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# Dynamical simulation of $\mathcal{N}=1$ supersymmetric Yang-Mills theory with domain wall fermions

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We present results from a numerical study of  $\mathcal{N}=1$  supersymmetric Yang-Mills theory using domain wall fermions. In this particular lattice formulation of the theory, supersymmetry is expected to emerge accidentally in the continuum and chiral limits without any fine-tuning of operators. Dynamical simulations were performed for the gauge group SU(2) on  $8^3\times 8$  and  $16^3\times 32$  lattice space-time volumes and at three different values of the coupling:  $\beta=2.3,\,2.35\bar{3},\,$  and 2.4. Results from this study include measurements of the static potential, residual mass, and a chirally extrapolated value for the gluino condensate at  $\beta=2.3$ . In addition to these, we study the low-lying eigenvalues and eigenvectors of the five-dimensional Hermitian domain-wall fermion Dirac operator and present evidence that, for the choice of parameters under investigation, features of the spectrum appear qualitatively consistent with strong coupling and the presence of a large residual mass. From the five-dimensional eigenvalues we explore the possibility of using the Banks-Casher relation to determine an independent value for the gluino condensate in the chiral limit.

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#### I. INTRODUCTION

In recent years, substantial effort has been devoted toward formulating supersymmetric (SUSY) gauge theories on the lattice. These efforts have been partially motivated by the fascinating theoretical and technical difficulties associated with the problem, as well as the obvious potential role of SUSY in beyond the standard model physics. Of crucial importance pertaining to the latter point is an understanding of a variety of nonperturbative phenomena, including—but not limited to—dynamical SUSY breaking. An understanding of nonperturbative aspects such as these may in principle be achieved with numerical simulations, provided an appropriate lattice discretization of the theory may be found.

Since naíve lattice discretizations typically break SUSY explicitly, simulations of such theories will generally require a substantial degree of fine-tuning in order to cancel any undesirable SUSY breaking operators which may arise through radiative corrections. Such a task is exceedingly difficult, even when the number of parameters which require fine-tuning are relatively small. However, it has been realized for some time that one of the simplest SUSY theories,  $\mathcal{N}=1$  supersymmetric Yang-Mills (SYM), may be simulated using conventional lattice discretizations and yet require only a minimal degree of fine-tuning.

The field content of  $\mathcal{N}=1$  SYM consists of a vector field and a single Majorana fermion which transforms as an adjoint under the gauge group, which for our purposes will be taken to be  $SU(N_c)$ . The theory possesses an anomalous  $U(1)_A$  axial symmetry; however, a discrete  $Z_{2N_c}$  subgroup of  $U(1)_A$  survives at the quantum level. It is believed that

 $\mathcal{N}=1$  SYM shares a variety of features in common with quantum chromodynamics (QCD), such as confinement and chiral symmetry breaking [3]. But in contrast to QCD,  $\mathcal{N}=1$  SYM is believed to possess discrete chiral symmetry breaking from  $N_{2N_c} \rightarrow Z_2$  which results in the possible formation of domain walls but no Goldstone bosons. Although this theory does not possess dynamical SUSY breaking, as implied by a nonvanishing Witten index [4], it is still believed to exhibit a variety of other features which may be of interest to explore nonperturbatively. Of perhaps greatest interest is whether or not a gluino condensate forms, the spectrum of the theory, and the relationship between the domain wall tension and the gluino condensate.

The low energy spectrum of  $\mathcal{N}=1$  SYM is believed to consist of massive supermultiplets which may involve glue-glue, glue-gluino, as well as gluino-gluino bound states. Although the states within a given supermultiplet are degenerate, at finite gluino mass one expects mass splittings which may be calculated using a variety of effective theories [5,6]. Lattice simulations of  $\mathcal{N}=1$  SYM may be used to directly test the predictions of these effective theories, as well as to determine the effects of soft SUSY breaking on observables other than the spectrum.

 $\mathcal{N}=1$  SYM theory provides an ideal starting point for studying aspects of SUSY numerically while still allowing one to utilize familiar and well understood fermion discretizations. Because the field content of this theory consists only of a vector field and Majorana fermion (and, in particular, no scalar fields), with conventional lattice discretizations of this theory, the only relevant SUSY violating operator which may arise radiatively is a gluino mass term. In the chiral and continuum limits, SUSY is therefore expected to emerge *accidentally* at infinite volume. For fermion discretizations that explicitly break chiral symme-

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For recent reviews, see e.g., [1,2].

try, taking the chiral limit requires tuning the input mass parameter to some critical value, such that the bare mass vanishes.

With the use of a Ginsparg-Wilson [7] fermion discretization such as overlap fermions [8], fine-tuning of the gluino mass term may be entirely avoided. This study utilizes the closely related domain wall fermion (DWF) formalism [9–11], which realizes chiral symmetry in the limit of infinite fifth dimension extent and vanishing input gluino mass. In a typical DWF simulation where the fifth dimension is finite, however, the action receives residual chiral symmetry violating radiative corrections, including an additive mass renormalization. The important advantage that DWF fermions have over other discretizations (which lack chiral symmetry) is that these renormalizations may be removed by taking a controlled and unambiguously determined limit.

In the past, a variety of numerical studies have employed Wilson fermions in order to simulate  $\mathcal{N}=1$  SYM [12–29]. This discretization requires fine-tuning and formally possesses a sign problem, since the Pfaffian obtained from integrating out the fermion degrees of freedom is generally not positive definite. Studies, however, have found that the Pfaffian phase becomes innocuous in the parameter regime of physical interest and may be effectively handled by phase reweighting techniques. It was observed in [30] that DWFs have an additional advantage over Wilson fermions in that the fermion Pfaffian is positive definite. With the use of DWFs, one may therefore avoid the task of phase reweighting altogether.

The first and until recently the only study to use DWFs to investigate  $\mathcal{N}=1$  SYM focused on the chiral limit of the gluino condensate [31] at a single lattice spacing. This study was performed by using an inexact, hybrid molecular dynamics R (HMDR) algorithm [32] which, for the theory under consideration, is prone to finite integration step size errors. Our study offers an improvement over [31], by utilizing the rational hybrid Monte Carlo (RHMC) algorithm [33–35], which is an exact algorithm. Furthermore, due to algorithmic improvements and faster computers, we are able to explore the theory on larger lattices and at smaller couplings as well. Recently an independent study of  $\mathcal{N}=1$  SYM using DWFs was reported by Giedt,  $et\ al.$  in [36,37].

The primary purpose of our study is to establish a set of sensible simulation parameters, perform basic measurements, and provide the necessary ground work for more detailed studies of the theory in the future. As such, we expand the work of [31] in several important respects: we 1) establish the lattice scale by measuring the static potential and provide evidence for confinement which is con-

sistent with expectations; 2) determine the size of the residual mass in order to ascertain the proximity to the SUSY point; 3) extrapolate the chiral condensate to the chiral limit using a recent, theoretically motivated fit formula for its  $L_s$  dependence and which differs from the formula used in [31]; and 4) study the structure of the low lying eigenvectors and eigenvalues of the Hermitian DWF Dirac operator and attempt to extract an independent value for the chiral condensate using the Banks-Casher relation [38]. With exception to the third and final points, questions such as these could not be easily addressed in [31] due to the limited space-time volumes employed.

Portions of this work have been reported at Lattice 2008 [39], including results obtained for points 1–3. In this paper we go into greater detail on the analysis of these results, and expand this analysis by including the eigenvalue and eigenvector studies outlined in point 4. We organize this paper as follows. In Sec. II, we describe the details of our numerical simulations, including a brief review of the domain wall fermion formalism and conventions, the RHMC algorithm, ensembles, and measurement methods. Section III is devoted to issues concerning thermalization, and autocorrelations, while Sec. IV pertains to measurement details, data analysis, and results. In Sec. V, we summarize our findings. Finally, in Appendix A, we review some basic properties of Marjorana fermions, which may be less familiar to those readers who specialize in lattice QCD, and specifically derive expressions for some of the gluino-dependent observables studied in this paper.

#### II. SIMULATION DETAILS

#### A. Lattice action and conventions

Dynamical numerical simulations of  $\mathcal{N}=1$  SYM were performed using a Wilson gauge action and domain wall fermions. The full form of the partition function in Euclidean space-time is given by

$$Z = \int [dU][d\Psi][d\Phi]e^{-S_G[U] - S_F[\Psi, U] - S_{PV}[\Phi, U]}, \quad (1)$$

where  $S_G$  represents the gauge action and  $S_F$  represents the action for domain wall fermions.  $S_{\rm PV}$  represents the action for the Pauli-Villars (PV) fields which are required in order to cancel off the UV contributions associated with the bulk fermions in the fifth dimension. Simulations are performed on a  $V \times L_s$  lattice, where  $V = L^3 \times T$  represents the lattice space-time volume of the four physical dimensions with spatial extent L and temporal extent T, and  $L_s$  represents the size of the unphysical fifth dimension.

The Wilson gauge action is given by

$$S_G[U] = \beta \sum_{x,\mu\nu} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Re} \operatorname{Tr} P_{x,\mu\nu} \right), \tag{2}$$

where  $P_{x,\mu\nu} = \text{Tr}(U_{x,\mu}U_{x+\mu,\nu}U_{x+\nu,\mu}^{\dagger}U_{x,\nu}^{\dagger})$  represents a  $1 \times 1$  plaquette and  $U_{x,\mu}$  are link variables which belong

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>While one may prove that the fermion Pfaffian for this theory is positive definite in the continuum, positivity is not necessarily guaranteed on the lattice.

to a fundamental representation of  $SU(N_c)$  and are associated with the four-dimensional space-time coordinate (x) and orientation  $(\mu)$ . As is usual with the domain wall fermion discretization, the gauge field is taken to be independent of the fifth dimension coordinate (s). The bare coupling is given by  $\beta = 4/g^2$ .

The five dimensional DWF Dirac operator D is defined by

$$D_{x,s;x',s'}(M_5, m_f) = \delta_{s,s'} D_{x,x'}^{\parallel}(M_5) + \delta_{x,x'} D_{s,s'}^{\perp}(m_f), \quad (3)$$

$$D_{s,s'}^{\perp}(m_f) = \begin{cases} -m_f P_-, & \text{if } s' = 0 \text{ and } s = L_s - 1\\ -m_f P_+, & \text{if } s = 0 \text{ and } s' = L_s - 1\\ P_- \delta_{s+1,s'} + P_+ \delta_{s-1,s'} - 2\delta_{s,s'}, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$
 (5)

and the spin projectors  $P_{\pm}^{3}$  and  $P_{\mu}^{\pm}$  are given by

$$P_{\pm} = \frac{1}{2}(1 \pm \gamma_5), \qquad P_{\mu}^{\pm} = \frac{1}{2}(1 \pm \gamma_{\mu}).$$
 (6)

The gamma matrices  $\gamma_{\mu}$  in Euclidean space are taken to be Hermitian and satisfy the properties:  ${\rm Tr}(\gamma_{\mu}\gamma_{\nu})=4\delta_{\mu\nu}$  and  $(\gamma_{\mu})^2=1$  (no sum on  $\mu$ ); the four-dimensional chirality operator is given by  $\gamma_5=\gamma_0\gamma_1\gamma_2\gamma_3$ . The real link variables  $V_{x,\mu}$  belong to the adjoint representation of the gauge group. These may be expressed in terms of fundamental representation link variables  $U_{x,\mu}$  which appear in the gauge action via the identity:

$$V^{ab} = 2\operatorname{Tr}(T^a U^{\dagger} T^b U), \tag{7}$$

where  $T^a$  are generators of the fundamental representation of the gauge group which satisfy  $\text{Tr}(T^aT^b) = \delta^{ab}/2$ , with  $a=1,\ldots,N_c^2-1$ . Finally,  $M_5$  and  $m_f$  appearing in Eq. (3) represent the domain wall height and input gluino mass, respectively.

The DWF Dirac operator satisfies the following properties:

$$\Gamma_5^{\dagger} D \Gamma_5 = D^{\dagger}, \qquad \mathcal{C}^{\dagger} D \mathcal{C} = D^*,$$
 (8)

where  $\Gamma_5 = R_5 \gamma_5$ ,  $R_5$  is the reflection operator about the midplane in the fifth direction,  $C = R_5 C$  is the DWF charge conjugation operator, and C is the standard four-dimensional charge conjugation operator which satisfies the usual relations:

$$C^{\dagger} \gamma_{\mu} C = -\gamma_{\mu}^{T}, \qquad C^{\dagger} \gamma_{5} C = \gamma_{5}^{T},$$

$$C^{T} = -C,$$
  $C^{\dagger}C = 1,$   $C^{\dagger}T^{a}_{adj}C = -(T^{a}_{adj})^{T}.$  (9)

Here,  $T_{\rm adj}^a$  are the generators of the adjoint representation of the gauge group which satisfy  ${\rm Tr} T_{\rm adj}^a T_{\rm adj}^b = N_c \delta^{ab}$ . The DWF and PV actions are given by

where

$$D_{x,x'}^{\parallel}(M_5) = \sum_{\mu=1}^{4} [P_{\mu}^{-} V_{x,\mu} \delta_{x+\mu,x'} + P_{\mu}^{+} V_{x',\mu}^{T} \delta_{x-\mu,x'} + (M_5 - 4) \delta_{x,x'}], \tag{4}$$

$$S_F[\Psi, U] = \frac{1}{2}\bar{\Psi}D(M_5, m_f)\Psi,$$
  
 $S_{PV}[\Phi, U] = \frac{1}{2}\bar{\Phi}D(M_5, 1)\Phi,$ 
(10)

where we have imposed the DWF and PV Majorana conditions:  $\bar{\Psi} = \Psi^T C$  and  $\bar{\Phi} = \Phi^T C$ . Note that the PV action used in these simulations is not the one introduced in [40] but rather a variant of that action [41].

All gluino dependent observables in this study are expressed in terms of the four-dimensional gluino interpolating fields q(x), which are defined at the boundaries of the fifth dimension. In terms of the five-dimensional fields  $\Psi(x, s)$ , the gluino interpolating fields are given by

$$q(x) = P_{-}\Psi(x, 0) + P_{+}\Psi(x, L_{s} - 1),$$
  

$$\bar{q}(x) = \bar{\Psi}(x, L_{s} - 1)P_{-} + \Psi(x, 0)P_{+}.$$
(11)

For convenience, we also define here the four-dimensional gluino fields  $q_m(x)$  which may be associated with the midplane in the fifth dimension:

$$q_m(x) = P_- \Psi(x, L_s/2) + P_+ \Psi(x, L_s/2 - 1),$$
  

$$\bar{q}_m(x) = \bar{\Psi}(x, L_s/2 - 1)P_- + \Psi(x, L_s/2)P_+.$$
(12)

Note that each of the interpolating fields in Eqs. (11) and (12) satisfy the appropriate four-dimensional Majorana conditions:  $\bar{q} = q^T C$  and  $\bar{q}_m = q_m^T C$ .

Following [40] we may define four-dimensional vector and axial currents  $\mathcal{V}_{\mu}(x)$  and  $\mathcal{A}_{\mu}(x)$  by

$$\mathcal{V}_{\mu}(x) = \sum_{s=0}^{L_{s}-1} j_{\mu}(x, s),$$

$$\mathcal{A}_{\mu}(x) = \sum_{s=0}^{L_{s}-1} \operatorname{sgn}\left(s - \frac{L_{s}-1}{2}\right) j_{\mu}(x, s),$$
(13)

where  $j_{\mu}(x, s)$  are the first four components of the fivedimensional conserved current, given by

 $<sup>^{3}</sup>P_{\pm} = P_{R/L}$  in the notation of, for example, Ref. [40].

$$j_{\mu}(x,s) = \bar{\Psi}(x+\mu,s)P_{\mu}^{+}V_{x,\mu}^{T}\Psi(x,s) - \bar{\Psi}(x,s)P_{\mu}^{-}V_{x,\mu}\Psi(x+\mu,s), \tag{14}$$

and the last component is given by

$$j_5(x,s) = \begin{cases} \bar{\Psi}(x,s)P_-\Psi(x,s+1) - \bar{\Psi}(x,s+1)P_+\Psi(x,s), & 0 \le s < L_s - 1, \\ \bar{\Psi}(x,L_s-1)P_-\Psi(x,0) - \bar{\Psi}(x,0)P_+\Psi(x,L_s-1), & s = L_s - 1. \end{cases}$$
(15)

The divergence of the four-dimensional vector and axial currents satisfy

$$\Delta_{\mu} \mathcal{V}_{\mu}(x) = 0, \qquad \Delta_{\mu} \mathcal{A}_{\mu}(x) = 2m_f J_5(x) + 2J_{5q}(x),$$
(16)

where  $\Delta_{\mu} f(x) = f(x + \mu) - f(x)$  is the forward finite difference operator and

$$J_5(x) = j_5(x, L_s - 1) = \bar{q}(x)\gamma_5 q(x),$$
  

$$J_{5q}(x) = j_5(x, L_s/2 - 1) = \bar{q}_m(x)\gamma_5 q_m(x),$$
(17)

are the pseudoscalar densities defined on the walls and midpoint of the fifth dimension, respectively. The axial Takahashi-Ward identity (ATWI) is given by

$$\Delta_{\mu}\langle \mathcal{A}_{\mu}\mathcal{O}\rangle = 2m_f\langle J_5\mathcal{O}\rangle + 2\langle J_{5q}\mathcal{O}\rangle + i\langle \delta\mathcal{O}\rangle, \quad (18)$$

where it may be verified that the term involving the midpoint pseudoscalar density  $J_{5q}(x)$  gives rise to the desired axial anomaly [42].

#### **B.** Simulation method

In order to simulate the partition function given by Eq. (1), it is necessary to first integrate out the DWF and PV degrees of freedom. After performing this integration, we are left with an effective action which depends only on the gauge fields and is given by

$$e^{-S_{\text{eff}}[U]} = e^{S_G[U]} \times \frac{\text{Pf}[\mathcal{C}D(M_5, m_f)]}{\text{Pf}[\mathcal{C}D(M_5, 1)]},$$
 (19)

where, using the relation  $\det C = 1$ , the Pfaffian may be expressed as

$$Pf(CD) = \sqrt{\det D}.$$
 (20)

Numerical simulations of  $\mathcal{N}=1$  SYM requires a positive definite fermion Pfaffian in order to unambiguously define the Pfaffian as the square root of a determinant. It may be shown that for domain wall fermions, this is indeed the case and demonstrates an advantage of using this formalism over other discretizations, such as Wilson fermions [30]. By exploiting  $\Gamma_5$ -Hermiticity described by Eq. (8), we may rewrite the effective action as

$$e^{-S_{\text{eff}}[U]} = e^{S_G[U]} \times \det \left[ \frac{\mathcal{D}(M_5, m_f)}{\mathcal{D}(M_5, 1)} \right]^{1/4},$$
 (21)

where  $\mathcal{D}(M_5, m_f) = D(M_5, m_f)^{\dagger} D(M_5, m_f)$ . For the purpose of numerical simulation, we introduce a single complex pseudofermion field  $\chi$  in order to reproduce the

effects of the ratio of fermion determinants given by Eq. (21).<sup>4</sup> The resulting partition function is given by

$$Z = \int [dU][d\chi^{\dagger}][d\chi]e^{-S_G[U]-S_{PF}[\chi^{\dagger},\chi,U]}, \qquad (22)$$

where the pseudofermion action  $S_{PF}$  is given by

$$S_{\text{PF}}[\chi^{\dagger}, \chi, U] = \chi^{\dagger} \mathcal{D}^{1/8}(M_5, 1) \mathcal{D}^{-1/4}(M_5, m_f) \times \mathcal{D}^{1/8}(M_5, 1) \chi.$$
(23)

Dynamical numerical simulations of Eq. (22) with  $N_c =$ 2 were performed using a modified version of the Columbia Physics System (CPS)—a software system which is developed and maintained by the RBC collaboration for the purpose of studying lattice quantum chromodynamics. Modifications to the software were specifically made in order to accommodate the adjoint character of the fermions being simulated as well as to reduce the gauge group under consideration from SU(3) down to SU(2). We perform numerical simulations of the partition function given by Eq. (22) via the exact rational hybrid Monte Carlo (RHMC) algorithm [33-35]. Details of the parameters used in the approximation of  $\mathcal{D}^p(M_5, m_f)$  and  $\mathcal{D}^q(M_5, 1)$ , for the appropriate rational powers p and q (i.e., p = 1/8 and q = 1/8 for the pseudofermion refreshment step, and p = 1/4 and q = 1/8 for the evolution) used in this simulation, may be found in Tables I and II. Parameters attributed to the PV fields in this study are labeled with the superscript PV. The parameters  $\lambda_{min}$  ( $\lambda_{min}^{PV}$ ) and  $\lambda_{max}$  ( $\lambda_{max}^{PV}$ ) specify the lower and upper bounds on the eigenvalue range of  $\mathcal{D}(M_5, m_f)$ , over which we require the rational approximation to be valid. The rational approximation is used both in the molecular dynamics (MD) evolution of the gauge field as well as in the accept or reject Monte Carlo (MC) step, which is performed at the end of the trajectory in order to remove any errors associated with the finite step size  $\delta \tau$  in the MD evolution. The parameters  $n_{\rm MD}$   $(n_{\rm MD}^{\rm PV})$  and  $n_{\rm MC}$   $(n_{\rm MD}^{\rm PV})$  represent the degree and therefore accuracy of the rational approximation in each of these steps. In our simulations we require a greater accuracy in the accept or reject step compared to the evolution and therefore take  $n_{\rm MC} > n_{\rm MD}.$  Similarly, for the MD evolution and MC accept or reject step, the conjugate gradient stopping conditions used in the operator inversions were  $1 \times 10^{-7}$  and  $1 \times 10^{-10}$ , respectively.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>The simultaneous treatment of normal and PV fermion contributions with a single pseudofermion field was an idea of M. Clark, and was first introduced in [43].

TABLE I. Parameter values for the RHMC algorithm for  $8^3 \times 8$  lattices.  $\lambda_{\rm max}$  and  $\lambda_{\rm min}$  are the maximum and minimum eigenvalues of  $\mathcal{D}(M_5, m_f)$  required for the rational approximation, and  $n_{\rm MD}$  and  $n_{\rm MC}$  represent the degree of the rational approximation for the MD and MC accept or reject step, respectively.

β	$L_s$	$m_f$	$\lambda_{ m max}$	$\lambda_{ m min}$	$n_{ m MD}$	$n_{ m MC}$	$\lambda_{ m max}^{ m PV}$	$\lambda_{ ext{min}}^{ ext{PV}}$	$n_{ m MD}^{ m PV}$	$n_{ m MC}^{ m PV}$
2.3	12	0.02	4.0	$4 \times 10^{-4}$	9	15	4.0	$1 \times 10^{-3}$	6	9
	16	0.02	4.0	$4 \times 10^{-4}$	9	15	4.0	$1 \times 10^{-3}$	6	9
	20	0.02	4.0	$4 \times 10^{-4}$	9	15	4.0	$1 \times 10^{-3}$	6	9
	24	0.02	4.0	$4 \times 10^{-4}$	9	15	4.0	$1 \times 10^{-3}$	6	9

TABLE II. Parameter values for the RHMC algorithm for  $16^3 \times 32$  lattices. An explanation of these parameter values may be found in Table I.

β	$L_s$	$m_f$	$\lambda_{ ext{max}}$	$\lambda_{ m min}$	$n_{ m MD}$	$n_{ m MC}$	$\lambda_{ ext{max}}^{ ext{PV}}$	$\lambda_{\min}^{\mathrm{PV}}$	$n_{ m MD}^{ m PV}$	$n_{ m MC}^{ m PV}$
2.3	16	0.01	4.0	$4 \times 10^{-4}$	9	15	4.0	$1 \times 10^{-2}$	6	9
		0.02	4.0	$4 \times 10^{-4}$	9	15	4.0	$1 \times 10^{-2}$	6	9
		0.04	4.0	$4 \times 10^{-4}$	9	15	4.0	$1 \times 10^{-2}$	6	9
	20	0.01	4.0	$4 \times 10^{-4}$	9	15	4.0	$1 \times 10^{-2}$	6	9
		0.02	4.0	$4 \times 10^{-4}$	9	15	4.0	$1 \times 10^{-2}$	6	9
		0.04	4.0	$4 \times 10^{-4}$	9	15	4.0	$1 \times 10^{-2}$	6	9
	24	0.01	4.0	$4 \times 10^{-4}$	9	15	4.0	$5 \times 10^{-3}$	6	9
		0.02	4.0	$4 \times 10^{-4}$	9	15	4.0	$5 \times 10^{-3}$	6	9
		0.04	4.0	$4 \times 10^{-4}$	9	15	4.0	$5 \times 10^{-3}$	6	9
	28	0.01	4.0	$4 \times 10^{-4}$	9	15	4.0	$5 \times 10^{-3}$	6	9
		0.02	4.0	$4 \times 10^{-4}$	9	15	4.0	$5 \times 10^{-3}$	6	9
		0.04	4.0	$4 \times 10^{-4}$	9	15	4.0	$5 \times 10^{-3}$	6	9
	32	0.02	4.0	$1 \times 10^{-4}$	9	15	4.0	$1 \times 10^{-3}$	6	9
	40	0.02	4.0	$4 \times 10^{-5}$	9	15	4.0	$5 \times 10^{-4}$	6	9
	48	0.02	4.0	$4 \times 10^{-5}$	9	15	4.0	$5 \times 10^{-4}$	6	9
2.353	16	0.02	4.0	$4 \times 10^{-4}$	9	15	4.0	$1 \times 10^{-2}$	6	9
	28	0.02	4.0	$4 \times 10^{-4}$	9	15	4.0	$5 \times 10^{-3}$	6	9
2.4	16	0.02	4.0	$4 \times 10^{-4}$	9	15	4.0	$1 \times 10^{-2}$	6	9
	28	0.02	4.0	$4 \times 10^{-4}$	9	15	4.0	$5 \times 10^{-3}$	6	9

Finally, the MD evolution was performed using a two level Omelyan integrator [44,45] with the Omelyan integrator parameter set to  $\lambda = 0.215$ . The length of each trajectory in the evolution is given by  $5 \times \delta \tau$  MD time units. At the end of each trajectory, we project the gauge

field back onto the gauge group. This step breaks reversibility; however, the errors induced by the projection are negligible. Parameters and characteristics of the MD evolution and accept or reject MC step are provided in Tables III and IV. In each ensemble, the time step  $\delta \tau$ 

TABLE III. MD evolution parameters and MC statistics for  $8^3 \times 8$  lattices. For each ensemble, the MD evolution trajectory length was  $5 \times \delta \tau$  MD time units. A total number of trajectories for each ensemble is given by  $N_{\rm traj}$ .  $N_{\rm therm}$  is the number of initial trajectories before configurations in a given ensemble were deemed thermalized. "Accept" indicated the acceptance rate associated with the MC accept or reject step. Ensemble averages of various functions of the Hamiltonian H were performed using measurements on every trajectory.

β	$L_s$	$m_f$	$\delta_{ au}$	$N_{ m traj}$	$N_{\rm therm}$	Accept	$\langle \Delta H \rangle$	$\sqrt{\langle \Delta H^2  angle}$	$\langle e^{-\Delta H} \rangle$
2.3	12	0.02	0.260	1000	300	0.626(18)	0.498(28)	1.095(27)	0.956(39)
	16	0.02	0.220	750	300	0.749(20)	0.146(26)	0.577(19)	1.004(19)
	20	0.02	0.240	1000	300	0.594(18)	0.541(39)	1.165(30)	1.013(60)
	24	0.02	0.230	1000	300	0.627(18)	0.470(35)	1.965(43)	0.966(42)

TABLE IV. MD evolution parameters and MC statistics for  $16^3 \times 32$  lattices. An explanation of these parameter values may be found in Table III.

β	$L_s$	$m_f$	$\delta_{ au}$	$N_{ m traj}$	$N_{ m therm}$	Accept	$\langle \Delta H \rangle$	$\sqrt{\langle \Delta H^2 \rangle}$	$\langle e^{-\Delta H} \rangle$
2.3	16	0.01	0.160	3125	500	0.758(19)	0.193(28)	0.673(9)	1.016(14)
		0.02	0.160	3195	500	0.762(18)	0.187(26)	0.625(8)	0.991(12)
		0.04	0.160	2790	500	0.776(19)	0.152(26)	0.577(8)	1.003(12)
	20	0.01	0.155	2895	500	0.745(20)	0.208(30)	0.685(10)	1.008(15)
		0.02	0.155	2655	500	0.753(21)	0.212(31)	0.674(10)	0.993(16)
		0.04	0.160	2760	500	0.731(21)	0.238(32)	0.722(11)	0.995(16)
	24	0.01	0.155	2855	500	0.775(19)	0.142(26)	0.578(8)	1.019(13)
		0.02	0.130	2620	500	0.792(20)	0.143(28)	0.593(11)	1.020(14)
		0.04	0.155	2610	500	0.760(21)	0.175(32)	0.690(10)	1.050(17)
	28	0.01	0.135	2740	500	0.817(18)	0.086(22)	0.474(7)	1.022(11)
		0.02	0.140	2855	500	0.796(19)	0.158(24)	0.536(7)	0.974(11)
		0.04	0.155	2880	500	0.784(19)	0.157(25)	0.577(8)	0.996(12)
	32	0.02	0.140	2730	500	0.757(20)	0.180(29)	0.654(9)	1.016(15)
	40	0.02	0.140	2189	500	0.628(27)	0.455(51)	1.028(18)	0.974(27)
	48	0.02	0.140	1555	500	0.608(34)	0.586(76)	1.247(25)	1.031(46)
$2.35\bar{3}$	16	0.02	0.163	2575	600	0.782(20)	0.160(27)	0.583(9)	0.996(13)
	28	0.02	0.140	2305	600	0.829(20)	0.072(22)	0.415(7)	1.012(10)
2.4	16	0.02	0.160	2710	750	0.824(18)	0.093(20)	0.432(7)	0.996(10)
	28	0.02	0.140	2285	750	0.882(18)	0.040(18)	0.320(6)	1.010(8)

was chosen such that the acceptance rate was approximately 70–80%; however, for some ensembles the acceptance rates were as low as 60% or as high as 90%. One may verify from Tables III and IV that the equality  $\langle e^{-\Delta H} \rangle = 1$  holds within errors for all ensembles, which indicates that the algorithm is working correctly with our modifications to the code [46].

#### C. Ensembles and simulation parameters

Numerical simulations were performed on two different lattice space-time volumes:  $V=8^3\times 8$  and  $16^3\times 32$ . For the gauge fields we impose periodic conditions (BCs) in all space-time directions, whereas for the gluino we impose periodic BCs in the spatial directions and antiperiodic BCs in the temporal direction. The  $8^3\times 8$  ensembles were generated using the parameters:  $\beta=2.3$ ,  $L_s=12$ , 16, 20 and 24,  $m_f=0.02$ , and M=1.9, in order to check our code against the results of [31]. Simulation parameters for these configurations are listed in Tables I and III. Estimates of the gluino condensate and average plaquette

TABLE V. Gluino condensate  $\langle \bar{q}q \rangle$ ,  $\langle \bar{q}\gamma_5 q \rangle$ , and average plaquette  $\langle \bar{P} \rangle$  for  $8^3 \times 8$  lattices.

β	$L_s$	$m_f$	$\langle ar{q}q  angle$	$\langle \bar{q}\gamma_5 q \rangle \times 10^{-5}$	$\langle ar{P}  angle$
2.3	12	0.02	0.010631(40)	-1(6)	0.73496(36)
	16	0.02	0.008736(42)	-5(9)	0.73296(51)
	20	0.02	0.007522(37)	-10(6)	0.73276(30)
	24	0.02	0.006806(34)	-1(7)	0.73202(32)

are given in Table V, and are consistent with [31] at the  $1-2\sigma$  level.

Our  $16^3 \times 32$  ensembles were generated at  $\beta = 2.3$ ,  $L_s = 16$ , 20, 24, and 28, and input gluino masses:  $m_f = 0.01$ , 0.02, and 0.04. As with the  $8^3 \times 8$  ensembles, the domain wall height is set to M = 1.9. For  $\beta = 2.3$  and  $m_f = 0.02$ , we extended the range of  $L_s$  values to include  $L_s = 32$ , 40, and 48 in order to investigate the dependence of the residual mass and gluino condensate on the size of the fifth dimension. Several simulations were performed at the weaker couplings  $\beta = 2.35\bar{3}$  and  $\beta = 2.4$  as well in order to investigate the coupling dependence of the residual mass and eigenvalues of the five-dimensional Hermitian DWF Dirac operator. Tables II and IV provide a complete list of the ensembles associated simulation parameters used. Gluino condensate and average plaquette results for these ensembles are provided in Table VI.

#### D. Measurement methods

# 1. Residual mass

At long distances, finite lattice spacing effects may be characterized by a continuum Symanzik effective Lagrangian:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{Symanzik}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SYM}} + a^{-1}\mathcal{L}_{-1} + a\mathcal{L}_{1} + \dots, \qquad (24)$$

where the leading contribution  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{SYM}}$  represents the target continuum  $\mathcal{N}=1$  SYM theory. The contributions  $\mathcal{L}_n$  with  $n=-1,1,\ldots$  characterize finite lattice spacing effects at order  $\mathcal{O}(a^n)$ , up to possible logarithms. Specifically, the lowest order contributions to  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{Symanzik}}$ 

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β	$L_s$	$m_f$	$\langle ar{q}q  angle$	$\langle \bar{q}\gamma_5 q \rangle \times 10^{-6}$	$\langle ar{P}  angle$
2.3	16	0.01	0.0078277(43)	11(6)	0.733463(33)
		0.02	0.0086506(30)	3(5)	0.733218(24)
		0.04	0.0102120(41)	-1(5)	0.733203(36)
	20	0.01	0.0067032(46)	-1(6)	0.732618(36)
		0.02	0.0075158(46)	5(6)	0.732530(57)
		0.04	0.0091267(35)	1(6)	0.732419(31)
	24	0.01	0.0059855(40)	2(7)	0.732127(35)
		0.02	0.0068081(42)	-2(7)	0.732110(41)
		0.04	0.0084396(36)	1(6)	0.731983(37)
	28	0.01	0.0055027(46)	-8(7)	0.731734(34)
		0.02	0.0063346(33)	6(6)	0.731688(32)
		0.04	0.0079882(32)	-3(5)	0.731628(38)
	32	0.02	0.0059947(47)	11(7)	0.731418(45)
	40	0.02	0.0055266(43)	-2(10)	0.730947(44)
	48	0.02	0.0052238(43)	-10(10)	0.730727(50)
${2.35\bar{3}}$	16	0.02	0.0077917(72)	7(6)	0.745243(40)
	28	0.02	0.0057106(61)	7(10)	0.743853(38)
2.4	16	0.02	0.0068851(64)	-8(8)	0.754149(30)
	28	0.02	0.0049179(82)	-16(9)	0.752951(27)

TABLE VI. Gluino condensate  $\langle \bar{q}q \rangle$ ,  $\langle \bar{q}\gamma_5 q \rangle$ , and average plaquette  $\langle \bar{P} \rangle$  for  $16^3 \times 32$  lattices.

may be expressed as

$$a^{-1}\mathcal{L}_{-1} = \frac{1}{2}(m_f + m_{\text{res}})J_5, \qquad a\mathcal{L}_1 = \frac{1}{2}c_{\text{sw}}J_{5f}, \quad (25)$$

where

$$J_5 = \bar{\psi}\psi, \qquad J_{5f} = f^{abc}\bar{\psi}^a\sigma_{\mu\nu}F^b_{\mu\nu}\psi^c,$$
 (26)

and  $\psi$  and  $F_{\mu\nu}$  are the four-dimensional continuum fermion field and color field strength tensor. The invariant tensor  $f^{abc} = -2i \operatorname{Tr} T^a [T^b, T^c]$  represents the structure constants of the gauge group. The residual mass  $m_{\rm res}$  in Eq. (25) characterizes the leading chiral symmetry breaking effects due to the finite extent of  $L_s$ , and is defined in such a way that the bare gluino mass is given by the simple sum

$$m_g = m_f + m_{\rm res}. (27)$$

The Sheikholeslami-Wohlert term which is proportional to  $c_{\rm sw}$  will in turn depend on both  $m_f$  and  $L_s$ , and is expected to vanish in the  $m_f \to 0$  and  $L_s \to \infty$  limits.

In the continuum effective theory, the ATWI will read

$$\begin{split} \Delta_{\mu} \langle \mathcal{A}_{\mu}(x) \mathcal{O}(x') \rangle &= 2(m_f + m_{\text{res}}) \langle J_5(x) \mathcal{O}(x') \rangle \\ &+ \langle \rho_{\text{top}}(x) \mathcal{O}(x') \rangle + i \langle \delta \mathcal{O}(x') \rangle + \dots, \end{split} \tag{28}$$

where

$$\rho_{\text{top}} = \frac{N_c}{32\pi^2} \operatorname{Tr} F \tilde{F}, \tag{29}$$

and the contribution proportional to  $c_{\rm sw}$  has been omitted as it is higher order in the lattice spacing and is suppressed

at large  $L_s$ . Comparing the continuum ATWI with that of the lattice expression, we expect at long distances and sufficiently close to the continuum limit the identity

$$J_{5q}(x) \approx m_{\text{res}} J_5(x) + \rho_{\text{top}}(x).$$
 (30)

It should be emphasized that there are no anomalous contributions to the gluino mass (as there may be for the quark mass in one flavor QCD) due to the underlying  $Z_{2N_c}$  symmetry which is present in the target  $\mathcal{N}=1$  SYM theory.

Next we describe details on how the residual mass may be extracted from the low energy identity Eq. (30) obtained above. The cleanest method for extracting the residual mass in the context of QCD is to study the long time behavior of the flavor nonsinglet wall-midpoint pseudoscalar density correlator divided by the wall-wall pseudoscalar density correlator. In the case of  $\mathcal{N}=1$  SYM, however, the method is complicated by the fact that there are no flavor nonsinglet pseudoscalars, and that the flavor singlet pseudoscalar correlator is contaminated by anomalous contributions.

In order to proceed, we consider separately the connected and disconnected contributions to the wall-midpoint and wall-wall pseudoscalar density correlators, which may be defined in a standard fashion. For the wall-midpoint correlator we have:

$$\langle J_{5q}(x)P(x')\rangle = 2\langle J_{5q}(x)P(x')\rangle_{\text{connected}} + \langle J_{5q}(x)P(x')\rangle_{\text{disconnected}},$$
 (31)

where, if the pseudoscalar density P(x) is taken to be  $J_5(x)$ , for example, the connected and disconnected parts of the

wall-midpoint correlator are given by

$$\langle J_{5q}(x)J_{5}(x')\rangle_{\text{connected}} = \langle \overline{q}_{m}(x)\gamma_{5}\underline{q}_{m}(x)\overline{q}(x')\gamma_{5}q(x')\rangle,$$

$$\langle J_{5q}(x)J_{5}(x')\rangle_{\text{disconnected}} = \langle \overline{q}_{m}(x)\gamma_{5}q_{m}(x)\underline{q}(x')\gamma_{5}q(x')\rangle,$$
(32)

respectively. In each of these equations the braces indicate which gluino fields are contracted. The factor of 2 appearing in the connected contribution to Eq. (31) above accounts for the fact that we are working with Majorana rather than Dirac fermions (i.e., the quark fields  $\bar{q}$  and q may be contracted with themselves; for more details, see Appendix A). Similar expressions may be defined for the wall-wall pseudoscalar correlator.

At low energies and long distances we expect the relation:

$$\langle J_{5a}(x)P(x')\rangle \approx m_{\rm res}\langle J_5(x)P(x')\rangle + \langle \rho_{\rm top}(x)P(x')\rangle,$$
 (33)

which we assume for the moment may be decomposed in terms of connected and disconnected parts as:

$$\langle J_{5q}(x)P(x')\rangle_{\text{connected}} \approx m_{\text{res}}\langle J_5(x)P(x')\rangle_{\text{connected}},$$
  
 $\langle J_{5q}(x)P(x')\rangle_{\text{disconnected}} \approx m_{\text{res}}\langle J_5(x)P(x')\rangle_{\text{disconnected}} + \langle \rho_{\text{ton}}(x)P(x')\rangle.$  (34)

If this decomposition is indeed valid, then the residual mass may be extracted from the ratio of long time correlation functions

$$m'_{\text{res}}(m_f) = \lim_{t \to \infty} R(t), \qquad R(t) = \frac{\langle \sum_{\mathbf{x}} J_{5q}(\mathbf{x}, t) P(0) \rangle_{\text{connected}}}{\langle \sum_{\mathbf{x}} J_{5}(\mathbf{x}, t) P(0) \rangle_{\text{connected}}}.$$
(35)

Note that there is an  $\mathcal{O}(a)$  ambiguity in this particular expression for the residual mass due to the presence of  $m_f$  and  $L_s$  dependent higher order contributions to Eq. (28) which have been omitted in Eq. (30). As such, we adopt the notation  $m'_{\text{res}}(m_f)$  rather than  $m_{\text{res}}$  to represent the quantity which is extracted from the ratio R(t).

In the case of two- or two plus one-flavor QCD, the correctness of the decomposition given in Eq. (34) may be proved trivially because there is an underlying flavor symmetry which allows one to relate the connected contributions to these diagrams to their nonanomalous flavor nonsinglet counterparts. In  $\mathcal{N}=1$  SYM, however, there is no such underlying flavor symmetry and therefore Eq. (35) remains based upon an assumption. One may verify from numerical simulations that the ratio R(t) indeed tends to a constant value, which suggests that the time dependence of the connected part of the wall-midpoint and wall-wall correlators are the same. However, this observation does not preclude the possibility that the disconnected contribution to the wall-midpoint correlator on the

left-hand side of Eq. (33) contributes to the connected part of the wall-wall correlators on the right-hand side at low energies, thus giving an incorrect estimate of the residual mass. Ultimately, establishing the validity of Eq. (35) will require additional theoretical analysis or corroboration from an independent calculation of the residual mass. Close to the continuum limit one may, for instance, be able to compute the residual mass from the valence mass  $(m_v)$  dependence of the Hermitian DWF Dirac operator eigenvalues and verify that the value extracted from R(t) measurements, modulo O(a) corrections, is consistent. Details of this approach are explained in greater detail in Sec. II D 4.

#### 2. Static potential

The potential associated with two static, fundamental representation sources separated by a distance  $|\mathbf{x}|$  may be obtained from the Wilson loop:  $\langle W(\mathbf{x},t)\rangle$ . Wilson loops were measured using Coulomb gauge fixed gauge field configurations with link fields belonging to the fundamental representation of the gauge group. In order to reduce the statistical errors associated with this observable, Wilson loops were measured with their time axis oriented along each of the four directions of the lattice and the results were then averaged. The space-time dependence of the Wilson loop is expected to be of the form:

$$\langle W(\mathbf{x}, t) \rangle = C(\mathbf{x})e^{-V(\mathbf{x})t} + \text{excited states},$$
 (36)

and from this the static potential  $V(\mathbf{x})$  may be extracted from:

$$V_{\text{eff}}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \log \frac{\langle W(\mathbf{x}, t) \rangle}{\langle W(\mathbf{x}, t+1) \rangle}$$
(37)

at asymptotically large times. The signal to noise ratio associated with Eq. (37) generally deteriorates in this limit, therefore moderate values of time are instead used to extract the potential.

In this work, we use Eq. (37) to locate the plateau region of  $V_{\rm eff}(\mathbf{x},t)$  for each value of  $\mathbf{x}$ . We then fit the Wilson loops to the functional form given by Eq. (36) in order to extract the potential. Finally, the extracted values of  $V(\mathbf{x})$  may be fit to the Cornell potential which is given by

$$V(\mathbf{x}) = V_0 - \frac{\alpha}{|\mathbf{x}|} + \sigma |\mathbf{x}|, \tag{38}$$

allowing us to determine the constant term  $(V_0)$ , Coulomb term  $(\alpha)$ , string tension  $(\sigma)$ , and Sommer scale  $(r_0)$  defined by [47]:

$$|\mathbf{x}|^2 \frac{\partial V(\mathbf{x})}{\partial |\mathbf{x}|} \Big|_{|\mathbf{x}|=r_0} = 1.65,$$
 (39)

at fixed values of the lattice spacing and gluino mass.

#### 3. Gluino condensate

The gluino condensate

$$\langle \bar{q}q \rangle = \frac{1}{12V} \sum_{x} \langle \bar{q}(x)q(x) \rangle$$
 (40)

was measured using a stochastic estimator with a single random Gaussian space-time volume source. Note that we normalize the gluino condensate following the conventions of [48] (i.e., we divide by  $4 \, \mathrm{spin} \times 3$  adjoint color components), such that  $\langle \bar{q} q \rangle \sim m_f^{-1}$  for large mass. For these measurements, the conjugate gradient stopping condition used for the inversion of the Dirac operator was set to  $1 \times 10^{-12}$ . Measurements of the condensate were made for several different values of  $m_f$  and  $L_s$ , then a chiral limit extrapolation of the data was performed. Details of this analysis are provided in Sec. IV C.

A second, independent measurement of the chiral condensate may be obtained using the Banks-Casher relation [38], which in the continuum reads:

$$\lim_{m_g \to 0} \lim_{V \to \infty} -\langle \bar{\psi} \, \psi \rangle = \frac{\pi}{12} \, \rho(0), \tag{41}$$

where  $\psi$  is a continuum Majorana gluino field, and  $\rho(\lambda)$  is the density of eigenvalues per unit volume of the four-dimensional continuum Dirac operator D, given by:

$$\rho(\lambda) = \lim_{m_g \to 0} \lim_{V \to \infty} \frac{1}{V} \left\langle \sum_i \delta(\lambda - \lambda_i) \right\rangle. \tag{42}$$

In Sec. II D 4 we describe how one may obtain a numerical estimate of  $\rho(\lambda)$  by studying the low-lying spectrum of the five-dimensional Hermitian DWF Dirac operator. In this study we are unable to measure  $\rho(\lambda)$  per se, but rather a closely related quantity  $\rho'(\lambda; m_g)$ , which is given by Eq. (42) prior to taking the  $V \to \infty$  and  $m_g \to 0$  limits. Note that  $\rho'(\lambda; m_o)$  implicitly depends on the gluino mass through the distribution of gauge fields which has been sampled at finite  $m_f$  and  $L_s$ . The gluino condensate at a finite mass may be extracted from  $\rho'(0; m_g)$  in the infinite volume limit, in a way very much analogous to Eq. (41), by taking the valence mass to zero limit. Unlike the condensate obtained from Eq. (40), however, the condensate extracted by this method is free of UV divergent contributions and, as such, should only depend on  $m_f$  and  $L_s$  in the particular combination:  $m_g = m_f + m_{res}$ , provided higher order terms in the Symanzik action may be neglected. Hence, by measuring this quantity as opposed to Eq. (40), we eliminate having to perform two independent extrapolations (i.e.,  $m_f \to 0$  and  $L_s \to \infty$ ) in favor of a single extrapolation of  $m_g \to 0$ .

#### 4. Eigenvalues of the Hermitian DWF Dirac operator

Here we describe some properties of the Hermitian DWF Dirac operator and its eigenvalues. Before proceed-

ing, however, we first review some of the expected features of the continuum, four-dimensional Dirac operator  $D^4 = D + m_g$  and the four-dimensional Hermitian Dirac operator  $D_H^4 = \gamma_5 D^4$ . Using the anti-Hermiticity of  $D = \gamma_\mu D_\mu$ , one may show that analogous to Eq. (8),  $D^4$  satisfies the following relations:

$$\gamma_5 D^4 \gamma_5 = (D^4)^{\dagger}, \qquad C^{\dagger} D^4 C = (D^4)^*.$$
 (43)

From these properties it is easy to show that the eigenvalues of  $D^4$  come in complex conjugate pairs given by  $\pm i\lambda + m_g$ , where  $\pm i\lambda$  are eigenvalues of  $D\!\!\!/$  and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ . Furthermore, the eigenvalues of  $D^4$  are two-fold degenerate. The eigenvalues of  $D_H^4$ , which we shall denote  $\lambda_H$ , are real and given by  $\pm \sqrt{\lambda^2 + m_g^2}$ . Similarly, the eigenvalues of  $D_H^4$  also have a two-fold degeneracy which follows from the property

$$(\gamma_5 C)^{\dagger} D_H^4 (\gamma_5 C) = (D_H^4)^*.$$
 (44)

Specifically, if  $D_H^4 \psi_{\lambda_H} = \lambda_H \psi_{\lambda_H}$ , then it follows that  $D_H^4 \psi_{\lambda_H}^c = \lambda_H \psi_{\lambda_H}^c$ , where  $\psi_{\lambda_H}^c = \gamma_5 C \psi_{\lambda_H}^*$ . Orthogonality of  $\psi_{\lambda_H}$  and  $\psi_{\lambda_H}^c$  may be established from the antisymmetry of  $\gamma_5 C$  and implies that  $\psi_{\lambda_H}$  and  $\psi_{\lambda_H}^c$  are linearly independent eigenvectors of  $D_H^4$ .

The eigenvectors  $\psi_{\pm\lambda_H}$  of  $D_H^4$  may be expressed as linear combinations of  $\psi_{\pm\lambda}$ , with coefficients that depend on  $\lambda$  and  $m_g$ . When  $\lambda=0$ , the eigenvectors of  $D_H$  are simply given by  $\psi_{\lambda_H}=\psi_{\lambda}$ . However, when  $\lambda\neq 0$ , they and are given by

$$\psi_{\pm\lambda_H} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2|\lambda_H|}} \left[ \sqrt{-i\lambda + m_g} \psi_{\lambda} \pm \sqrt{i\lambda + m_g} \psi_{-\lambda} \right]. \tag{45}$$

In this basis, the matrix elements of  $\gamma_5$  are given by

$$\langle \lambda'_{H} | \gamma_{5} | \lambda_{H} \rangle = \frac{1}{\lambda_{H}} [m_{g} \delta_{\lambda'_{H}, \lambda_{H}} + i | \lambda | \delta_{-\lambda'_{H}, \lambda_{H}}]. \tag{46}$$

Note, in particular, that in the limit  $\lambda \ll m_g$ , the eigenstates of  $D_H$  are approximately given by  $\psi_{\pm \lambda_H} \approx \sqrt{2} P_{\pm} \psi_{\lambda}$  and thus they become near eigenstates of  $\gamma_5$  with eigenvalue  $\pm 1$ . On the other hand, in the limit  $\lambda \gg m_g$  the chirality operator is off-diagonal in this basis for modes which are not zero modes.

The Hermitian Dirac operator also satisfies the commutator relation

$$[D_H^4, \gamma_5] \psi_0 = 0, \tag{47}$$

where  $\psi_0$  represents one of possibly many zero modes of  $D_H^4$ . Equation (47) implies that  $\gamma_5$  may be diagonalized within the subspace of zero modes and has eigenvalues given by  $\pm 1$ . Hence, the zero modes of  $D^4$  and  $D_H^4$  are also chiral modes. On a given background gauge field configuration the four-dimensional Dirac operator  $D^4$  has an index

given by  $2N_c\nu = n_+ - n_-$ , where  $n_+$  and  $n_-$  are the number of left- and right-handed chiral zero modes of  $D^4$ , and the winding number  $\nu$  according to the Atiyah-Singer index theorem is given by

$$\nu = \frac{1}{32\pi^2} \int dx^4 F^a_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^a_{\mu\nu},\tag{48}$$

where  $\tilde{F}_{\mu\nu} = \epsilon_{\mu\nu\sigma\rho} F_{\sigma\rho}$ . Note that since  $n_+ - n_-$  is an even integer,  $\nu$  may be a rational number of the form:  $k/N_c$ , with  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . If periodic BCs are used, fractional values for the winding number are permitted for this theory [49].

The five-dimensional Hermitian DWF Dirac operator is given by  $D_H = \Gamma_5 D$ , where D is the DWF Dirac operator defined in Eq. (3).  $D_H$  satisfies a modified form of Eq. (44), namely,

$$(\Gamma_5 \mathcal{C})^{\dagger} D_H (\Gamma_5 \mathcal{C}) = D_H^*. \tag{49}$$

Hence, with eigenvalues and eigenvectors of  $D_H$  given by

$$D_H \Psi_{\Lambda_H} = \Lambda_H \Psi_{\Lambda_H}, \tag{50}$$

it similarly follows that  $\Psi^c_{\Lambda_H} = \Gamma_5 \mathcal{C} \Psi^*_{\Lambda_H}$  are eigenvectors of  $D_H$  with eigenvalues  $\Lambda_H$ . Because of the antisymmetry of  $\mathcal{C}\Gamma_5$ , one may also verify that  $\Psi_{\Lambda_H}$  and  $\Psi^c_{\Lambda_H}$  are linearly independent and orthogonal vectors.

In this paper we study several quantities which may be extracted from the five-dimensional eigenvectors of  $D_H$ . We may define a four-dimensional norm:

$$\mathcal{N}_{\Lambda_H}(s) = \sum_{x} \Psi_{\Lambda_H}^{\dagger}(x, s) \Psi_{\Lambda_H}(x, s), \qquad \sum_{s} \mathcal{N}_{\Lambda_H}(s) = 1,$$
(51)

which characterizes the profile of each eigenstate of  $D_H$  in the fifth dimension. The low energy modes of  $D_H$  which describe the four-dimensional effective theory will appear as bound states, whereas at high energies, the modes will appear as propagating waves in the fifth dimension. We may also define a physical chirality operator  $\Gamma_s$  whose matrix elements are given by

$$\langle \Lambda'_{H} | \Gamma_{s} | \Lambda_{H} \rangle = \sum_{x,s} \operatorname{sgn} \left( \frac{L_{s} - 1}{2} - s \right) \Psi_{\Lambda'_{H}}^{\dagger}(x,s) \Psi_{\Lambda_{H}}(x,s). \tag{52}$$

Near the continuum limit, matrix elements of  $\Gamma_s$  which involve the low lying modes should exhibit all of the properties of  $\gamma_5$  in the continuum four-dimensional theory.

In order to extract the residual mass and fourdimensional eigenvalue density  $\rho(\lambda)$ , we consider the valence mass  $(m_v)$  dependence of the eigenvalues of  $D_H^2$  on background gauge field configurations, which have been generated at the input gluino mass value  $m_f$ . For small  $m_v$ , we may parametrize the  $m_v$  dependence of  $\Lambda_H^2$  using the reparametrized Taylor expansion [48]:

$$\Lambda_{H_i}^2(m_v) = n_{5i}^2 (\lambda_i^2 + (m_v + \delta m_i)^2) + \mathcal{O}(m_v^3), \tag{53}$$

and determine eigenvalue by eigenvalue the best-fit values of  $n_{5,i}$ ,  $\lambda_i$ , and  $\delta m_i$ , where i labels ith eigenvalue of  $D_H$ . One may show from Eq. (40), that with this parametrization of  $\Lambda_H^2$  evaluated at  $m_v = m_f$ , the gluino condensate may be expressed at order  $\mathcal{O}(m_f^3)$  as [48]:

$$\langle \bar{q}q \rangle = \frac{1}{12V} \sum_{i} \left\langle \frac{m_f + \delta m_i}{\lambda_i^2 + (m_f + \delta m_i)^2} \right\rangle. \tag{54}$$

Note that the normalization factor  $n_{5,i}$  drops out of this relation.

We may then compare the result of Eq. (54) to the analogous continuum expression obtained from operator:

$$D + m_f + m_{\text{res}} + c_{sw} T_{\text{adj}}^a \sigma_{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu}^a + \dots,$$
 (55)

which is extracted from the Symanzik effective Lagrangian defined in Eq. (24), and where we have used the identity  $(T_{\rm adj}^a)^{bc}=f^{abc}$ . Assuming irrelevant operators appearing in Eq. (24) and consequently Eq. (55) are negligible, the form of Eq. (54) allows us to interpret the parameters  $\lambda_i$  as the four-dimensional eigenvalues of  $i\not\!D$ , and  $\delta m_i$  as an effective residual mass attributed to the *i*th eigenvalue on a given background gauge field configuration. We may furthermore estimate the eigenvalue density  $\rho'(\lambda; m_g)$  for the ensemble via the formula:

$$\rho'(\lambda; m_g) \approx \frac{\delta N(\lambda)}{V \times \delta \lambda \times N_{\text{conf}}},\tag{56}$$

where  $\delta N(\lambda)$  is the number of eigenvalues within the interval  $\lambda$  and  $\lambda + \delta \lambda$  obtained from measurements on  $N_{\rm conf}$  gauge field configurations.

Close to the continuum and chiral limits, we expect for the lowest lying modes that the distribution of  $\delta m_i$  values will be localized around the value for  $m_{\rm res}$ , and that the fluctuations in  $\delta m_i$  around  $m_{\rm res}$  are controlled by the size of finite lattice spacing artifacts. If on the other hand irrelevant operators in Eq. (24) are non-negligible, the interpretation of the fit parameters  $n_{5,i}$ ,  $\lambda_i$ , and  $\delta m_i$  becomes less clear. The valence  $L_s$  dependence will no longer reveal itself only in the parameter  $\delta m_i$ , but also in the parameters  $\lambda_i$  and  $n_{5,i}$ , due to the presence of the chiral symmetry breaking dimension five operators whose coefficients are controlled by the size of the fifth dimension. Hence,  $\lambda_i$  obtained from Eq. (53) may no longer be identified as an eigenvalue  $i\not\!D$ , but rather of some more complicated operator involving higher order terms in the lattice spacing.

# III. THERMALIZATION AND AUTOCORRELATIONS

For each  $8^3 \times 8$  ensemble, a total of 700 to 1000 trajectories were generated starting from an ordered configuration, where all gauge link fields were set to unity. For these ensembles, equilibrium was achieved within the first

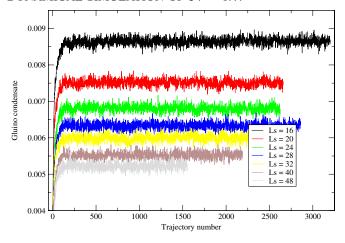


FIG. 1 (color online). Gluino condensate as a function of trajectory number for  $16^3 \times 32$  lattices with  $\beta = 2.3$  and  $m_f = 0.02$ .

250 trajectories. Approximately 1500 to 3000 trajectories were generated for the  $16^3 \times 32$  ensembles from an ordered start and thermalization was achieved within the first 500 to 700 trajectories. Specific thermalization times for these ensembles are indicated in Tables III and IV. Measurements of observables were made using uncorrelated configurations which were generated thereafter. A plot of the gluino condensate time history is shown for a variety of couplings and  $L_s$  values in Figs. 1 and 2 on  $16^3 \times 32$  lattices.

In order to correctly assess the statistical errors associated with various observable measurements, we first determine the integrated correlation time  $\tau_{\rm int}$  associated with the observable  $\mathcal{O}$ . This may be obtained from the normalized autocorrelation function  $\rho(\tau)$ , defined by

$$\rho(\Delta \tau) = \frac{1}{N - \Delta \tau} \sum_{\tau=1}^{N - \Delta \tau} \frac{(\mathcal{O}_{\tau} - \bar{\mathcal{O}})(\mathcal{O}_{\tau + \Delta \tau} - \bar{\mathcal{O}})}{\sigma_{\mathcal{O}}^2}, \quad (57)$$

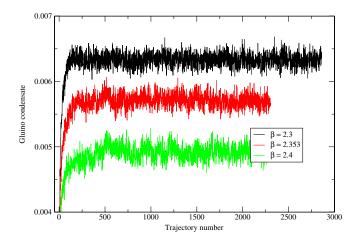


FIG. 2 (color online). Gluino condensate as a function of trajectory number for  $16^3 \times 32$  lattices with  $L_s = 28$  and  $m_f = 0.02$ .

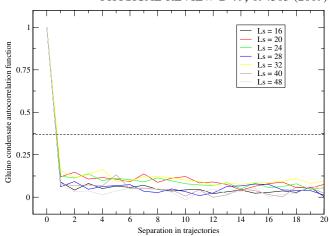


FIG. 3 (color online). Autocorrelation function associated with the gluino condensate for  $16^3 \times 32$  lattices with  $\beta = 2.3$  and  $m_f = 0.02$ . The dashed line indicates the location of  $e^{-1}$ .

where

$$\bar{\mathcal{O}} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\tau=1}^{N} \mathcal{O}_{\tau}, \qquad \sigma_{\mathcal{O}}^{2} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\tau=1}^{N} (\mathcal{O}_{\tau} - \bar{\mathcal{O}})^{2}.$$
 (58)

The integrated correlation time associated with the observable is computed using

$$\tau^{\text{int}}(\tau_{\text{max}}) = \frac{1}{2} + \sum_{\tau=1}^{\tau_{\text{max}}} \rho(\tau).$$
(59)

Figs. 3 and 4 show the dependence of the autocorrelation function associated with the gluino condensate and average plaquette, respectively. The exponential correlation time can be estimated from the value of  $\Delta \tau$  at which  $\rho(\Delta \tau) \sim e^{-1}$ . The integrated correlation time as a function of  $\tau_{\rm max}$  is plotted for these same observables in Figs. 5 and 6. Because the gluino condensate was measured using a

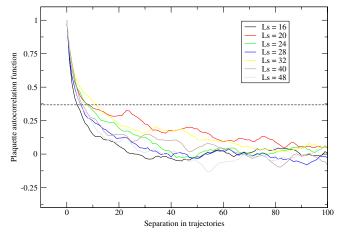


FIG. 4 (color online). Autocorrelation function associated with the average plaquette for  $16^3 \times 32$  lattices with  $\beta = 2.3$  and  $m_f = 0.02$ . The dashed line indicates the location of  $e^{-1}$ .

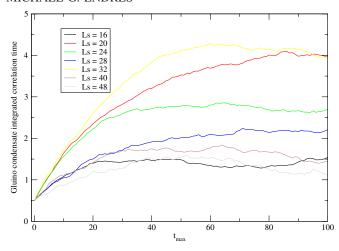


FIG. 5 (color online). Integrated correlation time associated with the gluino condensate for  $16^3 \times 32$  lattices with  $\beta = 2.3$  and  $m_f = 0.02$ .

stochastic estimator, one might expect decorrelation of this observable to occur relatively quickly in comparison to the average plaquette. However, the  $t_{\rm max}$  dependence of the integrated correlation time suggest that longer correlations are merely obscured by the presence of random noise.

To better understand the correlations, we block our data with block size  $N_{\mathcal{B}}$  and consider the  $N_{\mathcal{B}}$  dependence of the errors on each observable. In Figs. 7 and 8 we plot the error as a function of block size for the gluino condensate and average plaquette. We find that for the gluino condensate, the decorrelation time is indeed much longer than what is implied by Fig. 3. Based on these considerations, we determine the gluino condensate and plaquette using a block size  $N_{\mathcal{B}} = 50$ , where measurements have been made on every trajectory. For measurements of the static quark potential, we use a block size  $N_{\mathcal{B}} = 4$ , where Wilson

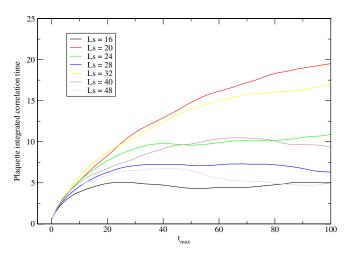


FIG. 6 (color online). Integrated correlation time associated with the average plaquette for  $16^3 \times 32$  lattices with  $\beta = 2.3$  and  $m_f = 0.02$ .

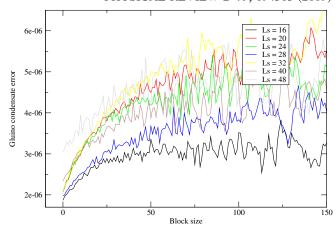


FIG. 7 (color online). Gluino condensate error as a function of block size for  $16^3 \times 32$  lattices with  $\beta = 2.3$  and  $m_f = 0.02$ .

loops have been measured on every fifth trajectory. Unless otherwise noted, all other ensemble averages were performed using measurements made on every five trajectories.

#### IV. MEASUREMENTS, ANALYSIS, AND RESULTS

#### A. Residual mass

Measurements of the residual mass where obtained from R(t) using Eq. (35) with wall gluino sources. The residual mass was computed from a constant fit of R(t) over the plateau region: 10–21. Fit results may be found in Table VII and in Fig. 9. In the large  $L_s$  limit, the residual mass is expected to behave as

$$m_{\rm res} = a_0 \frac{e^{-a_1 L_s}}{L_s} + \frac{a_2}{L_s},\tag{60}$$

where the exponential term is a perturbative contribution which comes from extended modes above the mobility edge [50]. The  $L_s^{-1}$  contribution to  $m_{\rm res}$  may be attributed

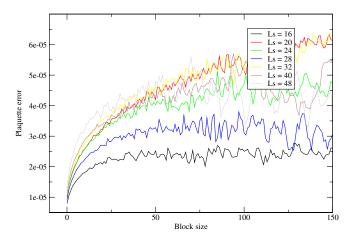


FIG. 8 (color online). Average plaquette error as a function of block size for  $16^3 \times 32$  lattices with  $\beta = 2.3$  and  $m_f = 0.02$ .

TABLE VII. Fit results for the residual mass which was extracted from R(t) for  $16^3 \times 32$  lattices. The column labeled "Time Range" indicates the plateau region over which the R(t) was fit.

$L_s$	$m_f$	Time Range	$\chi^2$ /Degrees of Freedom	$m_{ m res}$
16	0.01	10–21	63.8/11	0.18682(13)
	0.02	10–21	15.0/11	0.18939(12)
	0.04	10–21	17.2/11	0.19223(13)
20	0.01	10–21	10.8/11	0.17151(14)
	0.02	10–21	35.1/11	0.17340(14)
	0.04	10–21	49.4/11	0.17680(13)
24	0.01	10–21	13.4/11	0.15807(13)
	0.02	10–21	18.4/11	0.15906(15)
	0.04	10–21	19.8/11	0.16367(13)
28	0.01	10–21	28.6/11	0.14685(13)
	0.02	10–21	25.5/11	0.14834(13)
	0.04	10–21	111.7/11	0.15283(13)
32	0.02	10–21	5.1/11	0.13905(14)
40	0.02	10–21	23.2/11	0.12397(14)
48	0.02	10–21	29.1/11	0.11225(16)
16	0.02	10–21	45.5/11	0.14071(19)
28	0.02	10–21	42.5/11	0.10269(18)
16	0.02	10–21	9.5/11	0.10082(15)
28	0.02	10–21	24.6/11	0.06513(17)
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to lattice dislocations and is proportional to the density of near unit modes of the five-dimensional transfer matrix. For these simulations, the residual mass is roughly 5–20 times that of the input gluino mass. Figure 10 shows a plot of the residual mass as a function of the coupling. The strong coupling dependence of  $m_{\rm res}$  suggests that the dislocation contribution to the residual mass dominates over that of the perturbative part.

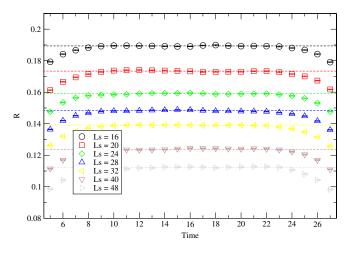


FIG. 9 (color online). R as a function of time for  $16^3 \times 32$  lattices with  $\beta = 2.3$  and  $m_f = 0.02$ . Solid lines indicate the value of  $m'_{\rm res}(m_f)$  obtained from a constant fit to data, as given in Table VII.

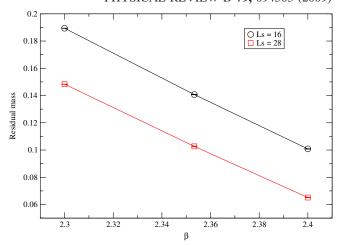


FIG. 10 (color online). Residual mass  $m'_{res}(m_f)$  as a function of  $\beta$  for  $16^3 \times 32$  lattices with  $m_f = 0.02$ .

Figure 11 shows the dependence of the residual mass on  $L_s$  at fixed coupling and  $m_f$ . For  $\beta=2.3$  and  $m_f=0.02$ , we fit the residual mass as a function of  $L_s$  using the functional form of Eq. (60). Fits were performed for a variety of different fit ranges in order to estimate the systematic errors associated with the fit. Results may be found in Table VIII. These fits yield a negative value for the coefficient  $a_0$ , which is inconsistent with the naíve expectation that  $a_0$  should be positive. The naíve expectation, however, assumes that we are simulating the theory at couplings which are sufficiently close to the continuum limit so that the low energy identity Eq. (30) holds. Provided the underlying assumptions made in the calculation of  $m'_{\rm res}(m_f)$  are correct, one possible explanation for a negative value for  $a_0$  is that higher order contributions to

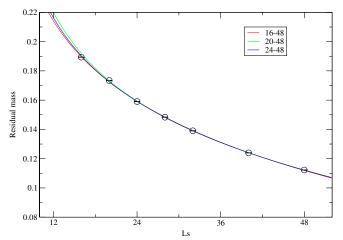


FIG. 11 (color online). Residual mass as a function of  $L_s$  for  $16^3 \times 32$  lattices with  $\beta = 2.3$  and  $m_f = 0.02$ . Solid curves represent fit results obtained for a variety of different  $L_s$  ranges. Details of the fits may be found in Table VIII.

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TABLE VIII. Fit results for the residual mass as a function of  $L_s$  for  $16^3 \times 32$  lattices with  $\beta = 2.3$  and  $m_f = 0.02$ . The column labeled by " $L_s$  Range" indicates the range of  $L_s$  values used in the fit. The parameters  $a_0$ ,  $a_1$ , and  $a_2$  are defined in Eq. (60).

β	$L_s$ Range	$m_f$	$\chi^2/\text{Degrees}$ of Freedom	$a_0$	$a_1$	$a_2$
2.3	16–48	0.02	53.5/4	-6.20(3)	0.0275(4)	7.03(5)
	20-48		5.9/3	-6.37(7)	0.0236(7)	7.43(10)
	24–48		2.2/2	-6.30(5)	0.0255(11)	7.24(12)

Eq. (24) have contaminated our estimate of the residual mass obtained from Eq. (35).

# **B.** Static potential

Here we describe the analysis of our static potential measurements. To begin, we first determined the plateau region of Eq. (36) over which excited state contamination becomes negligible by investigating the effective potential Eq. (37) as a function of distance for a variety of time slice values. Figures 12–14, show the distance dependence of  $V(\mathbf{x}, t)$  for each of the three values of  $\beta$ , and with  $L_s = 16$ and  $m_f = 0.02$ . For  $\beta = 2.3$ , we take the plateau region to be the time range 4–8, whereas for  $\beta = 2.35\overline{3}$  and 2.4 we use the ranges 5–9 or 5–10. For fixed distances  $|\mathbf{x}|$ , the Wilson loops were then fit as a function of time to Eq. (36) within the previously determined time interval. Finally the extracted potentials  $V(\mathbf{x})$  were fit as a function of distance to the Cornell potential given by Eq. (38). Table IX provides the fit results and respective errors which were determined by a jackknife analysis. Systematic errors in this fitting procedure may be estimated by varying the upper and lower limits of the fit ranges. These yield varia-

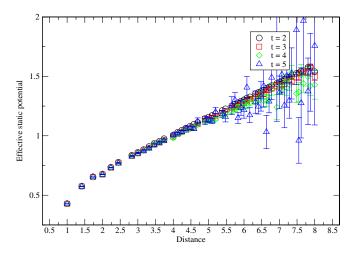


FIG. 12 (color online). Effective static potential  $V_{\rm eff}(\mathbf{x}, t)$  as a function of distance  $|\mathbf{x}|$  at fixed time t for a  $16^3 \times 32$  lattice with  $\beta = 2.3$ ,  $L_s = 16$ , and  $m_f = 0.02$ .

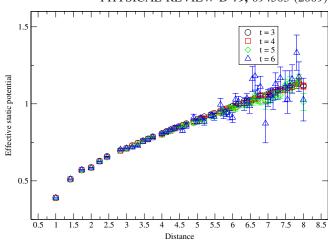


FIG. 13 (color online). Effective static potential  $V_{\rm eff}({\bf x},t)$  as a function of distance  $|{\bf x}|$  at fixed time t for a  $16^3 \times 32$  lattice with  $\beta = 2.35\bar{3}$ ,  $L_s = 16$ , and  $m_f = 0.02$ .

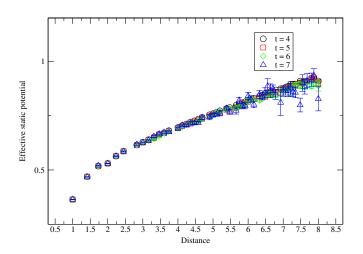


FIG. 14 (color online). Effective static potential  $V_{\rm eff}(\mathbf{x}, t)$  as a function of distance  $|\mathbf{x}|$  at fixed time t for a  $16^3 \times 32$  lattice with  $\beta = 2.4$ ,  $L_s = 16$ , and  $m_f = 0.02$ .

tions in the Sommer scale, however, which are comparable—if not smaller than—the statistical errors.

Figure 15 shows a plot of the static potential at the three different values of the coupling; the corresponding fit parameters may be found in Table IX. From  $\sigma$  and  $\alpha$  we determine the Sommer scale defined by Eq. (39).<sup>5</sup> As indicated in Table IX, the Sommer scale ranges from between  $r_0 \approx 3.3$  for  $\beta = 2.3$  and  $r_0 \approx 5.2$  for  $\beta = 2.4$ . Our static potential results provide evidence that the theory is confining, which is consistent with expectations. Figure 16 shows a plot of  $r_0$  as a function of  $m_f + m'_{\rm res}(m_f) \approx m_g$  for  $\beta = 2.3$ . From this plot it appears

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>Measurements of the Sommer scale were performed in collaboration with I. Mihailescu.

TABLE IX. Static potential fit parameters for a subset of  $16^3 \times 32$  lattices. The column labeled by "Time Range" indicates the time window over which Wilson loops were fit at fixed distances in order to extract the potential. The column labeled by "Distance Range" indicates the distance window over which the potential was fit.

β	$L_s$	$m_f$	Time Range	Distance Range	$V_0$	α	σ	$r_0$
2.3	16	0.02	4–8	$\sqrt{2}$ -6	0.511(10)	0.176(10)	0.132(2)	3.344(21)
		0.02	4–8	$\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{29}$	0.483(17)	0.140(23)	0.137(4)	3.319(22)
		0.02	4–8	$\sqrt{3}$ -6	0.501(18)	0.161(23)	0.134(4)	3.339(23)
		0.04	4–8	$\sqrt{2}$ -6	0.524(15)	0.185(14)	0.129(3)	3.376(29)
		0.04	4–8	$\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{29}$	0.516(26)	0.178(33)	0.130(5)	3.381(32)
		0.04	4–8	$\sqrt{3}$ -6	0.534(26)	0.200(32)	0.127(5)	3.359(31)
	20	0.02	4–8	$\sqrt{2}$ -6	0.511(13)	0.174(13)	0.134(4)	3.322(47)
		0.02	4–8	$\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{29}$	0.480(44)	0.132(54)	0.139(11)	3.306(77)
		0.02	4–8	$\sqrt{3}$ -6	0.483(41)	0.136(49)	0.138(10)	3.309(71)
		0.04	4–8	$\sqrt{2}$ –6	0.532(15)	0.197(15)	0.131(4)	3.327(31)
		0.04	4–8	$\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{29}$	0.485(26)	0.136(31)	0.140(5)	3.291(31)
		0.04	4–8	$\sqrt{3}$ -6	0.507(27)	0.163(32)	0.135(5)	3.316(34)
	24	0.02	4–8	$\sqrt{2}$ -6	0.522(19)	0.182(18)	0.132(4)	3.340(38)
		0.02	4–8	$\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{29}$	0.504(32)	0.158(39)	0.135(7)	3.330(41)
		0.02	4–8	$\sqrt{3}$ -6	0.511(31)	0.166(38)	0.134(6)	3.322(41)
		0.04	4–8	$\sqrt{2}$ -6	0.524(15)	0.185(14)	0.129(3)	3.376(29)
		0.04	4–8	$\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{29}$	0.516(26)	0.178(33)	0.130(5)	3.359(31)
		0.04	4–8	$\sqrt{3}$ –6	0.534(26)	0.200(33)	0.127(5)	3.381(32)
$2.35\bar{3}$	16	0.02	5–9	$\sqrt{2}$ -6	0.543(13)	0.202(13)	0.077(3)	4.324(64)
		0.02	5–9	$\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{29}$	0.550(23)	0.218(32)	0.077(4)	4.313(76)
		0.02	5–9	$\sqrt{3}$ –6	0.569(23)	0.240(23)	0.074(4)	4.379(80)
2.4	16	0.02	5–9	$\sqrt{2}$ -6	0.528(7)	0.191(7)	0.053(2)	5.254(67)
		0.02	5–9	$\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{29}$	0.534(16)	0.199(22)	0.052(3)	5.272(101)
		0.02	5–9	$\sqrt{3}$ -6	0.536(15)	0.202(20)	0.052(3)	5.288(94)
		0.02	5–10	$\sqrt{2}$ -6	0.533(5)	0.196(5)	0.052(1)	5.280(45)
		0.02	5–10	$\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{29}$	0.532(12)	0.196(16)	0.053(2)	5.257(71)
		0.02	5–10	$\sqrt{3}$ –6	0.539(11)	0.205(15)	0.051(2)	5.306(68)

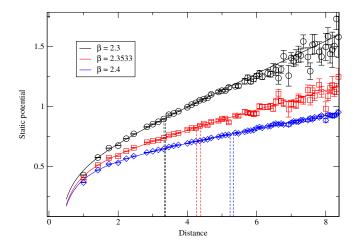


FIG. 15 (color online). Static potential as a function of distance for  $16^3 \times 32$  lattices with  $L_s = 16$  and  $m_f = 0.02$ . The solid curves represent fits to the potential given in Table IX and dashed lines indicate  $1\sigma$  error bars for the corresponding values for the Sommer scale obtained from Eq. (39).

that the Sommer scale has little discernible gluino mass dependence at the current level of statistics.

# C. Gluino condensate

In this section we describe the chiral limit extrapolation of the gluino condensate. This extrapolation requires taking both the  $L_s \to \infty$  and  $m_f \to 0$  limits in some fashion. We begin by discussing the former.

For fixed  $m_f$ , we fit the gluino condensate defined in Eq. (40) as a function of  $L_s$  using the best available, theoretically motivated fit formula:

$$b_0 + b_1 \frac{e^{-b_2 L_s}}{L_s},\tag{61}$$

which is based upon the functional dependence of  $m_{\rm res}$  on  $L_s$ . Note, however, that the dislocation contribution to  $m_{\rm res}$  which appears in Eq. (60) is absent in Eq. (61). The reason for this omission may be understood by observing that the chiral condensate is dominated by contributions from UV modes, whereas the dislocation term appearing in  $m_{\rm res}$  may

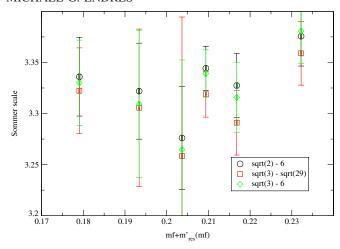


FIG. 16 (color online). Sommer scale as a function of  $m_f + m'_{res}(m_f) \approx m_g$  for  $16^3 \times 32$  lattices with  $\beta = 2.3$ .

predominantly be attributed to low energy phenomena [51].

Before considering the chiral limit extrapolation of the condensate we investigate the  $L_s$  dependence of the gluino condensate for  $\beta = 2.3$  and a fixed input gluino mass  $m_f = 0.02$ . The primary purpose of this investigation is two-fold. First, we would like to test our assumptions leading to Eq. (61) by checking that the fit value for  $b_2$  is consistent with that of  $a_1$  obtained in Eq. (60). Second, we wish to ascertain the systematic errors associated with an  $L_s \rightarrow \infty$  extrapolation of the condensate, which come from the limited range of  $L_s$  values used in the fit. Results of our fits to Eq. (61) are provided in Table X and Fig. 17. From these fit results we conclude that the fit over the  $L_s$  range 16–28 overestimates the  $L_s \rightarrow \infty$  value of the chiral condensate at fixed  $m_f$  by approximately 25% compared to our most reliable estimates which are obtained from the fit ranges 20-48 and 24-48. We find large variations in the parameter  $b_2$  with the  $L_s$  fit range; however, the results are within a factor of 2 of  $a_1$  obtained from the residual mass

As an alternative approach, one may consider a linear extrapolation of the gluino condensate as a function of the residual mass, as was performed in [36], in order to obtain

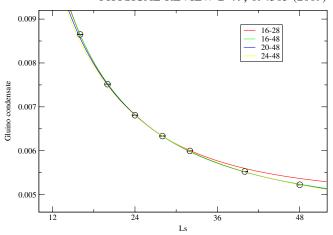


FIG. 17 (color online). Gluino condensate as a function of  $L_s$  for  $16^3 \times 32$  lattices with  $\beta = 2.3$  and  $m_f = 0.02$ . Solid curves represent fit results obtained for a variety of different  $L_s$  ranges. Details of the fits may be found in Table X.

an  $L_s \to \infty$  value for the condensate at fixed  $m_f$ . However, such an approach assumes the same functional dependence on  $L_s$  for both the condensate and the residual mass. While indeed for sufficiently large  $L_s$ , each of these quantities will scale as  $L_s^{-1}$  and such a scenario may be achieved, for the values of  $L_s$  used in this study, it is believed that the chiral condensate is dominated by a UV divergent term which is proportional to the perturbative contribution to the residual mass. Here, we compare the results of a linear extrapolation of the condensate as a function of the residual mass using the three data points which lie closest to the  $L_s = \infty$  limit (i.e.,  $L_s = 32, 40,$  and 48). Results from this linear extrapolation are plotted in Fig. 18 and yield a condensate value of 0.00197(4) at  $m_f = 0.02$ . Also plotted in Fig. 18 are parametric plots of the gluino condensate as a function of the residual mass using Eqs. (60) and (61), and the fit parameters obtained in Tables VIII and IX. Specifically we use the  $L_s$  range 24–48 fit parameters for  $m_{\rm res}$  and the  $L_s$  range 24–48 and 28–48 fit parameters for the condensate. A linear extrapolation of the condensate as a function of the residual mass yields a value which underestimates our  $L_s$  extrapolation by approximately 100– 150%.

TABLE X. Fit results for gluino condensate as a function of  $L_s$  for  $16^3 \times 32$  lattices with  $\beta = 2.3$  and  $m_f = 0.02$ . The column labeled by " $L_s$  Range" indicates the range of  $L_s$  values used in the fit. The parameters  $b_0$ ,  $b_1$ , and  $b_2$  are defined in Eq. (61).

β	$L_s$ Range	$m_f$	$\chi^2/\text{Degrees of Freedom}$	$b_0$	$b_1$	$b_2$
2.3	16–28	0.02	0.1/1	0.004994(53)	0.1057(18)	0.0370(20)
	16-32		1.9/2	0.004939(39)	0.1040(14)	0.0350(15)
	16-40		26.8/3	0.004758(20)	0.0989(7)	0.0289(7)
	16-48		62.9/4	0.004650(16)	0.0962(5)	0.0255(5)
	20-48		14.8/3	0.004529(29)	0.0897(9)	0.0204(10)
	24–48		1.9/2	0.004392(62)	0.0839(18)	0.0154(19)

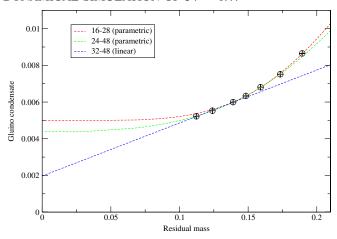


FIG. 18 (color online). Gluino condensate as a function of the residual mass for  $16^3 \times 32$  lattices with  $\beta = 2.3$  and  $m_f = 0.02$ . The two curves labeled "parametric" represent curves obtained from the fit results obtained in Tables VIII and IX. The fit parameters used for the residual mass are the same, and given by the  $L_s$  range 24–48. Parameters used for the condensate are indicated on the plot. The curve labeled "linear" represents a linear extrapolation of the  $L_s = 32$ , 40, and 48 results.

Finally we consider the chiral limit extrapolation of the condensate. Such an extrapolation may be achieved by considering the individual  $L_s$  and  $m_f$  dependence of the condensate, as was considered in [31]. Here, we perform chiral limit extrapolations of the gluino condensate at a single lattice spacing ( $\beta = 2.3$ ) using two different limit orders. First, we perform a linear  $m_f \rightarrow 0$  extrapolation of the gluino condensate at fixed  $L_s$  using the formula:

$$c_0 + c_1 m_f, (62)$$

followed by an  $L_s \to \infty$  extrapolation of the  $m_f = 0$  result using Eq. (61). We believe that this approach is more transparent than, for instance, a linear extrapolation of the condensate as a function of  $m_{\text{res}}$  (followed by a linear  $m_f \to 0$  extrapolation), and most importantly, it correctly accounts for the functional form of Eq. (61).

Following the double extrapolation procedure outlined above, we obtain an unrenormalized value for the gluino condensate in the chiral limit at finite lattice spacing.

TABLE XI. Fit results for gluino condensate as a function of  $m_f$  for  $16^3 \times 32$  lattices with  $\beta = 2.3$ . The column labeled by " $m_f$  Range" indicates the range of  $m_f$  values used in the fit. The parameters  $c_0$  and  $c_1$  are defined in Eq. (62).

$\beta$ $L_s$ $m_f$ Range	$\chi^2/\text{Degrees}$ of Freedom	$c_0$	$c_1$
2.3 16 0.01–0.04	40.6/1	0.0070544(51)	0.07915(19)
20	0.7/1	0.0058979(55)	0.08073(19)
24	0.8/1	0.0051697(49)	0.08177(18)
28	0.5/1	0.0046770(51)	0.08279(18)

TABLE XII. Fit results for the  $m_f = 0$  extrapolated value of the gluino condensate as a function of  $L_s$  for  $16^3 \times 32$  lattices with  $\beta = 2.3$ . The column labeled by " $L_s$  Range" indicates the range of  $L_s$  values used in the fit. The parameters  $b_0$ ,  $b_1$ , and  $b_2$  are defined in Eq. (61).

β	$L_s$ Range	$m_f$	$\chi^2/\text{Degrees}$ of Freedom		$b_1$	$b_2$
2.3	16–28	0	0.07/1	0.00320(9)	0.1051(24)	0.0334(27)

Results from these fits are tabulated in Tables XI and XII and plotted in Figs. 19 and 20 and yield the chiral limit value of 0.00320(9) for the condensate. Chiral extrapolations have also been performed by reversing the order of limits and yield consistent results with comparable statis-

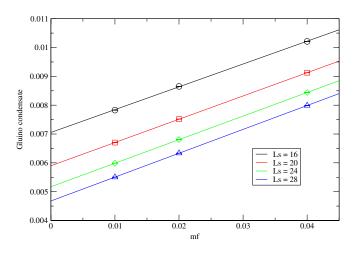


FIG. 19 (color online). Gluino condensate as a function of  $m_f$  for  $16^3 \times 32$  lattices with  $\beta = 2.3$ . Solid curves represent fit results which are obtained from Table XI.

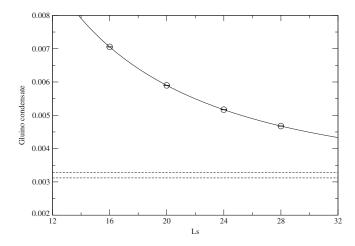


FIG. 20.  $m_f = 0$  extrapolated values of the gluino condensate as a function of  $L_s$  for  $16^3 \times 32$  lattices with  $\beta = 2.3$ . The solid curve represents the fit result obtained from Table XII. The dashed lines indicate the  $1\sigma$  statistical error bars associated with the chirally extrapolated value of the condensate.

tical error bars. The fits of the condensate as a function of  $L_s$  were performed over a fit range 16–28 and, as such, we expect our chiral limit result to overestimate the true answer by approximately 25%, as was found for our extended  $L_s$  fits at  $\beta=2.3$  and  $m_f=0.02$ , which are described above. We have performed additional fits using other, phenomenologically motivated fit formulas to describe the  $L_s$  dependence of the gluino condensate [e.g., Eq. (61), without the  $L_s^{-1}$  prefactor in the second term]. Such fits yield an approximate 20% variation in the chirally extrapolated value of the gluino condensate as compared to that obtained by using Eq. (61).

# D. Spectrum of the Hermitian DWF Dirac operator

Here we study the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of the Hermitian DWF Dirac operator. The primary purpose of this study is to establish to what degree the five dimensional theory reproduces the correct four-dimensional, continuum low energy physics and to obtain an independent measure of the residual mass and gluino condensate. To achieve this aim, we measure the lowest 64 eigenvalues and eigenvectors of the Hermitian DWF Dirac operator on  $8^3 \times 8$  lattices using the method of Kalkreuter-Simma (KS) [52]. In this method, the Hermitian matrix  $D_H^2$  is first diagonalized using a modified Rayleigh-Ritz diagonalization procedure, where we have exploited the relationship between degenerate eigenvectors  $\Psi_{\Lambda_H}$  and  $\Psi^c_{\Lambda_H}$  in order to eliminate any unnecessary minimizations of the Ritz functional. Subsequently, the matrix  $D_H$  is diagonalized using Jacobi's method within the subspace obtained from diagonalizing  $D_H^2$ . These steps are then iterated until specified stopping criteria have been achieved. A detailed description of the procedure used to diagonalize  $D_H$  and the stopping criteria may be found in [53]. For our purposes, the process was considered converged when the change in the eigenvalues between iterations was less than  $1 \times 10^{-7}$ . We check this choice by increasing the stopping condition to  $1 \times 10^{-10}$  on a test configuration and determined that eigenvalues changed by at most 0.02% over the range of eigenvalues considered.

The eigenvectors of  $D_H$  obtained from the KS method are ordered such that the magnitude of  $\Lambda_H$  are ascending with eigenvector number. In all of the analysis that follows we use only the first 60 of the 64 eigenvalues obtained, since the last few may be unreliable [53]. Since there is a two-fold degeneracy in the spectrum due to Eq. (44), this yields a total of 30 nondegenerate eigenvectors and eigenvalues. All measurements in this work were performed on  $8^3 \times 8$  lattices with  $\beta = 2.3$  and a sea gluino mass  $m_f = 0.02$ . In physical units, the lowest 60 eigenvalues for a typical configuration range roughly between  $0 \le r_0 |\Lambda_H| \le 0.07$  for the ensembles and valence masses under consideration.

The lowest 60 eigenvectors were used to compute the matrix elements of the physical gamma matrix  $\Gamma_s$  defined

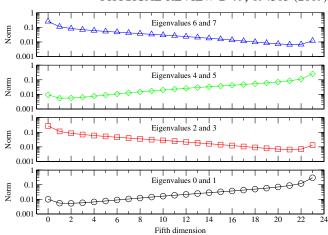


FIG. 21 (color online). Four-dimensional norms  $\mathcal{N}(s)$  associated with the first eight eigenfunctions of  $D_H$ , measured on a typical background gauge field configuration generated on an  $8^3 \times 8$  lattice with  $\beta = 2.3$ ,  $L_s = 24$ , and  $m_f = m_v = 0.02$ .

in Eq. (52), as well as to determine the localization of wave functions in the fifth dimension, which may be characterized by  $\mathcal{N}_{\Lambda_H}(s)$  as defined in Eq. (51). Figures 21 and 22 show the results of these calculations for a representative background gauge field configuration in the ensemble:  $\beta=2.3,\ L_s=24,$  and  $m_f=0.02,$  with  $m_v=0.02.$  As may be seen in these figures, the eigenvectors are exponentially localized on both boundaries of the fifth dimension and alternate with increasing  $\Lambda_H$ . The near-diagonal nature of  $\Gamma_s$  confirms that the low-lying eigenvectors of  $D_H$  are near chiral modes; however, these states are not necessarily near-zero modes of  $D_H$ . We find that in every instance

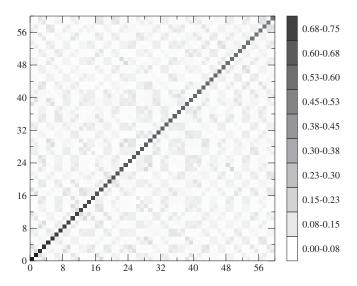


FIG. 22. Magnitude of the matrix elements  $\langle \Lambda'_H | \Gamma_s | \Lambda_H \rangle$ , measured on a typical background gauge field configuration generated on a  $8^3 \times 8$  lattice with  $\beta = 2.3$ ,  $L_s = 24$ , and  $m_f = m_v = 0.02$ .

$$\operatorname{sgn}(\Lambda_H) = \operatorname{sgn}(\langle \Lambda_H | \Gamma_s | \Lambda_H \rangle), \tag{63}$$

which is entirely consistent with continuum predictions in the regime where  $\lambda < m_g$ , according to Eq. (46).

Next we study the  $m_{\nu}$  dependence of  $\Lambda_H^2$  and attempt to extract the residual mass and chiral condensate for the  $\beta$  = 2.3,  $L_s = 16$ , 20 and 24, and  $m_f = 0.02$  ensembles. Eigenvalues were computed for five values of  $m_{\nu}$ , ranging from -0.16 to -0.12, on a total of 150 gauge configurations. After appropriately reordering eigenvalues in order to account for possible level crossings, we fit the lowest 60 eigenvalues of  $D_H^2$  as a function of  $m_v$  to Eq. (53) and extract the parameters  $n_{5,i}$ ,  $\lambda_i$ , and  $\delta m_i$  for each eigenvector. Figure 23 shows a plot of the fit results for the lowest 20 eigenvalues on a representative background field configuration for  $L_s = 24$ . As may be seen in this plot, for a typical eigenvector, the splitting of  $\pm \Lambda_H$  pairs due to the finite lattice spacing effects appear comparable to the spacings between adjacent eigenvectors. As a qualitative measure, we conclude that the lattice spacing is not sufficiently small for the emergence of this continuum behavior of the Dirac spectrum.

In Fig. 24 we plot the distribution of  $\delta m_i$  values at fixed eigenvalue number for the  $L_s=24$  ensemble. Identifying the peak of the distribution of  $\delta m_i$  values with the residual mass relies on an assumption that the spectrum of  $D_H$  is in some sense continuumlike. Unfortunately due to the lack of eigenvalue pairing, such interpretation is somewhat obscured. For the lowest eigenvalue, the mean of the distribution appears consistent with the value of  $m_{\rm res}$  obtained from Eq. (35); however, for larger eigenvalues, the mean increases in magnitude.

In Fig. 25 we plot the values of  $\lambda_i$  versus  $\delta m_i$  for all  $60 \times 150$  eigenvalues, which were extracted from fits to Eq. (53) for the  $L_s = 24$  ensemble. At low energies, it is evident that we are in a regime where  $\lambda_i \leq \delta m_i$ , which is

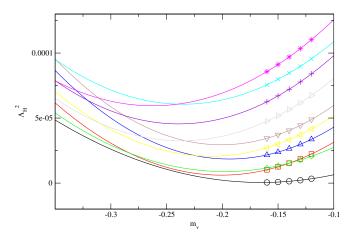


FIG. 23 (color online). Lowest 10 eigenvalues of  $D_H^2$  on a typical background gauge field configuration generated on an  $8^3 \times 8$  lattice with  $\beta = 2.3$ ,  $L_s = 24$ , and  $m_f = 0.02$ . Solid lines represent results from a fit to Eq. (53).

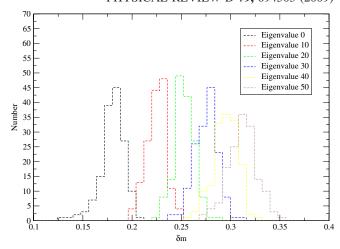


FIG. 24 (color online). Distribution of  $\delta m$  values obtained from a fit to Eq. (53) for an  $8^3 \times 8$  lattice with  $\beta = 2.3$ ,  $L_s = 24$ , and  $m_f = 0.02$ .

consistent with our findings for the structure of  $\Gamma_s$  in Fig. 22. If the distribution of  $\delta m_i$  is highly peaked about  $m_{\rm res}$ , one may in principle tune  $m_v \approx -m_{\rm res}$  such that  $m_g < \lambda$  and expect off-diagonal pairing to emerge in the matrix elements of  $\Gamma_s$ . An attempt to produce off-diagonal pairing of  $\Gamma_s$  by tuning  $m_v \approx -m'_{\rm res}(m_f)$  was unsuccessful, but is likely due to the fact that off-diagonal pairing in  $\Gamma_s$  may only occur when the  $\pm$  eigenvalues of  $D_H$  are paired. In Fig. 26 we plot  $\mathcal{N}_{\Lambda_H}(s)$  for the same configuration as in Fig. 21, however, with  $m_v = -0.25$ . Figure 27 displays the corresponding matrix elements of  $\Gamma_s$  for this configuration. From the first plot, we see that the lowest lying wave functions are no longer strongly localized on the fifth dimension boundaries. As such, the diagonal structure of  $\Gamma_s$  in Fig. 27 disappears for the lowest few

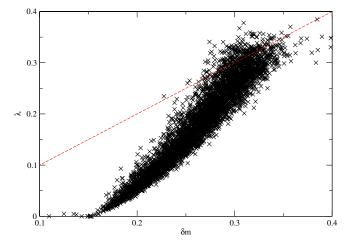


FIG. 25 (color online). Scatter plot of  $|\lambda|$  verses  $\delta m$  values obtained from the  $m_v$  dependence of  $\Lambda_H^2$ , which have been fit to Eq. (53). Eigenvalues were obtained for an  $8^3 \times 8$  lattice with  $\beta = 2.3$ ,  $L_s = 24$ , and  $m_f = 0.02$ . The dashed line represents the curve:  $\lambda = \delta m$ .

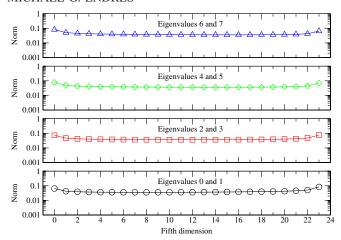


FIG. 26 (color online). Four-dimensional norms  $\mathcal{N}(s)$  associated with the first eight eigenfunctions of  $D_H$ , measured on a typical background gauge field configuration generated on an  $8^3 \times 8$  lattice with  $\beta = 2.3$ ,  $L_s = 24$ ,  $m_f = 0.02$ , and  $m_v = -0.25$ .

modes, although off-diagonal pairing is not very evident either.

In Fig. 28 we plot the density of four-dimensional eigenvalues  $\rho'(\lambda, m_g)$  for  $L_s = 16$ , 20, and 24, which have been extracted from  $60 \times 150$  eigenvalue measurements using Eq. (53). The distribution exhibits a relatively constant region between  $\lambda \approx 0.15$  and 0.25, and a depleted region between  $\lambda \approx 0$  and 0.15 which may be attributed to finite volume effects. Contrary to continuum expectations, there is no visible peak at  $\lambda = 0$ , which one would normally attribute to near-zero modes. If such a peak were to exist, it may be that its height is suppressed due to a finite

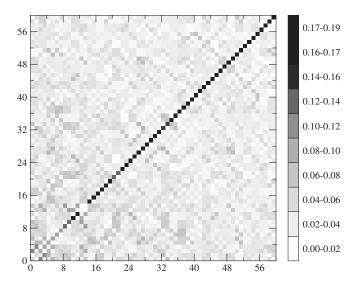


FIG. 27. Magnitude of the matrix elements  $\langle \Lambda'_H | \Gamma_s | \Lambda_H \rangle$ , measured on a typical background gauge field configuration generated on a  $8^3 \times 8$  lattice with  $\beta = 2.3$ ,  $L_s = 24$ ,  $m_f = 0.02$ , and  $m_v = -0.25$ .

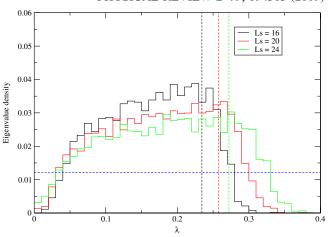


FIG. 28 (color online). Four-dimensional eigenvalue density as a function of lambda for  $8^3 \times 8$  lattices with  $\beta = 2.3$ , two values of  $L_s$ , and  $m_f = 0.02$ . Results were obtained from the  $m_f$  dependence of  $\Lambda_H^2$ , which have been fit to Eq. (53). The dashed vertical lines represent the maximum value of  $\lambda$  for which the distribution is reliably computed. The dashed horizontal line corresponds to the chiral limit extrapolation value of the gluino condensate.

bin size  $\delta \lambda$ , which is too large. From Fig. 23, however, it appears that the number of zero modes is few, suggesting that there is perhaps little topology change and that we are primarily within the zero topological charge sector of the theory. This observation is consistent with the findings of [31], where fluctuations in the condensate as a function of MD time where studied as a possible indicator of topology change. In that study, no large spikes in evolution of the condensate (which would correspond to the presence of zero modes) were observed for the same choice of parameters. Yet in light of the fact that the residual mass is so large in these simulations, it may also be that the fermions simply provide a poor measure of topology. To make a more definitive statement regarding the topic, it would be interesting and beneficial to study the gauge fields directly instead.

In principle one may extract an estimate of  $\rho'_{\text{eff}}(0, m_g)$ from the constant region of the eigenvalue density, compute the condensate, and finally perform an  $m_g \rightarrow 0$  extrapolation. But for the current choice of simulation parameters, the low-lying spectrum appears to be too heavily distorted by the large residual mass for such an analysis to be reliable. We may still extract some useful information from the eigenvalue density, however. In our analysis of the chiral extrapolation of the gluino condensate described in Sec. IV C, we assumed that the  $L_s$  dependent contribution to the condensate was dominated by UV modes. We may check this assumption, by computing the contribution to Eq. (40) from modes in the interval:  $0-\lambda$ , using our fit values for  $\lambda_i$  and  $\delta m_i$  and Eq. (54) with  $m_v = m_f$ . In Fig. 29, we plot the integrated condensate as a function of the upper limit value  $\lambda$  for  $L_s = 16$ , 20, and 24. The

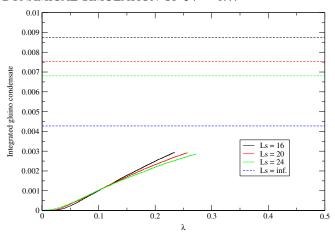


FIG. 29 (color online). Integrated condensate obtained from Eq. (54) with  $m_v = m_f$  for eigenvalues in the range  $0 - \lambda$ . Solid curves indicate the integrated condensate as a function of  $\lambda$  for  $8^3 \times 8$  lattices with  $\beta = 2.3$ , three values of  $L_s$  and  $m_f = 0.02$ . The corresponding horizontal dashed lines indicate the value of the gluino condensate obtained from Eq. (40), as well as the  $L_s = \infty$  extrapolated value of the condensate obtained in Table X for the fit range 24–48.

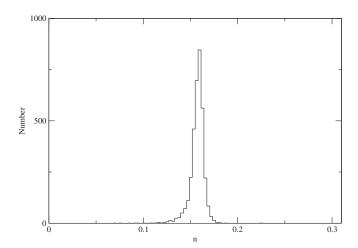


FIG. 30. Distribution of  $n_5$  values for an  $8^3 \times 8$  lattice with  $\beta = 2.3$ ,  $L_s = 24$ , and  $m_f = 0.02$ . Results were obtained from the  $m_v$  dependence of  $\Lambda_H^2$ , which have been fit to Eq. (53).

contribution to the condensate from modes  $|\lambda|r_0 \leq 0.8$  is approximately 1/3 of the total value for each choice of  $L_s$ , which is consistent with our assumptions.

Finally for completeness, Fig. 30 provides a histogram of  $n_5$  values extracted from the  $\Lambda_H^2(m_v)$  fits for the  $\beta = 2.3$ ,  $L_s = 24$ , and  $m_f = 0.02$  ensemble, where it is evident that  $n_5$  is strongly peaked at approximately  $n_5 \approx 0.16$ .

# V. CONCLUSION

We have performed dynamical numerical simulations of N = 1 SYM theory on  $8^3 \times 8$  and  $16^3 \times 32$  lattices using

domain wall fermions with several goals in mind: to establish a lattice scale, assess the size of chiral symmetry breaking effects at finite  $L_s$ , and understand the degree to which DWFs are correctly reproducing the desired continuum physics at low energy. In part, these efforts were motivated by the necessity to establish benchmarks for future studies. As such, our work consists of a variety of basic measurements on  $16^3 \times 32$  lattices, including measurements of the static potential, residual mass and gluino condensate. We buttress these results by analyzing the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of the Hermitian DWF Dirac operator on  $8^3 \times 8$  lattices, from which an independent estimate of the residual mass and chiral condensate may in principle be extracted. We briefly summarize each of our measurements and results below.

We have presented results for the residual mass, which have been obtained using two different methods. The first approach utilized a low energy identity relating the wall pseudoscalar density to the midpoint pseudoscalar density and assumptions about the decomposition of connected and disconnect parts of various pseudoscalar correlators. Using this approach we obtained residual masses which were approximately 5–20 times larger than the input gluino mass  $m_f$ . A second approach for obtaining  $m_{res}$ , based upon the  $m_v$  dependence of the eigenvalues of  $D_H^2$ , gave inconclusive yet qualitatively consistent results for the residual mass. On an eigenvalue by eigenvalue basis, chiral symmetry breaking shifts in  $m_f$  were comparable, if not larger than the value for  $m_{res}$  obtained in the first approach. The limited success of the second method in determining a precise value for the residual mass may be attributed to large finite lattice spacing artifacts.

The static potential for fundamental representation sources was determined using standard techniques for three different values of the coupling. The potential exhibits characteristics indicative of confinement. From the static potential we obtain estimates of the Sommer scale, which range from approximately  $r_0 \approx 3.3$  at  $\beta = 2.3$  to  $r_0 \approx 5.3$  at  $\beta = 2.4$ .

We study properties of the low energy eigenvalues of the Hermitian DWF Dirac operator in an effort to understand to what degree the desired low energy physics is reproduced by the DWF formalism. By studying the profile of the wave functions as a function of the fifth dimension coordinate, we have established that the low energy modes are indeed localized on the right and left boundaries of the fifth direction. And, the matrix elements of the physical chirality operator  $\Gamma_s$  are consistent with the presence of a large gluino mass compared to the typical low energy eigenvalues of  $i\not\!D$ .

We have performed a chiral extrapolation of the gluino condensate at a fixed value of the lattice spacing,  $\beta = 2.3$ . The chiral extrapolation of the condensate was performed in a variety of different ways in order to elucidate some of the systematic errors inherent with the extrapolation. For

the parameters under consideration we find that various extrapolation procedures yield, at best, a value of the condensate which is reliable to approximately 25%. We attempt to provide an independent measurement of the gluino condensate from our studies of the Dirac spectrum. However, given the current large values of the residual mass, a reliable estimate of the gluino condensate from the Banks-Casher relation was not possible.

Finally, we come to the general conclusion that there is, at present, no evidence to suggest that our simulations are not in the same universality class as SYM at nonzero gluino mass. However, additional simulations will be required at far smaller residual masses and weaker couplings in order to achieve a more reliable measure of the quantities discussed in this paper. Reducing the residual mass may be achieved with a variety of approaches; the simplest approach is to increase the size of the fifth dimension. This method for reducing the residual mass becomes costly, however, once the dislocation term appearing in Eq. (60) dominates over the perturbative contribution to the residual mass. Alternatives to this approach, which may be more efficient, include going to weaker coupling, or using an improved action such as the DBW2 [54], Iwasaki [55,56], or auxiliary determinant [57] action. The latter action combines the Gap DWF method of [58,59] with the approach of [60] in order to suppress the residual mass while still maintaining adequate topological tunneling. Such considerations will be left to a future study. Finally we emphasis that scaling analysis at weaker coupling is essential in order to truly understand the effects of finite lattice spacing on observables, and whether or not the gluino condensate survives the continuum limit.

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# APPENDIX: CORRELATORS INVOLVING MAJORANA FERMIONS

In  $\mathcal{N}=1$  SYM, the fundamental fermionic degrees of freedom are Majorana fermions rather than Dirac fermions. As a result, correlation functions written in terms of propagator contractions may differ from that of conven-

tional QCD. Here we briefly review the construction of some of the basic observables studied in the paper, although for simplicity we limit the majority of the discussion to four dimensions. Generalization of the results to the specific case of DWFs will be considered at the end of this section.

To begin with, consider the generic Majorana fermion path integral:

$$G^{(2N)} = \frac{1}{\Delta} \int [d\psi] e^{-(1/2)\psi^T M \psi} \mathcal{G}_{i_1 \dots i_{2N}} \psi_{i_1} \dots \psi_{i_{2N}}, \quad (A1)$$

where the indices  $i_k$  for k = 1, ..., 2N collectively represent space-time coordinate (x), spin  $(\alpha)$ , and color (c), and summation over these indices is implied. Because of the anticommuting nature of the variables  $\psi$ , components of  $G_{i_1...i_{2N}}$  which are symmetric under the interchange of any two indices will not contribute to  $G^{(2N)}$ . The Majorana matrix M is related to the Dirac operator  $D^4$  via the relation  $M \equiv CD^4$ , where C is the charge conjugation matrix whose properties in four dimension are given in Eq. (9). We allow the Dirac operator and G to depend on background field configurations and, as such, so may the normalization factor  $\Delta$ . By definition we choose  $\Delta$  such that  $G^{(0)} \equiv 1$ , and so it follows that  $\Delta = Pf(M)$ . Expectation values of operators involving the fermion fields  $\psi$  in the full gauge theory are given by gauge averages over  $G^{(2N)}$ with the probability measure  $\Delta e^{-S_G}$ , where  $S_G$  is the gauge action.

The path integral given by Eq. (A1) may be evaluated in a standard fashion, and yields

$$G^{(2N)} = \mathcal{G}_{i_1...i_{2N}} \Delta_{i_1...i_{2N}},$$
 (A2)

where

$$\Delta_{i_1...i_{2N}} = \operatorname{Pf} \begin{pmatrix} M_{i_1,i_1}^{-1} & \dots & M_{i_1,i_N}^{-1} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ M_{i_N,i_1}^{-1} & \dots & M_{i_N,i_N}^{-1} \end{pmatrix}$$
(A3)

is the Pfaffian constructed from Majorana propagators  $M^{-1} = [D^4]^{-1}C^{\dagger}$ , which start and end on the points  $i_1 \dots i_{2N}$  in all possible combinations. Note that since the matrix M is antisymmetric, the diagonal matrix elements of the propagator vanish.

As an example of how this result may be applied, consider the two important cases N = 1 and N = 2, for which

$$G^{(2)} = \mathcal{G}_{i_1 i_2} M_{i_1 i_2}^{-1},$$

$$G^{(4)} = \mathcal{G}_{i_1 i_2 i_3 i_4} (M_{i_1 i_2}^{-1} M_{i_3 i_4}^{-1} - M_{i_1 i_3}^{-1} M_{i_2 i_4}^{-1} + M_{i_1 i_4}^{-1} M_{i_2 i_3}^{-1}).$$
(A4)

In the case of the condensate  $-\langle \bar{\psi} \psi \rangle$  defined in Eq. (40), we have

$$G_{i_1 i_2} \sim \frac{1}{12V} \delta_{x_1, x_2} C_{\alpha_1, \alpha_2} \delta_{c_1, c_2},$$
 (A5)

which according to the expression for  $G^{(2)}$  in Eq. (A4) yields

$$\frac{1}{12V} \sum_{x} \text{Tr} S(x, x) \tag{A6}$$

prior to gauge averaging. Here,  $S = [D^4]^{-1}$  is the Dirac propagator and the trace is taken over both spin and color. In the case of the pseudoscalar correlator  $\langle P(x)P(x')\rangle$ , where  $P(x) = \bar{\psi}(x)\gamma_5\psi(x)$ , we have

$$G_{i_{1}i_{2}i_{3}i_{4}} \sim \delta_{x_{1},x}\delta_{x_{2},x}\delta_{x_{3},x'}\delta_{x_{4},x'}(C\gamma_{5})_{\alpha_{1},\alpha_{2}} \times (C\gamma_{5})_{\alpha_{1},\alpha_{3}}\delta_{c_{1},c_{2}}\delta_{a_{3},a_{3}}, \tag{A7}$$

which according to the expression for  $G^{(4)}$  in Eq. (A4) yields

$$2\operatorname{Tr}[S(x, x')\gamma_{5}S(x', x)\gamma_{5}] - \operatorname{Tr}[S(x, x')\gamma_{5}]\operatorname{Tr}[S(x', x)\gamma_{5}],$$
(A8)

prior to gauge averaging. Note that the connected and

disconnected parts of this correlator, as defined in Eq. (32), correspond to the single and double trace terms, respectively.

While the results presented here pertain to the fourdimensional theory, they may easily be generalized to the case of DWFs, where the interpolating gluino fields q(x)are expressed in terms of the fields  $\Psi(x, s)$  at the fifth dimension boundary, according to Eq. (11). Specifically the results for the gluino condensate and pseudoscalar correlator given by Eqs. (A6) and (A8) remain valid with the simple replacement  $S \rightarrow S_q$ , where

$$S_{q}(x, x') = P_{-}D_{x,0;x',L_{s}-1}^{-1}P_{-} + P_{-}D_{x,0;x',0}^{-1}P_{+}$$

$$+ P_{+}D_{x,L_{s}-1;x',L_{s}-1}^{-1}P_{-} + P_{+}D_{x,L_{s}-1;x',0}^{-1}P_{+},$$
(A9)

and D is the DWF Dirac operator defined in Eq. (3).

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