

# Isogeometric Analysis: Introduction and Overview

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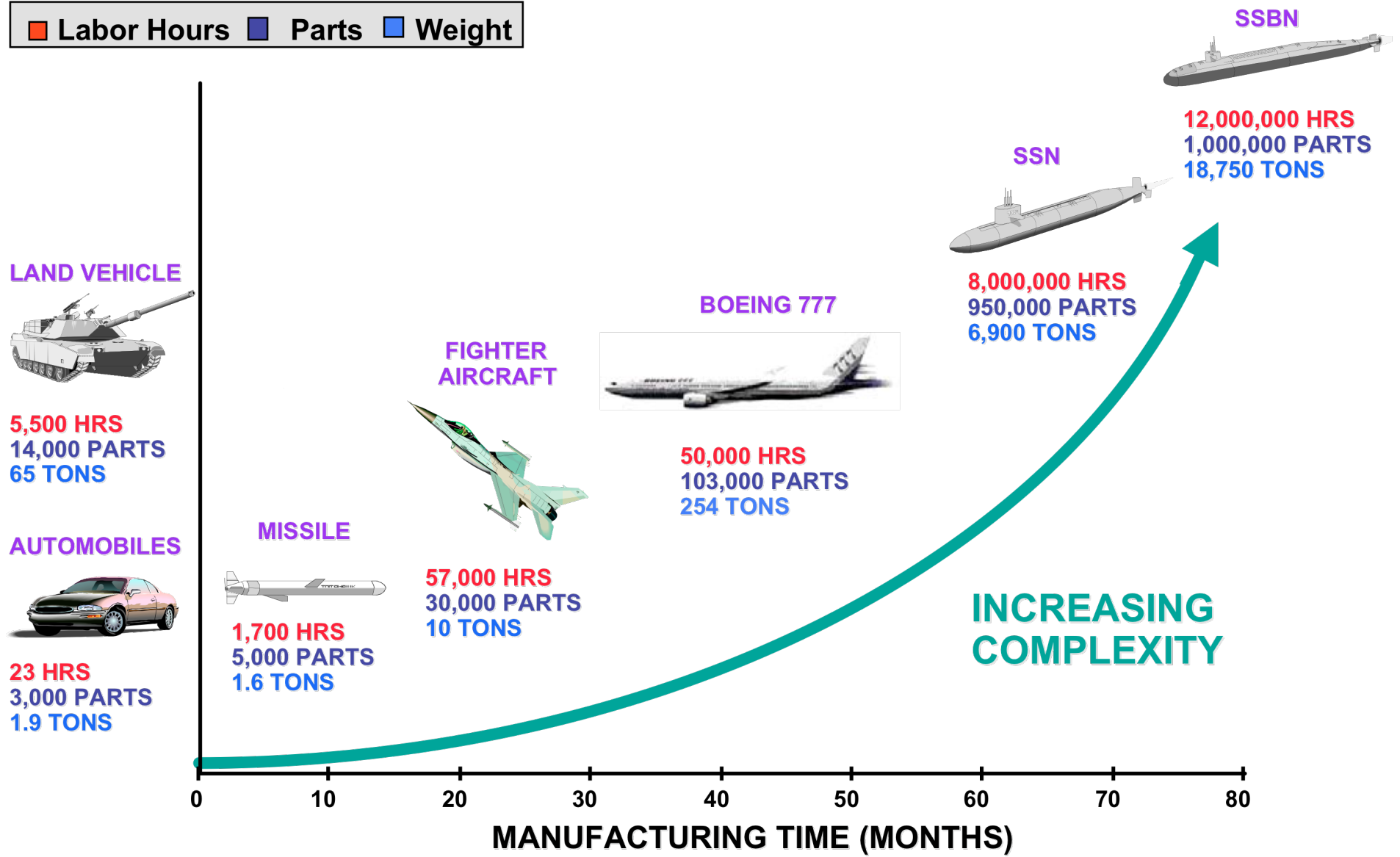
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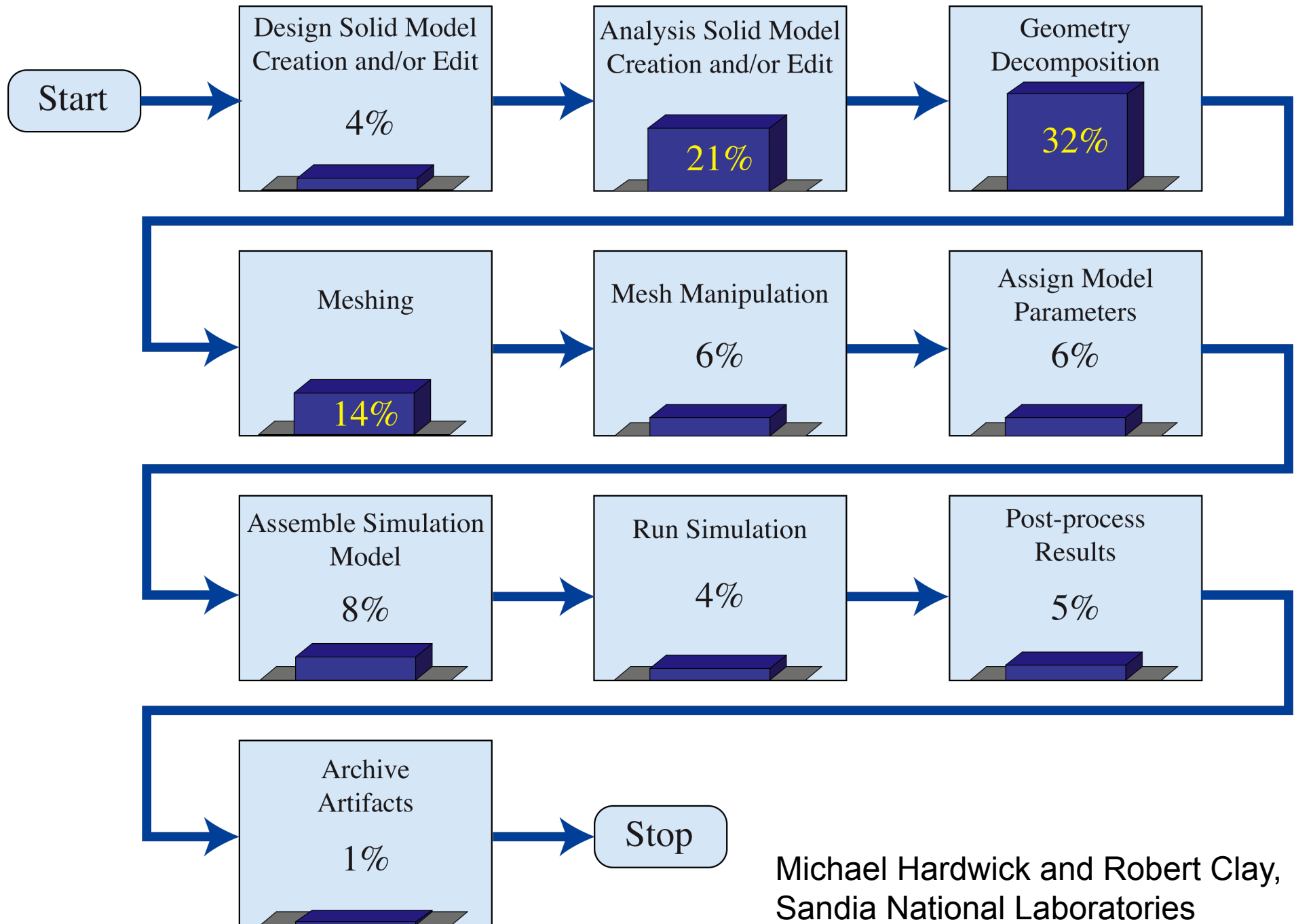
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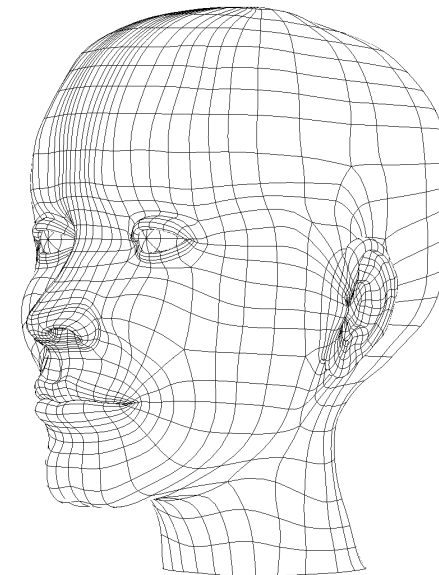
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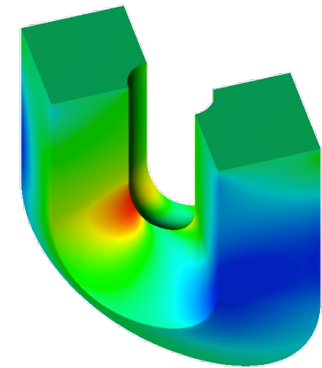
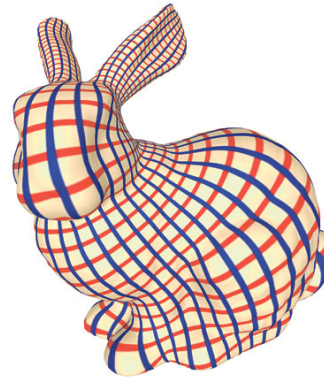
# Outline

- Isogeometric analysis
- B-splines, NURBS
  - Mathematical theory of  $h$ -refinement
  - Structures
  - Vibrations
  - Wave propagation
  - Kolmogorov  $n$ -widths
  - Nonlinear solids
    - Hyperelastic nearly-incompressible solids
    - Hyperelastic-plastic solids
  - Design-through-analysis
    - Shells (w/wo rotations)
  - Fluids and fluid-structure interaction
  - Phase-field modeling
  - Cardiovascular simulation
- T-splines
  - Design-through-analysis
    - Shells
  - Nonlocal and gradient-enhanced damage-elastic materials
  - Local refinement
  - Cohesive zone analysis of discrete cracks
- Bezier extraction
- Research progress

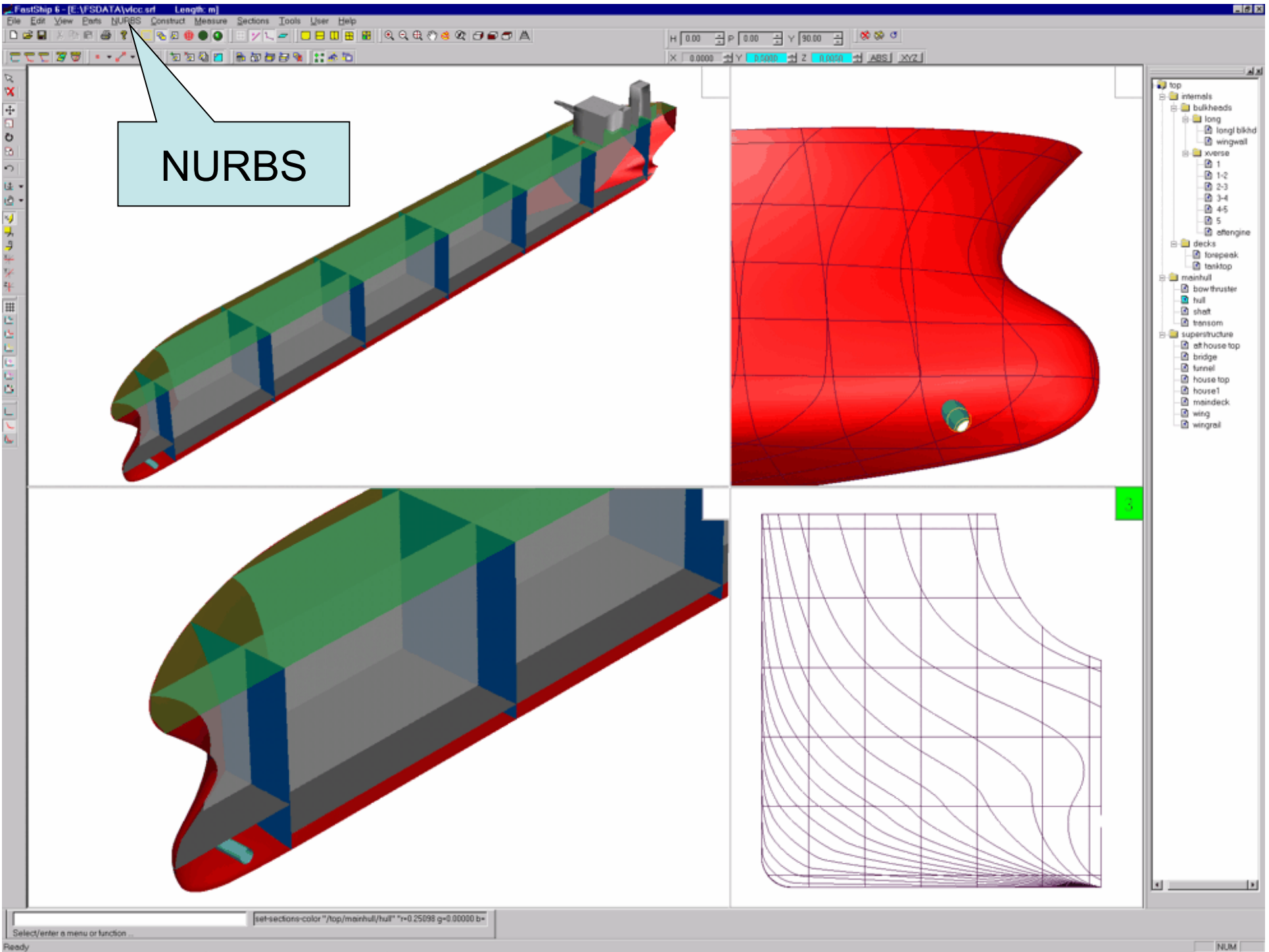


# Isogeometric Analysis

- Based on technologies (e.g., NURBS, T-splines, etc.) 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
  - Accurate derivatives and stresses
  - *Integration* of design and analysis

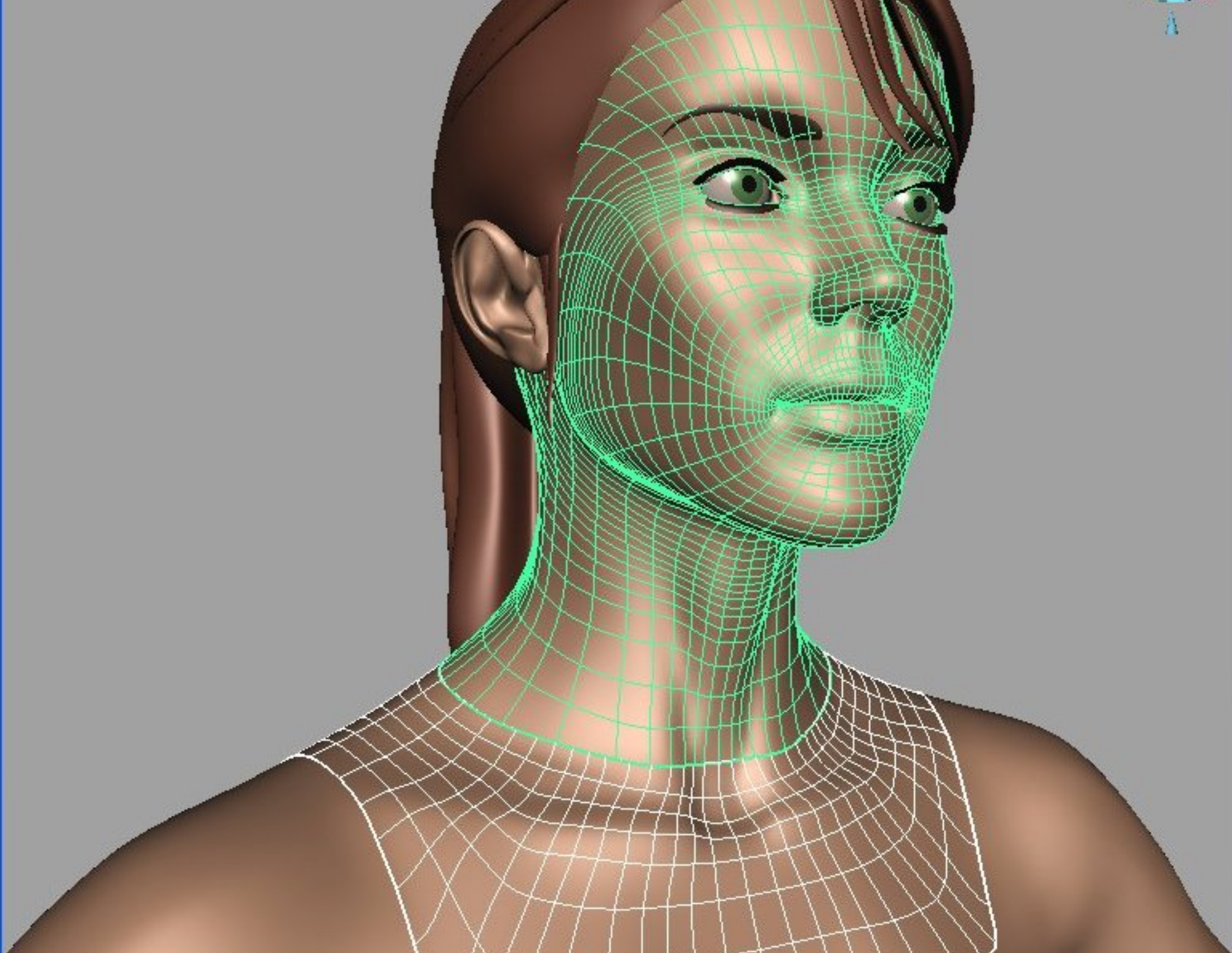








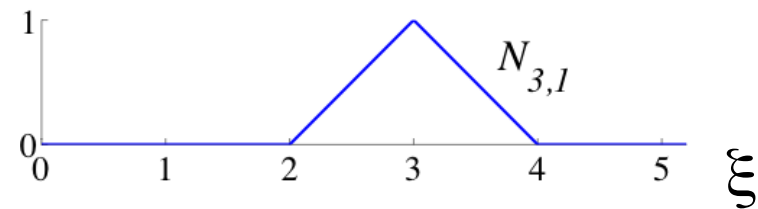
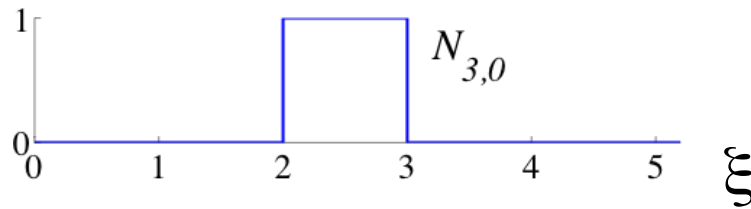
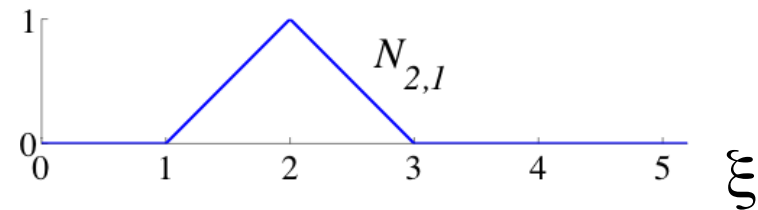
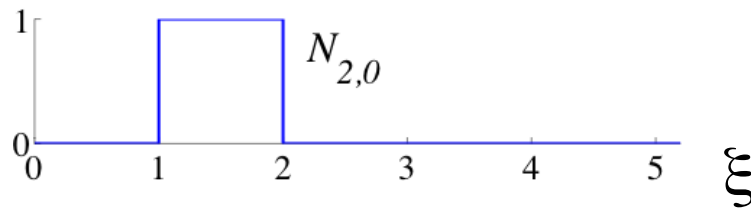
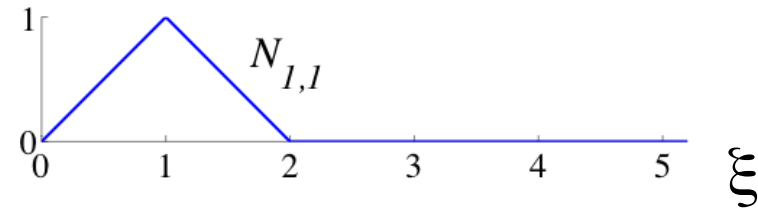
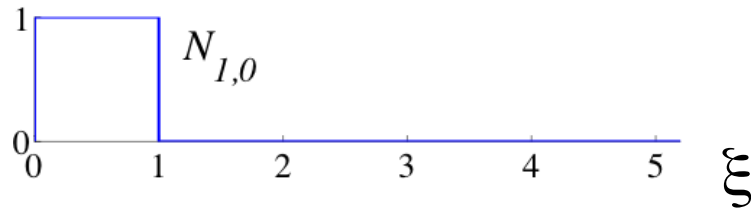




# B-Splines

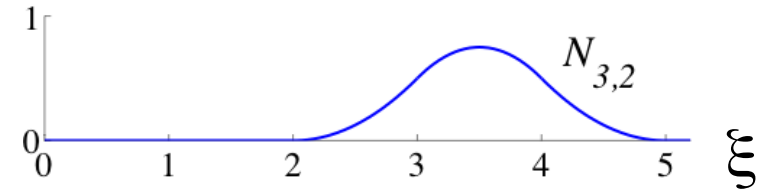
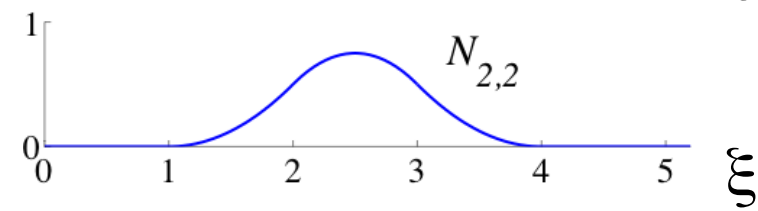
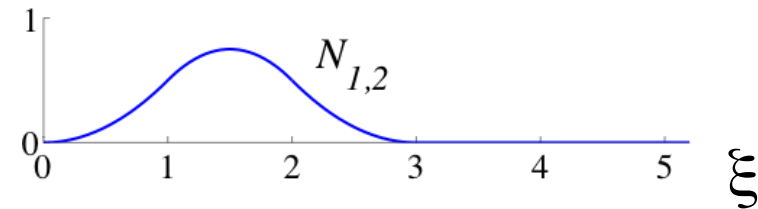
# B-spline Basis Functions

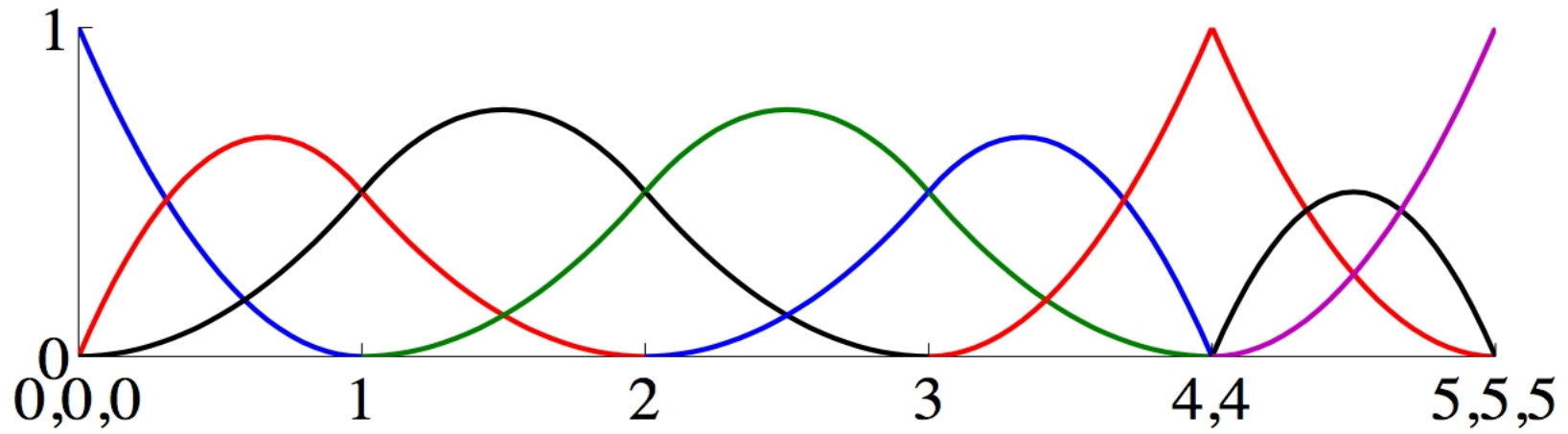
- $$N_{i,0}(\xi) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \xi_i \leq \xi < \xi_{i+1}, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$
- $$N_{i,p}(\xi) = \frac{\xi - \xi_i}{\xi_{i+p} - \xi_i} N_{i,p-1}(\xi) + \frac{\xi_{i+p+1} - \xi}{\xi_{i+p+1} - \xi_{i+1}} N_{i+1,p-1}(\xi)$$



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

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

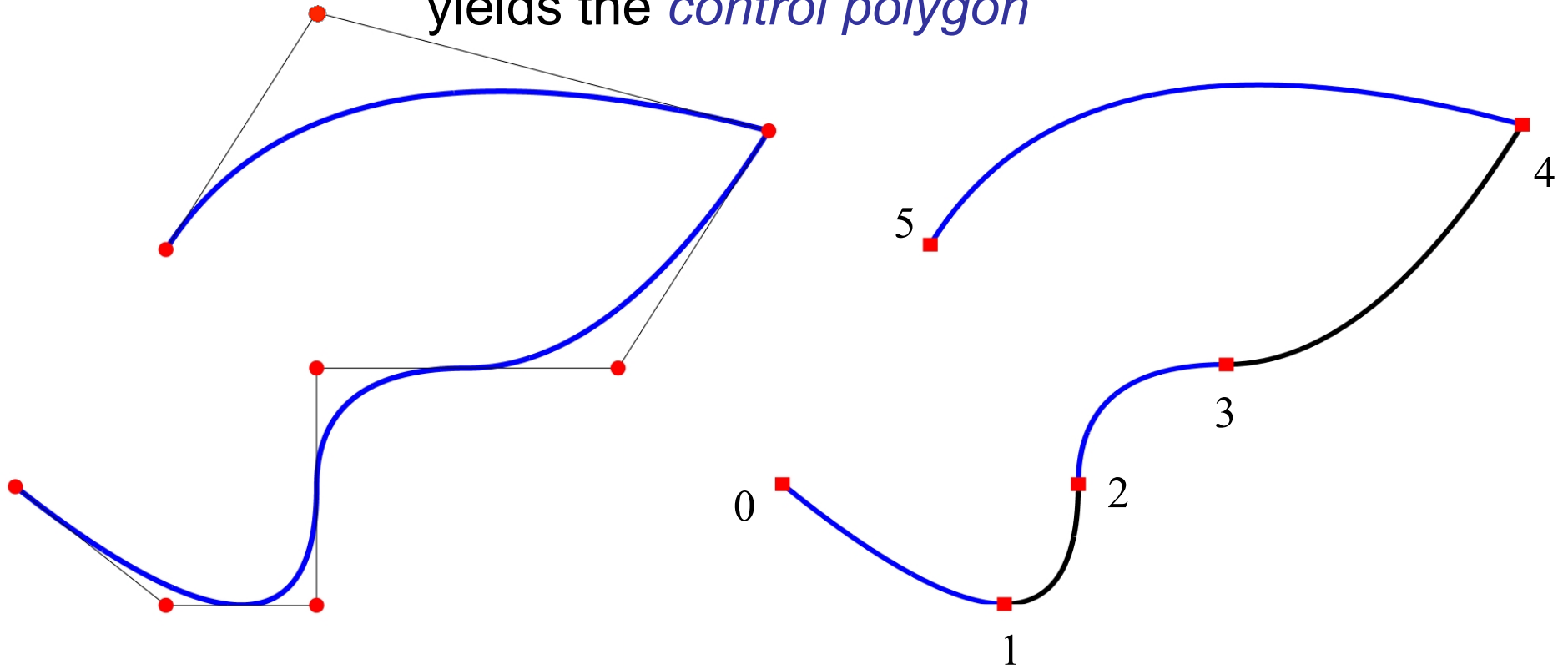




Quadratic ( $p=2$ ) basis functions for an  
*open, non-uniform knot vector:*

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

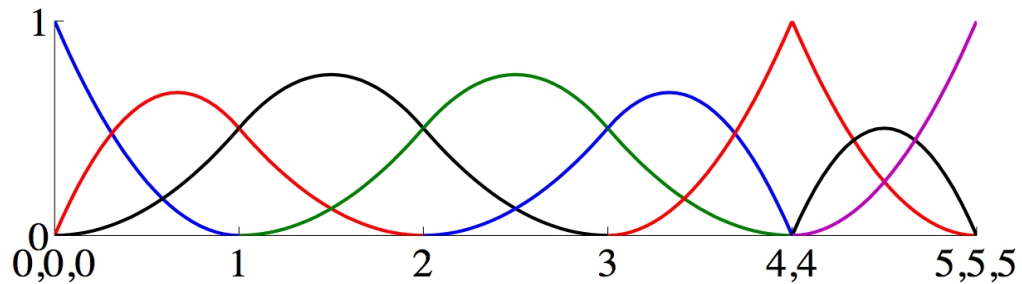
Linear interpolation of control points  
yields the *control polygon*



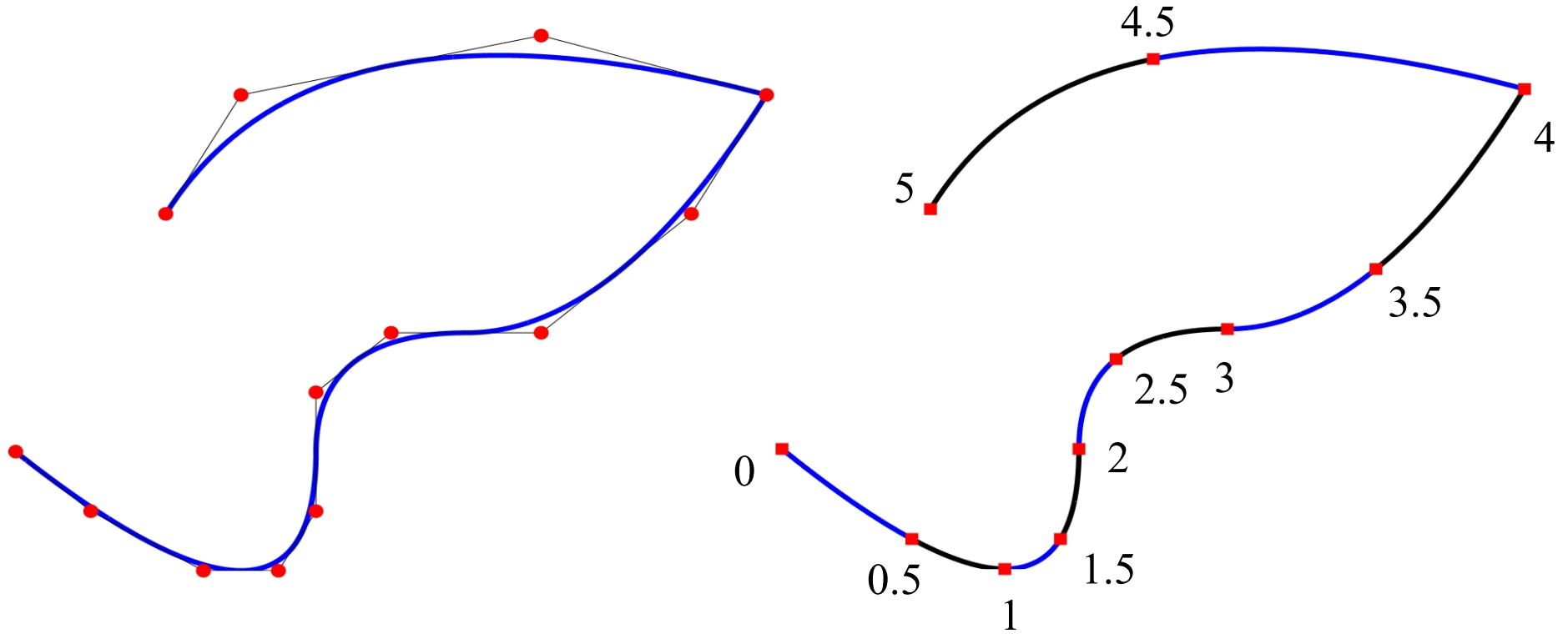
● - control points

■ - knots

Quadratic basis



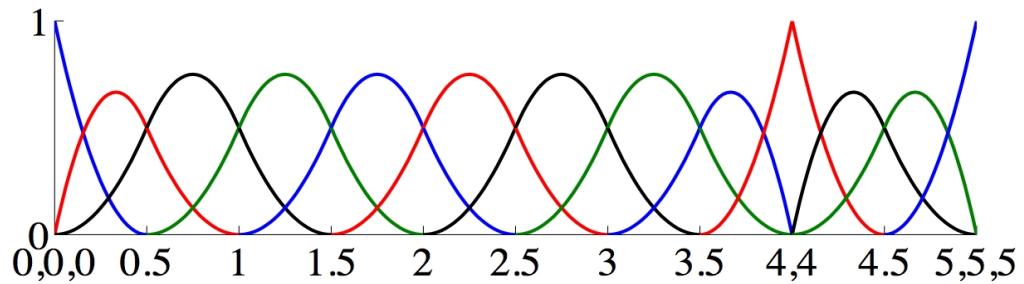
# *h*-refined Curve



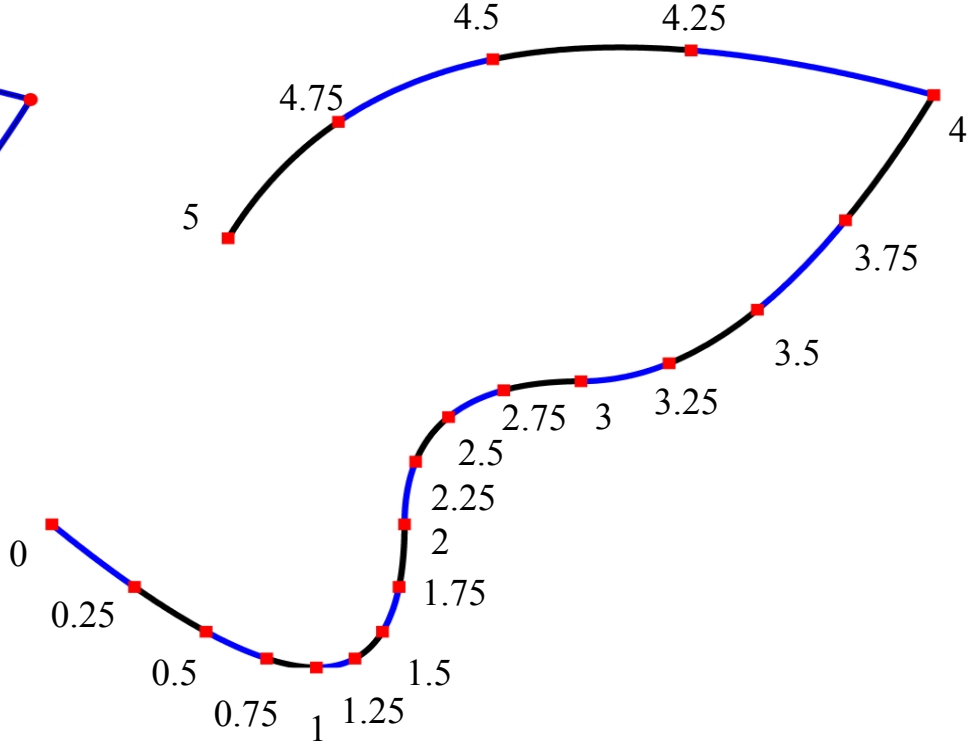
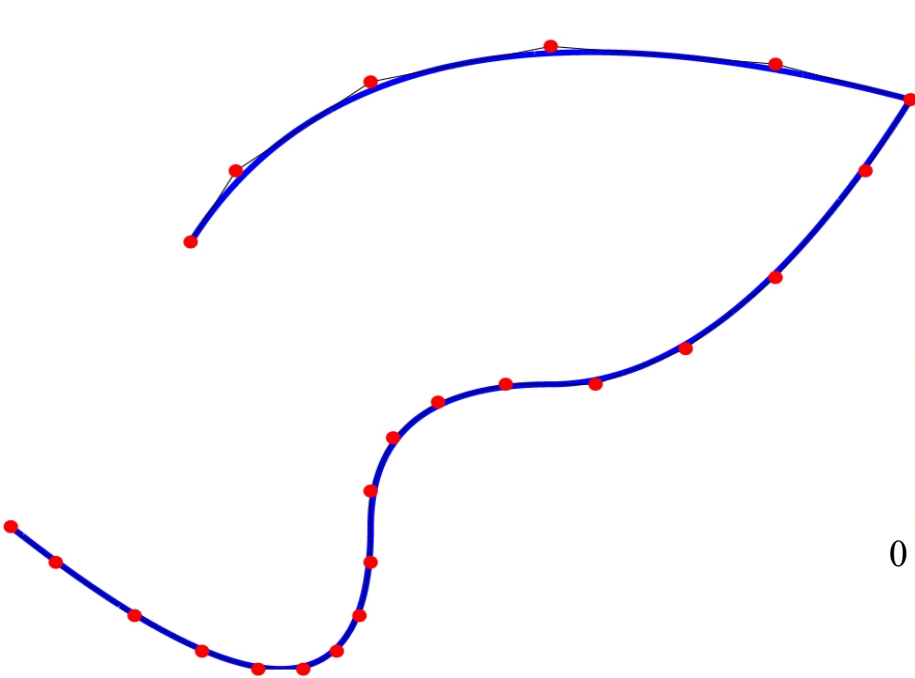
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Quadratic basis



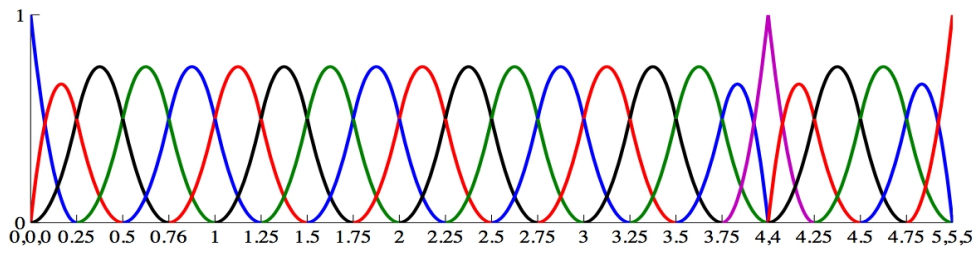
# Further *h*-refined Curve



● - control points

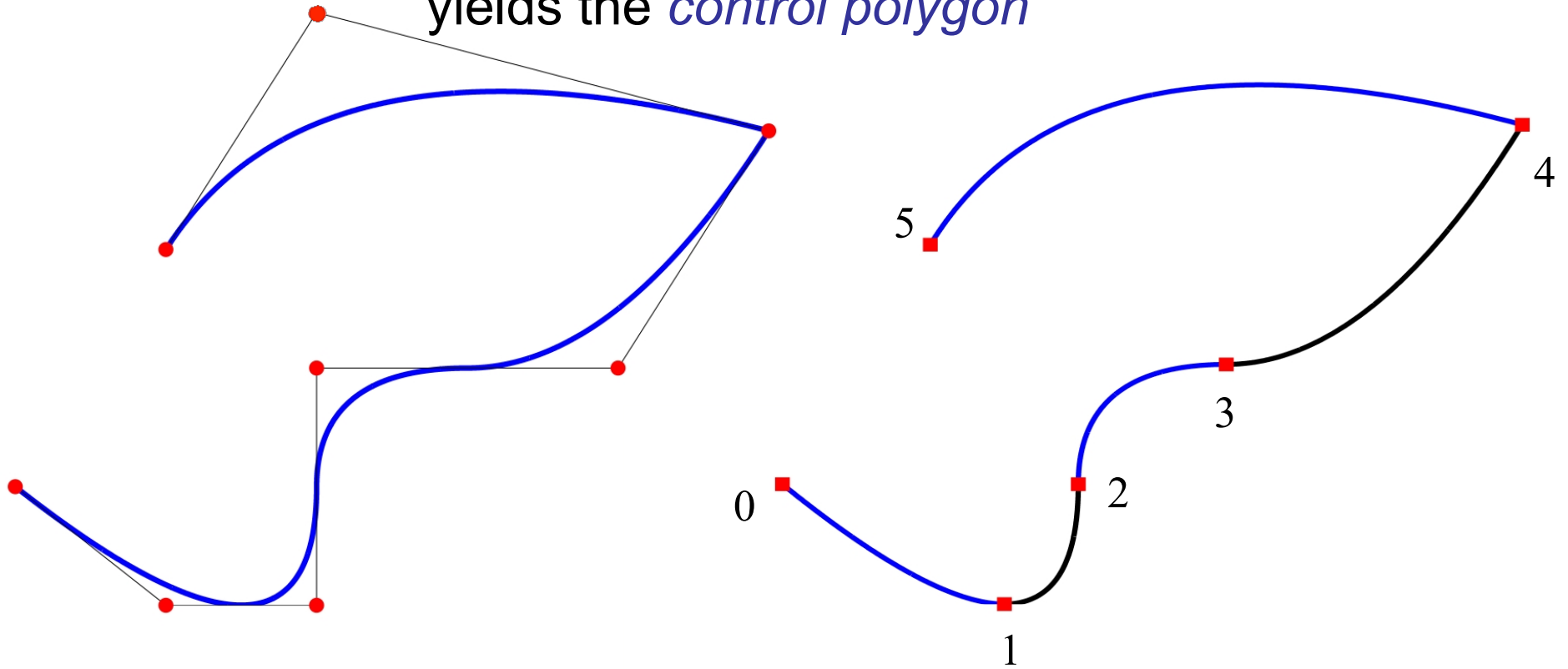
■ - knots

Quadratic basis





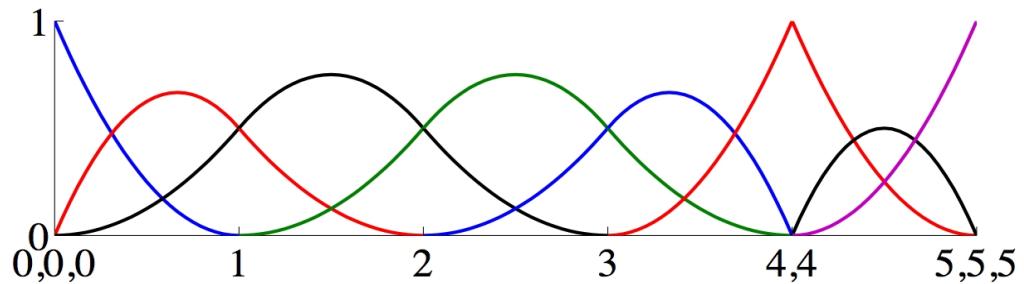
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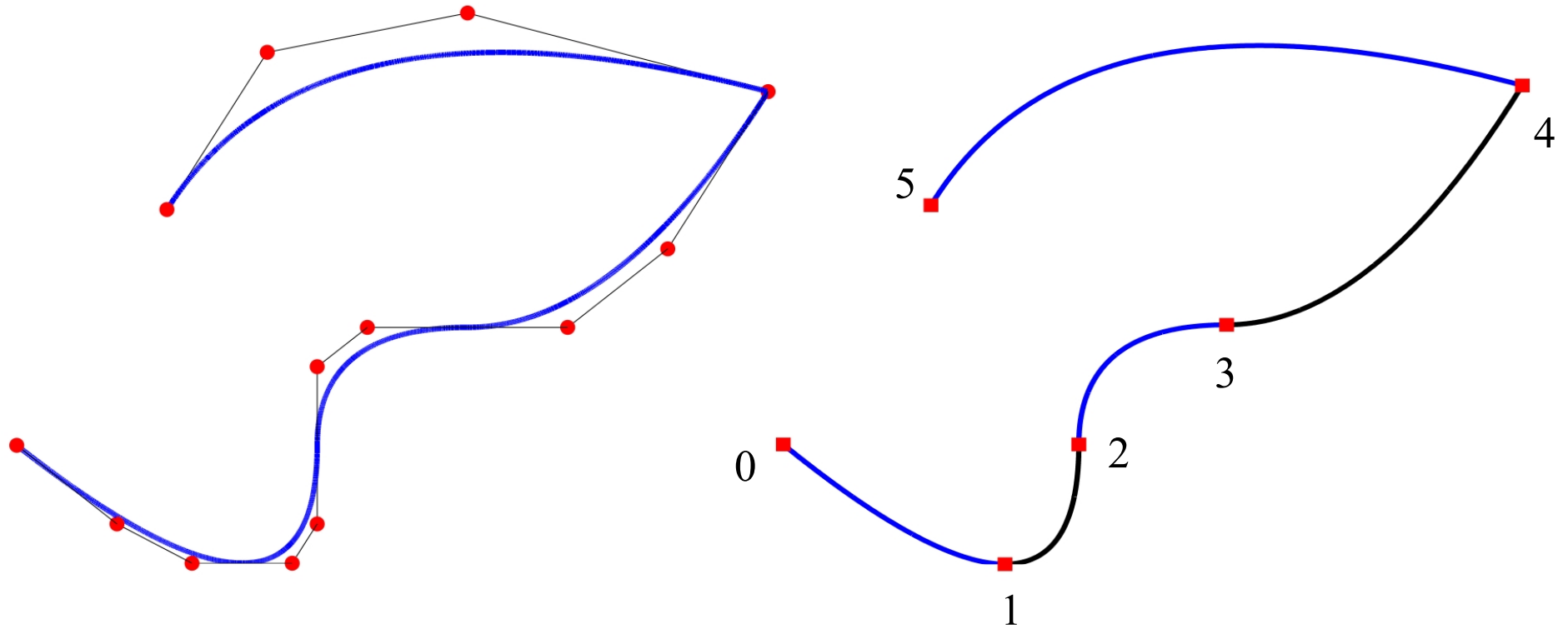
● - control points

■ - knots

Quadratic basis



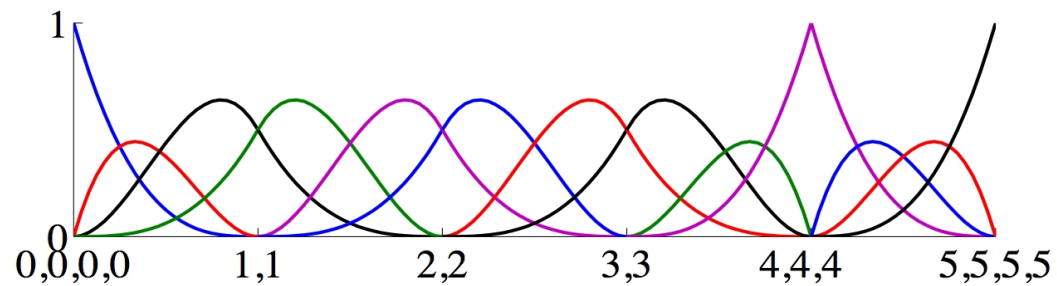
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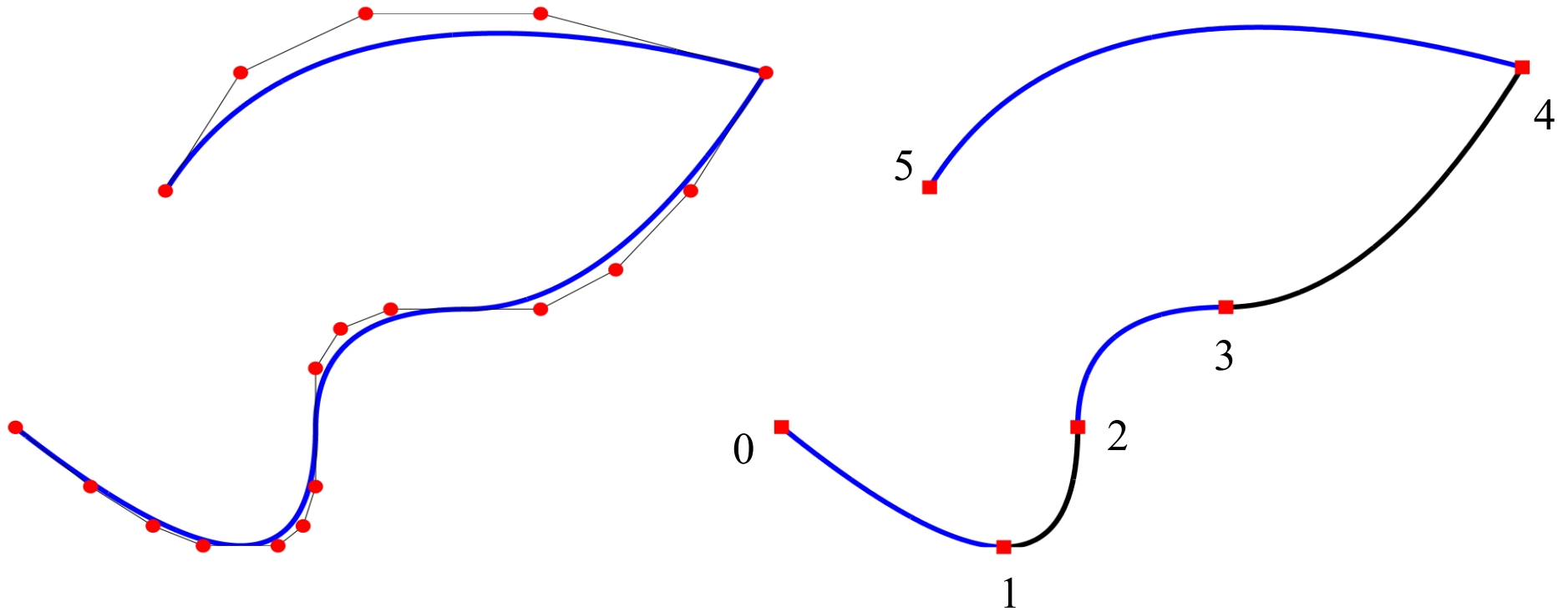
● - control points

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Cubic basis



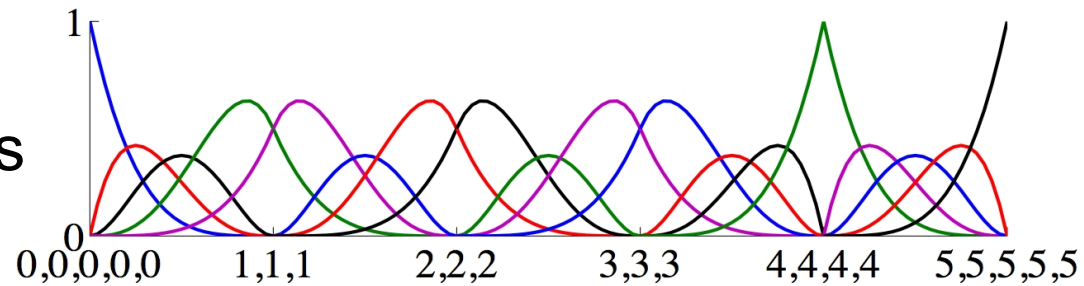
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● - control points

■ - knots

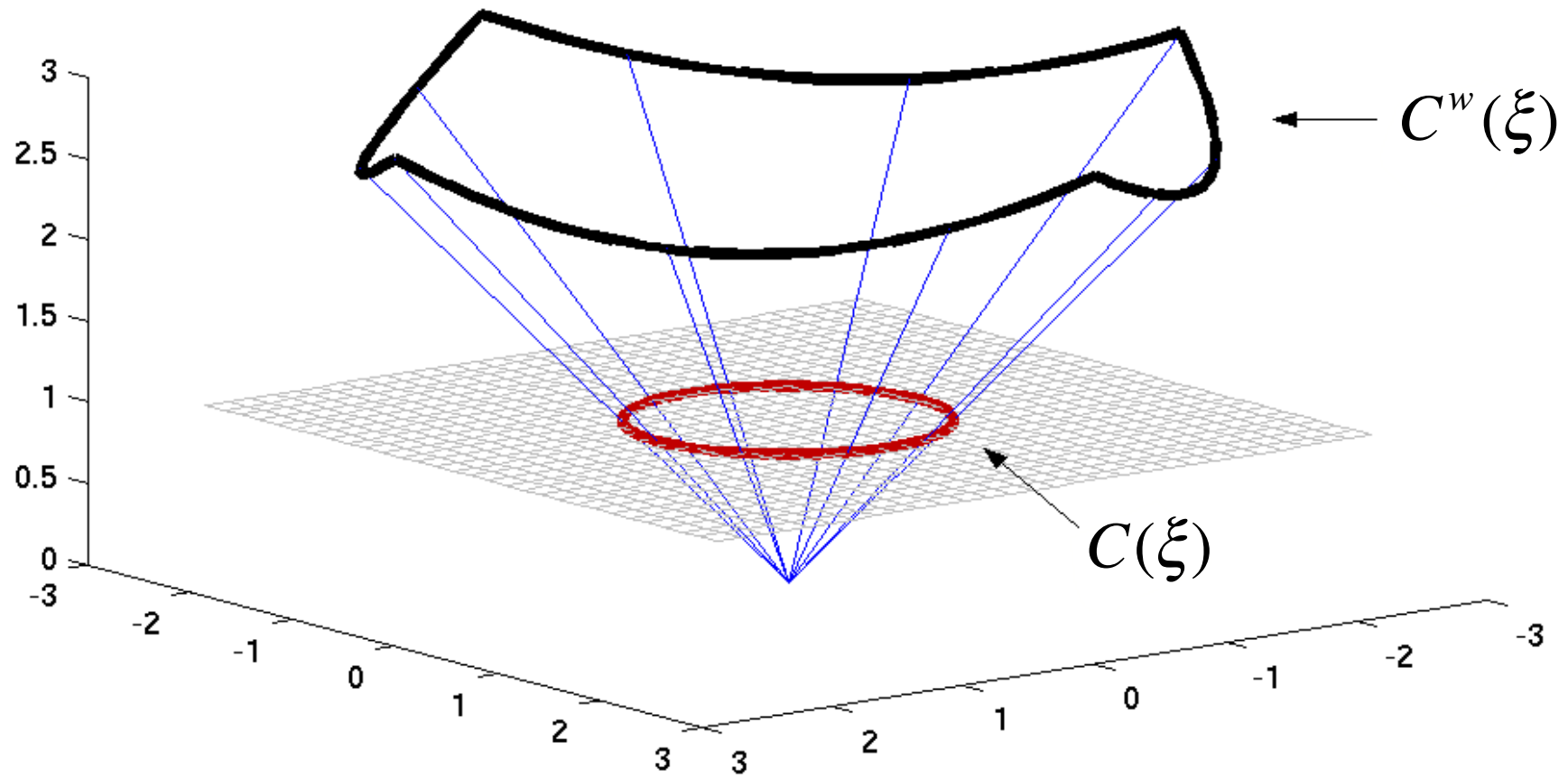
Quartic basis



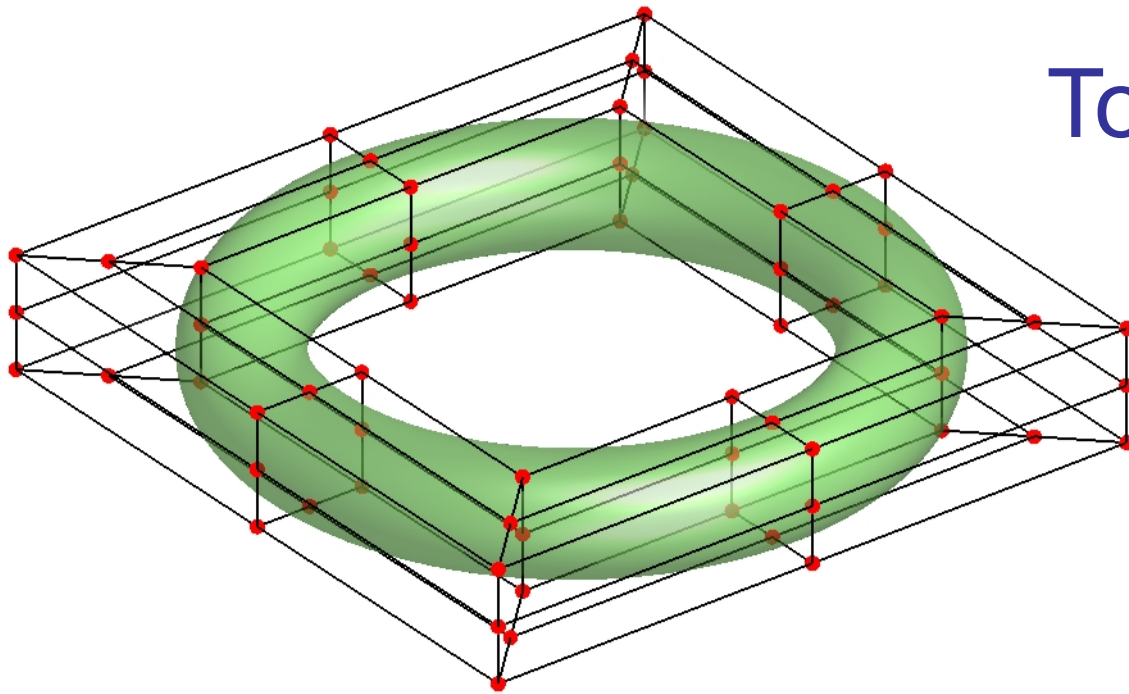
# NURBS

## Non-Uniform Rational B-splines

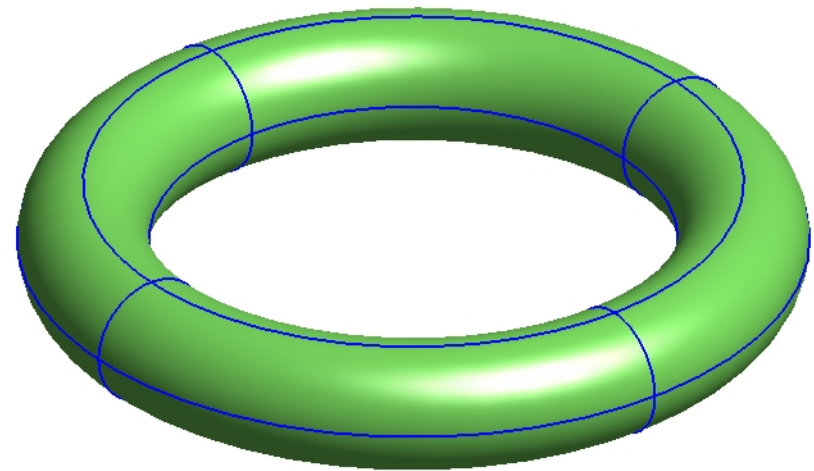
# Circle from 3D Piecewise Quadratic Curves



# Toroidal Surface

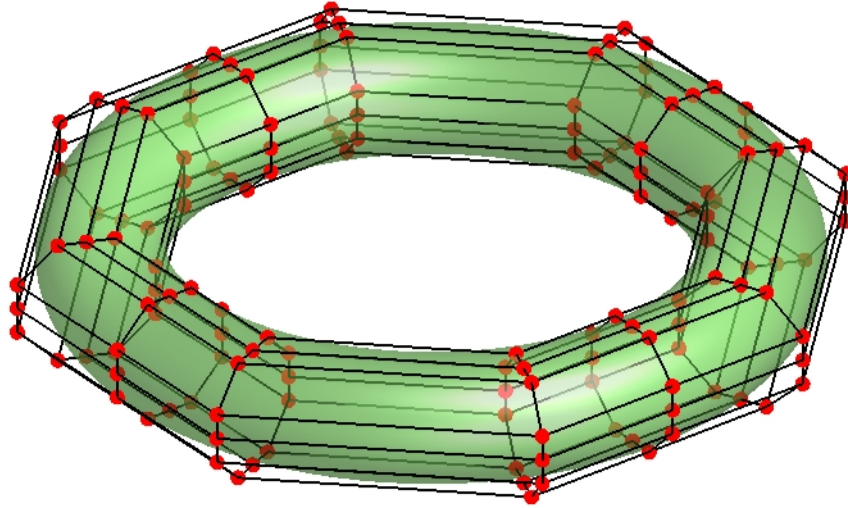


Control net

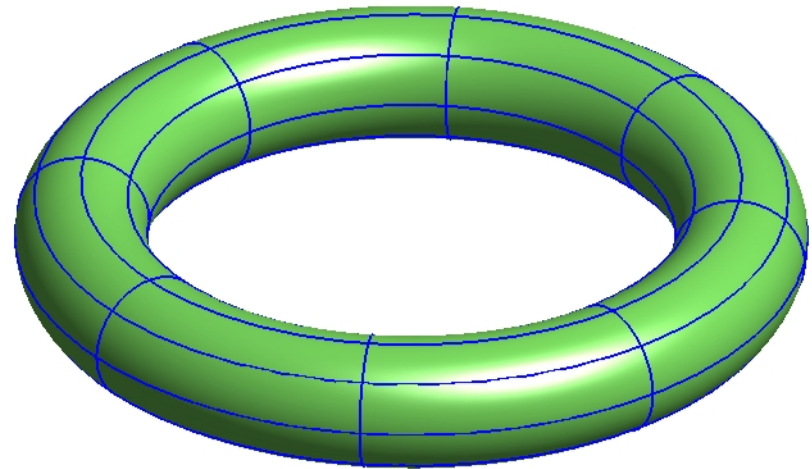


Mesh

# *h*-refined Surface

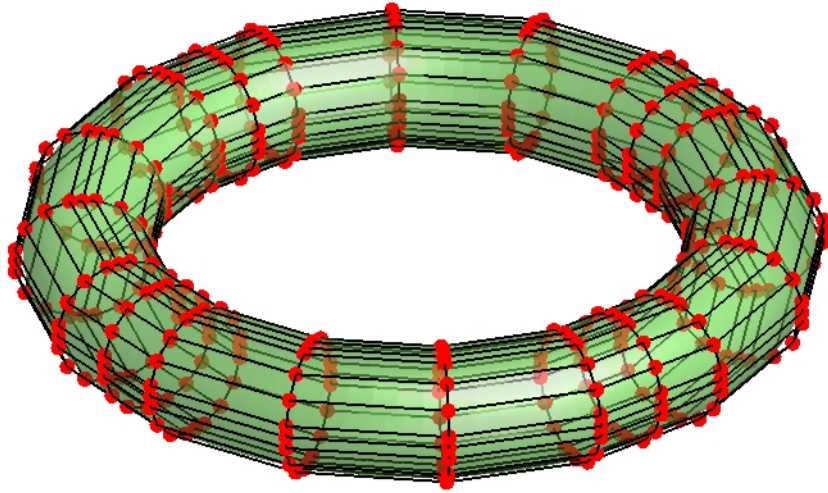


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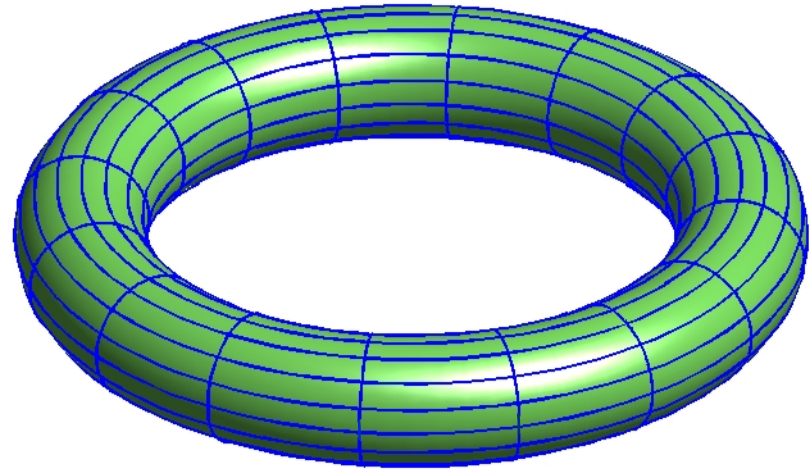


Mesh

# Further $h$ -refined Surface



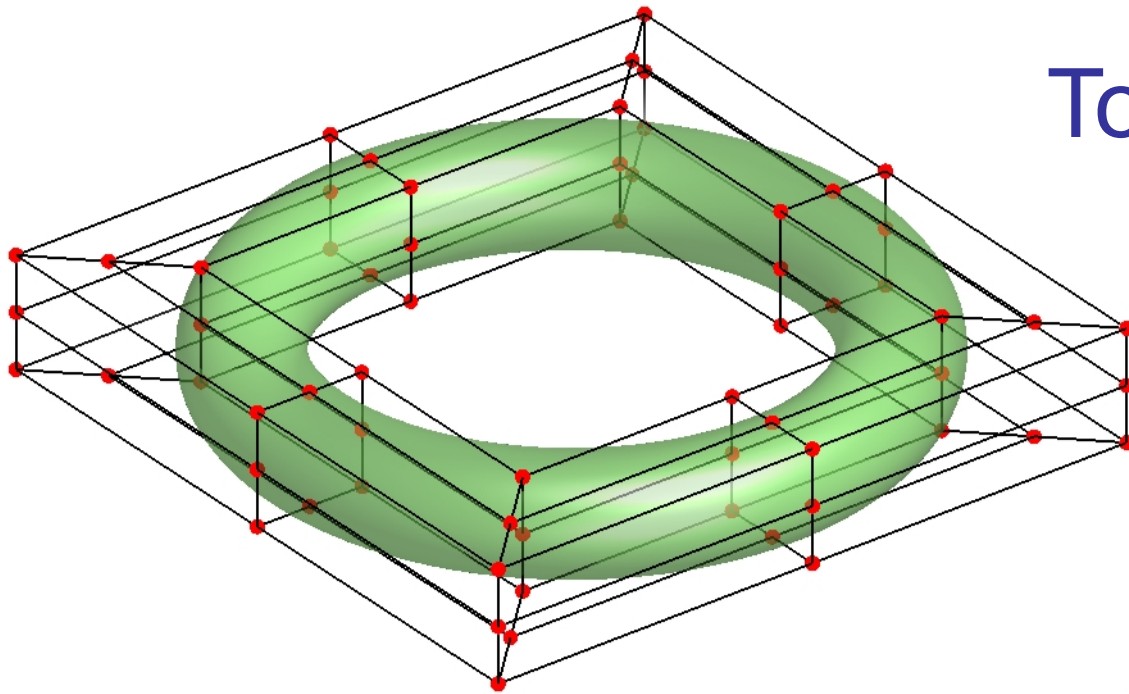
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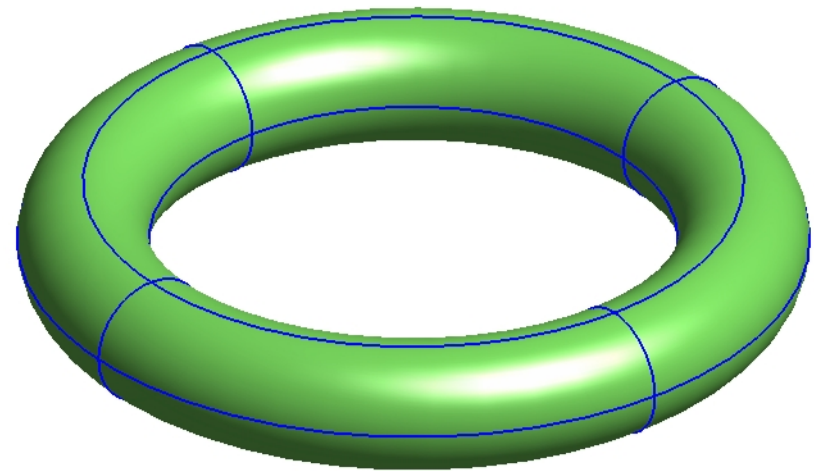
Mesh



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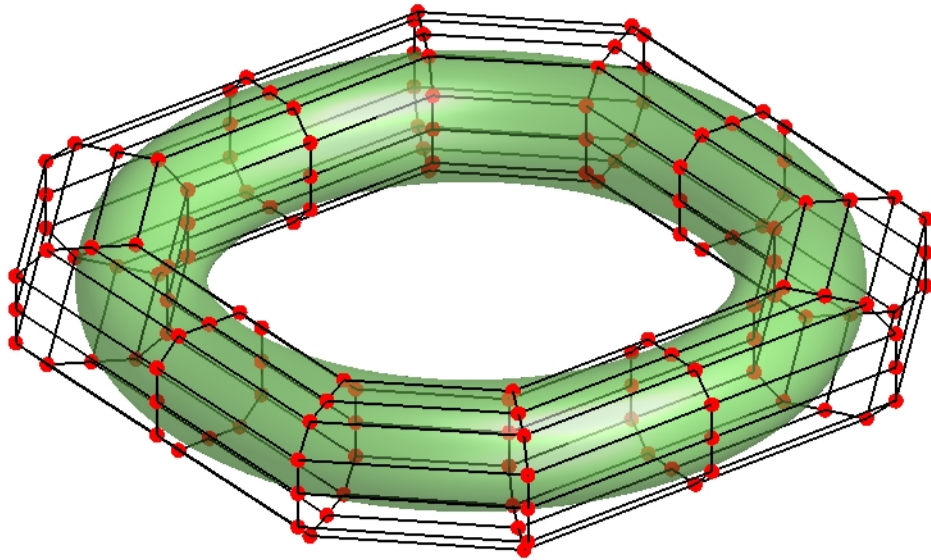


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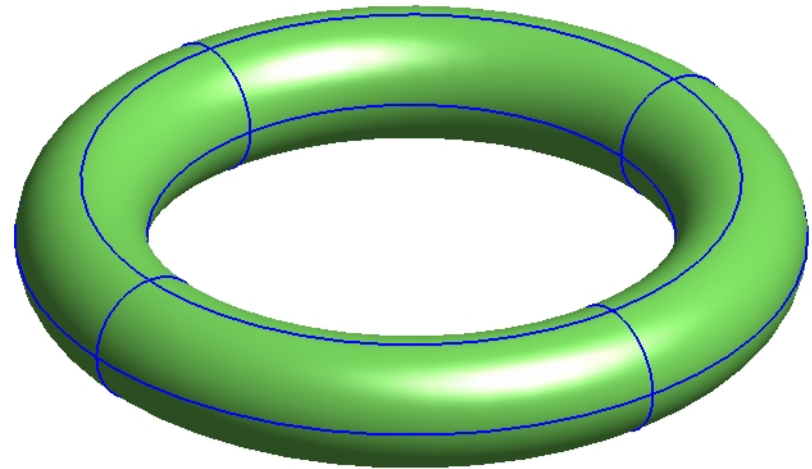


Mesh

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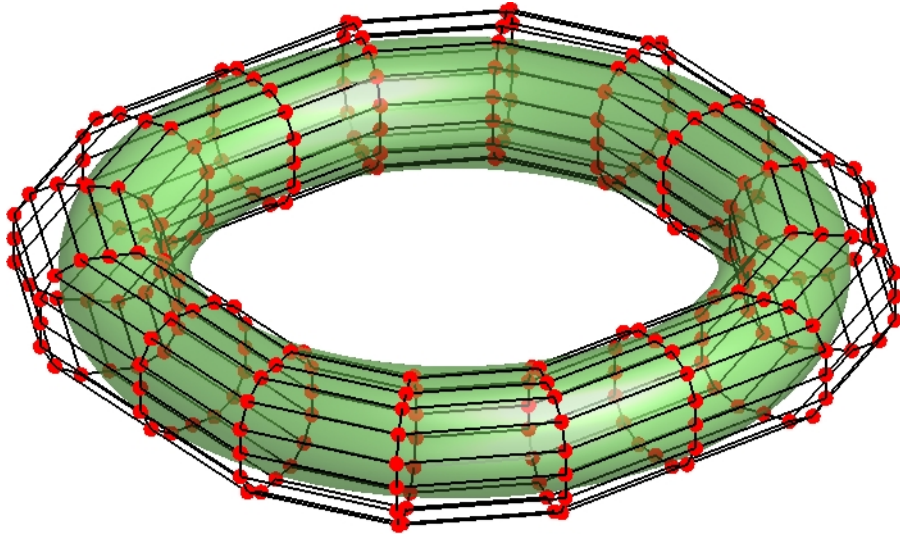


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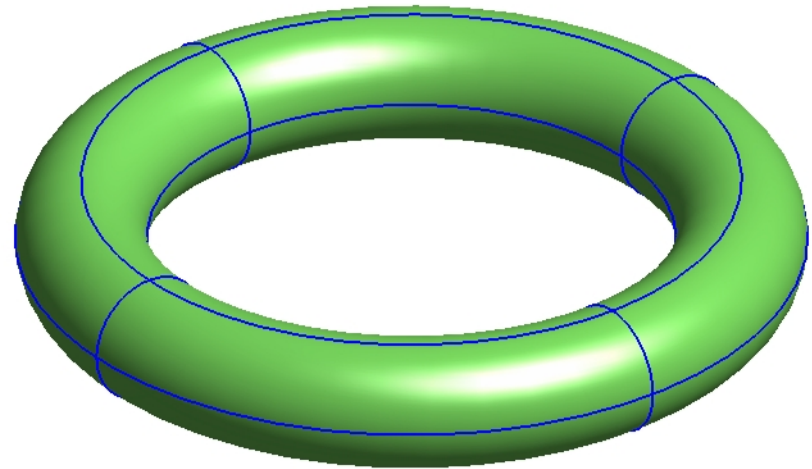


Mesh

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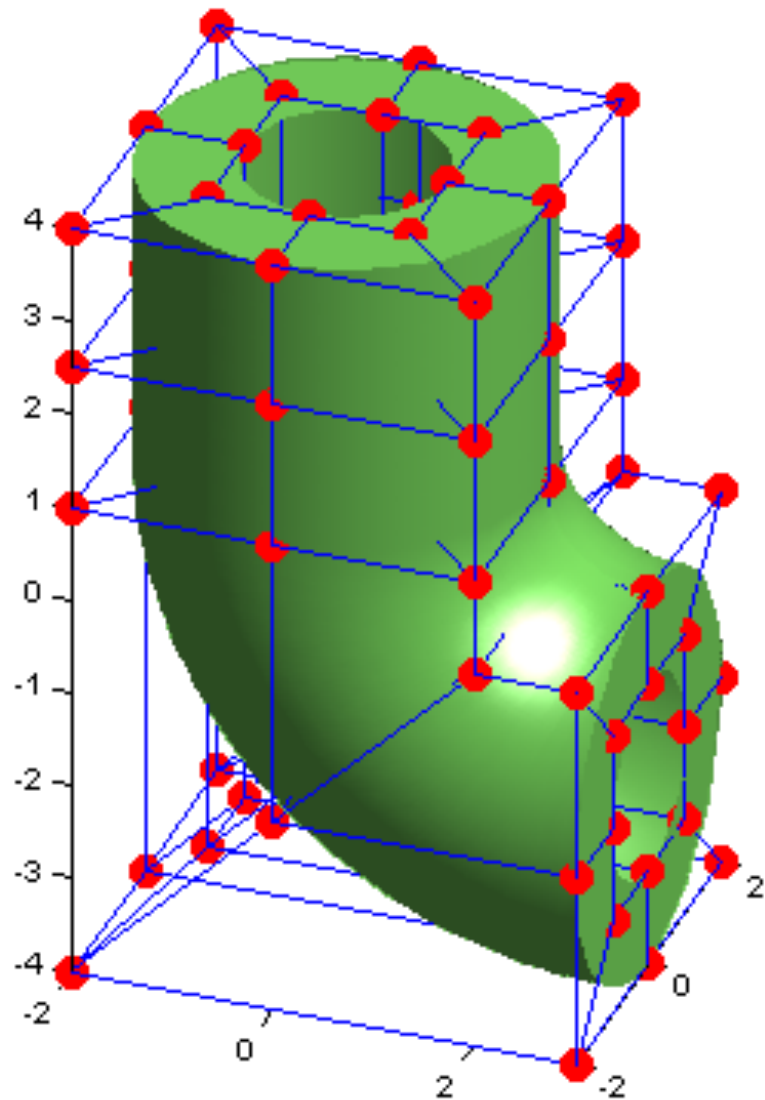


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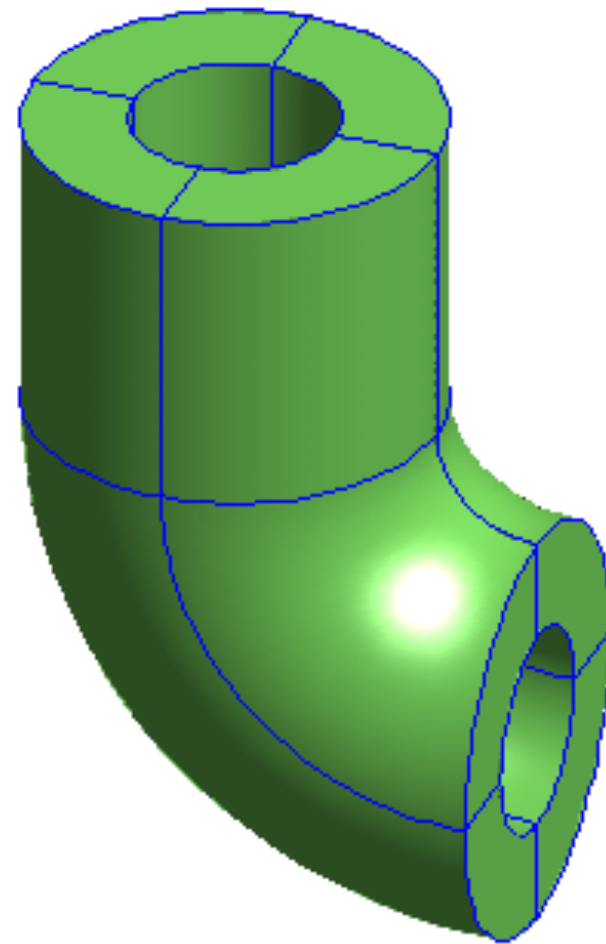


Mesh

# Control Net



# Mesh



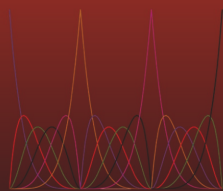
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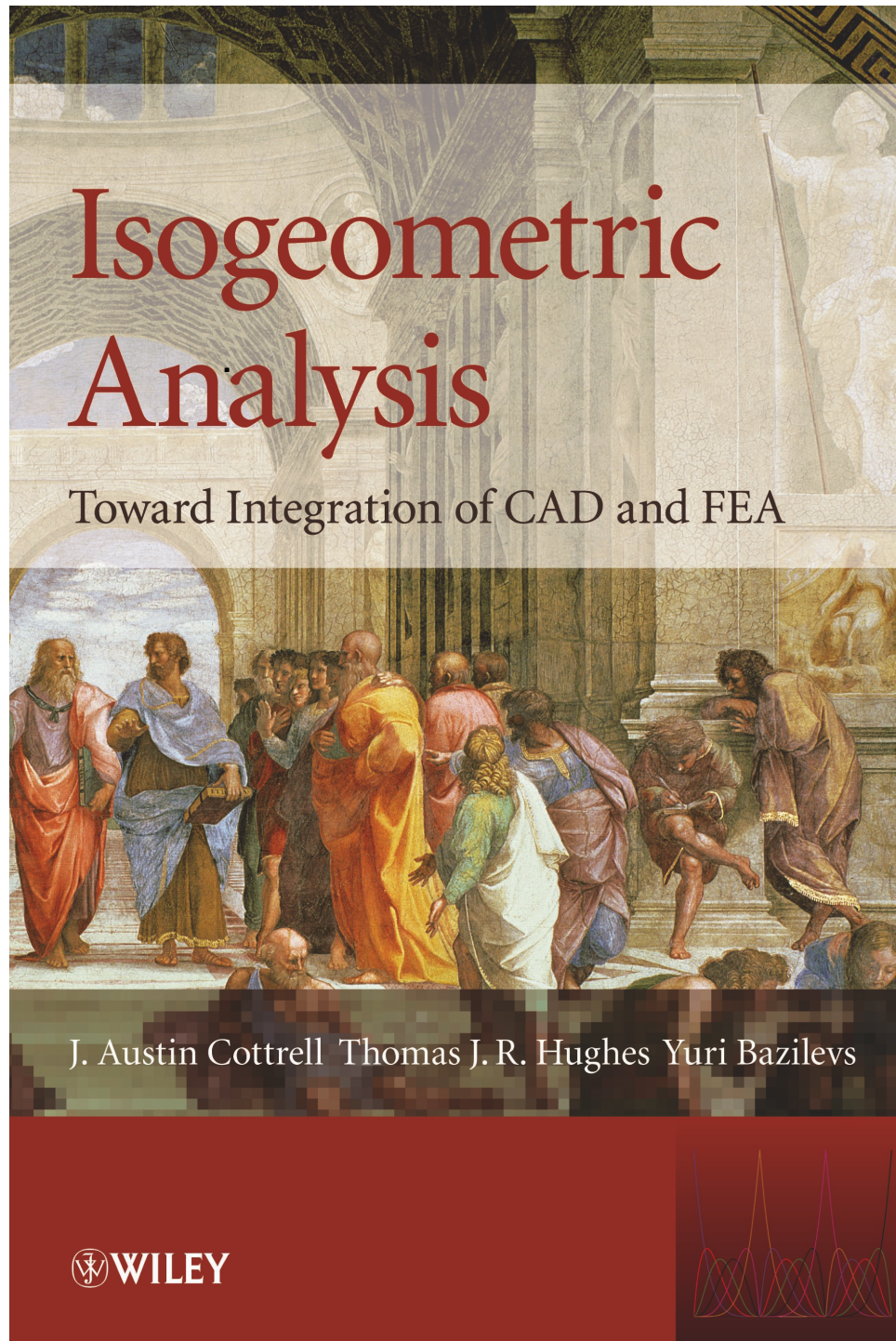
Toward Integration of CAD and FEA



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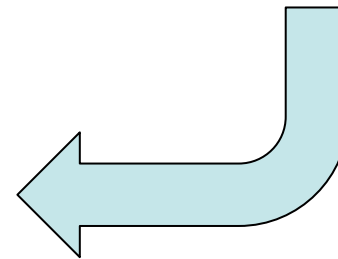




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# Finite Element Analysis and Isogeometric Analysis

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

# Approximation with NURBS

## Theorem

Let  $k, l$ , be the integer indices such that  $0 \leq k \leq l \leq p + 1$ . Let  $u \in H^l(\Omega)$ , then

$$\sum_{K \in \mathcal{K}_h} |u - \Pi_{V_h} u|_{H^k(K)}^2 \leq C \sum_{K \in \mathcal{K}_h} h_K^{2(l-k)} \sum_{i=0}^l \|\nabla \mathbf{F}\|_{L^\infty(\mathbf{F}^{-1}(K))}^{2(i-l)} |u|_{H^i(K)}^2$$

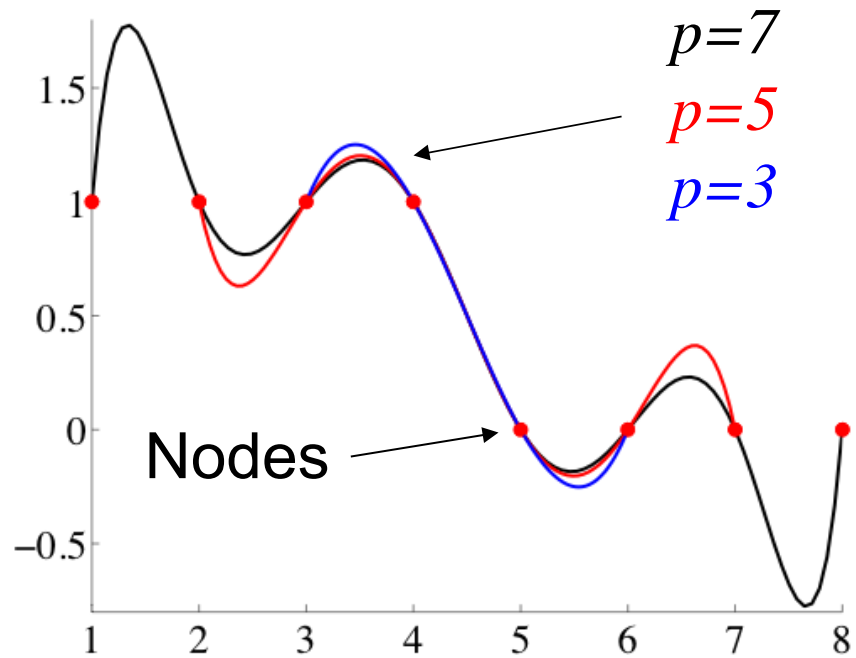
Positive “constant,”  
depends on  $p$ , smoothness of  $V_h$ ,  
shape regularity of the mesh,  
shape of  $\Omega$  (but not its size), etc.

Factors which render  
error estimate  
dimensionally consistent.

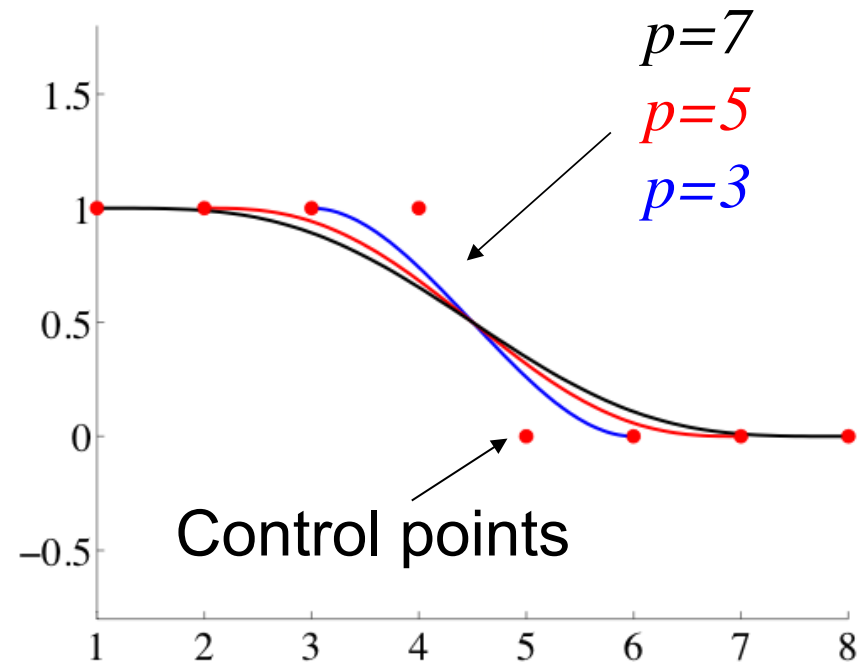


# Variation Diminishing Property

## Lagrange polynomials

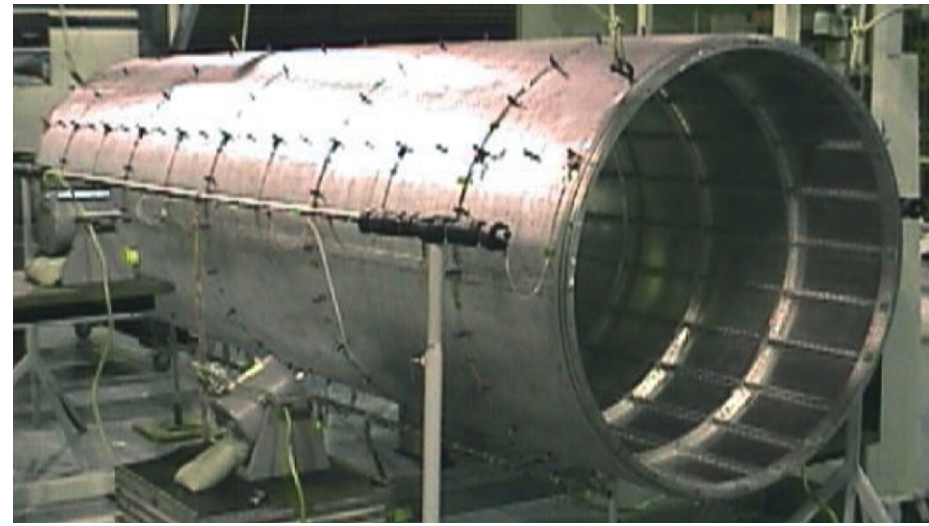
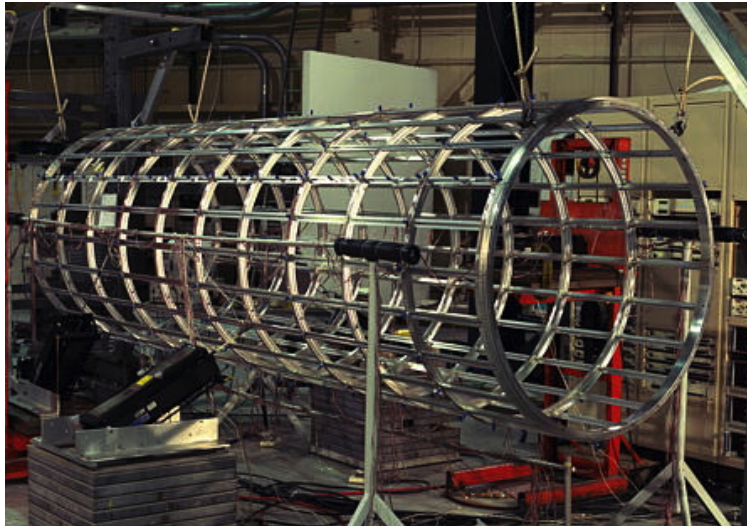


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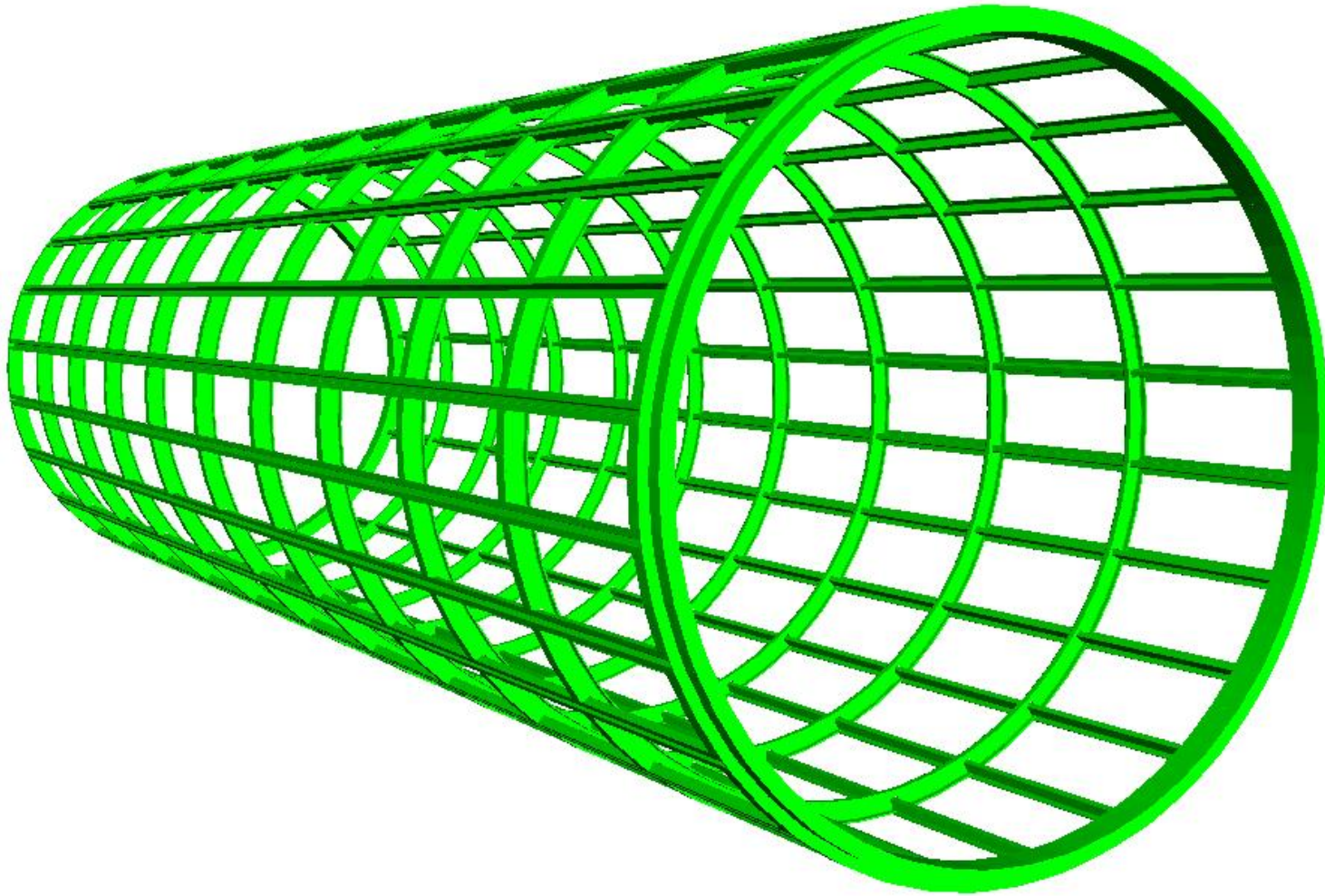


# Vibration Analysis

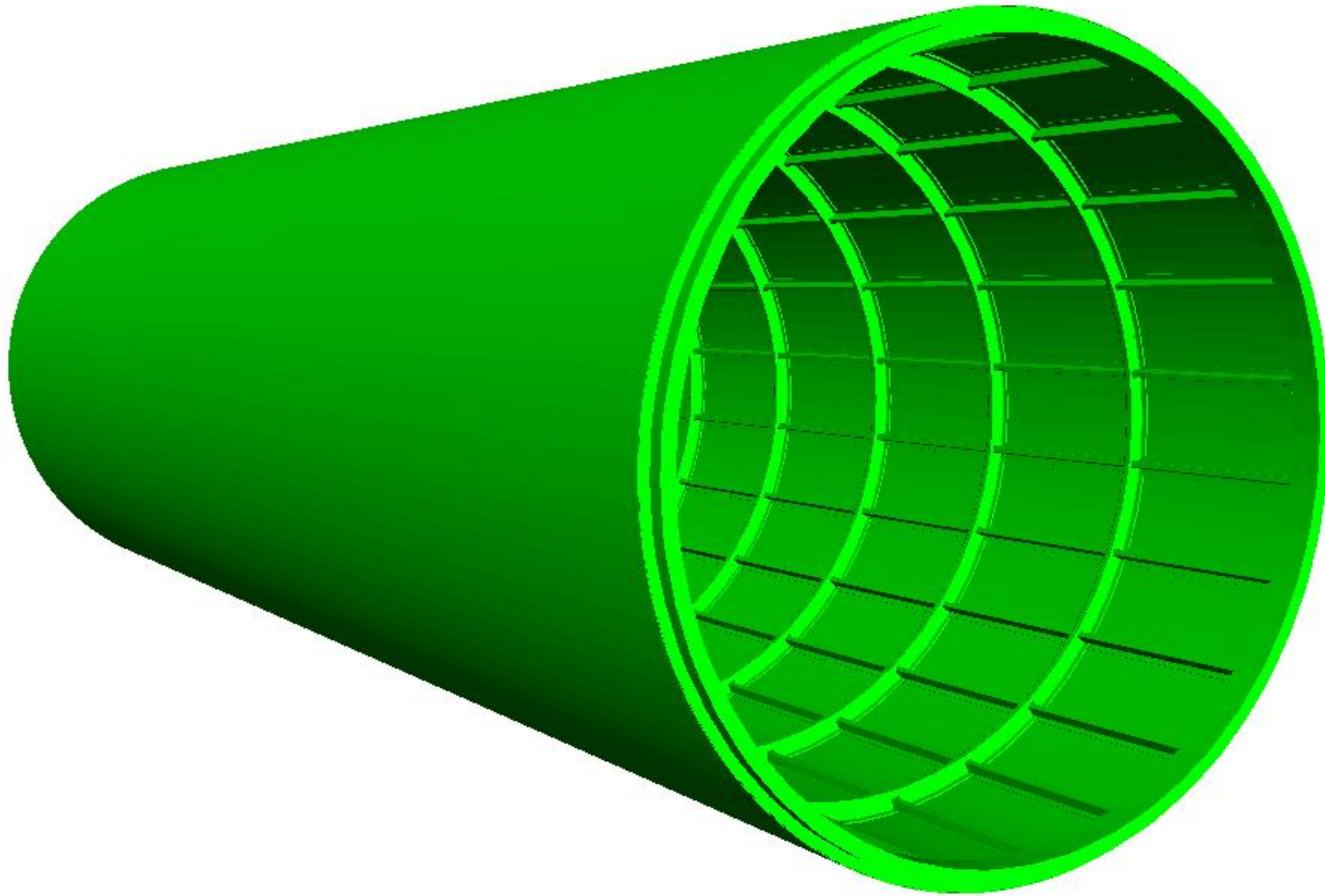
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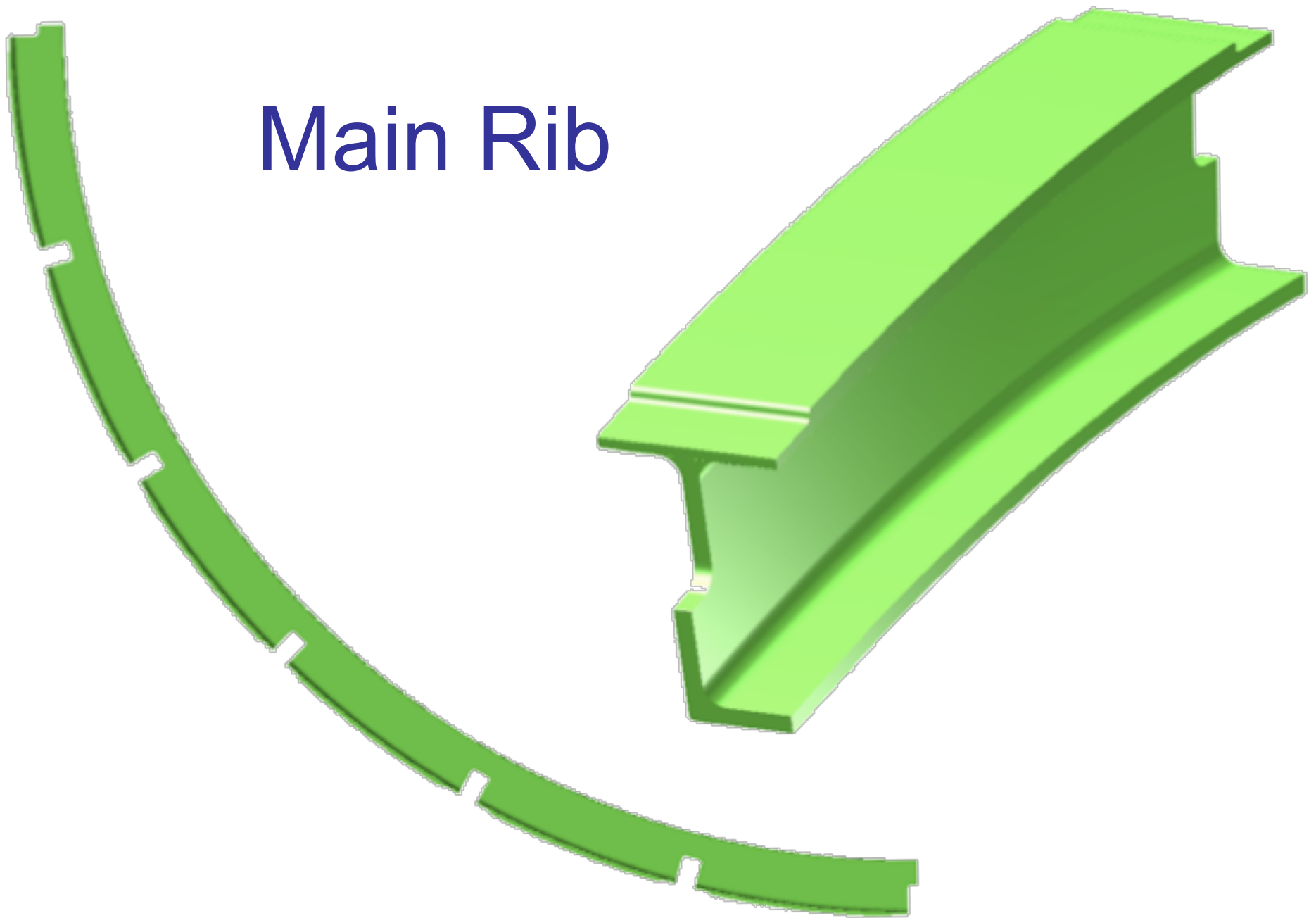
# NASA ATC Frame

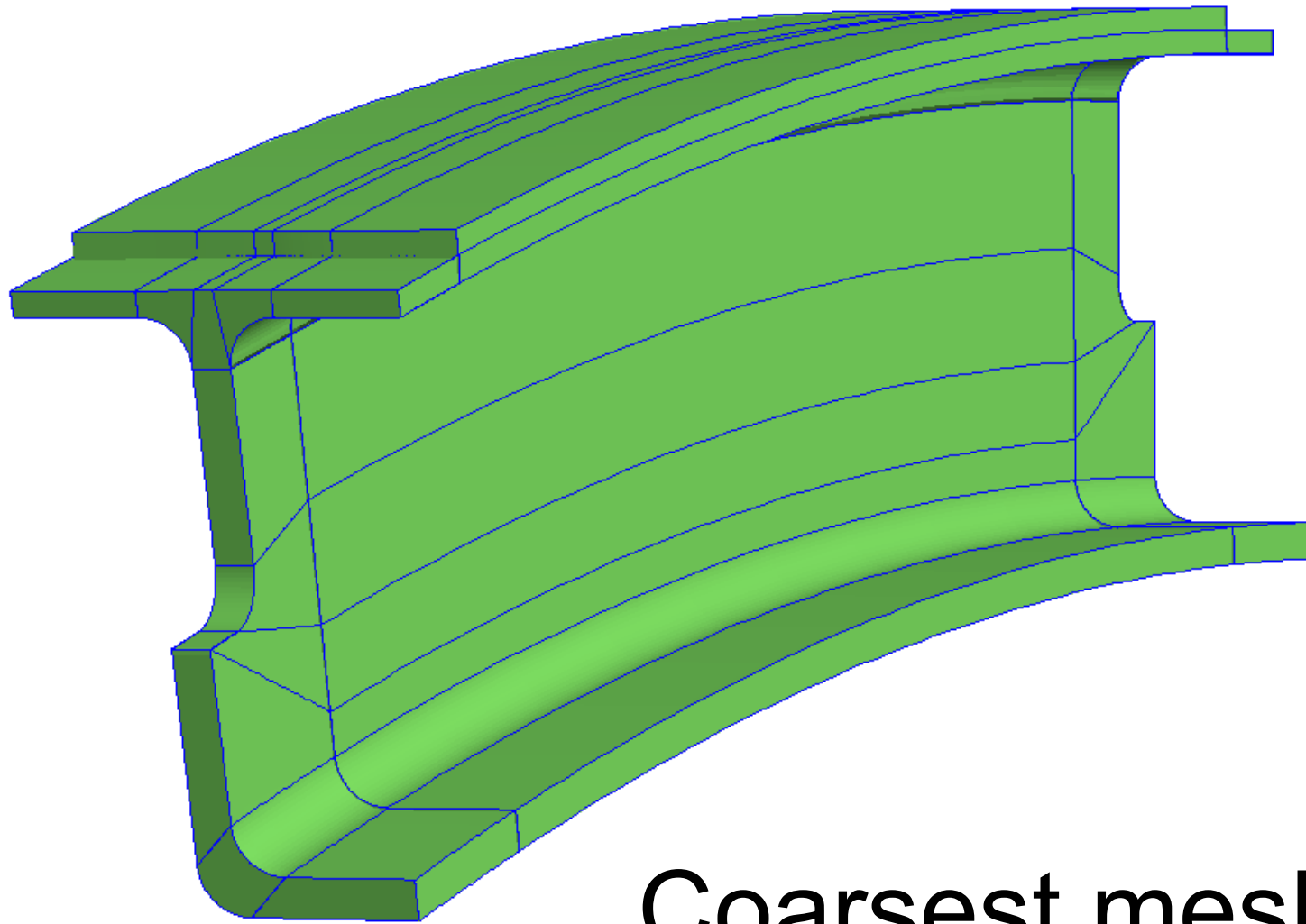


# NASA ATC Frame and Skin

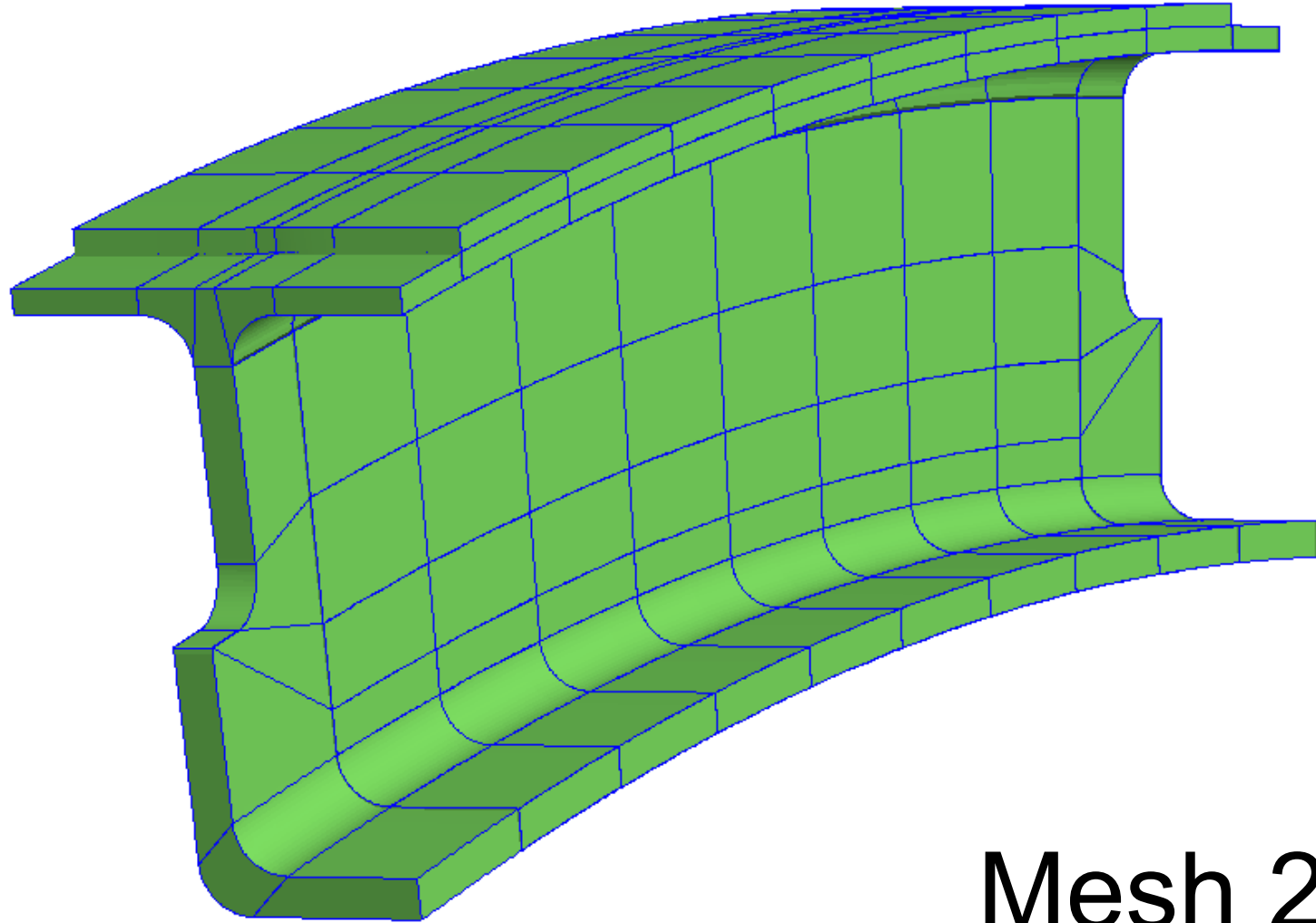


Main Rib



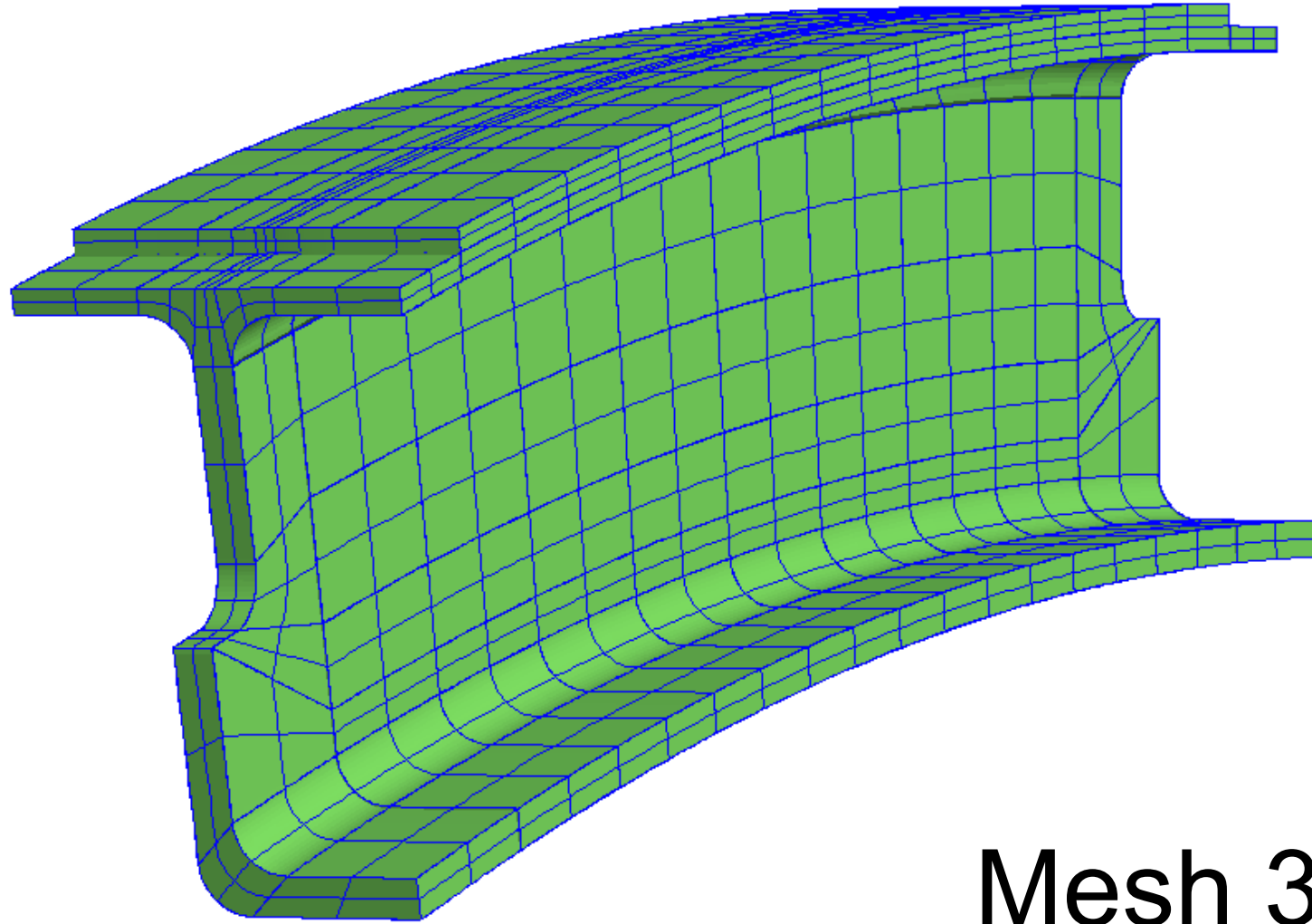


Coarsest mesh  
15° segment of main rib



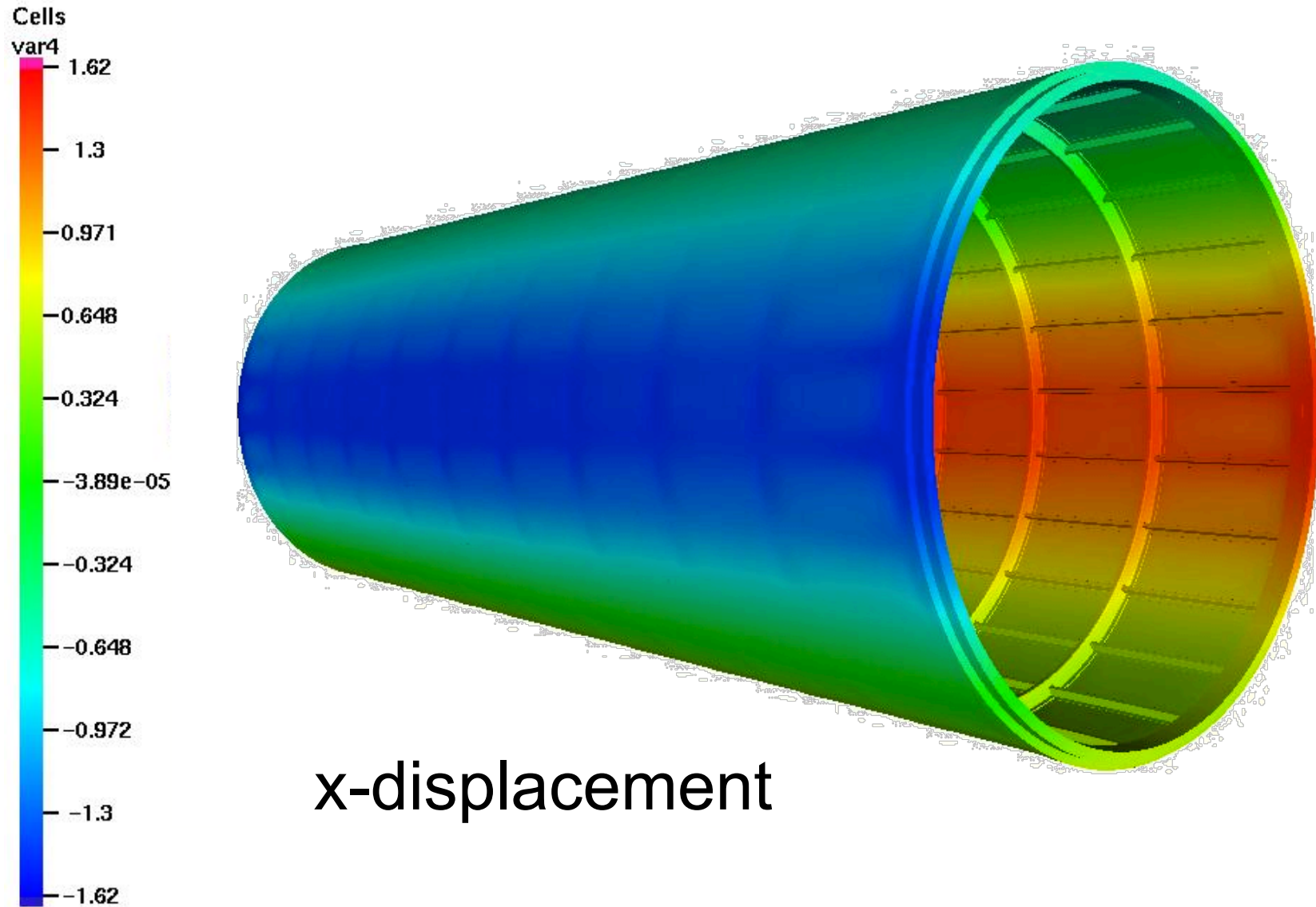
Mesh 2



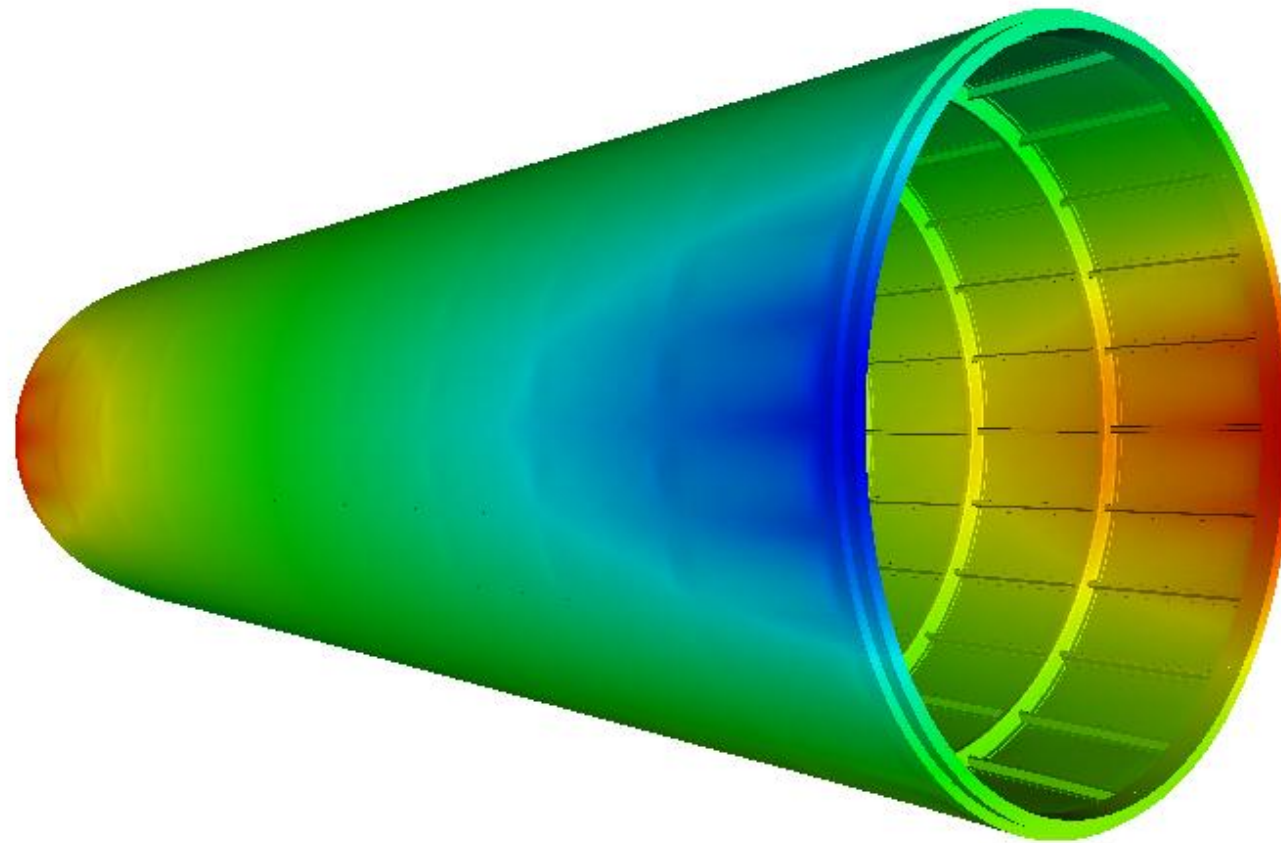
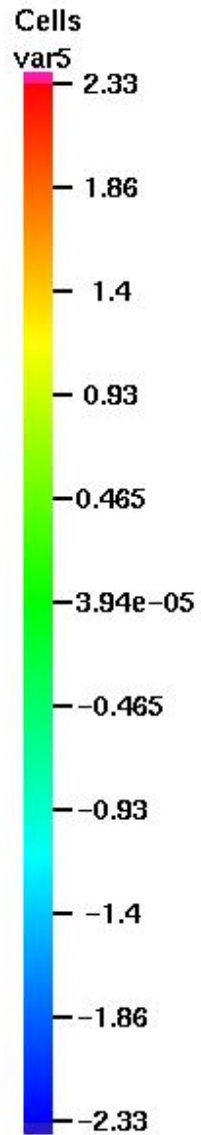


Mesh 3

# First Rayleigh Mode

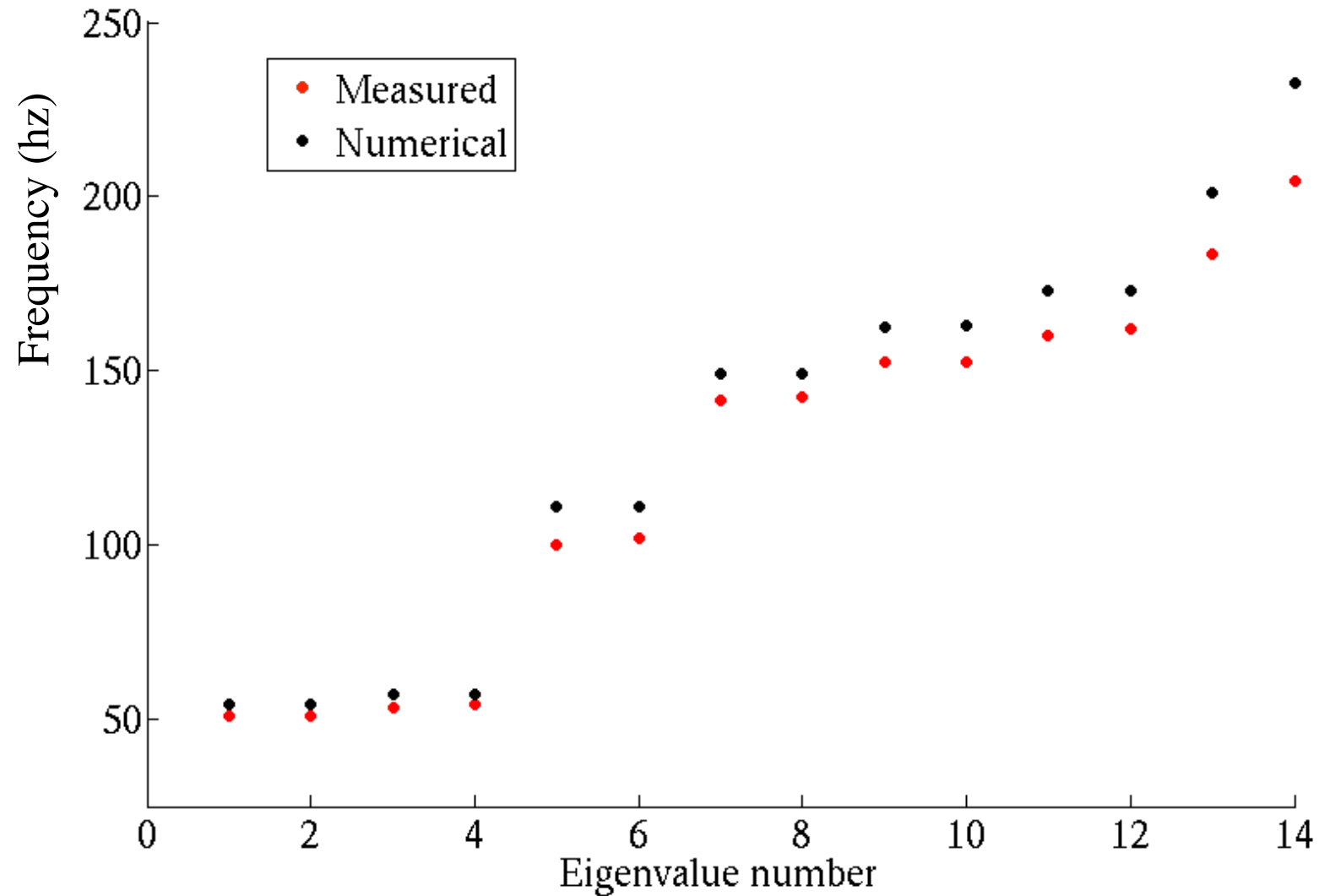


# First Love Mode



x-displacement

# ATC Frame and Skin



# Vibration of a Finite Elastic Rod with Fixed Ends

Problem:

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

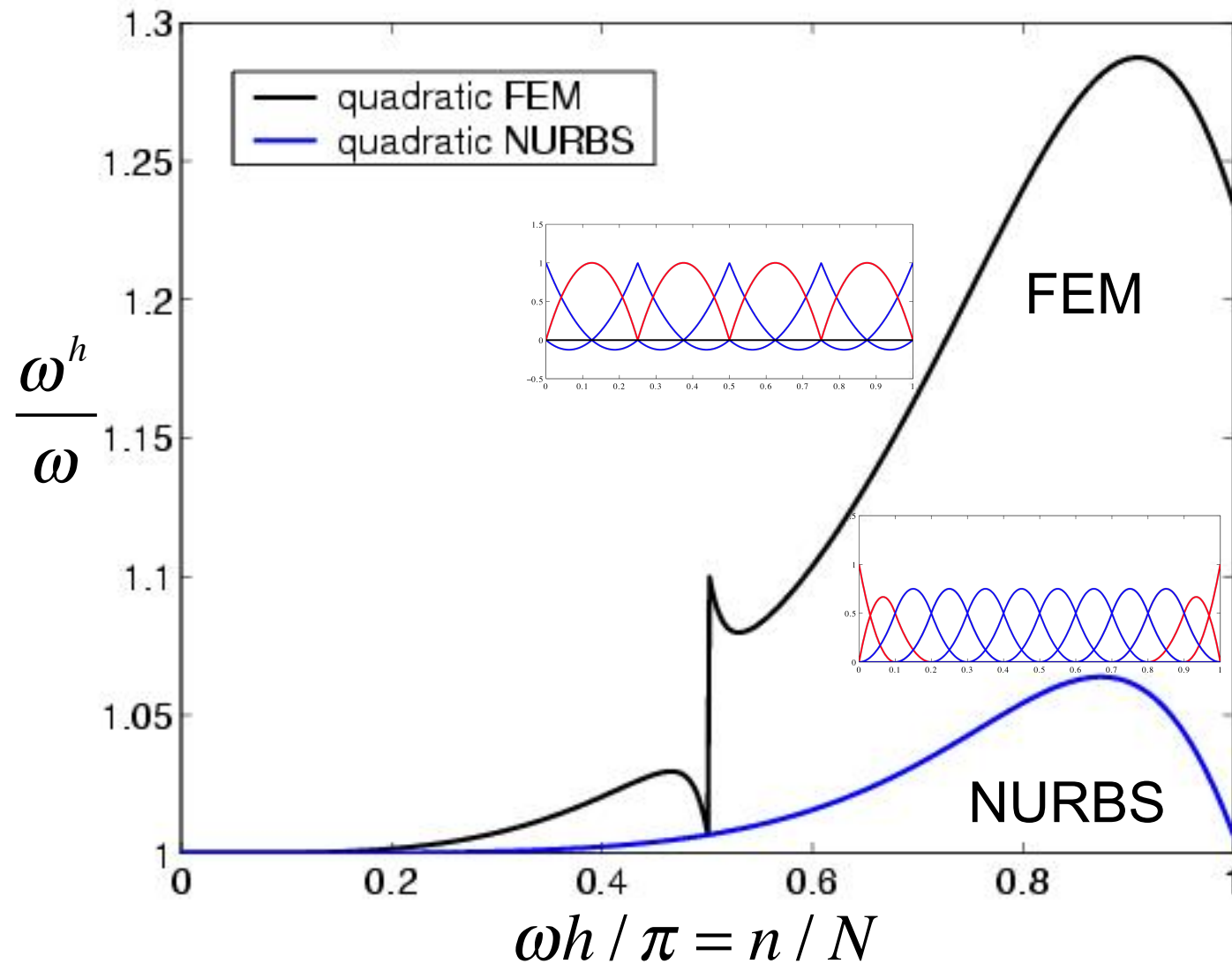
Natural frequencies:

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

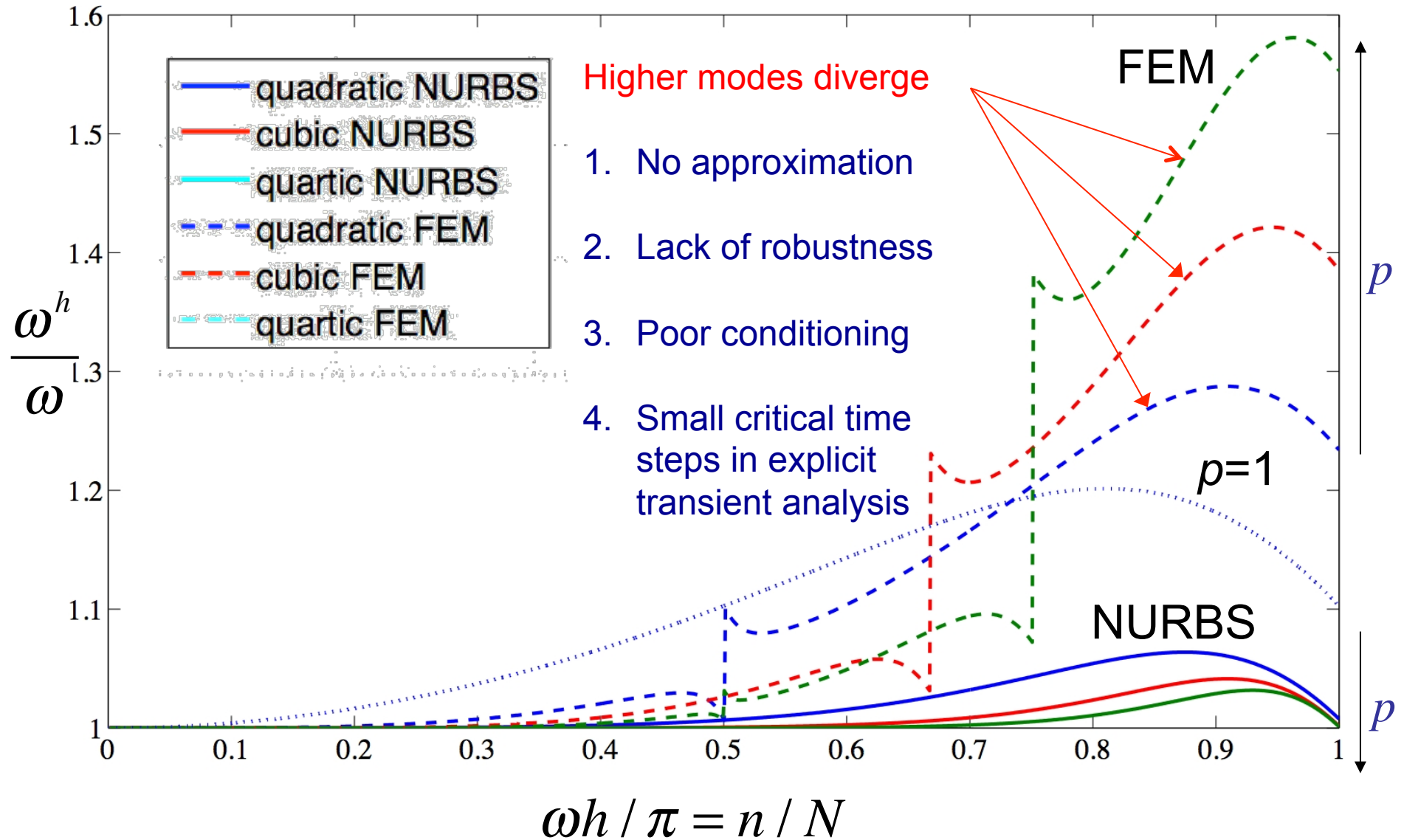
Frequency errors:

$$\omega_n^h / \omega_n$$

# Comparison of $C^0$ FEM and $C^{p-1}$ NURBS Frequency Errors



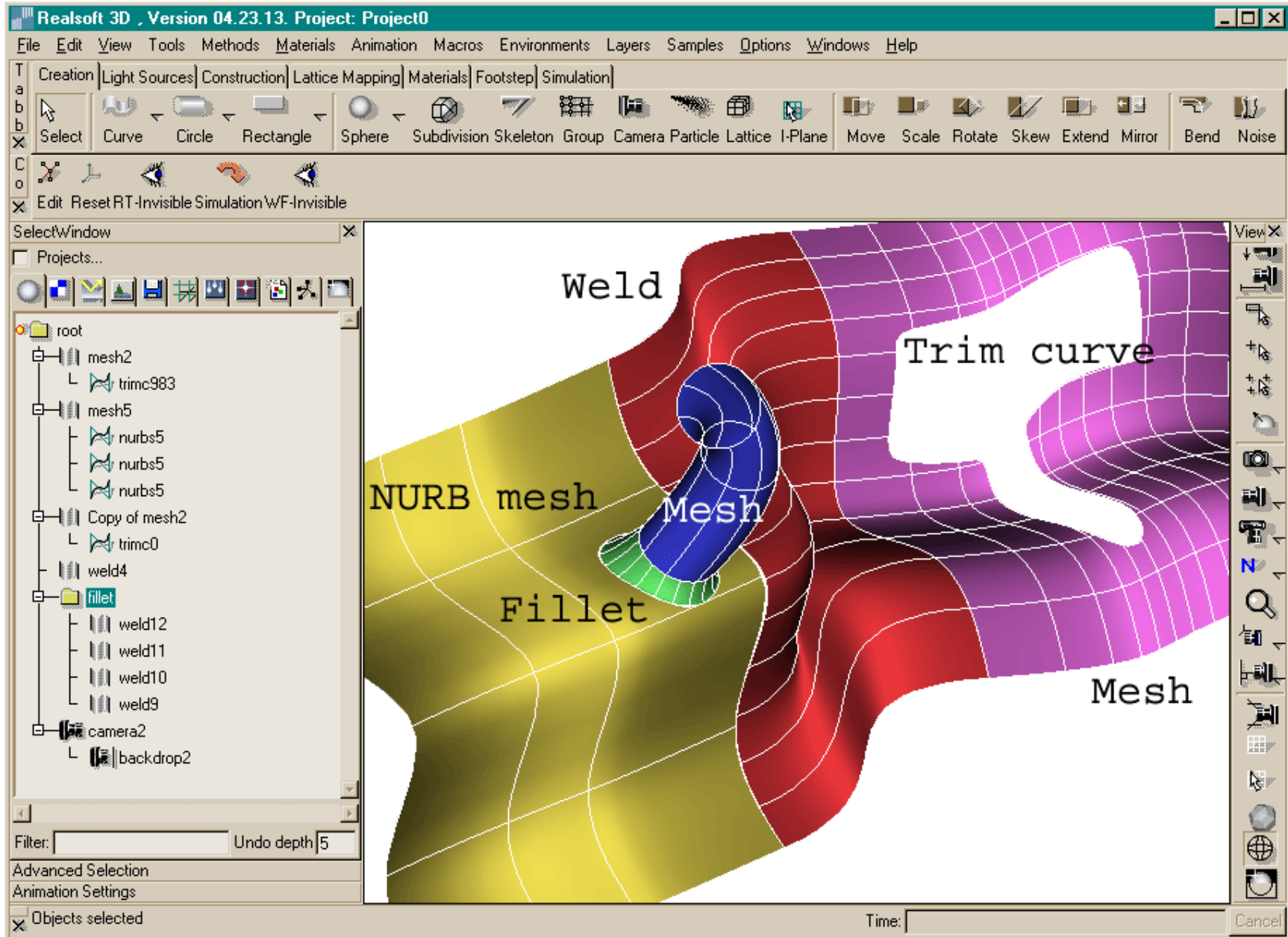
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# Problems with NURBS-based Engineering Design

- Water-tight merging of patches
- Trimmed surfaces





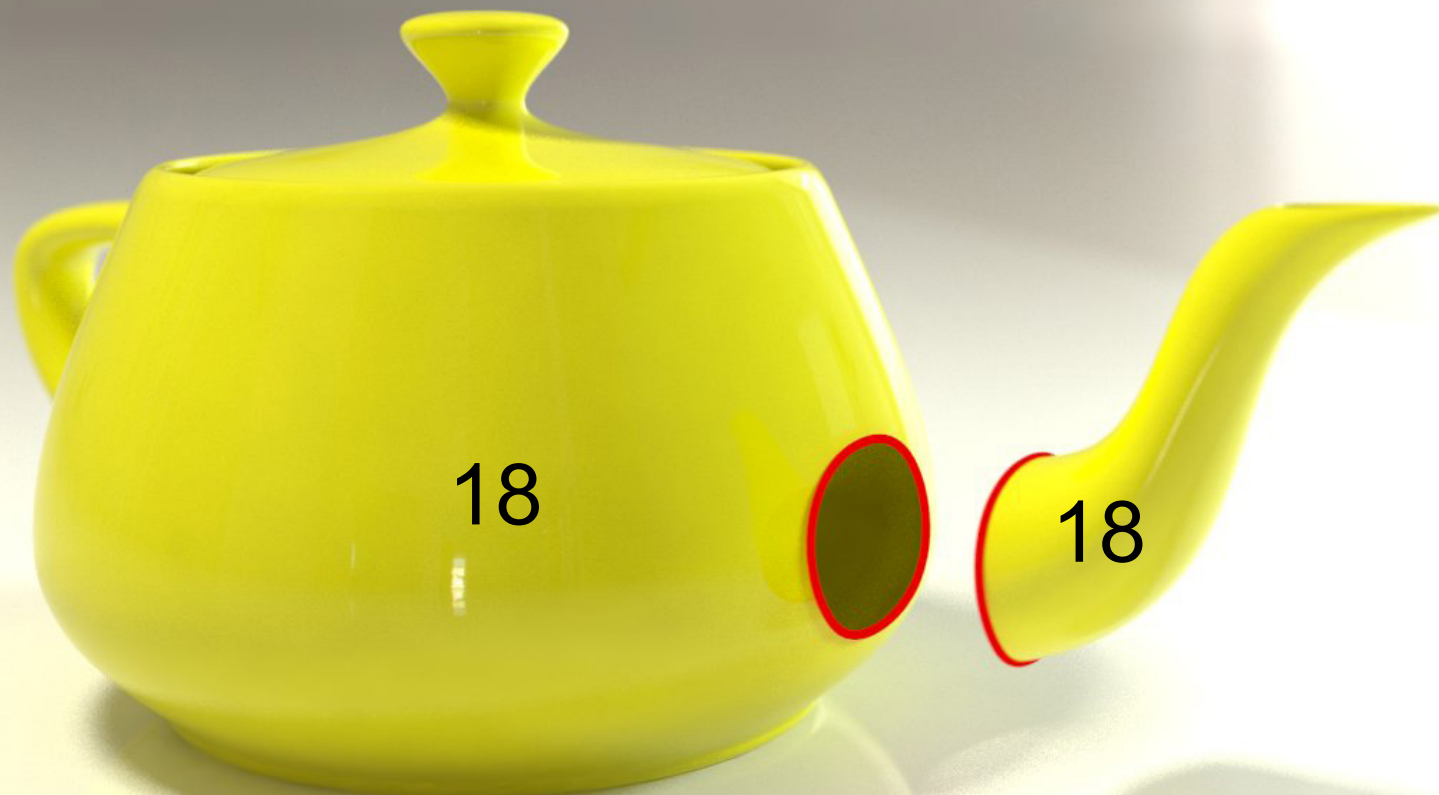


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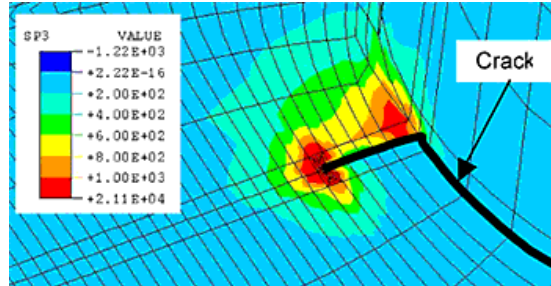


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$$18 \times 18 = 324$$

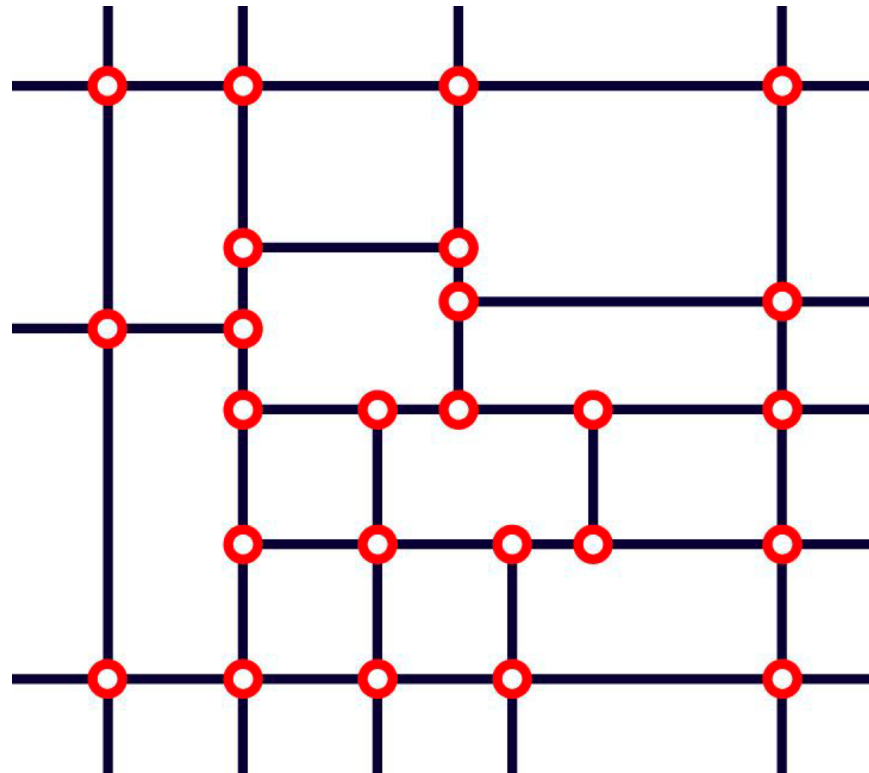








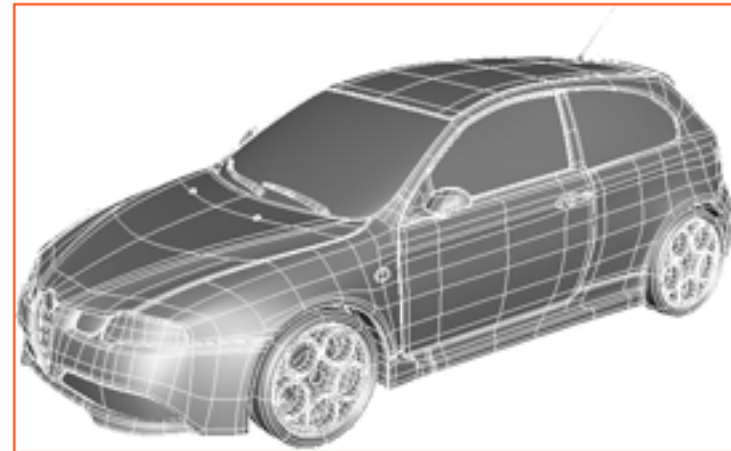
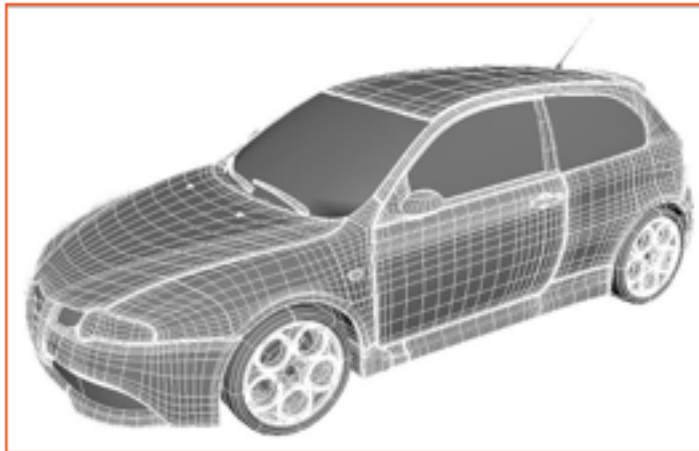
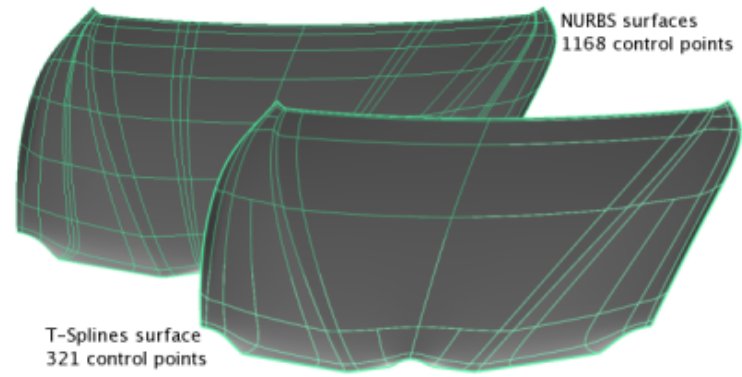
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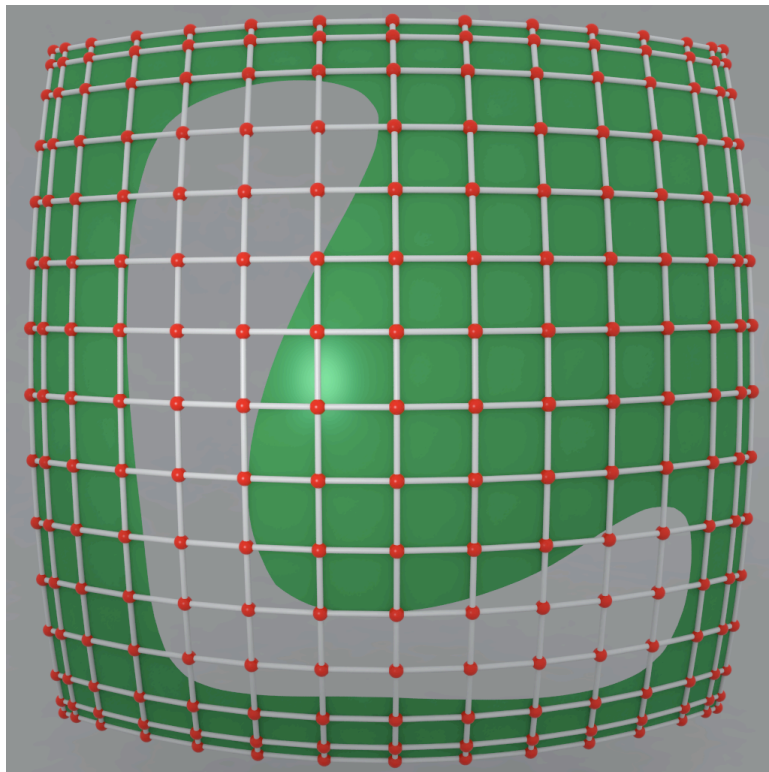
## Unstructured NURBS Mesh



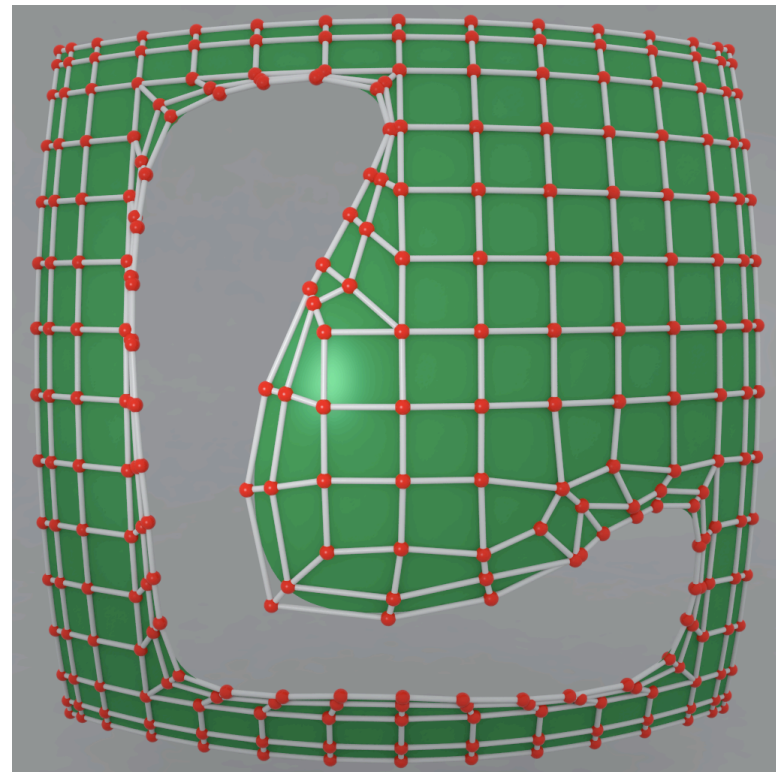
# Reduced Number of Control Points



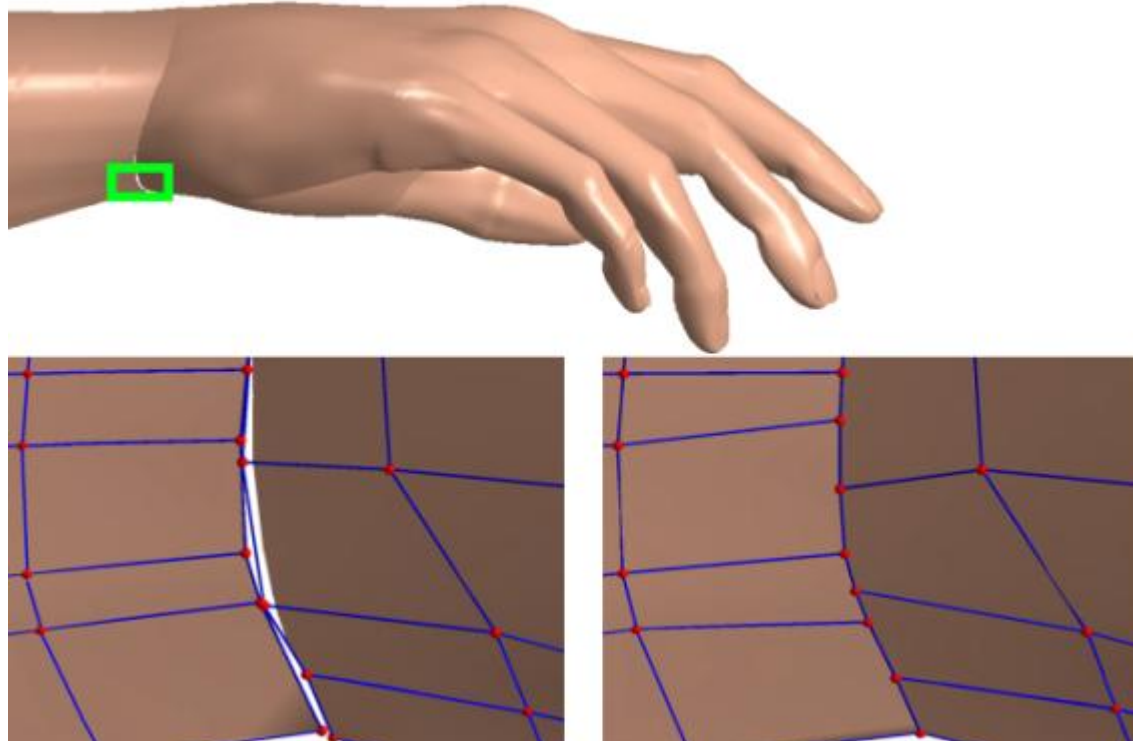
Trimmed NURBS



Untrimmed T-spline



# Water-tight merging of patches





Water-tight untrimmed T-spline

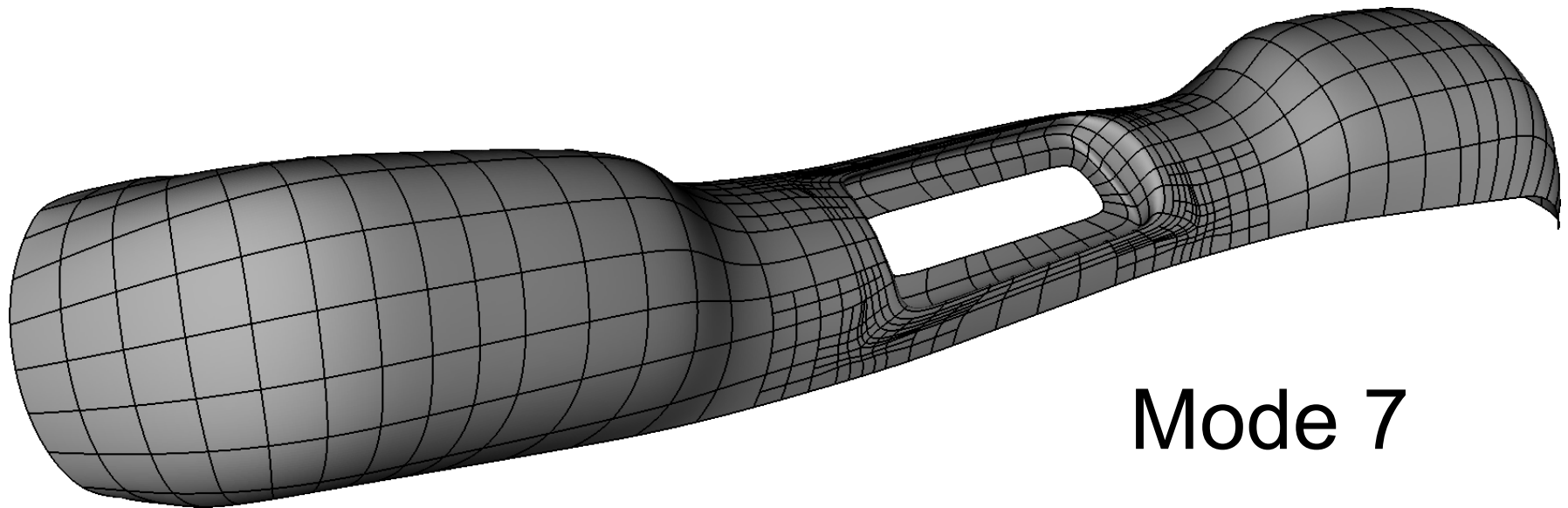
# Design-through-Analysis\*

- **Idea:**  
Extract **surface** geometry file from *commercial* CAD modeling software and use it **directly** in *commercial* FEA software
- **Goal:**  
**Bypass** mesh generation
- **Test case:**  
Import T-spline from **Rhino** (with T-Spline, Inc. **plug-in**) surface files directly into **LS-DYNA** for Reissner-Mindlin shell theory analysis

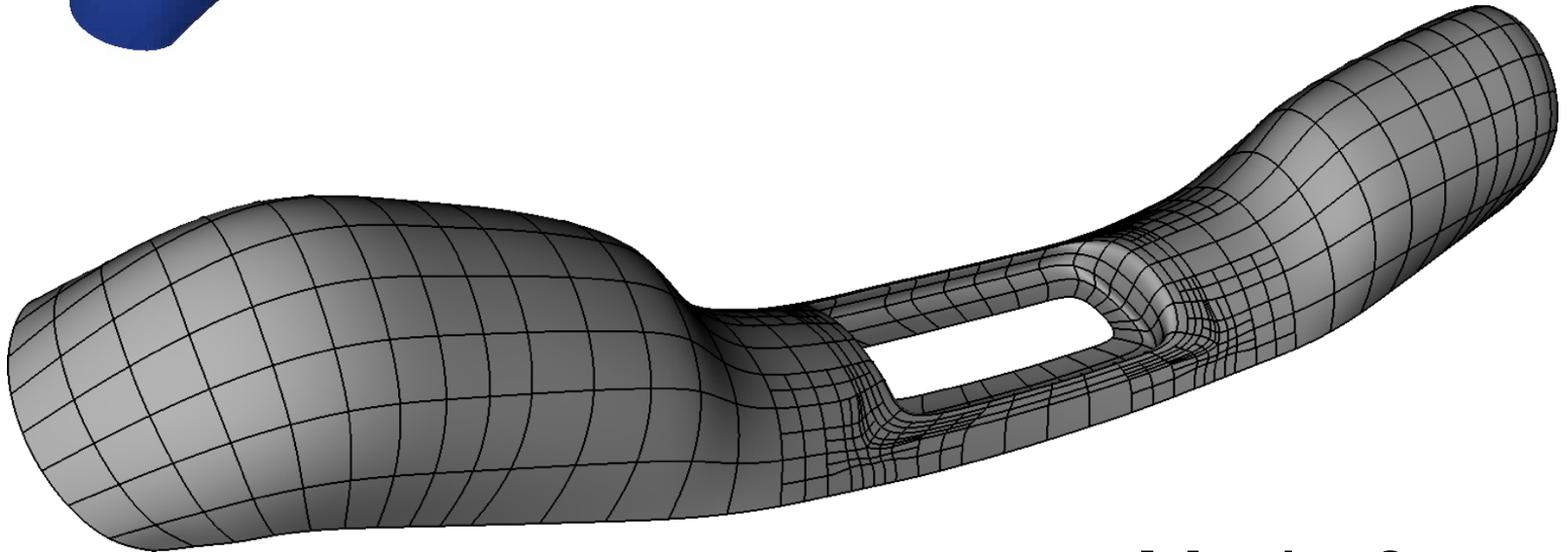
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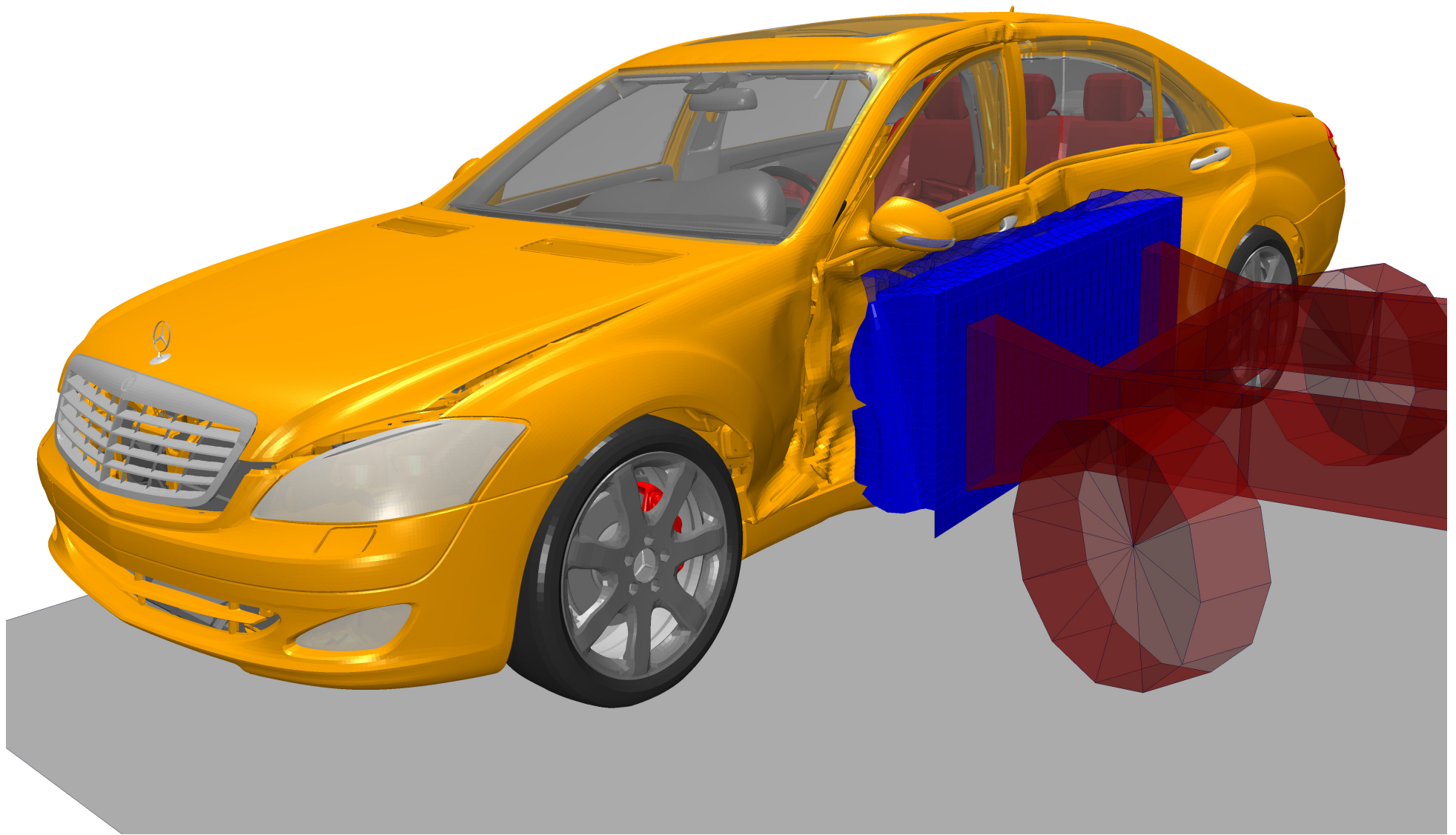




Mode 7



Mode 9



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# Nonlocal and Gradient-enhanced Damage-elastic Materials

## Constitutive equation

The Cauchy stress is assumed related to the infinitesimal strain tensor by the damage-elastic Hooke's law,

$$\sigma_{ij} = (1 - \omega(\kappa)) C_{ijkl} \epsilon_{kl}$$

where  $\omega \in [0, 1]$  is the damage parameter and  $\kappa$  is a history parameter.

# Nonlocal Strain Representation

Nonlocality is introduced by defining a nonlocal equivalent strain,

$$\bar{\eta}(x) = \frac{\int_{y \in \Omega} g(x, y) \eta(y) dy}{\int_{y \in \Omega} g(x, y) dy}$$

The **weighting function** is defined by

$$g(x, y) = \exp\left(-\frac{\|x - y\|^2}{2\ell_c^2}\right)$$

**Problem:** Dense coefficient matrices

# Implicit Gradient Enhancement

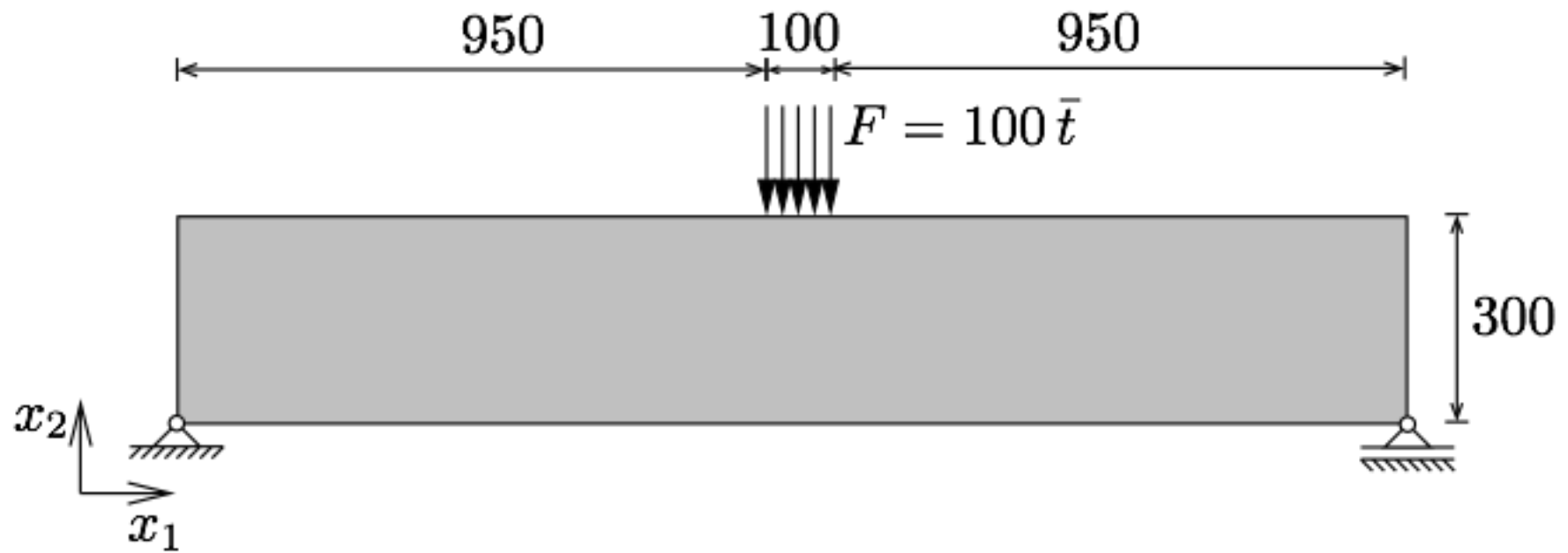
Nonlocal equivalent strain can be approximated by implicit gradient enhancement:

$$\mathcal{L}^d \bar{\eta} \approx \bar{\eta}(\mathbf{x}) - \frac{1}{2} \ell_c^2 \frac{\partial^2 \bar{\eta}}{\partial x_i^2}(\mathbf{x}) + \frac{1}{8} \ell_c^4 \frac{\partial^4 \bar{\eta}}{\partial x_i^2 \partial x_j^2}(\mathbf{x}) - \frac{1}{48} \ell_c^6 \frac{\partial^6 \bar{\eta}}{\partial x_i^2 \partial x_j^2 \partial x_k^2}(\mathbf{x}) + \dots = \eta(\mathbf{x}).$$

Sixth-order derivatives pose significant implementational problems for  $C^0$ -continuous finite elements.

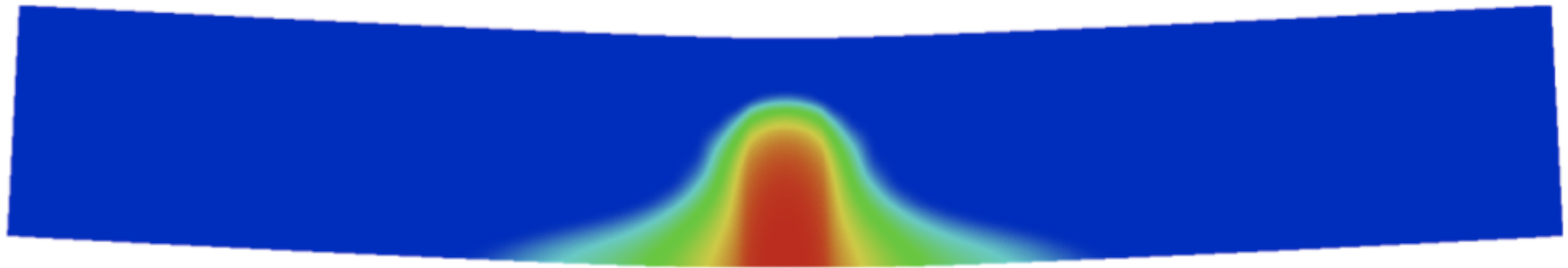
Solution:  $C^2$ -continuous T-splines.

# Three Point Bending Problem

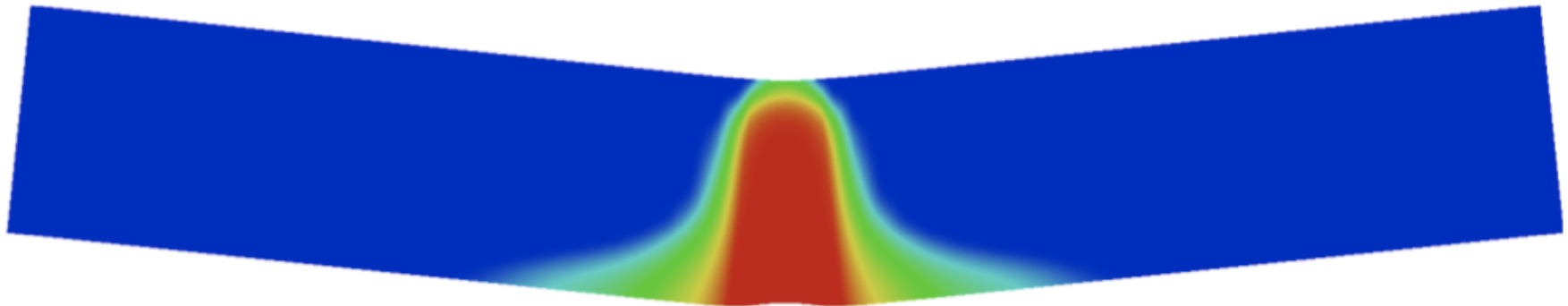


# Three Point Bending

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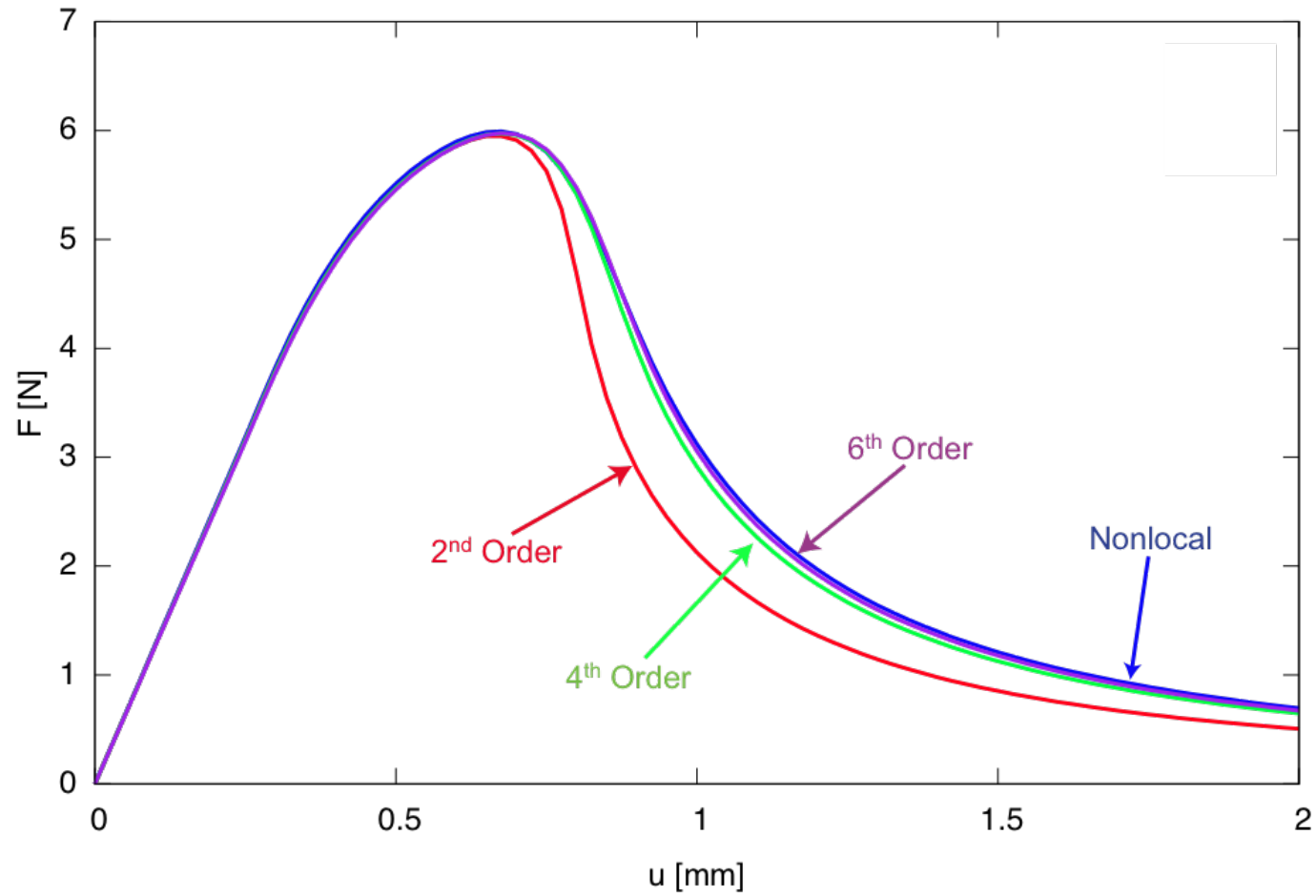


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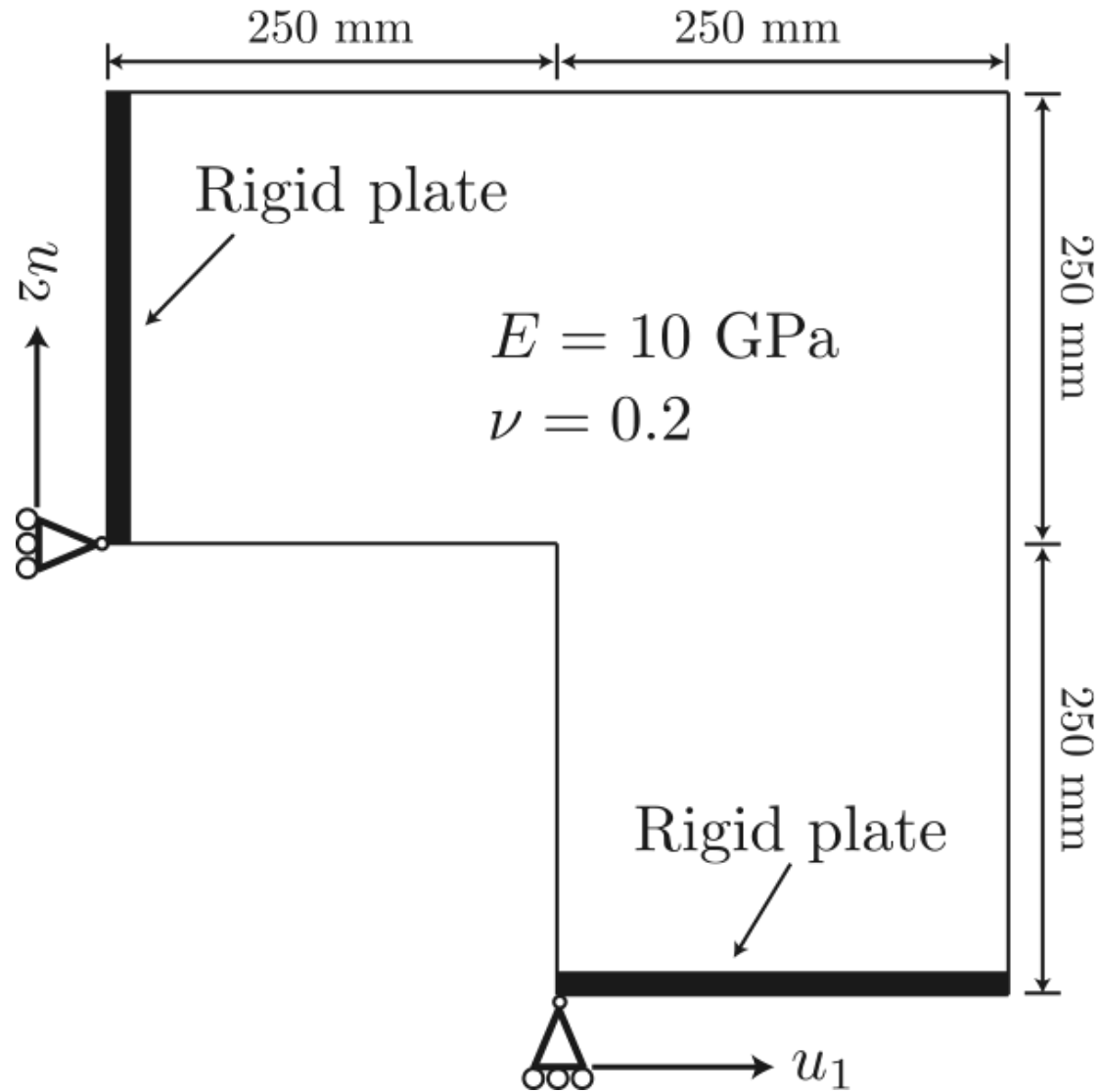




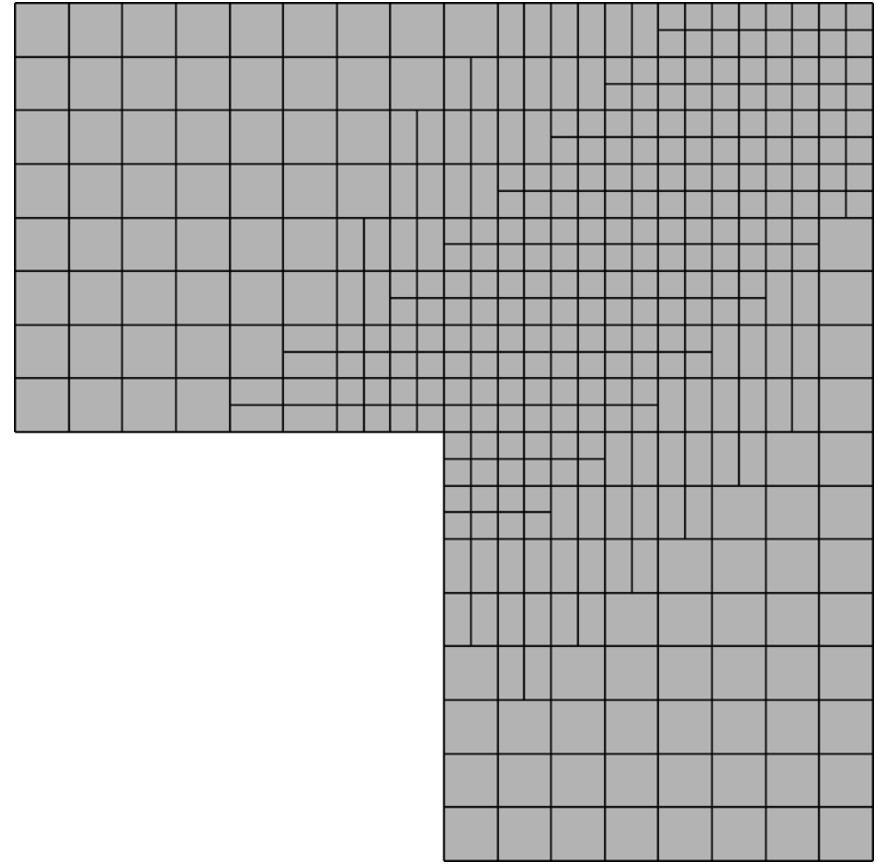
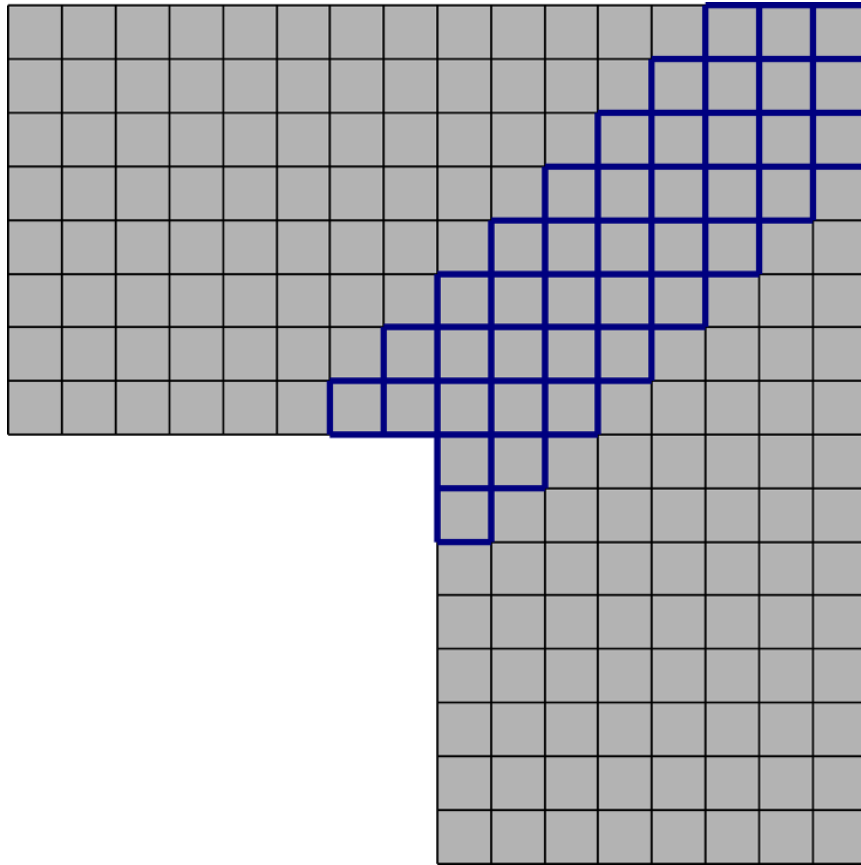
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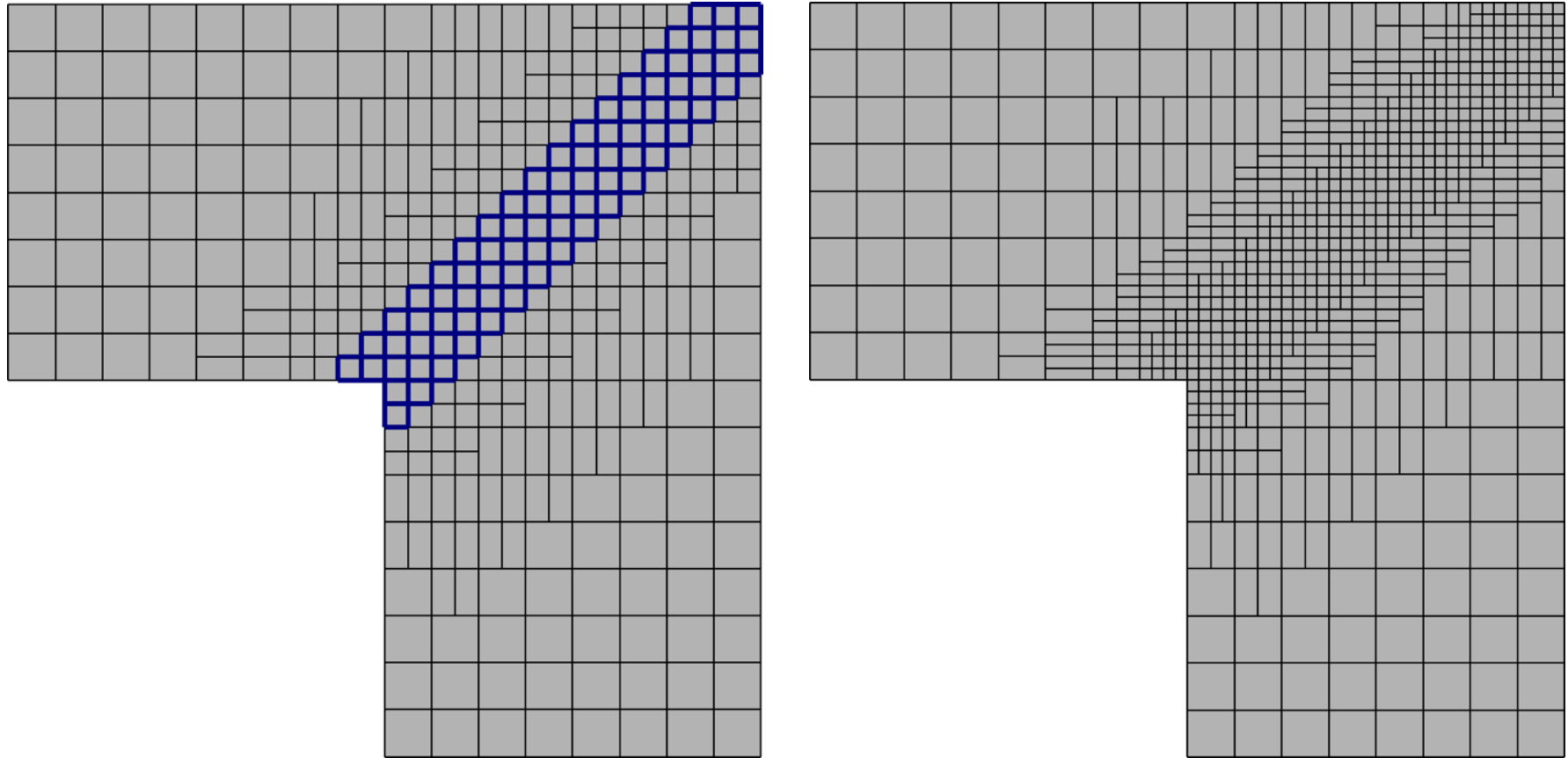
# Local Refinement



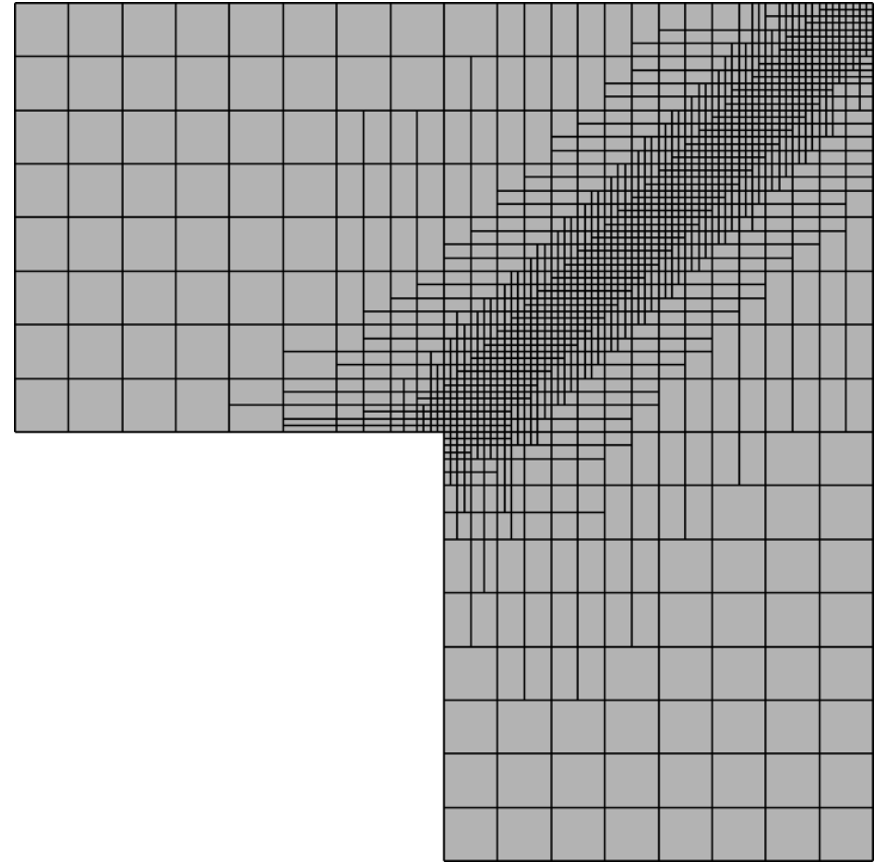
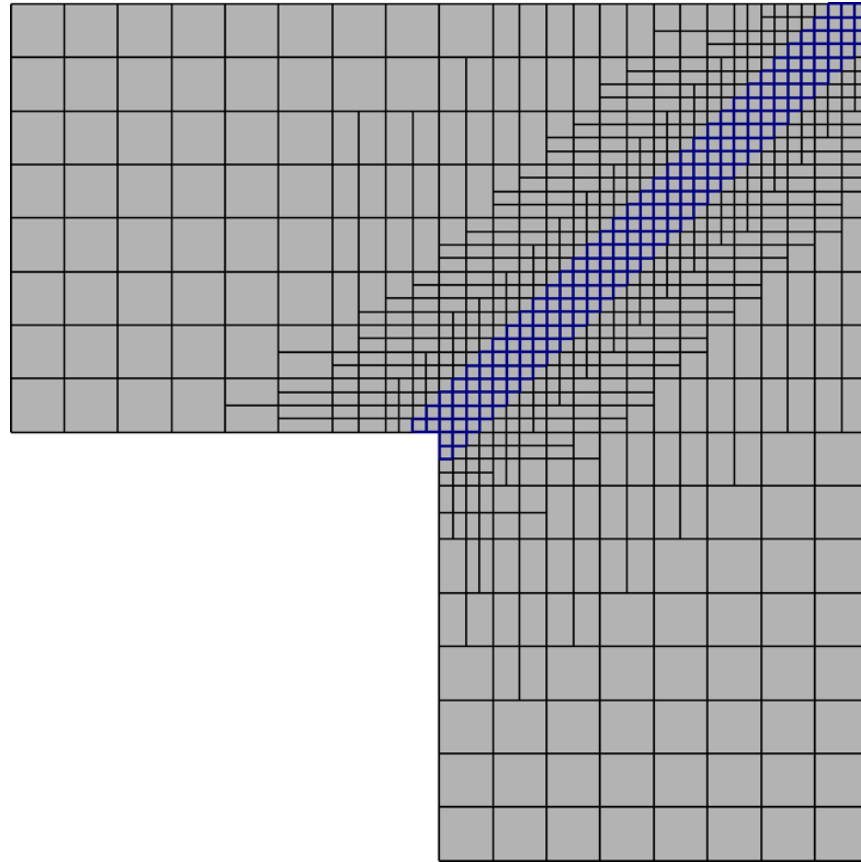
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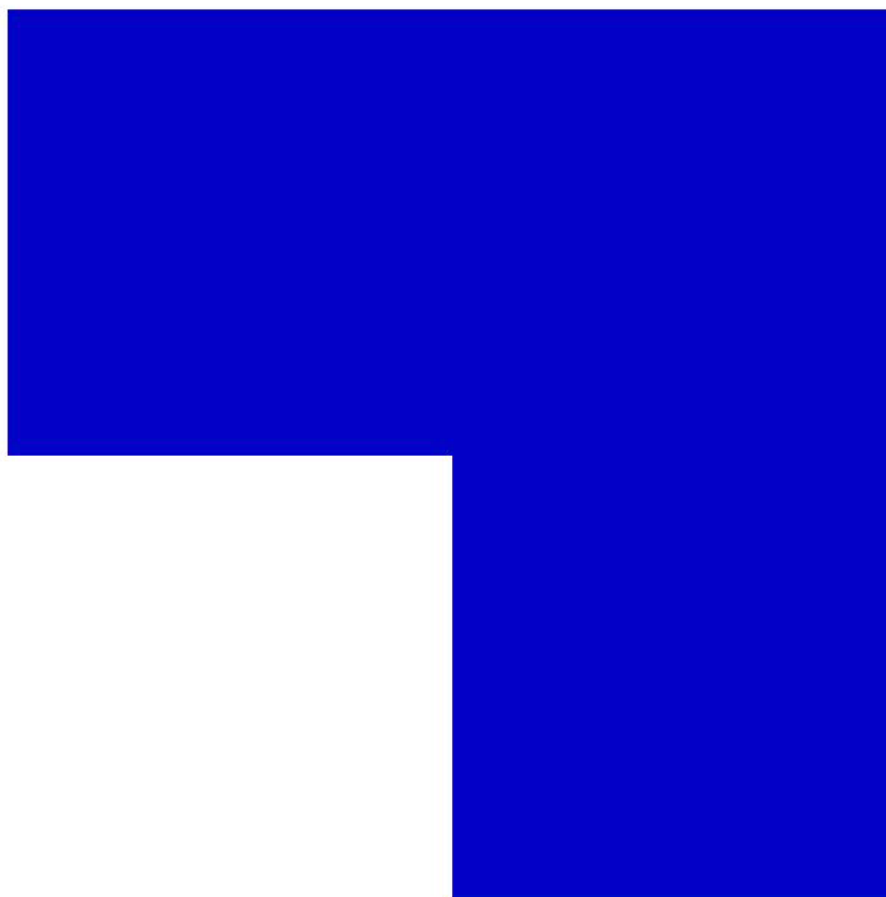


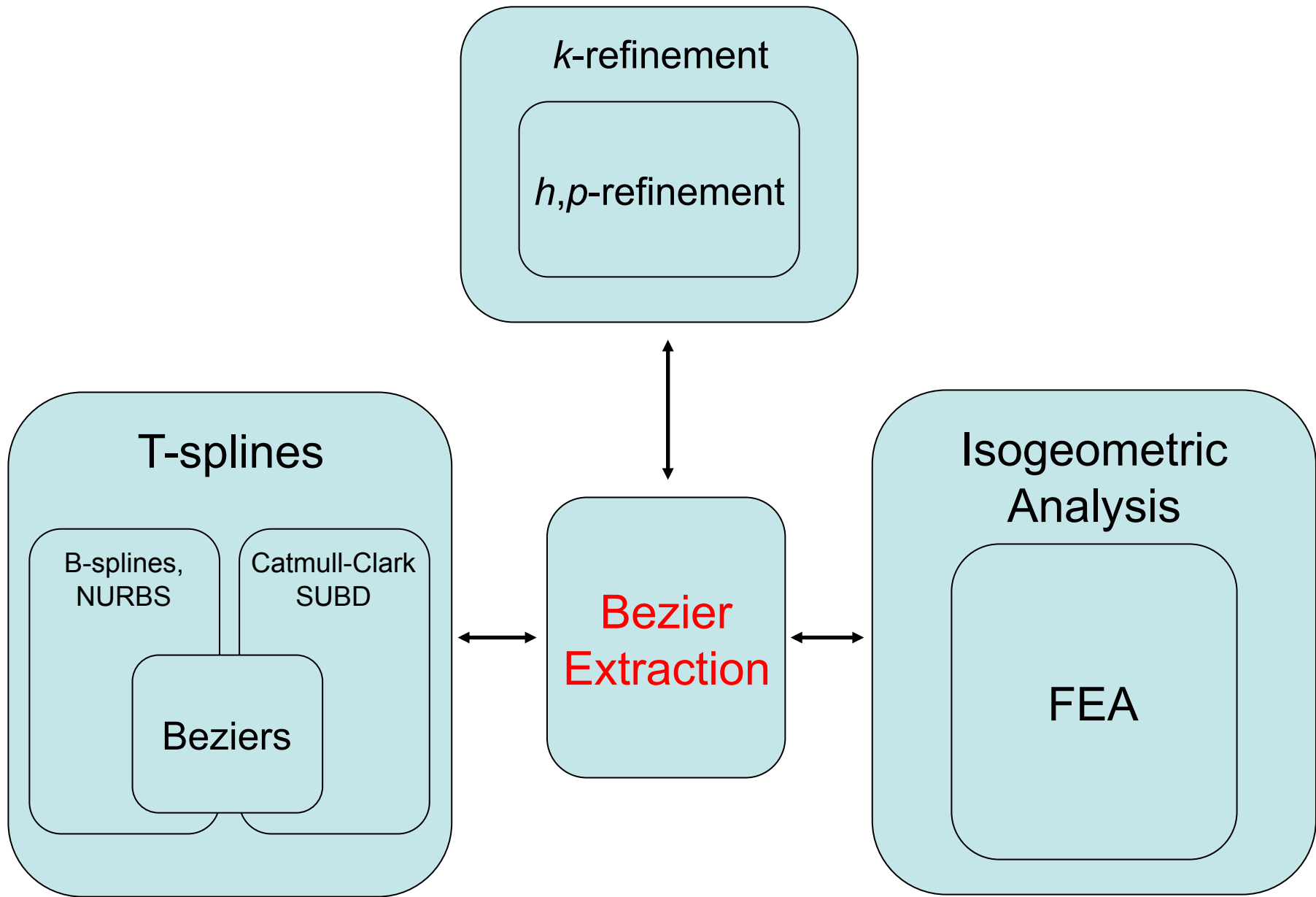
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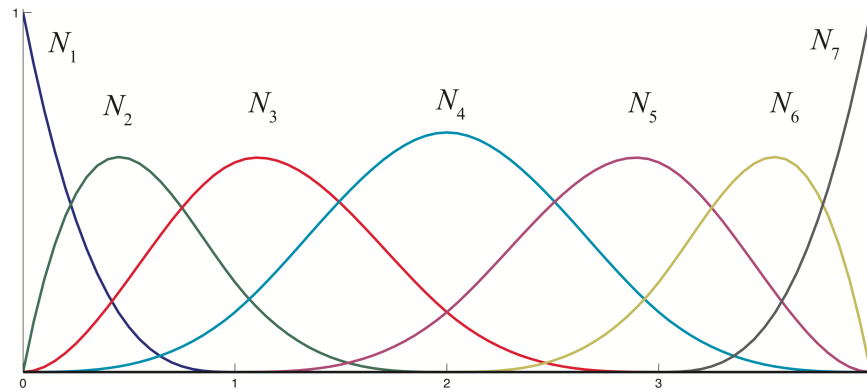
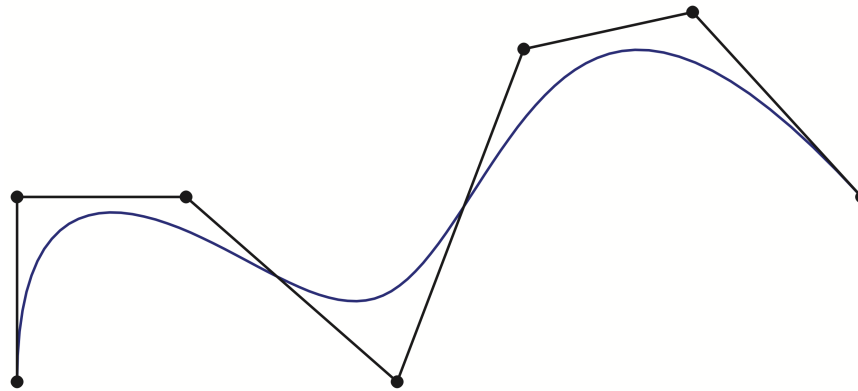
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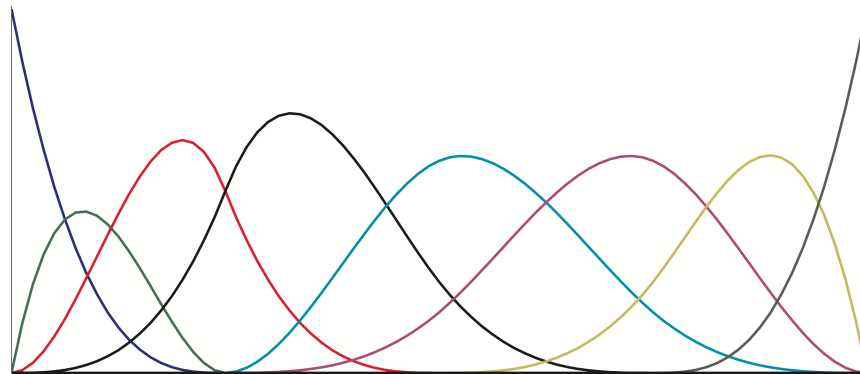
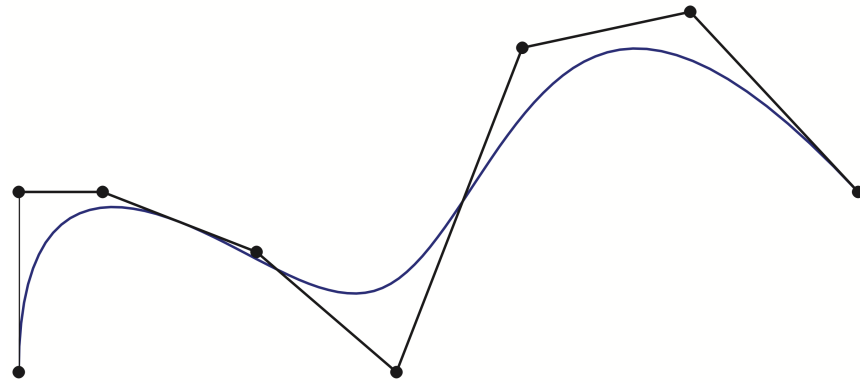
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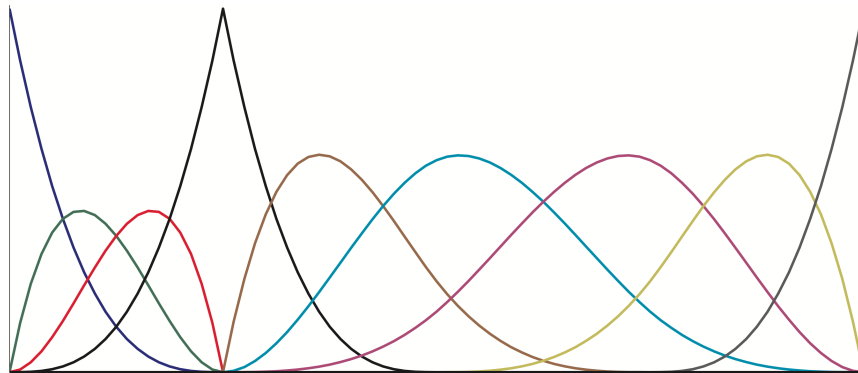
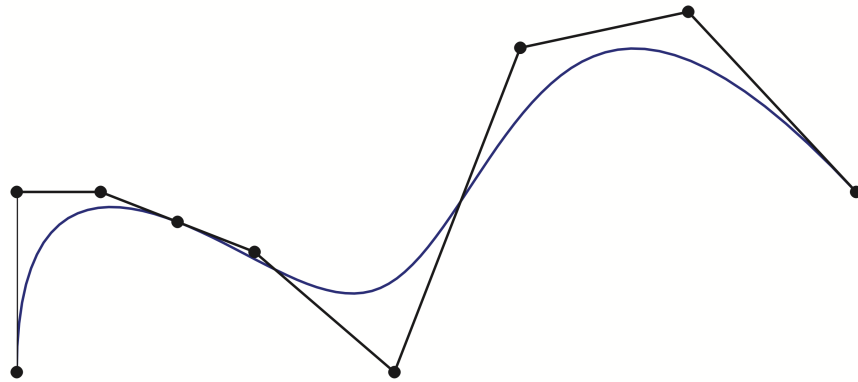


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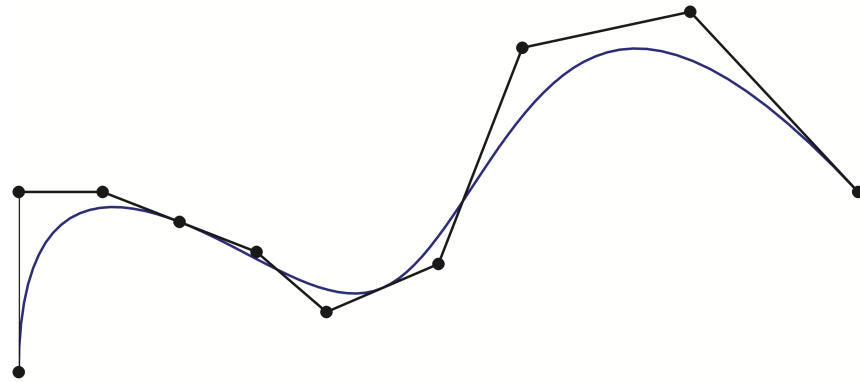
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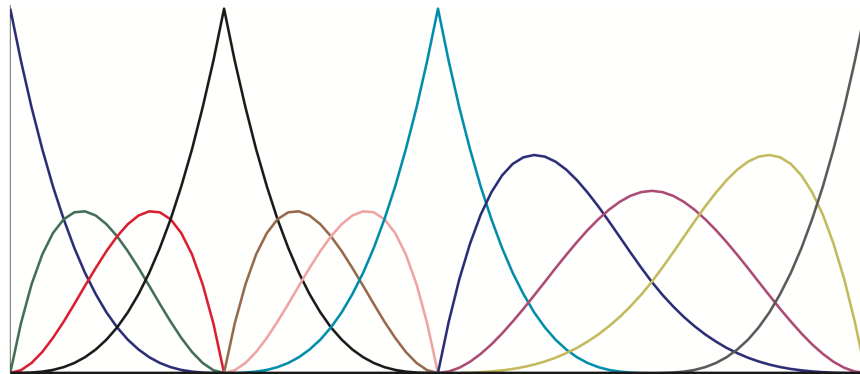
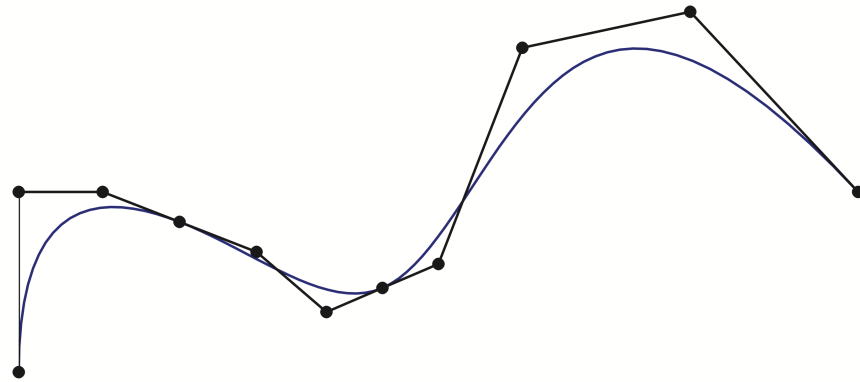
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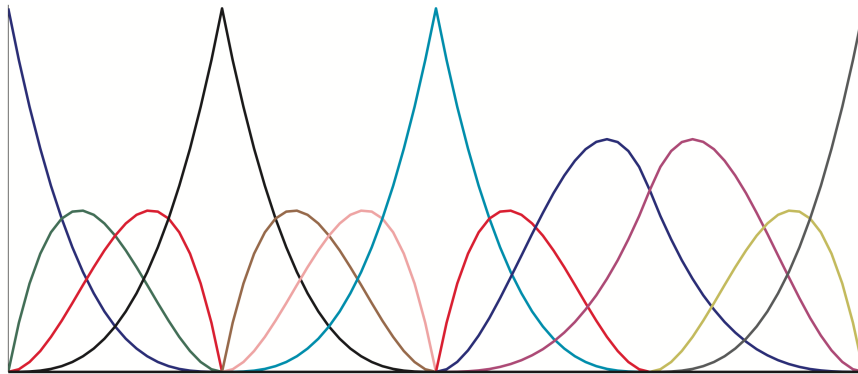
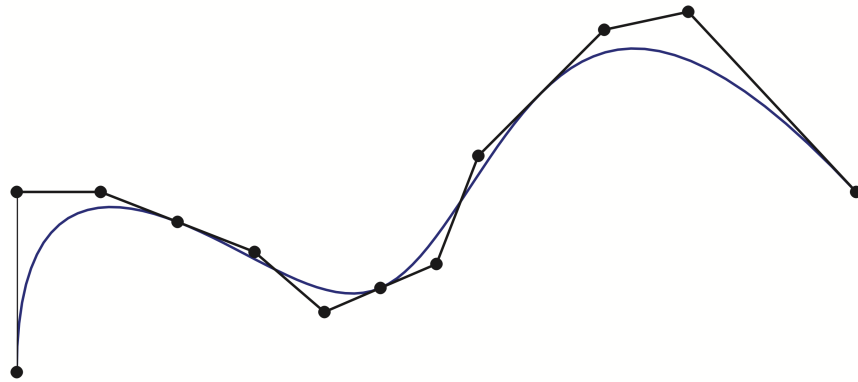
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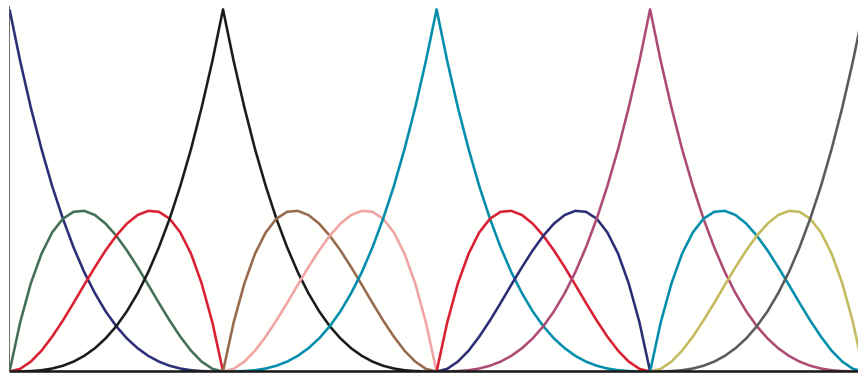
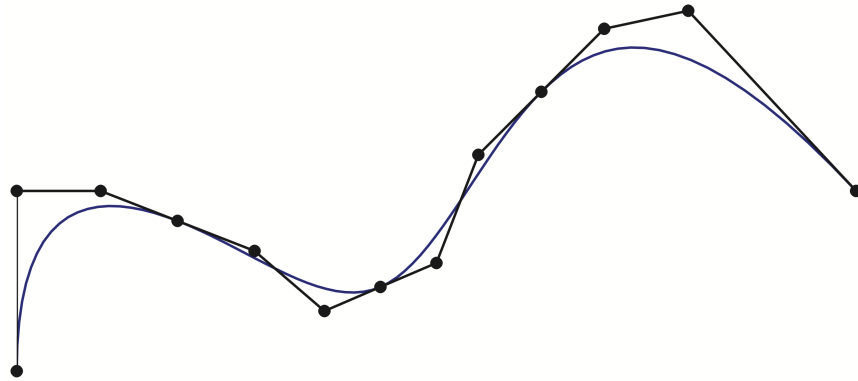
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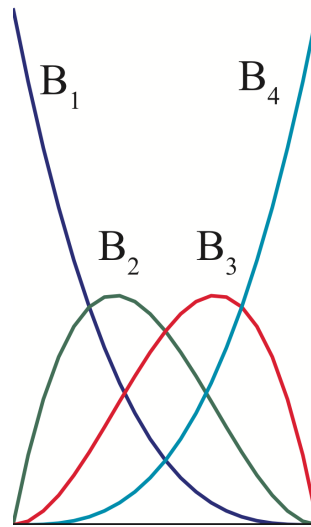
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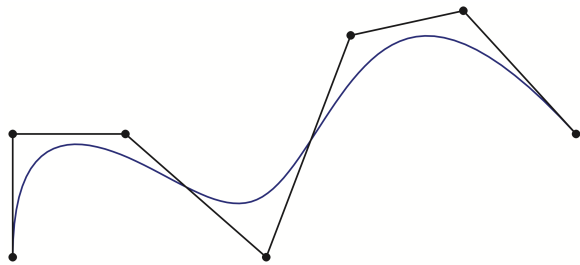


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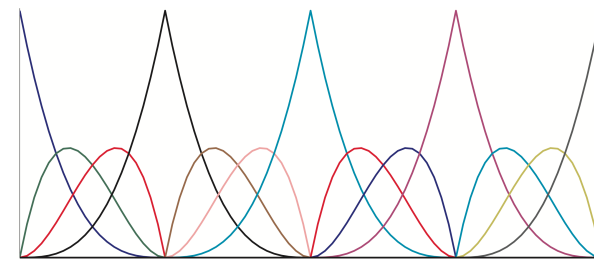
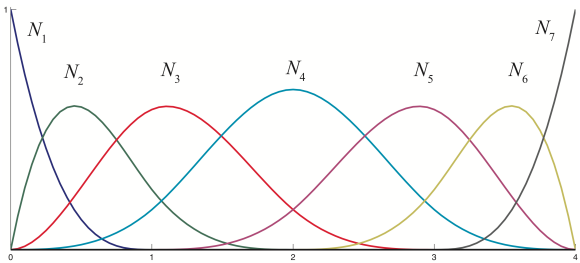
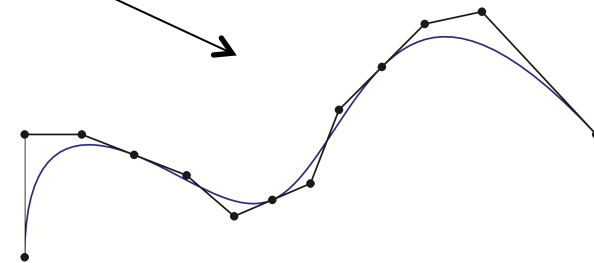
# Cubic Bezier Element



# Bezier Decomposition



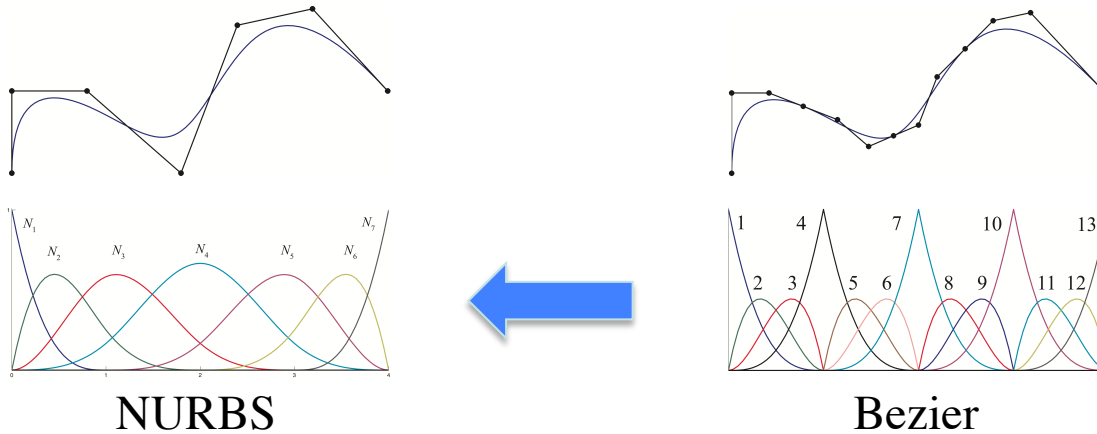
$$\mathbf{P}^b = \mathbf{C}^T \mathbf{P}$$



$$\mathbf{N} = \mathbf{C} \mathbf{B}$$

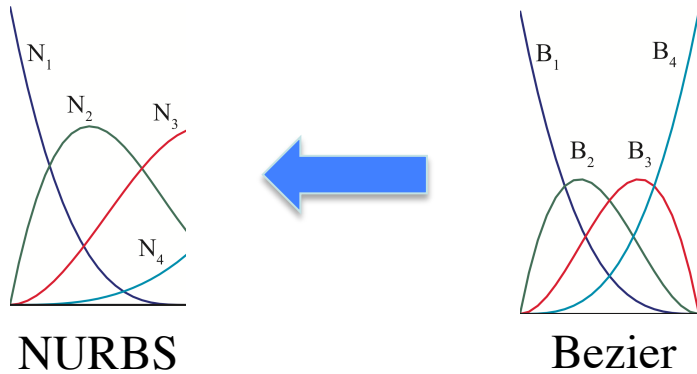


# Localizing the Extraction Operator



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# Localizing the Extraction Operator



In practice, only the local extraction operators are computed.

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# Bezier Extraction and the Finite Element Framework

Given  $f$ , find  $u^h \in \mathcal{S}^h$ ,  
such that, for all  $w^h \in \mathcal{V}^h$ ,  
 $a(w^h, u^h) = (w^h, f)$

$$w^h = \sum_{A=1}^n c_A R_A$$

$$u^h = \sum_{B=1}^n d_B R_B$$

Matrix Problem:

$$\mathbf{K}\mathbf{d} = \mathbf{F}$$

$$\mathbf{K} = [K_{AB}],$$

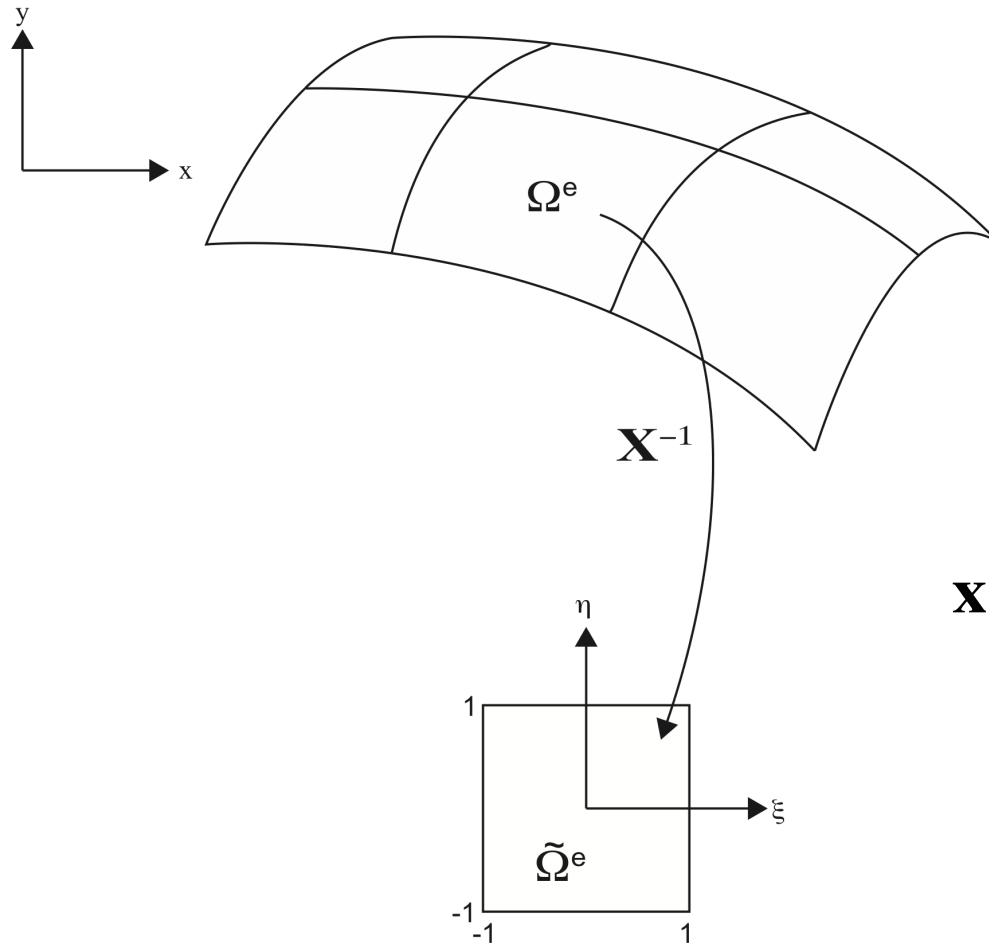
$$\mathbf{F} = \{F_A\},$$

$$\mathbf{d} = \{d_B\},$$

$$K_{AB} = a(R_A, R_B),$$

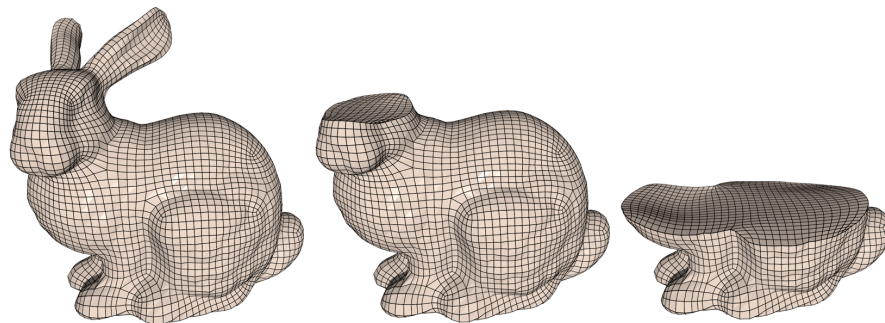
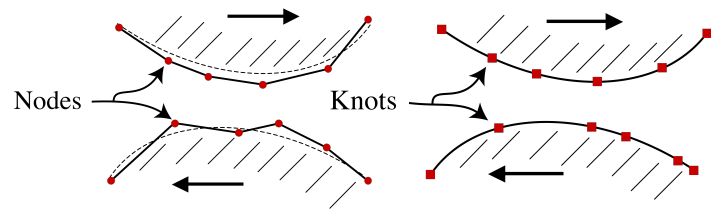
$$F_A = (R_A, f)$$

# Element Shape Function Routine: Bezier Element Perspective



$$\mathbf{x}(\xi) = \sum_{a=1}^{n_{en}} \mathbf{P}_a^e R_a^e(\xi)$$

# Research Progress:



(David Gu)

- Shape and Topology Optimization
- Efficient quadrature and collocation
- Mathematical theory 
  - $h$ -convergence
  - Kolmogorov  $n$ -widths
- Various nonlinear structural applications 
  - Shells, w/wo rotational DOF
  - Implicit gradient enhanced damage
  - Contact , frictional sliding
- Turbulence and fluid-structure interaction
- Aero- and hydro-acoustics
- Phase-field methods 
  - Navier-Stokes-Korteweg equations
  - Crack propagation
- Electromagnetics (Buffa, Sangalli, Vazquez, et al.)
- Efficient mesh refinement algorithms
- Integration of modeling and analysis tools 
  - Analysis-suitable surface descriptions
  - Analysis-suitable volume parameterizations from CAD surfaces

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