# Multicore performance of the Block Low-Rank multifrontal factorization 

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## Introduction

## Sparse direct solvers



Discretization of a physical problem (e.g. Code_Aster, finite elements)

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$\mathbf{A} \mathbf{X}=\mathbf{B}, \mathbf{A}$ large and sparse, $\mathbf{B}$ dense or sparse Sparse direct methods: $\mathbf{A}=\mathbf{L U}\left(\mathbf{L D L}^{\boldsymbol{\top}}\right)$

Often a significant part of simulation cost
Objective discussed in this talk: how to reduce the cost of sparse direct solvers?

Focus on multicore architectures

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3D problem complexity
$\rightarrow$ Flops: $O\left(n^{2}\right)$, mem: $O\left(n^{4 / 3}\right)$


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If $k_{\varepsilon} \ll \operatorname{size}(B) \Rightarrow$ memory and flops can be reduced with a controlled loss of accuracy ( $\leq \varepsilon$ )

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$\Rightarrow$ Ongoing collaboration with STRUMPACK team (LBNL) to compare BLR and hierarchical formats

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- Solution: extend the theory by bounding the number of full-rank blocks
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How to convert complexity reduction into performance gain? $\Rightarrow$ answer in the rest of this talk

## Experimental setting

## Experimental Setting: Machines

Experiments are done on the shared-memory machines of the LIP laboratory of Lyon:

1. brunch

- Four Intel(r) 24-cores Broadwell @ 2,2 GHz
- Peak per core is 35.2 GF/s
- Total memory is 1.5 TB

2. grunch

- Two Intel(r) 14-cores Haswell @ 2,3 GHz
- Peak per core is $36.8 \mathrm{GF} / \mathrm{s}$
- Total memory is 768 GB


## Experimental Setting: Matrices (1/3)



3D Seismic Modeling Helmholtz equation Single complex (c) arithmetic Unsymmetric LU factorization Required accuracy: $\varepsilon=10^{-3}$ Credits: SEISCOPE

| matrix | $n$ | $n n z$ | flops | storage |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 5 Hz | 2.9 M | 70 M | 65.0 TF | 59.7 GB |
| 7 Hz | 7.2 M | 177 M | 404.2 TF | 205.0 GB |
| 1 OHz | 17.2 M | 446 M | 2.6 PF | 710.8 GB |

Full-Rank statistics

- Amestoy, Brossier, Buttari, L'Excellent, Mary, Métivier, Miniussi, and Operto. Fast 3D frequency-domain full waveform inversion with a parallel Block Low-Rank multifrontal direct solver: application to OBC data from the North Sea, Geophysics, 2016.


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$E_{x}, B L R$ STRATEGY $2, I R=0, \varepsilon_{B L R}=10^{-7}$


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| E3 | 2.9 M | 37 M | 57.9 TF | 77.5 GB |
| S3 | 3.3 M | 43 M | 78.0 TF | 94.6 GB |
| E4 | 17.4 M | 226 M | 1.8 PF | 837.0 GB |
| S4 | 20.6 M | 266 M | 2.6 PF | 1.0 TB |

Full-Rank statistics

- Shantsev, Jaysaval, de la Kethulle de Ryhove, Amestoy, Buttari, L'Excellent, and Mary. Large-scale 3D EM modeling with a Block Low-Rank multifrontal direct solver,


## Experimental Setting: Matrices $(3 / 3)$

3D Structural Mechanics Double real (d) arithmetic Symmetric $L D L^{\top}$ factorization Required accuracy: $\varepsilon=10^{-9}$ Credits: Code_Aster (EDF)

| matrix | n | nnz | flops | storage |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| perf008d | 1.9 M | 81 M | 101.0 TF | 52.6 GB |
| perf008ar | 3.9 M | 159 M | 377.5 TF | 129.8 GB |
| perf009ar | 5.4 M | 209 M | 23.4 TF | 40.2 GB |
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## Sequential result



Normalized Flops


Normalized Time
7.7 gain in flops only translated to a 3.3 gain in time: why?

- lower granularity of the Update
- higher relative weight of the FR parts
- inefficient Compress

Multithreading the BLR factorization

## Multithreaded result on 24 threads



Normalized Time (Seq.)


Normalized Time (MT)
3.3 gain in sequential becomes 1.7 in multithreaded: why?

- LAI parts have become critical
- Update and Compress are memory-bound


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$\Rightarrow$ how big an impact can tree-based multithreading make?


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Update is now less memory-bound: 1.9 gain becomes 2.4 in LL

# Improving the BLR factorization with algorithmic variants 

## LUAR variant: accumulation and recompression



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- Solve step remains in BLAS-2
- but Compress before Solve is possible by extending pivoting strategy to low-rank blocks



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|  | specs |  | time (s) for |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | peak | bw | BLR factorization |  |  |
|  | $(G F / s)$ | $(G B / s)$ | $R L$ | LL | LUA |
| grunch (28 threads) | 37 | 57 | 248 | 228 | 196 |
| brunch (24 threads) | 46 | 102 | 221 | 175 | 167 |

S3 matrix

Arithmetic Intensity in BLR:

- LL > RL (lower volume of memory transfers)
- LUA > LL (higher granularities $\Rightarrow$ more efficient cache use)



## Conclusion and perspectives

## Multicore performance of MF BLR factorization

## Summary

- Flop reduction is not fully translated into performance gain, especially with multithreading
- Revisited implementation choices: tree-based multithreading and left-looking factorization become critical in BLR
- Introduced BLR variants with better properties
- Improved BLR leads to speedups up to 3 w.r.t. standard BLR and up to 4 w.r.t FR on 24 threads


## Perspectives

- Efficient strategies to recompress LR updates
- Extension of pivoting strategy to low-rank blocks (FCSU variant)
- Task-based multithreading
- Reduction of the cost of the Compress


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|  | $C$ |
|  | $Q^{T}$ |}



- Weight recompression on $\left\{C_{i}\right\}_{i}$
$\Rightarrow$ With absolute threshold $\varepsilon_{\text {, each }} C_{i}$ can be compressed separately
- Redundancy recompression on $\left\{Q_{i}\right\}_{i}$
$\Rightarrow$ Bigger recompression overhead, when is it worth it?

