

Random Ruminations

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"Conventional HMC" – a reminder

- Procedure:
 - refresh momenta & pseudo-fermions: $\{ U(0), \pi(0) \}$ and ϕ_i
 - perform “Molecular Dynamics” : $\{ U(\tau), \pi(\tau) \}$ with fixed ϕ_i
 - nested 4th order Force-Gradient Integrator with $\tau = N \delta\tau$
 - N = number of outermost steps, $\delta\tau$ outermost step size
 - constructed of reversible combination of symplectic steps
 - Metropolis Update step: $\delta H = H(U(\tau), \pi(\tau), \phi_i) - H(U(0), \pi(0), \phi_i)$
 - Acceptance test: $P_{acc} = \min\{1, \exp(-\delta H)\}$
 - If we accept: $\{U, \pi\} = \{U(\tau), \pi(\tau)\}$; otherwise $\{U, \pi\} = \{U(0), \pi(0)\}$
 - Rinse & Repeat until enough U -s are produced
- Typically (apocryphally?):
 - 95% of gauge generation wallclock spent in MD forces...
 - 60-70% of wallclock spent in Linear Solvers

Hasenbusch's Trick and Determinant decomposition

Pseudofermions: $\det (M^\dagger M) = \int d\phi^\dagger d\phi \exp \left\{ -\phi^\dagger (M^\dagger M)^{-1} \phi \right\}$

Hasenbusch's Trick:


$$\det (M^\dagger M) = \left[\prod_{i=0}^{N-1} \frac{\det (M_i^\dagger M_i)}{\det (M_{i+1}^\dagger M_{i+1})} \right] \det (M_N^\dagger M_N) \quad \text{with} \quad M_0 = M$$

In the exponential:

$$\phi^\dagger (M^\dagger M)^{-1} \phi = \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} \phi^\dagger M_{i+1} (M_i^\dagger M_i)^{-1} M_{i+1}^\dagger \phi + \phi^\dagger (M_N^\dagger M_N)^{-1} \phi$$

Forces:

Linear Solves needed


$$\frac{d}{d\tau} \left[\phi^\dagger (M^\dagger M)^{-1} \phi \right] = -\phi^\dagger (M^\dagger M)^{-1} \left[\dot{M}^\dagger M + M^\dagger \dot{M} \right] (M^\dagger M)^{-1} \phi$$

Hasenbusch Trick works because M_i and M_{i+1} are similar:

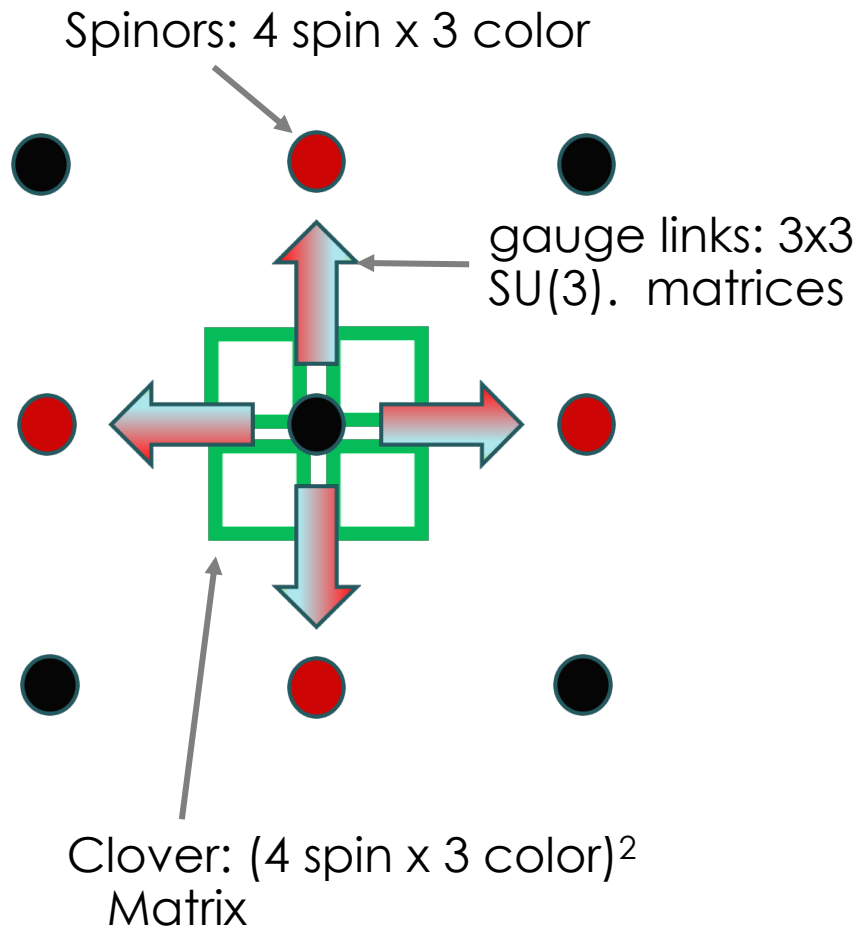
$$M_{i+1} = M_0(m_q + \epsilon_{i+1}) \quad \text{or} \quad M_{i+1} = M_0 - i\mu_{i+1}\gamma_5$$

So

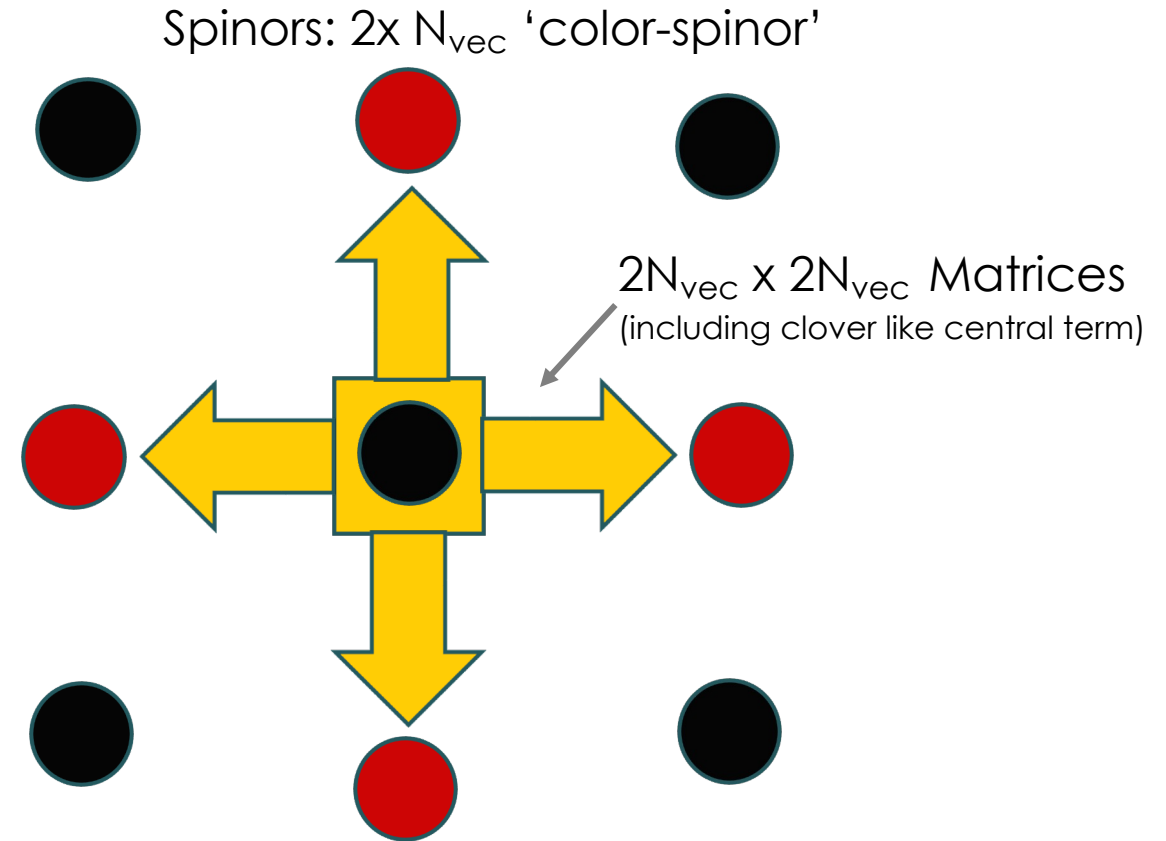
$$M_{i+1}M_i^{-1} \approx 1 + \delta M \quad \Rightarrow \quad F \approx \frac{d(\delta M)}{d\tau}$$

Control force size with range of masses ϵ_i or μ_i

Operators used in Solving the Dirac equation



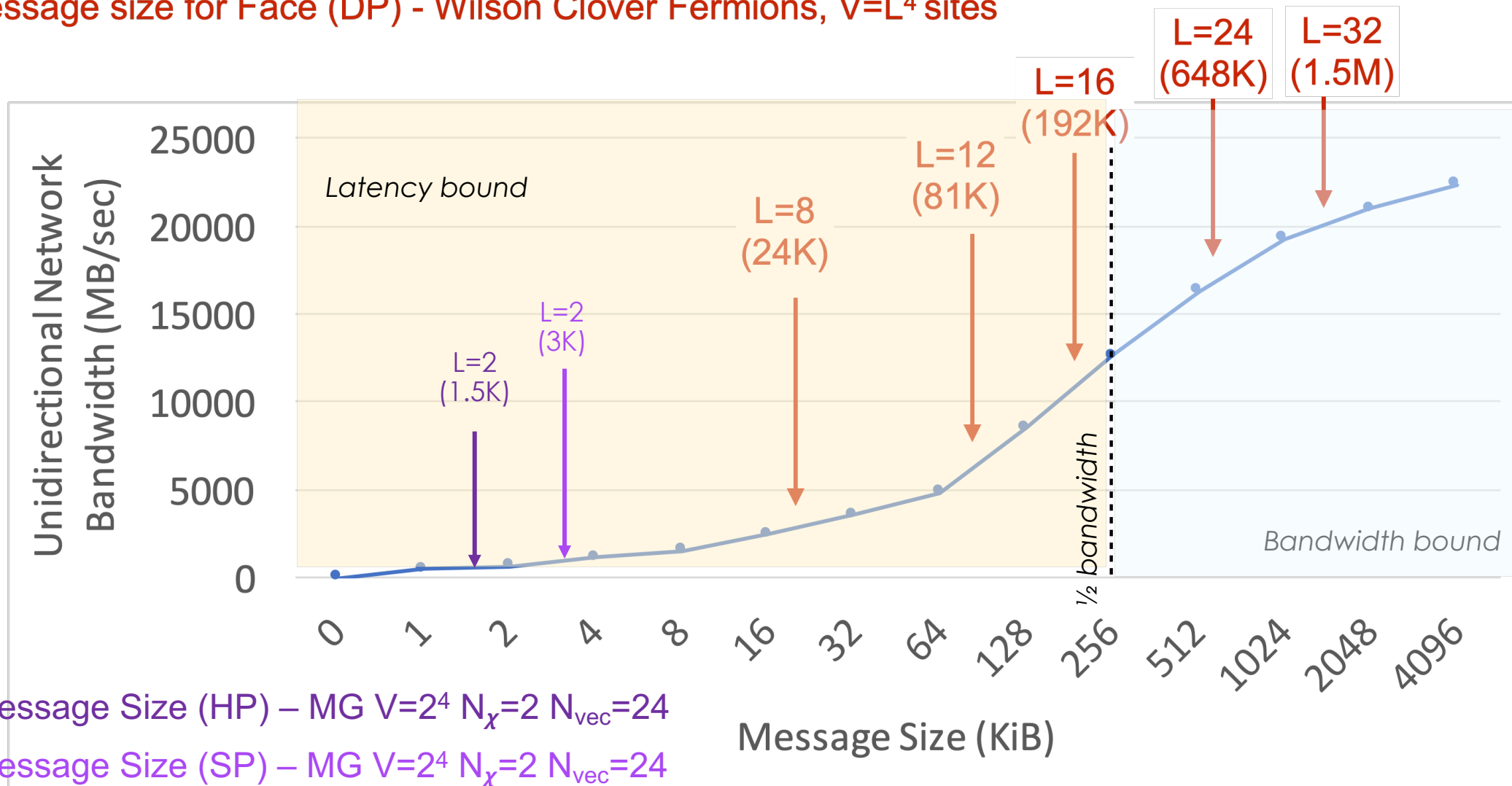
Wilson-Clover Dirac Operator: Fine Lattice, Full Volume: e.g. $128^3 \times 256$ global $\sim 14^4$ - 16^4 local (per process)



Multigrid Coarse Operator: Coarse Lattice, Full Volume: e.g. $8^3 \times 16$ global $\sim 2^4$ - 4^4 local (per process)

The curse of latency...

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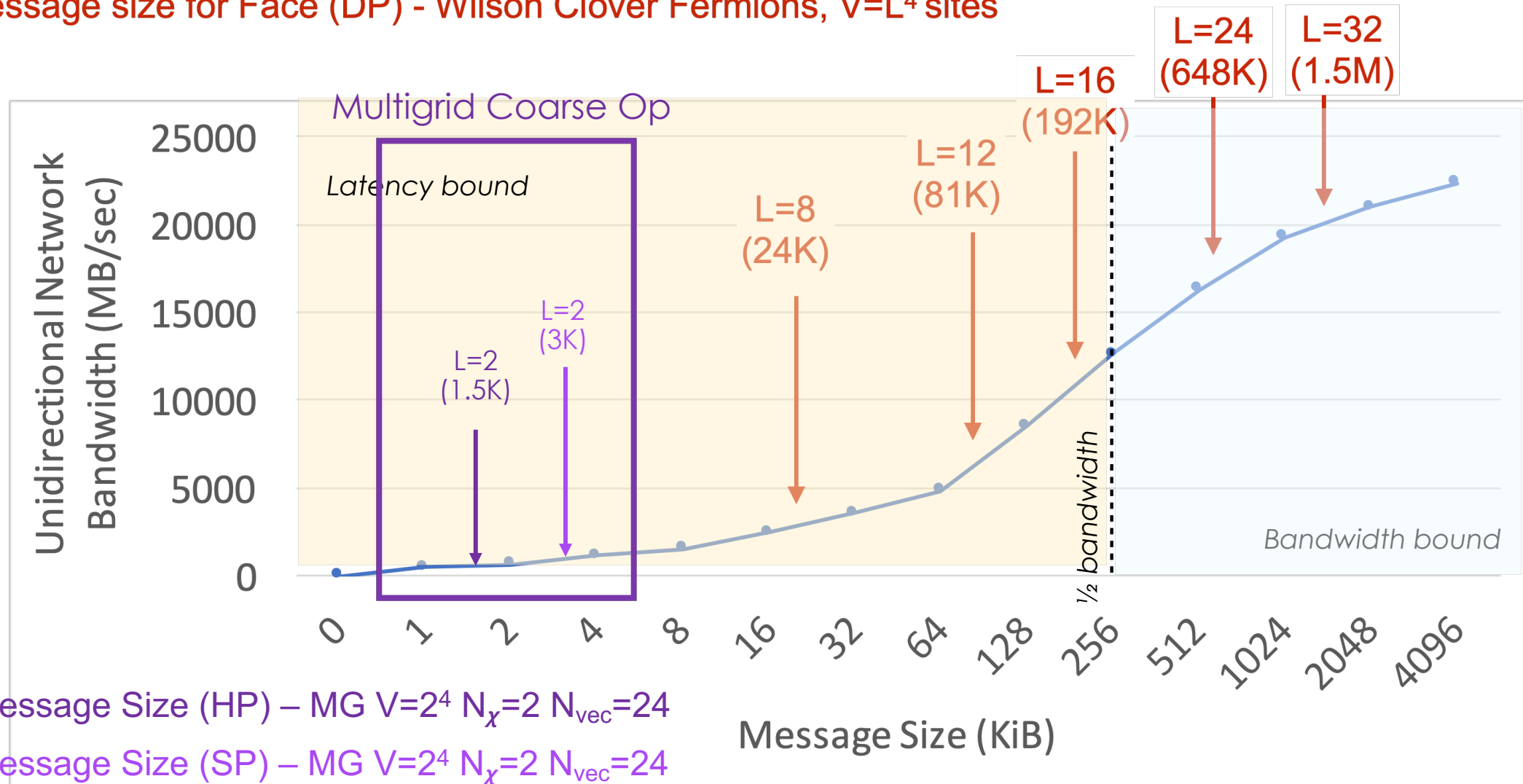


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SciDAC 4 attempt to improve Latency issues

- Write $M_j = M - i\mu_j\gamma_5$
- Then: $(M_j^\dagger M_j) = M^\dagger M + \mu_j^2$
- Solve for all terms at once: $X_j = (M_j^\dagger M_j)\phi_j = (M^\dagger M + \mu_j^2)\phi_j$
 - Need Multi-RHS solve
 - For Multigrid we need a 2 step solve. $M_j^\dagger Y_j = \phi_j$, $M_j X_j = Y_j$
 - Multi-RHS => message aggregation => push away from latency bound region in the fabric
 - Block GMRES/GCR will need modification: add +/- $i\mu_j \gamma_5$ to M as needed for solution j
- Other possible trick: Neglect term without $-i\mu_j \gamma_5$ in MD
 - bound spectrum from below: no spikes!!!!
 - This is kind of like reweighting but a small μ_j may make it feasible
 - Twisted mass messes with operator eigenspectrum, complicates multigrid...
- This is unfinished work from SciDAC-4. Wei Sun made good progress but then COVID etc. etc.

General Problems for Wilson-Clover fermions

- Critical slowing down in Solvers with quark mass
 - mostly cured with Multi-Grid
- Critical slowing down with lattice spacing
 - not yet solved: ML? Otherwise? DD?
- MD Instability
 - Limits on step size (CFL like instability at large step sizes)
 - keep a small step size so that. $||F|| \delta\tau < C$ (where C is some critical value)
 - (Near) Zero modes can develop in the integration: drive $||F||$ to be large
- Other numerics:
 - smaller 'a' -> **Larger Lattices -> Master Field Simulations**
 - global sums & error accumulation: will we need quad precision for big enough V?
 - dH calculations can suffer rounding error from sums: error in P_{acc} ?

Large Lattice Simulation Tricks (from P. Fritzsche Lat'22)

- Exponential Clover Action:

- Treat diagonal term of Wilson Clover as first order truncation of an exponential
- Switch to using the full exponential

$$(N_d + M) + \frac{i}{4} c_{\text{SW}} \sigma_{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu} \rightarrow (N_d + M) \exp \left\{ \frac{i}{4} \frac{c_{\text{SW}}}{(N_d + M)} \sigma_{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu} \right\}$$

- Claimed benefits:

- regulates UV fluctuations
- guarantees invertibility
- Still a valid Symanzik improvement

- Simple(?) to implement – use Cayley Hamilton theorem to exponentiate

- Also need to compute forces and Tr Log
- NB: Currently 'Clover' implementation is a 'special' in Chroma (outside of QDP++)

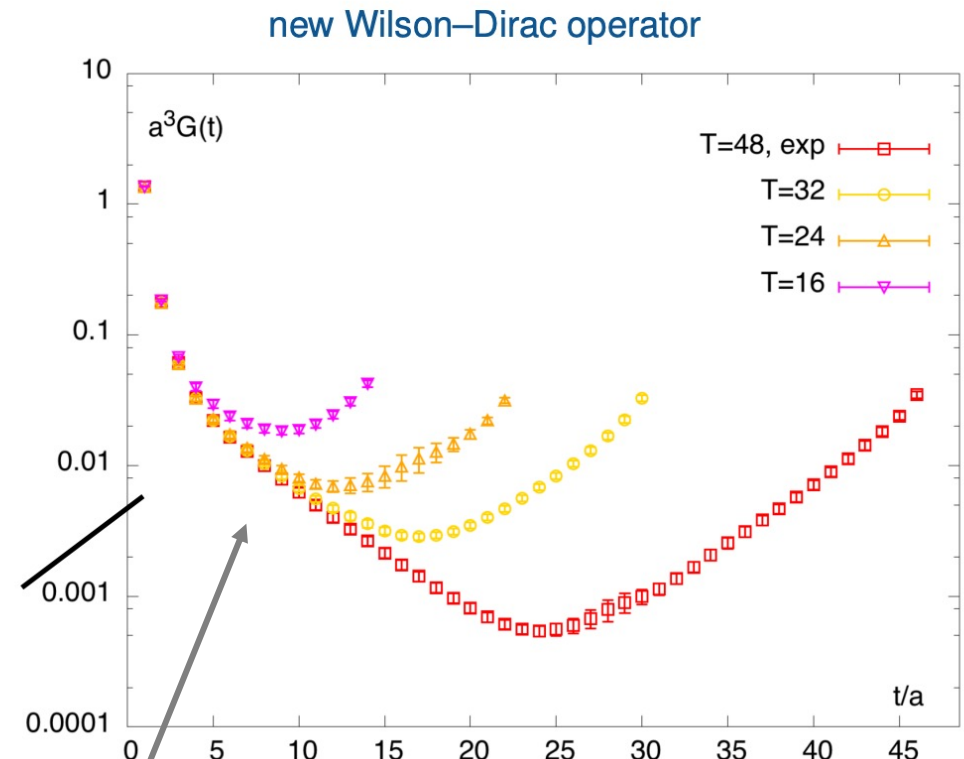
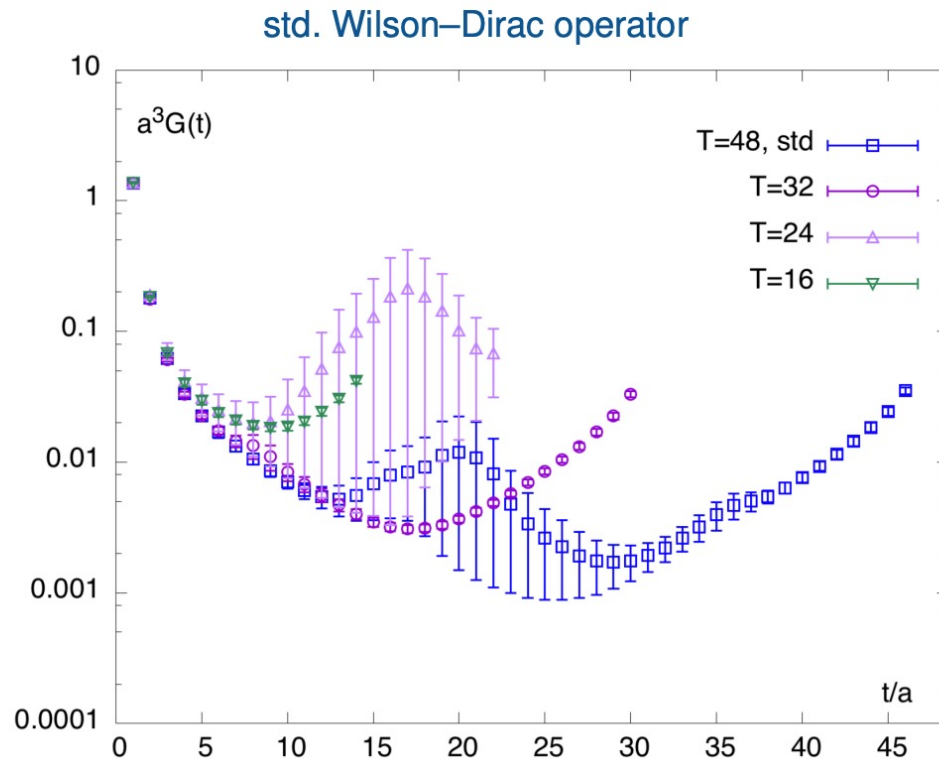
- Stochastic MD algorithm instead of HMC

Exponential Clover (cont'd): Quenched approx testing

from P. Fritsch Larrice'22 presentation

- Impact best seen in pure gauge theory ($N_f = 0$, quenched; i.e. same gauge background).
III-defined theory for fermionic observables.
- Different lattices $L/a \in \{16, 24, 32, 48\}$ and same gluon action ($\beta = 6.0$, $a = 0.094$ fm).
- pion correlator $G(t) \propto e^{-m_\pi t}$ at zero momentum, $m_\pi \approx 220$ MeV

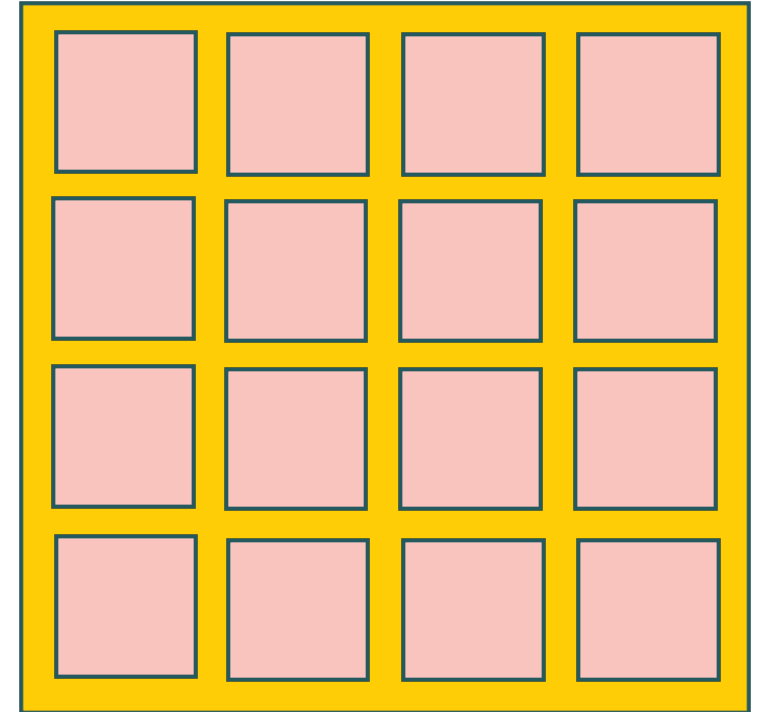
⇒ exceptional problem:



exponential clover: no exceptional
configs, clean pion correlator

Thoughts about DD and Hierarchical DD

- Regular 'DD' a-la Leuscher is feasible with suitable support for Domains in QDP++ (Frank's talk)
- To some degree, everything we have done up to now will be restricted to domains
 - large domains -> map to GPUs (following P. Boyle)
- Biggest pain point for DD & Hierarchical DD likely to be dealing with domain boundaries and 'window frame' areas (yellow)
 - Luescher style DD will still need solves on boundaries.
 - reduced dimension compared to global lattice volume (good)
 - For Hierarchical methods: may need to simulate with the Multiboson algorithm. (Is this practical?)
- Historical perspective: Multibosons were being investigated when I was a graduate student as a competitor to HMC.
 - Multibosons were thought complicated to implement and a nightmare to tune back in the late 1990s. HMC 'won'.
 - Do we really want Multibosons again?



Random Summary Thoughts from Me / Discussion points...

- This is the last presentation of the workshop so time to poke the bear !
- Do we want to finish the leftover work from SciDAC-4? Is it worth it or is it a distraction from the DD world?
- I think the future may well be Domain Decomposed (even if not hierarchical)
 - good match for accelerated architectures
 - we might as well add in things like Exp. Clover and SMD (will we need them for DD?)
 - BUT: I do note that there is a large ensemble of Iso Clover ensembles in USQCD right now to work with. Changing actions is 'changing horses' mid race...
- Does the DD world still fit Chroma?
 - Chroma = HMC + Props + Basic measurements
 - Hierarchical approach will need observables folded into the Gauge Generation? Need all new measurement code too.
 - How does DD work with ML etc?

... a new software stack for Lattice QCD?

- Designed ground up to support Domains natively?
 - for Multigrid, DD methods, etc?
- NOT using QMP - but going straight to MPI
- NOT using QIO – but using e.g. HDF5 (C++ interface)
- Written in terms of a performance portable abstraction (Kokkos? C++/std::par? Multiple Back Ends?)
- ... or is this package simply called future QUDA / Grid ?
- ... will this software integrate the ML work? or be completely separate?

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