On the comparison of sparse multifrontal hierarchical and Block Low-Rank solvers

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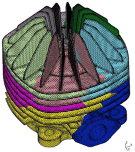
Introduction

Sparse direct solvers



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

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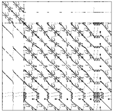
$\mathbf{A}\ \mathbf{X} = \mathbf{B}$, $\mathbf{A}$ large and sparse, $\mathbf{B}$ dense or sparse
Sparse direct methods : $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{LU}\ (\mathbf{LDL^T})$



Often a significant part of simulation cost

Objective discussed in this minisymposium:
how to reduce the cost of sparse direct solvers?

Focus on large-scale applications and architectures

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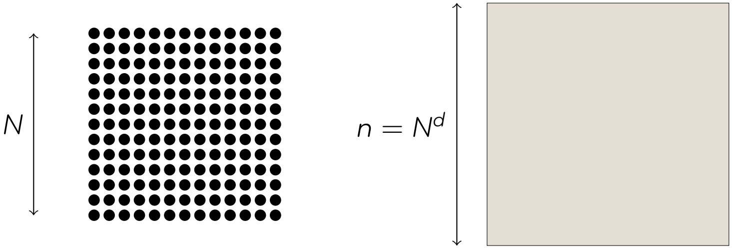

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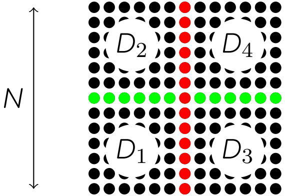
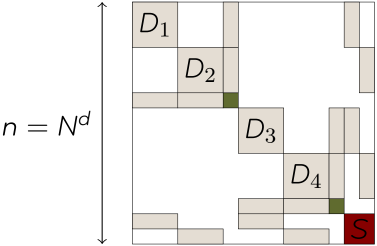
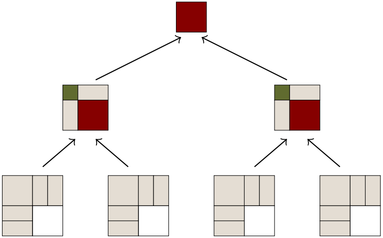
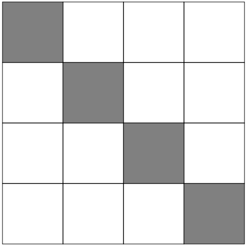






3D problem complexity

→ Flops: $O(n^2)$, mem: $O(n^{4/3})$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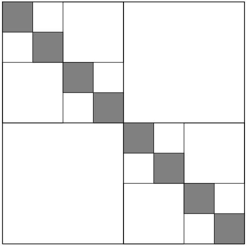
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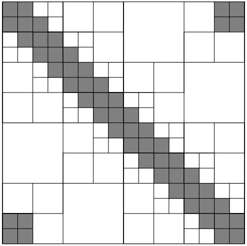
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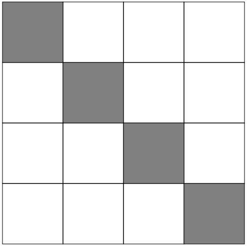

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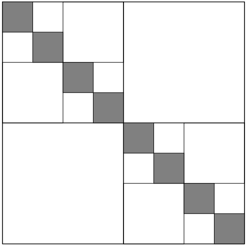

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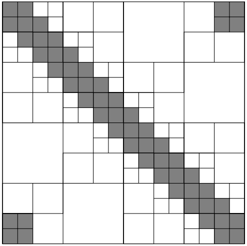

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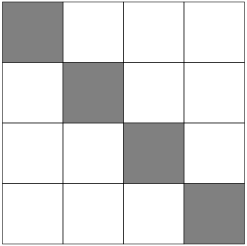

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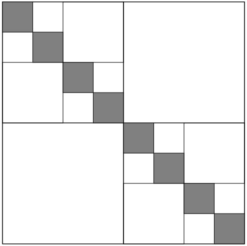

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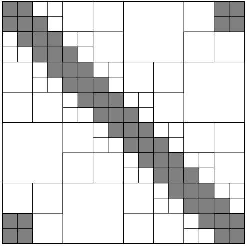

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Block-admissibility condition:

- Weak: $\sigma \times \tau$ is admissible $\Leftrightarrow \sigma \neq \tau$
- Strong: $\sigma \times \tau$ is admissible $\Leftrightarrow \text{dist}(\sigma, \tau) > \eta \max(\text{diam}(\sigma), \text{diam}(\tau))$

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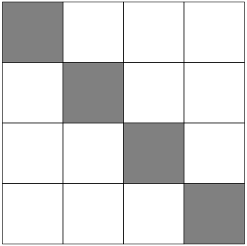

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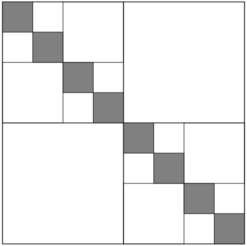

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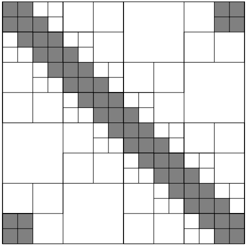

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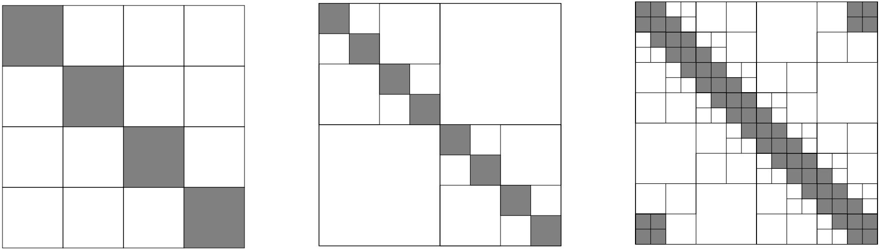
$$\tilde{B} = XY^T \text{ such that } \mathrm{rank}(\tilde{B}) = k_\varepsilon \text{ and } \|B - \tilde{B}\| \leq \varepsilon$$

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



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adm. cond.	both	weak	weak	strong	strong
nested basis	no	no	yes	no	yes

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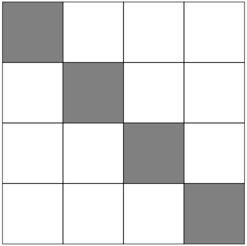

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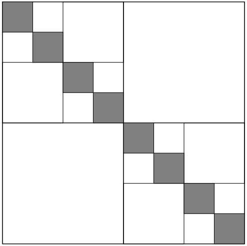

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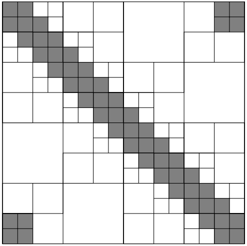

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Objective of this work: compare BLR and hierarchical formats, both from a theoretical and experimental standpoint

$\Rightarrow$ *collaboration between BLR-based* **MUMPS** *and HSS-based* **STRUMPACK** *teams.*

Main differences between MUMPS and STRUMPACK

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- Both can exploit both shared- and distributed-memory architectures:
  - Shared-memory MUMPS: mainly node // based on multithreaded BLAS and OpenMP + some experimental tree // in OpenMP
  - Shared-memory STRUMPACK: tree and node // in handcoded OpenMP (sequential BLAS)
  - Distributed-memory MUMPS: tree MPI // + node 1D MPI //
  - Distributed-memory STRUMPACK: tree MPI // + node 2D MPI //

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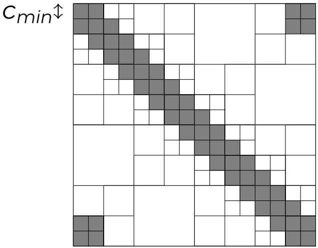
  - HSS solve available in STRUMPACK

Complexity of the factorization

$\mathcal{H}$-admissibility and sparsity constant



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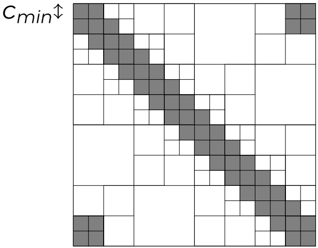

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- The sparsity constant c_{sp} is defined as the maximal number of blocks of the same size on a given row or column. It measures the sparsity of the blocking imposed by the partition P.
  - In BLR, fully refined blocking $\Rightarrow$ c_{sp} = number of blocks per row
  - Can construct an admissible $\mathcal{H}$-partitioning such that $c_{sp} = O(1)$

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BLR: a particular case of $\mathcal{H}$?

Problem: in $\mathcal{H}$ formalism, the maxrank of the blocks of a BLR matrix is $r_{max} = b$ (due to the non-admissible blocks)

Solution: bound the rank of the admissible blocks only, and make sure the non-admissible blocks are in small number

BLR-admissibility condition of a partition $\mathcal{P}$

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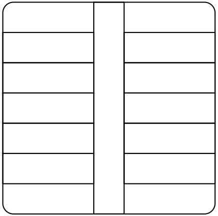

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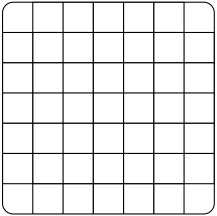

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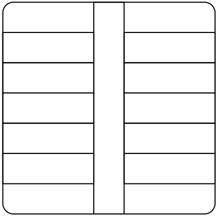

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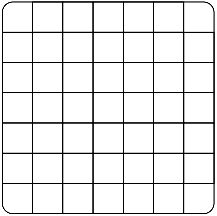

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Main result from *Amestoy et al, 2016*

There exists an admissible $\mathcal{P}$ for $q = O(1)$, s.t. the maxrank of the admissible blocks of A is $r = O(r^{\mathcal{H}}_{max})$

The dense factorization complexity thus becomes

$\mathcal{C}_{facto} = O(r^2m^3/b^2 + mb^2q^2) = O(r^2m^3/b^2 + mb^2) = O(rm^2)$ (for $b = O(\sqrt{rm})$)

Complexity of multifrontal BLR factorization

Under a nested dissection assumption, the sparse (multifrontal) complexity is directly obtained from the dense complexity

	operations (OPC)		factor size (NNZ)	
	$r = O(1)$	$r = O(N)$	$r = O(1)$	$r = O(N)$
FR	$O(n^2)$	$O(n^2)$	$O(n^{\frac{4}{3}})$	$O(n^{\frac{4}{3}})$
BLR	$O(n^{\frac{4}{3}})$	$O(n^{\frac{5}{3}})$	$O(n \log n)$	$O(n^{\frac{7}{6}} \log n)$
HSS	$O(n)$	$O(n^{\frac{4}{3}})$	$O(n)$	$O(n^{\frac{7}{6}})$

in the 3D case (similar analysis possible for 2D)

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

$$\Delta u = f$$

Rank bound is $r_{max} = O(1)$ for BLR (and $\mathcal{H}$), and $r_{max} = O(N)$ for HSS.

2. **`Helmholtz`**: N^3 grid with a 27-point stencil, ω 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 $s(x, \omega)$.

$$\left(-\Delta - \frac{\omega^2}{v(x)^2}\right) u(x, \omega) = s(x, \omega)$$

ω is fixed and equal to 4Hz.
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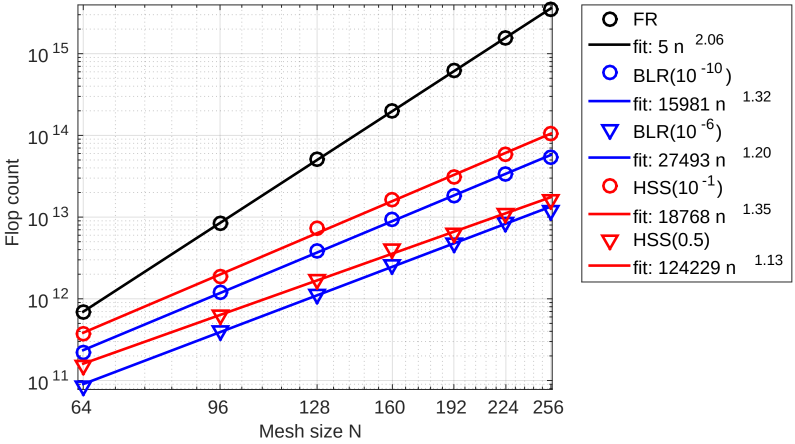
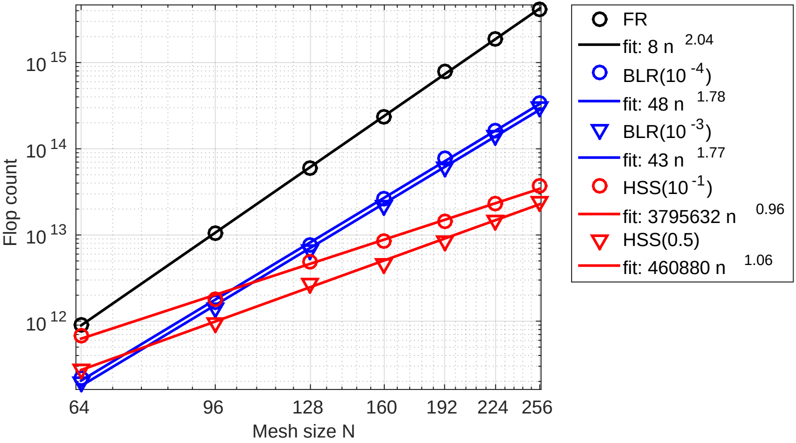
Experimental flop complexity: Poisson



- good agreement with the theory ($O(n^{4/3})$ for both BLR and HSS)
- higher threshold leads to lower exponent:
  - relaxed rank pattern in HSS
  - zero-rank blocks in BLR

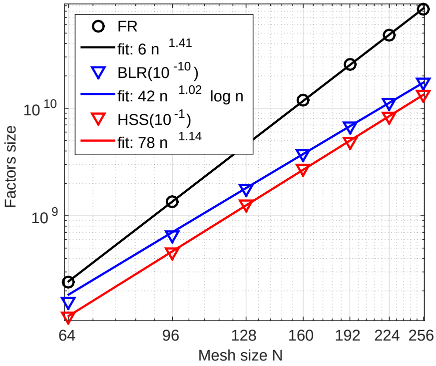
Experimental flop complexity: Helmholtz



- good agreement with the theory ($O(n^{5/3})$ for BLR, $O(n^{4/3})$ for HSS)
- threshold has almost no influence on the exponent

Experimental factor size complexity

Poisson



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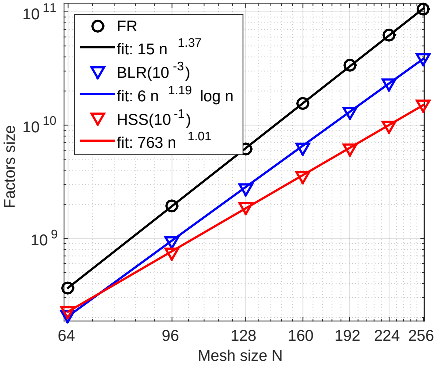

- good agreement with the theory
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  - Helmholtz: $O(n^{7/6} \log n)$ for BLR, $O(n^{7/6})$ for HSS

Preliminary performance results

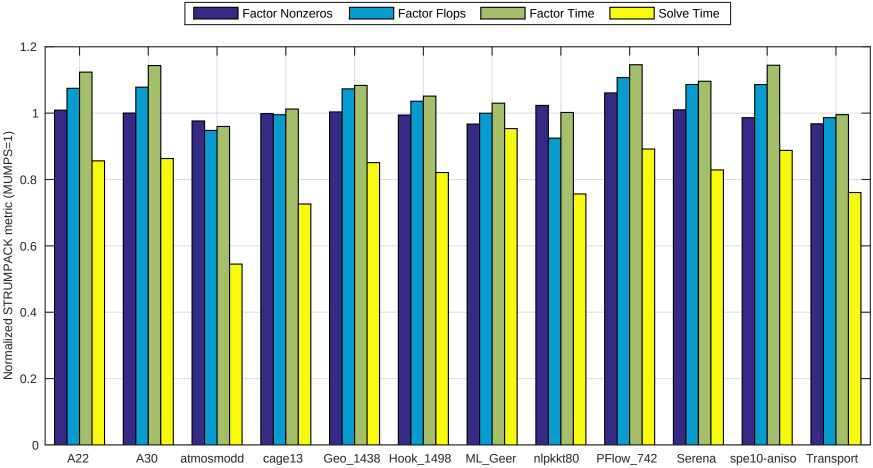
Experimental Setting

- Experiments are done on the cori supercomputer of NERSC
  - Two Intel(r) 16-cores Haswell @ 2.3 GHz per node
  - Peak per core is 36.8 GF/s
  - Total memory per node is 128 GB

- Test problems come from several real-life applications: Seismic (5Hz), Electromagnetism (S3), Structural (perf008d, Geo_1438, Hook_1498, ML_Geer, Serena, Transport), CFD (atmosmodd, PFlow_742), MHD (A22, A30), Optimization (nlpkkt80), and Graph (cage13)

- We test 7 tolerance values (from 9e-1 to 1e-6) and FR, and compare the time for factorization + solve with:
  - 1 step of iterative refinement in FR
  - GMRES iterative solver in LR with required accuracy of 10^{-6} and restart of 30

Full-Rank solvers comparison



$\Rightarrow$ very similar FR performance

Preconditioner vs direct solver mode

Optimal tolerance choice

	BLR	HSS
A22	1e-5	FR
A30	1e-4	FR
atmosmodd	1e-4	9e-1
cage13	1e-1	9e-1
Geo_1438	1e-4	FR
Hook_1498	1e-5	FR
ML_Geer	1e-6	FR
nlpkkt80	1e-5	5e-1
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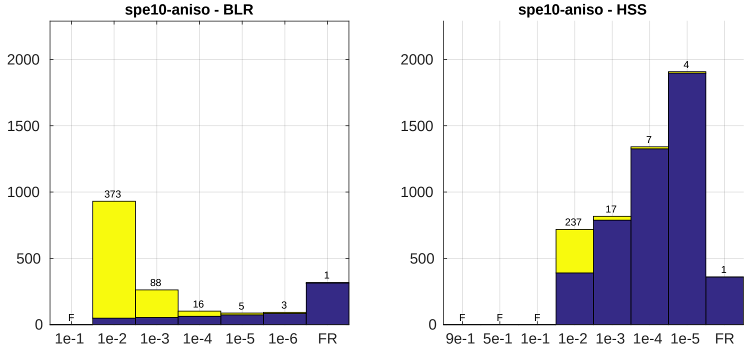
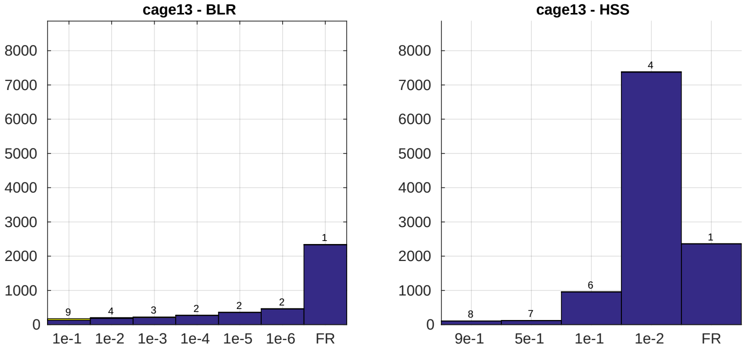


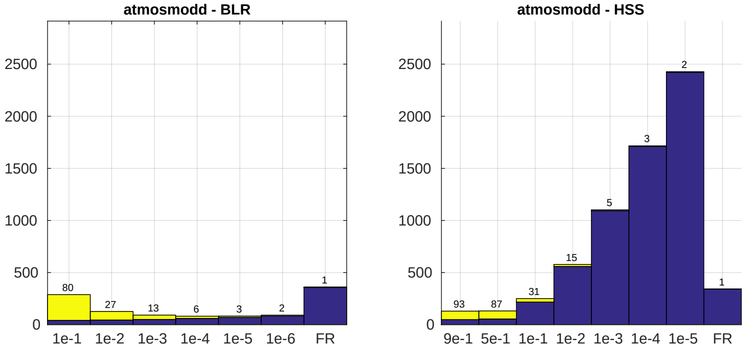
spe10-aniso matrix

- No convergence except for low tolerances ⇒ direct solver mode is needed
- BLR is better suited as HSS rank is too high



cage13 matrix

- Fast convergence even for high tolerance ⇒ preconditioner mode is better suited
- As the size grows, HSS will gain the upper hand



atmosmodd matrix

- Find compromise between accuracy and compression
- In general, BLR favors direct solver while HSS favors preconditioner mode

⇒ Performance comparison will depend on numerical difficulty and size of the problem

Preconditioner vs direct solver mode

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Hook_1498	1e-5	FR
ML_Geer	1e-6	FR
nlpkkt80	1e-5	5e-1
PFlow_742	1e-6	FR
Serena	1e-4	1e-1
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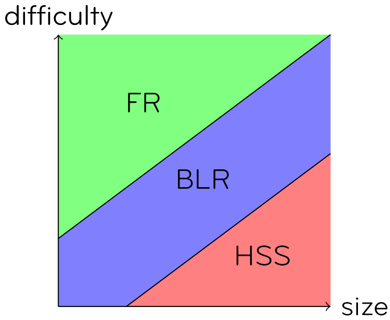

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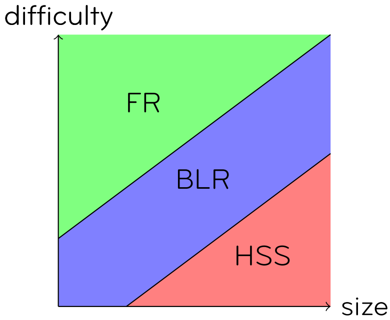

⇒ much further work needed to confirm this trend and to fully understand the differences between low-rank formats

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