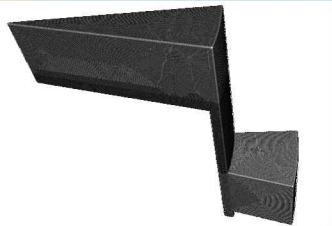
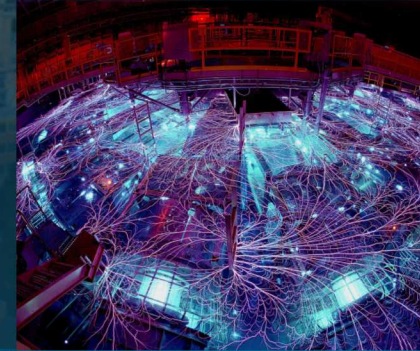


# Linear Solvers for Plasma Simulations on Advanced Architectures



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- Motivating application
- Governing equations
- Discretization
- Algebraic multigrid solver
- Numerical results
- Future work

Sandia mission apps are being readied for current and emerging pre-exascale architectures, as well as future exascale architectures

- DOE ASC ATDM program
- DOE Exascale Computing Project (ECP)

EMPIRE: Sandia plasma simulation code

- Relies heavily on capabilities in Sandia's Trilinos project
  - High-performance, portable shared memory primitives
  - Sparse distributed linear algebra
  - Distributed and shared memory solvers
  - Load-balancing, time-stepping
- Requires specialized algebraic multigrid (AMG) for Maxwell's equations

EMPIRE simulations have stringent solver performance requirements (10 solves/second)

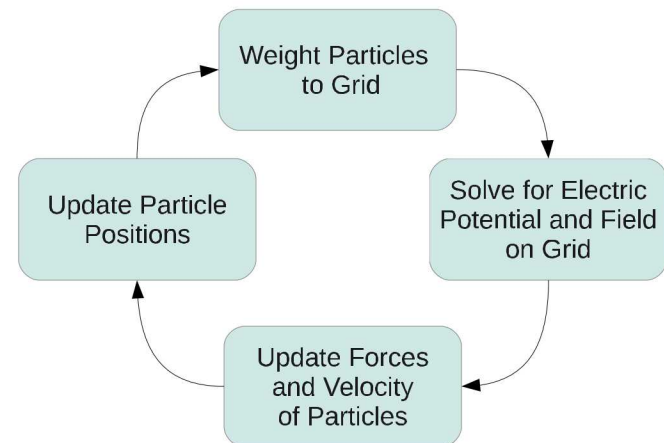
Plasma dynamics are described by Klimontovich equation

$$\frac{\partial f_i}{\partial t} + \frac{\vec{v}_i}{m} \cdot \nabla f_i + \frac{q_i}{m_i} \left( \vec{E}(x_i) + \vec{v}_i \times \vec{B}(x_i) \right) \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial \vec{v}} = 0$$

for particles  $i$  with associated charge  $q$ , mass  $m$ , velocity  $v_i$ , and distribution  $f_i$ .

Particle movement coupled to electric field  $E$  and magnetic field  $B$  via Maxwell's equations.

EMPIRE uses operator-split time integration.



$$\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} = -\nabla \times \vec{E} \qquad \nabla \cdot (\epsilon \vec{E}) = \rho$$

$$\frac{\partial(\epsilon \vec{E})}{\partial t} = \nabla \times \mu^{-1} \vec{B} - \vec{J} \qquad \nabla \cdot \vec{B} = 0$$

$$\vec{n} \times \vec{E} = 0 \text{ on } \partial\Omega$$

electric permittivity  $\epsilon$  and magnetic permeability  $\mu$ .

## 6 Discretization of Maxwell's Equations

Discretized using nodal elements for  $H^1(\Omega)$ , Nedelec edge elements for  $H(\text{curl}, \Omega)$ , and Nedelec face elements for  $H(\text{div}, \Omega)$ .

Yields block system

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\Delta t} \mathbf{M}_B(1) & \mathbf{M}_B(1) \mathbf{C} \\ -\mathbf{C}^T \mathbf{M}_B(\mu^{-1}) & \frac{1}{\Delta t} \mathbf{M}_E(\epsilon) \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $\mathbf{M}_E$  and  $\mathbf{M}_B$  are edge and face mass matrices, respectively

$\mathbf{C}$  is strong form of curl



Block system can be factored

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\Delta t} \mathbf{M}_B(1) & \mathbf{M}_B(1) \mathbf{C} \\ -\mathbf{C}^T \mathbf{M}_B(\mu^{-1}) & \frac{1}{\Delta t} \mathbf{M}_E(\varepsilon) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\Delta t} \mathbf{M}_B(1) & \mathbf{0} \\ -\mathbf{C}^T \mathbf{M}_B(\mu^{-1}) & \mathbf{I} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I} & \Delta t \mathbf{C} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{S}_E \end{pmatrix}$$

where the Schur complement  $\mathbf{S}_E$  is given by

$$\mathbf{S}_E = \frac{1}{\Delta t} \mathbf{M}_E(\varepsilon) + \Delta t \mathbf{C}^T \mathbf{M}_B(\mu^{-1}) \mathbf{C} \quad (1)$$

**Challenge:**  $\mathbf{S}_E$  has large near nullspace (space of gradients)



Augmenting  $\mathbf{S}_E$  with grad-div term to reduce nullspace:

$$\bar{\mathbf{S}}_E = \frac{1}{\Delta t} \mathbf{M}_E(\varepsilon) + \Delta t \left\{ \mathbf{C}^T \mathbf{M}_B(\mu^{-1}) \mathbf{C} + \mathbf{M}_E(1) \mathbf{G} \mathbf{M}_\rho(\mu)^{-1} \mathbf{G}^T \mathbf{M}_E(1) \right\}$$

Solving (1) is equivalent to solving:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \bar{\mathbf{S}}_E & \frac{1}{\Delta t} \mathbf{M}_E(\varepsilon) \mathbf{G} \\ \frac{1}{\Delta t} \mathbf{G}^T \mathbf{M}_E(\varepsilon) & \frac{1}{\Delta t} \mathbf{G}^T \mathbf{M}_E(\varepsilon) \mathbf{G} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{\vec{c}}_E \\ \tilde{\vec{c}}_\rho \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \vec{F} \\ \mathbf{G}^T \vec{F} \end{pmatrix} \quad (2)$$

where

$$\mathbf{S}_E \vec{c}_E = \vec{F}$$

$$\vec{E} = \tilde{\vec{c}}_E + \mathbf{G} \tilde{\vec{c}}_\rho$$

$$\tilde{\vec{c}}_E = \mathbf{M}_E(1)^{-1} \mathbf{C} \mathbf{M}_B(\mu^{-1}) \tilde{\vec{c}}_B$$

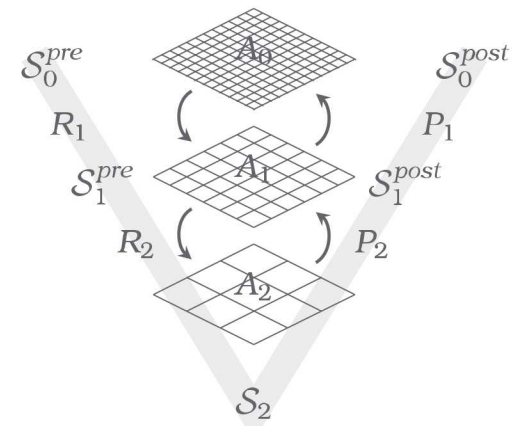


Equation (2) can be solved with CG and Maxwell-specific algebraic multigrid preconditioner

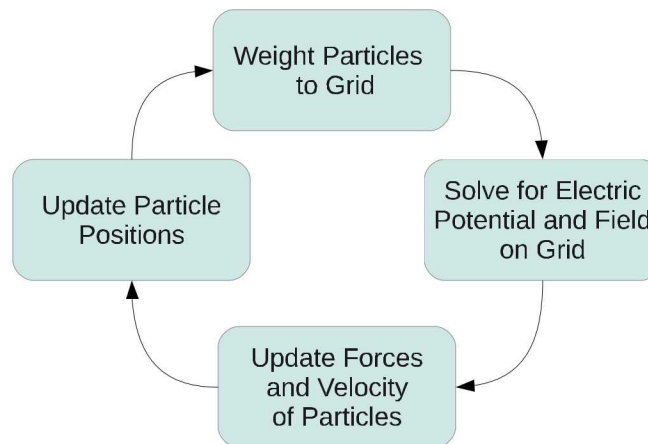
- Block diagonal preconditioner
  - Off-diagonal coupling is ignored
- (1,1) block is edge-based vector Laplacian, requires special prolongator
- (2,2) block is node-based Laplacian

Multigrid: scalable solution method for linear systems arising from elliptic PDEs

- Idea: capture error at multiple resolutions:
  - **Smoothing** reduces oscillatory error (high energy)
  - **Coarse grid correction** reduces smooth error (low energy)
- Algebraic multigrid (AMG)
- Preconditioner generates  $A_i$ 's,  $R_i$ 's,  $P_i$ 's



Recall that the Maxwell solve is part of overall EMPIRE solution process;

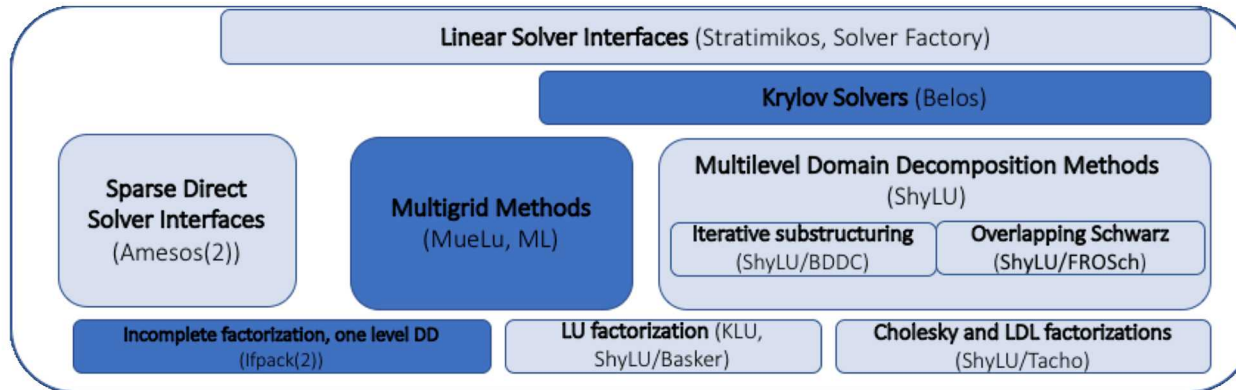


AMG preconditioner is set up only once, and then applied at each time step.

Efficiency of linear preconditioner apply is paramount.

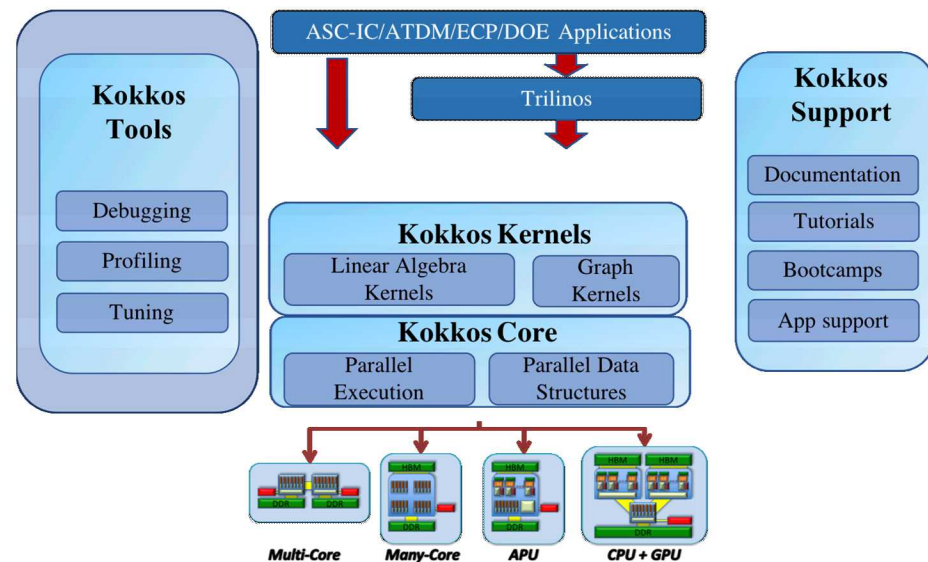


Software



[github.com/trilinos/Trilinos](https://github.com/trilinos/Trilinos)

[github.com/kokkos](https://github.com/kokkos)





## Unstructured algorithms

- classic smoothed aggregation (SA)
- non-symmetric AMG
- AMG for Maxwell's equations

## Structured Algorithms

- semi-coarsening AMG
- geometric MG
- structured-grid aggregation-based MG

## Leverages many other Trilinos scientific libraries

- Shared memory parallelism from **Kokkos** → architecture portability
- Sparse distributed linear algebra: **Tpetra**
- Distributed smoothers: **Ifpack2**
- Shared memory smoothers, SpGEMM, distance-2 coloring: **Kokkos-Kernels**
- Load balancing: **Zoltan2**
- Direct Solvers: **Amesos2**





## Numerical Results

## SNL Vortex cluster

- 54 compute nodes
  - Dual socket IBM Power 9, four Nvidia Tesla V100 GPUs
- Interconnect: fat tree Infiniband
- gcc 7.3.1, Spectrum MPI 10.3.0, CUDA 10.1.243
- Application readiness testbed for Sierra supercomputer @ LLNL



Source: SAND-2019-10835R

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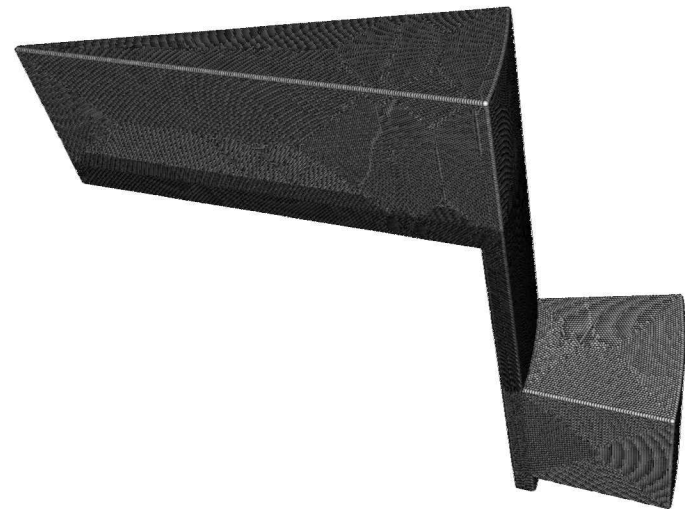
## “BDot” mesh

- Small: 10.9m elements, 1.87m nodes
  - Dynamic CFL range: 0.86 to 16.9
- Refined: 85m elements, 14.8m nodes
  - Dynamic CFL range: 0.64 to 16.9

## “Cavity” mesh

- 39.1m elements, 6.8m nodes
- Dynamic CFL range: 0.25 to 13.5

1 MPI rank/GPU







Recall the system that we are solving:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\Delta t} \mathbf{M}_B(1) & \mathbf{M}_B(1) \mathbf{C} \\ -\mathbf{C}^T \mathbf{M}_B(\mu^{-1}) & \frac{1}{\Delta t} \mathbf{M}_E(\varepsilon) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\Delta t} \mathbf{M}_B(1) & \mathbf{0} \\ -\mathbf{C}^T \mathbf{M}_B(\mu^{-1}) & \mathbf{I} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I} & \Delta t \mathbf{C} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{S}_E \end{pmatrix}$$

$\mathbf{S}_E$  solved with Conjugate Gradient + Maxwell AMG

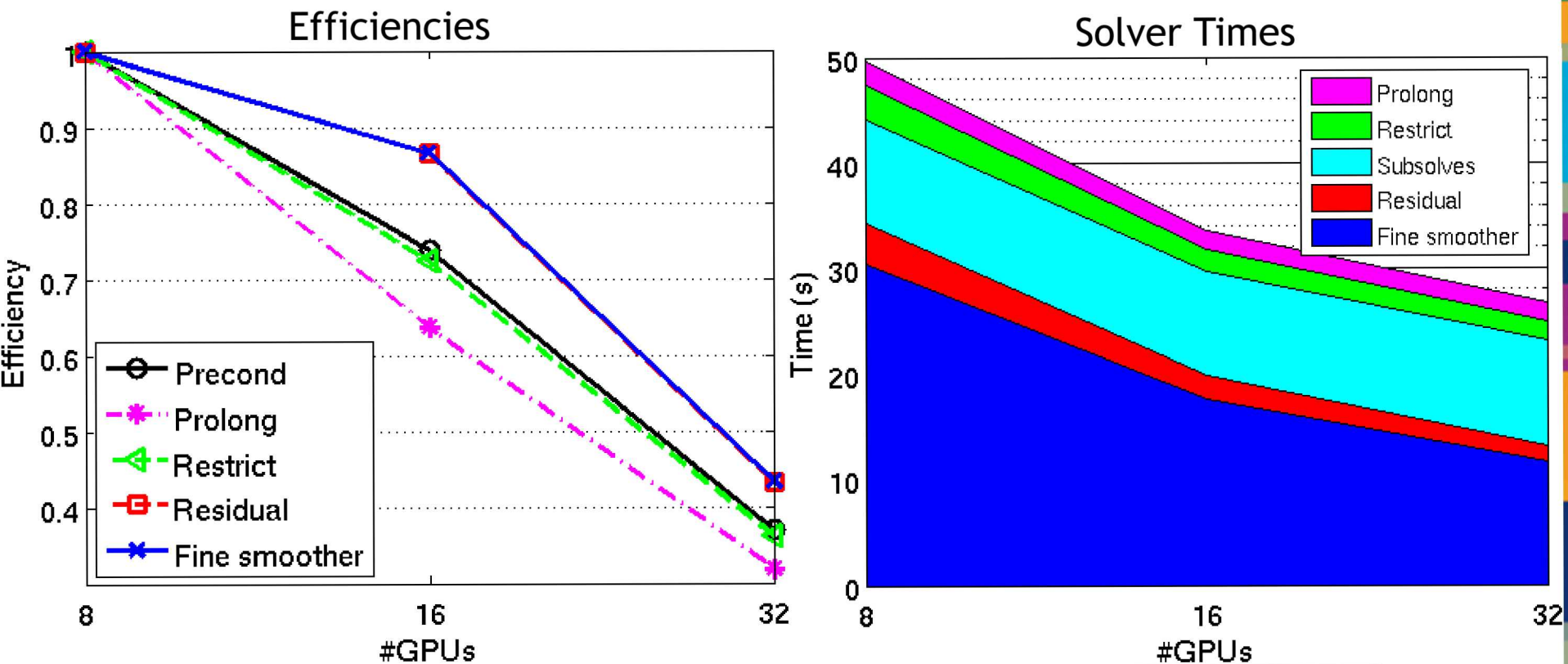
Maxwell AMG preconditioner is set up only once, applied over many timesteps

Fine grid smoother: degree 4 Chebyshev polynomial

We will use 2x2 block diagonal (additive) variant

- (1,1) block: single level, degree 6 Chebyshev
- (2,2) block: single level, degree 6 Chebyshev

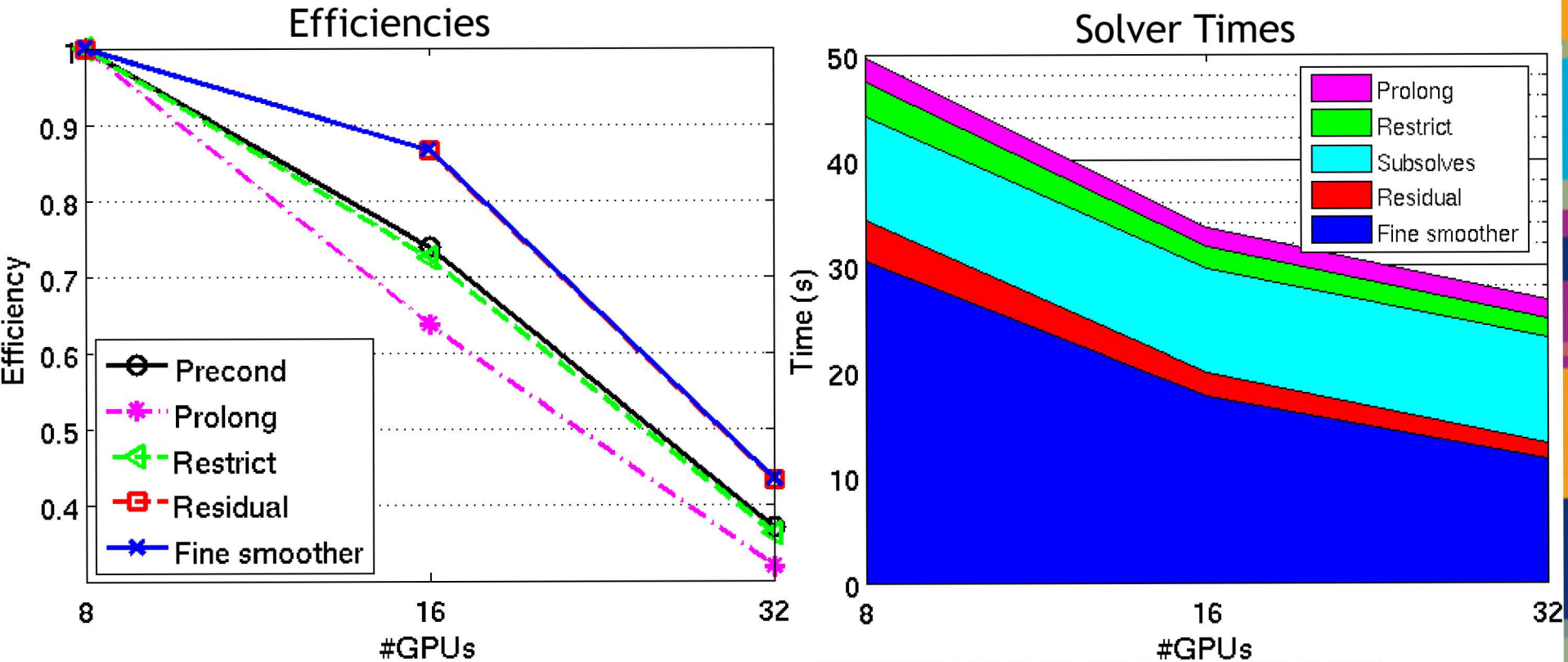
## Bdot:AMG Strong Scaling on “Small” Mesh



200 timesteps

#GPUs	8	16	32
#Edges/device	1.62M	809k	405k
#Nodes/device	235k	117k	59k

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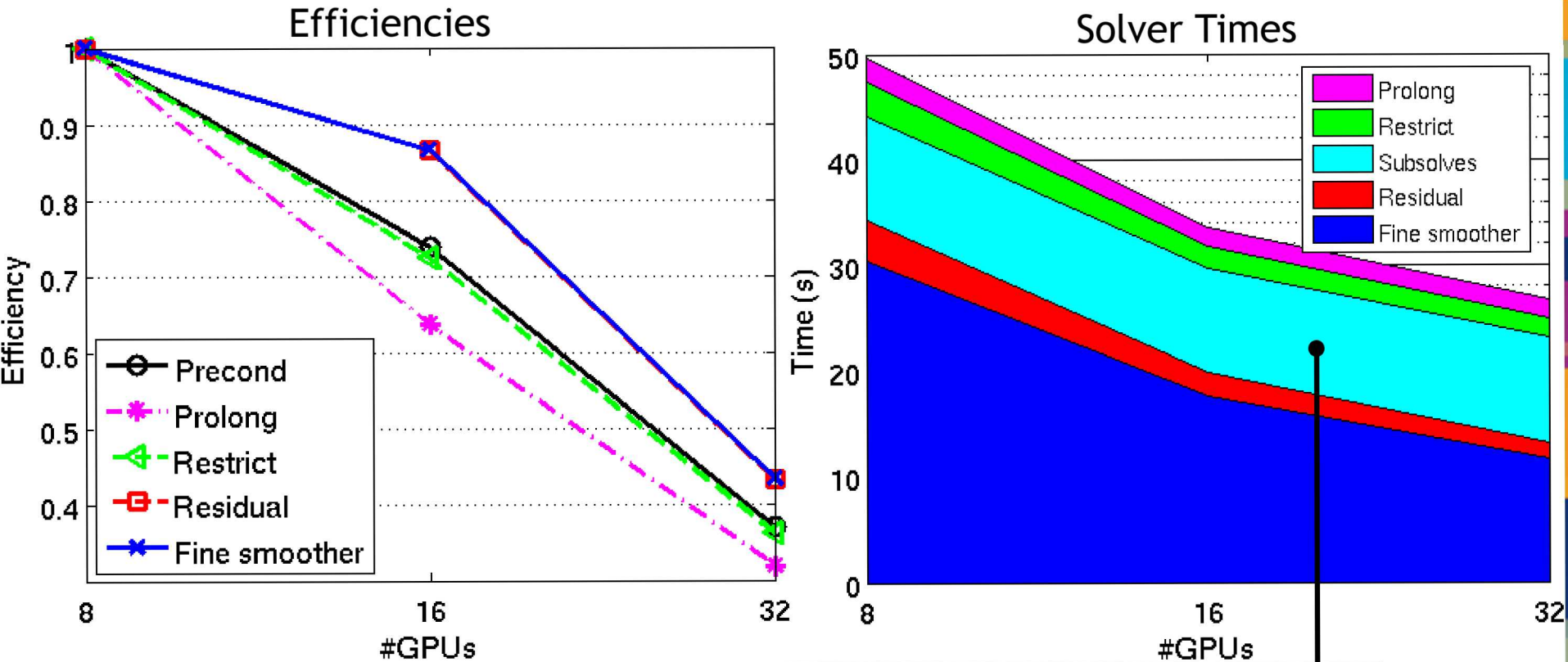
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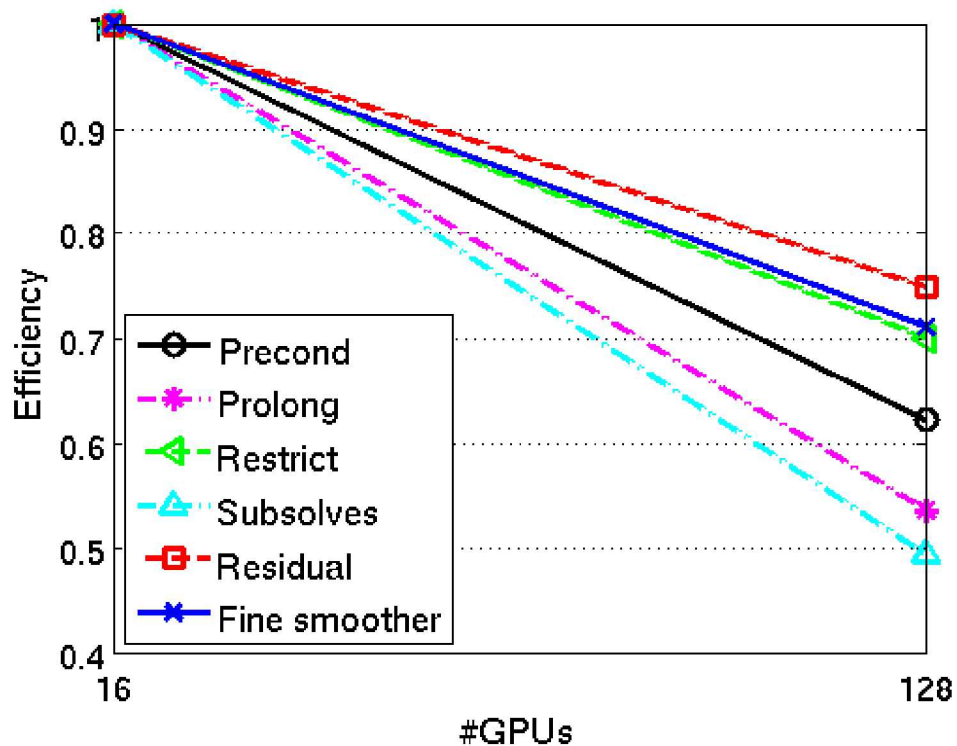
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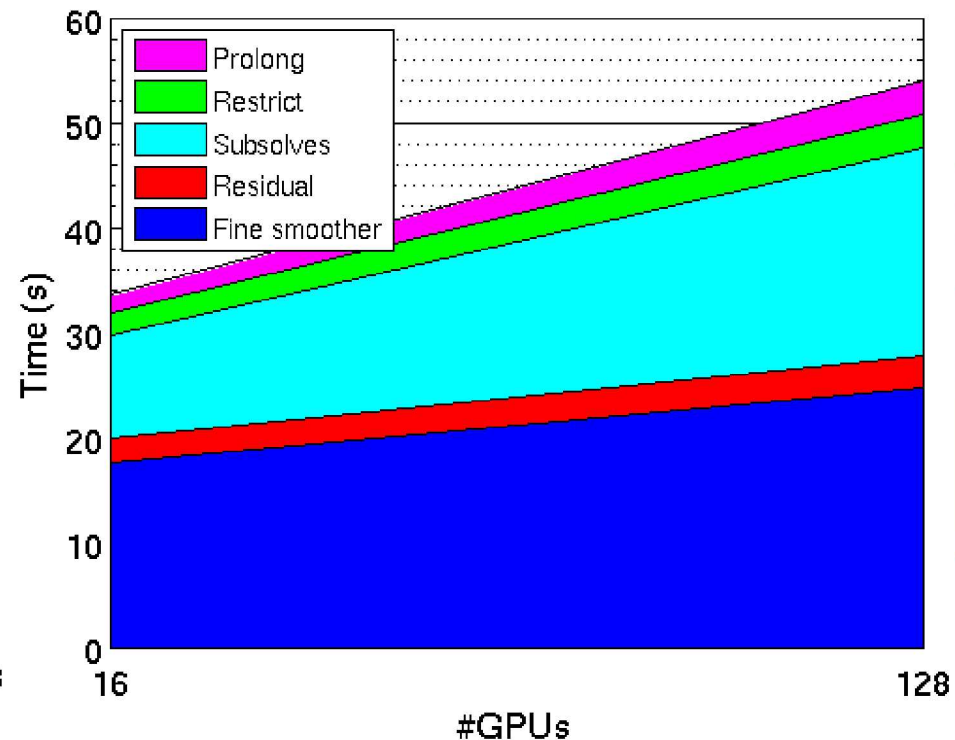
Subsolves migrated to small number of devices

◦ Effect of rebalancing, so no speedup expected

Efficiencies



Solver Times



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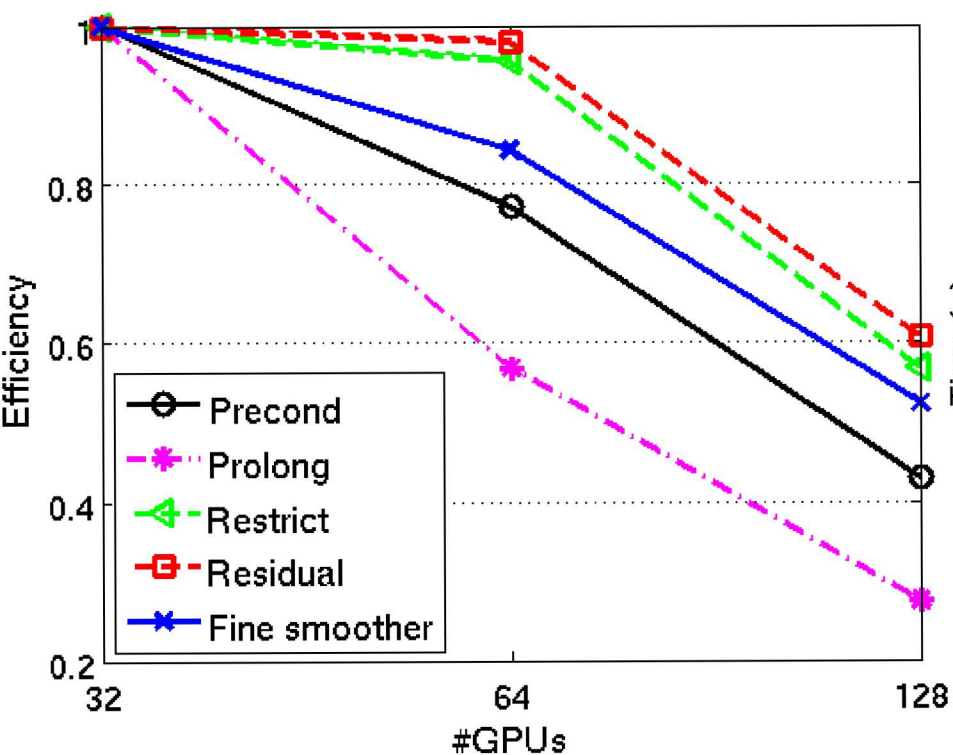
AMG is 75-80% of total linear solve time

4.5 solves/sec @ 16 GPUs

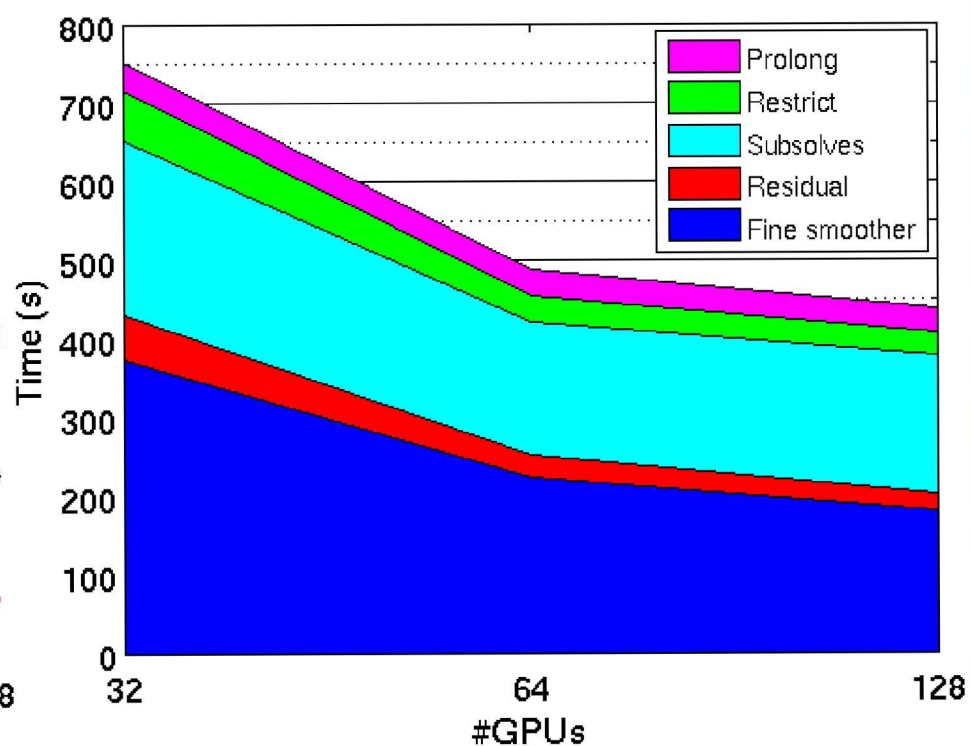
3 solves/sec @ 128 GPUs



Efficiencies



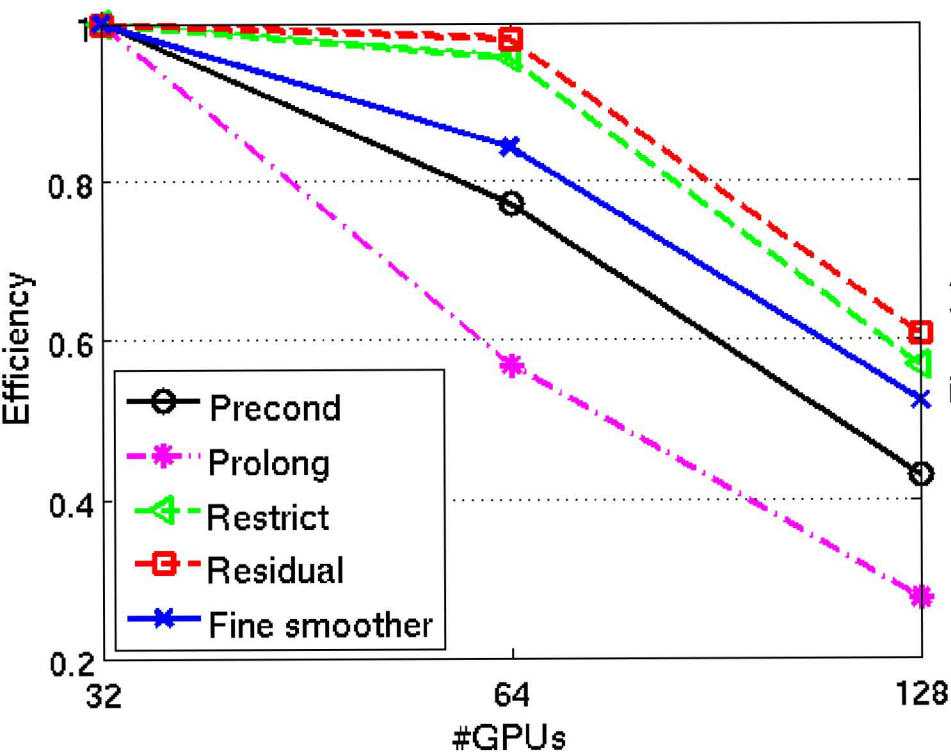
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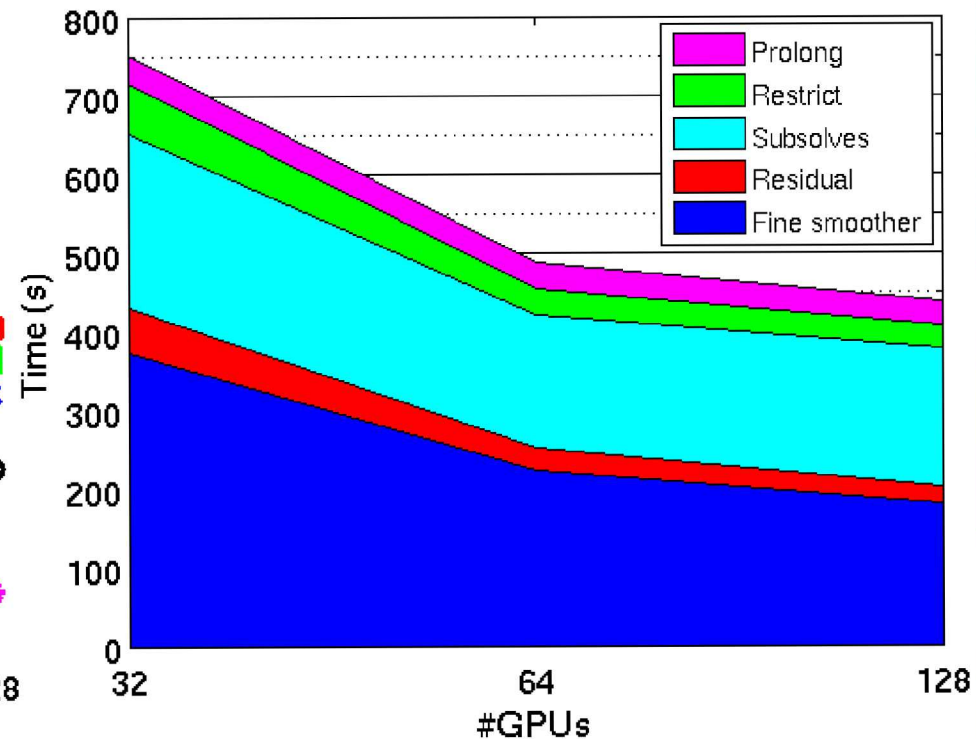
2000 timesteps

#GPUs	32	64	128
#Edges/device	1.46M	728k	364k
#Nodes/device	213k	106k	53k

Efficiencies



Solver Times



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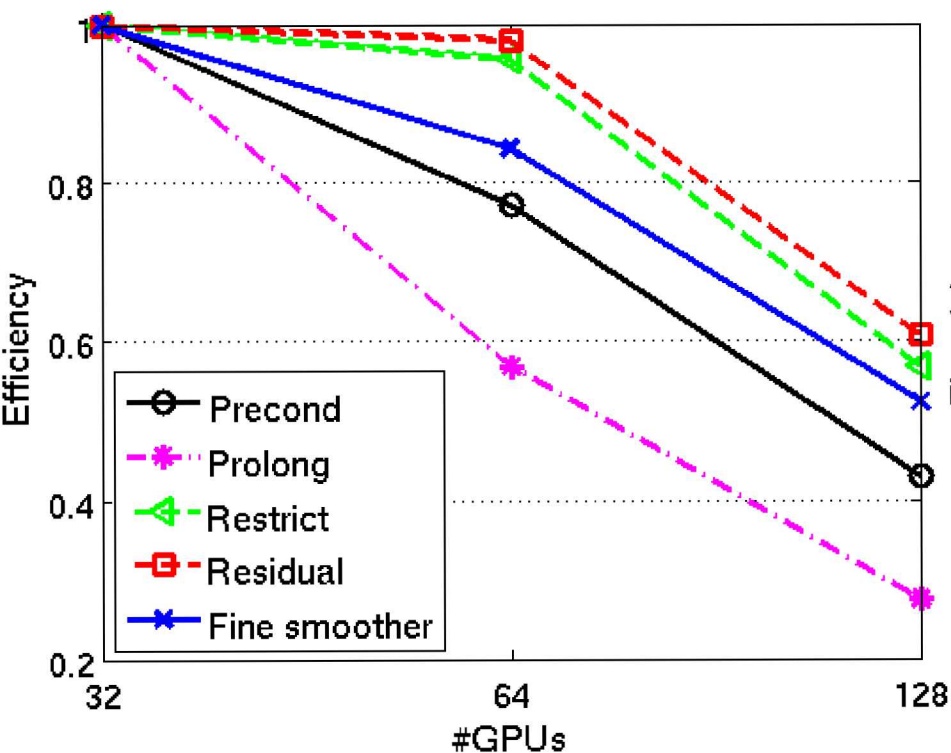
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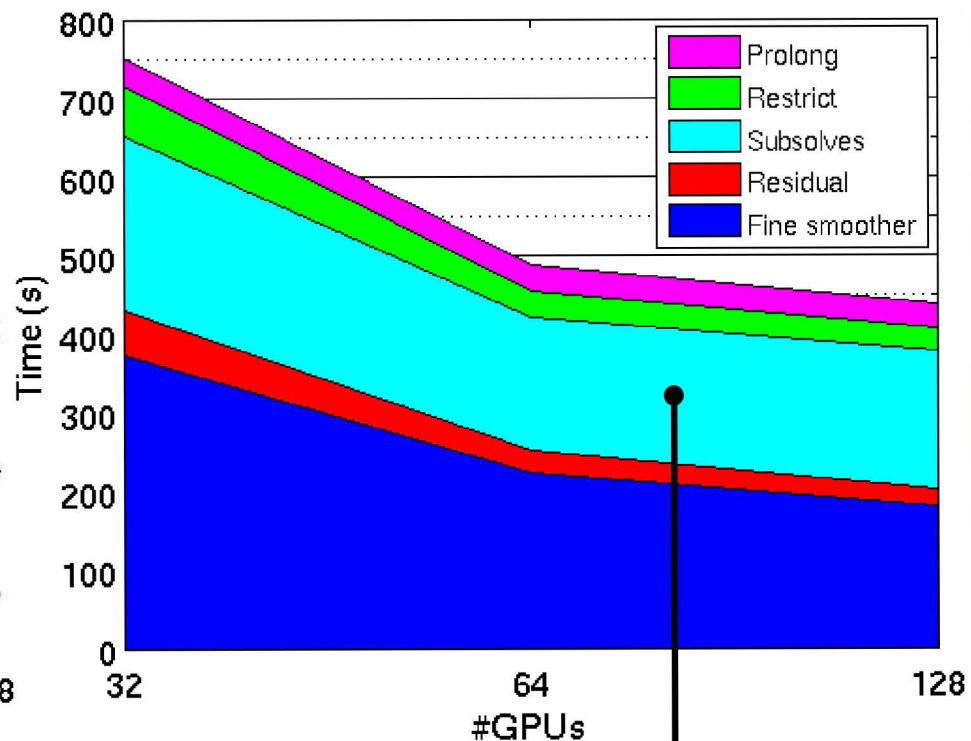
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Subsolves always occur on same number of devices

• Effect of rebalancing, so efficiency drop expected

Assess solver performance on larger cavity meshes on Sierra platform

$s$ -step Chebyshev smoother

- Single halo exchange but with larger message
- Followed by  $s$  local matrix-vector products

Related talks

- M. Bettencourt, “Towards Exascale Plasma Simulations using PIC Algorithms”, Wedn. pm, MS5
- L. Berger-Vergiat, “MueLu’s Algorithmic Performance on GPUs”, Thursday p.m. MS34
- C. Siefert, “State of the Tpetra Linear Solver Stack”, Friday a.m., MS41