

AI & HPC Synergies

Developments and Opportunities

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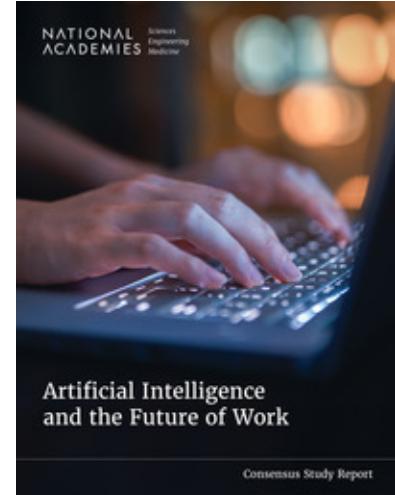
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- Challenges: adapting for an AI-augmented future
 - Organizations: must redesign jobs, upskill workers, and integrate AI responsibly.
 - Workers: lifelong learning and hybrid skills are essential to stay competitive.
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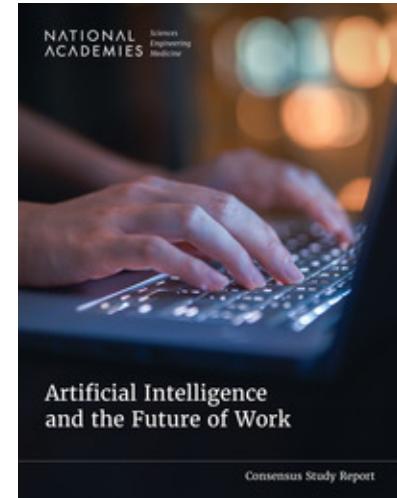


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Eric Schmidt, <https://youtu.be/L5jhEYofpaQ>: “Within the next 12 months, most programming jobs could be replaced by AI... AI systems will be able to surpass the brightest graduate-level mathematicians in tasks like advanced math and coding.” (04/10/2025)



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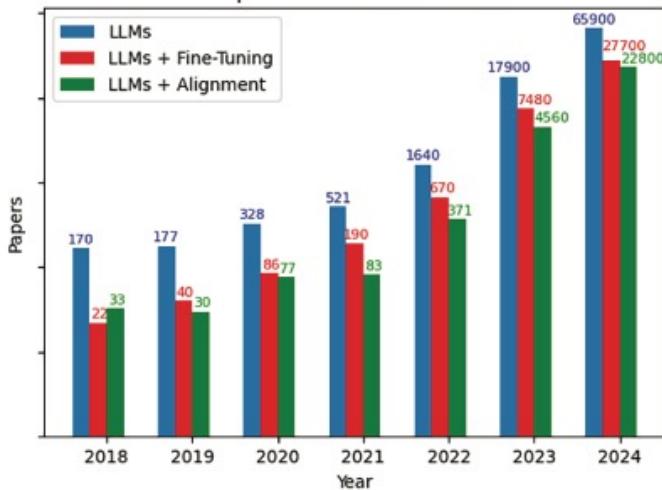
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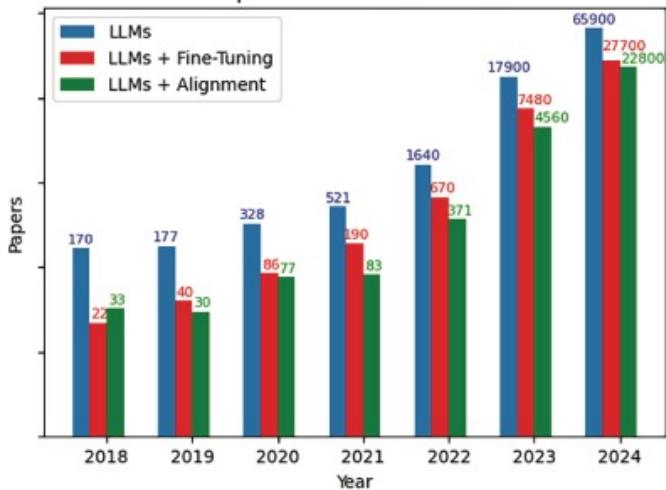
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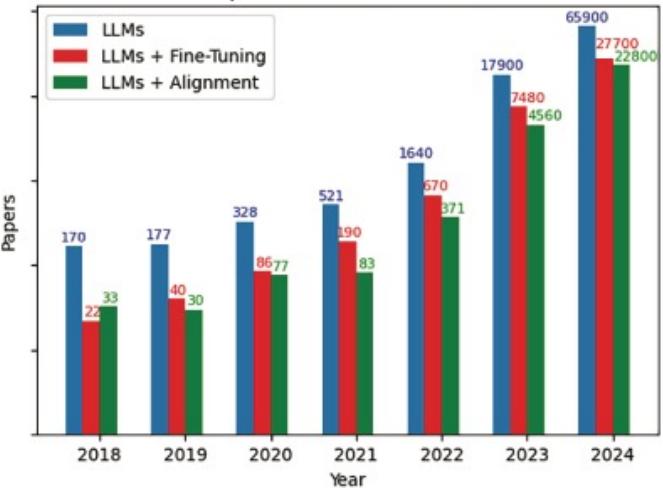
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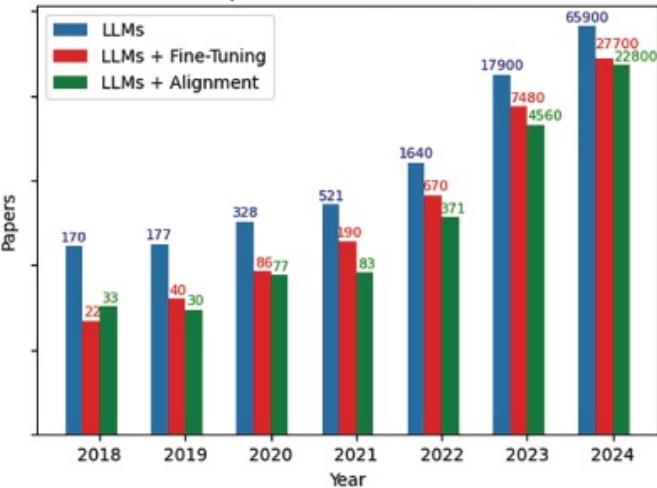
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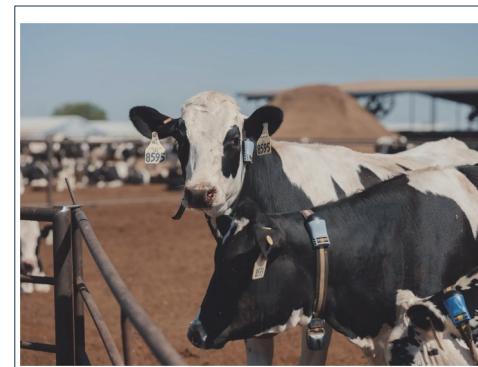
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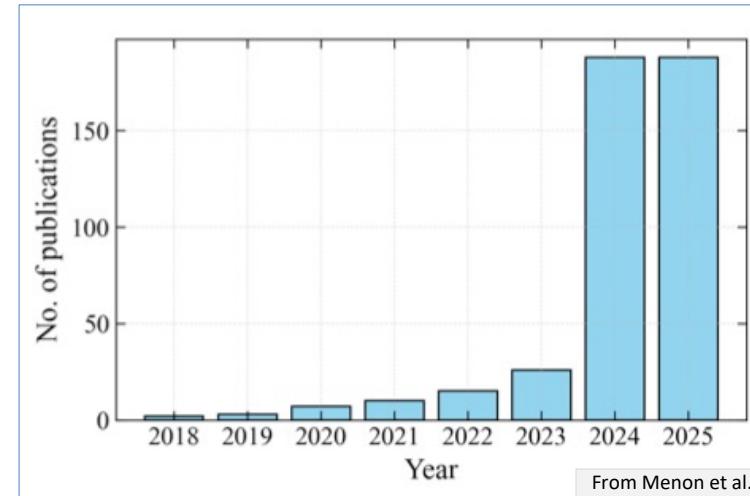


NYT, Oct 5, 2025

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From LLMs to Foundation Models for Science

- Foundation models are large-scale AI systems trained on broad and diverse datasets, designed to serve as a base for multiple downstream applications
 - Characteristics:
 - Trained on massive, multimodal data (text, images, audio, code, etc.)
 - Capable of transfer learning across diverse domains
 - Enable rapid development of customized AI tools and applications
 - Relevance:
 - Drive advances in automation, research, and human–AI collaboration
 - Serve as the infrastructure layer of AI ecosystems
 - Lower barriers for innovation across domains
- AuroraGPT
 - improve methodologies for the science community
 - pre-trained, instruct-tuned and aligned models
 - collecting and refining large-scale scientific datasets (models at 8×10^9 to 400×10^9 parameters)
 - DOE's Frontiers in Artificial Intelligence for Science, Security and Technology (FASST)
- SciGPT
 - <https://www.stat.berkeley.edu/~mmahoney>
 - anchored on scientific principles and ML principles
 - inclusion of scientific computing concepts
 - implementations?
 - applications?

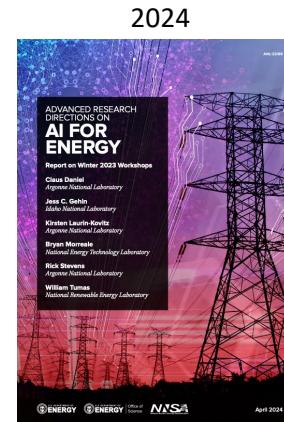


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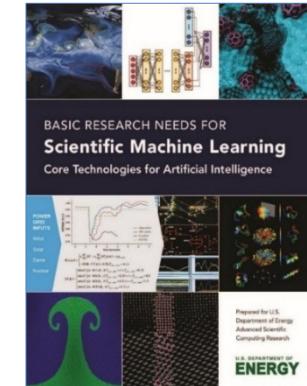
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AI-driven tools and applications in CS&E

- Chemistry and Materials Science
 - prediction of molecular and material properties
 - self-driving laboratories
 - ChemCrow (LLM chemistry agent)
- Drug discovery
 - analyzes of vast amounts of data
 - identification of risks factors
 - prediction of patient outcomes
- Vaccine development
 - simulation of the immune system
 - creation of predictive models
- Network operations
 - predictive analytics
 - automated management
 - enhanced security
- Advanced data analysis
 - automation of tasks
 - generation of predictive insights
- Predictive maintenance
- Design optimization
- Fault diagnosis
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- ❖ Nuclear energy
- ❖ Power grid
- ❖ Carbon management
- ❖ Energy storage
- ❖ Energy materials
- ❖ Domain-aware scientific ML
- ❖ Interpretable scientific ML
- ❖ Robust scientific ML
- ❖ Data-intensive scientific ML
- ❖ ML-enhanced modeling and simulation
- ❖ Automation and decision support

Retrospective on Exascale Panel @ ECPAM 2022

- Misses:
 - ❖ *Impact of ML/AI on applications and systems*
 - ❖ *AI does not appear in the 2010 Exascale Report*
- Predictions for 2032:
 - ❖ *Scientists will use AI/ML*
 - ❖ *AI-based automated code writing, testing and improvement*
 - ❖ *Simulation apps will use AI hardware*

Jeffrey Vetter
Pete Beckman
Jack Dongarra
Bob Lucas
Kathy Yelick

White House's Genesis Mission: *dedicated, coordinated national effort to unleash a new age of AI-accelerated innovation and discovery that can solve the most challenging problems of this century.*

The Japan News: *About ¥190 billion will be earmarked for AI-related initiatives, with ¥45 billion allocated for the application of AI to scientific research.*

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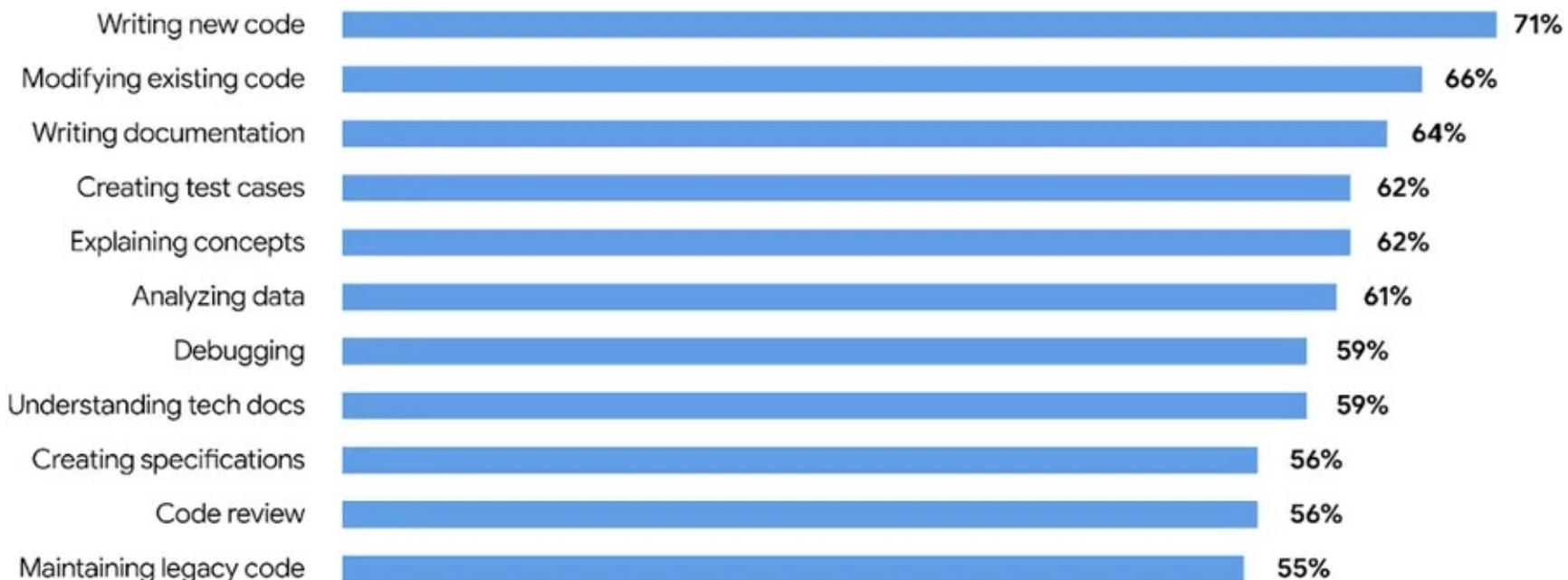
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Reliance on AI by task

DORA
2025

Percentage of task performers who use AI



Source: Google Cloud's DORA (DevOps Research and Assessment)

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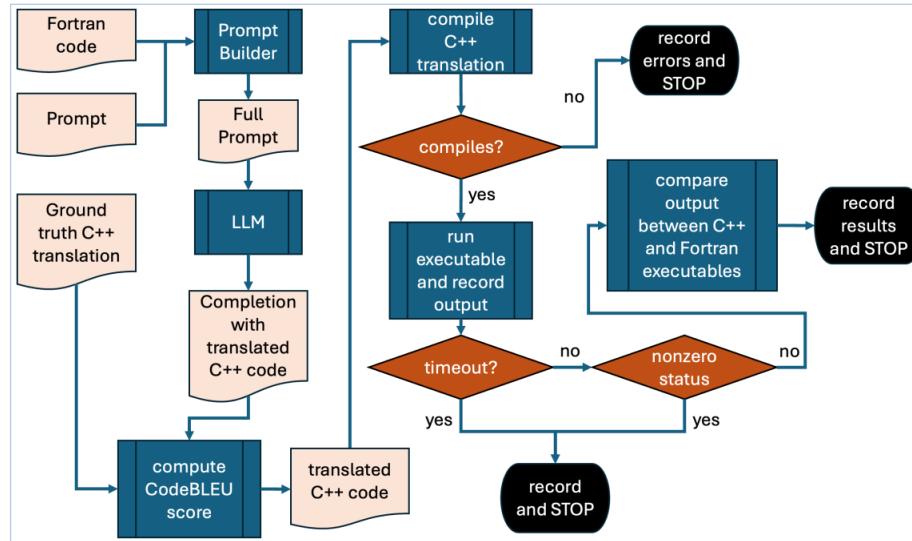
- Basic Linear Algebra Subprograms (BLAS) Generation
 - ChatBLAS
 - based on Julia
 - orchestrates with LLMs models
 - ability to target different architectures
 - Evaluation of BLAS 1, 2 and 3 generated with GPT-4.1 and o4-mini
 - “LLMs do not always learn the reference code as the best correct answer but that they learn the specifications of routines with documents available on the Internet.”
- Code translation
 - FORTRAN to C++
 - See <https://fortran-lang.discourse.group>: “Scientists are using artificial intelligence and large language models to rewrite old code in modern languages”
 - OpenMP to CUDA, CUDA to OpenMP
- Parallelization
 - HPC-Coder
 - LASSI

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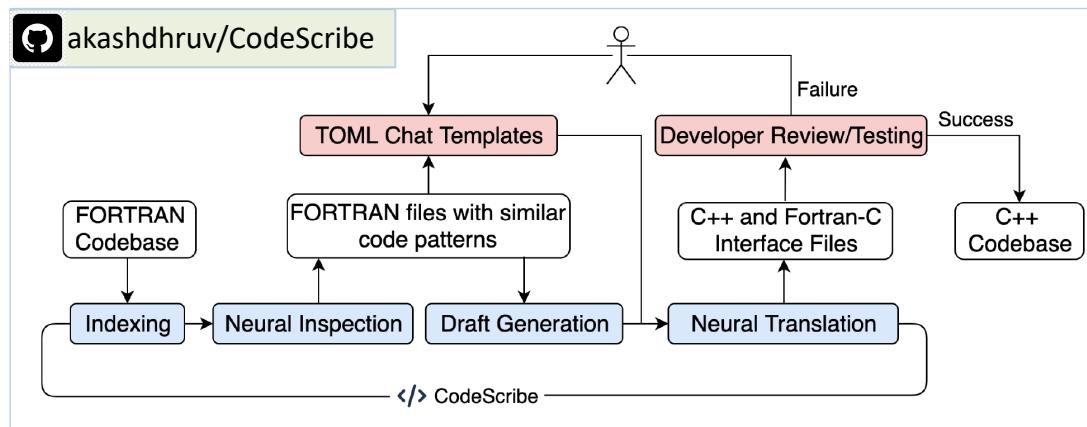
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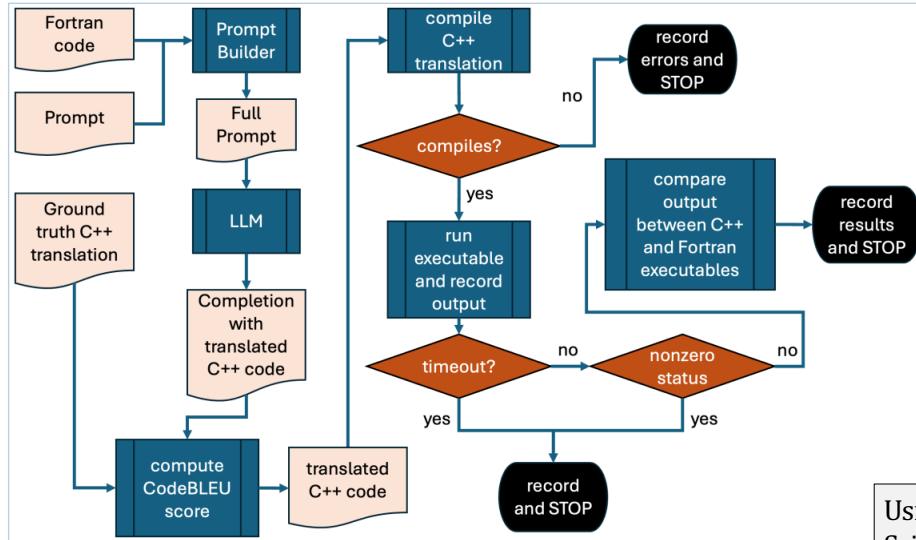
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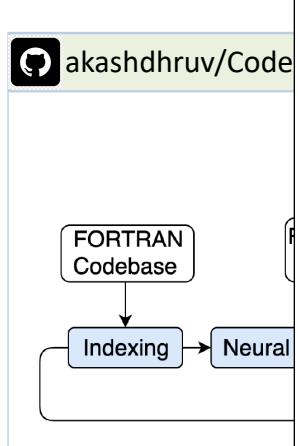
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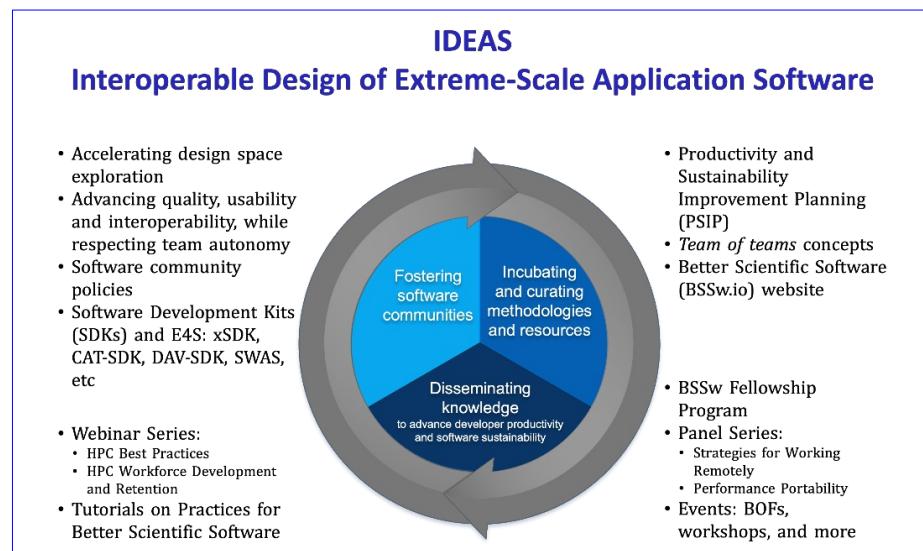


CONCLUSIONS

- ❑ LLMs have a great deal of promise in coding related tasks
- ❑ A judicious combination of scripts, LLMs and human-in-the-loop have already helped in reducing tedious tasks
- ❑ They are still very far from being reliable assistants for non-trivial coding on their own
- ❑ We have had no luck so far with code refactoring – explaining the full context of the existing code has been too difficult so far

Developer Productivity: The IDEAS Project

- ❖ Address confluence of trends in hardware and increasing demands for predictive multiscale, multiphysics simulations.
- ❖ Respond to trend of continuous refactoring with efficient agile software engineering methodologies & improved software design.
- ❖ IDEAS began in 2014 as a DOE ASRC/BER partnership to improve application software productivity, quality, and sustainability, and continued as part of DOE's ECP.



Motto: *Software Quality Drives Quality Science*

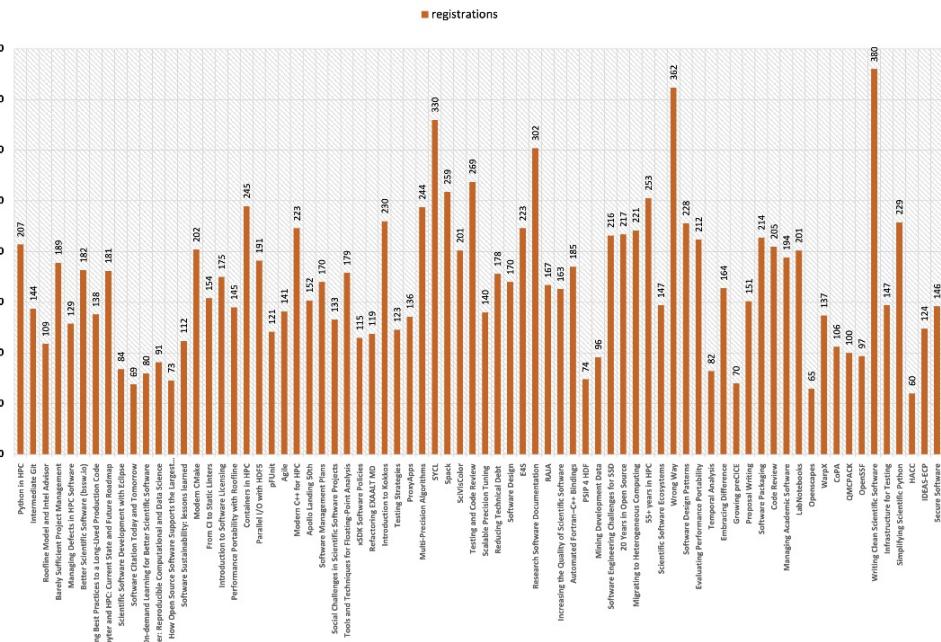
- Do you develop and use HPC software?
 - Investigate resources for software improvement
 - Advocate for and lead change in your projects
 - Disseminate insights about software improvement from your own work (blogs, presentations, posters, papers, etc.)
 - Check out community activities, such as the Research Software Engineering (RSE) movement
- Do you lead projects or organizations where teams develop and use HPC software?
 - Encourage continual software quality improvement
 - Provide clear career paths and mentoring for scientific software professionals, such as research software engineers
- Are you a stakeholder or supporter of projects that develop and use HPC software?
 - Incorporate expectations of software quality and sustainability, including funding for people to do this important work
 - Incorporate expectations for transparency and reproducibility
- Everyone
 - Work toward changes in software citations/credit models, metrics
 - Work toward changes in incentives, training and education

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- <https://ideas-productivity.org>
- <https://bssw.io>

IDEAS-ECP: Outreach

Webinar Series: Best Practices for HPC Software Developers

- 73 webinars (June 2017 – December 2023)
- 12,000+ registrations in total
- average: 170 registrations (45 ECP-affiliated), 80 attendees



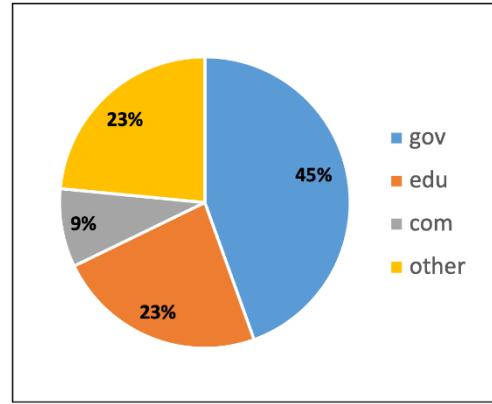
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Tutorials

- *Overview of Best Practices in HPC Software Development*
- *Code Coverage and Continuous Integration*
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- *Agile Project Management*
- *Continuous Integration*
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- *Software Design*
- *Software Testing*
- *Reproducibility*
- *Git Workflows*

Panel Series

- *Performance Portability & ECP*
- *Strategies for Working Remotely*



Opportunities (w.r.t. education/training)

- Categorize and summarize slides
 - Summary of meetings can already be done with Zoom's AI Companion
- Combine training materials
- Create customized material, targeting users' needs, interests and time
- Help with the selection of topics for future events

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October 11, 2023 Webinar
Taking HACC into the Exascale Era: New Code Capabilities, and Challenges
Esteban Rangel (Argonne National Laboratory)
- one slide summary -

HACC for Exascale: Capabilities & Challenges

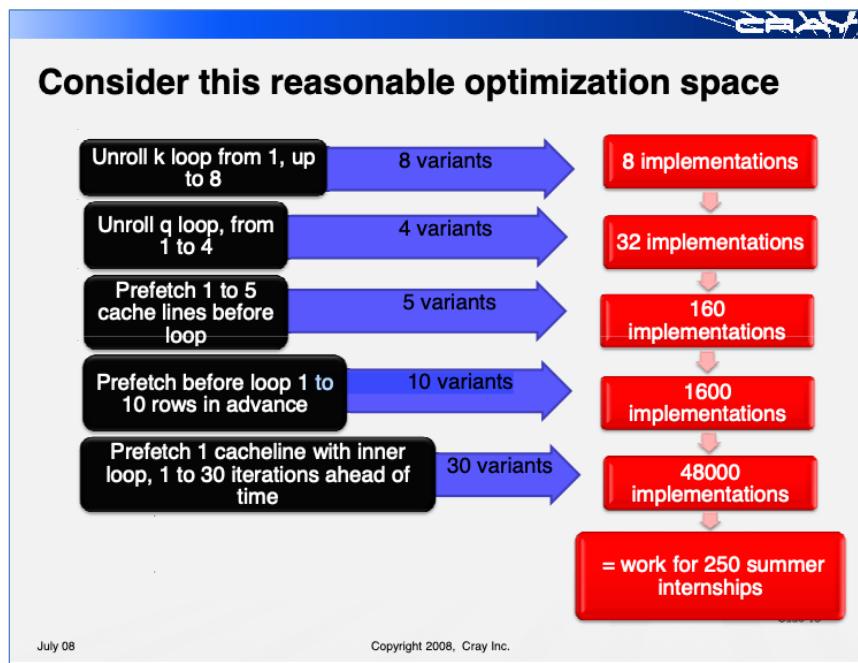
- **Purpose:**
Simulate large-scale cosmic structure formation (dark matter halos, merger trees, light-cones) to support surveys and theoretical models.
- **Architecture Overview:**
 - Long-range: Particle-mesh + FFT methods
 - Short-range: Particle-particle solver
 - Optimized for hybrid GPU/CPU architectures
- **Exascale Preparedness:**
 - Tackling imbalance between compute & memory growth
 - Adding baryonic physics with CRK-HACC (SPH + subgrid models)
 - Migrating CUDA to SYCL for performance portability across NVIDIA, AMD, Intel GPUs
 - Achieved ~96% portability with minimal code divergence
- **Challenges & Lessons:**
 - In-situ analysis now a performance bottleneck—needs GPU acceleration
 - Managing multiple GPU codebases is costly → unified, portable programming models required
- **Bottom Line:**
HACC evolves for exascale by integrating advanced physics, achieving multi-GPU portability, and addressing growing computational and data-analysis complexity.

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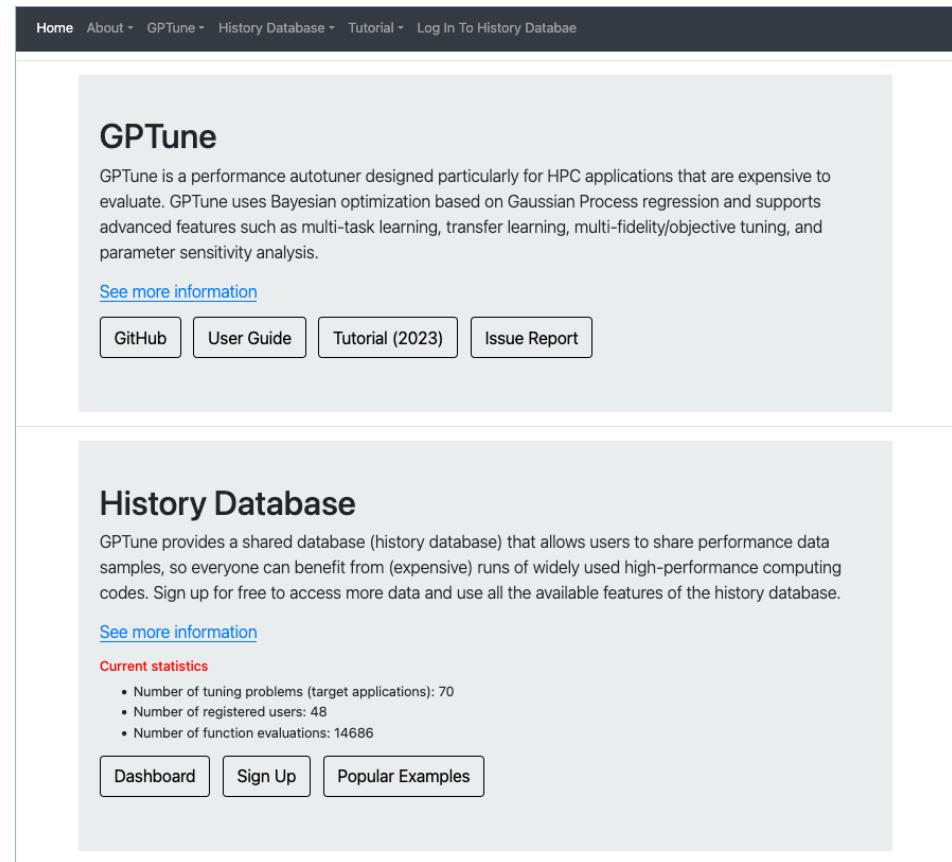


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 - directives: OSKI, ppOpen-AT, Xevolve ...
 - compilers: CHiLL, Orio, POET, moTuner ...
 - code generators: cuDNN, FFTW, Spiral ...
 - frameworks: black-box optimization problem (models)
 - OpenTuner: <https://opentuner.org>
 - Auto-Tuning Framework (ATF): <https://atf-tuner.org>
 - Optuna: <https://optuna.org>
 - GPTune: <https://github.com/gptune/GPTune>

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0	PLASMA-DGEQRF	local_dgx5	plasma	4096	4096	48	32	32	4.61	yche	
1	PLASMA-DGEQRF	local_dgx5	plasma	4096	4096	48	64	32	1.29	yche	
2	PLASMA-DGEQRF	local_dgx5	plasma	4096	4096	48	64	64	0.72	yche	
3	PLASMA-DGEQRF	local_dgx5	plasma	4096	4096	48	96	32	0.60	yche	
4	PLASMA-DGEQRF	local_dgx5	plasma	4096	4096	48	96	64	0.47	yche	
5	PLASMA-DGEQRF	local_dgx5	plasma	4096	4096	48	96	96	0.34	yche	
6	PLASMA-DGEQRF	local_dgx5	plasma	4096	4096	48	128	32	0.37	yche	
7	PLASMA-DGEQRF	local_dgx5	plasma	4096	4096	48	128	64	0.27	yche	
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code snippets

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```
# matrix dimensions and number of processes

m      = Integer(512, mmax, transform="normalize", name="m")
n      = Integer(512, nmax, transform="normalize", name="n")
nb     = Integer(1, 16, transform="normalize", name="nb")
nproc  = Integer(nprocmin, nprocmax, transform="normalize", name="nproc")
p      = Integer(1, nprocmax, transform="normalize", name="p")
r      = Real(float("-Inf"), float("Inf"), name="r")

# input, parameters and output spaces

IS = Space([m, n])           # problem to be tuned
PS = Space([nb, nproc, p])    # parameters to be tuned
OS = Space([r])               # what needs to be optimized
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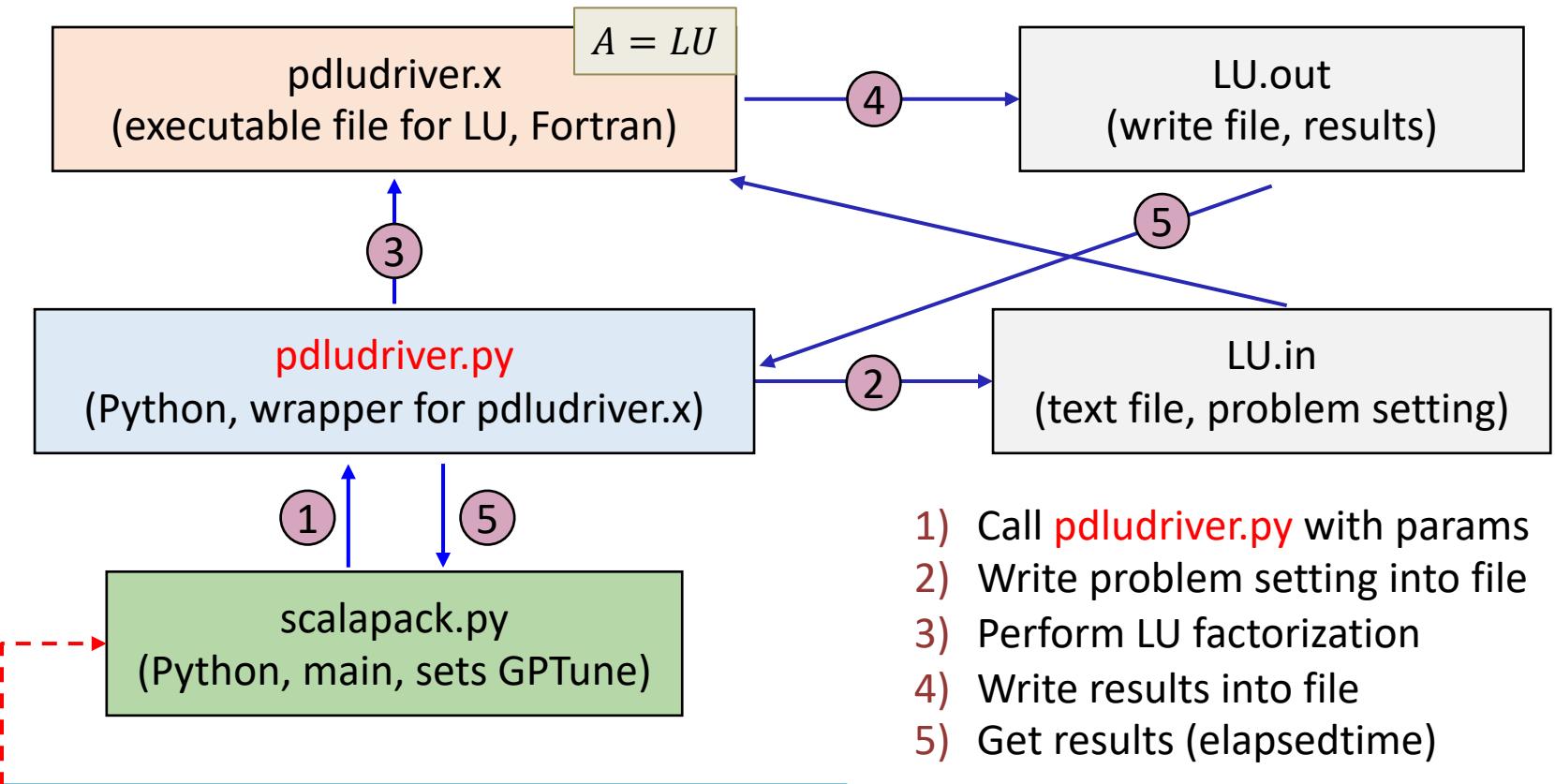
problem = TuningProblem(IS, PS, OS, objective, constraints, ...)
computer = Computer(nodes, cores, hosts)

options = ...

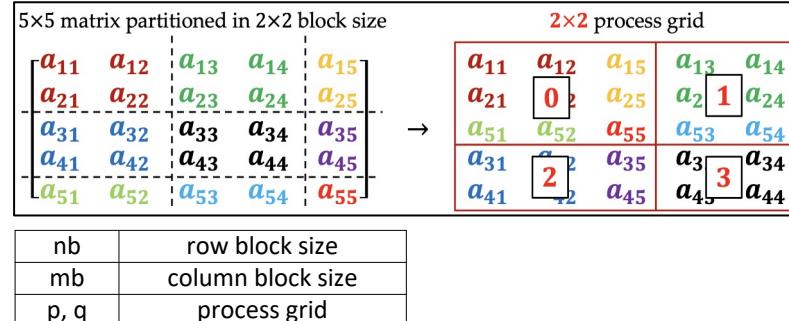
data = Data(problem)
gt = GPTune(problem, computer, data, options)

NI = ntask      # number of points in IS
NS = nruns      # number of samples for each point in IS
(data, model, stats) = gt.MLA(NS=NS, NI=NI, NS1=max(NS//2,1))
```

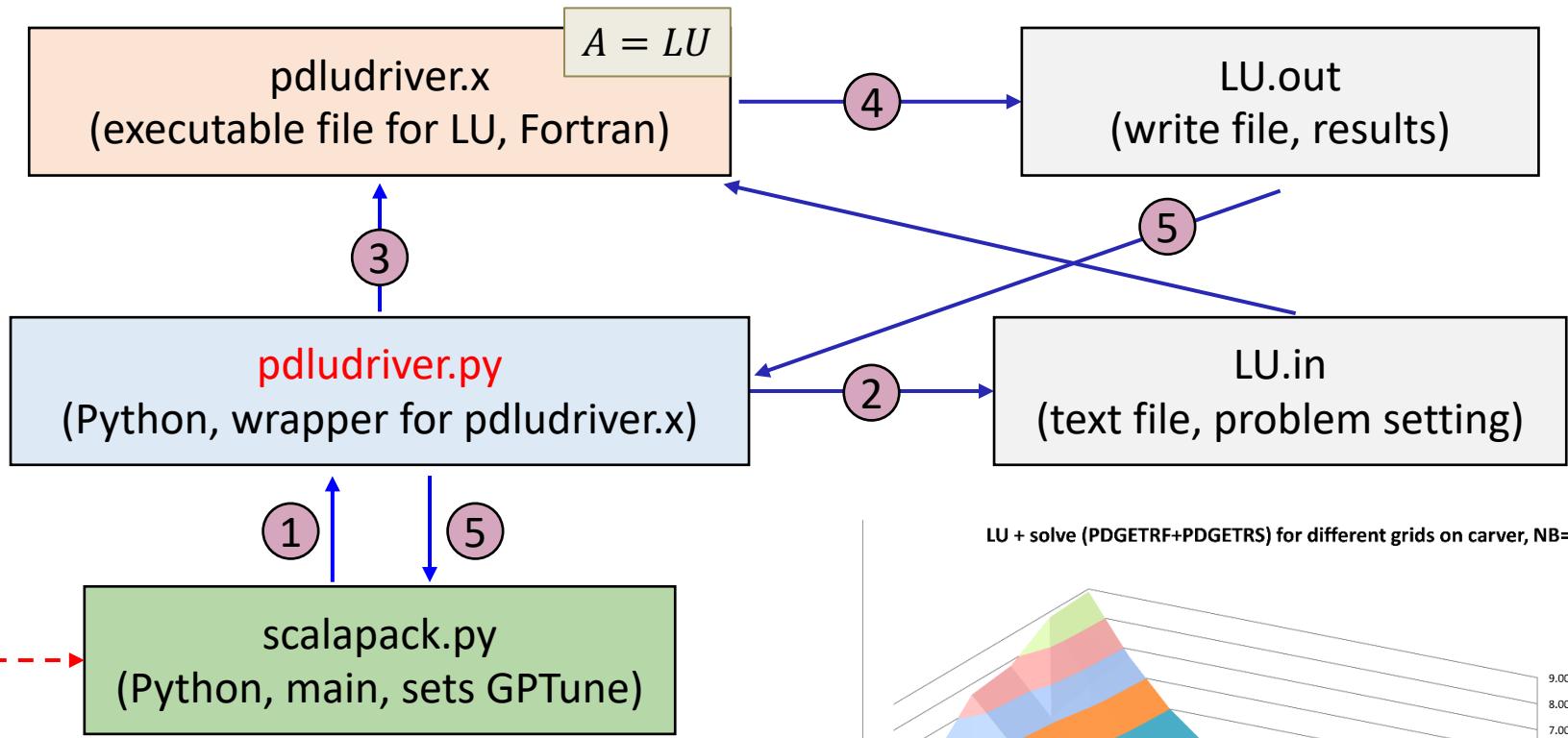
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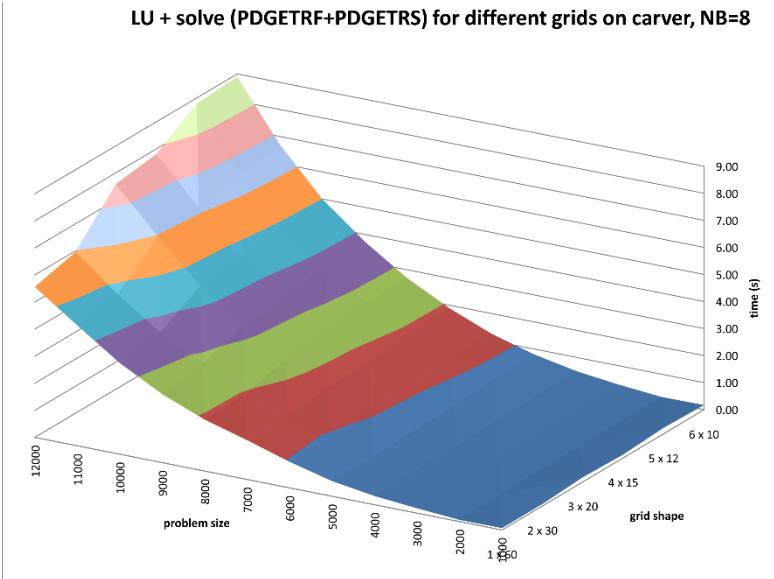
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def objective(point):  
  
    params = [('LU', n, nodes, cores, nb, nthreads, nproc, p, q, 1., npernode)]  
    print(params, ' scalapack starts ')  
    elapsedtime = pdludriver(params, niter=2, JOBID=JOBID)  
    print(params, ' scalapack time: ', elapsedtime)  
  
    return elapsedtime
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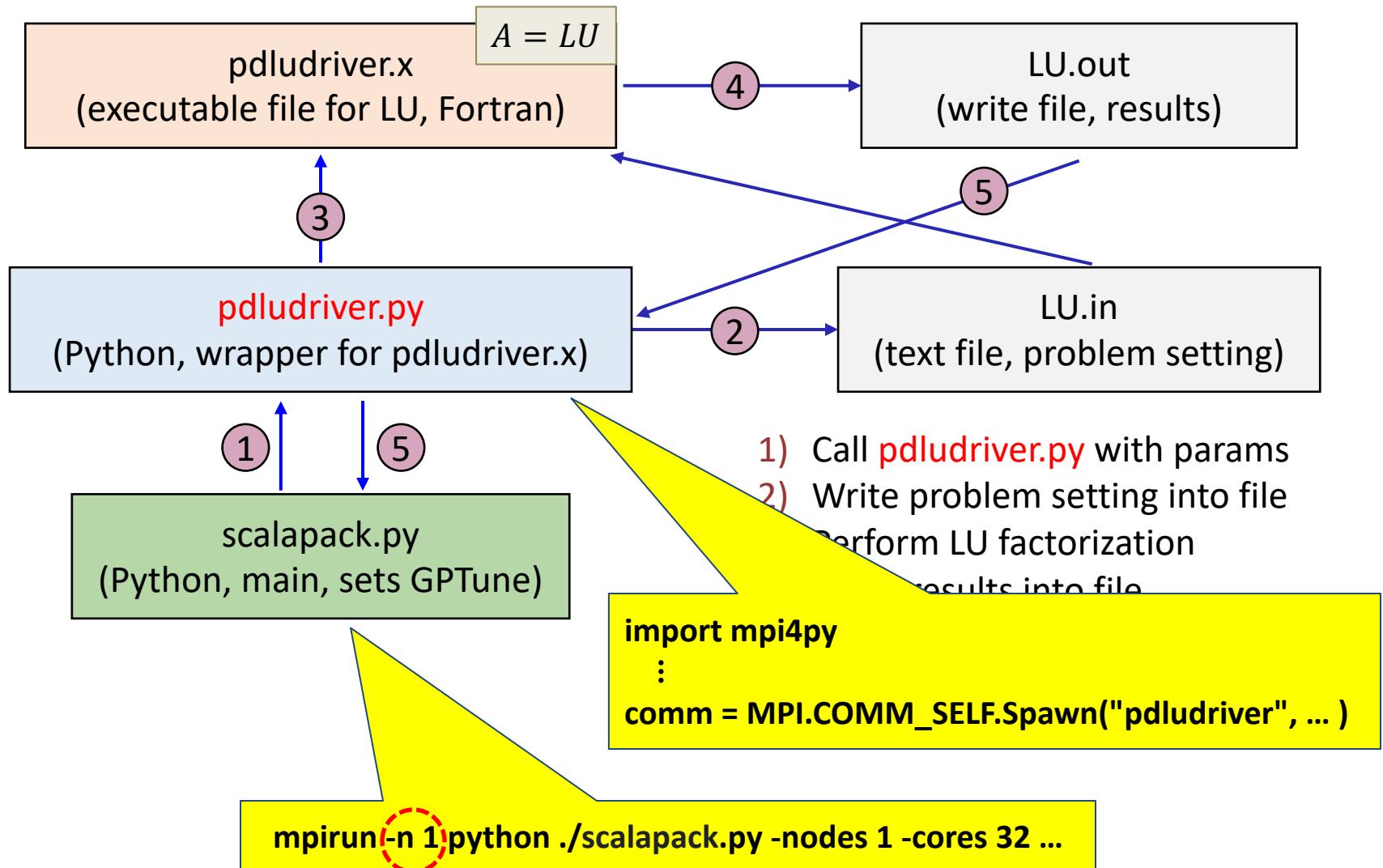
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GPTune: running

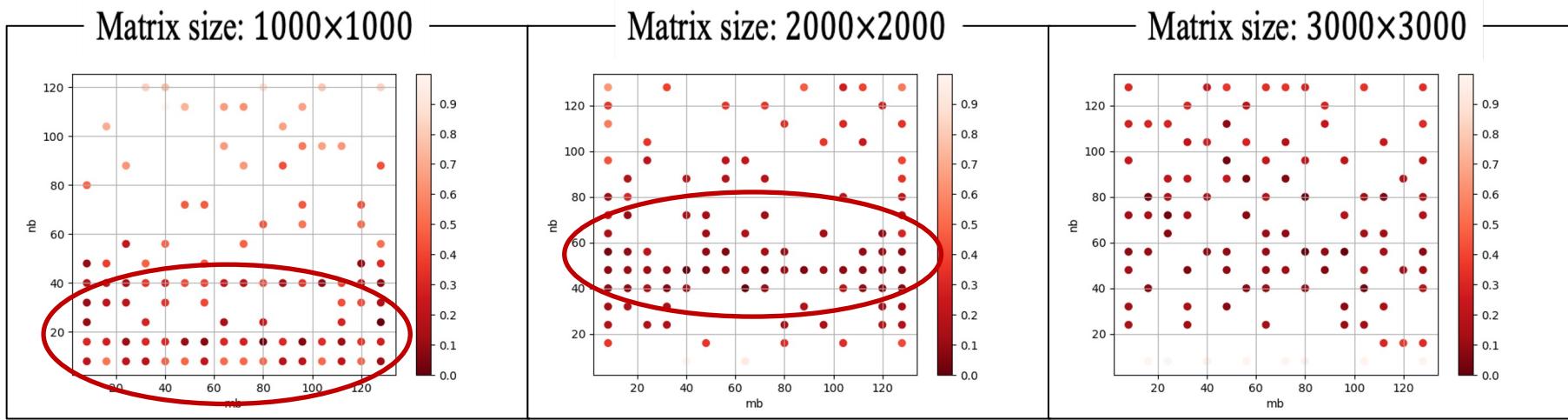


Experiments: ScaLAPACK QR

$$A = QR$$

Q is orthogonal
 R is upper triangular

- Experiments by Makoto Morishita
- MacBookAir (M1, 2020), Apple M1 chip, 8 cores, 8 GB, Ventura 13.4.1
- nb: 8~128; mb: 8~128; p, q: 1~8 ($p \times q \leq 8$)



- When the problem size is small ($N = 1000$) we get lower values for nb
- As the problem size increases ($N = 3000$) we get a larger set of possible nb's and mb's
- In general, the closer the block size is to a square ($nb = mb$), the more efficient the processing is

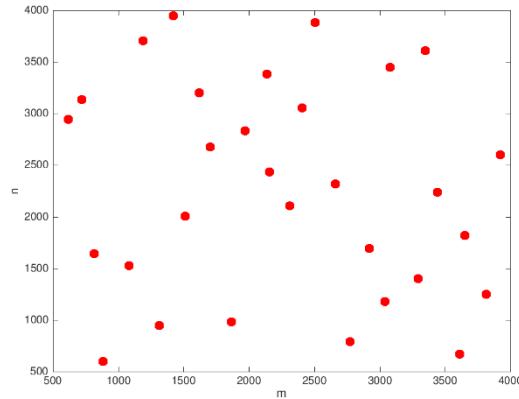
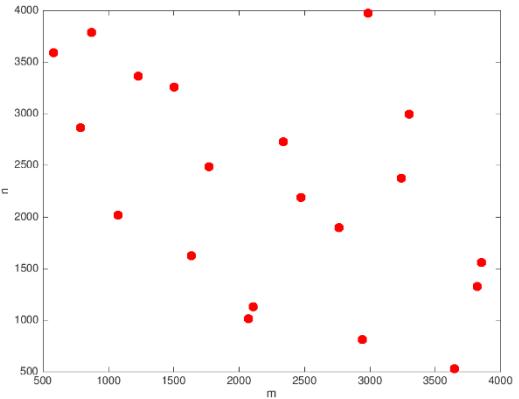
matrix size	(nb, mb)
1000x1000	(128, 24)
2000x2000	(40, 48)
3000x3000	(80, 56)

Experiments: ScaLAPACK PDGESVD

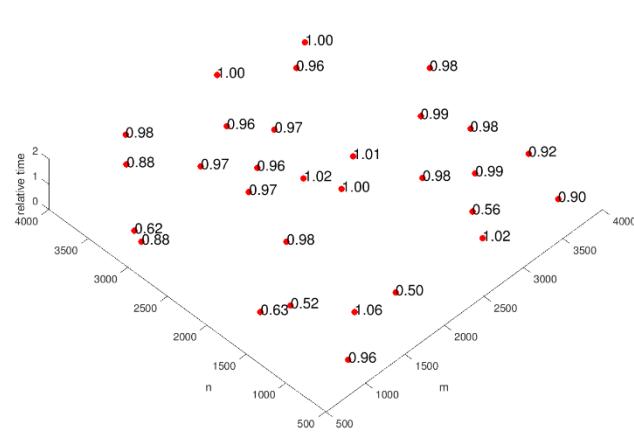
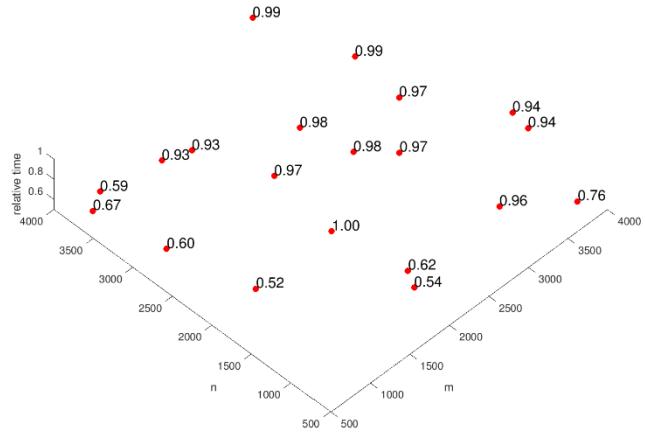
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 S is diagonal

parameters for scalapack-SVD.py; $\min(m, n) = 512$

case	nodes	cores	m_{\max}	n_{\max}	ntask	nrun
1	1	32	4000	4000	20	30
2	1	32	4000	4000	30	20



Relative times for the matrix dimensions in the above figures, i.e. times for the optimal configurations obtained by GPTune divided by the time for standalone PDGESVD runs with $nb = 64$, $p = 5$ and $q = 6$



Experiments: ScaLAPACK PDSYEVX

Times (s) for PDSYEVX on one node (haswell), standalone mode (dashed box) and configurations obtained with GPTune, NS = 10, "-nodes 1 -cores 32". In the table, nt = number of threads and np = number of processes. The times in magenta correspond to configurations found in the search phase.

(λ, x)		only λ		GPTune										
n	nb=32, p=5, q=6		JOBZ='V'					JOBZ='N'						
	JOBZ='V'	JOBZ='N'	nb	nt	np	p	q	time	nb	nt	np	p	q	time
3000	0.68	0.57	16	1	30	4	7	0.70	96	1	30	15	2	0.45
3500			64	1	27	5	5	1.15	120	1	31	4	7	0.69
4000	1.64	1.03	32	1	31	1	31	1.57	32	1	26	26	1	1.03
4500			56	1	31	3	10	2.88	64	1	27	3	9	1.66
5000	4.11	3.12	64	1	30	5	6	3.95	24	1	30	30	1	2.75
5500			24	1	31	2	15	6.20	16	1	30	30	1	4.17
6000	8.97	6.72	64	1	31	1	31	8.46	24	1	31	3	10	5.62
6500			120	1	25	3	8	14.80	8	1	26	2	13	7.75
7000	18.8	11.1	120	1	31	2	15	18.50	120	1	30	30	1	11.90
7500			64	1	31	2	15	31.50	120	1	29	2	14	13.10
8000	40.0	22.3	32	1	31	2	15	37.00	8	1	31	30	1	16.10

$$Ax = \lambda x$$

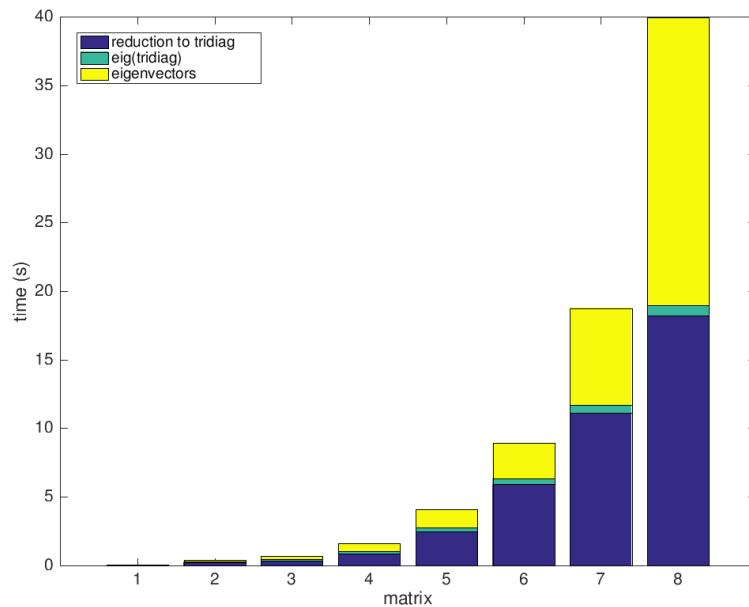
λ is a scalar

$X = [x_1 \ x_1 \cdots x_n]$ is orthogonal

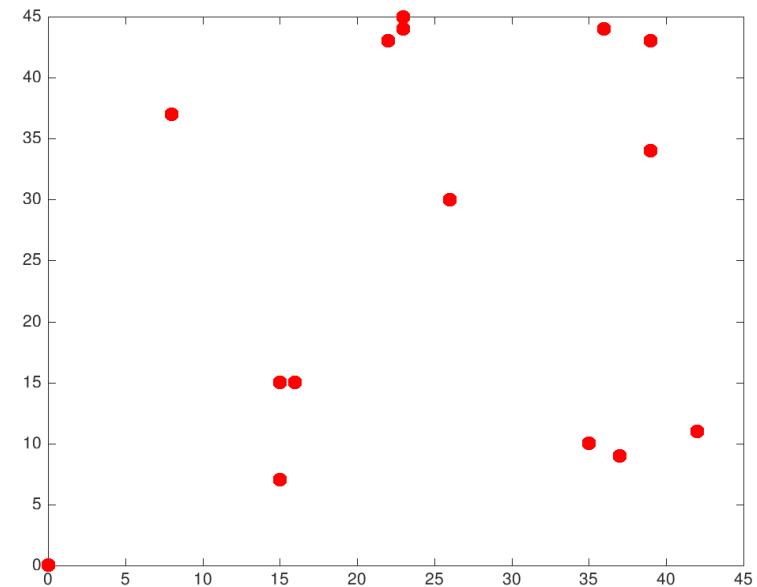
A is first reduced to tridiagonal

$$T = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & & & \\ b_1 & a_2 & \ddots & & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & b_{n-1} & \\ & & & b_{n-1} & a_n \end{bmatrix}$$

Experiments: ScaLAPACK PDSYEVX



Time breakdown for the main phases of PDSYEVX: reduction to tridiagonal form T, eigval(T), and eigvec(T) plus back transformation of eigenvectors. Matrices of dimension 1000 to 8000. JOBZ = 'V', RANGE = 'A' and UPLO = 'U'.



Finding: A large workspace (argument LWORK in PDSYEVX) can lead to a poor load balancing and poor performance because the algorithm takes into account load balance and memory in an intricate way. The figure shows active processes (eigvec(T) plus back transformation) for a matrix of dimension 10K in a 44x46 grid: process (23,44) computes 6 vectors while process (0,0) computes 2,026 vectors.

Opportunities (w.r.t. code performance)

- Performance models integrated with the generation of codes
- Use the feedback from running the generated code to fine-tune models
- Comparison of models
- Address model limitations
- Evaluation benchmarks that go beyond correctness to include metrics for code robustness and performance
- Detection and interpretability of hidden outliers

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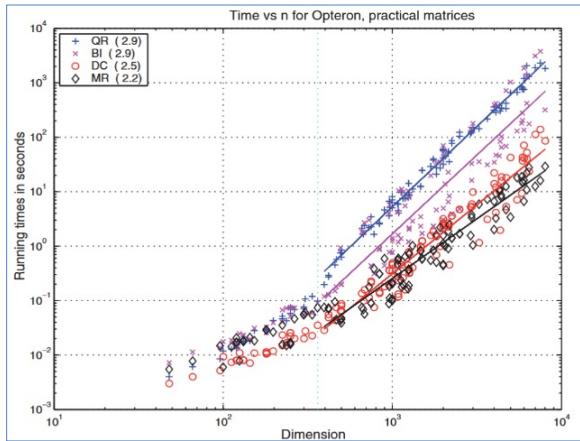
- *Wei et al. (2025). Improving Parallel Program Performance with LLM Optimizers via Agent-System Interfaces. Proc. 42nd Int. Conf. on Machine Learning.*
- *Cribeiro-Ramallo, Arzamasov and Boehm (2024). Efficient Generation of Hidden Outliers for Improved Outlier Detection. ACM Transactions on Knowledge Discovery from Data.*

Testing: LAPACK as a case study

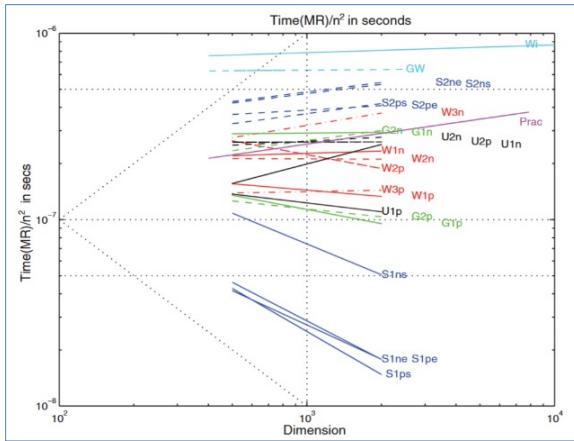
- User end
 - set of tests performed at installation time
 - single, double, real, complex
- Developer end
 - no specific guidelines
 - single, double, real, complex
 - tests expected to be (very) difficult
 - very tedious and time-consuming process
 - bugs reported by users may take years to be fixed
- Focus: $Ax = \lambda x$ (symmetric A) and $A = USV^T$ (general A)
 - tests performed with all kinds of matrices (“torture” cases)
 -  oamarques/STCollection
 - test cases
 - software

Symmetric Tridiagonal Eigensolver

- Four algorithms (going back to LAPACK 3.1...)
 - QR iteration
 - bisection and inverse iteration (BI)
 - divide-and-conquer (DC)
 - multiple relatively robust representations (MRRR)
- Experiments performed on 8 different architectures
- Large amount of data (performance and accuracy)



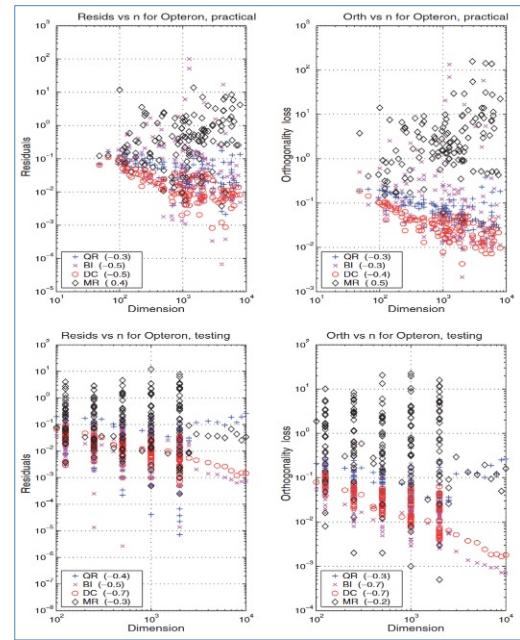
Run time of all algorithms on Opteron. The slopes of the least-squares fit, shown in parentheses, are computed from the larger matrices.



Demmel et al. (2008). Performance and Accuracy of LAPACK's Symmetric Tridiagonal Eigensolvers. SIAM J. Sci. Comp.

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Residuals and losses of orthogonality for all matrices on Opteron. (Top: All practical matrices. Bottom: All synthetic testing matrices. Note the difference in vertical scales.)

$$A = USV^T$$

U and V are orthogonal

S is diagonal

A is first reduced to bidiag. form

- $B = \widehat{U}\widehat{S}\widehat{V}^T$ through the eigenpairs of an associated symmetric tridiagonal matrix
- Computation of only a subset of singular values and corresponding vectors (potential performance gains)

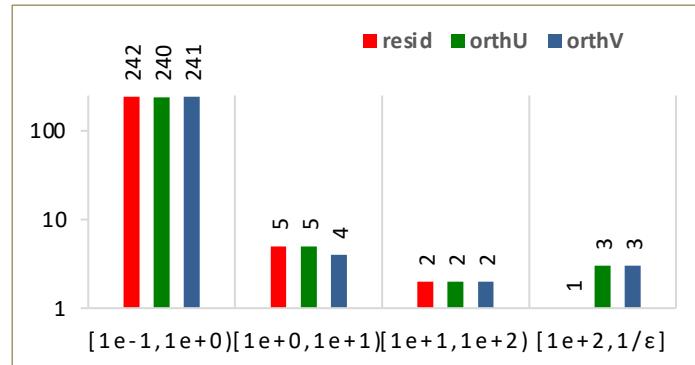
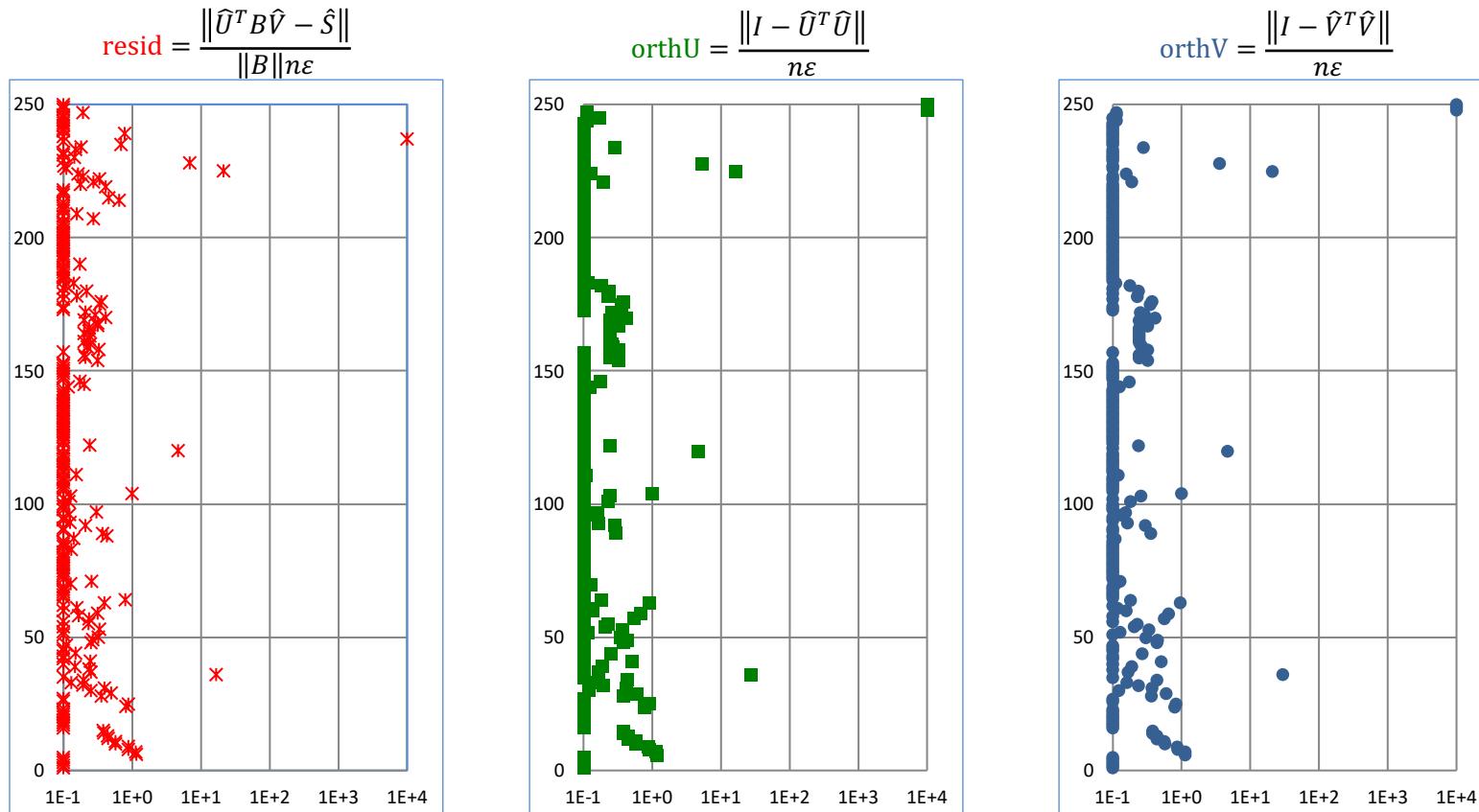
$$B = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & & & \\ & a_2 & \ddots & & \\ & & \ddots & b_{n-1} & \\ & & & a_n & \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow C = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & B \\ B^T & 0 \end{bmatrix} = PT_{GK}P^T; \quad P = [e_{n+1}, e_1, e_{n+2}, e_2, e_{n+2}, \dots, e_{2n}]$$

$$T_{GK} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & a_1 & & & & \\ a_1 & 0 & b_1 & & & \\ b_1 & 0 & \ddots & & & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & b_{n-1} & & \\ & & & b_{n-1} & 0 & a_n \\ & & & 0 & a_n & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

OM: If a and/or b is zero the matrix splits → the algorithm and the testing become complicated...

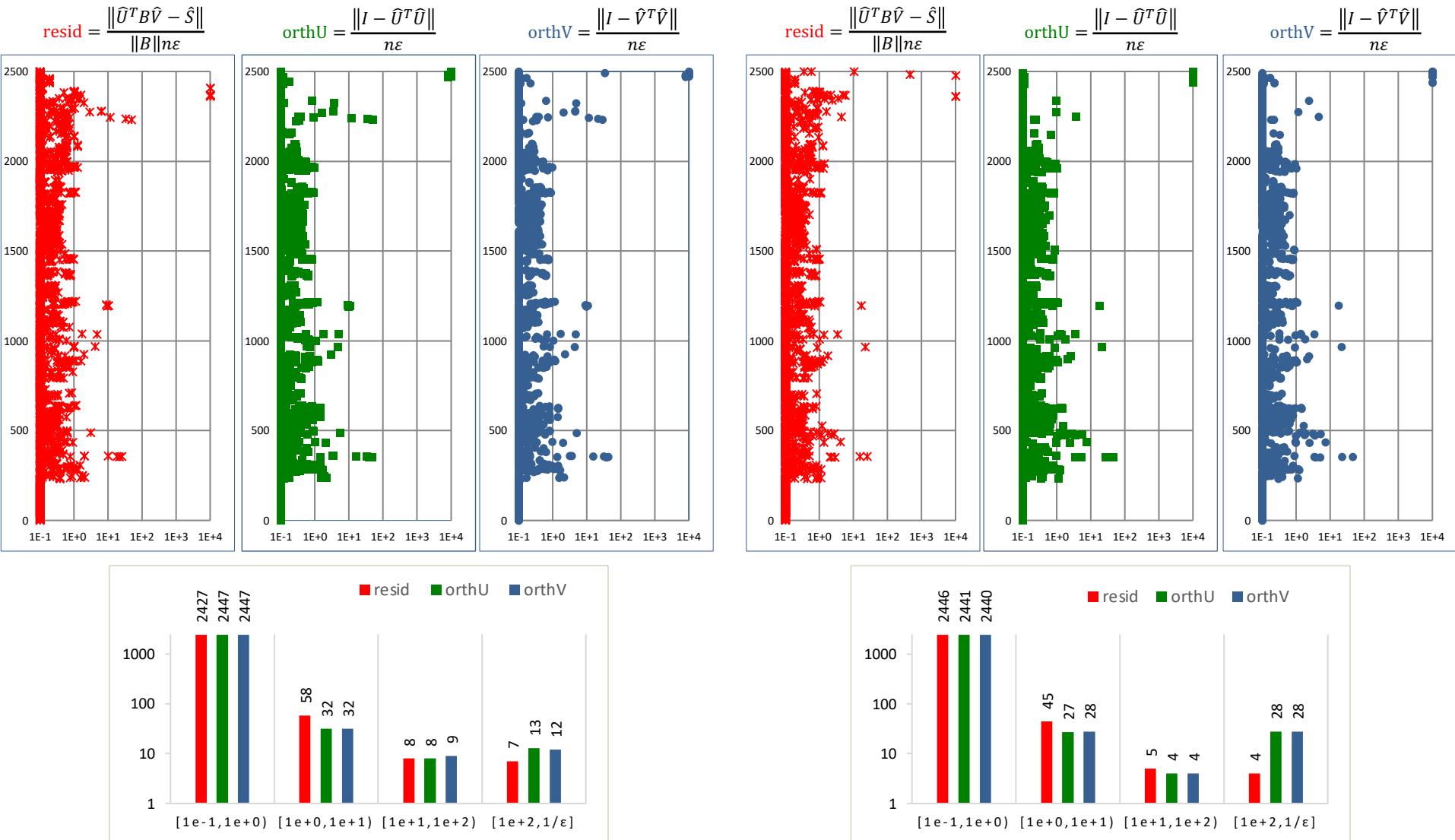
Marques, Demmel and Vasconcelos (2020). Bidiagonal SVD Computation via an Associated Tridiagonal Eigenproblem. ACM TOMS.

BDSVDX: residual and orthogonality, RANGE=“A”



BDSVDX: residual and orthogonality, RANGE= “I” and “V”

results for “I” (left) and “V” (right) generated randomly, 10 pairs per matrix



STCollection: hard tests behind the scenes

- Developed for $T_s = \theta_s$
- Extended to $B = \hat{U}\hat{S}\hat{V}^T$
- Matrices and eigenvalue distributions (and corresponding plots)
 - Built-in eigenvalue distributions (e.g. geometric) and matrices (e.g. Wilkinson)
 - Tridiagonal matrices derived from real world applications
 - Chemistry (analysis of molecules)
 - Harwell-Boeing Collection (structural engineering, etc)
 - SuiteSparse Matrix Collection (FEM analysis, NASA)
 - Matrices provided by LAPACK users (some related to bugs)
 - Lanczos algorithm without reorthogonalization to provoke very close eigenvalues
- Software (various versions)
- Flexible input file

Marques et al. (2008). Algorithm 880:
A testing infrastructure for symmetric
tridiagonal eigensolvers. ACM TOMS.

```
%-----  
% This is a simple input file for STETESTER.  
%-----  
%  
% Cases 01-04:  
%  
VALUES      3 4          % Sets built-in eigenvalue distributions  
                  10 15     % Distribution 3, EIG(i)=COND**(-(i-1)/(N-1))  
%  
% Dimensions of the matrices to be generated  
%  
% Cases 05-16:  
%  
MATRIX T      2 3          % Sets built-in matrices  
                  20:25     % Matrix type 2 and 3  
% Dimensions of the matrices to be generated  
%  
% Cases 17-18:  
%  
GLUED        1 2 1          % Sets glued matrices  
                  1 2 3      % If 1, set eigenvalues; if 2, set matrix  
                  10 11 12    % Eigenvalue distribution or matrix type  
                  0.001 0.002  % Dimensions  
                  0.001 0.002  % Glue factors  
%  
GLUED        1 2 1          % Sets glued matrices  
                  1 2 3      % If 1, set eigenvalues; if 2, set matrix  
                  10 11 12    % Eigenvalue distribution or matrix type  
                  -0.001 -0.002 % Dimensions  
                  -0.001 -0.002 % Glue factors  
%  
% Cases 19-20:  
%  
VALUESF DATA/T_0010.eig % Eigenvalues read from file 'T10.eig'  
MATRIXF T DATA/T_0010.dat % Matrix read from file 'T10.dat'  
%  
% Tests to be performed. Note that 'ALL' is equivalent to  
%  
% "STEQRV" (calls DSTEQR with COMPZ='V')  
% "STEVA" (calls DSTEVX with RANGE='A')  
% "STEVX" (calls DSTEVX with RANGE='I')  
% "STEVXV" (calls DSTEVX with RANGE='V')  
% "STEDC" (calls DSTEVD with COMPZ='I')  
% "STEGR" (calls DSTEGR with RANGE='A')  
% "STEGR" (calls DSTEGR with RANGE='I')  
% "STEGR" (calls DSTEGR with RANGE='V')  
%  
% Also note that no interval was specified (by means of EIGVI, EIGVV,  
% NRILIU or NRVLVU) so in spite of 'ALL' some tests will be skipped.  
%  
CALLST ALL  
%  
% Halfbandwidth of the symmetric matrix to be generated and then  
% tridiagonalized. This can save time for big matrices (if smaller  
% than 100).  
%  
HBANDA 100  
%  
% Dump results in different formats (including Matlab)  
%  
DUMP LOG T W Z T_MAT W_MAT Z_MAT  
%  
END
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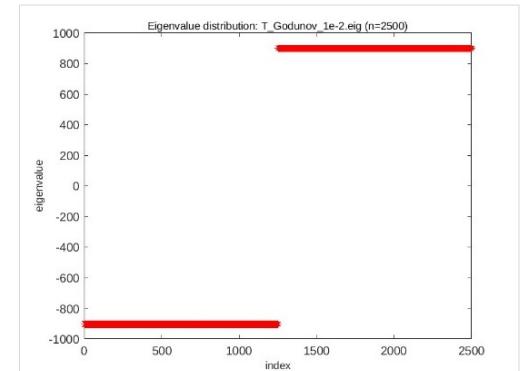
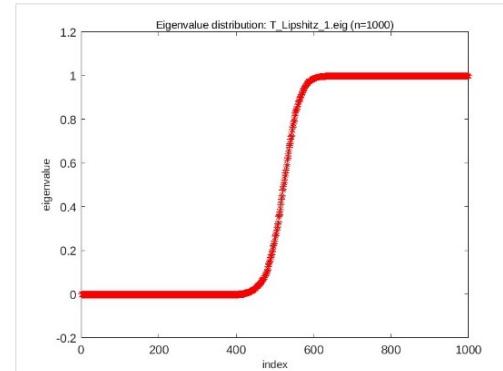
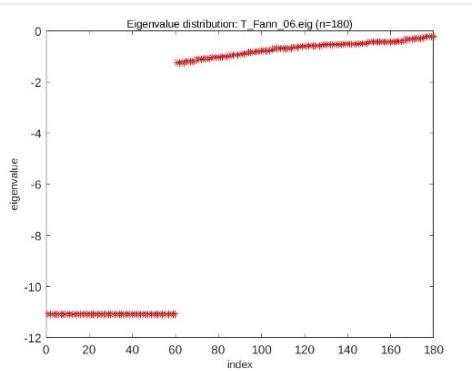
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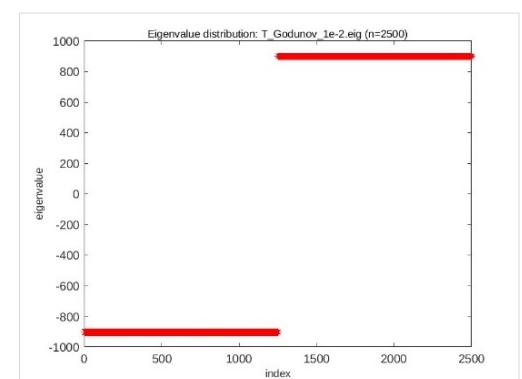
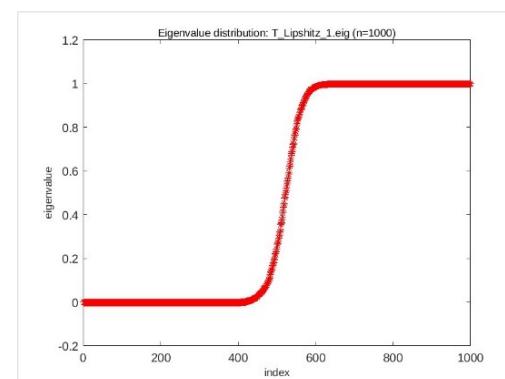
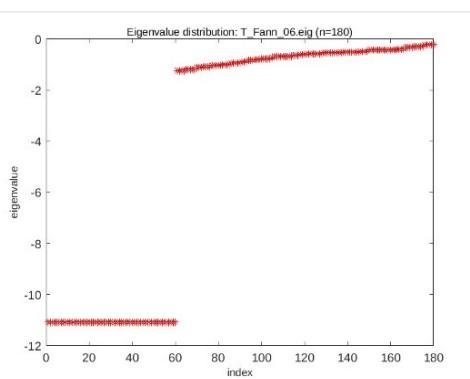
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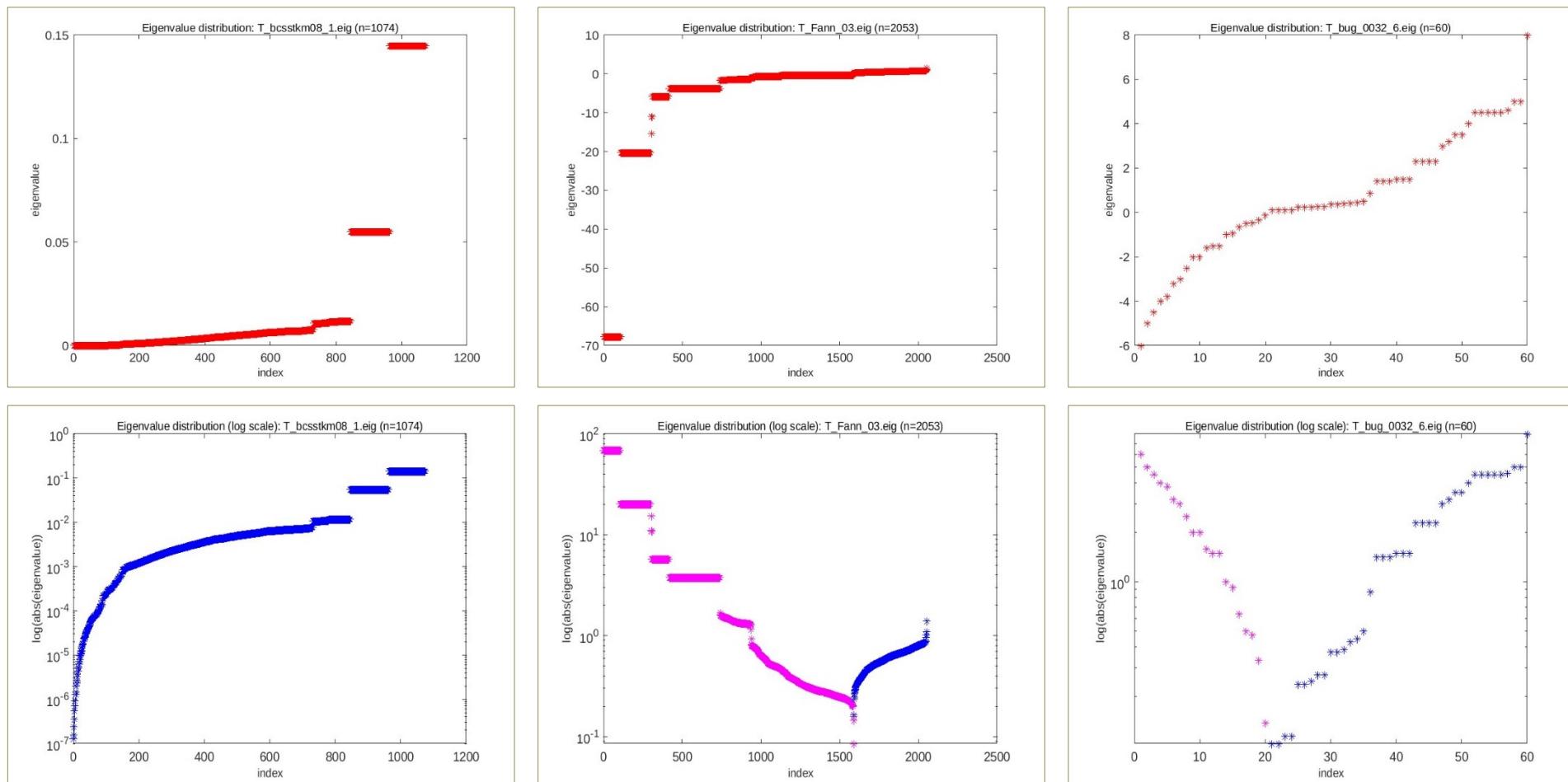
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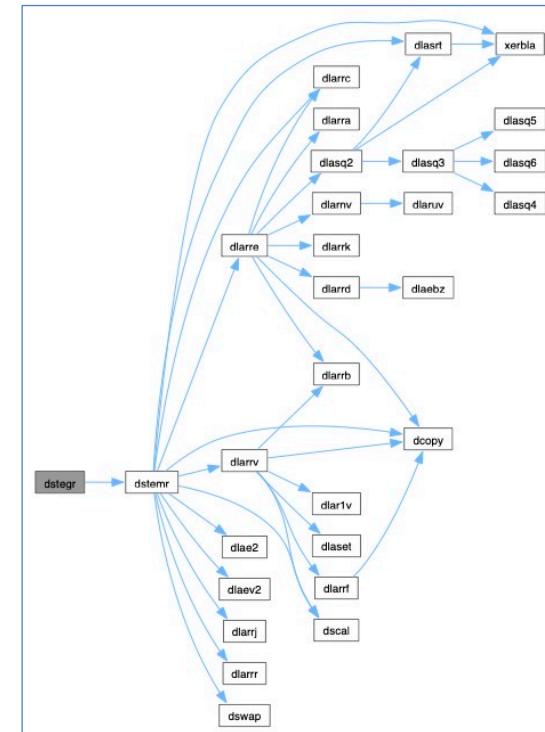


Opportunities (w.r.t. software testing)

- Categorize tests
- Streamline the analysis of results (for publications)
- Which algorithm is preferable under certain conditions?
- Integration of meaningful tests in the generation of codes
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- Test of code segments (akin to unit tests)
- Manage versions (e.g. real/complex) instead of using "extract" (base files)
- Algorithm selection (next slides)

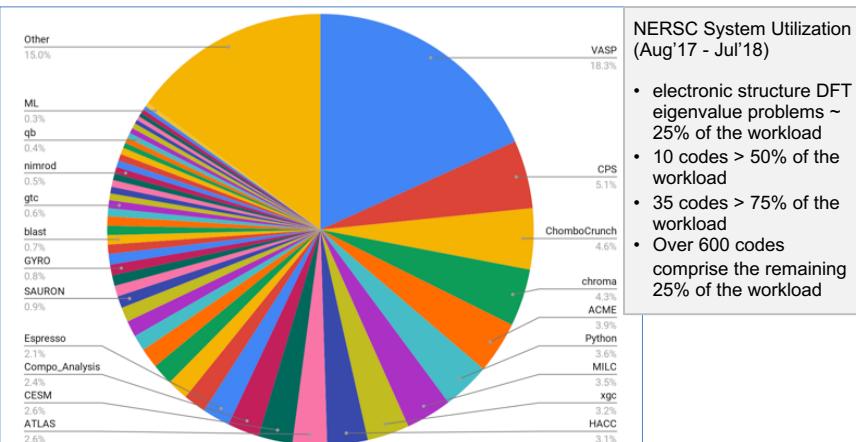
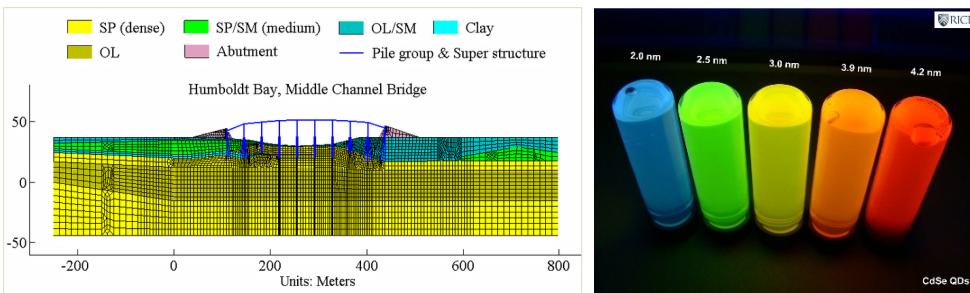
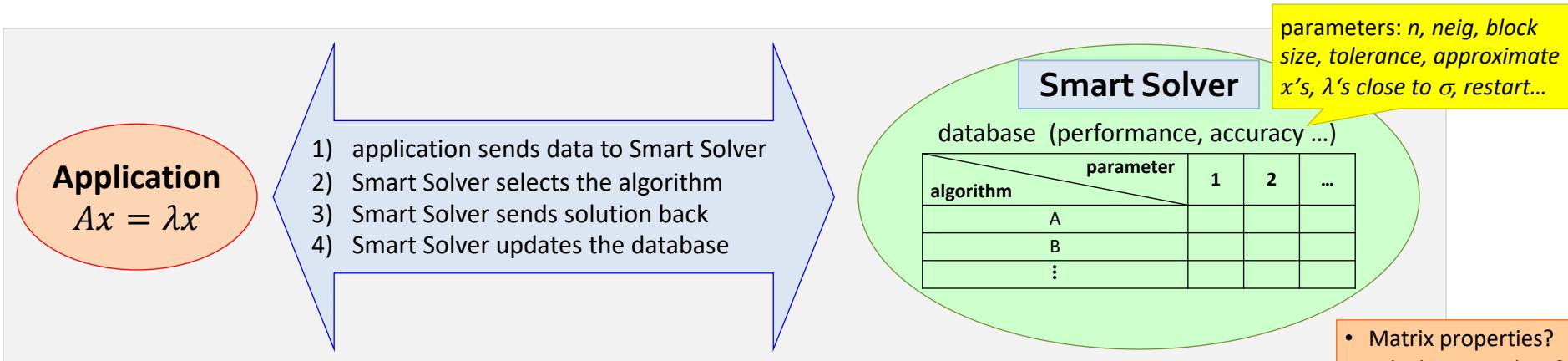
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Oba, Tezuka and Hasegawa (2025). Prediction of Iterative Solvers Convergence Using Pretraining by Natural Images. 27th DaWaK.



Algorithm Selection: A Poor Man's AI

20+ years ago 😊



- Given a set of parameters:
 - How to select an algorithm?
 - How to update the database?
- Is the user allowed to bias the selection?
- How to package the algorithms?
- What to do in case of failure?
- What to use as database?

Matrix properties?
 Which eigenvalues?
 Eigenvectors?

- Demmel, Li and Marques (2004). *An Intelligent and Scalable Sparse Eigensolver Toolkit for High-End Computing*. Submitted to NSF.
- Kajiyama et al. (2006). *SILC: A Flexible and Environment-Independent Interface for Matrix Computation Libraries*, LNCS 3911.
- Sakurai et al. (2013). *A Sparse Matrix Library with Automatic Selection of Iterative Solvers and Preconditioners*, Procedia Computer Science 18.
- Yu et al. (2018). *ELSI: A unified software interface for Kohn–Sham electronic structure solvers*. Computer Physics Communications.

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Given a very large, sparse, real symmetric matrix, for which about 5% of the smallest eigenvalues and corresponding eigenvectors need to be computed, which eigenvalue solvers could be used for that task, considering accuracy and speed ?

Answer (next slides):

- summary of good options
- practical recommendations
- implementation suggestions / libraries
- quick decision tree

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Answer: practical recommendations

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 - Use block Krylov (ARPACK-NG, PRIMME) or LOBPCG with a good preconditioner.
 - If eigenvalues are tightly clustered or convergence is slow, use Jacobi-Davidson or shift-invert (if you can solve linear systems fast).
- If “5%” is large (many thousands — e.g. $n=1e6 \rightarrow 50k$ eigenpairs):
 - Prefer spectrum-slicing / FEAST or Chebyshev polynomial filtering + block subspace. These scale better when you need a big chunk of the spectrum and are embarrassingly parallel over slices or frequency intervals.
 - Shift-invert becomes expensive at this scale unless you have an extremely fast parallel direct solver or extremely good preconditioners.
- If you have a powerful preconditioner (AMG, domain-decomp):
 - LOBPCG or Jacobi-Davidson (block) + preconditioning is often the fastest and most memory-efficient route.
- If you need to run on distributed memory (MPI) or GPUs:
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Answer: quick decision tree

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2. Spectral Clustering — Unsupervised Learning

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- **Role:** Involves computing the **eigenvectors** of the **Laplacian matrix** derived from the data graph. These eigenvectors are then used for clustering in a lower-dimensional space.
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3. Word Embeddings & Latent Semantic Analysis (LSA)

- **Where:** Early NLP methods and still foundational for understanding representations.
- **Role:** **Singular Value Decomposition (SVD)** — a close relative to eigenvalue decomposition — is used in LSA to reduce the dimensionality of term-document matrices.
- **References:** 1) Deerwester et al. (1990). "Indexing by latent semantic analysis." *JASIS*. 2) Turney & Pantel (2010). "From frequency to meaning: Vector space models of semantics." *JAIR*.

4. Optimization Problems in Deep Learning

- **Where:** In training neural networks, eigenvalues of the **Hessian matrix** (second derivative of the loss) provide insight into curvature and convergence.
- **Role:** Understanding the spectrum of the Hessian can inform learning rate schedules, saddle point avoidance, and generalization properties.
- **References:** 1) Sagun, Bottou, & LeCun (2017). "Eigenvalues of the Hessian in deep learning: Singularity and beyond." arXiv:1611.07476. 2) Ghorbani, Krishnan, & Xiao (2019). "An Investigation into Neural Net Optimization via Hessian Eigenvalue Density." ICML.

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Latent Semantic Analysis	SVD (related to eigenvalue problems)	NLP
Optimization in Deep Nets	Hessian eigenvalues	Training diagnostics
Efficient Transformers	Low-rank matrix approximations (SVD)	Attention speed-up
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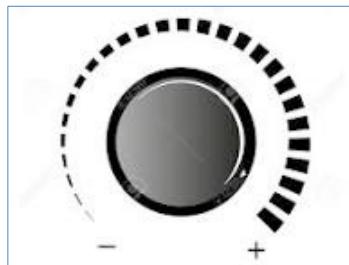
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- **References:** 1) Kipf & Welling (2017). "Semi-Supervised Classification with Graph Convolutional Networks." ICLR. 2) Defferrard et al. (2016). "Convolutional neural networks on graphs with fast localized spectral filtering."

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Thank you !