

HYP links for dynamical fermion simulations

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Outline

- ▶ Why fat links?
- ▶ HYP links suitable for dynamical fermion simulations
- ▶ difference to standard HYP: Projection of $U(3)$ instead of $SU(3)$
- ▶ tests for dynamical clover Wilson and overlap

Why fat links?

short range fluctuations of the gauge field make fermions expensive

- ▶ **Wilson**: exceptional configurations, phase structure
- ▶ **staggered**: taste breaking
- ▶ **overlap**: cost of construction (low modes of the kernel operator)
- ▶ **DWF**: explicit chiral symmetry breaking

Working hypothesis:

large cut-off effects in fermion sector due to dislocations

Improved gauge actions

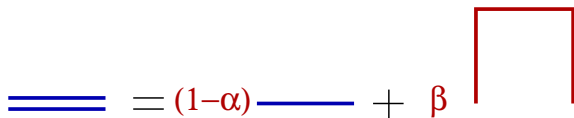
Possible cure: Improved gauge actions (DBW2, Iwasaki)

- ▶ suppress short range fluctuations
- ▶ possibly large cut-off effects from gauge sector
- ▶ large auto-correlation time in MD simulations
need dislocations to change topology

part of the solution

Fat links

construct Dirac operator from sum over extended paths

$$\text{Fat link} = (1-\alpha) \text{thin link} + \beta \text{loop}$$
The diagram illustrates the decomposition of a fat link into a thin link and a loop. On the left, a thick blue double line represents a fat link. This is equated to the sum of two terms: a thin blue single line multiplied by the factor (1-alpha), and a red square loop multiplied by the factor beta. The loop is drawn with red lines and has its top and bottom edges slightly offset from each other.

- ▶ less vulnerable to short range fluctuations
- ▶ examples: APE, Asqtad, stout
- ▶ **iterate** to make it more efficient
- ▶ large spatial extent can cause **large cut-off effects**
- ▶ **improves scaling** (if not over-done)

Main building blocks

APE

Albanese et al'87

$$\tilde{U}_\mu(x) = \text{Proj}_{SU(3)} \left[(1 - \alpha) U_\mu(x) + \frac{\alpha}{6} V_\mu(x) \right]$$

- ▶ Projection not easily differentiable \rightarrow not usable in MD

STOUT

Morningstar, Peardon'04

$$\tilde{U}_\mu(x) = \exp(iQ_\mu) U_\mu(x) ; \quad Q_\mu(x) = \left[\frac{\rho}{i} V_\mu(x) U_\mu^+(x) \right]_{\text{TH}}$$

- ▶ differentiable everywhere
- ▶ $6\rho \longleftrightarrow \alpha$

Main building blocks

n-APE

$$\tilde{U}_\mu(x) = \text{Proj}_{U(3)} \left[(1 - \alpha) U_\mu(x) + \frac{\alpha}{6} V_\mu(x) \right]$$

$$\text{Proj}_{U(3)} A = A(A^\dagger A)^{-1/2}$$

- ▶ differentiable everywhere if A non-singular
⇒ no problem in practice
- ▶ projection has been used in the past: Kentucky'93, FLIC, Narayanan&Neuberger'06
- ▶ force term can be computed exactly (à la stout)
- ▶ the projection costs about the same as stout smearing

HYP links

Hasenfratz, Knechtli'01

$$V_{n,\mu} = \text{Proj}_{SU(3)}[(1 - \alpha_1)U_{n,\mu} + \frac{\alpha_1}{6} \sum_{\pm\nu \neq \mu} \tilde{V}_{n,\nu;\mu} \tilde{V}_{n+\hat{\nu},\mu;\nu} \tilde{V}_{n+\hat{\mu},\nu;\mu}^\dagger]$$

$$\tilde{V}_{n,\mu;\nu} = \text{Proj}_{SU(3)}[(1 - \alpha_2)U_{n,\mu} + \frac{\alpha_2}{4} \sum_{\pm\rho \neq \nu,\mu} \bar{V}_{n,\rho;\nu\mu} \bar{V}_{n+\hat{\rho},\mu;\rho\nu} \bar{V}_{n+\hat{\mu},\rho;\nu\mu}^\dagger]$$

$$\bar{V}_{n,\mu;\nu\rho} = \text{Proj}_{SU(3)}[(1 - \alpha_3)U_{n,\mu} + \frac{\alpha_3}{2} \sum_{\pm\eta \neq \rho,\nu,\mu} U_{n,\eta} U_{n+\hat{\eta},\mu} U_{n+\hat{\mu},\eta}^\dagger]$$

- ▶ Standard HYP: iterate **projected APE** smearing three times
- ▶ restrict contributions to fat link to the hypercube
- ▶ local and efficient, widely used
- ▶ improves scaling

How to use it in dynamical simulations?

HYP links for dynamical fermions

$$V_{n,\mu} = \text{Proj}_{U(3)} \left[(1 - \alpha_1) U_{n,\mu} + \frac{\alpha_1}{6} \sum_{\pm\nu \neq \mu} \tilde{V}_{n,\nu;\mu} \tilde{V}_{n+\hat{\nu},\mu;\nu} \tilde{V}_{n+\hat{\mu},\nu;\mu}^\dagger \right]$$

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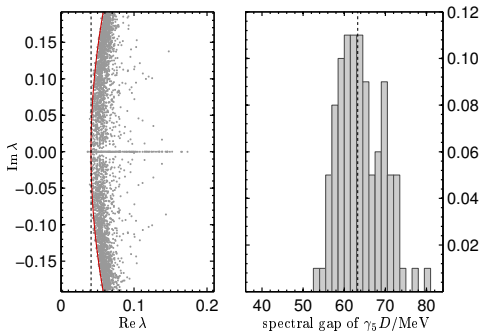
- ▶ n-HYP: same as HYP with projection to $U(3)$
- ▶ virtually indistinguishable from standard HYP
- ▶ more efficient than if built from stout smearing

How does the projection perform in MD simulations?

Tests: Dynamical clover Wilson

- ▶ clover Wilson with $c_{SW} = 1$
- ▶ standard HYP parameters: $\alpha_1 = 0.75$, $\alpha_2 = 0.6$, $\alpha_3 = 0.3$
no tuning necessary
- ▶ Lüscher-Weisz gauge action
- ▶ $12^3 \times 24$
- ▶ $a \approx 0.13\text{fm}$
- ▶ $m_{PS}/m_V \approx 0.6$

Dynamical clover Wilson



- ▶ large spectral gap \Rightarrow smaller quark masses possible
- ▶ fat link cost: 11% of total budget
- ▶ gain on inversions

Overlap: Locality

$$D_{ov} = R[1 + \gamma_5 \text{sign}(H_W(-R))]$$

- ▶ use dynamical clover configurations
- ▶ valence overlap with Wilson kernel
– R tuned for optimal locality
- ▶ compare to iterated stout at $6\rho = 0.9$

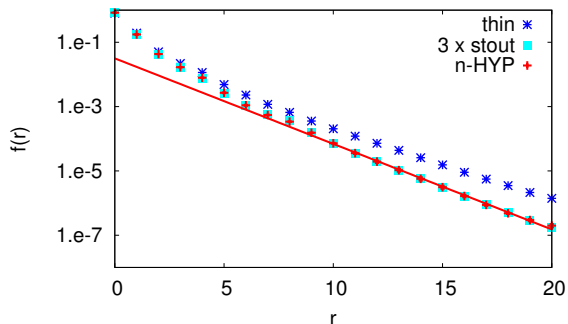
Hernandez, Jansen, Lüscher '99

$$\psi = D_{ov}\eta \quad \text{with} \quad \eta(x) = \delta_{x,x_0}$$

$$f(r) = \max\{\|\psi(x)\| : \text{dist}(x, x_0) = r\}$$

Overlap: Locality

If local: $f(r) \propto e^{-\nu r}$ for large r



smearing	ν
thin	0.50(1)
1stout	0.58(1)
2stout	0.60(1)
3stout	0.61(1)
n-HYP	0.62(1)

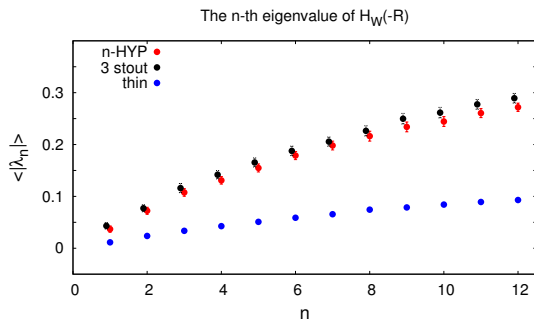
Any smearing improves locality equally well.

Overlap: Cost

$$D_{ov} = R[1 + \gamma_5 \text{sign}(H_W(-R))]$$

$$\text{sign}H_W \approx \sum_{\lambda} \text{sign}\lambda P_{\lambda} + (1 - \sum_{\lambda} P_{\lambda}) \text{sign}_{\text{app}}H_W$$

- ▶ lower eigenmode density of $H_W(-R)$
⇒ easier to approximate sign function; lower cost
- ▶ n-HYP as good as $3\times$ stout at $6\rho = 0.9$



Overlap: Cost II

	$\langle \lambda_1 \rangle$	$\langle \lambda_{12} \rangle$	rel. cost of D_{ov}
thin	0.011(2)	0.093(3)	1
1stout	0.019(3)	0.156(5)	0.59
2stout	0.031(5)	0.217(6)	0.43
3stout	0.043(6)	0.289(9)	0.29
n-HYP	0.037(6)	0.272(8)	0.32

Conclusions I

- ▶ smeared links can greatly reduce the cost of chiral fermion simulations
- ▶ **Danger:** too much smearing can introduce large cut-off effects
- ▶ stay as local as possible
- ▶ HYP smearing improves scaling in quenched
⇒ use in dynamical too
- ▶ no negative effect on auto-correlation times expected

Conclusions II

- ▶ no parameter tuning required
- ▶ as efficient as $3\times$ stout at $6\rho = 0.9$
- ▶ computational overhead small, even for clover Wilson
- ▶ clover Wilson stable at $a = 0.13\text{fm}$, $m_{PS}/m_V=0.6$
- ▶ next: smaller quark mass, larger volume, dynamical overlap
- ▶ More details in
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