

# Mixed Precision Strategies for Memory-Bound Linear Algebra

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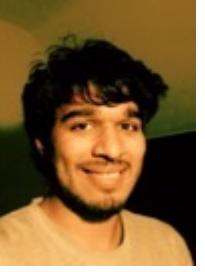
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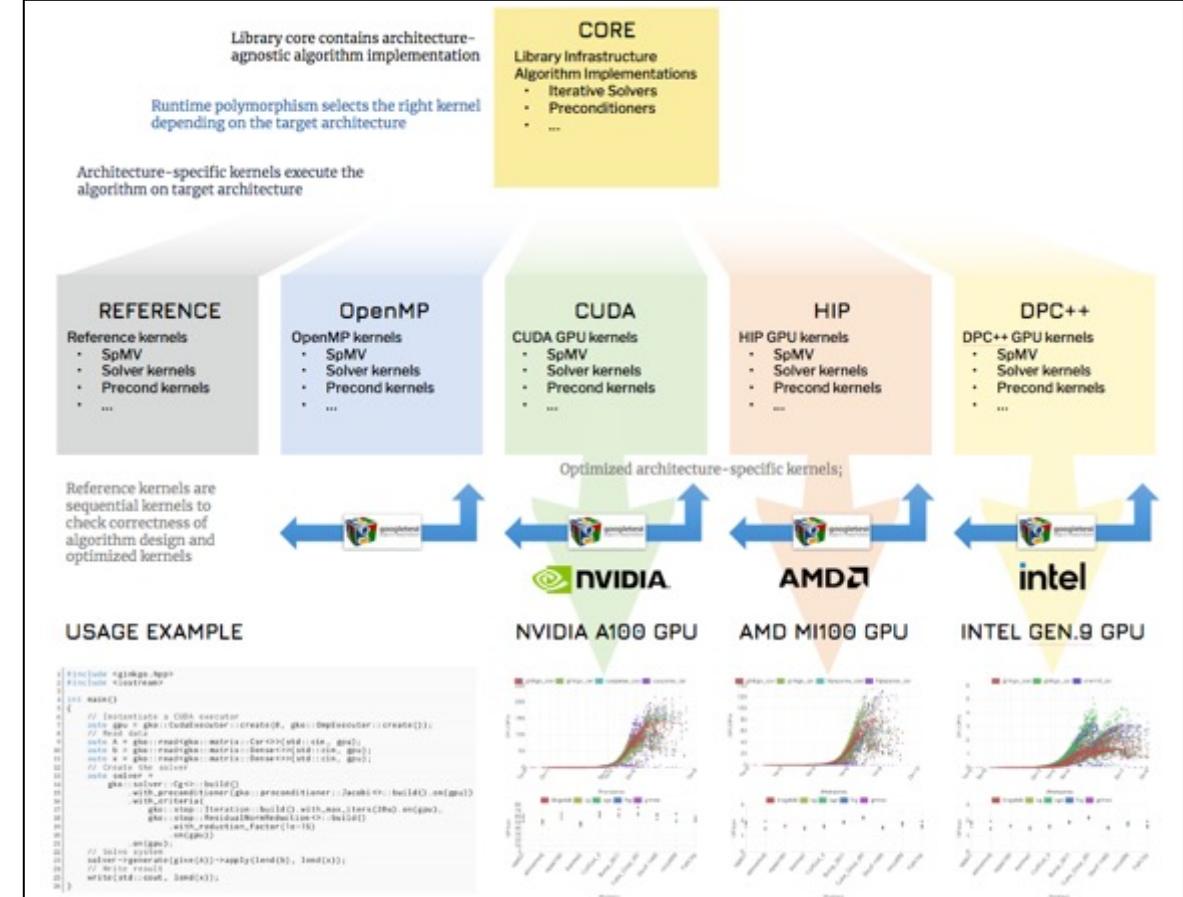


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- **Modular precision ecosystem**

- Decoupling of arithmetic precision and memory precision;
- Compressed Basis (CB) Krylov methods;
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- **Ginkgo is a child of the ECP effort:**



- Lessons learnt in other software projects (e.g. MAGMA) are incorporated;
- Focus on sparse linear algebra;

- **Better Scientific Software** (BSSW.io) proved to be a valuable resource;



- Freely available (BSD License), **GitHub**, and **Spack**;



- Modern programming language (C++14) and build system (**CMake**);



- Continuous Integration and Comprehensive Unit testing;



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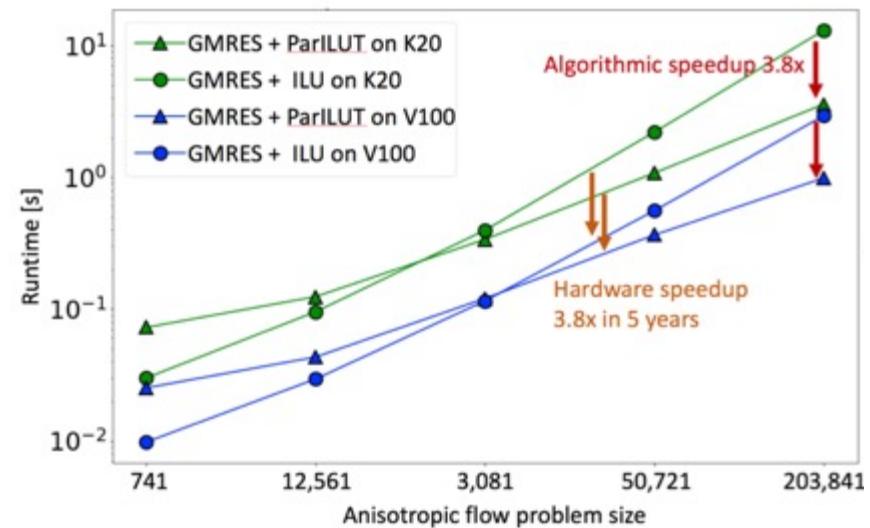
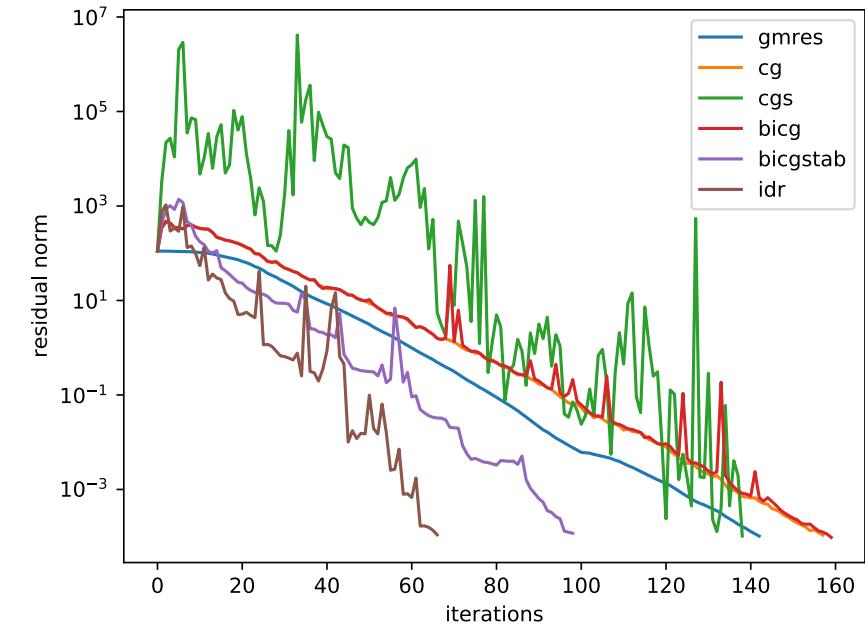


- **Portability as central design principle**;

- Using the **architecture-native languages** to push the performance to the limit;

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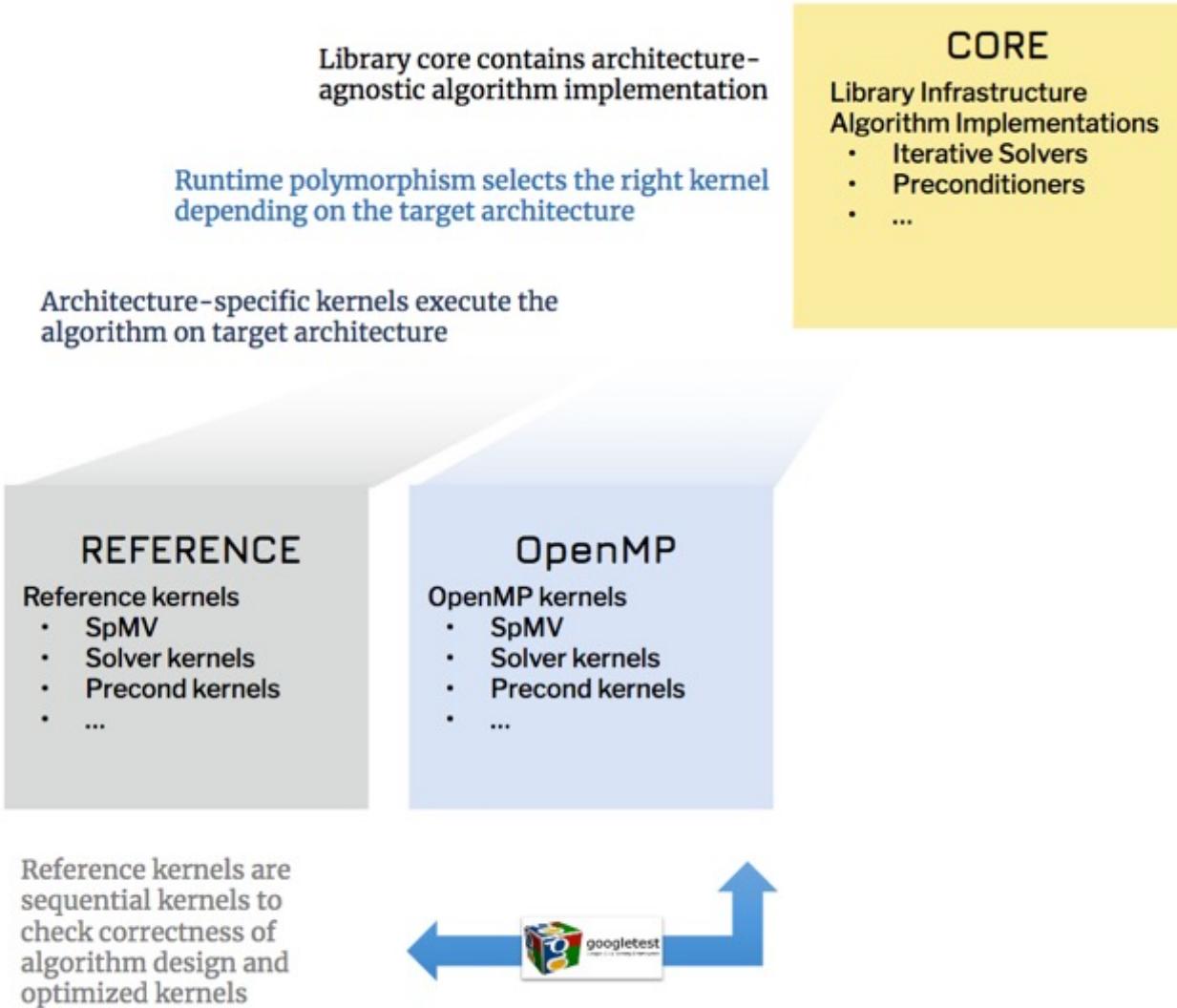
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- SpMV
- Solver kernels
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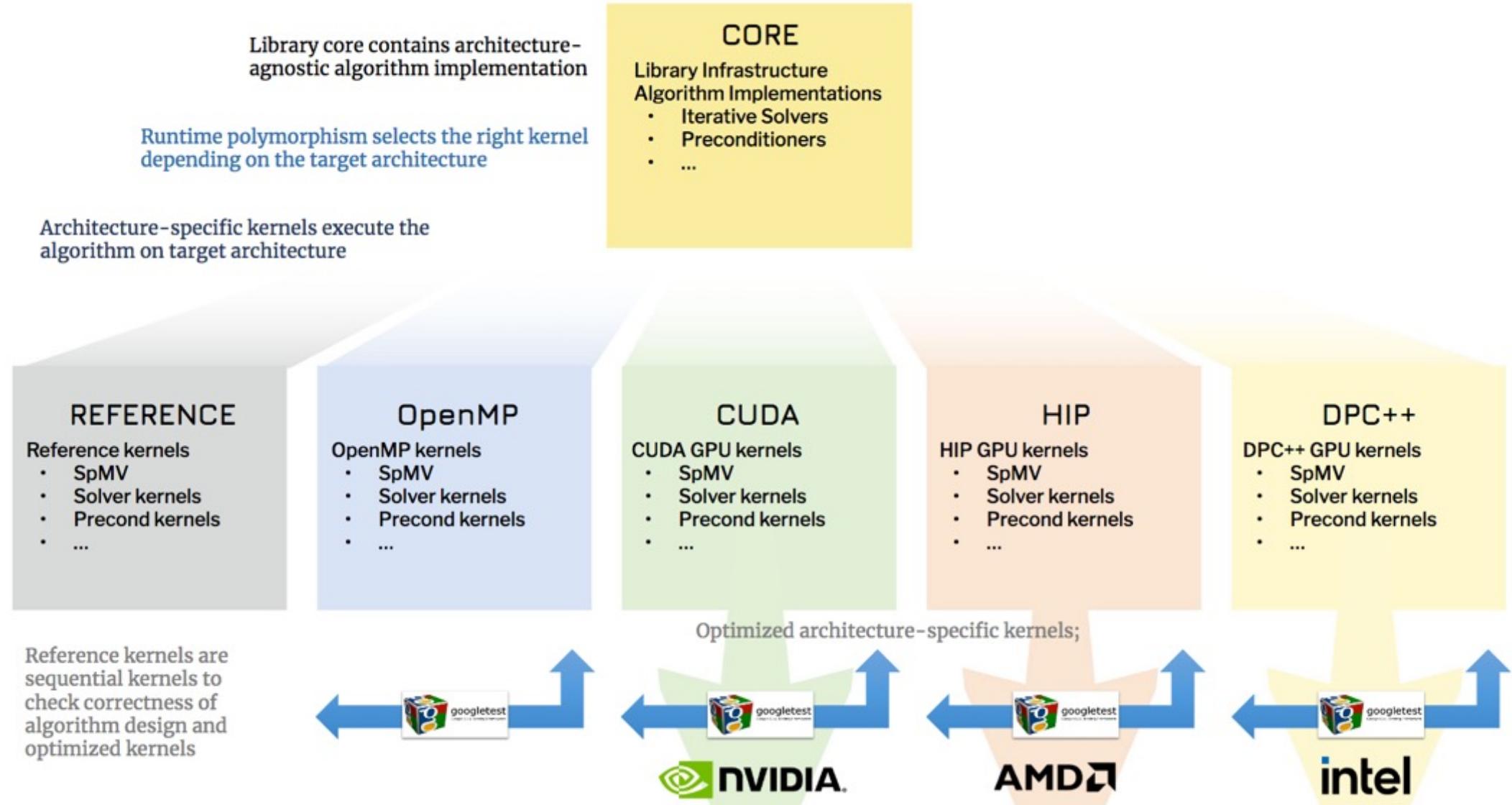


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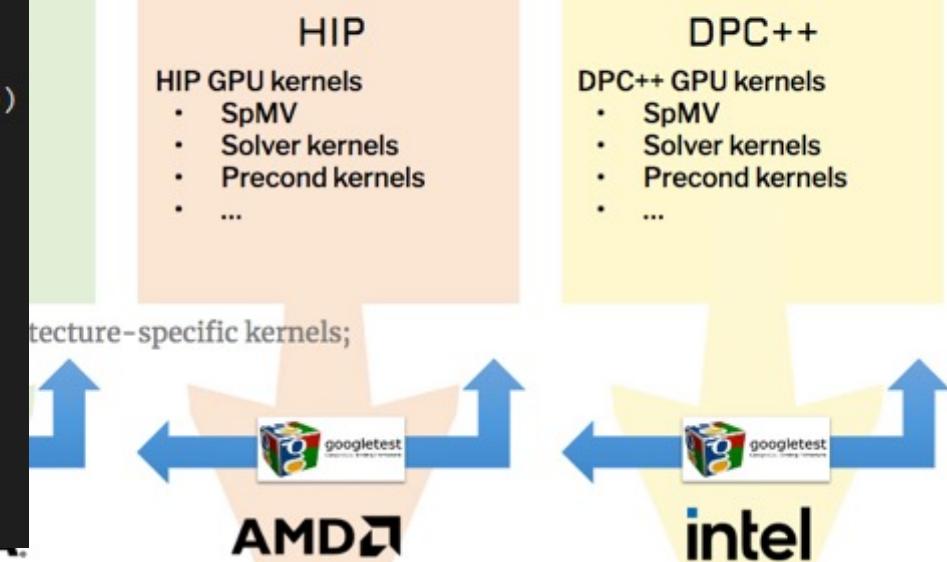




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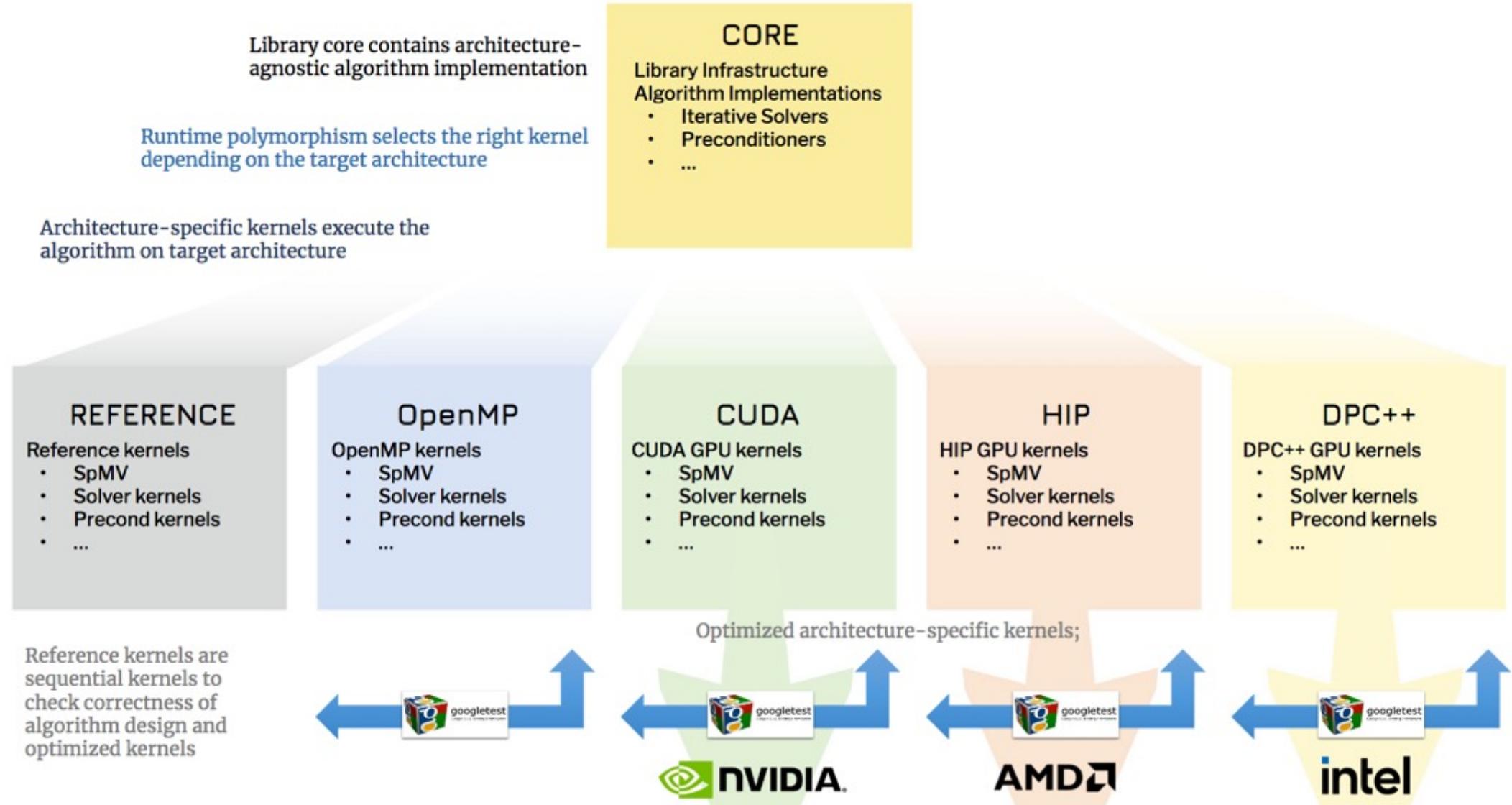
```
1 #include <ginkgo/ginkgo.hpp>
2 #include <iostream>
3
4 int main()
5 {
6     // Instantiate a GPU executor
7     auto gpu =
8         gko::CudaExecutor::create(0, gko::OmpExecutor::create());
9     +----- gko::DpcppExecutor::create(0, gko::OmpExecutor::create());
10
11    // Read data
12    auto A = gko::read<gko::matrix::Csr<>>(std::cin, gpu);
13    auto b = gko::read<gko::matrix::Dense<>>(std::cin, gpu);
14    auto x = gko::read<gko::matrix::Dense<>>(std::cin, gpu);
15
16    // Create the solver
17    auto solver =
18        gko::solver::Cg<>::build()
19            .with_preconditioner(gko::preconditioner::Jacobi<>::build().on(gpu))
20            .with_criteria(
21                gko::stop::Iteration::build().with_max_iters(1000u).on(gpu),
22                gko::stop::ResidualNormReduction<>::build()
23                    .with_reduction_factor(1e-15)
24                    .on(gpu))
25            .on(gpu);
26
27    // Solve system
28    solver->generate(give(A))->apply(lend(b), lend(x));
29
30    // Write result
31    write(std::cout, lend(x));
32 }
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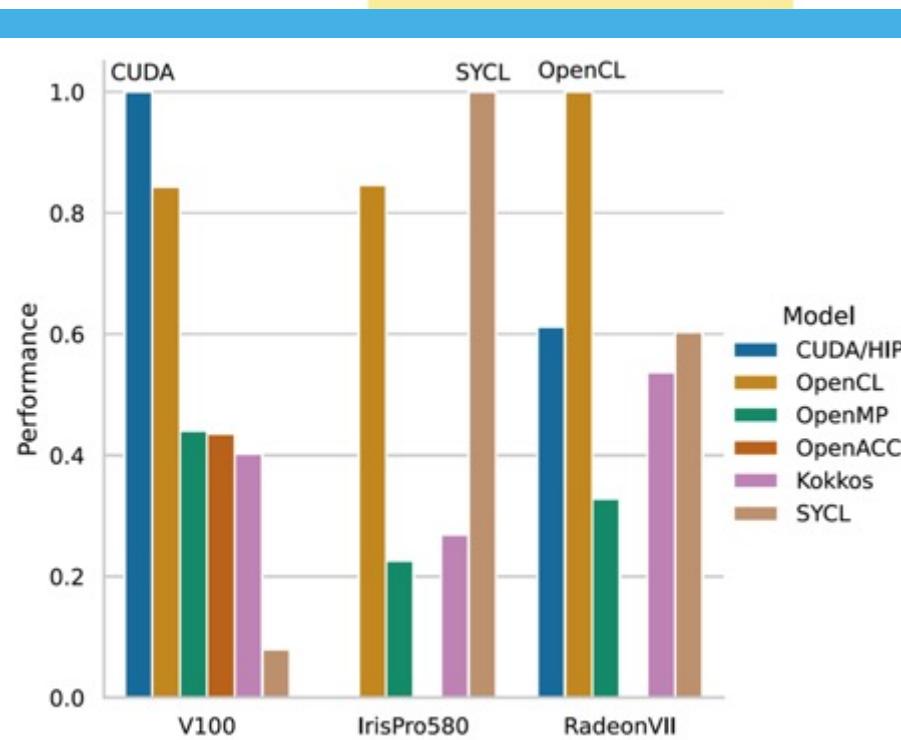
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Runtime polymorphic depending on the target architecture  
Architecture-specific kernels select algorithm on target architecture

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## A Performance Analysis of Modern Parallel Programming Models Using a Compute-Bound Application

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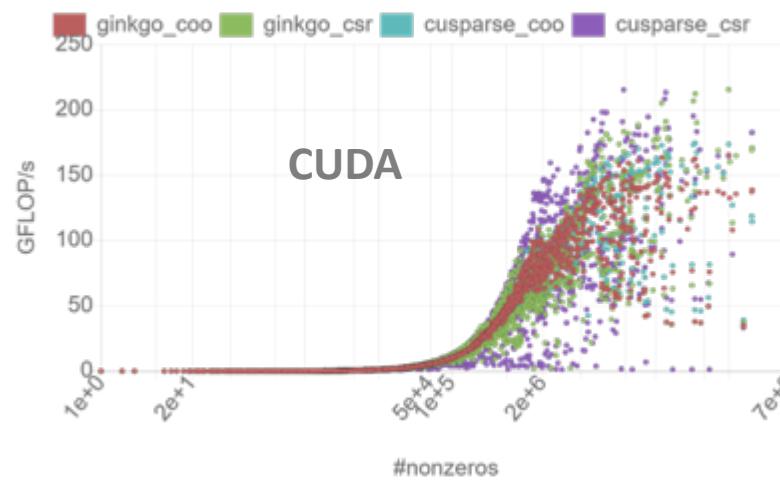




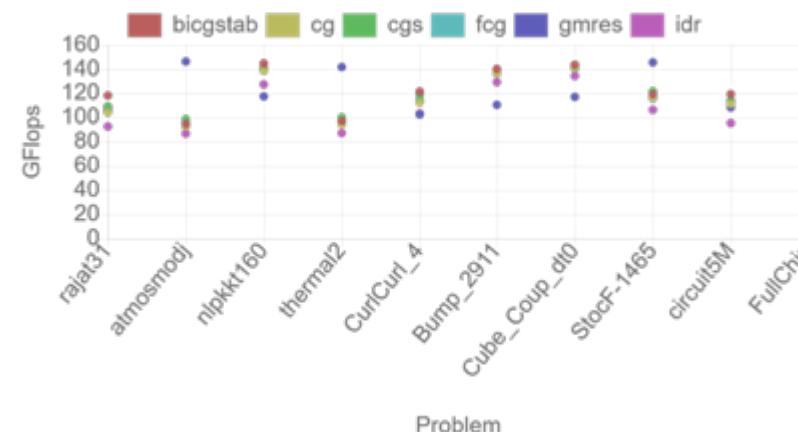
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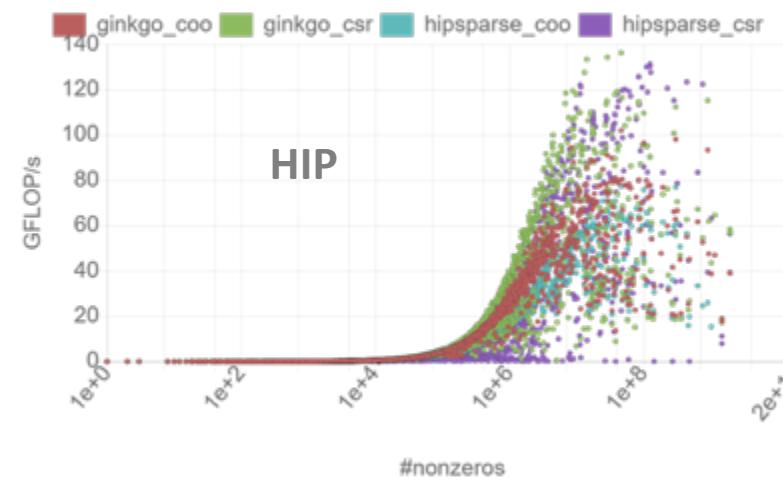
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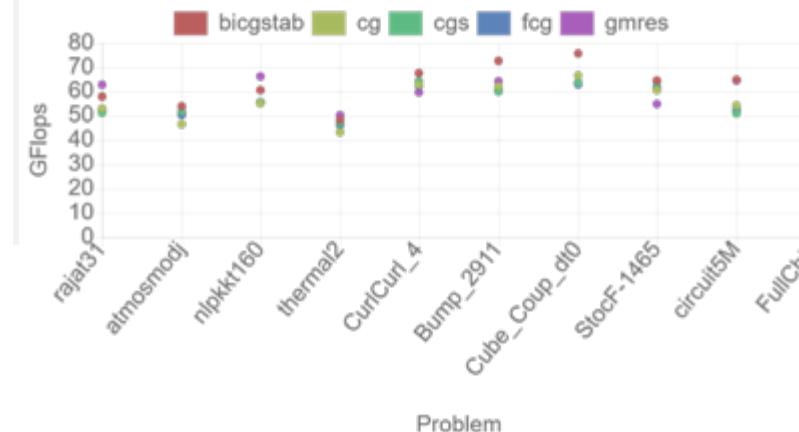
CUDA



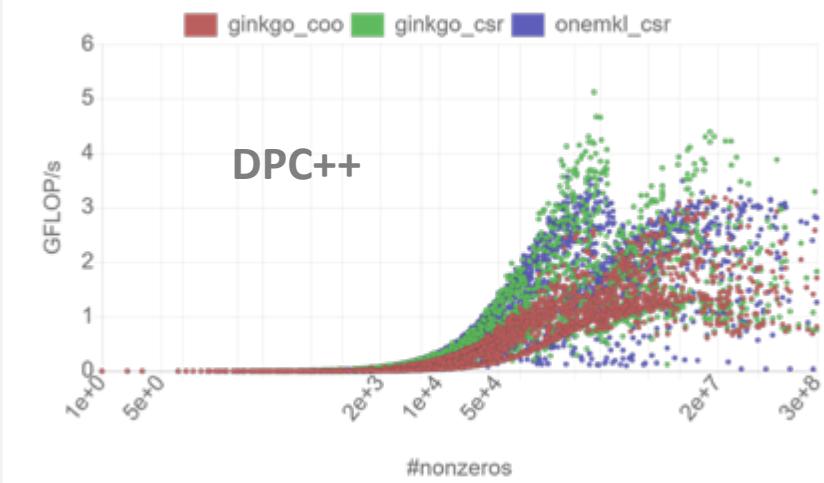
Pre-Frontier system Tulip (approved)



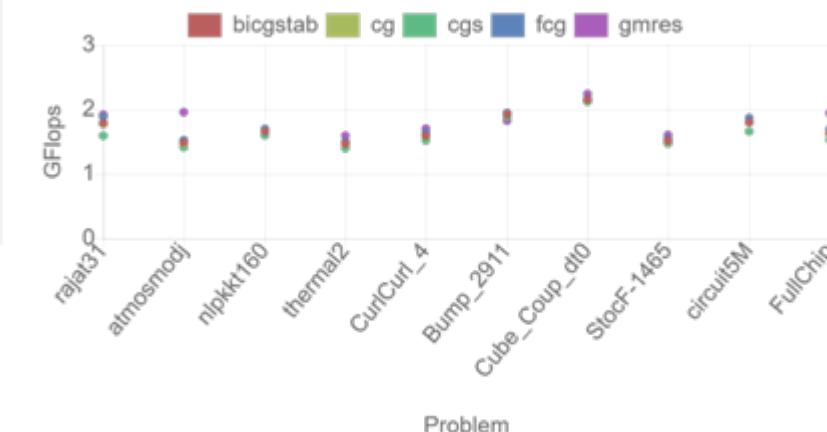
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DPC++





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We express everything as *Linear Operator* and leverage C++ class inheritance.

Matrix-Vector Product

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Preconditioner (for matrix  $A$ )

$$x := M^{-1} \cdot b$$

Solver (for system  $Ax = b$ )

$$x := S \cdot b$$

$$M^{-1} \approx A^{-1}$$

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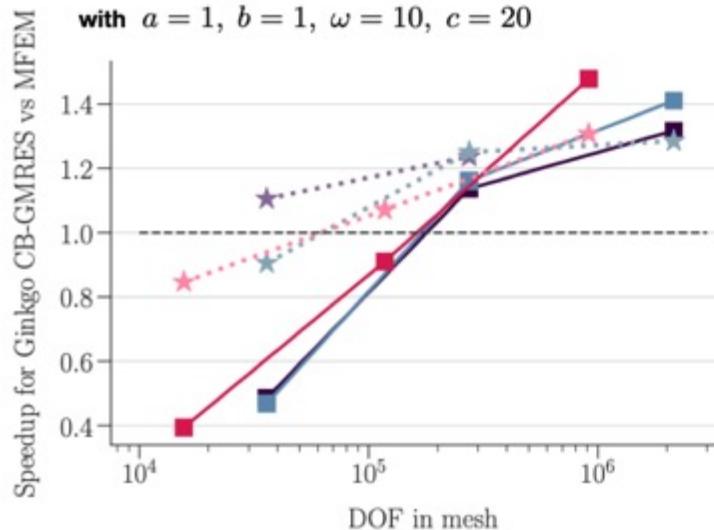
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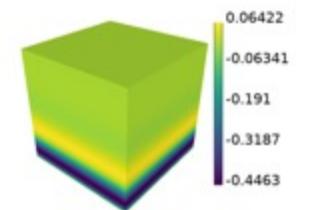
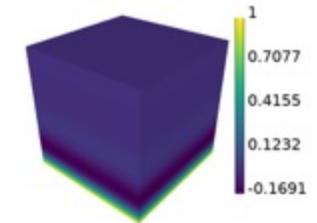
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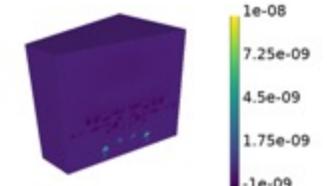
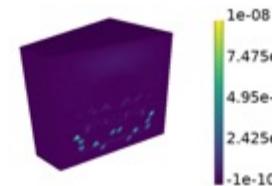
**Speedup of Ginkgo's Compressed Basis-GMRES solver vs MFEM's GMRES solver for three different orders of basis functions ( $p$ ) for MFEM's example 22.**  
The tests use the "partial assembly" type of MFEM matrix-free operators.

CUDA 10.1/NVIDIA V100 and ROCm 4.0/AMD MI50.  
GMRES(50) used for both solvers. CB-GMRES used float/double.



From top: Real part of solution,  
imaginary part of solution.

Below: Slice of difference in solution output using MFEM solver versus Ginkgo CB-GMRES.  
Real part (left), imaginary part (right)





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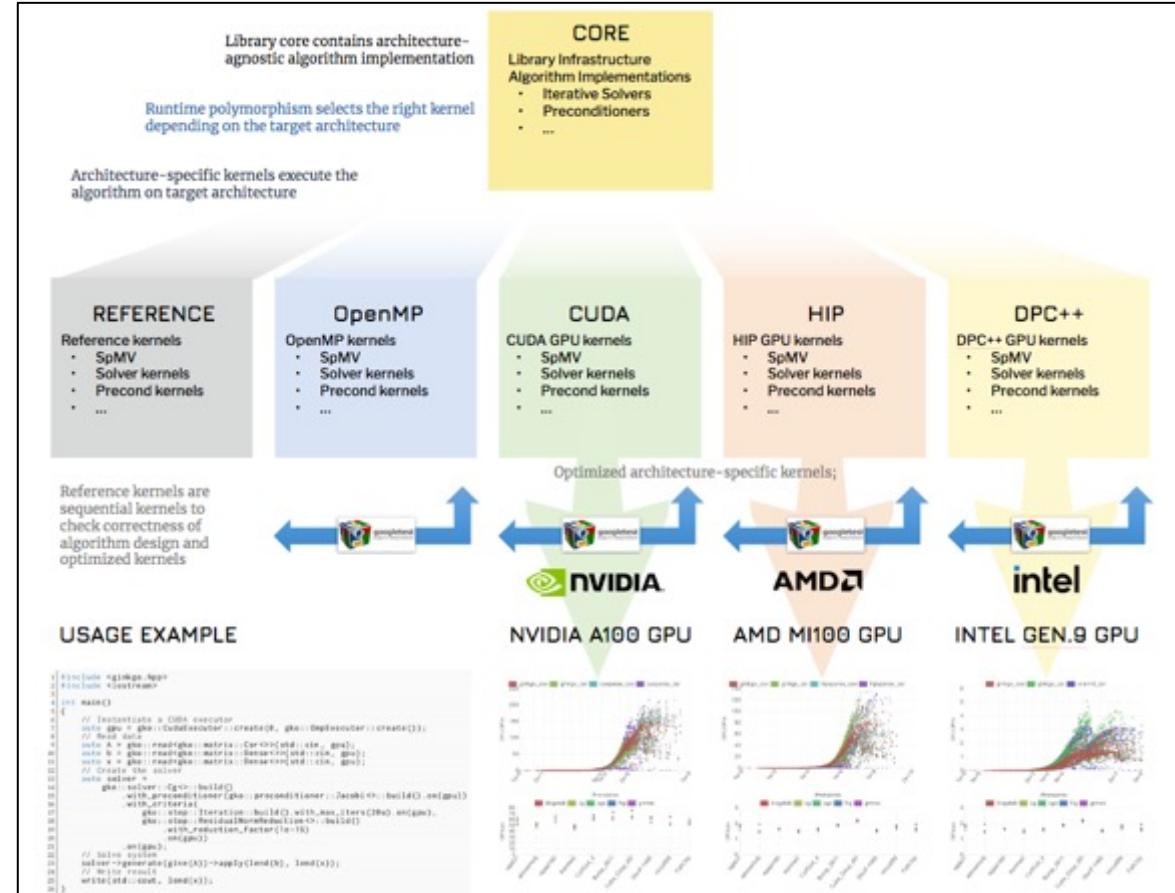


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- **Idea: provide a framework, where the compiler handles all format conversions:**

- Create objects in different precisions and combine them in the code;
- Automatically-generated temporary copies are used to match the precisions;
- After completion of the arithmetic, the output is converted back to the requested format;
- No need to worry about explicit conversions;
- The framework may not provide good performance;
- It still allows for easy and quick investigation of numerical effects;
- If an idea has proven successful, one can replace the on-the-fly conversion with hardware-optimized implementations;



*"Mix & Match Precisions in Ginkgo"*

```
using mtx =
    gko::matrix::Csr<float, int>;
using vec =
    gko::matrix::Dense<double>;
...
auto solver = solver_gen->generate(A);
solver->apply(lend(b), lend(x));
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# Mixing precisions in Ginkgo



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auto host_b = hp_vec::create(exec->get_master(), b_dim);
// fill the b vector with some random data
std::ranlux48 rand_engine(32);
auto dist = std::uniform_real_distribution<RealValueType>(0.0, 1.0);
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## 3. Investigate rounding effects

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High Precision result norm: 2.5547848401e+05  
Low Precision time(s): 9.8890000000e-07  
Low Precision relative error: 5.5253439244e-08  
Hp \* Lp -> Hp time(s): 1.3829000000e-06  
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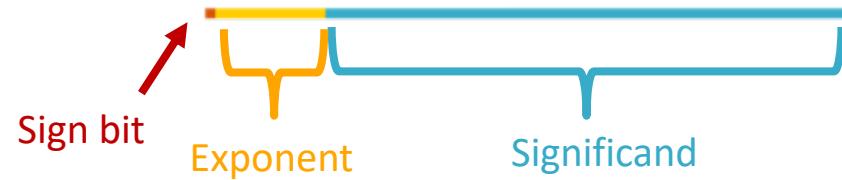
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Let us focus on linear systems of the form  $Ax=b$ .

- The conditioning of a linear system reflects how sensitive the solution  $x$  is with regard to changes in the right-hand side  $b$ .
- Rule of thumb:

$$\text{relative residual accuracy} = (\text{unit round-off}) * (\text{linear system's condition number})$$

*N. Higham: Accuracy and stability of numerical algorithms. SIAM, 2002.*

# *Running iterative methods in different precision formats*



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1 1
111.127
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CG execution time [ms]: 140.038
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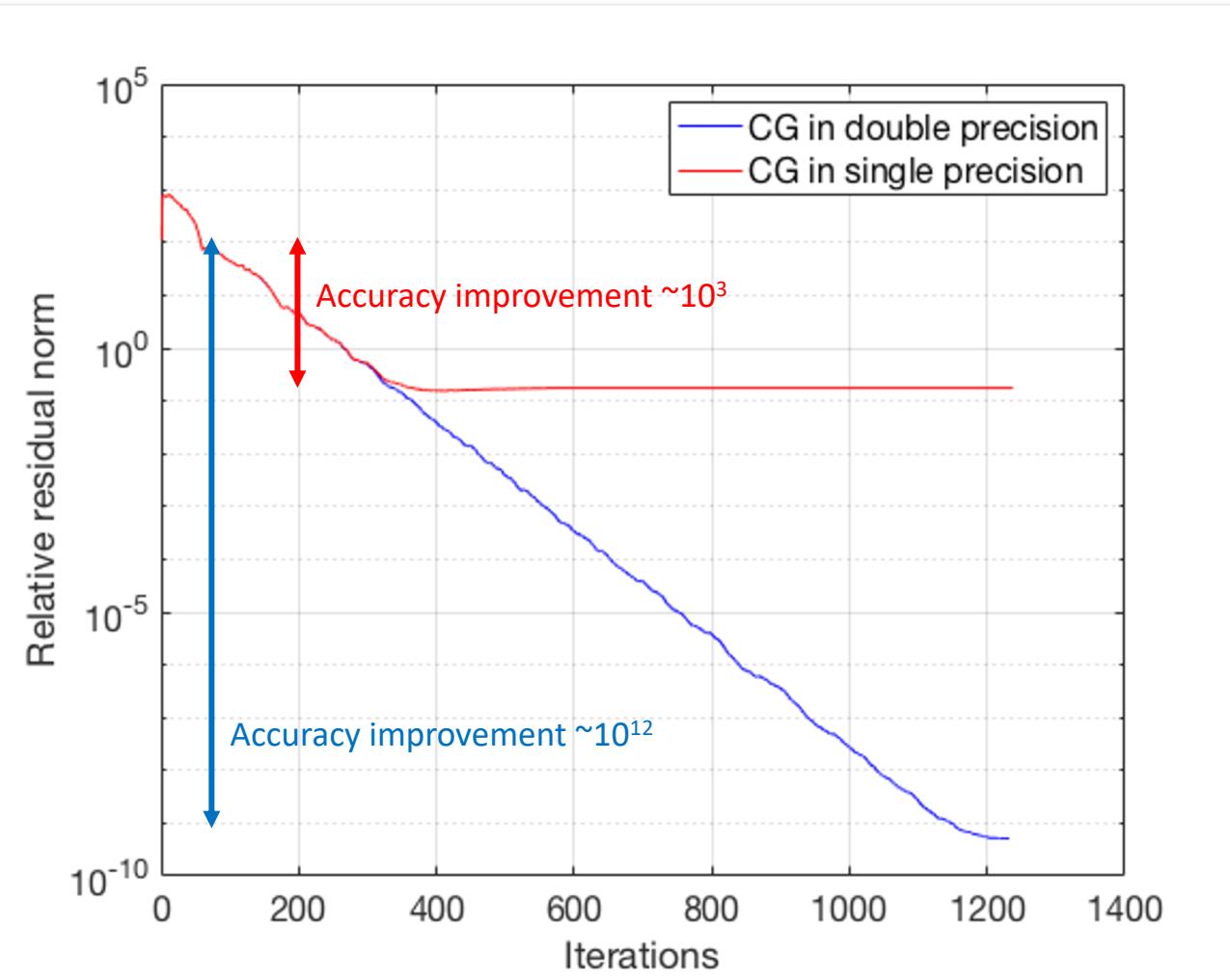


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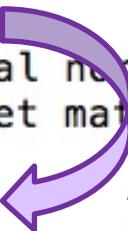
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Double Precision CG + Double Precision Preconditioner

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1 1
1390.67
Final residual norm sqrt(r^T r):
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3.97985e-06
CG iteration count:      4797
CG execution time [ms]: 2971.18
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Accuracy improvement  $\sim 10^9$

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NVIDIA GPU generation	Tesla	Fermi		Kepler		Maxwell		Pascal		Volta		Ampere			
Rel. compute performance	1 : 2	1 : 2		1 : 2		1 : 32		1 : 2 : 4		1 : 2 : 16*		1 : 2 : 32		1* : 8* : 32*	
Rel. memory performance	1 : 2	1 : 2		1 : 2		1 : 2		1 : 2 : 4		1 : 2 : 4		1 : 2 : 4		1 : 2 : 4	

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\*Tensor cores

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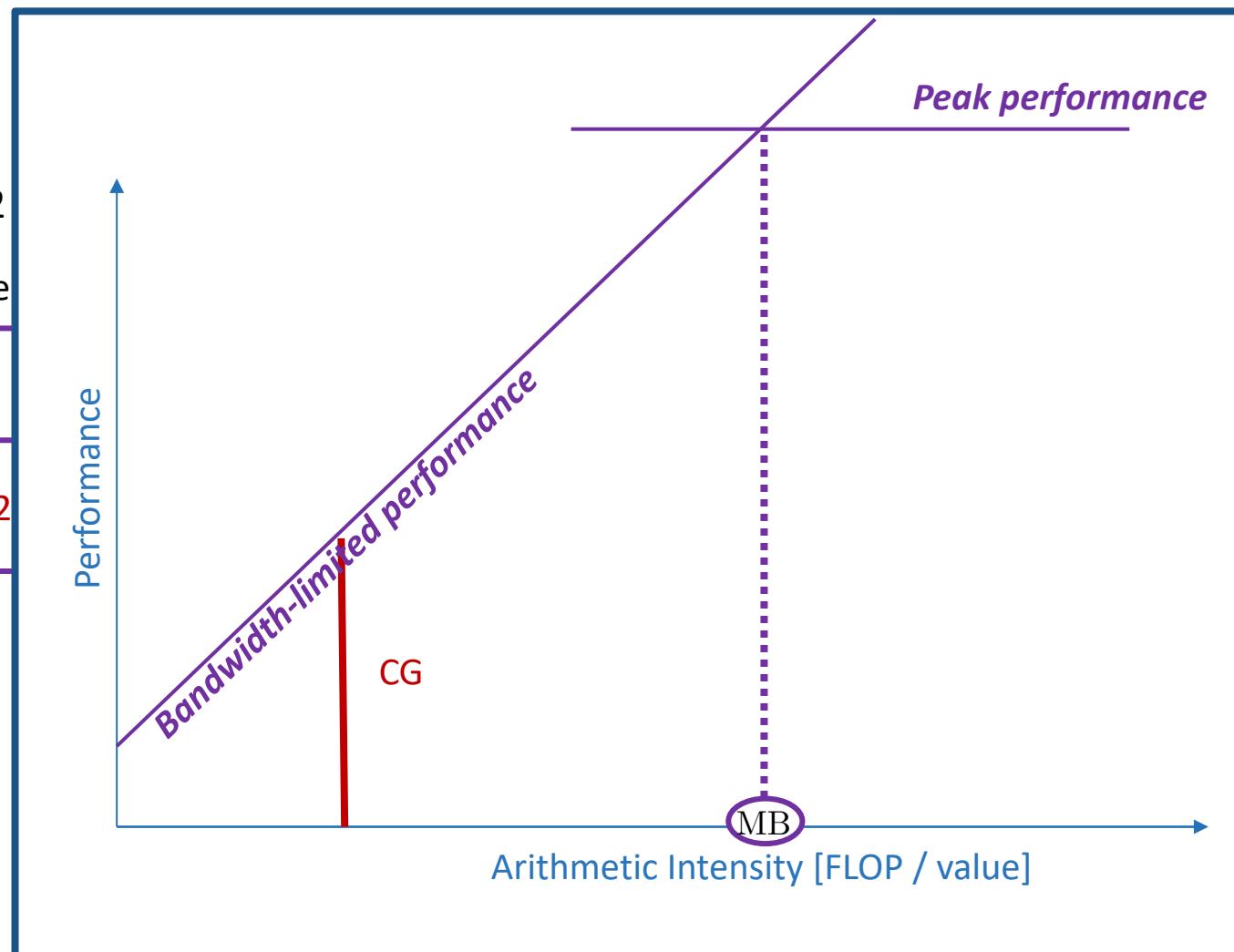
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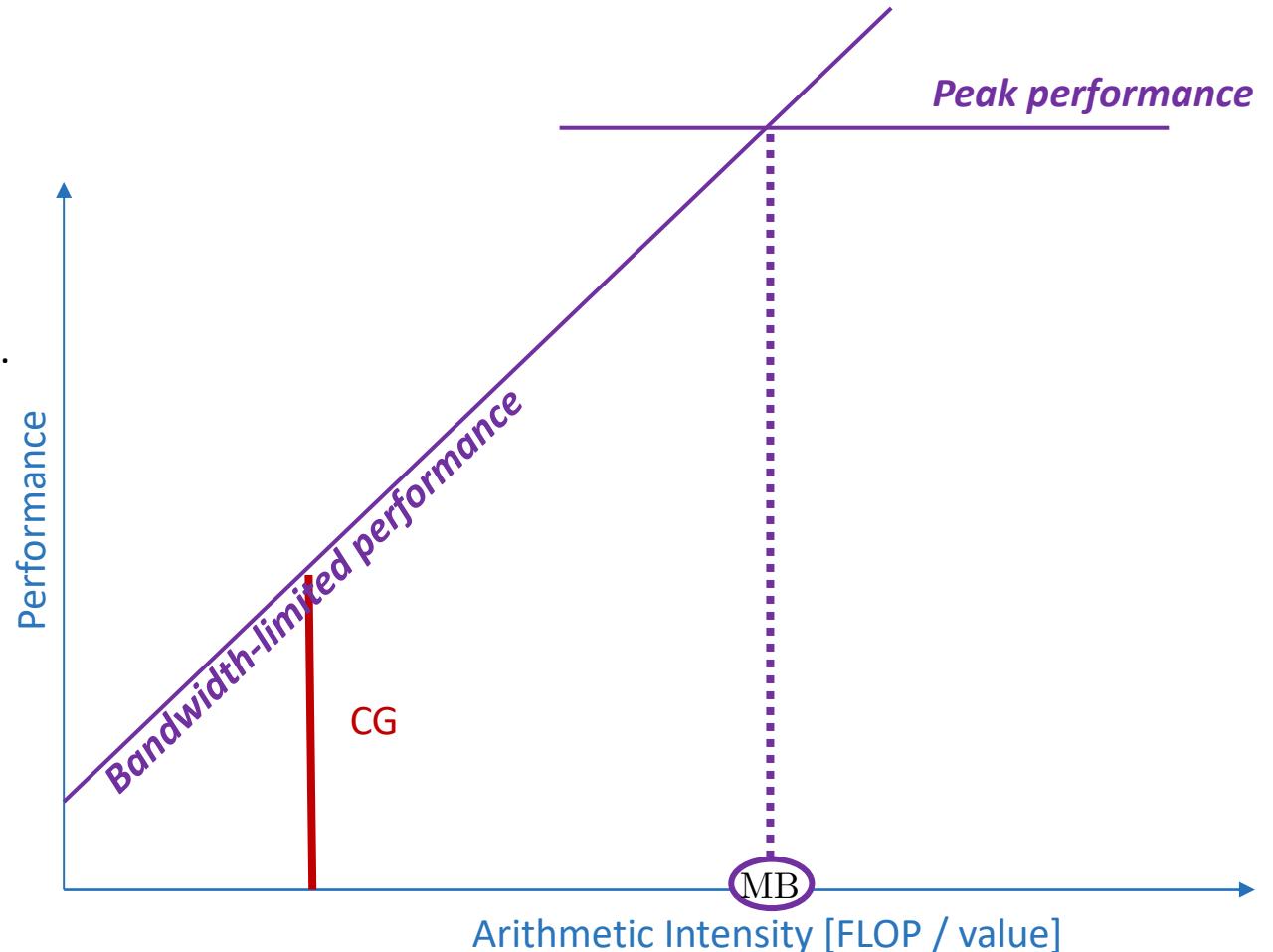
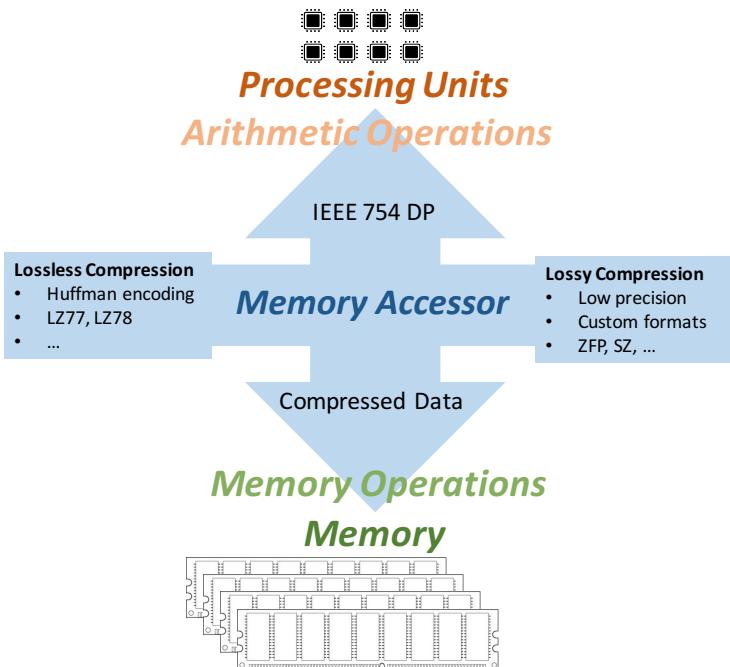
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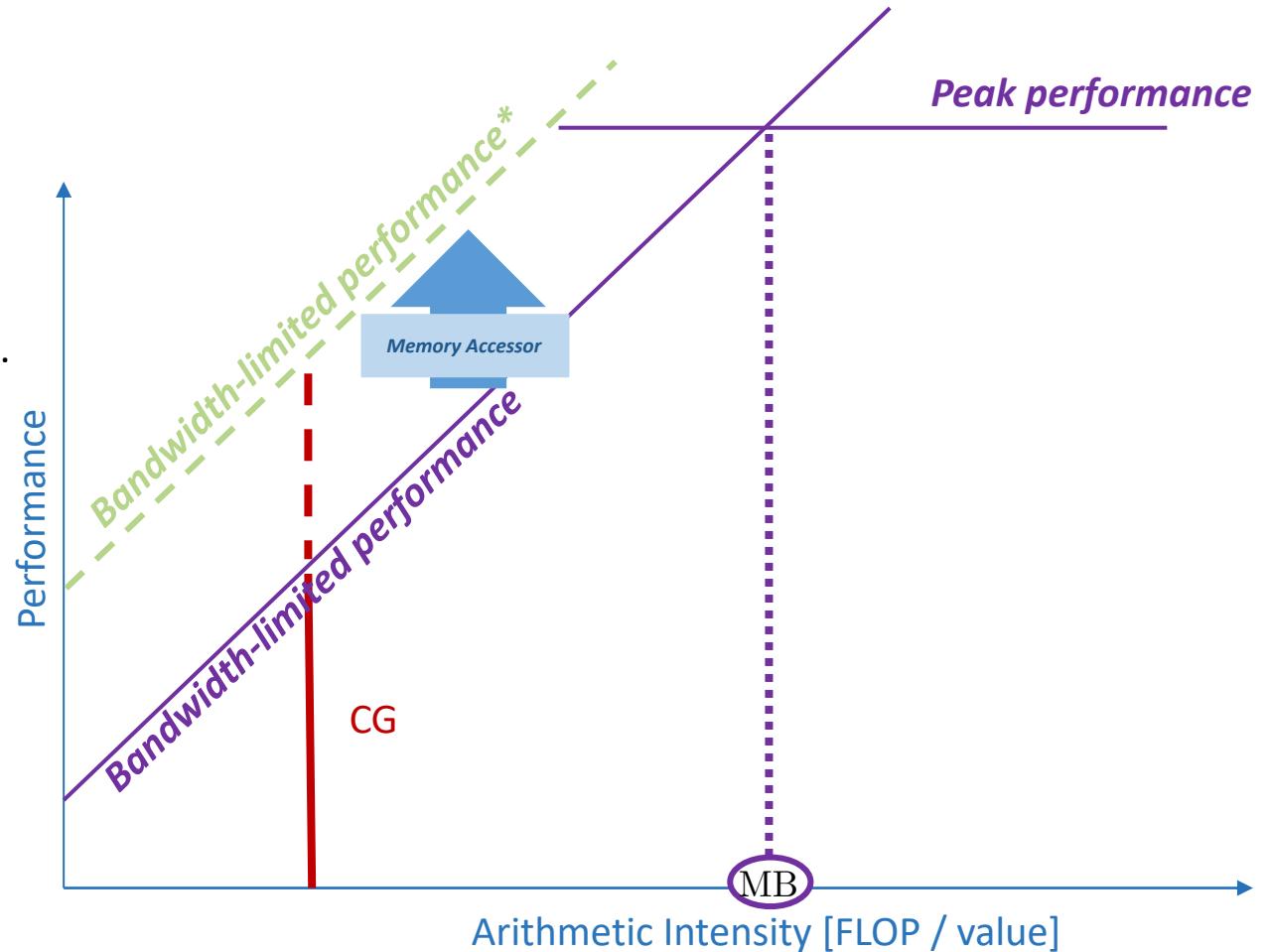
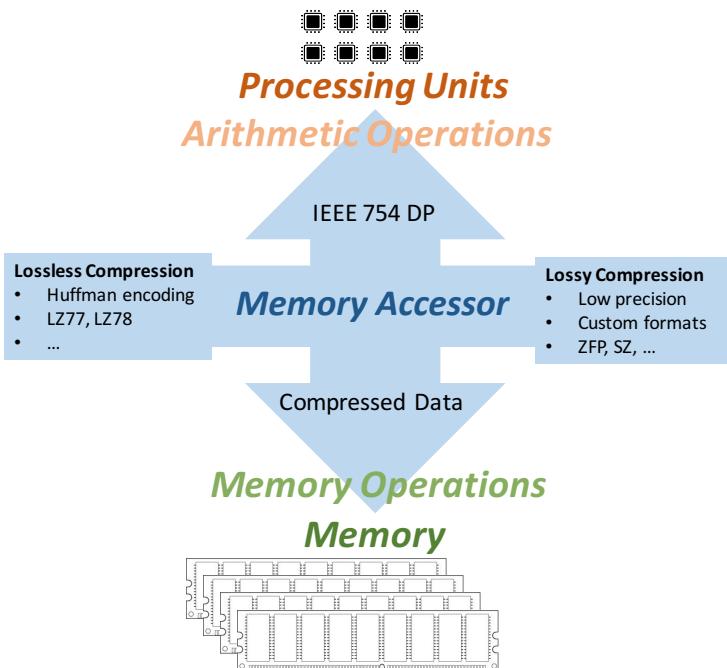
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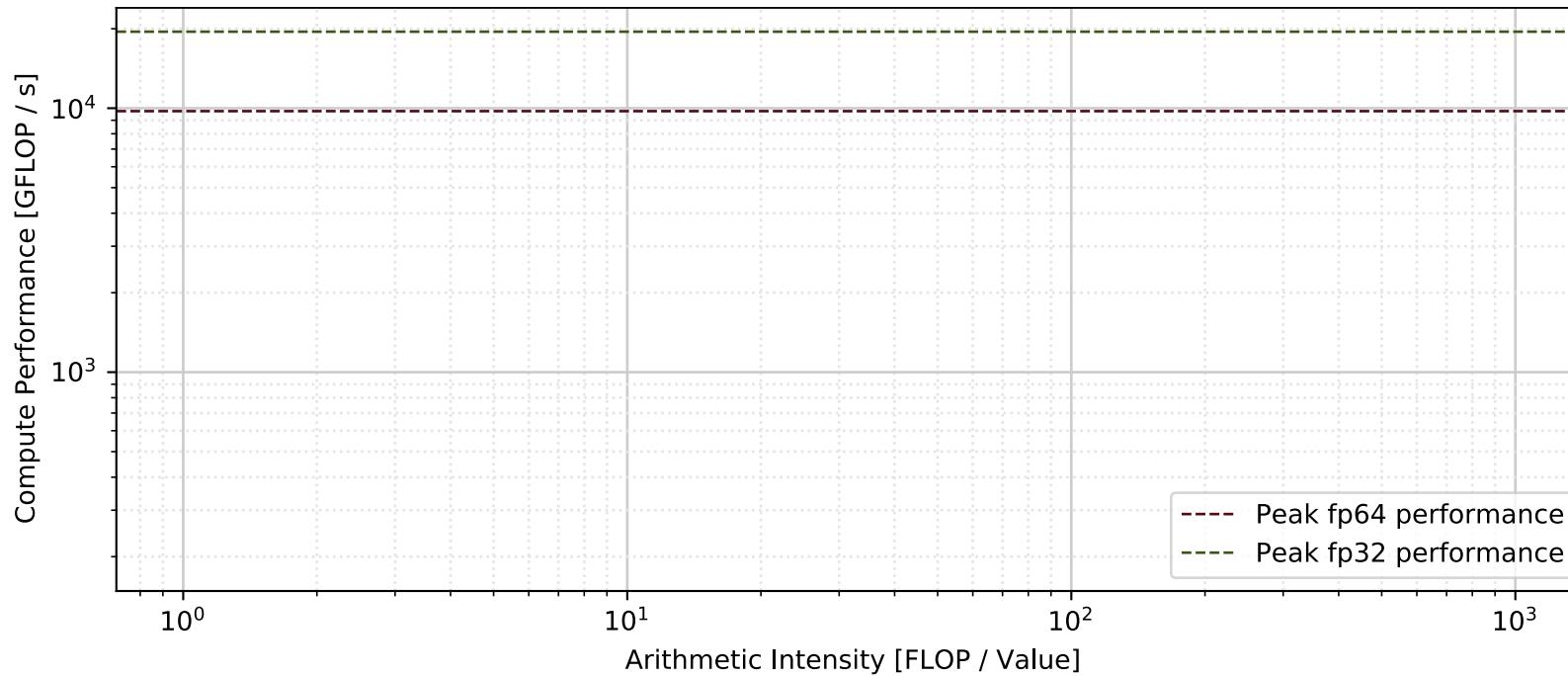


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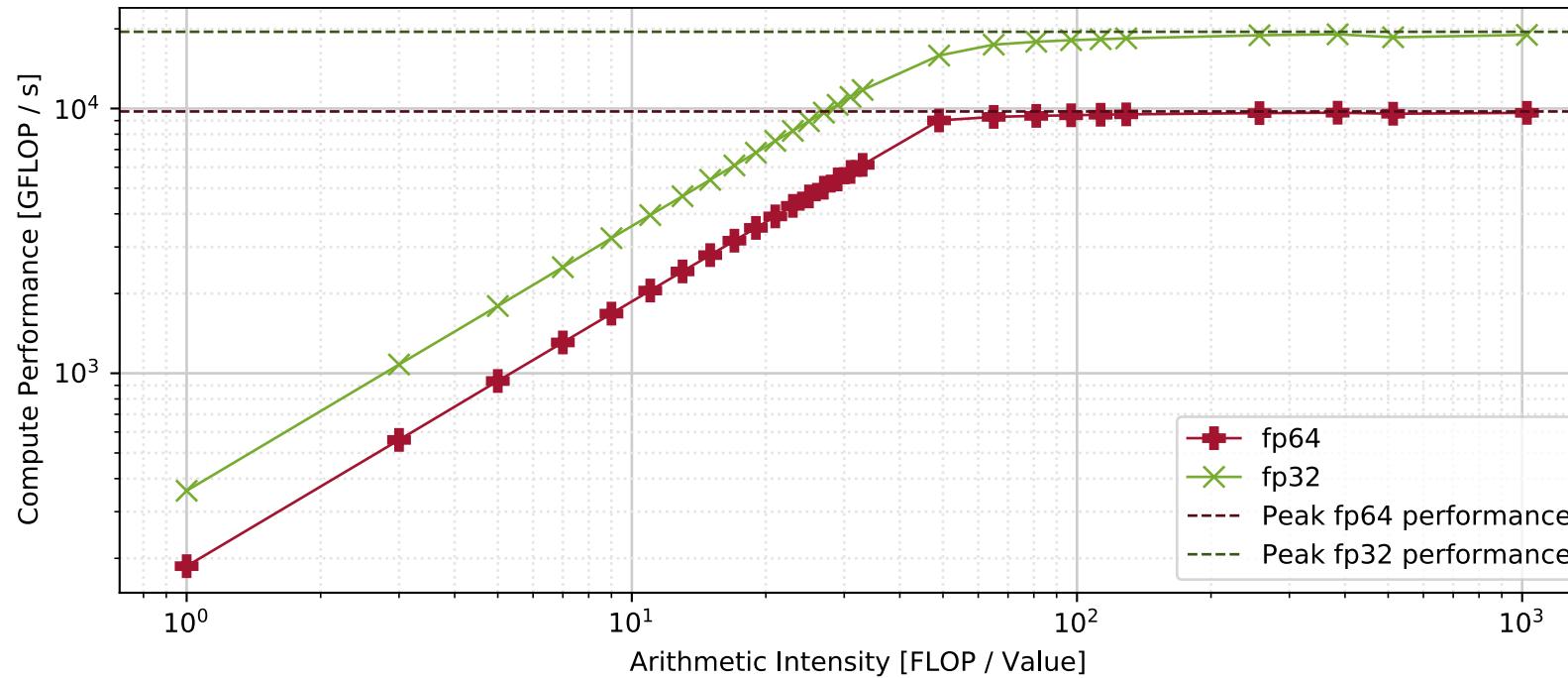
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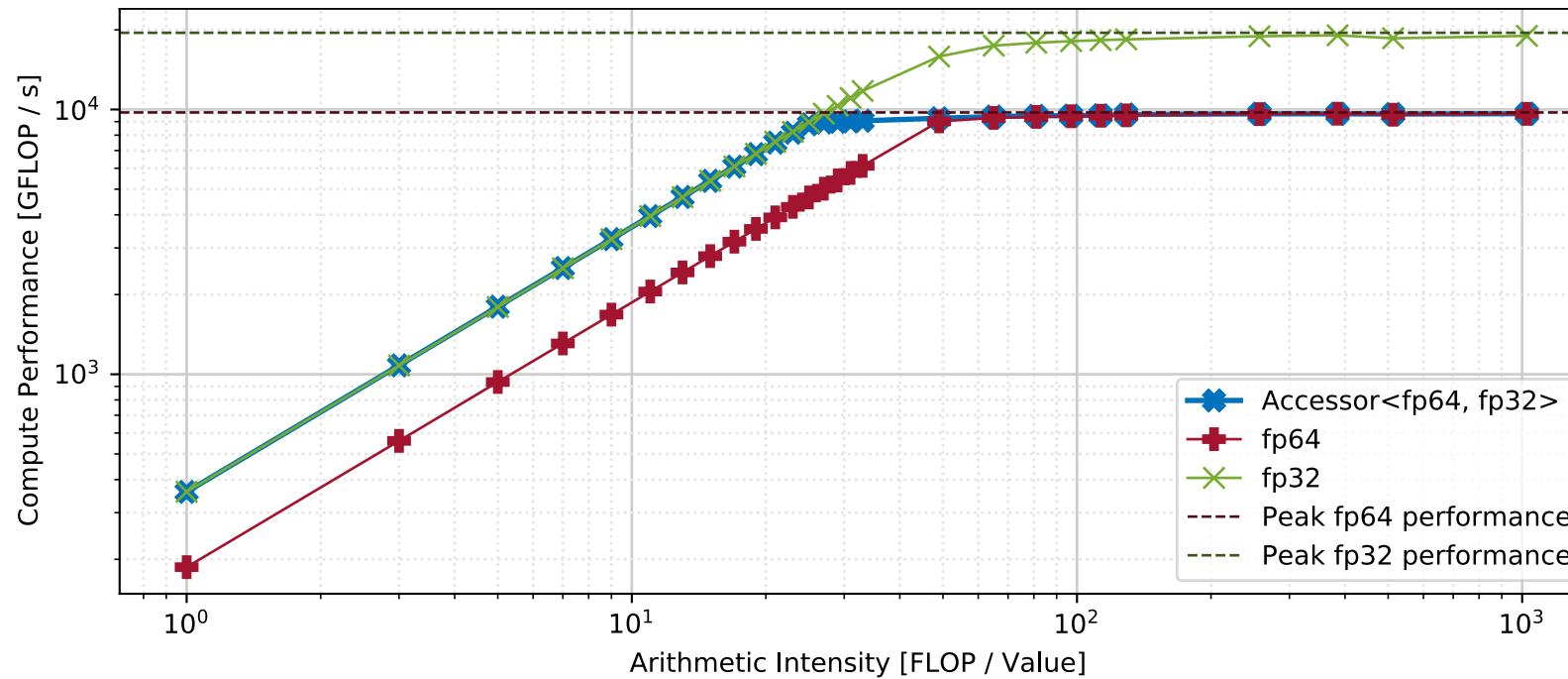
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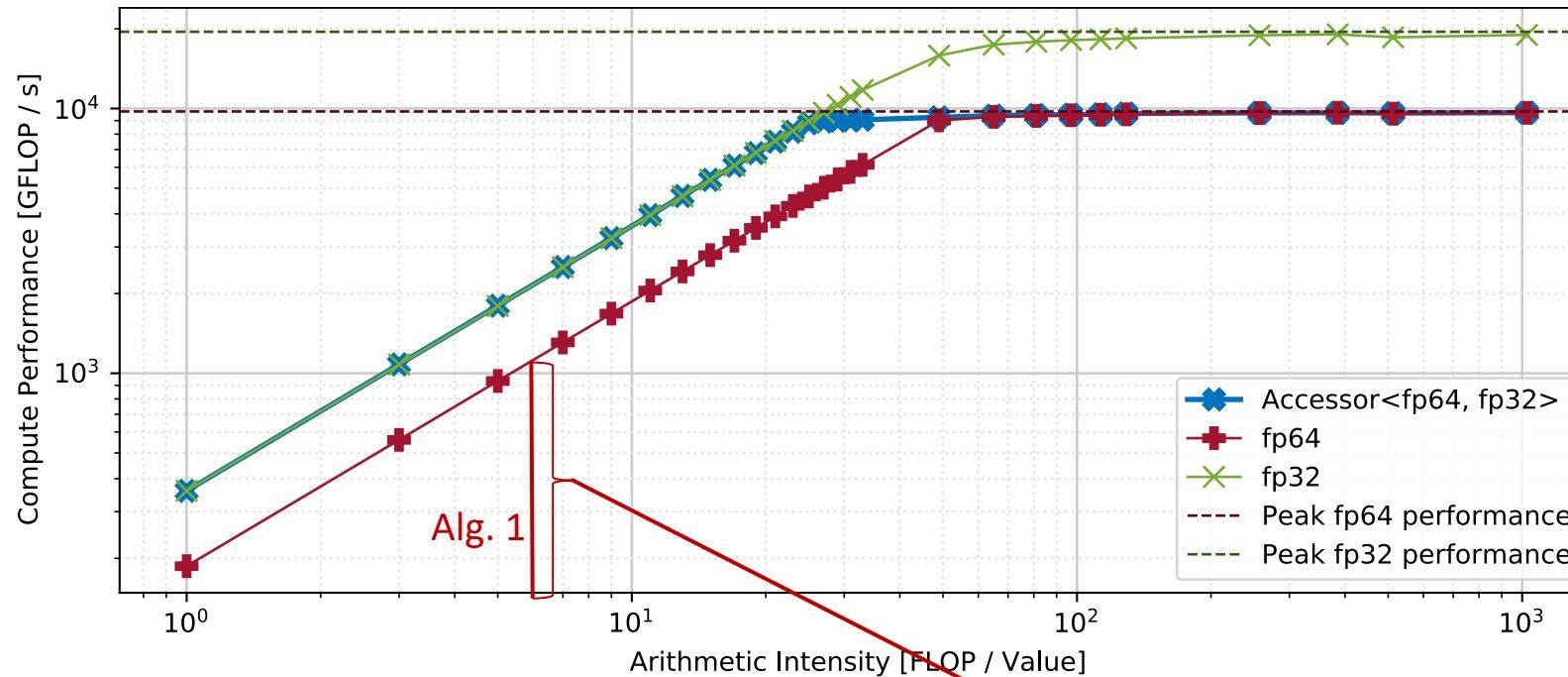
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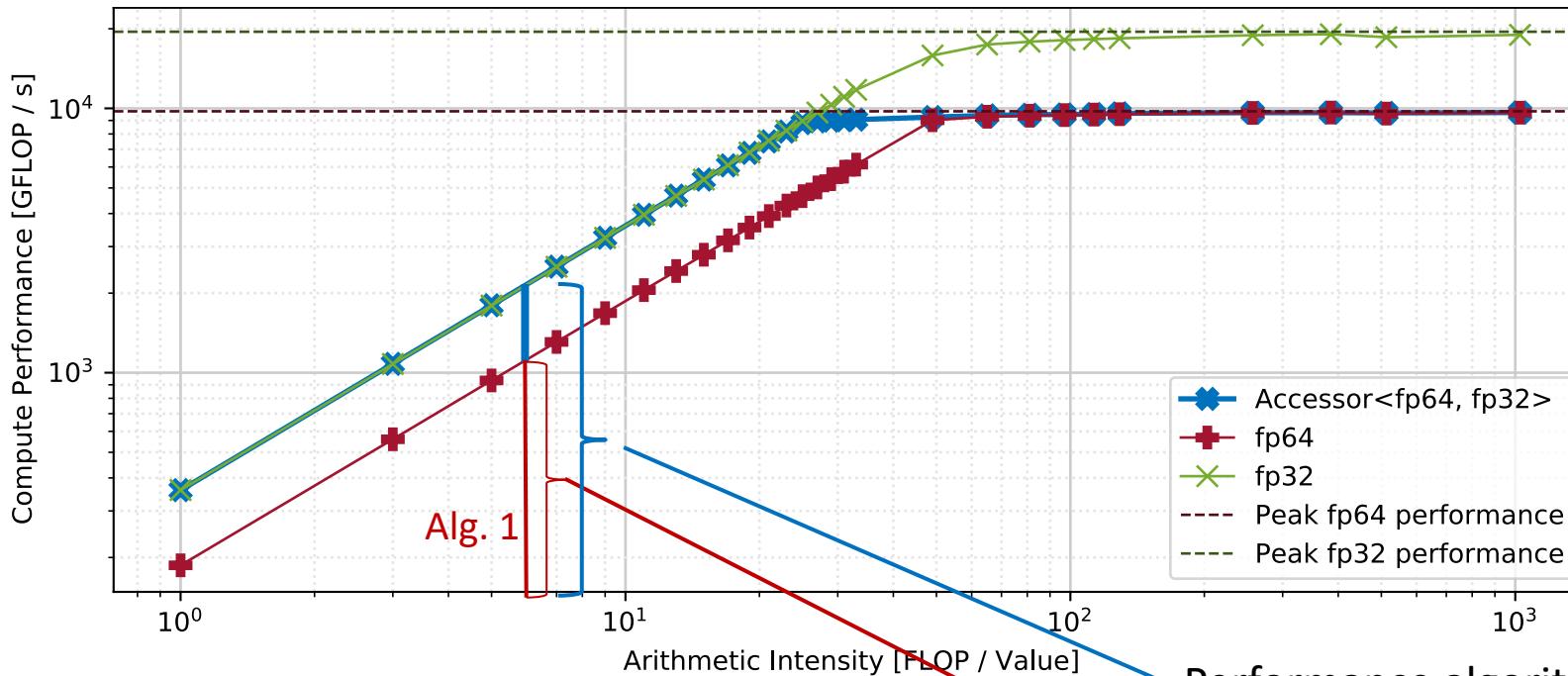


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Alg. 1

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# Rethinking Algorithms: Use the memory accessor to increase accuracy

Can we use the memory accessor to reduce the rounding effects?

## Design

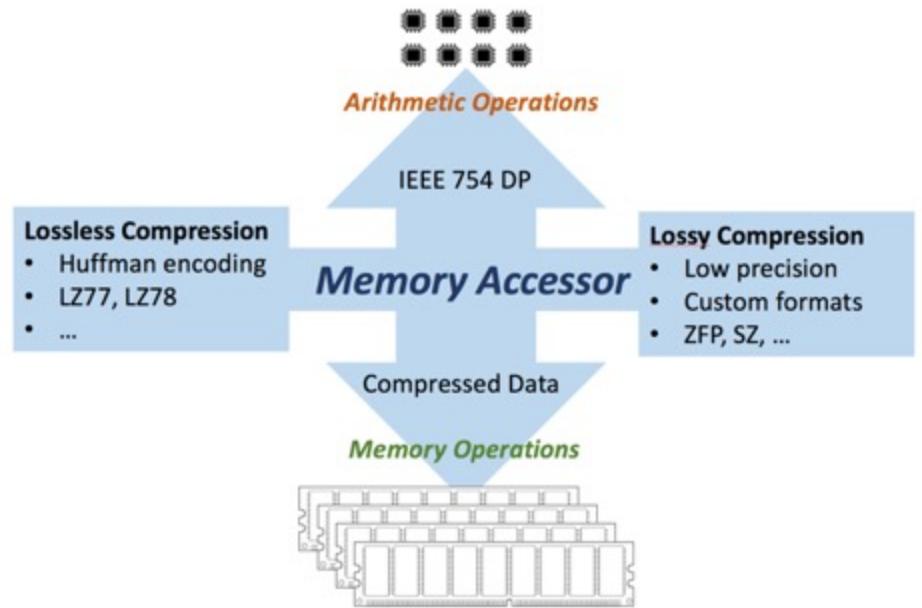
- Memory access in low precision (e.g. fp32);
- Computations in high precision (e.g. fp64);

## Characteristics

- Performance of low precision BLAS;
- Higher accuracy of low precision BLAS;

## Usage

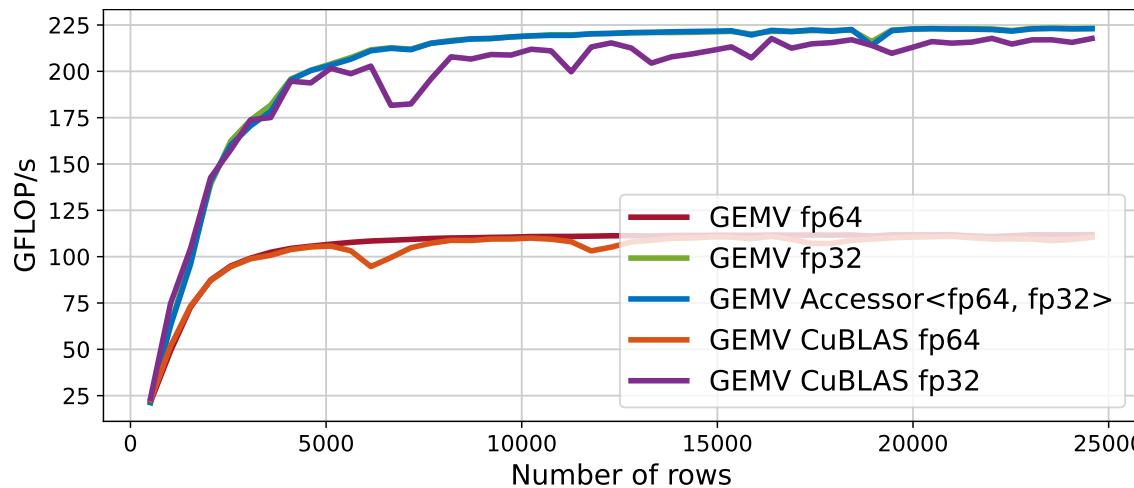
1. Can replace low precision BLAS to increase accuracy;
2. Can replace high precision BLAS if information loss is acceptable;  
*(without having to deal with explicit mixed precision usage)*



# Accessor-BLAS: Replacing LP BLAS to improve accuracy

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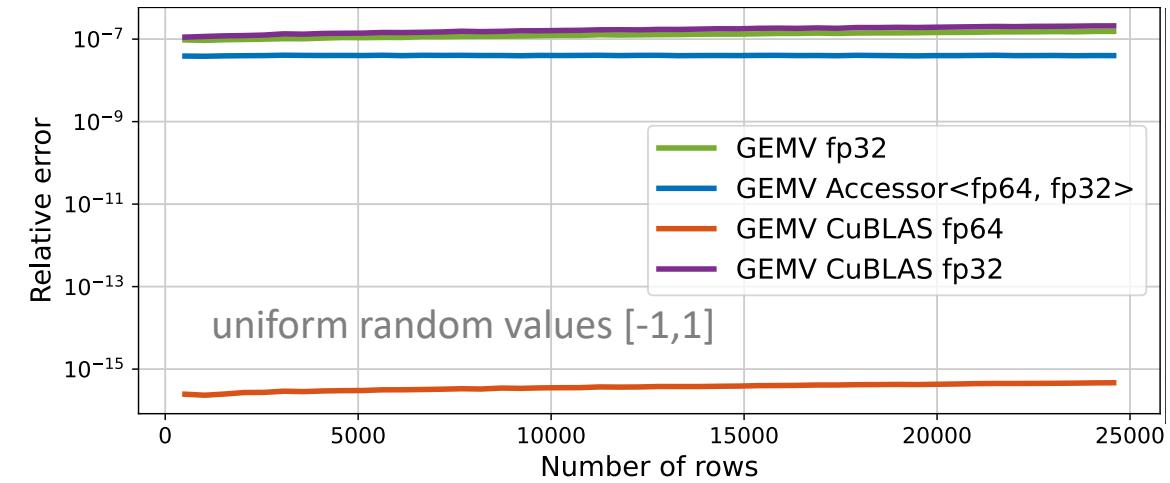
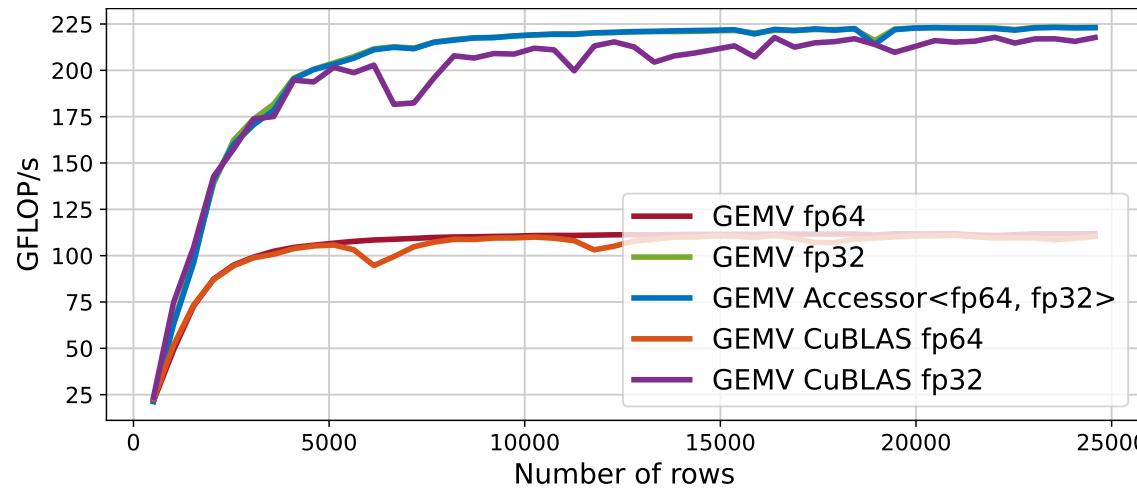
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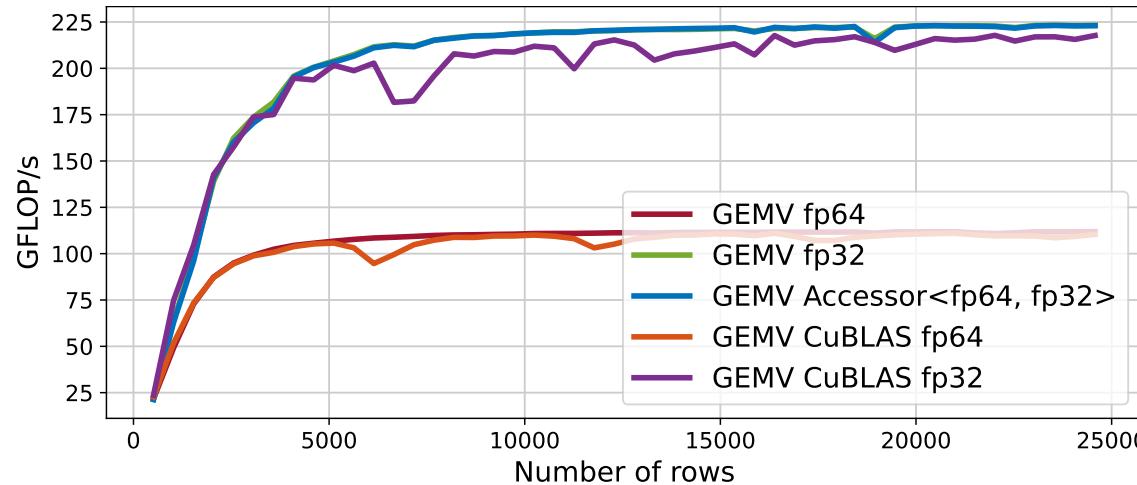
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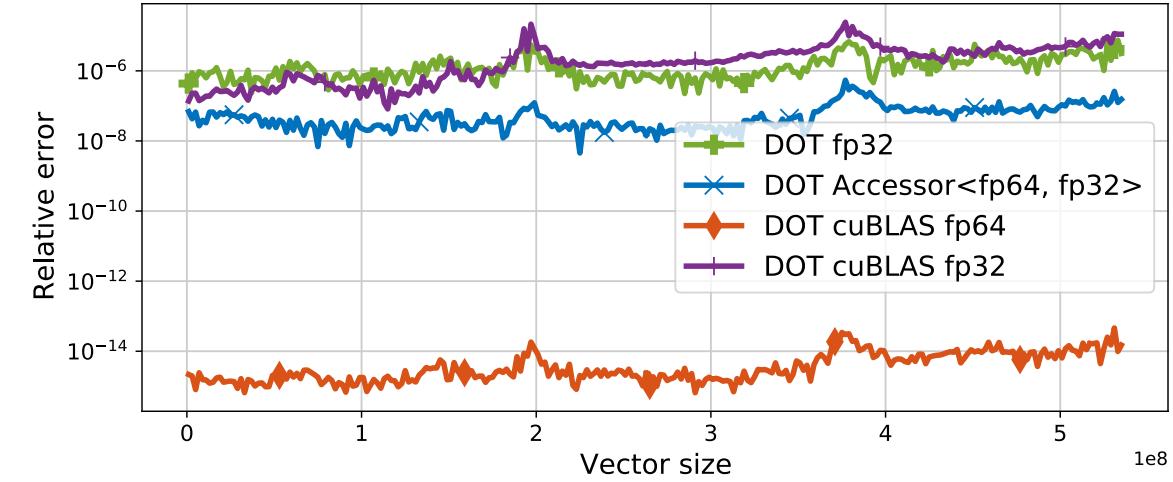
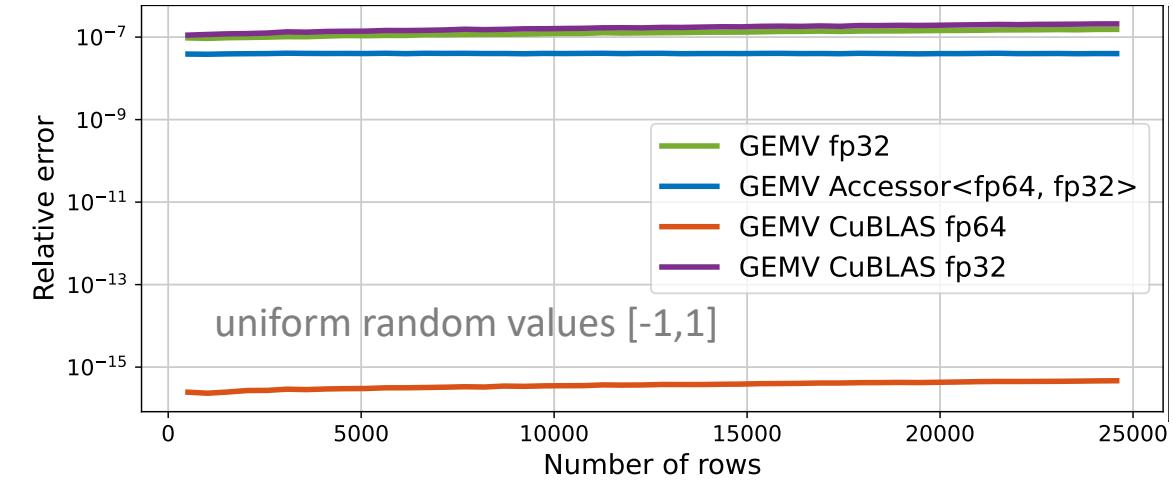
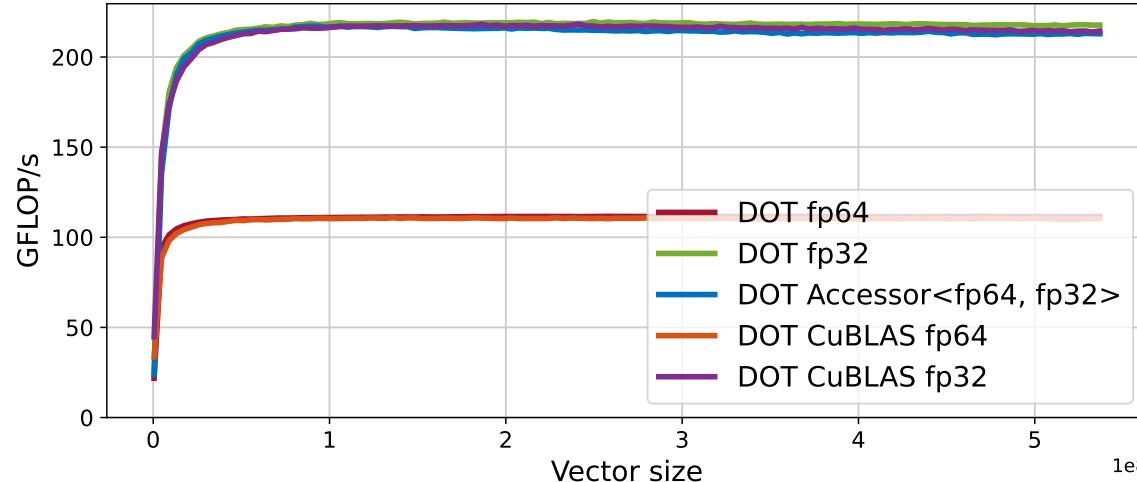
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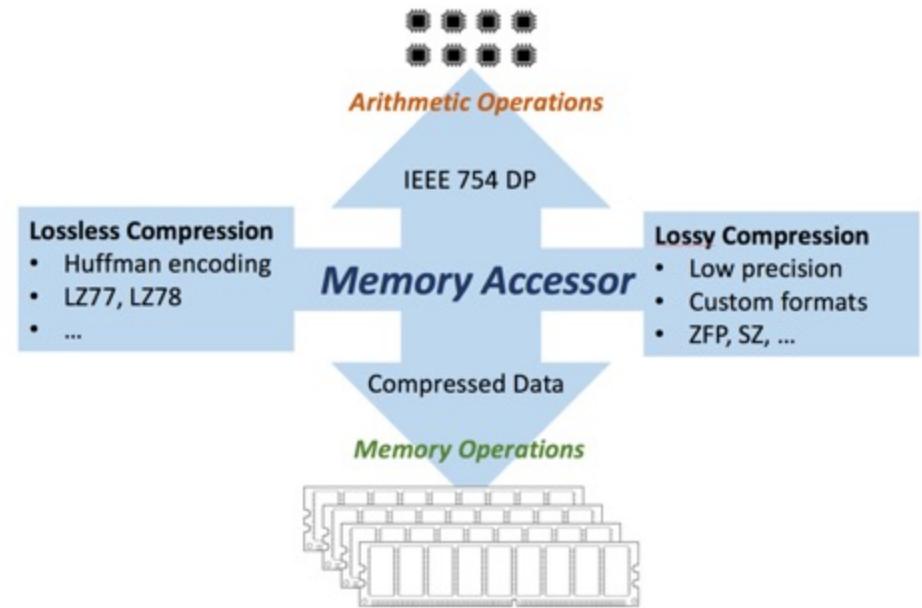
# Rethinking Algorithms: Use the memory accessor to boost performance

*Can we use the memory accessor to accelerate applications by compressing data without changing the application output?*

- No, not in general.
- Yes, in some cases.
- We need to adapt the approach to the application & data.

*Two possibilities in the context of solving linear systems:*

- “Self-healing” iterative methods;
- Approximate linear operators;

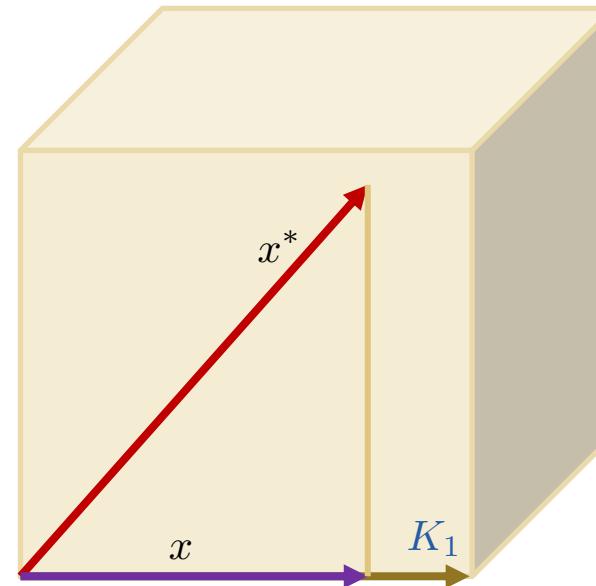


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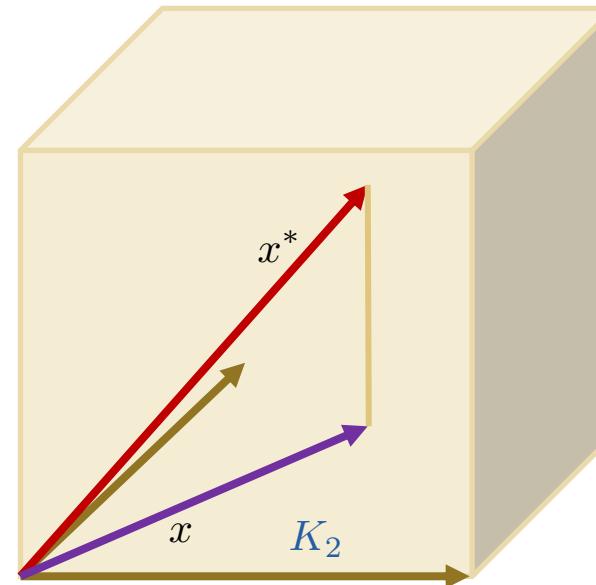
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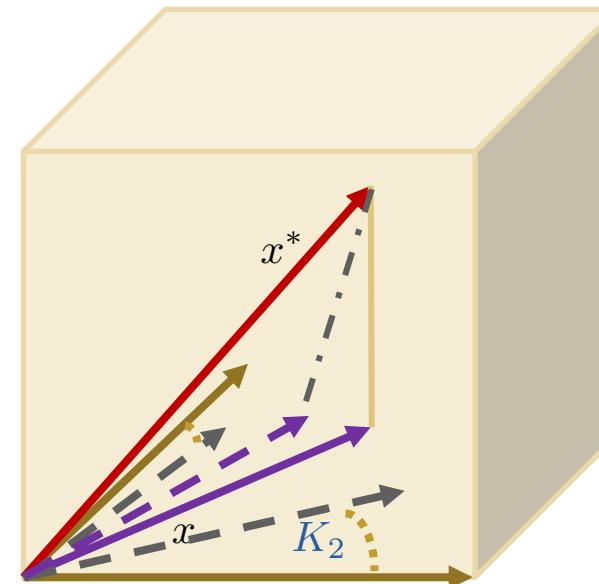
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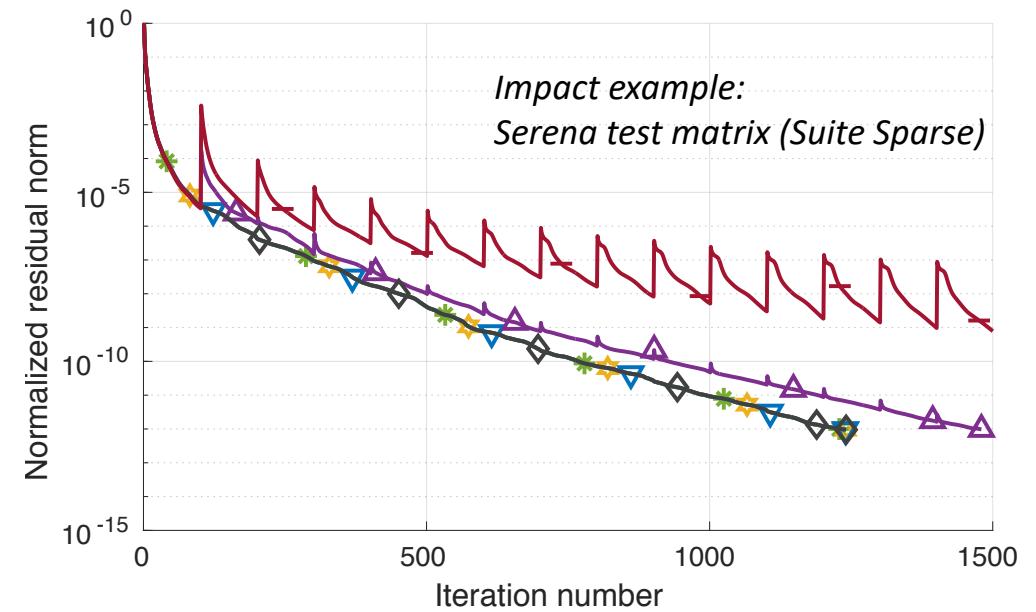
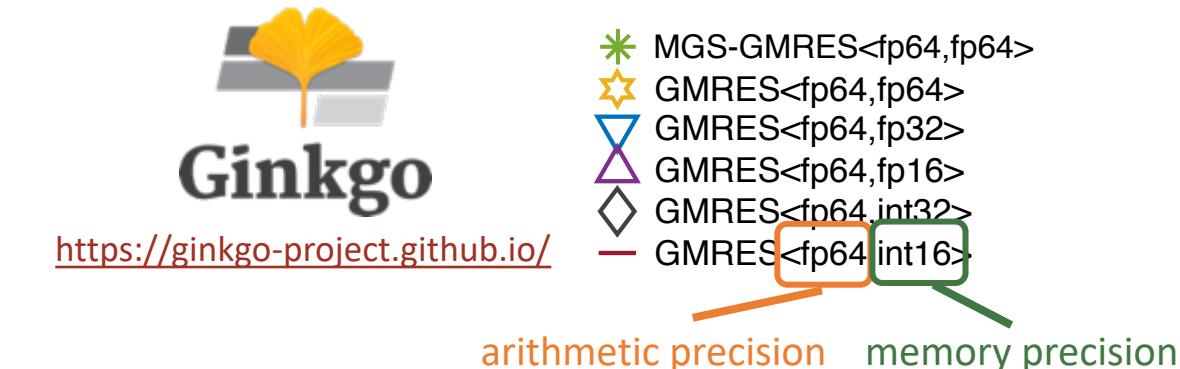


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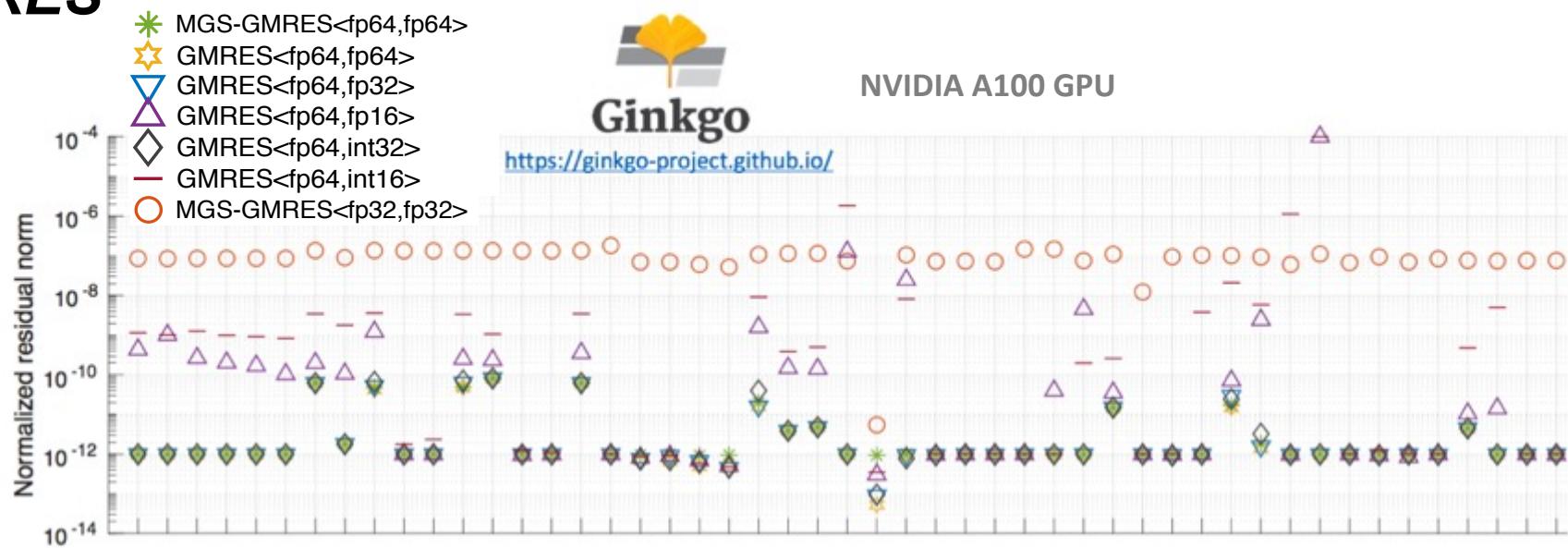
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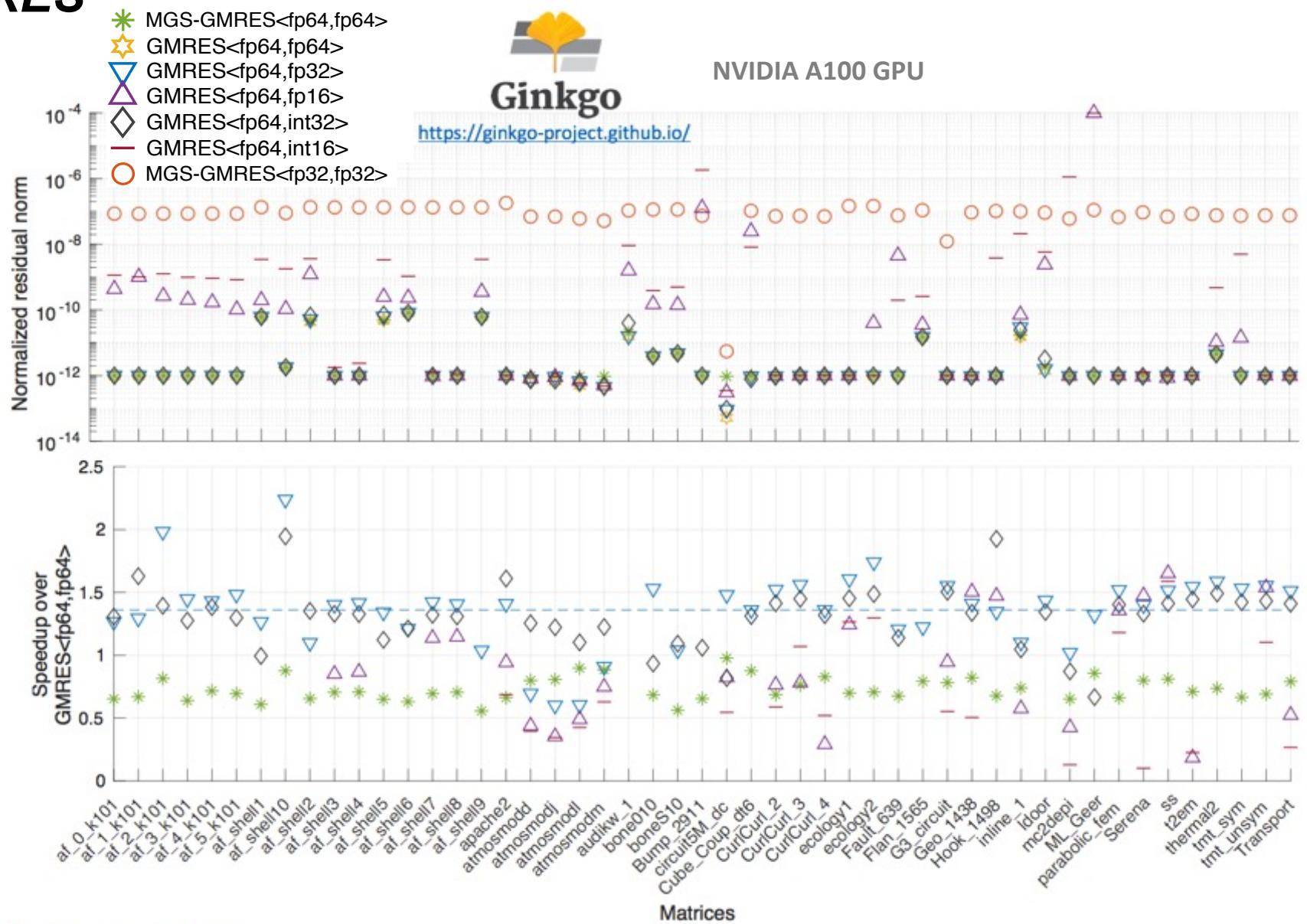
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## Compressed Basis GMRES on High Performance GPUs

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<https://arxiv.org/abs/2009.12101>

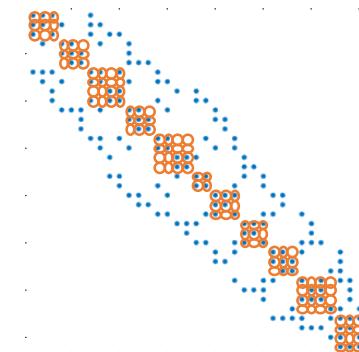
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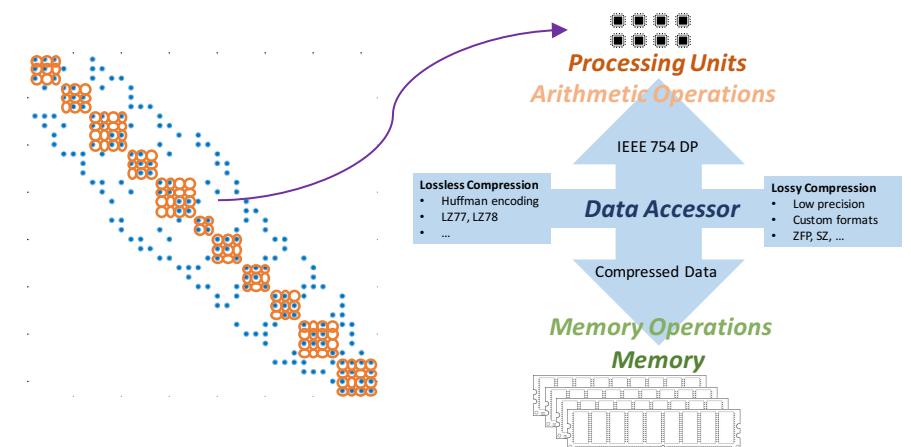
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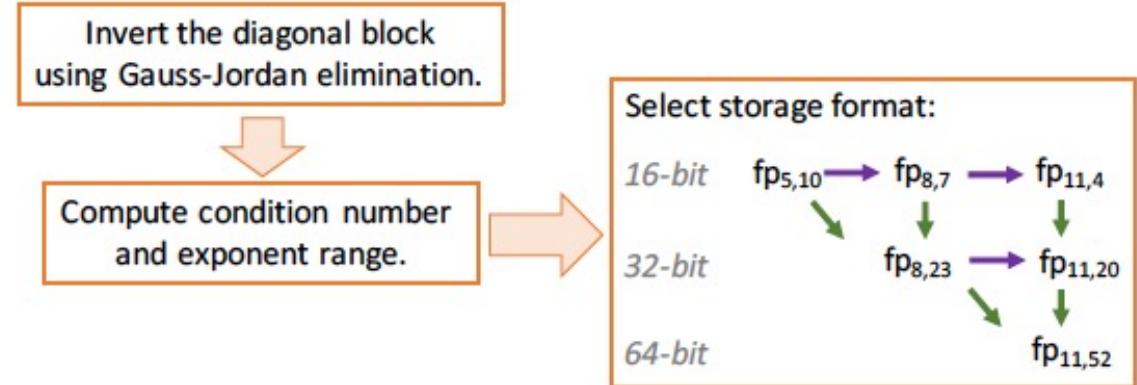
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- Why should we store the preconditioner matrix  $P^{-1}$  in full (high) precision?
- Use the accessor to store the inverted diagonal blocks in lower precision.
  - Be careful to preserve the regularity of each inverted diagonal block!



# Mixed Precision Preconditioning

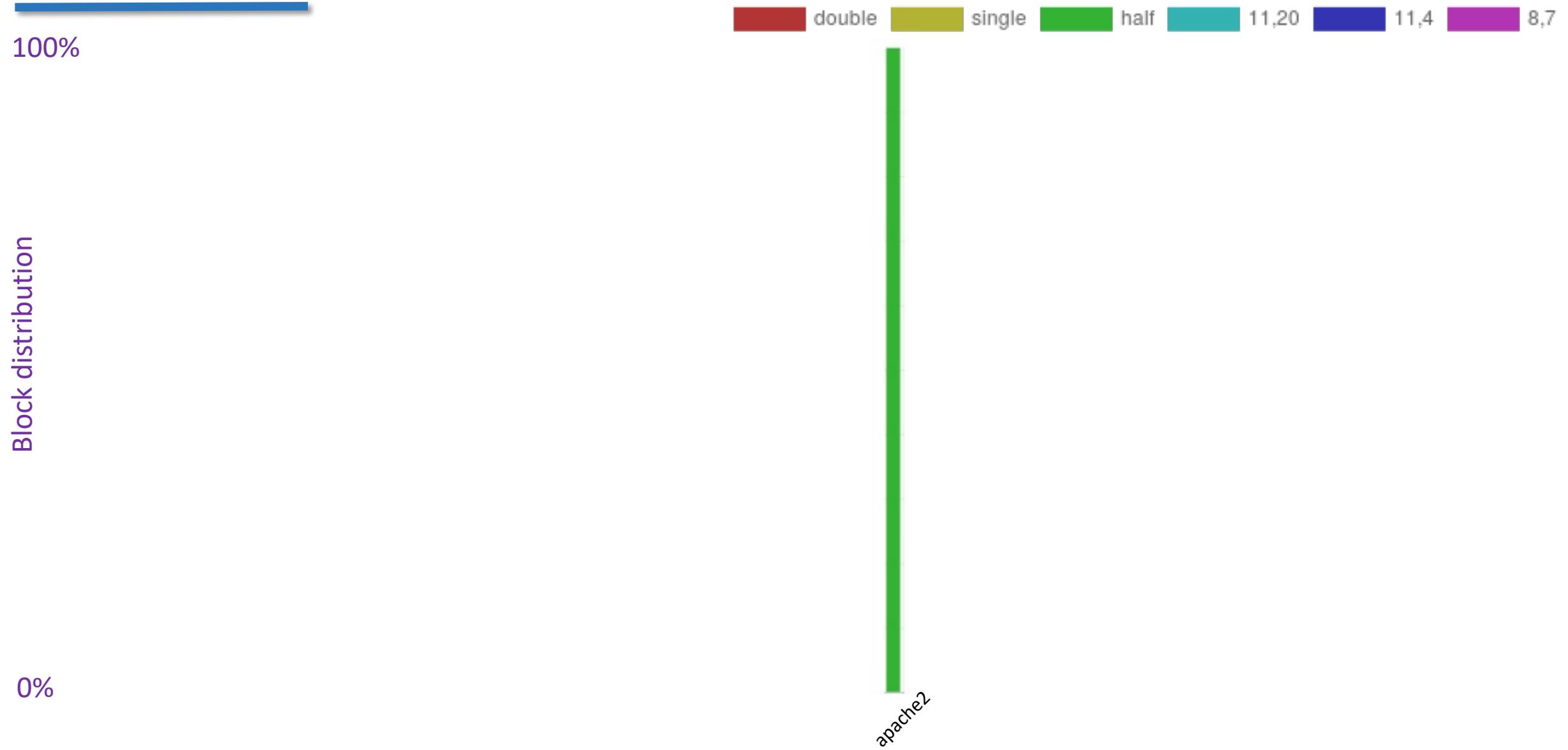
- Choose how much accuracy of the preconditioner should be preserved in the selection of the storage format.
- All computations use double precision, but store blocks in lower precision.



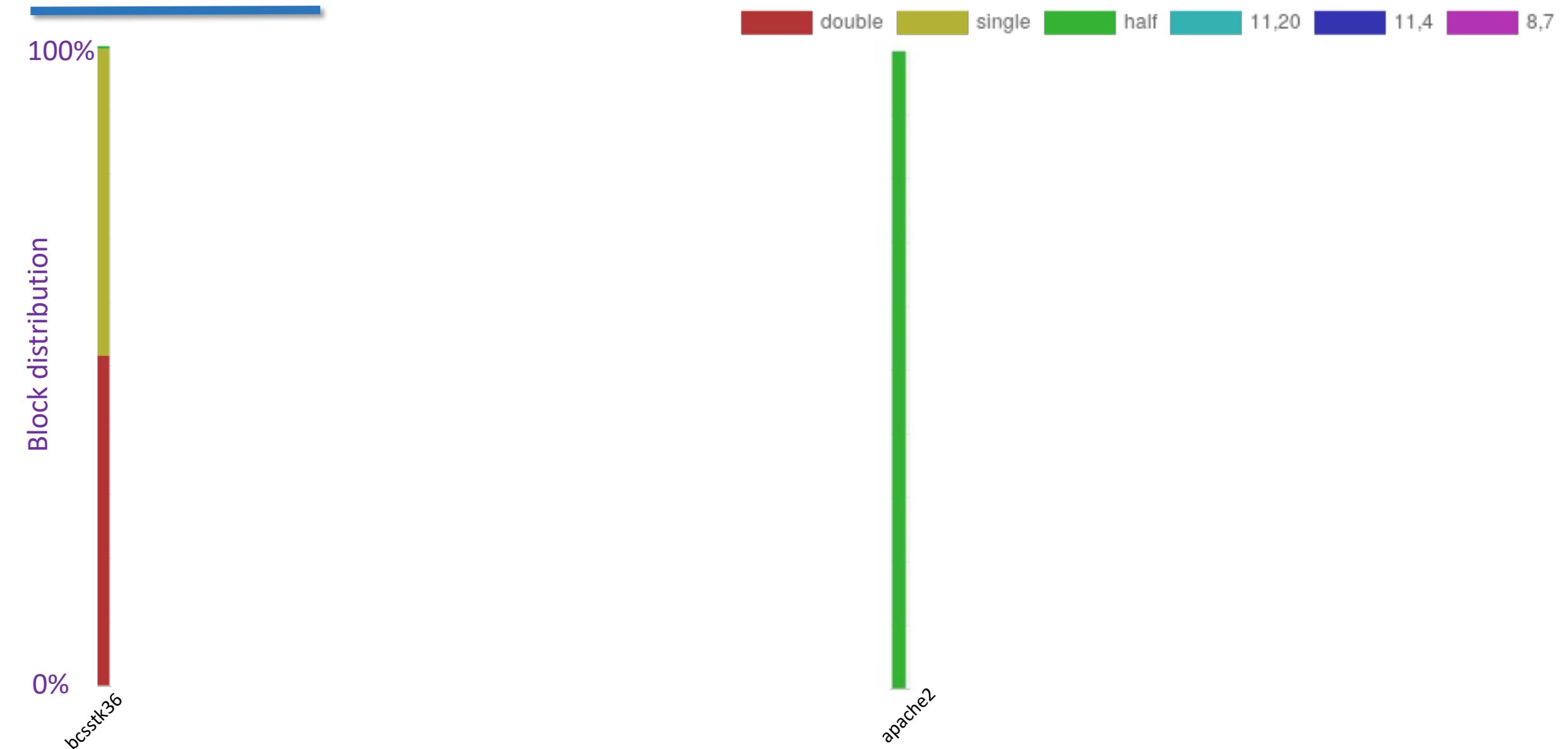
- + Regularity preserved;
- + Flexibility in the accuracy;
- + "Not a low precision preconditioner"
  - + Preconditioner is a constant operator;
  - + No flexible Krylov solver needed ;

- Overhead of the precision detection  
(condition number calculation);
- Overhead from storing precision information  
(need to additionally store/retrieve flag);
- Speedups / preconditioner quality problem-dependent;

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Final residual norm sqrt(r^T r):  
%%MatrixMarket matrix array real general  
1 1  
3.97985e-06 Accuracy improvement ~109  
CG iteration count: 4797  
CG execution time [ms]: 2971.18
```

## Single Precision CG + Single Precision Preconditioner

```
Initial residual norm sqrt(r^T r):  
%%MatrixMarket matrix array real general  
1 1  
1390.67  
Final residual norm sqrt(r^T r):  
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1588.77 No improvement  
CG iteration count: 8887  
CG execution time [ms]: 2972.46
```

Experiments based on the Ginkgo library <https://ginkgo-project.github.io/>

[ginkgo/examples/adaptiveprecision-blockjacobi/adaptiveprecision-blockjacobi.cpp](https://github.com/GinkgoProject/ginkgo/blob/main/examples/adaptiveprecision-blockjacobi/adaptiveprecision-blockjacobi.cpp)

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Linear System  $Ax=b$  with  $\text{cond}(A) \approx 10^7$  ( apache2 from SuiteSparse )    NVIDIA A100 GPU

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1390.67
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CG iteration count:    4797
CG execution time [ms]: 2971.18
```

## Double Precision CG + Mixed Precision Preconditioner

- *Attainable accuracy of CG unaffected*
- *Preconditioner remains a constant operator*

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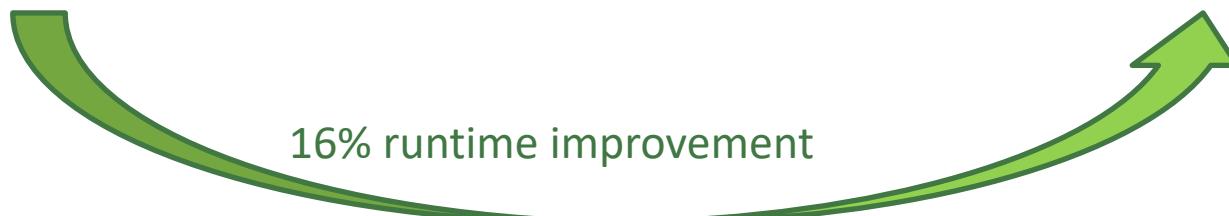
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CG execution time [ms]: 2568.1
```

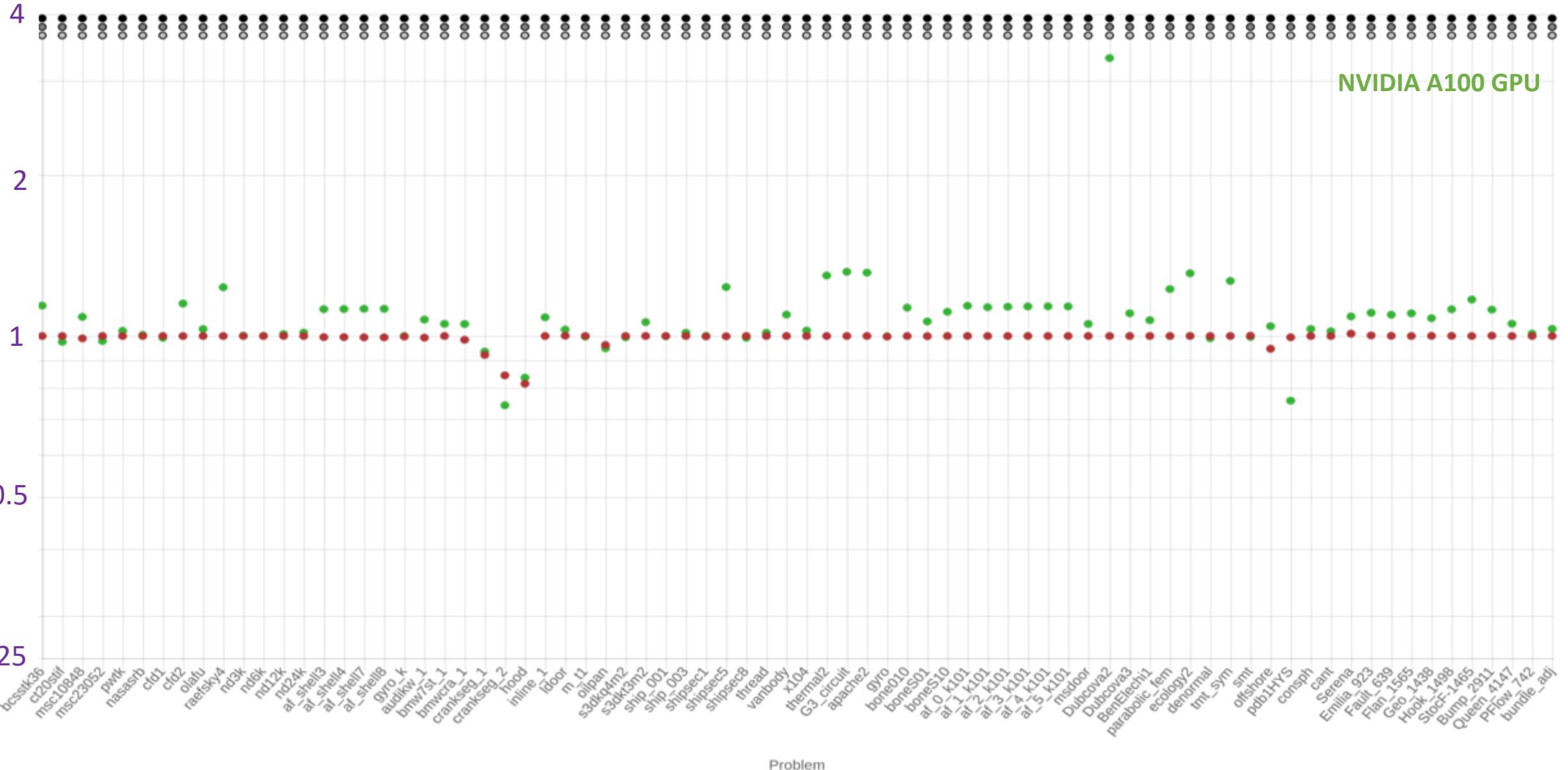
16% runtime improvement



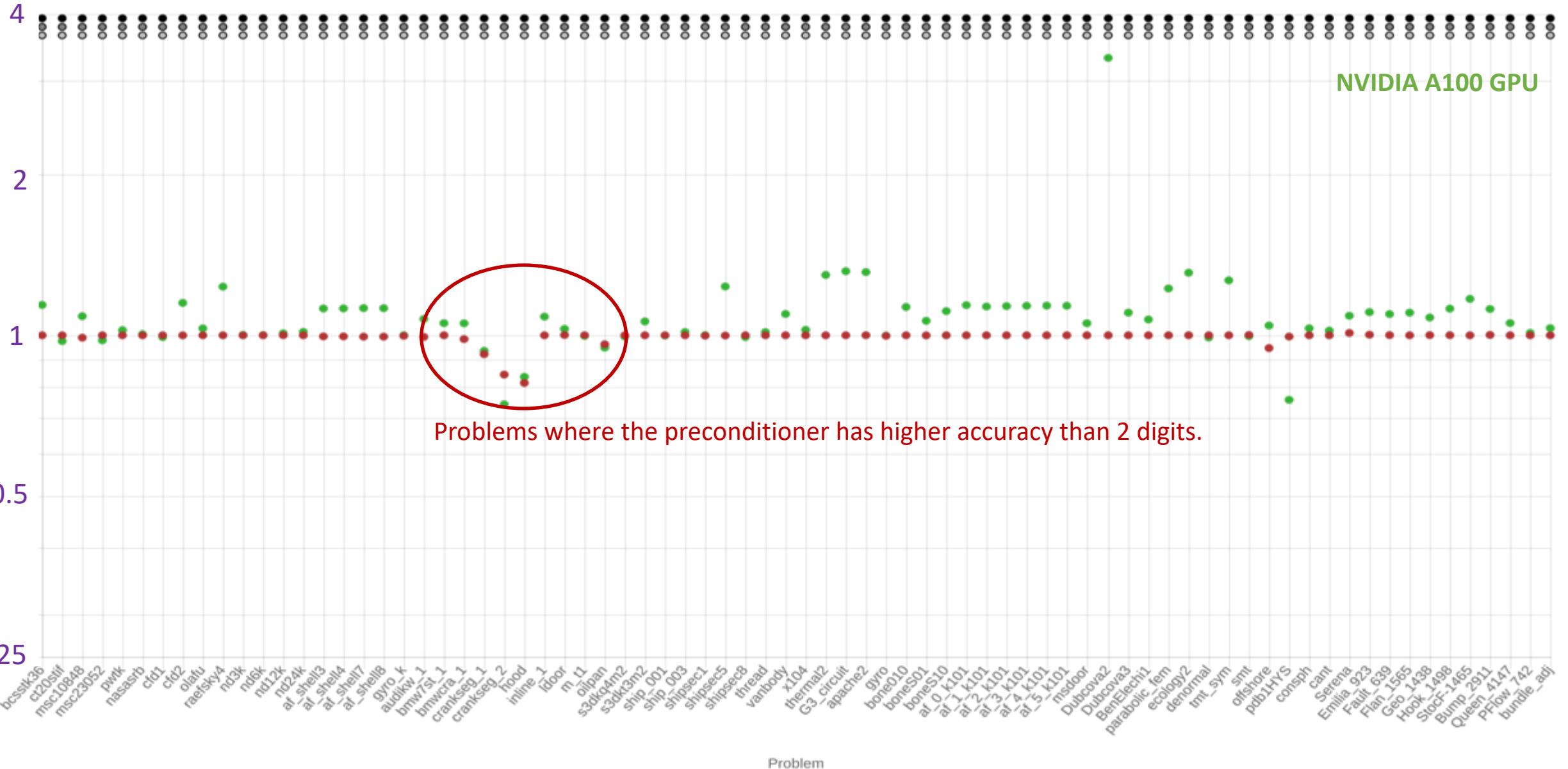
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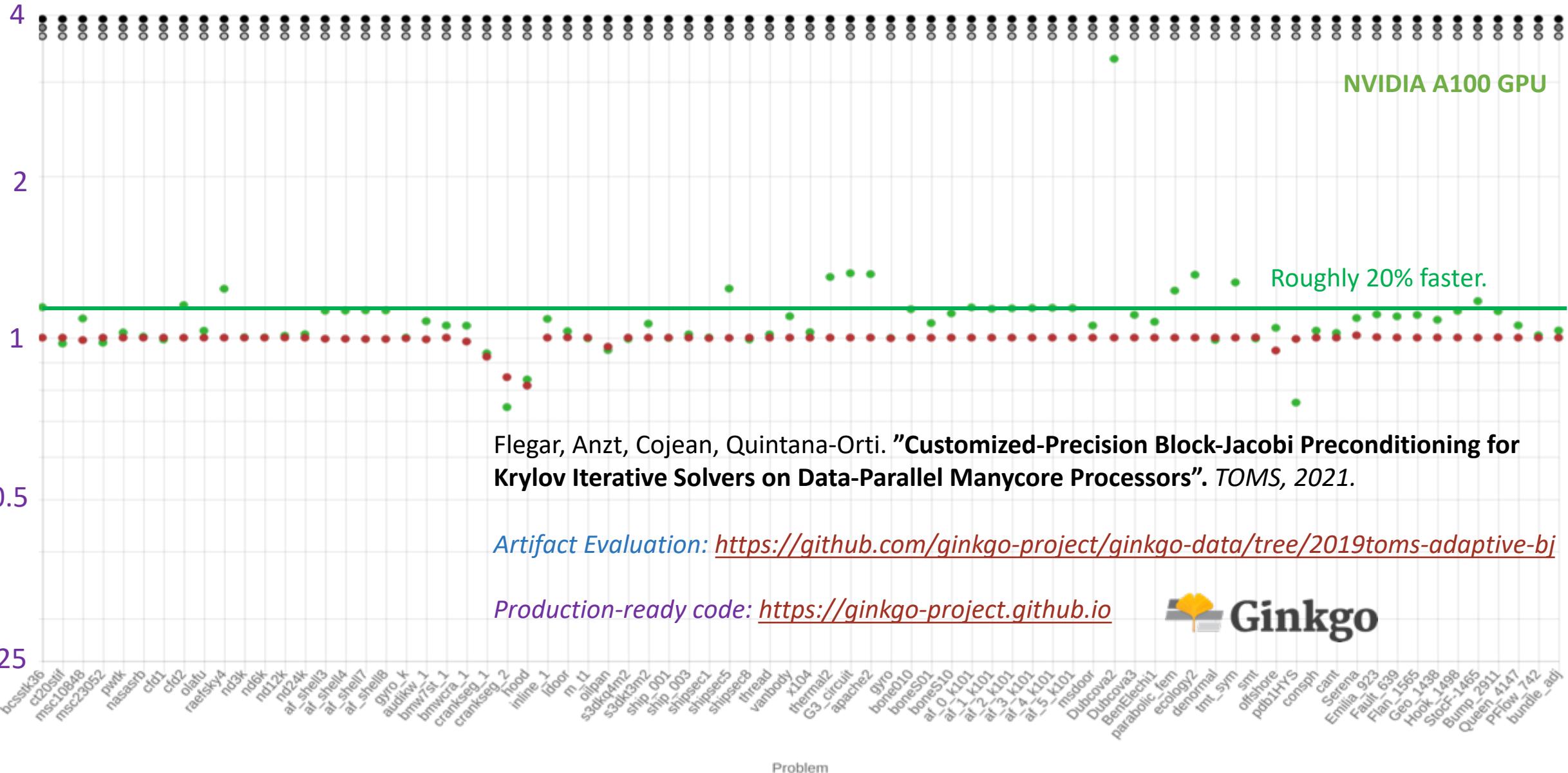
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## ▪ High performance sparse linear algebra

- Linear algebra building blocks: SpMV, SpMM, SpGEAM,...;
- Linear solvers: BiCG, BiCGSTAB, CG, CGS, FCG, GMRES, IDR;
- Advanced preconditioning techniques: ParILU, ParILUT, SAI;
- Batched iterative solvers;

## ▪ Exascale early systems GPU-readiness

- Available: Nvidia GPU (CUDA), AMD GPU (HIP), Intel GPU (DPC++), CPU Multithreading (OpenMP);
- C++, CMake build;



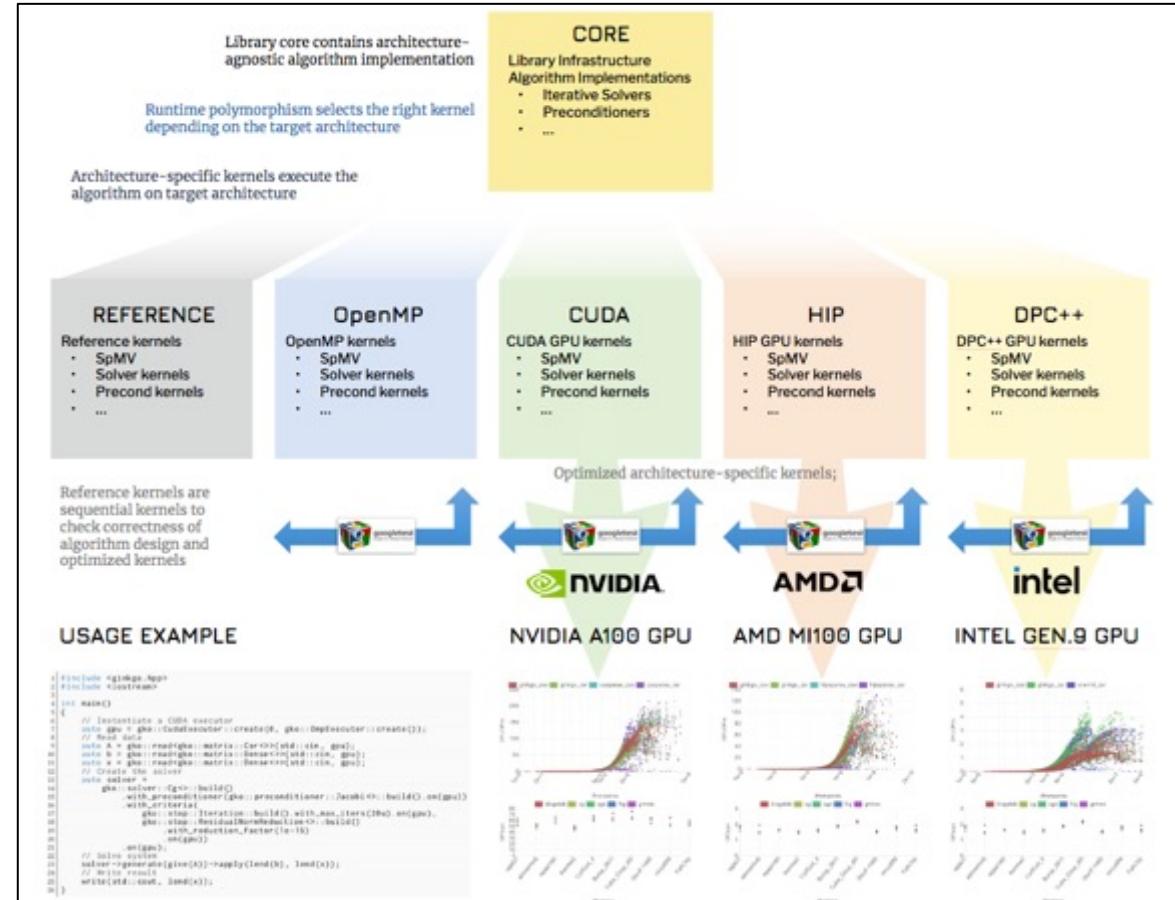
## ▪ Open source, community-driven

- Freely available (BSD License), GitHub, and Spack;
- Part of the **xSDK** and **E4S** software stack;
- Can be used from **deal.II** and **MFEM**;



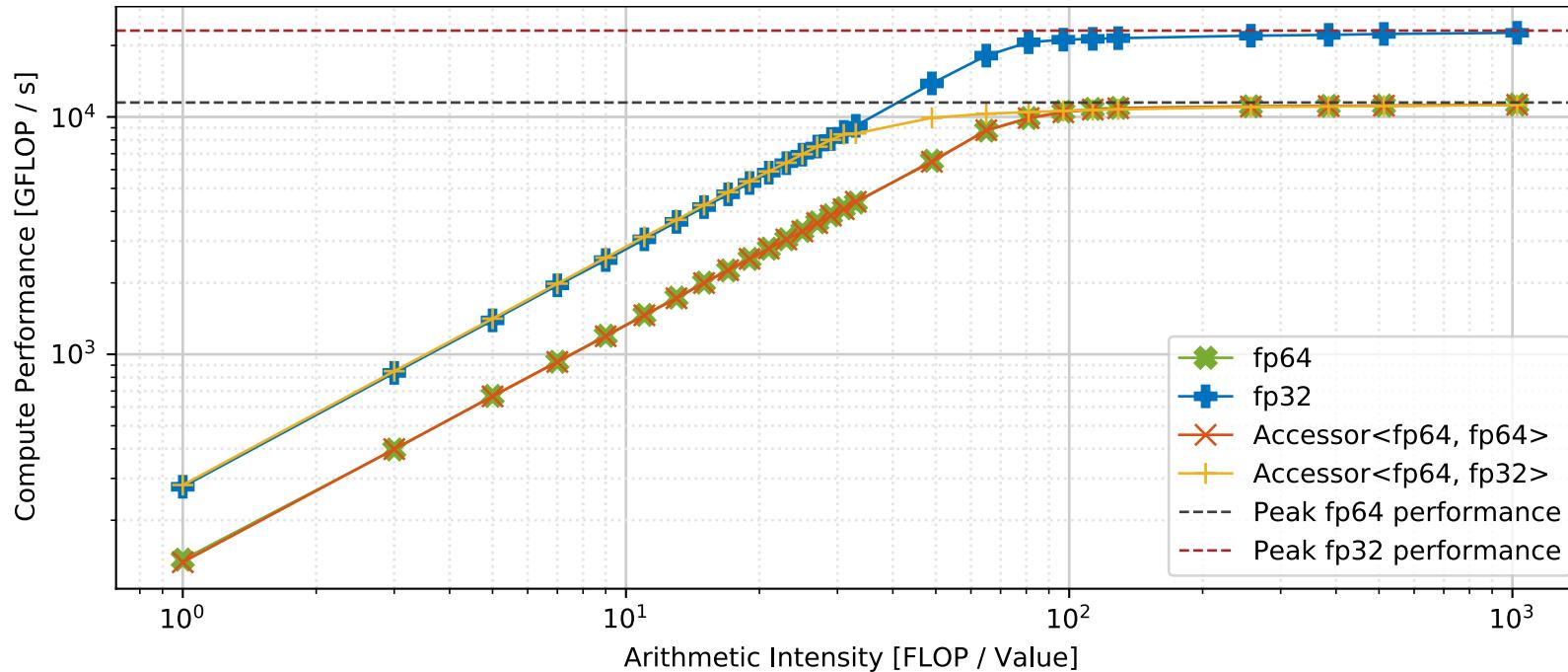
## ▪ Modular precision ecosystem

- Decoupling of arithmetic precision and memory precision;
- Compressed Basis (CB) Krylov methods;
- Mixed precision algorithms: adaptive precision Jacobi, FSPAI;

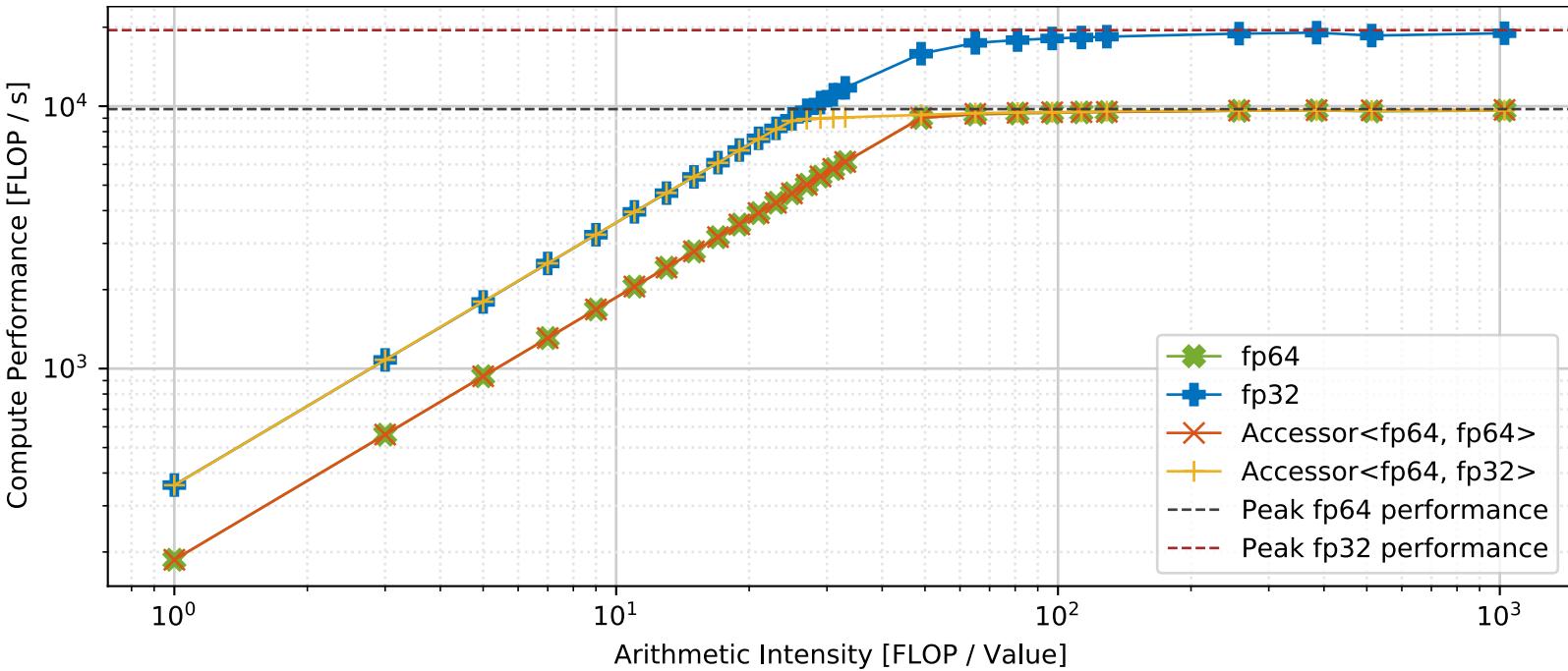


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# Accessor for AMD MI100 GPU

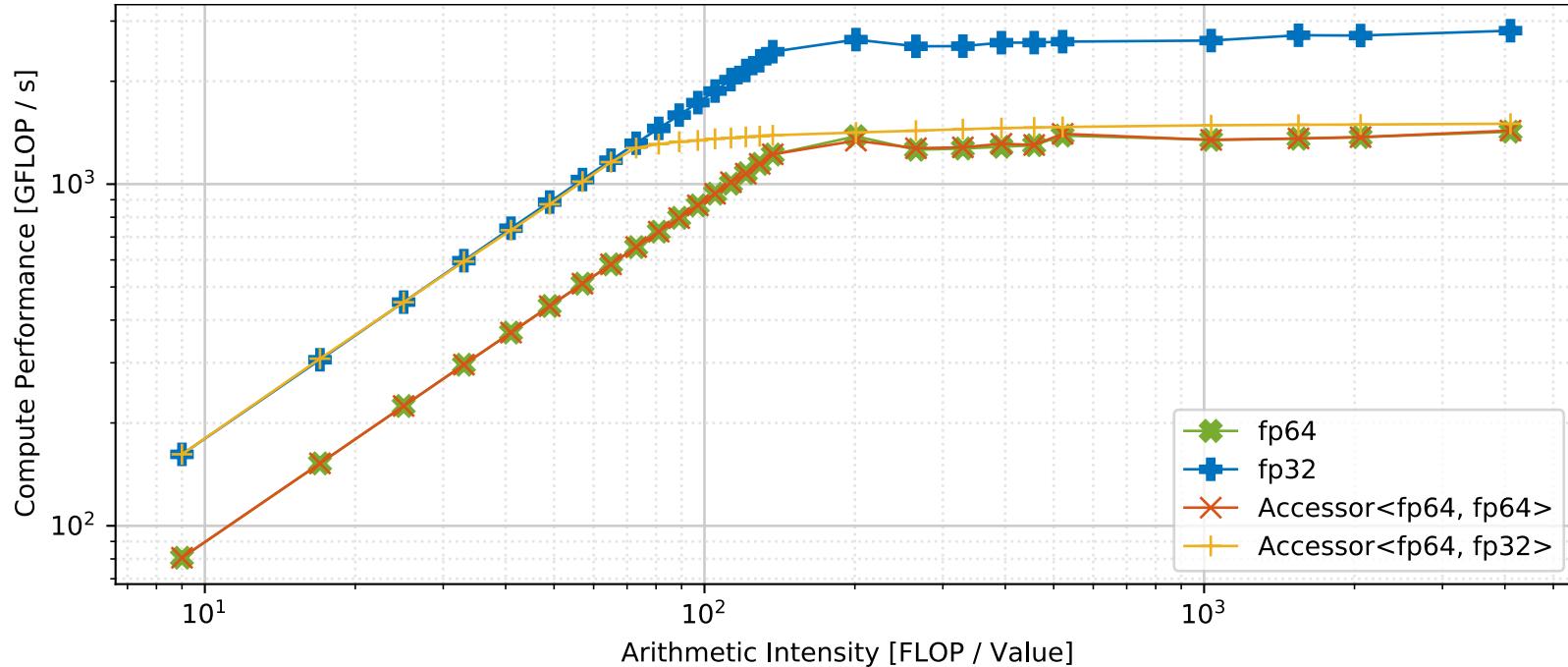


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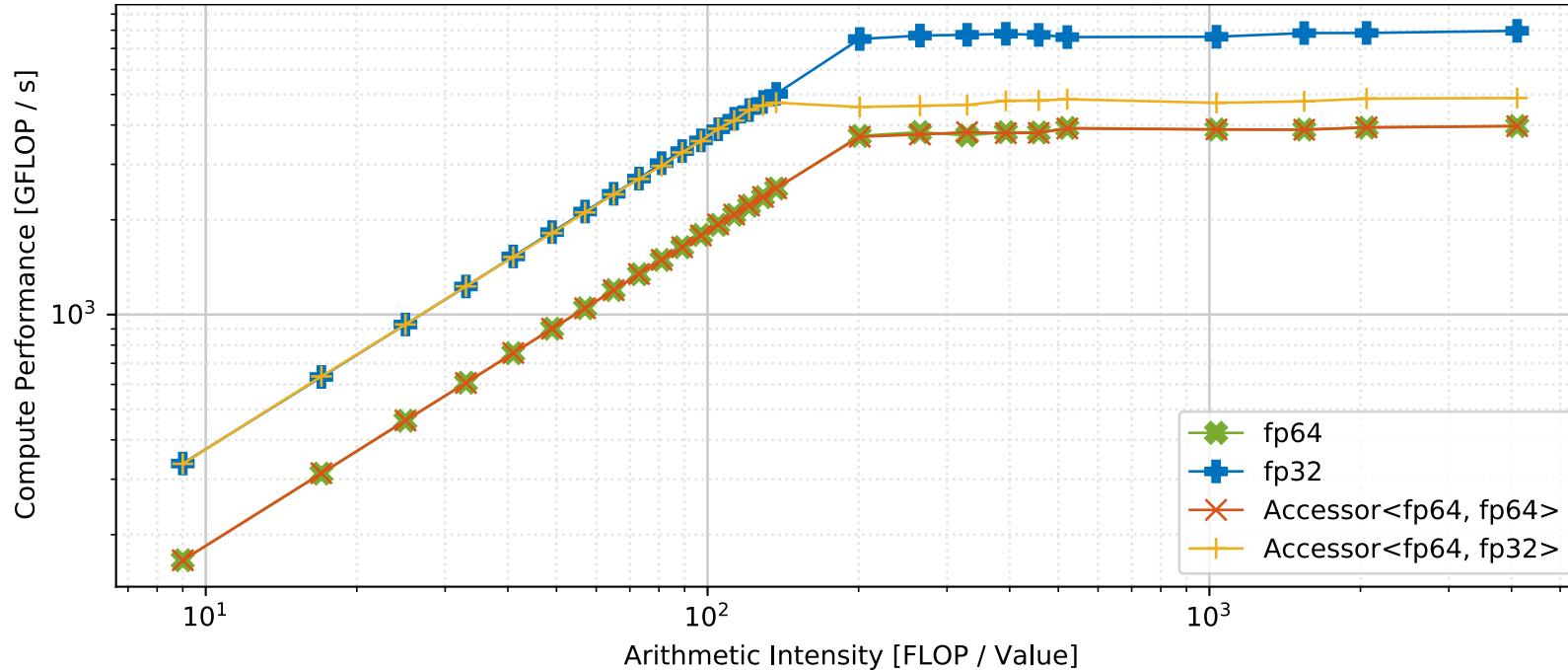


# Accessor for Intel Skylake CPU

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# Accessor for AMD EPYC CPU



# Memory accessor for memory-bound routines

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## Design

- Memory access in low precision (e.g. fp32);
- Computations in high precision (e.g. fp64);

## Characteristics

- Performance of low precision routine;
- Higher accuracy of low precision routine;

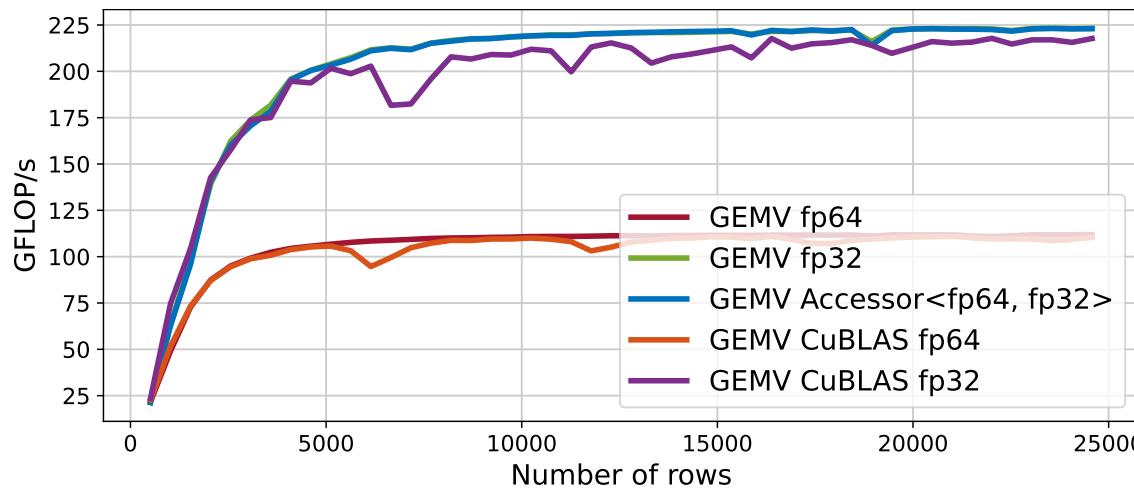
## Usage

1. Accessor-BLAS can replace low precision BLAS to increase accuracy;
2. Accessor-BLAS can replace high precision BLAS if information loss is acceptable;  
*(without having to deal with explicit mixed precision usage)*

# Accessor-BLAS: Replacing LP BLAS to improve accuracy

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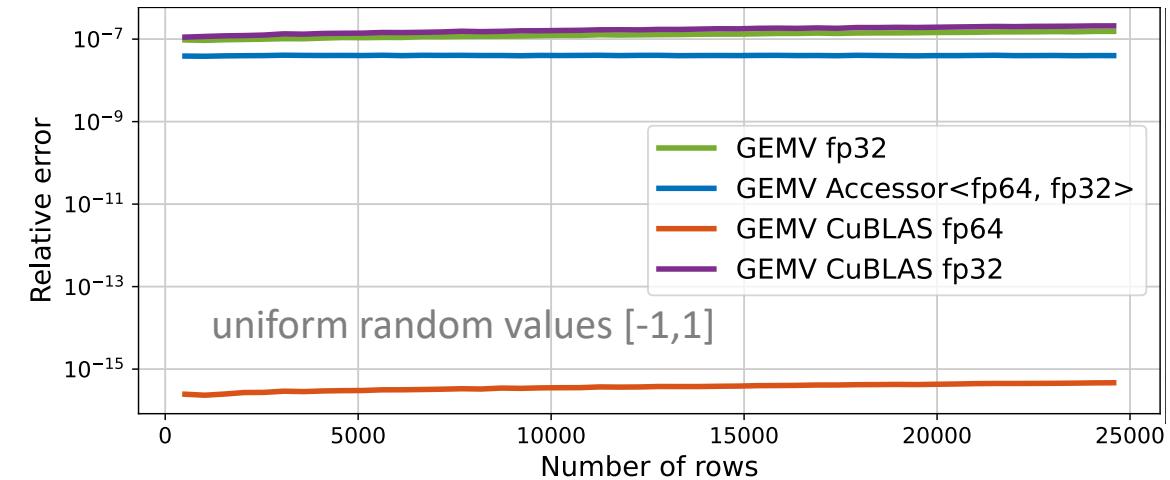
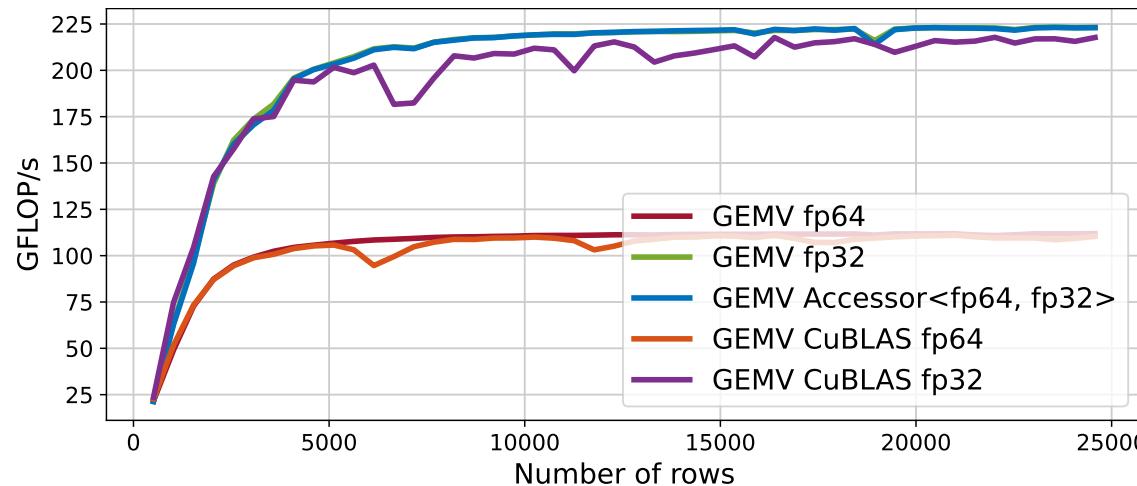
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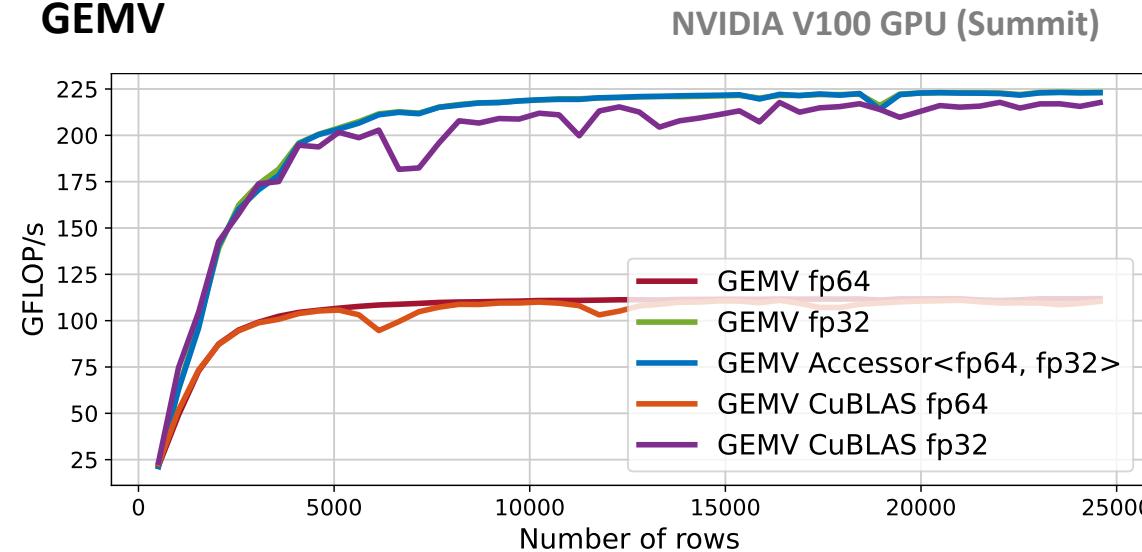
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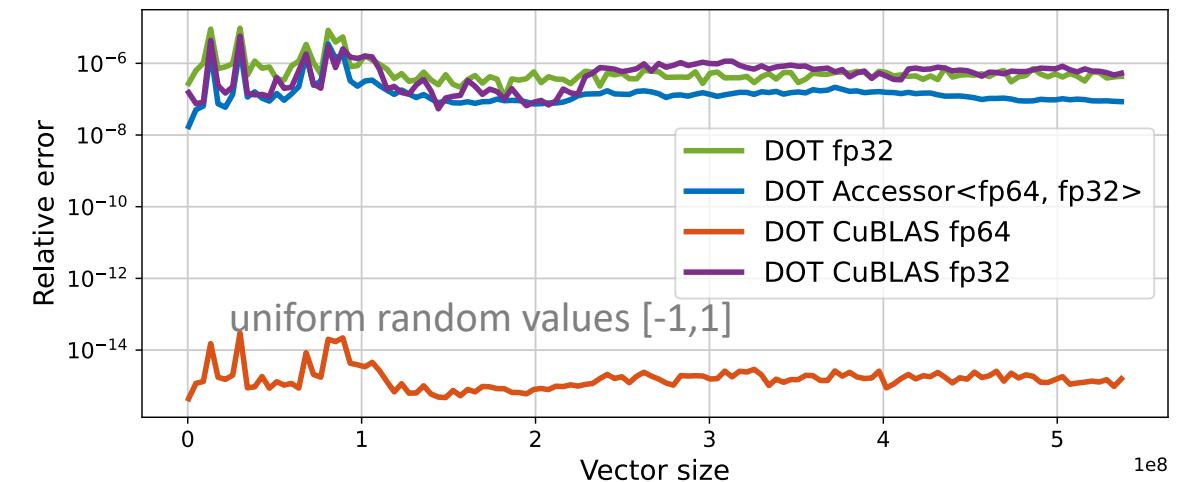
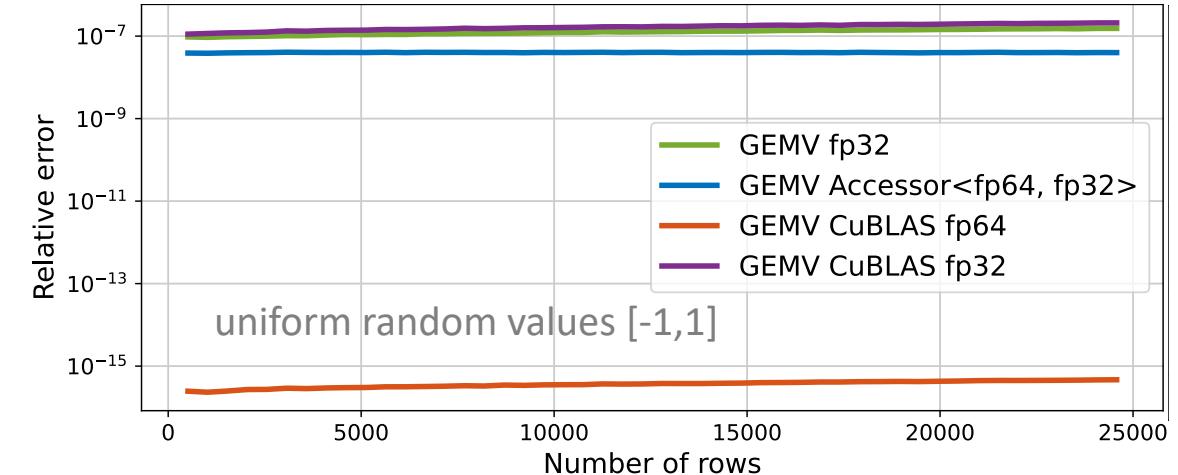
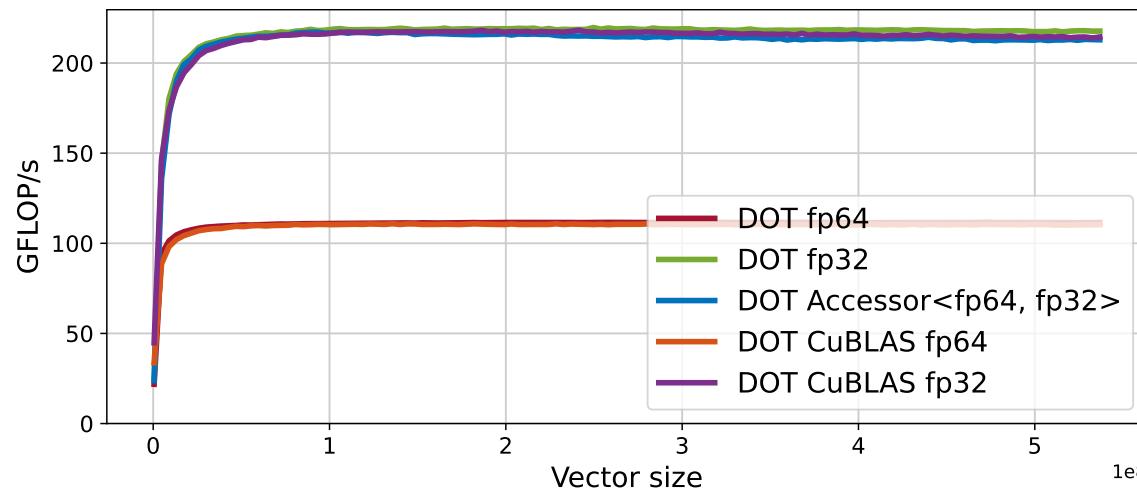


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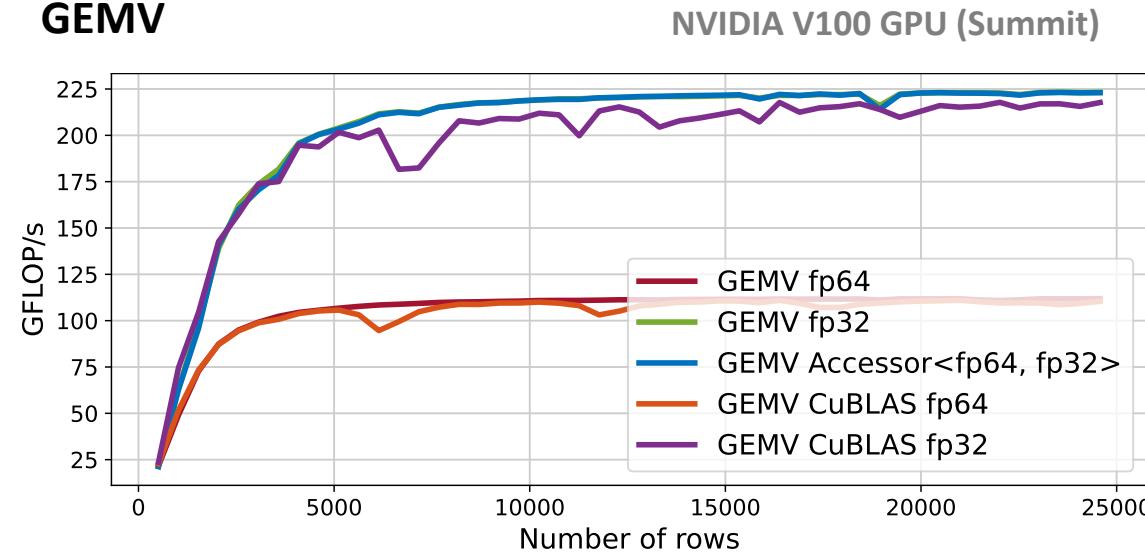


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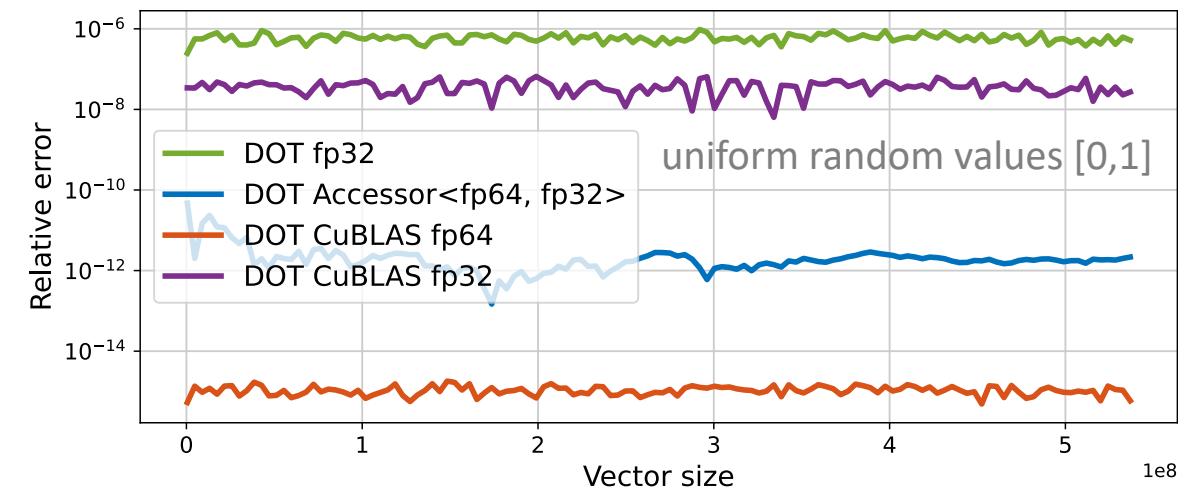
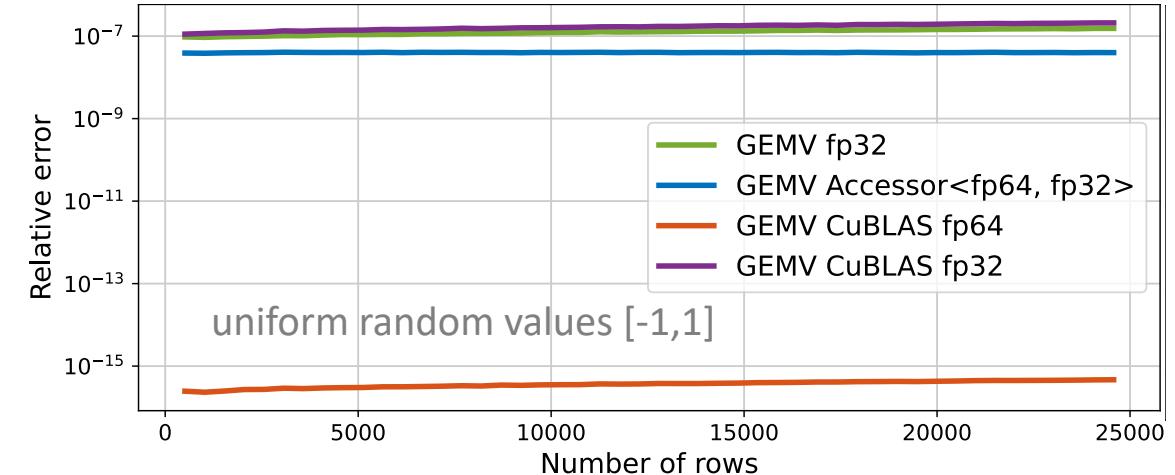
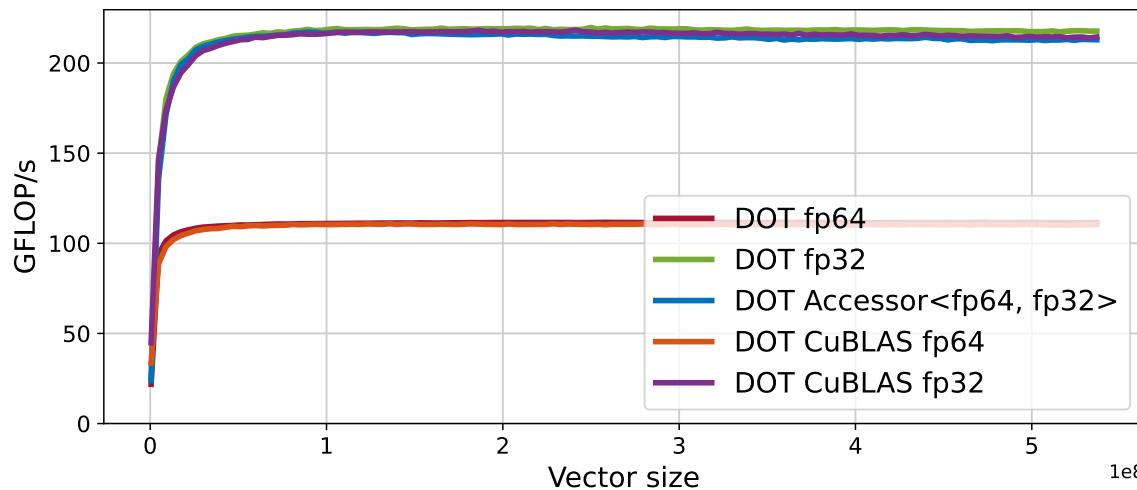


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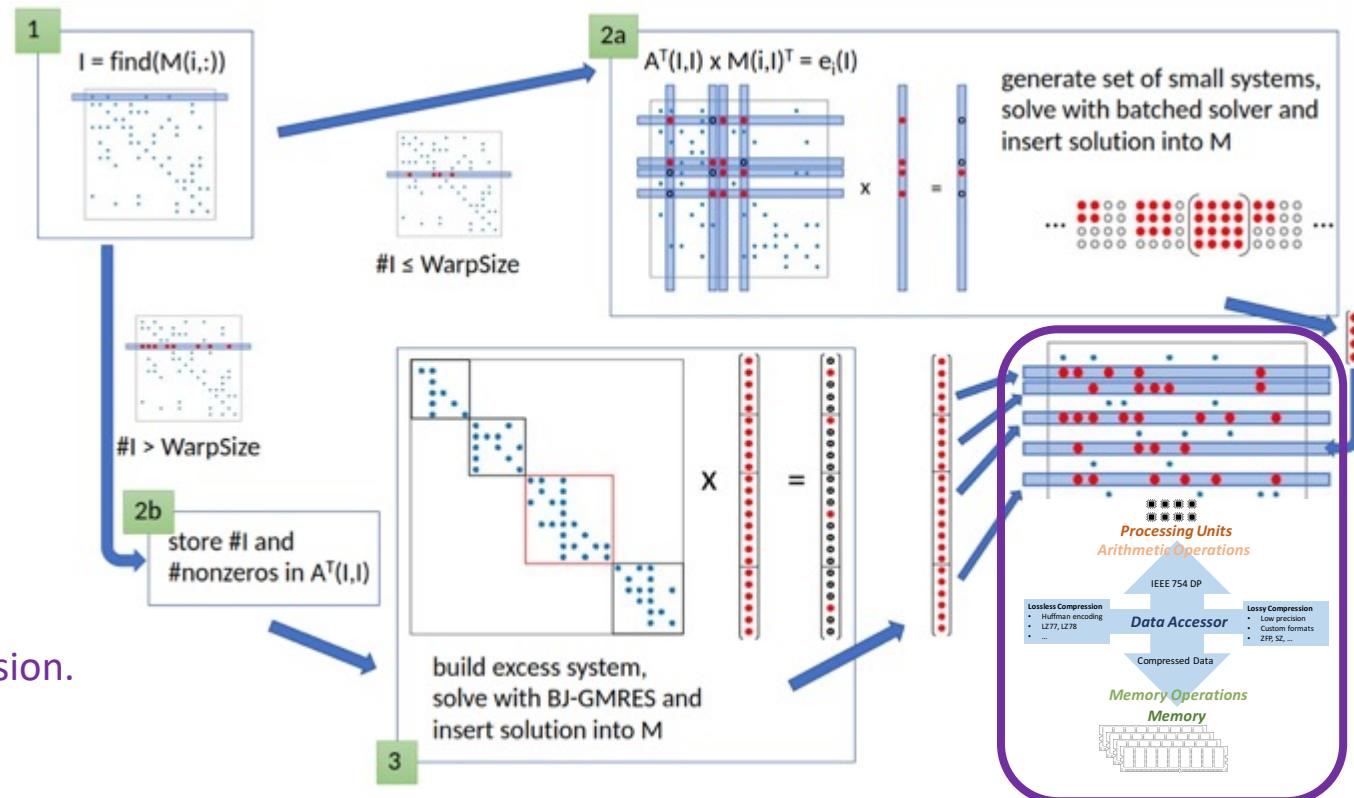
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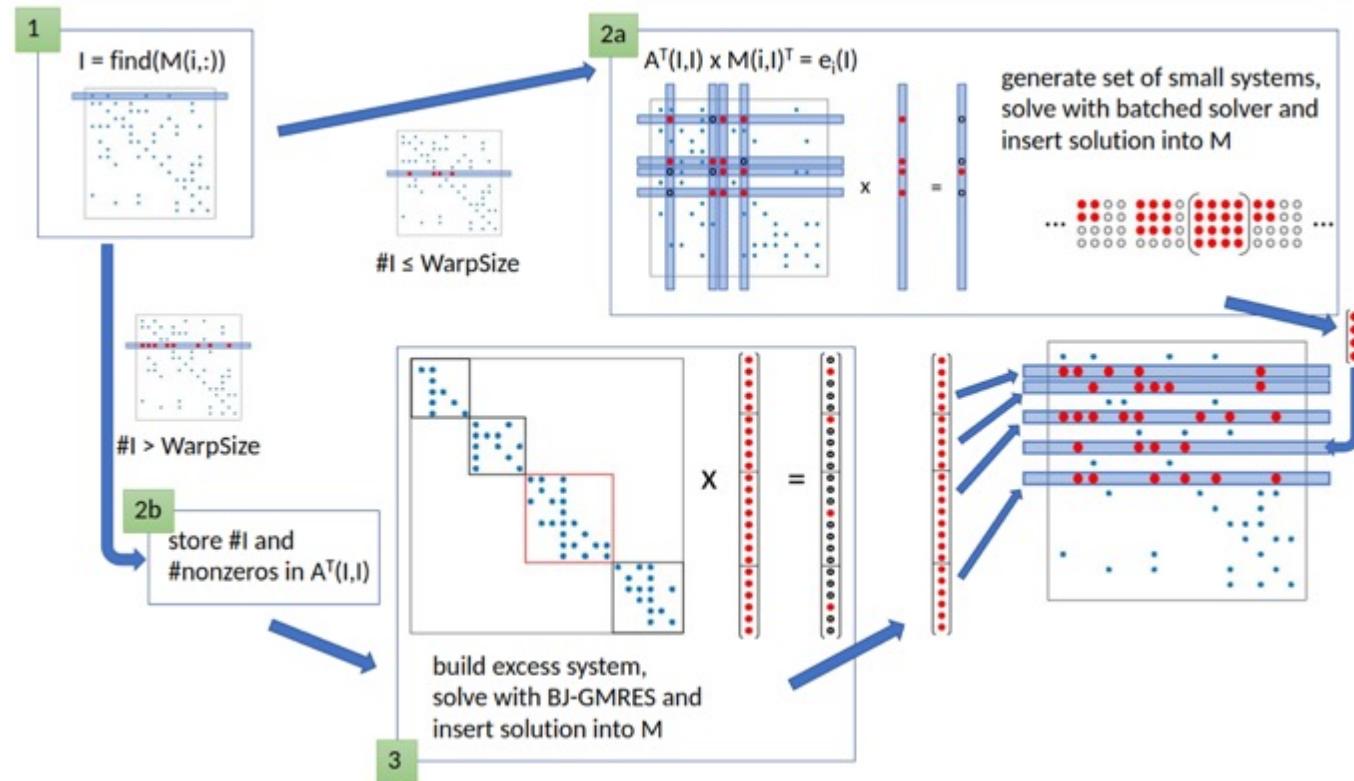
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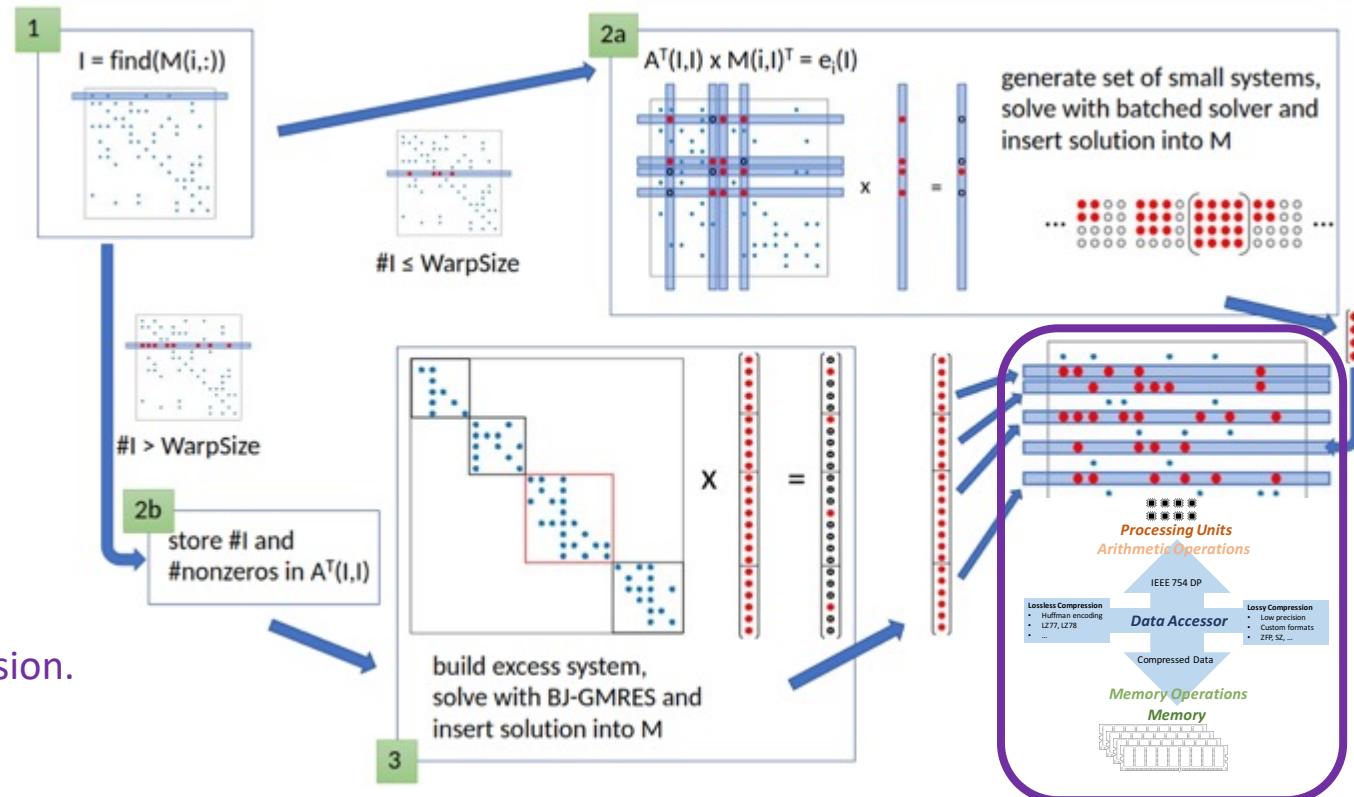
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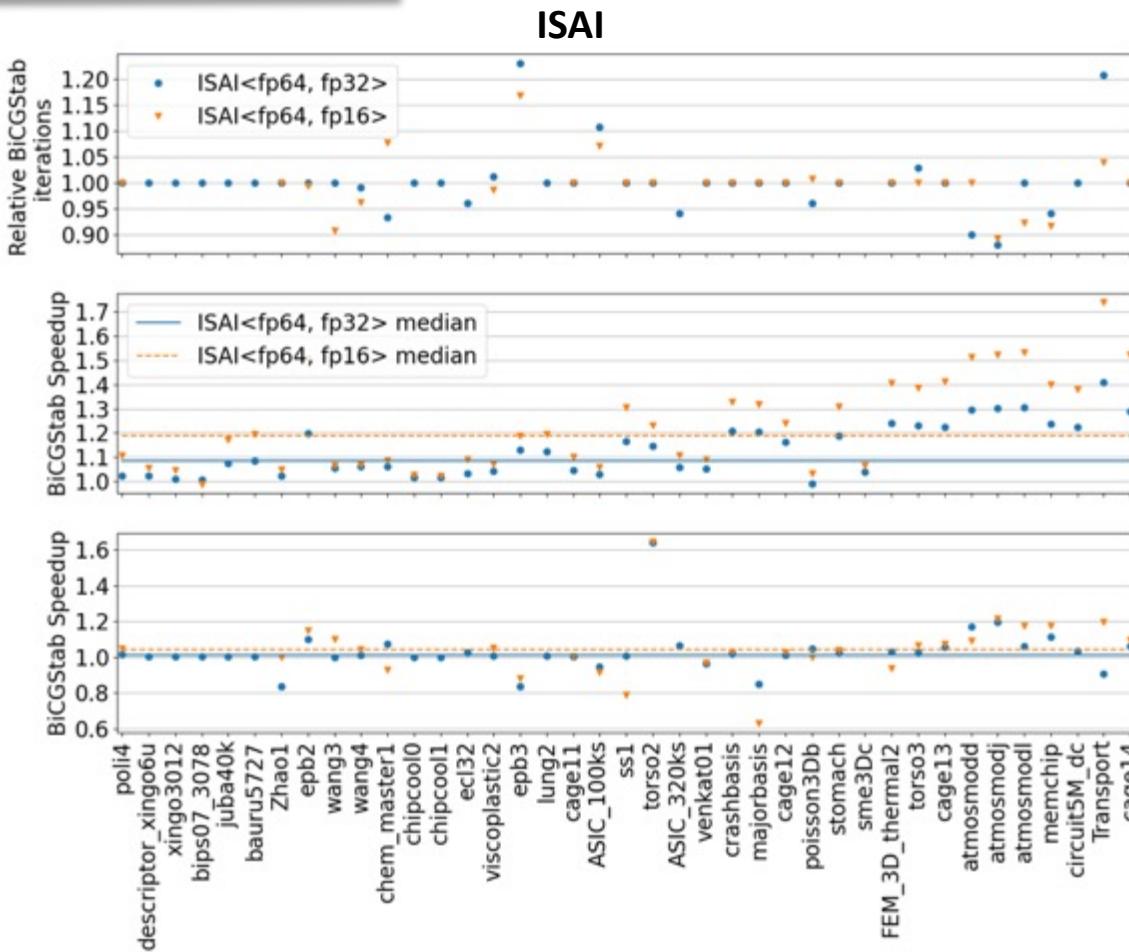
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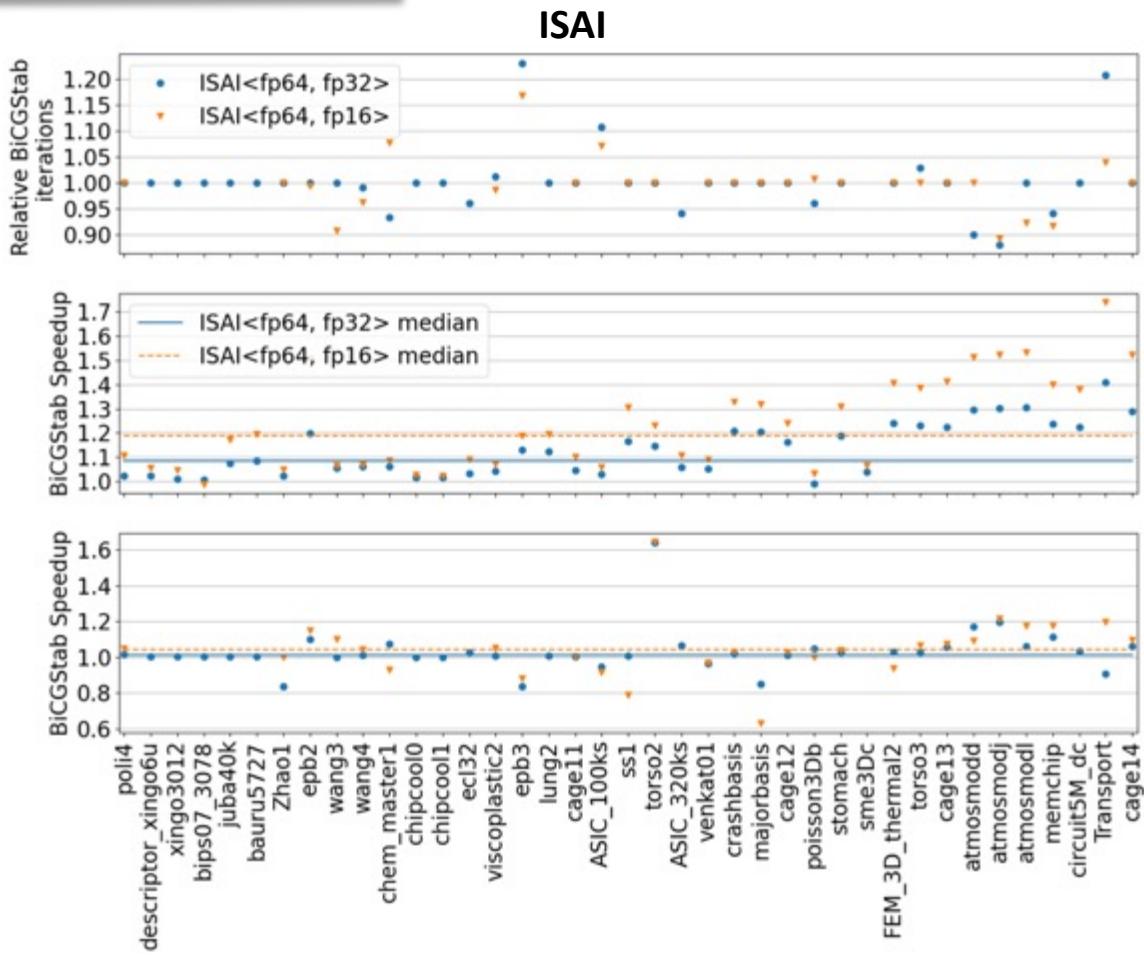


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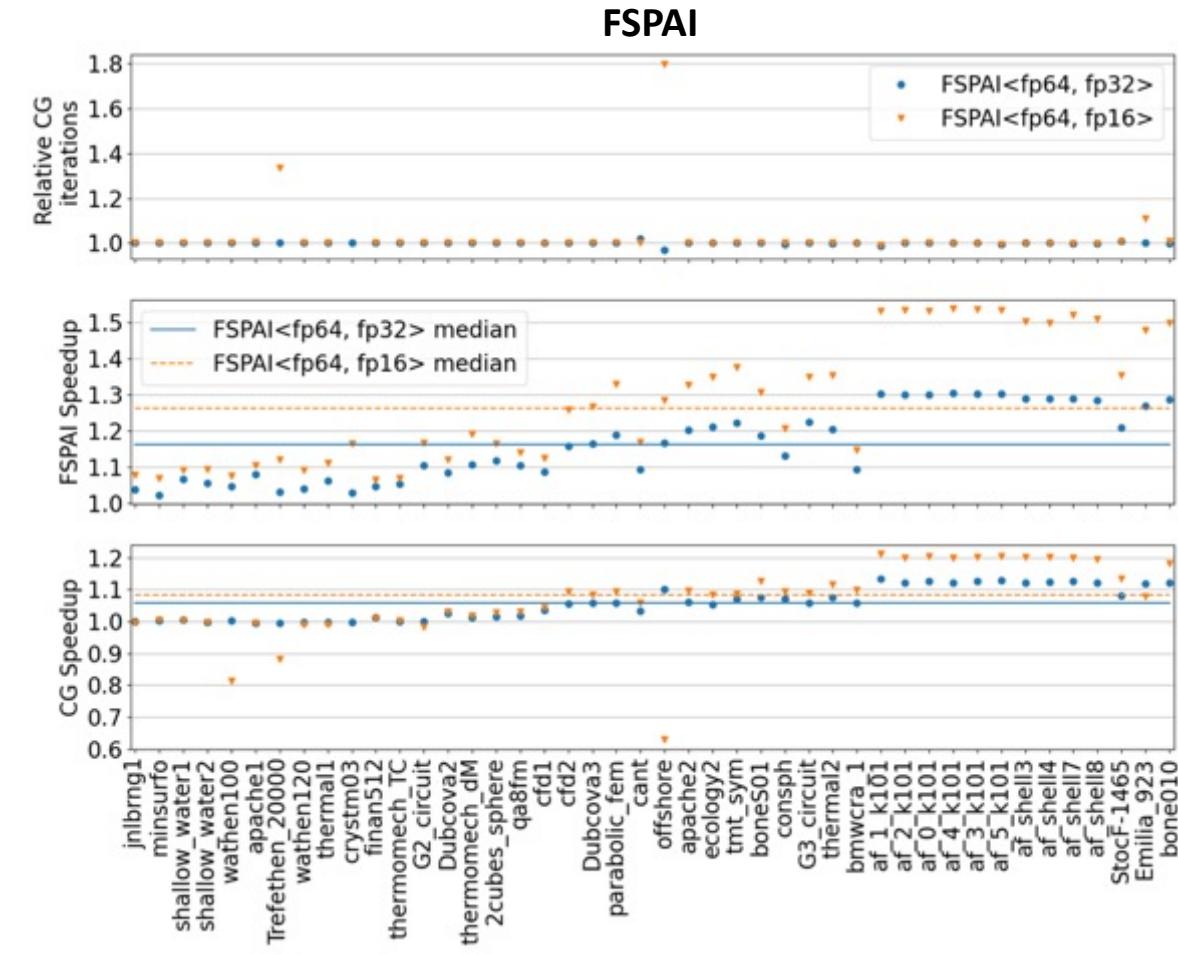


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