# **Combinatorial Optimization of Matrix-Vector Multiplication** Michael Wolf, University of Illinois

Abstract: Work by Kirby, et al. (2006) showed that combinatorial optimization of matrix/vector multiplication could lead to faster evaluation of finite element stiffness matrices. Using relationships between rows, an efficient set of operations can be generated to perform matrix-vector multiplication. My improved graph model of this problem solves this combinatorial optimization problem optimally for binary row relationships. I extend the representation by using hypergraphs to model more complicated row relationships, expressing an n-row relationship with an n-vertex hyperedge. My initial greedy algorithm for this hypergraph model has yielded significantly better results than the graph model for many matrices.

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