

# Exploring the large- $N_c$ limit of one-flavour $SU(N_c)$

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# Overview

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# Motivation

# BSM Physics on the Lattice

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- Approaches to problem of UV divergences in radiative corrections to the mass of the Higgs → for example strongly-coupled extensions/Composite-Higgs or supersymmetry
- Basic principles forbid us to study supersymmetry directly

$$\{Q, Q^\dagger\} = P^\mu$$

$$\{Q, Q\} = \{Q^\dagger, Q^\dagger\} = 0$$

$$[P^\mu, Q] = [P^\mu, Q^\dagger] = 0$$

see for example [Martin 1998] for review.

## SUSY on the Lattice

- Make use of duality between Large- $N_c$  and super-Yang-Mills [’t Hooft 1974]
- More approaches to SUSY on the lattice [Schaich 2023]

# Theoretical Background

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- Quarks in the fundamental representation do not approximate SUSY → Does not reproduce the spectrum so well because of suppression of loop corrections
- Instead use a single quark in the two-index antisymmetric representation, right degrees of freedom [Corrigan and Ramond 1979]
- This is predicted to reproduce the low-lying mesonic supersymmetric spectrum well [Armoni, Shifman, and Veneziano 2003a,b] and further developed in [Feo, Merlatti, and Sannino 2004; Sannino and Shifman 2004; Sannino 2005]
- Previous studies: [Armoni, Shifman, and Veneziano 2004; Armoni et al. 2008; Athenodorou et al. 2021; Creutz 2007; DeGrand et al. 2006; Farchioni et al. 2007; Francis et al. 2018; Hambye and Tytgat 2010; Leutwyler and Smilga 1992; Lucini et al. 2010; Shuryak and Verbaarschot 1993]
- Our previous work: [Della Morte et al. 2023; Jaeger et al. 2023; Ziegler et al. 2022]

# Study Setup

# $N_c = 3$ summarized, [Della Morte et al. 2023]

**Goal:** Test [Sannino and Shifman 2004]

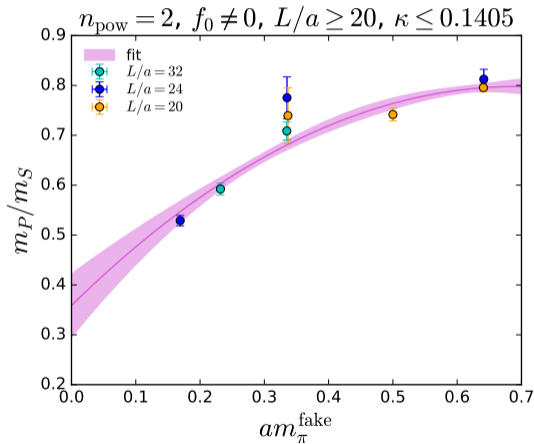
$$\frac{m_P}{m_S} = 1 - \frac{22}{9N_c} - \frac{4}{9}\beta + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{N_c^2}\right) \lesssim 0.185$$

we found for  $N_c = 3$

$$\frac{m_P}{m_S} = 0.356(54)$$

**How will this look for  $N_c > 3$ ?**

**How strong are cut-off effects for  
 $N_c = 3$ ?**



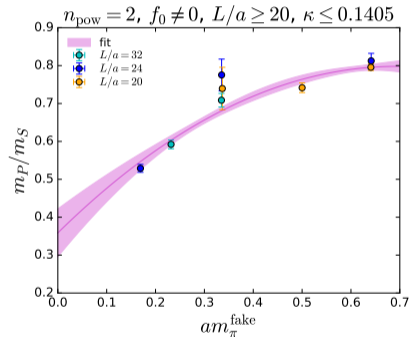
# $N_c = 3$ summarized, [Della Morte et al. 2023]

- Symanzik-improved gauge action
- $\mathcal{N} = 1, 2AS$ , clover-improved with  $c_{SW} = 1$

## Chiral extrapolation

Vary lattice extents and masses

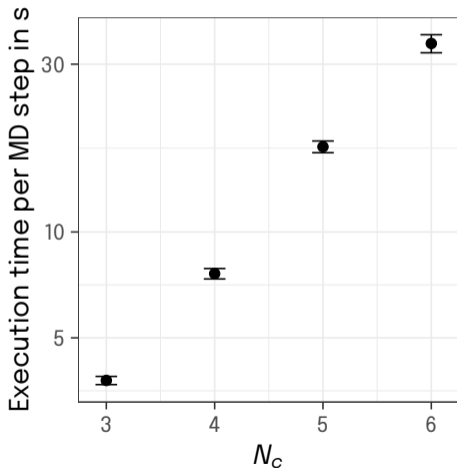
Find limit by taking pseudoscalar meson mass to zero (connected)  $\rightarrow$  We call this *fake pion*, [Francis et al. 2018]





## $N_c > 3$ setup

- Pure gauge and dynamic for  $N_c = 4, 5, 6$
- Critical to performance:
  - Wilson fermions with or without clover-improvement
  - CPUs  $\rightarrow$  GPUs?
- Computation expense scales poorly
- More MD evolution steps, depends on integrator
- Clover or no-clover: understand cutoff effects



# Software Choice

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- There is a lot of Software available with different features, this is what we ran

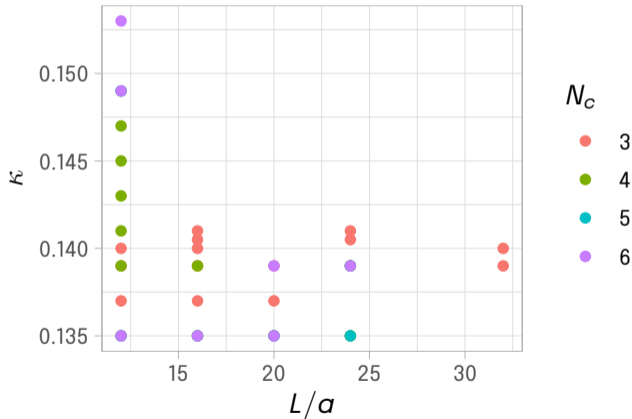
	$c_{SW} = 0$	$c_{SW} = 1$	Pure gauge
$N_C = 3$	HiRep	OpenQCD	Grid
$N_C = 4$	HiRep	HiRep, Grid	Grid
$N_C > 4$	HiRep	HiRep	Grid

- Grid supports GPUs for Wilson Fermions with larger- $N_C$ , but only for the fundamental representation. <https://github.com/paboyle/Grid/>
- GPU support for HiRep will come soon!  
<https://github.com/claudiopica/HiRep> branch HiRep-CUDA

# Parameter Choices – Clover Improved

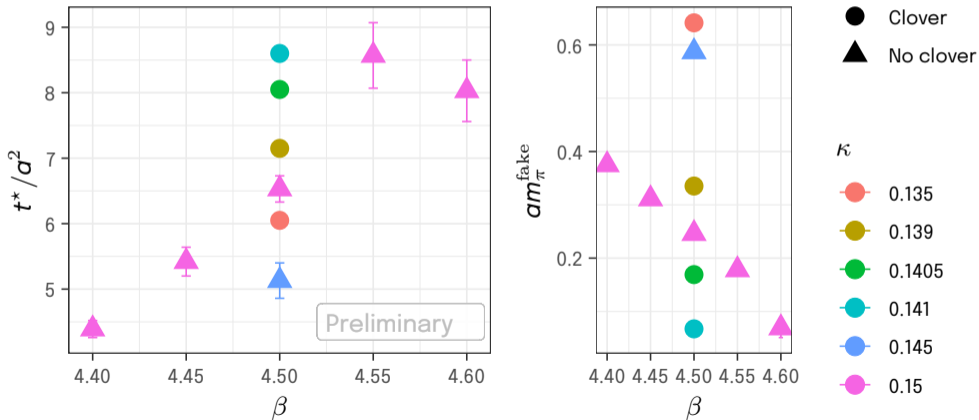
- Scale  $\beta$  such that  $\beta \propto N_c^2$ , [t Hooft 1974]

$N_c$	$\beta$
3	4.5
4	8.0
5	12.5
6	18.0



# Parameter Choices – Without Clover Improvement

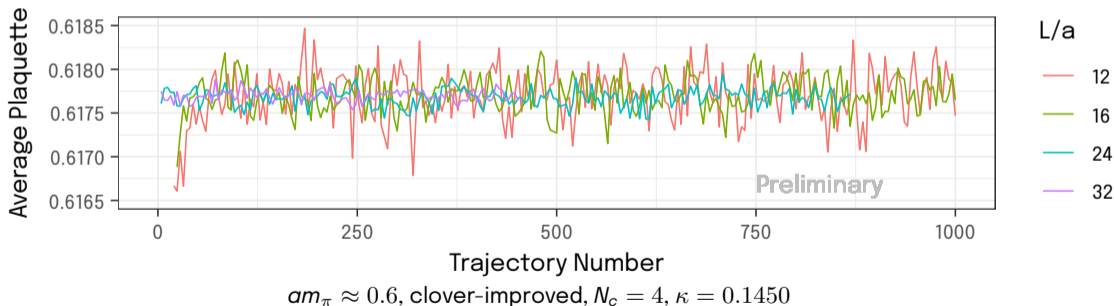
Without clover-improvement we might need to adjust our baseline  $\beta$ , compared at  $N_c = 3$



# Computational Challenges

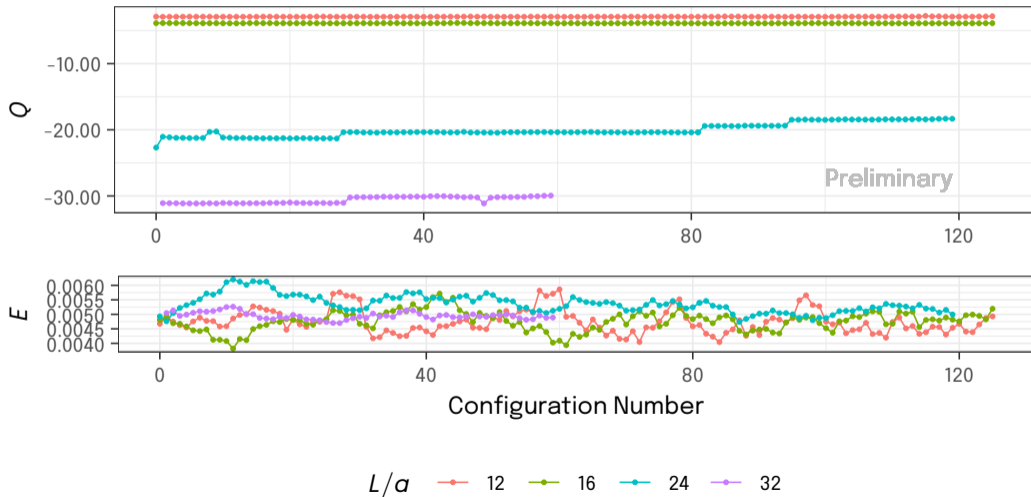
# Configuration Generation

- Thermalization is usually quick
- Thermalizing large lattices on smaller ones works well

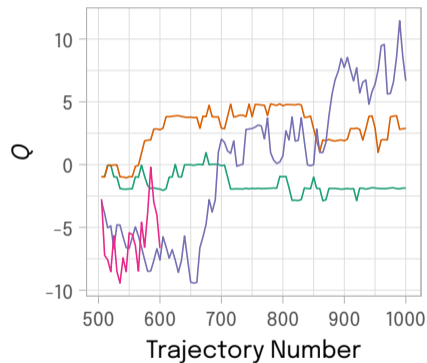


# Topological Charge

$am_\pi \approx 0.6$ , clover-improved,  $N_c = 4$ ,  $\kappa = 0.1450$



# Some insights from pure gauge runs



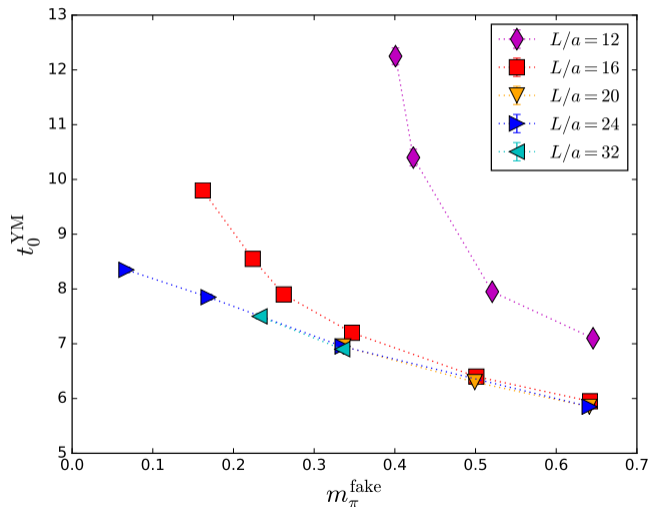
$N_c = 4$



$L/a = 24$



# Finite-Volume Effects, [Della Morte et al. 2023]



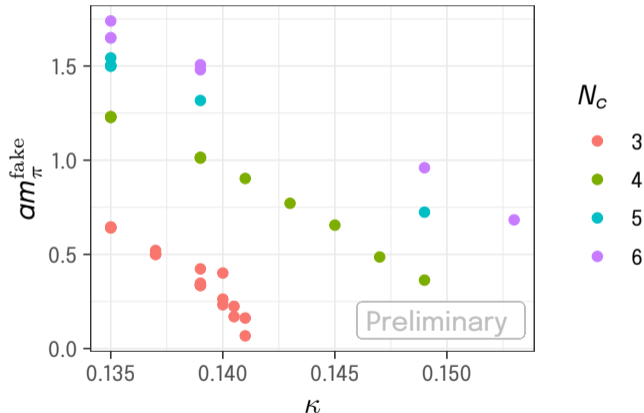
# Results

# Fake-Pion

- Larger- $N_c$  needs larger  $\kappa$  for the same mass
- need to simulate high  $\kappa$  for chiral extrapolation

## Disconnected Contributions

- dominate spectrum
- $N_c = 3$ : LapH
- $N_c > 3$ : Time dilution in HiRep  $\rightarrow$  no signal yet



# Summary

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We have examined

- one-flavour QCD for approximating SUSY
- Challenges in configuration generation for  $N_c > 3$
- Parameter tuning for  $N_c = 3$  cutoff effects

This study is expensive because





- Cost  $\propto N_c^2$  per site
- $\beta \propto N_c^2$  rescaling  $\rightarrow$  topological freezing
- $\kappa$  increase for chiral extrapolation  $\rightarrow$  more topological freezing
- Need at least  $L/a = 24$

Outlook

- Evaluate spectrum for  $N_c > 3$
- Quantify cutoff-effects for  $N_c = 3$  by comparison  $c_{\text{sw}} = 0$  and  $c_{\text{sw}} = 1$





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