

Distributional curvature approximations with applications to shells

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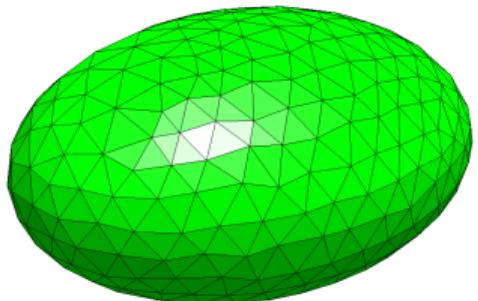
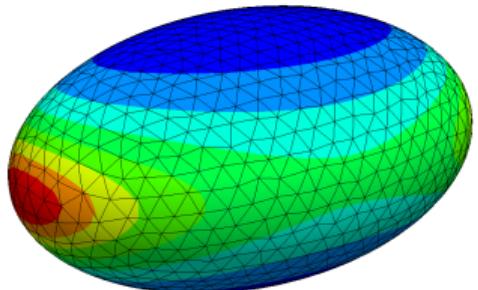
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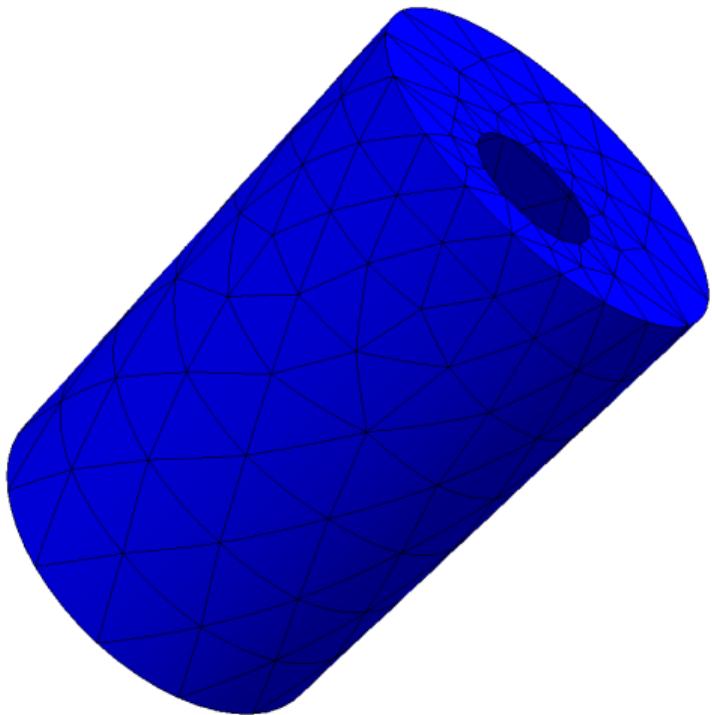
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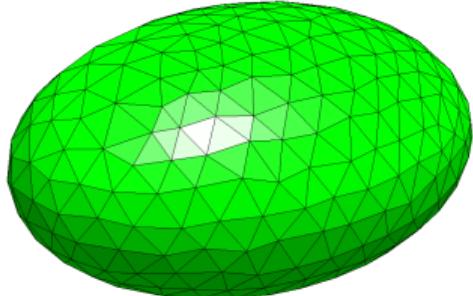
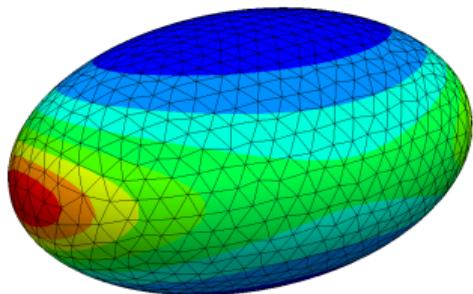


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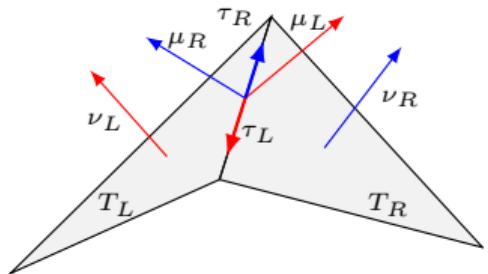
Nonlinear shells

Membrane locking

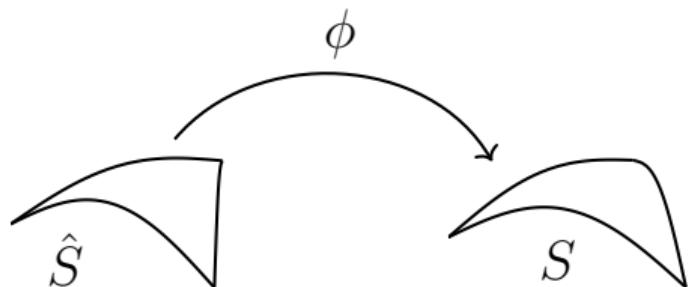
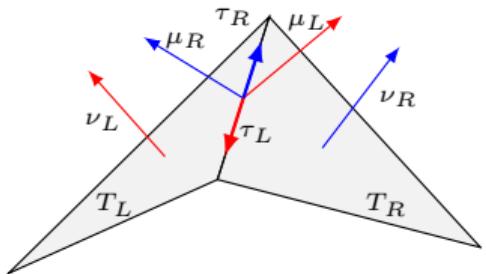
Numerical examples

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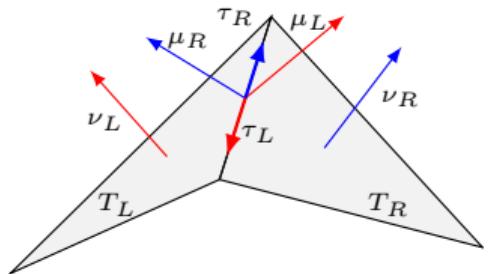
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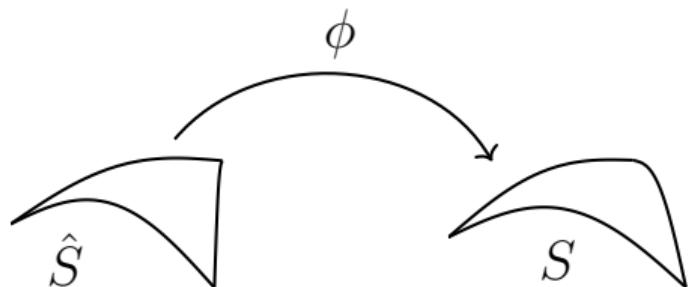
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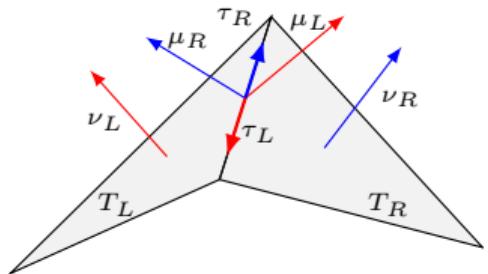
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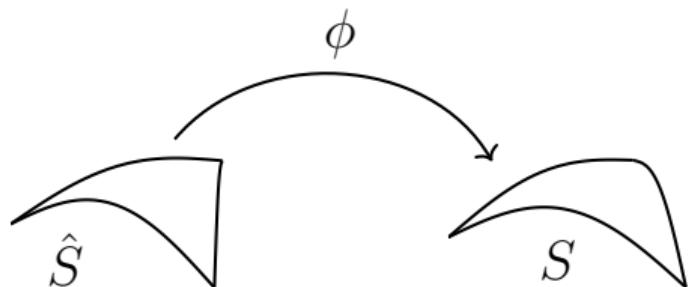
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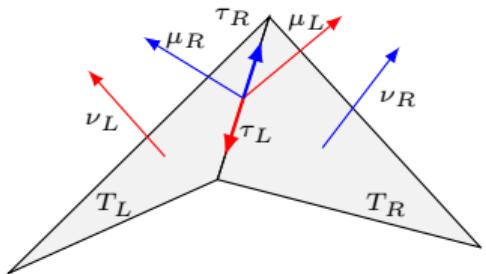
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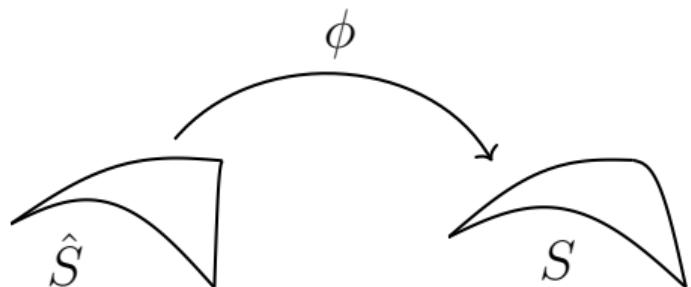
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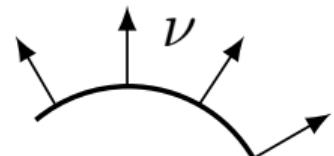
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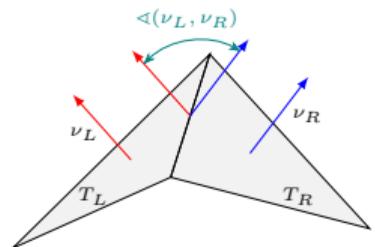
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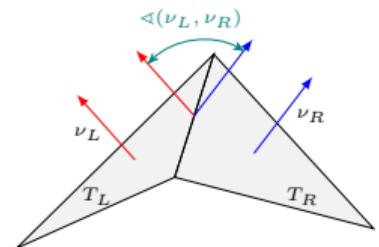


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- **Distributional Weingarten tensor**

$$\langle \nabla \nu, \sigma \rangle_{\mathcal{T}} = \sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}_h} \int_T \nabla \nu|_T : \sigma \, dx + \sum_{E \in \mathcal{E}_h} \int_E \Delta(\nu_L, \nu_R) \sigma_{\mu\mu} \, ds$$

- Measure jump of normal vector
- Test function σ symmetric, normal-normal continuous \Rightarrow Hellan–Herrmann–Johnson finite elements

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$$H^1(\Omega) = \{u \in L^2(\Omega) \mid \nabla u \in [L^2(\Omega)]^d\}$$

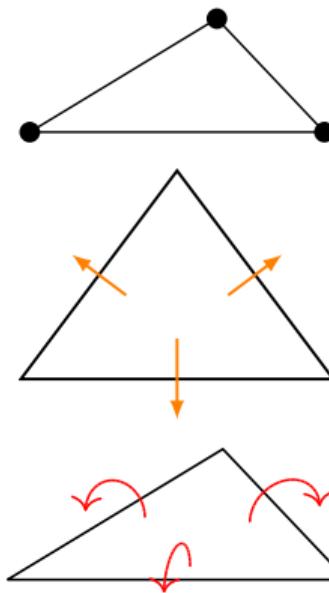
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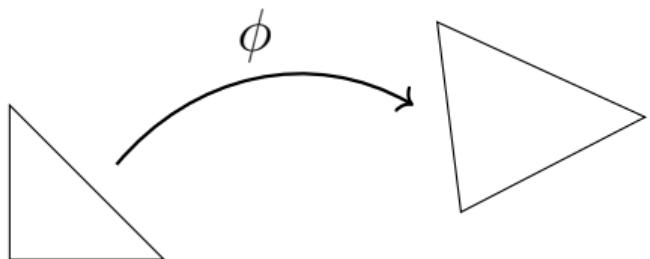
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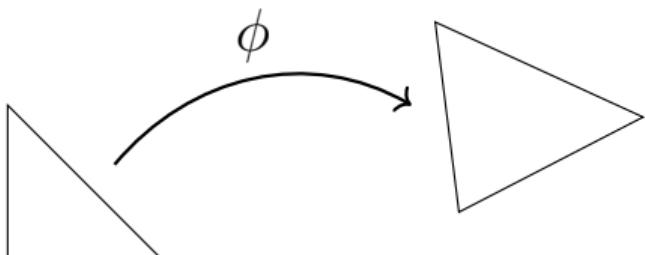
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Mapping to the surface



- Piola transformation ($H(\text{div})$ -conforming RT/BDM elements)

$$v \circ \phi = \frac{1}{J} \mathbf{F} \hat{v}, \quad \hat{v} \in BDM/RT(\hat{T}) \quad \mathbf{F} = \nabla_{\hat{x}} \phi, J = \det(\mathbf{F})$$

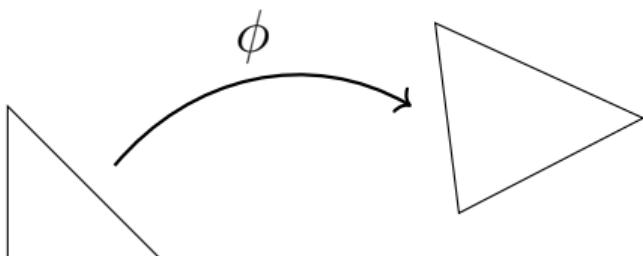


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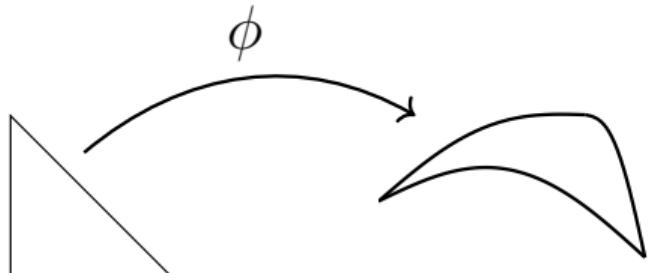


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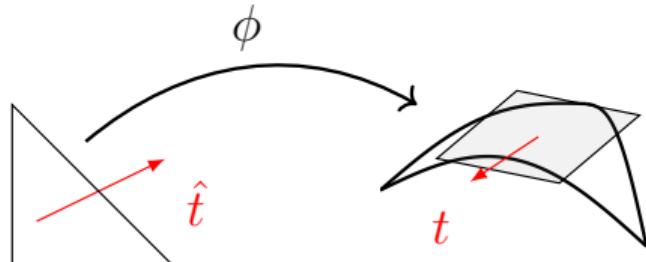
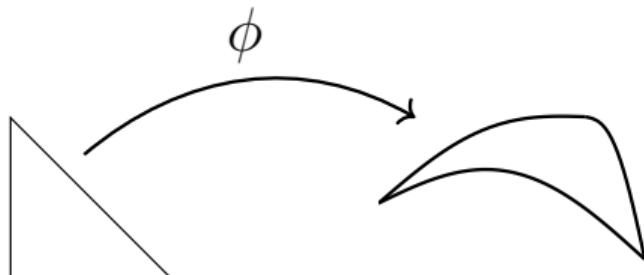


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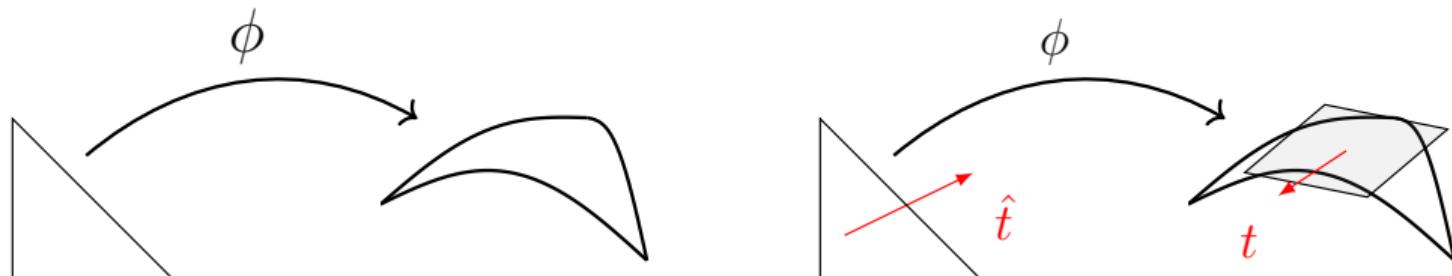


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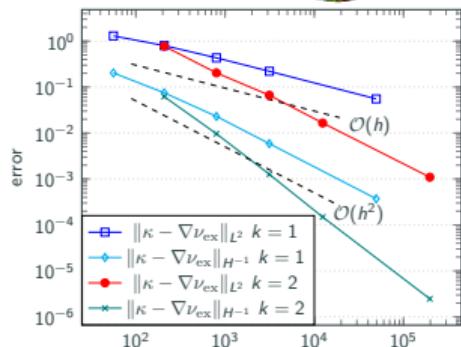
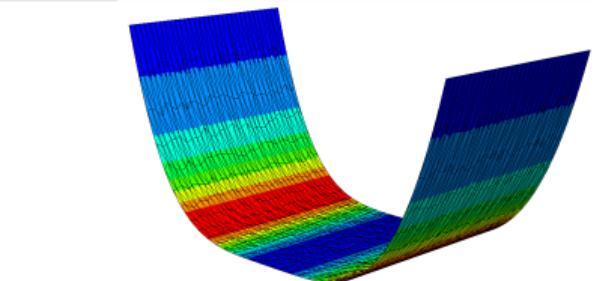
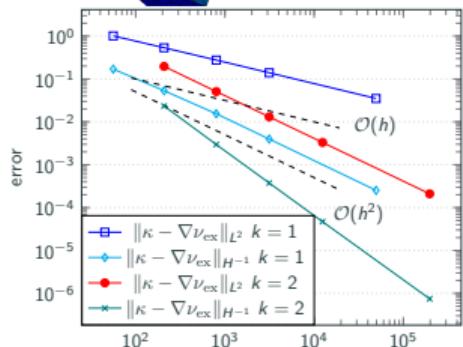
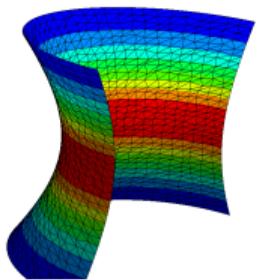
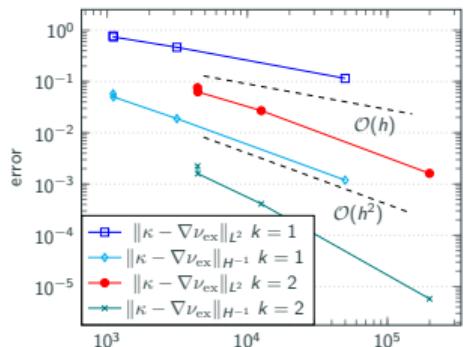
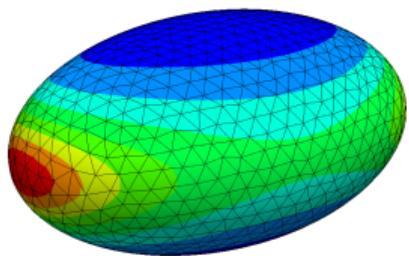


- v and σ are **tangential vector/matrix fields** on $S!$ $v \cdot v = \sigma v = v^T \sigma = 0$

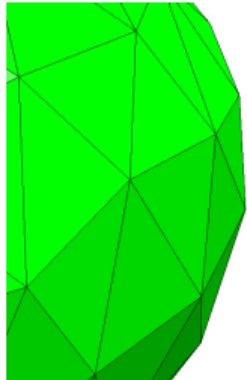
Lifting of distributional Weingarten tensor

Find $\kappa \in M_h^{k-1}$ for \mathcal{T}_h curving order k s.t. for all $\sigma \in M_h^{k-1}$

$$\int_{\mathcal{T}_h} \kappa : \sigma \, dx = \langle \nabla \nu, \sigma \rangle_{\mathcal{T}}.$$

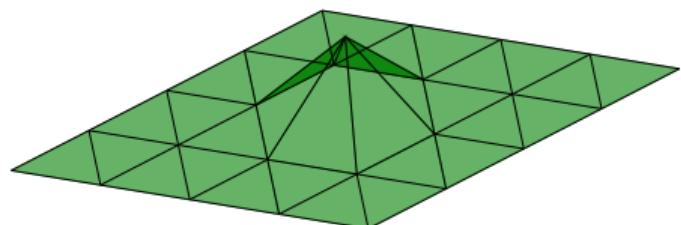


Gauss Theorema Egregium: Gauss curvature depends on metric, $K = \kappa_1 \kappa_2$



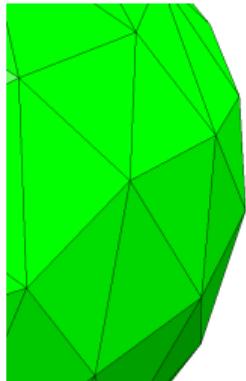
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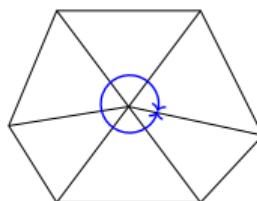
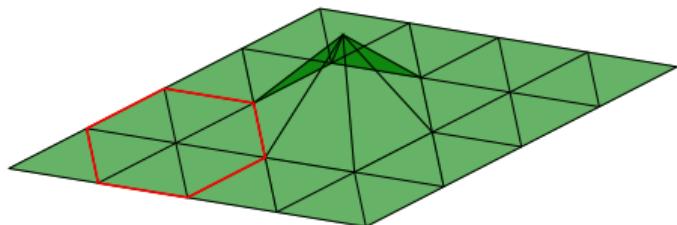
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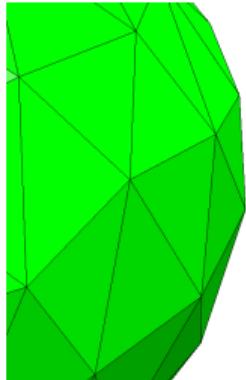
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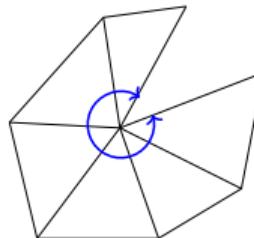
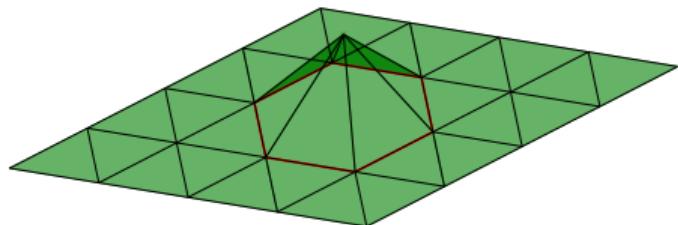
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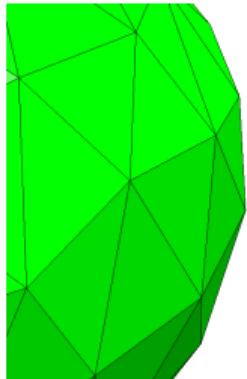
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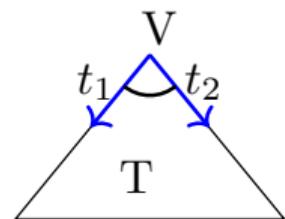
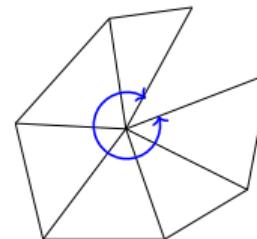
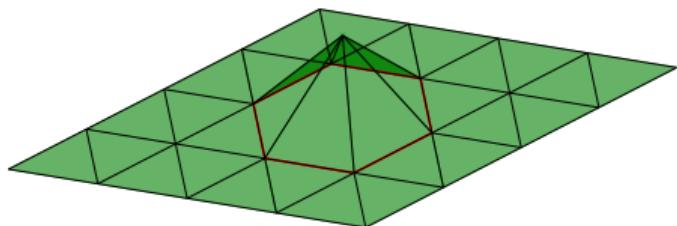


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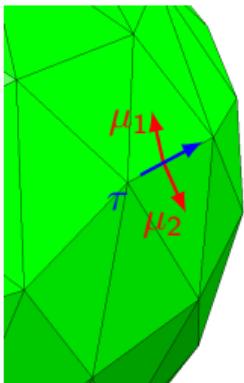
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$$\langle (K\omega)(g), \varphi \rangle = \sum_{V \in \mathcal{V}_h} K_V(\varphi, g), \quad K_V(\varphi, g) = (2\pi - \sum_{T: V \subset T} \triangle_V^T(g)) \varphi(V)$$

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$$\text{metric } g = \nabla\Phi^\top \nabla\Phi \quad \Gamma_{ij}^k(g) = \frac{1}{2}g^{kl}(\partial_i g_{jl} + \partial_j g_{il} - \partial_l g_{ij}) = g^{kl}\Gamma_{ijl}(g)$$

$$\kappa_g = g(\nabla_\tau \tau, \mu) = \frac{\sqrt{\det g}}{g_{\hat{\tau}\hat{\tau}}^{3/2}} \left(\partial_{\hat{\tau}} \hat{\tau} \cdot \hat{\mu} + \Gamma_{\hat{\tau}\hat{\tau}}^{\hat{\mu}} \right)$$

$$K(g) = \frac{1}{\det g} \left(\partial_1 \Gamma_{212} - \partial_2 \Gamma_{112} + \Gamma_{11}^p \Gamma_{22p} - \Gamma_{22}^p \Gamma_{11p} \right)$$

Let $g \in \text{Reg}_h^k(\mathcal{T}_h)$ and $\varphi \in V_h^{k+1}$

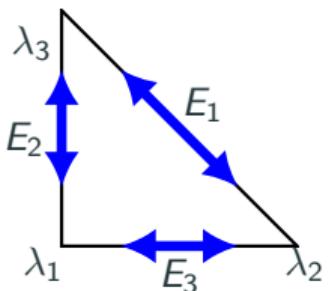
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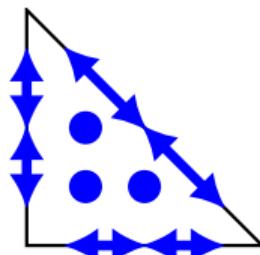
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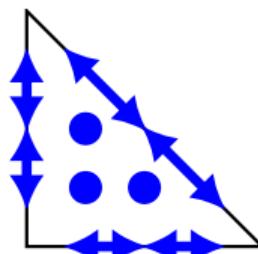
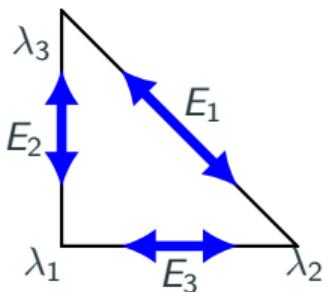
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$$\mathcal{R}_h^k : C^0(\Omega) \rightarrow \operatorname{Reg}_h^k$$

canonical interpolant

$$\int_E (g - \mathcal{R}_h^k g)_{tt} q \, dl = 0 \text{ for all } q \in \mathcal{P}^k(E)$$

$$\int_T (g - \mathcal{R}_h^k g) : Q \, da = 0 \text{ for all } Q \in \mathcal{P}^{k-1}(T, \mathbb{R}_{\text{sym}}^{2 \times 2})$$

Lifting of distributional Gauss curvature

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Let $g_h \in \text{Reg}_h^k$ optimal-order interpolant, $-1 \leq l \leq k - 2$

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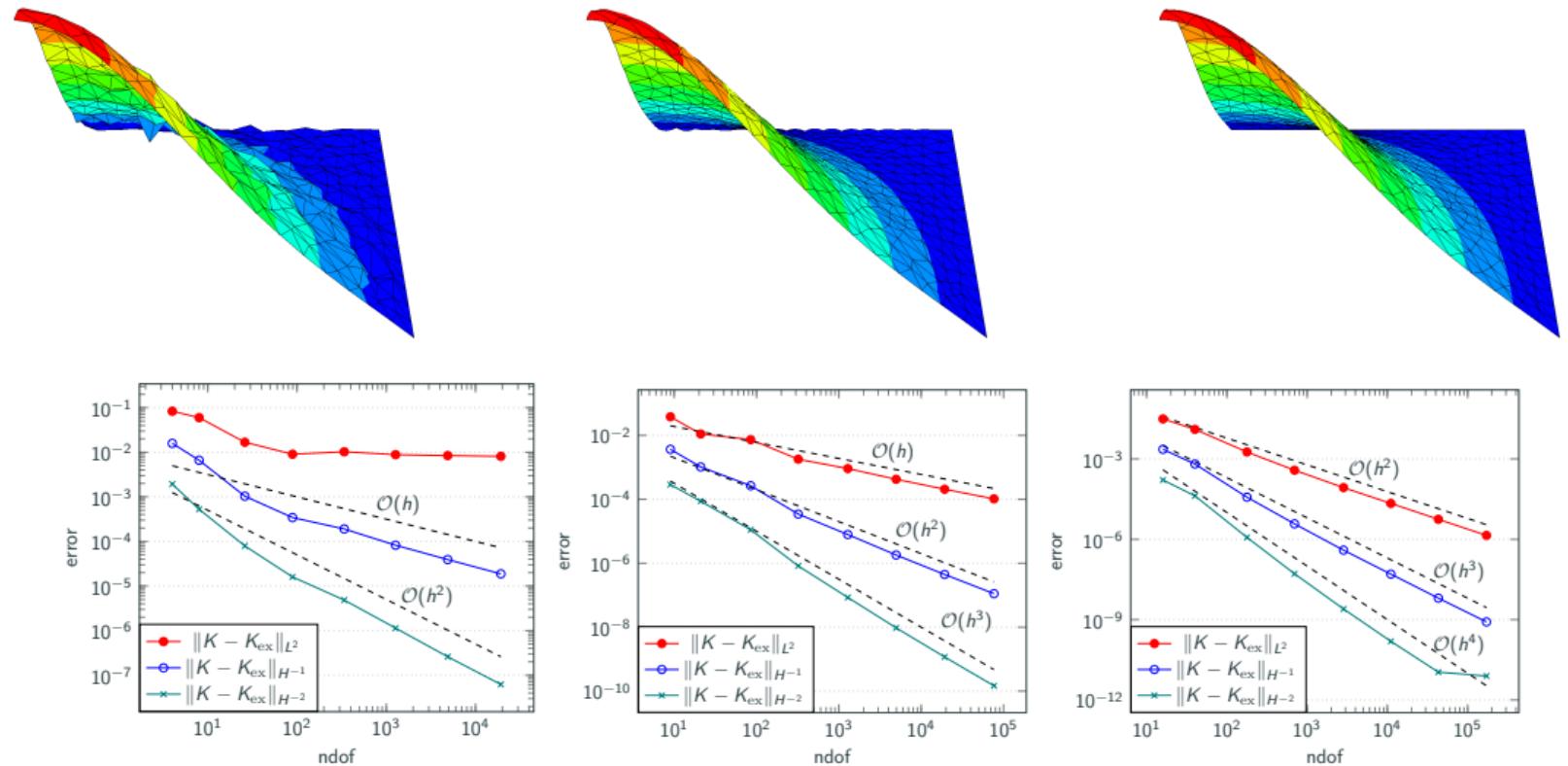
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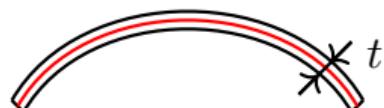
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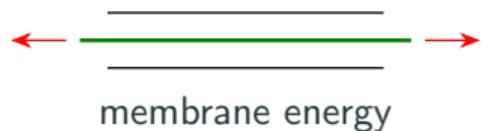
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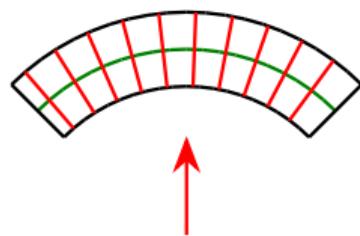
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membrane energy



bending energy

- Lifted curvature difference κ^{diff} via three-field formulation

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- Lagrange parameter $\sigma \in M_h^k$ moment tensor
- Eliminate κ^{diff} → two-field formulation in (u, σ)

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Shell problem

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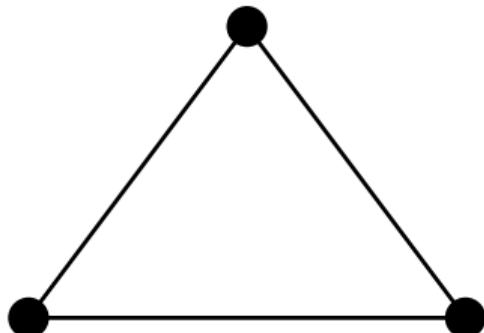
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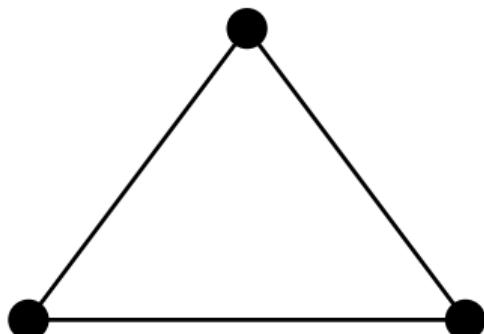


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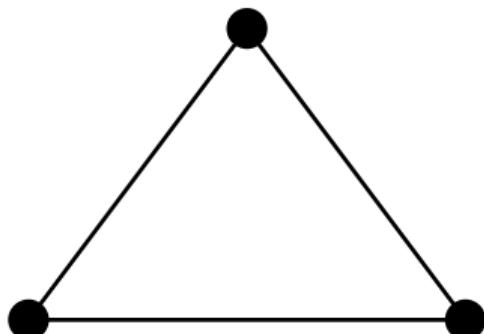


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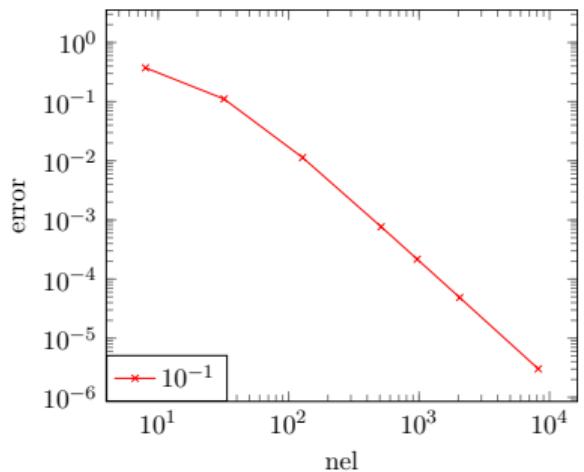
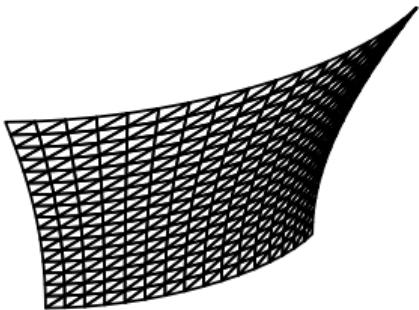
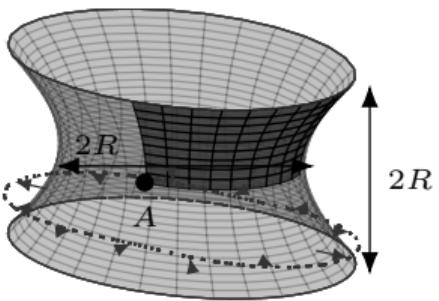
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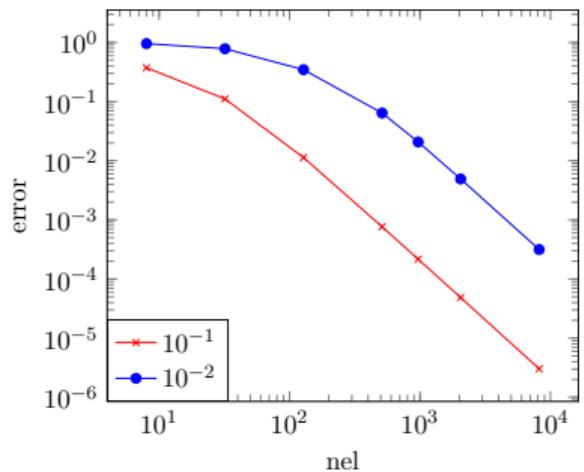
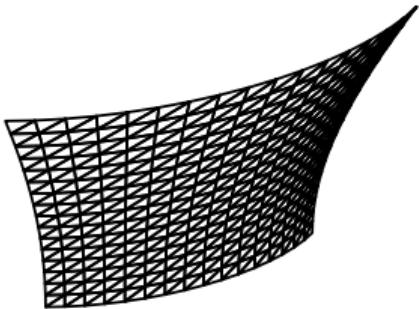
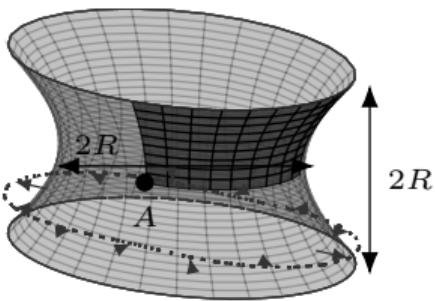


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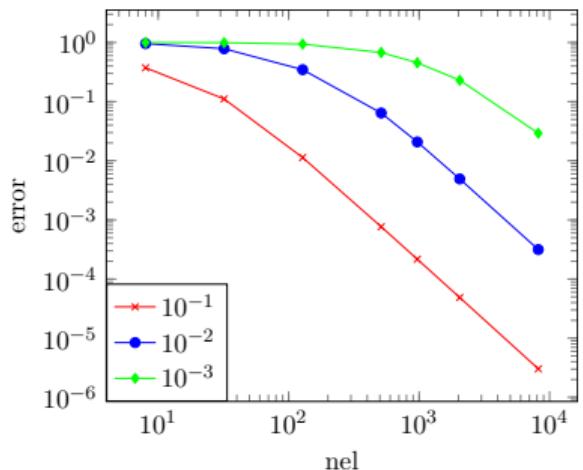
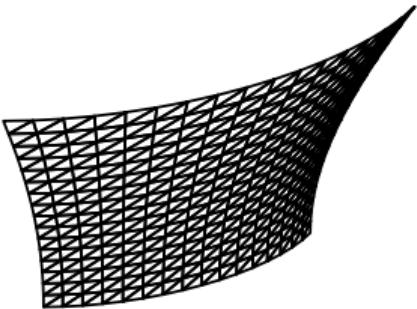
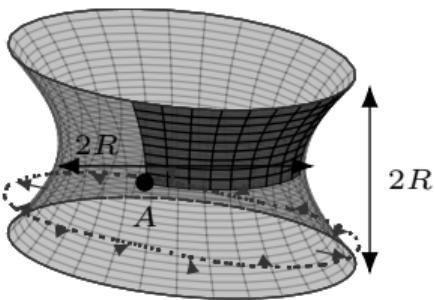


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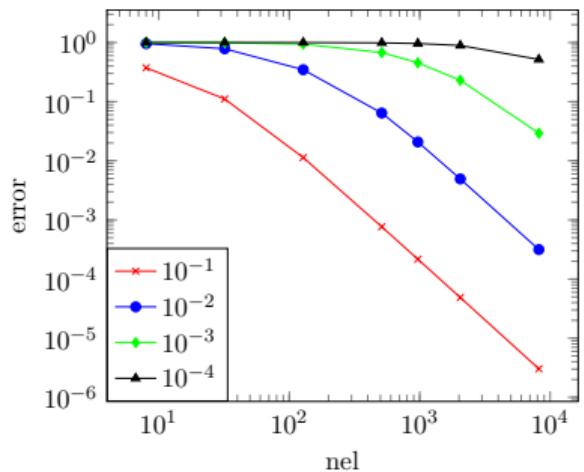
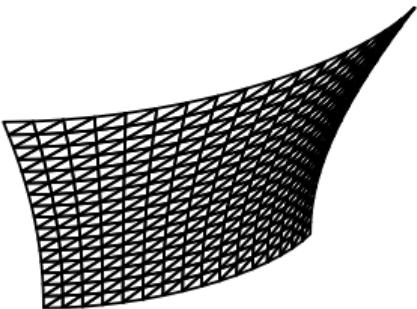
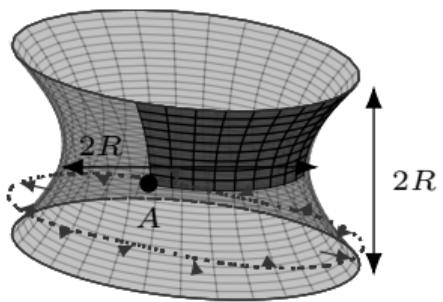
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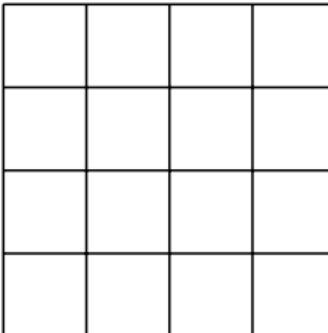
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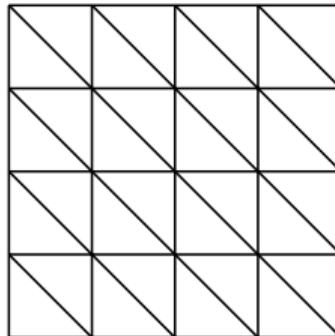
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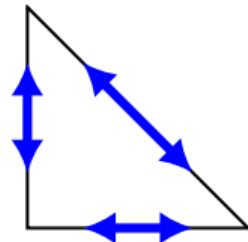


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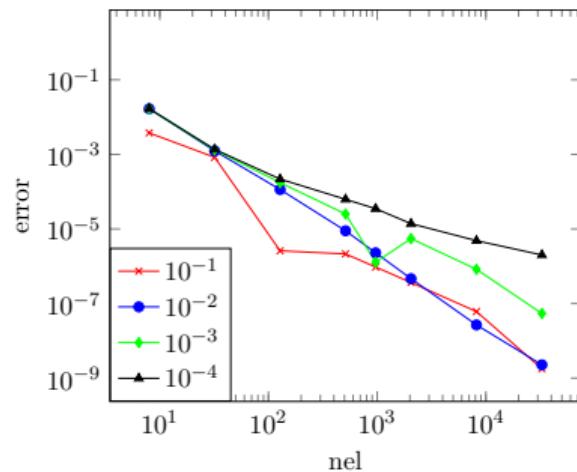
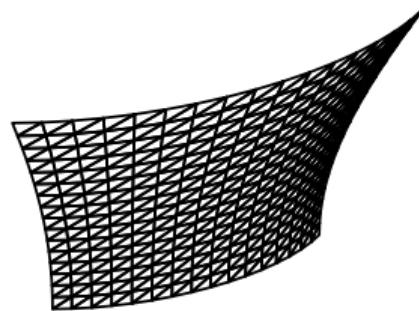
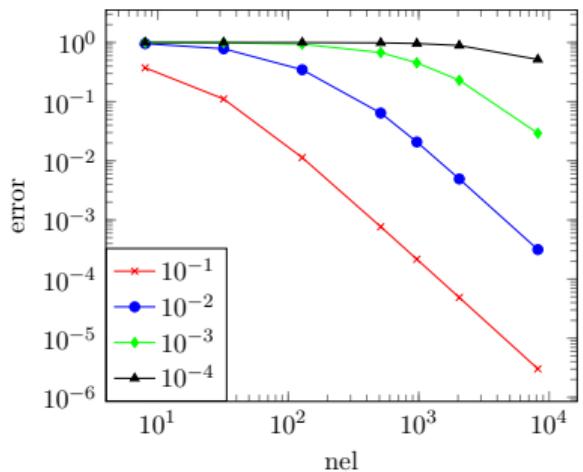
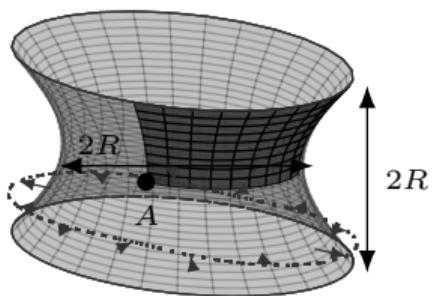


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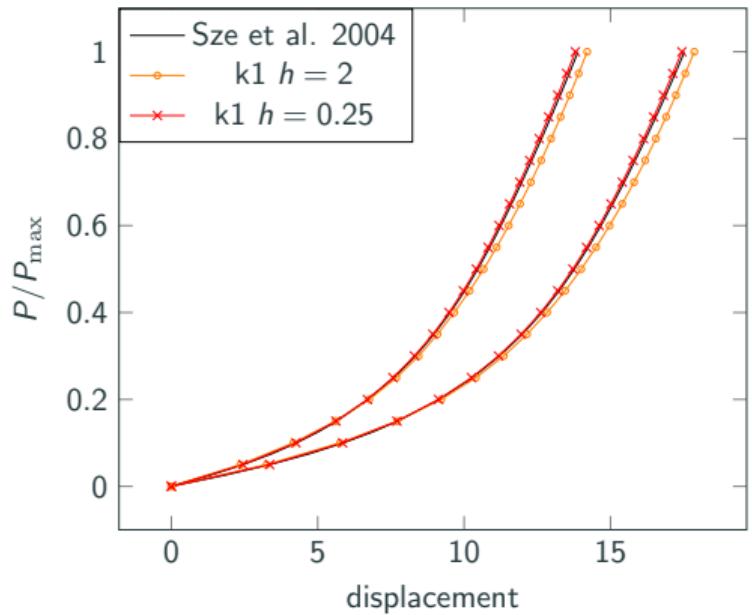
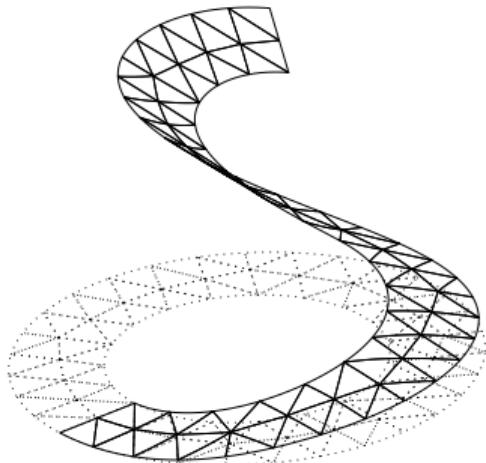
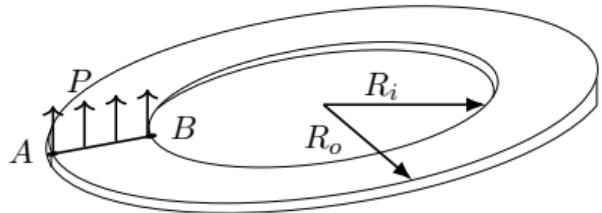
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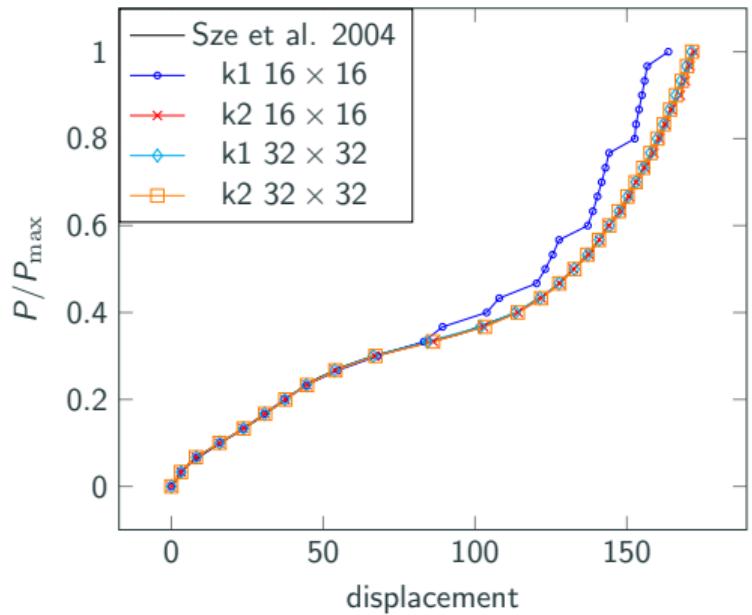
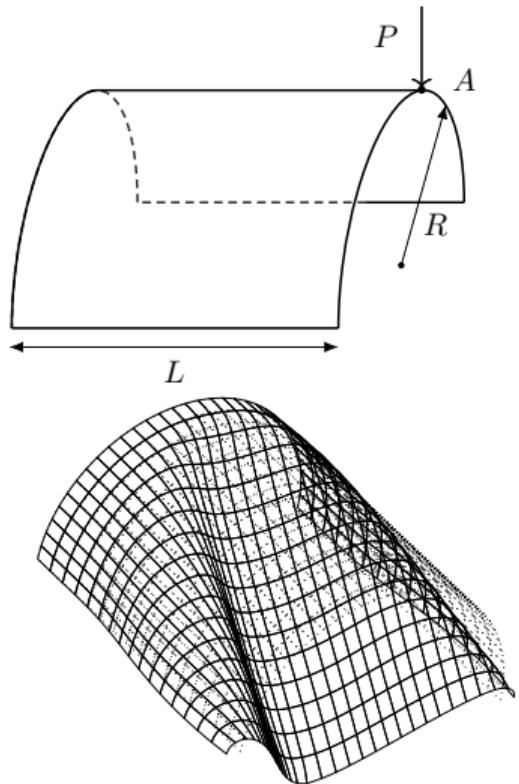
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