schrödinger functional running coupling. Confirmation by other methods in progress.
- Walking theories, with two dynamically generated scales, may live near the edge of the conformal window.
- **Challenge:** Current lattice methods optimized for QCD.  
*Which methods can be used to study a walking theory?*