The importance of Structure in Algebraic Preconditioners (Level-based Algebraic Preconditioning)

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- As usual, should be cheap, fast to compute, implying fast converging preconditioned iterative method
- sparse enough
- providing just sufficient approximation of the algebraic problem if this makes computations faster
- Our target is robustness

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4. The techniques are a basis of the HSL code MI22 which is being developed.

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- But: if only magnitudes of entries are used - structural information may be lost

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- Our MI22 preconditioner is a new way to use level-based information, memory prediction and dropping at the same time.

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Experiments: Kohn-Sham equation, n=250500

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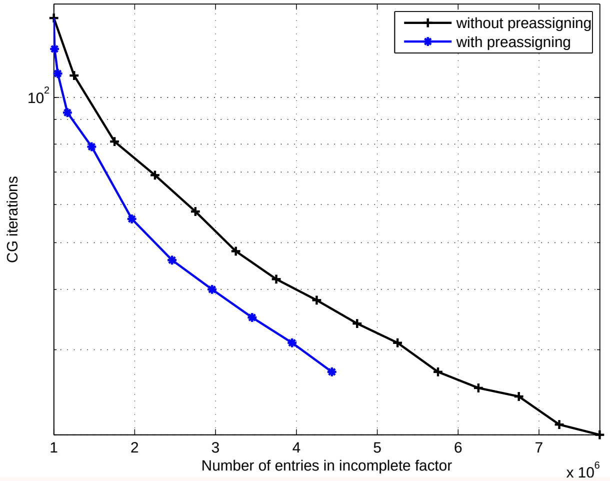

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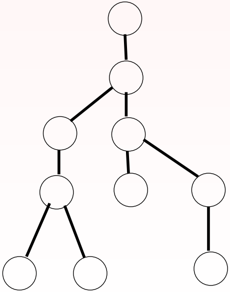

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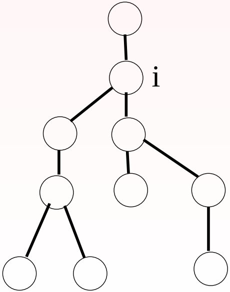

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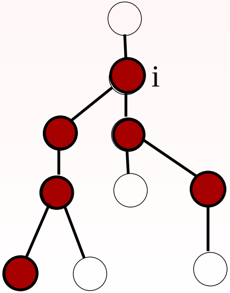

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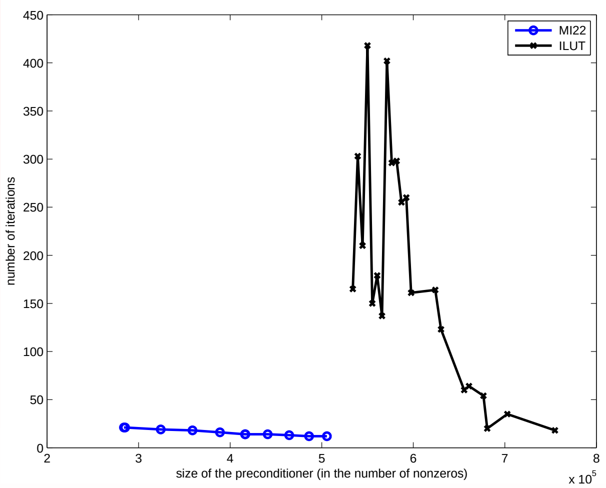

S1RMT3M1, cylindrical shell problem, n=5489

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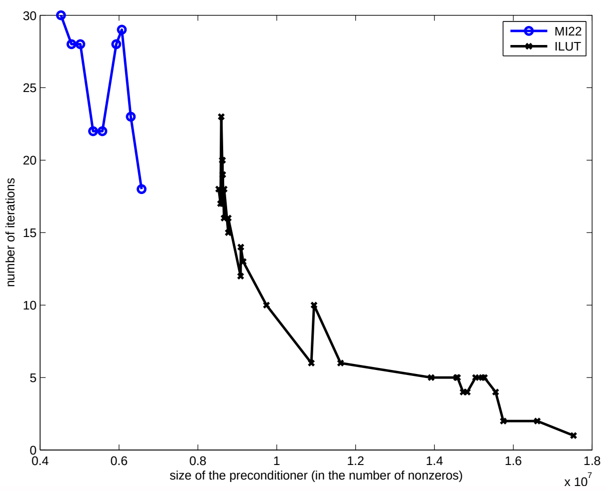

NASASRB, structural mechanics, n=54870

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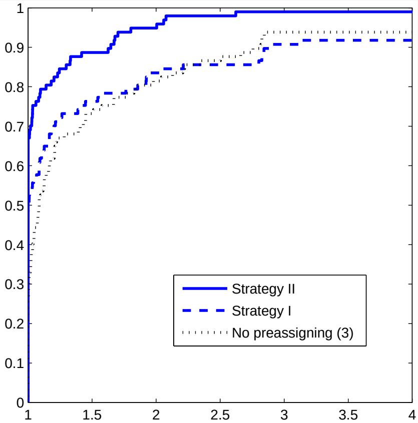
97 problems; efficiency profiles (Dolan, Moré, 2001) for 3 levels
efficiency=size $\times$ iterations; fractions $p(\alpha)$ for which a solver is within a factor of α of the best solver.



Strategy I.: stress on sparsity; Strategy II.: denser and faster option

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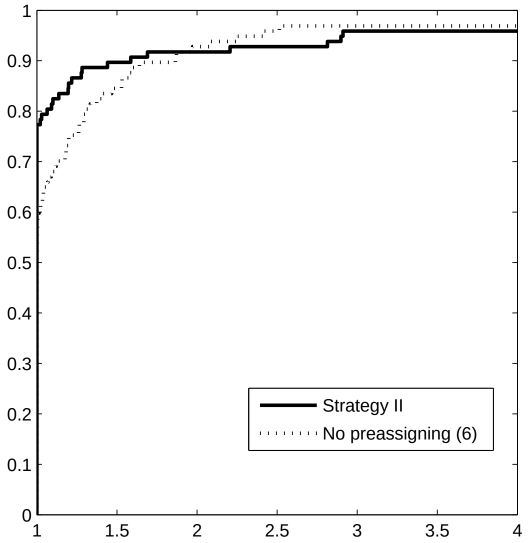
Efficiency profiles for 6 levels.



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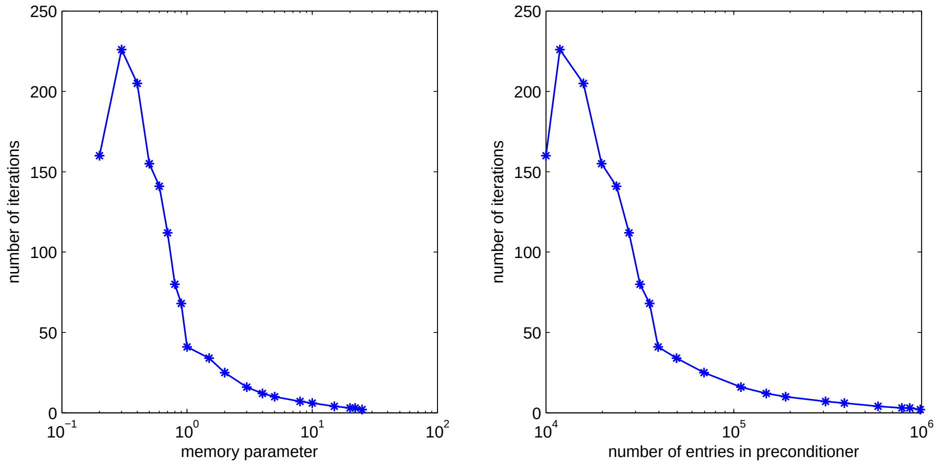

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