

# Conformal vs confining scenario in $SU(2)$ with adjoint fermions. Gluonic observables

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# Some simulation details

- SU(2) 1x1 plaquette action in the fundamental representation  
+ 2 Wilson fermions in the adjoint representation
- RHMC algorithm implemented in HiRep code  
(for generic number of colors, and generic representation of the fermions)  
*L. Del Debbio, AP and C. Pica, PhysRevD81:094503 (2010)*
- fixed lattice spacing:  $\beta = 2.25$   
4 volumes:  $16 \times 8^3$ ,  $24 \times 12^3$ ,  $32 \times 16^3$ ,  $64 \times 24^3$   
list of masses:  $0.25, 0, -0.25, -0.5, -0.75, -0.9, -0.95, -0.975, -1, -1.025, -1.05, -1.075, -1.1, -1.125, -1.15, -1.175, -1.18, -1.185, -1.19$   
 $\mathcal{O}(5000)$  configurations
- measured observables:
  - quark mass from axial Ward identity (PCAC mass)
  - isotriplet PS and V meson masses and decay constants
  - distribution of temporal and spatial Polyakov loops
  - $0^{++}$  and  $2^{++}$  glueball masses
  - fundamental string tension

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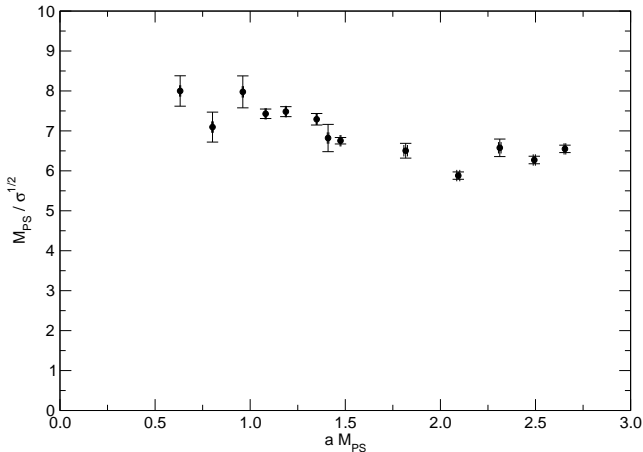
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# Signals for conformality

PS mass over  $\sigma^{1/2}$  ratio



Large mass:

$$M_{PS} \simeq 2M_q$$

$$\sigma \simeq \sigma_{YM}$$

Small mass,  $\chi$ SB:

$$M_{PS}^2 \simeq -\frac{\langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle}{F_{PS}^2} m_q$$

$$\sigma \neq 0$$

Small mass, IR-conf:

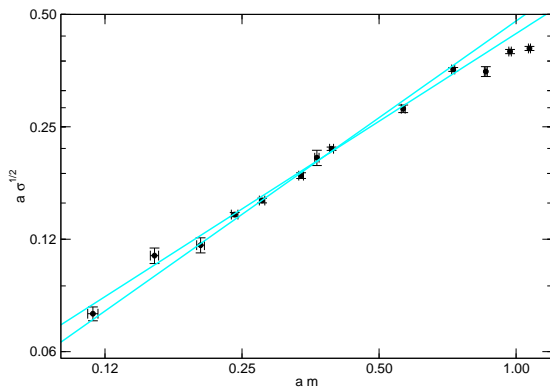
$$M_{PS} \propto m_q^{\frac{1}{1+\gamma}}$$

$$\sigma^{1/2} \propto m_q^{\frac{1}{1+\gamma}}$$

$$M_{PS} \simeq 8\sigma^{1/2}$$

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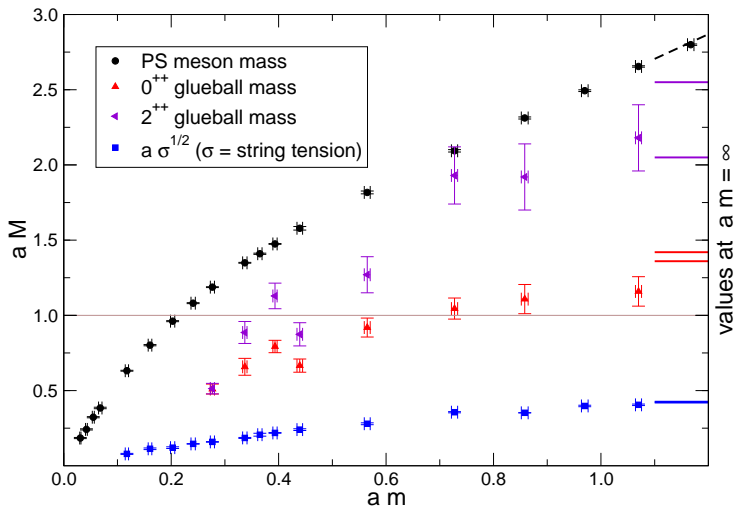
## Scaling of the string tension



$$a\sigma^{1/2} = A_\sigma (am_q)^{\frac{1}{1+\gamma}}$$

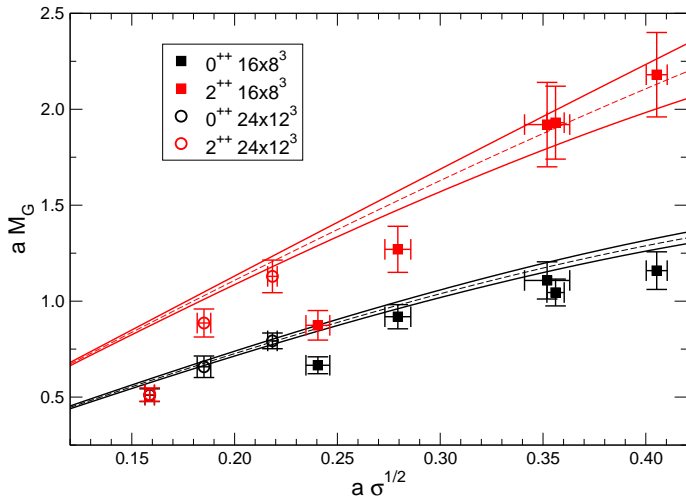
$$\gamma \simeq 0.19 \dots 0.30$$

# Spectrum hierarchy



# IR dynamics

## Comparison with pure YM





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## Interpretation

The physics below the fermion mass is effectively described by:

$$\mathcal{L}_{eff} = -\frac{1}{2g_{eff}^2} \text{tr} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + \sum_i \frac{a_i}{M_q^2} \mathcal{O}_i^{(6)}$$

which is a pure Yang-Mills with a energy-scale  $\sigma^{1/2}$  and corrections of order  $\sigma/M_q^2$ .

This is true both in the large-mass and chiral regimes ( $M_{PS}/\sigma^{1/2} \simeq 8$ ).

Again, in the two regimes the string tension has a very different behaviour as a function of the mass.

- In the **large-mass regime**,  $\sigma$  does not depend on the fermion mass.
- In the **chiral/scaling region**,  $\sigma$  slides with the fermionic mass to zero:

$$\sigma^{1/2} \propto M_q \propto m_q^{\frac{1}{1+\gamma}}$$

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# String tension

## Temporal string tension.

$$\langle \sum_{y,z} P^\dagger(0, y, z) \sum_{y,z} P(X, y, z) \rangle = \sum_n |c(T)|^2 e^{-XE_n(T)}$$

The ground state is extracted using a variational method over a set of fuzzy operators. (*B. Lucini, M. Teper, U. Wenger, JHEP0406:012 (2004)*).

$$E_0(T) = \sigma T \sqrt{1 - \frac{2\pi}{3\sigma T^2}} \simeq \sigma T - \frac{\pi}{3T} - \frac{\pi^2}{18\sigma T^3} + \dots$$

The string tension is extracted assuming the Nambu-Goto action. No difference is found if we use the truncated formula that includes only the universal terms (*O. Aharony, E. Karzbrun, JHEP0906:012 (2009)*).

## Spatial string tension.

As above, using Polyakov loops wrapping around a spatial direction and separated along the temporal direction.

# Static potential

$$\langle W(T, R) \rangle = \sum_n |a_n(R)|^2 e^{-TV_n(R)}$$

HYP smeared Wilson loops (*A. Hasenfratz, F. Knechtli, PhysRevD64:034504 (2001)*).

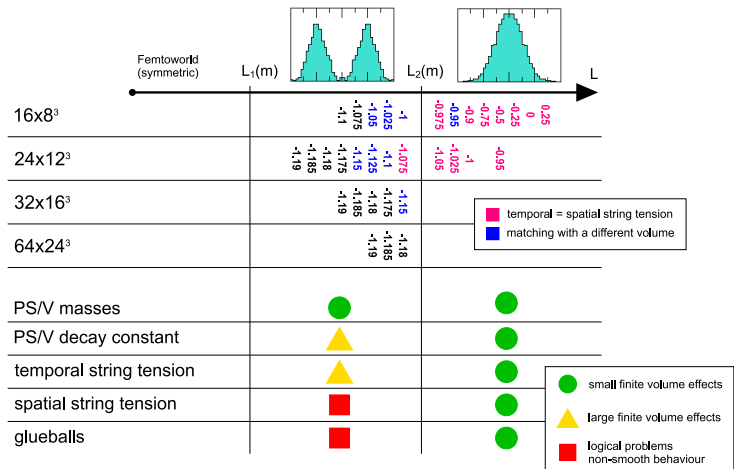
The ground state is extracted by adapting the Prony's method for extracting masses from correlators (*G. T. Fleming, S. D. Cohen, H. W. Lin, V. Pereyra, PhysRevD80:074506 (2009)*).

At large distance the static potential gives the string tension:

$$V(R) \simeq \sigma R + \dots$$

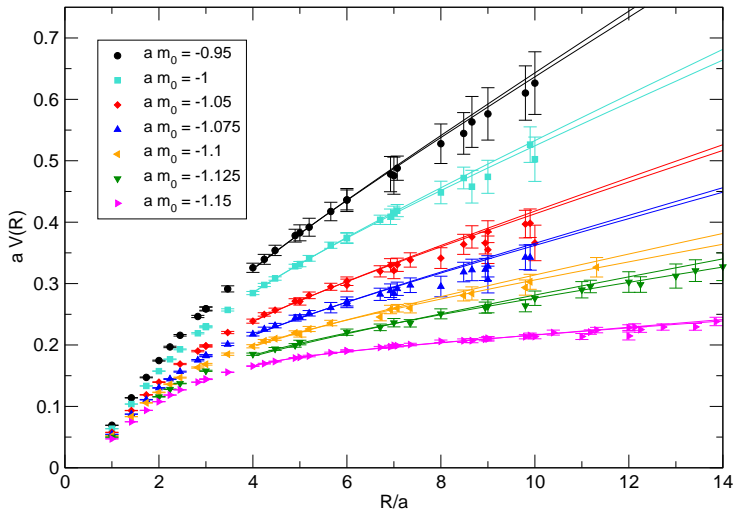
The universal corrections are spoiled by the HYP smearing.

# Polyakov loops and finite volume effects



J. C. Myers, M. C. Ogilvie, NuclPhysA820:187C (2009). T. J. Hollowood, J. C. Myers, JHEP0911:008 (2009). G. Cossu, M. D'Elia, JHEP0907:048 (2009). T. Azezanagi, M. Hanada, M. Unsal, R. Yacoby, arXiv:1006.0717.

# String tensions and static potentials – results



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# Conclusions

Hints for conformality:

- Plateaux at small masses in the  $M_V/M_{PS}$ ,  $M_{PS}/\sigma^{1/2}$ .
- Power-law behaviour of the string tension.
- Finite size scaling of  $F_{PS}$  and  $\sigma^{1/2}$ .

This theory shows some qualitative features of the Banks-Zaks fixed point:

– What happens in other theories in the conformal window?

- The spectrum shows a well-defined hierarchy: the PS meson is heavier than the two lightest glueballs. In particular  $M_{PS}/\sigma^{1/2} \simeq 8$ .
- The IR spectrum is reproduced by the quenched theory (with renormalized parameters).
- The PS/V mass ratio is close to 1.
- The anomalous dimension of the mass is small ( $\gamma \simeq 0.2$ ). Maybe not useful for phenomenology.

Outlook:

- Simulate at different  $\beta$ .
- Better determination of gluonic observables at the lowest masses (larger volumes).
- Finite temperature.
- More accurate finite size scaling.