

**A Novel**  
**Smoothed Finite Element Formulation**  
**Based on the**  
**Implicit Incremental Equilibrium Equation**  
**for Large Deformation Analysis**  
**with Mesh Rezoning**

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# Motivation and Background

## Motivation

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

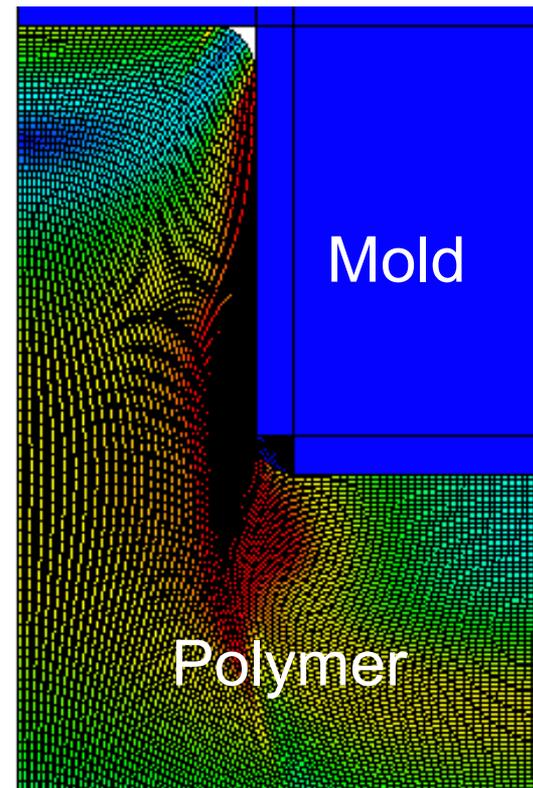
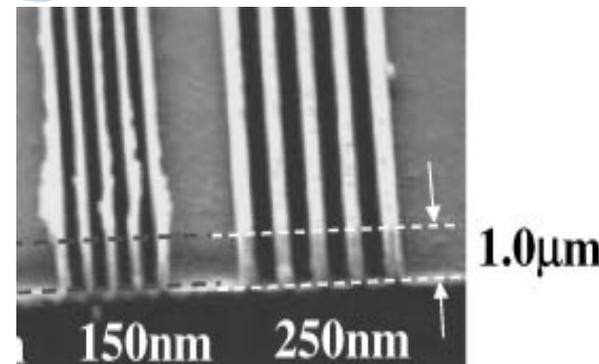
(Final target: thermal nanoimprinting)

## 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

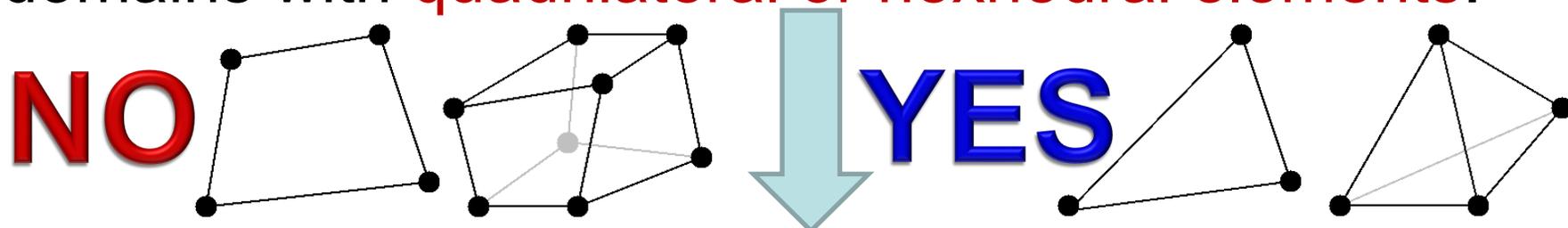
static-implicit  
large deformation  
analysis  
with  
mesh rezoning



# 2 Major Problems in Mesh Rezoning

## Problem 1: accuracy

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



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

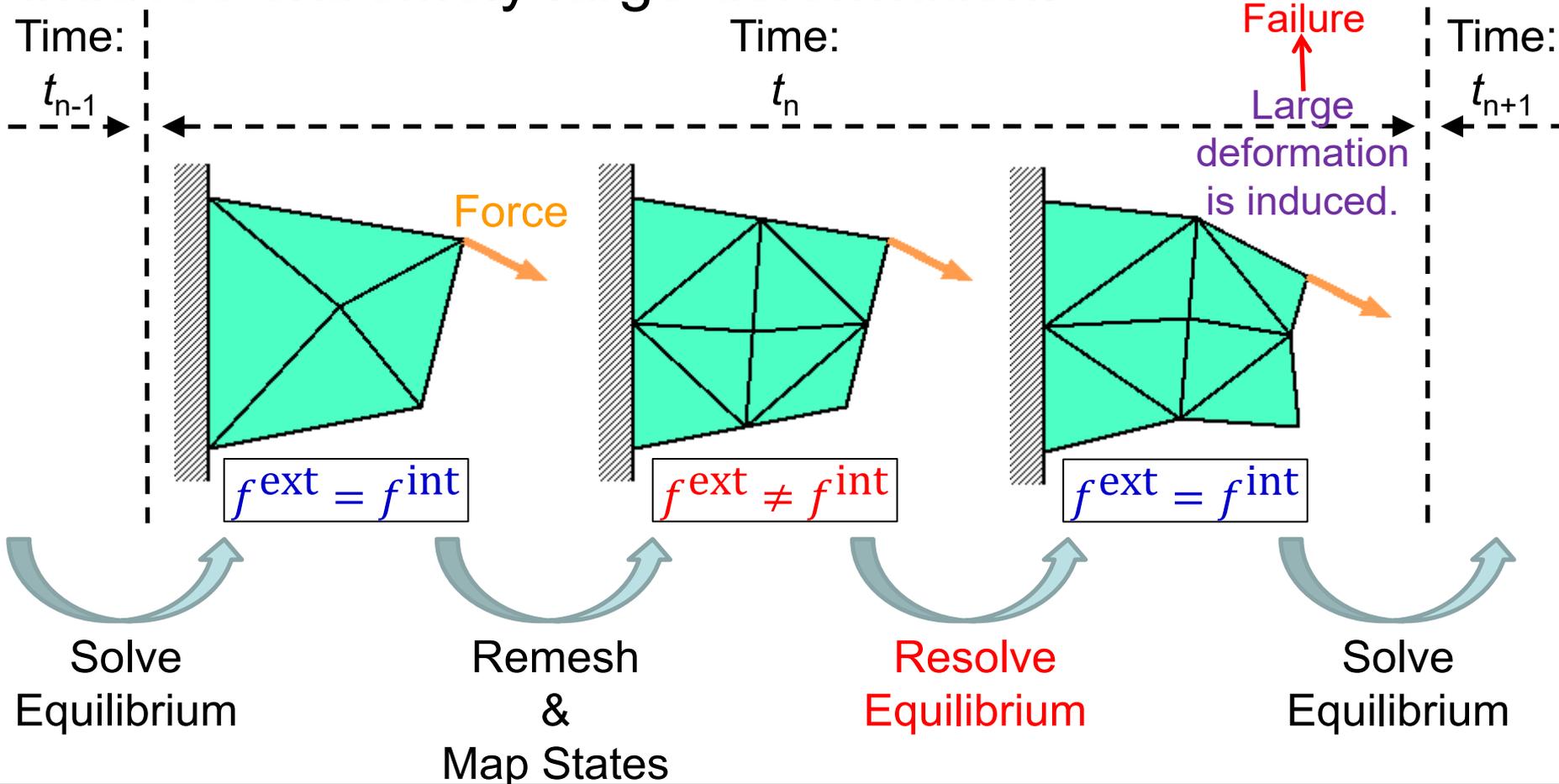
However, the *standard* (constant strain) triangular or tetrahedral elements induce **shear and volumetric locking** easily, which leads to inaccurate results.

- Higher order elements are not effective in large deformation.
- Neither B-bar nor F-bar is applicable to triangular/tetrahedral.
- EAS is unstable. Mixed/Hybrid formulation is complicated.

# 2 Major Problems in Mesh Rezoning

## Problem 2: stability

The **resolving process** in mesh rezoning sometimes induces extremely large deformation.



# Our Ideas

## Idea for accuracy improvement

We adopt **smoothed finite element method (S-FEM)** to avoid shear and volumetric locking even with use of triangular or tetrahedral elements.

## Idea for stability improvement

We adopt the **incremental implicit equilibrium equation (IIEE)** as the equation to solve.

In this talk today,  
I focus on Problem 1 and the idea of **S-FEM**.

# Objective

Develop an accurate  
**mesh rezoning** method  
for large deformation problems  
with our modified **S-FEM** formulation

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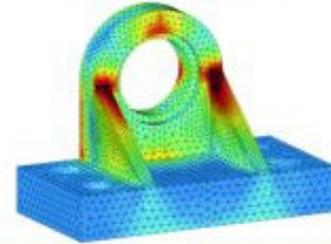
# Part 1: Introduction of Our Modified S-FEM Formulation

# What is Smoothed FEM (S-FEM)?

- One of **strain smoothing** techniques.
- There are several types of S-FEM.
  - Edge-based (**ES-FEM**) for 2D
  - Face-based (**FS-FEM**) for 3D
  - Node-based (**NS-FEM**) for both 2D and 3D
  - Selective edge/node-based (**ES/NS-FEM**) for 2D
  - Selective face/node-based (**FS/NS-FEM**) for 3D, etc..
- **Selective S-FEMs** are thought to be the best choice because they can avoid both shear and volumetric locking even with use of **triangular or tetrahedral elements**.

I will explain ES-FEM, NS-FEM,  
and selective ES/NS-FEM one by one.

Smoothed  
Finite Element  
Methods



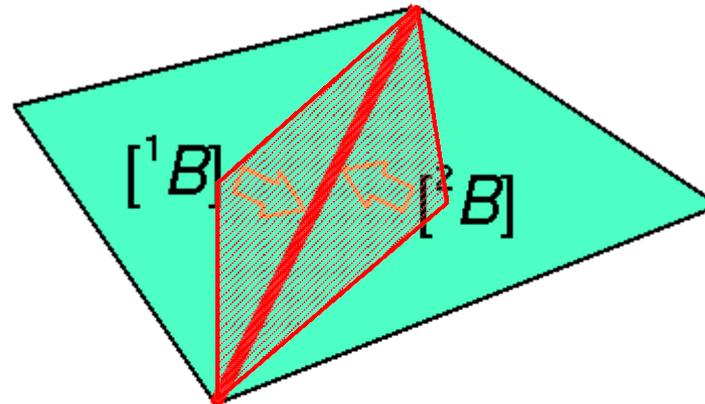
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# Edge-based S-FEM (ES-FEM)

- 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.



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

Edge  $T$

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

**ES-FEM**

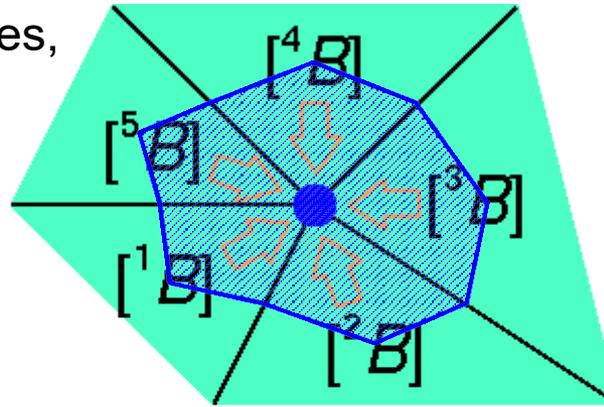
Substituting "face" for "edge"  
gives **FS-FEM** for 3D

# 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  $T$

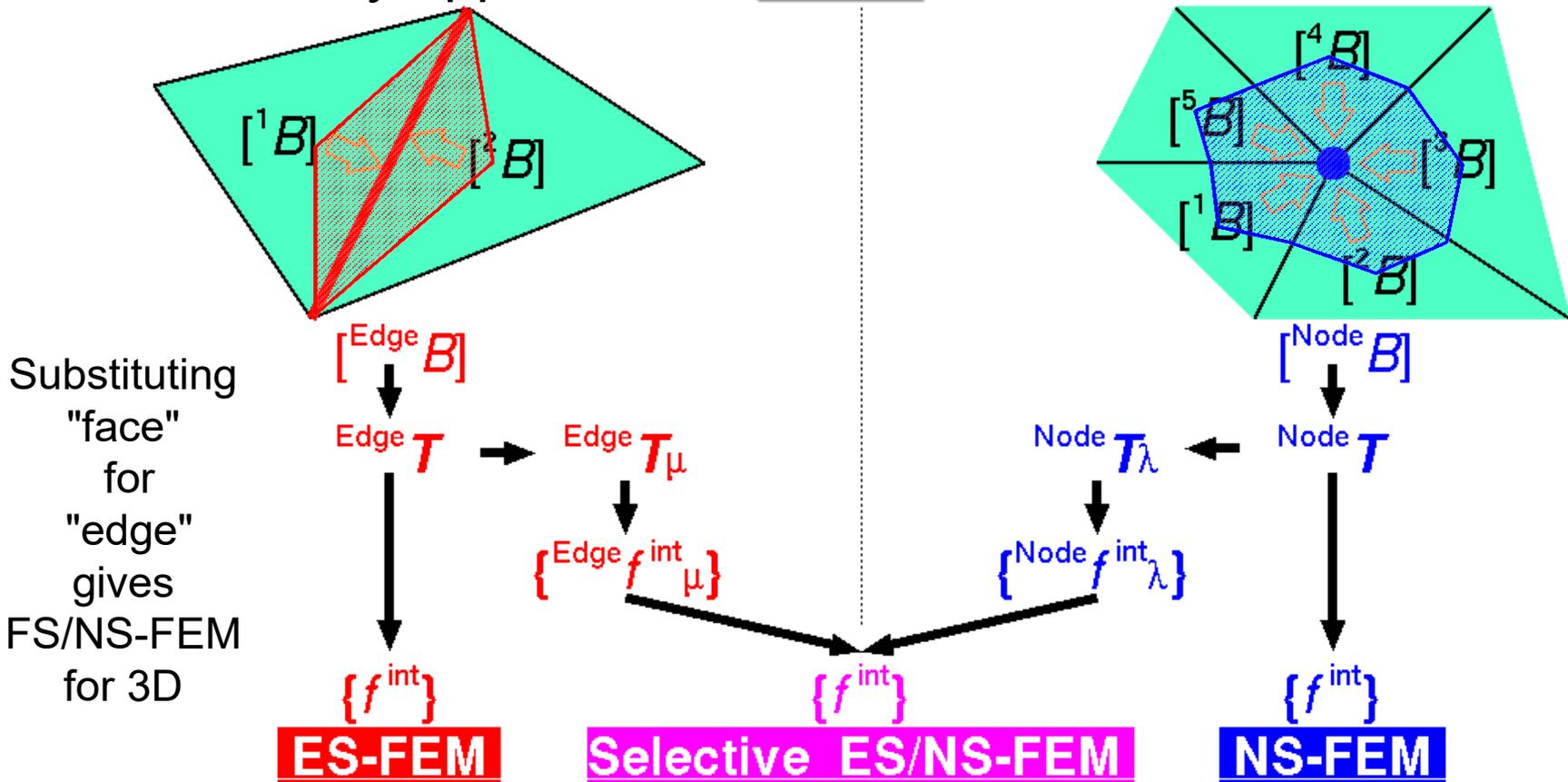
$\{f^{\text{int}}\}$

**NS-FEM**

# Original 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**.

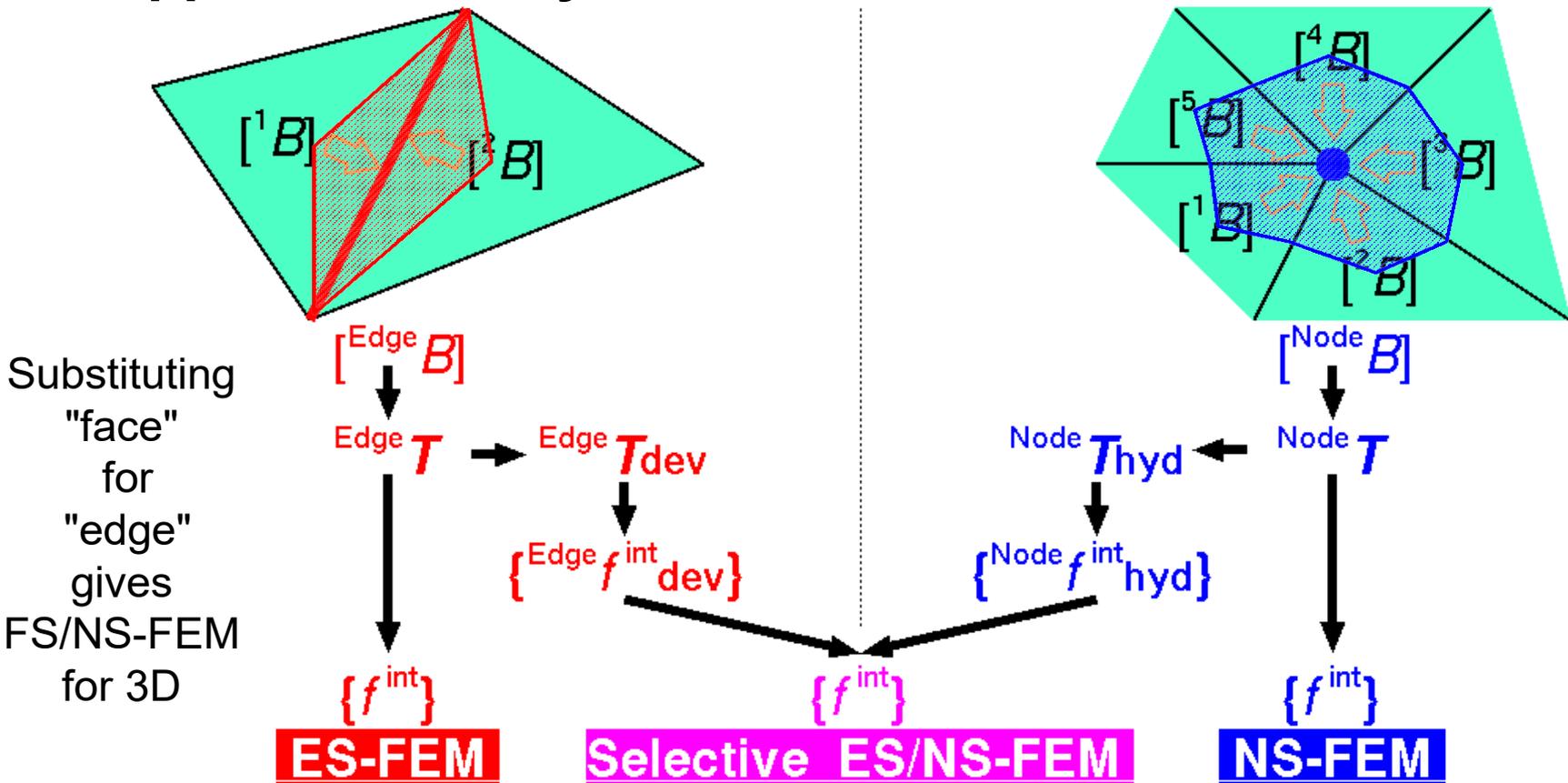
Only applicable to elastic constitutive models.



# Our 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.



# Verification of Our Selective S-FEM

## Cantilever Bending Test

■ 10m x 1m x 1m cantilever with 20 kN dead load

■ 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.

■ Our selective **FS/NS-FEM** with 9560 **tetrahedral** elements (and 2288 nodes) is performed.

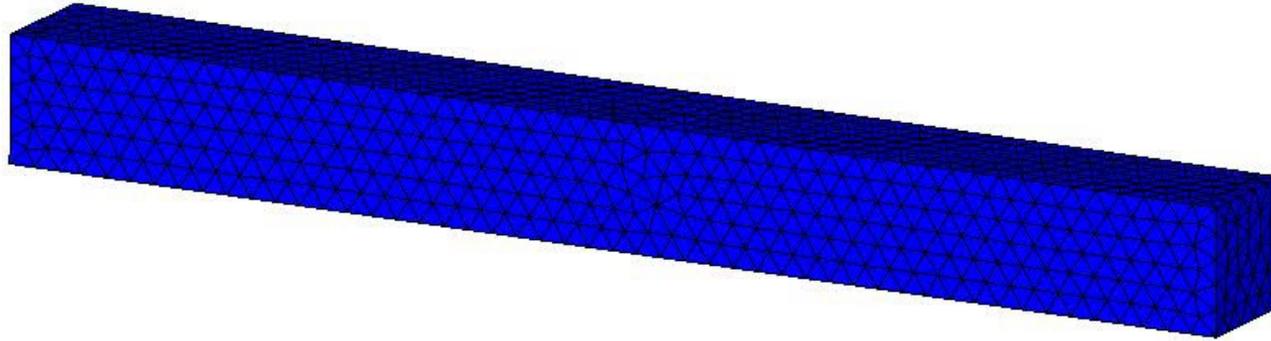
■ **ABAQUS/Standard** with 1250 **C3D20H** (2nd-order **hybrid hexahedral**) elements (and 6696 nodes) is also performed.

■ No mesh rezoning is taken place for this test.



# Verification of Our Selective S-FEM

Results with  $D_1 = 2 \text{ PPa}^{-1}$  ( $\nu_0 = 0.499999$ )



The amount of vertical deflection is about 6.5 m.

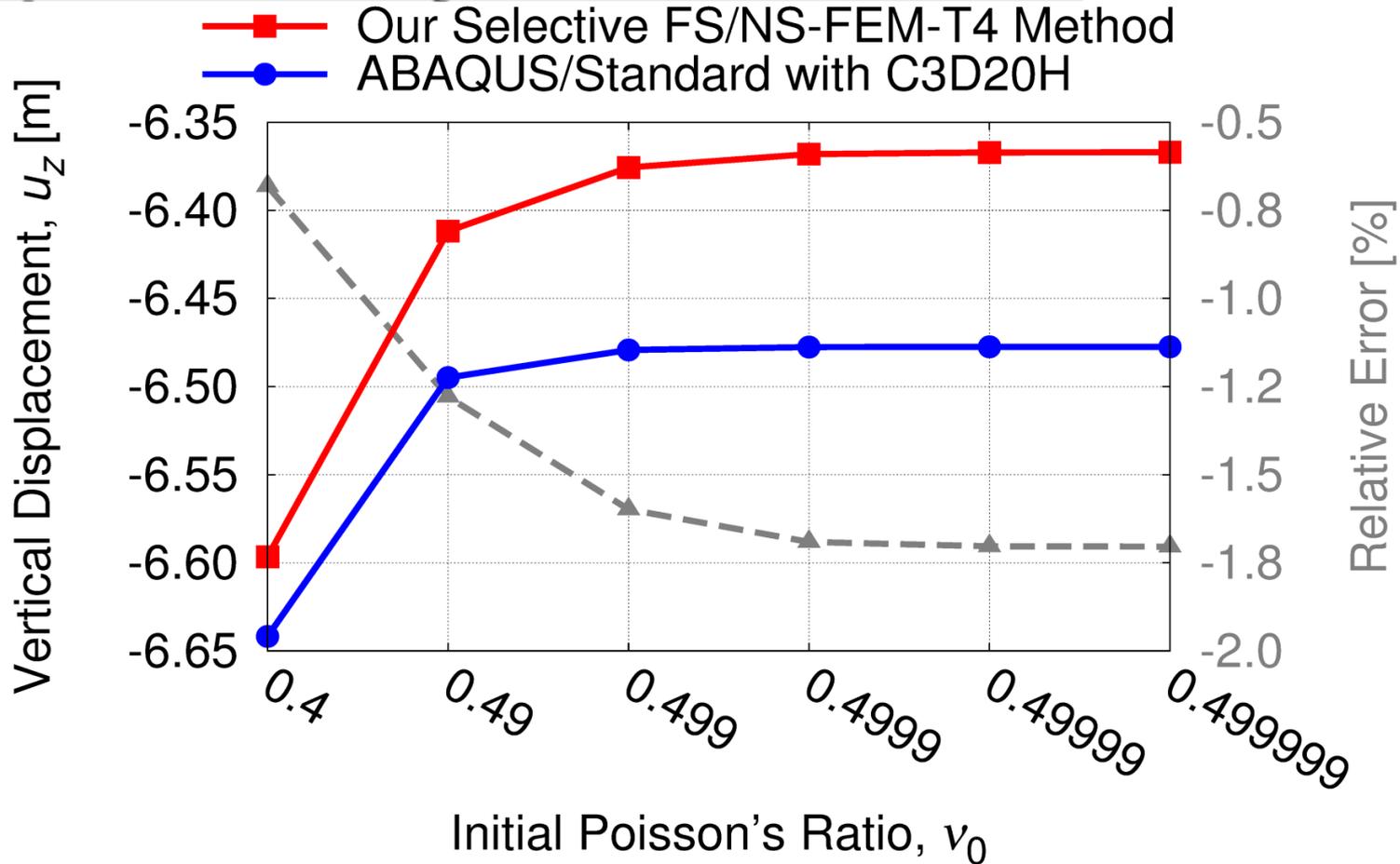
Mises Stress (Pa)



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

# Verification of Our Selective S-FEM

## Comparison to Hybrid Element Case



**Our selective S-FEM can treat any material model and is free from locking!!**

# Characteristics of Our S-FEM

## Advantage

- Locking free
- no increase of DOF  
(The unknown is displacement vector  $\{u\}$  only.)
- easy to implement

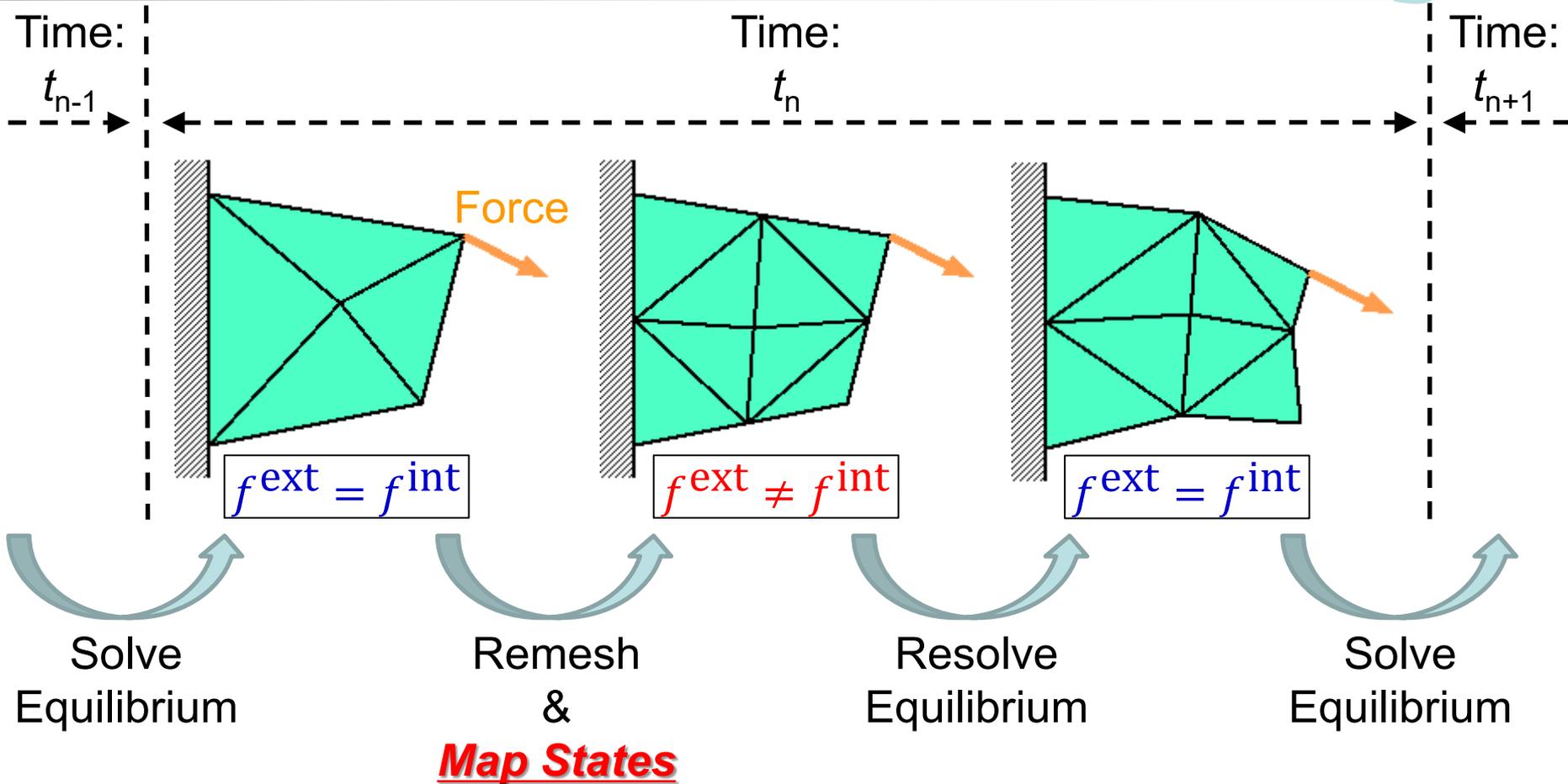
## Disadvantage

- increase of matrix band width
- cannot treat perfectly incompressible material
- no smoothing effect with super coarse mesh

## Part 2:

# Procedure of our **mesh rezoning** method

# 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.

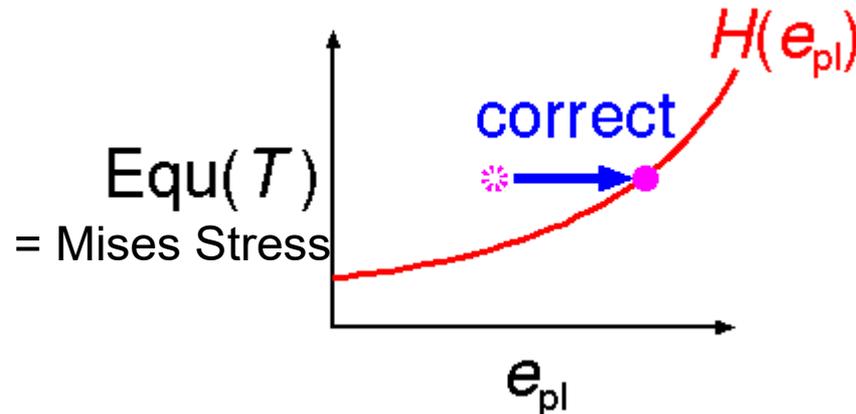
Each node preserve its initial position so that the domain can spring back to the initial shape after unloading.

# Mapping of Stress/Strain States

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

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

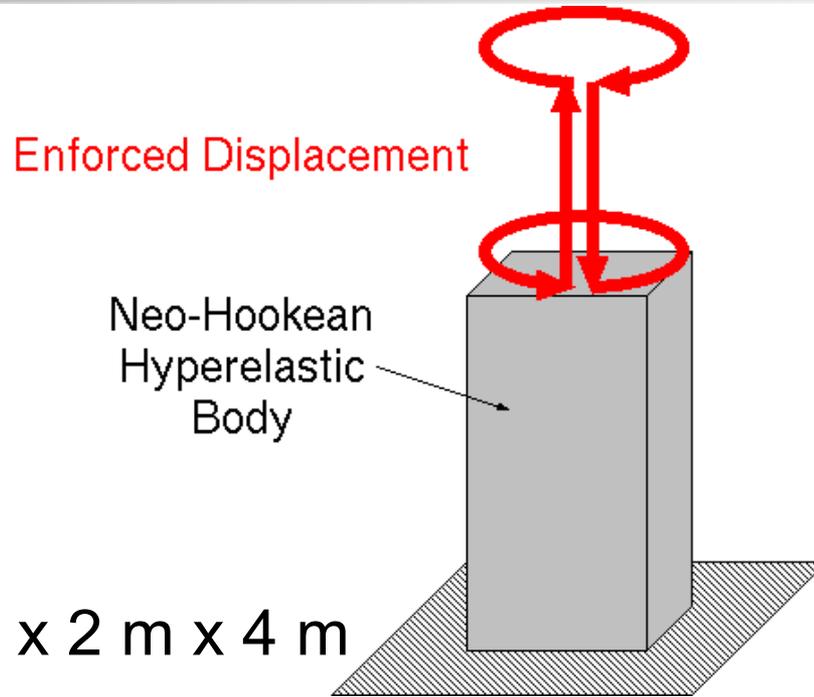
- Map initial position  $\{x^{\text{initial}}\}$  at nodes, and then remake deformation gradient  $[F]$  at edges & nodes.
- Map history dependent variables, plastic strain  $[E_{pl}]$  and equivalent plastic strain  $e_{pl}$ .
- Correct  $e_{pl}$  to satisfy  $\text{Equ}([T]) = H(e_{pl})$



# Part 3:

## Examples of Analysis

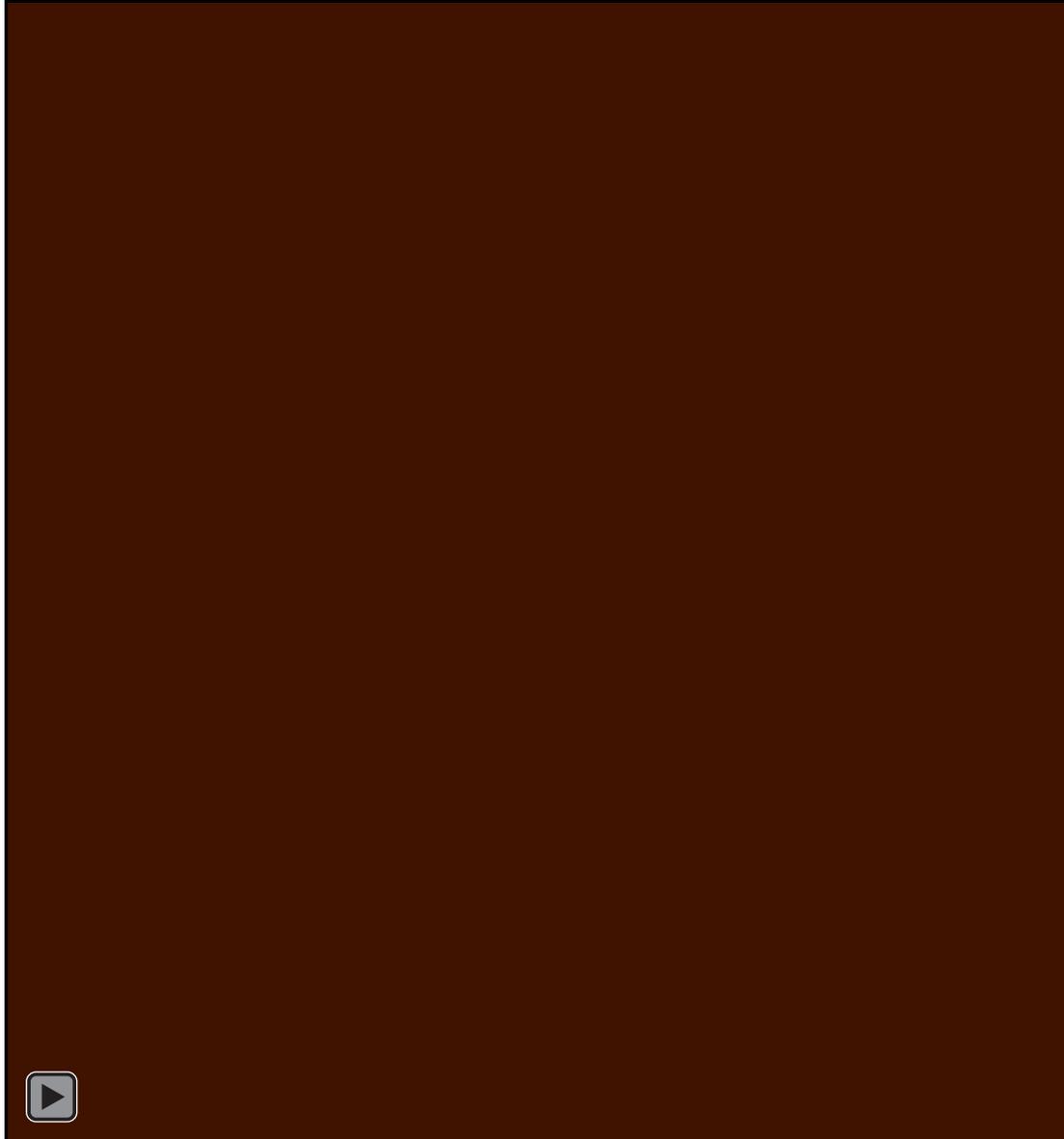
# Twist and Stretch of Hyperelastic Body



- 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

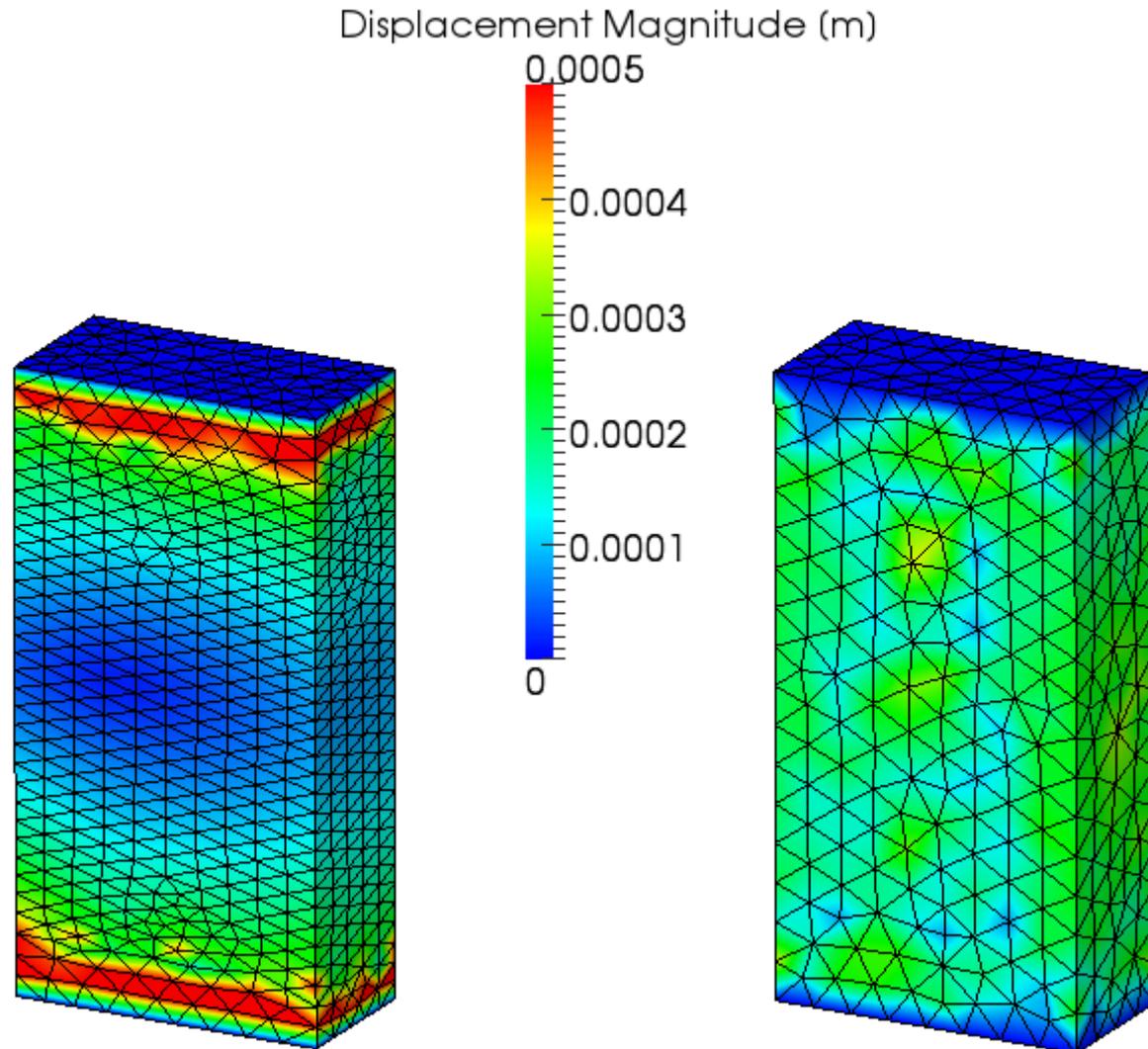
Our selective  
FS/NS-FEM  
**with**  
mesh rezoning



Our selective  
FS/NS-FEM  
**without**  
mesh rezoning

# Twist and Stretch of Hyperelastic Body

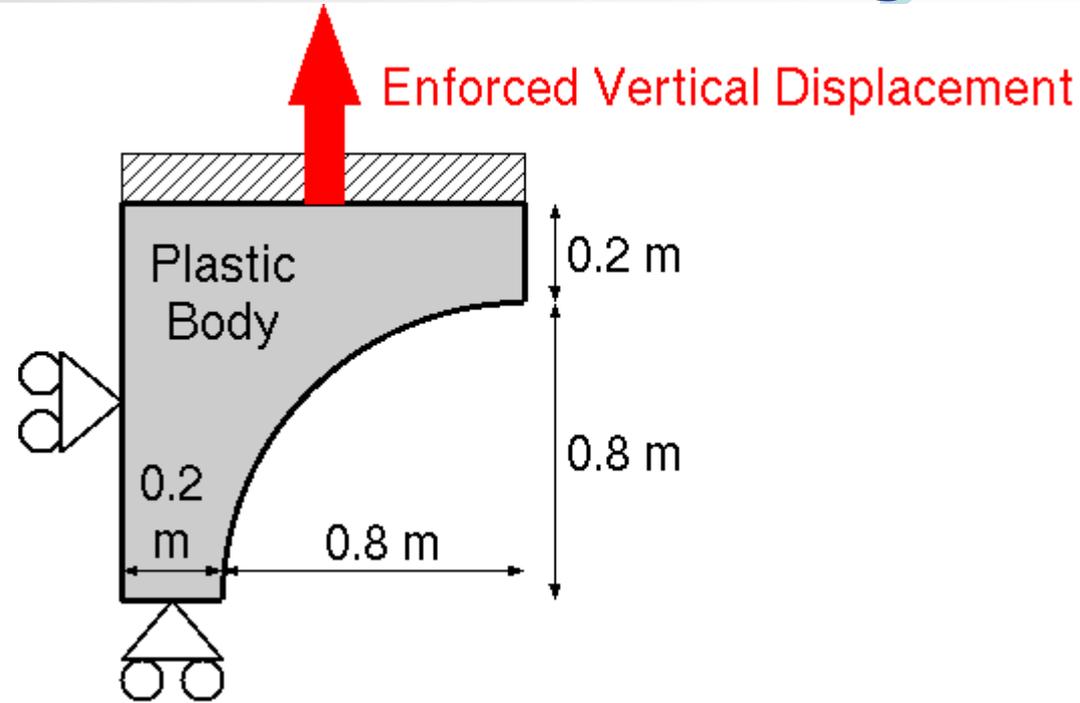
## Residual Displacement



# Necking of Elasto-Plastic Body

## Outline

- Static, Plane-strain
- 1/4 of test piece
- horizontal constraint on left edge
- vertical constraint on bottom edge
- horizontal constraint and enforced displacement on top edge
- Mesh rezoning every 0.05 m displacement
- Our selective ES/NS-FEM with triangular elements



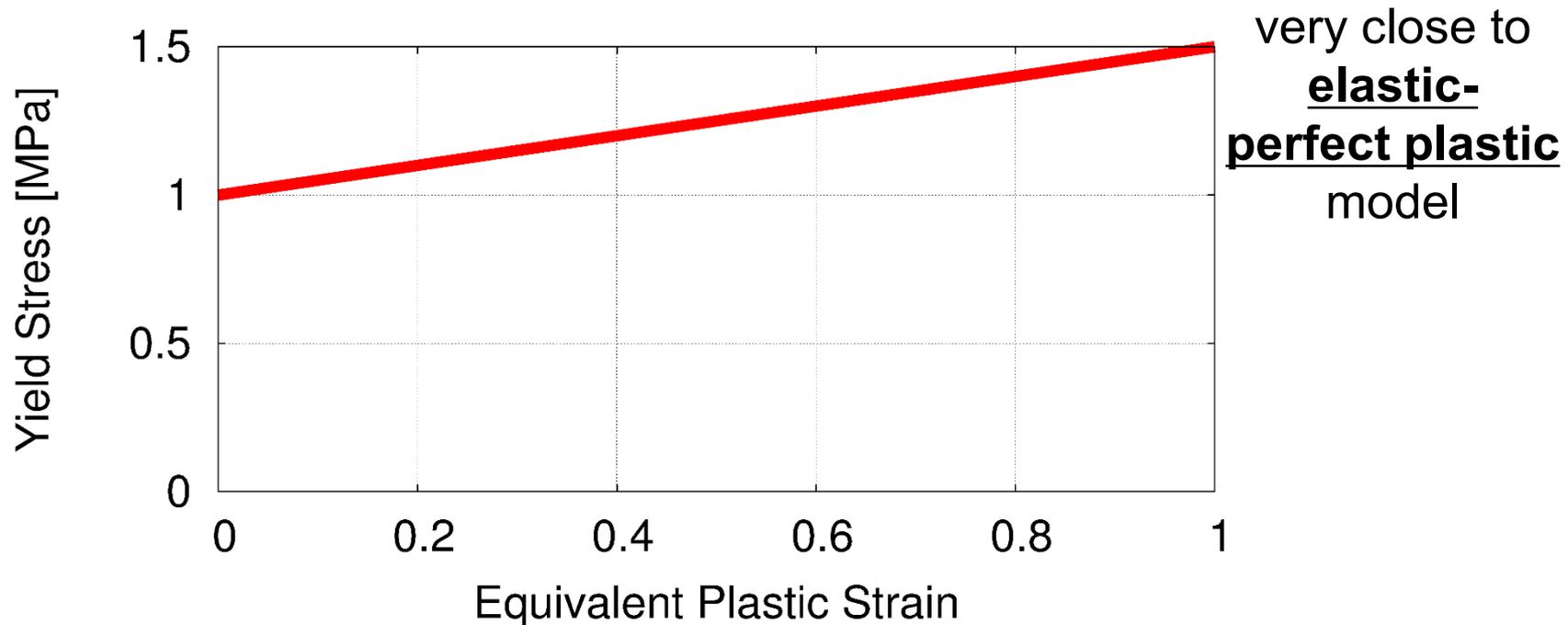
# Necking of Elasto-Plastic Body

## Material Constitutive Model

Hencky's elasto-plastic material,  $T = C : h_{el}/J$ ,  
with von Mises yield criterion and isotropic hardening.

Young's Modulus: 1 GPa, Poisson's Ratio: 0.3,

Yield Stress: 1 MPa, Hardening Coeff.: 0.5 MPa.



# Necking of Elasto-Plastic Body

ABAQUS  
/Standard  
with  
constant  
strain  
triangular  
elements



- Strange deformation is obtained due to:
- locking of triangular elements
  - absence of mesh rezoning



# Necking of Elasto-Plastic Body

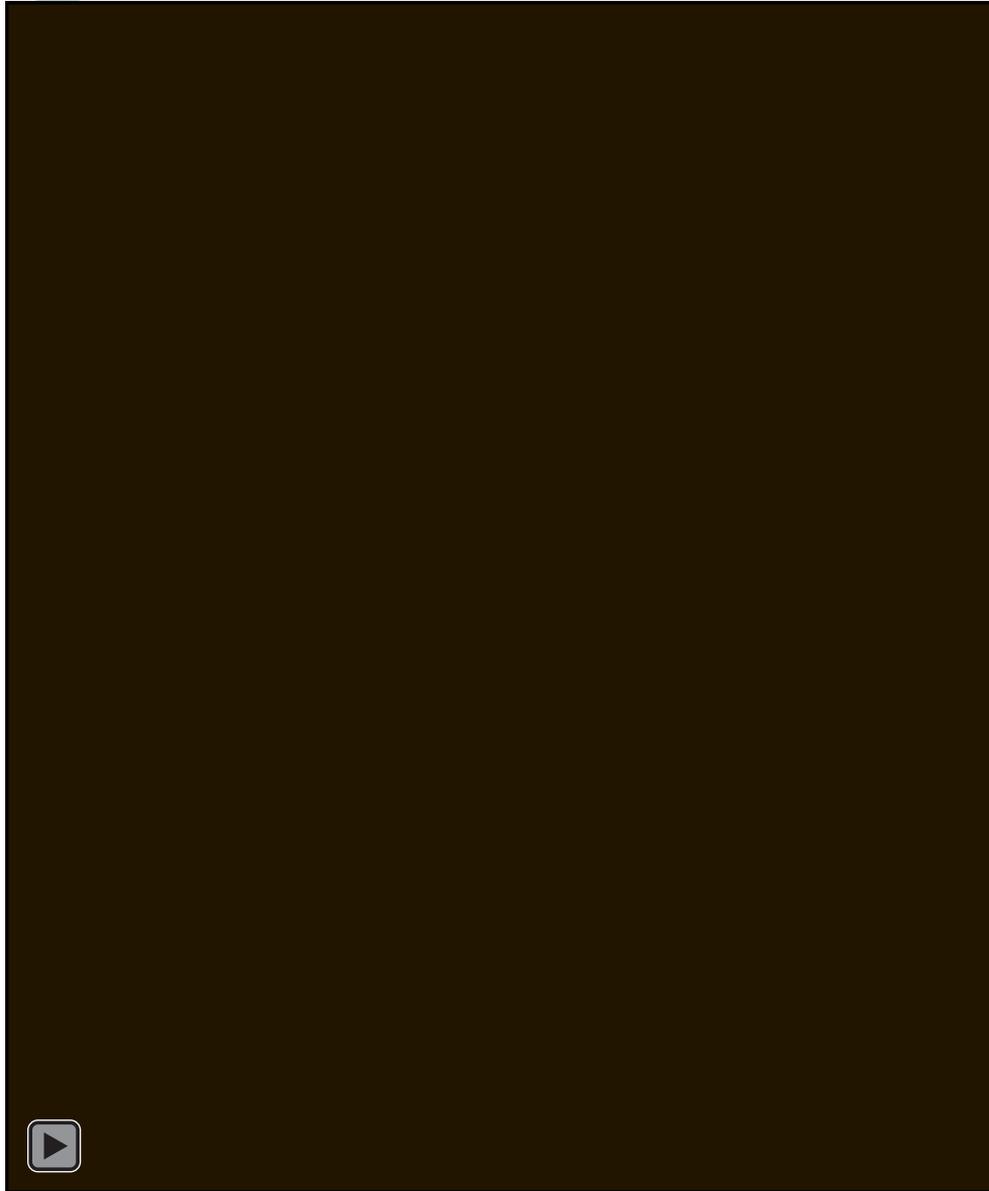
Our selective  
ES/NS-FEM  
with  
mesh rezoning



Typical  
deformation of  
necking test  
is obtained.

# Necking of Elasto-Plastic Body

Zoom-in view  
around the center



# Summary

# Take-Home Messages

1. Our modified selective S-FEM with triangular or tetrahedral elements is locking free and very easy to implement.
2. Our S-FEM goes well together with mesh rezoning.
3. Our S-FEM is worth using even without 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

- More V&V
- 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!!**

