Chiral Symmetry Breaking and Confinement: separating the scales

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Introduction

Gauge theories are the only renormalizable theories of force we know.

Perturbative theories have UV poles (caveat the possibility of asymptotic safety with scalars)

Asymptotically free theories have strong coupling in the IR but are well defined

We still know relatively little about the "periodic table" of SCGTs...

Are they mostly like QCD: entry to strong coupling, chiral symmetry breaking and confinement all happen together at one scale.

Are these scales generically or occasionally separated?

Strongly Coupled BSM (with Erdmenger & Porod)

The ideas I present emerged from BSM logic and studying SCGT that underly composite higgs models using holography. Eg. Sp(4) gauge theory with 4 fundamentals and 6 sextet quarks....

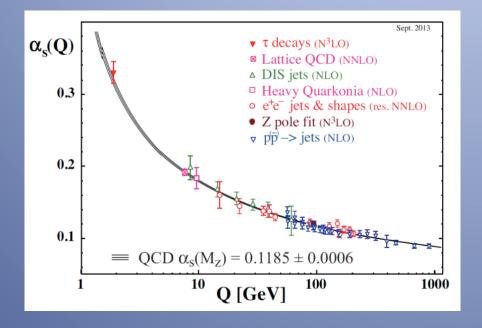
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$f_{\pi A_2}$	0.120	0.120	0.103	0.1453(12)	
$f_{\pi F}$	0.0569	0.0701	0.0756	0.1079(52)	0.1018(83)
M_{VA_2}	1*	1*	1*	1.000(32)	
f_{VA_2}	0.517	0.517	0.518	0.508(18)	
M_{VF}	0.61	0.814	0.962	0.83(19)	0.83(27)
f_{VF}	0.271	0.364	0.428	0.411(58)	0.430(86)
M_{AA_2}	1.35	1.35	1.28	1.75(13)	
f_{AA_2}	0.520	0.520	0.524	0.794(70)	
M_{AF}	0.938	1.19	1.36	1.32(18)	1.34(14)
f_{AF}	0.303	0.399	0.462	0.54(11)	0.559(76)
M_{SA_2}	0.375	0.375	1.14	1.65(15)	
M_{SF}	0.325	0.902	1.25	1.52(11)	1.40(19)
M_{BA_2}	1.85	1.85	1.86		
M_{BF}	1.13	1.53	1.79		

Has a gap between the F and A₂ sectors..

Holographic predictions depend on a number of guesses... Here I want to present our questions/speculations mostly divorced from holography.

I don't really know the answer to any of the questions – but maybe the lattice can eventually tell us the clear answers – I'm trying to highlight the best places to look for those answers.

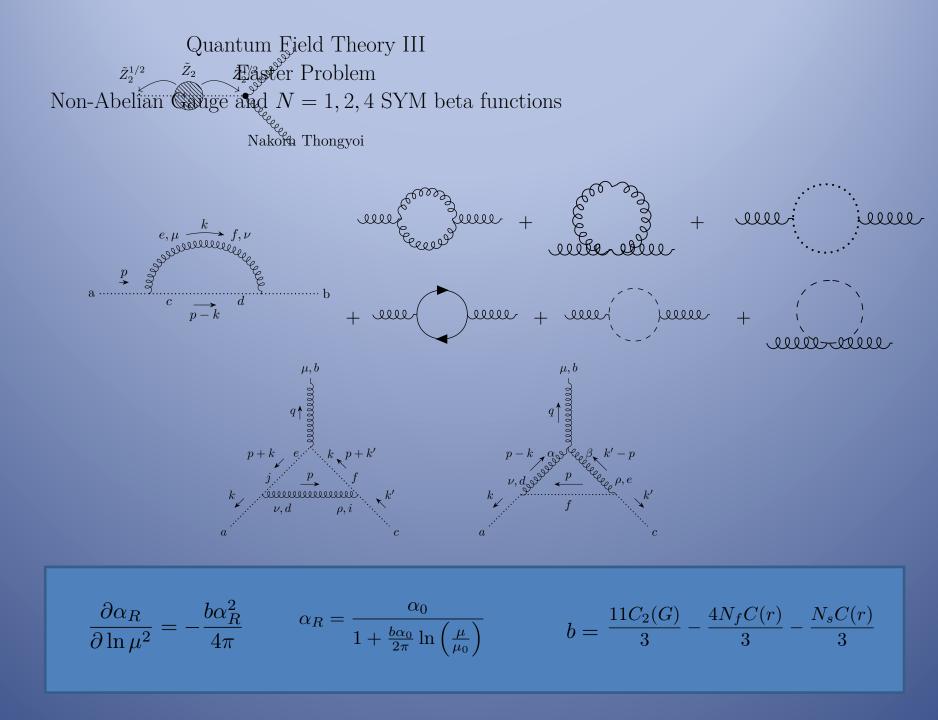
Asymptotic Freedom in QCD:



Quarks on top of each other are free...

As they separate coupling strength grows and perturbation theory breaks down...

- Confinement
- Chiral symmetry breaking



Chiral Symmetry Breaking

The u and d quarks are basically massless

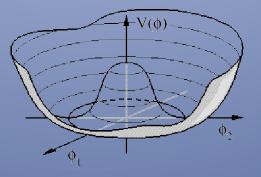
 $SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R \to SU(2)_V$

$$m\bar{\psi}\psi = m(\bar{\psi}_L\psi_R + h.c.)$$

$$\bar{u}\gamma^{\mu}u = \bar{u}_L\gamma^{\mu}u_L + \bar{u}_R\gamma^{\mu}u_R$$

Evidence: lack of parity doubling, proton mass, Goldstone pions

$$\langle \bar{u}_L u_R + \bar{d}_L d_R + h.c. \rangle \neq 0$$



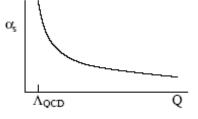


Strong Dynamics

Confinement

Coulomb law vs linearity

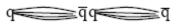
The force is asymptotically free (Wilczek, Gross, Politzer)



Confinement:

Quarks can not be liberated from hadrons.

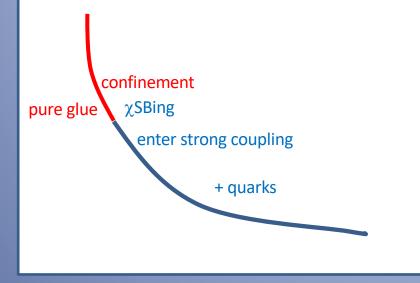




Localized, magnetically charged, scalar gauge configurations form and condense leading to a dual Meissner effect (?).... 'tHooft speculation

Seiberg Witten N=2 SYM realization

Compressed scales in QCD:



In QCD all scales are very close – the thermal transition is a cross over with no distinction between the phenomena.

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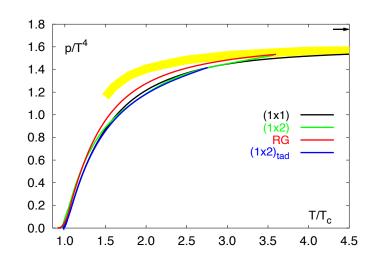


Fig. 10. Pressure of the SU(3) gauge theory calculated on lattices with different temporal extent and extrapolated to the continuum limit. Shown are results from calculations with the standard Wilson (1×1) -action [36] and several improved actions [38,39], which are defined in the Appendix. The broad band shows the approximately self-consistent HTL calculation of [41].

Walking – separating the entry to strong coupling and the IR mass gap (Holdom)

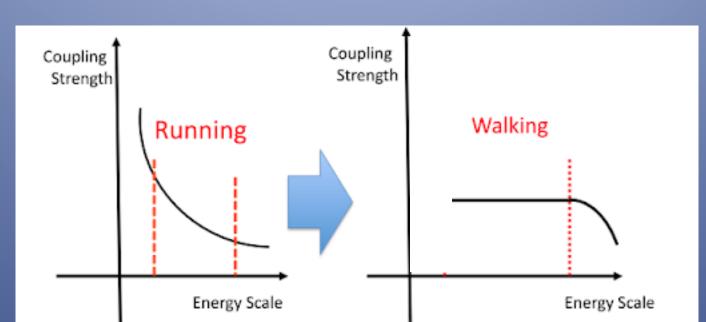
$$\mu \frac{d\alpha}{d\mu} = -b_0 \alpha^2 - b_1 \alpha^3 \; ,$$

$$b_1 = \frac{1}{24\pi^2} \left(34C_2^2(G) - \sum_R (20C_2(G) + 12C_2(R))T(R)N(R) \right) .$$

The two loop beta function has IR fixed points for some Nf Nc..

Near the edge of the AF region this is a perturbative fixed point (at large Nc Nf) – Banks Zak FP

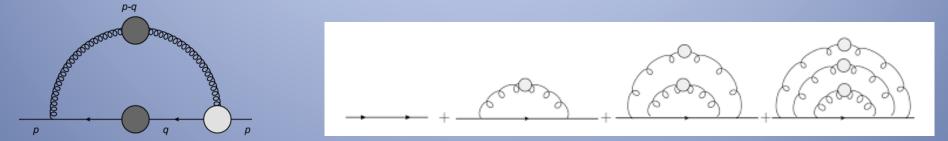
It grows as Nf decreases



Presumably at some point, lowering Nf, the coupling at the fixed point is sufficient to trigger chiral symmetry breaking and confinement.... Appelquist, Terning and Wijewardhana tried to quantify this first... hep-ph/9602385

1980s Gap Equations:

Cohen and Georgi, Nucl. Phys. B 314 (1989) 7



The computations showed a mass forms if γ (anomalous dimension of $\overline{q} q$) > 1.

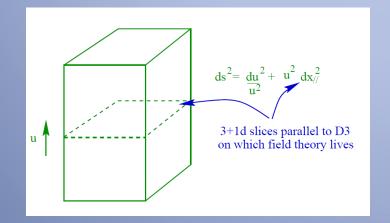
At one loop: $\gamma = {3 \ C_2(R) \over 2\pi} \ lpha$

 $m\bar{\psi}\psi = m(\bar{\psi}_L\psi_R + h.c.)$

 $C_2(R)$ is the quadratic Casimir of the representation.

Holography Supports This Criteria:

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Dilatations in conformal $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM: $\int d^4x \ \partial^{\mu}\phi \partial_{\mu}\phi, \qquad x \to e^{-\alpha}x, \quad \phi \to e^{\alpha}\phi$ Become spacetime symmetry of AdS

 $u \to e^{\alpha} u$

u is a continuous mass dimension \rightarrow RG Scale

A field for the mass/condensate:

A scalar in AdS represents the dimension 3 quark condensate...

$$S = \int d^4x \int d\rho \; \frac{1}{2} \rho^3 (\partial_\rho L)^2$$

$$\partial_{\rho} \left[\rho^3 \partial_{\rho} L \right] = 0$$

$$L = m + \frac{c}{\rho^2}$$

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$$\partial_{\rho} [\rho^3 \partial_{\rho} L] - \rho \Delta m^2 L = 0$$

$$L = \frac{m_{FP}}{\rho^{\gamma}} + \frac{c_{FP}}{\rho^{2-\gamma}}, \qquad \gamma(\gamma - 2) = \Delta m^2$$

A scalar in AdS represents the dimension 3 quark condensate...

If the dimension falls to 2 the BF bound is violated in AdS. ie $\gamma = 1$.

There's a pesky factor of 2 that Appelquist and Terning used to reduce the criteria to ½.... We'll keep their convention...

$$\gamma(\gamma - 2) = \Delta m^2$$

$$\Delta m^2 = -2\gamma + \dots$$

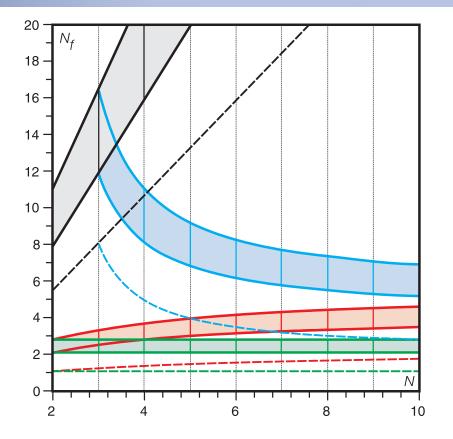
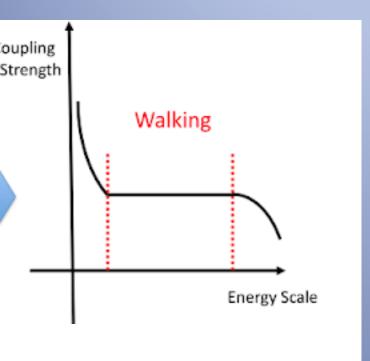


FIG. 1: Phase diagram for theories with fermions in the (from top to bottom in the plot; colour online): i) fundamental representation (grey), ii) two-index antisymmetric (blue), iii) two-index symmetric (red), iv) adjoint representation (green) as a function of the number of flavours and the number of colours. The shaded areas depict the corresponding conformal windows. The upper solid curve represents $N_f^{\rm I}[R(N)]$ (loss of asymptotic freedom), the lower $N_f^{\rm II}[R(N)]$ (loss of chiral symmetry breaking). The dashed curves show $N_f^{\rm III}[R(N)]$ (existence of a Banks–Zaks fixed point). Note how consistently the various representations merge into each other when, for a specific value of N, they are actually the same representation. Dietrich & Sannino mapped these conformal window bands for different representations.... Compute fixed point at two loops.. Compute γ .. See where it crosses 1/2.

EG for SU(3) with fundamentals the edge of the window for Appelquist and Terning is Nf=12.... But one can play with γ to get different values...

This is now lore and lattice simulations seek the boundary

10 < Nf < 12



It's a tricky game on the lattice because the coupling is slowly running...

You have to exclude the UV perturbative region if your lattice spacing isn't small enough...

You might miss the chiral symmetry breaking in the IR if your lattice is too small...

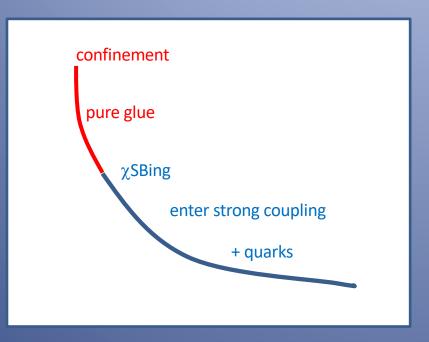
You don't have as much money as the QCD guys....

Lot's of contentious fun to be had...

Separating Chiral Symmetry Breaking and Confinement

B fields induce chiral symmetry breaking even at weak coupling – no confinement

Gauge theory + NJL interactions are believed to separate the two phenomena (analytic, holographic, lattice computations agree)

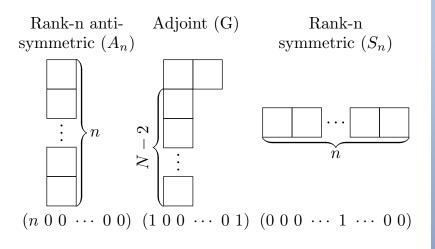


Could this (old gap equation story) be the true pattern of events... ??

Condensing monopoles is harder than condensing quarks...

If so at one loop what is the maximum gap between passing the critical γ and reaching the pole?

Dynkin indices of the singlet is just $(0 \ 0 \ 0 \ \cdots \ 0 \ 0)$ and the Young diagram is •. The fundamental representation is $F = (1 \ 0 \ 0 \ \cdots \ 0 \ 0)$ and the Young tableaux \Box . The remaining representations we consider are:

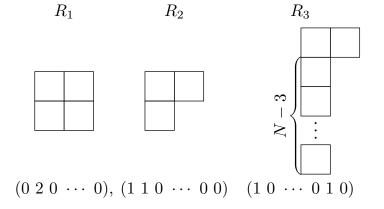


$$\mu \frac{d\alpha}{d\mu} = -b_0 \alpha^2,$$

$$b_0 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \left(\frac{11}{3} C_2(G) - \frac{4}{3} \sum_R T(R) N_f(R) \right)$$

$$\alpha_c = \frac{\pi}{3 \ C_2(R)}$$

$$\mathcal{R}(R) = \frac{\Lambda_{\chi SB}}{\Lambda_{\text{pole}}} = \exp\left(\frac{9}{11}\frac{N^2 - 1}{N}\frac{T(R)}{d(R)}\right)$$



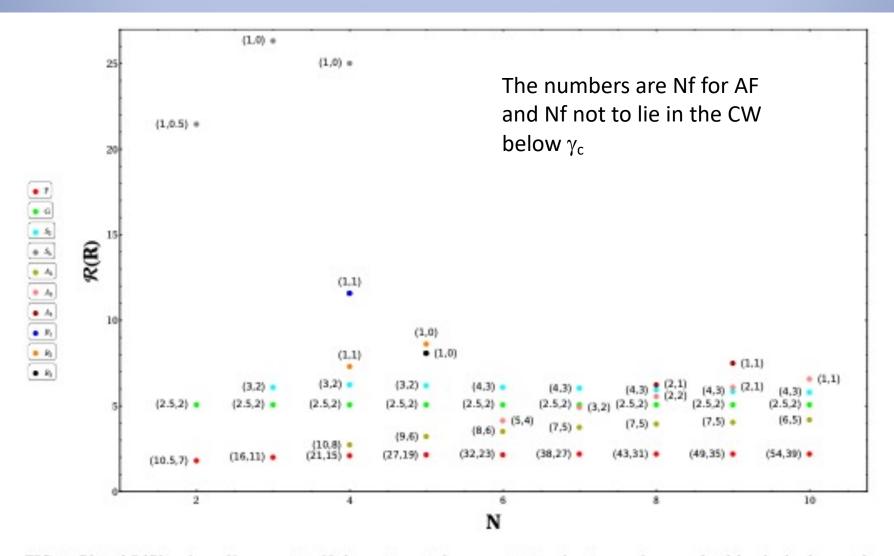


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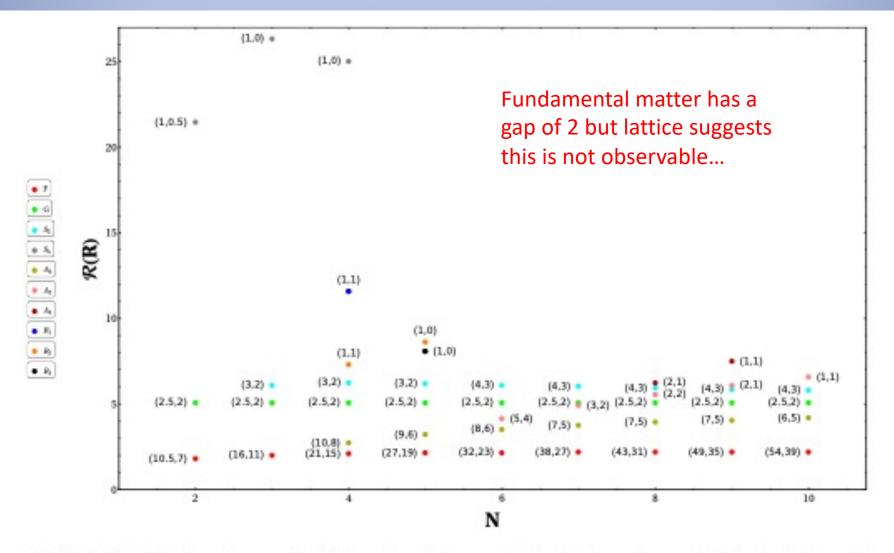


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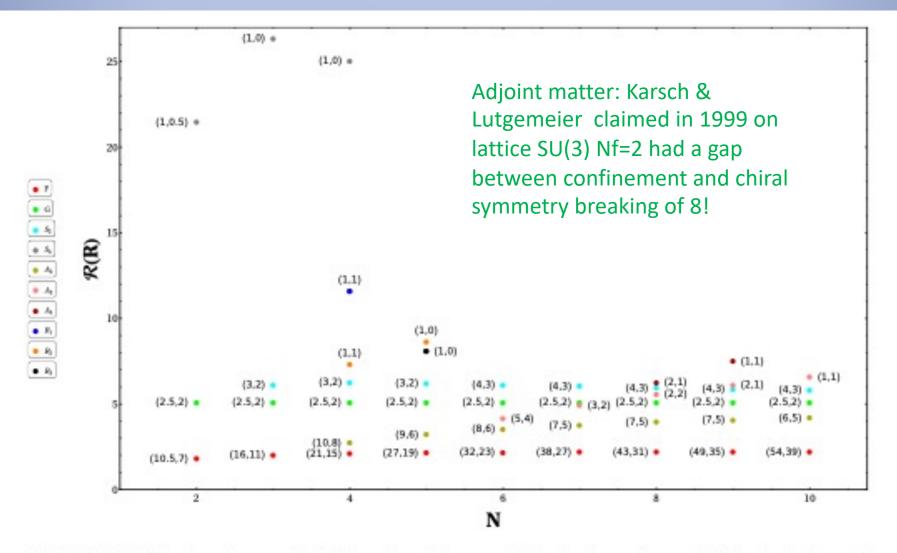


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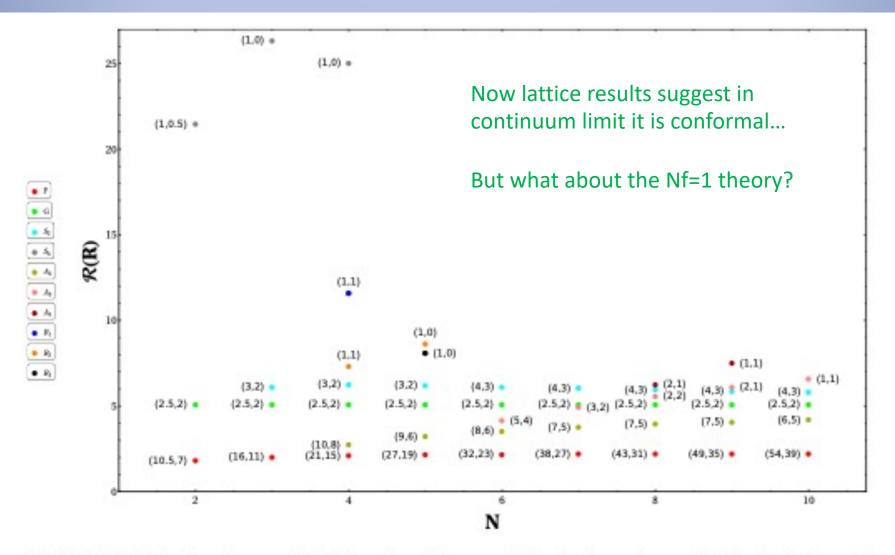


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Anomaly Alert!!!

Nf=1 theories have anomalous chiral symmetries... so how can you look for chiral symmetry breaking?

The anomaly's size is determined by the vev of

 $TrF\tilde{F}$

Which might also be of order the confinement scale... if there's a big gap then the symmetry may effectively be restored...

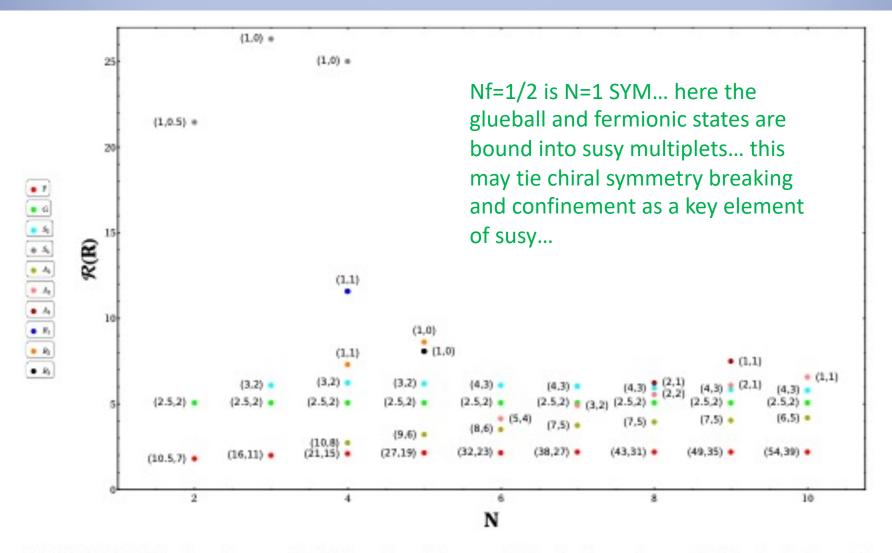


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Chiral Fermion Alert!!!

Nf=1/2 theories are chiral and potentially have a sign problem on the lattice (you can't prove they don't).

The group of Montvay studied a Majorana adjoint with a mass on the lattice and tested whether there was a sign problem as you reduce the mass....

Georg Bergner & Stefano Piemonte are pursuing this approach currently: they say that by careful massage of how one takes the the chiral and continuum limits the sign problem may be avoided...

Note that to study the chiral transition you only need the mass to be less than the transition value not strictly zero...

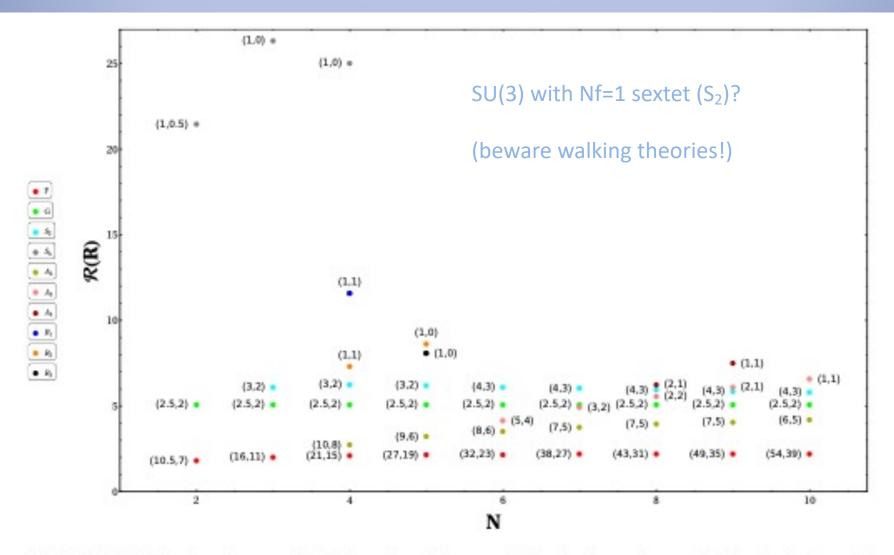


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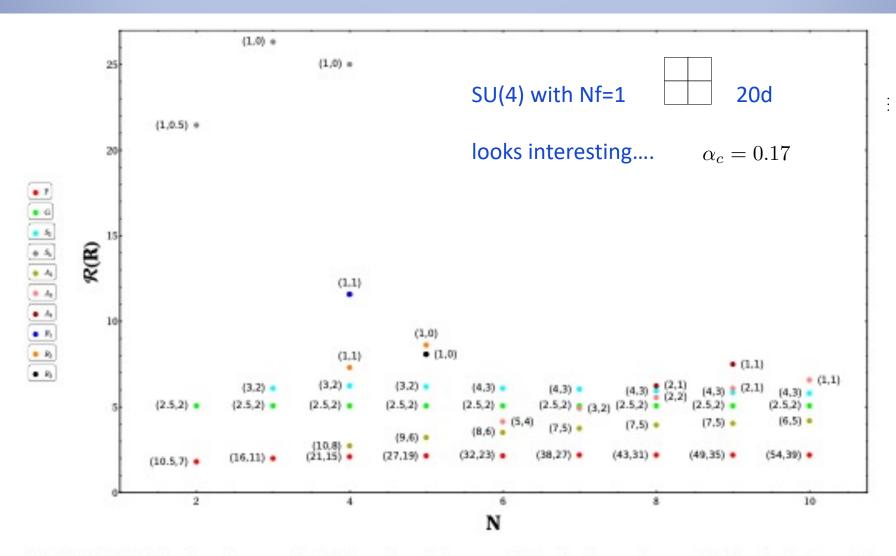


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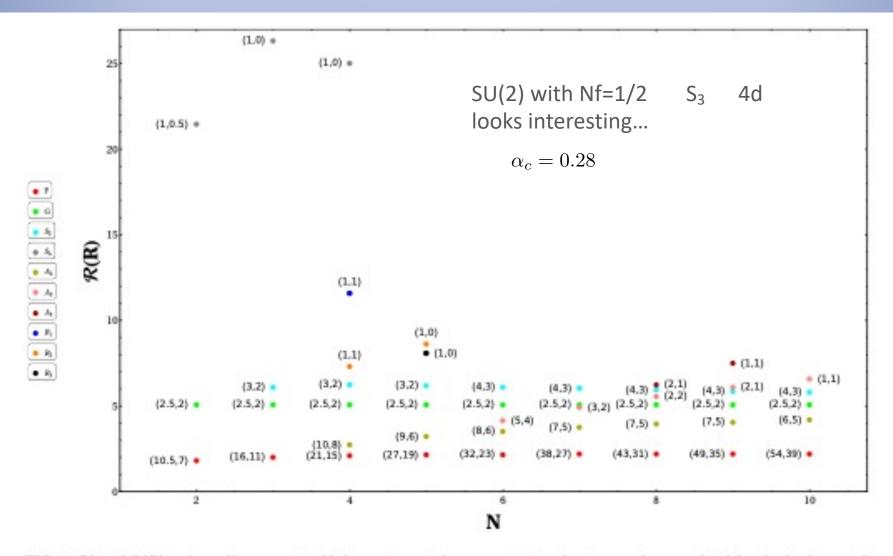


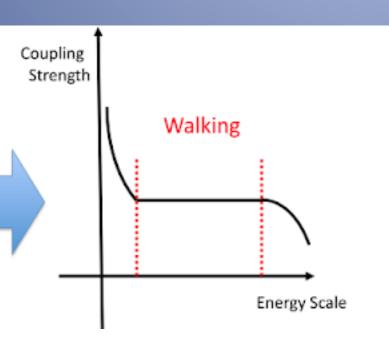
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Do I believe these simple models have a gap? Really not sure... the operators that cause confinement and chiral symmetry breaking will interact at strong coupling and may trigger each other to condense...

But the very largest gap theories may be weakly enough coupled at the chiral symmetry breaking scale to avoid this...

So...

Two Representation Theories



Lattice studies already propose a 20% difference in the gaps in multi-rep theories... can we use the walking nature of fermions between the two scales to delay confinement?

Now the red lines are the scales at which the two different representations condense...

Confinement is lower yet...

I'm not the first....

W. J. Marciano, Phys. Rev. D 21, 2425 (1980).

Proposed that if a gap of 100 could be generated then a higher dimension rep of QCD could condense to break the electroweak symmetry...

QCD = technicolour!

(I wish this was true!)

Consider SU(Nc) with $Nf^{R} = 1$, ½ of some higher rep + Nf^{F} fundamentals....

We use the 2-loop results to run from $\gamma_c(R)$ to $\gamma_c(F)$

$$\mathcal{Q}(R) = \frac{\Lambda_{\chi SB R}}{\Lambda_{\chi SB F}}$$

We tune Nf^F to maximize the gap whilst keeping the full theory out of the conformal window...

Note one could argue the gap to confinement is $Q(R) \cdot R(R)$

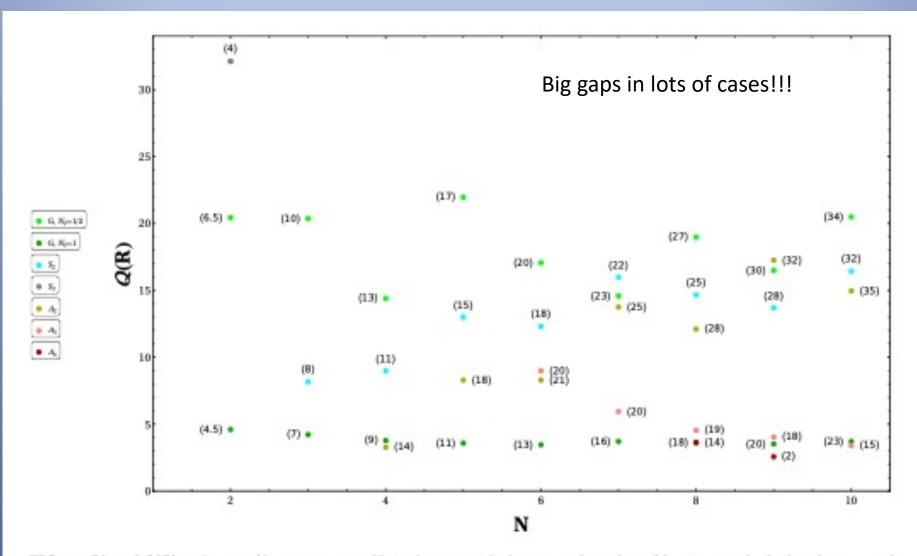


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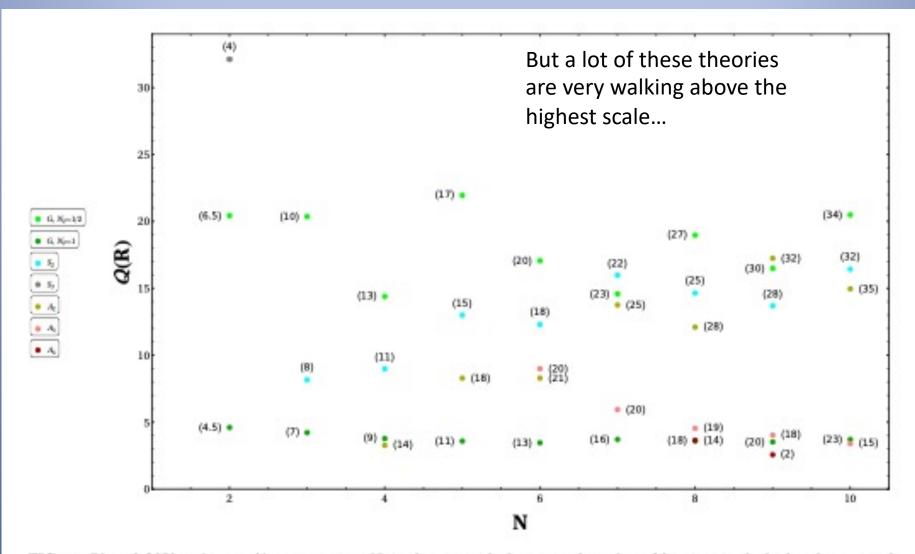


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EG SU(3) N=1 SQCD plus susy breaking fundamentals....

$$N_{f}^{F}=0 \quad b_{0}=1.43 \ \alpha_{c}=0.35 \ \alpha_{*}=\infty$$

$$N_{f}^{F}=4 \quad b_{0}=1.01 \ \alpha_{c}=0.35 \ \alpha_{*}=\infty \quad \frac{\Lambda_{\chi SB \ R}}{\Lambda_{\chi SB \ F}}=2.6$$

$$N_{f}^{F}=8 \quad b_{0}=0.58 \ \alpha_{c}=0.35 \ \alpha_{*}=0.97 \ \frac{\Lambda_{\chi SB \ R}}{\Lambda_{\chi SB \ F}}=5.8$$

$$N_{f}^{F}=10 \ b_{0}=0.37 \ \alpha_{c}=0.35 \ \alpha_{*}=0.40 \ \frac{\Lambda_{\chi SB \ R}}{\Lambda_{\chi SB \ F}}=20.3$$

Nf = 4,8 look easier to study than 10...

EG SU(3) Nf=1 sextet plus fundamentals....

$$N_f^F=0$$
 $b_0 = 1.220$ $\alpha_c = 0.314$ $\alpha_* = \text{infinity}$ $N_f^F=4$ $b_0 = 0.796$ $\alpha_c = 0.314$ $\alpha_* = 1.96$ $Q(R) = 3.15$ $N_f^F=8$ $b_0 = 0.371$ $\alpha_c = 0.314$ $\alpha_* = 0.354$ $Q(R) = 8.2$

An alternative measure of how walking the UV theory is

 $\mathbf{b} = \frac{\Lambda_{\alpha_c/2}}{\Lambda_{\alpha_c}}$

		Nc = 2		Ν	lc = 3	
	NfF = 10			γ• =	0.05	
	NfF = 9				γ· = 0.17	
NfF = 8					γ• = 0.31	
	NfF = 7			Q=4.3	S=1x10 ¹⁷	
	NfF = 6	γ· = 0.17		Q = 3.5	S=72,000	
	NfF = 5	γ* = 0.42		Q=3.0	S=1160	
	NfF = 4	Q = 3.9 S=51,	500	Q = 2.6	S=180	
	NfF = 3	Q=3.1 S=3	65	Q=2.4	S=61	
	NfF = 2	Q=2.6 S=5	59	Q= 2.2	S=30	
southai	NfF = 1	Q=2.3 S=2	23	Q=2.1	S=18	

1 adjoint + NfF fundamentals

https://www.

Finite T signal:

Introduce finite T and there should be a deconfined massive quark phase...

χ SBing scale
Temperature scale
 confinement scale

It's possible that all these theories have such a phase at the right T, mu...

Decoupling at Strong Coupling

In this analysis we have assumed that quarks decouple at IR scales below their (dynamical) mass.

Holography hints that decoupling at strong coupling may be less sharp... if the effect of the quark loops persist further into the IR then gaps may grow...

Help from the lattice needed – again the size of the gaps in the theories above will help dis-entangle this issue...

Conclusion

We've made some very naïve arguments here based on perturbative results extended beyond their regime of true validity... the dynamics may close these gaps (interesting!)...

But the questions are very pertinent and interesting (and influence our view of QCD)... And we may have shown the lattice where to look to resolve these issues...

Studies are under way: Lucini SU(3) with 1 adjoint. Rummukainen, Kari. SU(2) with 1 adjoint Bergner & Piemonte: ½ adjoint + fundamental

We simply seek to encourage these studies – they are very interesting!!

And maybe QCD at finite μ has a deconfined massive quark phase... quark cores of neutron stars... LIGO/Virgo signals... see NEs holographic work...

Strongly Coupled Gauge Theory Forum

Curator: Nick Evans (University of Southampton),...

Asymptotically free, non-abelian gauge theories with fermionic matter underly our understanding of quantum theories of force. The strong nuclear force is described by an SU(3) gauge theory; the weak nuclear force by an SU(2) gauge theory. The catagorisation of these theories is likely to be important for understanding physics beyond the Standard Model but is in anycase an interesting field theoretic problem in itself. There are potentially theories which behave rather differently than QCD and understanding these theories will help test our understanding of QCD. Here we provide links that overview the state of knowledge in the field.

Classification Tables for SU(Nc) with Fundamentals Classification Tables for SU(Nc) with Adjoints

https://www.southampton.ac.uk/~evans/SCGT/

Dynamic AdS/YM

 $X = L(\rho) \ e^{2i\pi^a T^a}$

Timo Alho, NE, KimmoTuominen 1307.4896

$$S = \int d^4x \, d\rho \, \text{Tr} \, \rho^3 \left[\frac{1}{\rho^2 + |X|^2} |DX|^2 + \frac{\Delta m^2}{\rho^2} |X|^2 \right]$$

$$ds^{2} = \frac{d\rho^{2}}{(\rho^{2} + |X|^{2})} + (\rho^{2} + |X|^{2})dx^{2},$$

|X| = L is now the dynamical field whose solution will determine the condensate as a function of m - the phase is the pion.

We use the top-down IR boundary condition on mass-shell: $X'(\rho=X) = 0$

X enters into the AdS metric to cut off the radial scale at the value of m or the condensate – no hard wall

The gauge DYNAMICS is input through a guess for Δm

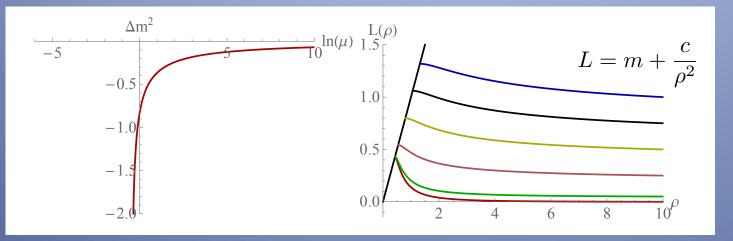
$$\Delta m^2 = -2\gamma = -\frac{3(N_c^2-1)}{2N_c\pi}\alpha$$

The only free parameters are Nc, Nf, m, Λ

Formation of the Chiral Condensate

We solve for the vacuum configuration of L

$$\partial_{\rho} [\rho^3 \partial_{\rho} L] - \rho \Delta m^2 L = 0 \,.$$



Read off m and qq in the UV...

Shoot out with

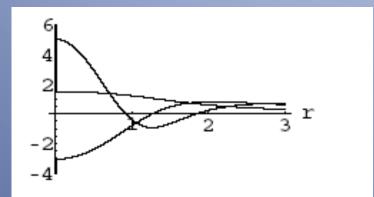
 Δm^2 from QCD

 $L'(\rho = L) = 0$

Meson Fluctuations

$$S = \int d^4x \ d\rho \operatorname{Tr} \rho^3 \left[\frac{1}{\rho^2 + |X|^2} |DX|^2 + \frac{\Delta m^2}{\rho^2} |X|^2 + \frac{1}{2\kappa^2} (F_V^2 + F_A^2) \right]$$

$$L = L_0 + \delta(\rho)e^{ikx} \qquad k^2 = -M^2$$



$$\begin{split} \partial_{\rho}(\rho^{3}\delta') &- \Delta m^{2}\rho\delta - \rho L_{0}\delta \left. \frac{\partial \Delta m^{2}}{\partial L} \right|_{L_{0}} \\ &+ M^{2}R^{4} \frac{\rho^{3}}{(L_{0}^{2} + \rho^{2})^{2}} \delta = 0 \,. \end{split}$$

The source free solutions pick out particular mass states... the σ and its radial excited states...

The gauge fields let us also study the operators and states

$$\bar{q}\gamma^{\mu}q \to \rho$$
 meson

$$\bar{q}\gamma^{\mu}\gamma^{5}q \rightarrow a \text{ meson}$$

	$\mathrm{AdS}/Sp(4)$	AdS/Sp(4)	$\mathrm{AdS}/\mathrm{Sp}(4)$	lattice [78]	lattice [79]
	no decouple	A2 decouple	quench	quench	unquench
$f_{\pi A_2}$	0.120	0.120	0.103	0.1453(12)	
$f_{\pi F}$	0.0569	0.0701	0.0756	0.1079(52)	0.1018(83)
M_{VA_2}	1*	1*	1*	1.000(32)	
f_{VA_2}	0.517	0.517	0.518	0.508(18)	
M_{VF}	0.61	0.814	0.962	0.83(19)	0.83(27)
f_{VF}	0.271	0.364	0.428	0.411(58)	0.430(86)
M_{AA_2}	1.35	1.35	1.28	1.75(13)	
f_{AA_2}	0.520	0.520	0.524	0.794(70)	
M_{AF}	0.938	1.19	1.36	1.32(18)	1.34(14)
f_{AF}	0.303	0.399	0.462	0.54(11)	0.559(76)
M_{SA_2}	0.375	0.375	1.14	1.65(15)	
M_{SF}	0.325	0.902	1.25	1.52(11)	1.40(19)
M_{BA_2}	1.85	1.85	1.86		
M_{BF}	1.13	1.53	1.79		

Sp(4) 4 F 6 A₂ Consider our quenched model against the lattice quenched results of

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SU(4) 3 F 3 F 5 A₂

G. Ferretti, "UV Completions of Partial Compositeness: The Case for a SU(4) Gauge Group," <u>JHEP</u> 06 (2014) 142, arXiv:1404.7137 [hep-ph].

In this model the A2 symmetry breaking generates the SM higgs and the Fs are to give F A₂ F top partners V. Ayyar, T. DeGrand, M. Golterman, D. C. Hackett, W. I. Jay, E. T. Neil, Y. Shamir, and

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The lattice has simulated (unquenched) SU(4) 2 F 2 F 4 A₂

	Lattice [80]	$\mathrm{AdS}/SU(4)$	$\mathrm{AdS}/SU(4)$	$\mathrm{AdS}/SU(4)$	$\mathrm{AdS}/SU(4)$	$\mathrm{AdS}/SU(4)$
	$4A_2, 2F, 2\bar{F}$	$4A_2, 2F, 2\bar{F}$	$4A_2, 2F, 2\bar{F}$	$5A_2, 3F, 3\bar{F}$	$5A_2, 3F, 3\bar{F}$	$5A_2, 3F, 3\bar{F}$
	unquench	no decouple	decouple	no decouple	decouple	quench
$f_{\pi A_2}$	0.15(4)	0.0997	0.0997	0.111	0.111	0.102
$f_{\pi F}$	0.11(2)	0.0949	0.0953	0.0844	0.109	0.892
M_{VA_2}	1.00(4)	1*	1*	1*	1*	1*
f_{VA_2}	0.68(5)	0.489	0.489	0.516	0.516	0.517
M_{VF}	0.93(7)	0.933	0.939	0.890	0.904	0.976
f_{VF}	0.49(7)	0.458	0.461	0.437	0.491	0.479
M_{AA_2}		1.37	1.37	1.32	1.32	1.28
f_{AA_2}		0.505	0.505	0.521	0.521	0.522
M_{AF}		1.37	1.37	1.21	1.23	1.28
f_{AF}		0.501	0.504	0.453	0.509	0.492
M_{SA_2}		0.873	0.873	0.684	0.684	1.18
M_{SF}		1.03	1.02	0.811	0.798	1.25
M_{JA_2}	3.9(3)	2.21	2.21	2.21	2.21	2.22
M_{JF}	2.0(2)	2.07	2.08	1.97	2.00	2.17
M_{BA_2}	1.4(1)	1.85	1.85	1.85	1.85	1.86
M_{BF}	1.4(1)	1.74	1.75	1.65	1.68	1.81

The pattern is right...

The A2-F gap is very well described...

Adding extra flavours is not a huge change...

Scalar masses get lighter as add extra flavours