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# Topology and glueballs observables in $SU(7)$ Yang-Mills with open boundary conditions

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# Introduction

- Boundary conditions are required in lattice simulation, but should not affect the final result.
- Every choice of BC carries a number of effects that must be addressed appropriately.
- Often such effects can be positively used to mitigate technical issues, e.g. Schrodinger Functional.
- Periodic Boundary Conditions (PBC) are widely used in LQCD: translational invariance.
- Problem: frozen topology in the continuum limit.

# Open Boundary Conditions – so far

- First studies showed a reduction of  $\tau_{\text{int}}$  for the slowly varying modes of the theory. [Lüscher, Schaefer '11, '13]
- Influence of OBC on  $\chi_{\text{TOP}}$ , scalar/pseudoscalar glueball masses for  $SU(3)$  [Chowdhury et al. '14, '15]
- Meson/baryon spectroscopy with  $N_f = 2 + 1$  improved Wilson fermions and OBC [Bruno et al '15]

# Open Boundary Conditions – This Work

- Motivation: Large- $N$  't-Hooft limit of QCD approached from lattice simulation;
- As  $N$  is increased, slow down of numerical simulation is proven to be even worse;
- We focus on  $SU(7)$  Yang-Mills theory with Open/Periodic BC and study:
  - Instanton distribution;
  - Autocorrelation of Topological charge;
  - Glueball correlators for  $0^{++}$  and  $0^{-+}$  states.

# Simulations Details

## Wilson Action

$$S = \beta \sum_{i, \mu < \nu} (1 - \text{Re Tr } U_{\mu\nu}(i)) \quad \beta \equiv 2N/g^2$$

- 1 HB + 4 OR ( $N_{\text{skip}} = 200$ )
- $\beta = 34.8343$
- $a \simeq 0.94$  fm  
with  $a\sqrt{\sigma} = 0.2093(1)$   
[Bali et al., '13]
- Code: QDP-JIT/PTX  
(on Tesla M2090)  
[Winter et al., '14]

Volume	BC	$N_{\text{CFG}}$
$16^3 \times 32$	PBC	383
	OBC	787
$16^3 \times 48$	PBC	438
	OBC	592
$16^3 \times 64$	PBC	2973
	OBC	2981

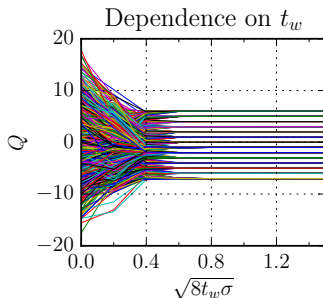
# Observables

## Topological Charge

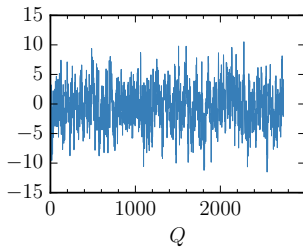
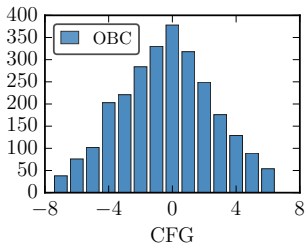
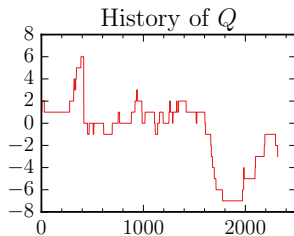
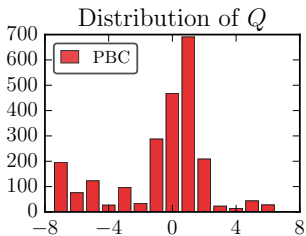
$$Q = \frac{1}{32\pi^2} \sum_{i, \mu < \nu} \epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} U_{\mu\nu}(i) U_{\rho\sigma}(i) = \sum_{t=0}^{N_t-1} q(t)$$

Smoothing provided by:

- Cooling  
[Teper, '85]
- Gradient Flow  
[Lüscher, '10]



# Topological Charge: History





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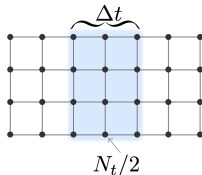
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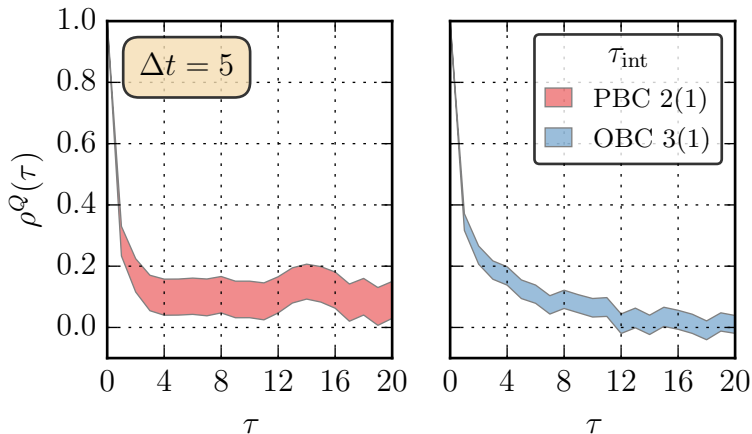
- Autocorrelation [Wolff, '04]:

$$\Gamma(\tau) = \frac{1}{N_{\text{CFG}} - \tau} \sum_{i=0}^{N_{\text{CFG}} - \tau} (O^i - \bar{O})(O^{i+\tau} - \bar{O}) \quad \rho(\tau) = \frac{\Gamma(\tau)}{\Gamma(0)}$$

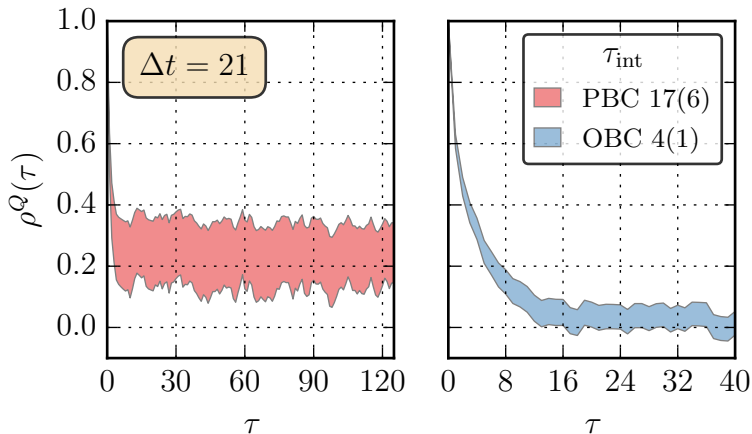
$$O \equiv \sum_{t=(N_t - \Delta t)/2}^{(N_t + \Delta t)/2} q(t)$$



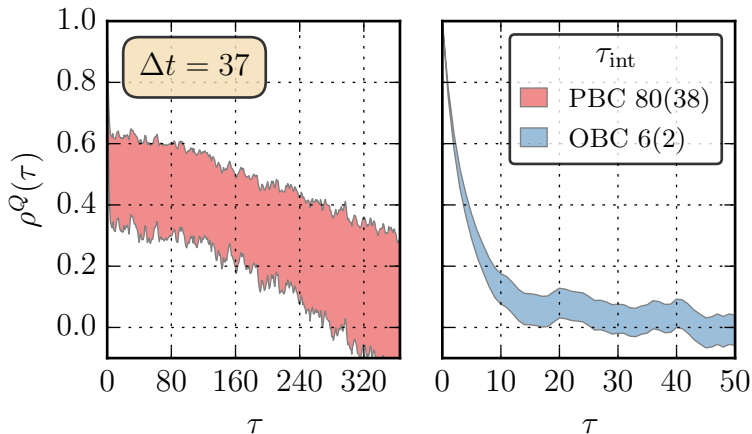
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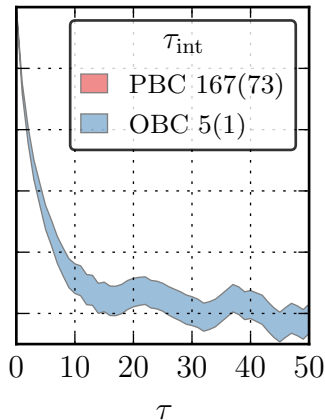
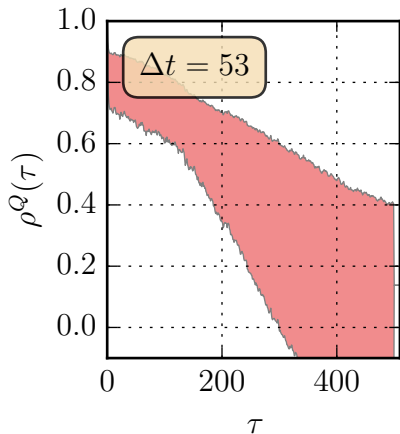
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# Instanton Analysis

- In terms of the instantons, the topological charge:

$$Q = N^+ - N^-$$

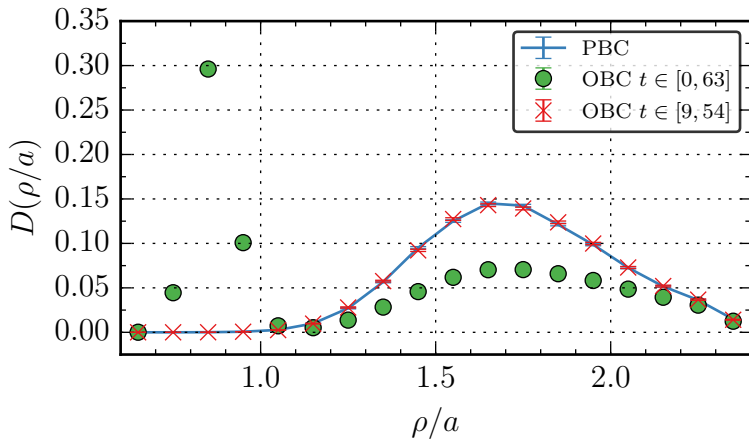
- Small Instantons suppressed at large  $N$

$$D(\rho) \propto \rho^{\frac{11}{3}N-5}$$

- Instantons size is determined from local peaks of the topological charge [Smith, Teper, '98]

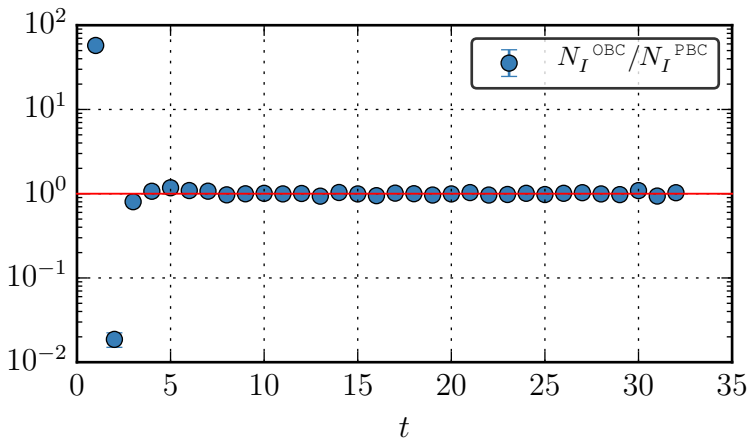
$$\frac{\rho}{a} = \left( \frac{6}{\pi^2 Q_{\text{peak}}} \right)^{1/4}$$

## Instanton Size Distribution



## Instantons Position in time

$$N_I = (n_{I+} + n_{I-})$$

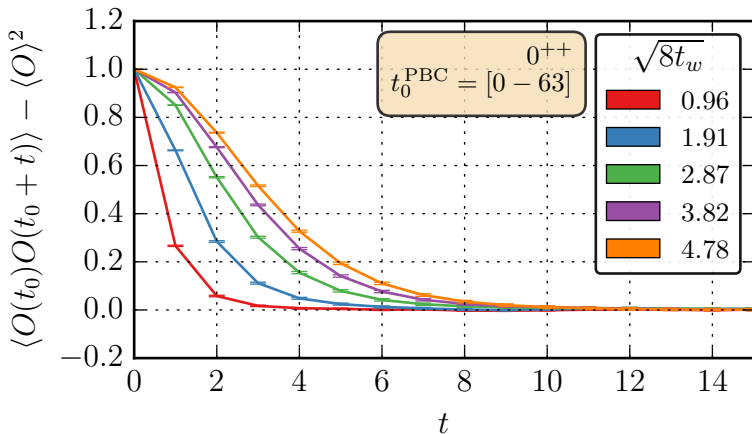




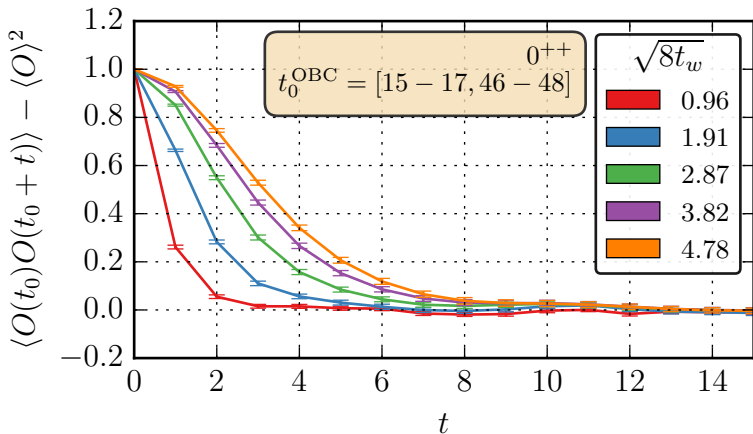
# Glueballs Correlators

- Motivation: slow dynamic of  $Q$  might affect some spectral quantities
- Channels studied:
  - $0^{++}$ : plaquette-plaquette correlation function.
  - $0^{-+}$ : correlation of topological charge per timeslice.
- Smoothing
  - Gradient flow

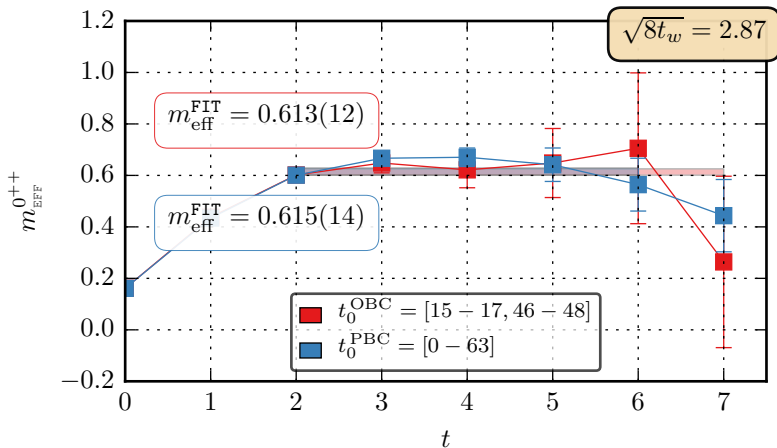
# $0^{++}$ – Periodic BC

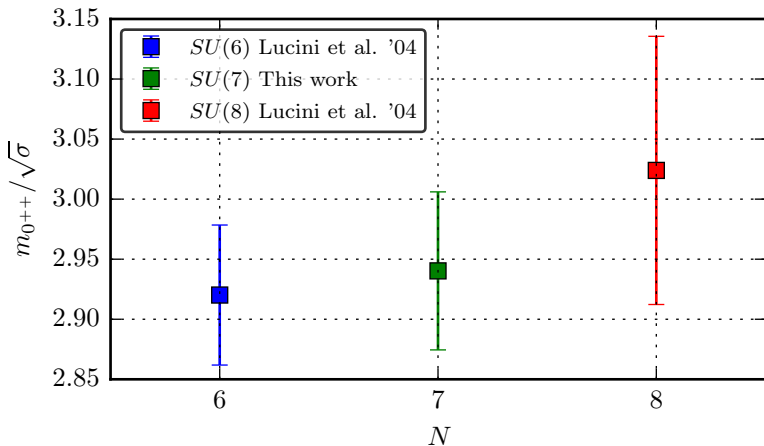


# $0^{++}$ – Open BC

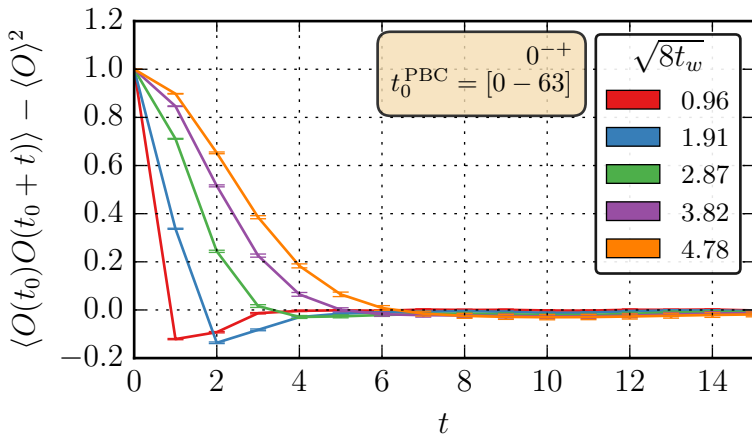


# $0^{++}$ – Effective mass

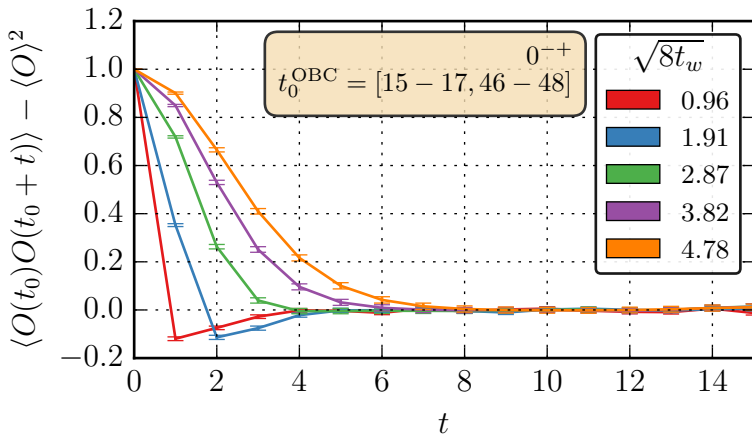


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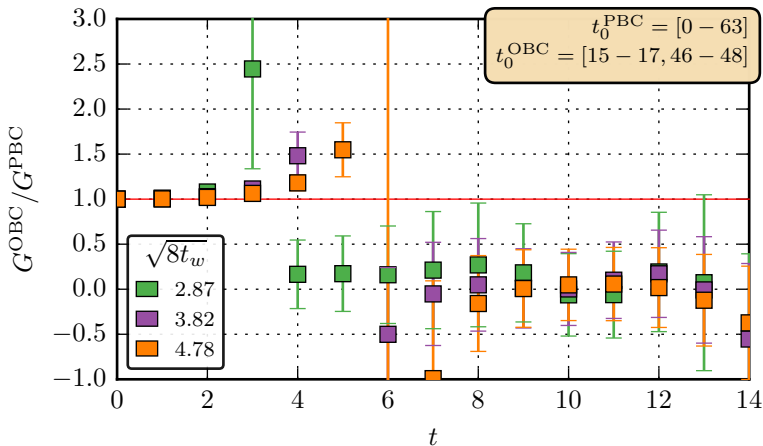
# $0^{-+}$ – Periodic BC



# $0^{-+}$ – Open BC



# $0^{-+}$ – Ratio of Correlators



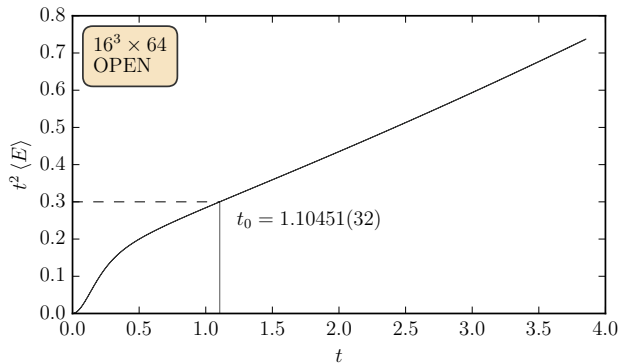


# Conclusions

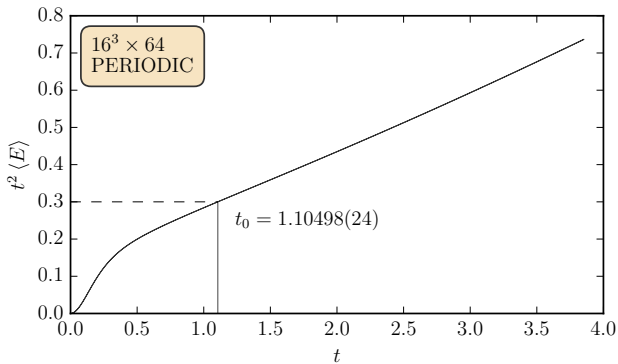
- OBC effectively reduces correlation of  $Q$  even in the  $SU(7)$  case where creation of small instantons is highly suppressed
- OBC agrees very well with PBC in the bulk
- A great number of small dislocations are concentrated on the boundaries for OBC which then grow to physical size in the bulk
- Wilson flow competitive for extraction of glueball  $0^{++}$  mass

Thanks!

# $t_0$ scale



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# $Q$ as a function of $t_w$

