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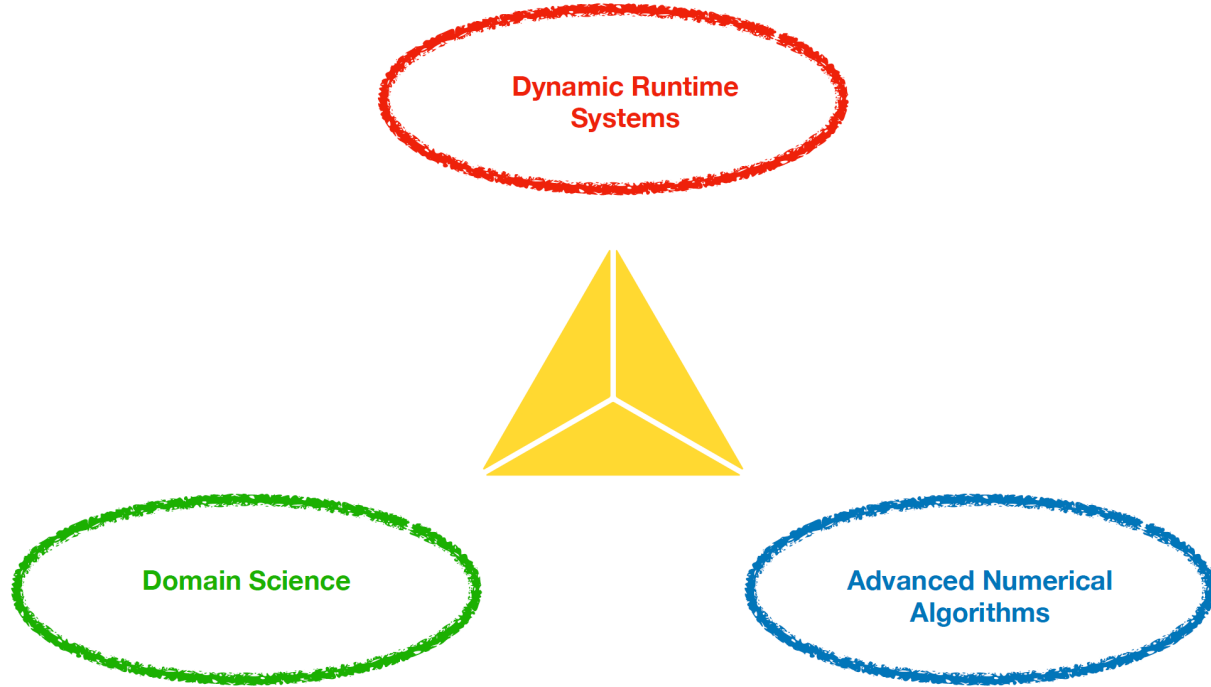
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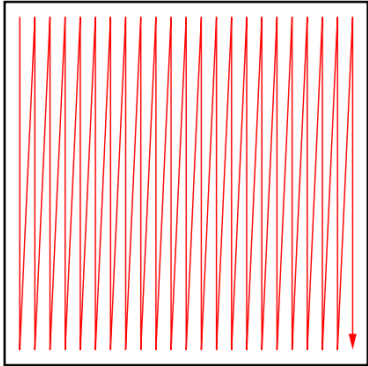
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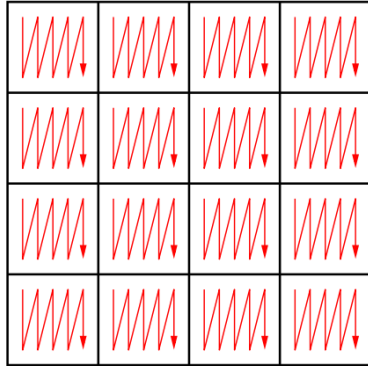
# Key Approach Based on a Separation of Concerns



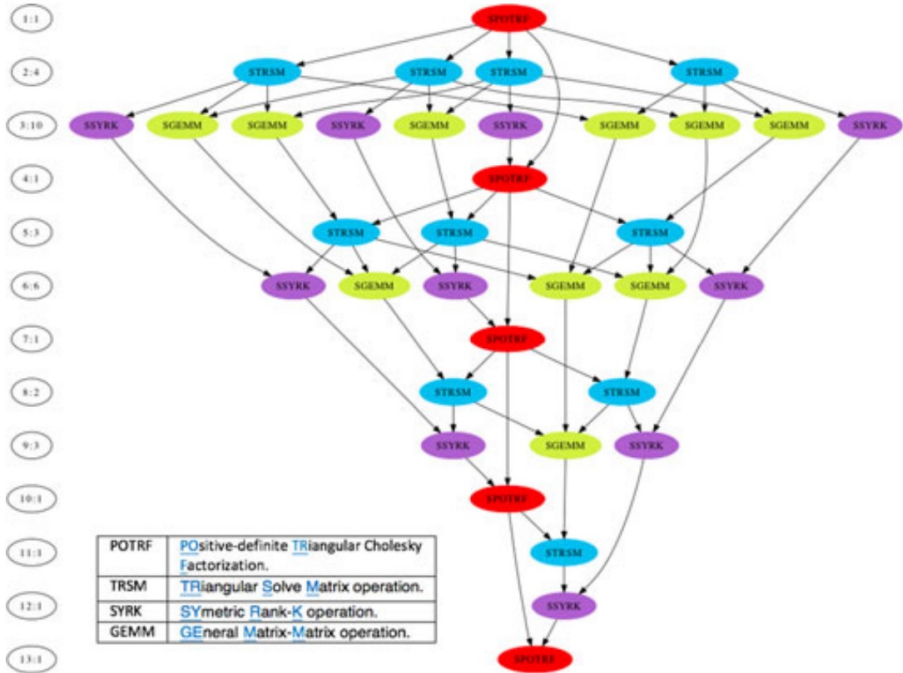
# DAG Asynchronous Scheduling



LAPACK: Column-major data layout format.



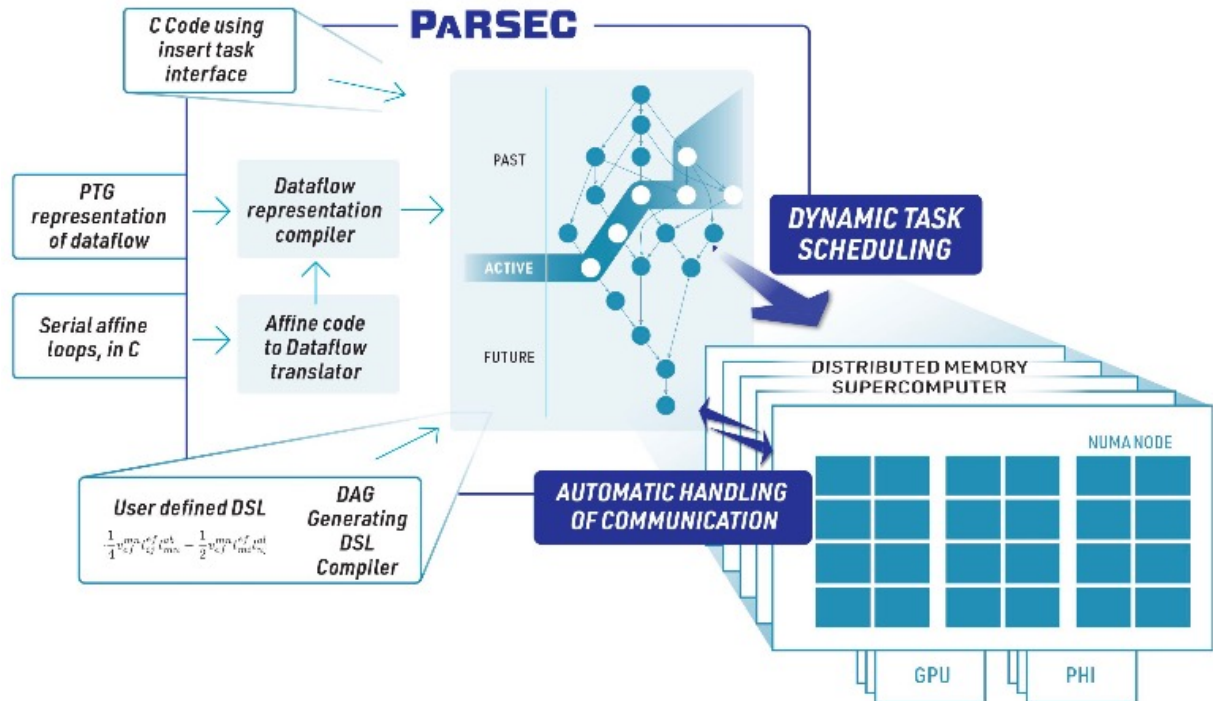
Chameleon: Tile data layout format.



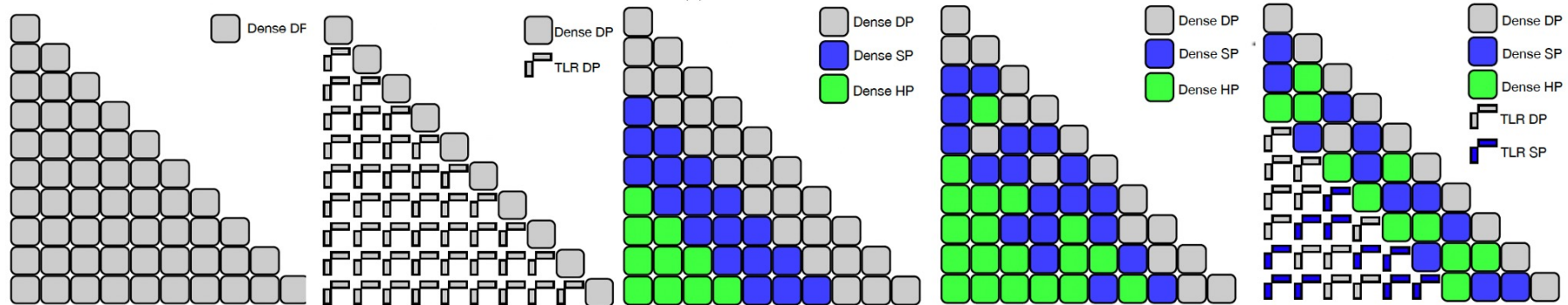
Cholesky factorization DAG

# The ECP PaRSEC Dynamic Runtime System

Master  
Of  
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# Tile-Centric Matrix Approximations in ExaGeoStat



Exact Computation

Tile Low-Rank (TLR)  
Computation

Mixed-precision (MP)  
*Higham and Mary, 2021*

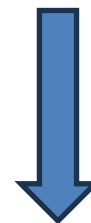
MP + TLR



Reduce memory footprint  
*ACM PASC'20*  
*ACM SC'23 GB Finalist*



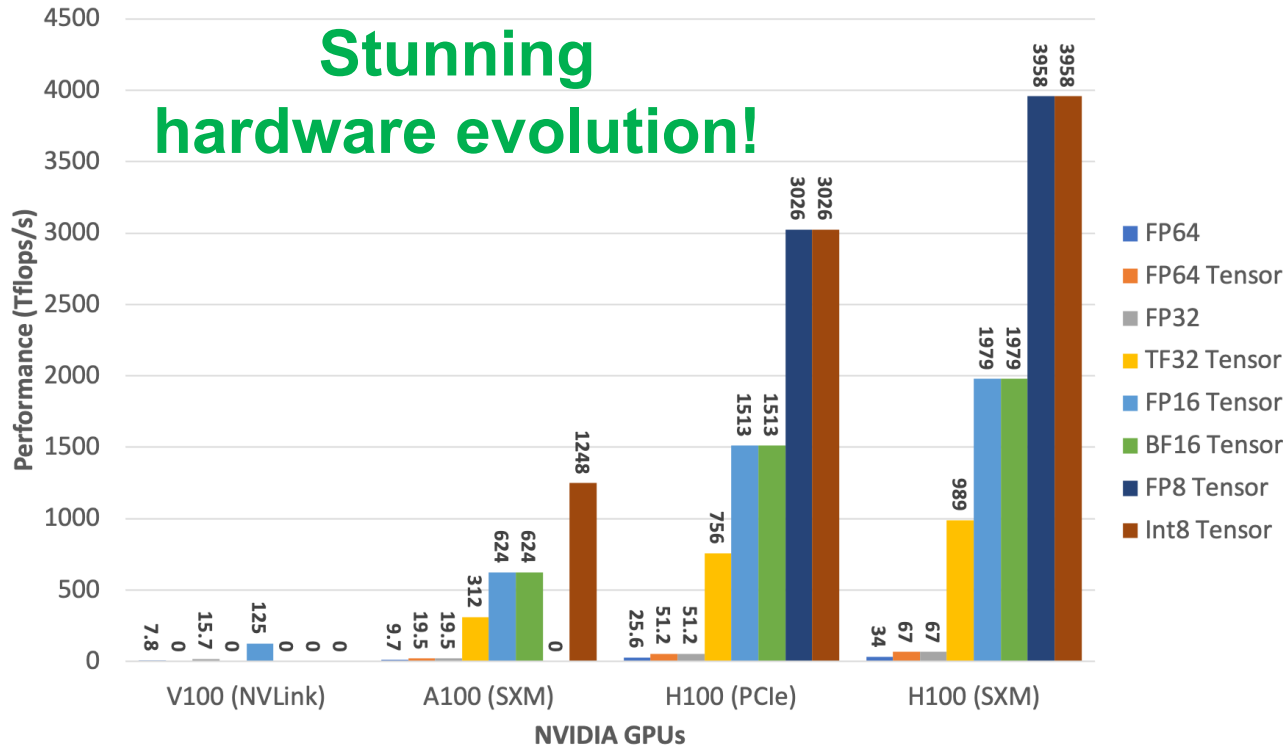
Increase arithmetic intensity  
*IEEE TPDS'22*  
*IEEE Cluster'23*  
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Combine best  
of the two worlds  
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# Peak Performance of NVIDIA GPUs (Tflops/s)

**Stunning  
hardware evolution!**



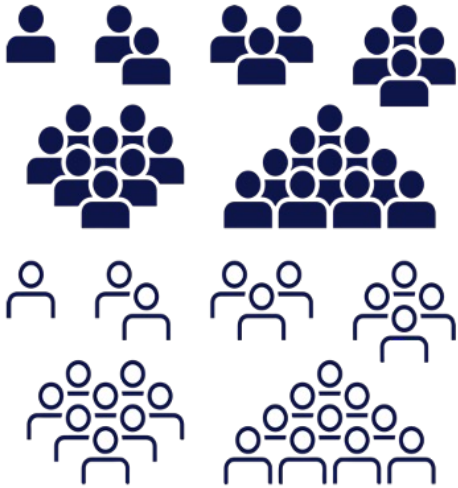
**FP4 Tensor Core: 14 Pflops/s**  
**FP8/FP6 Tensor Core: 7 Pflops/s**  
**INT8 Tensor Core: 7 POPs**  
**FP16/BF16 Tensor Core: 3.5 Pflops/s**  
**TF32 Tensor Core: 1.8 Pflops/s**  
**FP64 Tensor Core: 60 Pflops/s**

**B200**

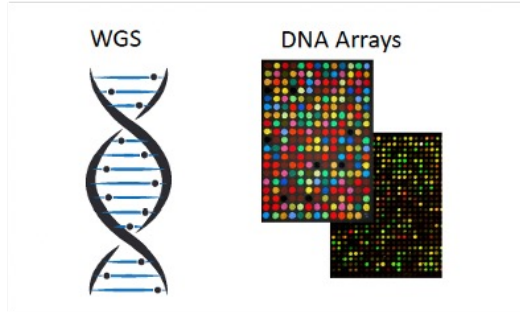
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# Genome-Wide Association Study

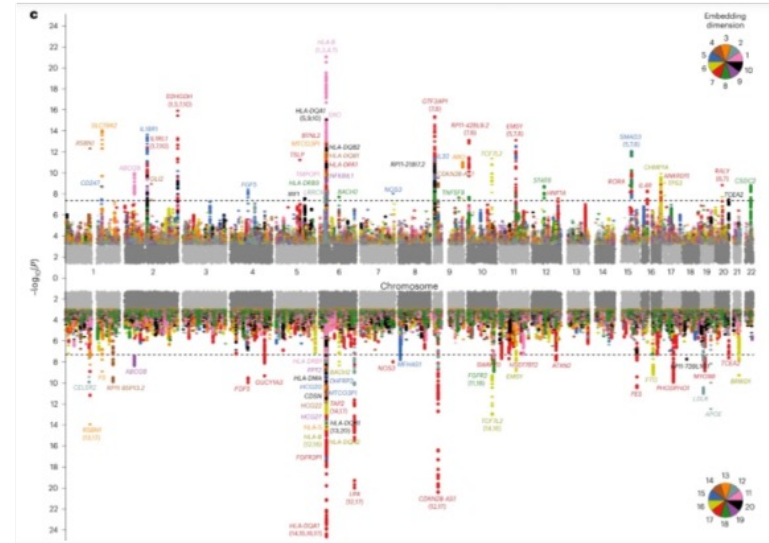
Population



Genotyping



Statistical association





## Toward Capturing Genetic Epistasis From Multivariate Genome-Wide Association Studies Using Mixed-Precision Kernel Ridge Regression

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# Genome-Wide Association Study: GB entry @ SC24

## II. PERFORMANCE ATTRIBUTES

Performance Attributes	Value
Problem Size	305K UK BioBank patients [real data] 8M patients [synthetic data]
Category of achievement	Scalability, performance, time to solution
Type of method used	Kernel Ridge Regression
Results reported on basis of	Whole-application GWAS Cholesky factorization
Precision reported	FP64, FP32, FP16, FP8, INT8
System scale	2/3 of Summit <sup>1</sup> 1/3 of Leonardo <sup>1</sup> - projected to $\sim 2$ MP Eflop/s with weak scaling on full Leonardo system
Measurement mechanism	Timers, Flops

# Overview of the GWAS Problem



- Analyze DNA sequence variations spanning an entire genome
- Identify genetic risk factors for common diseases or other traits within a population
- Use genetic factors to make predictions about individuals at risk and to identify the biological underpinnings of disease
- Expose big data challenges: Genotypes (million of SNPs) >> Phenotypes (hundreds of diseases)

# State-Of-The-Art



- Use linear models: overfitting issues, accuracy (ill-conditioned matrix). Penalized regression approaches come to rescue, e.g., ridge regression and LASSO
- Capture the nonlinear nature of genotype-phenotype relationships, i.e., epistasis (interactions between distant loci), gene-environment interactions, and non-additive genetic effects
- Transform the input data into a higher-dimensional feature space where nonlinear relationships can be more effectively captured and modeled
- Democratize Kernel Ridge Regression (KRR) for GWAS

# General Algorithms

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**Algorithm 1:** Three-Phase Kernel Ridge Regression (KRR) for GWAS.

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- 1: **Input**
  - 2:  $N_{P1}$ : # of Patients in training set
  - 3:  $N_{P2}$ : # of Patients in testing set
  - 4:  $N_S$ : # of SNPs
  - 5:  $N_{Ph}$ : # of Phenotypes
  - 6:  $G$ :  $N_{P1} \times N_S$  (Training genotype matrix)
  - 7:  $P_h$ :  $N_{P1} \times N_{Ph}$  (Training phenotype matrix)
  - 8:  $T$ :  $N_{P2} \times N_S$  (Testing genotype matrix)
  - 9:  $\gamma$ : kernel bandwidth
  - 10:  $\alpha$ : regularization parameter
  - 11: **Output**
  - 12:  $K$ :  $N_{P1} \times N_{P1}$  (KRR matrix)
  - 13:  $W$ :  $N_{P1} \times N_{Ph}$  (Weight matrix)
  - 14:  $P_r$ :  $N_{P2} \times N_{Ph}$  (Predictions)
  - 15: **Phase 1:** BUILD( $\gamma, G, G, K$ )
  - 16: **Phase 2:** ASSOCIATE( $\alpha, K, P_h, W$ )
  - 17: **Phase 3:** PREDICT( $\gamma, G, T, W, P_r$ )
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**Algorithm 2:** Build the KRR matrix.

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- 1: **Procedure** BUILD( $\gamma, G_1, G_2, K$ )
- 2:  $N_{P1} \leftarrow \text{rowsize}(G_1)$
- 3:  $N_{P2} \leftarrow \text{rowsize}(G_2)$
- 4:  $K \leftarrow \text{zeros}(N_{P1}, N_{P2})$
- 5: **for**  $i$  in range(1,  $N_{P1}$ ) **do**
- 6:     **for**  $j$  in range(1,  $N_{P2}$ ) **do**
- 7:          $K[i, j] \leftarrow \text{KERNELMATRIX}(\text{type}, \gamma, G_1[i, :], G_2[j, :])$
- 8:     **end for**
- 9: **end for**

**Algorithm 3:** Associate genotype-phenotype.

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- 1: **Procedure** ASSOCIATE( $\alpha, K, P_h, W$ )
- 2: Factorize the KRR matrix
- 3:  $\tilde{K} \leftarrow \text{FACTORIZE}(K + \alpha \cdot Id)$
- 4: Solve for  $W$
- 5:  $W \leftarrow \text{SOLVE}(\tilde{K}, P_h)$

**Algorithm 4:** Predict for a new cohort.

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- 1: **Procedure** PREDICT( $\gamma, G, T, W, P_r$ )
  - 2:  $N_{P1} \leftarrow \text{rowsize}(G)$
  - 3:  $N_{P2} \leftarrow \text{rowsize}(T)$
  - 4:  $K$ :  $N_{P2} \times N_{P1}$  (test-training kernel matrix)
  - 5: BUILD( $\gamma, T, G, K$ )
  - 6:  $P_r \leftarrow K \times W$
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# The Build Phase

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**Algorithm 5:** Kernel Matrix Definitions.

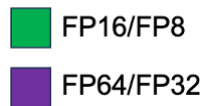
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1: Function KERNELMATRIX(type,  $\gamma$ ,  $p_1$ ,  $p_2$ )
2:  $N_S \leftarrow \text{size}(p_1)$ 
3: if type == 'Gaussian' then
4:   return  $e^{-\gamma \cdot \|p_1 - p_2\|^2}$ 
5: else if type == 'IBS' then
6:   return  $\frac{p_1 \sim p_2}{N_S}$ 
7: end if
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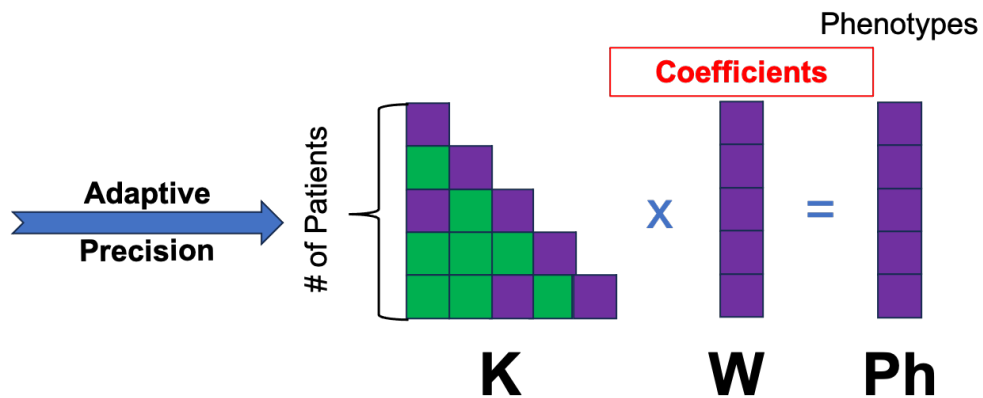
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- Compute Euclidean distance between each pair of individual (slow)
- Exponent the results
- Generate the covariance matrix

# The Associate Phase



## Mixed-Precision Cholesky-based Solver

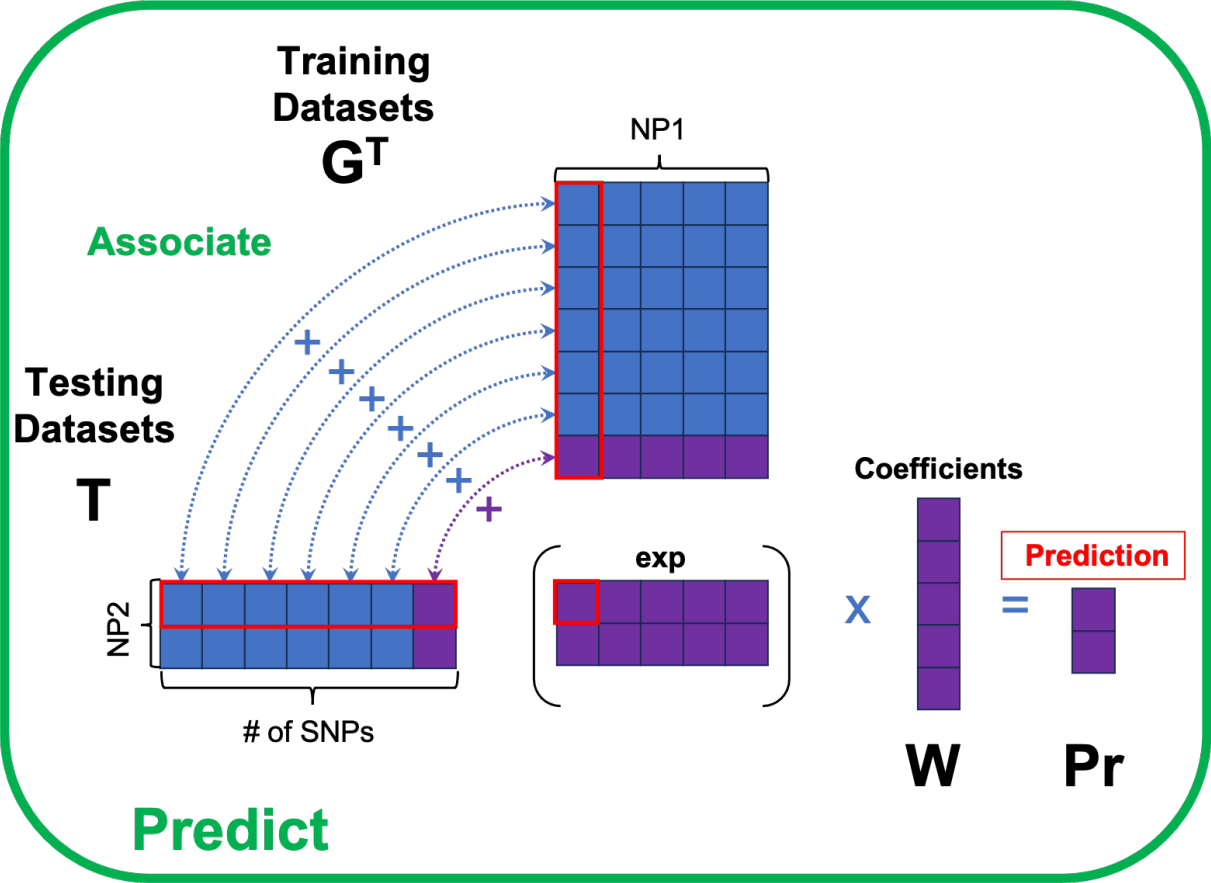


**Associate**

# The Predict Phase

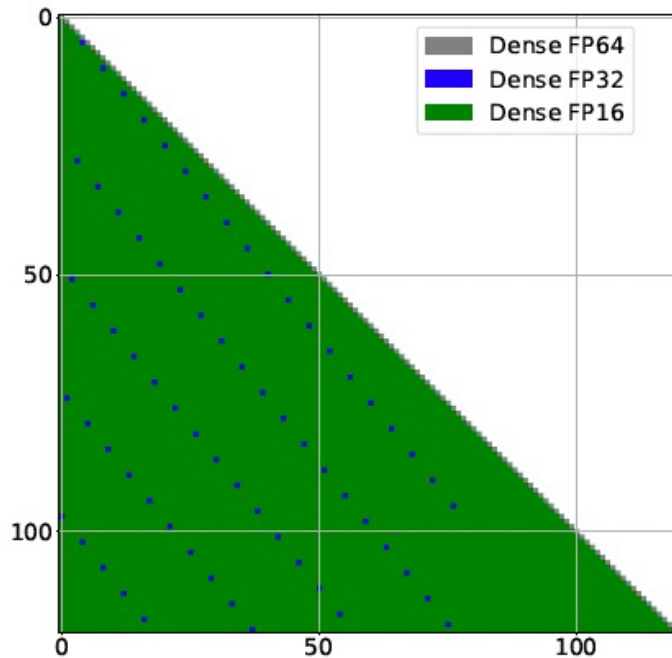


- FP16/FP8
- FP64/FP32

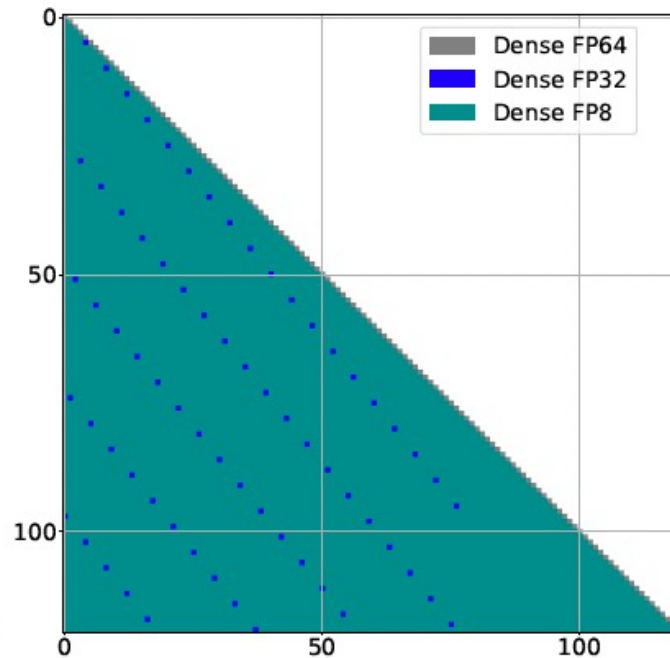




# GWAS surfing the AI wave w/ low precision arithmetics



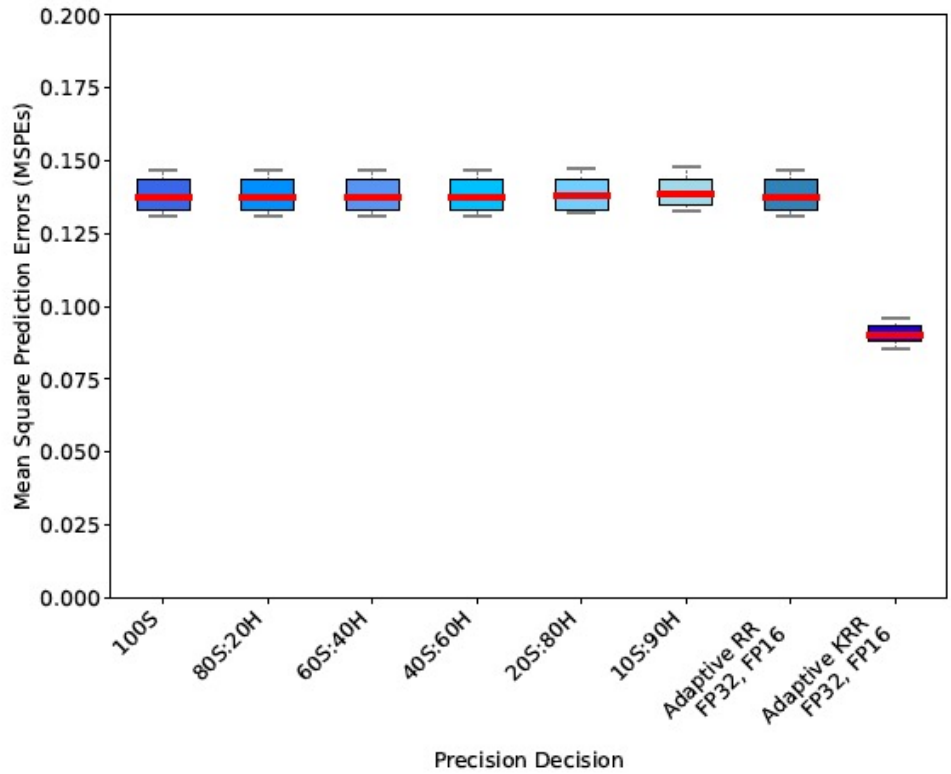
(a) Activating FP16 with A100.



(b) Activating FP8 with H100.

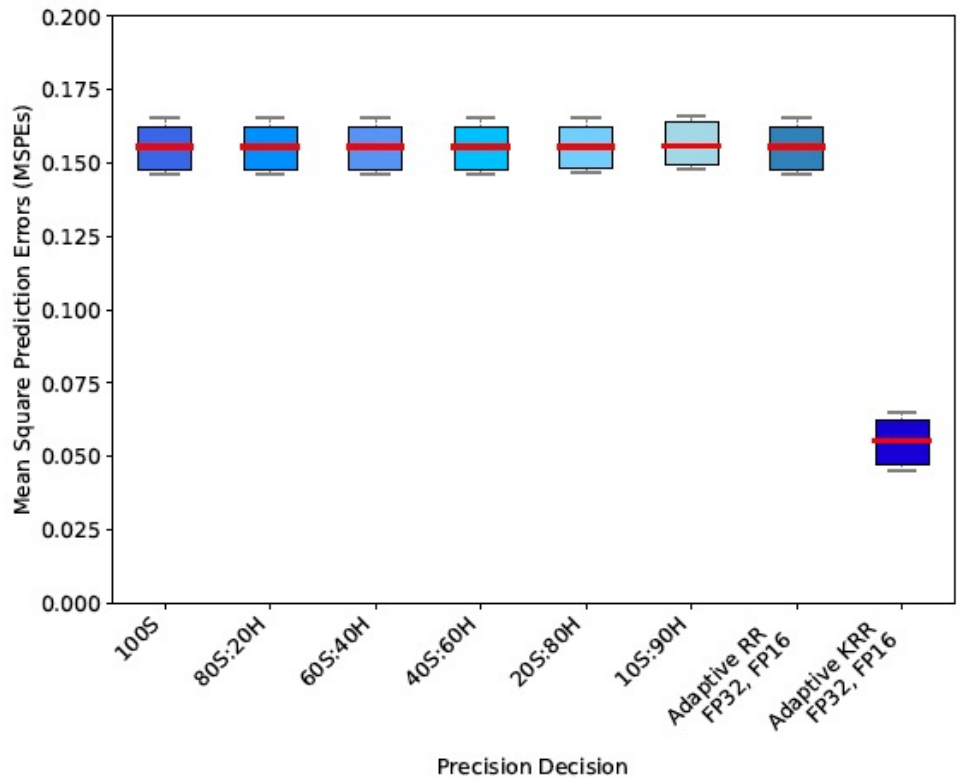
Fig. 4: Precision heatmaps.

# 300K Patients from UK BioBank: MSPE assessment



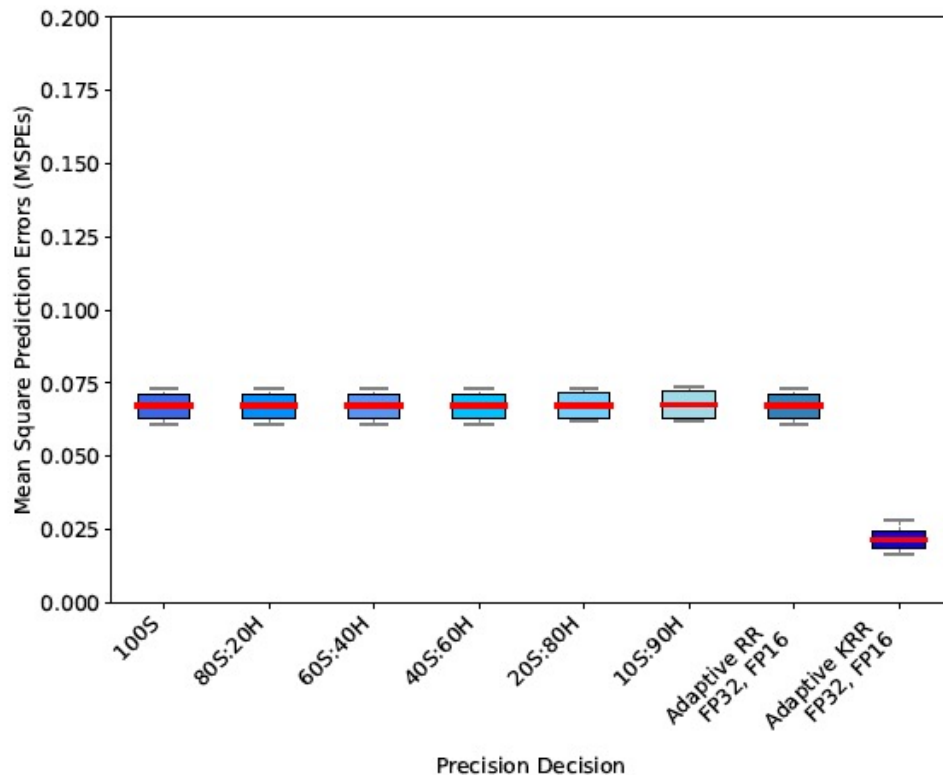
(a) RR vs KRR for Hypertension.

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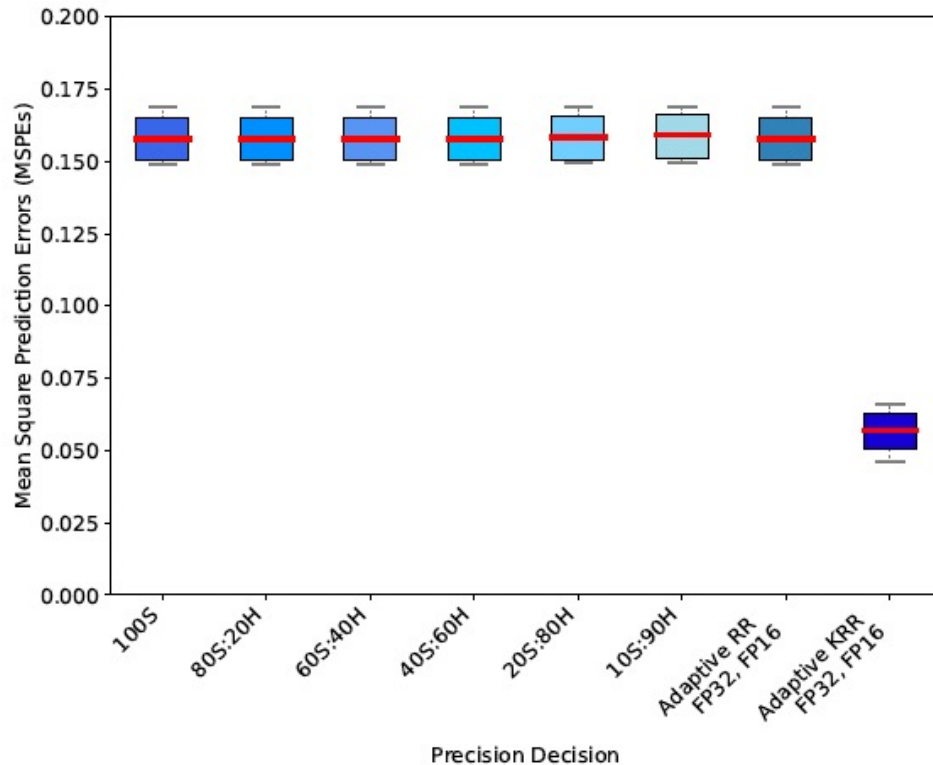
(b) RR vs KRR for Asthma.

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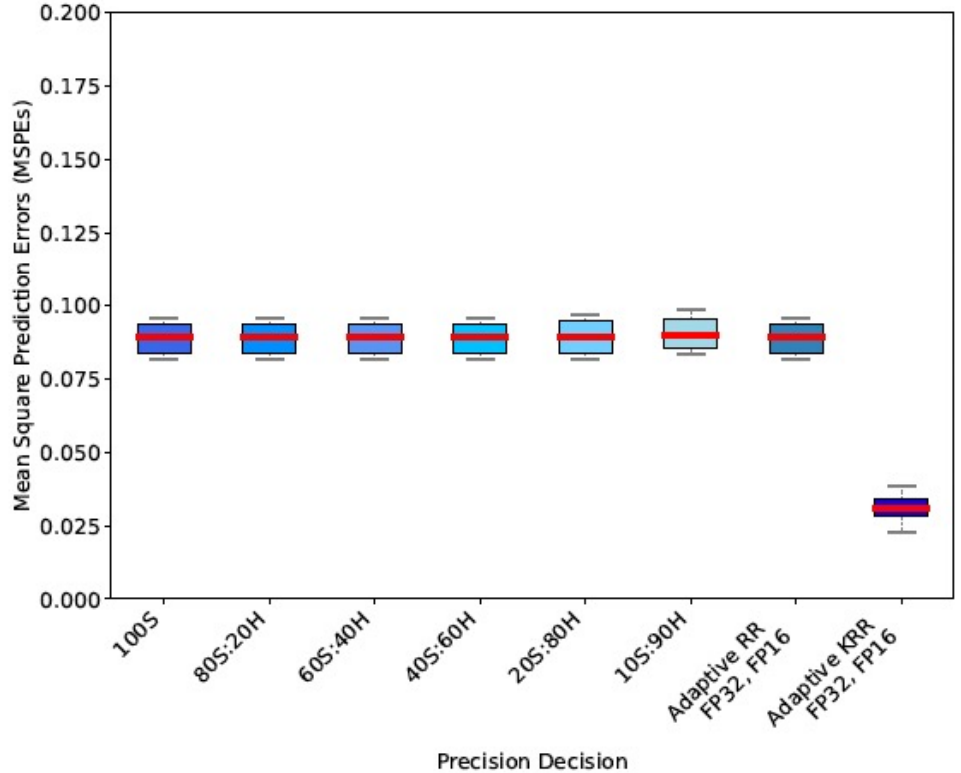
(c) RR vs KRR for Allergic Rhinitis.

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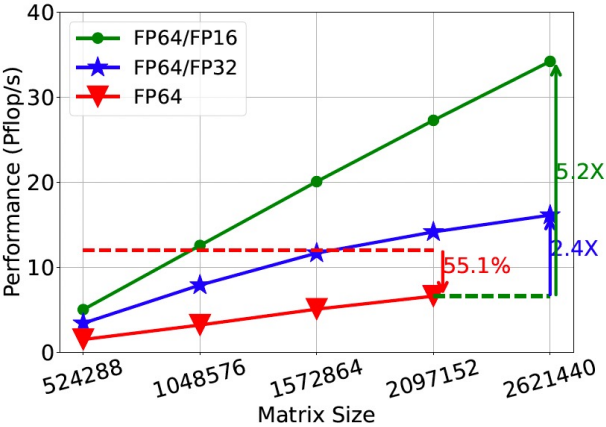
(d) RR vs KRR for Osteoarthritis.

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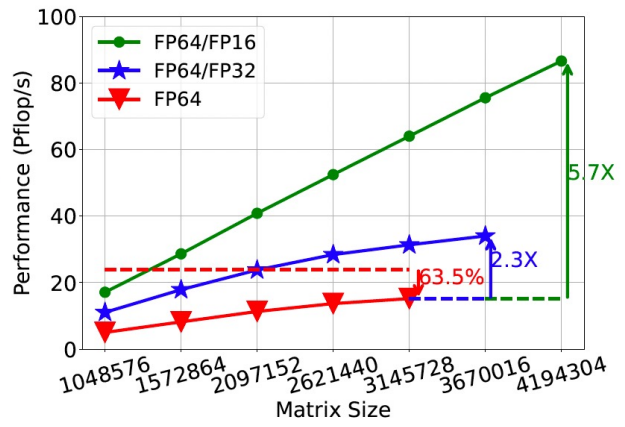


(e) RR vs KRR for Depression.

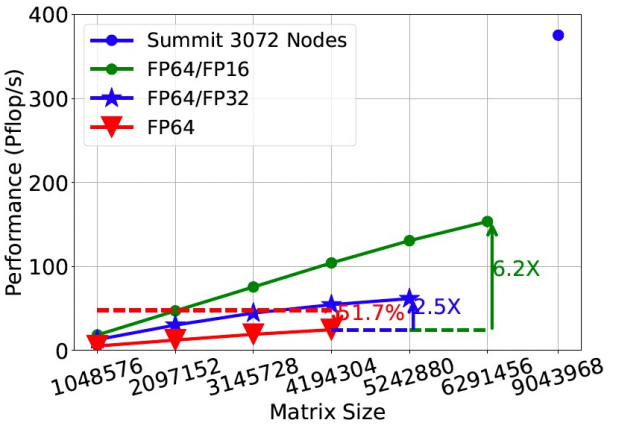
# Performance Results: multi-node, multi GPU



(a) 256 nodes.



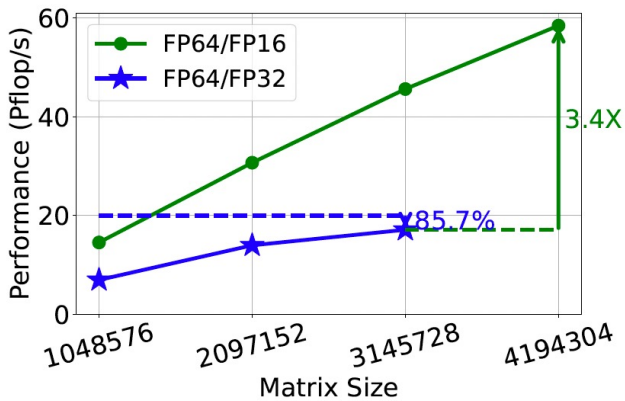
(b) 512 nodes.



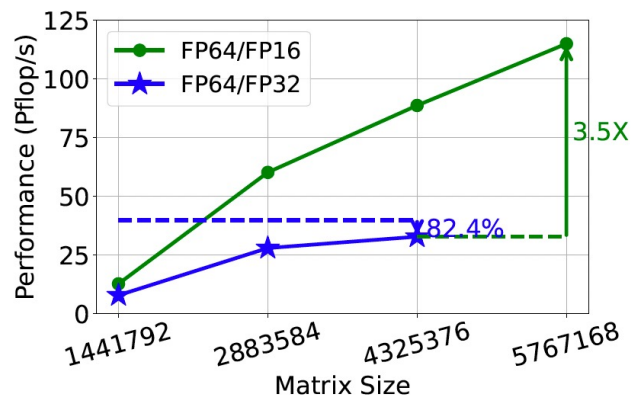
(c) 1024 nodes.

Fig. 9: Performance scalability of the Associate phase of the KRR-based GWAS ( $N_P = N_S$ ) on Summit.

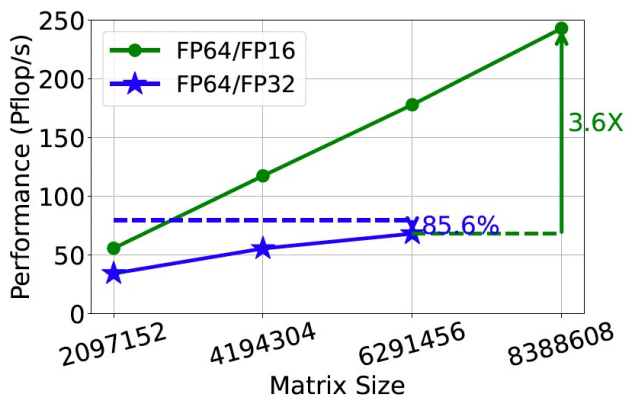
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Fig. 8: Performance scalability of the Associate phase for the KRR-based GWAS ( $N_P = N_S$ ) on Leonardo.



# Performance Results: strong scaling

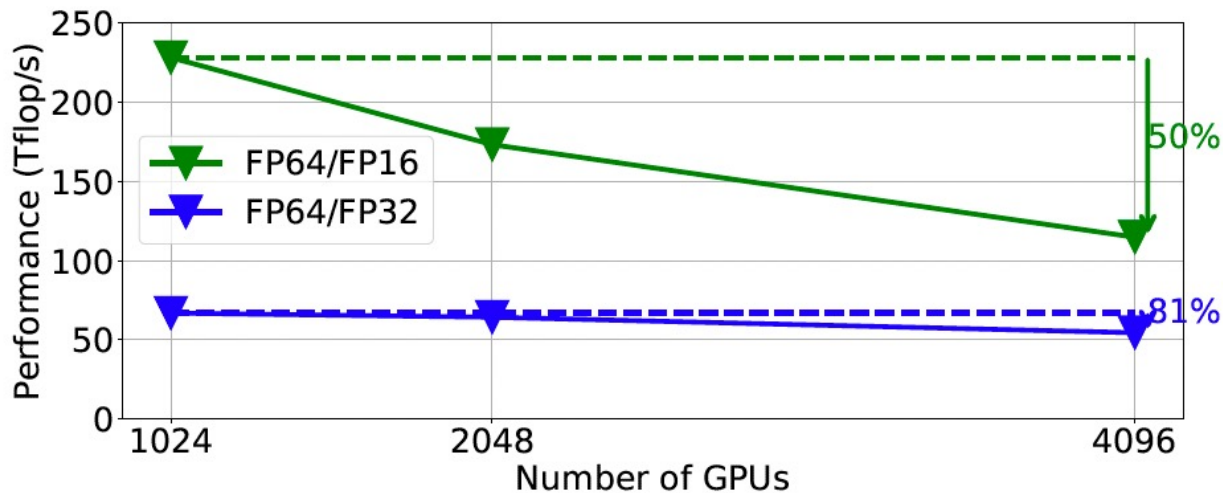
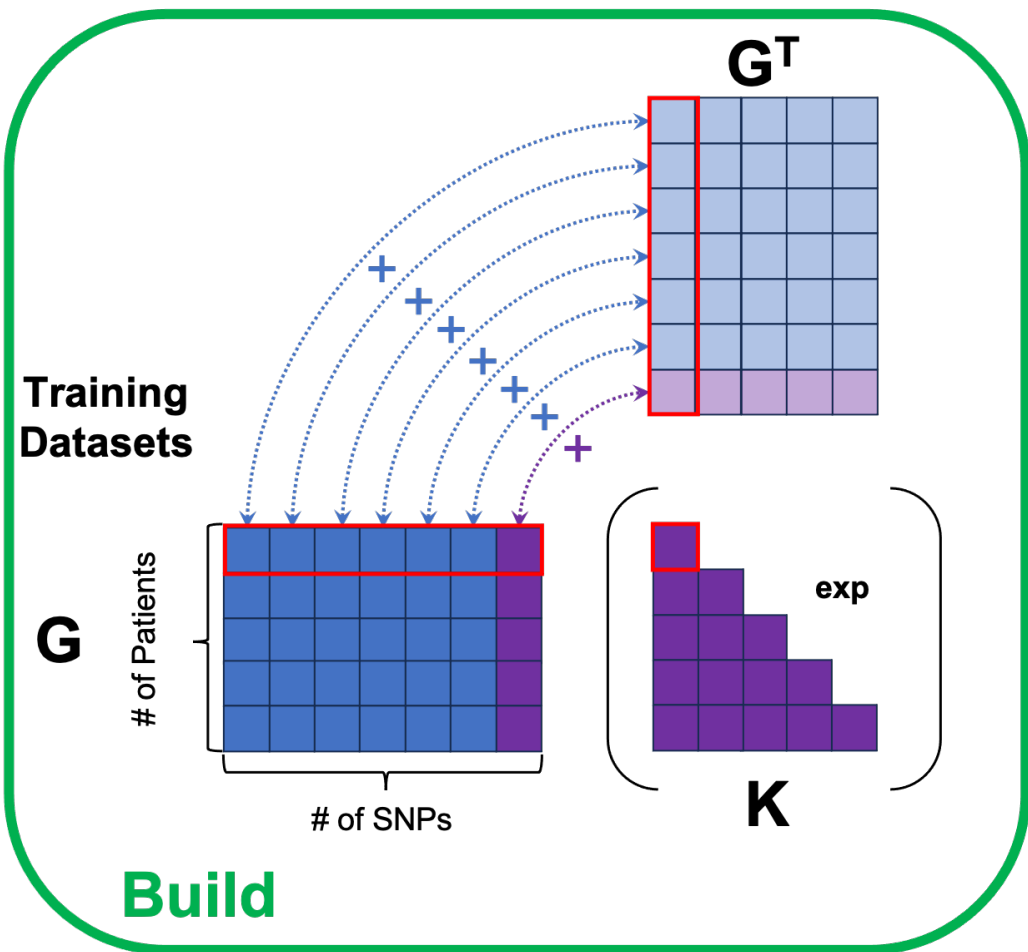


Fig. 11: Strong Scaling on Leonardo using various precision configurations, i.e., FP64/FP16 and FP64/FP16.

# The Build Phase

- INT8
- FP16/FP8
- FP64/FP32



B. Gallet and M. Gowanlock.  
Leveraging GPU Tensor Cores  
for Double Precision Euclidean  
Distance Calculations. IEEE  
HiPC, 2022.

# Performance Results: single-node, multiple GPUs

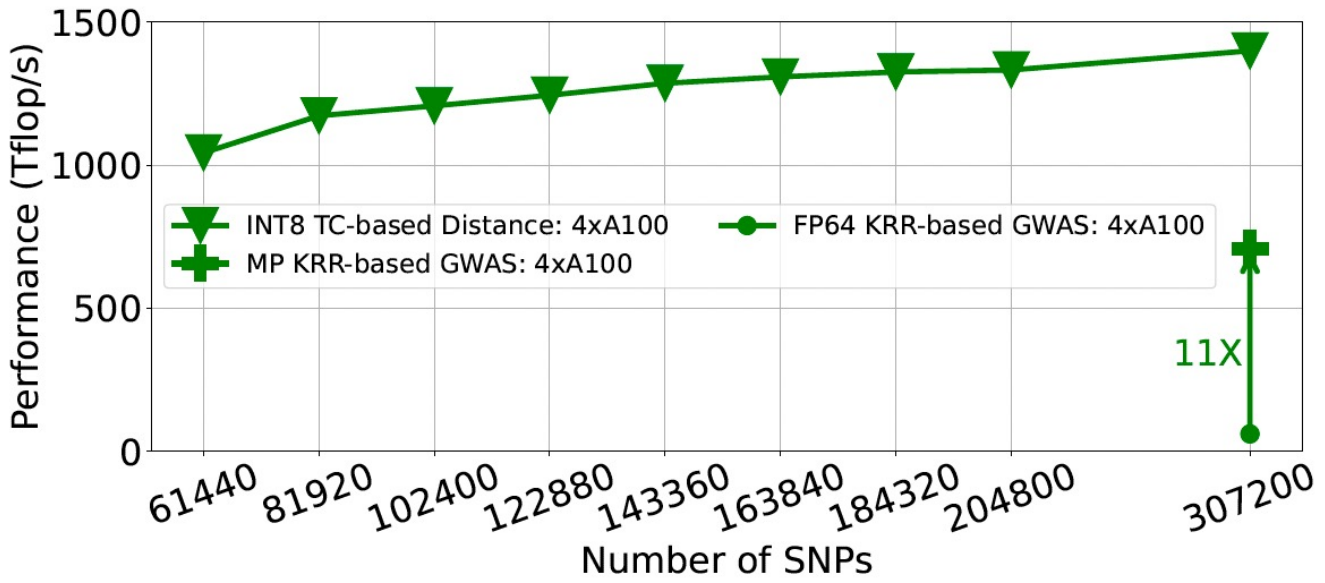


Fig. 6: Impact of # SNPs on distance kernel performance.

# Performance Results: weak scaling

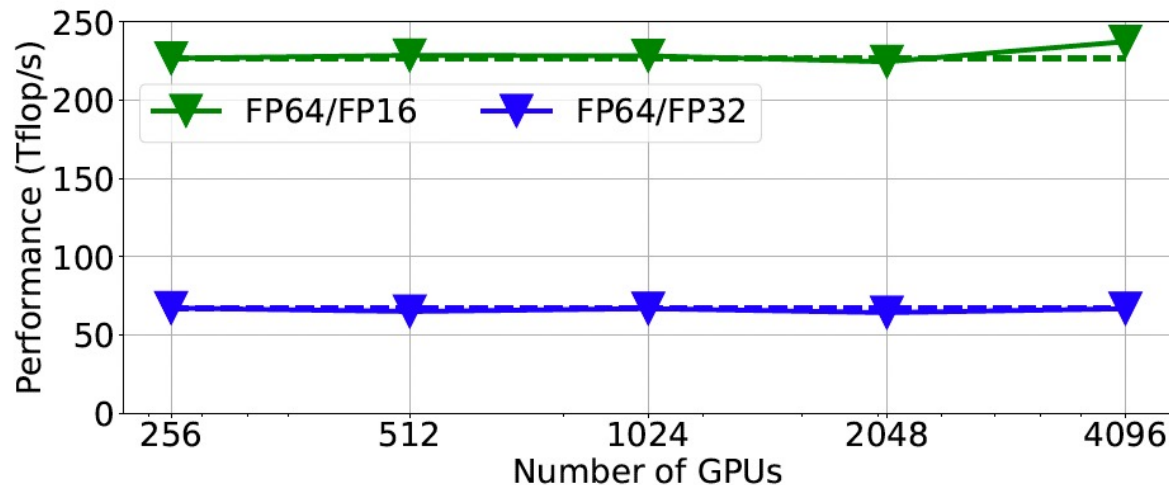


Fig. 10: Weak Scaling on Leonardo using various precision configurations, i.e., FP64/FP16 and FP64/FP16.

**We expect 2 Eflop/s of sustained performance on fullscale Leonardo**

# Performance Results: single-node, single GPU

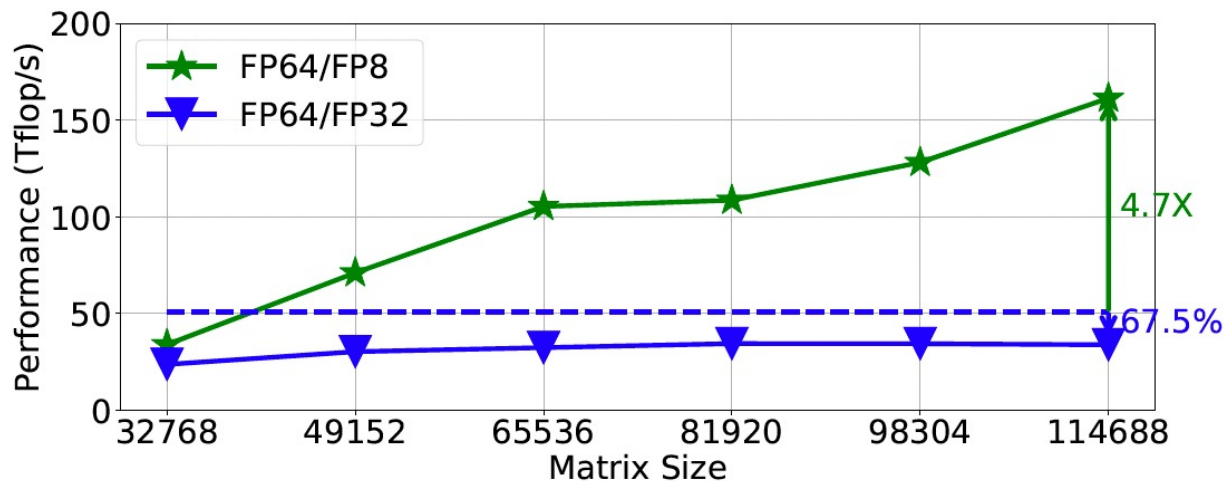


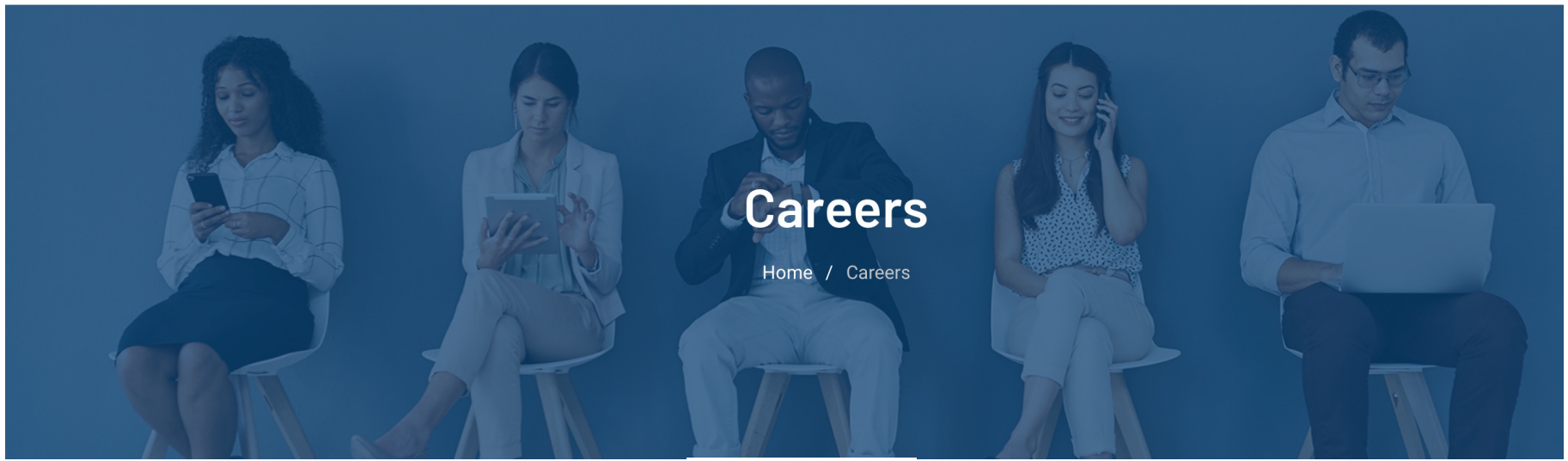
Fig. 7: Performance of FP64/FP8 and FP64/FP32 on H100 PCIe.

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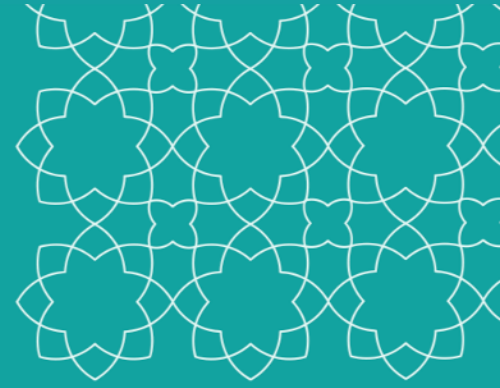
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