

# Performance Evaluation of Various Smoothed Finite Element Methods with Tetrahedral Elements in Large Deformation **Dynamic** Analysis

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# Goal and Requirements

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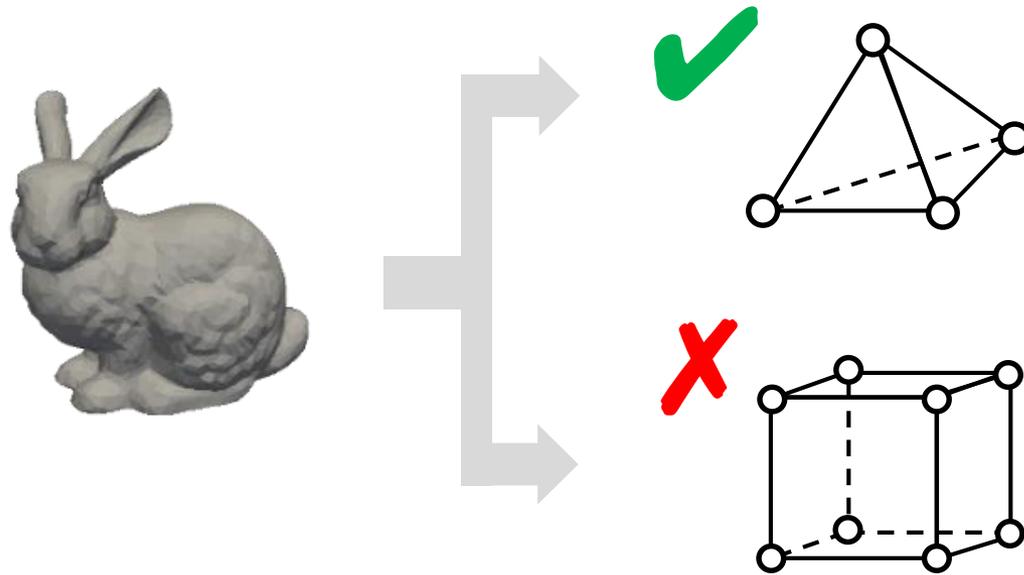
To analyze **large deformation dynamic problems for rubber-like materials**

For such analysis, these 3 properties are required.

- (1) Being applied to **4-noded Tet (T4) elements**
- (2) Stability even in **Nearly incompressible materials**
- (3) Being directly applied to **Explicit Dynamics**

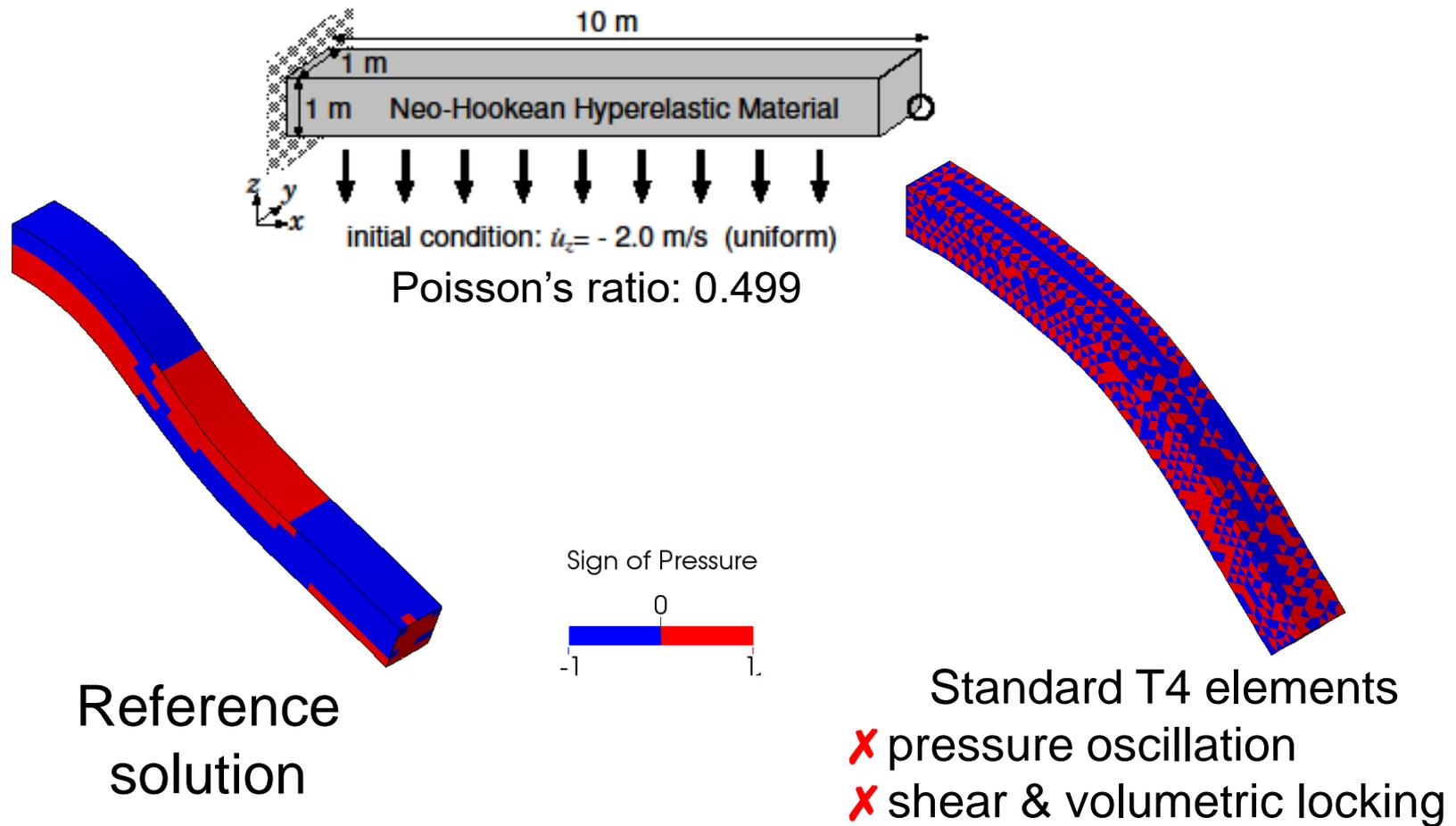
# Requirements (1 of 3): T4 elements

Arbitrary shapes cannot be meshed into good-quality Hex elements automatically.



- Intermediate nodes cause bad-accuracy in Large deformation problem.
- **First-order Tet elements (T4)** are preferred for such analysis.

# Requirements (2 of 3): Stability for rubber-like materials



In FE analysis for rubber-like materials,  
**Pressure oscillation & Locking** easily arise.

# Requirements (3 of 3): **Explicit dynamics**

## 2 types of time integration scheme

1. Implicit is suitable for long-term problems
2. **Explicit** is suitable for short-term problems

- u/p hybrid formulations cannot be easily applied to explicit dynamics.
- **General methods of explicit dynamics for rubber like materials have not been established !**
- The advantage of S-FEM is to be directly applied to explicit dynamics

# Objective

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To evaluate the performance of competitive **S-FEMs**

- **Selective ES/NS-FEM**
- **F-barES-FEM**

in explicit dynamics for nearly incompressible materials.

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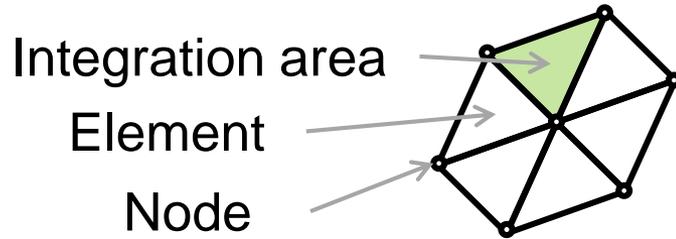
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# Methods

Selective ES/NS-FEM  
F-barES-FEM

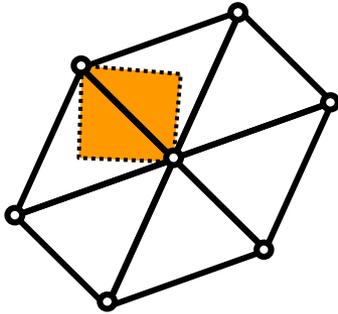
# Quick review of S-FEM

## Standard FEM



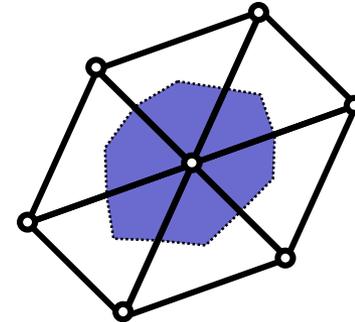
Nodal forces are calculated by summing up of each elements'

## Smoothed-FEM (S-FEM)



**ES-FEM** sums up each *Edge* values.

- ✓ High accuracy in isovolumetric part without shear locking



**NS-FEM** sums up each *Node* values.

- ✓ High accuracy in volumetric part with little pressure oscillation

# Selective ES/NS-FEM (1 of 2)

Cauchy stress tensor  $T$  is derived as

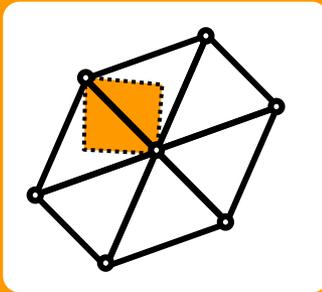
$$T = T^{\text{dev}} + T^{\text{hyd}}$$

# Selective ES/NS-FEM (2 of 2)

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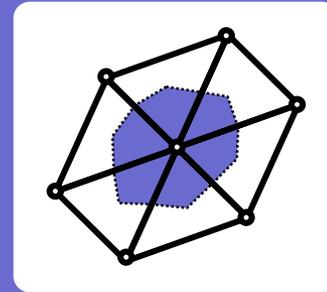
## Deviatoric part



Like a ES-FEM

1. Shear locking free

## Hydrostatic-pressure part



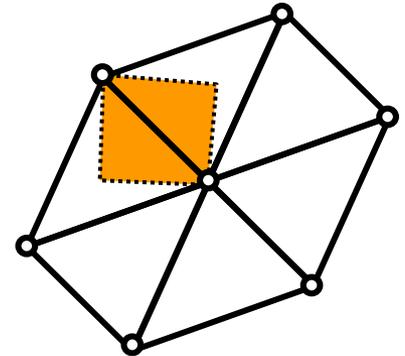
Like a NS-FEM

2. Little pressure oscillation
3. Volumetric locking free

# F-bar ES-FEM (1 of 3)

Deformation gradient of **each edge**,  $\bar{\mathbf{F}}$  is derived as

$$\bar{\mathbf{F}} = \tilde{\mathbf{F}}^{\text{iso}} \cdot \bar{\mathbf{F}}^{\text{vol}}$$



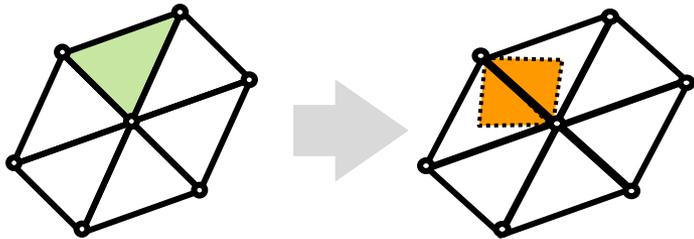
ES-FEM

# F-barES-FEM (2 of 3)

Each part of  $\bar{F}$  is calculated as

$$\bar{F} = \tilde{F}^{\text{iso}} \cdot \bar{F}^{\text{vol}}$$

## Isovolumetric part

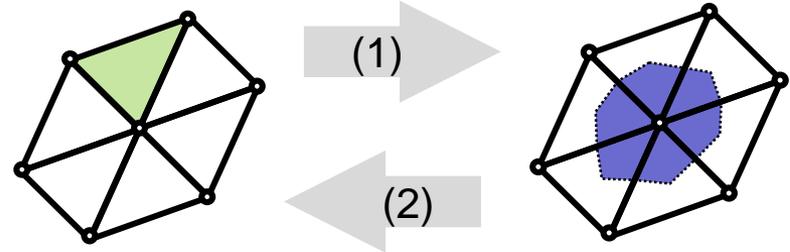


Smoothing the value of adjacent elements.



The same manner as  
ES-FEM

## Volumetric part



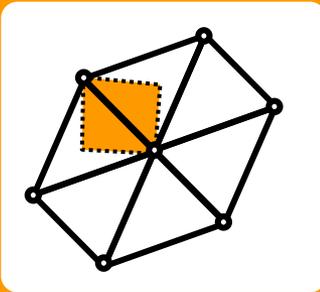
- (1) Calculating node's value by smoothing the value of adjacent elements
- (2) Calculating elements' value by smoothing the value of adjacent nodes
- (3) Repeating (1) and (2) a few times

# F-bar ES-FEM (3 of 3)

This formulation is designed to have 3 advantages.

$$\bar{\mathbf{F}} = \tilde{\mathbf{F}}^{\text{iso}} \cdot \bar{\mathbf{F}}^{\text{vol}}$$

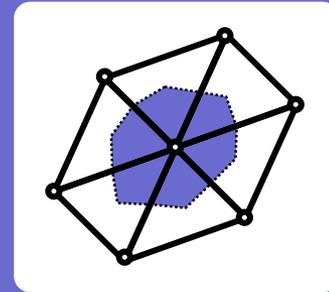
Isovolumetric part



Like a ES-FEM

1. Shear locking free

Volumetric part



Like a NS-FEM

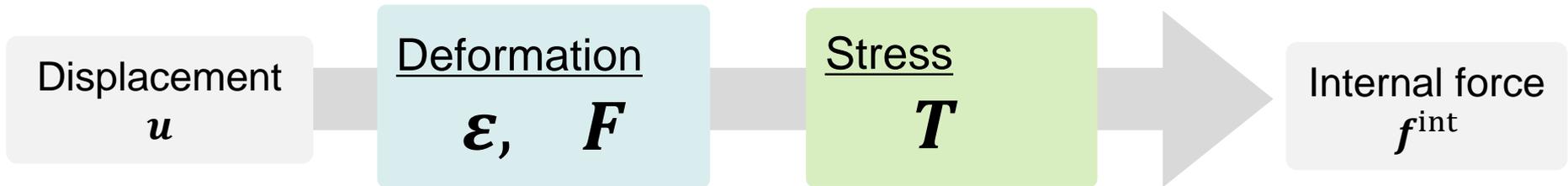
2. Little pressure oscillation

3. Volumetric locking free  
with the aid of F-bar method



# Characteristics of S-FEMs

**Selective ES/NS-FEM** decomposes this part  
✗ Constitutive models are restricted



**F-barES-FEM** decomposes this part.  
✗ Stiffness matrix becomes asymmetric

Both of S-FEMs have disadvantages...

# Equation to solve

## Equation of Motion

$$[M]\{\ddot{u}\} = \{f^{\text{ext}}\} - \{f^{\text{int}}\},$$

Internal force vector is calculated as

## Selective ES/NS-FEM

$$\{f^{\text{int}}\} = \sum_{\text{Edge}} [\tilde{B}^{\text{Edge}}] \{\tilde{T}^{\text{dev}}\}_V + \sum_{\text{Node}} [\tilde{B}^{\text{Node}}] \{\tilde{T}^{\text{hyd}}\}_V$$

Dev. parts are derived from **ES-FEM**

Hyd. parts are derived from **NS-FEM**

## F-barES-FEM

$$\{f^{\text{int}}\} = \sum_{\text{Edge}} [\tilde{B}^{\text{Edge}}] \{\bar{T}\}_V$$

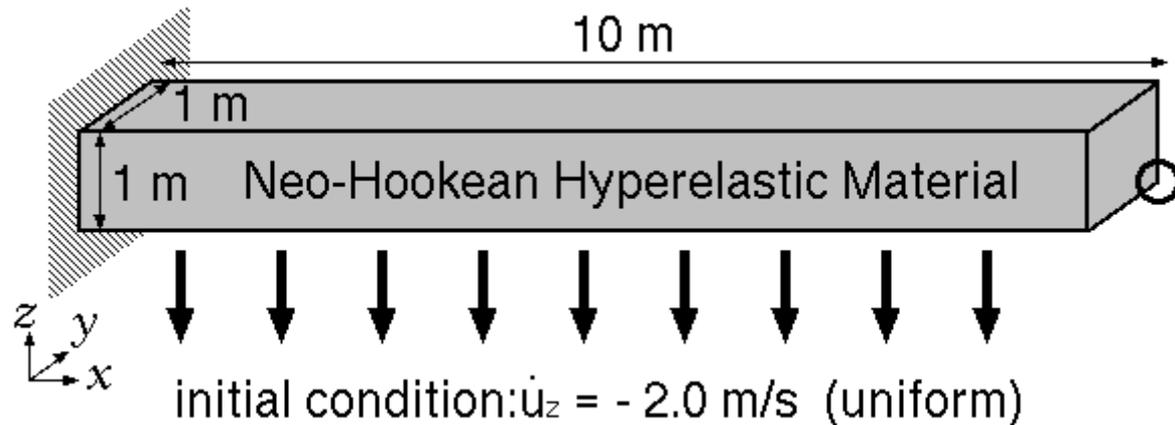
B-matrix of **ES-FEM**

Stress derived from  $\bar{F}$

Definition of  $\{f^{\text{int}}\}$  in the same fashion as **F-bar method**

# Result & Discussion

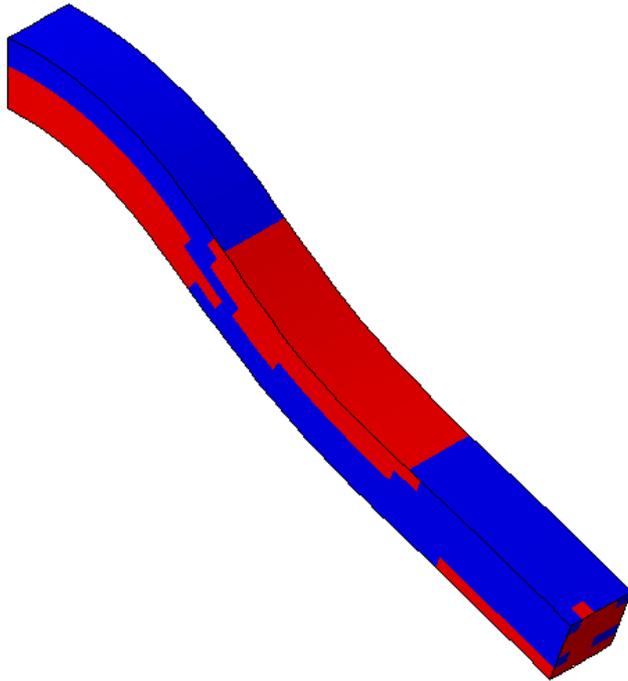
# Bending of a cantilever



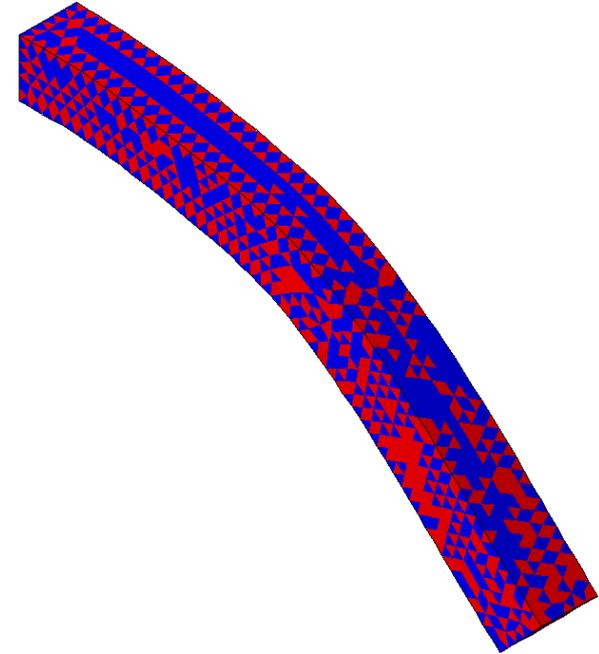
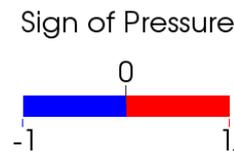
- **Dynamic explicit** analysis.
- Neo-Hookean material
  - Initial Young's modulus: 6.0 MPa,
  - Initial Poisson's ratio: 0.499,
  - Density: 10000 kg/m<sup>3</sup>.
- Compare the results of S-FEMs with Selective H8 (ABAQUS/Explicit C3D8) elements.

# Result of Standard T4 elements

at  $t = 1.5$  s



ABAQUS/Explicit  
C3D8  
(Reference)

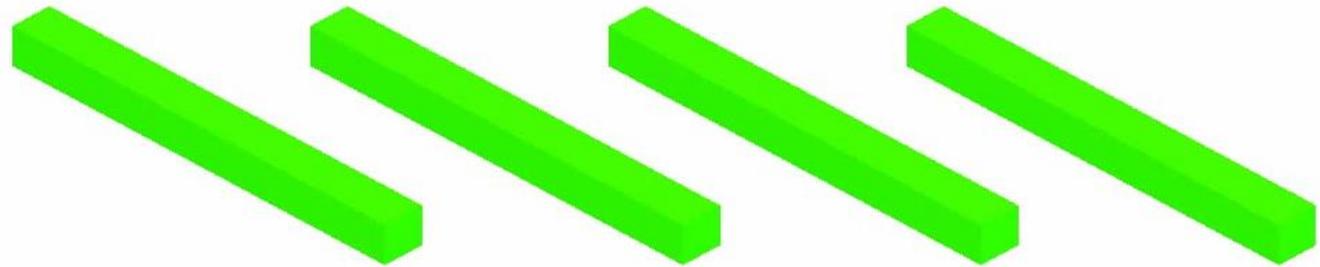
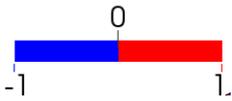


Standard T4 element  
× pressure oscillation  
× locking

The result of standard T4 elements is useless...

# Time history of deformed shapes

Sign of Pressure



ABAQUS/Explicit  
C3D8  
Reference

Selective  
ES/NS-FEM

F-barES-FEM  
(2)

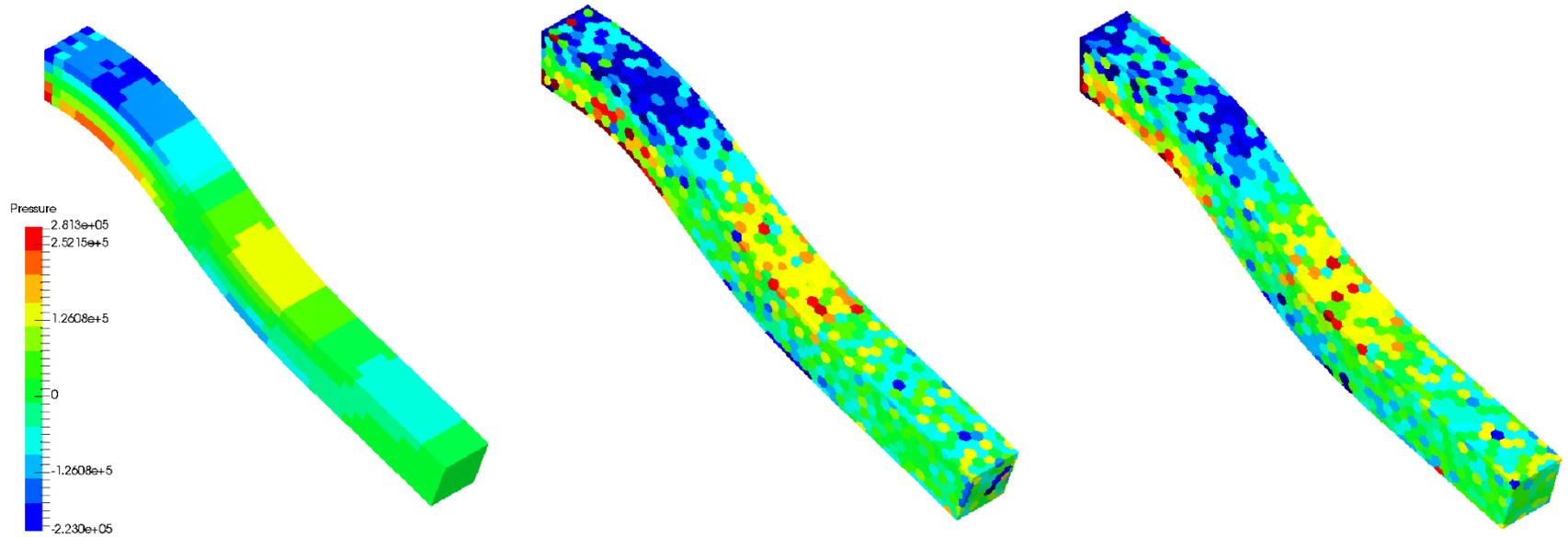
NS-FEM

- All of S-FEMs are locking free.
- **F-barES-FEM** shows good result in earlier stage but gets worse in later stage.
- **Selective ES/NS-FEM** and NS-FEM cannot suppress pressure oscillation...



# Deformed shapes and pressure distributions

at  $t = 1.5$  s



ABAQUS/Explicit  
C3D8  
(Reference)

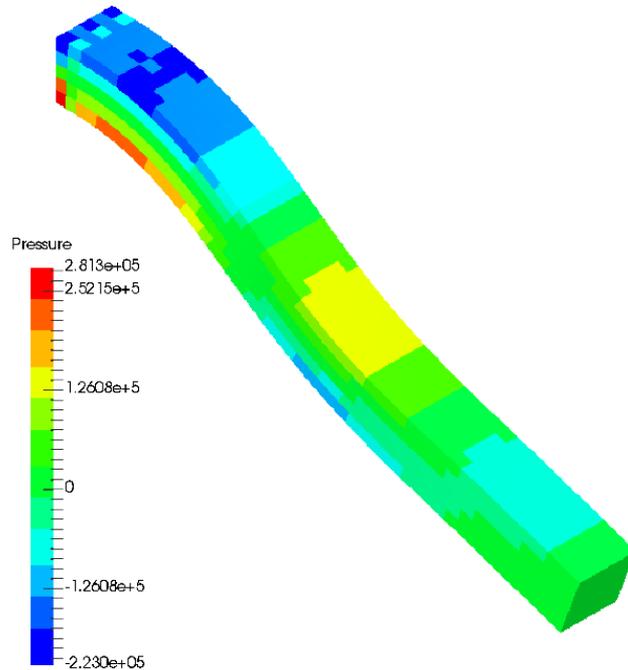
Selective  
ES/NS-FEM

NS-FEM

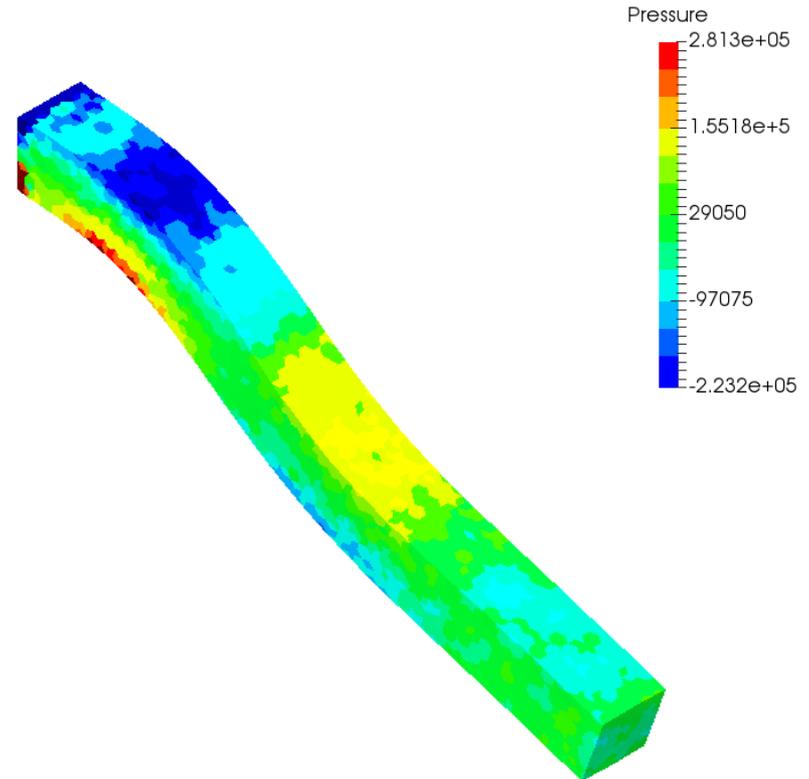
**Selective ES/NS-FEM** and **NS-FEM** cannot suppress pressure oscillation due to the insufficient smoothing.

# Deformed shapes and pressure distributions

at  $t = 1.5$  s



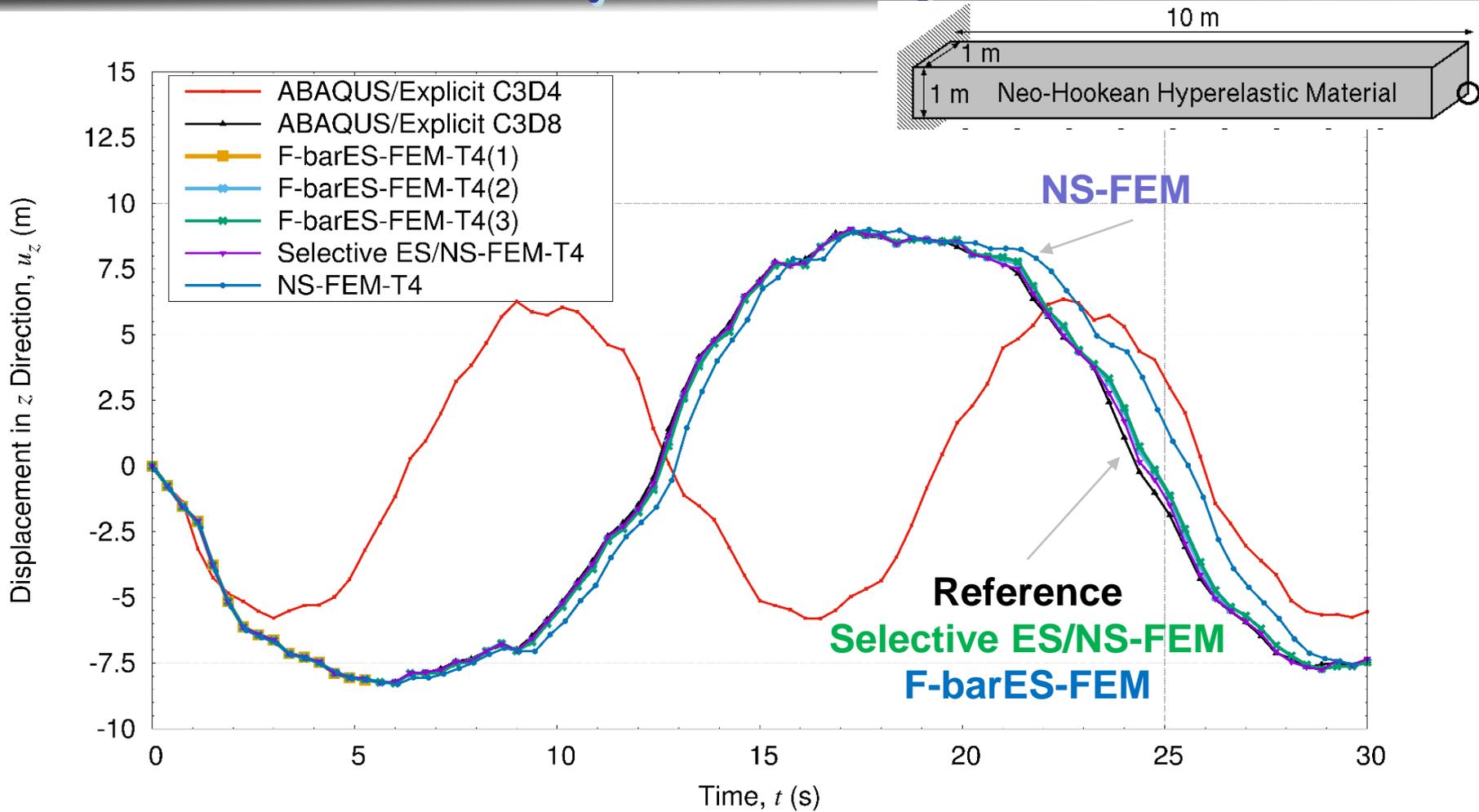
ABAQUS/Explicit C3D8  
(Selective H8 element)  
**Reference**



**F-barES-FEM(2)**

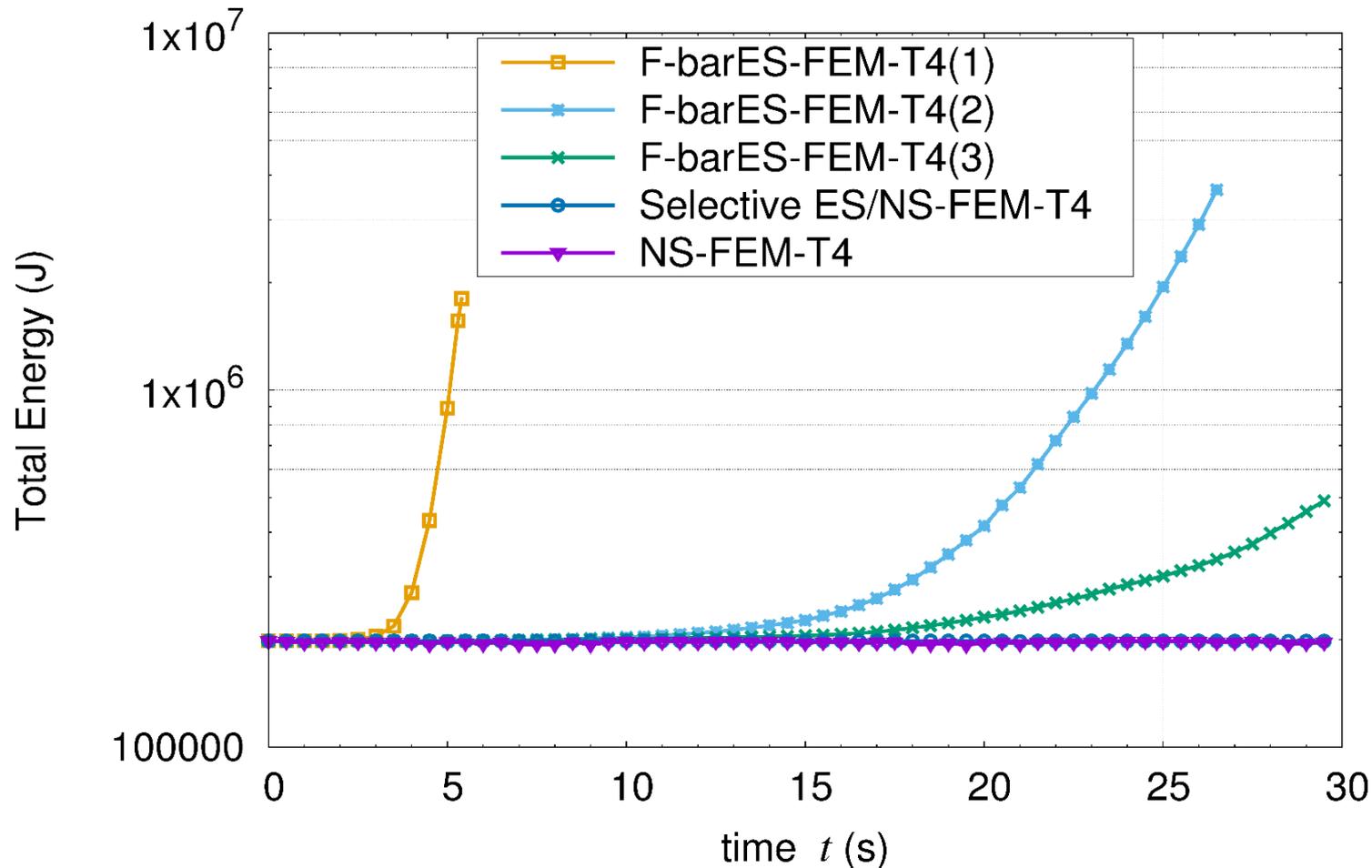
**F-barES-FEM(2)** is comparable to Selective H8 element!

# Time history of displacement



- **NS-FEM** shows slightly soft result.
- **Selective ES/NS-FEM** and **F-barES-FEM** agree with the reference.

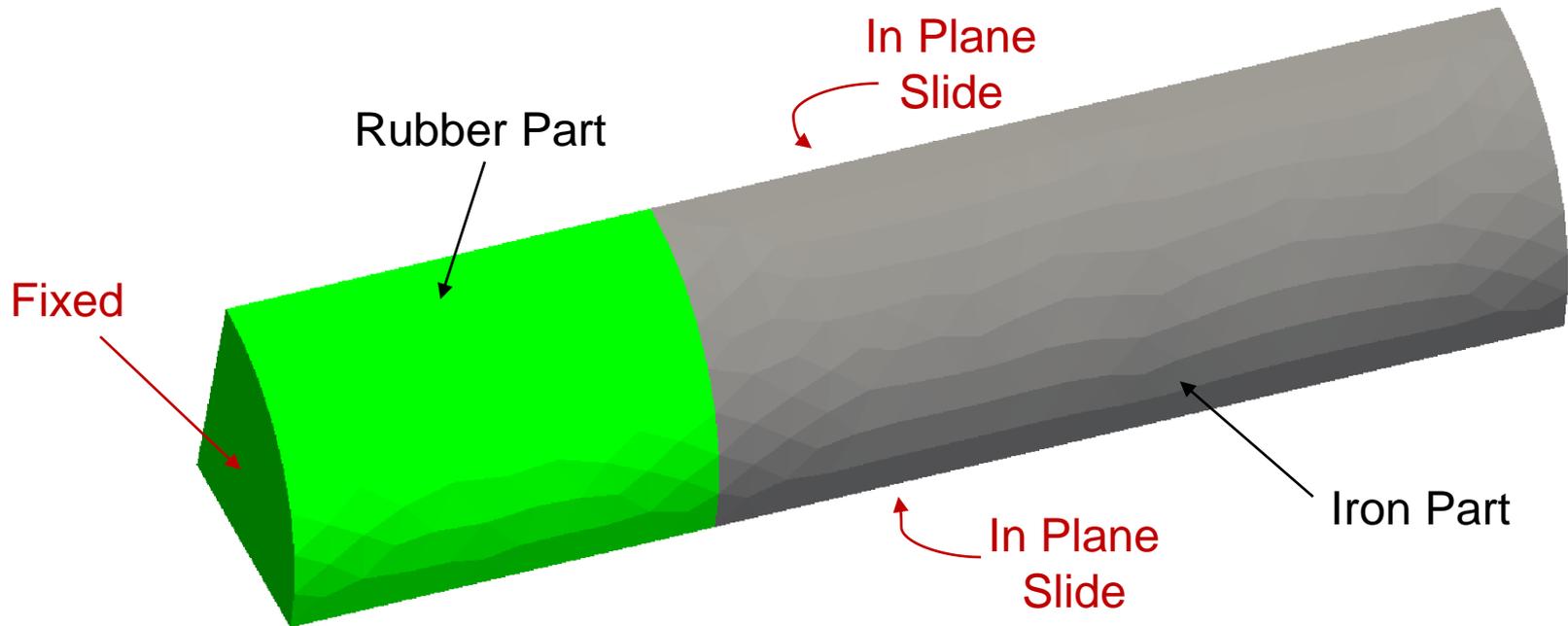
# Time history of total energy



- **F-barES-FEM** causes **energy divergences** in earlier stage...
- Increasing the number of smoothings suppresses the speed of divergence.

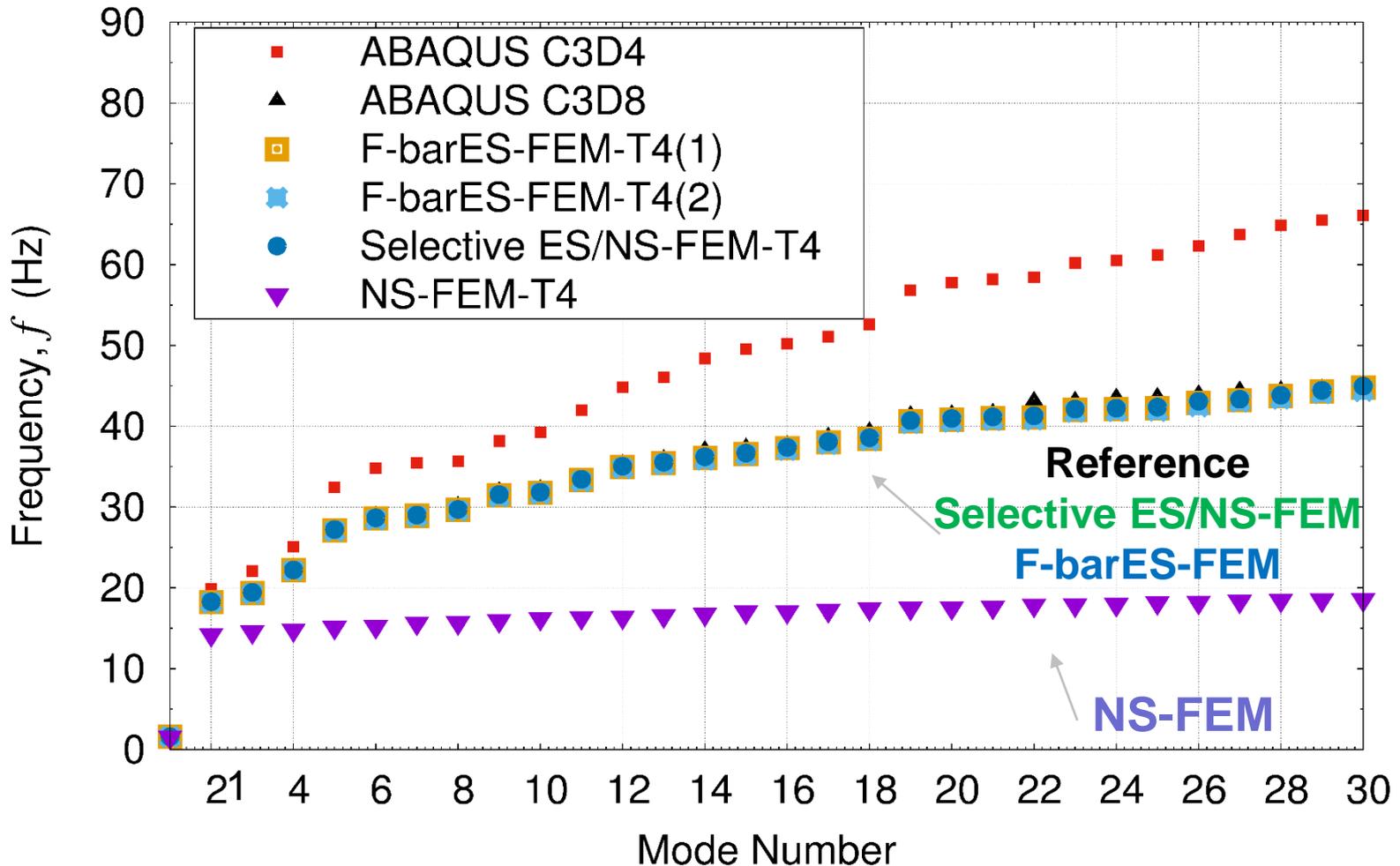
# Natural Modes of $\frac{1}{4}$ Cylinder

## Outline



- Iron part:  $E_{ini} = 200$  GPa,  $\nu_{ini} = 0.3$ ,  $\rho = 7800$  kg/m<sup>3</sup>, Elastic, **No cyclic smoothing.**
- Rubber part:  $E_{ini} = 6$  MPa,  $\nu_{ini} = 0.499$ ,  $\rho = 920$  kg/m<sup>3</sup>, Elastic, **1 or 2 cycles of smoothing.**
- Compare S-FEMs with ABAQUS C3D4 and C3D8.

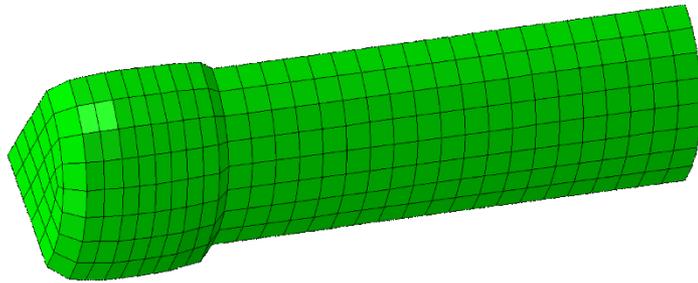
# Natural frequencies of each mode



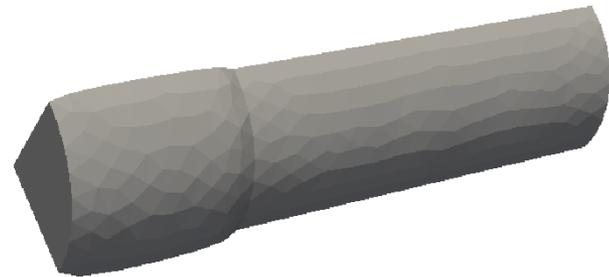
**NS-FEM** shows bad results due to spurious low-energy modes.

**Selective ES/NS-FEM** and **F-barES-FEM** agree with the reference.

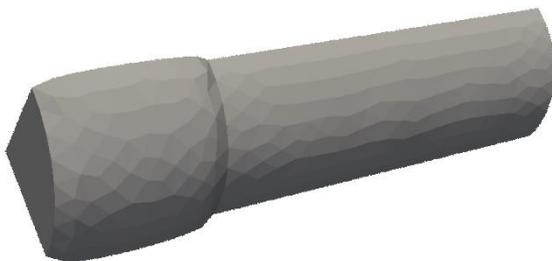
# 1<sup>st</sup> mode shapes



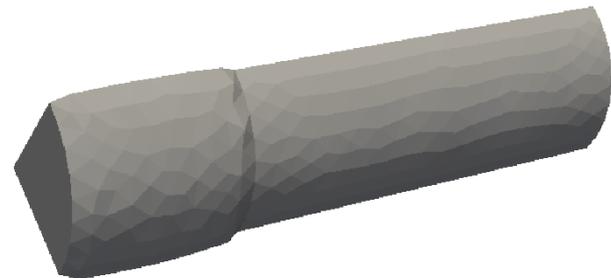
ABAQUS C3D8  
(Reference)



Selective ES/NS-FEM



F-bar ES-FEM(2)

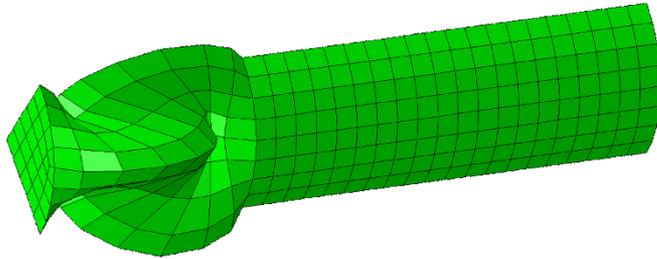


NS-FEM

1<sup>st</sup> mode shapes also agree with the reference solutions.



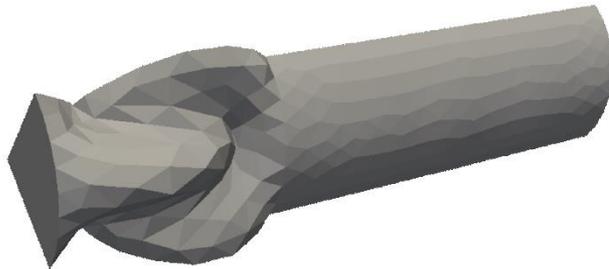
# 11<sup>th</sup> mode shapes



ABAQUS C3D8  
(Reference)



Selective ES/NS-FEM



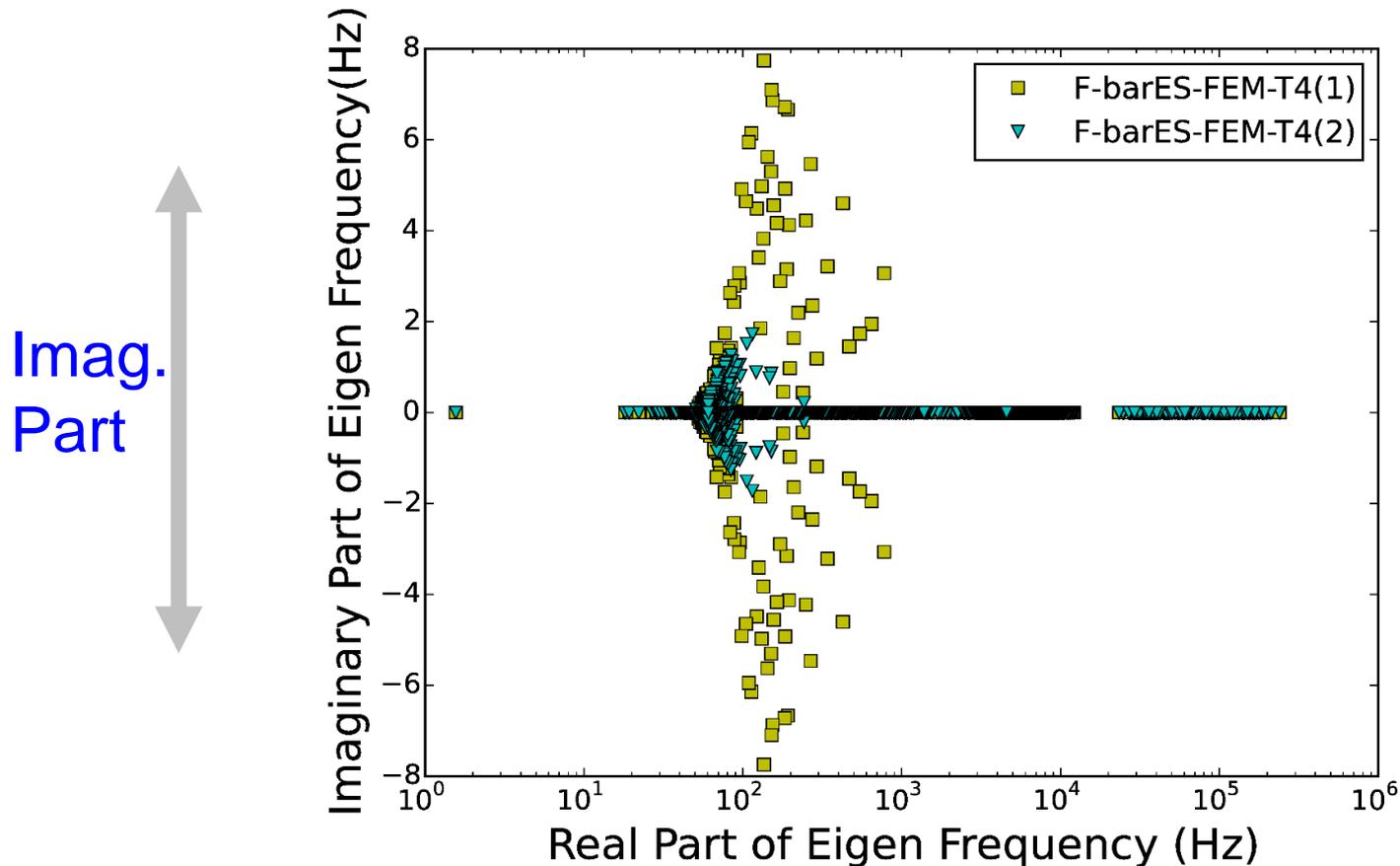
F-barES-FEM(2)



NS-FEM  
spurious low-energy mode

**NS-FEM** shows spurious low-energy mode!

# Distributions of natural frequencies of F-barES-FEM



Some natural frequencies have small **imaginary part**...

Increasing the number of smoothings makes the frequencies close to real numbers.

# Cause of energy divergence

Due to the adoption of F-bar method,  
the stiffness matrix  $[K]$  becomes asymmetric.

Equation of Motion:  $[M]\{\ddot{x}\} + [K]\{x\} = \{f^{\text{ext}}\}$

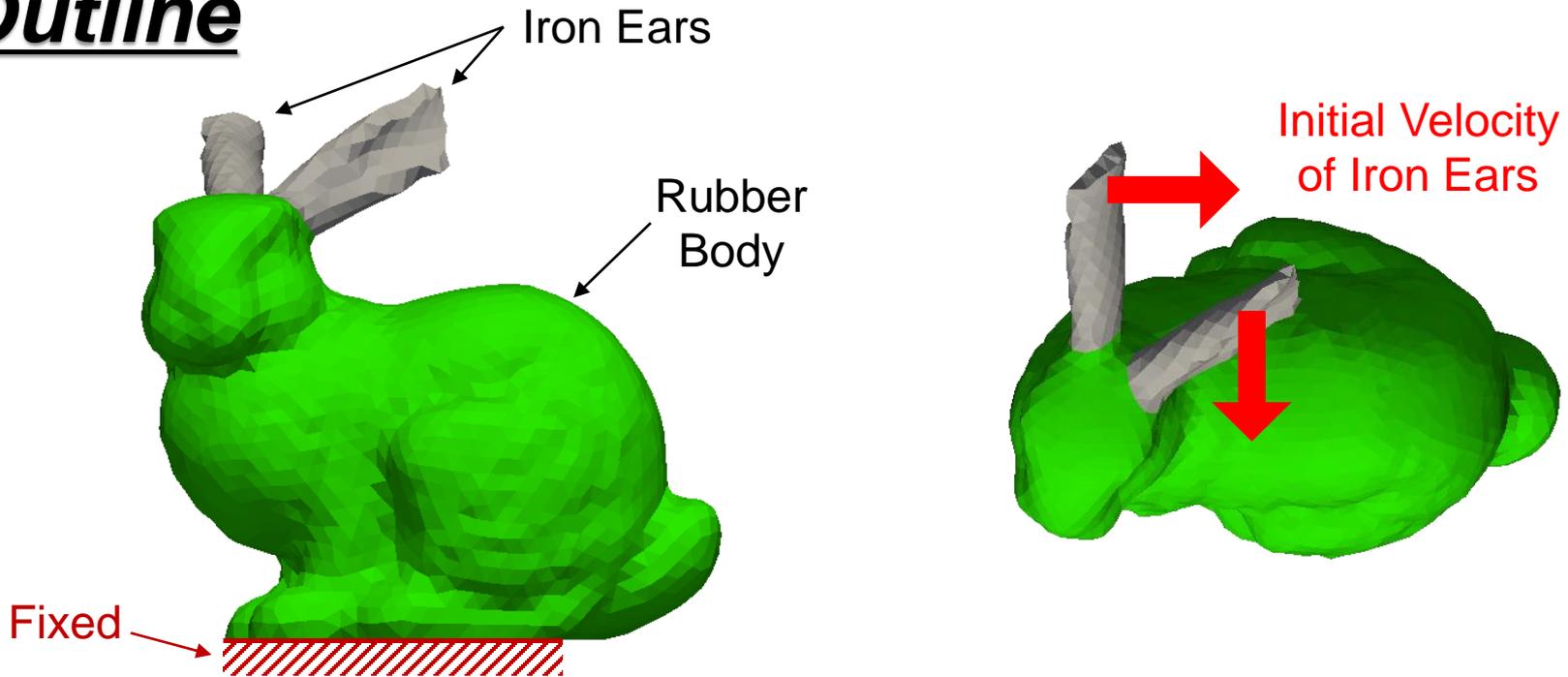
asymmetric

- Asymmetric stiffness matrix gives rise to **imaginary part** of natural frequencies and **instability in dynamic problem**.
- As shown before, increasing the number of smoothings suppress the energy divergence speed.

**F-barES-FEM** is restricted to **short-term analysis** (such as impact analysis) with a sufficient number of smoothings.

# Swinging of Bunny Ears

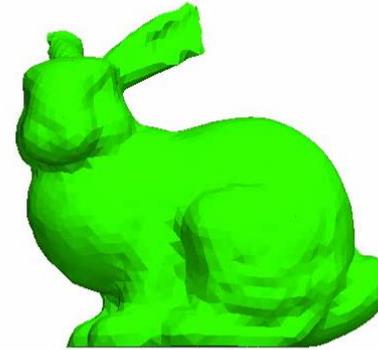
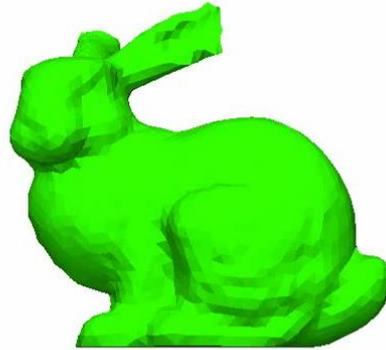
## Outline



- Iron ears:  $E_{ini} = 200$  GPa,  $v_{ini} = 0.3$ ,  $\rho = 7800$  kg/m<sup>3</sup>, Neo-Hookean, **No cyclic smoothing.**
- Rubber body:  $E_{ini} = 6$  MPa,  $v_{ini} = 0.49$ ,  $\rho = 920$  kg/m<sup>3</sup>, Neo-Hookean, **1 cycle of smoothing.**
- Compared to ABAQUS/Explicit C3D4. **No Hex mesh available!**

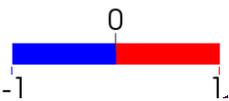
# Time histories of deformed shapes

✗ Pressure oscillation



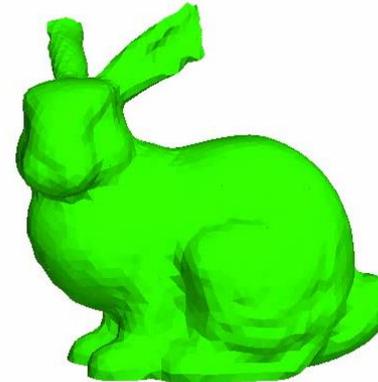
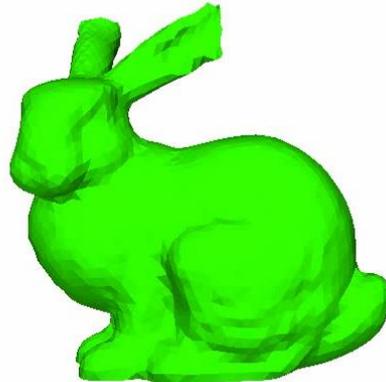
✓ Pressure waves

Sign of Pressure



ABAQUS/Explicit C3D4 **Selective ES/NS-FEM**

✗ Pressure oscillation



✗ Pressure oscillation  
✗ suspension in an early stage

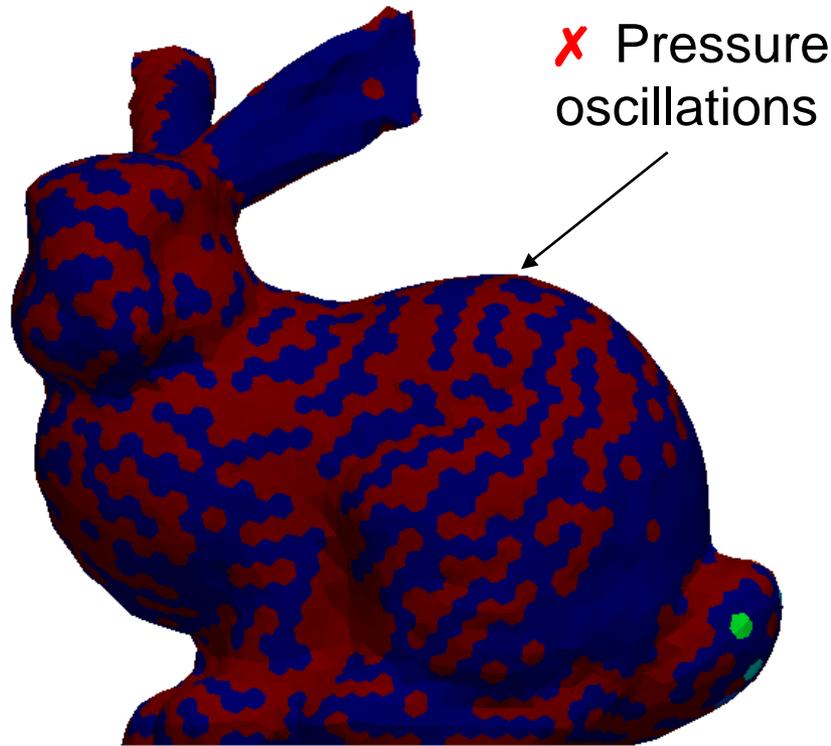
**F-barES-FEM**

**NS-FEM**

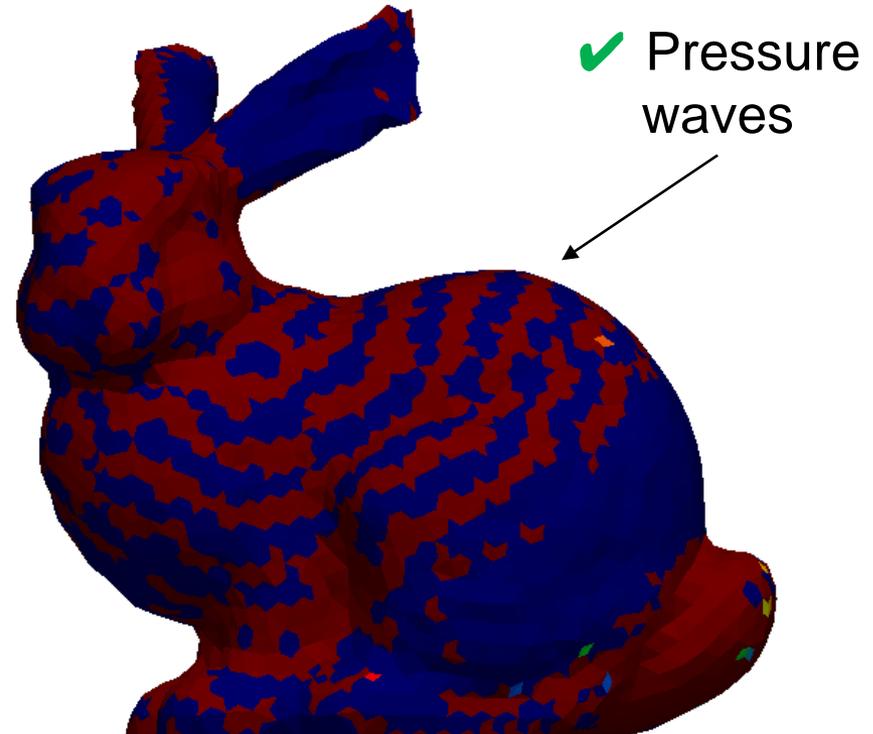
Only F-barES-FEM seems to be representing not pressure oscillations but pressure waves.

# Deformed shapes and sign of pressure

In an early stage



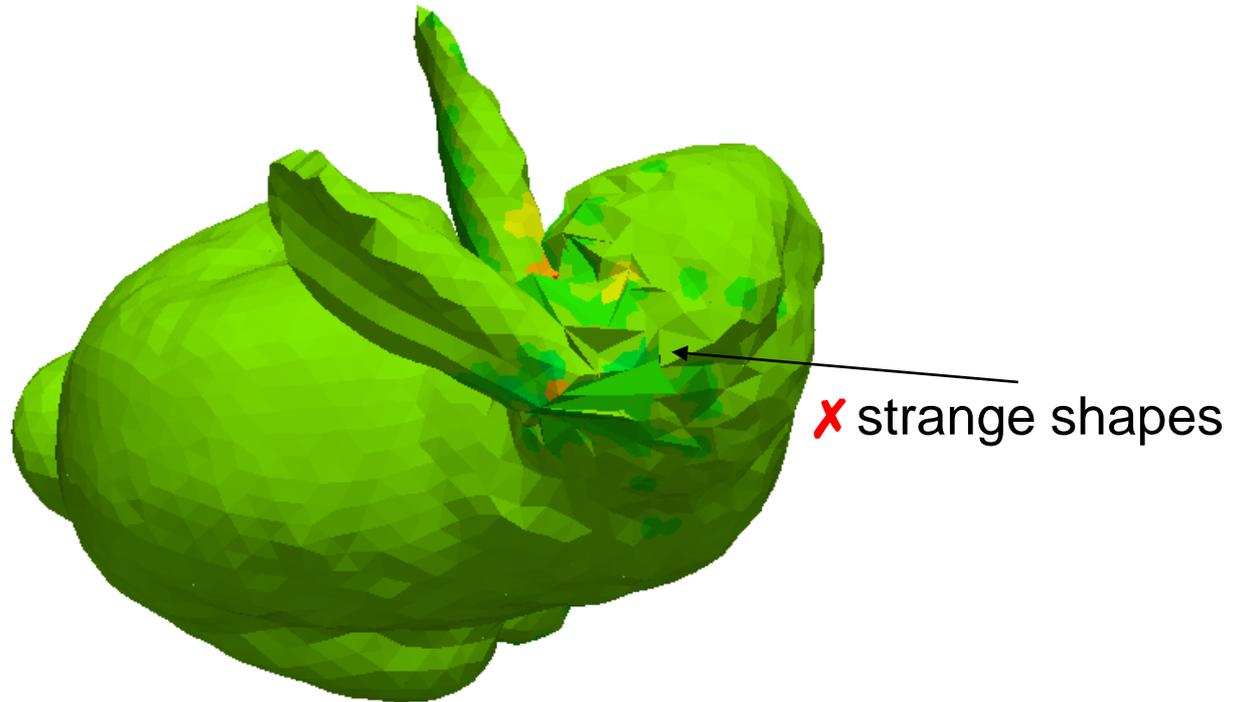
Selective ES/NS-FEM



F-barES-FEM

**F-barES-FEM** represents pressure waves correctly!

# Deformed shapes and pressure distributions



NS-FEM

**NS-FEM** shows strange shapes in large deformed part

# Summary

# Summary

Characteristics of S-FEMs are summarized like them.

## Selective ES/NS-FEM

- Dynamic: with little pressure oscillation, temporary stable.
- Modal : high accuracy
- Constitutive equations are restricted.

## F-barES-FEM

- Dynamic: **with no pressure oscillation, temporary unstable.**
- Modal : high accuracy, imaginary part of natural frequencies.
- It is restricted to short-term analysis.

Thank you for your kind attention.

# Appendix



# B-barES-FEM

## F-barES-FEM

$$\{f^{\text{int}}\} = \sum_{\text{Edge}} [\tilde{B}^{\text{Edge}}] \{\bar{T}\} V$$

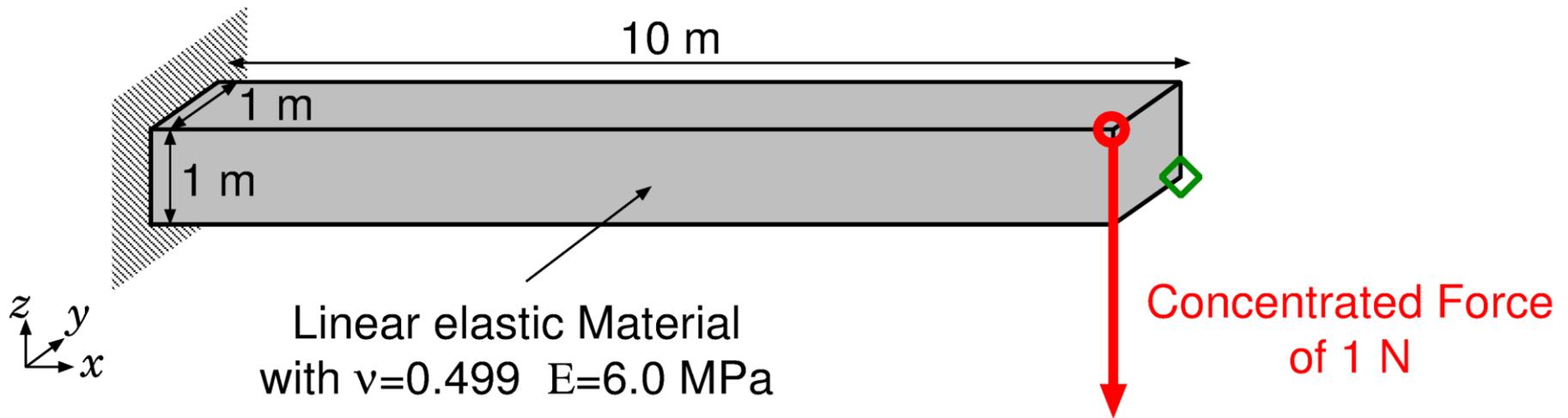
derived from **ES-FEM**

derived from  $\bar{F}$

## B-barES-FEM

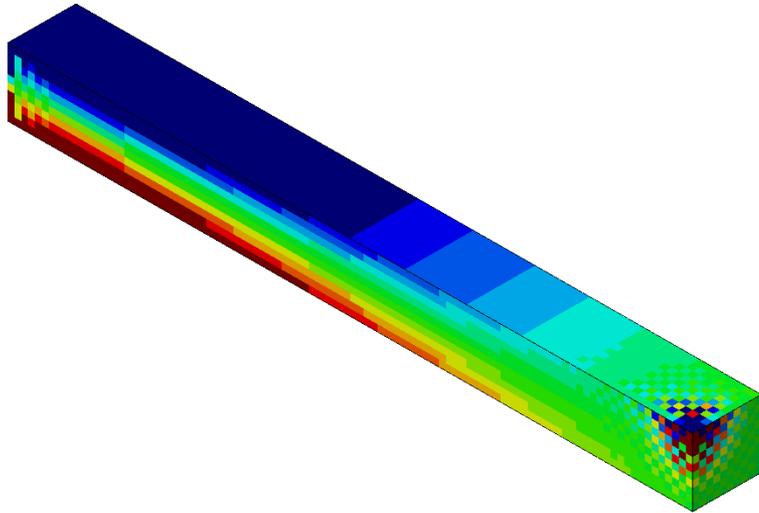
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# Cantilever Bending Analysis

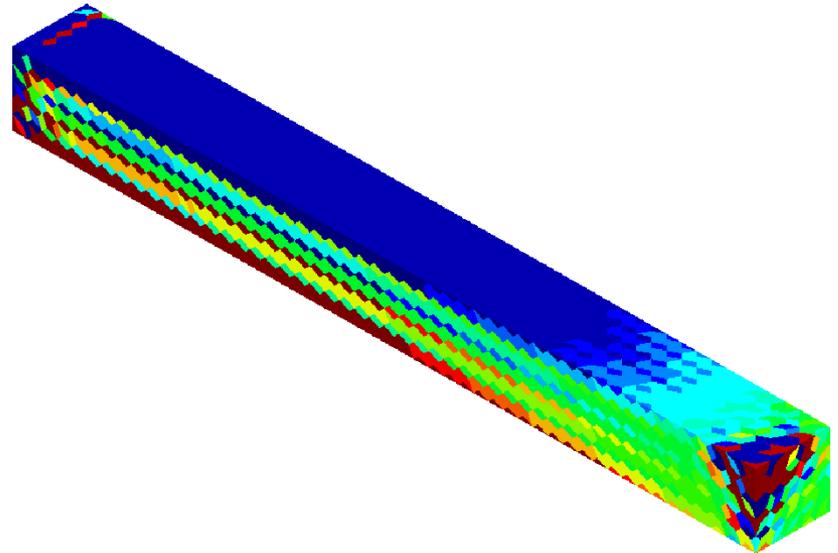


- Small deformation static analysis
- Compare B-barES-FEM with ABAQUS C3D20H

# Pressure distributions

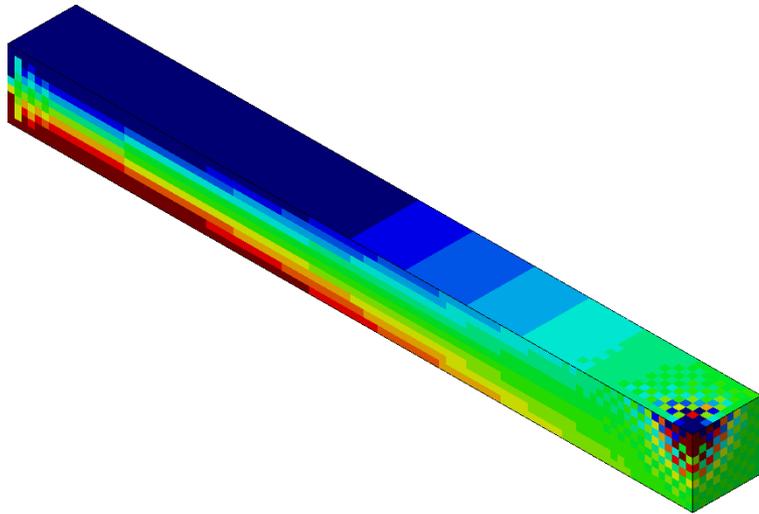


ABAQUS C3D20H  
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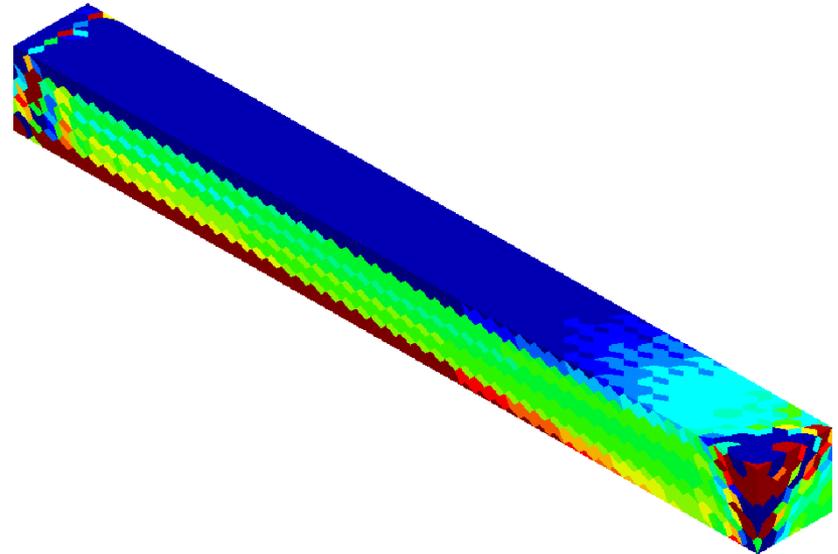


B-barES-FEM(1)  
Reference

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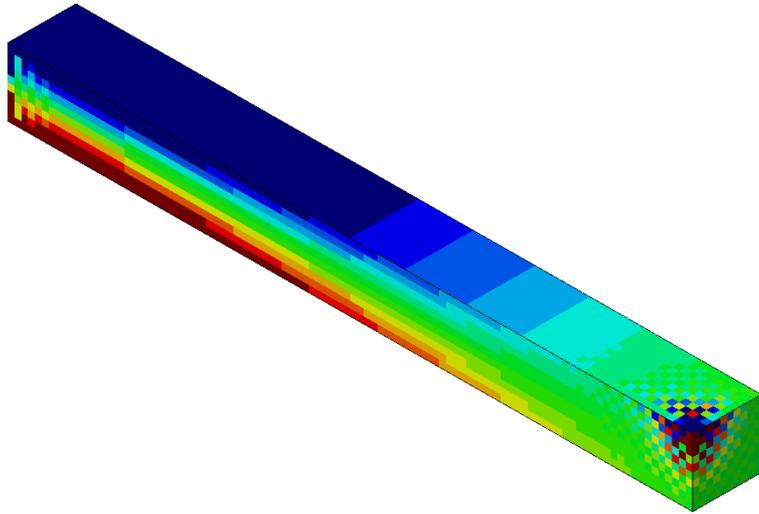


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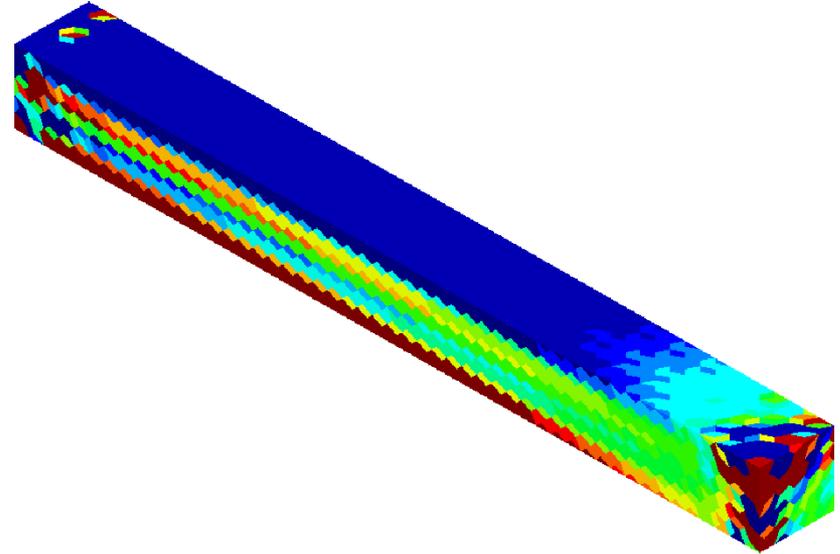


B-bar ES-FEM(2)  
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# Pressure distributions

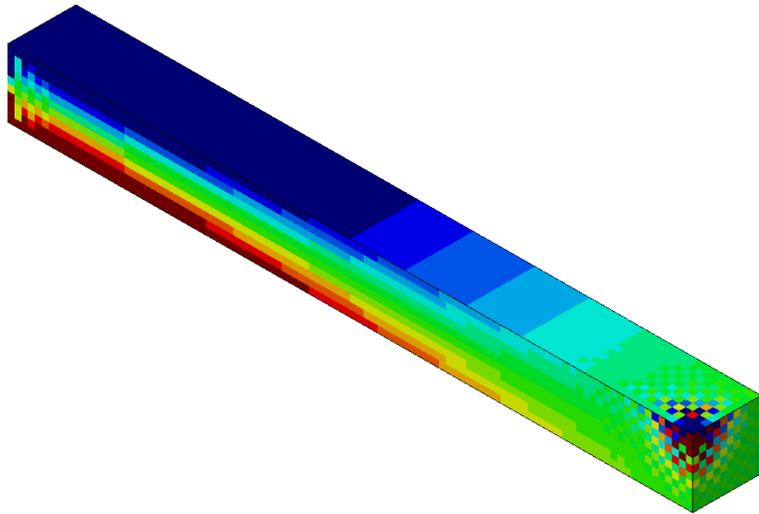


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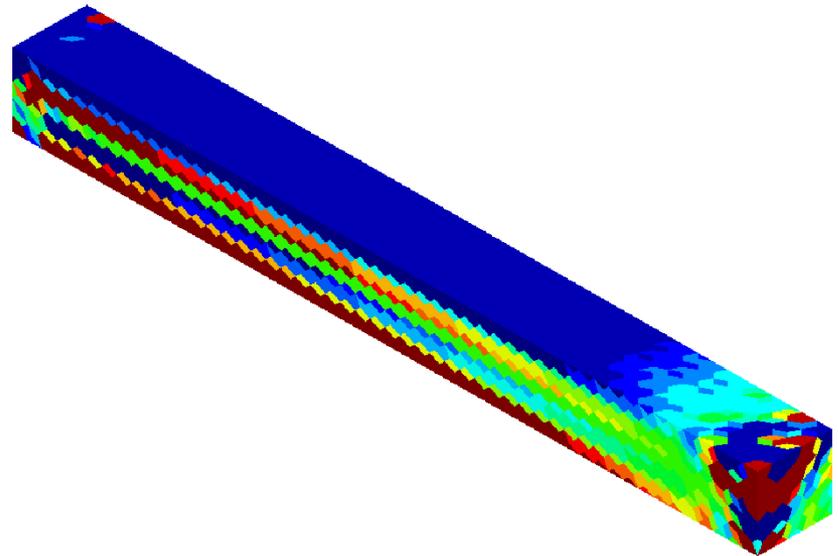


B-bar ES-FEM(3)  
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# Pressure distributions



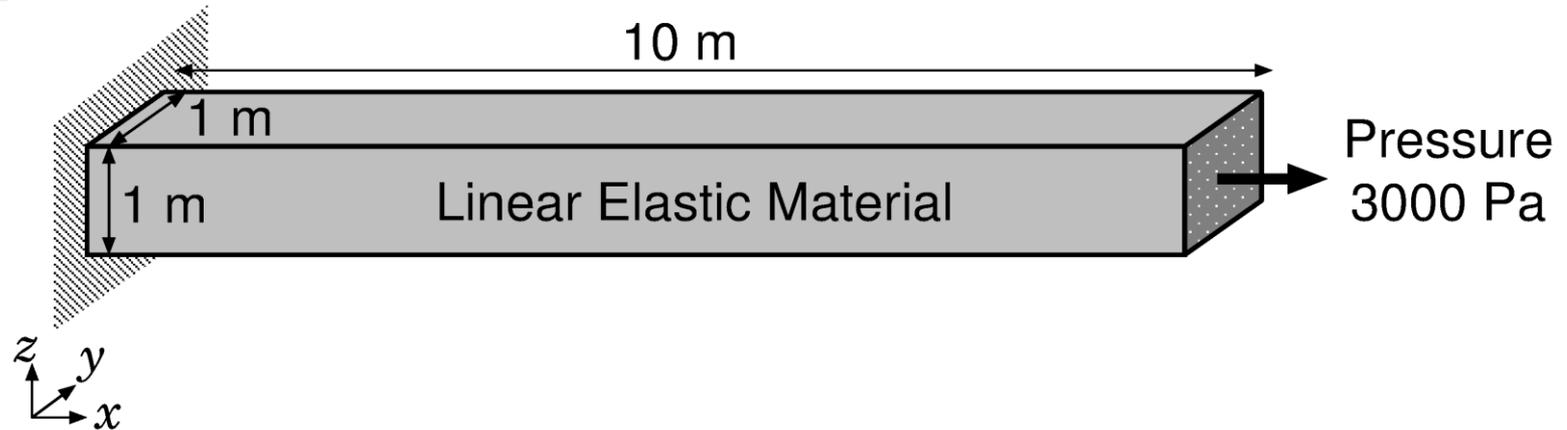
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B-barES-FEM(4)  
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# Propagation of 1D pressure wave

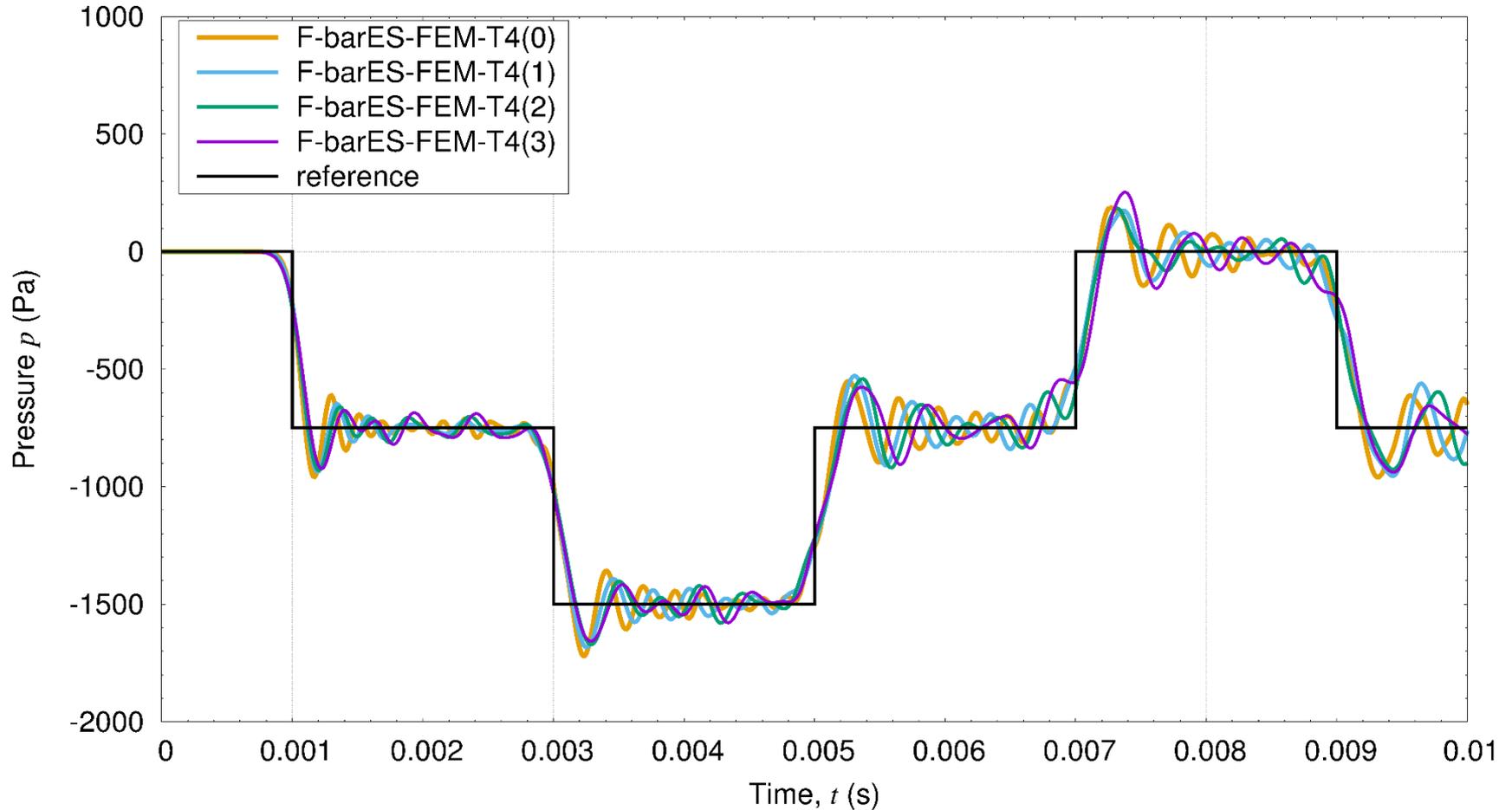
## Outline



- Small deformation analysis.
- Linear elastic material,
  - Young's modulus: 200 GPa,
  - Poisson's ratio: 0.0,
  - Density: 8000 kg/m<sup>3</sup>.
- Results of F-barES-FEM(0), (1), (2), and (3) are compared to the analytical solution.

# Propagation of 1D pressure wave

## Results



# Velocity Verlet Method

## Algorithm

1. Calculate the next displacement  $\{u_{n+1}\}$  as

$$\{u_{n+1}\} = \{u_n\} + \{\dot{u}_n\}\Delta t + \frac{1}{2}\{\ddot{u}_n\}\Delta t^2.$$

2. Calculate the next acceleration  $\{\ddot{u}_{n+1}\}$  as

$$\{\ddot{u}_{n+1}\} = [M^{-1}](\{f^{\text{ext}}\} - \{f^{\text{int}}(u_{n+1})\}).$$

3. Calculate the next velocity  $\{\dot{u}_{n+1}\}$  as

$$\{\dot{u}_{n+1}\} = \{\dot{u}_n\} + \{\ddot{u}_{n+1}\}\Delta t$$

## Characteristics

- 2<sup>nd</sup> order symplectic scheme in time.
- Less energy divergence.

# Cause of energy divergence

Due to the adoption of F-bar method,  
the stiffness matrix  $[K]$  becomes asymmetric  
and thus the dynamic system turns to unstable.

Equation of natural vibration,  $[M]\{\ddot{u}\} + [K]\{u\} = \{0\}$ ,  
derives an eigen equation,  $([M]^{-1}[K])\{u\} = \omega^2\{u\}$ ,  
which has asymmetric left-hand side matrix.

⇒ Some of eigen frequencies could be complex numbers.

⇒ When an angular frequency  $\omega_k = a + ib$  ( $b > 0$ ),  
the time variation of the  $k$ th mode is

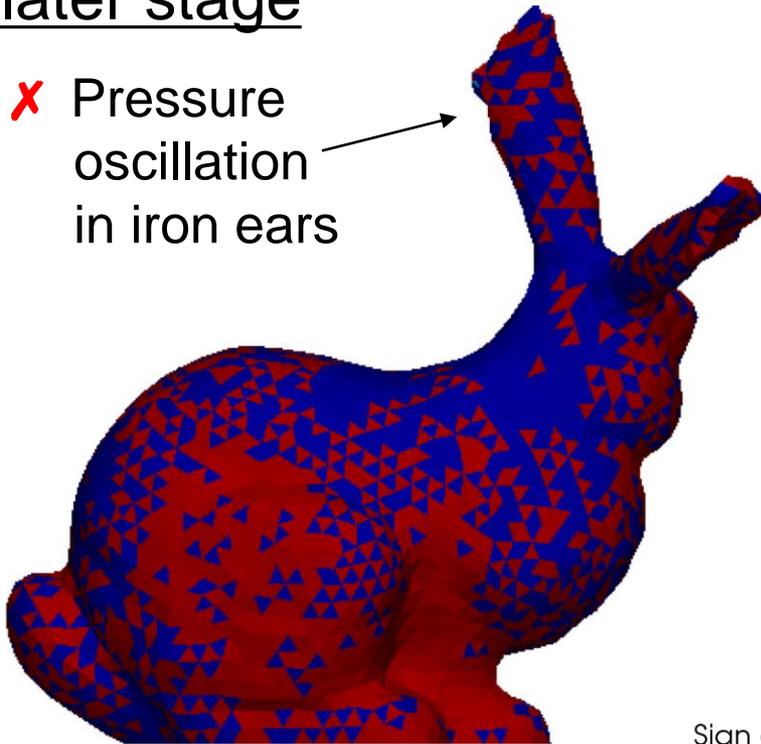
$$\begin{aligned}\{u(t)\} &= \text{Re}[\{u_k\} \exp(-i\omega_k t)] \\ &= \text{Re}[\{u_k\} \exp(-iat) \exp(bt)]\end{aligned}$$

Divergent term!

# Deformed shapes and sign of pressure

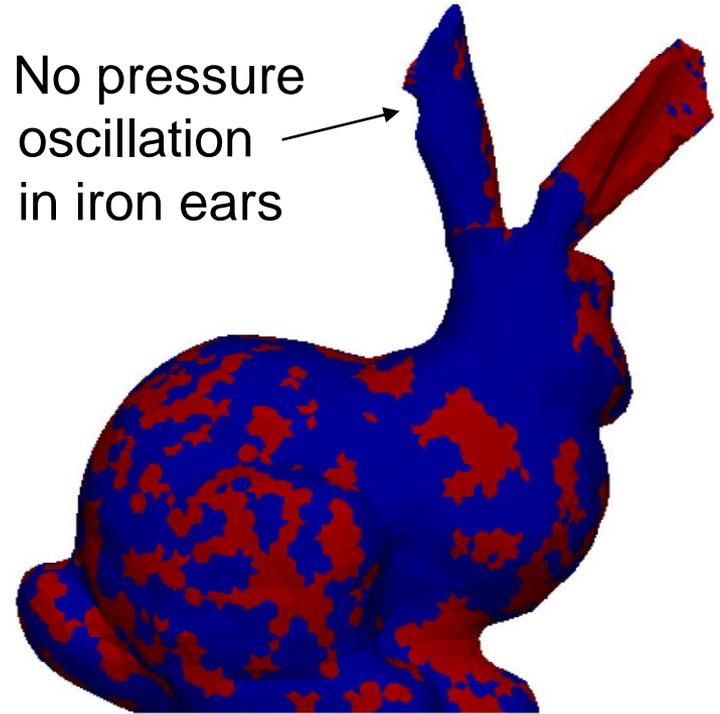
In a later stage

✗ Pressure oscillation in iron ears

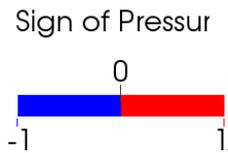


ABAQUS/Explicit C3D4  
(Standard T4 element)

✓ No pressure oscillation in iron ears



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It should be noted that a presence of rubber spoils over all accuracy of the analysis with Standard T4 elements.

A rubber parts is a “bad apple” when Standard T4 elements are used.