

# YAMS

## A sparse matrix package

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- Yet Another Mixed-model Solver
- Sparse matrix operations
  - For symmetric semi-positive definite matrix (LHS of MME)
  - Mainly Cholesky factorization and sparse inversion
- Faster version of FSPAK
  - Supernodal methods
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# Real yams

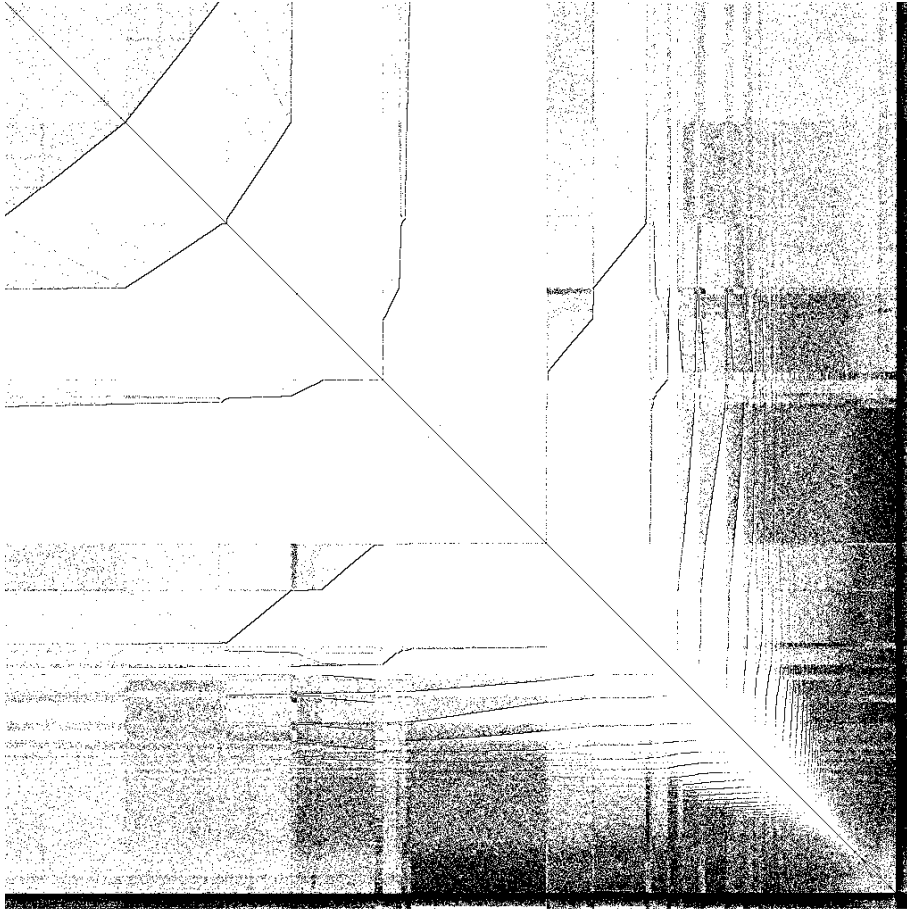


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# Sparse matrix operations



- LHS of mixed model equations with  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$  is sparse.
- Iterative methods are perfect just for solving the equations.
- “Direct methods” are still needed for some purposes.
- When to use it? Any special considerations?

# Direct sparse methods

- Direct methods = Cholesky factorization & inversion

- Equations  $\mathbf{C}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$
- Factorization  $\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{L}\mathbf{L}'$
- Reformulation  $\mathbf{L}(\mathbf{L}'\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{b}$
- Solution

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{L}\mathbf{y} &= \mathbf{b} \\ \mathbf{L}'\mathbf{x} &= \mathbf{y}\end{aligned}$$

- Inversion  
 $\mathbf{C}^{-1} = (\mathbf{L}\mathbf{L}')^{-1} = \mathbf{L}^{-T}\mathbf{L}^{-1}$
- Costly but easy for triangular  $\mathbf{L}$ !

- When to use 1: exact solutions
  - REML computations
  - Tests for computations
- When to use 2: inverse of LHS
  - REML computations
  - Accuracy or reliability of EBVs with prediction error variance (PEV)
- When to use 3: ssGBLUP
  - $\mathbf{A}_{22}^{-1} = \mathbf{A}^{22} - \mathbf{A}^{21}(\mathbf{A}^{11})^{-1}\mathbf{A}^{12}$

# Not so easy...

- Tricky data storage
  - The computations are based on indirect access to the elements.

$$\mathbf{C} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 3 & 0 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Sparse IJA format:

$$\begin{aligned} IA &= [1 \quad 4 \quad 6 \quad 7 \quad 8] \\ JA &= [1 \quad 2 \quad 4 \quad 2 \quad 3 \quad 3 \quad 4] \\ A &= [5 \quad 3 \quad 2 \quad 4 \quad 1 \quad 5 \quad 4] \end{aligned}$$

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- More non-zero elements in the Cholesky factor (*fill-in*)
  - The density in the factor changes by the ordering of the equations!

Original matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 5 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 5 & & & \\ 1 & & 5 & & \\ 1 & & & 5 & \\ 1 & & & & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Reordered matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 5 & & & & 1 \\ & 5 & & & 1 \\ & & 5 & & 1 \\ & & & 5 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Factorization

$$\begin{bmatrix} * & & & & \\ * & * & & & \\ * & * & * & & \\ * & * & * & * & \\ * & * & * & * & * \end{bmatrix}$$

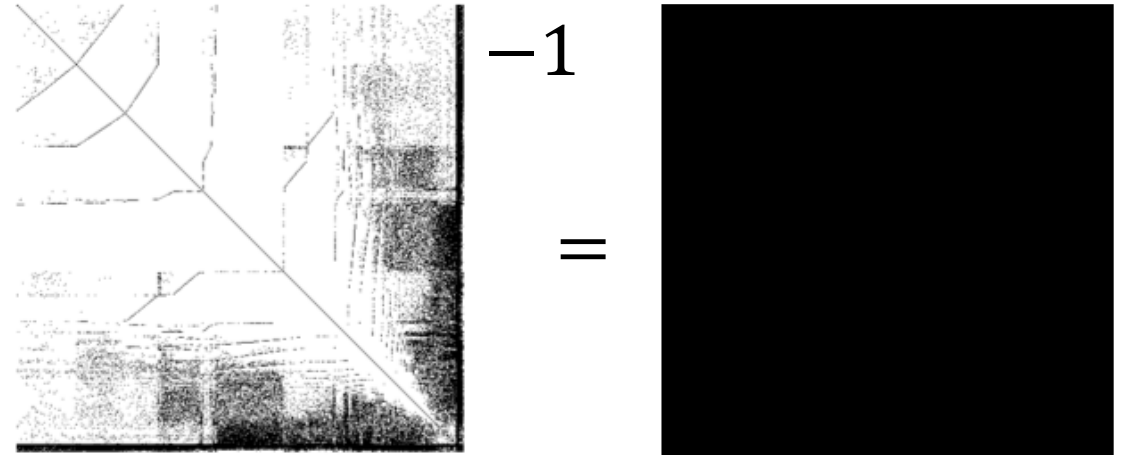
Many fill-ins

$$\begin{bmatrix} * & & & & \\ & * & & & \\ & & * & & \\ & & & * & \\ * & * & * & * & * \end{bmatrix}$$

No fill-ins

# Not so easy...

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- More non-zero elements in the Cholesky factor
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- Dense inverse
  - The inverse of a sparse matrix is usually dense.


$$\text{Sparse Matrix}^{-1} = \text{Dense Matrix}$$



# Sparse inversion

- A subset of inverse
  - Only the nonzero positions in the original sparse matrix
  - The original matrix updated with the inverse without extra storage
  - Referred as *selected inversion* in computer science
- “Takahashi” algorithm
  - Much less computing cost than the standard inverse

$$\mathbf{C} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 3 & 0 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Full } \mathbf{C}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.61 & -0.48 & 0.10 & 0.31 \\ -0.48 & 0.65 & -0.13 & 0.24 \\ 0.10 & -0.13 & 0.23 & -0.48 \\ 0.31 & 0.23 & -0.48 & 0.40 \end{bmatrix}$$

Sparse inverse

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0.61 & -0.48 & 0 & 0.31 \\ -0.48 & 0.65 & -0.13 & 0 \\ 0 & -0.13 & 0.23 & 0 \\ 0.31 & 0 & 0 & 0.40 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Sparse matrix computations

1. Build LHS and RHS of MME
2. **Ordering:** Find the ordering to minimize fill-in
3. **Symbolic factorization:** Determine the positions of non-zero elements in the factor
4. **Numerical factorization:** Compute the Cholesky (or LDL') factor
5. Solve the equations
6. (Optional) Compute the sparse inverse of LHS

# Sparse inversion in animal breeding

The inverse of  $\mathbf{W}$  can be obtained using the formula of Takahashi et al. (1973)

$$\mathbf{W}^{-1} = \mathbf{C} = \mathbf{D}^{-1}\mathbf{U}'^{-1} + (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{U})\mathbf{C}. \quad [2]$$

Misztal and Perez-Enciso (1993)

**FSPAK** is a set of subroutines, consisting of at least 100 subroutines (George and Liu, 1981) to solve a symmetric positive definite system for sparse matrices. In addition, FSPAK incorporates several other algorithms that are useful in animal breeding applications. These include sparse matrix inversion using Takahashi et al. (1971) algorithm.

FSPAK by Perez-Enciso et al. (1994)

ability scenarios. The sub-matrix,  $\mathbf{C}^{uu}$ , of the inverted coefficient matrix was obtained using subroutines available in the **FSPAK** library (Perez-Enciso et al. 2004).

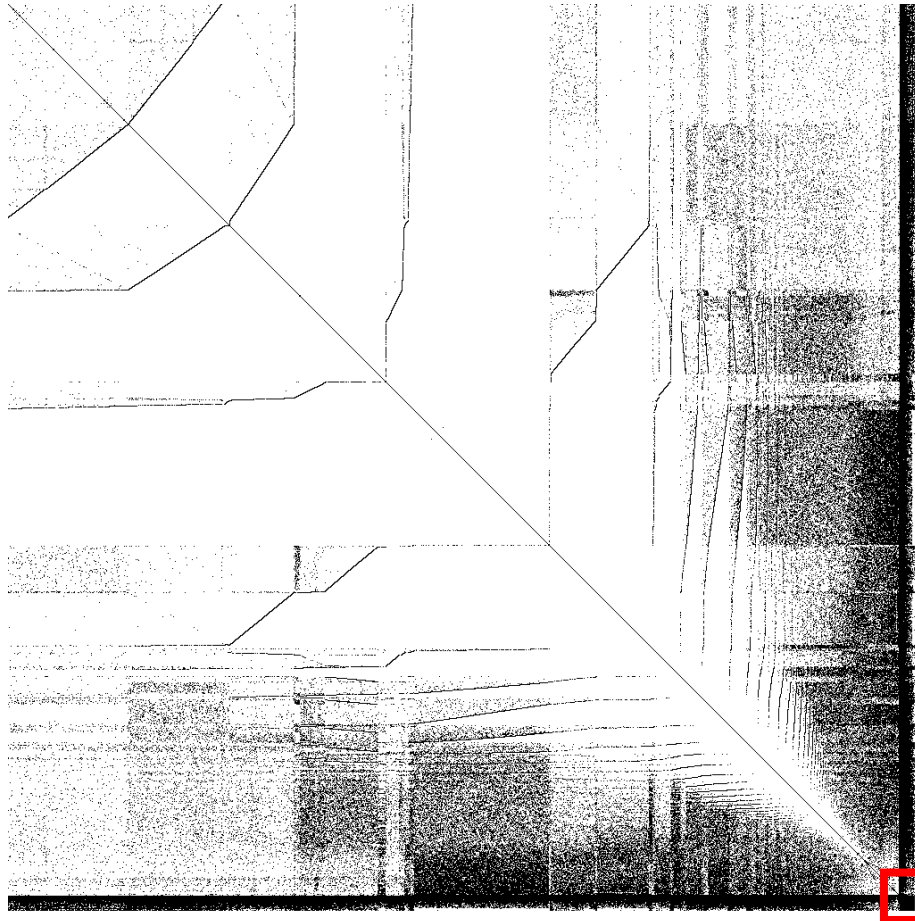
Kerr et al. (2015)

FSPAK [= George & Liu (1981) +  
Takahashi algorithm (1973)]  
is still alive!

# Why FSPAK is slow in AIREML?

Operation	Time (s)	
	Animal Model	ssGBLUP Model
Creating MME	1	167
Ordering	30	159
Sym. Factorization	0	680
Num. Factorization	0	717
Sparse Inversion	1	2,077
Other	1	51
Total	<1 m	1 h 4 m

# Non-zero structure of MME



- A large, single dense block in reordered LHS
  - Computing cost  $\sim t^3$  (traits)
  - With the same rank of LHS, multiple-trait model is always slower than single-trait model.
  - This happens even in non-genomic models!

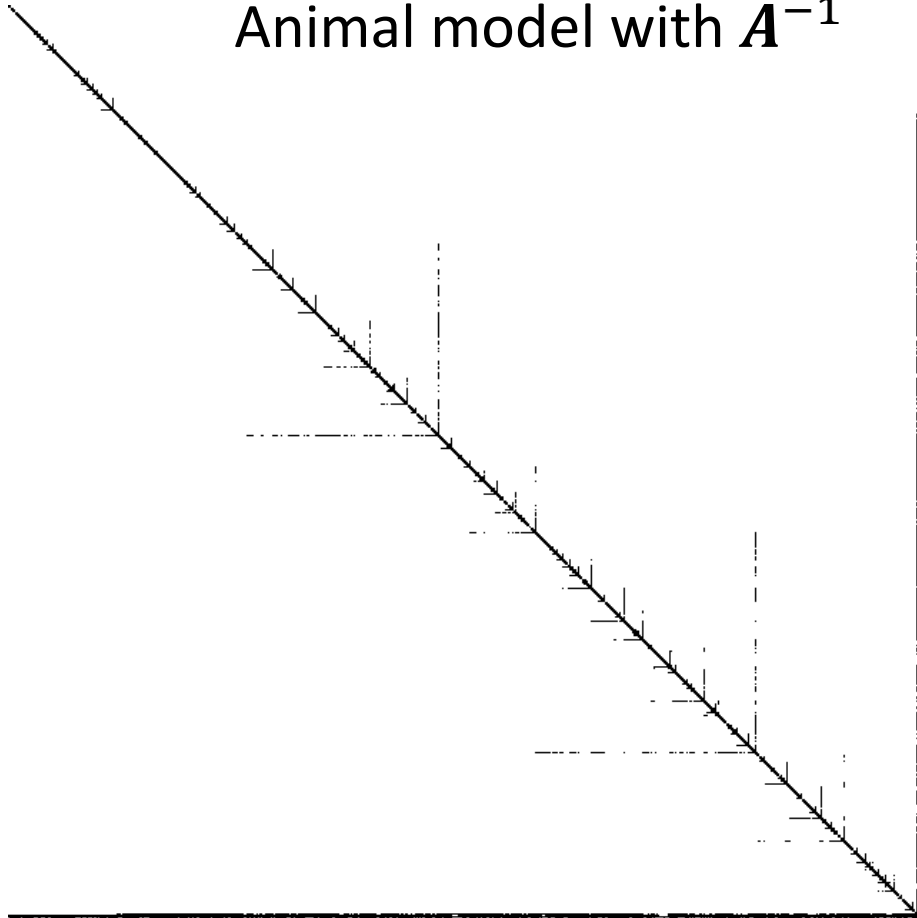
**This is the bottleneck!**

\* Ordered by AMD; 3-trait model i.e.  $t=3$

Masuda et al. (2014) J. Anim. Breed. Genet.

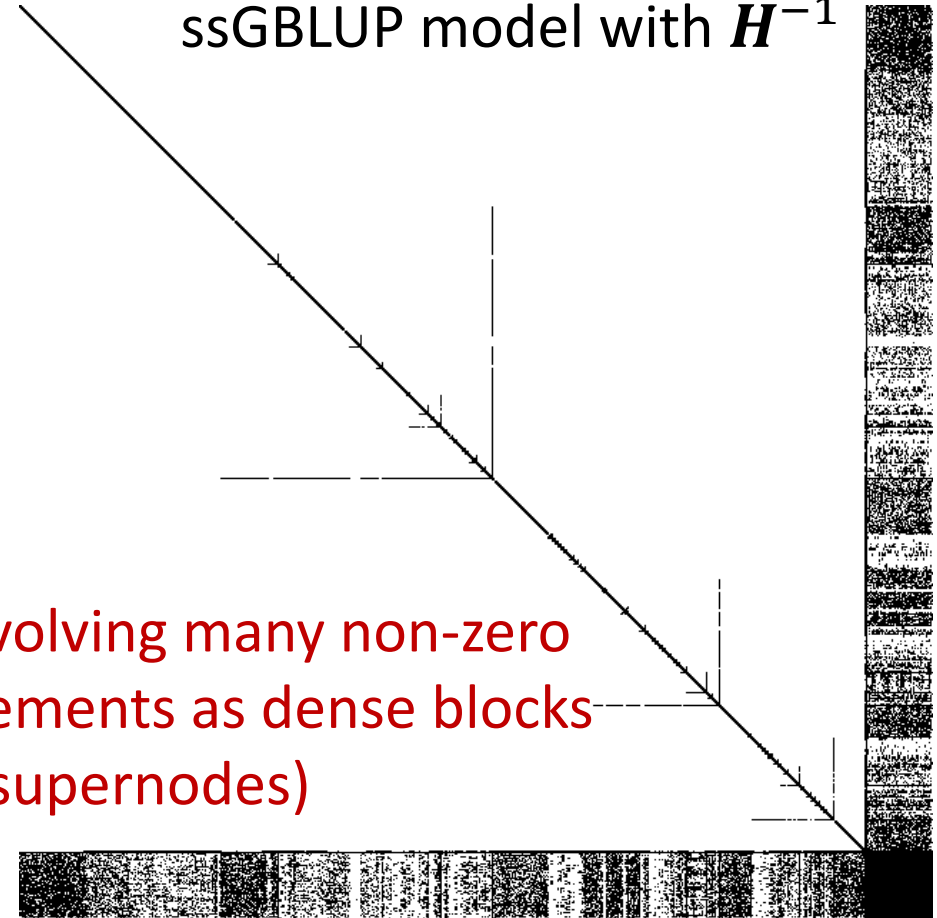
# Single-step GBLUP

Animal model with  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$



ssGBLUP model with  $\mathbf{H}^{-1}$

Involving many non-zero elements as dense blocks (=supernodes)





# Yet Another MME Solver (YAMS)

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

## **Application of supernodal sparse factorization and inversion to the estimation of (co)variance components by residual maximum likelihood**

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# Tests for genomic data

## **Technical note: Acceleration of sparse operations for average-information REML analyses with supernodal methods and sparse-storage refinements<sup>1,2</sup>**

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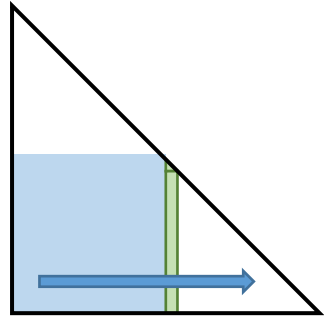
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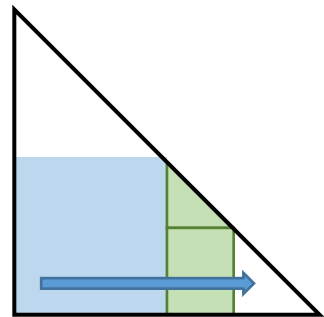
**ABSTRACT:** The objective of this study was to remove bottlenecks generally found in a computer program for average-information REML. The refinements

and random regression models with phenotypic data; selected models used genomic information in a single-step approach. Setting-up mixed model equations was

# Supernodal methods



Column-based  
Factorization (FSPAK)



Supernodal Factorization

## Basic Idea:

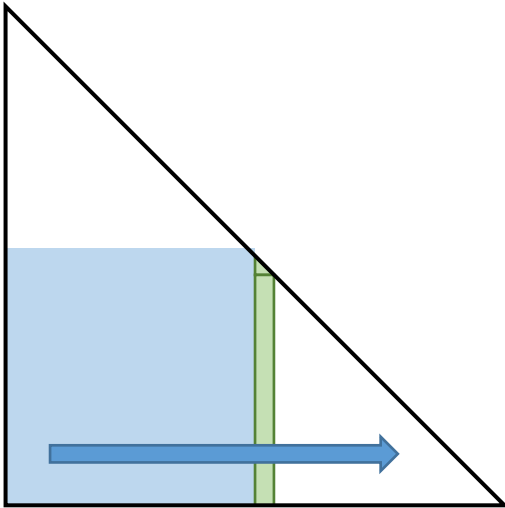
A process of the factorization (or inversion) consists of a set of operations between ~~elements.~~

dense blocks  
(supernodes)

## Acceleration

- Use of Parallelized libraries for dense operations
- Simultaneous updates of multiple columns
- More efficient for a sparse matrix involving larger blocks

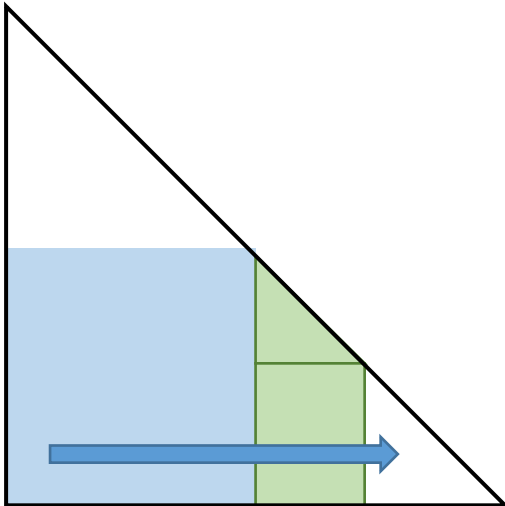
# Supernodal factorization



## Left-looking in FSPAK (George & Liu 1981)

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- Column by column
- Low memory requirement, but slow if there are many dense blocks

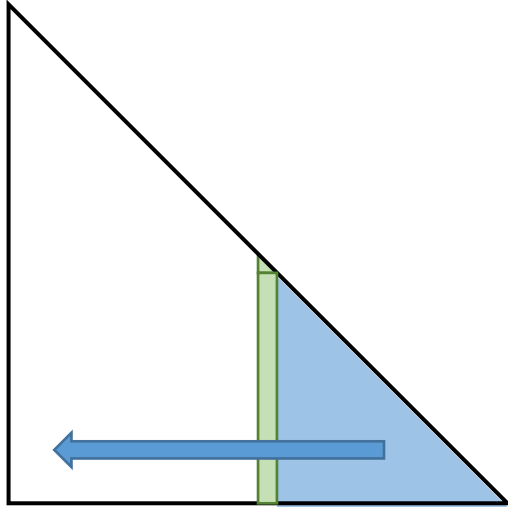


## Supernodal Left-looking in YAMS (Ng & Payton 1993)

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- block by block (supernode by supernode)
- Fast, but more memory required

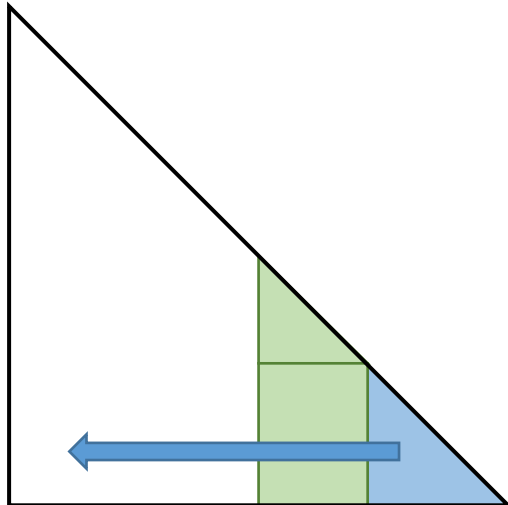
# Supernodal inversion



Takahashi algorithm in FSPAK  
(Takahashi et al. 1971)

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- Column by column
- Low memory requirement, but slow if there are many dense blocks



Inverse Multifrontal in YAMS  
(Campbell 1995)

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- A supernodal version of the Takahashi algorithm
- Fast, but more memory required

# Benchmarks

Breed	Model	Traits	Pedigree Animals	Genotyped Animals
Broiler	Animal	1, 2, 3, 4	213,297	0
	ssGBLUP	1, 2, 3, 4	213,297	15,723
Pig	Maternal	1	109,113	0
	RRM	1	282,695	0
Beef Cattle	Animal	1, 2, 3	322,451	0
Dairy Cattle	RR-TDM	1, 2, 3	55,063	0
	Animal	1, 2, 4, 8	100,775	0
	ssGBLUP	1	100,775	34,506



# Animal model (first 5 rounds in AI REML)

Breed	Model	Traits	Time		Speed
			FSPAK	YAMS	Up
Broiler	Animal	1	<1 m	<1 m	0.9
		4	18 m	7 m	2.6
Pig	Maternal	1	<1 m	<1 m	1.1
	RRM	1	4 m	<1 m	4.3
Beef Cattle	Animal	1	47 m	3 m	16.9
		2	24 h 41 m	1 h 10 m	21.3
Dairy Cattle	RR-TDM	1	44 m	3 m	15.5
		3	5 h 57 m	18 m	20.2
	Animal	1	4 m	<1 m	9.5
		2	34 m	2 m	14.4

# Single-step GBLUP (first 5 rounds in AI REML)

Breed	Model	Traits	Time		Speed Up
			FSPAK	YAMS	
Broiler	ssGBLUP	1	4h 11 m	20 m	12.7
		2	N/A	58 m	
		3	N/A	2 h 38 m	
		4	N/A	5 h 10 m	
Dairy Cattle	ssGBLUP	1	N/A	2 h 7 m	

N/A: Crashed during the numerical factorization

Conclusion

**OPTION use\_yams**