

# Exploiting Sparsity and Randomness to Accelerate Linear Least-Squares at Scale

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# Introduction

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# Bedrock: Dense Linear Algebra

- Many algorithms in machine learning and scientific computing rely on linear algebraic (LA) primitives.
- BLAS [Law+79] & LAPACK [And+92]: Enabled non-specialists to use optimized dense LA kernels.
- SCALAPACK [Bla+97], MAGMA [TDB10], SLATE [Gat+20] & many others: Extended capabilities to massively parallel architectures and accelerators.



**Figure 1:** Frontier, the first US exascale machine. Credit: OLCF at ORNL, Wikimedia Commons CC2.0.

## Sparsity Introduces New Challenges

Consider a linear least-squares problem of the form  $\min_X \|AX - B\|_F$ . What happens if:

- $A$  or  $B$  has **structural sparsity** (most entries are zero)?
- $A$  is **data-sparse** (written as a Kronecker product, or related structure)?
- $B$  is only available *on-demand*, and we must **induce sparsity** to reduce the sampling complexity?

Dense LA methods are often intractable! Need tailored algorithms and custom computational kernels to achieve high performance.

# Randomization in Numerical Linear Algebra

- Randomized computing has a long history. Randomized linear algebra has seen significant progress since 2008 (e.g. [RT08], Blendenpik [AMT10]) [Woo14].
- Key ingredient: **sketching**. Example for overdetermined LSTSQ: apply random matrix  $S$  with far fewer rows than columns, solve cheaper problem

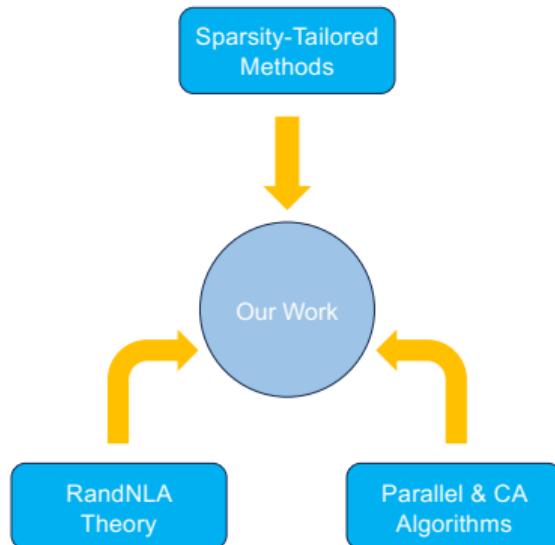
$$\min_X \|SAX - SB\|_F$$

- Efforts are underway to standardize randomized linear algebra primitives [Mur+23]. Intersection of sparsity and RandNLA: open frontier.

# High-Level Contributions of this Work

Our goal: accelerate sparse LSTSQ problems using randomization and communication avoiding (CA) parallel algorithms. We will:

- **Identify** applications involving sparse linear least-squares problems.
- **Design** novel randomized techniques and parallelization strategies tailored to that sparsity.
- **Deploy** our methods on parallel architectures at scale.



## Topics We Will Cover

1. Sketching linear least-squares problems in sparse Candecomp / PARAFAC (Neurips'23; [**BhMMGBD23**]).
2. Distributed-memory randomized CP methods (Preprint, Arxiv; [**BhMMBD23**]).
3. CA-algorithms for sparse matrix *completion* (IPDPS'22; [**BhBuDe22**]).
4. Future work: sketching to accelerate the marginalized graph kernel, emerging extensions of sketching for tensor trains.

# **Fast Exact Leverage Score Sampling from Khatri-Rao Products**

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## The Khatri-Rao Product

- The Khatri-Rao product (KRP, denoted  $\odot$ ) is the column-wise Kronecker product of two matrices:

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \odot \begin{bmatrix} w & x \\ y & z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} aw & bx \\ cw & dx \\ ay & bz \\ cy & dz \end{bmatrix}$$

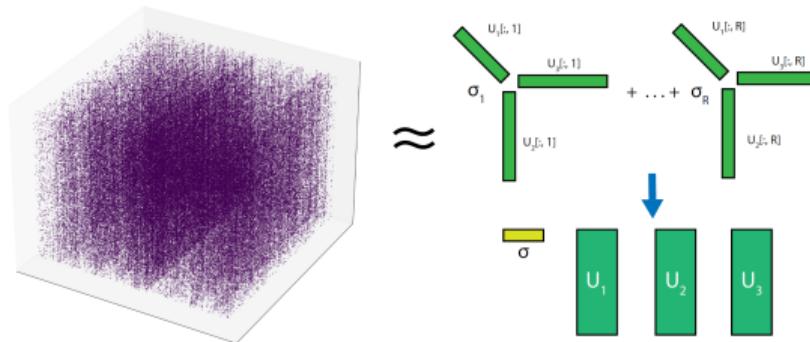
- Our goal: efficiently solve an overdetermined linear least-squares problem

$$\min_X \|AX - B\|_F$$

where  $A = U_1 \odot \dots \odot U_N$  with  $U_j \in \mathbb{R}^{I_j \times R}$ .

## Motivating Application

This least-squares problem is the computational bottleneck in alternating least-squares Candecomp / PARAFAC (CP) decomposition [KB09].



**Figure 2:** Subregion of Amazon sparse tensor and illustrated CP decomposition.

Focus on large sparse tensors (mode sizes in the millions) and moderate decomposition rank  $R \approx 10^2$ . Assume  $I_j = I$  for all  $j$  and  $I \geq R$ .

## Randomized Linear Least-Squares

- **Sketch & Solve:** Apply short-wide sketching matrix  $S$  to both  $A$  and  $B$ , solve reduced problem

$$\min_{\tilde{X}} \|SAX - SB\|_F$$

- Want an  $(\varepsilon, \delta)$  guarantee on solution quality: with high probability  $(1 - \delta)$ ,

$$\|A\tilde{X} - B\|_F \leq (1 + \varepsilon) \min_X \|AX - B\|$$

- Restrict  $S$  to be a *sampling* matrix: selects and reweights rows from  $A$  and  $B$ . **How do we downsample a Khatri-Rao product accurately AND efficiently?**

# Effect of Sampling Operator, Sparse Tensor Decomposition

$$\min_{U_j} \left\| \left[ \bigodot_{k \neq j} U_k \right] \cdot U_j^\top - \text{mat}(\mathcal{T}, j)^\top \right\|_F$$

$$\min_{U_2} \left\| \begin{array}{c} U_3 \\ \odot \\ U_1 \end{array} \cdot \begin{array}{c} U_2^\top \\ - \\ \text{mat}(\mathcal{T}, 2) \end{array} \right\|_F \rightarrow \begin{array}{c} U_2 := \begin{array}{c} \cdot \\ \cdot \\ \text{mat}(\mathcal{T}, 2) \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \end{array} \end{array} \cdot \begin{array}{c} U_3 \\ \odot \\ U_1 \end{array} \cdot G^+$$

MTTKRP

## Our Contributions [BhMMGBD23]

Method	Source	Round Complexity ( $\tilde{O}$ notation)
CP-ALS	[KB09]	$N(N + I)I^{N-1}R$
CP-ARLS-LEV	[LK22]	$N(R + I)R^N / (\varepsilon\delta)$
TNS-CP	[Mal22]	$N^3IR^3 / (\varepsilon\delta)$
GTNE	[MS22]	$N^2(N^{1.5}R^{3.5}/\varepsilon^3 + IR^2)/\varepsilon^2$
<b>STS-CP</b>	Ours	$N(NR^3 \log I + IR^2) / (\varepsilon\delta)$

- We build a data structure with runtime **logarithmic** in the height of the KRP and quadratic in  $R$  to sample from *leverage scores* of  $A$ .
- Yields the **STS-CP** algorithm: lower asymptotic runtime for randomized dense CP decomposition than recent SOTA methods (and even greater advantages for sparse tensors).

## Leverage Score Sampling

We will sample rows i.i.d. from  $A$  according to the *leverage score distribution* on its rows. Given **reduced SVD**  $A = U\Sigma V^\top$ , the leverage score  $\ell_i$  of row  $i$  is

$$\ell_i = \|U[i, :]\|^2.$$

### Theorem (Leverage Score Sampling Guarantees, [Mal22])

Suppose  $S \in \mathbb{R}^{J \times I}$  is a leverage-score sampling matrix for  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{I \times R}$ , and define

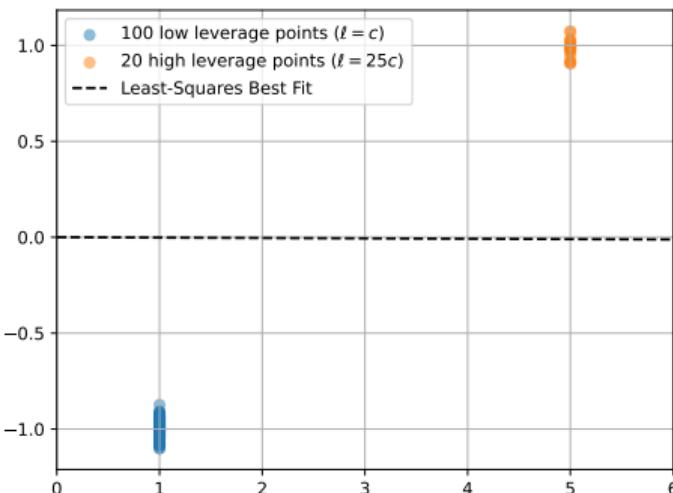
$$\tilde{X} := \arg \min_{\tilde{X}} \|SAX - SB\|_F$$

If  $J \gtrsim R \max(\log(R/\delta), 1/(\varepsilon\delta))$ , then with probability at least  $1 - \delta$ ,

$$\|A\tilde{X} - B\|_F \leq (1 + \varepsilon) \min_X \|AX - B\|_F.$$

## Interpretation of Leverage Scores

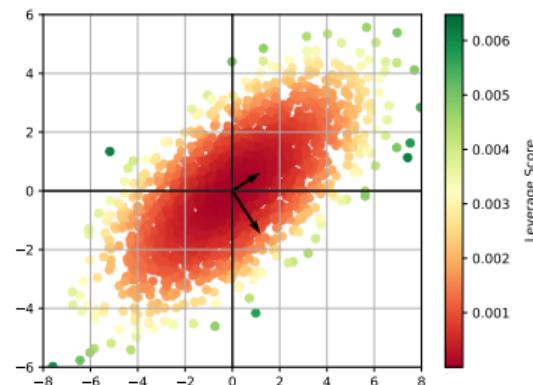
When  $A$  has 1 column, leverage scores are proportional to squared distance from origin.



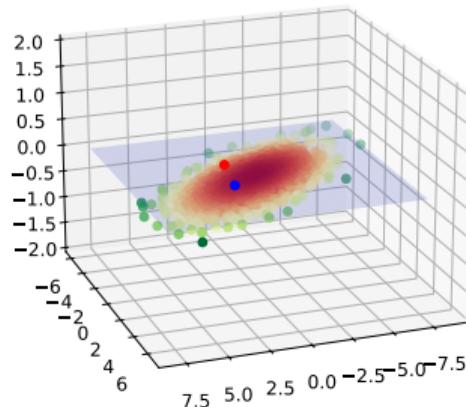
**Figure 3:** A univariate regression problem with low and high leverage points (intercept constrained to be 0).

# Interpretation of Leverage Scores

In general, leverage scores of  $A$  quantify *influence* that each row has on the solution, capture correlation of rows of  $A$  with rows of  $\Sigma^{-1}V^\top$ .



(a) Projection onto  $xy$ -plane



(b)  $(x, y, z)$  data

**Figure 4:** Leverage scores of  $(x, y, 0)$  triples from a multivariate normal distribution. Left: components of  $\Sigma^{-1}V^\top$  shown. Right: the red point has greater influence than the blue point (both equidistant from  $(0, 0)$ ).

## Interpretation of Leverage Scores

- Leverage score sampling captures the geometry of the column space of  $A$ .
- Rigorously: sampling i.i.d. with leverage score probabilities leads to an **optimal** [DM20] sample complexity to construct an  $\ell_2$ -subspace embedding matrix  $S$ . W.h.p simultaneously for ALL vectors  $x \in \mathbb{R}^R$ ,

$$(1 - \tilde{\varepsilon}) \|Ax\|_2 \leq \|SAx\|_2 \leq (1 + \tilde{\varepsilon}) \|Ax\|_2$$

- In turn, an  $\ell_2$ -S.E. guarantees that our sketched solution has close-to-optimal residual with respect to the original problem.

## Prior Work

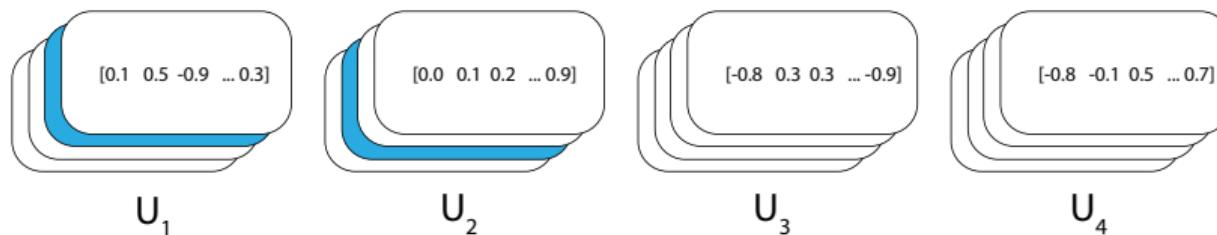
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**Problem:** Cost to compute all leverage scores exactly is identical to runtime of QR decomposition. Defeats the purpose of sampling!

- (SPALS [Che+16]): Sample rows according to *approximate* leverage scores of  $A$ . Worst-case **exponential** in  $N$  to achieve  $(\varepsilon, \delta)$  guarantee.
- (CP-ARLS-LEV [LK22]): Similar approximation, hybrid random-deterministic sampling strategy and practical improvements.
- (TNS-CP [Mal22]): Samples implicitly from exact leverage distribution with **polynomial** complexity to achieve  $(\varepsilon, \delta)$  guarantee, but linear dependence on  $I$  for each sample. **We want to accelerate this algorithm.**

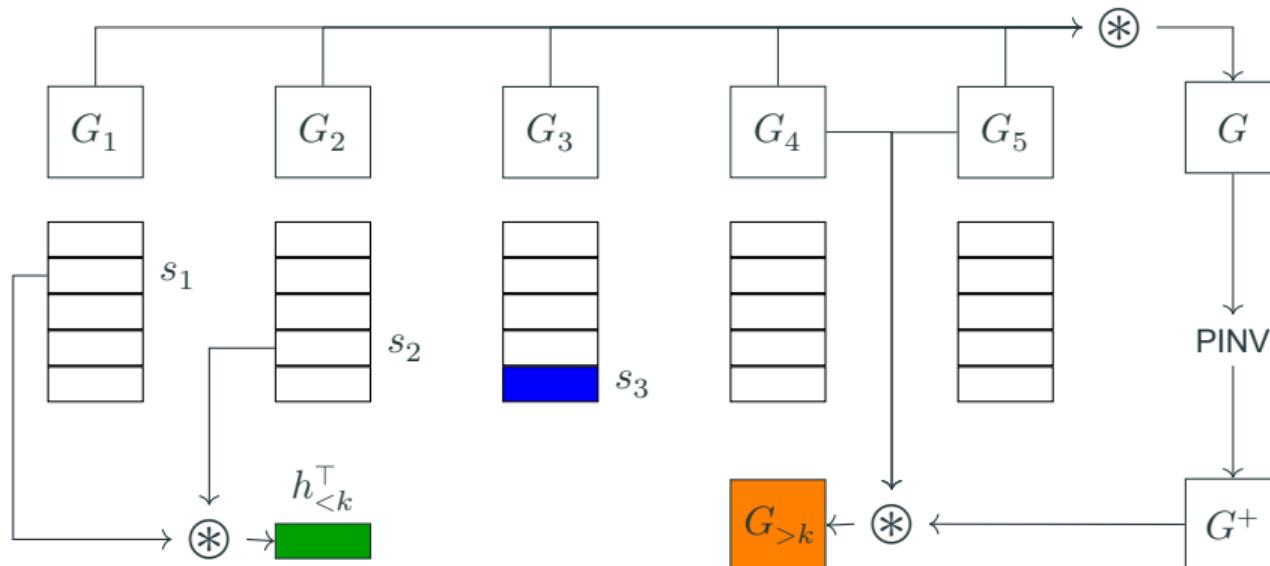
## Implicit Leverage Score Sampling

- For  $I = 10^7$ ,  $N = 3$ , matrix  $A$  has  $10^{21}$  rows. Can't even index rows with 64-bit integers. Instead: use identity  $\ell_i = A[i, :] (A^\top A)^+ A[i, :]^\top$ .
- Draw a row from each of  $U_1, \dots, U_N$ , return their Hadamard product.



- Let  $\hat{s}_j$  be a random variable for the row index drawn from  $U_j$ . Assume  $(\hat{s}_1, \dots, \hat{s}_N)$  jointly follows the leverage score distribution on  $U_1 \odot \dots \odot U_N$ .

# The Conditional Distribution of $\hat{s}_k$



## Theorem

$$p(\hat{s}_k = s_k \mid \hat{s}_{<k} = s_{<k}) \propto \langle h_{<k} h_{<k}^\top, U_k [s_k, :]^\top U_k [s_k, :], G_{>k} \rangle$$

## Key Sampling Primitive

$$q[i] := C^{-1} \langle \textcolor{green}{h}_{<k} h_{<k}^\top, \textcolor{blue}{U}_k[i, :]^\top U_k[i, :], \textcolor{orange}{G}_{>k} \rangle$$

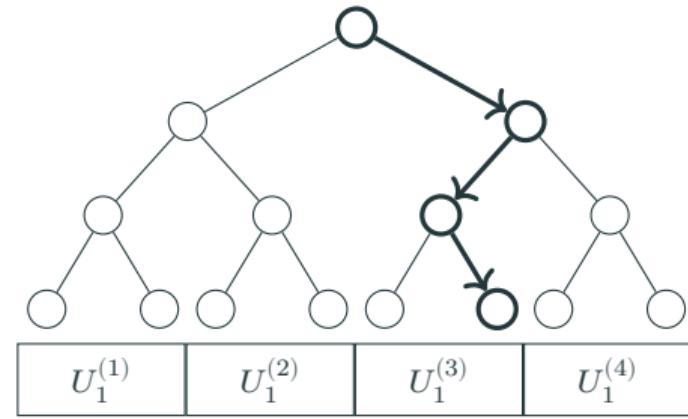
- Can't compute  $q$  entirely - would cost  $O(IR^2)$  per sample per mode.
- Imagine we magically had all entries of  $q$  - how to sample? Initialize  $I$  bins,  $j$ 'th has width  $q[j]$ .
- Choose random real  $r$  in  $[0, 1]$ , find "containing bin"  $i$  such that

$$\sum_{j=0}^{i-1} q[j] < r < \sum_{j=0}^i q[j]$$

# Binary Tree Inversion Sampling

- Locate bin via binary search (truncated to  $\log(I/R)$  levels)
- Root: branch right iff  $\sum_{j=0}^{I/2} q[j] < r$
- Level 2: branch right iff

$$\sum_{j=0}^{I/2} q[j] + \sum_{j=I/2}^{3I/4} q[j] < r$$



**Key:** Can compute summations quickly if we cache information at each node!

## Caching Partial Gram Matrices

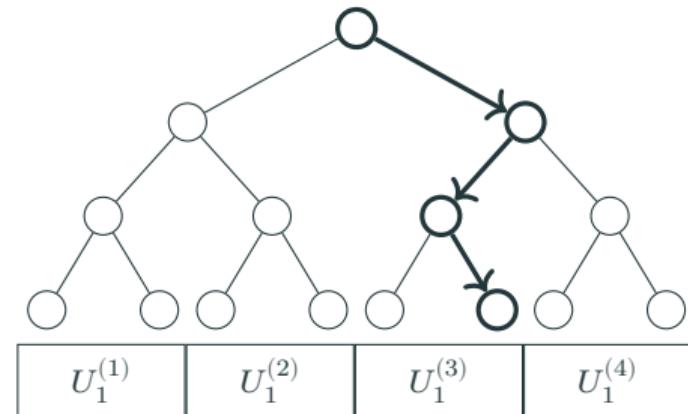
Let an internal node  $v$  correspond to an interval of rows  $[S(v) \dots E(v)]$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{j=S(v)}^{E(v)} q[j] &= \sum_{j=S(v)}^{E(v)} C^{-1} \langle h_{<k} h_{<k}^\top, U_k [j, :]^\top U_k [j, :], G_{>k} \rangle \\ &= C^{-1} \langle h_{<k} h_{<k}^\top, \sum_{j=S(v)}^{E(v)} U_k [j, :]^\top U_k [j, :], G_{>k} \rangle \\ &= C^{-1} \langle h_{<k} h_{<k}^\top, U_k [S(v) : E(v), :]^\top U_k [S(v) : E(v), :], G_{>k} \rangle \\ &:= C^{-1} \langle h_{<k} h_{<k}^\top, G^v, G_{>k} \rangle \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

Can compute and store  $G^v$  for ALL nodes  $v$  in time  $O(IR^2)$ , storage space  $O(IR)$ . Use BLAS-3 **syrk** calls in parallel to efficiently construct the tree.

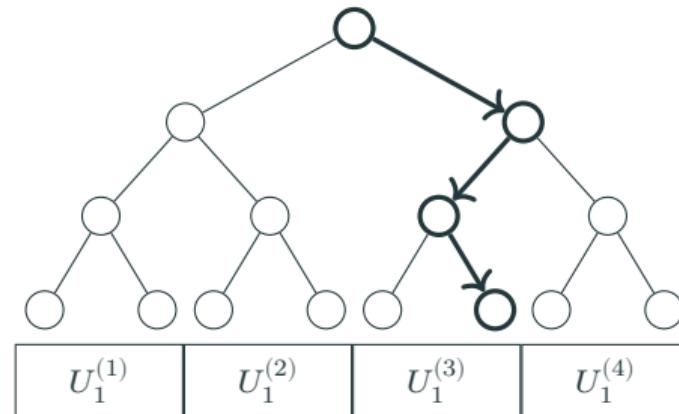
# Efficient Sampling after Caching

- At internal nodes, compute  $C^{-1} \langle h_{<k} h_{<k}^\top, G^v, G_{>k} \rangle$  in  $O(R^2)$  time (read normalization constant from root)
- At leaves, spend  $O(R^3)$  time to compute remaining values of  $q$ . Can reduce to  $O(R^2 \log R)$ , see paper.
- Complexity per sample:  $O(NR^2 \log I)$  (summed over all tensor modes).



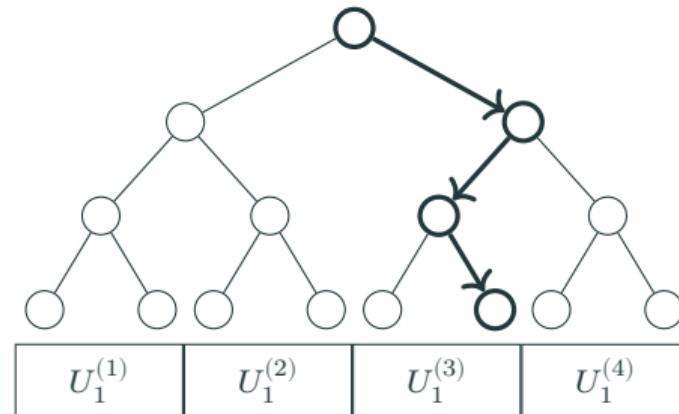
# High-Performance Parallel Sampling, Approach 1

- We want to execute  $J \sim 50,000$  independent random walks down a full, complete tree. At each node, execute a matrix-vector multiplication to decide which direction to branch.
- **Approach 1:** Assign a thread team to execute random walks independently. **Proudly parallel, no data races.**

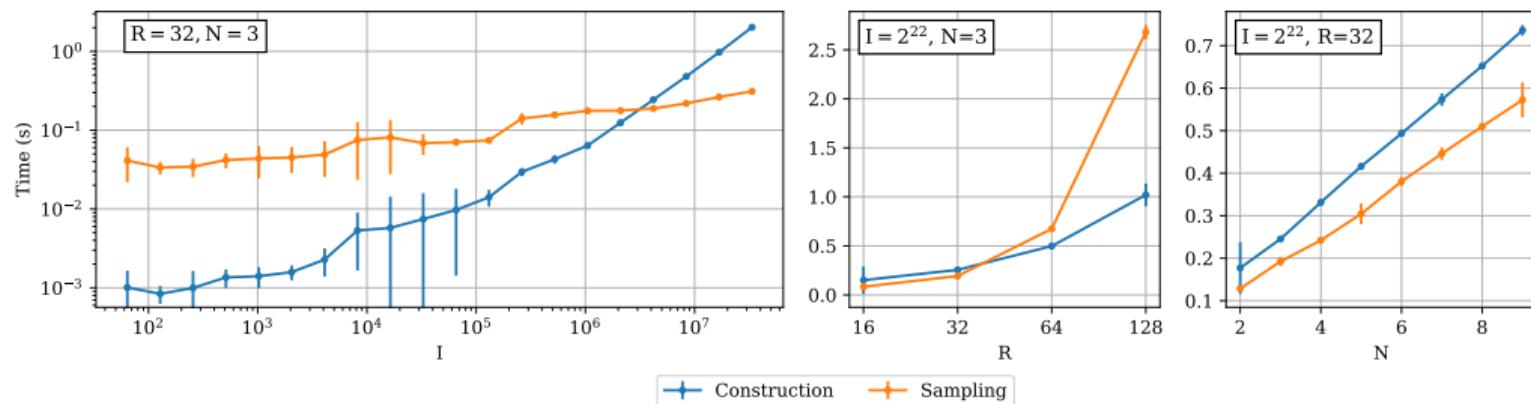


## High-Performance Parallel Sampling, Approach 2

- Issues: irregular memory access pattern on CPU, not optimal for a single GPU thread to execute a BLAS call.
- **Approach 2:** March down the tree one level at a time, computing the branches of ALL random walks with a **batched GEMV / GEMM**.



# Runtime Benchmarks (LBNL Perlmutter CPU)



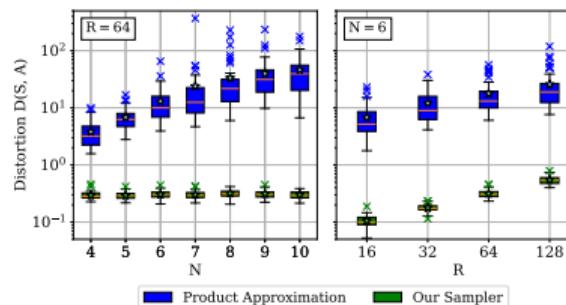
**Figure 5:** Time to construct sampler and draw  $J = 65,536$  samples. C++ Implementation Linked to OpenBLAS. 1 Node, 128 OpenMP Threads, BLAS3 Construction, BLAS2 Sampling.

# Distortion, Ours vs. Approximate Leverage Score Sampling

Define the distortion  $D(S, A)$  of sketch  $S$  with respect to matrix  $A$  by

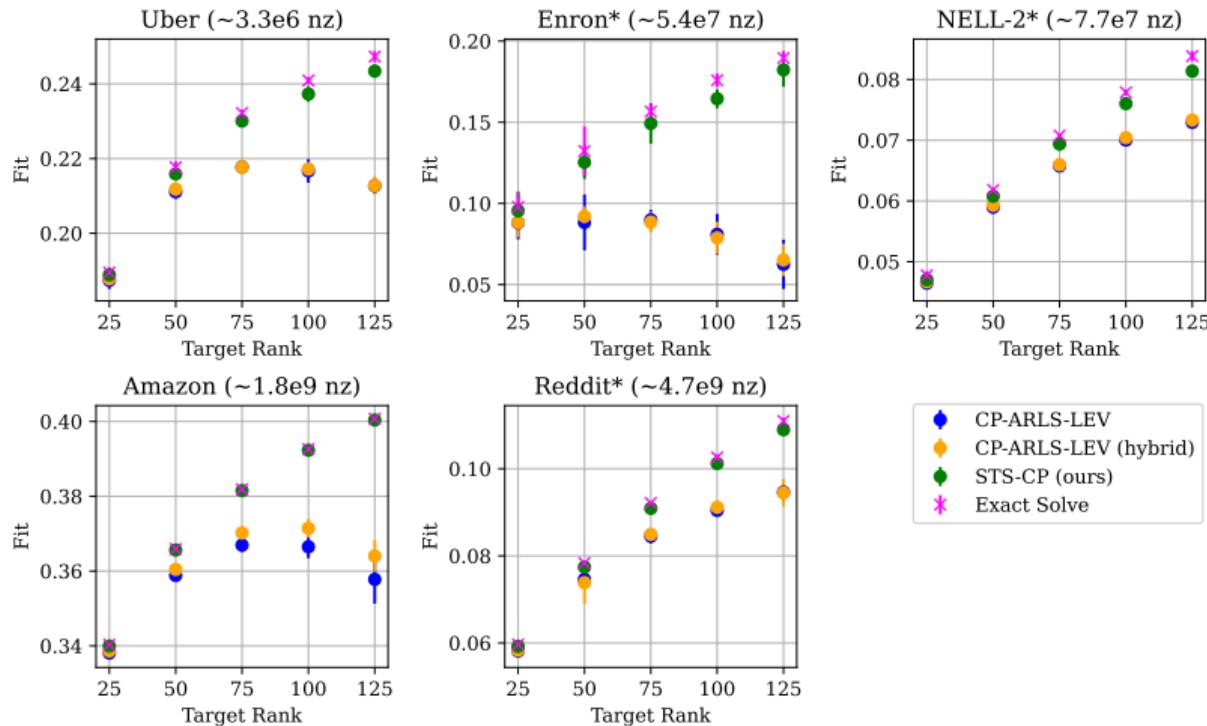
$$D(S, A) = \kappa(SQ) - 1$$

where  $Q$  is any orthonormal basis for the column space of  $A$  [Mur+23]. Distortion quantifies the distance preservation property of a sketch.



**Figure 6:** Sketch distortion as a function of KRP matrix count  $N$  and column count  $R$ ,  $J = 65, 536$ . Green: our sampler. Blue: product approximation by [LK22].

# Accuracy Comparison for Fixed Sample Count



**Figure 7:** Sparse tensor ALS accuracy comparison for  $J = 2^{16}$  samples, varied target ranks.

## STS-CP Makes Faster Progress to Solution

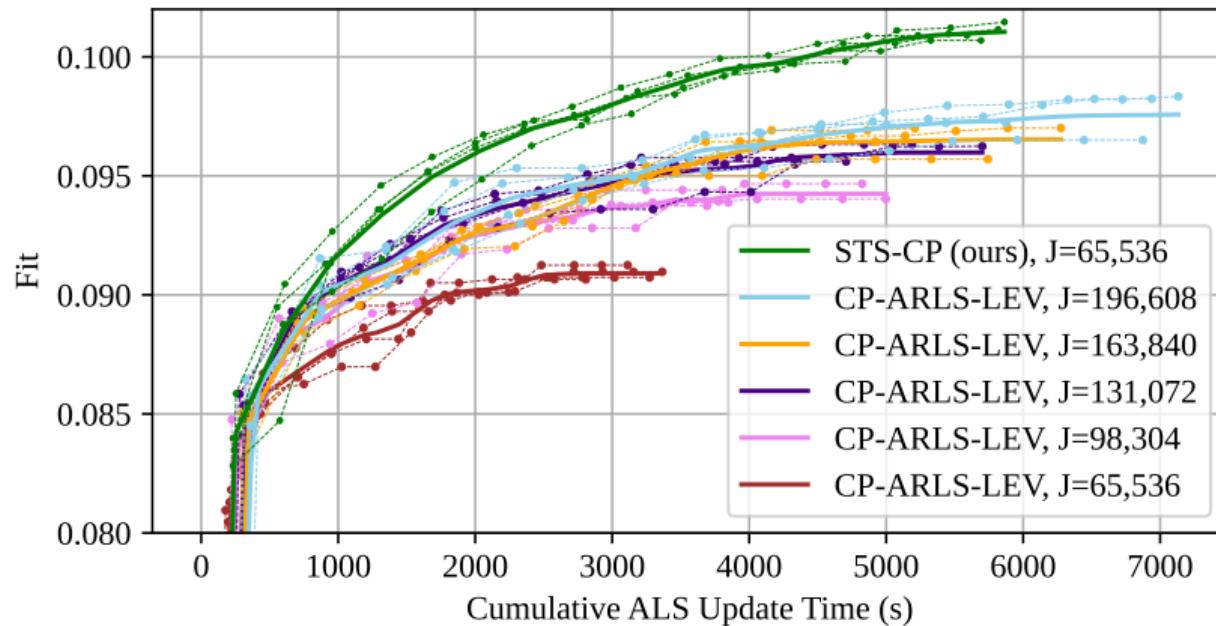


Figure 8: Fit vs. ALS update time, Reddit tensor,  $R = 100$ .

## Takeaways: Faster Leverage Score Sampling from Khatri-Rao Products

- We accelerated sampling from the Khatri-Rao product by devising a novel data structure and a high-performance implementation.
- We demonstrated convincing speedups and accuracy benefits over CP-ARLS-LEV [LK22], an algorithm that approximates the leverage scores.
- **Up next:** distributed-memory formulations of both our algorithm and CP-ARLS-LEV.

# **High-Performance Randomized CP Decomposition at Scale**

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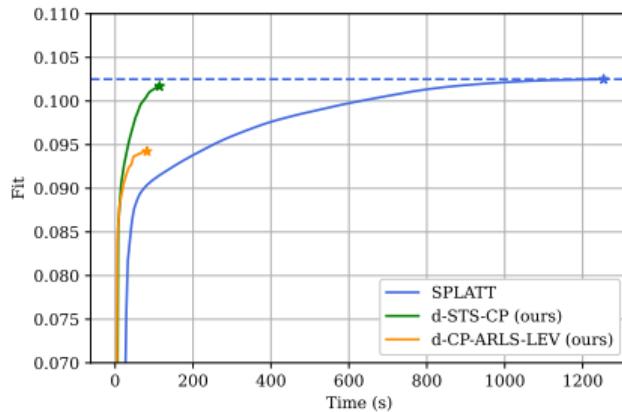
## Sparse Tensors from FROSTT

Tensor	Dimensions	NNZ
Uber	$183 \times 24 \times 1.1K \times 1.7K$	$3.3M$
Amazon	$4.8M \times 1.8M \times 1.8M$	$1.7B$
Patents	$46 \times 239K \times 239K$	$3.6B$
Reddit	$8.2M \times 177K \times 8.1M$	$4.7B$

- Sparse tensors may have **billions** of nonzero entries, mode sizes in the **tens of millions** [Smi+17].
- Randomized algorithms okay in shared-memory, but **existing codes cannot compete** with classic distributed-memory implementations [Smi+15; Kan+12].

# Our Contributions [BhMMBD23]

- We give high-performance implementations of STS-CP and CP-ARLS-LEV scaling to thousands of CPU cores.
- Up to 11x speedup over SPLATT.
- Several communication / computation optimizations unique to randomized CP decomposition.



**Figure 9:** Accuracy vs. time, Reddit tensor,  $R = 100, 512$  cores / 4 Perlmutter CPU nodes, 4.7 billion nonzeros.

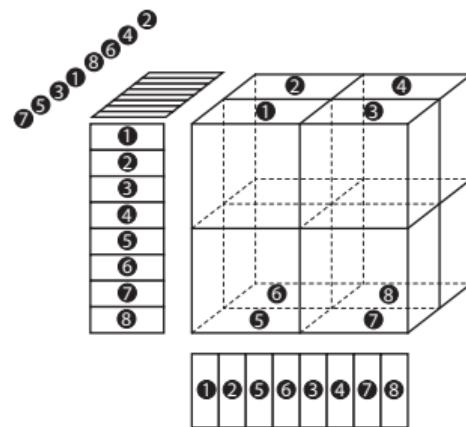
## Methodology

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- We distribute STS-CP and CP-ARLS-LEV [LK22] with very distinct communication / computation patterns, each with varying time / accuracy tradeoffs.
- We tailor the communication schedule to randomized CP decomposition to eliminate Reduce-scatter collectives, achieving better load balance in the process.
- We use a hybrid of CSC format for nonzero lookups and CSR format to enable race-free thread parallelism. Key primitive: sparse transpose.

# Factor and Sparse Matrix Layout

- Processors arranged in a hypercube.
- Factor matrices  $U_1, \dots, U_N$  distributed by block rows. Assume that all processors redundantly compute  $U_j^\top U_j$  for all  $j$  (product is gram matrix  $G$  of  $A$ ).
- Each processor owns a block of the sparse tensor. Randomly permute modes to load-balance.



## Bulk-Synchronous Randomized ALS Update

1. **Sampling and All-gather:** Sample rows of  $U_{\neq j}$ , Allgather the rows to processors who require them.
2. **Local Computation:** Extract the corresponding nonzeros from the local tensor, execute the downsampled MTTKRP.
3. **Reduction and Postprocessing:** Reduce the accumulator of the sparse-dense matrix multiplication across processors, if necessary, and post-process the factor.

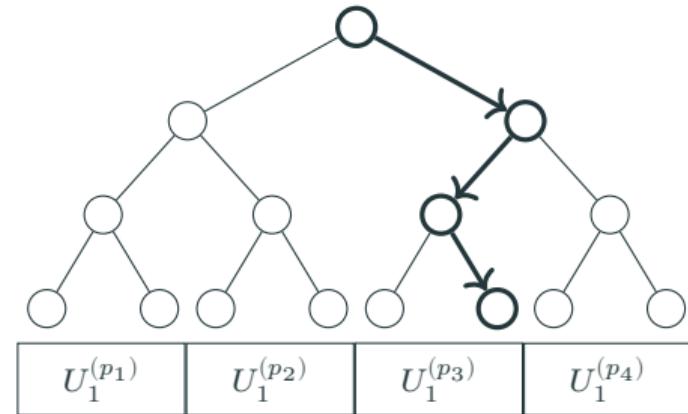
## Distribution of Distinct Sampling Algorithms

Sampler	Compute	Messages	Words Communicated
d-CP-ARLS-LEV	$JN/P$	$P$	$P$
d-STS-CP	$JR^2 \log I/P$	$P \log P$	$JR \log P/P$

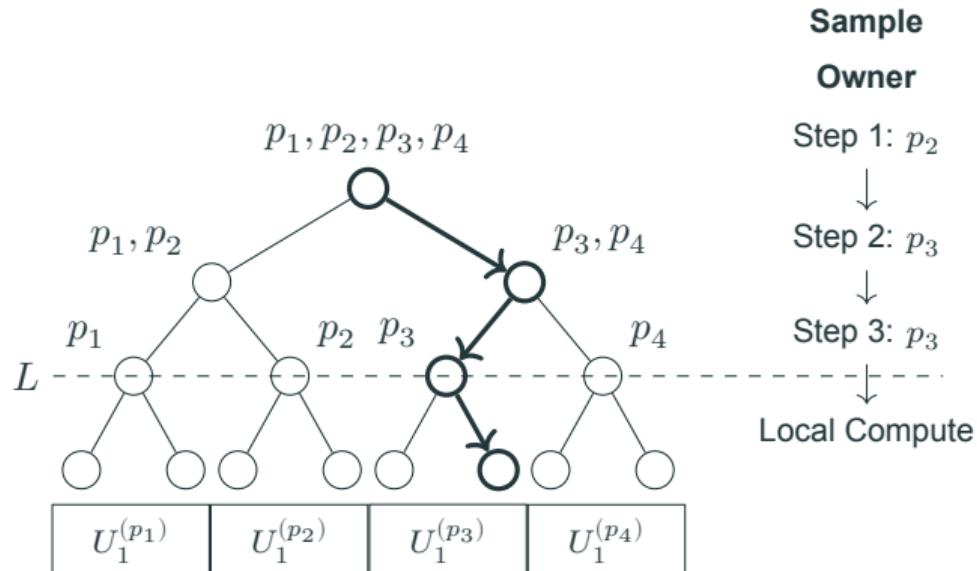
- CP-ARLS-LEV *approximates* the leverage scores with lower computation / communication overhead. Accuracy degrades at high rank.
- STS-CP samples from the *exact* leverage score distribution, requiring higher sampling time.
- **Problem:** How to sample when factors distributed by block rows?

- **Key Idea:** Approximate the leverage scores of  $A$  by the *product* of leverage scores on each factor matrix  $U_i$ .
- Let  $U_i^{(p_j)}$  be the block row of  $U_i$  owned by processor  $p_j$ . Leverages scores of this block given by
$$\text{diag} \left( U_i^{(p_j)} G^+ U_i^{(p_j)^\top} \right)$$
- Computed locally on each processor without communication. Sampling requires (in expectation) only a small constant number of words communicated.
- **Drawback:** Accuracy degrades for high  $N$  or  $R$ .

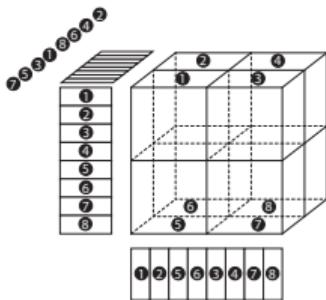
- Samples from **exact** leverage score distribution by sampling from each of  $U_1, \dots, U_N$  in sequence (excluding  $U_j$ ).
- Execute random walk on binary tree to find the row index for each  $U_j$ . Node  $v$  caches “partial Gram matrix”  $G^v$ .
- At each node, compute  $h^\top G^v h$  (where  $h$  is unique to each sample) to decide whether to branch left / right.



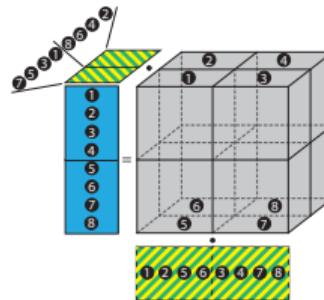
# d-STS-CP Parallelization Scheme



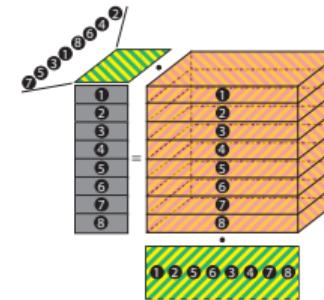
# Randomization-Tailored Communication Schedule



Initial Data Distribution



Tensor Stationary MTTKRP

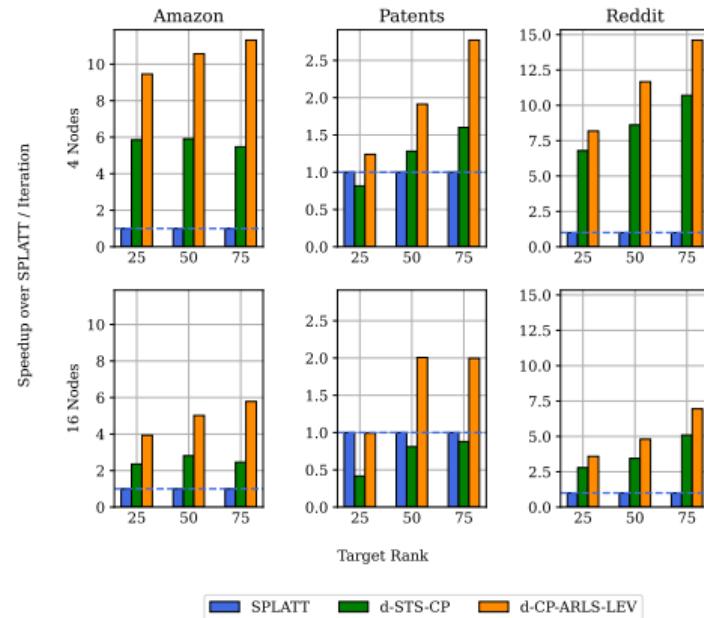


Accumulator Stationary MTTKRP

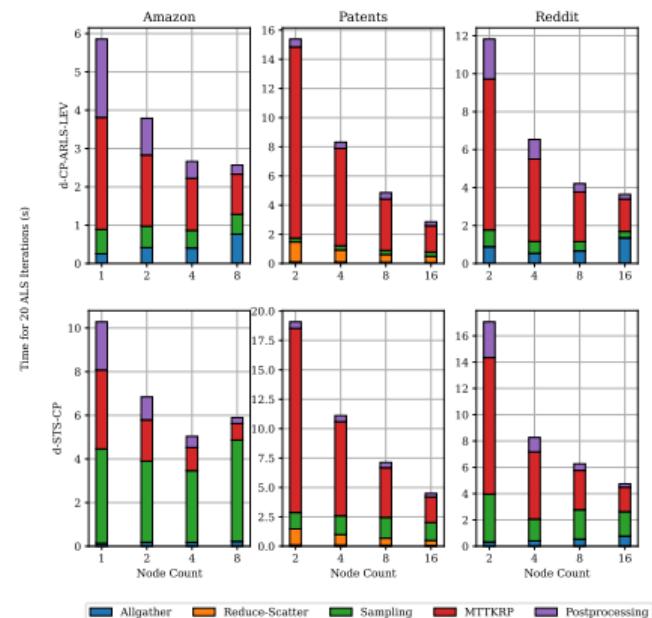
All-gather Downsampled Matrix    Reduce-Scatter    Redistribute Downsampled Tensor    Stationary

Schedule	Words Communicated / Round
Non-Randomized TS	$2NR \left( \prod_{k=1}^N I_k / P \right)^{1/N}$
Sampled TS	$NR \left( \prod_{k=1}^N I_k / P \right)^{1/N}$
Sampled AS	$JRN(N - 1)$

# Speedup and Scaling on Large Sparse Tensors



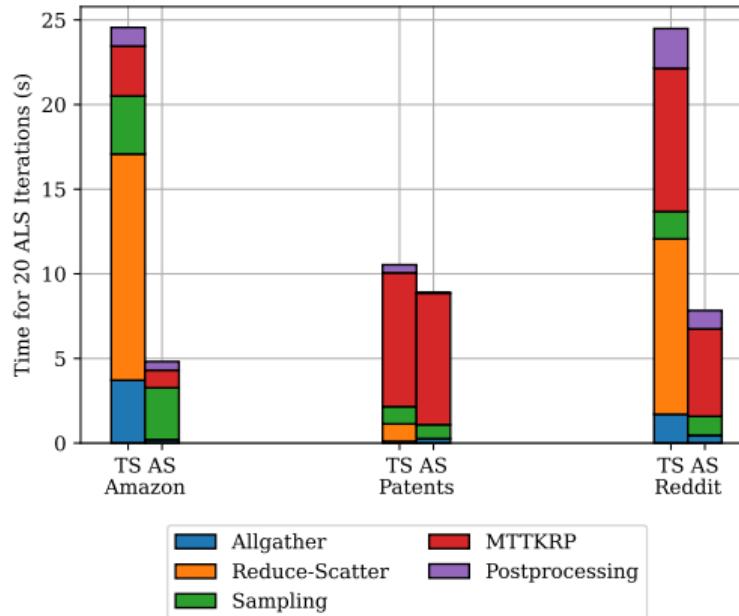
(a) Speedup



(b) Strong Scaling,  $R = 25$

Figure 10: Speedup over SPLATT and strong scaling for our randomized algorithms.

# Comparison of Communication Schedules



**Figure 11:** Runtime breakdown for tensor-stationary vs. accumulator-stationary communication schedules.

## Takeaways: Distributed-Memory Randomized CP Algorithms

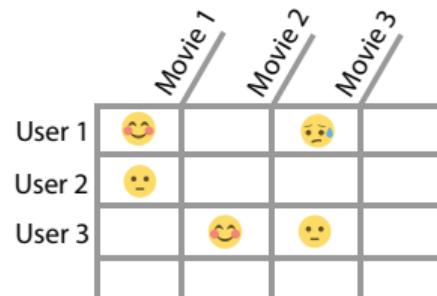
- We proposed the first distributed-memory implementation of two sampling-based, sparse CP algorithms.
- We optimized our algorithms to avoid communication in both the sampling and MTTKRP phases.
- Our method scales to thousands of CPU cores with significant speedups over existing SOTA sparse tensor decomposition software.

# **Communication-Avoiding Algorithms for Matrix Completion**

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# Matrix / Tensor Completion vs. Factorization

- **Sparse Tensor Completion:** Zero indicates *unobserved data*. Want to fit model only to observed entries, expect it to generalize. Distinct from factorization, where zeros are “true zeros”.



- For simplicity, we will focus on the matrix case. Let  $S \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  be the matrix we want to factor and  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times r}$ ,  $B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times r}$  be embedding matrices.

# Collaborative Filtering

- **Factorization:** Solve  $\min_{A,B} \|S - AB^\top\|_F$ .
- **Completion:** Solve  $\min_{A,B} \|S - M \circledast (AB^\top)\|_F$ , where  $M$  is a binary mask with the same sparsity pattern as  $S$ .
- $M \circledast (AB^\top)$  is called **sampled dense-dense matrix multiplication**.

The diagram illustrates the operation  $M \circledast (AB^\top)$ . It shows a square matrix  $M$  with blue dots representing non-zero entries. To its right is a multiplication symbol (\*). To the left of the multiplication symbol is a vertical rectangle labeled  $A$ , and to its right is a horizontal rectangle labeled  $B^\top$ . Between  $A$  and  $B^\top$  is a dot (•), indicating their product.

## ALS Formulation

Cheap, first-pass algorithm (can be modified to impose nonnegativity): alternating least-squares.

- Keep  $B$  fixed, solve for  $A$ :

$$A := \min_X \|M \circledast (XB^\top) - S\|_F$$

- In standard form, we get an independent LSTSQ problem for each output row of  $A$  (each  $E_j$  selects nonzero indices of  $M[j, :]$ ):

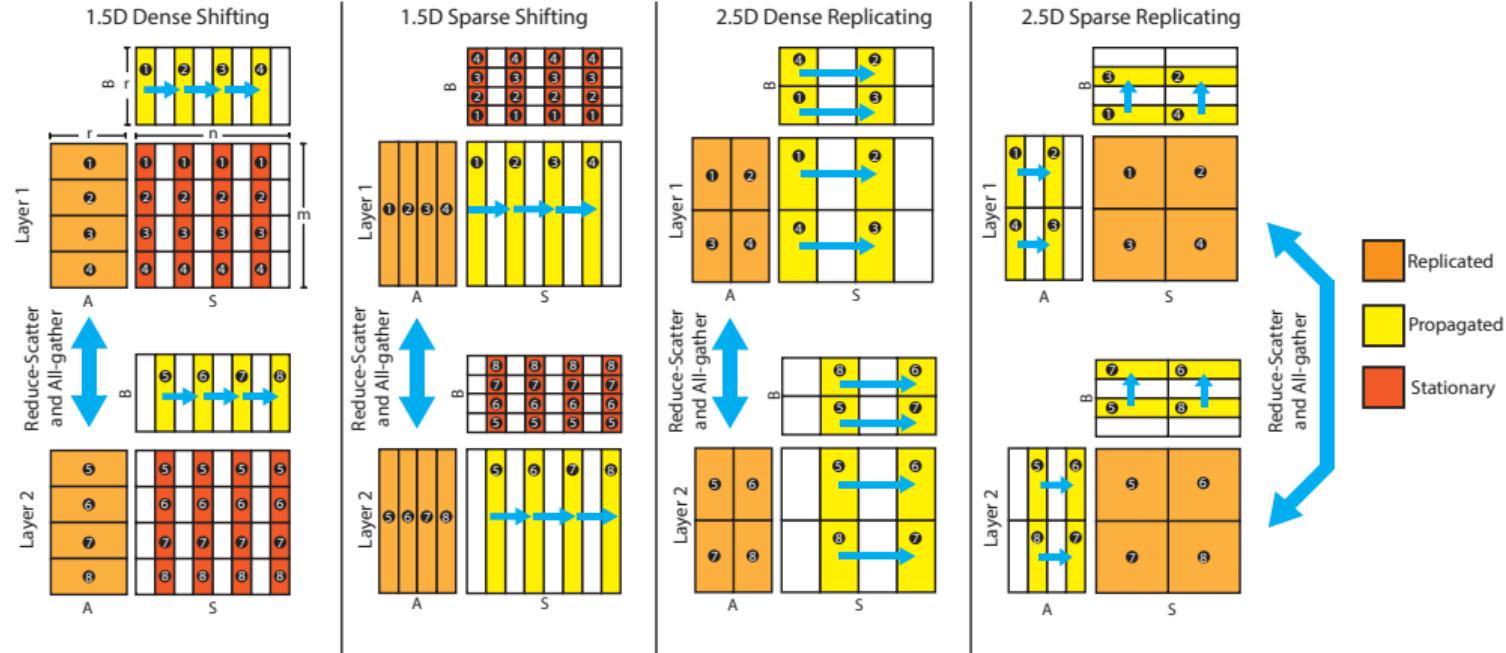
$$\text{vec}(A) := \operatorname{argmin}_x \left\| \begin{bmatrix} E_1 B & & \\ & E_2 B & \\ & & \ddots \\ & & & E_m B \end{bmatrix} x - \text{vec}_{nz}(S) \right\|_2$$

## Our Contributions [BhBuDe22]

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- **Prior work:** The ALS algorithm for matrix completion can be reformulated to depend entirely on the SDDMM and SpMM kernels (running in a conjugate-gradient loop) [CZ13; Nis+18].
- We build communication-avoiding, distributed-memory implementations of the SDDMM and SpMM kernels. We use them in sparse matrix factorization on **hundreds** of Cori CPU nodes.
- These can also be used for specific graph neural network architectures with self-attention (similar to CAGNET [TYB20]).

# Existing Algorithms for SpMM



# SpMM / SDDMM Duality

SDDMM and SpMM have **identical** data access patterns: every nonzero  $(i, j) \in \text{nz}(S)$  requires an interaction between row  $i$  of  $A$  and row  $j$  of  $B$ .

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```
1: procedure SpMM(S, B)
2:   Initialize  $A := 0$ ;
3:   for  $(i, j) \in \text{nz}(S)$  do
4:      $A [i, :] += S [i, j] B [j, :]$ 
5:   return  $A$ 
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```
1: procedure SDDMM(S, A, B)
2:   Initialize  $R := 0$ ;
3:   for  $(i, j) \in \text{nz}(S)$  do
4:      $R [i, j] = S [i, j] (A [i, :] \cdot B [j, :])$ 
5:   return  $R$ 
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**Observation:** Every distributed algorithm for SpMM can be converted into an algorithm for SDDMM, and vice-versa.

## Converting SpMM Algorithms to SDDMM Algorithms

Consider any distributed algorithm for SpMM that performs no replication. For all  $k \in [1, r]$ , the algorithm must (at some point)

- Co-locate  $S[i, j], A[i, k], B[j, k]$  on a single processor
- Perform the update  $A[i, k] += S[i, j] B[j, k]$

Transform the algorithm as follows:

1. Change the input sparse matrix  $S$  to an output initialized to 0.
2. Change  $A$  from an output to an input.
3. Have each processor execute the local update  $S[i, j] += A[i, k] B[j, k]$

## Dealing with Replication

Inputs are typically replicated via broadcasts, outputs via reduction. To handle this:

- Replace initial broadcasts of inputs with terminal reductions.
- Replace terminal reductions of outputs with initial broadcasts.

**The resulting algorithm performs SDDMM up to multiplication with the original values in  $S$ .**

We performed a communication analysis for several variants of SpMM / SDDMM, as well as optimizations that fuse the two kernels back-to-back.

# Strong Scaling on LBNL Cori

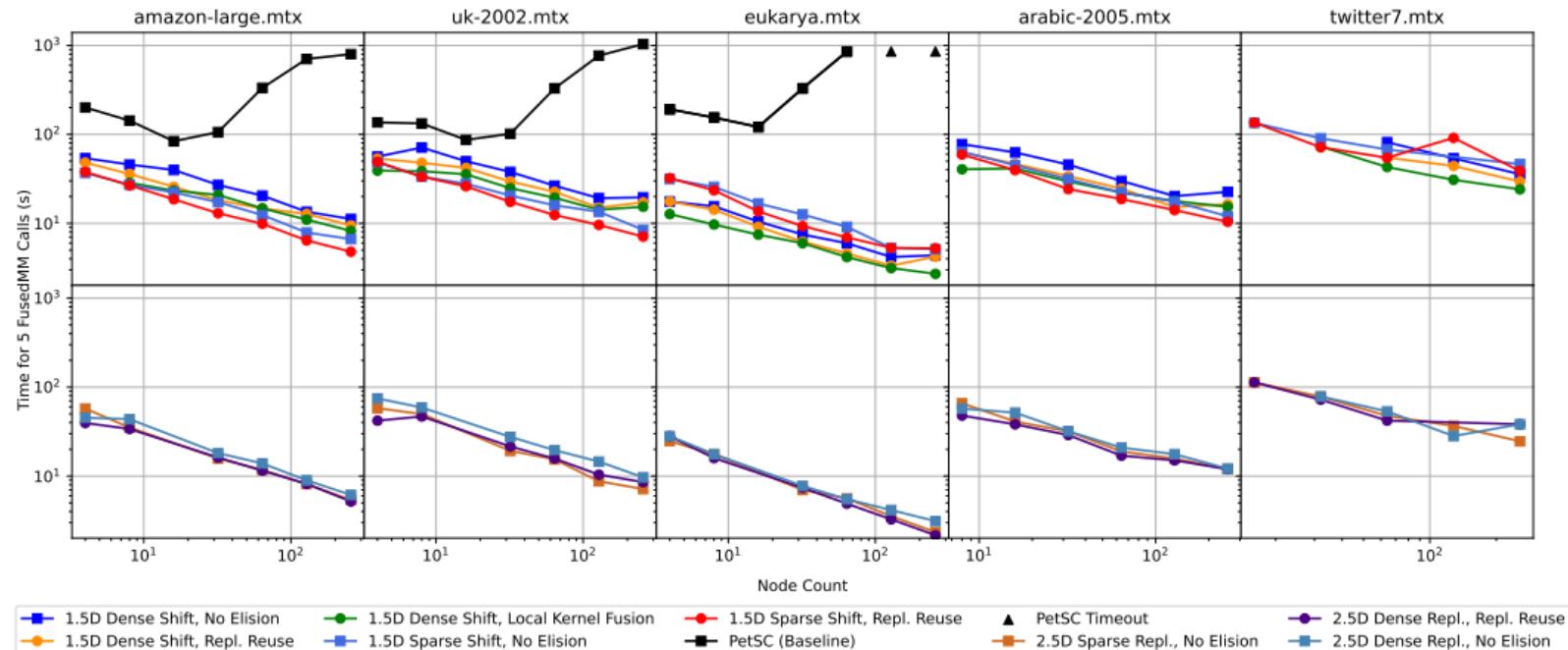
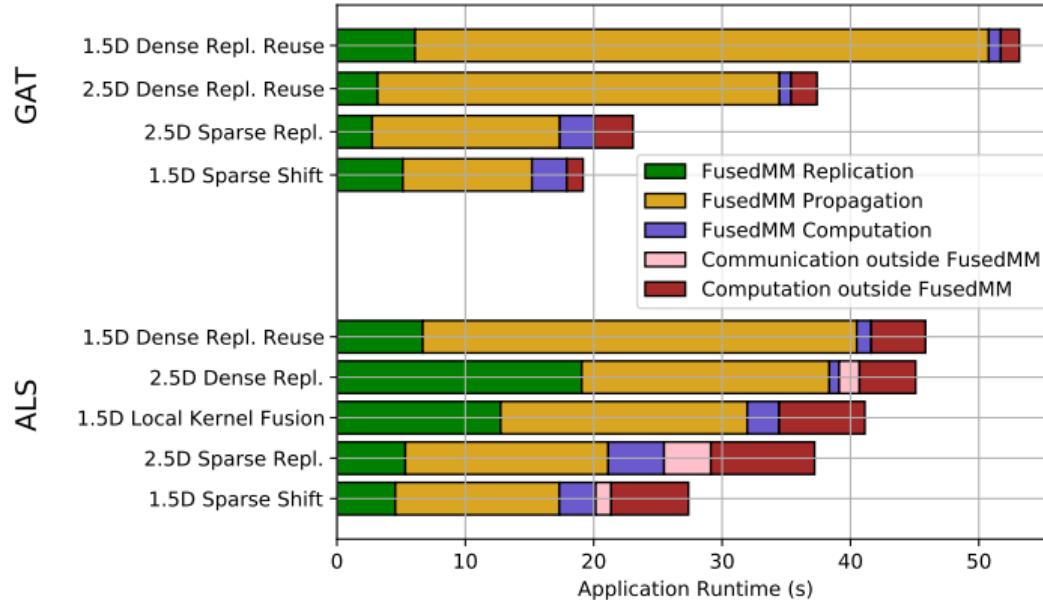


Figure 12: Strong scaling Experiments for 5 back-to-back SDDMM and SpMM calls on Cori CPU nodes.

# Applications: Collaborative Filtering and GATs



**Figure 13:** Application benchmarks for our distributed SDDMM / SpMM implementations

## Takeaways: Communication Avoiding SDDMM / FusedMM Kernels

- We devised a procedure to convert well-analyzed SpMM algorithms into SDDMM algorithms.
- We analyzed the communication costs of a pair of back-to-back SpMM / SDDMM calls and demonstrated significant speedups at scale over the implementation in PETSc.
- We used our methods to accelerate ALS matrix completion on some of the largest matrices in the SuiteSparse collection.

## **Future Work**

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## Work in Progress

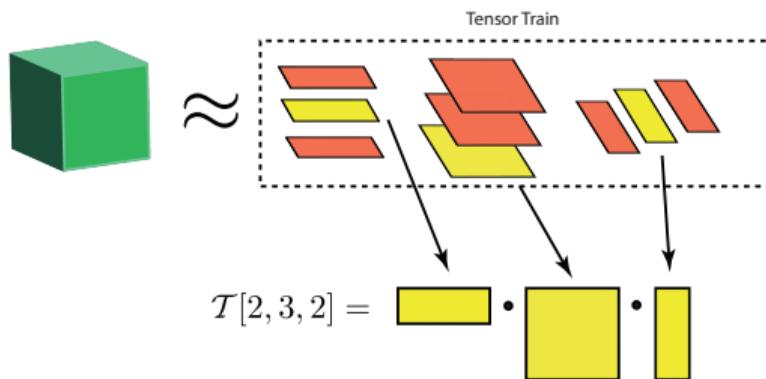
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Currently exploring three thrusts:

- Extensions of our CP sampling strategy to other tensor formats (mainly tensor trains).
- Application of sketching to domain science problems, such as Electrical Impedence Tomography (EIT).
- Accelerating other problems that involve tensor product structure, such as the marginalized graph kernel.

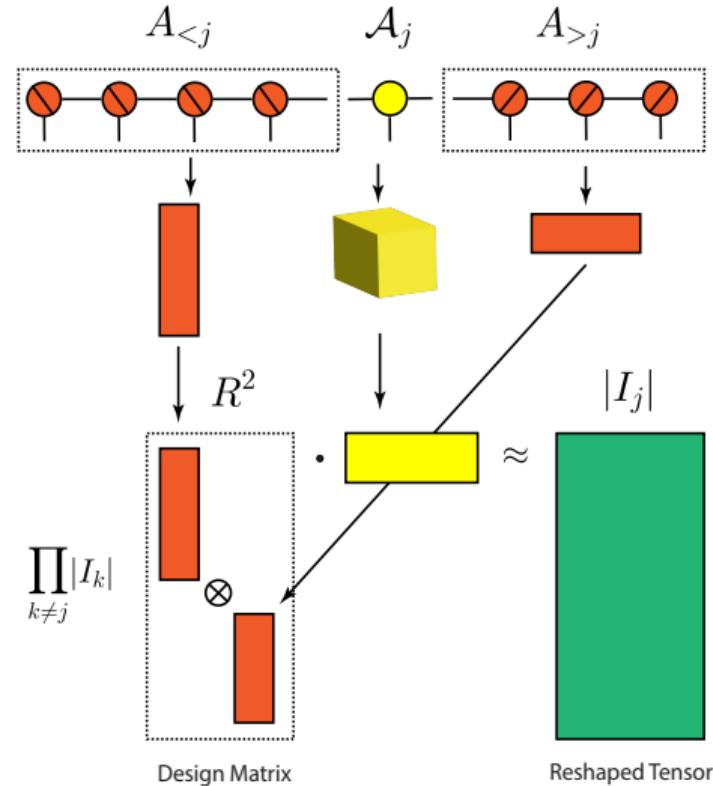
## Extension of Implicit Sampling to Tensor Train Decomposition

The tensor-train decomposition represents a tensor  $\mathcal{T}$  as a contraction between order-3 “tensor-cores”.



$j$ 'th core has dimensions  $R_j \times I_j \times R_{j+1}$ . Represents a tensor with  $I^N$  elements using  $O(NIR^2)$  space when all rank are equal.

# Iterative TT Optimization Problems



## Sampling from $A_{<j}$

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### Theorem (Orthonormal Subchain Leverage Sampling)

*There exists a data structure that costs  $O(IR^3)$  per tensor train core to build / update. For any  $1 < j \leq N$ , the structure can sample a row from  $A_{<j}$  proportional to its squared row norm in time*

$$O((j-1)R^2 \log I)$$

Apply same binary tree trick to the left matricizations of each core  $\mathcal{A}_j$ , exploit orthonormality to reduce complexity. Accelerates TT-ALS, potentially useful in other contexts.

# Tensor Structure in PDE-Inverse Problems

Consider a 2D slice of conducting tissue. A source voltage is applied and the potential is measured at several pairs of boundary points.

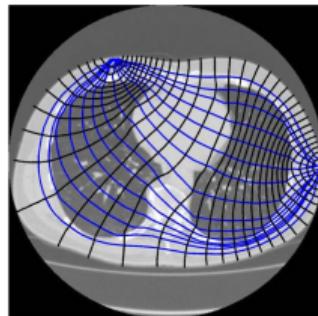
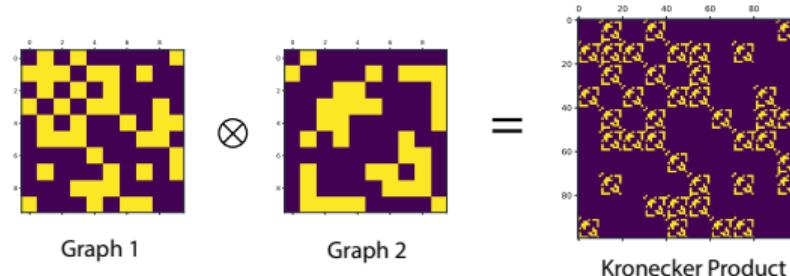


Figure 14: CT Image of thorax with EIT equipotential lines. Image credit Andy Adler, CC3.0 unported, Wikimedia Commons.

**Goal:** determine conductivity in **interior** of tissue. Solve  $(U_{11} \odot U_{12} + U_{21} \odot U_{22})x = b$  where  $U_{11}, U_{12}, U_{21}, U_{22}$  depend on the geometry of the tissue / boundary,  $b$  is a measurement taken for every source / sink pair [Che+20].

## Sketching for the Marginalized Graph Kernel

The marginalized graph kernel computes a similarity measure between two (labeled, weighted) graphs  $G_1, G_2$  by finding the stationary distribution of a random walk on their **Kronecker Product Graph** [Vis+10].



For the **inner product edge kernel**: solve  $\left(\sum_{i=1}^N A_i \otimes B_i\right)x = p$  where  $A_i, B_i$  have the sparsity structures of adjacency matrices of  $A_1, A_2$ . Potentially a ripe application for TensorSketch, low-rank approximation.

## **Conclusions and Acknowledgements**

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## Summary

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- We exhibited algorithms for ALS CP decomposition that have **lower asymptotic complexity and faster time-to-solution** compared to SOTA competitors.
- We showed that randomized methods are practical on **thousands of CPU cores** and **billion-scale sparse tensors**, offering up to 11x speedup over carefully-engineered deterministic algorithms
- We optimized the SDDMM kernel involved in sparse matrix factorization based on proven algorithms for SpMM, exploiting **algorithmic duality** between the two kernels.
- Planned work this year: investigate other regression problems that involve tensor structure, particularly scientific applications.

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# **Backup Slides, Deck 1: Fast Khatri-Rao Product Leverage Score Sampling**

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## Leverage Score Sampling Proof Sketch

### Theorem (Structural Conditions for LSTSQ, [DKM06])

Let  $Q$  be a basis for the column-space of  $A$ . Suppose that a sketching matrix  $S$  satisfies the following two **deterministic** structural conditions:

- **(S1) Approximate Isometry:**  $\sigma_{\min}(SQ) \geq 1/\sqrt{2}$
- **(S2) Minimal Junk:**  $\|Q^\top S^\top S B^\perp\|_F^2 \leq \varepsilon \|B^\perp\|_F^2 / 2$

Then the sketched solution  $\tilde{X}$  satisfies

$$\|A\tilde{X} - B\|_F \leq (1 + \varepsilon) \min_X \|AX - B\|_F.$$

**Main Proof Idea:** Show, with probability  $\geq (1 - \delta)$ , that a leverage score sketch satisfies these two conditions.

## Leverage Score Sampling Proof Sketch

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- (S1) holds by the well-known  $\ell_2$ -subspace embedding property of leverage score sketches [Woo14], with probability  $\geq 1 - \delta/2$  for high enough sample count.
- (S2) holds by an approximate matrix-multiplication argument [DKM06] (with one-sided information) with probability  $\geq 1 - \delta/2$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\|Q^\top S^\top SB^\perp\|_F^2 &= \|\mathbf{0} - Q^\top S^\top SB^\perp\|_F^2 \\ &= \|Q^\top B^\perp - Q^\top S^\top SB^\perp\|_F^2\end{aligned}$$

- Use a union bound to guarantee that both hold with probability  $\geq 1 - \delta$ . Will sketch the proof of (S1).

## Leverage Score Sampling Gives an $\ell_2$ -SE Proof Sketch

Proof follows a version by David Woodruff (we adapt it to our notation and drop the  $\beta$  parameter). Let  $A = Q\Sigma V^\top$ ; we need a matrix Chernoff result.

### Theorem (Matrix Chernoff, [Woo14])

Let  $X_1, \dots, X_J$  be independent copies of a symmetric random matrix  $X \in \mathbb{R}^{R \times R}$  satisfying

1.  $E[X] = 0$ ,
2.  $\|X\|_2 \leq \gamma$ ,
3.  $\|E[X^\top X]\|_2 \leq T \leq J^2$ .

Let  $W = \frac{1}{J} \sum_{i=1}^J X_i$ . Then for any  $\tilde{\varepsilon} > 0$ ,

$$\Pr [\|W\|_2 > \tilde{\varepsilon}] \leq 2R \exp (-J\tilde{\varepsilon}^2/(2T + 2\gamma\tilde{\varepsilon}/3))$$

## Leverage Score Sampling Gives an $\ell_2$ -SE Proof Sketch

Want to show, for appropriate parameters  $J, \gamma, \varepsilon$ , that  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \leq \sigma_i^2(SU)$  w.h.p.  $(1 - \delta)$ . Let  $z_i = (SU)_{i:}^\top$ ,  $q_j = Q_{j:}^\top$  and choose

$$p_j := \ell_j / R \quad \forall j$$

$$X_i := I - z_i z_i^\top / p_i$$

$$\gamma := 1 + R$$

$$\tilde{\epsilon} := 1 - 1/\sqrt{2}$$

$$T := R - 1$$

Easy to verify that  $E[X] = 0$ , need to check conditions (2) and (3) of the Chernoff bound.

## Leverage Score Sampling Gives an $\ell_2$ -SE

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**Condition 2:**  $\|X\|_2 \leq \gamma$  implies  $\max_{j \in [I]} \left\| I - \frac{q_j q_j^\top}{p_j} \right\|_2 \leq \gamma$ . For any  $j$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}\left\| I - \frac{q_j q_j^\top}{p_j} \right\|_2 &\leq \|I\|_2 + \left\| \frac{q_j q_j^\top}{p_j} \right\|_2 \\ &= 1 + \frac{R \|q_j q_j^\top\|_2}{\|q_j\|_2^2} \\ &= 1 + R \\ &= \gamma\end{aligned}$$

Crucially, this choice for  $p_j$  allows the **minimal** choice  $1 + R$  for  $\gamma$ .

## Leverage Score Sampling Gives an $\ell_2$ -SE

**Condition 3:** We derive

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}[X^\top X] &= \sum_{j=1}^I p_j (I - q_j q_j^\top / p_j) (I - q_j q_j^\top / p_j) \\&= \sum_{j=1}^I p_j I - 2 \sum_{j=1}^I p_j q_j q_j^\top / p_j + \sum_{j=1}^I \frac{p_j q_j q_j^\top q_j q_j^\top}{p_j^2} \\&= I - 2I + \sum_{j=1}^I \frac{q_j q_j^\top q_j q_j^\top}{p_j} \\&= I - 2I + \sum_{j=1}^I R q_j q_j^\top \\&= (R - 1)I\end{aligned}$$

So  $\|\mathbb{E}[X^\top X]\|_2 = R - 1 \leq J^2$ .

## Leverage Score Sampling Gives an $\ell_2$ -SE

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Evaluating the Chernoff guarantee, we ignore  $\tilde{\epsilon}$  since it is a constant. We **want**

$$\exp(-J\tilde{\epsilon}^2/(2T + 2\gamma\tilde{\epsilon}/3)) \leq \delta$$

$$J/(2R + 2R/3) \geq \Omega\left(\log \frac{R}{\delta}\right)$$

Setting  $J = \Omega(R \log \frac{R}{\delta})$  causes the failure probability to fall below the threshold.

## The Normal Equations in Tensor Decomposition

- The normal equations are widely used for ALS CP decomposition [KB09] despite squaring the condition number.
- QR decomposition of a KRP is more difficult to compute (but only slightly) [Min+23]:

$$\begin{aligned} A &:= U_1 \odot \dots \odot U_N \\ &= (Q_1 R_1) \odot \dots \odot (Q_N R_N) \\ &= (Q_1 \otimes \dots \otimes Q_N) \cdot (R_1 \odot \dots \odot R_N) \\ &= (Q_1 \otimes \dots \otimes Q_N) \cdot Q_{\text{tail}} \cdot R_{\text{tail}} \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

- QR formulation useful for lower-precision decomposition, adversarial tensors [Min+23], e.g.  $\sin(x_1 + \dots + x_N)$ .

## Why Don't We Use the QR Formulation?

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- QR Decomposition not useful for leverage score sampling.  $R^N$  samples required to sketch  $Q_1 \otimes \dots \otimes Q_N$ , computation of  $Q_{\text{tail}}$  introduces exponential cost in  $N$ .
- Leverage score computation robust to numerical error (just take slightly more samples).
- For our applications, we can sacrifice some accuracy.

# **Backup Slides, Deck 2:**

## **Randomized Distributed CP**

### **Decomposition**

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## d-STS-CP Parallelization Scheme

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- Matrices  $G^v$  replicated  $\log P$  times. Each processor stores data on path from leaf to root.
- **Initialization:** Each sample assigned arbitrarily to a processor (along with corresponding sample vectors  $h$ ).
- **At Each Node:** Branching decision made for each sample, Alltoallv computed to reorganize sample vectors.
- **Drawback:** Repeated Alltoallv calls are expensive!

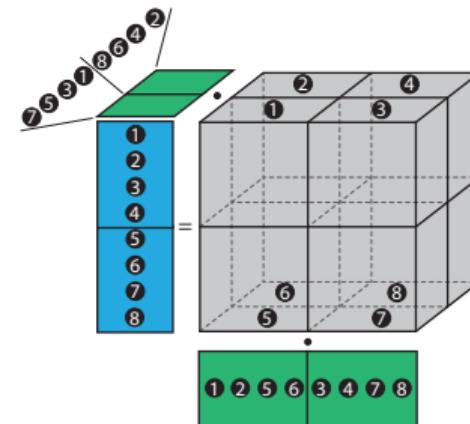
# Non-Randomized Communication Analysis

- Let processor grid dimensions be  $P_1 \times \dots \times P_N$ .
- All-gather + Reduce-Scatter Costs:

$$2 \sum_{k=1}^N IR/P_k$$

- Cost Under Optimal Grid:

$$\frac{2NRI}{P^{1/N}}$$



Tensor Stationary MTTKRP

All-gather Matrix

Reduce-Scatter

Redistribute Downsampled Tensor

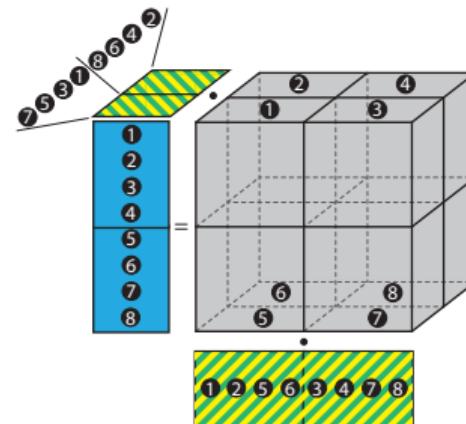
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# Downsampled Tensor-Stationary MTTKRP

- Reduce-scatter cost is unchanged by sampling.
- Minimum communication:

$$\frac{NRI}{P^{1/N}}$$

- Drops at most a constant factor compared to non-randomized ALS



Tensor Stationary MTTKRP

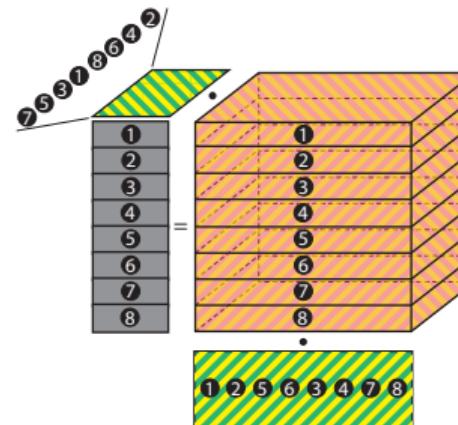
All-gather Downsampled Matrix      Reduce-Scatter  
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# Downsampled Accumulator-Stationary MTTKRP

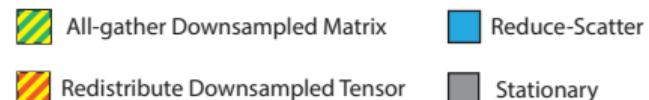
- Eliminate reduce-scatter by gathering sampled rows to all processors, redistributing sampled nonzeros.
- Communication Cost:

$$JRN(N - 1) + \frac{3}{P} \sum_{j=1}^N \text{nnz}(\text{mat}(\mathcal{T}, j) S_j^\top).$$

- Avoid retransmitting nonzeros by storing  $N$  different matricizations of the tensor.

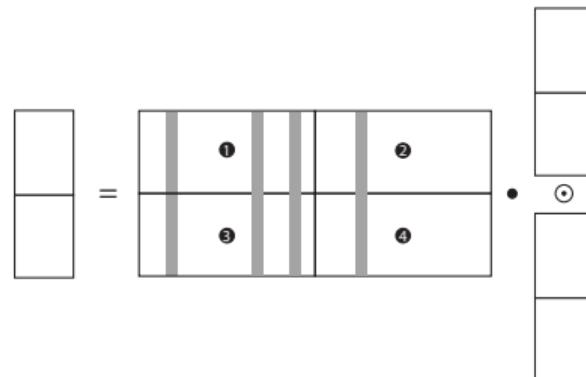


Accumulator Stationary MTTKRP



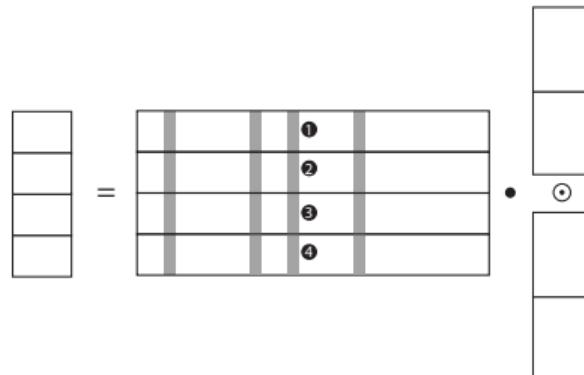
# Tensor-Stationary MTTKRP Load Balance

- We use random permutations of each tensor mode to evenly distribute nonzeros & samples to processors.
- Theoretical model: each sampled column has  $q$  nonzeros with row i.i.d. uniform.
- TS Load Balance:  $J$  balls into  $P^{1-1/N}$  bins (each ball here is a column).

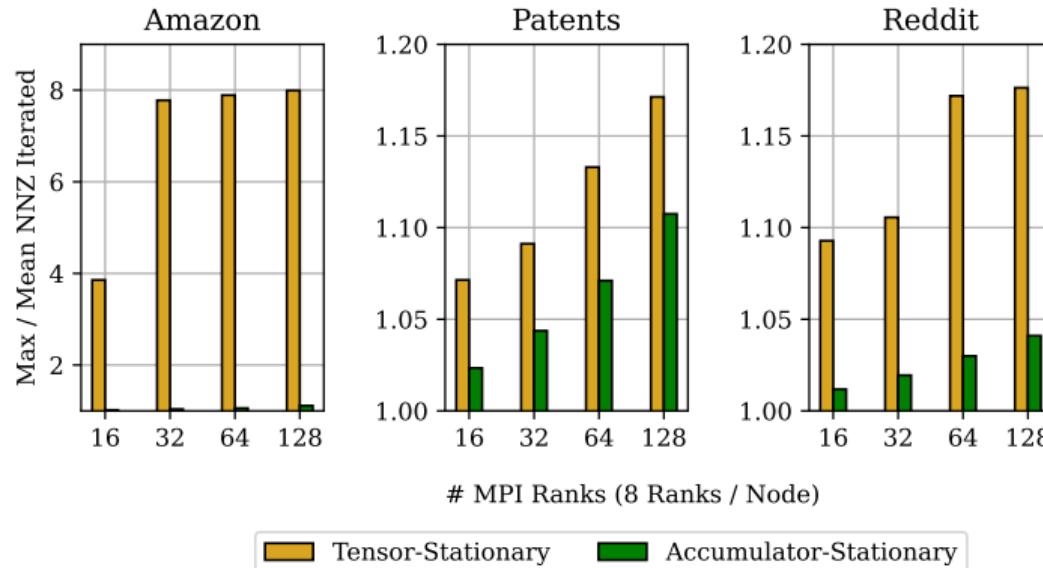


## Accumulator-Stationary MTTKRP Load Balance

- AS Load Balance:  $Jq$  balls into  $P$  bins.
- Here, each ball is a nonzero entry.  
This distribution has better load balance when  $q$  is high.



# Load Balance



**Figure 15:** Load imbalance for tensor-stationary vs. accumulator stationary schedules as a function of MPI rank count.

# Local Computation: SpMTTKRP is SpMM

$$\min_{U_j} \left\| \left[ \bigodot_{k \neq j} U_k \right] \cdot U_j^\top - \text{mat}(\mathcal{T}, j)^\top \right\|_F$$

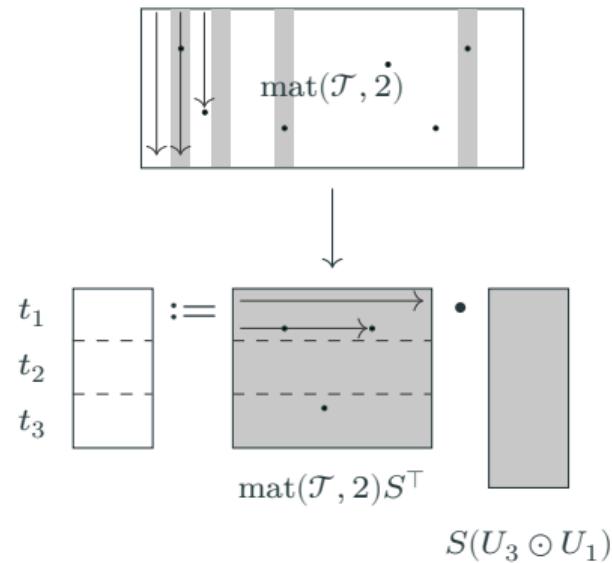
$$\min_{U_2} \left\| \begin{array}{c} U_3 \\ \odot \\ U_1 \end{array} \cdot \begin{array}{c} U_2^\top \\ - \\ \begin{array}{c} \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \text{mat}(\mathcal{T}, 2) \\ \cdot & \cdot \end{array} \\ \cdot \end{array} \right\|_F \rightarrow \underbrace{\begin{array}{c} U_2 := \begin{array}{c|c|c|c|c} \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \text{mat}(\mathcal{T}, 2) & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \end{array} \\ \cdot \\ \odot \\ \begin{array}{c} U_3 \\ \odot \\ U_1 \end{array} \end{array}}_{\text{MTTKRP}} \cdot G^+$$

## Matricized Tensor Storage Format

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- **CSC:** Easy to look up nonzeros, but need atomics when accumulating to output buffer (with multiple threads)
- **CSR:** No data races, but difficult to select nonzeros.
- **Solution:** Use CSC for lookup, sparse transpose into CSR.

## Sampling and Sparse Transpose Operation



**Drawback:** Need to store  $N$  copies of the sparse tensor, but we do this anyway to avoid communication.

## Weak Scaling

- **Weak scaling for non-randomized CP:** increase target rank  $R$  and processor count proportionally, measure runtime.
- **Problems for Randomized CP:**
  - Nonzero count selected from sparse tensor varies.
  - Need higher sample counts at higher ranks to maintain accuracy.
- **Solution:** Benchmark STS-CP with fixed sample count to maintain accuracy (as much as possible) for a fixed sample count, measure throughput instead:

$$\text{Throughput} = \frac{\text{nnz selected in MTTKRP}}{\text{Runtime}}$$

# Experimental Platform

- Experiments conducted on up to 16 nodes / 2048 CPU cores on NERSC Perlmutter at LBNL.
- Hybrid OpenMP / MPI implementation in C++, Python wrappers using Pybind11.
- Baseline : SPLATT, a highly-optimized CP decomposition library.



**Figure 16:** LBNL Perlmutter, an HPE Cray Supercomputer (#12 on the Nov'23 Top500).

## Weak Scaling

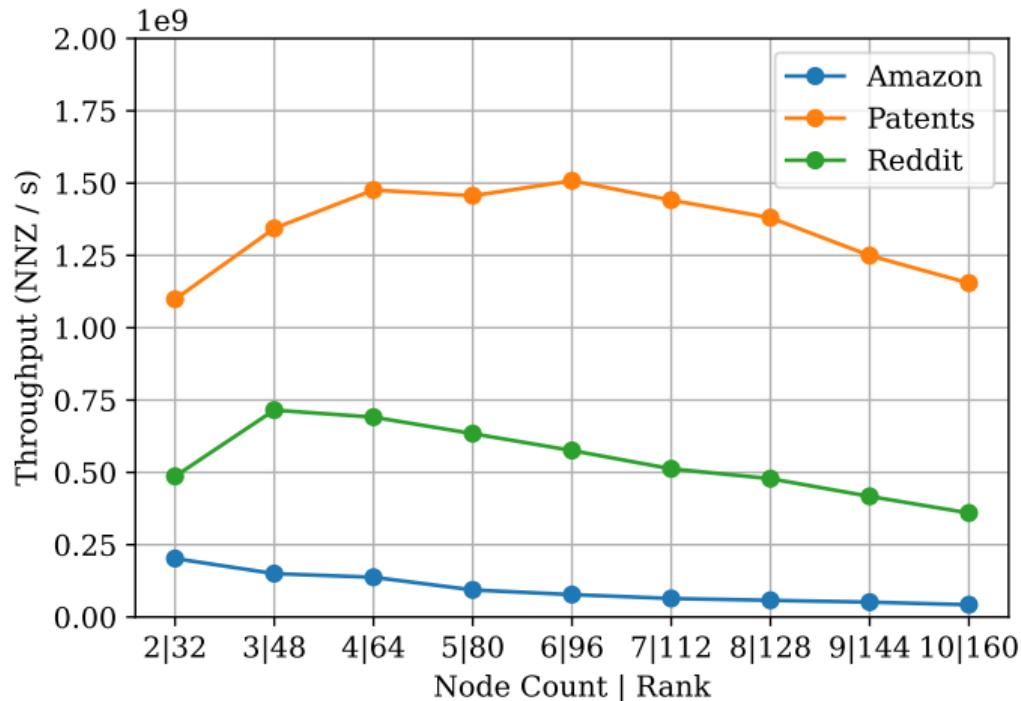


Figure 17: Throughput as a function of increasing target rank and node count.