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In this talk we will report on a study of the θ -dependence of the string tension and of the mass gap of four-dimensional SU(N) Yang-Mills theories. The spectrum at N=3 and N=6 was obtained on the lattice at various imaginary values of the θ parameter, using Parallel Tempering on Boundary Conditions to avoid topological freezing at fine lattice spacings. The coefficient of the O(θ ^2) term in the Taylor expansion of the spectrum around θ =0 could be obtained in the continuum limit for N=3, and on two fairly fine lattices for N=6.

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