

# Ratel: High Order Solid Mechanics with libCEED and PETSc

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Ratel - high order, performance portable solid mechanics

Built on libCEED and PETSc

GPU and CPU performance

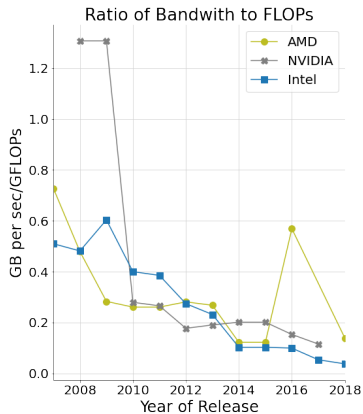
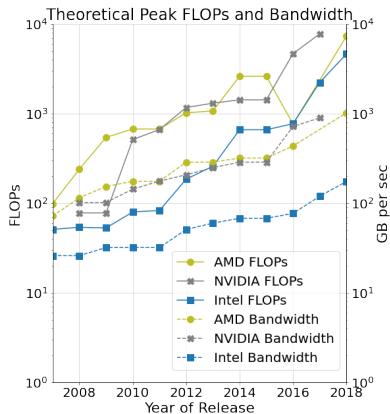
# Overview

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# ECP Roots

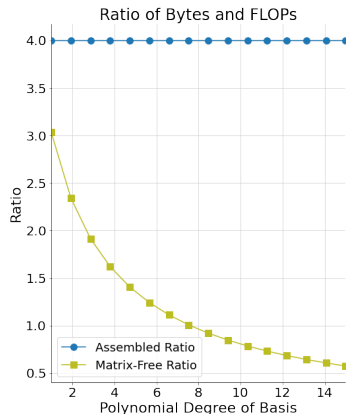
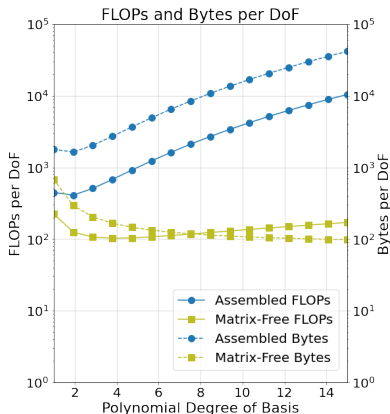
- Ratel built directly on results from ECP CEED project
- libCEED provides high-performance operator evaluation
- PETSc provides linear/non-linear solvers and time steppers
- Ratel built from libCEED + PETSc solid mechanics demo app

# Modern Hardware



Modern hardware has lower memory bandwidth than FLOPs

# Benefits of Matrix-Free

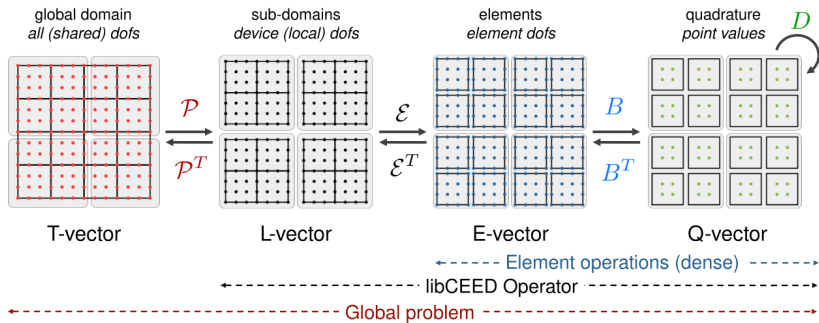


Requirements for matrix-vector product with sparse matrix vs matrix-free  
for screened Poisson  $\nabla^2 u - \alpha^2 u = f$  in 3D

**Matrix-free representations using tensor product bases**  
**better match modern hardware limitations**

# Matrix-Free Operators from libCEED

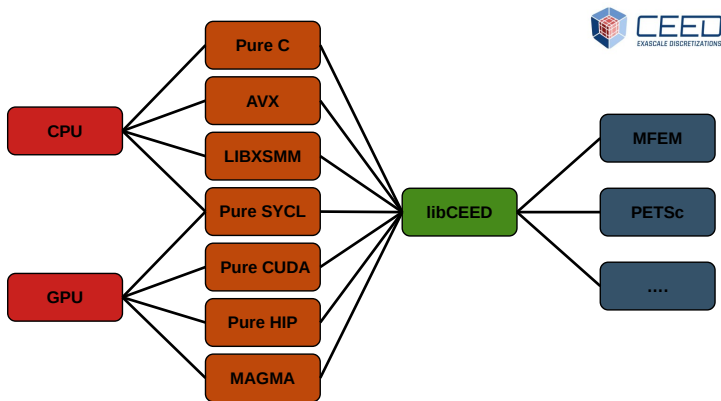
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libCEED provides arbitrary order matrix-free operator evaluation

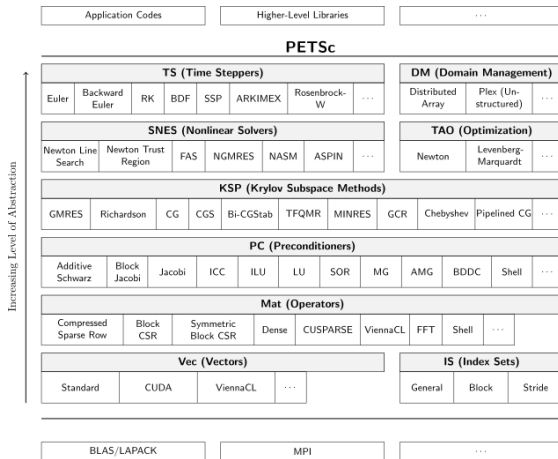


# Performance Portability from libCEED



Performance portability with libCEED's matrix-free operators

# Extensible Solvers from PETSc



PETSc provides extensible, scalable solvers

# Ratel



Ratel supports...

- hyperelastic and plastic material models
- on unstructured meshes with multiple material regions
- with arbitrary order mixed finite elements
- using efficient matrix-free operator evaluation
- with multiple solver and time-stepper options
- and  $p$ -multigrid preconditioners using AMG course grid solves
- on both CPU and GPU with runtime selection

# Material Models

Ratel supports several material models:

- Linear elasticity
- Neo-Hookean hyperelasticity
- Mooney-Rivlin hyperelasticity
- Odgen hyperelasticity
- Linear plasticity with linear hardening (further work ongoing)
- Linear elasticity with AT2 damage model (in testing)
- CEED benchmark problems
- more in development...

# Material Model Specification

```
1 dm_plex:
2   filename: examples/meshes/rod-and-binder.msh
3   simplex: 0
4
5 material: rod,binder
6
7 binder:
8   model: elasticity-neo-hookean-initial
9   E: 2.
10  nu: 0.4
11  label_value: 4
12
13 rod:
14  model: elasticity-mooney-rivlin-initial
15  mu_1: 0.5
16  mu_2: 0.5
17  nu: 0.4
18  label_value: 3
```

# Additional Material Models

Many material models support several options:

- Initial configuration
- Current configuration
- Automatic differentiation (Enzyme)
- Isochoric formulation
- Mixed FEM (displacement, pressure split, incompressible materials)

# Boundary Conditions

Ratel supports various boundary conditions:

- Time varying Dirichlet clamp
- Time varying Dirichlet slip
- Time varying traction
- Pressure loading due to liquid or gas contact
- Nitsche's method solid contact with Coulomb friction

# Boundary Condition Specification

```
1 bc:
2   clamp: 5
3   clamp_5_translate: -0.2,0,0, 0,0,0, .2,0,0
4   clamp_5_rotate: 1,0,0,.2,0, 1,0,0,0,0, 1,0,0,-.2,0,
5   clamp_5_times: 0.33, 0.66, 1.0
6   clamp_5_interpolation: linear
7
8   platen: 6
9   platen_6:
10    normal: -1,0,0
11    center: 1.0,0.5,0.5
12    distance: 0.2
13    gamma: 1000
```



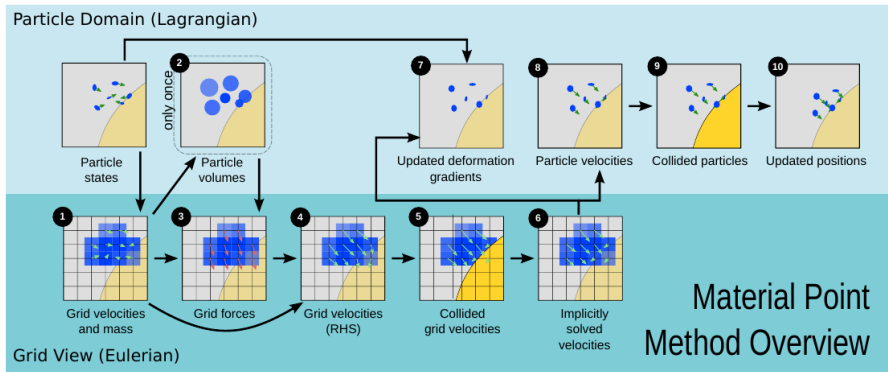
# Solver Modes

Three sample applications are provided:

- Static Elasticity
- Quasi-static Elasticity
- Dynamic Elasticity

all using  $p$ -multigrid + coarse grid AMG by default

# What is MPM?

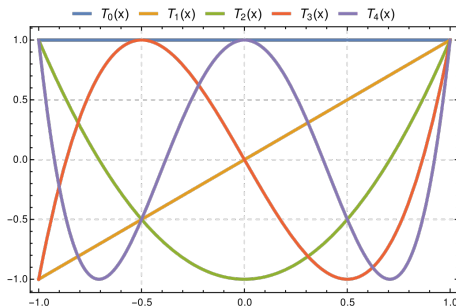


- Continuum based partial method with background mesh for gradients
- Extension of FLIP (which is an extension of PIC)
- Used in rendering for the movie *Frozen*

# What does MPM have to do with FEM?

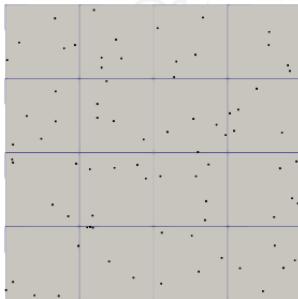
- Problem on background mesh changes when material points move
- Natural fit for matrix-free representation
- Similar reasoning to use matrix-free for adaptive methods
- Ratel FEM infrastructure provides fast background mesh solves

# libCEED Basis Evaluation to Points



- Interpolate from primal to dual (quadrature) space
- Fit Chebyshev polynomials to values at quadrature points
- Evaluate Chebyshev polynomials at reference coords of material points
- Transpose the order for projection to mesh from material points

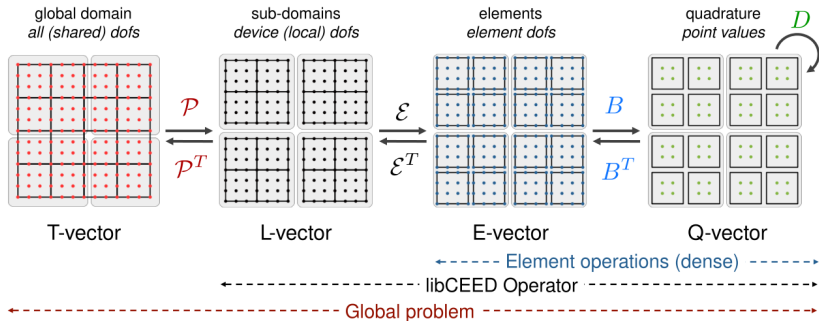
# DMSwarm for Material Points



- PETSc DMSwarm manages material points
- PETSc DMplex manages cells (elements)
- Exposing API for cell reference coordinates of points

# Current Work

$$A = \mathcal{P}^T \mathcal{E}^T \mathcal{B}^T \mathcal{D} \mathcal{B} \mathcal{E} \mathcal{P}$$



Building the libCEED element restriction operation for material points

Also need CeedOperator API to support evaluation at material points

# Future Work

- Continued iMPM development
- Addition of fluid dynamics models
- PCPMG and PCFIELDSPLIT integration
- Upstream PETSc + libCEED integration
- Python and Rust interfaces
- User model interface in C and Rust
- We invite contributors and friendly users

# Questions?



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