

Performance-Portable Implicit Scale-Resolving Compressible Flow Using libCEED

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- Performance demonstrated for solids in Brown *et al.* 2022¹
 - Want to apply those methods and lessons-learned to fluids

¹*Performance Portable Solid Mechanics via Matrix-Free p -Multigrid*, Brown *et al.*, arXiv:2204.01722



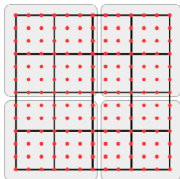
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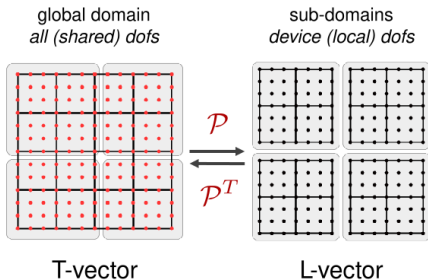
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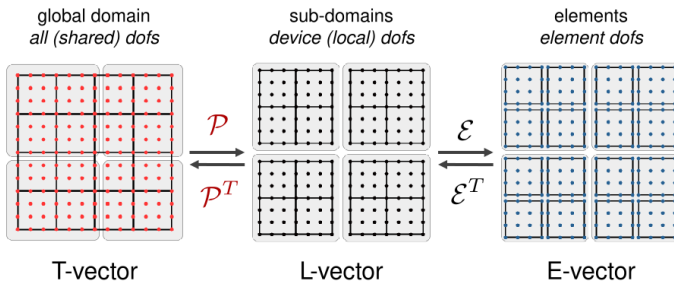
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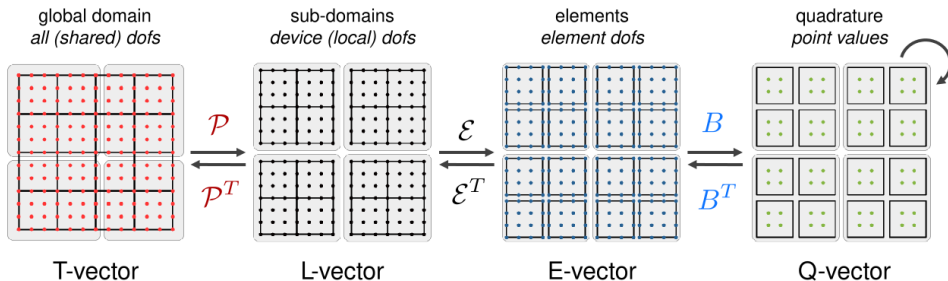
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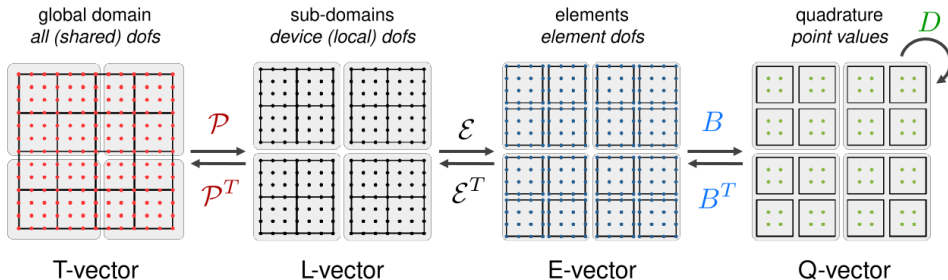
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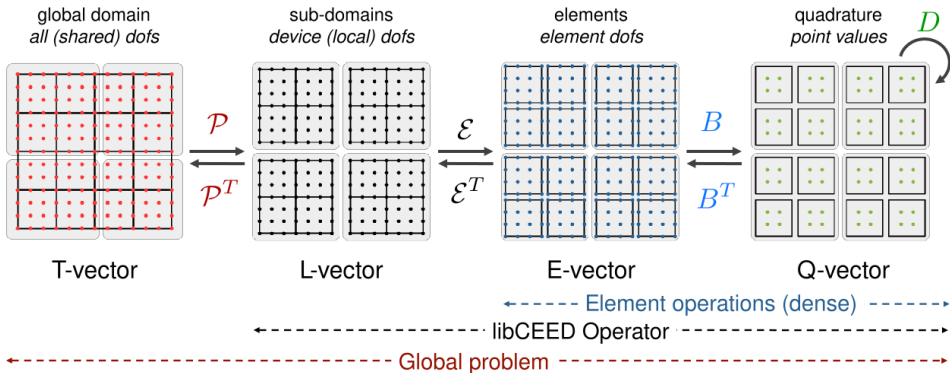
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Compressible Fluid Equations in libCEED



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for

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Bottom Line

Cost of $\frac{d\mathcal{G}(\mathbf{Y}_t, \mathbf{Y})}{d\mathbf{Y}} \Delta \mathbf{Y}$ dominates implicit timestepping cost



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- **Pros:** Just need a residual evaluation, cheap (in programming and computation)
- **Cons:** Accuracy limited to $\sqrt{\epsilon_{\text{machine}}}$, preconditioning require partial assembly



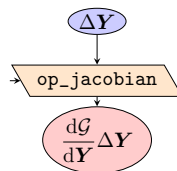
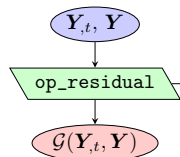
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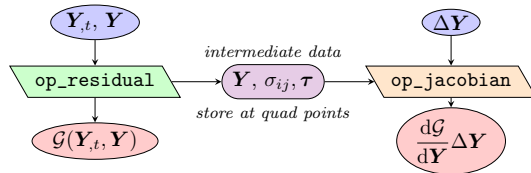
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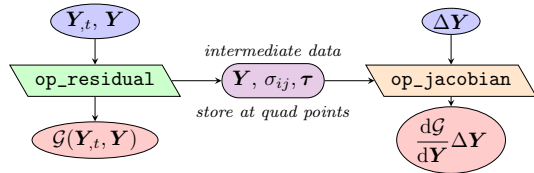
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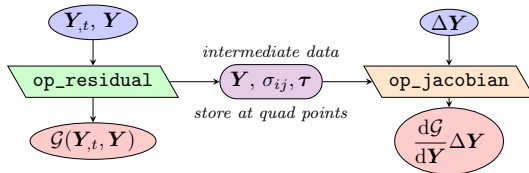
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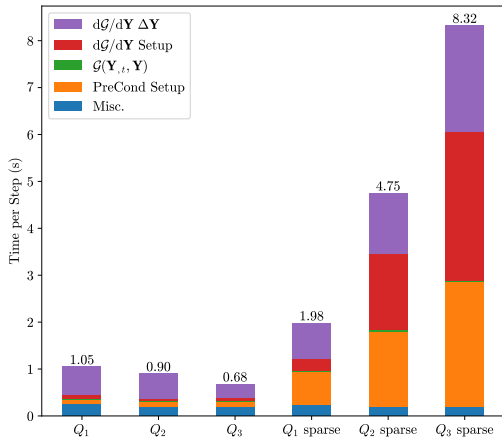


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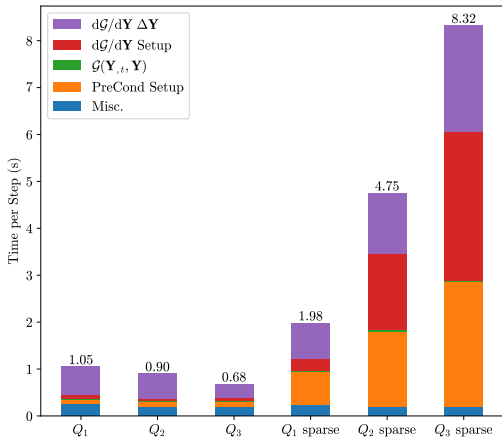
- Flat plate boundary layer with zero pressure gradient
 - $Re_\theta \approx 970$ boundary layer at inflow, $M \approx 0.1$
 - Synthetic turbulence generation (STG) used for inflow structures
 - Run at implicit large eddy simulation (ILES) resolution for linears (higher orders may be DNS level, tbd)
- Test 3 different order elements, Q_1, Q_2, Q_3 tensor-product hexes
- Maintain *DOF resolution* (DoFs per physical length/ global DoF count)
- Performance results shown for two nodes of ALCF's Polaris (4× NVIDIA A100 per node)



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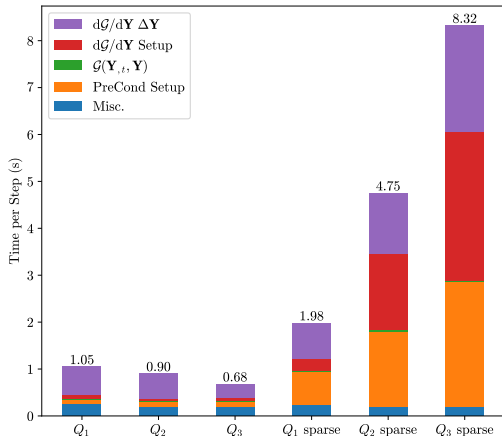
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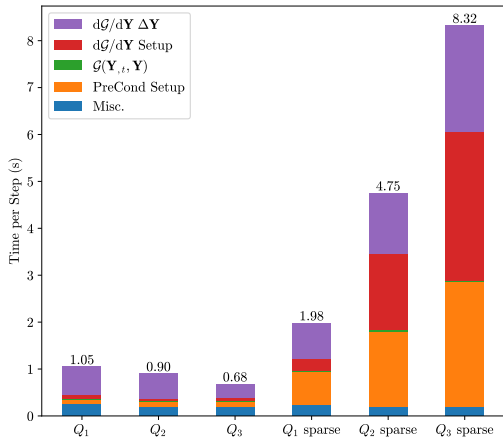
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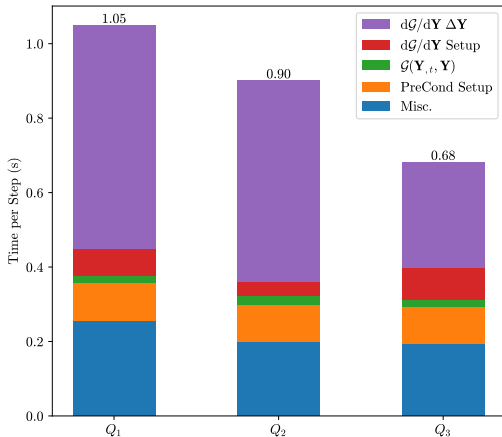
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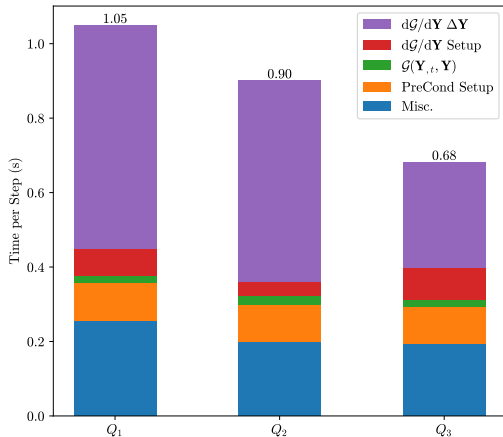
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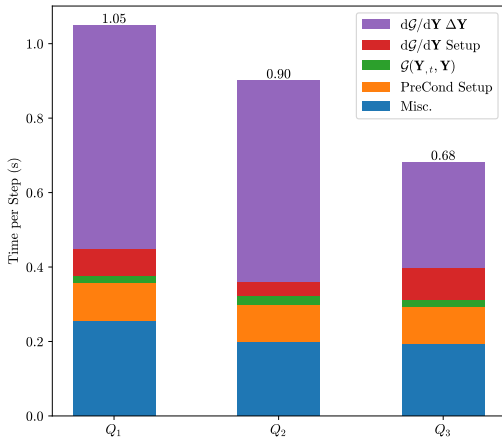
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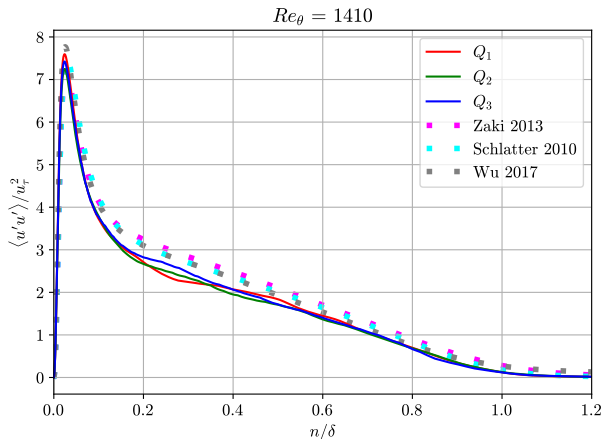
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- $d\mathcal{G}/d\mathbf{Y}$ setup time increases with order
 - Dominant cost is partial matrix assembly for preconditioning



Results of Flat Plate Boundary Layer



- Spanwise statistics implemented to verify scale-resolving results
- Results *not* converged, but show realistic stress profiles

Zaki et al., 2013, *From Streaks to Spots and on to Turbulence: Exploring the Dynamics of Boundary Layer Transition*
Schlatter et al., 2010, *Assessment of direct numerical simulation data of turbulent boundary layers*
Wu et al., 2017, *Transitional-turbulent spots and turbulent-turbulent spots in boundary layers*



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