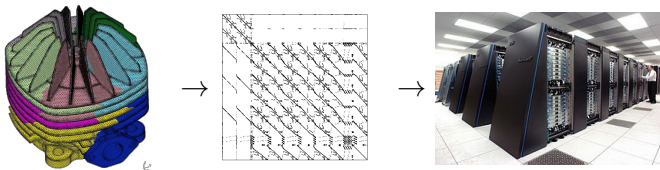


Bridging the gap between flat and hierarchical low-rank matrix formats

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Large scale applications

- Target size is $n \sim 10^9$ for sparse $\Rightarrow m \sim 10^6$ for dense
- $O(m^2)$ storage complexity and $O(m^3)$ flop complexity
 $m \sim 10^6 \Rightarrow$ **TeraBytes** of storage and **ExaFlops** of computation!

Need to **reduce the asymptotic complexity**

- converting complexity gains into **real performance gains**
- and reach **application required accuracy**

Block Low-Rank general context and main features

- Applicative context: **discretized PDEs**, integral equations
- Compute an approximate factorization $\mathbf{A} \approx \mathbf{L}_\varepsilon \mathbf{U}_\varepsilon$ at **accuracy ε controlled by the user**

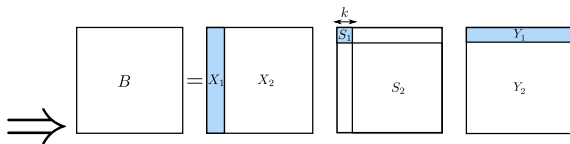
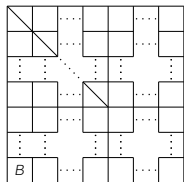
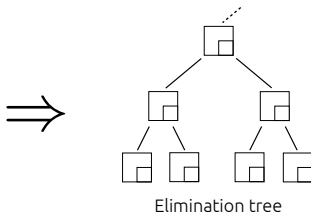
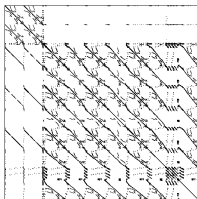
Block Low-Rank¹ (BLR)

- Flat and simple format
 - **Algebraic robust solver**;
 - Compatible with the numerical features of a general solver (such as **partial threshold pivoting** for stability)
- *Work supported by PhD theses from University of Toulouse, C. Weisbecker (2010-2013, supported by EDF) and T. Mary (2014-2017)*

⇒ **Many representations**: Recursive \mathcal{H} , \mathcal{H}^2 [Bebendorf, Börm, Hackbush, Grasedyck,...], HSS/SSS [Chandrasekaran, Dewilde, Gu, Li, Xia,...], BLR ...

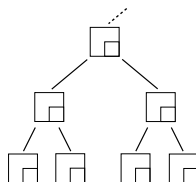
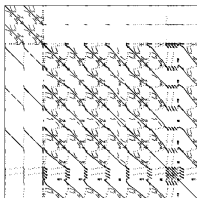
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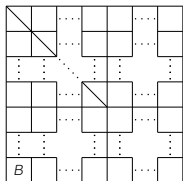


Singular value decomposition (SVD) of each block $B \Rightarrow B = X_1 S_1 Y_1 + X_2 S_2 Y_2$

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Elimination tree



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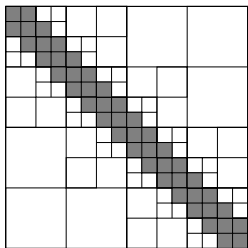
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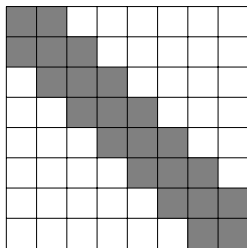
$$\text{rank } k(\varepsilon): B = X_1 S_1 Y_1 + X_2 S_2 Y_2$$

$$\|E\|_2 = \|X_2 S_2 Y_2\|_2 = \sigma_{k+1} \leq \varepsilon$$

\mathcal{H} and BLR matrices



\mathcal{H} matrix



BLR matrix

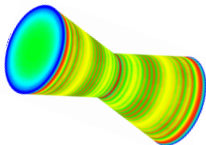
- Theoretical complexity can be as low as $O(n)$
- Complex, hierarchical structure
- Theoretical complexity can be as low as $O(n^{4/3})$
- Simpler structure

BLR makes easier to preserve the numerical features of a direct solver and compromises well complexity, accuracy and performance

BLR complexity² (Poisson $n = N^3$, n : matrix size, N : grid size)

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- Convert it into performance gains, not straightforward³

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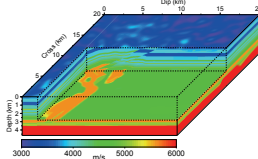
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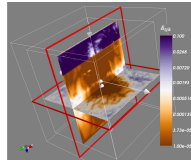
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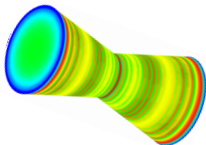
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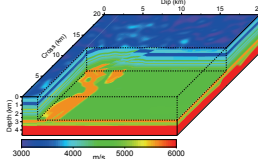
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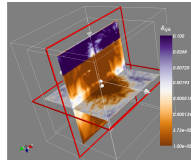
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1. *Why is sparse factorization a better playground for BLR than dense factorization ?*
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Multilevel BLR (**MBLR**):

- Complexity analysis
- Numerical results

3. Concluding remarks

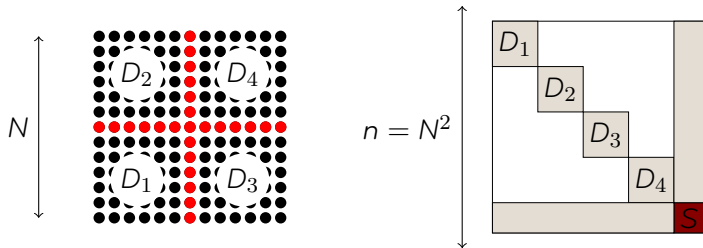
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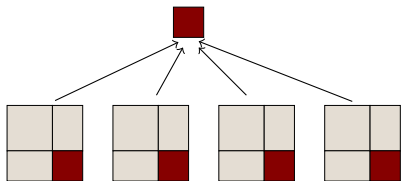
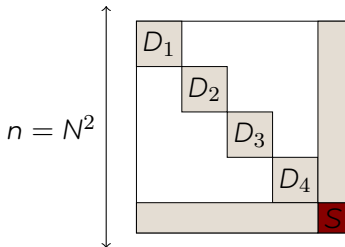
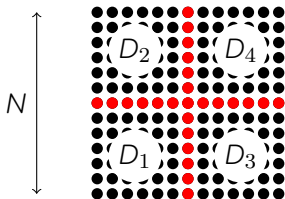
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*Sparse factorization a better playground
for BLR than dense factorization?*

From dense to sparse: nested dissection



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Proceed recursively to
compute **separator tree**

Factorizing a sparse matrix
amounts to factorizing a
sequence of dense matrices

\Rightarrow

**sparse complexity is directly
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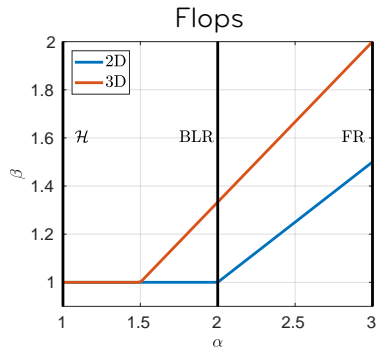
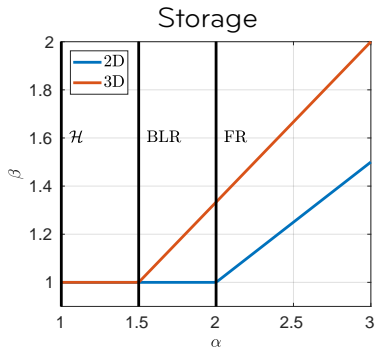
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Assume $\mathcal{C}_{\text{dense}} = O(m^{\alpha})$. Then:

2D		3D	
	$\mathcal{C}_{\text{sparse}}(n)$		$\mathcal{C}_{\text{sparse}}(n)$
$\alpha > 2$	$O(n^{\alpha/2})$	$\alpha > 1.5$	$O(n^{2\alpha/3})$
$\alpha = 2$	$O(n \log n)$	$\alpha = 1.5$	$O(n \log n)$
$\alpha < 2$	$O(n)$	$\alpha < 1.5$	$O(n)$

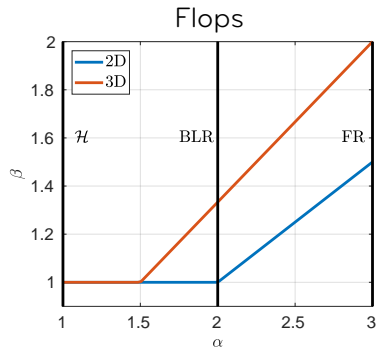
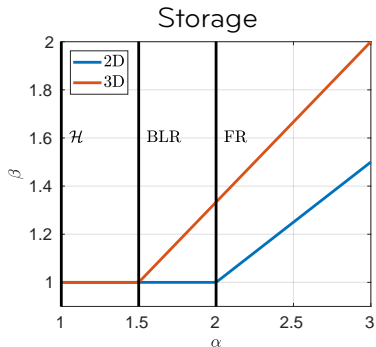
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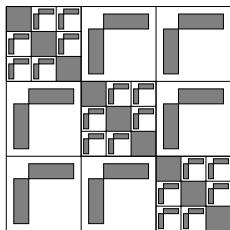
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Key motivation: $\mathcal{C}_{dense} < O(m^2)$ (2D) or $O(m^{1.5})$ (3D) is enough to get $O(n)$ sparse complexity!

The multilevel BLR (MBLR) format

Complexity of the two-level BLR format



Two-level BLR format: replace full-rank blocks by BLR matrices

For $b = (m^2 r)^{1/3}$:

$$\text{Storage} = O(m^{4/3} r^{2/3})$$

$$\text{FlopLU} = O(m^{5/3} r^{4/3})$$

		FR	BLR	2-BLR	...	\mathcal{H}
storage	dense	$O(m^2)$	$O(m^{1.5})$	$O(m^{1.33})$...	$O(m \log m)$
	sparse	$O(n^{1.33})$	$O(n \log n)$	$O(n)$...	$O(n)$
flop LU	dense	$O(m^3)$	$O(m^2)$	$O(m^{1.66})$...	$O(m \log^3 m)$
	sparse	$O(n^2)$	$O(n^{1.33})$	$O(n^{1.11})$...	$O(n)$

Main result

For $b = m^{\ell/(\ell+1)} r^{1/(\ell+1)}$, the ℓ -level complexities are:

$$\text{Storage} = \mathbf{O}(m^{(\ell+2)/(\ell+1)} r^{\ell/(\ell+1)})$$

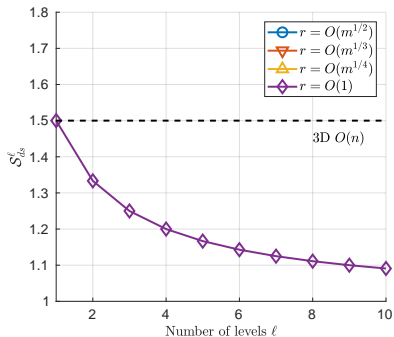
$$\text{FlopLU} = \mathbf{O}(m^{(\ell+3)/(\ell+1)} r^{2\ell/(\ell+1)})$$

Proof: by induction. \square

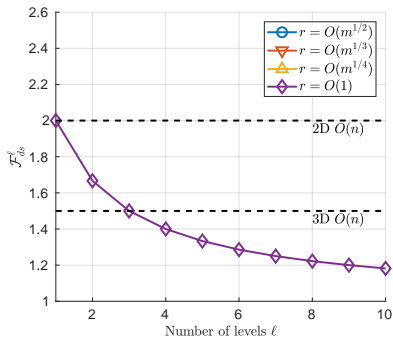
- Simple way to **finely control** the desired complexity
- Block size $b \propto \mathbf{O}(m^{1-1/(\ell+1)}) \ll \mathbf{O}(m)$
 \Rightarrow larger blocks that can be efficiently processed in shared-memory

Influence of the number of levels ℓ

Storage

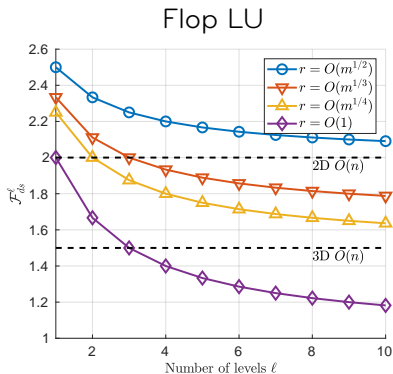
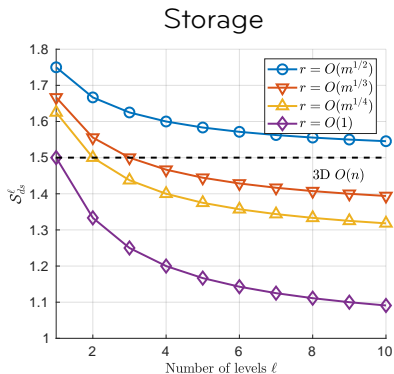


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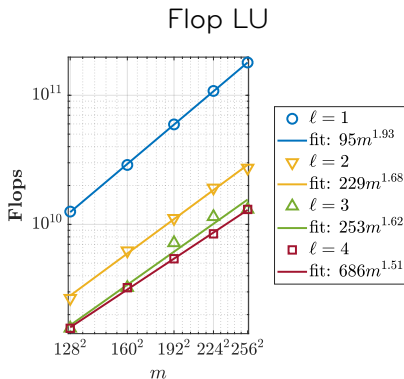
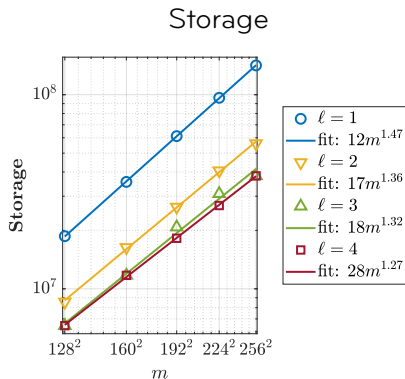
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- For higher ranks, improvement rate rapidly decreases: **the first few levels achieve most of the asymptotic gain**

Numerical experiments (Poisson)



- Experimental complexity in relatively good agreement with theoretical one
- Asymptotic gain decreases with levels

Concluding remarks

A new multilevel format to...

- **Finely control** desired complexity between BLR's and \mathcal{H} 's
- **Find a balance** between BLR's simplicity and \mathcal{H} 's complexity
- Trade off \mathcal{H} 's nearly linear dense complexity and still achieve $\mathcal{C}_{\text{sparse}} = O(n)$

Future work

- Implementation of the MBLR format in a parallel, algebraic, general purpose sparse solver (e.g. **MUMPS**)
- Algorithmic work to reach **high performance on parallel architectures** (just as it was needed for BLR)