

# Accelerating the Solution of Sparse Linear Systems with GPUs

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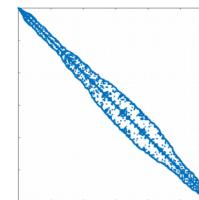
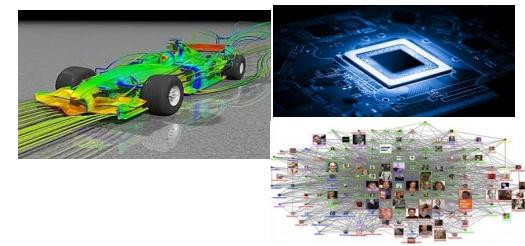
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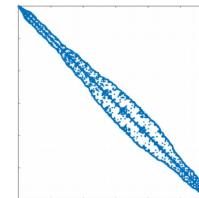
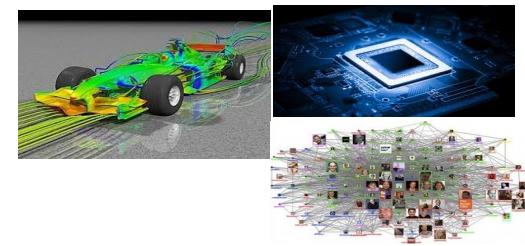


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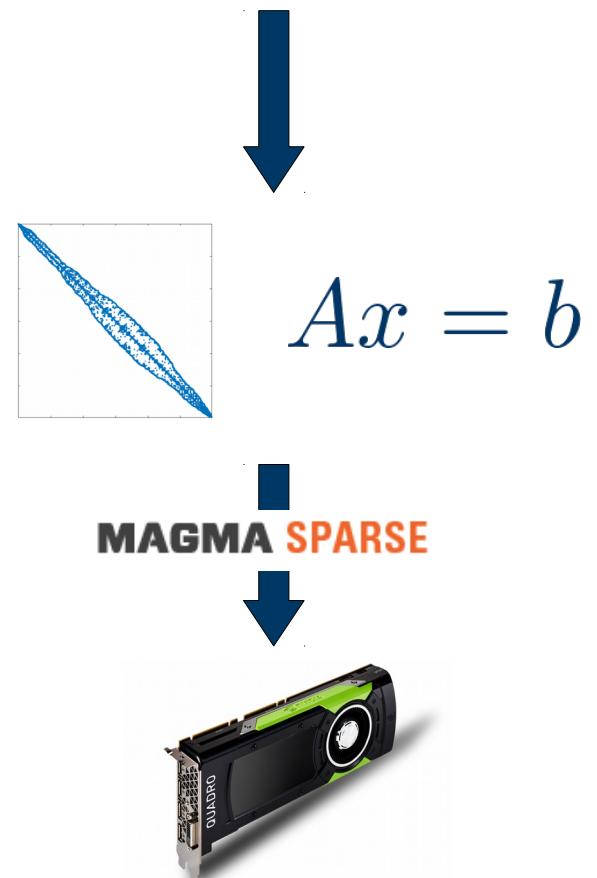
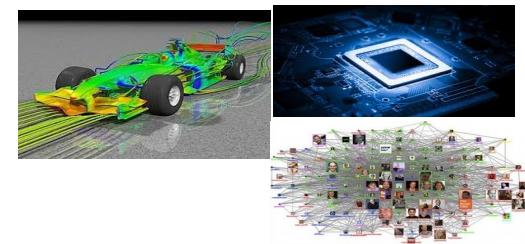


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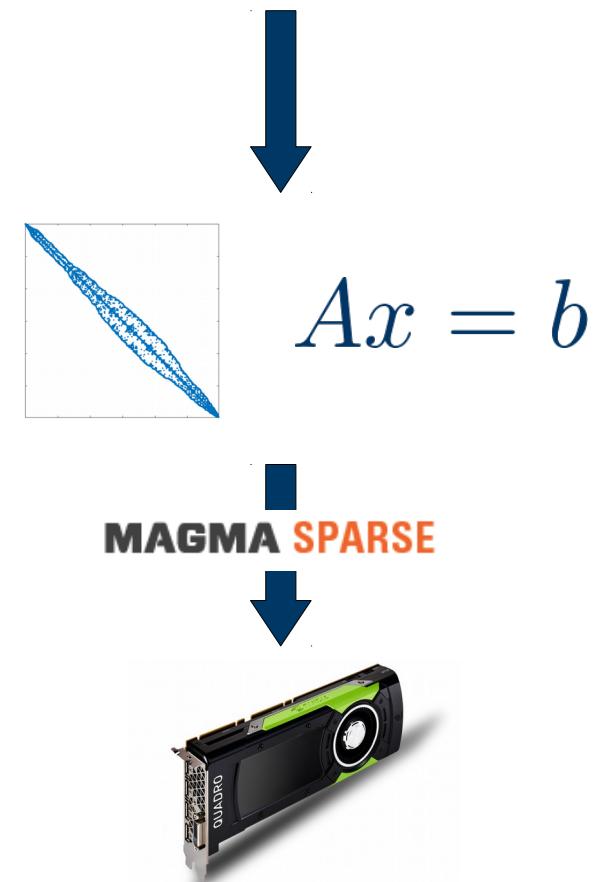
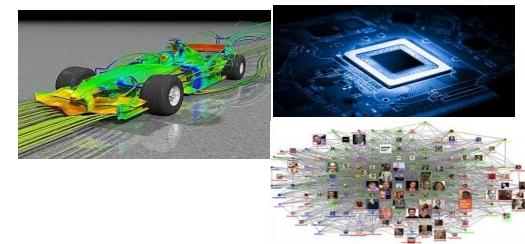


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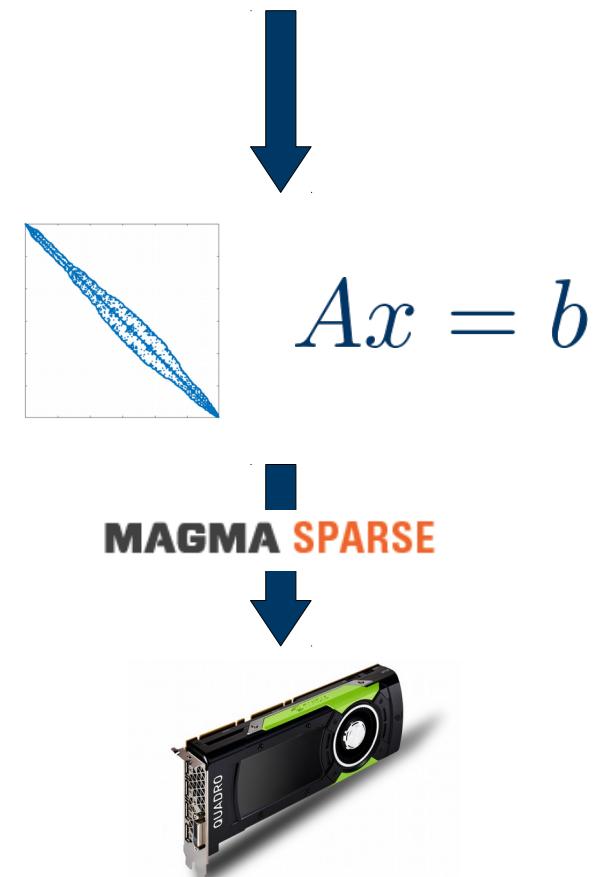
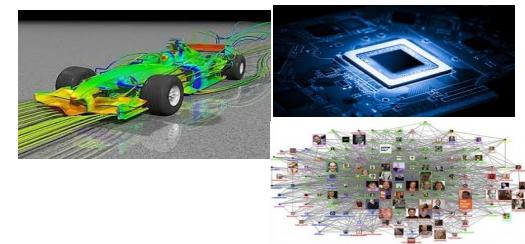


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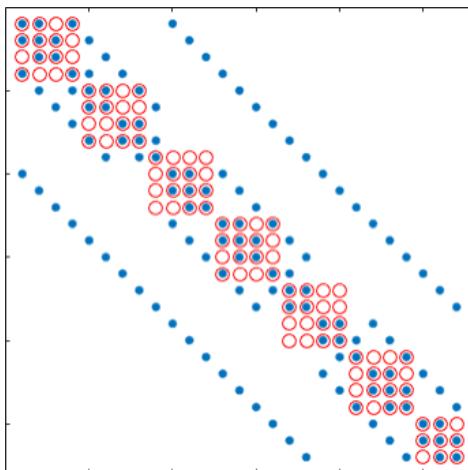
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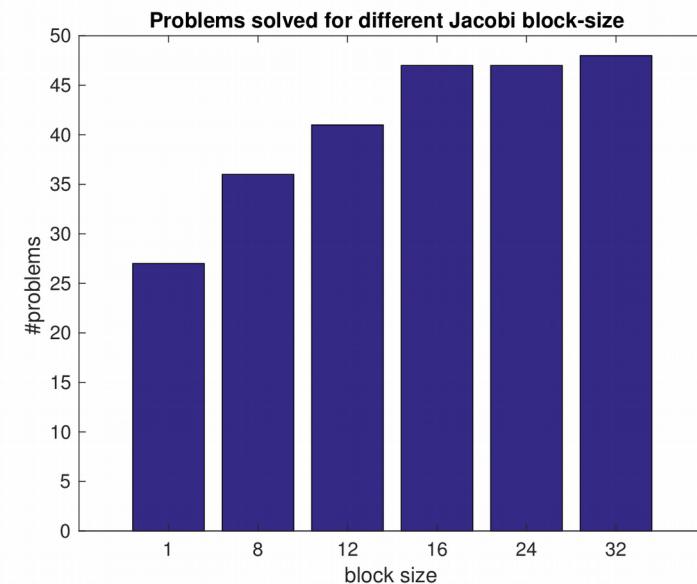
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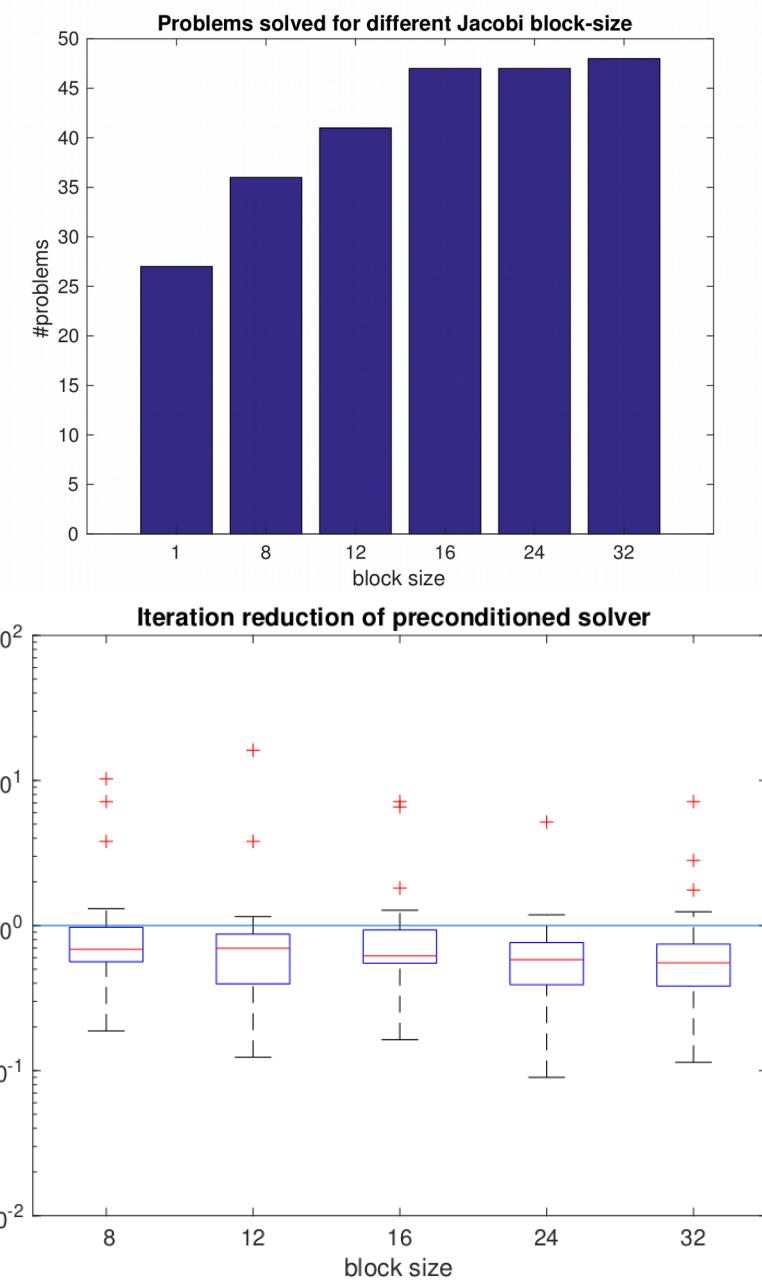
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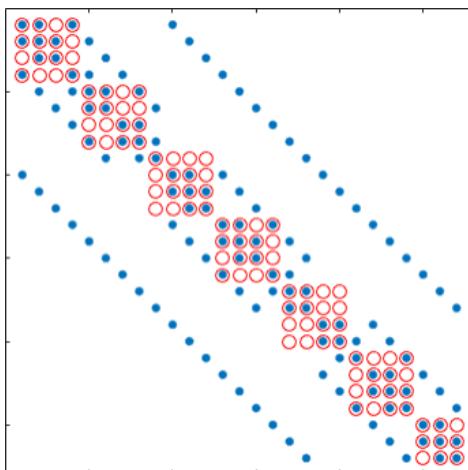
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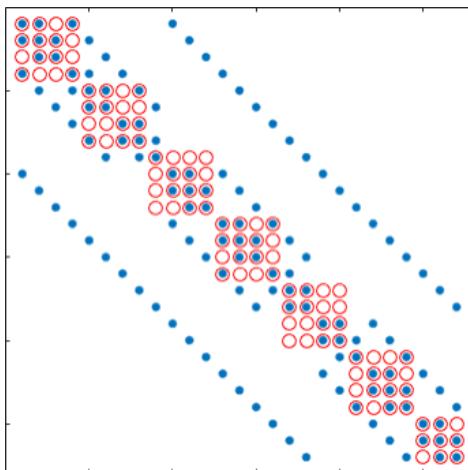
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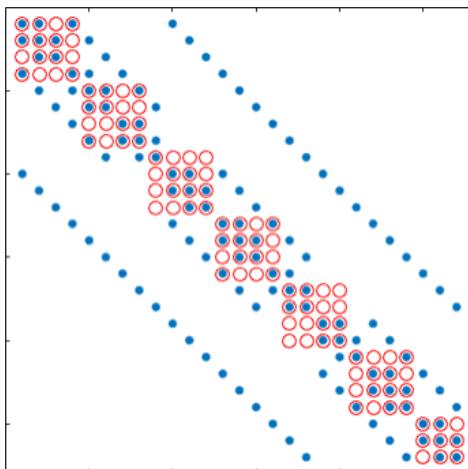
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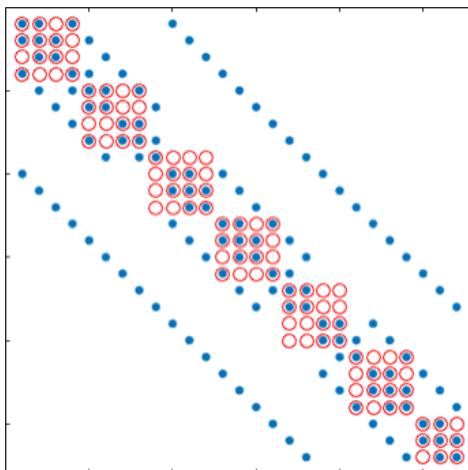
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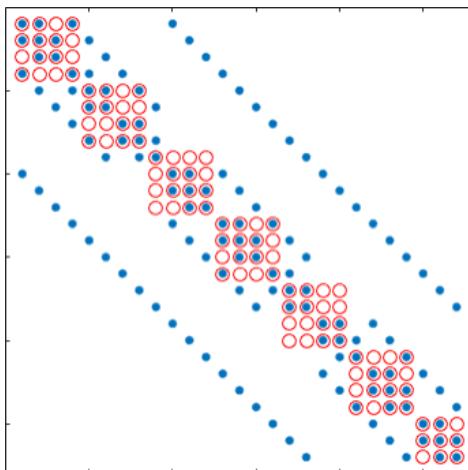
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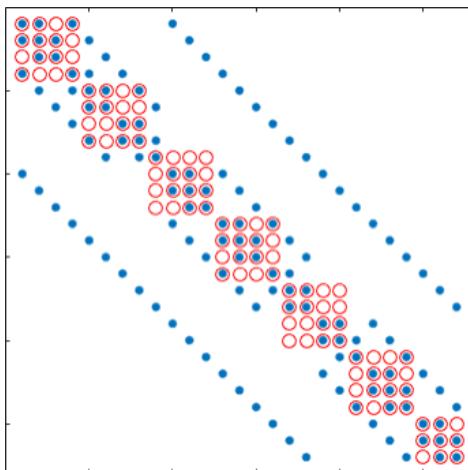
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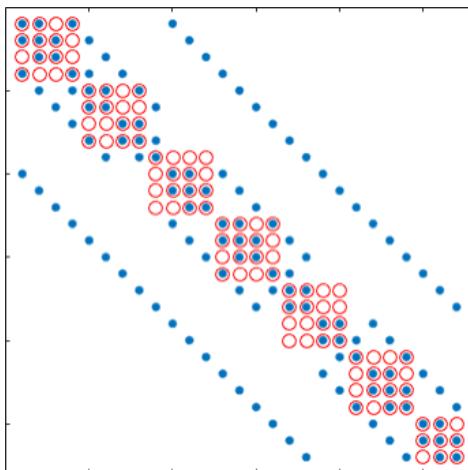
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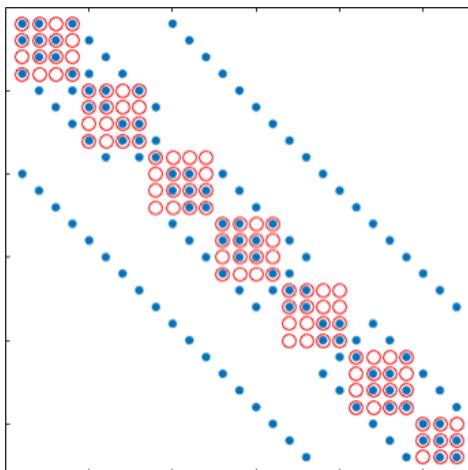
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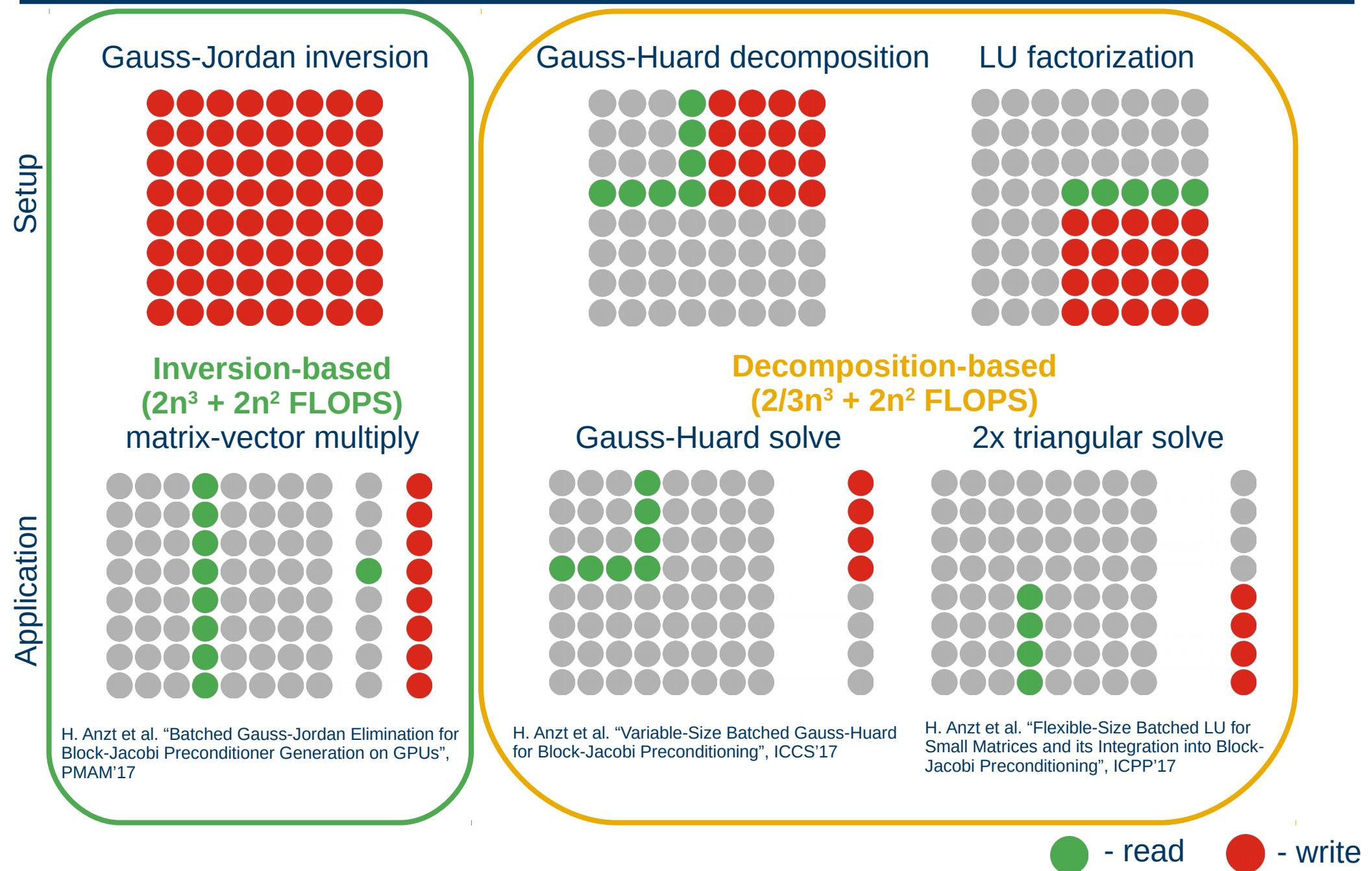
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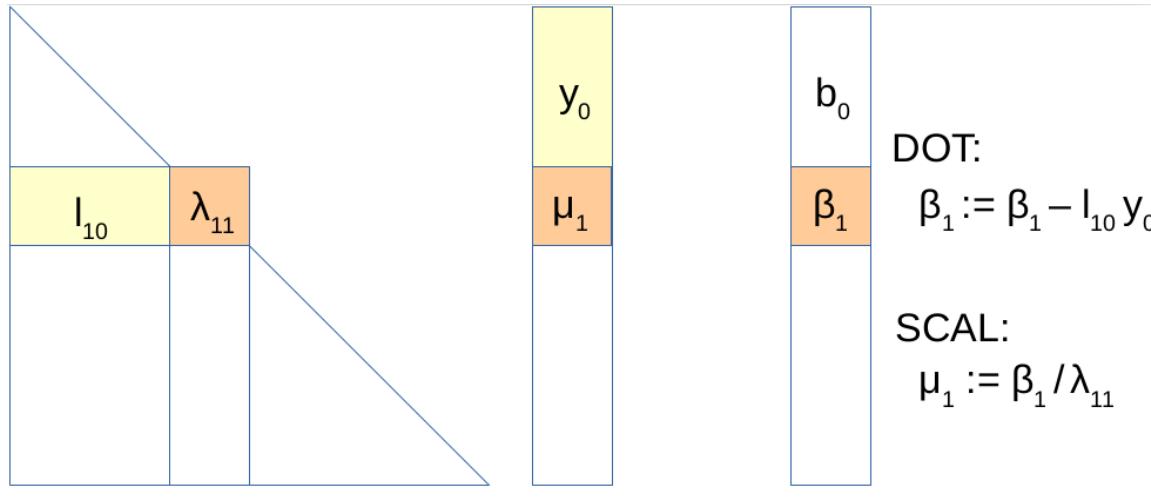
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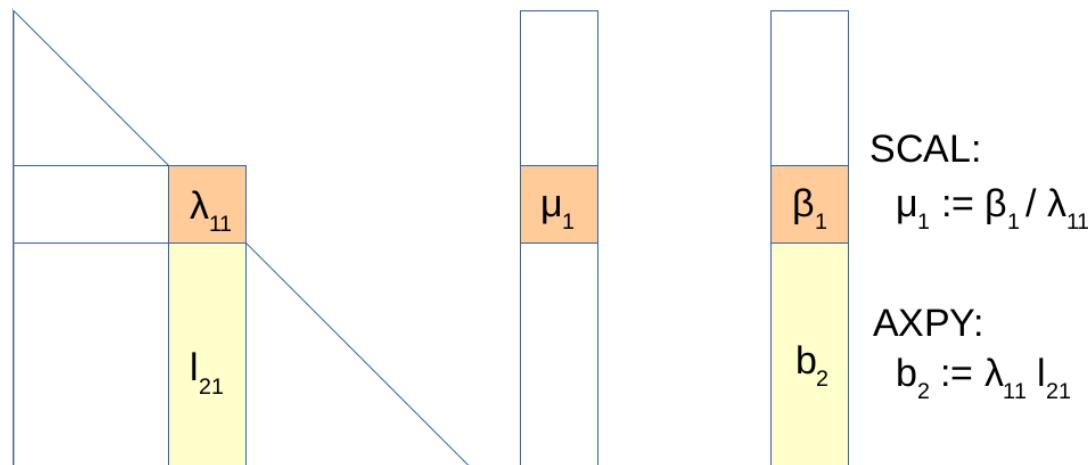
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  - Cast solution vector updates in terms of axpy, not in terms of dot product!

“Lazy” triangular solve



“Eager” triangular solve



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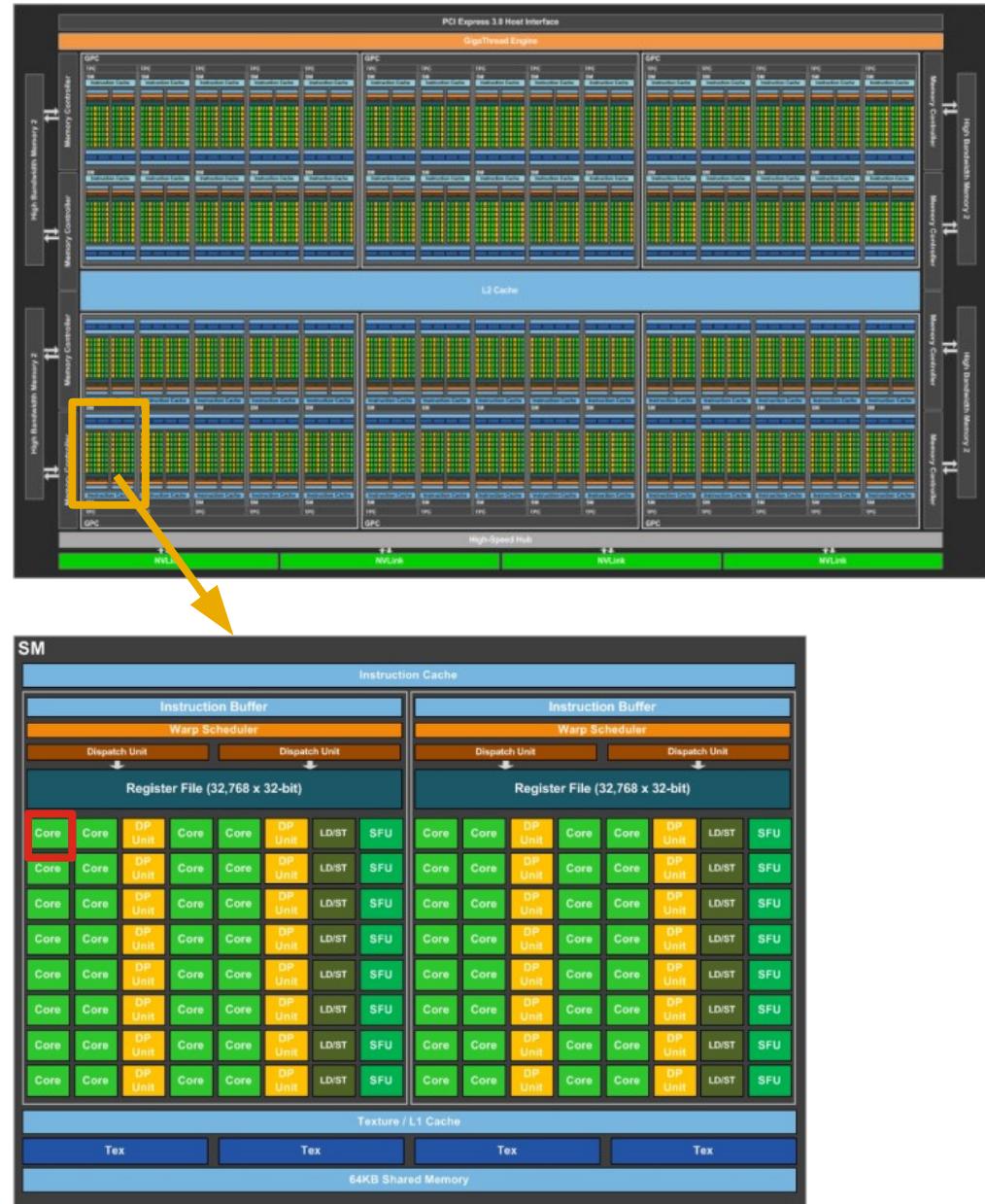
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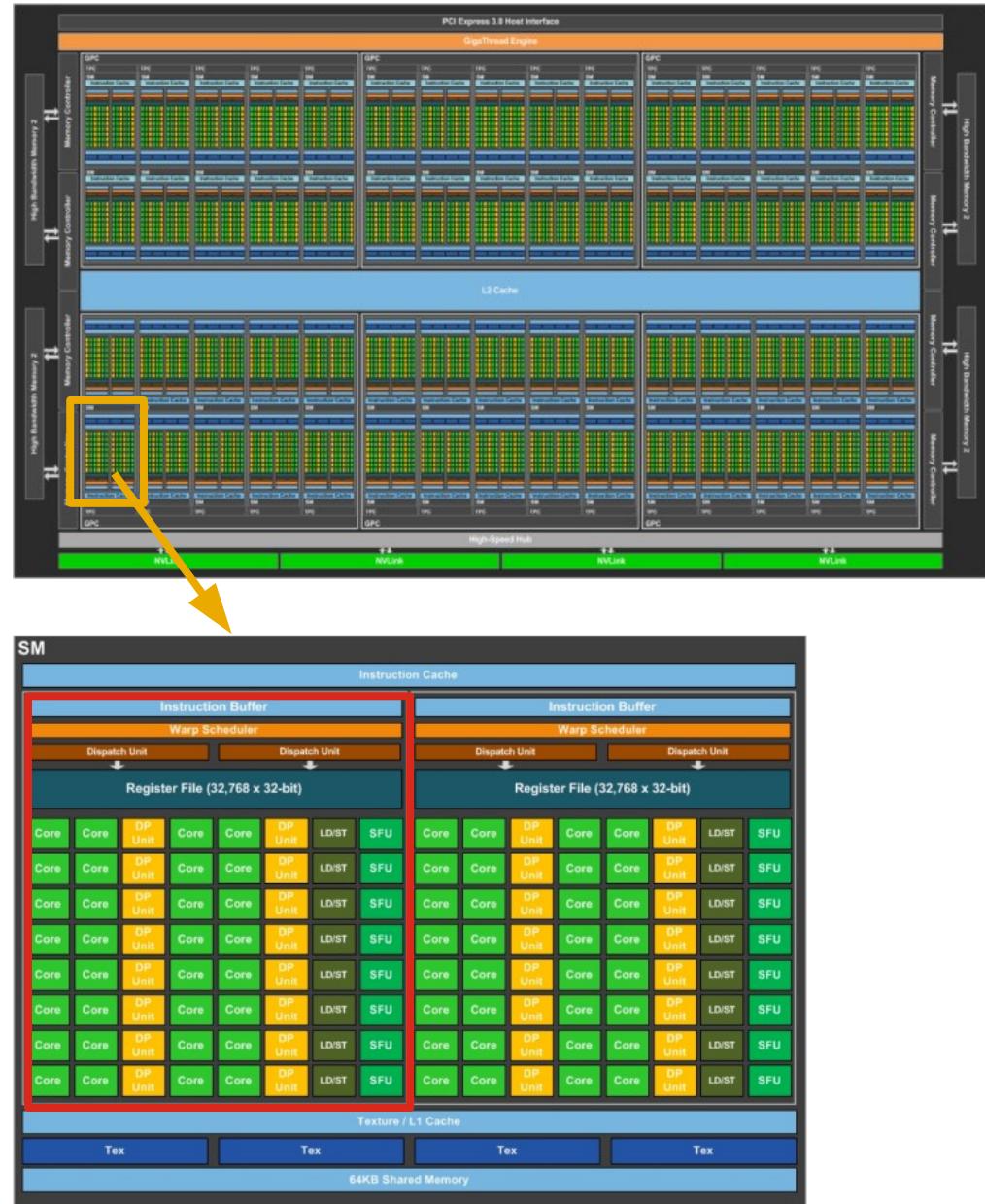
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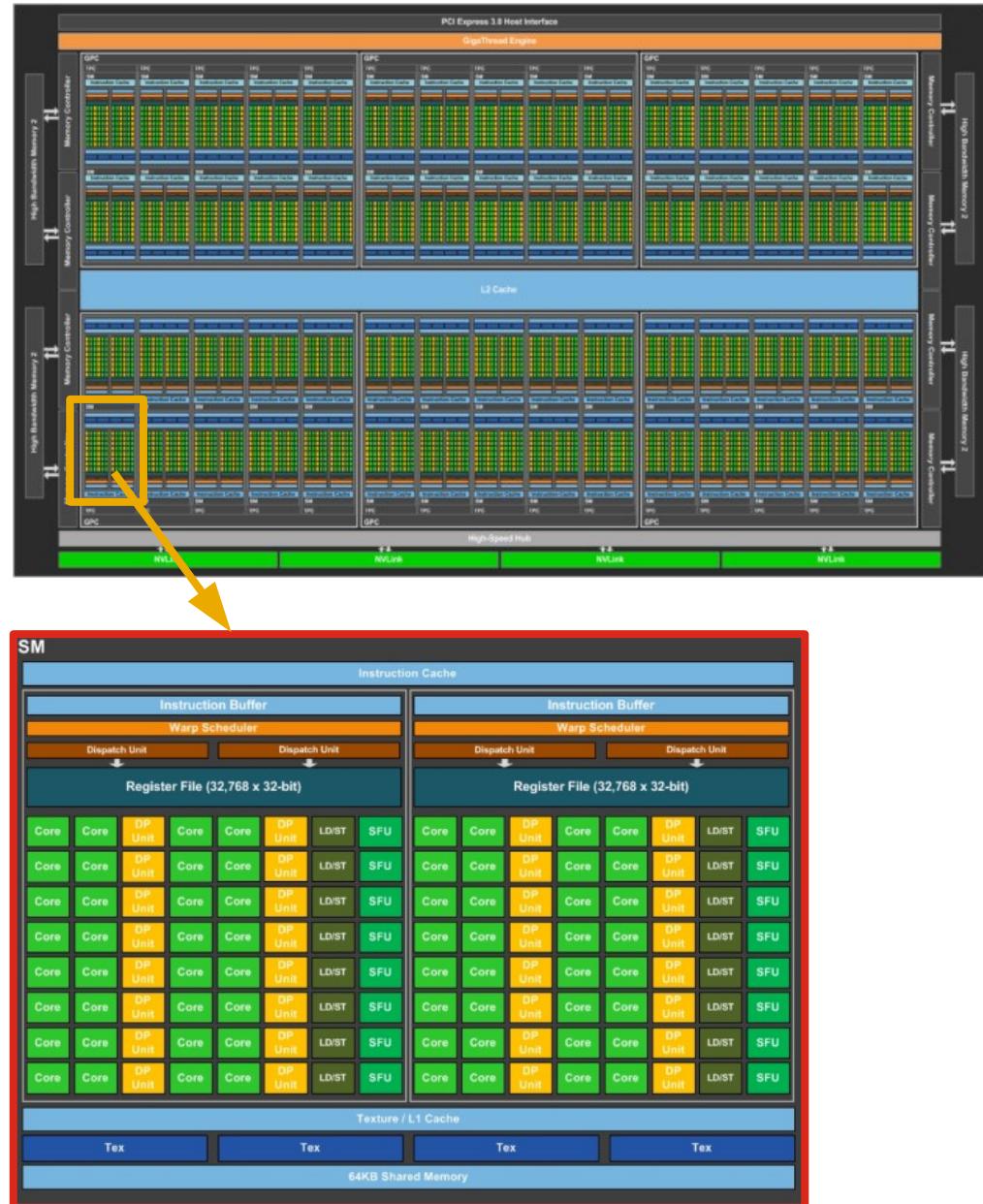
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  - Global memory (12 or 16GB)
  - Simple caches
  - **Atomics**



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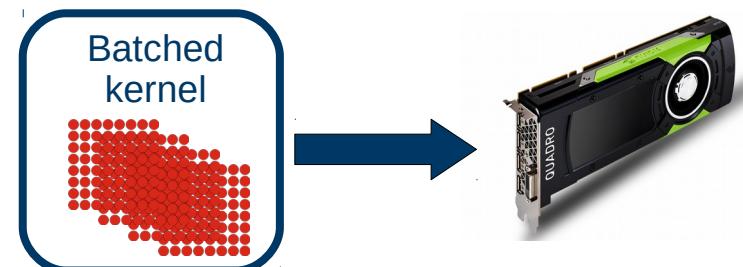
N x GEMM vs batched GEMM comparison:

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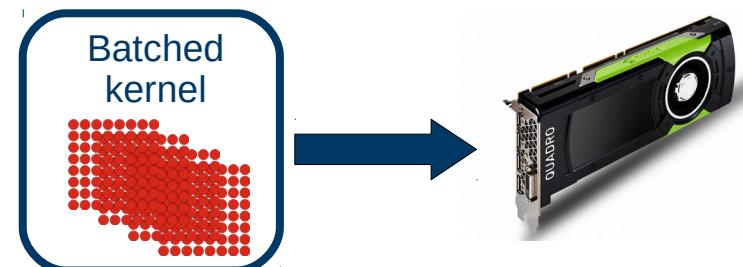


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- There is no standard BLAS & LAPACK interface
- Most implementations only support problems of equal sizes
- High performance libraries are not optimized for small blocks
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  - MAGMA-sparse SpMV: 60 – 90 Gflop/s \*

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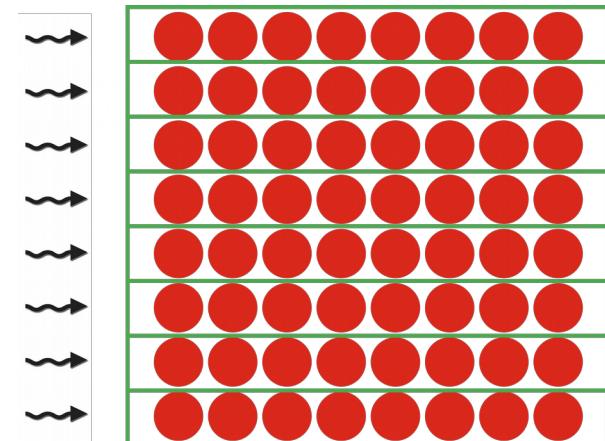


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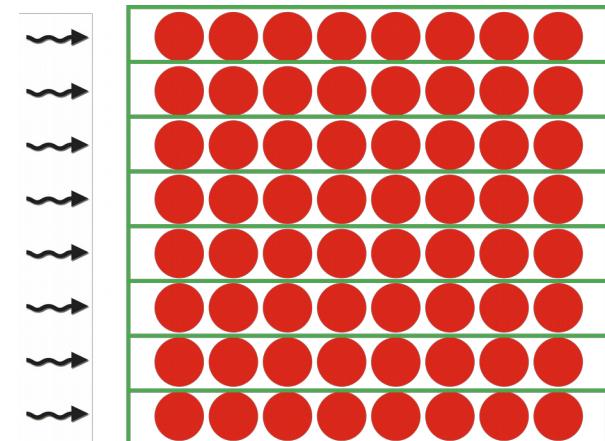


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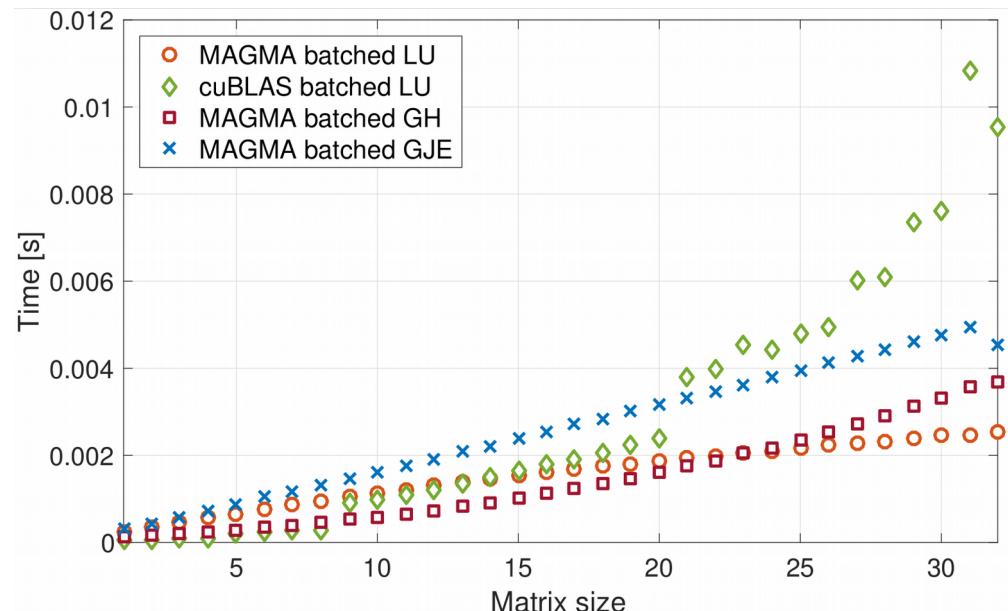
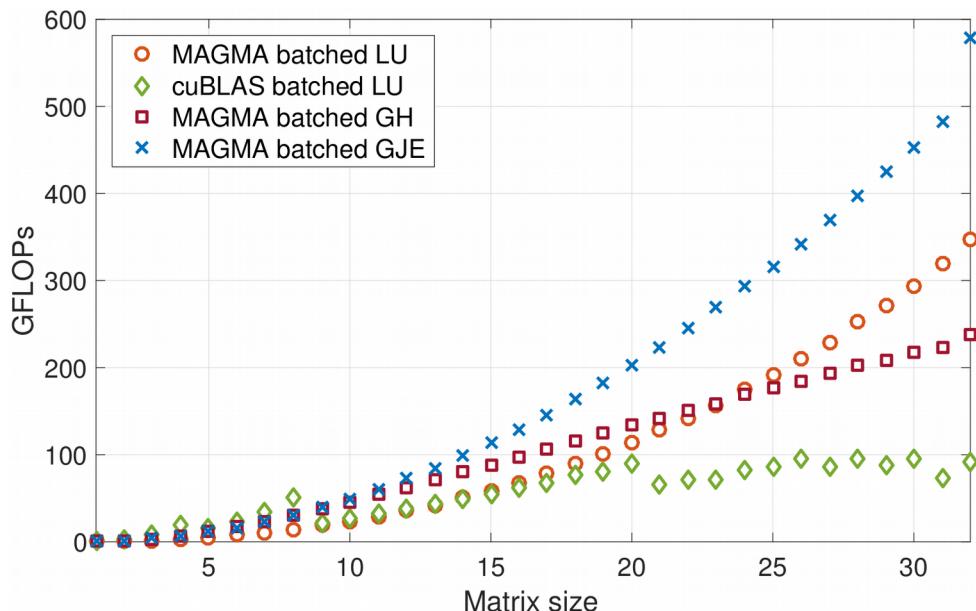
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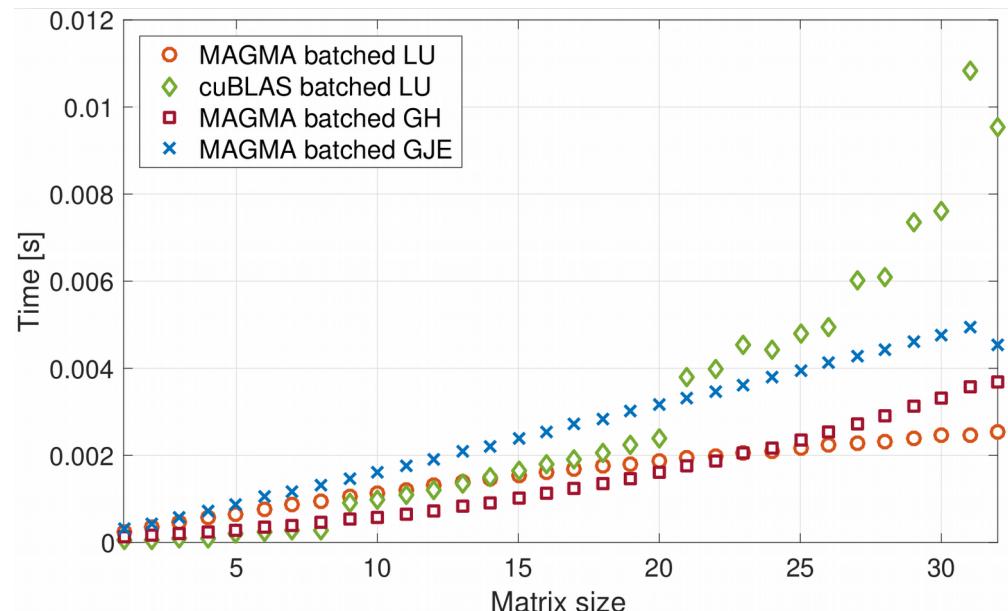
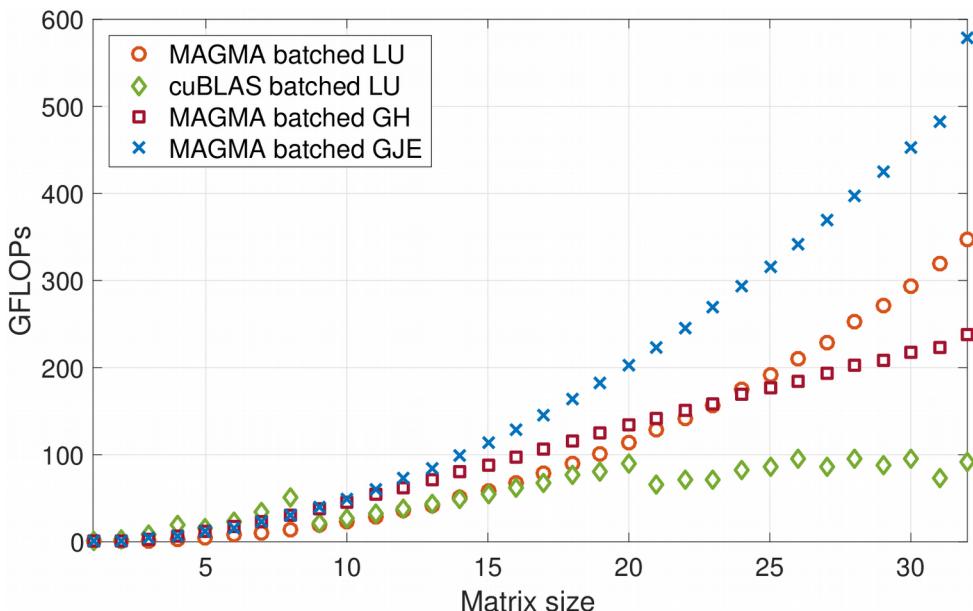
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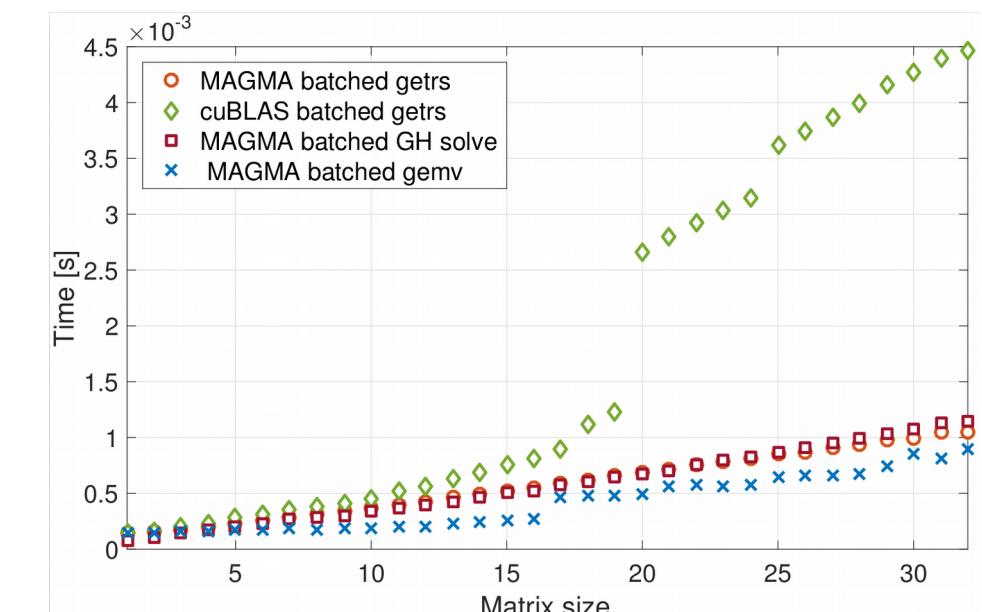
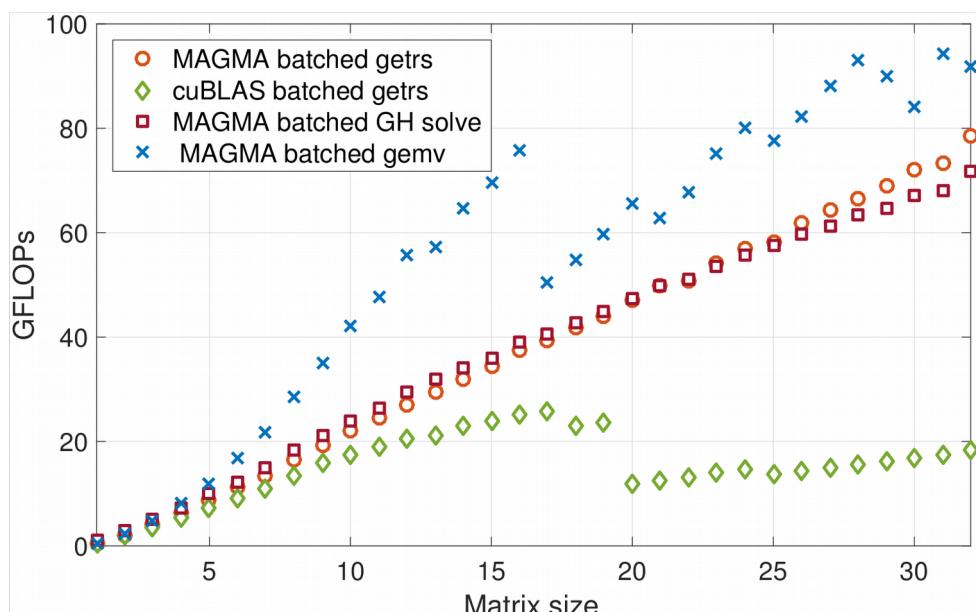
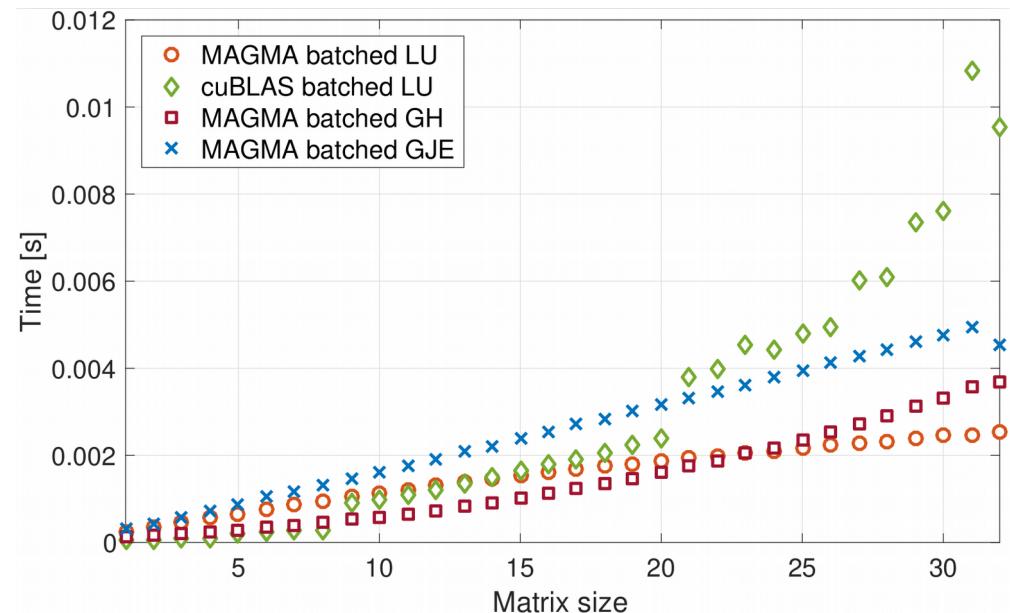
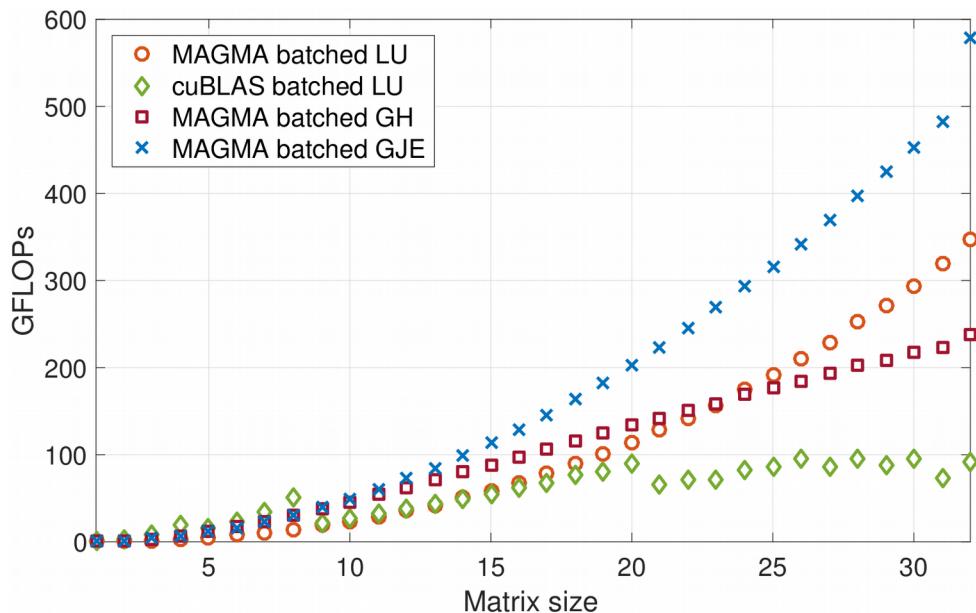
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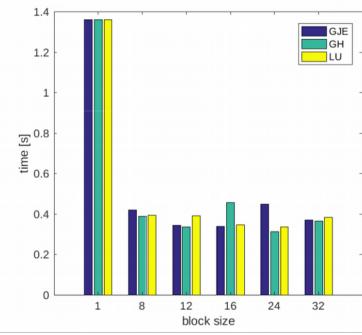
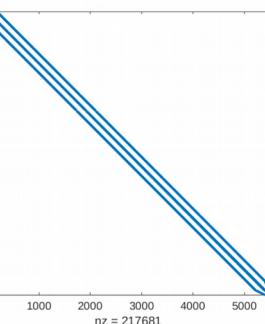
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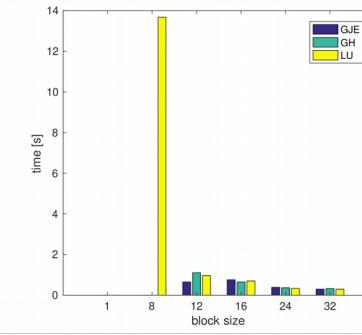
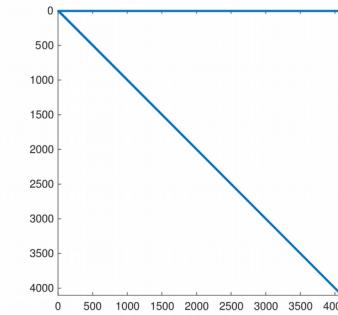


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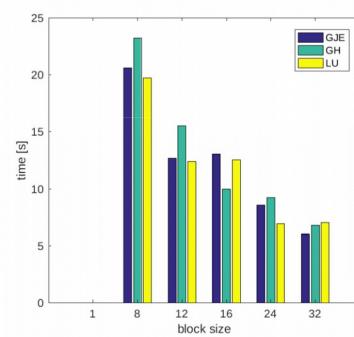
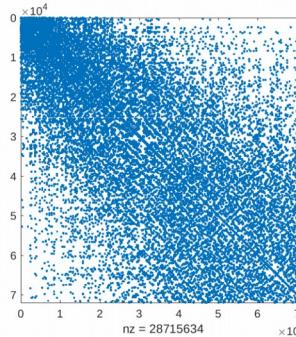
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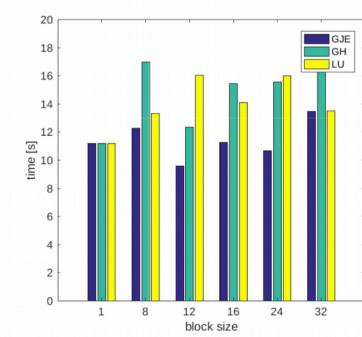
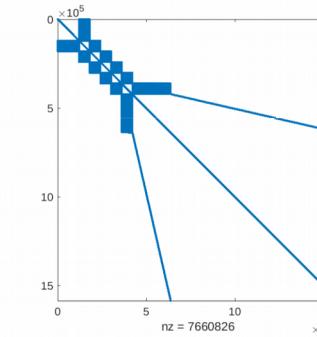
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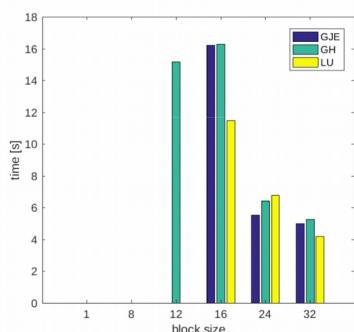
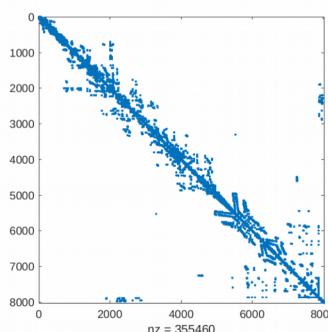
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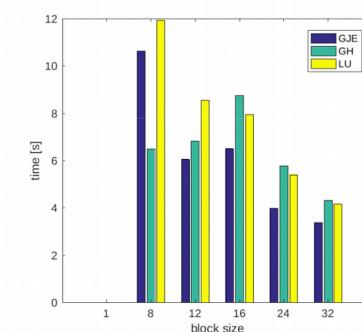
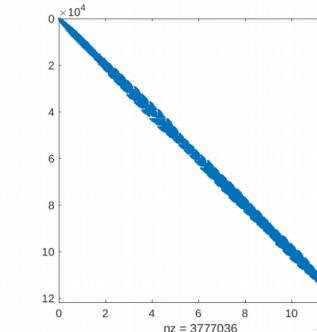
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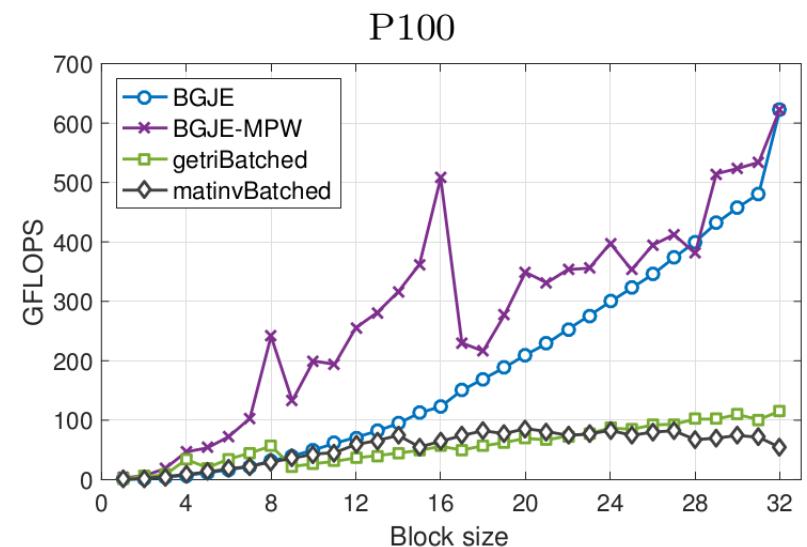


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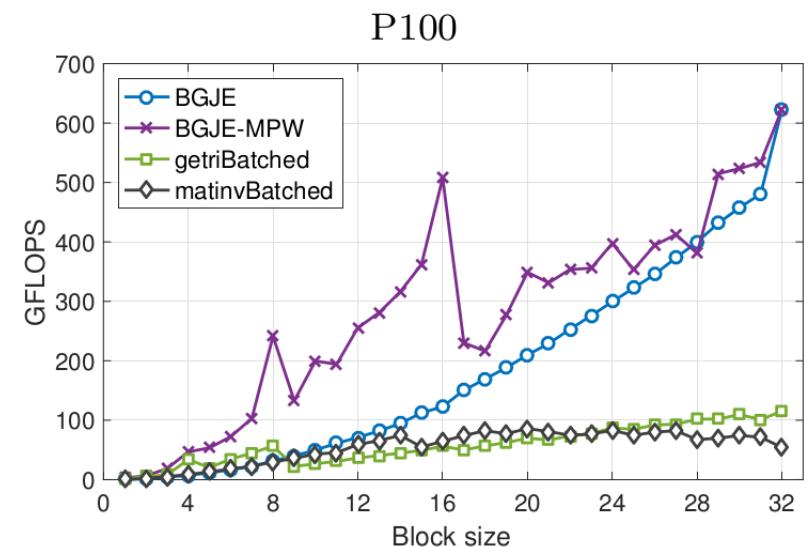
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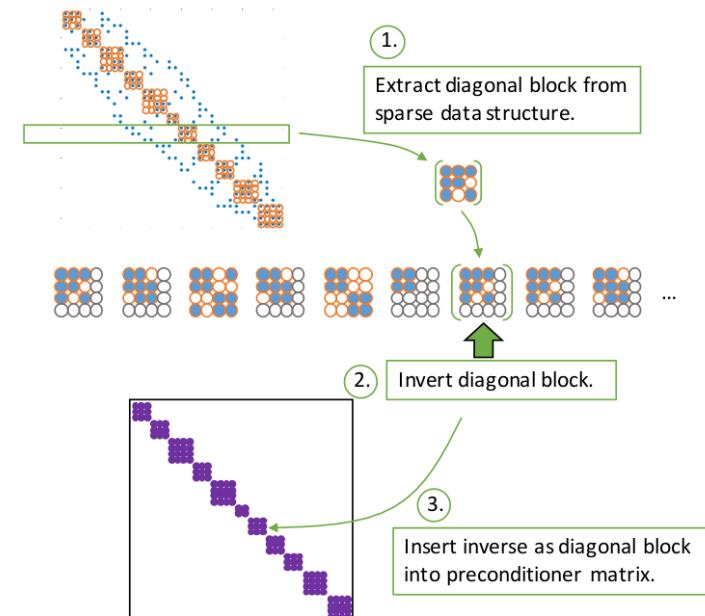


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    - Current solution: padding



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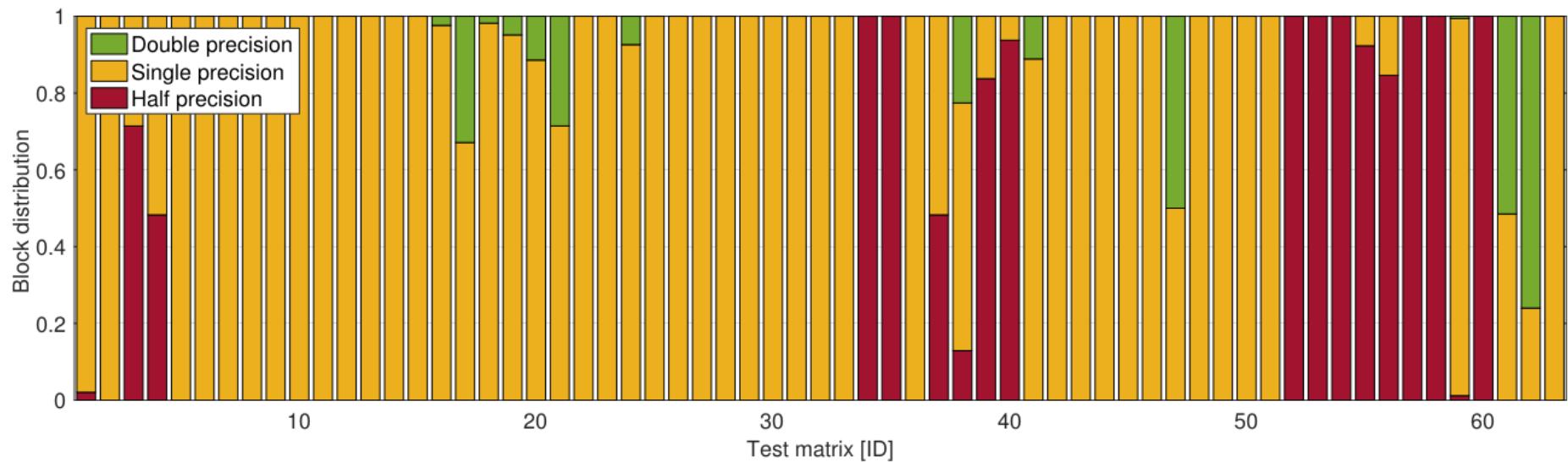
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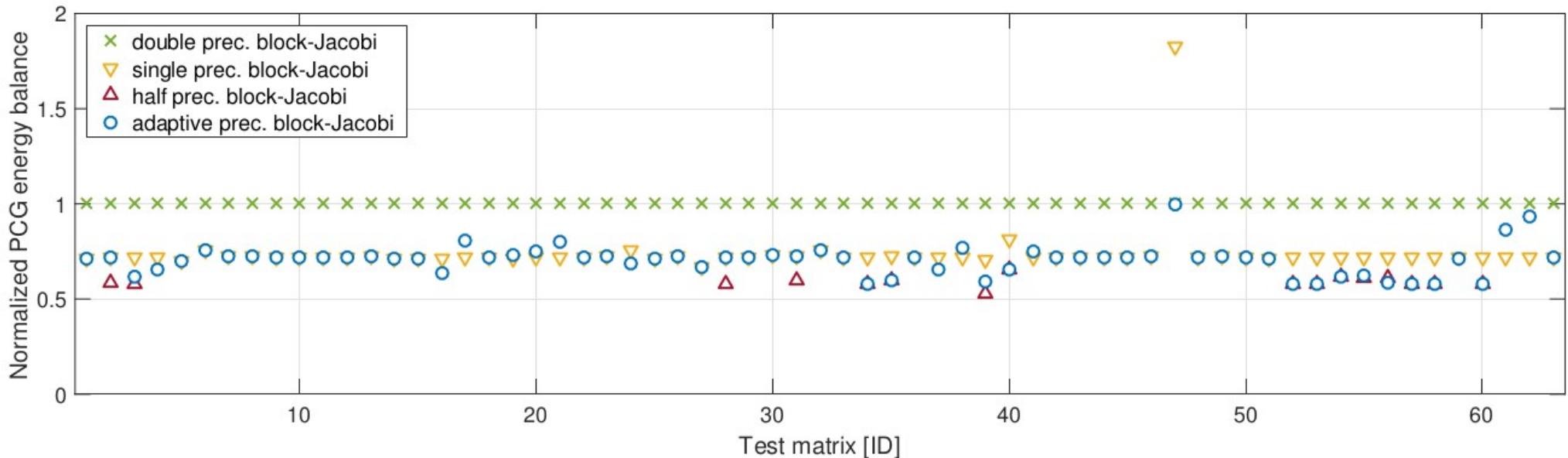
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Predicted energy savings of adaptive precision block-Jacobi:



# Thank you! Questions?

All functionalities are part of the MAGMA-sparse project.

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**PRECONDITIONERS** ILU / IC, Jacobi, ParILU, ParILUT, Block Jacobi, ISAI

**KERNELS** SpMV, SpMM

**DATA FORMATS** CSR, ELL, SELL-P, CSR5, HYB

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