

# IMMersed Finite Element Methods for Interface Problems with Multi-Domains and Triple-Junction Points

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# PROBLEM

## Abstract Form:

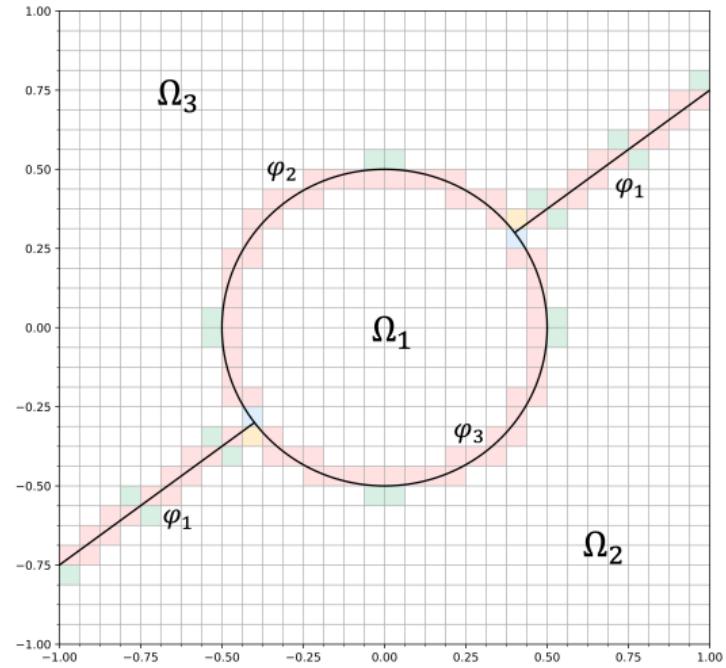
$$-\nabla \cdot (\beta \nabla u(\mathbf{x})) = f(\mathbf{x}), \quad \mathbf{x} \in \Omega$$

$$\beta = \beta_i, \quad \text{on } \Omega_i, i = 1, 2, 3$$

$$u(\mathbf{x}) = g(\mathbf{x}), \quad \mathbf{x} \in \partial\Omega$$

$$[u]_{\Gamma_i} = 0, \quad \forall i = 1, 2, 3.$$

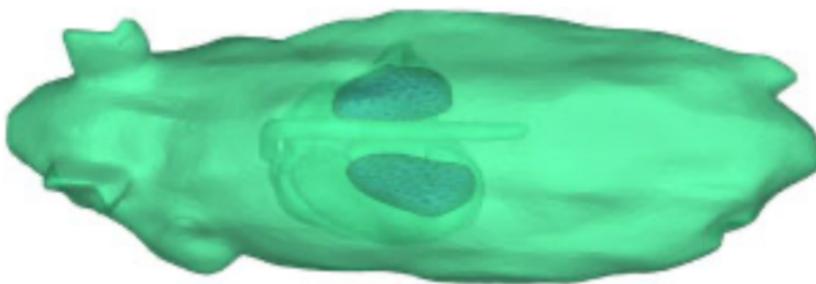
$$[\beta \nabla u \cdot \mathbf{n}]_{\Gamma_i} = b_i(\mathbf{x}) \quad \text{on } \Gamma_i,$$



## PROBLEM

Example Application in biomedical imaging of mouse:

In the bio-imaging,  $\Omega_1$ : Organ,  $\Omega_2$ : muscle,  $\Omega_3$ : other computing region [1].



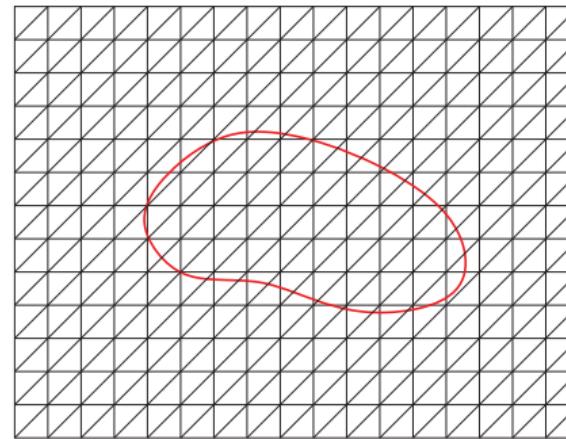
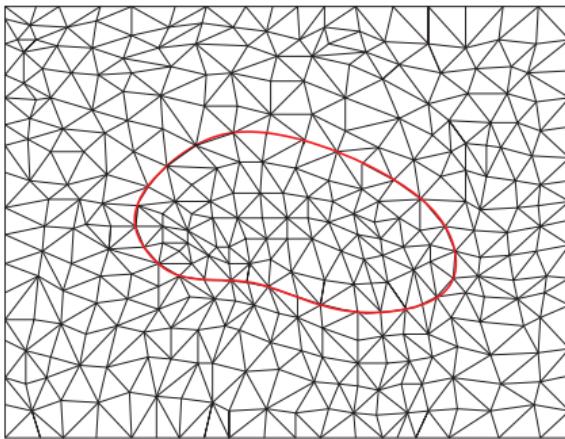
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<sup>1</sup>Source: Duan Chen, Guo-Wei Wei, Wen-Xiang Cong, and Ge Wang. Computational methods for optical molecular imaging. Communications in numerical methods in engineering, 25(12):1137–1161, 2009.

# IMMersed Finite Element Method

- Non-body fitting: efficiency



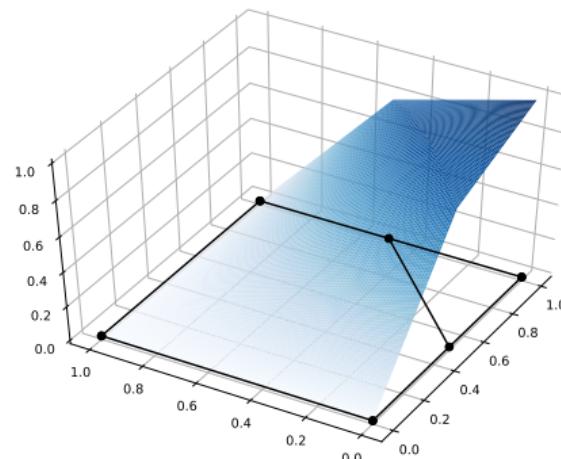
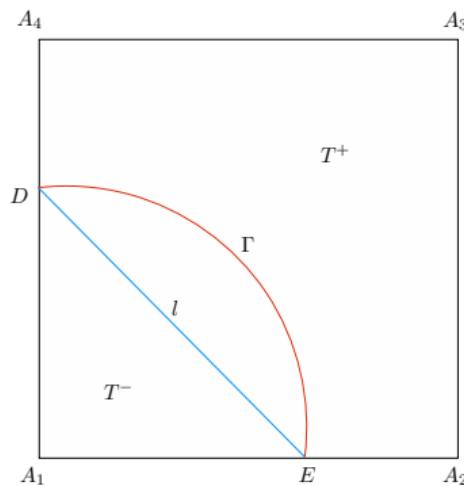
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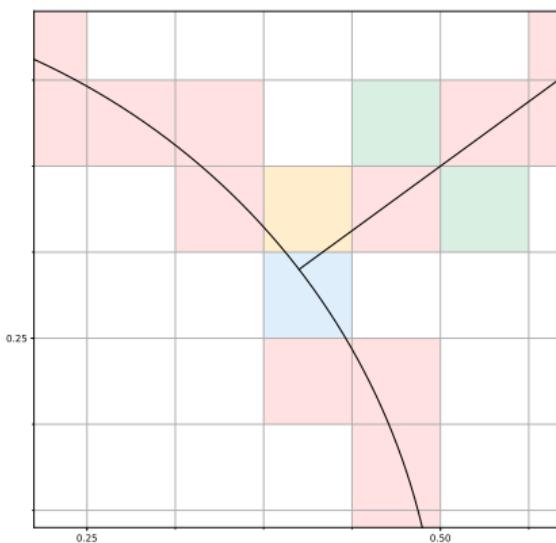
# IMMersed Finite Element Method

- "Immersed" basis function



# IMMersed Finite Element Method

- "Complexity" and "Challenge" for multi-domain and triple points



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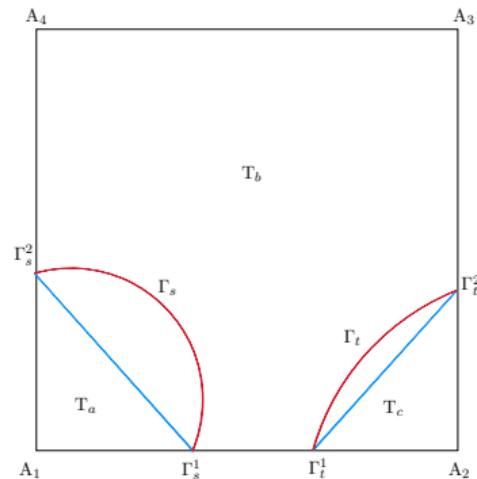
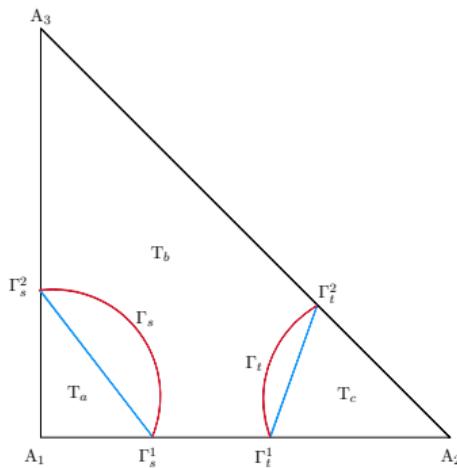
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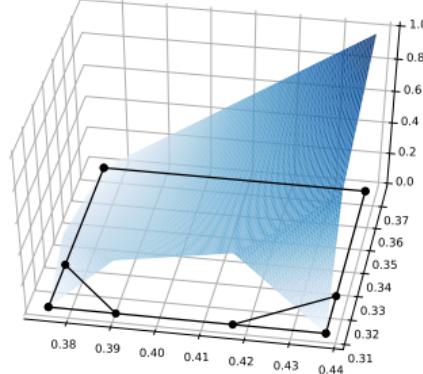
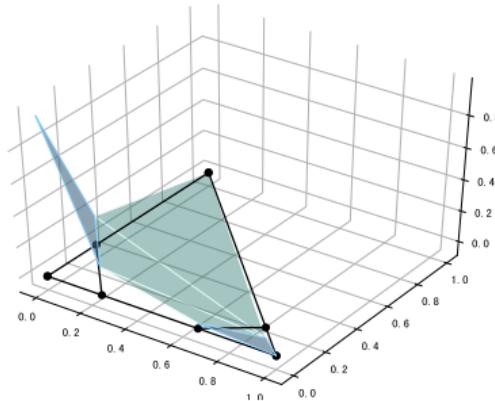
**Case 1:**  $T \in \mathcal{T}_{h,2}^i$ : all elements intersecting two interfaces



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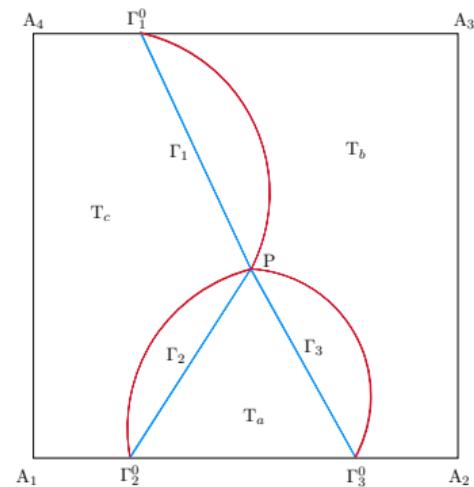
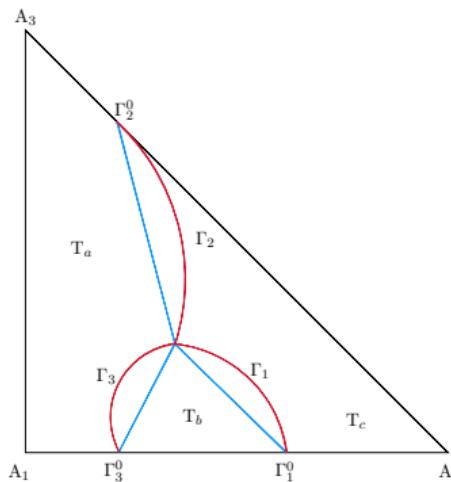
$\mathcal{T}_{h,2}^i$  Basis function construction:

- Nodal-value conditions:  $\phi_{i,T}(A_j) = \delta_{ij}, \quad \forall i, j \in \mathcal{I}_h$
- Continuity conditions of the basis functions on two interfaces
- Two conditions of normal flux continuity



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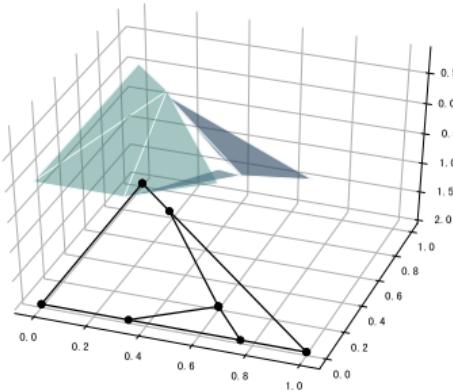
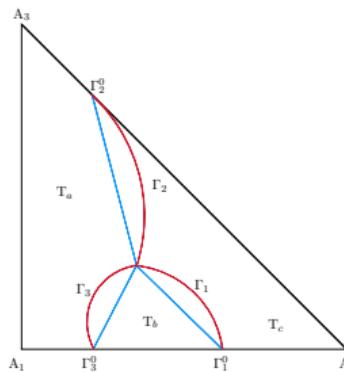
**Case 2:**  $T \in \mathcal{T}_{h,3}^i$ : all elements intersecting three interfaces with triple point



# LOCAL FUNCTION SPACE

$\mathcal{T}_{h,3}^i$  Triangular Basis function construction:

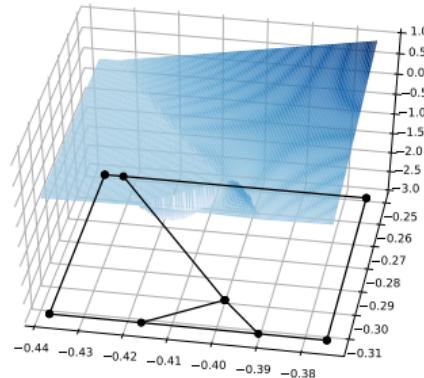
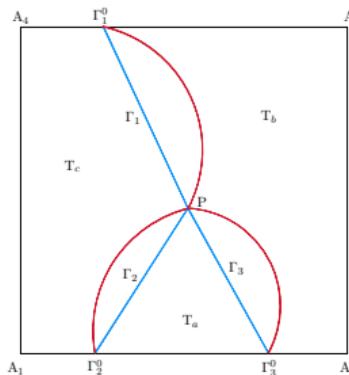
- Nodal-value conditions:  $\phi_{i,T}(A_j) = \delta_{ij}, \quad \forall i, j \in \mathcal{I}_h$
- Continuity conditions of the basis functions on triple point and interface intersection points
- Three conditions of normal flux continuity
- Lack of freedom: **least square method**



# LOCAL FUNCTION SPACE

$\mathcal{T}_{h,3}^i$  Rectangular Basis function construction:

- Nodal-value conditions:  $\phi_{i,T}(A_j) = \delta_{ij}, \quad \forall i, j \in \mathcal{I}_h$
- Continuity conditions of the basis functions on triple point and interface intersection points
- Three conditions of normal flux continuity
- Degree of freedom **enough**



# WEAK FORMULATION

## Weak form

$$a_h(u_h, v_h) = (f, v_h) - a_h(u_h^J, v_h) + \sum_{i=1}^3 \int_{\Gamma_i} Q_i v_h ds, \quad \forall v_h \in S_h. \quad (1)$$

## WEAK FORMULATION

### Galerkin

$$a_h(u_h, v_h) = \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \int_K \beta \nabla u_h \cdot \nabla v_h dX \quad (2)$$

### Partially Penalized Immersed Finite Element Method

$$\begin{aligned} a_h(u_h, v_h) &= \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \int_K \beta \nabla u_h \cdot \nabla v_h dX - \sum_{B \in \mathcal{E}_h^i} \int_B \{\beta \nabla u_h \cdot \mathbf{n}_B\} [v_h] ds \\ &\quad + \epsilon \sum_{B \in \mathcal{E}_h^i} \int_B \{\beta \nabla v_h \cdot \mathbf{n}_B\} [u_h] ds + \sum_{B \in \mathcal{E}_h^i} \int_B \frac{\sigma_B^0}{|B|^\alpha} [v_h] [u_h] ds \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

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# INTERPOLATION

Interpolation error of numerical example with circle interface,  $\beta_1 = 10$ ,  $\beta_2 = 1$ ,  $\beta_3 = 100$

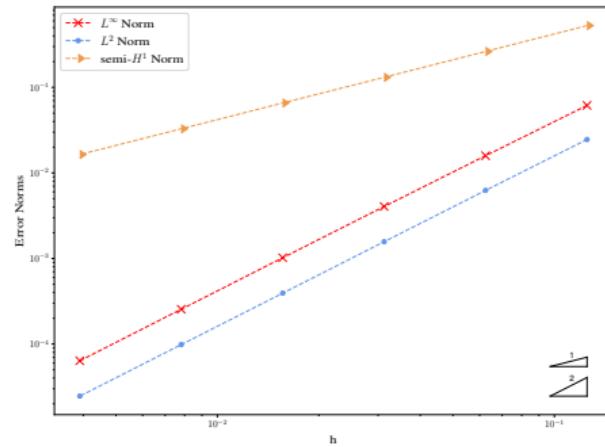
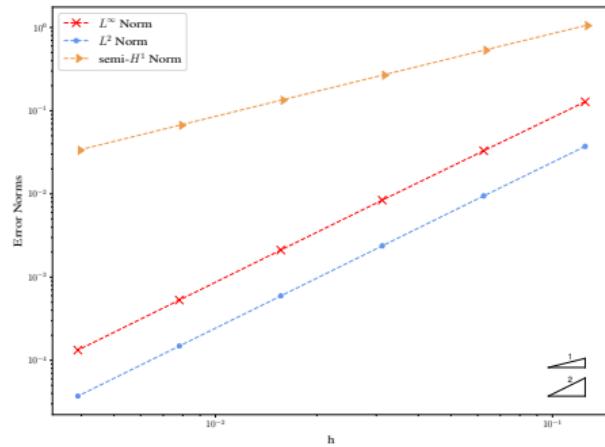
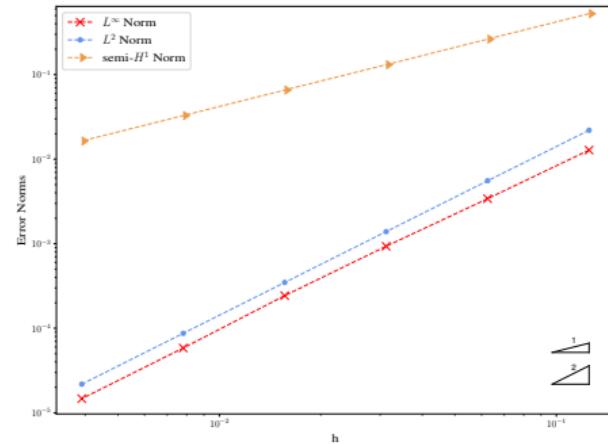
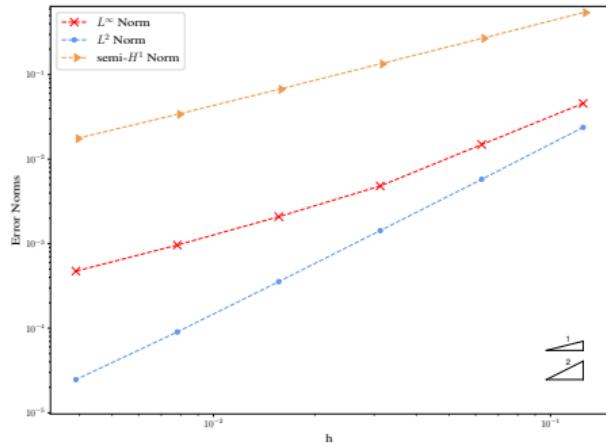


Figure 1: Interpolation error of triangular mesh(l) and Interpolation error of rectangular mesh(r)

# NUMERICAL SOLUTION

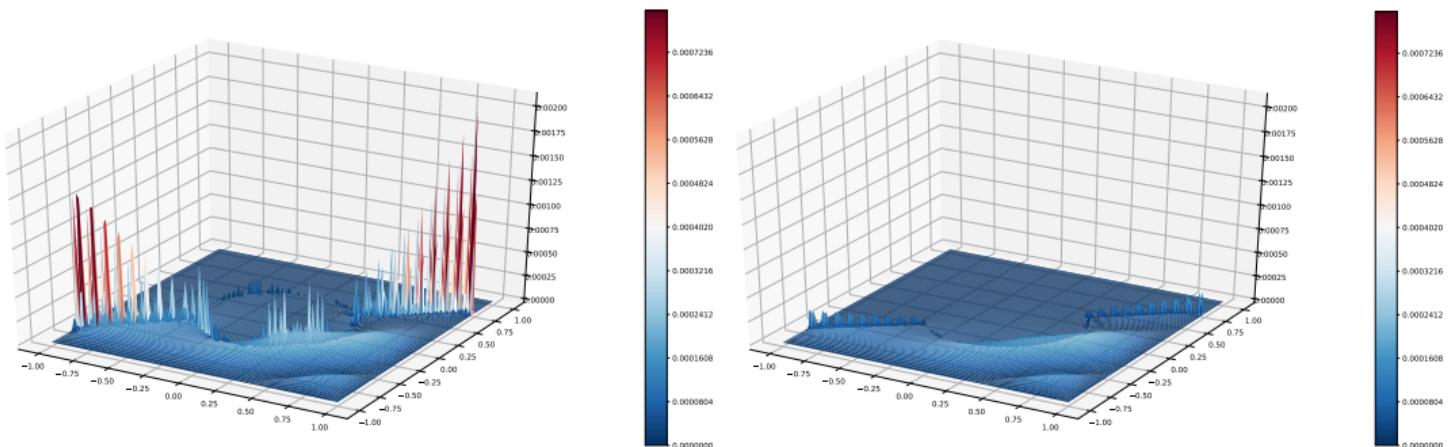
Numerical solution with circle interface,  $\beta_1 = 10$ ,  $\beta_2 = 1$ ,  $\beta_3 = 100$



**Figure 2:** Error of  $u - u_h$  using IFEM(l) and SPPIFEM(r)

# NUMERICAL SOLUTION

Solution difference of IFEM and PPIFEM can be revealed in Error plot



**Figure 3:** Error plot of  $|u - u_h|$  using IFEM(I) and SPPIFEM(r)

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