

# Strong scaling comparison of Proto-based and Fortran-based elliptic operators

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## 1 The point of all this

Chombo's Proto-based elliptic operators are still very new and need to be run through their paces with varying numbers of processors.

- All computations are run on the host (specifically, spencer.lbl.gov).
- All computations are run with 1, 2, 4, and 8 processors. More than that does not make sense for the very simple problems we are running (and 8 is too many in two dimensions) because the lowest level grid only has  $2^D$  boxes.
- All runs have Dirichlet boundary conditions and very simple grids.
- All input files are pretty forgiving in terms of solvability and so on (coefficients set to reasonable constants and so on).
- The varying input files are really just making bigger grids

This framework should be fine for addresssing GPU issues but that will be a later document. Variable coefficient issues should be handled by adding cases.

## 2 Test description

There are eight operator classes we are considering.

- `AMRPoissonOp` (constant coefficient Helmholtz on host).
- `VCAMRPoissonOp2` (variable coefficient Helmholtz on host).
- `ViscousTensorOp` (viscous tensor on host).
- `ResistivityOp` (resistivity on host).
- `ProtoHelmholtzOp` (constant coefficient Helmholtz on device).
- `ProtoConductivityOp` (variable coefficient Helmholtz on device).

- `Proto.Viscous Tensor.Op` (viscous tensor on device).
- `Proto.Resistivity.Op` (resistivity on device).

### 3 Results

Each class is run for both two and three dimensions. Each operator is run with input files for four separate cases. Each solve is done using 1, 2, 4, and 8 processors. For each case, all the operators  $L$  were used to solve

$$L\phi = 1$$

The cases used for this campaign are as follows.

- `case_0.inputs`: max level = 0, ncells =  $32^D$ .
- `case_1.inputs`: max level = 1, ncells =  $32^D$ .
- `case_2.inputs`: max level = 2, ncells =  $32^D$ .
- `case_3.inputs`: max level = 2, ncells =  $64^D$ .

With eight operators, five processor counts, and both two and three dimensions, this should amount to 320 runs.

## 4 Dataset from March 1, 2024

### 4.1 Summary of this round of data

Now that the multigrid convergence issues have been fixed, the data shows that proto-based operators are more competitive with the fortran-based operators, occasionally even faster. For AMR problems, the proto-based coarse-fine interpolation is quite a bit simpler than the one used by the fortran-based operators. This might be the reason that the proto-based operators seem to look comparatively better on larger, deeper problems. Old Conductivity and old viscosity were not dumping timing info and the old resistivity operator is not working so I am going to just put Helmholtz for this data set.

## 5 Summary of this Dataset from March 5, 2024

As of this moment, Proto does not allow data that gets normed to have fewer boxes than processors. So we stop the 2d calcs at 4 procs. This is all on the host. The new style of coarse-fine interpolation may be improving multigrid performance. I am leaving out resistivity results because the old version of that operator does not converge.

Op	D	Case	$N_p$	Final $ R $	Iter	Main Time
Proto_Helmholtz_Op	2	0	1	7.815970e-14	7	0.08826
Proto_Helmholtz_Op	2	0	2	7.815970e-14	7	0.07837
Proto_Helmholtz_Op	2	0	4	7.815970e-14	7	0.08190
Proto_Helmholtz_Op	2	0	8	DNF	DNF	DNF
AMRPoissonOp	2	0	1	6.672440e-14	7	0.05239
AMRPoissonOp	2	0	2	6.672440e-14	7	0.04826
AMRPoissonOp	2	0	4	6.672440e-14	7	0.05896
AMRPoissonOp	2	0	8	6.672440e-14	7	0.07726
Proto_Helmholtz_Op	2	1	1	9.476864e-13	7	0.09638
Proto_Helmholtz_Op	2	1	2	9.476864e-13	7	0.08375
Proto_Helmholtz_Op	2	1	4	9.476864e-13	7	0.08964
Proto_Helmholtz_Op	2	1	8	DNF	DNF	DNF
AMRPoissonOp	2	1	1	3.724798e-13	12	0.05891
AMRPoissonOp	2	1	2	3.724798e-13	12	0.05958
AMRPoissonOp	2	1	4	3.724798e-13	12	0.06769
AMRPoissonOp	2	1	8	3.724798e-13	12	0.09102
Proto_Helmholtz_Op	2	2	1	1.705303e-13	8	0.10884
Proto_Helmholtz_Op	2	2	2	1.705303e-13	8	0.09641
Proto_Helmholtz_Op	2	2	4	1.705303e-13	8	0.10481
Proto_Helmholtz_Op	2	2	8	DNF	DNF	DNF
AMRPoissonOp	2	2	1	9.429124e-13	12	0.05868
AMRPoissonOp	2	2	2	9.429124e-13	12	0.06301
AMRPoissonOp	2	2	4	9.429124e-13	12	0.06858
AMRPoissonOp	2	2	8	9.429124e-13	12	0.09020
Proto_Helmholtz_Op	2	3	1	3.126388e-13	8	0.12383
Proto_Helmholtz_Op	2	3	2	3.126388e-13	8	0.10778
Proto_Helmholtz_Op	2	3	4	3.126388e-13	8	0.10823
Proto_Helmholtz_Op	2	3	8	DNF	DNF	DNF
AMRPoissonOp	2	3	1	3.135270e-13	13	0.06820
AMRPoissonOp	2	3	2	3.135270e-13	13	0.07243
AMRPoissonOp	2	3	4	3.135270e-13	13	0.08025
AMRPoissonOp	2	3	8	3.135270e-13	13	0.10268

Table 1: Performance data for the solution of the Helmholtz equation in two dimensions. The data set is dated March 1, 2024.

Op	D	Case	$N_p$	Final $ R $	Iter	Main Time
Proto_Helmholtz_Op	3	0	1	3.375078e-13	8	0.40241
Proto_Helmholtz_Op	3	0	2	3.339551e-13	8	0.25636
Proto_Helmholtz_Op	3	0	4	3.339551e-13	8	0.17792
Proto_Helmholtz_Op	3	0	8	3.339551e-13	8	0.18492
AMRPoissonOp	3	0	1	3.489431e-13	8	0.10812
AMRPoissonOp	3	0	2	3.367306e-13	8	0.08406
AMRPoissonOp	3	0	4	3.366196e-13	8	0.08065
AMRPoissonOp	3	0	8	3.366196e-13	8	0.10286
Proto_Helmholtz_Op	3	1	1	1.563194e-13	9	0.53076
Proto_Helmholtz_Op	3	1	2	1.847411e-13	9	0.35309
Proto_Helmholtz_Op	3	1	4	1.847411e-13	9	0.25635
Proto_Helmholtz_Op	3	1	8	1.847411e-13	9	0.24127
AMRPoissonOp	3	1	1	5.592193e-13	13	0.15747
AMRPoissonOp	3	1	2	5.591083e-13	13	0.12062
AMRPoissonOp	3	1	4	5.591083e-13	13	0.11600
AMRPoissonOp	3	1	8	5.591083e-13	13	0.13738
Proto_Helmholtz_Op	3	2	1	2.273737e-13	9	0.58475
Proto_Helmholtz_Op	3	2	2	2.557954e-13	9	0.40092
Proto_Helmholtz_Op	3	2	4	2.131628e-13	9	0.29642
Proto_Helmholtz_Op	3	2	8	2.131628e-13	9	0.29994
AMRPoissonOp	3	2	1	2.939871e-13	14	0.18959
AMRPoissonOp	3	2	2	3.027578e-13	14	0.13635
AMRPoissonOp	3	2	4	2.593481e-13	14	0.12618
AMRPoissonOp	3	2	8	2.593481e-13	14	0.15533
Proto_Helmholtz_Op	3	3	1	5.115908e-13	9	1.74798
Proto_Helmholtz_Op	3	3	2	5.115908e-13	9	0.99395
Proto_Helmholtz_Op	3	3	4	5.115908e-13	9	0.58095
Proto_Helmholtz_Op	3	3	8	5.115908e-13	9	0.43825
AMRPoissonOp	3	3	1	5.895284e-13	14	0.86169
AMRPoissonOp	3	3	2	6.024070e-13	14	0.52386
AMRPoissonOp	3	3	4	6.024070e-13	14	0.27940
AMRPoissonOp	3	3	8	6.024070e-13	14	0.25845

Table 2: Performance data for the solution of Helmholtz equation in three dimensions. The data set is dated March 1, 2024.

Op	D	Case	$N_p$	Final $ R $	Iter	Main Time
Proto_Helmholtz_Op	2	0	1	7.815970e-14	7	0.09090
Proto_Helmholtz_Op	2	0	2	7.815970e-14	7	0.07719
Proto_Helmholtz_Op	2	0	4	7.815970e-14	7	0.08232
AMRPoissonOp	2	0	1	6.672440e-14	7	0.05411
AMRPoissonOp	2	0	2	6.672440e-14	7	0.05253
AMRPoissonOp	2	0	4	6.672440e-14	7	0.06199
Proto_Helmholtz_Op	2	1	1	9.476864e-13	7	0.09622
Proto_Helmholtz_Op	2	1	2	9.476864e-13	7	0.09059
Proto_Helmholtz_Op	2	1	4	9.476864e-13	7	0.09048
AMRPoissonOp	2	1	1	3.724798e-13	12	0.06023
AMRPoissonOp	2	1	2	3.724798e-13	12	0.06139
AMRPoissonOp	2	1	4	3.724798e-13	12	0.06588
Proto_Helmholtz_Op	2	2	1	1.705303e-13	8	0.10909
Proto_Helmholtz_Op	2	2	2	1.705303e-13	8	0.10413
Proto_Helmholtz_Op	2	2	4	1.705303e-13	8	0.10821
AMRPoissonOp	2	2	1	9.429124e-13	12	0.06018
AMRPoissonOp	2	2	2	9.429124e-13	12	0.06387
AMRPoissonOp	2	2	4	9.429124e-13	12	0.06883
Proto_Helmholtz_Op	2	3	1	3.126388e-13	8	0.12734
Proto_Helmholtz_Op	2	3	2	3.126388e-13	8	0.10881
Proto_Helmholtz_Op	2	3	4	3.126388e-13	8	0.10934
AMRPoissonOp	2	3	1	3.135270e-13	13	0.06819
AMRPoissonOp	2	3	2	3.135270e-13	13	0.07114
AMRPoissonOp	2	3	4	3.135270e-13	13	0.08328

Table 3: Performance data for the solution of the Helmholtz equation in two dimensions. The data set is dated March 5, 2024.

Op	D	Case	$N_p$	Final $ R $	Iter	Main Time
Proto_Helmholtz_Op	3	0	1	3.375078e-13	8	0.40254
Proto_Helmholtz_Op	3	0	2	3.339551e-13	8	0.25783
Proto_Helmholtz_Op	3	0	4	3.339551e-13	8	0.17767
Proto_Helmholtz_Op	3	0	8	3.339551e-13	8	0.16917
AMRPoissonOp	3	0	1	3.489431e-13	8	0.10294
AMRPoissonOp	3	0	2	3.367306e-13	8	0.08689
AMRPoissonOp	3	0	4	3.366196e-13	8	0.07718
AMRPoissonOp	3	0	8	3.366196e-13	8	0.10436
Proto_Helmholtz_Op	3	1	1	1.563194e-13	9	0.54462
Proto_Helmholtz_Op	3	1	2	1.847411e-13	9	0.36331
Proto_Helmholtz_Op	3	1	4	1.847411e-13	9	0.25437
Proto_Helmholtz_Op	3	1	8	1.847411e-13	9	0.23611
AMRPoissonOp	3	1	1	5.592193e-13	13	0.15217
AMRPoissonOp	3	1	2	5.591083e-13	13	0.12990
AMRPoissonOp	3	1	4	5.591083e-13	13	0.11044
AMRPoissonOp	3	1	8	5.591083e-13	13	0.14183
Proto_Helmholtz_Op	3	2	1	2.273737e-13	9	0.58669
Proto_Helmholtz_Op	3	2	2	2.557954e-13	9	0.41138
Proto_Helmholtz_Op	3	2	4	2.131628e-13	9	0.30504
Proto_Helmholtz_Op	3	2	8	2.131628e-13	9	0.28975
AMRPoissonOp	3	2	1	2.939871e-13	14	0.18652
AMRPoissonOp	3	2	2	3.027578e-13	14	0.13551
AMRPoissonOp	3	2	4	2.593481e-13	14	0.12793
AMRPoissonOp	3	2	8	2.593481e-13	14	0.15023
Proto_Helmholtz_Op	3	3	1	5.115908e-13	9	1.74960
Proto_Helmholtz_Op	3	3	2	5.115908e-13	9	0.98577
Proto_Helmholtz_Op	3	3	4	5.115908e-13	9	0.58562
Proto_Helmholtz_Op	3	3	8	5.115908e-13	9	0.45327
AMRPoissonOp	3	3	1	5.895284e-13	14	0.84867
AMRPoissonOp	3	3	2	6.024070e-13	14	0.50883
AMRPoissonOp	3	3	4	6.024070e-13	14	0.27465
AMRPoissonOp	3	3	8	6.024070e-13	14	0.25286

Table 4: Performance data for the solution of Helmholtz equation in three dimensions. The data set is dated March 5, 2024.

Op	D	Case	$N_p$	Final $ R $	Iter	Main Time
Proto_Conductivity_Op	2	0		2.081668e-09	6	0.13612
Proto_Conductivity_Op	2	0		2.081668e-09	6	0.10782
Proto_Conductivity_Op	2	0		2.081668e-09	6	0.09848
VCAMRPoissonOp2	2	0		3.941292e-11	13	0.05052
VCAMRPoissonOp2	2	0		3.941292e-11	13	0.05278
VCAMRPoissonOp2	2	0		3.941292e-11	13	0.05468
Proto_Conductivity_Op	2	1		9.007191e-09	6	0.14924
Proto_Conductivity_Op	2	1		9.007191e-09	6	0.11484
Proto_Conductivity_Op	2	1		9.007191e-09	6	0.10566
VCAMRPoissonOp2	2	1		9.582835e-11	13	0.05557
VCAMRPoissonOp2	2	1		9.582835e-11	13	0.05622
VCAMRPoissonOp2	2	1		9.582835e-11	13	0.05969
Proto_Conductivity_Op	2	2		3.270379e-08	6	0.15999
Proto_Conductivity_Op	2	2		3.270379e-08	6	0.13490
Proto_Conductivity_Op	2	2		3.270379e-08	6	0.11823
VCAMRPoissonOp2	2	2		1.578537e-11	14	0.06166
VCAMRPoissonOp2	2	2		1.578537e-11	14	0.05935
VCAMRPoissonOp2	2	2		1.578537e-11	14	0.06993
Proto_Conductivity_Op	2	3		1.399536e-07	6	0.18911
Proto_Conductivity_Op	2	3		1.399536e-07	6	0.13977
Proto_Conductivity_Op	2	3		1.399536e-07	6	0.12469
VCAMRPoissonOp2	2	3		6.872614e-11	14	0.07152
VCAMRPoissonOp2	2	3		6.872614e-11	14	0.07049
VCAMRPoissonOp2	2	3		6.872614e-11	14	0.06377

Table 5: Performance data for the solution of the conductivity equation in two dimensions. The data set is dated March 5, 2024.

Op	D	Case	$N_p$	Final $ R $	Iter	Main Time
Proto_Conductivity_Op	2	0	1	4.222235e-09	7	1.08996
Proto_Conductivity_Op	2	0	2	4.222235e-09	7	0.64924
Proto_Conductivity_Op	2	0	4	4.222235e-09	7	0.35683
Proto_Conductivity_Op	2	0	8	4.222235e-09	7	0.27854
VCAMRPoissonOp2	2	0	1	6.221268e-11	13	0.12499
VCAMRPoissonOp2	2	0	2	6.221268e-11	13	0.09040
VCAMRPoissonOp2	2	0	4	6.221268e-11	13	0.07312
VCAMRPoissonOp2	2	0	8	6.221268e-11	13	0.09172
Proto_Conductivity_Op	2	1	1	2.413319e-08	7	1.22537
Proto_Conductivity_Op	2	1	2	2.413368e-08	7	0.75011
Proto_Conductivity_Op	2	1	4	2.413368e-08	7	0.47379
Proto_Conductivity_Op	2	1	8	2.413368e-08	7	0.35676
VCAMRPoissonOp2	2	1	1	1.838352e-11	14	0.18252
VCAMRPoissonOp2	2	1	2	1.838352e-11	14	0.12371
VCAMRPoissonOp2	2	1	4	1.838352e-11	14	0.09740
VCAMRPoissonOp2	2	1	8	1.838352e-11	14	0.10178
Proto_Conductivity_Op	2	2	1	2.413319e-08	7	1.31760
Proto_Conductivity_Op	2	2	2	2.413368e-08	7	0.84769
Proto_Conductivity_Op	2	2	4	2.413368e-08	7	0.56995
Proto_Conductivity_Op	2	2	8	2.413368e-08	7	0.47618
VCAMRPoissonOp2	2	2	1	1.841904e-11	14	0.21501
VCAMRPoissonOp2	2	2	2	1.841904e-11	14	0.16419
VCAMRPoissonOp2	2	2	4	1.841904e-11	14	0.13035
VCAMRPoissonOp2	2	2	8	1.841904e-11	14	0.15232
Proto_Conductivity_Op	2	3	1	4.670957e-07	7	3.61373
Proto_Conductivity_Op	2	3	2	4.670957e-07	7	2.29744
Proto_Conductivity_Op	2	3	4	4.670957e-07	7	1.25329
Proto_Conductivity_Op	2	3	8	4.670957e-07	7	0.82341
VCAMRPoissonOp2	2	3	1	4.454703e-11	20	1.29937
VCAMRPoissonOp2	2	3	2	4.454703e-11	20	0.75661
VCAMRPoissonOp2	2	3	4	4.454703e-11	20	0.41150
VCAMRPoissonOp2	2	3	8	4.454703e-11	20	0.30821

Table 6: Performance data for the solution of conductivity equation in three dimensions. The data set is dated March 5, 2024.



Op	D	Case	$N_p$	Final $ R $	Iter	Main Time
Proto_Viscous_Tensor_Op	2	0	1	1.039169e-13	12	0.67019
Proto_Viscous_Tensor_Op	2	0	2	1.039169e-13	12	0.43497
Proto_Viscous_Tensor_Op	2	0	4	1.039169e-13	12	0.29906
ViscousTensorOp	2	0	1	1.759459e-11	11	0.15550
ViscousTensorOp	2	0	2	1.759459e-11	11	0.11341
ViscousTensorOp	2	0	4	1.759459e-11	11	0.11242
Proto_Viscous_Tensor_Op	2	1	1	1.348921e-13	12	0.72616
Proto_Viscous_Tensor_Op	2	1	2	1.348921e-13	12	0.48308
Proto_Viscous_Tensor_Op	2	1	4	1.348921e-13	12	0.34833
ViscousTensorOp	2	1	1	9.670575e-11	22	0.16456
ViscousTensorOp	2	1	2	9.670575e-11	22	0.12767
ViscousTensorOp	2	1	4	9.670575e-11	22	0.13002
Proto_Viscous_Tensor_Op	2	2	1	6.046275e-13	12	0.77264
Proto_Viscous_Tensor_Op	2	2	2	6.046275e-13	12	0.52513
Proto_Viscous_Tensor_Op	2	2	4	6.046275e-13	12	0.39945
ViscousTensorOp	2	2	1	9.472689e-11	20	0.16603
ViscousTensorOp	2	2	2	9.472689e-11	20	0.13348
ViscousTensorOp	2	2	4	9.472689e-11	20	0.13365
Proto_Viscous_Tensor_Op	2	3	1	4.942713e-13	13	1.02253
Proto_Viscous_Tensor_Op	2	3	2	4.942713e-13	13	0.68018
Proto_Viscous_Tensor_Op	2	3	4	4.942713e-13	13	0.48036
ViscousTensorOp	2	3	1	4.363443e-11	21	0.26860
ViscousTensorOp	2	3	2	4.363443e-11	21	0.18943
ViscousTensorOp	2	3	4	4.363443e-11	21	0.16858

Table 7: Performance data for the solution of the viscous tensor equation in two dimensions. The data set is dated March 5, 2024.

Op	D	Case	$N_p$	Final $ R $	Iter	Main Time
Proto_Viscous_Tensor_Op	2	0	1	3.987921e-13	13	10.3128
Proto_Viscous_Tensor_Op	2	0	2	3.987921e-13	13	5.82611
Proto_Viscous_Tensor_Op	2	0	4	3.987921e-13	13	3.07225
Proto_Viscous_Tensor_Op	2	0	8	3.987921e-13	13	1.73788
ViscousTensorOp	2	0	1	6.480527e-11	63	8.20574
ViscousTensorOp	2	0	2	6.480527e-11	63	4.59840
ViscousTensorOp	2	0	4	6.480527e-11	63	2.55879
ViscousTensorOp	2	0	8	6.480527e-11	63	1.66111
Proto_Viscous_Tensor_Op	2	1	1	5.000445e-13	13	11.6397
Proto_Viscous_Tensor_Op	2	1	2	5.180301e-13	13	7.11476
Proto_Viscous_Tensor_Op	2	1	4	4.607426e-13	13	4.04724
Proto_Viscous_Tensor_Op	2	1	8	4.607426e-13	13	2.70232
ViscousTensorOp	2	1	1	9.083534e-11	69	9.44115
ViscousTensorOp	2	1	2	9.083534e-11	69	5.95745
ViscousTensorOp	2	1	4	9.083534e-11	69	3.01836
ViscousTensorOp	2	1	8	9.083534e-11	69	2.54819
Proto_Viscous_Tensor_Op	2	2	1	9.388046e-13	13	12.4529
Proto_Viscous_Tensor_Op	2	2	2	9.294787e-13	13	7.81468
Proto_Viscous_Tensor_Op	2	2	4	8.684164e-13	13	4.87197
Proto_Viscous_Tensor_Op	2	2	8	8.684164e-13	13	3.50102
ViscousTensorOp	2	2	1	8.982792e-11	62	9.55295
ViscousTensorOp	2	2	2	8.982792e-11	62	5.69874
ViscousTensorOp	2	2	4	8.982792e-11	62	3.77868
ViscousTensorOp	2	2	8	8.982792e-11	62	3.32812
Proto_Viscous_Tensor_Op	2	3	1	4.052314e-13	14	38.6583
Proto_Viscous_Tensor_Op	2	3	2	4.052314e-13	14	24.0012
Proto_Viscous_Tensor_Op	2	3	4	4.052314e-13	14	12.5824
Proto_Viscous_Tensor_Op	2	3	8	4.052314e-13	14	8.14629
ViscousTensorOp	2	3	1	DNF	DNF	DNF
ViscousTensorOp	2	3	2	9.661805e-11	68	45.93738
ViscousTensorOp	2	3	4	9.661805e-11	68	20.11425
ViscousTensorOp	2	3	8	9.661805e-11	68	12.36056

Table 8: Performance data for the solution of viscous tensor equation in three dimensions. The data set is dated March 5, 2024.