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# Numerical Coarsening using Discontinuous Shape Functions

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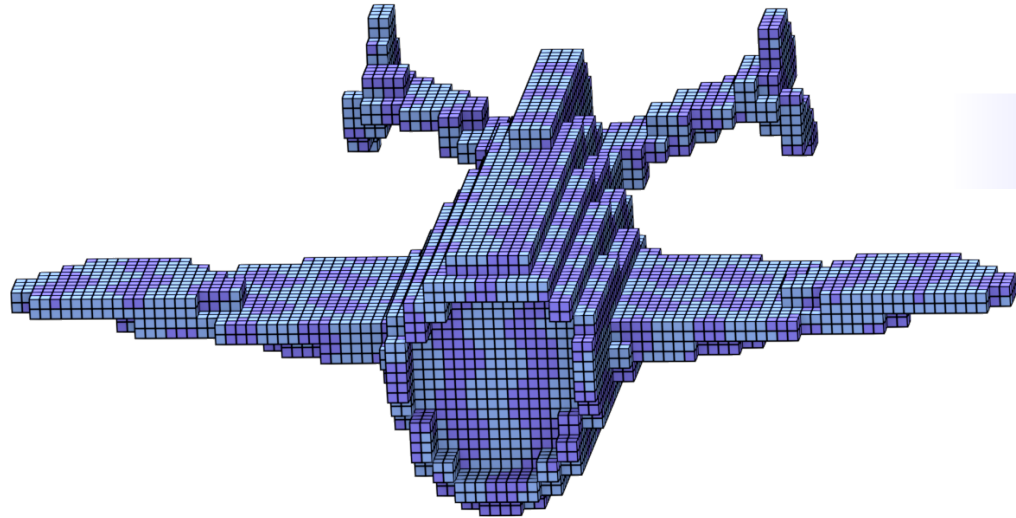




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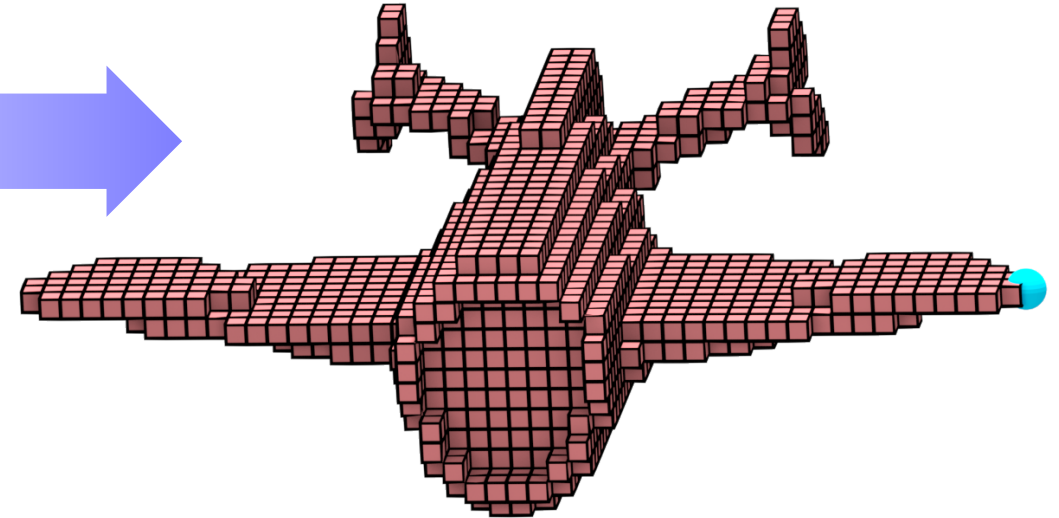
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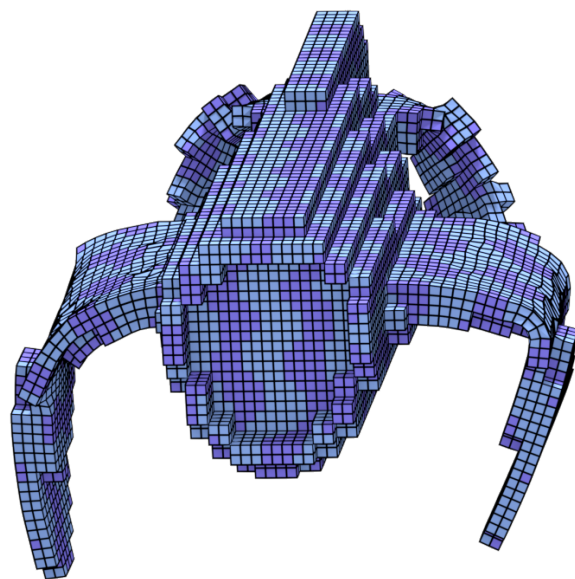
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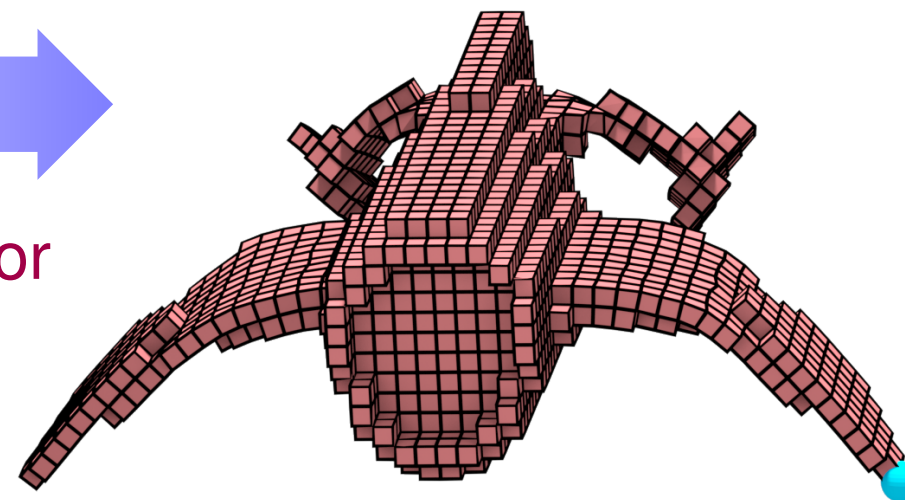


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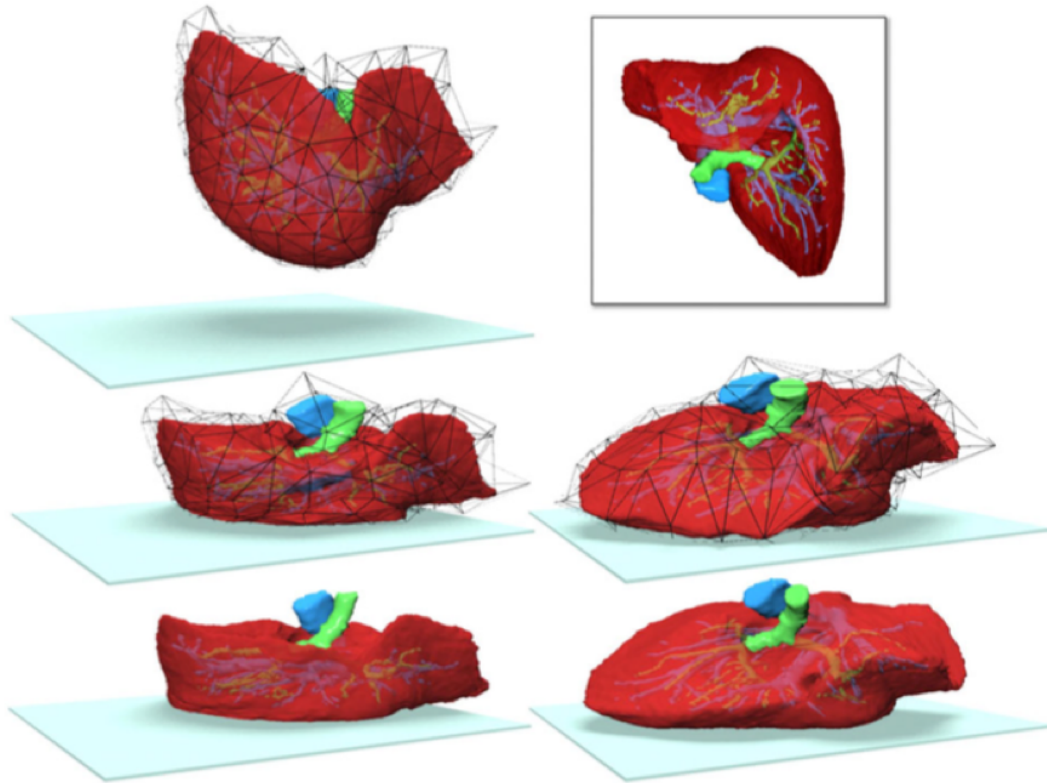
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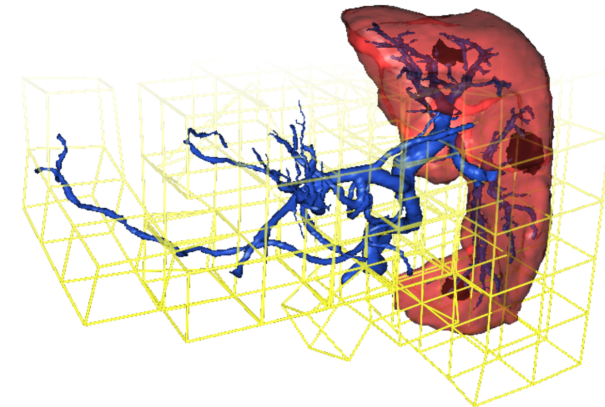
what is the coarsened counterpart?

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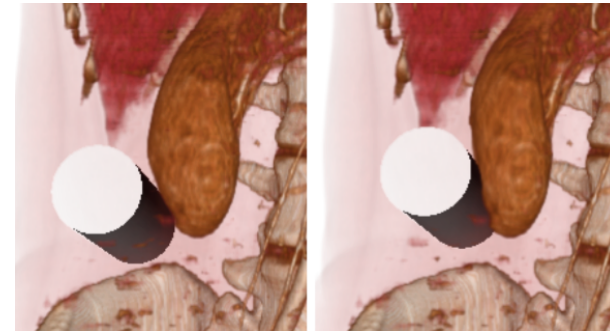
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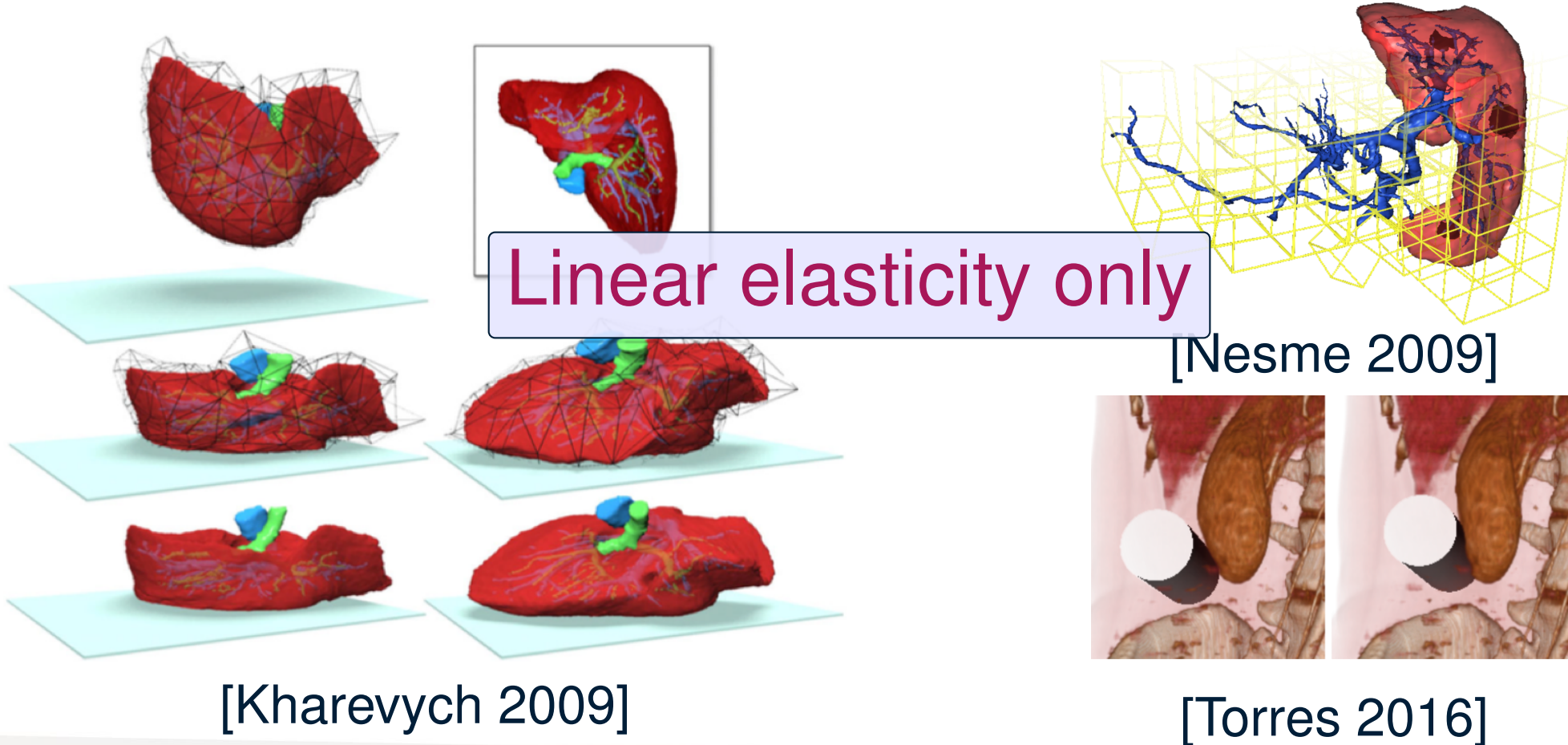


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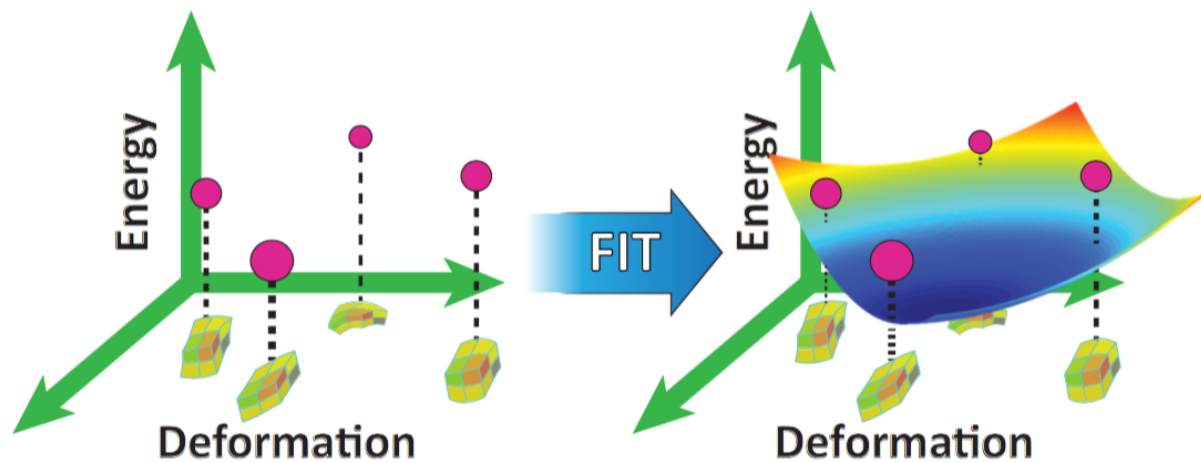


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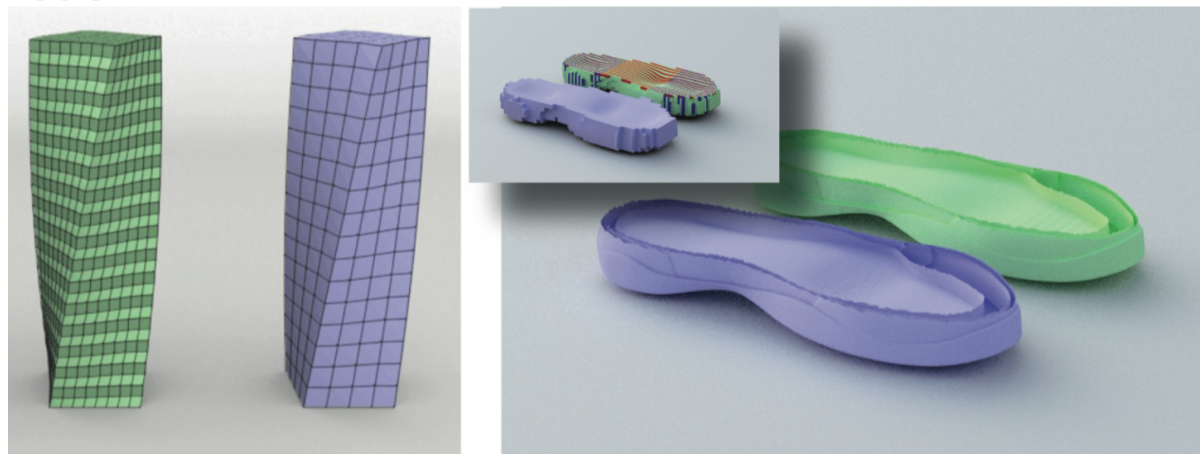


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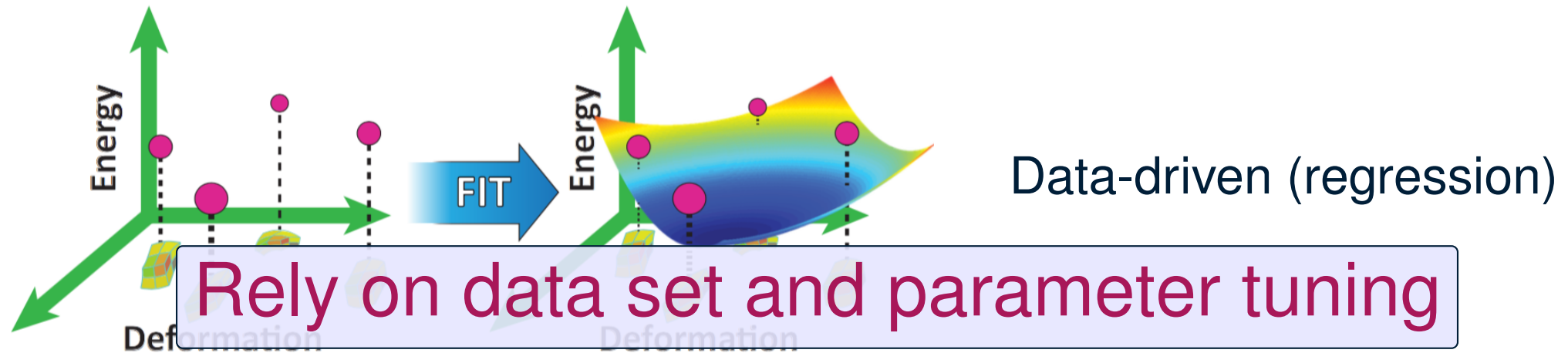


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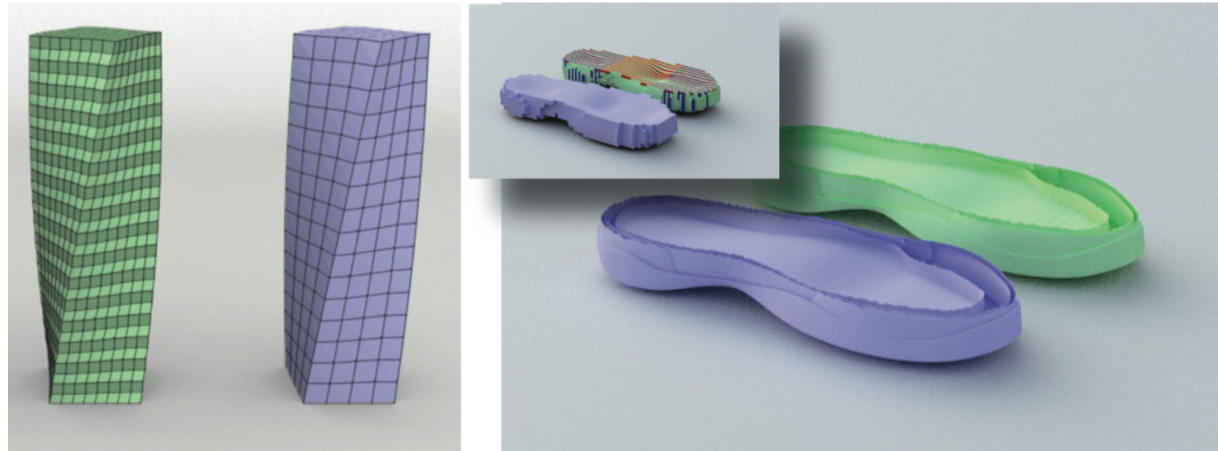
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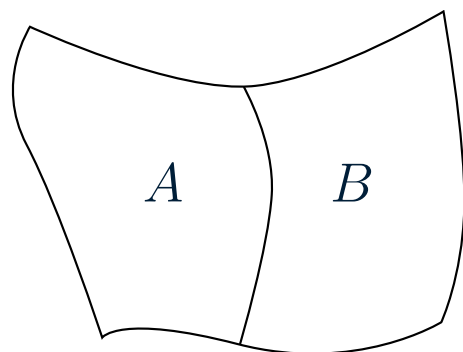
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  - we can “adapt” the shape functions to the problem
  - estimate the shape on the fine mesh via the adapted shape functions
  - reuse input material via quadrature evaluations at runtime

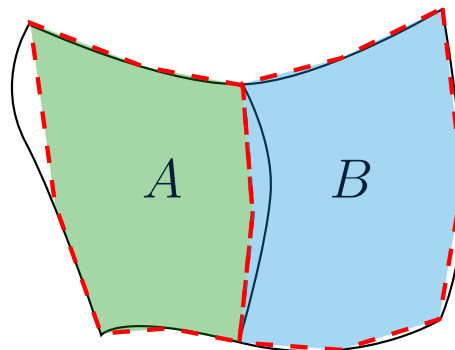
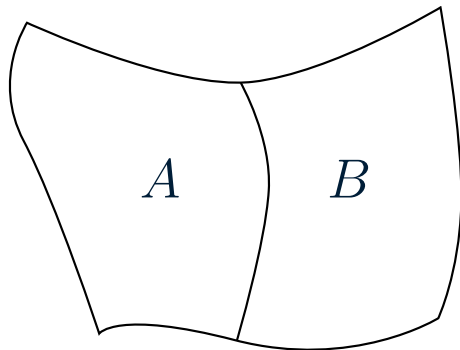
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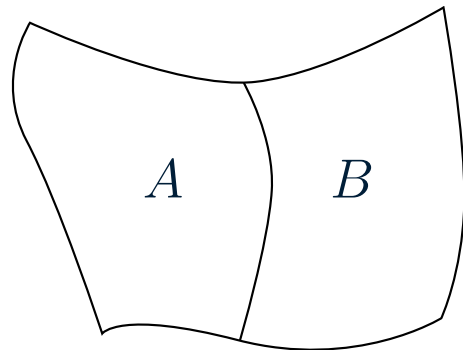
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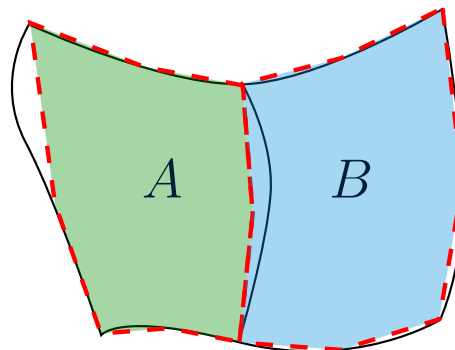
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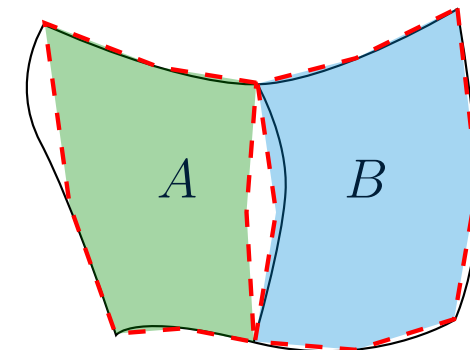
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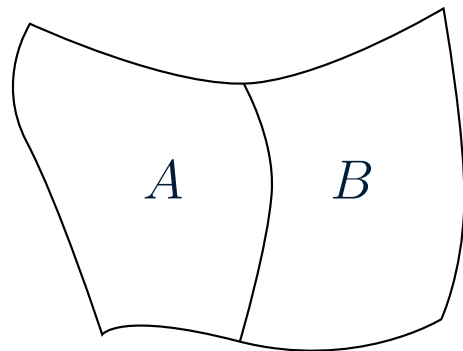
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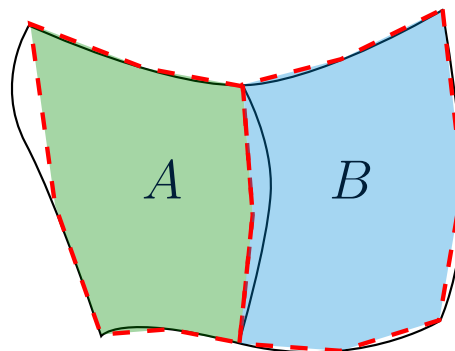
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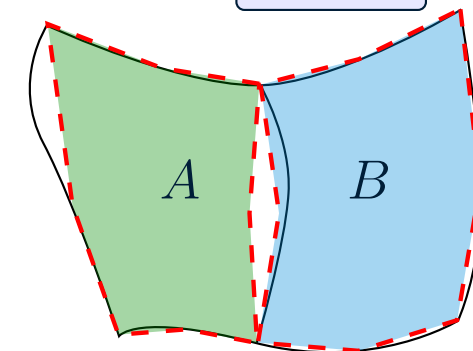
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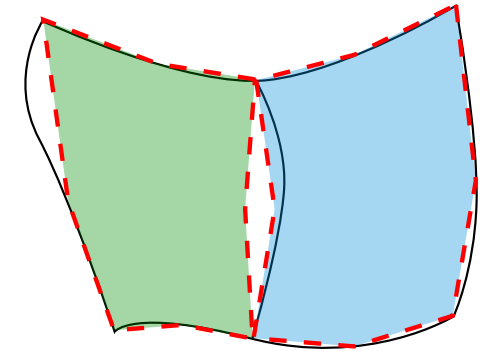
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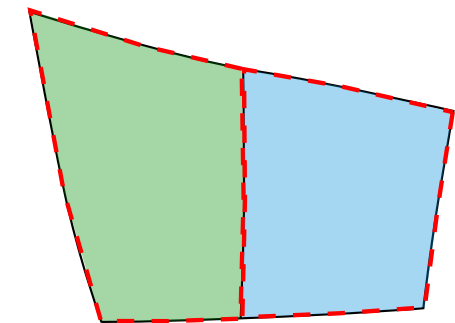
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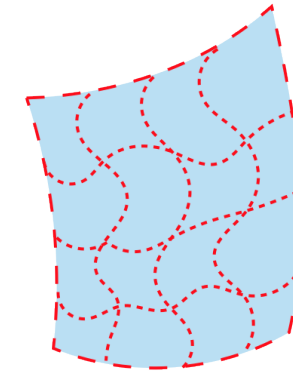
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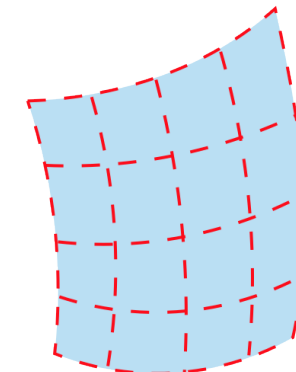
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  - small strain or small energy

Without deformation reg.



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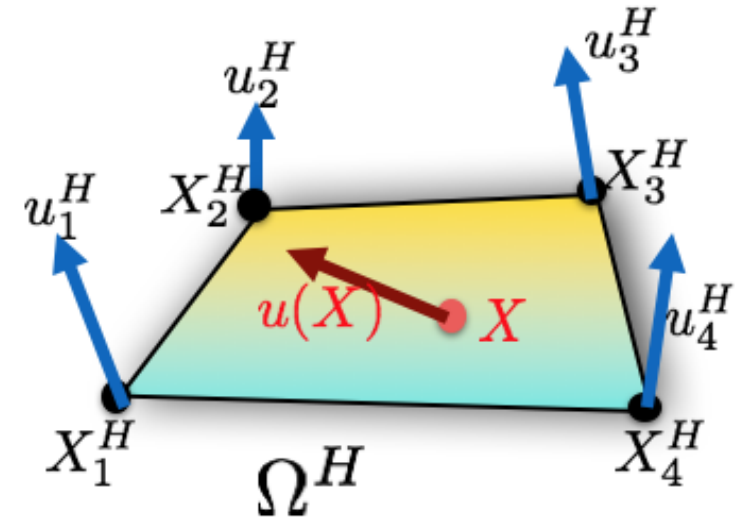
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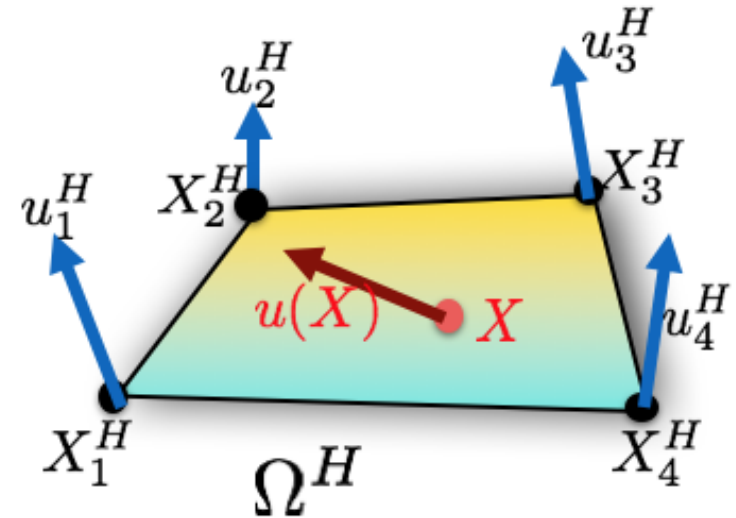
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general anisotropic shape functions  $N_i^H$  needs a **local frame**!



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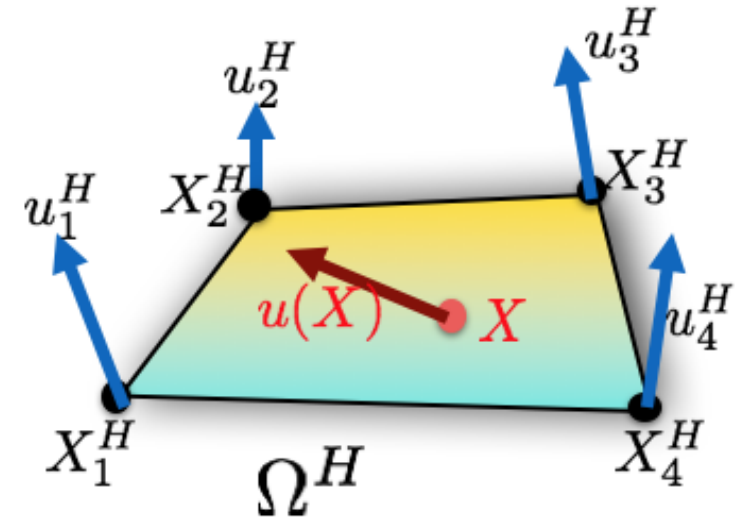
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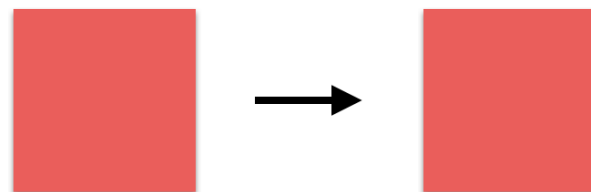
- ▶  $R_{\Omega^H}$  comes from the polar decomposition of average deformation gradient



# Adding Geometric Constraints

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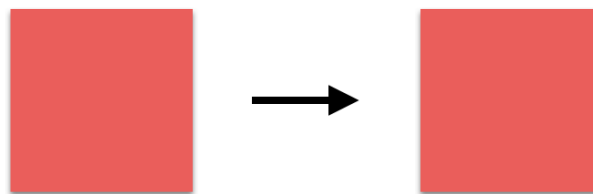


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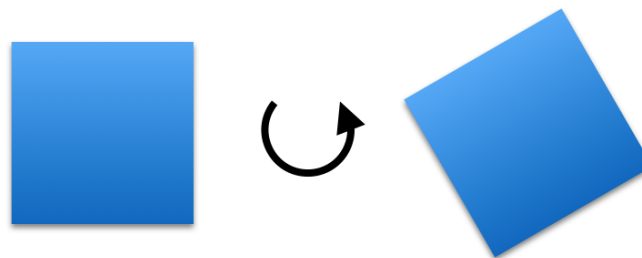
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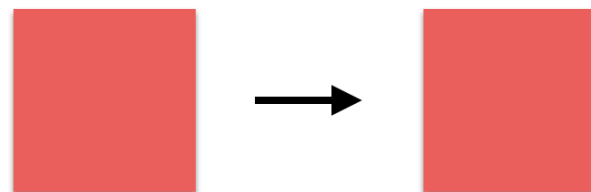


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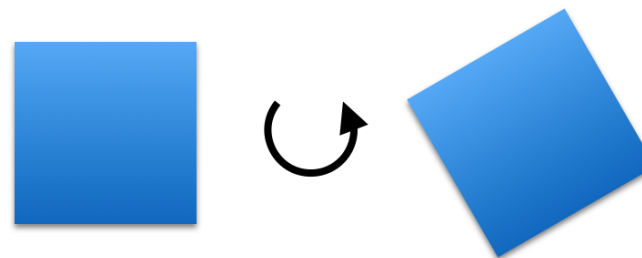
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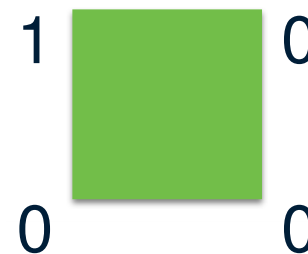
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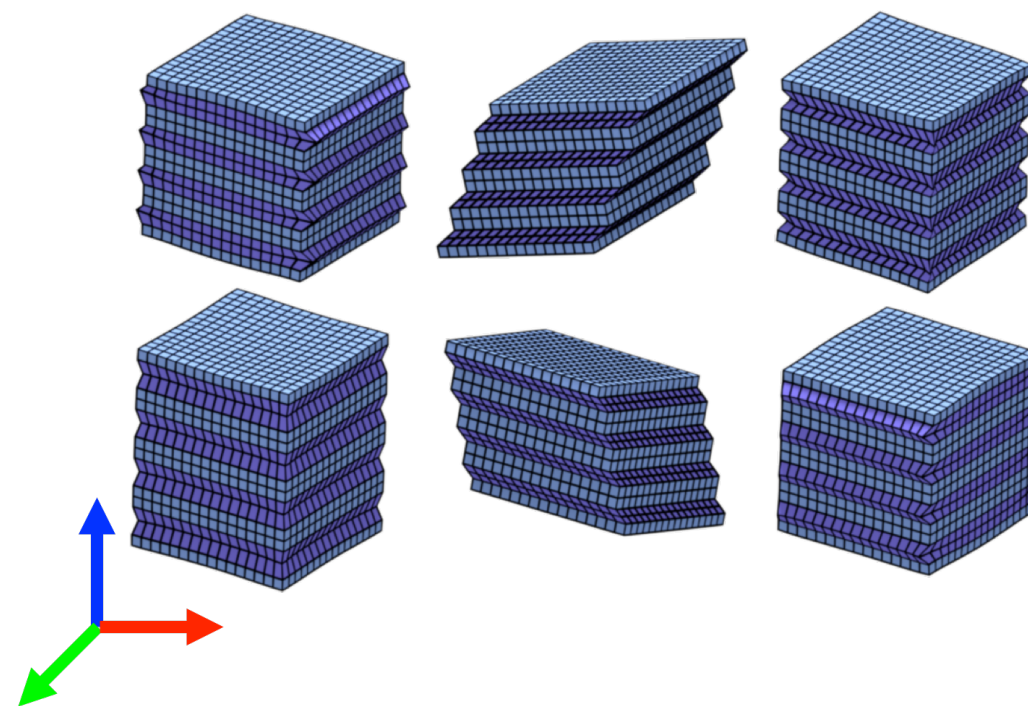
$$N_i^H(X_j^H) = \delta_{ij}\mathbb{I}$$



# Partially Conforming Conditions

- Make sure basic deformations are perfectly reproduced
- Compute “representative” deformations
  - global harmonic displacements
  - using stiffness at rest shape
- Enforce exact reproduction
  - **6 more constraints** for each element

$$h_{ab}(X) = \sum_i N_i^H(X) h_{ab}(X_i^H)$$



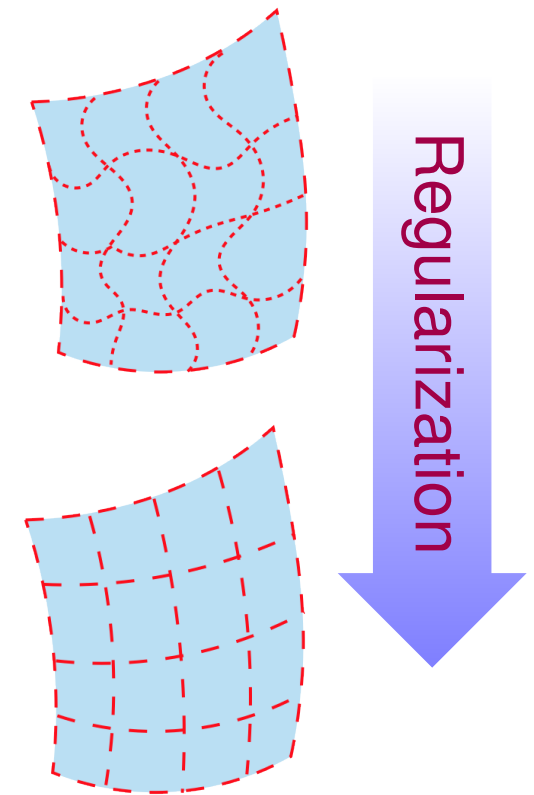
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rank-4 tensor



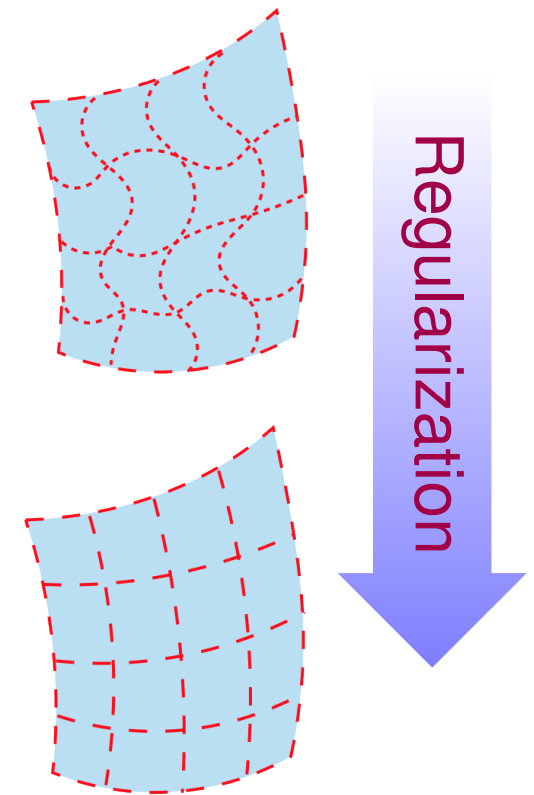
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- Two obvious options
  - harmonic conditioning  $M = \mathbb{I}$ : small strain
  - $\Psi$ -harmonic conditioning  $M = \partial^2 \Psi / \partial (\nabla u)^2 |_{u=0}$ : small energy



# Putting It All Together

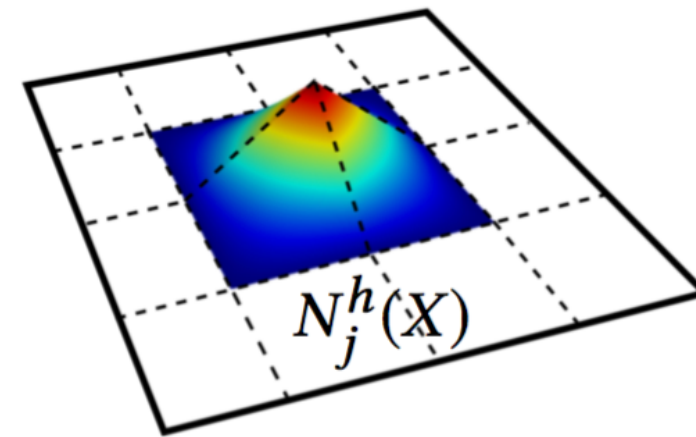
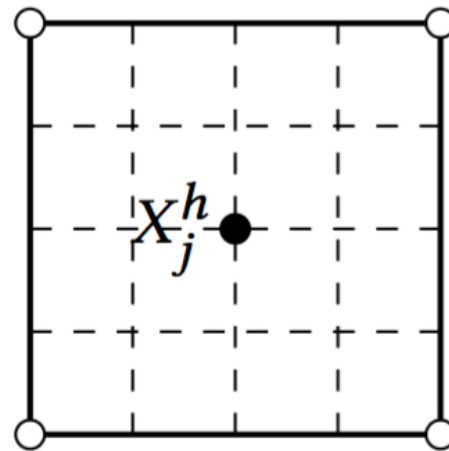
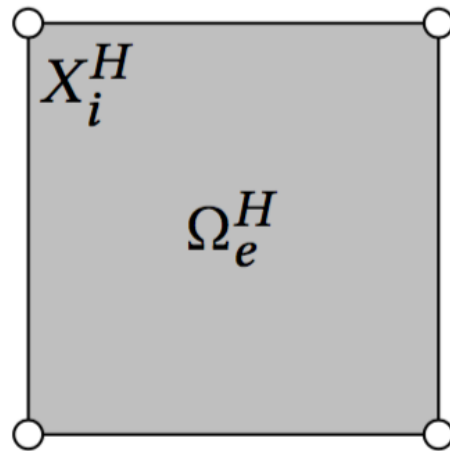
- Computing shape functions amount to an optimization

$$\begin{aligned} \min_N \int_{\Omega} \text{tr} \left( (\nabla N_i^H)^T : M : \nabla N_i^H \right) dX \\ \text{s. t. } \sum_i N_i^H(X) = \mathbb{I} \\ \sum_i N_i^H(X) [X_i^H]_{\times} = [X]_{\times} \\ N_i^H(X_j^H) = \delta_{ij} \mathbb{I} \\ \sum_i N_i^H(X) h_{ab}(X_i^H) = h_{ab}(X) \end{aligned}$$

- constrained quadratic programming per element
- can proceed in parallel

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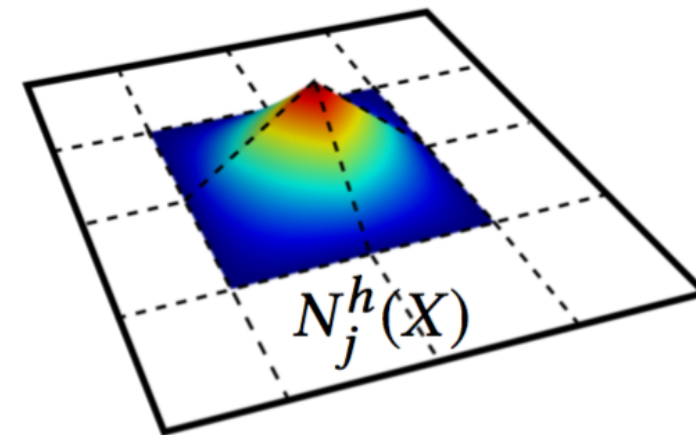
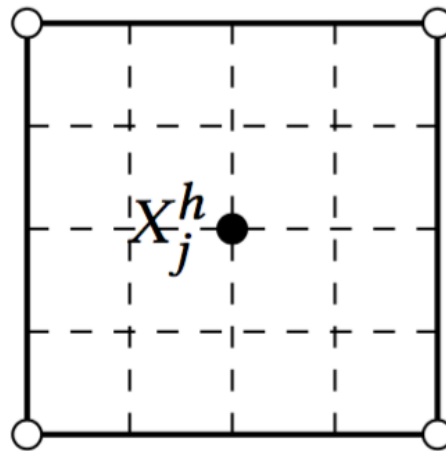
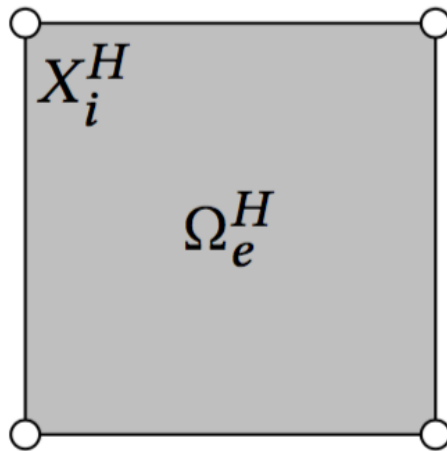


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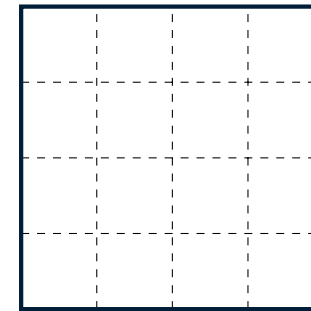
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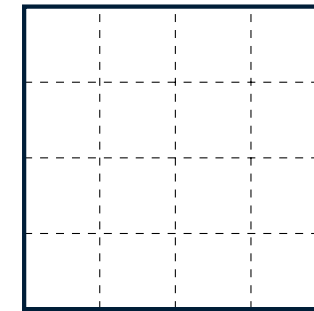


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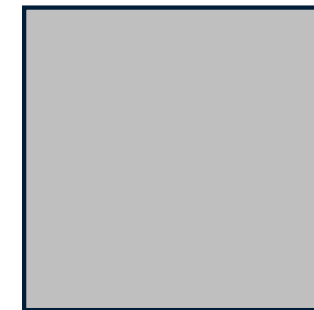
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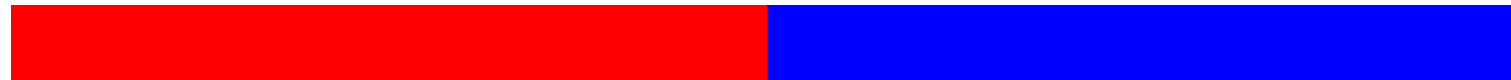
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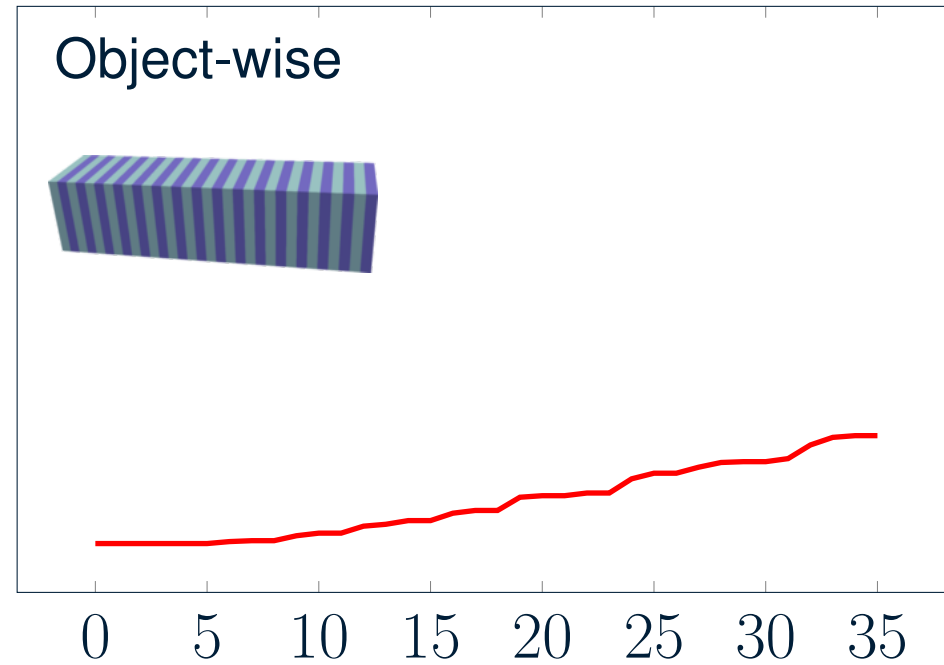
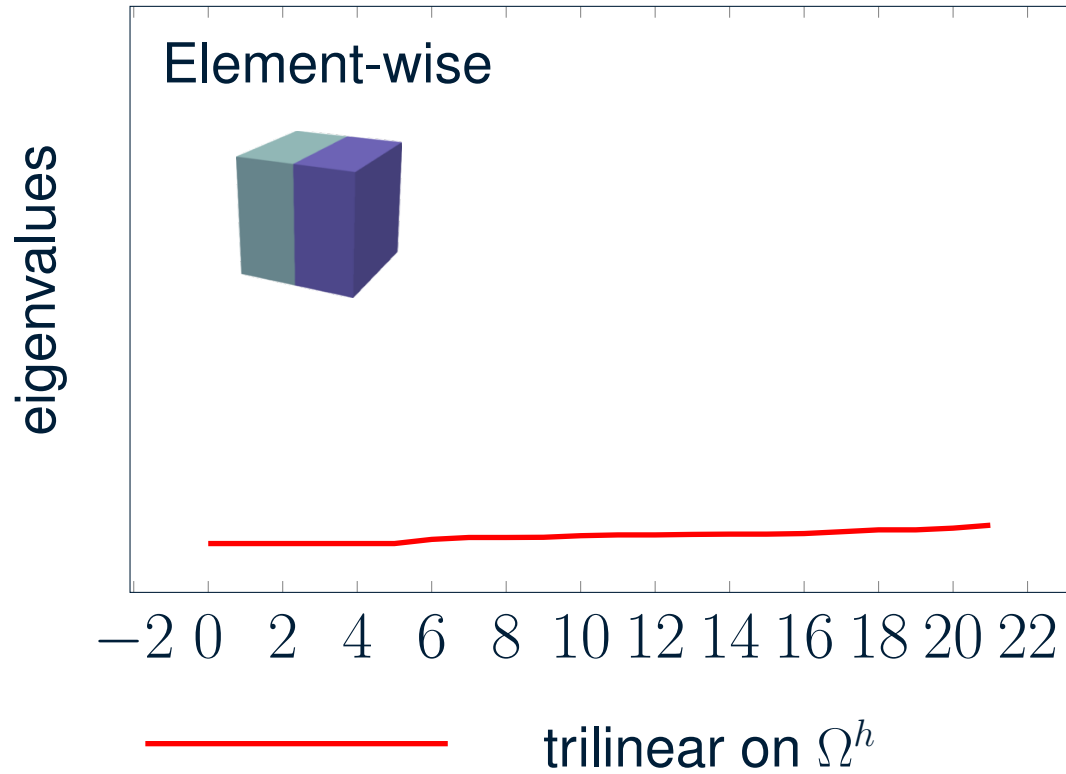
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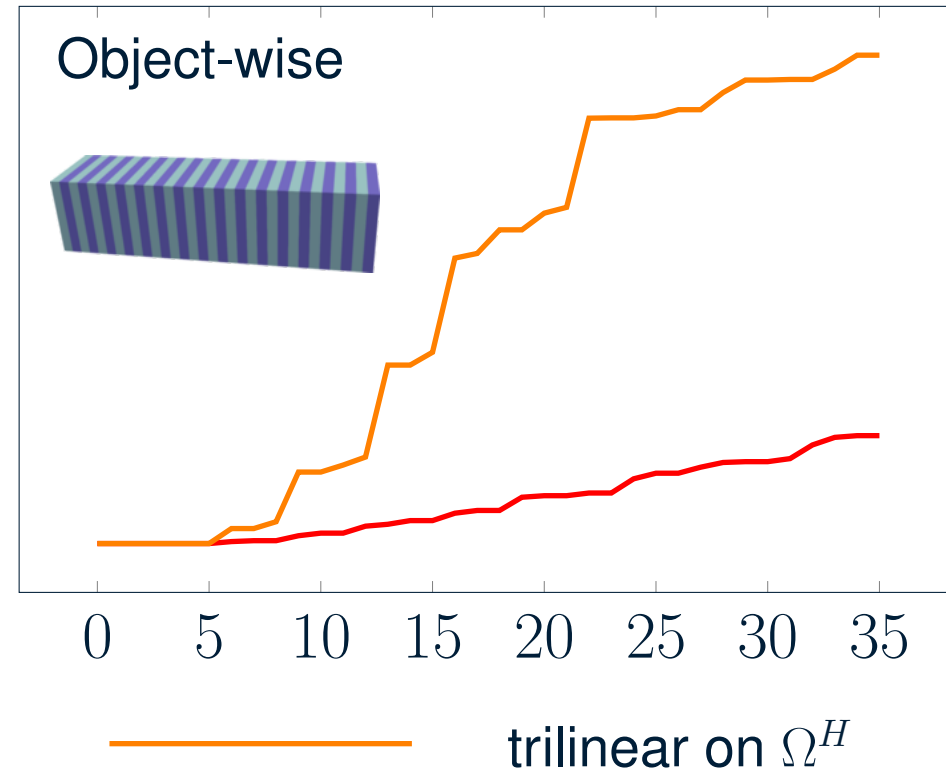
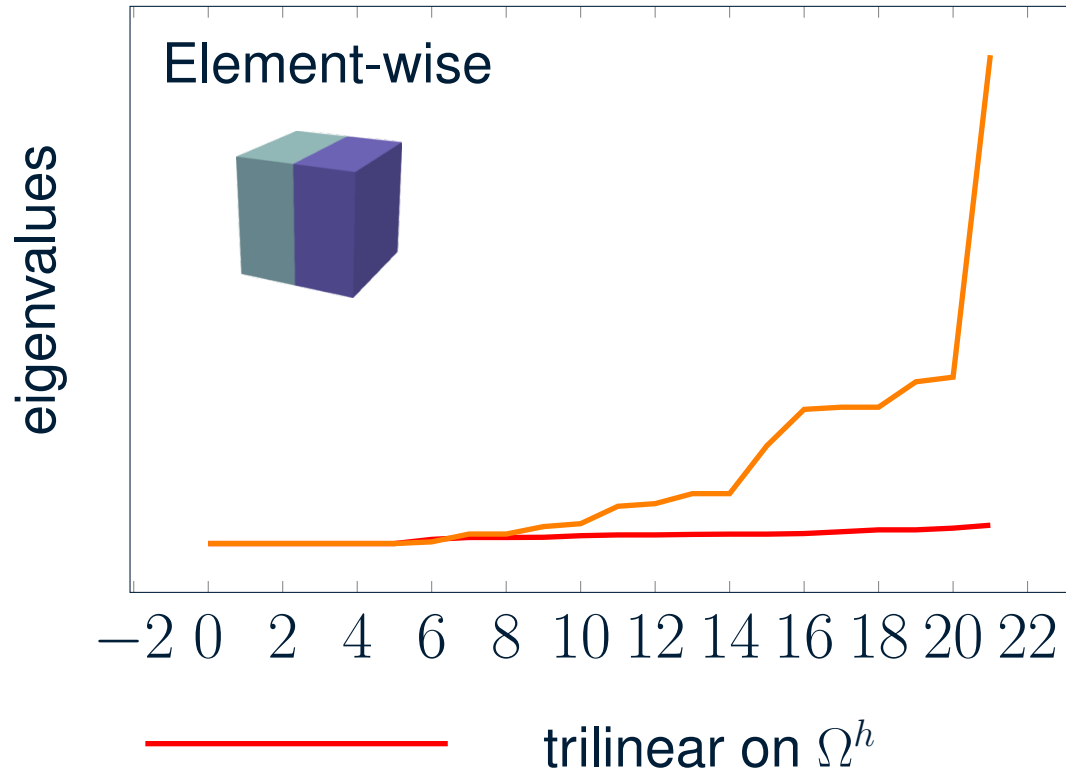
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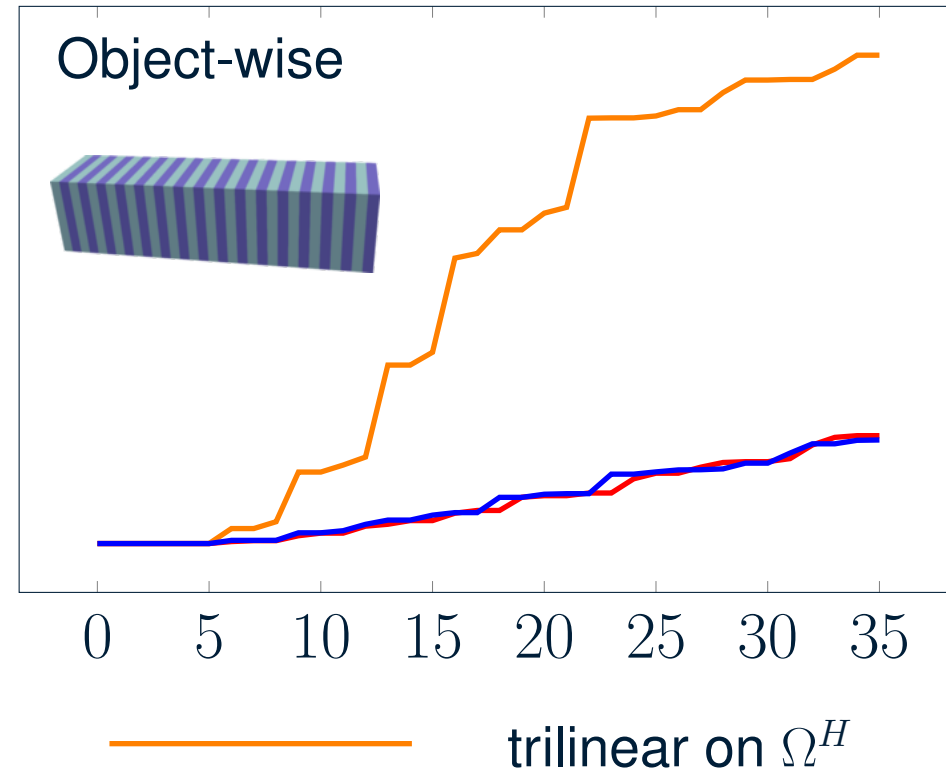
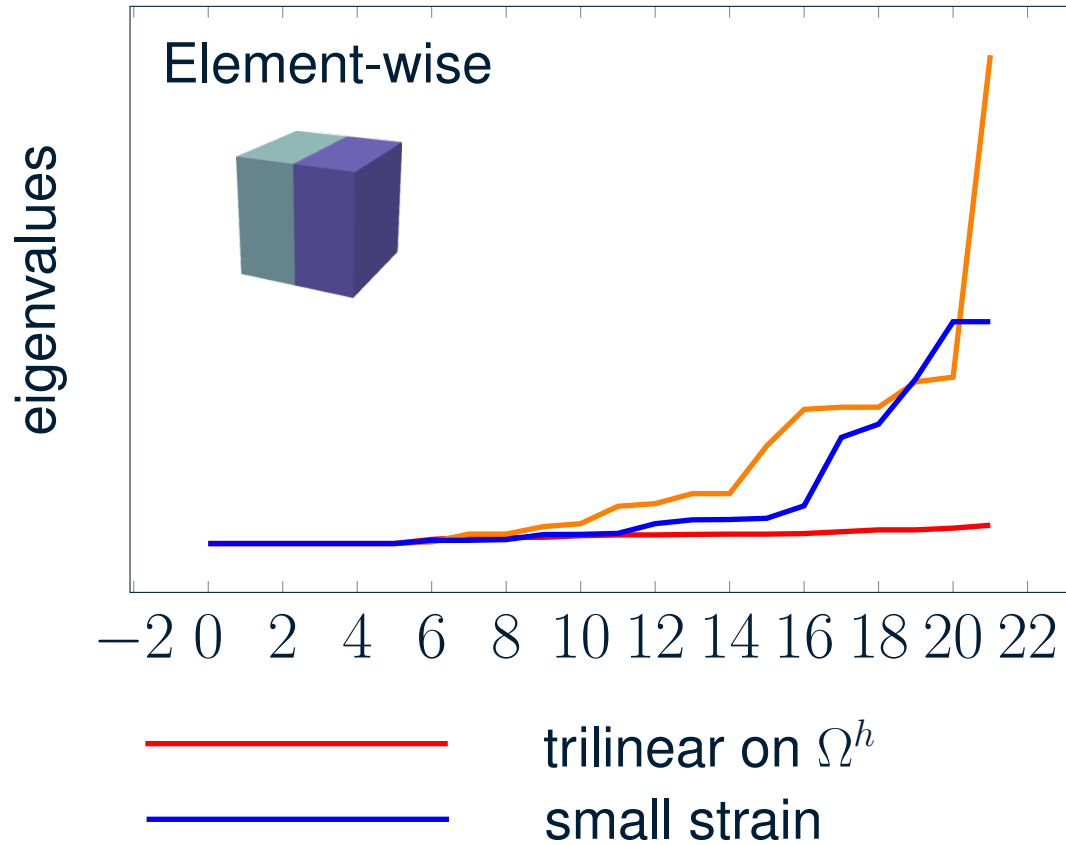


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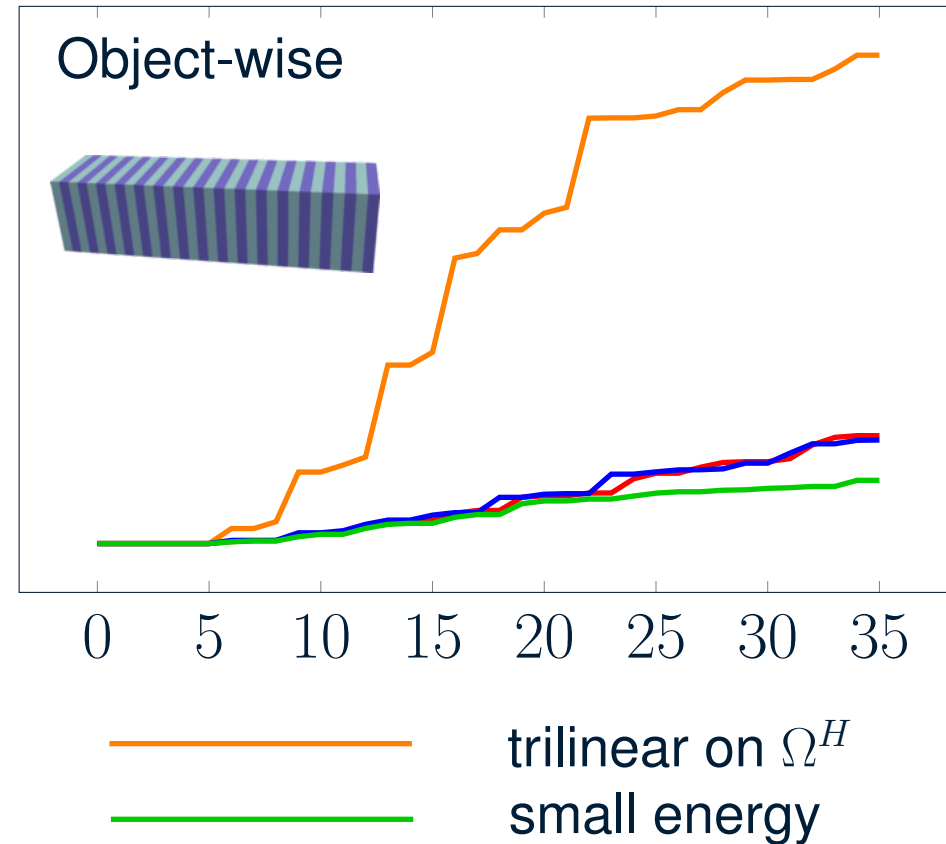
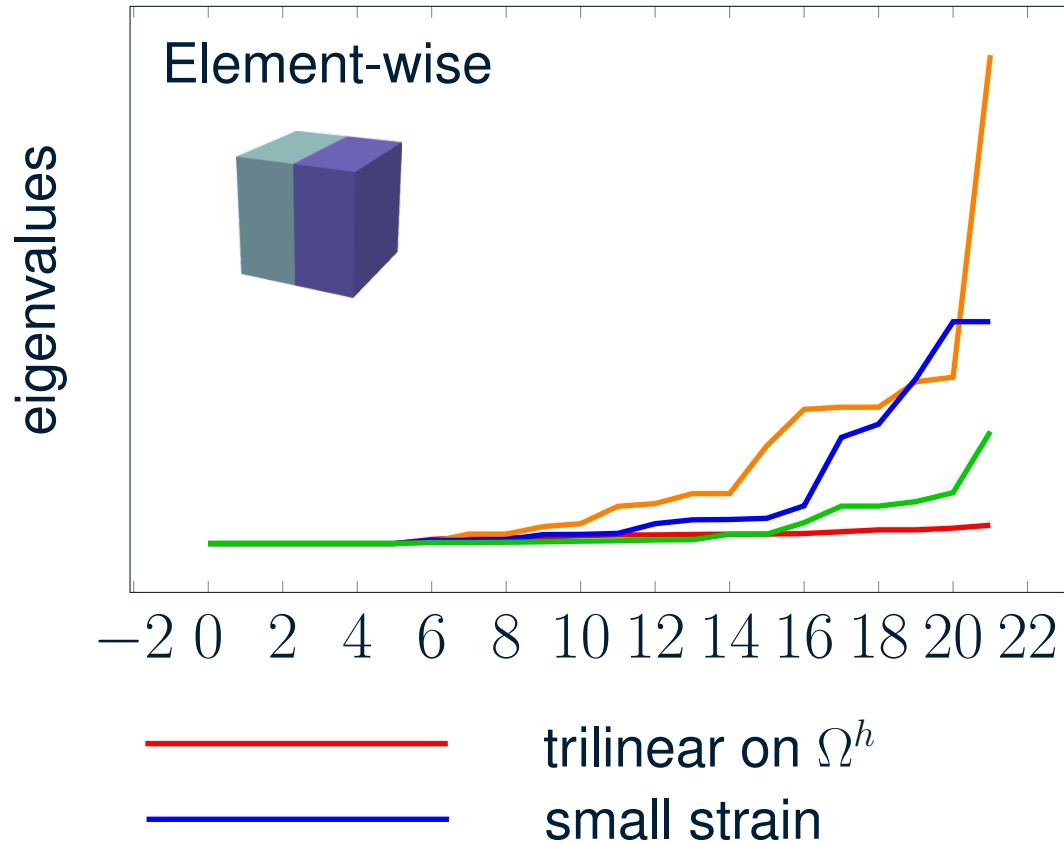




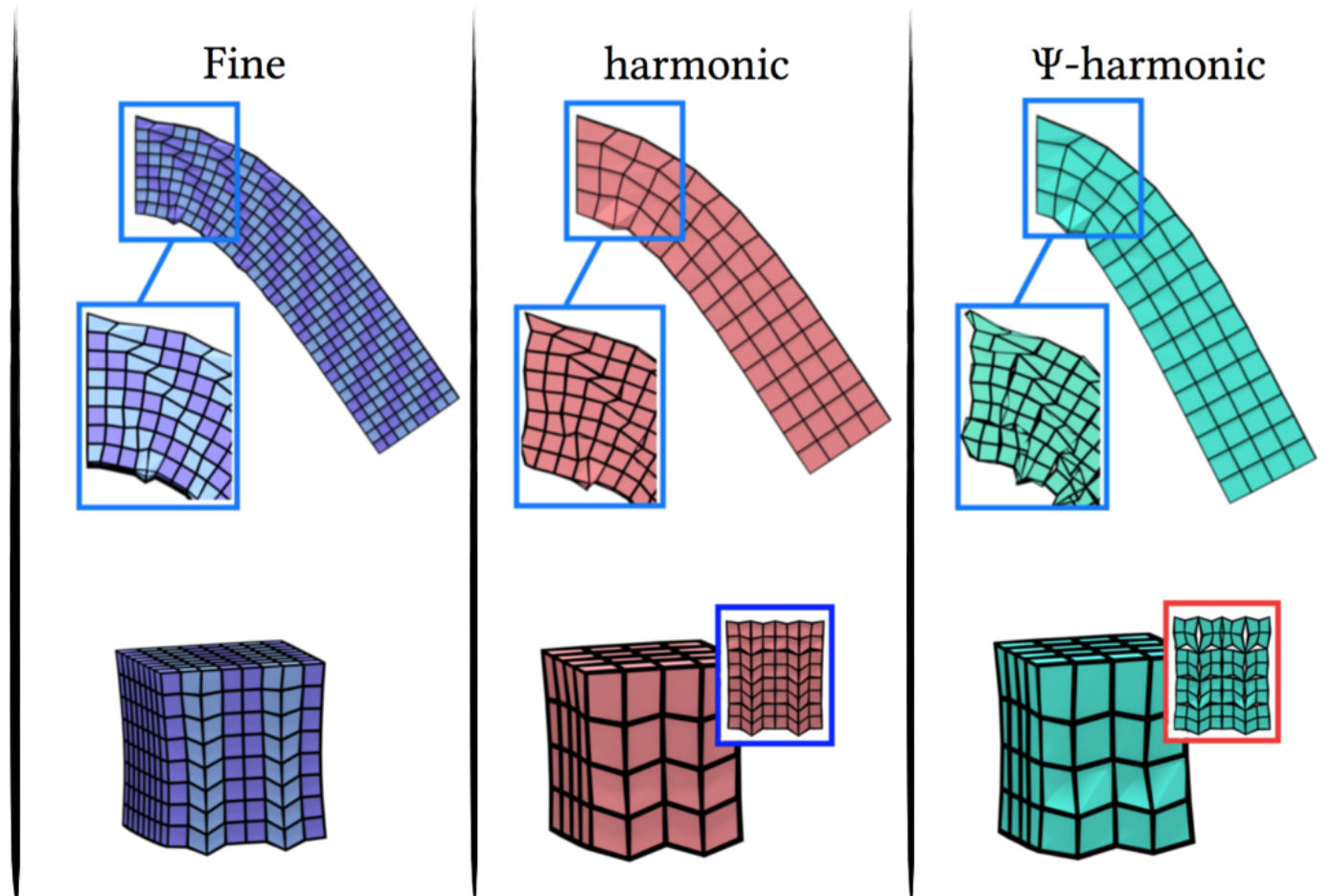
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# Illustration of Resulting Deformation



# Simulation

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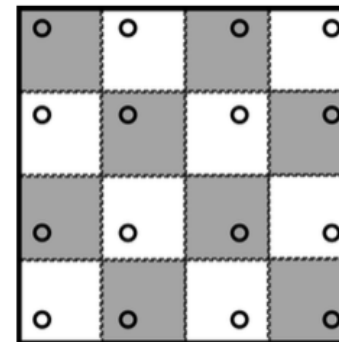
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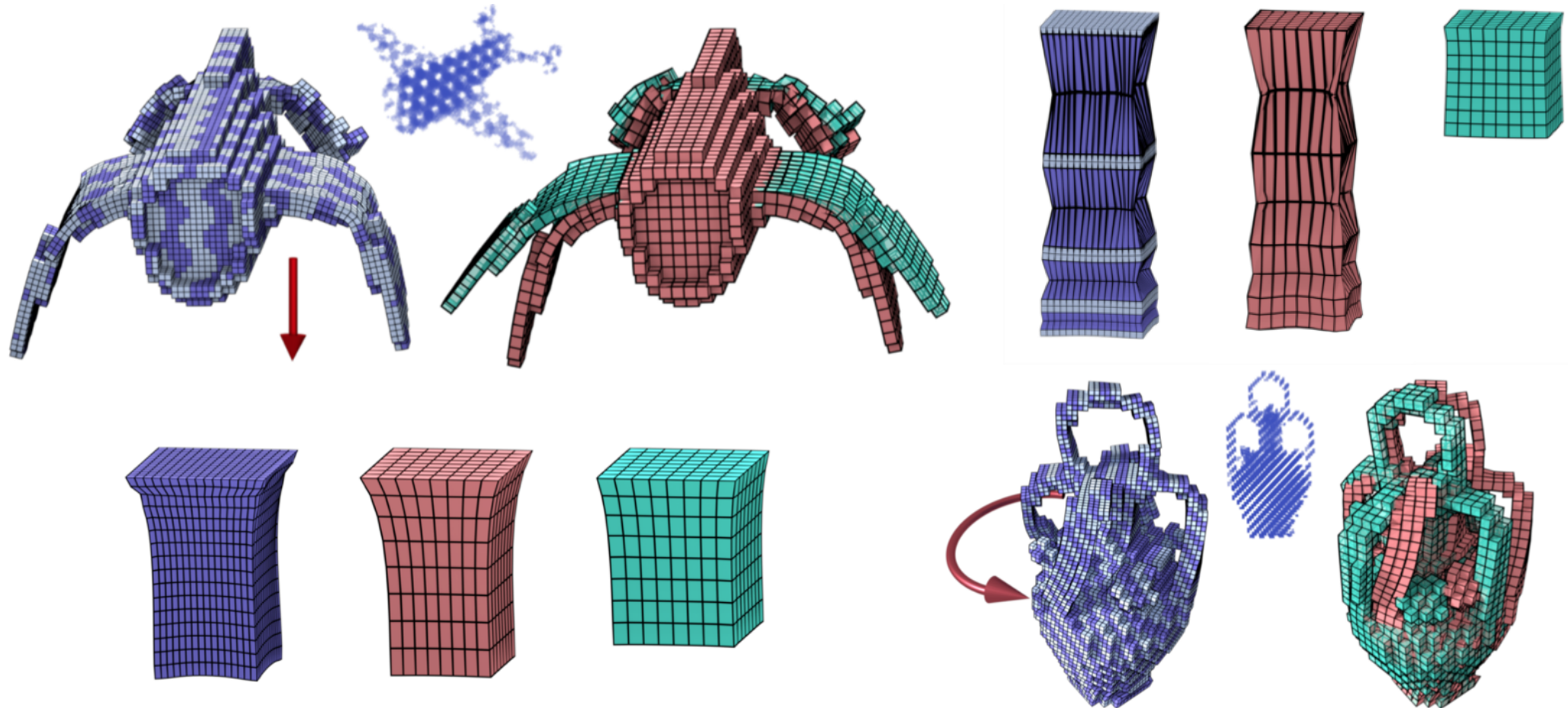
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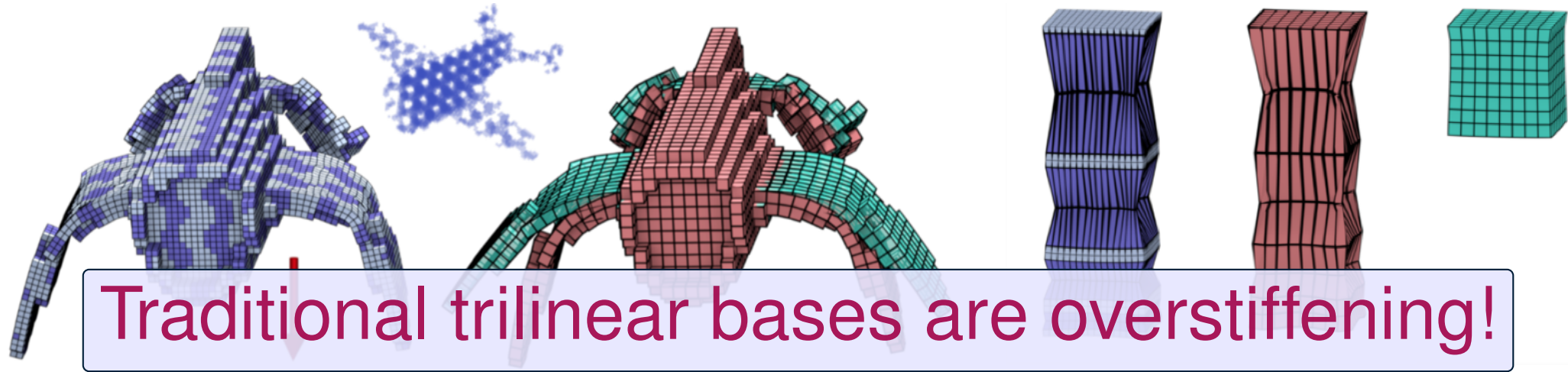
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# Results

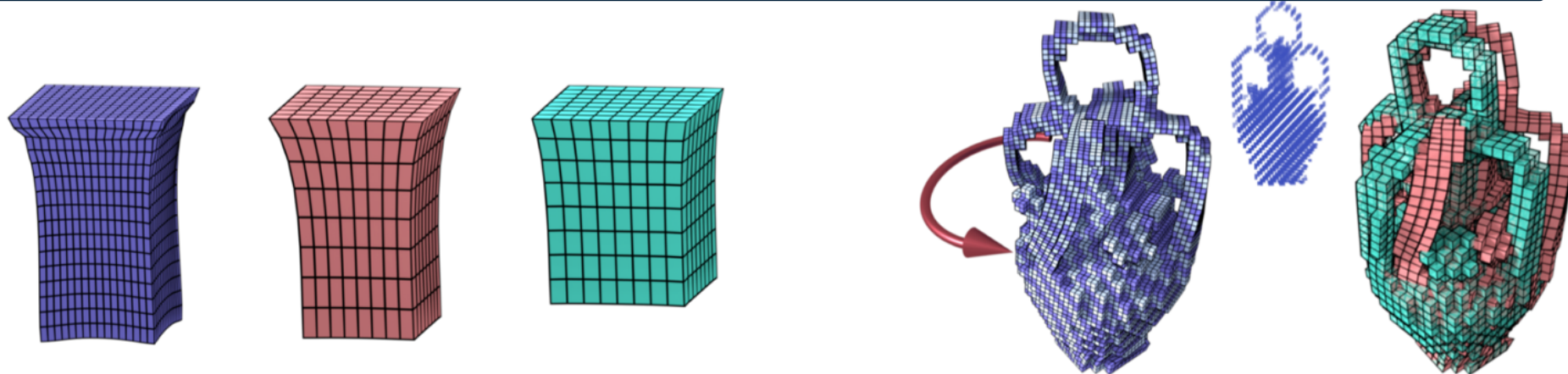
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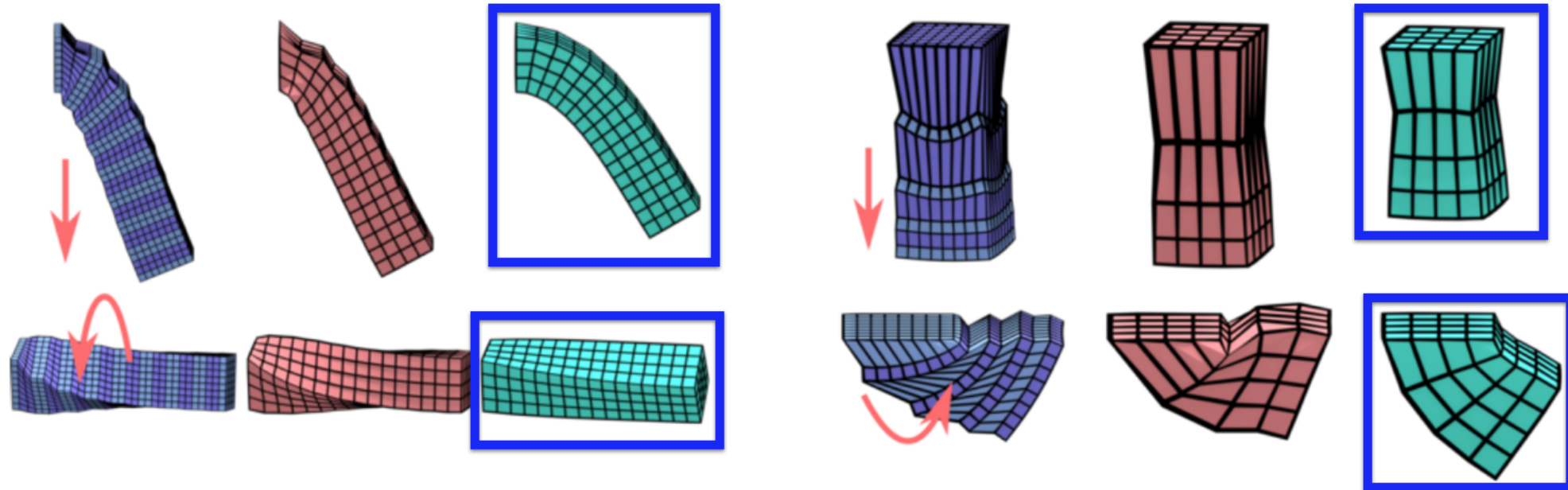


Traditional trilinear bases are overstiffening!





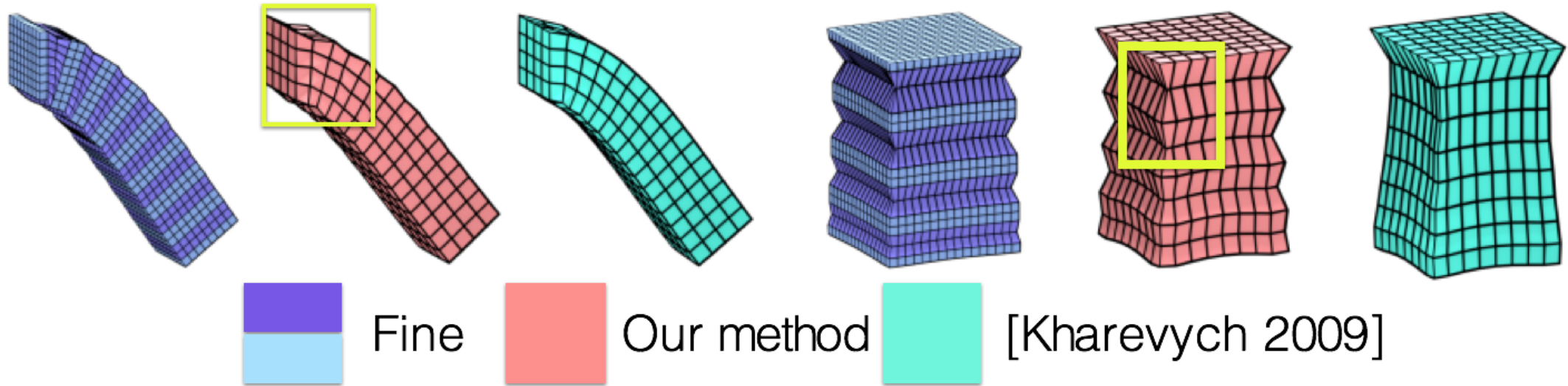
# Comparison with [Nesme 2009]



[Nesme 2009] uses diagonal shape function and strong conforming conditions.

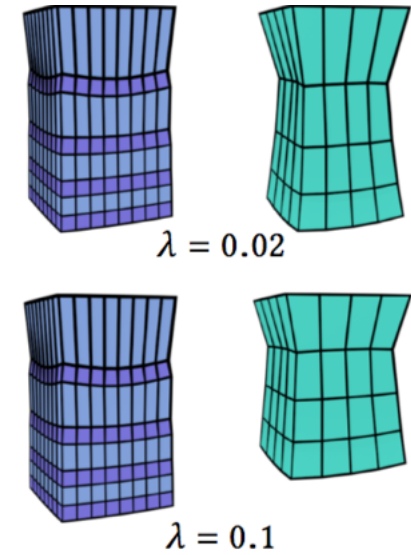
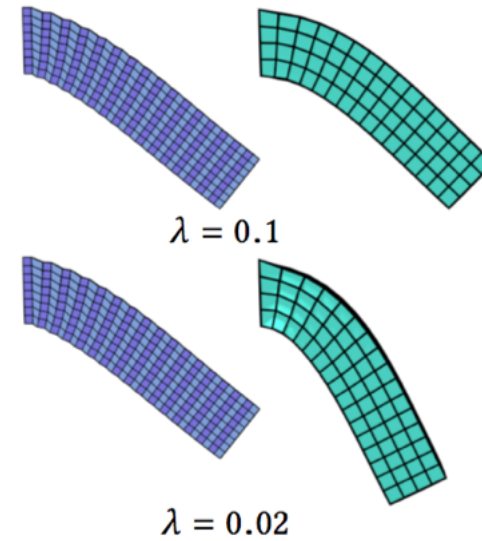
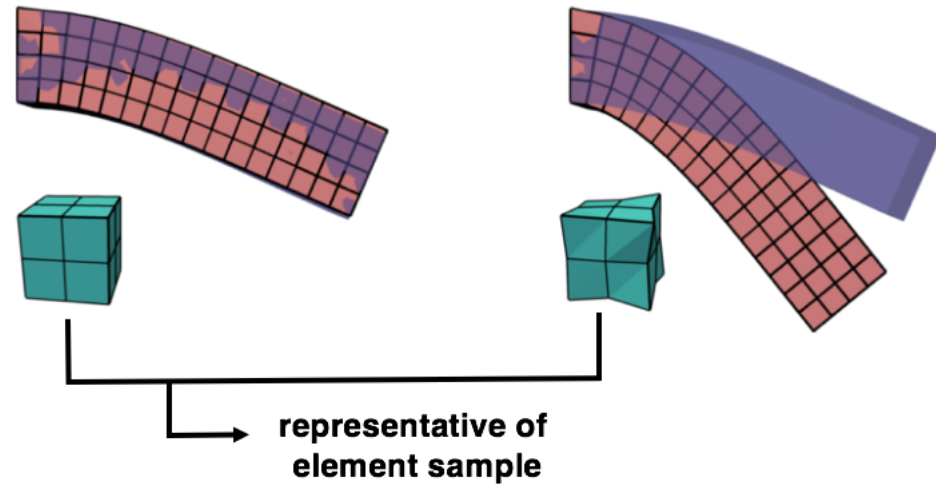
[Nesme 2009] is too stiff as well

# Comparison with [Kharevych 2009]



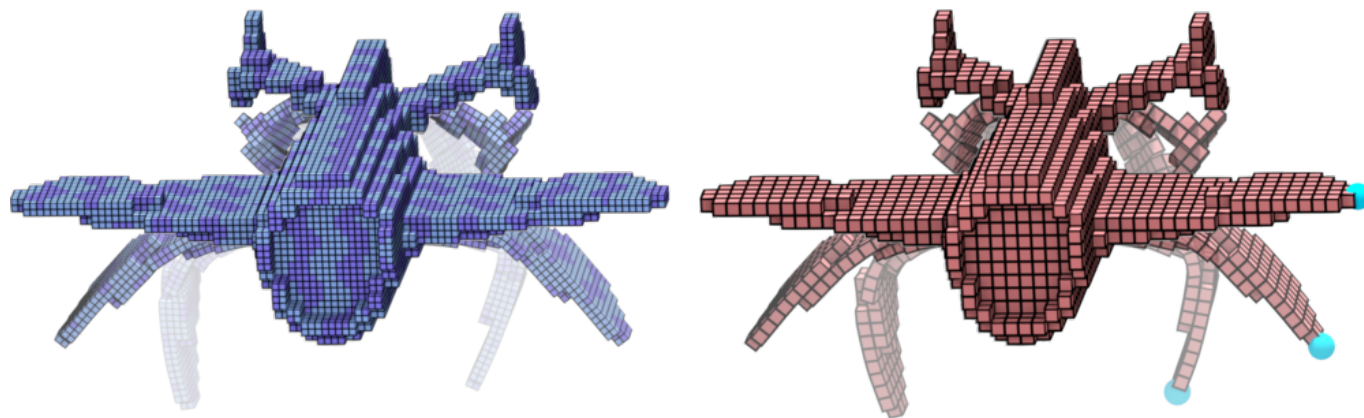
We capture the details better even on linear elasticity

# Comparison with [DDFEM]

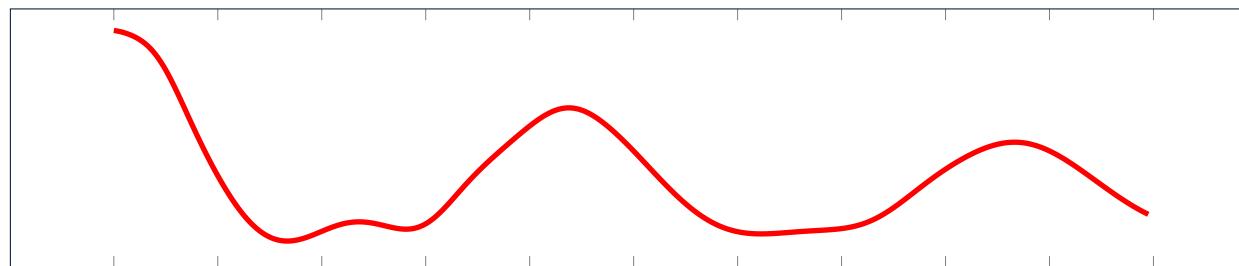


[DDFEM] relies on dataset and parameter tuning

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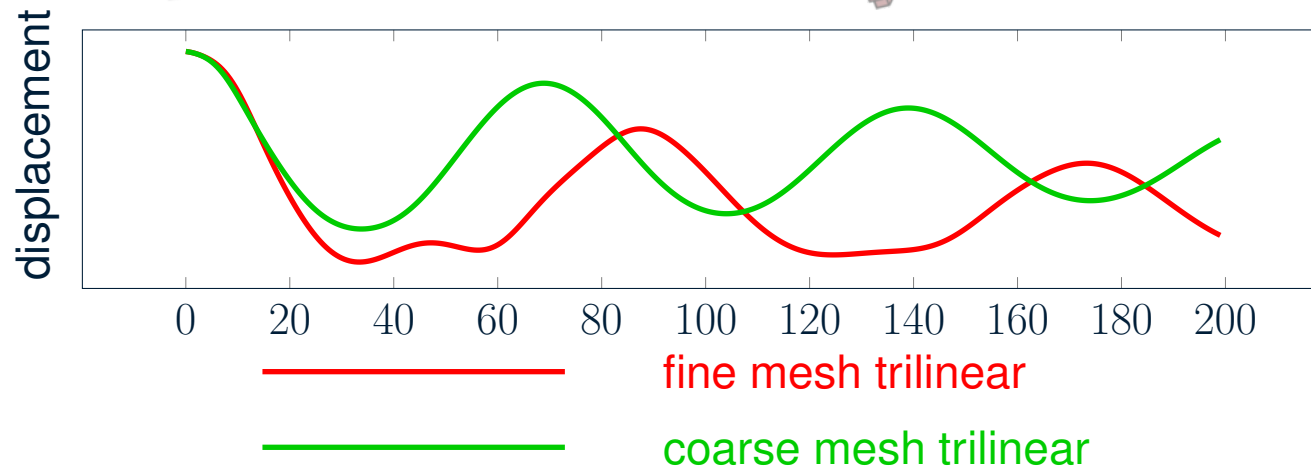
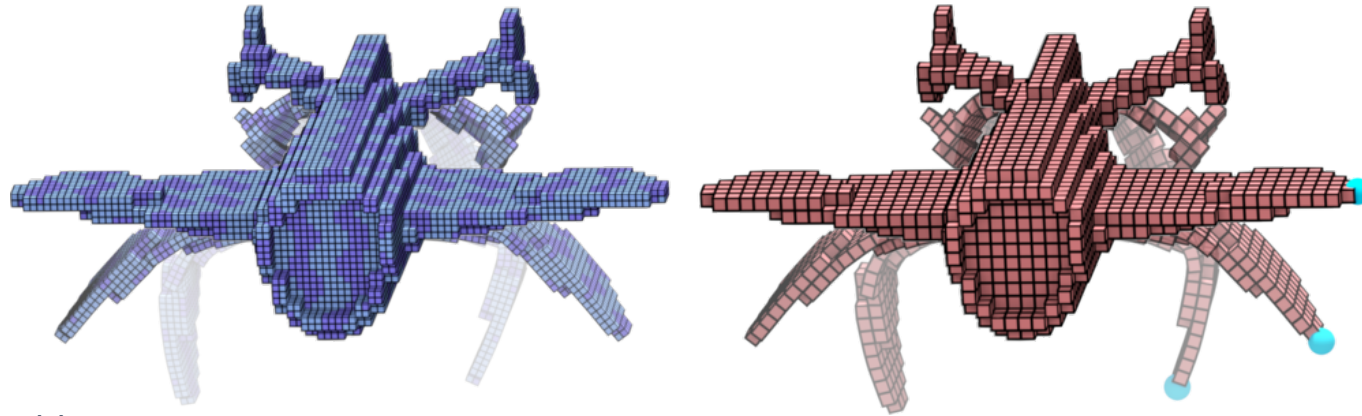


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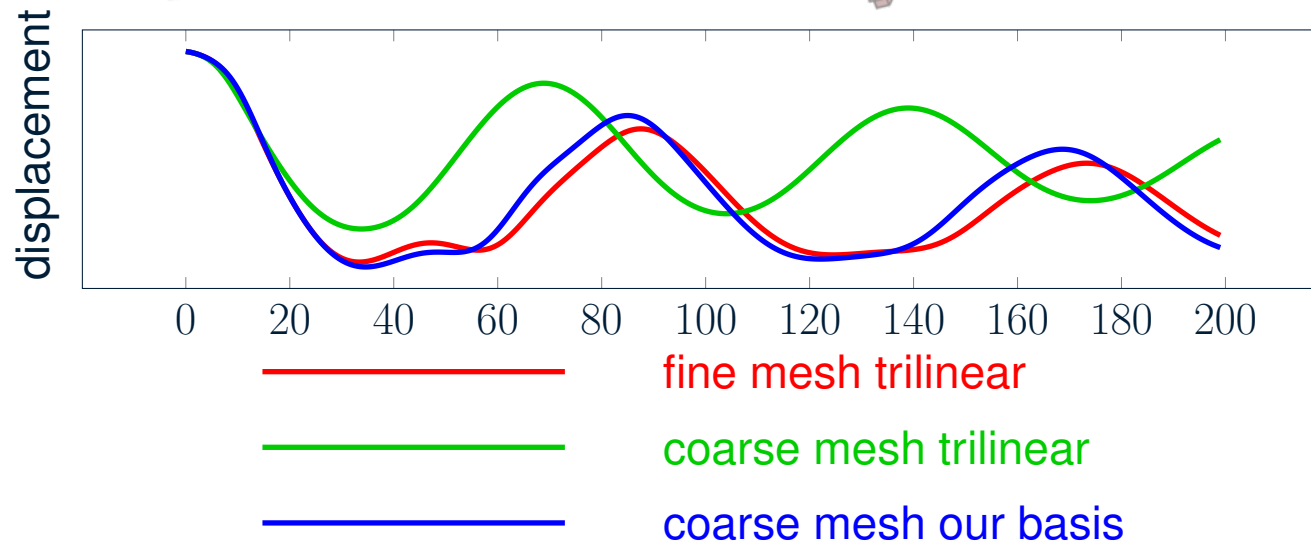
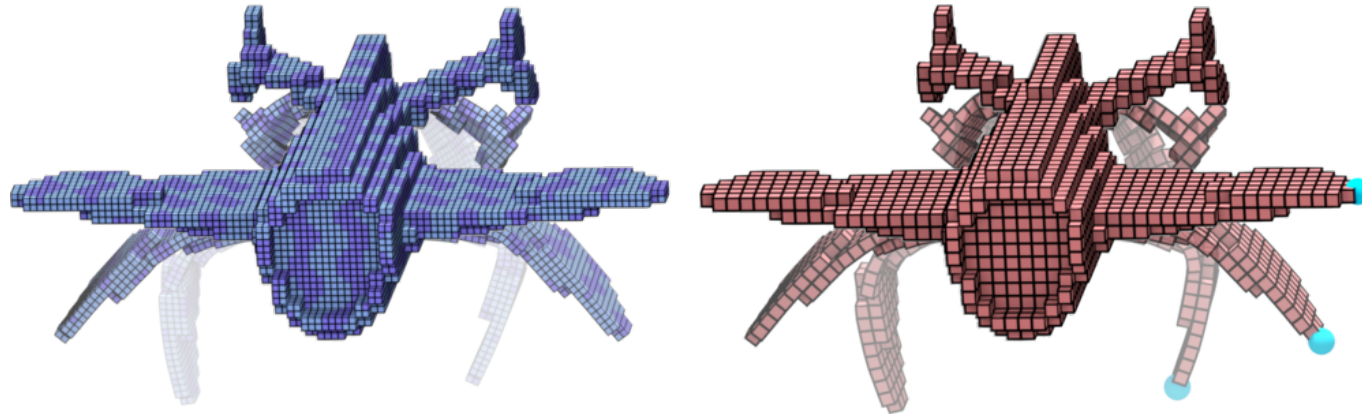


fine mesh trilinear

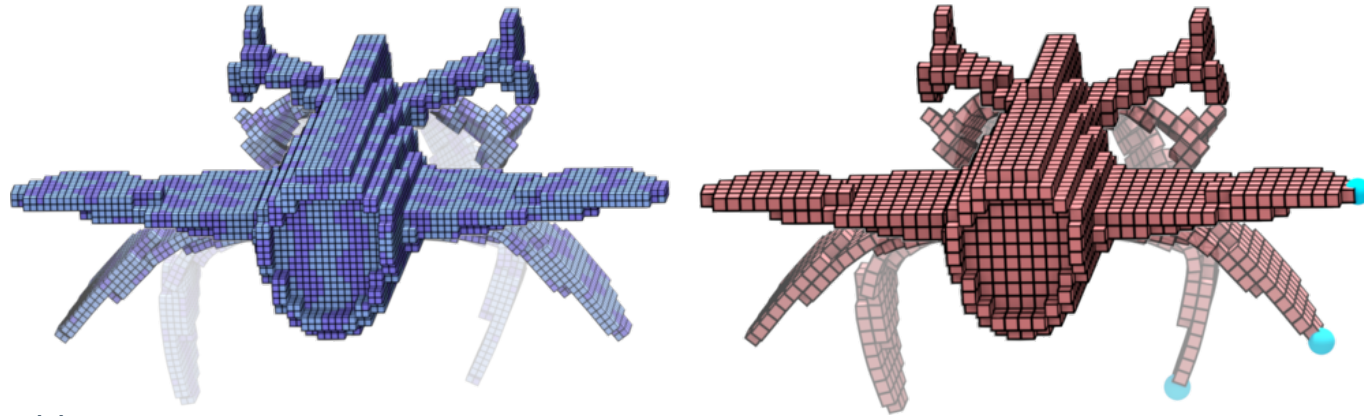
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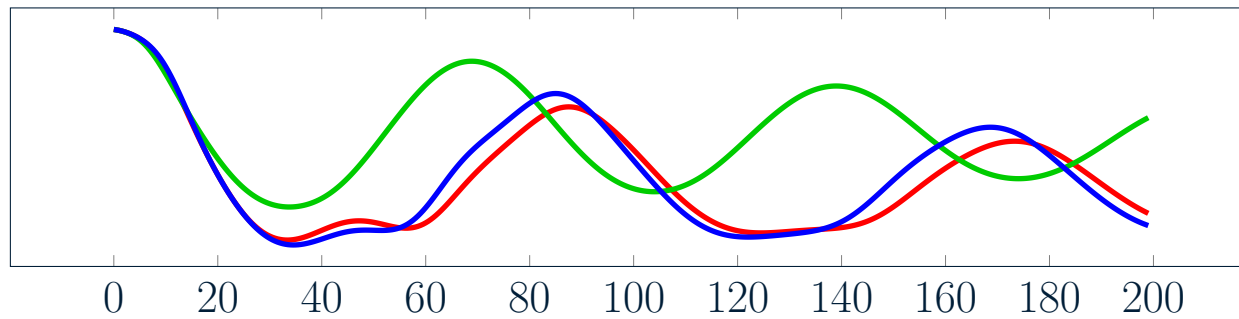
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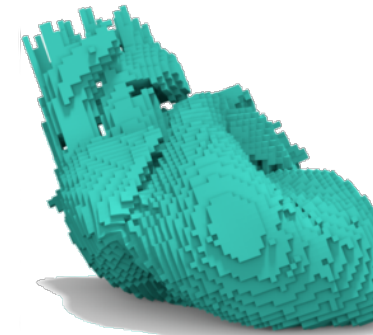
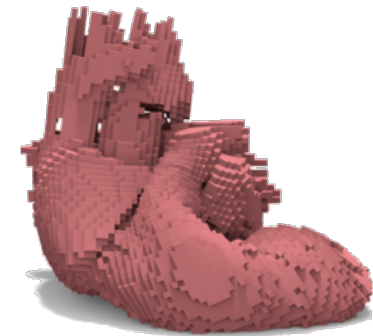
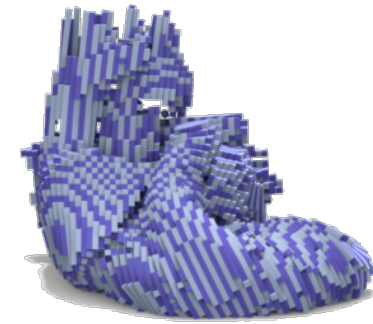
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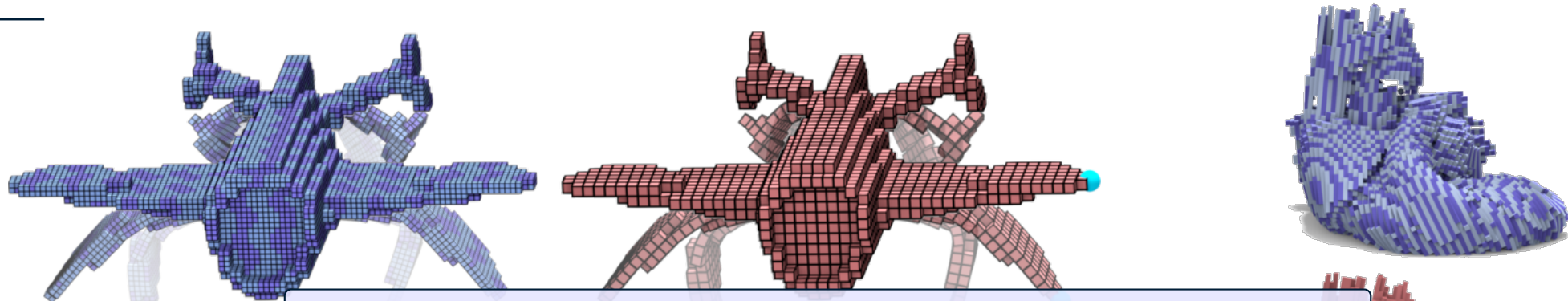
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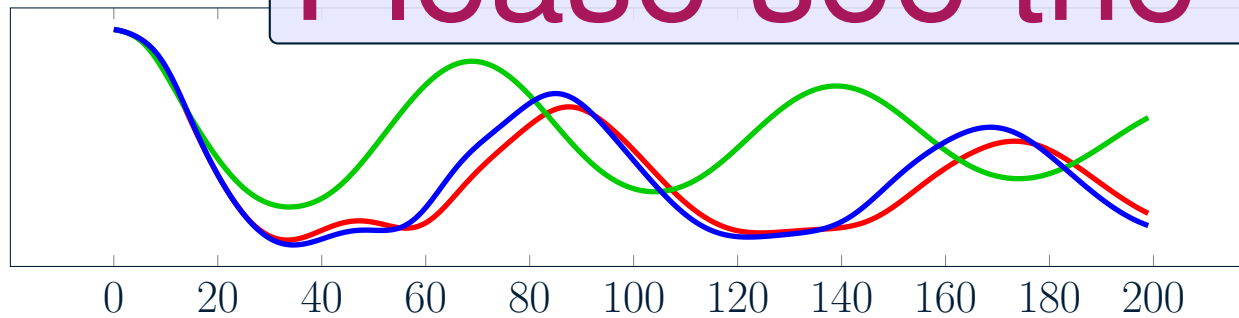


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Please see the video!

displacement

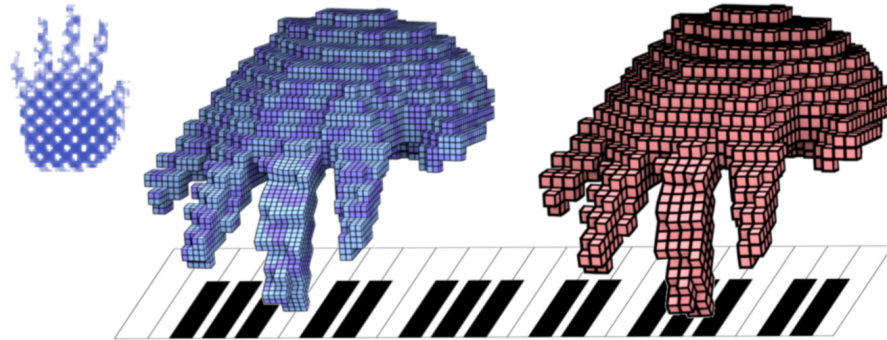


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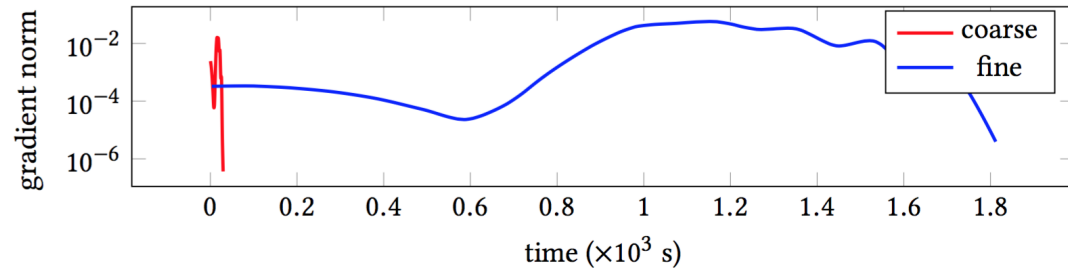
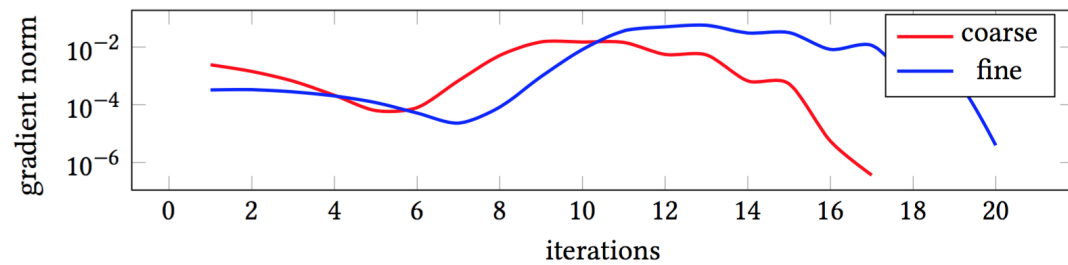


# Performance



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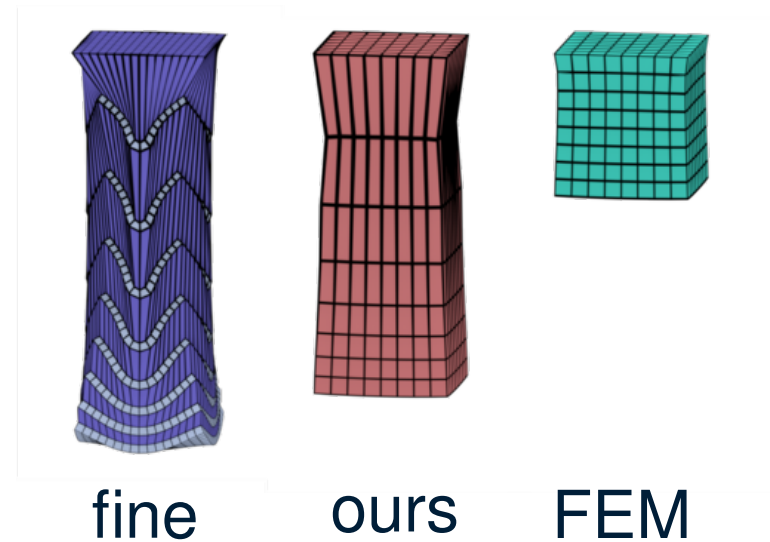
Coarse mesh: 4627 verts, 3272 cells



one level of coarsening  
about 1/8 nodes  
60x times faster!

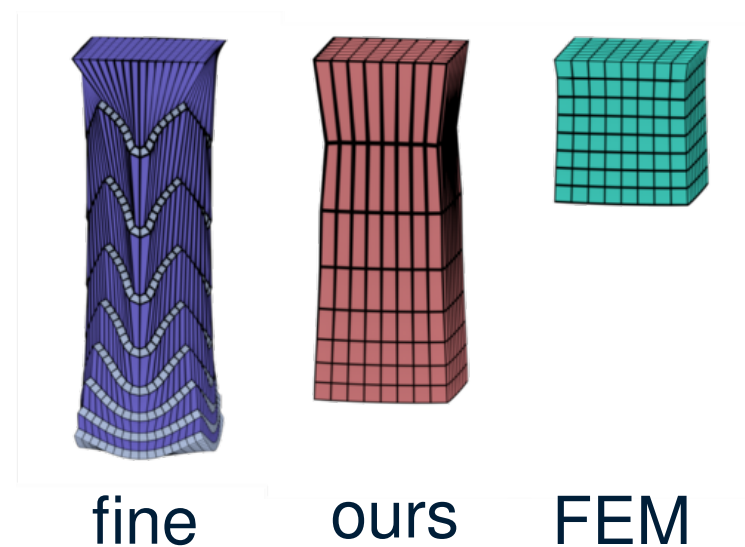
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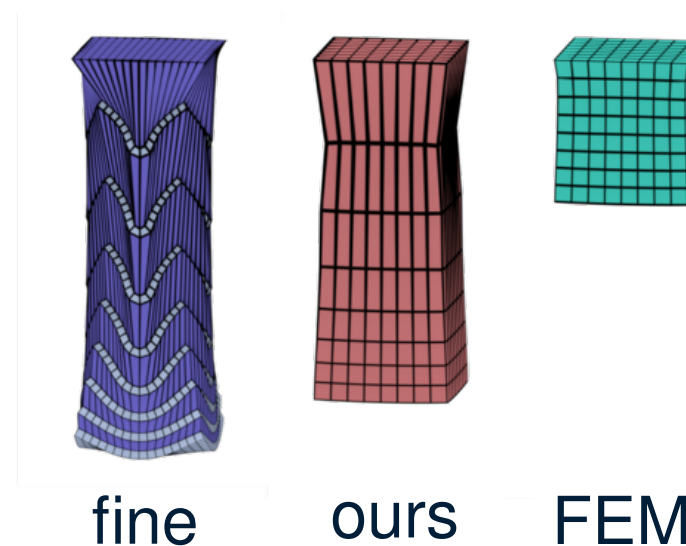
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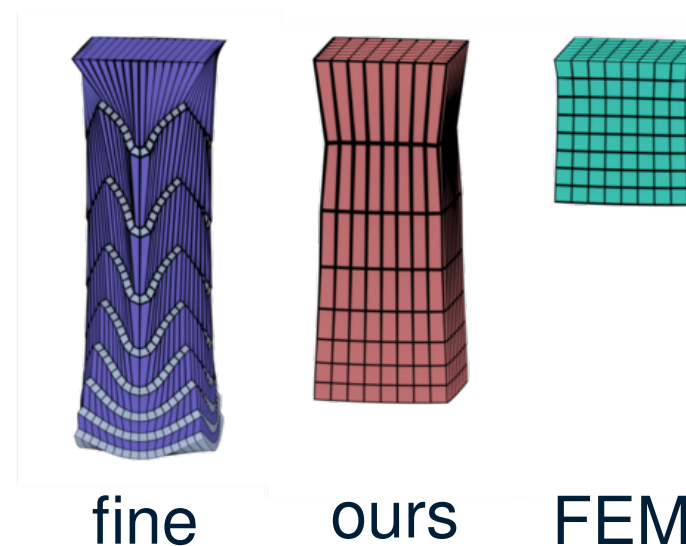
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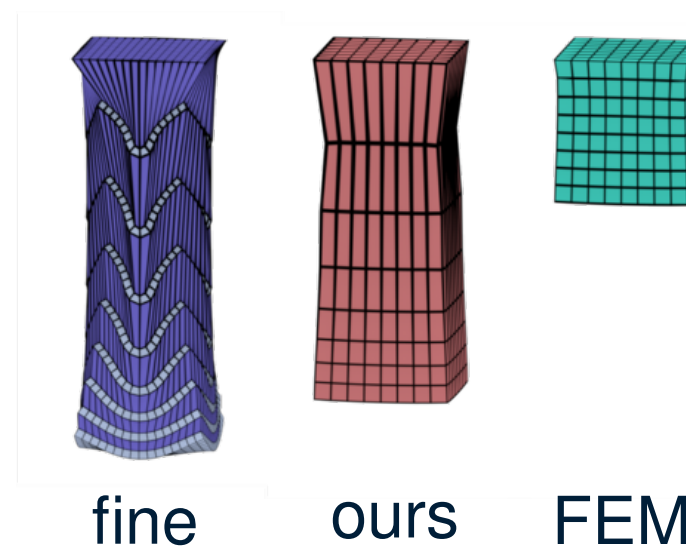
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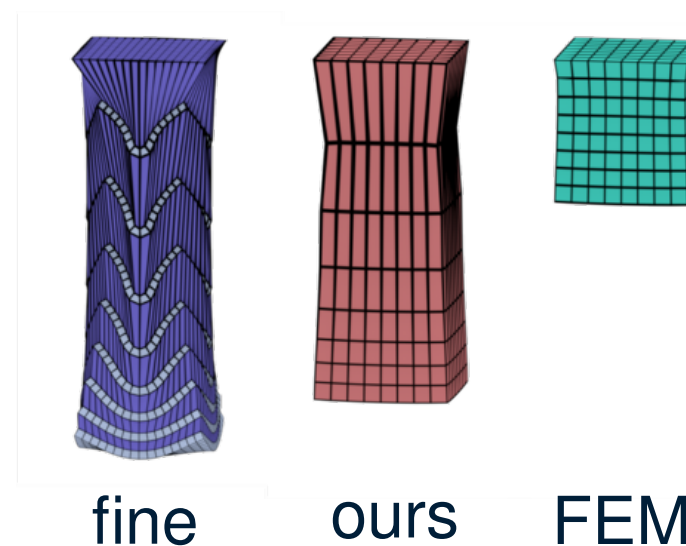
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