

# Accuracy of original MPM

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# Numerical accuracy

## Numerical Approximation

$$u_{ex} = u_{num} + O(\Delta x^n) + O(\Delta t^m)$$

## RMS Error

$$Error_{RMS} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n_p} \sum_{p=1}^{n_p} \left( u_{num}(x_p, t) - u_{ex}(x_p, t) \right)^2}$$

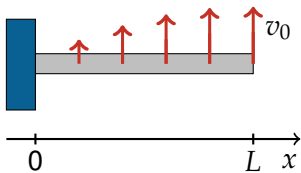
## Accuracy in displacement

For  $\Delta t \rightarrow 0$ , the order of accuracy is equal to  $n$ , i.e. the reduction of  $\Delta x$  by a factor of 2 decreases the RMS error by  $2^n$ .

## Previous results

Order of accuracy	Source
2	Gong (2015); Steffen (2008)
0.5 - 1	Tran (2010)
lack of spatial convergence	Gong (2015); Steffen (2008)

# Vibrating bar



$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = \frac{E}{\rho} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$$

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$$u(0, t) = 0$$

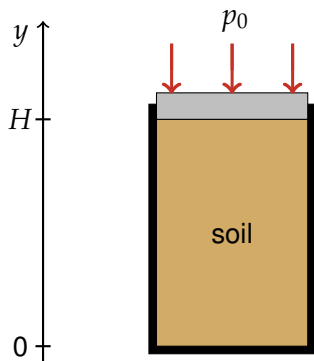
$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(L, t) = 0$$

Initial conditions:

$$u(x, 0) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(x, 0) = v_0 \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{2L}\right)$$

# Oedometer



$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = \frac{E}{\rho} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} - g$$

Boundary conditions:

$$u(0, t) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}(H, t) = \frac{p_0}{E}$$

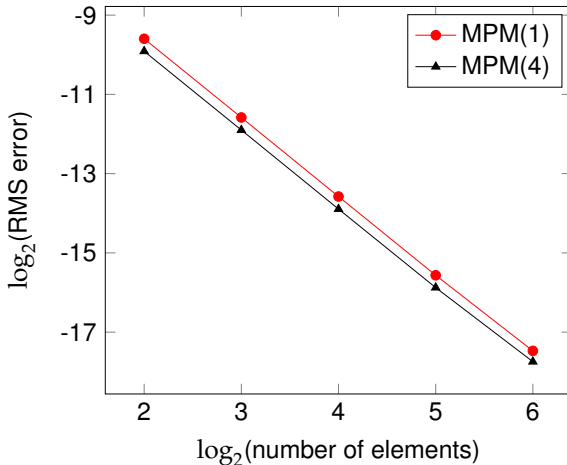
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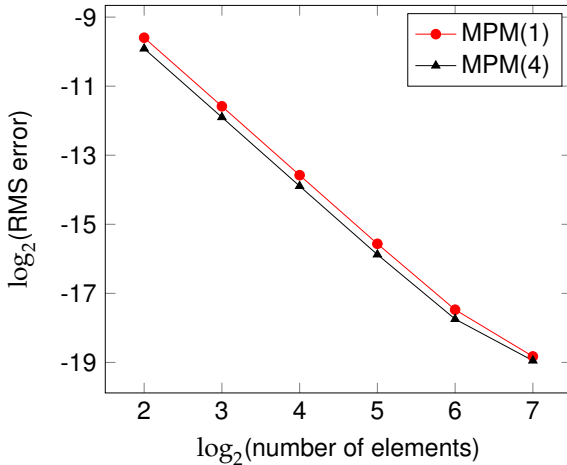
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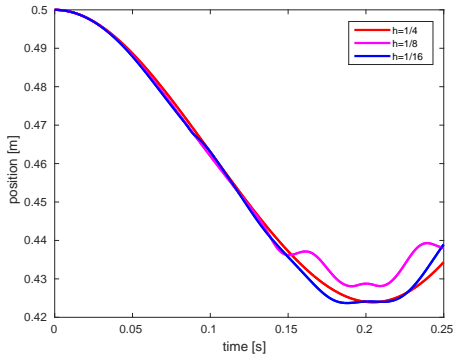


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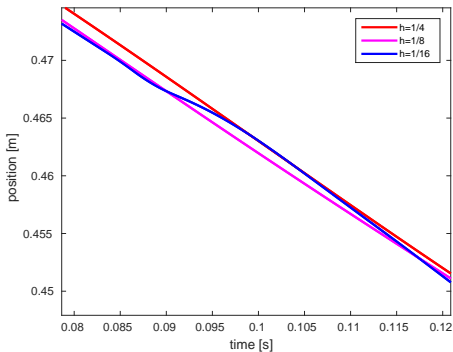


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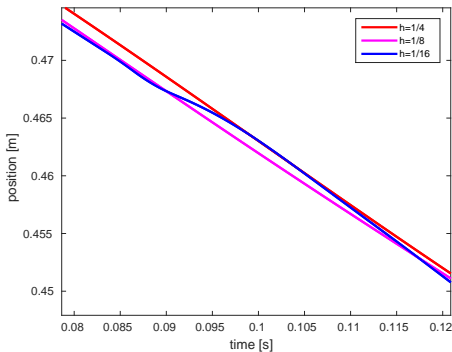
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## Conclusion

Lack of spatial convergence.



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## Observations

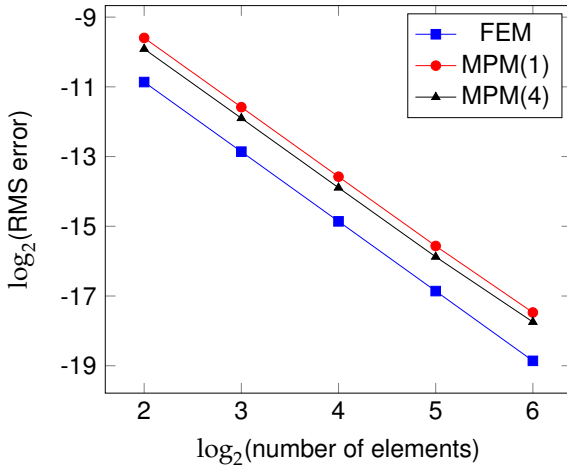
- Lack of spatial convergence
- Problems arise due to external forces

$$\mathbf{M} \frac{d\mathbf{v}}{dt} = \mathbf{F}_{ext} - \mathbf{F}_{int},$$

$$\text{where } \mathbf{F}_{ext} = \mathbf{N}(H)^T p_0 - \int_0^H \mathbf{N}^T \rho g dy$$

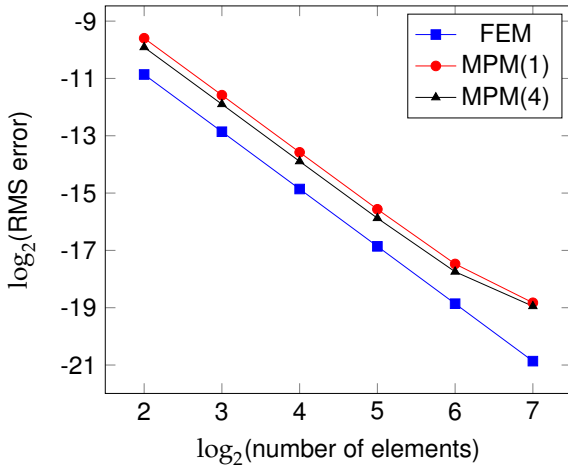
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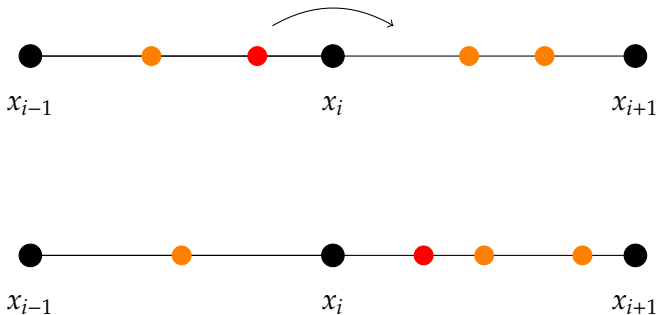




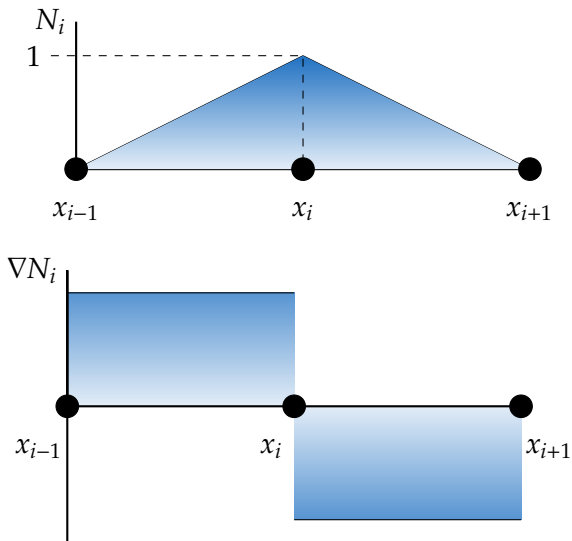
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# Grid-crossing



# Grid-crossing: properties of shape functions



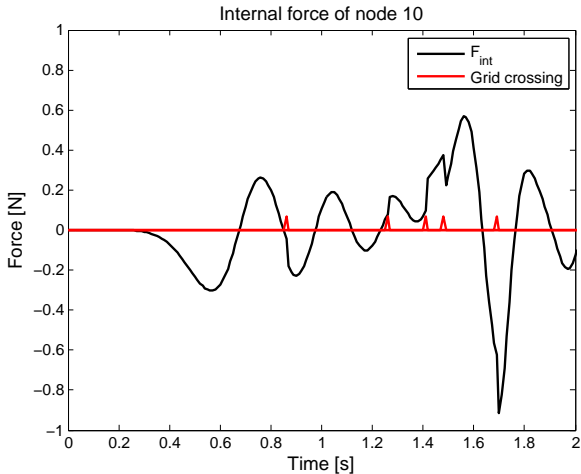
# Grid crossing: internal force

$$F_{i+1}^{int} \approx \sum_{p=1}^{n_i} \nabla N_i(\xi_p) \sigma_p \Omega_p + \sum_{p=1}^{n_{i+1}} \nabla N_i(\xi_p) \sigma_p \Omega_p$$

$$F_{i+1}^{int} \approx \sigma \Omega (n_i - n_{i+1})$$

$$\begin{cases} F_{i+1}^{int} = 0, & \text{if } n_i = n_{i+1} \\ F_{i+1}^{int} \neq 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

# Grid crossing: internal force



# Grid crossing: vibrating bar

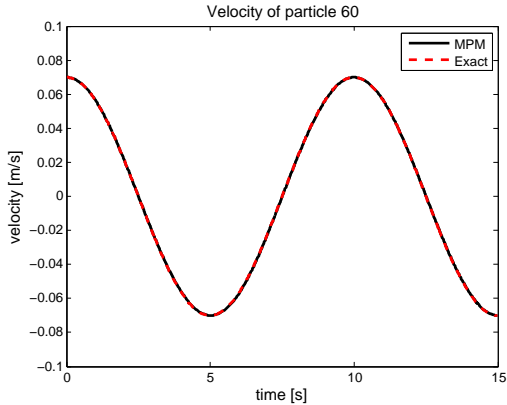


Figure: No grid crossing (30 elements).

# Grid crossing: vibrating bar

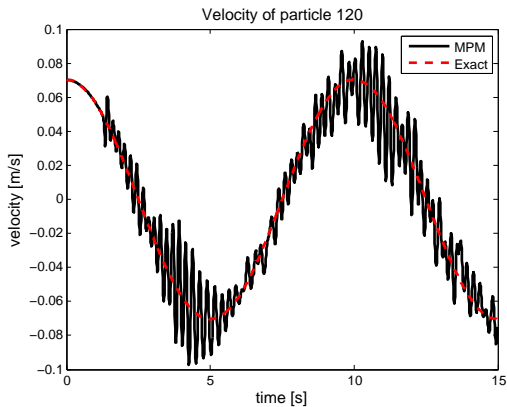
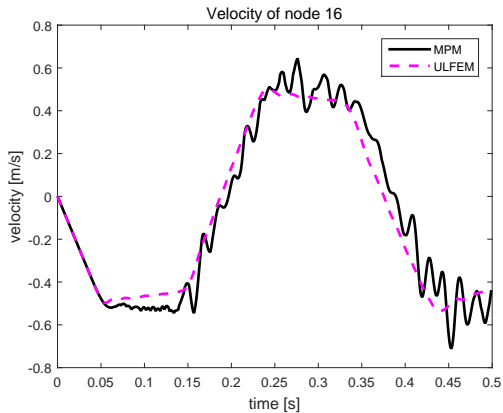


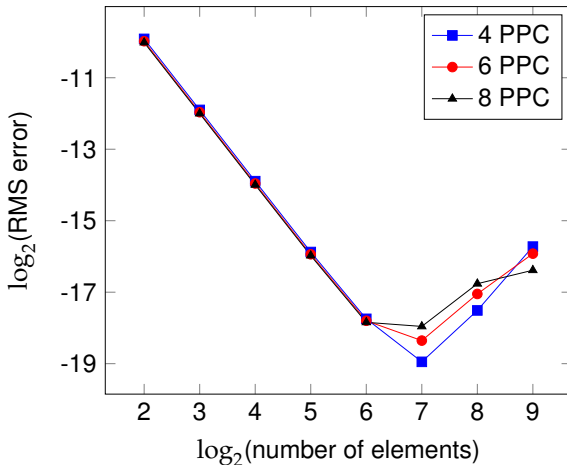
Figure: Grid crossing (60 elements).

# Grid crossing: oedometer

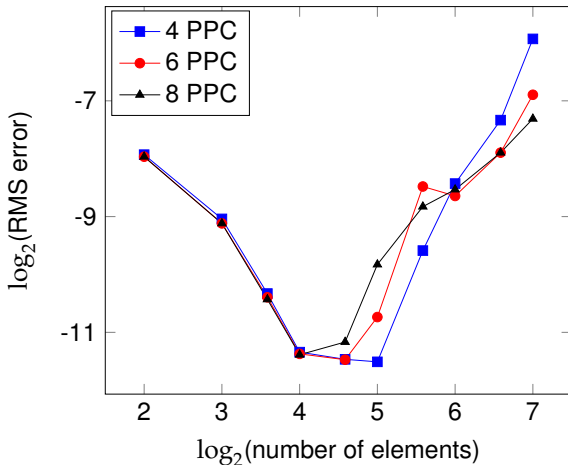




# Depenence on PPC: vibrating string



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# Main sources of spatial errors

## Presented today

- Errors arising due to external forces
- Grid crossing errors

## Other sources

- Mass mapping error
- Momentum mapping error
- Force mapping error

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- Deltares' implementation: analysis and recommendations

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## Settings: vibrating bar

	Symbol	Value	Unit
Length	$L$	25	m
Tension	$E$	100	Pa
Density	$\rho$	1	kg/m <sup>3</sup>
Maximum velocity	$v_0$	0.1	m/s
Time step	$\Delta t$	$1 \cdot 10^{-3}$	s
Measurement time <sup>1</sup>	$t$	0.5	s
PPC <sup>2</sup>		4	

## Settings: oedometer

	Symbol	Value	Unit
Height	$L$	1	m
Young's modulus	$E$	$1 \cdot 10^5$	Pa
Density	$\rho$	$1 \cdot 10^3$	kg/m <sup>3</sup>
Load	$p_0$	0	Pa
Gravitational acceleration	$g$	9.81	m/s <sup>2</sup>
Time step	$\Delta t$	$1 \cdot 10^{-3}$	s
Measurement time <sup>1</sup>	$t$	0.5	s
Position particle <sup>1</sup>	$x_p$	$\approx 0.5$	m
Number of elements <sup>2</sup>		30	
PPC <sup>2</sup>		10	

## Settings: Steffen

	Symbol	Value	Unit
Length	$L$	1	m
Tension	$E$	100	Pa
Density	$\rho$	100	kg/m <sup>3</sup>
Load	$p_0$	0.7	Pa
Gravitational acceleration	$g$	0	m/s <sup>2</sup>
Time step	$\Delta t$	$1 \cdot 10^{-2}$	s
Domain		1.15	m
Number of elements		20	
PPC		10	