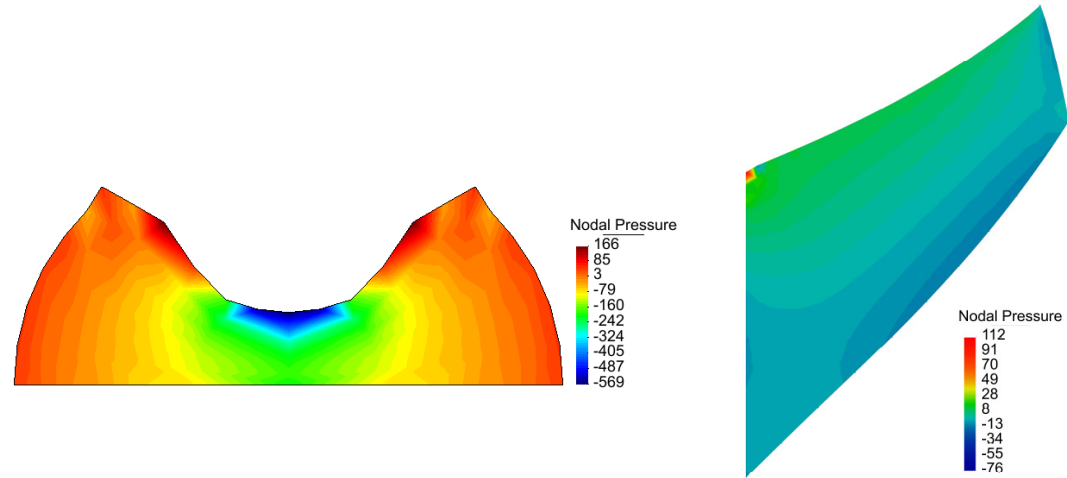
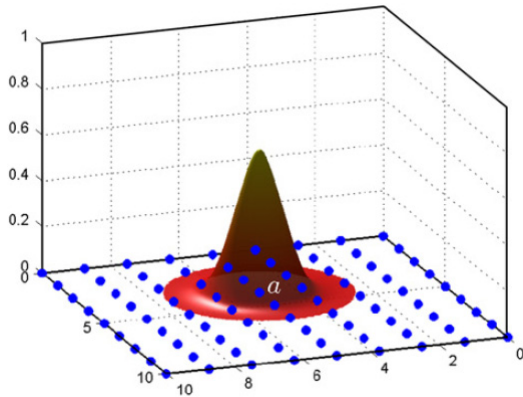




Meshfree Volume-Averaged Nodal Projection Method for Incompressible Media Problems



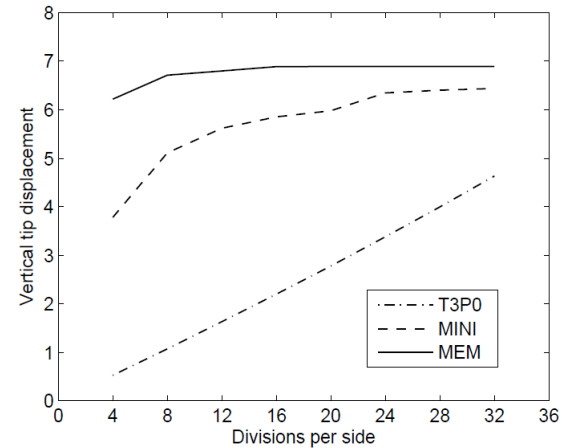
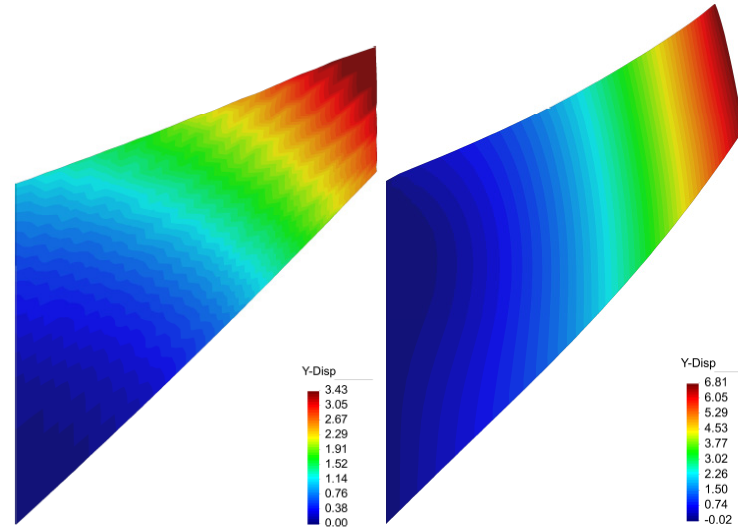
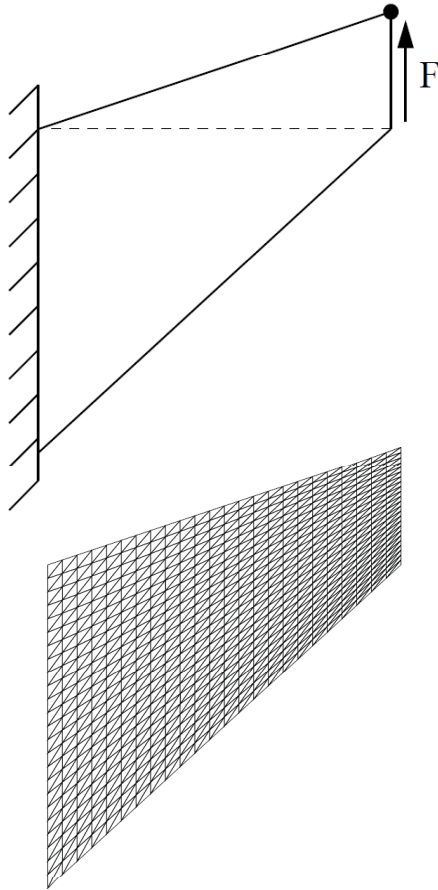
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Incompressible elasticity / 3-node triangular mesh / Locking





- Some features of **meshfree** shape functions
 - ✓ **Larger supports** allow the triangle or tetrahedron to achieve larger deformations/distortions
 - ✓ **Nodal information** of a low-order triangular or tetrahedral mesh can be used to construct high-order approximations

The B-bar Approach (Linear Theory)

Modified potential energy functional (Hughes, IJNME, 1980)

$$\bar{\Pi}(\mathbf{u}) = \int_{\Omega} \Psi(\bar{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}(\mathbf{u})) d\Omega - \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{f} d\Omega - \int_{\Gamma_t} \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{t} d\Gamma$$

where $\bar{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}(\mathbf{u})$ is a modified strain that precludes locking and leads to a displacement-based weak form:

$$\int_{\Omega} \delta \bar{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}(\mathbf{u}) : \bar{\boldsymbol{\sigma}}(\bar{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}(\mathbf{u})) d\Omega - \int_{\Omega} \delta \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{f} d\Omega - \int_{\Gamma_t} \delta \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{t} d\Gamma = 0$$



The B-bar Approach (Cont'd)

The usual split of the strain yields the modified strain:

$$\bar{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}(\mathbf{u}) = \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^{\text{dev}}(\mathbf{u}) + \bar{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}^{\text{dil}}(\mathbf{u}) ; \quad \bar{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}^{\text{dil}}(\mathbf{u}) = \frac{1}{3} \bar{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}^{\text{vol}}(\mathbf{u}) \mathbf{I}$$

The modified stress becomes

$$\bar{\boldsymbol{\sigma}}(\bar{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}(\mathbf{u})) = \lambda \bar{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}^{\text{vol}}(\mathbf{u}) \mathbf{I} + 2\mu \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}(\mathbf{u})$$

So, the discrete equations ($\mathbf{Ku} = \mathbf{f}$) are obtained from

$$\int_{\Omega} (\delta \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^{\text{dev}} + \frac{1}{3} \delta \bar{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}^{\text{vol}} \mathbf{I}) : (\lambda \bar{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}^{\text{vol}} \mathbf{I} + 2\mu \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}) d\Omega - \int_{\Omega} \delta \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{f} d\Omega - \int_{\Gamma_t} \delta \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{t} d\Gamma = 0$$

So, everything reduces to compute $\bar{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}^{\text{vol}}$.

The F-bar Approach (Nonlinear Theory)

Modified potential energy functional (Elguedj et al., CMAME, 2008)

$$\bar{\Pi}(\boldsymbol{\chi}) = \int_{\Omega} \Psi(\bar{\mathbf{E}}) d\Omega - \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{f}_0 \cdot \boldsymbol{\chi} d\Omega - \int_{\Gamma_t} \mathbf{t}_0 \cdot \boldsymbol{\chi} d\Gamma$$

with $\bar{\mathbf{E}} = \frac{1}{2}(\bar{\mathbf{C}} - \mathbf{I}) = \frac{1}{2}(\bar{\mathbf{F}}^T \bar{\mathbf{F}} - \mathbf{I})$.

And $\bar{\mathbf{F}}$ is a **modified deformation gradient that precludes locking** and is computed using the usual split of the deformation gradient:

$$\bar{\mathbf{F}} = \bar{\mathbf{F}}^{\text{dil}} \mathbf{F}^{\text{dev}} = \left(\bar{J}^{1/3} \mathbf{I} \right) \left(J^{-1/3} \mathbf{F} \right) = \alpha \mathbf{F}$$

So, everything reduces to compute \bar{J} in $\alpha = (\bar{J}/J)^{1/3}$.



The F-bar Approach (Cont'd)

The first variation leads to the modified displacement-based weak form:

$$\int_{\Omega} \mathbf{S}(\bar{\mathbf{E}}) : \delta \bar{\mathbf{E}} \, d\Omega - \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{f}_0 \cdot \boldsymbol{\chi} \, d\Omega - \int_{\Gamma_t} \mathbf{t}_0 \cdot \boldsymbol{\chi} \, d\Gamma$$

The discrete equations ($\mathbf{K}_t \mathbf{u} = -\mathbf{R}$) for the Newton's method are obtained from the second variation:

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\Omega} \delta \bar{\mathbf{E}} : \bar{\mathbf{C}} : \mathbf{D} \bar{\mathbf{E}}[\mathbf{u}] \, d\Omega + \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{S}(\bar{\mathbf{E}}) : \mathbf{D} \delta \bar{\mathbf{E}}[\mathbf{u}] \, d\Omega \\ & = - \left(\int_{\Omega} \mathbf{S}(\bar{\mathbf{E}}) : \delta \bar{\mathbf{E}} \, d\Omega - \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{f}_0 \cdot \boldsymbol{\chi} \, d\Omega - \int_{\Gamma_t} \mathbf{t}_0 \cdot \boldsymbol{\chi} \, d\Gamma \right) \end{aligned}$$

where $\mathbf{D}(\cdot)[\mathbf{u}]$ denotes the directional derivative and $\bar{\mathbf{C}}$ is the modified elasticity tensor.

Volume-Averaged Nodal Projection (VANP) Method

- How to compute $\bar{\varepsilon}^{\text{vol}}$ and \bar{J} :

For $\bar{\varepsilon}^{\text{vol}}$ use the **pressure constraint** of the u - p form

$$\int_{\Omega} \delta p \left(\varepsilon^{\text{vol}} + \frac{p}{\lambda} \right) d\Omega = 0$$

Discretize the pressure parameter using **meshfree shape functions**:

$$p_h(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_b \phi_b(\mathbf{x}) p_b ; \quad \delta p_h(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_c \phi_c(\mathbf{x}) \delta p_c$$



VANP Method (Cont'd)

The discrete pressure constraint after arbitrariness of δp_c is

$$\int_{\Omega} \phi_c \varepsilon^{\text{vol}} d\Omega + \left(\frac{1}{\lambda} \int_{\Omega} \sum_b \phi_c \phi_b d\Omega \right) p_b = 0$$

Solve for p_c by lumping the matrix using $\sum_b \phi_c \phi_b = \phi_c$:
(Ortiz et al., CMAME, 2010)

$$p_c = -\lambda \frac{\int_{\Omega_c} \phi_c \varepsilon^{\text{vol}} d\Omega}{\int_{\Omega_c} \phi_c d\Omega} = -\lambda \bar{\varepsilon}_c^{\text{vol}} = -\lambda \pi_c[\varepsilon^{\text{vol}}]$$

where the **volume-averaged nodal projection (VANP)** operator is

$$\pi_c[\cdot] \equiv \{\bar{\cdot}\} = \frac{\int_{\Omega_c} \phi_c \{\cdot\} d\Omega}{\int_{\Omega_c} \phi_c d\Omega}$$

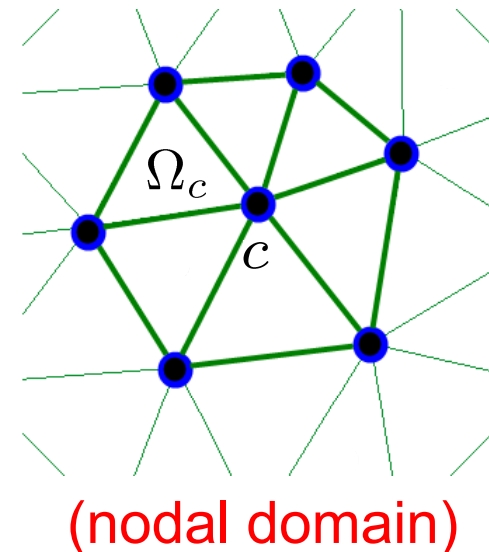
The operator can be used for \bar{J} as well.

Finally, the discrete versions of $\bar{\varepsilon}^{\text{vol}}$ and \bar{J} are

$$\bar{\varepsilon}_h^{\text{vol}} = \sum_c \phi_c(\mathbf{x}) \pi_c[\varepsilon_h^{\text{vol}}] = \sum_c \phi_c(\mathbf{x}) \bar{\varepsilon}_c^{\text{vol}}$$

$$\bar{J}_h = \sum_c \phi_c(\mathbf{x}) \pi_c[J_h] = \sum_c \phi_c(\mathbf{x}) \bar{J}_c$$

$$\pi_c[\cdot] \equiv \{\cdot\} = \frac{\int_{\Omega_c} \phi_c\{\cdot\} d\Omega}{\int_{\Omega_c} \phi_c d\Omega}$$





- Discretization in the (linear) VANP method:

$$\mathbf{u}_h = \sum_b \phi_b(\mathbf{x}) \mathbf{u}_b$$

$$\bar{\varepsilon}_h^{\text{vol}}(\mathbf{u}_h) = \sum_c \phi_c(\mathbf{x}) \pi_c[\varepsilon_h^{\text{vol}}(\mathbf{u}_h)]$$

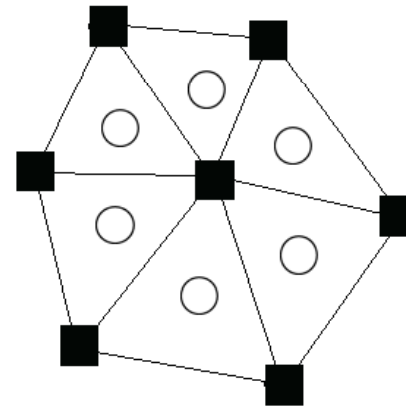
- The second term comes from the **pressure constraint** of the u - p formulation
- ϕ_b and ϕ_c should be chosen to be inf-sup (LBB) stable
- Applies for the nonlinear case as well

- Let's try to mimic well-known inf-sup stable FEs

MINI element (Arnold et al., Calcolo, 1984)

- ■ = globally continuous displacement and pressure DOFs
- ○ = cubic bubble ($N_4 = N_1 * N_2 * N_3$) displacement DOFs
- LBB stable

- Linear displacement w/bubble enrichment
- Linear Pressure

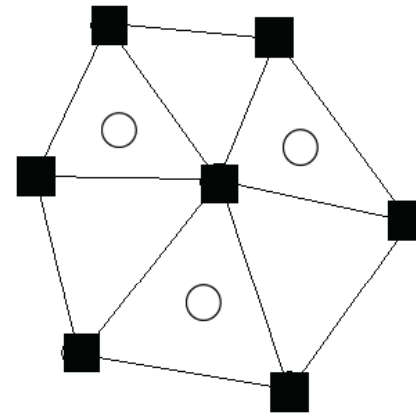


(used in Ortiz et al., CMAME, 2010)

MINI* element (Kim & Lee, ACM, 2000)

- Displacement and pressure DOFs (~ MINI element)
- Bubble node every other element
- LBB stable

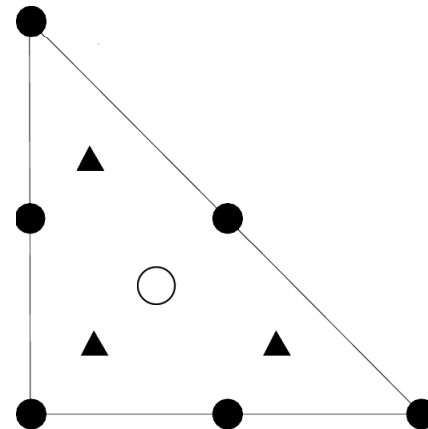
- Linear displacement w/bubble enrichment
- Linear Pressure



Conforming Crouzeix & Raviart element (1974)

- ● = globally continuous **displacement** DOFs
- ○ = cubic bubble ($N_4 = N_1 * N_2 * N_3$) **displacement** DOFs
- ▲ = globally discontinuous **pressure** DOFS
- LBB stable

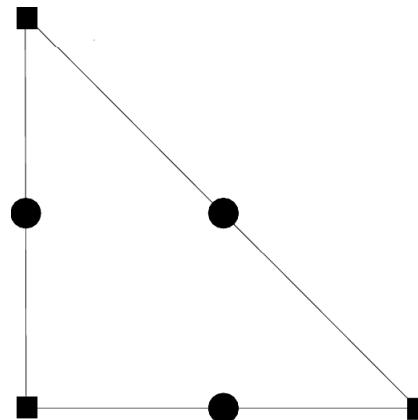
- Quadratic displacement w/bubble enrichment
 - Linear Pressure



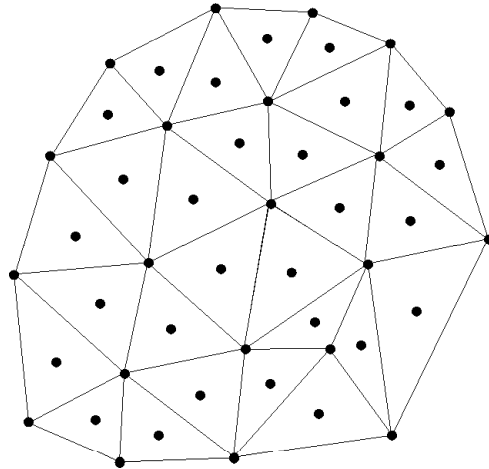
Taylor-Hood element (1974)

- ■ = globally continuous displacement and pressure DOFs
- ● = globally continuous displacement DOFs
- LBB stable

- Quadratic displacement
 - Linear Pressure



- Let's mimic the **MINI** element



Vertex nodes

$$\bar{\epsilon}_h^{\text{vol}}(\mathbf{u}_h)$$



First-order meshfree shape functions

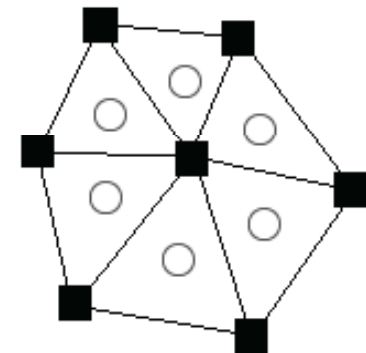
Vertex + interior nodes

$$\mathbf{u}_h$$

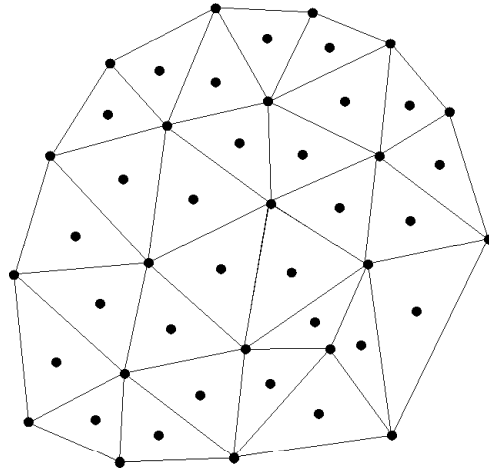


First-order meshfree shape functions

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- Let's mimic the **conforming Crouzeix & Raviart** element



Vertex nodes

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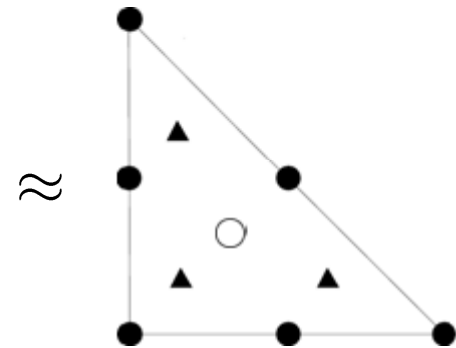
First-order meshfree shape functions

Vertex + interior nodes

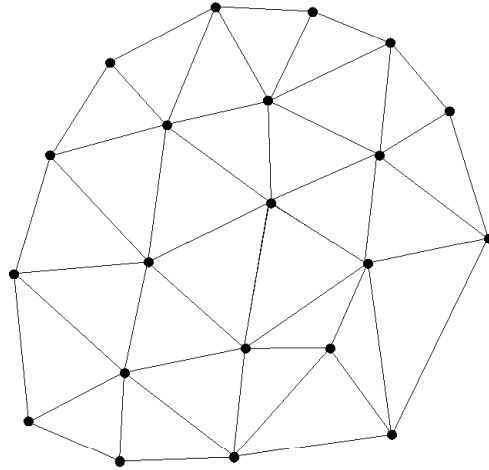
$$\mathbf{u}_h$$



Second-order meshfree shape functions



- Let's mimic the **Taylor-Hood** element



Vertex nodes

$$\bar{\epsilon}_h^{\text{vol}}(\mathbf{u}_h)$$



First-order meshfree shape functions

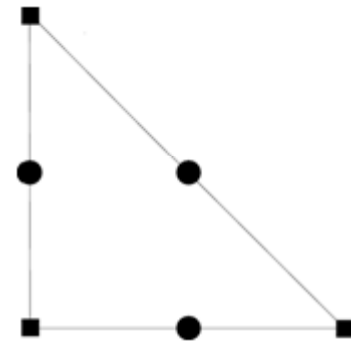
Vertex nodes

$$\mathbf{u}_h$$



Second-order meshfree shape functions

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Numerical Examples: Notation

$$\text{VANP-}T_p^a / T_q^b$$

VANP = volume averaged nodal projection method

T = simplicial tessellation

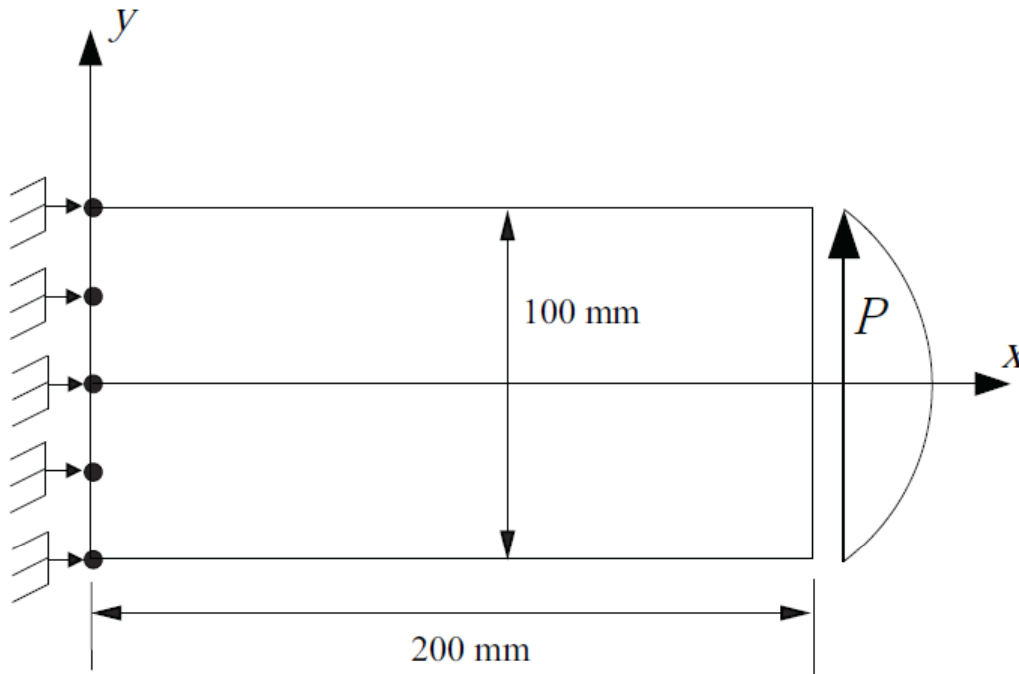
p = order of the displacement field

q = order of the projected strain

a = '+' (full bubble enrichment) or '*' (a bubble every other cell)

b = 'm' (maxent) or 'r' (rpim)

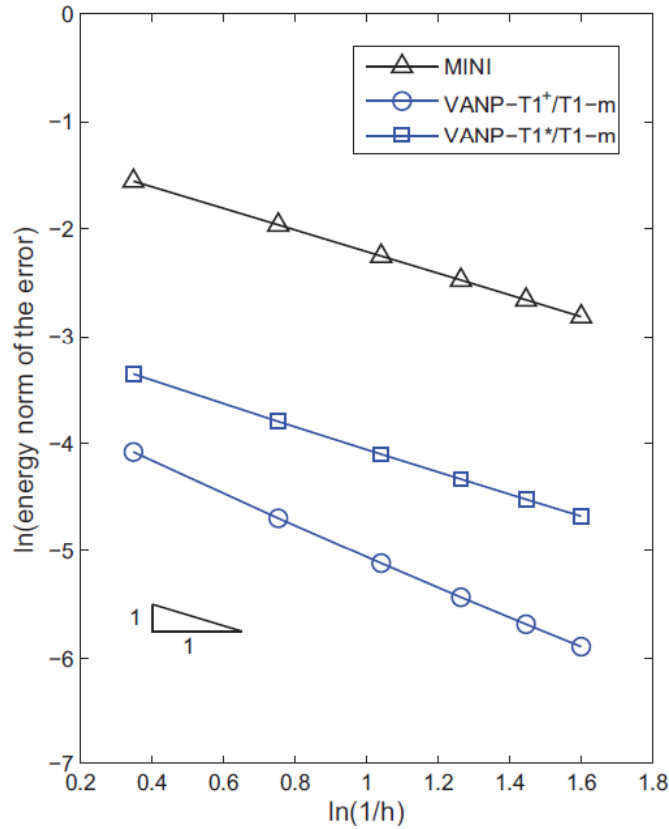
Numerical Example: Cantilever Beam



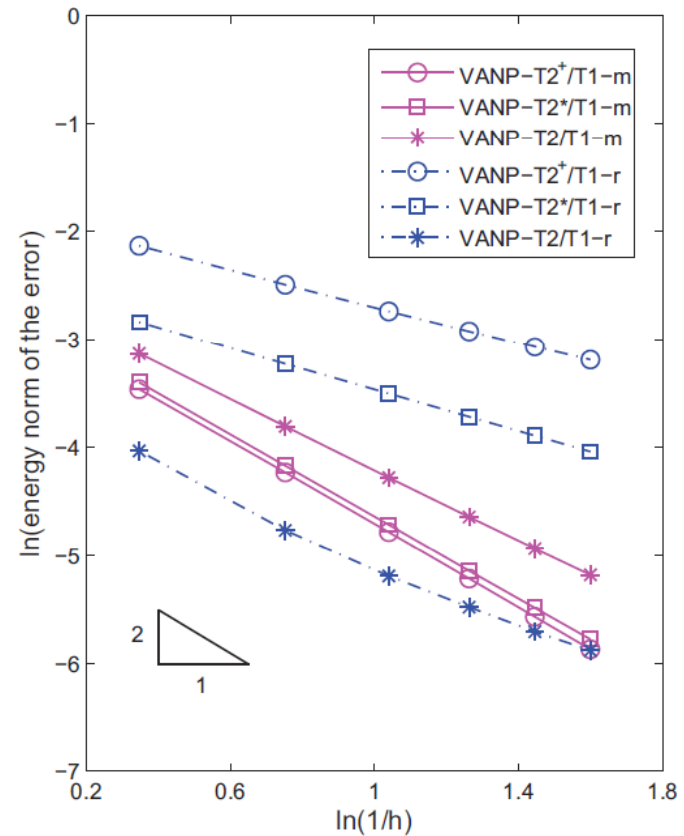
- $P = -5000 \text{ N}$
- $E = 210000 \text{ Mpa}$
- $\nu = 0.4999$

(Timoshenko & Goodier, 1970)

Cantilever Beam (Cont'd)

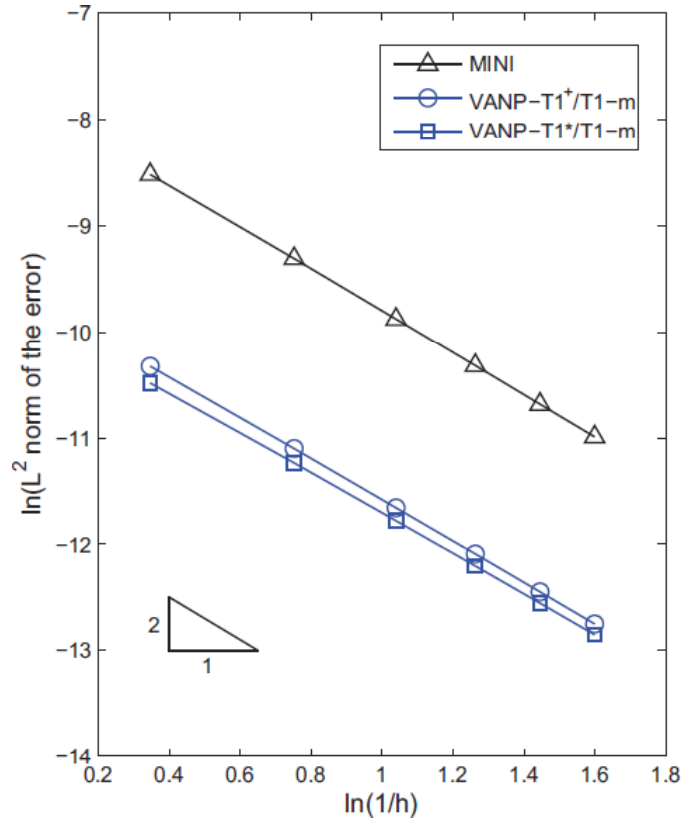


First-order approximations

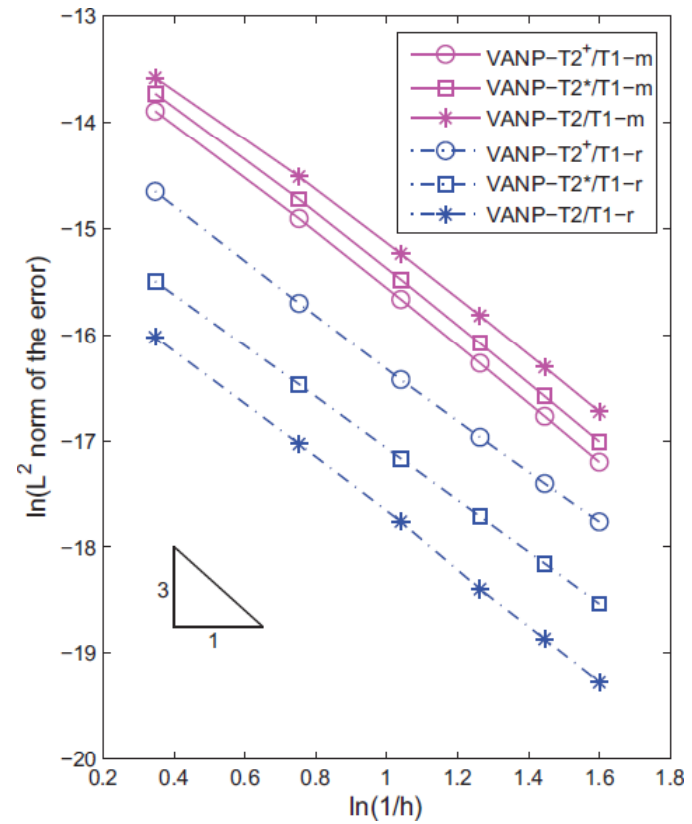


Second-order approximations

Cantilever Beam (Cont'd)

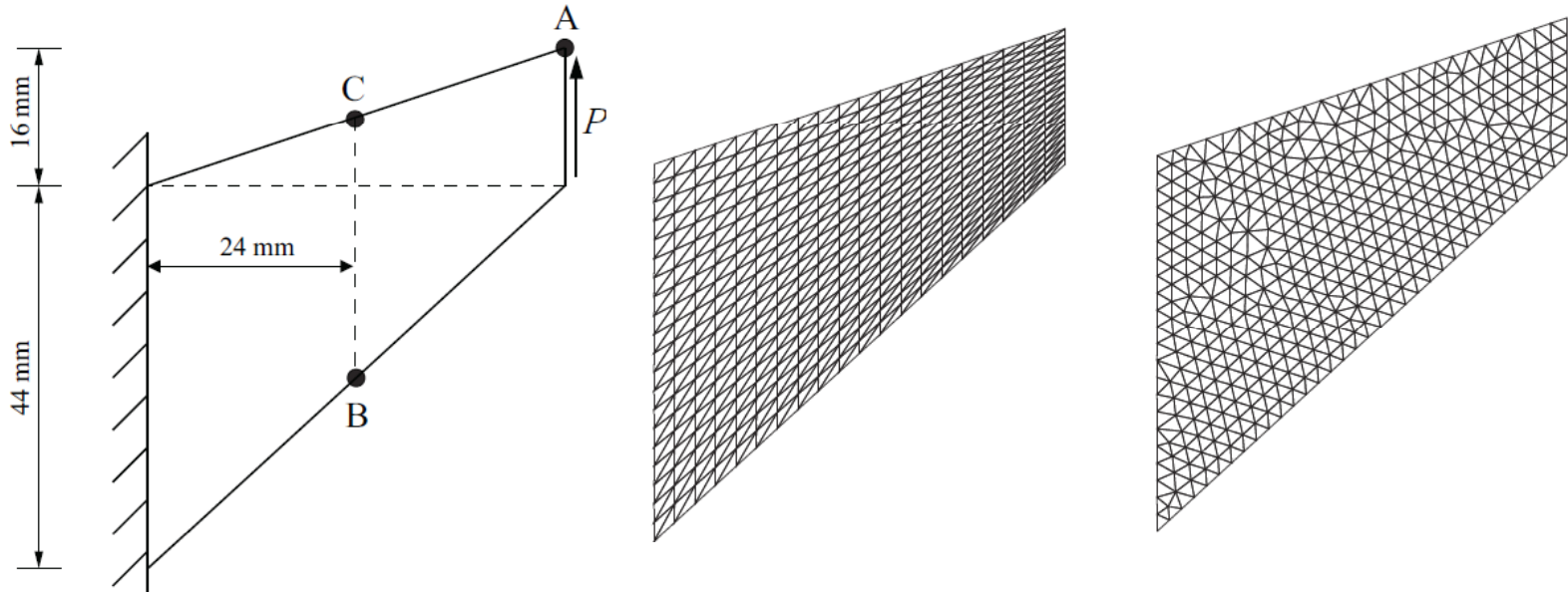


First-order approximations



Second-order approximations

Numerical Example: Cook's Membrane

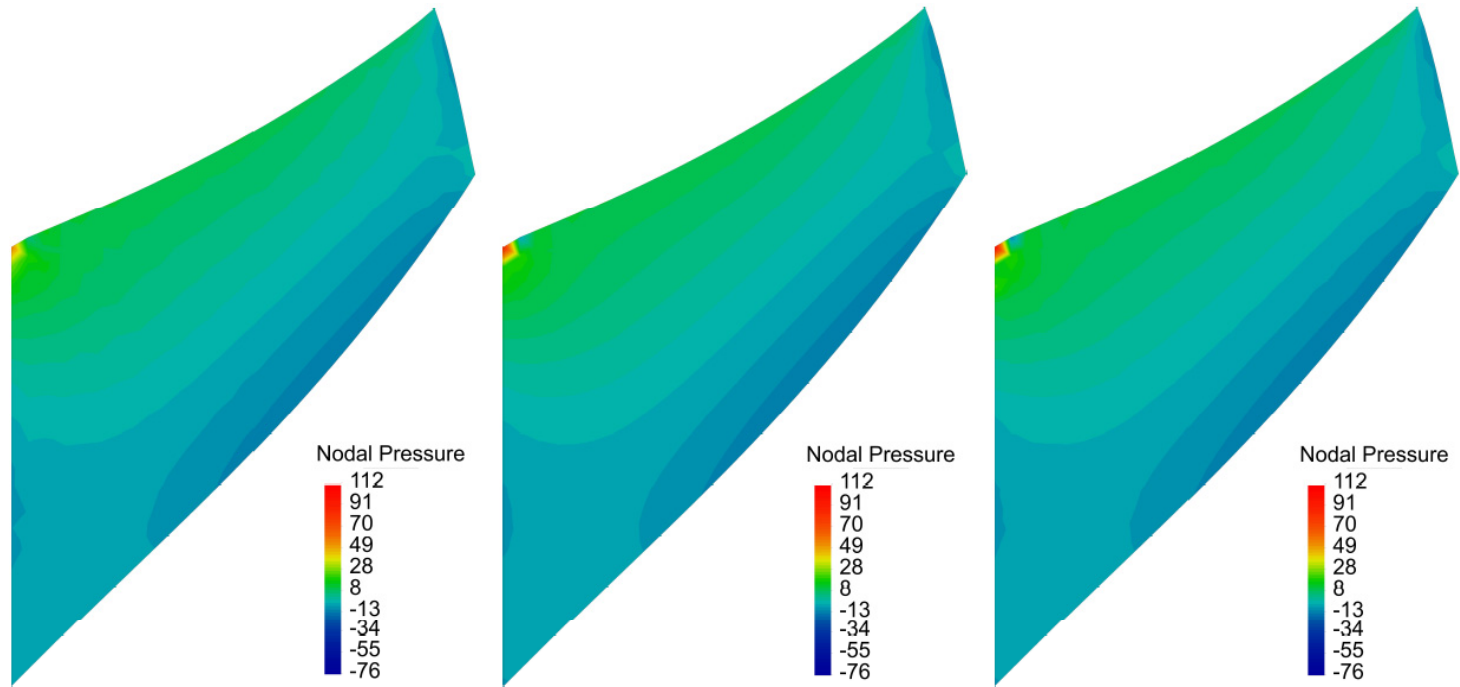


- $P = 100 \text{ N}$
- $E = 240.565 \text{ MPa}$; $\nu = 0.4999$

(Elguedj et al., CMAME, 2008)

Cook's Membrane (Cont'd)

First-order approximations
(unstructured tessellation)



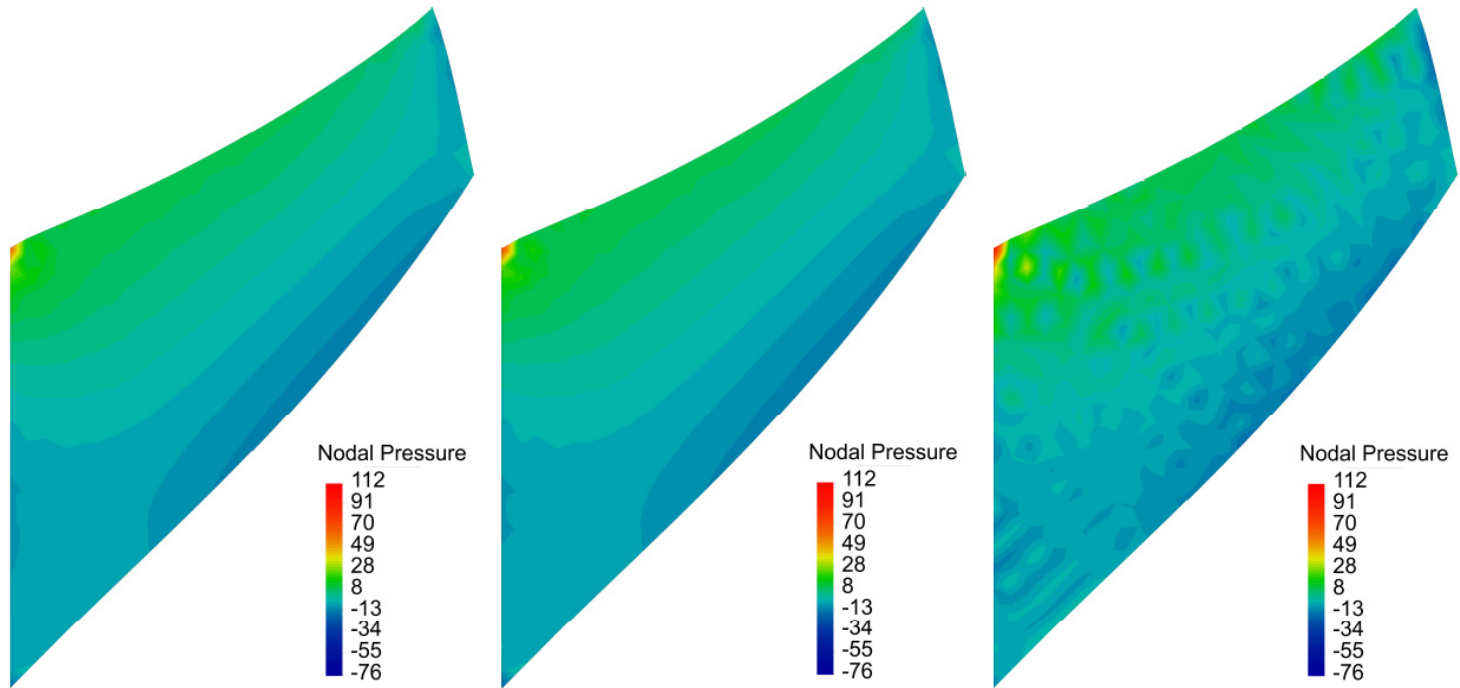
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$VANP-T_1^+ / T_{1-m}$

$VANP-T_1^* / T_{1-m}$

Cook's Membrane (Cont'd)

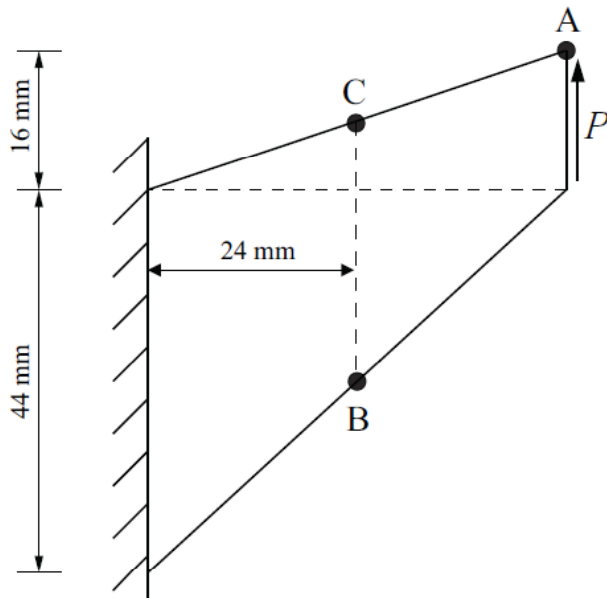
Second-order approximations (unstructured tessellation)



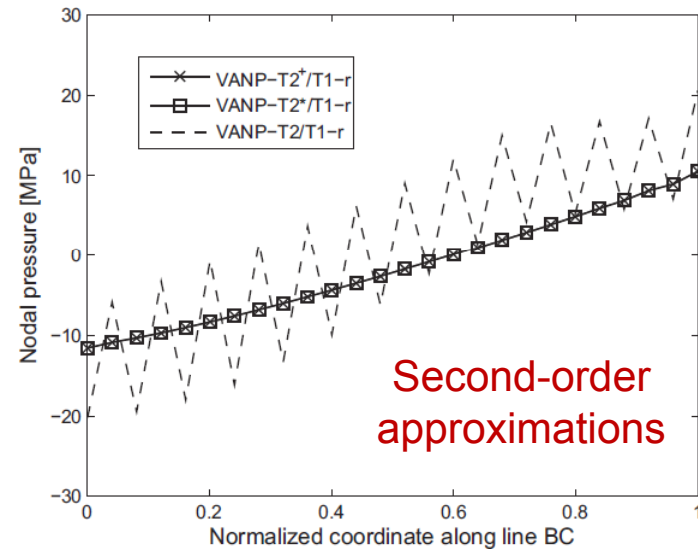
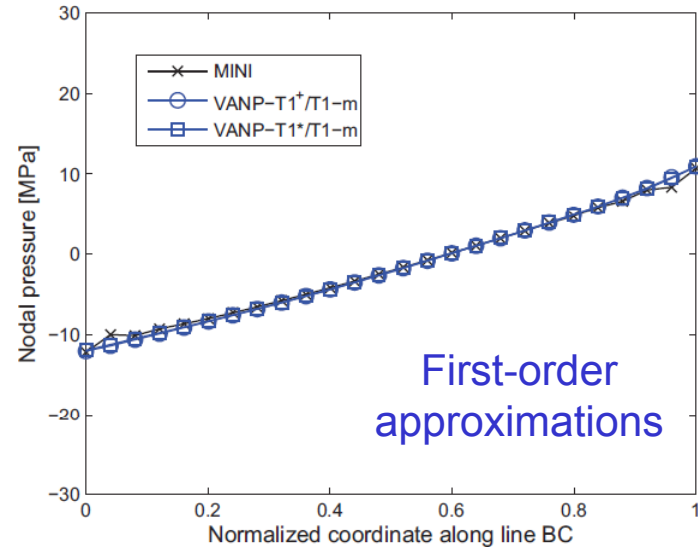
$\text{VANP-}T_2^+/T_1\text{-r}$

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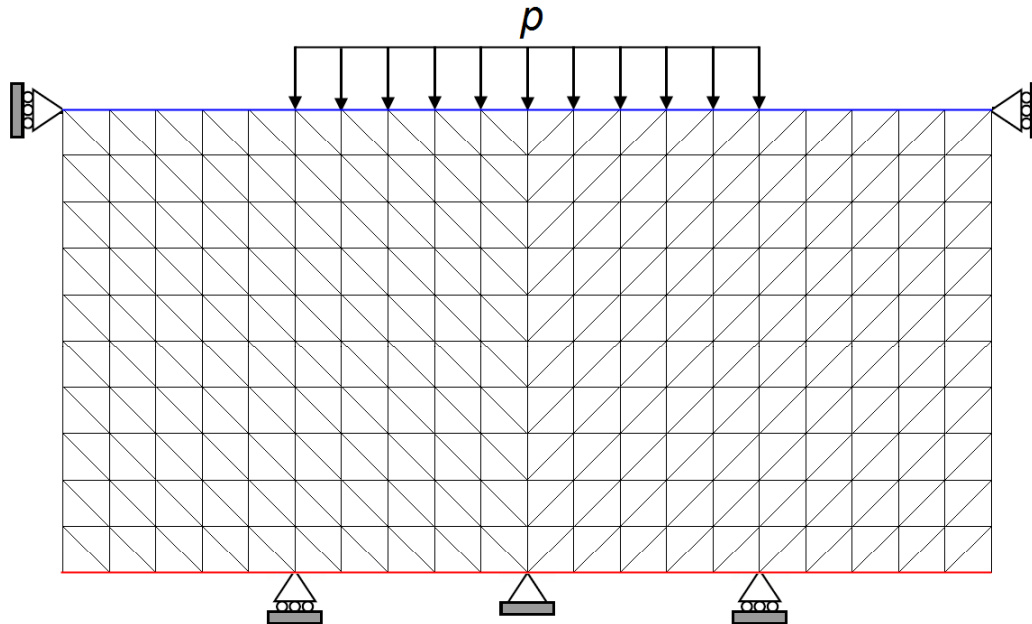


Cook's Membrane (Cont'd)





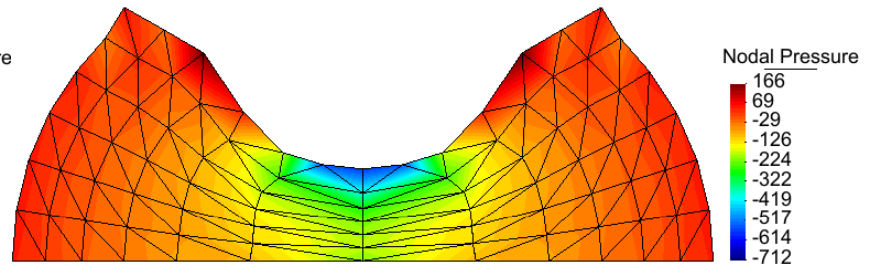
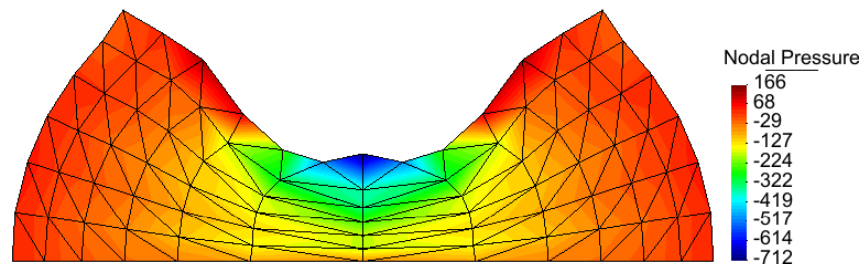
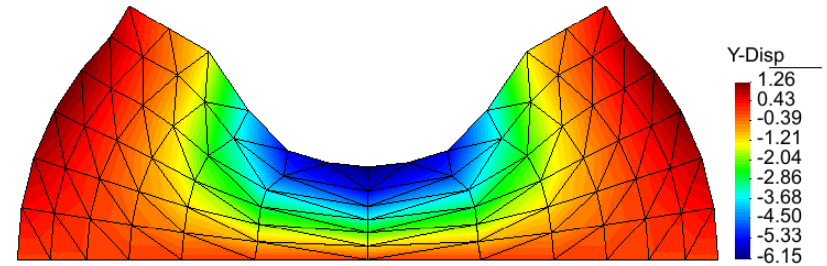
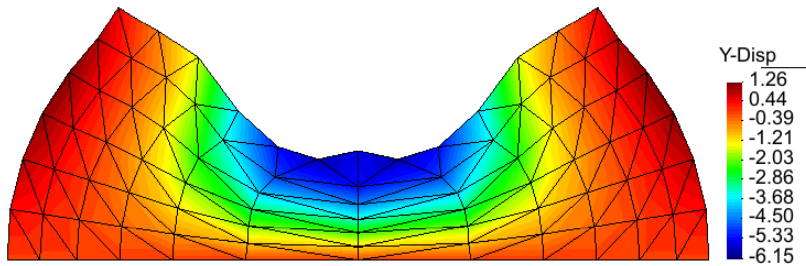
Numerical Example: 2D Rubber Block Compression



- $p = 500 \text{ MPa}$
- neo-Hookean material: $\mu = 80.194 \text{ MPa}$; $\kappa = 400889.806 \text{ MPa}$

(Elguedj et al., CMAME, 2008)

2D Rubber Block Compression (Cont'd)



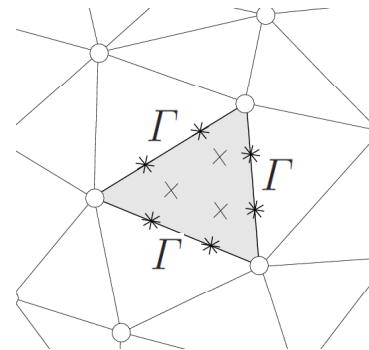
MINI

$VANP-T_1^+ / T_1-m$



Numerical Integration

- **Integration errors** in Galerkin meshfree methods
(Dolbow & Belytschko, CM, 1999; Babuska et al., IJNME, 2008)
- **Cell smoothing** integration schemes the best available
(Chen et al., IJNME, 2001 & 2013;
Duan et al., IJNME, 2012 & 2014)



- VANP uses the method of Duan et al. (2014)
Presentation by **Qinglin Duan** forthcoming in the
afternoon sessions:

“Efficient and highly accurate high order meshless methods based on Hu-Washizu variational principle”



The VANP approach for incompressible media problems

- uses low-order simplicial meshes regardless of the order of the approximation
- needs bubble enrichment to obtain smooth pressure fields
- mimics reasonably well the MINI, MINI* and conforming Crouzeix & Raviart LBB stable finite elements
- converges optimally in the energy- and L2-norms when maximum-entropy shape functions are used
- achieves larger deformations than the MINI element