# Communication-Avoiding <br> Krylov Subspace Methods in Theory and Practice 

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## Why Avoid "Communication"?

- Algorithms have two costs: computation and communication
- Communication : moving data between levels of memory hierarchy (sequential), between processors (parallel)


- On today's computers, communication is expensive, computation is cheap, in terms of both time and energy!


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- Avoiding communication will be essential for applications at exascale!


## Krylov Subspace Methods

- General class of iterative solvers: used for linear systems, eigenvalue problems, singular value problems, least squares, etc.
- Examples: Lanczos/Conjugate Gradient (CG), Arnoldi/Generalized Minimum Residual (GMRES), Biconjugate Gradient (BICG), BICGSTAB, GKL, LSQR, etc.
- Projection process onto the expanding Krylov subspace

$$
\mathcal{K}_{m}\left(A, r_{0}\right)=\operatorname{span}\left\{r_{0}, A r_{0}, A^{2} r_{0}, \ldots, A^{m-1} r_{0}\right\}
$$

- In each iteration,
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Dependencies between communication-bound kernels in each iteration limit performance!

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- Resurgence of interest in recent years due to growing problem sizes; growing relative cost of communication


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## Outer loop k: Communication step

## Expand solution space $s$ dimensions at once

- Compute "basis matrix" $Y_{k}$ with columns spanning

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- Requires reading $A /$ communicating vectors only once
- Using "matrix powers kernel"

Orthogonalize all at once

- Compute/store block of inner products between basis vectors in Gram matrix:

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- Communication cost of one global reduction


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Broad research agenda: Design methods for large-scale problems that optimize performance subject to application-specific numerical constraints

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## Thank you!

## Happy Birthday, Jim!

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