

# Localisation of Dirac modes in finite-temperature $\mathbb{Z}_2$ gauge theory on the lattice

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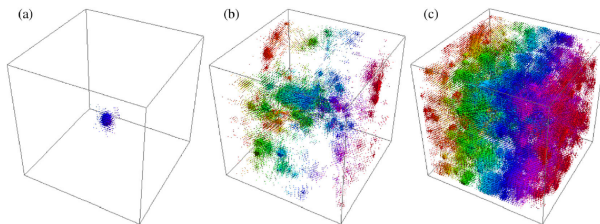
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- Localisation of low modes of the Dirac operator was observed in QCD and other gauge theories above the deconfinement transition [Garcia-Garcia and Osborn, 2007, Ujfalusi et al., 2015]



Localisation and delocalisation from Ref. [Ujfalusi et al., 2015]

- Sea/island picture  $\rightarrow$  Ordered Polyakov loops in deconfined phase. In this ordered "sea" modes are localised on the fluctuations of Polyakov loops [Bruckmann et al., 2011]
- To push the connection of these properties to its limit  $\rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_2$  gauge theory in 2+1 dimensions and study the spectrum of the staggered Dirac operator, link variables:  $U_\mu(n) = \pm 1$

## Localisation of eigenmodes of the Dirac operator

- $\text{IPR}_l = \sum_n |\psi_l(n)|^4$
- $\text{PR}_l = \text{IPR}_l^{-1} (N_t V)^{-1}$
- The scaling of the modes can be determined by the fractal dimension:

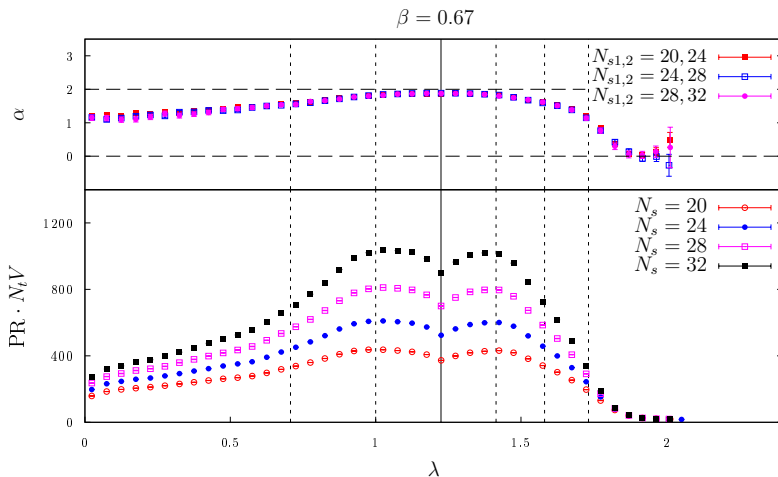
$$\text{PR}(\lambda, N_s) \approx c(\lambda) N_s^{\alpha(\lambda)-2}$$

Localised mode  $\rightarrow \alpha = 0$

Delocalised mode  $\rightarrow \alpha = 2$

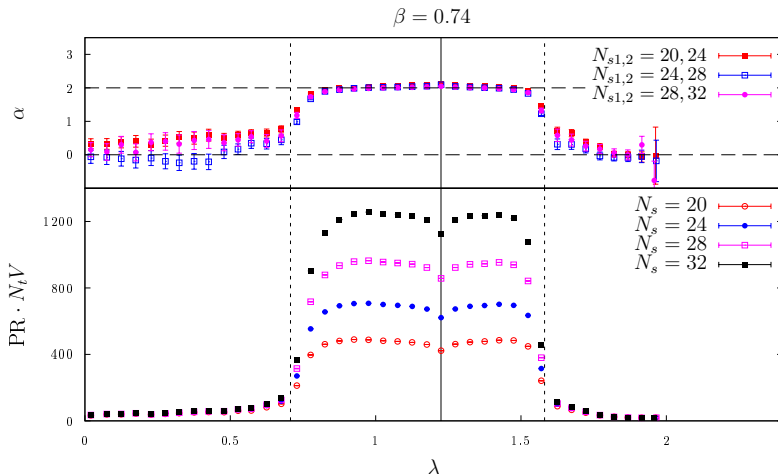
$$\alpha(\lambda) = 2 + \log \left( \frac{\text{PR}(\lambda, N_{s_1})}{\text{PR}(\lambda, N_{s_2})} \right) / \log \left( \frac{N_{s_1}}{N_{s_2}} \right)$$

# Confined phase



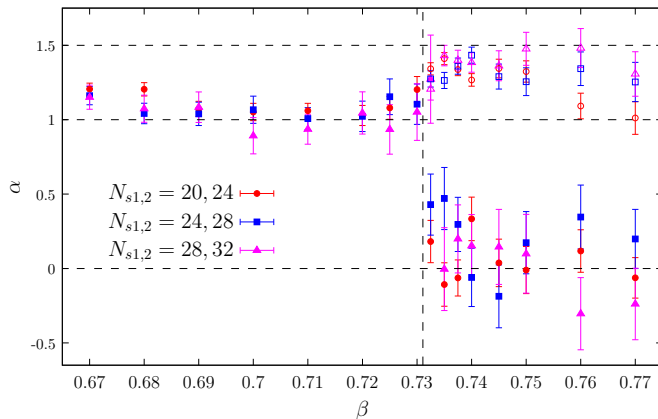
Low modes and bulk modes are not localised, high modes are localised

# Deconfined phase ( $\bar{P} > 0$ )



Both low and high modes are localised, bulk modes are delocalised

# Fractal dimension of near zero modes



The fractal dimension drops to zero at the deconfinement transition ( $\beta_c(N_t = 4) = 0.73107(2)$  [Caselle and Hasenbusch, 1996])

## Sea/island picture of localisation

- How much of the wave function is localised on negative Polyakov loops?

$$\mathcal{P} = \sum_{x,t} P(x) |\psi(x,t)|^2$$

- Delocalised modes:

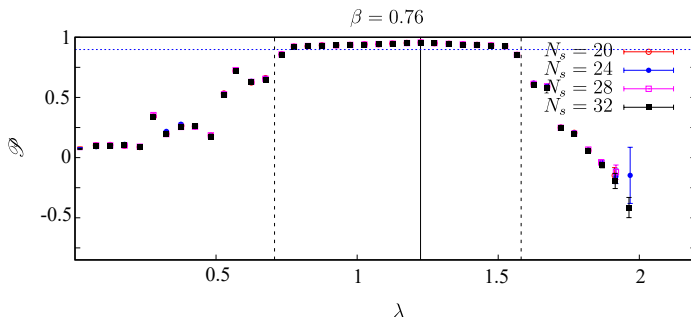
$$\mathcal{P} \approx \frac{1}{VN_t} \sum_{x,t} P(x) = \frac{1}{V} \sum_x P(x) = \bar{P}$$

- Localised modes:

$$\mathcal{P} \approx \sum_{(x,t) \in V_0} P(x) |\psi(x,t)|^2 \approx \bar{P}_{V_0}$$



## Sea/island picture of localisation, deconfined phase



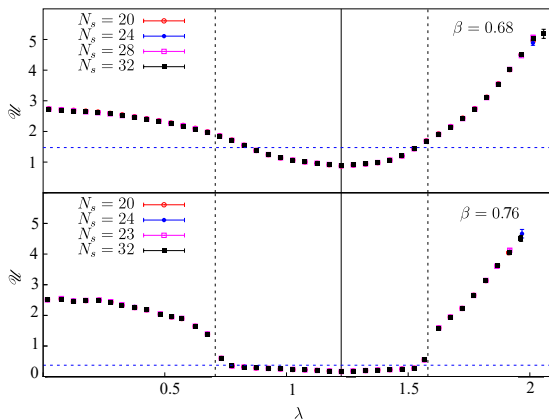
For delocalised modes  $\mathcal{P}$  takes the value of the average Polyakov loops. However, for localised modes  $\mathcal{P}$  drops significantly

Plaquettes encode dynamics. How do localised modes correlate with negative plaquettes?

$$A(n) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\substack{\mu, \nu=1 \\ \mu < \nu}}^3 [4 - U_{\mu\nu}(n) - U_{\mu\nu}(n - \hat{\mu}) - U_{\mu\nu}(n - \hat{\nu}) - U_{\mu\nu}(n - \hat{\mu} - \hat{\nu})]$$

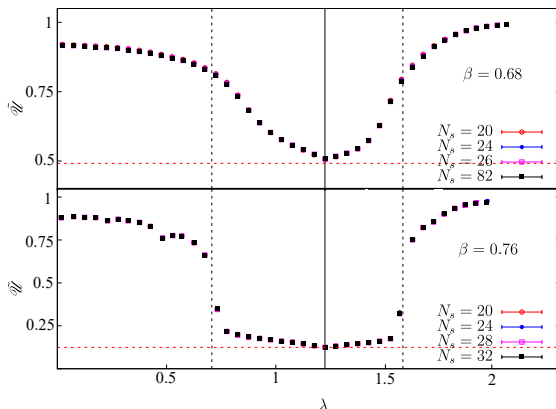
- $\mathcal{U} = \sum_n A(n) |\psi(n)|^2$  measures the average number of negative plaquettes touched by the modes
- $\tilde{\mathcal{U}} = \sum_{A(n) > 0, n} |\psi(n)|^2$  measures how much of the modes lives on sites touched by negative plaquettes

# Localisation and negative plaquettes



High localised modes prefer the clusters of negative plaquettes more than low localised modes

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For localised modes most part of the modes live on sites that are touched by at least one negative plaquette

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- Localized modes display a strong correlation with the position of negative plaquettes in both phases of the theory



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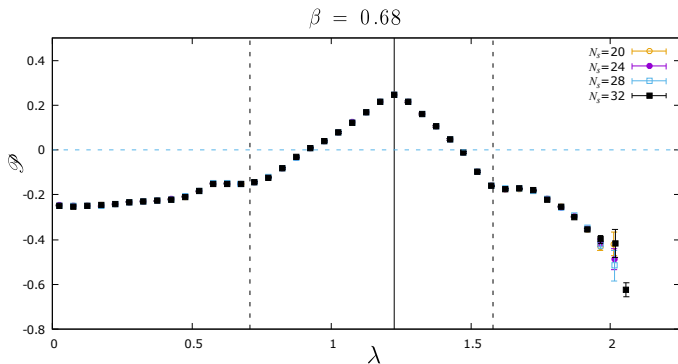
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# Sea/island picture of localisation, confined phase



For localised high modes  $\mathcal{P}$  becomes much lower, while for delocalised modes  $\mathcal{P}$  is closer to  $\bar{P}$