## Scalar correlators near the 3 -flavor thermal critical point

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## Introduction

- 3-flavor finite temperature simulations using the clover fermions and the Iwasaki gauge with $N_{t}=8$
- Evolution uses BQCD; measurement uses my modified code (developed in Helsinki, optimized for K by Jarno)
- The scalar singlet is the only massless mode at the chiral critical point (Pisarski \& Wilczek 1984, Gavin et al 1994)
- Naive staggered simulations $\left(N_{t}=4\right)$ provided evidence (JLQCD 1999, Liao 2002); no improvement since


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- Two stable states on both sides of the transition
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Nearest neighbor action

Minimum links between same colored site, $d_{\text {min }}=3$

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\left.\begin{array}{l}
\left(B_{\varepsilon} V_{6}\right)^{\mathrm{T}}=\left[\begin{array}{ccc:c:cc:c:c:c:c:c}
1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1
\end{array}\right] \\
1
\end{array}\right]
$$

Ignore the off-diagonals if they fall off quickly

Probing
Tang \& Saad 2012

## Probing as a form of space-time dilution

- Number of diluted vectors for $32^{3} \times 8$ using the greedy multi-coloring algorithm (Saad 2003)

| $d_{\text {min }}$ | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| No. | 2 | 23 | 16 | 120 | 210 | 411 | 256 |

- Not only the upfront cost is impractical
- Uniform sources generate bias from off-diagonal terms
- It is hard to pick $d_{\text {min }}$ beforehand (one solution offered by Stathopoulos et al 2013)


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| $\sigma_{\text {impo }} / \sigma$ <br> $(25 C G i t e r)$ <br> $@$ eame cost | 0.82 |  | 0.58 |  |  |  | 0.28 |

Require spin-color separation to get an improvement: $\times 12$

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## "BUT I CAN'T PAY THE COST!"



Truncated solver method (TSM)

Collins et al 2007

## Multi-level truncation



## Hierarchical truncation with stochastic probing

- Spin-color separated, space-time diluted random sources with minimum distance between non-zero entries, $d_{\text {min }}$, as large as possible
- Apply different $d_{\text {min }}$ hierarchically on CG truncations, respecting cost constraints


Values for this work CG iteration

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\begin{array}{ll}
d_{\text {min }}=8 & \Longleftrightarrow \\
d_{\text {min }}=4 \\
d_{\text {min }}=2
\end{array}
$$

## Truncation with \& without dilution

- Compare 'undiluted' random sources and ‘spin-color separated, space-time diluted' random sources
- Measured on one configuration up to the $8^{\text {th }} \mathrm{CG}$ iteration
- Exponential decay (no proof yet)




## Computed improvement on one configuration

- Computed from variance/covariance distribution of CG iterations
- $R_{\text {imp, }}$ reduction in variance with equal cost
- Constraint of cost ~500 full CG inv.

| Scenario | TSM | 2L-TSM | 3 S-TSM | 2L-HTwSP |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Cost | 500.3 | 493.2 | 486.2 | 501.9 |
| $R_{\text {imp }}$ | $0.203(4)$ | $0.119(4)$ | $0.102(3)$ | $0.0231(6)$ |
| $N_{\mathrm{h}}$ | 99 | 21 | 5 | 1 |
| Iter $_{\mathrm{h}}$ | 2049 | 2049 | 2049 | 2049 |
| $C_{\mathrm{h}}$ | 1 | 1 | 1 | 24 |
| $N_{\mathrm{l}}$ | 2990 | 1312 | 442 | 4 |
| Iter $_{1}$ | 275 | 425 | 475 | 475 |
| $C_{1}$ | 1 | 1 | 1 | 192 |
| $N_{\mathrm{l} 2}$ |  | 8200 | 2964 | 1 |
| Iter $_{12}$ |  | 50 | 150 | 200 |
| $C_{12}$ |  | 1 | 1 | 3072 |
| $N_{\mathrm{l}}$ |  |  | 13255 |  |
| $\mathrm{Itr}_{13}$ |  |  | 25 |  |
| $C_{13}$ |  |  | 1 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |

## Physics results

Preliminary



## Evolution of trajectories

## Effective masses

- Disconnected part dominates the singlet scalar propagator
- Singlet scalar states extracted from $x=3 \sim 8$, while other non-singlet mesons are extracted from $x=6 \sim 12$
- At $\beta=1.73$, deconfined pion is clearly lighter than confined pion
- Need to understand statistics and autocorrelations



## Screening masses at the transition

- $\rho, \pi$, and $\sigma$ are almost constant across the transition
- $a_{1}$ becomes degenerate with $\rho$ in the chiral symmetric phase
- ao drops and becomes closer to $\pi$





## Extrapolating to the critical point

## Summary

- We developed the method of hierarchical truncation with stochastic probing, which is easy to implement and gives 40x speedup in measuring the quark condensate.
- We observed $\sigma$ screening mass twice as light as $\pi$ on both sides of the first order transition close to the endpoint.
- We will increase the statistics and expand the parameter space.

