



Curvature-based r -Adaptive Planar NURBS Parameterization Method for Isogeometric Analysis Using Bi-Level Approach

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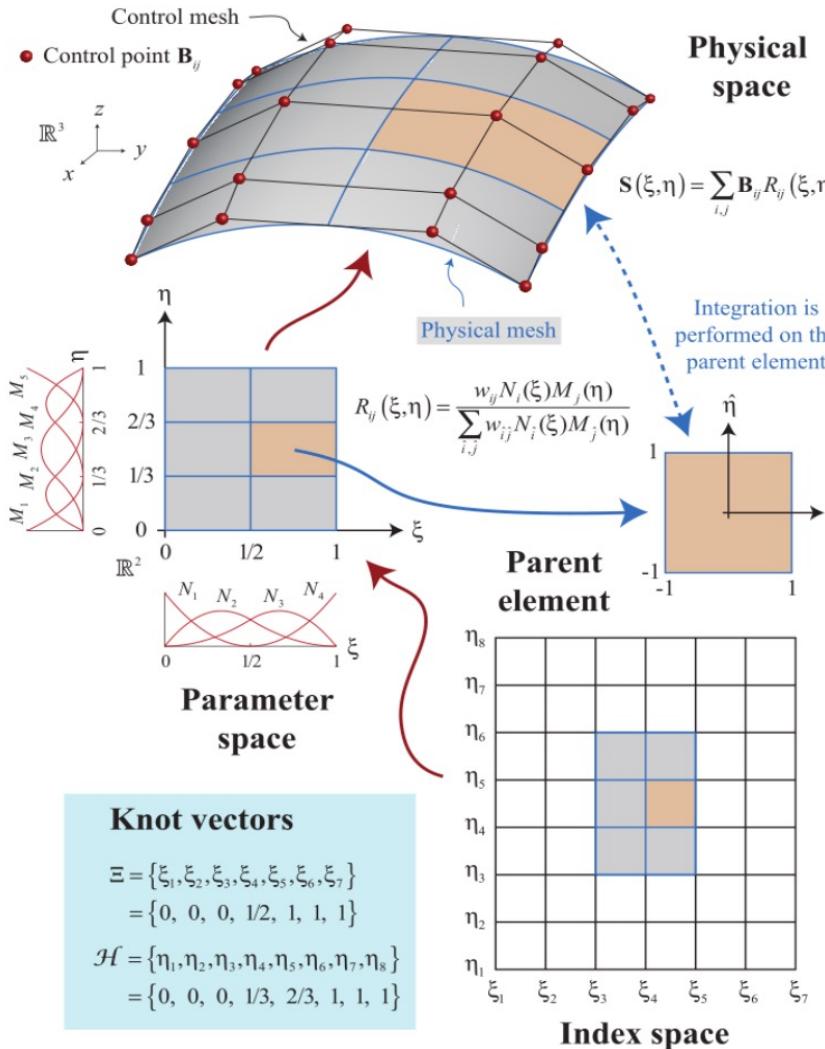
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IsoGeometric Analysis (IGA)

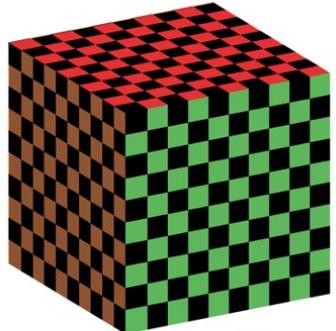


Source: Figure from [Cottrell et al. 2009]

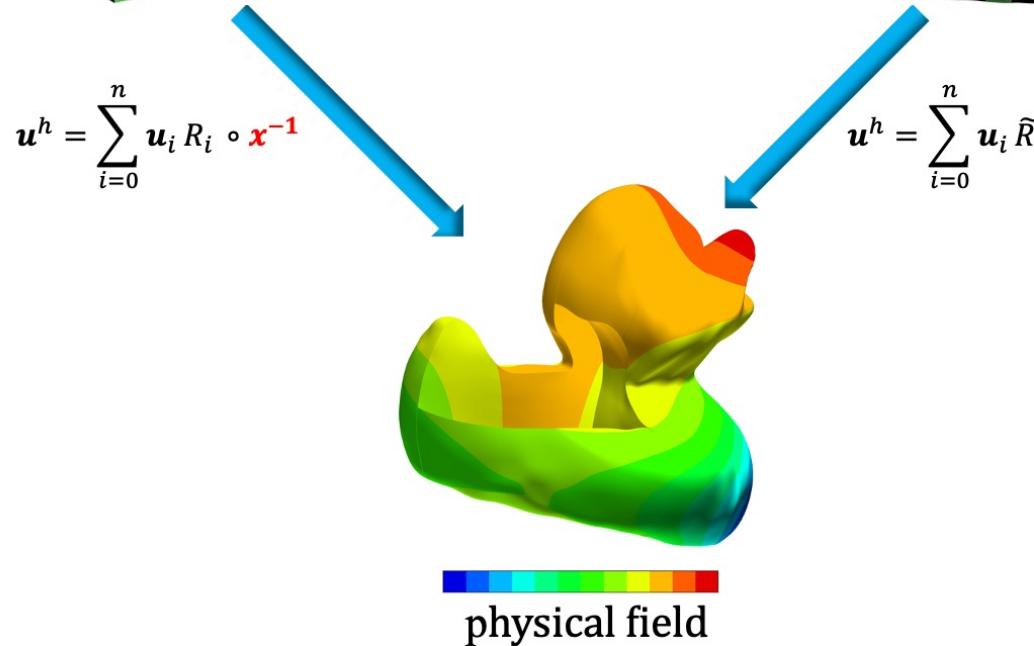
- Proposed by T.J.R. Hughes et al., 2005.
- **KEY IDEA:** approximate physical field with **the same basis functions** as that used to generate CAD models.
- Advantages:
 - Integration of design and analysis;
 - Exact and efficient geometry;
 - No data type transition and mesh generation;
 - Simplified mesh refinement;
 - High order continuous field;
 - Superior approximation properties.
- Very broad applications: such as shell analysis, fluid-structure interaction, and structural shape and topology optimization.

Isotropic parameterization problem for IGA

parametric domain



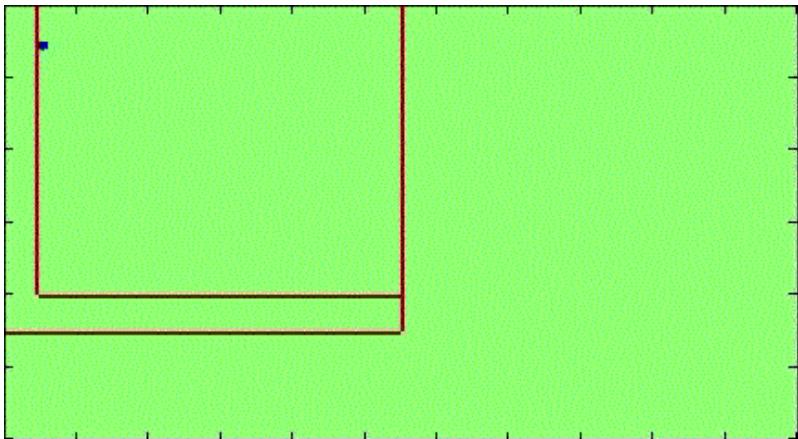
computational domain



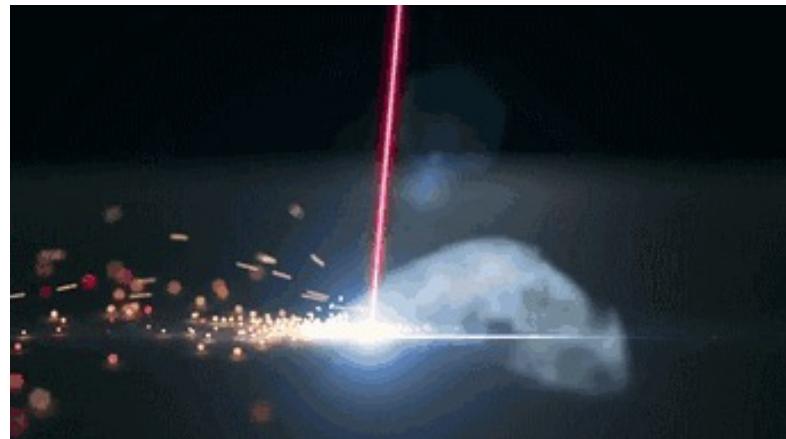
Parameterization problem [Ji et al. 2022]

- **Bijective parameterization** construction is crucial
 - Similar to mesh generation in FEM;
 - Parameterization quality significantly affects the accuracy and efficiency of the analysis [Cohen et al. 2010, Xu et al. 2013, Pilgerstorfer and Jüttler 2013].
- **Isotropic parameterization:**
 - Good orthogonality and uniformity;
 - Independent of the governing PDE and thus more efficient to generate.

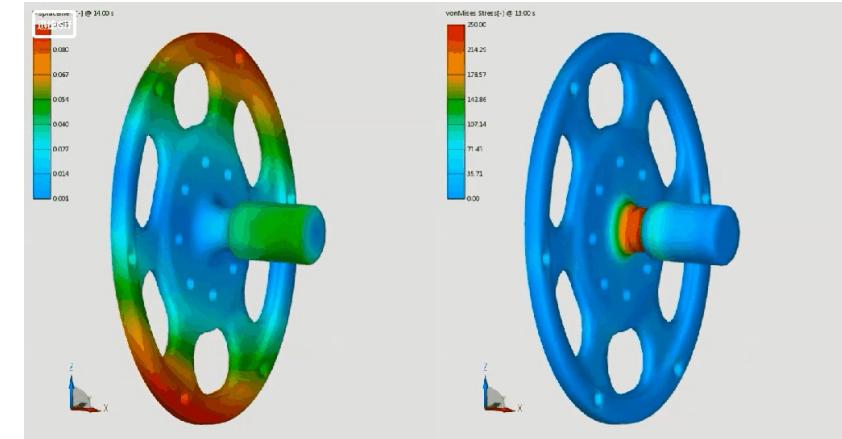
Anisotropic phenomena in physics



Wave propagation. source [\[wiki/Wave_propagation\]](#)



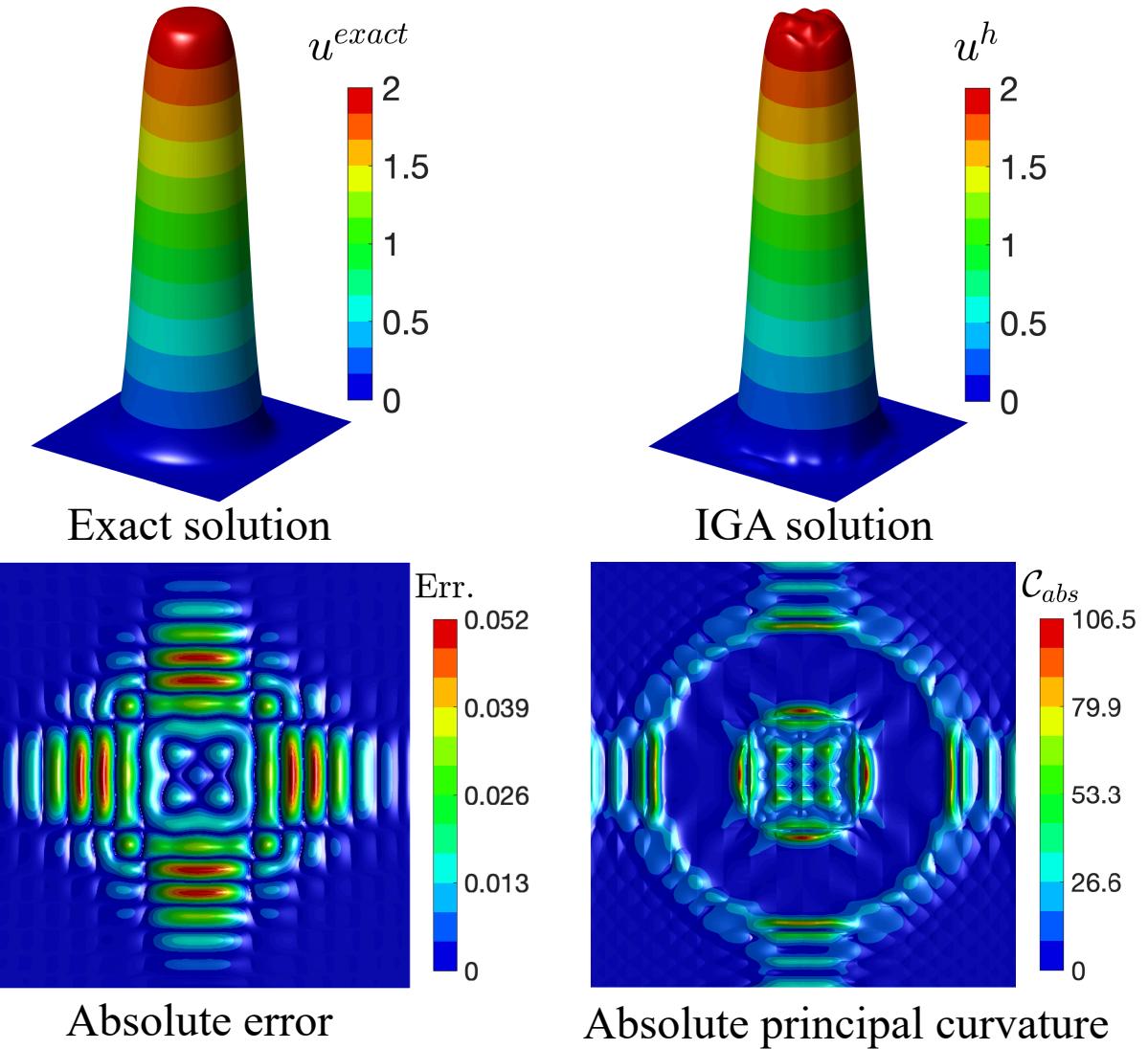
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- Localized and anisotropic features extensively exist in various physical phenomena;
- For such problems, isotropic parameterizations are computationally uneconomical;
- **Anisotropic parameterizations (r -adaptivity):** increase per-degree-of-freedom accuracy while keeping the total degrees-of-freedom (DOFs) constant.

Our basic idea

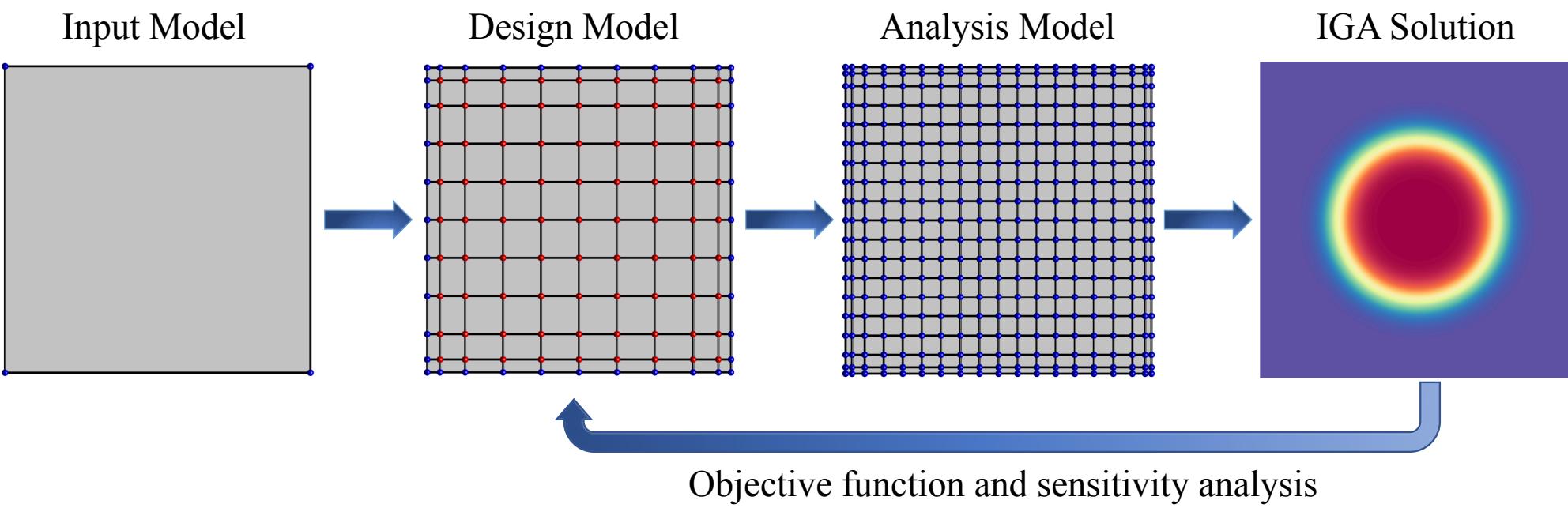


- **Absolute principal curvature:** to characterize the variations of the isogeometric solution;
- A tight relationship between geometric quantity and isogeometric solution is established;
- Absolute error and absolute principal curvature show similar performance (left figure);
- Absolute principal curvature is a good error estimator.

Our basic idea - cont'd

- **Anisotropic parameterizations are often solution-dependent:**

- Need **good numerical solution accuracy** to drive parameterization;
- Adjust as few control points as possible **for high efficiency**;
- **Bi-level strategy:** a coarse level (design model) to update the parameterization for efficiency's sake and a fine level (analysis model) to perform the isogeometric simulation for accuracy's sake.



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- Analysis-suitable isotropic parameterization (tremendous amount):
 - [Cohen+2010], [Xu+2011 2013], [Pilgerstorfer and Jüttler 2013], [Pan and Chen 2018], [Ji et al. 2021 2022], etc;
- Adaptive refinement:
 - h -adaptivity: Hierarchical B-splines [Forsey and Bartels 1988, Vuong+2011], THB-splines [Giannelli+2012 2016, Carraturo+2019], T-splines [Bazilevs+2010, Zhang+2012 2013], Truncated T-splines [Wei+2017];
 - p, k -adaptivity: hybrid-degree weighted T-splines [Liu+2016];
- ***r*-Adaptivity (reparameterization):**
 - Posterior error estimate-based method [Xu+2011];
 - Analysis-oriented method [Gravesen+2012];
 - L_2 -error based method [Xu+2013];
 - Winslow's mapping method [Xu+2019];
 - IGA-Collocation-PDE method [Ali and Ma 2021];
 - Related finite element moving mesh method: [Huang and Russell 1998, 2010].

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Model problem: Poisson's equation

- Poisson's equation with homogeneous Dirichlet boundary conditions:

$$\begin{cases} -\nabla^2 u(x) = f(x), & x \in \Omega, \\ u(x) = 0, & x \in \partial\Omega, \end{cases}$$

where $f(x) \in L^2(\Omega)$ is a given source term, and $u(x)$ is unknown.

- Isogeometric framework (**geometry and physical field are defined by the same spline bases**):

- Parameterization (geometry):

$$x = \mathbf{N}^T \mathbf{P} = \sum_{i=1}^{n_e} N_i \mathbf{P}_i,$$

- Physical field:

$$u = \mathbf{N}^T \mathbf{u} = \sum_{i=1}^{n_e} N_i u_i.$$

Model problem: notations

- Some auxiliary matrices:

$$\mathbf{G} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial N_1}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial N_1}{\partial x} & \dots & \frac{\partial N_1}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial N_1}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial N_1}{\partial y} & \dots & \frac{\partial N_1}{\partial y} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}_\xi & \mathbf{y}_\xi \\ \mathbf{x}_\eta & \mathbf{y}_\eta \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial N_1}{\partial \xi} & \frac{\partial N_1}{\partial \xi} & \dots & \frac{\partial N_1}{\partial \xi} \\ \frac{\partial N_1}{\partial \eta} & \frac{\partial N_1}{\partial \eta} & \dots & \frac{\partial N_1}{\partial \eta} \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{J}^{-1} \widehat{\mathbf{G}}.$$

- After isogeometric discretization, we obtain the following **discrete equilibrium equation**

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n_{el}} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{K}_e \mathbf{u} = \sum_{i=1}^{n_{el}} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{f}_e,$$

where $\sum_{i=1}^{n_{el}} \mathbf{A}$ is the element assembly operator, \mathbf{K}_e is the element stiffness matrix

$$\mathbf{K}_e = \int_{\widehat{\Omega}_e} \mathbf{G}^T \mathbf{G} |J| d\widehat{\Omega}_e,$$

and \mathbf{f}_e is the element force vector

$$\mathbf{f}_e = \int_{\widehat{\Omega}_e} \mathbf{N} f |J| d\widehat{\Omega}_e.$$

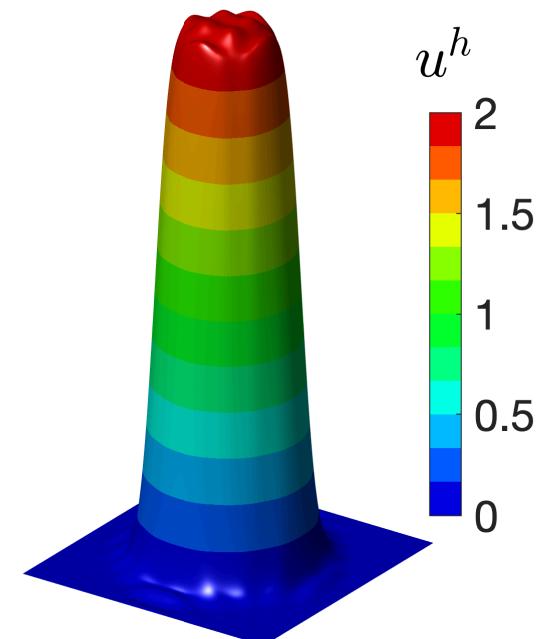
Isogeometric solution surface

- Isogeometric solution is considered as **a parametric surface** in \mathbb{R}^3 :
 - More precisely, we define an **isogeometric solution surface**

$$\mathcal{S}(\xi, \eta) = (x(\xi, \eta), y(\xi, \eta), u(\xi, \eta)) = \mathbf{N}^T \tilde{\mathbf{P}},$$

where $\tilde{\mathbf{P}} = [\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{u}]$ are the control points of $\mathcal{S}(\xi, \eta)$.

- **Curvature information** is used to characterize the solution variations.



Isogeometric solution surface in \mathbb{R}^3

Absolute principal curvature

- The first and the second fundamental forms of $\mathcal{S}(\xi, \eta)$:

$$I = \begin{bmatrix} E & F \\ F & G \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \langle \mathcal{S}_\xi, \mathcal{S}_\xi \rangle & \langle \mathcal{S}_\xi, \mathcal{S}_\eta \rangle \\ \langle \mathcal{S}_\xi, \mathcal{S}_\eta \rangle & \langle \mathcal{S}_\eta, \mathcal{S}_\eta \rangle \end{bmatrix}, \text{ and } II = \begin{bmatrix} L & M \\ M & N \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \langle \mathcal{S}_{\xi\xi}, \mathbf{n} \rangle & \langle \mathcal{S}_{\xi\eta}, \mathbf{n} \rangle \\ \langle \mathcal{S}_{\xi\eta}, \mathbf{n} \rangle & \langle \mathcal{S}_{\eta\eta}, \mathbf{n} \rangle \end{bmatrix}$$

where $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ denotes the inner product, and \mathbf{n} is the unit normal vector of $\mathcal{S}(\xi, \eta)$.

- Absolute principal curvature:**

$$\mathcal{C}_{abs} = |\kappa_{max}| + |\kappa_{min}| = |\mathcal{H} + \sqrt{\mathcal{H}^2 - \mathcal{K}}| + |\mathcal{H} - \sqrt{\mathcal{H}^2 - \mathcal{K}}|$$

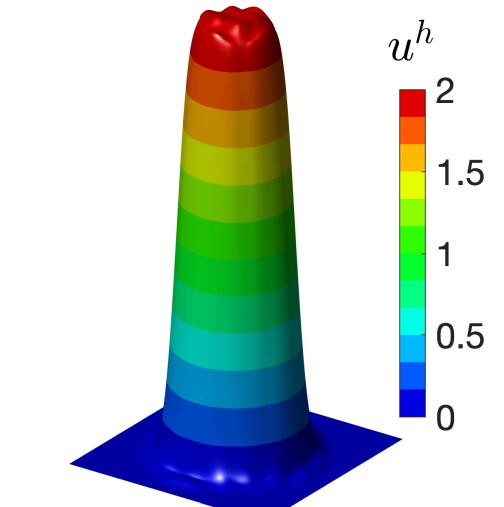
where

$$\mathcal{K} = \frac{LN - M^2}{EG - F^2}$$

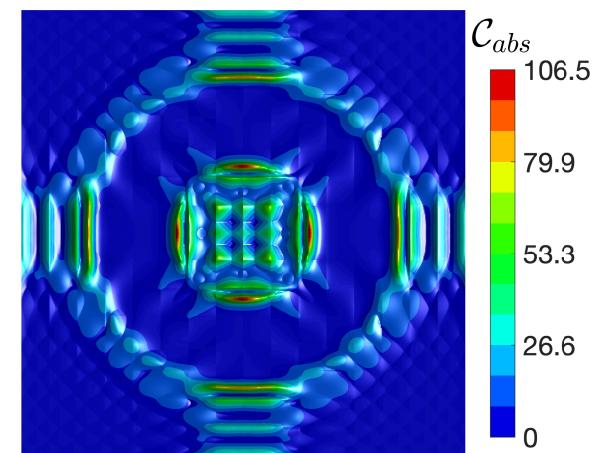
is Gaussian curvature, and

$$\mathcal{H} = \frac{LG - 2MF + NE}{2(EG - F^2)}$$

is the mean curvature.



Isogeometric solution surface



Absolute principal curvature

Objective function

- **Absolute principal curvature measure:**

$$\widehat{\Phi}(\mathbf{x}) = \Phi(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x})) = \begin{cases} \int_{\widehat{\Omega}} \mathcal{C}_{abs} d\widehat{\Omega}, & \text{if } |J| > 0, \text{ for } \forall (\xi, \eta) \in \widehat{\Omega}, \\ +\infty, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- Main ideas:

- Fundamental prerequisite for an analysis-suitable parameterization is bijectivity;
- Most modern line search conditions need a sufficient reduction of the objective function;
- Simply set the objective function value $\widehat{\Phi}(\mathbf{x})$ to $+\infty$ if the bijective constraints violate;
- If the bijectivity condition violates, the current step size will be rejected and recompute a new step size.

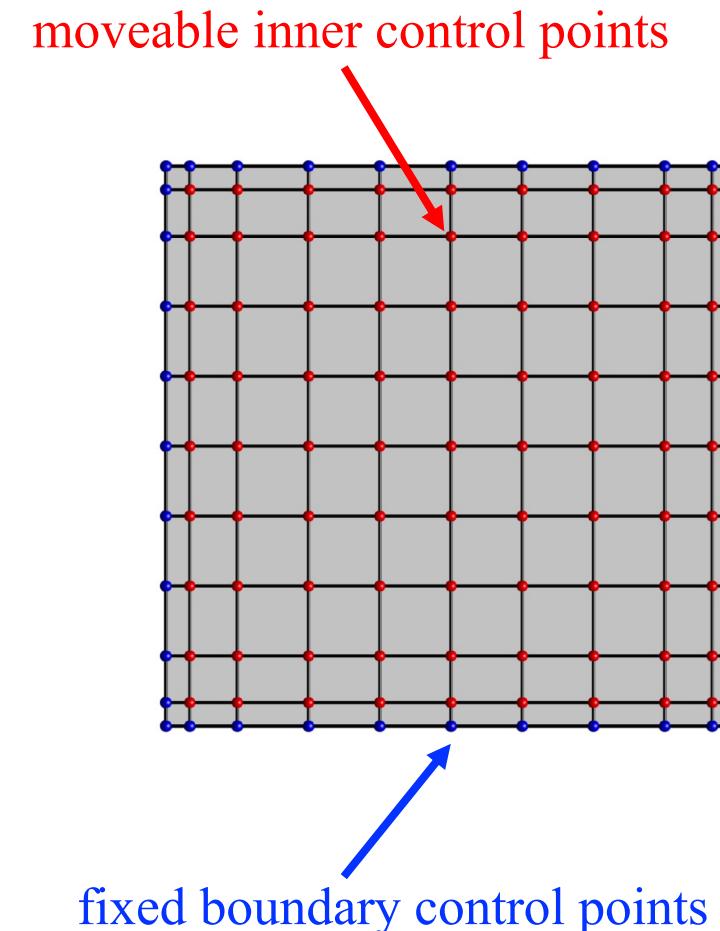
Objective function

- Finally, our problem boils down to the following optimization:

$$\underset{P_j \in \mathcal{I}_I}{\operatorname{argmin.}} \quad \widehat{\Phi}(\mathbf{x}), \\ s.t. \quad \mathbf{K}(\mathbf{x})\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}),$$

where \mathcal{I}_I is the indices set of the inner control points.

- Exact geometry:** reposition the inner control points (in red) while leaving the boundary control points (in blue) unchanged.



Sensitivity analysis - Sensitivity propagation from design model to analysis model

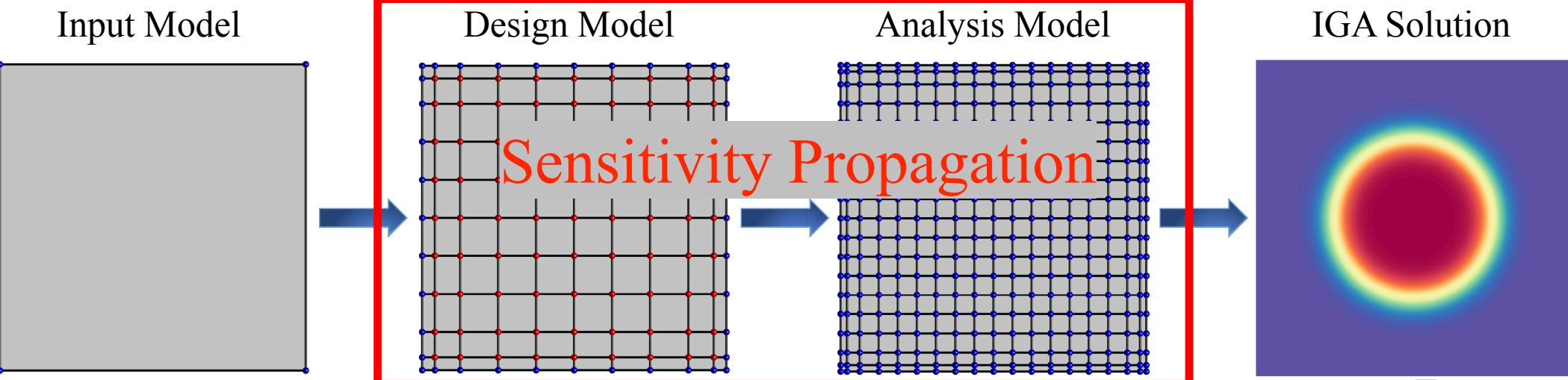
- Spline refinement:

$$\mathbf{Q} = \tilde{\mathbf{R}}\mathbf{P},$$

where \mathbf{Q} are the control points of the analysis model, \mathbf{P} are the control points of the design model, and $\tilde{\mathbf{R}} = \text{diag}(\omega_Q)^{-1} R \text{diag}(\omega_Q)$ is a linear transformation operator.

- **Sensitivity propagation** from the design model to the analysis model:

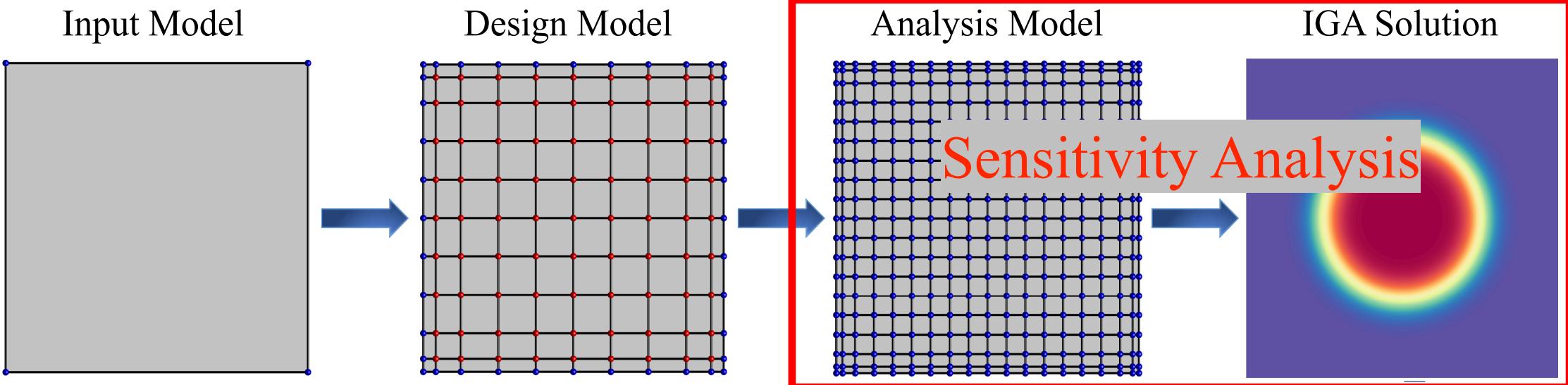
$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{Q}}{\partial \alpha_s} = \tilde{\mathbf{R}} \frac{\partial \mathbf{P}}{\partial \alpha_s}.$$



Sensitivity analysis in the analysis model

- Sensitivity analysis **performs mainly in the analysis model:**

$$\frac{\partial \widehat{\Phi}(\boldsymbol{x})}{\partial \alpha_s} = \underbrace{\frac{\partial \Phi(\boldsymbol{x}, \boldsymbol{u}(\boldsymbol{x}))}{\partial \alpha_s}}_{\text{geometry}} + \underbrace{\frac{\partial \Phi(\boldsymbol{x}, \boldsymbol{u}(\boldsymbol{x}))}{\partial \boldsymbol{u}}} \underbrace{\frac{\partial \boldsymbol{u}(\boldsymbol{x})}{\partial \alpha_s}}_{\text{analysis}}.$$



Sensitivity analysis – geometry part

- Sensitivity for the Gaussian curvature and the mean curvature:

$$\mathcal{K}' = \frac{(LN - M^2)' - \mathcal{K}(EG - F^2)'}{EG - F^2},$$

$$\mathcal{H}' = \frac{1}{2} \frac{(LG - 2MF + NE)' - 2\mathcal{H}(EG - F^2)'}{EG - F^2}.$$

- The **derivative of the absolute principal curvature** is of the following form

$$\mathcal{C}'_{abs} = \begin{cases} 2\mathcal{H}' & \text{if } \kappa_{min} \geq 0, \\ \frac{2\mathcal{H}\mathcal{H}' - \mathcal{K}'}{\sqrt{\mathcal{H}^2 - \mathcal{K}}} & \text{if } \kappa_{max} \geq 0 \text{ and } \kappa_{min} < 0, \\ -2\mathcal{H}' & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Sensitivity analysis – analysis part

- **Differentiation of the discrete equilibrium equation** and some algebraic operation give

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x})}{\partial \alpha_s} = \mathbf{K}(\mathbf{x})^{-1} \left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x})}{\partial \alpha_s} - \frac{\partial \mathbf{K}(\mathbf{x})}{\partial \alpha_s} \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}) \right),$$

where

$$\mathbf{K}'(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^{n_{el}} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{K}'_e,$$

$$\mathbf{F}'(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^{n_{el}} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{f}'_e,$$

$$\mathbf{K}'_e = \int_{\widehat{\Omega}_e} (\mathbf{G}'^T \mathbf{G} |J| + \mathbf{G}^T \mathbf{G}' |J| + \mathbf{G}^T \mathbf{G} |J|') d\widehat{\Omega}_e,$$

and

$$\mathbf{f}'_e = \int_{\widehat{\Omega}_e} \mathbf{N} (\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} f \cdot \nabla_{\alpha_s} \mathbf{x} |J| + f |J|') d\widehat{\Omega}_e.$$



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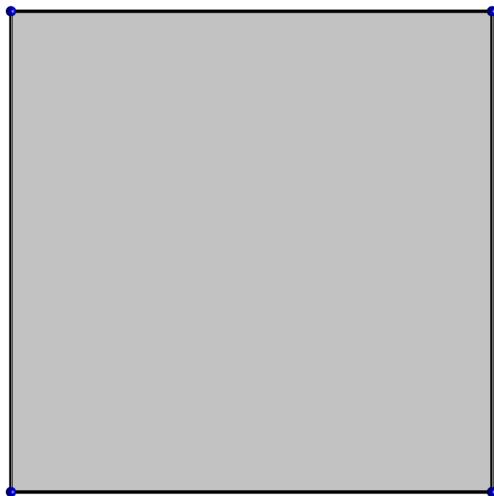
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Toy problem: the square case

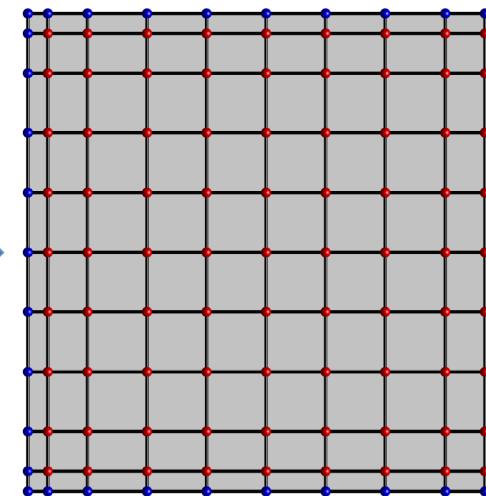
- Consider Poisson's equation over $\Omega = [0,1]^2$ with the following exact solution

$$u(x) = \tanh\left(\frac{0.25 - \sqrt{(x - 0.5)^2 + (y - 0.5)^2}}{0.05}\right) + 1.$$

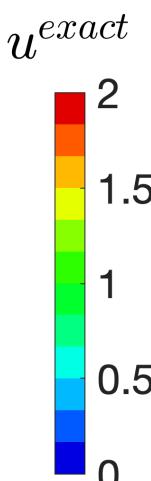
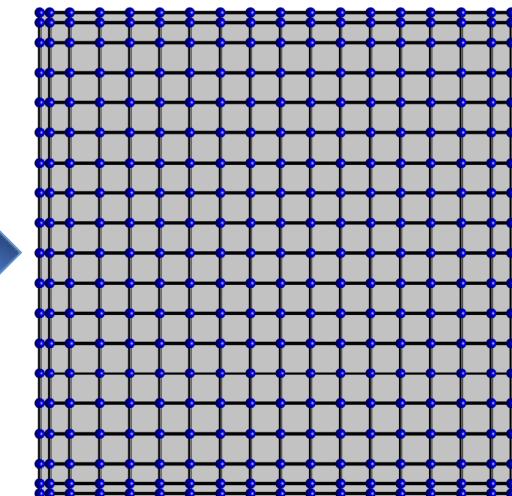
Input Model



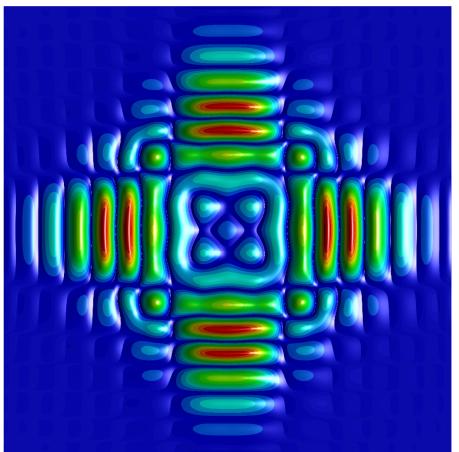
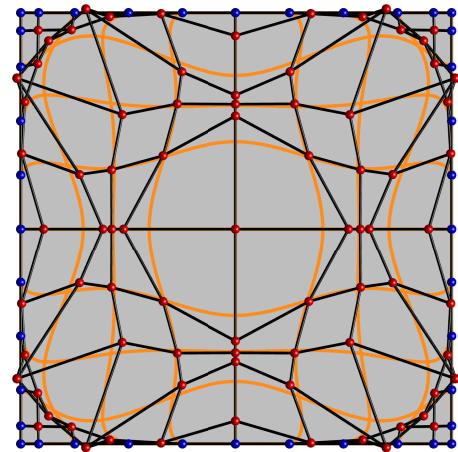
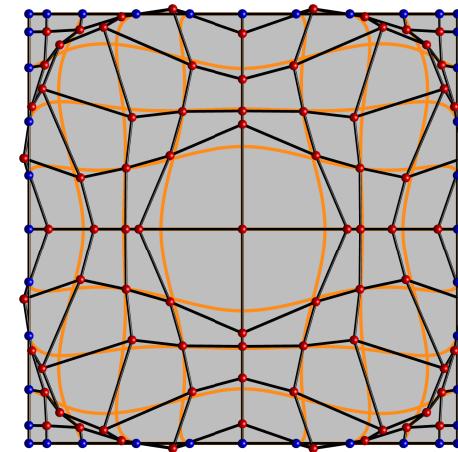
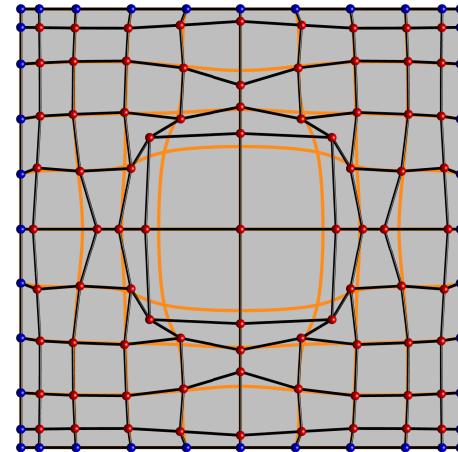
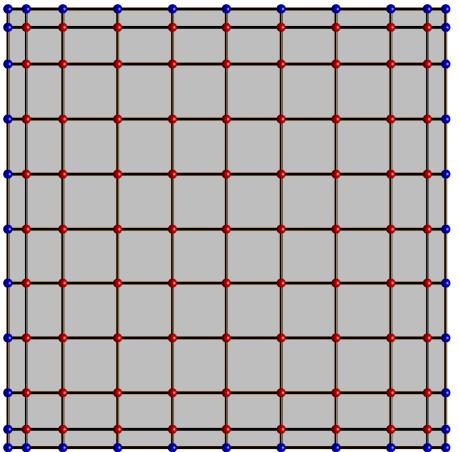
Design Model



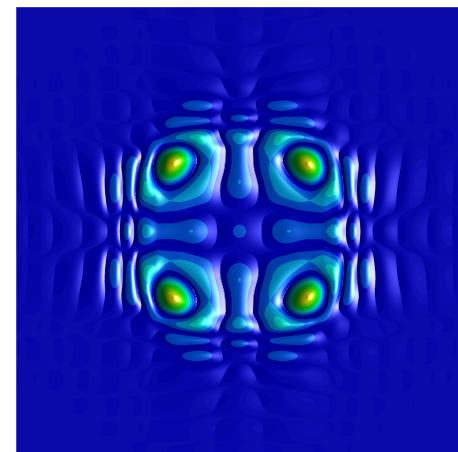
Analysis Model



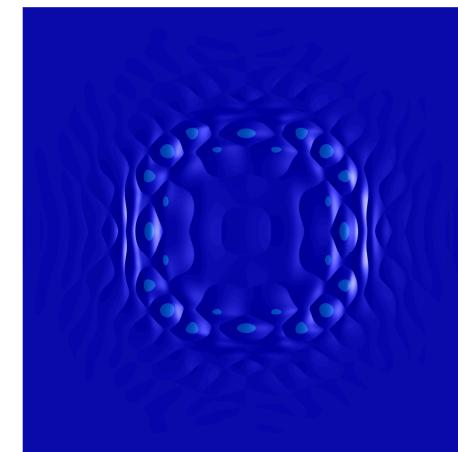
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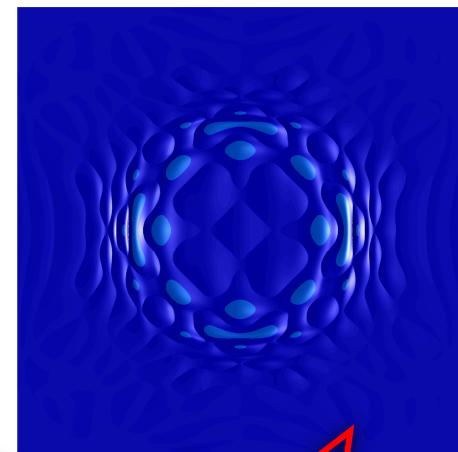
Initial (isotropic)
Err. = 1.2093e-02



No refinement
Err. = 4.4468e-03

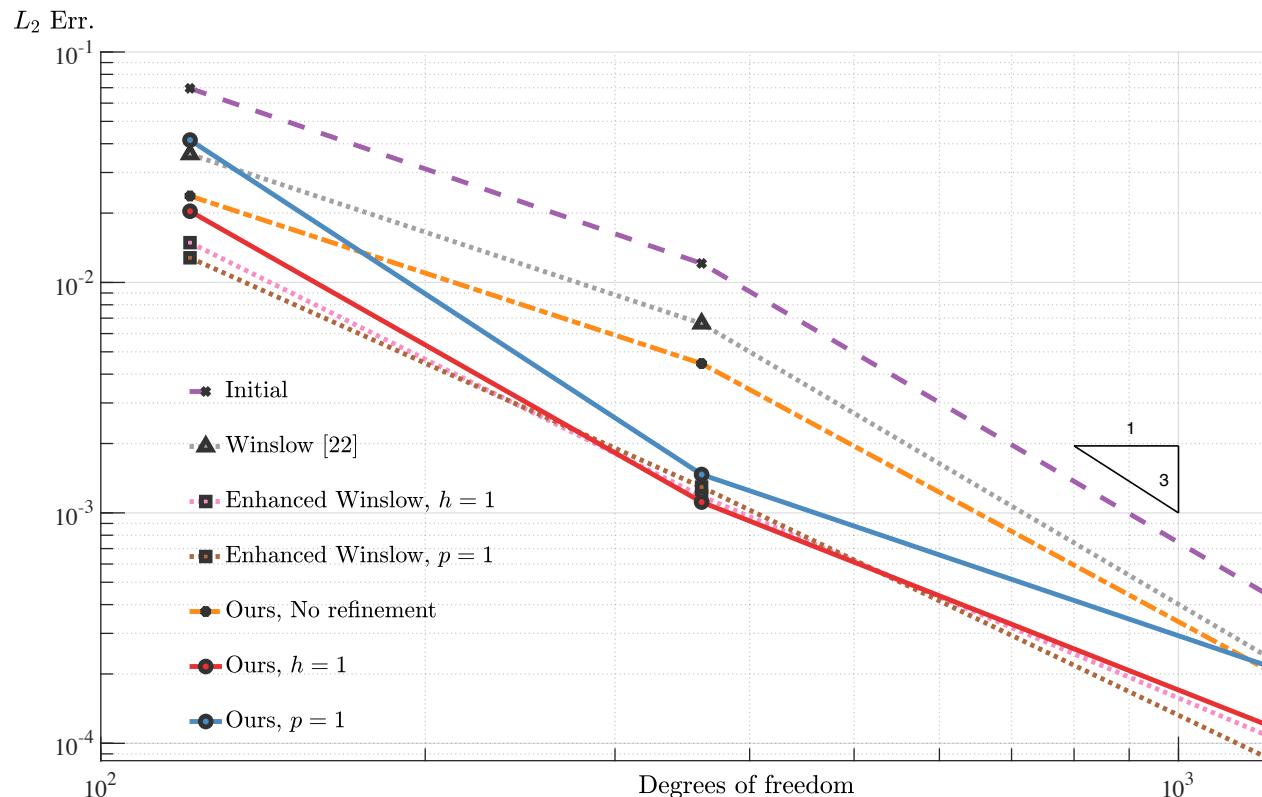


$p = 1$
Err. = 1.4674e-03



$h = 1$
Err. = 1.1141e-03

Toy problem: the square case – cont'd



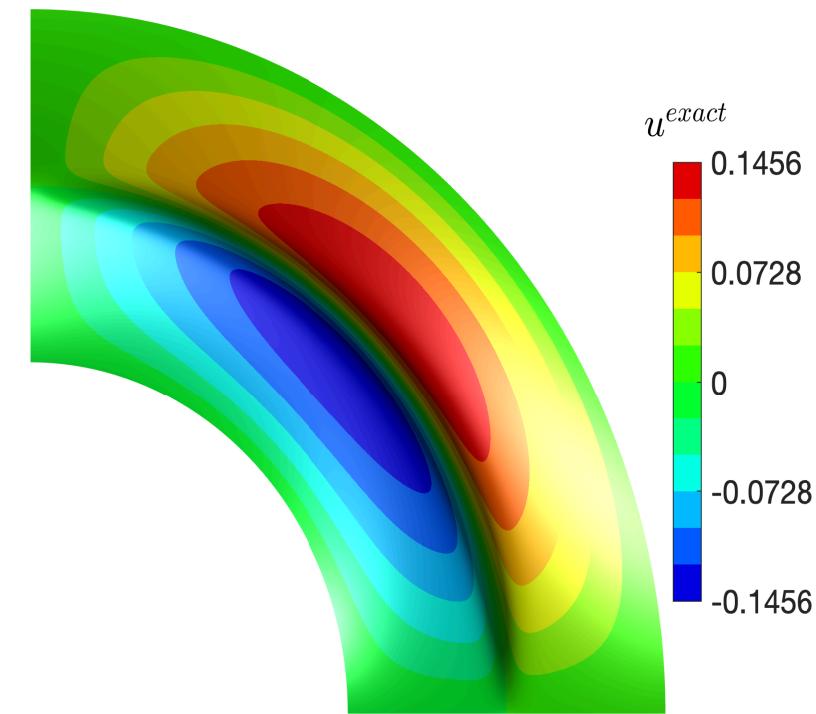
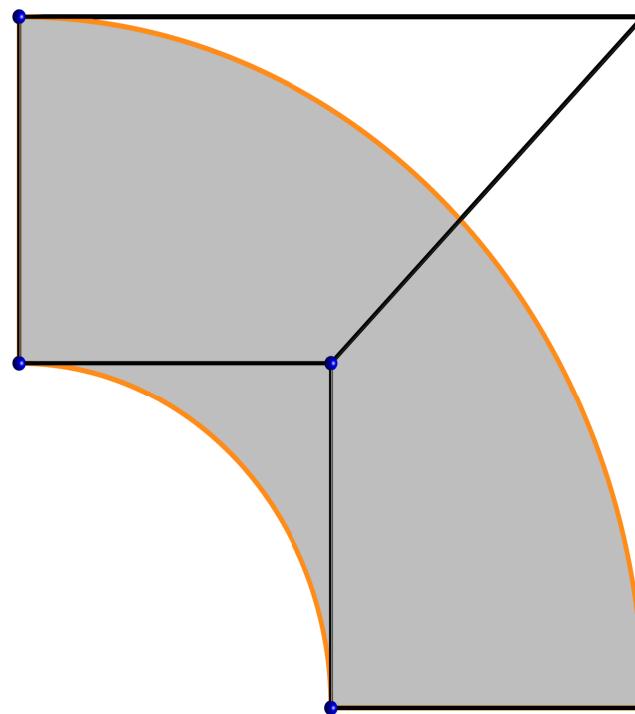
- High numerical accuracy **remains in finer meshes**;
- Our method shows better performance** than the original Winslow method [Xu et al. 2019].

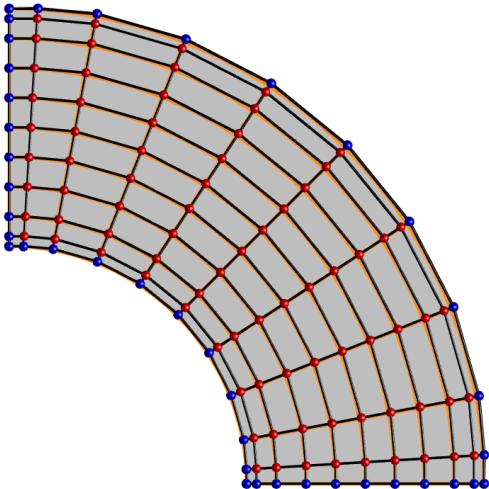
NURBS geometry: quarter annulus

- **NURBS representations are mandatory** to exactly recover computational domains with conic sections;
- Exact solution:

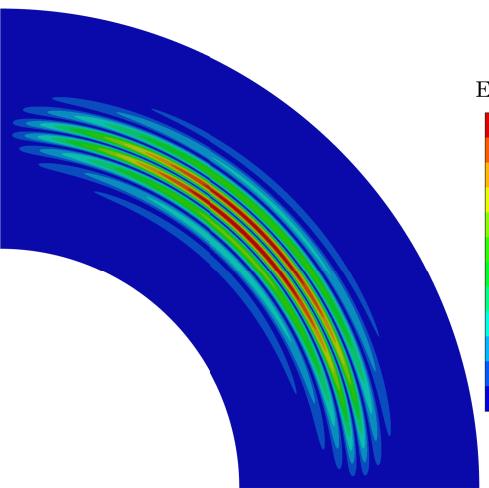
$$u(x) = \theta \left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta \right) (r - 1)(r - 2) \tanh(24(r - 1.5)),$$

where $r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ and $\theta = \text{atan}(y/x)$.

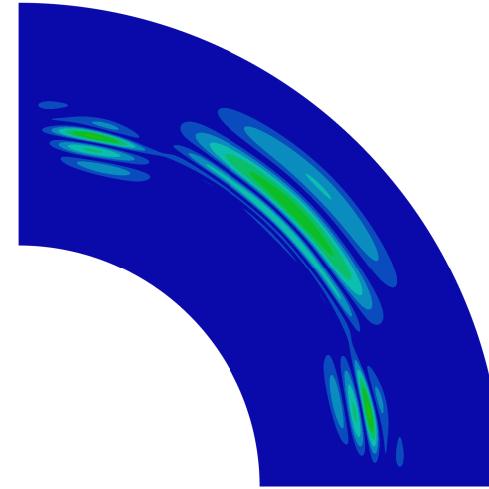




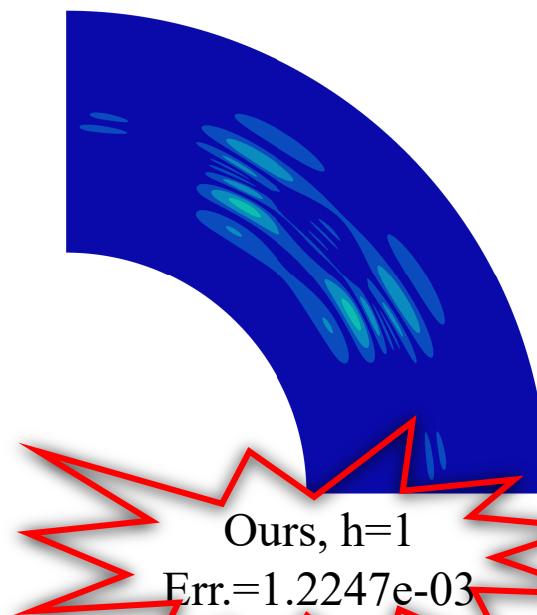
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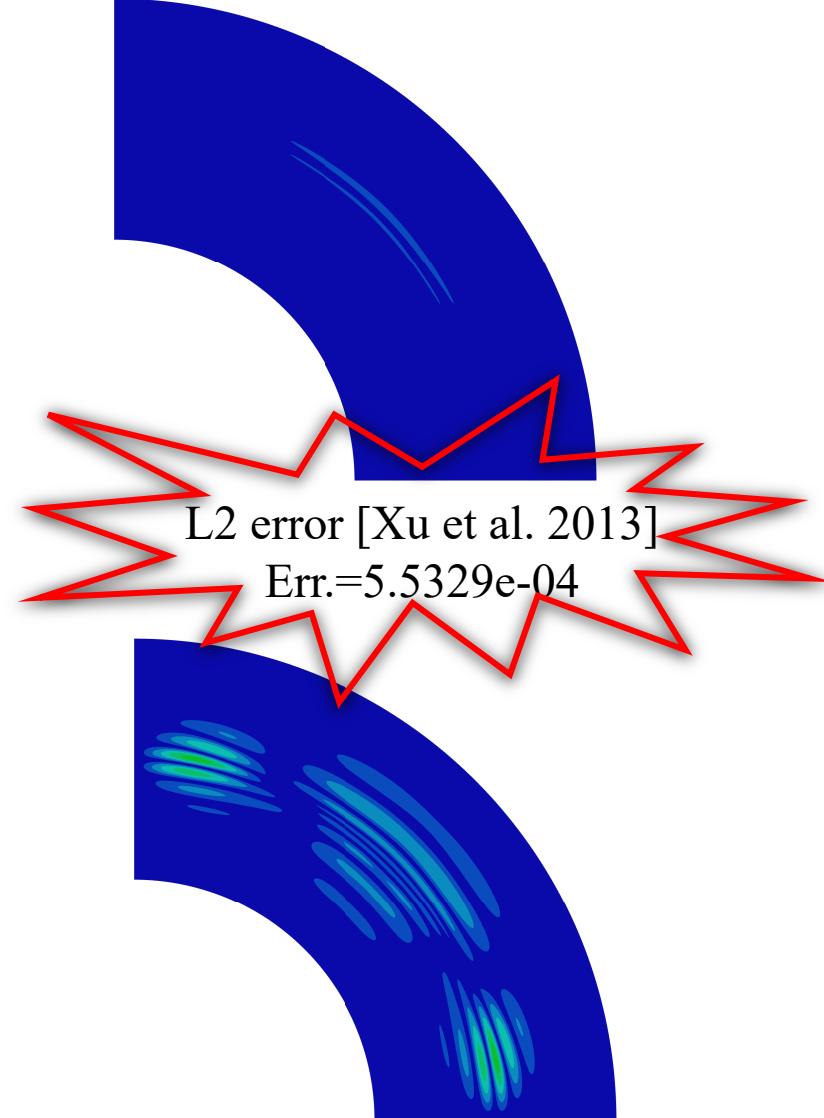
Initial (isotropic)
 $\text{Err.} = 4.3519\text{e-}03$



Ours, no Refinement
 $\text{Err.} = 2.0980\text{e-}03$

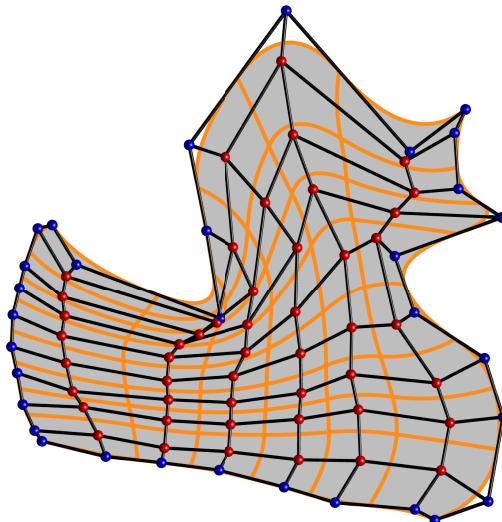


Ours, $h=1$
 $\text{Err.} = 1.2247\text{e-}03$

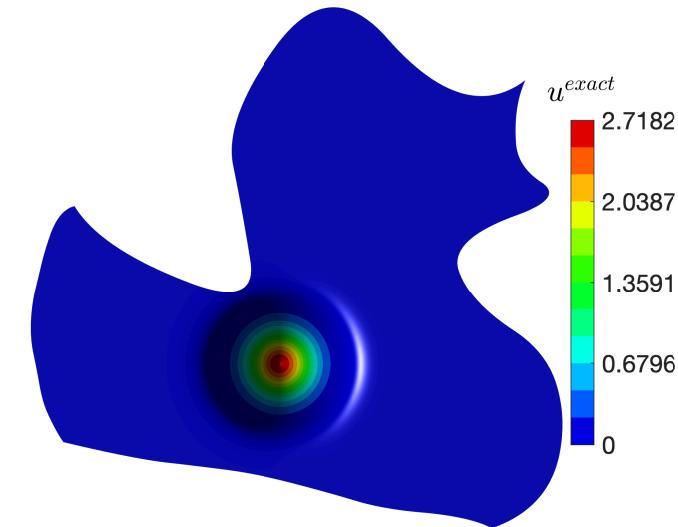


Winslow [Xu et al. 2019]
 $\text{Err.} = 1.7134\text{e-}03$

More complicated geometry



Initial parameterization [Ji et al. 2021]

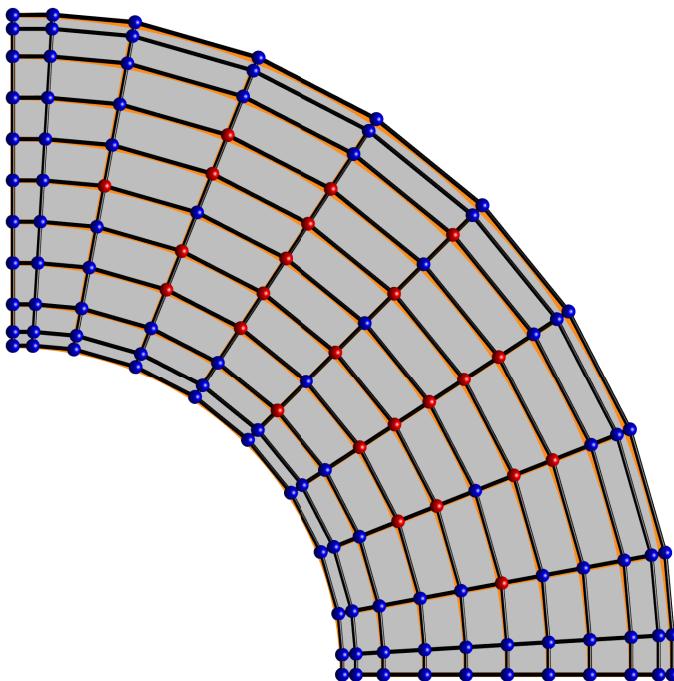


Exact solution

Refinement	Average error	L_2 error	Running time (sec.)
Initialization	1.5032e-02	2.7269e-02	0.21
NO	6.2290e-03	1.1213e-02	6.03
$p = 1$	2.1423e-03	4.5594e-03	9.28
$h = 1$	2.4356e-03	7.0504e-03	15.60

Acceleration strategy

- Setting all the inner control points as optimization variables is **computationally uneconomical**;
- We **compute the sensitivity once** before iteration and **select the ones with large derivatives**.

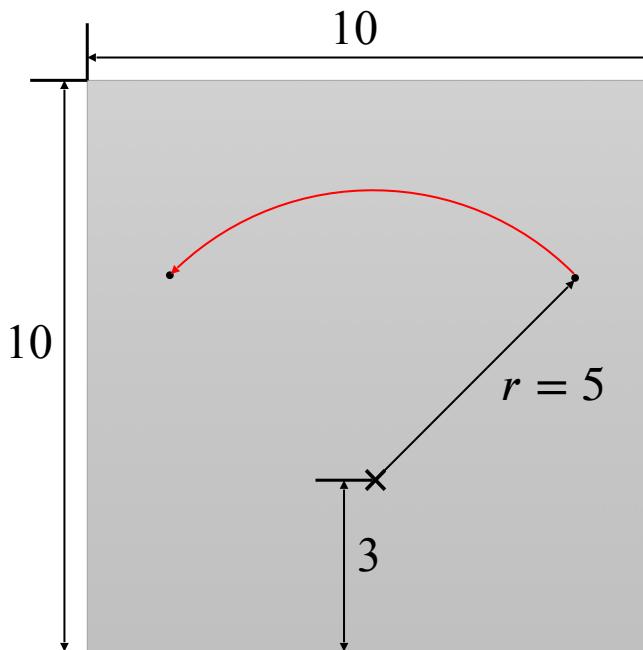


Method	Refine	L_2 error	timing(sec.)
Unaccelerated	NO	2.0980e-3	12.20
	$p = 1$	1.3501e-3	25.68
	$h = 1$	1.2247e-3	48.72
Accelerated	NO	1.4312e-3	4.70
	$p = 1$	1.4252e-3	7.94
	$h = 1$	1.1296e-3	15.79

Application: Time-dependent dynamic PDE

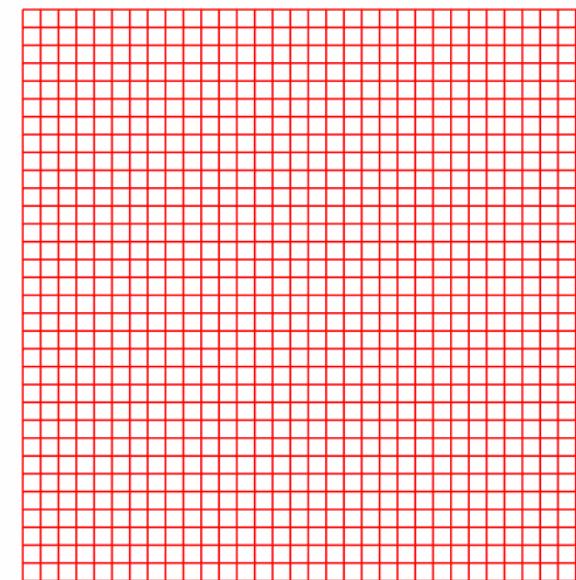
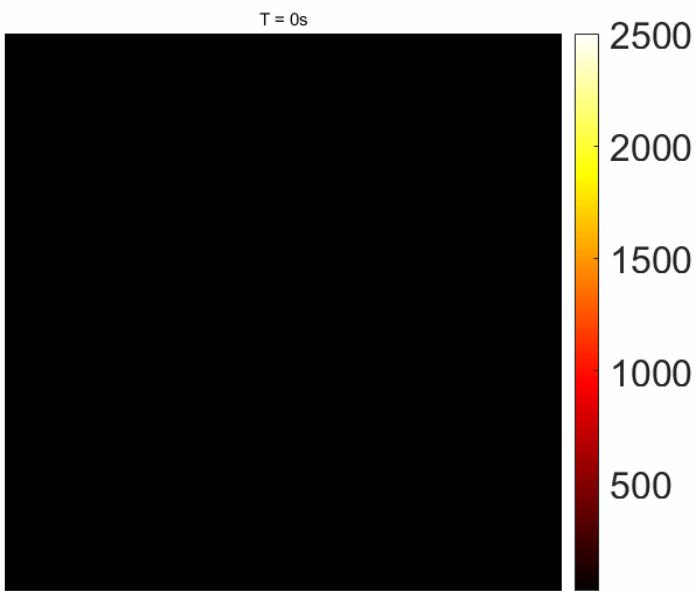
- Consider a two-dimensional **linear heat transfer problem** with a moving Gaussian heat source [12]:

$$\begin{cases} C_p \rho \frac{\partial u(\mathbf{x}, t)}{\partial t} - \nabla \cdot (\kappa \nabla u(\mathbf{x}, t)) = f(\mathbf{x}, t), & \text{in } \Omega \times T, \\ u(\mathbf{x}, t) = u_0, & \text{in } \Omega, \\ \kappa \nabla u(\mathbf{x}, t) = 0, & \text{on } \partial\Omega \times T. \end{cases}$$

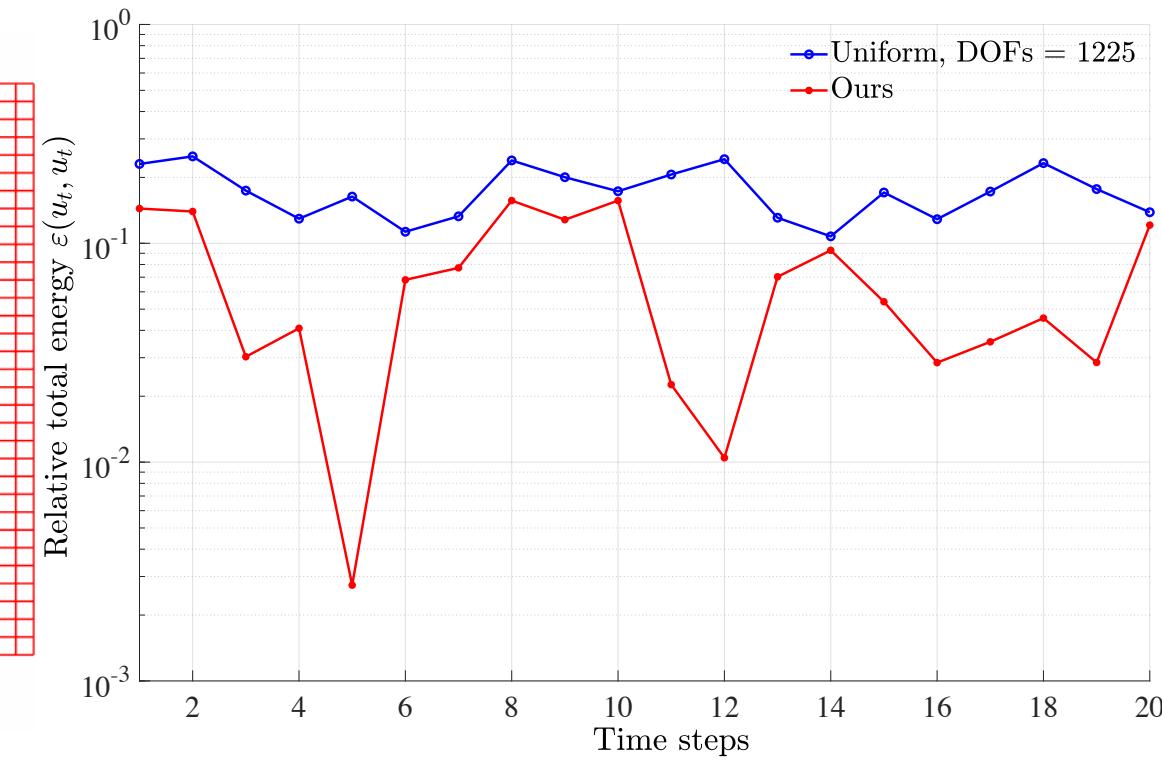


Laser Power P	9×10^5 [W]
Laser speed	1.57 [mm/s]
Absorptivity η	0.33
Source radius r_h	100 μm
Conductivity κ	1.0 [W/mm/K]
Heat capacity C_p	1.0 [J/kg/K]
Density ρ	1.0 [kg/mm ³]
Initial temperature u_0	20.0 $^{\circ}\text{C}$

Results



Solution and the corresponding parameterization



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- Conclusions:
 - An **r-adaptivity based on absolute principal curvature** is proposed for isogeometric analysis;
 - **Bi-level approach** using coarse and fine refinements is employed to balance efficiency and accuracy;
 - **Bijectivity is guaranteed** by regularization technique and common line search criteria;
 - Examples show the **effectiveness, efficiency, and superiority** of the proposed method.
- Future work:
 - Extending the proposed method to **shell and solid problems**;
 - To further acceleration, combine our method with spline techniques **with local refinement capability**;
 - We will **release our reference implementation in Geometry + Simulation Modules (G+Smo) library**.





Thanks for your attention!

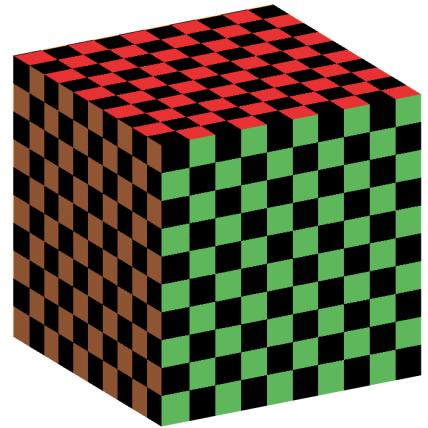
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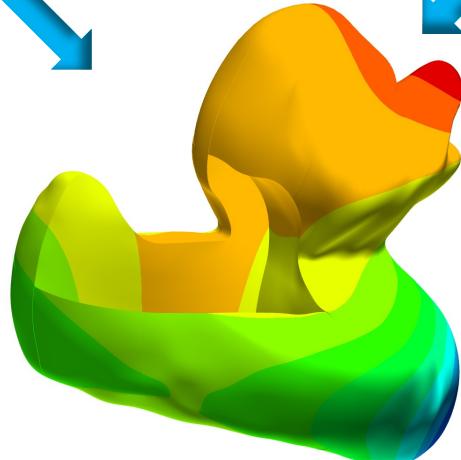
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$$x(\xi) = \sum_{i=0}^n \mathbf{P}_i R_i(\xi)$$

$$u^h = \sum_{i=0}^n \mathbf{u}_i R_i \circ x^{-1}$$

$$u^h = \sum_{i=0}^n \mathbf{u}_i \tilde{R}_i$$



physical field