Is the Higgs elementary or composite?

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The Standard Model of particle physics is extraordinarily precise both experimentally and theoretically



Have already seen during this school of course ...

### The visible Universe is correctly described by the Standard Model

Experimental and theoretical matching is in some cases  $1:10^{12}$ 



Yet the theory is very simple (in some sense...)

Last missing piece: Higgs boson

- July 4, 2012, LHC CERN, experimental confirmation
- 2013, Nobel prize to Peter Higgs, Francois Englert for theory

#### But!

Gravity is not included  $\rightarrow$ Standard Model expected to break down  $\Lambda_{cutoff} = 10^{19} \, GeV$ 

No problem for accelerators, etc.: sensitive to  $\sim 10^4~GeV$ 

But as a result elementary Higgs boson mass is actually (in GeV)

 $125 = 10\,000\,000\,000\,000\,125 - 10\,000\,000\,000\,000\,000\,000\,000$ 





Higgs mass (in GeV)

#### $125 = 10\,000\,000\,000\,000\,125 - 10\,000\,000\,000\,000\,000\,000\,000$

$$m_{Higgs}^2 = m_{bare}^2 - const \; \Lambda_{cutoff}^2$$

Because of additive renormalization of mass

Top loop most significant



Even though theory is renormalizable, cutoff is physical

This is called Naturalness problem or fine tuning problem

Why is it present for elementary scalar?

No symmetry to protect  $m_{Higgs} = 0 \rightarrow additive mass renormalization$ 

For example fermion masses are protected by chiral symmetry  $\rightarrow$  multiplicative renormalization  $\rightarrow$  no Naturalness problem

See for more: https://inspirehep.net/literature/144074

1979 Gerard 't Hooft: Naturalness, chiral symmetry, and spontaneous chiral symmetry breaking,

Citations per year



#### Why is this a problem?

Imagine tax laws are: if profits below \$200  $\rightarrow$  no tax, if profits above \$200  $\rightarrow$  30% tax

- income: \$6000, costs: \$5500 profits:  $500 \rightarrow 30\%$  tax  $\rightarrow$  natural
- income: \$600, costs: \$500 profits: \$100  $\rightarrow$  no tax  $\rightarrow$  natural
- income: \$2000, costs: \$1900 profits:  $100 \rightarrow no tax \rightarrow natural$
- income: \$100.000, costs: \$80.000 profits:  $20.000 \rightarrow 30\%$  tax  $\rightarrow$  natural

Why is this a problem?

Imagine company filing with IRS (or NAV in Hungary):

- Revenue: \$ 10 thousand quadrillion + 125
- Costs: \$ 10 thousand quadrillion
- Profit = Revenue Costs =  $125 \rightarrow no tax$

IRS (or NAV) might not say definitely something is illegal, but would find it suspicious ...

Similarly, such a fine tuning of the Higgs mass: suspicious

Haven't seen anything like this elsewhere in Nature

Fine Tuning Problem - Hierarchy Problem - Naturalness Problem

Only present if *elementary* Higgs, not if *composite*!

Example: QCD, composite hadrons, no problem

Suggestion: Higgs is a composite particle

Basic building blocks can build up other composite particles

Similarly to QCD, lots of hadrons

Prediction for LHC: lots of new particles

Key: testable

Not the only possible solution to Fine Tuning Problem

Example: supersymmetry

Challenge to all proposals: reproduce the extraordinarily precise results we already know from Standard Model  $\rightarrow$  at low energies extensions of the Standard Model should not differ much from Standard Model, only at higher energies  $\sim O(10 TeV)$ 

Also: should provide testable predictions for LHC

Summary: replace elementary Higgs by composite particle of new, so far undetected, gauge theory coupled to new, so far undetected, fermions

Sometimes called technigluons, technifermions (but not always)

Large set of ideas

Often use QCD terminology and QCD analogy

## Outline

- Motivation, Naturalness (done already)
- QCD review
  - Elementary quarks, gluons
  - Composite hadrons
  - No fine tuning problem
  - Symmtries and their breaking (chiral symmetry): explicit, spontaneous, anomalous
  - Spontaneous breaking, Goldstone theorem, effective theory, chiral perturbation theory

# • Composite Higgs models

- New elementary building blocks, new gauge fields and new fermions
- Predictions of new particles
- Two large classes of models: Little Higgs, Strong Dynamics
- Problems

#### QCD review

Elementary quarks and gluons

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{2g^2} \operatorname{Tr} F_{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu} + \sum_{i=1}^{N_f} \bar{\psi}_i (D+m_i) \psi_i$$

g: single dimensionless coupling, D Dirac operator,  $m_i$  masses for each flavor  $i = 1, \ldots, N_f$ 

In Nature:  $N_f = 6$ , (u, d, s, c, b, t)

Symmetries: vector + axial

QCD review - symmetries

$$\delta\psi_i = i\omega_{ij}\psi_j \qquad \qquad \delta\bar{\psi}_i = -i\bar{\psi}_j\omega_{ji}$$

Vector symmetry,  $\omega_{ij}$  Hermitian,  $U = e^{i\omega}$  unitary  $\rightarrow SU(N_f)$ 

Symmetry even if  $m_i \neq 0$ 

$$\delta\psi_i = i\omega_{ij}\gamma_5\psi_j \qquad \qquad \delta\bar{\psi}_i = i\bar{\psi}_j\gamma_5\omega_{ji}$$

Axial symmetry,  $\omega_{ij}$  Hermitian,  $U = e^{i\omega}$  unitary  $\rightarrow SU(N_f)$ 

Only symmetry if  $m_i = 0$ , reminder:  $\{\gamma_5, \gamma_\mu\} = 0$ ,  $\{\gamma_5, D\} = 0$ 

QCD review - symmetries

 $SU(N_f) \times SU(N_f)$ 

Symmetry if  $m_i = 0$ : the Lagrangian  $\mathcal{L}$  is invariant

Spontaneous symmetry breaking:  $\mathcal{L}$  (or Hamiltonian) invariant with some G but vacuum  $|0\rangle$  is not

Subgroup  $H \subset G$  leaves  $|0\rangle$  invariant: G/H coset

### QCD review - spontaneous symmetry breaking

Goldstone theorem: there are as many massless particles as the dimension of G/H: one for each breaking direction



Breaking direction is flat because  ${\mathcal L}$  invariant  $\to$  no quadratic term  $\to$  massless mode

QCD review - spontaneous chiral symmetry breaking

In massless QCD:  $G = SU(N_f) \times SU(N_f)$  broken spontaneously,  $H = SU(N_f)$  corresponding to axial

There are  $N_f^2 - 1$  massless particles  $\rightarrow$  pions

Two light flavors, (u, d), there are 3 pions

Order parameter  $\Sigma = \langle 0 | \bar{\psi}_i \psi_i | 0 \rangle \neq 0$ 

If symmetry would not be spontaneously broken:  $\Sigma = 0$ 

QCD review - explicit symmetry breaking

In QCD  $m_i \neq 0$  but for (u, d, s) they are small, with (u, d) even smaller

 $\mathcal{L}$  is not invariant with  $m_i \neq 0$  but change  $\delta \mathcal{L}$  small

Massless Goldstones become massive but in  $m_i \rightarrow 0$  limit  $M_{Goldstone} = 0$ 

$$M_{Goldstone} \sim m^{\alpha} (1 + \ldots)$$

With  $\alpha > 0$ 

QCD review - symmetry breaking

## Consequence for the spectrum of particles

Observable particles: gauge singlet because of confinement: hadrons

$$M \uparrow = \frac{1}{2} hadrons (not \pi)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} hadrons (not \pi)$$

$$M \sim \Lambda (1 + O(\pi))$$

$$\equiv \frac{1}{2} \pi M \sim O(m^{2})$$

$$\Lambda = \Lambda_{QCD}$$
 dynamically generated scale

QCD review - symmetry breaking

QCD with  $N_f = 2$  flavors (u, d): 3 Goldstones: 3  $\pi$ 

QCD with  $N_f = 3$  flavors (u, d, s): 8 Goldstones: 3  $\pi$ , 3 K,  $\eta, \eta'$ 

More about  $\eta, \eta'$  later

In QCD:  $m_{\pi} = 135 \ MeV$ ,  $m_{K} = 497 \ MeV$ ,  $m_{\rho} = 775 \ MeV$ 

 $m_{u,d} = O(MeV)$  really small,  $m_s$  order of magnitude larger

Goldstone picture applies to 3  $\pi$ , less so to 3 K

QCD review - symmetry breaking

Summary: with  $N_f$  = 2 QCD there are 3 light particles  $M_\pi \sim m^\alpha$  and all the rest are heavy  $M \sim \Lambda$ 



3  $\pi$  very light  $\rightarrow$  low energy effective theory only for them

Same situation in general with G/H spontaneous symmetry breaking and Goldstone bosons

What can this low energy EFT be?

Start from the original symmetry  $SU(N_f) \times SU(N_f)$ , look for a variable transforming appropriately and representing the pions (Goldstones)

 $U \in SU(N_f)$   $(g_1, g_2) \in SU(N_f) \times SU(N_f)$   $U \to g_1 U g_2^{-1}$ 

In field theory U(x)

What is  $\mathcal{L}_{eff}(U)$  ?

What is  $\mathcal{L}_{eff}(U)$  ? (assume  $m_i = m$ )

- Dimension 4
- Lorentz invariant scalar
- Contain 2 derivatives for kinetic term
- $SU(N_f) \times SU(N_f)$  invariant if m = 0
- $SU(N_f) \times SU(N_f)$  breaking to  $SU(N_f)$  if  $m \neq 0$

$$\mathcal{L}_{eff} = \frac{F^2}{2} \operatorname{Tr} \partial_{\mu} U(x) \partial_{\mu} U^{\dagger}(x) - m \Sigma \operatorname{Re} \operatorname{Tr} U(x)$$

U is dimensionless, dim(F) = 1,  $dim(\Sigma) = 3$  (remember  $\Sigma = \overline{\psi}_i \psi_i$ )

Note: F is decay constant of  $\pi$ 

Last term Tr U breaks  $SU(N_f) \times SU(N_f)$  to  $SU(N_f)$ : Tr  $U \rightarrow \text{Tr}(g_1 U g_2^{-1}) = \text{Tr}(g_2^{-1} g_1 U)$ 

equals Tr U only if  $g_1 = g_2 \rightarrow SU(N_f) \subset SU(N_f) \times SU(N_f)$  unbroken

 $\mathcal{L}_{eff}$  fixed by symmetry considerations

Low energy effective theory: should be good description if we only ask about properties of pions

 $U(x) = e^{iT_a\phi_a(x)/F}$  where  $\phi_a$  scalar fields,  $T_a$  generators of  $SU(N_f)$ ,  $a = 1 \dots N_f^2 - 1$ 

In calculations expand  $U = 1 + iT_a \frac{\phi_a}{F} - T_a T_b \frac{\phi_a \phi_b}{2F^2} + \dots$ 

Assume normalized basis  $\operatorname{Tr} T_a T_b = \delta_{ab}$ 

#### Home work

Expand  $\mathcal{L}_{eff}$  to quadratic order in  $\phi$ 

Obtain free theory of scalar fields with mass term

 $\rightarrow$  at low energy pions are free

Obtain  $\alpha$  in  $M_{Goldstone} = M_{\pi} \sim m^{\alpha}$ 

Low energy EFT can give properties of  $\pi$ 

This was simple example, many more can be given

Note:  $\mathcal{L}_{eff}$  only leading order EFT, there are loop corrections

QCD review - anomalous symmetry breaking

Note: there is a U(1) component for both vector and axial, flavor singlet

$$\delta\psi_i = i\psi_i \qquad \qquad \delta\bar{\psi}_i = -i\bar{\psi}_i$$

$$\delta\psi_i = i\gamma_5\psi_i \qquad \qquad \delta\bar{\psi}_i = i\bar{\psi}_i\gamma_5$$

The axial U(1) is anomalous

Anomalous symmetry breaking:  $\ensuremath{\mathcal{L}}$  invariant but path integration measure not invariant

Similar to explicit breaking

No Goldstone theorem  $\rightarrow \eta'$  not light but heavy,  $M_{\eta'} = 958\,MeV$ 

## QCD review

Summary so far: QCD has very special spectrum, light particles separated from heavy particles

All of this because of Goldstone theorem, spontaneous symmetry breaking

No elementary particles in spectrum

No fine tuning, everything is natural, no quadratic divergences

Class of theories considered: new non-abelian gauge theory sector + new (massless) fermions

Spontaneous chiral symmetry breaking  $\rightarrow$  electroweak symmetry breaking

Goldstone bosons  $\rightarrow$  eaten by W and Z

Spin 0 scalar composite particle (like  $\sigma$ -meson): Higgs

Non-perturbative dynamics (like QCD)

This is an old idea! (Weinberg, Susskind, ..., late 70's)

Many early problems

- scaled up QCD doesn't work ( $\Lambda_{QCD} = \Lambda \sim O(100)GeV$ )
- S-parameter large?
- Higgs heavy (or Higgsless)
- many new massless particles?
- large FCNC vs. quark masses

Problems may be due to QCD intuition and/or perturbation theory

We have lattice tools now to address them

Let's use lattice QCD techniques to do first principle calculations

Close to conformal window  $\rightarrow$  very different properties from QCD

Typical quantity:  $\langle \mathcal{O}(x)\mathcal{O}(0)\rangle$ 

QFT vacuum expectation value: quantum mechanics for infinitely many degrees of freedom

$$\langle \mathcal{O}(x)\mathcal{O}(0)\rangle = \frac{\int DA_{\mu}D\psi D\bar{\psi}\mathcal{O}(x)\mathcal{O}(0)e^{-S}}{\int DA_{\mu}D\psi D\bar{\psi}e^{-S}}$$

Perturbation theory or other analytical approach doesn't work

Numerical evaluation (as in QCD)
Space-time lattice  $\rightarrow$  finite number of variables  $\rightarrow$  path integral finite dimensional

Reasonable lattice:  $32^4 \rightarrow 33554432$  dimensional integral (for SU(3))

Even numerical integration is hopeless

Only approach: stochastic evaluation  $\rightarrow$  Monte-Carlo methods

Key numerical difficulty: fermions (Grassmann variables)

Numerical cost: orders of magnitude more than without fermions

Main ingredient: inversion of Dirac operator

Dirac equation  $D\psi = \eta$ , where  $D = \gamma_{\mu}(\partial_{\mu} + A_{\mu}) + m$ 

Need to invert  $10^7 \times 10^7 \dots 10^{10} \times 10^{10}$  matrices

### High performance computing



## Supercomputers - very expensive \$\$\$

# High performance computing



Much better price/performance

Computers give vacuum expectation values with statistical errors

Can extract physical quantities  $\rightarrow$  compare with experiment

Key steps:

- (technical)  $m \to 0$  limit need massless Goldstones, eaten by W and Z
- $N^4$  lattice,  $N \to \infty$ , infinite volume extrapolation
- lattice spacing  $a \rightarrow 0$ , continuum limit

All 3 are tricky in their own way

# Continuum











# Continuum



Many theories to choose from

Hope to convince you that SU(3) with

 $N_f = 2$  and R =sextet is a minimal model

and is promising phenomenologically

Outline and summary

- Sextet model expectations, conformal window
- Particle spectrum from lattice
- Light scalar Higgs
- Running coupling
- Conclusion (caveats, difficulties, questions)

Why SU(3) sextet  $N_f = 2$ ?

Dietrich, Sannino, Tuominen: hep-ph/0405209, hep-ph/0611341

- Asymptotically free
- Perturbatively: just below conformal window (Schwinger-Dyson)

- Slowly changing coupling? (FCNC vs. quark masses)
- Perturbatively: small S-parameter
- Complex representation: exactly 3 Goldstones  $\rightarrow$  eaten by W and Z

Why SU(3) sextet  $N_f = 2?$ 

Very similar to  $N_f = 2 \text{ QCD}$ 

R = fundamental replaced by R = sextet = 2 - index - symm

But very different properties

 $f_{\pi} = 250 \; GeV$ 

Much closer to the conformal window than QCD

Conformal window

SU(N) gauge theory with  $N_f$  fermions in R

$$\beta(g) = \mu \frac{dg}{d\mu} = \beta_1 \frac{g^3}{16\pi^2} + \beta_2 \frac{g^5}{(16\pi^2)^2}$$
  
$$\beta_1 = -\frac{11}{3}N + \frac{4}{3}N_f T(R)$$
  
$$\beta_2 = -\frac{34}{3}N^2 + \left(\frac{5}{3}N + C_2(R)\right) 4T(R)N_f$$

Asymptotic freedom:  $\beta_1 < 0$ , perturbation theory reliable

$$N_f < \frac{11N}{4T(R)}$$

# Asymptotic freedom





Non-trivial fixed point  $\beta(g_*) = 0$ :

Exists if  $\beta_1 < 0$  and  $\beta_2 > 0$  Banks-Zaks

 $g_* = 4\pi \sqrt{-\frac{\beta_1}{\beta_2}}$ 

$$N_f^{low} = \frac{34N^2}{4T(R)(5N+3C_2(R))} < N_f < \frac{11N}{4T(R)} = N_f^{up}$$

This  $N_f$  range is the conformal window in 2-loop approximation

Fixed point  $g_*$  an IR fixed point.

# Infrared fixed point





How trustworthy is this?

$$N_f^{low} = \frac{34N^2}{4T(R)(5N+3C_2(R))} < N_f < \frac{11N}{4T(R)} = N_f^{up}$$

Upper end of the conformal window: loss of asymptotic freedom  $\rightarrow$  perturbation theory is trustworthy, even 1-loop is enough

$$g_* = 4\pi \sqrt{-rac{eta_1}{eta_2}}$$
 is small because  $eta_1$  is small

Lower end of the conformal window: 2-loop is suspect

$$g_* = 4\pi \sqrt{-rac{eta_1}{eta_2}}$$
 is large because  $eta_2$  is small

Where we know what we are doing: close to upper end of the conformal window

E.g. 
$$N = 3$$
,  $R = fund$ ,  $N_f^{up} = 16.5$ 

E.g. 
$$N = 3$$
,  $R = sextet$ ,  $N_f^{up} = 3.3$ 

For example  $N_f = 16$  fundamental or  $N_f = 3$  sextet: 2-loop result is probably okay, a non-trivial weakly interacting 4D CFT

Even though 2-loop result is unreliable for  $N_f^{low}$  the lesson is that there exists an  $N_f^{low}$  but we can't compute it in perturbation theory

Is real  $N_f^{low}$  smaller or larger than 2-loop  $N_f^{low}$ ?

Probably larger.

As  $N_f$  decreases from upper end of conformal window  $g_*$  grows  $\rightarrow$  if not too large still CFT  $\rightarrow$  as it gets large chiral symmetry breaks  $\rightarrow$  scale is generated  $\rightarrow$  conformal symmetry lost  $\rightarrow$  no IR fixed point  $\rightarrow$  we are outside the conformal window.

Conformal window,  $N_f$ -dependence summary



 $N_f$  increases from left to right

#### Examples

Perturbative 2-loop  $N_f^{low}$ 

*SU*(2)

- $R: j = 1/2, 5.551... < N_f < 11$
- $R: j = 1, 1.0625 < N_f < 2.75$
- $R: j = 3/2, 0.32 < N_f < 1.1$

#### Examples

Perturbative 2-loop  $N_f^{low}$ 

*SU*(3)

- R = fund, 8.05... <  $N_f < 16.5$
- R = sextet, 1.224 <  $N_f$  < 3.3
- R = adj, 1.0625 <  $N_f$  < 2.75

 $N_f$  just below lower end of conformal window



Non-perturbative (lattice) studies

We only study the model in isolation as SU(3) gauge theory with  $N_f = 2$  fermions in sextet

Forget about rest of Standard Model

Questions for this talk

- Does chiral symmetry breaking happen?
- Particles in the spectrum? Light Higgs?
- Running coupling (is it walking?)

# Lattice setup

## Particle spectrum

- Finite lattice spacing *a*
- Finite volume L
- Finite fermion mass m > 0
- Chiral limit  $m \rightarrow 0$  in large volumes
- Decrease lattice spacing (2 values at the moment)
- Express things in chiral limit in dimensionless combinations
- $f_{\pi} = 250 GeV$  scale setting

Lattice setup

Particle spectrum

- Staggered fermions (fast!)
- Need rooting trick for  $N_f = 2$ from QCD: as long as m finite, not too small, it's okay

• Stout-improvement

- Symanzik tree level improved gauge action
- $\beta = 3.20$  and 3.25

# Lattice

Particle spectrum (staggered fermions)

Using QCD terminology consider

$$m_{\pi} f_{\pi} m_{a_0} m_{\rho} m_{a_1} m_N m_{\eta'} m_{f_0} = m_{0++} = m_{Higgs}$$

## Lattice – finite volume effects



Already at  $\beta =$  3.20 and m = 0.003, 32^3 is not enough,  $m_\pi L > 6-7$  needed

# Lattice - pseudo-scalar meson



Unable to resolve chiral logs

# Lattice - pseudo-scalar meson



Much stronger m-dependence than in QCD

## Lattice - pseudo-scalar meson



Note the different slopes, in QCD parallel

## Lattice - vector mesons $\varrho$ and $a_1$



### Within reach of LHC Run 2

Small splitting:  $S \sim VV - AA$ , small?

Lattice - scalar mesons  $f_0$  and  $a_0$ 



Remember  $f_0$  is the Higgs! Difficult channel, disconnected fermion graphs  $\beta = 3.25$  preliminary, topology?
Lattice - baryons

Baryon states very diferent from QCD

 $3 \otimes 3 \otimes 3 = 1 \oplus 2 \times 8 \oplus 10$ 

 $6 \otimes 6 \otimes 6 = 1 \oplus 2 \times 8 \oplus 10 \oplus \overline{10} \oplus 3 \times 27 \oplus 28 \oplus 2 \times 35$ 

But!

singlet in QCD:  $arepsilon_{abc} \psi_a \psi_b \psi_c, \quad \epsilon_{abc}$  anti-symmetric

singlet in sextet:

 $\varepsilon_{abc} \varepsilon_{def} \psi_{ad} \psi_{be} \psi_{cf} = T_{ABC} \psi_A \psi_B \psi_C$  $a, b, \ldots = 1, 2, 3$  A, B, C = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 $T_{ABC}$  symmetric

Lattice - baryons

As a result, very different wave functions

"color": symmetric, spin-flavor: anti-symmetric

Non-relativistic notation (suppress "color" index):

$$ert \psi 
angle = ert \uparrow u, \uparrow d, \downarrow u 
angle + ert \downarrow u, \uparrow u, \uparrow d 
angle + ert \uparrow d, \downarrow u, \uparrow u 
angle - ert \downarrow u, \uparrow d, \uparrow u 
angle - ert \uparrow d, \uparrow u, \downarrow u 
angle - ert \uparrow u, \downarrow u, \uparrow d 
angle$$

## Lattice - baryons



Dark matter?

Lattice - 
$$\eta'$$

## Extract from gluonic operator

$$q(x) = \frac{1}{32\pi^2} \varepsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} F_{\mu\nu}(x) F_{\rho\sigma}(x)$$

$$-\langle q(x)q(y)\rangle \sim \frac{K_1(m_{\eta'}r)}{r} \qquad r = |x-y|$$

Measure on gradient flow  $\rightarrow$  less noisy

Lattice - 
$$\eta'$$

## $\beta = 3.20$ , preliminary



Lattice - 
$$\eta'$$

## $\beta = 3.25$ , preliminary



Spectrum summary 1

$$m_{f_0}/f_\pi \sim 1-2$$
  $m_{f_0} \sim 250-500 \, GeV$   
 $m_{a_0}/f_\pi \sim 6-8$   $m_{a_0} \sim 1.5-2 \, TeV$   
 $m_{\varrho}/f_\pi \sim 7-8$   $m_{\varrho} \sim 1.8-2 \, TeV$   
 $m_{a_1}/f_\pi \sim 10-11$   $m_{\varrho} \sim 2.5-2.7 \, TeV$   
 $m_N/f_\pi \sim 11-14$   $m_N \sim 2.7-3.5 \, TeV$   
 $m_{\eta'}/f_\pi \sim 13-18$   $m_{\eta'} \sim 3.2-4.5 \, TeV$ 

Light scalar separated from the 2-3 TeV region

Higgs at 250 – 500 *GeV* ??

What we measure is not "the" Higgs

Coupling to SM: top loop

$$m_{Higgs}^2 = m_{sextet f_0}^2 - const \ m_{top}^2$$

Foadi, et al.

Other particles expected to be effected less

Spectrum summary 2

Model seems consistent with  $\chi PT$ 

Model gives rise to a light scalar

New particles with definite properties in 2-3 TeV region

Potential dark matter candidate as well

Important caveats

• Slow topology change

• Unestimated systematics

• Only 20 – 30% change in lattice spacing

• Coupled scalar-pion dynamics ignored in  $\chi PT$ 



More lattice results - running coupling

Running scale:  $\mu$ 

Need:  $1/L < \mu < 1/a$ 

Separating 3 scales difficult, instead

$$1/L = \mu < 1/a$$

Running scale is finite volume

Running coupling

Running scale:  $\mu = 1/L$ , using gradient flow

$$g^{2}(L) \sim \langle t^{2}E(t) \rangle \qquad c = \frac{\sqrt{8t}}{L} = const$$

Discrete  $\beta$ -function:  $\frac{g^2(sL) - g^2(L)}{\log(s^2)}$  s = 3/2, 2

Running coupling, extrapolated to continuum



Running coupling summary (for sextet)

No sign of fixed point in the  $0 < g^2 < 6.5$  range

3-loop fixed point in  $\overline{\text{MS}}$  :  $g^2 = 6.28$ 

4-loop fixed point in  $\overline{MS}$  :  $g^2 = 5.73$ 

Schwinger-Dyson: no fixed point

Summary and questions

• Sextet model is a minimal composite Higgs model

• Particle spectrum shows chiral symmetry breaking

• Light scalar emerges

• Running coupling consistent with it

Summary and questions

• Lower end of conformal window → light scalar?

● Slow running → light scalar?

• Why light? Dilatation symmetry?

•  $m_{\rho}/f_{\pi} \sim 8$  for SU(3) largely  $N_f$  and R independent?

Work in progress and future outlook

Haven't talked about lots of things

• Chiral condensate from Dirac eigenvalues (GMOR)

Mass anomalous dimension

• Thermodynamics



Thank you for your attention!