

Direct image-analysis methods for surgical simulation and mixed meshfree methods

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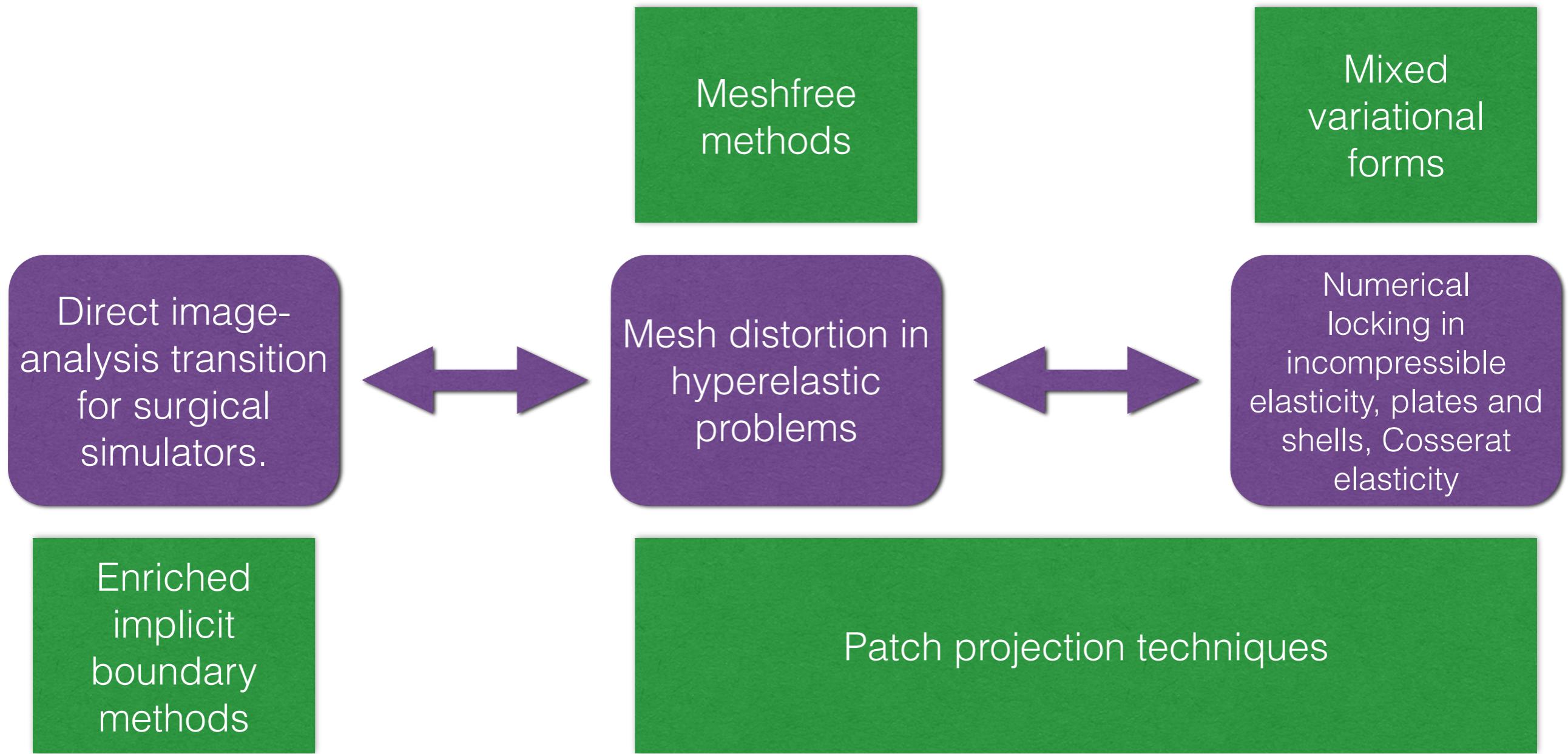
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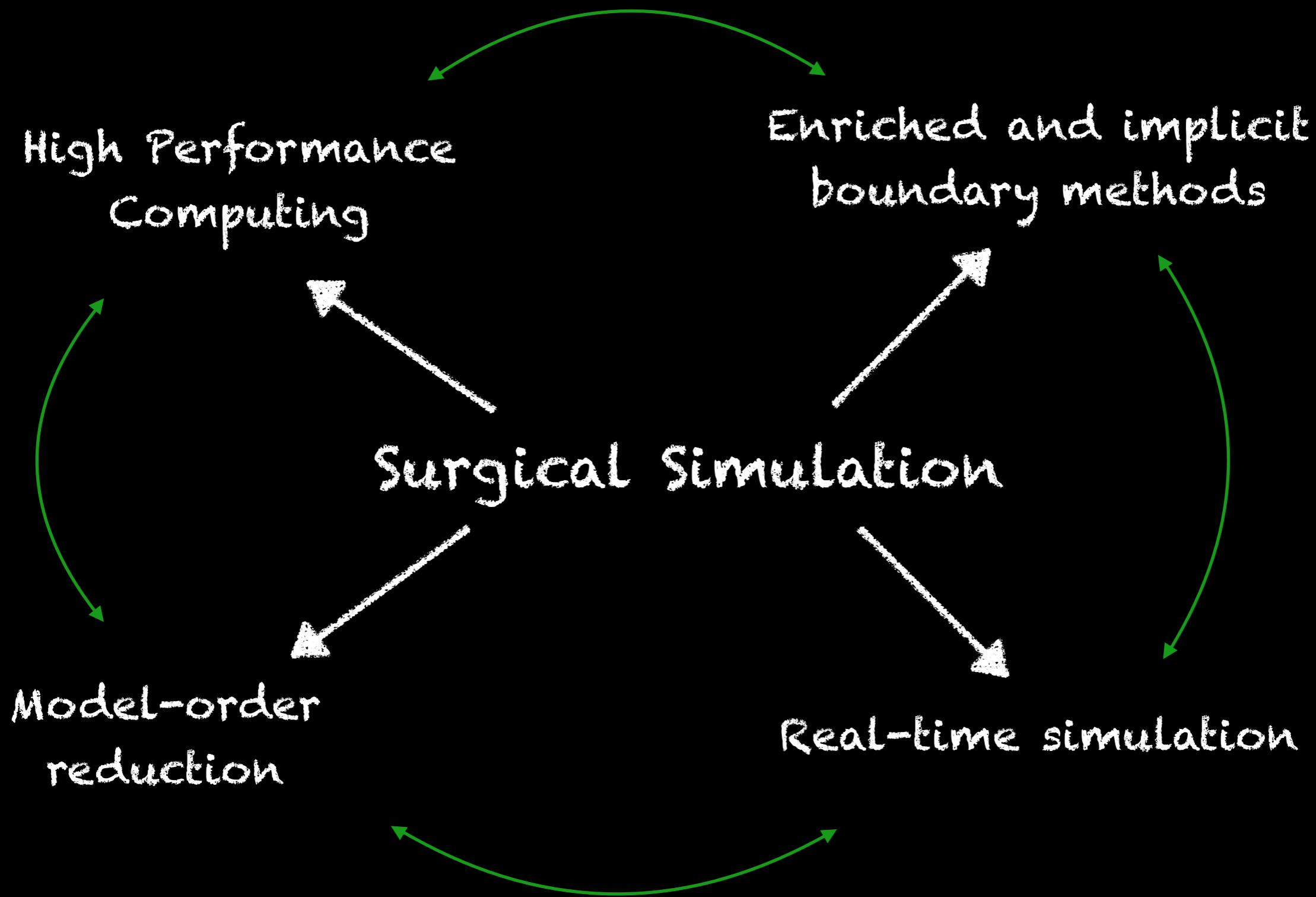
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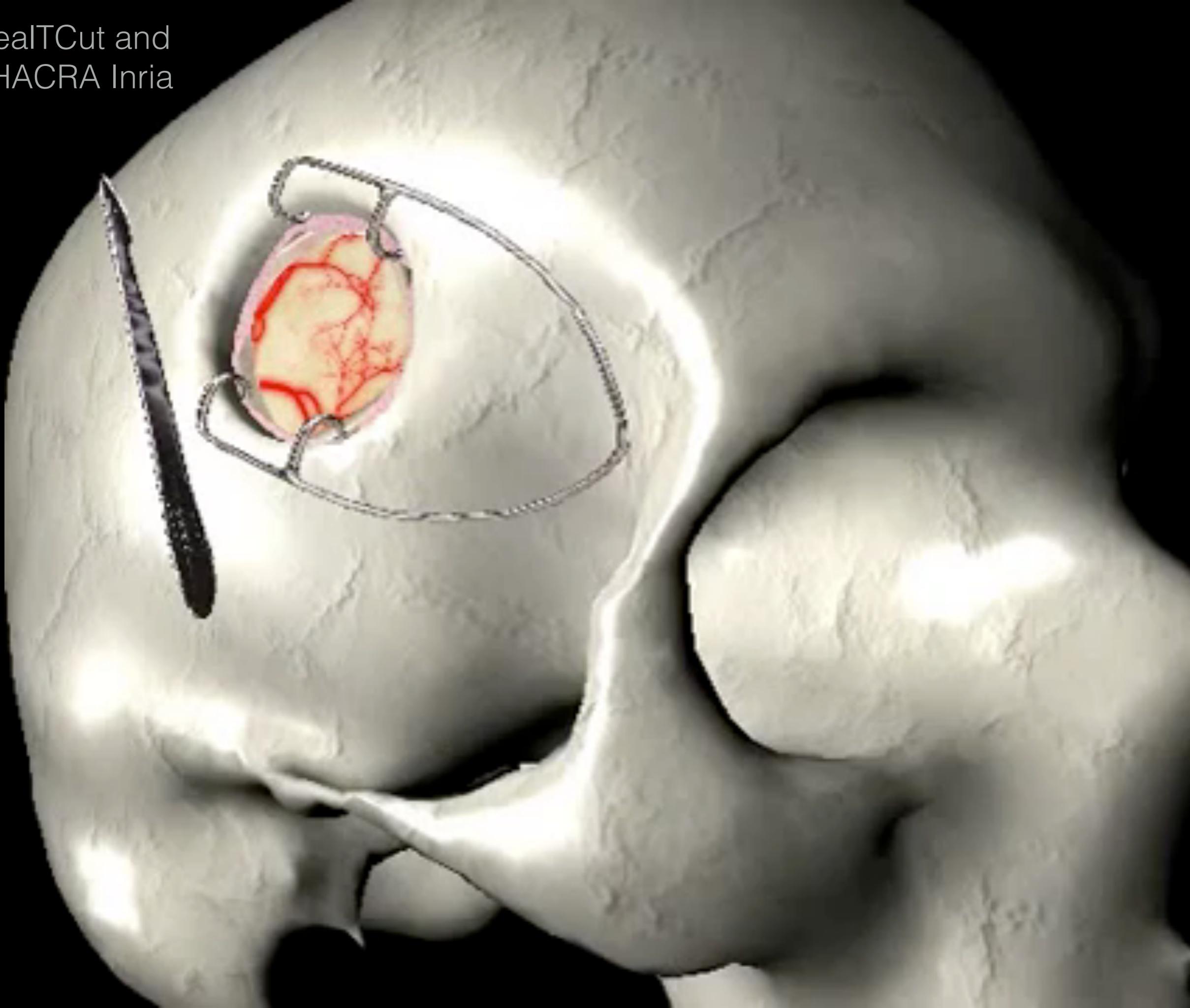
An Overview

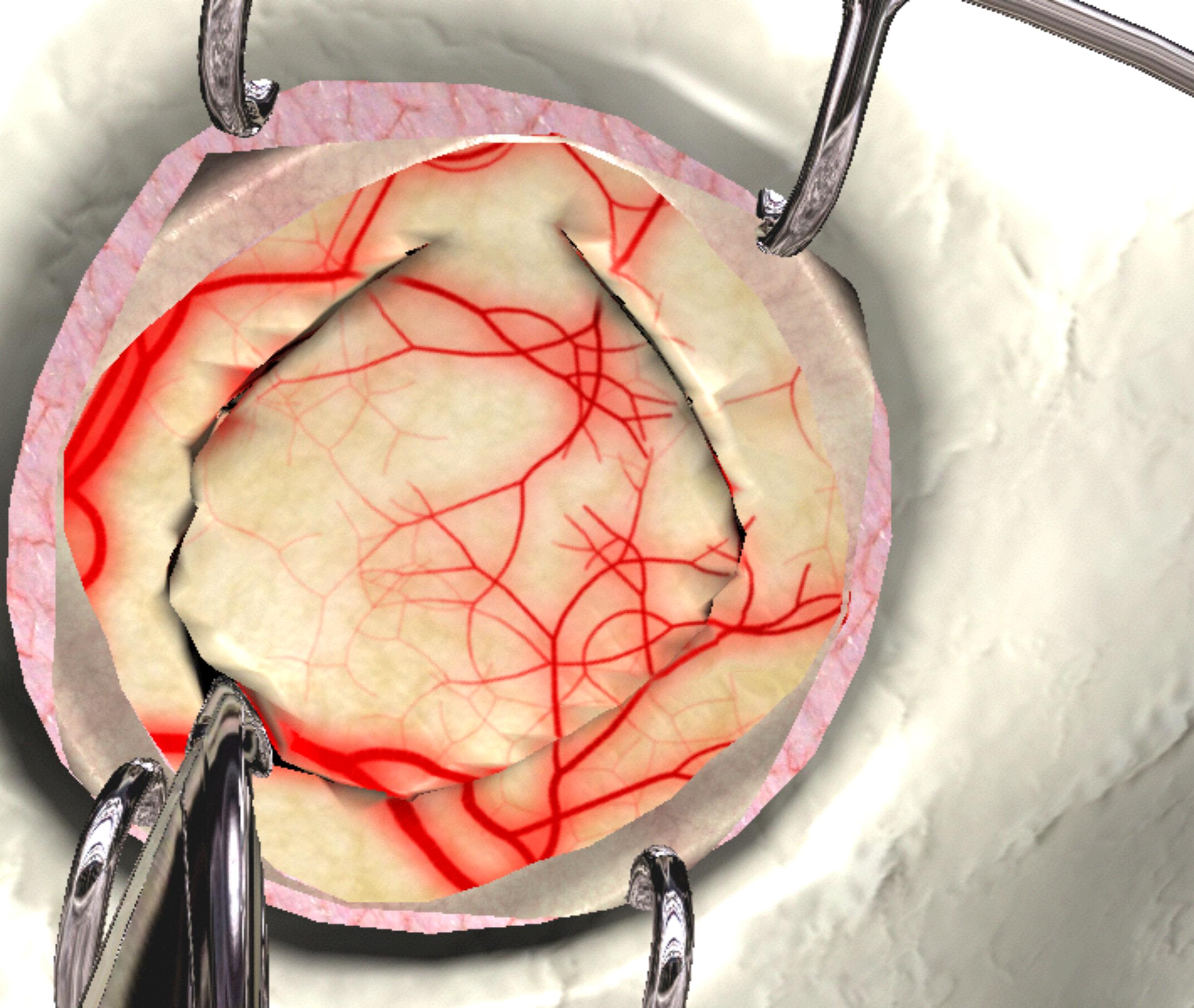
The problems and my research



Project 1: Direct image to
mesh analysis for
surgical simulation



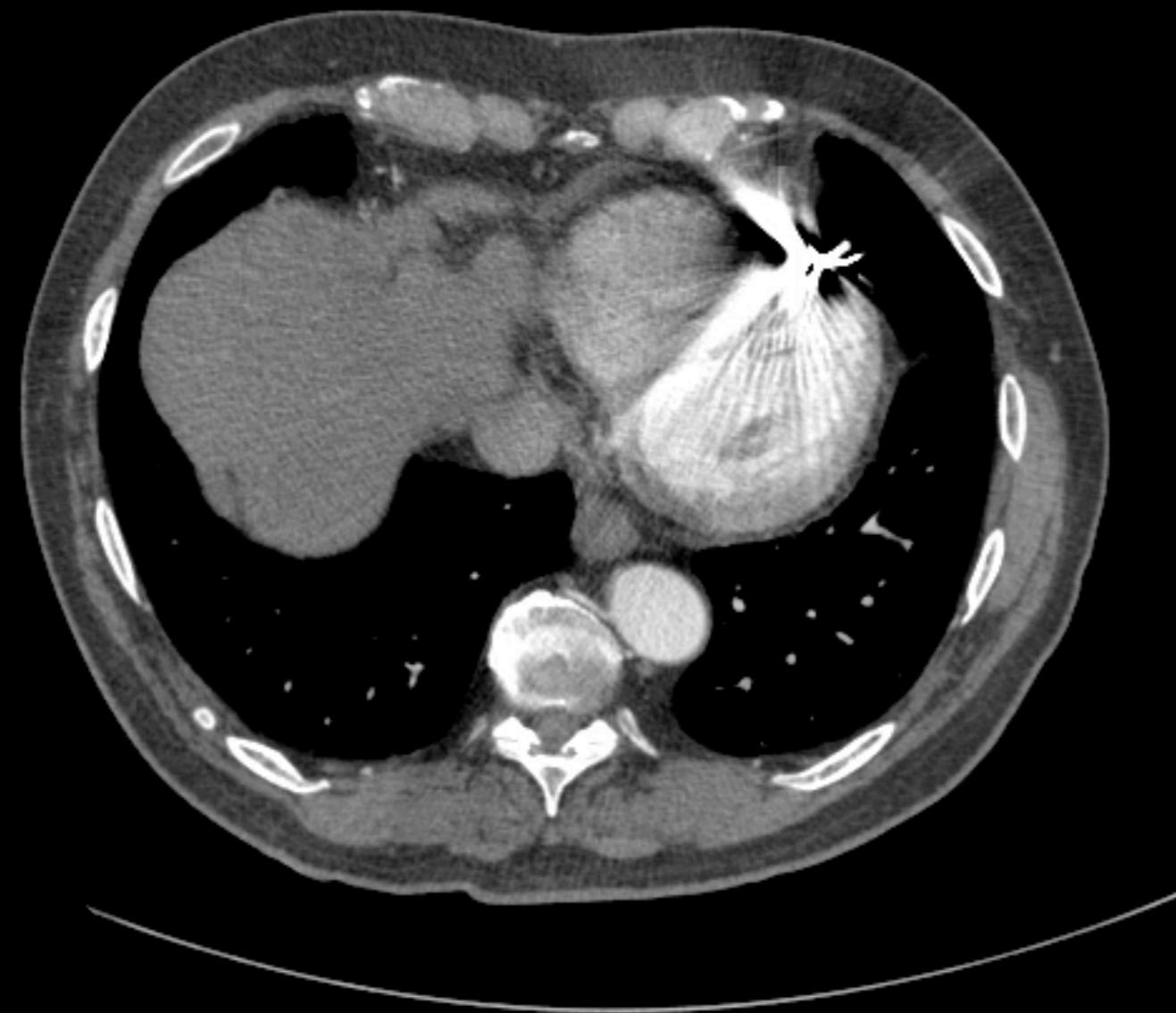




How can we move from an image...

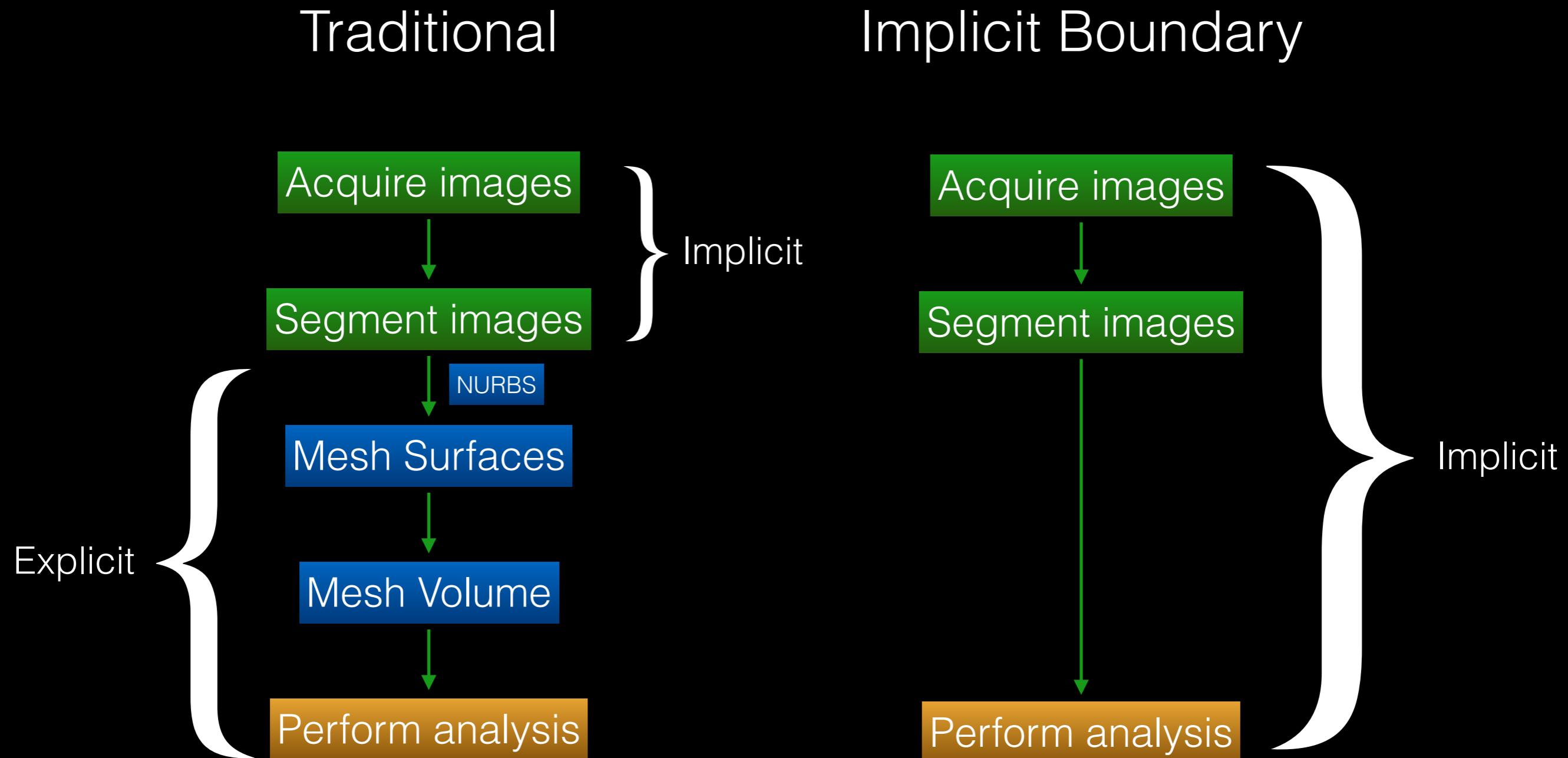


...or perhaps a series of images...



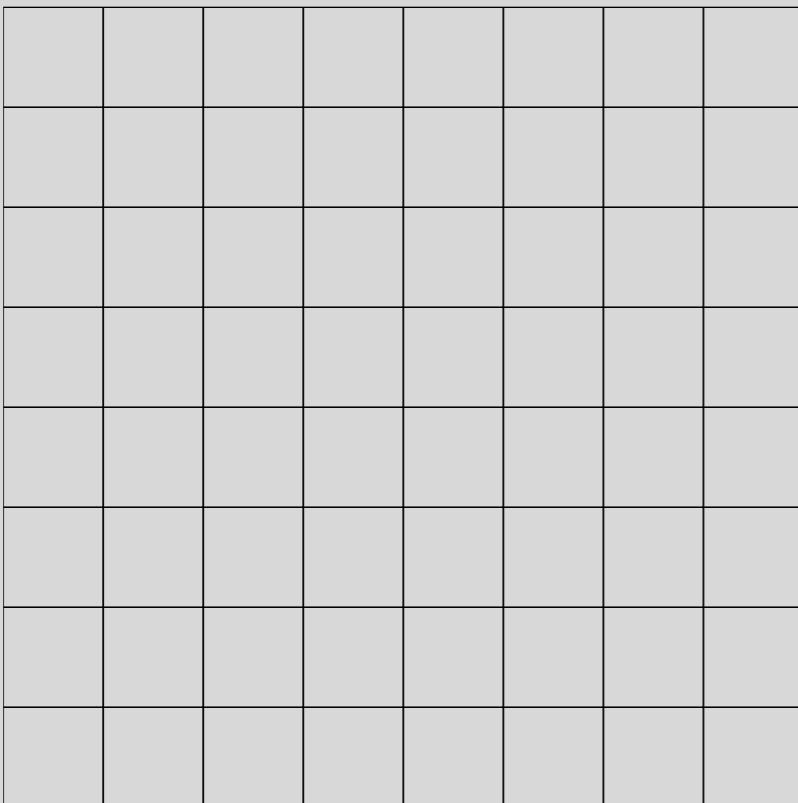
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Pipelines to analysis

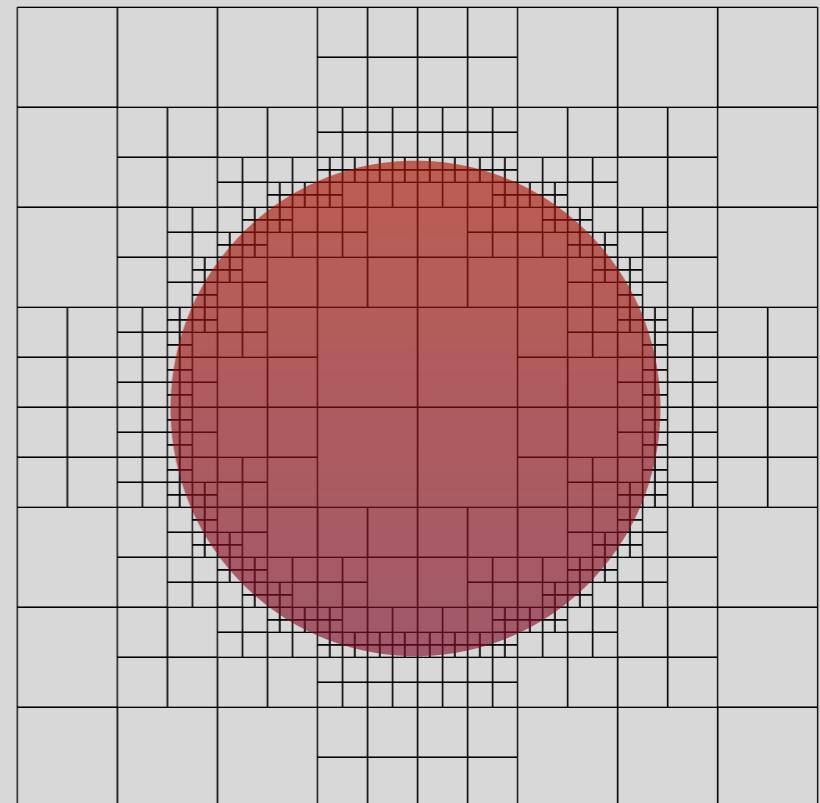


Nested Octree

Discretisation



Geometry



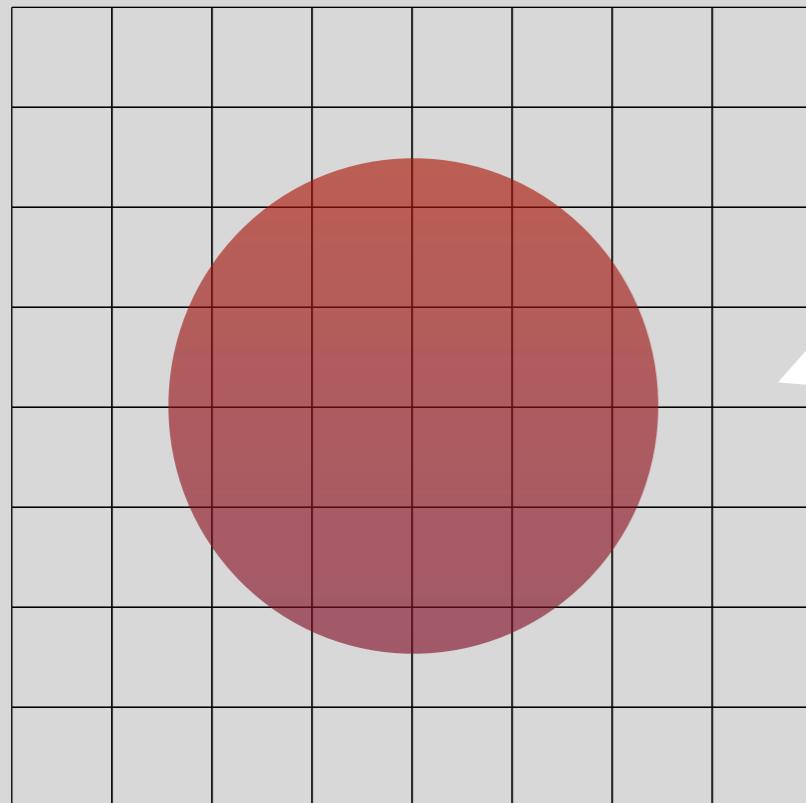
\mathcal{O}_d



\mathcal{O}_g

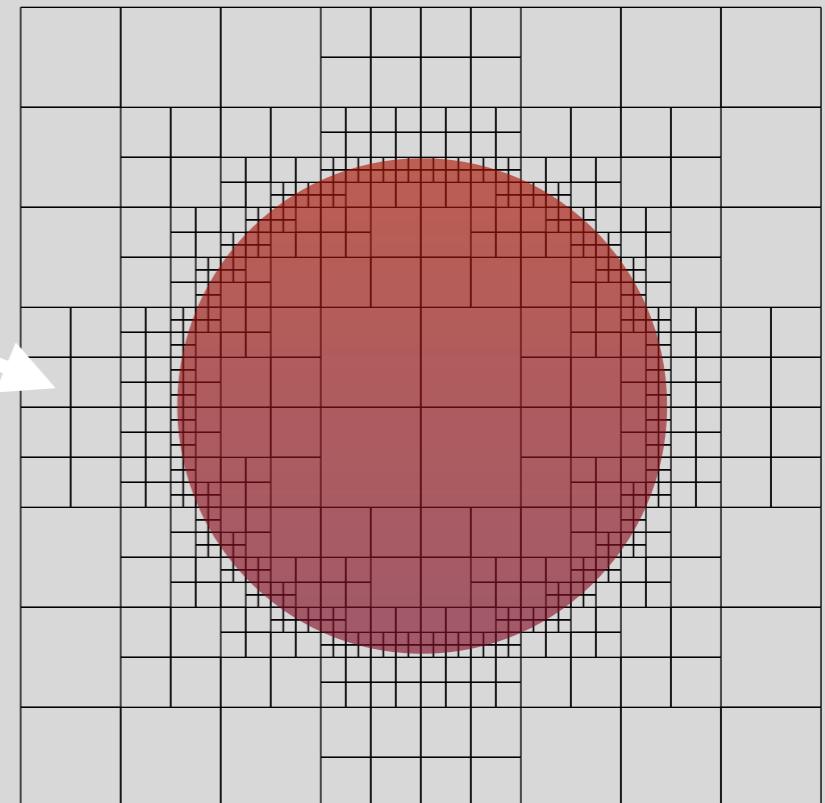
\mathcal{M}

How to transfer geometric information back to the discretisation?



Enrichment

$$V_{h_d}^{p_d}(\mathcal{O}_d) \bigoplus E[V_{h_g}^{p_g}(\mathcal{O}_g)]$$



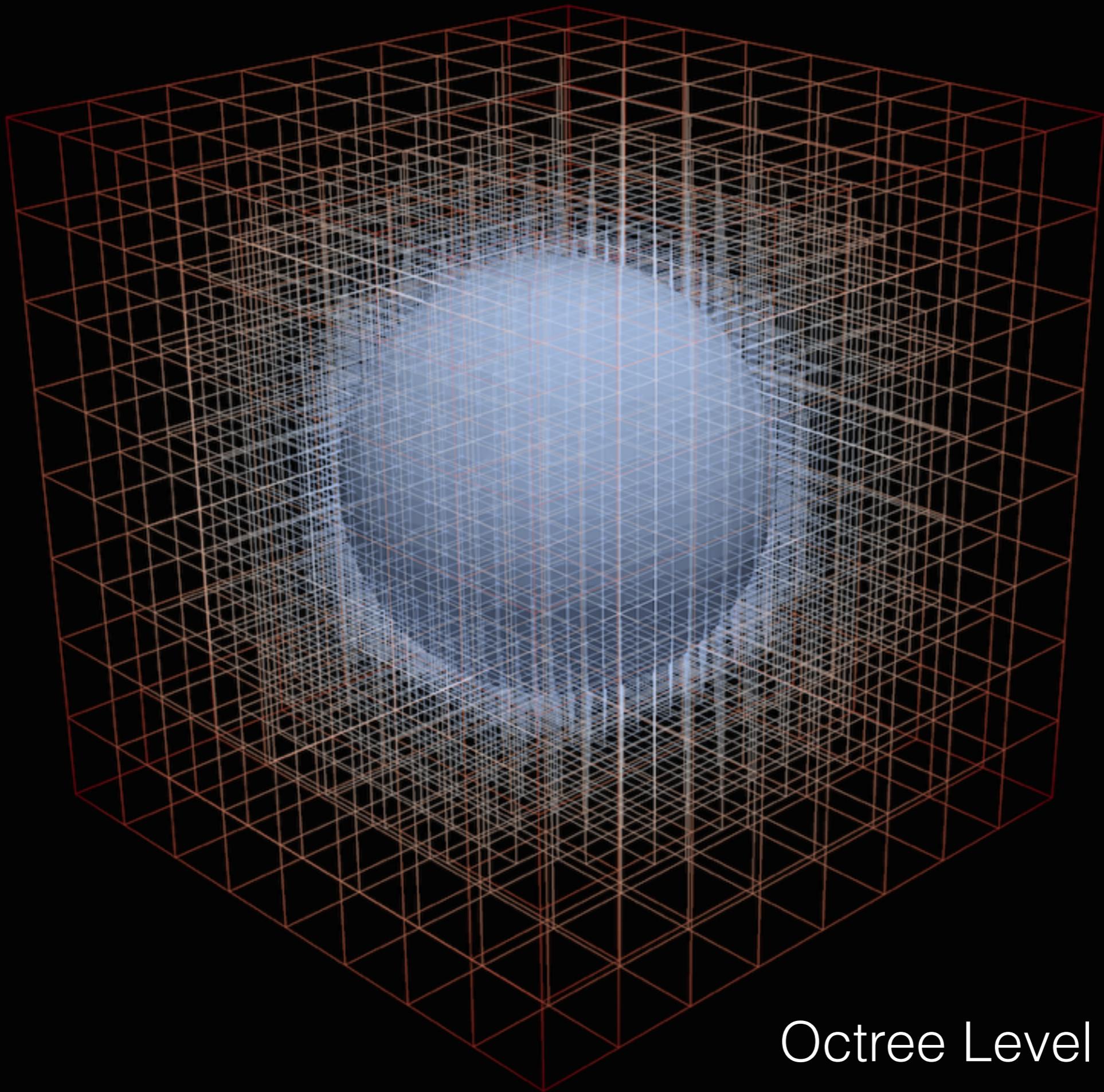
$$V_{h_d}^{p_d}(\mathcal{O}_d)$$

$$p_d > p_g$$

$$V_{h_g}^{p_g}(\mathcal{O}_g)$$

$$h_d > h_g$$

$$p_g = 1$$



Octree Level 5/Level 3



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Surface

Features

- 2D and 3D problems on the same code-path.
- parallel hybrid MPI/TBB assembly and solution.
- fast and robust computational geometry using CGAL.
 - automatic Delaunay tessellation of integration subdomains.
- completely separate representation of discretisation and geometry via nested octree data structures.
 - constructs to represent soft and hard segmentations of image data.
 - implicit representation via level-sets, inside-outside functions.
- independent hpe-type adaptivity on discretisation and geometry.
 - fast refinement and coarsening operations.

Outlook

- We are developing a cartesian grid implicit boundary/enriched finite element method toolkit within deal.ii.
- By uncoupling discretisation and geometry we hope to produce a method particularly suited to image-based analysis.
- Many challenges ahead, particularly with imposition of Dirichlet boundary conditions on hyperelastic soft-tissue model.

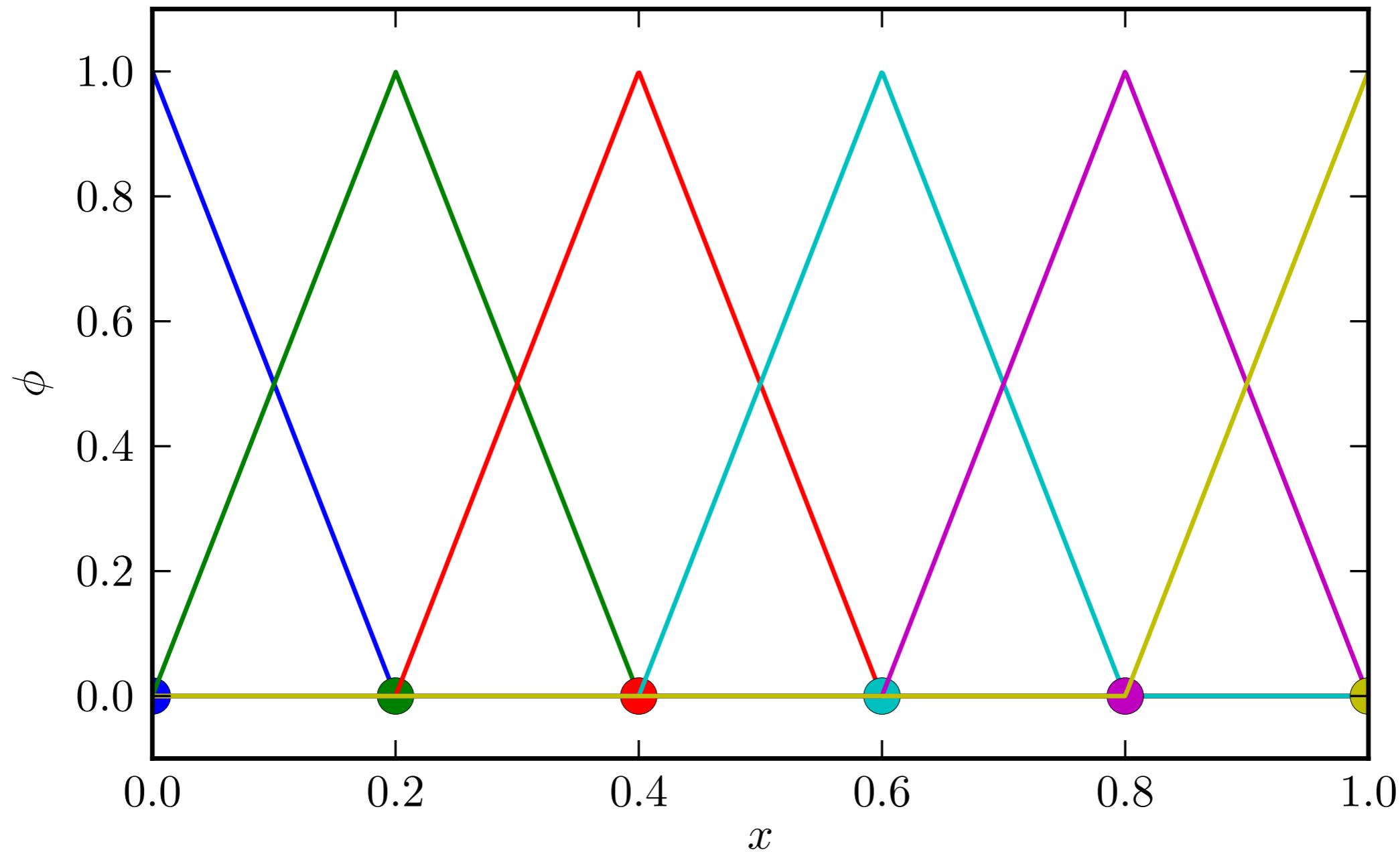
Project 2: Mesh-based and Meshfree Partitions of Unity

Partition of Unity

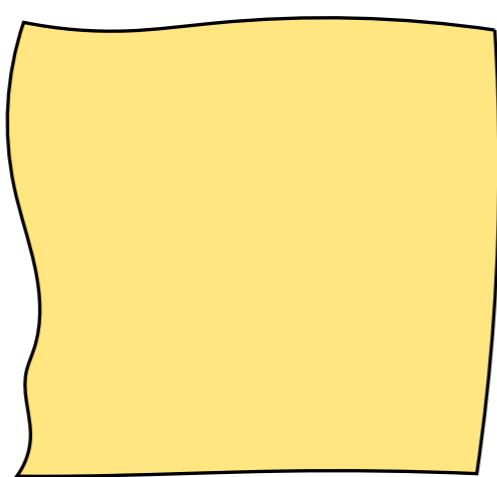
$$u_h(x) = \sum_{i=1}^N \phi_i u_i$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^N \phi_i = 1$$

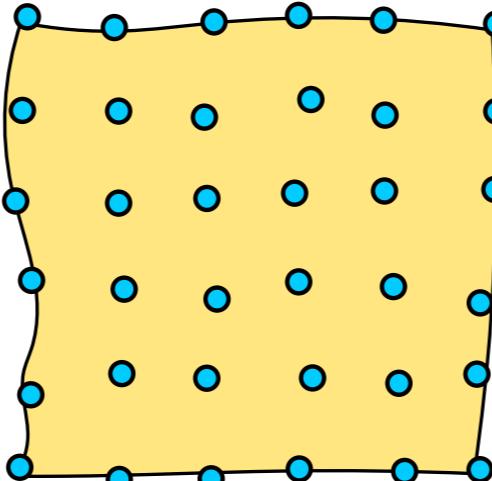
Finite elements



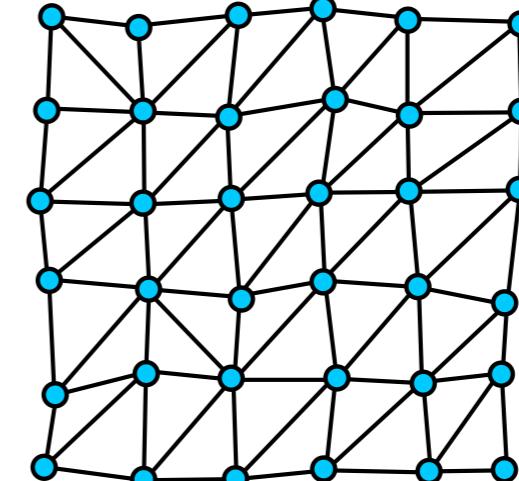
Mesh-based Partition of Unity



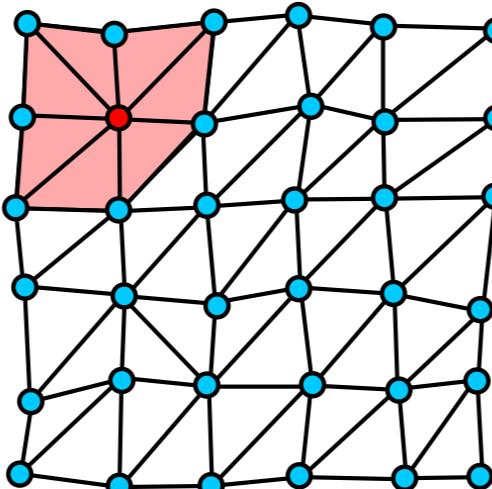
(a) Problem domain described in CAD program



(b) Problem domain seeded with nodes.

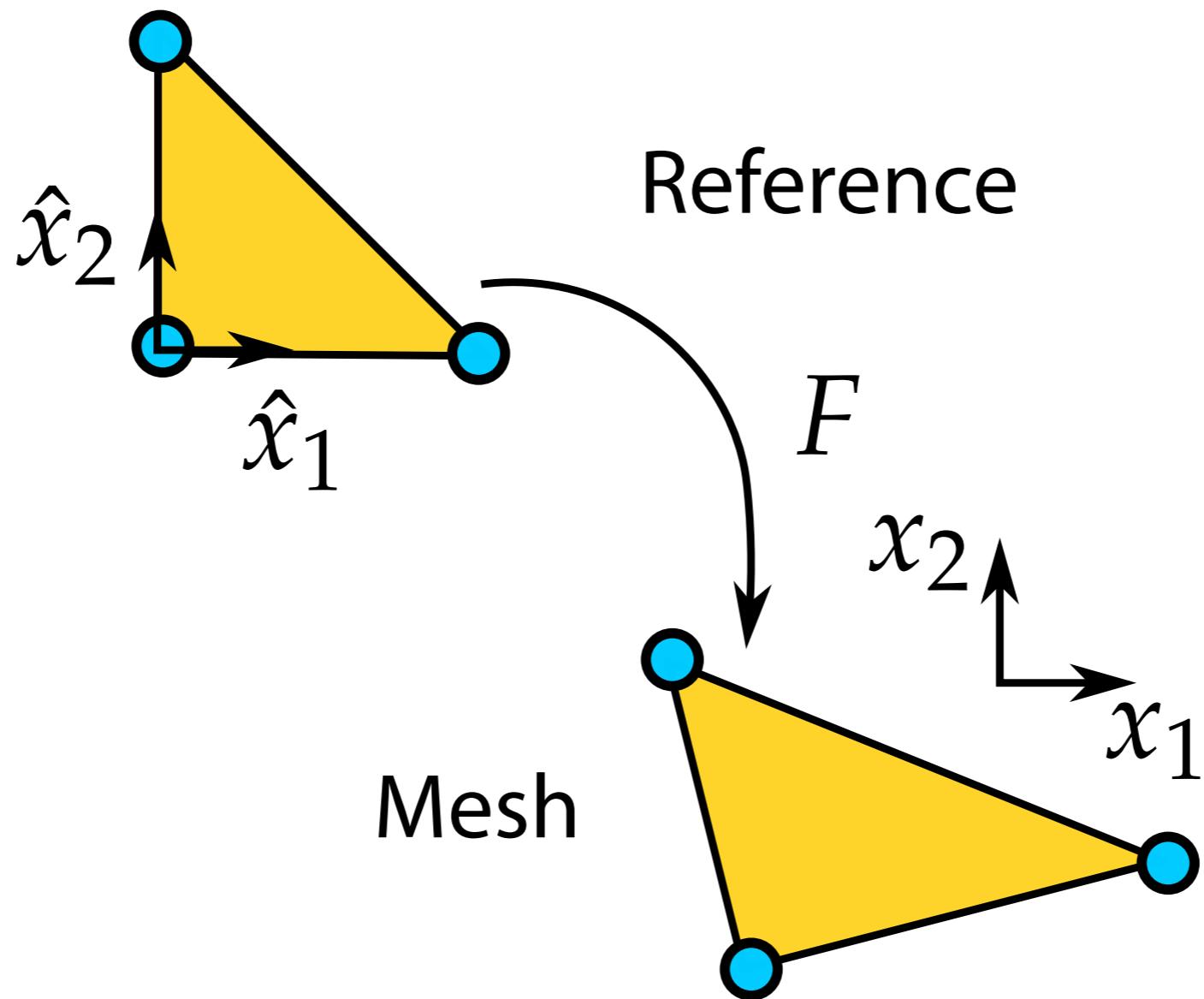


(c) Algorithm meshes the nodes.

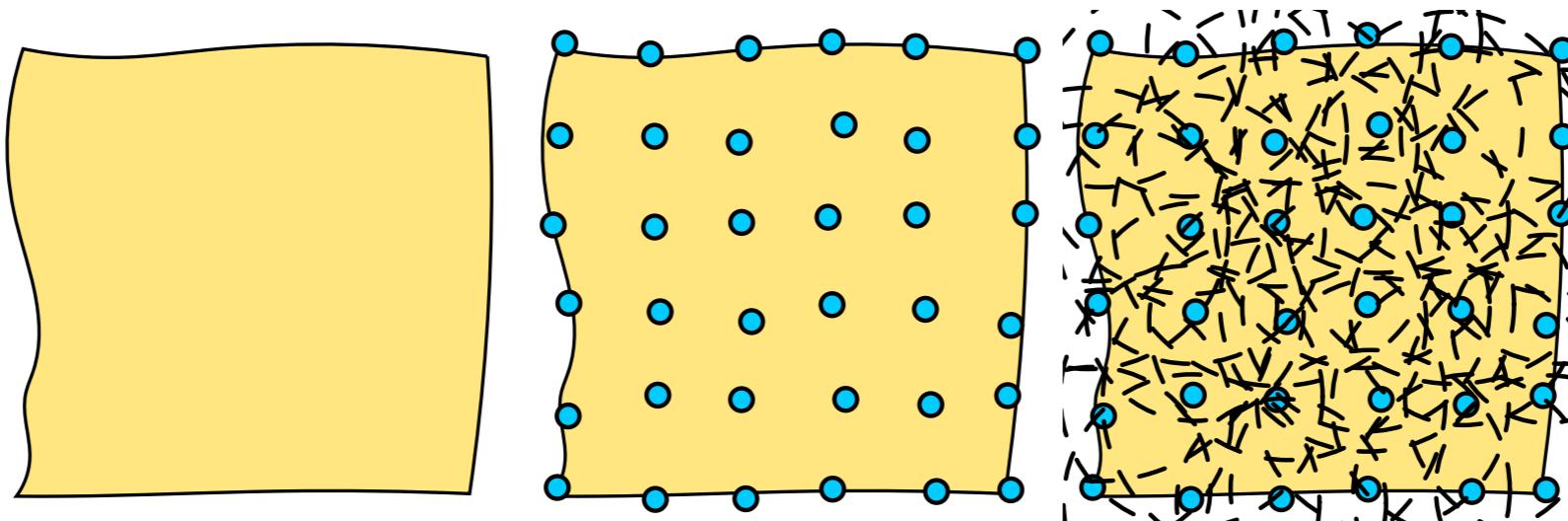


(d) The support and connectivity of each basis function is directly linked to the underlying mesh.

Finite Element Method



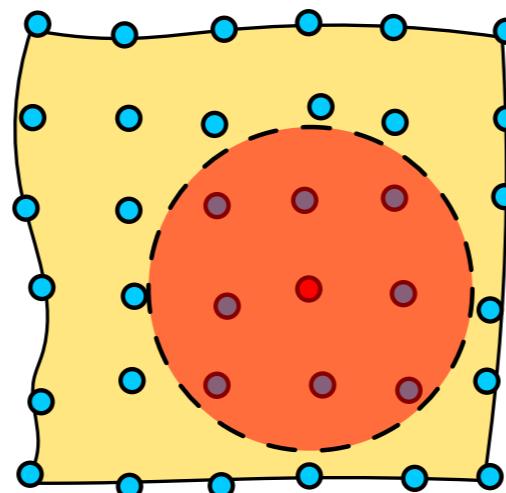
Meshfree-based Partition of Unity



(a) Problem domain described in CAD program.

(b) Problem domain seeded with nodes.

(c) Every node is given a support domain.



(d) The support and connectivity of each basis function is a natural consequence of the node positions and support domains.

Meshfree partition of unity is constructed in *global* space

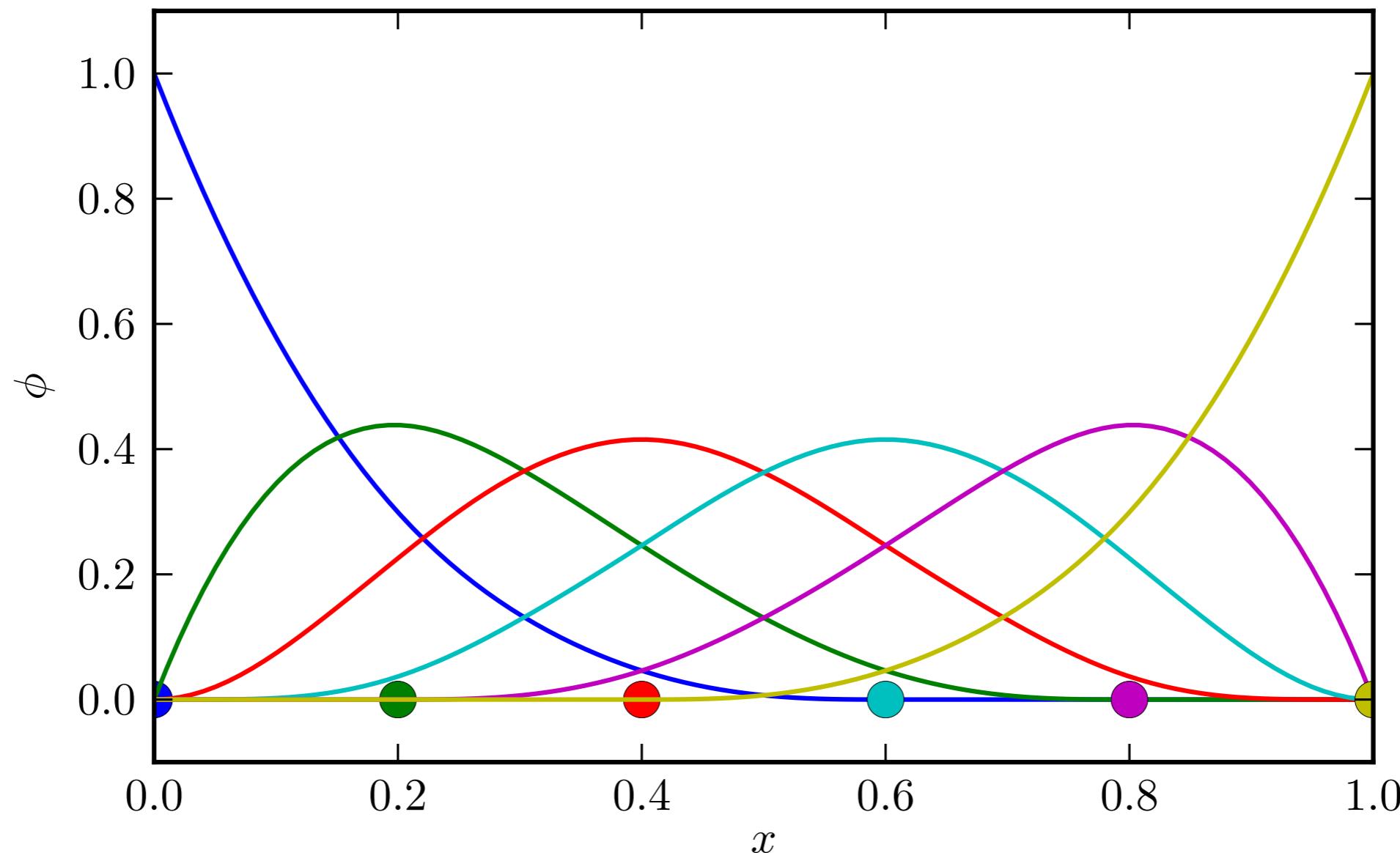
Good:

- improved approximation properties.
 - high-order continuity.
 - less dofs for given accuracy.
- **less sensitive to poor quality node distributions.**
- eases mesh generation.

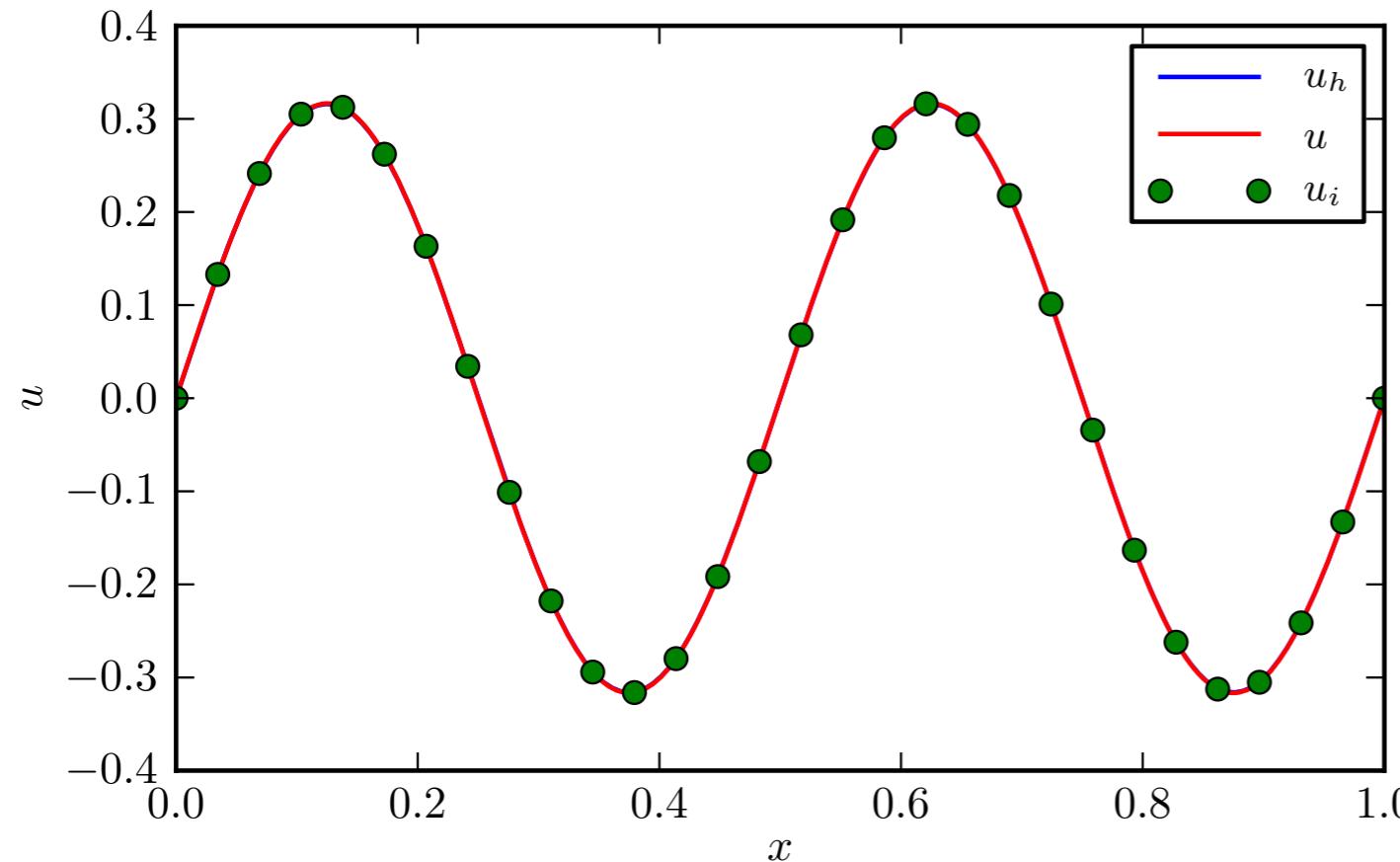
Not so good:

- expensive.
- extra flexibility also means extra complexity:
 - **integration.**
 - adaptivity/error measures.
 - mathematical proof.
 - **stability.**
 - **boundary conditions.**

Maximum-entropy basis functions

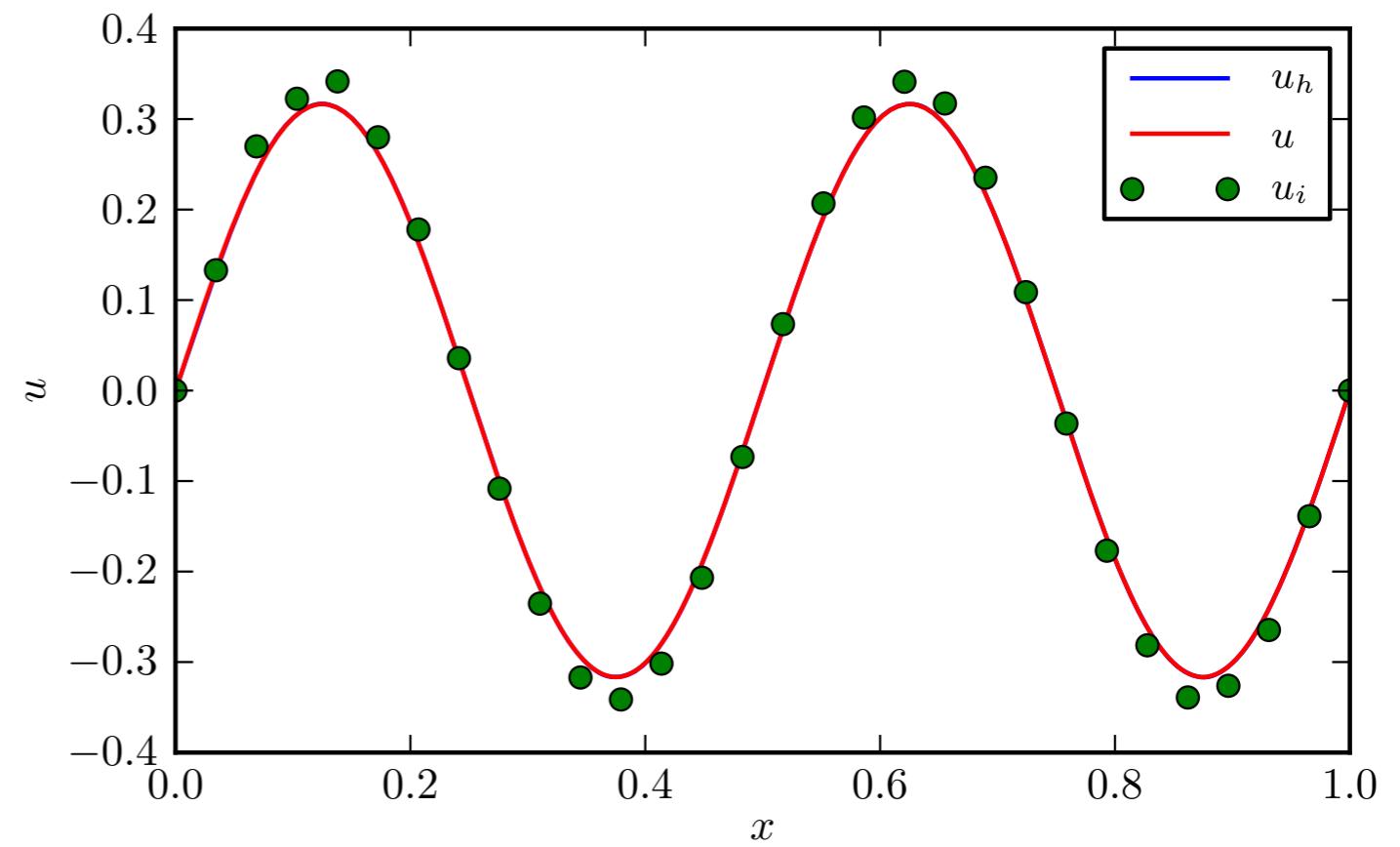


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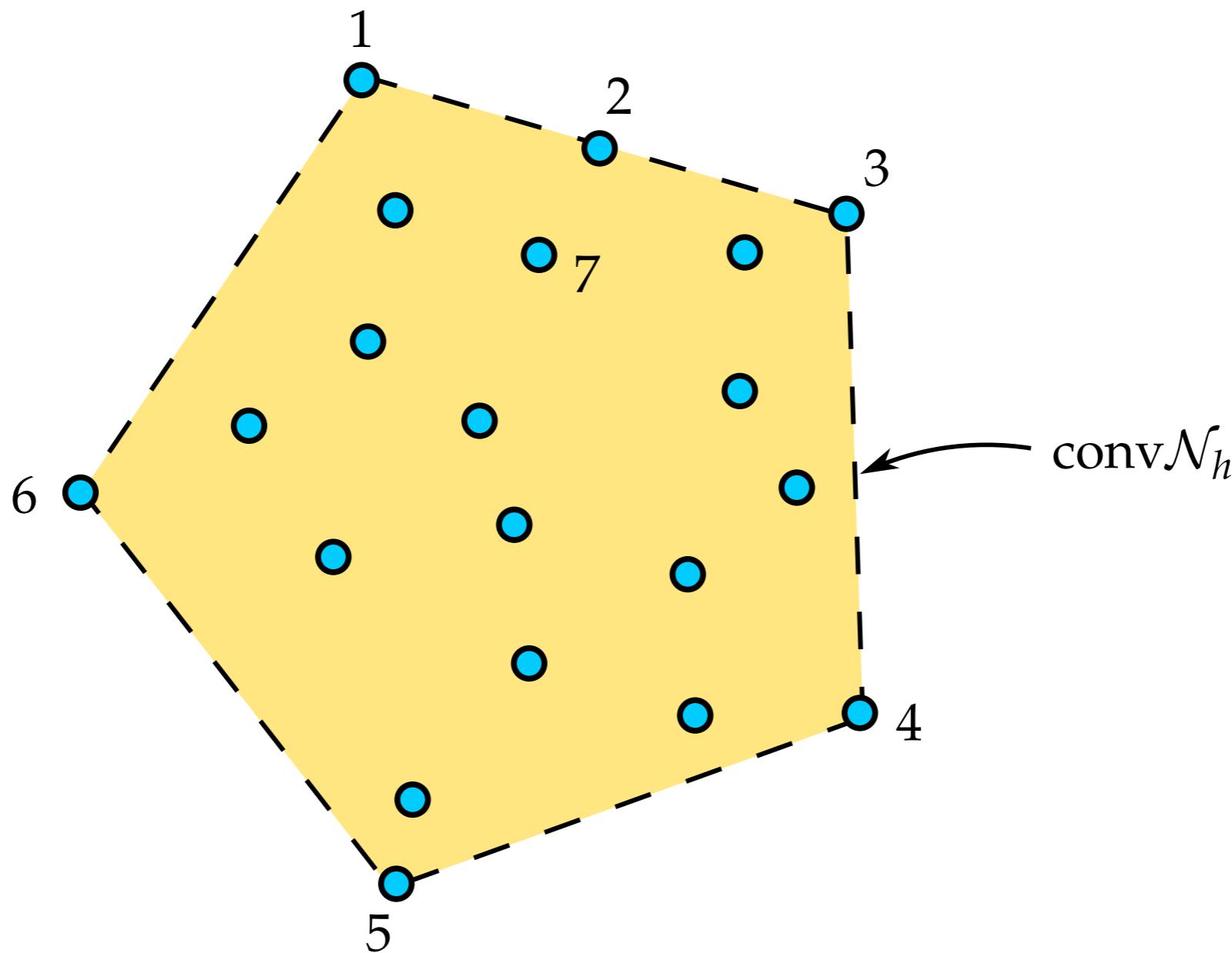


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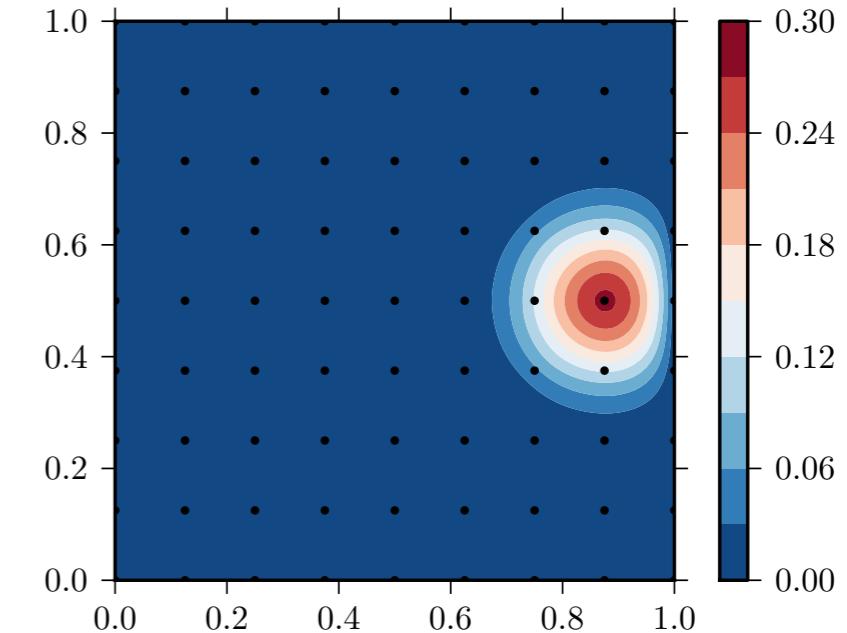
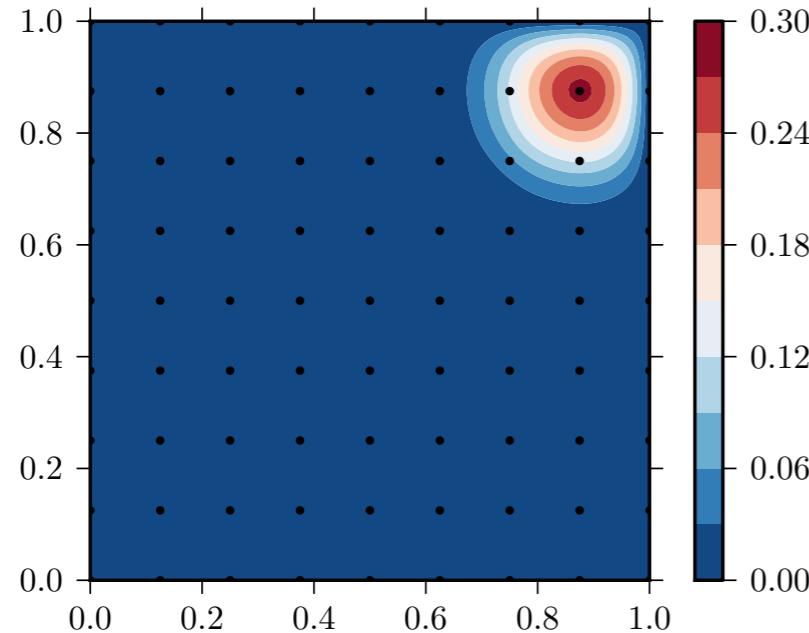
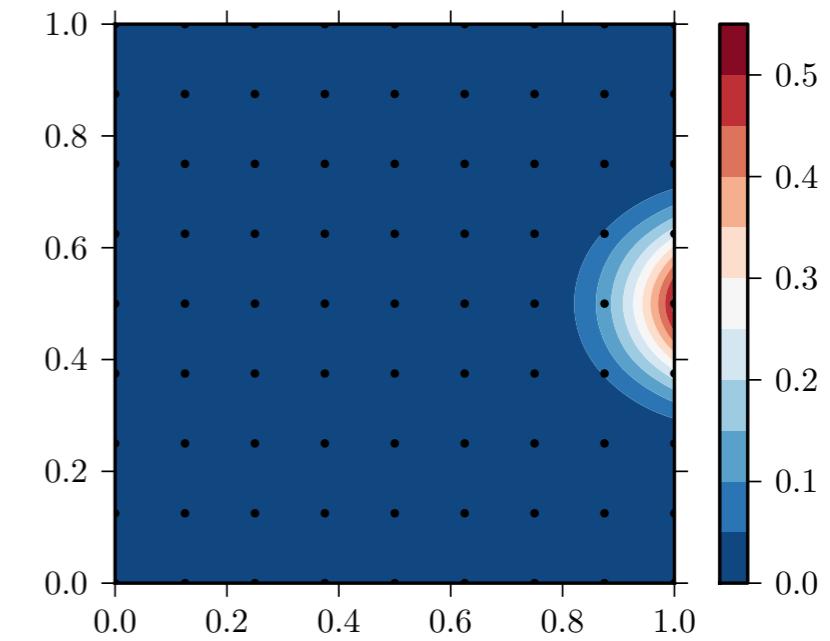
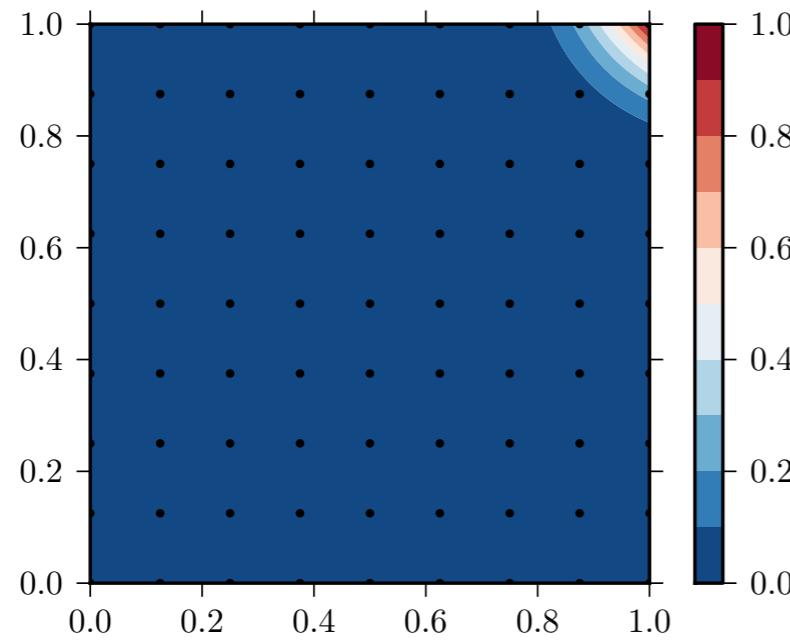
Maximum-Entropy



Maximum-entropy basis functions



Maximum-entropy basis functions



Maximum-entropy basis functions

All basis functions associated with interior nodes vanish on the convex hull.

$$u_h \in H_0^1(\Omega)$$

*Vital for **easy** imposition of Dirichlet boundary conditions.*

The problem.

Problems with small parameters crop up nearly everywhere!

Hyperelasticity

Incompressible fluid flow

Plates and Shells

Cosserat elasticity

and probably many more...

The problem:
numerical locking

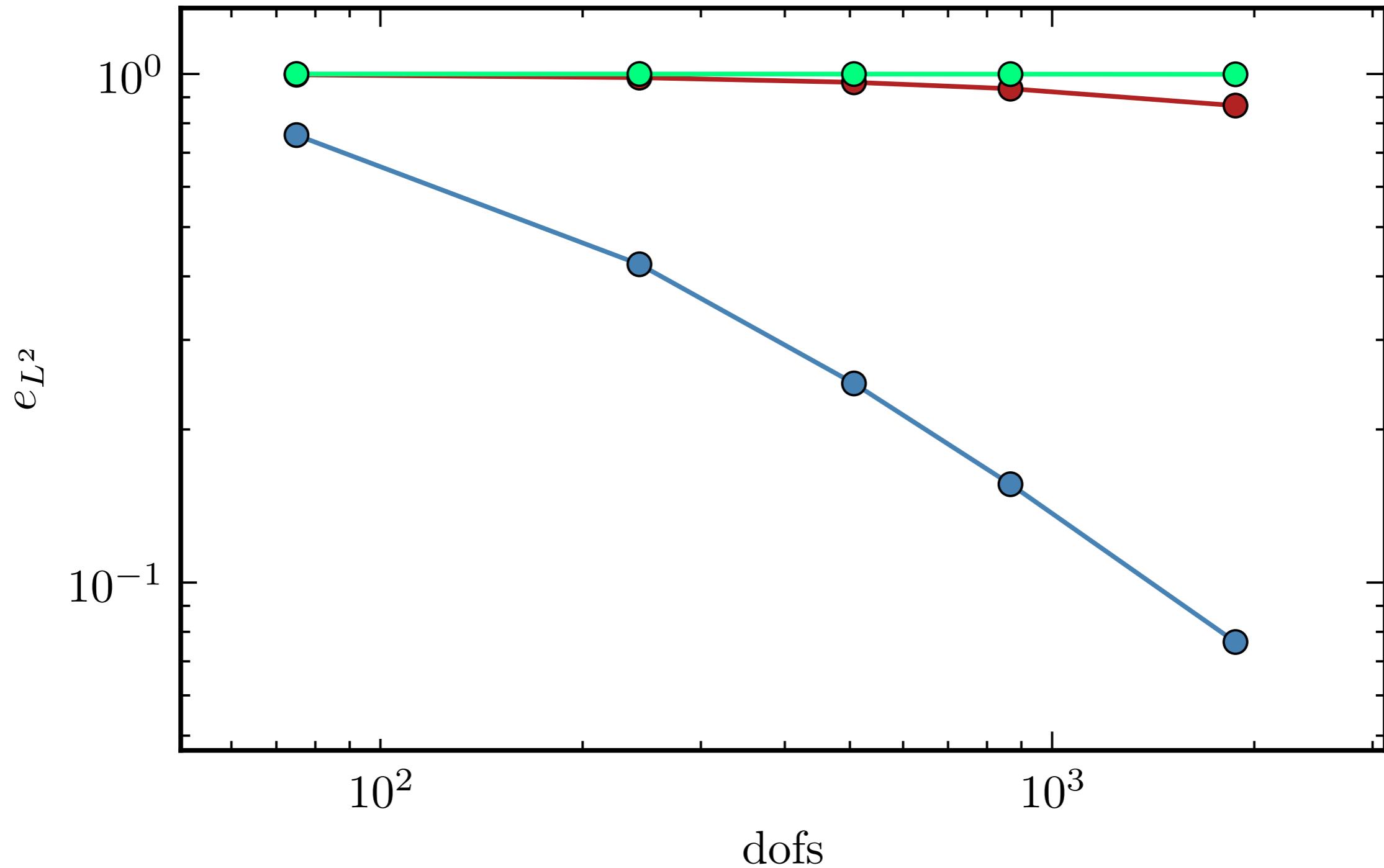
Nearly-incompressible elasticity

Find $u_h \in \mathcal{U}_h$ such that

$$\int_{\Omega} \mathbf{C} \boldsymbol{\epsilon}(\mathbf{u}_h) : \boldsymbol{\epsilon}(\mathbf{v}) \, d\Omega = \int_{\Gamma} \mathbf{f} \cdot \mathbf{v} \, d\Omega \quad \forall \mathbf{v} \in H_0^1(\Omega)$$

$$\lambda = \frac{\nu E}{(1 + \nu)(1 - 2\nu)}$$

Locking

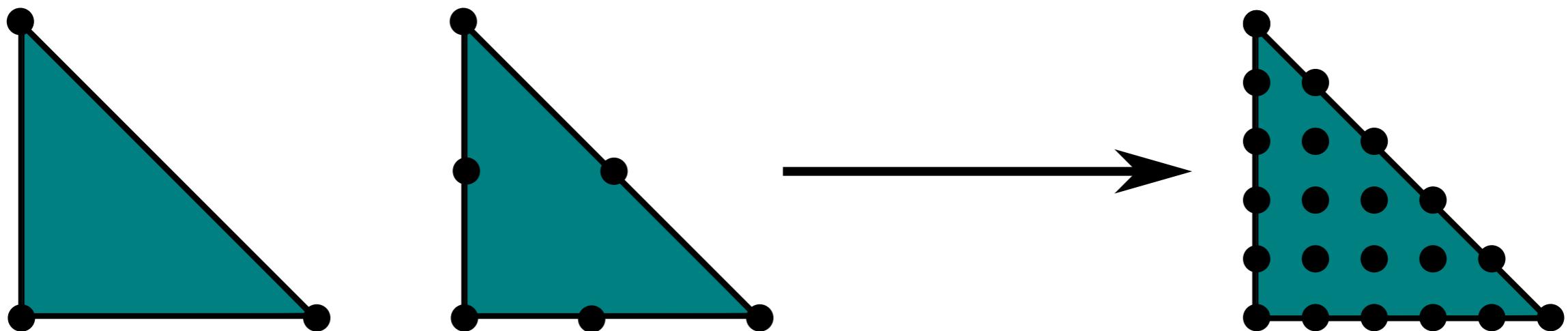


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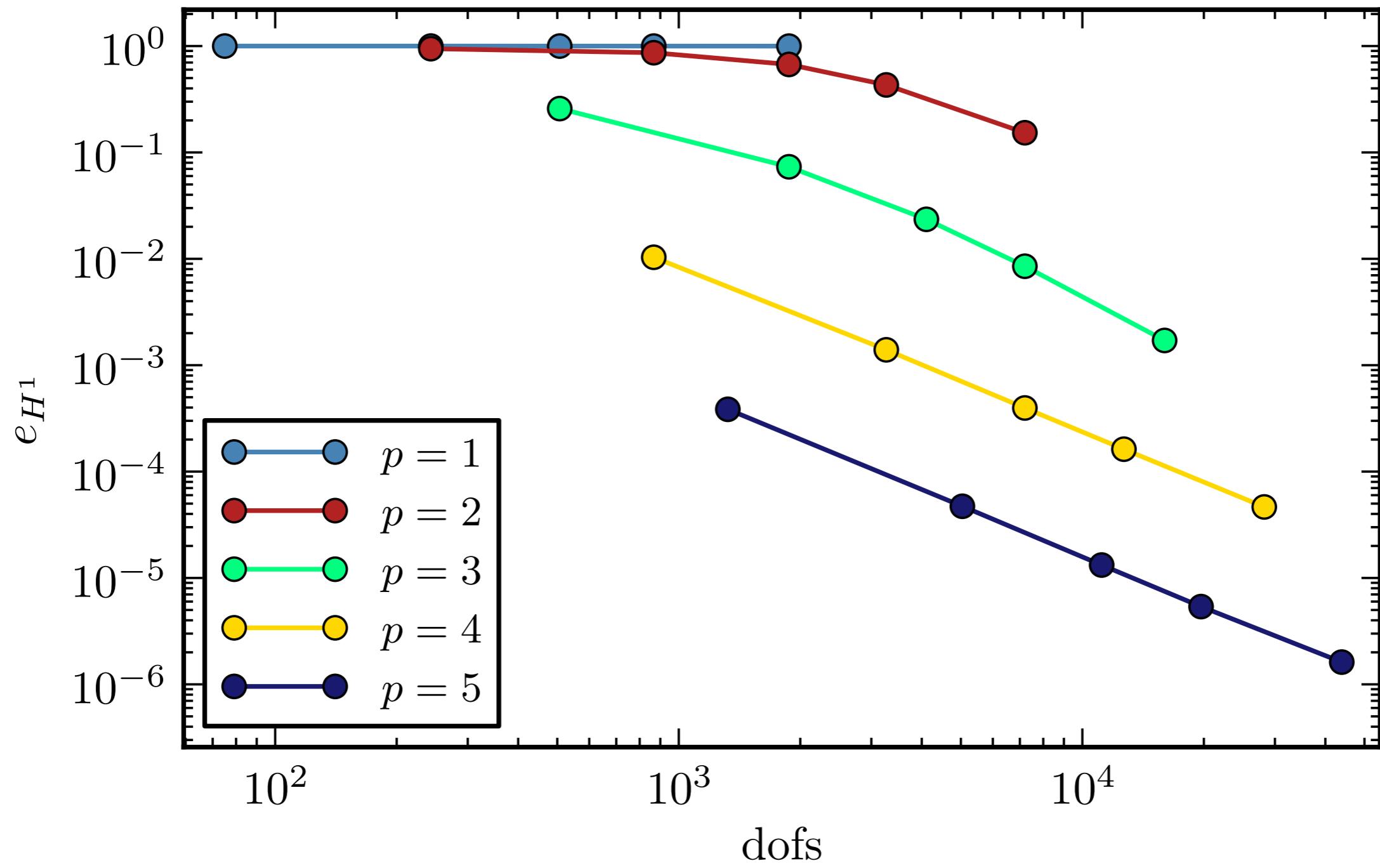
Inability of the basis functions to satisfy the constraint imposed whilst still having adequate approximation properties

$$\|u - u_h\| \leq C(\lambda)h^p\|u''\|$$

p-refinement



p-refinement



Mixed variational formulation

Find $\mathbf{u}_h \in \mathcal{P}_h$ and $p_h \in \mathcal{P}_h$ such that:

$$2\mu \int_{\Omega} \epsilon(\mathbf{u}_h) \cdot \epsilon(\mathbf{v}) \, d\Omega + \int_{\Omega} p_h \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} \, d\Omega = \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{f} \cdot \mathbf{v} \, d\Omega \quad \forall \mathbf{v} \in \mathcal{U}_h$$

$$\int_{\Omega} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}_h \, q \, d\Omega - \frac{1}{\lambda} \int_{\Omega} p_h q \, d\Omega = 0 \quad \forall q \in \mathcal{P}_h$$

Looking better

Great, so the problem is solved right?

LBB Stability

$$\inf_{q \in \mathcal{P}_h} \sup_{v \in \mathcal{U}_h} \frac{\int_{\Omega} q \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} d\Omega}{\|v\|_1 \|q\|_0 / \mathbb{R}} \geq \beta_h > 0$$

A question of **balance**

\mathcal{U}_h

\mathcal{P}_h

Stability

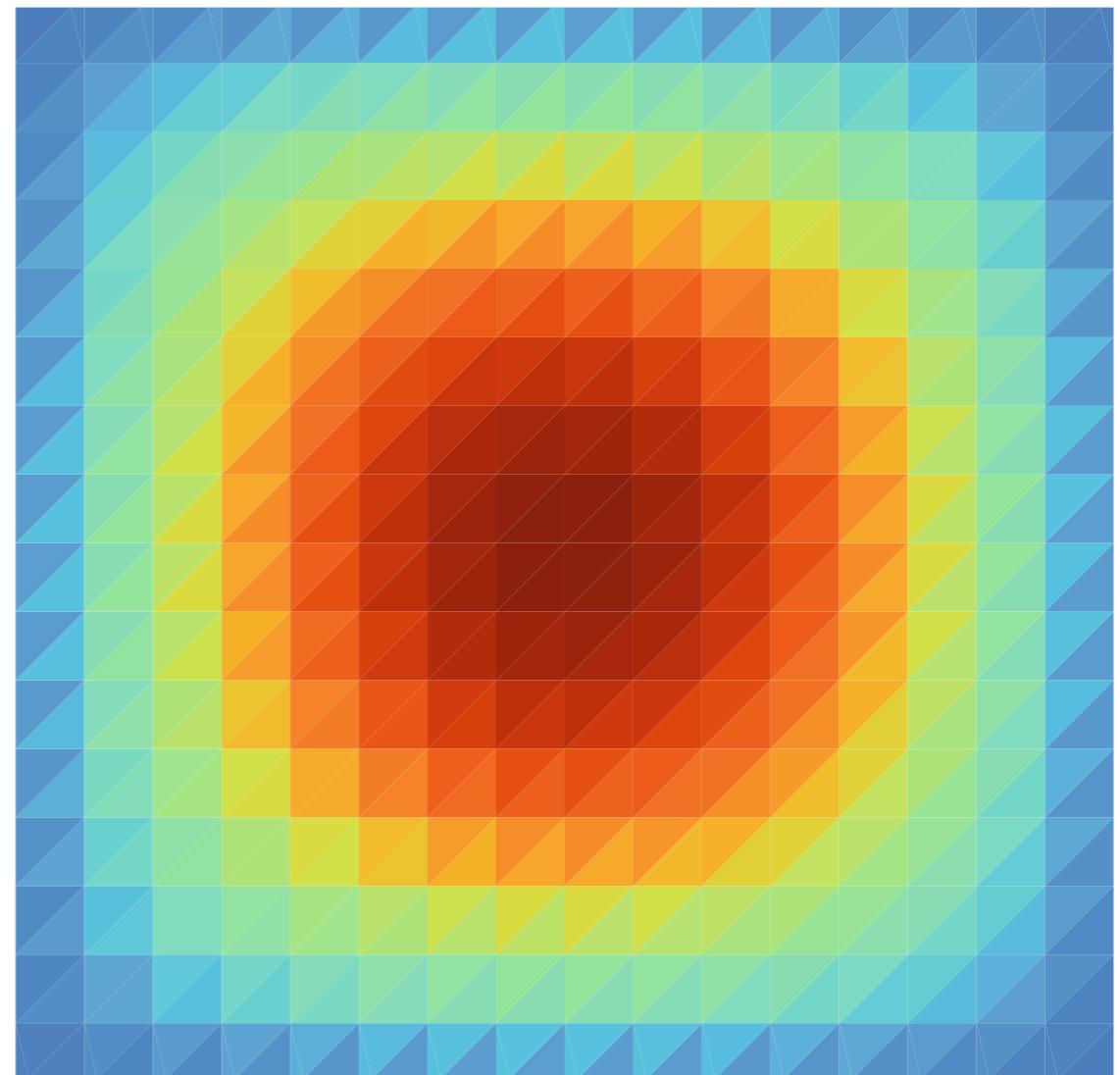
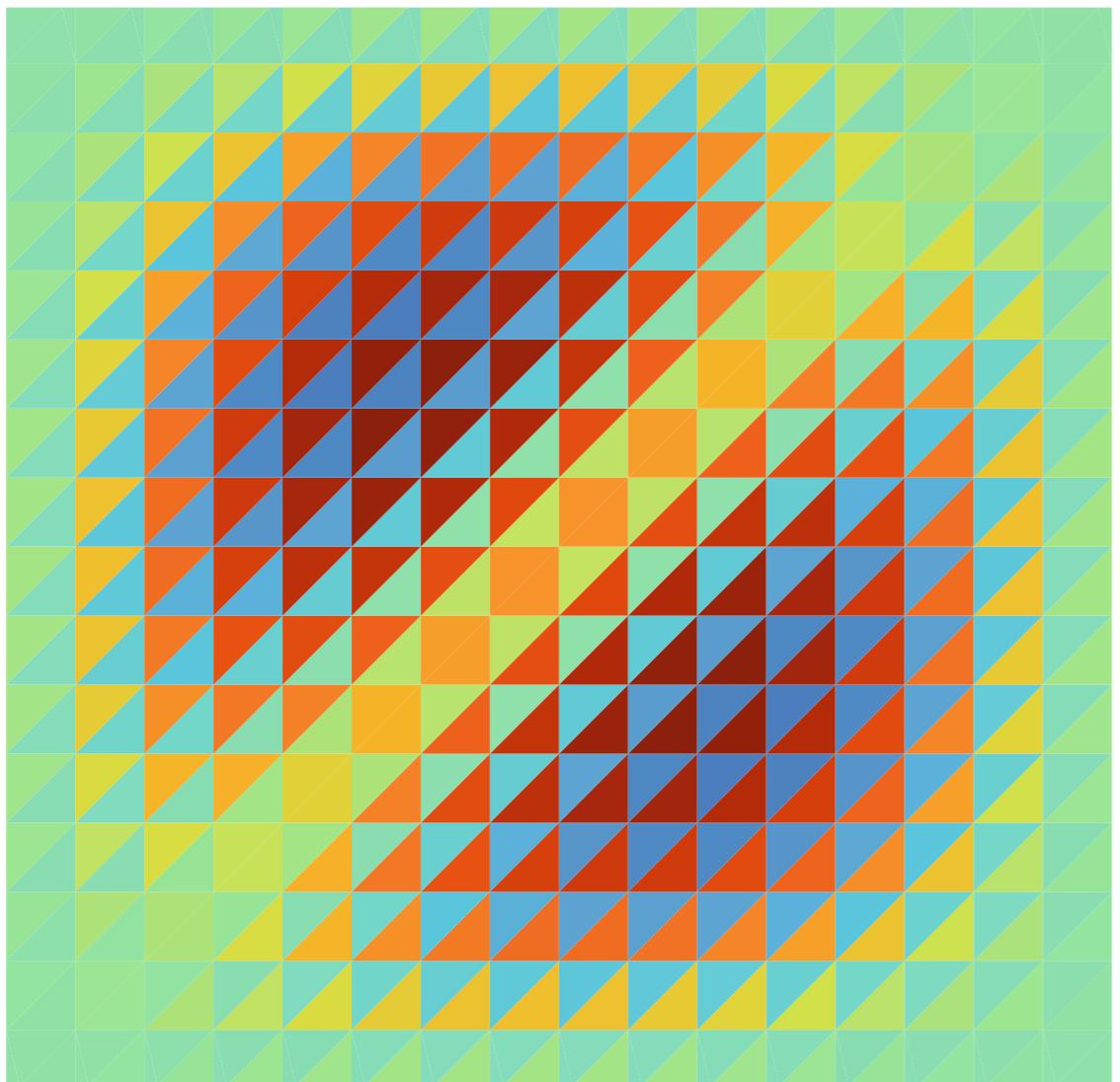
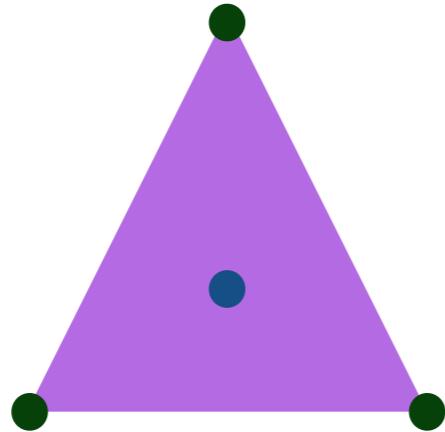


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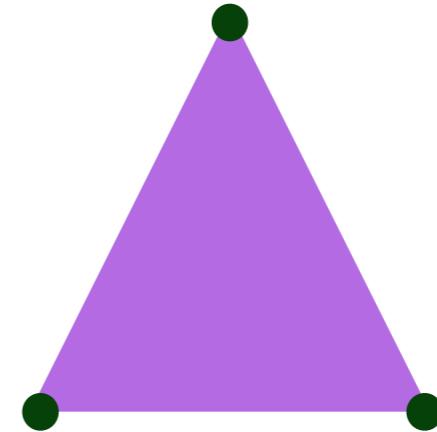
MINI element

Linear + Bubble



\mathcal{U}_h

Linear



\mathcal{P}_h

Arnold, Brezzi, Fortin 1984

The Volume Averaged Nodal Pressure Method (VANP)

Questions I will answer...

1. Can we produce a stable pair of spaces for the mixed formulation using *meshfree* approximation schemes?
2. Can we *eliminate* the pressure space to produce a generalised displacement method?
3. Can we produce a *general* scheme, which works for arbitrary spaces of meshfree basis functions and even finite element basis functions?
4. How does enrichment, in the manner of the MINI bubble, affect the convergence and stability?
5. Does it work in 3D?

Questions I can answer....

- Exactly how to construct meshfree basis functions, including high-order reproducing radial basis functions and maximum-entropy basis functions.
- How to accurately integrate the weak form.
- How to implement the method in algorithmic form.
- And of course any other questions you may have...

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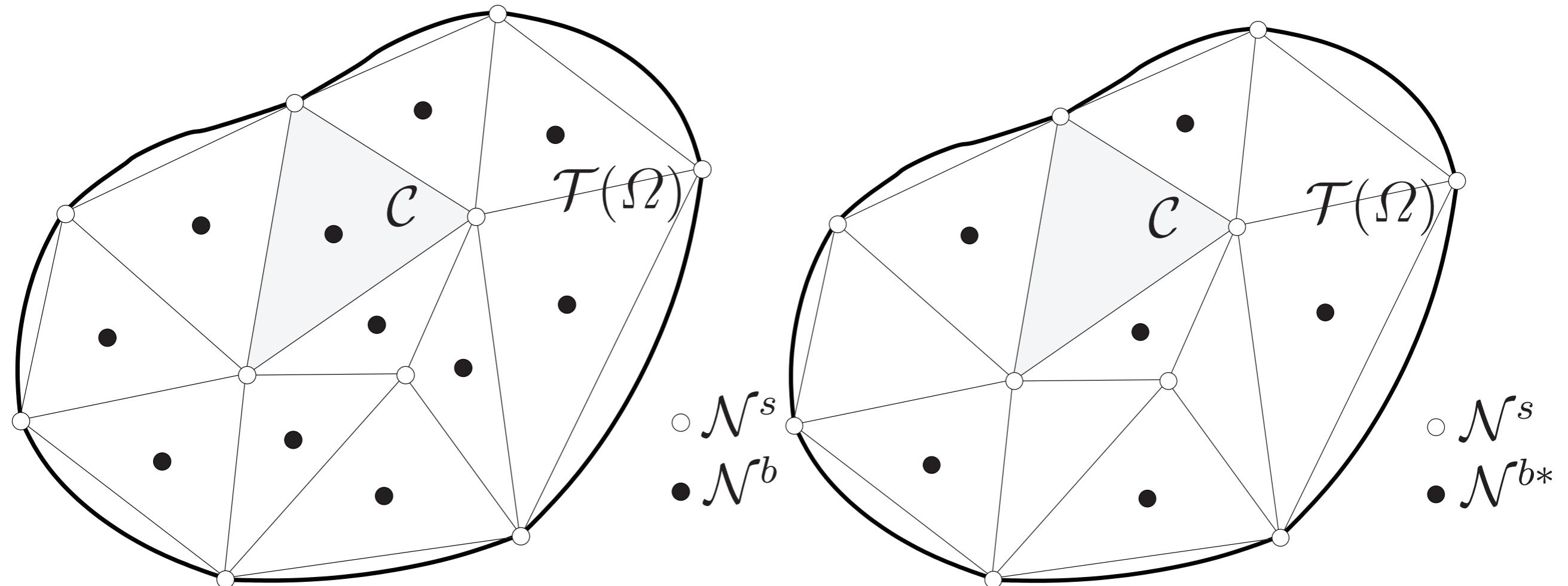


Fig. 1: Schematic representation of a two-dimensional simplicial tessellation for the VANP method.

(a) Enhanced node set \mathcal{N}^+ , and (b) enhanced node set \mathcal{N}^* .

Spaces

$$\mathcal{U}_h := [ME(\Omega; \mathcal{N}_h, \rho)]^2$$

$$\mathbf{u}_h(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^N \phi_i \mathbf{u}_i$$

$$\mathcal{P}_h := CG_1(\Omega; \mathcal{T}_h)$$

For simplicity of the exposition, not required

$$p_h = \sum_{i=1}^M N_i p_i$$

Saddle-point problem

$$\int_{\Omega} \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{D} \mathbf{B} \, d\Omega \, \mathbf{u} + \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{m} \mathbf{N}_p \, d\Omega \, \mathbf{p} = \int_{\Omega} \Phi_{\mathbf{u}}^T \mathbf{f} \, d\Omega$$
$$\int_{\Omega} \mathbf{N}_p^T \mathbf{m}^T \mathbf{B} \, d\Omega \, \mathbf{u} - \frac{1}{\lambda_e} \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{N}_p^T \mathbf{N}_p \, d\Omega \, \mathbf{p} = 0$$

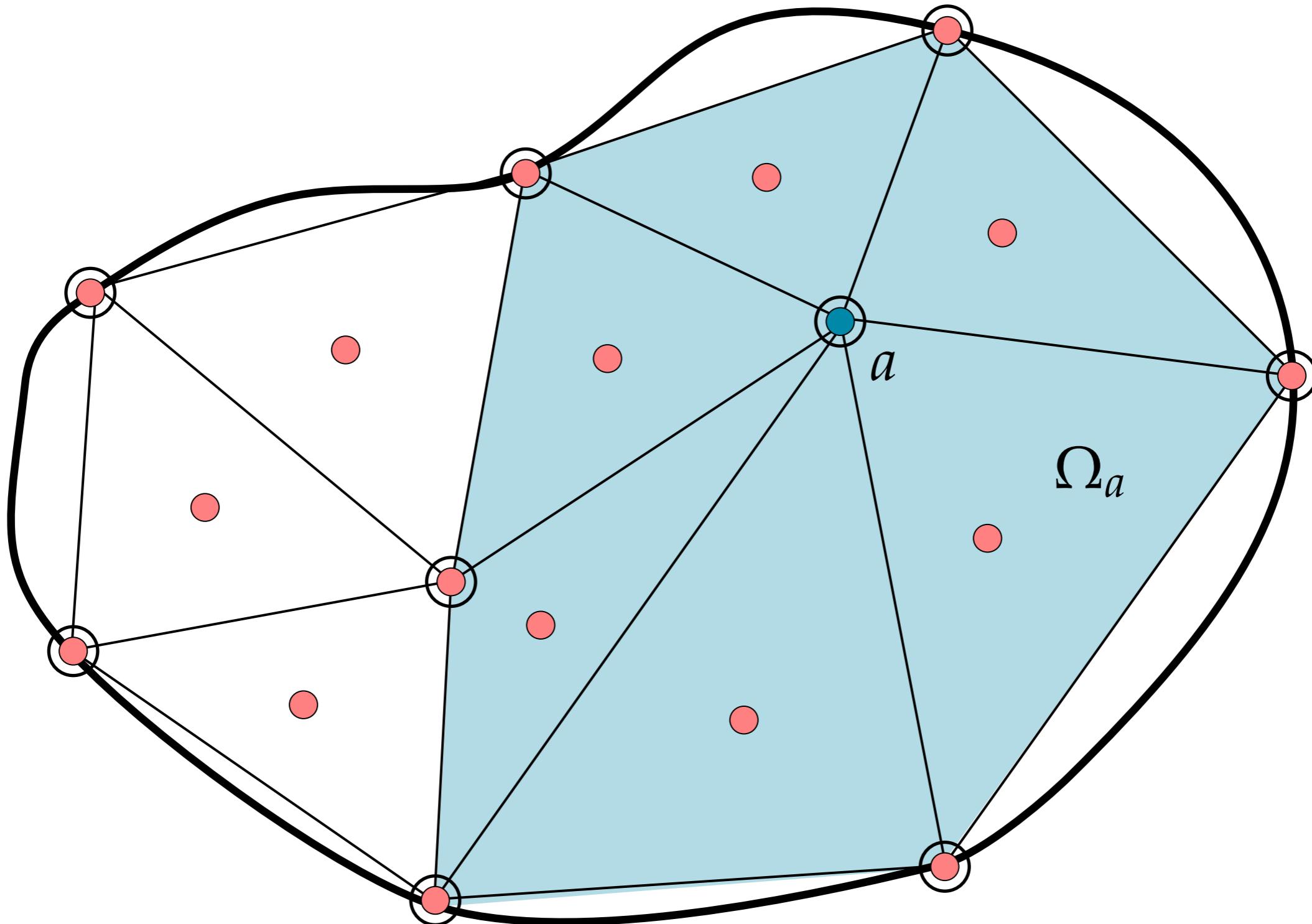
$$\mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial \phi_{u_x}}{\partial x_1} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{\partial \phi_{u_y}}{\partial x_2} \\ \frac{\partial \phi_{u_x}}{\partial x_2} & \frac{\partial \phi_{u_y}}{\partial x_1} \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{m} = \{1 \quad 1 \quad 0\}^T \quad \mathbf{D} = \begin{bmatrix} 2\mu & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2\mu & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \mu \end{bmatrix}$$

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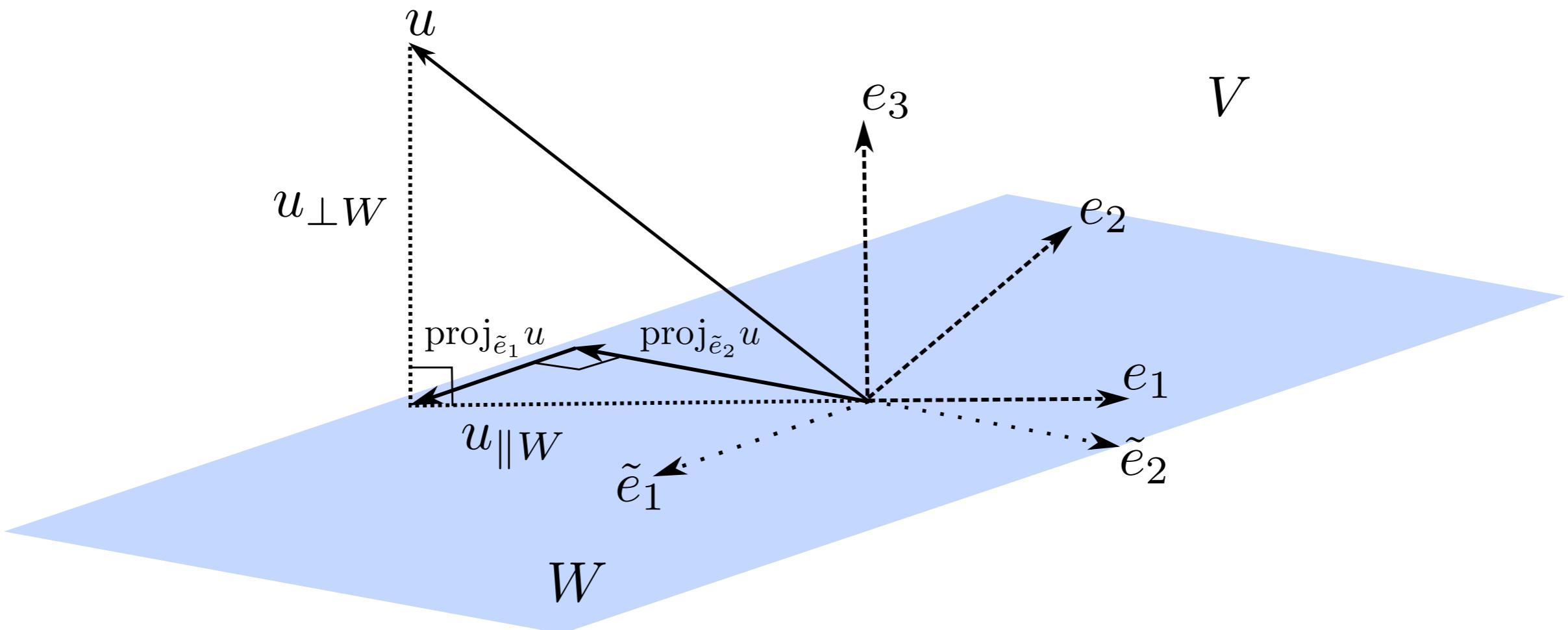
Saddle-point problem

$$\begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ B^T & -C \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} u \\ p \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} f \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix}$$

How can we get rid of p ?



Projection



Many methods include a projection or ‘softening’

Enhanced Assumed Strains (EAS)

Reduced Integration

Smoothed Finite Element Method (SFEM)

Mixed Interpolation of Tensorial Components

For every pressure node:

$$\sum_{b=1}^N \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{N}_{pa} \mathbf{m}^T \mathbf{B}_b \, d\Omega \, \mathbf{u}_b - \frac{1}{\lambda} \sum_{a=1}^M \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{N}_{pa} \, d\Omega \, p_a = 0$$

Restrict integration domain to local domain:

$$\sum_{b=1}^N \int_{\Omega_a} N_{pa} \mathbf{m}^T \mathbf{B}_b \, d\Omega \, \mathbf{u}_b - \frac{1}{\lambda} \sum_{a=1}^M \int_{\Omega_a} N_{pa} \, d\Omega \, p_a = 0$$

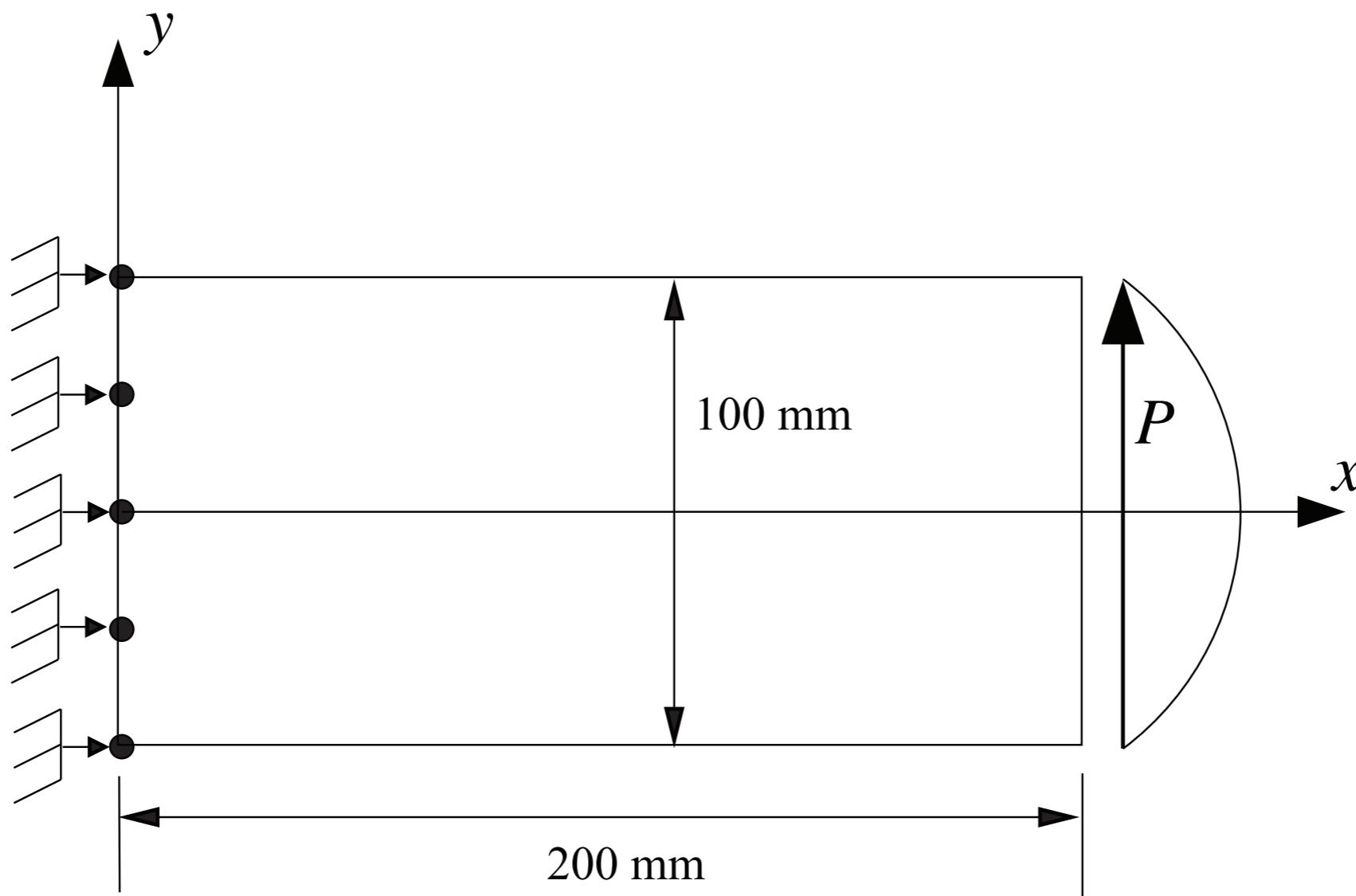
Re-arrange to get equation for every pressure dof:

$$p_a = -\lambda \sum_{b=1}^N \left\{ \frac{\int_{\Omega_a} N_{pa} \mathbf{m}^T \mathbf{B}_b \, d\Omega}{\int_{\Omega_a} N_{pa} \, d\Omega} \right\} \mathbf{u}_b$$

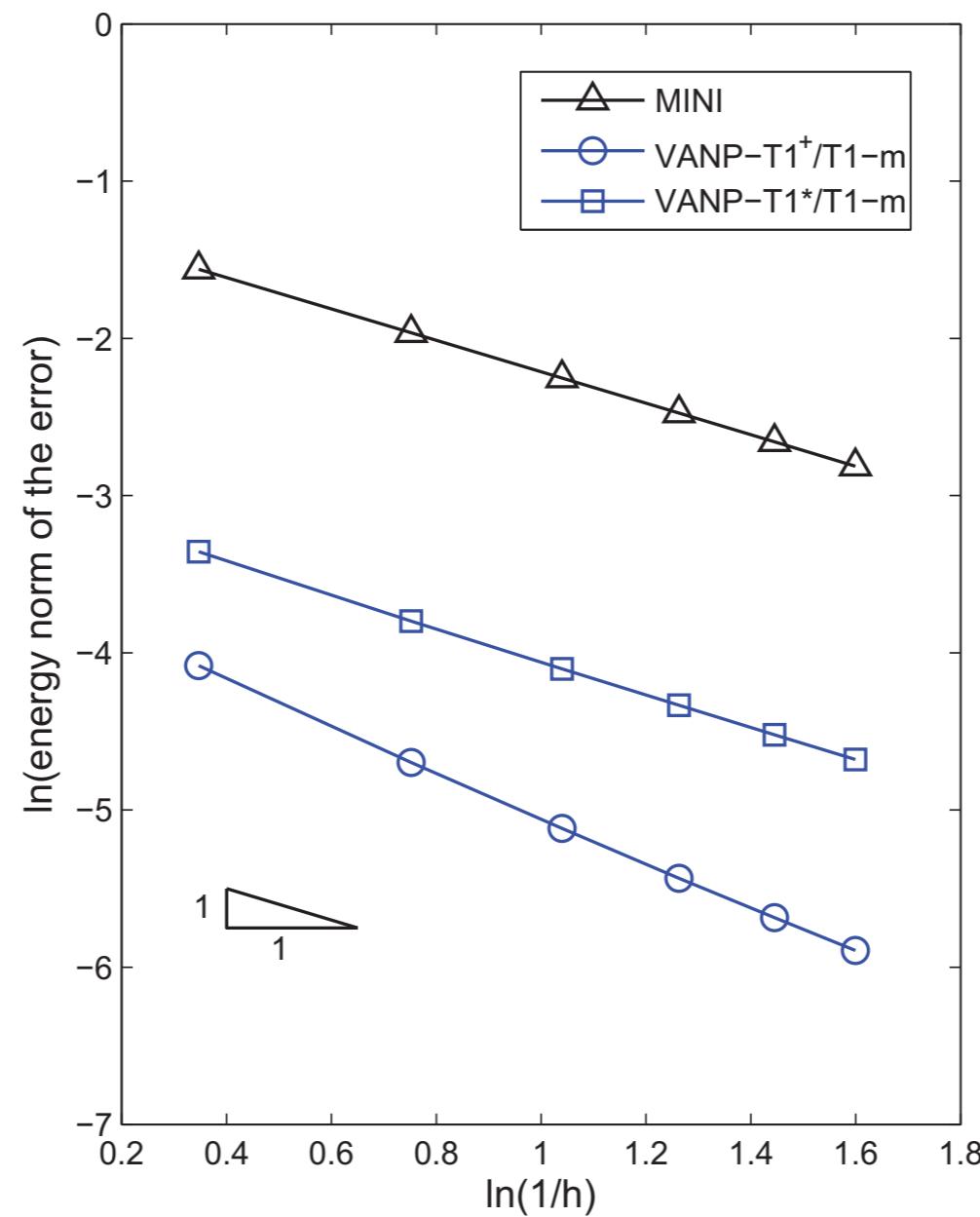
Results

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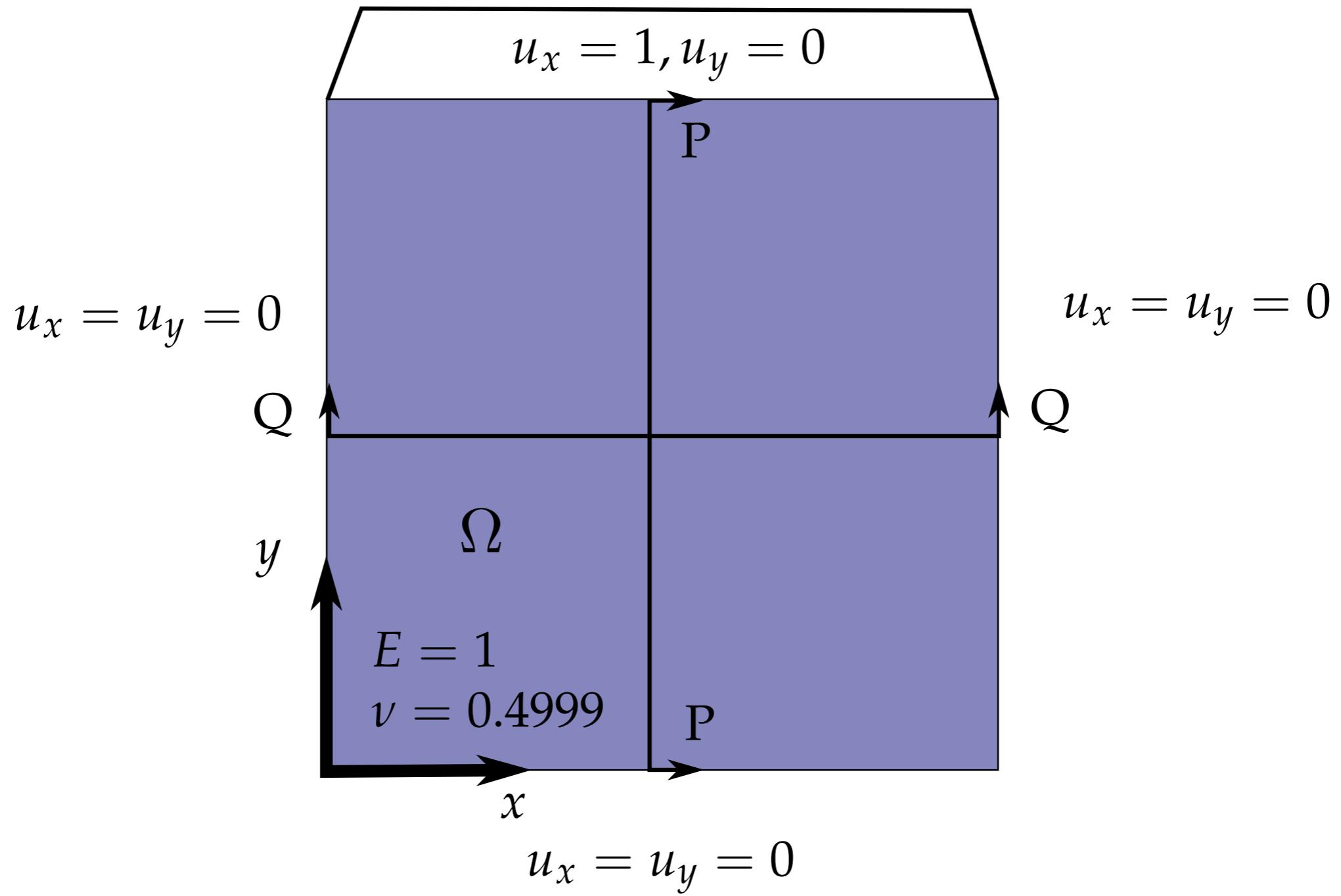
Timoshenko Beam



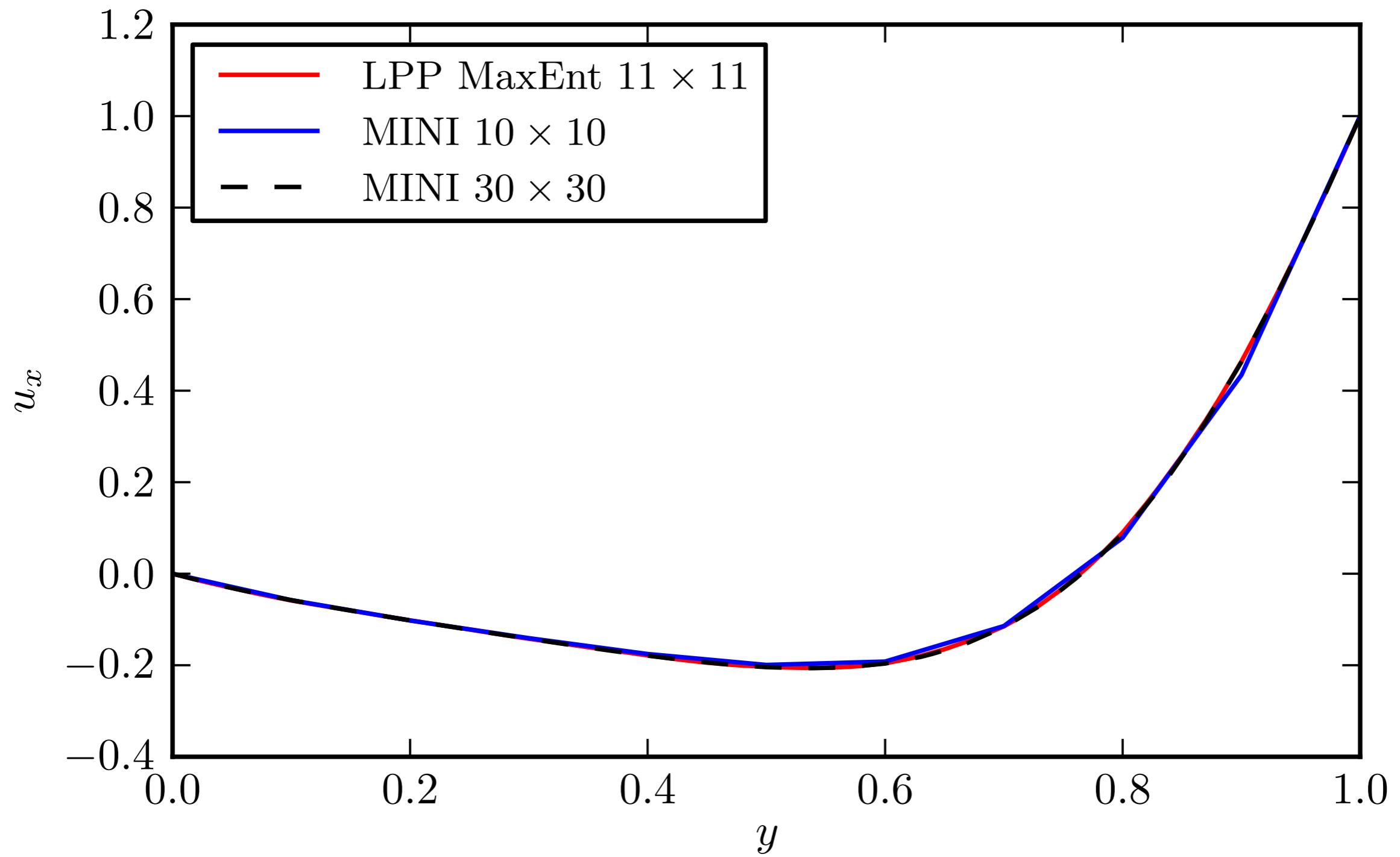
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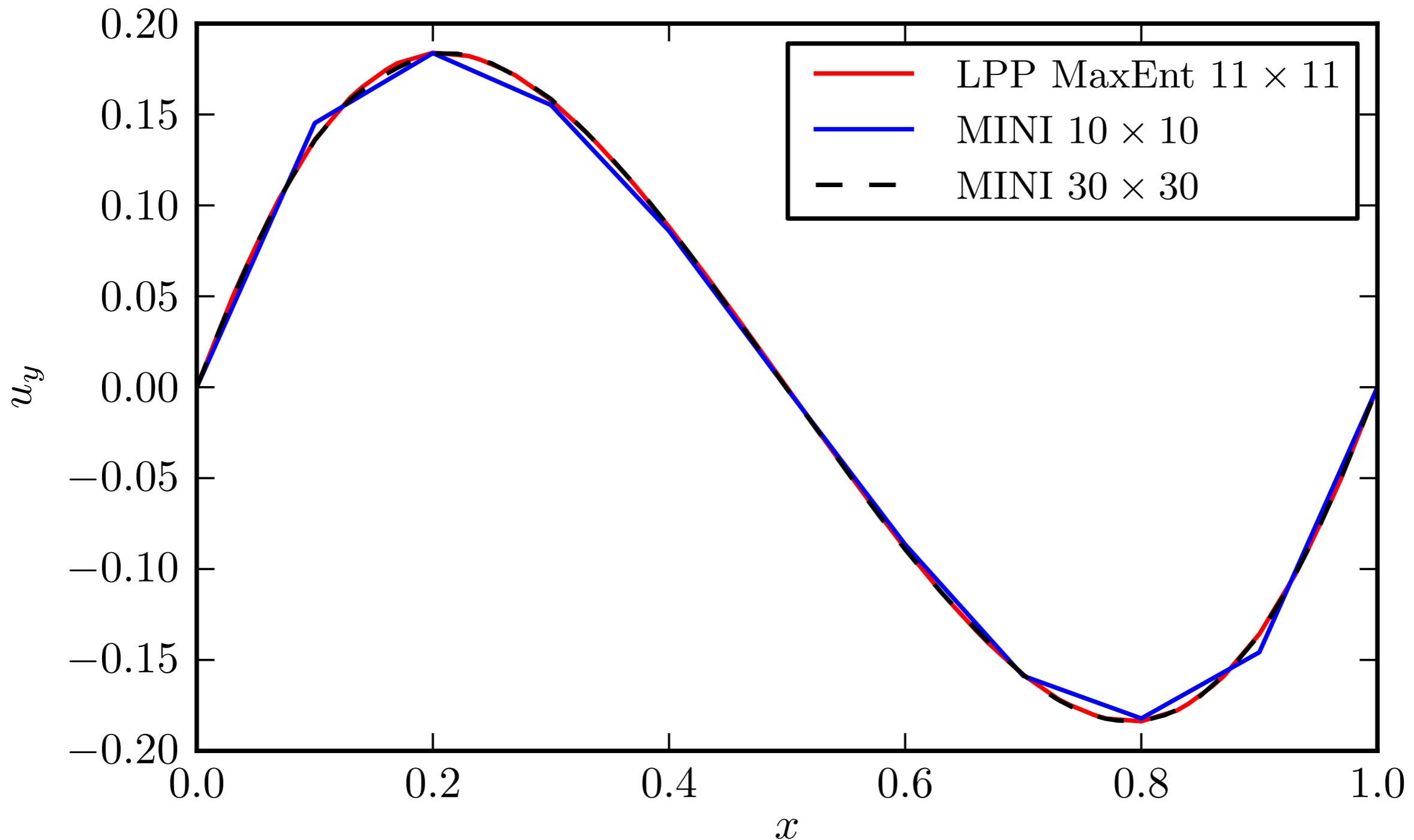
Leaky-lid cavity flow



Velocity across $P - P$

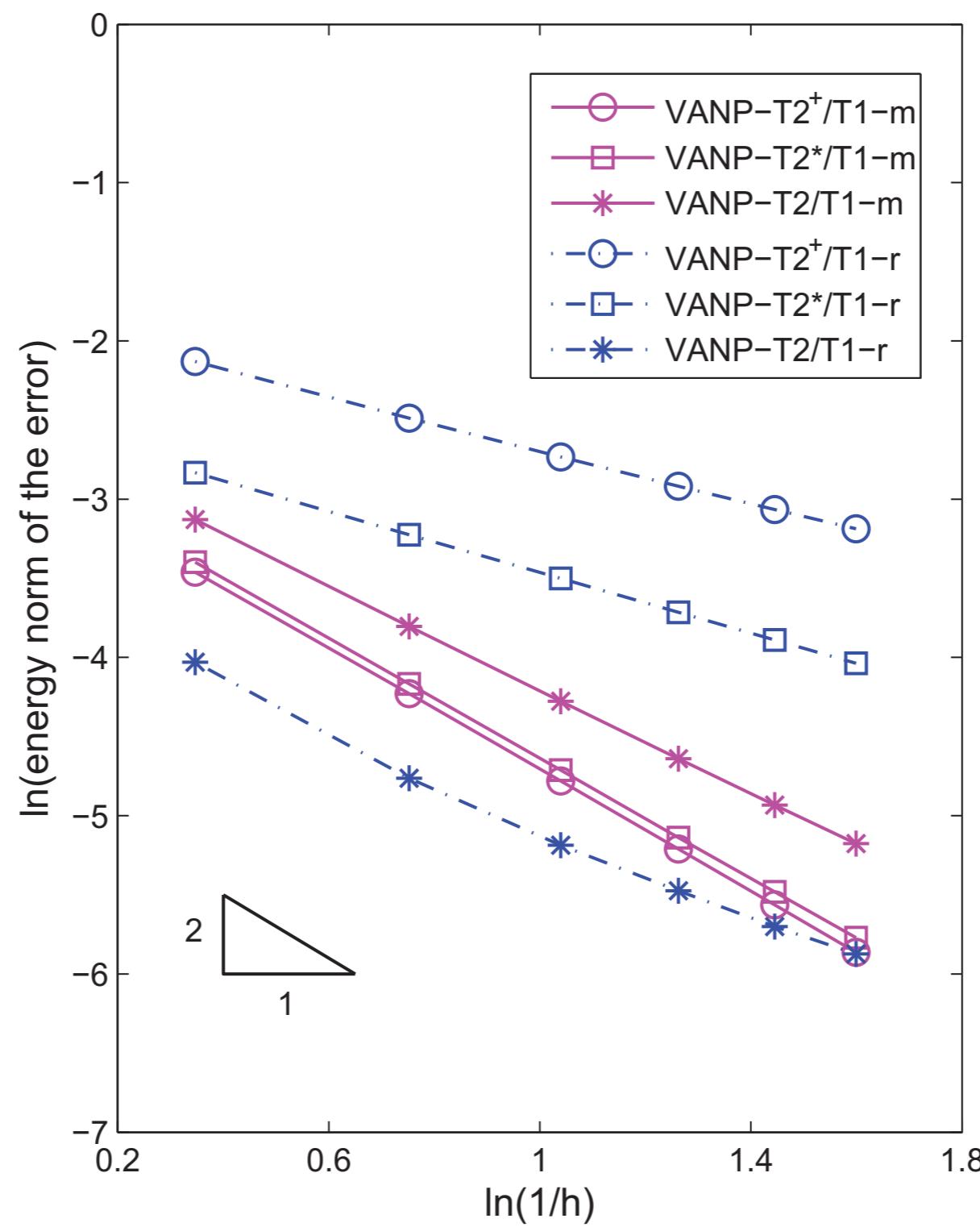


Velocity across $Q - Q$



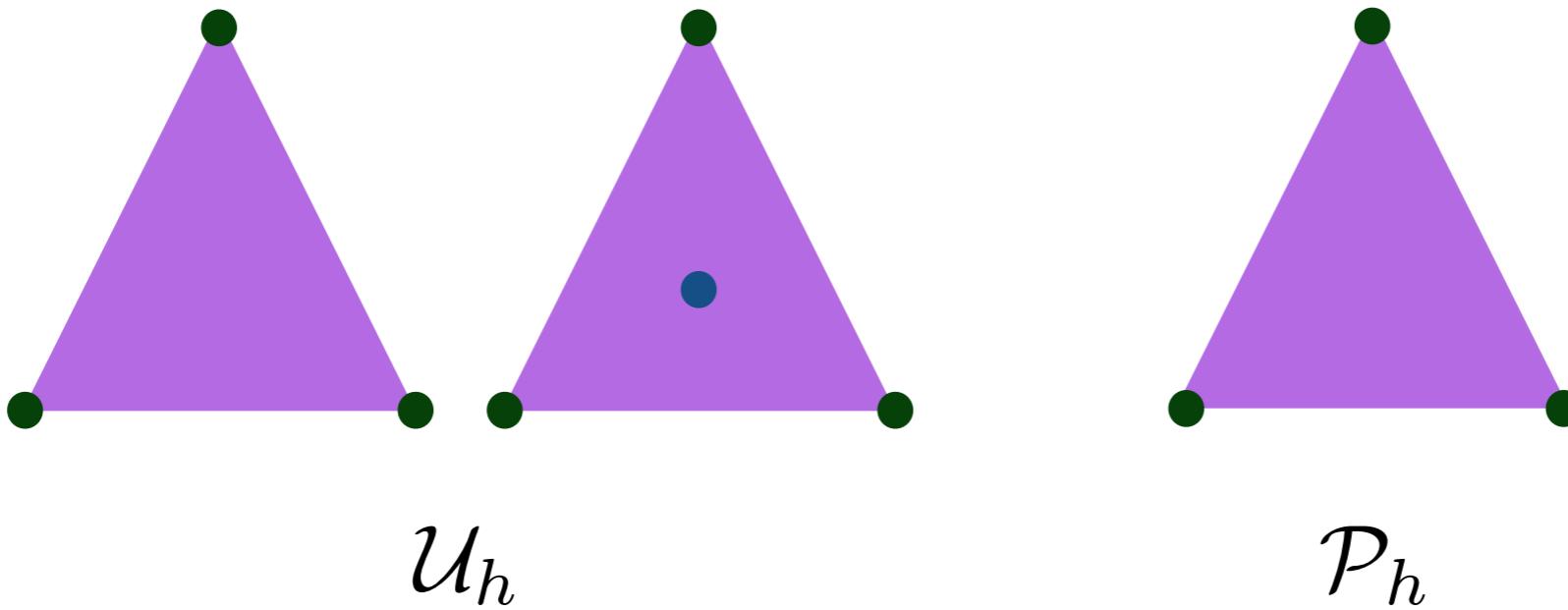
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MINI* element



Kim and Lee, 2000, 10.1023/A:1018973303935

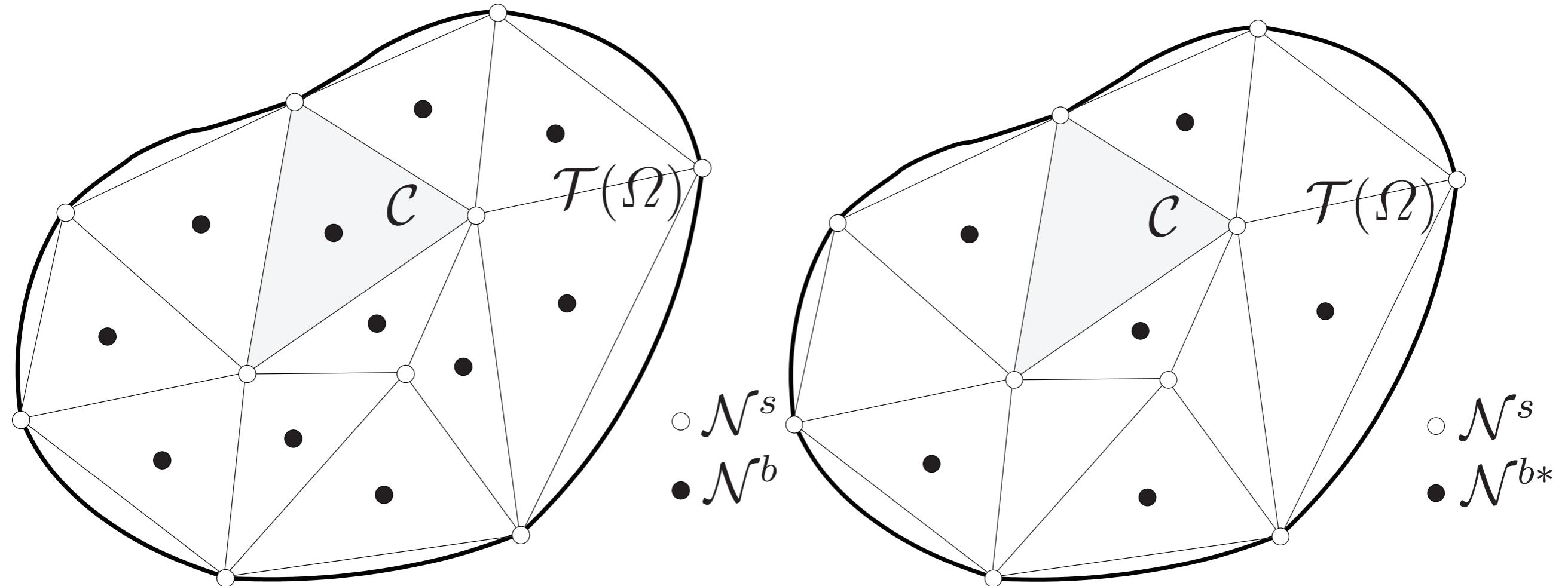


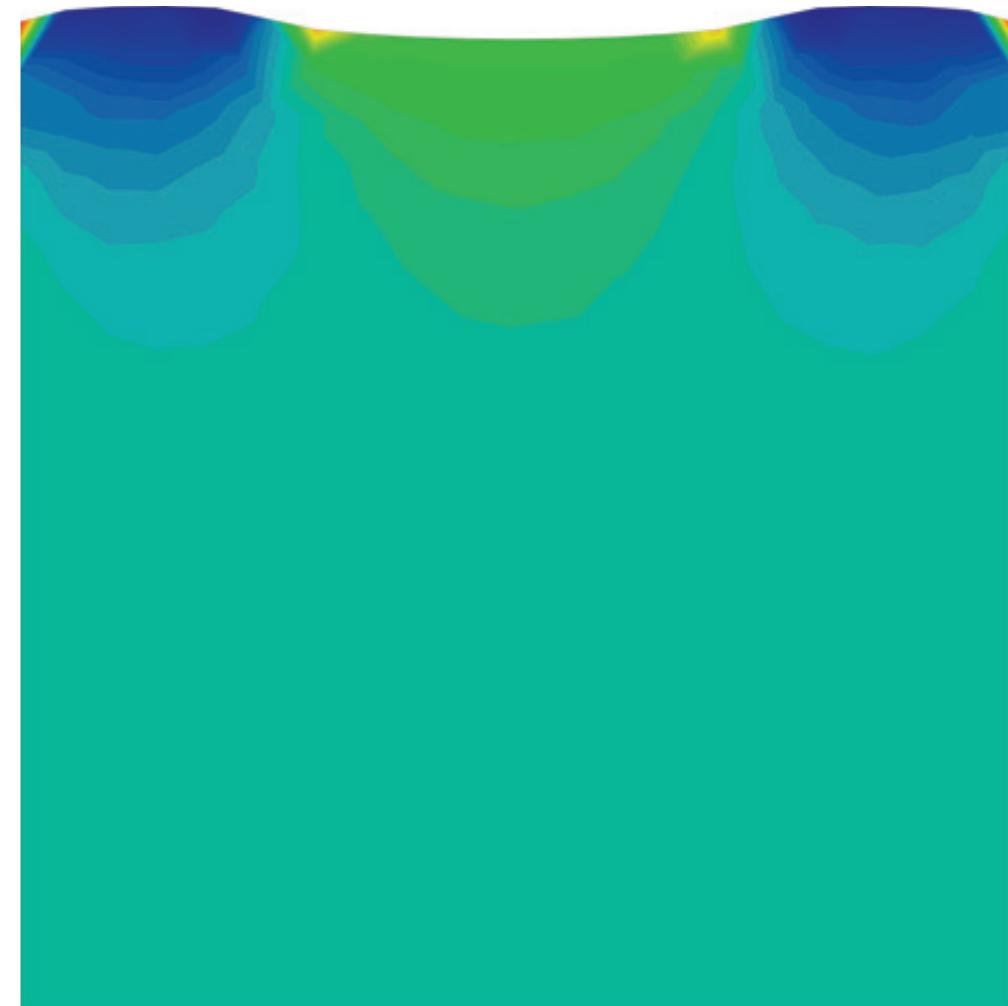
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Constrained Block



MINI



First-order MaxEnt Full Bubbles

Constrained Block



MINI

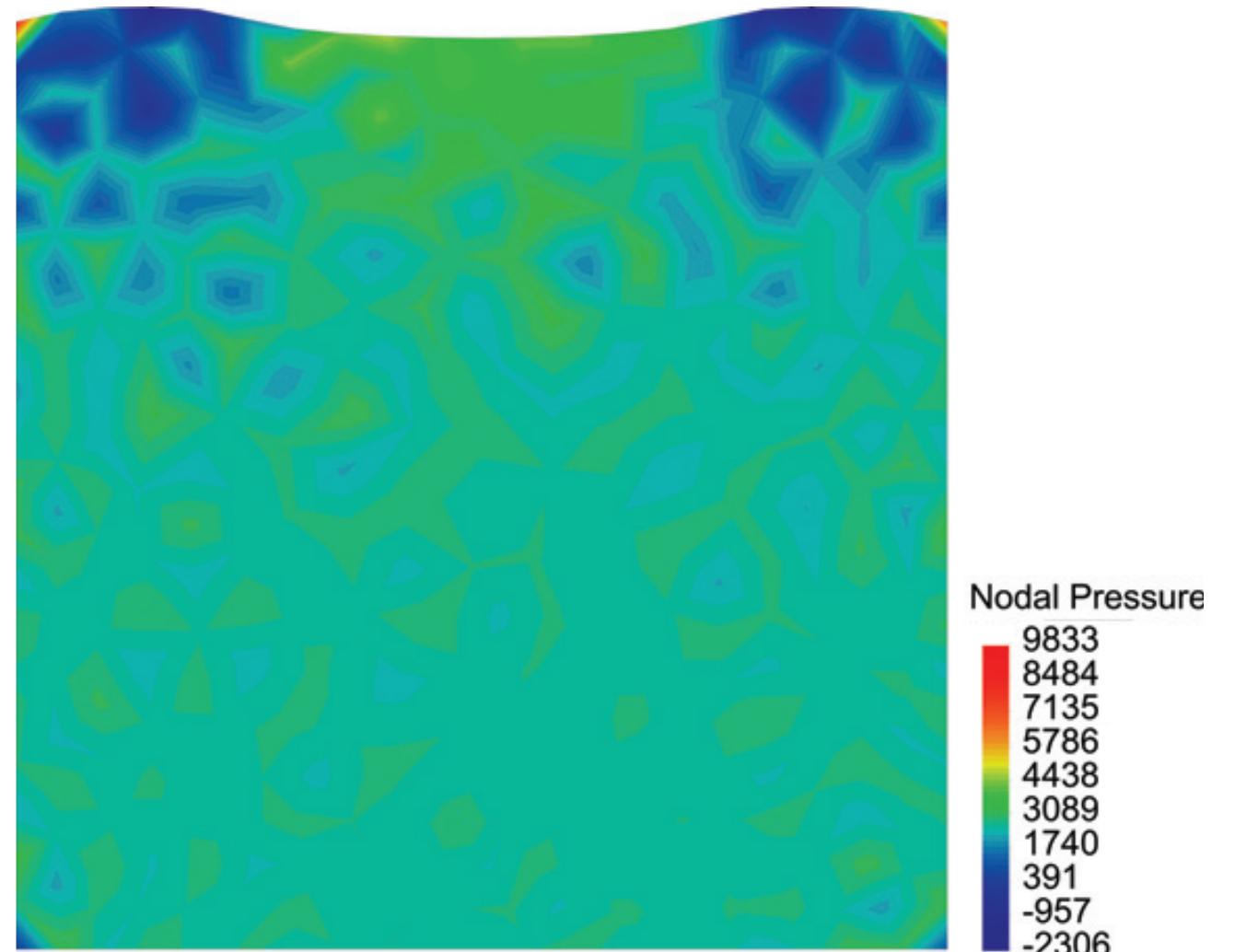


First-order MaxEnt Half Bubbles

Constrained Block



MINI



No bubbles

5. Does it work in 3D?

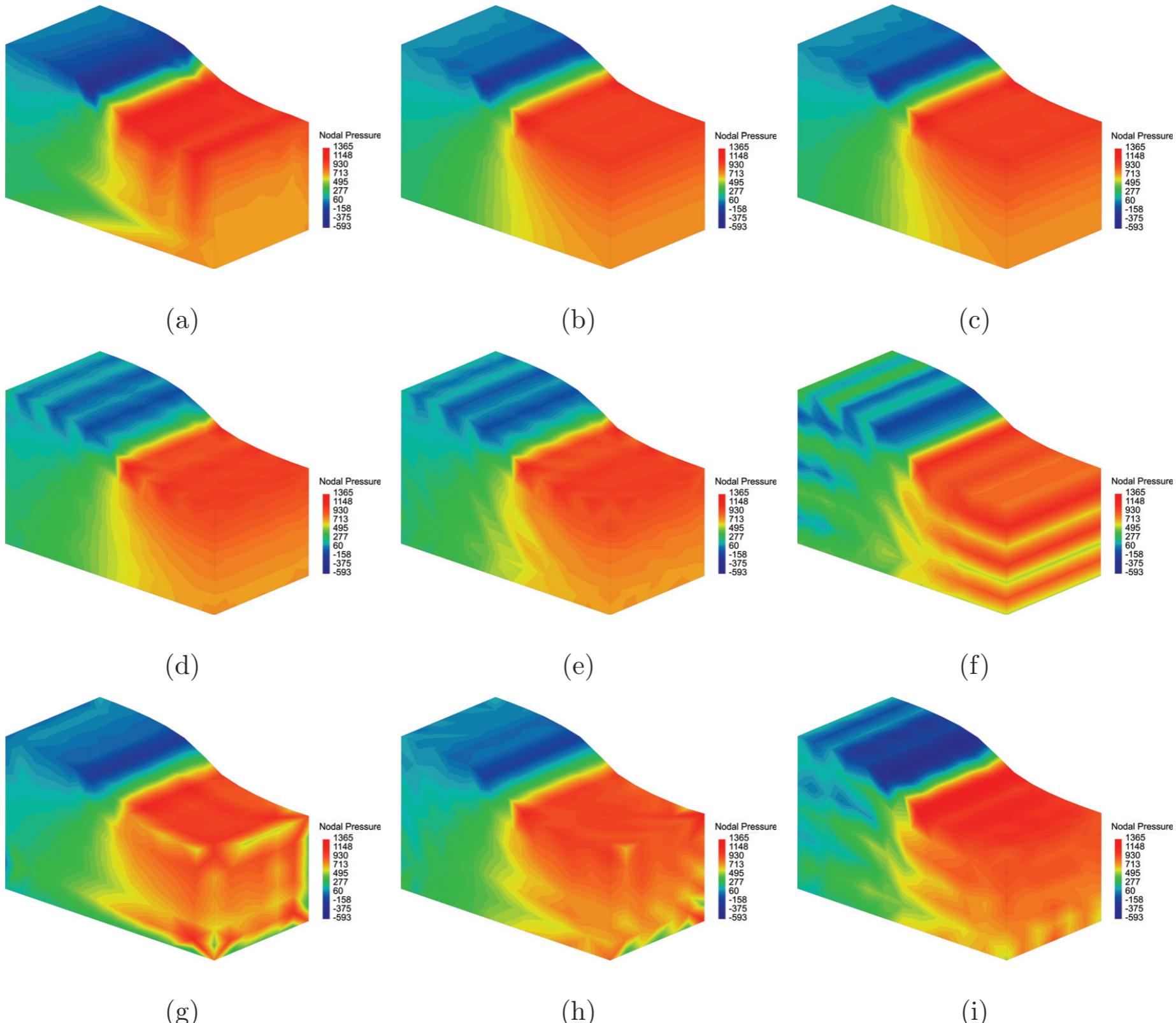


Fig. 17: Compression of a constrained block: Nodal pressure variable for (a) MINI element, (b) VANP- $T_1^+ / T_1\text{-m}$, (c) VANP- $T_1^* / T_1\text{-m}$, (d) VANP- $T_2^+ / T_1\text{-m}$, (e) VANP- $T_2^* / T_1\text{-m}$, (f) VANP- $T_2 / T_1\text{-m}$, (g) VANP- $T_2^+ / T_1\text{-r}$, (h) VANP- $T_2^* / T_1\text{-r}$, and (i) VANP- $T_2 / T_1\text{-r}$.

Summary

- Stable meshfree methods are developed by mimicking existing inf-sup stable finite element methods.
- The auxiliary pressure variable is eliminated using a volume-averaged nodal pressure technique.
- Currently extending to hyperelasticity, where the robust nature of the meshfree shape functions will be a great advantage.

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