

Accelerating Fusion Plasma Collision Operator Solves with Portable, Batched Iterative Solvers on GPUs

#### How to make Research Software Faster Better Harder Stronger -Lessons learnt from the US Exascale Computing Project

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#### Advancing Scientific Discovery

The ECP aims to ensure availability of the exascale computing ecosystem necessary for developing clean energy systems, improving the resilience of our infrastructure, designing new materials that can perform in extreme environments, adapting to changes in the water cycle, developing smaller and more powerful accelerators for use in medicine and industry, and much more. Several projects focus on data-intensive problems to enable effective use of the data streams from powerful scientific facilities, complex environmental genomes, and cancer research (patient genetics, tumor genomes, molecular simulations, and clinical data).

#### Strengthening National Security

The ECP teams are also developing new applications for supporting the NNSA Stockpile Stewardship Program, which is responsible for maintaining the readiness and reliability of our nuclear weapons systems—without underground testing. Assessing the performance of weapons systems subject to hostile environments and potential threat scenarios exceeds the capabilities of current HPC systems and codes. NNSA application projects are focused on providing the sophisticated modeling and analysis tools needed to sustain the U.S. nuclear deterrence.

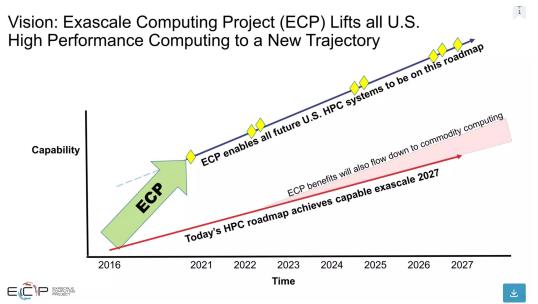
#### Improving Industrial Competitiveness

Exascale systems will be used to accelerate research that leads to innovative products and speeds commercialization, creating jobs and driving US competitiveness across industrial sectors, such as the emerging energy economy. To ensure alignment with US industry needs, the ECP is engaging senior technology decision makers from among the country's most prominent private sector companies.





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- 3 computers. (~2B)
  - \$600M each
  - \$400M to vendors for Design,
     Path, Fast Forward

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AMD Based (Up & running)
20 MWV



Intel Based (Up & running)
40 MW



AMD APU Based (panned)

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Application and Software Development(~2B)



Rank	System	Cores	Rmax (PFlop/s)	Rpeak (PFlop/s)	Power (kW)
Railk	System	cores	(FFtOp/S)	(FFLOP/S)	(KVV)
1	Frontier - HPE Cray EX235a, AMD Optimized 3rd Generation EPYC 64C 28Hz, AMD Instinct MI250X, Slingshot-11, HPE DDE/SC/Oak Ridge National Laboratory United States	8,699,904	1,206.00	1,714.81	22,786
2	Aurora - HPE Cray EX - Intel Exascale Compute Blade, Xeon CPU Max 9470 52C 2.4GHz, Intel Data Center GPU Max, Slingshot-11, Intel DOE/IsC/Argonne National Laboratory United States	9,264,128	1,012.00	1,980.01	38,698
3	Eagle - Microsoft NDv5, Xeon Platinum 8480C 48C 2GHz, NVIDIA H100, NVIDIA Infiniband NDR, Microsoft Azure Microsoft Azure United States	2,073,600	561.20	846.84	
4	Supercomputer Fugaku - Supercomputer Fugaku, A64FX 48C 2.2GHz, Tofu interconnect D, Fujitsu RIKEN Center for Computational Science Japan	7,630,848	442.01	537.21	29,899
5	LUMI - HPE Cray EX235a, AMD Optimized 3rd Generation EPYC 64C 2GHz, AMD Instinct MI250X, Stingshot-11, HPE EuroHPC/CSC Finland	2,752,704	379.70	531.51	7,107
6	Atps - HPE Cray EX254n, NVIDIA Grace 72C 3.1GHz, NVIDIA GH200 Superchip, Slingshot-11, HPE Swiss National Supercomputing Centre (CSCS) Switzerland	1,305,600	270.00	353.75	5,194

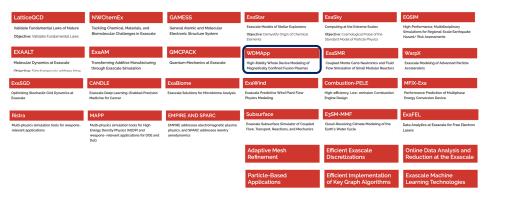


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Intel Based (Up & running) 40 MW



#### Sustainable software development

PMR Core (17)	Compilers and Support (7)	Tools and Technology (11)	xSDK (16)	Visualization Ar and Reduction		Data mgmt, I/O Services, Checkpoint restart (12)	Ecosystem/E4S at-large (12)
QUO	openarc	TAU	hypre	ParaView		SCR	mpiFileUtils
Papyrus	Kitsune	HPCToolkit	FleSCI	Catalyst		FAODEL	TriBITS
SICM	LLVM	Dyninst Binary Tools	MFEM	VTK-m		ROMIO	MarFS
Legion	CHiLL autotuning comp	Gotcha	Kokkoskernels	SZ		Mercury (Mochi suite)	GUFI
Kokkos (support)	LLVM openMP comp	Caliper	Trilinos	zfp		HDF5	Intel GEOPM
RAJA	OpenMP V & V	PAPI	SUNDIALS	VisIt		Parallel netCDF	BEE
CHAI	Flang/LLVM Fortran comp	Program Database Toolkit	PETSc/TAO	ASCENT		ADIOS	FSEFI
PaRSEC*		Search (random forests)	libEnsemble	Cinema		Darshan	Kitten Lightweight Kerne
DARMA		Siboka	STRUMPACK	ROVER		UnifyCR	COOLR
GASNet-EX		C2C	SuperLU			VeloC	NRM
Qthreads		Sonar	ForTrilinos			IOSS	ArgoContainers
BOLT		ſ	SLATE	ו		HXHIM	Spack
UPC++		l	MAGMA	J	PMR		
MPICH			DTK		Tools		
Open MPI		_	Tasmanian		Math Libr	raries Legend	
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#### A few words about myself

- Born and raised in Karlsruhe
- PhD in Numerical Mathematics from KIT
- Focus on computational linear algebra and high performance computing (HPC)
- Linear solvers, preconditioners, ...
- During my PostDoc at the University of Tennessee, I developed MAGMA sparse

MAGMA-sparse as a "child" of MAGMA explores the development of sparse linear algebra functionality for NVIDIA GPUs.





#### Limitations:

- C code with hand-written build system
- Sparse unit testing
- Focus on NVIDIA GPUs
- Design-specific limitations (flexibility/extensibility)

MATLAB

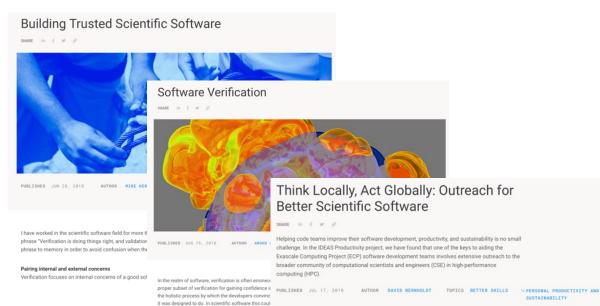
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numerical stability, and efficacy of the method in the expected results. Note that verification is limited to e model specification, not that the model itself matche

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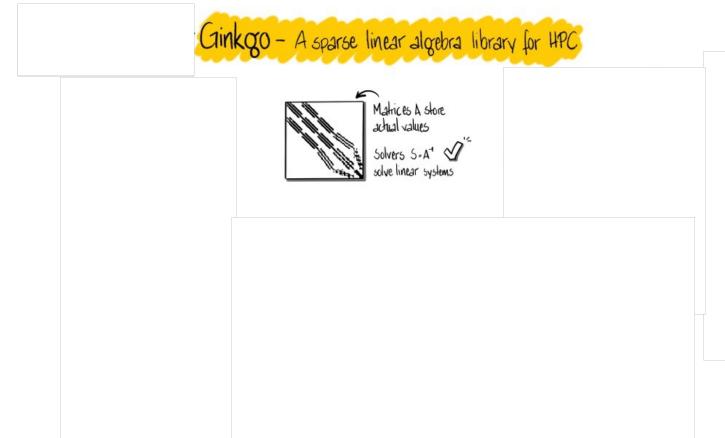


#### An ambitious goal

The ECP needs to deliver a software environment and applications ready to run on exascale computers, which are scheduled to be deployed starting in 2021. Achieving this goal entails a major, large-scale software development effort. Recognizing the challenges development teams will face, the ECP is supporting the IDEAS Productivity project to help scientific researchers improve their development practices.

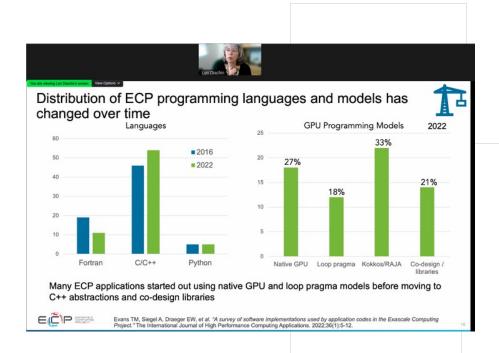
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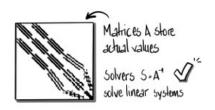






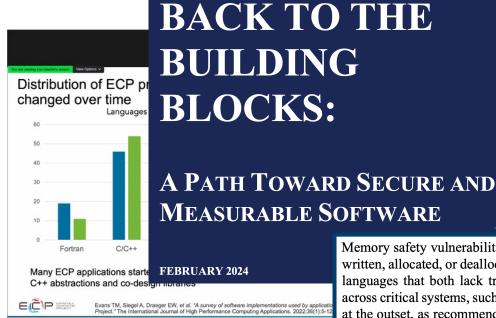










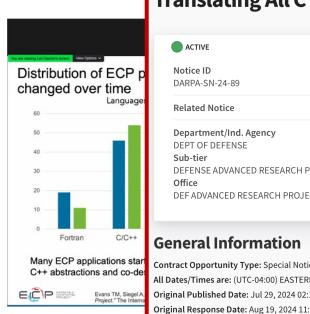


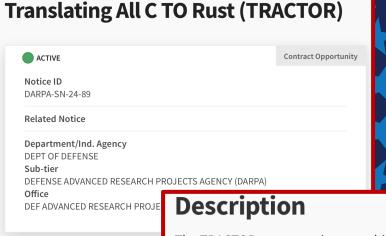


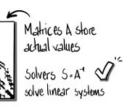
Memory safety vulnerabilities are a class of vulnerability affecting how memory can be accessed, written, allocated, or deallocated in unintended ways.<sup>iii</sup> Experts have identified a few programming languages that both lack traits associated with memory safety and also have high proliferation across critical systems, such as C and C++.<sup>iv</sup> Choosing to use memory safe programming languages at the outset, as recommended by the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency's (CISA) Open-Source Software Security Roadmap is one example of developing software in a secure-bydesign manner.<sup>v</sup>







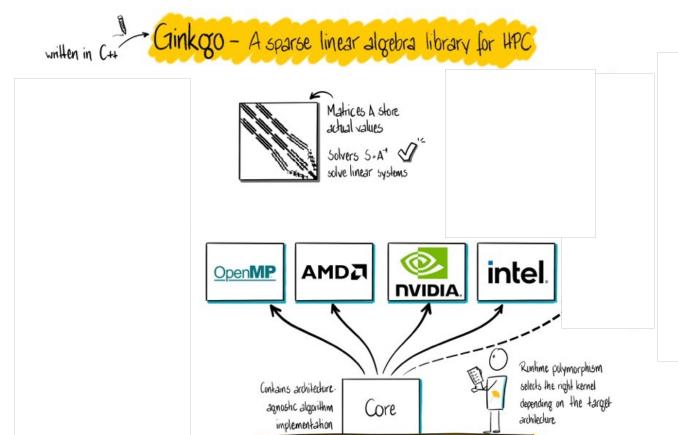




The TRACTOR program aims to achieve a high degree of automation towards translating legacy C to Rust, with the same quality and style that a skilled Rust developer would employ, thereby permanently eliminating the entire class of memory safety security vulnerabilities present in C programs. Performers might employ novel combinations of software analysis (e.g., static analysis and dynamic analysis), and machine learning techniques (e.g., large language models). The draft solicitation will be posted shortly.

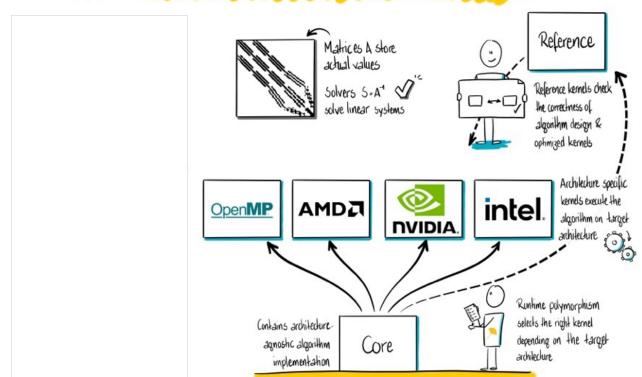
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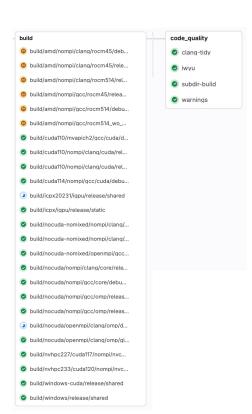


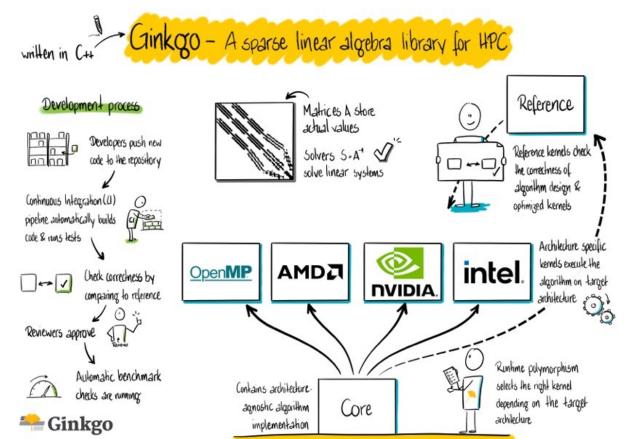




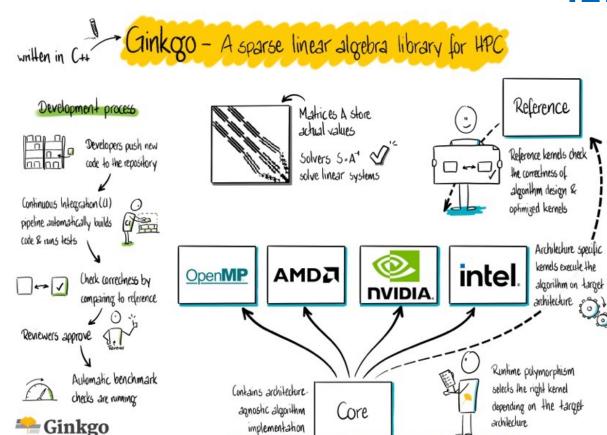




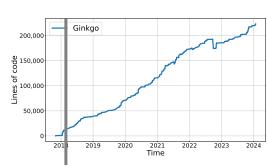






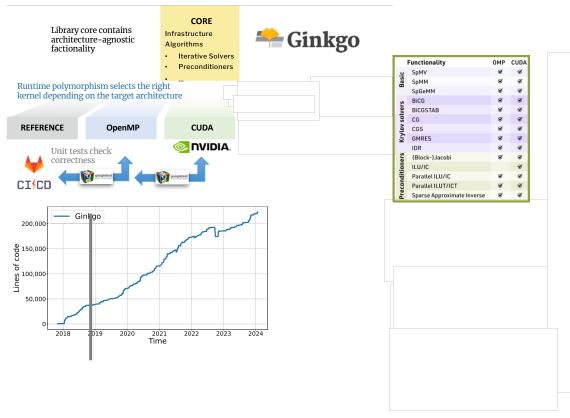


implementation



# Starting with the CUDA backend

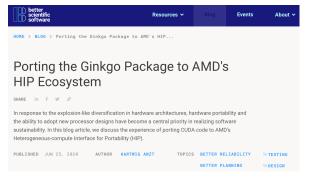


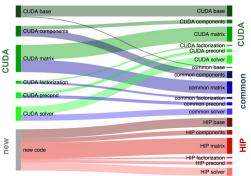


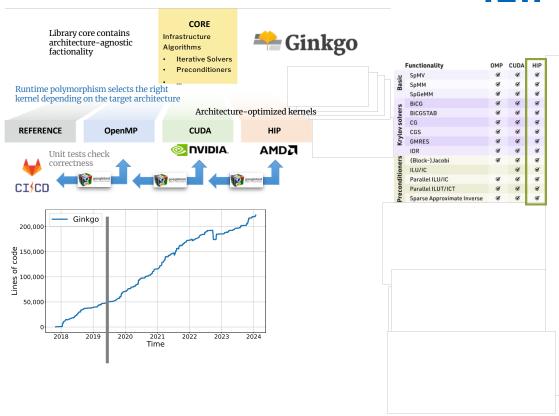
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#### ~2 months







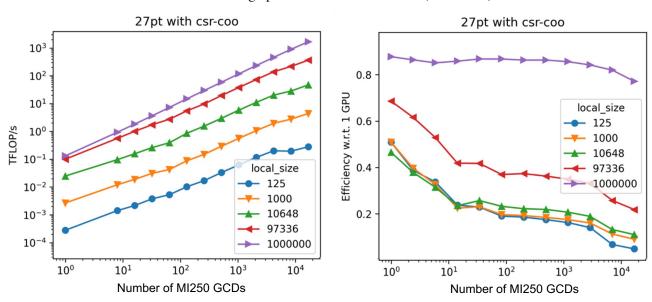
#### Weak and strong Scalability



Frontier (#1 TOP500)

SpMV Weak scaling: problem size increases with parallel resources

#### Weak scaling up to 8k AMD MI250 GPUs (16k GCDs)

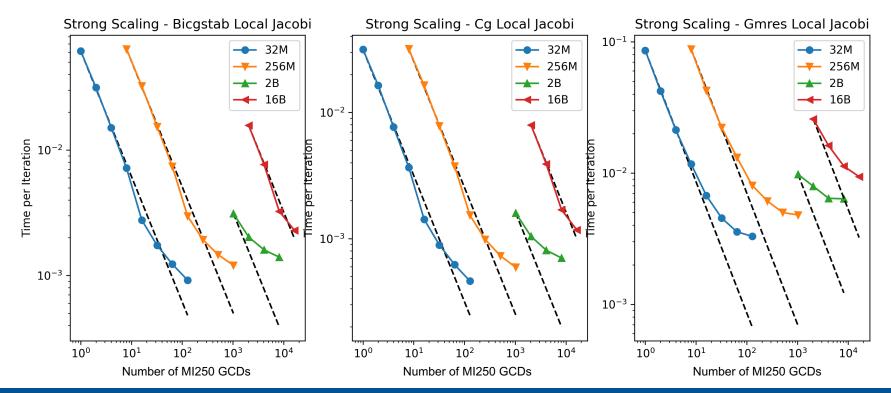


## Weak and strong Scalability



Strong scaling: problem size constant, parallel resources increase

Frontier (#1 TOP500)



### We "forgot" the customer on the way...











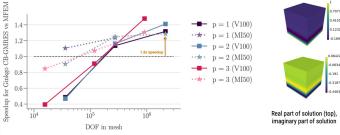
MFEM is a free, lightweight, scalable C++ library for finite element methods.

#### Speeding up MFEM's "example 22" on GPUs

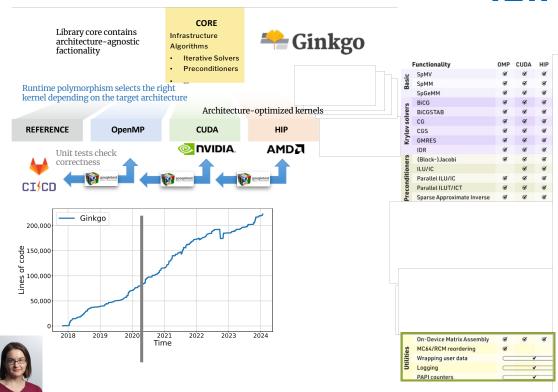
Example 22 of the MFEM finite element library solves harmonic oscillation problems, with a forced oscillation imposed at the boundary. In this test, we use variant 1:

$$-\nabla \cdot (\mathbf{a}\nabla u) - \omega^2 \mathbf{b}u + i\omega \mathbf{c}u = 0$$

with a = 1, b = 1,  $\omega$  = 10, c = 20



Speedup of Ginkgo's Compressed Basis-GMRES solver vs MFEM's GMRES solver for three different orders of basis functions (p), using MFEM matrix-free operators and the Ginkgo-MFEM integration wrappers in MFEM. CUDA 10.1/V100 and ROcm 4.0/MI50.



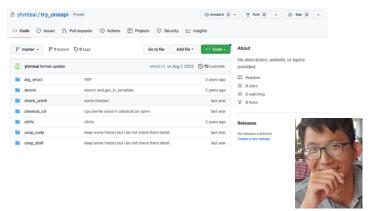
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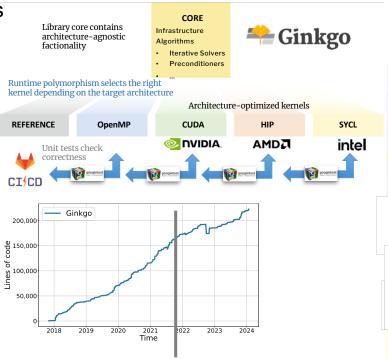
#### **Extending to Intel GPUs**



#### ~18 months







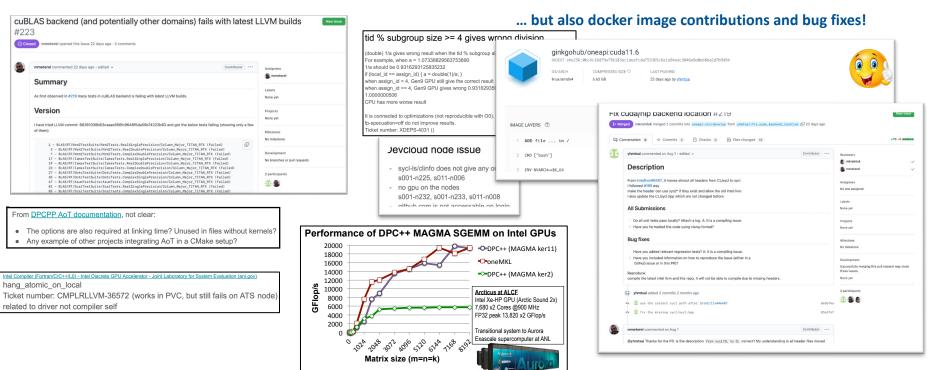


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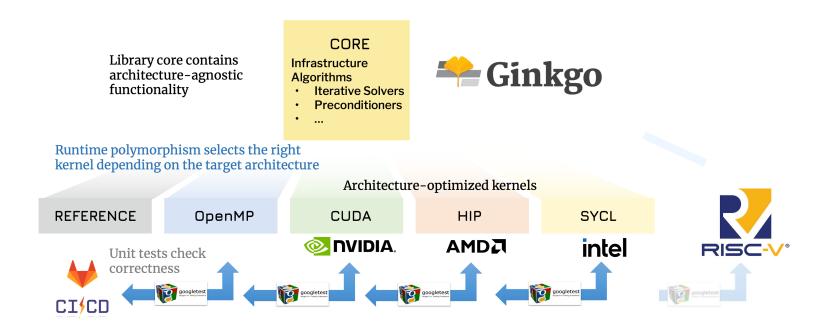


- Bi-Weekly technical meetings with Intel
- Long list of bug reports, feature requests, performance data discussions, documentation improvements ...



# Portability and Extendibility as Central Design Principle





This software design gives portability, performance, and sustainability.

#### **Hardware Trends**

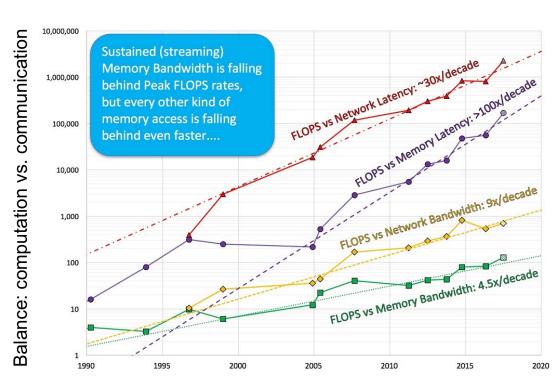




Form Factor	H100 SXM		
FP64	34 teraFLOPS		
FP64 Tensor Core	67 teraFLOPS		
FP32	67 teraFLOPS		
TF32 Tensor Core	989 teraFLOPS <sup>2</sup>		
BFLOAT16 Tensor Core	1,979 teraFLOPS <sup>2</sup>		
FP16 Tensor Core	1,979 teraFLOPS <sup>2</sup>		
FP8 Tensor Core	3,958 teraFLOPS		
INT8 Tensor Core	3,958 TOPS <sup>2</sup>		
GPU memory	80GB		
GPU memory bandwidth	3.35TB/s		



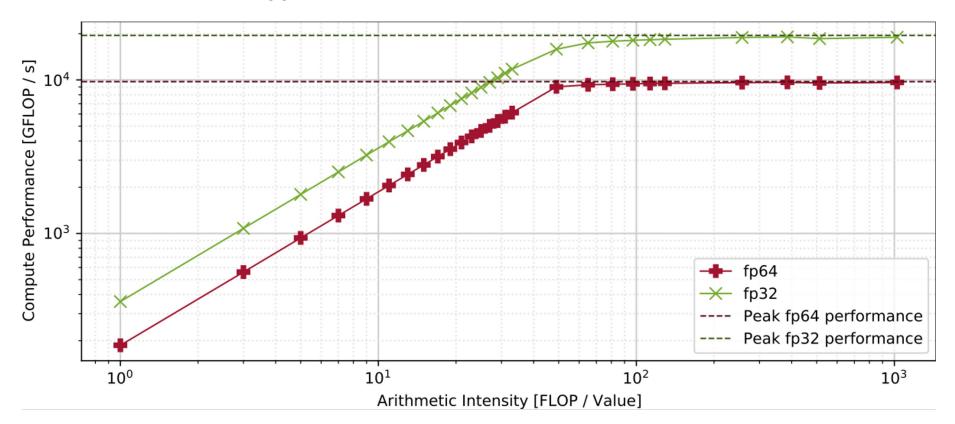
• Low Precision Perf > High Precision Performance



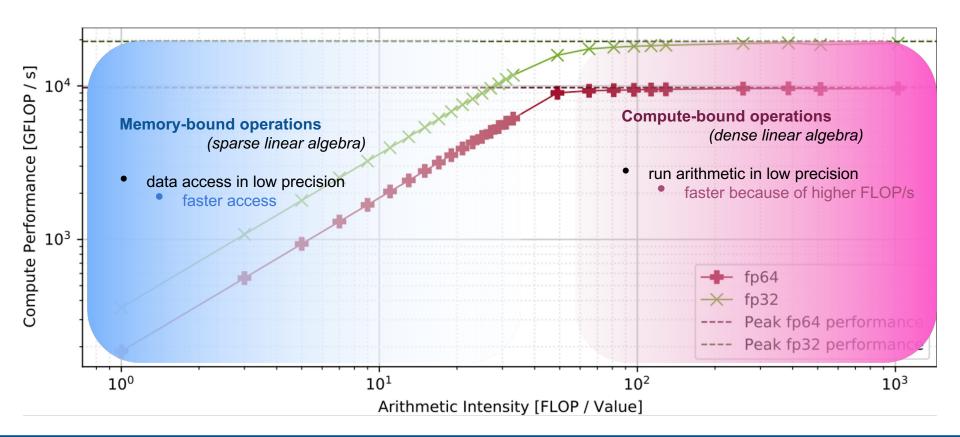
Trends in the relative performance of floating-point arithmetic and several classes of data access for select HPC servers over the past 25 years. Source: John McCalpin

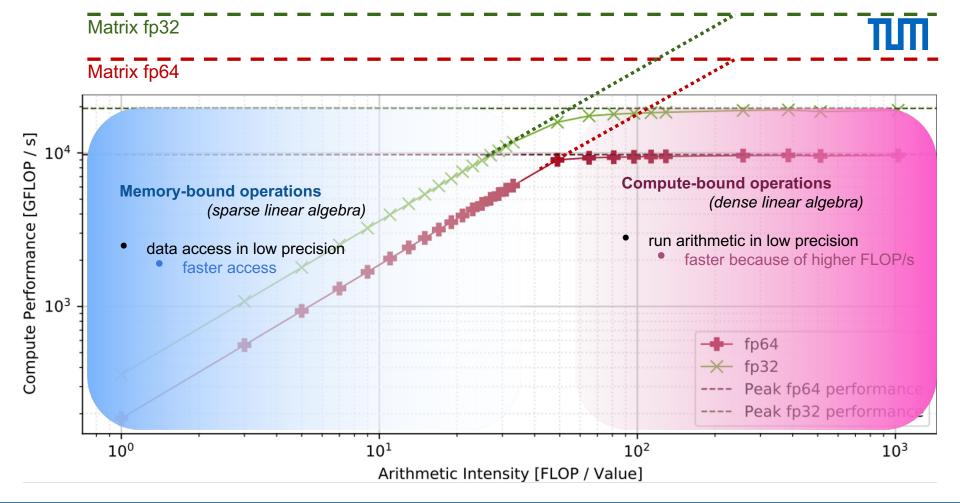


#### **NVIDIA A100**



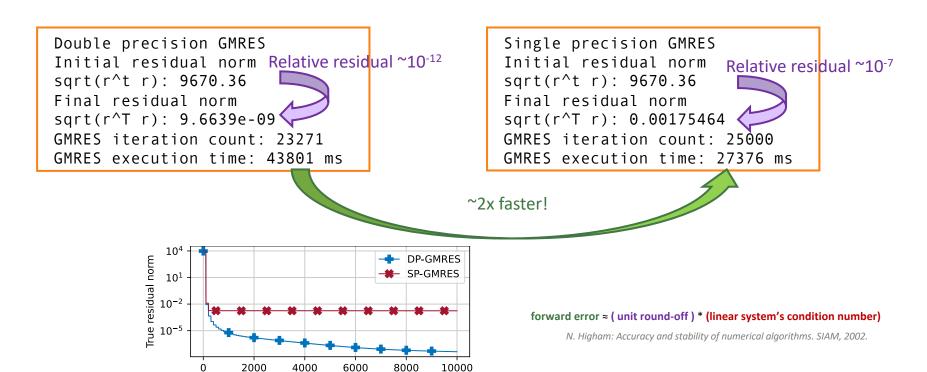








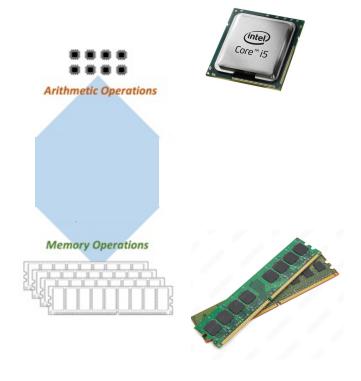
Linear System Ax=b with cond(A)  $\approx 10^7$  (apache2 from SuiteSparse) NVIDIA V100 GPU



Iteration

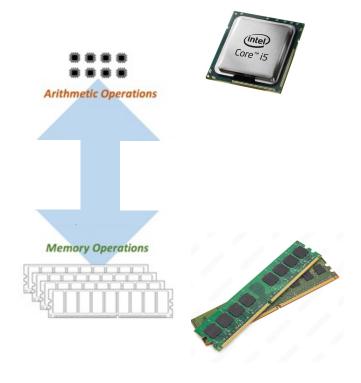


- Traditionally, we use a strong coupling between the precision formats used for arithmetic operations
   the precision format handling data in main memory.
- We should compute in fp64
- Data should be compressed for main memory access (low precision/compression)
- Compression / Conversion needs to happen on-the-fly



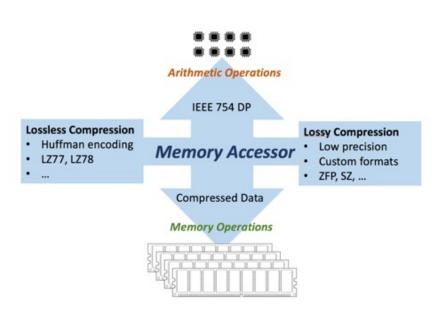


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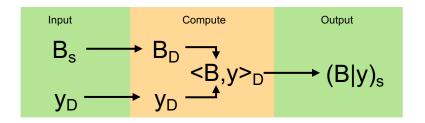
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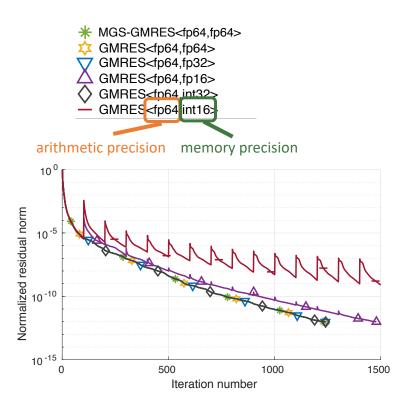




#### **Compressed Basis (CB-) GMRES**

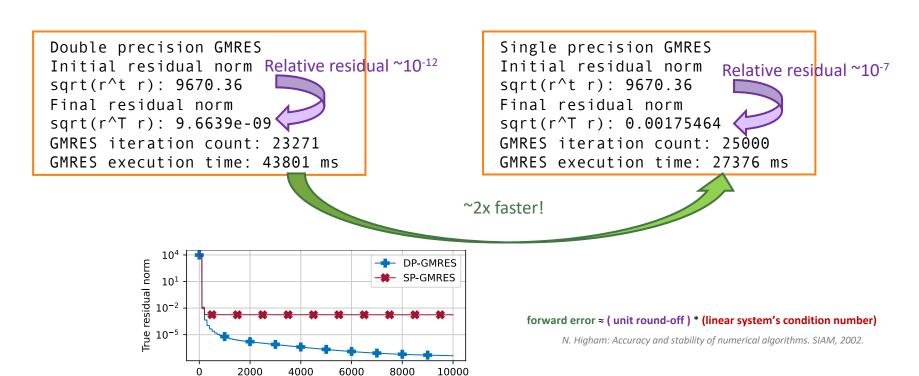
- Use double precision in all arithmetic operations;
- Store Krylov basis vectors **B** in lower precision;
  - Search directions are no longer DP-orthogonal;
  - Hessenberg system maps solution to "perturbed" Krylov subspace;
  - Additional iterations may be needed;
  - As long as the loss-of-orthogonality is moderate, we should see moderate convergence degradation;







Linear System Ax=b with cond(A)  $\approx 10^7$  (apache2 from SuiteSparse) NVIDIA V100 GPU



Iteration



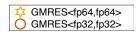
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Double precision GMRES
Initial residual norm Relative residual ~10<sup>-12</sup>
sqrt(r^t r): 9670.36
Final residual norm
sqrt(r^T r): 9.6639e-09
GMRES iteration count: 23271
GMRES execution time: 43801 ms

Single precision GMRES
Initial residual norm Relative residual ~10-7
sqrt(r^t r): 9670.36
Final residual norm
sqrt(r^T r): 0.00175464
GMRES iteration count: 25000
GMRES execution time 27376 ms

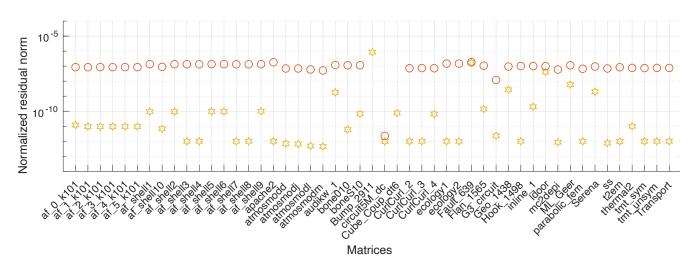
Compressed Basis GMRES
Initial residual norm
sqrt(r^t r): 9670.36
Final residual norm
sqrt(r^T r): 9.6591e-09
GMRES iteration count 23271
GMRES execution time: 29369 ms

Accuracy of DP GMRES
Performance similar to SP GMRES

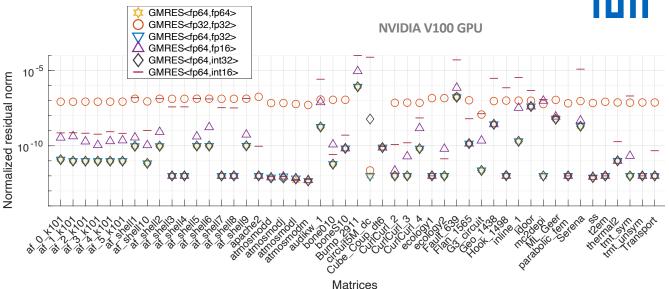




#### **NVIDIA V100 GPU**



CB-GMRES using 32-bit storage preserves DP accuracy (SP-GMRES does not)



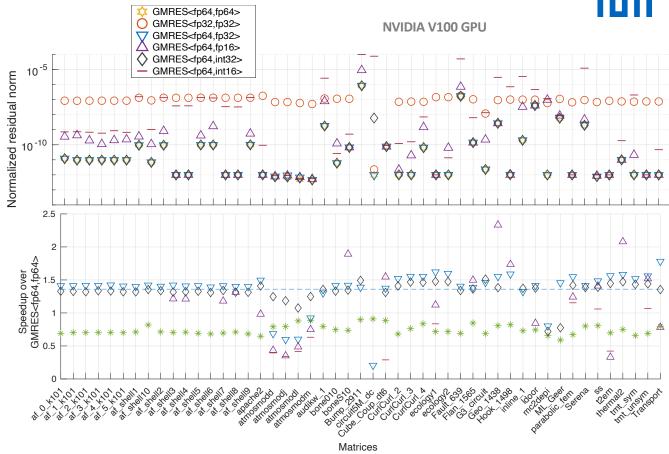


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- Speedups problem-dependent
- Speedup Ø1.4x (for restart 100)
- 16-bit storage mostly inefficient



Aliaga JI, Anzt H, Grützmacher T, Quintana-Ortí ES, Tomás AE. Compressed basis GMRES on high-performance graphics processing units. *The International Journal of High Performance Computing Applications*. 2022;0(0). doi:10.1177/10943420221115140



### **ECP Focus Effort Mixed Precision**



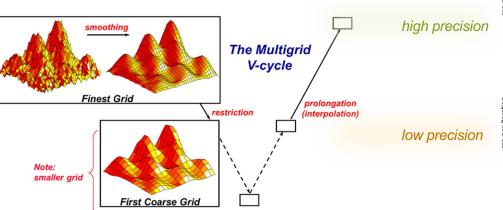
- Preconditioning iterative solvers
  - Idea: Approximate inverse of system matrix to make the system "easier to solve":  $P^{-1} \approx A^{-1}$  and solve  $Ax = b \Leftrightarrow P^{-1}Ax = P^{-1}b \Leftrightarrow \tilde{A}x = \tilde{b}$

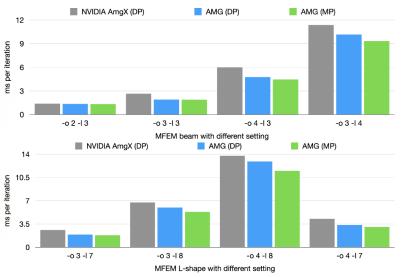


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Mixed Precision Multigrid Preconditioner

Stephen F. McCormick, Joseph Benzaken, Rasmus Tamstorf: Algebraic error analysis for mixed-precision multigrid solvers, https://arxiv.org/abs/2007.06614





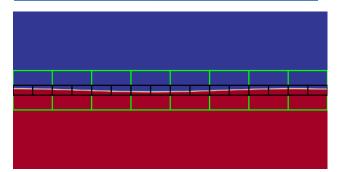
### **Batched Focus Effort**



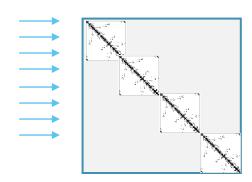
#### Batched iterative solvers for SUNDIALS / PeleLM

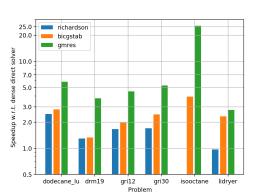
PeleLM is a parallel, adaptive mesh refinement (AMR) code that solves the reacting Navier-Stokes equations in the low Mach number regime. The core libraries for managing the subcycling AMR grids and communication are found in the <a href="MREX source code">AMREX source code</a>.

https://amrex-combustion.github.io/PeleLM/overview.html



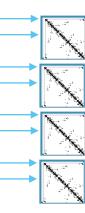
Problem	Size	Non-zeros (A)	Non-zeros (L+U)
dodecane_lu	54	2,332 (80%)	2,754 (94%)
drm19	22	438 (90%)	442 (91%)
gri12	33	978 (90%)	1,018 (93%)
gri30	54	2,560 (88%)	2,860 (98%)
isooctane	144	6,135 (30%)	20,307 (98%)
lidryer	10	91 (91%)	91 (91%)







Carol Woodward Cody Balos









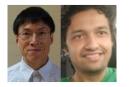


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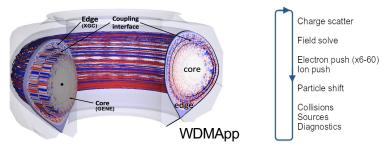
# **Batched Functionality for the Collision Operator**





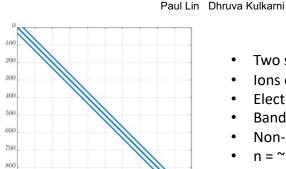
**XGC** is a gyrokinetic particle-in-cell code, which specializes in the simulation of the edge region of magnetically confined thermonuclear fusion plasma. The simulation domain can include the magnetic separatrix, magnetic axis and the biased material wall. XGC can run in total-delta-f. and conventional delta-f mode. The ion species are always gyrokinetic except for ETG simulation. Electrons can be adiabatic, massless fluid. driftkinetic, or gyrokinetic.

#### Source: https://xqc.pppl.gov/html/general\_info.html



XGC collision operator: fully nonlinear multi-species Fokker-Planck-Landau For each mesh vertex:

- Outer nonlinear solver: Picard method with inner linear solves.
- Linear solve: discretize velocity space with approx 35x35 velocity grid
- direct solve on CPU using LAPACK banded solver dqbsv
- After GPU porting of XGC, this is the remaining CPU intensive kernel for collision operator

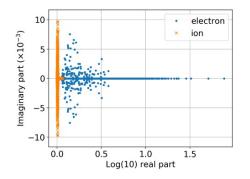


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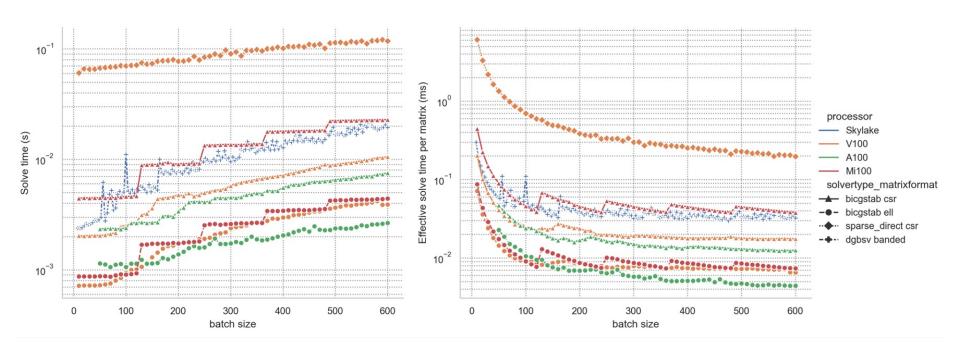


- Two species
- Ions easy to solve
- Electrons hard to solve
- Banded matrix structure
- Non-symmetric, need BiCGSTAB
- $n = ^1.000$
- $nz = ^9.000$



# **Batched Functionality for the Collision Operator**

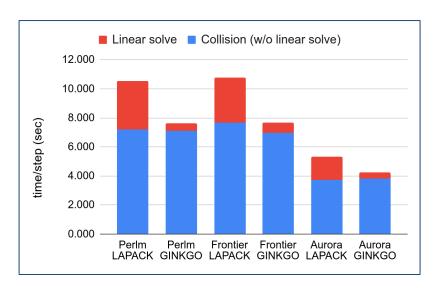




# **Batched Functionality for the Collision Operator**



- XGC DIII-D National Fusion Facility tokamak electromagnetic (EM) test case
- 8 nodes of NERSC Perlmutter: 32 A100s, 1 MPI per GPU; single socket 64-core AMD EPYC
- 8 nodes OLCF Frontier: 32 MI250X, 64 GCDs, 1 MPI per GCD; single socket 64-core AMD EPYC
- 8 nodes ALCF Aurora: 48 Intel Data Center Max 1550, 96 tiles, 1 MPI per tile; dual socket 52-core Intel CPU Max 9470C SPR











Aditya Kashi, Pratik Nayak, Dhruva Kulkarni, Aaron Scheinberg, Paul Lin, and Hartwig Anzt. **Batched sparse iterative solvers on gpu for the collision operator for fusion plasma simulations**. In 2022 IEEE International Parallel and Distributed Processing Symposium (IPDPS), pages 157–167. IEEE, 2022.

### **Power Grid Simulations**



# Mathematical Formulation of the ExaSGD Core Challenge Security constrained multiperiod AC optimal power flow analysis

#### Posed as an optimization problem:

#### Find

$$\min_{x_t, y_{tsk}} \left( \sum_t F_t(x_t) + \sum_{tsk} G_{tsk}(x_t + y_{tsk}) \right)$$

#### Subject to:

$$H_{tsk}(x_t, y_{tsk}) = 0$$

$$Q_{tsk}(x_t, y_{tsk}) \leq 0$$

$$R_t(\underline{x}_t, x_{t+1}) \leq 0$$

generator fuel cost

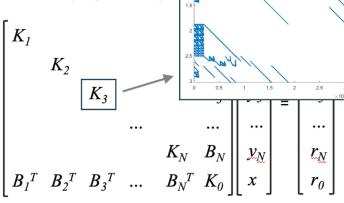
wind curtailment, load shedding, power imbalance, etc.

flow definitions, power balance

bounds: generator power, voltage, branch flow

generator ramping limit

The optimization problem the underlying linear syst



**EXASGD** 

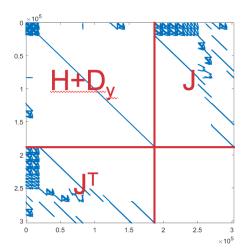


• The characteristic block-arrow coupling structure can be exploited to decompose the optimization problem, nevertheless there is no solver that can tackle this on a GPU-based architecture.

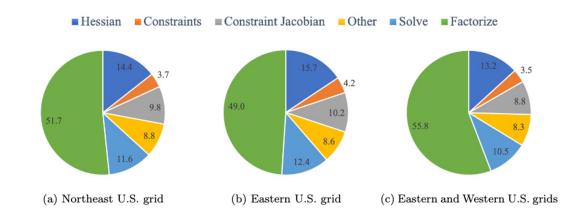
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# **Sparse Direct Solvers**





Grid	Buses	Generators	Lines	$N(K_k)$	$\mathrm{nnz}(K_k)$
Northeastern US	25 K	4.8 K	32.3 K	108 K	1.19 M
Eastern US	$70~\mathrm{K}$	$10.4~\mathrm{K}$	$88.2~\mathrm{K}$	$296~\mathrm{K}$	$3.20~\mathrm{M}$
Western and Eastern US	$82~\mathrm{K}$	$13.4~\mathrm{K}$	$104.1~\mathrm{K}$	$340~\mathrm{K}$	$3.73~\mathrm{M}$

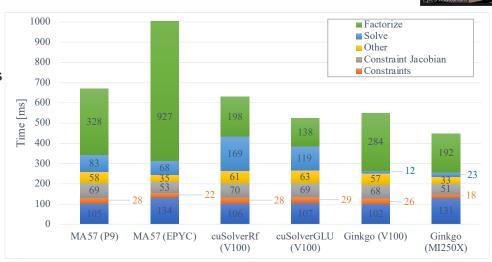


### **Sparse Direct Solvers**



Liner Solver Performance within Optimization Algorithm
Average per iteration times (including first iteration on CPU)

- Each GPU solution outperforms all CPU baselines.
- Ginkgo performance improves on a better GPU.
- Iterative refinement configuration affects linear solver performance and optimization solver convergence.
- Ginkgo is the first GPUresident sparse direct linear solver.





Multiple promising GPU-resident sparse linear solvers

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### After 6 years of development



EuroHPC Project MICROCARD uses Ginkgo





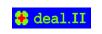


https://www.microcard.eu

DoE SciDAC-5 : Development of High-Fidelity Simulation Capabilities for ELM-free Design Optimization

BMBF PDExa and ExaSIM projects use Ginkgo



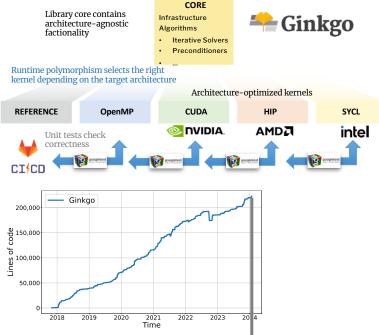




Companies are evaluating Ginkgo











### **Lessons learnt over the years**



- ECP earmarking roughly half the budget to Software & App development is a game changer.
  - Central component for the success of ECP.
  - This concept needs to and does become the blueprint for other nations, companies, and projects.
- Workforce recruitment and workforce retention are the key to success in software development.
  - Money does not write software. RSEs do. We need to create attractive career plans.
  - We need to make research software development attractive to students. Academic recognition. Industry career paths.
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  - Blueprints and early access systems both useful.
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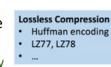
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### **ECP Focus Effort Mixed Precision**



Traditionally, we use a strong coupling between the precision formats used for arithmetic operations the precision format handling data in main memory



- **Lossy Compression** Low precision
- Custom formats
- ZFP, SZ, ...

Compressed Data

**Memory Accessor** 

**Arithmetic Operations** 

IEEE 754 DP

**Memory Operations** 



- We should compute in fp64
- Data should be compressed for main memory access (low precision/compression)
- Compression / Conversion needs to happen on-the-fly

