

# Non-perturbative beta functions and scaling laws in QCD with many quark flavors

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Y.Kusafuka, E.Ueno, H.T., in preparation

# Introduction

## Conformal window of the many flavor QCD

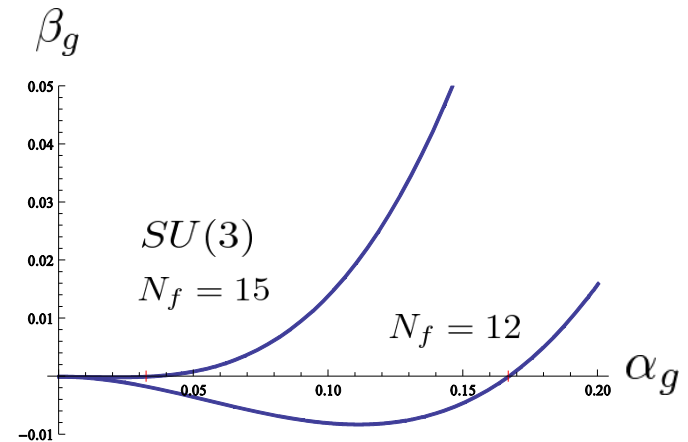
- **SU( $N_c$ ) gauge theory with  $N_f$  massless flavors**

- 2-loop gauge beta function  $\alpha_g = g^2/(4\pi)^2$

$$\beta_g^{[2]} \equiv \mu \frac{d\alpha_g}{d\mu} = -2b_0\alpha_g^2 - 2b_1\alpha_g^3$$

$$b_0 = \frac{11}{3}N_c - \frac{2}{3}N_f$$

$$b_1 = \frac{34}{3}N_c^2 - N_f \left( \frac{N_c^2 - 1}{N_c} + \frac{10}{3}N_c \right)$$



- **IR (Banks–Zaks) fixed point**

T.Banks, A.Zaks, NP B 196 (1982)

W.E.Gaswell, PRL 33 (1974)

- goes towards strong coupling region as  $N_f$  decreases.
- **Spontaneous breaking of the chiral symmetry for  $N_f < N_{cr}$** 
  - Scale invariance is lost there.  $\Rightarrow$  Fixed point cannot exist !

- Conformal window:  $N_{fcr} < N_f < \frac{11}{2}N_c$

# Introduction

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## Boundary of the conformal window $N_{f\ cr}$

### ● Analysis of the Dyson–Schwinger equations

V.A.Miransky, K.Yamawaki, MPL A4 (1989); PRD 55 (1997)

T.Appelquist et.al. PRL 77 (1996); PRD 58 (1998)

- DS equations with the fixed point gauge coupling are examined.
- The ladder approximation is used mostly.
- Motivation of study: application to New Technicolor models

### ● Lattice simulations of the effective gauge coupling

Y.Iwasaki et. al. PRL 69 (1992)

T. Appelquist et. al. PRL 100 (2008); PRL1 02 (2009); PRD 79 (2009)

A.Hasenfratz, PRD 80 (2009); PRD 82 (2010)

T. DeGrand, et.al. PRD 80 (2009); PRD 82 (2010); PRD 83 (2011)

L. Del Debbio et.al. PRD 81 (2010); PRD 82 (2010)

Z. Fodor et.al. PL B 681 (2009); arXiv:0904.4662

E.Itou et.al arXiv:1011.1964

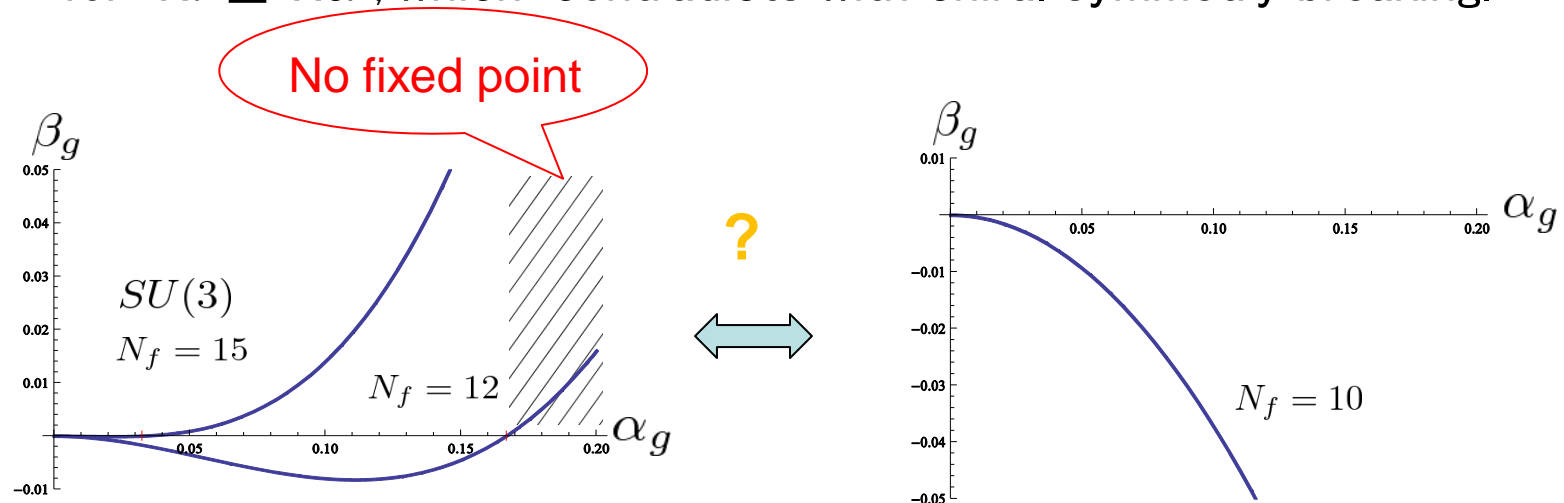
M.Hyakawa et.al. PRD 83 (2011)

$$\Rightarrow 8 < N_{cr} \leq 12$$

# Introduction

## Question: How does the beta function change vs. $N_f$ ?

- A fixed point is not allowed at the strong coupling region. Therefore the perturbative beta functions cannot transform into the asymptotically free one smoothly, then what happens?
- **Decoupling of fermions?**
  - Chiral symmetry breaking reduces the flavor number effectively. So the beta function may be modified at the strong coupling region.
  - But a UV fixed point seems to appear in the strong coupling region for  $N_f \geq N_{cr}$ , which contradicts with chiral symmetry breaking.



# Introduction

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⇒ We need some non-perturbative analyses of the beta functions in the conformal window.

## Use of the Wilson (Exact) Renormalization Group

### ■ Scale invariance:

Dyson–Schwinger equations treating the chiral order parameters are useless in the conformal window. Also it would be difficult to study almost scale invariant theories by the Lattice MC simulation.

### ■ Non-perturbative calculation:

In the Wilson RG, renormalized theories can be defined by the renormalized trajectories (RTs), which are given as the continuum limit of the Wilson RG flows.

J.Polchinski, N.P. B231 (1984)

### ■ Beta function:

Then **non-perturbative beta functions** can be given by scale transformation on the RTs.

⇒ So the ERG is a quite suitable framework.

# Non-perturbative beta function

## Wilson RG

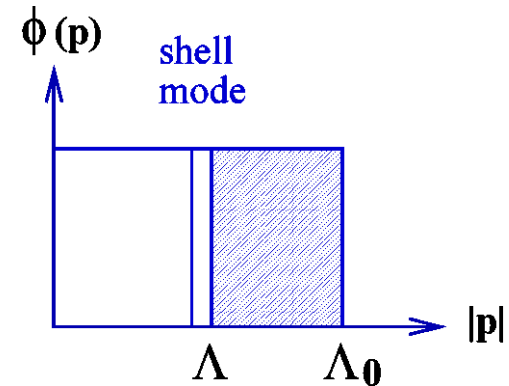
### Wilsonian effective action

K.G.Wilson, I.G.Kogut (1974)

Integrating out higher momentum modes

$$\begin{aligned} Z &= \int_{|p| < \Lambda_0} \mathcal{D}\phi(p) \exp(-S_0[\phi; \Lambda_0]) \\ &= \int_{|p| < \Lambda} \mathcal{D}\phi(p) \exp(-S_{\text{eff}}[\phi; \Lambda]) \end{aligned}$$

$$S_{\text{eff}}[\phi; \Lambda] = \int d^D x \sum_i \frac{g_i}{\Lambda^{d_i}} \mathcal{O}_i[\phi]$$



: Wilsonian effective action contains infinitely many operators

### Wilson RG

$$\Lambda \frac{dS_{\text{eff}}}{d\Lambda} = \mathcal{F}[S_{\text{eff}}], \quad \text{or} \quad \Lambda \frac{dg_i}{d\Lambda} = \beta_i(\{g\})$$

Legendre flow equation (Wetterich eq.) for the cutoff effective action

$$\frac{\partial \Gamma_\Lambda}{\partial \Lambda} = \frac{1}{2} \int_p \text{tr} \left[ \frac{\partial R}{\partial \Lambda} \cdot \left( R + \frac{\delta^2 \Gamma_\Lambda}{\delta \phi_p \delta \phi_{-p}} \right)^{-1} \right]$$

# Non-perturbative beta function

## Scalar field theory as a toy model

### ● RG flows in $(\lambda_4, \lambda_6)$ space

J.Polchinski, N.P. B231 (1984)

#### ■ Operator truncation

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = \frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu \phi)^2 - \frac{\lambda_4}{2!} \left(\frac{\phi^2}{2}\right)^2 - \frac{\lambda_6}{3!\Lambda^2} \left(\frac{\phi^2}{2}\right)^3$$

#### ■ Wetterich eqn (sharp cutoff limit)

$$\Lambda \frac{d\lambda_4}{d\Lambda} = a\lambda_4^2 - b\lambda_6$$

$$\Lambda \frac{d\lambda_6}{d\Lambda} = 2\lambda_6 - c\lambda_4^3 + 2d\lambda_4\lambda_6$$

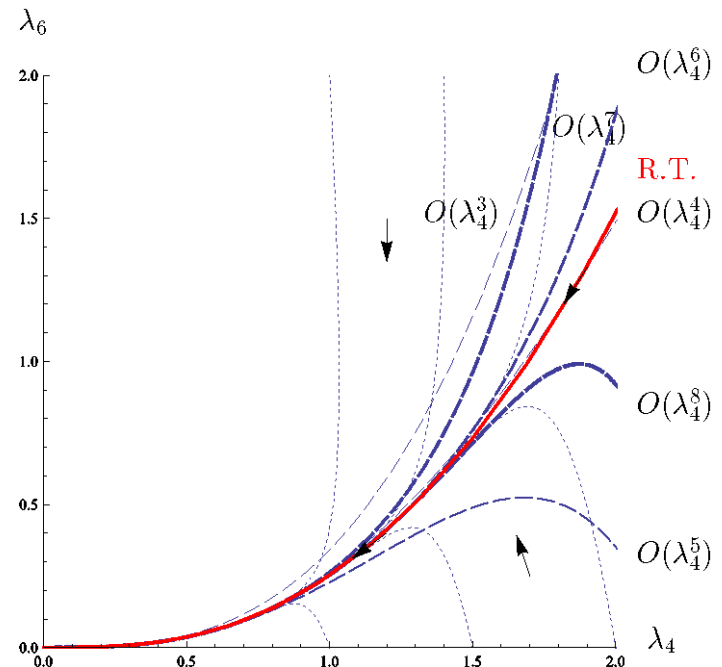
$$a = 9A, \quad b = 10A$$

$$c = 27A, \quad d = (45/2)A$$

$$(A = 2/(4\pi)^2)$$

#### ■ Renormalized trajectory

↔ renormalized theory



# Non-perturbative beta function

## Renormalized trajectory

### Perturbative analysis

$$\lambda_6^* = \frac{c}{2}\lambda_4^3 + \frac{c}{4}(3a - 2d)\lambda_4^4 - \frac{c}{8}(-12a^2 + 3bc + 14ad - 4d^2)\lambda_4^5 + \dots$$

## Non-perturbative beta function

### Renormalized trajectory

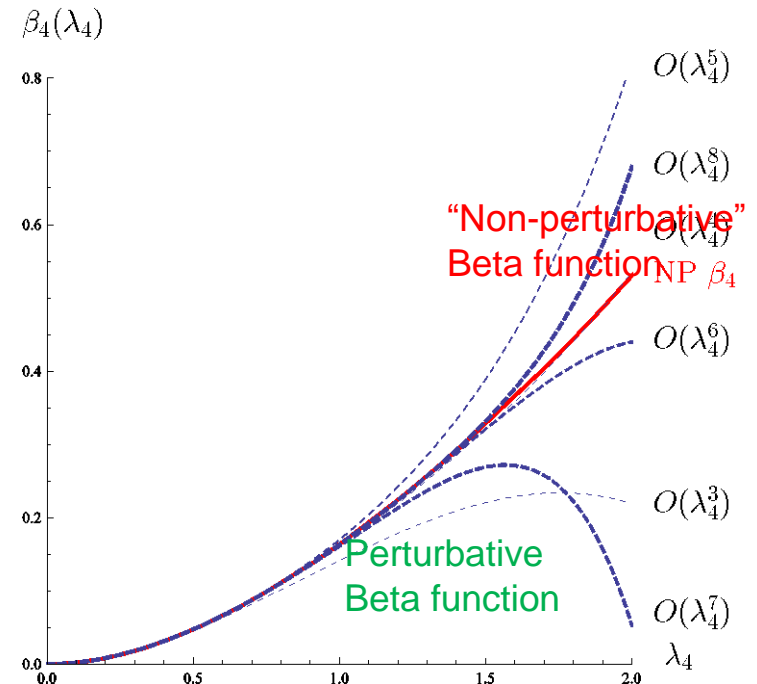
We can find the RT numerically without perturbative expansion.

$$\lambda_6 = \lambda_6^*(\lambda_4)$$

### “Non-perturbative” beta function

The beta function of a renormalized parameter is given by the scale transformation on the RT.

$$\begin{aligned} \beta_4(\lambda_4) &= a\lambda_4^2 - b\lambda_6^*(\lambda_4) \\ &= a\lambda_4^2 - \frac{bc}{2}\lambda_4^3 - \frac{bc}{4}(3a - 2d)\lambda_4^4 + \dots \end{aligned}$$





# RG flow equations for SU(N) gauge theories

## Wilsonian effective action

### Four-fermi operators

■ Important to describe the chiral symmetry breaking

■ Symmetries

- ◆ Gauge symmetry :  $SU(N_c)$   $\psi_L^{ai} = L^{ai}, \psi_R^{ai} = R^{ai}$
- ◆ Chiral flavor symmetry :  $SU(N_f)_L \times SU(N_f)_R$   $(a = 1, \dots, N_c)$
- ◆ Parity  $\psi_L \leftrightarrow \psi_R$   $(i = 1, \dots, N_f)$

■ 4 invariant four-fermi operators

$$\mathcal{L}_{4f} = \frac{G_S}{\Lambda^2} \mathcal{O}_S + \frac{G_V}{\Lambda^2} \mathcal{O}_V + \frac{G_{V1}}{\Lambda^2} \mathcal{O}_{V1} + \frac{G_{V2}}{\Lambda^2} \mathcal{O}_{V2}$$

$$\mathcal{O}_S = 2\bar{L}_i R^j \bar{R}_j L^i = \frac{1}{2} [\bar{\psi}_i \psi^j \bar{\psi}_j \psi^i - \bar{\psi}_i \gamma_5 \psi^j \bar{\psi}_j \gamma_5 \psi^i]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{O}_V &= \bar{L}_i \gamma^\mu L^j \bar{L}_j \gamma_\mu L^i + (L \leftrightarrow R) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} [\bar{\psi}_i \gamma^\mu \psi^j \bar{\psi}_j \gamma_\mu \psi^i + \bar{\psi}_i \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 \psi^j \bar{\psi}_j \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 \psi^i] \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{V1} = 2\bar{L}_i \gamma^\mu L^i \bar{R}_j \gamma_\mu R^j = \frac{1}{2} [(\bar{\psi}_i \gamma^\mu \psi^i)^2 - (\bar{\psi}_i \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 \psi^i)^2]$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{V2} = (\bar{L}_i \gamma^\mu L^i)^2 + (L \leftrightarrow R) = \frac{1}{2} [(\bar{\psi}_i \gamma^\mu \psi^i)^2 + (\bar{\psi}_i \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 \psi^i)^2]$$

# RG flow equations for SU(N) gauge theories

## Invariant four-fermi operators

### • Apparent invariants

$$\psi_L^{ai} = L^{ai}, \psi_R^{ai} = R^{ai} \quad (a = 1, \dots, N_c)$$

$$(i = 1, \dots, N_f)$$

$$2\bar{L}_{ai}\gamma^\mu L^{ai}\bar{R}_{bj}\gamma_\mu R^{bj} = \frac{1}{2} [(\bar{\psi}_{ai}\gamma^\mu\psi^{ai})^2 - (\bar{\psi}_{ai}\gamma^\mu\gamma_5\psi^{ai})^2]$$

$$2\bar{L}_{ai}\gamma^\mu L^{bi}\bar{R}_{bj}\gamma_\mu R^{aj} = \frac{1}{2} [\bar{\psi}_{ai}\gamma^\mu\psi^{bi}\bar{\psi}_{bj}\gamma_\mu\psi^{aj} - \bar{\psi}_{ai}\gamma^\mu\gamma_5\psi^{bi}\bar{\psi}_{bj}\gamma_\mu\gamma_5\psi^{aj}]$$

$$\bar{L}_{ai}\gamma^\mu L^{ai}\bar{L}_{bj}\gamma_\mu L^{bj} + (L \leftrightarrow R) = \frac{1}{2} [(\bar{\psi}_{ai}\gamma^\mu\psi^{ai})^2 + (\bar{\psi}_{ai}\gamma^\mu\gamma_5\psi^{ai})^2]$$

$$\bar{L}_{ai}\gamma^\mu L^{bi}\bar{L}_{bj}\gamma_\mu L^{aj} + (L \leftrightarrow R)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} [\bar{\psi}_{ai}\gamma^\mu\psi^{bi}\bar{\psi}_{bj}\gamma_\mu\psi^{aj} + \bar{\psi}_{ai}\gamma^\mu\gamma_5\psi^{bi}\bar{\psi}_{bj}\gamma_\mu\gamma_5\psi^{aj}]$$

$$\bar{L}_{ai}\gamma^\mu L^{aj}\bar{L}_{bj}\gamma_\mu L^{bi} + (L \leftrightarrow R)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} [\bar{\psi}_{ai}\gamma^\mu\psi^{aj}\bar{\psi}_{bj}\gamma_\mu\psi^{bi} + \bar{\psi}_{ai}\gamma^\mu\gamma_5\psi^{aj}\bar{\psi}_{bj}\gamma_\mu\gamma_5\psi^{bi}]$$

$$\bar{L}_{ai}\gamma^\mu L^{bj}\bar{L}_{bj}\gamma_\mu L^{ai} + (L \leftrightarrow R)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} [\bar{\psi}_{ai}\gamma^\mu\psi^{bj}\bar{\psi}_{bj}\gamma_\mu\psi^{ai} + \bar{\psi}_{ai}\gamma^\mu\gamma_5\psi^{bj}\bar{\psi}_{bj}\gamma_\mu\gamma_5\psi^{ai}]$$

# RG flow equations for SU(N) gauge theories

## ● Fierz identities

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \blacksquare \quad \bar{\psi}_1 \gamma^\mu \psi_2 \bar{\psi}_3 \gamma_\mu \psi_4 + \bar{\psi}_1 \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 \psi_2 \bar{\psi}_3 \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 \psi_4 \\
 & = \bar{\psi}_1 \gamma^\mu \psi_4 \bar{\psi}_3 \gamma_\mu \psi_2 + \bar{\psi}_1 \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 \psi_4 \bar{\psi}_3 \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 \psi_2 \\
 & \blacksquare \quad \bar{\psi}_1 \psi_2 \bar{\psi}_3 \psi_4 - \bar{\psi}_1 \gamma_5 \psi_2 \bar{\psi}_3 \gamma_5 \psi_4 \\
 & = -\frac{1}{2} [\bar{\psi}_1 \gamma^\mu \psi_4 \bar{\psi}_3 \gamma_\mu \psi_2 - \bar{\psi}_1 \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 \psi_4 \bar{\psi}_3 \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 \psi_2]
 \end{aligned}$$

## ● Current-current interactions

$$2 \sum_{A=1}^{\dim G} (T^A)_d^a (T^A)_b^c = \delta_b^a \delta_d^c - \frac{1}{N_c} \delta_d^a \delta_b^c$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \blacksquare \quad 2 \sum_A \bar{L}_i T^A \gamma^\mu L^i \bar{R}_j T^A \gamma_\mu R^j = -\mathcal{O}_S - \frac{1}{2N_c} \mathcal{O}_{V1} \\
 & \blacksquare \quad \sum_A \bar{L}_i T^A \gamma^\mu L^i \bar{L}_j T^A \gamma_\mu L^j + (L \leftrightarrow R) = \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{O}_V - \frac{1}{2N_c} \mathcal{O}_{V2} \\
 & \blacksquare \quad \sum_A \bar{L}_i T^A \gamma^\mu L^j \bar{L}_j T^A \gamma_\mu L^i + (L \leftrightarrow R) = \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{O}_{V2} - \frac{1}{2N_c} \mathcal{O}_V
 \end{aligned}$$

# RG flow equations for SU(N) gauge theories

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## ● Spontaneous breaking of the chiral symmetry

K.-I.Aoki, K.Morikawa, W.Souma, J.-I.Sumi, H.T.,M.Tomoyose,  
PTP97 (1997), PTP102 (1999), PRD61 (2000)

- $G_S \rightarrow \infty$  : Chiral symmetry breaking

$$\langle \bar{\psi}_i \psi^j \rangle = M^3 \delta_i^j \Rightarrow SU(N_f)_L \times SU(N_f)_R \rightarrow SU(N_f)_V$$

## ● Approximation scheme

- Operator truncation

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = -\frac{1}{4g^2} F_{\mu\nu}^A F^{A\mu\nu} + \bar{\psi}_f i \not{D} \psi^f + \mathcal{L}_{4f}$$

- We discard all gauge non-invariant corrections.

Note: Cutoff breaks gauge invariance. Gauge non-invariant corrections may be controlled by the modified WT identities.

# RG flow equations for SU(N) gauge theories

## RG flow equations (sharp cutoff limit)

• **Four-fermi couplings** ( $g_i = G_i/4\pi^2$ ,  $\alpha_g = g^2/(4\pi)^2$ )

H.Gies, J.Jackel, C.Wetterich, PRD 69 (2004)

H.Gies, J.Jackel, EPJC 46 (2006)

$$\Lambda \frac{dg_S}{d\Lambda} = 2g_S - 2N_c g_S^2 + 2N_f g_S g_V + 6g_S g_{V1} + 2g_S g_{V2} - 12C_2(F)g_S \alpha_g + 12g_{V1} \alpha_g - \frac{3}{2} \left( 3N_c - \frac{4}{N_c} - \frac{1}{N_c^2} \right) \alpha_g^2$$

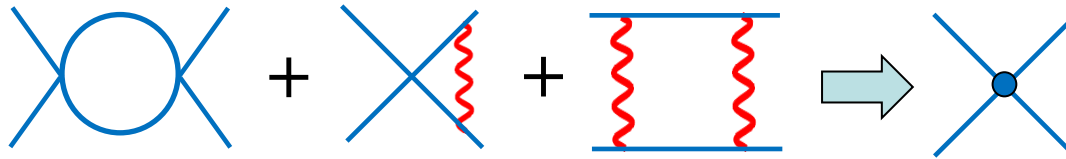
$$\Lambda \frac{dg_V}{d\Lambda} = 2g_V + (N_f/4)g_S^2 + (N_c + N_f)g_V^2 - 6g_V g_{V2} - \frac{6}{N_c}(g_V + g_{V2})\alpha_g - \frac{3}{4} \left( N_c - \frac{8}{N_c} + \frac{3}{N_c^2} \right) \alpha_g^2$$

$$\Lambda \frac{dg_{V1}}{d\Lambda} = 2g_{V1} - (1/4)g_S^2 - g_S g_V - 3g_{V1}^2 - N_f g_S g_{V2} + 2(N_c + N_f)g_V g_{V1} + 2(N_c N_f + 1)g_{V1} g_{V2} + \frac{6}{N_c} g_{V1} \alpha_g + \frac{3}{4} \left( 1 + \frac{3}{N_c^2} \right) \alpha_g^2$$

$$\Lambda \frac{dg_{V2}}{d\Lambda} = 2g_{V2} - 3g_V^2 - N_c N_f g_{V1}^2 + (N_c N_f - 2)g_{V2}^2 - N_f g_S g_{V1} + 2(N_c N_f + 1)g_V g_{V2} + 6(g_V + g_{V2})\alpha_g - \frac{3}{4} \left( 3 + \frac{1}{N_c^2} \right) \alpha_g^2$$

# RG flow equations for SU(N) gauge theories

- Loop corrections for the four-fermi operators



- Large  $N_c$ ,  $N_f$  limit ( $r = N_f/N_c$  : fixed)

- rescale as  $N_c g_S(V) \rightarrow g_S(V)$ ,  $N_c^2 g_{V_1(V_2)} \rightarrow g_{V_1(V_2)}$ ,  
 $N_c \alpha_g \rightarrow \alpha_g$

$$\Lambda \frac{dg_S}{d\Lambda} = 2g_S - 2g_S^2 + 2rg_S g_V - 6g_S \alpha_g - \frac{9}{2} \alpha_g^2$$

$$\Lambda \frac{dg_V}{d\Lambda} = 2g_V + \frac{r}{4} g_S^2 + (1+r)g_V^2 - \frac{3}{4} \alpha_g^2$$

- Note: Four-fermi couplings  $g_{V_1}$ ,  $g_{V_2}$  do not involve in the large  $N_c$  and  $N_f$  limit.
- Note: The large  $N_c$  corrections contain only the ladder diagrams. But the non-ladder ones come through the large  $N_f$  part.

# RG flow equations for SU(N) gauge theories

## ● Gauge coupling

- We use the perturbative beta functions in the large  $N_c$ ,  $N_f$  limit and **add a part of higher order corrections via the four-fermi effective couplings.**

### 1. Vertex correction :

H.Gies, J.Jackel, C.Wetterich, PRD 69 (2004)

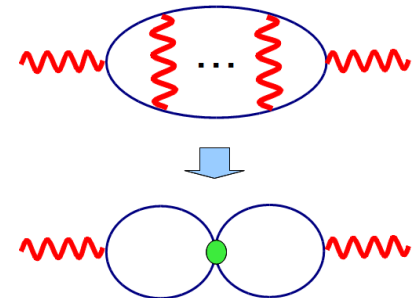
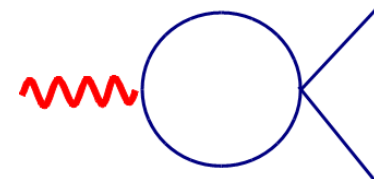
We discard all vertex corrections with the four-fermi couplings, since the gauge symmetry should forbid them.

### 2. Vacuum polarization :

The higher order corrections via four-fermi effective operators should be incorporated into the vacuum polarization.

$$\beta_g^{[2]} = -\frac{2}{3}(11 - 2r)\alpha_g^2 - \frac{2}{3}(34 - 13r)\alpha_g^3$$

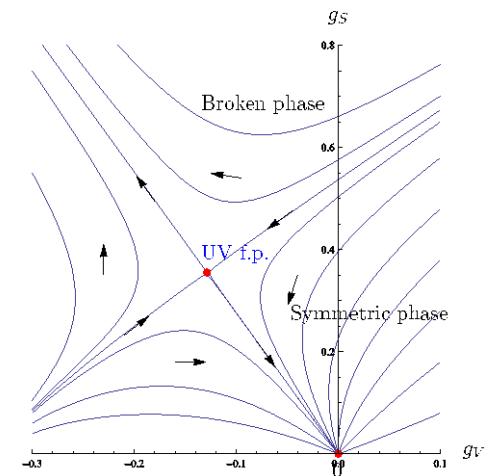
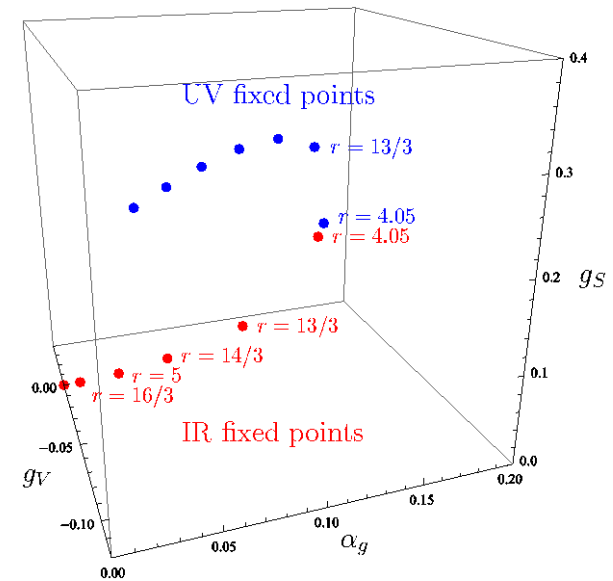
$$\Lambda \frac{d\alpha_g}{d\Lambda} = \beta_g^{[2]} + 2rg_V \alpha_g^2$$



# Aspect of RG flows

## Numerical analysis of the flow equations

- RG flows in large  $N_c$  and  $N_f$ 
  - RG flows are given in 3 dimensional coupling space of  $(\alpha_g, g_V, g_S)$ .
- Fixed points in the conformal window
  - A UV fixed point exists as well as the IR fixed point.
  - The UV fixed point and the IR fixed point merge with each other at  $r = 4.05$ .
- RG flows in  $(g_S, g_V)$  space
  - One linear combination of  $g_S$  and  $g_V$  gives the relevant operator, which induces the chiral phase transition.

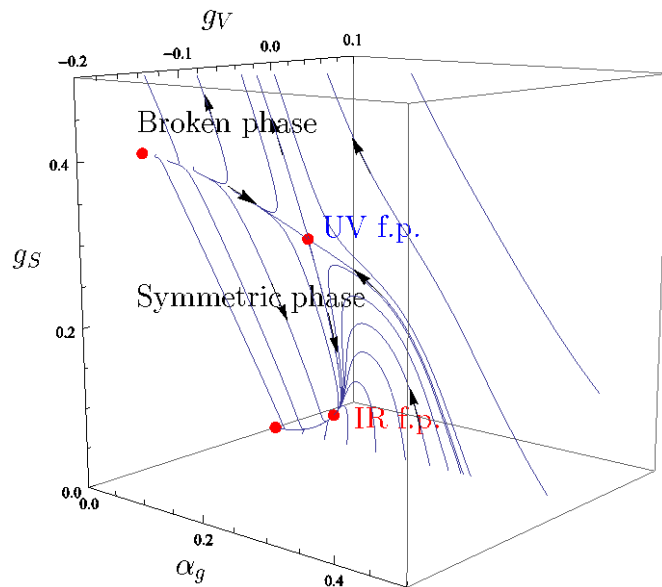




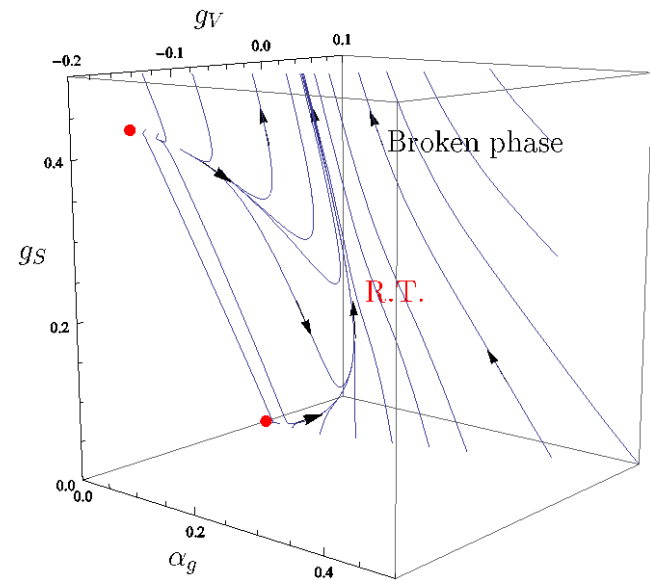
# Aspect of RG flows

## ● RG flows in the 3D space

- There is the phase boundary of chiral symmetry and the UV fixed point lies on the boundary.
- Flows in the unbroken phase approach towards the IR fixed point.
- The phase boundary disappears for  $r < 4.05$  and the entire region becomes the broken phase.



$$N_f = 13$$



$$N_f = 12$$

# “Non-perturbative” gauge beta functions

## RT in the conformal window

### ● Perturbative RT

- We may extract the RT by solving the truncated RG flow equations in perturbative expansion.

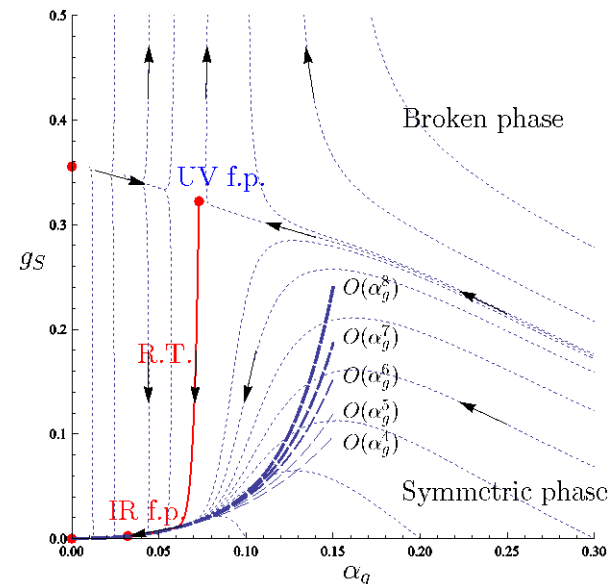
$$g_S^* = \frac{9}{4}\alpha_g^2 - \frac{9}{4}(-3 + 2b_0)\alpha_g^3 + \frac{9}{32}(90 - 120b_0 + 48b_0^2 - 16b_1 - 3r)\alpha_g^4 + \dots,$$

$$g_V^* = \frac{3}{8}\alpha_g^2 - \frac{3}{4}b_0\alpha_g^3 + \frac{3}{128}(-3 + 96b_0^2 - 32b_1 - 30r)\alpha_g^4 + \dots.$$

Note: These equations give continuum limit of the truncated ERG equation, not the full QCD.

- This “RT” does not seem to give a continuum limit.
- However this “RT” seems to survive for  $N_f > (11/2)N_c$ .

Note: How about the RT of QED?

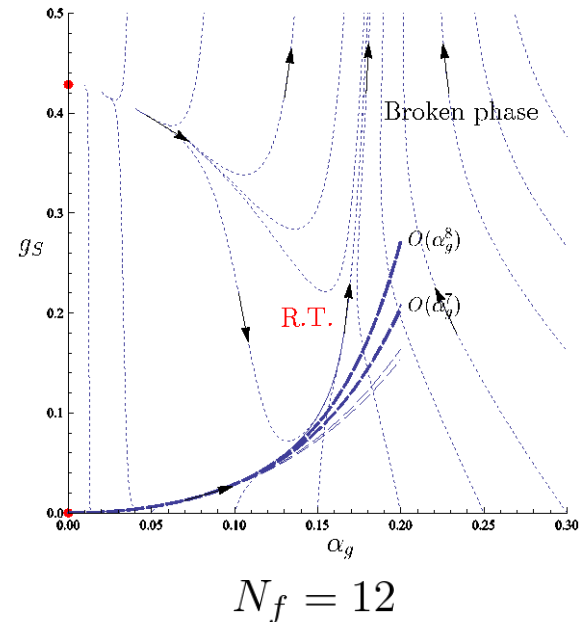
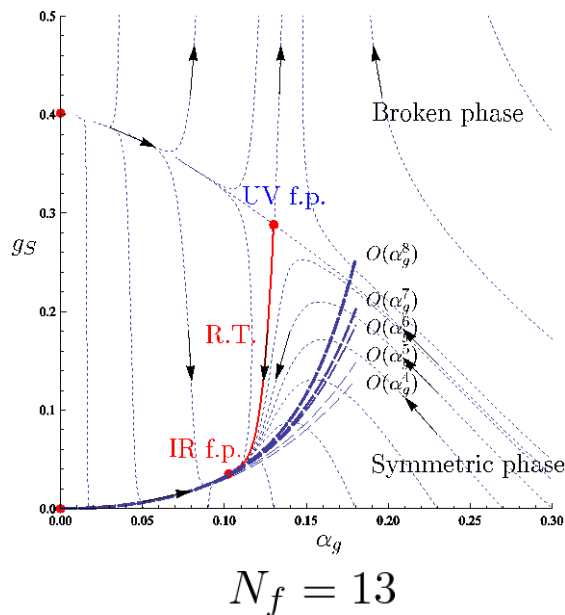


$$N_f = 15$$

# “Non-perturbative” gauge beta functions

## ● RTs near boundary of the conformal window

- The perturbative continuum limit lines approaches towards the non-perturbative RT as the flavor number is lowered.
- Out of the window the fixed points disappears. However the non-perturbative RT survives as the RT of the asymptotically free QCD.
- The perturbative continuum limit seems to converge towards the RT.



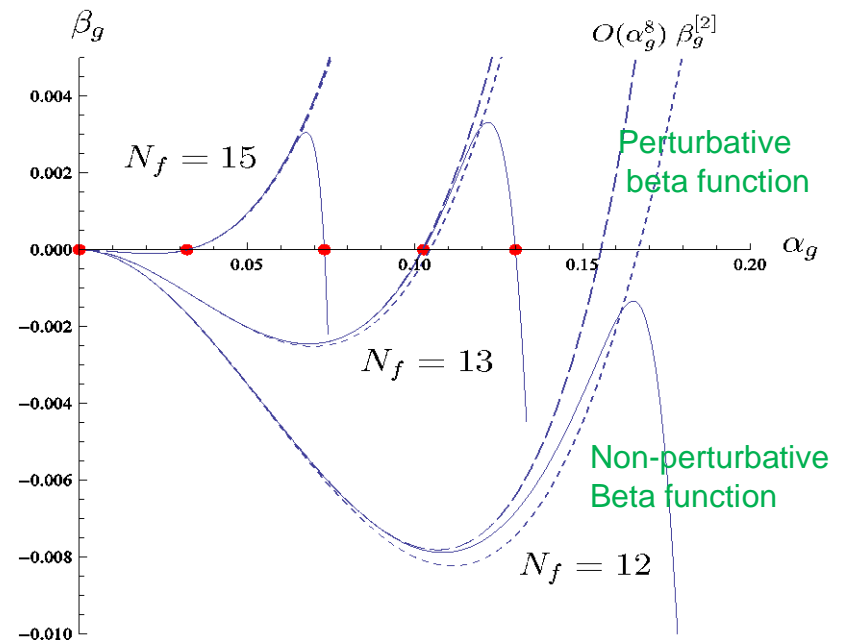
# “Non-perturbative” gauge beta functions

## ● Non-perturbative gauge beta functions

- We define the non-perturbative gauge beta function by scale transformation of the gauge coupling on the RTs.
- A UV fixed point appears in the gauge beta function due to higher order corrections generated through the four-fermi operators.
- This behavior is not due to chiral symmetry breaking.
- The UV fixed point does not appear in the strong coupling region.

## ● “Conformality lost”

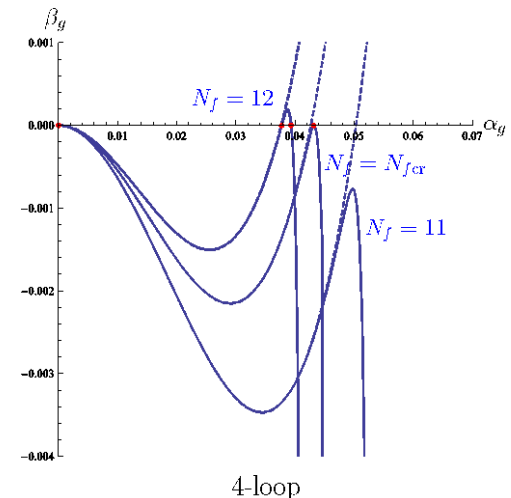
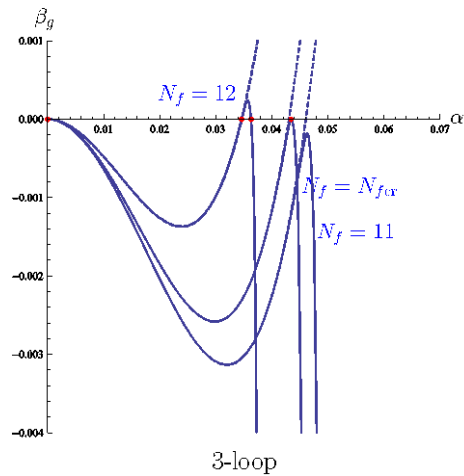
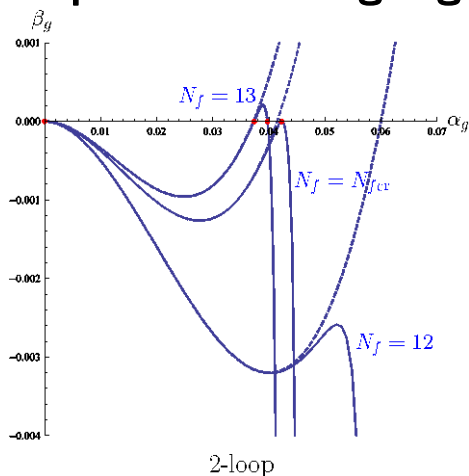
- The IR fixed point merges with the UV fixed point at the edge of conformal window.



# Anomalous dimensions in many flavor QCD

## Critical flavor number

- Analysis for the many flavor QCD for comparison with the lattice MC.
  - Solve the RG equations with a finite  $N_f$ , ( $N_c=3$ ).
  - Use 2-, 3-, and 4-loop perturbative beta functions
- Non-perturbative gauge beta functions



- Critical flavor numbers

$$N_{fcr} \simeq 12.78 \quad (2\text{-loop})$$

$$N_{fcr} \simeq 11.24 \quad (3\text{-loop})$$

$$N_{fcr} \simeq 11.58 \quad (4\text{-loop})$$

Note: Lattice analyses indicate that QCD with 12 flavors is conformal.

e.g. E.Itou et.al. arXiv:10110516

# Anomalous dimensions in many flavor QCD

## Anomalous dimensions of fermion mass

- Anomalous dimension of  $\bar{\psi}\psi$  in the ERG approach

$$\gamma_{\bar{\psi}\psi} = \text{diagram 1} + \text{diagram 2} = -6C_2(F)\alpha_g - 2N_c g_S + 4g_{V1} \equiv -\gamma_m$$

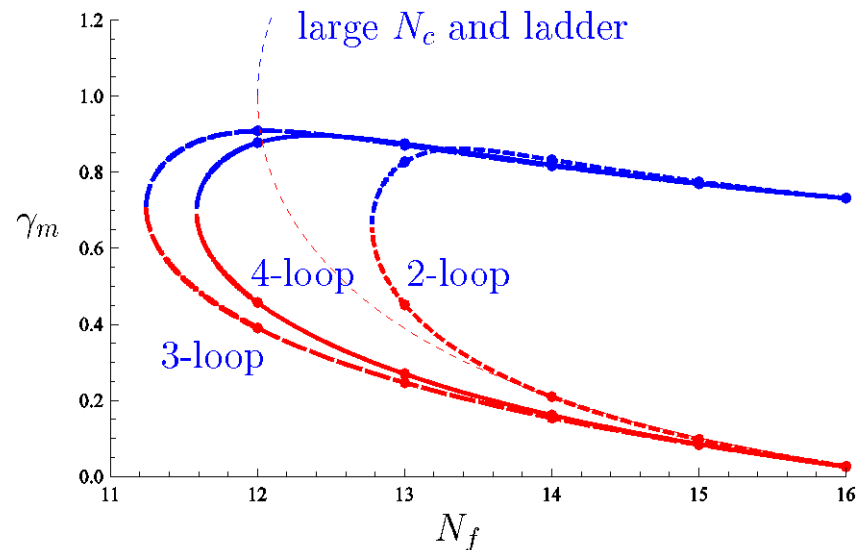
- RG scheme and gauge independent at the fixed points
- Results by the RG equations

Note: the anomalous dimension is fairly suppressed compared with the conventional value in the large N and ladder approx.

- Lattice MC results

T.Appelquist et.al. (2011)

$$\gamma_{m*} \simeq 0.386 \pm 0.010 \quad (N_f = 12)$$



- The 3- and 4-loop results are close to the Lattice estimations.

# Scaling laws in nearly conformal theories

## Scaling of the dynamical scale in the broken phase

### “Conformality lost” and the Miransky scaling

V.A.Miransky, K.Yamawaki MPL A4 (1989); PRD 55 (1997)

D.B.Kaplan, J-W.Lee, D.T.Son, M.A.Stephanov, PRD 80 (2009)

- Suppose that a UV fixed point and an IR fixed point merge.

The beta function with an external parameter  $c$  is given as

$$\beta(g; c) = \Lambda \frac{dg}{d\Lambda} = (c - c_{\text{cr}}) - (g - g_*)^2$$

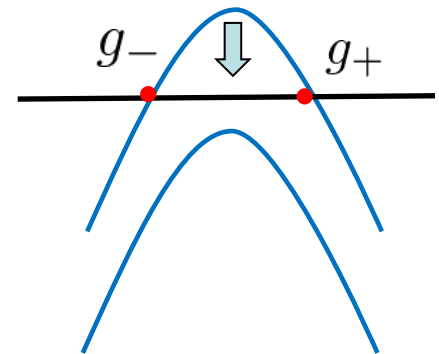
Then the fixed point couplings are  $g_{\pm} = g_* \pm \sqrt{c - c_{\text{cr}}}$

- BKT type phase transition for  $c = c_{\text{cr}} - \epsilon$

$$\frac{\Lambda_{\text{IR}}}{\Lambda_{\text{UV}}} = \exp \left( \int_{g_{\text{UV}}}^{g_{\text{IR}}} \frac{dg}{\beta(g; c)} \right)$$
$$\simeq \exp \left( -\frac{\pi}{\sqrt{c_{\text{cr}} - c}} \right)$$

- Fermion mass generation  $N_f \leq N_{\text{cr}}$

**Miransky scaling**  $m_f \sim M e^{-\frac{c}{\sqrt{N_{\text{cr}} - N_f}}}$



# Scaling laws in nearly conformal theories

## ● Approximation by a parabolic function

■ We may approximate the RT as a parabolic function as follows;

1. Expand the RG flow equations around the critical fixed point.

$x^i = x_*^i + \tilde{x}^i$ : effective couplings near a fixed point  $x_*^i$

$$\Lambda \frac{d\tilde{x}^k}{d\Lambda} = M[x_*]_i^k \tilde{x}^i + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 \beta^k}{\partial x^i \partial x^j} [x_*] \tilde{x}^i \tilde{x}^j + \dots \quad M[x_*]_i^k = \frac{\partial \beta^k}{\partial x^i} [x_*]$$

Note: An exactly marginal operator appears at fixed point merger.

The RT passes along the exactly marginal direction

$$\cdot \quad M[x_{\text{cr}}]_i^k u^i = 0$$

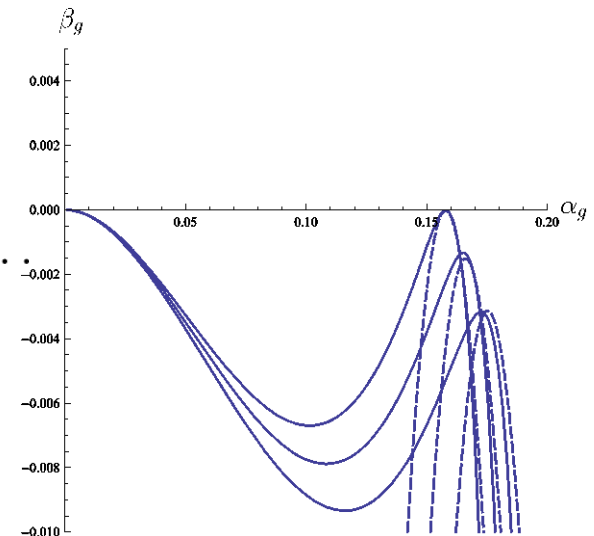
2. Extract the beta function along the exactly marginal direction.

$$\tilde{x}^i = \tilde{\alpha}_g u^i \Rightarrow \Lambda \frac{d\alpha_g}{d\Lambda} = -A(\alpha_g - \alpha_{g\text{cr}})^2 + \dots$$

3. Find the (imaginary) fixed points  $\alpha_{g*1,2}$

for a off-critical flavor number Nf.

$$\beta_g = -A(\alpha_g - \alpha_{g*1})(\alpha_g - \alpha_{g*2}) + \dots$$





# Scaling laws in nearly conformal theories

## ● Dynamical scale of the chiral symmetry breaking

- Running effect must be taken into account in the broken phase.

J.Braun,C.S.Fischer,H.Gies arXiv: 10124279

- The four-fermi coupling diverges at the dynamical scale  $\Lambda_{SB}$ .

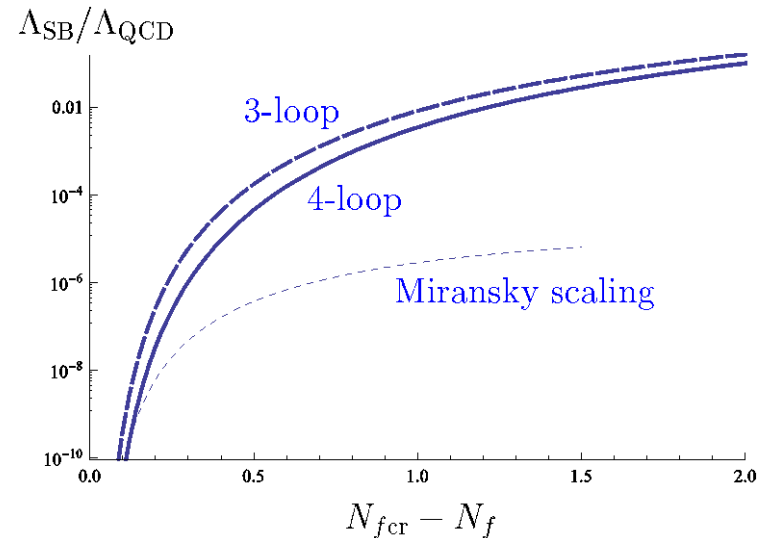
Note: Breakdown of the description in terms of the local fermi fields indicates the spontaneous chiral symmetry breaking.

K-I.Aoki et al.PTP 97 (1997); PTP 102 (1999); PRD 61(2000)

- Take difference with  $\Lambda_{QCD}$  obtained by the 1-loop beta function.

## ● Approximation for the scaling law

- Large deviation from the Miransky scaling.
- Fit with perturbative beta functions + the parabolic function is good.



# Scaling laws in nearly conformal theories

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## Scaling of the explicit fermion mass

### Recent lattice analyses

- MC simulations of mass deformed QCD (adding a bare fermion mass)

L.Del Debbio, R.Zwicky, PRD82 014502 (2010); arXiv:1009.2894

Z.Foder et. al. arXiv:1104.3124

T.Applequist et.al. arXiv:1106.2148

### Scaling law in the conformal window

- The RG eqn for a fermion mass and IR enhancement

$$\Lambda \frac{dm}{d\Lambda} = -\gamma_{m^*} m \quad m(\Lambda) = \left( \frac{\Lambda_0}{\Lambda} \right)^{\gamma_{m^*}} m_0$$

- Decoupling at the scale of the fermion mass:

$$m(\Lambda = m_f) = m_f$$

- The scaling law of the dimensionless mass parameter  $\tilde{m}_f = m_f / \Lambda_0$

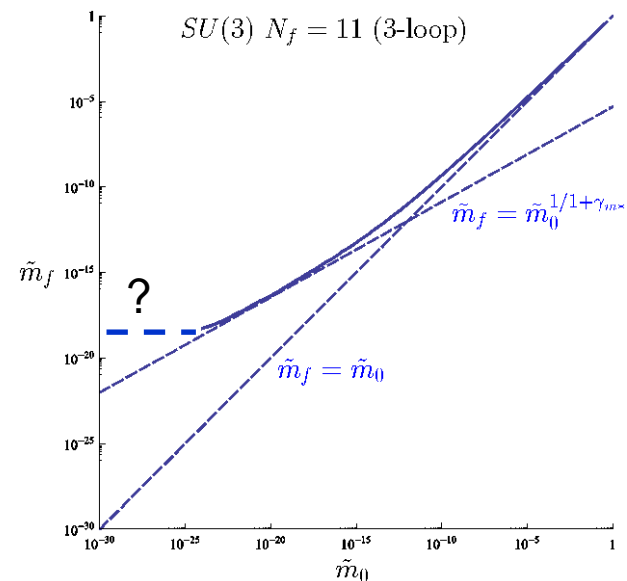
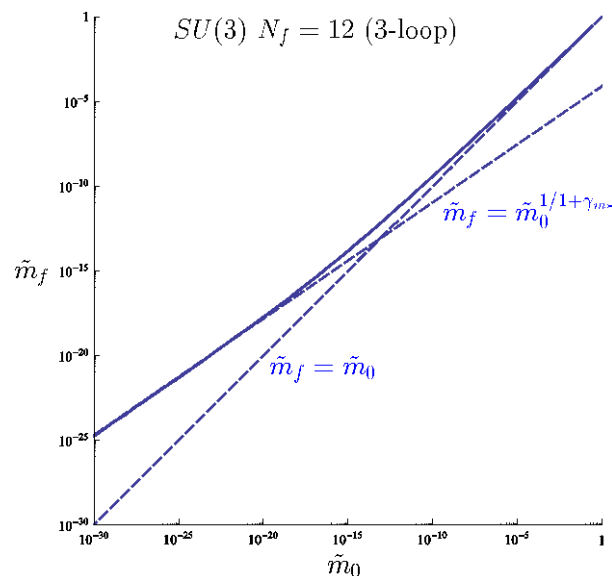
$$\tilde{m}_f = \tilde{m}_0^{\frac{1}{1+\gamma_{m^*}}}$$

# Scaling laws in nearly conformal theories

## Scaling of the explicit fermion mass

### Scaling laws in the slightly broken case

- We may solve the RG equations for the effective couplings including the fermion mass  $m$  on the RT numerically.
- It seems to be difficult to distinguish whether the theory is conformal or chirally broken.
- It is necessary to see dynamical mass generation to future work .



# Scaling laws in nearly conformal theories

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## Scaling of the chiral condensate

### ● Hyperscaling relation in the conformal window

- We can also deduce the hyper scaling relation by the RG flow equations as

$$\frac{\langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle}{\Lambda_0^3} = \frac{N_c N_f}{4\pi^2(1 - \gamma_{m^*})} \left( \tilde{m}_0 - \frac{2}{1 + \gamma_{m^*}} \tilde{m}_0^{\eta_*} \right) \quad (\tilde{m}_0 = m_0/\Lambda_0)$$

$$\eta_* = \frac{3 - \gamma_{m^*}}{1 + \gamma_{m^*}}$$

- The linear term (contact term) is dominant for  $\gamma_{m^*} < 1$ .  
⇒ Therefore, it seems to be difficult to see the hyperscaling relation.

# Summary and discussions

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- We extended the RG flow equations for the gauge couplings so as to include the “non-perturbative” corrections through the effective four-fermi operators.
- We gave the non-perturbative gauge beta functions by scale transformation on the RT, which shows merge of the UV and the IR fixed points. ⇒ **manifestation of the “Conformality Lost” picture.**
- The anomalous dimension of the fermion mass and the critical flavor number were evaluated for QCD by using the 3-, 4-loop beta functions.
- Scaling of the dynamical scale was evaluated by using the beta functions.
- The scaling relations of the fermion mass for the mass deformed QCD were also examined near the boundary of the conformal window.

## Future issues

- Derivation of the RG flow equation for the gauge coupling including the four-fermi couplings by the ERG formalism.
- Evaluation of the chiral order parameters near the conformal boundary.

# Many Thanks

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