# Improving multifrontal solvers by means of Block Low-Rank approximations 

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Advantages over iterative solvers:

- easy to use (push button $\rightarrow$ get answer)
- numerically robust
- do one factorization and multiple bw/fw substitutions
- direct solvers are Swiss army knives:
- solve system
- compute Schur complement
- compute rank/null-space
- compute (selected entries of) the inverse matrix
- ...
- can be used to precondition iterative solvers

All these features come at the price of high memory and CPU consumption. Low-rank approximations can help.

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If the singular values of $B$ decay very fast (e.g. exponentially) then $k \ll n$ even for very small $\varepsilon$ (e.g. $10^{-14}$ ) $\Rightarrow$ memory and CPU consumption can be reduced considerably with a controlled loss of accuracy $(\leq \varepsilon)$ if $\tilde{B}$ is used instead of $B$

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1. compute a clustering of your domain (mesh)
2. permute the matrix accordingly
3. enjoy low-rankness

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- Leads to very low complexity (fact. is $\sim O(n)$, with a big constant).
- Complex, hierarchical structure.
- Relatively inefficient and expensive SVD/RRQR...(very T\&S blocks), unless randomization is used.
- Parallelism is difficult to exploit.


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If the geometry of the domain, and of the separators is known, the task would be relatively simple

large diameters small distances

small diameters large distances

- maximize the relative distance between clusters
- minimize their diameter...
- but not too much to achieve an acceptable BLAS efficiency


## Algebraic clustering/blocking

In MUMPS we don't have the luxury of knowing the geometry because we only know the matrix, i.e., we are in a purely algebraic context.
$\rightarrow$ use the adjacency graph instead of the domain geometry

For all the separators

- extract the adjacency graph
- extend it with halo
- pass it to a partitioning tool


## End for

SCOTCH-partitioned SCOTCH separator on a cubic domain of size $N=128$


Factorization

## BLR LU factorization

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Depending on when and how the compression is done, different variants are possible with different theoretical complexity:

|  | operations |  | memory |  |
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|  | 2D | $3 D$ | $2 D$ | $3 D$ |
| FR | $O\left(n^{\frac{3}{2}}\right)$ | $O\left(n^{2}\right)$ | $O(n \log n)$ | $O\left(n^{\frac{4}{3}}\right)$ |
| BLR FSCU | $O\left(n^{\frac{5}{4}}\right)$ | $O\left(n^{\frac{5}{3}}\right)$ | $O(n)$ | $O(n \log n)$ |
| BLR FCSU | $O\left(n^{\frac{7}{6}}\right)$ | $O\left(n^{\frac{14}{9}}\right)$ | $O(n)$ | $O(n \log n)$ |
| BLR FSCU+LUA | $O\left(n^{\frac{7}{6}}\right)$ | $O\left(n^{\frac{14}{9}}\right)$ | $O(n)$ | $O(n \log n)$ |
| BLR FCSU+LUA | $O(n \log n)$ | $O\left(n^{\frac{4}{3}}\right)$ | $O(n)$ | $O(n \log n)$ |
| HSS | $O(n \log n)$ | $O\left(n^{\frac{4}{3}}\right)$ | $O(n)$ | $O(n)$ |

If updates are accumulated and applied at once (LUA), a further reduction can be achieved which leads to the same theoretical complexity as HSS.
This is work in progress and still not 100\% validated (neither theoretically nor experimentally)

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## Experimental results

## Experimental MF complexity

Setting:

1. Poisson: $N^{3}$ grid with a 7 -point stencil with $u=1$ on the boundary $\partial \Omega$

$$
\Delta u=f
$$

2. Helmholtz: $N^{3}$ grid with a 27-point stencil, $\omega$ is the angular frequency, $v(x)$ is the seismic velocity field, and $u(x, \omega)$ is the time-harmonic wavefield solution to the forcing term $s(x, \omega)$.

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\left(-\Delta-\frac{\omega^{2}}{v(x)^{2}}\right) u(x, \omega)=s(x, \omega)
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## Experimental MF complexity: entries in factor




- $\varepsilon$ only plays a role in the constant factor
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## Application to frequency-domain seismic modeling

- Credits: SEISCOPE project
- Seismic modeling in the frequency domain through Full Waveform Inversion
- Helmholtz equation

| Freq. | n | nnz | factors | flops | time | cores |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 5 Hz | 3 M | 70 M | 2.5 GB | $6.5 \mathrm{E}+13$ | 80 s | 240 |
| 7 Hz | 7 M | 177 M | 6.4 GB | $4.1 \mathrm{E}+14$ | 323 s | 320 |
| 10 Hz | 17 M | 446 M | 10.5 GB | $2.6 \mathrm{E}+15$ | 1117 s | 680 |

Full-rank statistics

## Application to frequency-domain seismic modeling



7 Hz problem with single-precision on 320 cores:

- each row is a different section of the domain
- first column: initial model obtained with traveltime tomography
- second column: FWI solution computed with FR-MUMPS
- third column: FWI solution computed with BLR-MUMPS $\left(\varepsilon=10^{-5}\right)$


## Application to frequency-domain seismic modeling




Gains in execution time do not match those in Flops because of the weaker efficiency of BLAS kernels due to the small granularity. Must tune the block size to achieve the best compromise between compression and efficiency of operations

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## Application to Electromagnetism

Matrices from EMGS (Norway). All matrices are complex and solved in double-precision

| Mat. | n | nnz | factors | flops |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| EMGS_E2 | 0.9 M | 12 M | 16 GB | $6.1 \mathrm{e}+12$ |
| EMGS_E3 | 2.9 M | 37 M | 76 GB | $5.6 \mathrm{e}+13$ |
| EMGS_S3 | 3.3 M | 43 M | 92 GB | $7.5 \mathrm{e}+13$ |
| EMGS_E4 | 17.4 M | 226 M | 897 GB | $2.1 \mathrm{e}+15$ |
| EMGS_S4 | 20.6 M | 266 M | 1122 GB | $3.0 \mathrm{e}+15$ |

Experiments are done on the EOS supercomputer at the CALMIP center of Toulouse (grant 2014-P0989):

- Two Intel(r) 10-cores Ivy Bridge 2,8 Ghz and 64 GB memory
- Peak per core is 22.4 GFlop/s
- Infiniband interconnect


## Application to Electromagnetism



- Gains increase with the size of the problem
- Global memory is reduced more than just factors
- Compression overhead is included


## Application to Electromagnetism



- compression improves, accuracy deteriorates as $\varepsilon$ increases
- good agreement between $\varepsilon$ and solution accuracy


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- smaller BLAS granularity (lower seq. and m.threaded speed)
- a factor $\sim 2.5$ out of $\sim 10$


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- smaller BLAS granularity (lower seq. and m.threaded speed)
- a factor $\sim 4.2$ out of $\sim 10$ thanks to OpenMP


## Thanks! Questions?

