

# *Towards using the GRID as a low level library/ Some tips on BiCGstab*

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# Outline

Two independent topics:

1. implementation for the mic architecture
2. solver algorithm

# Towards using the GRID as a low level library

— implementation for the mic architecture —

# Introduction

We need a fast, flexible and easy-to-maintain code for

- (in 4 years) the next generation of the K-Computer (Post K computer) in Japan
- (before that) something new, KNL based mic architecture

# Options

- Designing from the scratch ? — not enough (human) resources
- Just using existing ones s.t. CHROMA or GRID? — an easy solution, but hacking/tuning to specific machines would require a lot. It would be better to have our own code and code developers.
- Partial use of the existing ones.

some of the codes developed in Japanese lattice community:

- Bridge++ (active; flexible but not very optimal)
- Iroiro++ (main developers left, would be unmaintained)
- Old Fortran codes (running on K-computer)

# Our strategy for the KNL mic architecture

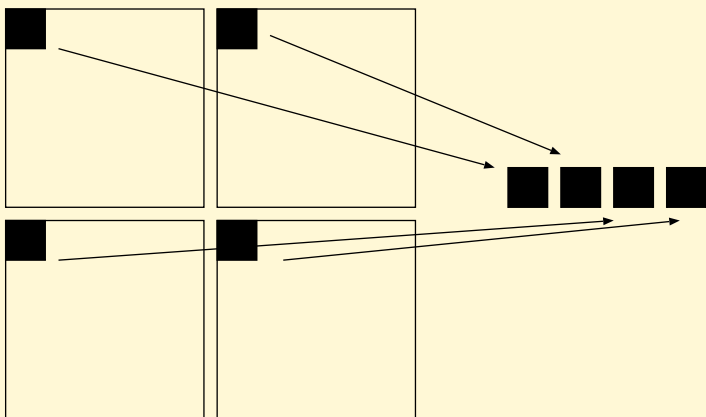
- 1st stage: use an existing general code (e.g., Bridge++) and accelerate it by using tuned codes in solver
- 2nd stage: if the above is not enough (or too nice), accelerate it more

Solver and other algorithms: own implementation/  
Bridge++?

Field, Dirac op. (Actions): own implementation  
Lattice: GRID

Simd related data structure:  
GRID

Communication, I/O:  
GRID (?)



simd vector elements are  
distributed to different  
sub-domains (GRID)

# Details of Using GRID

field as an array of LatticeComplex (=Lattice<vComplex>, vComplex is a simd vector)

- a large flexibility — easy to use for non-QCD simulation s.t. different gauge rep. of fermion and super Yang-Mills
- less complicated in template

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```
1 // gauge field
2 class Field_Gauge : public Field_ptr {
3 public:
4     const static int dof=Nc*Nc*Nd;
5     GridBase *grid;
6     LatticeComplex data[dof];
7     ....
8     LatticeComplex& operator()(const int mu, const int a, const int b){
9         return data[mu*Nc*Nc+a*Nc+b];
10    }
11    ....
12 };
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(planned)

- separate the degrees of freedom into dof\_inner (s.t. color) and dof\_outer (s.t. spinor, vector etc.)
- field as Lattice<vComplex[dof\_inner]> data[dof\_outer]
- ...may need to hack GRID more.

# Performance?

... will appear in Lattice 2017  
on KNL machine “Oakforest-PACS”\*  
at JCAHPC, U. of Tsukuba and U. of Tokyo

\* will start full operation in Dec., 2016



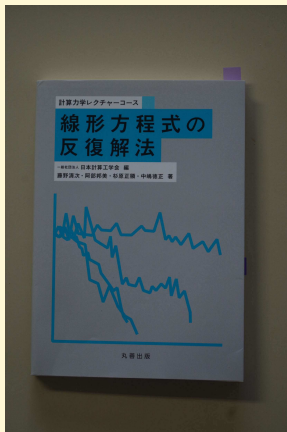
# Some tips on BiCGstab

— solver algorithm —

# Some tips on BiCGstab: Is it commonly known?

- Almost no cost but very efficient
- I found it in a recent textbook of solvers.
- It might be well-known for the experts in QCD as well.

Comments are very very welcome!



Seiji Fujino, Kuniyoshi Abe, Masaaki Sugihara  
and Norimasa Nakashima (2013, Maruzen)  
“線形方程式の反復解法”( =“iterative method for  
linear equations”)

the original paper:

Gerard L. G. Sleijpen and Herk A. van der Vorst  
Numerical Algorithms 10 (1995) 203-223

## A standard BiCGstab

A naive residual vector in BiCGstab:  $|s\rangle = |b\rangle - A|x\rangle$

The stabilized residual vector :  $|r\rangle = (1 - \omega A)|s\rangle$

$\omega$  is determined to minimize the norm of  $|r\rangle$ :

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \omega^*} \langle r|r \rangle = 0 \Rightarrow \omega = \frac{\langle As|s \rangle}{\langle As|As \rangle} \equiv \omega^{(0)}$$

## Another strategy: avoid poor accuracy of $\alpha$ , $\beta$

strategy: modify  $\omega$  to keep the accuracy of coefficients  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  for updating

(naive BiCG part:  $|x\rangle \leftarrow |x\rangle + \alpha |p\rangle$ ,  $|p\rangle \leftarrow |s\rangle + \beta |p\rangle$  )  
( $|r^*\rangle$ : shadow vector)

$$\text{bad : } |\langle r^* | r \rangle| \ll ||r^*\rangle| ||r\rangle| \quad \Rightarrow \quad \text{bad : } |\omega| \ll ||r\rangle|$$

$\langle r^* | r \rangle \propto \omega$

Desirable: maximize  $\frac{|\omega|}{||r\rangle|}$ , which requires

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \omega^*} \frac{\langle r | r \rangle}{\omega \omega^*} = 0 \Rightarrow \omega = \frac{\langle s | s \rangle}{\langle s | A s \rangle} \equiv \tilde{\omega}$$

## Making a compromise: “vanilla strategy”

$\omega^{(0)}$  and  $\tilde{\omega}$  are rewritten:

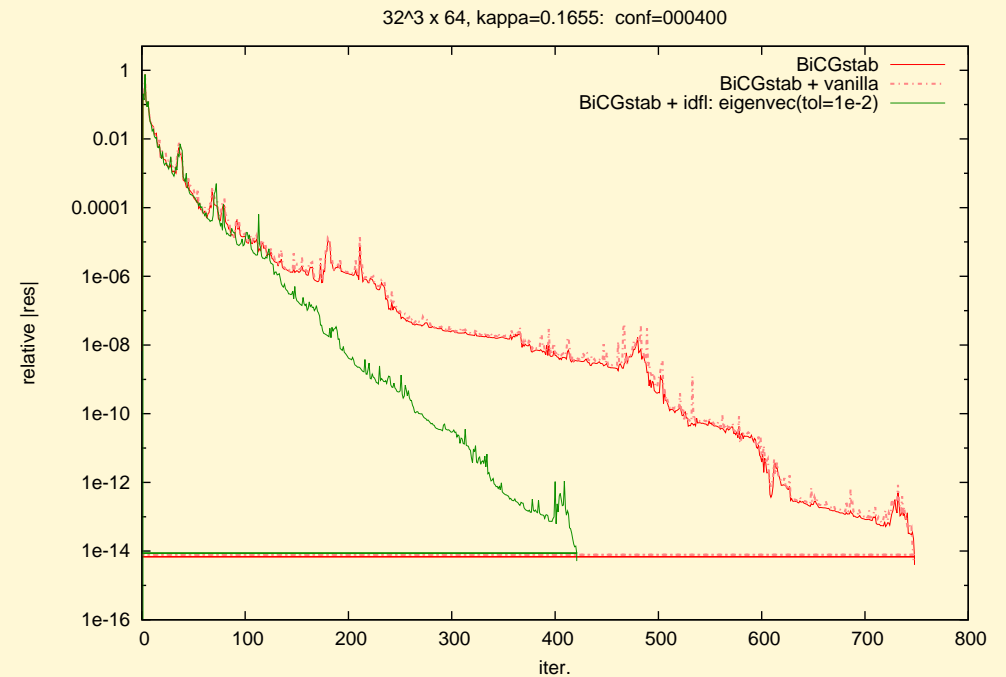
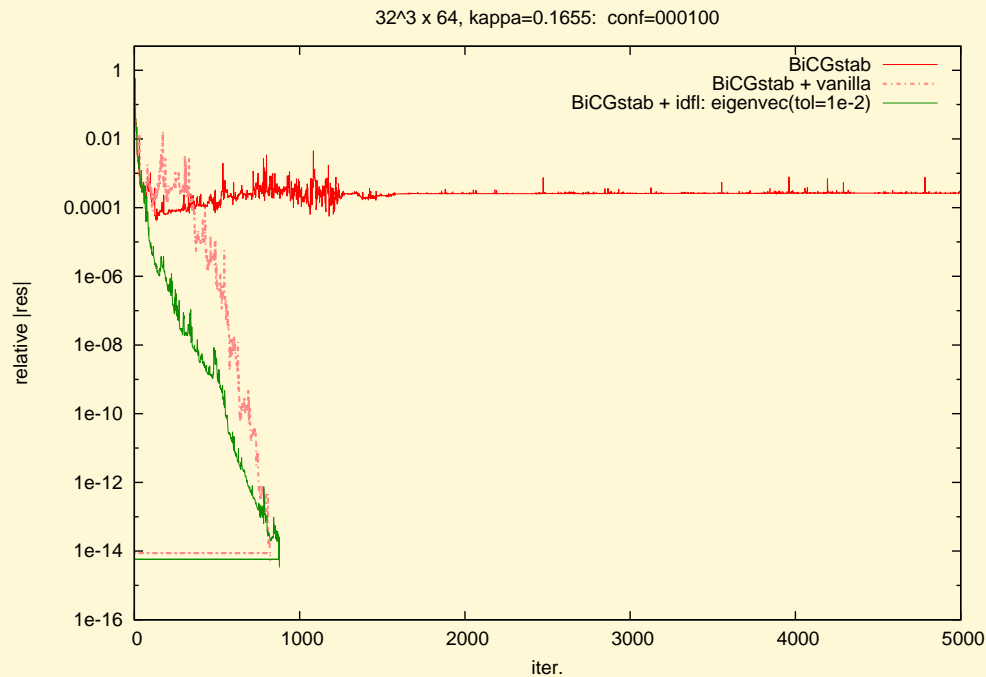
$$\omega^{(0)} = c \frac{||s\rangle|}{|As\rangle|}, \quad \tilde{\omega} = \frac{1}{c^*} \frac{||s\rangle|}{|As\rangle|}, \quad c \equiv \frac{\langle As|s\rangle}{||s\rangle|||As\rangle|}.$$

$|c| = 1$  gives  $\omega^{(0)} = \tilde{\omega}$ , and a smaller  $|c|$  gives a larger discrepancy (i.e., loses precision). In order to keep the precision, we introduce a cutoff  $\Omega$ :

$$\begin{aligned} |c| \geq \Omega : \quad \omega &= c \frac{||s\rangle|}{|As\rangle|} = \frac{\langle As|s\rangle}{\langle As|As\rangle} = \omega^{(0)} \\ |c| < \Omega : \quad \omega &= \Omega \frac{||s\rangle|}{|As\rangle|} = \frac{\Omega}{|c|} \omega^{(0)} \end{aligned}$$

$\Omega = 0.7 \simeq 1/\sqrt{2}$  is a good choice.

# Test: seems promising



with (almost) no extra cost, the stability is drastically improved.

.... and faster than inexact deflation (due to the additional cost for the projection )

# solve $A|x\rangle = |b\rangle$ for $|x\rangle$ with BiCGstab + vanilla

```
1 // initialization
2  $|x_0\rangle \leftarrow |b\rangle, |r_0\rangle \leftarrow |b\rangle - A|x\rangle$ 
3  $|r_0^*\rangle \leftarrow |r\rangle$  (in fact it is arbitrary)
4  $|p_0\rangle \leftarrow |r_0\rangle, \rho_0 \leftarrow \langle r^* | r_0 \rangle, j \leftarrow 0$ 
5 while  $||r_j\rangle|$  is NOT small enough do
6   // BiCG part
7    $\alpha_j \leftarrow \rho_j / \langle r_0^* | A | p_j \rangle$            needs A for  $|Ap_j\rangle = A |p_j\rangle$ 
8    $|s_j\rangle \leftarrow |r_j\rangle - \alpha_j A |p_j\rangle, |x_j\rangle \leftarrow |x_j\rangle + \alpha_j |p\rangle$ 
9   if  $||s_j\rangle|$  is small enough then
10    break
11  end if
12  // Stab part
13   $\omega_j \leftarrow \langle As_j | s_j \rangle / \langle As_j | As_j \rangle$            needs A for  $|As_j\rangle = A |s_j\rangle$ 
14  // vanilla correction of  $\omega_j$ 
15   $c \leftarrow \langle As_j | s_j \rangle / \sqrt{\langle s_j | s_j \rangle \langle As_j | As_j \rangle}$ 
16  if  $|c| < \Omega$  then
17     $\omega_j \leftarrow \frac{\Omega}{|c|} \omega_j$             $\Omega = 0.7$  is a good choice
18  end if
19   $|x_{j+1}\rangle \leftarrow |x_j\rangle + \omega_j |s_j\rangle, |r_{j+1}\rangle \leftarrow |s_j\rangle - \omega_j A |s_j\rangle$ 
20   $\rho_{j+1} \leftarrow \langle r_0^* | r_{j+1} \rangle, \beta_j \leftarrow \rho_{j+1} / \rho_j$ 
21   $|p_{j+1}\rangle \leftarrow |r_j\rangle + \beta_j (|p_j\rangle - \omega_j A |p_j\rangle)$ 
22   $j \leftarrow j + 1$ 
23 end while
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