

SYSC5906 - Directed Studies **(Distributed Sparse Matrices)**

Performance Testing

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Introduction

As promised

- a demo,
- an overview of the code,
- maybe some results if there's anything interesting to look at, and/or
- a bit of a retrospective, the good, bad, and ugly.

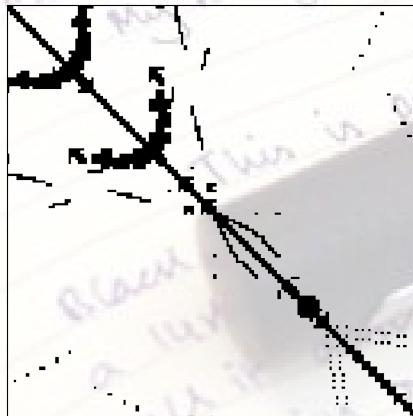


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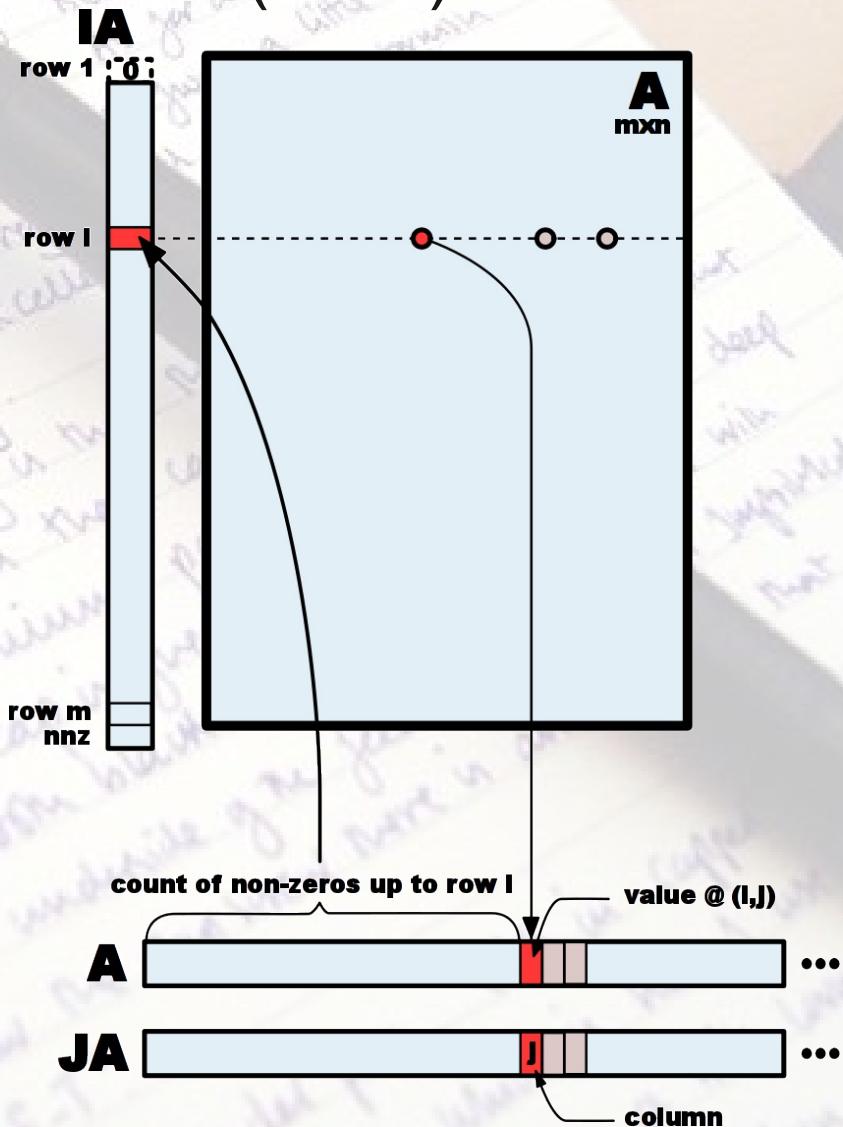
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Review

A “sparse” matrix



Compressed Sparse Row (CSR) format



File formats

- MatrixMarket
- Rutherford-Boeing
- Harwell Boeing

Direct Solvers

- UMFPACK
 - Single-threaded
 - MatLab's sparse solver
 - UMFPACK v4.0 used in MatLab 6.5
 - UMFPACK v4.3 used in MatLab 7.1
- MUMPS
 - MPI-based multi-frontal sparse solver



Distributed
Sparse
A project name?



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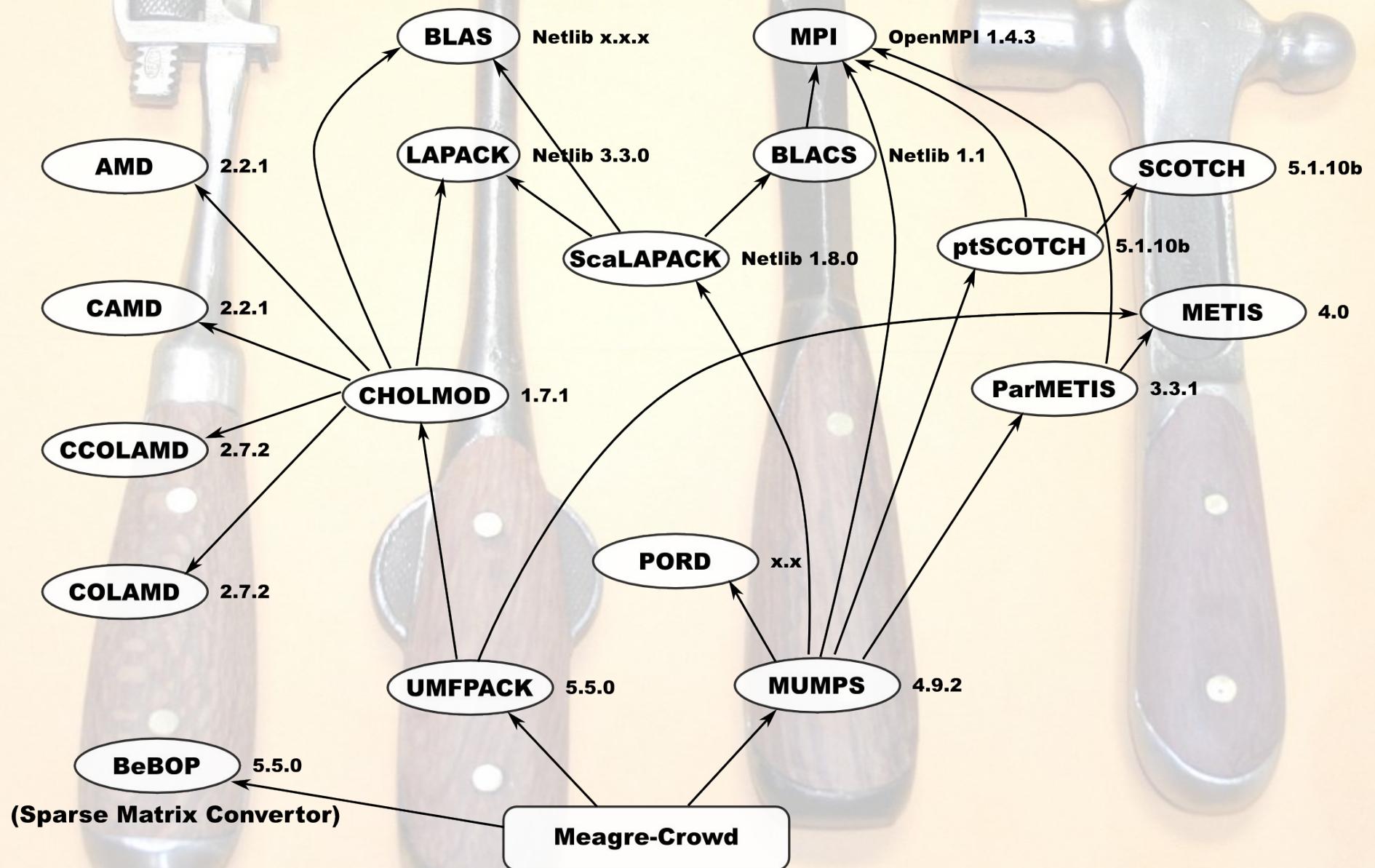
Under the Hood

- Analyze
- Factorize
- Solve

Overhead:

- Initialize: MPI, file I/O, solvers
- Load matrix file

Dependencies



50% of effort here!

side note: Packaging

- Autotools: autoconf, automake, etc.
- Regression tests
- Memory leaks: valgrind/memcheck
- Test coverage: gcov

Method

- Start at bare remote system
- Install dependencies
- Compile, test and install test-harness
- Launch jobs, wait to complete & generate summary of results (.csv)
 - Compare results for various matrices, cores, and solvers

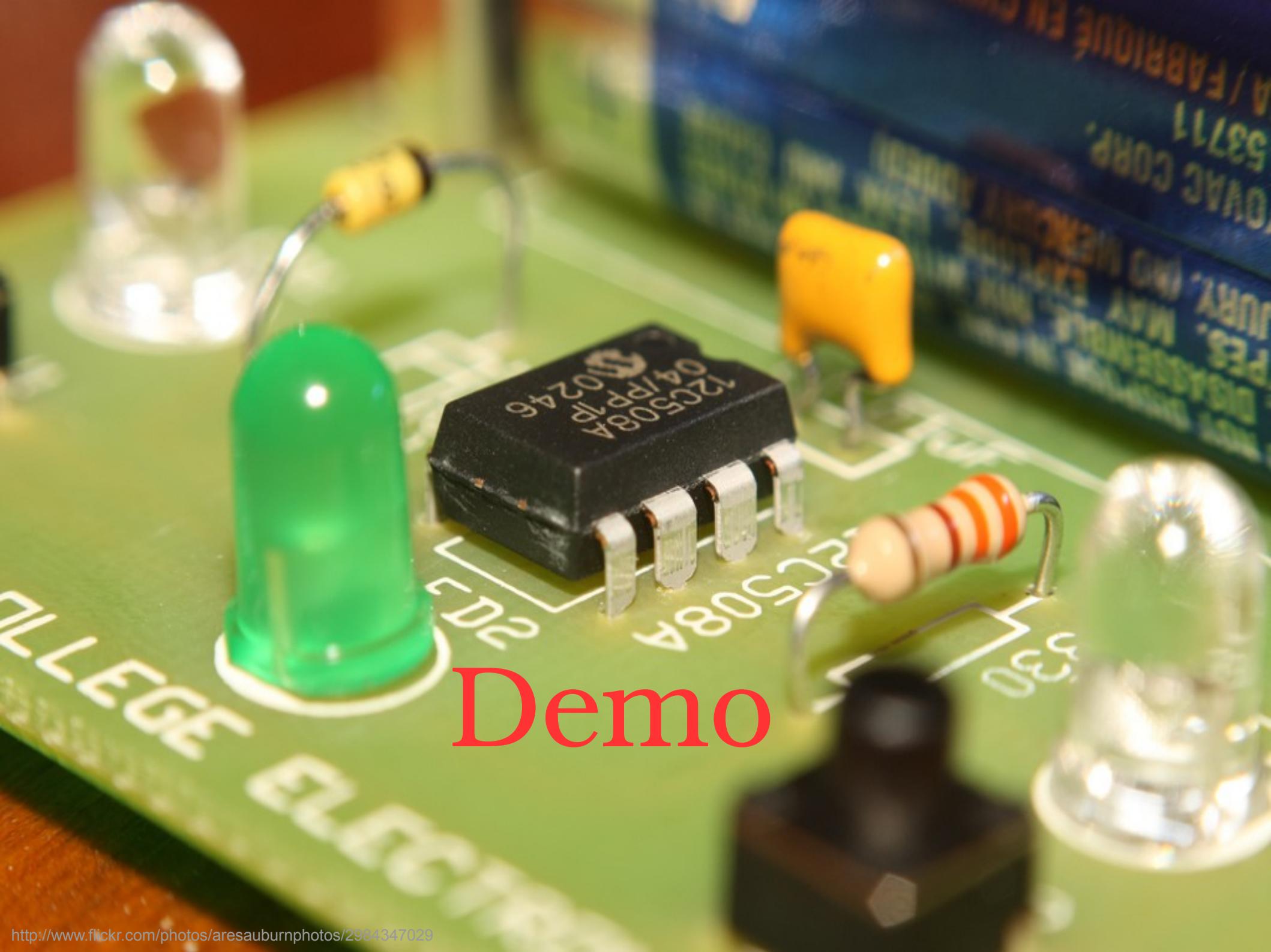
Systems

- Local laptop
 - localhost: 2 cores
 - 1 x 1 socket x 2 cores, Core2 Duo @ 2.66GHz, 3GB memory
- Sharcnet
 - mako.sharcnet.ca: 240 cores
 - 14 x 2 sockets x 4 cores, Xeon @ 3.0GHz, 8GB memory
 - 16 x 2 sockets x 4 cores, Nehalem @ 2.1 GHz, 16GB memory
 - 1h per job run time limit

Example Results

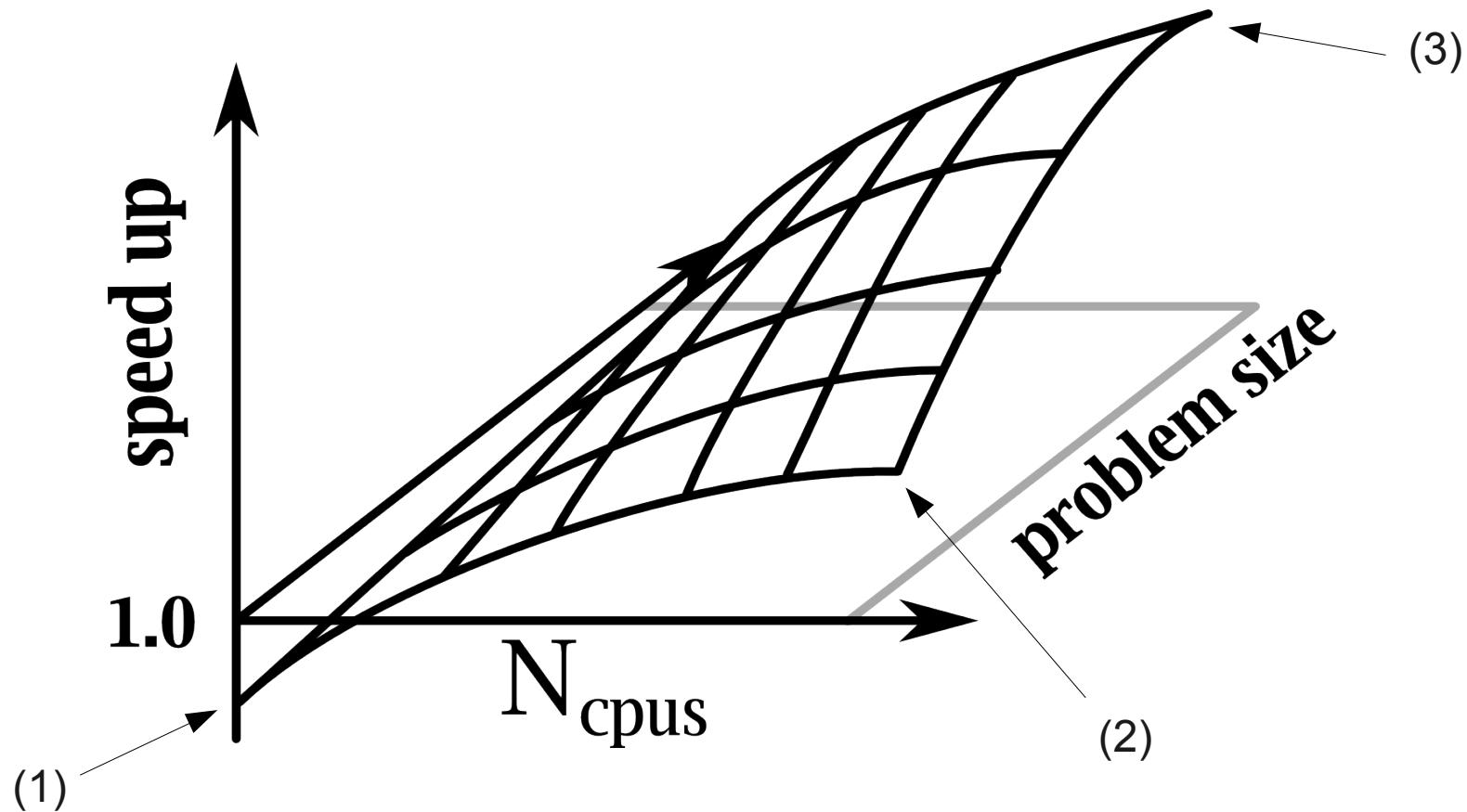
Summary.csv:

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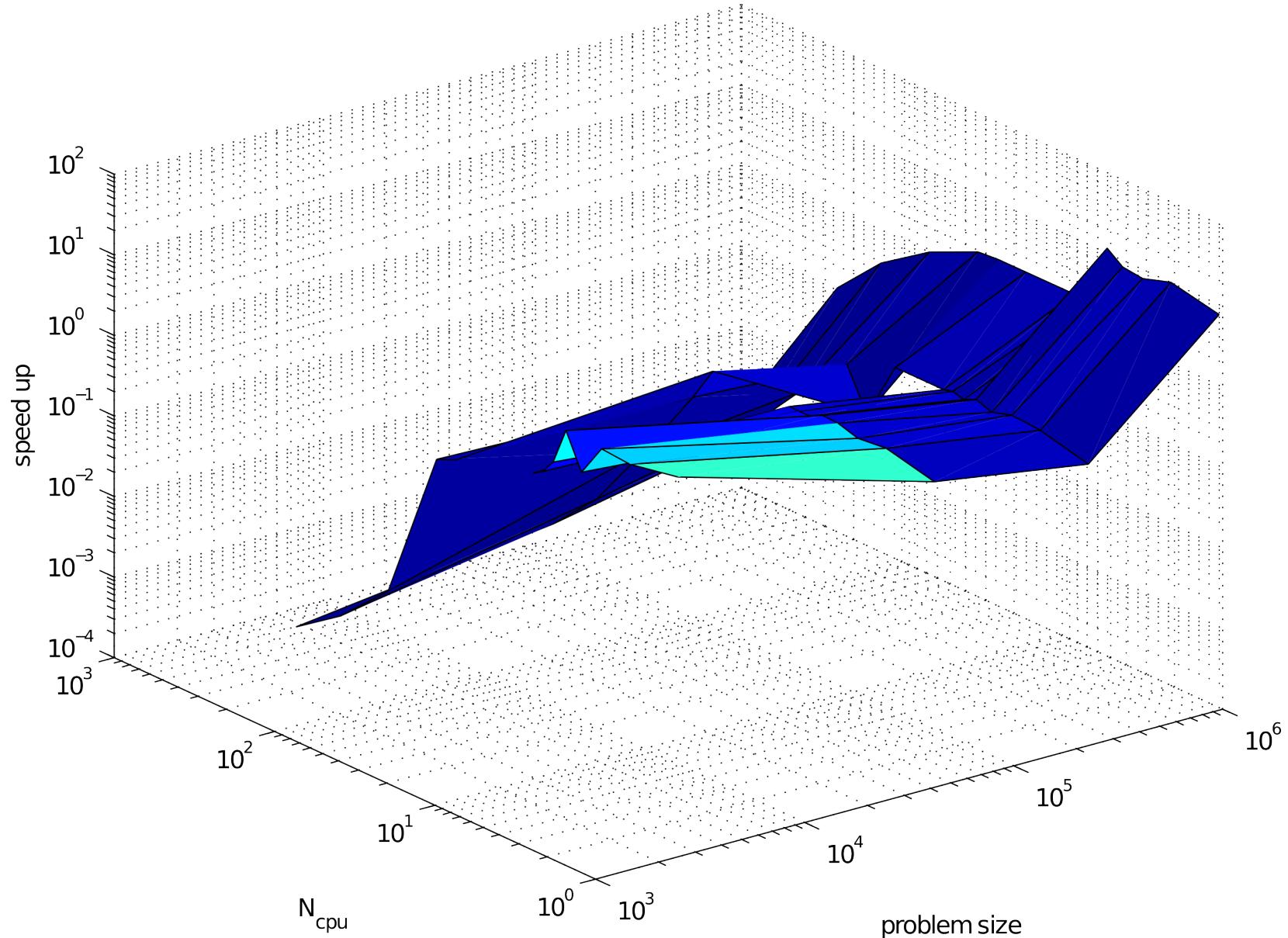
Demo

Wanted to show...

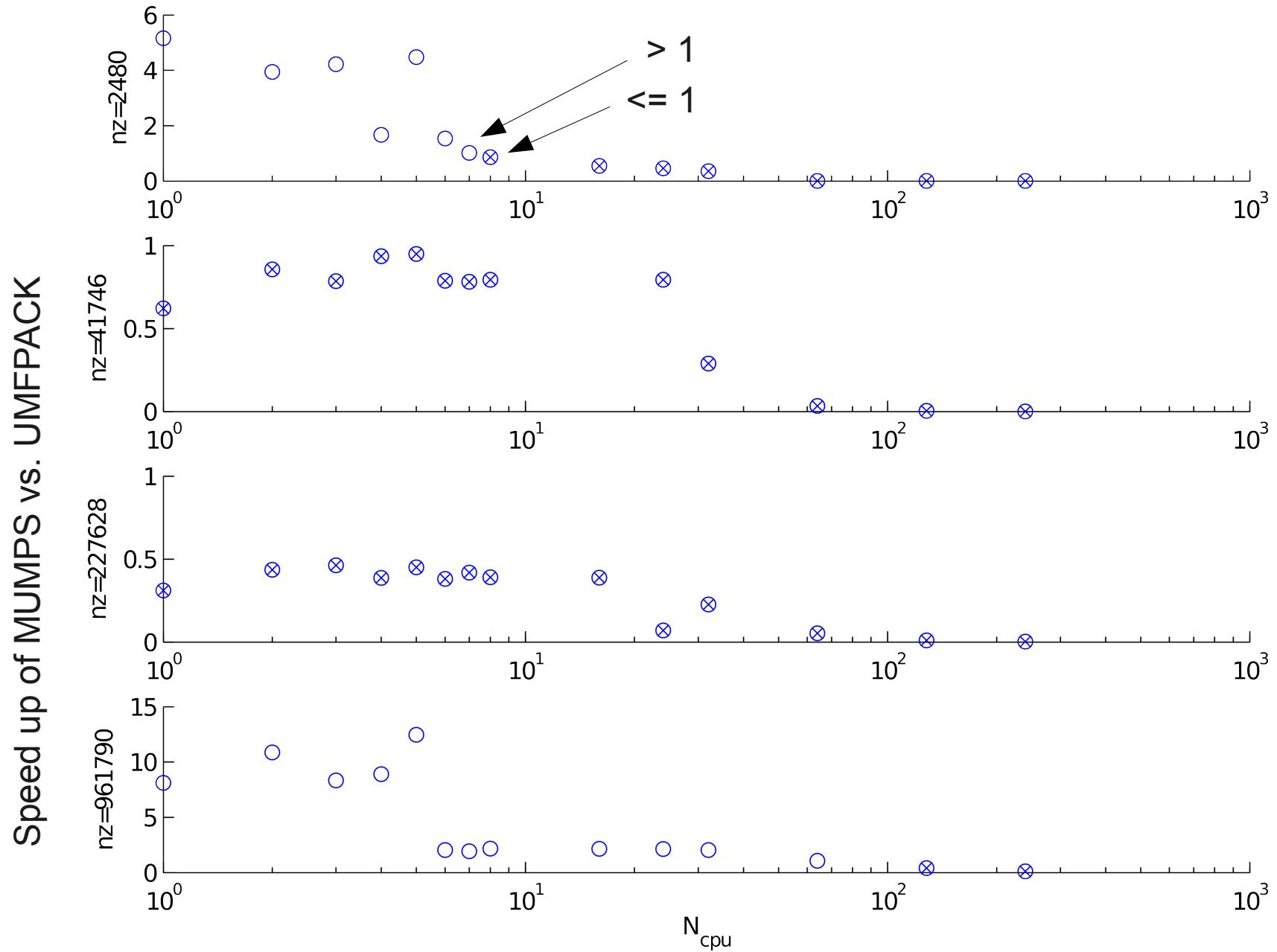


- (1) Communication costs for small problems
- (2) Diminishing returns from additional CPUs
- (3) Increasing pay-off for larger problems

Actual Results



Actual Results



the Good, the Bad, the Ugly

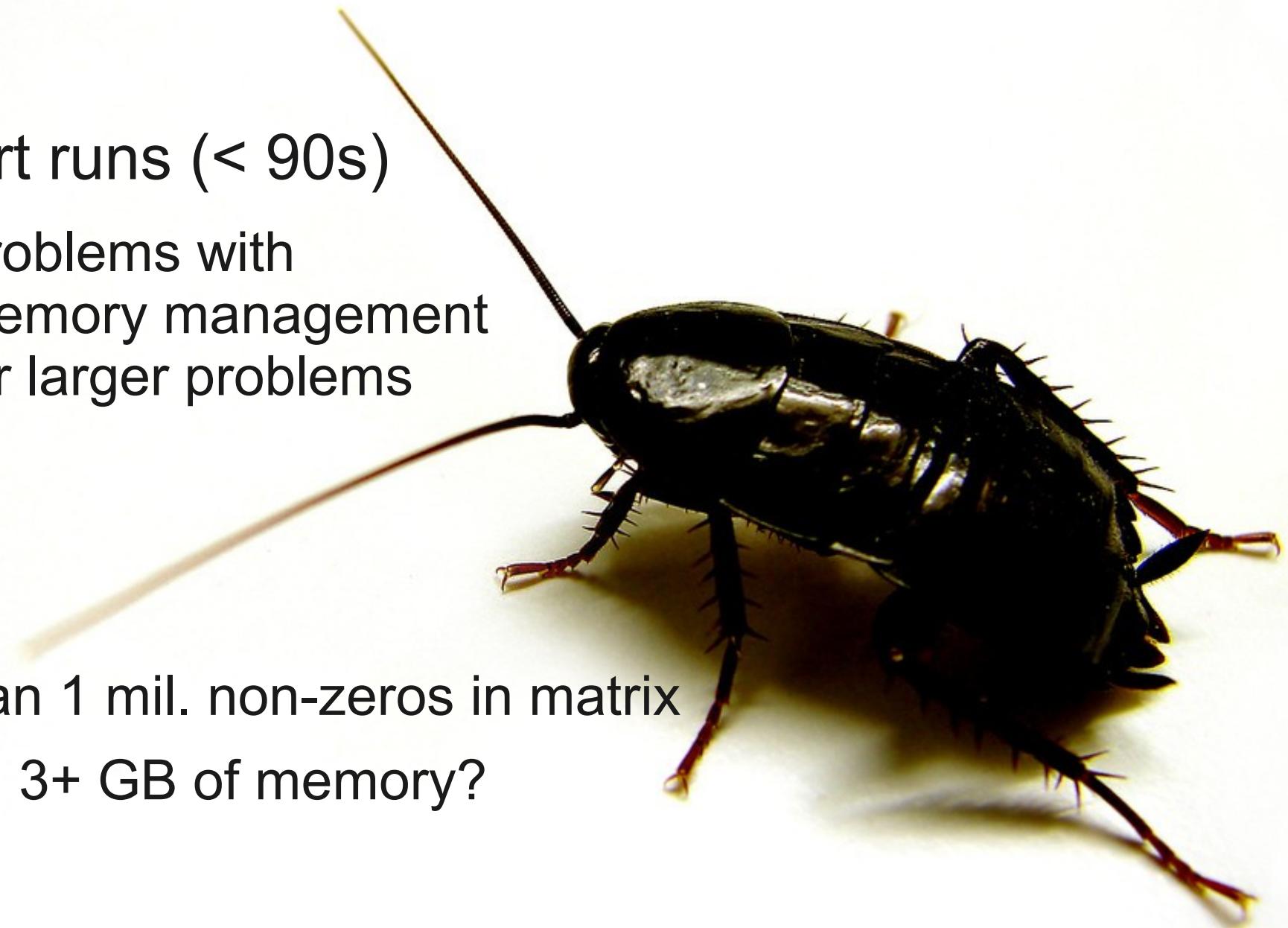
- Good
 - Works, got results
 - Solid foundation
- Bad
 - Poor packaging of dependencies
 - System limitations
- Ugly
 - Memory management in dependencies
 - file loader, format conversion and Metis

Problems

Short runs (< 90s)

- Problems with memory management for larger problems

More than 1 mil. non-zeros in matrix
... 3+ GB of memory?



Carrying On

- Other solvers
 - Heterogeneous (MPI), homogeneous (OpenMP), and single threaded solvers
- Handle other matrix types
 - Complex, symmetric, Hermitian
- Improve file handling
 - Load MatLab, Harwell-Boeing, Rutherford-Boeing
- Try other compute resources
(Thanks sharcnet!)

Questions?



github
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Source code available at
<http://github.com/boyle/meagre-crowd>