Solvers for Wilson fermions in Grid

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Motivation: $D\psi = \eta$

- generate physical point gauge ensembles
  with (stabilized) Wilson clover-improved fermions using **HMC**

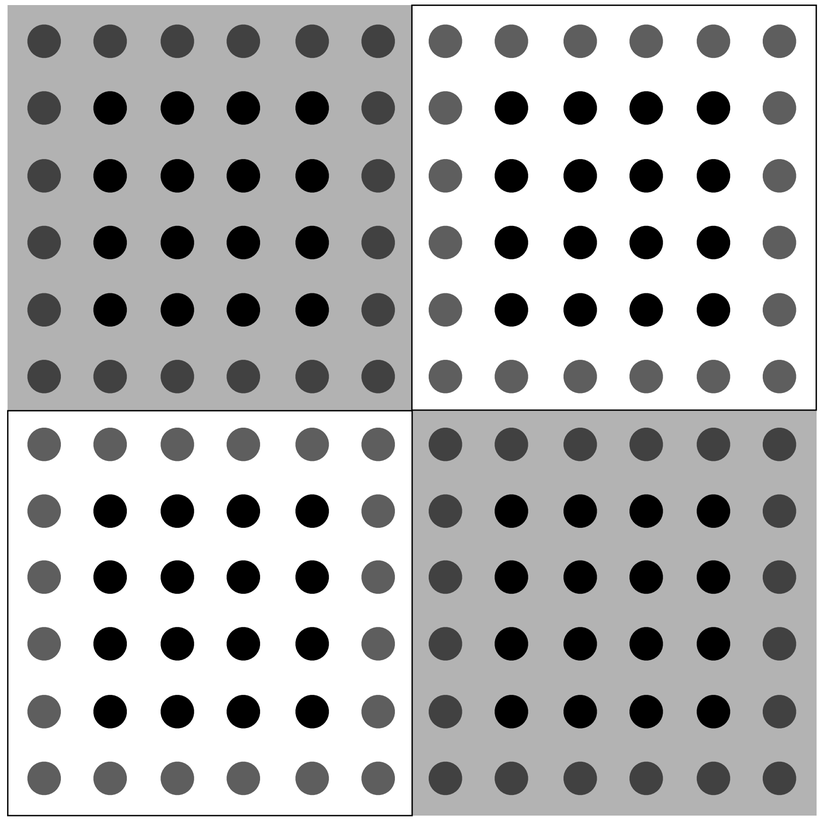
- fermion matrix inversion based on Krylov subspace solvers requires good **preconditioners**

- Ideas by Lüscher to use domain decomposition methods, **Schwarz alternating procedure (SAP) +**
  (inexact) Deflation (DFL), see Comput.Phys.Commun. 156 (2004) 209-220 and *JHEP* 07 (2007) 081

- **Advantage:** DFL can be cheaply combined with HMC, update deflation subspaces

- implemented in **openQCD**,
  see https://luscher.web.cern.ch/luscher/openQCD/

- **implement SAP + DFL in Grid (run on CPUs + GPUs)**



Grid

- General Lattice QCD library in C++
- Runs on many different architectures (CPU + GPU)
- **Boyle, Yamaguchi, Cossu, Portelli, 1512.03487 [hep-lat], „Grid: A next generation data parallel C++ QCD library“**
- https://github.com/paboyle/Grid
- many contributors across the lattice community
- see also https://github.com/lehner/gpt and **C. Lehner’s talk (Mo, August 8 14:20, Software & Machines)**

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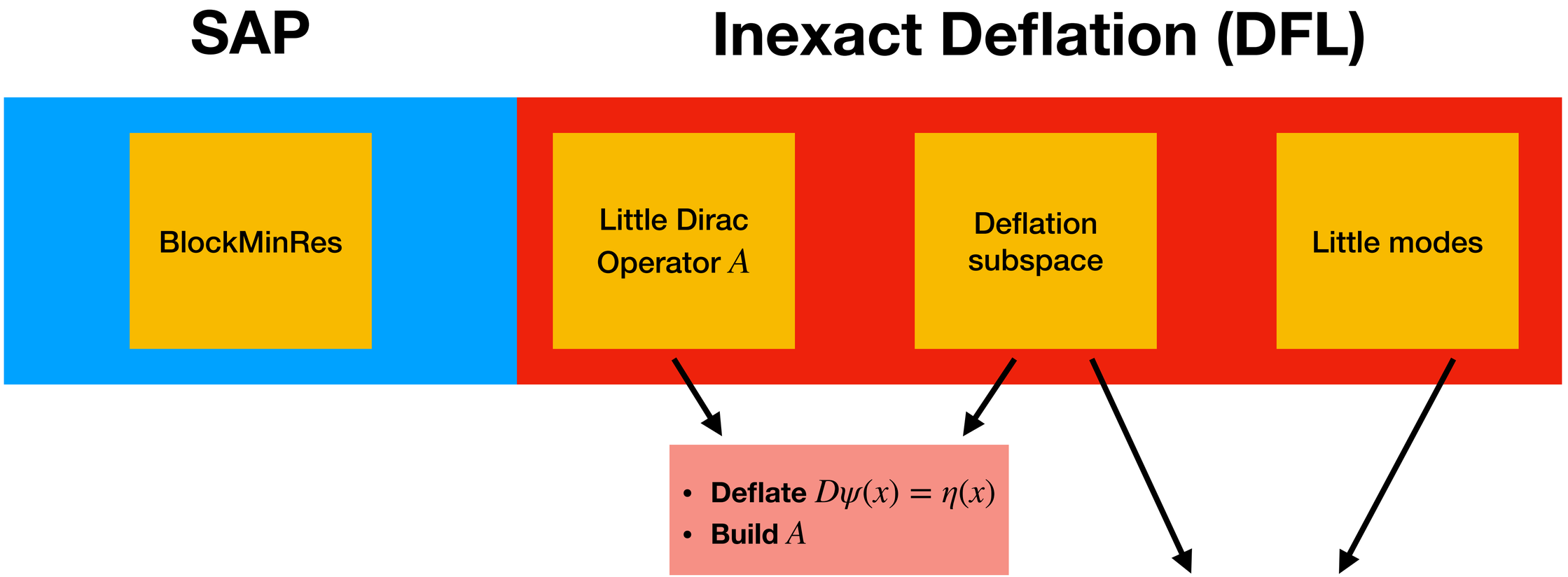

Source: Lüscher's work

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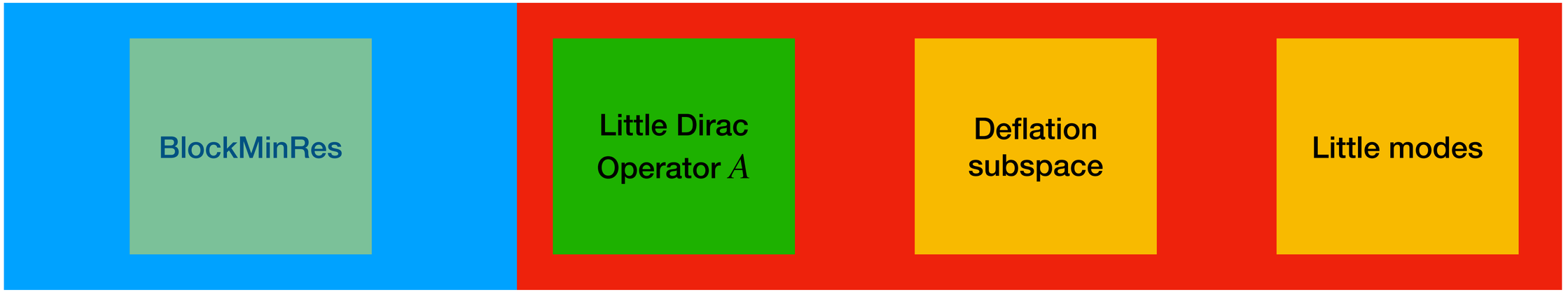
Inexact Deflation (DFL)



- Little Dirac operator already implemented (Grid/iterativeCoarsenedMatrix.h)
- also used in **Multi-Grid** code for Wilson Clover fermions, see Richtmann, Boyle, Wettig, *PoS* LATTICE2018 (2019) 032
- for news on Multi-Grid checkout **Nils Meyer's poster (Tue, August 9 19:00, Poster Session A)**
- for SAP parts of the blockProject and blockPromote functions are being used

Status of SAP in Grid

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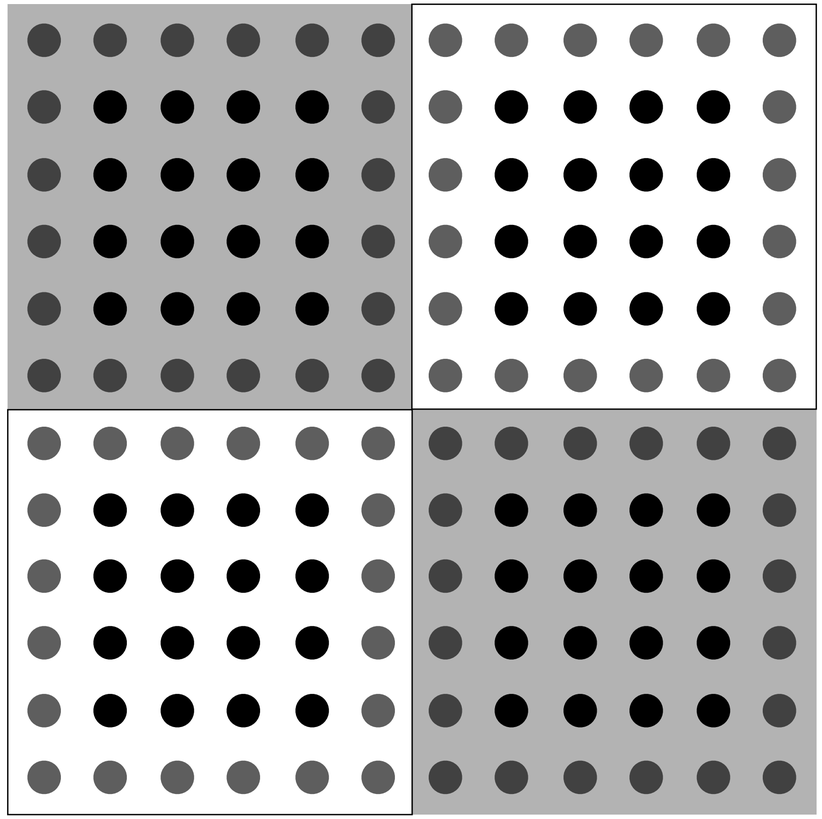

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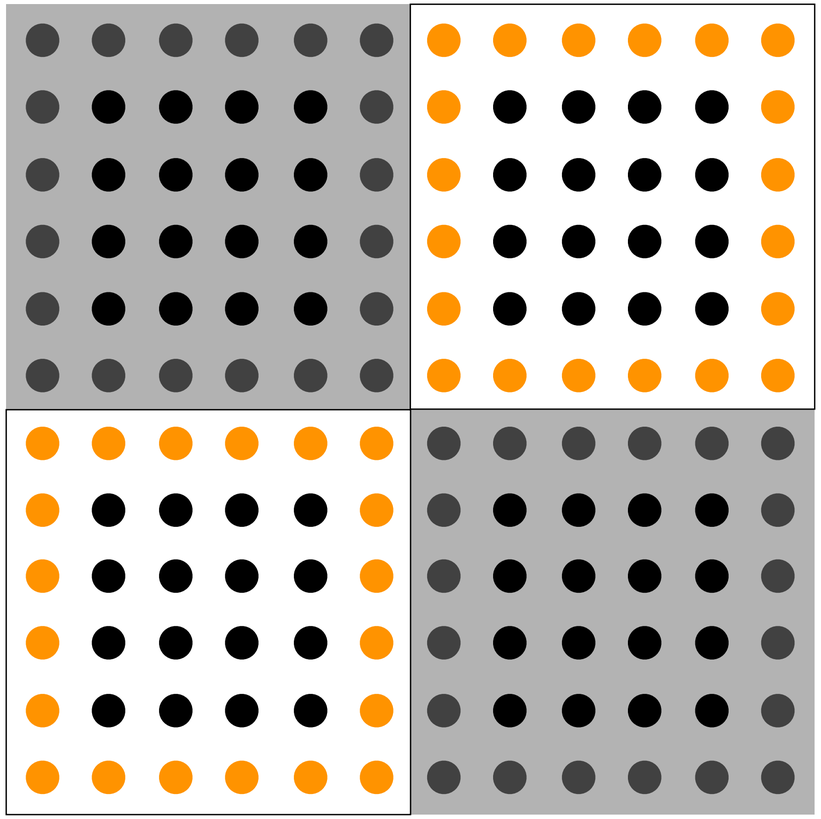
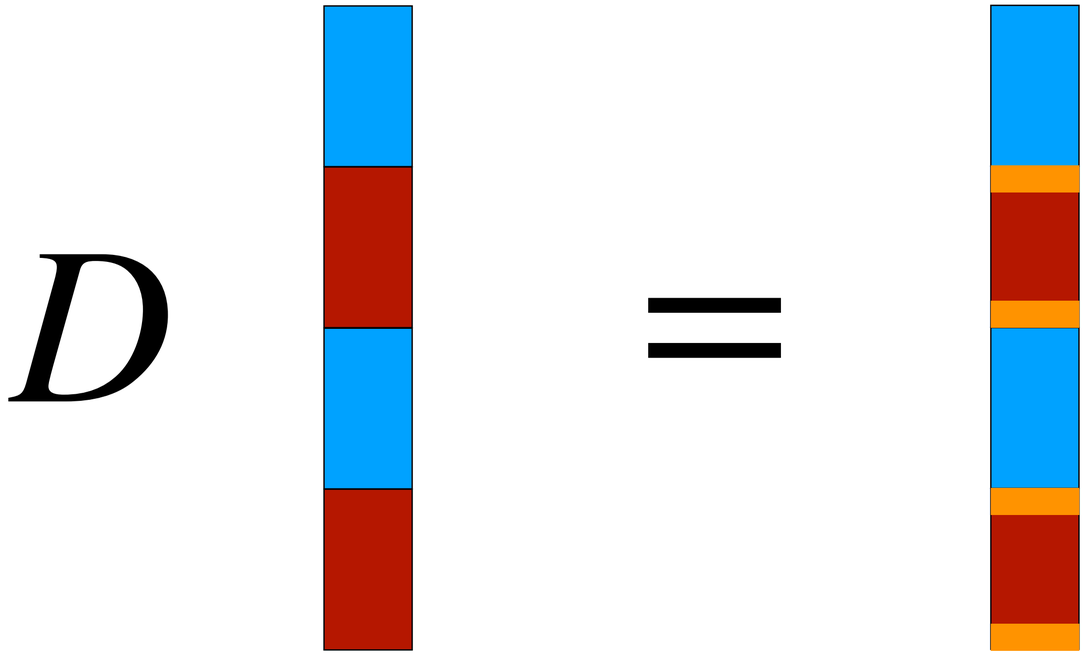
  - Step 2: update domain boundary (comm.)



Strategy for SAP in Grid

- use standard **global spinor fields** (LatticeFermionF) as work space to simulate block operations
- for the **block minimal residue algorithm** apply the global Dirac operator
- e.g. when solving on blue blocks, set red ones to zero by applying masks after each application of D



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→ FACTOR 2 SLOWER

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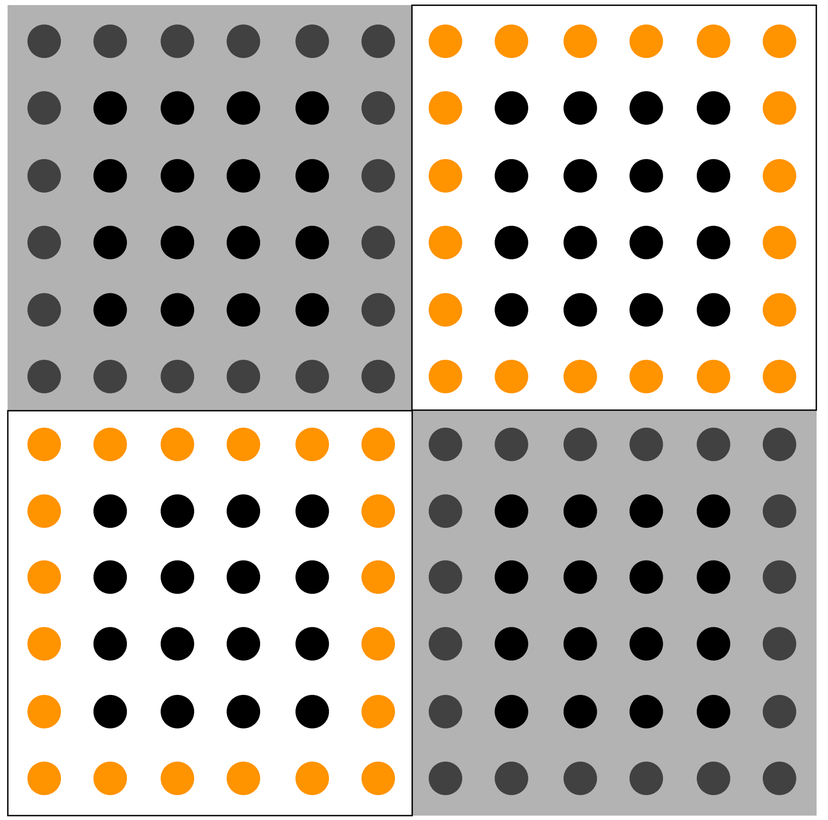

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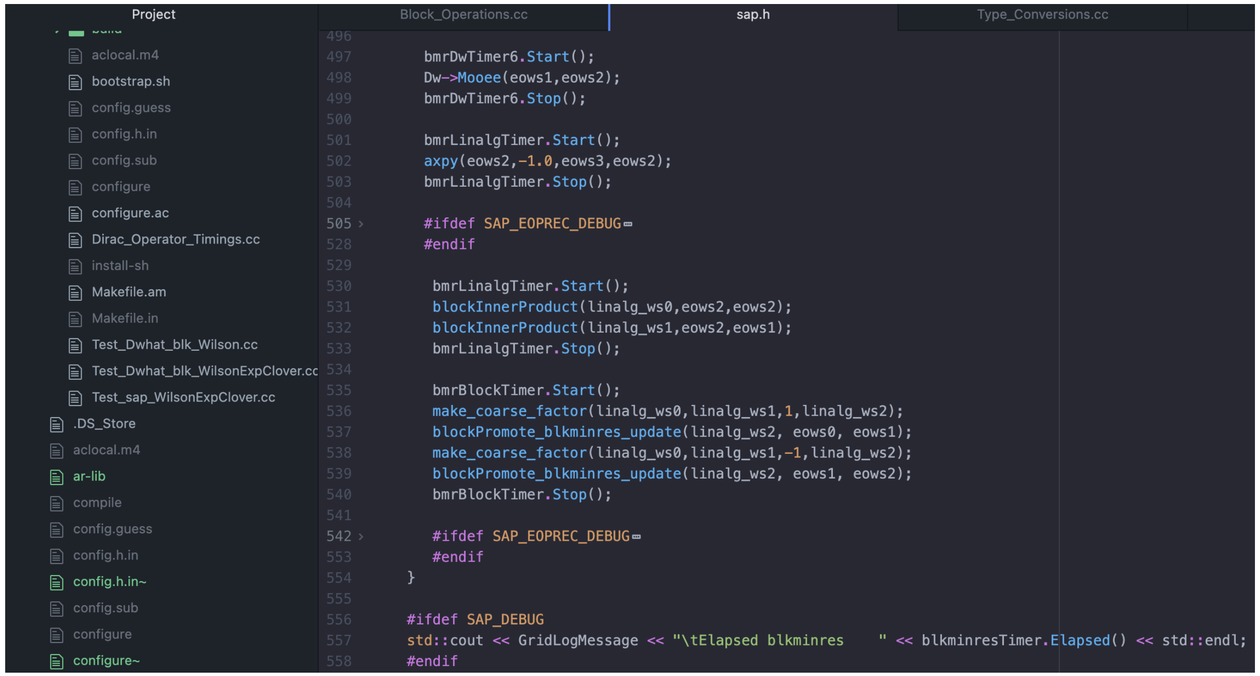

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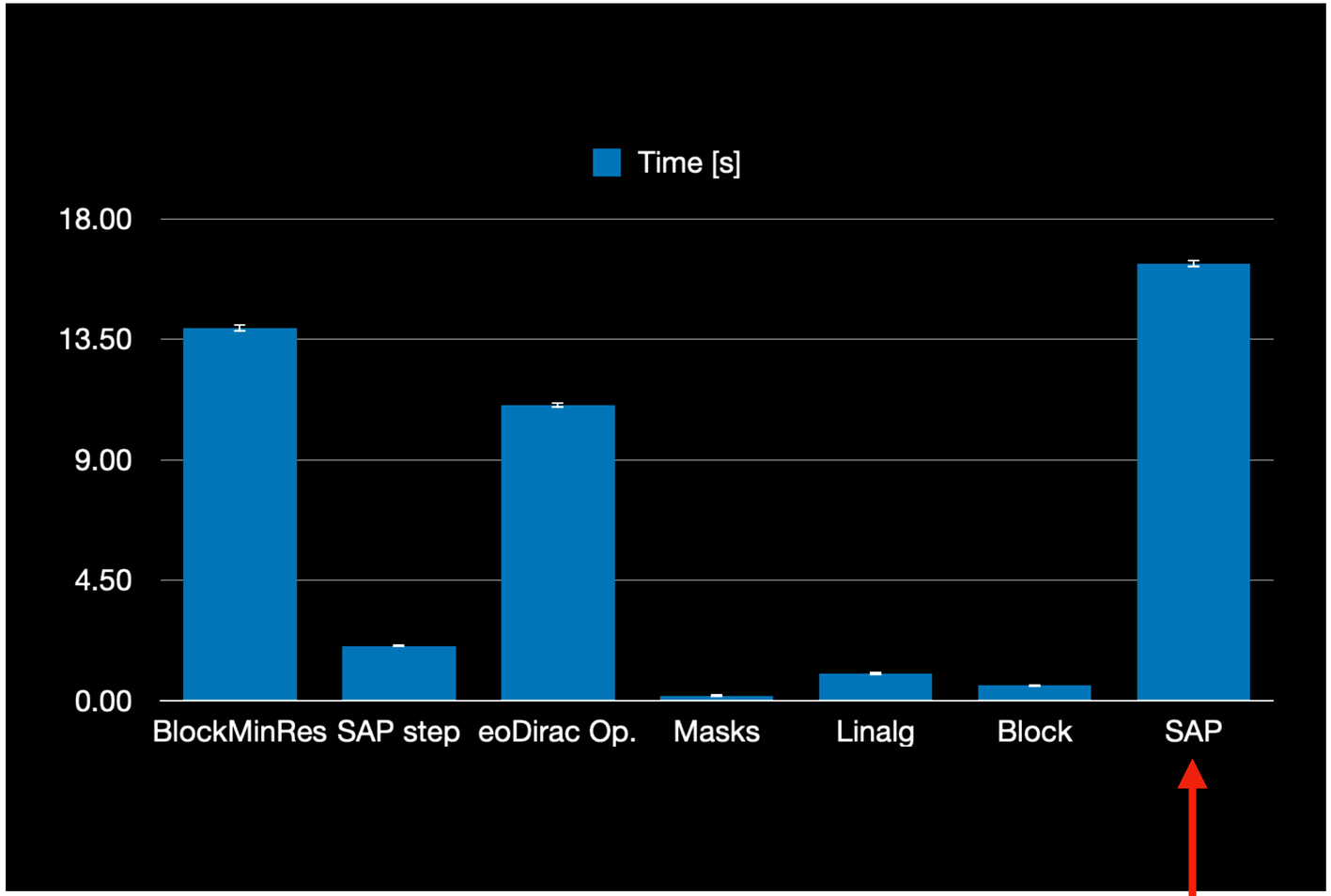
Results SAP on CPU

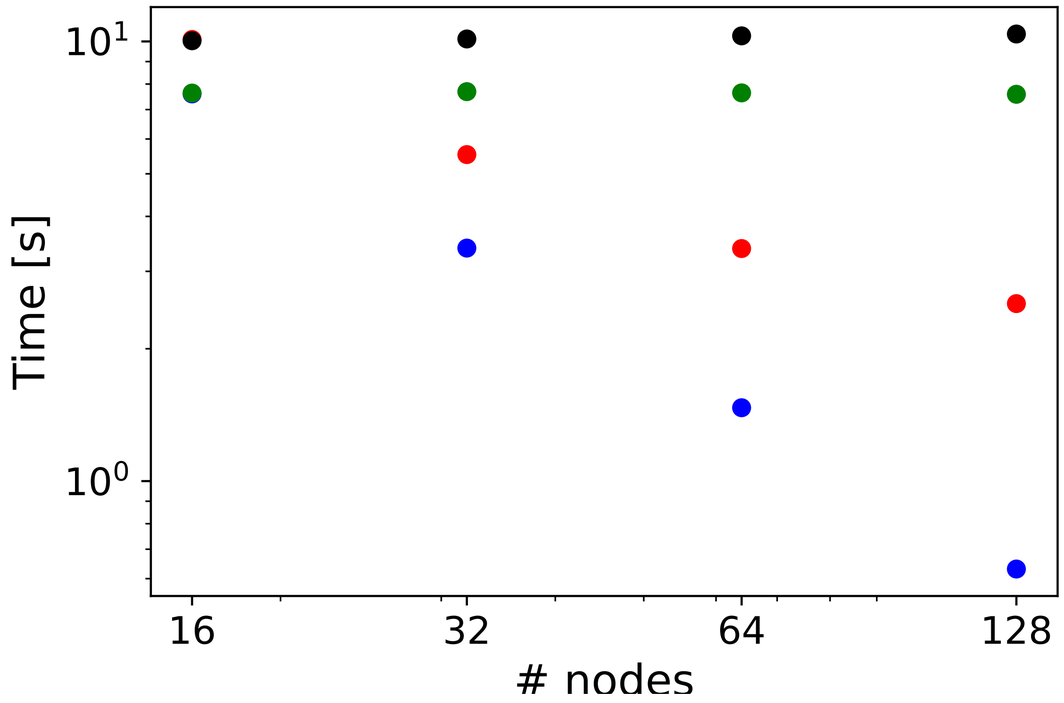
- 24x24x24x96, stabilised Wilson Clover (provided by OPEN LATtice initiative)
- 16 nodes à 24 CPUs (Tesseract)
- solve Dirac equation using SAP preconditioned FGMRES solver
- **openQCD: 2 sec**
- **Grid: 16 sec**



total time for preconditioner

Block Dirac Operator Improvements

comms / scaling	strong	weak
on	●	●
off	●	●



Timings of the Block Dirac Operator implementation in Grid

- unfair comparison as openQCD's Dw_blk has no comms
- **switch off comms** between MPI processes, here: unimproved Wilson

Status of DFL in Grid

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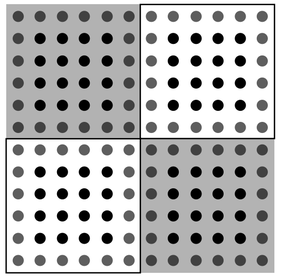


- Apply smoother (SAP, GMRES,…) to set of fields $\{\psi_l(x), l = 1,...,N_s\}$ to make **deflation subspace** (block projection) -> **approximate low modes** of the Dirac operator up to small deficits
  - separation of modes:
    - (a) solve Dirac equation in orthogonal complement of deflation subspace (better conditioned)
    - (b) solve little Dirac equation (using deflation again)
  - recombine full solution (a) + (b)

$$\psi(x) = \chi(x) + \sum_{k=1}^{N} \phi_k(x)\ (A^{-1})_{kl}\ (\phi_l, \eta)$$

$$P_L D \chi(x) = P_L \eta(x)$$

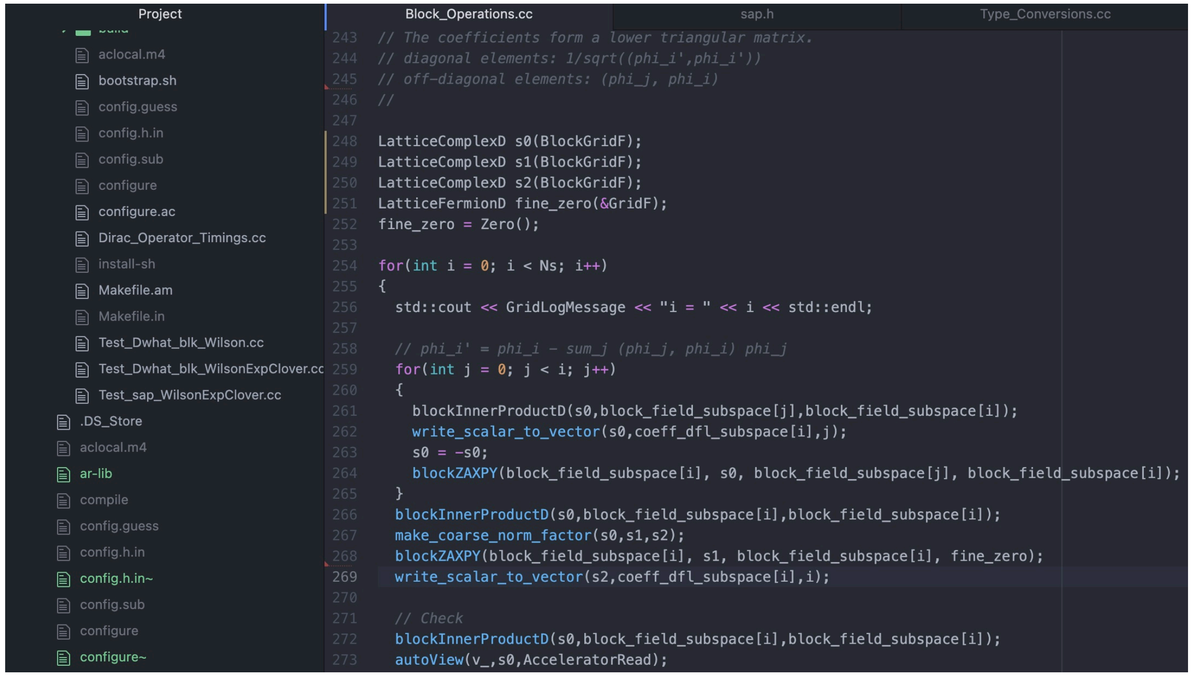
DFL in Grid

- use **CoarsendMatrix** module (P. Boyle, D. Richtmann) also used in the multigrid module to make **little Dirac matrix** $A_{ij} = (\phi_i, D\phi_j)$

- **new code developed for:**

  - vector fields for the little modes $v^{(k)}_{\Lambda,l} \quad k,l = 1,...,N_s$, $\Lambda = 1,...,N_b$ serve as **second (inner) deflation subspace** to solve $Av = w$

  - little little operator $B_{k,l} := (v^{(i)}_{\Lambda',k}, A_{(\Lambda',i),(\Lambda,j)} v^{(j)}_{\Lambda,l})$ matrix of size $N_s \times N_s$



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- runs on CPU and GPU machines
- reduce comm. overhead to make SAP faster

Inexact deflation in Grid

- Functions for DFL subspace projections ready
- **Next steps:** run solves (full and little system) and compare with other algorithms + study use of different smoothers on CPUs & GPUs

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This is work in progress! I am happy to receive feedback and feel free to contribute! Public Grid branch will be released soon on github.

Thank you very much!