

# First dynamical simulations with minimally doubled fermions

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For simulating two light flavors dynamically at  $T \neq 0$ ,  $\mu \neq 0$  one can choose from several discretizations:

- **Wilson fermions**  
Explicit breaking of chiral symmetry  $\rightarrow$  at  $T = 0$  OK.
- **Overlap fermions**  
Computationally costly.
- **Staggered fermions**  
Rooting is ambiguous for  $\mu \neq 0$ . (For more details see C. H. Wong's talk)
- **Minimally doubled fermions**  
A remnant chiral symmetry is present, rooting is not needed.  
Do we have  $O(a)$  discretization errors?

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# Karsten-Wilczek fermions

Our choice for a minimally doubled action is the so-called Karsten-Wilczek (KW) action [L.H. Karsten 1981, F. Wilczek 1987].

$$S_F^{KW} = S_F^N + \sum_x \sum_{j=1}^3 \bar{\psi}(x) \frac{i\zeta}{2} \gamma^\alpha \left( 2\psi(x) - U_j(x)\psi(x + \hat{j}) - U_j^\dagger(x)\psi(x - \hat{j}) \right),$$

Where  $S_F^N$  is the naive fermion action, the  $U_\mu(x)$  are the links in direction  $\mu$  at lattice site  $x$ .  $\zeta$  is the Wilczek parameter, with  $|\zeta| > 1/2$ .  $S_F^{KW}$  breaks hypercubic symmetry, thus we need three counter-terms for renormalization (coefficients were determined perturbatively [S. Capitani et.al. (2009)])

$$S^{3f} = c \sum_x \bar{\psi}(x) i\gamma^\alpha \psi(x),$$

$$S^{4f} = d \sum_x \bar{\psi}(x) \frac{1}{2} \gamma^\alpha \left( U_\alpha(x)\psi(x + \hat{\alpha}) - U_\alpha^\dagger(x - \hat{\alpha})\psi(x - \hat{\alpha}) \right),$$

$$S^{4g} = d_G \sum_x \sum_{\mu \neq \alpha} \text{Re Tr} (1 - \mathcal{P}_{\mu\alpha}(x)),$$

In our case  $\alpha \equiv t$ .

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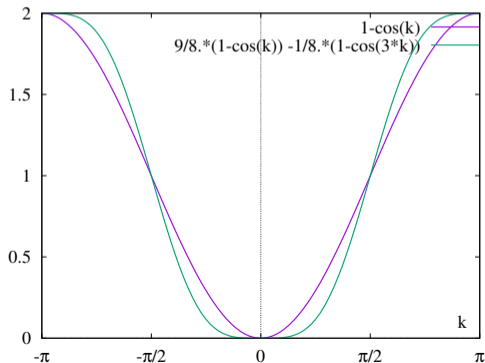
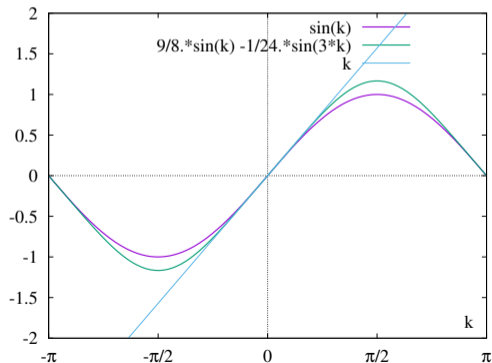
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# Karsten-Wilczek Dirac operator in momentum space

In momentum space the Dirac operator reads

$$D_{KW}(k) = \frac{i}{a} \left[ \sum_{\mu=0}^3 \gamma_{\mu} \xi_{\mu} \sin ak_{\mu} + \zeta \gamma_0 \sum_{j=1}^3 (1 - \cos ak_j) \right]$$



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# Karsten-Wilczek Dirac operator in position space

The KW Dirac operator in position space acts on a fermion field the following way

$$D^{KW} \psi[s] \equiv \sum_{\mu} \left[ c_{\mu}(s) \Gamma^{\mu} U_{\mu}(s) \psi[s + \mu] - c_{\mu}^{-1}(s - \mu) \Gamma^{\mu\dagger} U_{\mu}^{\dagger}(s - \mu) \psi[s - \mu] \right] + (2m + 2i(3\zeta + c)\gamma^{\alpha})\psi[s]$$

$$\Gamma^{\mu} = \begin{cases} \gamma^{\mu} - i\zeta\gamma^{\alpha} & , \mu \neq \alpha \text{ "spatial"} \\ (1 + d)\gamma^{\mu} & , \mu = \alpha \text{ "temporal"} \end{cases}$$

Where  $(1 + d)$  is structurally the same as an anisotropy parameter, thus we will use the notation  $\xi \equiv (1 + d)$  and also  $\xi_{\beta} \equiv (1 + d_{\beta})$ .

$c_{\mu}(s) = e^{\frac{\mu q}{N_t} \delta_{\mu,t}} \Phi(s)$ , with boundary condition  $\Phi(s) = \pm 1$ ,

$(\mu \in \{0, 1, 2, 3\})$  which are equivalent to directions  $\{t, z, y, x\}$ .)

# Naik improvement

The KW term is first order in the lattice spacing  $a$ . Thus for a better approach of the continuum limit we introduced improvement in the Dirac operator.

$$D_{\text{KW}}(k) = \frac{i}{a} \left[ \sum_{\mu=0}^3 \gamma_{\mu} \xi_{\mu} \sin ak_{\mu} + \zeta \gamma_0 \sum_{j=1}^3 (1 - \cos ak_j) \right]$$

The  $\sin(ak_{\mu})$  term corresponds to the Nabla and the  $(1 - \cos(ak_j))$  corresponds to the Laplacian.

We can eliminate the  $\mathcal{O}(k^2)$  term in this expression by realizing improvement of the Laplacian

$$(1 - \cos ak_j) \rightarrow c_1(1 - \cos ak_j) + c_3(1 - \cos 3ak_j)$$

with the special choice  $c_1 = 9/8$ ,  $c_3 = -1/8$ .

# Naik improvement

In position space we have the following improved expression

$$\begin{aligned} D^{KW} \psi[s] \equiv & \sum_{\mu} \xi_{\mu} \left[ c_{\mu}(s) \Gamma_{(1)}^{\mu} U_{\mu}(s) \psi[s + \mu] - c_{\mu}^{-1}(s - \mu) \Gamma_{(1)}^{\mu\dagger} U_{\mu}^{\dagger}(s - \mu) \psi[s - \mu] \right. \\ & + c_{\mu}(s) c_{\mu}(s + \mu) c_{\mu}(s + 2\mu) \Gamma_{(3)}^{\mu} U_{\mu}(s) U_{\mu}(s + \mu) U_{\mu}(s + 2\mu) \psi[s + 3\mu] \\ & \left. - c_{\mu}^{-1}(s - \mu) c_{\mu}^{-1}(s - 2\mu) c_{\mu}^{-1}(s - 3\mu) \Gamma_{(3)}^{\mu\dagger} U_{\mu}^{\dagger}(s - \mu) U_{\mu}^{\dagger}(s - 2\mu) U_{\mu}^{\dagger}(s - 3\mu) \psi[s - 3\mu] \right] \\ & + (2m + 2i(3\zeta + c)\gamma^0) \psi[s] \end{aligned}$$

Where

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma_{(1)}^0 &= \gamma^0, & \Gamma_{(1)}^{\mu} &= \bar{s}_1 \gamma^{\mu} - i \bar{c}_1 \gamma^0 \quad (\mu \neq 0) \\ \Gamma_{(3)}^0 &= 0, & \Gamma_{(3)}^{\mu} &= \bar{s}_3 \gamma^{\mu} - i \bar{c}_3 \gamma^0 \quad (\mu \neq 0) \\ 1 &= \bar{s}_1 + 3\bar{s}_3, & \zeta &= \bar{c}_1 + \bar{c}_3 \end{aligned}$$

The relation to the momentum space  $c_1$  and  $c_3$  is  $c_1 = \zeta \bar{c}_1$ ,  $c_3 = \zeta \bar{c}_3$ .

# Half vector trick

- We want to use only 2 Dirac components instead of 4  $\rightarrow$  half as many operations.
- If  $\bar{s}_1 = \bar{c}_1$  and  $\bar{s}_3 = \bar{c}_3$ , then  $\Gamma_{(1),(3)}^\mu = \gamma_j + i\gamma_0$  are projectors. This allows the half vector trick.
- By the following choice of parameters criteria for the half vector trick and Laplacian improvement are satisfied

$$\bar{s}_1 = \bar{c}_1 = 1.5$$

$$\bar{s}_3 = \bar{c}_3 = -1/6$$

$$\zeta = 4/3$$

- Because of the Laplacian improvement the action is  $\mathcal{O}(a)$  improved even in this case.



# Properties of the Dirac operator

The KW Dirac operator  $D^{KW} = m + \not{D}$  has the following properties

$$\not{D}^\dagger = \gamma_5 \not{D} \gamma_5 \quad \gamma_5 - \text{hermiticity}$$

$$D^{KW\dagger} \gamma_5 = \gamma_5 D^{KW}$$

$$\gamma_5 \not{D} \gamma_5 = -\not{D} \quad \text{chiral symmetry}$$

$$D^{KW\dagger} = m - \not{D}$$

$$D^{KW\dagger} D^{KW} = (m - \not{D})(m + \not{D}) = m^2 - \not{D}^2 = D^{KW} D^{KW\dagger} \quad D^{KW} \text{ is normal}$$

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Consequences:

The eigenvalues of  $\not{D}$  consist of complex conjugate pairs  $\pm i\lambda$ .

$D^{KW\dagger} D^{KW}$  is positive definite with eigenvalues  $m^2 + \lambda^2$  and its eigenvectors are left(L)- or right(R)-handed.

# Simulating with HMC

Properties of  $D^{KW}$  makes it possible to use Hybrid Monte Carlo simulations without the rational approximation.

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} M_{LL} & M_{LR} \\ M_{RL} & M_{RR} \end{pmatrix} = \left( \begin{array}{c|c} m1 & \not{D}_{LR} \\ \hline \not{D}_{RL} & m1 \end{array} \right)$$

$$M^+M = \begin{pmatrix} m^2 - \not{D}_{LR}\not{D}_{RL} & 0 \\ 0 & m^2 - \not{D}_{RL}\not{D}_{LR} \end{pmatrix}$$

Then the action takes the form  $S_f^{KW} = \chi_L^+ [(M^+M)_{LL}]^{-N_f/2} \chi_L$  ( $N_f = 2$ ) with  $\chi_L = P_L D^{KW} \eta$ , where  $P_L = \frac{1}{2}(1 + \gamma_5)$  and  $\eta$  is a random Gaussian field.

# Dynamical simulations with KW action

We produced gauge configurations dynamically for the first time with Karsten-Wilczek action. We tuned the three coefficients of the counter-terms  $c, \xi, \xi_\beta$  were tuned non-perturbatively.

The setup of the simulations was:

HMC and Rational HMC algorithm was used with Hasenbusch preconditioning. For the preconditioned field we used a Multishift Conjugate Gradient (MCG) solver, for the preconditioner CG solver was used on  $D^{KW\dagger}D^{KW}$ .

Temporal and spatial size of the lattices :  $N_t = 64, N_s = 16$

Inverse gauge coupling :  $\beta = 3.5$  corresponding to  $a_s = 0.180(3)$  fm

For each different setup of  $c, \xi$  and  $\xi_\beta$  the number of configurations :  $n_{cf} \approx 200$

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# Tuning the parameter $c$

For a non-perturbative tuning of the  $c$  parameter we measured the mesonic correlation function in the  $\gamma_0$  channel

$$C_0(x, y) \sim \langle \bar{\psi}(x) \gamma_0 \psi(x) \bar{\psi}(y) \gamma_0 \psi(y) \rangle$$

For the correlator parallel to the KW direction oscillation happens if  $c$  is not tuned properly [J. Weber (2017)]

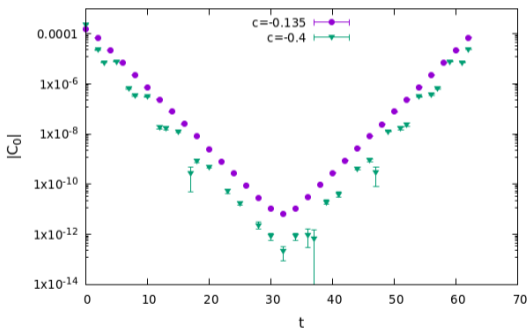
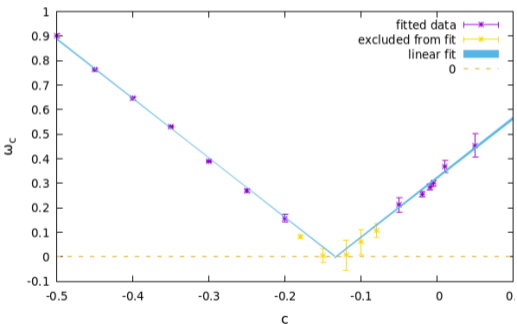
$$C_0(t) \approx A [\cos(t\omega + \phi) \exp(-mt) + \cos((N_t - t)\omega + \phi) \exp(-m(N_t - t))]$$

We have to set  $c$  such that  $\omega_c \equiv \omega - \pi = 0$ .

We fitted the correlation functions measured on tiled configurations.

(For more details about tiling and the tuning of  $c$  see the next talk presented by D. Godzieba.)

We fixed  $\xi = \xi_\beta = 1$  and did a scan in the  $c$  parameter. By fitting  $C_0(t)$  (right plot) at each  $c$  we extracted the oscillation frequency  $\omega_c$  (left plot). We performed a linear fit on the data and interpolated the point where  $\omega_c = 0$ :  $c = -0.1336(13)$ .



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Fortunately  $\omega_c$  remained small by keeping  $c$  at its previously tuned value even for different settings of  $\xi$  and  $\xi_\beta$ . Thus we could perform a 2D scan in the  $\xi$ - $\xi_\beta$  plane by keeping  $c$  fixed.

To find the tuned values we checked two criteria for lattice isotropy:

- A1** We measured the parallel and perpendicular components of  $\gamma_5$  channel of meson (pion) correlation function

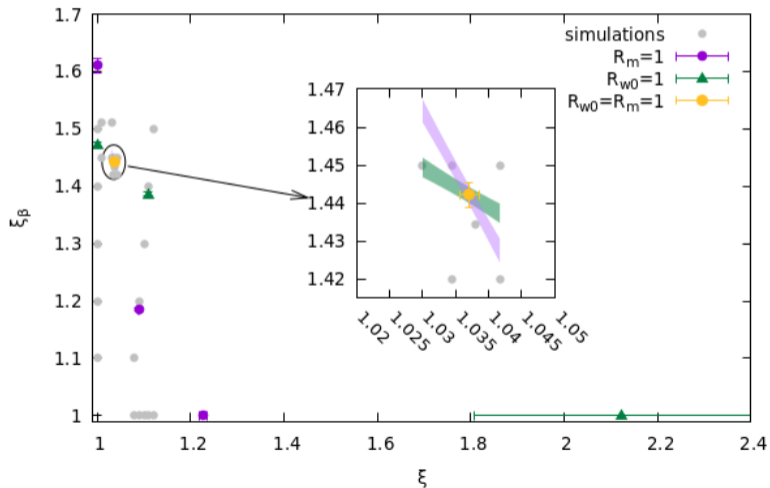
$$C_5(x, y) \sim \langle \bar{\psi}(x) \gamma_5 \psi(x) \bar{\psi}(y) \gamma_5 \psi(y) \rangle$$

After a fit was performed on  $C_{5\parallel}$  and  $C_{5\perp}$  we searched for parameter setups where the mass ratio  $R_m = \frac{m_{\parallel}}{m_{\perp}} = 1$ .

- A2** We measured the lattice spacing in the parallel ( $a_t$ ) and perpendicular ( $a_s$ ) directions using the  $w_0$  scale [S.Borsanyi et.al.(2012)]. Then we searched for setups where  $R_a = \frac{w_0 a_t}{w_0 a_s} = 1$ .

## 2D scan in $\xi$ and $\beta_\xi$

Scanning the 2D plane at different points we could interpolate points where the criteria  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  are satisfied. This defined two lines in the parameter plane. They cross each other at  $\xi_\beta = 1.442(3)$ ,  $\xi = 1.0370(15)$ .



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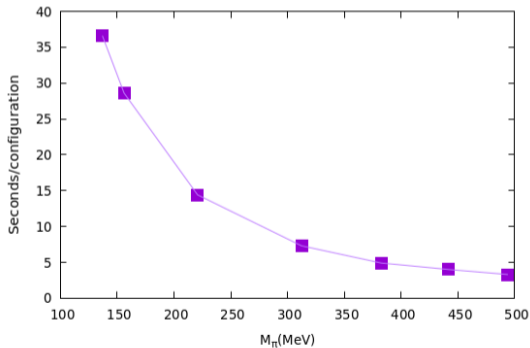
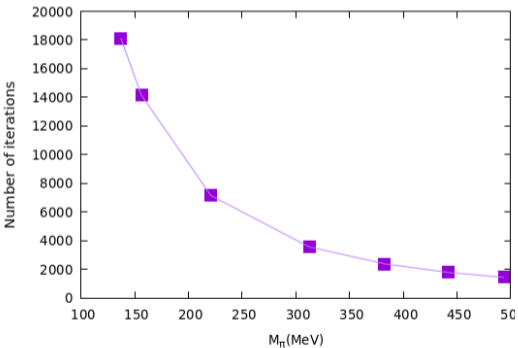
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A mass scan was done starting from pion mass  $M_\pi = 486(8)\text{MeV}$  to  $M_\pi = 135(2)\text{MeV}$  with larger volumes  $N_s = 24$ ,  $N_t = 48$  at  $\xi_\beta = 1.4345$ ,  $\xi = 1.0381$  for which  $R_a$  and  $R_{w_0}$  are both 0.1% away from ratio 1.



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- We did dynamical simulations with Karsten-Wilczek fermions for the first time.
- We eliminated the  $\mathcal{O}(a)$  errors by introducing an improvement of the Laplacian.
- We tuned the coefficients of the counter terms  $c$ ,  $\xi$  and  $\beta_\xi$  at  $a = 0.180(3)\text{fm}$  nonperturbatively.
- We checked the computational cost going toward the physical point.
- Outlook: With S. Capitani we are working on the construction of a renormalized action with beyond tree level improvement by using perturbation theory. For this we need to determine values of  $c_1 = 9/8 + g_0^2 c_1^{(1)}$  and  $c_3 = -1/8 + g_0^2 c_3^{(1)}$ .

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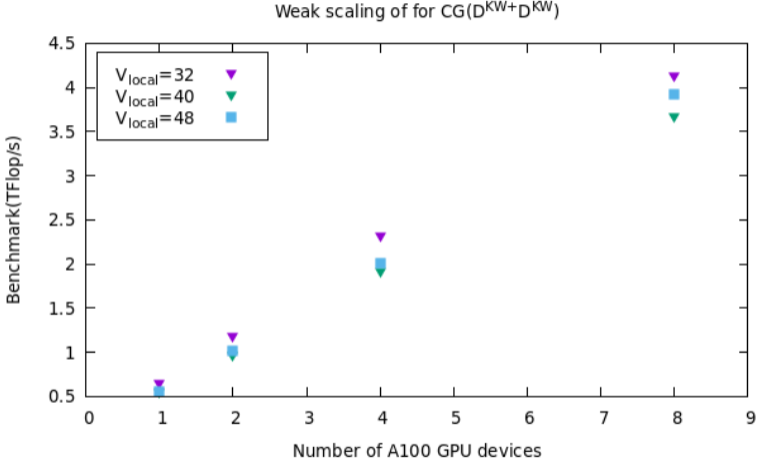
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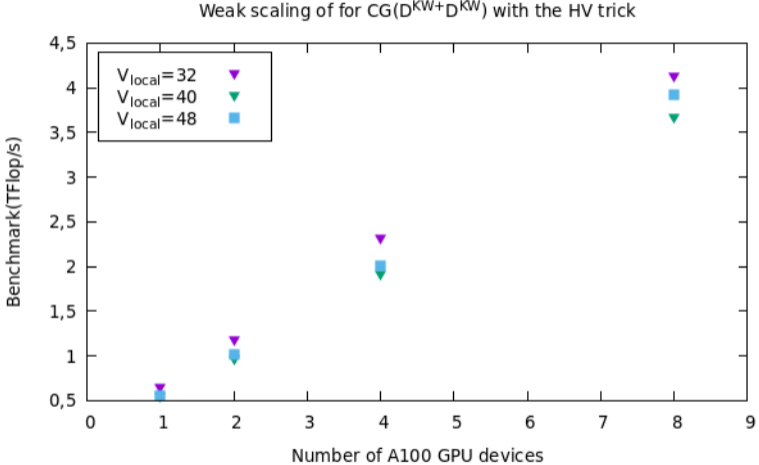
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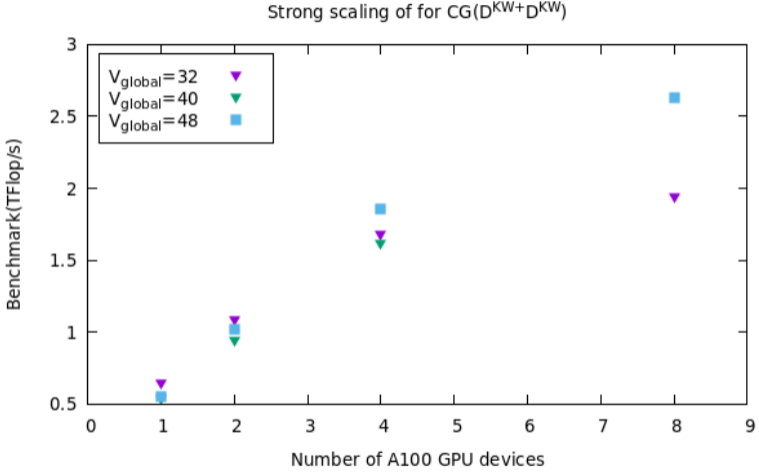
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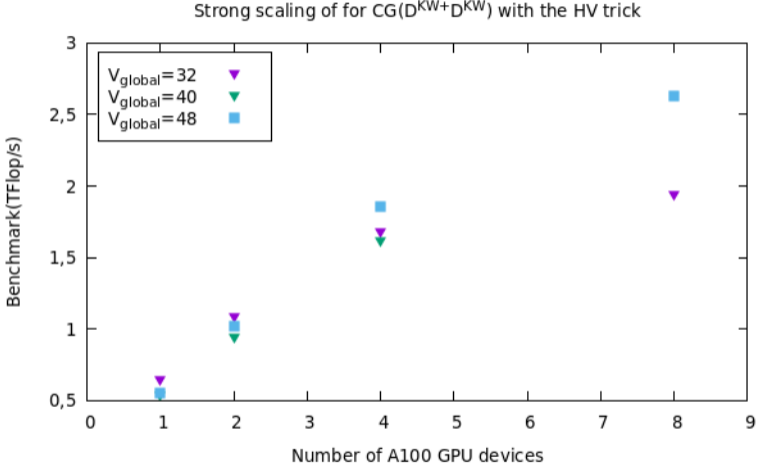
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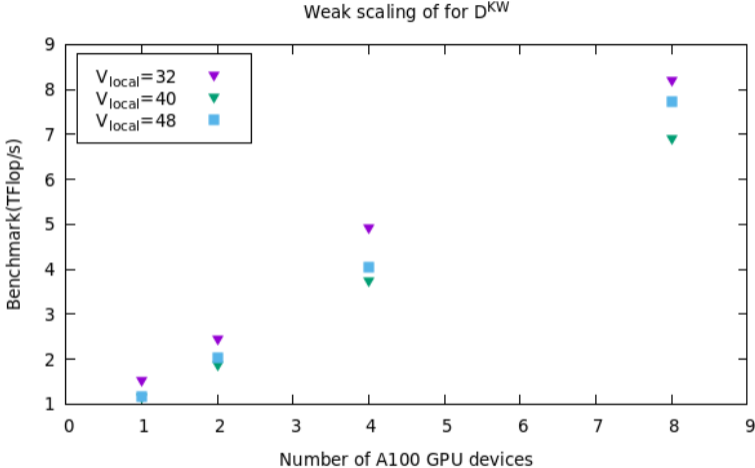
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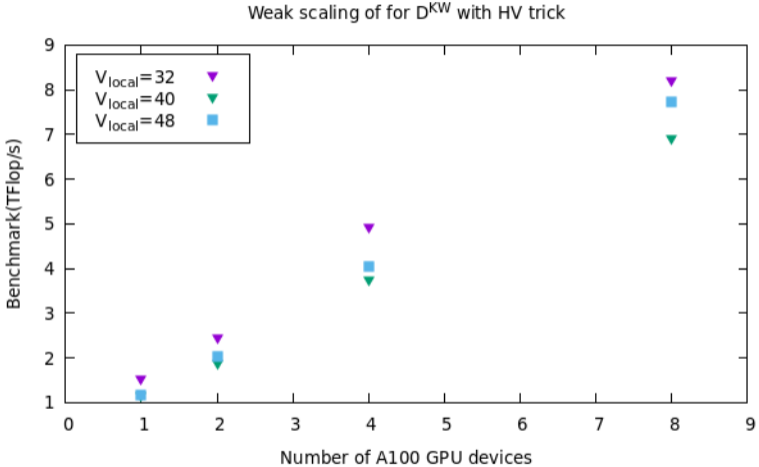
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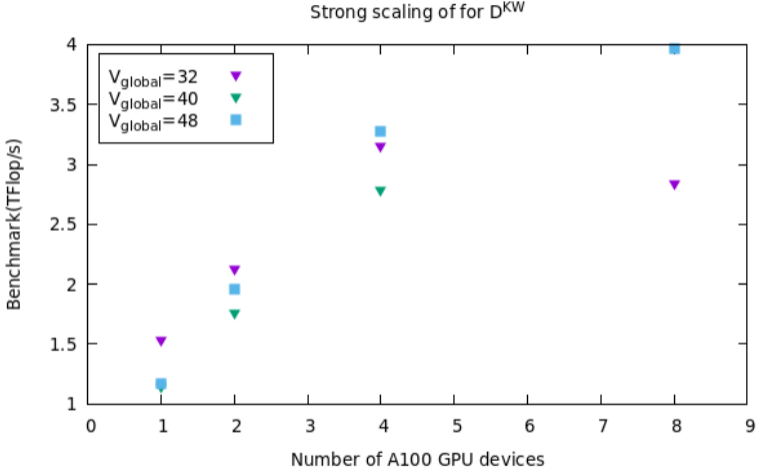
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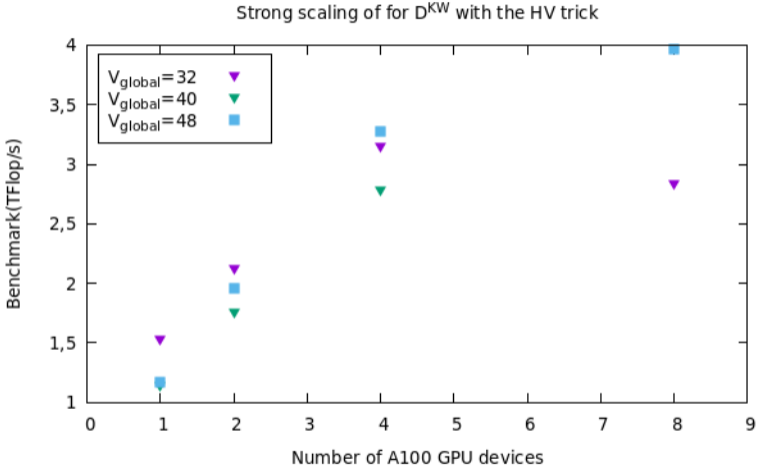
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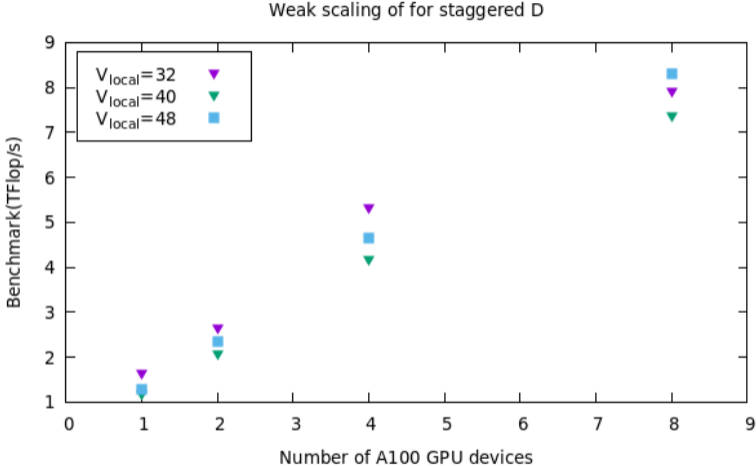
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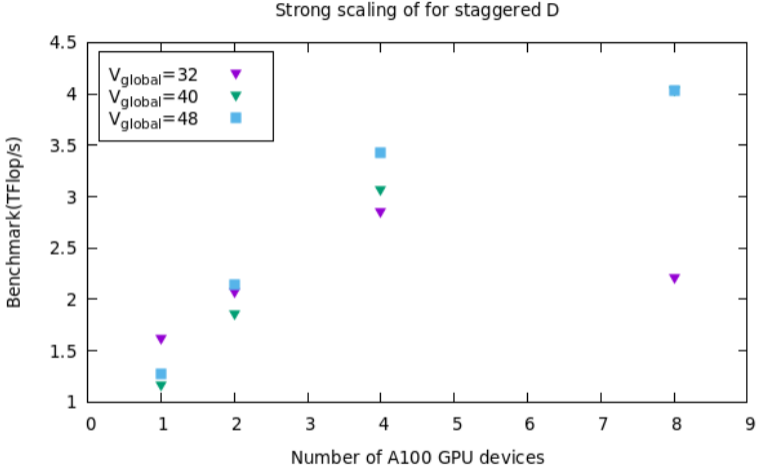
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