

# Hybrid High-Order (HHO) methods for quasi-incompressible linear elasticity on general meshes

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# Introduction

- Same problem as in L. Beirão da Veiga's talk
- For  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $\nabla_s$  symmetric gradient, and Lamé coefficients

$$0 < \mu < +\infty, \quad 0 \leq \lambda \leq +\infty,$$

we consider the linear elasticity problem

$$\begin{aligned} -\nabla \cdot (2\mu \nabla_s \underline{u} + \lambda (\nabla \cdot \underline{u}) \underline{I}_d) &= \underline{f} && \text{in } \Omega \\ \underline{u} &= \underline{0} && \text{on } \partial\Omega \end{aligned}$$

- The weak formulation reads: Find  $\underline{u} \in \underline{U}_0 := H_0^1(\Omega)^d$  s.t.

$$(2\mu \nabla_s \underline{u}, \nabla_s \underline{v}) + (\lambda \nabla \cdot \underline{u}, \nabla \cdot \underline{v}) = (\underline{f}, \underline{v}) \quad \forall \underline{v} \in \underline{U}_0$$

- More general bcs can be treated with minor modifications

# Some references for linear elasticity

- Incompressible limit  $\lambda \rightarrow +\infty$  requires to accurately represent nontrivial divergence-free fields
  - Classical low-order conforming FE suffer from numerical locking
  - Mixed methods [Franca & Stenberg 91; Brezzi & Fortin 91]
  - Nonconforming methods [Brenner & Sung 92]
- Low-order schemes on general meshes
  - MFD [Beirão da Veiga, Gyrya, Lipnikov & Manzini 09]
  - Generalized Crouzeix–Raviart [DP & Lemaire 14]
  - Gradient schemes [Droniou & Lamichane 14]
- Hybridizable Discontinuous Galerkin [Soon, Cockburn & Stolarski 09]
- High-order VEM on general meshes for planar elasticity with vertex, edge and cell DOFs [Beirão da Veiga, Brezzi & Marini 13]

# Key ideas for HHO

- Generalized DOFs: polynomials of order  $k \geq 1$  at elements and faces
- Reconstruction of differential operators taylored to the problem
  - Symmetric gradient obtained solving local pure-traction problems
  - Divergence satisfying a commuting diagram property
  - Face-based penalty linking cell- and face-DOFs
- Main benefits
  - Fairly general polygonal/polyhedral meshes
  - SPD global linear system
  - High-order: stress cv. rate  $(k + 1)$ , displacement cv. rate  $(k + 2)$
  - Compact-stencil + static condensation = 9 DOFs/face ( $d = 3, k = 1$ ), no vertex unknowns
- References
  - Linear elasticity [DP & Ern 14, hal-00918482]
  - Poisson [DP, Ern & Lemaire 14, DOI: 10.1515/cmam-2014-0018]
  - Variable diffusion [DP & Ern 14, hal-01023302]

# Mesh regularity

## Definition (Mesh regularity)

We consider a sequence  $(\mathcal{T}_h)_{h \in \mathcal{H}}$  of poly{gonal,hedral} meshes s.t., for all  $h \in \mathcal{H}$ ,  $\mathcal{T}_h$  admits a simplicial submesh  $\mathfrak{T}_h$  and

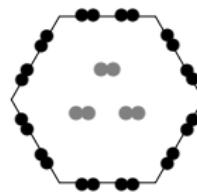
- $(\mathfrak{T}_h)_{h \in \mathcal{H}}$  is **shape-regular** in the sense of Ciarlet;
- $(\mathfrak{T}_h)_{h \in \mathcal{H}}$  is **contact regular**: every simplex  $S \subset T$  is s.t.  $h_S \approx h_T$ .

Main consequences:

- Trace and inverse inequalities
- Optimal approximation properties for broken polynomial spaces

# DOFs

$k = 1$



$k = 2$

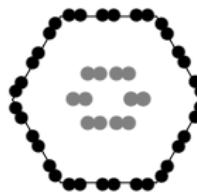


Figure :  $\underline{\mathbb{U}}_T^k$  for  $k \in \{1, 2\}$

- For all  $k \geq 1$  and all  $T \in \mathcal{T}_h$ , we define the **local space of DOFs**

$$\underline{\mathbb{U}}_T^k := \mathbb{P}_d^k(T)^d \times \left\{ \bigtimes_{F \in \mathcal{F}_T} \mathbb{P}_{d-1}^k(F)^d \right\}$$

- The **global space** is obtained by patching interface DOFs

$$\underline{\mathbb{U}}_h^k := \left\{ \bigtimes_{T \in \mathcal{T}_h} \mathbb{P}_d^k(T)^d \right\} \times \left\{ \bigtimes_{F \in \mathcal{F}_h} \mathbb{P}_{d-1}^k(F)^d \right\}$$

# Displacement gradient reconstruction I

- Let  $T \in \mathcal{T}_h$ . The local **displacement reconstruction** operator

$$r_T^k : \underline{\mathbb{U}}_T^k \rightarrow \mathbb{P}_d^{k+1}(T)^d$$

is s.t., for all  $\underline{v} = (\underline{v}_T, (\underline{v}_F)_{F \in \mathcal{F}_T}) \in \underline{\mathbb{U}}_T^k$  and  $\underline{w} \in \mathbb{P}_d^{k+1}(T)^d$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} (\nabla_s r_T^k \underline{v}, \nabla_s \underline{w})_T &:= (\nabla_s \underline{v}_T, \nabla_s \underline{w})_T + \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_T} (\underline{v}_F - \underline{v}_T, \nabla_s \underline{w} \underline{n}_{TF})_F \\ &= -(\underline{v}_T, \nabla \cdot \nabla_s \underline{w})_T + \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_T} (\underline{v}_F, \nabla_s \underline{w} \underline{n}_{TF})_F \end{aligned}$$

with **rigid-body motions** prescribed from  $\underline{v}$

- SPD linear system of size  $d \binom{k+1+d}{k+1}$  (12 for  $d = 2$  and  $k = 1$ )

# Displacement gradient reconstruction II

Lemma (Optimal approximation properties for  $\underline{r}_T^k$ )

Let  $T \in \mathcal{T}_h$  and define the *local interpolator*  $I_T^k : H^1(T)^d \rightarrow \underline{\mathbb{U}}_T^k$  s.t.,

$$\forall \underline{v} \in H^1(T)^d, \quad I_T^k \underline{v} = (\pi_T^k \underline{v}, (\pi_F^k \underline{v})_{F \in \mathcal{F}_T}) \in \underline{\mathbb{U}}_T^k$$

Then, for all  $\underline{u} \in H^{k+2}(T)^d$  with  $\hat{\underline{u}} := I_T^k \underline{u}$ , it holds

$$\|\underline{r}_T^k \hat{\underline{u}} - \underline{u}\|_T + h_T \|\nabla_s(\underline{r}_T^k \hat{\underline{u}} - \underline{u})\|_T \lesssim h_T^{k+2} \|\underline{u}\|_{H^{k+2}(T)^d}.$$

# Symmetric gradient reconstruction I

- We define the **symmetric gradient reconstruction** operator

$$\underline{\underline{E}}_T^k : \underline{\mathcal{U}}_T^k \rightarrow \nabla_s \mathbb{P}_d^{k+1}(T)^d$$

s.t., for all  $\underline{v} \in \underline{\mathcal{U}}_T^k$ ,

$$\underline{\underline{E}}_T^k \underline{v} := \nabla_s r_T^k \underline{v}$$

- We wish **stability** of  $\underline{\underline{E}}_T^k$  in the following **discrete strain (semi-)norm**

$$\|\underline{v}\|_{\epsilon, T}^2 := \|\nabla_s \underline{v}_T\|_T^2 + \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_T} h_F^{-1} \|\underline{v}_F - \underline{v}_T\|_F^2$$

- Stabilization should **preserve the approximation properties** of  $\underline{\underline{E}}_T^k$

# Symmetric gradient reconstruction II

- Define, for  $T \in \mathcal{T}_h$ , the **stabilization bilinear form**  $s_T$  as

$$s_T(\underline{u}, \underline{v}) := \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_T} h_F^{-1} (\pi_F^k (\underline{R}_T^k \underline{u} - \underline{u}_F), \pi_F^k (\underline{R}_T^k \underline{v} - \underline{v}_F))_F,$$

with local displacement reconstruction  $\underline{R}_T^k : \underline{\mathbb{U}}_T^k \rightarrow \mathbb{P}_d^{k+1}(T)^d$  s.t.

$$\forall \underline{v} \in \underline{\mathbb{U}}_T^k, \quad \underline{R}_T^k \underline{v} := \underline{v}_T + (\underline{r}_T^k \underline{v} - \pi_T^k \underline{r}_T^k \underline{v})$$

where  $\underline{v}_T$  is perturbed using the **highest-order part** of  $\underline{r}_T^k \underline{v}$

- Then, using  $k \geq 1$  and a local Korn's inequality, we can prove

$$\|\underline{v}\|_{\varepsilon, T}^2 \lesssim \|\underline{\underline{E}}_T^k \underline{v}\|_T^2 + s_T(\underline{v}, \underline{v}) \lesssim \|\underline{v}\|_{\varepsilon, T}^2$$

# Symmetric gradient reconstruction III

- Key point:  $s_T$  preserves the approximation properties of  $\underline{\underline{E}}_T^k$
- Let  $u \in H^{k+2}(T)$  and set  $\hat{\underline{u}} := I_T^k u = (\pi_T^k u, (\pi_F^k u)_{F \in \mathcal{F}_T})$
- Then, it holds

$$\begin{aligned}\|\pi_F^k(\underline{R}_T^k \hat{\underline{u}} - \hat{\underline{u}}_F)\|_F &= \|\pi_F^k(\pi_T^k \underline{u} + \underline{r}_T^k \hat{\underline{u}} - \pi_T^k \underline{r}_T^k \hat{\underline{u}} - \pi_F^k \underline{u})\|_F \\ &\leq \|\pi_F^k(\underline{r}_T^k \hat{\underline{u}} - \underline{u})\|_F + \|\pi_T^k(\underline{u} - \underline{r}_T^k \hat{\underline{u}})\|_F \\ &\lesssim h_T^{-1/2} \|\underline{r}_T^k \hat{\underline{u}} - u\|_T\end{aligned}$$

which, recalling the approximation properties of  $\underline{\underline{E}}_T^k$  and  $\underline{r}_T^k$ , yields

$$\left\{ \|\underline{\underline{E}}_T^k \hat{\underline{u}} - \nabla_s u\|_T^2 + s_T(\hat{\underline{u}}, \hat{\underline{u}}) \right\}^{1/2} \lesssim h_T^{k+1} \|u\|_{H^{k+2}(T)}$$

# Divergence reconstruction

- We define the local discrete divergence operator

$$D_T^k : \underline{U}_T^k \rightarrow \mathbb{P}_d^k(T)$$

s.t., for all  $\underline{v} = (\underline{v}_T, (\underline{v}_F)_{F \in \mathcal{F}_T}) \in \underline{U}_T^k$  and all  $q \in \mathbb{P}_d^k(T)$ ,

$$(D_T^k \underline{v}, q)_T := -(\underline{v}_T, \nabla q)_T + \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_T} (\underline{v}_F \cdot \underline{n}_{TF}, q)_F$$

- The following diagram commutes and  $I_T^k$  is a Fortin operator:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \underline{U}(T) & \xrightarrow{\nabla \cdot} & L^2(T) \\ I_T^k \downarrow & & \downarrow \pi_T^k \\ \underline{U}_T^k & \xrightarrow{D_T^k} & \mathbb{P}_d^k(T) \end{array}$$

# Discrete problem

- We define the local bilinear form  $a_T$  on  $\underline{U}_T^k \times \underline{U}_T^k$  as

$$a_T(\underline{\mathbf{u}}, \underline{\mathbf{v}}) := 2\mu \left\{ (\underline{\underline{E}}_T^k \underline{\mathbf{u}}, \underline{\underline{E}}_T^k \underline{\mathbf{v}})_T + s_T(\underline{\mathbf{u}}, \underline{\mathbf{v}}) \right\} + \lambda(D_T^k \underline{\mathbf{u}}, D_T^k \underline{\mathbf{v}}),$$

- The discrete problem reads: Find  $\underline{\mathbf{u}}_h \in \underline{U}_{h,0}^k$  s.t.

$$a_h(\underline{\mathbf{u}}_h, \underline{\mathbf{v}}_h) := \sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}_h} a_T(\mathsf{L}_T \underline{\mathbf{u}}_h, \mathsf{L}_T \underline{\mathbf{v}}_h) = \sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}_h} (\underline{f}, \underline{\mathbf{v}}_T)_T \quad \forall \underline{\mathbf{v}}_h \in \underline{U}_{h,0}^k$$

with  $\mathsf{L}_T$  restriction operator and bc strongly enforced considering

$$\underline{U}_{h,0}^k := \left\{ \underline{\mathbf{v}}_h = ((\underline{\mathbf{v}}_T)_{T \in \mathcal{T}_h}, (\underline{\mathbf{v}}_F)_{F \in \mathcal{F}_h}) \in \underline{U}_h^k \mid \underline{\mathbf{v}}_F \equiv \underline{0} \ \forall F \in \mathcal{F}_h^b \right\}$$

- Well-posedness follows observing that,  $\forall \underline{\mathbf{v}}_h \in \underline{U}_{h,0}^k$ ,

$$(2\mu) \sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}_h} \|\mathsf{L}_T \underline{\mathbf{v}}_h\|_{\varepsilon,T}^2 \lesssim a_h(\underline{\mathbf{v}}_h, \underline{\mathbf{v}}_h) := \|\underline{\mathbf{v}}_h\|_{\text{en},h}^2$$

# Convergence results I

## Theorem (Convergence)

Let  $k \geq 1$ , set

$$\hat{\underline{u}}_h := ((\pi_T^k \underline{u})_{T \in \mathcal{T}_h}, (\pi_F^k \underline{u})_{F \in \mathcal{F}_h}) \in \underline{U}_{h,0}^k,$$

and assume  $\underline{u} \in H^{k+2}(\mathcal{T}_h)^d$  and  $\underline{\underline{\sigma}} \in H^{k+1}(\mathcal{T}_h)^{d \times d}$ . Then,

$$(2\mu)^{1/2} \|\underline{u}_h - \hat{\underline{u}}_h\|_{\text{en},h} \leq C h^{k+1} (2\mu \|\underline{u}\|_{H^{k+2}(\mathcal{T}_h)^d} + \lambda \|\nabla \cdot \underline{u}\|_{H^{k+1}(\mathcal{T}_h)}),$$

with  $C$  independent of  $h$ ,  $\mu$ , and  $\lambda$ . Hence, the method is **locking-free** provided the usual **regularity shift** holds.

# Convergence results II

Theorem (Supercloseness of the displacement)

Further assuming *elliptic regularity*, the following holds:

$$\left\{ \sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}_h} \|\hat{\underline{u}}_T - \underline{u}_T\|_T^2 \right\}^{1/2} \lesssim h^{k+2} (2\mu \|\underline{u}\|_{H^{k+2}(\mathcal{T}_h)^d} + \lambda \|\nabla \cdot \underline{u}\|_{H^{k+1}(\mathcal{T}_h)}).$$

Corollary ( $L^2$ -error estimate for  $\underline{r}_T^k \underline{u}_h$  and  $\underline{R}_T^k \underline{u}_h$ )

Under the same assumptions, we have

$$\|\underline{u} - \check{\underline{u}}_h\| \lesssim h^{k+2} (2\mu \|\underline{u}\|_{H^{k+2}(\mathcal{T}_h)^d} + \lambda \|\nabla \cdot \underline{u}\|_{H^{k+1}(\mathcal{T}_h)}),$$

where, for all  $T \in \mathcal{T}_h$ ,

$$\check{\underline{u}}_h|_T = \underline{r}_T^k I_T^k \underline{u} \quad \text{or} \quad \check{\underline{u}}_h|_T = \underline{R}_T^k I_T^k \underline{u}.$$

# Numerical validation I

- We consider the following exact solution:

$$\underline{u}(\sin(\pi x_1) \sin(\pi x_2) + (2\lambda)^{-1}x_1, \cos(\pi x_1) \cos(\pi x_2) + (2\lambda)^{-1}x_2)$$

- The solution  $\underline{u}$  has **vanishing divergence** in the limit  $\lambda \rightarrow +\infty$

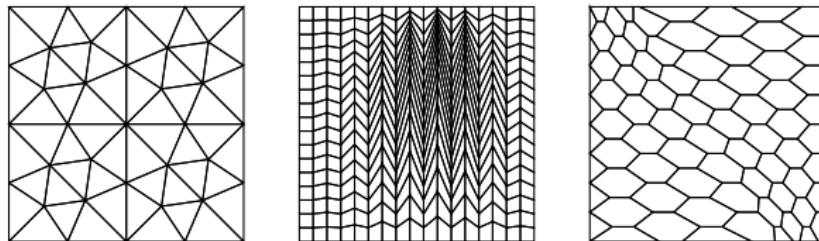


Figure : Meshes for the numerical example

# Numerical validation II

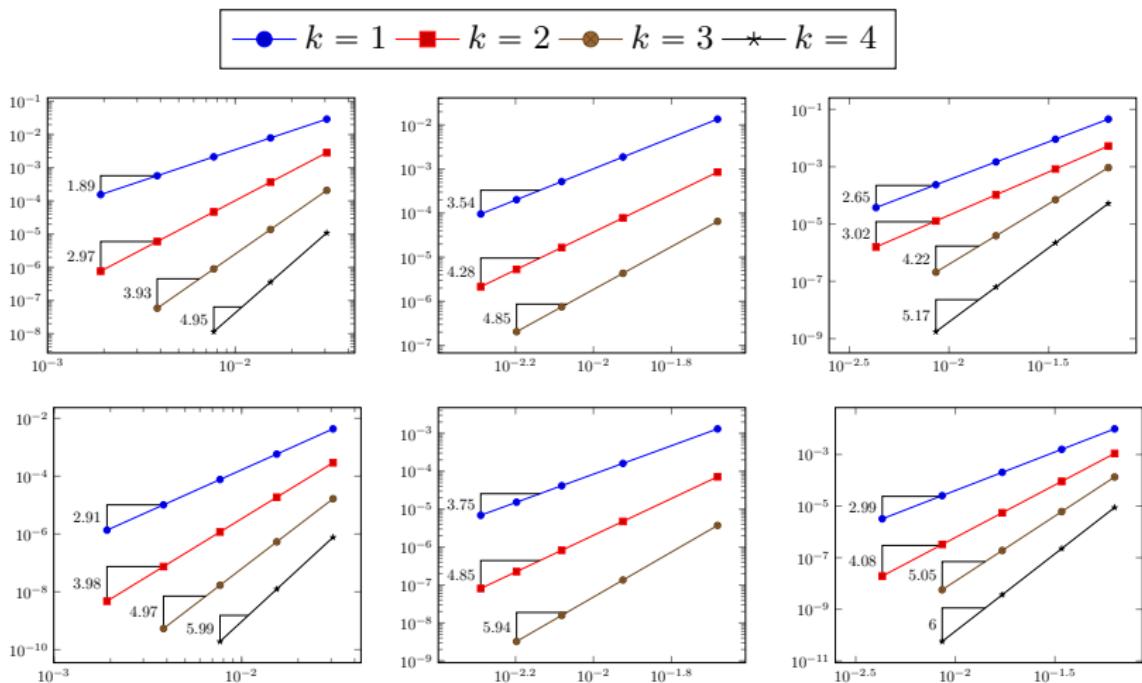


Figure : Energy (above) and displacement (below) errors vs.  $h$  for  $\lambda = 1$

# Numerical validation III

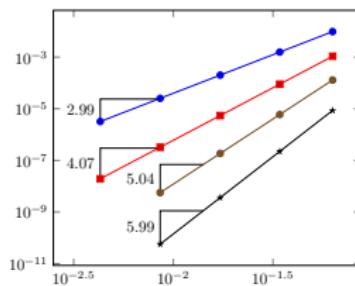
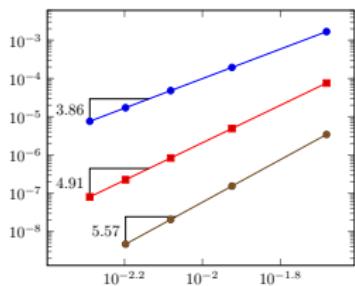
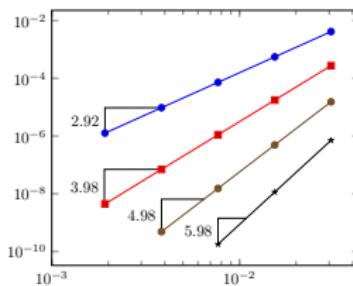
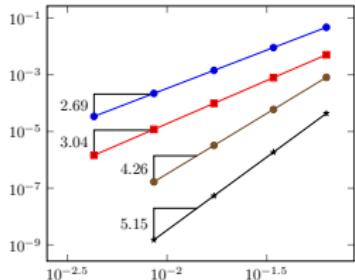
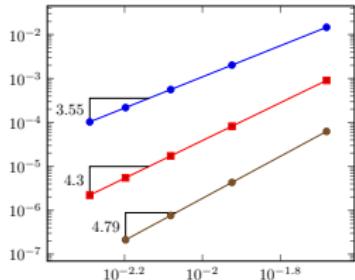
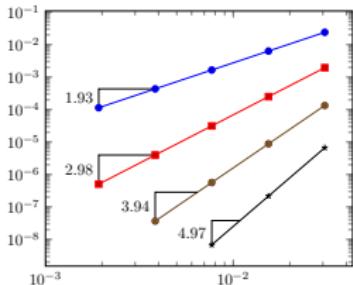
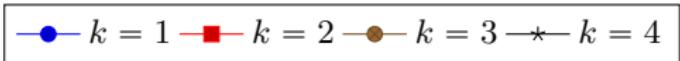


Figure : Energy (above) and displacement (below) errors vs.  $h$  for  $\lambda = 1000$

# Numerical validation IV

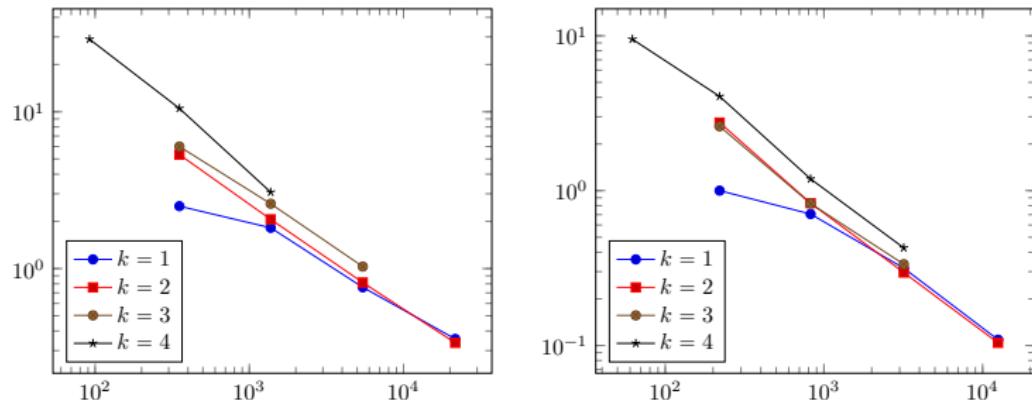


Figure :  $\tau_{\text{ass}}/\tau_{\text{sol}}$  vs.  $\text{card}(\mathcal{F}_h)$  for the triangular (left) and hexagonal (right) mesh families

# Numerical validation V

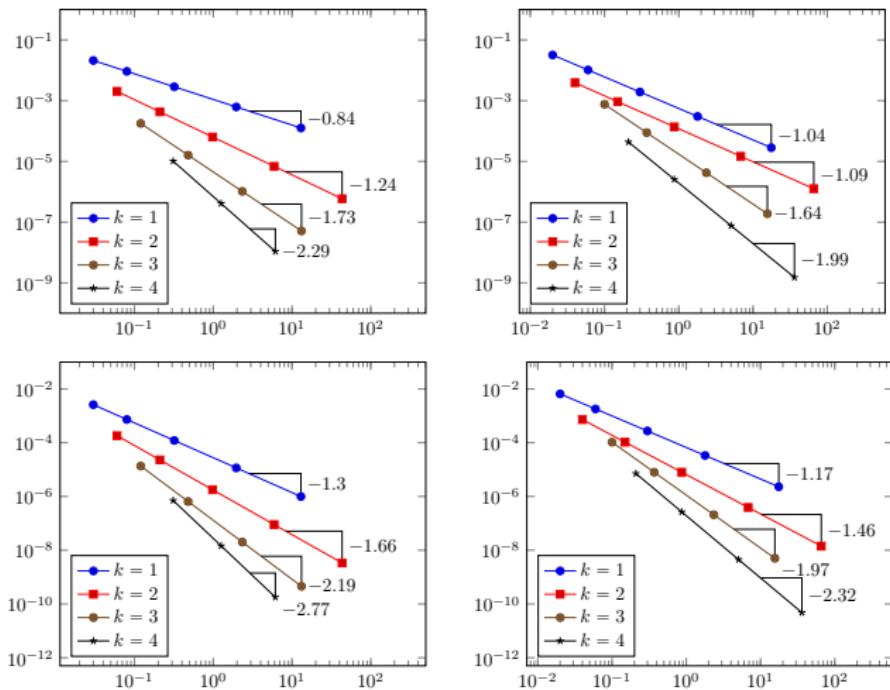


Figure : Energy (above) and displacement (below) error vs.  $\tau_{\text{tot}}$  (s) for the triangular and hexagonal mesh families

# Cook's membrane test case I

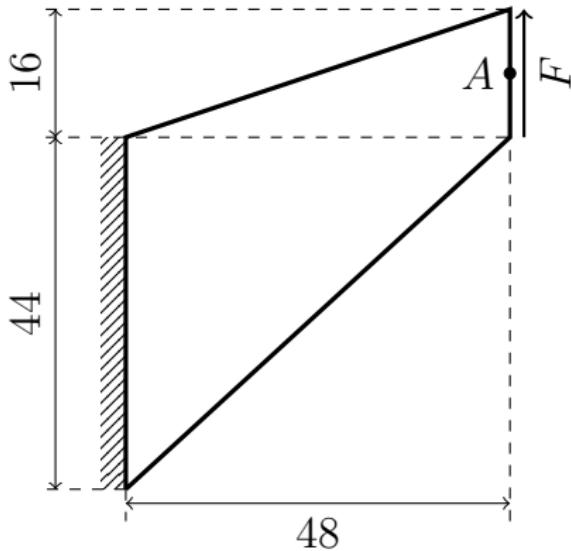


Figure : Cook's membrane test case ( $\mu = 0.375$ ,  $\lambda = 7.5 \cdot 10^6$ )

# Cook's membrane test case II

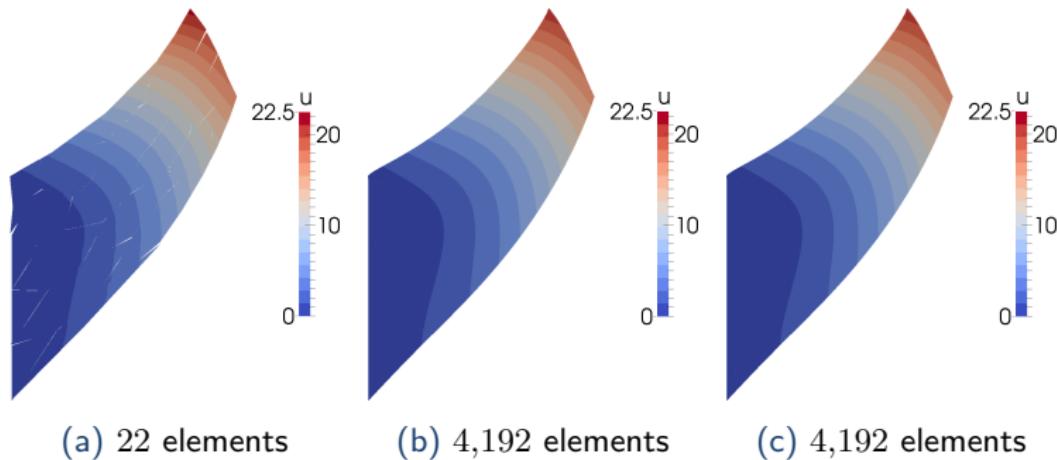


Figure : Deformed configuration for the coarsest, intermediate, and finest hexagonal meshes,  $k = 1$ . The color represents the magnitude of the displacement field.

# Cook's membrane test case III

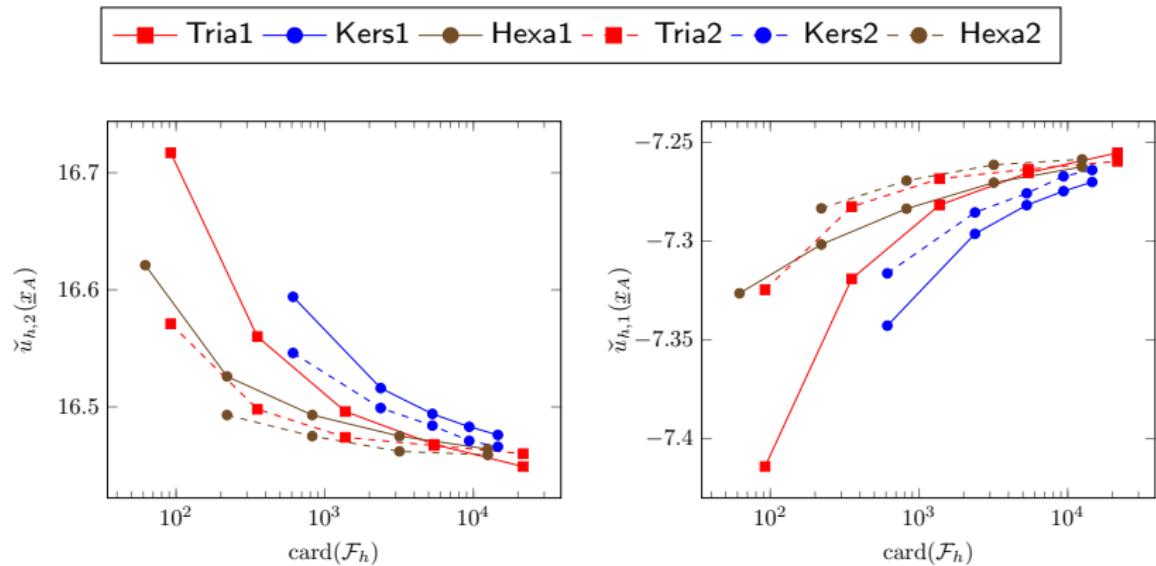


Figure : Vertical (left) and horizontal (right) displacement at A