

# Near-conformal dynamics in a chirally broken system

[arXiv:2007.01810]

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introduction

## Composite Higgs models: general idea

- ▶ Extend the Standard Model by a new, strongly coupled gauge-fermion system
- ▶ The Higgs boson arises as bound state of this new sector
  - Mass and quantum numbers match experimental values when accounting for SM interactions/corrections
- ▶ System exhibits a large separation of scales
  - Explaining why a 125 GeV Higgs boson but no other states have been found
  - Indications that such a system cannot be QCD-like (e.g. quark mass generation)
    - ↪ near-conformal gauge theories
- ▶ Exhibits mechanism to generate masses for SM fermions and gauge bosons
- ▶ In agreement with electro-weak precision constraints (e.g. S-parameter)?
- ▶ Mass-split models can accommodate the Higgs both as dilaton-like ( $0^{++}$ ) or pNGB particle

## Mass-split models

- ▶ Promising candidates are chirally broken in the IR but conformal in the UV

[Luty, Okui JHEP09(2006)070], [Dietrich, Sannino PRD75(2007)085018], [Vecchi 1506.00623], [Ferretti, Karateev JHEP03(2014)077]



- ▶ Mass-split models e.g. SU(3) gauge theory with “heavy” and “light” (massless) fundamental flavors

- ▶ Add  $N_h = 6$  heavy flavors to push the system near an IRFP of a conformal theory
- ▶  $N_\ell = 4$  light flavors are chirally broken in the IR



heavy flavors could be invisible to SM



fundamental composite 2HDM with 4 flavors in SU(3) gauge [Ma, Cacciapaglia JHEP03(2016)211]

## The mass-split paradigm

- ▶ In QCD:  $g^2 \rightarrow 0$  (continuum limit); fermion mass  $m_f \rightarrow 0$  (chiral limit)
- ▶ Theory with degenerate  $N_f = N_h + N_\ell$  is (mass-deformed) conformal and exhibits an IRFP
  - ▶ All ratios of hadron masses scale with the anomalous dimension (hyperscaling)
  - Continuum limit is taken by sending fermion mass  $m_f \rightarrow 0$
- ▶ Mass-split models live in the basin of attraction of the IRFP of  $N_f$  degenerate flavors
  - Inherit hyperscaling of ratios of hadron masses but are chirally broken
  - Continuum limit:  $m_h \rightarrow 0$  keeping  $m_\ell/m_h$  fixed
  - Chiral limit:  $m_\ell \rightarrow 0$  i.e.  $m_\ell/m_h \rightarrow 0$
  - Gauge coupling is irrelevant
  - **No** free parameters after taking the chiral and continuum limit, but light-light, heavy-light, and heavy-heavy bound states

[Hasenfratz, Rebbi, OW PLB773(2017)86]

hyperscaling

# Deriving hyperscaling from Wilsonian Renormalization Group

- ▶ In the UV:  $\hat{m}_\ell, \hat{m}_h \ll \Lambda_{cut} = 1/a$  and  $\hat{m}_\ell \ll 1, \hat{m}_h \ll 1$
- ▶ Lowering the energy scale  $\mu$  from  $\Lambda_{cut}$ , RG flowed lattice action moves in the infinite parameter action space as dictated by the fixed point structure of the  $N_f$  conformal theory
- ▶ Masses scale according to their scaling dimension:  $\hat{m}_{\ell,h} \rightarrow \hat{m}_{\ell,h} (a\mu)^{-y_m}$ 
  - Assuming masses are still small so the system remains close to the conformal critical surface
- ▶ Gauge couplings take their IRFP value i.e. only masses change under RG flow
- ▶ Physical quantities of mass dimension one follow at leading order the scaling form

$$aM_H = \hat{m}_h^{1/y_m} \Phi_H(\hat{m}_\ell/\hat{m}_h)$$

# Hyperscaling of hadronic masses

## ► Hyperscaling relation

$$aM_H = \hat{m}_h^{1/y_m} \Phi_H(\hat{m}_\ell/\hat{m}_h)$$



$$\frac{M_{H1}}{M_{H2}} = \frac{\Phi_{H1}(\hat{m}_\ell/\hat{m}_h)}{\Phi_{H2}(\hat{m}_\ell/\hat{m}_h)}$$

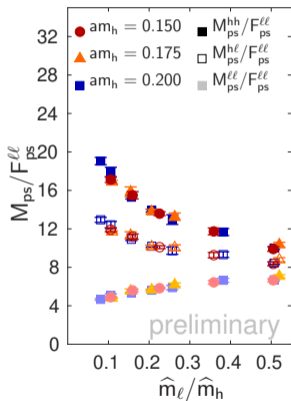
- $aM_H$  lattice hadron masses  
(physical quantity of mass dimension)
- $\hat{m}_h$  lattice fermion mass  
 $\hat{m}_x \equiv a\tilde{m}_x = a(m_x + m_{\text{res}})$ ,  $x = \ell, h$
- $y_m = 1 + \gamma_m^*$  scaling dimension
- $\Phi_H$  some function of  $\hat{m}_\ell/\hat{m}_h$

- Ratios depend only on  $\hat{m}_\ell/\hat{m}_h$

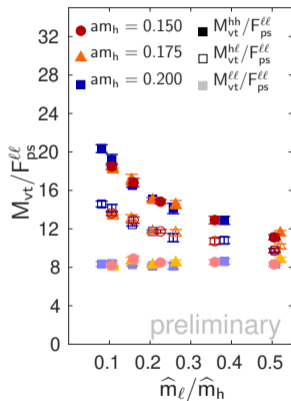


Ratios over  $F_{ps}^{\ell\ell}$  (I)

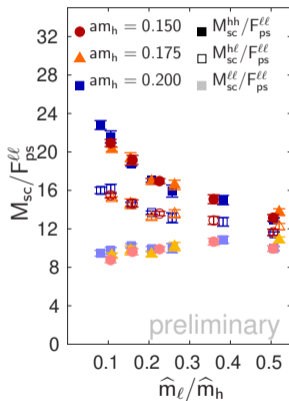
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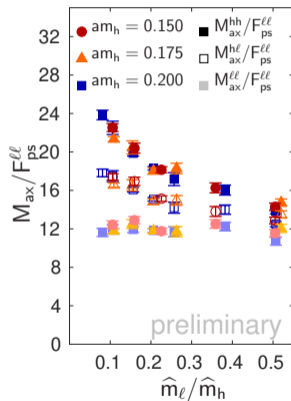
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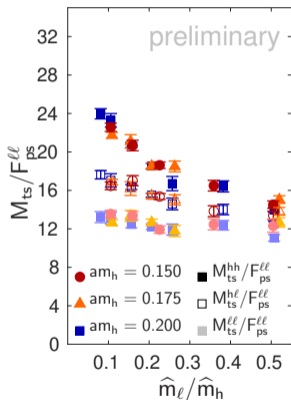
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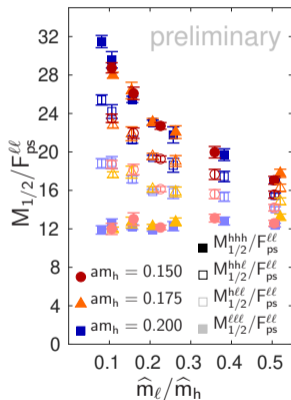
► light-light ( $ll$ ), heavy-light ( $hl$ ), heavy-heavy ( $hh$ ) states

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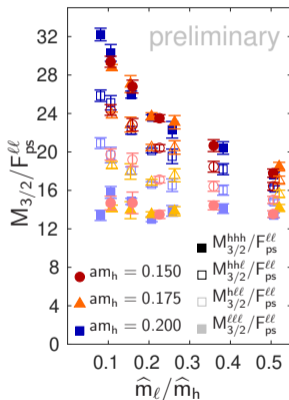
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spin 1/2



spin 3/2



► light-light-light ( $lll$ ), heavy-light-light ( $hll$ ), heavy-heavy-light ( $hhl$ ), heavy-heavy-heavy ( $hhh$ ) states

## Determine $y_m$ from hyperscaling relation: $a/\sqrt{8t_0}$

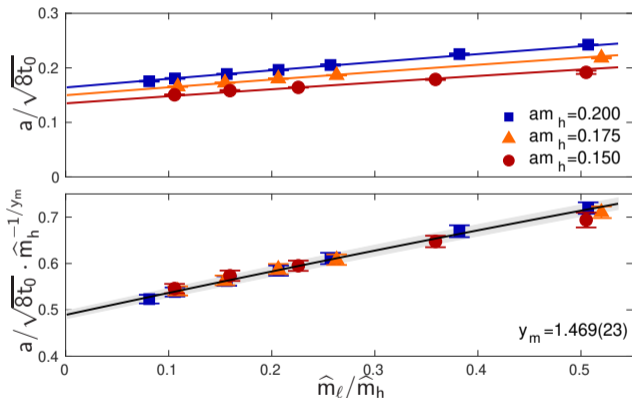
$$aM_H = \hat{m}_h^{1/y_m} \Phi_H(\hat{m}_\ell/\hat{m}_h)$$

- ▶ Choose e.g. the gradient flow lattice scale  $a/\sqrt{8t_0}$  as quantity of mass dimension  $aM_H$

- ▶ Polynomial ansatz for  $\Phi_H(\hat{m}_\ell/\hat{m}_h)$

- ▶ Fit  $\hat{m}_h^{1/y_m} \cdot (c_2(\frac{\hat{m}_\ell}{\hat{m}_h})^2 + c_1(\frac{\hat{m}_\ell}{\hat{m}_h}) + c_0)$  to all 17 data points at three  $\hat{m}_h$  values and determine  $y_m = 1.469(23)$

- ▶ Note:  $\Phi_{\sqrt{8t_0}}(0) \approx 0.48$



# Determine $y_m$ from hyperscaling relation: $aF_{ps}$

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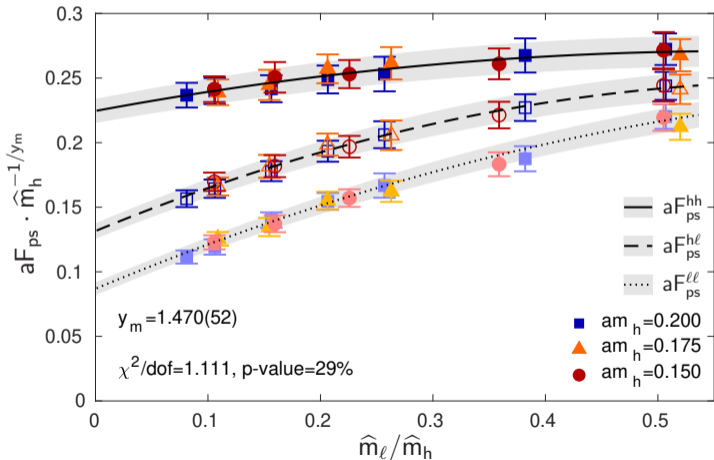
- ▶ Polynomial ansatz for  $\Phi(\hat{m}_\ell/\hat{m}_h)$

- ▶ Pseudoscalar decay constants

$$aF_{ps}^{ll}, aF_{ps}^{hl}, aF_{ps}^{hh}$$

- ▶ Combined, correlated fit to all 51 data points at three  $\hat{m}_h$  values to determine  $y_m = 1.470(52)$

- ▶ Chiral limit of  $aF_{ps}^{ll} \sim 0.08/\hat{m}_h^{-1/y_m}$   
 $\rightsquigarrow$  light sector is chirally broken



effective field theory

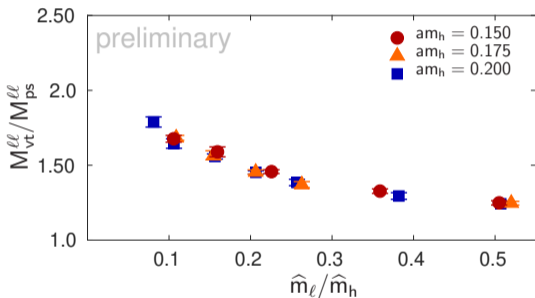
## Hadronic scale $\Lambda_H$

- ▶ Heavy flavors decouple, light flavors condense and spontaneously break chiral symmetry when  $\widehat{m}_h(a\mu)^{-y_m} \approx 1$
- ▶ Introduce hadronic or chiral symmetry breaking scale  $\Lambda_H = \widehat{m}_h^{1/y_m} a^{-1}$
- ▶ If energy scale  $\mu$  is lowered below  $\Lambda_H$ , gauge coupling starts running again
- ▶ Using the scaling relation for  $\sqrt{8t_0}$ , we can define  $\Lambda_H$

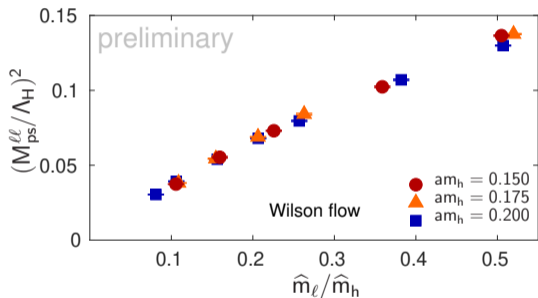
→ In the chiral limit:  $a = (\widehat{m}_h)^{1/y_m} \cdot \Phi_{\sqrt{8t_0}}(0) \cdot \sqrt{8t_0}|_{m_\ell=0}$

$$\Rightarrow \Lambda_H^{-1} = \Phi_{\sqrt{8t_0}}(0) \cdot \sqrt{8t_0}|_{m_\ell=0}$$

## Chiral $\hat{m}_\ell/\hat{m}_h \rightarrow 0$ limit



- ▶  $M_{vt}^{ll}/M_{ps}^{ll}$  increases for  $\hat{m}_\ell/\hat{m}_h \rightarrow 0$   
(diverges for chirally broken theories)



- ▶  $(M_{ps}^{ll})^2$  is close to linear in  $\hat{m}_\ell/\hat{m}_h$   
(small curvature visible for  $\hat{m}_\ell/\hat{m}_h \gtrsim 0.25$ )

## Low energy effective description

- ▶ In the low energy IR limit our system exhibits spontaneous chiral symmetry breaking
- ▶ Seek chiral effective Lagrangian smoothly connecting to hyperscaling relation valid at  $\mu = \Lambda_H$
- ▶ Express lattice scale  $a$  in terms of  $\Lambda_H$ :  $M_H/\Lambda_H = (aM_H) \cdot \hat{m}_h^{-1/y_m} = \Phi_H(\hat{m}_\ell/\hat{m}_h)$
- ▶ Below  $\Lambda_H$ , the 4+6 system reduces to chirally broken  $N_f = 4$  with running fermion mass  $m_f$
- ▶ Scaling of the light flavor mass implies:  $m_f \propto \hat{m}_\ell(a\Lambda_H)^{-y_m} \cdot \Lambda_H = (\hat{m}_\ell/\hat{m}_h) \cdot \Lambda_H$
- ▶ Continuum limit taken by tuning  $m_h \rightarrow 0$  while keeping  $\hat{m}_\ell/\hat{m}_h$  fixed
- ▶ Only considering light-light quantities, dropping superscript  $\ell\ell$



# Dilaton chiral perturbation theory (dChPT)

[Golterman, Shamir PRD94 (2016) 054502] [PRD98 (2018) 056025]

[Appelquist, Ingoldby, Piai JHEP03 (2018) 039] [JHEP07 (2017) 035] [PRD101 (2020) 075025]

[Golterman, Neil, Shamir arXiv:2003.00114]

- ▶ Derived for chirally broken systems just below the conformal window with a  $0^{++}$  (dilaton) as light as the pseudoscalar
- ▶ Can be adapted for mass-split systems:  $m_f \rightarrow \left(\frac{\hat{m}_\ell}{\hat{m}_h}\right) \cdot \Lambda_H$
- ▶ General dChPT scaling relation

$$d_0 \cdot F_{ps}^{2-y_m} = M_{ps}^2 / m_f \quad \rightarrow \quad d_0 \cdot (aF_{ps})^{2-y_m} = (aM_{ps})^2 / \hat{m}_\ell$$

- ▶ Assuming a specific form of the dilaton potential [Golterman, Neil, Shamir arXiv:2003.00114]

$$\frac{M_{ps}^2}{F_{ps}^2} = \frac{1}{y_m d_1} W_0 \left( \frac{y_m d_1}{d_2} m_f \right) \quad \rightarrow \quad \frac{M_{ps}^2}{F_{ps}^2} = \frac{1}{y_m d_1} W_0 \left( \frac{y_m d_1}{d_2} \frac{\hat{m}_\ell}{\hat{m}_h} \cdot \Lambda_H \right)$$

with  $W_0$  Lambert  $W$ -function and low energy coefficients  $d_0, d_1, d_2$

# Fit to the general dChPT scaling relation

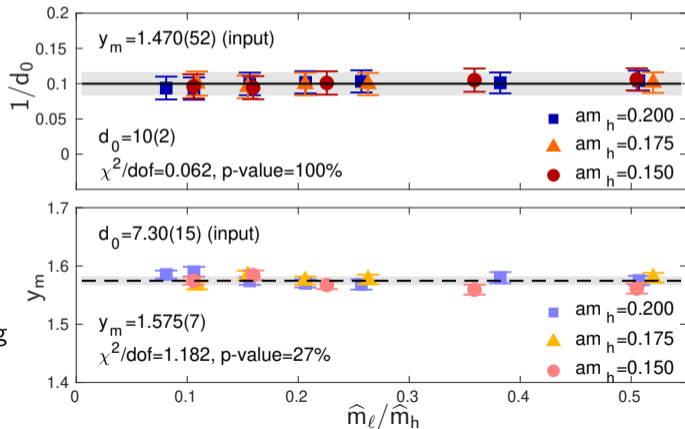
## ► Fitting

$$d_0 \cdot (aF_{ps})^{2-y_m} = (aM_{ps})^2 / \hat{m}_\ell$$

→  $M_{ps}$  and  $F_{ps}$  have similar size,  
correlated uncertainties

→ To avoid complicated fit

- 1) Use  $y_m = 1.470(52)$  as input,  
fit only  $d_0$
- 2) Scan range of  $d_0$ , fit  $y_m$ , seeking  
minimal  $\chi^2$  (“curve collapse”)

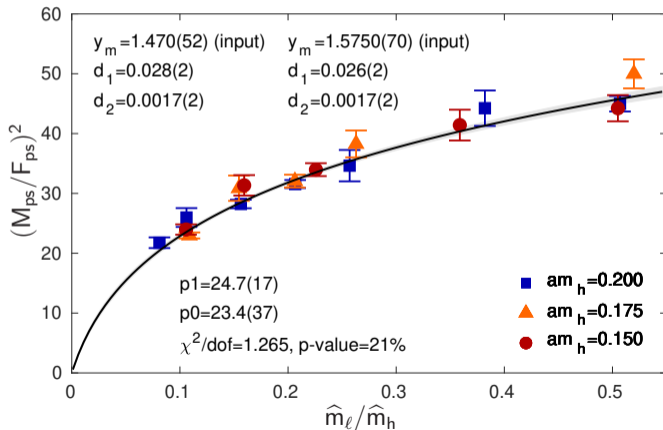


# Fit assuming a specific dilaton potential

## ► Fitting

$$\frac{M_{ps}^2}{F_{ps}^2} = \frac{1}{y_m d_1} W_0 \left( \frac{y_m d_1}{d_2} \frac{\widehat{m}_\ell}{\widehat{m}_h} \cdot \Lambda_H \right)$$

→ Determine  $p0 = y_m d_1$   
and  $p1 = y_m d_1 / d_2$



summary and outlook

# Summary

- ▶ Mass-split simulations with 4 light and 6 heavy flavors
  - Exhibit hyperscaling in  $\hat{m}_\ell/\hat{m}_h$
  - Allow to extract  $y_m$  corresponding to the  $N_f = 10$  infrared fixed point
- ▶ dChPT describes our mass-split system very well
  - Need to measure the  $0^{++}$  for additional validation
  - $\hat{m}_\ell/\hat{m}_h$  is a continuous parameter similar to the mass in regular  $\chi PT$   
i.e. can vary range to test need for higher order terms
- ▶  $N_f = 10$  anomalous dimension  $\gamma_m^* \approx 0.47$  is small
  - Consistent with findings for  $N_f = 12$  ( $\gamma_m^* \approx 0.24$ ) and  $N_f = 8$  ( $\gamma_m^* \sim 1$ )
  - $\gamma_m^*$  likely too small for phenomenological applications
  - Suggests models based on  $N_f = 8$  or 9 could be closer to the sill of the conformal window

# Outlook

- ▶ Numerically measure the isosinglet scalar  $0^{++}$
- ▶ Push simulations deeper into the chiral regime
- ▶ Connect simulations to the degenerate  $N_f = 10$  conformal limit
- ▶ Determine phenomenologically interesting quantities
  - Baryonic anomalous dimension
  - Calculate the  $S$ -parameter
  - Determine the Higgs potential
- ▶ Investigate finite temperature phase structure

# Resources

**LLNL:** vulcan, lassen

**ALCF (ANL):** mira, theta

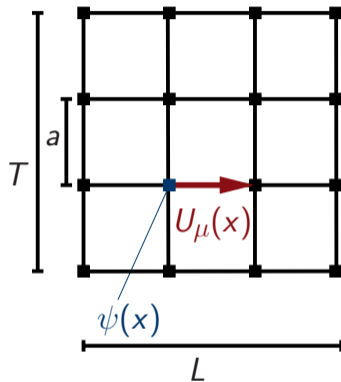
**USQCD:** Ds, Bc, and pi0 cluster (Fermilab); qcd16p/18p (Jlab); sdcc (BNL)

**U Colorado:** summit

**BU:** engaging and scc (MGHPCC)

# Numerical Simulations

- ▶ Lattice field theory
- ▶ Hypercubic lattices with  $(L/a)^3 \times (T/a)$  with  $L/a = 24, 32$  and  $T/a = 64$
- ▶ Simulate SU(3) gauge system with four light and six heavy flavors
  - Three times stout-smear ( $\rho = 0.1$ ) Möbius domain wall fermions (MDWF) with Syamnzik gauge action
- ▶ MDWF are simulated with a fifth dimension  $L_s$  to create chiral fermions in four dimensions
  - $L_s = 16 \Rightarrow$  small residual chiral symmetry breaking  $O(10^{-3})$
- ▶ Parameters
  - $\beta = 4.03$
  - $0.015 \leq am_\ell \leq 0.100$
  - $am_h = 0.200, 0.175, 0.150$





# Gradient flow step-scaling $\beta$ -function

[Lüscher JHEP08(2010)071][Fodor et al. JHEP11(2012)007][Fodor et al. JHEP09(2014)018]

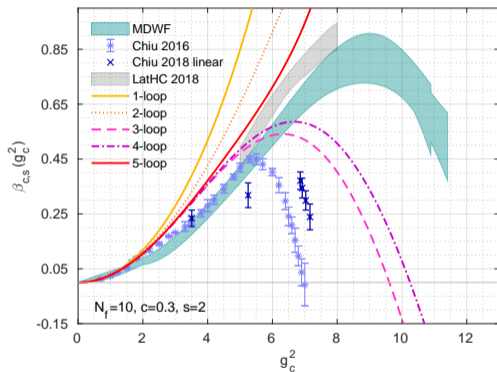
$$\beta_s^c(g_c^2; L) = \frac{g_c^2(sL) - g_c^2(L)}{\log(s^2)} \quad (\text{negative of continuum } \beta \text{ function})$$

$$g_c^2(L) = \frac{128\pi^2}{3(N_c^2 - 1)} \frac{1}{C(c, L)} t^2 \langle E(t) \rangle \quad \text{with } \sqrt{8t} = c \cdot L$$

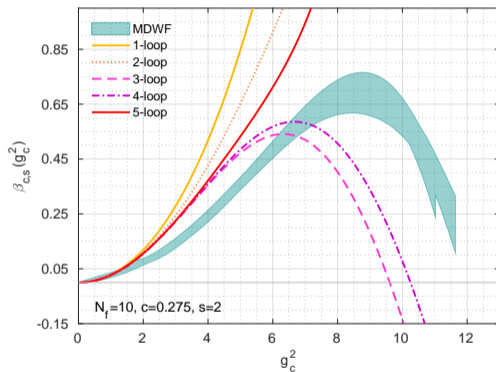
- $C(c, L)$  perturbative tree-level improvement term [Fodor et al. JHEP09(2014)018] or zero mode correction  $(1 + \delta(t/L^2))$  [Fodor et al. JHEP11(2012)007]
- Generate ensembles of dynamical gauge field configurations with  $L^4$  and  $(s \cdot L)^4$  volumes
- Extrapolate  $L \rightarrow \infty$  to remove discretization effects and take the continuum limit
- Expect to find agreement for results based on different actions, operators ...

# $N_f = 10$ step-scaling $\beta$ -function

[Hasenfratz, Rebbi, OW PRD101 (2020) 114508]



► Gradient flow scheme  $c = 0.300$



► Gradient flow scheme  $c = 0.275$

# Two scenarios for a composite Higgs

## ► Light iso-singlet scalar ( $0^{++}$ )

- “Dilaton-like”
- Scale:  $F_{ps} = \text{SM vev} \sim 246 \text{ GeV}$
- ideal 2 massless flavors
  - ⇒ giving rise to 3 Goldstone bosons
  - ⇒ longitudinal components of  $W^\pm$  and  $Z^0$

## ► pseudo Nambu Goldstone Boson (pNGB)

- Spontaneous breaking of flavor symmetry
  - ⇒  $N_f \geq 3$
- Mass emerges from its interactions
- Non-trivial vacuum alignment
  - $F_{ps} = (\text{SM vev}) / \sin(\chi) > 246 \text{ GeV}$

Mass-split models can accommodate both scenarios

- Requires to find a light  $0^{++}$ 
  - i.e.  $M_{ps} \sim M_{0^{++}} < M_{vt}$

- Fundamental composite 2HDM  
[Ma, Cacciapaglia JHEP03(2016)211]

# Fundamental composite 2HDM with four flavors

[Ma, Cacciapaglia JHEP03(2016)211]

- ▶ Global symmetry at low energies:

$$SU(4) \times SU(4) \text{ broken to } SU(4)_{\text{diag}}$$

- ▶ 15 pNGB transform under custodial symmetry

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

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{15}_{SU(4)_{\text{diag}}} = (2, 2) + (2, 2) + (3, 1) + (1, 3) + (1, 1)$$

- One doublet plays the role of the Higgs doublet field
- Other doublet and triplets are stable; could play role of dark matter

- ▶ Vecchi: “choose the right couplings to RH top” [Edinburgh talk]

$$\Rightarrow (2, 2) + (2, 2) + (3, 1) + (1, 3) + (1, 1)$$

↪ effectively  $SU(4)/Sp(4)$