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# Discontinuous Galerkin Methods: An Overview and Some Applications

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- A model elliptic problem: weak or variational formulations
- The Galerkin finite element method: analysis and approximations
- Discontinuous Galerkin (DG) formulations
- Near-incompressibility in elasticity

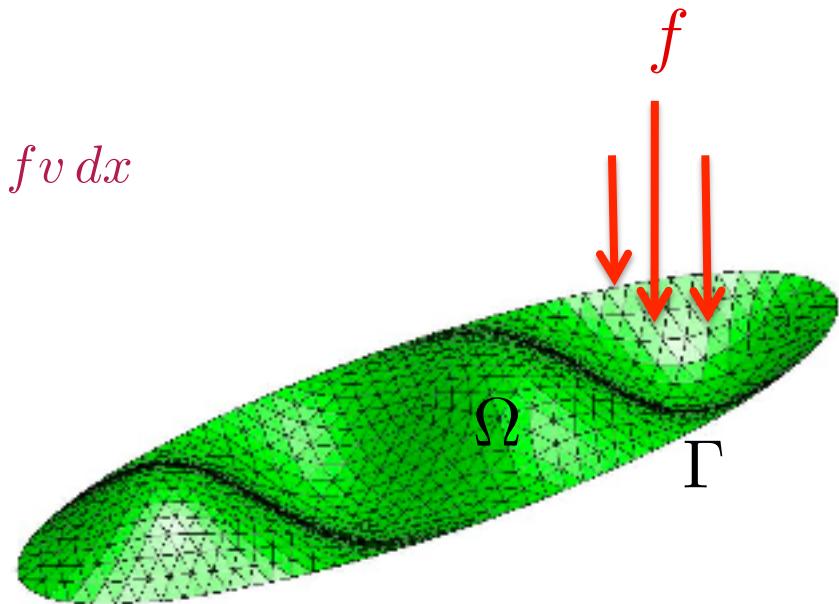
# Model problem: deformation of a membrane

Minimization of an “energy”

$$\min_v J(v) \quad J(v) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla v|^2 dx - \int_{\Omega} fv dx$$

The solution  $u$  satisfies the weak problem

$$\int_{\Omega} \nabla u \cdot \nabla v dx = \int_{\Omega} fv dx$$



for all functions  $v$  which satisfy  $v = 0$  on the boundary

Sufficiently smooth  $u$  satisfies the Poisson equation and boundary condition

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

$$\Delta u = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2}$$

# The membrane problem, continued

$$\min_{v \in V} J(v) := \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla v|^2 \, dx - \int_{\Omega} fv \, dx$$

$$\int_{\Omega} \nabla u \cdot \nabla v \, dx = \int_{\Omega} fv \, dx$$

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Define the bilinear form  $a(\cdot, \cdot)$  and linear functional  $\ell(\cdot)$

$$a : V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad a(u, v) = \int_{\Omega} \nabla u \cdot \nabla v \, dx$$
$$\ell : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad \ell(v) = \int_{\Omega} fv \, dx$$

Thus the above problem is

$$\min_{v \in V} \frac{1}{2}a(v, v) - \ell(v)$$

or equivalently

$$a(u, v) = \ell(v) \quad \forall v \in V$$

# Interlude: the Sobolev spaces $H^m(\Omega)$

Built from the Lebesgue space of square-integrable functions:

$$L^2(\Omega) = \left\{ v : \int_{\Omega} v^2 dx := \|v\|_0^2 < \infty \right\}$$

Define, for integer  $m \geq 0$ ,

$$H^m(\Omega) = \{v : D^\alpha v \in L^2(\Omega), |\alpha| \leq m\}$$

Seminorm  $|v|_m^2 = \sum_{|\alpha|=m} \int_{\Omega} |D^\alpha v|^2 dx$

$$D^\alpha v = \frac{\partial^{|\alpha|} v}{\partial x_1^{\alpha_1} \partial x_2^{\alpha_2}}$$
$$|\alpha| = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2$$

for problem in  $\mathbb{R}^2$

Hilbert space with induced norm  $\|v\|_m^2 = \sum_{|\alpha| \leq m} |v|_m^2$

e.g.  $\|v\|_1^2 = \int_{\Omega} \left[ |v|^2 + \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial x_1} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial x_2} \right)^2 \right] dx$

We will also need  $H_0^1(\Omega) = \{v \in H^1(\Omega) : v = 0 \text{ on } \Gamma\}$

# Well-posedness of the variational problem

$$\min_{w \in W} \frac{1}{2}a(w, w) - \ell(w)$$

This problem has a unique solution if:

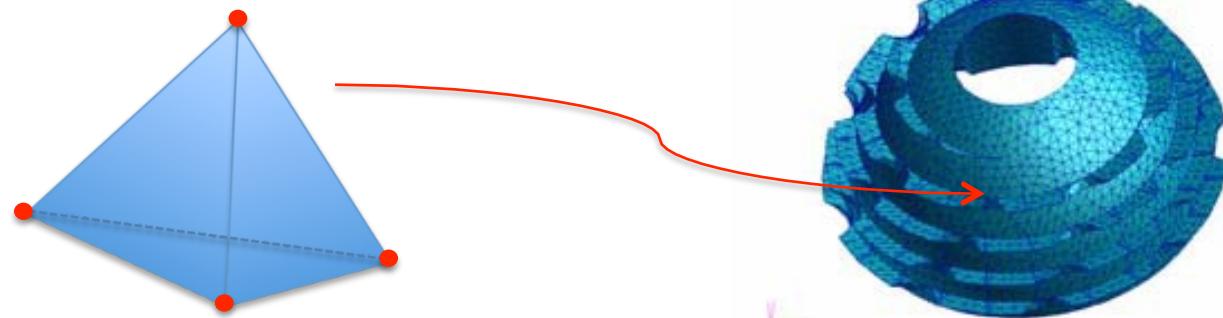
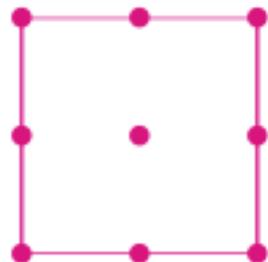
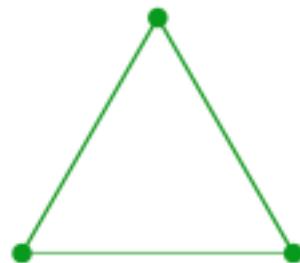
- $W$  is a closed subspace of a Hilbert space  $H$
- $a$  is coercive or  $W$ -elliptic:  $a(w, w) \geq \alpha \|w\|_H^2$
- $a$  is continuous:  $|a(w, z)| \leq M \|w\|_H \|z\|_H$
- $\ell$  is continuous:  $|\ell(z)| \leq C \|z\|_H$

The model problem has a unique solution in  $H_0^1(\Omega)$

# Finite element approximations

Aim: to pose the variational problem on a finite-dimensional subspace  $V^h \subset V$

1. Partition the domain into subdomains or finite elements
2. Construct a basis  $\{\varphi_i\}_{i=1}^N$  for  $V^h$  comprising continuous functions that are polynomials on each element



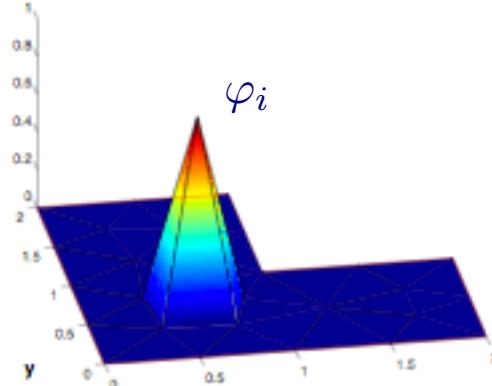
*portion of hip replacement:  
physical object and finite element model*

# The Galerkin finite element method

3. The piecewise-polynomial approximations can be written

$$u_h = \sum_i \varphi_i(\mathbf{x}) u_i \equiv \boldsymbol{\varphi} \mathbf{u}$$

$$v_h = \sum_i \varphi_i(\mathbf{x}) v_i \equiv \boldsymbol{\varphi} \mathbf{v}$$

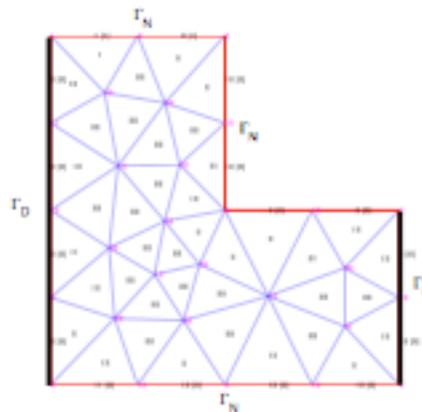


4. Substitute in the weak formulation  $a(u_h, v_h) = \ell(v_h)$  to obtain

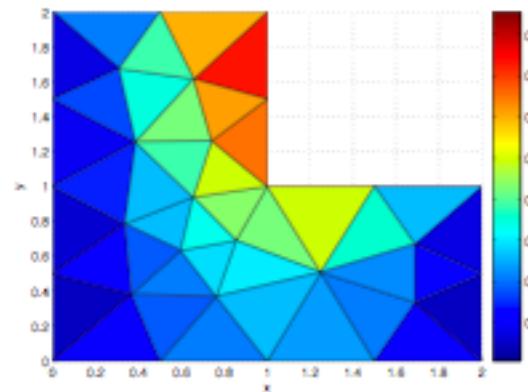
$$\sum_{i,j} v_i [a(\varphi_i, \varphi_j) u_i - \ell(\varphi_j)] = 0$$

$$\sum_i \underbrace{a(\varphi_i, \varphi_j) u_i}_{K_{ji}} = \underbrace{\ell(\varphi_j)}_{F_j}$$

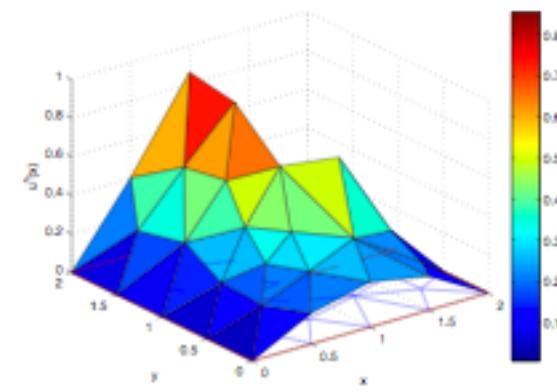
$$\mathbf{K}\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{F}$$



(a) Finite element mesh



(b) Finite element solution

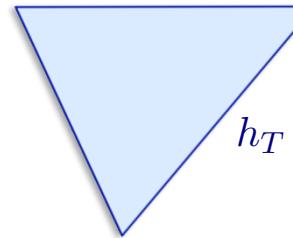


(c) Finite element solution

# Convergence of finite element approximations

- Construct  $V_h \subset V$  and seek  $u_h \in V_h$  such that for all  $v_h \in V_h$

$$a(u_h, v_h) = \ell(v_h) \quad \text{for all } v_h \in V_h \quad \longrightarrow \quad \mathbf{Ku} = \mathbf{F}$$



- $h_T = \text{diameter of } T$  mesh size  $h = \max_{T \in \mathcal{T}} h_T$

- Define the error by  $u - u_h$ : under what conditions do we have convergence in the sense that

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} u_h = u?$$

- Orthogonality of the error:  
$$\begin{aligned} a(u - u_h, v_h) &= a(u, v_h) - a(u_h, v_h) \\ &= \ell(v_h) - \ell(v_h) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

# An a priori estimate

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha \|u - u_h\|_V^2 &\leq a(u - u_h, u - u_h) && (V\text{-ellipticity}) \\ &= a(u - u_h, u - v_h) + a(u - u_h, v_h - u_h) \\ &\leq a(u - u_h, u - v_h) && (\text{orthogonality of error}) \\ &\leq M \|u - u_h\|_V \|u - v_h\|_V && (\text{continuity})\end{aligned}$$

$$\|u - u_h\|_1 \leq \bar{C} \inf_{v_h \in V_h} \|u - v_h\|_1$$

Céa's lemma

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Strategy for obtaining error bound: a) choose  $v_h$  to be the interpolate of  $u$  in  $V_h$   
b) use interpolation error estimate to bound actual error

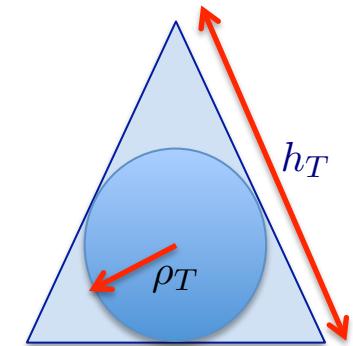
# Finite element interpolation theory

Ciarlet and Raviart *Arch. Rat. Mech. Anal.* 1972

$$h_T = \text{diameter of } T$$

$$\rho_T = \sup\{\text{diameter of } B; B \text{ a ball contained in } T\}$$

$$\sigma_T = h_T / \rho_T$$



Let  $\mathcal{T}$  be a triangulation of a bounded domain  $\Omega$  with polygonal boundary:

$$\bar{\Omega} = \bigcup_{T \in \mathcal{T}} T$$

Define the mesh size  $h = \max_{T \in \mathcal{T}} h_T$

A family of triangulations is regular as  $h \rightarrow 0$  if there exists  $\sigma > 0$  such that

$$\sigma_T \leq \sigma \quad \text{for all } T \in \mathcal{T}_h$$

# Finite element interpolation theory

(Local estimate) For a regular triangulation with  $v \in H^{k+1}(\Omega)$ ,  $k+1 \geq m$  and the interpolation operator  $\pi$  which maps functions to polynomials of degree  $\leq k$ ,

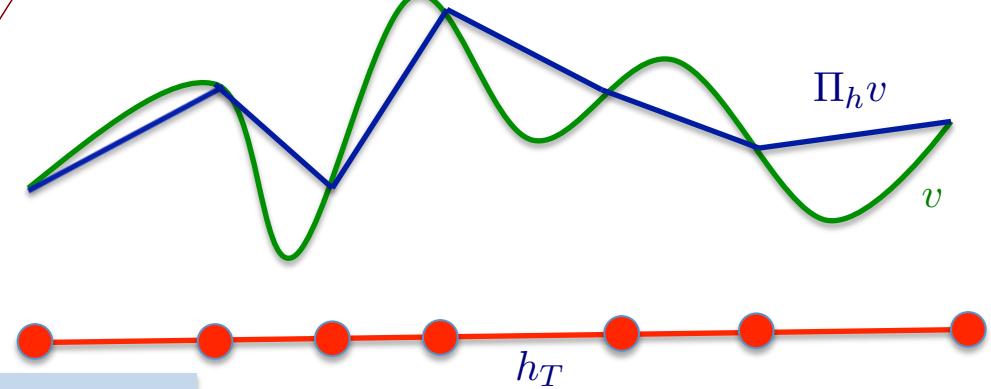
$$|v - \pi v|_{m,T} \leq Ch^{k+1-m}|v|_{k+1,T}$$

(Global estimate) Let  $\mathcal{T}$  be a uniformly regular triangulation of a polygonal domain. Define

$$V_h = \{v_h \in C(\bar{\Omega}) : v_h|_T \in P_k\} \cap V$$

$$\Pi_h : H^2(\Omega) \rightarrow V_h \quad (\text{global interpolator})$$

$$h = \max_T h_T$$



$$\|v - \Pi_h v\|_{m,\Omega} \leq Ch^{k+1-m}|v|_{k+1,\Omega} \quad m = 0, 1$$

# Convergence of finite element approximations

$$\begin{aligned}\|u - u_h\|_V &\leq C \inf_{v_h \in V_h} \|u - v_h\|_V \\ &\leq C \|u - \Pi_h u\|_V \\ &\leq Ch^{\min(k,r-1)} |u|_r\end{aligned}$$

So for the simplest approximation, by piecewise-linear simplices,

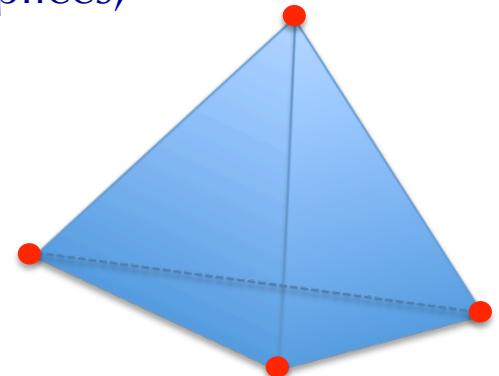
$$\|u - u_h\|_1 \leq Ch|u|_2$$

for the second-order elliptic equations

Could use piecewise-quadratic simplices ( $k = 2$ ) in which case

$$\|u - u_h\|_1 = O(h^2)$$

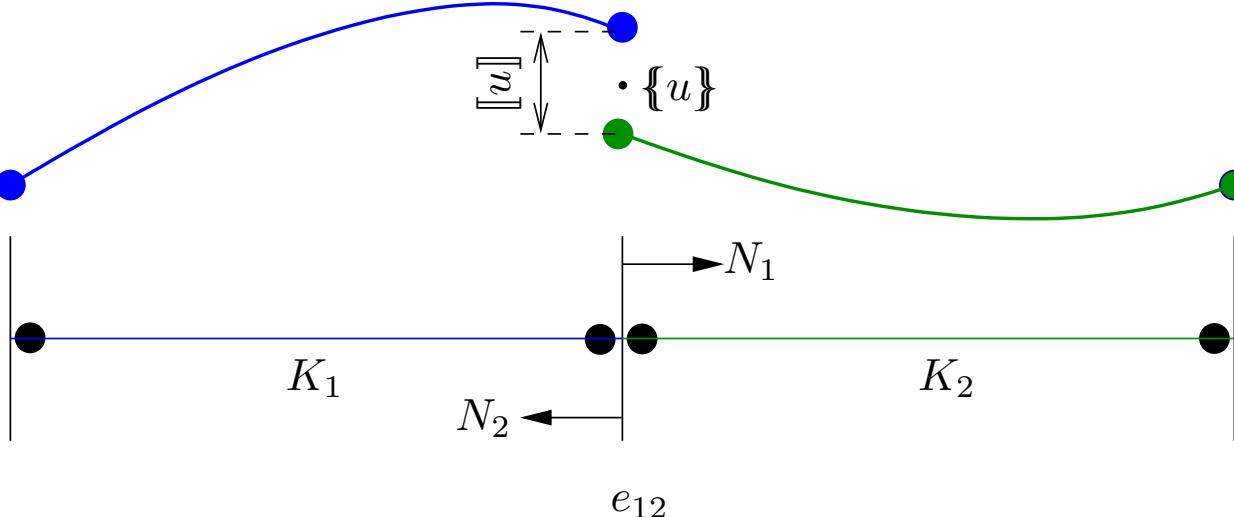
-- provided that the solution is smooth enough to belong to  $H^3(\Omega)$ !



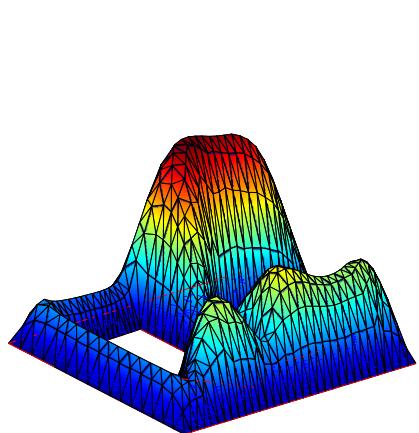
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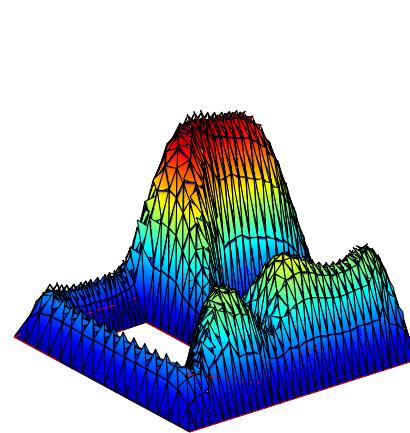
- Drop the condition of continuity
- So  $V_h \notin V$
- A member  $v_h \in V_h$  is now a polynomial on each element, but not continuous across element boundaries
- An immediate consequence: much greater number of degrees of freedom



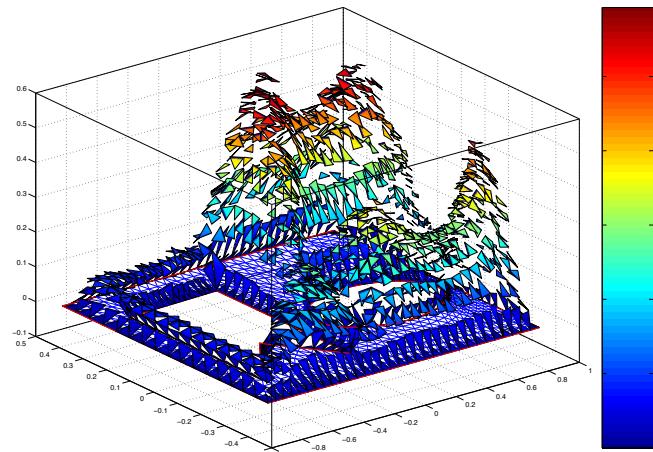
# What do solutions look like?



(a) Conforming approximation



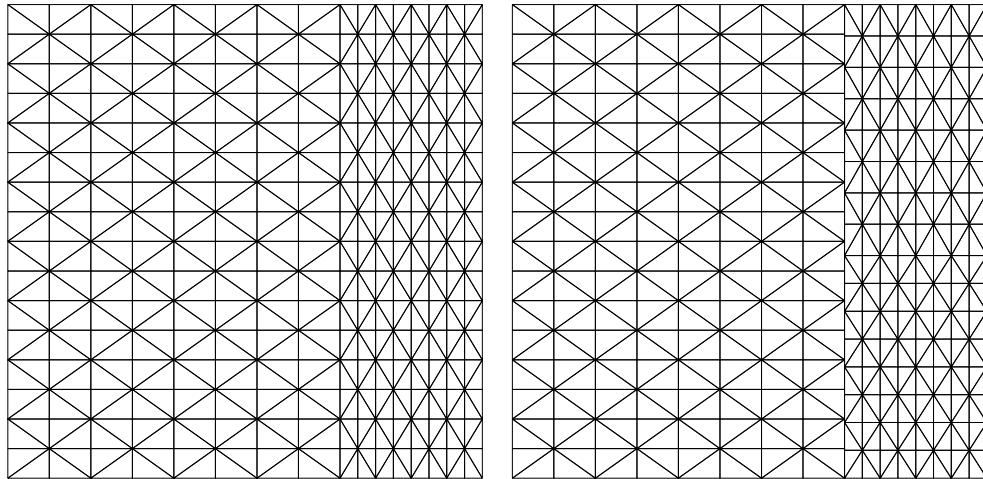
(b) Discontinuous Galerkin approximation



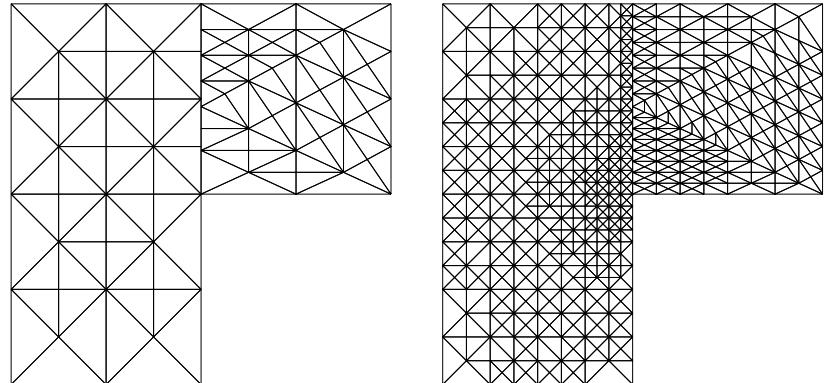
(c) Discontinuous Galerkin approximation with a large penalty parameter

# Why bother with DG?

Can accommodate hanging nodes



Useful in adaptive mesh refinement



# Efficiency and accuracy

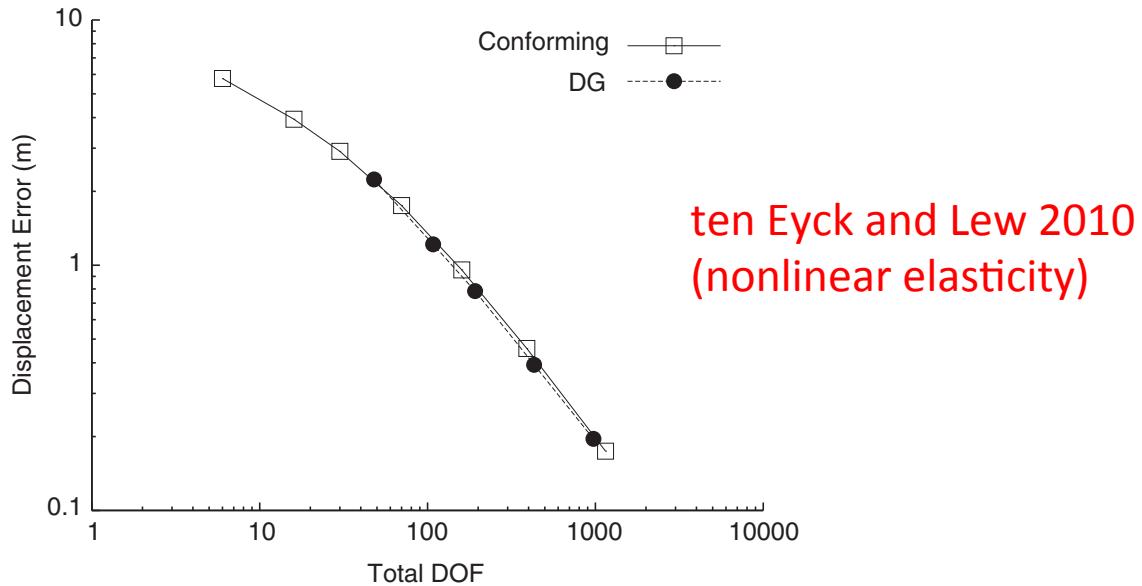


Figure 6. Plot of the  $L^2$ -norm over  $\mathcal{B}_0$  of the error in the displacement field as a function of the total number of degrees of freedom for the test in Section 6.1. Curves are shown for the discontinuous Galerkin method as well as for the conforming one. Remarkably, the two curves overlap, indicating that both methods provide the same accuracy for the same computational cost, i.e. for this example they are equally efficient.

# Our objective

- For the problem of deformations of elastic bodies DG methods show good behaviour for near-incompressibility with the use of low-order triangles in two dimensions, and tetrahedra in three
- DG with quadrilaterals and hexahedra less straightforward:
  - poor behaviour, including locking, for low-order approximations
- We show why this is so, and propose some remedies

# First, review derivation of heat equation

$\mathbf{q}$  = heat flux vector

**Heat equation:** Balance of energy       $\operatorname{div} \mathbf{q} = s$

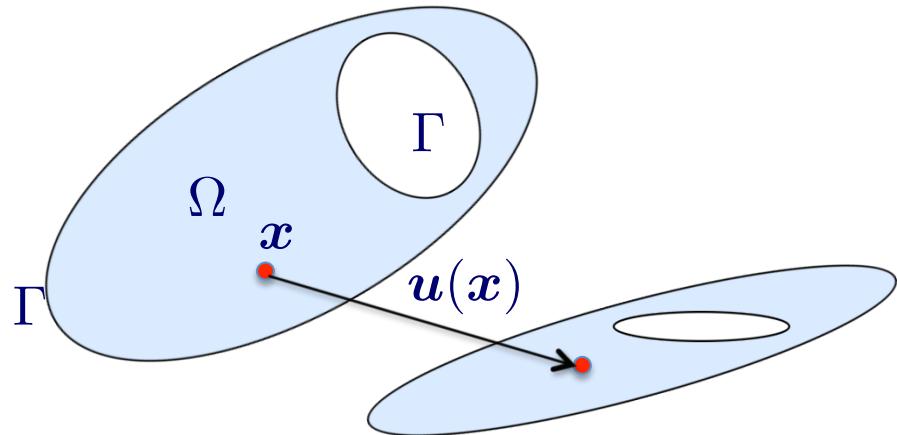
$s$  = heat source

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Fourier's law       $\mathbf{q} = -k \nabla \vartheta$

give the (steady) heat equation       $-k \Delta \vartheta = s$

# Governing equations for elasticity



displacement vector  $\mathbf{u}$

stress tensor or matrix  $\boldsymbol{\sigma}$

Elasticity:

Equilibrium

$$-\operatorname{div} \boldsymbol{\sigma} = \mathbf{f}$$

+

Hooke's law

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma} = \lambda \operatorname{div} \mathbf{u} + (\nabla \mathbf{u} + [\nabla \mathbf{u}]^T)$$

give Navier's equation

$$-\bar{\Delta} \mathbf{u} = -[\Delta \mathbf{u} + (1 + \lambda) \nabla \operatorname{div} \mathbf{u}] = \mathbf{f}$$

Equivalent to minimization problem

$$\min_{\mathbf{u}} J(\mathbf{u}) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla_s \mathbf{u}|^2 + (1 + \lambda)(\operatorname{div} \mathbf{u})^2 \, dV - \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{f} \cdot \mathbf{u} \, dV$$

Define  $a(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) = \int_{\Omega} [\nabla_s \mathbf{u} : \nabla_s \mathbf{v} + (1 + \lambda) \operatorname{div} \mathbf{u} \operatorname{div} \mathbf{v}] \, dx$   
 $\ell(\mathbf{v}) = \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{f} \cdot \mathbf{v} \, dx$

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla_s \mathbf{u} &= \frac{1}{2} [\nabla \mathbf{u} + (\nabla \mathbf{u})^T] \\ (\nabla_s \mathbf{u})_{ij} &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial u_j}{\partial x_i} \right)\end{aligned}$$

Then the minimization problem is  $\min_{\mathbf{v} \in V} \frac{1}{2} a(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v}) - \ell(\mathbf{v})$

or equivalently  $a(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) = \ell(\mathbf{v})$

which has a unique solution in  $V := [H_0^1(\Omega)]^d$

Furthermore (Brenner and Sung 1992) the solution satisfies

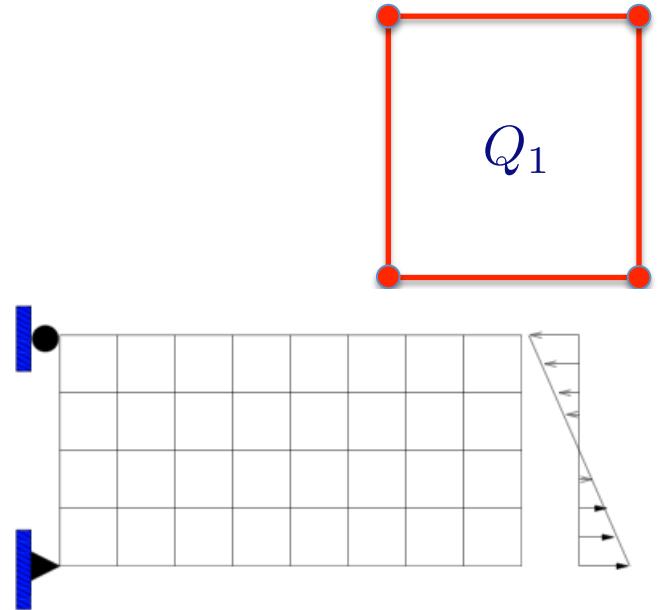
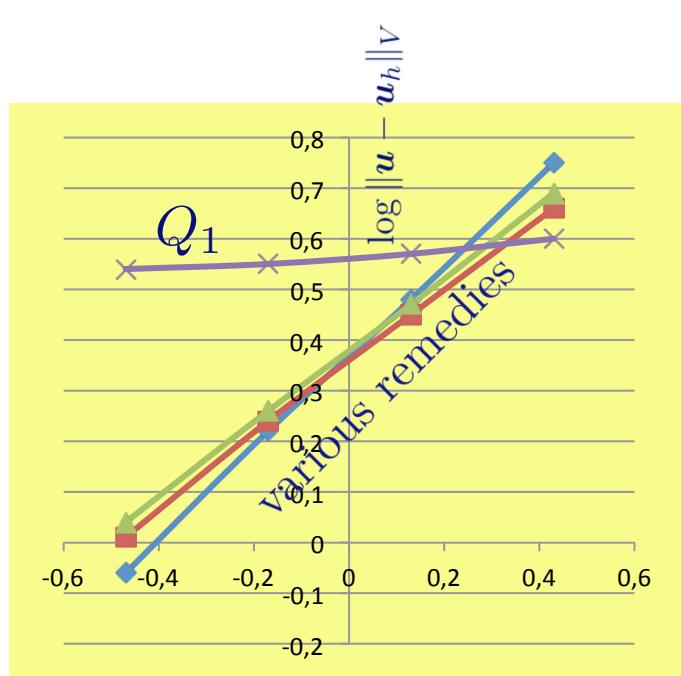
$$\mathbf{u} \in [H^2(\Omega)]^2 \quad \|\mathbf{u}\|_{H^2} + \lambda \|\operatorname{div} \mathbf{u}\|_{H^1} \leq C \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^2}$$

# Locking

The use of low-order elements leads to a non-physical solution in the incompressible limit

$$a(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) = \int_{\Omega} [\nabla_s \mathbf{u} : \nabla_s \mathbf{v} + (1 + \lambda) \operatorname{div} \mathbf{u} \operatorname{div} \mathbf{v}] \ dx$$

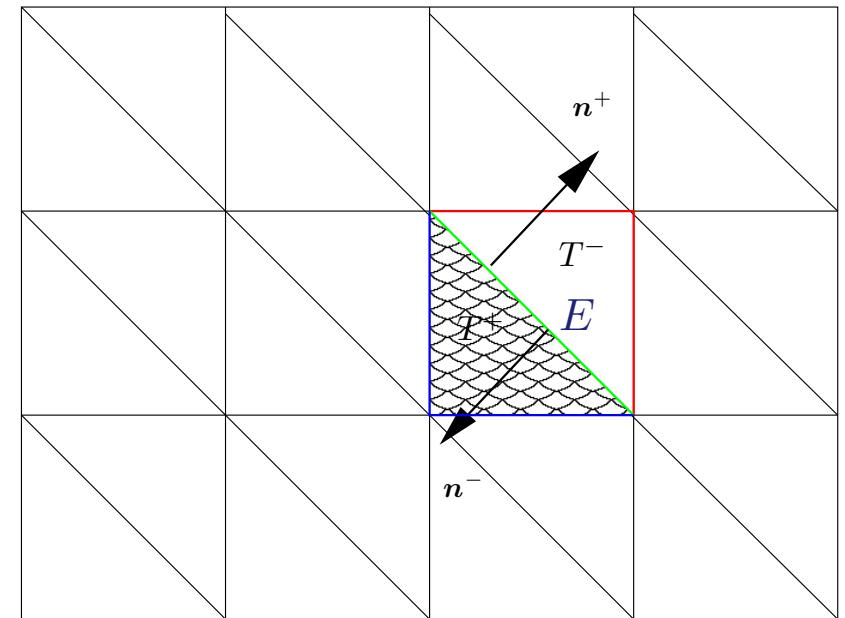
$$\lambda \rightarrow \infty \quad \operatorname{div} \mathbf{u} \rightarrow 0$$



We explore the use of DG methods as a remedy for locking

# DG formulation: some definitions

Jumps and averages:  
on an interior edge  $E$  of element  $T$ ,



$$[v] = v^+ \cdot n^+ + v^- \cdot n^-,$$

$$[\![v]\!] = v^+ \otimes n^+ + v^- \otimes n^-, \quad \{v\} = \frac{1}{2}(v^+ + v^-)$$

$$[\![\tau]\!] = \tau^+ n^+ + \tau^- n^-, \quad \{\tau\} = \frac{1}{2}(\tau^+ + \tau^-)$$

For example  $[\![\tau]\!] = (\tau^+ - \tau^-)n^+$

On an edge that forms part of the boundary,  $[\![v]\!] = v \otimes n$   
 $\{\tau\} = \tau n$

# Setting it up

$$-\bar{\Delta} \mathbf{u} = -\underbrace{[\Delta \mathbf{u} + (1 + \lambda) \nabla \operatorname{div} \mathbf{u}]}_{-\operatorname{div} \boldsymbol{\sigma}} = \mathbf{f}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma} = \lambda \operatorname{div} \mathbf{u} + (\nabla \mathbf{u} + [\nabla \mathbf{u}]^T)$$

- take the inner product with a test function
- integrate, and integrate by parts

$$-\int_{\Omega} \operatorname{div} \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{v} \, dV = \int_V \mathbf{f} \cdot \mathbf{v} \, dV$$

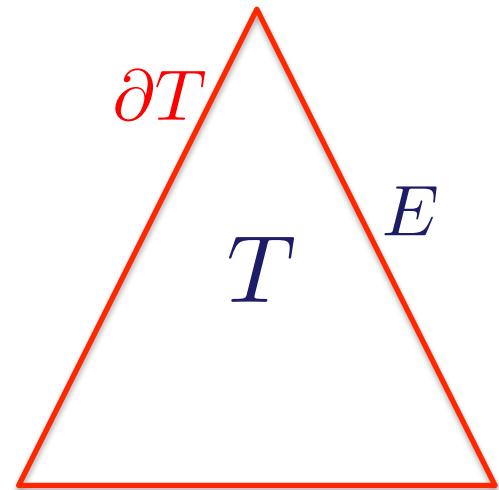
Consider the left-hand side:

$$\int_{\Omega} \operatorname{div} \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{v} \, dV = \sum_T \int_T \operatorname{div} \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{v} \, dV$$

$$\int_{\Omega} \operatorname{div} \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{v} \, dV = \sum_T \int_{\partial T} \boldsymbol{\sigma} \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{v} \, ds - \sum_T \int_T \boldsymbol{\sigma} : \nabla_s \mathbf{v} \, dV$$

Thus weak equation is now

$$-\sum_T \int_{\partial T} \boldsymbol{\sigma} \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{v} \, ds + \sum_T \int_T \boldsymbol{\sigma} : \nabla_s \mathbf{v} \, dV = \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{f} \cdot \mathbf{v} \, dV$$



Next, we need the “magic formula”

$$\sum_T \int_{\partial T} \mathbf{v} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} \mathbf{n} \, ds = \sum_E \int_E [\![\mathbf{v}]\!] : \{\boldsymbol{\sigma}\} \, ds + \sum_{E_{\text{int}}} \int_{E_{\text{int}}} \{\mathbf{v}\} \cdot [\![\boldsymbol{\sigma}]\!] \, ds$$

This gives

$$-\sum_E \int_E \llbracket \mathbf{v} \rrbracket : \{\boldsymbol{\sigma}\} \, ds - \sum_{E_{\text{int}}} \int_{E_{\text{int}}} \{\mathbf{v}\} \cdot \llbracket \boldsymbol{\sigma} \rrbracket \, ds + \int_{\Omega} \boldsymbol{\sigma} : \nabla_s \mathbf{v} \, dV = \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{f} \cdot \mathbf{v} \, dV$$

Since the exact solution is smooth ( $\mathbf{u} \in [H^2(\Omega)]^d$ ) and the stress is continuous we can assume that

$$\llbracket \boldsymbol{\sigma} \rrbracket = 0$$

which leaves

$$-\sum_E \int_E \llbracket \mathbf{v} \rrbracket : \{\boldsymbol{\sigma}\} \, ds + \int_{\Omega} \boldsymbol{\sigma} : \nabla_s \mathbf{v} \, dV = \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{f} \cdot \mathbf{v} \, dV$$

Exploiting again the smoothness of the exact solution we can add a term to symmetrize the problem:

$$-\sum_E \int_E [\![\mathbf{v}]\!] : \{\boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{u})\} ds - \sum_E \int_E [\![\mathbf{u}]\!] : \{\boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{v})\} ds \quad [\![\mathbf{u}]\!] = \mathbf{0}$$

$$+ \sum_E \int_{\Omega} \boldsymbol{\sigma} : \nabla_s \mathbf{v} dV = \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{f} \cdot \mathbf{v} dV$$

Finally, we may need to stabilize the problem: this gives us the **symmetric interior penalty (SIP)** formulation (Douglas and Dupont 1976)

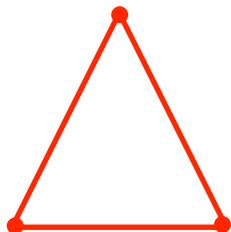
$$-\sum_E \int_E [\![\mathbf{v}]\!] : \{\boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{u})\} ds - \sum_E \int_E [\![\mathbf{u}]\!] : \{\boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{v})\} ds + k \sum_E \int_E \frac{1}{h_E} [\![\mathbf{u}]\!][\![\mathbf{v}]\!]$$

$$+ \sum_E \int_{\Omega} \boldsymbol{\sigma} : \nabla_s \mathbf{v} dV = \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{f} \cdot \mathbf{v} dV$$

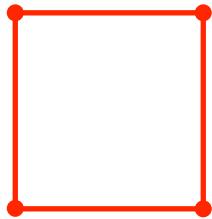
# The DG formulation

$$V_h = \left\{ \boldsymbol{v}_h : \boldsymbol{v}_h \in [L^2(\Omega)]^d, \boldsymbol{v}_h|_T \in P_1(T) \text{ or } Q_1(T) \right\}$$

$$P_1(T) : \quad \boldsymbol{v}_h = \boldsymbol{a}_0 + \boldsymbol{a}_1 x + \boldsymbol{a}_2 y$$



$$Q_1(T) : \quad \boldsymbol{v}_h = \boldsymbol{a}_0 + \boldsymbol{a}_1 x + \boldsymbol{a}_2 y + \boldsymbol{a}_3 xy$$



$$V_h = \{\boldsymbol{v}_h : \boldsymbol{v}_h \in [L^2(\Omega)]^d, \boldsymbol{v}_h|_T \in P_1(T) \text{ or } Q_1(T)\}$$

$$a_h(\boldsymbol{u}_h, \boldsymbol{v}_h) = \ell(\boldsymbol{v}_h)$$

$$a_h(\boldsymbol{u}, \boldsymbol{v})$$

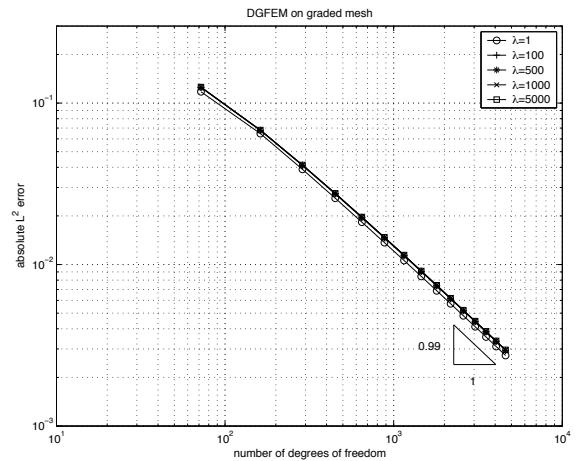
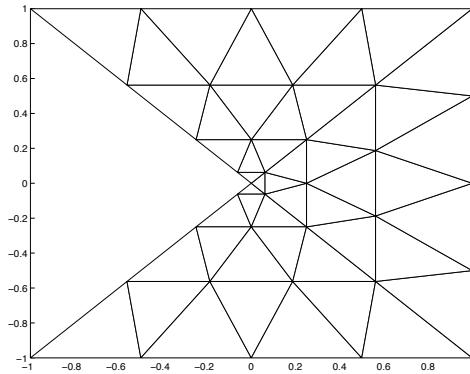
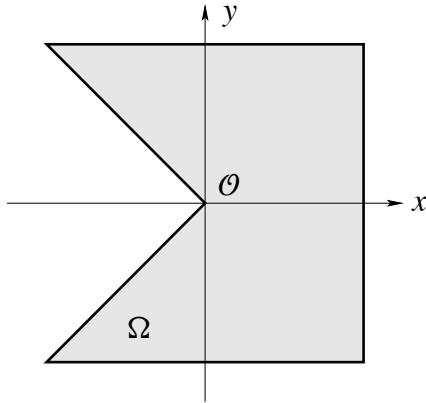
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$$+ k \sum_E \int_E \frac{1}{h_E} \llbracket \boldsymbol{u} \rrbracket \llbracket \boldsymbol{v} \rrbracket = \int_{\Omega} \boldsymbol{f} \cdot \boldsymbol{v} \, dV$$

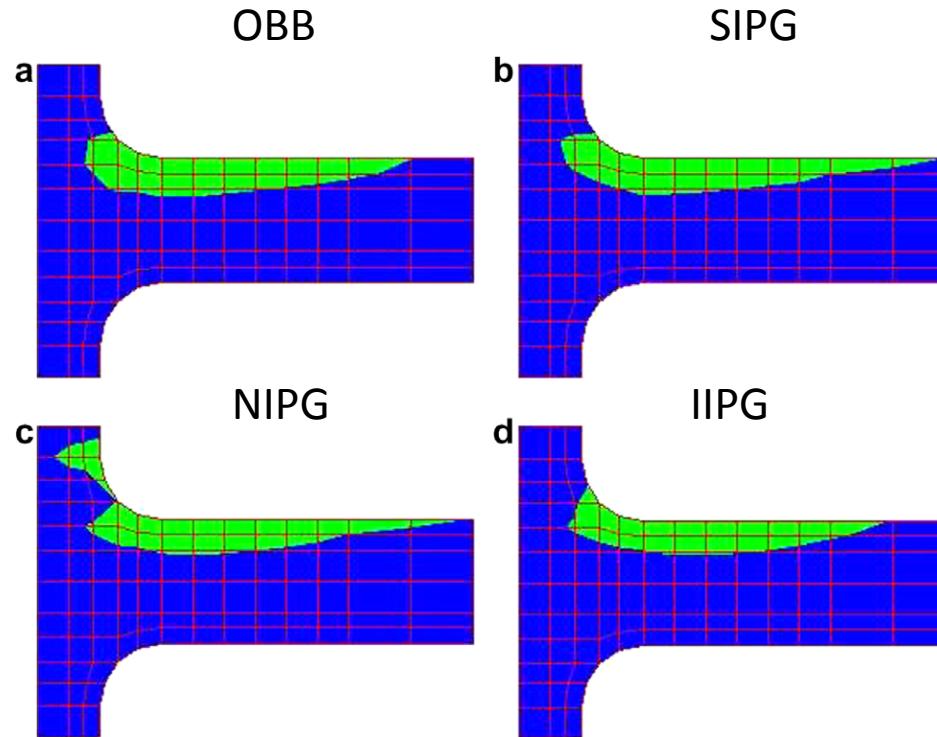
$$\theta = \begin{cases} +1 & \text{Nonsymmetric Interior Penalty Galerkin (NIPG)} \\ & \text{RIVIÈRE \& WHEELER 1999, 2000; ODEN, BABUSKA \& BAUMANN 1998} \\ -1 & \text{Symmetric Interior Penalty Galerkin (SIPG)} \\ & \text{DOUGLAS \& DUPONT 1976, ARNOLD 1982, HANSBO \& LARSON 2002} \\ 0 & \text{Incomplete Interior Penalty Galerkin (IIPG)} \\ & \text{DAWSON, SUN AND WHEELER 2004} \end{cases}$$

# DG with triangles is uniformly convergent

WIHLER 2002



# Some computational results with quads appear to show locking-free behaviour ...

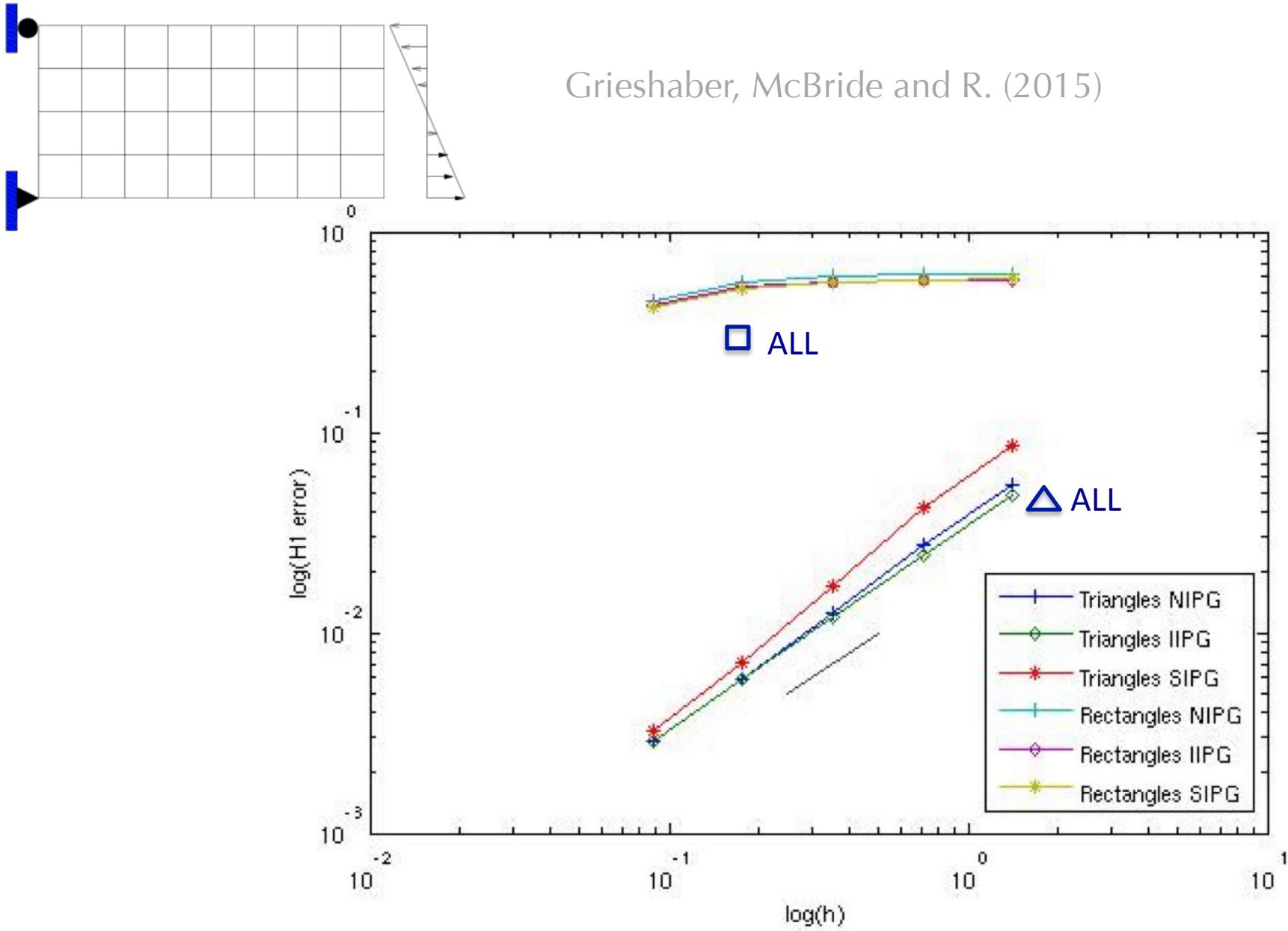


**Fig. 8.** Tensile stress contours ( $\sigma_y > 0.15$  MPa) of DG solutions of beam problem with Poisson's ratio 0.499. (a) OBB; (b) SIPG;  $\delta_p = 30$ ; (c) NIPG;  $\delta_p = 10$ ; and (d) IIPG;  $\delta_p = 50$ .

LIU, WHEELER AND DAWSON 2009

These authors report good results using all methods

**... but not so in other cases**



- We know that DG works for simplicial elements
- Some authors report good results for quads
- We find locking for a simple example
- What's going on?

# Let's see why DG with triangles works

$$\begin{aligned}
a_h(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) := & \sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}_h} \int_T \boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{u}) : \nabla_s \mathbf{v} + \theta \sum_{E \in \Gamma} \int_E \llbracket \mathbf{u} \rrbracket : \{\boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{v})\} - \sum_{E \in \Gamma} \int_E \{\boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{u})\} : \llbracket \mathbf{v} \rrbracket \\
& + k_\mu \mu \sum_{E \in \Gamma} \int_E \frac{1}{h_E} \llbracket \mathbf{u} \rrbracket : \llbracket \mathbf{v} \rrbracket + k_\lambda \lambda \sum_{E \in \Gamma} \frac{1}{h_E} \int_E \llbracket \mathbf{u} \rrbracket : \llbracket \mathbf{v} \rrbracket
\end{aligned}$$

(note the use of two stabilization terms)

$$\begin{aligned}
:= & 2\mu \left[ \sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}_h} \int_T \nabla_s \mathbf{u} : \nabla_s \mathbf{v} \, dx + \theta \sum_{E \in \Gamma} \int_E \llbracket \mathbf{u} \rrbracket : \{\nabla_s \mathbf{v}\} - \sum_{E \in \Gamma} \int_E \{\nabla \mathbf{u}\} : \llbracket \mathbf{v} \rrbracket + k_\mu \sum_{E \in \Gamma} \int_E \frac{1}{2h_E} \llbracket \mathbf{u} \rrbracket : \llbracket \mathbf{v} \rrbracket \right] \\
& + \lambda \left[ + \sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}_h} \int_T (\operatorname{div} \mathbf{u})(\operatorname{div} \mathbf{v}) + \theta \sum_{E \in \Gamma} \int_E \llbracket \mathbf{u} \rrbracket : \{(\operatorname{div} \mathbf{v}) \mathbf{I}\} - \sum_{E \in \Gamma} \int_E \{(\operatorname{div} \mathbf{u}) \mathbf{I}\} : \llbracket \mathbf{v} \rrbracket \, ds \right. \\
& \quad \text{(I)} \qquad \qquad \qquad \text{(II)} \qquad \qquad \qquad \text{(III)} \\
& \quad \left. + k_\lambda \sum_{E \in \Gamma} \frac{1}{h_E} \int_E \llbracket \mathbf{u} \rrbracket : \llbracket \mathbf{v} \rrbracket \right] \\
& \quad \text{(IV)}
\end{aligned}$$

# Error analysis for linear triangles: NIPG

Approximation error     $e = \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_h$                                    $\Pi\mathbf{u}$  = interpolant of  $\mathbf{u}$

$$= \underbrace{\mathbf{u} - \Pi\mathbf{u}}_{\eta} + \underbrace{\Pi\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_h}_{\xi}$$

interpolation error

Use Crouzeix-Raviart interpolant: linear on triangles,  
continuous at midpoints of edges

Properties:       $\int_E (\mathbf{u} - \Pi\mathbf{u}) \cdot \mathbf{n} \ ds = 0$

$$\int_T \operatorname{div}(\mathbf{u} - \Pi\mathbf{u}) \ dV = 0$$

$$e = \eta + \xi$$

$$\eta = u - \Pi u$$

$$\xi = \Pi u - u_h$$

$$\xi \in V_h \Rightarrow \operatorname{div} \xi, \quad \sigma(\xi) \text{ const.}$$

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$\lambda$ -terms in error bound can be handled as follows: for example,

$$(I) = \lambda \sum_T \int_T (\operatorname{div} \eta)(\operatorname{div} \xi) \, ds = \lambda \sum_T \operatorname{div} \xi \int_T \operatorname{div} \eta \, ds = 0$$

to give eventually

$$\|e\|_{\text{DG}}^2 \leq Ch^2 \left( \|u\|_{H^2(\Omega)}^2 + \lambda^2 \|\operatorname{div} u\|_{H^1(\Omega)}^2 \right)$$

Use estimate  $\|u\|_{H^2} + \lambda \|\operatorname{div} u\|_{H^1} \leq C \|f\|_{L^2}$  to get uniform convergence

# Convergence analysis for quadrilaterals

First need to construct a suitable interpolant  $\Pi\mathbf{u} \in V_h$

As before  $e = \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_h$

$$= \underbrace{\mathbf{u} - \Pi\mathbf{u}}_{\eta} + \underbrace{\Pi\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_h}_{\xi}$$

and  $\Pi\mathbf{u}$  must satisfy

$$\int_E (\mathbf{u} - \Pi\mathbf{u}) \cdot \mathbf{n} \ ds = 0$$

$$\int_E [\mathbf{u} - \Pi\mathbf{u}] \cdot \mathbf{n} \ ds = 0$$

$$\int_{\partial T} (\mathbf{u} - \Pi\mathbf{u}) \cdot \mathbf{n} \ ds = 0$$

# The interpolant

Inspired by DOUGLAS, SANTOS, SHEEN & YE 1999; CIA, DOUGLAS, YE 1999:

Construct interpolant with span

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1, x, y, \theta(x) + \kappa(y) \\ 1, x, y, \kappa(x) + \theta(y) \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\theta(x) &= 3x^2 - 10x^4 + 7x^6 \\ \kappa(x) &= -3x^2 + 5x^4\end{aligned}$$

Define  $\Pi u$  as orthogonal projection on element

# Error bound

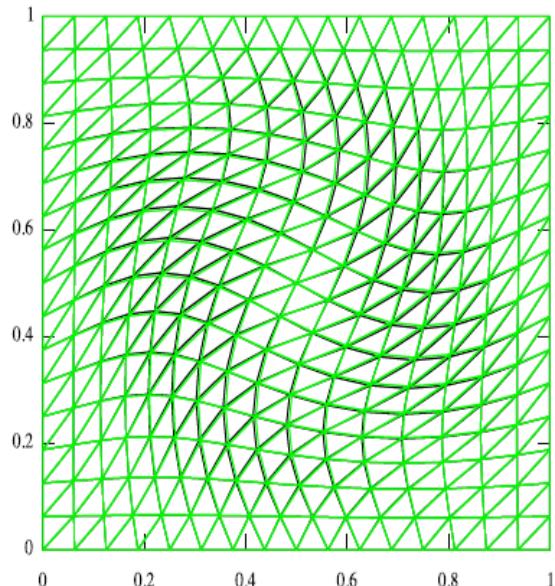
Eventually get

$$\|\tilde{\mathbf{u}} - \mathbf{u}_h\|_{\text{DG}}^2 \leq C \sum_T h_T^2 \left( \|\mathbf{u}\|_{H^2(T)}^2 + \underline{\lambda^2 \|\mathbf{u}\|_{H^2(T)}^2} + \lambda^2 \|\operatorname{div} \mathbf{u}\|_{H^1(T)}^2 \right)$$

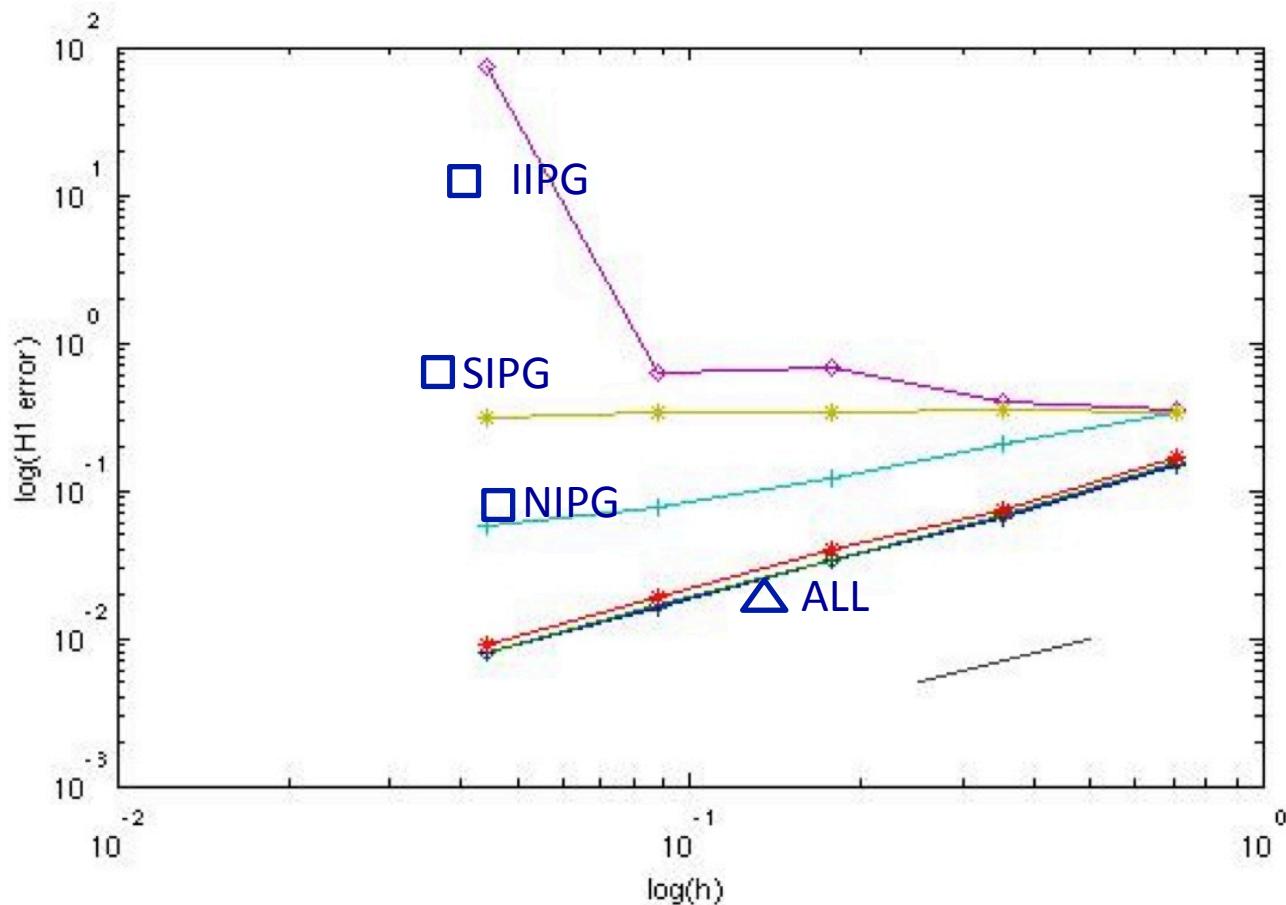
**so not possible to bound  $\lambda$ -dependent term**

# Example: square plate

BRENNER SINUM 1993



$$\Omega = (0, 1)^2 \quad \mu = 1$$



$$\begin{aligned} u_1(x, y) &= \sin 2\pi y (-1 + \cos 2\pi x) + \frac{1}{1+\lambda} \sin \pi x \sin \pi y \\ u_2(x, y) &= \sin 2\pi x (1 - \cos 2\pi y) + \frac{1}{1+\lambda} \sin \pi x \sin \pi y \end{aligned}$$

# A remedy: selective reduced integration (SRI)

Recall classical SRI for elasticity problem:

to overcome volumetric locking one replaces

$$\int_{\Omega} [\nabla_s \mathbf{u}_h : \nabla_s \mathbf{v}_h + \underbrace{\lambda (\operatorname{div} \mathbf{u}) (\operatorname{div} \mathbf{v})}_{\text{volumetric term}}] \, dV$$

by

$$\int_{\Omega} [\nabla_s \mathbf{u}_h : \nabla_s \mathbf{v}_h \, dV + \underbrace{\lambda \sum_T w_T \operatorname{div} \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}_T) \operatorname{div} \mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}_T)}_{\text{underintegration of volumetric term}}]$$

or

$$\int_{\Omega} [\nabla_s \mathbf{u}_h : \nabla_s \mathbf{v}_h \, dV + \lambda \sum_T \int_T (\Pi_0 \operatorname{div} \mathbf{u})(\Pi_0 \operatorname{div} \mathbf{v}) \, dV]$$

$$\Pi_0 \operatorname{div} \mathbf{v} = \frac{1}{|T|} \int_T \operatorname{div} \mathbf{v} \, dV$$

**Underintegration applied to (II) gives**

$$\begin{aligned}
 \theta\lambda \int_E [[\boldsymbol{\xi}]] \{\operatorname{div} \boldsymbol{\eta}\} \, ds &\simeq \theta\lambda \int_E \Pi_0[[\boldsymbol{\xi}]] \Pi_0 \{\operatorname{div} \boldsymbol{\eta}\} \, ds \\
 &= \theta\lambda \Pi_0 \{\operatorname{div} \boldsymbol{\eta}\} \int_E \Pi_0[[\boldsymbol{\xi}]] \, ds \\
 &= \theta\lambda \Pi_0 \{\operatorname{div} \boldsymbol{\eta}\} \int_E [[\boldsymbol{\xi}]] \, ds = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

Replace (IV) with

$$\begin{aligned}
 k_\lambda \lambda \theta \sum_E \int_E \Pi_0[[\boldsymbol{\xi}]] \Pi_0[[\boldsymbol{\eta}]] &= k_\lambda \lambda \theta \sum_E \int_E [[\Pi_0 \boldsymbol{\xi}]] [[\boldsymbol{\eta}]] \\
 &= k_\lambda \lambda \theta \sum_E \Pi_0[[\boldsymbol{\xi}]] \int_E [[\boldsymbol{\eta}]] \\
 &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

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 \end{aligned}$$

Eventually get

$$a_h(\boldsymbol{\eta}, \boldsymbol{\xi}) \leq C \|\boldsymbol{\xi}\|_{\text{DG}} \left( \sum_T h_T^2 \underbrace{\left( \|\boldsymbol{u}\|_{H^2}^2 + \lambda^2 \|\operatorname{div} \boldsymbol{u}\|_{H^1}^2 \right)}_{\leq C \|\mathbf{f}\|^2} \right)^{1/2}$$

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## Coercivity

NIPG: OK for SRI on terms (II) and (III)

SIPG: OK for SRI on terms (II), (III), (IV)

IIPG: OK for SRI on terms (III) and (IV)

Term (III) when underintegrated leads to a **consistency error**

$$|E^{\text{RI}}(\boldsymbol{u}, \boldsymbol{\xi})| = \lambda \left| \sum_E \int_E \left( \Pi_0 \{\operatorname{div} \boldsymbol{u}\} \operatorname{tr} \Pi_0 [[\boldsymbol{\xi}]] - \{\operatorname{div} \boldsymbol{u}\} \operatorname{tr} [[\boldsymbol{\xi}]] \right) ds \right|$$

which can be controlled

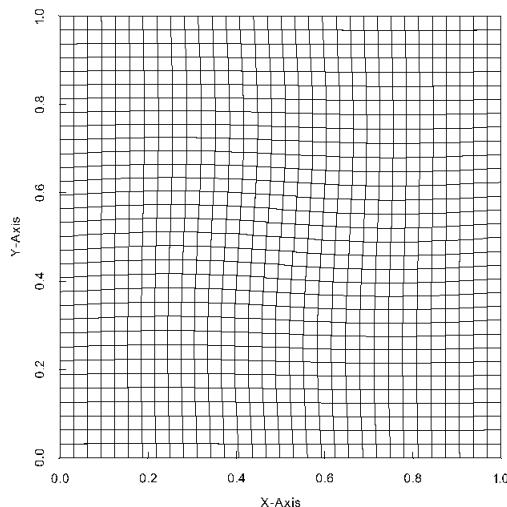
# Locking-free (uniformly convergent) behaviour



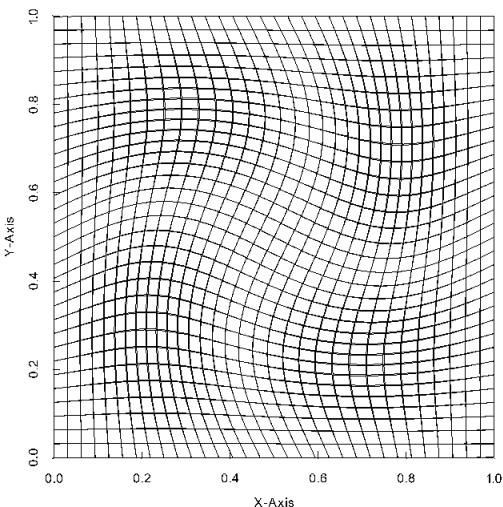
	$\mathcal{P}_1$	$\mathcal{Q}_1$	$\mathcal{Q}_1 + \text{SRI}$
SIP	✓	✗	✓
NIP	✓	✗	✓
IIP	✓	✗	✓

# Square plate:

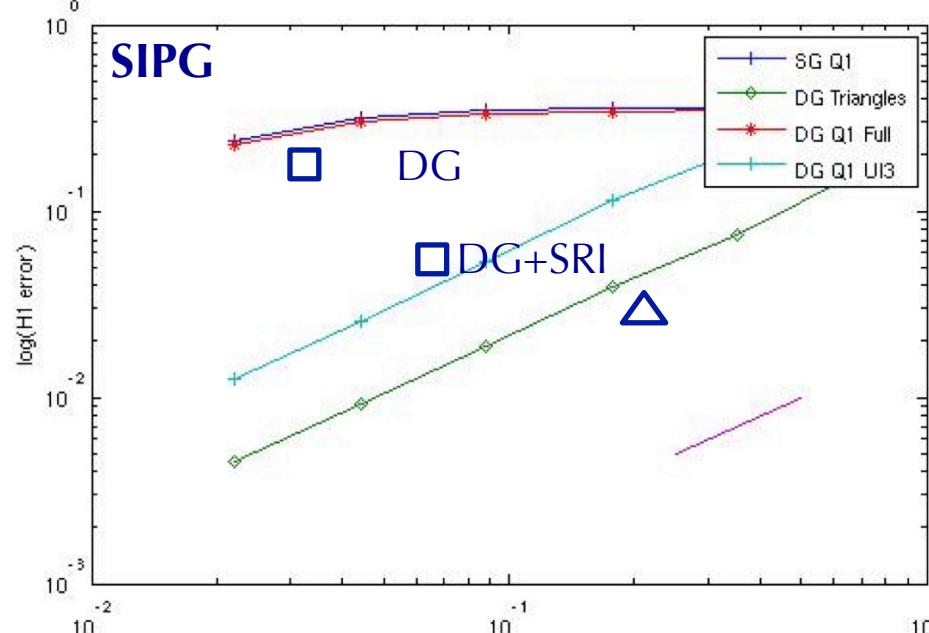
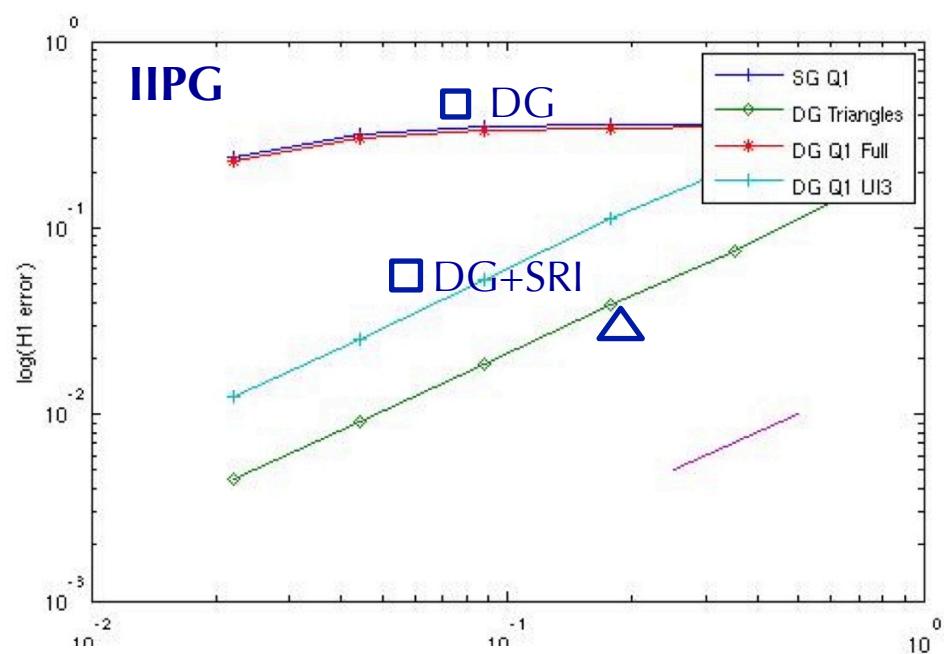
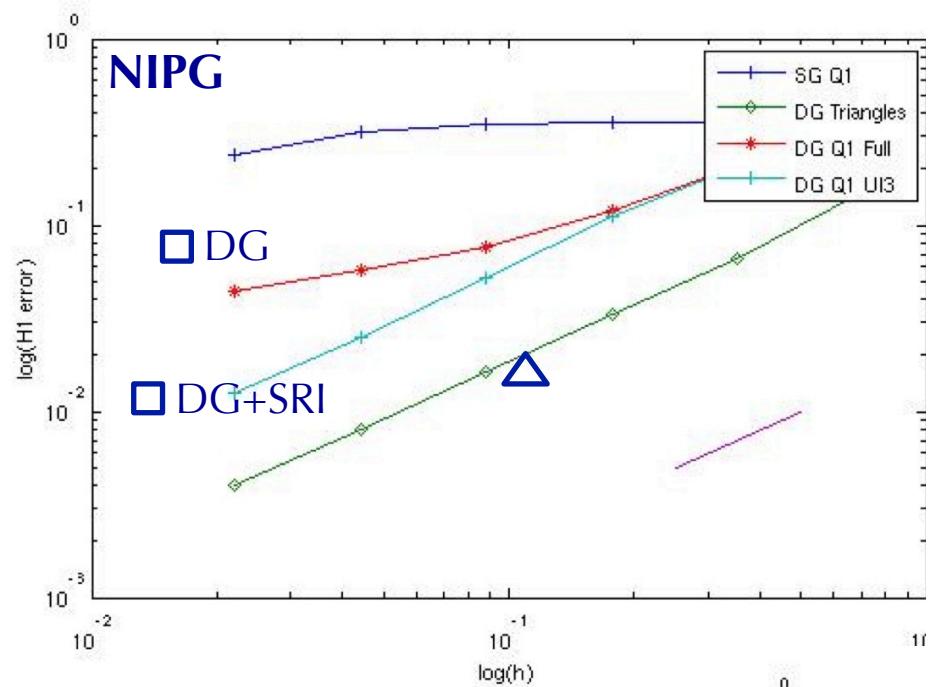
DG with triangles  
quads with and without SRI



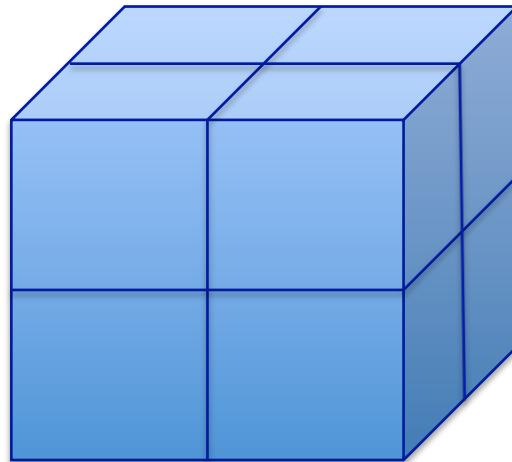
Standard finite elements /  
DG quads without SRI



DG triangles /  
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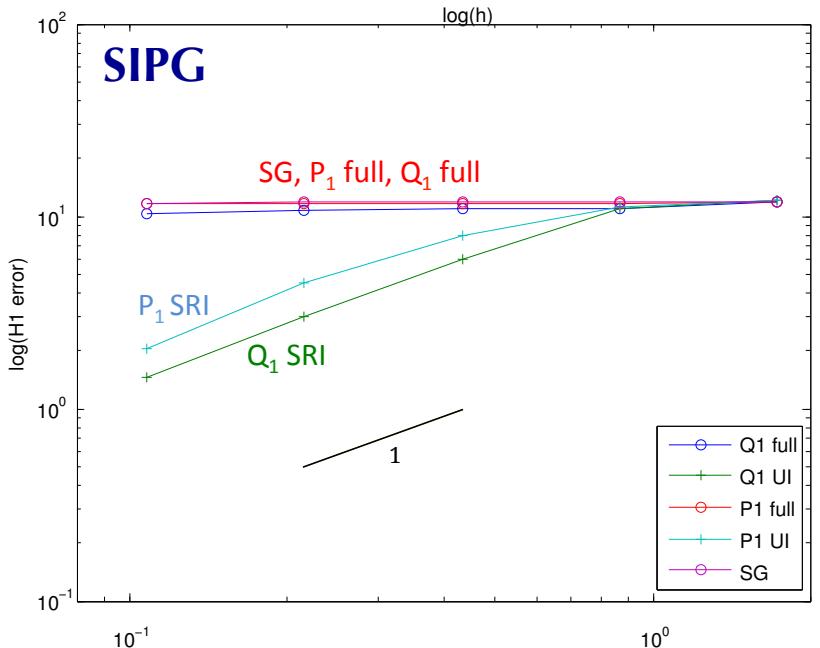
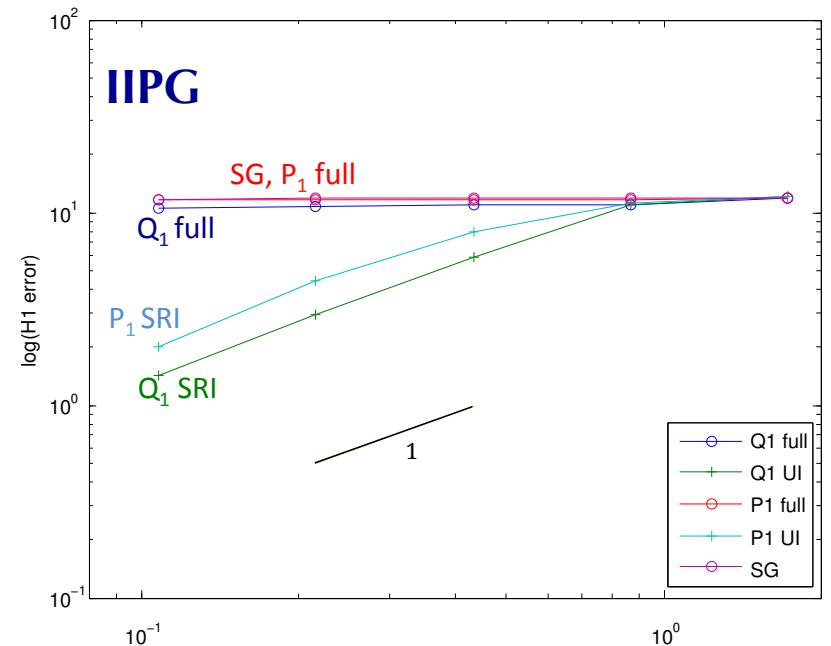
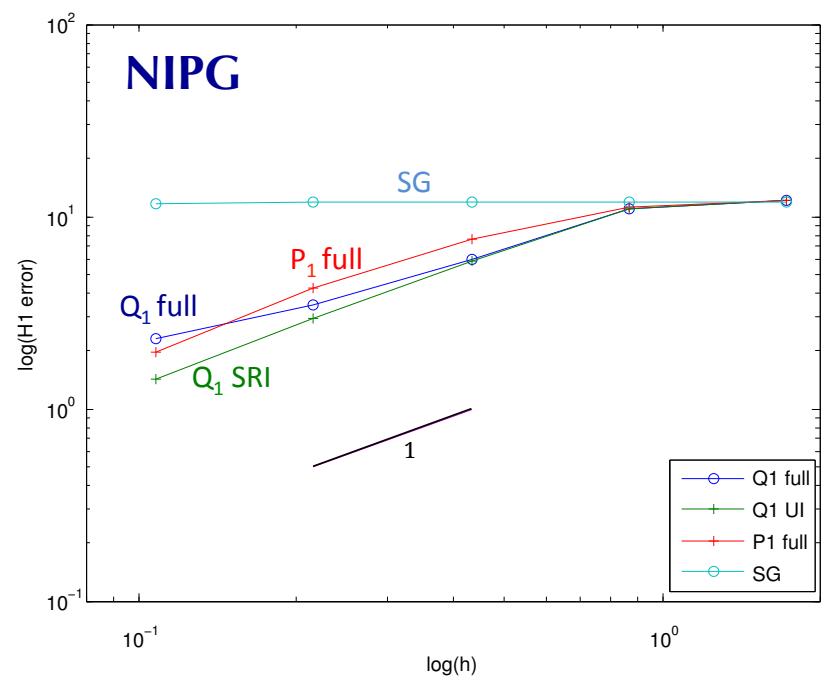
# Cube with prescribed body force



$$u_1 = (\cos 2\pi x - 1)(\sin 2\pi y \sin \pi z - \sin \pi y \sin 2\pi z) + \frac{1}{1+\lambda} \sin \pi x \sin \pi y \sin \pi z,$$

$$u_2 = (\cos 2\pi y - 1)(\sin 2\pi z \sin \pi x - \sin \pi z \sin 2\pi x) + \frac{1}{1+\lambda} \sin \pi x \sin \pi y \sin \pi z,$$

$$u_3 = (\cos 2\pi z - 1)(\sin 2\pi x \sin \pi y - \sin \pi x \sin 2\pi y) + \frac{1}{1+\lambda} \sin \pi x \sin \pi y \sin \pi z.$$



# Back to the T-bar example

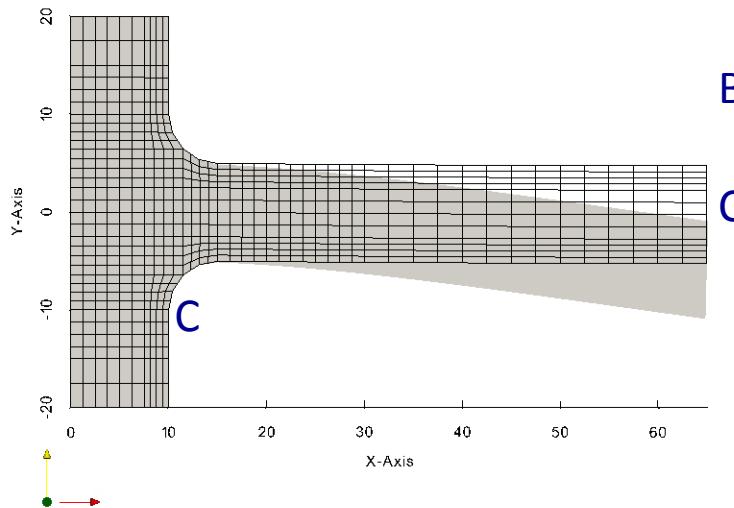
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appeared to show good behaviour for IIPG

3D problem but effectively plane stress (Neumann or flux-free boundary condition) in out-of-plane direction, along ABCD

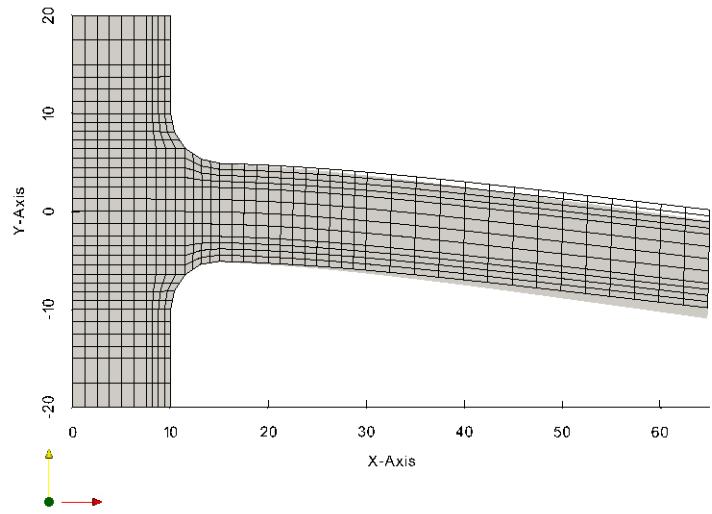
Here treated as plane strain (Dirichlet or constrained displacement) along ABCD

A



Without SRI

B



With SRI

# Concluding remarks

- For near-incompressibility DG with quadrilateral elements is not straightforward
- A remedy, viz. selective under-integration  $\lambda$ -dependent edge terms, has been proposed, analysed, and shown to converge uniformly at the optimal rate
- Arbitrary quadrilaterals: numerical experiments indicate behaviour similar to that for rectangles. Analysis would be quite complex
- Current work: nonlinear problems; other parameter-dependent problems

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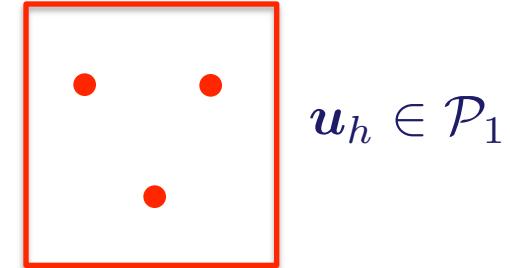
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## Alternative approach: P<sub>1</sub> approximation on quads

Much of the manipulations carry over, all the bounds are as before, but this time

$$\xi = \Pi u - u_h \in V_h \sim \mathcal{P}_1$$



Problematic terms:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(II)} &= \theta\lambda \int_E [\![\xi]\!] \{\operatorname{div} \eta\} \, ds = \theta\lambda \sum_E \{\operatorname{div} \eta\} \int_E [\![\xi]\!] \, ds \\ &= 0 \text{ given properties of interpolant} \end{aligned}$$

But

$$\text{(IV)} = k_\lambda \lambda \frac{1}{h_E} \int_E [\![\xi]\!] [\![\eta]\!] \, ds \neq 0 \text{ so remains a problem for SIPG and IIPG,}$$

but is absent for NIPG

# Square plate, DG with quads and P<sub>1</sub>

