

Holographic V-QCD at Finite Temperature

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1. Review of (holographic) V-QCD models

[MJ, Kiritsis arXiv:1112.1261]

2. Turning on finite temperature

[Alho, MJ, Kajantie, Kiritsis, Tuominen arXiv:121x.xxxx]

Motivation

QCD: $SU(N_c)$ gauge theory with N_f quark flavors (fundamental)

- ▶ Often useful: “quenched” or “probe” approximation, $N_f \ll N_c$

However, many features cannot be captured in this approximation:

- ▶ Phase diagram of QCD at zero temperature, baryon density, and quark mass, varying $x = N_f/N_c$
- ▶ The QCD thermodynamics as a function of x
- ▶ Phase diagram as a function of baryon density

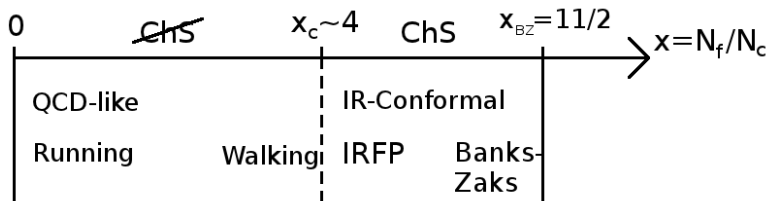
⇒ **Veneziano limit**: large N_f , N_c with $x = N_f/N_c$ fixed

Holographic V-QCD

Holographic bottom-up models (V-QCD) that describe the QCD phase diagram in the Veneziano limit

[MJ, Kiritsis arXiv:1112.1261]

- ▶ Conformal window for $x_c < x < x_{BZ}$, ChSB for $0 < x < x_c$
- ▶ Critical value $x_c \sim 4$ arising from dynamics
- ▶ Walking backgrounds for x slightly below x_c



The fusion

1. IhQCD: model for glue by using dilaton gravity
[Gursoy, Kiritsis, Nitti; Gubser, Nellore]
2. Adding flavor and chiral symmetry breaking via tachyon brane actions
[Klebanov, Maldacena; Bigazzi, Casero, Cotrone, Iatrakis, Kiritsis, Paredes]

Consider 1 + 2 with full backreaction $\Rightarrow$ V-QCD models

Defining V-QCD

Degrees of freedom:

- ▶ $\tau \leftrightarrow \bar{q}q$; $\lambda \leftrightarrow \text{Tr} F^2$
- ▶ λ is identified as the 't Hooft coupling $g^2 N_c$

$$\mathcal{S}_{\text{V-QCD}} = N_c^2 M^3 \int d^5x \sqrt{g} \left[R - \frac{4}{3} \frac{(\partial\lambda)^2}{\lambda^2} + V_g(\lambda) \right] \\ - N_f N_c M^3 \int d^5x V_f(\lambda, \tau) \sqrt{-\det(g_{ab} + \kappa(\lambda) \partial_a \tau \partial_b \tau)}$$

$$V_f(\lambda, \tau) = V_{f0}(\lambda) \exp(-a(\lambda) \tau^2) ; \quad ds^2 = e^{2A} (dr^2 + \eta_{\mu\nu} x^\mu x^\nu)$$

The simplest and most reasonable potential choices do the job!

Matching to QCD

- ▶ In the UV ($\lambda \rightarrow 0$):
 - ▶ UV expansions of the various potentials can be matched with the perturbative QCD beta function and the anomalous dimension of the quark mass/chiral condensate
 - ▶ After this, a single undetermined parameter in the UV: W_0
- ▶ In the IR, the tachyon action $\propto e^{-a(\lambda)\tau^2}$ must become small
 - ▶ $V_g(\lambda)$ chosen as for Yang-Mills, so that a “good” IR singularity exists
 - ▶ $V_{f0}(\lambda)$, $a(\lambda)$, and $\kappa(\lambda)$ chosen to produce tachyon divergence: several possibilities
 - ▶ Extra constraints from the asymptotics of the meson spectra

Background analysis: zero temperature

Analysis of the backgrounds (r -dependent solutions of EoMs) at zero temperature

- ▶ Expect two kinds of solutions, with
 1. Nontrivial tachyon profile
 2. Identically vanishing tachyon
- ▶ Fully backreacted system $\Rightarrow$ rich dynamics, complicated numerical analysis . . .

However, main features can be understood without going to details

Effective potential

For solutions with $\tau = \tau_* = \text{const}$

$$\mathcal{S} = M^3 N_c^2 \int d^5x \sqrt{g} \left[R - \frac{4}{3} \frac{(\partial\lambda)^2}{\lambda^2} + V_g(\lambda) - x V_f(\lambda, \tau_*) \right]$$

lhQCD with an **effective potential**

$$V_{\text{eff}}(\lambda) = V_g(\lambda) - x V_f(\lambda, \tau_*) = V_g(\lambda) - x V_{f0}(\lambda) \exp(-a(\lambda)\tau_*^2)$$

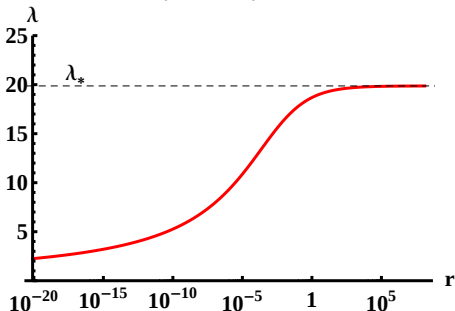
Minimizing for τ_* we obtain $\tau_* = 0$ and $\tau_* = \infty$

- ▶ $\tau_* = 0$: $V_{\text{eff}}(\lambda) = V_g(\lambda) - x V_{f0}(\lambda)$;
fixed point with $V'_{\text{eff}}(\lambda_*) = 0$
- ▶ $\tau_* \rightarrow \infty$: $V_{\text{eff}}(\lambda) = V_g(\lambda)$ (like YM, no fixed points)

Backgrounds at zero quark mass

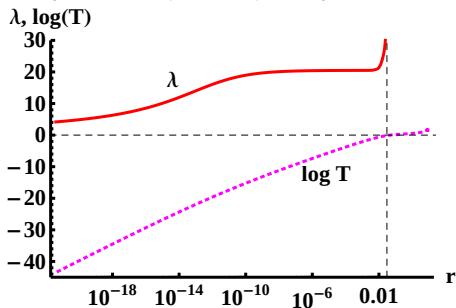
Sketch of behavior in the conformal window ($x > x_c$):

- ▶ Tachyon vanishes (no ChSB)
- ▶ IHQCD with $V_g \rightarrow V_{\text{eff}} \Rightarrow$ IR fixed point
- ▶ Dilaton flows between UV/IR fixed points



Right below the conformal window ($x < x_c$; $|x - x_c| \ll 1$)

- ▶ Dilaton flows very close to the IR fixed point
- ▶ “Small” nonzero tachyon induces an IR singularity



Result: “walking”

Numerical solutions for backgrounds

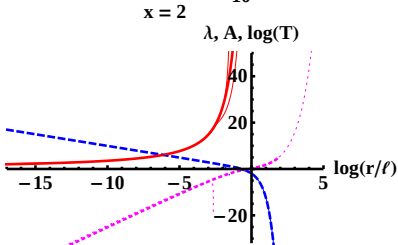
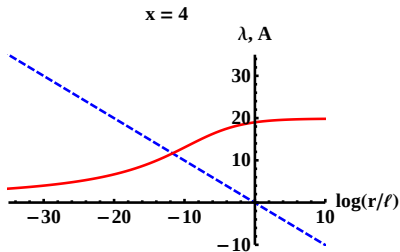
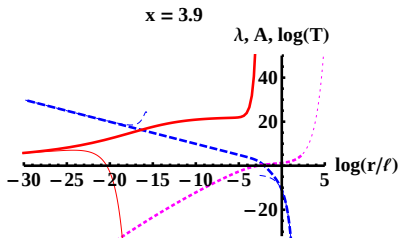
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λ , A , τ ($= T$ here)

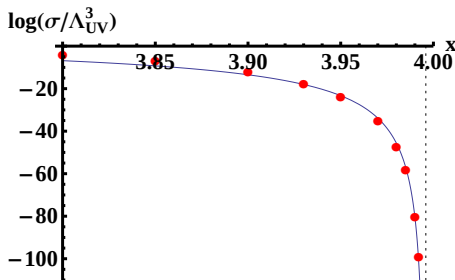
UV: $r = 0$

IR: $r = \infty$

$A \sim \log \mu \sim -\log r$



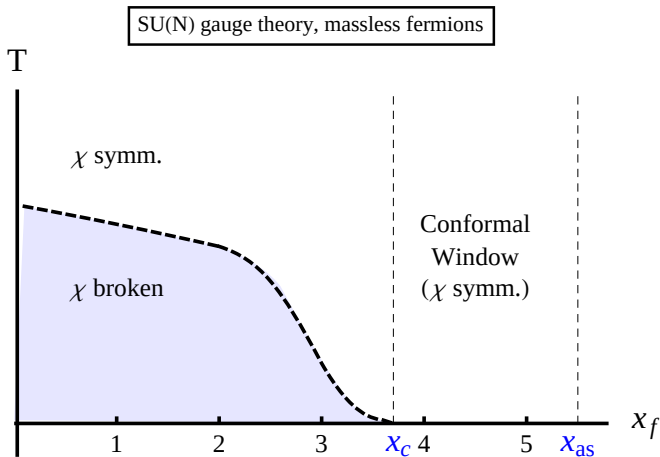
Important features



1. Miransky scaling as $x \rightarrow x_c$ from below
 - ▶ The ratio of the IR and UV scales behaves as expected
 - ▶ E.g. $\langle \bar{q}q \rangle \propto \sigma \sim \exp(-\kappa/\sqrt{x_c - x})$, with calculable κ
2. Metastable/unstable Efimov vacua observed for $x < x_c$
3. Turning on the quark mass modifies the dynamics in a natural way

Finite temperature

Expected phase diagram



Finite temperature – definitions

Lagrangian unchanged

$$\begin{aligned} S_{V-\text{QCD}} = & N_c^2 M^3 \int d^5x \sqrt{g} \left[R - \frac{4}{3} \frac{(\partial\lambda)^2}{\lambda^2} + V_g(\lambda) \right] \\ & - N_f N_c M^3 \int d^5x V_f(\lambda, \tau) \sqrt{-\det(g_{ab} + \kappa(\lambda) \partial_a \tau \partial_b \tau)} \end{aligned}$$

A more general metric, A and f solved from EoMs

$$ds^2 = e^{2A} \left(\frac{dr^2}{f(r)} - f(r) dt^2 + d\mathbf{x}^2 \right) ; \quad f(r) = 1 + \mathcal{O}(r^4)$$

Black hole thermodynamics:

$$f(r) = 4\pi T(r_h - r) + \mathcal{O}((r - r_h)^2) ; \quad s = 4\pi M^3 N_c^2 e^{3A(r_h)}$$

Potential choices

IR asymptotics of the potentials (a, κ, V_{f0})

- ▶ Potentials I lead to $\tau \sim e^{Cr}$ as $r \rightarrow \infty$
- ▶ Potentials II lead to $\tau \sim \sqrt{r}$ as $r \rightarrow \infty$

Behavior of the IR fixed point

- ▶ For potentials I & II, the fixed point exist for all values of x
- ▶ For potentials I_{*} & II_{*}, the fixed point exist only above some x_*

UV parameter W_0

- ▶ Use fixed values 0, 12/11, 24/11
- ▶ Or choose such that the Stefan-Boltzmann law for the thermodynamic functions is automatically obtained

Solutions & Parameters

Parameters:

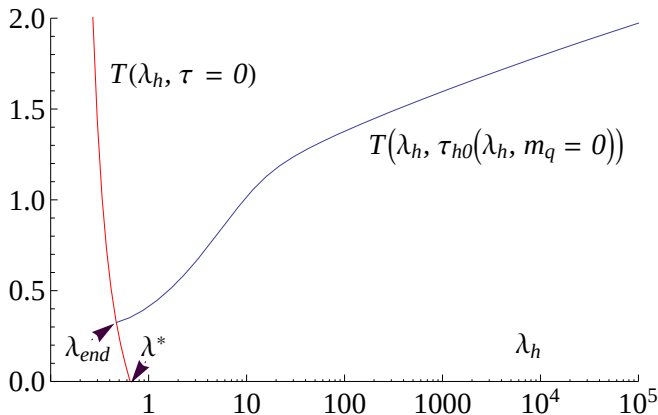
- ▶ Black hole (BH) solutions most easily parametrized in terms of the horizon values τ_h, λ_h of the fields
- ▶ Can be mapped to physical parameters m_q (common quark mass) and T (temperature)

Types of solutions:

1. BH with vanishing tachyon – chirally symmetric (λ_h)
 2. BH with nontrivial tachyon – chirally broken (λ_h, τ_h)
 - ▶ We require below $m_q = 0$, which fixes τ_h
- ▶ In addition, at low temperatures, the thermal gas solutions ($f \equiv 1$) – no black hole $\simeq$ zero T solutions

Black hole branches

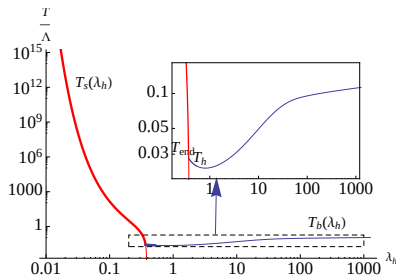
Example: PotII at $x = 3$, $W_0 = 12/11$



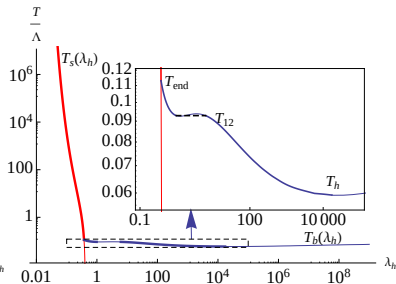
Simple phase structure: 1st order transition at $T = T_h$ from thermal gas to (chirally symmetric) BH

More complicated cases:

PotII at $x = 3$, W_0 SB



PotI at $x = 3.5$, $W_0 = 12/11$

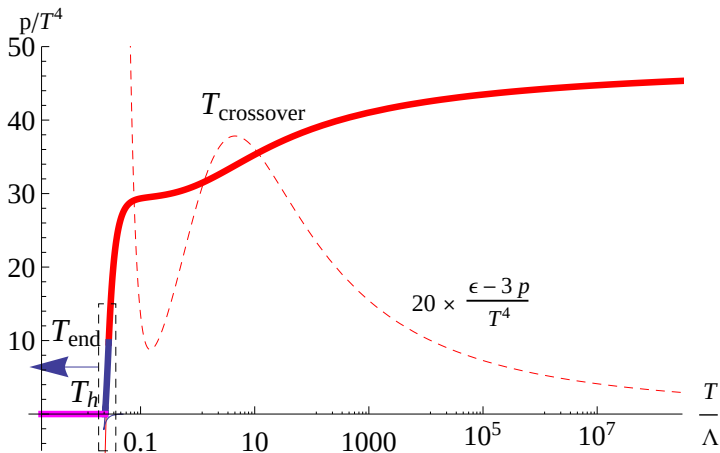


- ▶ Left: chiral symmetry restored at 2nd order transition with $T = T_{\text{end}} > T_h$
- ▶ Right: Additional first order transition between BH phases with broken chiral symmetry

Also other cases ...

Thermodynamics

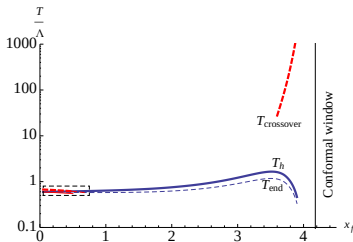
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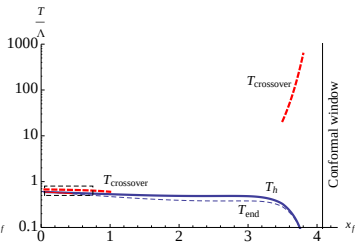
Notice the crossover at high temperature

Phase diagrams on the (x, T) -plane

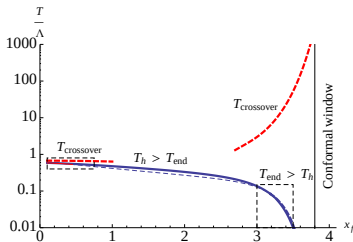
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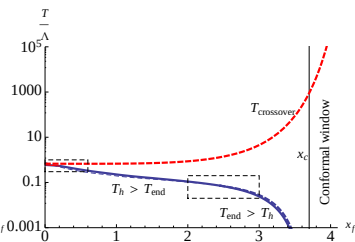
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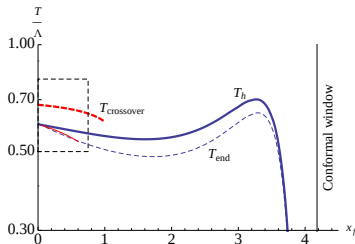
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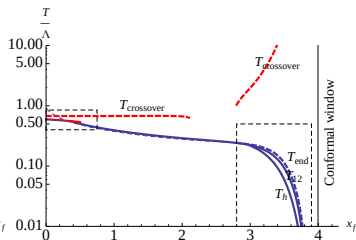
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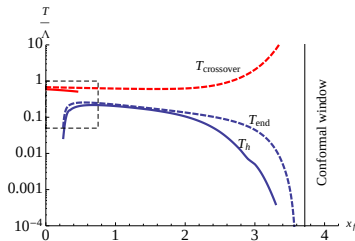
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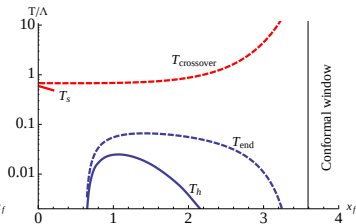
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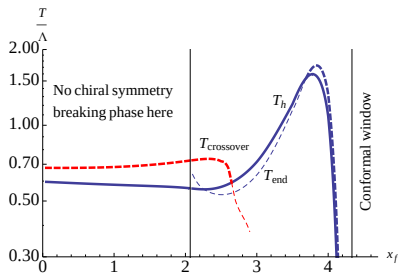
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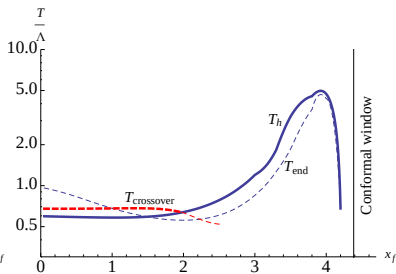
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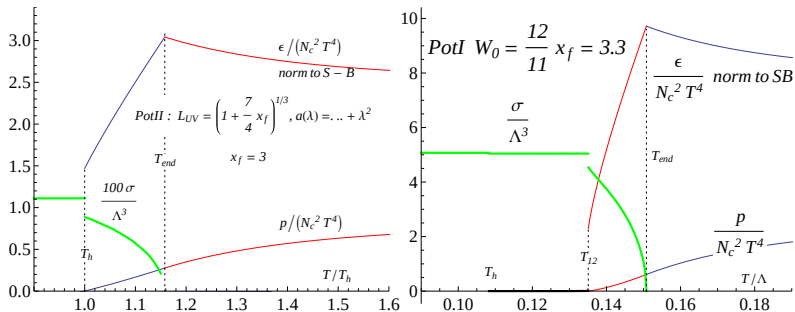


PotII W_0 SB



Chiral condensate

$\langle \bar{q}q \rangle(T)$, pressure and energy density in some cases having several transitions



Conclusion

- ▶ A class of holographic bottom-up models (V-QCD) was obtained by a fusion of lhQCD with tachyonic brane action
- ▶ A large class of V-QCD models have phase diagrams which meet expectations from QCD both at zero and at finite temperature
- ▶ Also in progress: fluctuation analysis (with Arean, Iatrakis, Kiritsis)

Extra slides

Extra slides ...

A step back: Glue – 5D dilaton gravity

For YM, “improved holographic QCD” (IhQCD): well-tested string-inspired bottom-up model

[Gursoy, Kiritsis, Nitti arXiv:0707.1324, 0707.1349]

[Gubser, Nellore arXiv:0804.0434]

$$\mathcal{S}_g = M^3 N_c^2 \int d^5x \sqrt{g} \left[R - \frac{4}{3} (\partial\phi)^2 + V_g(\phi) \right]$$

with Poincaré invariant metric

$$ds^2 = e^{2A} (dr^2 + \eta_{\mu\nu} x^\mu x^\nu)$$

► Potential $V_g \leftrightarrow$ QCD β -function

► $A \rightarrow \log \mu$ energy scale

► $e^\phi \rightarrow \lambda$ 't Hooft coupling $g^2 N_c$

$$V_g = \frac{12}{\ell^2} (1 + c_1 \lambda + \dots), \quad \lambda \rightarrow 0, \quad V_g \sim \lambda^{4/3} \sqrt{\log \lambda}, \quad \lambda \rightarrow \infty$$

Agrees well with pure YM, both a zero and finite temperature

[Gursoy, Kiritsis, Mazzanti, Nitti; Panero; ...]

A step back: Adding flavor

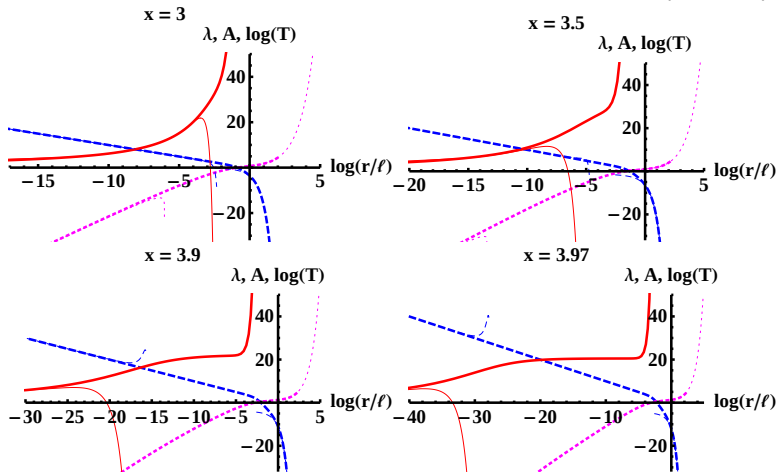
- ▶ Fundamental quarks $\rightarrow$ probe $D4 - \bar{D}4$ branes in 5D
- ▶ For the vacuum structure only the tachyon is relevant
- ▶ A tachyon action motivated by the Sen action
 - ▶ Confining asymptotics of the geometry trigger ChSB
 - ▶ Gell-Mann-Oakes-Renner relation
 - ▶ Linear Regge trajectories for mesons
 - ▶ A very good fit of the light meson masses

[Klebanov,Maldacena]

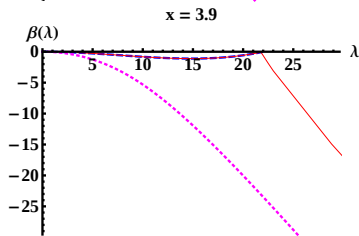
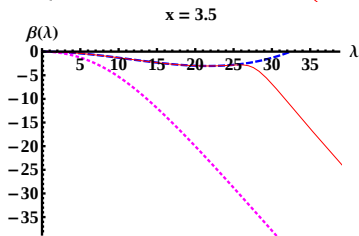
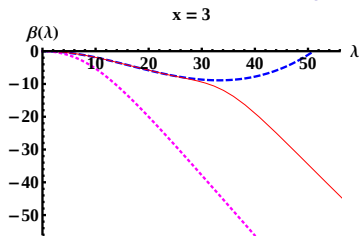
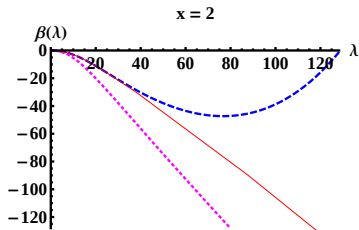
[Bigazzi,Casero,Cotrone,Iatrakis,Kiritsis,Paredes hep-th/0505140,0702155;
arXiv:1003.2377,1010.1364]

Backgrounds in the walking region

Backgrounds with zero quark mass, $x < x_c \simeq 3.9959$ (λ , A , τ)



Beta functions **along the RG flow** (evaluated on the background),
 zero tachyon, YM $x_c \simeq 3.9959$



Holographic beta functions

Generalization of the holographic RG flow of lhQCD

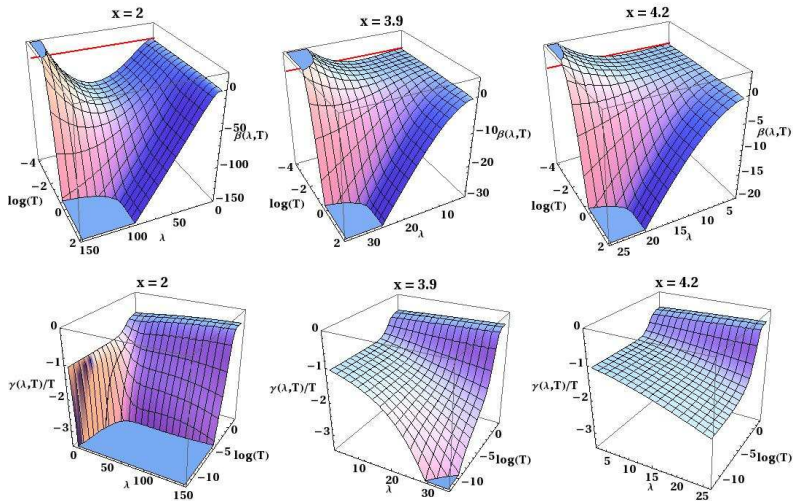
$$\beta(\lambda, \tau) \equiv \frac{d\lambda}{dA} ; \quad \gamma(\lambda, \tau) \equiv \frac{d\tau}{dA}$$

linked to

$$\frac{dg_{\text{QCD}}}{d \log \mu} ; \quad \frac{dm}{d \log \mu}$$

The **full** equations of motion boil down to two first order partial non-linear differential equations for β and γ

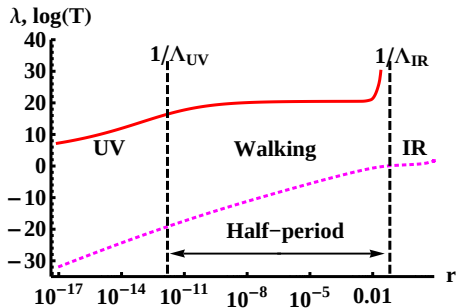
“Good” solutions numerically (unique)



Miransky/BKT scaling

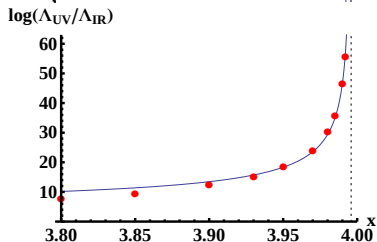
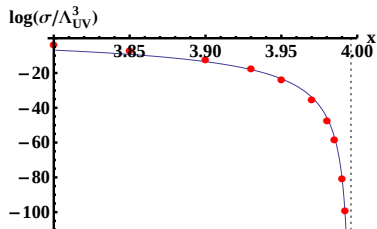
As $x \rightarrow x_c$ from below: walking, dominant solution

- ▶ BF-bound for the tachyon violated at the IRFP
- ▶ x_c fixed by the BF bound:
 $\Delta = 2$ & $\gamma_* = 1$
 at the edge of the conformal window



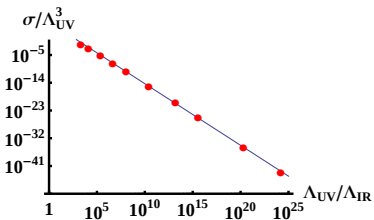
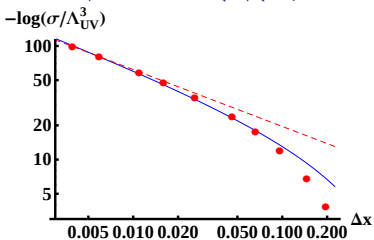
- ▶ $T(r) \sim r^2 \sin(\kappa \sqrt{x_c - x} \log r + \phi)$ in the walking region
- ▶ “0.5 oscillations” $\Rightarrow$ Miransky/BKT scaling,
 amount of walking $\Lambda_{UV}/\Lambda_{IR} \sim \exp(\pi/(\kappa \sqrt{x_c - x}))$

As $x \rightarrow x_c$
with known κ



$$\langle \bar{q}q \rangle \sim \sigma \sim \exp(-2\pi/(\kappa\sqrt{x_c - x}))$$

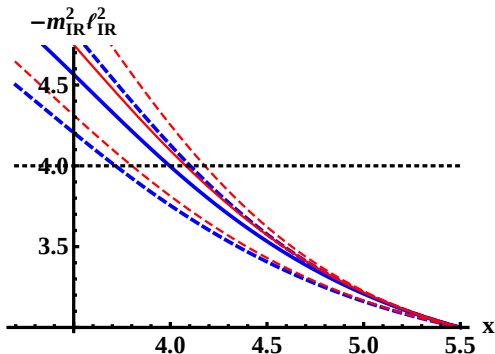
$$\Lambda_{UV}/\Lambda_{IR} \sim \exp(\pi/(\kappa\sqrt{x_c - x}))$$



Prediction for x_c

Dependence on the UV parameter W_0 and (reasonable) “IR choices” for the potentials

Resulting variation of the edge of conformal window
 $x_c = 3.7 \dots 4.2$



γ_* in the conformal window

Comparison to other guesses

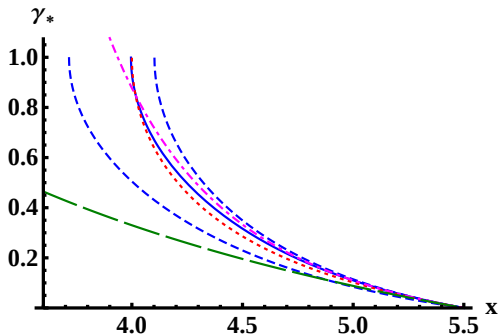
V-QCD (dashed: variation
due to W_0)

Dyson-Schwinger

2-loop PQCD

All-orders β

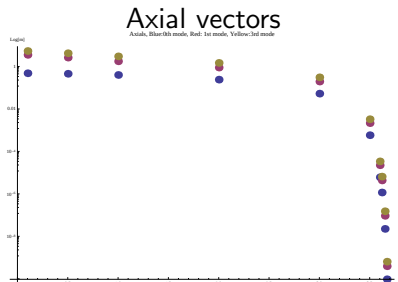
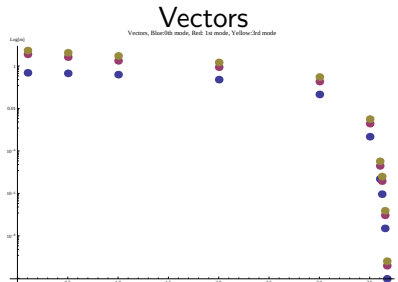
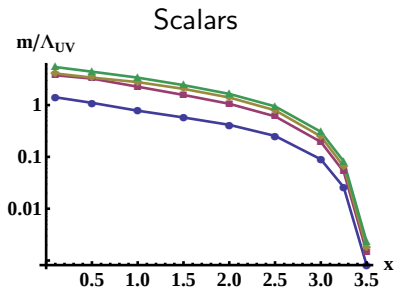
[Pica, Sannino arXiv:1011.3832]



Mass spectra

Full fluctuation analysis

- ▶ Miransky scaling
- ▶ Ratios depend mildly on x



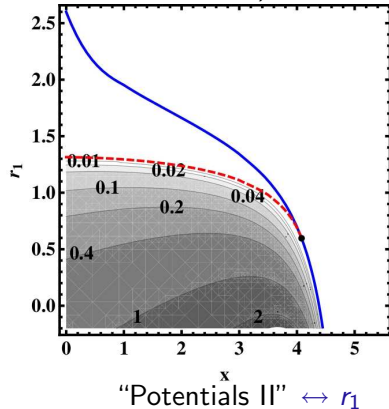
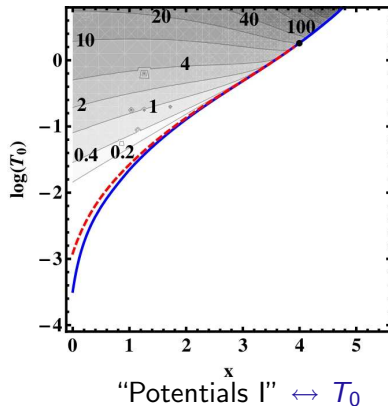
Parameters

Understanding the solutions for generic quark masses requires discussing parameters

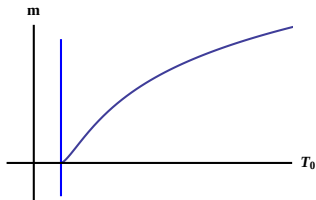
- ▶ YM or QCD with massless quarks: **no parameters**
- ▶ QCD with flavor-independent mass m : a **single** (dimensionless) parameter m/Λ_{QCD}
- ▶ In this model, after rescalings, this parameter can be mapped to a parameter (τ_0 or r_1) that controls the diverging tachyon in the IR
- ▶ x has become continuous in the Veneziano limit

Map of all solutions

All “good” solutions ($\tau \neq 0$) obtained varying x and τ_0 or r_1
Contouring: quark mass (zero mass is the red contour)

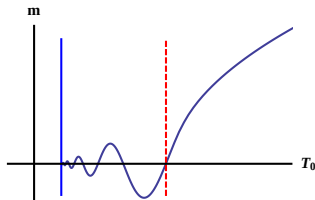


Mass dependence and Efimov vacua



Conformal window ($x > x_c$)

- ▶ For $m = 0$, unique solution with $\tau \equiv 0$
- ▶ For $m > 0$, unique “standard” solution with $\tau \neq 0$

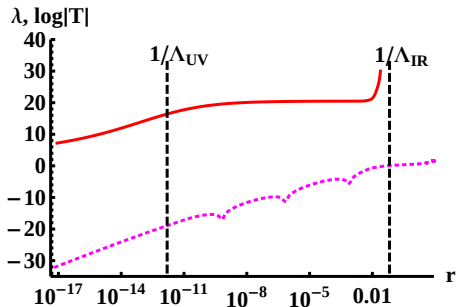


Low $0 < x < x_c$: **Efimov vacua**

- ▶ Unstable solution with $\tau \equiv 0$ and $m = 0$
- ▶ “Standard” stable solution, with $\tau \neq 0$, for all $m \geq 0$
- ▶ Tower of unstable Efimov vacua (small $|m|$)

Efimov solutions

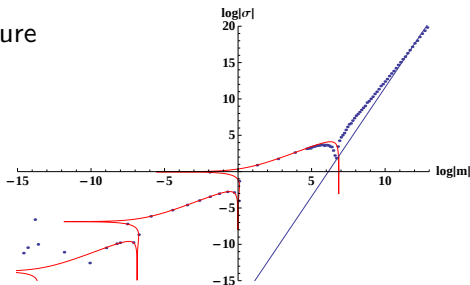
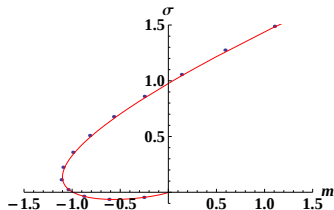
- ▶ Tachyon oscillates over the walking regime
- ▶ $\Lambda_{UV}/\Lambda_{IR}$ increased wrt. “standard” solution



Efimov spiral

Ongoing work: $\sigma(m)$ dependence

- For $x < x_c$ **spiral** structure



- Dots: numerical data
- Continuous line: (semi-)analytic prediction

Allows to study the effect of double-trace deformations

Effective potential: zero tachyon

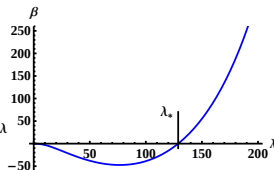
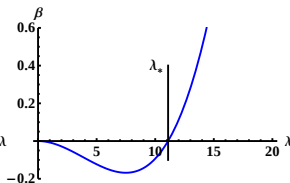
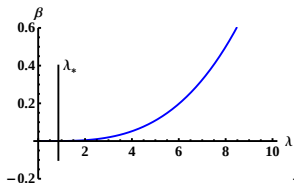
Start from Banks-Zaks region, $\tau_* = 0$, chiral symmetry conserved
 ($\tau \leftrightarrow \bar{q}q$), $V_{\text{eff}}(\lambda) = V_g(\lambda) - xV_{f0}(\lambda)$

- ▶ V_{eff} defines a β -function as in lhQCD – Fixed point guaranteed in the BZ region, moves to higher λ with decreasing x
- ▶ Fixed point λ_* runs to ∞ either at finite $x(<x_c)$ or as $x \rightarrow 0$

Banks-Zaks
 $x \rightarrow 11/2$

Conformal Window
 $x > x_c$

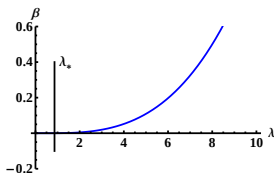
$x < x_c$??



Effective potential: what actually happens

Banks-Zaks

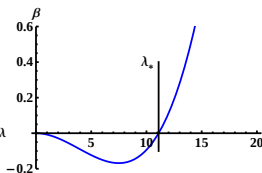
$$x \rightarrow 11/2$$



$$\tau \equiv 0$$

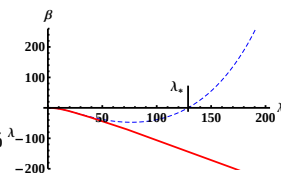
Conformal Window

$$x > x_c$$



$$\tau \equiv 0$$

$$x < x_c$$



$$\tau \neq 0$$

- ▶ For $x < x_c$ vacuum has nonzero tachyon (checked by calculating free energies)
- ▶ The tachyon **screens the fixed point**
- ▶ In the deep IR τ diverges, $V_{\text{eff}} \rightarrow V_g \Rightarrow$ dynamics is YM-like

Where is x_c ?

How is the edge of the conformal window stabilized?

Tachyon IR mass at $\lambda = \lambda_* \leftrightarrow$ quark mass dimension

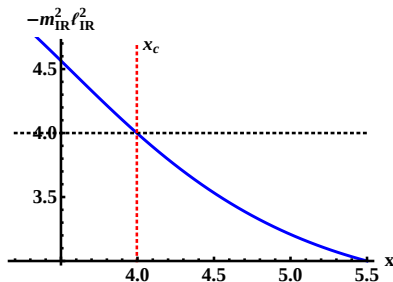
$$-m_{\text{IR}}^2 \ell_{\text{IR}}^2 = \Delta_{\text{IR}}(4 - \Delta_{\text{IR}}) = \frac{24a(\lambda_*)}{\kappa(\lambda_*)(V_g(\lambda_*) - xV_0(\lambda_*))}$$

$$\gamma_* = \Delta_{\text{IR}} - 1$$

Breitenlohner-Freedman
(BF) bound (horizontal line)

$$-m_{\text{IR}}^2 \ell_{\text{IR}}^2 = 4 \Leftrightarrow \gamma_* = 1$$

defines x_c



Why $\gamma_* = 1$ at $x = x_c$?

No time to go into details ... the question boils down to the linearized tachyon solution at the fixed point

- For $\Delta_{\text{IR}}(4 - \Delta_{\text{IR}}) < 4$ ($x > x_c$):

$$\tau(r) \sim m_q r^{\Delta_{\text{IR}}} + \sigma r^{4-\Delta_{\text{IR}}}$$

- For $\Delta_{\text{IR}}(4 - \Delta_{\text{IR}}) > 4$ ($x < x_c$):

$$\tau(r) \sim Cr^2 \sin[(\text{Im}\Delta_{\text{IR}}) \log r + \phi]$$

Rough analogy:

Tachyon EoM $\leftrightarrow$ Gap equation in Dyson-Schwinger approach

Similar observations have been made in other holographic frameworks

[Kutasov, Lin, Parnachev arXiv:1107.2324, 1201.4123]

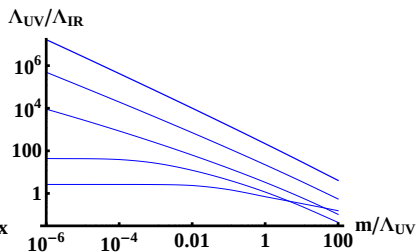
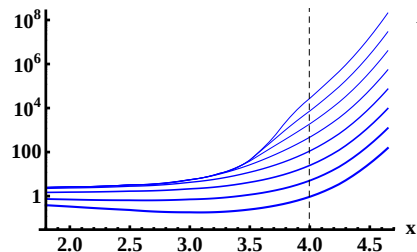
Mass dependence

For $m > 0$ the conformal transition disappears

The ratio of typical UV/IR scales $\Lambda_{\text{UV}}/\Lambda_{\text{IR}}$ varies in a natural way

$m/\Lambda_{\text{UV}} = 10^{-6}, 10^{-5}, \dots, 10$ $x = 2, 3.5, 3.9, 4.25, 4.5$

$\Lambda_{\text{UV}}/\Lambda_{\text{IR}}$



sQCD phases

The case of $\mathcal{N} = 1$ $SU(N_c)$ superQCD with N_f quark multiplets is known and provides an interesting (and more complex) example for the nonsupersymmetric case. From Seiberg we have learned that:

- ▶ $x = 0$ the theory has confinement, a mass gap and N_c distinct vacua associated with a spontaneous breaking of the leftover R symmetry Z_{N_c} .
- ▶ At $0 < x < 1$, the theory has a runaway ground state.
- ▶ At $x = 1$, the theory has a quantum moduli space with no singularity. This reflects confinement with ChSB.
- ▶ At $x = 1 + 1/N_c$, the moduli space is classical (and singular). The theory confines, but there is no ChSB.
- ▶ At $1 + 2/N_c < x < 3/2$ the theory is in the non-abelian magnetic IR-free phase, with the magnetic gauge group $SU(N_f - N_c)$ IR free.
- ▶ At $3/2 < x < 3$, the theory flows to a CFT in the IR. Near $x = 3$ this is the Banks-Zaks region where the original theory has an IR fixed point at weak coupling. Moving to lower values, the coupling of the IR $SU(N_c)$ gauge theory grows. However near $x = 3/2$ the dual magnetic $SU(N_f - N_c)$ is in its Banks-Zaks region, and provides a weakly coupled description of the IR fixed point theory.
- ▶ At $x > 3$, the theory is IR free.

Saturating the BF bound (sketch)

Why is the BF bound saturated at the phase transition (massless quarks)??

$$\Delta_{\text{IR}}(4 - \Delta_{\text{IR}}) = \frac{24a(\lambda_*)}{\kappa(\lambda_*)(V_g(\lambda_*) - xV_0(\lambda_*))}$$

- ▶ For $\Delta_{\text{IR}}(4 - \Delta_{\text{IR}}) < 4$:
 $\tau(r) \sim m_q r^{4-\Delta_{\text{IR}}} + \sigma r^{\Delta_{\text{IR}}}$
- ▶ For $\Delta_{\text{IR}}(4 - \Delta_{\text{IR}}) > 4$:
 $\tau(r) \sim Cr^2 \sin[(\text{Im}\Delta_{\text{IR}}) \log r + \phi]$
- ▶ Saturating the BF bound, the tachyon solutions will engtangle
→ required to satisfy boundary conditions
- ▶ Nodes in the solution appear trough UV → massless solution

Saturating the BF bound (sketch)

Does the nontrivial (ChSB) massless tachyon solution exist?

Two possibilities:

- ▶ $x > x_c$: BF bound satisfied at the fixed point $\Rightarrow$ only trivial massless solution ($\tau \equiv 0$, ChS intact, fixed point hit)
- ▶ $x < x_c$: BF bound violated at the fixed point $\Rightarrow$ a nontrivial massless solution exist, which drives the system away from the fixed point

Conclusion: **phase transition** at $x = x_c$

As $x \rightarrow x_c$ from below, need to approach the fixed point to satisfy the boundary conditions $\Rightarrow$ nearly conformal, **“walking” dynamics**

Potentials I

$$\begin{aligned}V_g(\lambda) &= 12 + \frac{44}{9\pi^2}\lambda + \frac{4619}{3888\pi^4} \frac{\lambda^2}{(1 + \lambda/(8\pi^2))^{2/3}} \sqrt{1 + \log(1 + \lambda/(8\pi^2))} \\V_f(\lambda, \tau) &= V_{f0}(\lambda)e^{-a(\lambda)\tau^2} \\V_{f0}(\lambda) &= \frac{12}{11} + \frac{4(33 - 2x)}{99\pi^2}\lambda + \frac{23473 - 2726x + 92x^2}{42768\pi^4}\lambda^2 \\a(\lambda) &= \frac{3}{22}(11 - x) \\\kappa(\lambda) &= \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{115-16x}{288\pi^2}\lambda\right)^{4/3}}\end{aligned}$$

In this case the tachyon diverges exponentially:

$$\tau(r) \sim \tau_0 \exp \left[\frac{81 \cdot 3^{5/6} (115 - 16x)^{4/3} (11 - x)}{812944 \cdot 2^{1/6}} \frac{r}{R} \right]$$

Potentials II

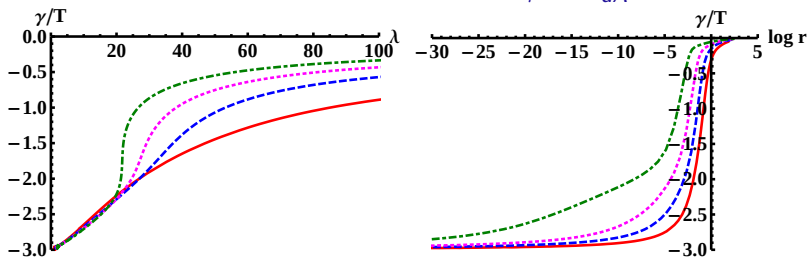
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 a(\lambda) &= \frac{3}{22}(11 - x) \frac{1 + \frac{115-16x}{216\pi^2}\lambda + \lambda^2/(8\pi^2)^2}{(1 + \lambda/(8\pi^2))^{4/3}} \\
 \kappa(\lambda) &= \frac{1}{(1 + \lambda/(8\pi^2))^{4/3}}
 \end{aligned}$$

In this case the tachyon diverges as

$$\tau(r) \sim \frac{27 \cdot 2^{3/4} 3^{1/4}}{\sqrt{4619}} \sqrt{\frac{r - r_1}{R}}$$

Gamma functions

Massless backgrounds: gamma functions $\frac{\gamma}{\tau} = \frac{d \log \tau}{dA}$



$x = 2, 3, 3.5, 3.9$