

Frame-based Simulation of Complex Mechanical Structures

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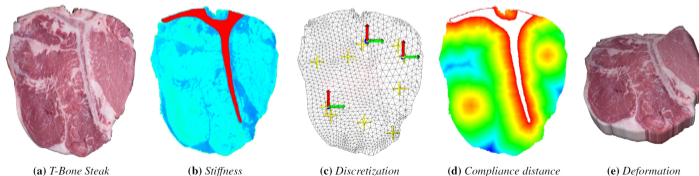
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- Gilles, Bousquet, Faure, Pai; Frame-based Elastic Models; *ACM Transactions on Graphics*, 2011, 30 (2)



- Faure, Gilles, Bousquet, Pai; Sparse Meshless Models of Complex Deformable Solids; *ACM Transactions on Graphics* (SIGGRAPH'2011)



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Motivation and Previous Work

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Frame-based elastic models

Compliance distance

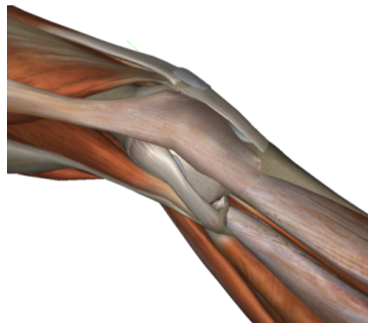
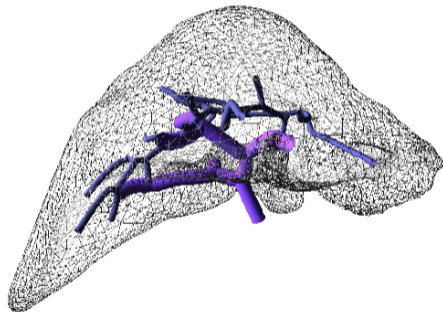
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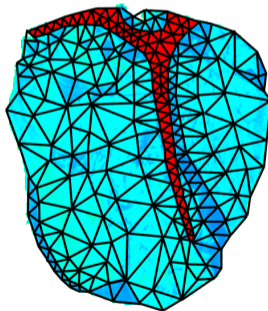
Motivation: Interactive deformation of complex models

- Intricate materials



Limitations of Traditional FEM

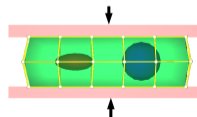
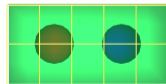
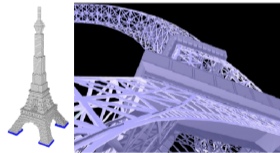
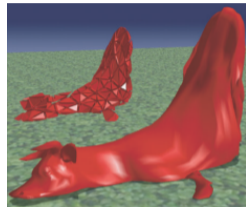
- Well-shaped elements
- One material per element
- Too many nodes !



Previous Work: Interactive FEM

Embed complex geometry in a coarse mesh

- Barycentric embedding
[Müller 04, Sifakis 07]
- Pre-compute deformation modes
[James 03, Barbič 05]
- Non-uniform elements
[Kharevych 09, Nesme 09]

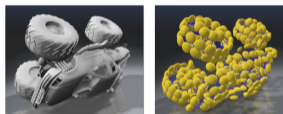


Previous Work: Frame-based Models

GMLS + elastons [Martin 10]



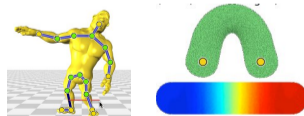
Skinning + geometry-based [Müller 11]



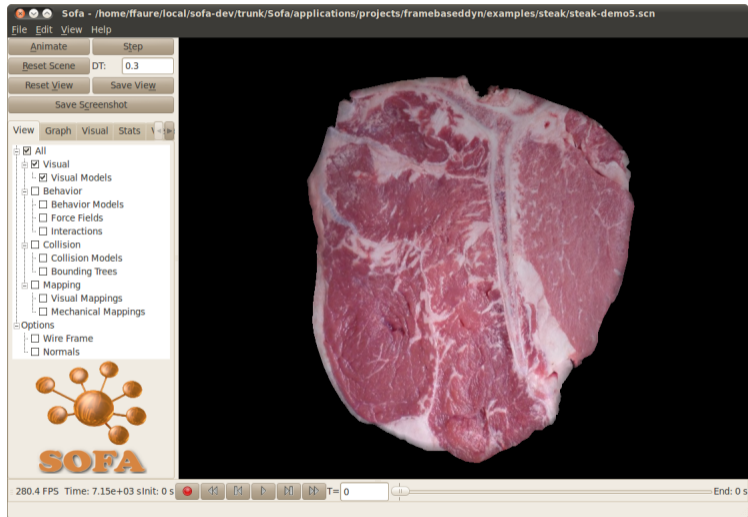
Skinning + deformation gradient [Gilles 11]



Skinning + Laplacian [Kavan 12]



Interactive demo



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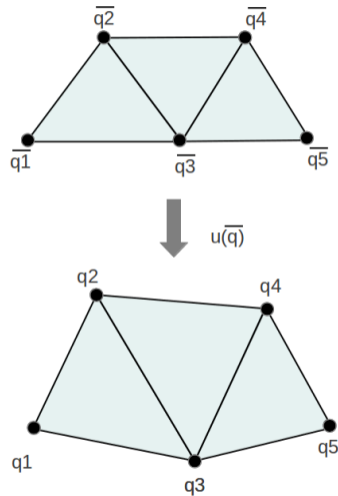
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Finite Element Discretization

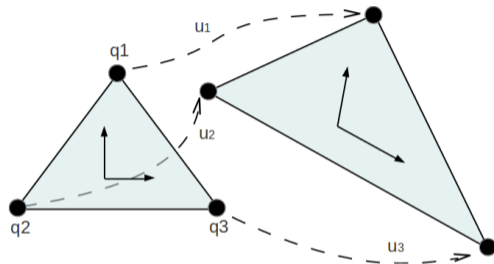
- Initial mesh nodes $\bar{\mathbf{q}} = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{q}_1 \\ \vdots \\ \bar{q}_n \end{pmatrix}$
- Node displacements $\bar{\mathbf{u}} = \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ \vdots \\ u_n \end{pmatrix}$
- Displaced mesh nodes $\mathbf{q} = \bar{\mathbf{q}} + \mathbf{u}$



Element Interpolation

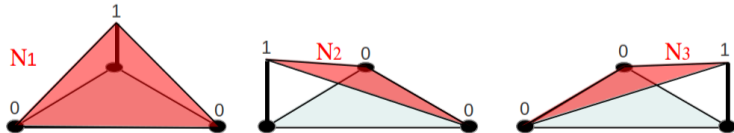
- Displacement field

$$u(p) = \sum_i N_i(p) u_i$$



- Shape functions

- $N_i(p_i) = 1$
- $N_i(p_{j \neq i}) = 0$



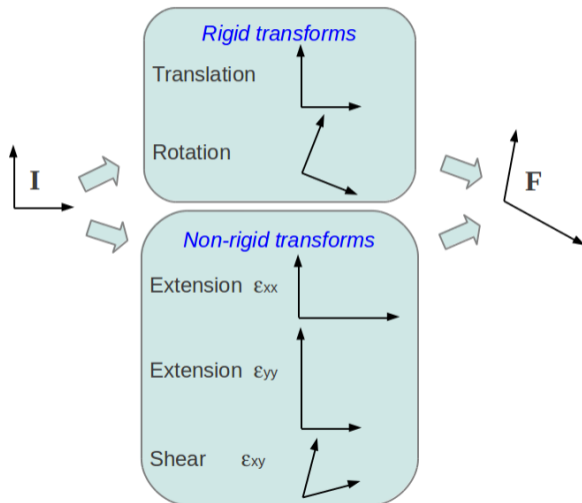
Deformation

- Deformation Gradient

$$\mathbf{F}(p) = \frac{dq(p)}{d\bar{q}}$$

- Strain measurements:

- Cauchy: $\epsilon = (\mathbf{F} + \mathbf{F}^T)/2$
- Green-Lagrange:
 $\epsilon = (\mathbf{F}^T \mathbf{F} - \mathbf{I})/2$
- *etc.*



Elastic Forces

- Deformation energy rate
 - material properties (Hooke, StVenant-Kirchhoff, Mooney-Rivlin, etc.)

$$dW(\epsilon)$$

- Total deformation energy: integrate across the volume

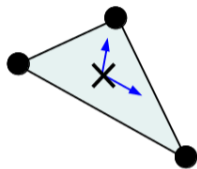
$$W = \int_{\mathcal{V}} dW(p)$$

- Forces derive from the potential energy:

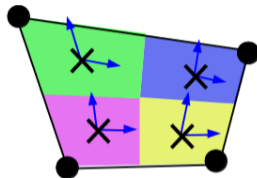
$$\mathbf{f} = -\frac{\partial W}{\partial \mathbf{q}}$$

Space Integration

- Compute values at Gauss Points



1-point linear triangle

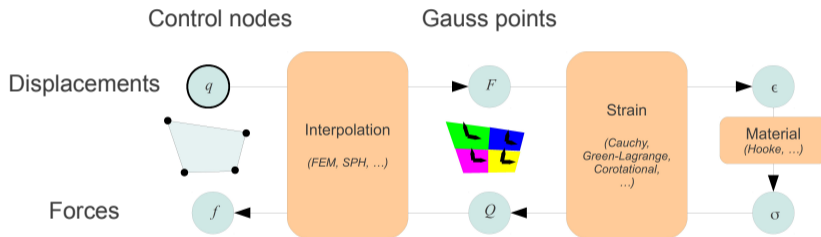


4-point bilinear rectangle

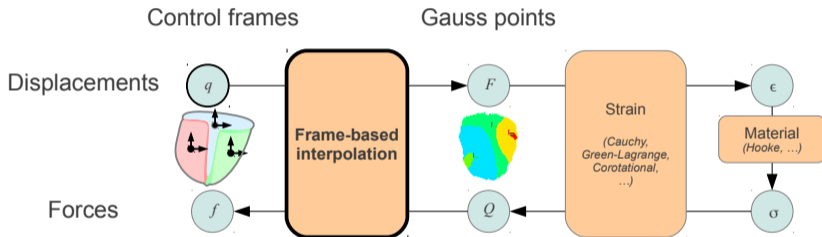
- Approximate integral as weighted sum

$$\mathbf{f} = -\frac{\partial W}{\partial \mathbf{q}} \simeq -\sum_{p \in G} \frac{\partial W(p)}{\partial \mathbf{q}} \nu_p$$

Summary: pipeline

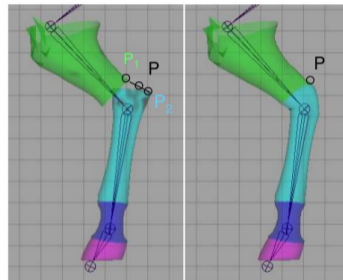
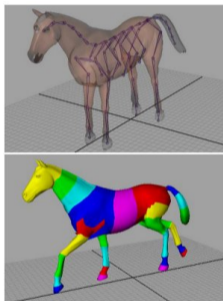
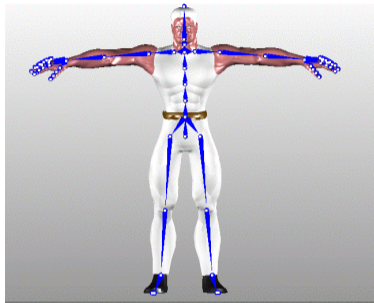


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An alternative deformation field: Computer Graphics Skinning

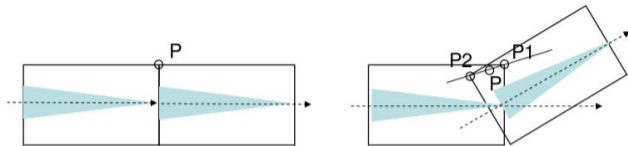
- attach a deformable body to an articulated skeleton



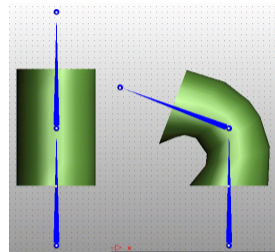
- Continuous deformation field
- No volumetric mesh, arbitrarily few control nodes
- Allows to derive continuous media mechanics ?

Linear Blend Skinning

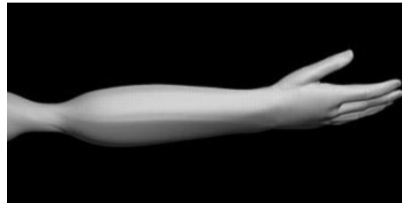
- Linear Blend Skinning: blend rigid motions



$$P = w1 * P1 + w2 * P2$$



- Artefacts with large deformations



Non-linear Blend Skinning

- Dual Quaternion Skinning [Kavan07]

linear:

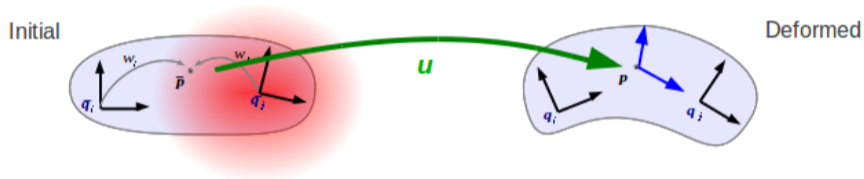


non-linear:



Frame-based discretization

- Replace polygon interpolation with rigid motion blending



- Same pipeline as FEM
- Shape functions ?
- Integration points ?

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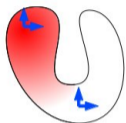
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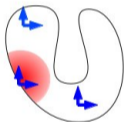
Shape Functions

- Harmonic weights
[Joshi07]

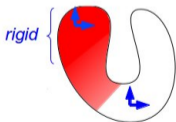


*heat diffusion
in voxel grid*

- Weights based on geodesic distance



- Custom weights
e.g. mix rigid /
deformable



+ Smooth
+ Interpolating
- Slow convergence

+ Fast frame insertion
+ Tunable support
- Approximating

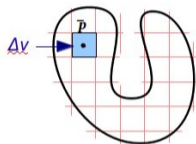
+ No numerical stiffening

Space integration

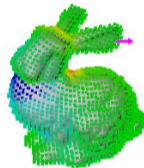
Spatial integration :

$$W = \int_V W(\bar{\mathbf{p}}) dv \approx \sum W(\bar{\mathbf{p}}) \Delta v$$

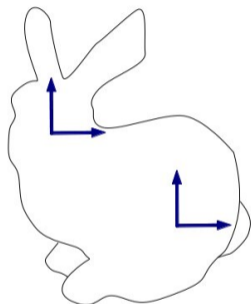
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Approximation using midpoint rule



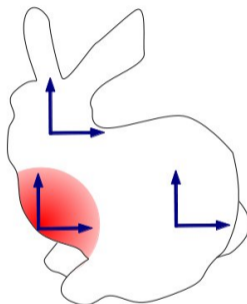
Voxelization



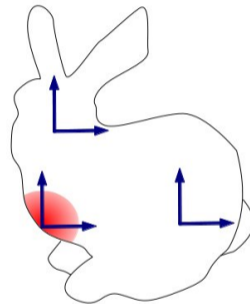
Adaptivity



No insertion

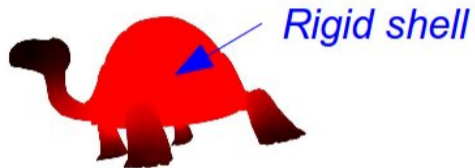
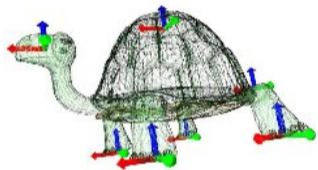


Large support



Small support

Material aware shape function



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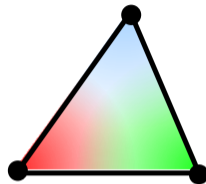
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Shape functions = blending functions = weight functions

- F.E.M.: attached to each (node,element)

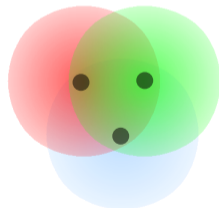
$$u(x) = \sum_i \phi_i(x) u_i$$



- Meshless:

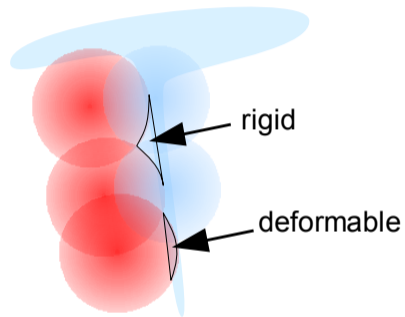
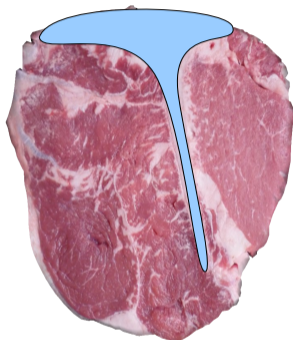
- *kernel function* attached to each node
- Shape functions = kernel functions normalized in each point

$$u(x) = \frac{\sum_i \phi_i(x) u_i}{\sum_i \phi_i(x)}$$



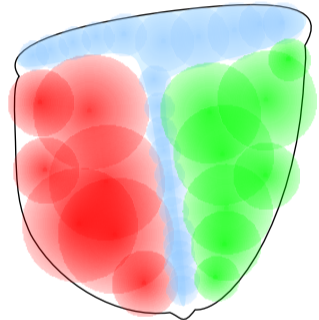
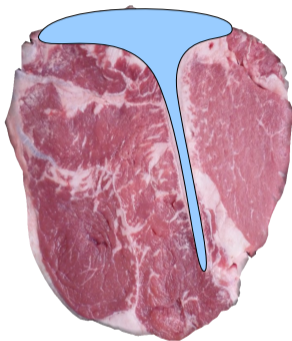
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- Large spheres: overlap artifacts



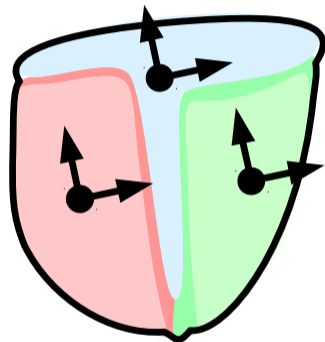
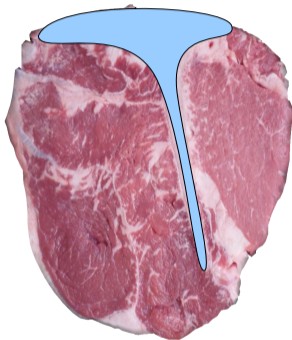
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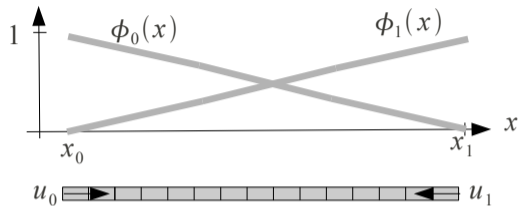
Anisotropic Functions

- Control function overlap using:
 - A few anisotropic functions



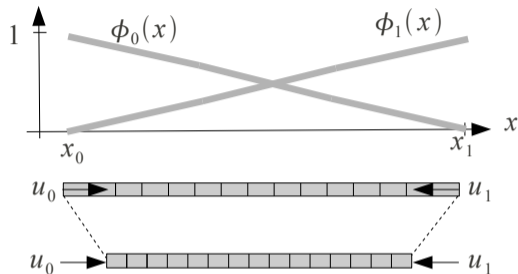
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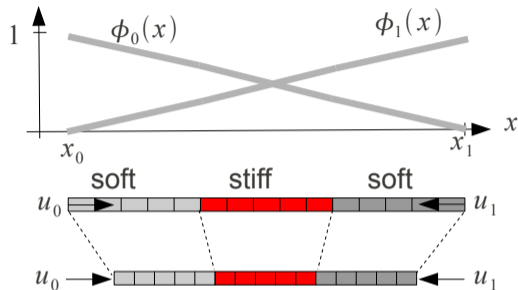
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- they are well suited for **homogeneous** materials,
- but not for **heterogeneous** materials,
 - wrong deformation
 - wrong element stiffness



Compliance distance

- Distance scaled by inverse stiffness:

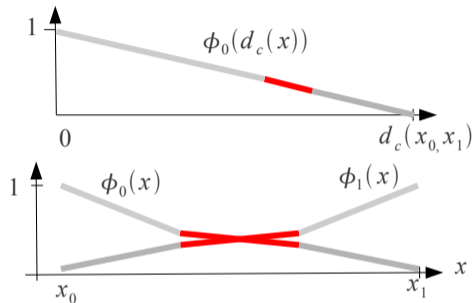
$$d_c(a, b) = \int_{x_a}^{x_b} \underbrace{\frac{1}{E(x)}}_{\text{compliance}} |dx|$$

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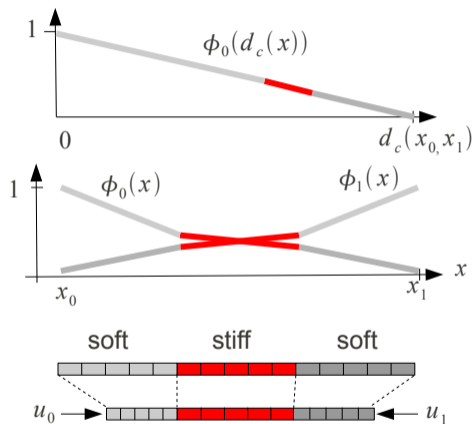


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- Exact stiffness and displacement in 1d
- Distance computations only !



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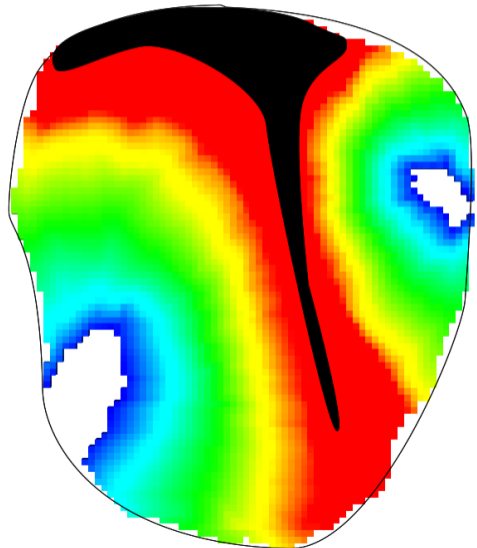
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Kernel function in 2d and 3d

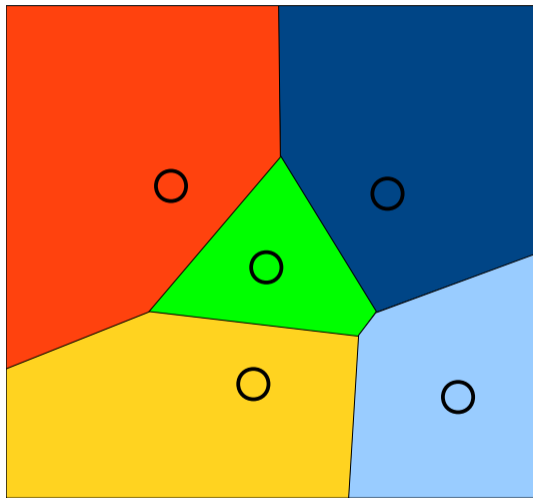
Node inside the bone

- Weight values
 - at given node: 1
 - at other nodes: 0
- Depend on:
 - compliance distance
 - positions of the other nodes



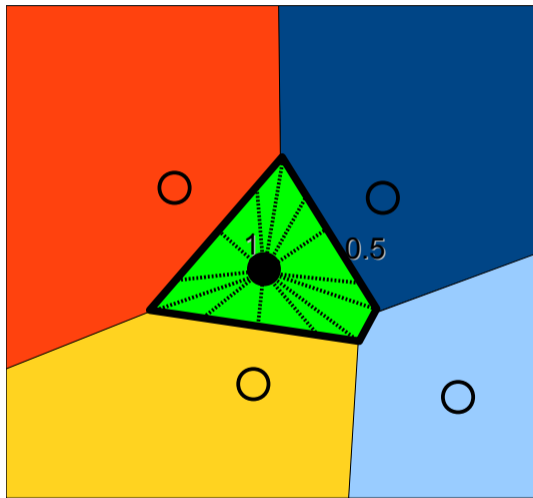
Voronoi-based interpolation

- Decompose space in cells based on distance



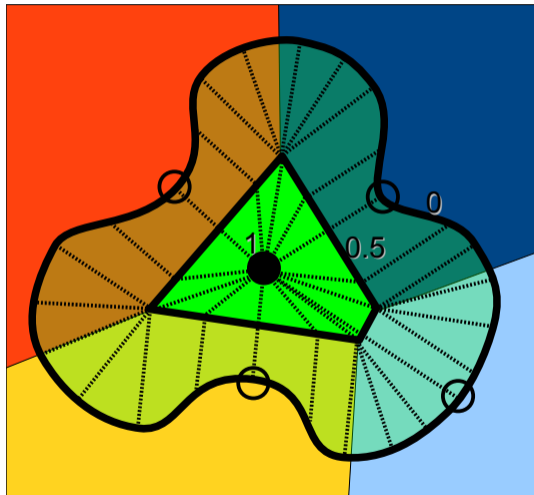
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 - Cell center: 1
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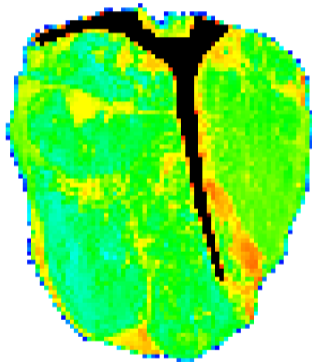
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- Extrapolate outside
 - Neighbor centers: 0



Example

data

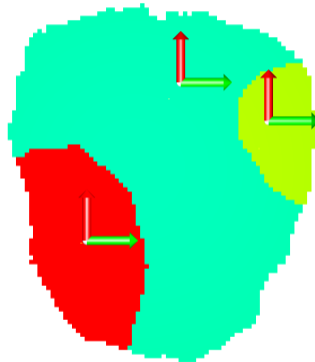


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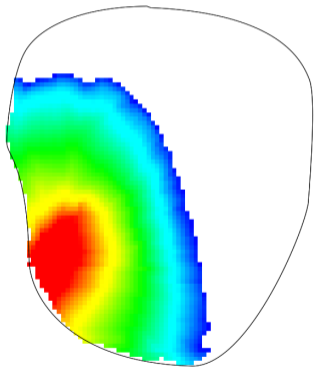


voronoi (3 nodes)

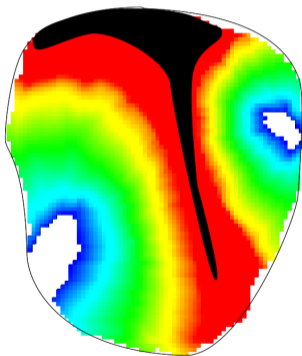


Example: blending functions

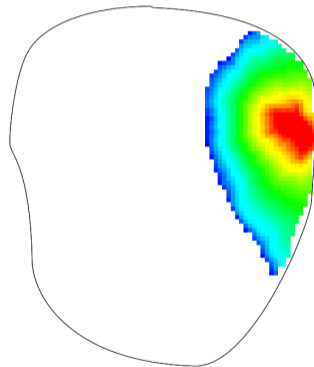
left node



center node



right node



Automatic node distribution

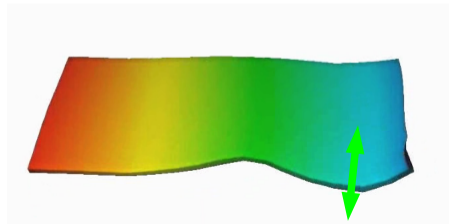
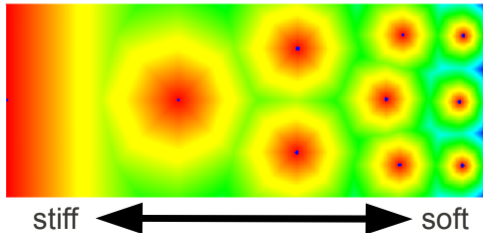
- Lloyd relaxation

Repeat:

- compute Voronoi cells
- move the nodes to the cell centers
- until convergence

- Example: non-uniform stiffness

More samples in the more deformable regions



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- Implementation in the SOFA open-source framework

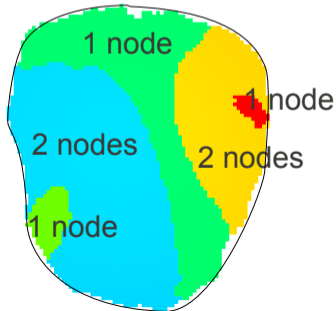
- implicit integration, GPU collision
- Available in the public version: September 2011 - www.sofa-framework.org



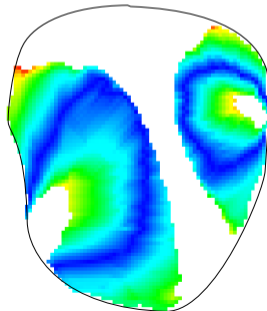
Space Integration

- Generalized elastons
- Exact integration of linear functions
- Regions with as-linear-as possible weight functions:
 - influenced by the same nodes

5 points



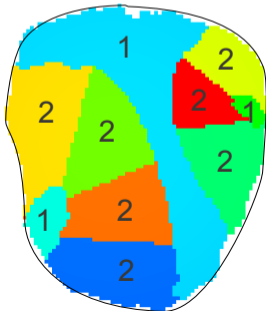
linearity error (center node)



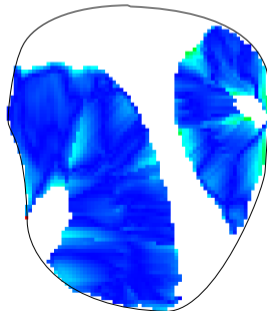
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10 points



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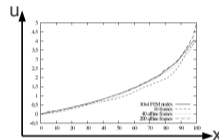
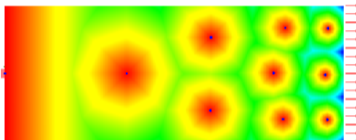
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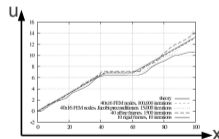
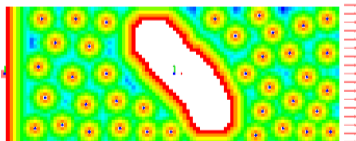
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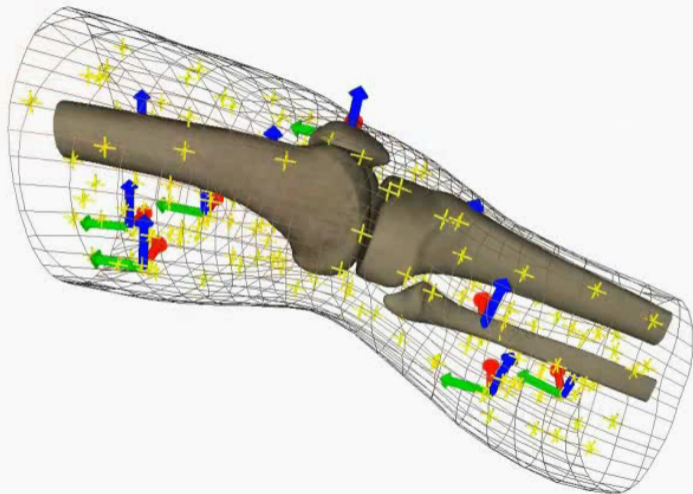
Comparison with high resolution F.E.M. solutions

- continuously changing material



- stiff inclusion





10 affine frames, 200 samples, 10Hz

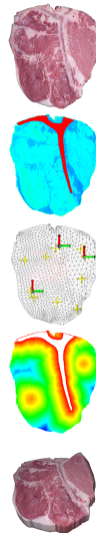
Conclusion

New anisotropic shape functions

- Material-aware
- Detailed stiffness maps in coarse displacement fields
- Interactive simulation of complex models.
- Not restricted to frame-based

Future work

- Conditions for convergence
- Fine control of weight functions
- Adaptivity



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