

# $\mathcal{H}^2$ -matrix preconditioners

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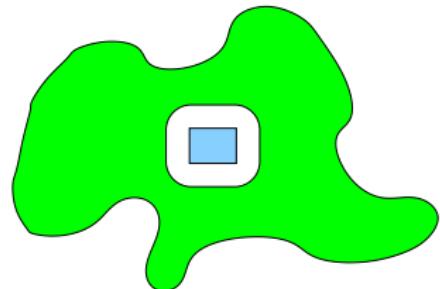
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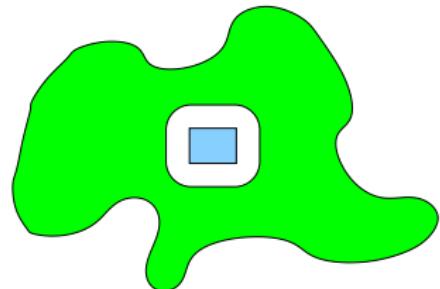


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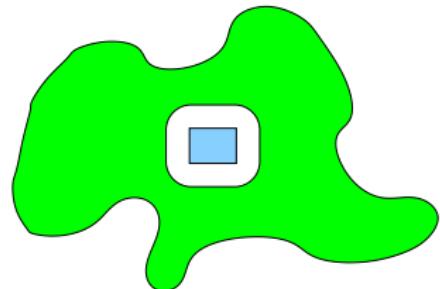
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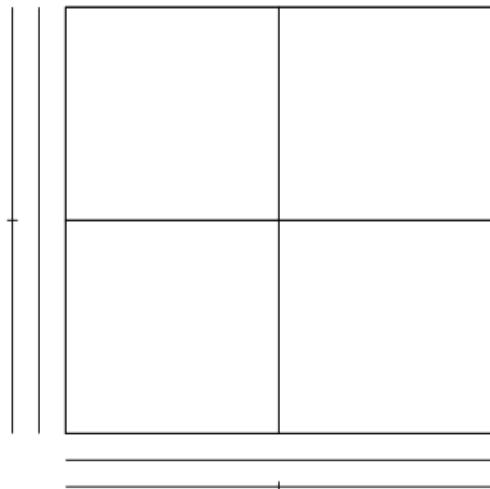
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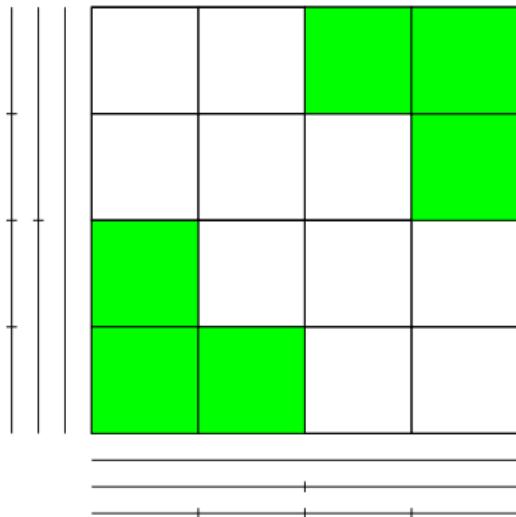
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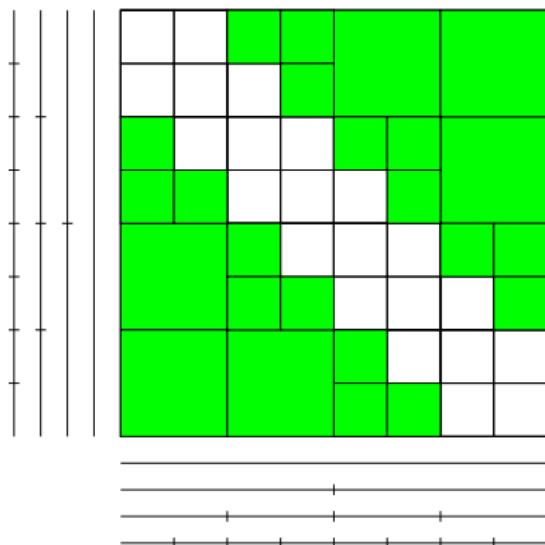




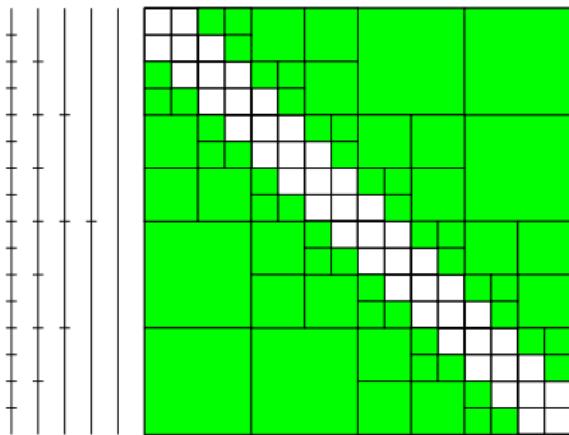
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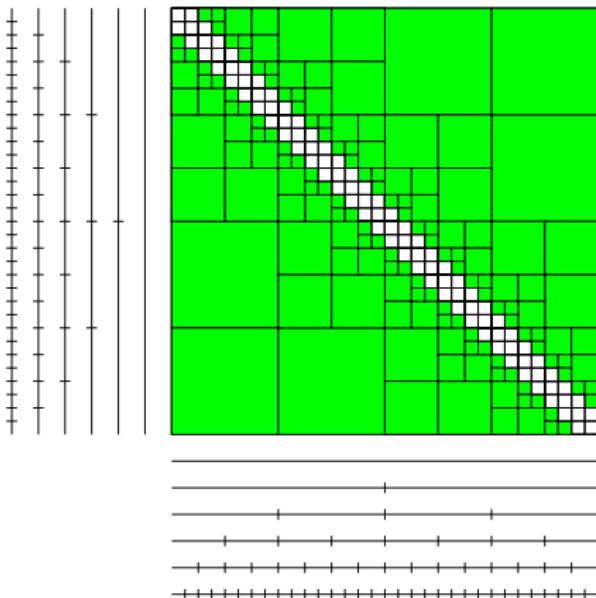
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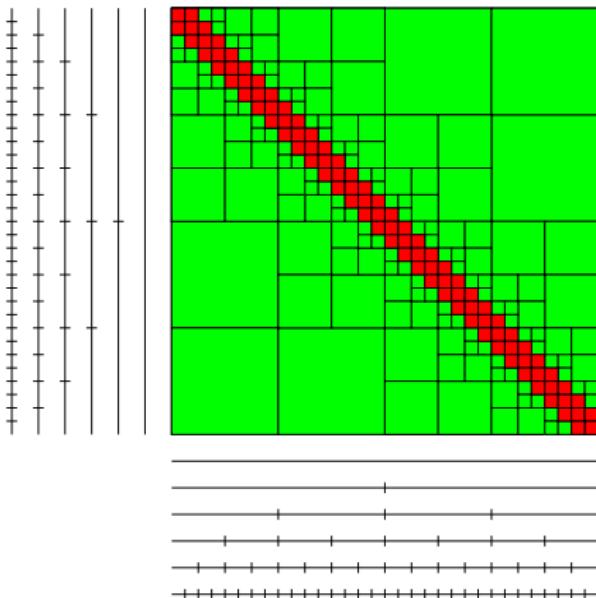
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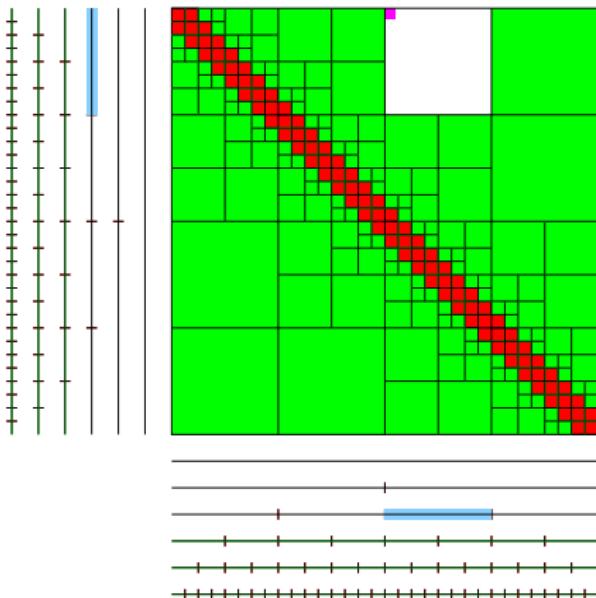
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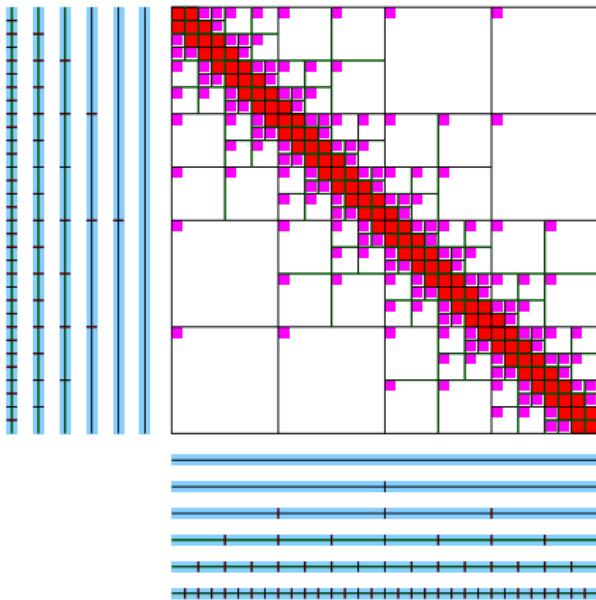


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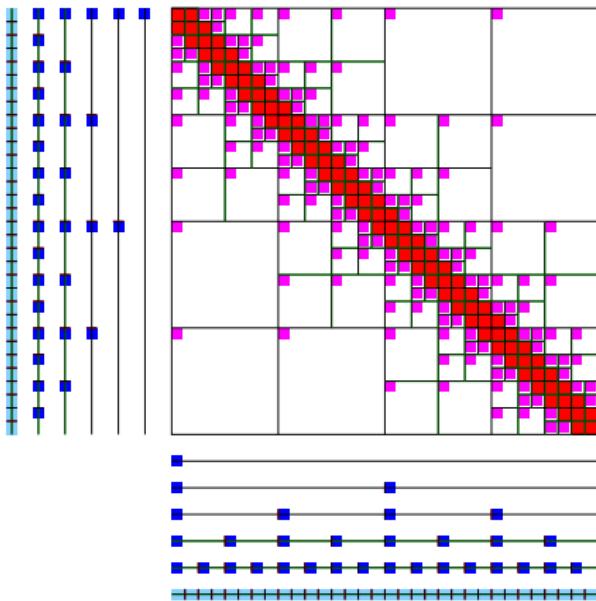


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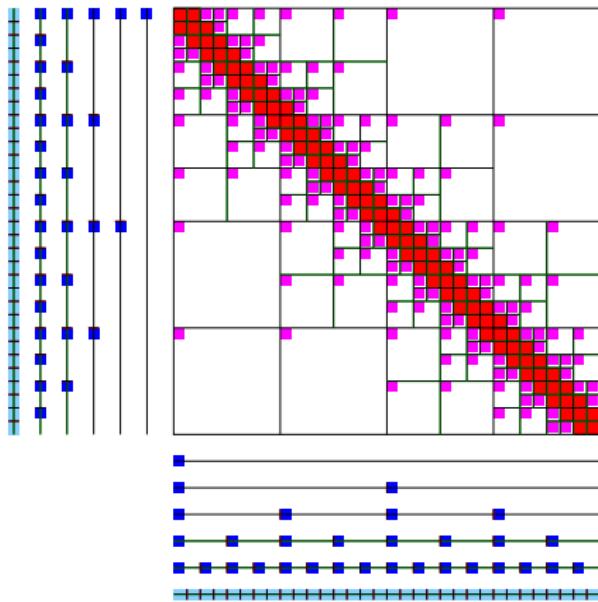
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# Goal

We know that  $C = A^{-1}$  can be approximated by an  $\mathcal{H}^2$ -matrix.

We want to compute this approximation efficiently.

Approach:

- Express  $C$  in terms of submatrices.
- Take advantage of low-rank factorizations to reduce work.

# Block inverse

Block LR factorization yields

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} I & \\ A_{21}A_{11}^{-1} & I \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ & A_{22} - A_{21}A_{11}^{-1}A_{12} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Denoting the Schur complement by  $S := A_{22} - A_{21}A_{11}^{-1}A_{12}$ , we find

$$C = A^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} A_{11}^{-1} & -A_{11}^{-1}A_{12}S^{-1} \\ S^{-1} & \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} I & \\ -A_{21}A_{11}^{-1} & I \end{pmatrix}.$$

**Result:** Inverse represented by products and inverses of submatrices.  
Inverses of submatrices can be handled by simple recursion.  
→ We need an efficient matrix multiplication algorithm.

Approximation of  $S^{-1}$ :  Faustmann/Melenk/Praetorius (2013)

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# Low-rank update

Goal: Update  $A \leftarrow A + XY^*$  with  $\mathcal{H}^2$ -matrix  $A$  and  $X, Y \in \mathbb{R}^{I \times k}$ .

Observation:  $A + XY^*$  is already an  $\mathcal{H}^2$ -matrix,  
for admissible blocks  $t \times s$  we have

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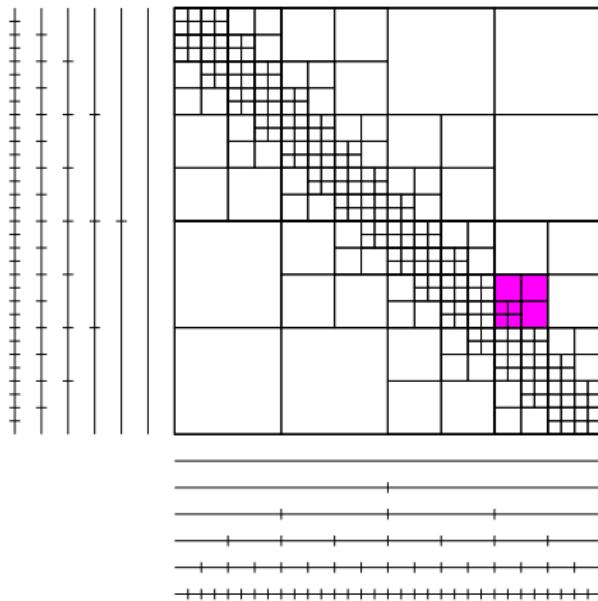
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**Result:** Low-rank update in  $\mathcal{O}(nk^2)$  operations.

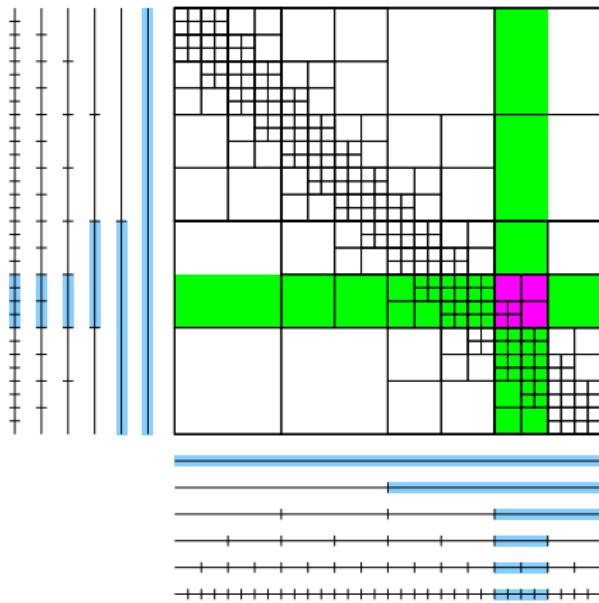
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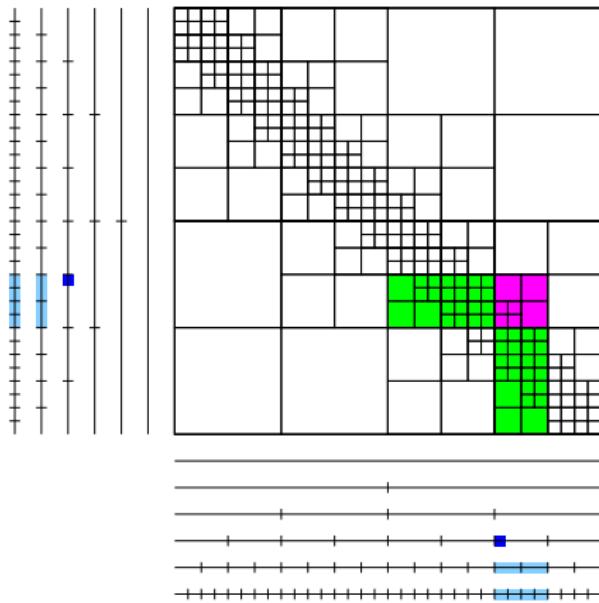
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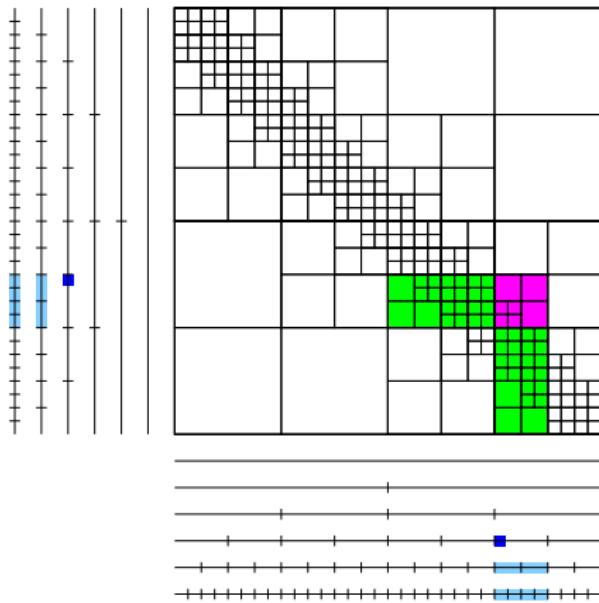


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# Summary

Matrix inversion and matrix multiplication can be expressed by

- matrix-vector multiplication of  $k$  vectors by submatrix  $X|_{t \times s}$ ,
- low-rank updates  $X|_{t \times s} \leftarrow X|_{t \times s} + YZ^*$ ,

and simple recursion.

Both elementary operations take  $\mathcal{O}(k^2(\#t + \#s))$  operations, leading to a total complexity of  $\mathcal{O}(nk^2 \log n)$ .

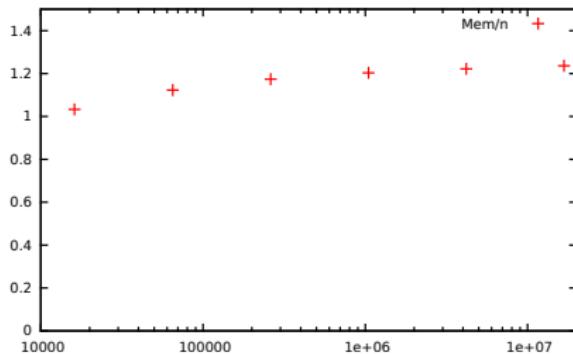
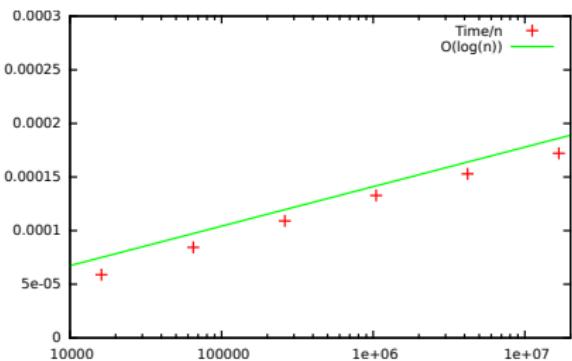
Other algebraic operations can be treated similarly, e.g.,

- $LR$  factorization,
- $LDL^*$  and Cholesky factorization,
- matrix exponential.

 B./Reimer (2014)

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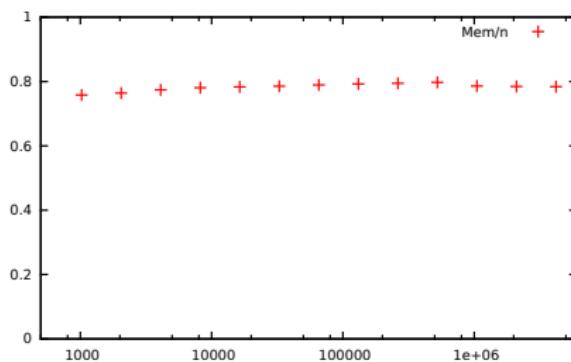
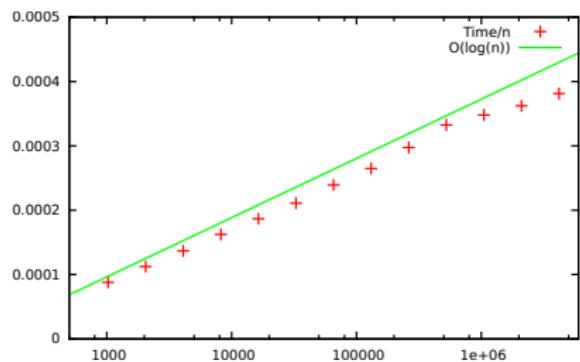


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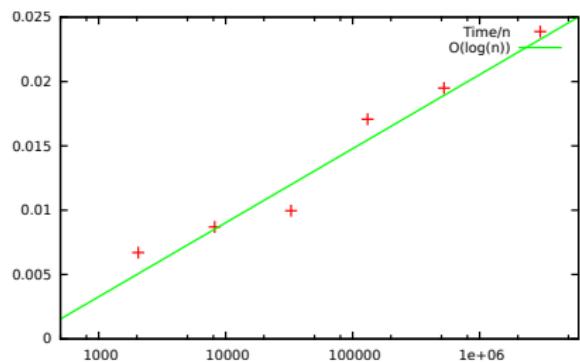


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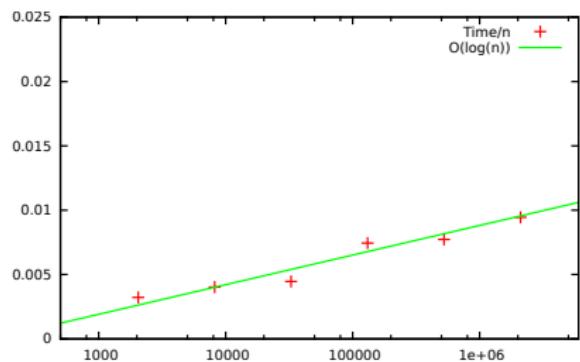
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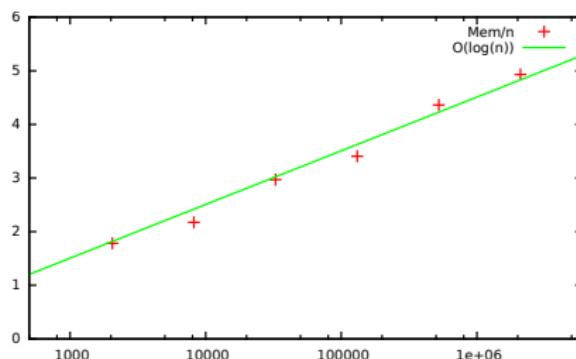
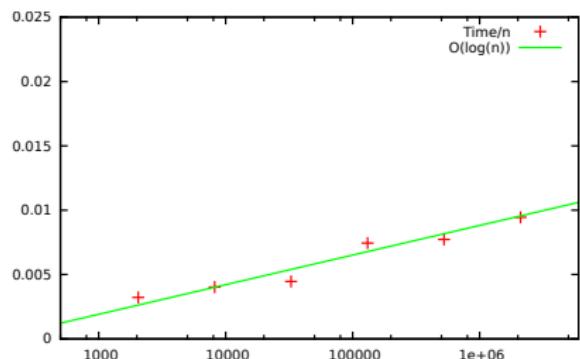
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# Overview

- 1  $\mathcal{H}^2$ -matrices
- 2 Algebraic operations
- 3 Current projects

# Stochastic PDE

Consider a domain  $D \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$  and a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{M}, P)$ .

Model problem: Poisson's equation with stochastic loading.

$$-\Delta u(x, \omega) = f(x, \omega) \quad \text{for all } x \in D, \omega \in \Omega.$$

Goal: Compute two-point correlation

$$C_u(x, y) := \int_{\Omega} u(x, \omega) u(y, \omega) dP(\omega) \quad \text{for all } x, y \in D.$$

Approach:  $C_u$  is solution of  $2d$ -dimensional PDE

$$\Delta_x \Delta_y C_u(x, y) = C_f(x, y) \quad \text{for all } x, y \in D.$$

 Schwab/Todor (2003)

# Matrix equation

**Goal:** Approximate solution of

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**Approach:** Galerkin discretization with tensor basis functions  
 $\varphi_{ij} = \varphi_i \otimes \varphi_j$  leads to

$$AXA^* = B,$$

where  $A$  is the standard Poisson stiffness matrix.

**Regularity:**  $X$  can be approximated by an  $\mathcal{H}^2$ -matrix.

 Pentenrieder/Schwab (2011)

**Solver:** Approximate  $A^{-1}BA^{-*}$  by  $\mathcal{H}^2$ -matrix, e.g., by using  $A \approx LR$ .

For  $\mathcal{H}$ -matrices:  Dölz/Harbrecht/Schwab (2014)

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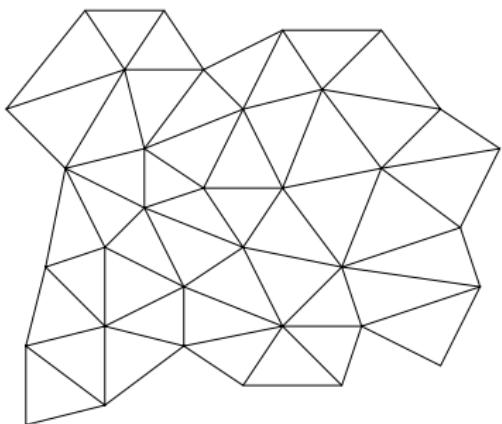
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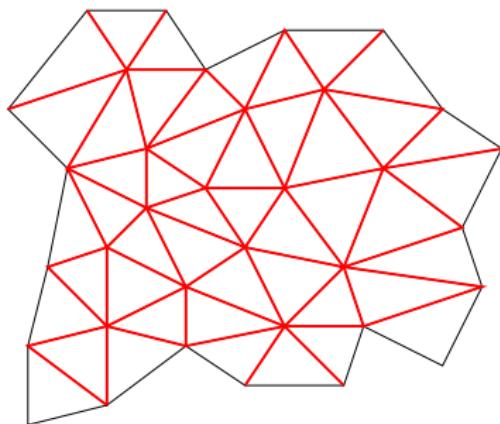
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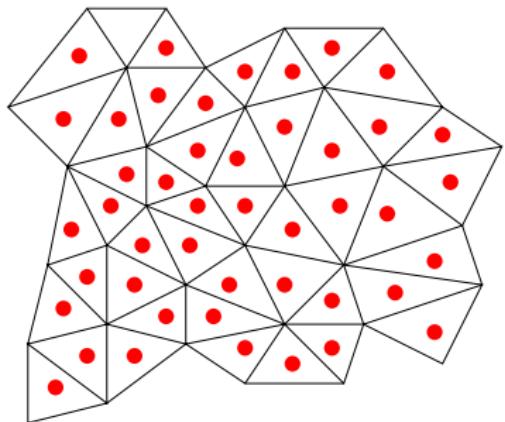
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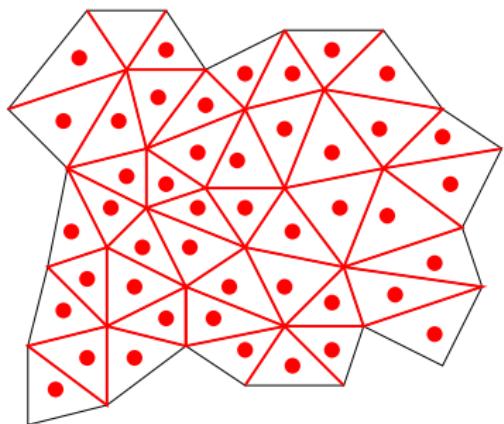
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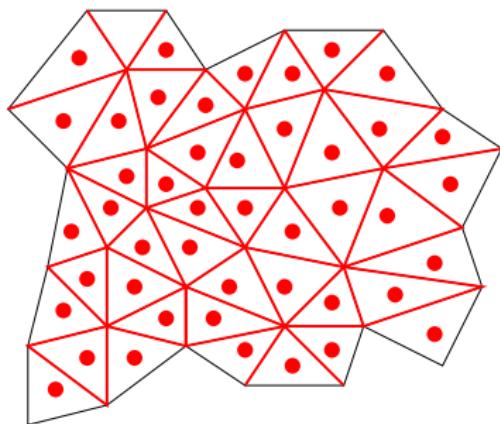
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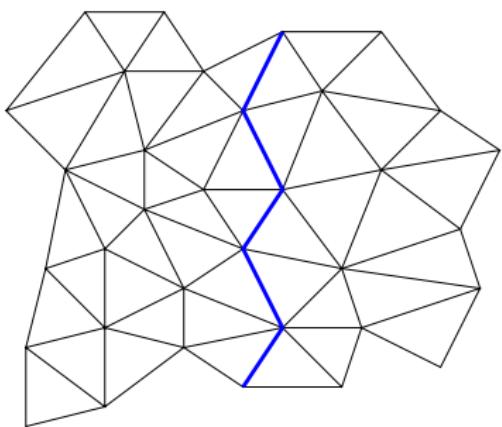
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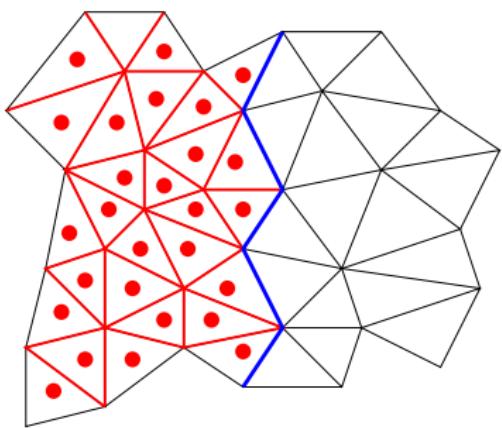
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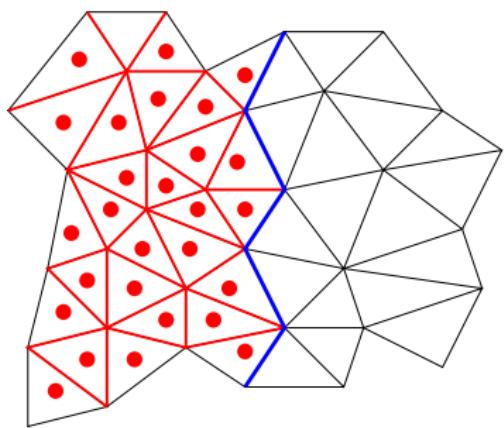
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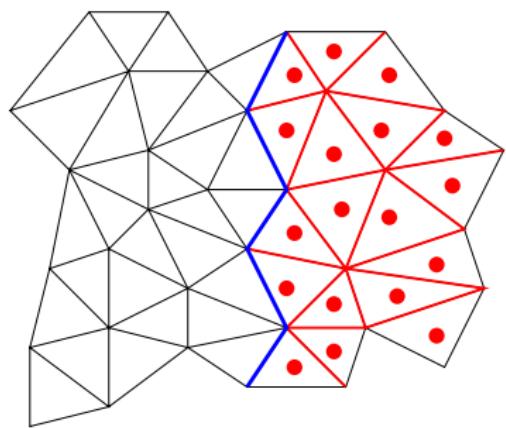
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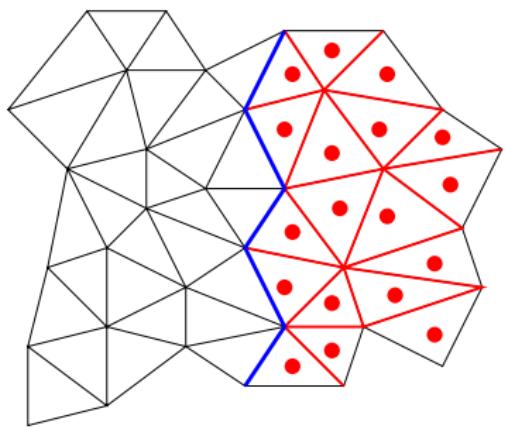
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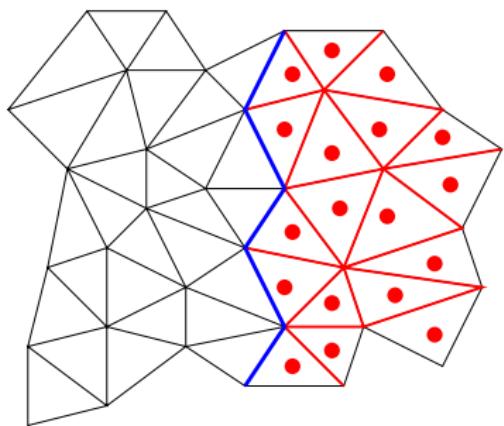
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Clustering strategy: Split cluster  $t$  into **separator cluster**  $t_0 \subseteq \mathcal{I}_f \cap t$  and **domain clusters**  $t_1, t_2 \subseteq t$  following domain decomposition approach.

Grasedyck/Kriemann/LeBorne (2009)

# Conclusion

$\mathcal{H}^2$ -matrices take advantage of low-rank structure to approximate inverses and LR or Cholesky factors in  $\mathcal{O}(nk)$  units of storage.

Local low-rank updates allow us to construct approximations in  $\mathcal{O}(nk^2 \log n)$  operations.

Current projects: stochastic PDEs, matrix equations, saddle-point problems, parallelization.

Software package H2Lib scheduled for release in October, 2014.