Stabilised Wilson Fermions in Action

- An overview of recent developments

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Challenges and opportunities in Lattice QCD simulations and related fields RIKEN R-CCS workshop

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Lattice QCD for HEP - non-perturbative precision inputs

(Next-gen) experiments continue to probe nature with higher and higher precision

- $\circ~$ Tensions with SM at few- $\sigma~$ level
- $\circ~$ Understanding QCD uncertainties is key
- Lattice provides tool towards QCD without approximations

Lattice community is ...

- entering a new precision era for simple systems and "standard" observales (e.g. \alpha_s and decay constants).
- tackling more complicated systems with heightened confidence (e.g. resonances and exotic hadrons)
- expanding towards reliable results for (inclusive) decay rates and nuclear matrix elements.

In the following:

- $\circ\,$ Focus on technical work for the next level of precision
- $\circ~$ Status updates up to Lattice'22 ~

Disclaimer: Will not talk about physics results per se.



Lattice QCD - ab initio approach using supercomputers

Discretise QCD on space-time grid

- Lagrangian approach
- Consistent at all energies
- \circ Euclidean signature ($t \rightarrow it$)
- Efficient parallelisation



figure from: P. Shanahan, '18

Connection to physics

- \circ renormalisation Z_{NP}
- \circ chiral/phys.point limit $m_{\pi}
 ightarrow m_{ extsf{phys}}$
- $\circ~$ volume limit $L \rightarrow \infty$
- \circ continuum limit $a \rightarrow 0$

Spectrum from Euclidean correlation functions

$$\begin{split} G_{\mathcal{O}_1\mathcal{O}_2}(t) &= \langle \mathcal{O}_1\mathcal{O}_2^{\dagger} \rangle \stackrel{e.g.}{=} \langle 0 | \bar{q} \Gamma q' \ (\bar{q} \Gamma q')^{\dagger} | 0 \rangle \\ \text{or} \quad \langle \pi | \bar{q} \Gamma q \ \bar{q}' \Gamma q' | \pi \rangle \end{split}$$

(1.)
$$\rightsquigarrow \sum_{i} \frac{\langle 0|\mathcal{O}_{1}|n\rangle\langle n|\mathcal{O}_{2}|0\rangle}{2m_{i}} e^{-m_{i}t}$$

◦ $t \gg$: $m_i = m_0$, $f_i \simeq \langle 0 | O_i | n \rangle$ ◦ interpolating operator GEVP for multiple m_i ◦ F.Vol. quantisation for scattering phase shifts

(2.)
$$\rightsquigarrow \int d\omega \rho(\omega) K(\omega, t) , \rho(\omega) \stackrel{e.g.}{=} R$$
-ratio

o inverse transform: (numerically) ill-posed

Systematic effects to control

- \Rightarrow o cut-off $\mathcal{O}(a, a^2)$
 - heavy quarks $\mathcal{O}(aM_Q)$
 - finite volume effects $\mathcal{O}(m_{\pi}L)$

Gauge field configurations - the engine to progress

Successes have been possible due to:

- Improved theoretical tools and understanding.
- Gauge configurations that enable controlled extrapolations and error estimates for:
 - chiral / quark mass effects
 - $\circ~$ finite size /~ volume effects
 - $\circ~$ discretisation effects and continuum limit



- Generating configurations is done via Markov-Chain Monte Carlo:
 - Samples are checkpoints in the MC time history of the Markov-Chain
 - Number of samples affects the *uncertainty* of observables (statistics error)
 - Observables are correlated and autocorrelations have to be controlled

The quality of the set of configurations drives the accessible precision.

Ensembles dictate research we can and cannot do

- $\circ\,$ "New physics": With a good set of configurations more research areas open up.
- $\circ~$ Indeed: Often not having the required ensembles is the main road-block.

An impactful example - the anomalous magnetic moment of the muon

The *g*-factor: muon spin precesses around an external \vec{B} field. The strength of this magnetic moment is $\vec{\mu} = g \frac{e}{2m} \vec{S}$ (class.mech.: g = 1, quant.mech.: g = 2 [Dirac])

- $a_{\mu} = \frac{g-2}{2}$ is sensitive to all particle interactions
- Precision measurements make further particle interactions visible. **SM test and probe for new physics!**
- Today: 4.20 discrepancy between a_{μ} exp. vs. pheno.



• In Nature 593 (2021) the BMW collaboration published a lattice result for the hadronic (=most uncertain) contribution a_{μ}^{HLO} whose accuracy rivals that of current phenomenological estimates.



Success has been possible due to:

- Improved theoretical tools, notably the TMR and bounding methods [Bernecker, Meyer ('11); AF et al. ('13); Feng et al. ('13)], [Lehner ('16); Borsyani et al. ('17)]
- BMW has gathered a large set of *(staggered)* configurations at physical quark masses, with large volumes and many lattice spacings.

With a good set of configurations precision becomes accessible.

- g-2: Example where continuum limit is (now) the main difficulty
- Spacing window: Commonly $0.05 \lesssim a \lesssim 0.15$ fm

(some exceptions, but not many)

• Solution: Generate and make available more ensembles at finer lattice spacings and at physical quark masses. ~~ Revitalisation of the ILDG, see plenary by Frithjof Karsch, Lattice'22

But:

(1.) Discretisation effects:

(2.) Stability issues:

 $m_{\pi} \rightarrow m_{\pi}^{\text{phys}}$ increases numerical problems associated with generation as fluctuations go with $\mathcal{O}(1/m_{\pi}, a)$.

- Often addressed by smearing in the action. However: Not a silver bullet.

 \leadsto see parallel by Andreas Rish, Lattice'22

- Possible extra discretisation effects from dominating length scale of observable.

(3.) Critical slowing down:

 $\tau_Q\uparrow$ increases such that updating becomes unrealistic.

- As [a] \downarrow the tunneling probability to a new topological sector drops. The topology freezes and induces $\sim Q/V$ contamination of observables!

Simulation bounds - accessible parameter window



- Cost bound on finest [a] due to lower bound V constraints. (L=3 fm and $m_{\pi}L \sim 4$ hard to fulfil)
- Cost bound on largest V. ($m_{\pi}L \ge 6$ hard to reach)
- Algorithmic bound on lightest m_{π} at given [a]. (Coarse [a] = hard to go light)
- "Topology" bound on finest [a]. (Topology freezes \rightarrow autocorrelation explodes, esp. important for cont.lim)

 \leadsto some dependence on action for these statements.

Conceptual research in algorithms intensified - especially for topological freezing

- ML for gauge generation? Trivialising map? ~ see this Workshop, esp. Nobuyuki Matsumoto
- Metadynamics? Modify detailed balance?
- Master-field simulations? Defrosting through ultra-cold, long-T lattices?

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 \leadsto see e.g. Joao Pinto Barros, Lattice'22

Topology freezing - simulations with open boundary conditions

Open boundary conditions in time are one way to approach topology freezing:



Replace anti-periodic boundary conditions in time
 Topology can now flow in/out in the T-direction
 But: Boundary effects affect measurements

Price: loss of time translation invariance (and T > 0 sims plus clear definition of Q)



- In principle, OBC's solve the freezing problem.
- $\circ~$ In practice, measurements only in the central region.
- There topology evolves more slowly and some observables can still be affected. (will see one later on)

At the same time:

- Calculations in hadron spectroscopy rely (heavily) on translational invariance to increase statistical precision.
- Losing translational invariance can seem a high price.

(especially on the analysis side for some obs.)

One continued motivation: Find solutions without losing time translation invariance.

Stabilised Wilson Fermions









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Wilson-Clover fermions - an attractive setup with its drawbacks

• Wilson-Clover fermions are popular in the community \sim @Lattice'21: O(120) WCF, O(70) STG, O(40) DWF, O(20) TMW - [dynamical]

• They are conceptually clear, with many advanced methods available, relatively cheap, and pose little restrictions on what observables can be computed.

• Together with a rigorous improvement program they can also be made $O(a^2)$.

There are also some drawbacks:

- without automatic O(a) improvement observables often
 - o require finer a or extra investment to implement improvement
 - have to deal with autocorrelations in gauge generation (as others).
 → topology freezing problems
- without chiral symmetry the lowest DEV is not protected
 - exceptionally low values possible
 - \circ problem especially when *a*=coarse or *m*_{\pi}=light or *L*_V=small
- in general for all actions errors can accumulate during gauge generation
 - $\circ~$ large fluctuations have the potential to increase autocorrelation times
 - $\circ\,$ precision losses possible through global volume sums and integration errors

Action and algorithms - a toolkit for more stability

Stabilis	ed Wilson fermions (SWF)	AF, Fritzsch, I	üscher, Rago ('19)					
SMD = :	stochastic molecular dynamics	\rightsquigarrow (algorithm between HMC and Langevin)						
 SMD decreases fluctuations and makes for a generally more stable run SMD algorithm shows net gain in reduced autocorrelations at same cost increase precision of internal numbers to quad use supremum-norm to ensure minimum solve guality 								
Fermion discretisation:								
 exponentiated Clover action bound from below and guaranteed invertibility for Clover term indication of scaling benefits 								

SWF toolkit implemented from openQCD-2.0 onwards

These go on top of the measures already deployed:

- twisted mass reweighting for light quarks
- mass preconditioning through Hasenbusch chains
- using improved solvers (for us: deflated SAP solver)
- high accuracy approximations for the strange quark RHMC

 \rightsquigarrow Combine all for the best, i.e. most stable in our experience, results.

Note, that SWF preserve the PT-expansion, particularly important for renormalisation, and the change to the action is local only.

Actions and algorithms - algorithmic ingredients of SWF

Three ingredients to improve stability of MD evolution:



In usual HMC:

- o possible jumps in phase space trajectory, e.g. from accumulated integration errors.
- o re-thermalisation necessary, can lead to extended autocorrelation times.

Alternative approach: stochastic molecular dynamics (SMD)

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*Horowitz et al. ('85, '86, '91), Jansen et al. ('95)
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1.	Refresh $\pi(x, \mu)$ and $\phi(x)$ by a random field rotation:	$\pi ightarrow c_1 \pi + c_2 v$
		$\phi \rightarrow c_1 \phi + c_2 D^{\dagger} \eta$
		(v and η normal distributed)
	$c_1^2 + c_2^2 = 1$, $c_1 = e^{-\epsilon \gamma}$, $\epsilon = MD$ integration time,	$\gamma = $ friction parameter
2.	short MD evolution	
3.	Accept/Reject-step	(algorithm exact)
4	Repeat (1)	()

 \circ exact algorithm, coincides with HMC (for $\epsilon =$ fixed, $\gamma =$ large)

- $\circ~$ shown to be ergodic for small ϵ
- $\circ~$ effective reduction of unbounded energy violations $|\delta {\it H}| \gg 1$
- o shorter autocorrelation times compensate longer time per MDU

Actions and algorithms - algorithmic ingredients of SWF

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Actions and algorithms - algorithmic ingredients of SWF

Three ingredients to improve stability of MD evolution:

2. Use a volume-independent norm for solver stopping criterion

$$\begin{split} \|\eta - D\tilde{\psi}\|_2 &\leq w \|\eta\|_2, \quad \|\eta\|_2 = \left(\sum_x (\eta(x), \eta(x))\right)^{1/2} \propto \sqrt{V} \\ \text{uniform norm:} \quad \|\eta\|_{\infty} &= \sup_x \|\eta\|_2, \text{ V-independent} \end{split}$$

- o norm guarantees the quality of a given solve
- gives insurance against precision losses from local effects in large but also traditional volumes

3. Use quadruple precision in global sums

For the global accept/reject step $\delta H \propto \epsilon^P \sqrt{V}$. This can lead to accumulation errors for global sums. Quadruple precision remedies this

Actions and algorithms - action ingredient of SWF

Improve aspects of the fermion discretisation:

 \rightarrow This marks a departure from the standard WCF setup and defines a new action.

The Wilson-Clover action reads:

Wilson term Clover term
$$D = \frac{1}{2} \left[\gamma_{\mu} \left(\nabla^{*}_{\mu} + \nabla_{\mu} - a \nabla^{*}_{\mu} \nabla_{\mu} \right) \right] + m_{0} + \frac{c_{SW} i}{4} \sigma_{\mu\nu} \hat{F}_{\mu\nu}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{ unbounded below} \Rightarrow \text{ unbounded below}$$

Typically one next classifies the lattice points as even/odd and writes the preconditioned form, $\hat{D} = D_{ee} - D_{eo}(D_{oo})^{-1}D_{oe}$ with diagonal part ($M_0 = 4 + m_0$):

$$D_{ee}+D_{oo}=M_0+c_{SW}rac{i}{4}\sigma_{\mu
u}\hat{F}_{\mu
u}$$
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Clover term can saturate $\|\frac{i}{4}\sigma_{\mu\nu}\hat{f}_{\mu\nu}\|_2 \leq 3$ while $c_{sw} \geq 1$ and rising with g_0^2 . \rightarrow Dirac operator is not protected from arbitrarily small eigenvalues

Solution: Define a bounded-from-below Clover term

$$D_{ee} + D_{oo} = M_0 + c_{SW} \frac{i}{4} \sigma_{\mu\nu} \hat{F}_{\mu\nu} \rightarrow M_0 \exp\left[\frac{c_{SW}}{M_0} \frac{i}{4} \sigma_{\mu\nu} \hat{F}_{\mu\nu}\right]$$

- $\circ~$ local change of action
- o valid in terms of Symanzik improvement
- o guarantees invertibility of the Clover

SWF simulations - the initial, dynamical results



SWF and OpenLat



Antonio Andrea André Savvas Rago Shindler Walker-Loud Zafeiropoulos PoS LATTICE2022 (2023) 074, [2212.11048] PoS LATTICE2022 (2023) 203, [2212.10138] PoS LATTICE2022 (2023) 426, [2212.07314] PoS LATTICE2021 (2022) 118, [2201.03874]

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Initial successes - prompted us to do more ...



Our aim is to generate state-of-the-art QCD gauge ensembles for physics applications and to share them with the community to strengthen open science. Policies and info: https://openlat1.gitlab.io



→ Phase 1: 500+ configurations at $SU(3)_F$ points. Status: complete. → Phase 2: add $m_\pi = 300$, 200 MeV. Status: production. → Phase 3: add $m_\pi = 145$ MeV. Status: tuning. Criteria that have to be fulfilled by a chain of configurations:

- $\phi_4 = 8t_0(m_K^2 + m_\pi^2/2) = 1.115$ within 0.5%, with an error of max. 1σ .
- The total reweighting factor fluctuations are mild, and ideally below 5%.
- The SMD step distance $\delta \tau$ maximises the backtracking period.
- The distribution of δH matches the one set by the acceptance rate.
- The distribution of the lowest $\sqrt{D^{\dagger}D}$ eigenvalue is well-behaved & gapped.
- The distribution of the lower and upper bounds of the spectral gap for the strange quark are within the input ranges, and the degree of the Zolotarev is sufficiently high, $12(V/2)\delta^2 < 10^{-4}$.
- There is no significant loss of precision caused by unbalanced contributions to the total action that might drive instabilities in the evolution.
- The distribution of the flowed topological charge is symmetric around zero with no signs of metastability.

Current resources and repository

- Running allocation of 300 Mch computing time*
- 22k configurations generated, 40k by end of 2023
- Total of **500 TB data** projected by end of 2023

*on Tier-O machines in US and EU.

SWF related talks at Lattice'22

- *AF; *John Bulava; *Giovanni Pederiva,
- *Rocco Francesco Basta, *Justus
- Kuhlmann, *Marco Cè, *Jeremy Green,
- *Fabian Joswig, *Patrick Fritzsch

Encouraging results - OpenLat and user projects

Publication plan:

- 1. Each completed phase is accompanied by a reference publication.
- 2. All configurations and metadata are made openly available. (OpenLat and ILDG)
- 3. No further embargo time.
- · Users may obtain access to the configurations of ongoing stages.
- User-access is granted on a case-by-case basis.

Current user projects: multi-nucleons (BaSc), nEDM, T > 0, hadronic decays (EDI)

 \rightarrow Simple and complex observable results becoming available at the same time.

• H-dibaryon at SU(3)_F point continuum limits with two actions - CLS and OpenLat

 Paving the way for ab initio nuclear physics inputs. ~ btw: no indication of deeply bound uuddss.
 ~ also: not all projects need physical pions to have an impact.



\rightarrow SWF continue to show benefits!



Status overview

- o SWF show signs of better behaved discretisation effects.
- o SWF designed with more stable/safe generation in mind:
 - \rightarrow remedy large-volume pathologies
 - \rightarrow choose algorithm that better controls "spikes"
- Expanded parameter window:

 \rightarrow up to $a = 0.1 \,\text{fm}$ with $m_{\pi} = 300 \,\text{MeV}$ for WCF(!) (also: first

(also: first hints at 200 MeV)

- User projects:
 - \rightarrow Simple and complicated observable results being presented already

But what about going to finer [a] and topology freezing?

Stochastic locality and master-field simulations



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Master-field simulations - a different way of looking at sampling

Among other ideas to address the topological freezing problem, one path has led to a new look at sampling:



Change our perspective of building $\langle ... \rangle$ via averages over MC time histories into one in which we understand the same process as a translational averaging over locally de-correlated regions $\langle\!\langle ... \rangle\!\rangle$:

$$\langle\!\langle O(x) \rangle\!\rangle = \frac{1}{V} \sum_{z} O(x+z), \quad \langle O(x) \rangle = \langle\!\langle O(x) \rangle\!\rangle + \mathcal{O}(V^{-1/2})$$

- *Extreme (N=1):* $\langle ... \rangle$ = averaging the local fluctuations in this one master-field.
- With large V the single value of Q becomes irrelevant as corrections are $\sim 1/V$ suppressed, while statistical uncertainties are $\sim 1/\sqrt{V}$.

~> arxiv[hep-lat/0302005], arxiv[0707.0396]

Stochastic locality - a feature of QCD

Translational averaging is possible due to stochastic locality.

→ M. Luscher, EPJ Web Conf. 175 (2018) 01002 [1707.09758]



- QCD gauge-invariant local fields at large physical separations are stochastically independent.
- $\circ~$ field distributions are the same everywhere (PBCs).
- $\circ~$ due to the short-range interaction and mass gap.
- \circ localisation range \sim pion length scale $\mathcal{O}(m_{\pi}^{-1})$.

Towards generating master-fields

*P. Fritzsch, Lattice'22.

 \circ N_f = 2 + 1 with m_{π} = 270MeV and m_{K} = 460MeV

$\beta/a[fm]/\phi_4$	L	Т	N _{cfg}	$m_{\pi}L$	<i>L</i> [fm]	cost (thermal.)(cfg.)
3.8/0.094/1.115	96	96	5	12.3	9.0	(3 + 0.2) Mch
	192	192	2	24.7	18.0	(45 + 9) Mch
4.0/0.064/1.117	144	144	-	12.6	9.2	(20 + 13) Mch

 \rightsquigarrow Generated using PRACE resources.

Hadronic observables - master-field errors and correlators

Translation average replaces the MC average and the variance becomes:

$$\sigma_{\langle\!\langle\bar{O}\rangle\!\rangle}^2(x) = \frac{1}{N} \sigma_{\langle\!\langle O\rangle\!\rangle}^2(x) = \frac{1}{V} \Big[\sum_{|y| \le R} \langle\!\langle \bar{O}(y)\bar{O}(0)\rangle\!\rangle_c + \mathcal{O}(e^{-mR}) + \mathcal{O}(V^{-1/2}) \Big]$$

In a hadron correlator, e.g. $G_{\Gamma_1\Gamma_2}(x,0) = [\bar{u}\Gamma_1d](x)[\bar{d}\Gamma_2u](0)$, the master-field error is given by the connected **four-point function**:

$$\left\langle \left[\langle\!\langle G(x,0) \rangle\!\rangle \langle G(x,0) \rangle\right]^2 \right\rangle = \frac{1}{V} \Big[\sum_{|y| \le R} \langle\!\langle C(x+y,y) C(x,0) \rangle\!\rangle_c + \mathcal{O}(e^{-mR}) + \mathcal{O}(V^{-1/2}) \Big]$$

 \rightsquigarrow y can be sampled and no all-to-all needed

- Also works in TMR as $\tilde{C}(x_0, \vec{p}) = \sum_{\vec{x}} e^{-i\vec{p}\vec{x}}C(x, 0)$. But: large footprint in space.
- Extract hadronic observables from position-space correlators?
- Would be more "in-line" with large volume, localisation idea too...
- Asymptotically:

$$\mathcal{C}_{PP}(x) o rac{|c_P|^2}{4\pi^2} rac{m_P^2}{|x|} \, \mathcal{K}_1(m_P|x|) \,, \ \ \mathcal{C}_{NN}(x) o rac{|c_N|^2}{4\pi^2} rac{m_N^2}{|x|} \left[\mathcal{K}_1(m_N|x|) + rac{
extrm{$ ilde{ extrm{k}}$}{|x|} \mathcal{K}_2(m_N|x|)
ight]$$

→ Note: axis/off-axis directions have different cut-off effects



Stochastic locality and the long-T approach



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The long-T approach - a master-field variation



MF regime is reached through scaling the volume, this is true in particular also via $L = L_{trad}, T \gg T_{trad} \rightarrow \text{long-T}$ approach

Motivations:

- $\circ~$ In MF position space very attractive but not optimal for all observables.
- $\circ\,$ For example in spectroscopy, we commonly exploit and use as tools:
 - sparseness of the spectrum, finite volume formalism where ideally $m_{\pi}L \in [4:6]$
 - translation invariance for boosting statistics, small volumes for EV evaluation

 \rightarrow especially important for distillation

long-T **approach:** aims to get the best of both worlds and to open a way towards finer a[fm] without giving up on current, advanced, spectroscopy methods.

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Can it be reached also in practice? Can it be used to study topology freezing effects?

Generating long-T configurations *on Irene Jolliot Curie of TPCC							
	$eta/a[{ m fm}]/\phi_4$	L	Т	N _{cfg}	BC's	Q	$V_{rel} = \frac{V}{V_{96}}$
	4.1/0.055/1.17	48	96	488	Р	1.3(2)	1
			384	101	Р	3.0(5)	4
			1152	94	Р	-8(1)	12
			2304	38	Р	-50(1)	24
			2304	36	Р	-12(2)	24
	\rightarrow		96	495	0	-1.0(3)*	1

 \leadsto definition of \bar{Q} with OBC's not clean

 \circ SU(3) flavor symmetric point, $m_{\pi}=m_{K}=$ 418 MeV (a bit off 412 MeV target)

- \circ Lattice spacing $a=0.055 {\rm fm}$ exhibited significant slowing down of topological tunnelling in tuning runs $${\rm *unpublished, part of arxiv[1911.04533]}$$
- $\circ~$ To reach long T's we use an upfolding strategy with aperiodic extensions.
- $\circ~T=$ 2304: 2 strings with different \bar{Q} through different seed configuration upfolding.

Observations during generation - topological charge



• One key observable during generation is the topological charge:

$$Q = \sum_{V} q(x)$$
$$q(x) = -\frac{1}{32\pi^2} \epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \operatorname{Tr}[F_{\mu\nu}(x)F_{\rho\sigma}(x)]$$

 \rightarrow evaluated at pos. flow time $t_{flow} = 1.3 t_0$ $_{\rm *arxiv[1006.4518]}$

• We see:

- Slow evolution over MC time*
- Still, not completely frozen
- Thermalization effects?

*local decorrelation visually observed (see appendix)



Effective translational averages - topological susceptibility *following arxiv[1707.09768]

$$\chi_t := \frac{\langle Q^2 \rangle}{V} = \sum_y \langle q(y)q(0) \rangle = \sum_{|y| \le R} \langle \langle q(y)q(0) \rangle + \sum_{|y| > R} \langle q(y)q(0) \rangle + \mathcal{O}(V^{-1/2})$$



At T=2304 we see indications that:

- $\circ~$ each configuration gives the same topological susceptibility (MF errors)
- $\circ\,$ the result is the same irrespective of global topological charge (MF defrosting)
- $\circ~$ T is long enough to suppress topo. contamination below the level of the error.

Long-T hadrons - meson correlation functions

• Calculation of hadron correlators, e.g. mesons

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{G}_{\mathcal{O}_{1}\mathcal{O}_{2}}(t=t'-t_{\text{StC}}) &= \sum_{X} \langle \mathcal{O}_{2}(x,t') \mathcal{O}_{1}(x_{\text{StC}},t_{\text{StC}}) \rangle \ , \\ \text{where:} \ \mathcal{O}_{i} &= \bar{\psi} \Gamma_{i} \psi \text{ and } \Gamma = \gamma_{5}, 1. \ \text{Only connected channels. Shorthand:} \ \mathcal{O}_{1} - \mathcal{O}_{2} \triangleq \mathcal{G}_{\mathcal{O}_{1}} \mathcal{O}_{2}(t). \end{split}$$

- \circ U(1) noise wall sources
- \circ N_{mirror} = T/ δt_{mirror} sources per cfg per solve
- \circ sources spread with δt_{mirror} starting from t_{src}
- $\circ \delta t_{mirror}$ varied but only $\delta t_{mirror} = 96$ shown
- \circ t_{src} =randomly varied to suppress correlations
- In OBC, two setups:
 - \circ sources close to boundary, $t_{src} = 1, T-1$
 - $\circ\,$ sources in the central region, t_{src} = $T/4,\,T3/4$



$m_{\pi}=m_K$	Т	N _{src} * N _{noise}	δt_{mirror}
418 MeV	96	$48_{t=rnd}$	-
$\kappa = 0.137945$	384	$48_{t=rnd}$	96
<i>a</i> = 0.055fm	1152	$48_{t=rnd}$	64/96/128
	2304 ₁	$48_{t=rnd}$	96
	2304 ₂	$48_{t=rnd}$	64/96/128/192
	96 ^{boundary}	$12_{t=1,95}$	-
	96 ^{central}	$12_{t=24,72}$	-
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 \rightsquigarrow here only $\delta t_{mirror} = 96$ results will be shown.

Defrosting - isovector mesons as sensitive probe

*arxiv[0707.0396] and arxiv[1406.5449]

- In QCD: The parity-odd P S correlator is zero (stochastically)
- Also: The parity-even S-S correlator at long distance creates/annihilates a pion at LO (inserting Q^2) \rightsquigarrow like in the η'
- \Rightarrow In case of topological contamination the P-S correlator obtains *non-zero signal*:

 $G_{PS}(t) \sim A_{PS} \cdot \exp[-m_{\pi} t] ~~
ightarrow ~~$ the amplitude scales as $~A_{PS} ~~\sim Q/V$



 $\circ P - S$ correlator visibly affected by topological freezing effects. Even with OBC. \circ Long-T results show suppression, competitive with central OBC results.

Summary - SWF in Action

SWF and OpenLat

- $\circ~\mbox{First}$ production level SWF studies continue to show benefits.
- Further research to study the action ongoing.
- OpenLat as initiative to generate and provide ensembles for research.
- Indications that the parameter window can be extended to coarser+lighter regime with acceptable discretisation effects and stable generation.

Master-field simulations

- $\circ\,$ A different way to look at sampling. Potentially circumvents topology freezing.
- First dedicated studies ongoing. Methods being worked out.
- · Requires a careful re-evaluation of what it means to determine an uncertainty.

Long-T simulations

- $\circ\,$ A master-field variation. Want to understand topology freezing for a potential way to "defrost" observables.
- First results indicate translational averaging can be made effective.
- Can be made competitive with other methods to handle topology freezing.

Thank you for your attention.



Further material

Visualisation of thermalisation through topological charge density



- · Locally topological charge is evolving
- $\circ~$ Correlations in SMD time in line with autocorrelation analysis

Extra highlight: Spectral reconstruction and inverse problems

Extractable from an Euclidean expectation value by solving an inverse problem

→→ see plenaries by John Bulava, Kadir Utku Can, Francesca Cuteri, Takashi Kaneko, Joe Karpie at Lattice'22

- $\circ \ N \to N' \text{ hadronic scattering amplitude at any } s = E_{\rm cm}^2 \\ (\pi\pi \to \pi\pi, \ N\pi \to N\pi\pi, \ \pi\pi \to \pi\pi\pi\pi)$
- Non-local matrix elements (*R*-ratio, hadronic tensor, **inclusive decay rates**, $D\overline{D}$ mixing)
- Distribution functions (PDFs, distribution amplitudes, TMDs)
- Finite-temperature observables (transport coefficients, viscosity, thermal broadening effects)

$$G_{\mathsf{E}}(\tau) = \int_{0}^{\infty} d\omega \, \rho(\omega) \, K(\omega, \tau)$$

The specific set-up will modify the kernel entering the inverse problem



Zero-temperature quantities: $K(\omega, \tau) = e^{-\omega \tau}$



Nonzero-temperature: $K(\omega, \tau) = \frac{\cosh(\omega(\beta/2 - \tau))}{\sinh(\omega\beta/2)}$



qPDFs: $K(\nu, x) = \cos(\nu x) \Theta(1 - x)$

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Setting expectations - an ill-posed problem

Three conditions for a well-posed problem:

- Existence
- Uniqueness
- Stability (solution behavior changes continuosly with the initial conditions)

 \rightsquigarrow J. Hadamard

The problems we consider fail in the sense of 3 and are thus **ill-posed**.

This is a problem due to **discrete sampling** + **finite precision**.

Many methods attempt the task

- Frequentist: Model fits
- Bayesian: MEM, BR, SAI, ...
- $\circ~$ Linear: BGM, Chebychev, HLT, \ldots
- Non-linear: Machine Learning

Limitation: Lack of precision, data points, systematic control, \ldots

 \rightsquigarrow In general: constraints and information

No method objectively better!

A bird's eye view

All methods can be understood as a master function

$$\mathcal{F}[\mathbf{G},\mathbf{C}_G] = \left(\boldsymbol{\rho},\mathbf{C}_{\rho}\right)$$

where

- \cdot **G** = discrete samples of G(au)
- \cdot C_G = covariance of G
- $\cdot \ oldsymbol{
 ho}$ = discrete estimator of $ho(\omega)$
- $\cdot \mathbf{C}_{
 ho} = \operatorname{covariance} \operatorname{of} \boldsymbol{\rho}$

Challenges

• For
$$\boldsymbol{\rho}_i =
ho(\omega_i)$$

 $\left|\mathcal{F}[\mathbf{G} + \delta \mathbf{G}, \mathbf{C}_{G} + \delta \mathbf{C}_{G}] - \mathcal{F}[\mathbf{G}, \mathbf{C}_{G}]\right|$

and thus $\left| \mathbf{C}_{\rho} \right|$ explode.

• For cases where $|\mathbf{C}_{\rho}|$ is under control, relation between $\rho(\omega) \Leftrightarrow \boldsymbol{\rho}$ may be obscured.

Spectral estimators - embracing the smearing



Towards the R-ratio - a new frontier



Becoming realistic: The R-ratio

- o R-ratio is a key experimental quantity
- Large volume/control over L-effects crucial
- Our attempt: Use Masterfield QCD ensembles

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