

# A General Sparsified Nested Dissection Algorithm with a Task-Based Runtime System

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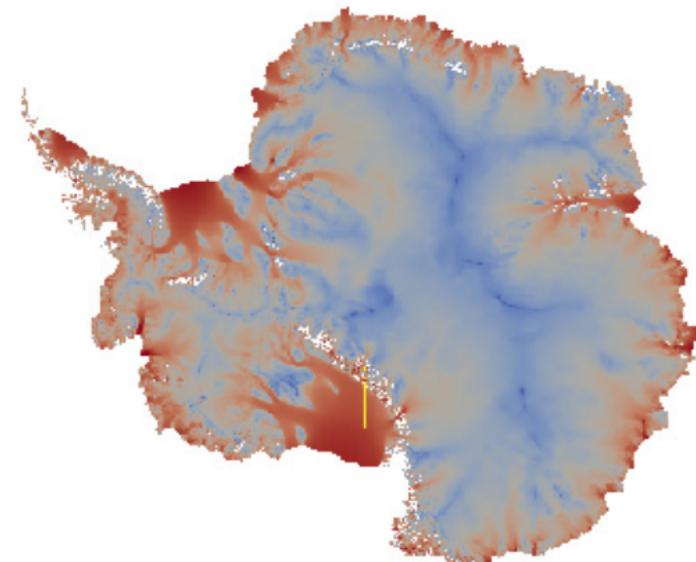
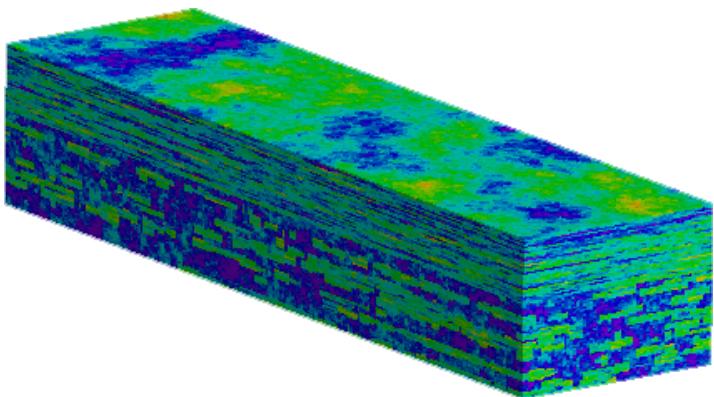
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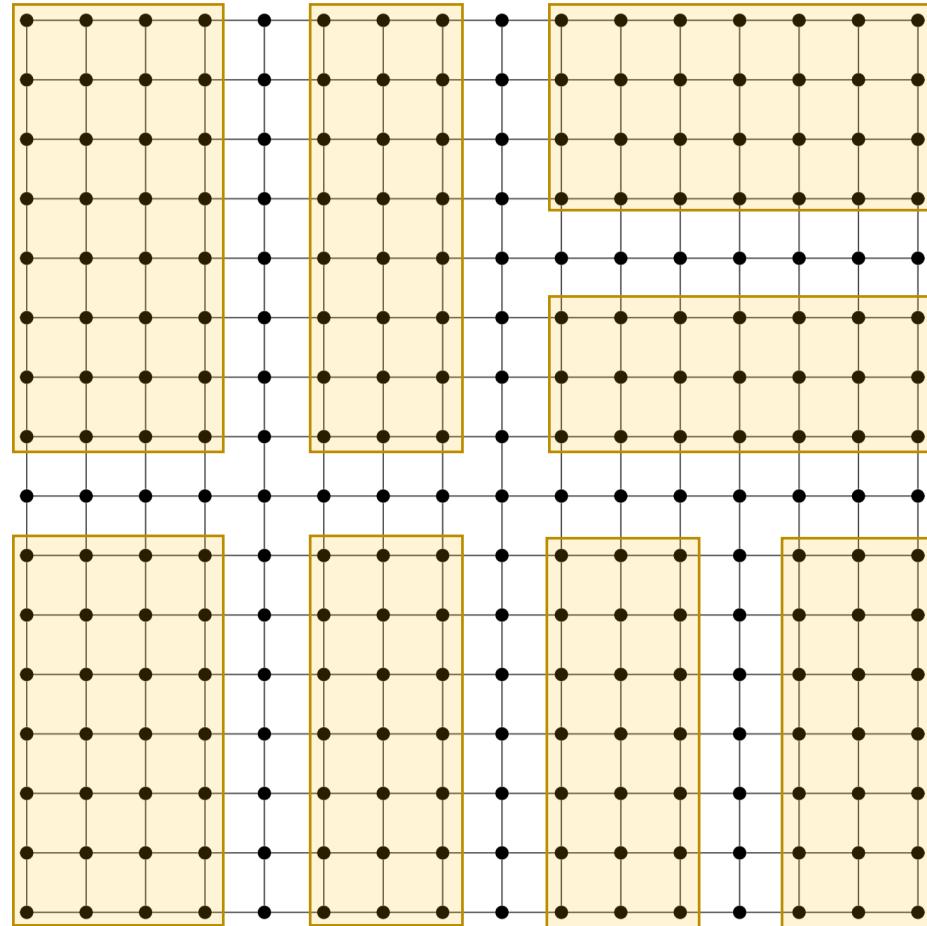
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# Problem and Motivation

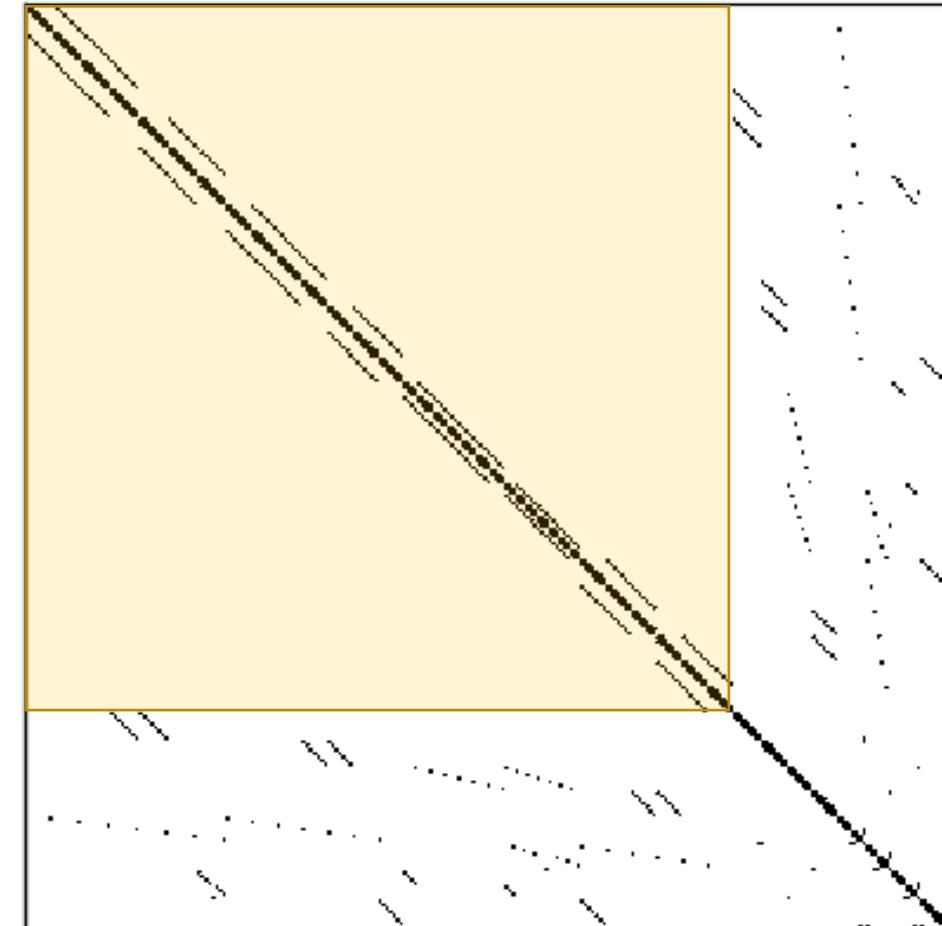
- $Ax = b$ ,  $A$  is sparse and (typically) from PDE's
- Generic and algebraic ( $\varepsilon$  only) and scalable (multilevels,  $O(N \log N)$ )
- Parallel, using a task-based runtime system



# Sparse Linear Systems with Nested Dissection

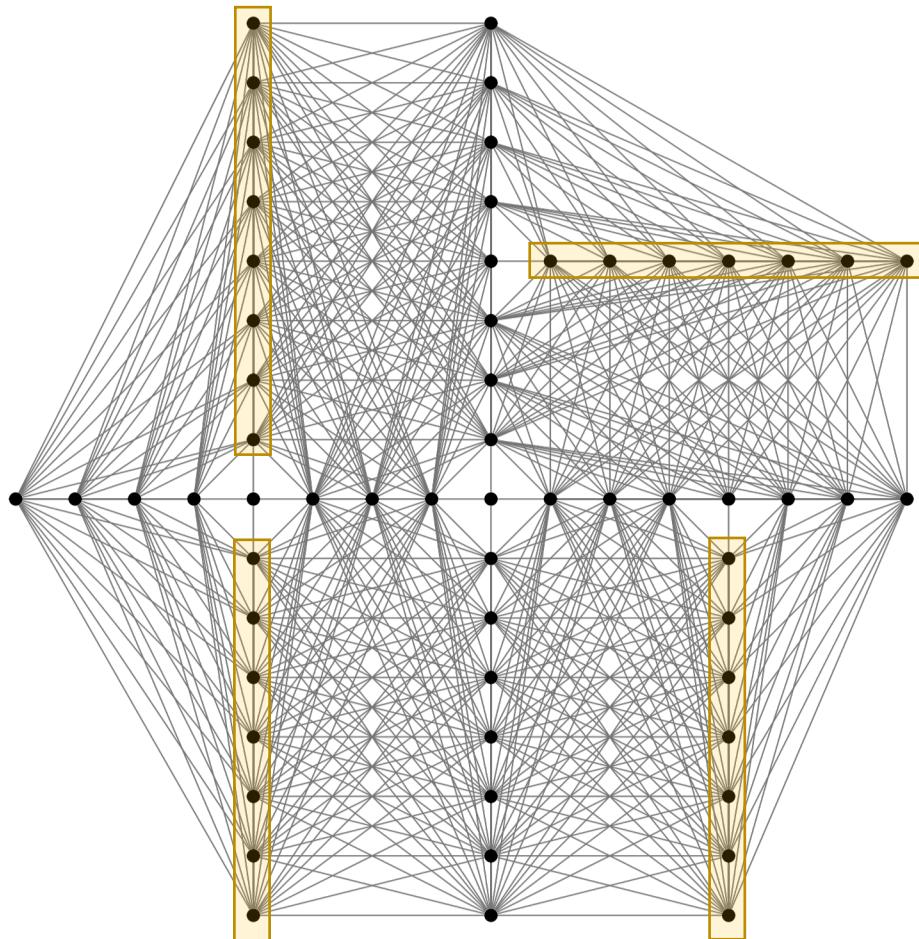


Matrix graph, nodes = unknowns

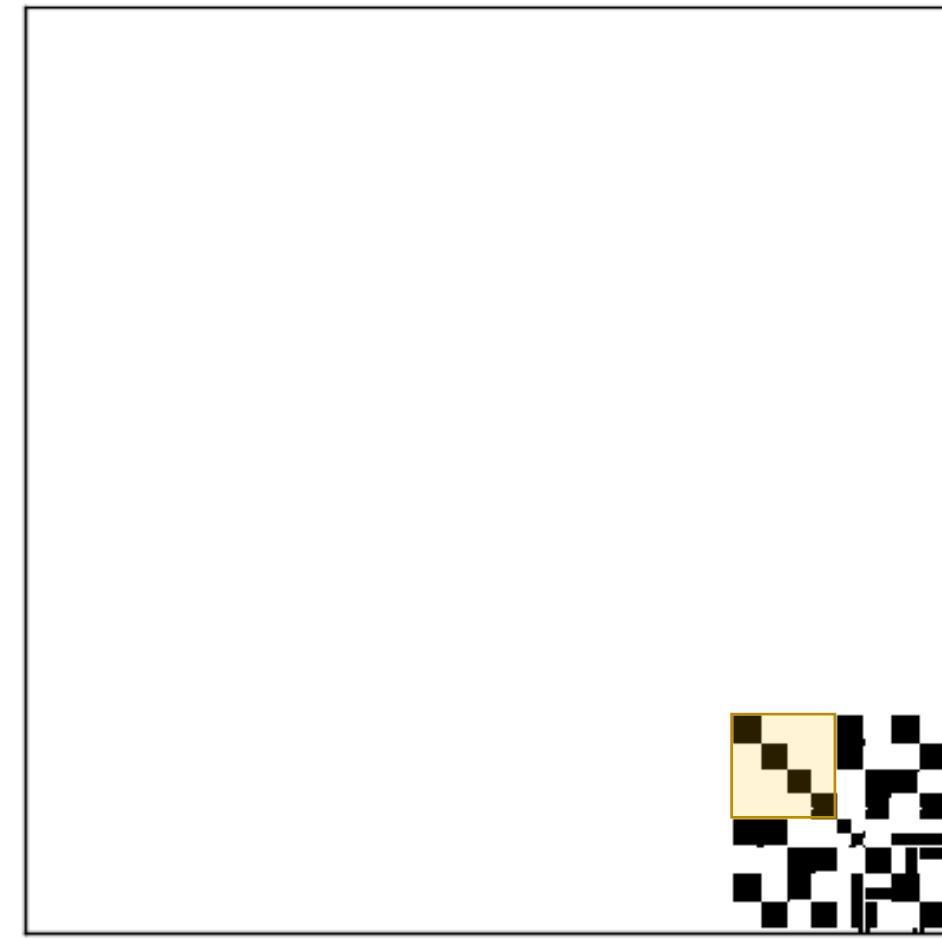


Matrix

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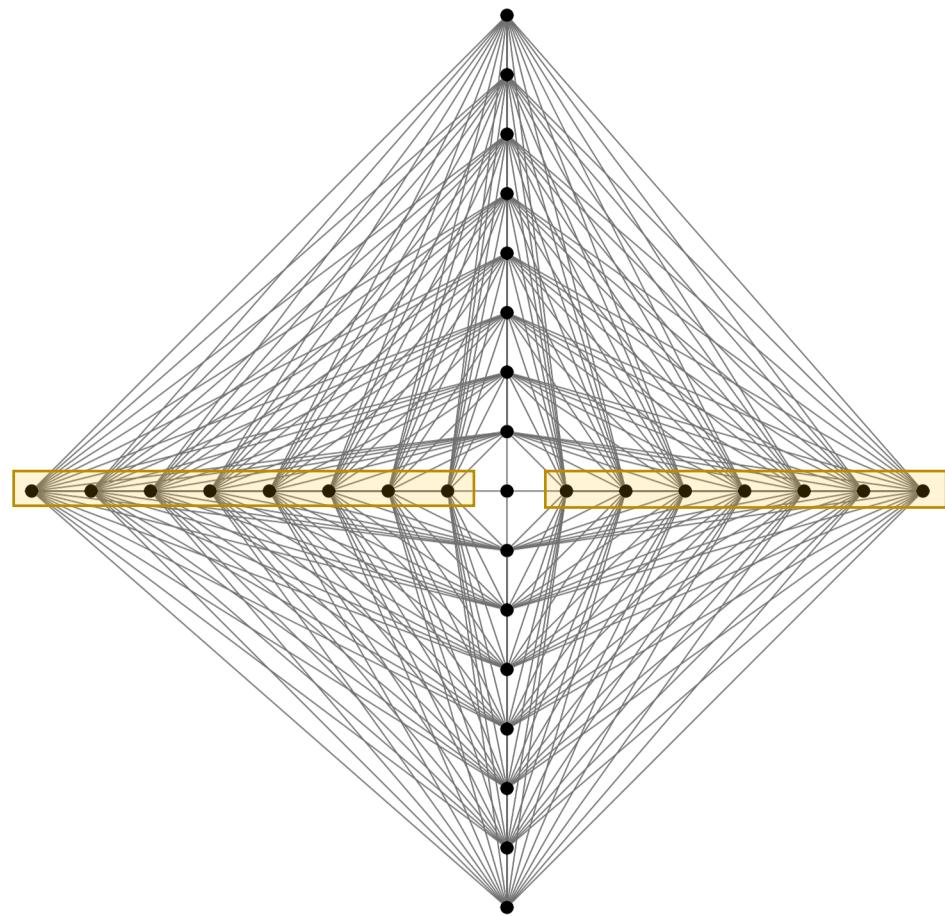


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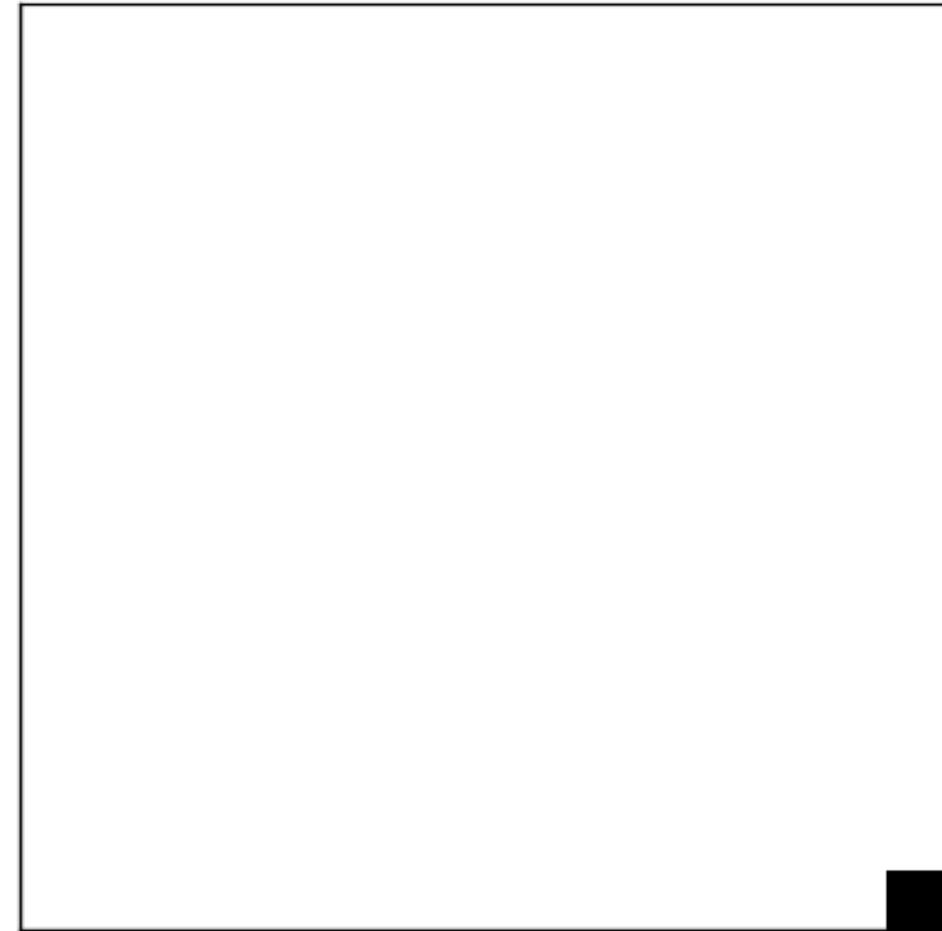


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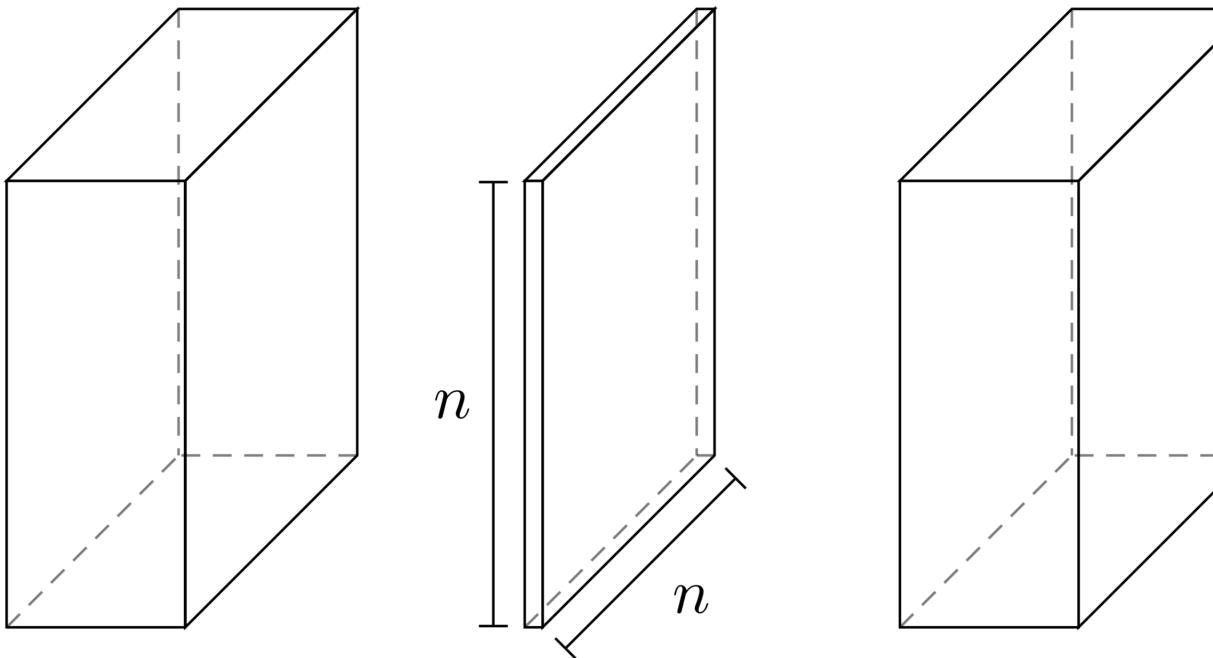


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# Nested Dissection is $O(N^2)$ in 3D

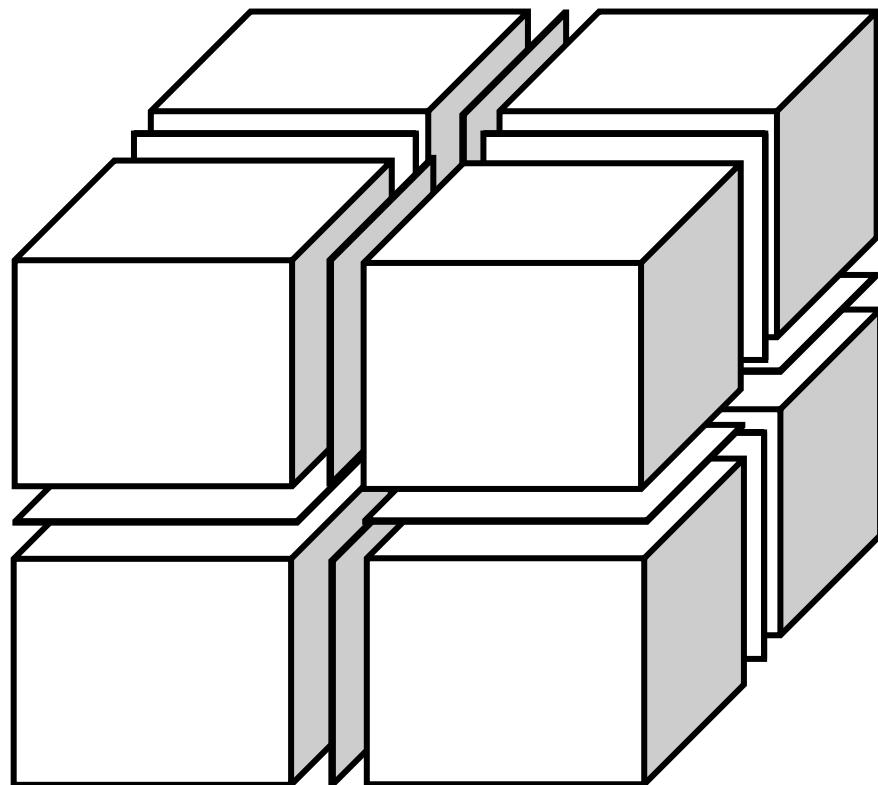


Too much fill-in!

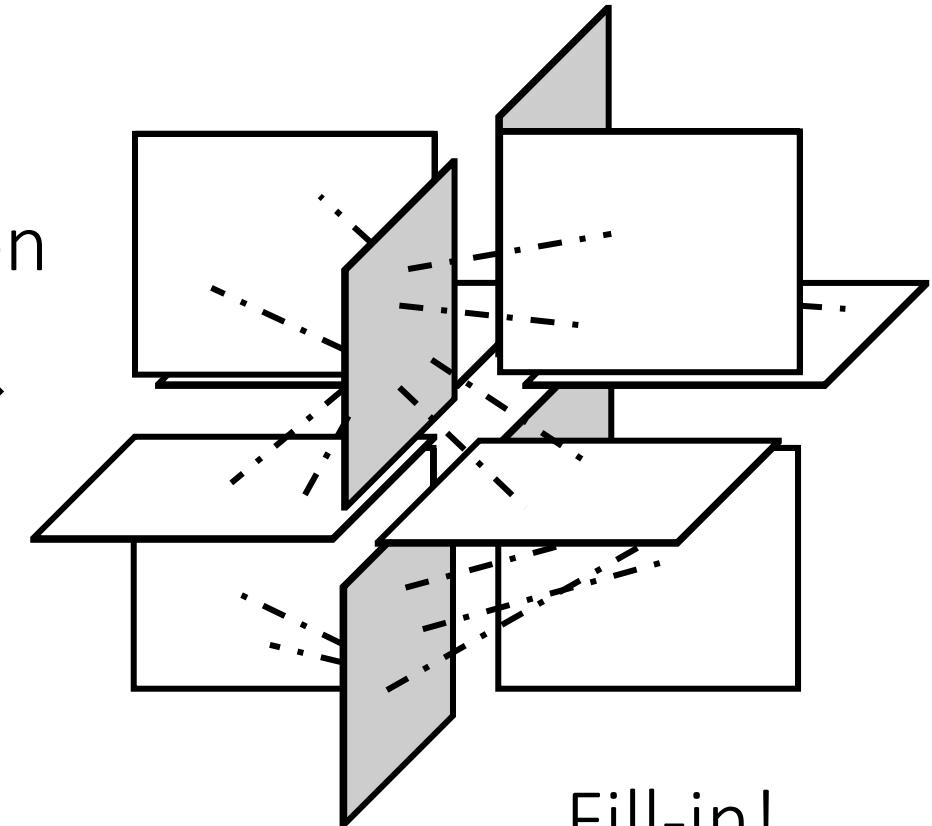
Factoring  $n^2 = N^{\frac{2}{3}}$   
takes  $O(N^2)$

# Nested Dissection Ellmination

$$L^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} A_{pp} & A_{pn} & A_{nw} \\ A_{np} & A_{nn} & A_{nw} \\ A_{wn} & A_{ww} \end{bmatrix} U^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} I & & \\ & A_{nn} - A_{ns}A_{ss}^{-1}A_{sn} & A_{nw} \\ & A_{wn} & A_{ww} \end{bmatrix}$$



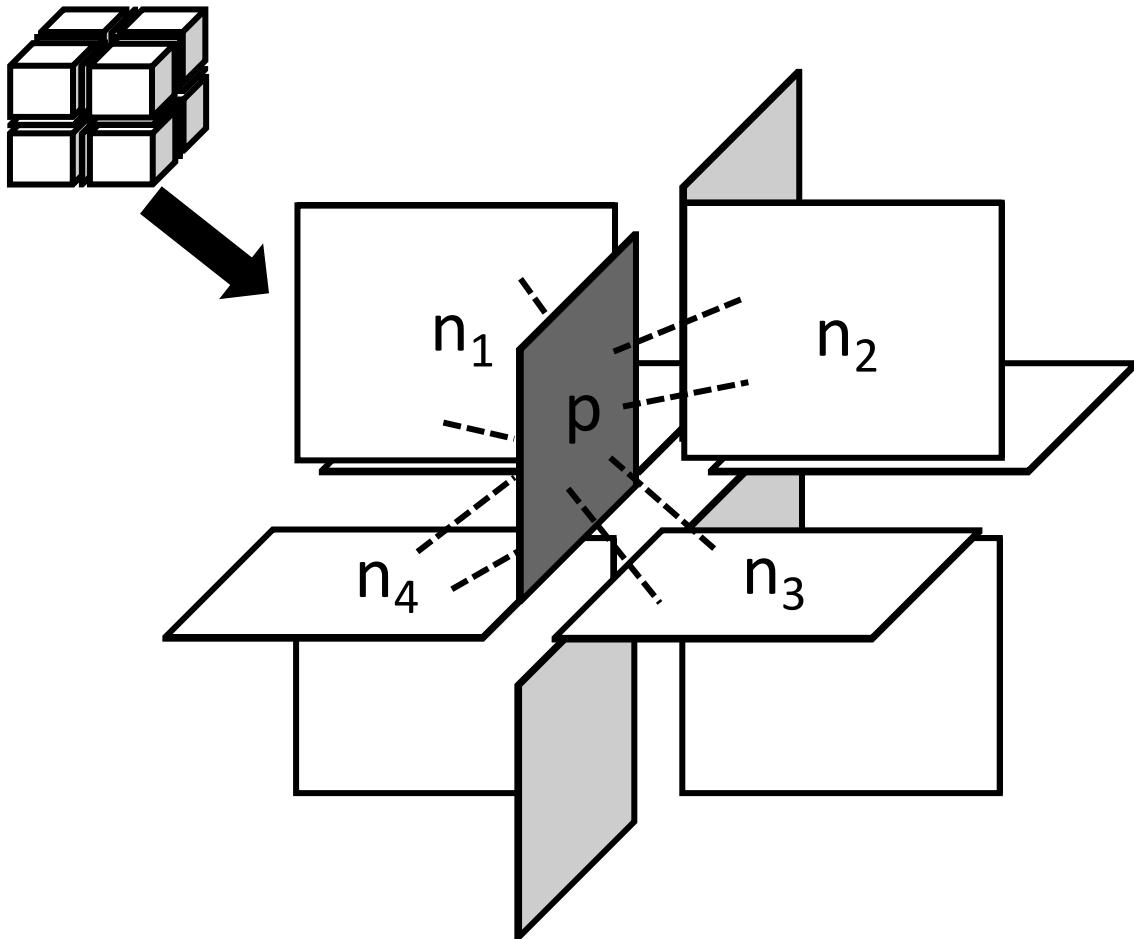
Block  
Elimination



Matrix graph, sets = clusters of vertices

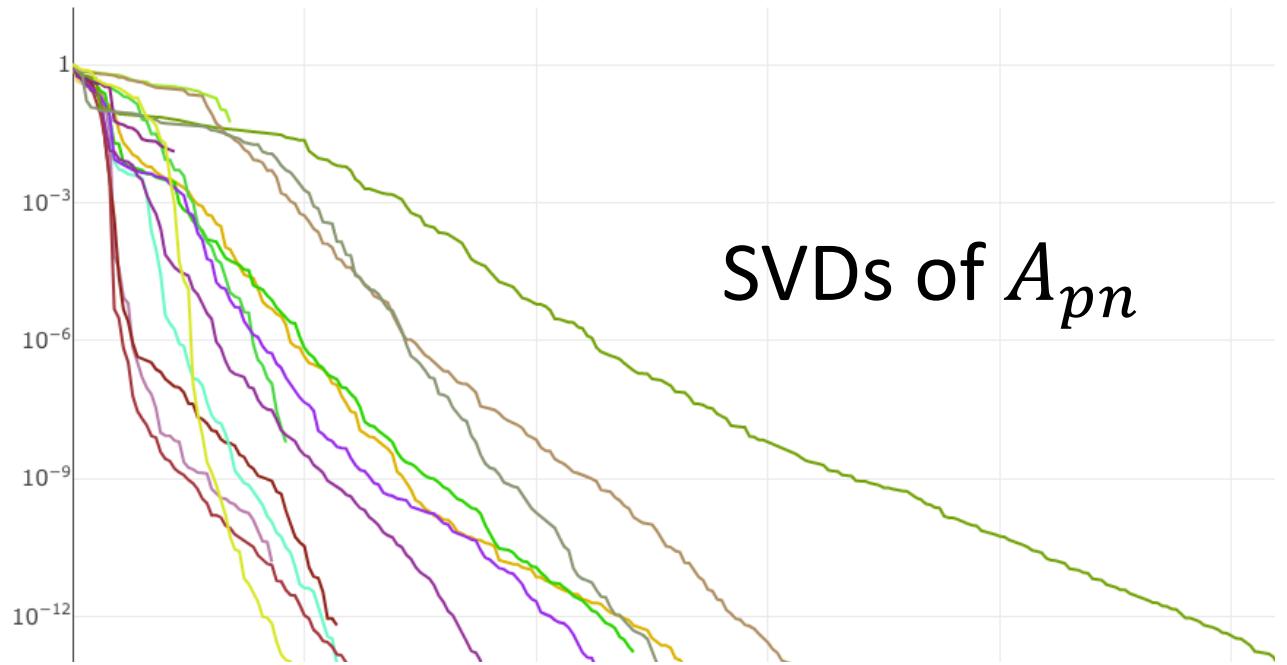
Fill-in!

# Sparsification

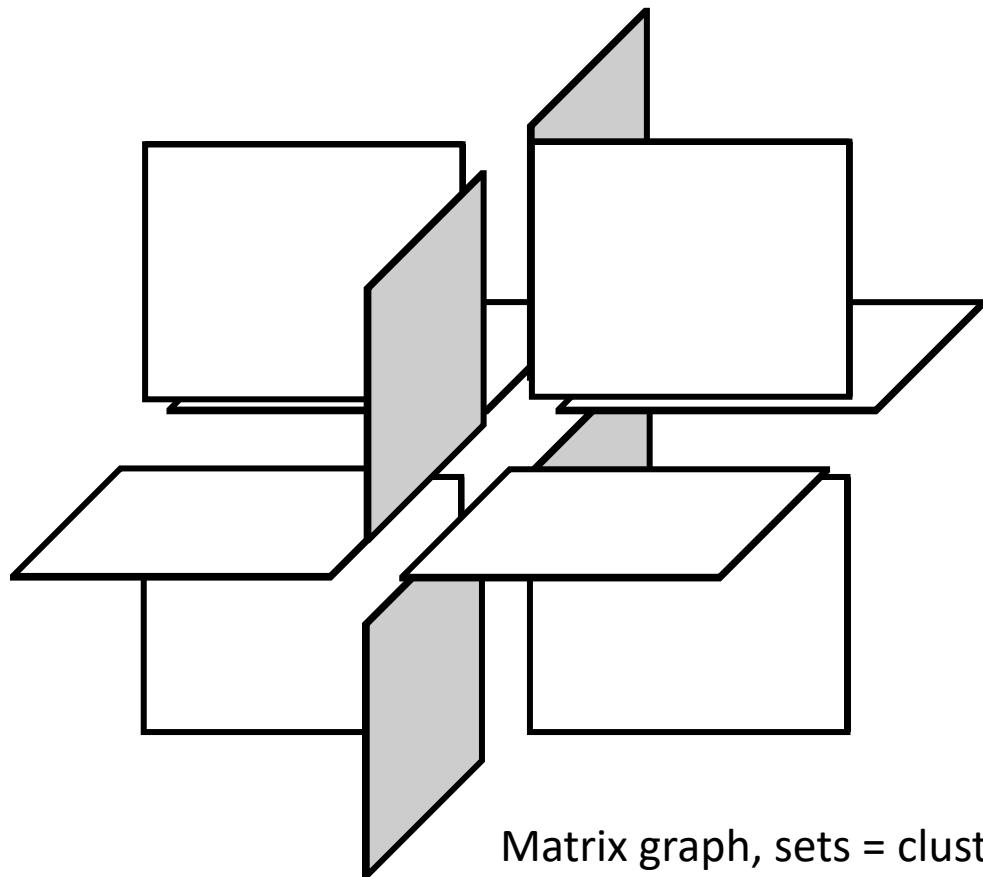


Matrix graph, sets = clusters of vertices

$$\begin{aligned}A_{pn} &= [A_{pn_1} \quad A_{pn_2} \quad A_{pn_3} \quad \dots] \\&= Q_c W_{cn} + Q_f W_{fn} \\&\approx Q_c W_{cn}\end{aligned}$$



# Sparsification

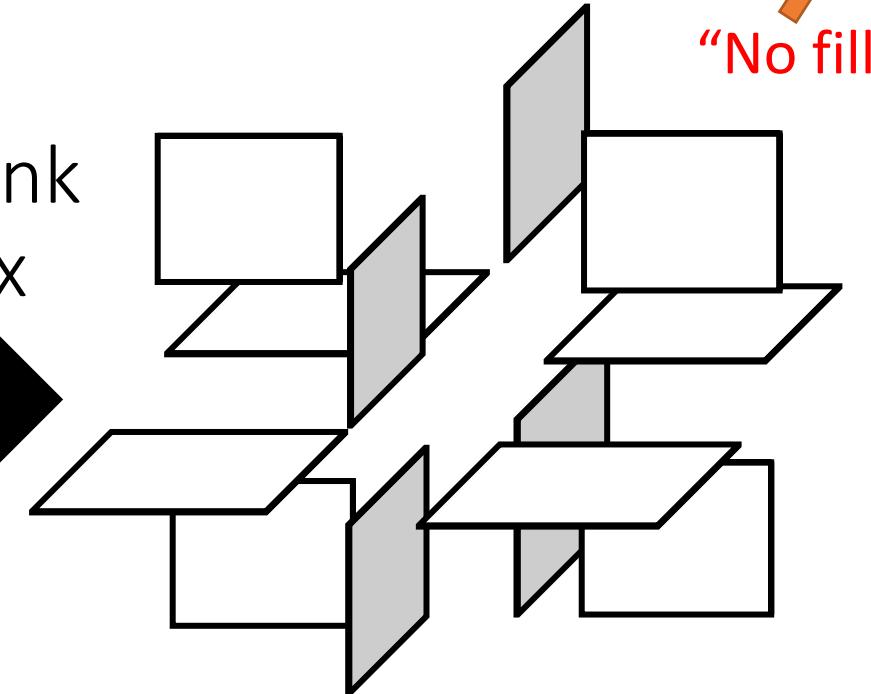


$$[Q_p^T \quad I] \begin{bmatrix} I & A_{pn} \\ A_{np} & A_{nn} \end{bmatrix} [Q_p \quad I] = \begin{bmatrix} I & & \\ \cancel{\star} & I & W_{cn} \\ \cancel{\star} & W_{nc} & A_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

"Eliminated"

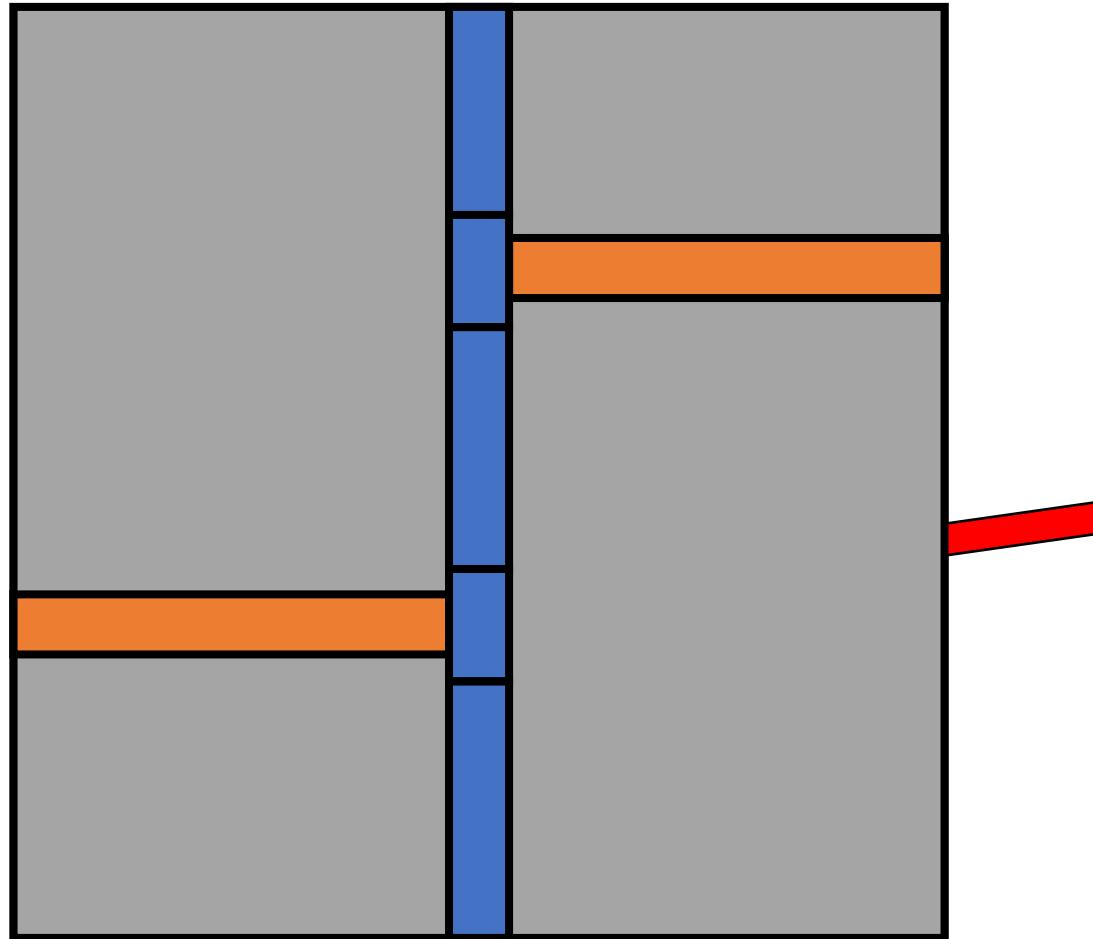
"No fill-in!"

Low-Rank  
Approx

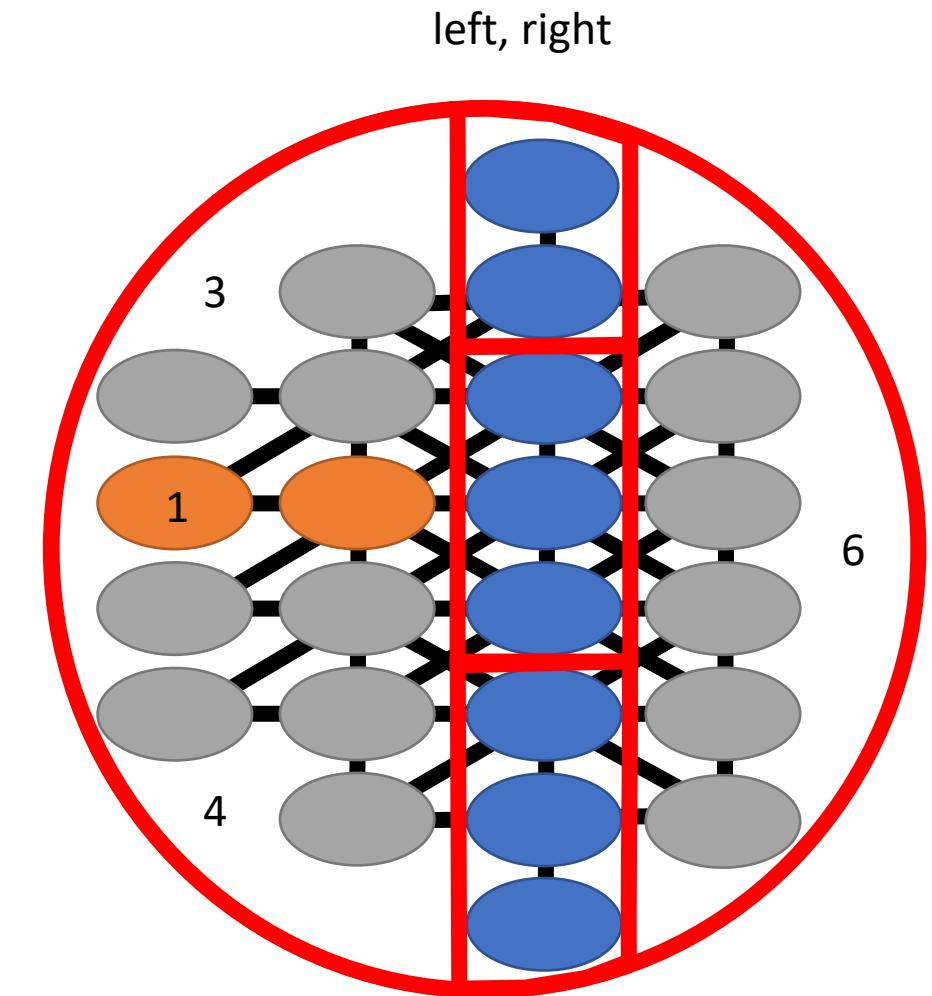


+ error  $\varepsilon$

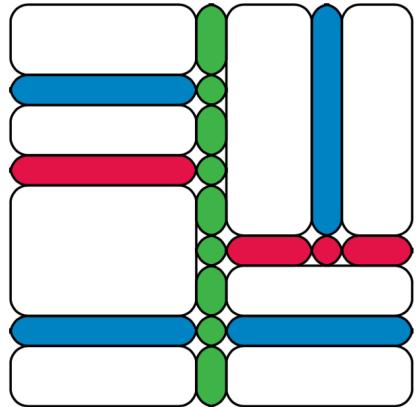
# Building interfaces



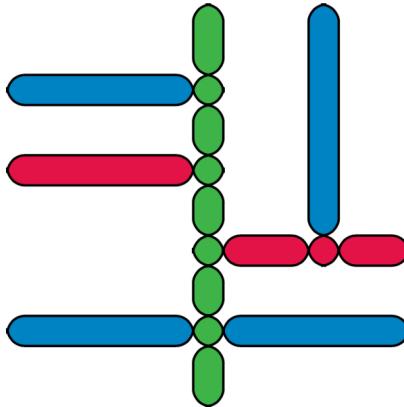
Matrix graph, sets = clusters of vertices



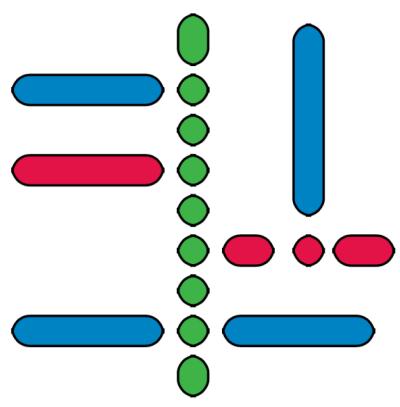
# Eliminate $\mapsto$ Scale $\mapsto$ Sparsify $\cup$



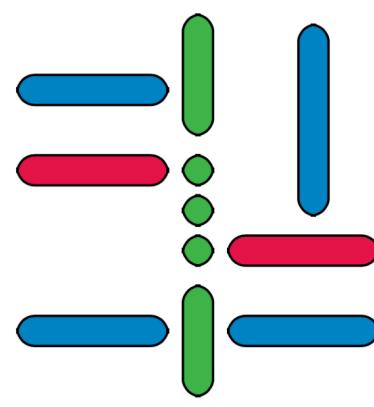
(g)  $A$ , original graph



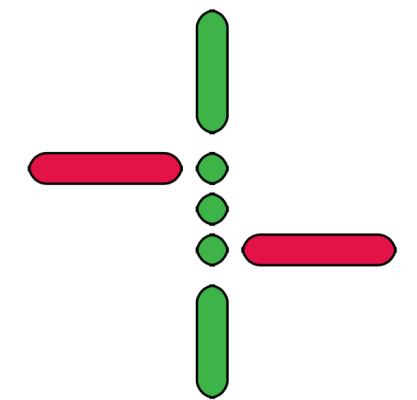
(h) After  $E_1^\top$



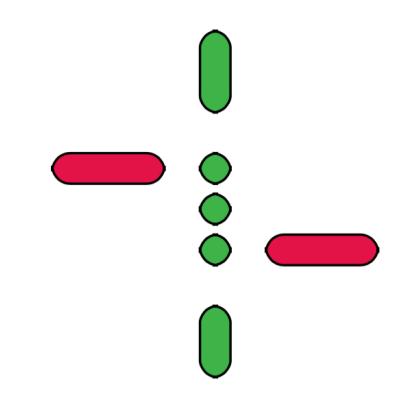
(i) After  $S_1^\top Q_1$



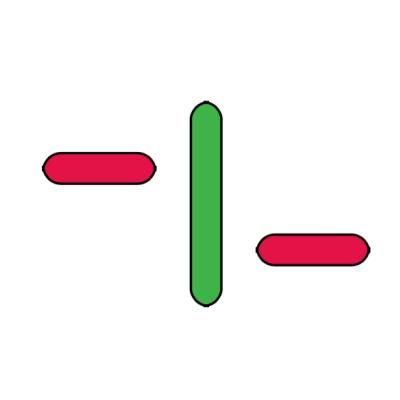
(j) After merge



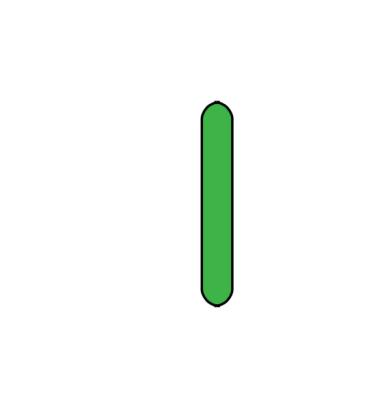
Matrix graph,  
sets = clusters  
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(k) After  $E_2^\top$



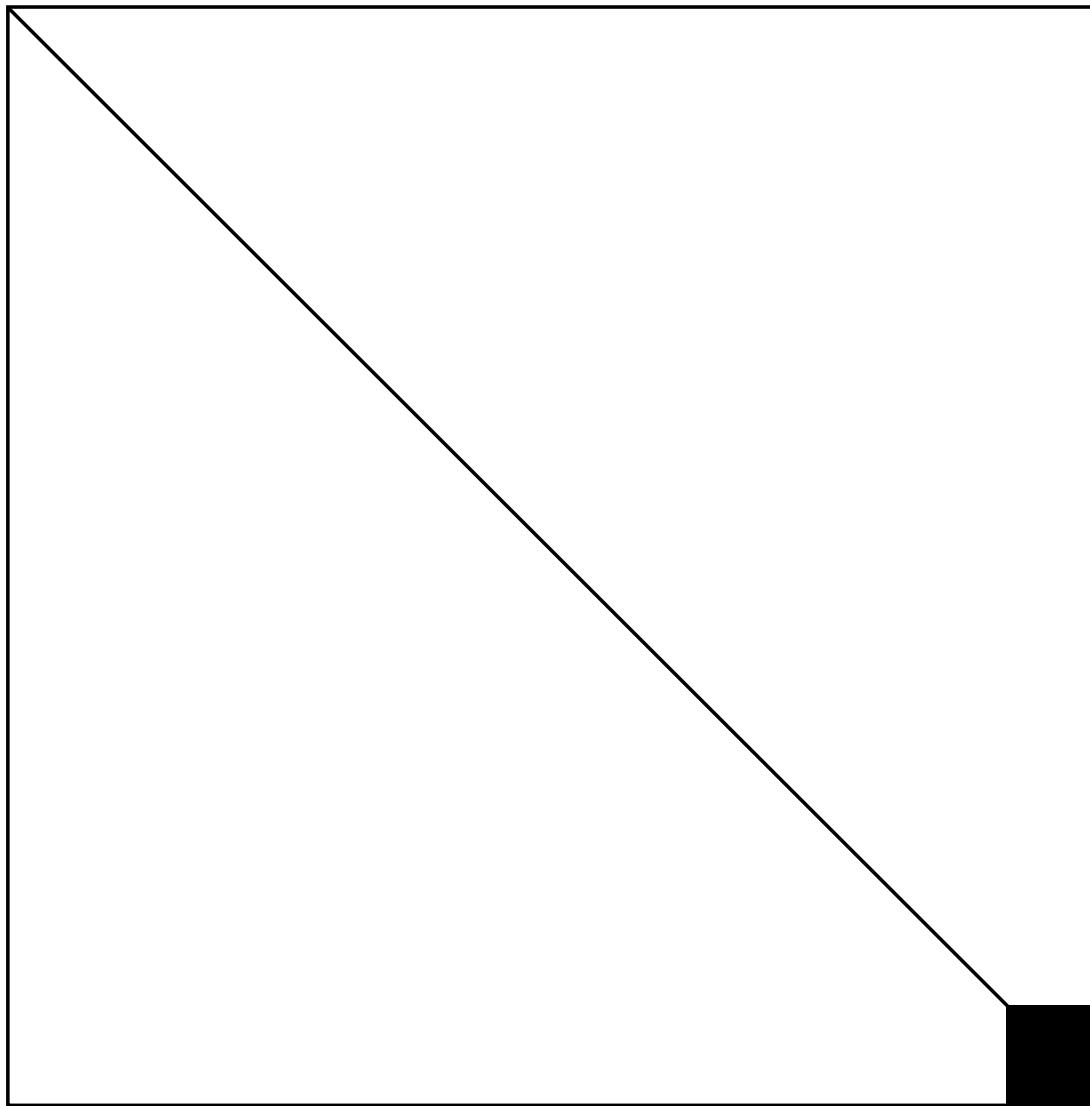
(l) After  $S_2^\top Q_2$



(m) After merge

(n) After  $E_3^\top$

Eliminate  $\mapsto$  Scale  $\mapsto$  Sparsify  $\circlearrowleft$



# General spaND

Block scaling matters!

For level  $k = 1, \dots, L$

- Eliminate interiors ( $LL^T$ ,  $LDL^T$ , PLU, PLUQ)

$$L^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} A_{pp} & A_{pn} & \\ A_{np} & A_{nn} & A_{nw} \\ & A_{wn} & A_{ww} \end{bmatrix} U^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} I & & \\ & A_{nn} - A_{ns}A_{ss}^{-1}A_{sn} & A_{nw} \\ & A_{wn} & A_{ww} \end{bmatrix}$$

Fill-in;  
limited by separators



- Scale interfaces ( $LL^T$ ,  $LDL^T$ , PLU, PLUQ)

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- Sparsify interfaces (RRQR)

$$\begin{bmatrix} Q_p^T & \\ & I \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I & A_{pn} \\ A_{np} & A_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} Q_p & \\ & I \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} I & & \varepsilon \\ \varepsilon & I & W_{cn} \\ & W_{nc} & A_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \approx \begin{bmatrix} I & & \\ & I & W_{cn} \\ & W_{nc} & A_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

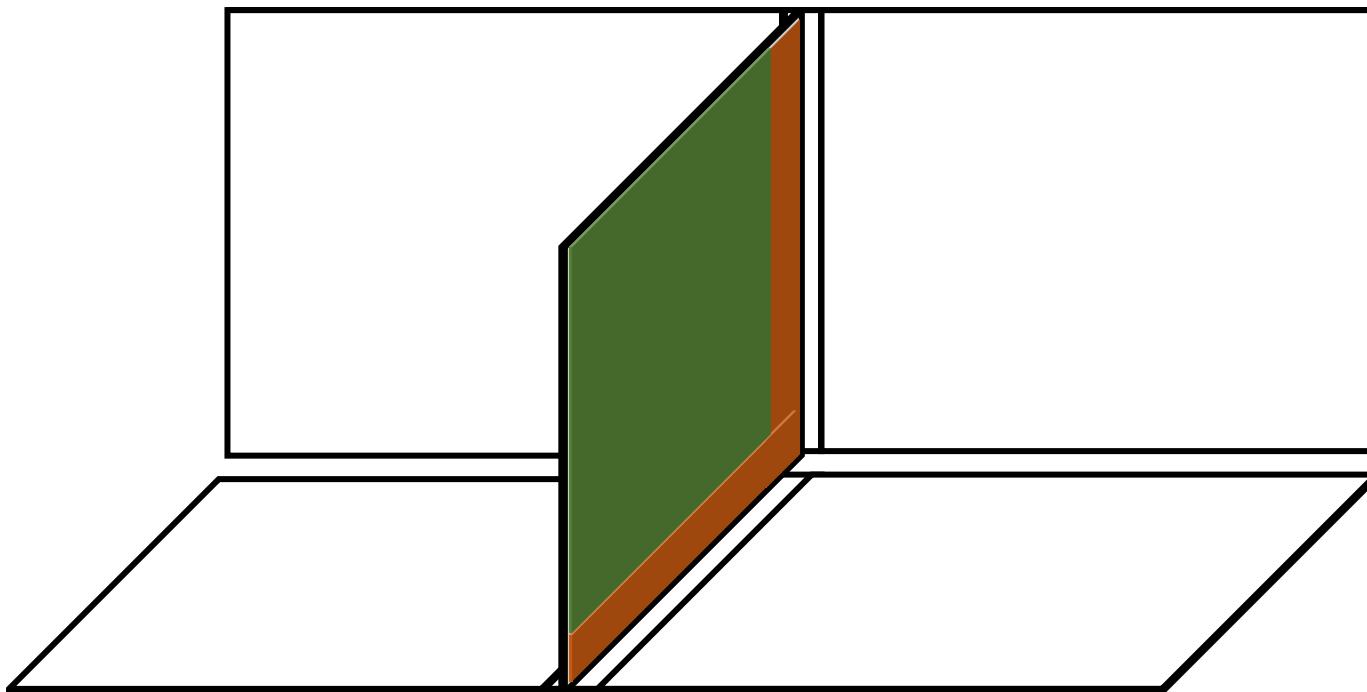
No fill-in!



- Merge clusters

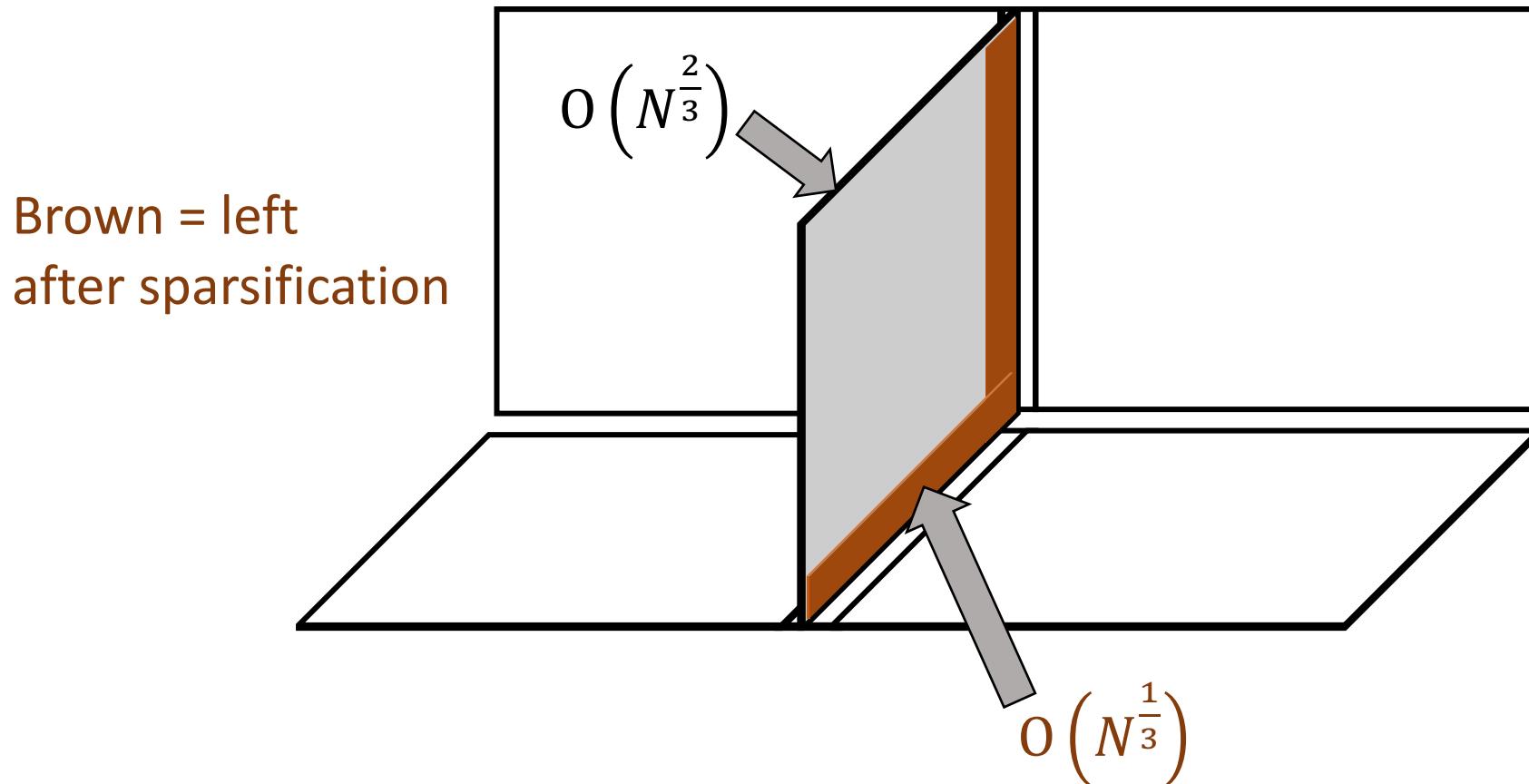
# Separator sizes ?

Brown = original connections  
to other nodes = do not sparsify



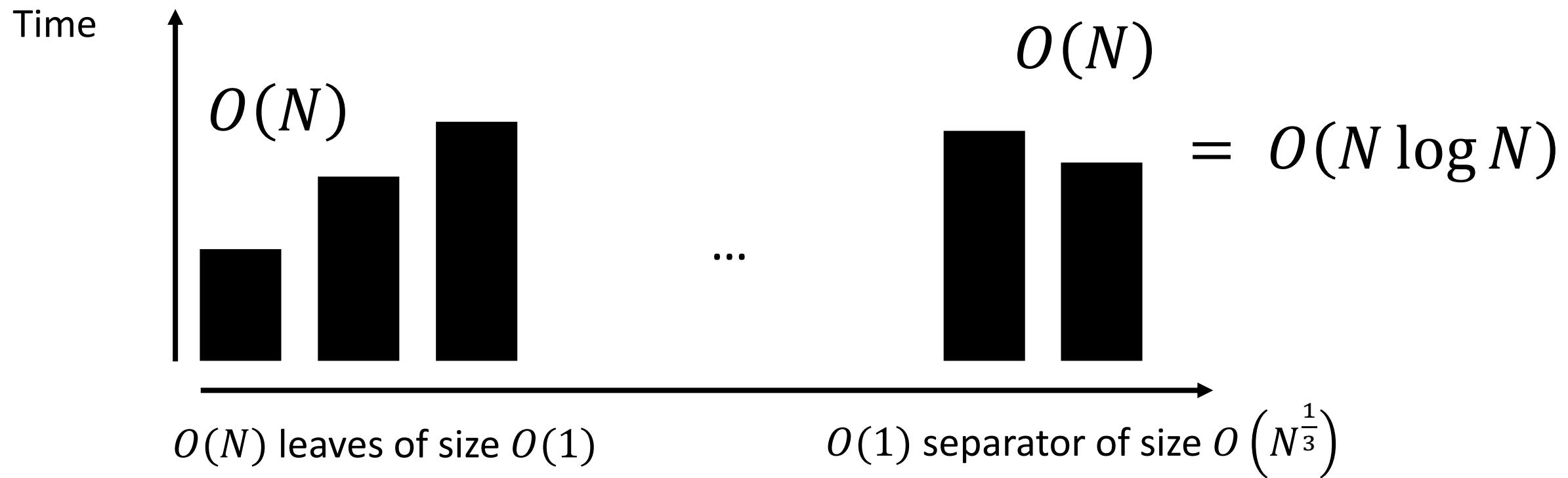
Green = fill-in's to other nodes = sparsifies well

Separator sizes:  $O\left(N^{\frac{2}{3}}\right) \Rightarrow O\left(N^{\frac{1}{3}}\right)$



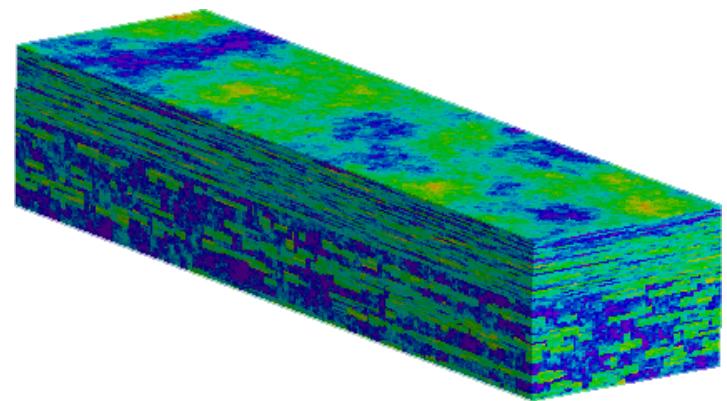
spaND is  $O(N \log N)$  in 3D

If separators  $N^{\frac{2}{3}} \rightarrow N^{\frac{1}{3}}$

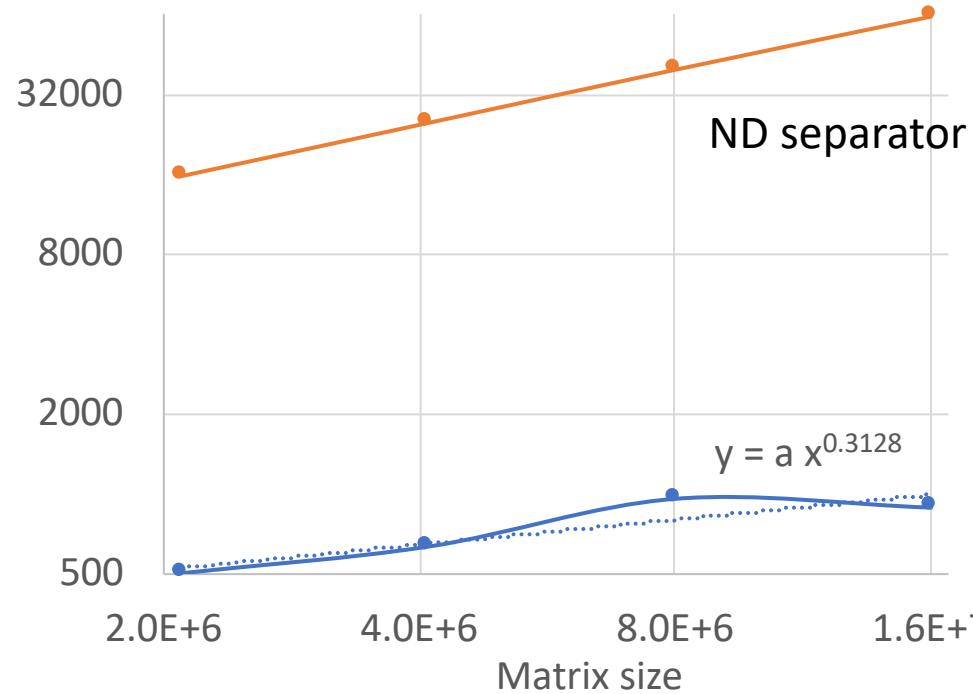


Separators  $\approx O\left(N^{\frac{1}{3}}\right)$  on 3D-like problems

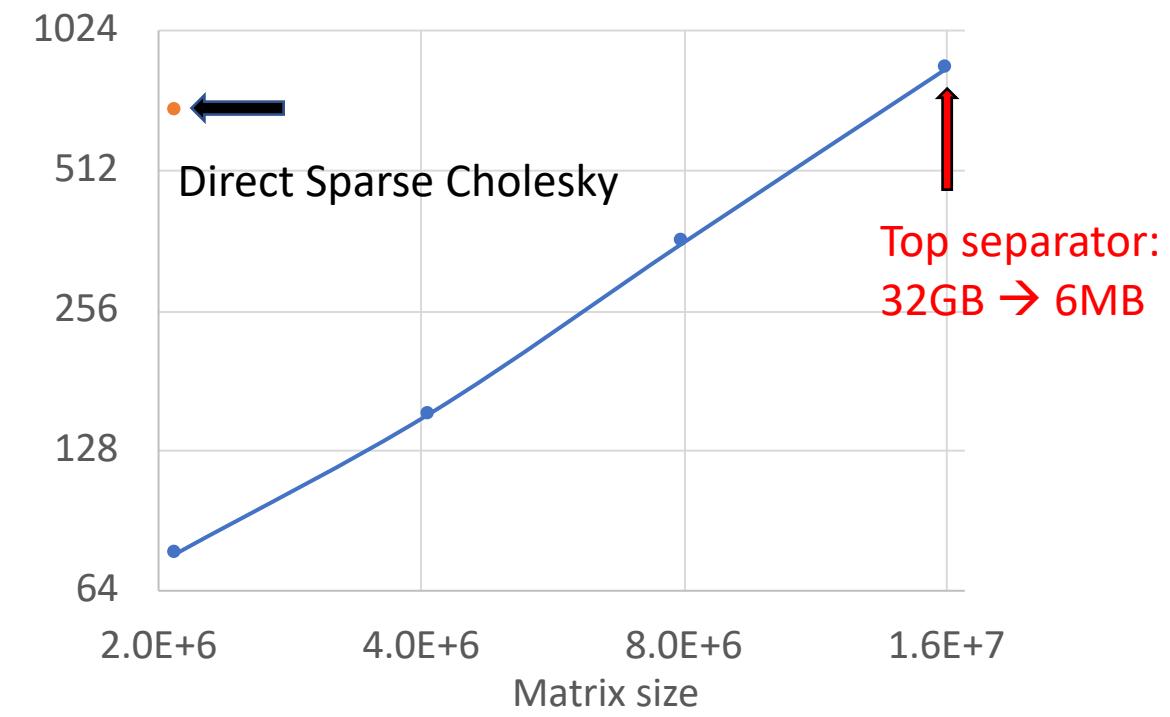
(SPE10, 3D  $\nabla \cdot (a(x)\nabla u)$  Poisson-like, SPD)



Size top separator

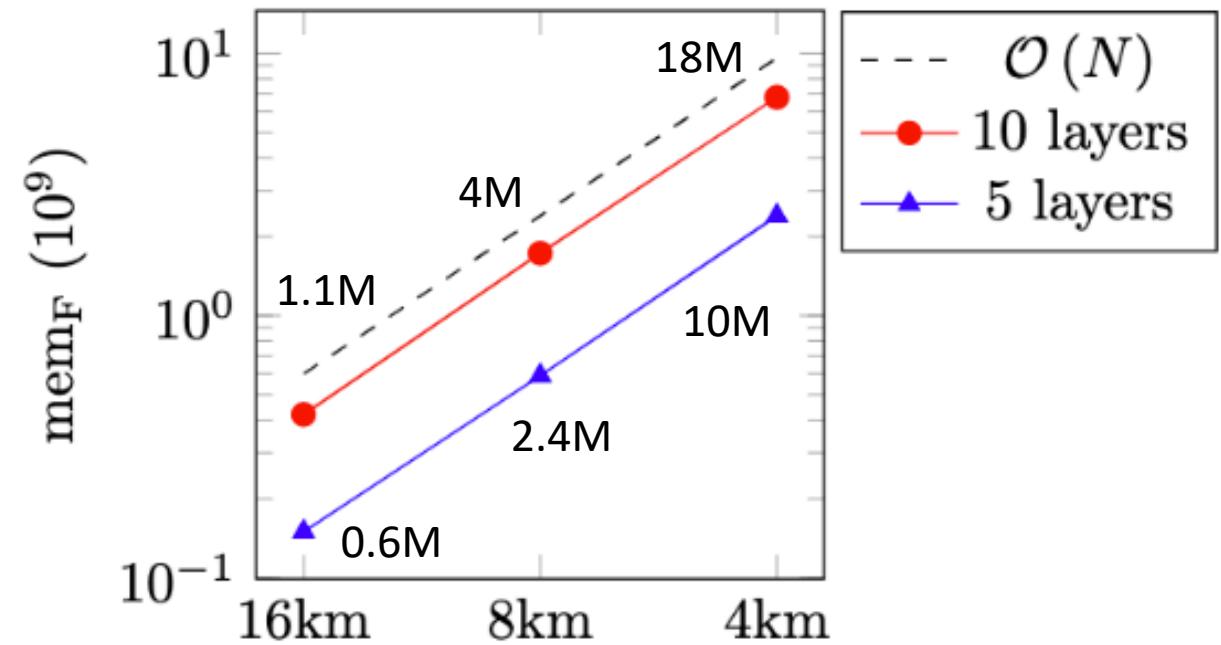
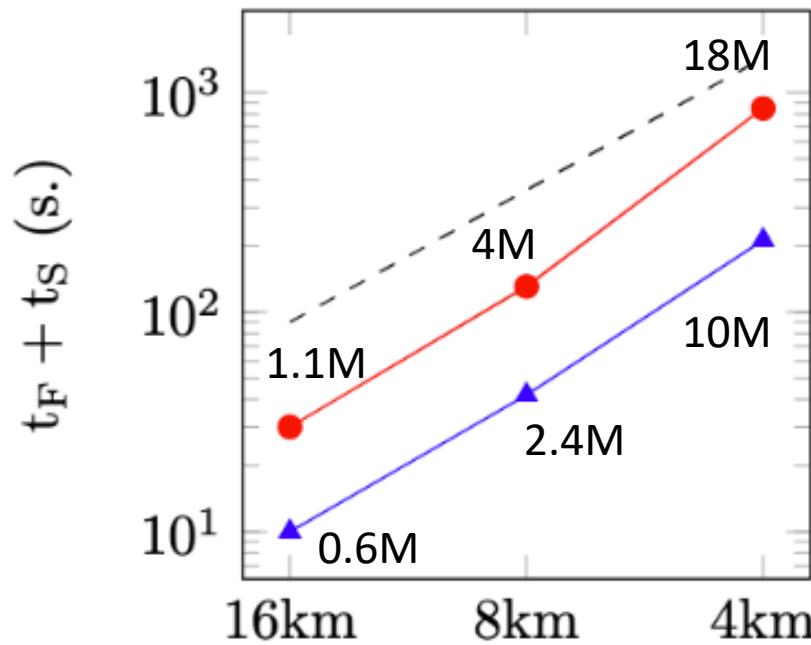
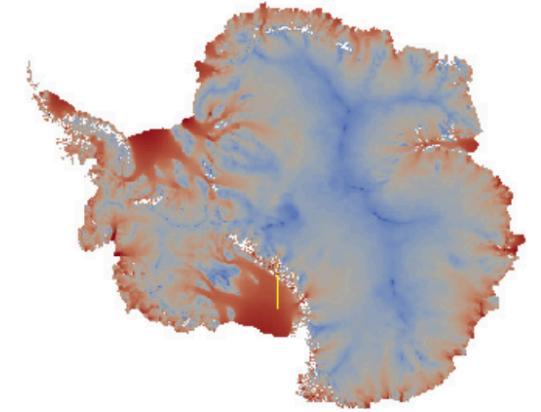


Time to solution



# Separators $\approx O(1)$ on 2D-like problems

2D FEM, SPD, Very ill-conditioned ( $k(A) > 10^{11}$ )



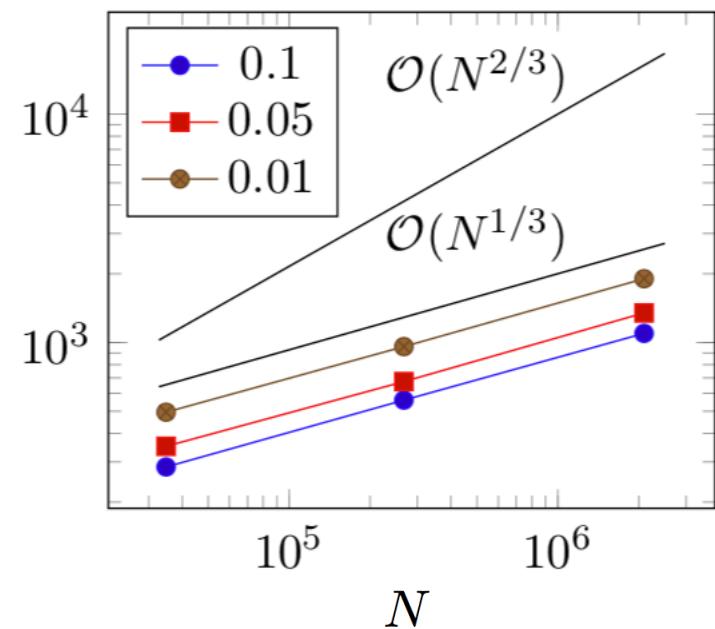
Separators drop to 78 (smallest) to 159 (largest)  $\rightarrow O(1)$  on 2-D like problems

# Holds for non-elliptic PDE's as well

Biot problem, 3D FEM  
coupled pressure/displacement PDE

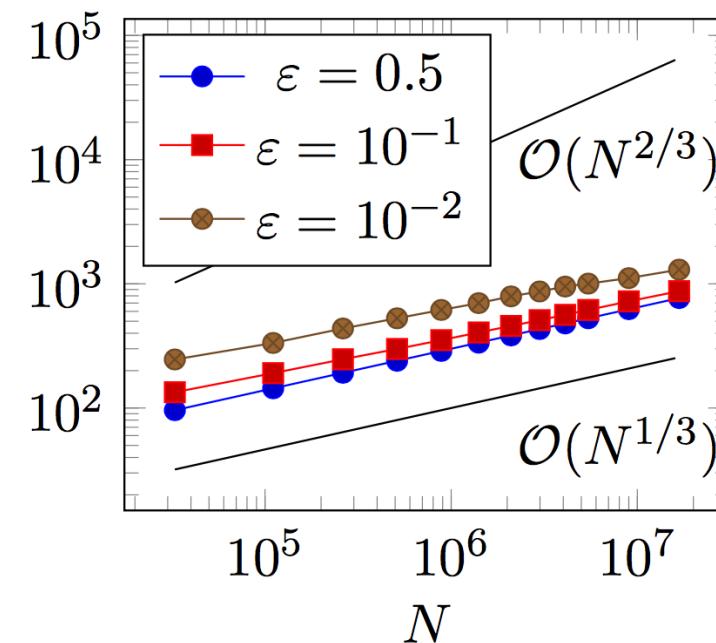
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} K & B \\ B^T & -C \end{bmatrix}, K > 0, C > 0$$

Size top separator



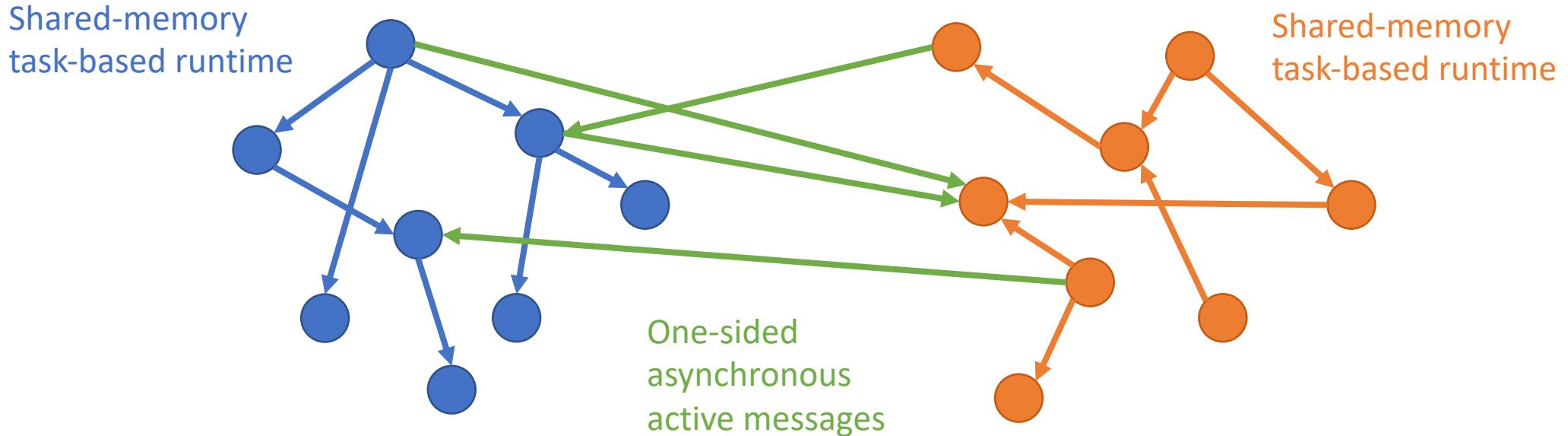
Advection-diffusion  
3D FD  $a\Delta u + b\nabla u = f$ ,  
Dirichlet,  $a = 10^{-2}, b = 1$

Size top separator



# TaskTorrent

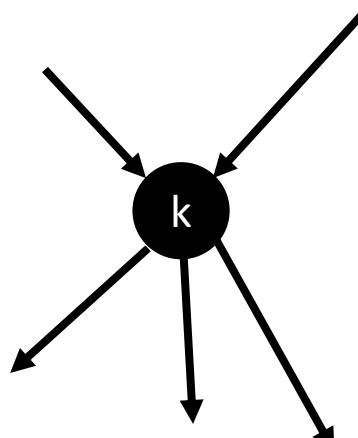
<https://github.com/leopoldcambier/tasktorrent>



# TaskTorrent

## Parametrized task graph

- Tasks == functions( $k$ )
  1. Number of incoming dependencies
  2. Computational routine
  3. Fulfill outgoing dependencies
- Tasks fulfill deps on other tasks
  - Locally
  - Remotely
    - Asynchronous one-sided communications
    - No waiting on receiver
    - Never blocking



```
tf = Taskflow<int>();  
  
tf.set_n_deps_in([](int k) {  
    return ndeps(k);  
});  
  
tf.set_task([](int k) {  
    domath(k);  
    tf.fulfill.Promise(otherk);  
    am->send(otherrank, data,  
             anotherk)  
});  
  
comm = Communicator()  
  
am = comm.make_active_msg(&)(data d, int k) {  
    copy(data, somewhere)  
    tf.fulfill.Promise(k);  
});
```

# TaskTorrent

## Parametrized task graph

- Distributed tasks creation/exploration
- 100% asynchronous execution (no wait)
- Data and dependencies are separated
  - Automatic dependency tracking
  - Non-blocking data/fulfill “pushes”
- No sequential semantic (code looks different)

# Comparison with other runtime

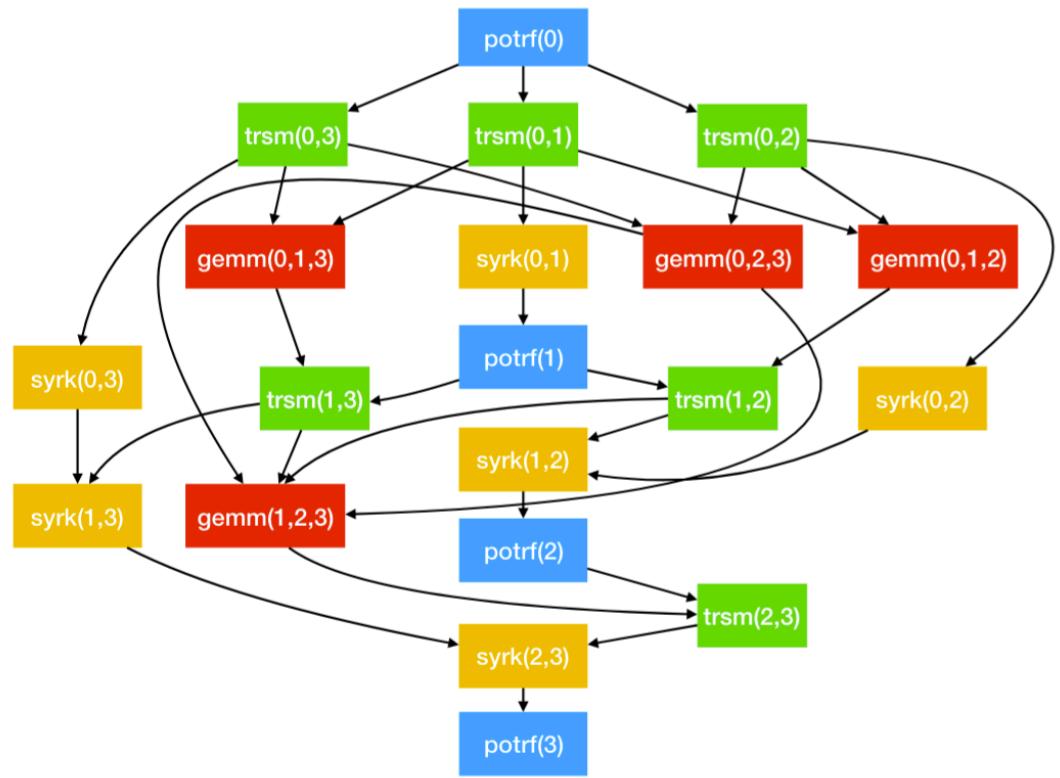
- StarPU:
  - Tasks are sequentially inserted, dependencies == data
- Legion:
  - Sequential semantic
- Parsec:
  - Parametrized task graph, dependencies and data
- Lapack/Scalapack:
  - No dynamic runtime

StarPU: <http://starpu.gforge.inria.fr/>

Legion: <https://legion.stanford.edu/overview/index.html>

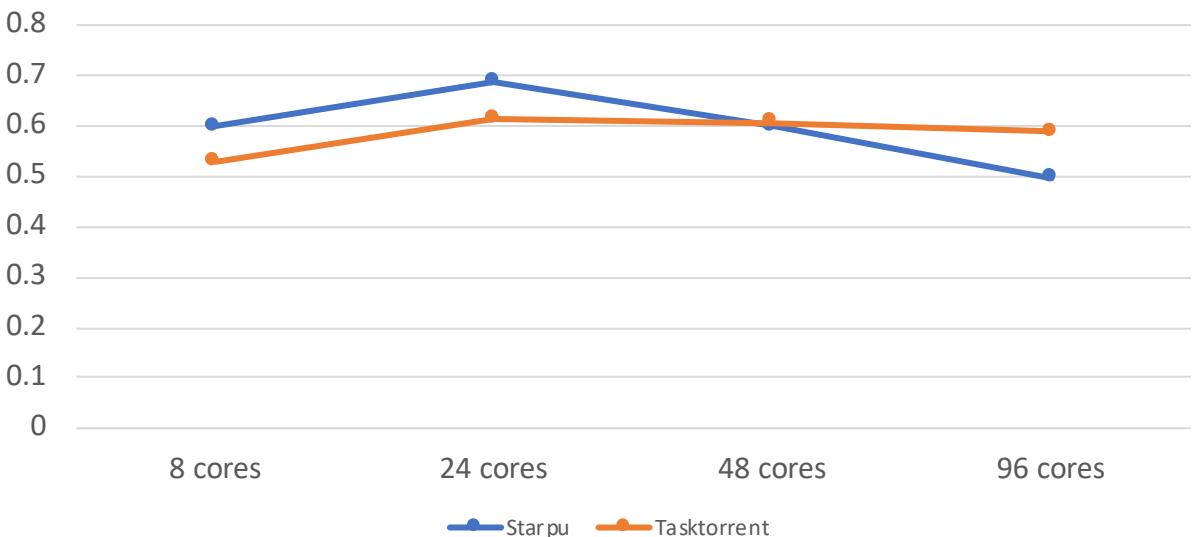
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# Dense Cholesky

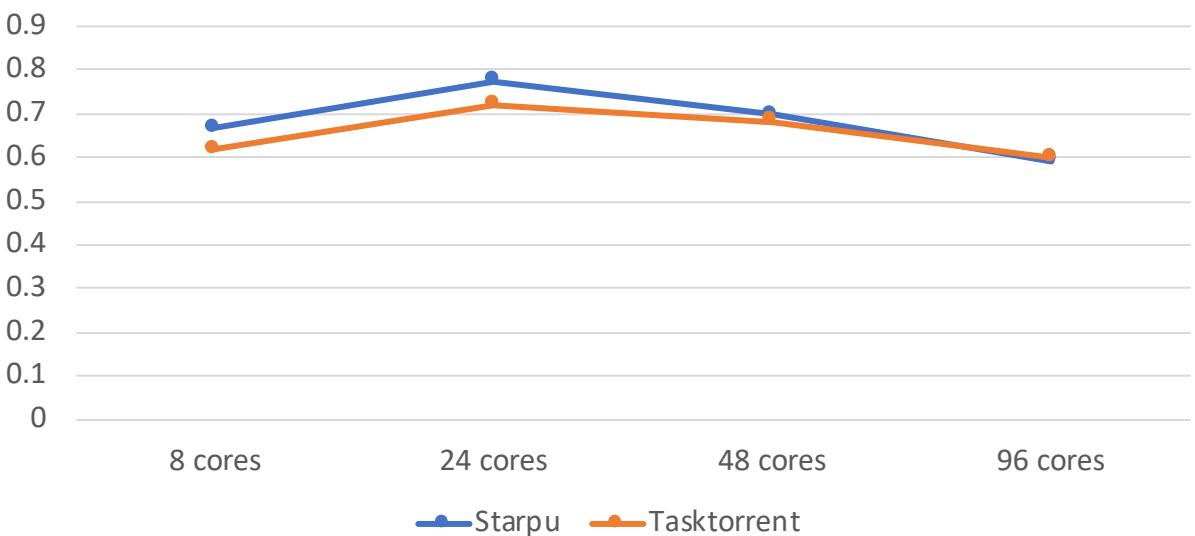


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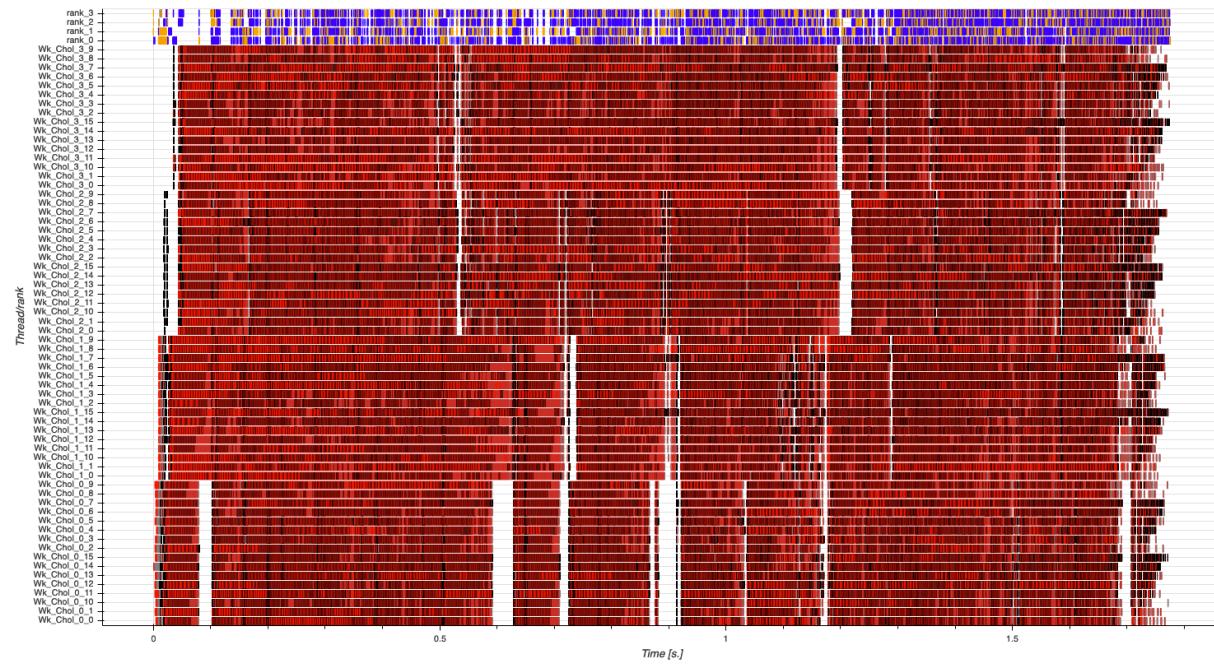
Efficiency (Block Size 200, Matrix Size 20000)



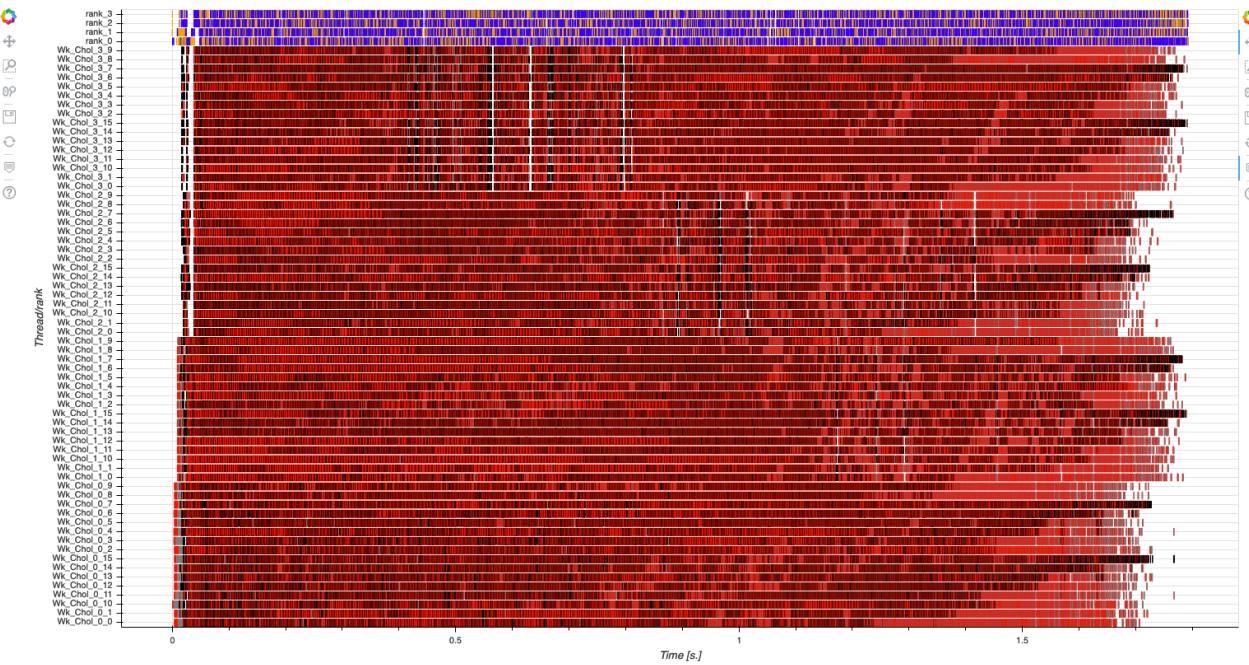
Efficiency (Block Size 400, Matrix Size 20000)



# Tasks priorities matter



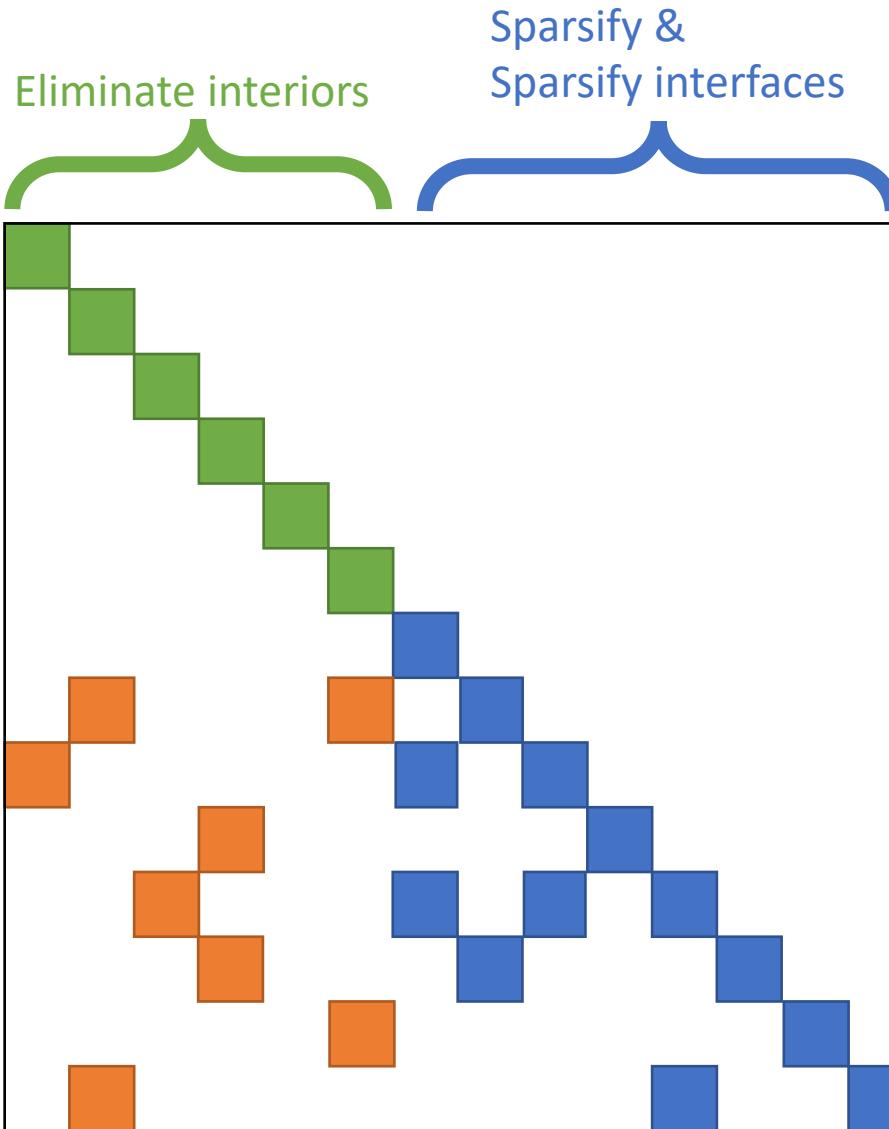
No priorities



Row-based priorities

# spaND

At a given level...

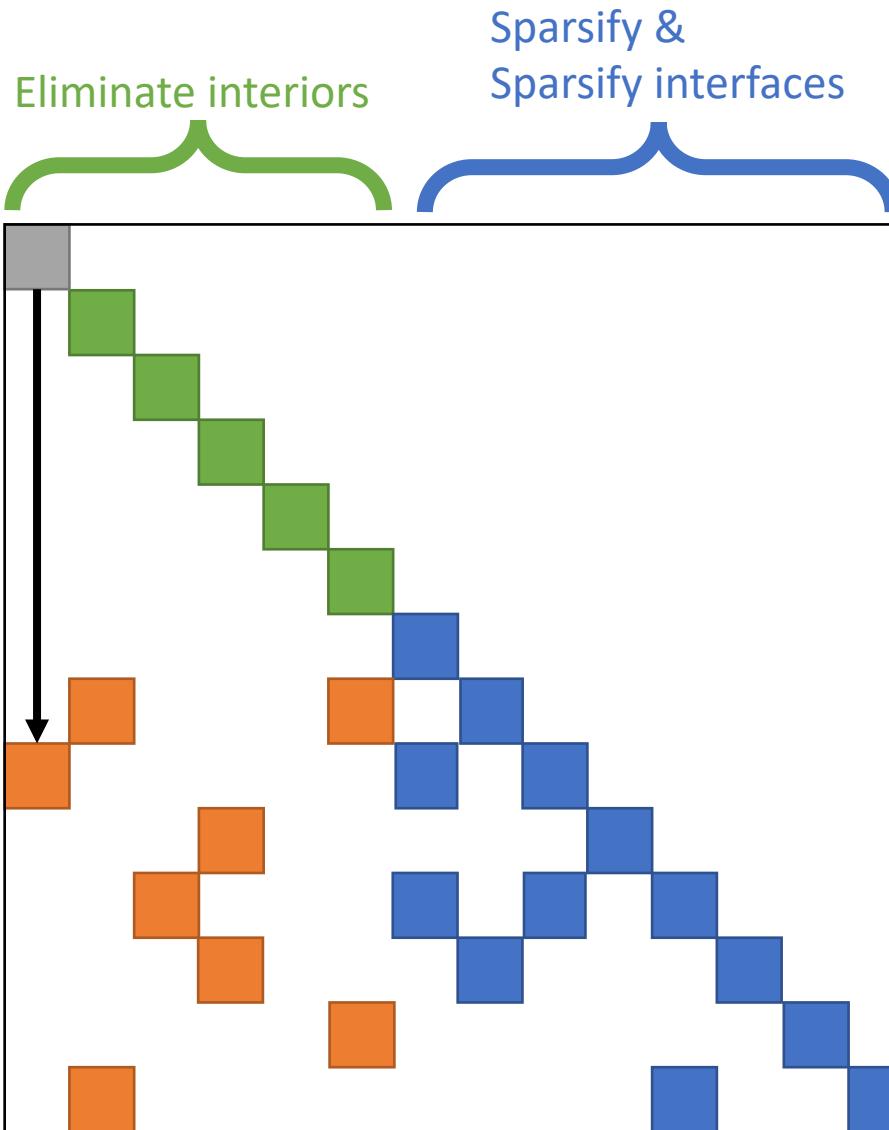


# spaND

At a given level...

Eliminate leaves

$$= L^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} A_{pp} & A_{pn} \\ A_{np} & A_{nn} & A_{nw} \\ & A_{wn} & A_{ww} \end{bmatrix} U^{-1}$$
$$= \begin{bmatrix} I & & \\ & A_{nn} - A_{ns}A_{ss}^{-1}A_{sn} & A_{nw} \\ & A_{wn} & A_{ww} \end{bmatrix}$$



`potrf(k) → trsm(k,i)`

$$L_{ii} = \text{chol}(A_{ii})$$

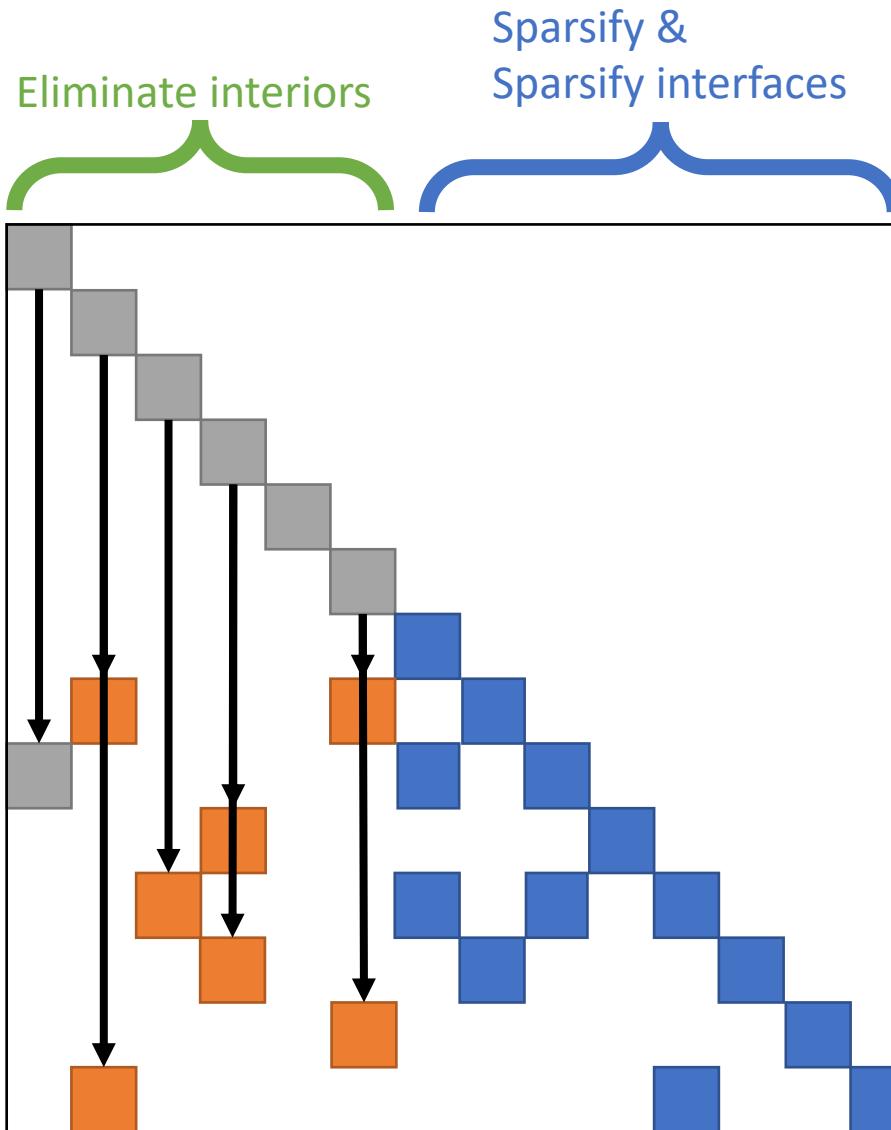
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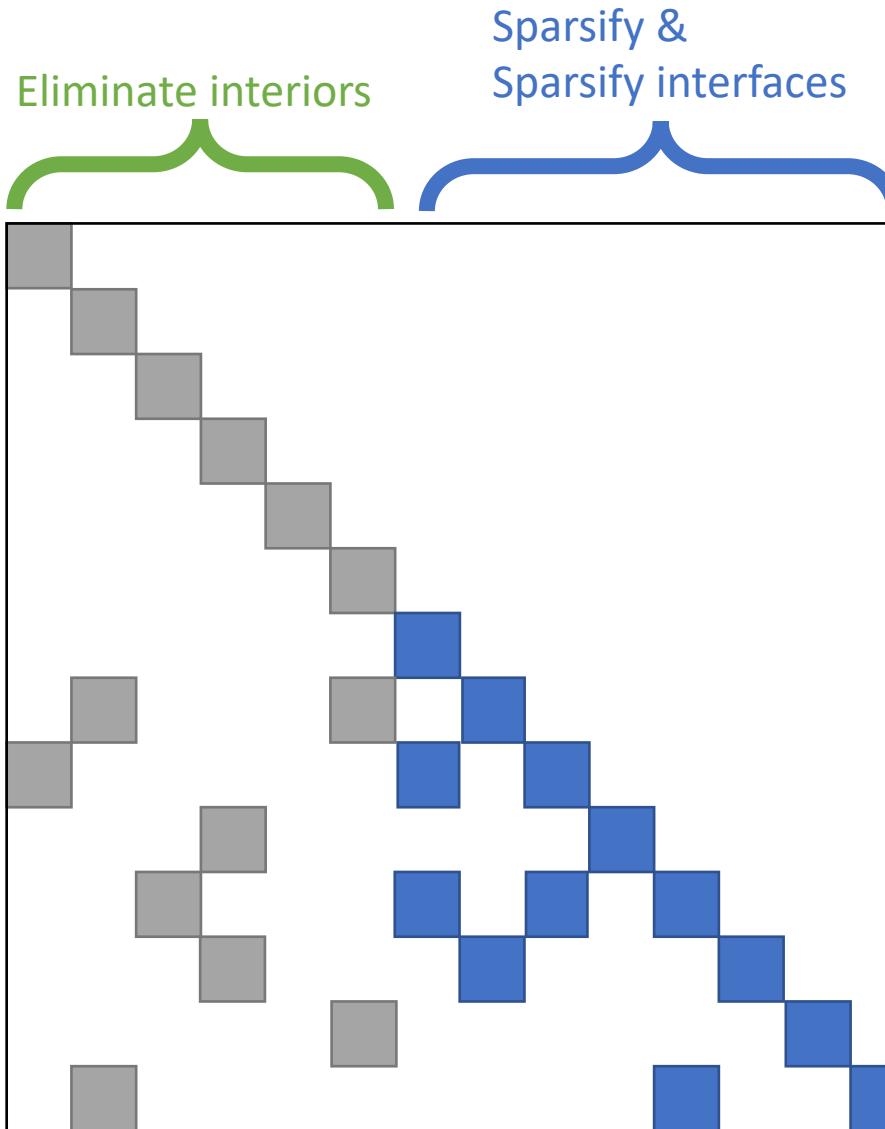
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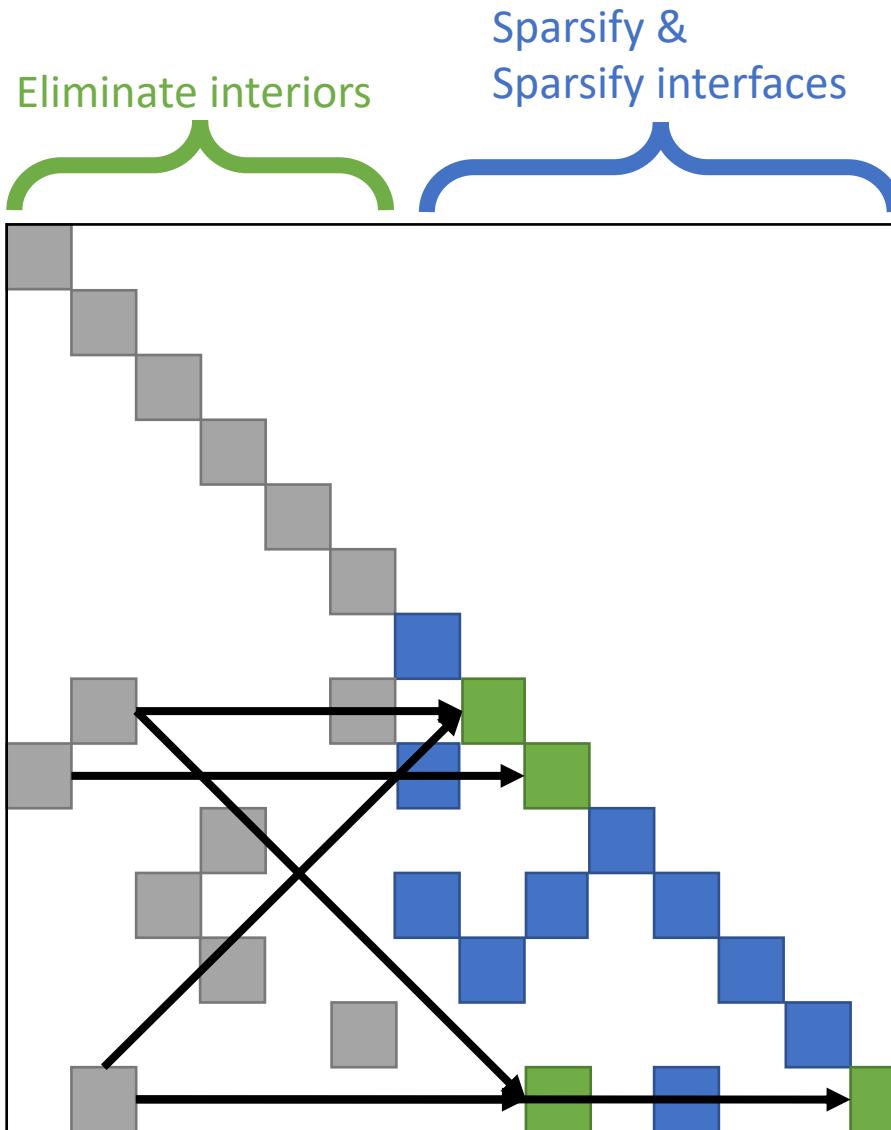
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`potrf(k) → trsm(k,i)`  
`trsm(k,i) & trsm(k,j) → gemm(i,j,k)`

$$A_{ij} -= L_{ik}L_{jk}^\top$$

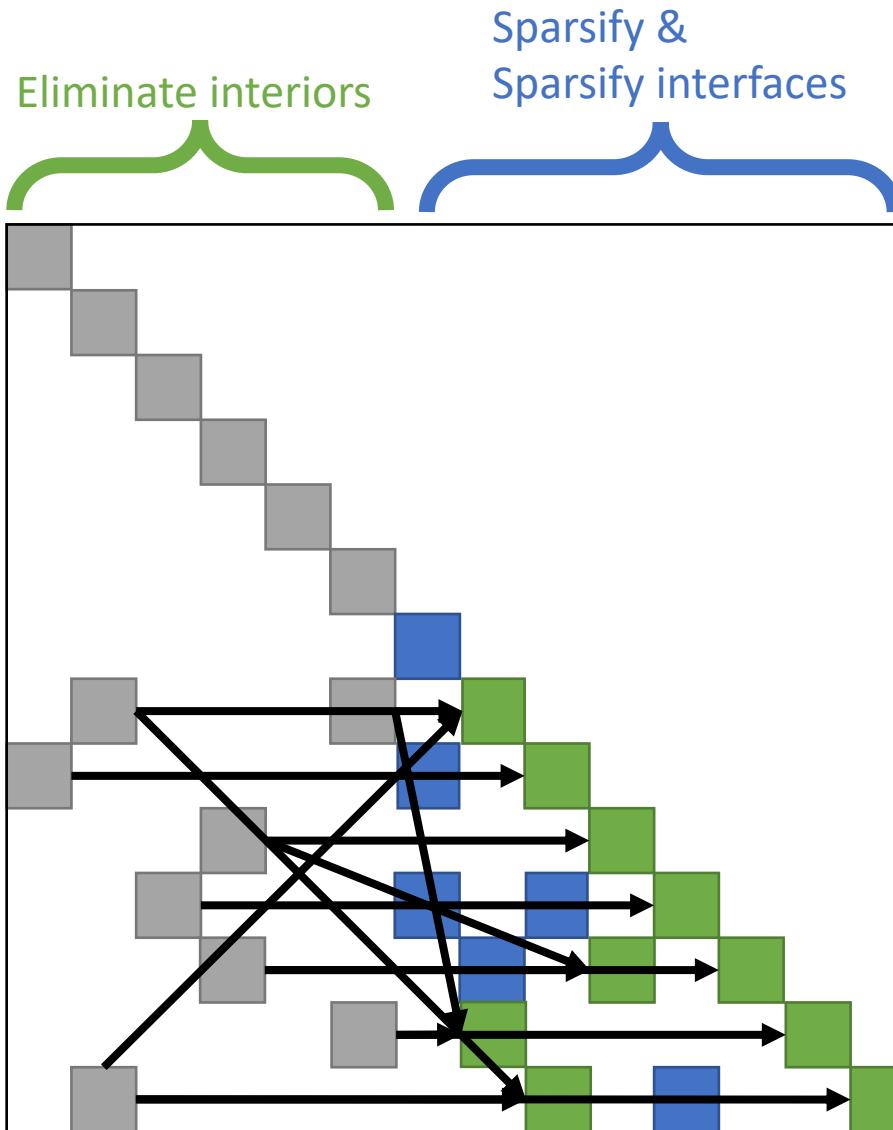
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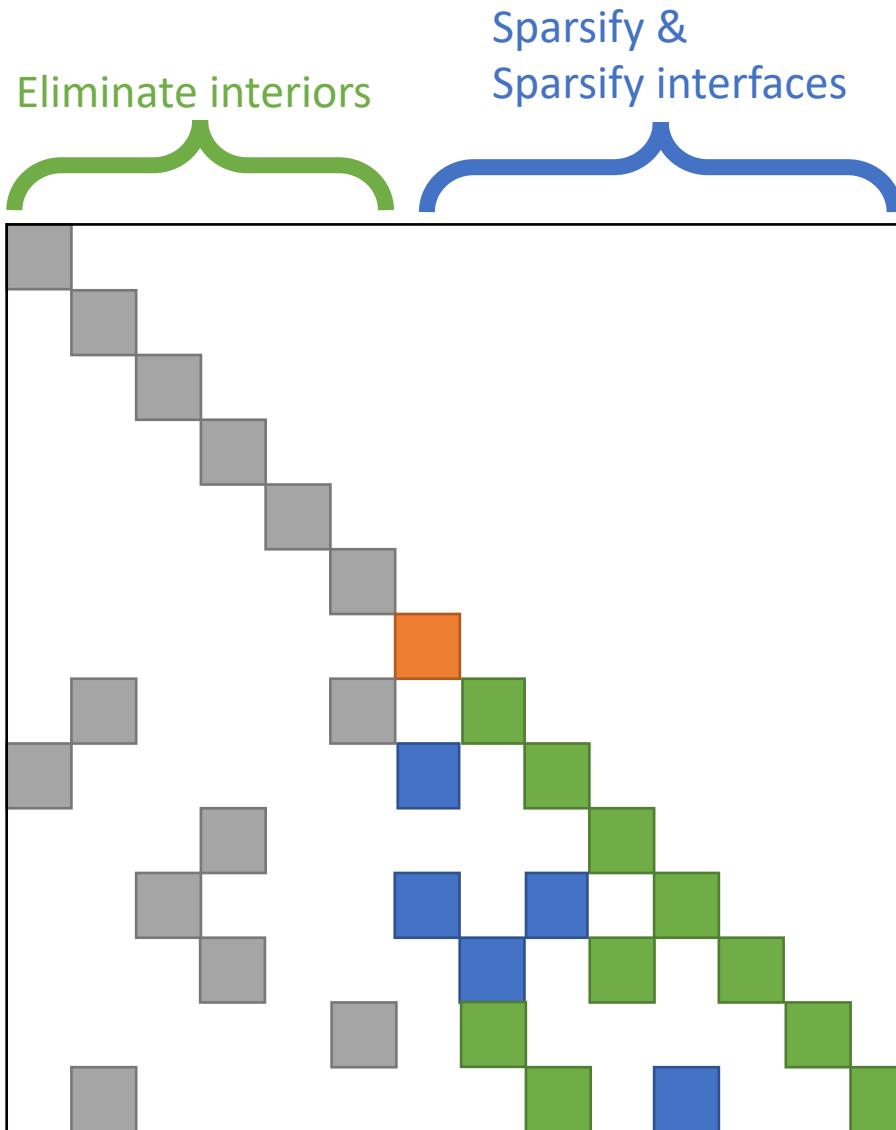
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# spaND

At a given level...

Scale interfaces

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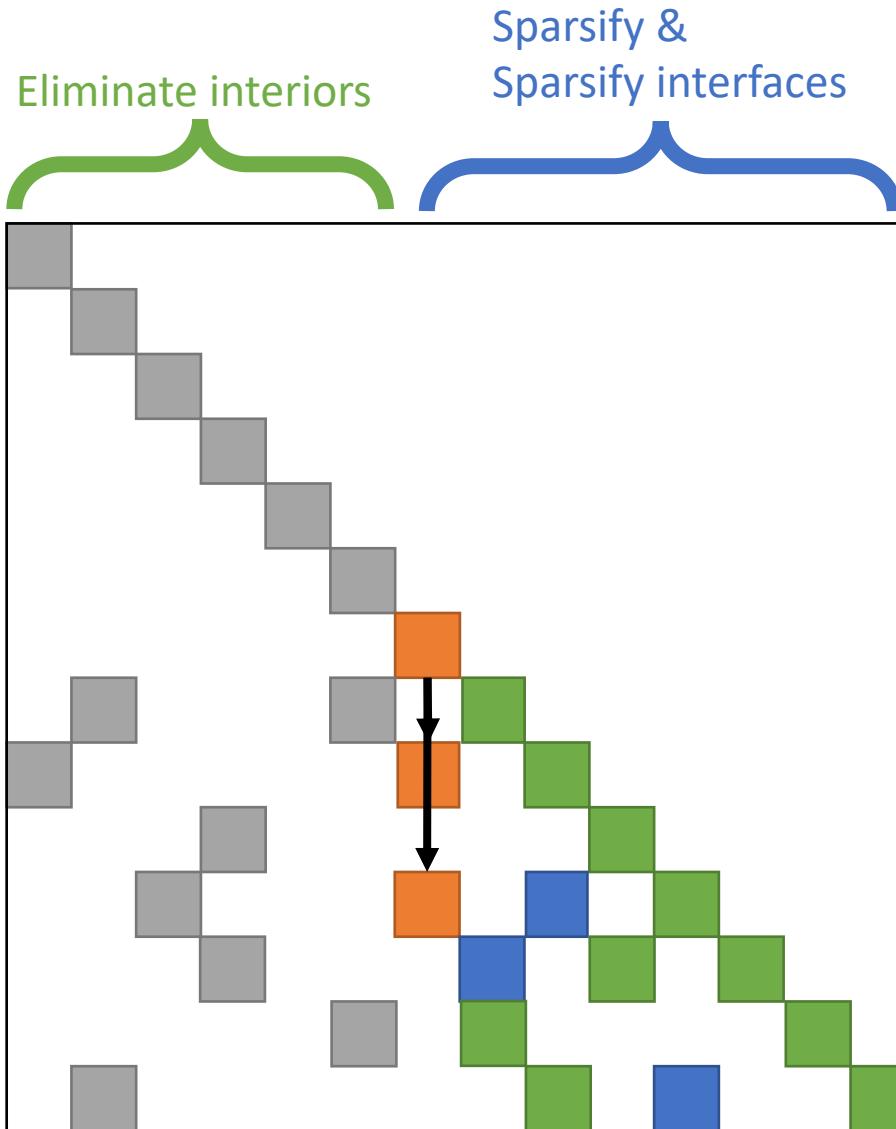
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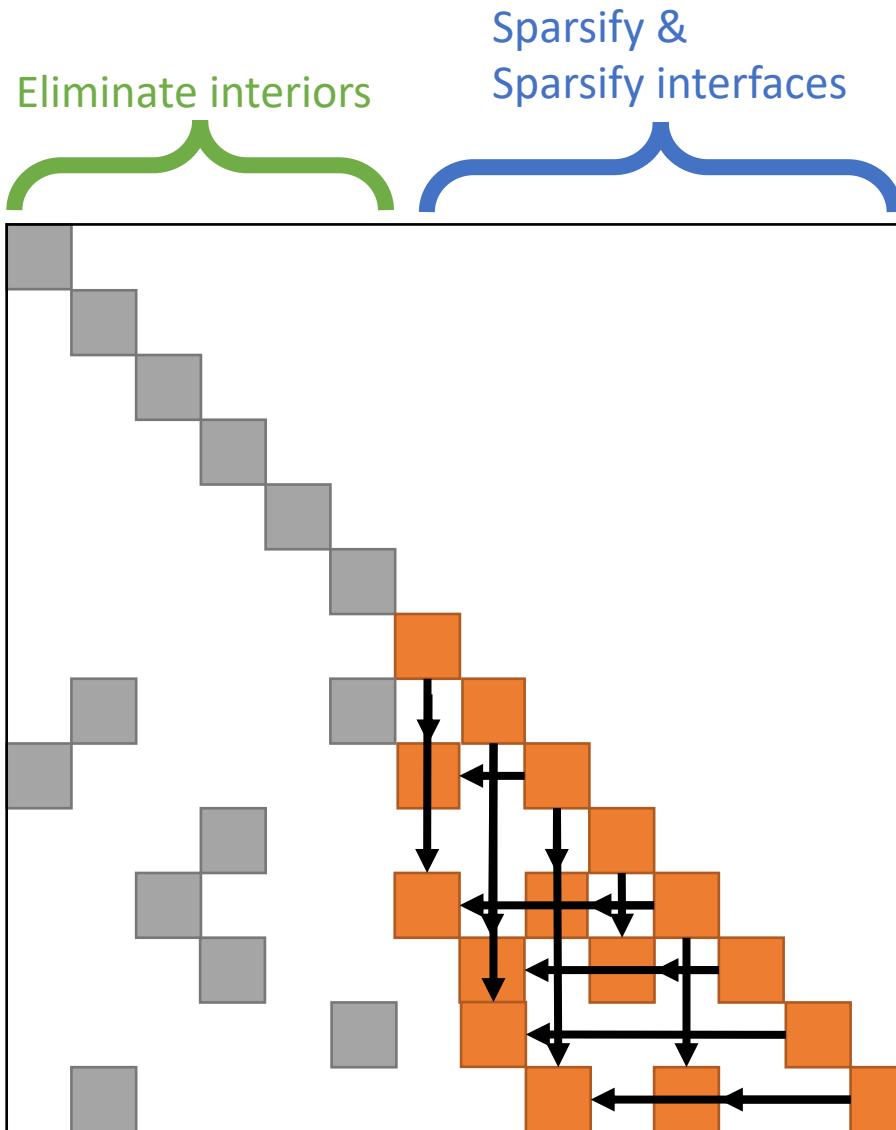
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$$A_{ij} \leftarrow L_{ii}^{-1} A_{ij} L_{jj}^{-1}$$

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Scale interfaces

$$L^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} A_{pp} & A_{pn} \\ A_{np} & A_{nn} & A_{nw} \\ & A_{wn} & A_{ww} \end{bmatrix} L^{-T}$$
$$= \begin{bmatrix} I & L_{pp}^{-1}A_{pn} \\ A_{np}L_{pp}^{-1} & A_{nn} \\ A_{wn} & A_{ww} \end{bmatrix}$$

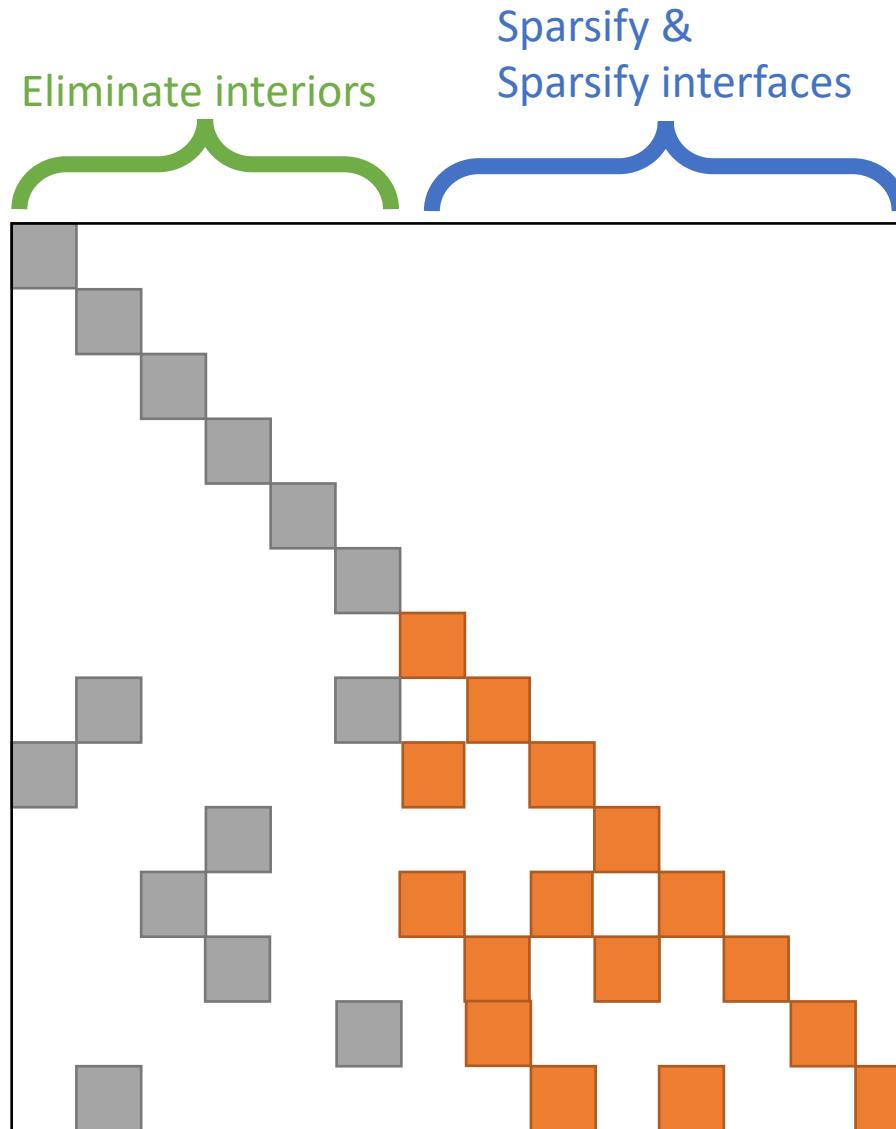


`potrf(k) → trsm(k,i)`  
`trsm(k,i) & trsm(k,j) → gemm(i,j,k)`  
`potrf(k) → trsm(k,i) & trsm(j,k)`

$$L_{ii} = \text{chol}(A_{ii})$$
$$A_{ij} \leftarrow L_{ii}^{-1} A_{ij} L_{jj}^{-1}$$

# spaND

At a given level...



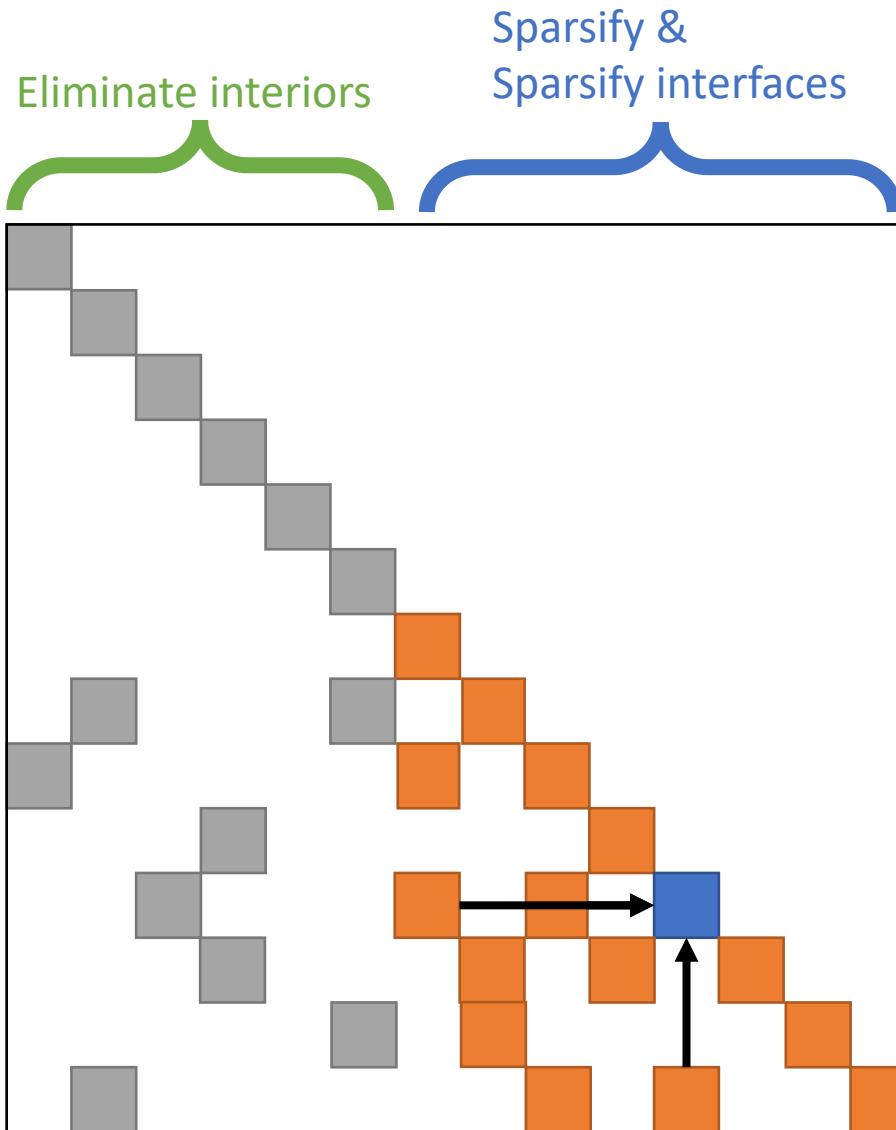
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# spaND

At a given level...

Sparsify interfaces

$$\begin{bmatrix} Q_p^T & I \\ I & I \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I & A_{pn} \\ A_{np} & A_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} Q_p & I \\ I & I \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} I & \varepsilon \\ \varepsilon & W_{nc} & A_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$



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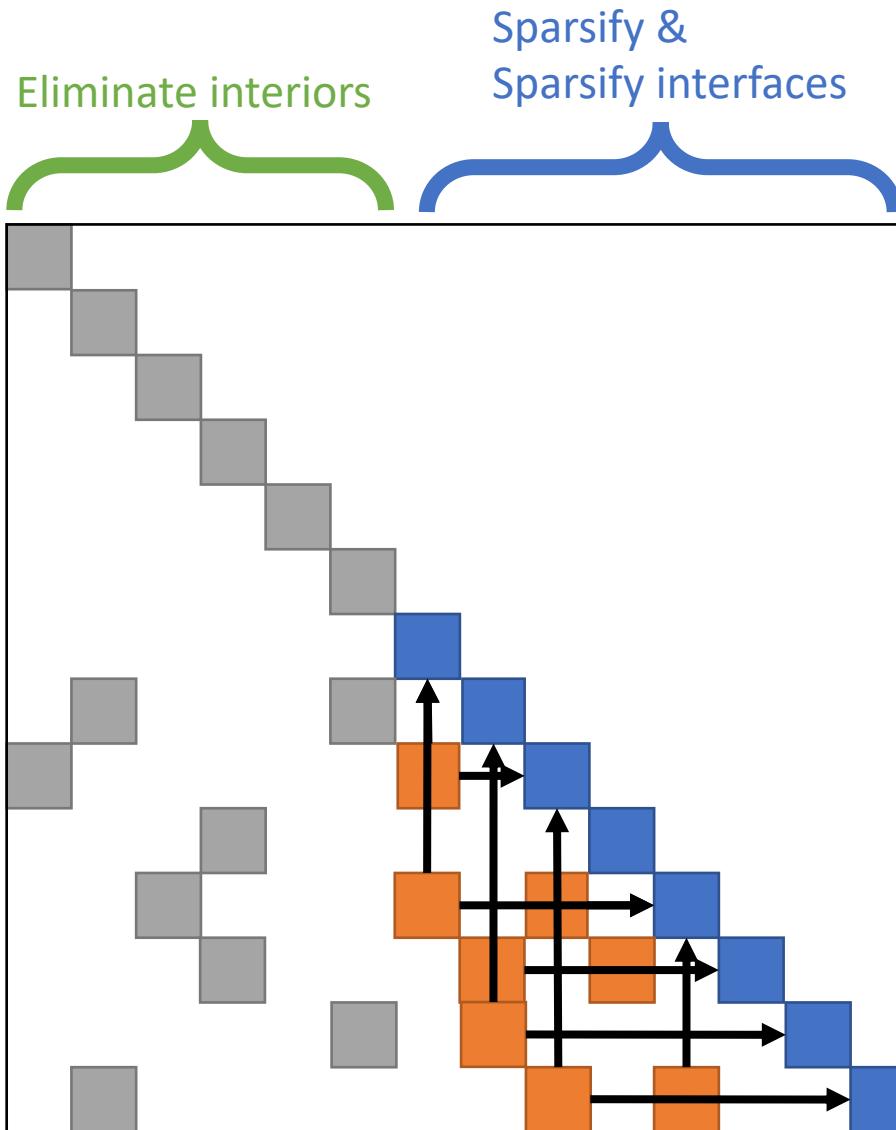
$$Q_c W_c \approx [A_{sn_1} \quad \dots \quad A_{sn_k}]$$

# spaND

At a given level...

Sparsify interfaces

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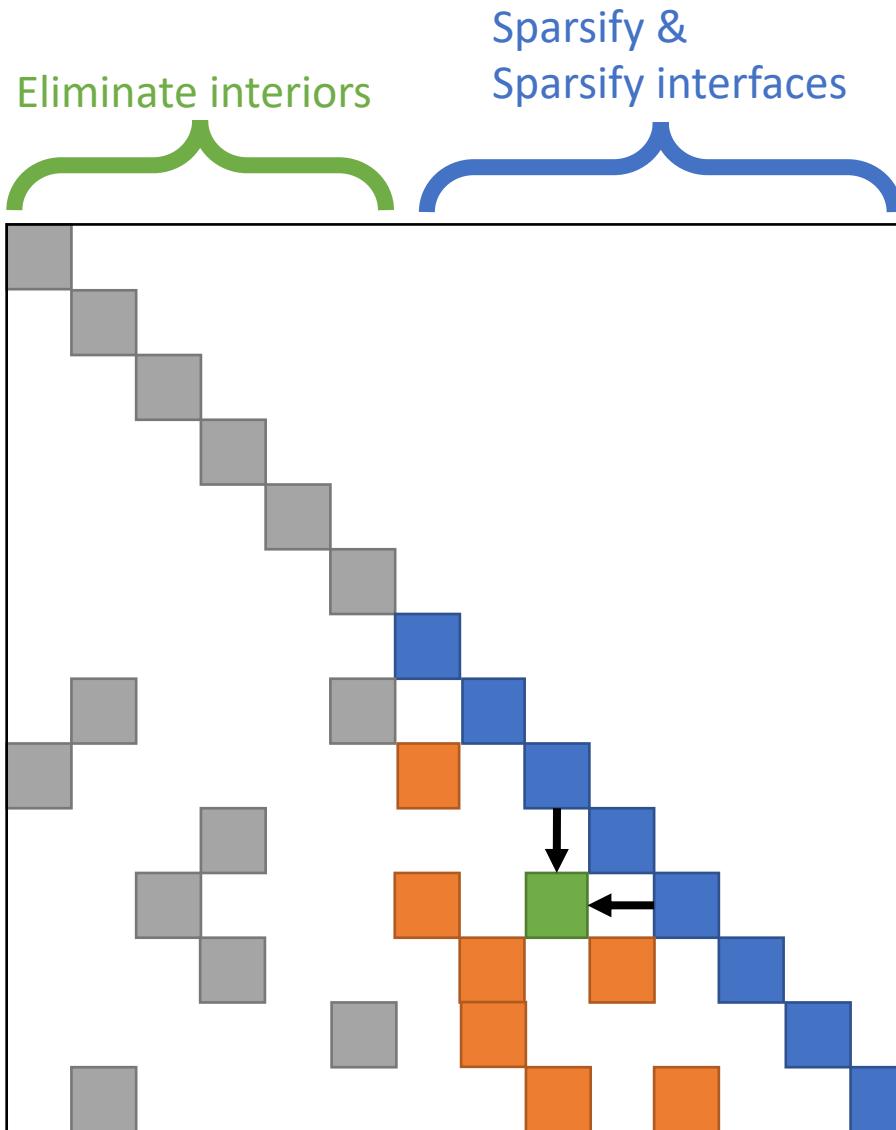
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`trsm(j,i) & trsm(i,j) → rrqr(i), rrqr(j)`

# spaND

At a given level...

Sparsify interfaces

$$\begin{bmatrix} Q_p^T & I \\ I & A_{np} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I & A_{pn} \\ A_{np} & A_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} Q_p & I \\ I & A_{nn} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} I & \varepsilon \\ \varepsilon & W_{nc} \end{bmatrix}$$



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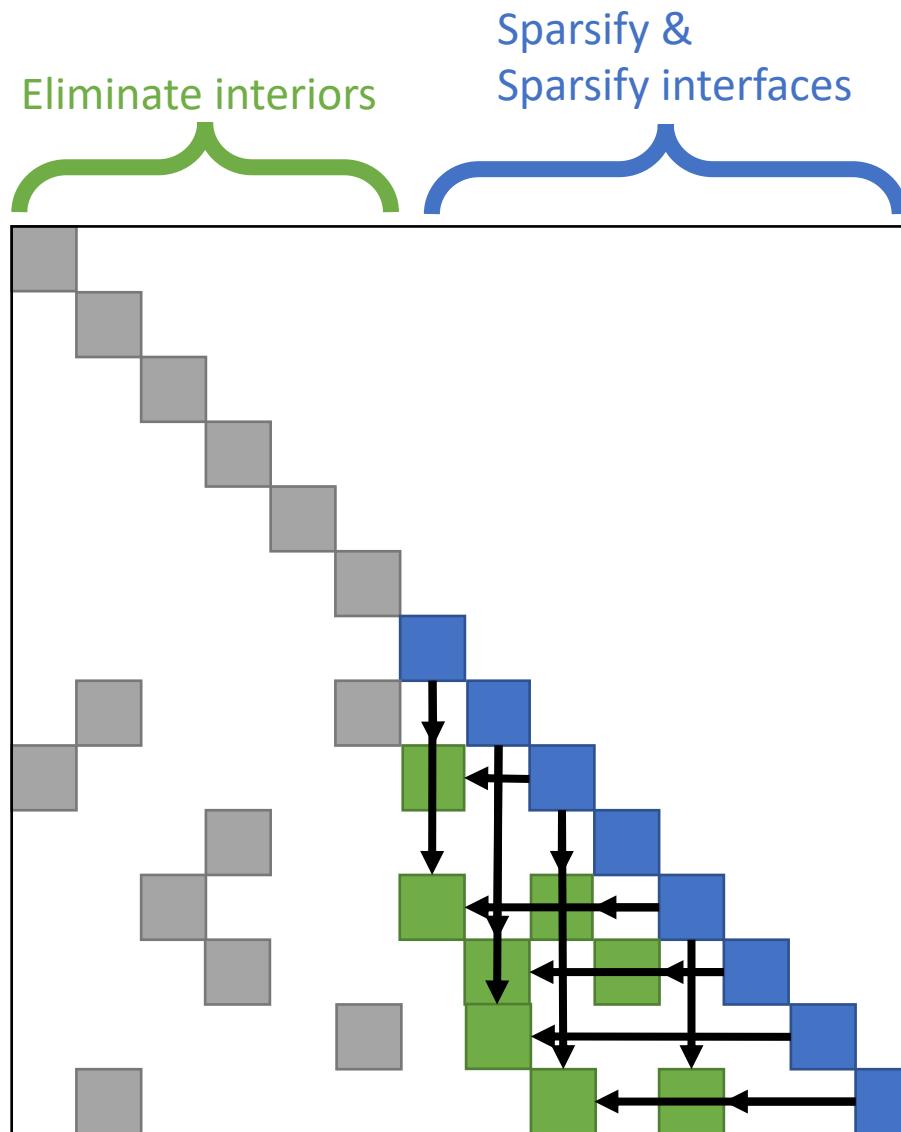
$$A_{ij} \leftarrow Q_{ci}^T A_{ij} Q_{cj}^T$$

# spaND

At a given level...

Sparsify interfaces

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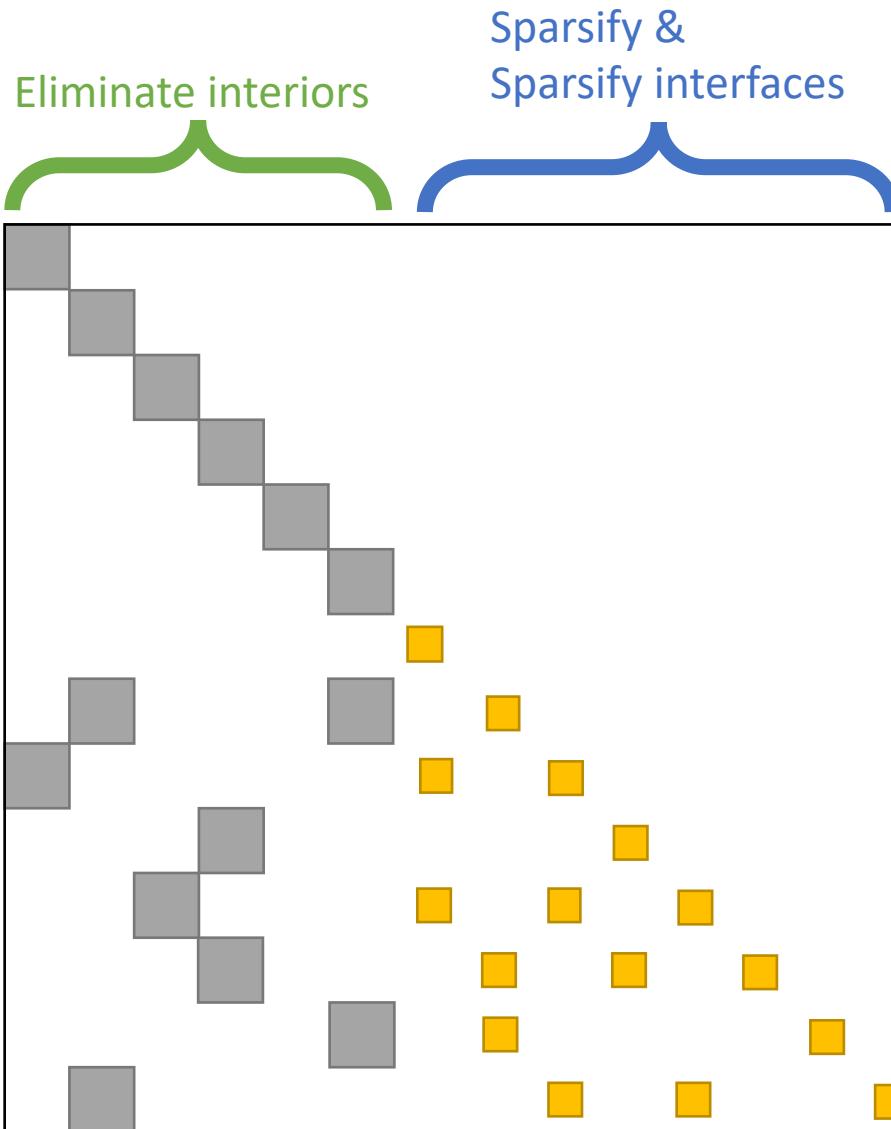


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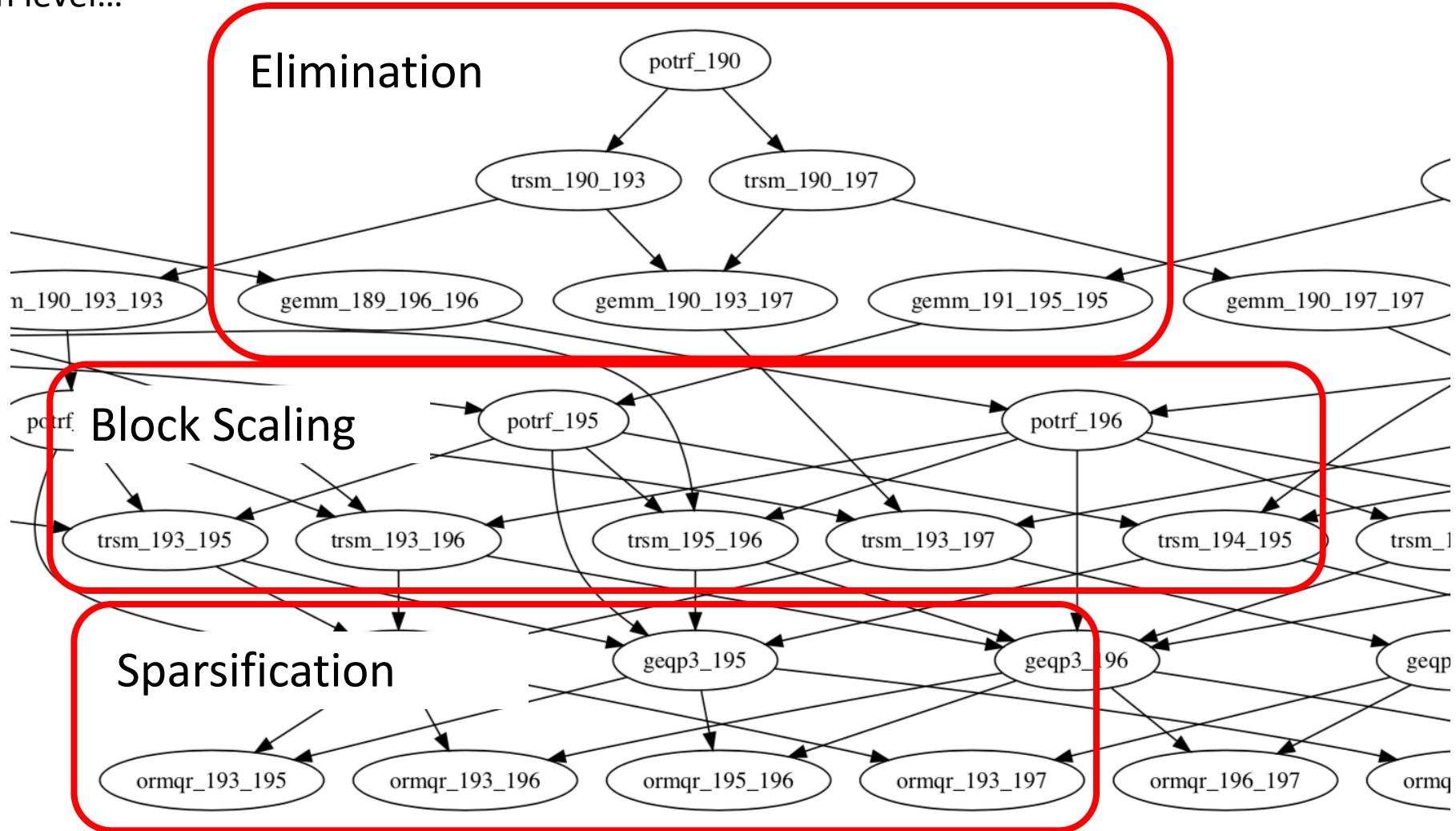
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# spaND

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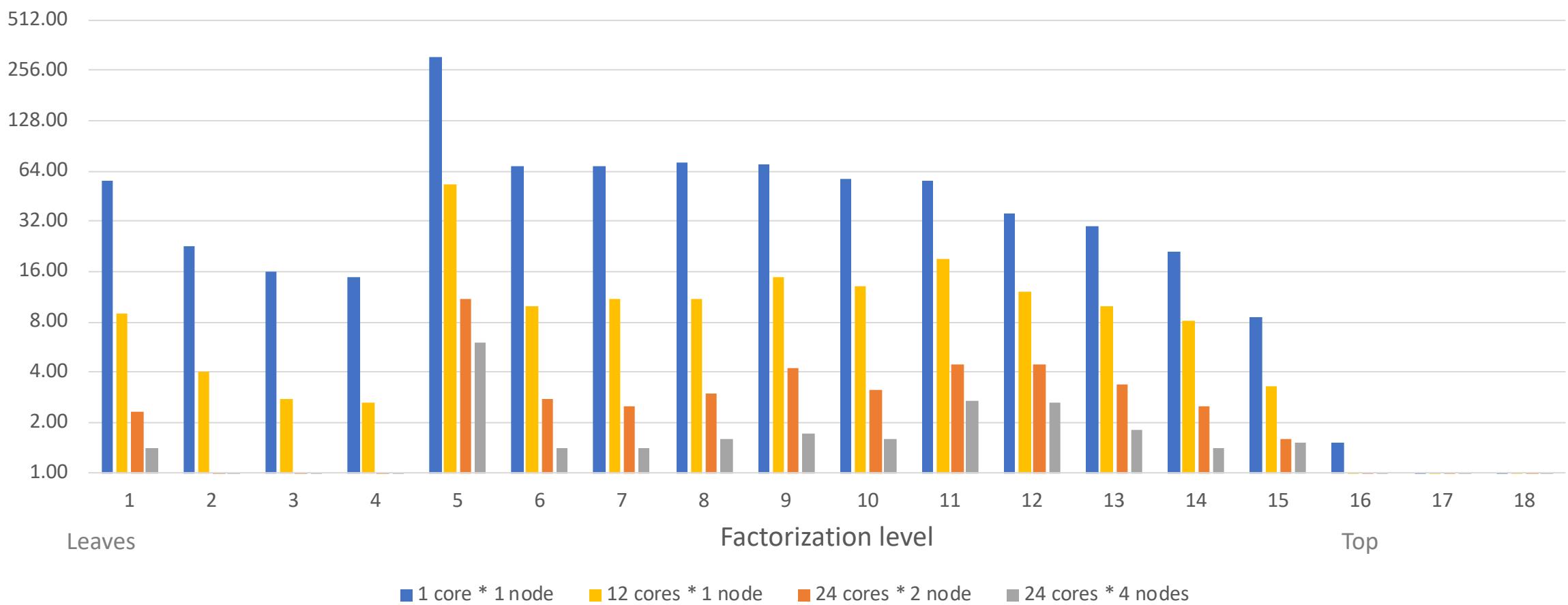


# spaND

16M, 7-points stencil-like

Total Fact. time  $\approx$   
1000 sec  $\rightarrow$  38 secs

Factorization time [s.] at each level



# Conclusions and Future Work

- General algebraic algorithm, works on large class of problems
- Preliminary parallel task-based version with TaskTorrent  
(<https://github.com/leopoldcambier/tasktorrent>) runtime

## Future work

- spaND + ttor: improved mapping block → rank
  - Hierarchical partitioning w/ minimization of communication cost between levels
- spaND + ttor: more scalable RRQR
  - Top can cost up to  $O(N)$

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