

# Low Order Finite Elements on the GPU

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- Cartesian, Finite Difference Multigrid
  - **OpenCurrent**, Jon Cohen
- Fast Multipole Method
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  - **Cusp**, Nathan Bell, et.al.
  - **CUSPARSE**, NVIDIA

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- Analytic Flexibility
- Computational Flexibility
- Efficiency

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# Analytic Flexibility

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cElement = TensorElement('Lagrange', tetrahedron, 1,
                         (dim, dim, dim, dim))
v = TestFunction(element)
u = TrialFunction(element)
C = Coefficient(cElement)
i, j, k, l = indices(4)
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# Form Decomposition

Element integrals are decomposed into analytic and geometric parts:

$$\int_{\mathcal{T}} \nabla \phi_i(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \nabla \phi_j(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} \quad (4)$$

$$= \int_{\mathcal{T}} \frac{\partial \phi_i(\mathbf{x})}{\partial \mathbf{x}_\alpha} \frac{\partial \phi_j(\mathbf{x})}{\partial \mathbf{x}_\alpha} d\mathbf{x} \quad (5)$$

$$= \int_{\mathcal{T}_{\text{ref}}} \frac{\partial \xi_\beta}{\partial \mathbf{x}_\alpha} \frac{\partial \phi_i(\xi)}{\partial \xi_\beta} \frac{\partial \xi_\gamma}{\partial \mathbf{x}_\alpha} \frac{\partial \phi_j(\xi)}{\partial \xi_\gamma} |J| d\mathbf{x} \quad (6)$$

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$$= G^{\beta\gamma}(\mathcal{T}) K_{\beta\gamma}^{ij} \quad (8)$$

Coefficients are also put into the geometric part.

# Weak Form Processing

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```
from ffc.analysis import analyze_forms
from ffc.compiler import compute_ir

parameters = ffc.default_parameters()
parameters['representation'] = 'tensor'
analysis = analyze_forms([a,L], {}, parameters)
ir = compute_ir(analysis, parameters)

a_K = ir[2][0]['AK'][0][0]
a_G = ir[2][0]['AK'][0][1]

K = a_K.A0.astype(numpy.float32)
G = a_G
```

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# Computational Flexibility

We **generate** different computations on the fly,  
and can change

- Element Batch Size
- Number of Concurrent Elements
- Loop unrolling
- Interleaving stores with computation

# Computational Flexibility

## Basic Contraction

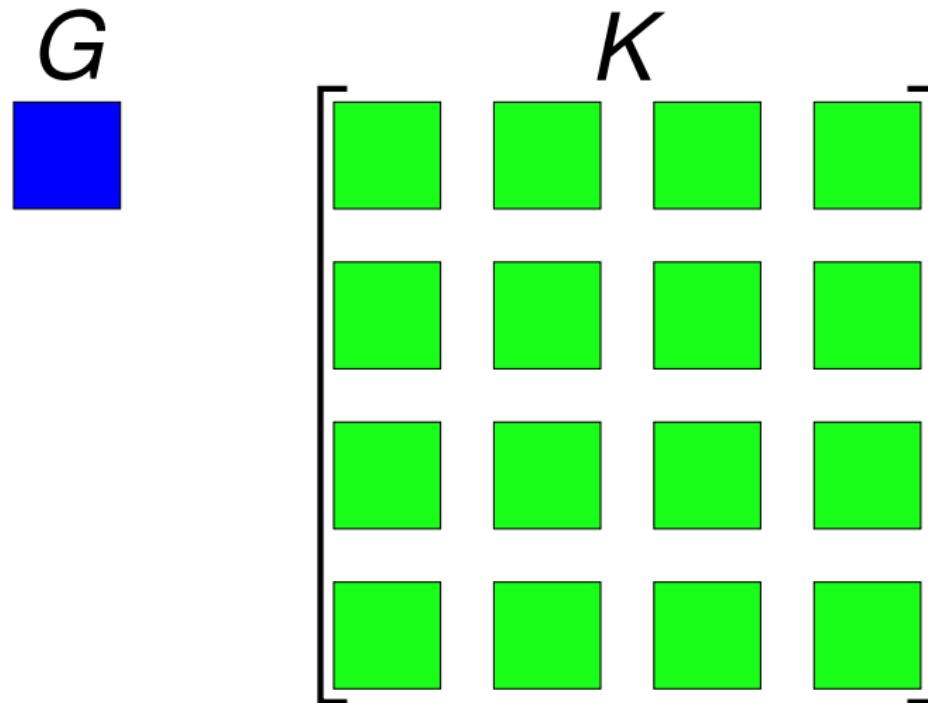


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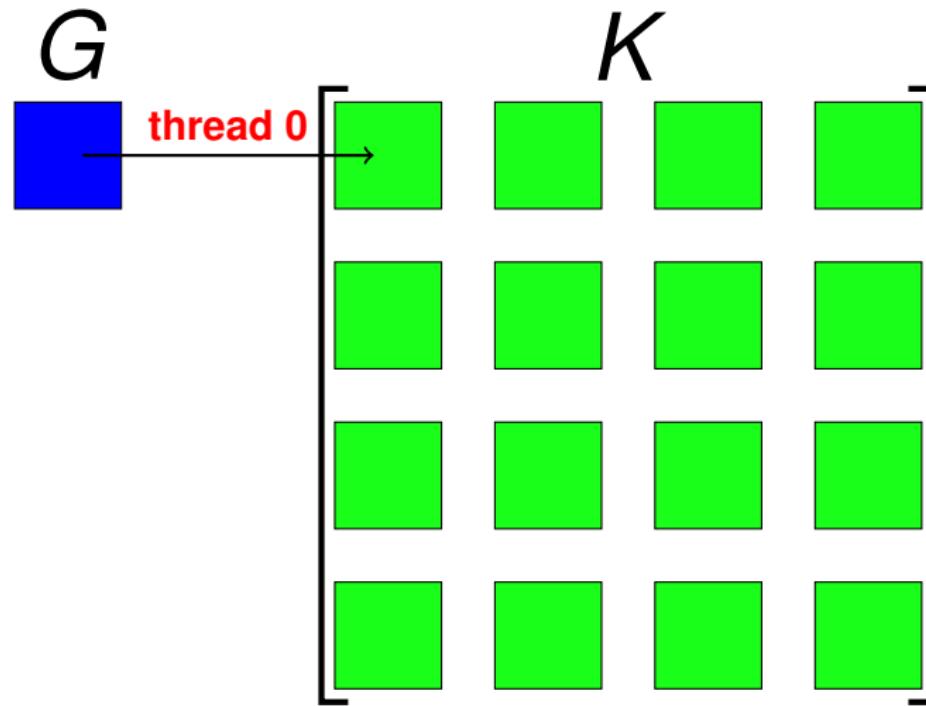


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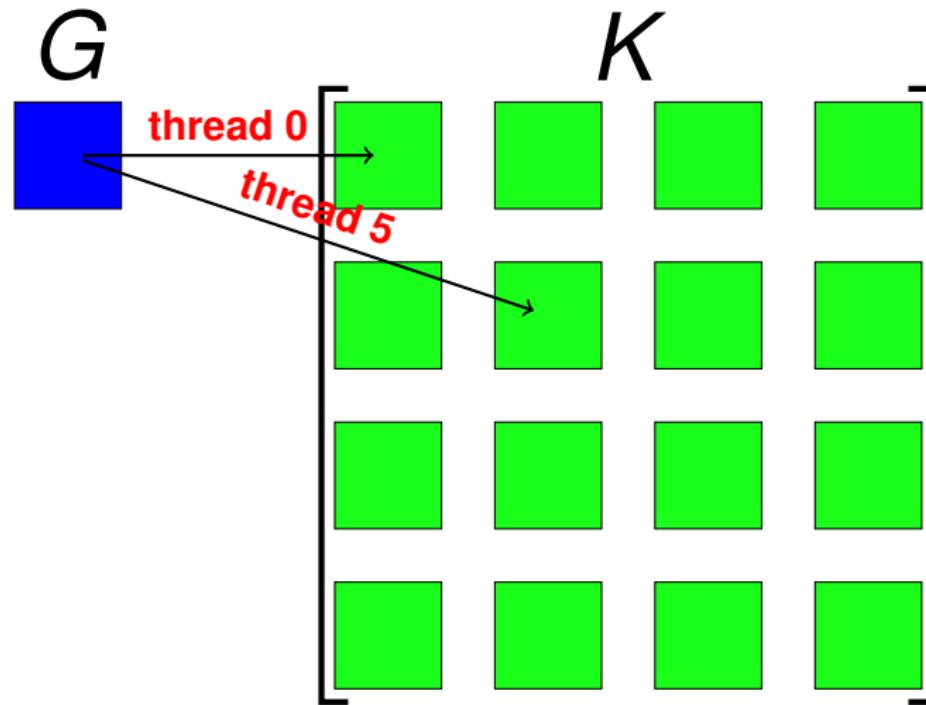


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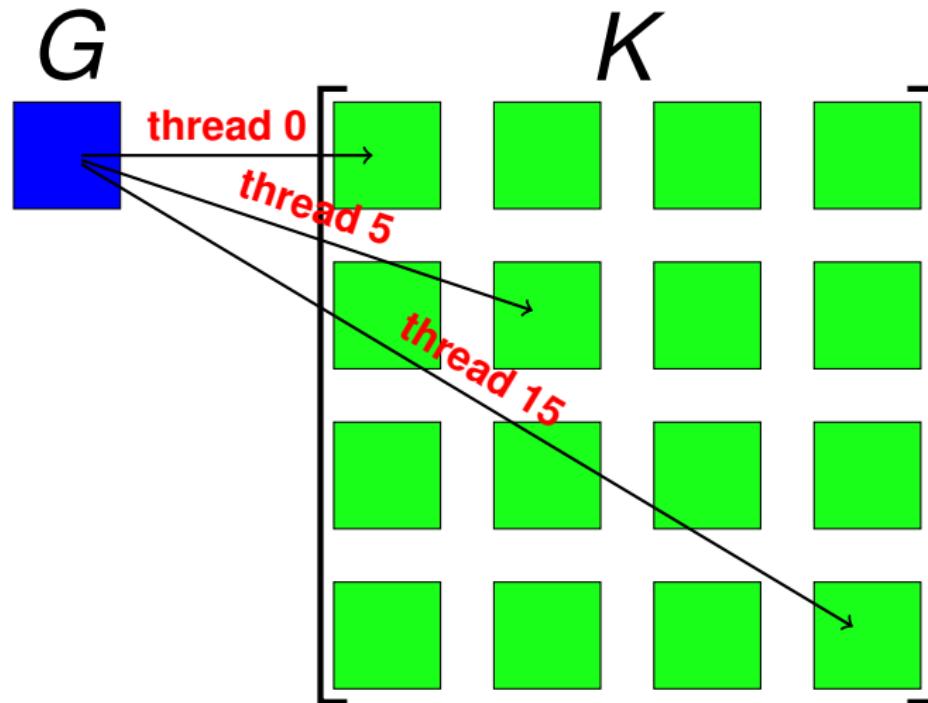


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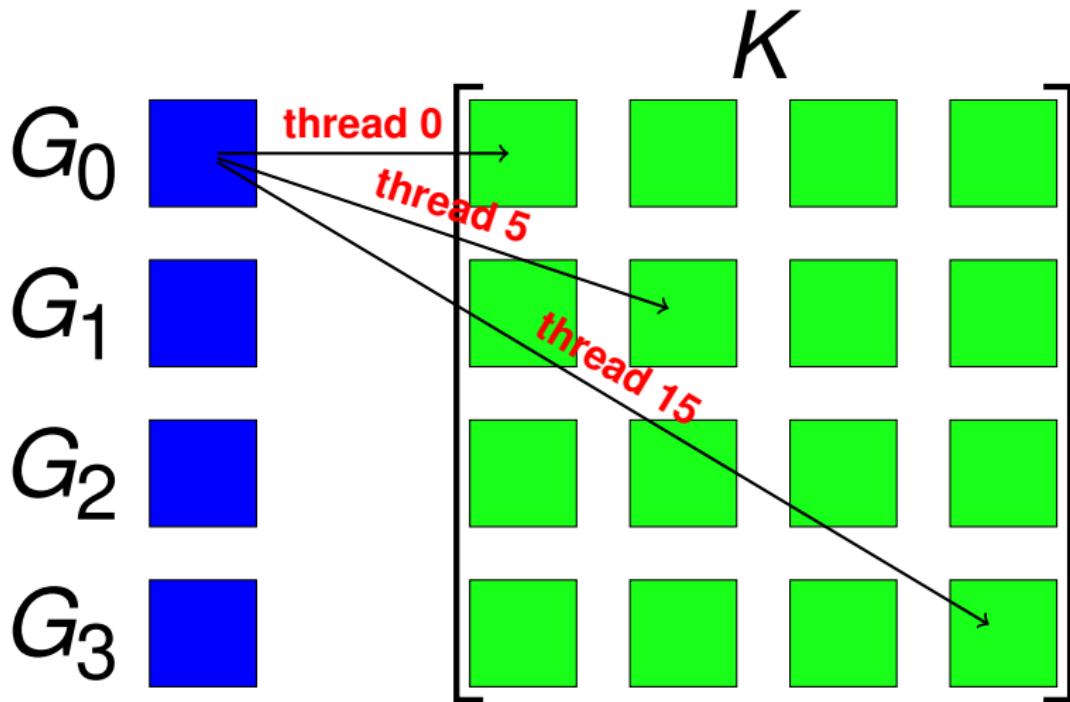


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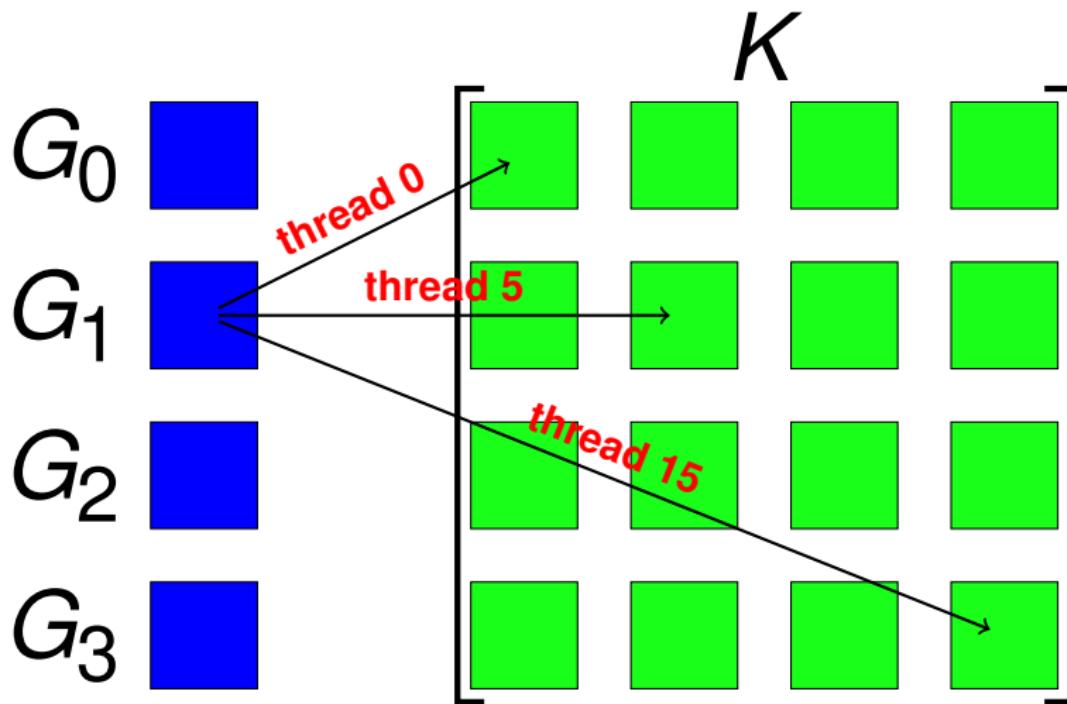


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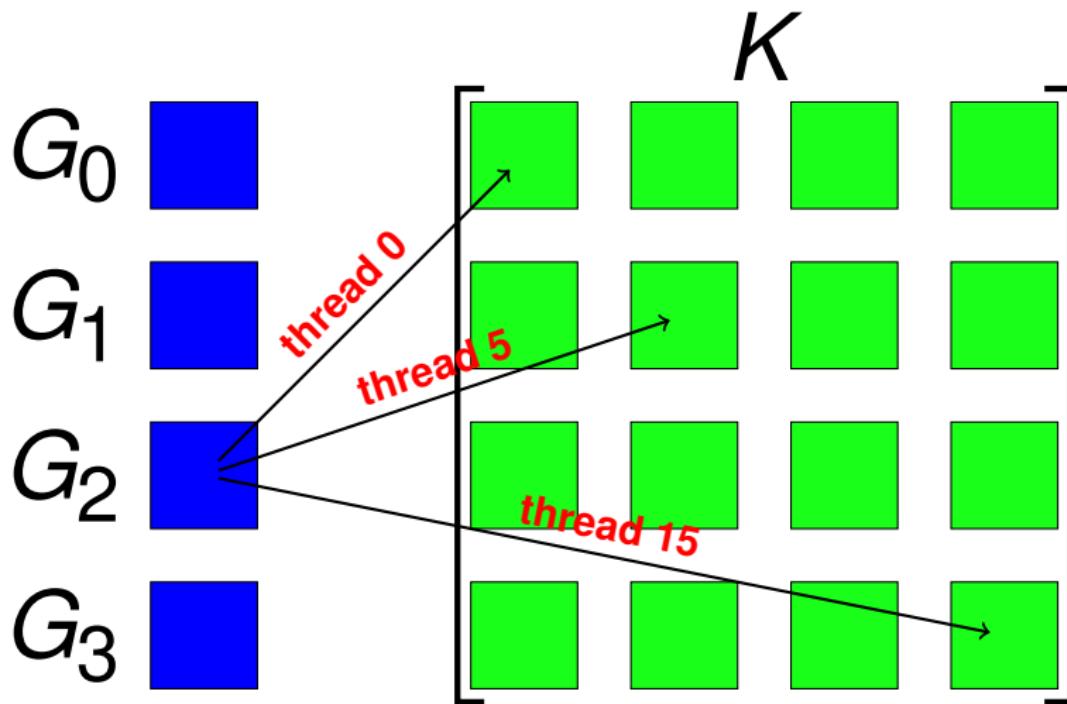
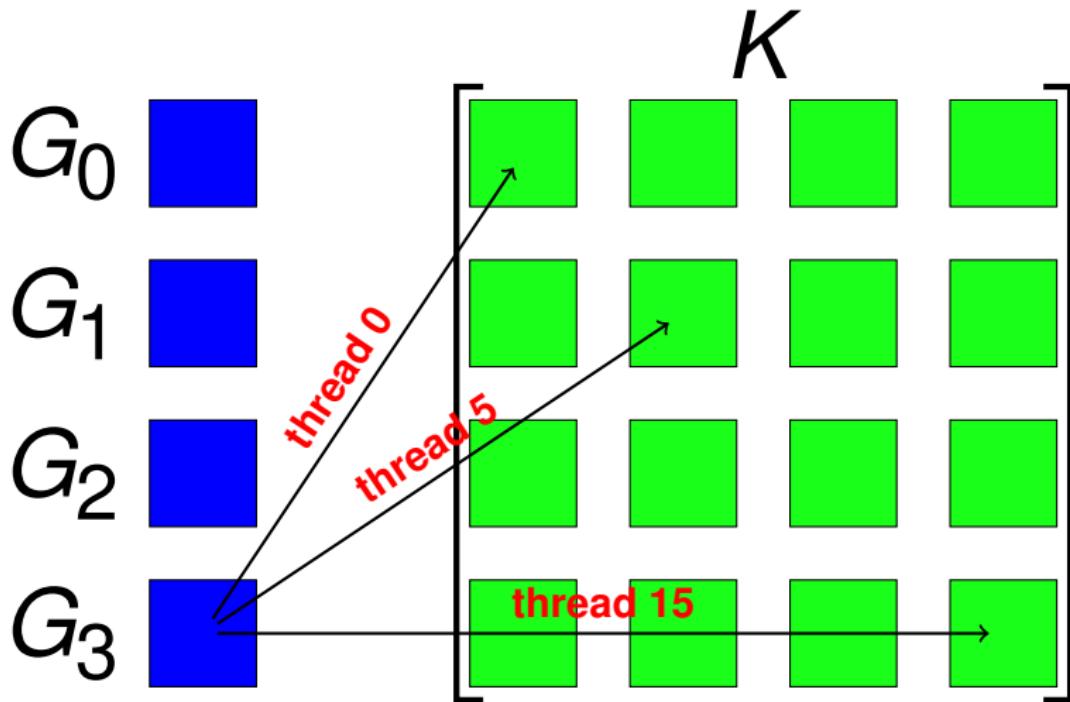


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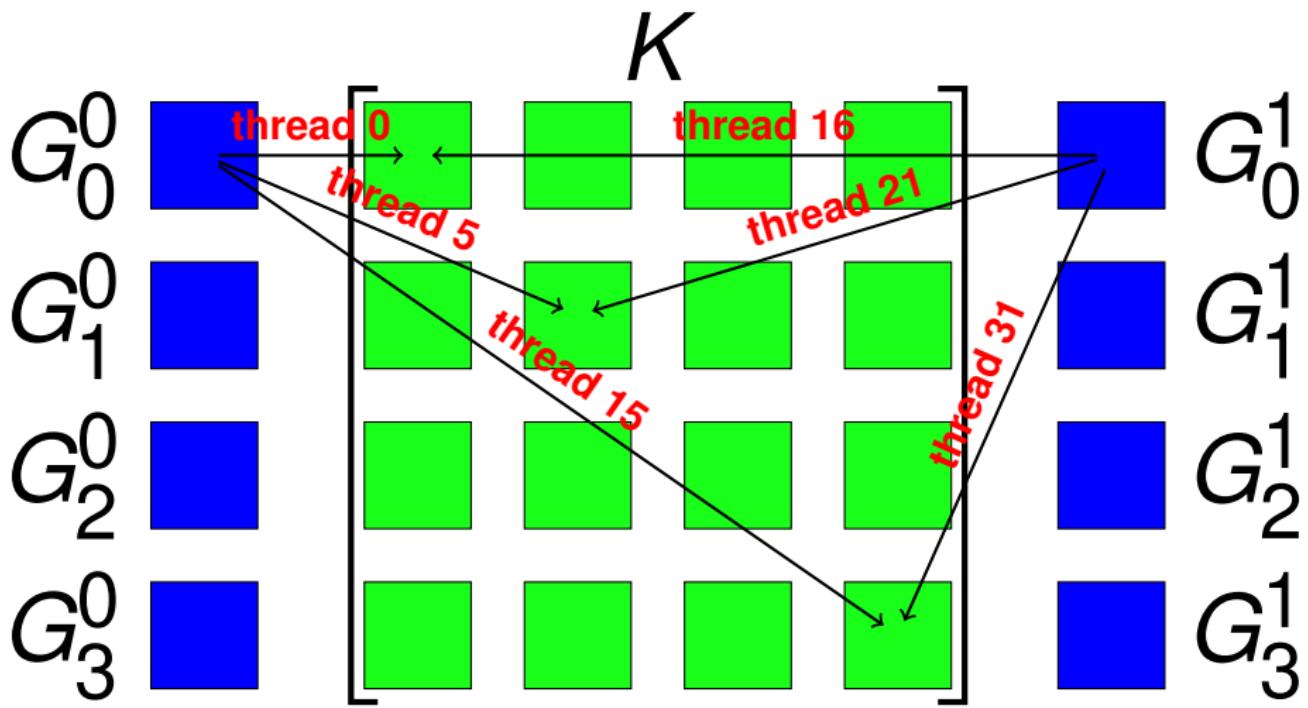
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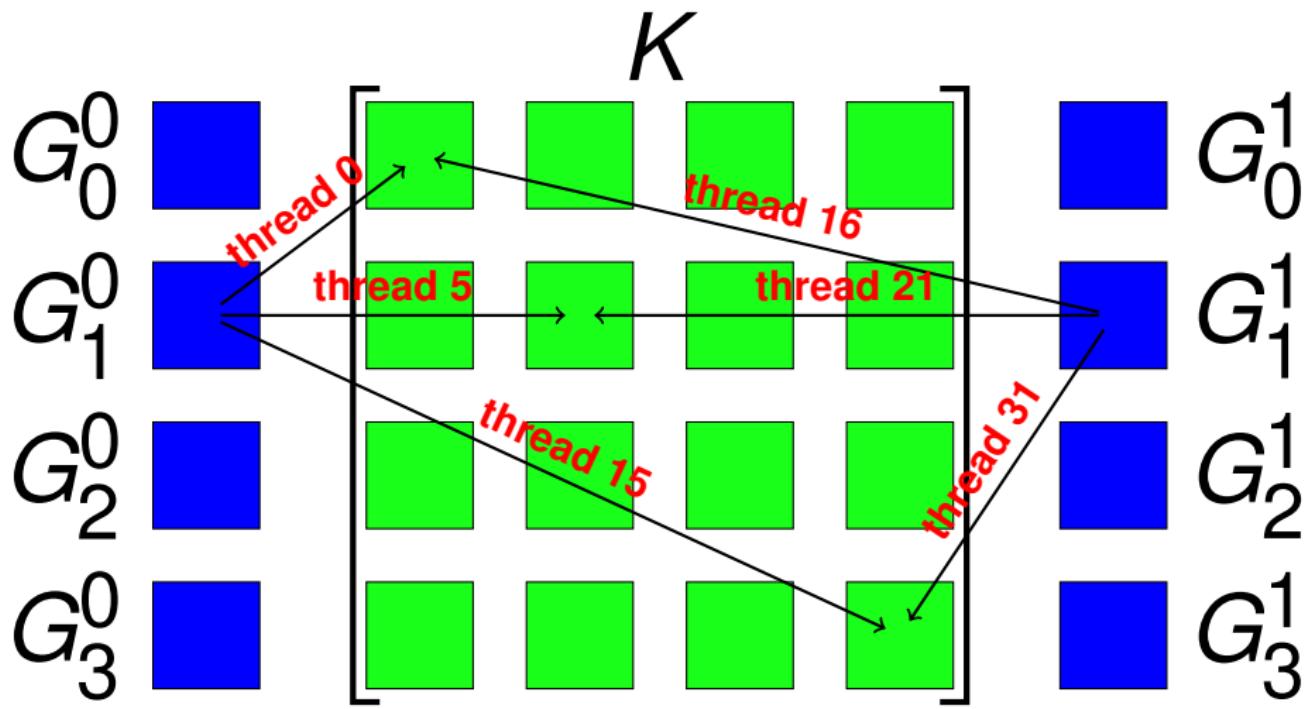
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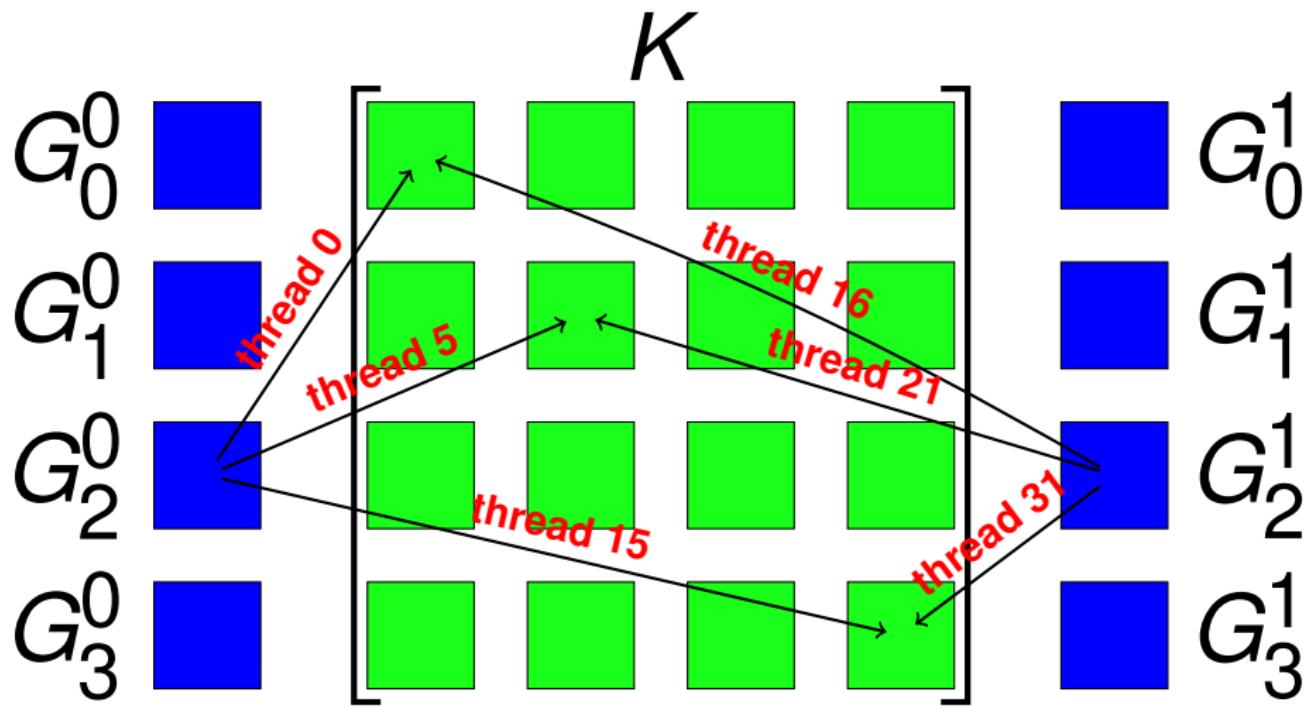
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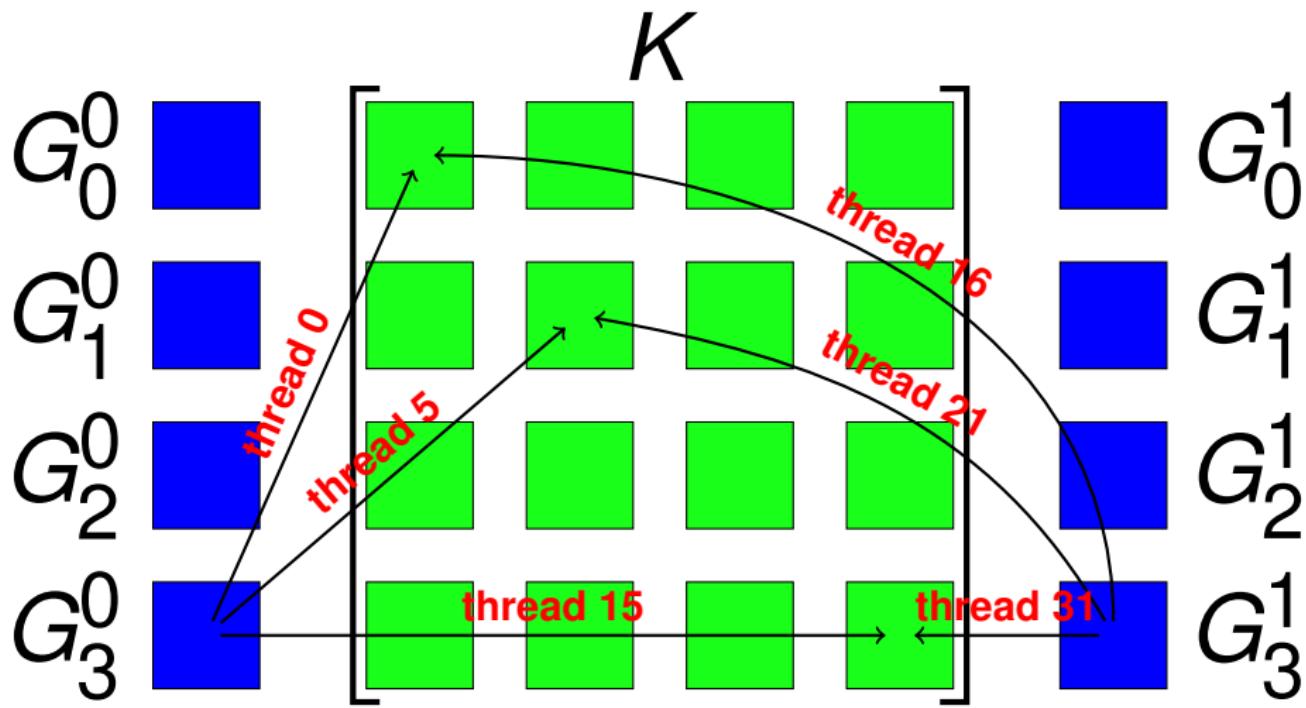
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## Loop Unrolling

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```
/* G K contraction: unroll = full */
E[0] += G[0] * K[0];
E[0] += G[1] * K[1];
E[0] += G[2] * K[2];
E[0] += G[3] * K[3];
E[0] += G[4] * K[4];
E[0] += G[5] * K[5];
E[0] += G[6] * K[6];
E[0] += G[7] * K[7];
E[0] += G[8] * K[8];
```

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# Computational Flexibility

## Loop Unrolling

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```
/* G K contraction: unroll = none */
for(int b = 0; b < 1; ++b) {
    const int n = b*1;
    for(int alpha = 0; alpha < 3; ++alpha) {
        for(int beta = 0; beta < 3; ++beta) {
            E[b] += G[n*9+alpha*3+beta] * K[alpha*3+beta];
        }
    }
}
```

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# Computational Flexibility

## Interleaving stores

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```
/* G K contraction: unroll = none */
for(int b = 0; b < 4; ++b) {
    const int n = b*1;
    for(int alpha = 0; alpha < 3; ++alpha) {
        for(int beta = 0; beta < 3; ++beta) {
            E[b] += G[n*9+alpha*3+beta] * K[alpha*3+beta];
        }
    }
}
/* Store contraction results */
elemMat[Eoffset+idx+0] = E[0];
elemMat[Eoffset+idx+16] = E[1];
elemMat[Eoffset+idx+32] = E[2];
elemMat[Eoffset+idx+48] = E[3];
```

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for(int alpha = 0; alpha < 3; ++alpha) {
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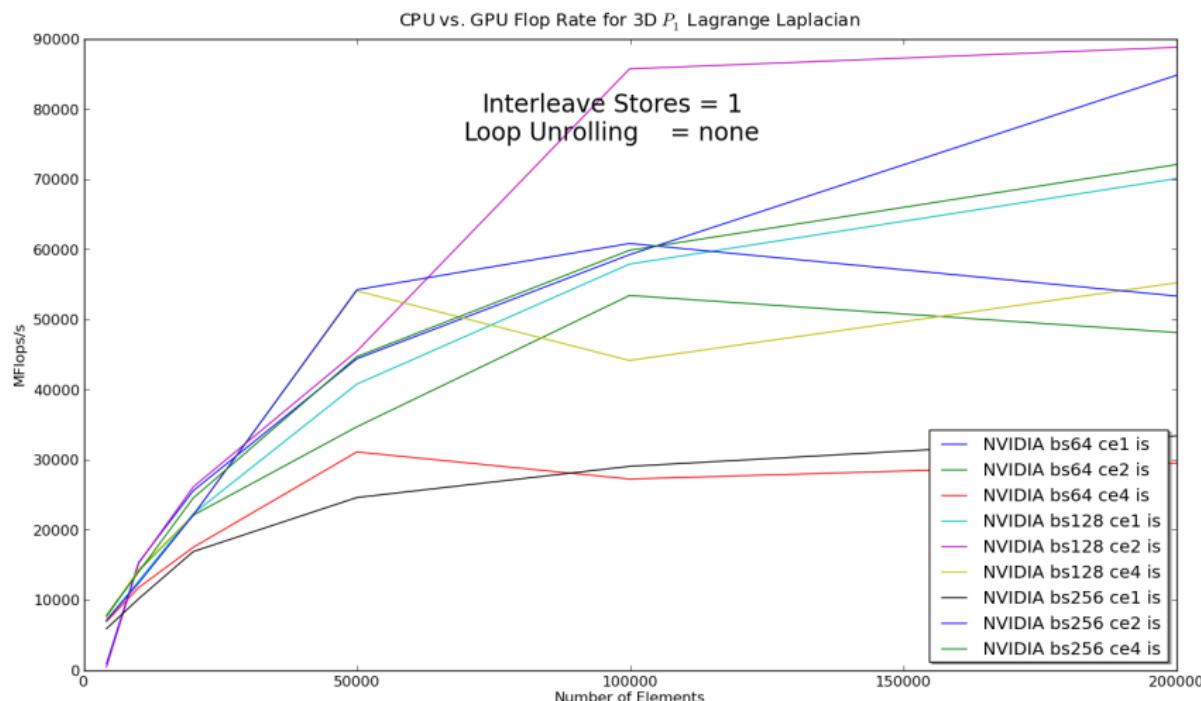
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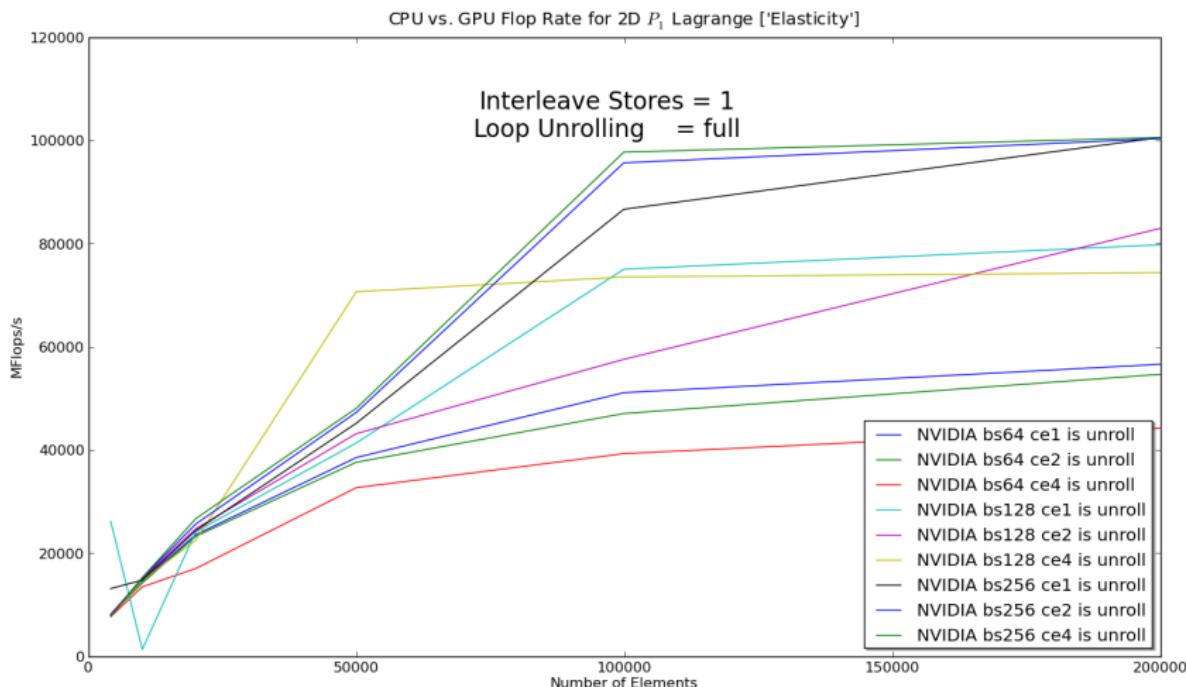
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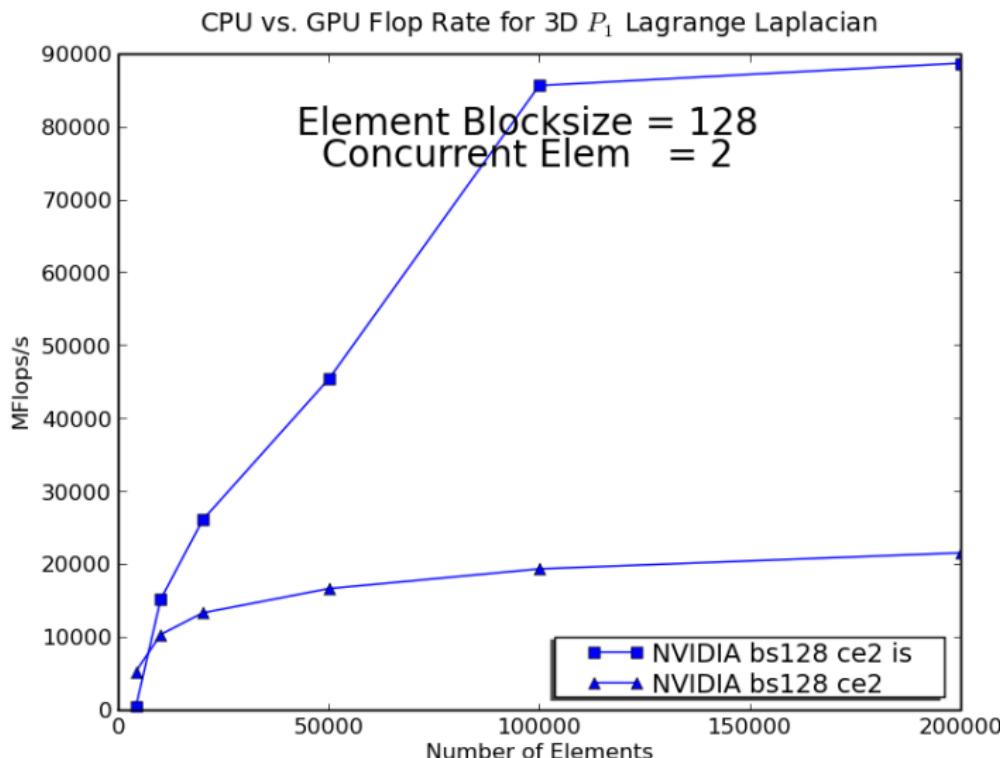
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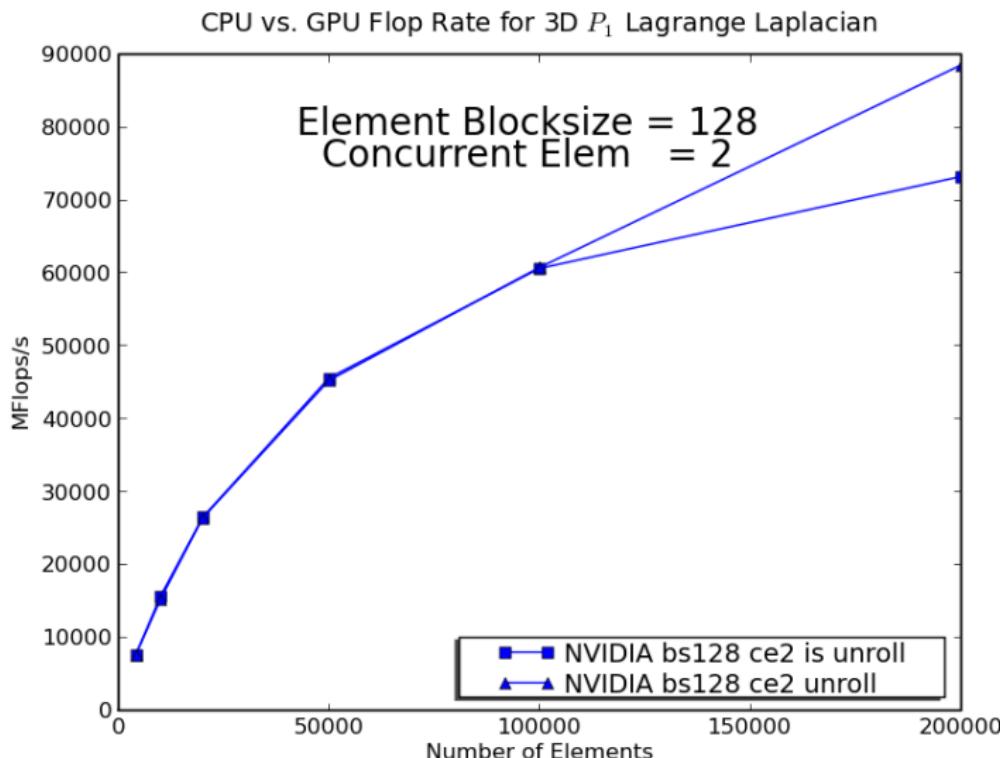
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Model	Price (\$)	GF/s	MF/s\$
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\* Jed Brown Optimization Engine

# Why Should You Try This?

Many Codes Today use Low Order FEM,  
GPUs can Help

- Analytic Flexibility
- Computational Flexibility
- Efficiency

# Extension to Quadrature

## Formulation due to Jed Brown

Add additional contraction over quadrature points:

$$\int_{\Omega} \phi \cdot f_0(u, \nabla u) + \nabla \phi : f_1(u, \nabla u) = 0 \quad (9)$$

$$\sum_e \mathcal{E}_e^T \left[ B^T W^q f_0(u^q, \nabla u^q) + \sum_k D_k^T W^q f_1^k(u^q, \nabla u^q) \right] = 0 \quad (10)$$

Single thread computes quadrature loops to avoid reductions,  
just like contractions