



Centre for Research in Computational and Applied Mechanics



# Discontinuous Galerkin Methods: An Overview and Some Applications

Daya Reddy

UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN

Joint work with Beverley Grieshaber and Andrew McBride

SANUM, Stellenbosch, 22 – 24 March 2016

# Structure of talk

- A model elliptic problem: weak or variational formulations
- The Galerkin finite element method: analysis and approximations
- Discontinuous Galerkin (DG) formulations
- Near-incompressibility in elasticity

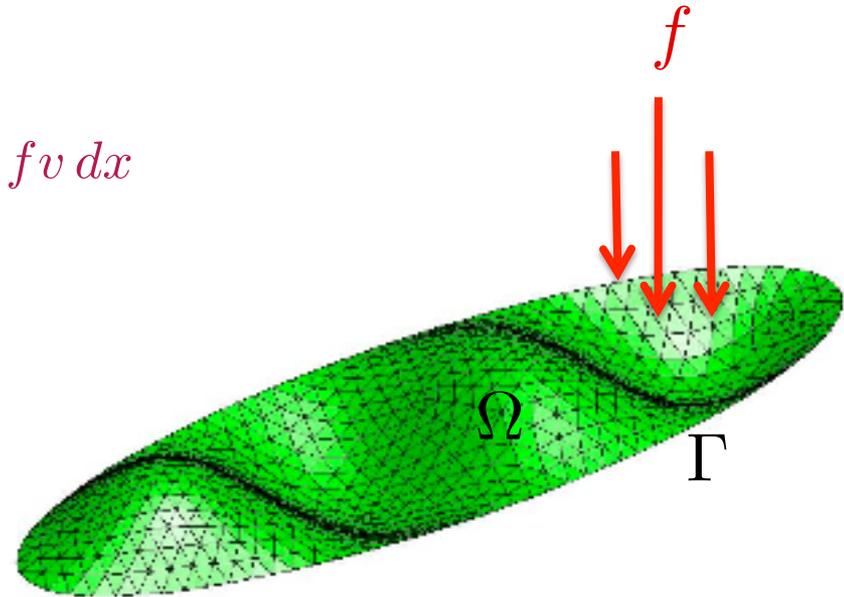
# Model problem: deformation of a membrane

Minimization of an “energy”

$$\min_v J(v) \quad J(v) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla v|^2 dx - \int_{\Omega} f v dx$$

The solution  $u$  satisfies the weak problem

$$\int_{\Omega} \nabla u \cdot \nabla v dx = \int_{\Omega} f v dx$$



for all functions  $v$  which satisfy  $v = 0$  on the boundary

Sufficiently smooth  $u$  satisfies the Poisson equation and boundary condition

$$\begin{array}{rcl} -\Delta u & = & f \quad \text{on } \Omega \\ u & = & 0 \quad \text{on } \Gamma \end{array}$$

$$\Delta u = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2}$$

# The membrane problem, continued

$$\min_{v \in V} J(v) := \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla v|^2 dx - \int_{\Omega} f v dx$$

$$\int_{\Omega} \nabla u \cdot \nabla v dx = \int_{\Omega} f v dx$$

---

Define the bilinear form  $a(\cdot, \cdot)$  and linear functional  $\ell(\cdot)$

$$a : V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad a(u, v) = \int_{\Omega} \nabla u \cdot \nabla v dx$$
$$\ell : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad \ell(v) = \int_{\Omega} f v dx$$

Thus the above problem is

$$\min_{v \in V} \frac{1}{2} a(v, v) - \ell(v)$$

or equivalently

$$a(u, v) = \ell(v) \quad \forall v \in V$$

# Interlude: the Sobolev spaces $H^m(\Omega)$

Built from the Lebesgue space of square-integrable functions:

$$L^2(\Omega) = \left\{ v : \int_{\Omega} v^2 dx := \|v\|_0^2 < \infty \right\}$$

Define, for integer  $m \geq 0$ ,

$$H^m(\Omega) = \{ v : D^\alpha v \in L^2(\Omega), |\alpha| \leq m \}$$

Seminorm  $|v|_m^2 = \sum_{|\alpha|=m} \int_{\Omega} |D^\alpha v|^2 dx$

$$D^\alpha v = \frac{\partial^{|\alpha|} v}{\partial x_1^{\alpha_1} \partial x_2^{\alpha_2}}$$

$$|\alpha| = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2$$

for problem in  $\mathbb{R}^2$

Hilbert space with induced norm  $\|v\|_m^2 = \sum_{|\alpha| \leq m} |v|_m^2$

$$\text{e.g. } \|v\|_1^2 = \int_{\Omega} \left[ |v|^2 + \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial x_1} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial x_2} \right)^2 \right] dx$$

We will also need  $H_0^1(\Omega) = \{ v \in H^1(\Omega) : v = 0 \text{ on } \Gamma \}$

# Well-posedness of the variational problem

$$\min_{w \in W} \frac{1}{2} a(w, w) - \ell(w)$$

This problem has a unique solution if:

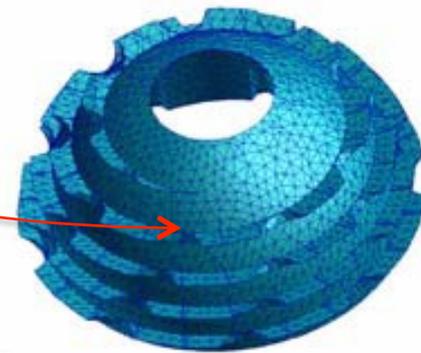
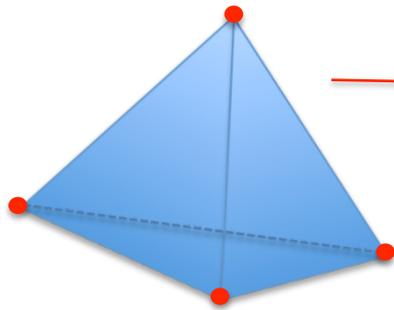
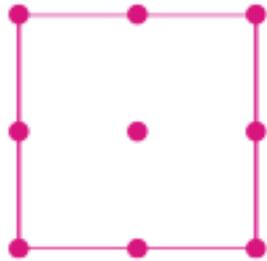
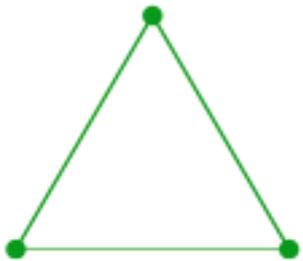
- $W$  is a closed subspace of a Hilbert space  $H$
- $a$  is coercive or  $W$ -elliptic:  $a(w, w) \geq \alpha \|w\|_H^2$
- $a$  is continuous:  $|a(w, z)| \leq M \|w\|_H \|z\|_H$
- $\ell$  is continuous:  $|\ell(z)| \leq C \|z\|_H$

The model problem has a unique solution in  $H_0^1(\Omega)$

# Finite element approximations

Aim: to pose the variational problem on a finite-dimensional subspace  $V^h \subset V$

1. Partition the domain into subdomains or finite elements
2. Construct a basis  $\{\varphi_i\}_{i=1}^N$  for  $V^h$  comprising continuous functions that are polynomials on each element



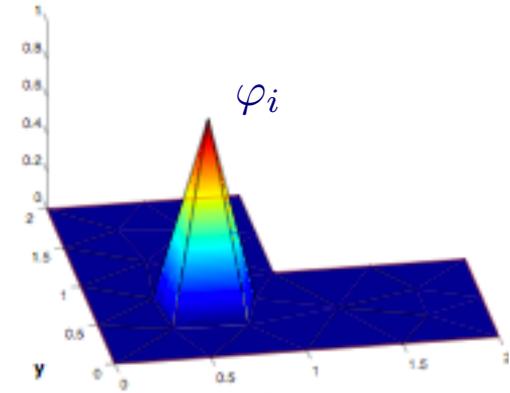
*portion of hip replacement:  
physical object and finite element model*

# The Galerkin finite element method

3. The piecewise-polynomial approximations can be written

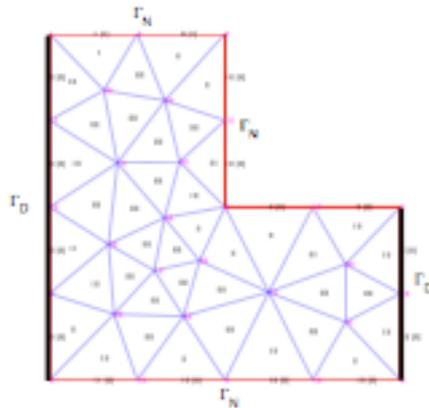
$$u_h = \sum_i \varphi_i(\mathbf{x}) u_i \equiv \boldsymbol{\varphi} \mathbf{u}$$

$$v_h = \sum_i \varphi_i(\mathbf{x}) v_i \equiv \boldsymbol{\varphi} \mathbf{v}$$

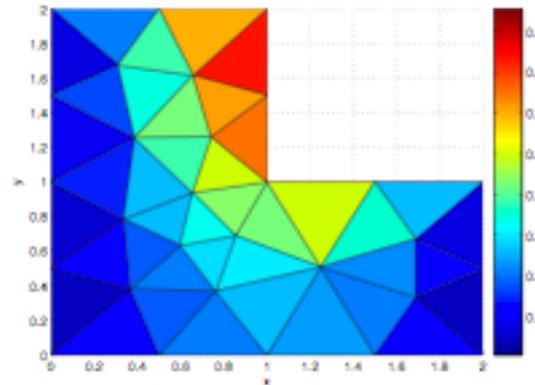


4. Substitute in the weak formulation  $a(u_h, v_h) = \ell(v_h)$  to obtain

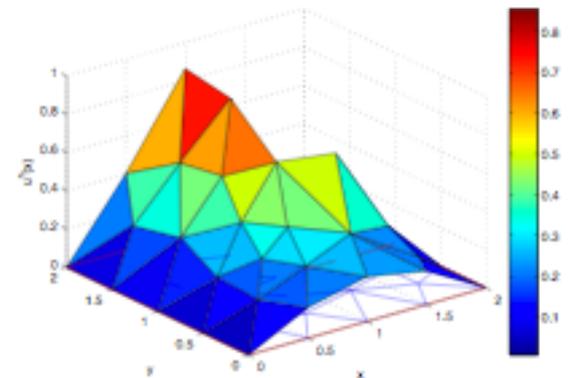
$$\sum_{i,j} v_i [a(\varphi_i, \varphi_j) u_i - \ell(\varphi_j)] = 0 \quad \sum_i \underbrace{a(\varphi_i, \varphi_j)}_{K_{ji}} u_i = \underbrace{\ell(\varphi_j)}_{F_j} \quad \mathbf{K} \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{F}$$



(a) Finite element mesh



(b) Finite element solution



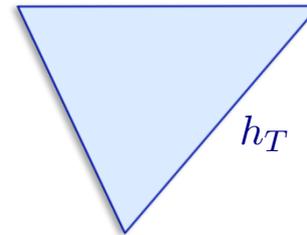
(c) Finite element solution

# Convergence of finite element approximations

- Construct  $V_h \subset V$  and seek  $u_h \in V_h$  such that for all  $v_h \in V_h$

$$a(u_h, v_h) = \ell(v_h) \quad \text{for all } v_h \in V_h \quad \longrightarrow \quad \mathbf{Ku = F}$$

- $h_T = \text{diameter of } T$  mesh size  $h = \max_{T \in \mathcal{T}} h_T$



- Define the *error* by  $u - u_h$  : under what conditions do we have convergence in the sense that

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} u_h = u?$$

- Orthogonality of the error:
$$\begin{aligned} a(u - u_h, v_h) &= a(u, v_h) - a(u_h, v_h) \\ &= \ell(v_h) - \ell(v_h) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

# An a priori estimate

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha \|u - u_h\|_V^2 &\leq a(u - u_h, u - u_h) && (V\text{-ellipticity}) \\ &= a(u - u_h, u - v_h) + a(u - u_h, v_h - u_h) \\ &\leq a(u - u_h, u - v_h) && (\text{orthogonality of error}) \\ &\leq M \|u - u_h\|_V \|u - v_h\|_V && (\text{continuity})\end{aligned}$$

$$\|u - u_h\|_1 \leq \bar{C} \inf_{v_h \in V_h} \|u - v_h\|_1$$

Céa's lemma

- 
- Strategy for obtaining error bound: a) choose  $v_h$  to be the interpolate of  $u$  in  $V_h$   
b) use interpolation error estimate to bound actual error

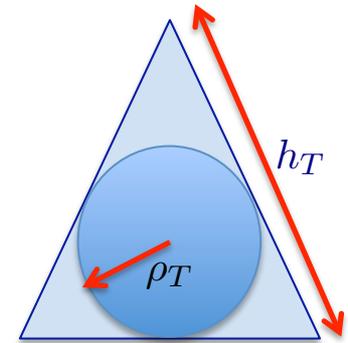
# Finite element interpolation theory

Ciarlet and Raviart *Arch. Rat. Mech. Anal.* 1972

$h_T = \text{diameter of } T$

$\rho_T = \sup\{\text{diameter of } B; B \text{ a ball contained in } T\}$

$\sigma_T = h_T / \rho_T$



Let  $\mathcal{T}$  be a triangulation of a bounded domain  $\Omega$  with polygonal boundary:

$$\bar{\Omega} = \cup_{T \in \mathcal{T}} T$$

Define the mesh size  $h = \max_{T \in \mathcal{T}} h_T$

A family of triangulations is regular as  $h \rightarrow 0$  if there exists  $\sigma > 0$  such that

$$\sigma_T \leq \sigma \quad \text{for all } T \in \mathcal{T}_h$$

# Finite element interpolation theory

(Local estimate) For a regular triangulation with  $v \in H^{k+1}(T)$ ,  $k+1 \geq m$  and the interpolation operator  $\pi$  which maps functions to polynomials of degree  $\leq k$ ,

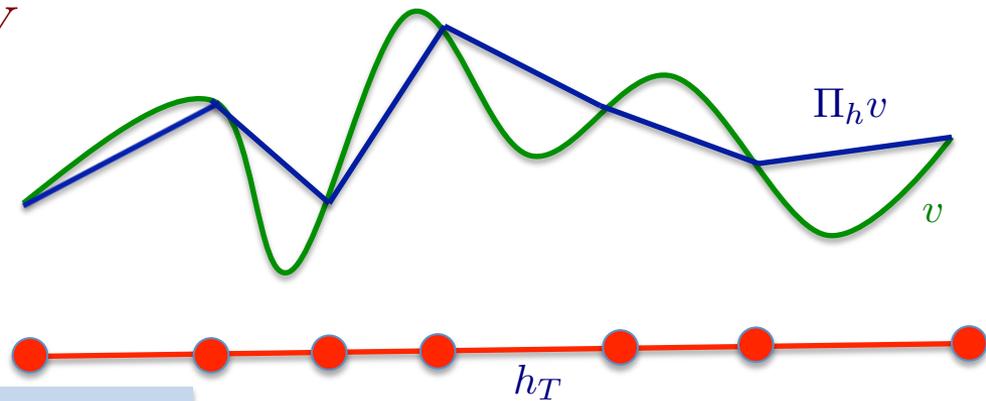
$$|v - \pi v|_{m,T} \leq Ch^{k+1-m} |v|_{k+1,T}$$

(Global estimate) Let  $\mathcal{T}$  be a uniformly regular triangulation of a polygonal domain. Define

$$V_h = \{v_h \in C(\bar{\Omega}) : v_h|_T \in P_k\} \cap V$$

$$\Pi_h : H^2(\Omega) \rightarrow V_h \quad (\text{global interpolator})$$

$$h = \max_T h_T$$



$$\|v - \Pi_h v\|_{m,\Omega} \leq Ch^{k+1-m} |v|_{k+1,\Omega} \quad m = 0, 1$$

# Convergence of finite element approximations

$$\begin{aligned}\|u - u_h\|_V &\leq C \inf_{v_h \in V_h} \|u - v_h\|_V \\ &\leq C \|u - \Pi_h u\|_V \\ &\leq Ch^{\min(k, r-1)} |u|_r\end{aligned}$$

So for the simplest approximation, by piecewise-linear simplices,

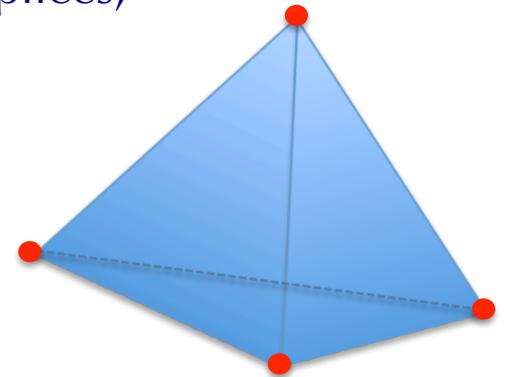
$$\|u - u_h\|_1 \leq Ch |u|_2$$

for the second-order elliptic equations

Could use piecewise-quadratic simplices ( $k = 2$ ) in which case

$$\|u - u_h\|_1 = O(h^2)$$

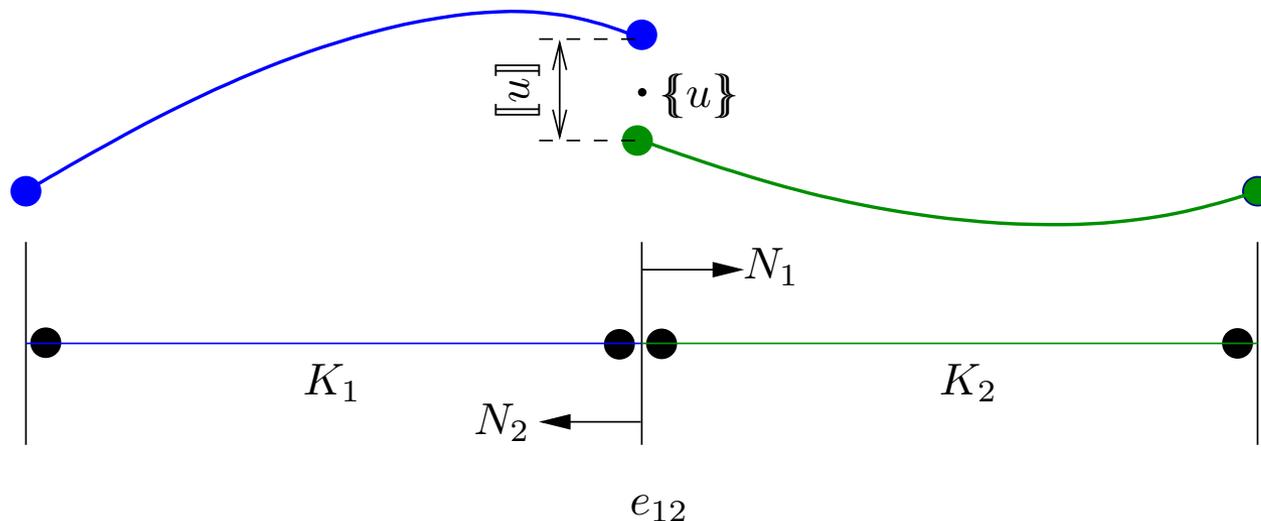
-- provided that the solution is smooth enough to belong to  $H^3(\Omega)$  !



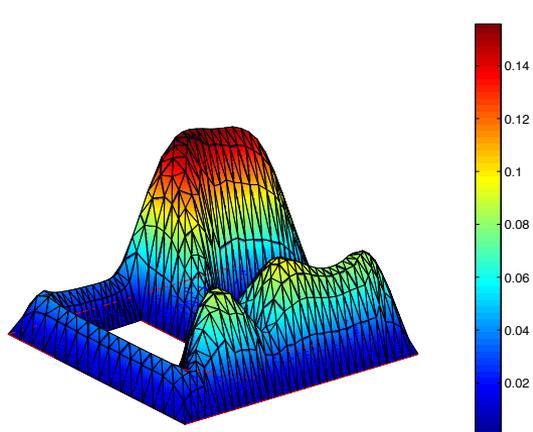
# Discontinuous Galerkin (DG) methods

# Discontinuous Galerkin (DG) methods

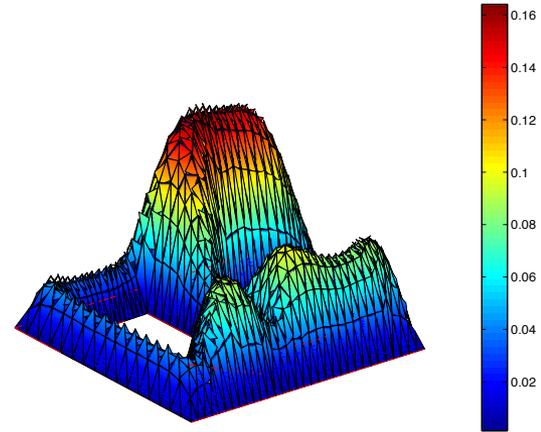
- Drop the condition of continuity
- So  $V_h \notin V$
- A member  $v_h \in V_h$  is now a polynomial on each element, but not continuous across element boundaries
- An immediate consequence: much greater number of degrees of freedom



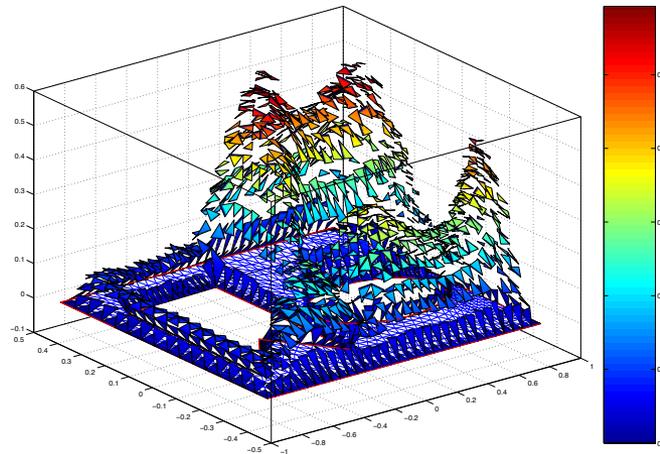
# What do solutions look like?



(a) Conforming approximation



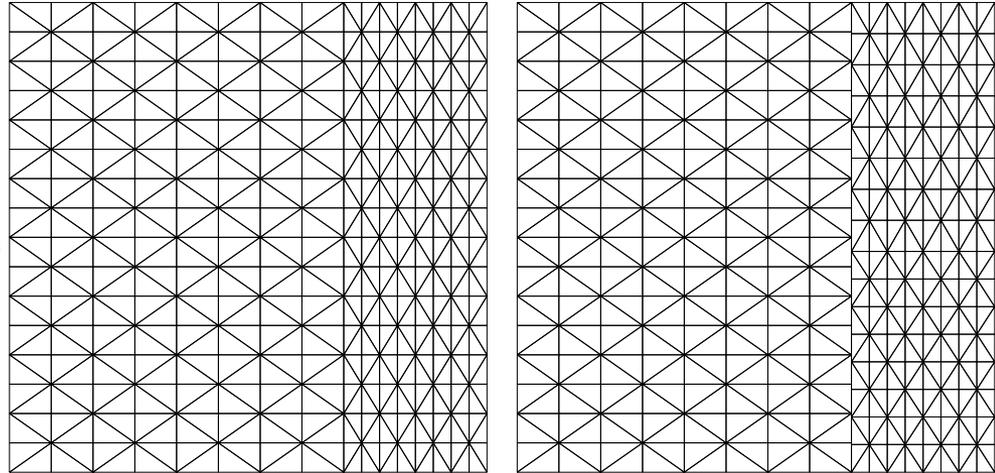
(b) Discontinuous Galerkin approximation



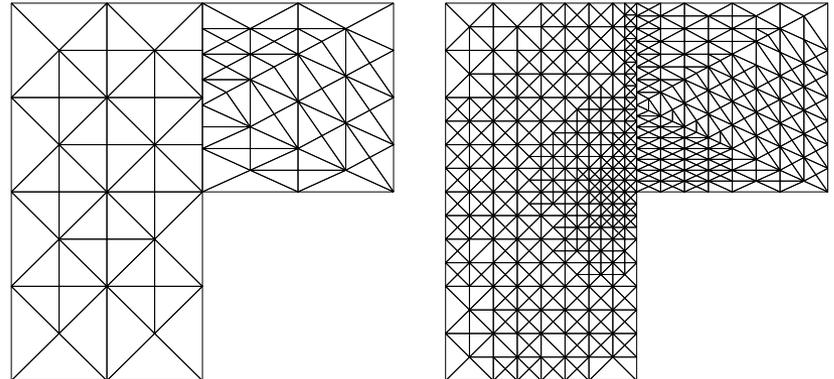
(c) Discontinuous Galerkin approximation with a large number of elements

# Why bother with DG?

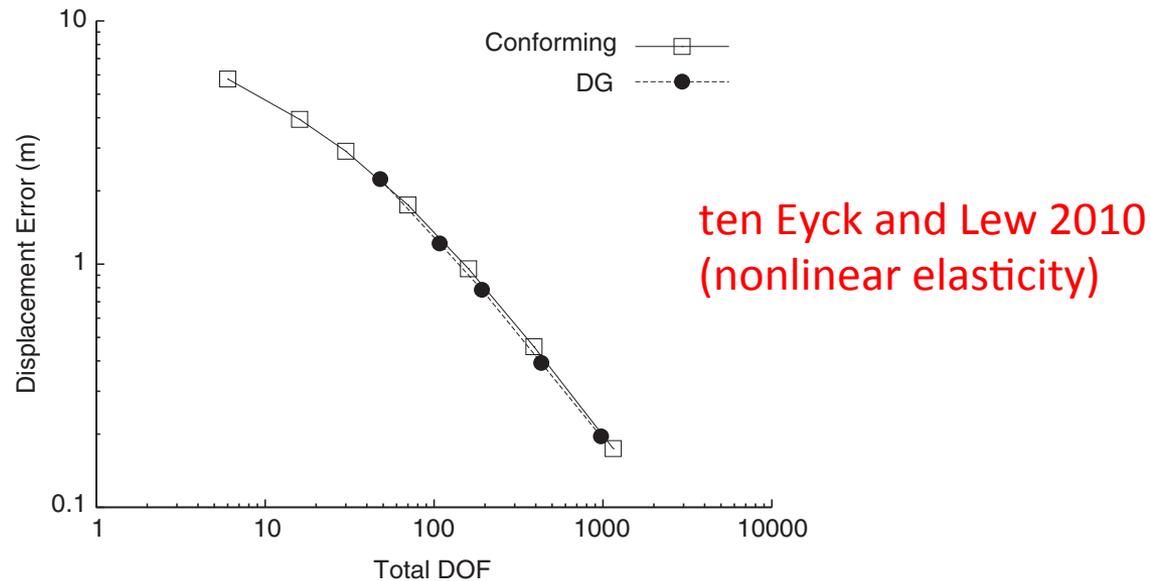
Can accommodate hanging nodes



Useful in adaptive mesh refinement



# Efficiency and accuracy



# Our objective

- For the problem of deformations of elastic bodies DG methods show good behaviour for near-incompressibility with the use of low-order triangles in two dimensions, and tetrahedra in three
- DG with quadrilaterals and hexahedra less straightforward:
  - poor behaviour, including locking, for low-order approximations
- We show why this is so, and propose some remedies

# First, review derivation of heat equation

$\mathbf{q}$  = heat flux vector

**Heat equation:** Balance of energy  $\operatorname{div} \mathbf{q} = s$

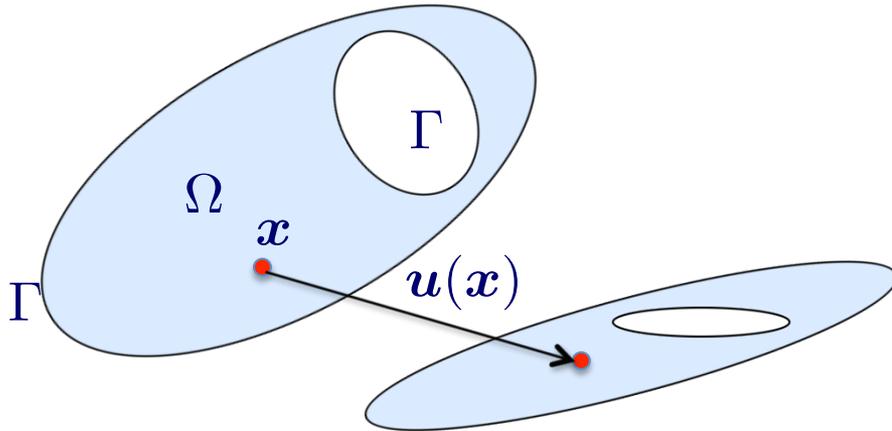
$s$  = heat source

+

Fourier's law  $\mathbf{q} = -k \nabla \vartheta$

give the (steady) heat equation  $-k \Delta \vartheta = s$

# Governing equations for elasticity



displacement vector  $\mathbf{u}$

stress tensor or matrix  $\boldsymbol{\sigma}$

**Elasticity:**

Equilibrium

$$-\operatorname{div} \boldsymbol{\sigma} = \mathbf{f}$$

+

Hooke's law

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma} = \lambda \operatorname{div} \mathbf{u} + (\nabla \mathbf{u} + [\nabla \mathbf{u}]^T)$$

give Navier's equation

$$-\bar{\Delta} \mathbf{u} = -[\Delta \mathbf{u} + (1 + \lambda) \nabla \operatorname{div} \mathbf{u}] = \mathbf{f}$$

Equivalent to minimization problem

$$\min_{\mathbf{u}} J(\mathbf{u}) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla_s \mathbf{u}|^2 + (1 + \lambda)(\operatorname{div} \mathbf{u})^2 dV - \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{f} \cdot \mathbf{u} dV$$

Define

$$a(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) = \int_{\Omega} [\nabla_s \mathbf{u} : \nabla_s \mathbf{v} + (1 + \lambda)\operatorname{div} \mathbf{u} \operatorname{div} \mathbf{v}] dx$$
$$\ell(\mathbf{v}) = \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{f} \cdot \mathbf{v} dx$$

$$\nabla_s \mathbf{u} = \frac{1}{2}[\nabla \mathbf{u} + (\nabla \mathbf{u})^T]$$
$$(\nabla_s \mathbf{u})_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial u_j}{\partial x_i} \right)$$

Then the minimization problem is  $\min_{\mathbf{v} \in V} \frac{1}{2} a(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v}) - \ell(\mathbf{v})$

or equivalently  $a(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) = \ell(\mathbf{v})$

which has a unique solution in  $V := [H_0^1(\Omega)]^d$

Furthermore (Brenner and Sung 1992) the solution satisfies

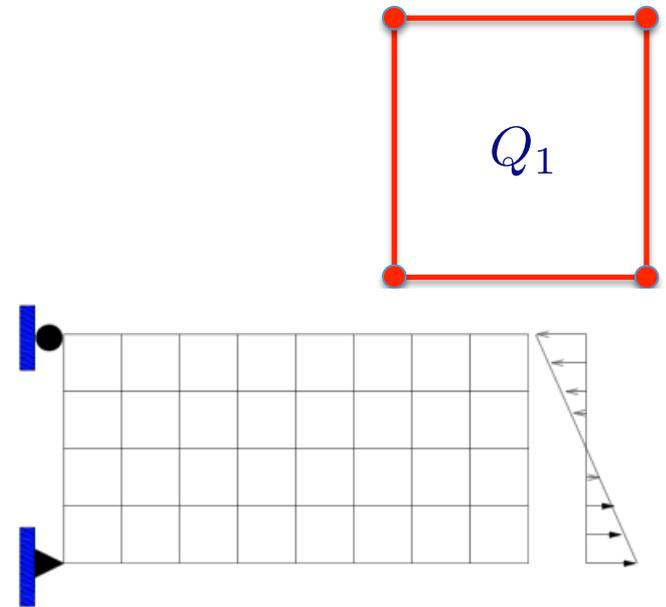
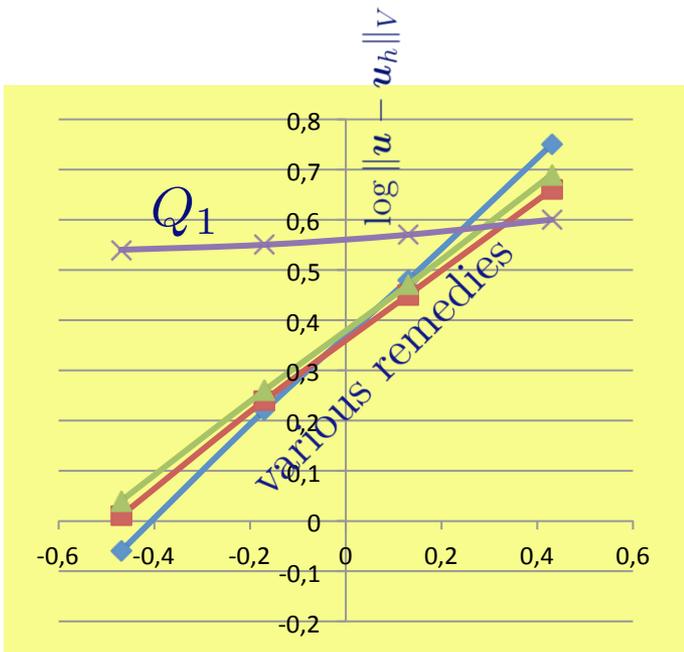
$$\mathbf{u} \in [H^2(\Omega)]^2 \quad \|\mathbf{u}\|_{H^2} + \lambda \|\operatorname{div} \mathbf{u}\|_{H^1} \leq C \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^2}$$

# Locking

The use of low-order elements leads to a non-physical solution in the incompressible limit

$$a(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) = \int_{\Omega} [\nabla_s \mathbf{u} : \nabla_s \mathbf{v} + (1 + \lambda) \operatorname{div} \mathbf{u} \operatorname{div} \mathbf{v}] \, dx$$

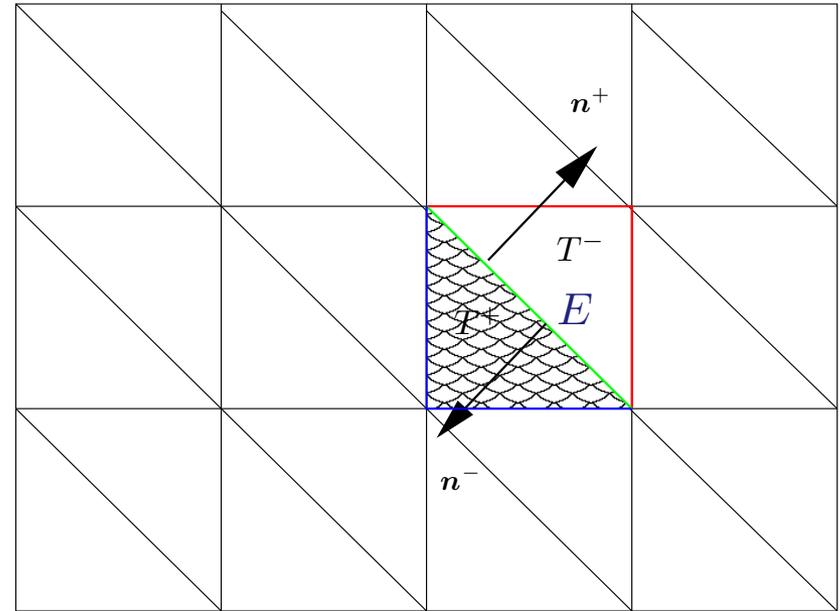
$$\lambda \rightarrow \infty \quad \operatorname{div} \mathbf{u} \rightarrow 0$$



We explore the use of DG methods as a remedy for locking

# DG formulation: some definitions

Jumps and averages:  
on an interior edge  $E$  of element  $T$ ,



$$[[v]] = v^+ \cdot n^+ + v^- \cdot n^-,$$

$$[[v]] = v^+ \otimes n^+ + v^- \otimes n^-, \quad \{v\} = \frac{1}{2}(v^+ + v^-)$$

$$[[\tau]] = \tau^+ n^+ + \tau^- n^-, \quad \{\tau\} = \frac{1}{2}(\tau^+ + \tau^-)$$

For example  $[[\tau]] = (\tau^+ - \tau^-)n^+$

On an edge that forms part of the boundary,  $[[v]] = v \otimes n$   
 $\{\tau\} = \tau n$

# Setting it up

$$-\bar{\Delta} \mathbf{u} = - \underbrace{[\Delta \mathbf{u} + (1 + \lambda) \nabla \operatorname{div} \mathbf{u}]}_{-\operatorname{div} \boldsymbol{\sigma}} = \mathbf{f}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma} = \lambda \operatorname{div} \mathbf{u} + (\nabla \mathbf{u} + [\nabla \mathbf{u}]^T)$$

- take the inner product with a test function
- integrate, and integrate by parts

$$- \int_{\Omega} \operatorname{div} \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{v} \, dV = \int_V \mathbf{f} \cdot \mathbf{v} \, dV$$

Consider the left-hand side:

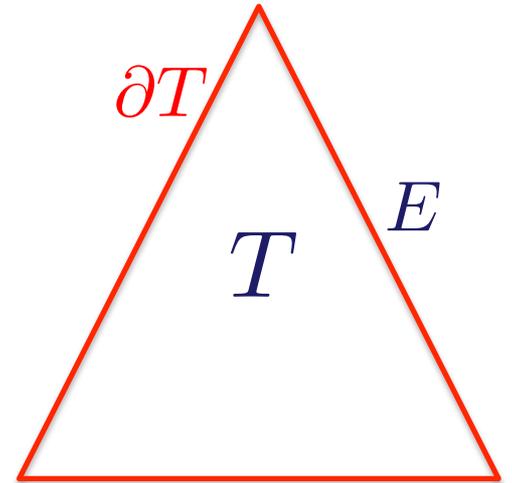
$$\int_{\Omega} \operatorname{div} \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{v} \, dV = \sum_T \int_T \operatorname{div} \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{v} \, dV$$

$$\int_{\Omega} \operatorname{div} \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{v} \, dV = \sum_T \int_{\partial T} \boldsymbol{\sigma} \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{v} \, ds - \sum_T \int_T \boldsymbol{\sigma} : \nabla_s \mathbf{v} \, dV$$

Thus weak equation is now

$$-\sum_T \int_{\partial T} \boldsymbol{\sigma} \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{v} \, ds + \sum_T \int_T \boldsymbol{\sigma} : \nabla_s \mathbf{v} \, dV = \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{f} \cdot \mathbf{v} \, dV$$

Next, we need the “magic formula”



$$\sum_T \int_{\partial T} \mathbf{v} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} \mathbf{n} \, ds = \sum_E \int_E \llbracket \mathbf{v} \rrbracket : \{ \boldsymbol{\sigma} \} \, ds + \sum_{E_{\text{int}}} \int_{E_{\text{int}}} \{ \mathbf{v} \} \cdot \llbracket \boldsymbol{\sigma} \rrbracket \, ds$$

This gives

$$-\sum_E \int_E [[\mathbf{v}]] : \{\boldsymbol{\sigma}\} ds - \sum_{E_{\text{int}}} \int_{E_{\text{int}}} \{\mathbf{v}\} \cdot [[\boldsymbol{\sigma}]] ds + \int_{\Omega} \boldsymbol{\sigma} : \nabla_s \mathbf{v} dV = \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{f} \cdot \mathbf{v} dV$$

Since the exact solution is smooth ( $\mathbf{u} \in [H^2(\Omega)]^d$ ) and the stress is continuous we can assume that

$$[[\boldsymbol{\sigma}]] = \mathbf{0}$$

which leaves

$$-\sum_E \int_E [[\mathbf{v}]] : \{\boldsymbol{\sigma}\} ds + \int_{\Omega} \boldsymbol{\sigma} : \nabla_s \mathbf{v} dV = \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{f} \cdot \mathbf{v} dV$$

Exploiting again the smoothness of the exact solution we can add a term to symmetrize the problem:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & - \sum_E \int_E \llbracket \mathbf{v} \rrbracket : \{ \boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{u}) \} ds - \sum_E \int_E \llbracket \mathbf{u} \rrbracket : \{ \boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{v}) \} ds + \sum_E \int_{\Omega} \boldsymbol{\sigma} : \nabla_s \mathbf{v} dV = \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{f} \cdot \mathbf{v} dV
 \end{aligned}$$

$\llbracket \mathbf{u} \rrbracket = 0$

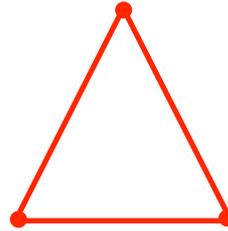
Finally, we may need to stabilize the problem: this gives us the **symmetric interior penalty (SIP)** formulation (Douglas and Dupont 1976)

$$\begin{aligned}
 & - \sum_E \int_E \llbracket \mathbf{v} \rrbracket : \{ \boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{u}) \} ds - \sum_E \int_E \llbracket \mathbf{u} \rrbracket : \{ \boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{v}) \} ds + k \sum_E \int_E \frac{1}{h_E} \llbracket \mathbf{u} \rrbracket \llbracket \mathbf{v} \rrbracket + \sum_E \int_{\Omega} \boldsymbol{\sigma} : \nabla_s \mathbf{v} dV = \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{f} \cdot \mathbf{v} dV
 \end{aligned}$$

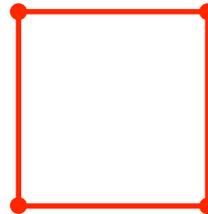
# The DG formulation

$$V_h = \{ \mathbf{v}_h : \mathbf{v}_h \in [L^2(\Omega)]^d, \mathbf{v}_h|_T \in P_1(T) \text{ or } Q_1(T) \}$$

$$P_1(T) : \mathbf{v}_h = \mathbf{a}_0 + \mathbf{a}_1x + \mathbf{a}_2y$$



$$Q_1(T) : \mathbf{v}_h = \mathbf{a}_0 + \mathbf{a}_1x + \mathbf{a}_2y + \mathbf{a}_3xy$$



$$V_h = \{ \mathbf{v}_h : \mathbf{v}_h \in [L^2(\Omega)]^d, \mathbf{v}_h|_T \in P_1(T) \text{ or } Q_1(T) \}$$

$$a_h(\mathbf{u}_h, \mathbf{v}_h) = \ell(\mathbf{v}_h)$$

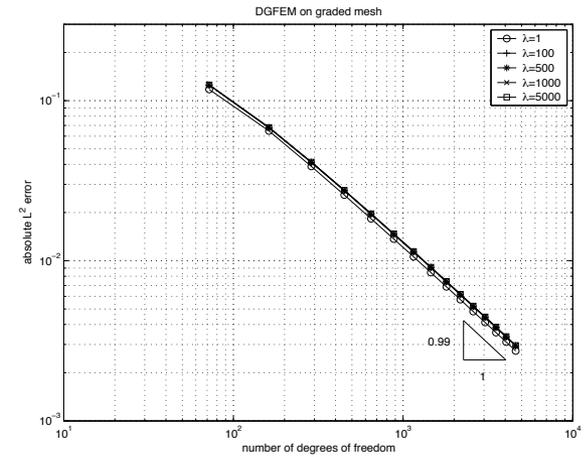
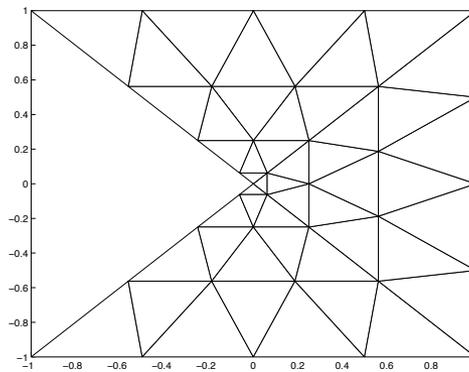
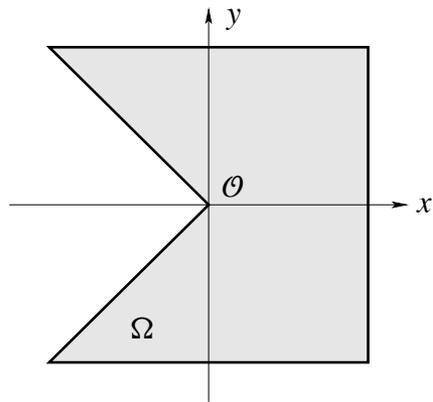
$$a_h(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v})$$

$$\sum_T \int_T \boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{u}) : \nabla_s \mathbf{v} \, dV + \theta \sum_E \int_E [[\mathbf{u}]] : \{ \boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{v}) \} \, ds - \sum_E \int_E [[\mathbf{v}]] : \{ \boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{u}) \} \, ds + k \sum_E \int_E \frac{1}{h_E} [[\mathbf{u}]] [[\mathbf{v}]] \, ds = \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{f} \cdot \mathbf{v} \, dV$$

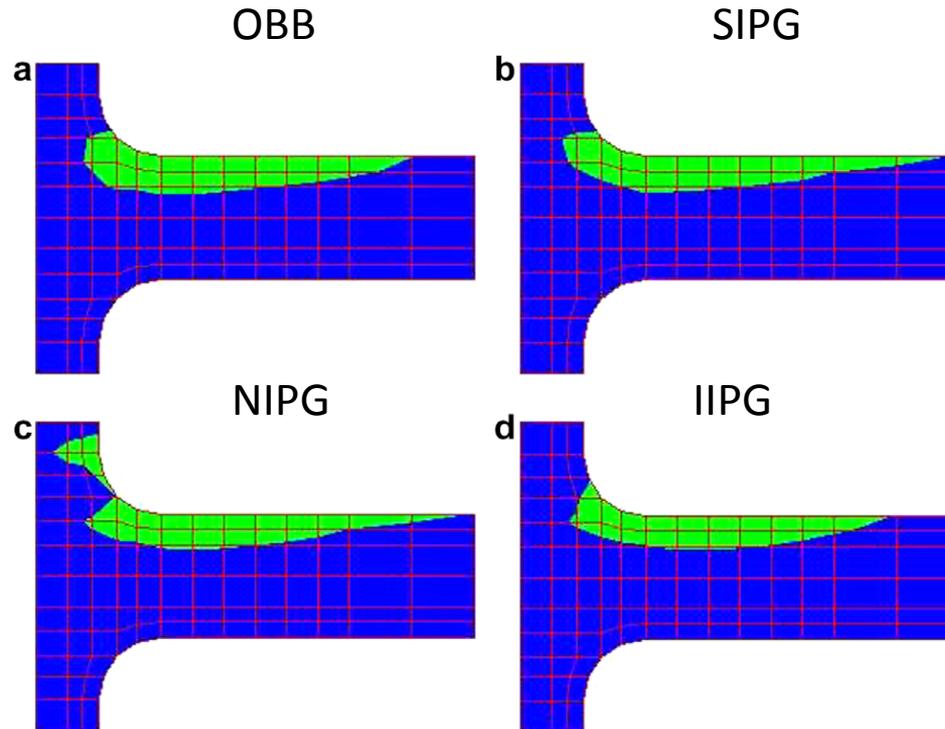
$$\theta = \begin{cases} +1 & \text{Nonsymmetric Interior Penalty Galerkin (NIPG)} \\ & \text{RIVIÈRE \& WHEELER 1999, 2000; ODEN, BABUSKA \& BAUMANN 1998} \\ -1 & \text{Symmetric Interior Penalty Galerkin (SIPG)} \\ & \text{DOUGLAS \& DUPONT 1976, ARNOLD 1982, HANSBO \& LARSON 2002} \\ 0 & \text{Incomplete Interior Penalty Galerkin (IIPG)} \\ & \text{DAWSON, SUN AND WHEELER 2004} \end{cases}$$

# DG with triangles is uniformly convergent

WIHLER 2002



# Some computational results with quads appear to show locking-free behaviour ...



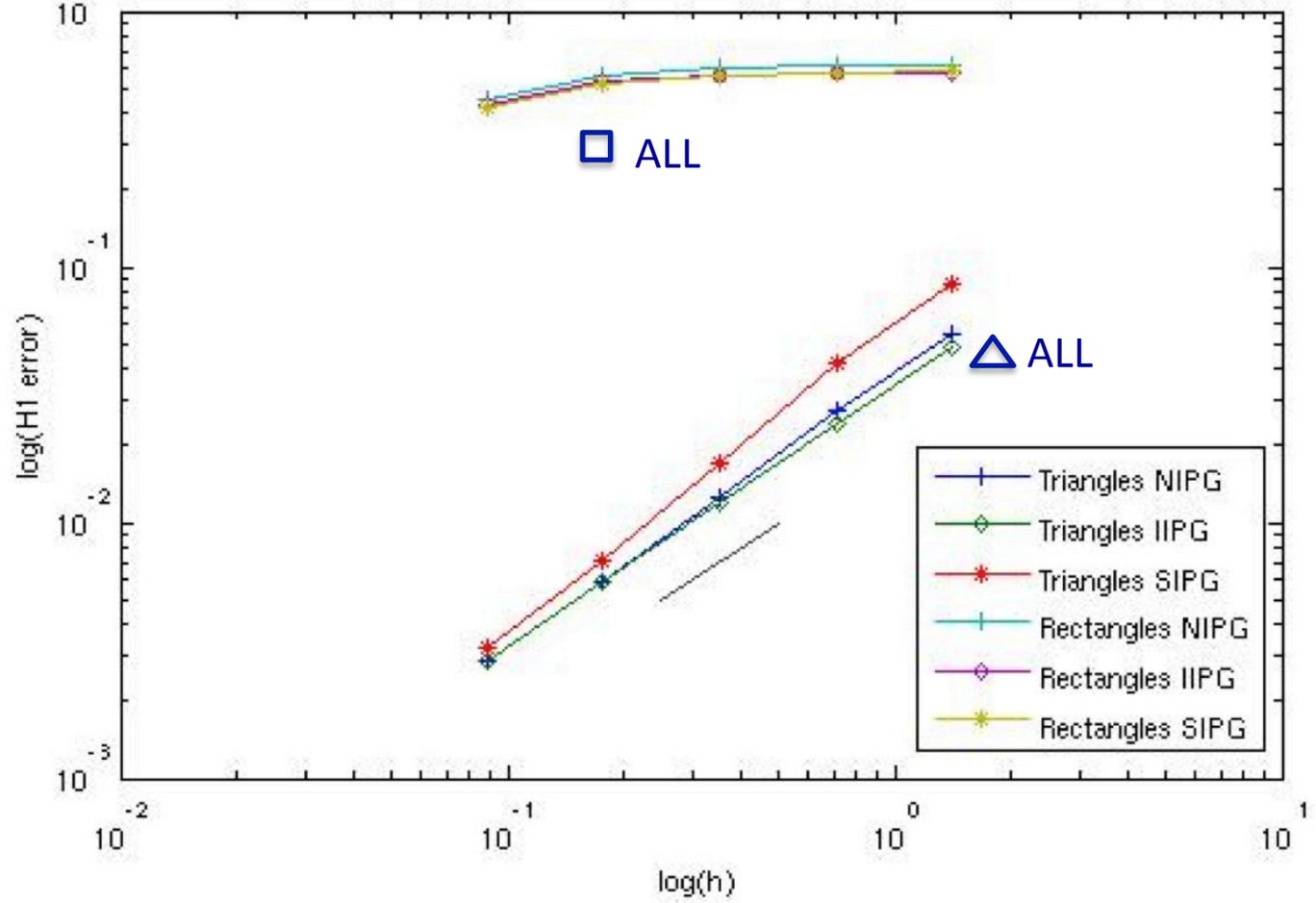
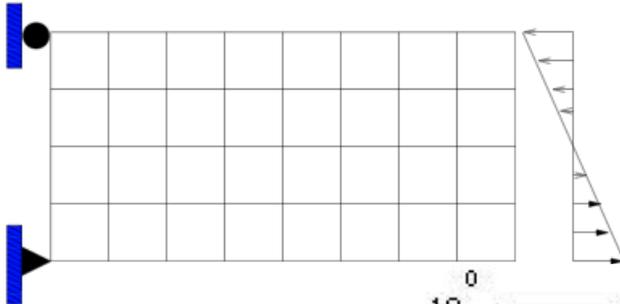
**Fig. 8.** Tensile stress contours ( $\sigma_y > 0.15$  MPa) of DG solutions of beam problem with Poisson's ratio 0.499. (a) OBB; (b) SIPG;  $\delta_p = 30$ ; (c) NIPG;  $\delta_p = 10$ ; and (d) IIPG;  $\delta_p = 50$ .

LIU, WHEELER AND DAWSON 2009

These authors report good results using all methods

# ... but not so in other cases

Grieshaber, McBride and R. (2015)



- We know that DG works for simplicial elements
- Some authors report good results for quads
- We find locking for a simple example
- What's going on?

# Let's see why DG with triangles works

$$a_h(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) := \sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}_h} \int_T \boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{u}) : \nabla_s \mathbf{v} + \theta \sum_{E \in \Gamma} \int_E [[\mathbf{u}]] : \{\boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{v})\} - \sum_{E \in \Gamma} \int_E \{\boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{u})\} : [[\mathbf{v}]] \\ + k_\mu \mu \sum_{E \in \Gamma} \int_E \frac{1}{h_E} [[\mathbf{u}]] : [[\mathbf{v}]] + k_\lambda \lambda \sum_{E \in \Gamma} \frac{1}{h_E} \int_E [[\mathbf{u}]] : [[\mathbf{v}]]$$

(note the use of two stabilization terms)

$$:= 2\mu \left[ \sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}_h} \int_T \nabla_s \mathbf{u} : \nabla_s \mathbf{v} \, dx + \theta \sum_{E \in \Gamma} \int_E [[\mathbf{u}]] : \{\nabla_s \mathbf{v}\} - \sum_{E \in \Gamma} \int_E \{\nabla \mathbf{u}\} : [[\mathbf{v}]] + k_\mu \sum_{E \in \Gamma} \int_E \frac{1}{2h_E} [[\mathbf{u}]] : [[\mathbf{v}]] \right] \\ + \lambda \left[ + \sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}_h} \int_T (\operatorname{div} \mathbf{u})(\operatorname{div} \mathbf{v}) \quad \text{(I)} + \theta \sum_{E \in \Gamma} \int_E [[\mathbf{u}]] : \{(\operatorname{div} \mathbf{v})\mathbf{I}\} \quad \text{(II)} - \sum_{E \in \Gamma} \int_E \{(\operatorname{div} \mathbf{u})\mathbf{I}\} : [[\mathbf{v}]] \, ds \quad \text{(III)} \right. \\ \left. + k_\lambda \sum_{E \in \Gamma} \frac{1}{h_E} \int_E [[\mathbf{u}]] : [[\mathbf{v}]] \quad \text{(IV)} \right]$$

# Error analysis for linear triangles: NIPG

Approximation error  $e = \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_h$

$\Pi\mathbf{u}$  = interpolant of  $\mathbf{u}$

$$= \underbrace{\mathbf{u} - \Pi\mathbf{u}}_{\boldsymbol{\eta}} + \underbrace{\Pi\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_h}_{\boldsymbol{\xi}}$$

interpolation error

Use Crouzeix-Raviart interpolant: linear on triangles,  
continuous at midpoints of edges

Properties: 
$$\int_E (\mathbf{u} - \Pi\mathbf{u}) \cdot \mathbf{n} \, ds = 0$$

$$\int_T \operatorname{div}(\mathbf{u} - \Pi\mathbf{u}) \, dV = 0$$

$$\mathbf{e} = \boldsymbol{\eta} + \boldsymbol{\xi}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\eta} = \mathbf{u} - \Pi\mathbf{u}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\xi} = \Pi\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}_h$$

$$\boldsymbol{\xi} \in V_h \Rightarrow \operatorname{div} \boldsymbol{\xi}, \quad \sigma(\boldsymbol{\xi}) \text{ const.}$$

---

$\lambda$ -terms in error bound can be handled as follows: for example,

$$(I) = \lambda \sum_T \int_T (\operatorname{div} \boldsymbol{\eta})(\operatorname{div} \boldsymbol{\xi}) \, ds = \lambda \sum_T \operatorname{div} \boldsymbol{\xi} \int_T \operatorname{div} \boldsymbol{\eta} \, ds = 0$$

to give eventually

$$\|\mathbf{e}\|_{\text{DG}}^2 \leq Ch^2 \left( \|\mathbf{u}\|_{H^2(\Omega)}^2 + \lambda^2 \|\operatorname{div} \mathbf{u}\|_{H^1(\Omega)}^2 \right)$$

Use estimate  $\|\mathbf{u}\|_{H^2} + \lambda \|\operatorname{div} \mathbf{u}\|_{H^1} \leq C \|\mathbf{f}\|_{L^2}$  to get uniform convergence

# Convergence analysis for quadrilaterals

First need to construct a suitable interpolant  $\Pi u \in V_h$

As before  $e = u - u_h$

$$= \underbrace{u - \Pi u}_{\eta} + \underbrace{\Pi u - u_h}_{\xi}$$

and  $\Pi u$  must satisfy

$$\int_E (u - \Pi u) \cdot n \, ds = 0$$

$$\int_E [[u - \Pi u]] \cdot n \, ds = 0$$

$$\int_{\partial T} (u - \Pi u) \cdot n \, ds = 0$$

# The interpolant

Inspired by DOUGLAS, SANTOS, SHEEN & YE 1999; CIA, DOUGLAS, YE 1999:

Construct interpolant with span

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1, x, y, \theta(x) + \kappa(y) \\ 1, x, y, \kappa(x) + \theta(y) \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \theta(x) &= 3x^2 - 10x^4 + 7x^6 \\ \kappa(x) &= -3x^2 + 5x^4 \end{aligned}$$

Define  $\Pi u$  as orthogonal projection on element

# Error bound

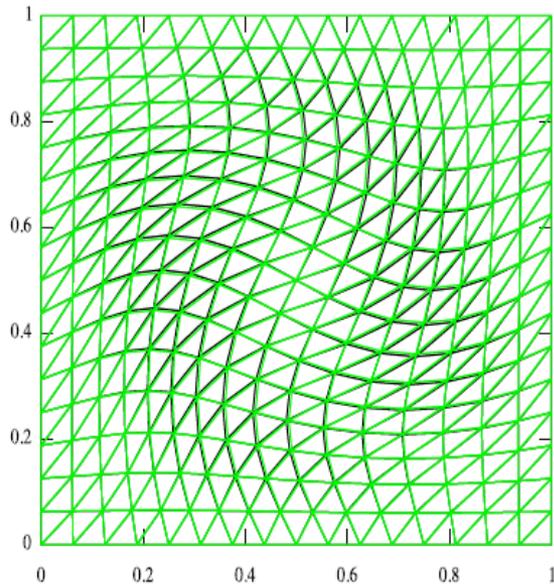
Eventually get

$$\|\tilde{\mathbf{u}} - \mathbf{u}_h\|_{\text{DG}}^2 \leq C \sum_T h_T^2 \left( \|\mathbf{u}\|_{H^2(T)}^2 + \lambda^2 \|\mathbf{u}\|_{H^2(T)}^2 + \lambda^2 \|\operatorname{div} \mathbf{u}\|_{H^1(T)}^2 \right)$$

**so not possible to bound  $\lambda$ -dependent term**

# Example: square plate

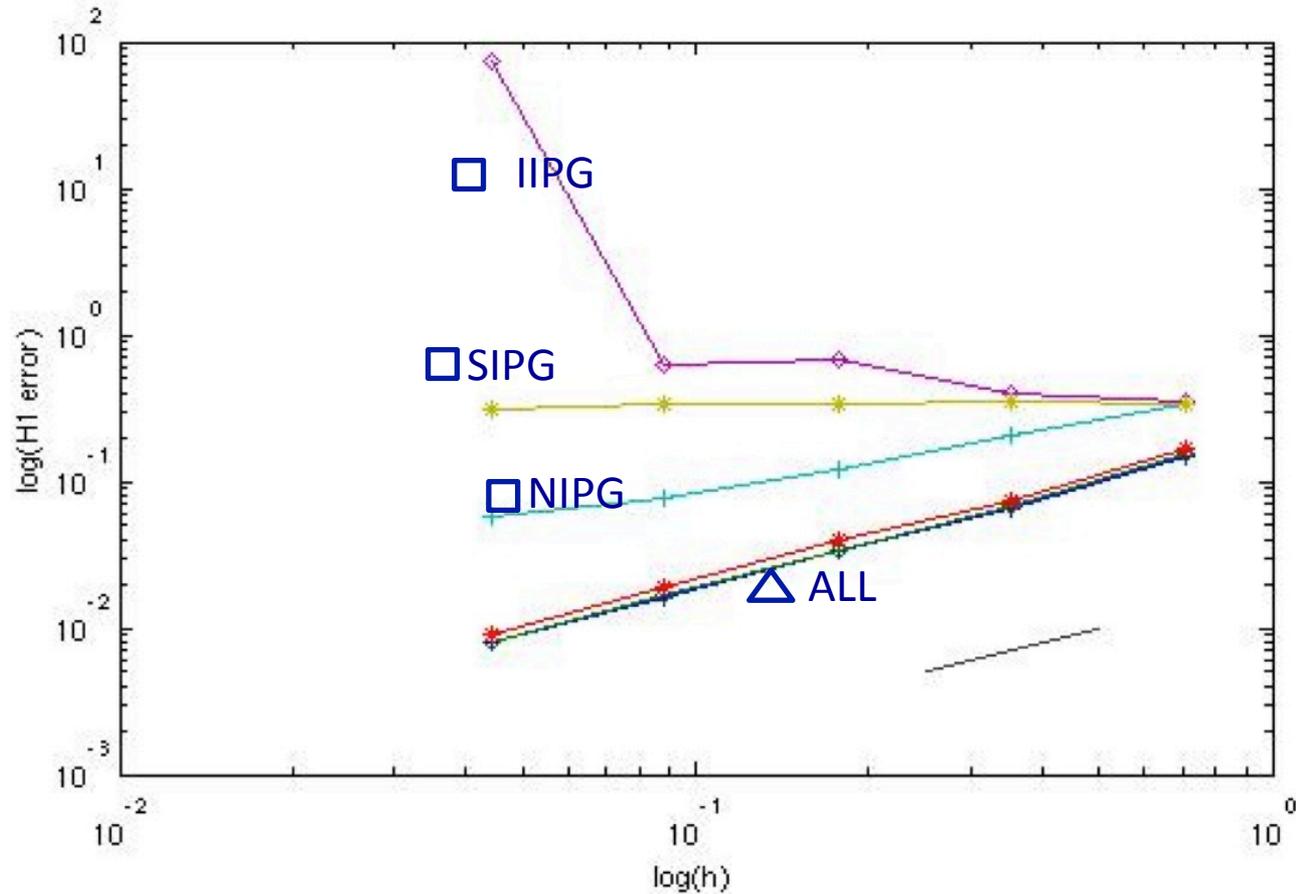
BRENNER *SINUM* 1993



$$\Omega = (0, 1)^2 \quad \mu = 1$$

$$u_1(x, y) = \sin 2\pi y(-1 + \cos 2\pi x) + \frac{1}{1 + \lambda} \sin \pi x \sin \pi y$$

$$u_2(x, y) = \sin 2\pi x(1 - \cos 2\pi y) + \frac{1}{1 + \lambda} \sin \pi x \sin \pi y$$



# A remedy: selective reduced integration (SRI)

Recall classical SRI for elasticity problem:

to overcome volumetric locking one replaces

$$\int_{\Omega} \left[ \nabla_s \mathbf{u}_h : \nabla_s \mathbf{v}_h + \underbrace{\lambda(\operatorname{div} \mathbf{u})(\operatorname{div} \mathbf{v})}_{\text{volumetric term}} \right] dV$$

by

$$\int_{\Omega} \left[ \nabla_s \mathbf{u}_h : \nabla_s \mathbf{v}_h dV + \underbrace{\lambda \sum_T w_T \operatorname{div} \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}_T) \operatorname{div} \mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}_T)}_{\text{underintegration of volumetric term}} \right]$$

or

$$\int_{\Omega} \left[ \nabla_s \mathbf{u}_h : \nabla_s \mathbf{v}_h dV + \lambda \sum_T \int_T (\Pi_0 \operatorname{div} \mathbf{u})(\Pi_0 \operatorname{div} \mathbf{v}) dV \right]$$

$$\Pi_0 \operatorname{div} \mathbf{v} = \frac{1}{|T|} \int_T \operatorname{div} \mathbf{v} dV$$

Underintegration applied to (II) gives

$$\begin{aligned}\theta\lambda \int_E [[\boldsymbol{\xi}]] \{\operatorname{div} \boldsymbol{\eta}\} ds &\simeq \theta\lambda \int_E \Pi_0[[\boldsymbol{\xi}]] \Pi_0\{\operatorname{div} \boldsymbol{\eta}\} ds \\ &= \theta\lambda \Pi_0\{\operatorname{div} \boldsymbol{\eta}\} \int_E \Pi_0[[\boldsymbol{\xi}]] ds \\ &= \theta\lambda \Pi_0\{\operatorname{div} \boldsymbol{\eta}\} \int_E [[\boldsymbol{\xi}]] ds = 0\end{aligned}$$

Replace (IV) with

$$\begin{aligned}k_\lambda \lambda \theta \sum_E \int_E \Pi_0[[\boldsymbol{\xi}]] \Pi_0[[\boldsymbol{\eta}]] &= k_\lambda \lambda \theta \sum_E \int_E [[\Pi_0 \boldsymbol{\xi}]] [[\boldsymbol{\eta}]] \\ &= k_\lambda \lambda \theta \sum_E \Pi_0[[\boldsymbol{\xi}]] \int_E [[\boldsymbol{\eta}]] \\ &= 0\end{aligned}$$

But we now have to check **coercivity** and **consistency** of the modified bilinear form!

Underintegration applied to (II) gives

$$\begin{aligned}\theta\lambda \int_E [[\boldsymbol{\xi}]] \{\operatorname{div} \boldsymbol{\eta}\} ds &\simeq \theta\lambda \int_E \Pi_0 [[\boldsymbol{\xi}]] \Pi_0 \{\operatorname{div} \boldsymbol{\eta}\} ds \\ &= \theta\lambda \Pi_0 \{\operatorname{div} \boldsymbol{\eta}\} \int_E \Pi_0 [[\boldsymbol{\xi}]] ds \\ &= \theta\lambda \Pi_0 \{\operatorname{div} \boldsymbol{\eta}\} \int_E [[\boldsymbol{\xi}]] ds = 0\end{aligned}$$

Eventually get

$$a_h(\boldsymbol{\eta}, \boldsymbol{\xi}) \leq C \|\boldsymbol{\xi}\|_{\text{DG}} \left( \sum_T h_T^2 \underbrace{\left( \|\mathbf{u}\|_{H^2}^2 + \lambda^2 \|\operatorname{div} \mathbf{u}\|_{H^1}^2 \right)}_{\leq C \|\mathbf{f}\|^2} \right)^{1/2}$$

But we now have to check **coercivity** and **consistency** of the modified bilinear form!

## Coercivity

NIPG: OK for SRI on terms (II) and (III)

SIPG: OK for SRI on terms (II), (III), (IV)

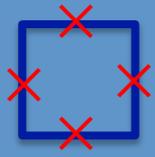
IIPG: OK for SRI on terms (III) and (IV)

Term (III) when underintegrated leads to a **consistency error**

$$|E^{\text{RI}}(\mathbf{u}, \boldsymbol{\xi})| = \lambda \left| \sum_E \int_E (\Pi_0\{\text{div } \mathbf{u}\} \text{tr } \Pi_0[\boldsymbol{\xi}] - \{\text{div } \mathbf{u}\} \text{tr}[\boldsymbol{\xi}]) ds \right|$$

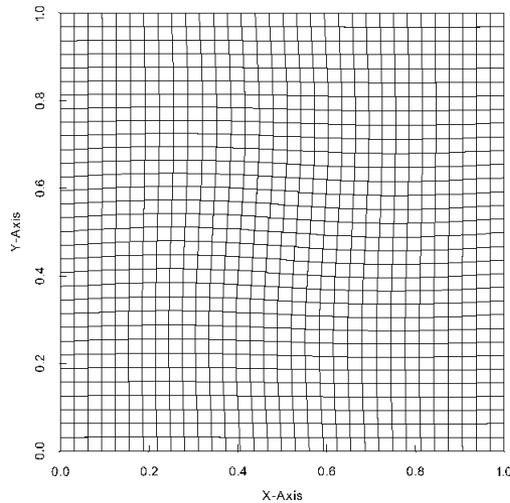
which can be controlled

# Locking-free (uniformly convergent) behaviour

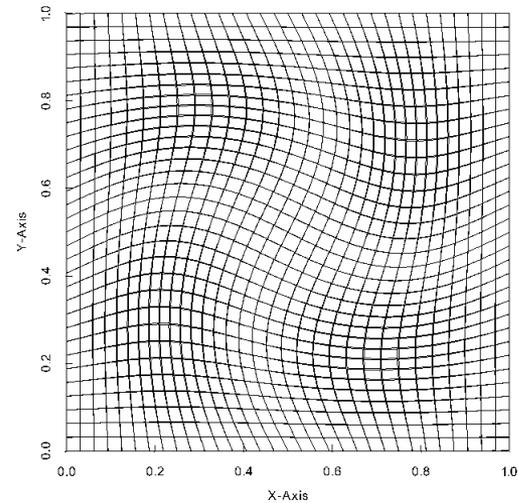
			
	$\mathcal{P}_1$	$\mathcal{Q}_1$	$\mathcal{Q}_1 + \text{SRI}$
SIP	✓	✗	✓
NIP	✓	✗	✓
IIP	✓	✗	✓

# Square plate:

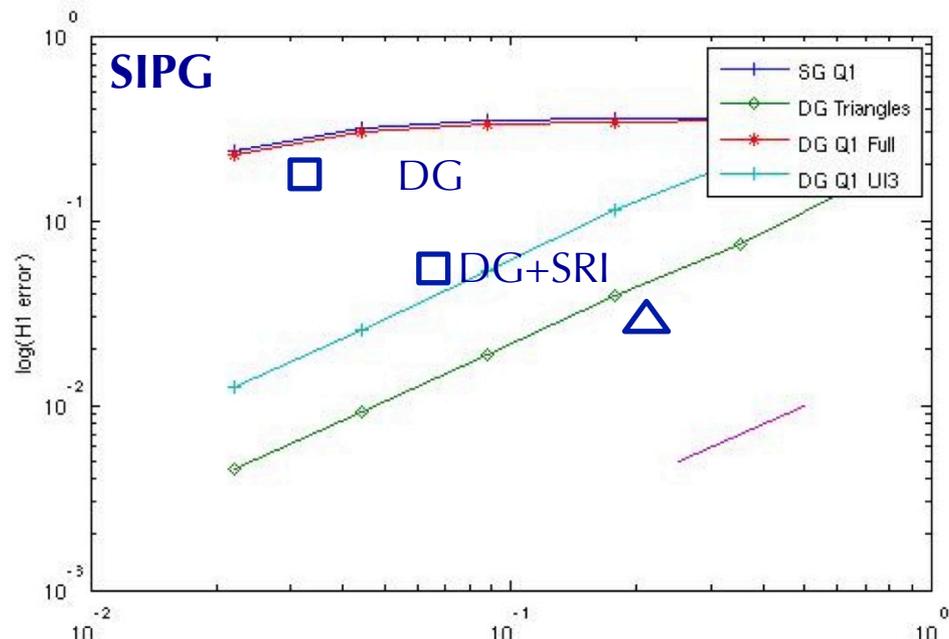
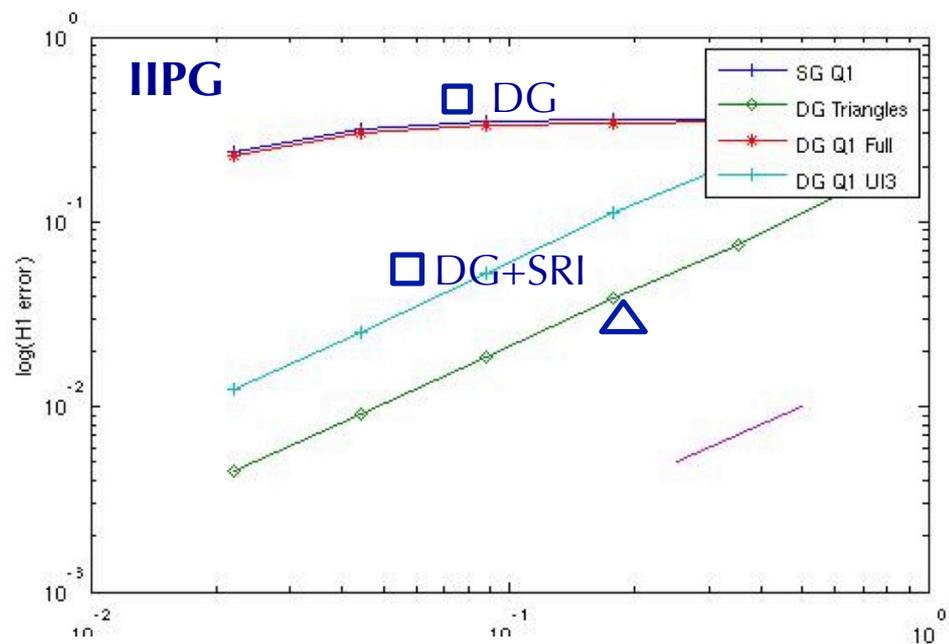
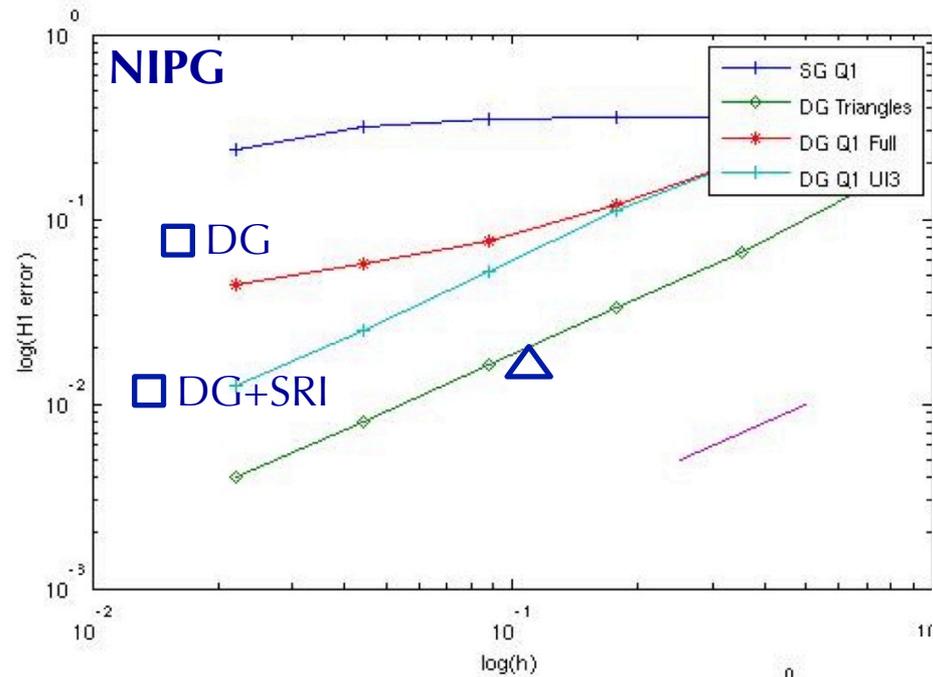
## DG with triangles quads with and without SRI



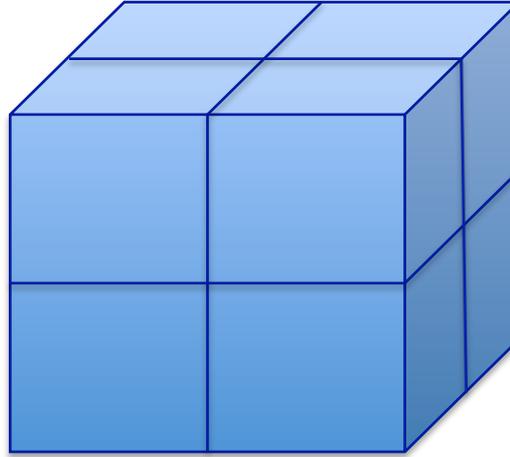
Standard finite elements /  
DG quads without SRI



DG triangles /  
quads with SRI



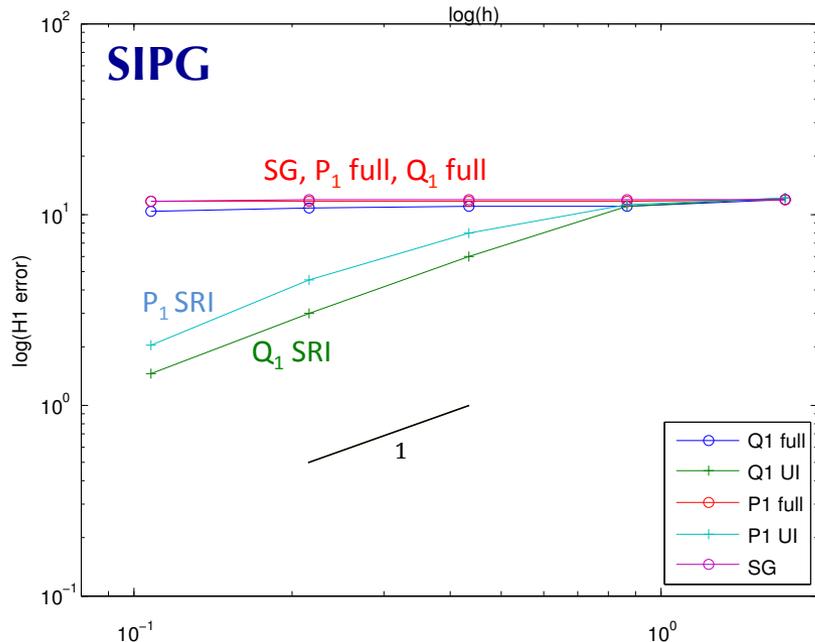
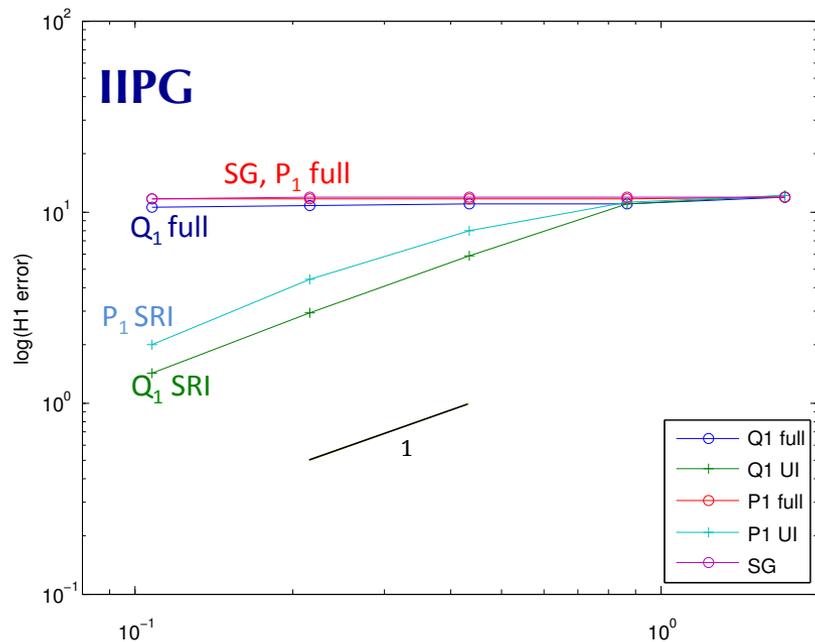
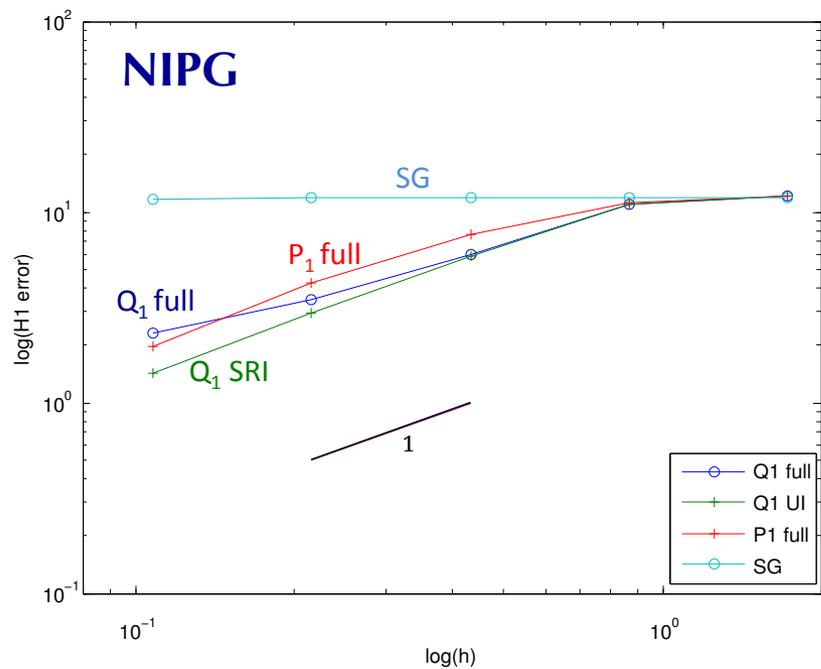
# Cube with prescribed body force



$$u_1 = (\cos 2\pi x - 1)(\sin 2\pi y \sin \pi z - \sin \pi y \sin 2\pi z) + \frac{1}{1 + \lambda} \sin \pi x \sin \pi y \sin \pi z,$$

$$u_2 = (\cos 2\pi y - 1)(\sin 2\pi z \sin \pi x - \sin \pi z \sin 2\pi x) + \frac{1}{1 + \lambda} \sin \pi x \sin \pi y \sin \pi z,$$

$$u_3 = (\cos 2\pi z - 1)(\sin 2\pi x \sin \pi y - \sin \pi x \sin 2\pi y) + \frac{1}{1 + \lambda} \sin \pi x \sin \pi y \sin \pi z.$$



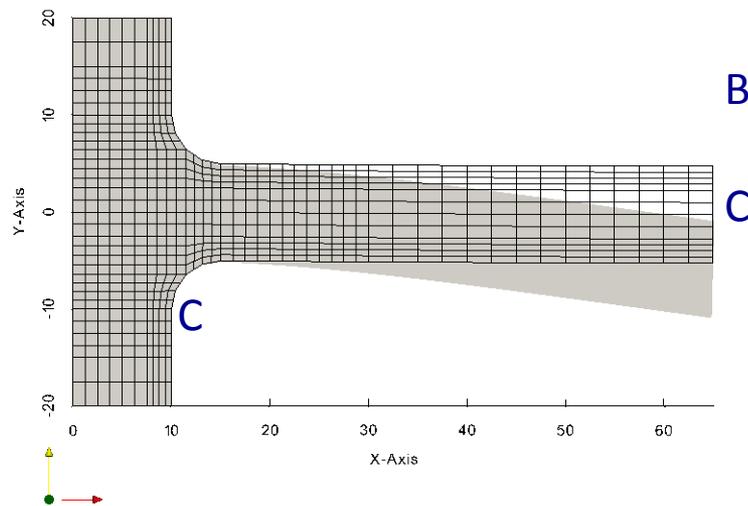
# Back to the T-bar example

LIU, WHEELER, DAWSON 2009 appeared to show good behaviour for IIPG

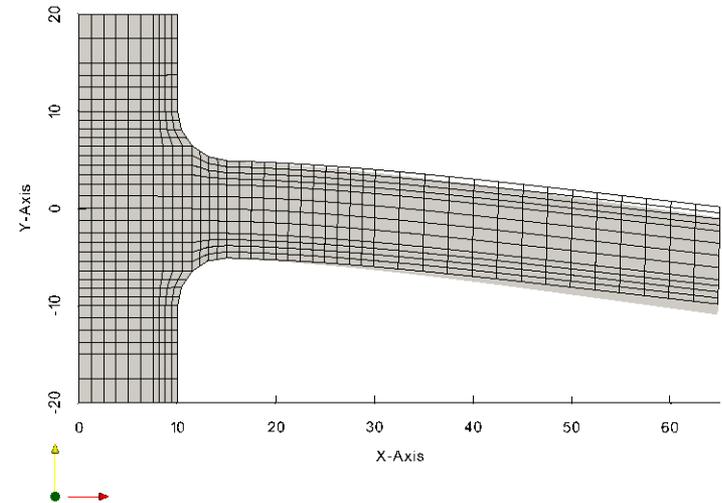
3D problem but effectively plane stress (Neumann or flux-free boundary condition) in out-of-plane direction, along ABCD

Here treated as plane strain (Dirichlet or constrained displacement) along ABCD

A



Without SRI



With SRI

# Concluding remarks

- For near-incompressibility DG with quadrilateral elements is not straightforward
- A remedy, viz. selective under-integration  $\lambda$ -dependent edge terms, has been proposed, analysed, and shown to converge uniformly at the optimal rate
- Arbitrary quadrilaterals: numerical experiments indicate behaviour similar to that for rectangles. Analysis would be quite complex
- Current work: nonlinear problems; other parameter-dependent problems

## References

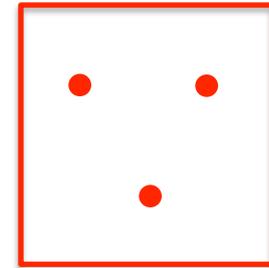
Grieshaber BJ, McBride AT and Reddy BD, Uniformly convergent interior penalty approximations using multilinear approximations for problems in elasticity. *SIAM J. Numer. Anal.* 53 (2015) 2255–2278.

Grieshaber BJ, McBride AT and Reddy BD, Computational aspects of Discontinuous Galerkin approximations using quadrilateral and hexahedral elements. *In review.*

# Alternative approach: $\mathcal{P}_1$ approximation on quads

Much of the manipulations carry over, all the bounds are as before, but this time

$$\xi = \Pi u - u_h \in V_h \sim \mathcal{P}_1$$



$$u_h \in \mathcal{P}_1$$

Problematic terms:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(III)} = \theta \lambda \int_E [[\xi]] \{\operatorname{div} \boldsymbol{\eta}\} ds &= \theta \lambda \sum_E [\xi] \{\operatorname{div} \boldsymbol{\eta}\} \int_E [[\xi]] ds \\ &= 0 \text{ given properties of interpolant} \end{aligned}$$

But

$$\text{(IV)} = k_\lambda \lambda \frac{1}{h_E} \int_E [[\xi]] [[\boldsymbol{\eta}]] ds \neq 0 \text{ so remains a problem for SIPG and IIPG,}$$

but is absent for NIPG

# Square plate, DG with quads and $P_1$

