

# Looking Behind\* the Standard Model

with Lattice Gauge Theory

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\* *BSM: Behind, Beyond, ... ?*

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The Higgs boson: not just another number to explain

## THE HIGGS BOSON — THEORISTS' *BÊTE NOIRE*

As a **fundamental** scalar: *unnatural*

$$m_H^2 = m_0^2 + \text{const} \cdot M_{\text{Pl}}^2$$

$(125 \text{ GeV})^2$  vs.  $(10^{19} \text{ GeV})^2$

Tamed by **supersymmetry**: quadratic divergence  $\implies$  log divergence  
but the **LHC** sees no superpartners

General approach to a “UV completion”:

- Make the Higgs (multiplet) emerge as **composite** states: integrals cut off by compositeness scale  $\Lambda \gtrsim 5 \text{ TeV}$  — but why is  $m_H \ll \Lambda$ ??
- The fundamental theory is an **asymptotically free** gauge theory with spin-1/2 matter  $\implies$  again, only log divergences

In general, **COMPOSITE STATES** emerge from **strong dynamics** —

⇒ enter **Lattice Gauge Theory**

Don't bite off too much:

- Look at a specific phenomenon
- ... in a class of model
- ... that explains something but not everything.

corresponding to modern phenomenology:\*

- Connect sub-LHC physics (e.g.  $m_H = 125 \text{ GeV}$ )
- ... to a super-LHC model ( $\Lambda \gtrsim 5 \text{ TeV}$ )
- ... without trying to explain everything.

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\*usually *without* a UV completion!

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Lattice gauge theory: *Beneath* the Standard Model

## THIS LECTURE:

Follows excellent reviews by

- C. Pica at Lattice 2016 [1701.07782](#)
- T. DeGrand in Rev. Mod. Phys. [1510.05018](#)
- D. Negradi and A. Patella IJMPA [1607.07638](#)

Covers recent work on

- Technicolor — “Dilatonic Higgs” (most of the recent lattice work)
- Higgs as a pseudo-Goldstone boson — “Composite Higgs”  
(time permitting)

Whatever the UV theory is, it's not QCD.

QCD's lightest scalar  $\sigma$  (or  $f_0$ ):

$$m_\sigma = 400\text{--}500 \text{ MeV}$$

vs. typical scale

$$m_\rho = 770 \text{ MeV},$$

and

$$\Gamma_\sigma = 400\text{--}700 \text{ MeV}$$

because of  $\sigma \rightarrow \pi\pi$ . But the Higgs boson:

$$m_H = 125 \text{ GeV} \ll \Lambda \gtrsim 5 \text{ TeV},$$

$$\Gamma_H = 4 \text{ MeV} \quad (\text{SM})$$

$$\lesssim 2\text{--}5 \text{ GeV} \quad (\text{expt})$$



## TECHNICOLOR:

Break the Standard Model's  $SU(2)_L \times U(1)$  dynamically, without a scalar field

Original prototype: a copy of QCD with  $\Lambda \sim f_\pi \sim v \simeq 245 \text{ GeV}$

- Chiral symmetry  $SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R \rightarrow SU(2)_V$
- ... leaving 3 Nambu–Goldstone bosons  $\pi^\pm, \pi^0$
- ... which get eaten to give mass to  $W^\pm, Z^0$ .

Only 3/4 of the Higgs multiplet:

**NO HIGGS PARTICLE**

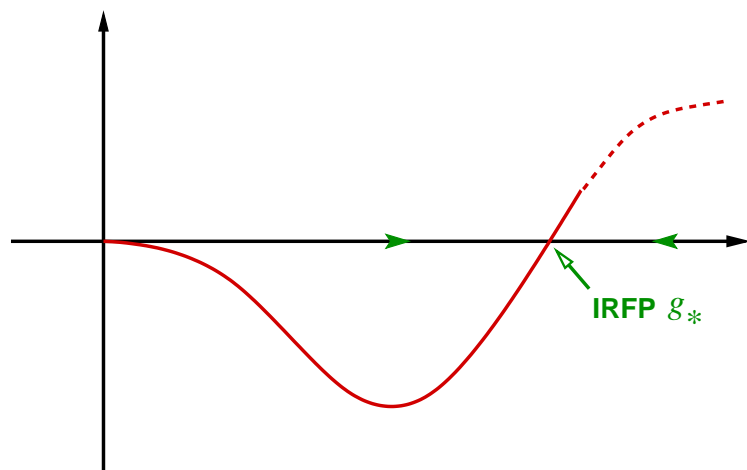
(like QCD!)

**Technicolor:**  
**Higgsless since 1976!**

For a light scalar — suppose **APPROXIMATE SCALE INVARIANCE**

In the **Conformal Window**:

$$N_f > N_f^*$$

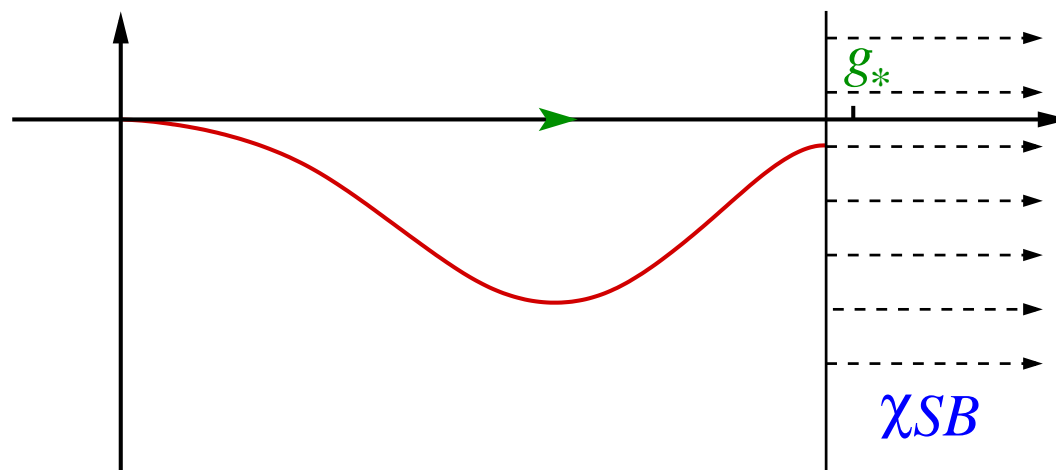


IR fixed point  $\Rightarrow$  scale invariance

Below the **sill**:

$$N_f \text{ slightly } < N_f^*$$

(“**WALKING** technicolor”)



*approximate* scale invariance

- Guess: **Light scalar** emerges as pseudo-Goldstone boson of approximate dilatation symmetry.  
 $\Rightarrow m_H$  is protected from UV, like any PGB (and Yukawa couplings  $\propto m_q$ )

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## ANSWERS:

1. It might not matter too much — as long as we confirm  $N_f < N_f^*$ .
2. Yes.

## FINDING $N_f^*$ — SU(3)/fund

2 loops:  $N_f^* = 8.05$

- $N_f = 4n$  popular because of staggered fermions\*
- $N_f = 12$  — a long-running controversy
- many approaches: scaling of spectrum, finite- $T$  transition, Dirac eigenvalues — point (mostly) towards conformality of  $N_f = 12$
- **Danger:** *slow* running (spontaneous  $\chi$ SB) is very similar to *no* running (fixed point)
  - possible fixed point at IR scale  $L$  would be at strong coupling  
slow (or no) running  $\implies$  strong coupling at scale  $a$  as well,  
i.e. far from continuum limit in UV
- **RG** was born for this purpose — compare  $L_1$  to  $L_2$  and obtain  $\beta$  fn
- no scale  $\Lambda$  ( $1/L < \Lambda < 1/a$ )  $\implies$  everything is a function of  $a/L$   
 $\implies$  continuum extrap equivalent to  $L \rightarrow \infty$

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\*watch for taste breaking

## LATEST on $N_f = 12$ — $\beta$ function from gradient flow

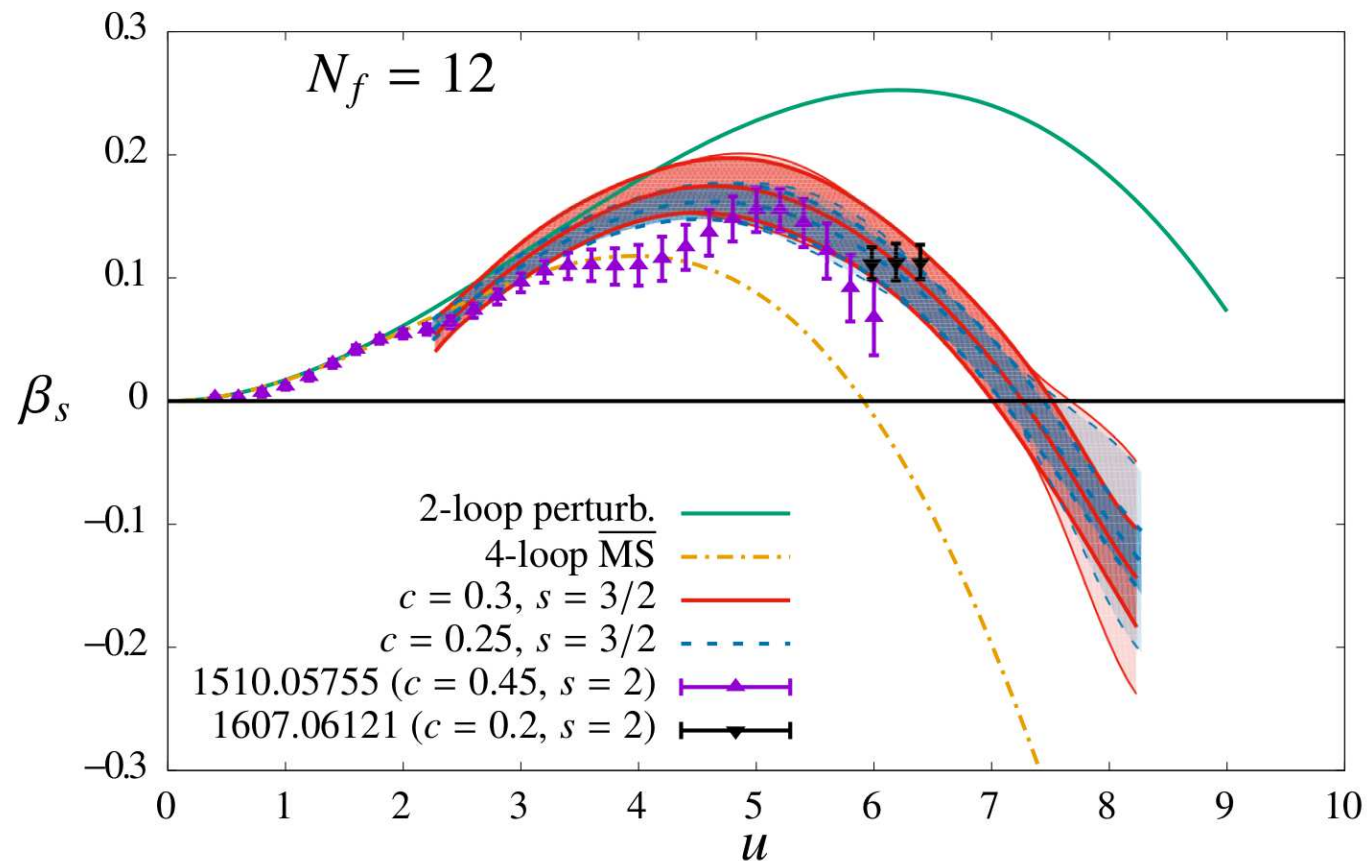
(Hasenfratz & Schaich 1610.10004, LatHiggs Fodor *et al.* 1607.06121,  
Lin, Ogawa, Ramos 1510.05755)

- **Existence** (or not) of fixed point  $g_*$  is universal
- **Location** is not. Neither is the  $\beta$  function.
  - Varies with **scheme** for defining  $g$ : Schrödinger functional vs. gradient flow; parameter  $c$  in gradient flow

$$g_{\text{GF}}^2 = \frac{128\pi^2}{3(N^2 - 1)} \langle t^2 E(t) \rangle \quad \text{at scale} \quad \sqrt{8t} = cL$$

- **Shouldn't** depend on: discretization/improvement of action (extrap.  $a \rightarrow 0$ ); disc./imp. of  $E$ ; scale factor  $s \equiv L_2/L_1$

**FIXED POINT** from Hasenfratz & Schaich, consistent with previous work,  
but go to stronger couplings (nHYP action)



- The controversy continues (recent LatHiggs)...

[Note  $N_f = 10$  is conformal (Chiu 1603.08854 DWF)]



## DOES $N_f = 8$ DELIVER THE GOODS?

(LSD Appelquist *et al.* 1601.04027 + recent)

(LatKMI Y. Aoki *et al.* 1610.07011)

Recall two-loops:  $N_f^* = 8.05$ . The claim is that  $N_f = 8$  **walks**.

Study  $m_f$  dependence of various quantities:

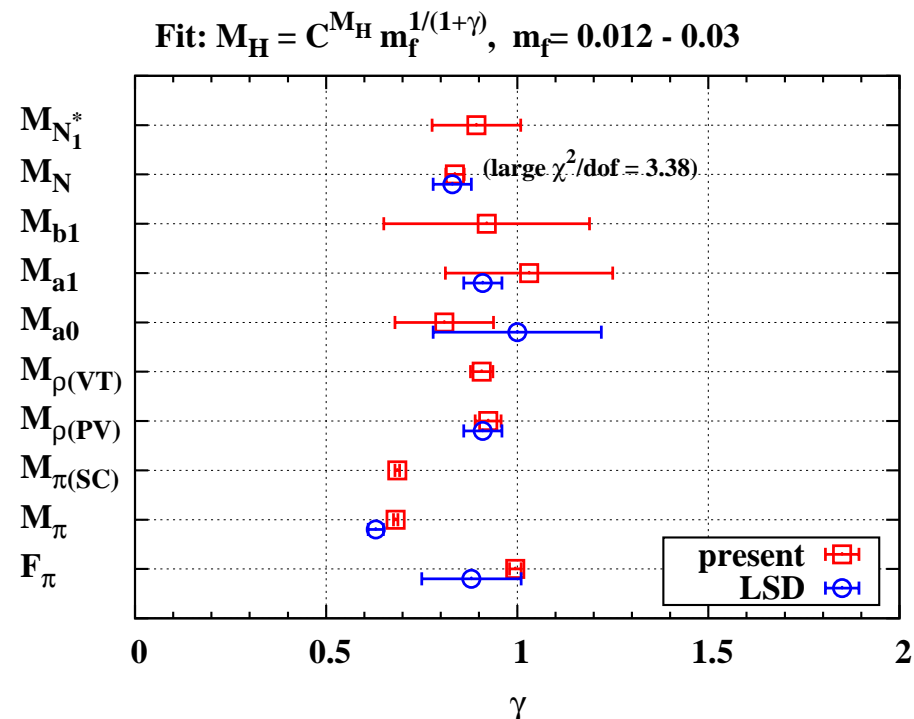
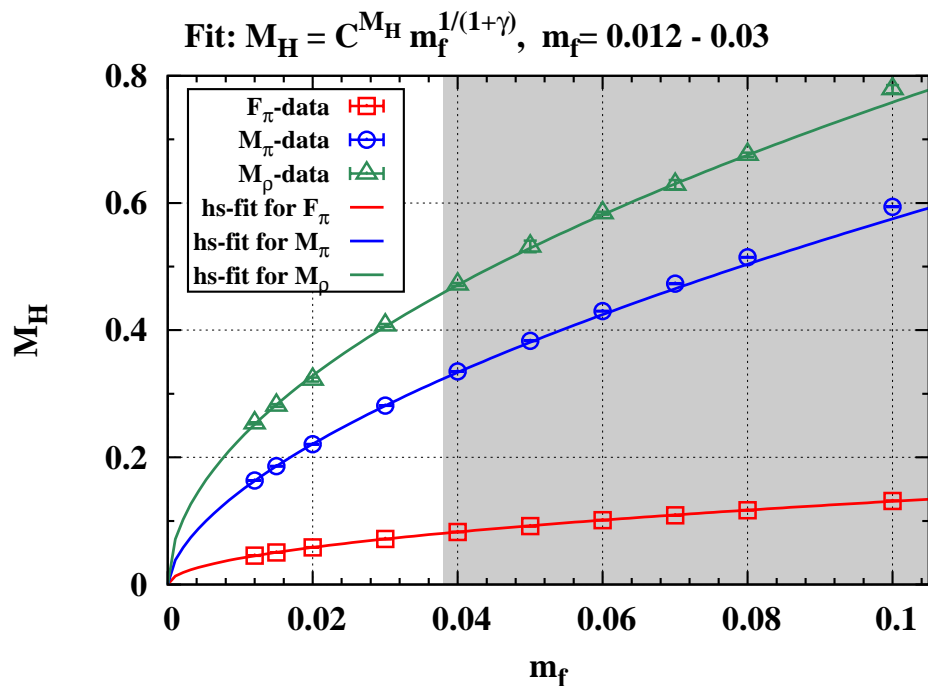
- As  $m_f \rightarrow 0$ , find  $\chi$ SB:  $f_\pi \rightarrow \text{const}$  and massless  $\pi$
- Hyperscaling of all masses (*except the  $\pi$* ) for a large range of  $m_f$ :

$$M_H \sim m_f^{1/(1+\gamma)}, \quad \gamma \simeq 1$$

$\implies$  nearby fixed point

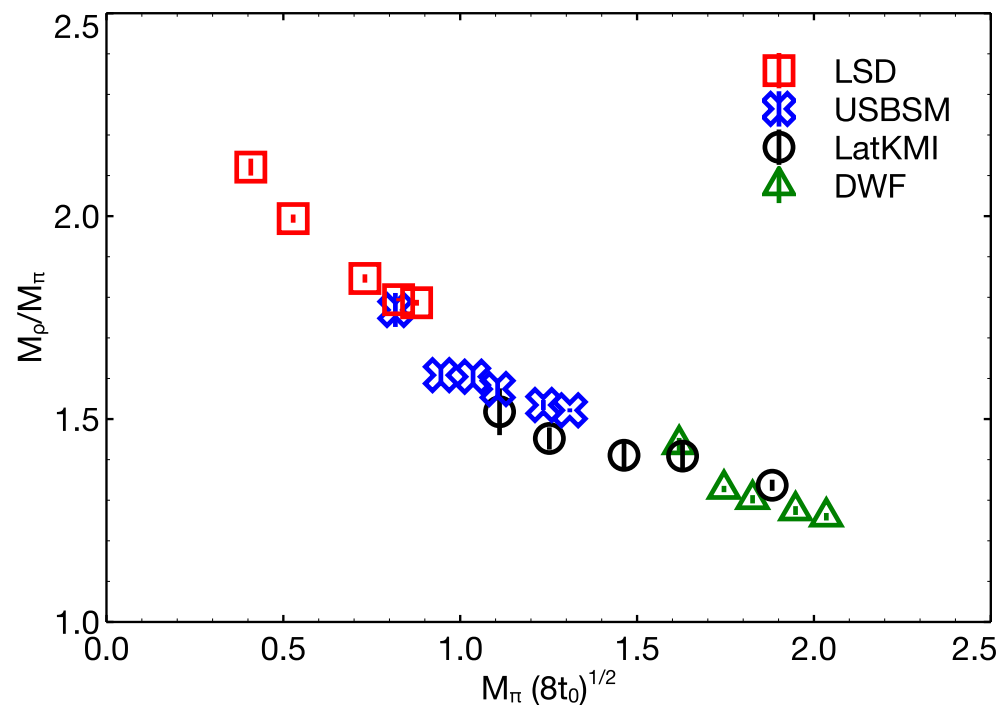
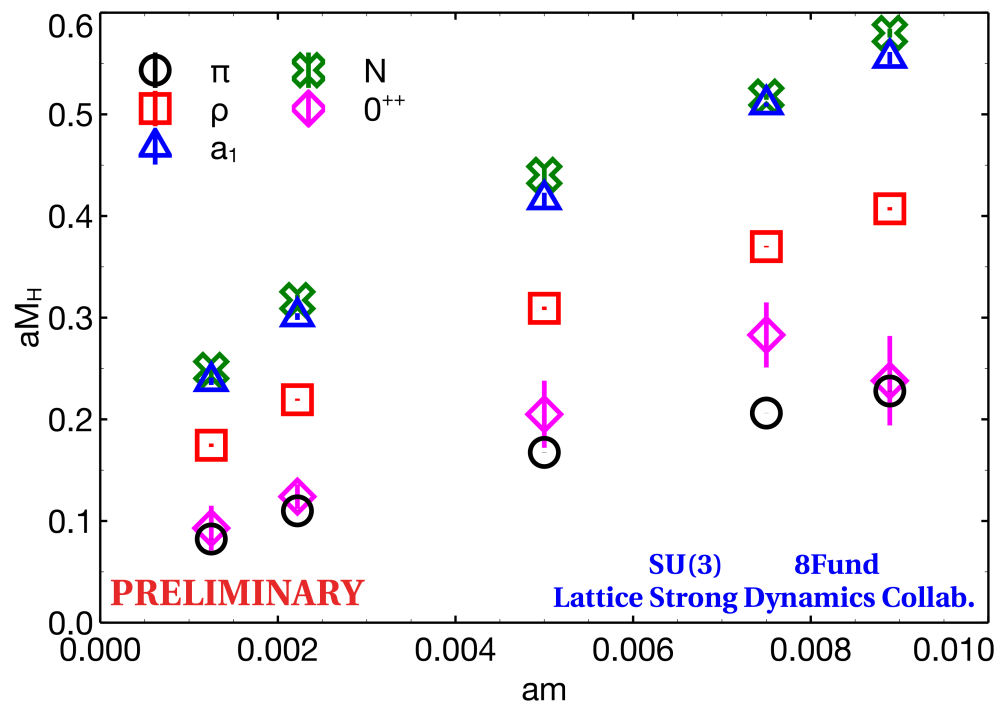
- Light scalar — degenerate with  $\pi$  over large range of  $m_f$   
As  $m_\pi \rightarrow 0$ , where does the scalar end up?

# HYPERSCALING — LatKMI [cf. LSD 1405.4752 (DWF)]



- Exponent  $\gamma$  common to all hadrons except  $\pi$  (and  $\sigma$ )
- Note: single value of  $\beta = 6/g_0^2$  — not the same thing as a single lattice spacing

# LIGHT SCALAR — updated LSD (D. Schaich)



- $M_\pi \rightarrow 0$  with  $m_f$
- So far,  $m_\sigma \simeq m_\pi$
- Edinburgh plot:  $M_\rho$  stays finite as  $M_\pi \rightarrow 0$ :  $\chi$ SB
- LSD's min  $M_\pi \ll$  LatKMI, older work

## FORCING A THEORY TO WALK: $N_f = 4\ell + 8h$

$N_f = 8$  has 63 Goldstone bosons. 3 are eaten. 36 are neutral under EW interactions! (&  $S$  parameter ...)

⇒ Give them a mass *explicitly*, but preserve near-conformality. Example:

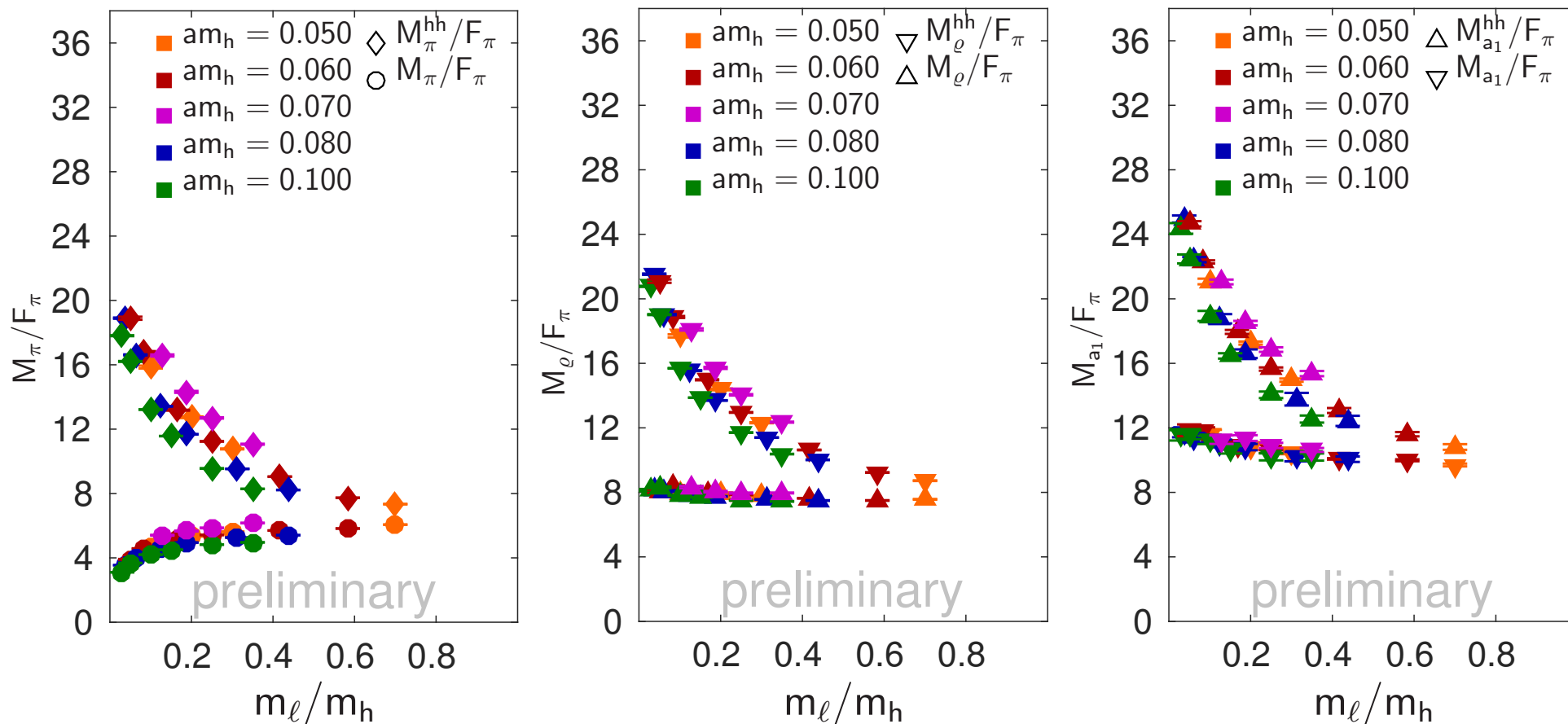
(Hasenfratz, Rebbi, Witzel 1609.01401 + recent,  
following Brower *et al.* 1512.02576)

- SU(3) with  $N_f = 12$ , nearly conformal at scale  $\Lambda$ .
- Lift 8 flavors with  $m_h < \Lambda$ .
- Low-energy theory sees 4 flavors with  $m_\ell \rightarrow 0$ .
- Appeal to near-conformality to give light Higgs as above.

**Note**  $m_h$  has to come from somewhere.

Extra Goldstones ( $N_f = 4$ ) still have to go somewhere. Better for *composite Higgs* (Ma & Cacciapaglia).

# HYPERSCALING in $N_f = 4\ell + 8h - 0$ . Witzel (updated)



- Mass ratios depend only on ratio  $m_\ell/m_h$ , even for  $hh$  mesons;  $\beta$  is irrelevant. Light  $\pi \Rightarrow \chi$ SB,  $m_\sigma \simeq m_\pi$  (not shown).

IS THE LIGHT SCALAR A (pseudo-)DILATON? Compare to effective action.

Dilatation current  $S_\mu = x_\nu T_{\mu\nu}$  is anomalous,

$$\partial_\mu S_\mu = T_{\mu\mu} = -\frac{\beta(g^2)}{4g^2} F^2 - (1 + \gamma_m) m \bar{\psi} \psi$$

⇒ partially conserved if  $m$  and  $\beta(g^2(\Lambda))$  are small.

- **Conceptual question:** What is the unperturbed theory? If  $\beta = m = 0$  then the theory is conformal, *i.e.*, there are **no GB's!**
- Cf. broken chiral symmetry:  $m_\pi^2 f_\pi^2 = m_q \langle \bar{\psi} \psi \rangle$ , expansion around  $m_q = 0$ .

⇒ Construct an **effective action** for SSB of chiral & dilatation symmetries

(Golterman & Shamir 1603.04575, 1610.01752)

$$p^2/\Lambda^2 \sim m/\Lambda \sim 1/N_c \sim |N_f - N_f^*|/N_c \sim \delta$$

## Dilaton action

$$\mathcal{L}_\tau = \frac{f_\tau^2}{2} V_\tau(\tau) e^{2\tau} (\partial_\mu \tau)^2 + f_\tau^2 B_\tau V_d(\tau) e^{4\tau} + \text{coupling to } \pi$$

Expand potential  $V_d = \sum c_n \tau^n$ ,  $c_n = O(\delta^n)$ : fix constants (including  $m_\tau$ ) from correlators in gauge theory.

See also: Kasai, Okumura, Suzuki 1609.02264; Golterman & Shamir 1611.04275

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Fit to LSD  $SU(3)/N_f = 8$  data

(Appelquist, Ingoldby, Piai 1702.04410)

- Not  $\mathcal{L}_\tau$  above but *ad hoc* dilaton potential

$$V_1 = \frac{m_\tau^2}{8f_\tau^2} (\chi^2 - f_\tau^2)^2, \quad \chi \equiv f_\tau e^\tau$$

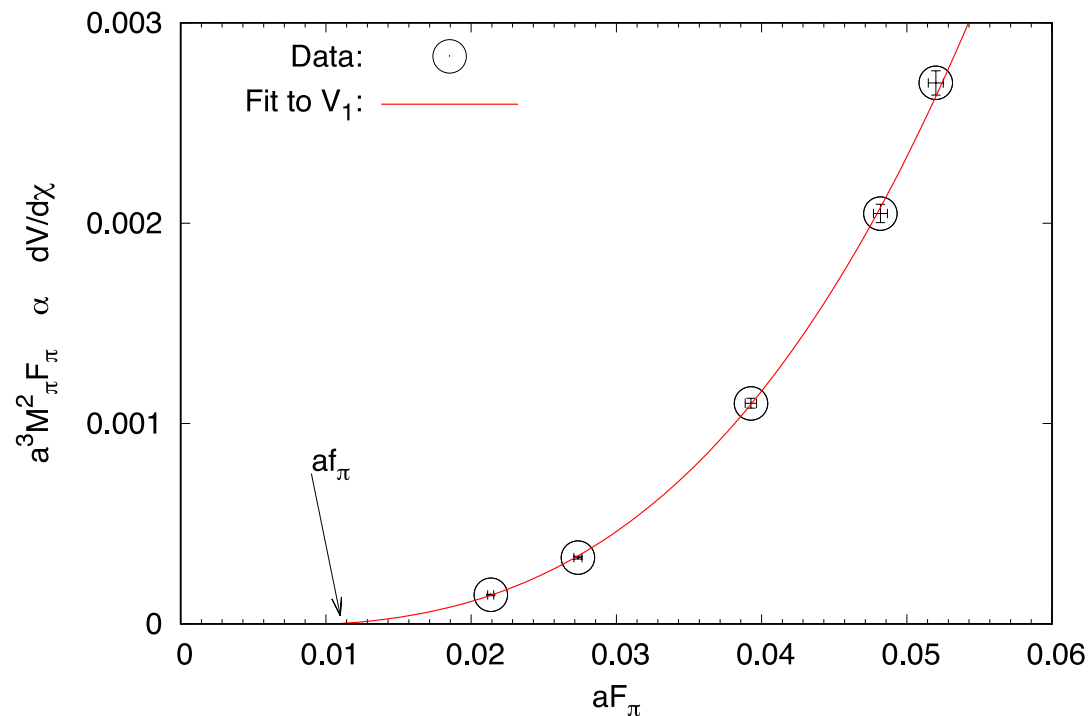
- Fit to LO  $\mathcal{L}_\tau$  is indistinguishable.

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- $F_\pi$  has substantial  $m$  dependence, due to dilaton. Successful fit (in lattice units) shows how  $v \sim F_\pi$  might be  $\ll \Lambda$ :





## SIMILAR PHYSICS in OTHER GAUGE THEORIES

- $SU(2)/\text{fund}$ ,  $N_f = 8$  — in the conformal window

*Leino et al.* 1701.04666

- $SU(2)/\text{adj}$ ,  $N_f = 1, 2$  — straddling the sill

*Athenodorou et al.* 1605.04298; *Bergner et al.* 1610.01576

- $SU(2)/\text{adj}$ ,  $N_f = 2 + \text{NJL}$  — induce walking with NJL term

*Rantaharju, Pica, Sannino* 1704.03977

- $SU(3)/\text{sextet}$ ,  $N_f = 2$  — may walk, with light Higgs

*Fodor et al.* 1506.06599, 1601.03302 (staggered)

*Hansen, Drach, Pica* 1705.11010 (unimp. Wilson)

**OTHER ISSUES:** anomalous dimension  $\gamma_m$ , precision tests (e.g.  $S$  parameter)

## COMPOSITE HIGGS

(Georgi & Kaplan 1984)

- **Hypercolor** theory (with scale  $f \gg v$ ) has spontaneous symmetry breaking with  $SU(2)_L \times U(1)$  *unbroken*.  
Higgs multiplet  $h \subset$  Goldstone bosons so  $m_h = 0$  and in fact  $V(h) = 0$

- Couple to gauge bosons/fermions of SM, generate

$$V_{\text{eff}}(h) = \alpha \cos(2h/f) - \beta \sin^2(2h/f)$$

1st term:  $\alpha = -\frac{1}{2}(3g^2 + g'^2)C_{LR} + \text{top loops}^*$

2nd term:  $\beta = \text{top loops}^*$

- If  $\alpha + 2\beta > 0$  then  $h = 0$  is unstable,  $v = \sqrt{2} \langle h \rangle$  given by  
 $\cos(\sqrt{2}v/f) = -\alpha/(2\beta) \implies (v/f)^2 \approx 1 + \alpha/(2\beta)$
- $C_{LR} = \# \int_0^\infty dq^2 q^2 \Pi_{LR}(q^2) = \text{current correlator}$

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\* Golterman & Shamir, in preparation

## REALISTIC MODELS

Narrowed down by [Ferretti & Karateev 1312.5330](#) to add  
the possibility of **PARTIALLY COMPOSITE TOP QUARK**.



([Kaplan 1991](#))



For example:

$SU(4)$  gauge theory with **sextet** fermions  — a **real** representation.

**5 Majorana** fermions give the global symmetry  $SU(5) \rightarrow SO(5)$   
— a good embedding for the Higgs multiplet

For a **top partner**, add **fund rep** fermions  (**3** × Dirac)

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**Note:** Technicolor is *silent* on the top quark — much too heavy for ETC

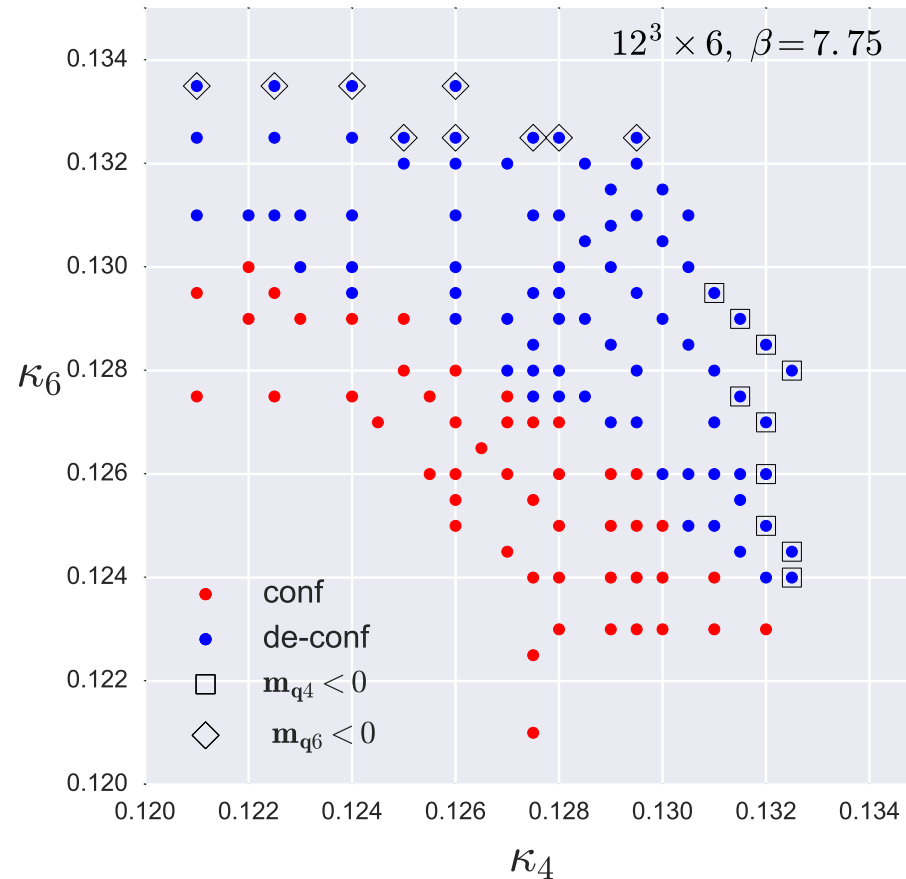
# CURRENT WORK on Composite Higgs / Partially Composite Top



TACO (DeGrand et al.):  $SU(4)$  gauge with  $\{N_f = 2 \times 6 \text{ and } 2 \times 4\}$

— on the way to The Real Thing:  $\{5 \times 6 \text{ (Majorana) and } 3 \times 4\}$

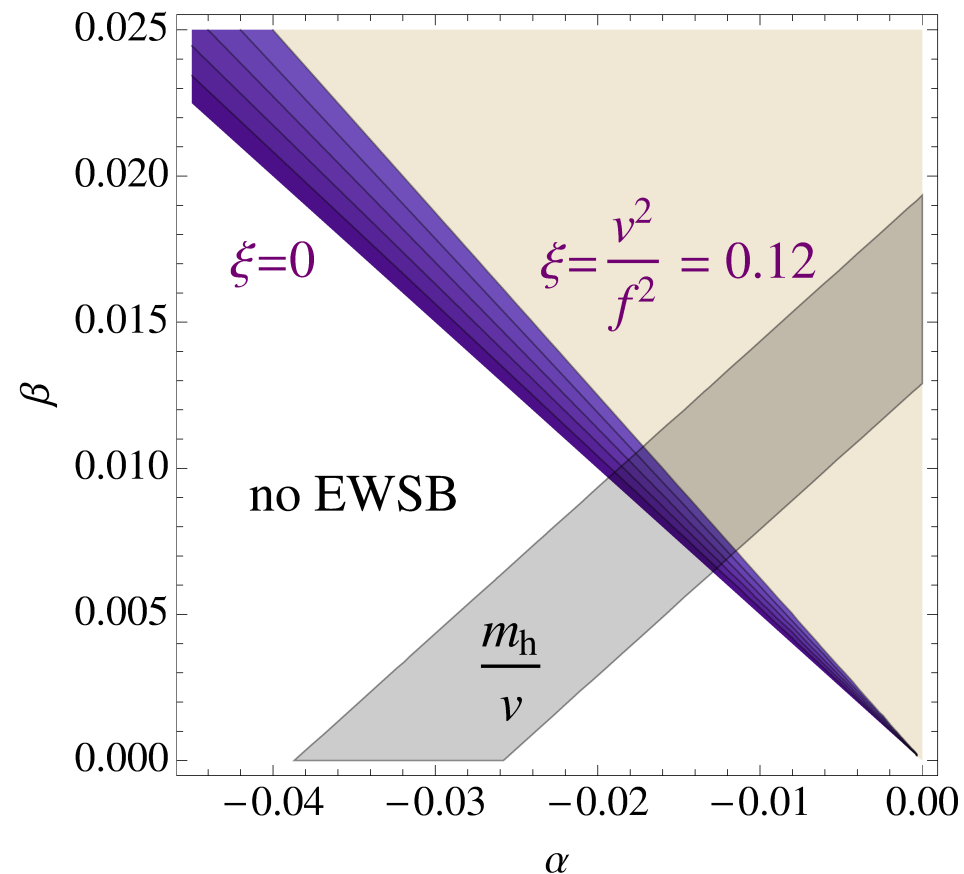
(V. Ayyar)



LHC CONSTRAINTS listed by Del Debbio, Englert, Zwicky 1703.06064

⇒ E.g., Higgs potential  $V_{\text{eff}}(h) = \alpha \cos(2h/f) - \beta \sin^2(2h/f)$  constrained by

- $\alpha + 2\beta > 0$  for SSB
- $8(2\beta - \alpha) = m_h^2/v^2$   
Higgs mass
- Future limits on exotic  
Goldstone bosons



N.B. *Problems with the model:* e.g., coupling of extra Goldstone fields to Higgs field

## SUMMARY

### TECHNICOLOR

1. Looking for the sill of the conformal window —  $SU(3) : N_f^* < 12 ?$
2. Looking for *walking* just below the sill ( $N_f = 8$ )  
... or *forcing* a conformal theory to walk ( $N_f = 4\ell + 8h$ )
3. Checking that this yields a light ( $m_h > 0!$ ), dilatonic Higgs — via low-energy effective action

### COMPOSITE HIGGS & partially composite top

1. Many opportunities for lattice in calculating low-energy constants  
( $SU(4) + 2$  reps)
2. Constraints from LHC data may be premature — models aren't perfect

