

Impact of Multi-core and Many-core Technology on Dense Linear Algebra

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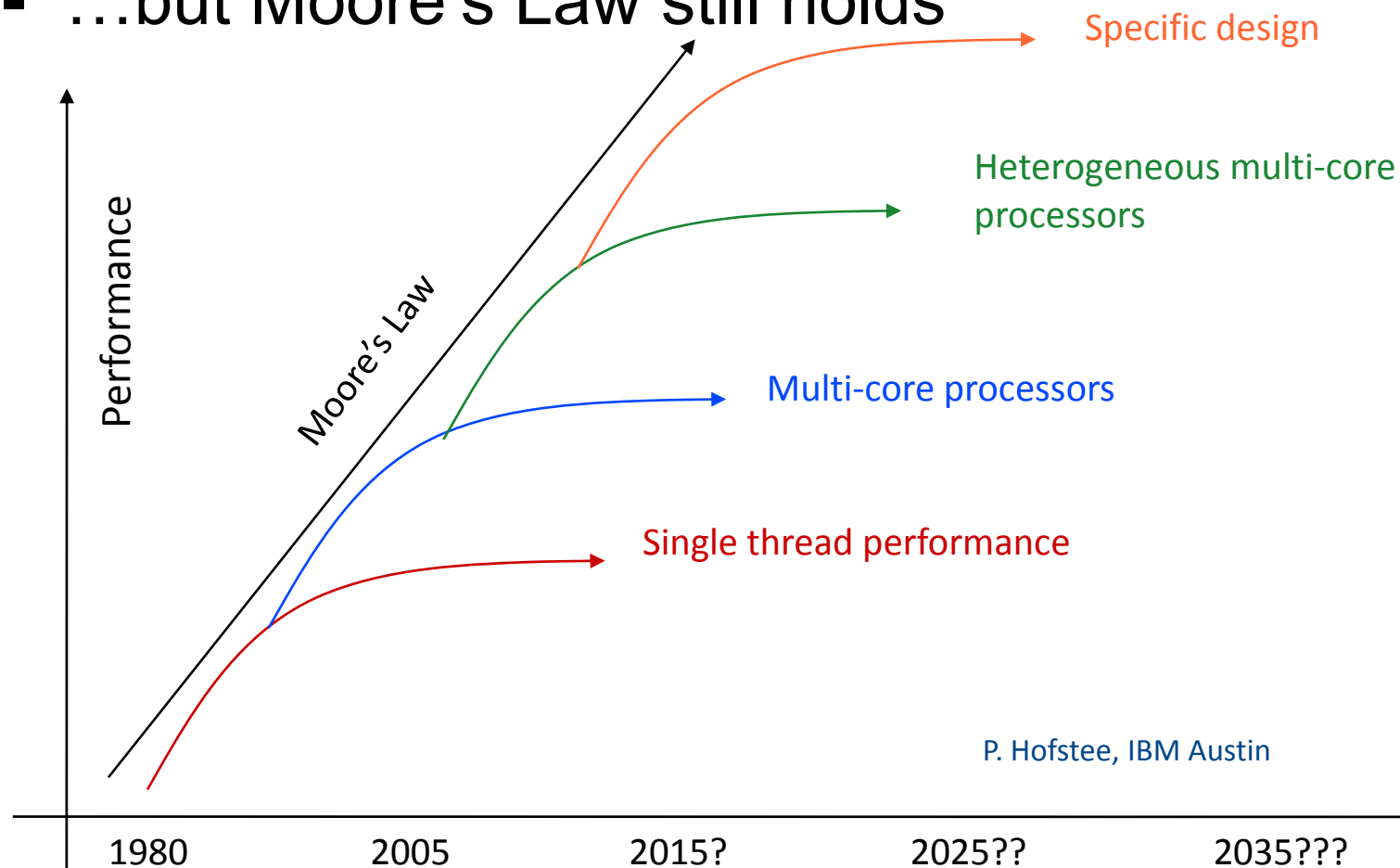
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Multi-core and Many-core

- “The free lunch is over” (H. Sutter, 2005)
 - End of the race for GHz
 - Energy is proportional to f^3
 - Energy becomes heat
 - No more ILP
 - On average, 1 branch every five instructions
 - Also for dense linear algebra?
 - No significant improvement in memory latency
 - 1 stall $\approx$ 240 cycles (2008)

Multi-core and Many-core

- ...but Moore's Law still holds



Multi-core and Many-core

- Intel Xeon Nehalem: 8-core
- AMD Opteron Interlagos (bulldozer): 16-core chip → Q3 2011
- Heterogeneous designs:
 - AMD APUs
 - Intel Sandy Bridge
 - NVIDIA+ARM

Leveraging TLP

- Libraries (dense linear algebra)

- PLASMA
- MAGMA
- libflame



- Tools (general purpose)

- StarSs
- StarPU



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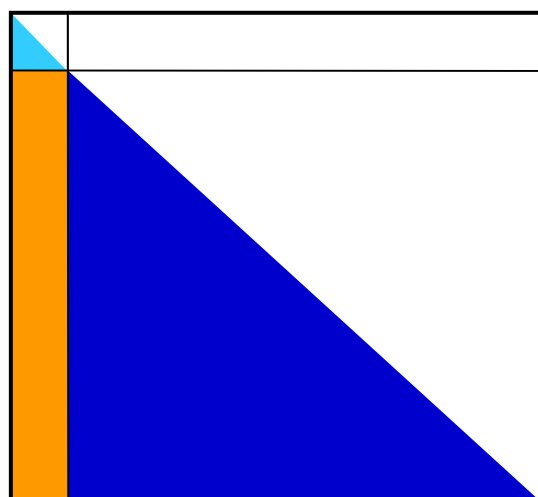


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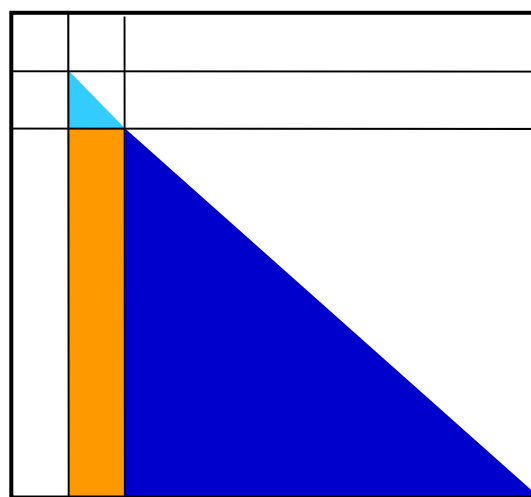
Leveraging TLP

- Cholesky: LAPACK+MT-BLAS

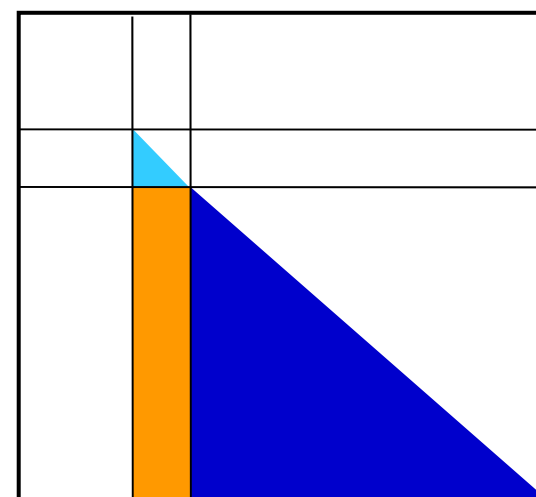
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1st iteration



2nd iteration



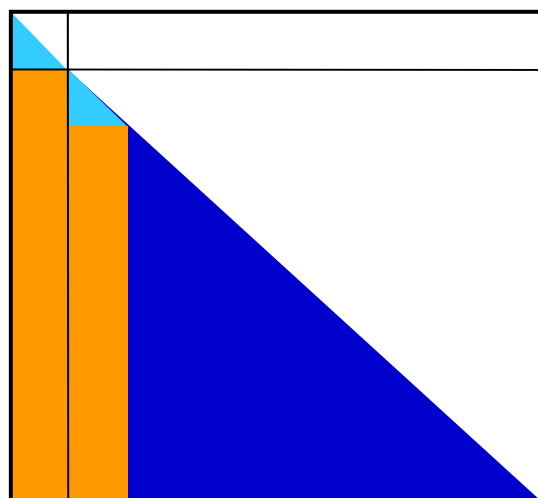
3rd iteration

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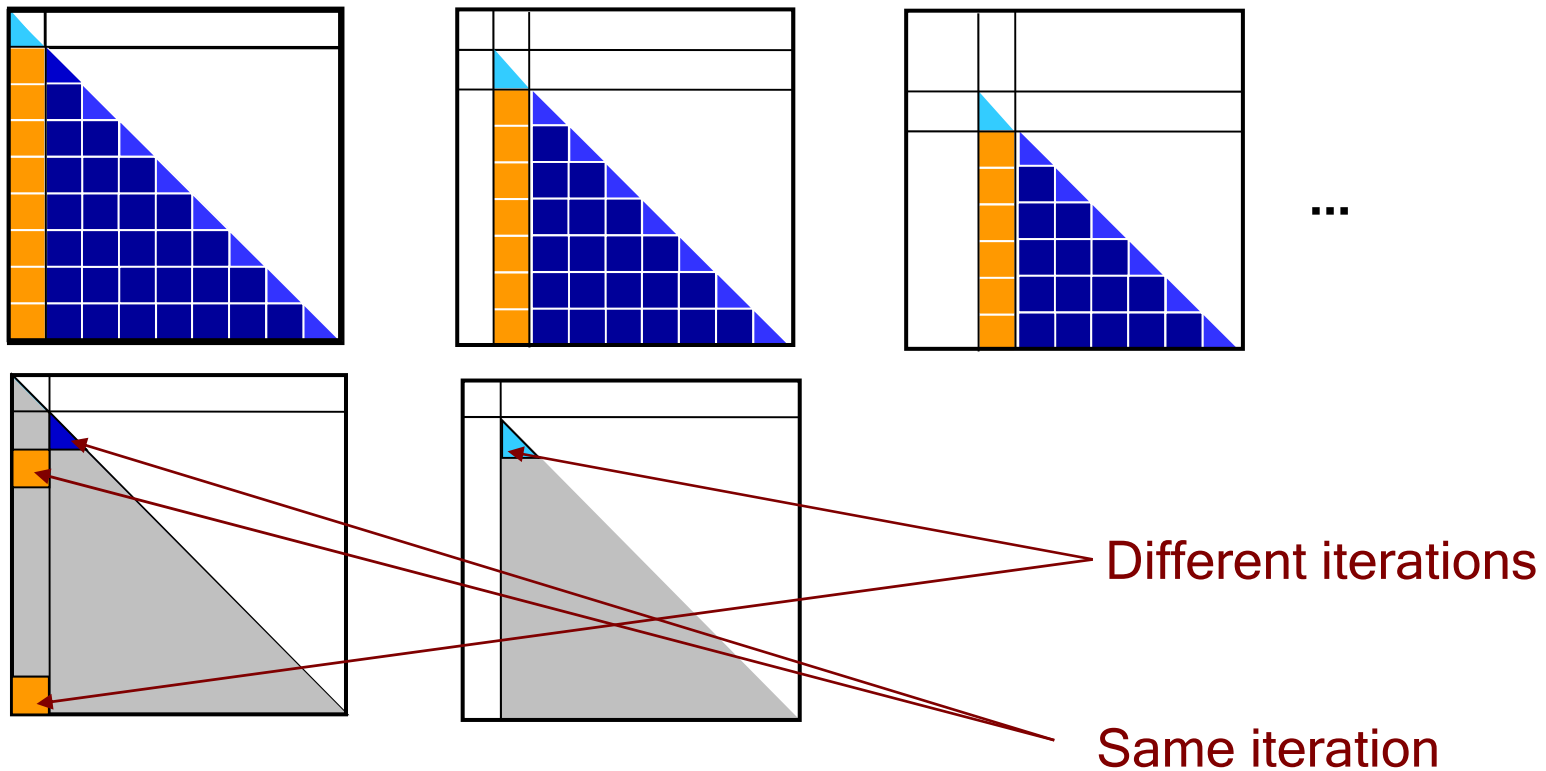
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Some parallelism can be regained with a look-ahead but:

- It complicates programming
- It hampers portability

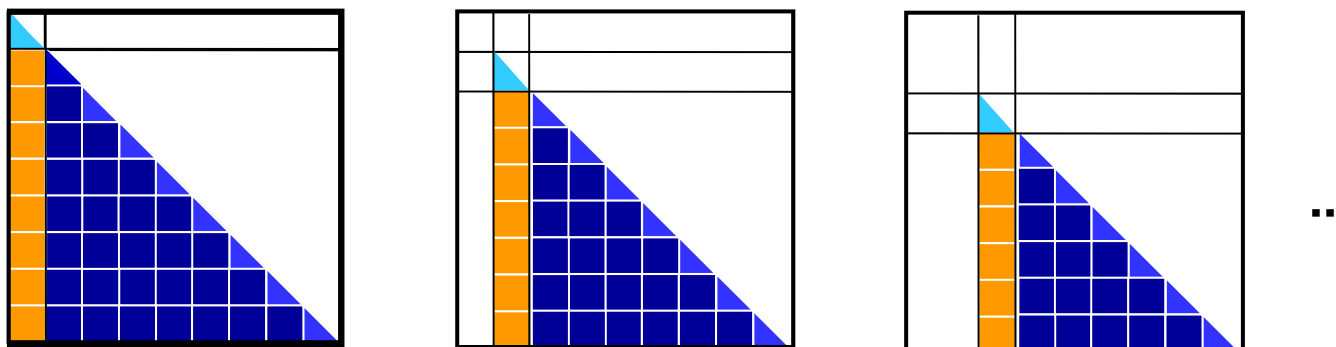
Leveraging TLP

- Cholesky: More concurrency available



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1. Decompose the problem into tasks
2. Scheduler (run-time) executes the tasks:
 1. Keep track of dependencies
 2. Maximize concurrency (with priorities)
 3. Balance the load (possibly dynamically)

PLASMA: Overview

- Univ. Tennessee, Univ. California @ Berkeley, Univ. Colorado @ Denver
- Support for multi-core platforms
- Support for complex/real, single/double
- Covers BLAS-3, linear system solvers, and partially SVD and EVD
- Column-major order accepted, internally converted to tile layout
- Static or dynamic scheduler (QUARK)
- Licensed: free redistribution and reuse

PLASMA: Functionality

- Linear systems
 - LU w/partial pivoting, Cholesky
 - Overdetermined, underdetermined linear systems via QR and LQ
 - Explicit matrix inversion
 - Mixed precision iterative refinement
- Symmetric Eigenvalue Problem (only eigenvalues, no eigenvectors yet)
 - reduction to “block tridiagonal” (band)
 - band reduction (bulge chasing)
 - QR iteration (LAPACK)
- Singular Value Problem (only singular values, no singular vectors yet)
 - reduction to “block bidiagonal” (band)
 - band reduction (bulge chasing)
 - QR algorithm (LAPACK)
- Generalized Eigenvalue Problem (s.p.d. matrices only)
 - Cholesky factorization of B and application to A
 - reduction to band & band reduction (bulge chasing)
 - QR algorithm (LAPACK)

Thanks to J. Kurzak, ICL - UTK

PLASMA: Interface

```
PLASMA_Init(0);
```

```
PLASMA_Desc_Create(&descA, ...);
```

```
PLASMA_Desc_Create(&descB, ...);
```

```
PLASMA_dLapack_to_Tile(A, lda, descA);
```

```
PLASMA_dLapack_to_Tile(B, ldb, descB);
```

```
PLASMA_dgesv_Tile(descA, IPIV, descB);
```

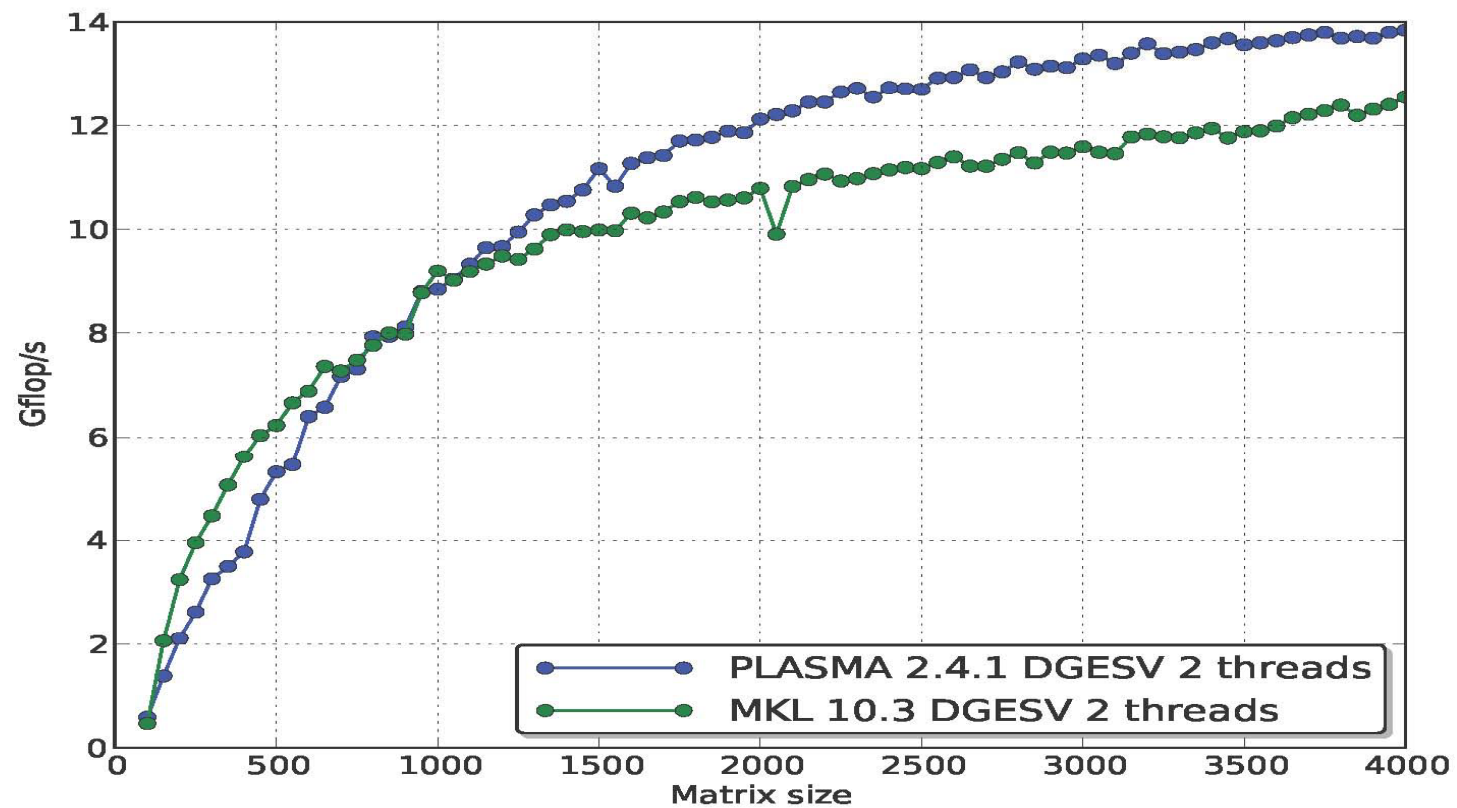
```
PLASMA_Desc_Destroy(&descA);
```

```
PLASMA_Desc_Destroy(&descB);
```

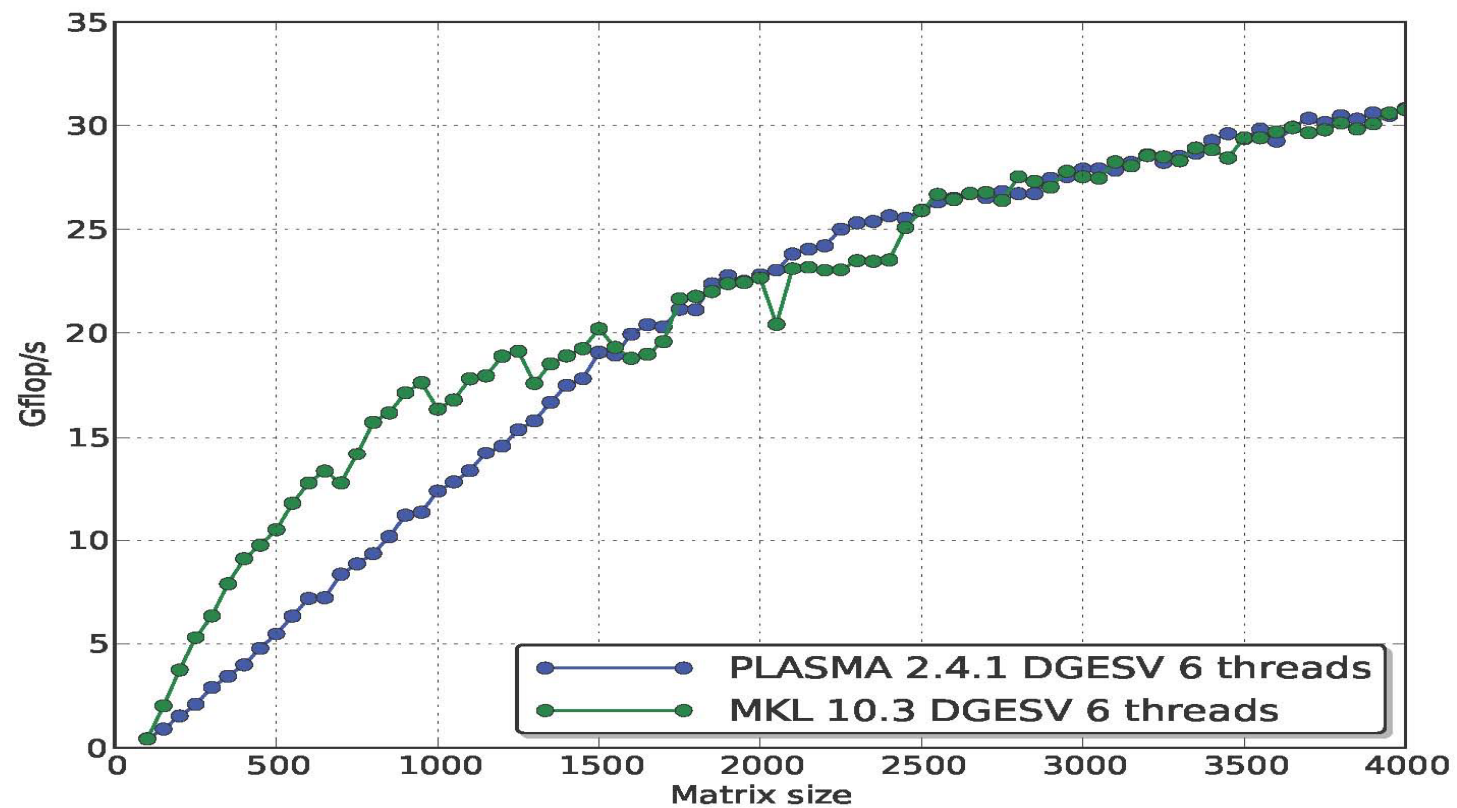
```
PLASMA_Finalize();
```

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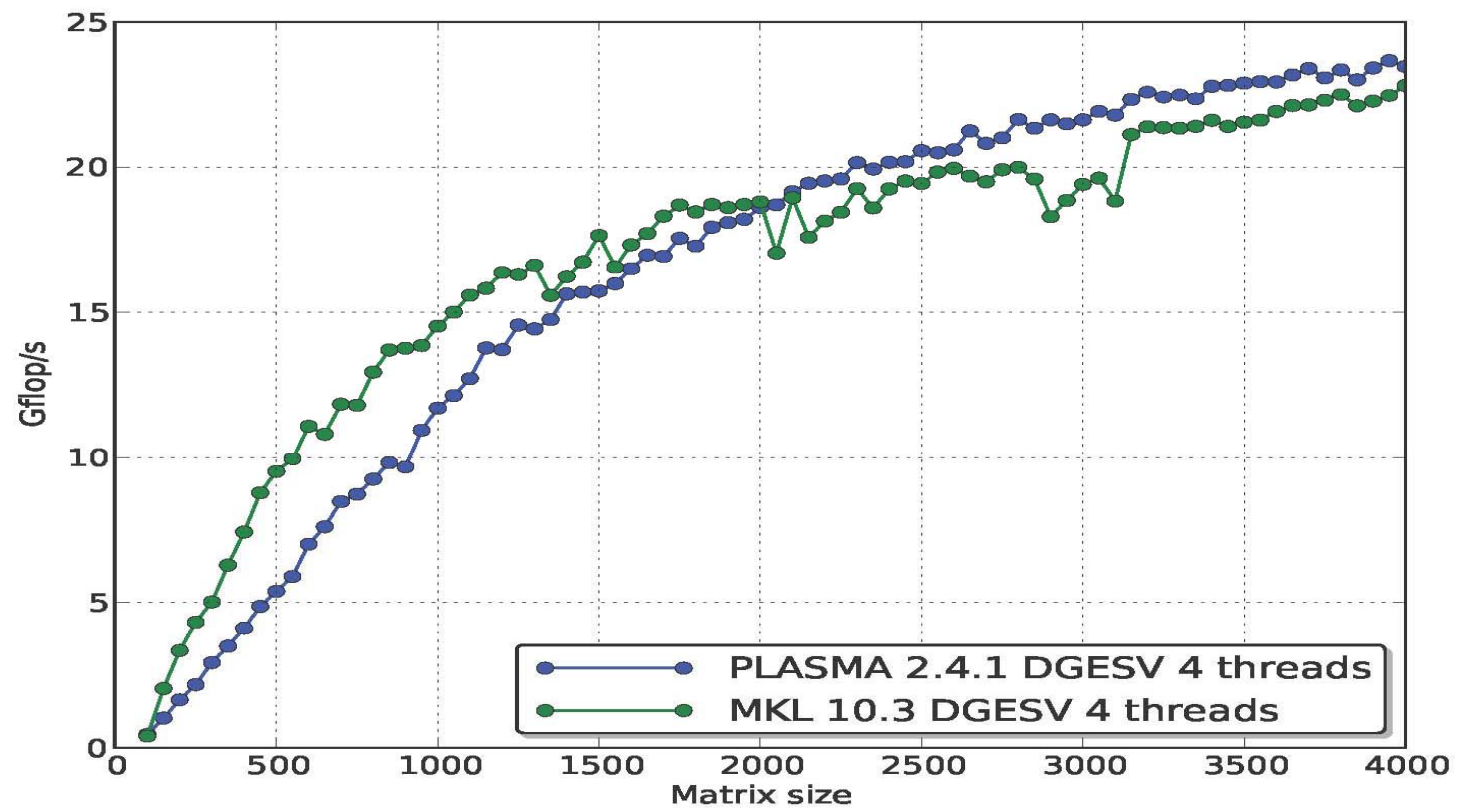
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- AMD 48 cores – J. Kurzak ISC'11

MAGMA: Overview

- Univ. Tennessee, Univ. California @ Berkeley, Univ. Colorado @ Denver
- Support for hybrid platforms: one or more multi-core processors + 1 GPU (no multi-GPU)
- Support for complex/real, single/double
- Static scheduler
- Licensed: free redistribution and reuse

MAGMA: Functionality

- Linear systems
 - LU, QR, and Cholesky factorizations
 - Mixed-precision iterative refinement
- Eigenproblems and singular value problems
 - Hessenberg, bidiagonal, and tridiagonal reductions
- Generalized Hermitian-definite eigenproblem solvers

MAGMA: Interface (F90)

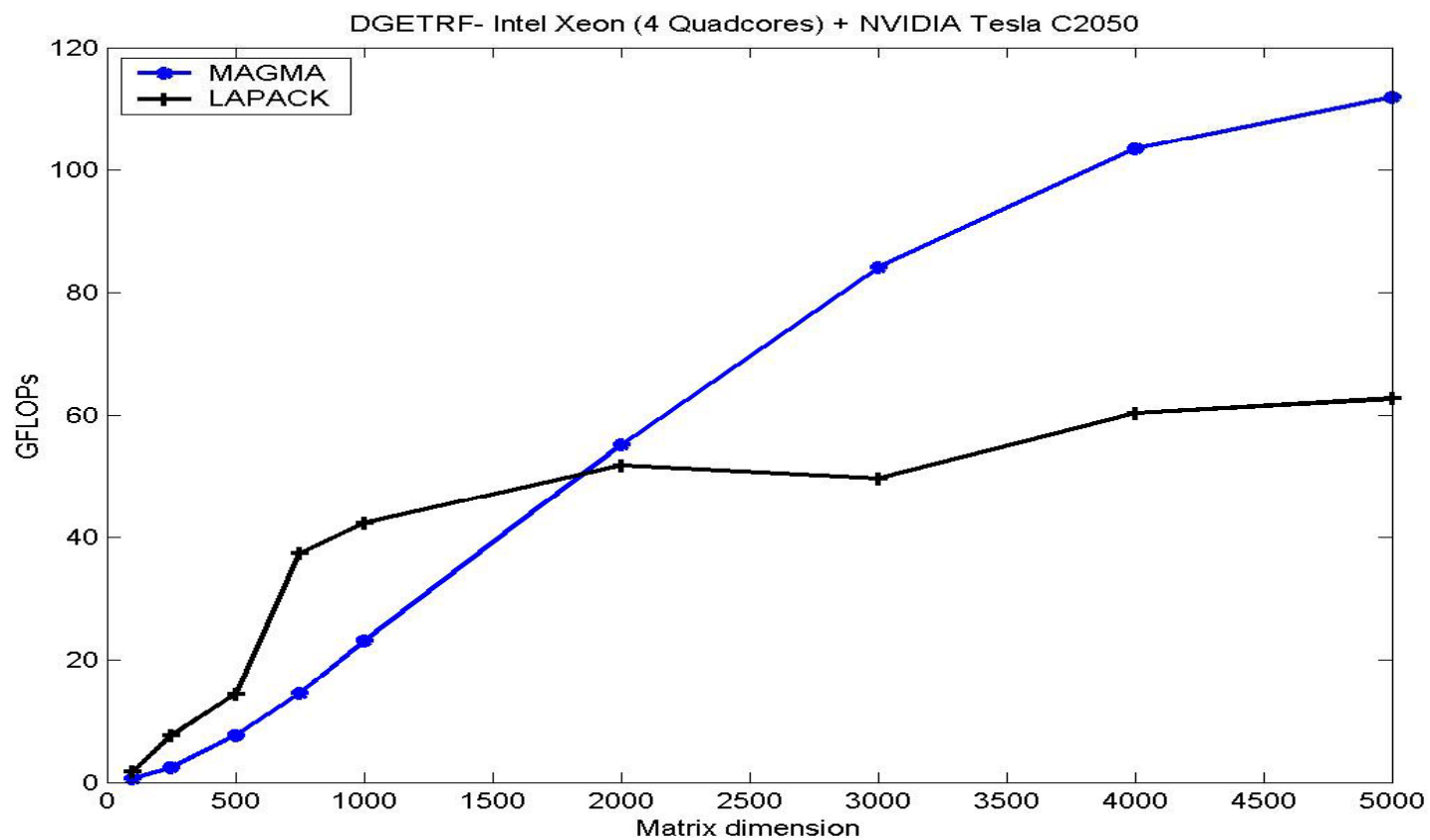
```
magma_devptr_t :: devptrA, devptrB

!----- Allocate GPU memory
stat = cublas_alloc(ldda*n, sizeof_double, devPtrA)

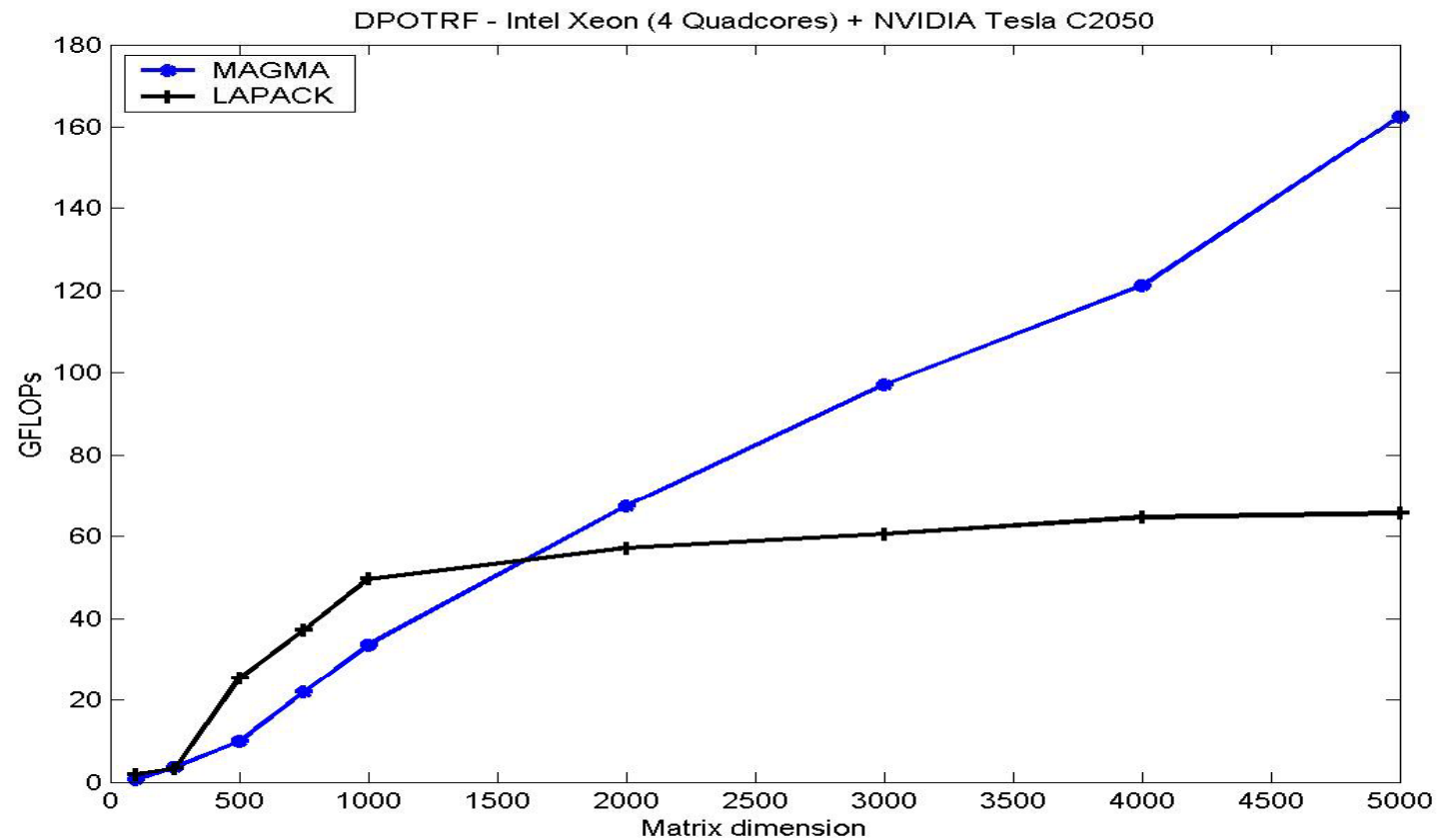
!----- devPtrA = h_A
call cublas_set_matrix(n, n, size_of_elt, h_A, lda,
                      devptrA, ldda)

call magmaf_dgetrf_gpu(n, n, devptrA, ldda, ipiv, info)
```

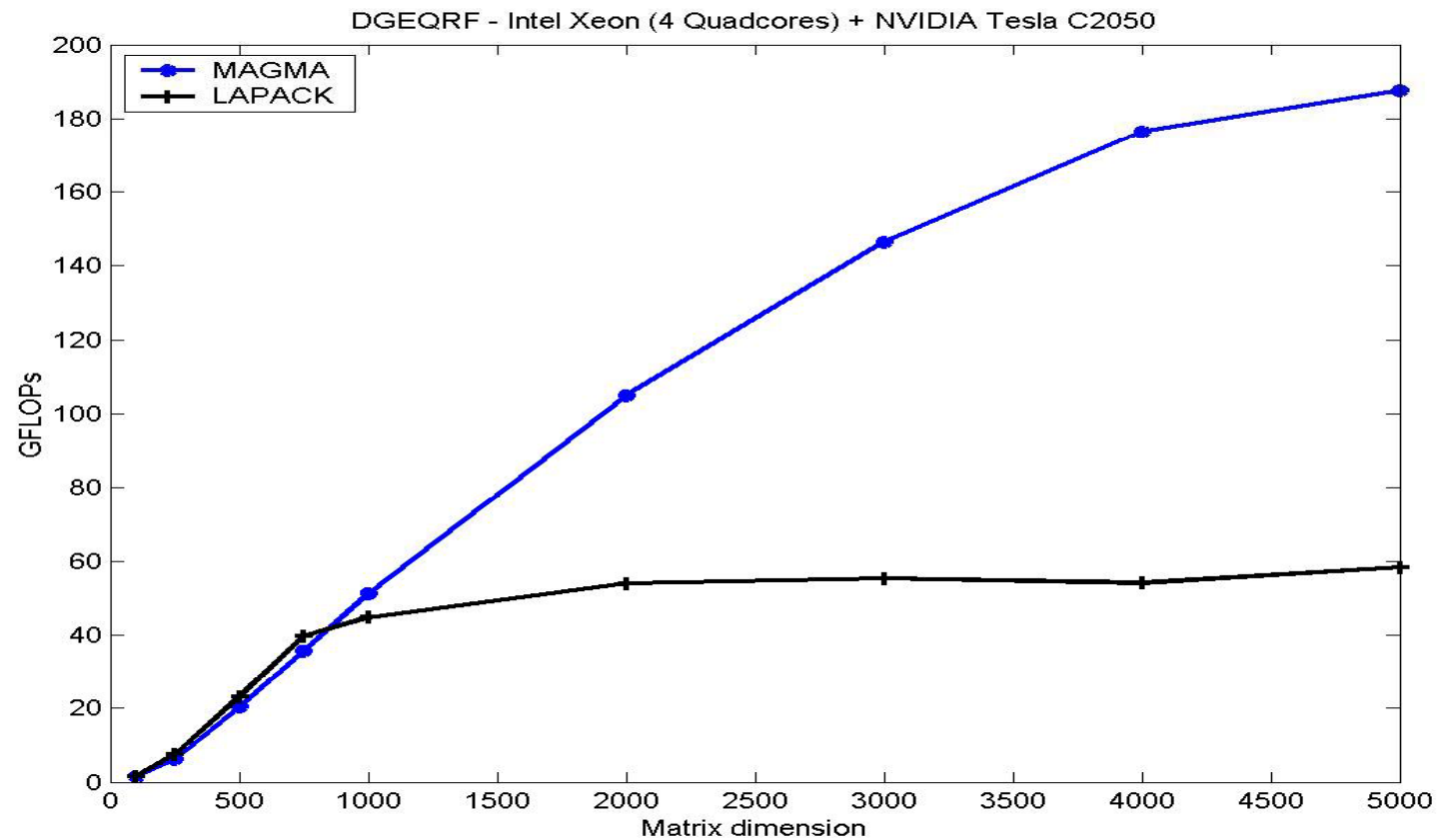
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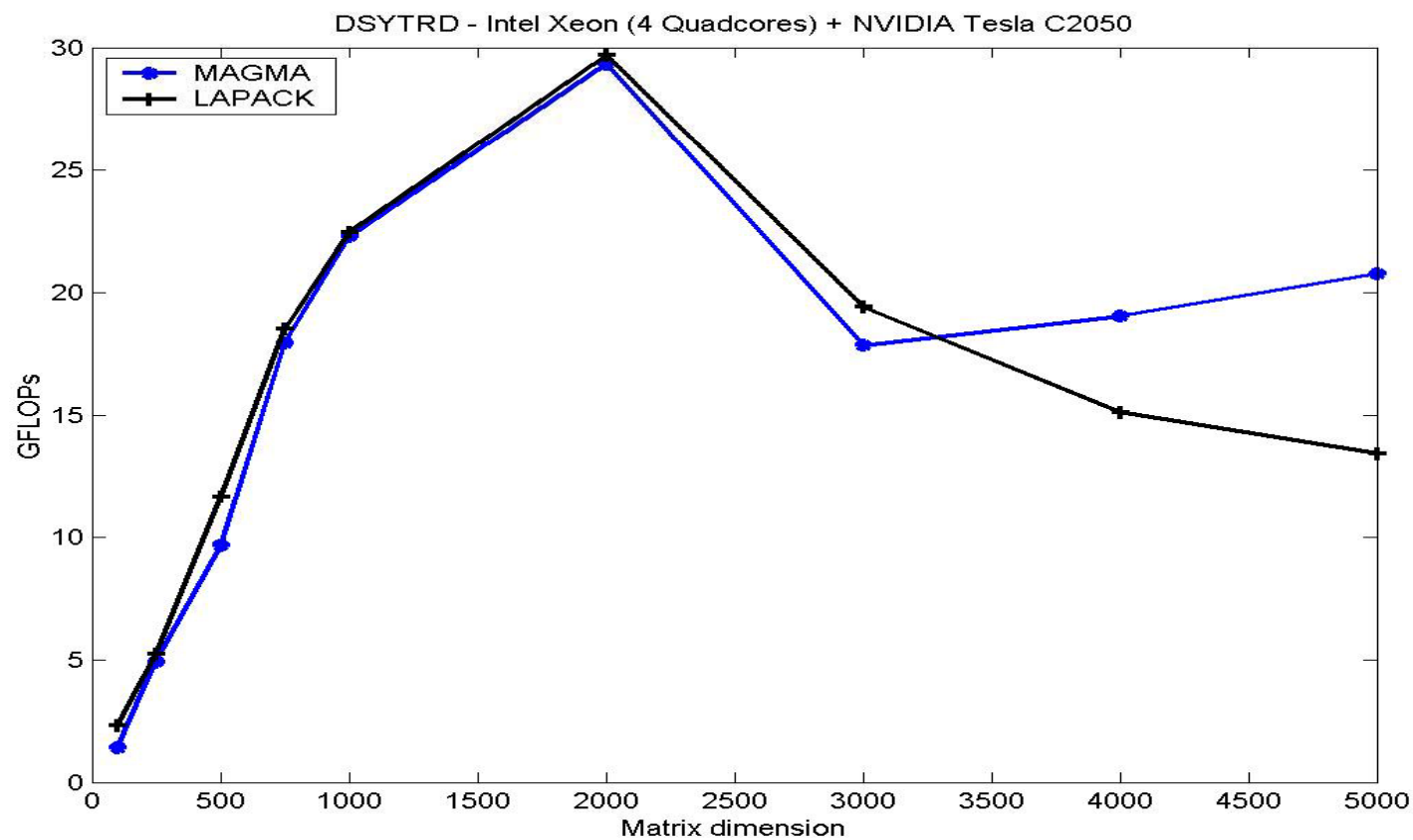
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libflame: Overview

- Univ. Texas @ Austin
- Object-oriented API
- Support for multi-core and multi-GPU platforms
- Support for complex/real, single/double
- Covers BLAS-1, -2, -3 and linear system solvers. No SVD, EVD
- lapack2flame compatibility layer
- Column-major order or storage-by-blocks
- MT-BLAS or dynamic scheduling (SuperMatrix)
- Licensed as LGPL

libflame: Funcionalidad

operation	Classic FLAME	FLASH/SM	lapack2flame
Level-3 BLAS	y	y	n/a
Cholesky	y	y	y
LU with partial pivoting	y	y	y
LU with incremental pivoting	y	y	*
QR (UT)	y	y	y
LQ (UT)	y	y	y
SPD/HPD inversion	y	y	y
Triangular inversion	y	y	y
Triangular Sylvester	y	y	y
Lyapunov	y	y	y
Up-and-downdate (UT)	y	y	*
SVD	planned		
EVD	planned		

* Not present in LAPACK

libflame: Interface

```
FLA_Obj A, p, b, x;
```

```
FLA_Init();
```

```
FLA_Obj_create( FLA_DOUBLE, m, m, 0, 0, &A );  
FLA_Copy_buffer_to_object( FLA_NO_TRANSPOSE, m, m,  
                           buffer, rs, cs, 0, 0, A );
```

```
...
```

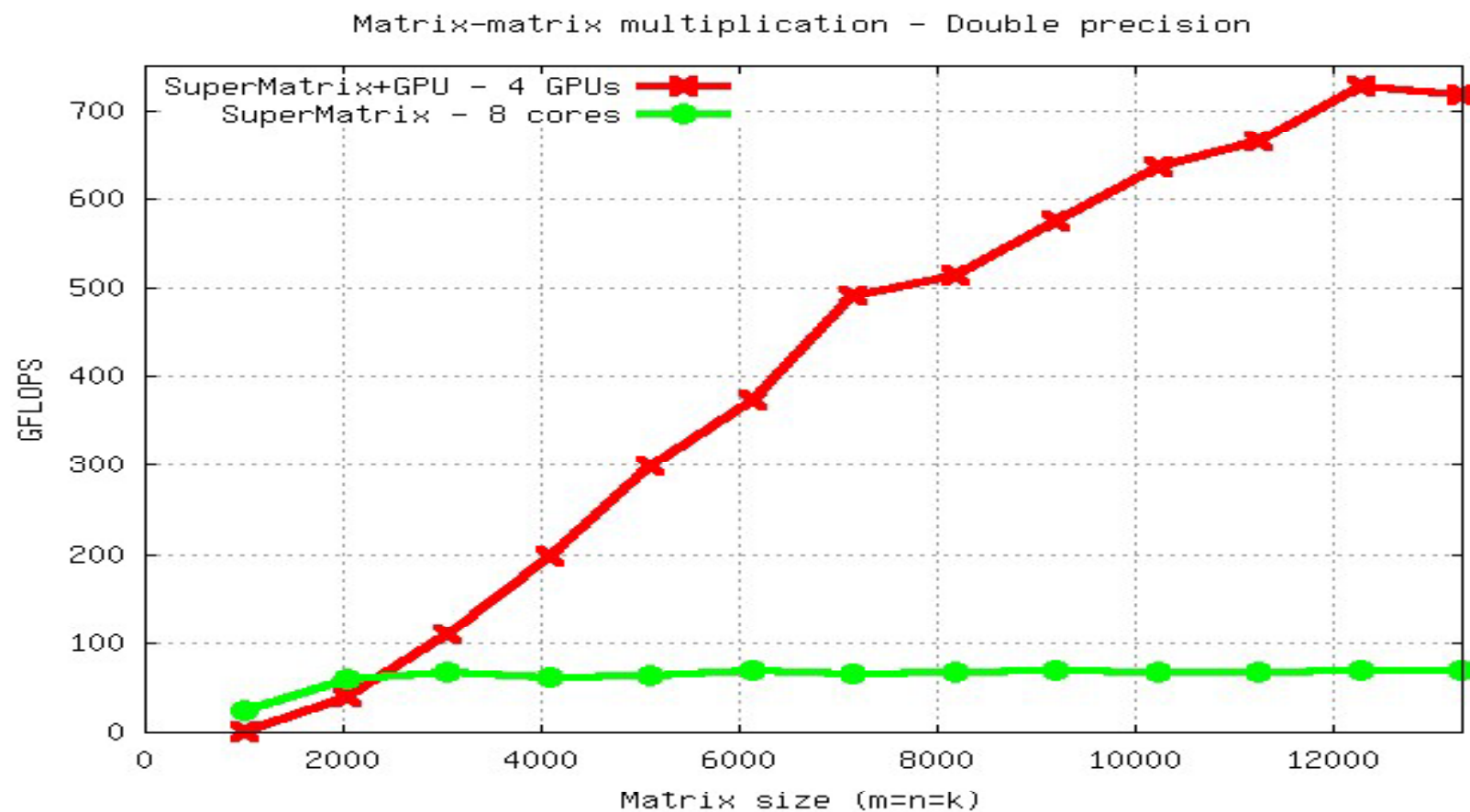
```
// Initialize A, b, x.
```

```
FLA_LU_piv( A, p );  
FLA_LU_piv_solve( A, p, b, x );
```

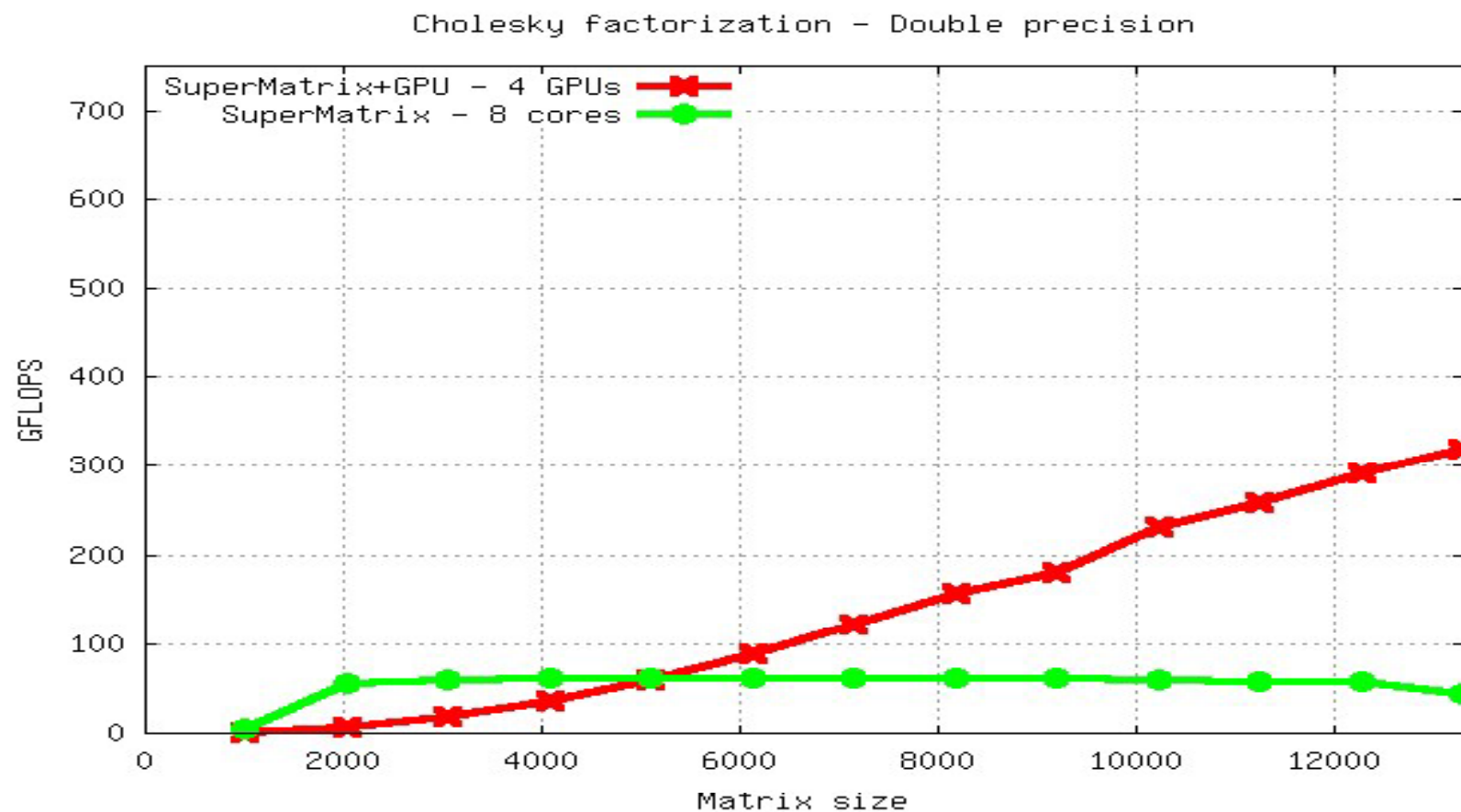
```
FLA_Obj_free( &A );
```

```
...
```

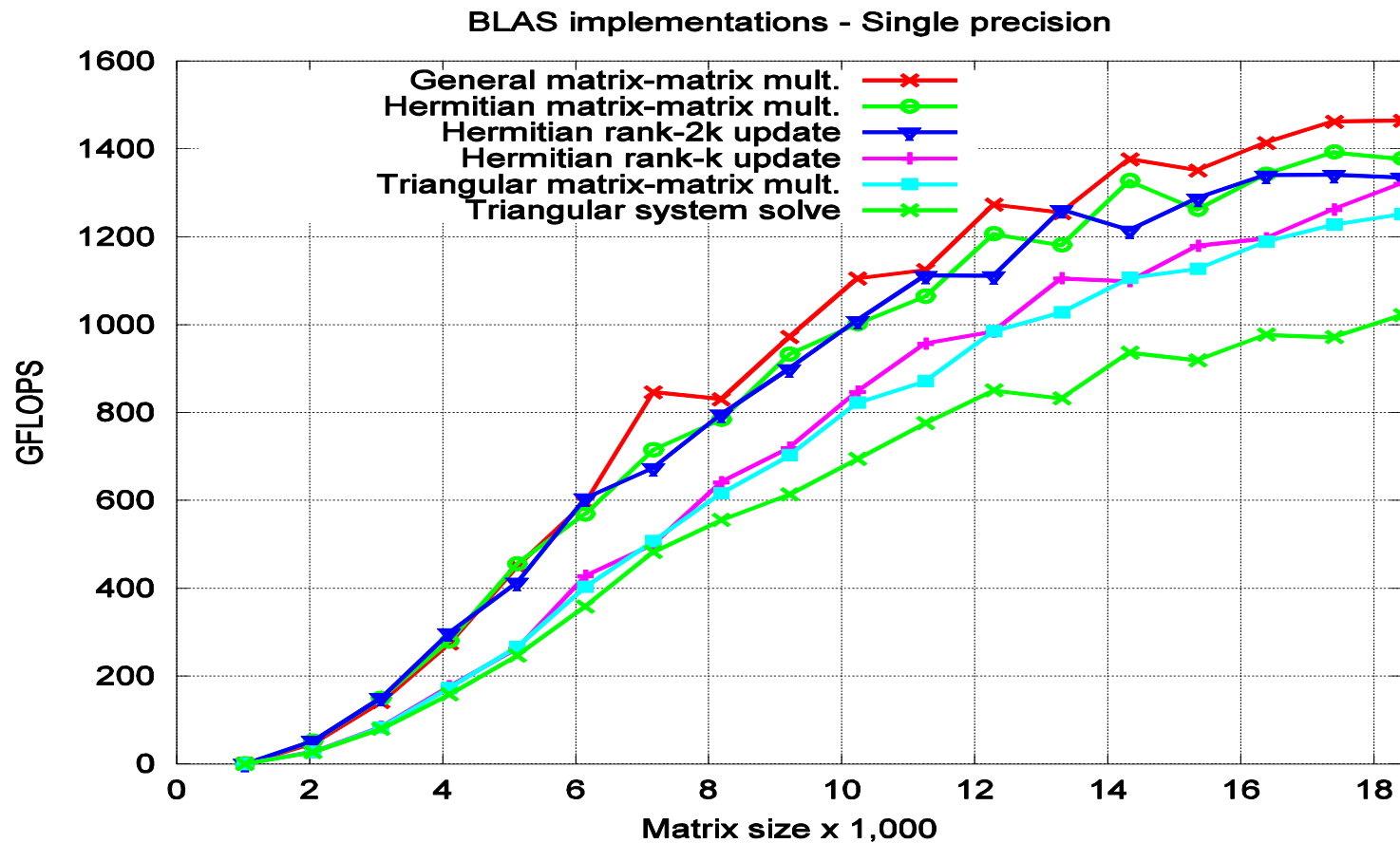
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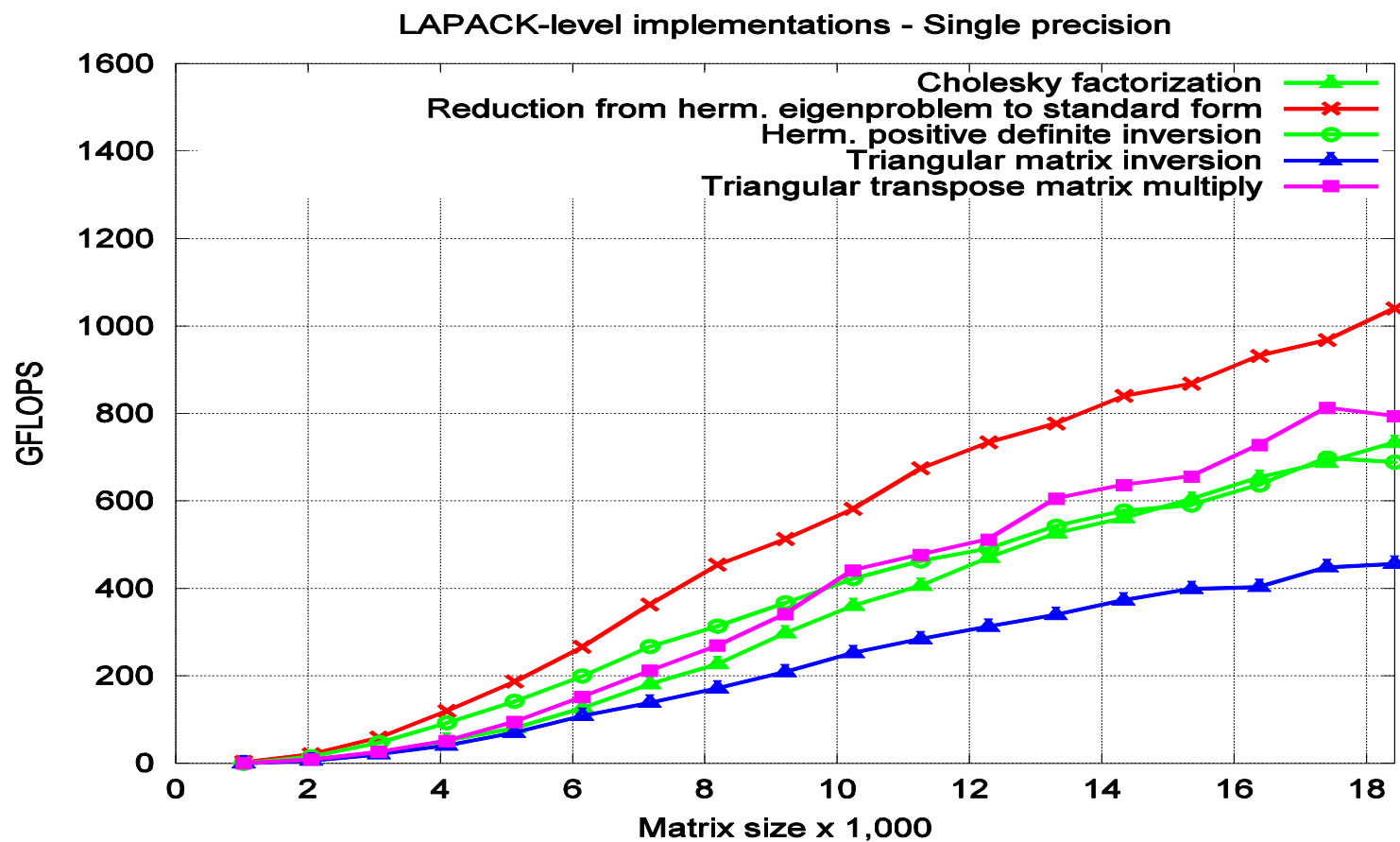
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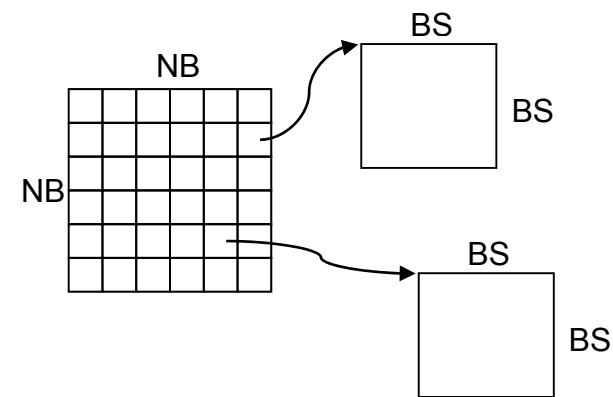
StarSs: Overview

- Barcelona Supercomputing Center
- A parallelization framework (tool), not a library:
 - OpenMP-like pragmas
 - Source-to-source compiler
 - Run-time library
- Support for multi-core, multi-accelerator (Cell, GPU) etc. in different instances: SMPs, CellSs, GPUSs, etc.
- Licensed as LGPL

SMPs: Interface

```
int main (int argc, char **argv) {
    int i, j, k;
    ...
    initialize(A, B, C);

    for (i=0; i < NB; i++)
        for (j=0; j < NB; j++)
            for (k=0; k < NB; k++)
                mm_tile( C[i][j], A[i][k], B[k][j]);
}
```



```
#pragma omp task input([BS][BS]A,[BS][BS]B)\
inout([BS][BS]C)
static void mm_tile ( float C[BS][BS],
                      float A[BS][BS],
                      float B[BS][BS]) {

    int i, j, k;

    for (i=0; i< BS; i++)
        for (j=0; j< BS; j++)
            for (k=0; k< BS; k++)
                C[i][j] += A[i][k] * B[k][j];
}
```

GPUSs: Interface

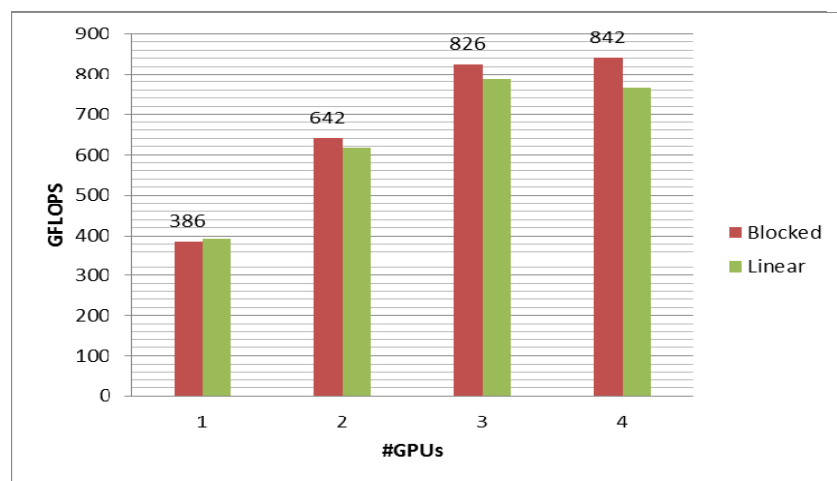
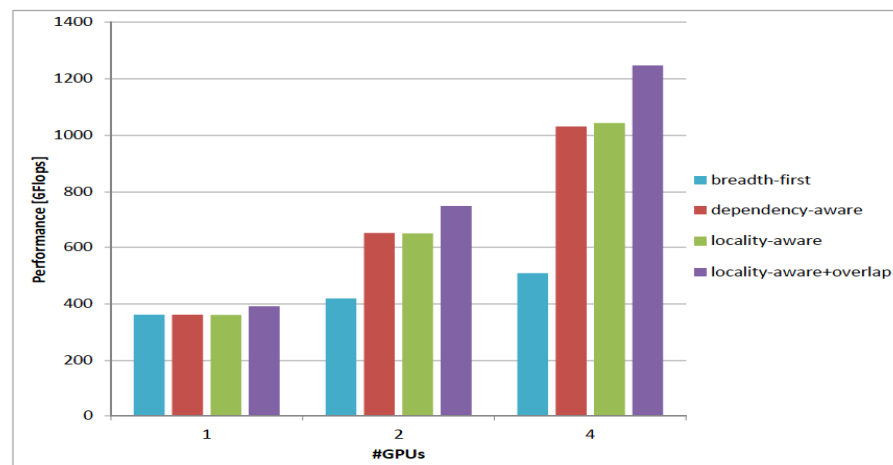
```
void blocked_cholesky( int NB, float *A ) {
    int i, j, k;
    for (k=0; k<NB; k++) {
        spotrf (A[k*NB+k]);
        for (i=k+1; i<NB; i++)
            strsm (A[k*NB+k], A[k*NB+i]);
        for (i=k+1; i<NB; i++) {
            for (j=k+1; j<i; j++)
                sgemm( A[k*NB+i], A[k*NB+j], A[j*NB+i]);
            ssyrk (A[k*NB+i], A[i*NB+i]);
        }
    }
    #pragma omp task wait
}
```

```
#pragma omp target device (cuda) copy_deps
#pragma omp task inout([BS][BS]A)
void spotrf (float *A);
#pragma omp target device (cuda) copy_deps
#pragma omp task input ([BS][BS]A) inout([BS][BS]C)
void ssyrk (float *A, float *C);
#pragma omp target device (cuda) copy_deps
#pragma omp task input ([BS][BS]A, [BS][BS]B) inout([BS][BS]C)
void sgemm (float *A, float *B, float *C);
#pragma omp target device (cuda) copy_deps
#pragma omp task input ([BS][BS]T) inout([BS][BS]B)
void strsm (float *T, float *B);
```



GPUSs: Performance

Matrix-matrix multiply



Cholesky

Control Problems in GPUs

- Matrix inversion via GJE: general and s.p.d.
- Lyapunov and Riccati sign-function solvers
- Mixed precision/iterative refinement for Lyapunov equations
- Differential Riccati equations
- Model reduction via BT and BST based on those

Remarks

- Impressive potential of new architectures for solving large-scale problem... but likely of interest only to a few SLICOT users
- Libraries immature to be adopted (e.g., MAGMA and PLASMA may merge)... but they will likely incorporate an LAPACK interface
- No significant change of functionality (decrease?)
- Change in some of the underlying algorithms:
 - Incremental QR factorization
 - LU with incremental pivoting
 - Two stage reduction to condensed forms
- Iterative refinement?
- GPUs may be integrated with “regular” cores, but it will be at the expense of #cores

Acks

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