



Argonne Training Program on Extreme-Scale Computing

# Direct Sparse Linear Solvers, Preconditioners

- SuperLU, STRUMPACK, with hands-on examples

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# Tutorial Content

## **Part 1. Sparse direct solvers: SuperLU and STRUMPACK (30 min)**

- Sparse matrix representations
- Algorithms
  - Gaussian elimination, sparsity and graph, ordering, symbolic factorization
- Different organizations of elimination algorithms
- Parallelism exploiting sparsity (trees, DAGs)
  - Task scheduling, avoiding communication

## **Part 2. Rank-structured approximate factorizations: STRUMPACK (15 min)**

- Hierarchical matrices, Butterfly matrix

## **Part 3. Hands-on examples in SuperLU or STRUMPACK (15 min)**

# Algorithms: review of Gaussian Elimination (GE)

- First step of GE:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & w^T \\ v & B \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ v/\alpha & I \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & w^T \\ 0 & C \end{bmatrix}$$

$$C = B - \frac{v \cdot w^T}{\alpha}$$

- Repeat GE on C
- Result in LU factorization ( $A = LU$ )
  - L lower triangular with unit diagonal, U upper triangular
- Then,  $x$  is obtained by solving two triangular systems with L and U, easier to solve

# Strategies of solving sparse linear systems

- Iterative methods: (e.g., Krylov, multigrid, ...)
  - **A is not changed (read-only)**
  - **Key kernel: sparse matrix-vector multiply**
    - Easier to optimize and parallelize
  - **Low algorithmic complexity, but may not converge**
- Direct methods:
  - **A is modified (factorized) :  $A = L^*U$** 
    - Harder to optimize and parallelize
  - **Numerically robust, but higher algorithmic complexity**
- Often use direct method to **precondition** iterative method
  - **Solve an easier system:  $M^{-1}Ax = M^{-1}b$**

# Exploit sparsity

## 1) Structural sparsity

- Defined by {0, 1} structure (Graphs)
- LU factorization  $\sim O(N^2)$  flops, for many 3D discretized PDEs

## 2) Data sparsity (usually with approximation)

- On top of 1), can find data-sparse structure in dense (sub)matrices  
(often involve [approximation](#))
- LU factorization  $\sim O(N \text{ polylog}(N))$

SuperLU: only structural sparsity

STRUMPACK: both structural and data sparsity

# PDE discretization leads to sparse matrices

- Poisson equation in 2D (continuum)

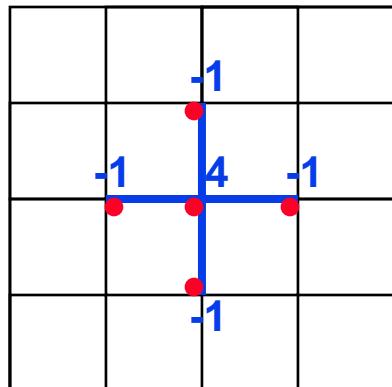
$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}(x,y) + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2}(x,y) = f(x,y), \quad (x,y) \in R$$

$$u(x,y) = g(x,y), \quad (x,y) \text{ on the boundary}$$

- Stencil equation (discretized)

$$4 \cdot u(i,j) - u(i-1,j) - u(i+1,j) - u(i,j-1) - u(i,j+1) = f(i,j)$$

Graph and “stencil”



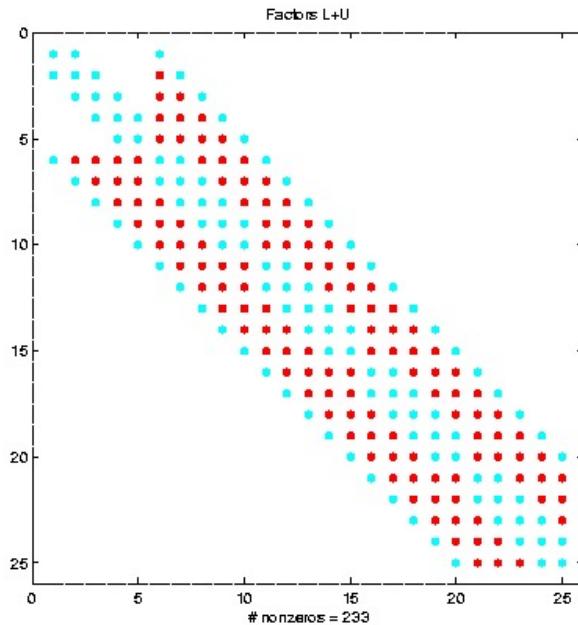
$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -1 & & -1 & & \\ -1 & 4 & -1 & & -1 & \\ & -1 & 4 & & -1 & \\ \hline -1 & & 4 & -1 & & -1 \\ & -1 & -1 & 4 & -1 & -1 \\ & & -1 & -1 & 4 & -1 \\ \hline -1 & & -1 & 4 & -1 & \\ & -1 & & -1 & 4 & -1 \\ & & -1 & & -1 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

# Fill-in in Sparse GE

Original zero entry  $A_{ij}$  becomes nonzero in L or U

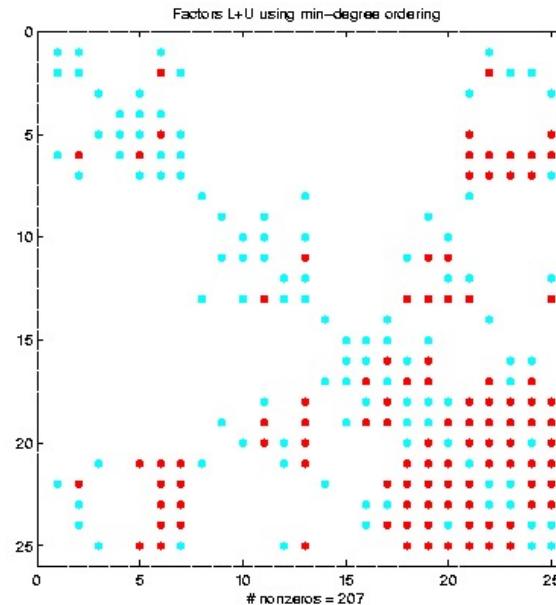
- Red: fill-ins (Matlab: spy())

Natural order: NNZ = 233



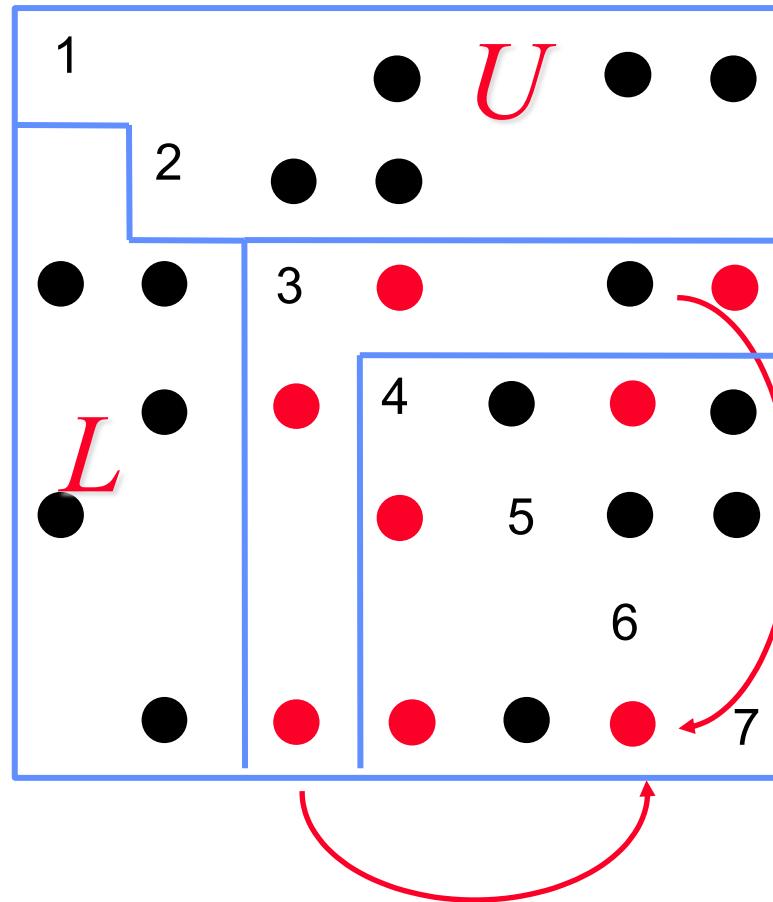
Fill-in:  $O(N^{3/2})$   
Flops:  $O(N^2)$

Minimum Degree order: NNZ = 207



Fill-in:  $O(N \log(N))$   
Flops:  $O(N^{3/2})$

# Fill-in in sparse LU



# Store general sparse matrix: Compressed Row Storage (CRS)

- Store nonzeros row by row contiguously
- Example:  $N = 7$ ,  $NNZ = 19$
- 3 arrays:
  - Storage:  $NNZ$  reals,  $NNZ+N+1$  integers

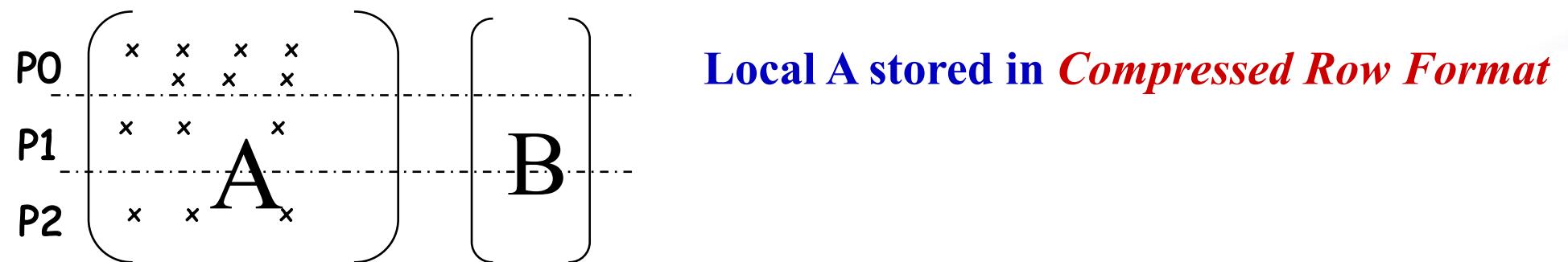
	1	3	5	8	11	13	17	20											
nzval	1	a	2	b	c	d	3	e	4	f	5	g	h	i	6	j	k	l	7
colind	1	4	2	5	1	2	3	2	4	5	5	7	4	5	6	7	3	5	7
rowptr	1	3	5	8	11	13	17	20											

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & a \\ & 2 & & b \\ c & d & 3 & \\ e & & 4 & f \\ & & & 5 \\ & & h & i & 6 & j \\ k & l & & & & 7 \end{pmatrix}$$

Many other data structures: “Templates for the Solution of Linear Systems: Building Blocks for Iterative Methods”, R. Barrett et al.

# Distributed input interface

- Matrices involved:
  - A, B (turned into X) – input, users manipulate them
  - L, U – output, users do not need to see them
- A (sparse) and B (dense) are distributed by block rows



# Distributed input interface

- Each process has a structure to store local part of A

## Distributed Compressed Row Storage

```
typedef struct {  
    int_t nnz_loc; // number of nonzeros in the local submatrix  
    int_t m_loc; // number of rows local to this processor  
    int_t fst_row; // global index of the first row  
    void *nzval; // pointer to array of nonzero values, packed by row  
    int_t *colind; // pointer to array of column indices of the nonzeros  
    int_t *rowptr; // pointer to array of beginning of rows in nzval[]and colind[]  
} NRformat_loc;
```

# Distributed Compressed Row Storage

SuperLU\_DIST/FORTRAN/f\_5x5.f90

A is distributed on 2 processors:

P0	s		u		u
	1	u			
P1		1	p		
				e	u
	1	1			r

- Processor P0 data structure:

- nnz\_loc = 5
- m\_loc = 2
- fst\_row = 0 // 0-based indexing
- nzval = { s, u, u, l, u }
- colind = { 0, 2, 4, 0, 1 }
- rowptr = { 0, 3, 5 }

- Processor P1 data structure:

- nnz\_loc = 7
- m\_loc = 3
- fst\_row = 2 // 0-based indexing
- nzval = { l, p, e, u, l, l, r }
- colind = { 1, 2, 3, 4, 0, 1, 4 }
- rowptr = { 0, 2, 4, 7 }

# Direct solver solution phases

1. Preprocessing: Reorder equations to minimize fill, maximize parallelism (~10% time)
  - Sparsity structure of L & U depends on A, which can be changed by row/column permutations (vertex re-labeling of the underlying graph)
  - **Ordering** (combinatorial algorithms; “NP-complete” to find optimum [Yannakis ’83]; use heuristics)
2. Preprocessing: predict the fill-in positions in L & U (~10% time)
  - **Symbolic factorization** (combinatorial algorithms)
3. Preprocessing: Design efficient data structure for quick retrieval of the nonzeros
  - Compressed storage schemes
4. Perform factorization and triangular solutions (~80% time)
  - **Numerical algorithms** (F.P. operations only on nonzeros)
  - Usually dominate the total runtime

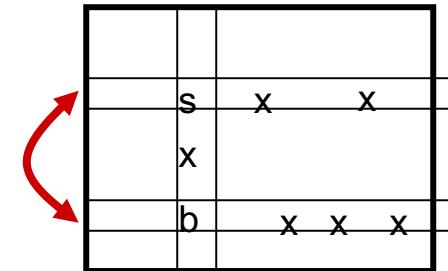
For sparse Cholesky and QR, the steps can be separate. For sparse LU with pivoting, steps 2 and 4 must be interleaved.

# Numerical pivoting for stability

- Goal of pivoting is to control element growth in L & U for stability
  - For sparse factorizations, often relax the pivoting rule to trade with better sparsity and parallelism (e.g., threshold pivoting, static pivoting , . . .)
- **Partial pivoting** used in dense LU, sequential SuperLU and SuperLU\_MT (GEPP)
  - Can force diagonal pivoting (controlled by diagonal threshold)
  - Hard to implement scalably for sparse factorization

## Relaxed pivoting strategies:

- **Static pivoting** used in SuperLU\_DIST (GESP)
  - Before factor, scale and permute A to maximize diagonal:  $P_r D_r A D_c = A'$
  - During factor  $A' = LU$ , replace tiny pivots by  $\sqrt{\varepsilon} \|A\|$ , w/o changing data structures for L & U
  - If needed, use a few steps of iterative refinement after the first solution
  - quite stable in practice
- **Restricted pivoting**



# Can we reduce fill? -- various ordering algorithms

- Reordering (= permutation of equations and variables)

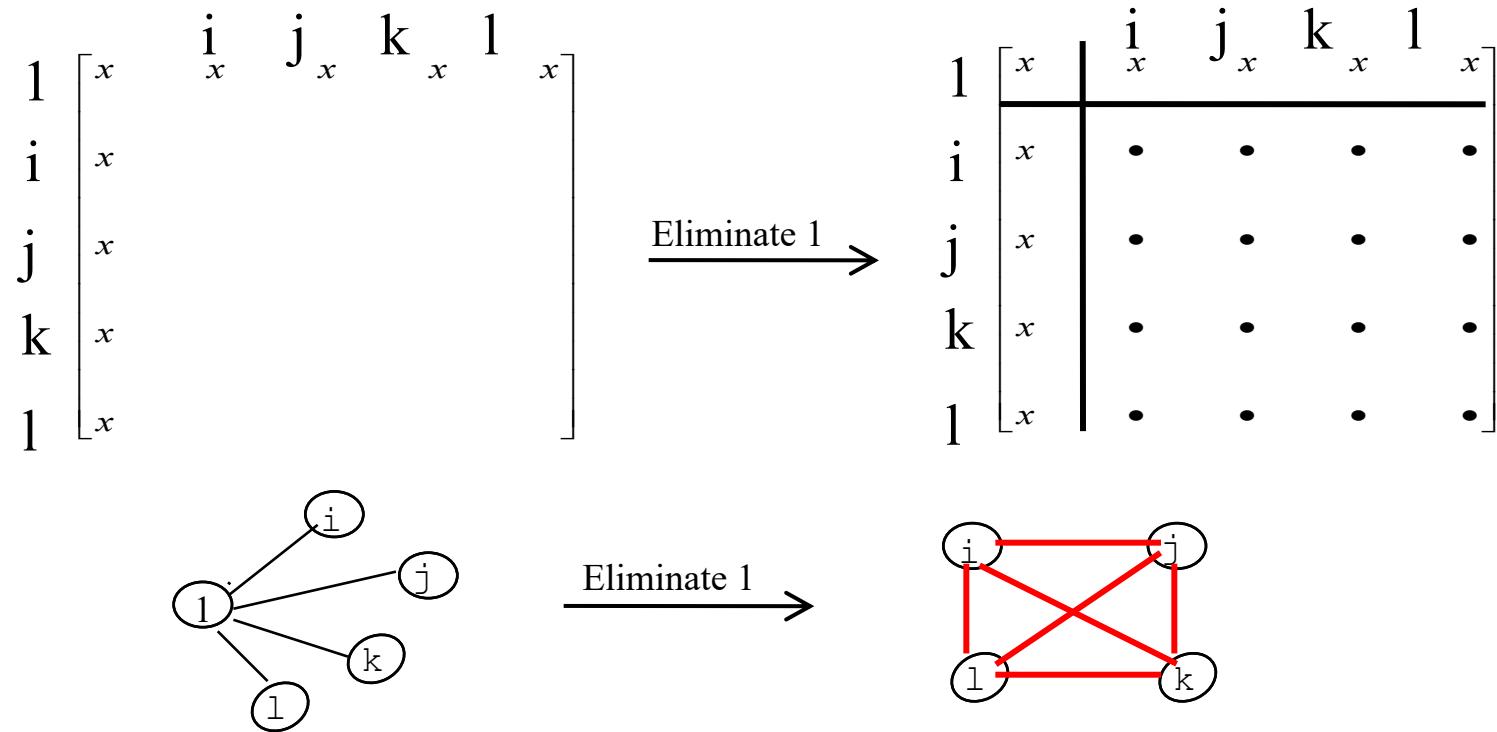
$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 2 & 2 & & & \\ 3 & & 3 & & \\ 4 & & & 4 & \\ 5 & & & & 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

(all filled after elimination)

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} & & & 1 \\ & & 1 & \\ & 1 & & \\ 1 & & & \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 2 & 2 & & & \\ 3 & & 3 & & \\ 4 & & & 4 & \\ 5 & & & & 5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} & & & 1 \\ & & 1 & \\ & 1 & & \\ 1 & & & \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & & & 5 \\ & 4 & & 4 \\ & & 3 & 3 \\ 5 & 4 & 3 & 2 & 2 \\ & & & & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

(no fill after elimination)

# Ordering to preserve sparsity : Minimum Degree

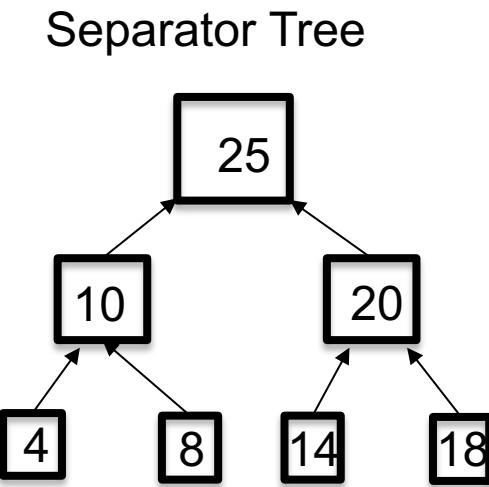
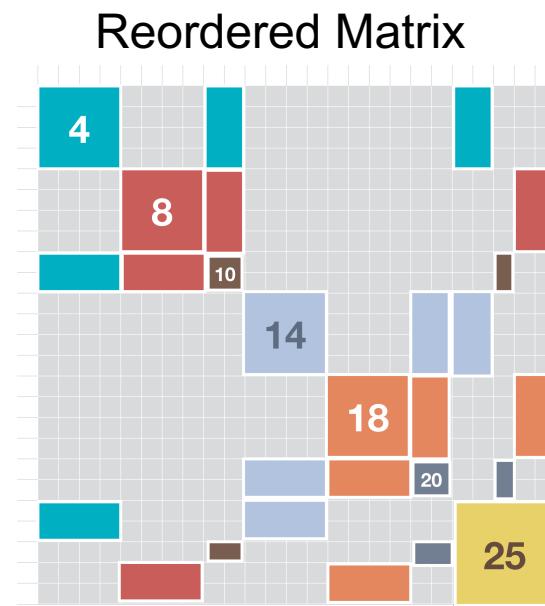
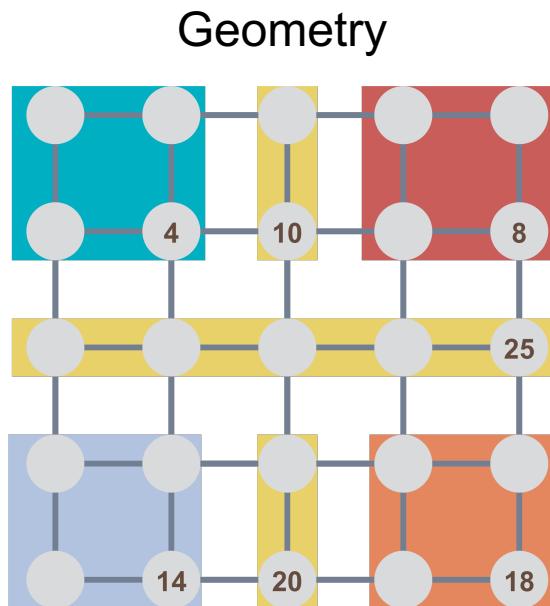


- Local greedy strategy: minimize upper bound on fill-in at each elimination step
- Algorithm: Repeat N steps:
  - Choose a vertex with minimum degree to eliminate
  - Update the remaining graph

Quotient graph [], approximate degree []

# Ordering to preserve sparsity : Nested Dissection

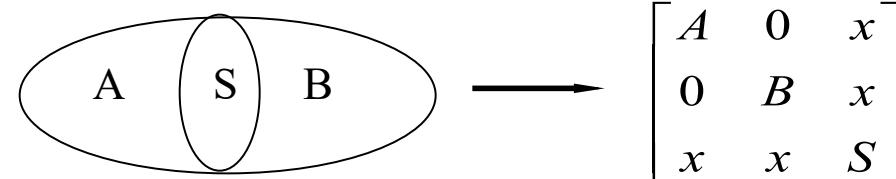
- Model problem: discretized system  $Ax = b$  from certain PDEs, e.g., 5-point stencil on  $k \times k$  grid,  $N = k^2$ 
  - Factorization flops:  $O(k^3) = O(N^{3/2})$
- Theorem: ND ordering gives optimal complexity in exact arithmetic [George '73, Hoffman/Martin/Rose]



# ND Ordering

- Generalized nested dissection [Lipton/Rose/Tarjan '79]
  - Global graph partitioning: top-down, divide-and-conquer
  - Best for large problems
  - Parallel codes available: ParMetis, PT-Scotch

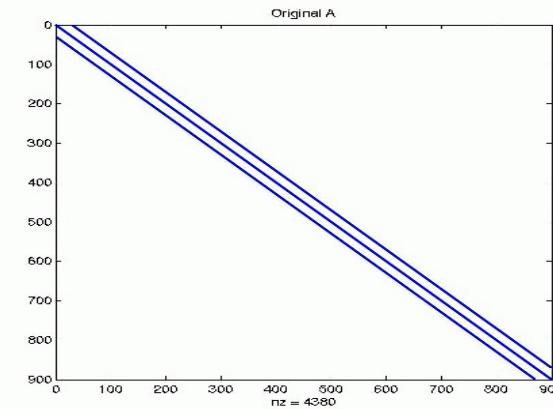
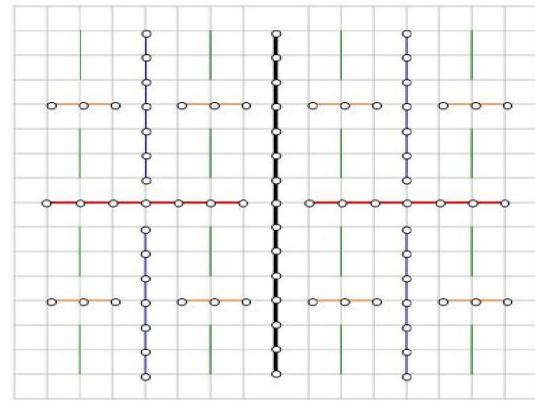
- First level



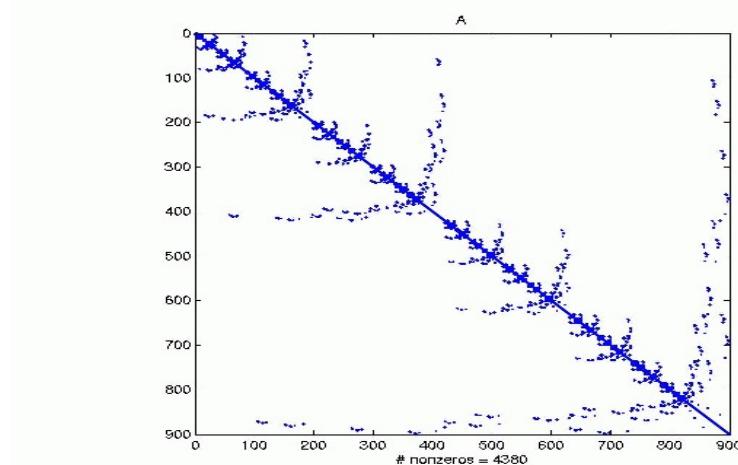
- Recurse on A and B

- Goal: find the smallest possible separator S at each level
  - Multilevel schemes:
    - Chaco [Hendrickson/Leland '94], Metis [Karypis/Kumar '95]
    - Spectral bisection [Simon et al. '90-'95, Ghysels et al. 2019- ]
    - Geometric and spectral bisection [Chan/Gilbert/Teng '94]

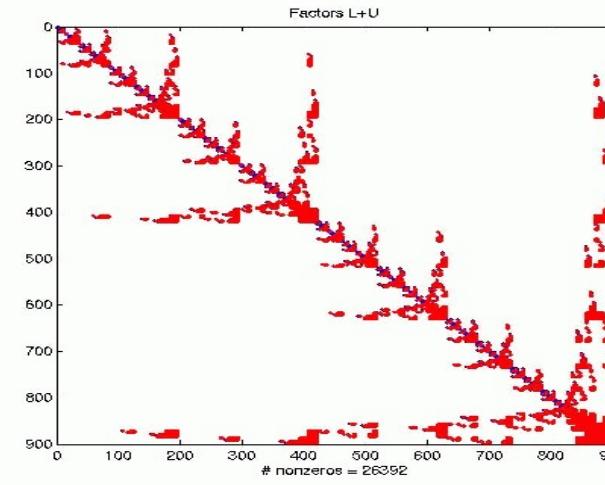
# ND Ordering



A, with row-wise ordering



A, with ND ordering



L & U factors

# Ordering for LU with non-symmetric patterns

- Can use a symmetric ordering on a symmetrized matrix
- Case of partial pivoting (serial SuperLU, SuperLU\_MT):
  - Use ordering based on  $A^T * A$
- Case of static pivoting (SuperLU\_DIST):
  - Use ordering based on  $A^T + A$
- Can find better ordering based solely on  $A$ , without symmetrization
  - Diagonal Markowitz [Amestoy/Li/Ng '06]
    - Similar to minimum degree, but without symmetrization
  - Hypergraph partition [Boman, Grigori, et al. '08]
    - Similar to ND on  $A^T A$ , but no need to compute  $A^T A$

# User-controllable options in SuperLU\_DIST

For stability and efficiency, need to factorize a transformed matrix:

$$P_c ( P_r ( D_r A D_c ) ) P_c^T$$

“Options” fields with C enum constants:

- Equil: { NO, YES }
- RowPerm: { NOROWPERM, **LargeDiag\_MC64**, LargeDiag\_HWPM, MY\_PERMR }
- ColPerm: { NATURAL, MMD\_ATA, MMD\_AT\_PLUS\_A, COLAMD, **METIS\_AT\_PLUS\_A**, PARMETIS, ZOLTAN, MY\_PERMC }

Call `set_default_options_dist(&options)` to set default values.

# Algorithm variants, codes .... depending on matrix properties

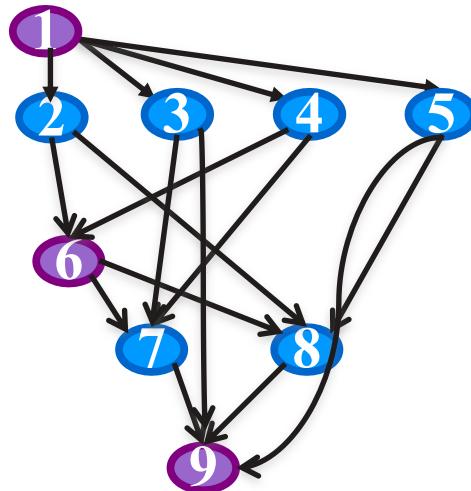
Matrix properties	Supernodal (updates in-place)	Multifrontal (partial updates passing around)
Symmetric Pos. Def.: Cholesky LL' indefinite: LDL'	symPACK (DAG)	MUMPS (tree)
Symmetric pattern, non-symmetric value	PARDISO (DAG)	MUMPS (tree) STRUMPACK (binary tree)
Non-symmetric everything	SuperLU (DAG) PARDISO (DAG)	UMFPACK (DAG)

- Remarks:
  - SuperLU, MUMPS, UMFPACK can use any sparsity-reducing ordering
  - STRUMPACK can only use nested dissection (restricted to binary tree)
- Survey of sparse direct solvers (codes, algorithms, parallel capability):  
<https://portal.nersc.gov/project/sparse/superlu/SparseDirectSurvey.pdf>

# Sparse LU: two algorithm variants

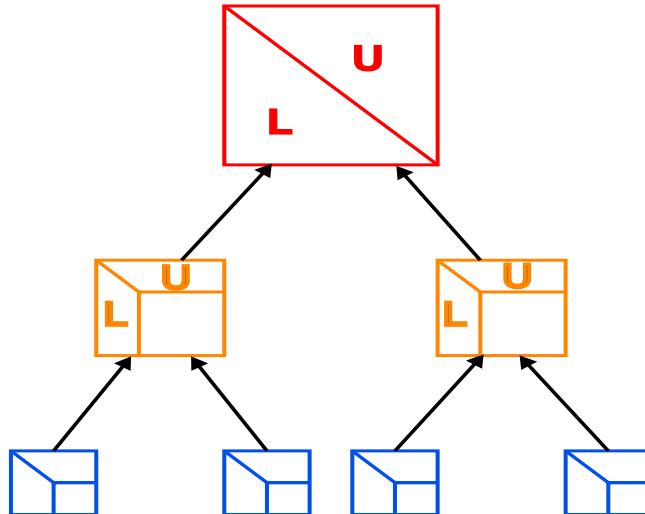
... depending on how updates are accumulated

DAG based  
Supernodal: SuperLU

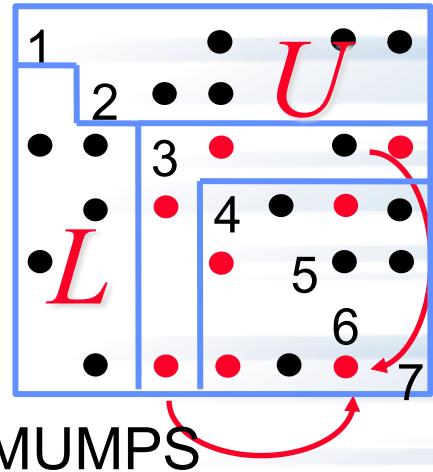


$$S^{(j)} \leftarrow ((A^{(j)} - D^{(k1)}) - D^{(k2)}) - \dots$$

Tree based  
Multifrontal: STRUMPACK, MUMPS



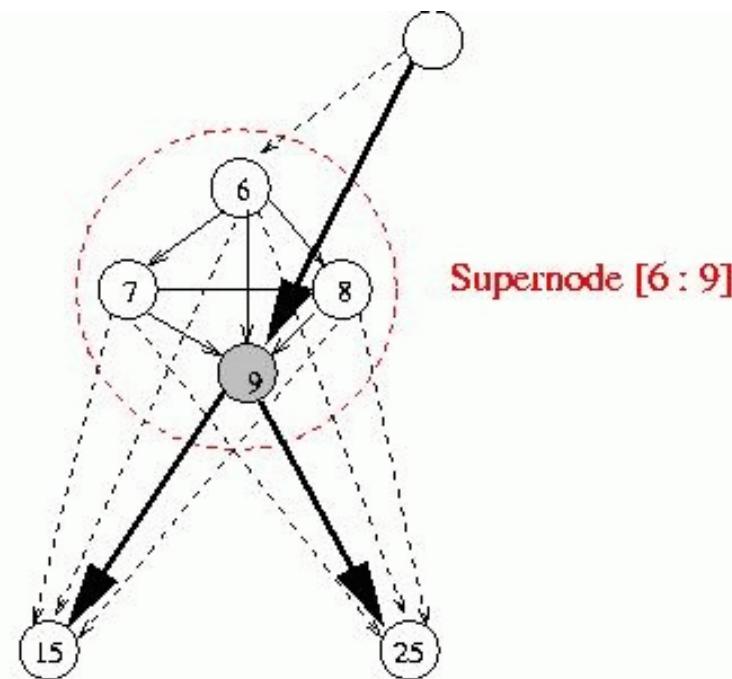
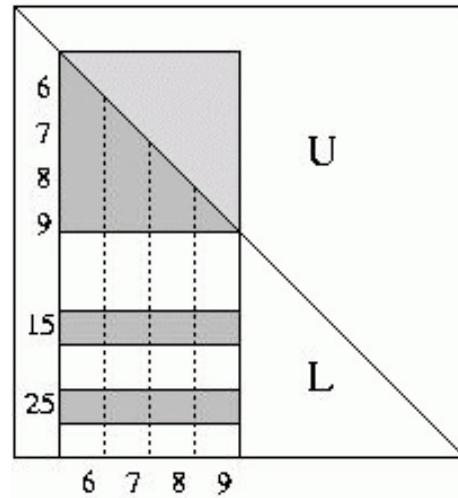
$$S^{(j)} \leftarrow A^{(j)} - (..(D^{(k1)} + D^{(k2)}) + \dots)$$



# Supernode

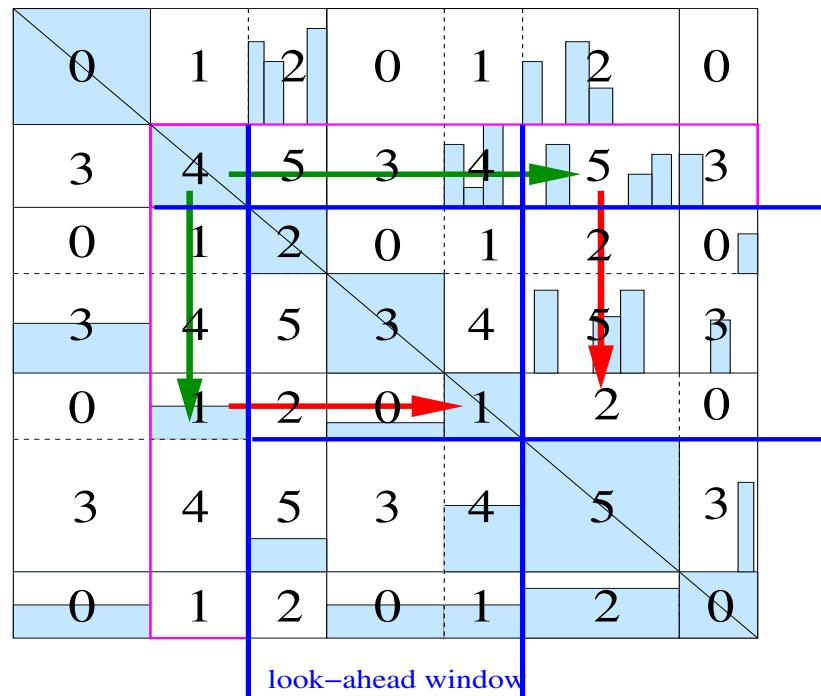
Exploit dense submatrices in the factors

- Can use Level 3 BLAS
- Reduce inefficient indirect addressing (scatter/gather)
- Reduce graph traversal time using a coarser graph



# Distributed L & U factored matrices (internal to SuperLU)

- 2D block cyclic layout – specified by user.
- Rule: process grid should be as square as possible.  
Or, set the row dimension (*nrow*) slightly smaller than the column dimension (*ncol*).
  - For example: 2x3, 2x4, 4x4, 4x8, etc.

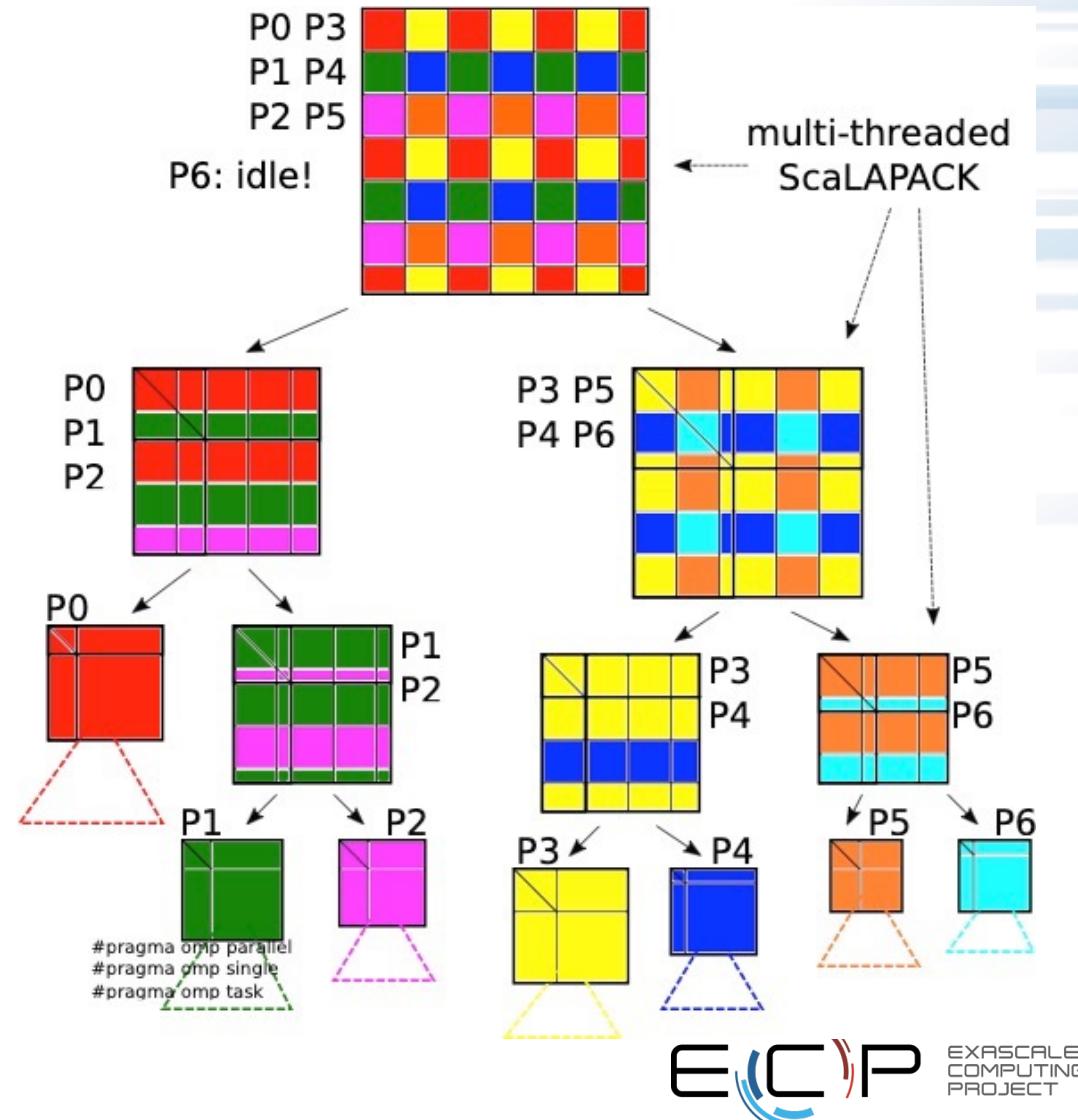


**MPI Process Grid**

0	1	2
3	4	5

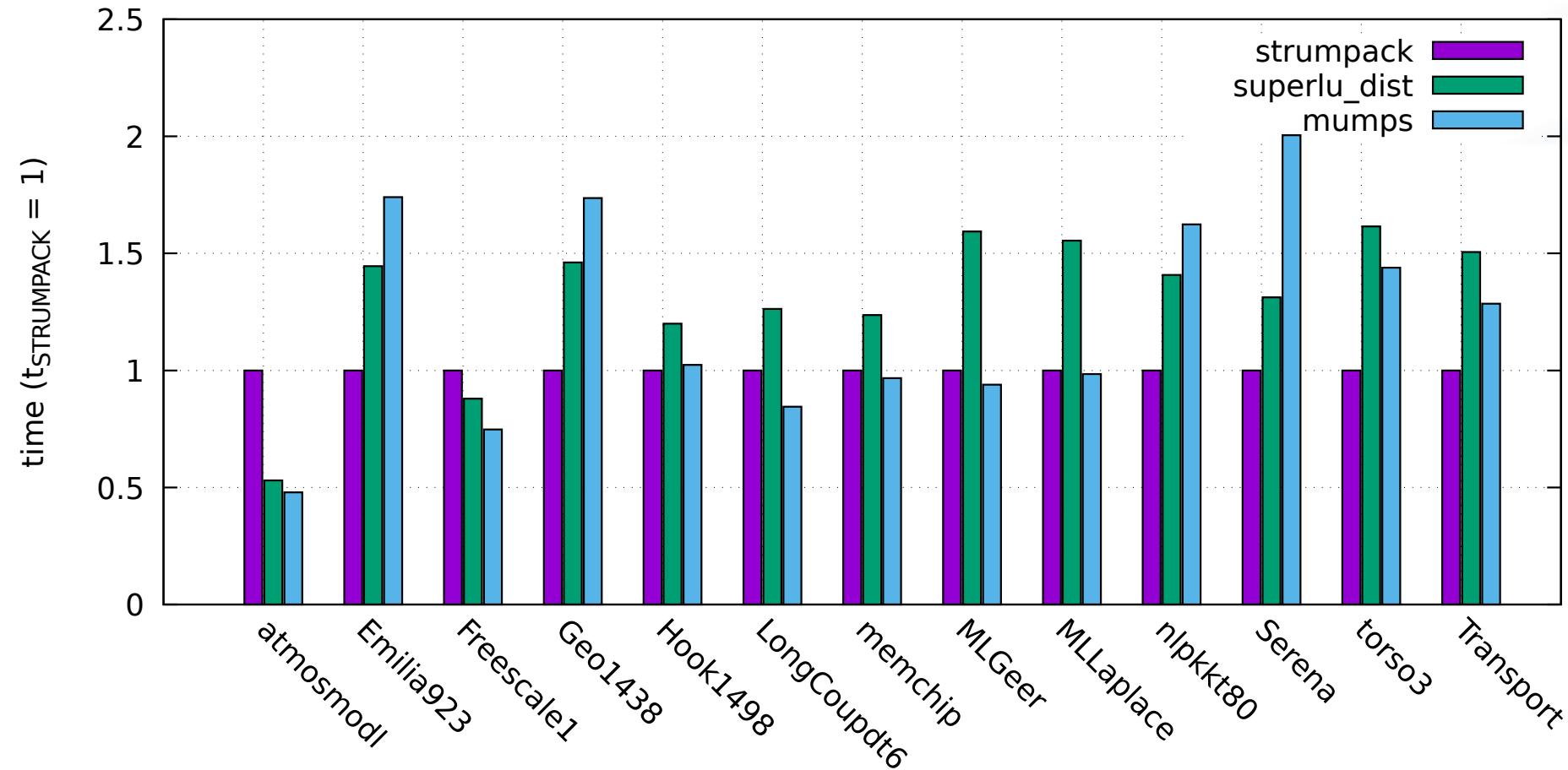
# Distributed separator-tree-based parallelism (internal to STRUMPACK)

- Supernode = separator = frontal matrix
- Map sub-tree to sub-process grid
  - Proportional to estimated work
- ScaLAPACK 2D block cyclic layout at each node
- Multi-threaded ScaLAPACK through system MT-BLAS
- Allow idle processes for better communication
  - e.g.: 2x3 process grid is better than 1x7



# Comparison of LU time from 3 direct solvers

- Pure MPI on 8 nodes Intel Ivy Bridge, 192 cores (2x12 cores / node), NERSC Edison
- METIS ordering



# SuperLU\_DIST recent improvements

- GPU
- Communication avoiding & hiding

<b>SpLU</b>	2D algorithm (baseline)	+ GPU off-load (master) <b>3x</b>	
	3D Comm-Avoiding <b>27x @ 32,000 cores</b>	<b>3.5x @ 4096 Titan nodes</b> (Version-7)	
<b>SpTRSV</b>	2D algorithm (baseline)	GPU (gpu_trisolve) <b>8.5x @ 1 Summit GPU</b>	1-sided MPI (trisolve-fompi) <b>2.4x @ 12,000 KNL cores</b>
	3D Comm-Avoiding <b>7x @ 12,000 cores</b>		

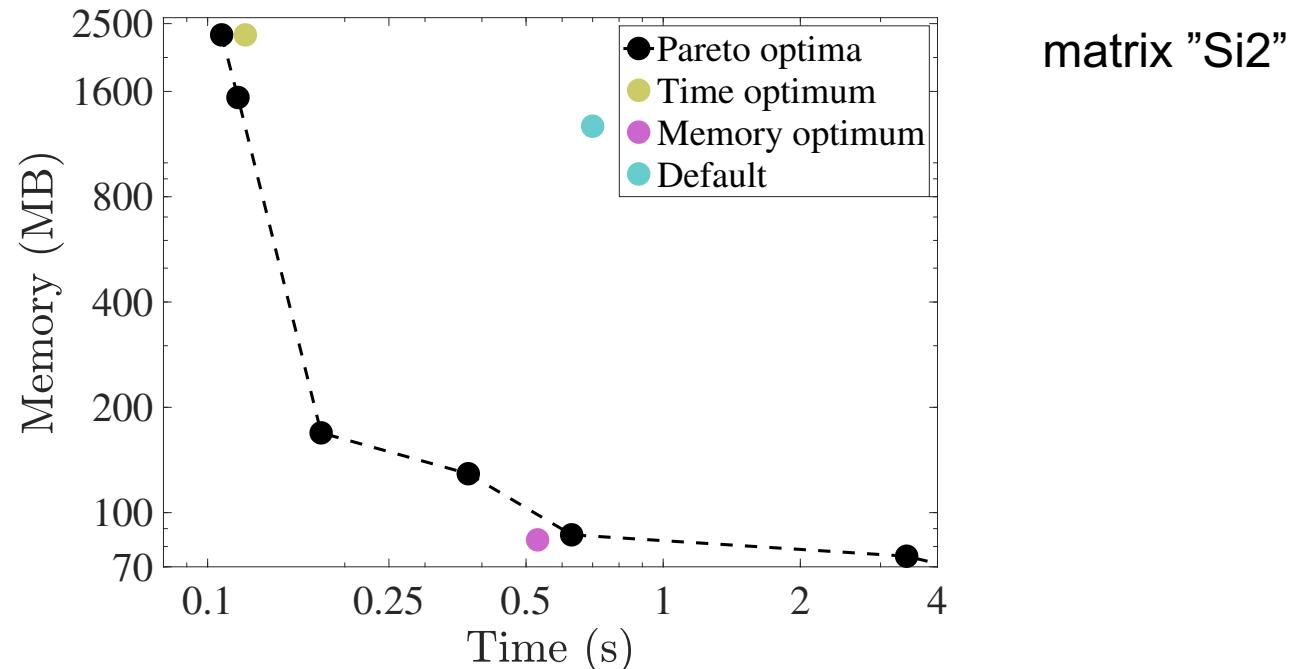
# Tips for Debugging Performance

- Check sparsity ordering
- Diagonal pivoting is preferable
  - E.g., matrix is diagonally dominant, . . .
- Need good BLAS library (vendor, OpenBLAS, ATLAS)
  - May need adjust block size for each architecture
    - ( Parameters modifiable in routine `sp_ienv()` )
    - Larger blocks better for uniprocessor
    - Smaller blocks better for parallelism and load balance
- **GPTune:** ML algorithms for selection of best parameters
  - <https://github.com/gptune/GPTune/>

# GPTune: multi-objective autotuning for SuperLU\_DIST

<https://github.com/gptune/GPTune/>

- $\mathbb{IS} = [\text{matrix name}], \mathbb{PS} = [\text{COLPERM}, \text{NSUP}, \text{NREL}, \text{nprow}],$
- Multi-objective:  $\mathbb{OS} = [\text{time}, \text{memory}]$   
Single-objective:  $\mathbb{OS} = [\text{time}] \text{ or } [\text{memory}]$
- Returns multiple tuning parameter configurations.
- **Pareto optimal:** best time and memory tradeoff (no other  $\mathbb{PS}$  points dominate over this point in both objectives)



# Algorithm complexity (in bigO sense)

- Dense LU:  $O(N^3)$
- Model PDEs with regular mesh, nested dissection ordering

	2D problems $N = k^2$			3D problems $N = k^3$		
	Factor flops	Solve flops	Memory	Factor flops	Solve flops	Memory
Exact sparse LU	$N^{3/2}$	$N \log(N)$	$N \log(N)$	$N^2$	$N^{4/3}$	$N^{4/3}$
STRUMPACK with low-rank compression	$N$	$N$	$N$	$N^\alpha \text{ polylog}(N)$ ( $\alpha < 2$ )	$N \log(N)$	$N \log(N)$

# Software summary

- SuperLU: conventional direct solver for general unsymmetric linear systems.  
**(X.S. Li, J. Demmel, J. Gilbert, L. Grigori, Y. Liu, P. Sao, M. Shao, I. Yamazaki)**
  - **$O(N^2)$  flops,  $O(N^{4/3})$  memory for typical 3D PDEs.**
  - **C, hybrid MPI+ OpenMP + CUDA; Provide Fortran interface.**
  - **Real, complex.**
  - **Componentwise error analysis and error bounds (guaranteed solution accuracy), condition number estimation.**
  - **<http://portal.nersc.gov/project/sparse/superlu/>**
- STRUMPACK: (inexact) direct solver, preconditioner.  
**(P. Ghysels, L. Claus, Y. Liu, G. Chavez, C. Gorman, F.-H. Rouet, X.S. Li)**
  - **$O(N^{4/3} \log N)$  flops,  $O(N)$  memory for 3D elliptic PDEs.**
  - **C++, hybrid MPI + OpenMP + CUDA; Provide Fortran interface.**
  - **Real, complex.**
  - **<http://portal.nersc.gov/project/sparse/strumpack/>**

# References

- Short course, “Factorization-based sparse solvers and preconditioners”, 4th Gene Golub SIAM Summer School, 2013.<https://archive.siam.org/students/g2s3/2013/index.html>
  - **10 hours lectures, hands-on exercises**
  - **Extended summary:** <http://crd-legacy.lbl.gov/~xiaoye/g2s3-summary.pdf>  
**(in book “Matrix Functions and Matrix Equations”, <https://doi.org/10.1142/9590>)**
- SuperLU: portal.nersc.gov/project/sparse/superlu
- STRUMPACK: portal.nersc.gov/project/sparse/strumpack/
- ButterflyPACK: <https://github.com/liuyangzhuan/ButterflyPACK>

# Rank-structured Approximate Factorizations in STRUMPACK

- “inexact” direct solvers
- strong preconditioners

# SuperU\_DIST Hands-on session

## SuperLU DIST with MFEM

[xsdk-project.github.io/MathPackagesTraining2021/lessons/superlu\\_mfem/](https://xsdk-project.github.io/MathPackagesTraining2021/lessons/superlu_mfem/)

Solve steady-state convection-diffusion equations

Get 1 compute node: qsub -l -n 1 -t 10 -A ATPESC2021 -q training

cd track-5-numerical/superlu/superlu\_mfem\_dist

- run 1: ./convdiff | tee run1.out
- run 2: ./convdiff --velocity 1000 | tee run2.out
- run 3: ./convdiff --velocity 1000 -slu -cp 0 | tee run3.out
- run 4: ./convdiff --velocity 1000 -slu -cp 2 | tee run4.out
- run 5: ./convdiff --velocity 1000 -slu -cp 4 | tee run5.out
- run 5.5: mpiexec -n 1 ./convdiff --refine 3 --velocity 1000 -slu -cp 4 | tee run55.out
- run 6: mpiexec -n 12 ./convdiff --refine 3 --velocity 1000 -slu -cp 4 | tee run6.out
- run 7: mpiexec -n 12 ./convdiff --refine 3 --velocity 1000 -slu -cp 4 -2rhs | tee run7.out

# Summary of SuperLU\_DIST with MFEM

[xsdk-project.github.io/MathPackagesTraining2021/lessons/superlu\\_mfem/](https://xsdk-project.github.io/MathPackagesTraining2021/lessons/superlu_mfem/)

- Convection-Diffusion equation (steady-state): convdif.cpp
- GMRES iterative solver with BoomerAMG preconditioner
  - \$ ./convdif (default velocity = 100)
  - \$ ./convdif --velocity 1000 (no convergence)
- Switch to SuperLU direct solver
  - \$ ./convdif -slu --velocity 1000
- Experiment with different orderings: **--slu-colperm** (you see different number of nonzeros in L+U)
  - 0 - natural (default)
  - 1 - mmd-ata (minimum degree on graph of  $A^T A$ )
  - 2 - mmd\_at\_plus\_a (minimum degree on graph of  $A^T + A$ )
  - 3 - colamd
  - 4 - metis\_at\_plus\_a (Metis on graph of  $A^T + A$ )
  - 5 - parmetis (ParMetis on graph of  $A^T + A$ )
- **Lessons learned**
  - Direct solver can deal with ill-conditioned problems.
  - Performance may vary greatly with different elimination orders.

# **SuperLU\_DIST MPI + GPU**

## track-5-numerical/superlu/EXAMPLE

See README file (e.g. mpiexec -n 8 ./pddrive3d -r 2 -c 2 -d 2 stomach.rua)

```
$ export OMP_NUM_THREADS=1
```

### **MPI:**

- run 1: export SUPERLU\_ACC\_OFFLOAD=0; mpiexec -n 1 pddrive3d stomach.rua | tee run1.out
- run 2: export SUPERLU\_ACC\_OFFLOAD=0; mpiexec -n 2 pddrive3d -c 2 stomach.rua | tee run2.out

### **+GPU:**

- run 3: export SUPERLU\_ACC\_OFFLOAD=1; mpiexec -n 1 pddrive3d stomach.rua | tee run3.out
- run 4: export SUPERLU\_ACC\_OFFLOAD=1; mpiexec -n 2 pddrive3d -c 2 stomach.rua | tee run4.out

Factorization seconds	no GPU	w/ GPU
MPI = 1	23.7	8.3
MPI = 2	14.7	6.7

# SuperLU\_DIST other examples

## track-5-numerical/superlu/EXAMPLE

See README file (e.g. mpiexec -n 12 ./pddrive1 -r 3 -c 4 stomach.rua)

- pddrive1.c: Solve the systems with same A but different right-hand side at different times.
  - **Reuse the factored form of A.**
- pddrive2.c: Solve the systems with the same pattern as A.
  - **Reuse the sparsity ordering.**
- pddrive3.c: Solve the systems with the same sparsity pattern and similar values.
  - **Reuse the sparsity ordering and symbolic factorization.**
- pddrive4.c: Divide the processes into two subgroups (two grids) such that each subgroup solves a linear system independently from the other.

0	1		
2	3		
		4	5
		6	7
		8	9
		10	11

Block Jacobi preconditioner

Four input matrices:

- g4.rua (16 dofs)
- g20.rua (400 dofs)
- big.rua (4960 dofs)
- stomach.rua (213k dofs)
- Can get many other test matrices at SuiteSparse  
<https://sparse.tamu.edu>



# Thank you!

# Rank Structured Solvers for Dense Linear Systems



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# Hierarchical Matrix Approximation

$\mathcal{H}$ -matrix representation [1]

- Data-sparse, rank-structured, compressed

Hierarchical/recursive  $2 \times 2$  matrix blocking, with blocks either:

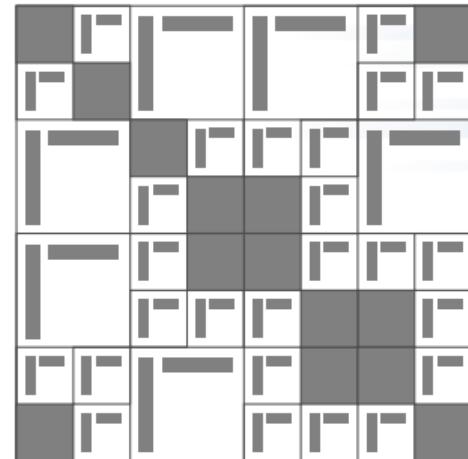
- Low-rank:  $A_{IJ} \approx UV^\top$
- Hierarchical
- Dense (at lowest level)

Use cases:

- Boundary element method for integral equations
- Cauchy, Toeplitz, kernel, covariance, ... matrices
- Fast matrix-vector multiplication
- $\mathcal{H}$ -LU decomposition
- Preconditioning



Hackbusch, W., 1999. *A sparse matrix arithmetic based on  $\mathcal{H}$ -matrices. part i: Introduction to  $\mathcal{H}$ -matrices.* Computing, 62(2), pp.89-108.



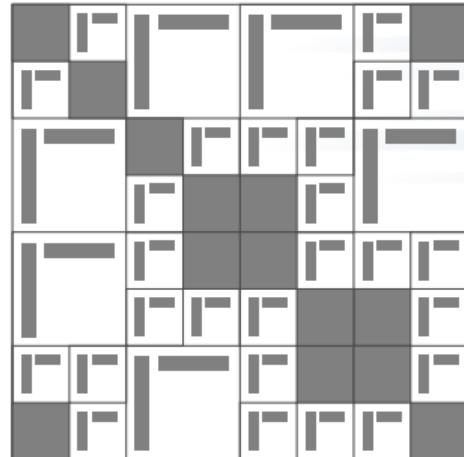
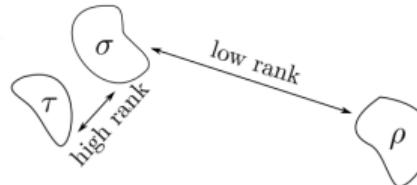
# Admissibility Condition

- Row cluster  $\sigma$
- Column cluster  $\tau$
- $\sigma \times \tau$  is compressible  $\Leftrightarrow$

$$\frac{\max(\text{diam}(\sigma), \text{diam}(\tau))}{\text{dist}(\tau, \sigma)} \leq \eta$$

- $\text{diam}(\sigma)$ : diameter of physical domain corresponding to  $\sigma$
- $\text{dist}(\sigma, \tau)$ : distance between  $\sigma$  and  $\tau$

- Weaker interaction between clusters leads to smaller ranks
- Intuitively larger distance, greater separation, leads to weaker interaction
- Need to cluster and order degrees of freedom to reduce ranks



Hackbusch, W., 1999. *A sparse matrix arithmetic based on  $\mathcal{H}$ -matrices. part i: Introduction to  $\mathcal{H}$ -matrices.* Computing, 62(2), pp.89-108.

# HODLR: Hierarchically Off-Diagonal Low Rank

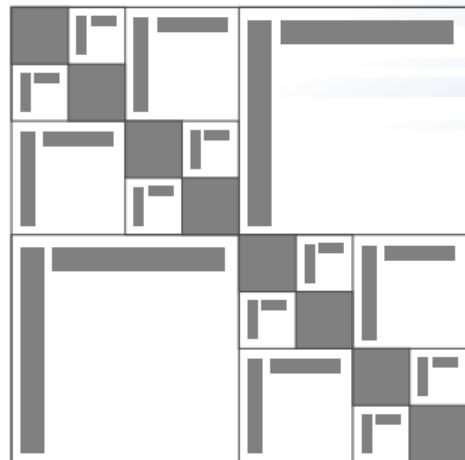
- Weak admissibility

$$\sigma \times \tau \text{ is compressible} \Leftrightarrow \sigma \neq \tau$$

Every off-diagonal block is compressed as low-rank,  
even interaction between neighboring clusters (no  
separation)

Compared to more general  $\mathcal{H}$ -matrix

- Simpler data-structures: same row and column cluster tree
- More scalable parallel implementation
- Good for 1D geometries, e.g., boundary of a 2D region  
discretized using BEM or 1D separator
- Larger ranks



## HSS: Hierarchically Semi Separable

- Weak admissibility
- Off-diagonal blocks

$$A_{\sigma,\tau} \approx U_\sigma B_{\sigma,\tau} V_\tau^\top$$

- Nested bases

$$U_\sigma = \begin{bmatrix} U_{\nu_1} & 0 \\ 0 & U_{\nu_2} \end{bmatrix} \hat{U}_\sigma$$

with  $\nu_1$  and  $\nu_2$  children of  $\sigma$  in the cluster tree.

- At lowest level

$$U_\sigma \equiv \hat{U}_\sigma$$

- Store only  $\hat{U}_\sigma$ , smaller than  $U_\sigma$
- Complexity  $\mathcal{O}(N) \leftrightarrow \mathcal{O}(N \log N)$  for HODLR
- HSS is special case of  $\mathcal{H}^2$ :  $\mathcal{H}$  with nested bases

$$\begin{bmatrix} D_0 & U_0 B_{0,1} V_1^* \\ U_1 B_{1,0} V_0^* & D_1 \\ & U_5 B_{5,2} V_2^* \\ & U_4 B_{4,3} V_3^* \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} & U_2 B_{2,5} V_5^* \\ D_3 & U_3 B_{3,4} V_4^* \\ & D_4 \end{bmatrix}$$



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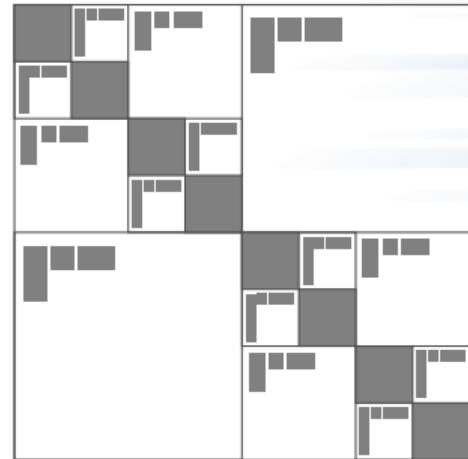
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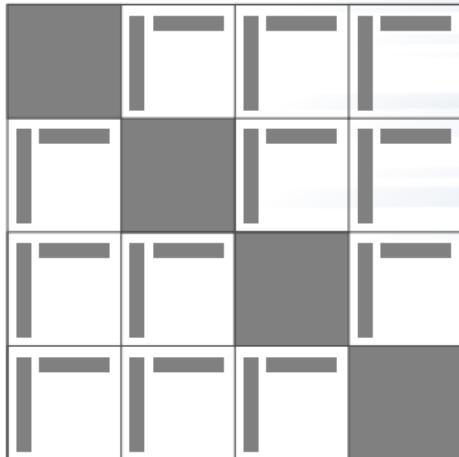
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$$\begin{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} U_0 & 0 \\ 0 & U_1 \end{bmatrix} \hat{U}_2 B_{2,5} \hat{V}_5^* & \begin{bmatrix} V_3^* & 0 \\ 0 & V_4^* \end{bmatrix} \\ D_3 & U_3 B_{3,4} V_4^* \\ U_4 B_{4,3} V_3^* & D_4 \end{bmatrix}$$



## BLR: Block Low Rank [1, 2]

- Flat partitioning (non-hierarchical)
- Weak or strong admissibility
- Larger asymptotic complexity than  $\mathcal{H}$ , HSS, ...
- Works well in practice

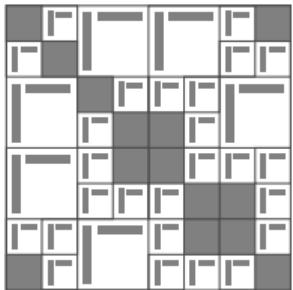


Mary, T. (2017). *Block Low-Rank multifrontal solvers: complexity, performance, and scalability*. (Doctoral dissertation).

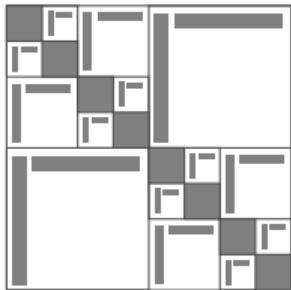


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# Data-Sparse Matrix Representation Overview



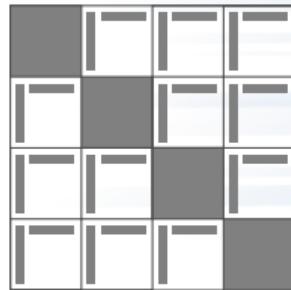
$\mathcal{H}$



HODLR



HSS



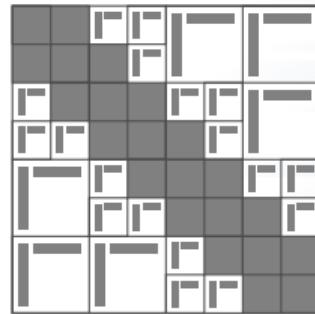
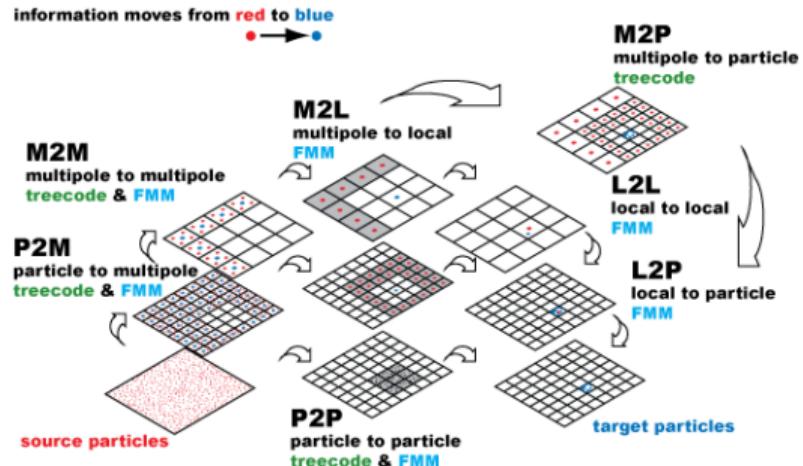
BLR

- Partitioning: **hierarchical** ( $\mathcal{H}$ , HODLR, HSS) or **flat** (BLR)
- Admissibility: **weak** (HODLR, HSS) or **strong** ( $\mathcal{H}$ ,  $\mathcal{H}^2$ )
- Bases: **nested** (HSS,  $\mathcal{H}^2$ ) or **not nested** (HODLR,  $\mathcal{H}$ , BLR)

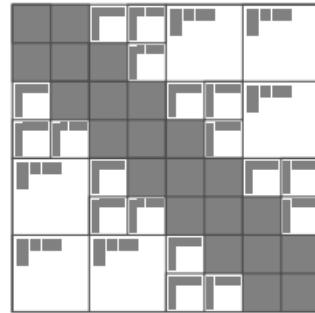
# Fast Multipole Method [1]

Particle methods like Barnes-Hut and FMM can be interpreted algebraically using hierarchical matrix algebra

- Barnes-Hut  $\mathcal{O}(N \log N)$
- Fast Multipole Method  $\mathcal{O}(N)$



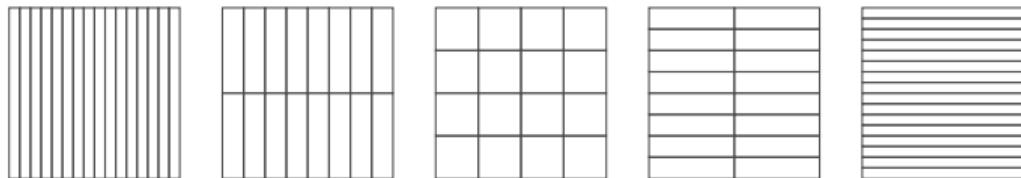
Barnes-Hut



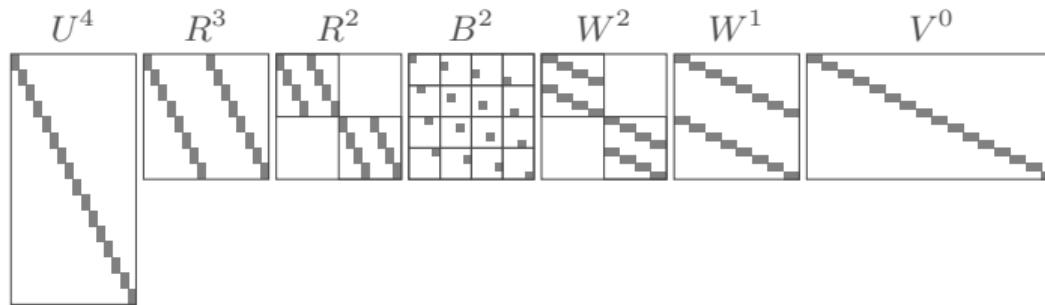
FMM

## Butterfly Decomposition [1]

Complementary low rank property: sub-blocks of size  $\mathcal{O}(N)$  are low rank:



Multiplicative decomposition:

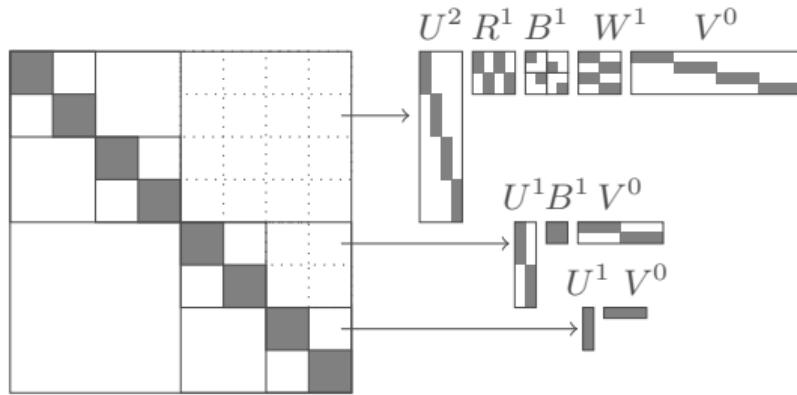


- Multilevel generalization of low rank decomposition
- Based on FFT ideas, motivated by high-frequency problems



Michielssen, E., and Boag, A. *Multilevel evaluation of electromagnetic fields for the rapid solution of scattering problems*. Microwave and Optical Technology Letters 7.17 (1994): 790-795.

# HODBF: Hierarchically Off-Diagonal Butterfly



- HODLR but with low rank replaced by Butterfly decomposition
- Reduces ranks of large off-diagonal blocks

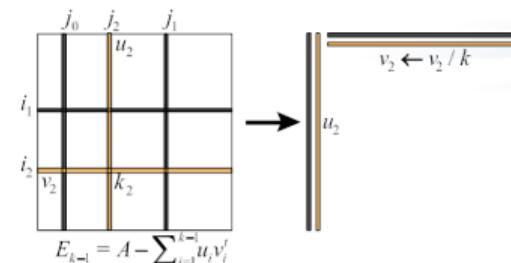
# Low Rank Approximation Techniques

Traditional approaches need entire matrix

- Truncated Singular Value Decomposition (TSVD):  $A \approx U\Sigma V^T$ 
  - Optimal, but expensive
- Column Pivoted QR:  $AP \approx QR$ 
  - Less accurate than TSVD, but cheaper

Adaptive Cross Approximation

- No need to compute every element of the matrix
- Requires certain assumptions on input matrix
- Left-looking LU with rook pivoting



Randomized algorithms [1]

- Fast matrix-vector product:  $S = A\Omega$   
Reduce dimension of  $A$  by random projection with  $\Omega$
- E.g., operator is sparse or rank structured, or the product of sparse and rank structured



Halko, N., Martinsson, P.G., Tropp, J.A. (2011). *Finding structure with randomness: Probabilistic algorithms for constructing approximate matrix decompositions*. SIAM Review, 53(2), 217-288.

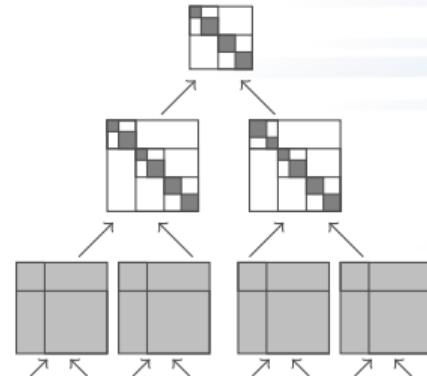
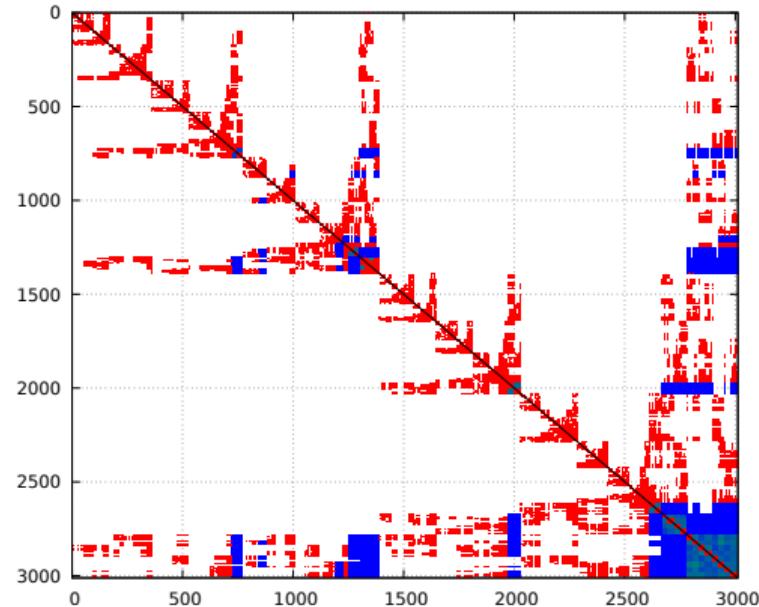
## Approximate Multifrontal Factorization



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# Sparse Multifrontal Solver/Preconditioner with Rank-Structured Approximations

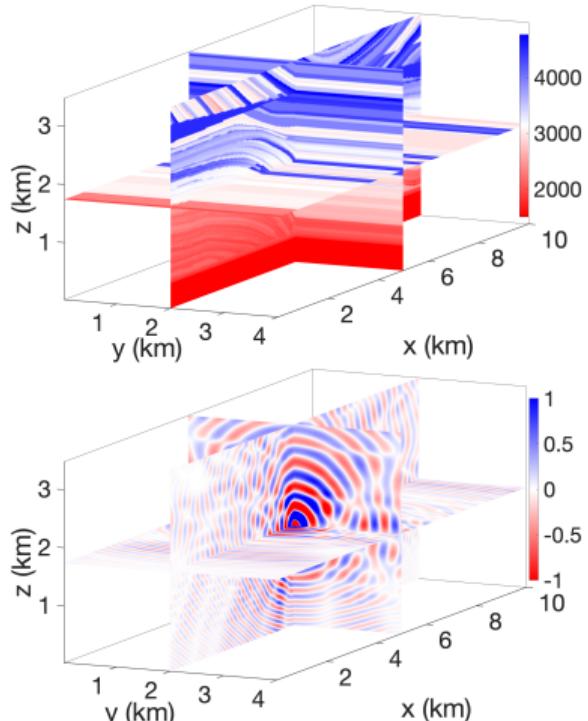
$L$  and  $U$  factors, after nested-dissection ordering,  
compressed blocks in blue



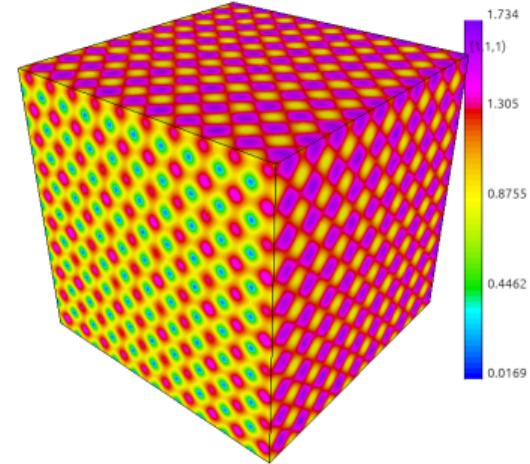
Only apply rank structured compression to largest fronts (dense sub-blocks), keep the rest as regular dense

# High Frequency Helmholtz and Maxwell

Regular  $k^3 = N$  grid, fixed number of discretization points per wavelength



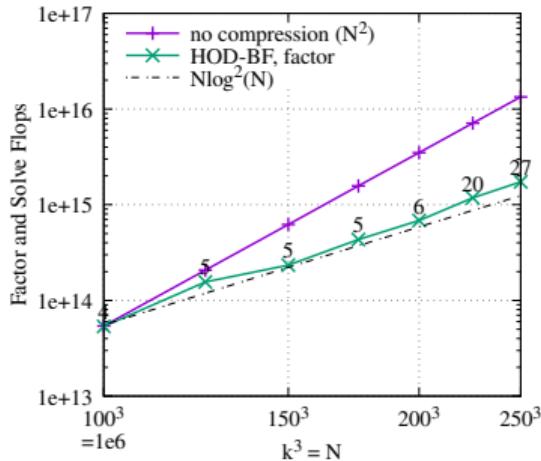
Marmousi2 geophysical elastic dataset



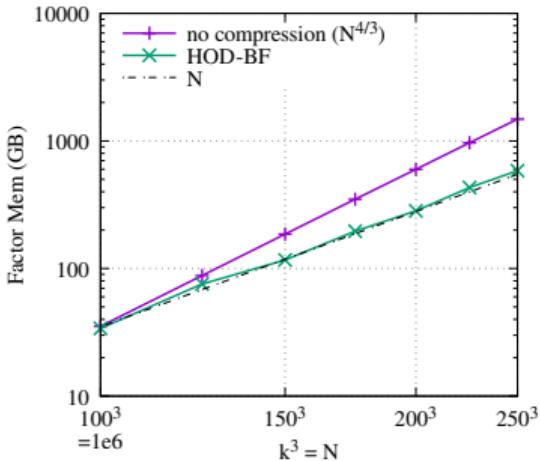
Indefinite Maxwell, using MFEM

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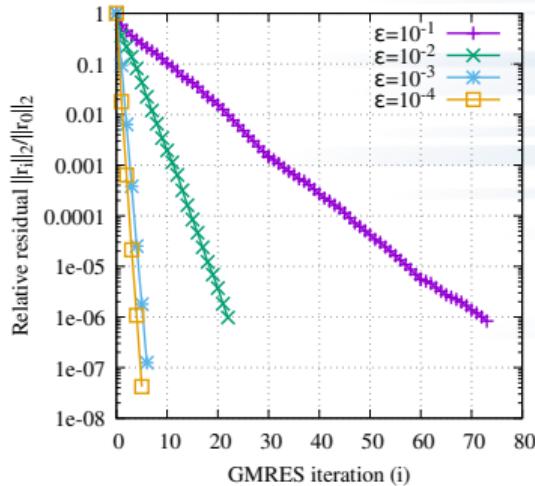
Sparse multifrontal solver with HODBF compression



Operations for factor and solve phases,  
 $\varepsilon = 10^{-3}$ .



Memory usage for the sparse triangular factors.



GMRES convergence for  $k = 200$ .

- Highly oscillatory problems are hard for iterative solvers
- Typically solved with sparse direct solvers, but scale as  $\mathcal{O}(N^2)$

## Software: ButterflyPACK

- Butterfly
- Hierarchically Off-Diagonal Low Rank (HODLR)
- Hierarchically Off-Diagonal Butterfly (HODBF)
- Hierarchical matrix format ( $\mathcal{H}$ )
  - Limited parallelism
- Fast compression, using randomization
- Fast multiplication, factorization & solve
- Fortran2008, MPI, OpenMP

<https://github.com/liuyangzhuan/ButterflyPACK>

# Software: STRUMPACK

## STRUCTured Matrix PACKAGE

- Fully algebraic solvers/preconditioners
- Sparse direct solver (multifrontal LU factorization)
- Approximate sparse factorization preconditioner
- Dense
  - HSS: Hierarchically Semi-Separable
  - BLR: Block Low Rank (sequential only)
  - ButterflyPACK integration/interface:
    - Butterfly
    - HODLR
    - HODBF
- C++, MPI + OpenMP + CUDA, real & complex, 32/64 bit integers
- BLAS, LAPACK, Metis
- Optional: MPI, ScaLAPACK, ParMETIS, (PT-)Scotch, cuBLAS/cuSOLVER, SLATE, ZFP

<https://github.com/pgphysels/STRUMPACK>

<https://portal.nersc.gov/project/sparse/strumpack/master/>

## Other Available Software

HiCMA	<a href="https://github.com/ecrc/hicma">https://github.com/ecrc/hicma</a>
HLib	<a href="http://www.hlib.org/">http://www.hlib.org/</a>
HLibPro	<a href="https://www.hlibpro.com/">https://www.hlibpro.com/</a>
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HACApK	<a href="https://github.com/hoshino-UTokyo/hacapk-gpu">https://github.com/hoshino-UTokyo/hacapk-gpu</a>
MUMPS	<a href="http://mumps.enseeiht.fr/">http://mumps.enseeiht.fr/</a>
PaStiX	<a href="https://gitlab.inria.fr/solverstack/pastix">https://gitlab.inria.fr/solverstack/pastix</a>
ExaFMM	<a href="http://www.bu.edu/exafmm/">http://www.bu.edu/exafmm/</a>

See also:

[https://github.com/gchavez2/awesome\\_hierarchical\\_matrices](https://github.com/gchavez2/awesome_hierarchical_matrices)

## STRUMPACK Hands-On Session

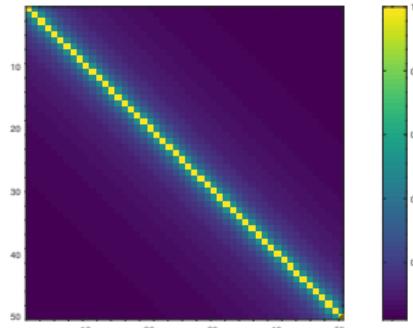


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# HODLR Compression of Toeplitz Matrix $T(i, j) = \frac{1}{1+|i-j|}$

[track-5-numerical/rank\\_structured\\_strumpack/build/testHODLR](#)

- See [track-5-numerical/rank\\_structured\\_strumpack/README](#)
- Get a compute node:  
`qsub -I -n 1 -t 30 -A ATPESC2021 -q training`
- Set OpenMP threads:  
`export OMP_NUM_THREADS=1`
- Run example:  
`mpiexec -n 1 ./build/testHODLR 20000`
- With description of command line parameters:  
`mpiexec -n 1 ./build/testHODLR 20000 --help`
- Vary leaf size (smallest block size) and tolerance:  
`mpiexec -n 1 ./build/testHODLR 20000 --hodlr_rel_tol 1e-4 --hodlr_leaf_size 16`  
`mpiexec -n 1 ./build/testHODLR 20000 --hodlr_rel_tol 1e-4 --hodlr_leaf_size 128`
- Vary number of MPI processes:  
`mpiexec -n 12 ./build/testHODLR 20000 --hodlr_rel_tol 1e-8 --hodlr_leaf_size 16`  
`mpiexec -n 12 ./build/testHODLR 20000 --hodlr_rel_tol 1e-8 --hodlr_leaf_size 128`



# Solve a Sparse Linear System with Matrix pde900.mtx

*track-5-numerical/rank\_structured\_strumpack/build/testMMdouble{MPIDist}*

- See track-5-numerical/rank\_structured\_strumpack/README

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qsub -I -n 1 -t 30 -A ATPESC2021 -q training
```

- Set OpenMP threads: `export OMP_NUM_THREADS=1`

- Run example:

```
mpiexec -n 1 ./build/testMMdouble pde900.mtx
```

- With description of command line parameters:

```
mpiexec -n 1 ./build/testMMDouble pde900.mtx --help
```

- Enable/disable GPU off-loading:

```
mpiexec -n 1 ./build/testMMDouble pde900.mtx --sp_disable_gpu
```

- Vary number of MPI processes:

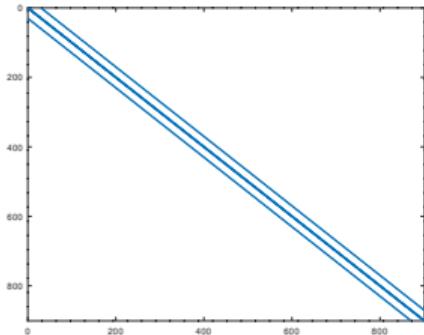
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```
mpiexec -n 12 ./build/testMMdoubleMPIDist pde900.mtx
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- Other sparse matrices, in matrix market format:

NIST Matrix Market: <https://math.nist.gov/MatrixMarket>

SuiteSparse: <http://faculty.cse.tamu.edu/davis/suitesparse.html>



## Solve 3D Poisson Problem

[track-5-numerical/rank\\_structured\\_strumpack/build/testPoisson3d{MPIDist}](https://github.com/track-5-numerical/rank_structured_strumpack/build/testPoisson3d{MPIDist})

- See track-5-numerical/rank\_structured\_strumpack/README
- Get a compute node: `qsub -I -n 1 -t 30 -A ATPESC2021 -q training`
- Set OpenMP threads: `export OMP_NUM_THREADS=1`
- Solve  $40^3$  Poisson problem:  
`mpiexec -n 1 ./build/testPoisson3d 40 --help --sp_disable_gpu`
- Enable BLR compression (sequential):

```
mpiexec -n 1 ./build/testPoisson3d 40 --sp_compression BLR --help
mpiexec -n 1 ./build/testPoisson3d 40 --sp_compression BLR --blr_rel_tol 1e-2
mpiexec -n 1 ./build/testPoisson3d 40 --sp_compression BLR --blr_rel_tol 1e-4
mpiexec -n 1 ./build/testPoisson3d 40 --sp_compression BLR --blr_leaf_size 128
mpiexec -n 1 ./build/testPoisson3d 40 --sp_compression BLR --blr_leaf_size 256
```

- Parallel, with HSS/HODLR compression:

```
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mpiexec -n 12 ./build/testPoisson3dMPIDist 40 --sp_compression HSS \
    --sp_compression_min_sep_size 1000 --hss_rel_tol 1e-2
mpiexec -n 12 ./build/testPoisson3dMPIDist 40 --sp_compression HODLR \
    --sp_compression_min_sep_size 1000 --hodlr_leaf_size 128
```