Multigrid in HMC: A Progress Report

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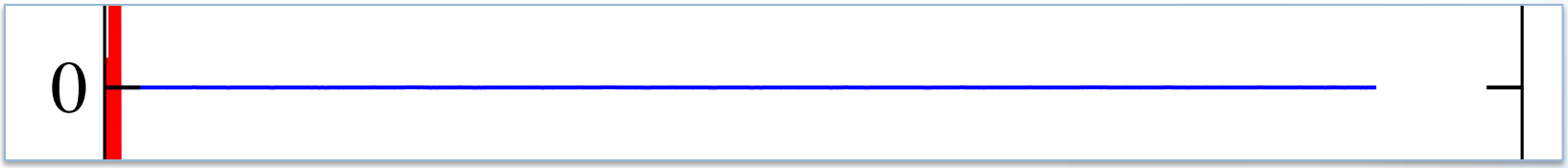
A brief history

- The project started in the winter of 2012 at Boston University with Rich Brower.
- Continued at Argonne from April 2013 with James Osborn.
- Then I got my current job at BNL in October 2013…

- Since then, the progress looks like this:



- So the results are very preliminary.
- But they look quite promising.

Outline

- A brief review of the Hybrid Monte Carlo algorithm
- Why Multigrid in HMC and Difficulties
- Implementation Strategy
- Preliminary Results with unimproved Wilson Fermions
- Future Improvements

Hybrid Monte Carlo Algorithm

- Introduce fictitious conjugate momenta $\pi_\mu(x)$ and construct a Hamiltonian

$$H = \frac{1}{2}\pi^2 + S_{pf} + S_g,$$

where $\pi^2 = \sum_{x,\mu} \mathrm{Tr}\pi_\mu^2(x)$.

- Update the gauge links and conjugate momenta with the Hamiltonian equations of motion:

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{U}_\mu(x) &= iU_\mu(x)\pi_\mu(x), \\ \dot{\pi}_\mu(x) &= -i\left[U_\mu(x)\frac{\partial S_{eff}}{\partial U_\mu(x)}\right]_{TA} \equiv -i\left[F_\mu(x)\right]_{TA}, \end{aligned}$$

with $S_{eff} = S_{pf}[\phi, \phi^\dagger] + S_g[U]$

Force term: includes gauge and fermion parts

Pseudofermion action $S_{pf} = \phi^\dagger D^{-1}\phi$

- Accept/reject at the end of a molecular dynamics trajectory -> Metropolis step.

Workflow in HMC

1. Heatbath for the conjugate momentum according to the distribution:

$$P[\pi] \propto \exp(-\pi^2/2)$$

2. Generate Gaussian noise with $P[\eta] \propto \exp(-\eta^2/2)$, and set $\phi = D^\dagger \eta$;

3. Update the momenta and the gauge links according to the Hamiltonian equations of motion shown previously for n steps with a step size δτ ➔ trajectory length τ = n δτ.

4. Accept the new gauge configuration if $\exp(-\Delta H) > 1$

5. Otherwise, accept the new gauge configuration with the probability of $\exp(-\Delta H)$.

Note: We want to keep the change in Hamiltonian small so that the acceptance rate is reasonably high, so it is important to keep the forces small or use small step sizes.

Matrix Inversions in HMC

- The Hasenbusch-style pseudofermion action can be generally written as

$$\begin{aligned} S_F[U,\{\phi_i^\dagger,\phi_i\}] &= \phi_0^\dagger \left([W_1^{-1}\hat{M}][W_1^{-1}\hat{M}]^\dagger\right)^{-1}\phi_0 \\ &+\sum_{i=1}^{n-1}\phi_i^\dagger\left([W_{i+1}^{-1}W_i][W_{i+1}^{-1}W_i]^\dagger\right)^{-1}\phi_i \\ &+\phi_n^\dagger(W_nW_n^\dagger)^{-1}\phi_n \end{aligned}$$

where $\hat{M}$ is the original even-odd preconditioned fermion matrix, and W_i's are the Hasenbusch-preconditioned matrices with heavier masses.

- For each pseudofermion field, a random vector η_i is generated. To set up the pseudofermion fields, we need to do the following:

$$\begin{aligned} \eta_0 &= (W_1^{-1}\hat{M})^{-1}\phi_0 \rightarrow \phi_0 = W_1^{-1}\hat{M}\eta_0, \\ \eta_i &= (W_{i+1}^{-1})^{-1}W_i\phi_i \rightarrow \phi_i = W_{i+1}^{-1}W_i\eta_i, \quad i=1,n-1, \\ \eta_n &= W_n^{-1}\phi_n \rightarrow \phi_n = W_n\eta_n. \end{aligned}$$

So for n Hasenbusch mass preconditioners, the setup will require n matrix inversions.

Matrix Inversions in HMC (cont'd)

- We also need to calculate the initial and final Hamiltonian before/after the Molecular Dynamics update. The fermionic part will require the following inversions:

$$\begin{aligned} \chi_0 &= \hat{M}^{-1}(W_1\phi_0) \\ \chi_i &= W_i^{-1}(W_{i+1}\phi_i) \\ \chi_n &= W_n^{-1}\phi_n \end{aligned}$$

- The fermionic contribution to the Hamiltonian is given by $S_F = \sum_{i=0}^{n} \chi_i^\dagger \chi_i$

- The most expensive part of the HMC comes from the fermionic force term calculation.

$$F_\mu(x) = -\left[\frac{\delta S_F[U,\phi,\phi^\dagger]}{\delta U_\mu(x)}\right]^T$$

- At each step, we need to evaluate (without Hasenbusch terms)

$$\delta S_F = -\left(Q^{-1}\phi\right)^\dagger \left[(\delta\hat{M})\hat{M}^\dagger + \hat{M}(\delta\hat{M}^\dagger)\right](Q^{-1}\phi)$$

with $Q = \hat{M}\hat{M}^\dagger$

Force calculations in HMC

- With Hasenbusch terms (dropping the hats on matrices), for each "ratio"

$$\begin{aligned} \delta S_{MP} &= Y^\dagger \delta W \phi - Y^\dagger \delta(MM^\dagger) Y + \phi^\dagger \delta W^\dagger Y, \\ Y &= (MM^\dagger)^{-1}(W\phi) \end{aligned}$$

- Note: for Wilson fermions, we can rewrite the above as

$$\delta S_{MP} = -Y^\dagger \delta M \left(M^\dagger Y - \frac{\tilde{\kappa}^2}{\kappa^2}\phi \right) + h.c.$$

So when $\tilde{\kappa}$ is chosen to be relatively close to κ, δS_{MP} will be small, allowing for larger step sizes.

- The core of the force calculations in HMC is solving

$$\boxed{MM^\dagger X = \phi}$$

Why Multigrid?

- HMC in Lattice QCD suffers from critical slowing down in several aspects:
  1. The condition number of normal operator $MM^\dagger$ becomes worse as the quark mass goes to the chiral limit, increasing the cost of inversions.
  2. The contribution to the fermion force becomes larger as the quark mass is decreased, requiring smaller step sizes and hence more integration steps and more inversions.
  3. Autocorrelation time becomes longer, requiring more trajectories in an ensemble and thus more inversions.

- The cost of HMC increases dramatically as we go to the physical limit (physical quark mass, infinite volume and continuum limit).

- Multigrid (MG) proven 10x+ more efficient than Krylov solvers such as CG and BiCGStab in the quark propagator calculations.

- It is natural to try to apply MG in HMC.

Multigrid Performance

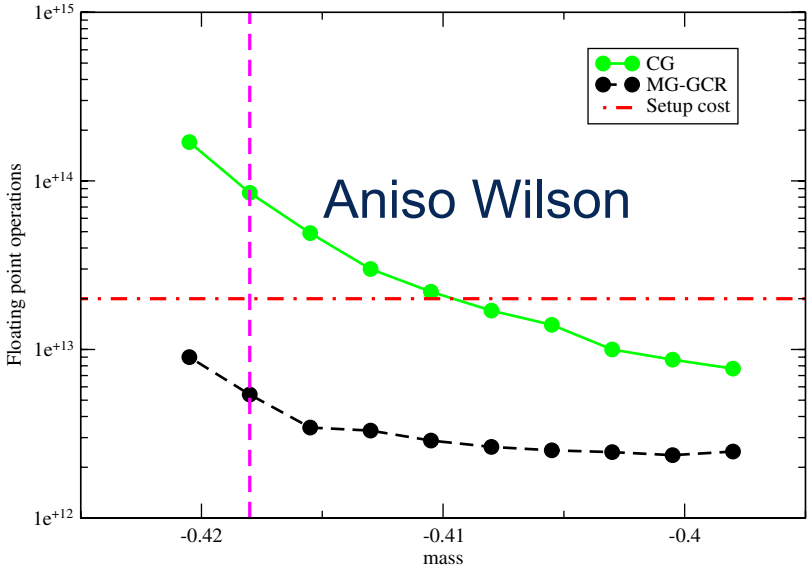


FIG. 2 (color online). Number of floating point operations required to reach convergence for CG and MG-GCR on the $V = 32^3 \times 96$ lattice (parameters given in Fig. 1). The horizontal line indicates the number of floating point operations of the MG setup.

Babich et al 2010

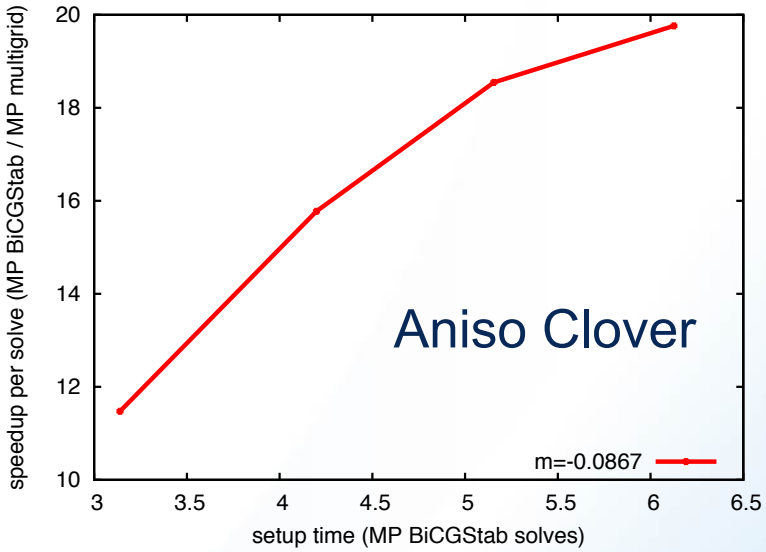


Figure 3: Speedup of multigrid solver relative to BiCGStab versus setup time at the physical quark mass.

Osborn et al 2010

- MG setup cost is several times of a BiCGStab solve.
- Must be able to reuse the setup to have performance gain. This is achieved in the propagator calculations by computing several sources per lattice.

Challenges for MG-HMC

- **Gauge fields are updated at every integration step. If we follow the same recipe as in the quark propagator calculations, we will spend way too much time doing the setup, defeating the purpose of MG.**

➢ Need to reduce the setup cost, or cleverly reuse the setup.

- **MG is more effective for lighter masses. With Hasenbusch mass preconditioning, the number of light quark solves has reduced dramatically. MG-HMC needs to be able to compete with the modern well-tuned HMC algorithms.**

➢ Need to be able to do efficient light-quark solves without much setup cost for many integration steps.

➢ Need to speed up the heavy-quark solves as well.

➢ Used on top of Hasenbusch preconditioning, it may help us gain additional factors.

Our Implementation Strategies

- Gauge field gets updated after every solve in HMC, but is highly correlated.
- The same setup may be able to be reused for several integration steps and even several trajectories if tuned well.

- Setup is done at the light dynamical mass at beginning of a trajectory.
- Reused in subsequent integration steps and/or MD trajectories until gain is lost
- Refresh the setup when **(subsequent trajectory time > setup time + 1st traj. time)**

- Use Wilson/Clover MG solver available in qopqdp. HMC integration done in FUEL.
  - MG solver implemented for $MX = \phi$
  - Do a two-step solve for $MM^\dagger X = \phi$
    - First solve $M^\dagger Y = \phi$
    - Then solve $MX = Y$

FUEL

- Lua wrapper over qopqdp.
- Scripting language without the need to recompile for every new algorithm we test.

- Supports most common gauge actions.
- Supports full staggered, Wilson.
- Supports clover solver (no force term yet).

- Arbitrary Nc, Nf; fundamental representation only.
- Nc can be set at compile time or runtime.

```
require 'Lattice'
require 'Action'
require 'Evolver'

-- set a lattice geometry
L = Lattice{4,4,4,8}

-- set a random number seed
L:Seed(987654321)

-- define the gauge group. SU(3) here.
G = L:GaugeField{group="SU",nc=3}

-- set the gauge links to unity
G:Set("unit")

-- or load an existing lattice
-- G:Load("lattice")

-- set the gauge action and coupling
GA = Action{kind="gauge",style="plaquette",beta=6,field=G}

-- get the conjugate momentum
M = G:Momentum()
MA = Action{kind="momentum",momentum=M}

-- set the HMC integrator
I = Evolver{kind="md",
            style="leapfrog",
            action=GA,
            field=G,
            momentum=M,
            tau=1,
            nSteps=40}

-- start the MC Markov chain
E = Evolver{kind="mc",
            markov=I,
            actions={MA,GA},
            fields={G}}

printf("action: %g\n", GA:Action())
E:Run()
printf("action: %g\n", GA:Action())
myprint(E.oldActions,"\n")
myprint(E.newActions,"\n")
myprint(E.mcRand,"\n")
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MG Solver in qopqdp

1. Calculate the near-null vectors
   - Determine a set of N near-null vectors by applying an iterative solver to random vectors

$$Mv_n = \eta_n, \quad n = 1 \ldots N$$

2. Fine-level pre-smoothing
3. Restriction to construct the coarse operator.
4. Coarse-level solve.
5. Prolongation to fine level.
6. Fine-level post-smoothing.
7. Apply GCR outer solver.

MG-HMC Tests

- Starting from existing thermalized anisotropic 2-flavor Wilson lattices. (Bulava et al. 2009)
- Apples-to-apples comparison: use the same HMC setup. Simply replace the original solver with MG solver. Has one Hasenbusch mass term.
- Pion mass ~ 420 MeV. Tested on two lattice volumes.
- Run on 32 BG/Q nodes with 32 MPI processes/node at ALCF.

m_l = -0.4125, m_H = -0.374

Volume	ξ_0	ν	ξ_{MD}	$\tau^{[\star]}$	n_l	n_H	n_G	stop. cond.
$24^3 \times 64$	2.38	1	2.4	0.707	10	40	240	1e-8

Volume	ξ_0	ν	ξ_{MD}	$\tau^{[\star]}$	n_l	n_H	n_G	stop. cond.
$32^3 \times 96$	2.38	1	2.4	0.707	10	60	360	1e-8

MG-HMC Parameter Tuning

$24^3 \times 64$

MG parameters	Run 1	Run 2	Run 3	Run 4	Run 5 [nvecs=16]
setup_res.	0.4	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.5
cres	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.3
setup_change_fac	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.4
npre	5	5	4	0	5
npost	9	9	9	5	9
scale	1	0	0.2	1	1
Setup Time [secs]	49	61	43	65	29
Traj. 1 Time [secs]	160	575	308	152	162
Traj. 2 Time [secs]	182	672	376	214	176
Traj. 3 Time [secs]	201	686	409	282	192
Traj. 4 Time [secs]	222	681	427	344	208

- Many parameters to tune.
- Fixed nvecs = 24 in Run 1-4, and 16 in Run 5.
- Scanned other parameters to find the best set.

Tuning for MG-HMC

$24^3 \times 64$

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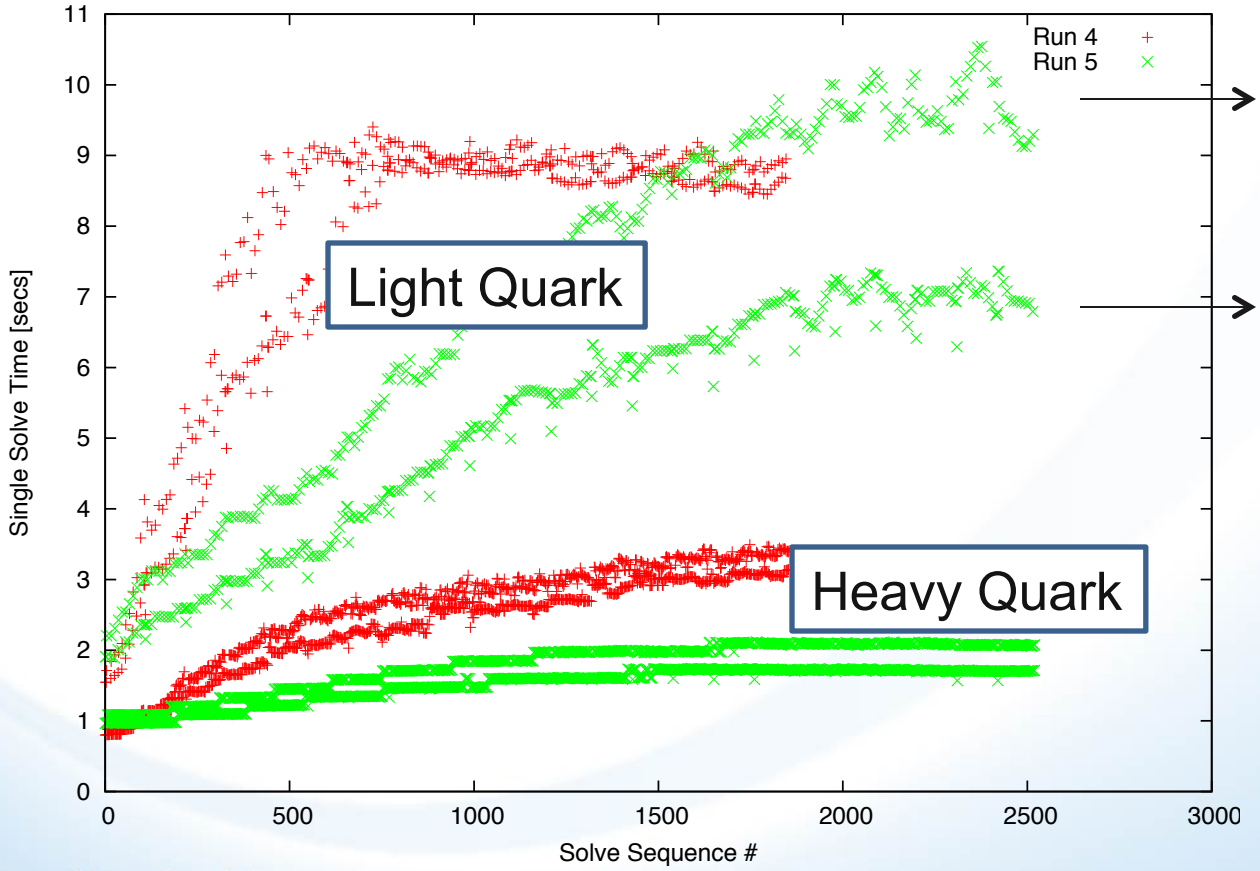
- Run 4 has the best time for first trajectory, but deteriorates quickly
- Run 5 has the best overall performance.
- Same setup can be used for 3 trajectories.

An Optimization Problem

- If the setup is tuned too well for the first solve, subsequent solves get worse quickly.
- If it is not tuned well, overall gain is small.
- It is tricky to find the sweet spot.



$MX = Y$

$M^\dagger Y = \phi$

MG-HMC Performance

24^3x64, time averaged over 20 trajectories

Solver	Light Solve [secs]	Heavy Solve [secs]	Trajectory Time [secs]
CG	176	121	326
BiCGStab	111	99	239
MG	61	91	187

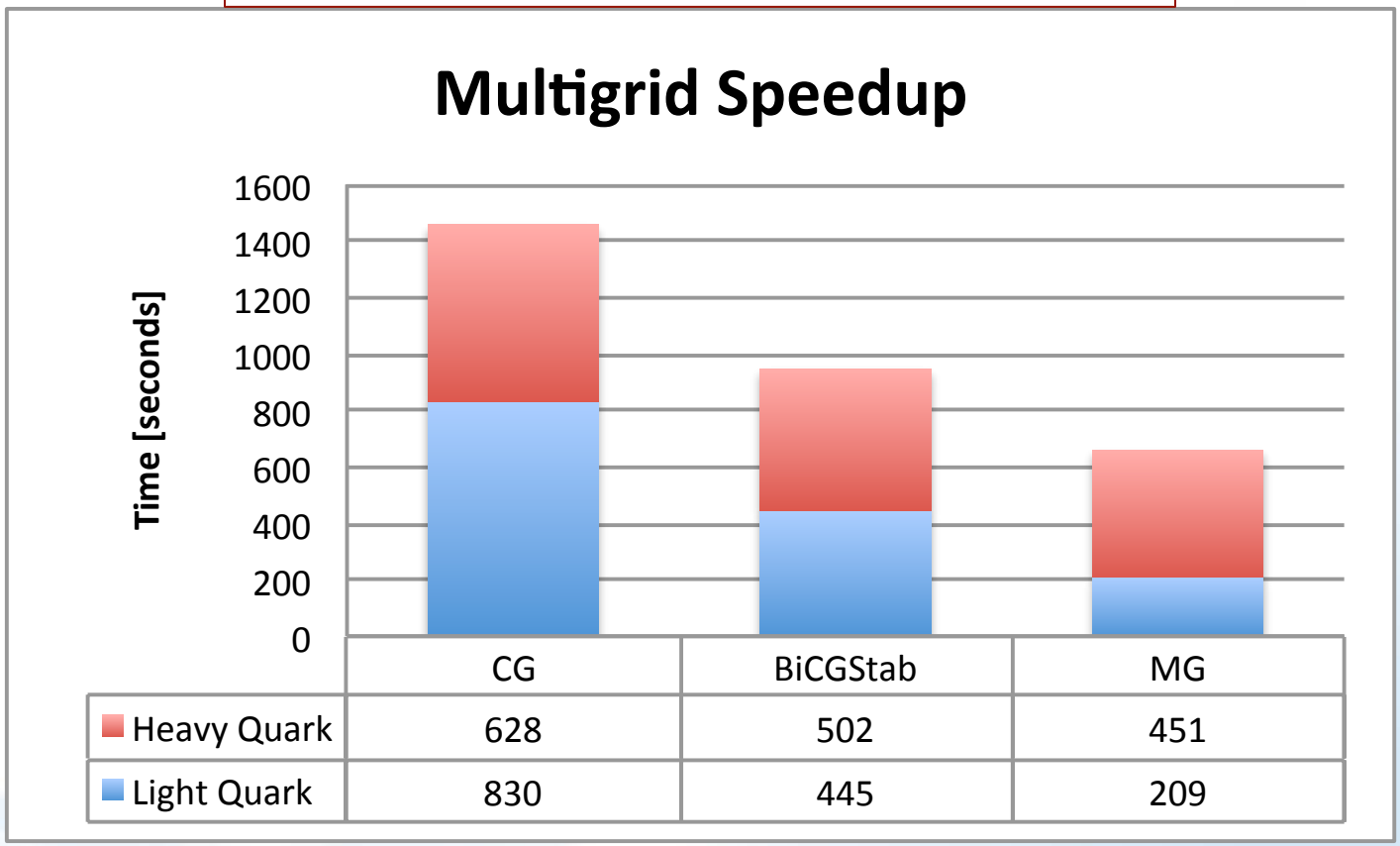
32^3x96, time averaged over 3-8 trajectories

Solver	Light Solve [secs]	Heavy Solve [secs]	Trajectory Time [secs]
CG	830	628	1596
BiCGStab	445	502	1086
MG	209	451	822

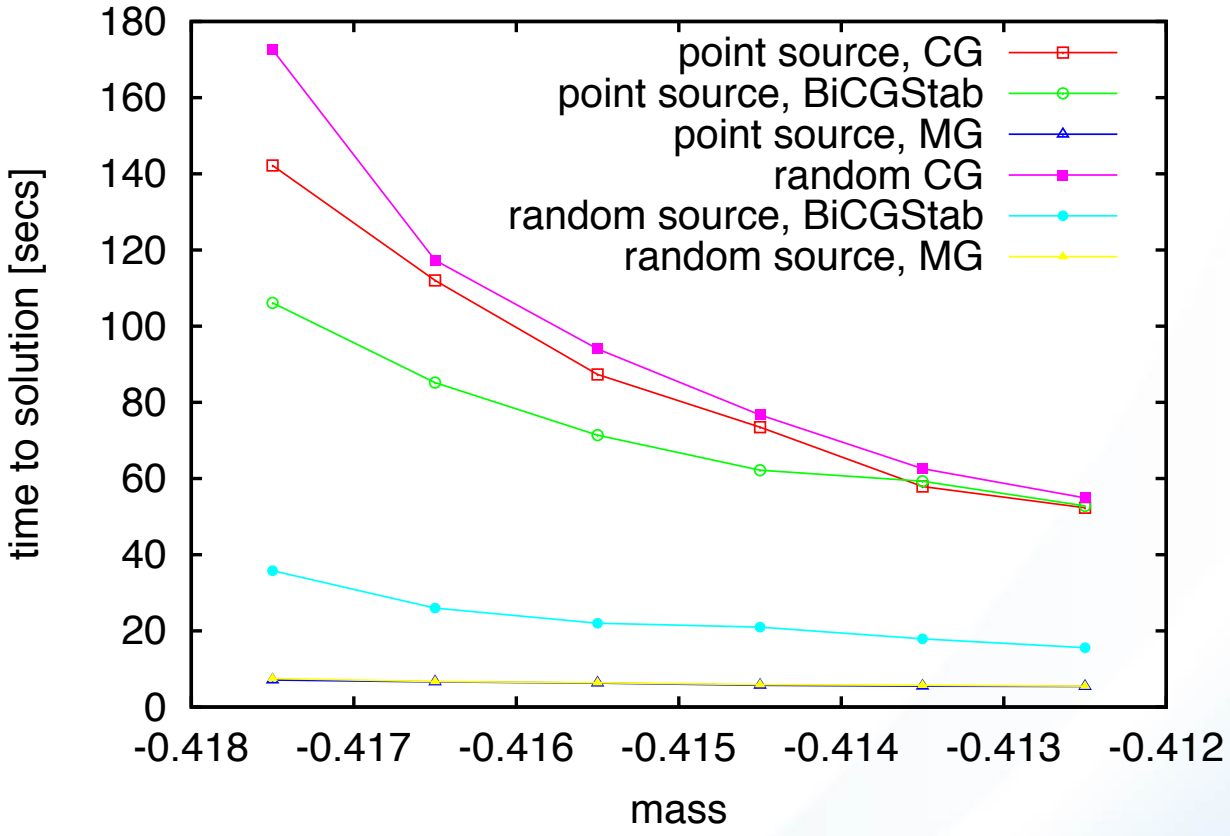
- Light solve: MG is 2x faster than BiCGStab, 3-4x faster than CG
- Speedup per trajectory not as big
- Bottleneck is heavy solves → Can rebalance HMC

MG-HMC Speedup

$32^3 \times 96$
420 MeV pion
Wilson fermions



Dependence on Source Vector



- Source vectors have little effect on CG or MG.
- BiCGStab converges much faster for a random source vector.

Reversibility

- Will reusing the setup affect reversibility?
- No sign so far, but more tests are needed.

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==With MG==
Sold: 22721701.88   Srev: 22721701.88   dS: 1.329928637e-06
Sold: 22725067.11   Srev: 22725067.11   dS: -0.001061491668
Sold: 22713290.68   Srev: 22713290.68   dS: 0.0005583688617
Sold: 22721697.35   Srev: 22721697.35   dS: -0.0001310259104
Sold: 22724432.14   Srev: 22724432.14   dS: -0.0001665465534

==Without MG (BiCGStab)==
Sold: 22721701.88   Srev: 22721701.88   dS: 0.0003642588854
Sold: 22725067.1    Srev: 22725067.1    dS: -0.0002857670188
Sold: 22713290.69   Srev: 22713290.69   dS: -0.0004257671535
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Sold: 22724432.15   Srev: 22724432.15   dS: -0.0003919377923
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Future Improvements

- Implement it for clover fermions. ➔ Needs the clover force term.
- Test with lighter masses and larger lattices. Ultimately that's where MG will help the most.
- Reduce setup cost:
  - Subsequent setups may be able to start from the previous null vectors to save time in the calculation of null vectors.
- Investigate more MG levels.

Conclusions

- With proper tuning, MG can further speed up the modern well-tuned HMC algorithms.
- Initial tests on anisotropic 2-flavor Wilson lattices with a pion mass of 420 MeV show that the speedup with MG-HMC compared to Hasenbusch-preconditioned HMC can be 2X.
- More tests with lighter masses on larger lattices are needed.
- ➢ MG parameters auto-tuning?