# 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  $N_{\rm t} = 8$
- 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 ( $N_t = 4$ ) provided evidence (JLQCD 1999, Liao 2002); no improvement since

#### Contents

- Measurement techniques
  - Hierarchical truncation with stochastic probing
  - Truncated solver method + Probing + Random sources
  - 40× speedup in measuring  $Tr[D^{-1}]$  on one configuration
- Physics results
  - First order transition at two different parameter sets
  - Two stable states on both sides of the transition
  - Screening masses with the singlet scalar on the transition line

#### Singlet propagators

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Nearest neighbor action

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



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<sup>3</sup>×8 using the greedy multi-coloring algorithm (Saad 2003)

<b>d</b> 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<sub>min</sub> beforehand (one solution offered by Stathopoulos et al 2013)

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<i>O</i> imp/ <i>O</i> (25 CG iter) @ same cost	0.82		0.58				0.28

Require spin-color separation to get an improvement: ×12

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

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#### Multi-level truncation

![](_page_10_Figure_1.jpeg)

#### Hierarchical truncation with stochastic probing

- Spin-color separated, space-time diluted random sources with minimum distance between non-zero entries, d<sub>min</sub>, as large as possible
- Apply different d<sub>min</sub> hierarchically on CG truncations, respecting cost constraints

![](_page_11_Figure_3.jpeg)

# 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<sup>th</sup> CG iteration
- Exponential decay (no proof yet)

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#### Computed improvement on one configuration

- Computed from variance/covariance distribution of CG iterations
- *R*<sub>imp</sub>, reduction in variance with equal cost
- Constraint of cost
  ~500 full CG inv.

Scenario	TSM	2L-TSM	3L-TSM	2L-HTwSP
Cost	500.3	493.2	486.2	501.9
R <sub>imp</sub>	0.203(4)	0.119(4)	0.102(3)	0.0231(6)
$\overline{N_{\mathrm{h}}}$	99	21	5	1
Iter <sub>h</sub>	2049	2049	2049	2049
$C_{\rm h}$	1	1	1	24
$\overline{N_1}$	2990	1312	442	4
Iter <sub>l</sub>	275	425	475	475
$C_{\rm l}$	1	1	1	192
$\overline{N_{l2}}$		8200	2964	1
Iter <sub>12</sub>		50	150	200
$C_{l2}$		1	1	3072
$\overline{N_{13}}$			13255	
Iter <sub>13</sub>			25	
$C_{13}^{-1}$			1	

#### Physics results

Preliminary

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#### 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

![](_page_16_Figure_5.jpeg)

#### Screening masses at the transition

- $\rho$ ,  $\pi$ , and  $\sigma$  are almost constant across the transition
- *a*<sub>1</sub> becomes
  degenerate with *p* in *f*<sup>*L*</sup>
  the chiral symmetric
  phase
- $a_0$  drops and becomes closer to  $\pi$

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![](_page_18_Figure_0.jpeg)

# Extrapolating to the critical point

Clear trend

#### 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.