

Complex Langevin boundary terms in lattice models

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1. Complex Langevin
 2. Boundary terms, calculated by surface or volume integrals
 3. test in full QCD, 3d XY model
 4. Correction using boundary terms
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Importance Sampling and Sign Problem

We are interested in a system
Described with the partition sum:

$$Z = \int D\phi e^{-S} = \text{Tr} e^{-\beta(H - \mu N)} = \sum_C W[C]$$

Usually: Markov Chain Monte Carlo

$$\dots \rightarrow C_{i-1} \rightarrow C_i \rightarrow C_{i+1} \rightarrow \dots$$

Probability of visiting C

$$p(C) \sim W[C]$$

$$\langle X \rangle = \frac{1}{N} \sum_i X[C_i]$$

This works if we have

$$W[C] \geq 0$$

Otherwise we have a **Sign problem**

Workaround: Dual variables, Density of States,
Reweighting, Taylor expansion, Imaginary potentials, etc.

Using analyticity: Lefschetz Thimbles, **Complex Langevin**

Complex Langevin Equation

Given an action $S(x)$

Stochastic process for x :
$$\frac{dx}{d\tau} = -\frac{\partial S}{\partial x} + \eta(\tau)$$

Gaussian noise

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \eta(\tau) \rangle &= 0 \\ \langle \eta(\tau) \eta(\tau') \rangle &= \delta(\tau - \tau') \end{aligned}$$

Averages are calculated along the trajectories:

$$\langle O \rangle = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T O(x(\tau)) d\tau = \frac{\int e^{-S(x)} O(x) dx}{\int e^{-S(x)} dx}$$

The field is complexified

$$\frac{dx}{d\tau} = -\frac{\partial S}{\partial x} + \eta(\tau)$$

real scalar \longrightarrow complex scalar

link variables: $SU(N)$ \longrightarrow $SL(N, \mathbb{C})$
compact \longrightarrow non-compact

$$\det(U) = 1, \quad U^\dagger \neq U^{-1}$$

Analytically continued observables

$$\frac{1}{Z} \int P_{comp}(x) O(x) dx = \frac{1}{Z} \int P_{real}(x, y) O(x + iy) dx dy$$

$$\langle x^2 \rangle_{real} \rightarrow \langle x^2 - y^2 \rangle_{complexified}$$

Argument for correctness of CLE results

If there is fast decay $P(x, y) \rightarrow 0$ as $x, y \rightarrow \infty$

and a holomorphic action $S(x)$

then CLE converges to the correct result

[Aarts, Seiler, Stamatescu (2009)

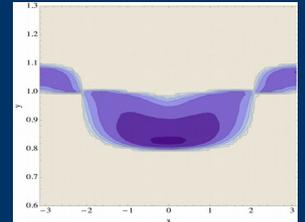
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Loophole 1: Non-holomorphic action for nonzero density

$$S = S_W[U_\mu] + \ln \text{Det } M(\mu)$$

measure has zeros ($\text{Det } M = 0$)
complex logarithm has a branch cut
————▶ meromorphic drift

No problems if poles are not 'touched' by distribution
satisfied for: HDQCD, full QCD at high temperatures



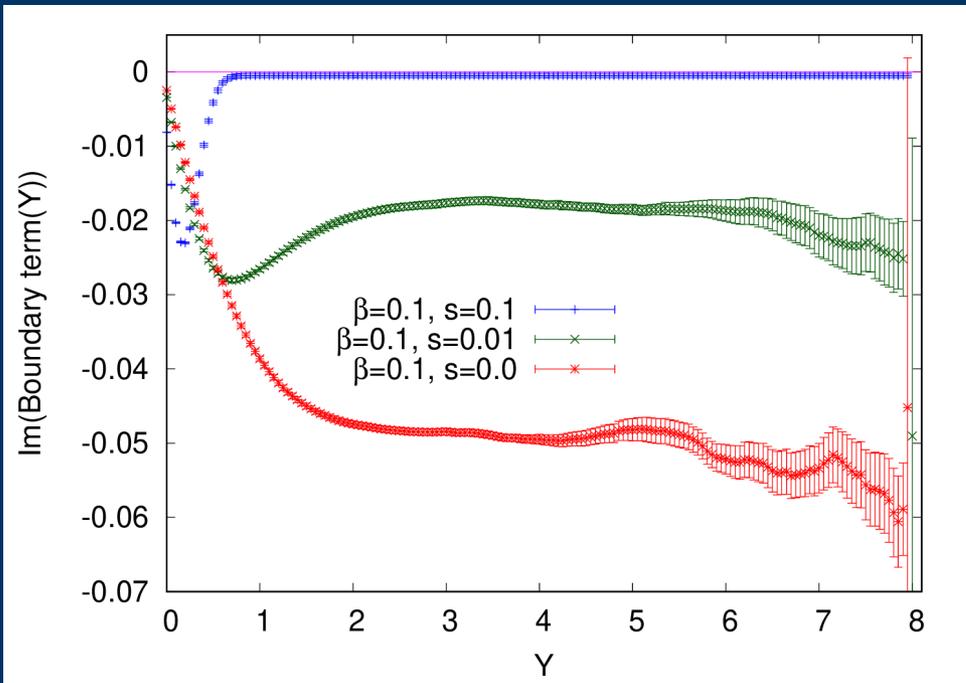
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[See next talk by Erhard Seiler for boundary terms at poles]

Loophole 2: decay not fast enough

boundary terms can be nonzero
explicit calculation of boundary terms possible

[Scherzer, Seiler, Sexty, Stamatescu (2018)+(2019)]



Unambiguous detection of boundary terms
given by plateau as 'cutoff' $Y \rightarrow \infty$

Observable cheap also for lattice systems

Measuring “corrected observable”
in case boundary term nonzero

Now the details...

Sketch of the proof

$P(x, y, t)$: **probability density on the complex plane** at Langevin time t

Real Fokker-Planck equation

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial \tau} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial x} - K_x P \right) - \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (K_y P) \quad \text{with } K_i = -\partial_i S$$

Real action $\rightarrow K_y = 0$, positive eigenvalues of H_{FP}
 $P(x, y, \infty) = \delta(y) \exp(-S(x))$

$\rho(x, t)$: **complex measure** evolving with the complex Fokker-Planck equation
(not associated to a stochastic process)

$$\partial_t \rho(x, t) = \partial_x (\partial_x - K_x) \rho(x, t) = L_c^T \rho(x, t)$$

Stationary solution: $\rho(x, \infty) = \exp(-S(x))$

CLE works, if

What we want

$$\int dx \rho(x) O(x)$$

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What we get with CLE

$$\int dx dy P(x, y) O(x + iy)$$

$$\langle O(x) \rangle_{\rho(t)} = \langle O(x+iy) \rangle_{P(t)}$$

Interpolating function:

$$F(t, \tau) = \int P(x, y, t - \tau) O(x + iy, \tau) dx dy$$

$$O(z, t) = e^{L_c t} O(z, 0)$$

with $L_c = (\partial_z + K(z)) \partial_z$

$$F(t, 0) = \langle O(x + iy) \rangle_{P(t)}$$

$$F(t, t) = \int P(x, y, 0) O(x + iy, t) dx dy$$

$$= \int \rho(x, 0) \delta(y) O(x + iy, t) dx dy$$

$$= \int \rho(x, 0) O(x, t) dx = \int \rho(x, t) O(x, 0) dx = \langle O(x) \rangle_{\rho(t)}$$

Choose to be
on real axis initially

$\partial_\tau F(t, \tau) = 0$ can be seen with partial integrations

using Cauchy-Riemann eqs. for $\partial_x O(x + iy, \tau)$

QED

Boundary term defined on a surface

$$\partial_\tau F_O(t, \tau) = B_O(Y, t, \tau) = \int K_y(x, Y) P(x, Y, t - \tau) O(x + iY, \tau) dx$$

$$- \int K_y(x, -Y) P(x, -Y, t - \tau) O(x - iY, \tau) dx$$

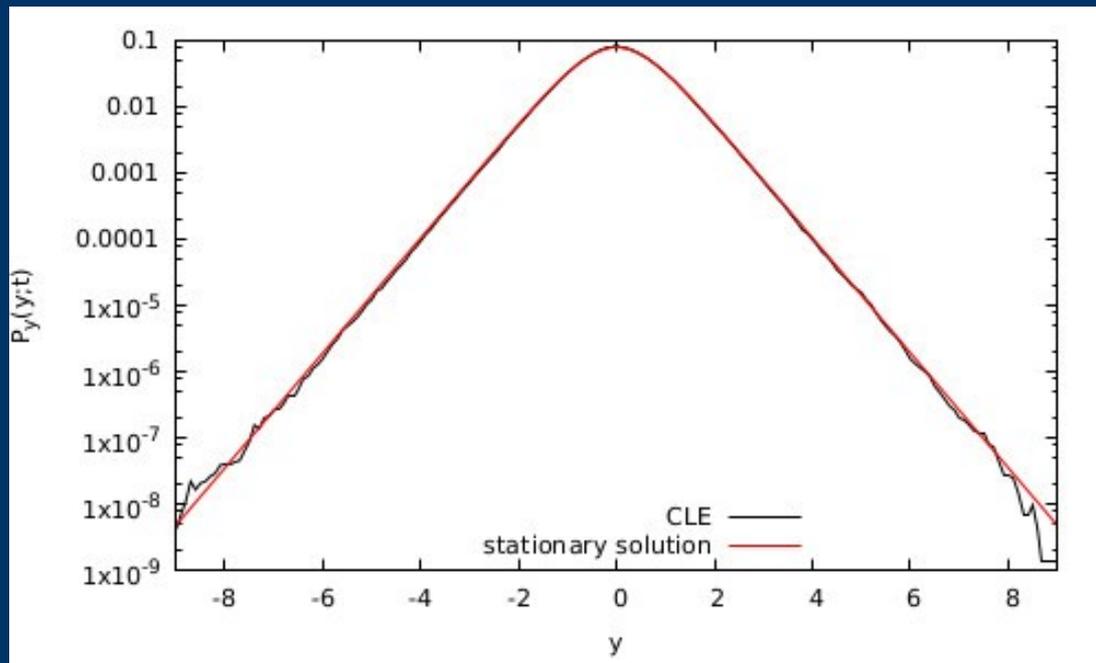
One plaquette model

$$S(\varphi) = i\beta \cos(\varphi) \quad \langle e^{ikx} \rangle = (-i)^k \frac{J_k(\beta)}{J_0(\beta)}$$

Exact asymptotic solution of CLE [Salcedo, 2017]

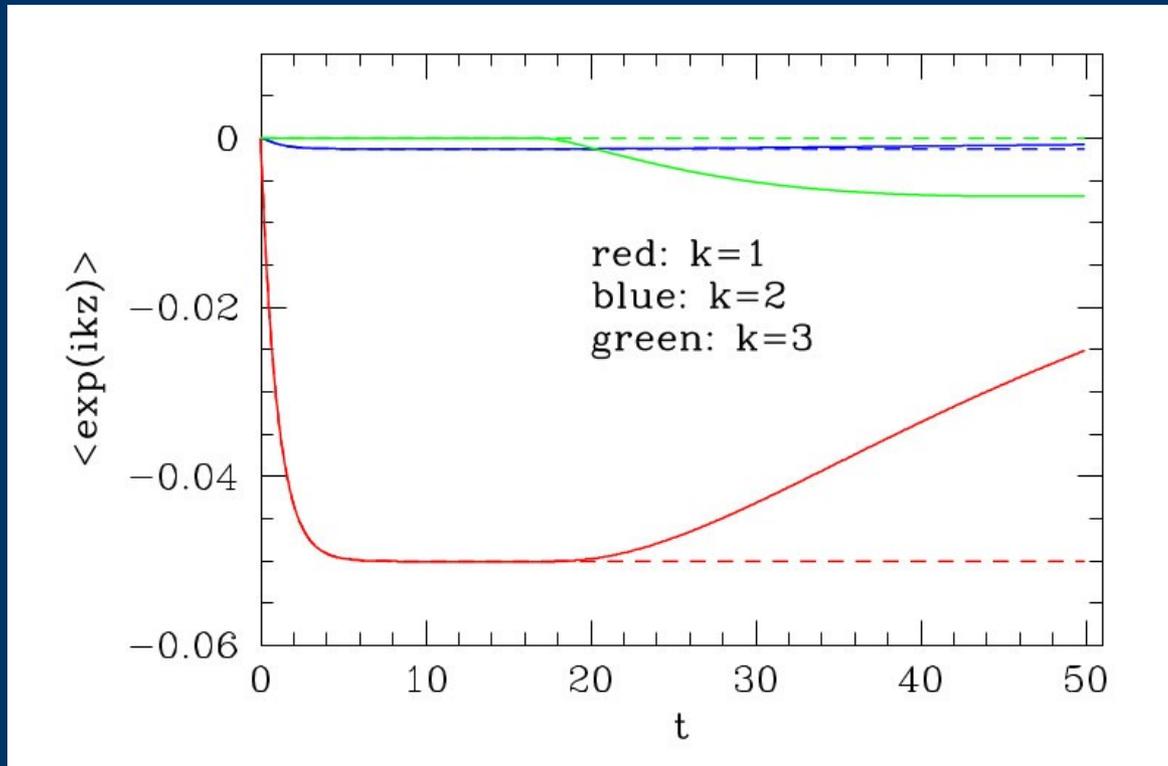
$$P_a(x, y) = \frac{1}{4\pi \cosh^2 y} \quad \text{independent of } x \text{ and } \beta$$

$\langle e^{ix} \rangle_{P_a} = 0$, $\langle e^{ikx} \rangle_{P_a}$ for $k \geq 2$ is undefined or divergent



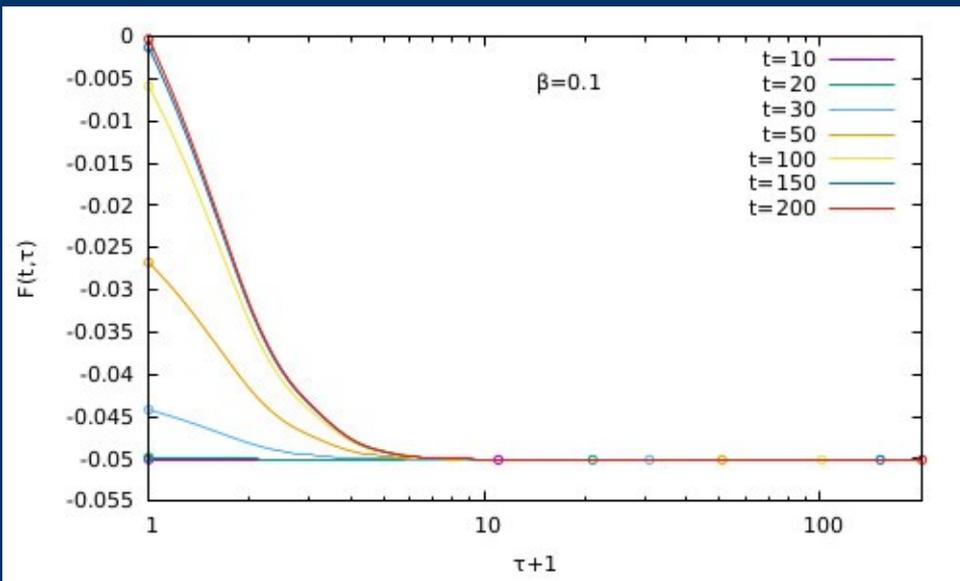
CLE reproduces this (incorrect) solution

Langevin time evolution



For short times
plateau at the correct value

asymptotic result incorrect

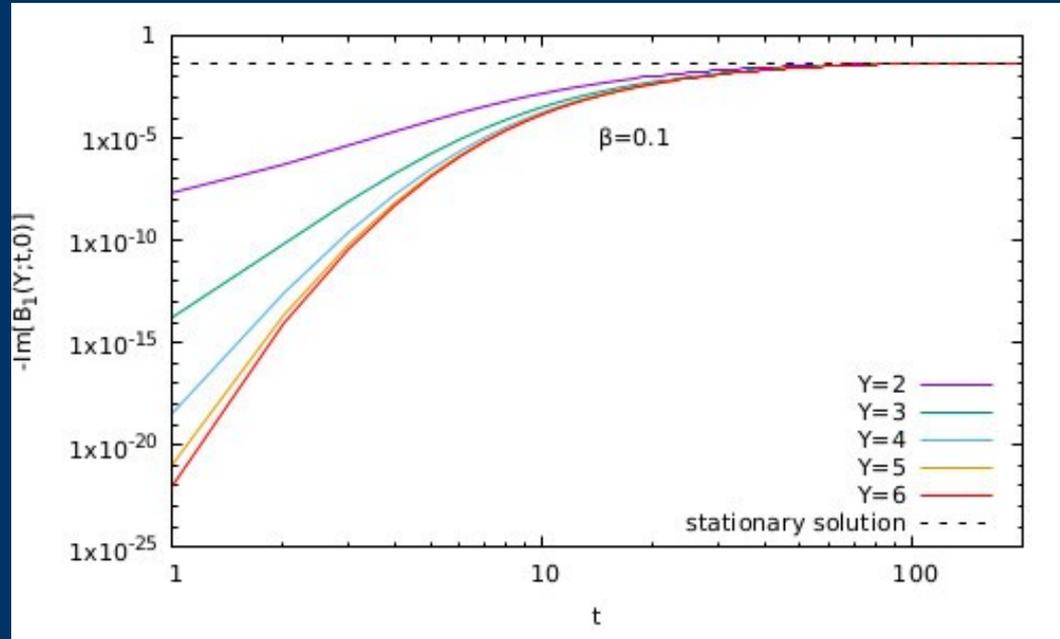


$F(t, 0) - F(t, t)$ gets >0 above $t=20$

Largest slope at $\tau=0$

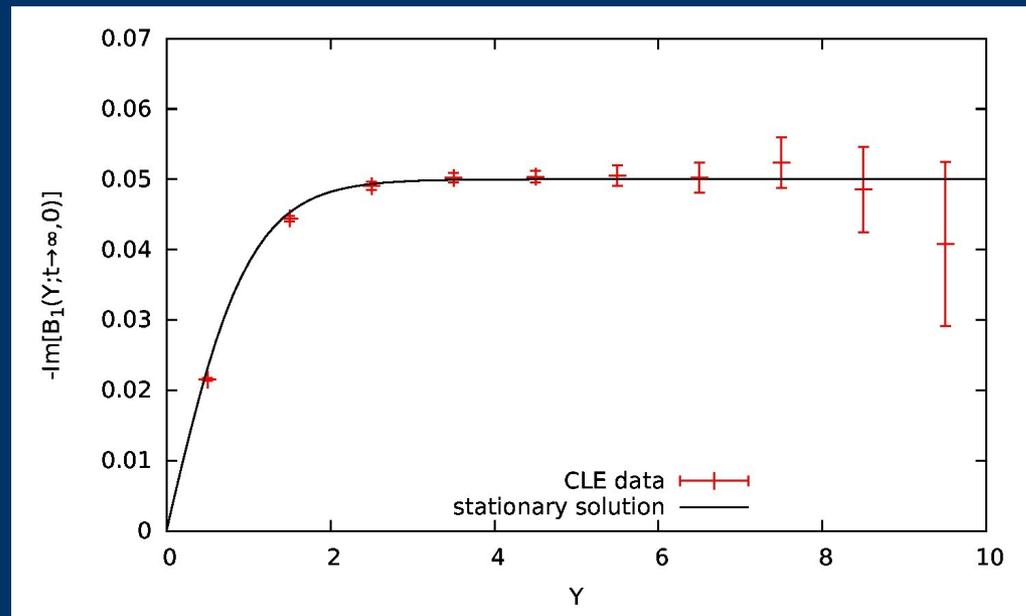
$\partial_{\tau} F(t, \tau=0) = B(t, 0)$
seems like a good proxy for
 $F(t, 0) - F(t, t)$

Boundary term



Boundary term

Calculated using Fokker-Planck discretised on a 2d grid



Using Complex Langevin only

Plateau clearly visible
At high cutoff statistics is worse

Need to measure on some surface
inconvenient in many dimensions

Boundary terms as a volume integral

[Scherzer, Seiler, Sexty, Stamatescu (2018+2019)]

Calculating an observable defined on a compact boundary in many dimensions can be inconvenient

$$\partial_\tau F_O(Y, t, \tau=0) = B_O(Y, t, \tau=0) = \int_{-Y}^Y P(x, y, t) L_c O(x+iy) - \int_{-Y}^Y (L^T P) O(x+iy, 0)$$

Observable with a cutoff
easy to do in many dimensions

Vanishes as process equilibrates

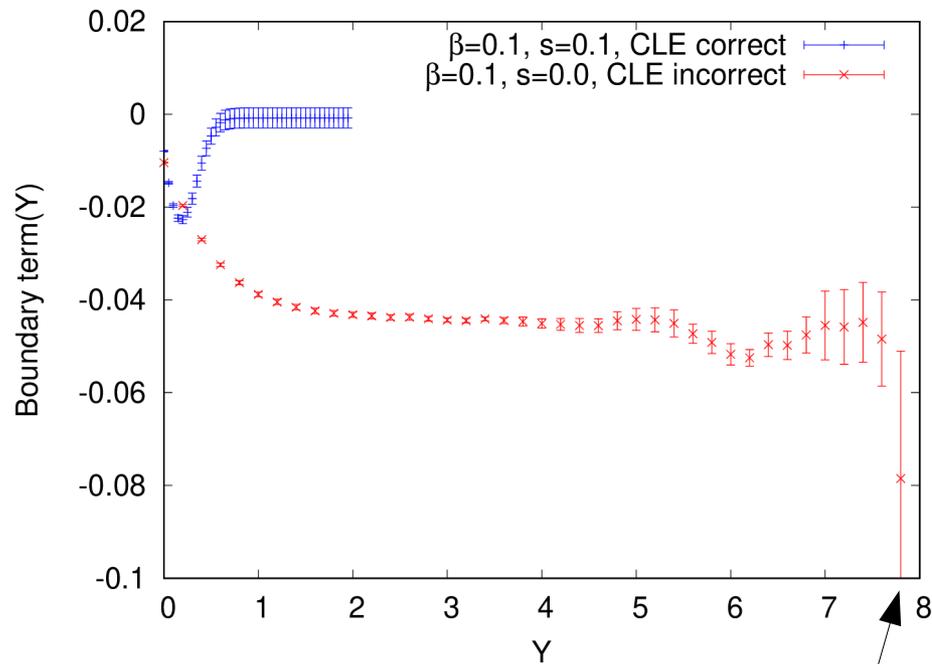
$$L_c O(x+iy) \quad \text{consistency conditions} \quad \approx \text{Schwinger-Dyson eqs.}$$

Order of limits crucial

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{Y \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-Y}^Y P(x, y, t) L_c O(x+iy) \quad \text{can be undefined}$$

One plaquette model

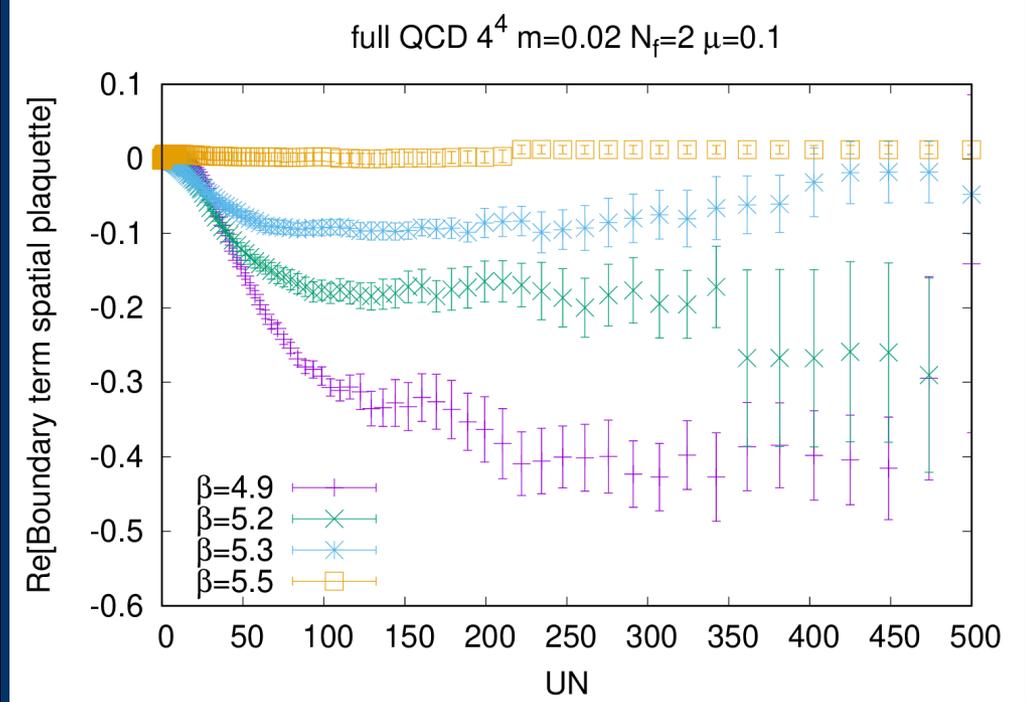
$$S(x) = i\beta \cos(x) + \frac{s}{2} x^2$$



last point with no cutoff
 large fluctuations
 consistent with zero?

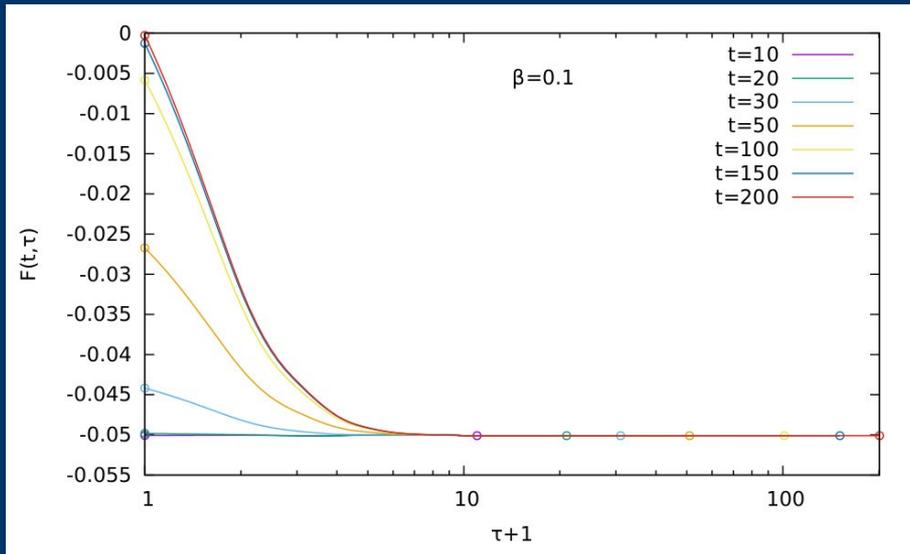
Full QCD

Boundary term for spatial plaquettes



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 Observable cheap also for lattice systems

Correcting CLE using boundary terms



Interpolation function

$$F(t, \tau) = \sum A_n \exp(-\omega_n \tau)$$

Ansatz

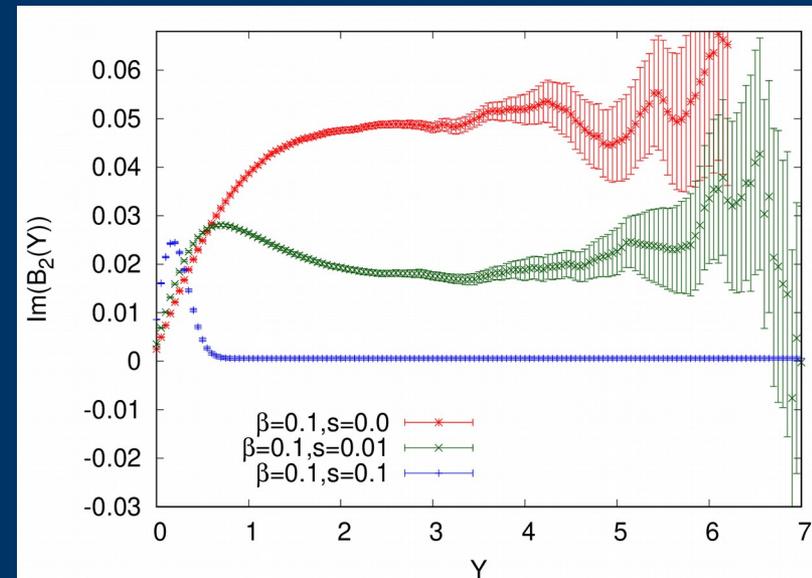
$$F(t, \tau) = A_0 + A_1 \exp(-\omega_1 \tau)$$

Higher order boundary terms

$$\frac{\partial^n F(t, \tau)}{\partial \tau^n} = B_n = \langle L_c^n O \rangle$$

Systematic error of CLE

$$F(t, 0) - F(t, t) = B_1^2 / B_2$$



Test in U(1) toy model

$$S(x) = i\beta \cos(x) + \frac{s}{2} x^2$$

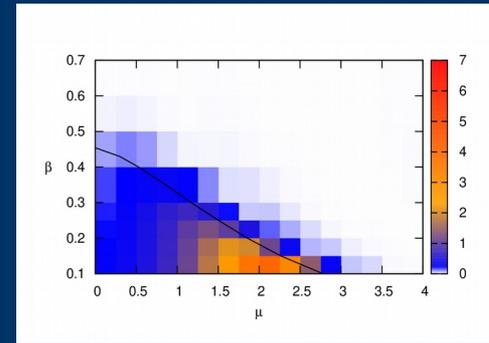
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Test in 3d XY model

B_2 is very noisy, hard to measure

Step in the right direction



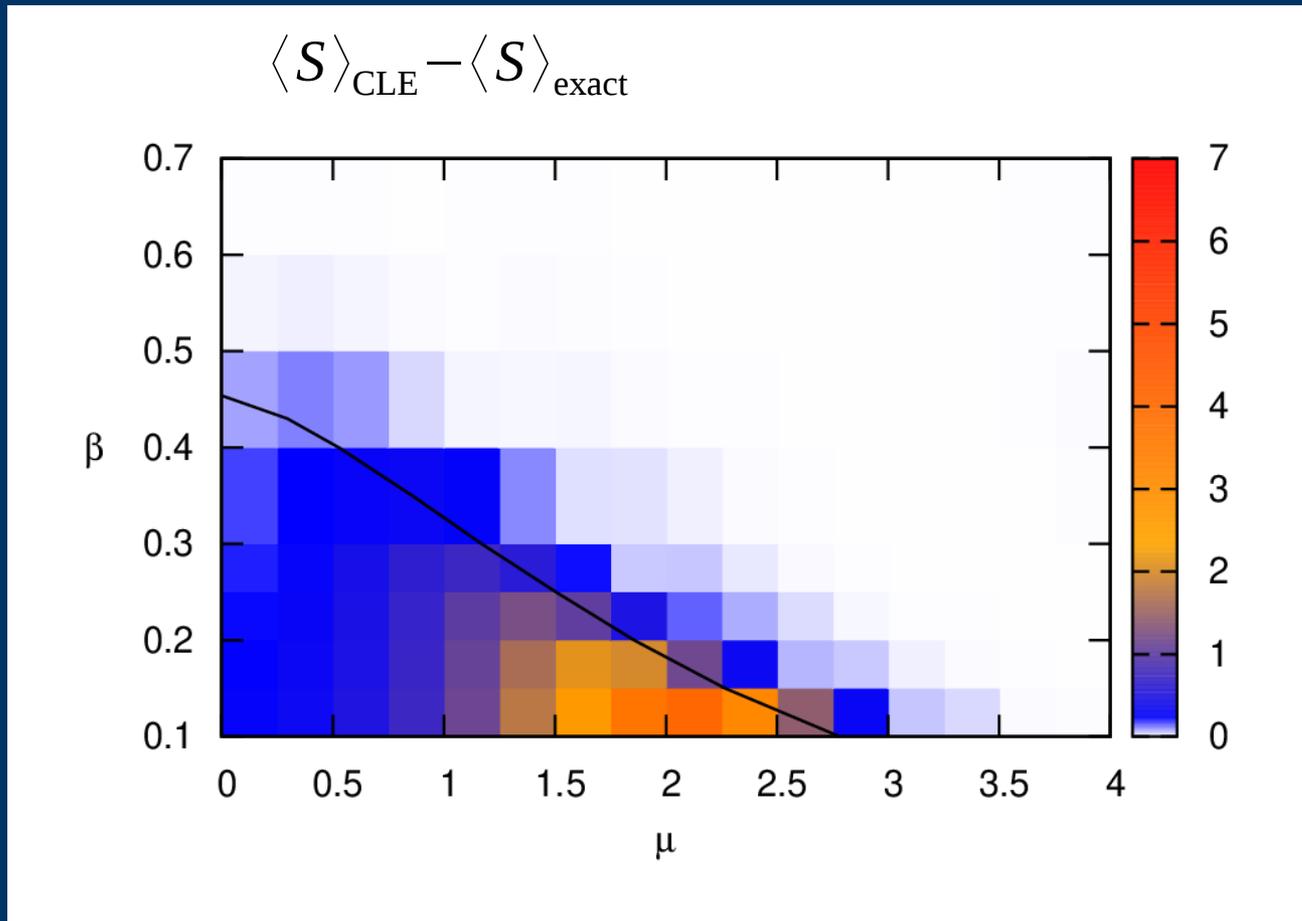
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XY model in d=3

$$S = -\beta \sum_x \sum_{v=1}^3 \cos(\phi_x - \phi_{x+v} - i\mu \delta_{v0})$$

Can be solved exactly using dual variables (worldlines)

CLE fails in one of the phases



[plot from: Aarts and James (2010)]

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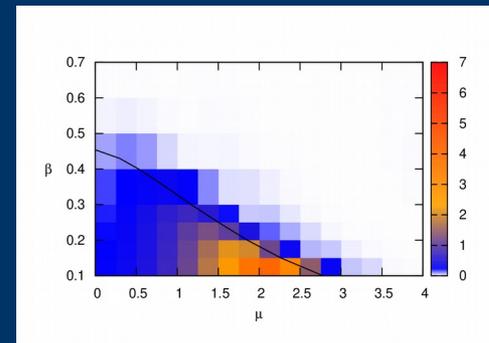
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Summary

CLE has potential problems with boundary terms and poles

Monitoring of the process is required:
measuring Boundary terms

lattice models with cheap observable

Correction with higher order boundary terms

Extra slides

HDQCD boundary terms

