

**Locking-Free**  
**Smoothed Finite Element Method**  
**with Tetrahedral/Triangular Mesh Rezoning**  
**in Severely Large Deformation Problems**

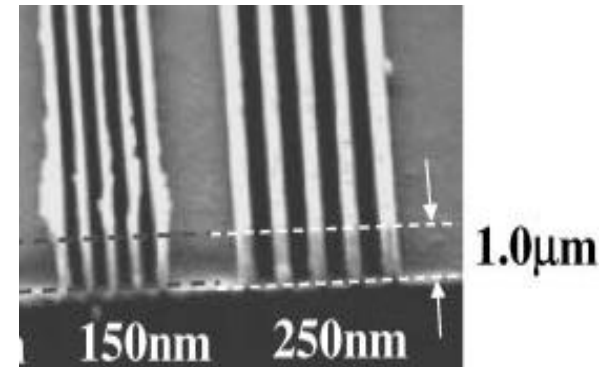
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# Motivation and Background

## Motivation

We want to solve **severely large deformation** problems **accurately and stably!**

(Target: automobile tire, thermal nanoimprint, etc.)

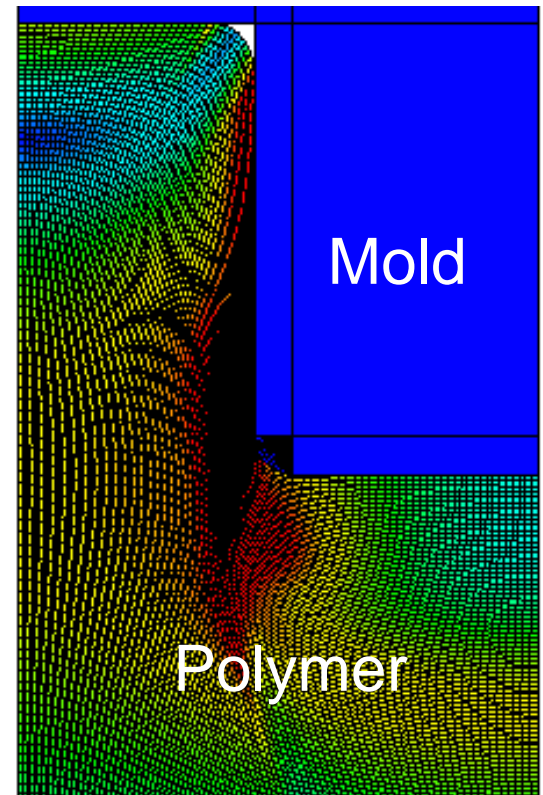


## Background

Finite elements are **distorted** in a short time, thereby resulting in convergence failure.



**Mesh rezoning** method (*h*-adaptive mesh-to-mesh solution mapping) is indispensable.



# Our First Result in Advance

Mises Stress (Pa)

1.18e+09

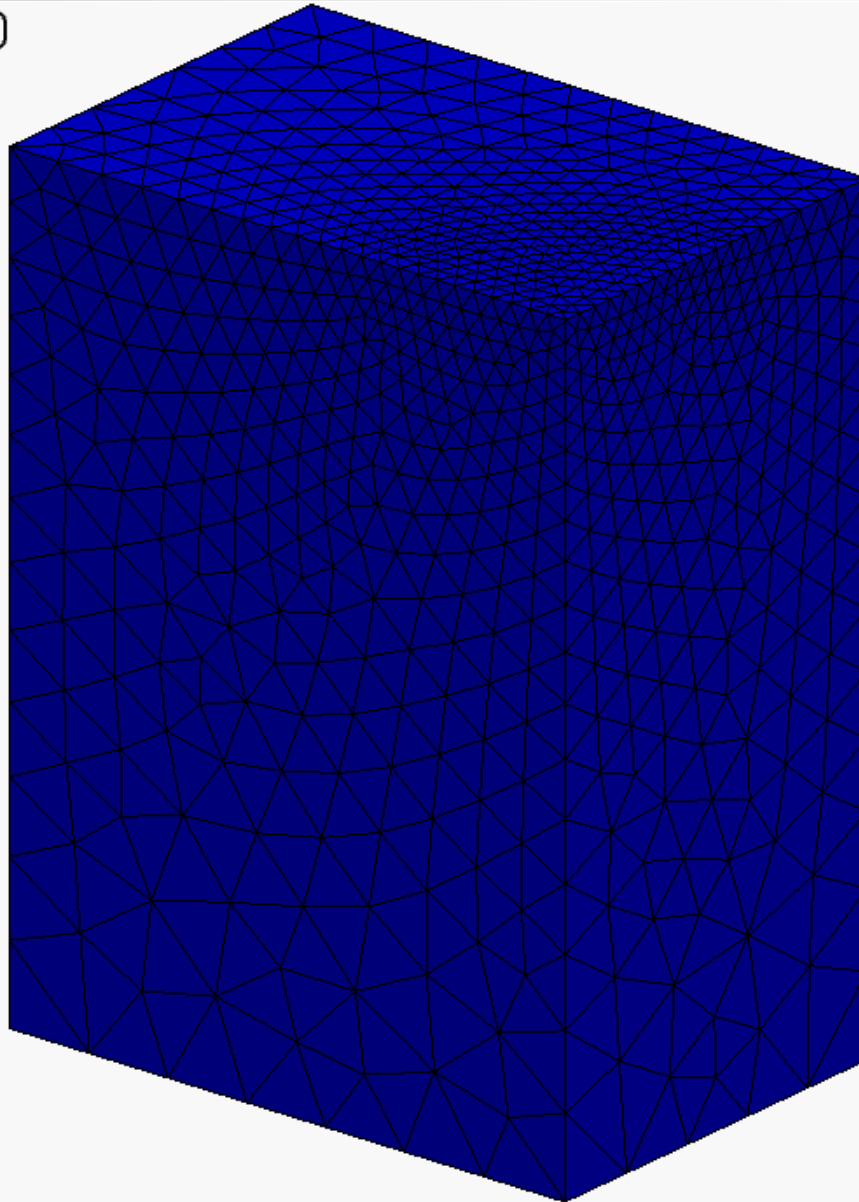
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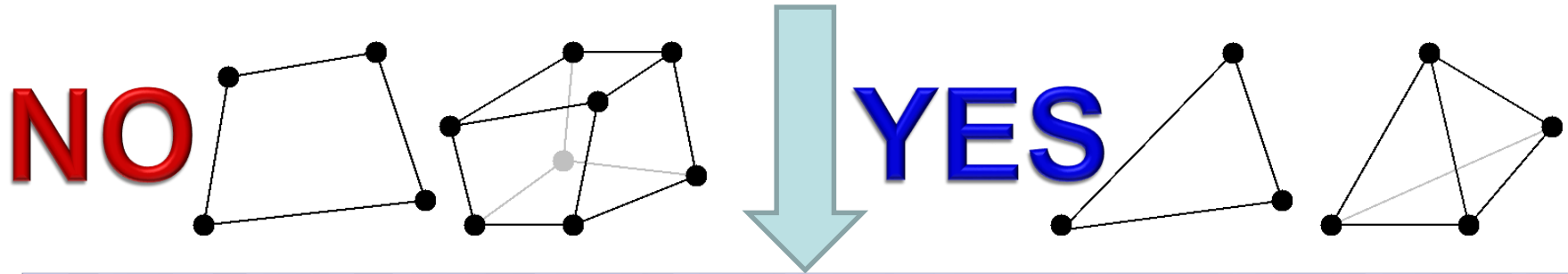


static-implicit  
large deformation  
analysis  
with  
mesh rezoning

# Issues

## The biggest issue in large deformation mesh rezoning

It is impossible to remesh arbitrary deformed 2D or 3D domains with **quadrilateral or hexahedral elements**.



We have to use **triangular or tetrahedral elements...**

However, the *standard* (constant strain) triangular or tetrahedral elements induce **shear and volumetric locking** easily, which leads to inaccurate results.

# Conventional Methods

- Higher order elements:
  - ✗ Not volumetric-locking-free; Not effective in large deformation due to intermediate nodes.
- EAS elements:
  - ✗ Unstable.
- B-bar, F-bar and selective integration elements:
  - ✗ Not applicable to triangular/tetrahedral.
- F-bar patch elements:
  - ✗ Difficult to construct patches
- u/p hybrid elements
  - ✗ No sufficient formulation for triangular/tetrahedral is presented so far. (There are almost acceptable hybrid elements such as C3D4H of ABAQUS.)
- Selective smoothed finite elements:
  - ? Unknown potential. **Let's try!**



# Objective

Develop a locking-free  
*modified selective S-FEM*  
for large deformation problems  
with mesh rezoning

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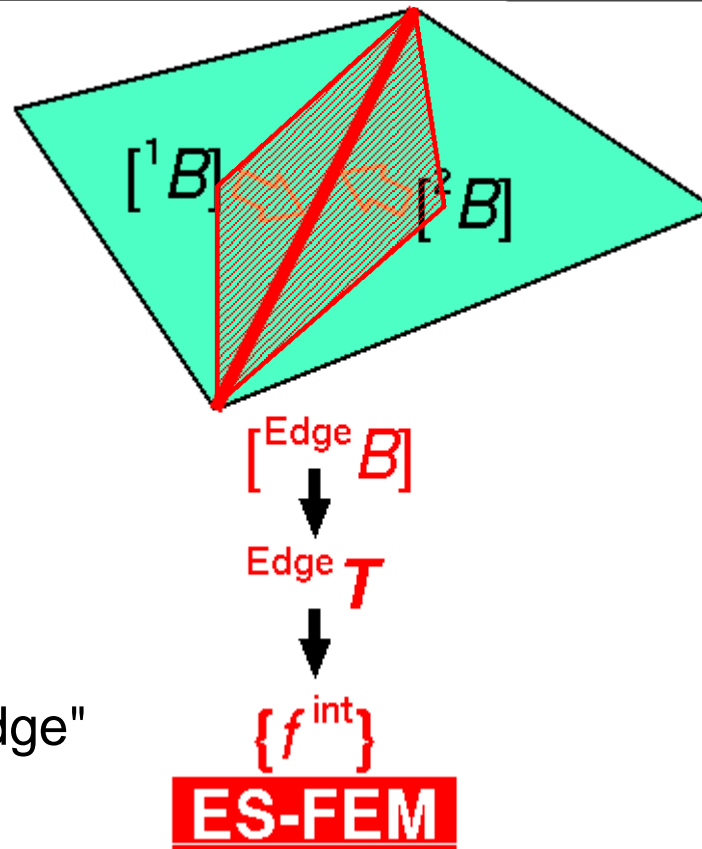
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Part 1:  
Introduction of Our *Modified* selective S-FEM  
without Mesh Rezoning

# Review of Edge-based S-FEM (ES-FEM)

- Calculate  $[B]$  at element as usual.
- Distribute  $[B]$  to the connecting **edges** and make  $[^{\text{Edge}}B]$ .
- $F, T$  etc and  $\{f^{\text{int}}\}$  are calculated on **smoothed edge domains**.

Generally accurate but induces volumetric locking.



Substituting "face" for "edge"  
gives **FS-FEM** for 3D

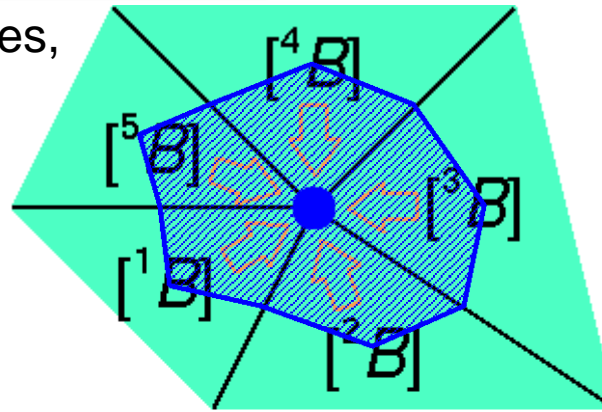


# Review of Node-based S-FEM (NS-FEM)

- Calculate  $[B]$  at element as usual.
- Distribute  $[B]$  to the connecting **nodes** and make  $[^{\text{Node}} B]$
- $F, T$  etc and  $\{f^{\text{int}}\}$  are calculated on **smoothed node domains**.

Generally not accurate but volumetric locking free.

(due to zero-energy modes, which are arisen in reduced integration finite elements as hour-glass modes)



close to FVM with vertex-based control volume

$[^{\text{Node}} B]$

Node  $T$

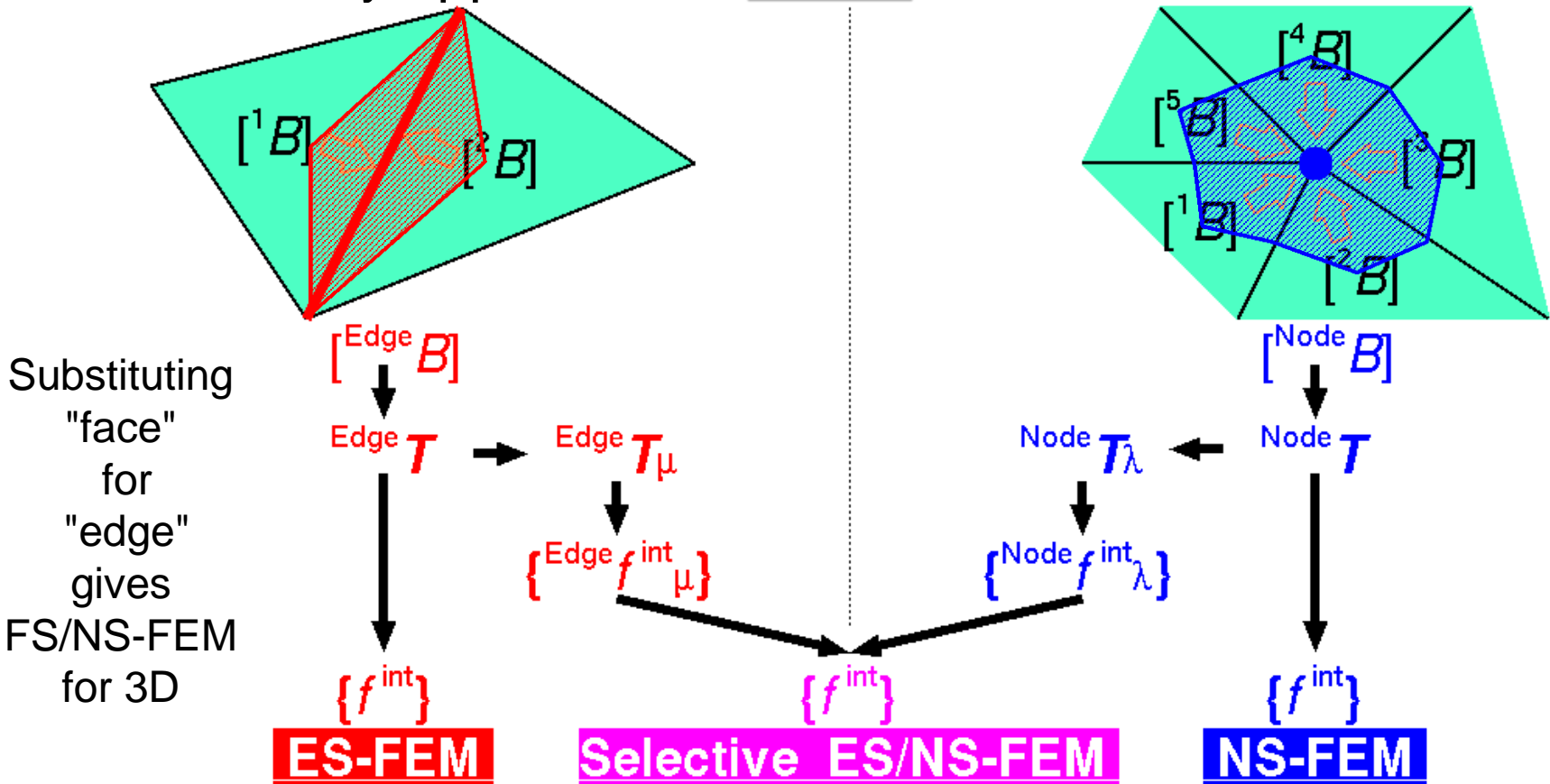
$\{f^{\text{int}}\}$

**NS-FEM**

# Review of Selective ES/NS-FEM

- Separate stress into " $\mu$  part" and " $\lambda$  part", where  $\mu$  and  $\lambda$  are the Lamé's parameters.
- $F, T$  etc and  $\{f^{int}\}$  are calculated on **both smoothed domains**.

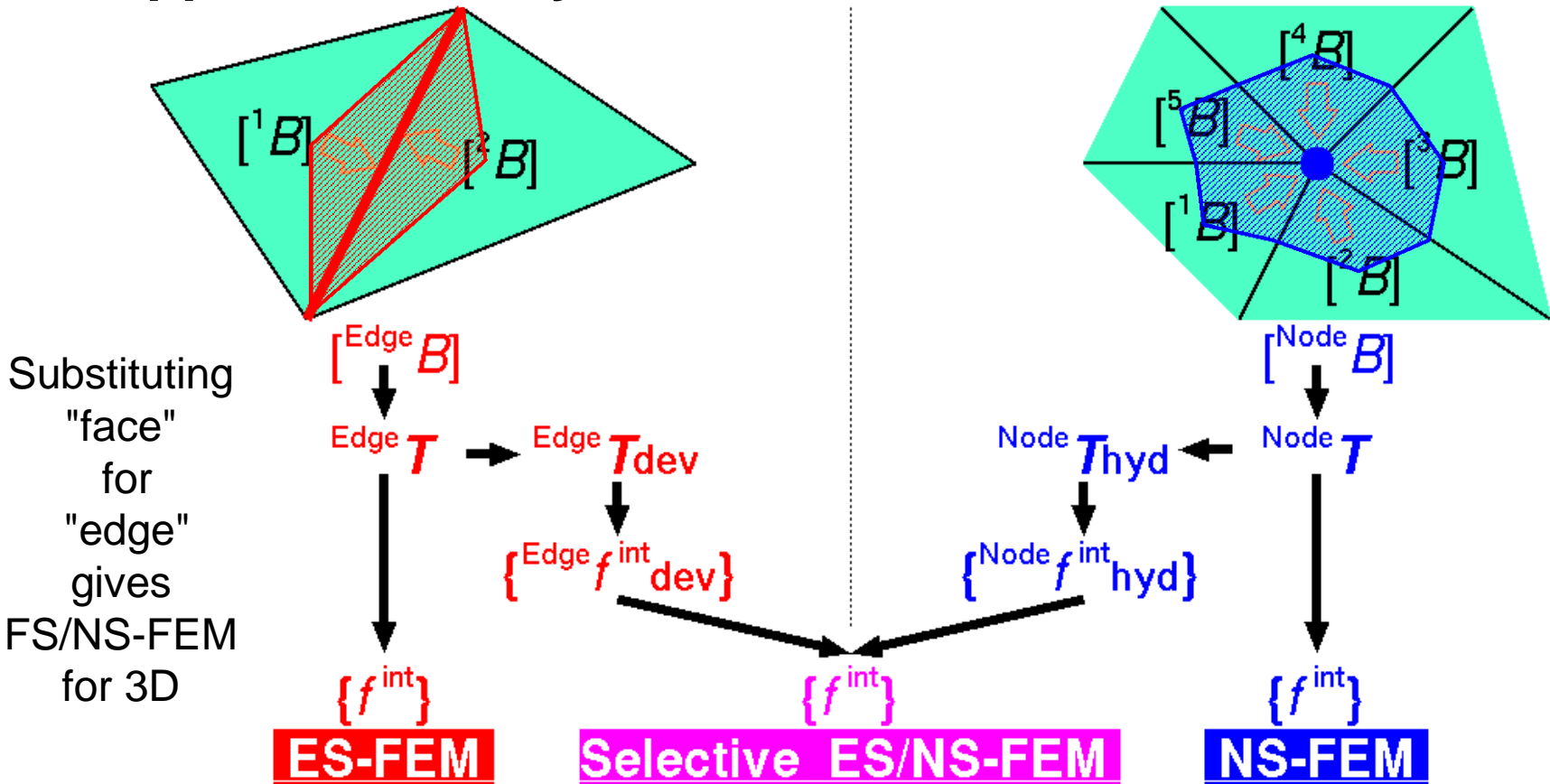
Only applicable to elastic constitutive models.



# Our Modified Selective ES/NS-FEM

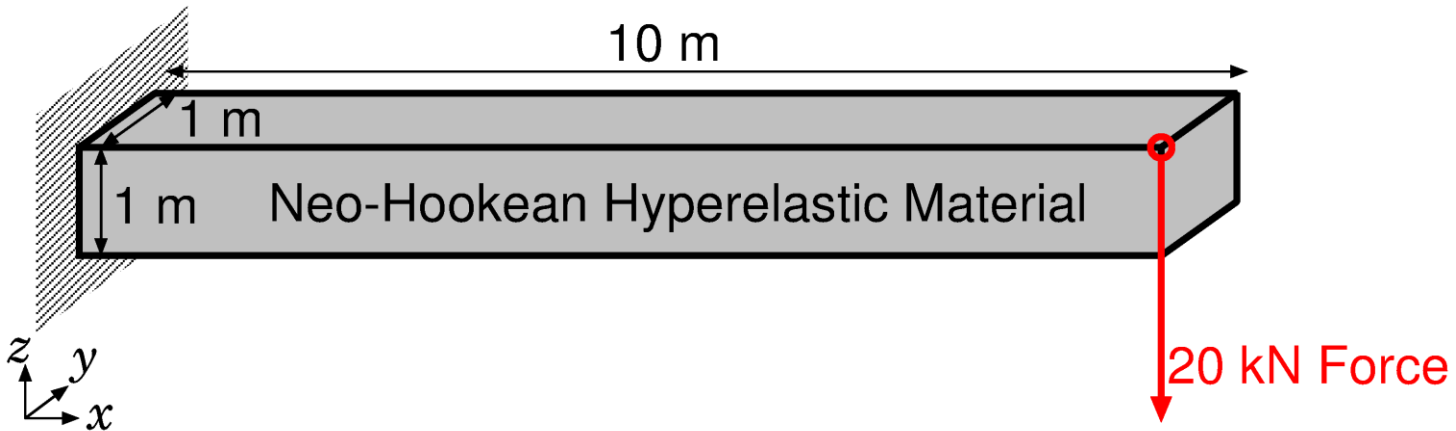
- Separate stress into "deviatoric part" and "hydrostatic part" instead of " $\mu$  part" and " $\lambda$  part".
- $F$ ,  $T$  etc and  $\{f^{int}\}$  are calculated on both smoothed domains.

Applicable to any kind of material constitutive models.



# Bending of Cantilever

## Outline



- Neo-Hookean **hyperelastic** material

$$[T] = 2C_{10} \frac{\text{Dev}(\bar{B})}{J} + \frac{2}{D_1} (J - 1)[I]$$

with a constant  $C_{10}$  (=1 GPa) and various  $D_1$ s.

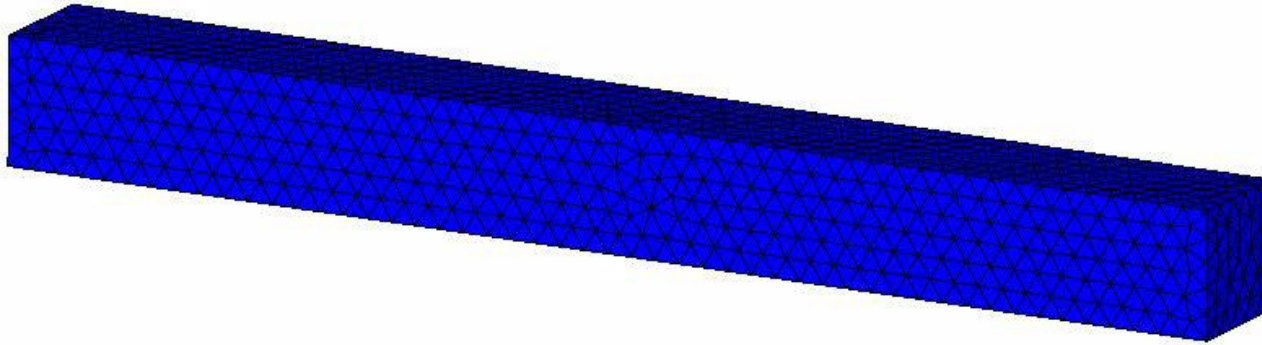
- Compared to **ABAQUS/Standard** with **C3D20H** (2nd-order **hybrid hexahedral**) elements.

- No mesh rezoning is taken place for this test.



# Verification of Our Selective S-FEM

***Results with  $D_1 = 2 \times 10^{-15}$  [Pa<sup>-1</sup>] ( $\nu_{ini} = 0.499999$ )***



The amount of vertical deflection is about 6.5 m.

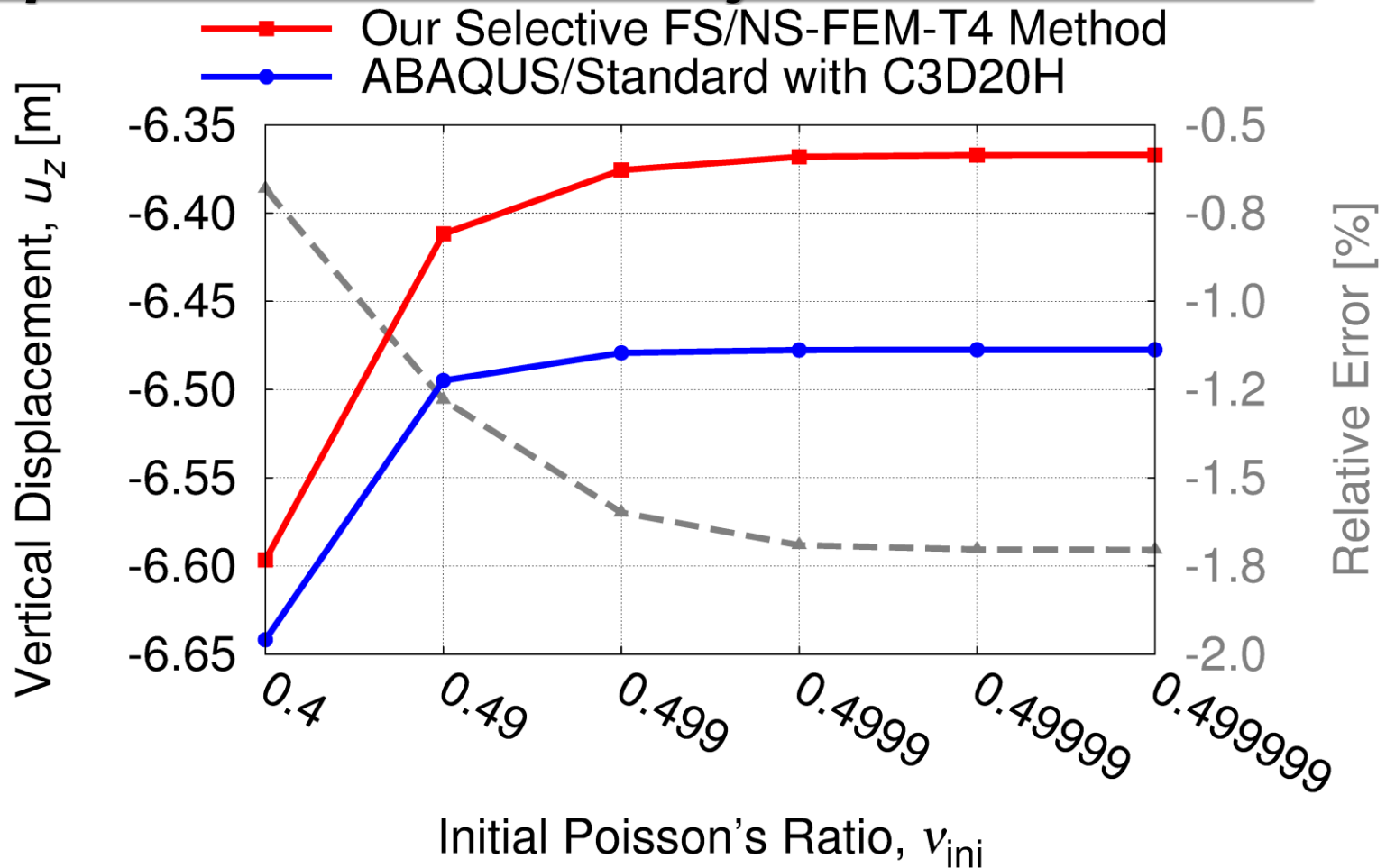
Mises Stress (Pa)



If we use constant strain tetrahedral, the amount of vertical deflection is about only 0.1 m.

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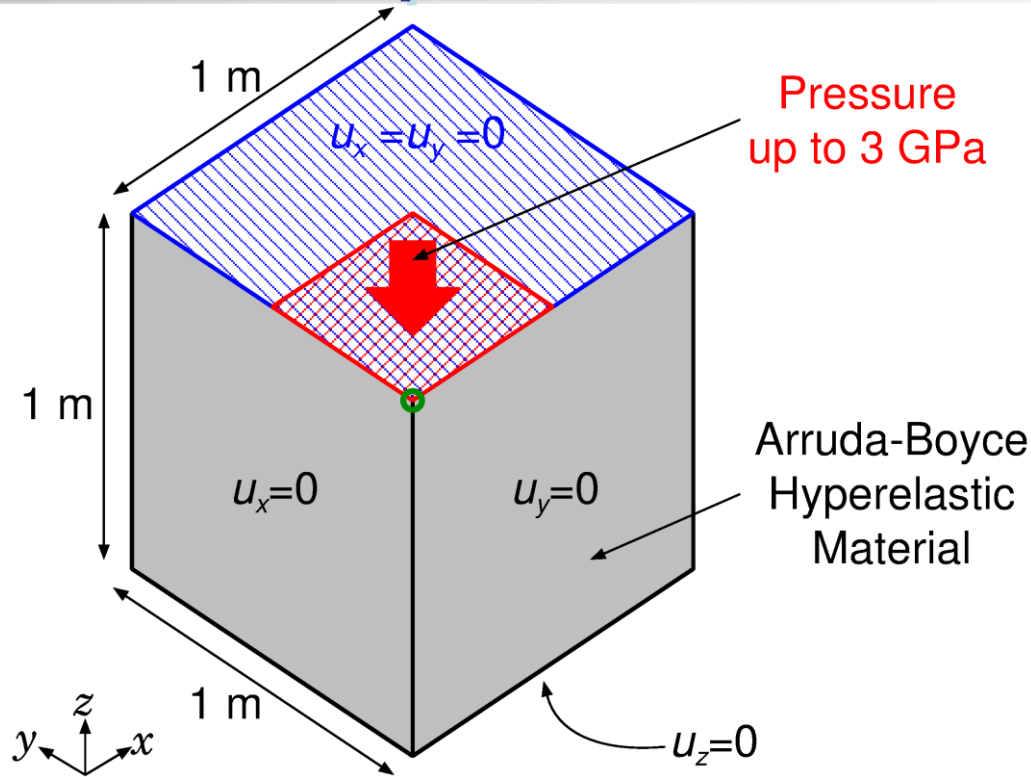
## Comparison to 2<sup>nd</sup>-order Hybrid Hex Element



**Our selective S-FEM is free from shear locking!!**

# Partial Compression of Block

## Outline

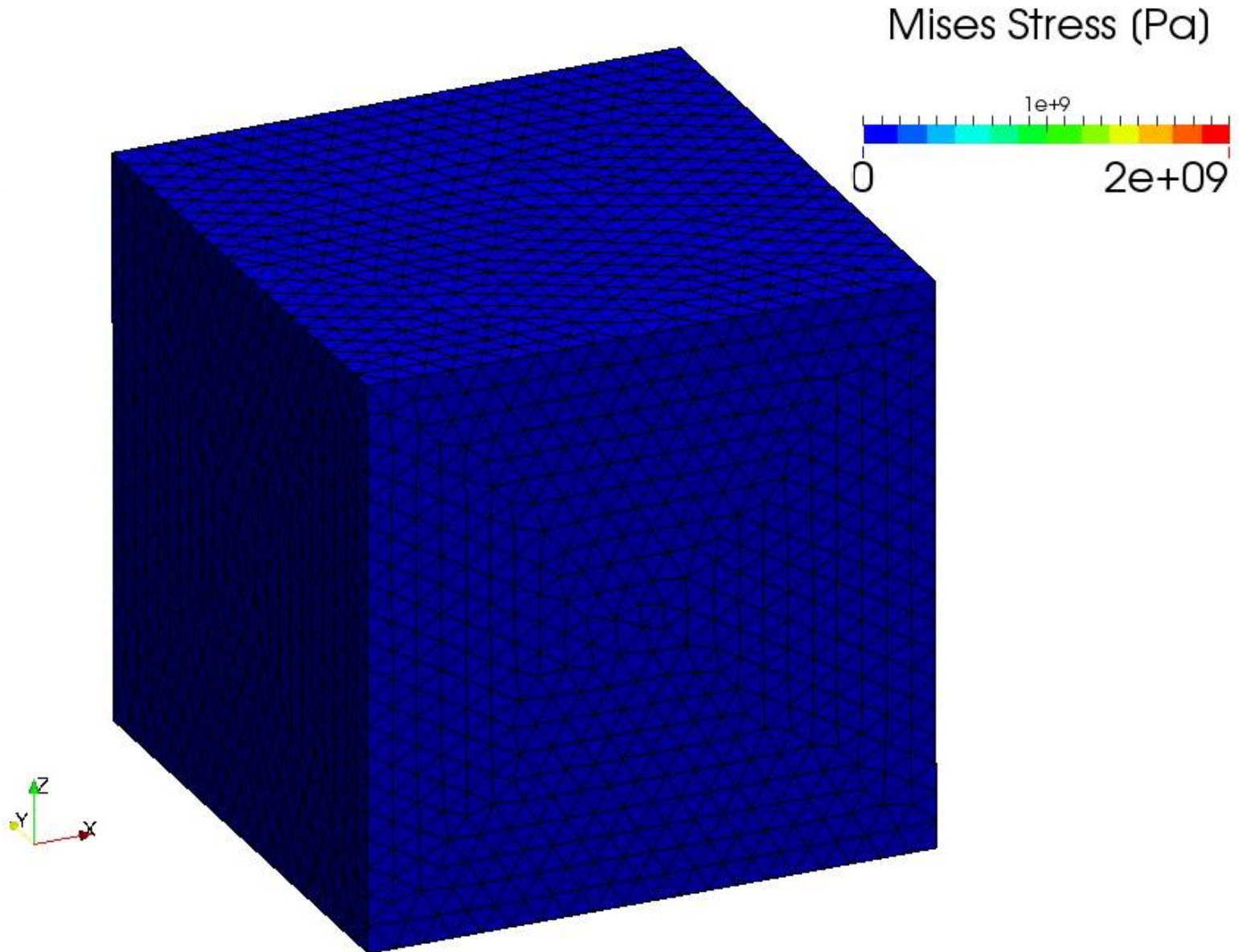


- Arruda-Boyce Hyper elastic Material with  $\nu_{ini} = 0.4999$
- Applying pressure on  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the top face



# Partial Compression of Block

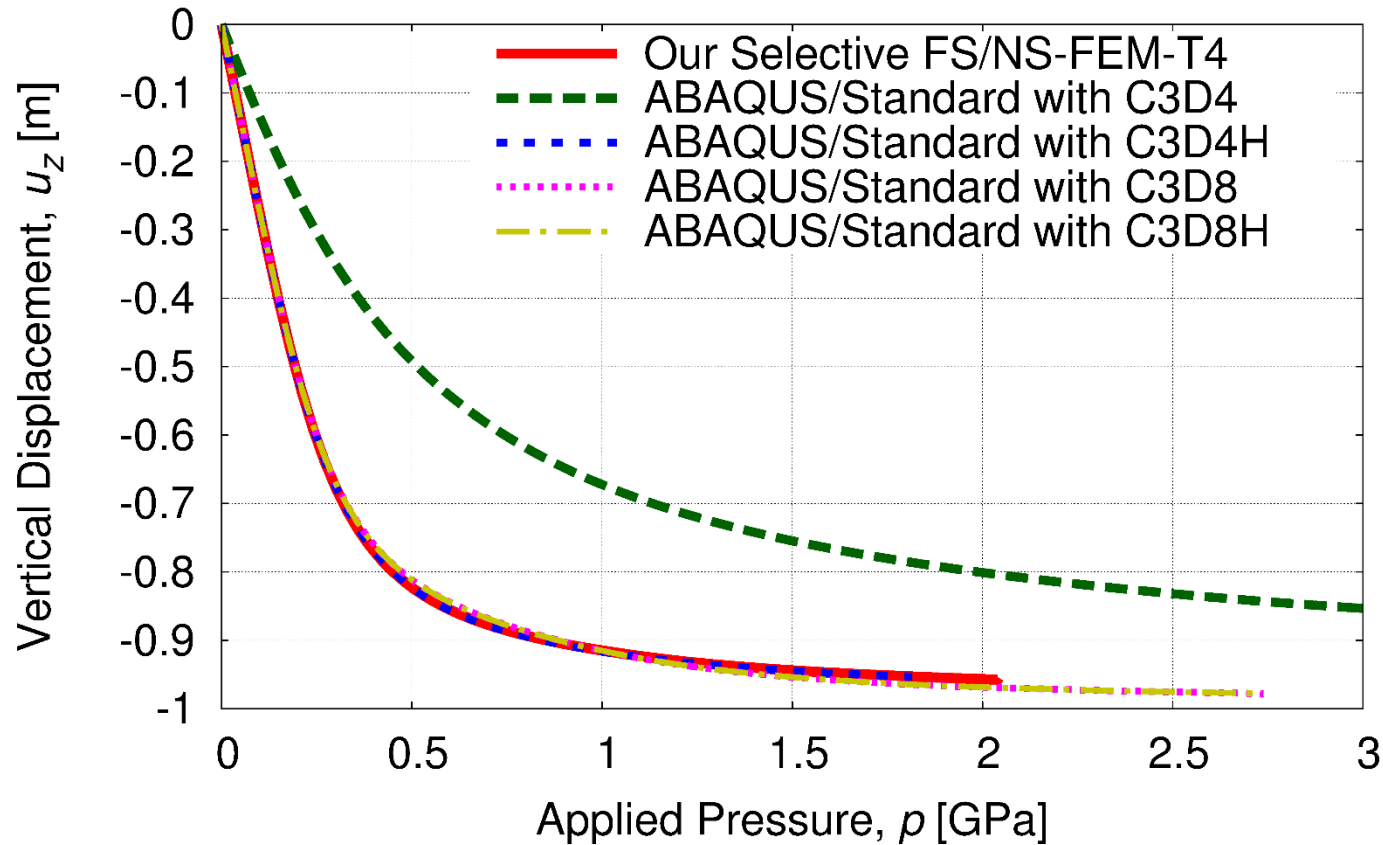
Result  
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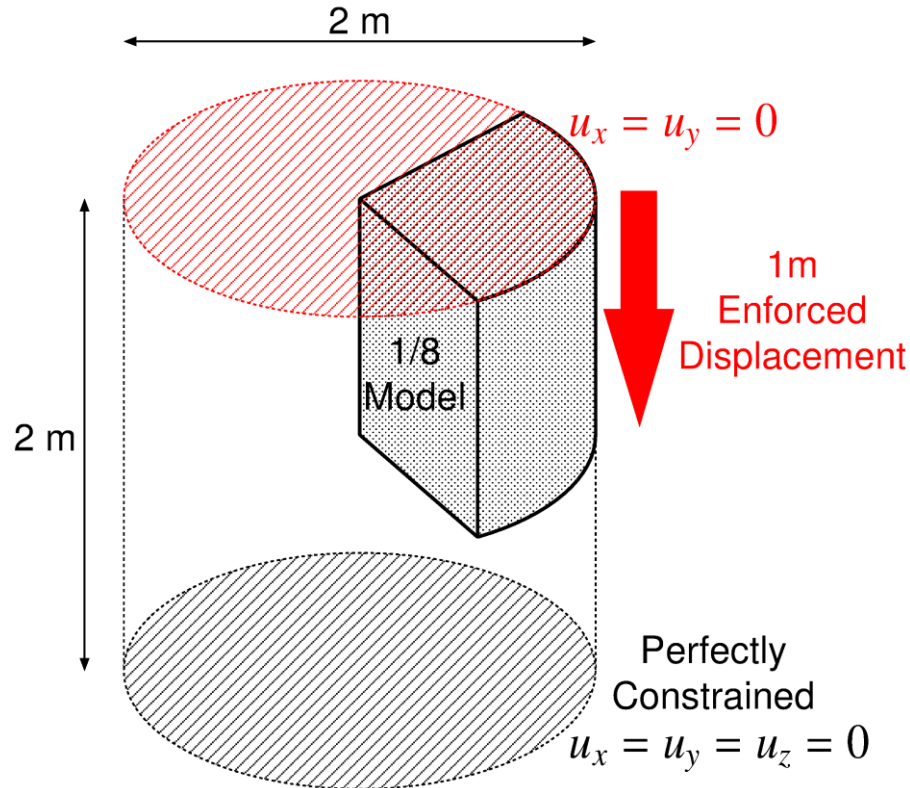
## Vertical Displacements vs. Applied Pressure



- Constant strain element (C3D4) locks quickly.
- Other elements including our method do not lock.
- Result of our method is almost identical to that of C3D4H.

# Compression of 1/8 Cylinder

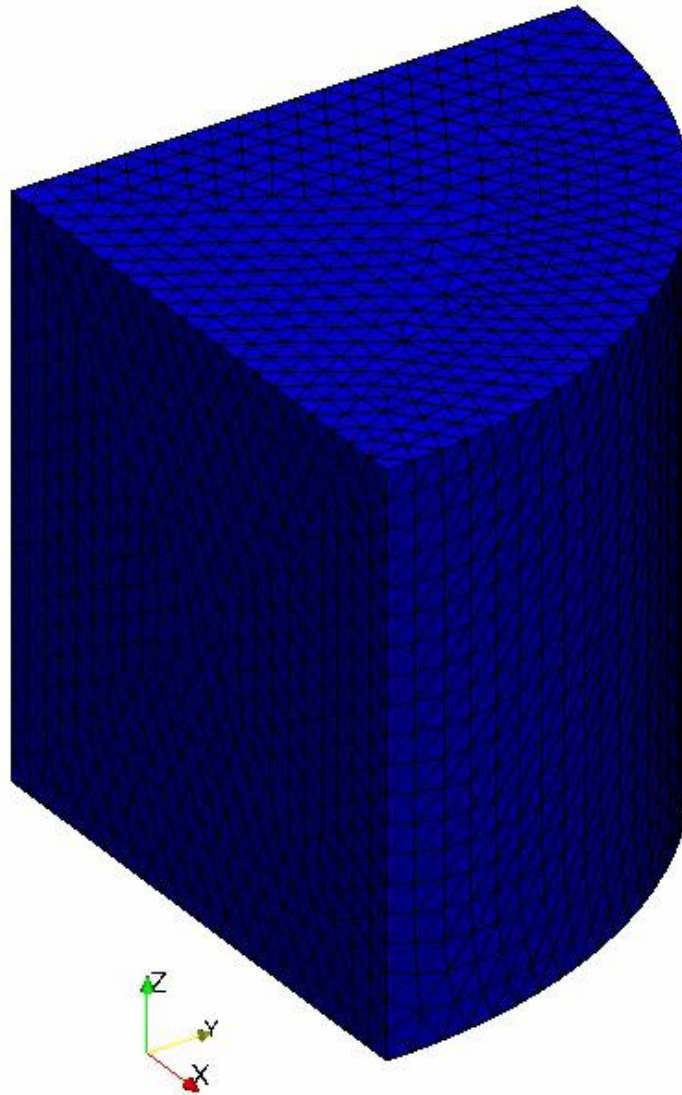
## Outline



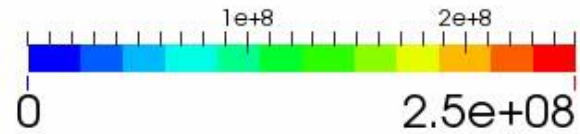
- 50% axial compression.
- Neo Hookean hyper elastic material of  $C_{10} = 40 \times 10^6$  Pa,  $D = 5 \times 10^{-12}$  Pa<sup>-1</sup> (i.e.,  $\nu_{ini} = 0.4999$ ).
- Compared to **C3D4H** element of ABAQUS/Standard with exactly same mesh.

# Compression of 1/8 Cylinder

**Result**  
**of**  
**our**  
**method**



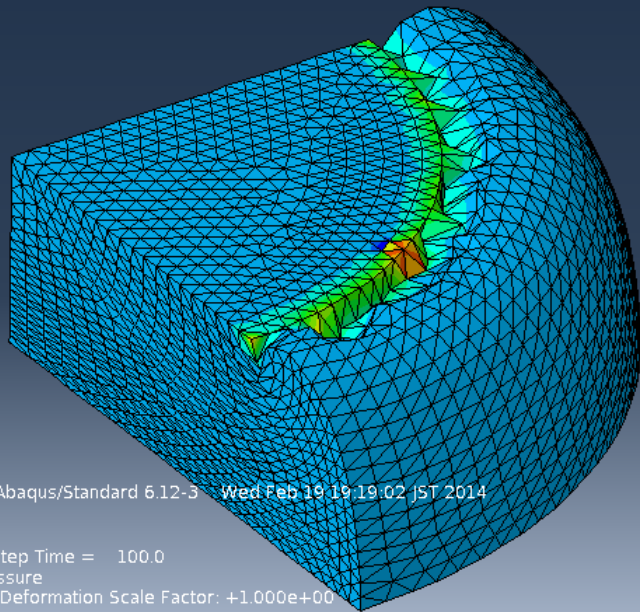
Mises Stress (Pa)



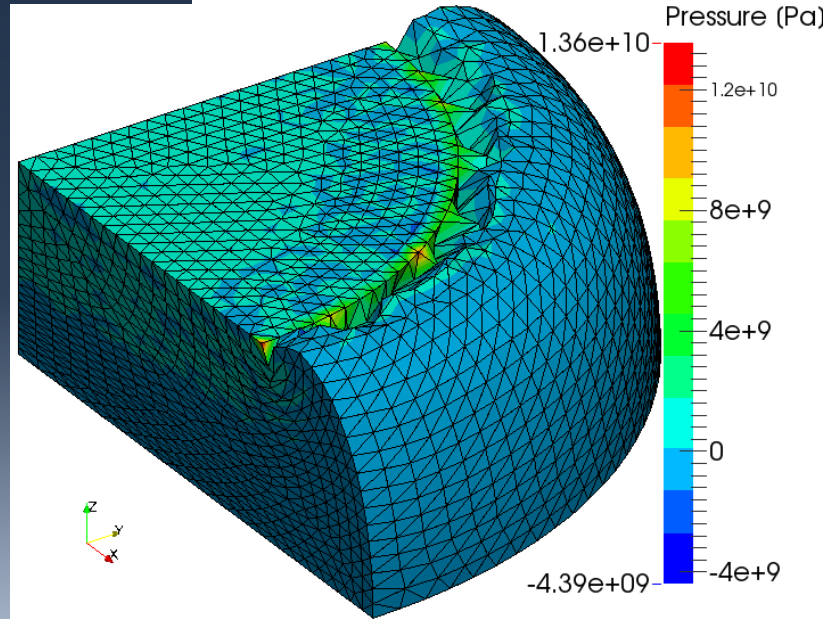
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## Comparison to ABAQUS

C3D4H  
of ABAQUS/Standard



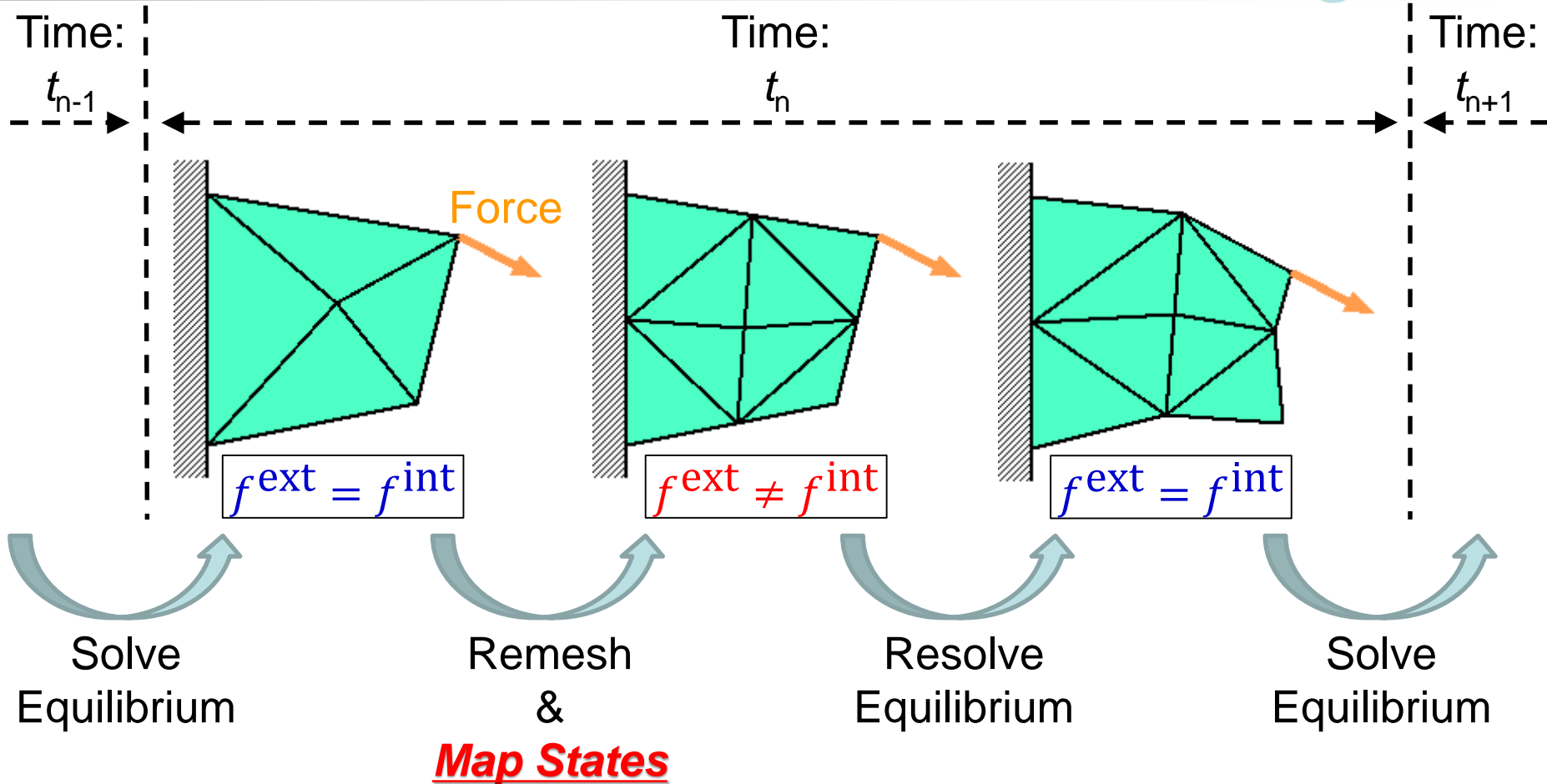
Our Selective  
FS/NS-FEM-T4



- Deformation is almost the same each other.
- Pressure oscillation is about double in our result.

Part 2:  
Introduction of Our *Modified* selective S-FEM  
with Mesh Rezoning

# Procedure of Mesh Rezoning



The way of mapping varies with the material constitutive model. (e.g. Elasto-plastic models necessitate some kind of correction.)

# Mapping of Stress/Strain States

## For Elastic or Hyperelastic Materials

$$\text{i.e., } [T] = [T([F])]$$

- Map initial position  $\{x^{\text{initial}}\}$  at nodes, and then remake deformation gradient  $[F]$  at edges & nodes.

Each node preserve its initial position so that the domain can spring back to the initial shape after unloading.

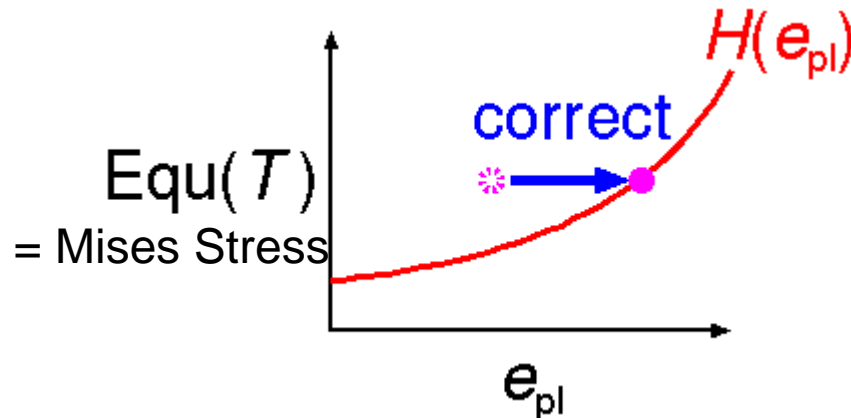


# Mapping of Stress/Strain States

## For *Elasto-Plastic* Material in Total Strain Form

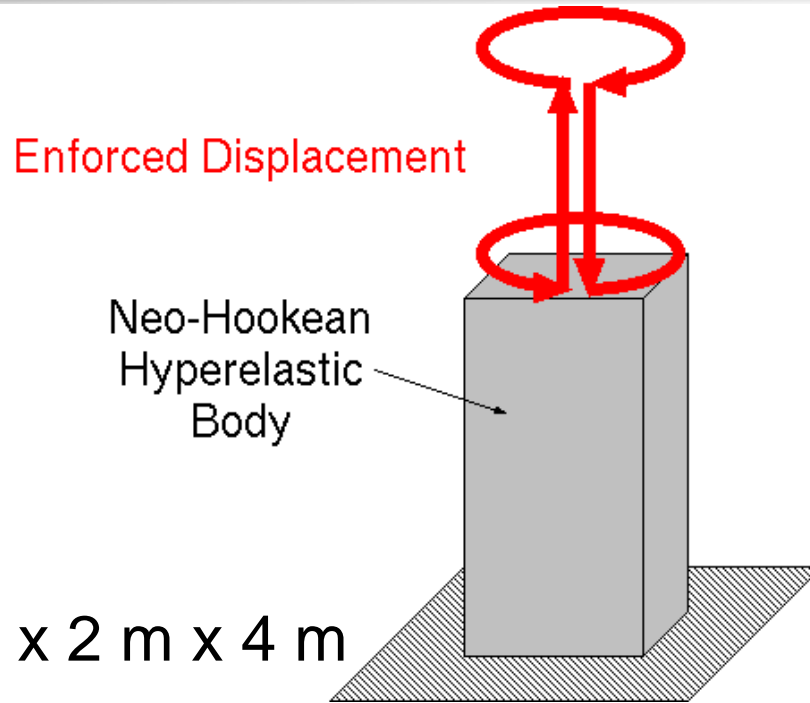
e.g.,  $[T] = [T([F], [E_{pl}], e_{pl}; H(e_{pl}))]$

- Map initial position  $\{x^{\text{initial}}\}$  at nodes, and then remake deformation gradient  $[F]$  at edges & nodes.
- Map history dependent variables, plastic strain  $[E_{pl}]$  and equivalent plastic strain  $e_{pl}$ .
- Correct  $e_{pl}$  to satisfy  $\text{Equ}([T]) = H(e_{pl})$





# Twist and Stretch of Hyperelastic Body

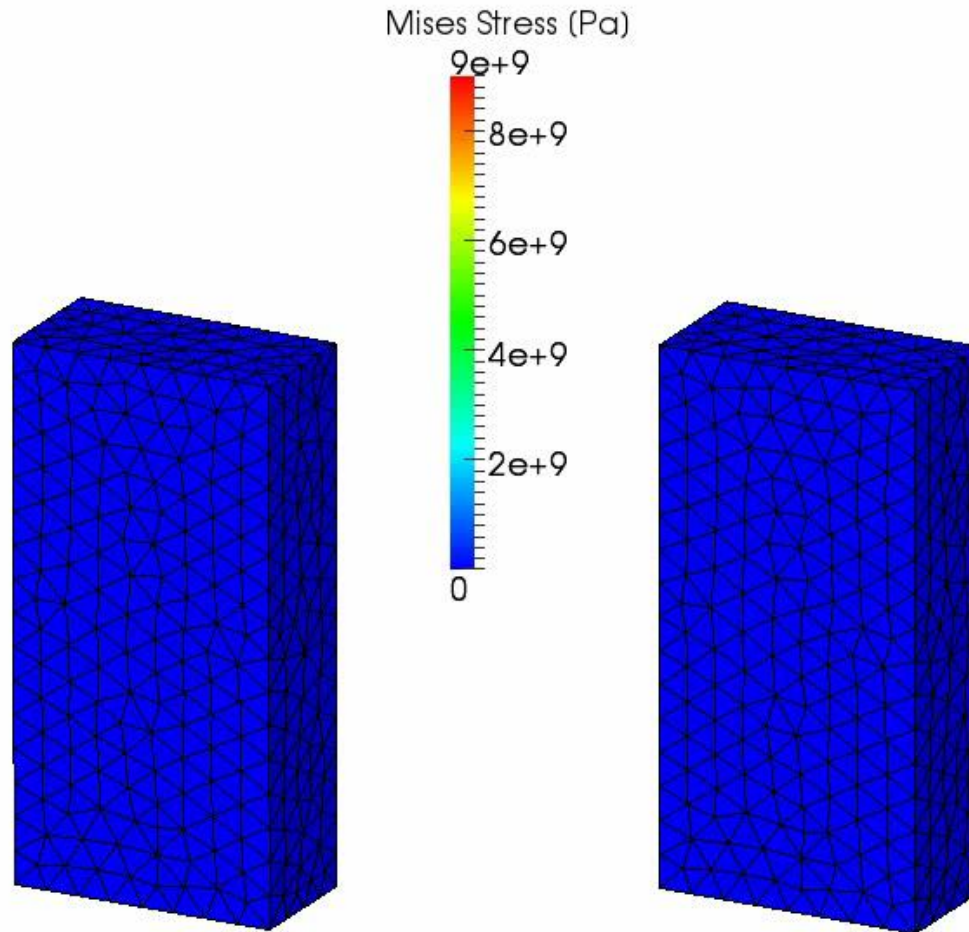


- Static, 1 m x 2 m x 4 m
- Neo-Hookean hyperelastic body of  $C_{10} = 1 \text{ GPa}$  and  $D_1 = 400 \text{ GPa}^{-1}$  ( $\nu_0 = 0.48$ )
- Twist up to 360 deg.  $\Rightarrow$  Stretch up to 100% nominal strain  $\Rightarrow$  Twist back  $\Rightarrow$  Shrink back
- Our selective FS/NS-FEM with tetrahedral elements
- Global mesh rezoning every 90 deg. and 50% stretch/shrink

# Twist and Stretch of Hyperelastic Body

Our selective  
FS/NS-FEM  
with  
mesh rezoning

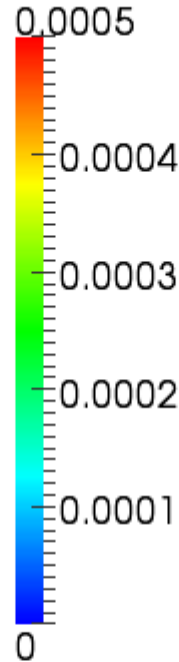
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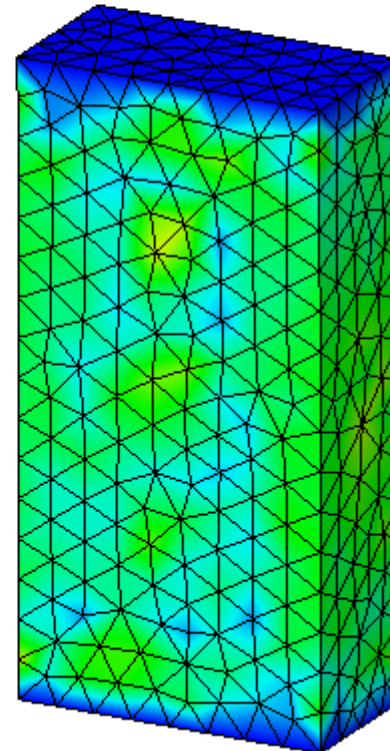
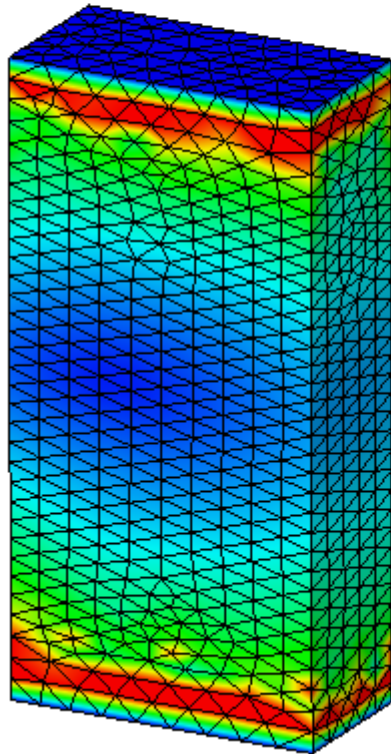
# Twist and Stretch of Hyperelastic Body

## Residual Displacement

Displacement Magnitude (m)

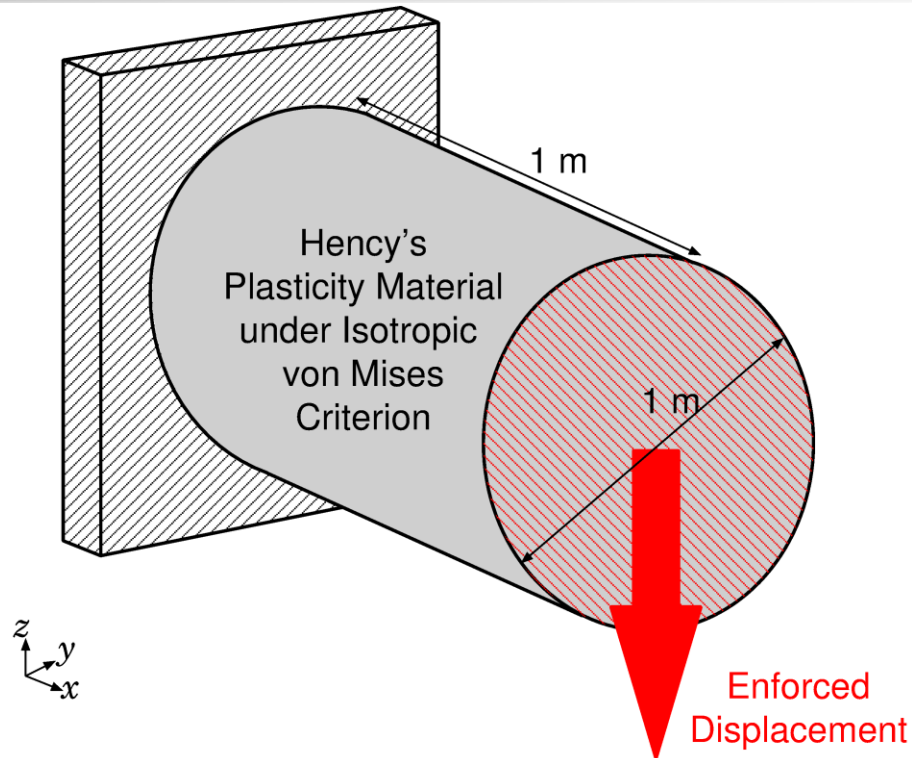


It  
spring  
backed  
almost  
perfectly.



# Shearing and Necking of 3D Plastic Rod

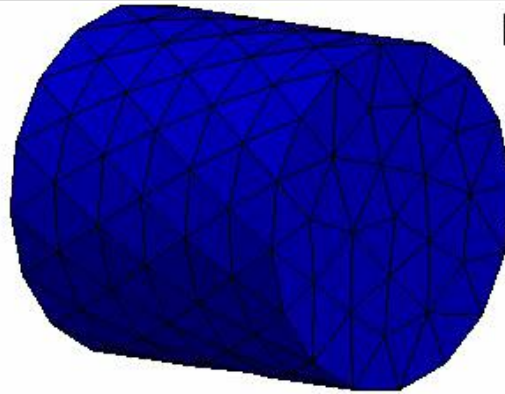
## Outline



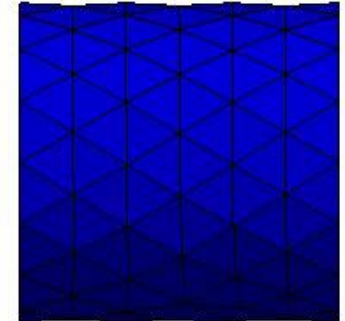
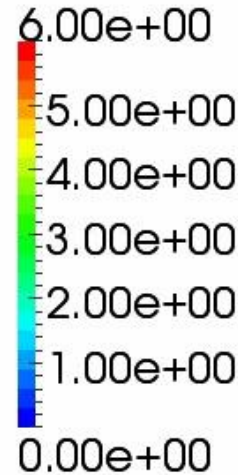
- Static, 3D
- Hencky's Plasticity Material with von Mises yield criterion and isotropic hardening. (same as 2D case)

# Shearing and Necking of 3D Plastic Rod

## 3D Result



Equivalent Plastic Strain



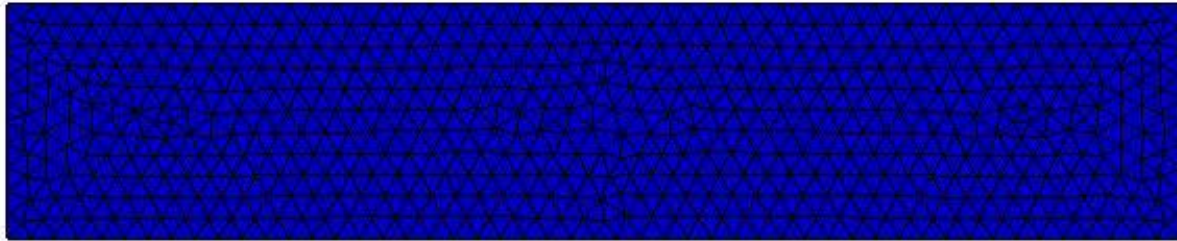
The deformation seems to be valid.

After 2.8 m disp., mesh rezoning error occurred.

# Shearing and Necking of 2D Plastic Bar

2D

Result



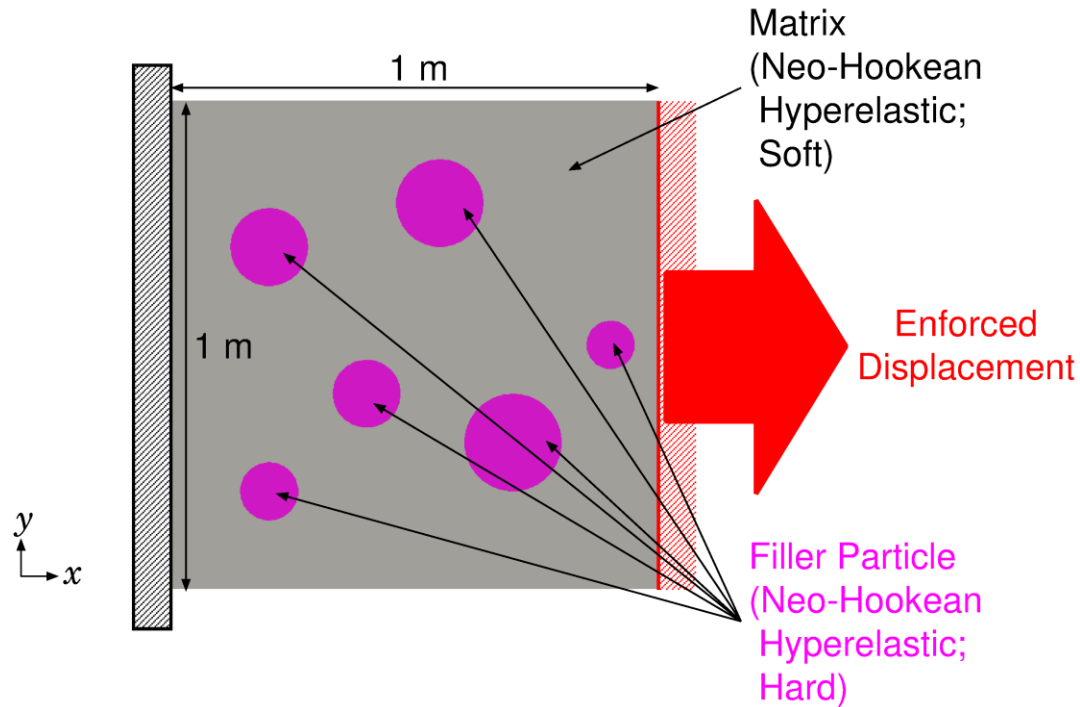
Equivalent\_Plastic\_Strain





# Tension of 2D Filler Particle Composite

## Outline



■ Plane-strain static

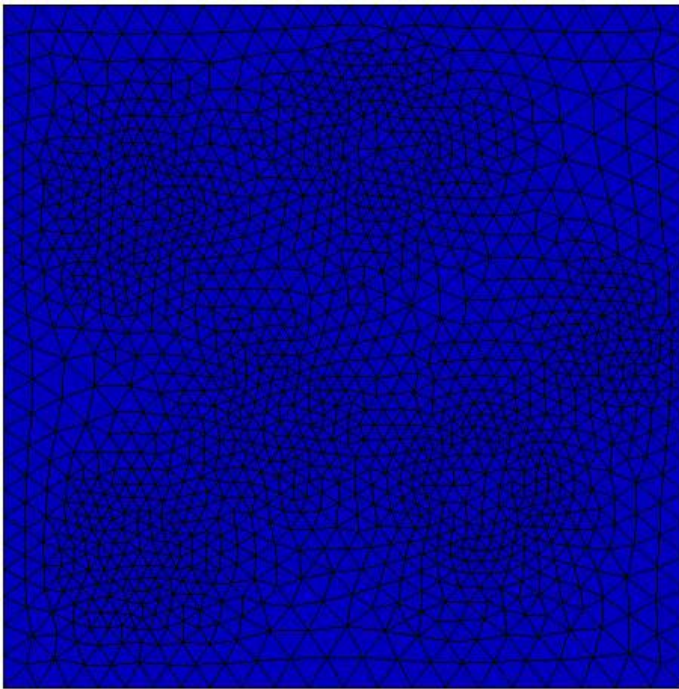
■ Neo-Hookean Hyperelastic

● Filler: hard rubber ( $E^{\text{initial}} = 100 \text{ GPa}$ ,  $\nu^{\text{initial}} = 0.49$ )

● Matrix: soft rubber ( $E^{\text{initial}} = 1 \text{ GPa}$ ,  $\nu^{\text{initial}} = 0.49$ )

# Tension of 2D Filler Particle Composite

## 2D Result



The deformation seems to be valid.  
After 1.8 m disp.,  
analysis is stopped due to mesh rezoning error.



# Summary

# Take-Home Messages

1. Our modified selective S-FEM with triangular or tetrahedral elements is locking free and very easy to implement.
2. The accuracy of our method is almost the same as C3D4H of ABAQUS, which is one of the current best hybrid elements.
3. Our S-FEM goes well together with mesh rezoning.

# Summary and Future Work

## Summary

- A new static-implicit mesh rezoning method for severely large deformation analysis is proposed.
- It adopts our modified selective S-FEM, which separates stress into deviatoric part and hydrostatic part.
- Its accuracy are verified with hyperelastic material and elasto-plastic material.

## Future Work

- Explicit dynamic simulation for safety engineering (e.g., car crash simulation)
- Local mesh rezoning
- Apply to contact forming, crack propagation, etc.

Thank you for your kind attention.

I appreciate your question **in slow and easy English!!**

