

# Isogeometric Analysis

## *Toward Unification of Computer Aided Design and Finite Element Analysis*

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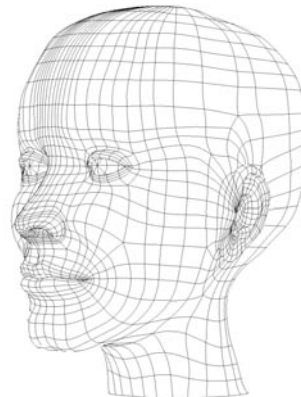
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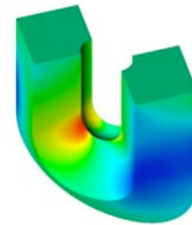
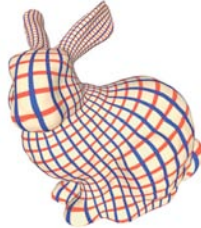
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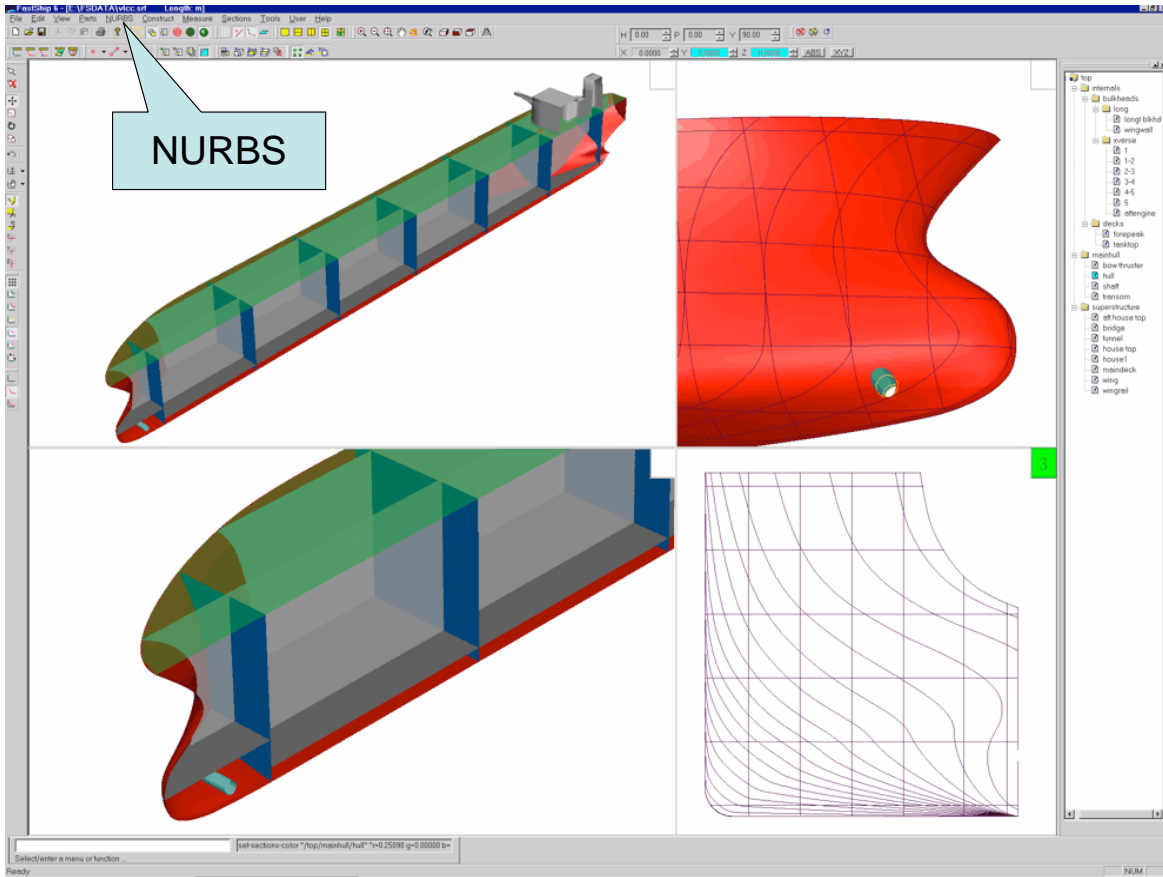
- Isogeometric analysis
- NURBS
- Structures
- Vibrations
- Wave propagation
- Nonlinear solids
- Fluids and fluid-structure interaction
- Phase-field modeling
- Cardiovascular simulation
- Design-to-analysis
- T-splines
- Conclusions

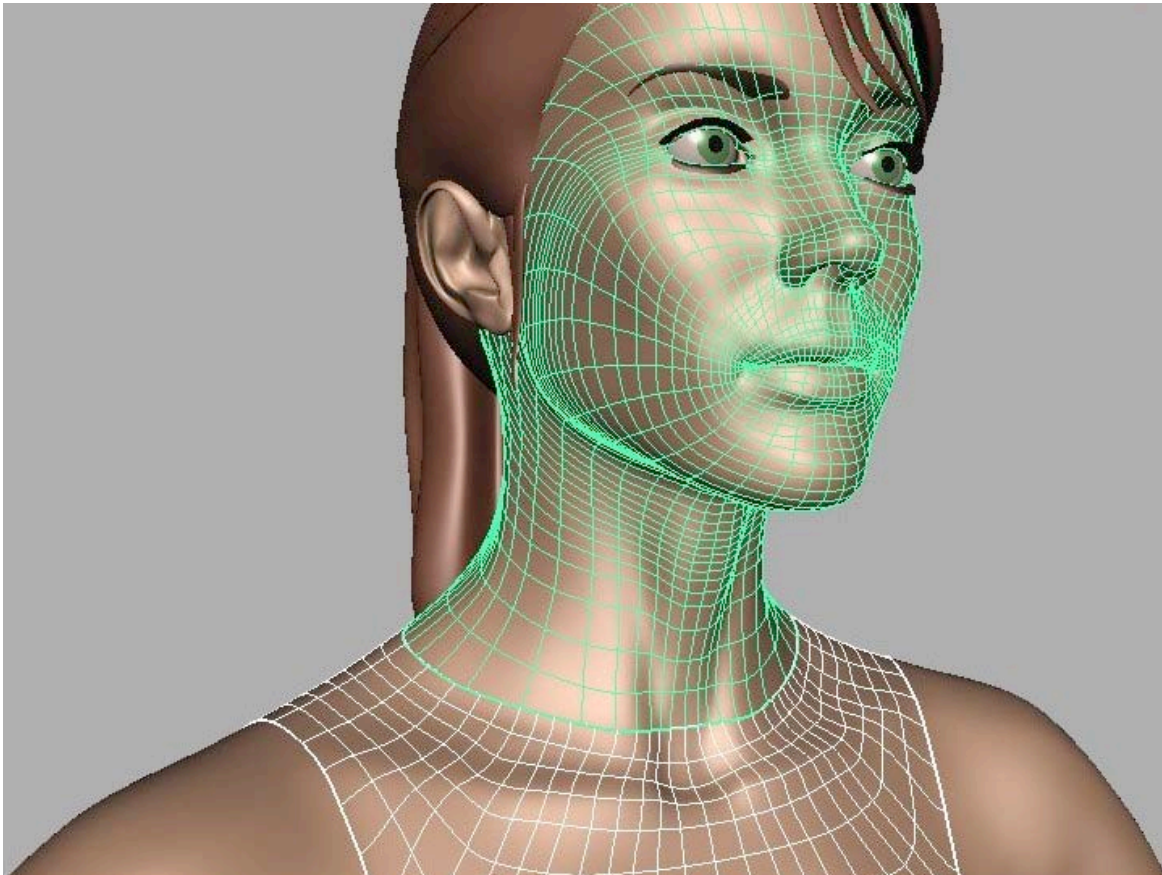


# Isogeometric Analysis

- Based on technologies (e.g., NURBS) from *computational geometry* used in:
  - Design
  - Animation
  - Graphic art
  - Visualization
- Includes standard FEA as a special case, but offers other possibilities:
  - Precise and efficient geometric modeling
  - Simplified mesh refinement
  - Smooth basis functions with compact support
  - Superior approximation properties
  - *Integration* of design and analysis







Isogeometric Analysis  
(NURBS, T-Splines, etc.)

FEA

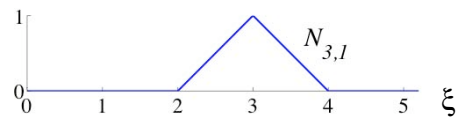
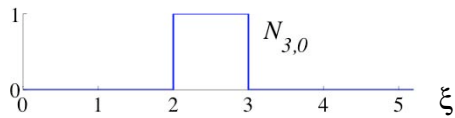
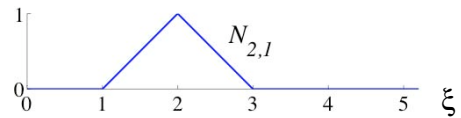
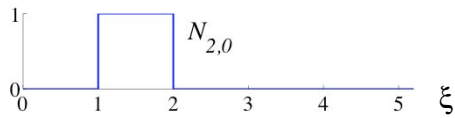
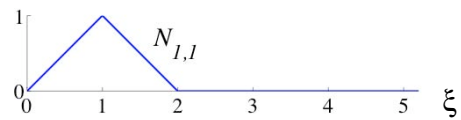
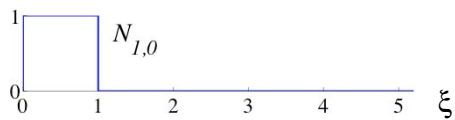
$h$ -,  $p$ -refinement

$k$ -refinement

# B-Splines

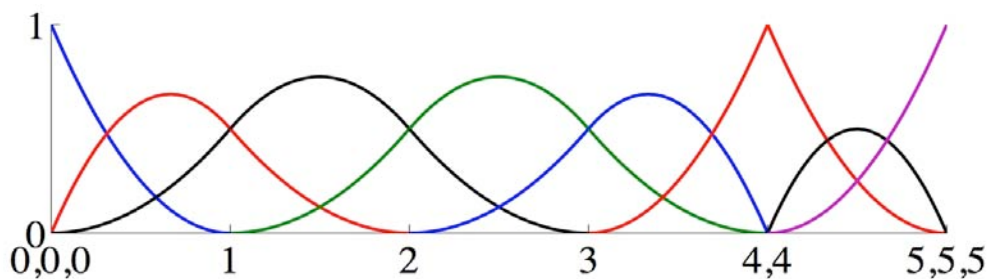
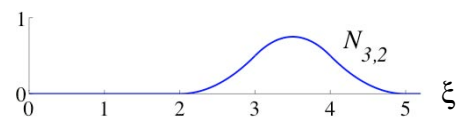
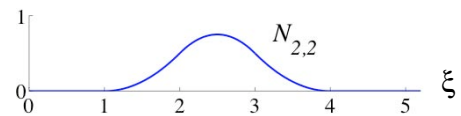
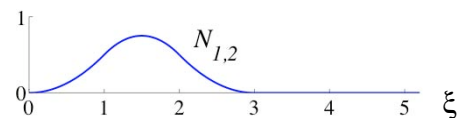
## B-spline Basis Functions

- $$N_{i,0}(\xi) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \xi_i \leq \xi < \xi_{i+1}, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$
- $$N_{i,p}(\xi) = \frac{\xi - \xi_i}{\xi_{i+p} - \xi_i} N_{i,p-1}(\xi) + \frac{\xi_{i+p+1} - \xi}{\xi_{i+p+1} - \xi_{i+1}} N_{i+1,p-1}(\xi)$$



B-spline basis functions  
of order 0, 1, 2 for a  
*uniform knot vector:*

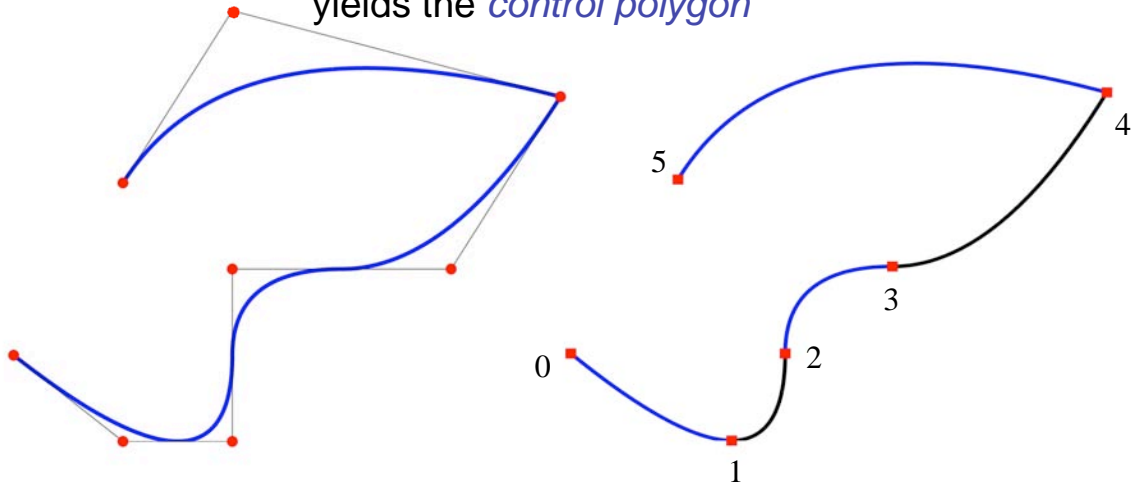
$$\Xi = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$$



Quadratic ( $p=2$ ) basis functions for an  
*open, non-uniform knot vector:*

$$\Xi = \{0, 0, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 4, 5, 5, 5\}$$

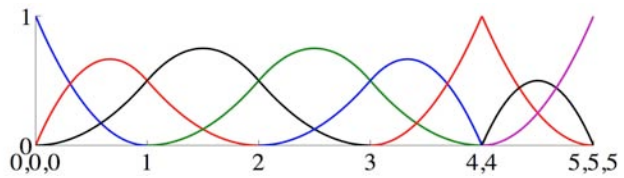
Linear interpolation of control points yields the *control polygon*



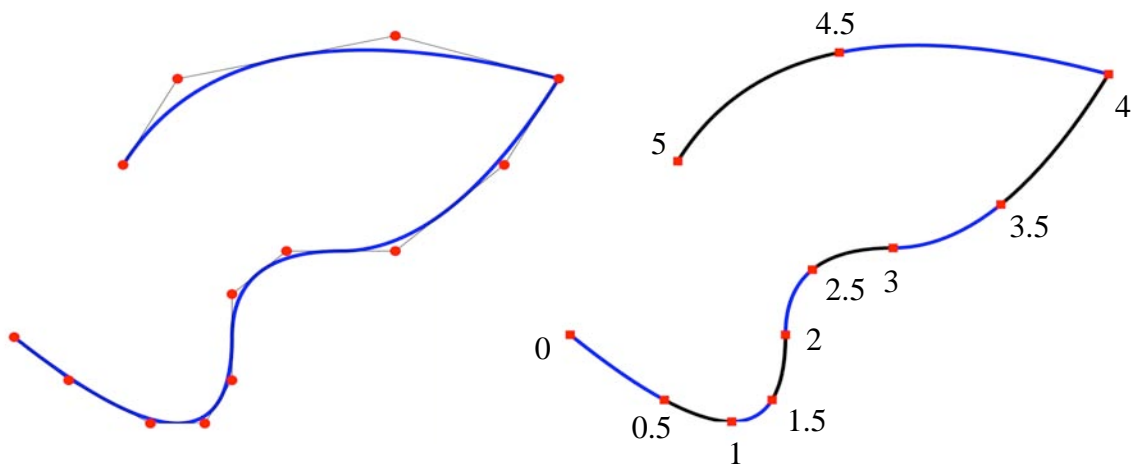
● - control points

■ - knots

Quadratic basis



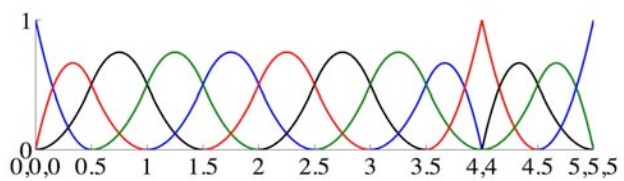
### *h*-refined Curve



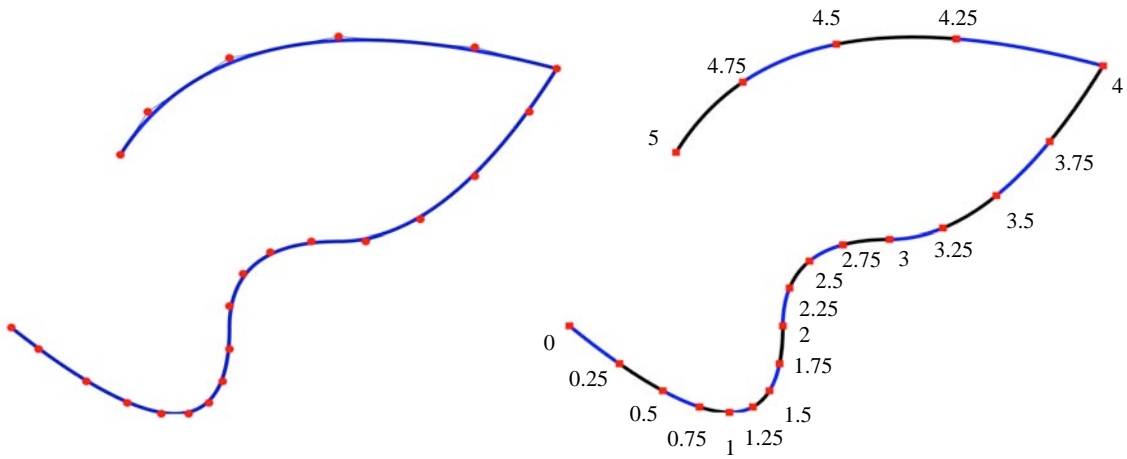
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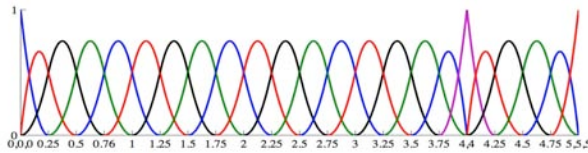
# Further $h$ -refined Curve



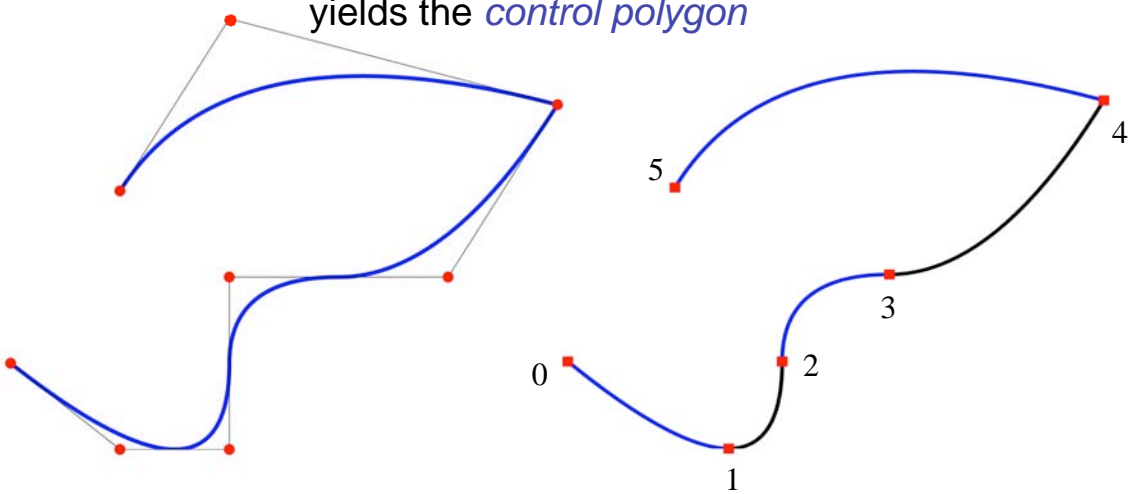
● - control points

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Quadratic basis



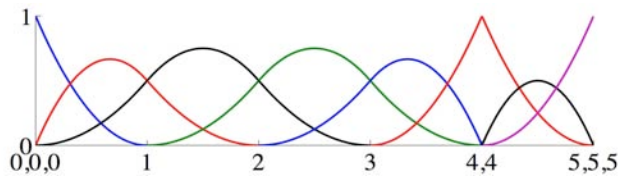
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● - control points

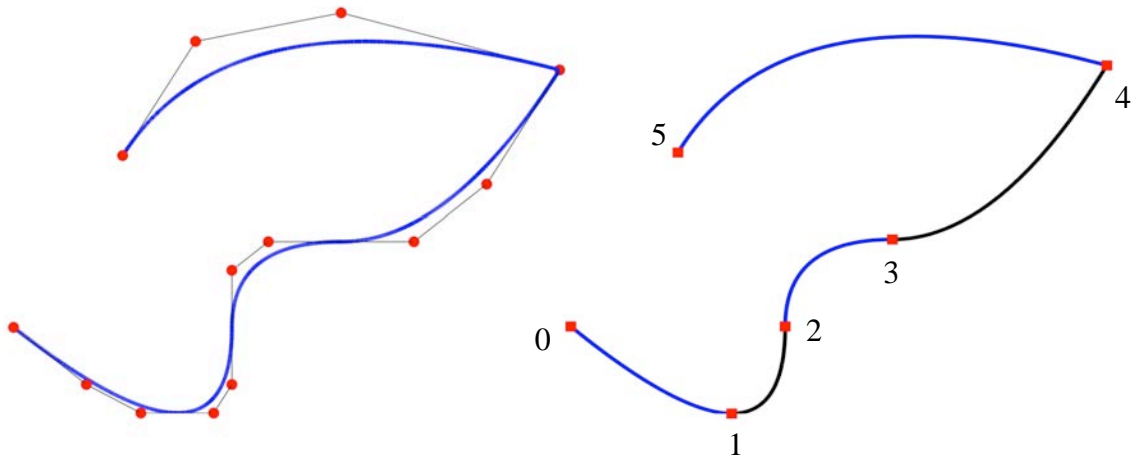
■ - knots

Quadratic basis



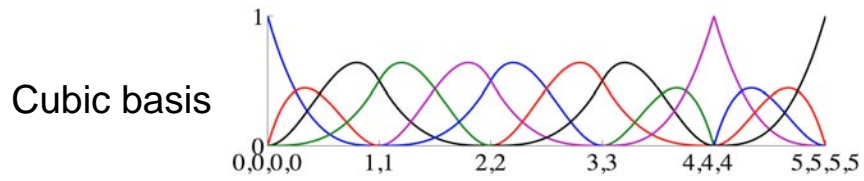


## Cubic $p$ -refined Curve

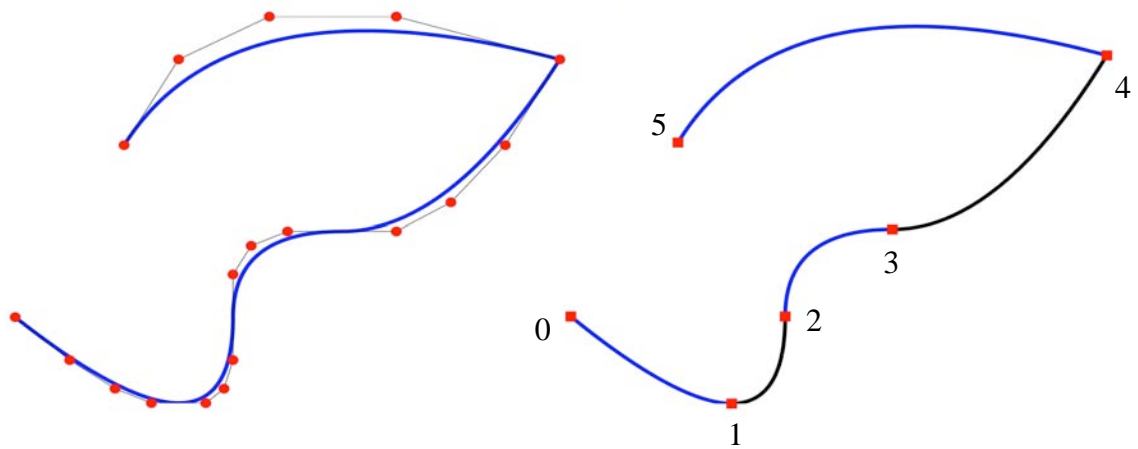


● - control points

■ - knots

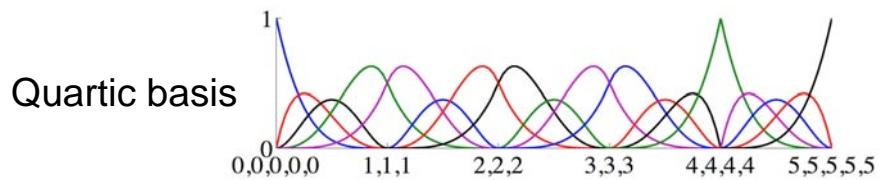


## Quartic $p$ -refined Curve



● - control points

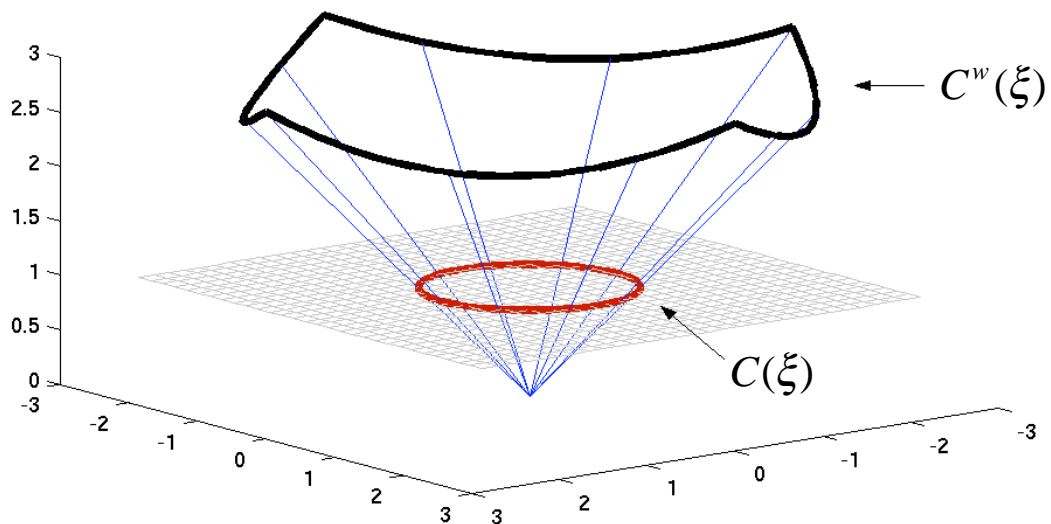
■ - knots



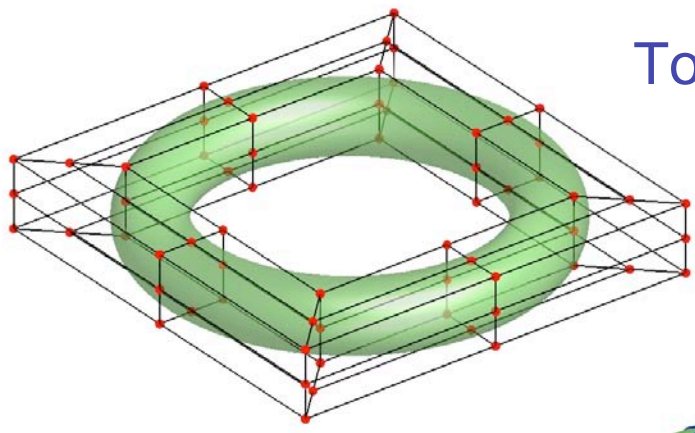
# NURBS

## Non-Uniform Rational B-splines

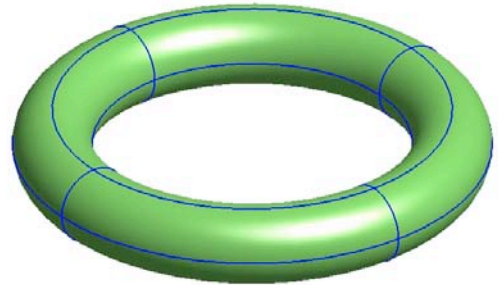
### Circle from 3D Piecewise Quadratic Curves



# Toroidal Surface

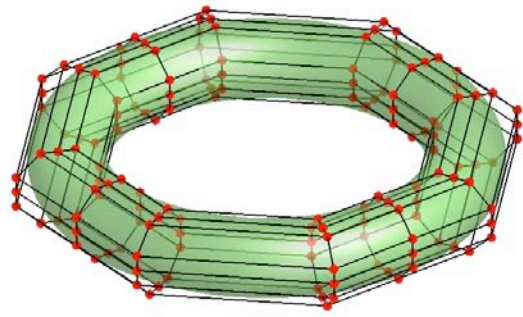


Control net

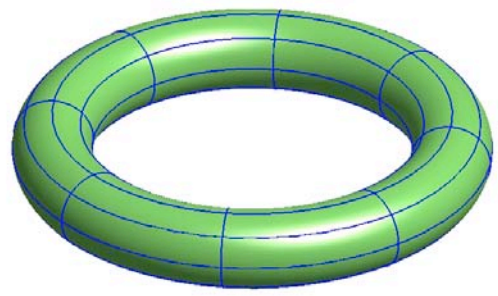


Mesh

# *h*-refined Surface

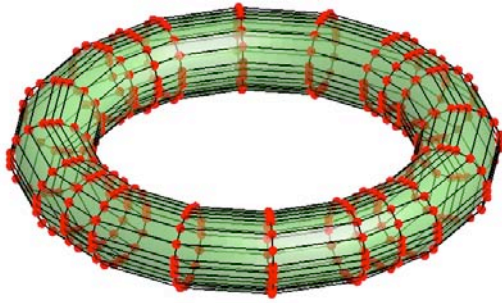


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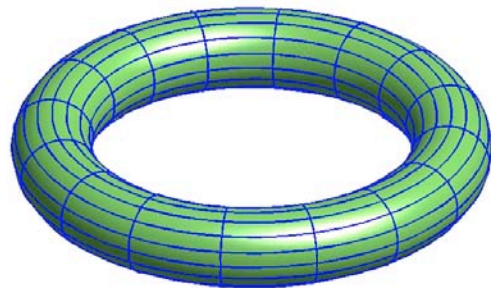


Mesh

## Further $h$ -refined Surface

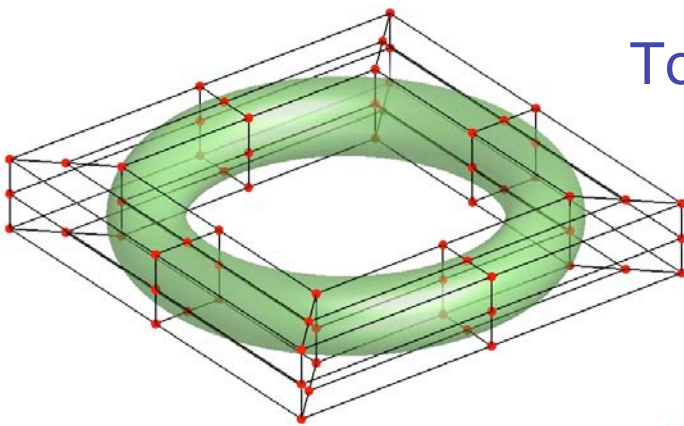


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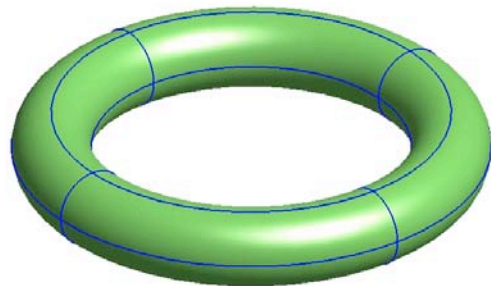


Mesh

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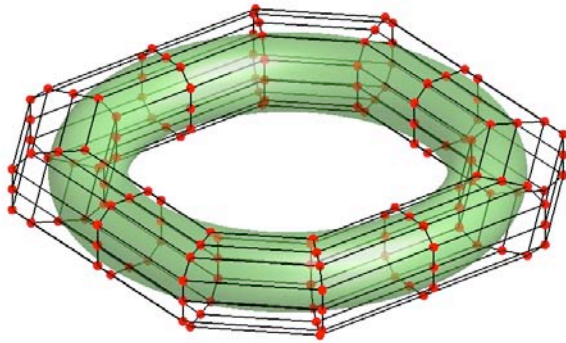


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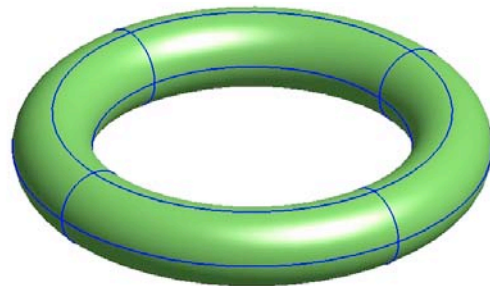


Mesh

## Cubic $p$ -refined Surface

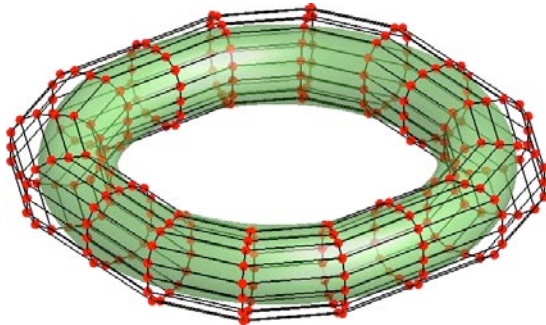


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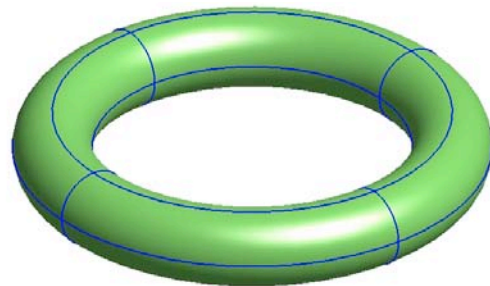


Mesh

## Quartic $p$ -refined Surface

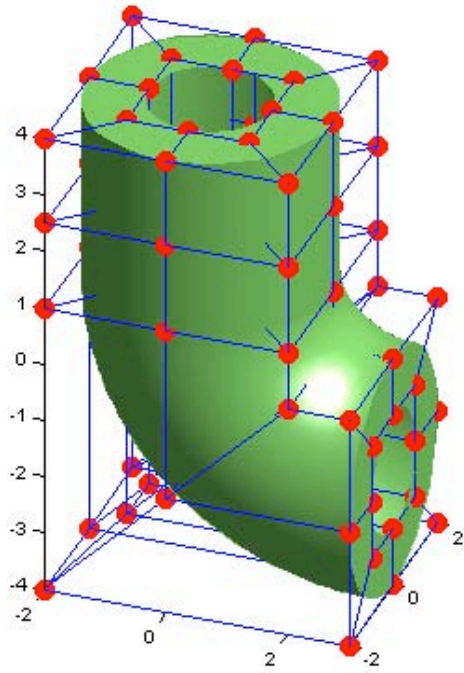


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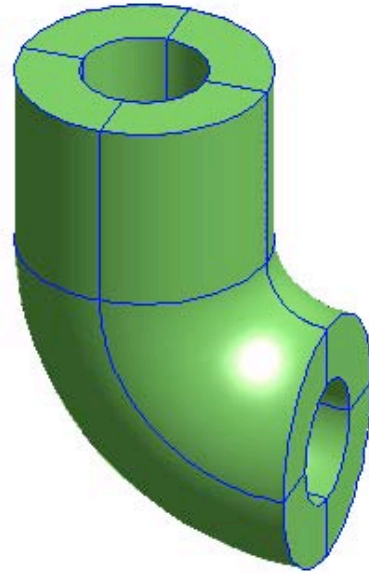


Mesh

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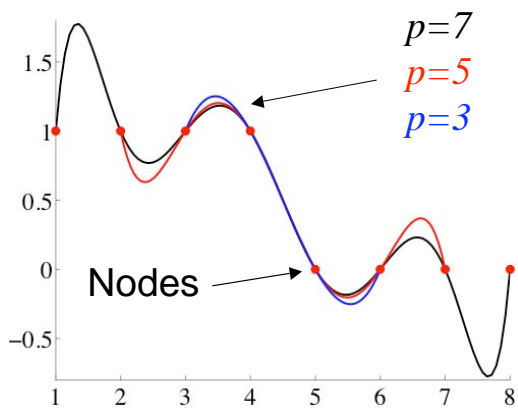


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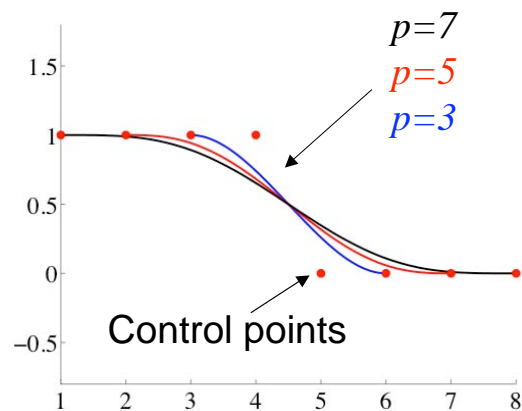


## Variation Diminishing Property

### Lagrange polynomials



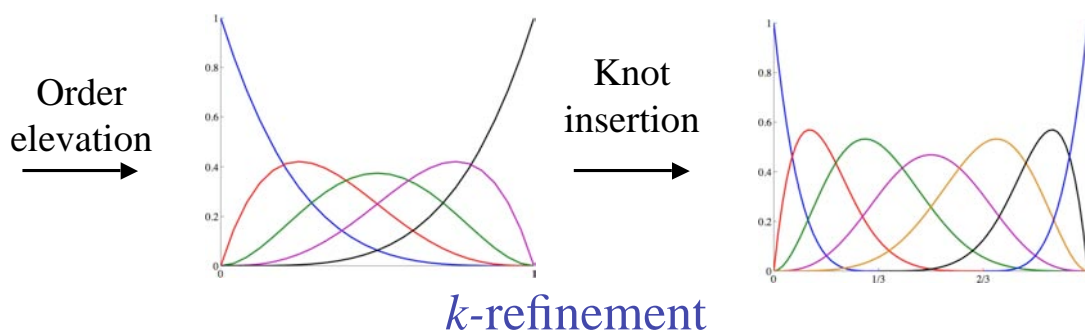
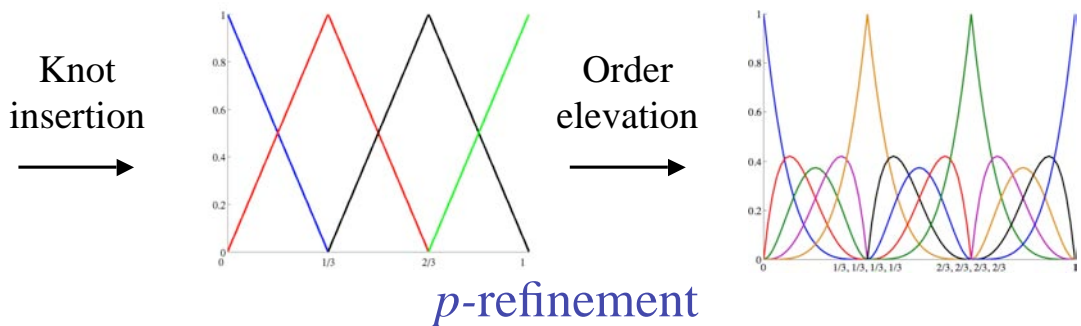
### NURBS



# Finite Element Analysis and Isogeometric Analysis

▪ Compact support
▪ Partition of unity
▪ Affine covariance
▪ <b>Isoparametric concept</b>
▪ Patch tests satisfied

## Three Quartic Elements

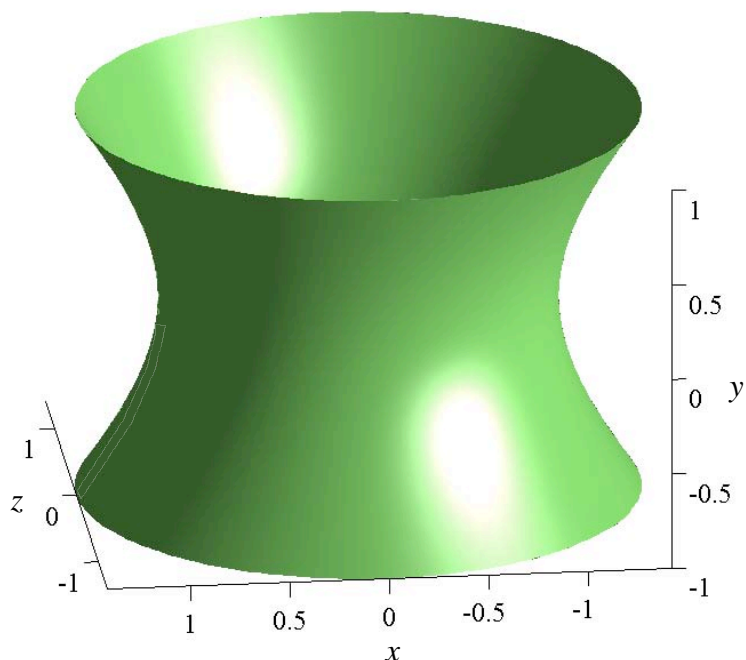


# Structural Analysis

- Isoparametric NURBS elements exactly represent all *rigid body motions* and *constant strain states*

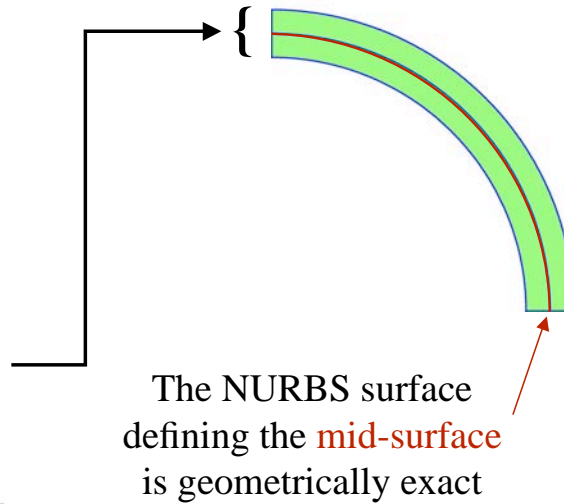
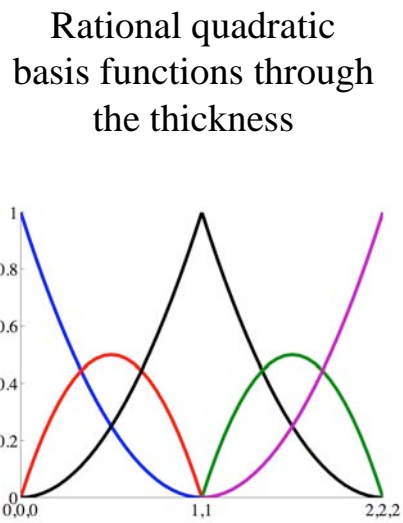
## Hyperboloidal Shell

- Mid-surface:
  - $x^2 + z^2 - y^2 = 1$
  - $-1 \leq y \leq 1$
- $R/t = 10^3$
- Fixed at the top and bottom
- Loading:
  - $p = p_0 \cos 2\theta$

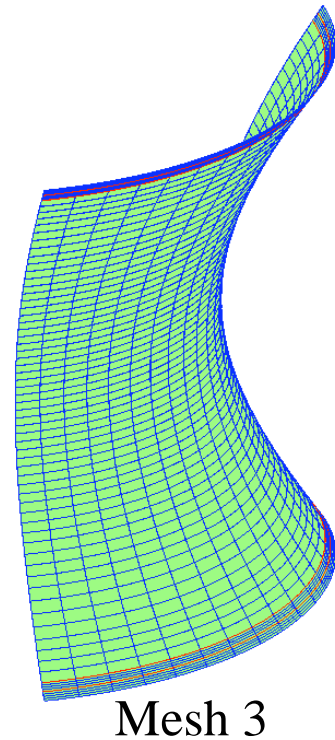
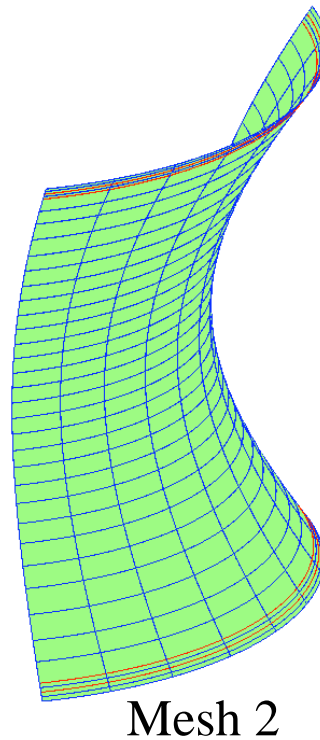
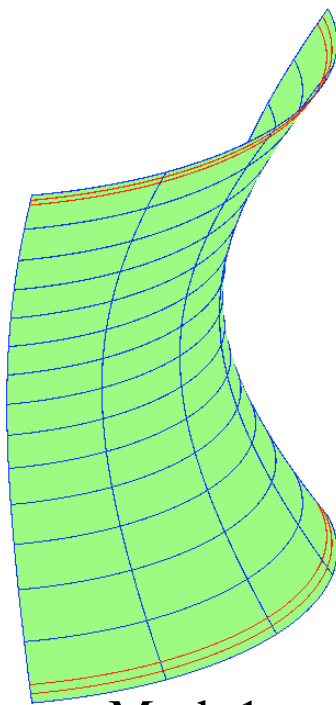




# Thickness Discretization

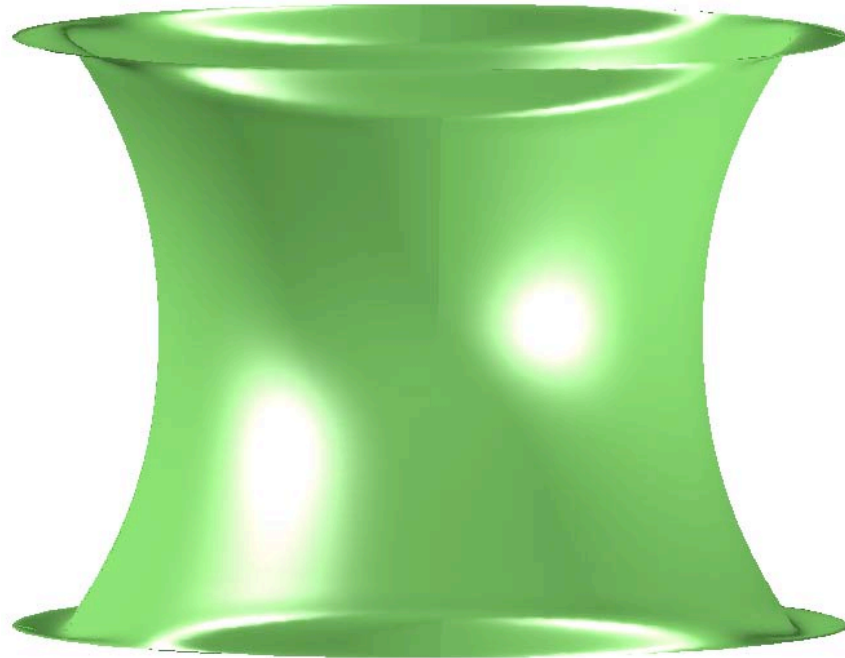


# Surface Discretization



## View 1

(displacement amplification factor of 10)

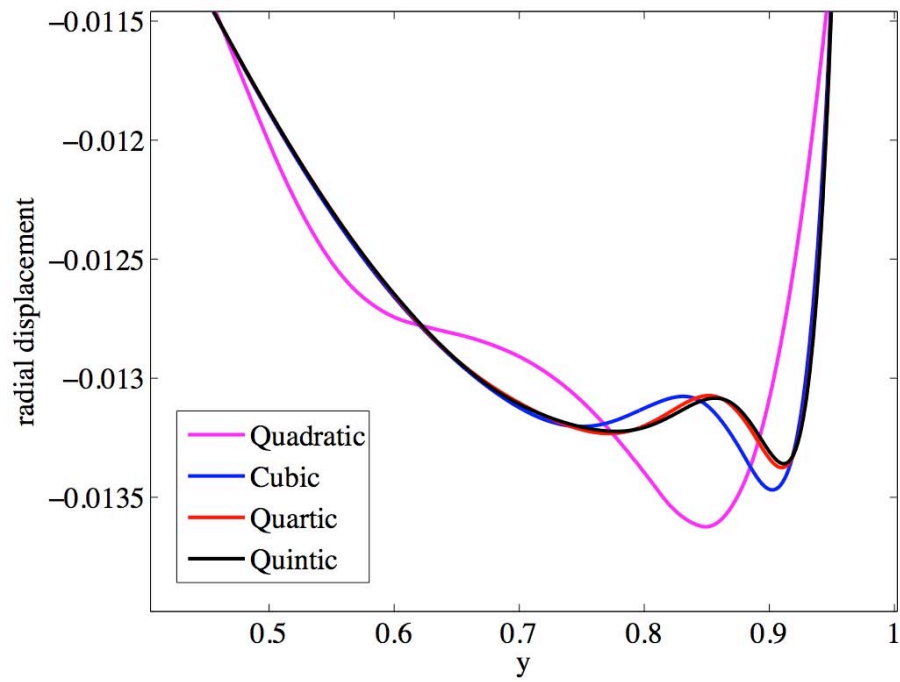


## View 2

(displacement amplification factor of 10)

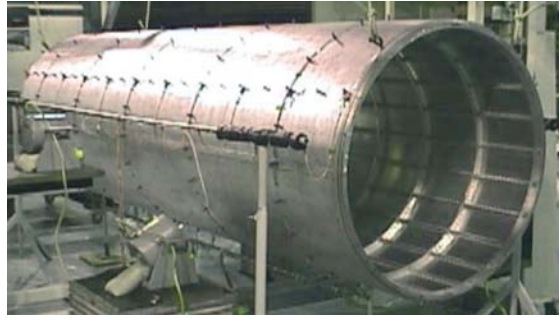
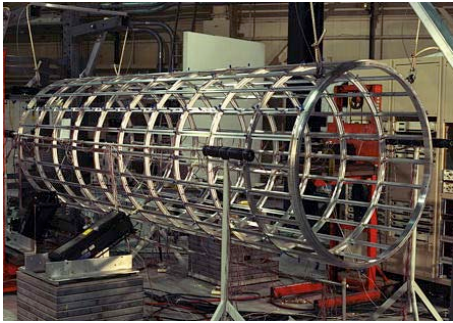


## Detail of Radial Displacement at Compression Lobe (Mesh 3)

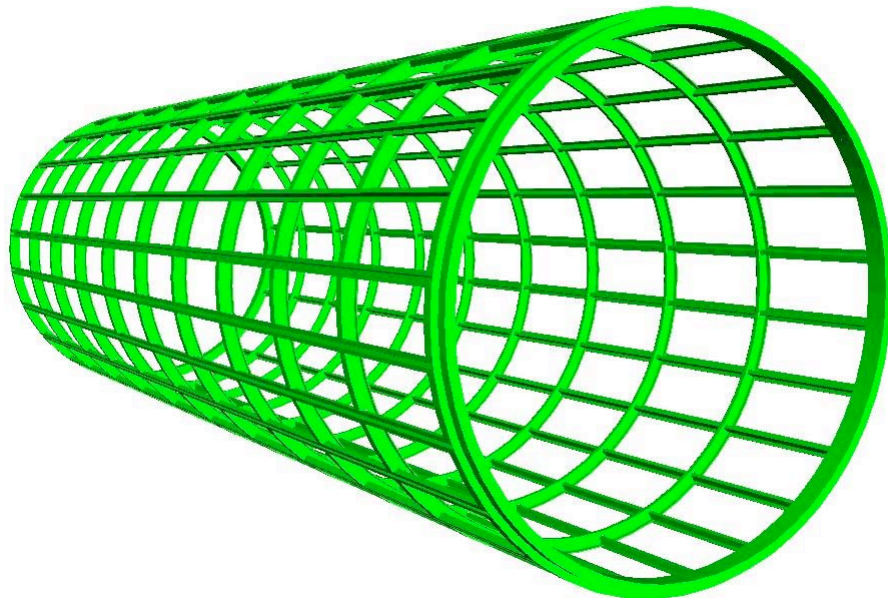


## Vibration Analysis

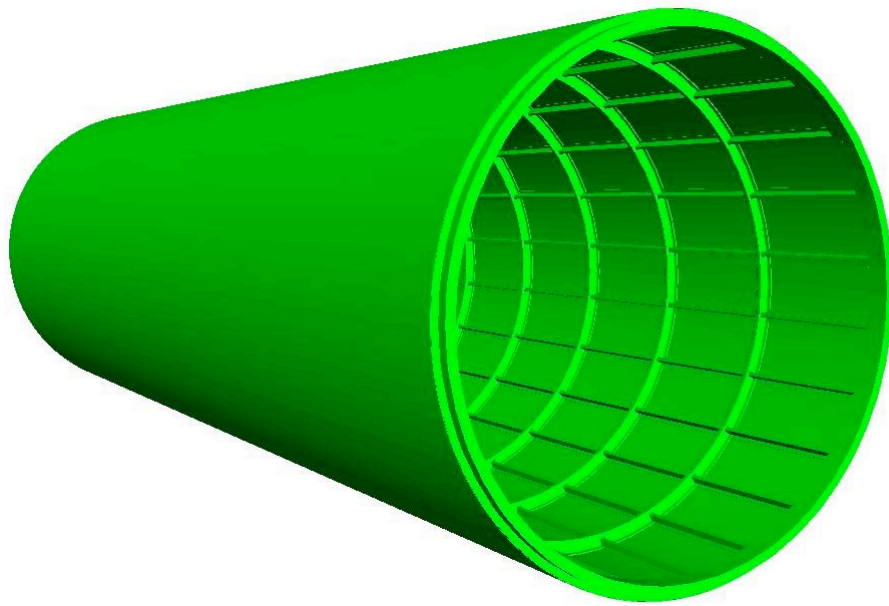
# NASA Aluminum Testbed Cylinder (ATC)



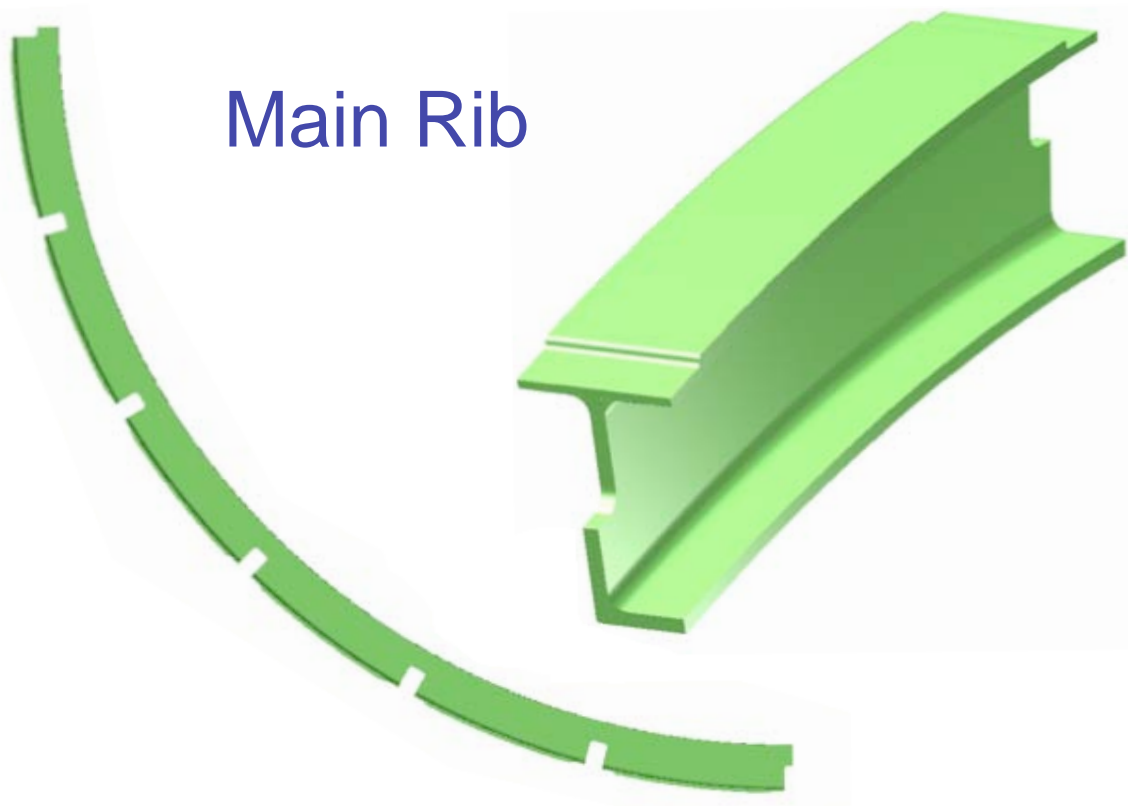
## NASA ATC Frame

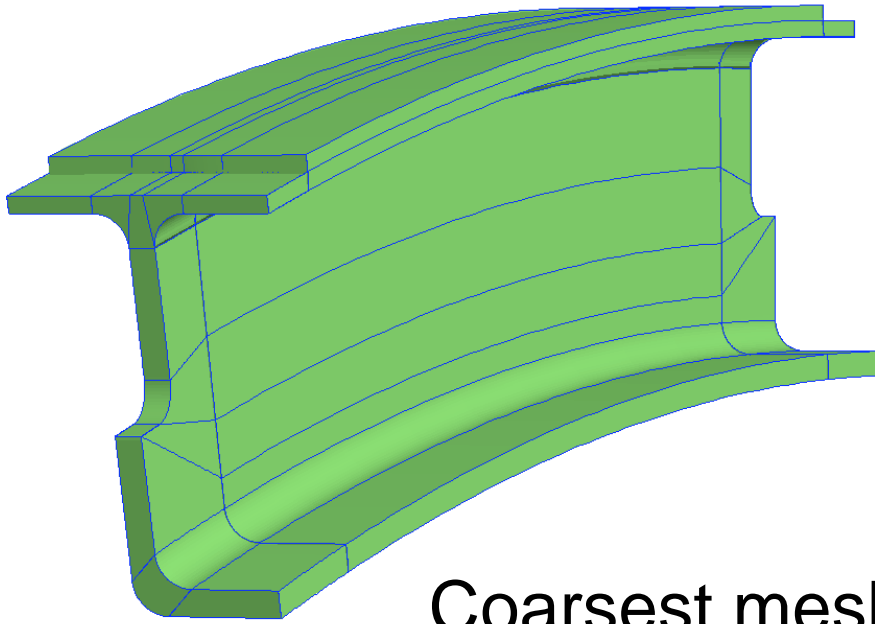


# NASA ATC Frame and Skin

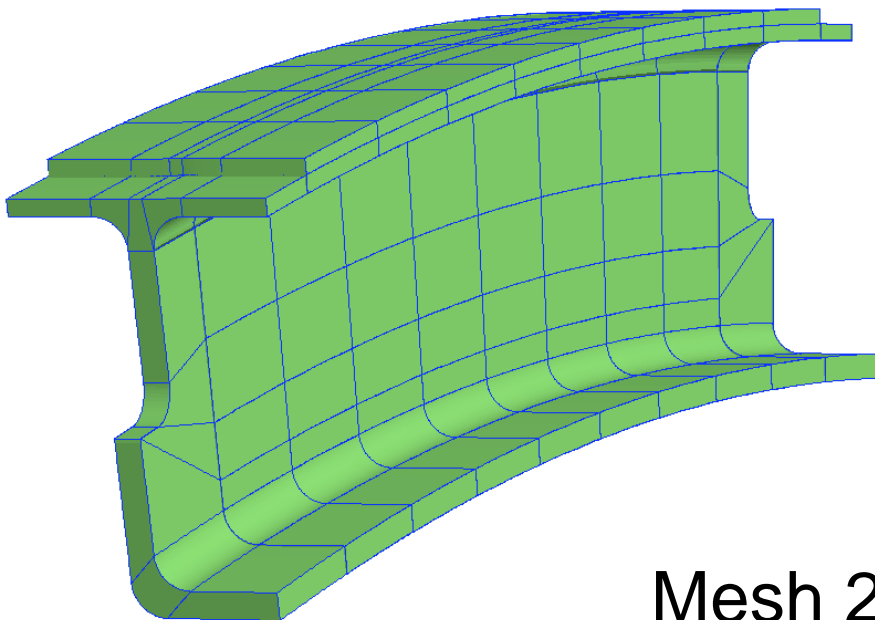


Main Rib

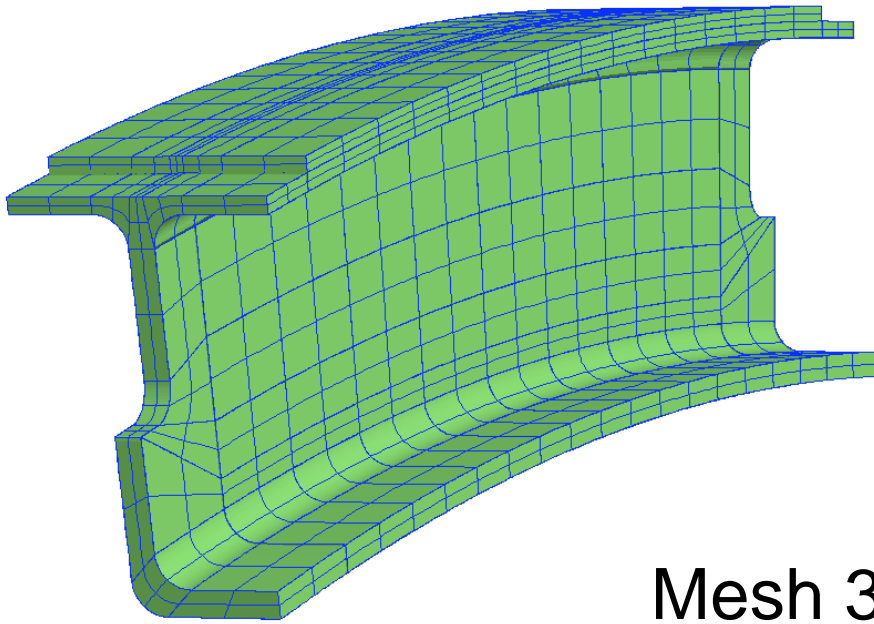




Coarsest mesh  
15° segment of main rib

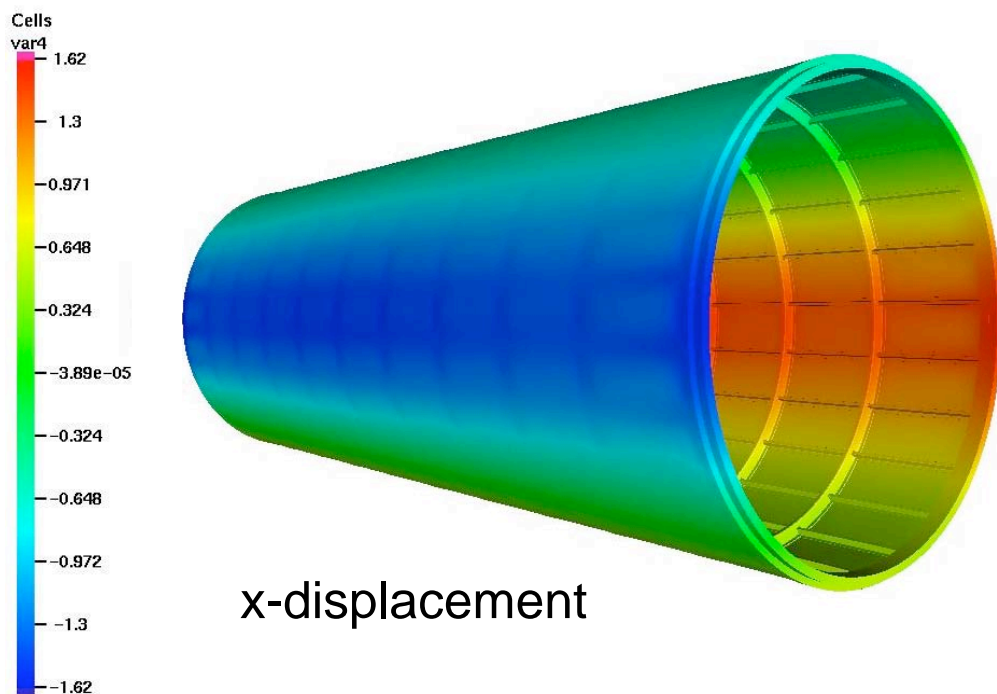


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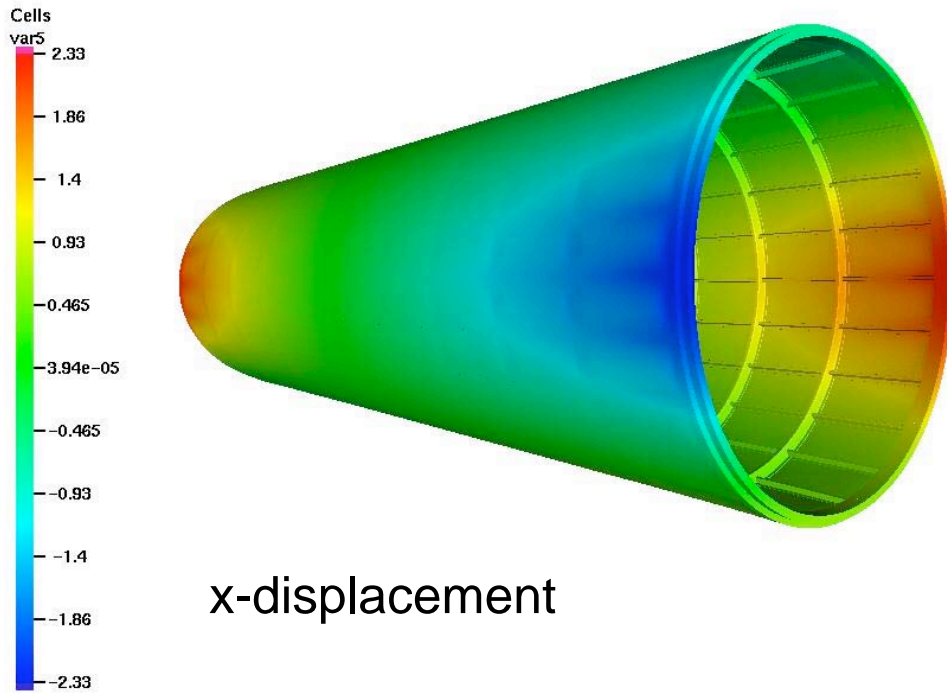
Mesh 3

## First Rayleigh Mode

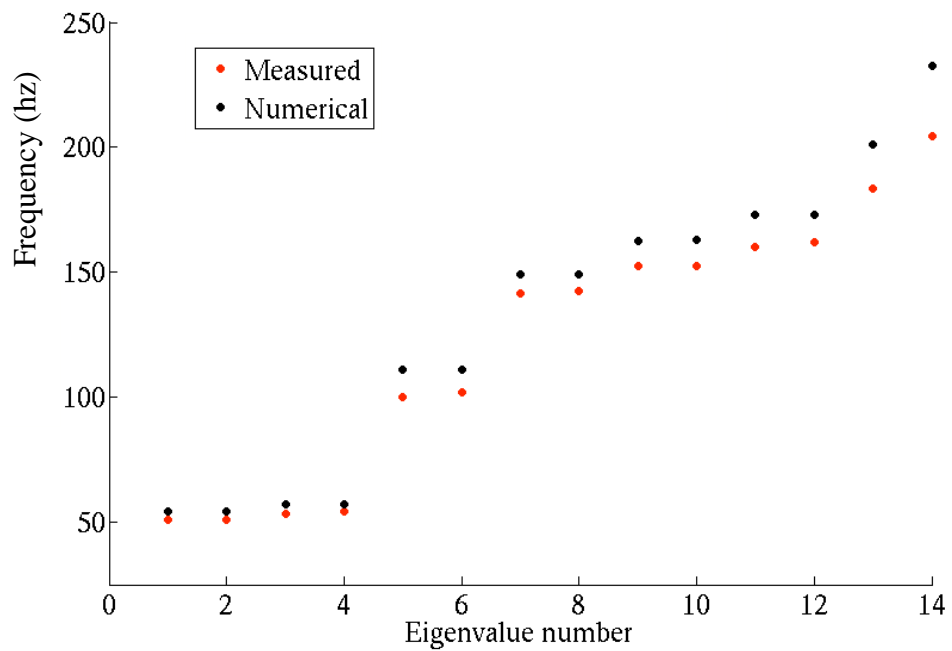


x-displacement

# First Love Mode



# ATC Frame and Skin





# Vibration of a Finite Elastic Rod with Fixed Ends

Problem:

$$\begin{cases} u_{,xx} + \omega^2 u = 0 & \text{for } x \in (0,1) \\ u(0) = u(1) = 0 \end{cases}$$

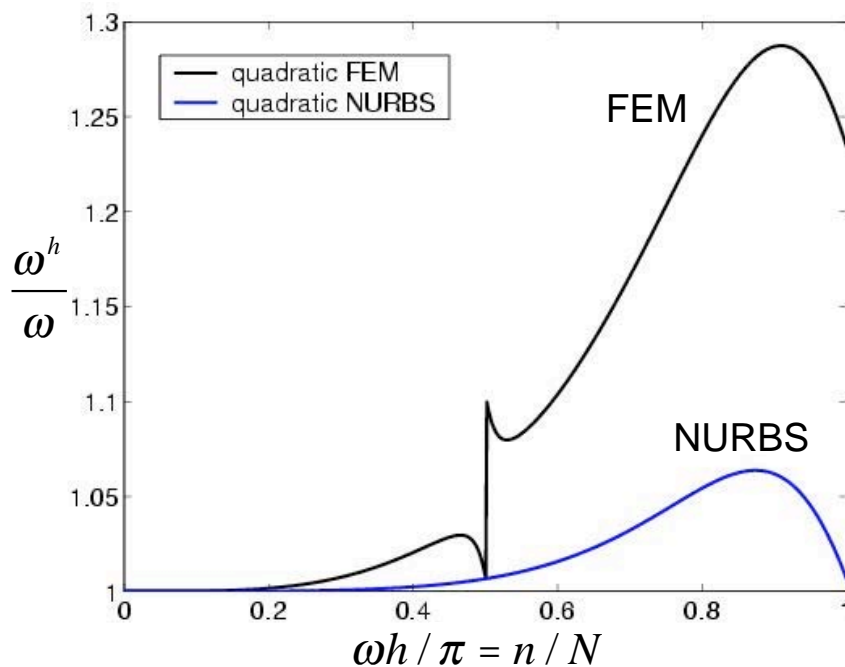
Natural frequencies:

$$\omega_n = n\pi, \quad \text{with } n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

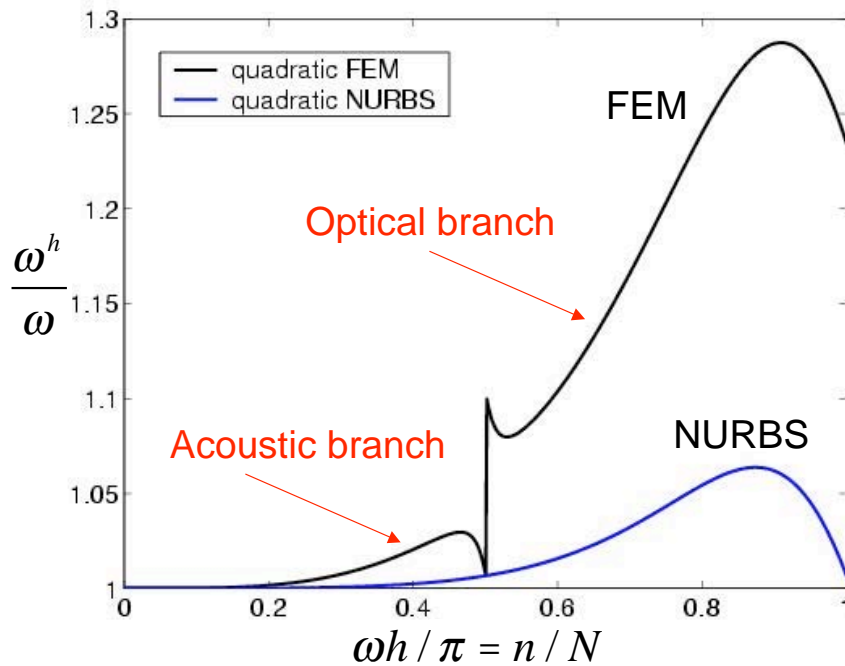
Frequency errors:

$$\omega_n^h / \omega_n$$

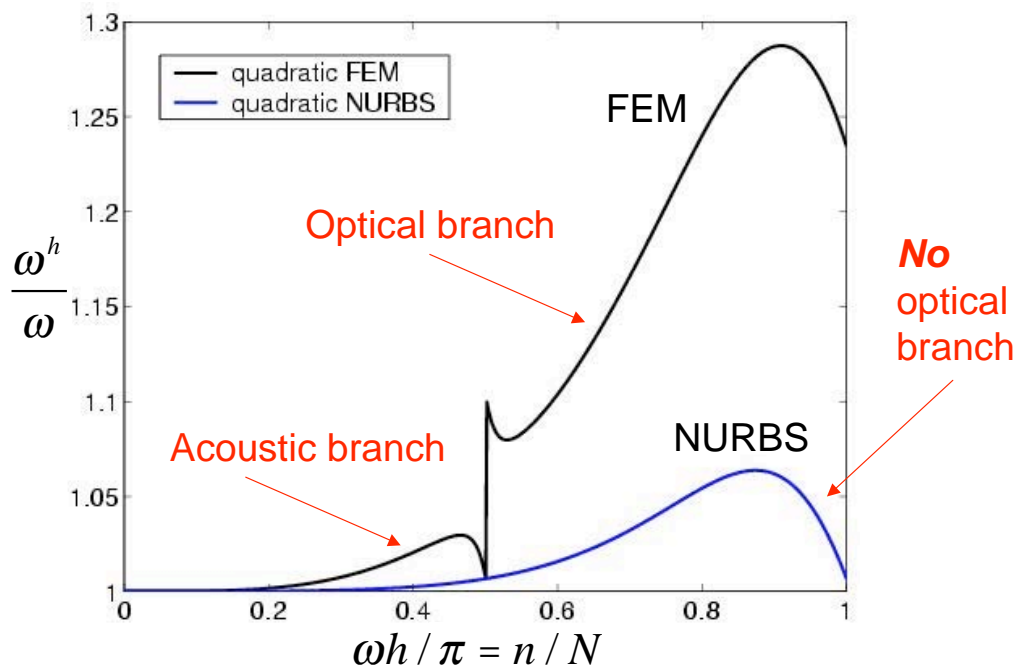
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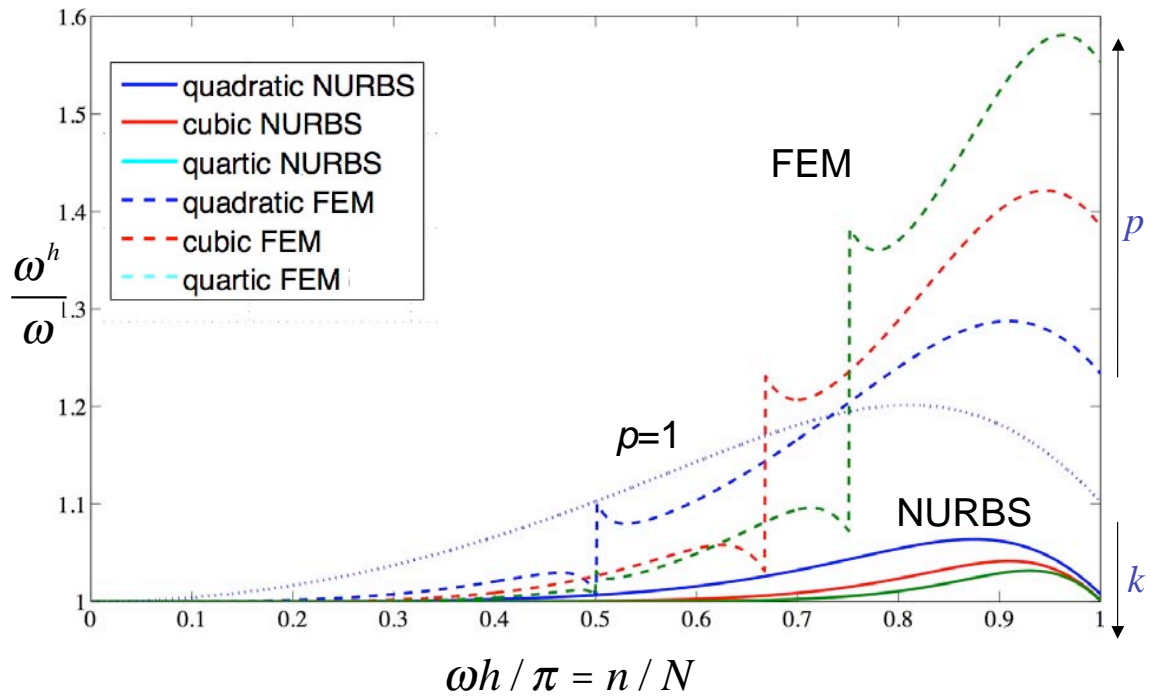
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## Nonlinear Solids

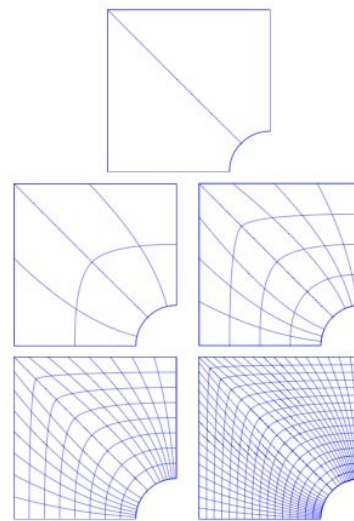
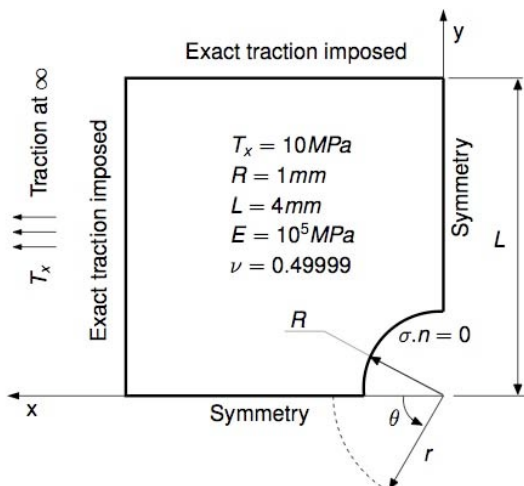
## Incompressibility: $\bar{\mathbf{B}}$ and $\bar{\mathbf{F}}$ methods

Linear (sum)	Nonlinear (product)
$\mathbf{B}$	$\mathbf{F} = \partial\phi / \partial\mathbf{X}$
$\mathbf{B}^{\text{dil}}$	$\mathbf{F}^{\text{dil}} = J^{1/3} \mathbf{I}$
$\mathbf{B}^{\text{dev}} = \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{B}^{\text{dil}}$	$J = \det \mathbf{F} = \det \mathbf{F}^{\text{dil}}$
	$\mathbf{F}^{\text{dev}} = (\mathbf{F}^{\text{dil}})^{-1} \mathbf{F}$ $= \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{F}^{\text{dil}})^{-1}$
$\bar{\mathbf{B}}^{\text{dil}}$ (improved)	$\bar{\mathbf{F}}^{\text{dil}} = (\bar{J}^{1/3}) \mathbf{I}$ (improved) (e.g., interpolated from reduced quadrature pts.)
$\bar{\mathbf{B}} = \mathbf{B}^{\text{dev}} + \bar{\mathbf{B}}^{\text{dil}}$	$\bar{\mathbf{F}} = \mathbf{F}^{\text{dev}} \bar{\mathbf{F}}^{\text{dil}}$ $= \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{F}^{\text{dil}})^{-1} \bar{\mathbf{F}}^{\text{dil}}$ $= \mathbf{F} J^{-1/3} \mathbf{I} (\bar{J}^{1/3}) \mathbf{I}$ $= \left( \frac{\bar{J}^{1/3}}{J^{1/3}} \mid \frac{\bar{J}^{1/3}}{J^{1/3}} \right) \mathbf{F}$

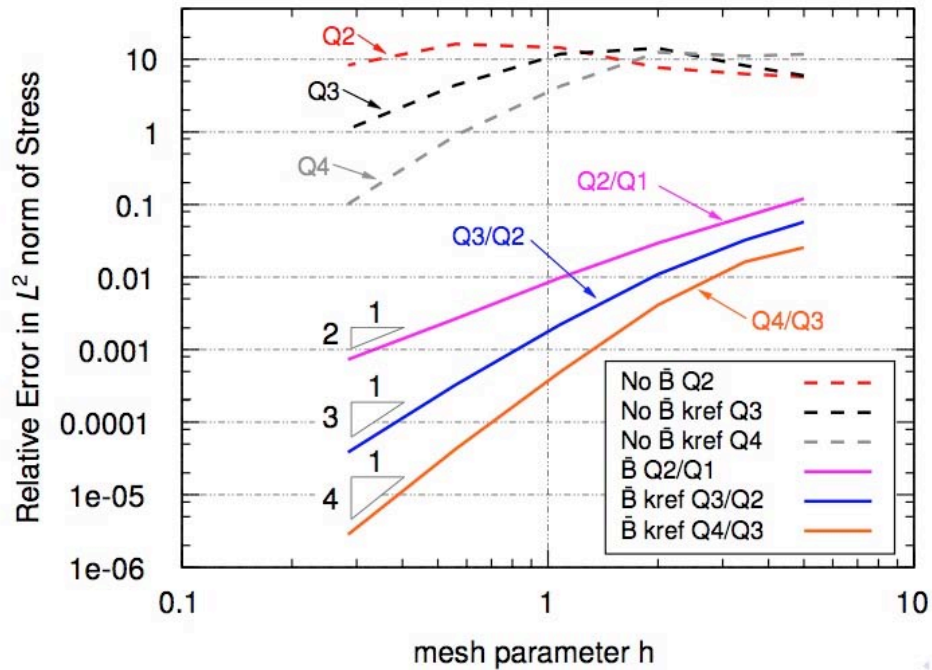
P. Flory 1960's, T. Hughes 1970's, J. Simo 1980's, D.R.J. Owen 2000's

## Infinite plate with a circular hole

Modeled by a finite quarter plate  
with exact boundary conditions



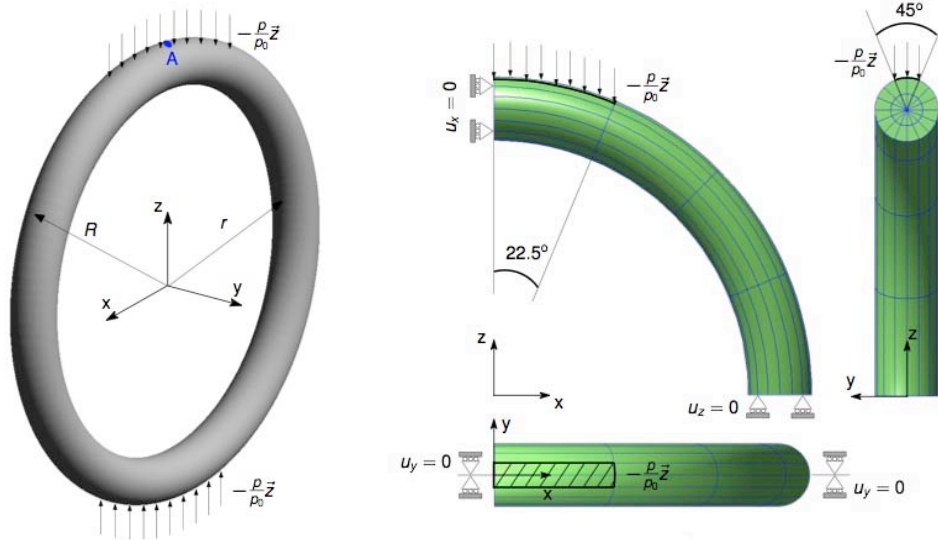
## Relative error in the $L^2$ norm of stress



## Torus subjected to a vertical pinching load

The exact geometry is represented by quadratic NURBS

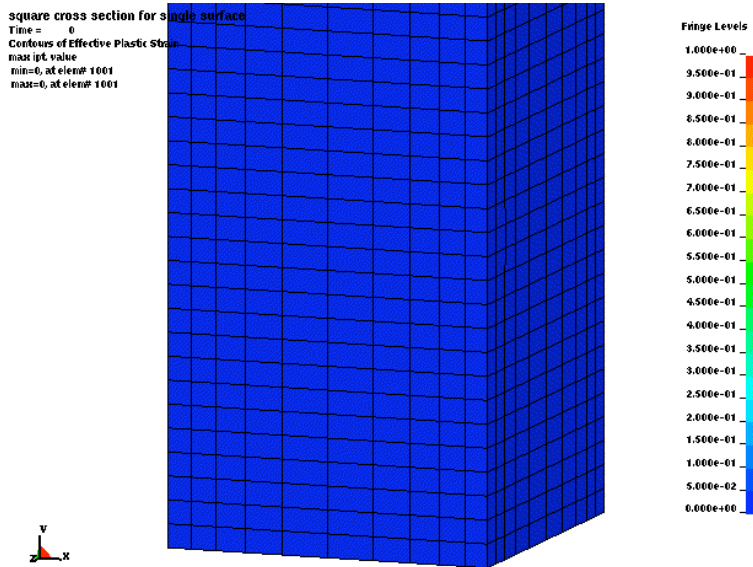
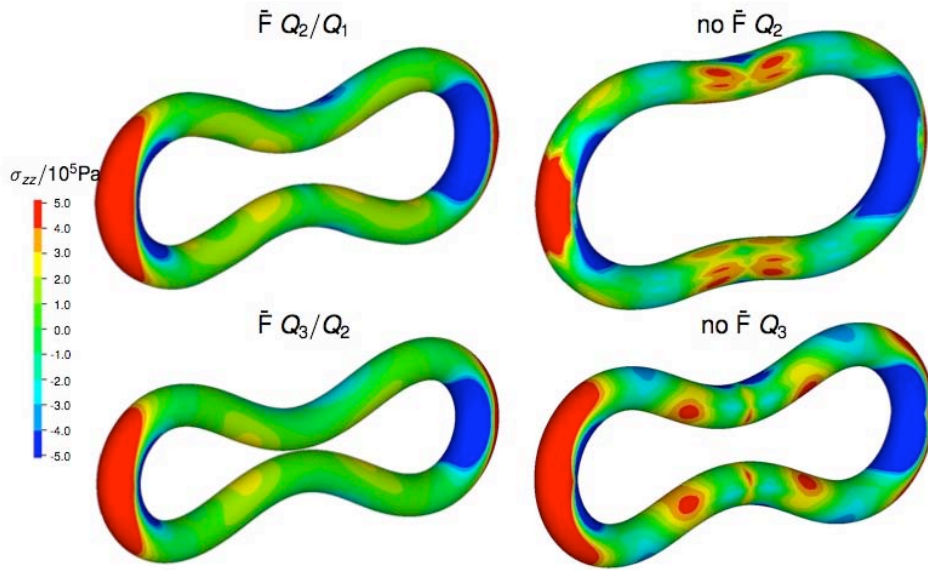
The mesh consists of  $4 \times 16 \times 4$  elements



$$R = 10 \text{ m} \quad \kappa = 2.8333 \times 10^3 \text{ MPa} \quad \mu = 5.67 \text{ MPa} \quad (\nu = 0.4998)$$

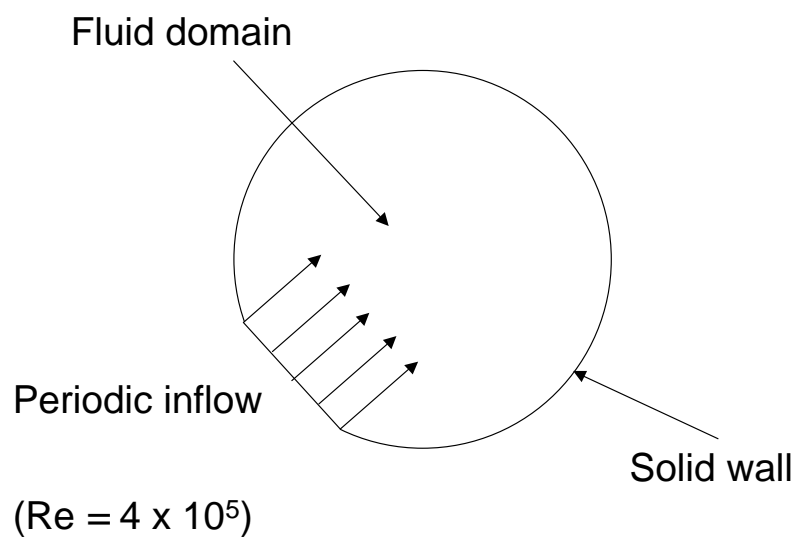
$$r = 8 \text{ m} \quad p = 0.195 \text{ MPa}$$

# $\sigma_{zz}$ stress with and without $\bar{F}$



# Fluids and Fluid-Structure Interaction

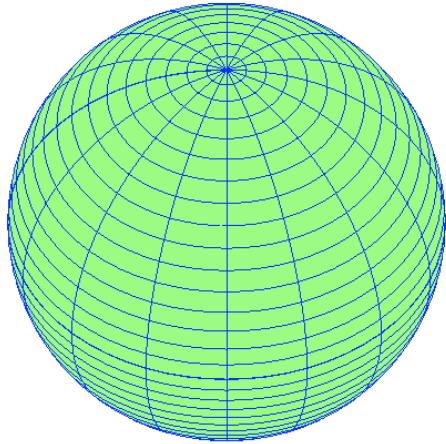
## Balloon Containing an Incompressible Fluid



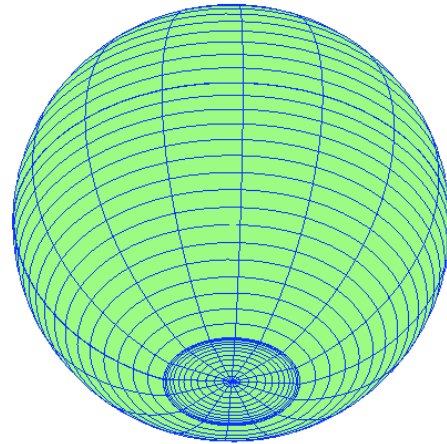
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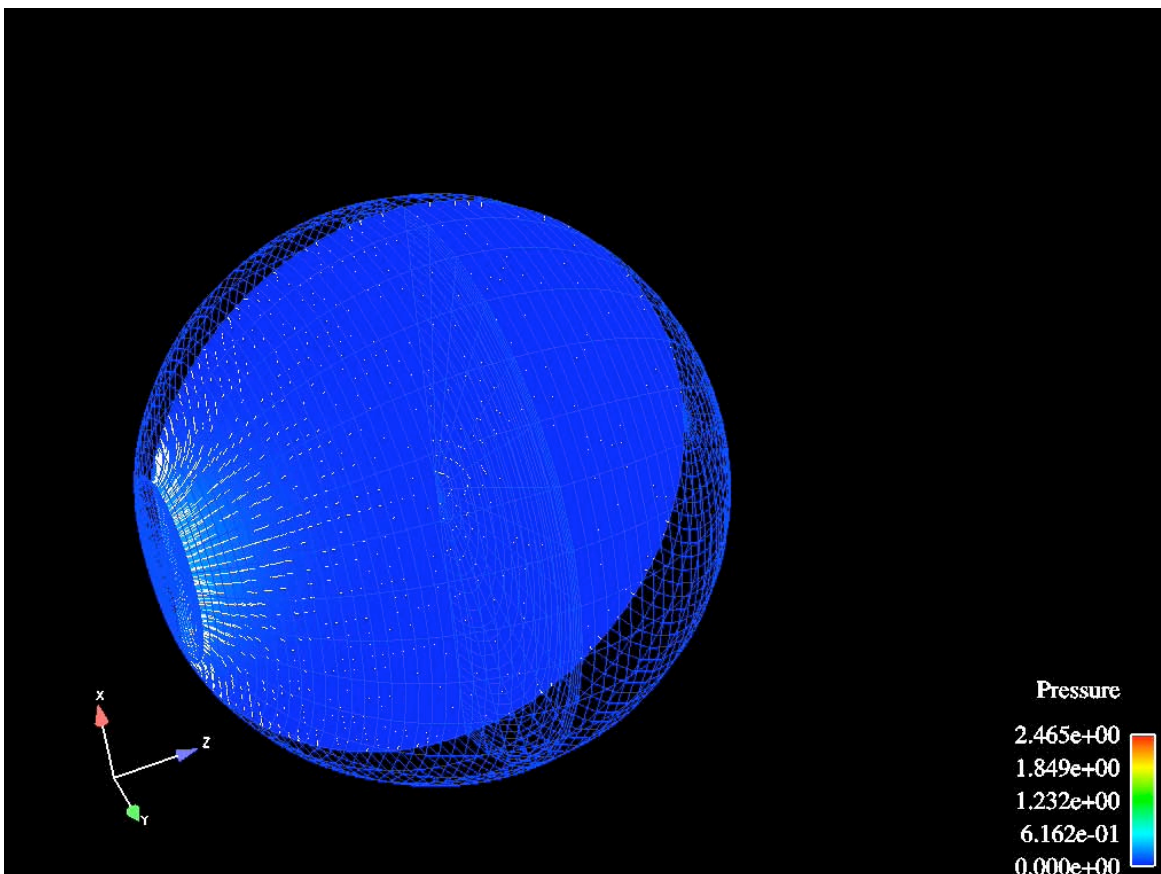
- Quadratic NURBS for both solid and fluid
- Boundary layer meshing



(a) Top view

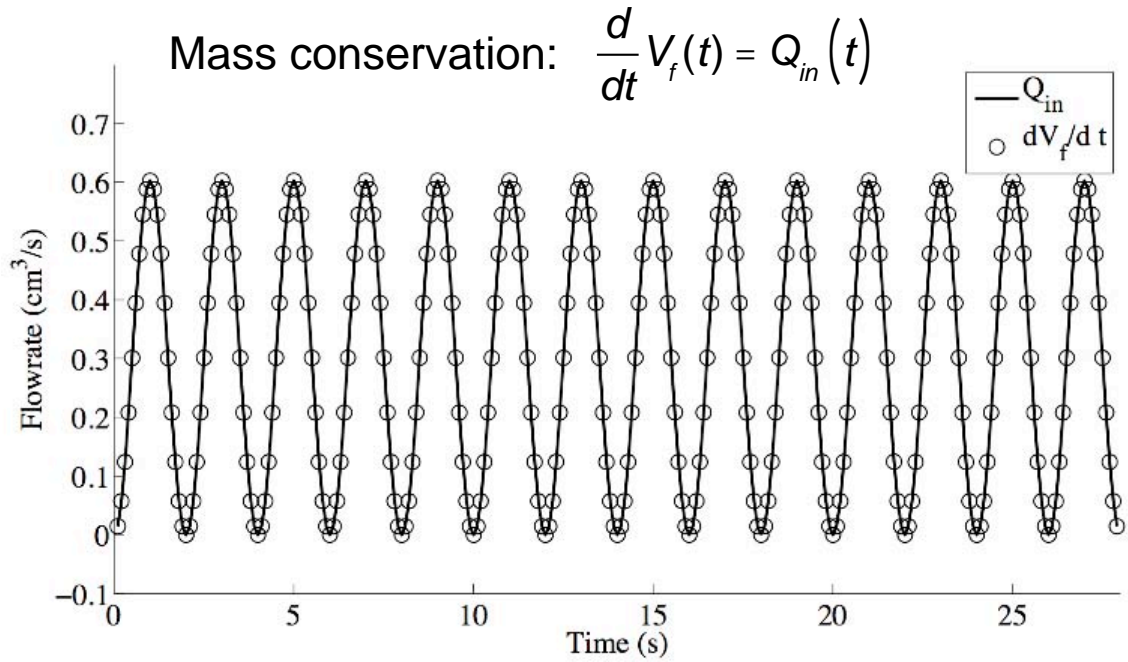


(b) Bottom view

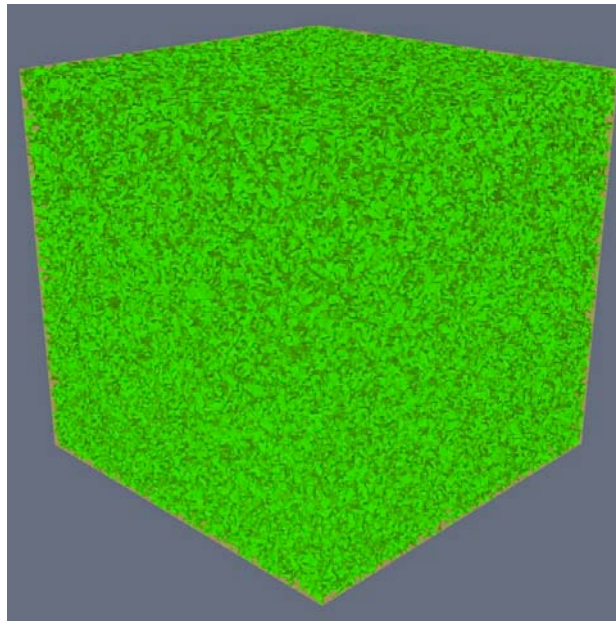




## Balloon Containing an Incompressible Fluid



## Phase Field Modeling: Cahn-Hilliard Equation

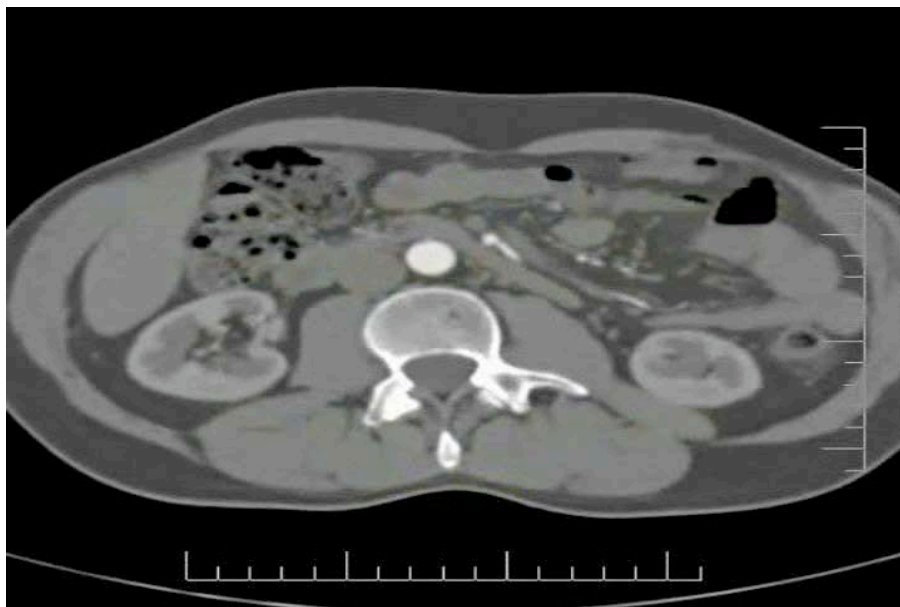


$C^1$  Quadratic NURBS

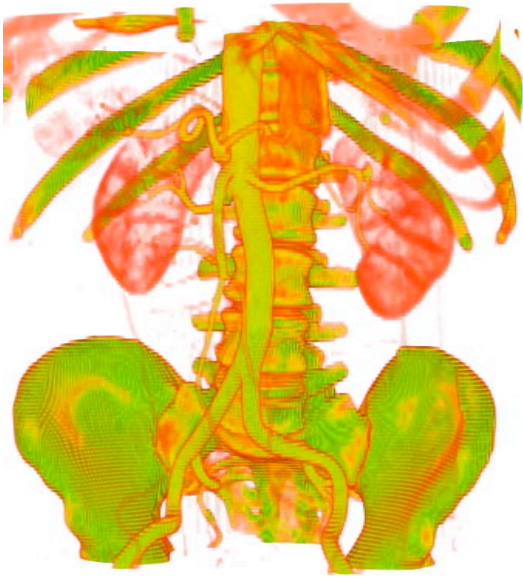
# Cardiovascular Research

- Patient-specific mathematical models of major arteries and the heart
- Cardiovascular Modeling Toolkit
  - Abdominal aorta
  - LVADs: Left Ventricular Assist Devices (R. Moser)
  - Aneurysms
  - Vulnerable plaques and drug delivery systems
  - Heart

## Medical Imaging: Computed Tomography (CT)



# Abdominal Aorta



(a) Volume rendering

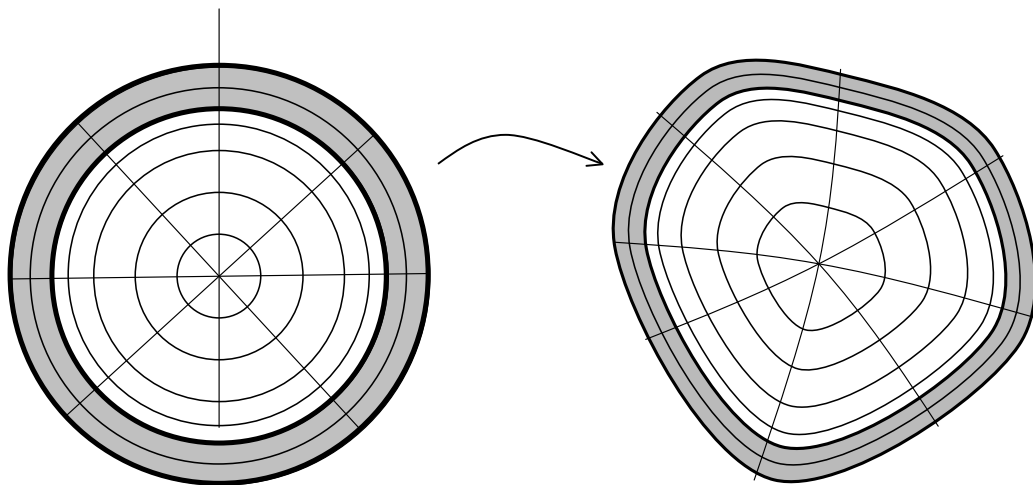


(b) Isocontouring

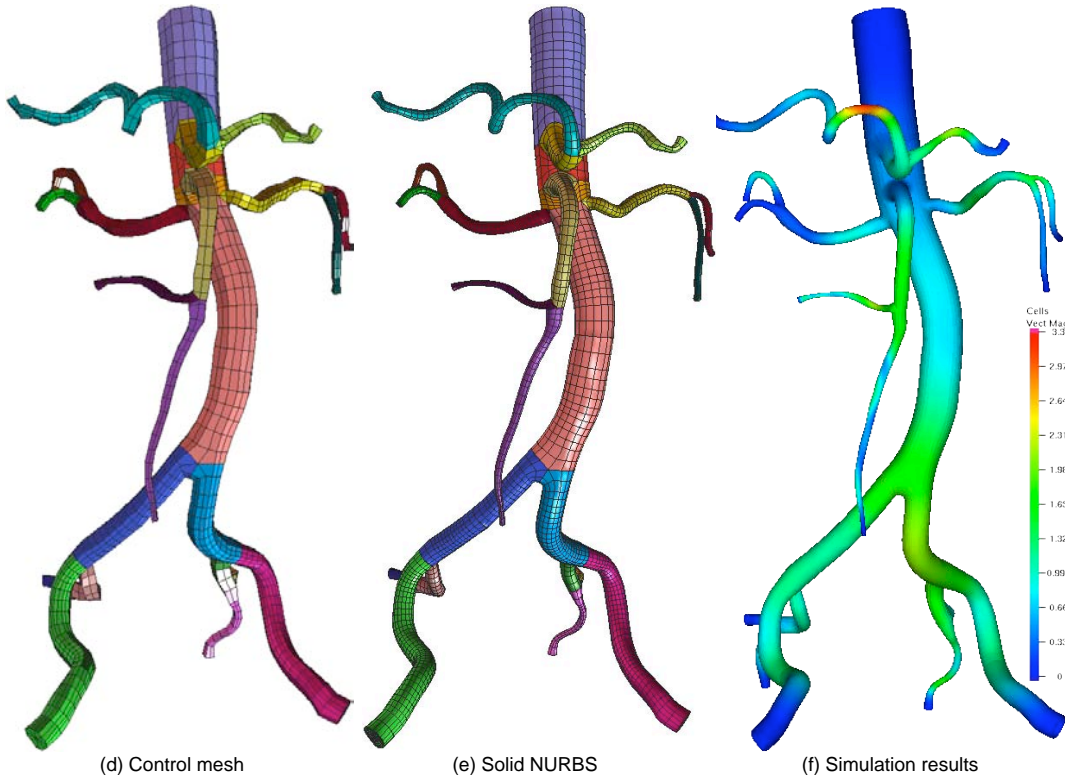


(c) Surface model & path

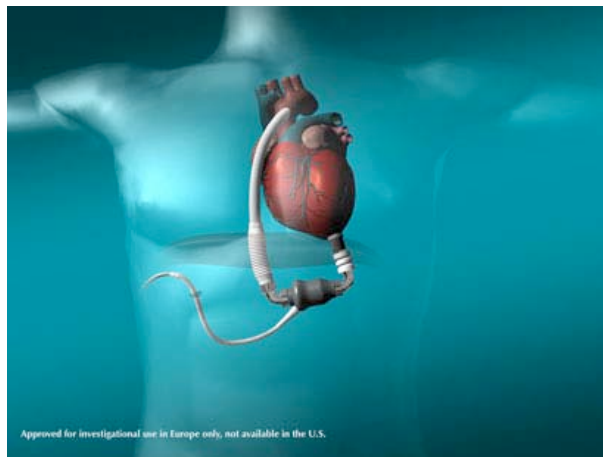
## Mapping onto a patient-specific arterial cross-section



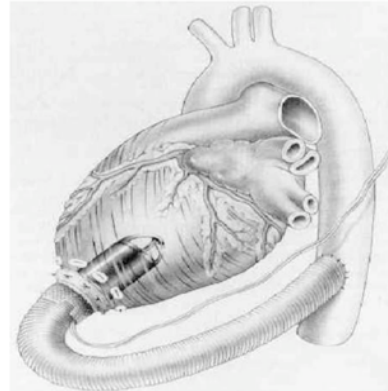
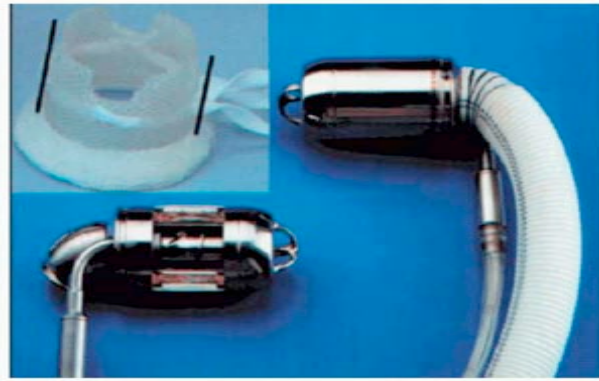
## Abdominal Aorta



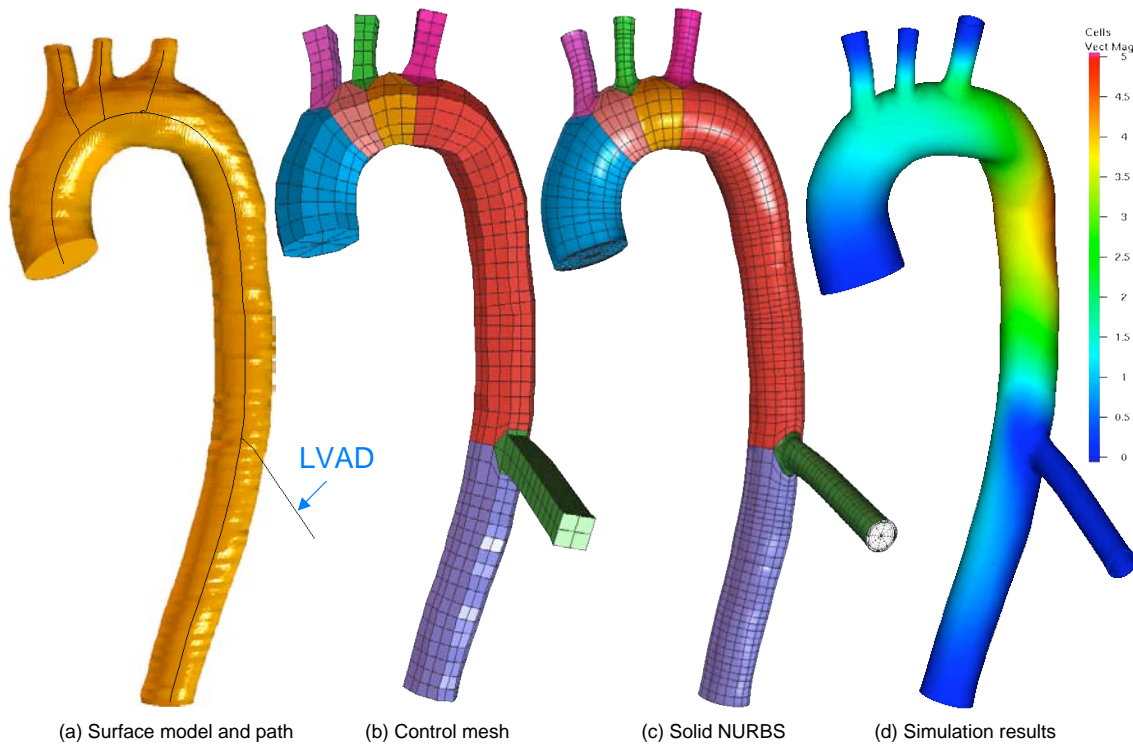
## Left Ventricular Assist Device (LVAD) with *Ascending Aortic Distal Anastomosis*



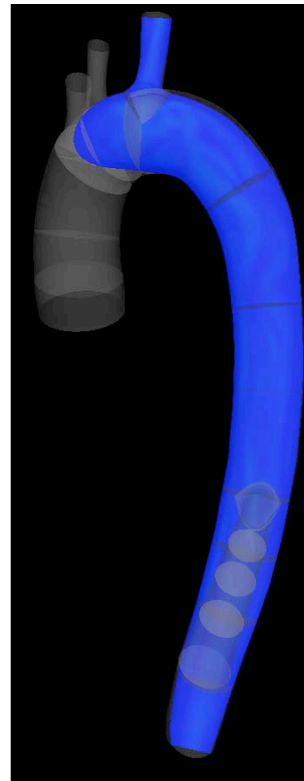
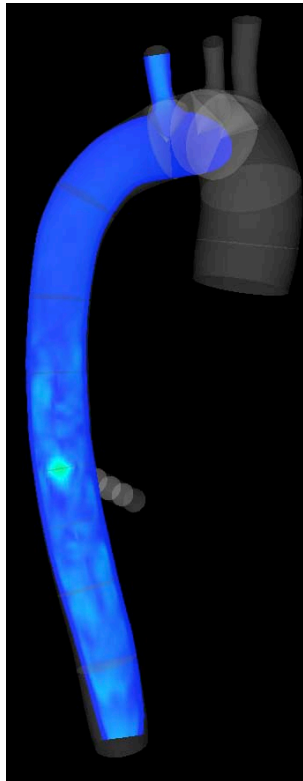
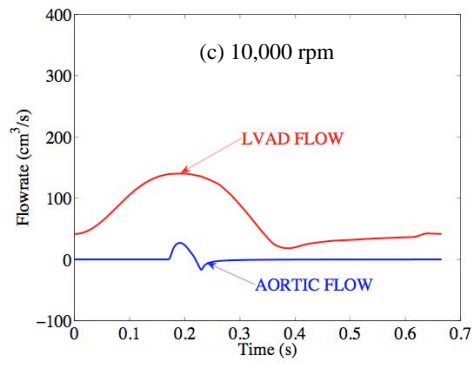
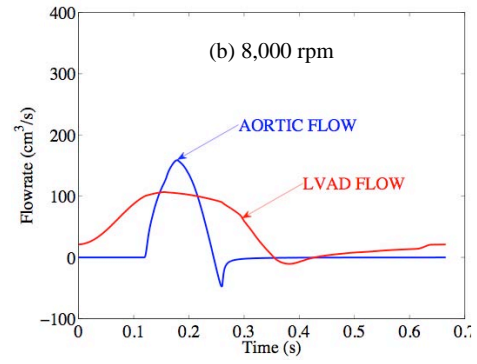
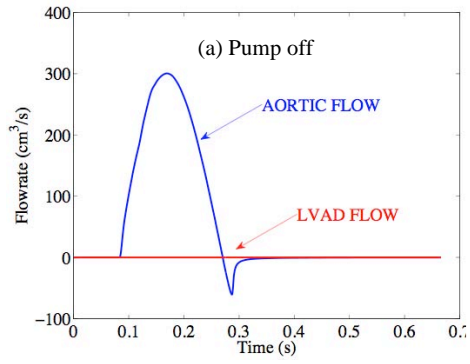
# Jarvik 2000 and Schematic of Descending Aortic Distal Anastomosis



## Thoracic Aorta



# Data from a lumped-parameter model of the CV system with assist

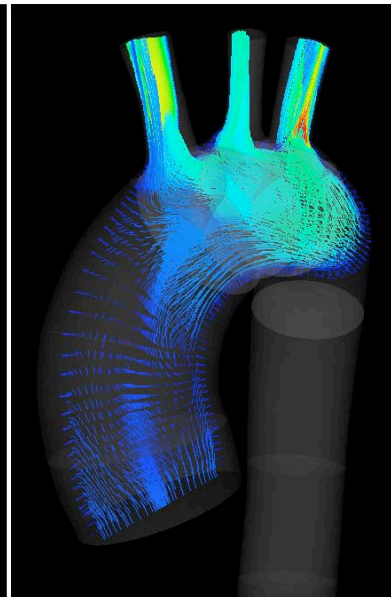




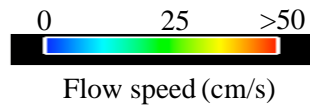
(a) Pump off



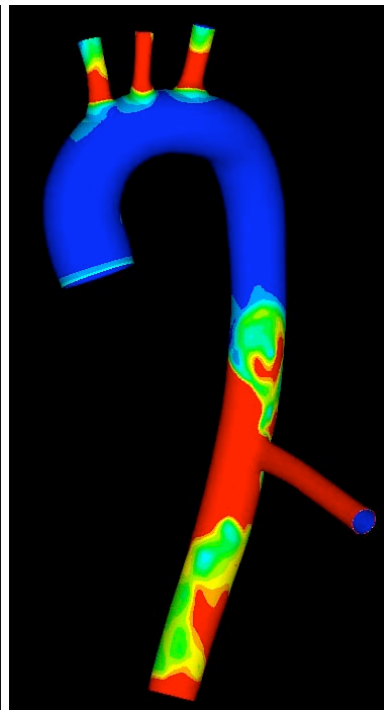
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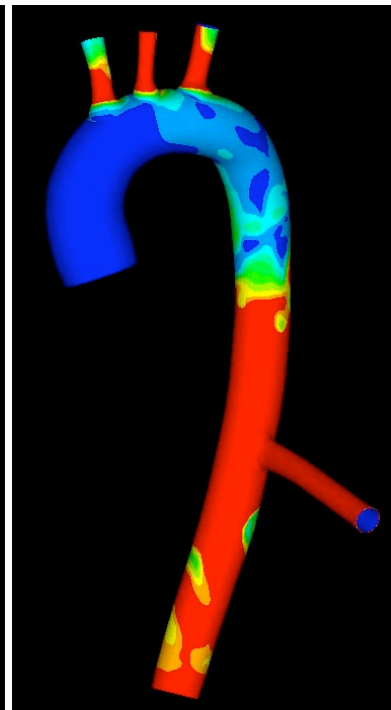
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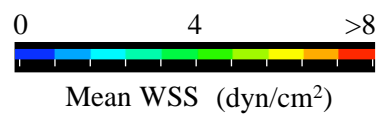
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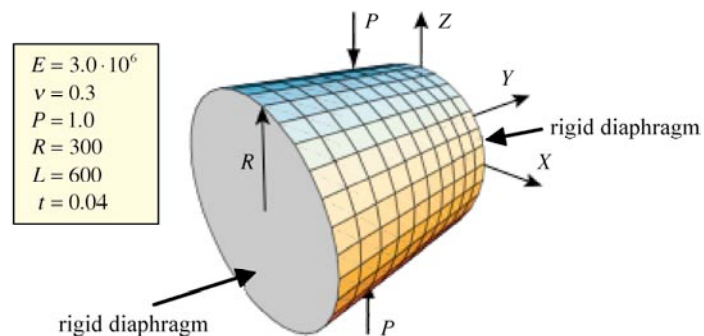
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# Design to Analysis

- **Idea:**  
Extract **surface** geometry file from CAD modeling software and use it **directly** in FEA software
- **Goal:**  
**Bypass** mesh generation
- **Test cases:**  
Import NURBS surface files directly into **LS Dyna** for Reissner-Mindlin shell theory analysis

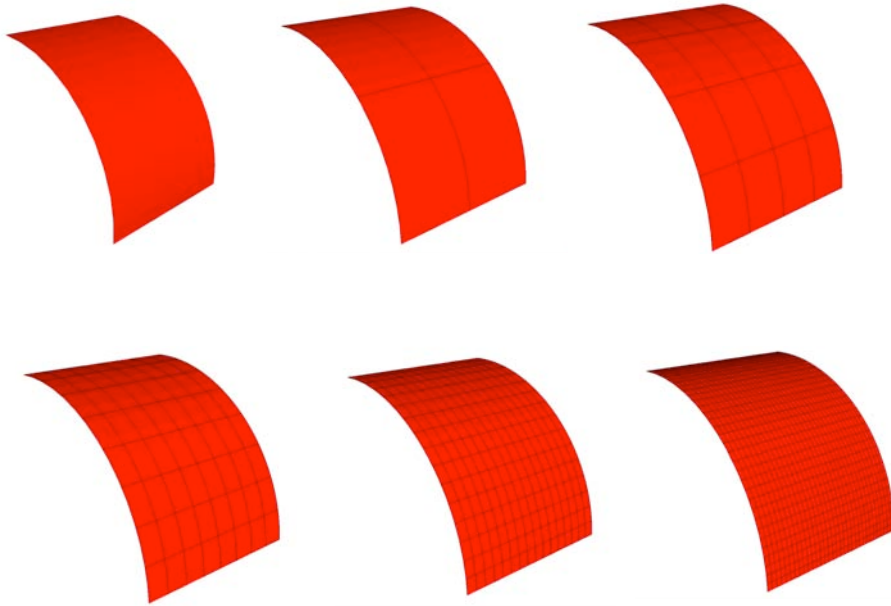
## Pinched Cylinder: Problem Definition





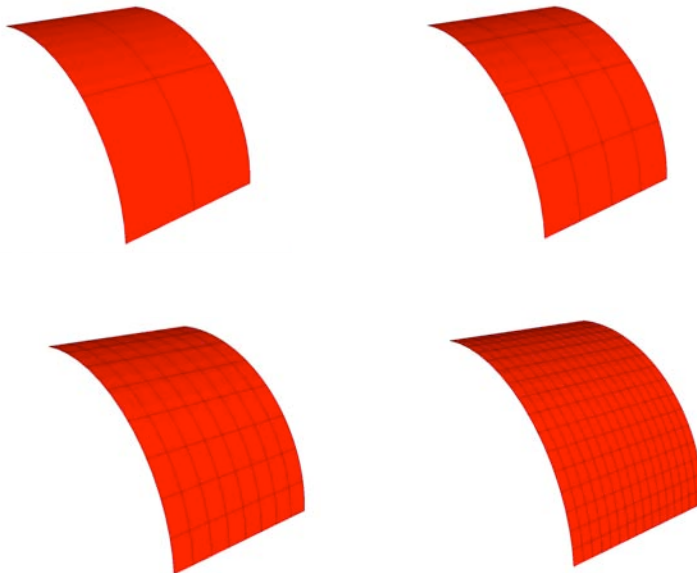
# Pinched Cylinder

Quadratic NURBS surface models



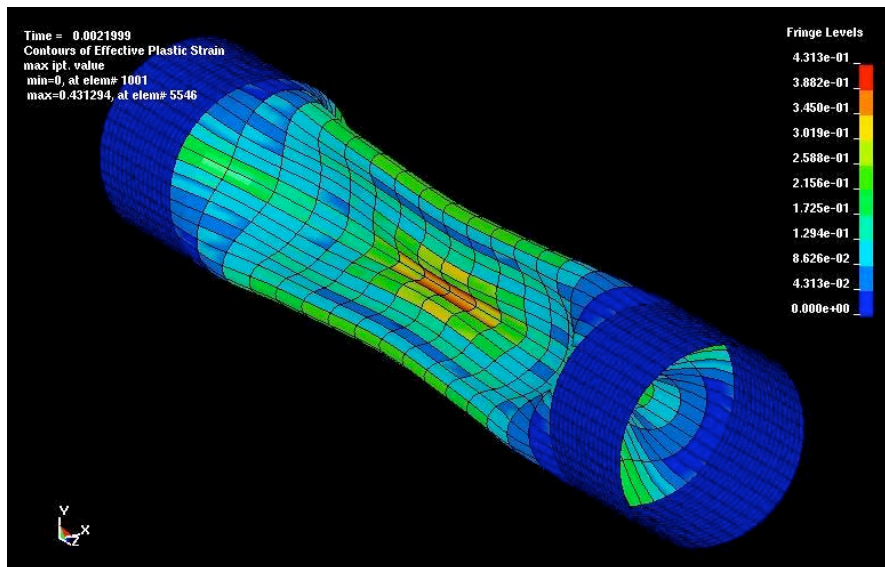
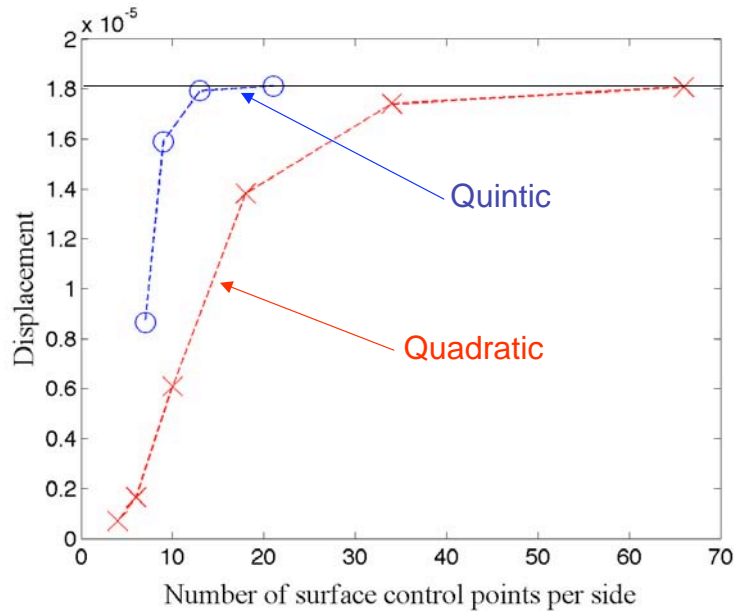
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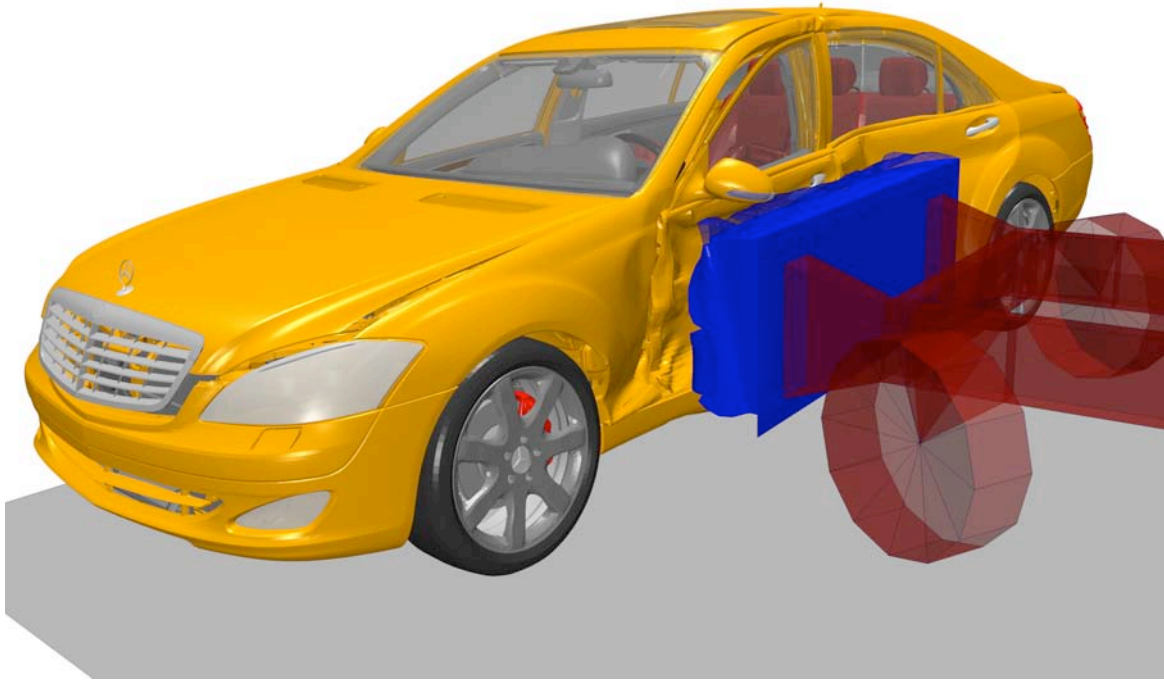
Quintic NURBS surface models



# Pinched Cylinder

Convergence of NURBS surface models in LS Dyna

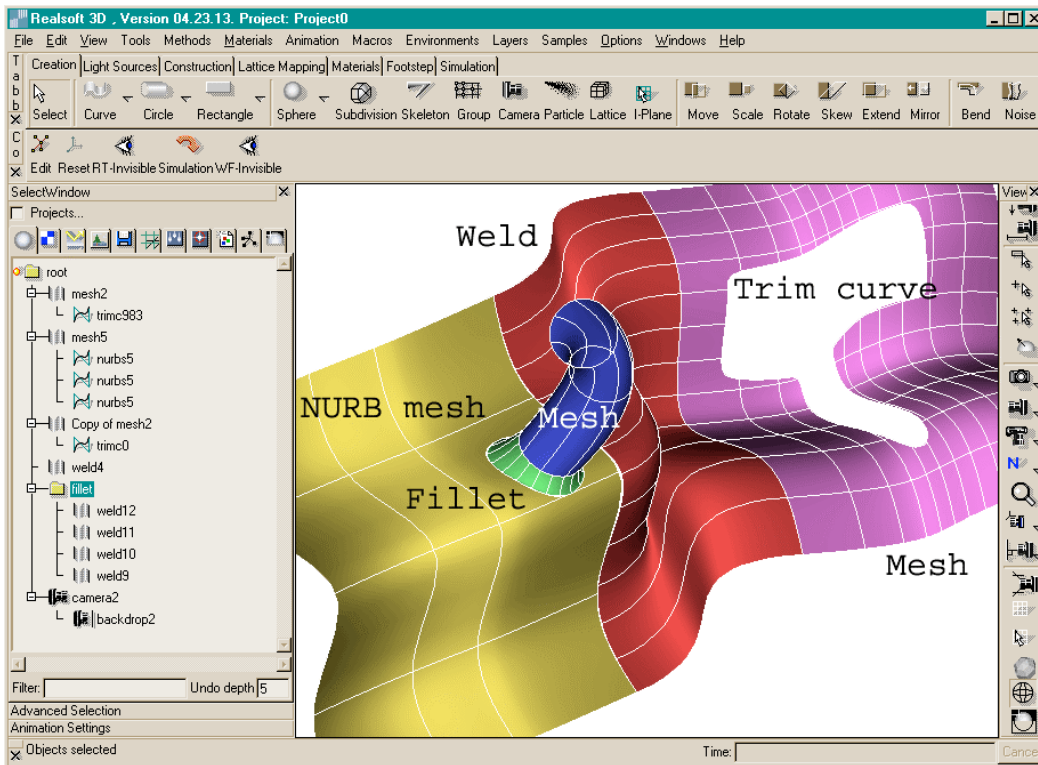




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## Problems with NURBS-based Engineering Design

- Water-tight merging of patches
- Trimmed surfaces

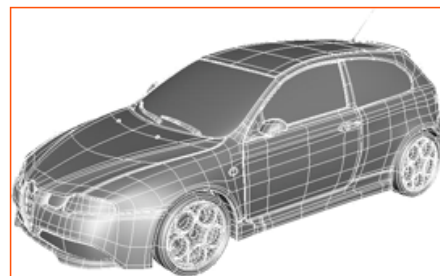
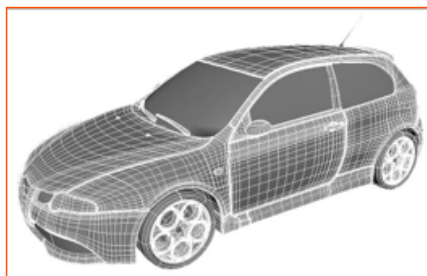
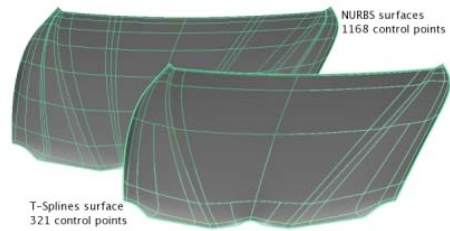


# T-splines

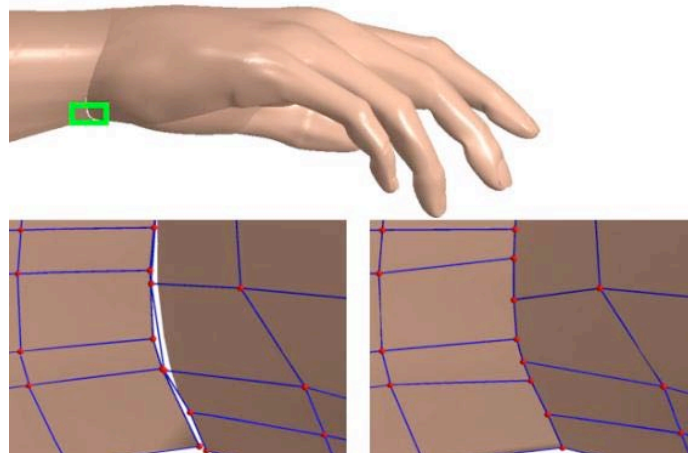
## Unstructured NURBS Mesh



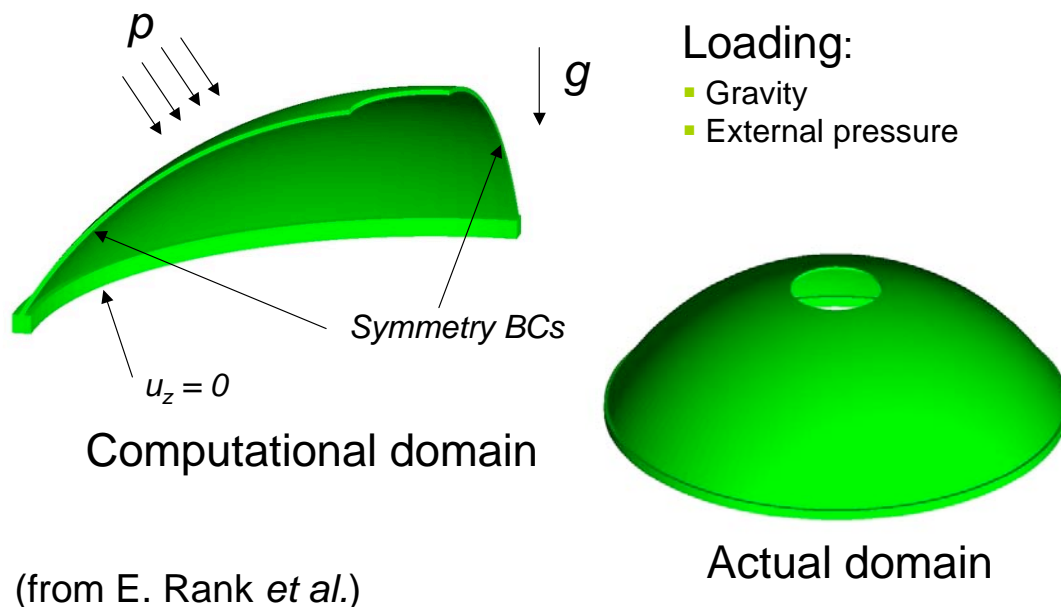
## Reduced Number of Control Points



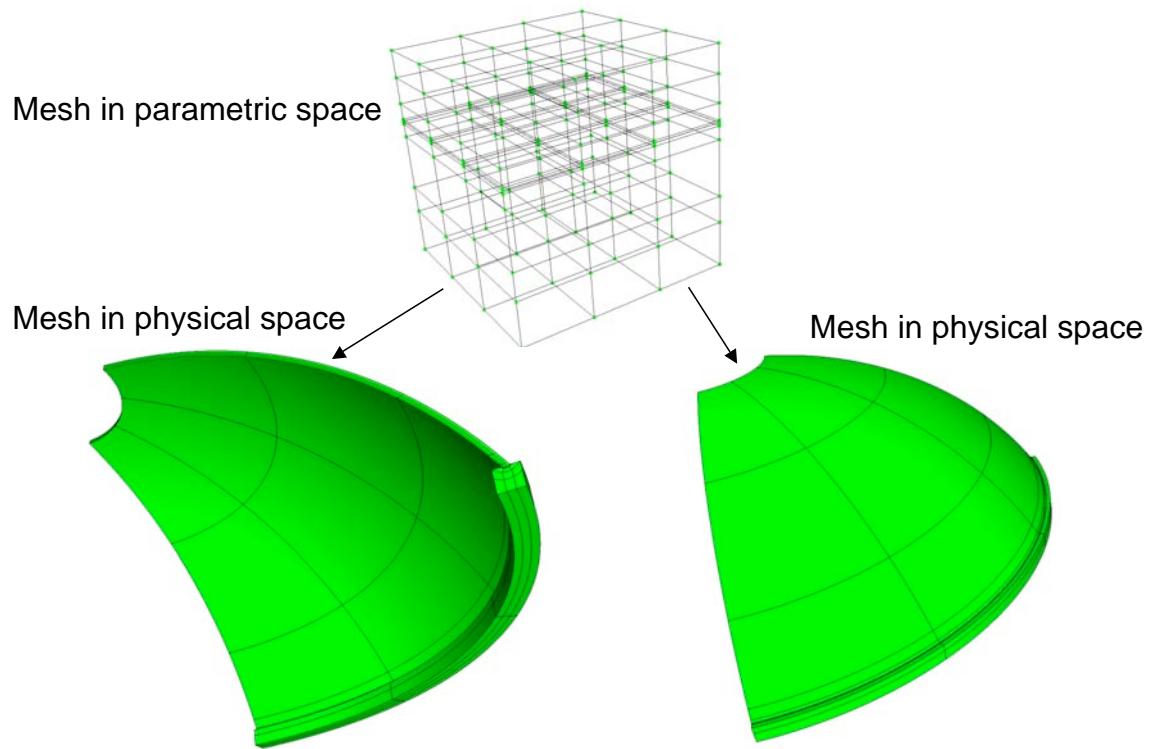
## Water tight merging of patches



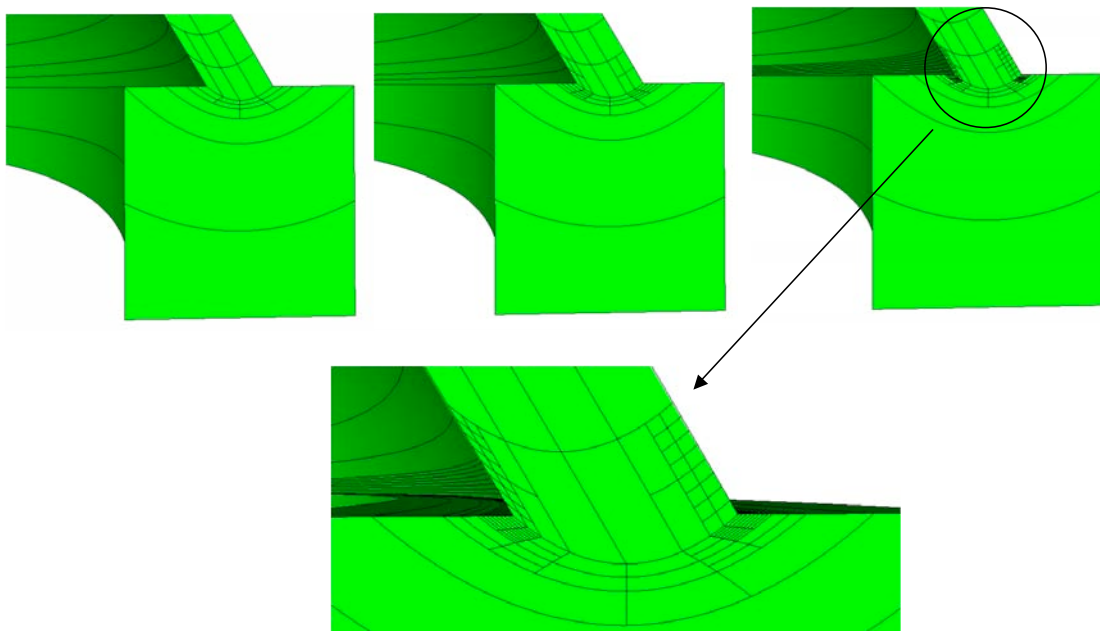
## Hemispherical Shell with Stiffener



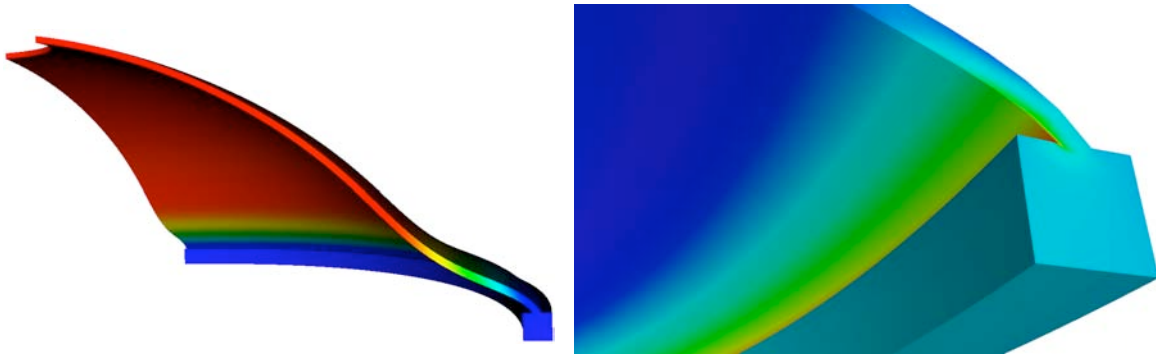
## Hemispherical Shell with Stiffener



## Locally Refined Meshes



# Hemispherical Shell with Stiffener



Vertical displacement (smooth)

Von Mises stress (singular)

## Conclusions

- Isogeometric Analysis is a powerful generalization of FEA
  - Precise and efficient geometric modeling
  - Mesh refinement is simplified
  - Smooth basis functions with compact support
  - Numerical calculations are very encouraging
  - Higher-order accuracy *and* robustness
  - It may play a fundamental role in *unifying* design and analysis



Philosophy:

Geometry is the foundation of analysis

Computational geometry is the future of computational analysis

Book in progress:

*Isogeometric Analysis: Toward Unification of CAD and FEA*

