

# Multigrid Multilevel Monte Carlo for Efficient Trace Estimation in Lattice QCD Simulations

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# Trace Estimation in LQCD.

The Hutchinson's method.

Trace estimation is an ubiquitous problem in Lattice QCD.  
Given  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ , large and sparse. ( $10^4 < n < 10^8$ )

**Estimate the trace**  $\hat{\text{tr}}(A^{-1}) \approx \text{tr}(A^{-1})$ .

With **Hutchinson's method** we get an

**Estimate**

$$\hat{\text{tr}}(A^{-1}) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_i (x^{(i)})^\dagger A^{-1} x^{(i)}. \quad (1)$$

With random vectors following the distribution:

$$x \in \mathbb{R}^n : x_i \in \{-1, 1, -i, i\} \quad \text{with equal probability } \frac{1}{4}. \quad (2)$$



# The problem of the variance

## Estimate

$$\hat{\text{tr}}(A^{-1}) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_i (x^{(i)})^\dagger A^{-1} x^{(i)}.$$

## Variance of the Estimate\*

$$\mathbb{V}[\hat{\text{tr}}(A^{-1})] = \frac{1}{2N} \overbrace{\|\text{offdiag}(A^{-1})\|_F^2}^{\mathbb{V}[(x^{(i)})^\dagger A^{-1} x^{(i)})]}. \quad (3)$$

In order to achieve an accuracy  $\epsilon$ ,

if  $\|\dots\|_F^2$  is large  $\rightarrow N$  is large.

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\*See [1] and [2].



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# Tackling the variance in trace estimation.

Our work focuses on tackling the problem of large variances in the estimation of **the estimate**  $\hat{\text{tr}}(A^{-1})$ .

Due to the relation between  $\|\cdot\|_F^2$  and  $\sigma_i$ ,

$$\mathbb{V}[\hat{\text{tr}}(A^{-1})] = \frac{1}{2N} \|\text{offdiag}(A^{-1})\|_F^2 = \frac{1}{2N} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\sigma_i^2} - \sum_{i=1}^n |A_{ii}|^{-2} \right)$$

we can **deflate** to get rid of the **smallest singular values** of the operator  $A$  to reduce the variance.



# Deflation in a nutshell

In our context, the essence of **Deflation** [3] can be summarized as follows:

- ▶ **Idea:** Remove a part of the operator that contributes to most of the Variance.
- ▶ **How?** Split the trace in two terms:

$$\text{tr}(A^{-1}) = \text{tr}((I - \Pi)A^{-1}) + \text{tr}(\Pi A^{-1}). \quad (4)$$

- ▶ **Stochastic term** with small variance (Hopefully).
- ▶ **Direct term.** Cheap to compute.

So one can be creative and smart when constructing  $\Pi$ .





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## Estimate

$$\hat{\text{tr}}(A^{-1}) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_i (x^{(i)})^H A^{-1} x^{(i)}. \quad (5)$$



# Our main deflation tool: AMG solver

Our Multigrid: DD- $\alpha$ AMG: [8]  
Domain Decomposition  
Aggregation-Based  $\alpha$ adaptive  
Algebraic Multigrid

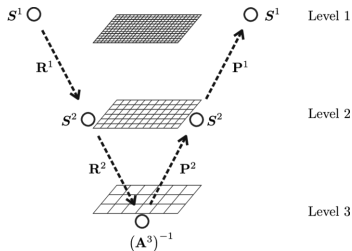


Figure: Picture 2

- **Coarse-grid operator:**

$$A_c = RAP, \quad R = P^\dagger.$$

- **$\text{range}(P)$  contains the near kernel, i.e., many low modes.**
- Coarser grid  $\rightarrow$  cheaper solves.



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# Our deflation methods: Deflation space for "free"

Mapping Multigrid to Multilevel Monte Carlo (a 2lvl method)

- ▶ Use  $\text{range}(P)$  since it contains the low modes of  $A$ .
- ▶ The inverse can be split as

$$A^{-1} = \underbrace{(A^{-1} - PA_c^{-1}P^\dagger)}_M + PA_c^{-1}P^\dagger.$$

- ▶ Regard  $PA_c^{-1}P^\dagger$  as an approx. of  $A^{-1}$  on coarser grid.
- ▶ Hence, expect cancellation of the *problematic* modes and hence reduce the variance.
- ▶ Stochastically:

$$\hat{\text{tr}}(A^{-1}) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N [(x^{(i)})^\dagger M(x^{(i)})] + \text{tr}(A_c^{-1}).$$



# We can do the same at all Multigrid levels!

Expand so you cover all your MG levels: **MGMLMC**

$$\widehat{\text{tr}}(A^{-1}) = \sum_{l=1}^{L-1} \widehat{\text{tr}}(M_l) + \widehat{\text{tr}}(A_L^{-1}).$$

with

$$M_l = \underbrace{A_l^{-1} - P_l A_{l+1}^{-1} P_l^\dagger}_{\text{Deflating L-1 levels}}$$

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- Inversions are cheaper on coarser grid.
- Local coherence leads to larger deflation space.
- Other techniques require eigensolver to get deflation vectors.
- $P$  is at hand from Multigrid solver.



# Introducing an orthogonal $\Pi$

We can create an orthogonal projector  $\Pi$  from  $P$ . We get an

Orthogonal term  $O_l = (I - P_l P_l^\dagger) A_l^{-1} (I - P_l P_l^\dagger)$

When introducing it, a new term arises,

Full Rank term  $F_l = P_l^\dagger A_l^{-1} P_l - A_{l+1}$

so we call this method

**Split MGMLMC**

$$\widehat{\text{tr}}(A^{-1}) = \sum_{l=1}^{L-1} \widehat{\text{tr}}(O_l) + \sum_{l=1}^{L-1} \widehat{\text{tr}}(F_l) + \widehat{\text{tr}}(A_L^{-1}).$$





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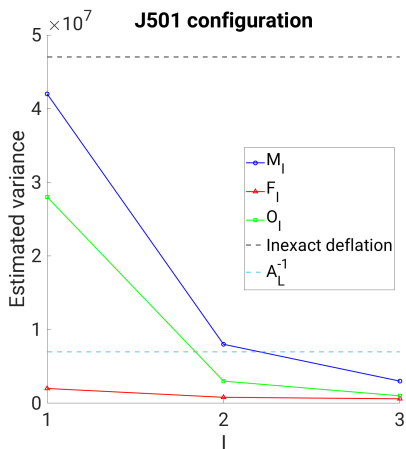


$$V[\hat{\text{tr}}(O_p)] = \frac{1}{2N} \underbrace{\|\text{offdiag}(O_p)\|_F^2}_{\mathbb{V}[x^\dagger O_p x]}.$$

So in what follows, we present the sampled variance.

$$\mathbb{V}[x^\dagger O_p x] \approx \hat{\mathbb{V}}.$$

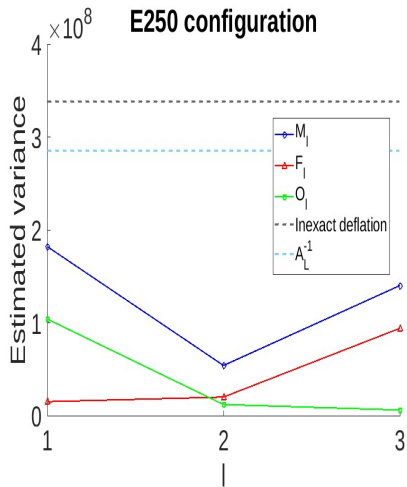




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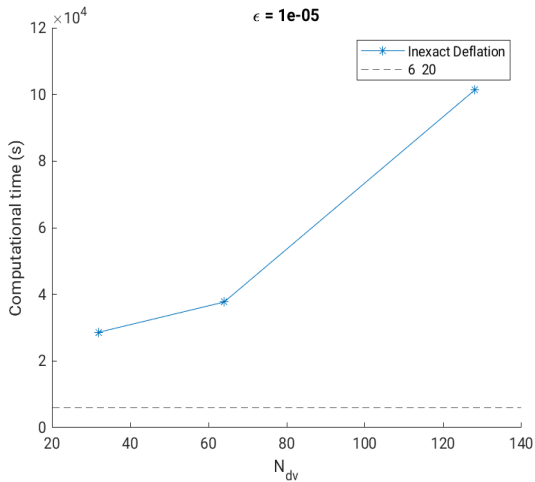


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# Cost $192 \times 96^3$ lattice



# Work in progress.

We want to translate this results to traces of the form  $tr(B(t)A^{-1}(t, t))$ .

$B(t)$  is an operator which acts on spin, color and space indices,

For the operator  $B = \sum_i \Gamma_i \nabla_i$ :

We simply inserted our deflation on  $A^{-1}(t, t)$ .

Method	Trace	Variance
Hutchinson	12.1	8906
Inex-Deflation (k=32)	11.8	8660
MGMLMC	11.5	7896(1 <sup>st</sup>  vl) 497(2 <sup>nd</sup>  vl)

**Work in progress:**  $16^4$  Lattice in MATLAB.



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## Notes and outlook

- ▶ **Note:** The MG hierarchy you have for a good solver is enough for our method.
- ▶ **Also tried:** Using deflation on top of our operators, does not bring further reduction of the variance.
- ▶ **Future possibilities:** How could we further improve Multigrid MLMC for  $tr(B(t)A^{-1}(t, t))$ ? Deflate  $B$ ? Probing using structure of  $B$ ?



**Gracias!**



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# Deflation techniques - comparison.

Deflation method	Main cost
Inexact Deflation. With $k$ singular vectors.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▶ Precompute <math>V_k</math> (Inverse BPI)</li><li>▶ <math>k</math> solves.</li></ul>
Multigrid Deflation. With $k$ singular vectors on coarser (smaller) grid.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▶ Precompute <math>V_k^c</math> on coarser grid. (cheaper BPI)</li><li>▶ Exact eigensolver for a matrix <math>C \in \mathbb{C}^{k \times k}</math></li></ul>
Multigrid Multilevel Monte Carlo.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▶ Precompute Nothing.</li><li>▶ stochastics on coarser levels</li></ul>



# MGMLMC a Projectors Perspective

What Projector do we use to deflate?

This is our multilevel construction:

$$\text{tr}(A) = \sum_{l=1}^{L-1} \left[ \text{tr}(A_l - P_l A_{l+1} P_l^\dagger) \right] + \text{tr}(A_L).$$

The matrix

$$\Pi_l = P_l A_{l+1}^{-1} P_l^\dagger A_l.$$

is an **oblique** projector,

$$\Pi_l^2 = \Pi_l \quad \text{and} \quad \Pi_l^\dagger \neq \Pi_l.$$

Furthermore:

$$A_l^{-1} = (I - \Pi_l) A_l^{-1} + \Pi_l A_l^{-1} = A_l^{-1} - P_l A_{l+1}^{-1} P_l^\dagger.$$



# MGMLMC: an Orthogonal Projector

In our Multigrid construction, we have that  $P_l^\dagger P_l = I_l$ .  
Then, we can proceed similarly as we did before:

$$A_l^{-1} = (I - P_l P_l^\dagger) A_l^{-1} + (P_l P_l^\dagger A_l^{-1}), \quad l = 1, \dots, L.$$

Since

$$\text{tr}((P_l P_l^\dagger) A_l^{-1}) = \text{tr}(P_l^\dagger A_l^{-1} P_l) = \text{tr}(P_l^\dagger A_l^{-1} P_l - A_{l+1}^{-1}) + \text{tr}(A_{l+1}^{-1}),$$

then

$$\text{tr}(A^{-1}) = \text{tr}((I - P_l P_l^\dagger) A_l^{-1}) + \text{tr}(P_l^\dagger A_l P_l^{-1} - A_{l+1}^{-1}) + \text{tr}(A_{l+1}^{-1})$$



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And we can do one more trick:

$$\text{tr}(A_l^{-1}) = \text{tr}(\underline{(I - P_l P_l^\dagger)} A_l^{-1} (I - P_l P_l^\dagger)) + \text{tr}(P_l^\dagger A_l^{-1} P_l - A_{l+1}^{-1})$$

An **L-level decomposition of the trace** of a matrix  $A$

$$\text{tr}(A^{-1}) = \sum_{l=1}^{L-1} \left[ \text{tr}((I - P_l P_l^\dagger)A_l^{-1}(I - P_l P_l^\dagger)) + \text{tr}(P_l^\dagger A_l^{-1} P_l - A_{l+1}^{-1}) \right] + \text{tr}(A_L)$$

