

# Experiences with the Karsten-Wilczek solver

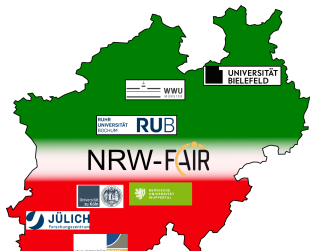
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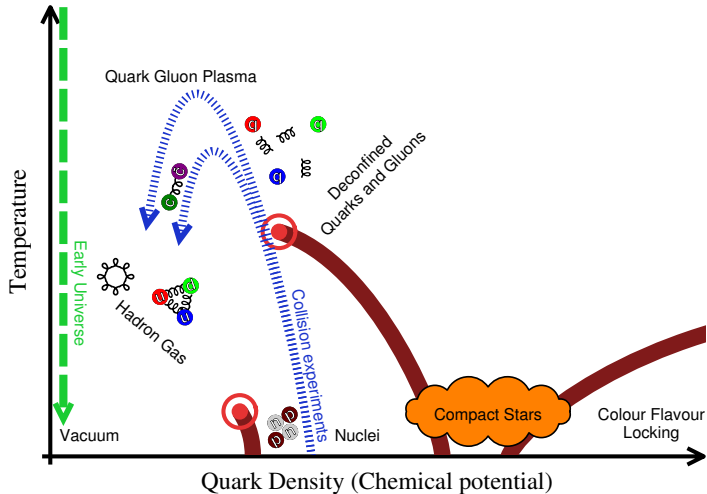
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# The QCD phase diagram



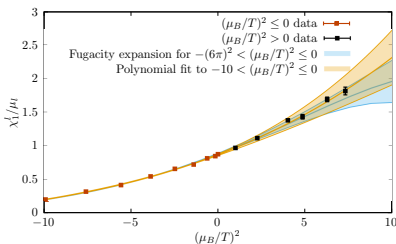
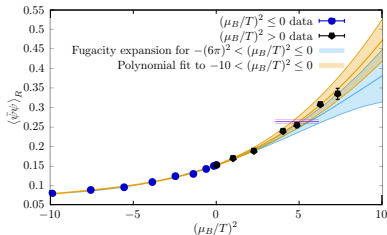
# Direct (reweighted) simulations at $\mu_B > 0$

## How far can we go in the chemical potential?

We compare in these plots for 140 MeV

- Taylor expansion from imaginary  $\mu_B$
- Fugacity expansion from imaginary  $\mu_B$
- Direct finite density simulations at  $0 < \mu_B \leq 380$  MeV

*Direct = reweighting from sign quenched*



The direct result has the smallest errors.

# Which action should we use?

## What do we need?

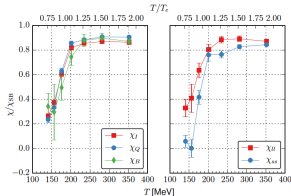
- Two flavors with a chemical potential: up+down
- What we do with strange? *the strange barrier comes much later*
- Broken symmetries should not distort chiral transition
- Low costs to fight off the sign+overlap problems
- No time-like multi-hops, reduced matrix with few space-like points

## What choices do we have?

- **Rooted staggered**: square root of a complex determinant is ambiguous. Is it analytic in  $\mu_B$ ?
- **Wilson fermions**: conceptually great, but the chiral transition requires much finer lattices than on staggered.
- **Overlap construction**: do we really want to drive  $\mu$  through a step function?

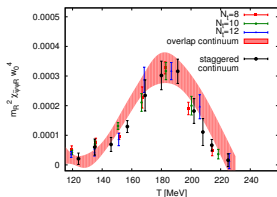
# Non-staggered finite temperature results

*Quark number susceptibilities*  
anisotropic wilson  $m_\pi = 392$  MeV



[FASTSUM 1309.6253,1412.6411]

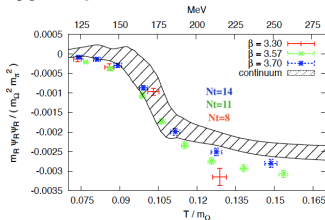
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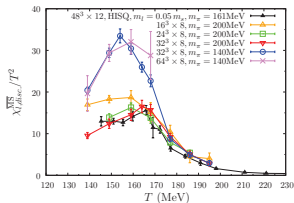
Overlap fermions ( $m_\pi = 350$  MeV)

[WB 1204.4089].

isotropic wilson in continuum  
285 MeV.



[WB 1205.0440,1504.03676]



Domain wall ( $m_\pi = 135$  MeV)

[HotQCD 1402.5175]

# Why the Karsten-Wilczek action?

## What do we need?

- Two flavors with a chemical potential: up+down
- What we do with strange? *the strange barrier comes much later*
- Broken symmetries should not distort chiral transition
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## Pro Karsten-Wilczek:

- Two flavors
- Anisotropy is not a bug, it is a feature in thermodynamics
- Exact remnant chiral symmetry
- No nested inversion

## Contra Karsten-Wilczek:

- Non-trivial tuning
- Are there  $\mathcal{O}(a)$  corrections?

Boriçi-Creutz does not lend itself so naturally for finite  $T$

# Study of the dispersion relation

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

What is the discretization error on the pressure?

$$p = \frac{T}{V} \sum_k \log(D(k)) = \frac{\xi}{N_x^3 N_t} \sum_k \log(D(k))$$

This is divergent, but subtracting the vacuum you get

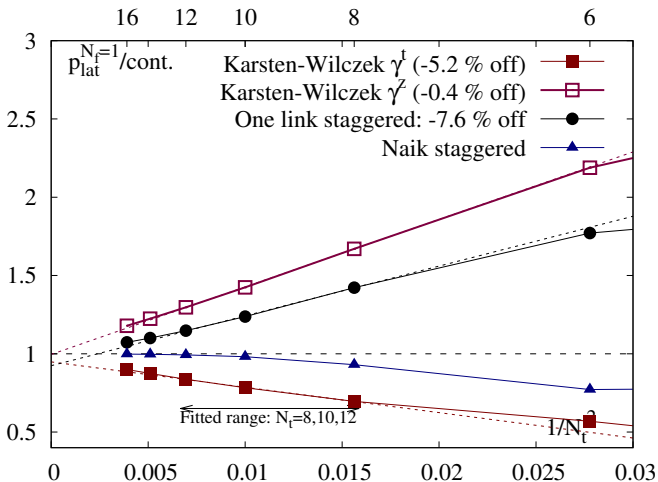
$$\left. \frac{p}{T^4} \right|_{\text{lat}} = N_t^4 \frac{(p(T) - p(T=0))}{\xi^4}$$

In the continuum you get for one flavor (K-W gives this with factor 2):

$$\left. \frac{p}{T^4} \right|_{\text{cont}} = \frac{7\pi^2}{180}$$

*How do your lattices need to be so that a continuum extrapolation will give you back this continuum number?* [Phd Thesis A Peikert, Bielefeld 2000]

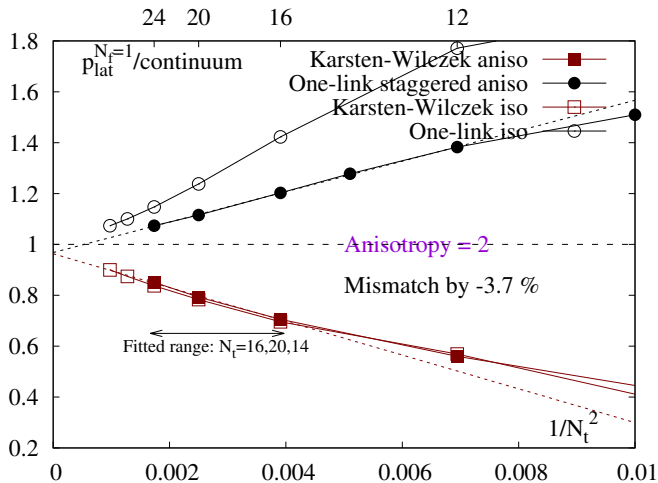
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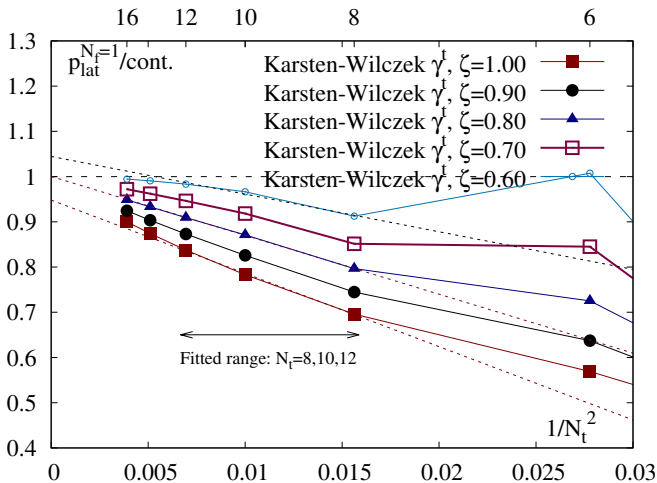
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Let's introduce an anisotropy of  $\xi = 2$ .



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Let's play with the Wilczek parameter  $\zeta$



# Tuning the counterterms

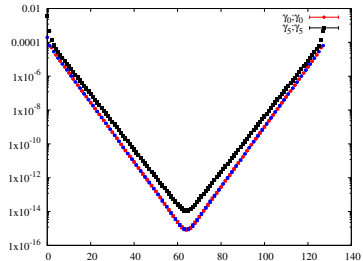
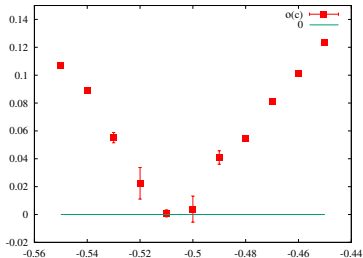
*Dimension 4 and gauge counterterms are just the standard  $\xi_g$  and  $\xi_f$  for anisotropic actions.*

The only new term  $c$ : dimension 3.

**J. Weber:** Look at the oscillations in the parallel correlator of  $\bar{\psi}\gamma^0\psi$ .

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

The correct  $c$  es defined through  $\omega - \pi = 0$ .



The two masses differ by 8%, with 600 MeV mass

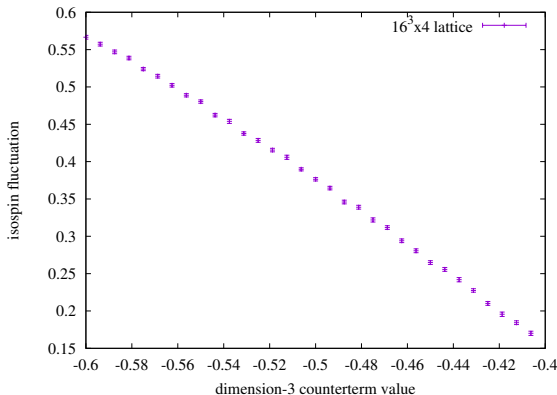
$$\rightarrow \sqrt{M_{00}^2 - M_{55}^2} = 250 \text{ MeV}, a = 0.17 \text{ fm}.$$

# How accurately do we need this counterterm?

Take a relevant observable, here

*bulk isospin fluctuations*

and observe it as a function of the counterterm.

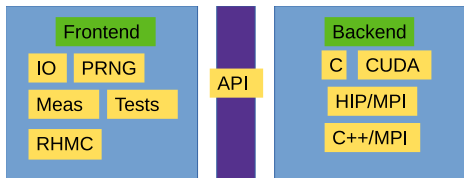


# The simulation code – Outline

- Overview of the simulation code
- Implementation of K-W action
- Comparison of Scaling among Staggered, Wilson and K-W actions
- Conclusion

# Overview of the simulation code

- The simulation code is written in C, C++, HIP and CUDA
- Composed of different backends (corresponding to different architectures or implementation details) , sharing modules in the frontend
- The frontend connects to the backend via an API composed of “kernel functions” (not GPU kernels) , which are the critical routines provided by the backends
- All local operations on each site are written as backend-independent macros that are shared in the frontend
- NVSHMEM package is used to avoid most of host-device copying
- Under active development, currently supports Staggered, Wilson and Karsten-Wilczek (K-W) actions, in C and CUDA backends. C++/MPI and HIP/MPI backends are planned.



# Implementation of K-W action

- $D \equiv 2(m + \not{D}) :$

$$\begin{aligned} D\psi[s] \equiv & \sum_{\mu} \xi_{\mu} [c_{\mu}(s) \Gamma^{\mu} U_{\mu}(s) \psi[s + \mu] \\ & - c_{\mu}^{-1}(s - \mu) \Gamma^{\mu\dagger} U_{\mu}^{\dagger}(s - \mu) \psi[s - \mu]] \\ & + (2m + 2i(3\zeta + c)\gamma^{\alpha})\psi[s] \\ \Gamma^{\mu} \equiv & \begin{cases} \gamma^{\mu} - i\zeta\gamma^{\alpha} & , \mu \neq \alpha \\ (1 + d)\gamma^{\mu} & , \mu = \alpha \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

$$c_{\mu}(s) = e^{\frac{\mu q}{N_t} \delta_{\mu,t}} \Phi(s),$$

$\Phi(s) = \pm 1$  according to b.c. ,

chemical potential  $\mu_q$  being a complex number in general,

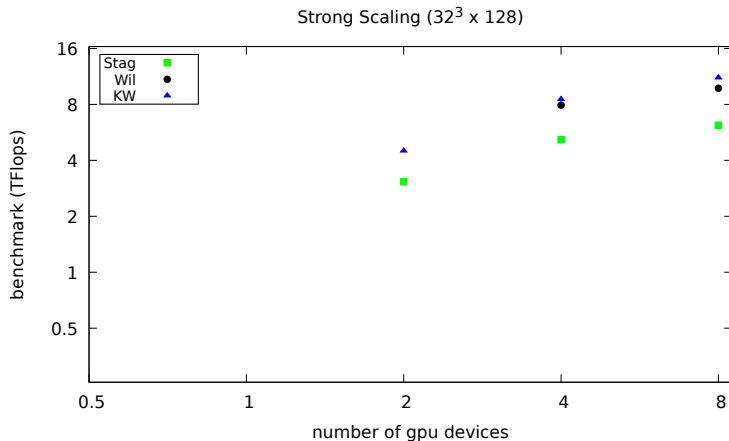
$\xi_{\mu} = \xi^{\delta_{\mu t}}$  is the anisotropy, always understood in the Euclidean time direction

$d$  is absorbed by  $\xi_{\mu}$  if  $\alpha$  is t

- $\alpha$  is general but a compile-time decision
- Critical routines are combined into larger CUDA kernels for better performance

# Comparison of Scaling among Staggered, Wilson and K-W actions

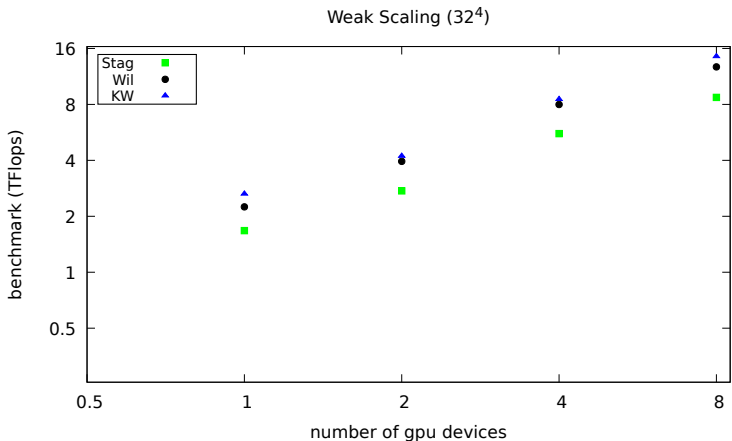
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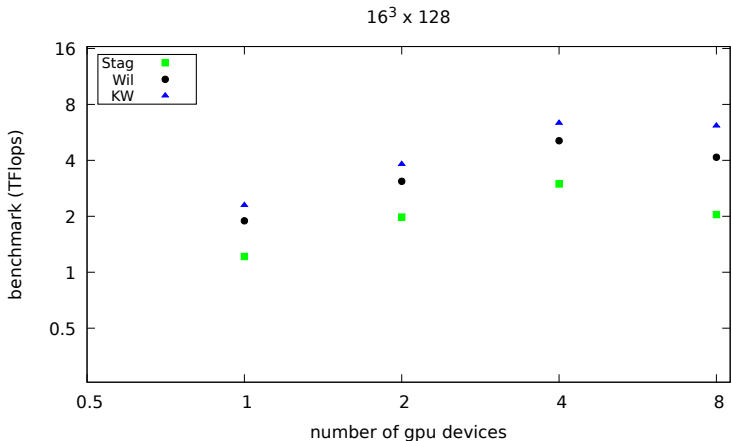
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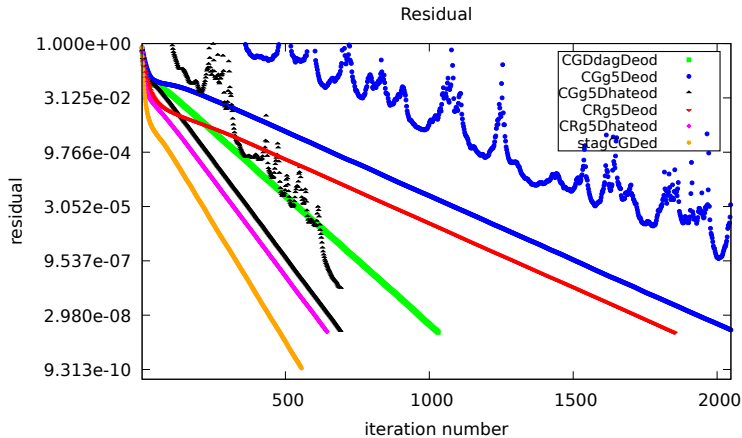
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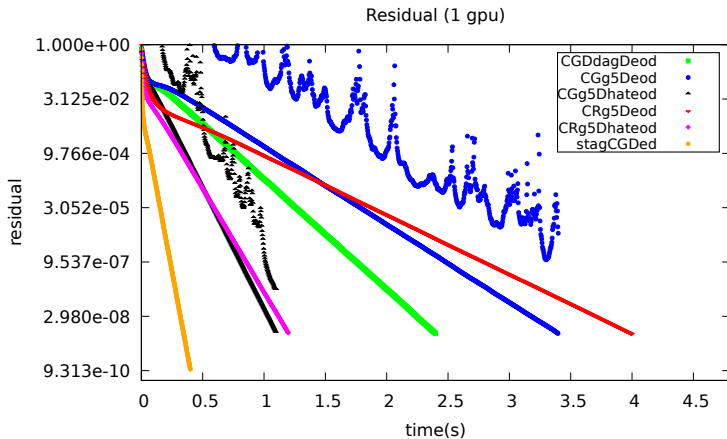
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- Test on A100 GPUs with a quenched  $16^3 \times 128$  config with approximately tuned parameter values :  
 $\beta = 4.2095$ ,  $\xi_g = 1.811336$ ,  $c = -0.49$ ,  $m = 0.05$ , 2-stout with  $\rho = 0.15$  ( $\xi_f$  or  $d$  left untuned)
- So far we have tried:
  - CG on  $D^\dagger D(\text{CGDdagD})$ ,  $\gamma^5 D(\text{CGg5D})$ ,  $\gamma^5 D$  with e/o preconditioning (CGg5Dhat),
  - CR on  $\gamma^5 D(\text{CRg5D})$ , CR on  $\gamma^5 D$  with e/o preconditioning(CRg5Dhat)
- Comparison: CG in staggered(stagCG) on the same config :  
 $\beta = 4.2095$ ,  $\xi_g = 1.811336$ ,  $\xi_f = 1.84$ ,  $m = 0.0463$ , 2-stout with  $\rho = 0.15$

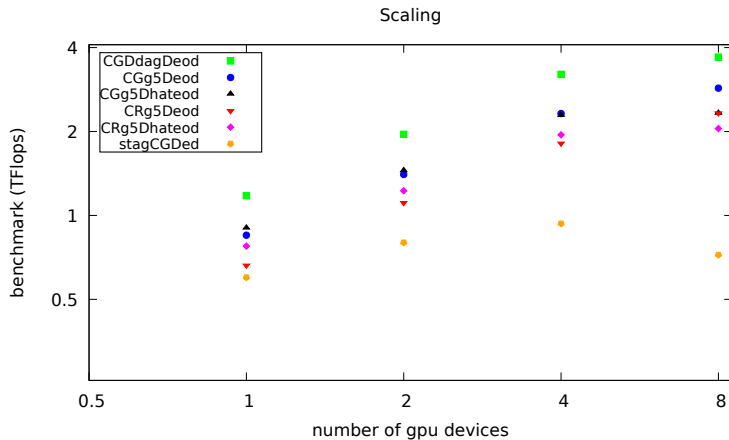
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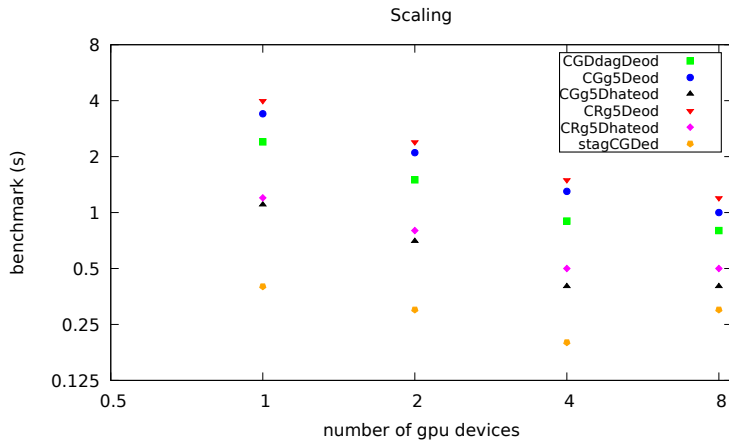
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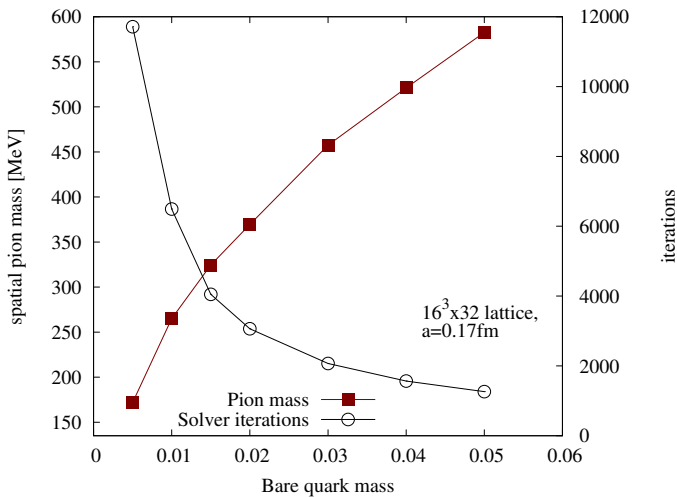
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# Towards physical pion mass





- We need to move away from Staggered; the K-W action is attractive
- We plan to conduct dynamical simulations with the K-W action to study 2-flavor QCD at finite real  $\mu$
- We are currently tuning the renormalization constants
- The K-W action is implemented in C and CUDA and the fermionic force routine will be implemented
- We have tried different solvers at relevant parameter values and configs. So far CR or CG on  $\gamma^5 D$  with e/o preconditioning gives best performance. There will be tests on other solvers e.g. BiCGStab, CGNE.
- It is observed that the cost of inversion for K-W action is about  $\sim 3$  times that of staggered action
- Dim-5 improvement terms may also be implemented and used
- Improvement of the dispersion relation is considered