

The Shifted Boundary Method:

A Framework for Immersed Computational Mechanics

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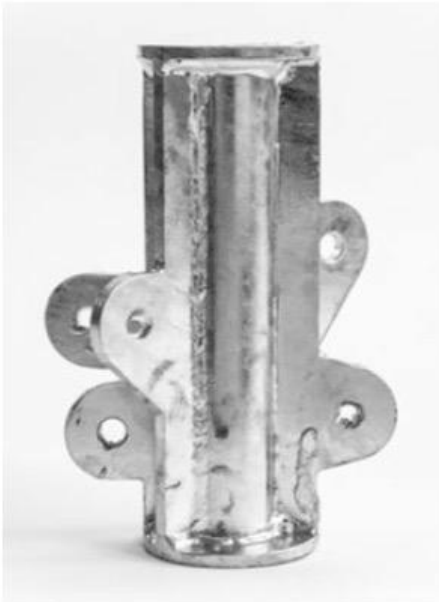
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Motivation I

Complex geometry is still a key challenge in engineering simulations

- Engineering designs are often characterized by geometric complexity
- The merging of topology optimization and advanced manufacturing (e.g., *additive manufacturing*) may exacerbate this trend

Structural joint (welded)



Structural joint (3D-printed)

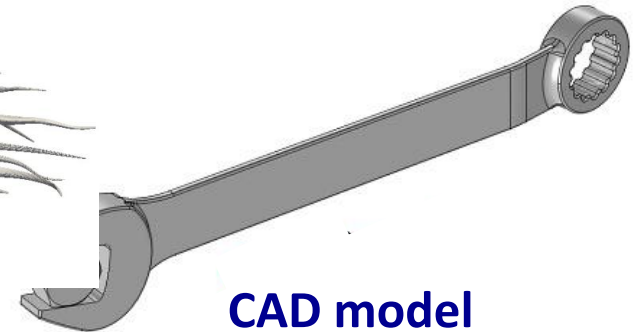
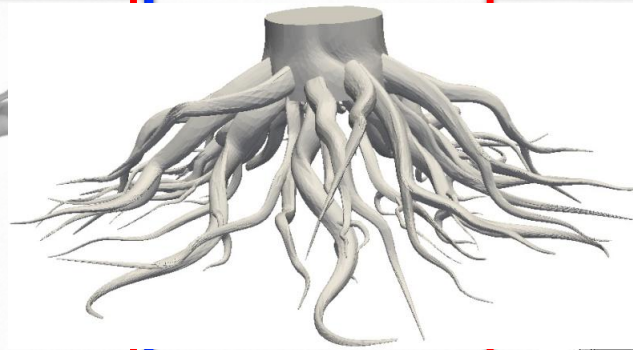


Geometric model of a vascular stent

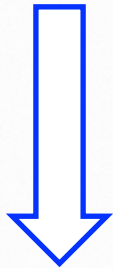
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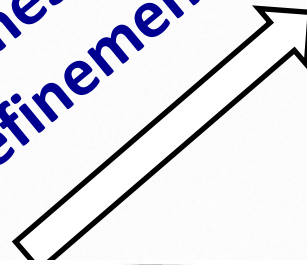
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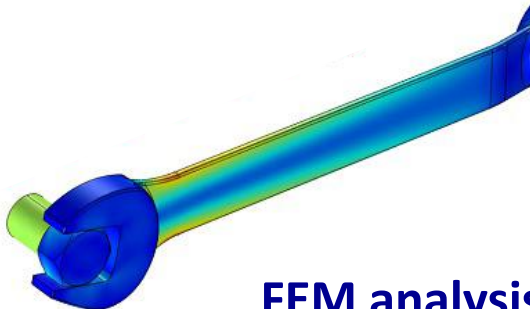
CAD model



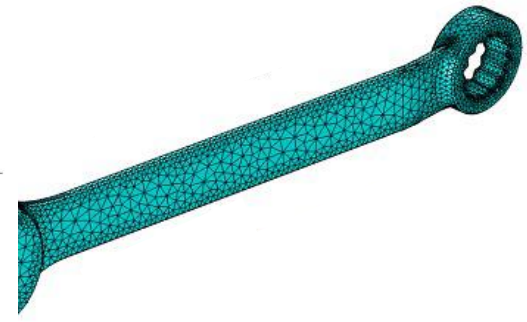
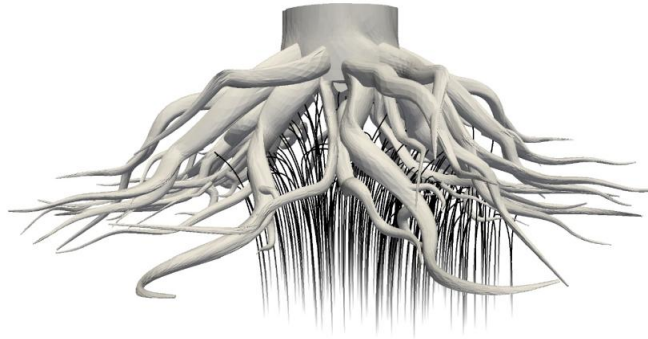
mesh
refinement



Sometimes
90% FEA
workflow



FEM analysis



FEM mesh

Motivation III

Imaging-to-computing, an *emerging* field:

An efficient transition from geometries reconstructed from images to computation may impact and transform many fields of application:

- *Biomedical engineering*: CT-scans are given as pixilated data or STL format (collections of triangular facets and their nodal coordinates). Body-fitted meshing can be quite hard to perform.
- *Subsurface imaging and computing* (meshing requires considerable effort in reservoir engineering applications)
- *Additive manufacturing simulations* (e.g., 3D-printing). The typical file format for 3D-printers is again STL

In these examples the geometric information is not very precise and/or consistent (surfaces with gaps and overlaps, typical of computer graphics, STL = set of disconnected triangular faces)

Overview

Two commonly used computational strategies:

1. *Body-fitted grids*. The grid conforms to the boundary geometry of the shape to be simulated.
 - Advantages: Easier treatment of the boundary conditions (and boundary layers)
 - Limitations: Requires more advanced meshing for complex geometry, or re-meshing in problems with large deformations
2. *Embedded/immersed grids*. The shape to be simulated is fully or partially embedded (or immersed) into a regular background grid.
 - Advantages: Generality of the method, especially if coupling heterogeneous computational frameworks, rapid prototyping
 - Limitations: More complex enforcement of boundary conditions

Existing Embedded Boundary Methods

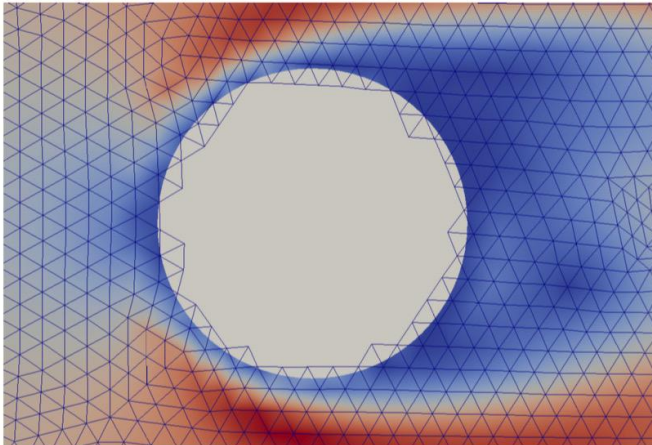
Unfitted Finite Element Methods (excluding GFEM-XFEM)

- Embedded methods of finite element type (a.k.a. *cutFEMs*, *unfitted FEMs*, *Finite Cell Method*, *Embedded Splines*, *IGA-Immersogeometric* etc.) often rely on XFEM methodologies to integrate on cut cells, *Inverse Lax-Wendroff procedure* (DG) [Burman, Hansbo, Larson, Massing, Cirak, Kamenski, Schillinger, Yan, Parvizian, Düster, Rank, Wall, Annavarapu, Dolbow, Harari, Badia, Rossi, C-W. Shu, Masud, *et. al.*, etc.]
- Unfitted/embedded FEMs typically utilize *Lagrange multipliers* or *Nitsche* variational formulations
- CutFEMs/unfitted FEMs require data structures and special quadratures to integrate on geometrically complex cut cells
- *The small cut-cell problem*: Integration over cut cells introduces additional interface degrees of freedom that may yield stability problems, very small time-steps or poor matrix conditioning. [Burman & Hansbo *Appl. Num. Math.* (2012)]. Solution: *ghost penalty*, and related methods

Overview of the Shifted Boundary Method

Key ideas: [with Alex Main at Duke University: the origins of the method]

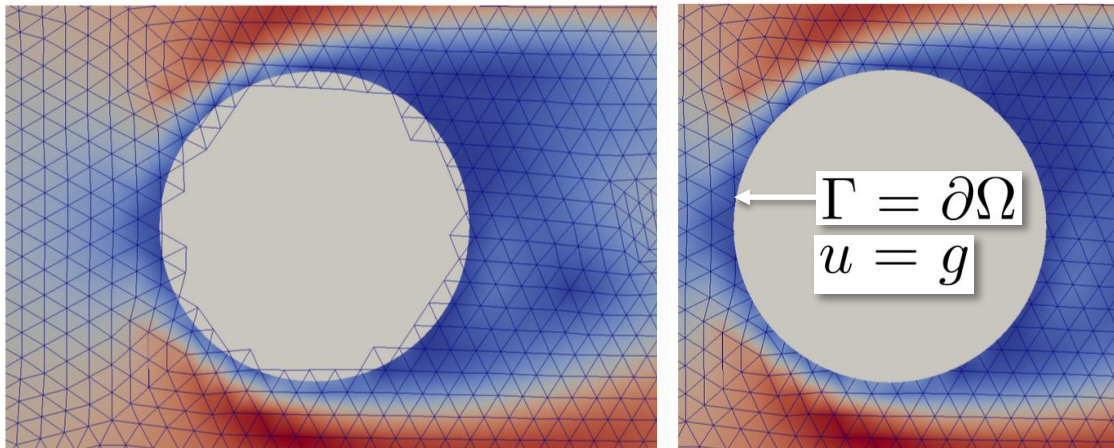
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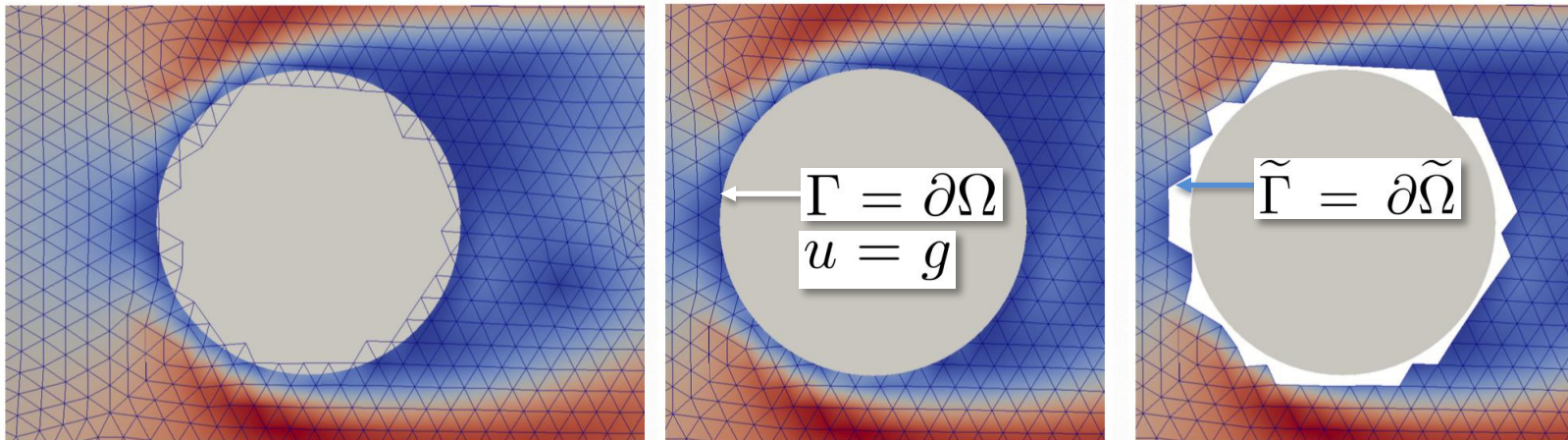
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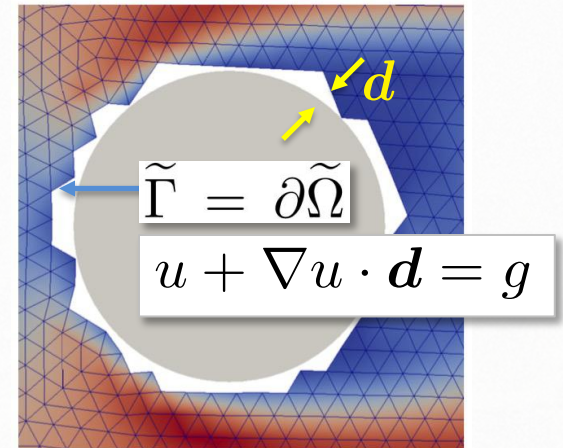
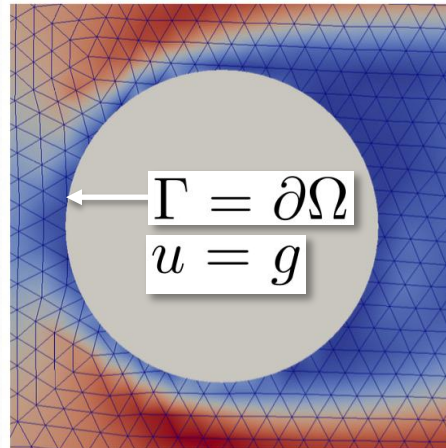
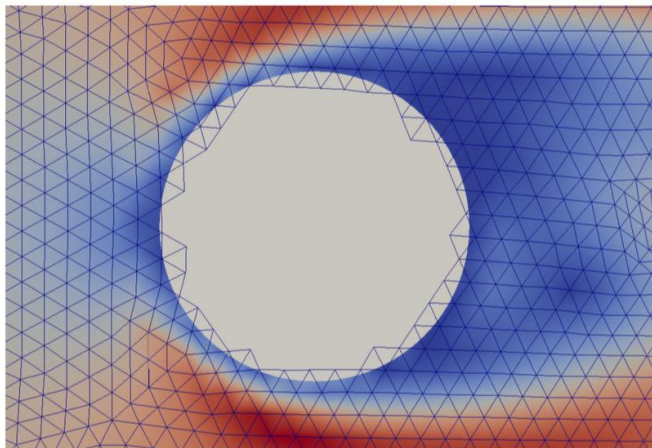
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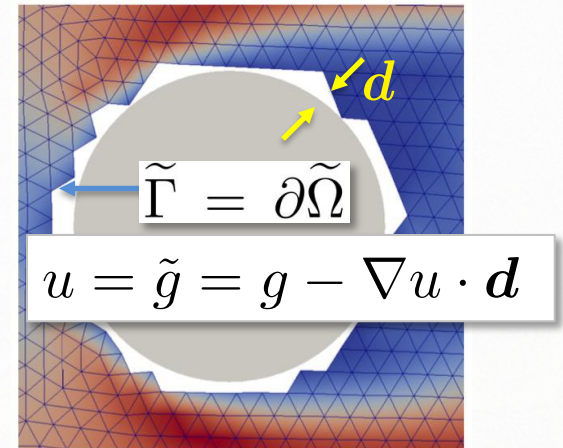
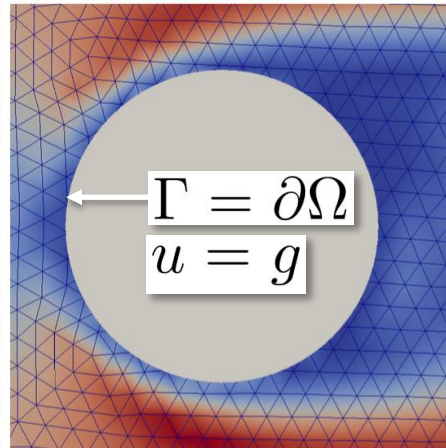
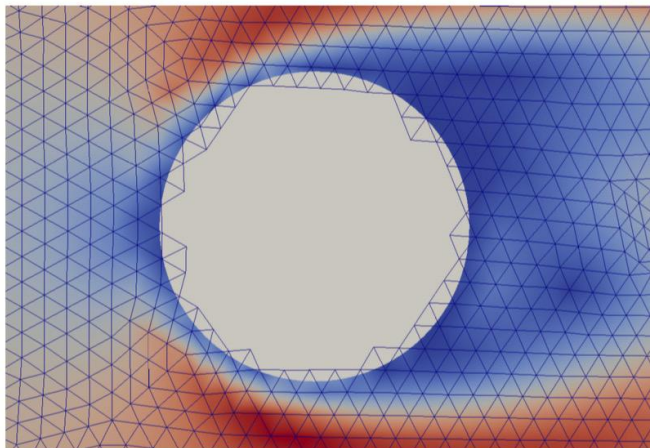
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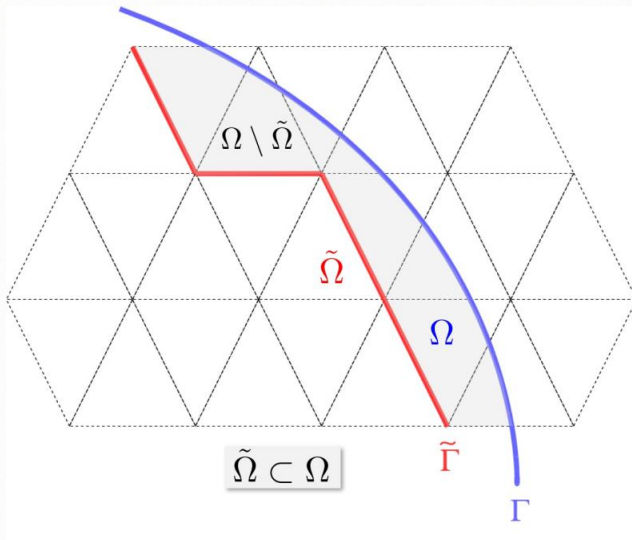
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The Shifted Boundary Method (SBM)



The extension map M & a distance vector function d

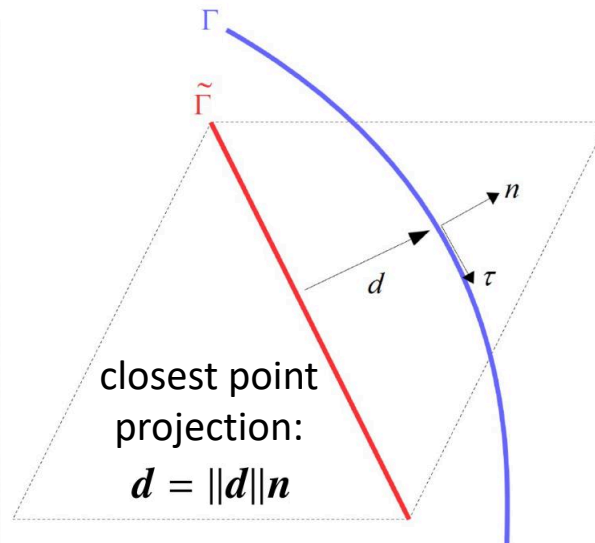
$$M : \tilde{\Gamma} \rightarrow \Gamma$$

$$\tilde{x} \mapsto x$$

$$d_M(\tilde{x}) = x - \tilde{x} = [M - I](\tilde{x})$$

Extension of functions defined on boundaries:

$$\bar{\psi}(\tilde{x}) \equiv \psi(M(\tilde{x}))$$

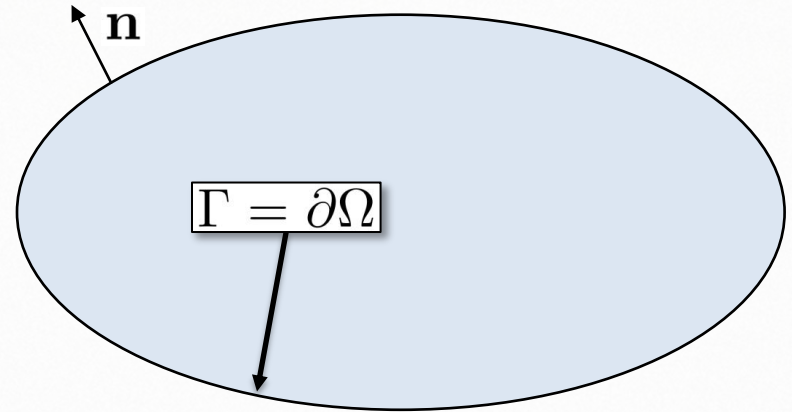


The (Base) Nitsche Method

A prototypical example: The Poisson problem

Strong form of the equation

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta u + f &= 0 && \text{on } \Omega \\ u &= g && \text{on } \Gamma = \partial\Omega\end{aligned}$$



Augmented Lagrangian formulation

$$\int_{\Omega} \nabla w \cdot \nabla u = \int_{\Omega} w f$$

Nitsche's formulation

$$\int_{\Omega} \nabla w \cdot \nabla u - \int_{\Gamma} w \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} - \int_{\Gamma} \frac{\partial w}{\partial n} (u - g) + \int_{\Gamma} \alpha w (u - g) = \int_{\Omega} w f$$

The Shifted Nitsche Method

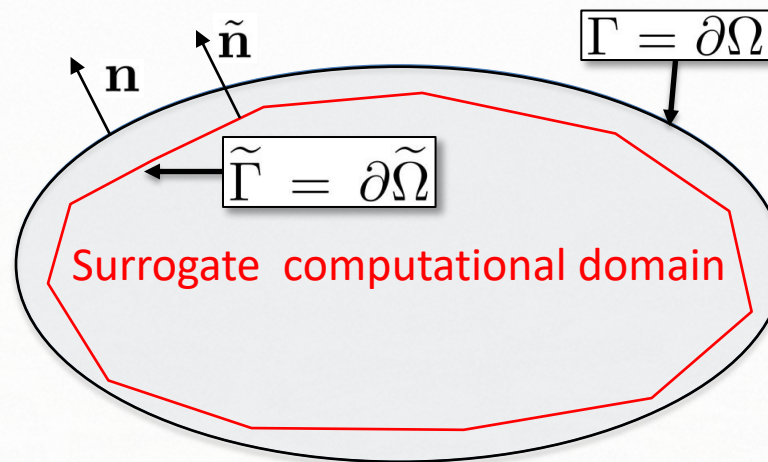
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Weak form of the equation with weak boundary conditions (Nitsche method):

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Shifted Nitsche method:

$$\int_{\tilde{\Omega}} \nabla w \cdot \nabla u - \int_{\tilde{\Gamma}} w \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} - \int_{\tilde{\Gamma}} \frac{\partial w}{\partial n} (u - \tilde{g}) + \int_{\tilde{\Gamma}} \alpha w (u - \tilde{g}) = \int_{\tilde{\Omega}} w f$$



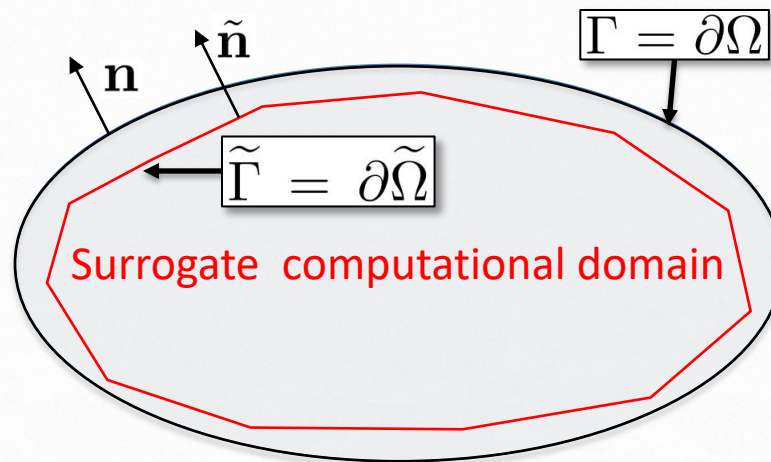
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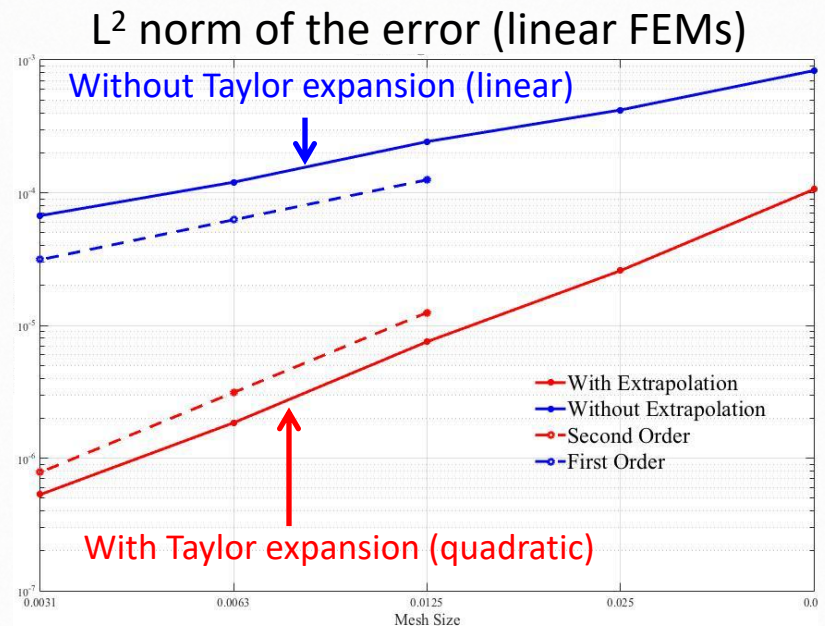
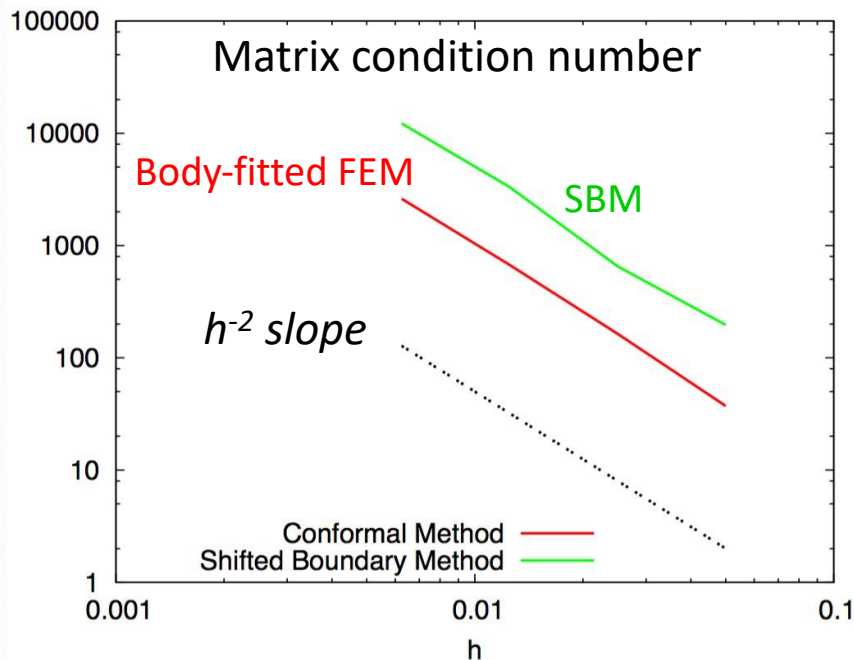
Numerical Results: Poisson Problem

Numerical convergence test with an exact solution on a circular domain

$$\Delta u + 1 = 0 \quad \text{on } \Omega$$

$$u|_{\Gamma} = 0$$

Exact solution: $u = \frac{1}{4}(R^2 - r^2)$



Condition number (*estimated!*):

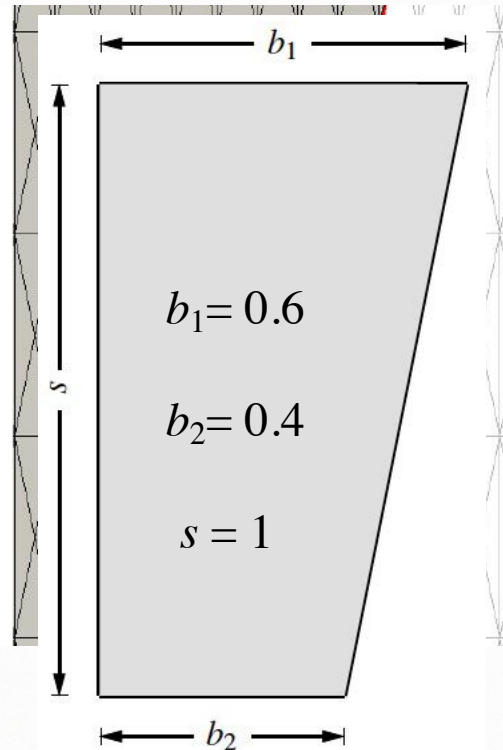
- About 3 times larger than for the body-fitted method
- Same scaling with h^{-2} has for the body-fitted method

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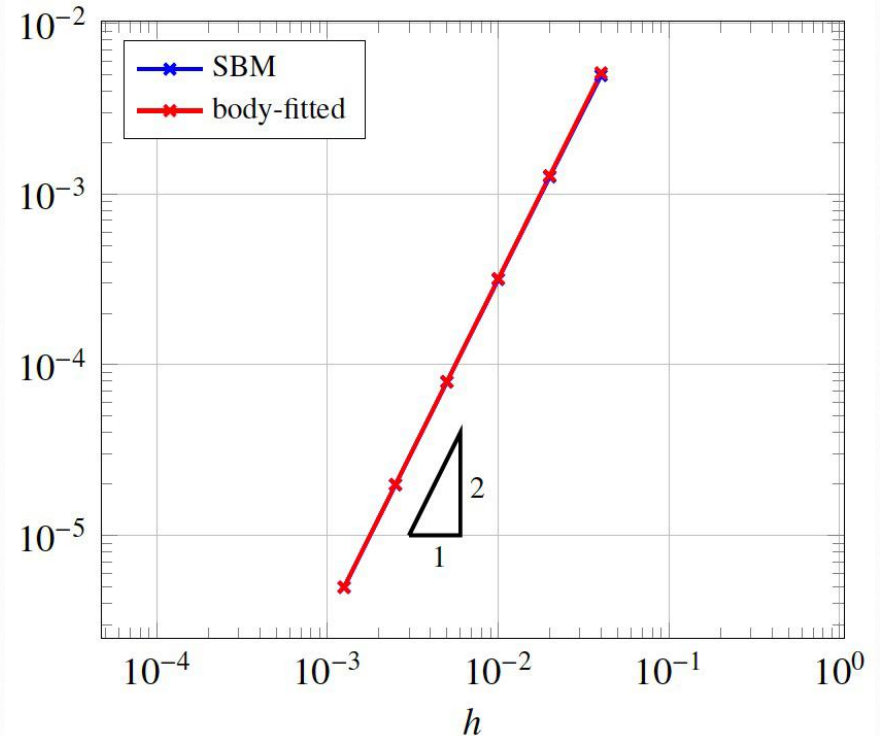
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Exact solution (manufactured):

$$u(x, y) = y \sin(2\pi x) - x \cos(2\pi y)$$



Piecewise-linear triangular finite elements

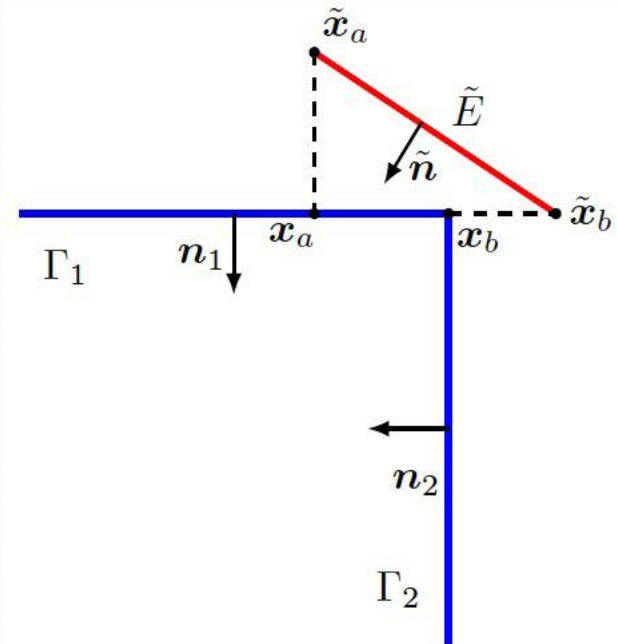
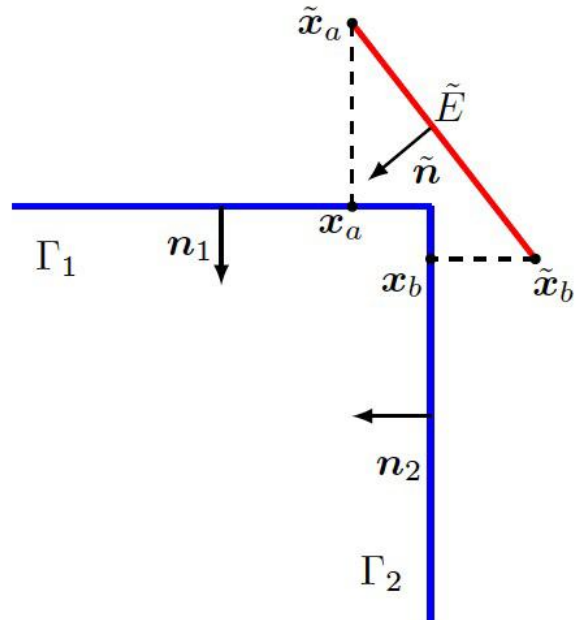
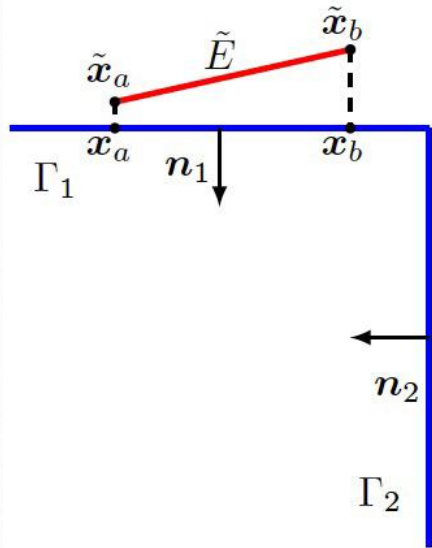


Mesh Size	No. of surrogate edges with $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{n} \leq 0$	% of total surrogate edges
4.00E-02	1	4.35%
2.00E-02	1	2.33%
1.00E-02	5	5.43%
5.00E-03	9	5.06%
2.50E-03	23	6.35%
1.25E-03	38	5.38%

The SBM for Domains with Corners

[with Nabil Atallah (at Duke) & Claudio Canuto, Math. Dept., Politecnico di Torino]

Solution: Consider a surrogate edge \tilde{E} with \tilde{n} as its unit normal.



$$\Gamma_m = \arg \max_{\Gamma_s \in L} f(\Gamma_s) \quad \text{where } f(\Gamma_s) = \sum_{i=a,b} \tilde{n} \cdot n_{\Gamma_s}(x_i).$$

The three-dimensional case is similar

N. Atallah, C. Canuto, G. Scovazzi, “Analysis of the Shifted Boundary Method for the Poisson problem in domains with corners,” *Mathematics of Computation*

Numerical Analysis: Poisson Problem

Coercivity of the SBM variational form

We have a coercivity estimate:

$$a_u^h(u^h, u^h) \geq C_a \|u^h\|_a^2, \quad \forall u^h \in V^h(\tilde{\Omega}),$$

where

$$\|u^h\|_a^2 = \|\nabla u^h\|_{0;\tilde{\Omega}}^2 + \|\sqrt{1/h} (u^h + \nabla u^h \cdot \mathbf{d})\|_{0;\tilde{\Gamma}_D}^2$$

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Boundedness (Continuity)

We can also prove continuity (boundedness): $V(\tilde{\Omega}; h) = V^h(\tilde{\Omega}) + V(\tilde{\Omega}) \subset H^2(\tilde{\Omega}; \tilde{\mathcal{T}}^h)$

$$a_u^h(u, w^h) \leq C_{\mathcal{A}} \|w^h\|_a \|u\|_{V(\tilde{\Omega}; h)}, \quad \|v\|_{V(\tilde{\Omega}; h)}^2 = \|v\|_a^2 + |hw|_{2;\tilde{\Omega}; \tilde{\mathcal{T}}^h}^2$$

for all $u \in V(\tilde{\Omega}; h)$ and for all $w^h \in V^h(\tilde{\Omega})$.

Numerical Analysis: Poisson Problem

Consistency error due to the Taylor expansions:

$$\begin{aligned} a_u^h(u, w^h) - l_u^h(w^h) &= -\underbrace{(w^h, \Delta u + f)}_0_{\tilde{\Omega}} - \langle \sqrt{h} \nabla w^h \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{n}}, \sqrt{1/h} \rangle_{\tilde{\Gamma}_D} \\ &\quad + \langle \alpha \sqrt{1/h} (w^h + \nabla w^h \cdot \mathbf{d}), \sqrt{1/h} \rangle_{\tilde{\Gamma}_D} \\ &\leq C_{PBL} \|w^h\|_a h_{\tilde{\Gamma}_D} \hat{h}_{\tilde{\Gamma}_D}^{3/2} \|\nabla(\nabla u)\|_{0,\Omega}. \end{aligned}$$

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 \end{aligned}$$

Optimal convergence estimate in the energy norm (using Strang's second lemma)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|u - u^h\|_{V(\tilde{\Omega}; h)} &\leq \left(1 + \frac{\|a_u^h\|_{V(h) \times V^h(\tilde{\Omega})}}{C_a} \right) \inf_{w^h \in V^h(\tilde{\Omega})} \|u - w^h\|_{V(\tilde{\Omega}; h)} \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{C_a} \sup_{w^h \in V^h(\tilde{\Omega})} \frac{|l^h(w^h) - a_u^h(u, w^h)|}{\|w^h\|_{V(\tilde{\Omega}; h)}}. \\
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Suboptimal (not in practice!) duality (L²) estimate: $\|u - u^h\|_{0; \tilde{\Omega}} \leq C_0 h_{\tilde{\Omega}}^{3/2} \|\nabla(\nabla u)\|_{0, \tilde{\Omega}}$

Numerical Analysis: Stokes Flow Problem

[with Nabil Atallah (at Duke) & Claudio Canuto, Math. Dept., Politecnico di Torino]

Stability (LBB)

$$\mathcal{B}([\mathbf{u}^h, p^h]; [\mathbf{w}^h, q^h]) \geq \alpha_{LBB} \|[\mathbf{u}^h, p^h]\|_{\mathcal{B}} \|[\mathbf{w}^h, q^h]\|_{\mathcal{B}}$$

An LBB *inf-sup* condition can be derived in the case of the Stokes' operator

Convergence (in natural norm)

$$\|[\mathbf{u}, p] - [\mathbf{u}^h, p^h]\|_{\mathbf{W}(\tilde{\Omega}; h)} \leq C h_{\tilde{\Omega}} \left(\|\nabla(\nabla \mathbf{u})\|_{0, \Omega} + \|\nabla p\|_{0, \tilde{\Omega}} \right)$$

The proof is analogous to the one for the Poisson problem, using the *inf-sup* LBB condition and Strang's second lemma.

Duality estimates (L^2 -estimates for the velocity field)

$$\|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}^h\|_{0; \tilde{\Omega}} \leq C_0 h_{\tilde{\Omega}}^{3/2} \left(\|\nabla(\nabla \mathbf{u})\|_{0, \tilde{\Omega}} + \|\nabla p\|_{0, \tilde{\Omega}} \right)$$

Analogous but more complicated proof than in the Poisson case. We observe quadratic convergence for the velocity, in practical calculations

Similar results hold for the Darcy flow equations (mixed-Poisson)

Numerical Analysis: Linear Elasticity

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Stability (coercivity by Korn's inequality)

$$\mathcal{B}_{\text{SBM}}^{[\tilde{\Omega}]}([\mathbf{u}^h, \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^h]; [\mathbf{u}^h, \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^h]) \geq c_{\text{SBM}} ||| [\mathbf{u}^h, \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^h] |||_{\text{SBM}; \tilde{\Omega}}^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} ||| [\mathbf{u}^h, \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^h] |||_{\text{SBM}}^2 &= (1 - \tau_\varepsilon/2) \|\mathbf{C}^{1/2} \nabla^s \mathbf{u}^h\|_{0; \tilde{\Omega}_h \setminus \tilde{\Omega}_h^\ell}^2 + \tau_\varepsilon \|\mathbf{C}^{1/2} \nabla^s \mathbf{u}^h\|_{0; \tilde{\Omega}_h^\ell}^2 + \tau_\varepsilon \rho_{\min} \left(l(\tilde{\Omega})^{-2} \|\mathbf{u}^h\|_{H^1(\tilde{\Omega}_h)}^2 + \|h^{1/2} \nabla \mathbf{u}^h\|_{0; \tilde{\Gamma}_{D,h}}^2 \right) \\ &\quad + (1 - \tau_\varepsilon) \left(\|\mathbf{C}^{1/2} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^h\|_{0; \tilde{\Omega}_h^\ell}^2 + \|h^{1/2} (\mathbf{C}^{1/2} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^h)\|_{0; \tilde{\Gamma}_{D,h}}^2 \right) + \|\rho_c^{-1/2} \tau_u^{1/2} \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{C} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^h)\|_{0; \tilde{\Omega}_h^\ell}^2 + \|\rho_c^{1/2} h^{-1/2} \mathbf{S}_{D,h} \mathbf{u}^h\|_{0; \tilde{\Gamma}_{D,h}}^2 \end{aligned}$$

Convergence (energy norm)

$$||| [\mathbf{e}_u, \mathbf{e}_\varepsilon] |||_{\text{SBM}} \lesssim \rho_{\max}^{1/2} \left(h_{\tilde{\Omega}_h} |\mathbf{u}|_{2; \tilde{\Omega}_h} + h_{\tilde{\Gamma}_{D,h}} |\mathbf{u}|_{2; \Omega \setminus \tilde{\Omega}_h} + h_{\tilde{\Gamma}_{D,h}}^{3/2} l(\tilde{\Omega}_h)^{1/2} |\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}|_{2; \tilde{\Omega}_h^\ell} \right)$$

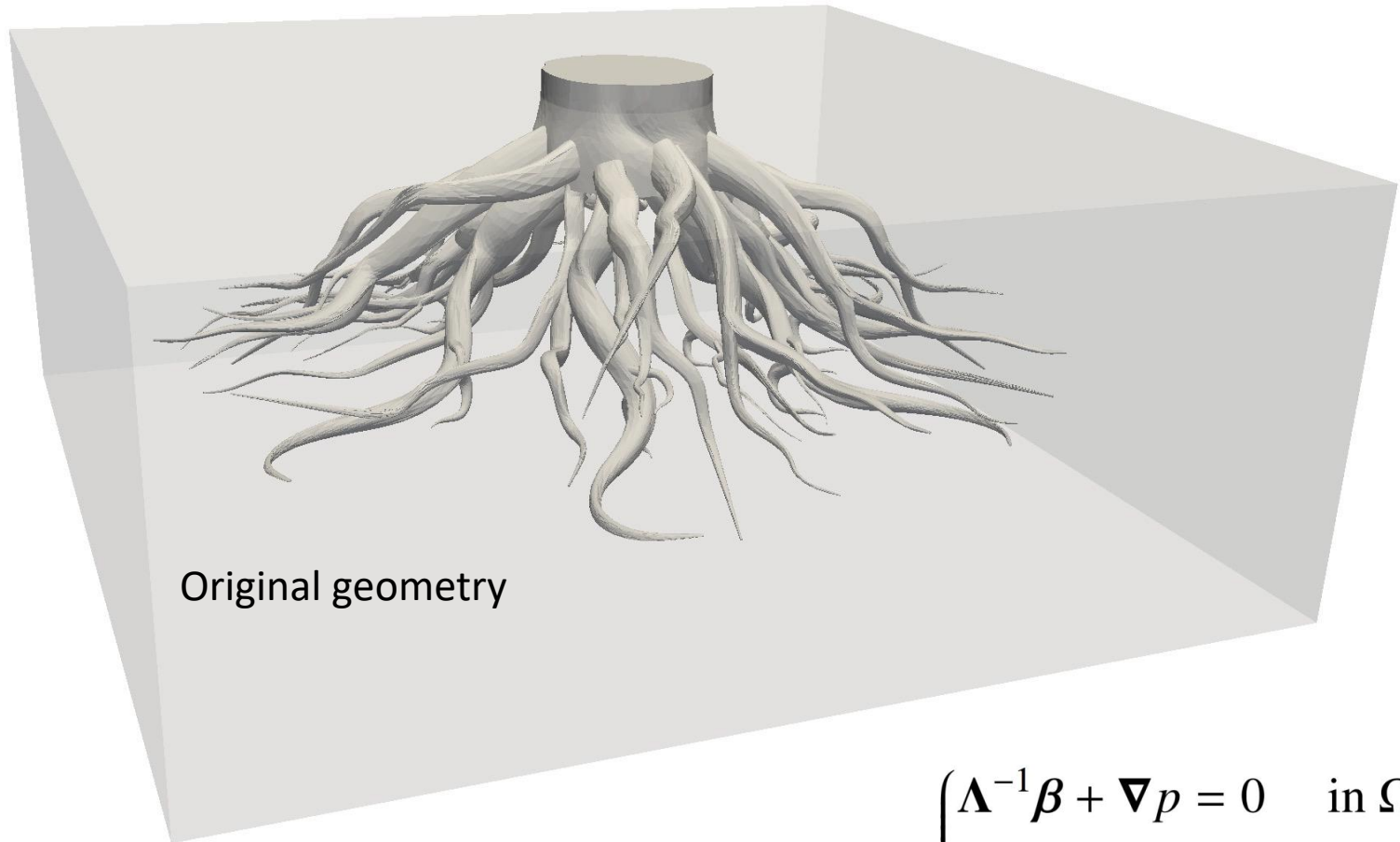
Optimal convergence is achieved.

Convergence (L2-estimates for the displacement field)

$$\|\mathbf{e}_u\|_{0; \tilde{\Omega}_h} \lesssim \rho_{\max}^{1/2} \rho_{\min}^{-1/2} h_{\tilde{\Omega}_h}^{3/2} l(\tilde{\Omega}_h)^{1/2} (|\mathbf{u}|_{2; \Omega} + |\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}|_{2; \tilde{\Omega}_h^\ell})$$

We observe quadratic convergence for the displacement, in practical calculations

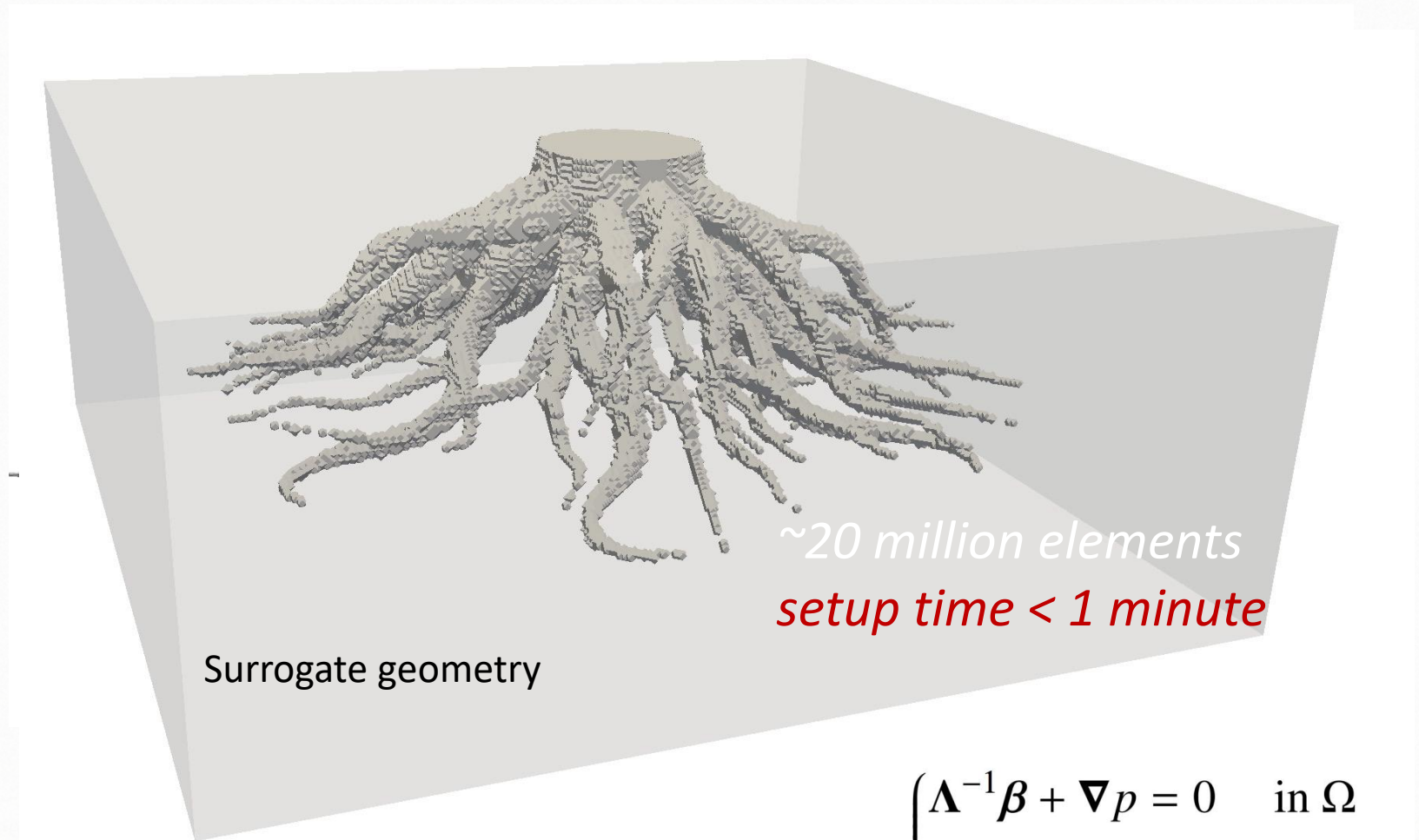
Porous Media Flow (Mixed Formulation)



[with Nabil Atallah and in collaboration with G. Katul,
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$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \Lambda^{-1} \boldsymbol{\beta} + \nabla p = 0 & \text{in } \Omega \\ \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\beta} = \phi & \text{in } \Omega \\ p = p_D & \text{on } \Gamma_D \\ \boldsymbol{\beta} \cdot \mathbf{n} = h_N & \text{on } \Gamma_N \end{array} \right.$$

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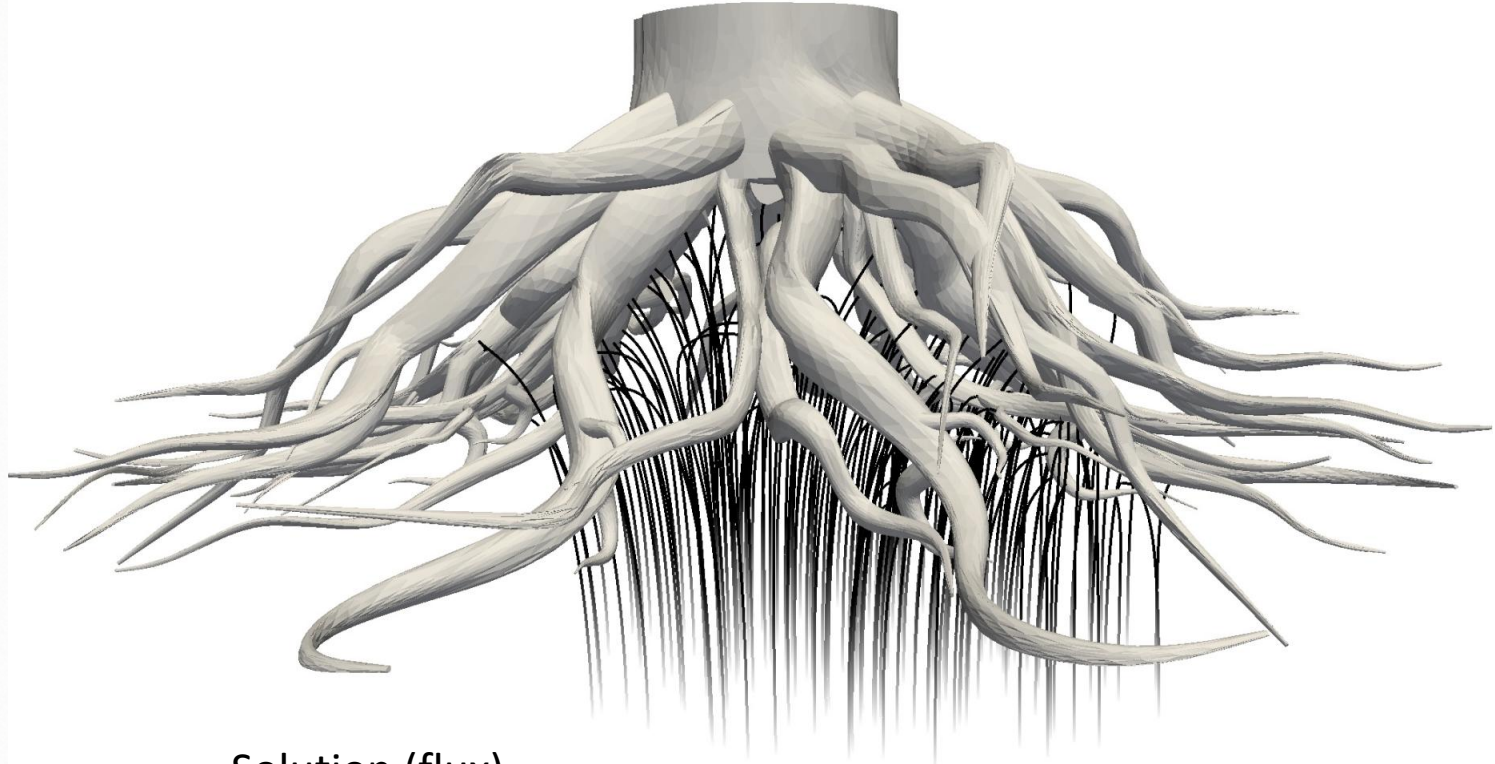
Surrogate geometry

~20 million elements
setup time < 1 minute

[with Nabil Atallah and in collaboration with G. Katul,
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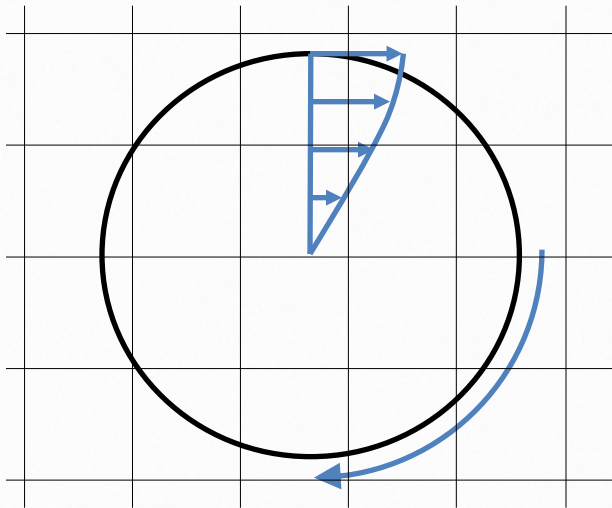
Solution (flux)

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The Shifted Boundary Method

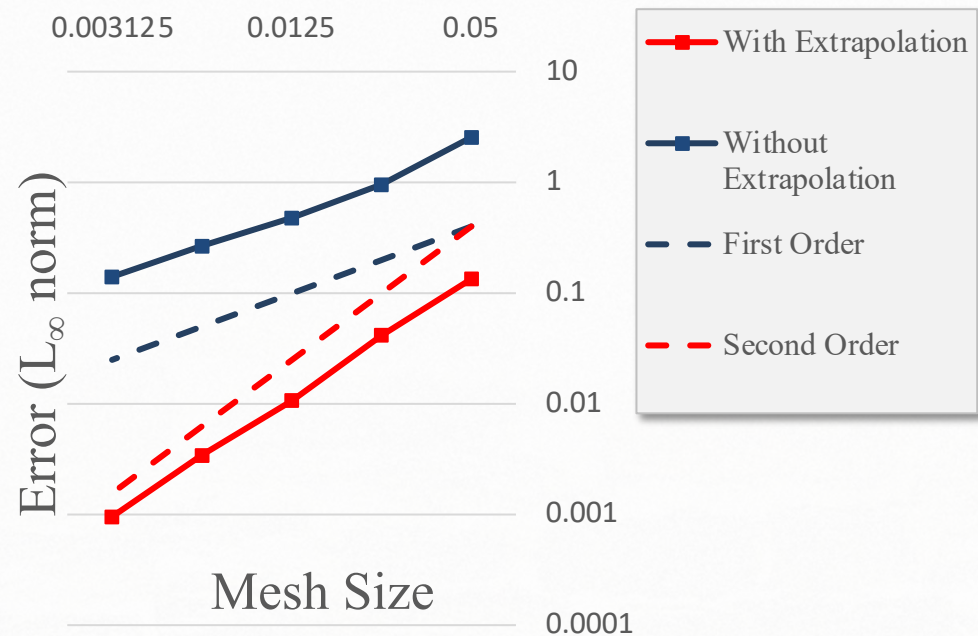
Convergence test (Navier-Stokes): Decelerating cylinder test



Exact solution:

$$u_{\phi}(r, t) = \frac{C}{J_1\left(\sqrt{\frac{i\omega\rho}{\mu}}R\right)} J_1\left(\sqrt{\frac{i\omega\rho}{\mu}}r\right) e^{-i\omega t}$$

Mesh Size	With Extrapolation	Without Extrap.
	2 nd order	1 st order
0.05	0.1338	2.548
0.025	4.143 * 10 ⁻²	0.9565
0.0125	1.067 * 10 ⁻²	0.4761
0.00625	3.422 * 10 ⁻³	0.265
0.003125	9.576 * 10 ⁻⁴	0.1404
K	1.78	1



Turbulent Flows

Formulations based on turbulent viscosities:

Find $\mathbf{u} \in V^h(\tilde{\Omega})$ and $p \in Q^h(\tilde{\Omega})$ such that, $\forall \mathbf{u} \in V^h(\tilde{\Omega})$ and $\forall q \in Q^h(\tilde{\Omega})$,

$$0 = \text{NS}[\mu + \mu_T](\mathbf{u}, p; \mathbf{w}, q) + \text{STAB}[\mu + \mu_T](\mathbf{u}, p; \mathbf{w}, q)$$

- Spalart-Allmaras (SA) model with the Shifted Boundary Method are very similar to the Navier-Stokes equations
- Implicit LES is performed through the VMS stabilization/modeling approach

Wall model for the velocity boundary conditions:

$$\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{g} - \nabla \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{d} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{g} - \mathbf{u}_{wall}(\mathbf{d}, \nabla \mathbf{u}, \dots)$$

$$u^+ = \frac{1}{\kappa} \log y^+ + C^+$$

$$u_\tau = \sqrt{\frac{\tau_w}{\rho}},$$

$$y^+ = \frac{u_\tau y}{\nu},$$

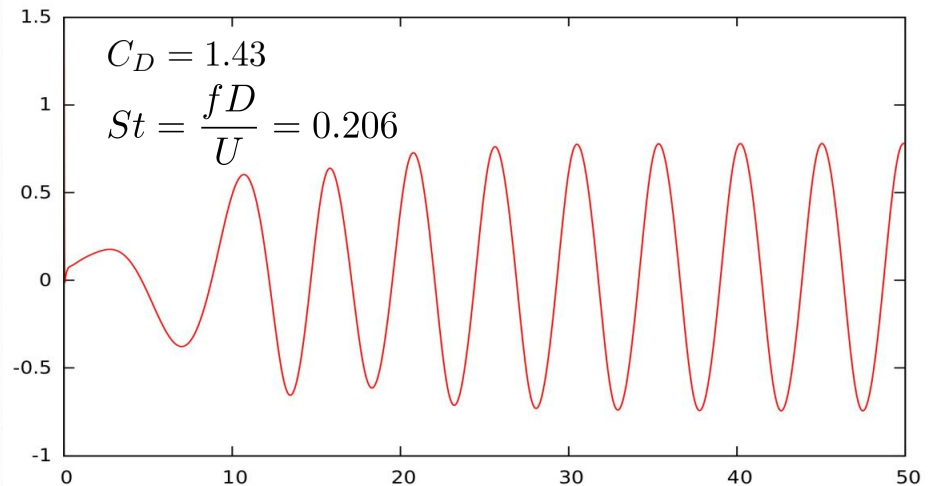
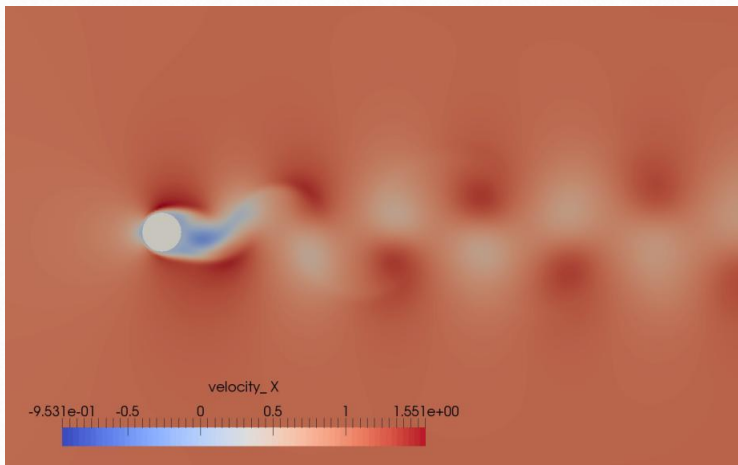
$$u^+ = \frac{u}{u_\tau},$$

Flow Over a Circular Cylinder

A classical test to validate algorithms for laminar/turbulent flow

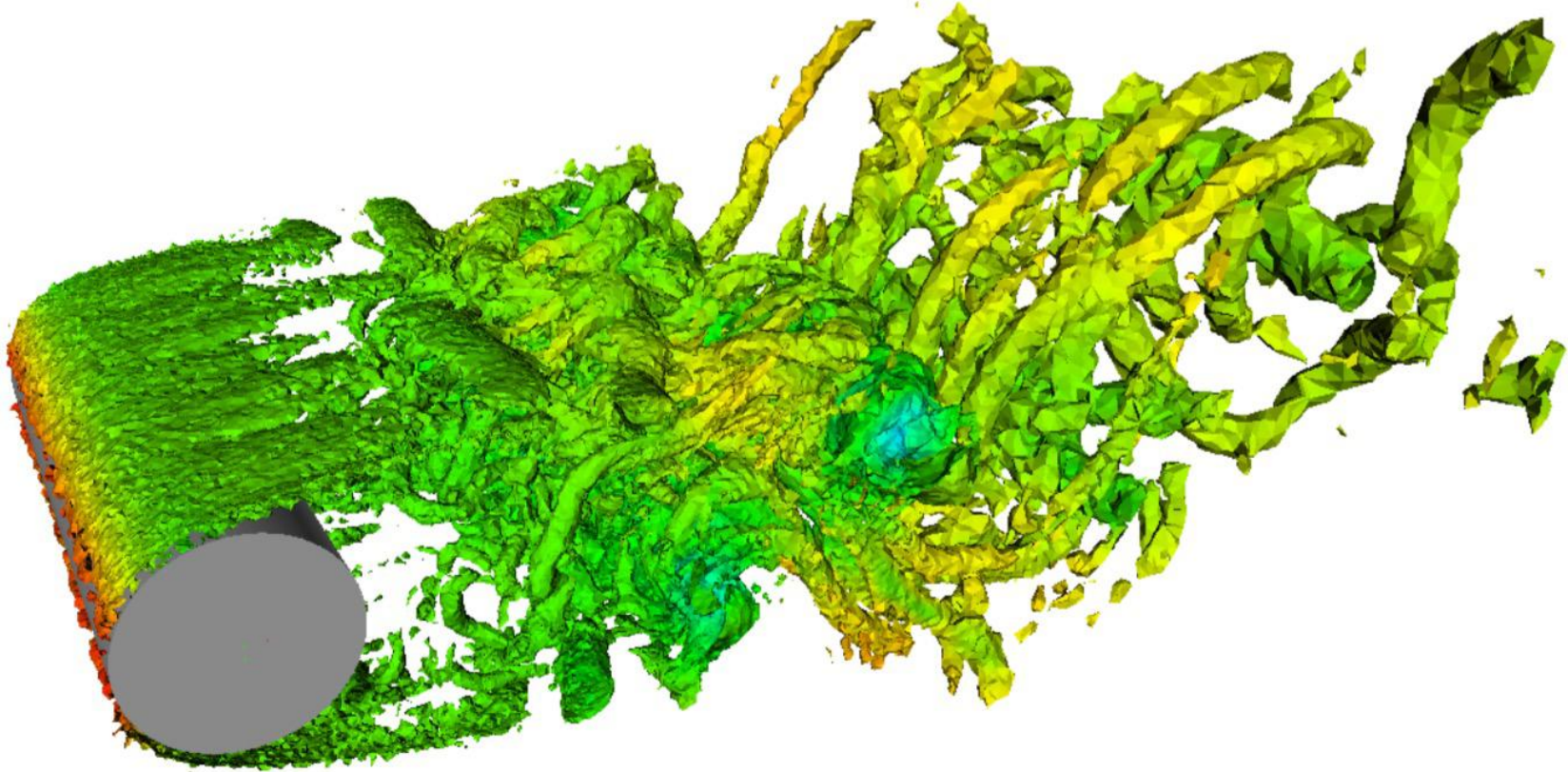
Re	St (vs. reference)	C_D (vs. reference)	Reference source
20	-	2.09 (1.99)	[7]
100	0.167 (0.164,0.157)	1.35 (1.34)	[7, 39]
300	0.211 (0.203, 0.215)	1.38 (1.37)	[39]
3900	0.203 (0.203)	1.04 (1.00)	[7]

[7] Beaudan & Moin (1995)



Flow Over a Circular Cylinder at $Re=3,900$

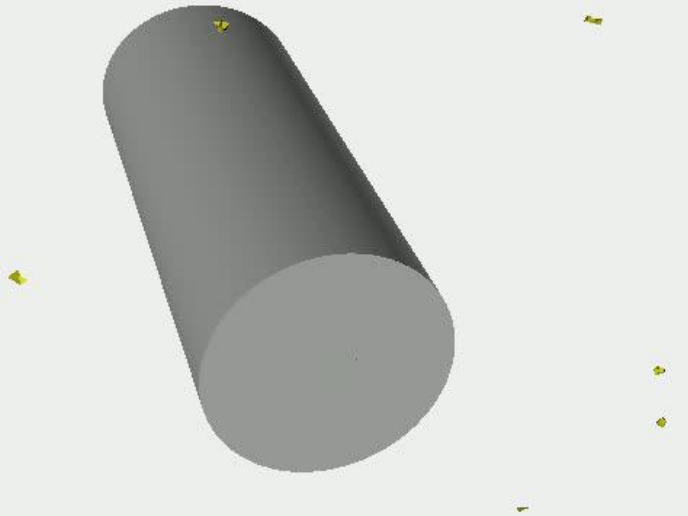
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Q-criterion isosurfaces (used to visualize vortex structures)

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Rendered by UConnViz

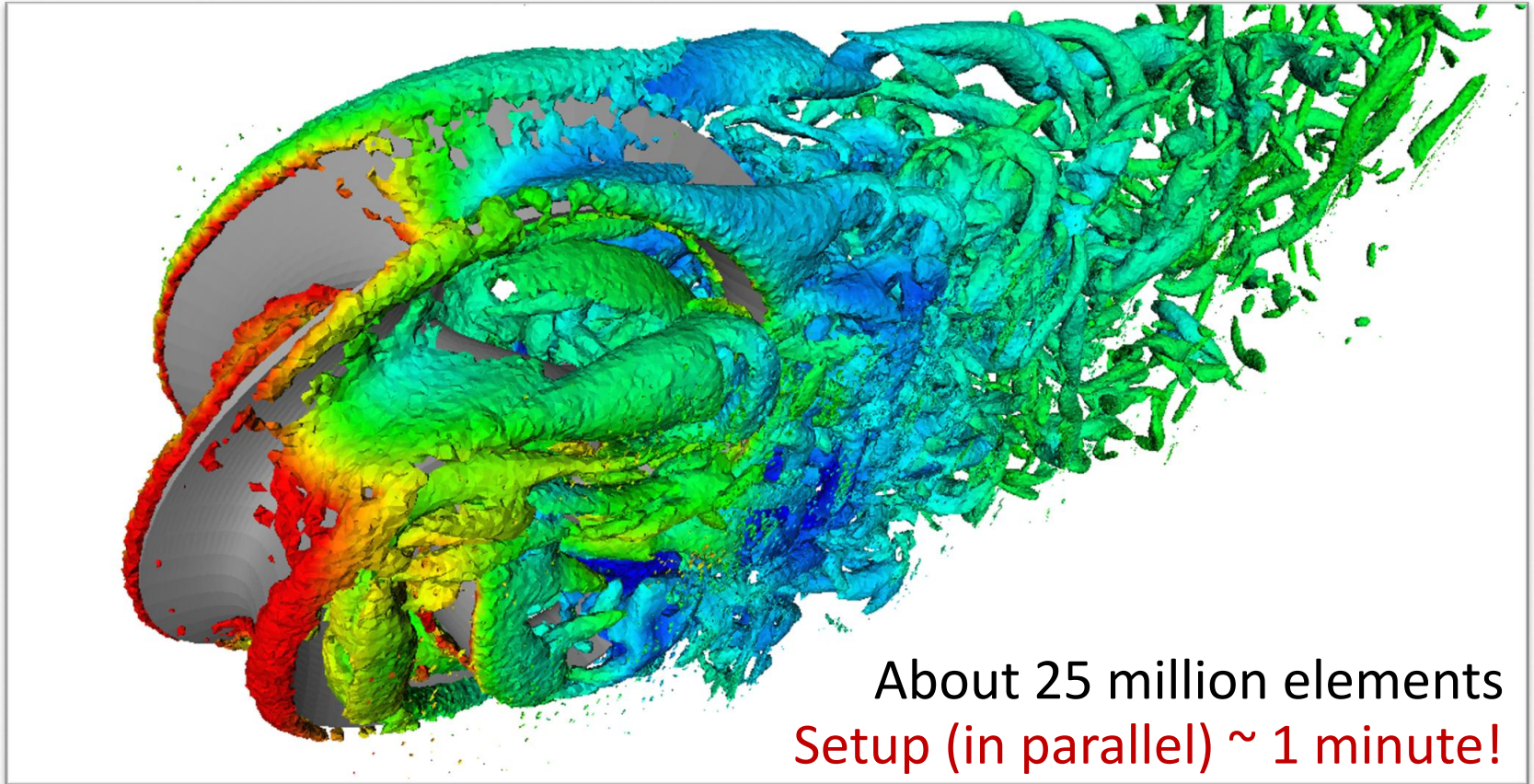
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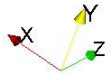
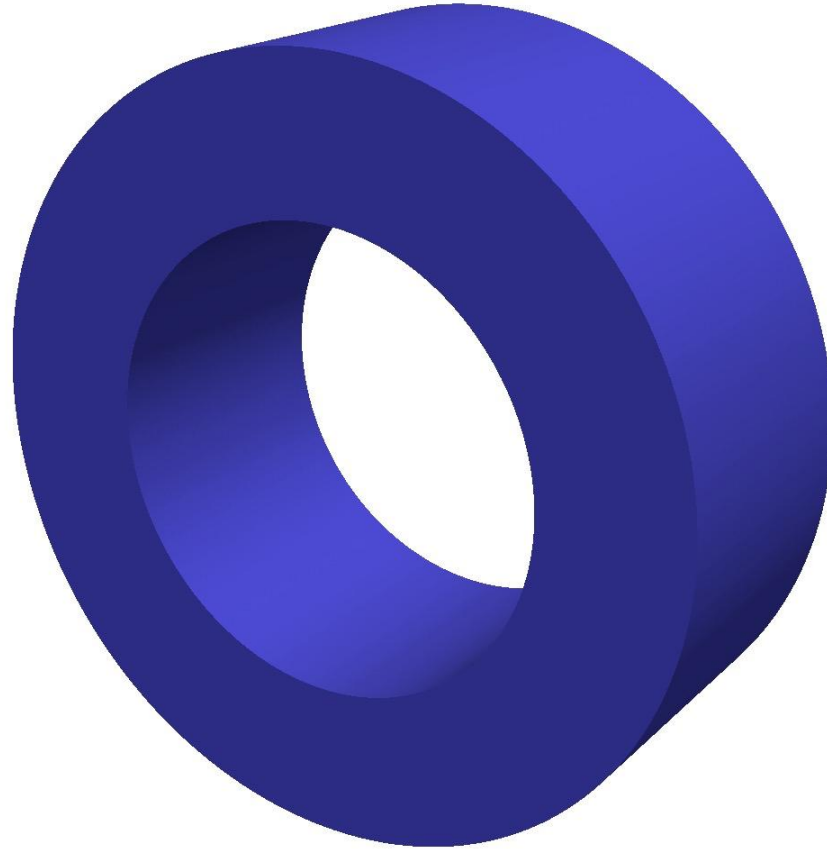
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Original geometry

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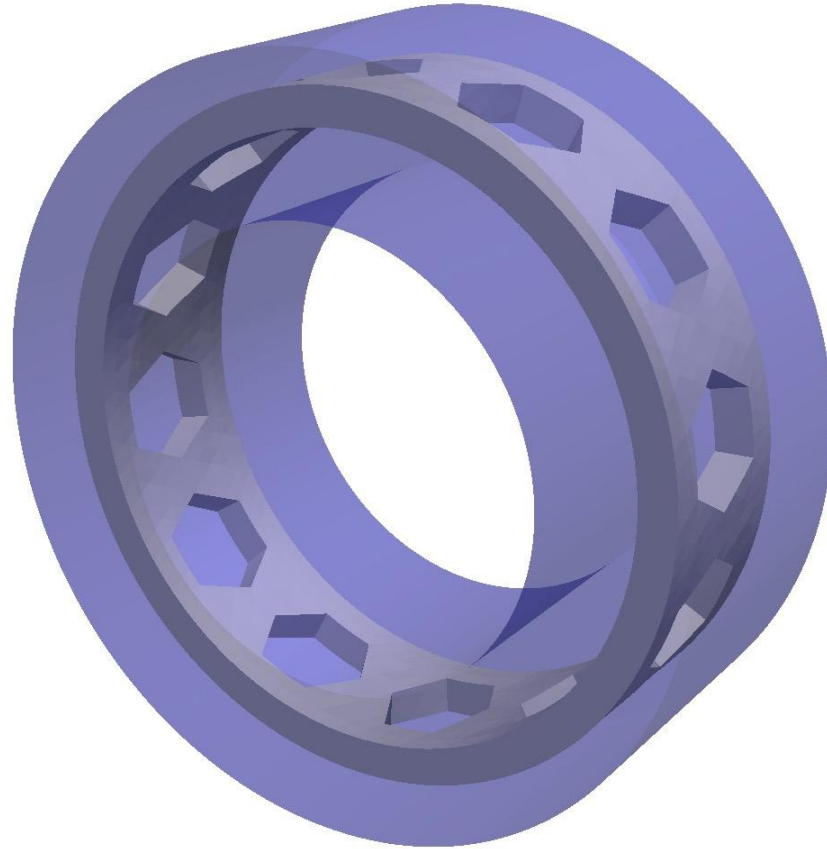
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The background domain

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The background domain and the immersed original geometry

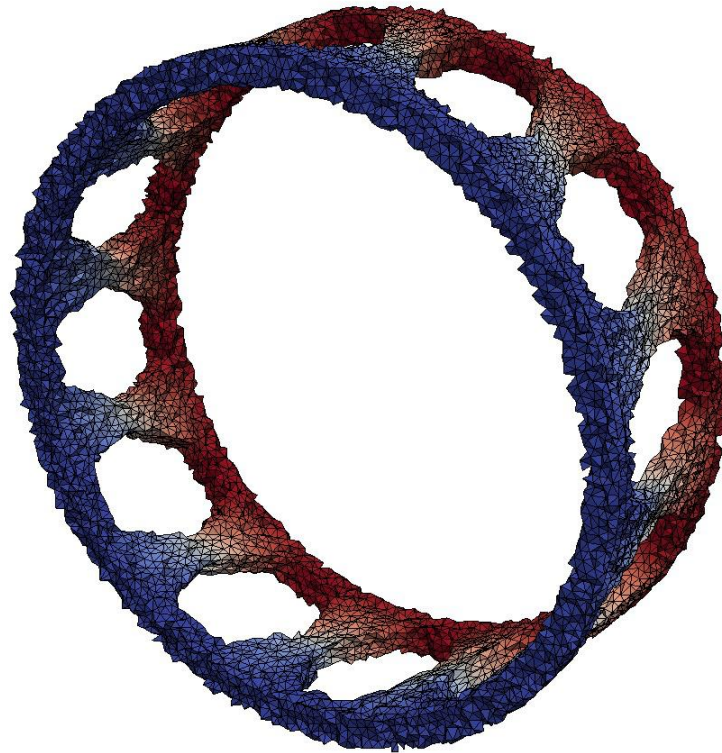
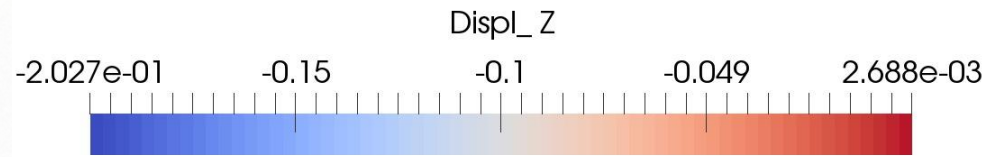
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The initial set of active elements (with boundary conditions sidesets)

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Deformed configuration of the set of active elements

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The intersection of the immersed geometry with the grid

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Deformation of the intersected immersed geometry

Credit of SBM for Solid Mechanics



Ph.D. thesis of Nabil M. Atallah

The SBM for Solid Mechanics

Key challenges:

- Imposition of traction (Neumann) boundary conditions
- Numerical stability of Neumann conditions
- Effect of geometric complexity (edges/corners, etc.) on numerical stability
- Computational cost vs. standard Finite Element Method

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Static linear elasticity problem

$$0 = \mathbf{b} + \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}(\nabla^s \mathbf{u}) \quad (\text{governing eq.})$$

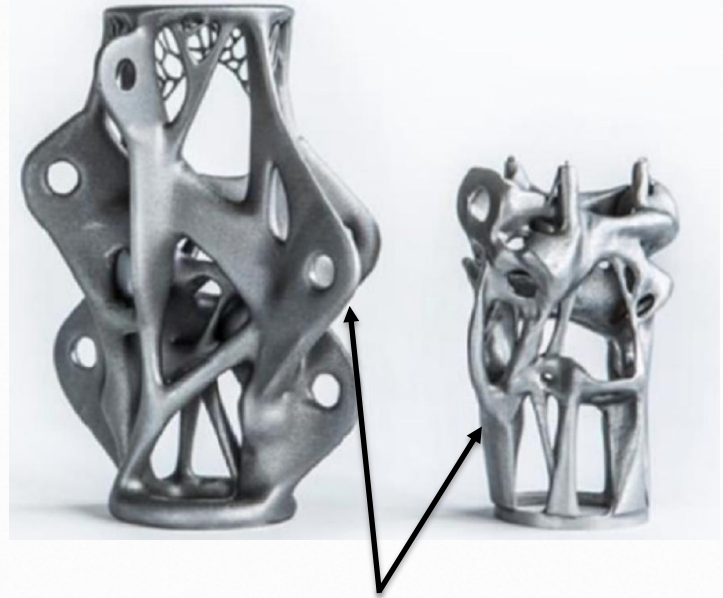
$$\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}_D \quad (\text{displacement BCs})$$

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma}(\nabla^s \mathbf{u}) \mathbf{n} \text{ ————— } = \mathbf{t}_N \quad (\text{traction BCs})$$

= 0 for piecewise linear fcn.s

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma}(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}) = \mathbf{C} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$$

$$\nabla^s \mathbf{u} = 1/2 (\nabla \mathbf{u} + \nabla^t \mathbf{u})$$



Neumann [Traction] BC

Idea: Recast the linear elasticity problem in mixed form:

$$0 = \mathbf{b} + \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}) \quad (\text{governing eq.})$$



$$\boldsymbol{\varepsilon} = \nabla^s \mathbf{u} \quad (\text{strain eq.})$$

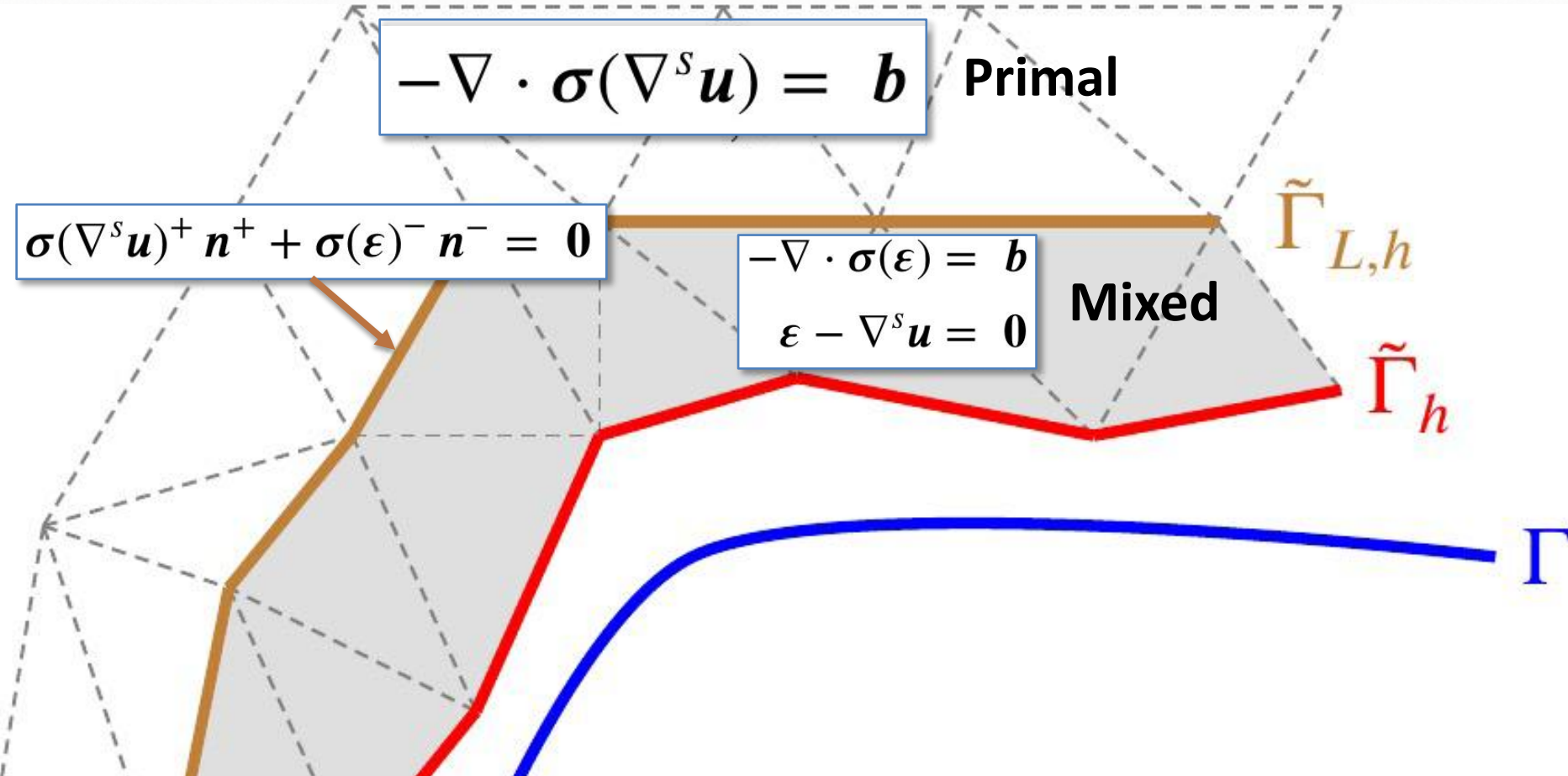
$$\mathbf{u} + (\nabla \mathbf{u}) \mathbf{d} = \mathbf{u}_D \quad (\text{displacement BCs})$$

$$(\boldsymbol{\sigma} + \nabla \boldsymbol{\sigma} \mathbf{d}) \mathbf{n} = (\mathbf{C} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon} + \nabla(\mathbf{C} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}) \mathbf{d}) \mathbf{n} = \mathbf{t}_N \quad (\text{traction BCs})$$

$$\neq 0$$

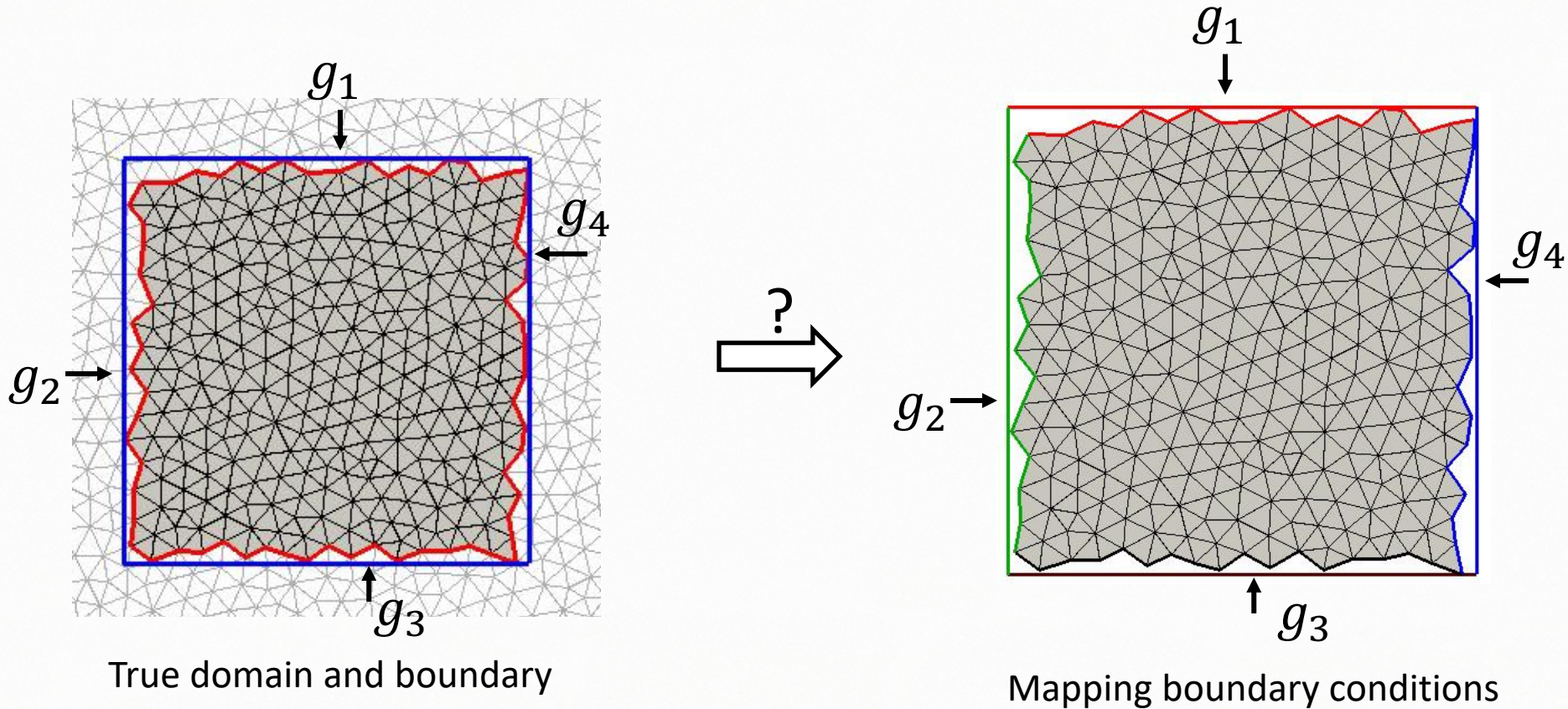
Efficient Implementation of SBM for Solid Mechanics

Apply the mixed formulation *only* on a layer one-element thick

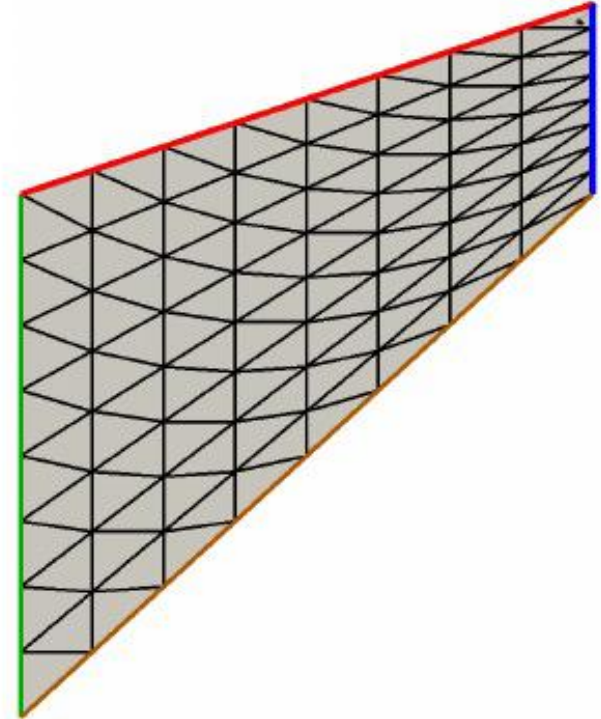
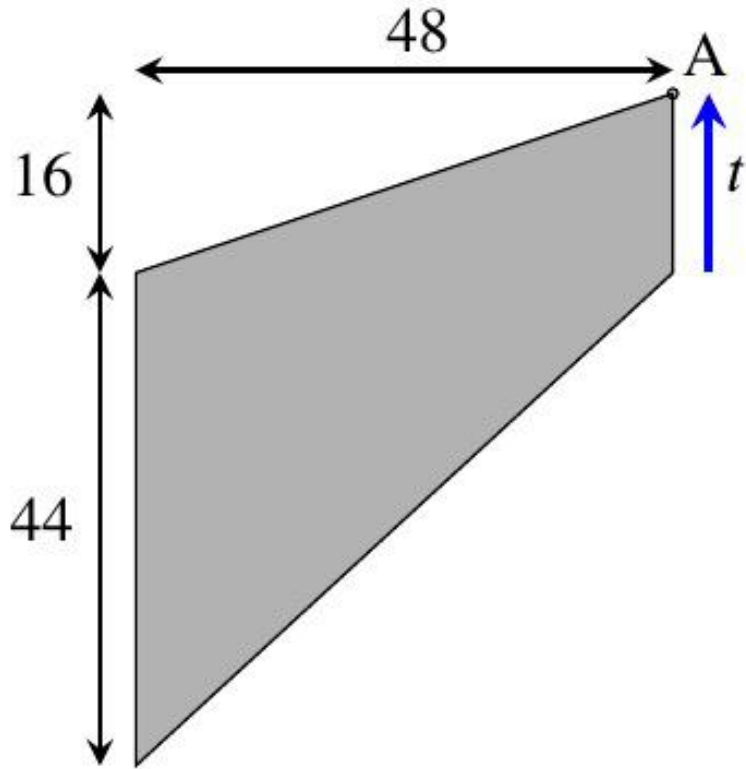


The SBM for Domains with Corners

How to handle multiple boundary conditions near corners/edges?



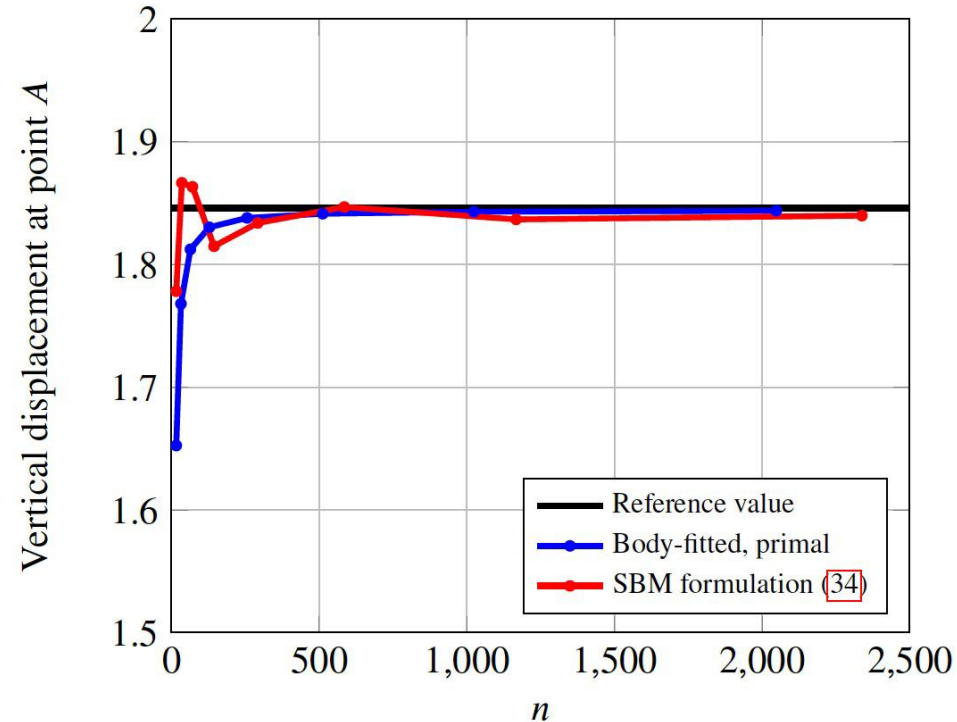
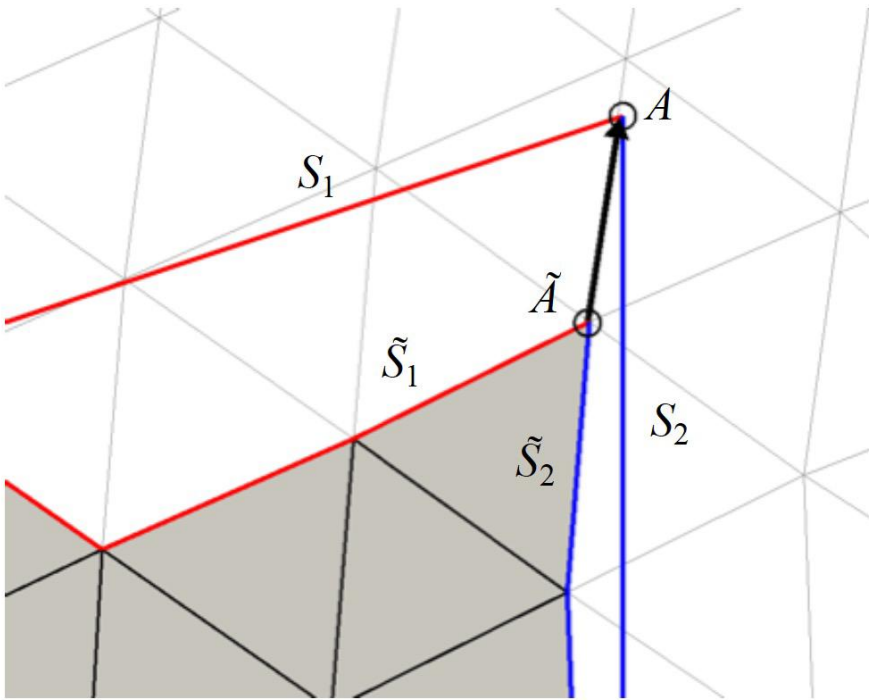
Cook's Membrane (Compressible Elasticity)



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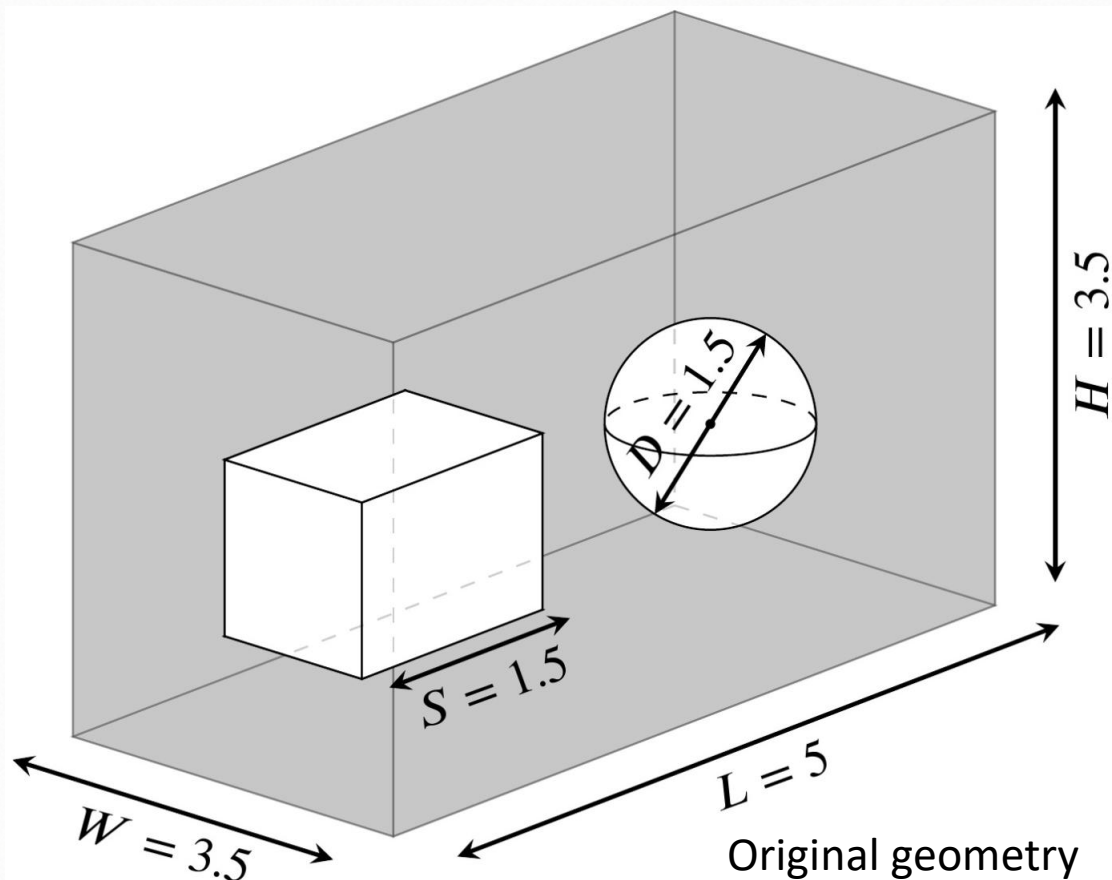
Tip displacement convergence



$$u_y|_A = \frac{1}{n_A} \sum_{i=1}^{n_A} (u_y^{(i)} + \nabla u_y^{(i)} \mathbf{d})|_{\tilde{A}}$$

(b) Vertical displacement at point A, where n is the total number of edges along $S_1 \cup S_2$, for the primal body-fitted formulation, or the total number of edges along $\tilde{S}_1 \cup \tilde{S}_2$

Three-Dimensional Performance Assessment



Young's modulus = $200 \cdot 10^6$ MPa

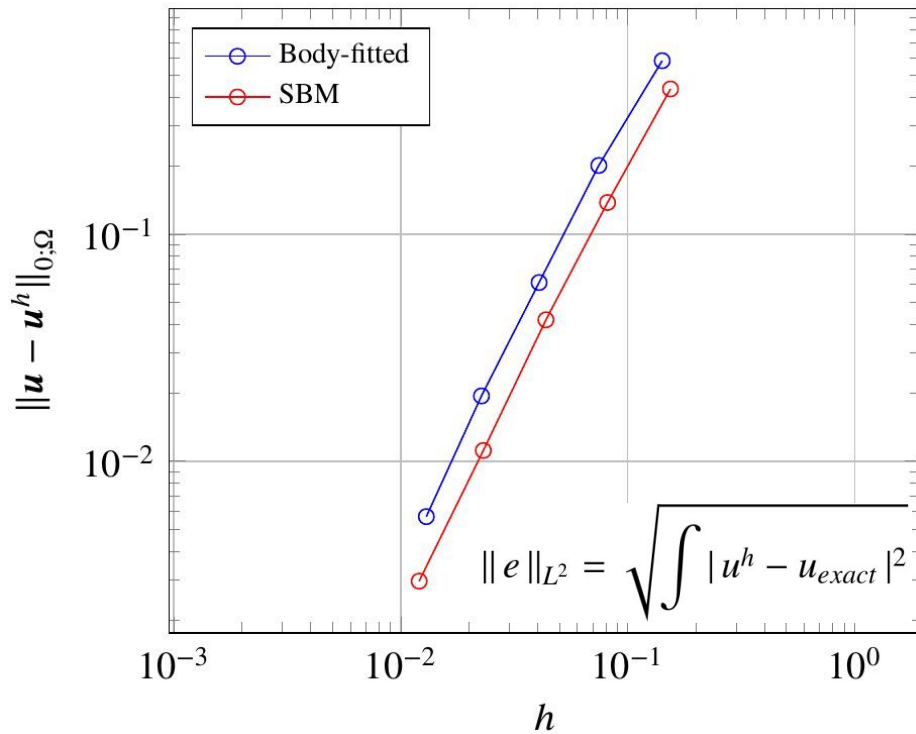
Poisson ratio = 0.3

Boundary conditions

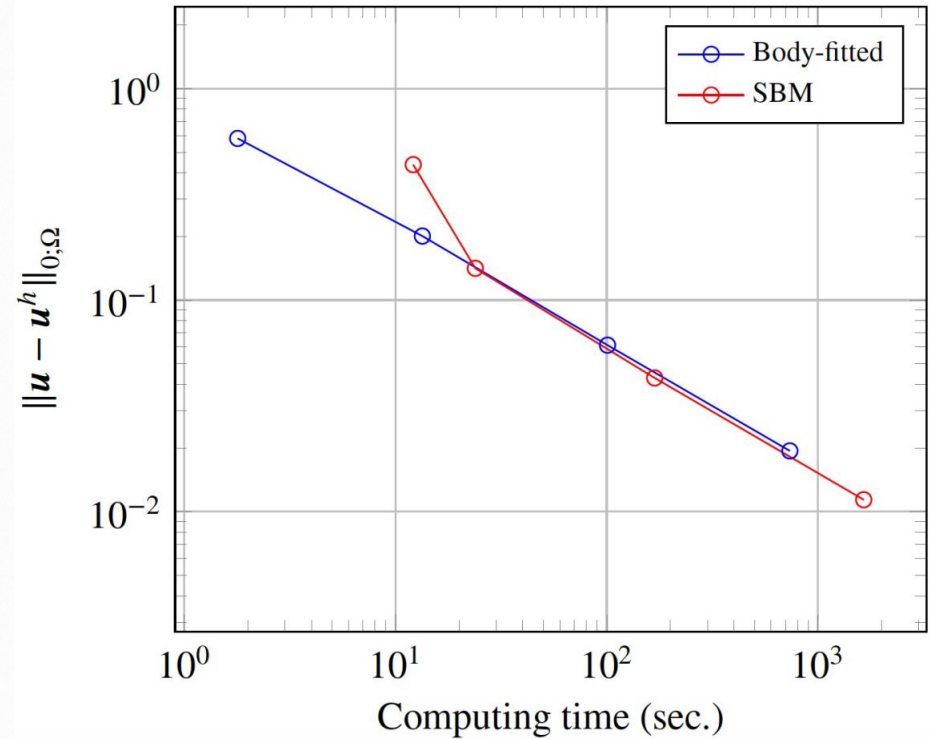
- Strong enforcement of Dirichlet conditions on outer boundary
- Traction conditions on inner boundaries

$$\mathbf{u} = \begin{Bmatrix} u_x \\ u_y \\ u_z \end{Bmatrix} = \frac{1}{10} \begin{Bmatrix} -\cos(\pi x) \sin(\pi y) \cos(\pi z) \\ \sin(\pi x/7) \sin(\pi y/3) \cos(\pi z/5) \\ \sin(\pi xyz/2) \end{Bmatrix}$$

Three-Dimensional Performance Assessment



L²-error vs mesh size



L²-error vs computing time

SBM costs you like a standard body-fitted FEM, but... no meshing overhead

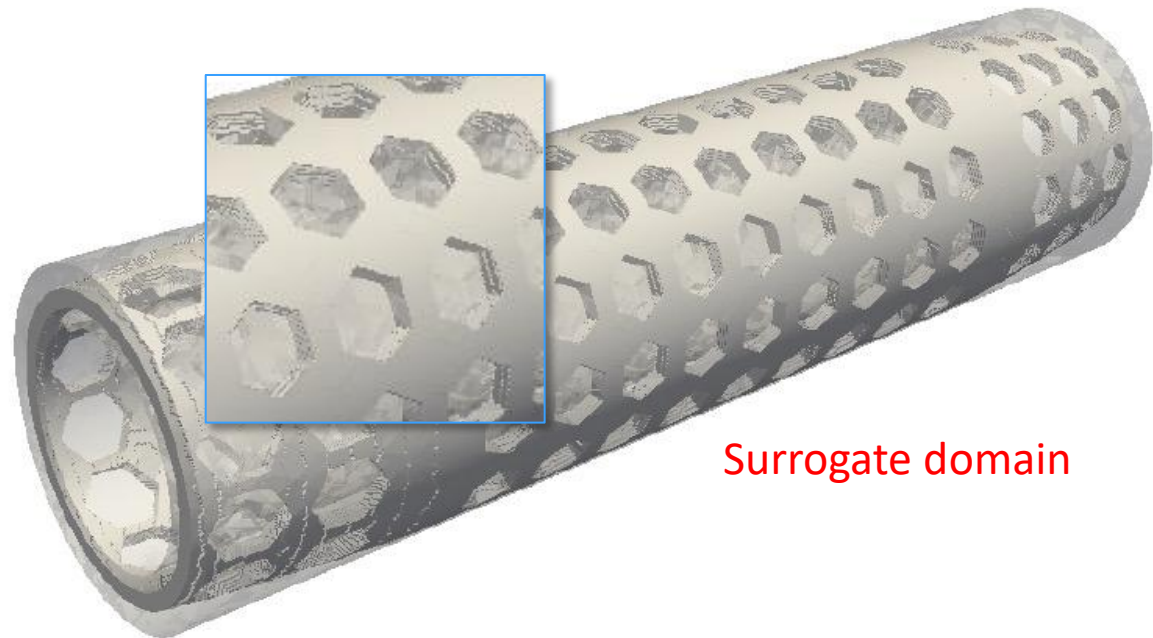
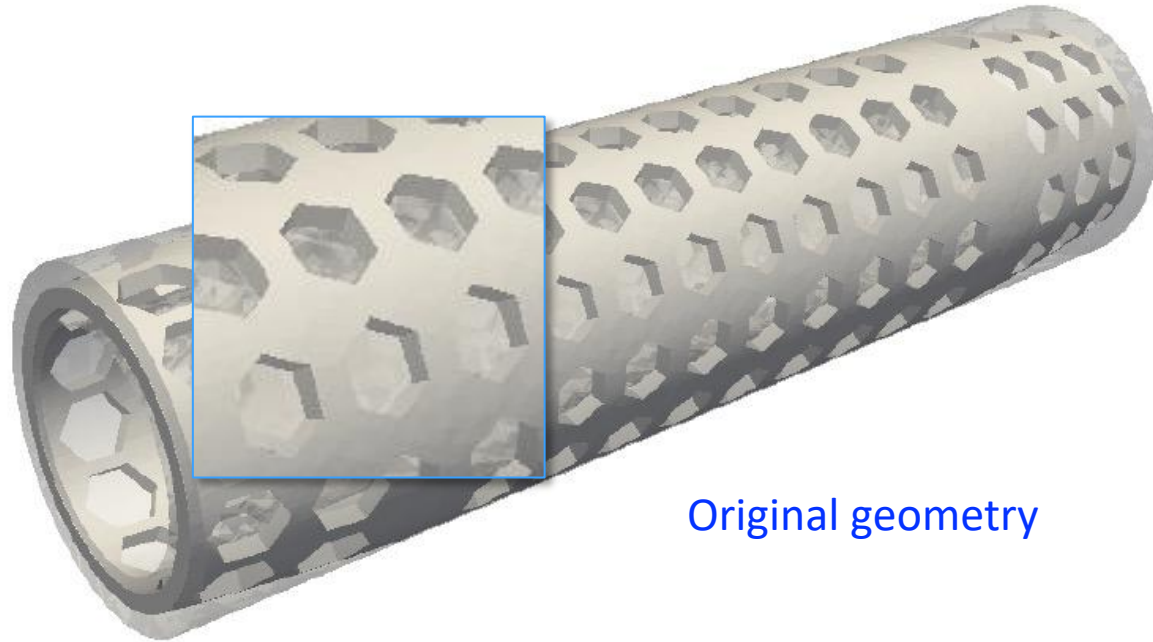
Pulling/Twisting of Three-Dimensional Stent

No body force

Boundary conditions

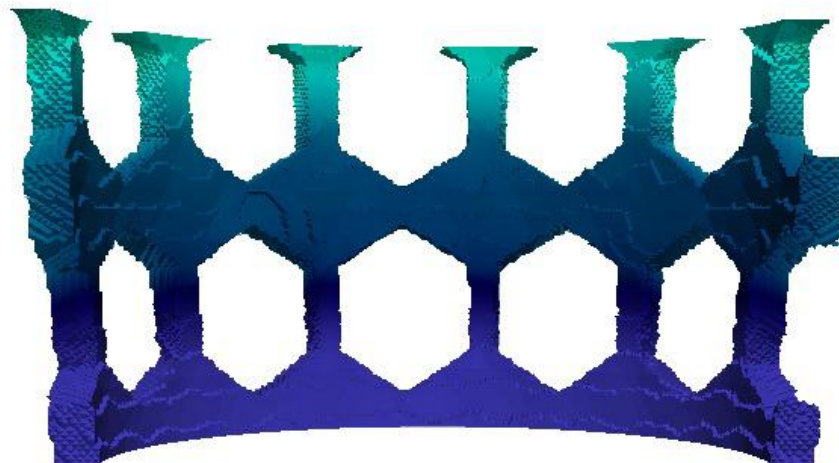
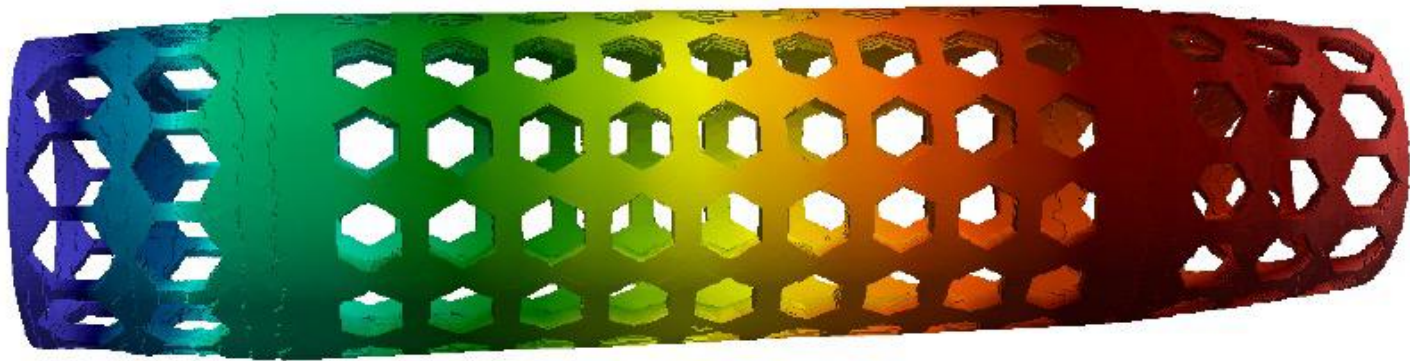
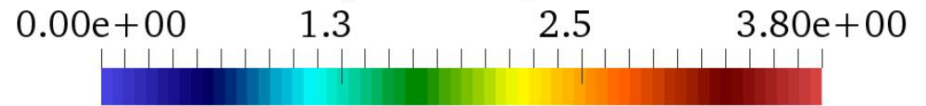
- $\mathbf{u} = 0$ (left),
- $\mathbf{u} = \{2.5 y, -2.5 x, -0.5\}$ (right)
- Traction free BC at all other boundaries

Poisson ratio = 0.452



Pulling/Twisting of Three-Dimensional Stent

Solution (displacement)



Compression of 3D Porous Rock Specimen

Rock REV: L = 0.505, W = 0.3, D = 0.27

No body force

Boundary conditions

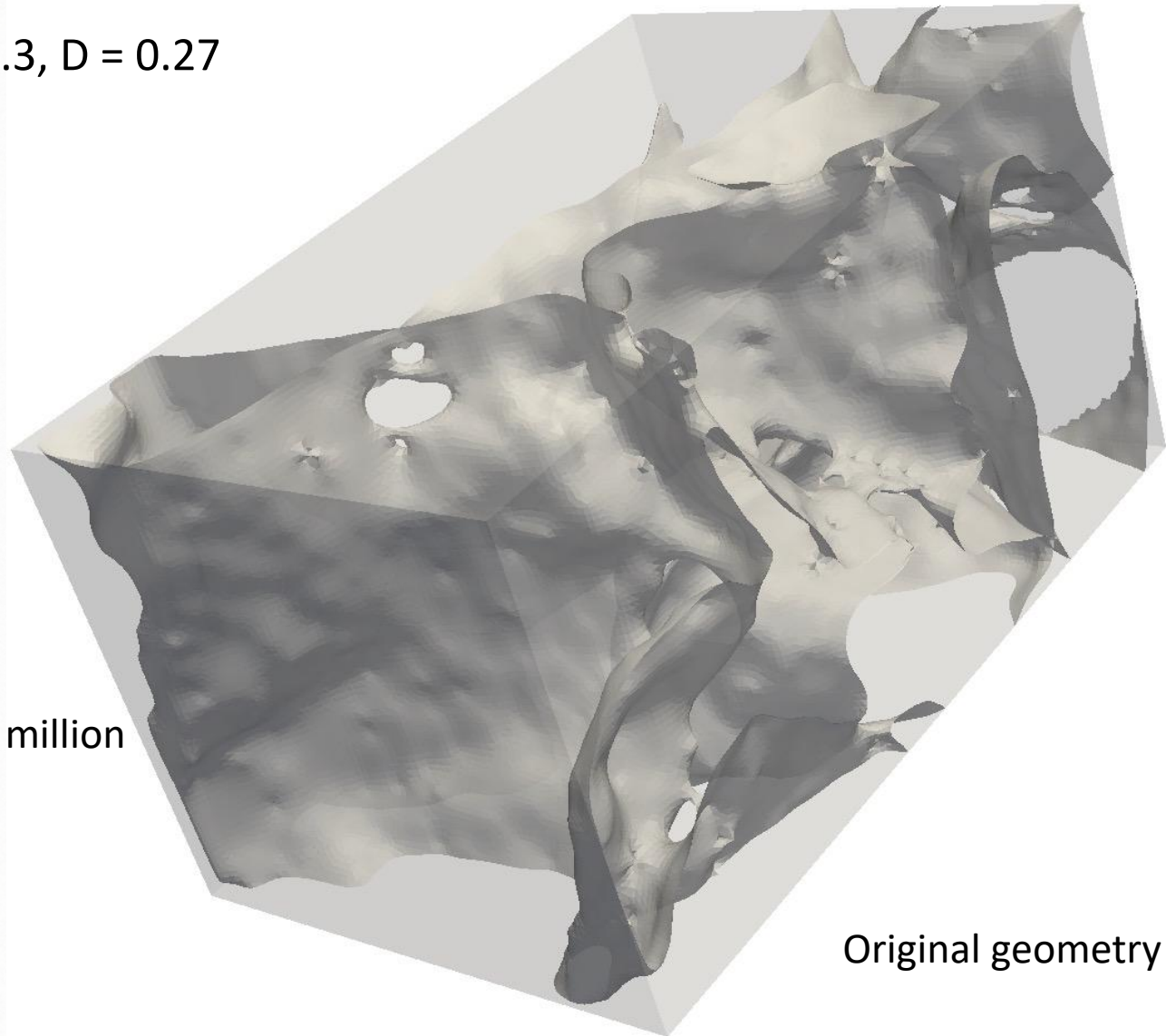
- $u = 0$ (bottom),
- $u = -5E-04$ (top)
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Poisson ratio = 0.452

Total elements = 5.2 million

Total active elements = 3.46 million

Total cores = 240



Original geometry

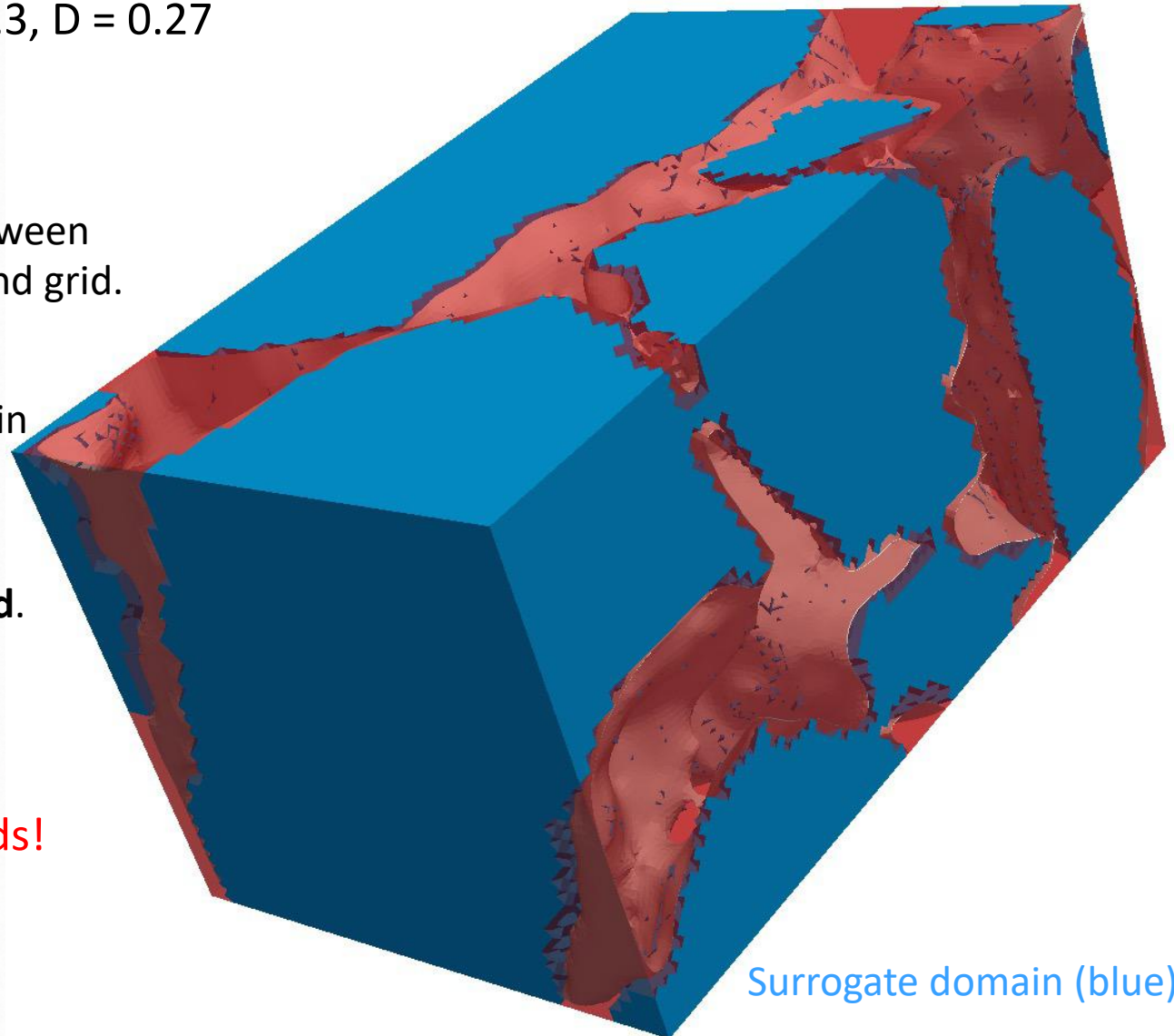
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Setup time:

- Compute intersection between STL surface and background grid.
- Generate surrogate domain and boundaries.
- Calculate distance vector \mathbf{d} .

Setup time = 220 seconds!



Surrogate domain (blue)

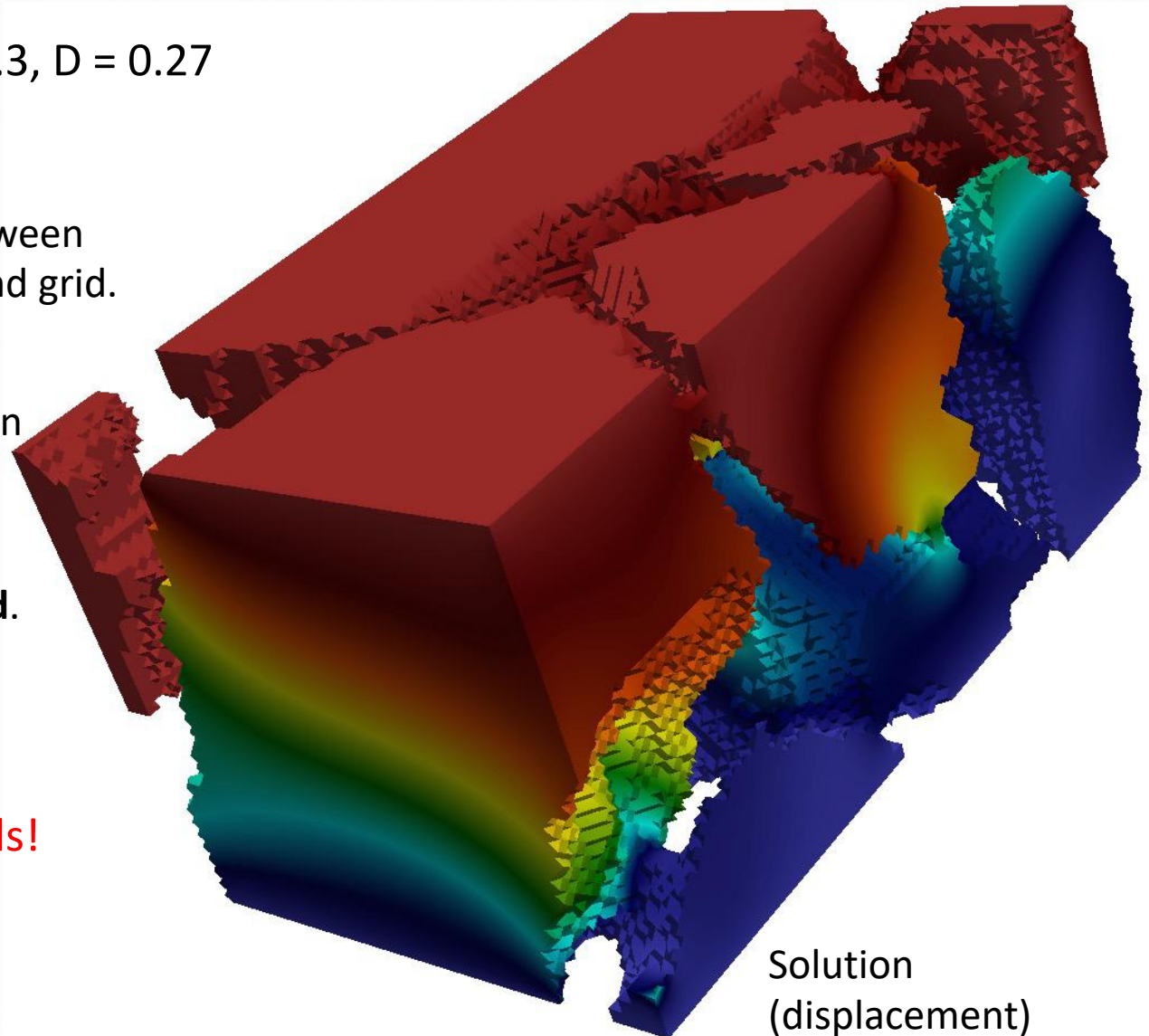
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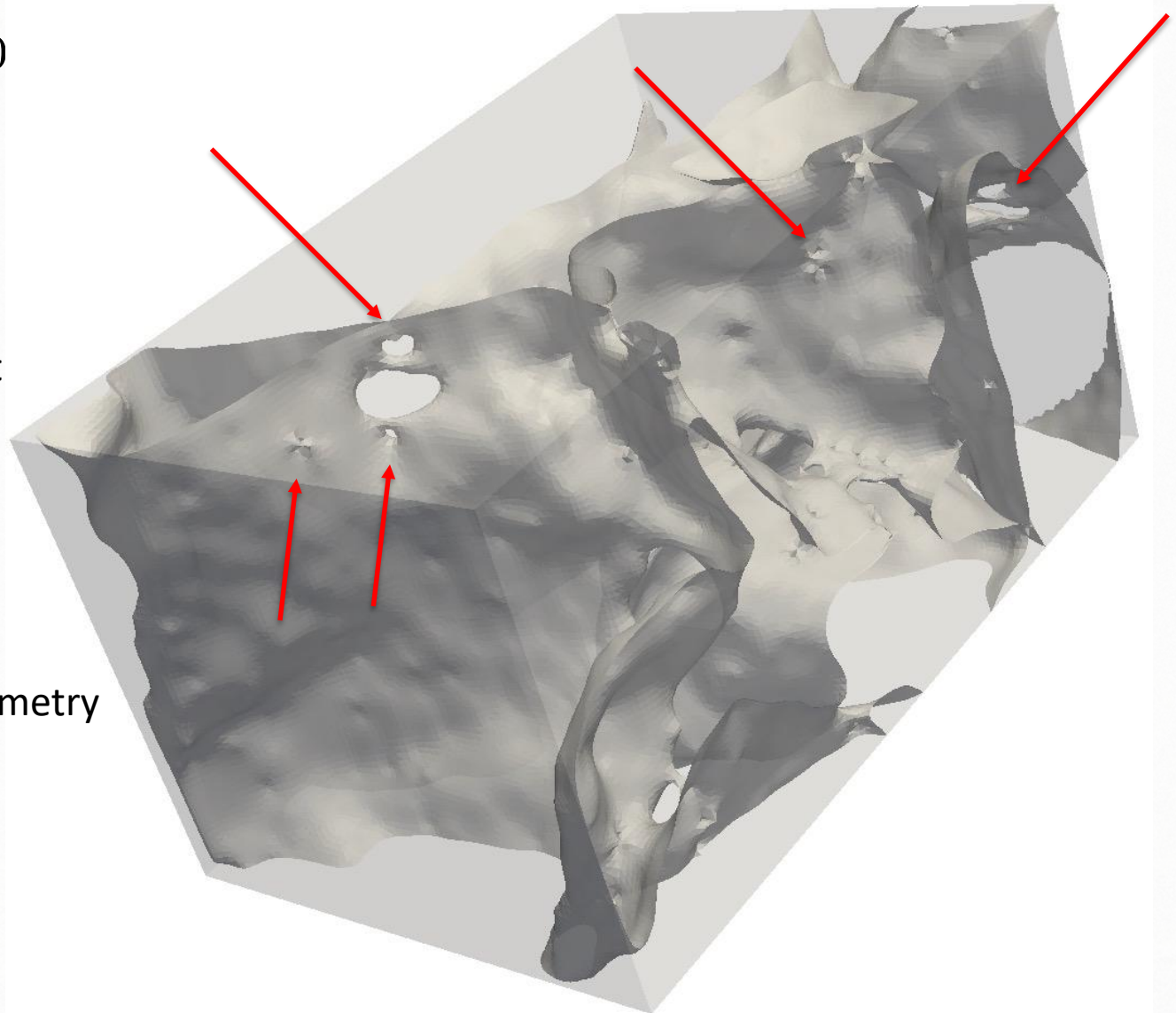
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Rock REV: $L = 0.50$

No body force

Boundary conditions

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Original geometry

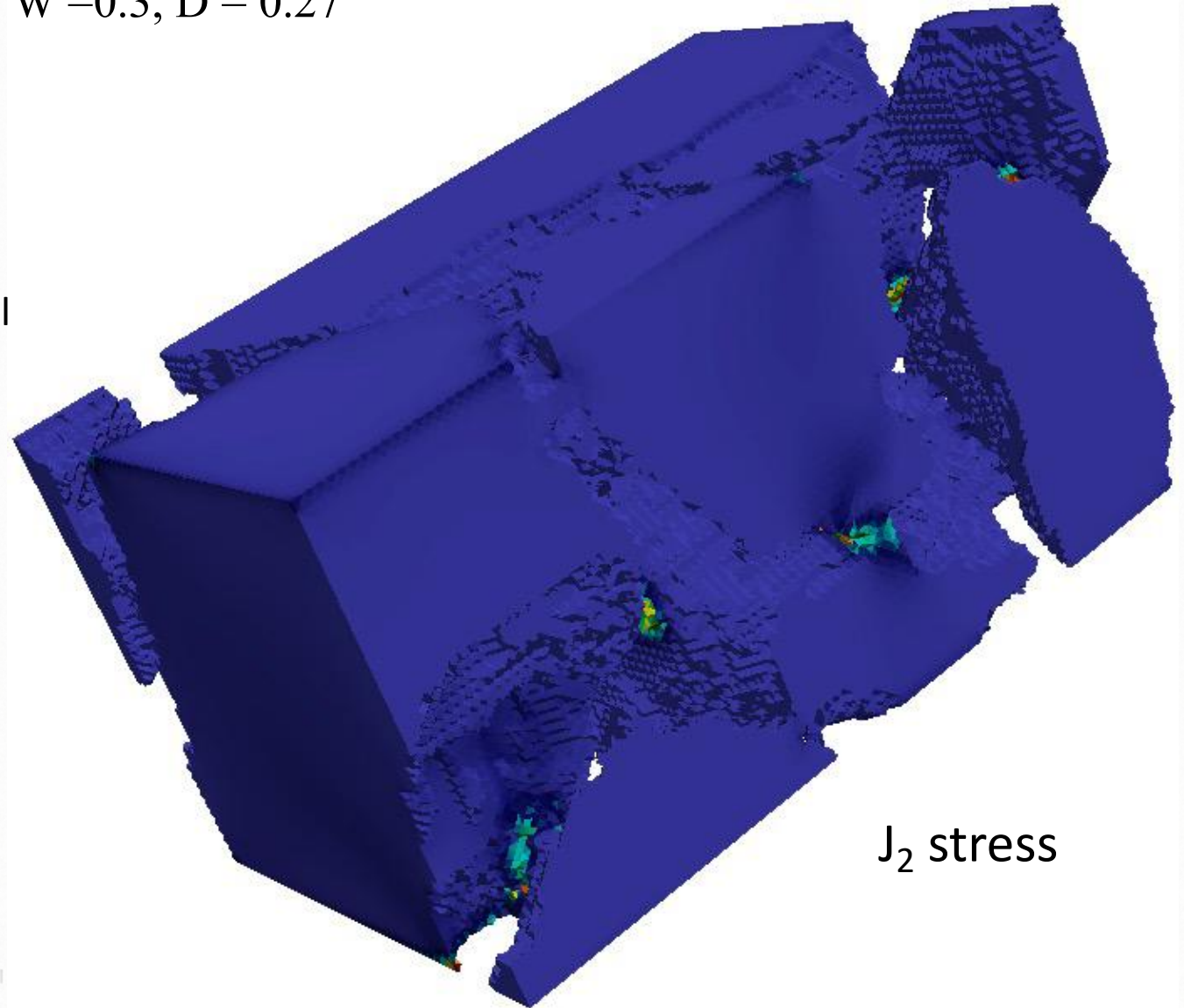
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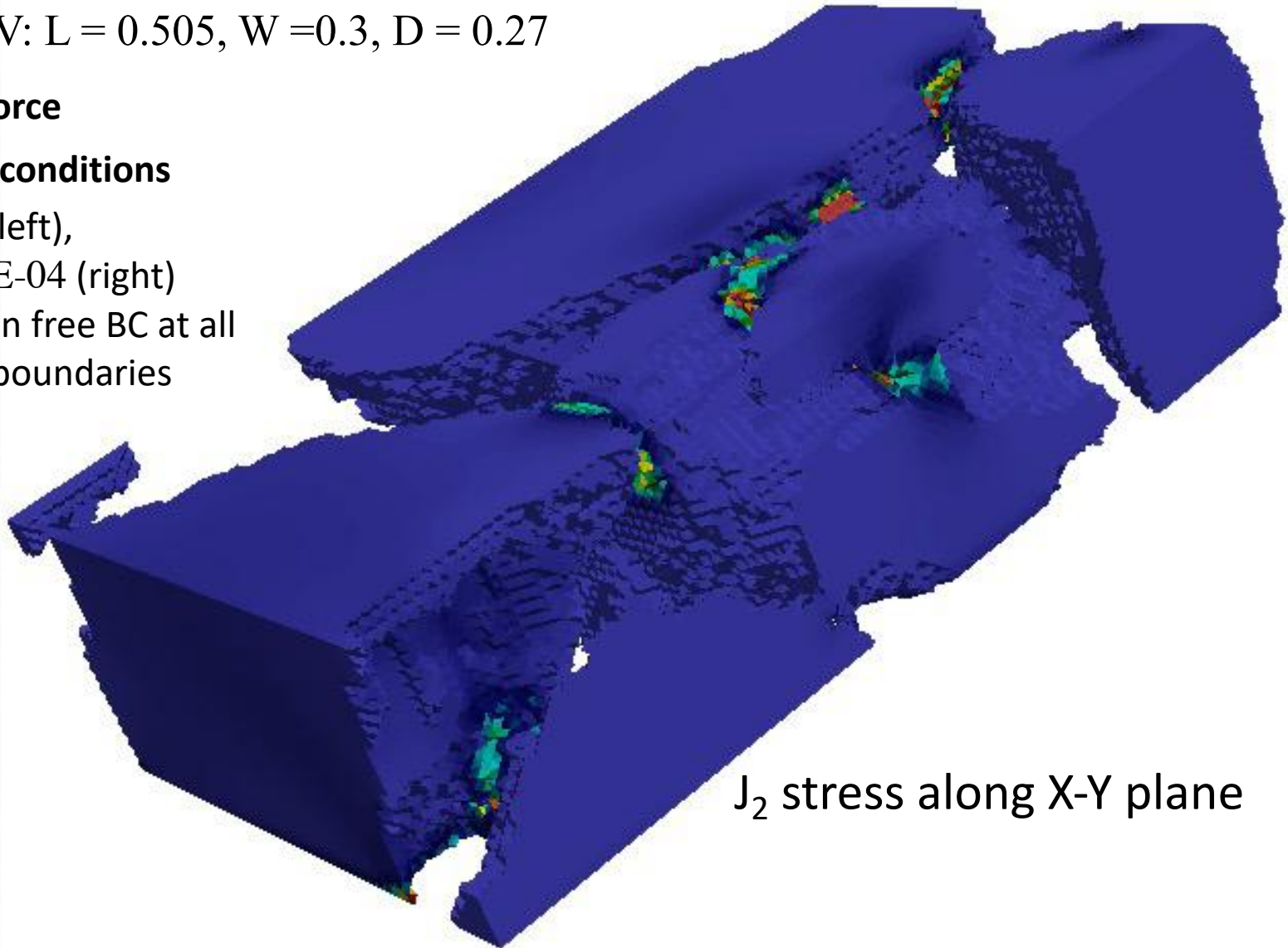
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J_2 stress along X-Y plane

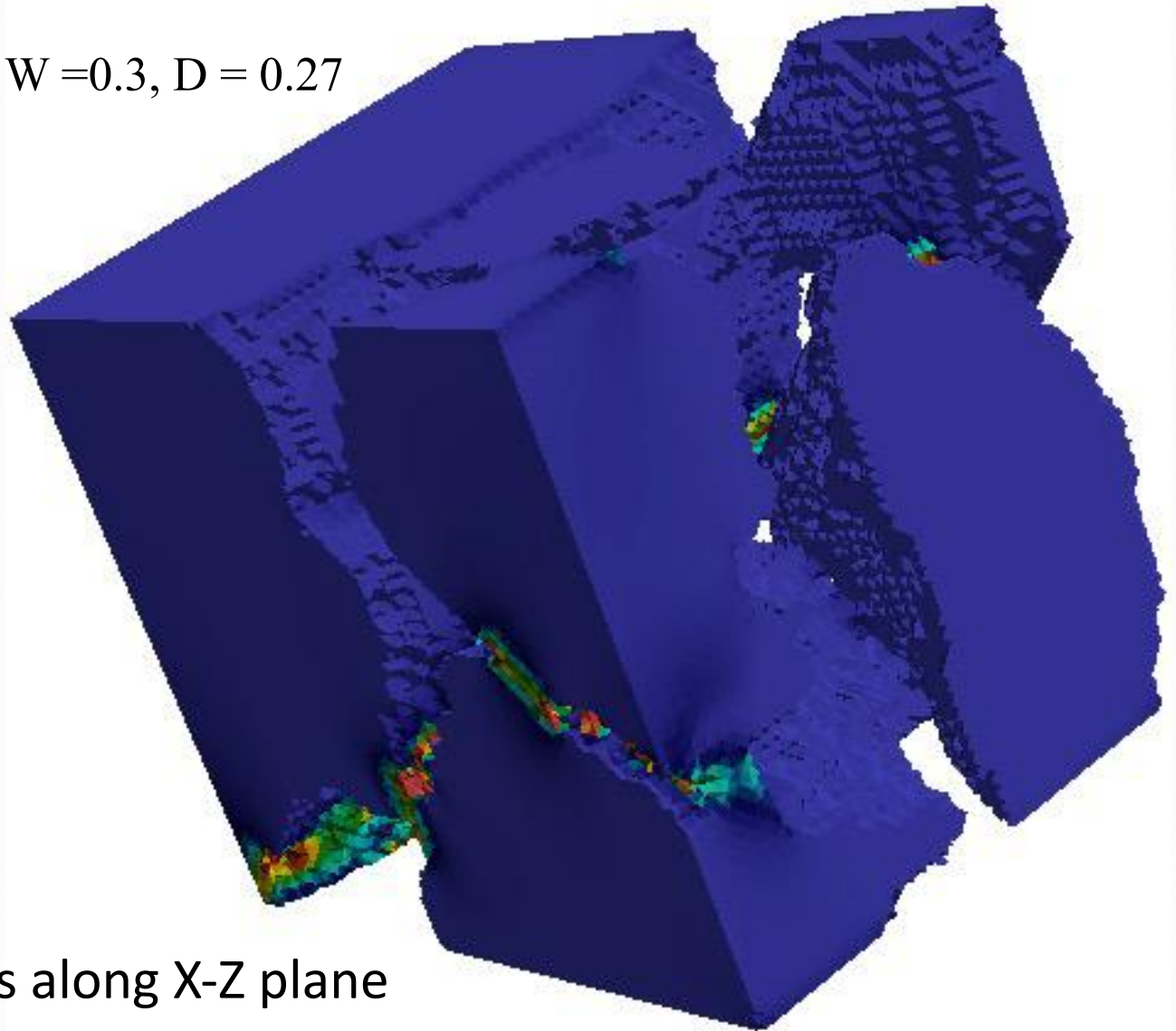
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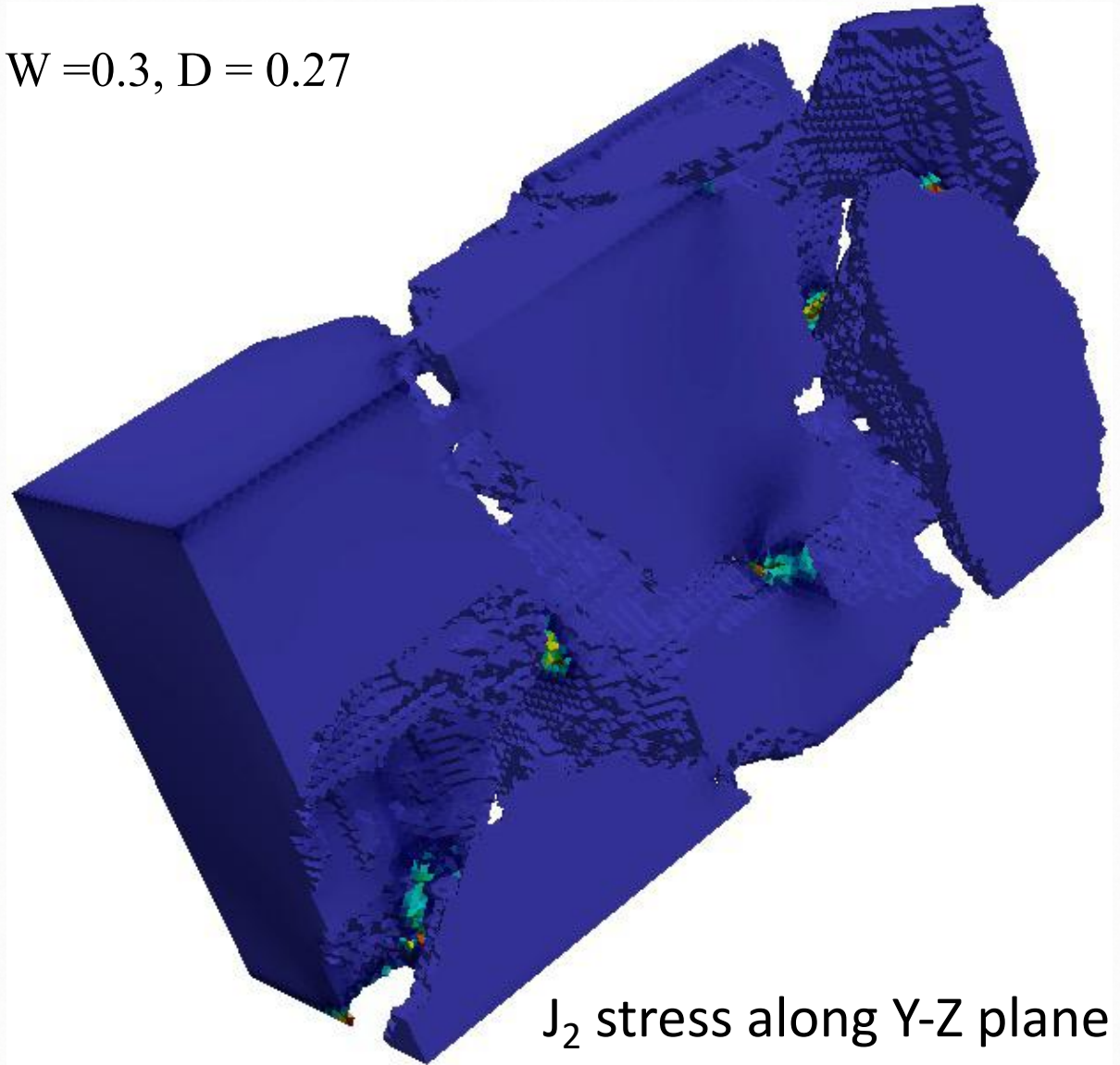
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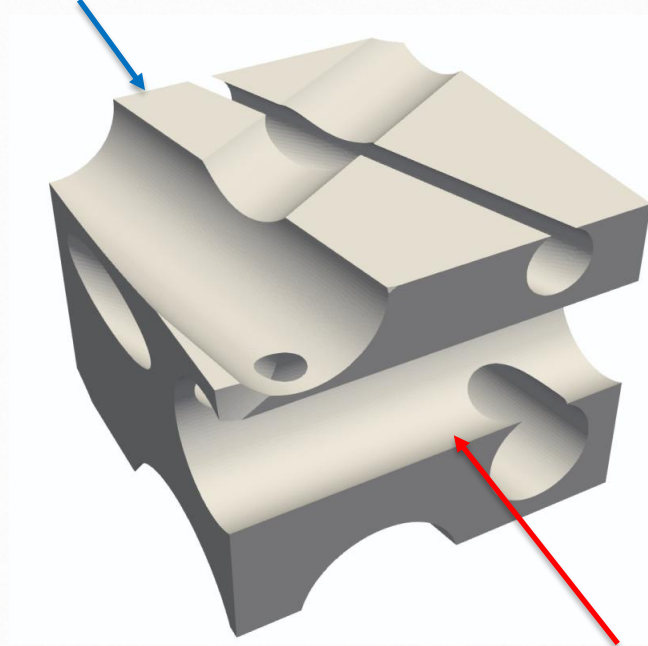
J_2 stress along Y-Z plane

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“Sponge-like” boundary test

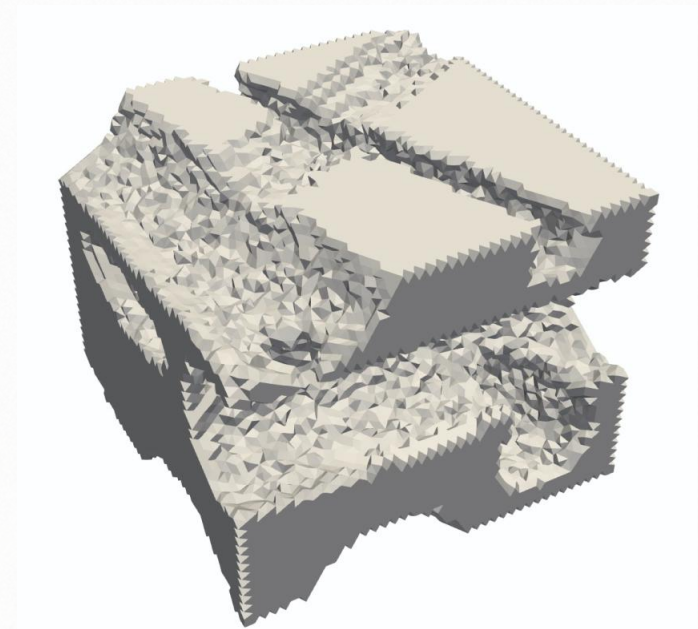
Geometry

Fixed temperature + clamped displacements



traction-free + flux free

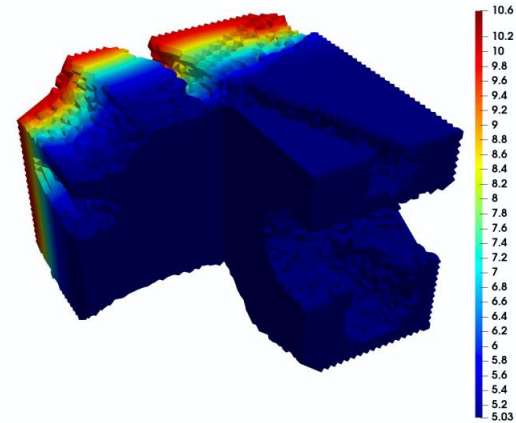
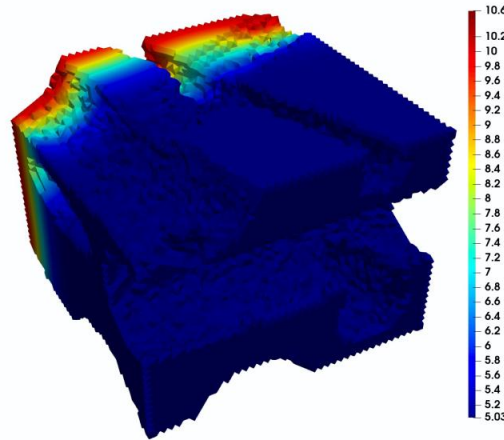
Surrogate boundary



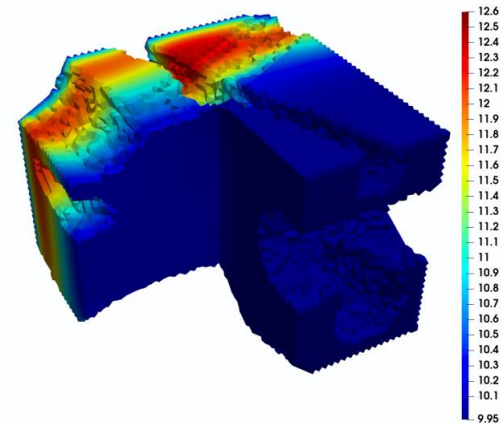
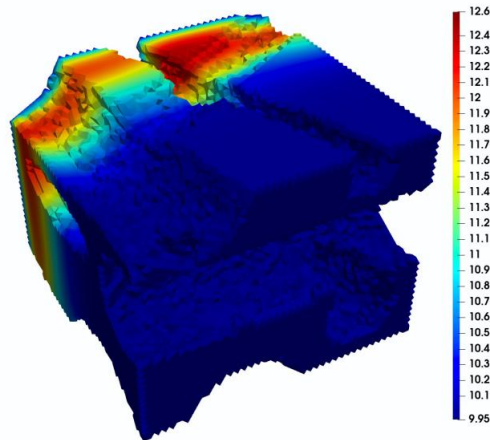
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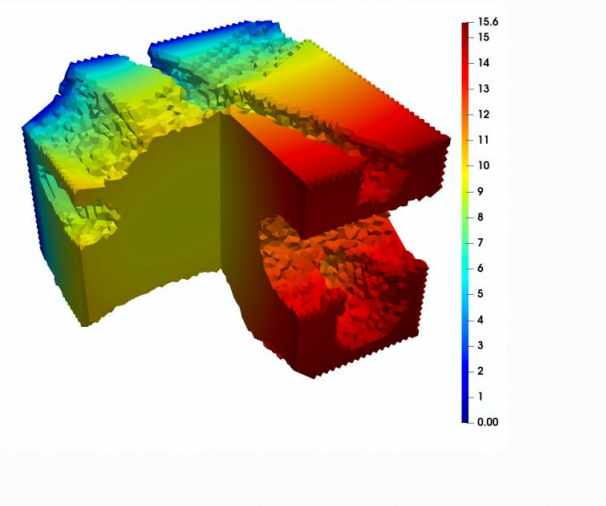
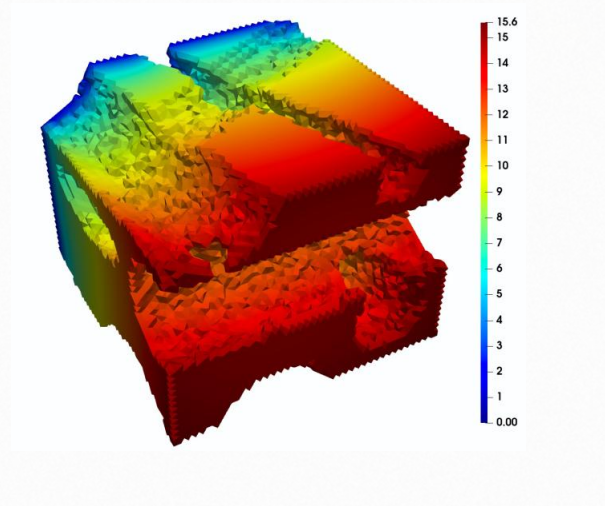
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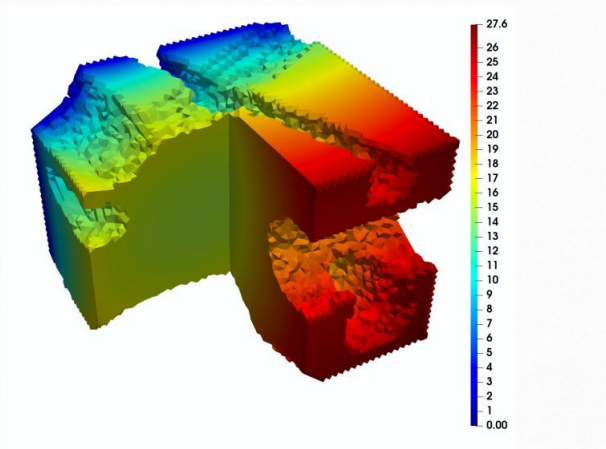
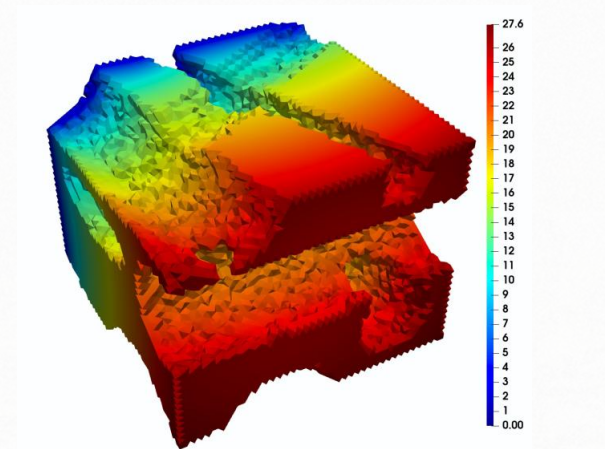
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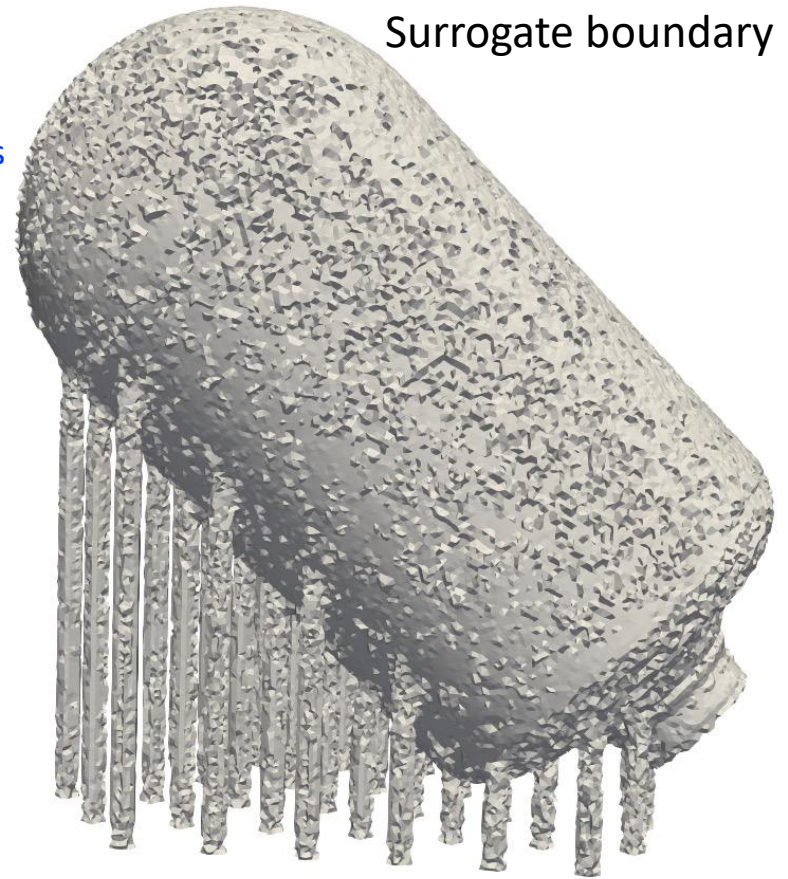
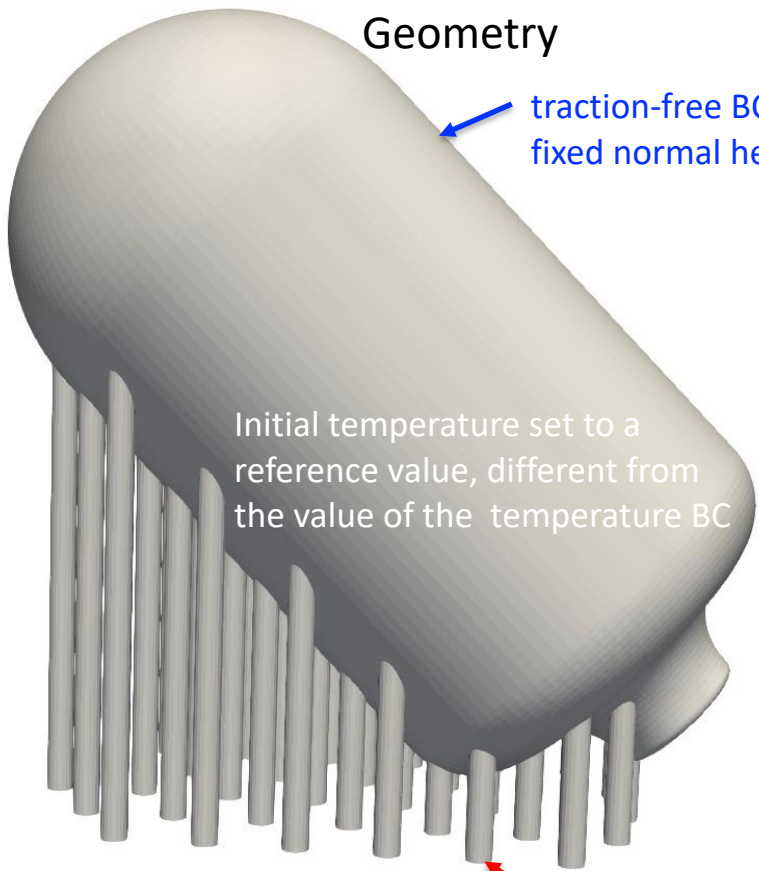


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Simulation on a complex structure (Naval Research Laboratory):



Fixed temperature BCs + clamped displacements

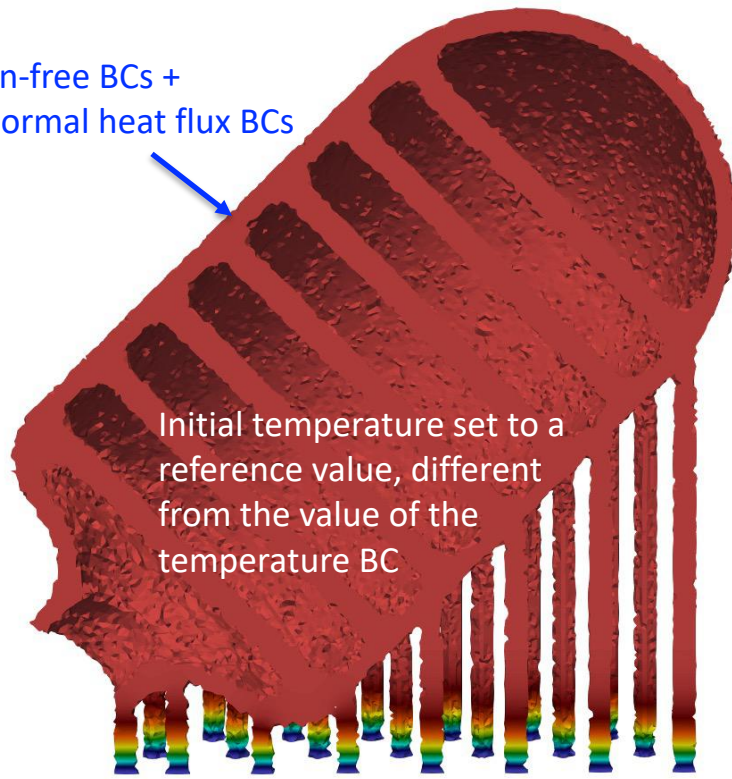
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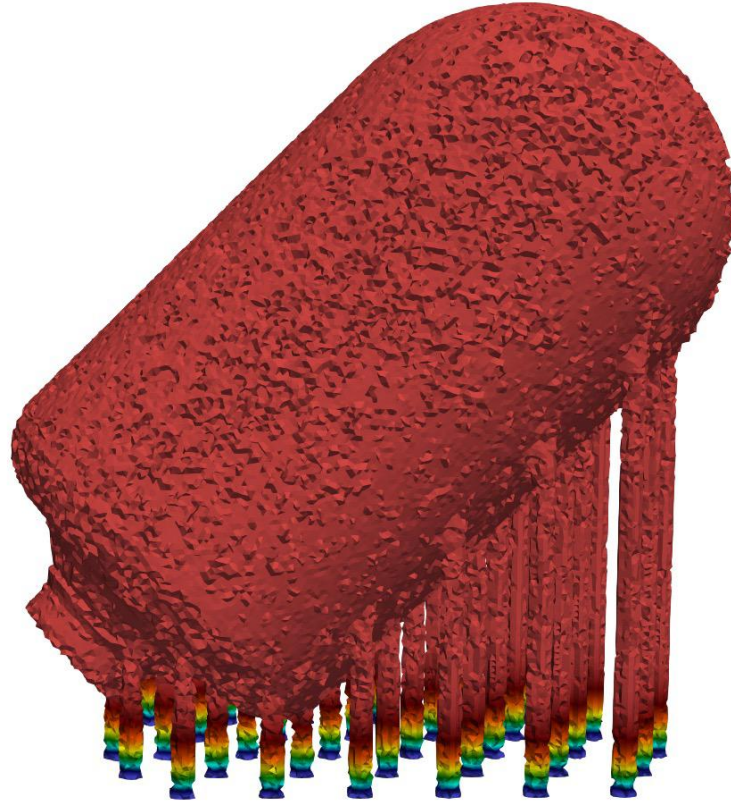
Temperature



traction-free BCs +
fixed normal heat flux BCs



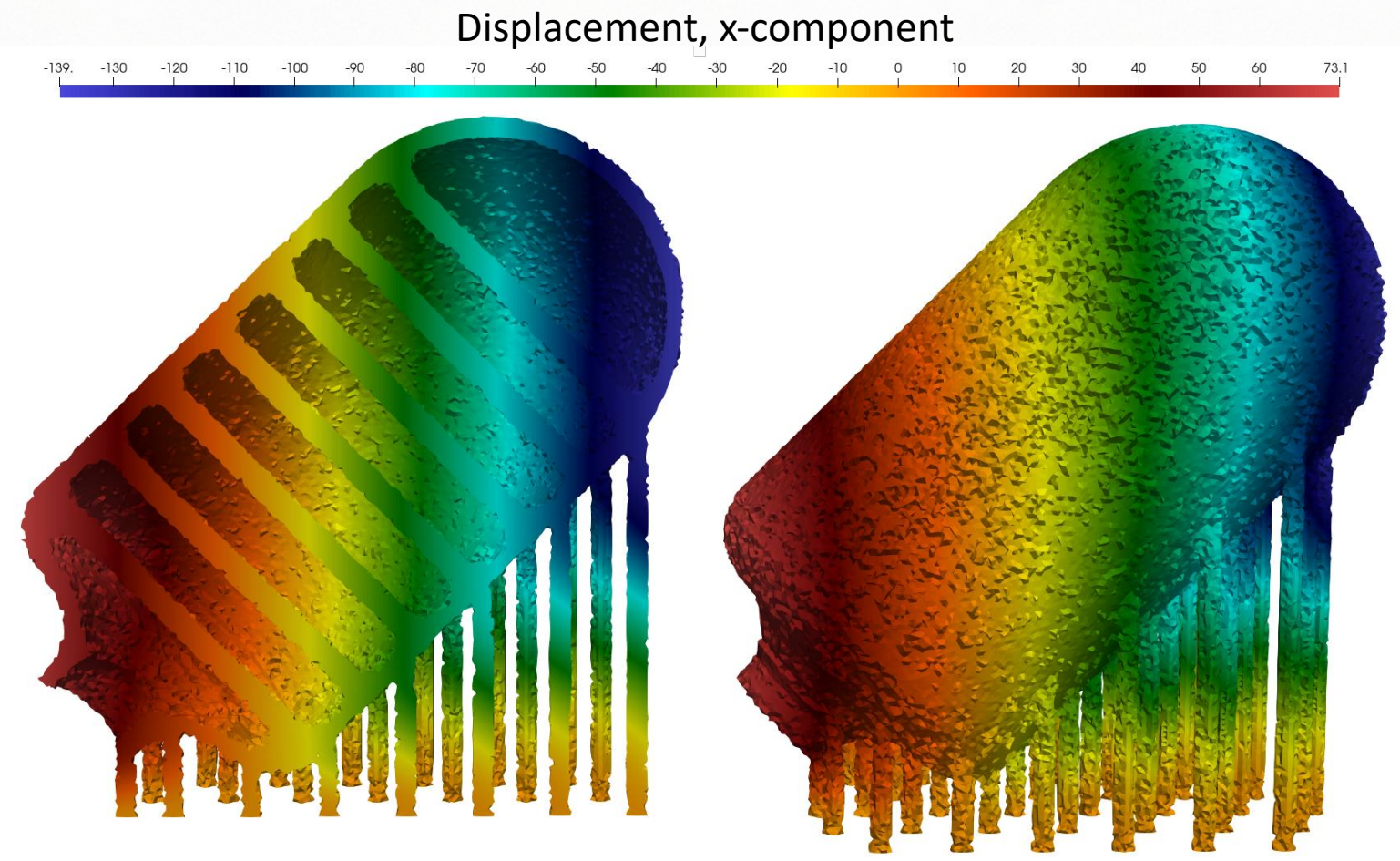
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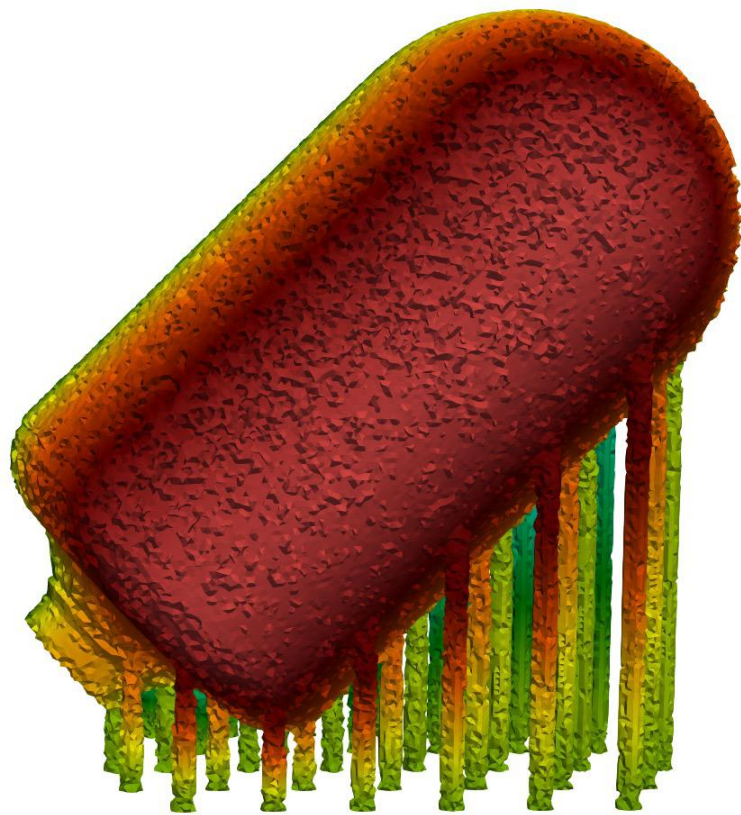
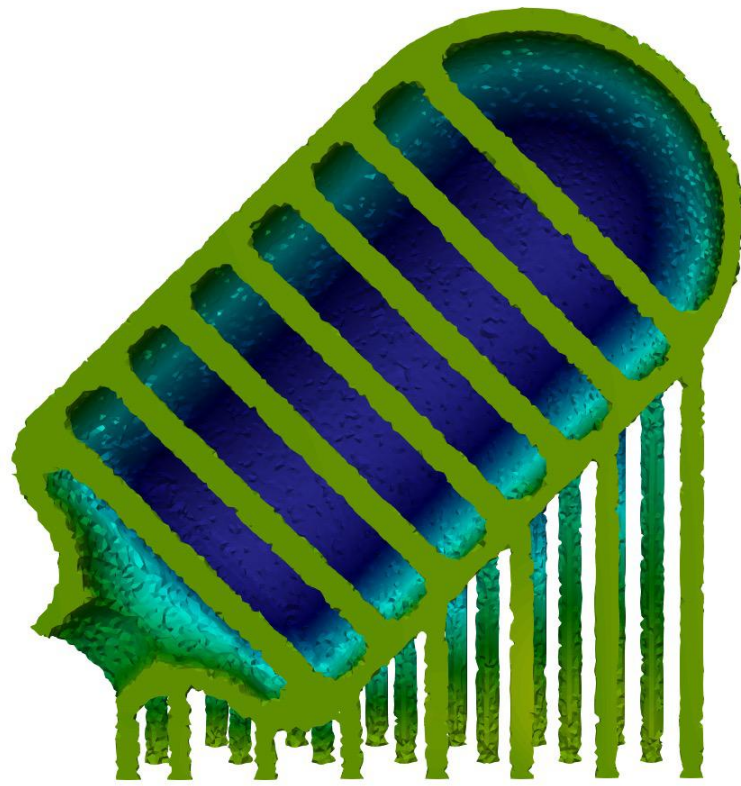
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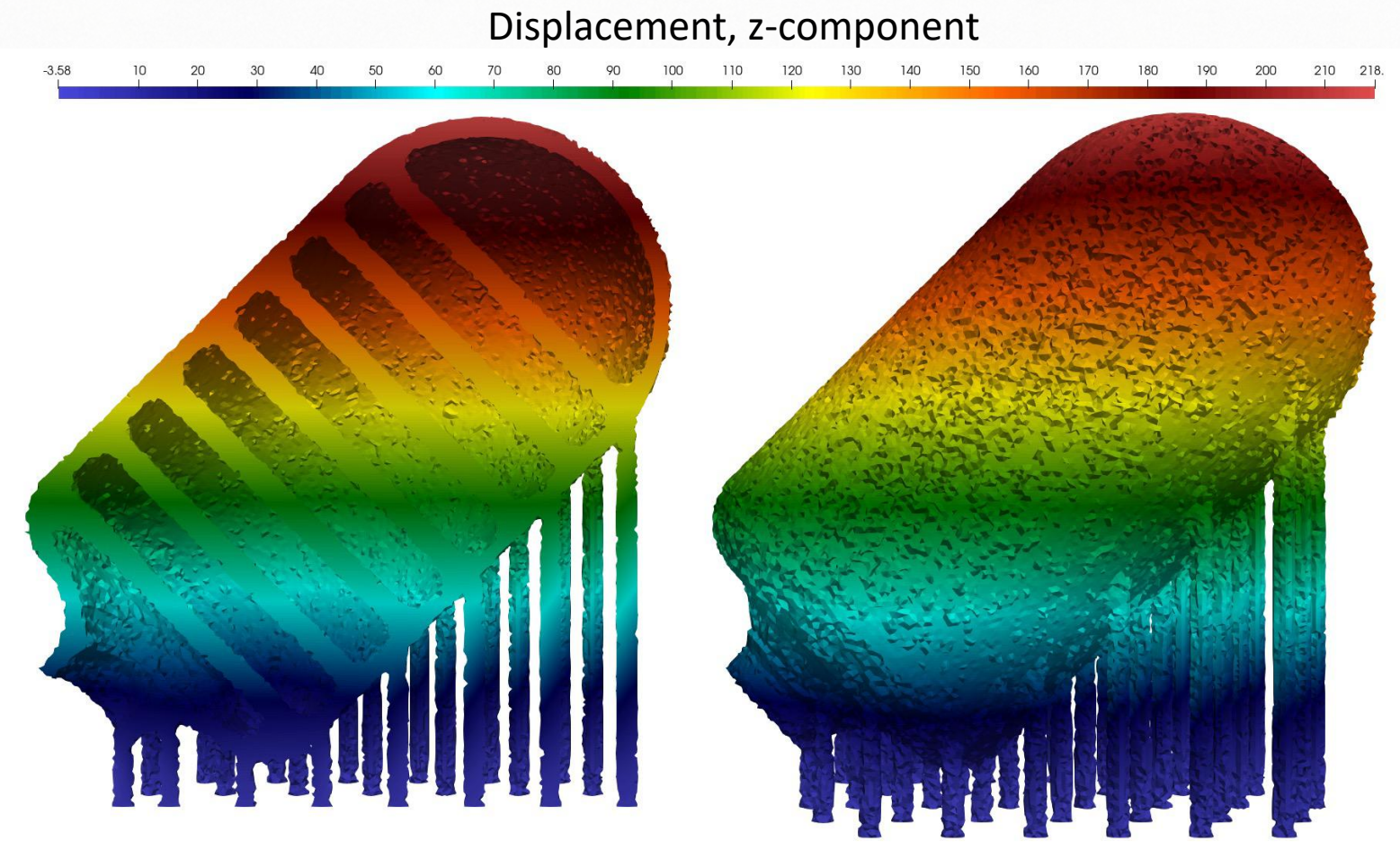
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The Shifted Fracture Method

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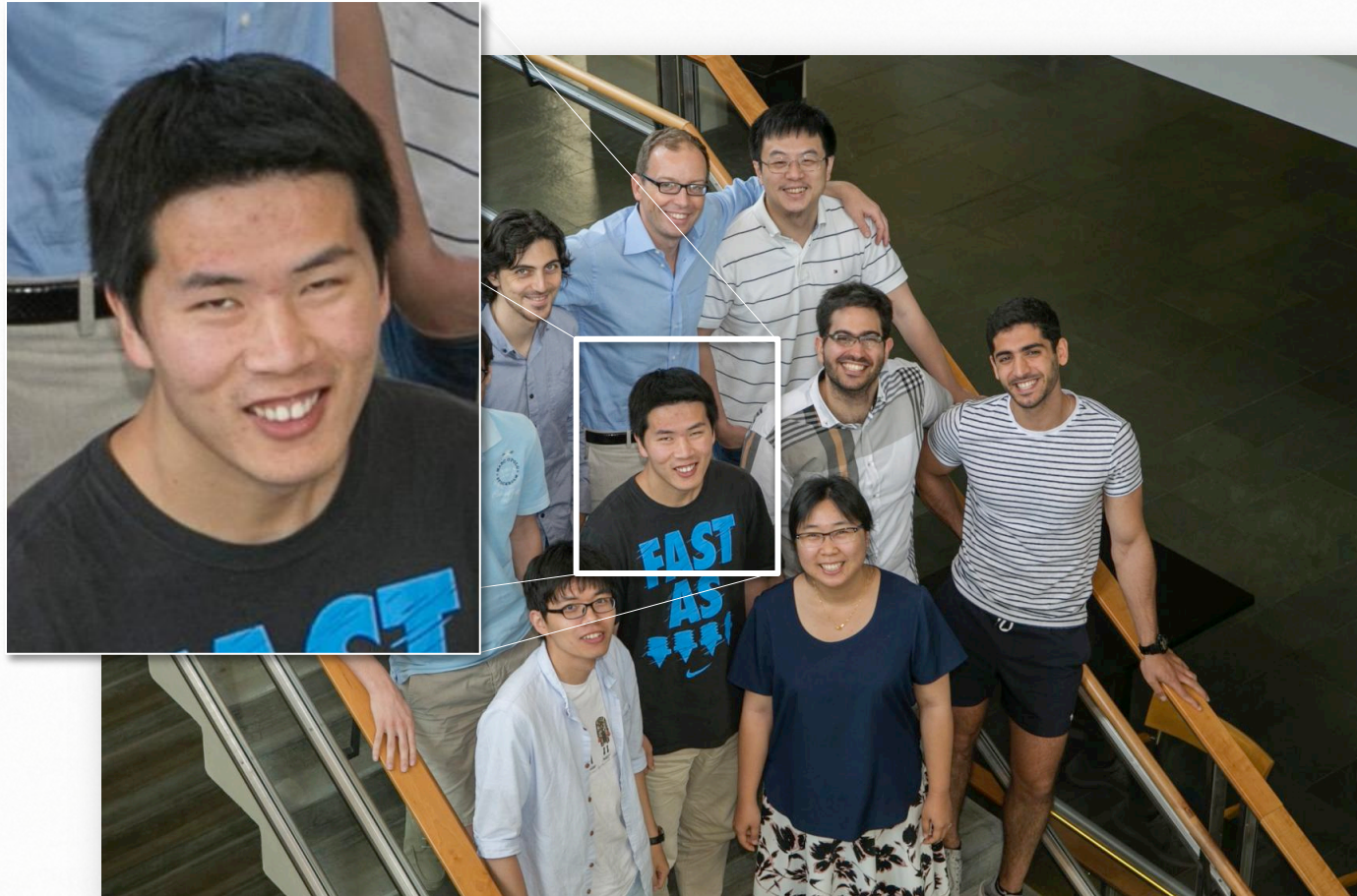
The Shifted Fracture Method (SFM) in a nutshell:

- An attempt to overcome the challenges in the X-FEM/G-FEM/PU-FEM approach maintaining a comparable accuracy
- A *surrogate fracture* is introduced and constituted of edges/faces of the mesh that are in some sense close to the true fracture
- Fracture interface conditions are computed on the *surrogate fracture*
- The value of interface conditions is *shifted* (or perturbed) by means of Taylor expansions, to preserve accuracy and avoid mesh dependencies

Advantages of the Shifted Fracture Method:

- No cut cells: simplified data-structure and quadratures
- No small-cut cell problem affecting stability and matrix conditioning
- SFM solutions are mesh independent, unlike node-release techniques
- Continuous representation of the fracture surface in three dimensions

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Overview: Cohesive Zone Models

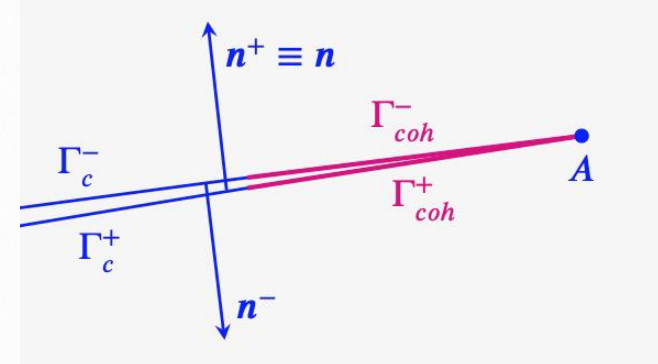
$$[[\chi]] = \chi^- - \chi^+ \quad \{\{\chi\}\}_\lambda = \lambda\chi^+ + (1-\lambda)\chi^-$$

Governing equations

Linear elasticity in mixed form

$$0 = \mathbf{b} + \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}),$$

$$\boldsymbol{\varepsilon} = \nabla^s \mathbf{u}.$$



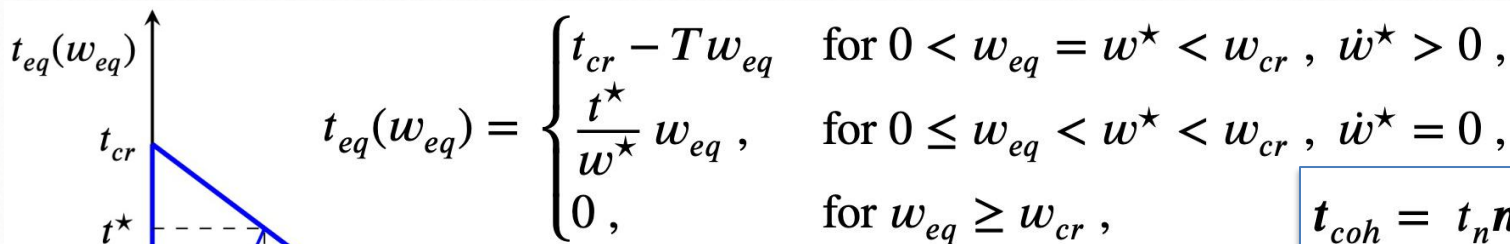
Cohesive zone model [*Pandolfi-Ortiz, IJNME 44 (1999)*]

CZMs were initially proposed by Dugdale, Barenblatt, Hillerborg, Bazant, *et al.*:

$$\mathbf{t} \equiv \mathbf{t}^+ = \boldsymbol{\sigma}(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon})^+ \cdot \mathbf{n}^+ = -\boldsymbol{\sigma}(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon})^- \cdot \mathbf{n}^- = -\mathbf{t}^- \quad \text{on } \Gamma_c$$

$$\mathbf{t} = \mathbf{t}_{coh}(\mathbf{w}) \quad \text{on } \Gamma_c$$

$$\mathbf{w}(\mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{u}^- - \mathbf{u}^+ = [[\mathbf{u}]]$$



$$\mathbf{w}(\mathbf{u}) = w_n \mathbf{n} + w_s \boldsymbol{\tau}$$

$$w_{eq} = \sqrt{w_n^2 + \beta^2 w_s^2}$$

$$\mathbf{t}_{coh} = t_n \mathbf{n} + t_s \boldsymbol{\tau}$$

$$t_n = t_{eq}(w_{eq}) \frac{w_n}{w_{eq}},$$

$$t_s = \beta^2 t_{eq}(w_{eq}) \frac{w_s}{w_{eq}},$$

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X-FEM/PU-FEM variational formulation [Moës-Belytschko or Wells-Sluys]

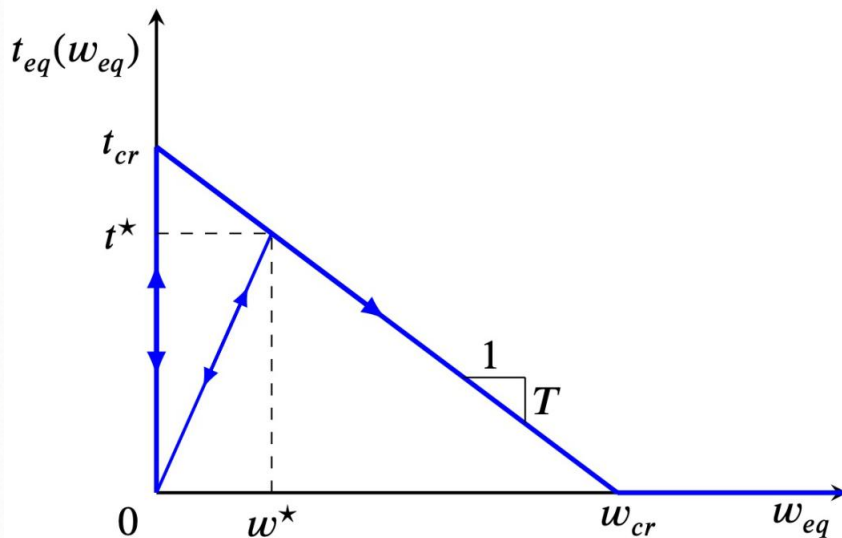
Variational equations

$$(\nabla \boldsymbol{\phi}, \boldsymbol{\sigma}(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}))_{\Omega \setminus \Gamma_c} + (\boldsymbol{\psi}, \boldsymbol{\varepsilon} - \nabla^s \mathbf{u})_{\Omega \setminus \Gamma_c} + \langle \llbracket \boldsymbol{\phi} \rrbracket, \mathbf{t}_{coh} \rangle_{\Gamma_c} - (\boldsymbol{\phi}, \mathbf{b})_{\Omega \setminus \Gamma_c} - \langle \boldsymbol{\phi}, \mathbf{t}_N \rangle_{\Gamma_N} = 0$$

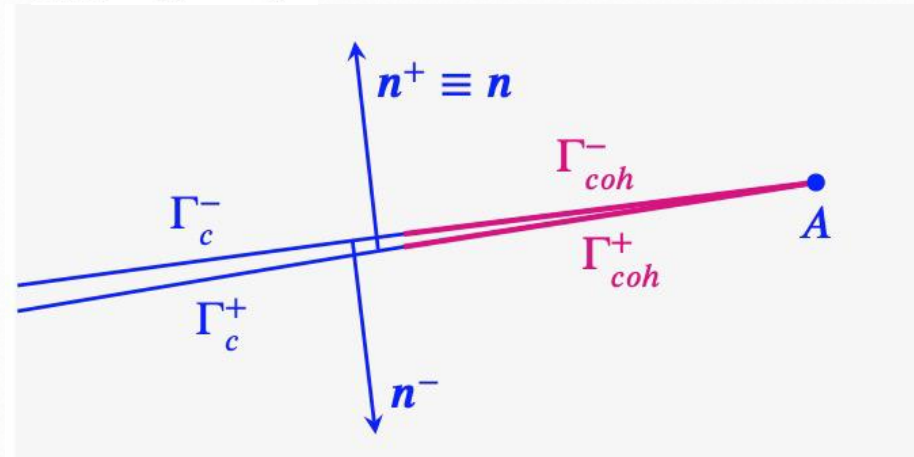
Euler-Lagrange equations on the fracture surface

$$\llbracket \boldsymbol{\sigma} \rrbracket_\lambda \mathbf{n} - \mathbf{t}_{coh} = \mathbf{0}, \quad \text{on } \Gamma_c \quad \text{Cohesive traction}$$

$$\llbracket \boldsymbol{\sigma} \rrbracket \mathbf{n} = \mathbf{0}, \quad \text{on } \Gamma_c \quad \text{Normal stress continuity/balance}$$



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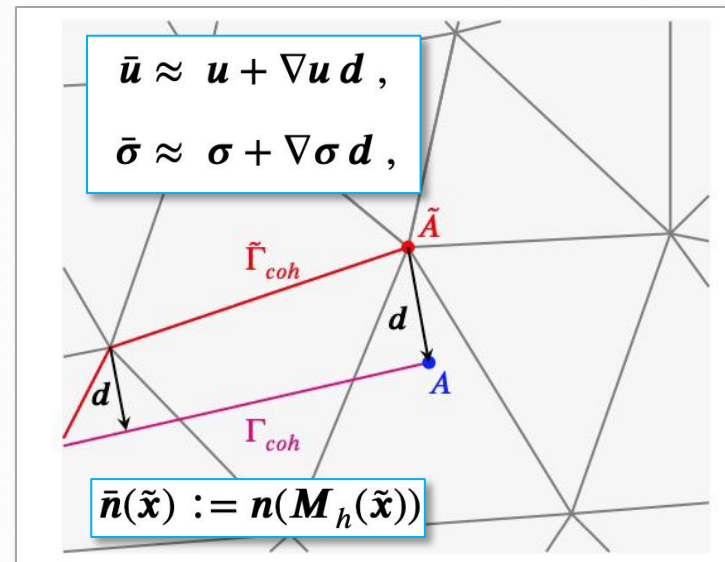
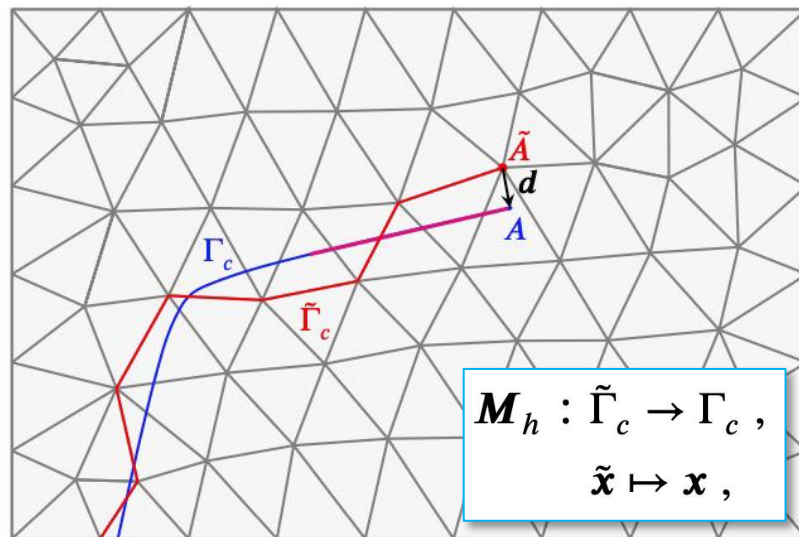
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Geometric setting of the Shifted Fracture Approach

Surrogate fracture: the set of edges/faces closest to the true crack (in red)

d : the distance vector of the surrogate crack from the true crack

\tilde{A} : the surrogate crack tip, corresponding to A



Idea of the Shifted Fracture Method: use Taylor expansions to evaluate *approximate* fracture conditions on the surrogate fracture

$$\bar{t} = t_{coh}(w(\bar{u})) = \bar{\sigma} \bar{n} \approx (\sigma + \nabla \sigma d) \bar{n} \approx t_{coh}(w(u + \nabla u d)) \quad \text{on } \tilde{\Gamma}_{coh} .$$

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Derivation of the variational equations

Function spaces (piecewise linear FEMs, discontinuous across the **surrogate** crack)

$$\mathcal{S}_u^h(\Omega \setminus \tilde{\Gamma}_c) = \{ \mathbf{v} \in (C^0(\Omega \setminus \tilde{\Gamma}_c))^d : \mathbf{v}|_{\Gamma_D} = \mathbf{u}_D, \mathbf{v}|_T \in (\mathcal{P}^1(T))^d, \forall T \in \mathcal{T}_h \},$$

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Galerkin projection:

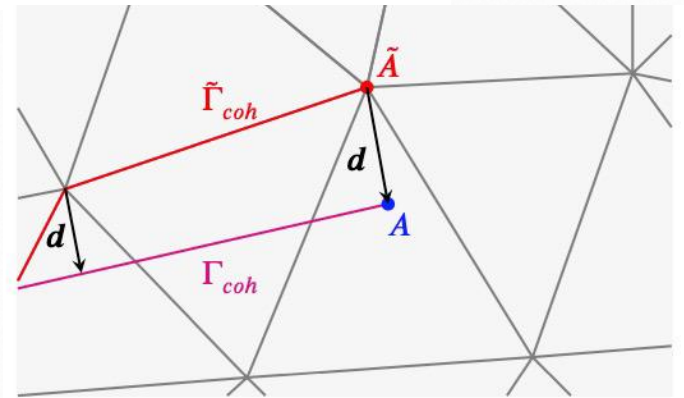
$$-(\boldsymbol{\phi}, \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}))_{\Omega \setminus \tilde{\Gamma}_c} = (\boldsymbol{\phi}, \mathbf{b})_{\Omega \setminus \tilde{\Gamma}_c},$$

$$(\boldsymbol{\psi}, \boldsymbol{\varepsilon})_{\Omega \setminus \tilde{\Gamma}_c} = (\boldsymbol{\psi}, \nabla^s \mathbf{u})_{\Omega \setminus \tilde{\Gamma}_c},$$

Integrating by parts ...

$$(\nabla \boldsymbol{\phi}, \boldsymbol{\sigma}(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}))_{\Omega \setminus \tilde{\Gamma}_c} + \langle \llbracket \boldsymbol{\phi} \rrbracket, \llbracket \boldsymbol{\sigma}(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}) \rrbracket_\lambda \tilde{\mathbf{n}} \rangle_{\tilde{\Gamma}_c}$$

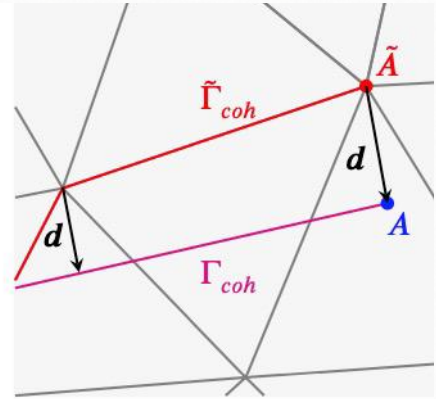
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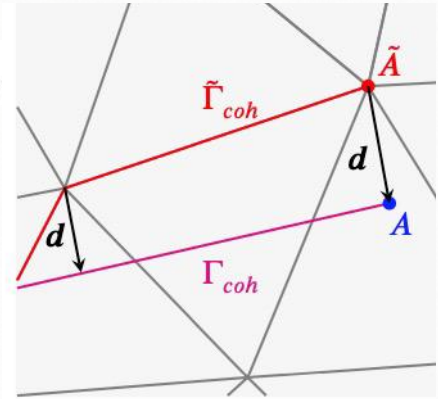


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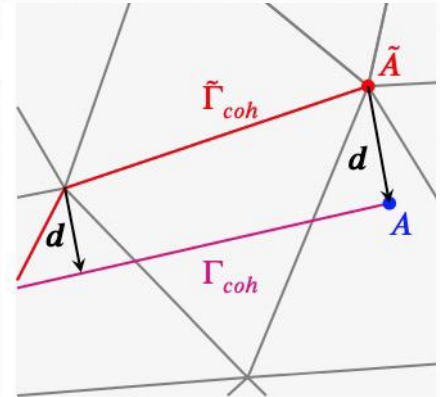
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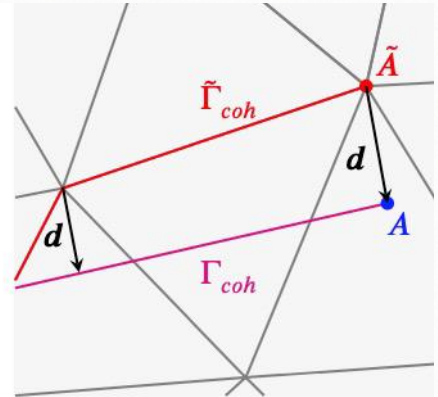
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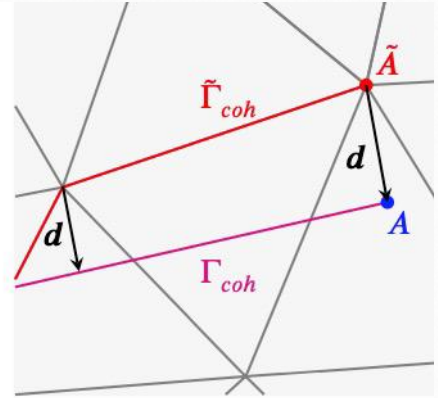
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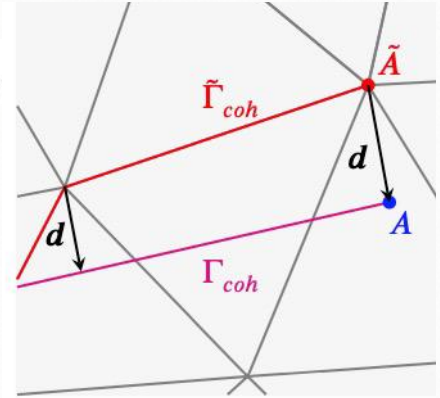
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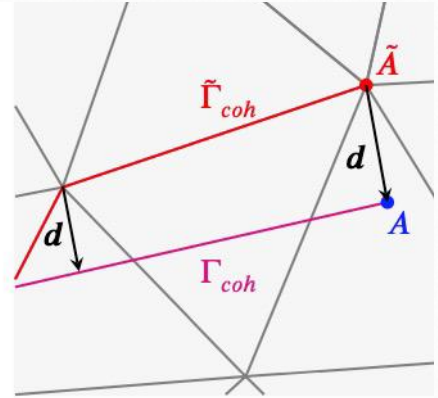
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$$\begin{aligned} \langle \llbracket \phi \rrbracket_{1-\lambda}, \llbracket \sigma(\epsilon) \rrbracket \tilde{\mathbf{n}} \rangle_{\tilde{\Gamma}_c} &= \langle \llbracket \phi \rrbracket_{1-\lambda}, (\tilde{\mathbf{n}} \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{n}}) \llbracket \bar{\sigma}(\epsilon) \rrbracket - \nabla \sigma(\epsilon) \mathbf{d} \rrbracket \tilde{\mathbf{n}} + (\tilde{\mathbf{n}} \cdot \tilde{\boldsymbol{\tau}}) \llbracket \sigma(\epsilon) \rrbracket \tilde{\boldsymbol{\tau}} \rangle_{\tilde{\Gamma}_c} \\ &= \langle \llbracket \phi \rrbracket_{1-\lambda}, -(\tilde{\mathbf{n}} \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{n}}) \llbracket \nabla \sigma(\epsilon) \mathbf{d} \rrbracket \tilde{\mathbf{n}} + (\tilde{\mathbf{n}} \cdot \tilde{\boldsymbol{\tau}}) \llbracket \sigma(\epsilon) \rrbracket \tilde{\boldsymbol{\tau}} \rangle_{\tilde{\Gamma}_c} \\ &= \langle \llbracket \phi \rrbracket_{1-\lambda}, \llbracket \sigma(\epsilon) \rrbracket \tilde{\mathbf{n}} - (\tilde{\mathbf{n}} \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{n}}) \llbracket \sigma(\epsilon) + \nabla \sigma(\epsilon) \mathbf{d} \rrbracket \tilde{\mathbf{n}} \rangle_{\tilde{\Gamma}_c}. \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\mathbf{u}} &\approx \mathbf{u} + \nabla \mathbf{u} \mathbf{d}, \\ \bar{\boldsymbol{\sigma}} &\approx \boldsymbol{\sigma} + \nabla \boldsymbol{\sigma} \mathbf{d}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\llbracket \bar{\sigma}(\epsilon) \rrbracket \tilde{\mathbf{n}} = \mathbf{0}$$

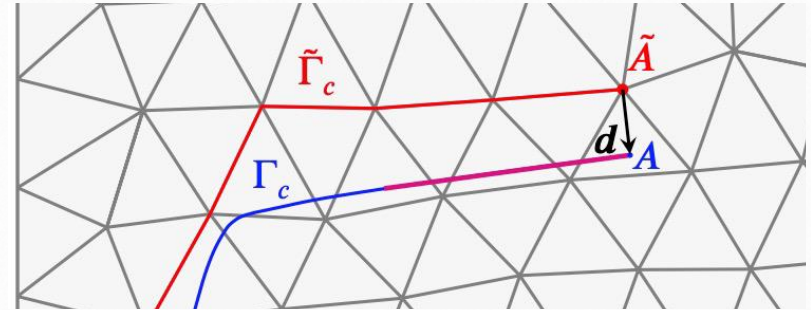
The Cohesive Shifted Fracture Approach

X-FEM/PU-FEM vs shifted variational formulations

X-FEM/PU-FEM Euler-Lagrange equations:

$$\{\{\boldsymbol{\sigma}\}\}_\lambda \mathbf{n} - \mathbf{t}_{coh} = \mathbf{0}, \quad \text{on } \Gamma_c$$

$$[[\boldsymbol{\sigma}]] \mathbf{n} = \mathbf{0}, \quad \text{on } \Gamma_c$$



Shifted Fracture Method Euler-Lagrange equations:

$$(\tilde{\mathbf{n}} \cdot \mathbf{n}) (\{\{\mathcal{S}(\boldsymbol{\sigma}(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}))\}\}_\lambda \mathbf{n} - \mathbf{t}_{coh}(\boldsymbol{w}(\mathcal{S}(\mathbf{u})))) = \mathbf{0}, \quad \text{on } \tilde{\Gamma}_c$$

$$(\tilde{\mathbf{n}} \cdot \mathbf{n}) [[\mathcal{S}(\boldsymbol{\sigma}(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}))]] \mathbf{n} = \mathbf{0}, \quad \text{on } \tilde{\Gamma}_c$$

Cohesive traction definition
(ensures grid independence
of fracture energy)
Traction equilibrium

X-FEM/PU-FEM weak form:

$$(\nabla \boldsymbol{\phi}, \boldsymbol{\sigma}(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}))_{\Omega \setminus \Gamma_c} + (\boldsymbol{\psi}, \boldsymbol{\varepsilon} - \nabla^s \mathbf{u})_{\Omega \setminus \Gamma_c} + \langle [[\boldsymbol{\phi}]], \mathbf{t}_{coh} \rangle_{\Gamma_c} - (\boldsymbol{\phi}, \mathbf{b})_{\Omega \setminus \Gamma_c} - \langle \boldsymbol{\phi}, \mathbf{t}_N \rangle_{\Gamma_N} = 0$$

Shifted Fracture Method weak form (VMS stabilization terms omitted):

$$(\nabla \boldsymbol{\phi}, \boldsymbol{\sigma}(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}))_{\Omega \setminus \tilde{\Gamma}_c} + (\boldsymbol{\psi}, \boldsymbol{\varepsilon} - \nabla^s \mathbf{u})_{\Omega \setminus \tilde{\Gamma}_c} + \langle [[\boldsymbol{\phi}]], (\tilde{\mathbf{n}} \cdot \mathbf{n}) \mathbf{t}_{coh}(\boldsymbol{w}(\mathbf{u} + \nabla \mathbf{u} \mathbf{d})) \rangle_{\tilde{\Gamma}_c} \\ + \langle [[\boldsymbol{\phi}]], \{\{\boldsymbol{\sigma}(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon})\}\}_\lambda \tilde{\mathbf{n}} - \{\{\boldsymbol{\sigma}(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}) + \nabla \boldsymbol{\sigma}(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}) \mathbf{d}\}\}_\lambda (\tilde{\mathbf{n}} \cdot \mathbf{n}) \mathbf{n} \rangle_{\tilde{\Gamma}_c}$$

$$+ \langle \{\{\boldsymbol{\phi}\}\}_{1-\lambda}, [[\boldsymbol{\sigma}(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon})]] \tilde{\mathbf{n}} - (\tilde{\mathbf{n}} \cdot \mathbf{n}) [[\boldsymbol{\sigma}(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}) + \nabla \boldsymbol{\sigma}(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}) \mathbf{d}]] \mathbf{n} \rangle_{\tilde{\Gamma}_c} - (\boldsymbol{\phi}, \mathbf{b})_{\Omega \setminus \tilde{\Gamma}_c} - \langle \boldsymbol{\phi}, \mathbf{t}_N \rangle_{\Gamma_N} = 0$$

The Cohesive Shifted Fracture Approach

An efficient implementation

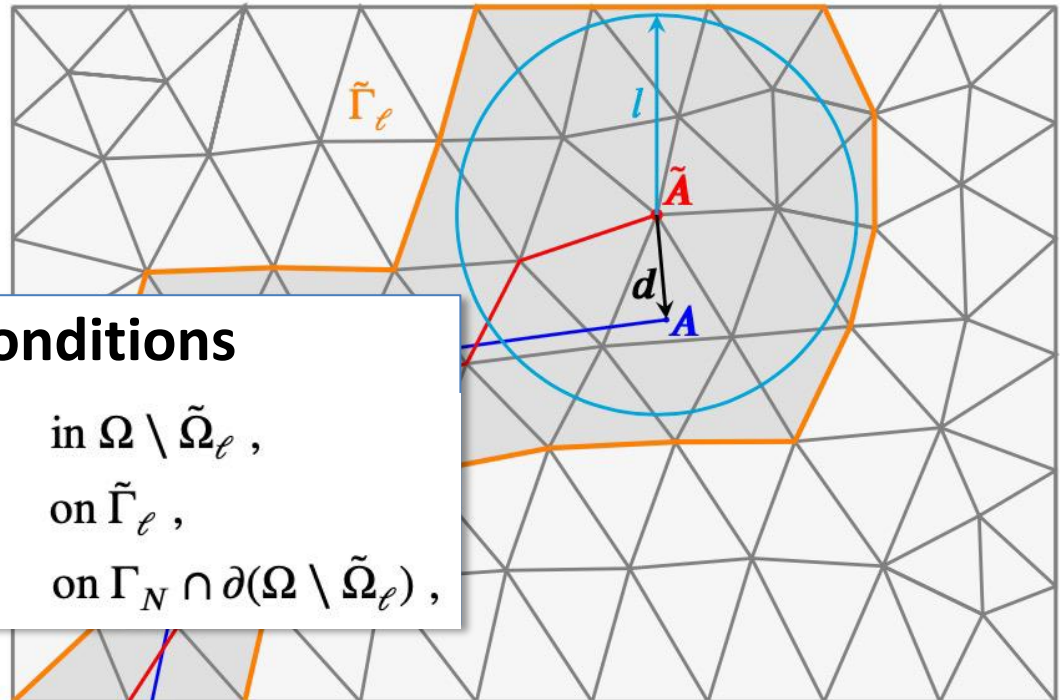
Find $[\mathbf{u}, \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}] \in V_{\mathbf{u},h}(\Omega) \times V_{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon},h}(\tilde{\Omega}_\ell)$ such that, $\forall [\boldsymbol{\phi}, \boldsymbol{\psi}] \in V_{\mathbf{u},h}(\Omega) \times V_{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon},h}(\tilde{\Omega}_\ell)$,

$$\mathcal{B}_{\text{SFM}}([\mathbf{u}, \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}]; [\boldsymbol{\phi}, \boldsymbol{\psi}]) = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SFM}}([\boldsymbol{\phi}, \boldsymbol{\psi}]),$$

$$\mathcal{B}_{\text{SFM}}([\mathbf{u}, \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}]; [\boldsymbol{\phi}, \boldsymbol{\psi}]) = (\mathbf{C} \nabla^s \mathbf{u}, \nabla^s \boldsymbol{\phi})_{\Omega \setminus \tilde{\Omega}_\ell} + \mathcal{B}_{\text{SFM}}^{[\Omega_\ell \setminus \Gamma_c]}([\mathbf{u}, \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}]; [\boldsymbol{\phi}, \boldsymbol{\psi}]),$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{SFM}}([\boldsymbol{\phi}, \boldsymbol{\psi}]) = (\boldsymbol{\phi}, \mathbf{b})_{\Omega \setminus \tilde{\Omega}_\ell} + \langle \boldsymbol{\phi}, \mathbf{t}_N \rangle_{\Gamma_N} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{SFM}}^{[\tilde{\Omega}_\ell \setminus \tilde{\Gamma}_c]}([\boldsymbol{\phi}, \boldsymbol{\psi}]).$$

Idea: The SFM mixed formulation is applied only on a layer of elements near the fracture, and a primal formulation is applied everywhere else

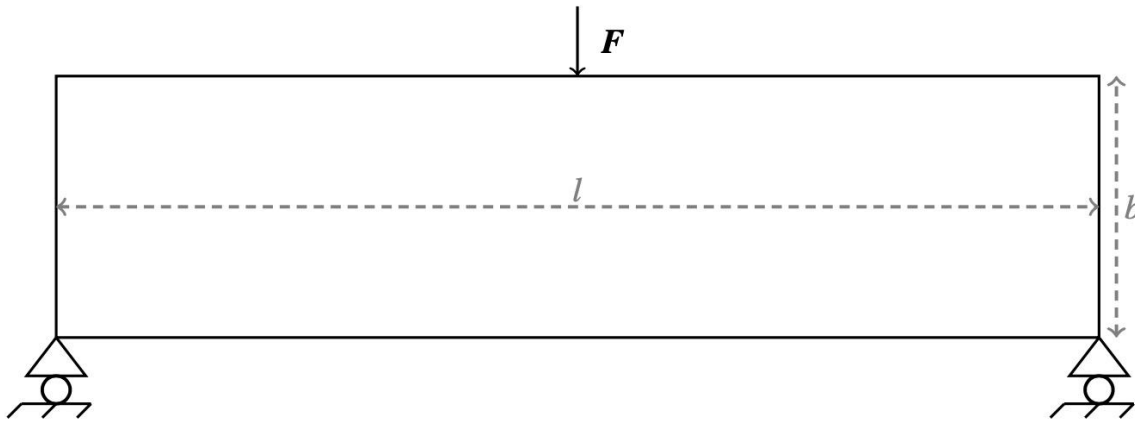


Euler-Lagrange coupling conditions

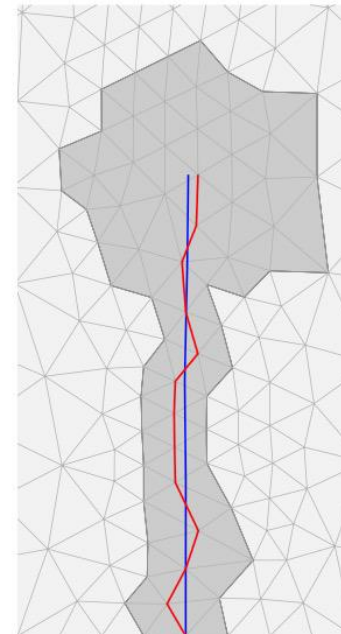
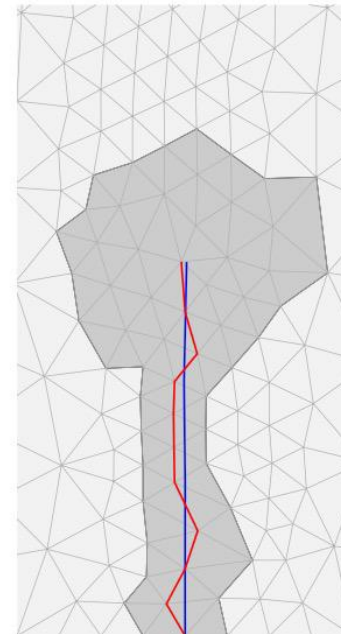
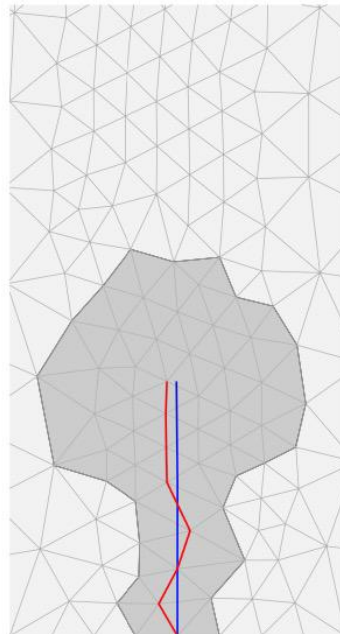
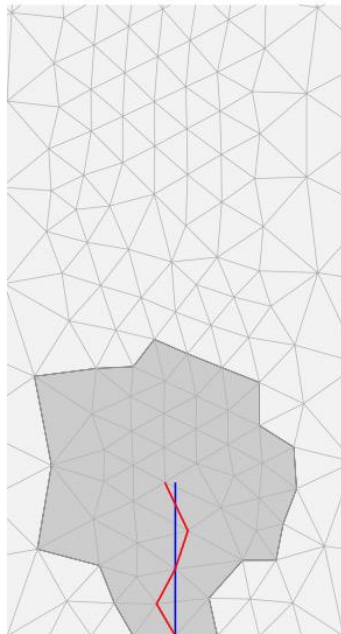
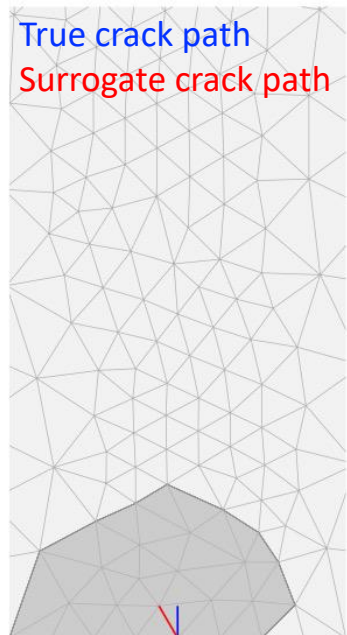
$$\begin{aligned} -\nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}(\nabla^s \mathbf{u}) &= \mathbf{b}, & \text{in } \Omega \setminus \tilde{\Omega}_\ell, \\ \boldsymbol{\sigma}(\nabla^s \mathbf{u}^+) \mathbf{n}^+ + \boldsymbol{\sigma}(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon})^- \mathbf{n}^- &= \mathbf{0}, & \text{on } \tilde{\Gamma}_\ell, \\ (\mathbf{C} \nabla^s \mathbf{u}) \mathbf{n} &= \mathbf{t}_N, & \text{on } \Gamma_N \cap \partial(\Omega \setminus \tilde{\Omega}_\ell), \end{aligned}$$

Numerical Examples

Three-point bending test: true and surrogate crack paths

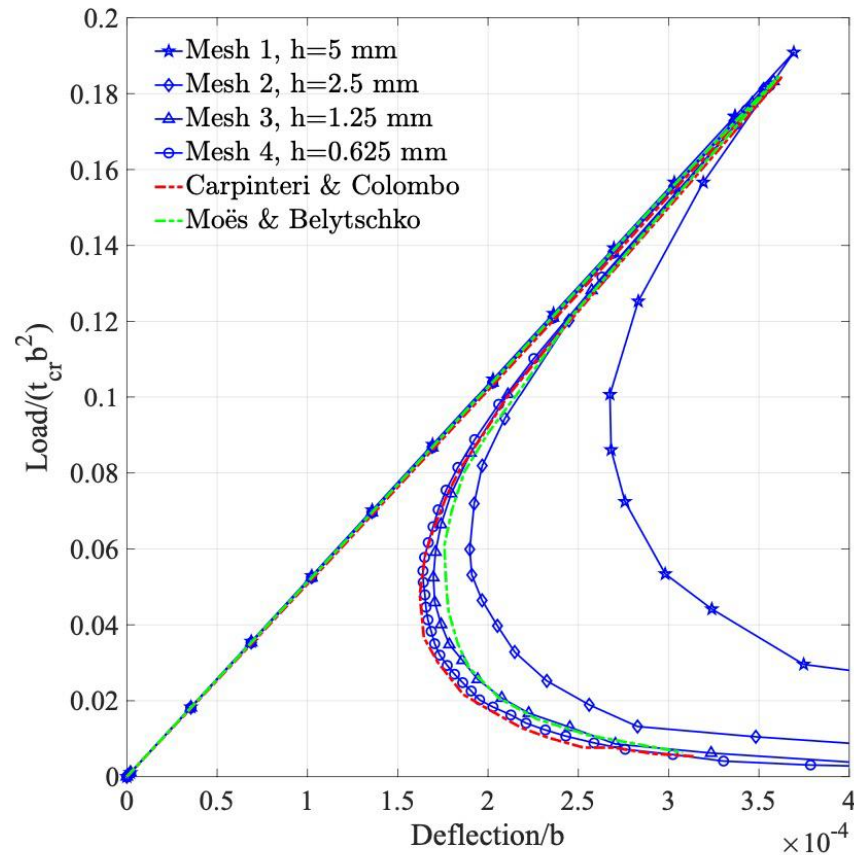


Note: The true crack path is directly estimated using the maximum principal stress criterion (i.e., it is not given *a priori*)



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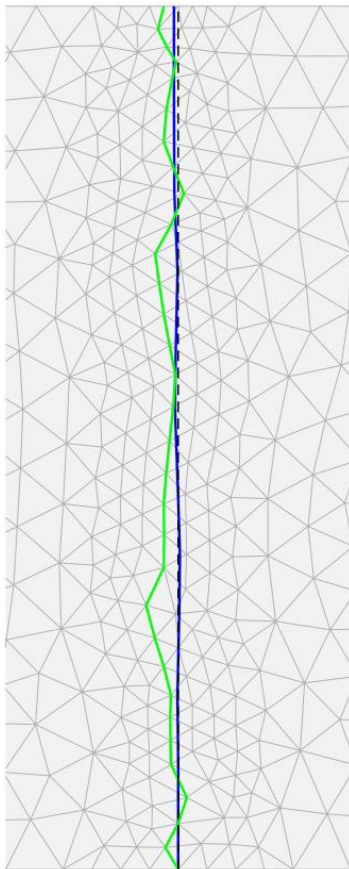
Three-point bending test: Mixed vs. efficient implementations



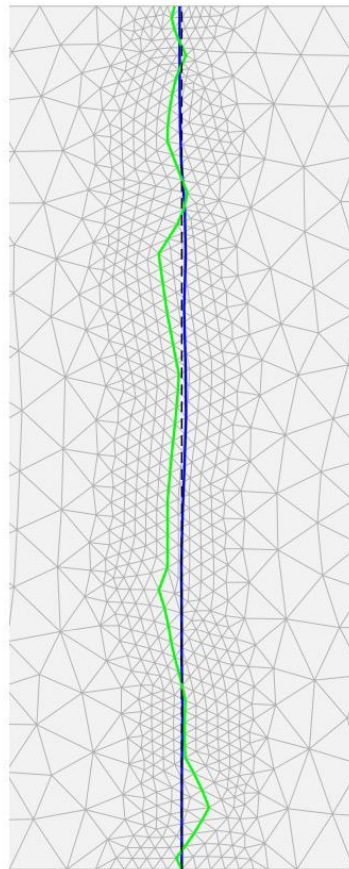
Mesher	Number of elements	Number of nodes	Average element size around crack path
Mesh 1	1,565	851	5 mm
Mesh 2	3,477	1,828	2.5 mm
Mesh 3	10,513	5,385	1.25 mm
Mesh 4	19,318	9,774	0.625 mm

Numerical Examples

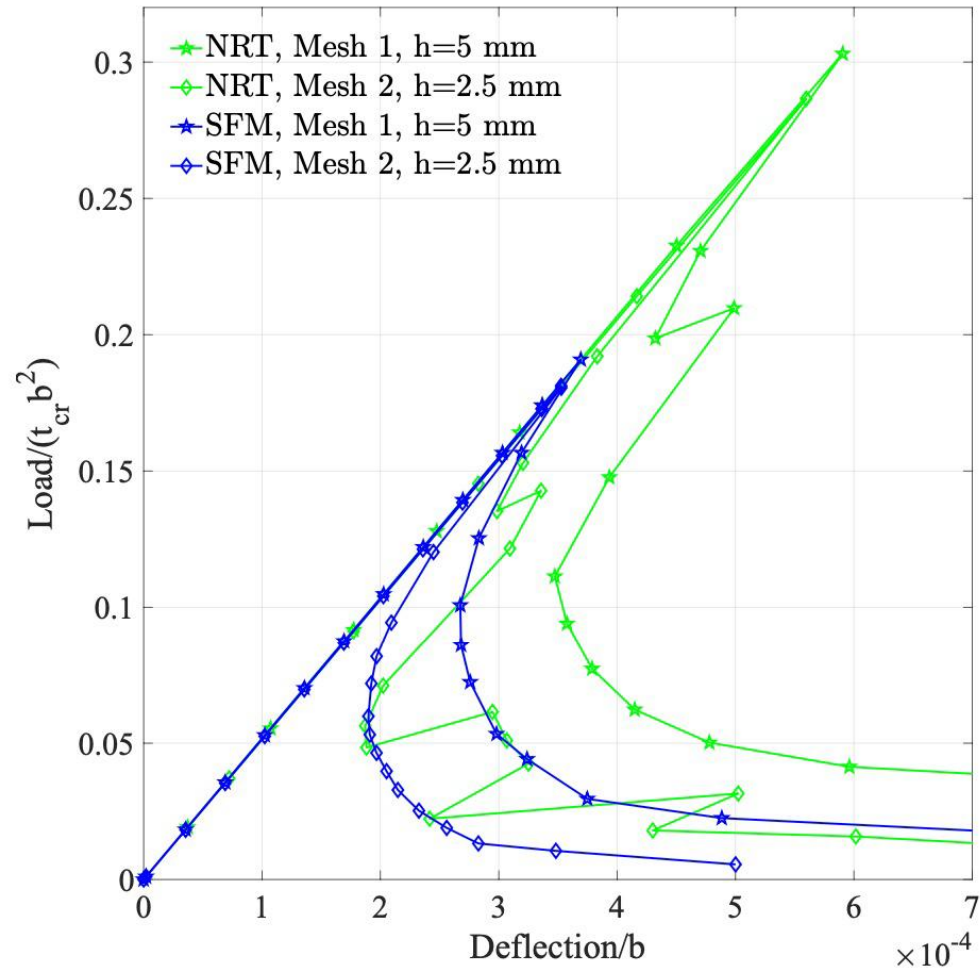
Three-point bending test: SFM vs. node-release technique



Mesh 1



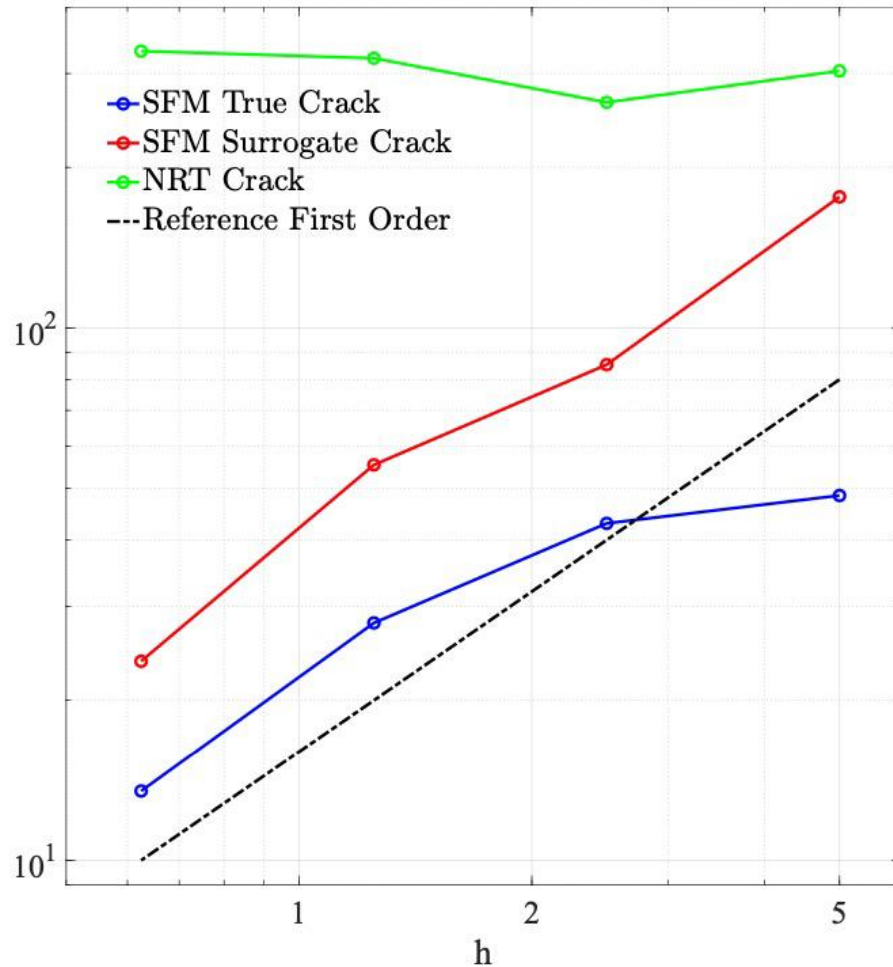
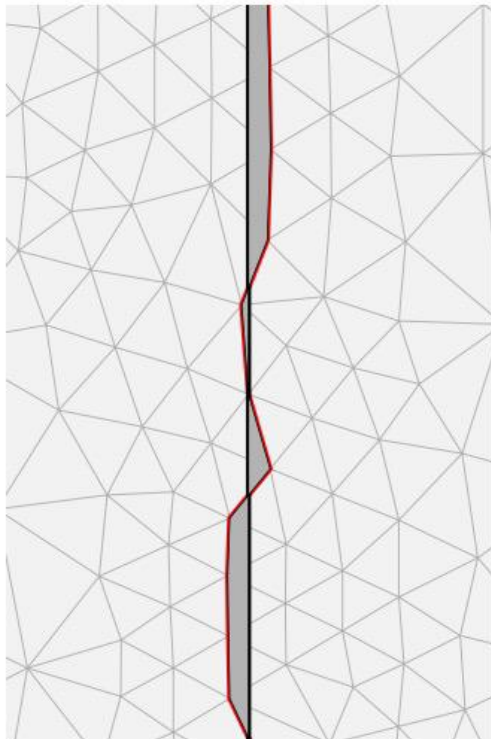
Mesh 2



Numerical Examples

Three-point bending test: SFM vs. node-release technique

$$e_p = \int_{\Gamma_p} |x_e - x_p| |\mathbf{n}_p \cdot \mathbf{n}_e| d\Gamma_p$$



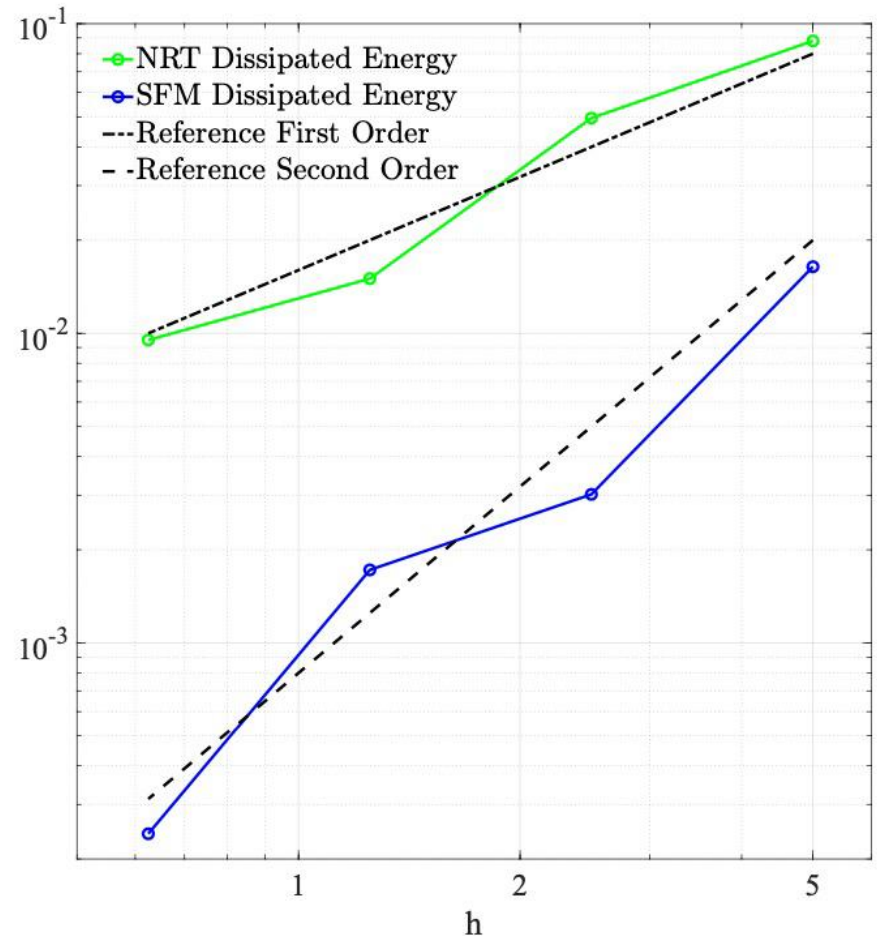
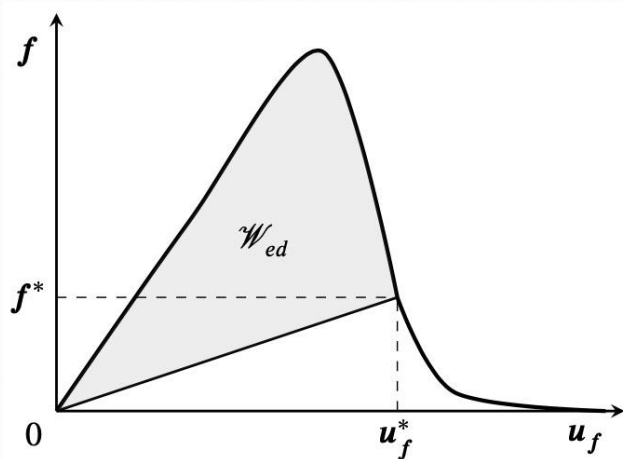
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Three-point bending test: SFM vs. node-release technique

$$e_{\mathcal{W}} = |\mathcal{W}_{ed} - \mathcal{W}_{cd}|$$

$$\mathcal{W}_{ed} = \int_0^{u_f^*} \mathbf{f} \cdot d\mathbf{u} - \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{u}_f^* \cdot \mathbf{f}^* \rightarrow \int_0^{u_f} \mathbf{f} \cdot d\mathbf{u}$$

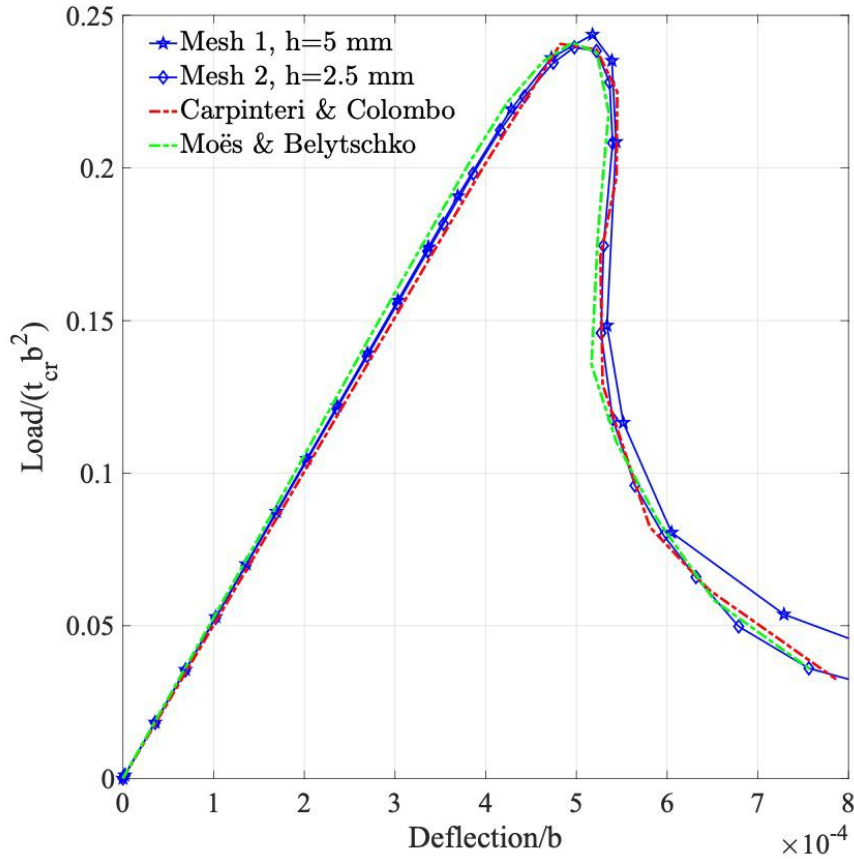
$$\mathcal{W}_{cd} = \int_{\Gamma_c} \left(\int_0^{w^*} t dw - \frac{1}{2} t^* w^* \right) d\Gamma_c \rightarrow \int_{\Gamma_c} G_F |\tilde{\mathbf{n}} \cdot \mathbf{n}| d\tilde{\Gamma}_c$$



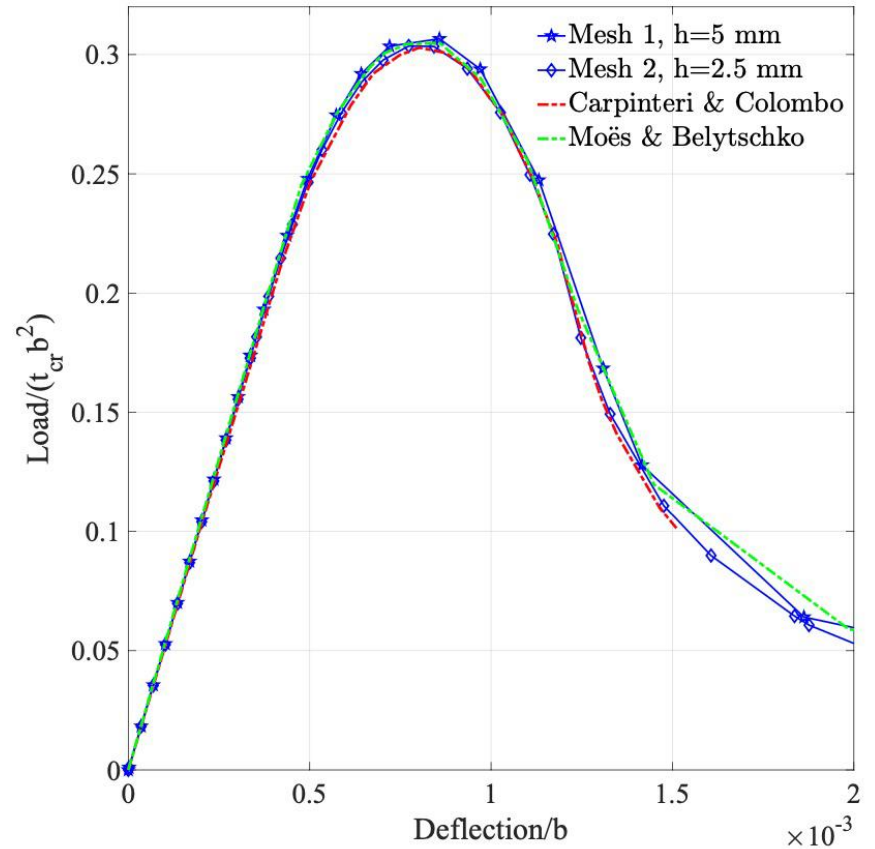
Numerical Examples

Three-point bending test for fracture toughness = 50 & 200 (ductile)

Fracture energy $G_F = 50$ N/m

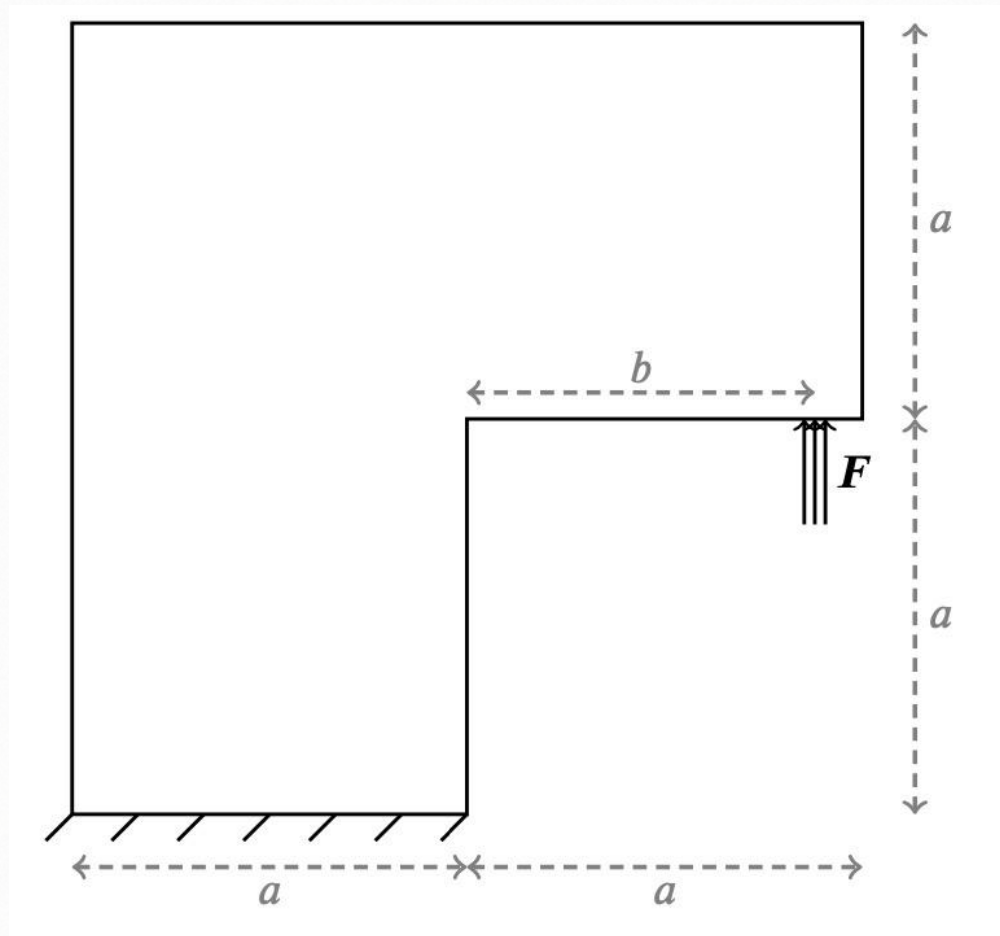


Fracture energy $G_F = 200$ N/m



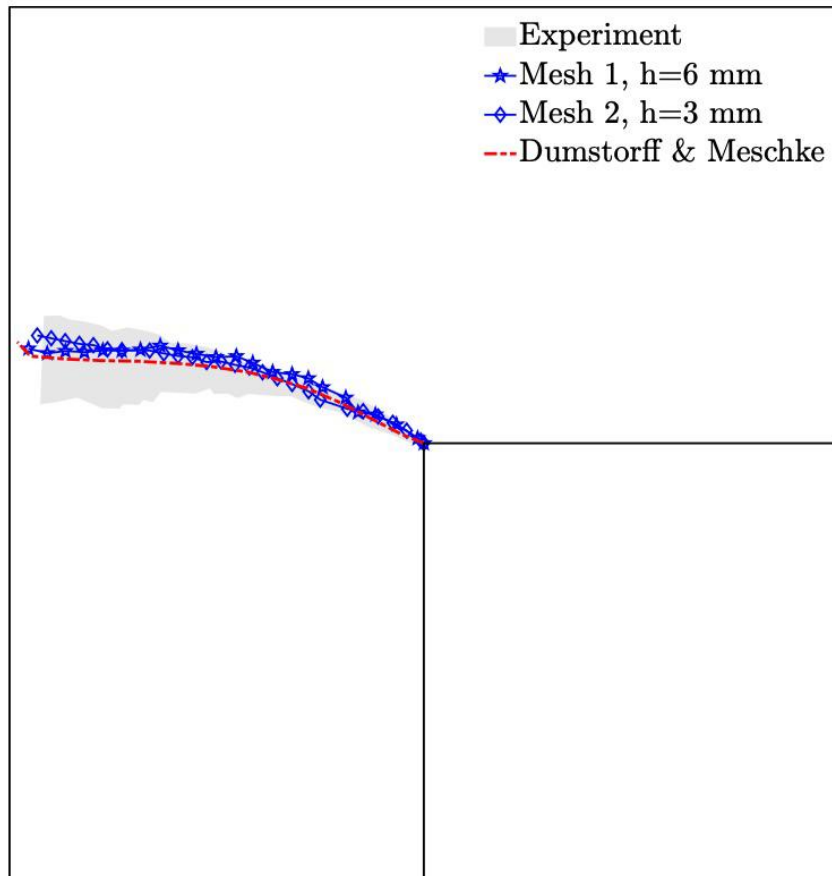
Numerical Examples

L-shaped panel:

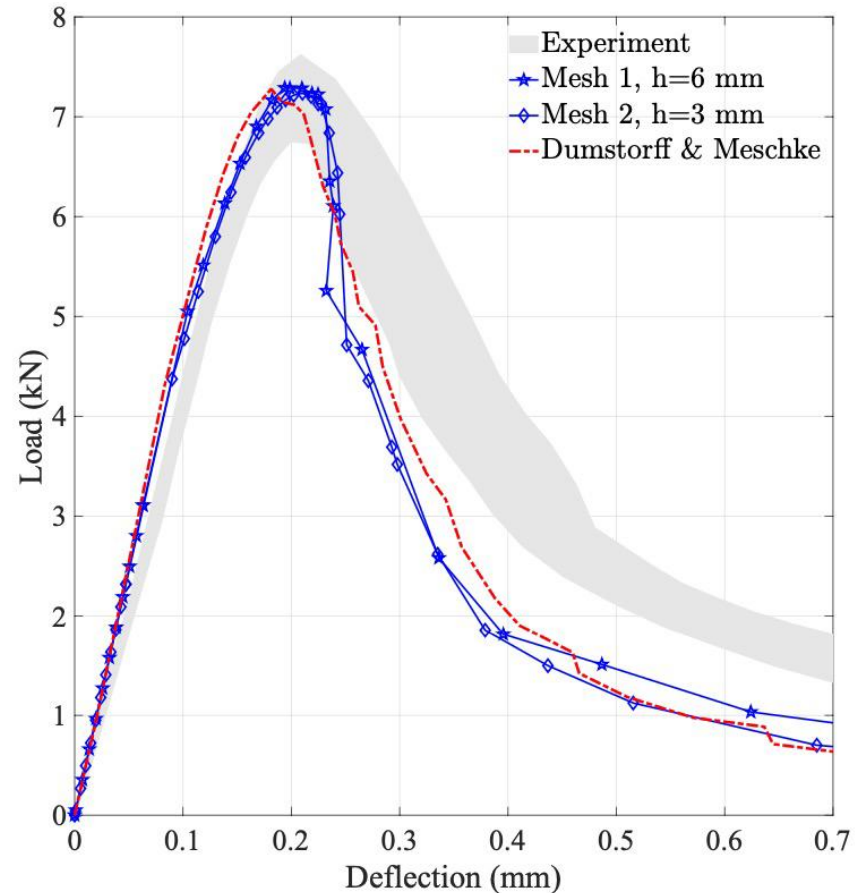


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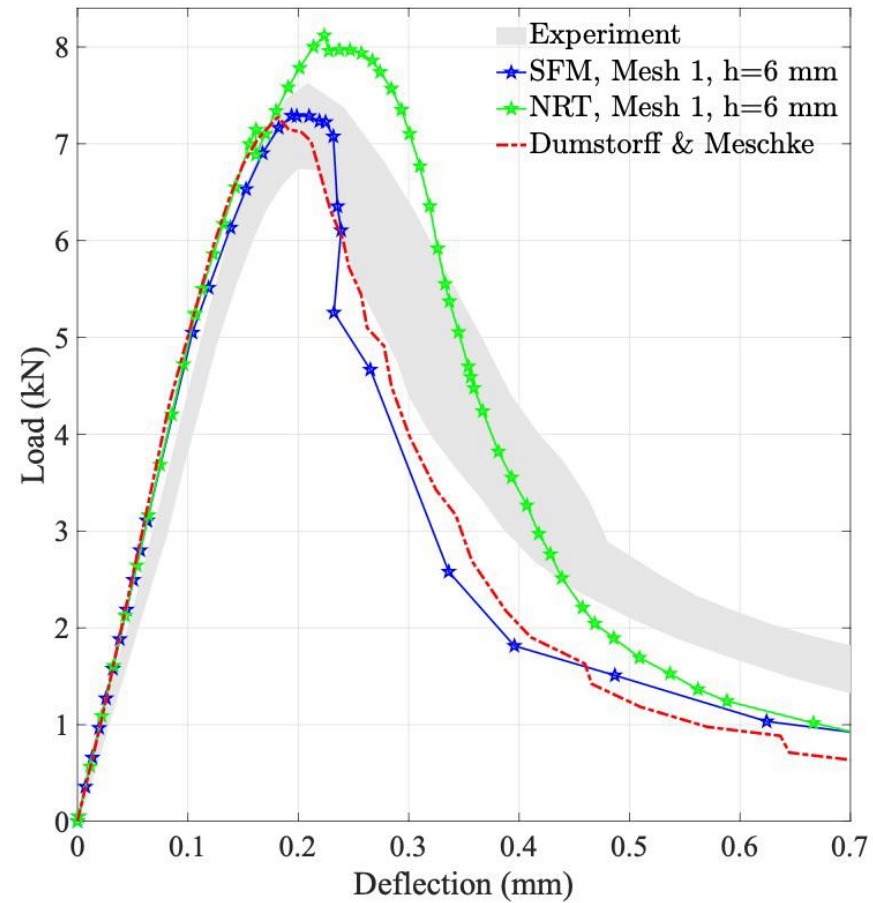
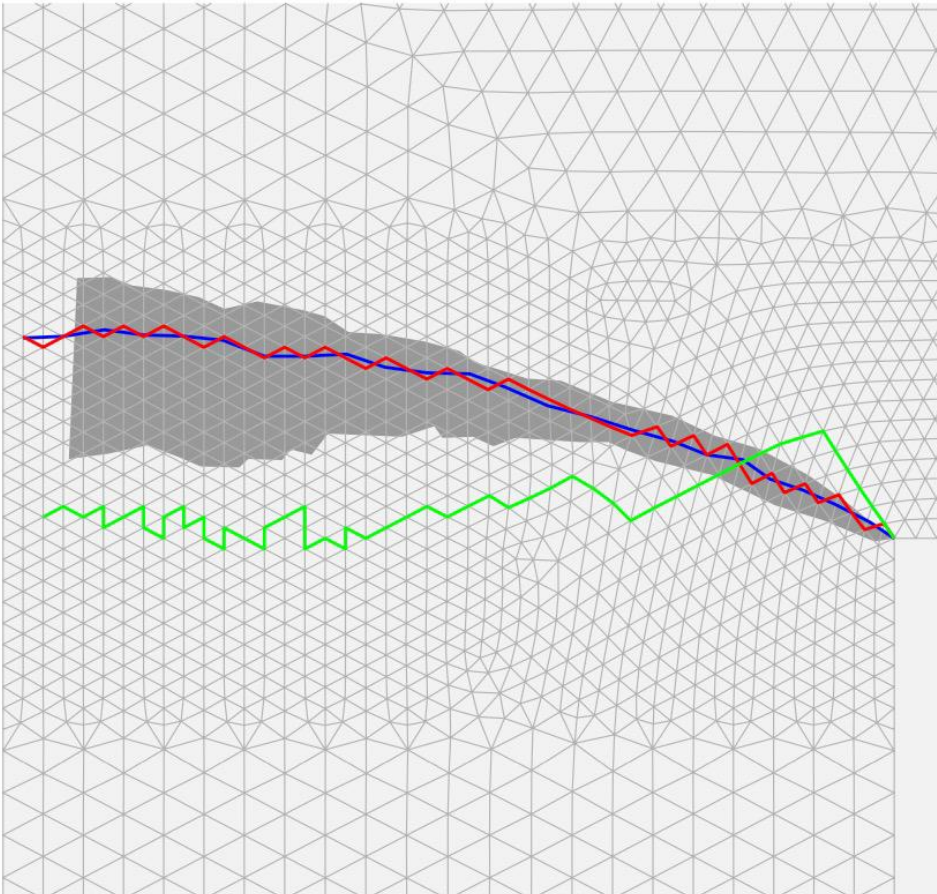
(a) SFM true crack path for the L-shape panel test with SIF.



(b) Load-deflection curve for the L-shape panel test with SIF.

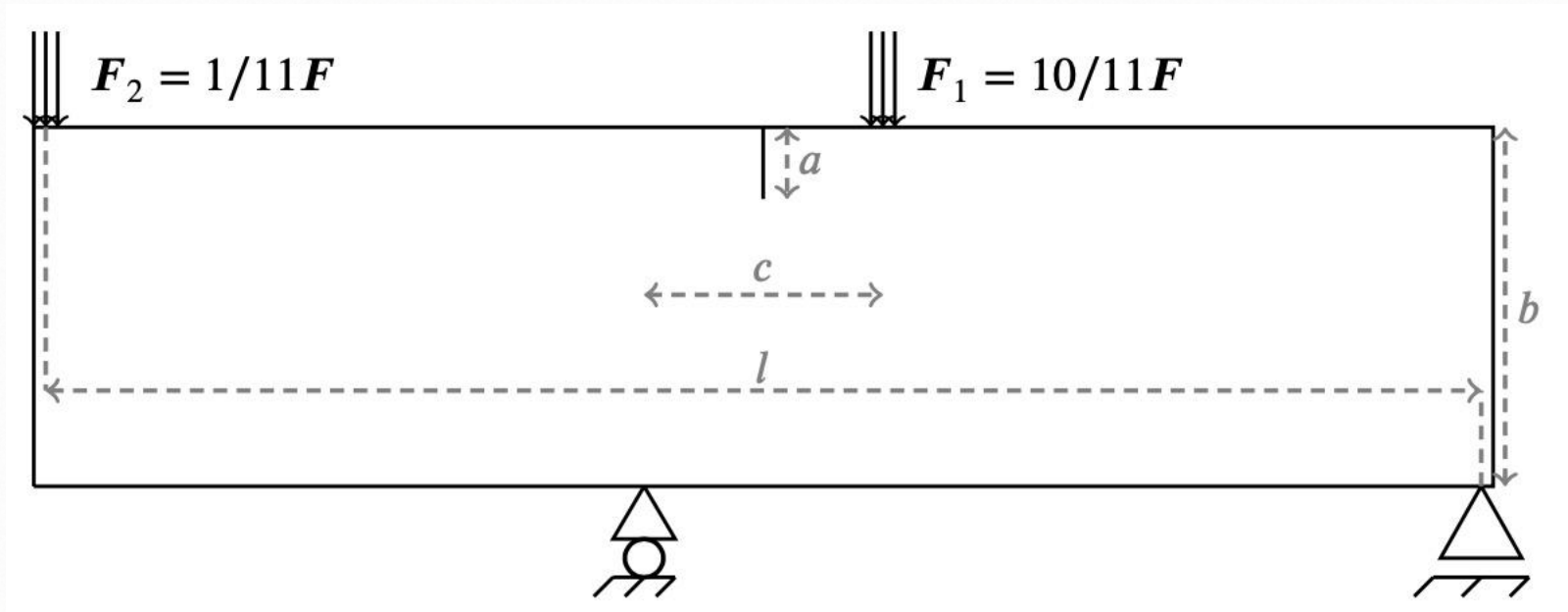
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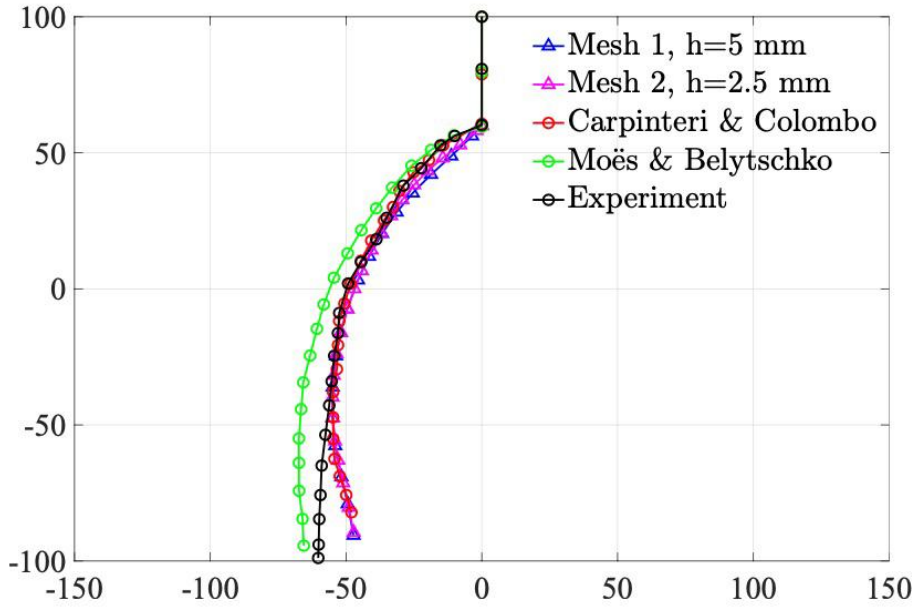
Numerical Examples

Four-point bending test:

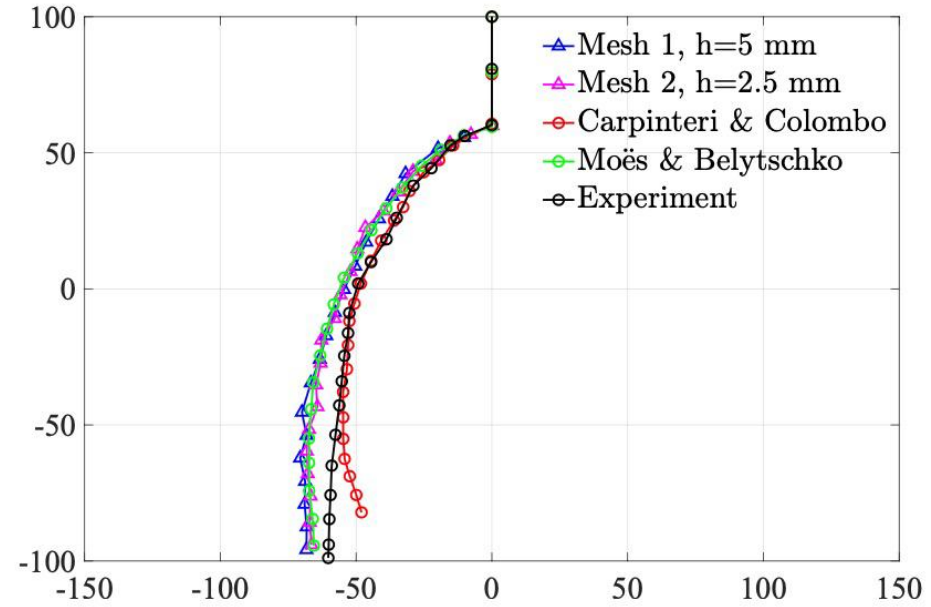


Numerical Examples

Four-point bending test:



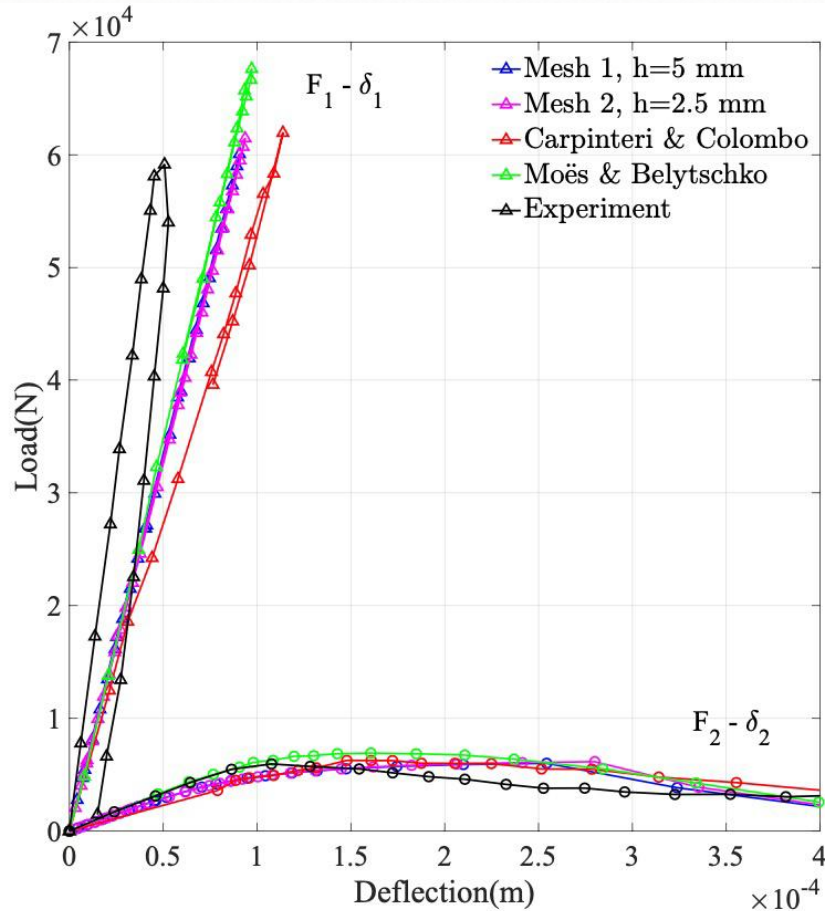
(a) SFM true crack path computed with the maximal tensile principal stress criterion.



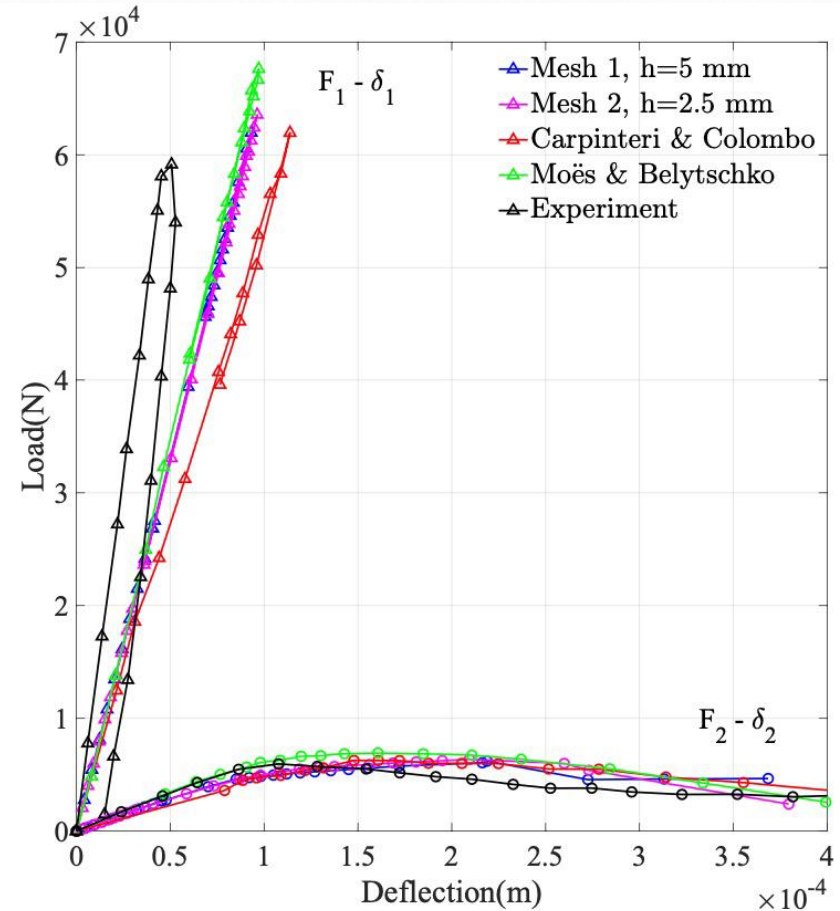
(b) SFM true crack path computed with the stress intensity factor criterion.

Numerical Examples

Four-point bending test:



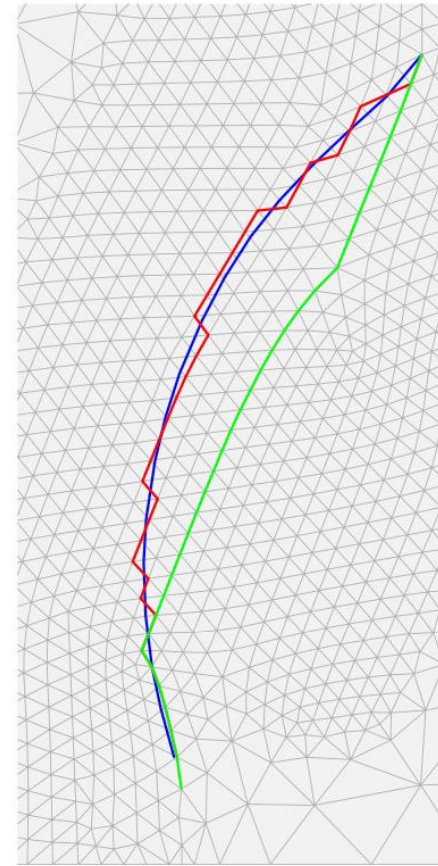
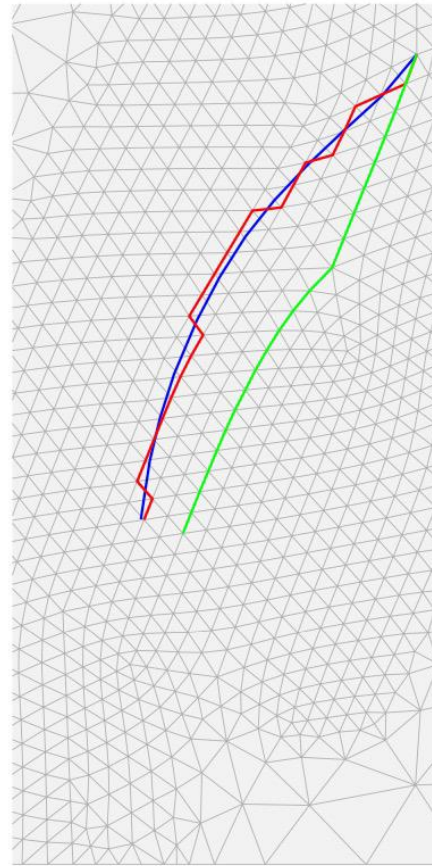
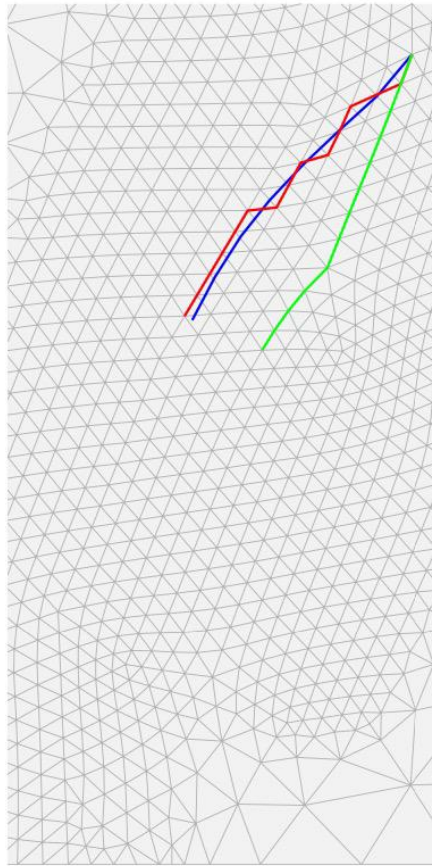
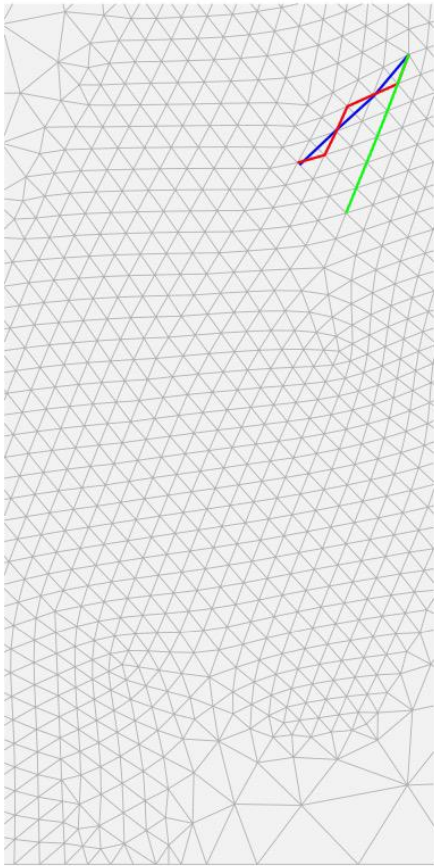
(c) Load-deflection curves for the loads F_1 and F_2 (maximal tensile principal stress criterion).



(d) Load-deflection curves for the loads F_1 and F_2 (SIF criterion).

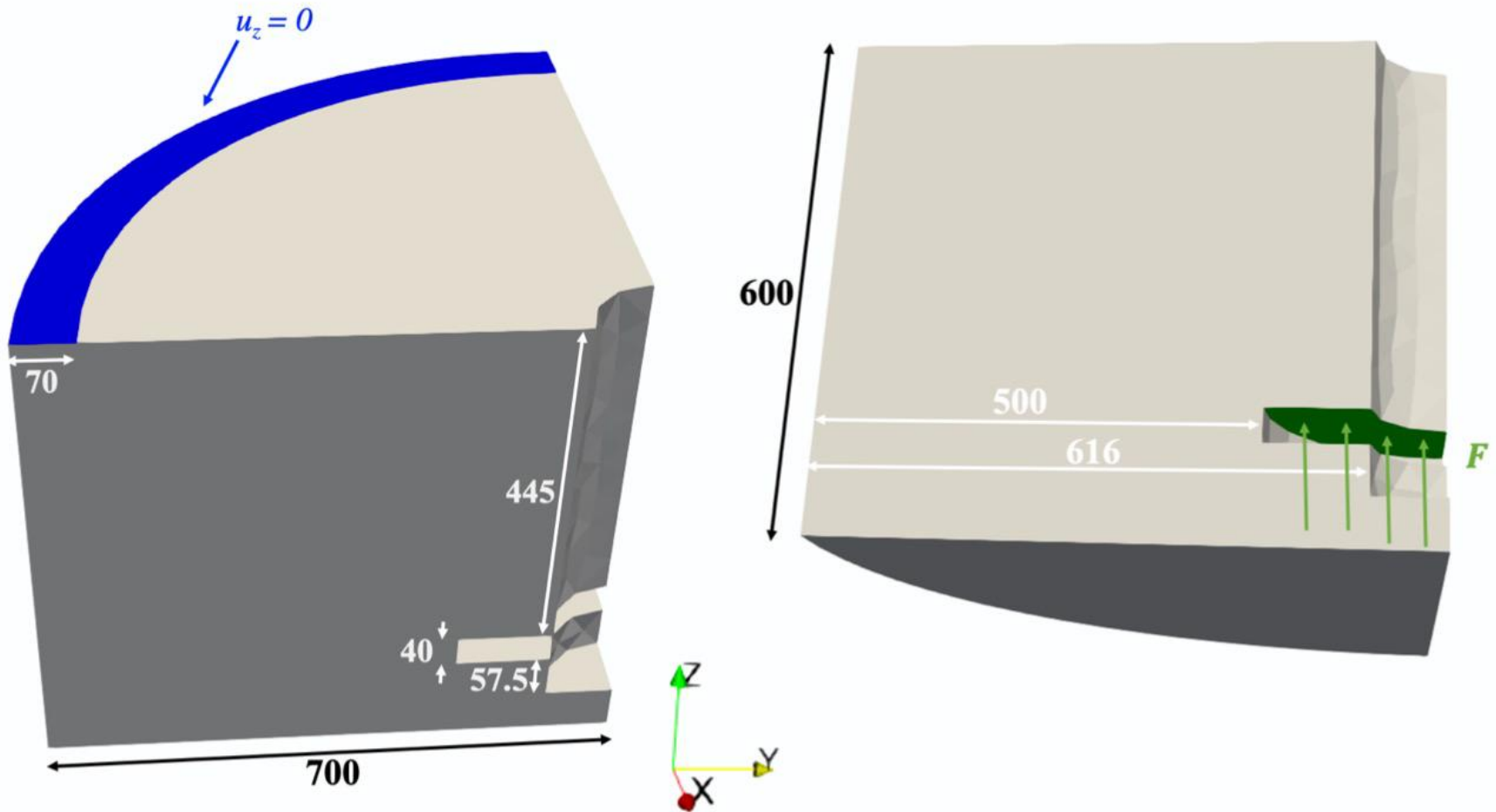
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Four-point bending test: SFM vs. node-release technique



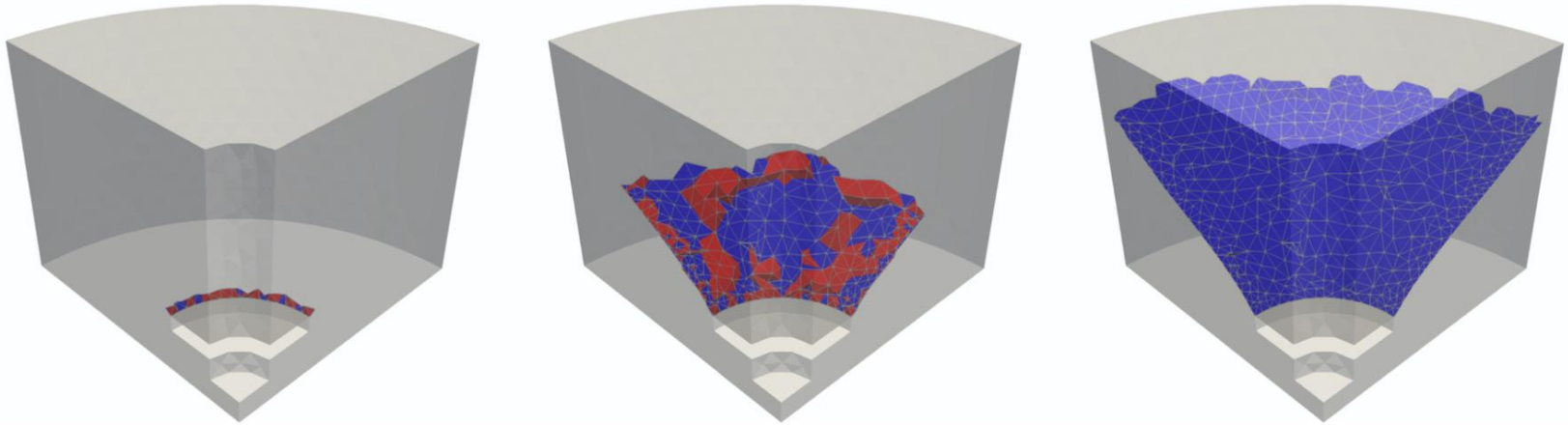
Numerical Examples

Three-dimensional pull-out test

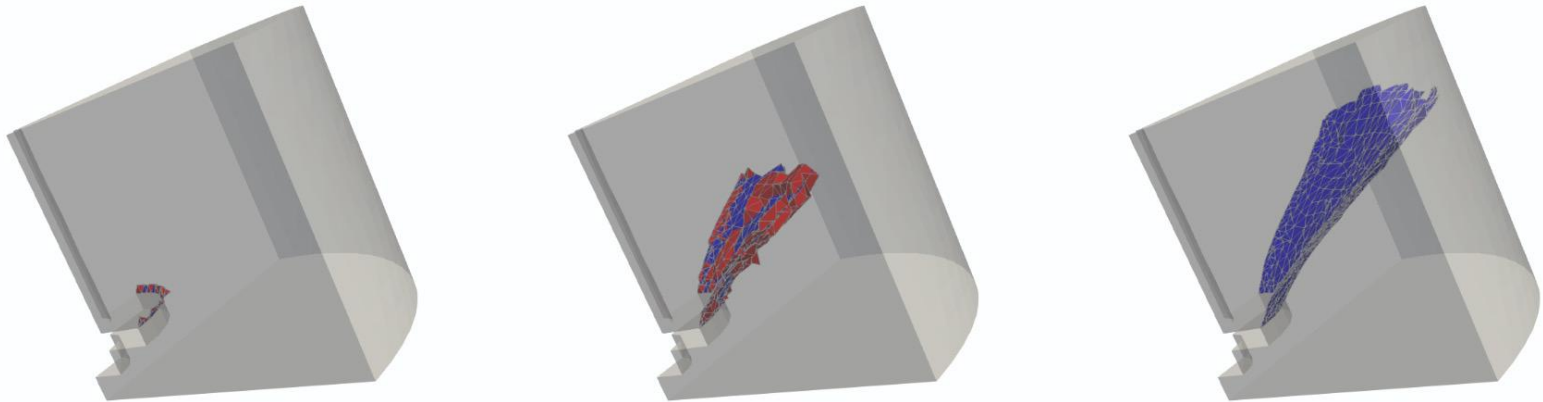


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Three-dimensional pull-out test

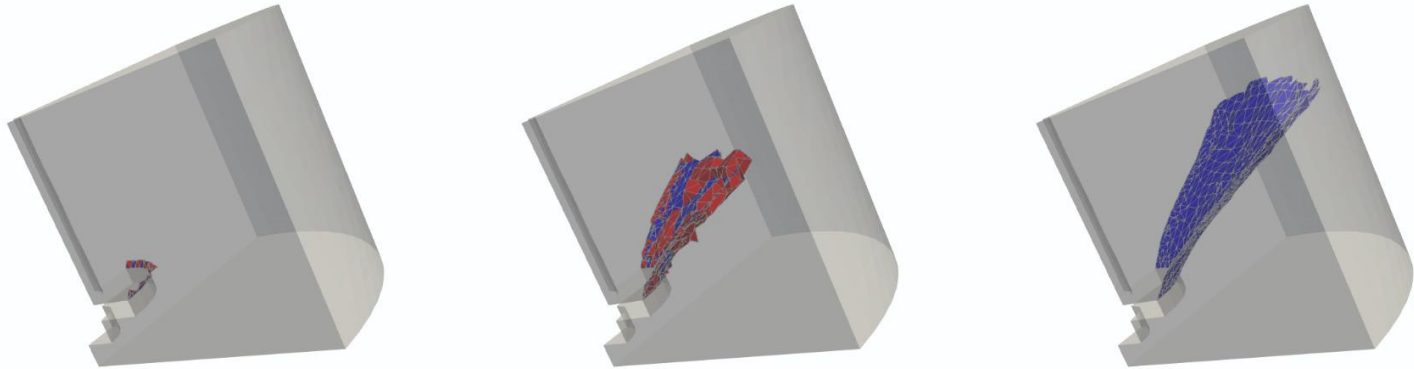


Note: The surrogate and estimate of the true fractures are always continuous

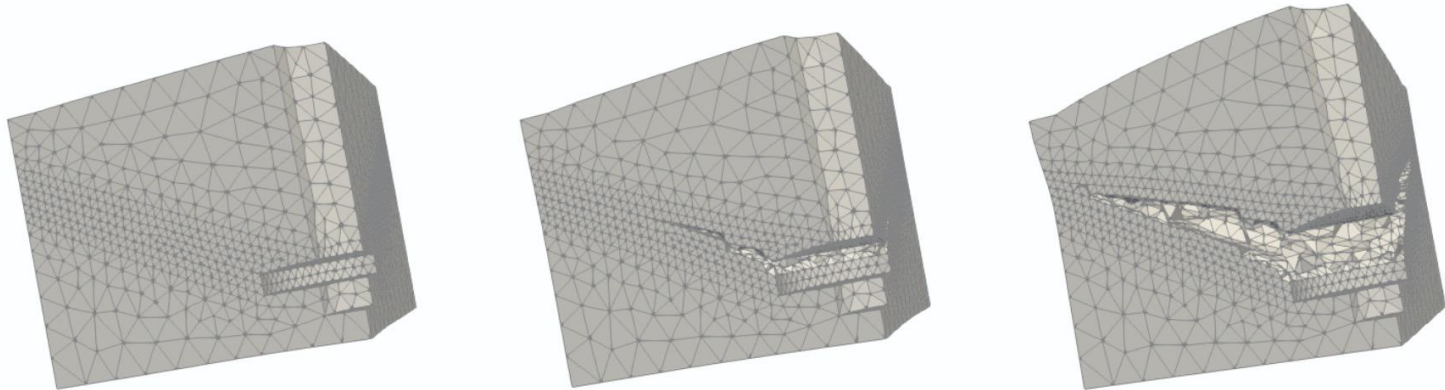


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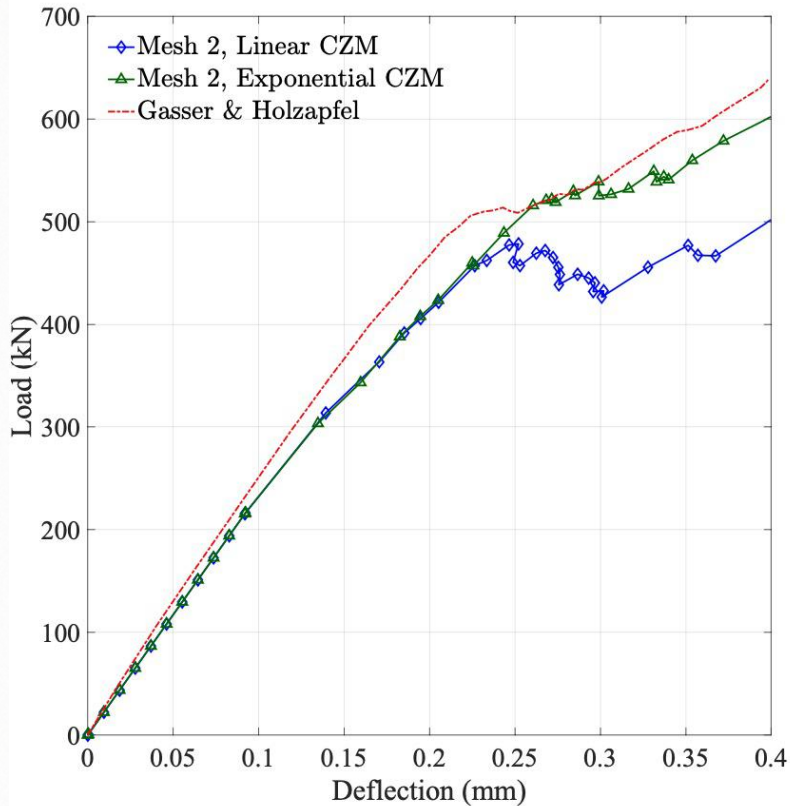


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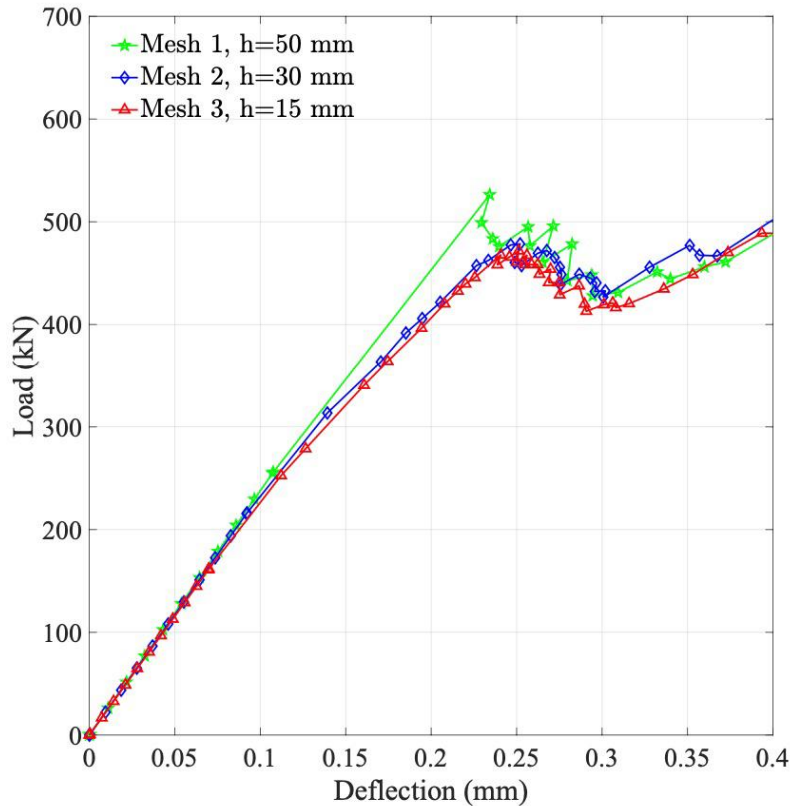


Numerical Examples

Three-dimensional pull-out test



(a) Linear and exponential cohesive zone model.



(b) SFM: Linear cohesive zone model.

Meshes	Number of elements	Number of nodes	Average element size around crack path
Mesh 1	10,690	2,176	50 mm
Mesh 2	13,122	2,745	30 mm
Mesh 3	23,443	4,791	15 mm

The Shifted Boundary Method

Theoretical developments for the following equations:

Poisson (with Alex Main, Nabil Atallah & Claudio Canuto)

Darcy (with Nabil Atallah & Claudio Canuto)

Stokes (with Nabil Atallah & Claudio Canuto)

Advection-diffusion (with Alex Main)

Linear Elasticity (with Nabil Atallah)

Computational developments for the following equations:

Thermo-mechanics (with Kangan Li)

Navier-Stokes (with Alex Main)

Free-surface flow (not discussed here, with Alex Main, Léo Nouveau and Oriol Colomés)

Acoustics and shallow water equations (not discussed here, with Ting Song and Alex Main)

Fracture mechanics (with Kangan Li, Nabil Atallah, and Antonio Rodriguez-Ferran)

Under development, ongoing work:

Nonlinear mechanics (with Nabil Atallah, Vladimir Tomov & Bojan Lazarov)

Shock hydrodynamics (with Nabil Atallah, Vladimir Tomov & Bojan Lazarov)

Higher-order SBM (with Nabil Atallah, Claudio Canuto, Vladimir Tomov & Bojan Lazarov)

Moving boundaries (with Danjie Xu, Oriol Colomés, Léo Nouveau, & Vladimir Tomov)