

# Homogenization with Non Separated Scales

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## Thin space

$$(2) \quad \begin{cases} -\operatorname{div}(a \nabla u) = g, & x \in \Omega, \\ u = 0, & x \in \partial\Omega, \end{cases}$$

$$g \in H^{-1}(\Omega) \Rightarrow u \in H_0^1(\Omega)$$

$$g \in L^2(\Omega) \Rightarrow u \in V \subset H_0^1(\Omega)$$

$V$  is a “thin” subspace of  $H_0^1(\Omega)$   
(isomorphic to  $H^2$ )

# The flux norm

For  $k \in (L^2(\Omega))^d$ , denote by  $k_{pot}$  the potential portion of the Weyl-Helmholtz decomposition of  $k$  (the orthogonal projection of  $k$  onto the closure of the space  $\{\nabla f : f \in C_0^\infty(\Omega)\}$  in  $(L^2(\Omega))^d$ ). For  $\psi \in H_0^1(\Omega)$ , define

$$\|\psi\|_{a-flux} := \|(a \nabla \psi)_{pot}\|_{(L^2(\Omega))^d}.$$

## Theorem

$\|\cdot\|_{a-flux}$  is a norm on  $H_0^1(\Omega)$ .  
Furthermore, for all  $\psi \in H_0^1(\Omega)$

$$\lambda_{\min}(a) \|\nabla \psi\|_{(L^2(\Omega))^d} \leq \|\psi\|_{a-flux} \leq \lambda_{\max}(a) \|\nabla \psi\|_{(L^2(\Omega))^d}$$

# Motivations for the flux norm

- ▶ *Energy norm blows up for high contrast: e.g.,  $a = \text{const.}$  (piecewise const)*

$$\int_{\Omega} (\nabla u)^T a \nabla u = \frac{1}{a} \|\nabla \Delta^{-1} f\|_{(L^2(\Omega))^d}^2, \quad u = a^{-1} \Delta^{-1} f, \quad a \ll 1.$$

On contrary, *flux norm of solution of (6) is independent on  $a$* : rewrite (6) as  $\text{div}(a \nabla u + \nabla \Delta^{-1} f) = 0 \Rightarrow a \nabla u + \nabla \Delta^{-1} f$  is a divergence free vector field, its potential part is 0. Thus  $(a \nabla u)_{\text{pot}} + \nabla \Delta^{-1} f = 0 \Rightarrow \|u\|_{a\text{-flux}} = \|\nabla \Delta^{-1} f\|_{L^2}$ .

- ▶ Why  $(\cdot)_{\text{pot}}$ ? *Fluxes  $\xi$  (heat, stress) are of interest*

$$\int_{\partial\Omega} \xi \cdot n ds = \int_{\Omega} \text{div}(\xi) dx = \int_{\Omega} \text{div}(\xi_{\text{pot}}) dx.$$

- ▶ In classical homogenization convergence of energies ( $\Gamma$ -convergence) or convergence of fluxes ( $G$ -,  $H$ -convergence)  $a^\epsilon \nabla u^\epsilon \rightharpoonup a^0 \nabla u^0$ . Fluxes converge weakly, no flux norm was needed.

# Notations

For a finite-dimensional linear subspace  $V \subset H_0^1(\Omega)$ , define  $(\operatorname{div} a \nabla V)$ , a finite-dim. subspace of  $H^{-1}(\Omega)$ , by

$$(\operatorname{div} a \nabla V) := \{\operatorname{div}(a \nabla v) : v \in V\}.$$

11.11 (transfer property of the max norm) Let  $V$  and  $V'$  be finite-dimensional (approximation) subspaces of  $H_0^1(\Omega)$ . For  $f \in L^2(\Omega)$

- ▶ let  $u$  solve  $\operatorname{div}(a\nabla u) = f$  with conductivity  $a(x)$ ,
- ▶ let  $u'$  solve  $\operatorname{div}(a'\nabla u') = f$  with conductivity  $a'(x)$ .

If  $(\operatorname{div} a \nabla V) = (\operatorname{div} a' \nabla V')$ , then approximation errors are equal:

$$\sup_{f \in L^2(\Omega)} \inf_{v \in V} \frac{\|u - v\|_{a\text{-flux}}}{\|f\|_{L^2(\Omega)}} = \sup_{f \in L^2(\Omega)} \inf_{v \in V'} \frac{\|u' - v\|_{a'\text{-flux}}}{\|f\|_{L^2(\Omega)}}.$$

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Why is this useful? E.g., need  $\mathcal{O}(h)$  error in  $H^1$  norm.

Consider  $a' = I$  so that  $\operatorname{div} a' \nabla = \Delta$ . Then  $u' \in H^2$  and  $V'$  can be chosen as, e.g., the standard piecewise linear FEM space  $\mathcal{L}_0^h$  with basis  $\{\varphi_i\}$ . The space  $V$  is then defined by its basis  $\{\psi_i\}$ , determined by  $\operatorname{div}(a\nabla\psi_i) = \Delta\varphi_i$  with zero Dirichlet BCs.

Eq-n (12) shows that the error estimate for a problem with arbitrarily rough coefficients is equal to the error estimate for Laplace's equation.

**Key:** choose appropriate  $a'$  and  $V'$ .

# Challenge: Localize the basis (work in progress)

## Zhang-Berlyand-Owhadi

$\varphi_k$  **localized** piecewise linear nodal basis elements of  $\mathcal{L}_0^h$ . Introduce

$$\begin{cases} -\operatorname{div}(a(x)\nabla\Phi_k(x)) = \Delta\varphi_k & \text{in } \Omega \\ \Phi_k = 0 & \text{on } \partial\Omega \end{cases} .$$

$$V_h := \operatorname{span}\{\Phi_k\},$$

**THM** For any  $f \in L^2(\Omega)$ , let  $u$  be the solution of  $-\operatorname{div}(a(x)\nabla u) = f(x)$ . Then,

$$\sup_{f \in L^2(\Omega)} \inf_{v \in V_h} \frac{\|u - v\|_{a\text{-flux}}}{\|f\|_{L^2(\Omega)}} \leq Ch$$

where  $C$  depends only on  $\Omega$  and the aspect ratios of the simplices of  $\Omega_h$ .

Implies error bound in  $H^1$  norm with  $\lambda_{\min}(a)$  in error constant.  $\equiv$

## Basis for approximation with optimal error constant

$$\begin{cases} \operatorname{div} (a(x) \nabla \theta_k(x)) = \Delta \Psi_k & \text{in } \Omega \\ \theta_k = 0 & \text{on } \partial\Omega \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta \Psi_k = \lambda_k \Psi_k & x \in \Omega \\ \Psi_k = 0 & \text{on } \partial\Omega. \end{cases}$$

$$\Theta_h := \operatorname{span}\{\theta_1, \dots, \theta_{N(h)}\},$$

$N(h)$ : the integer part of  $|\Omega|/h^d$ .



# Transfer property of the flux-norm

## Theorem

Let  $u$  solve  $\operatorname{div}(a\nabla u) = f \in L^2(\Omega)$ .  $u = 0$  on  $\partial\Omega$ . Then, **(3)**

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \sup_{f \in L^2(\Omega)} \inf_{v \in \Theta_h} \frac{\|u - v\|_{a\text{-flux}}}{h \|f\|_{L^2(\Omega)}} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\pi}} \left( \frac{1}{\Gamma(1 + \frac{d}{2})} \right)^{\frac{1}{d}}.$$

Furthermore the space  $\Theta_h$  leads (asymptotically as  $h \rightarrow 0$ ) to the smallest possible constant in the right hand side of **(3)** among all subspaces of  $H_0^1(\Omega)$  with  $N(h)$ , the integer part of  $|\Omega|/h^d$ , elements.

$|\Omega|/h^d$ : number of dof of piecewise linear functions on a regular triangulation of  $\Omega$  of resolution  $h$ .

## Optimality of the error constant

The constant in the right hand side of (3) is the classical Kolmogorov  $n$ -width  $d_n(A, X)$ , understood in the asymptotic sense as  $h \rightarrow 0$  (because the Weyl formula is asymptotic).

$n$ -width measures how accurately a given set of functions  $A \subset X$  can be approximated by linear subspaces of dimension  $n$

$$d_n(A, X) = \inf_{E_n} \sup_{w \in A} \inf_{g \in E_n} \|w - g\|_X$$

for a normed linear space  $X$ .

In our case  $X$  is  $H_0^1(\Omega)$  with  $\|\cdot\|_{a\text{-flux}}$ -norm,  $A$  – set of all solutions of (2) as  $f$  spans  $L^2$  ( $\|\cdot\|_{a\text{-flux}}$  depends on  $a(x)$  as opposed to the  $H_0^1(\Omega)$ -norm,  $a(x)$  is fixed).

A surprising result of the theory of  $n$ -widths: the space realizing the optimal approximation is not unique, therefore there may be subspaces, other than  $\Theta_h$ , providing the same asymptotic constant.

Melenk, approximation by piecewise polynomials, degree  $p$ . Error in terms of  $p$  rather than  $h$ :  $\exists C, \sigma : Ce^{-\sigma p}$

## Fundamental inequality

The following inequality will allow one to reduce the number of precomputed problems to  $d$  in the scalar case and  $d^2$  in the vectorial case.

Conjecture: Let  $b \in (L^\infty(\Omega))^{d \times d}$  be uniformly elliptic and divergence free matrix (e.g., columns divergence free). Then for  $d \geq 3$  there exists  $\gamma_a > 0$  such that for all  $z \in H_0^1(\Omega) \cap H^2(\Omega)$ ,

$$\|\Delta z\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \leq \gamma_b(\Omega) \|\operatorname{div}(b \nabla z)\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \quad (4)$$

proved  $d = 2$ . Under Cordes cond.  $d \geq 3$ .

Why div-free conditions? Elliptic operators with div-free coefficients are in both divergence and non-divergence form. For example, in 2D non-divergence form PDE has  $H^2$  solutions, inequality (4) holds for  $d = 2$  (div-free in 2D – scalar potential).

Sufficient to establish improved regularity property: If  $u$  solves

$$b_{ij} \partial_i \partial_j u = f \in L^2(\Omega), \quad u = 0 \text{ on } \partial\Omega$$

then  $u \in H^2(\Omega)$ , ( $b$  as in the conjecture).

Fundamental open question ( $d \geq 3$ ). If  $b$  is not div free, counter example

# Discrete geometric structures in Homogenization

## Desbrun-Donaldson-Owhadi

$$\begin{cases} -\operatorname{div}(a \nabla u) = g, & x \in \Omega, \\ u = 0, & x \in \partial\Omega, \end{cases}$$

$F$ : Harmonic coordinates

$$F := (F_1, F_2)$$

$$\begin{cases} -\operatorname{div}(a \nabla F_i) = 0 & \Omega \\ F_i(x) = x_i & \partial\Omega \end{cases}$$

[Desbrun-Donaldson-Owhadi-09]

# First solve $d$ time independent problems

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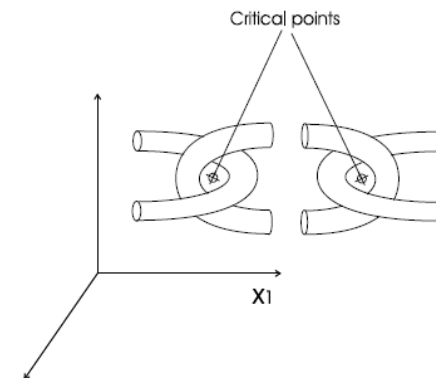
$$F : \Omega \rightarrow \Omega$$

$d = 2$ ,  $\Omega$  convex  $\Rightarrow F$  is an homeomorphism.

[Ancona-2002], [Alessandrini-Nesi-2003]

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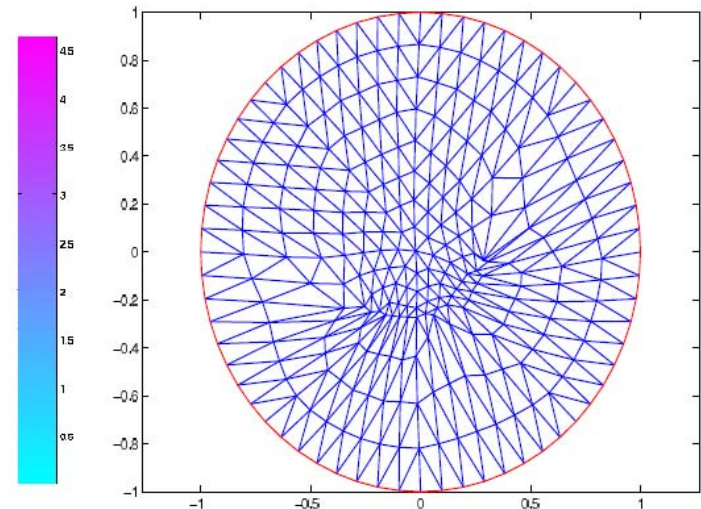
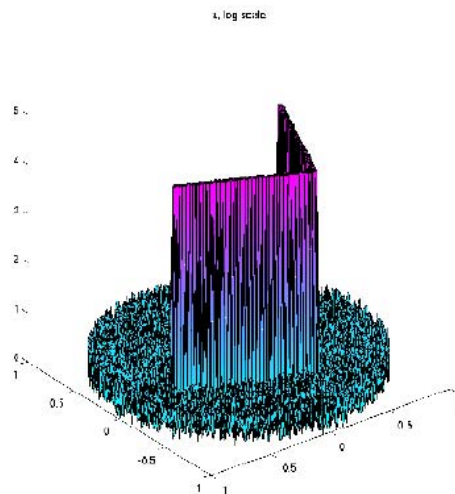
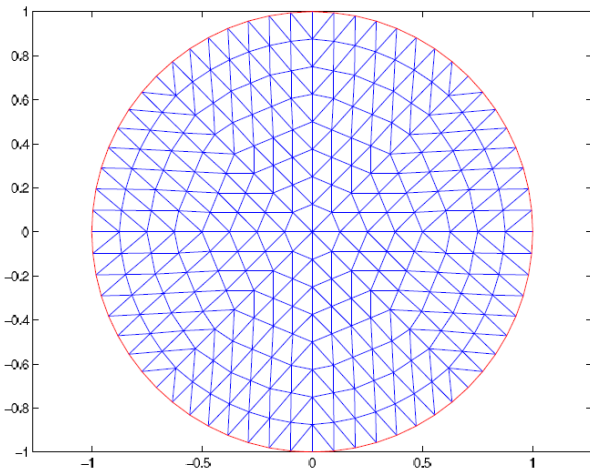


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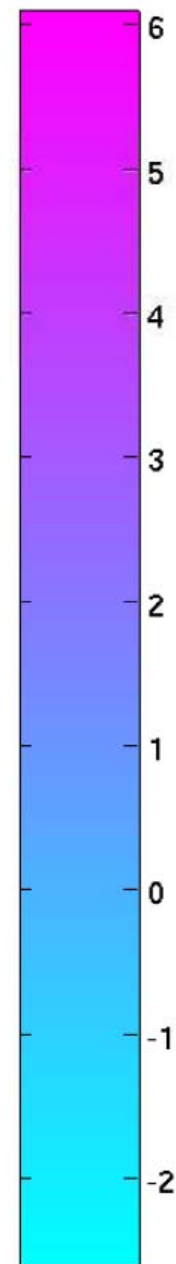
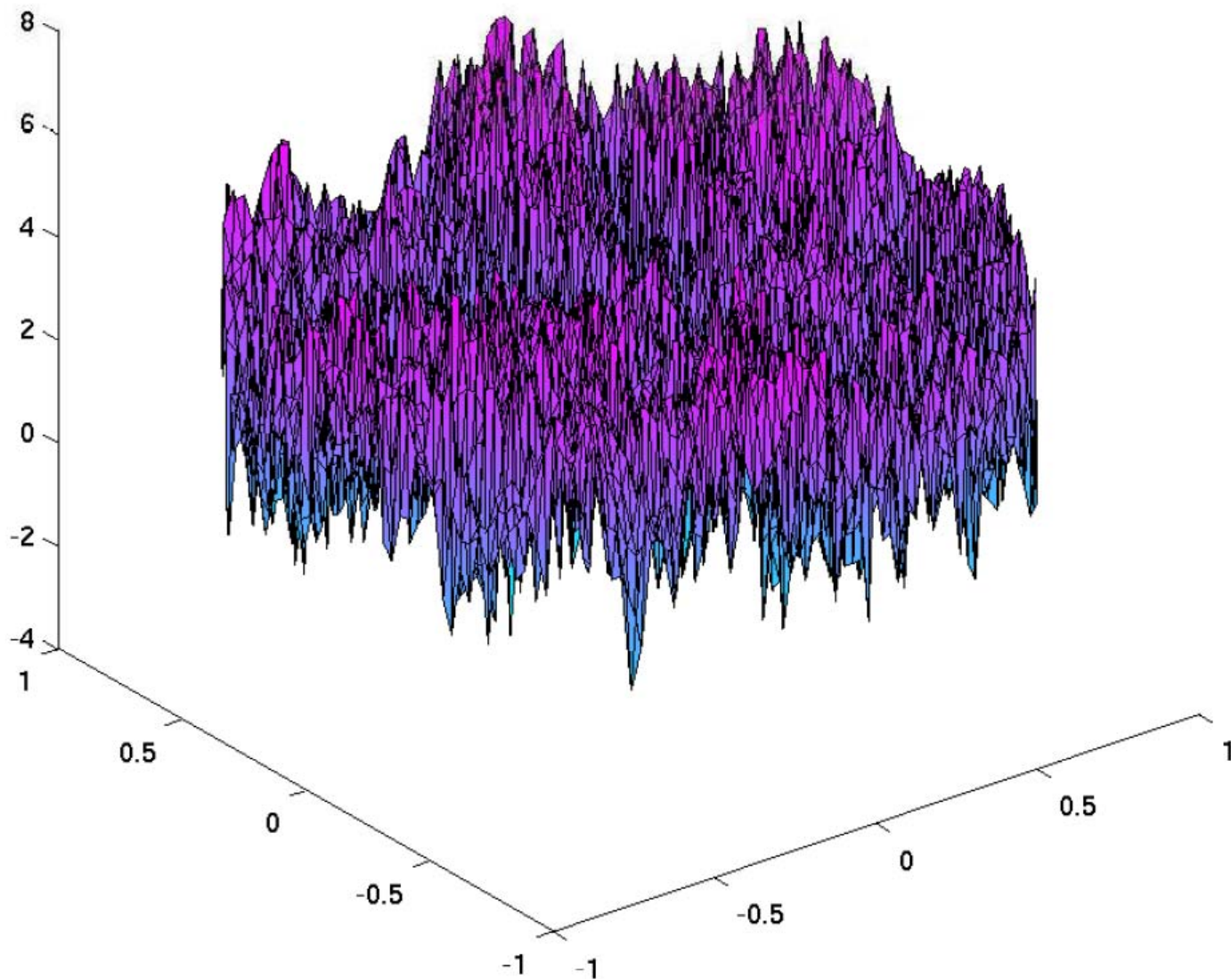
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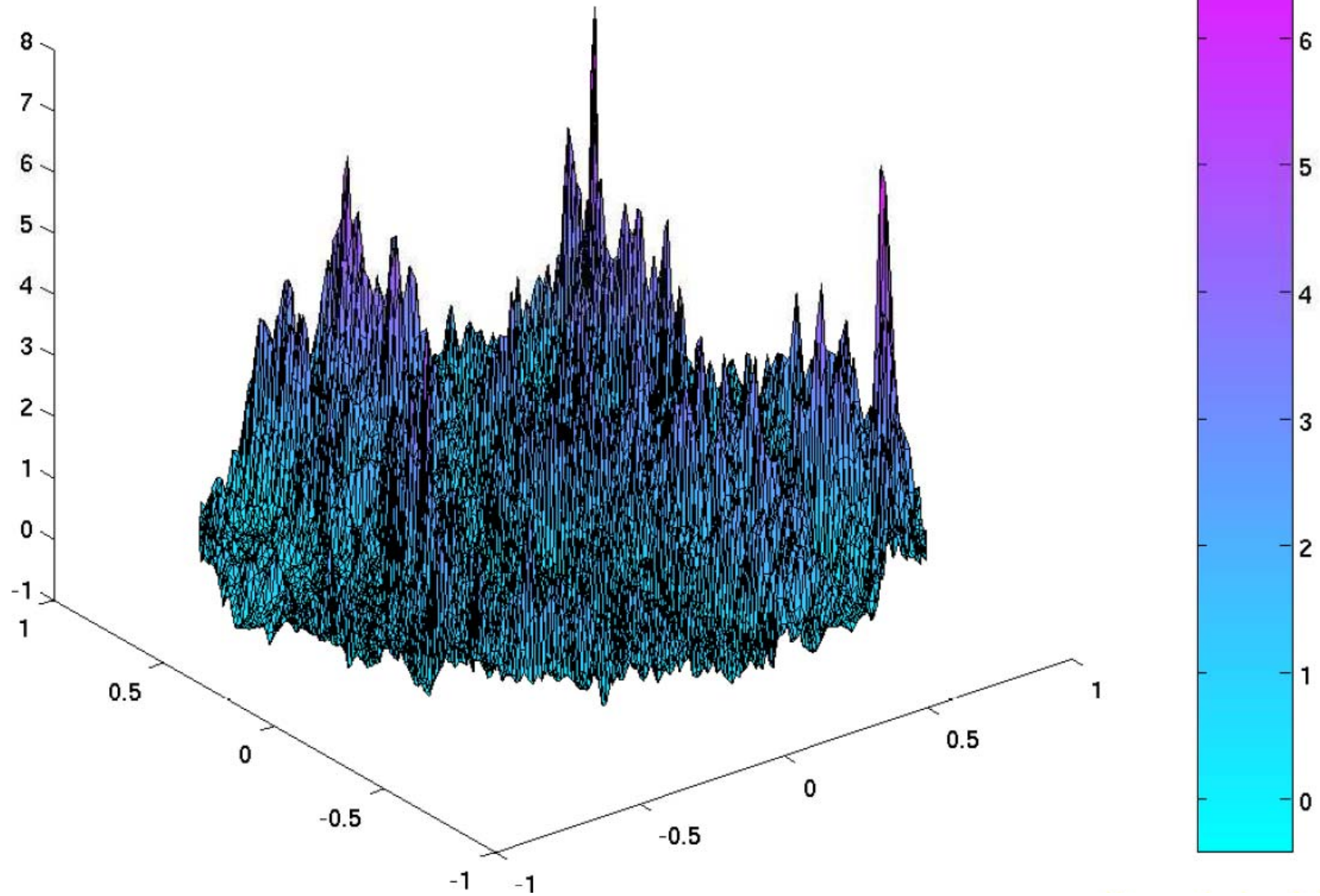
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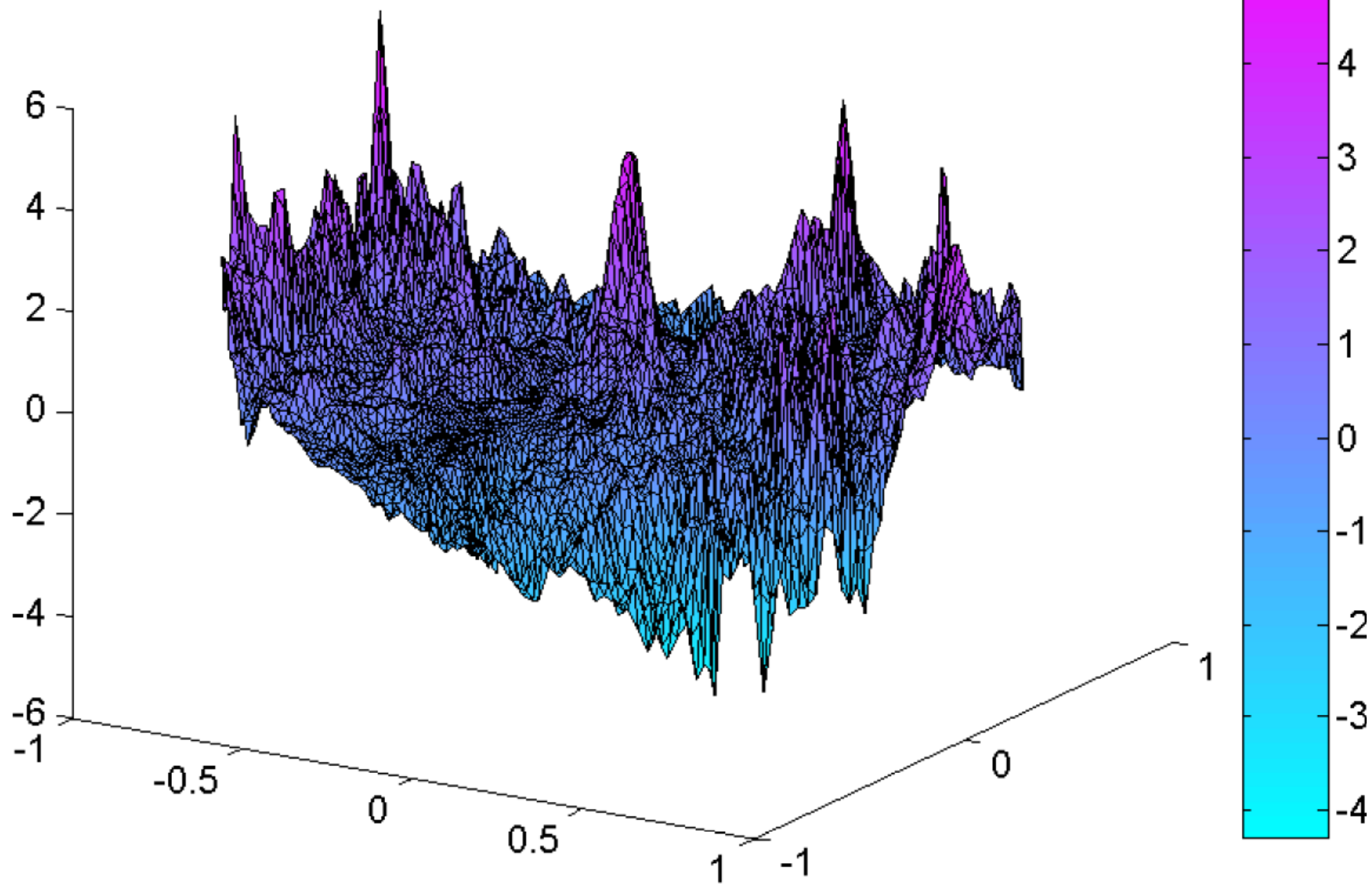


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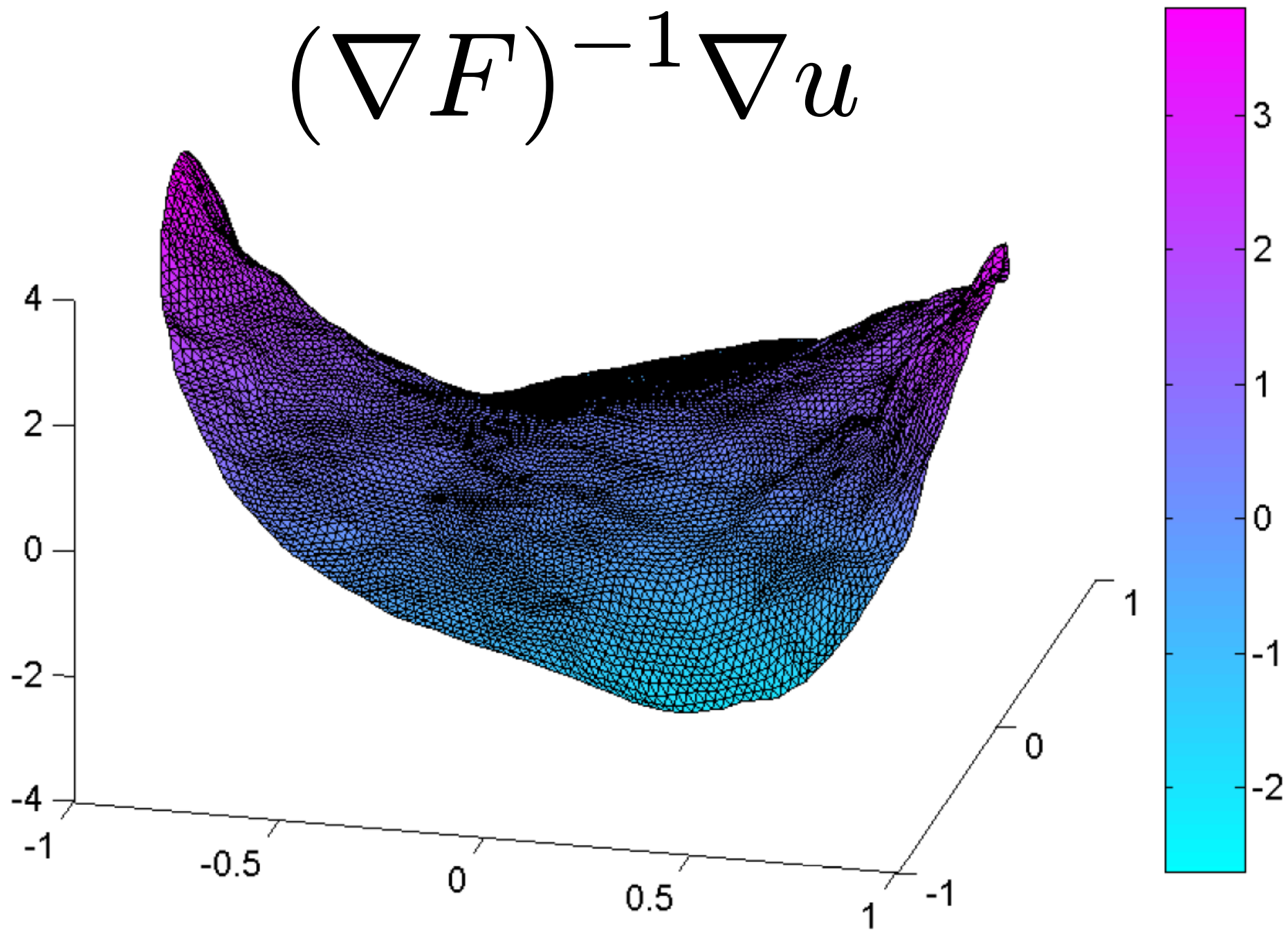




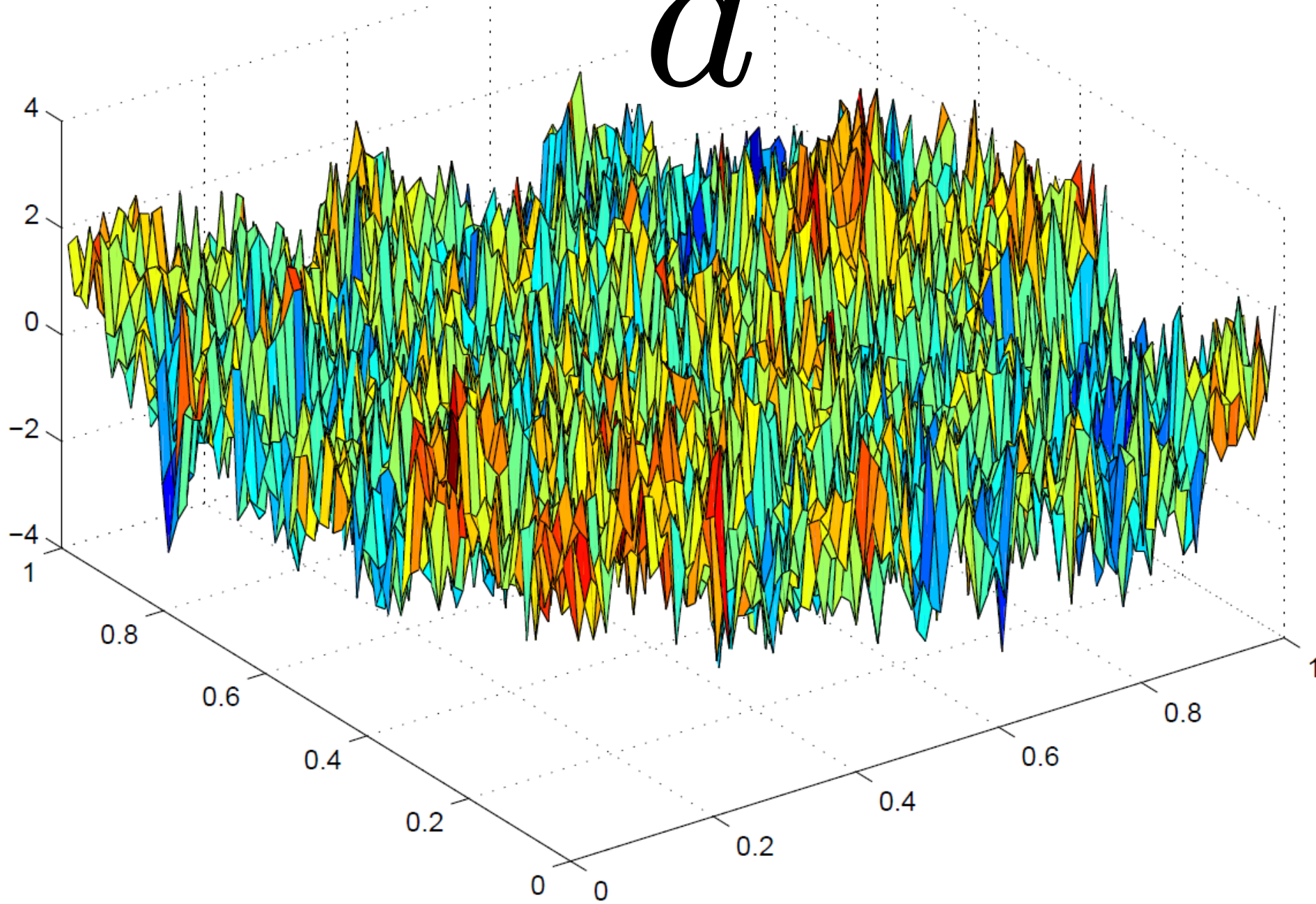
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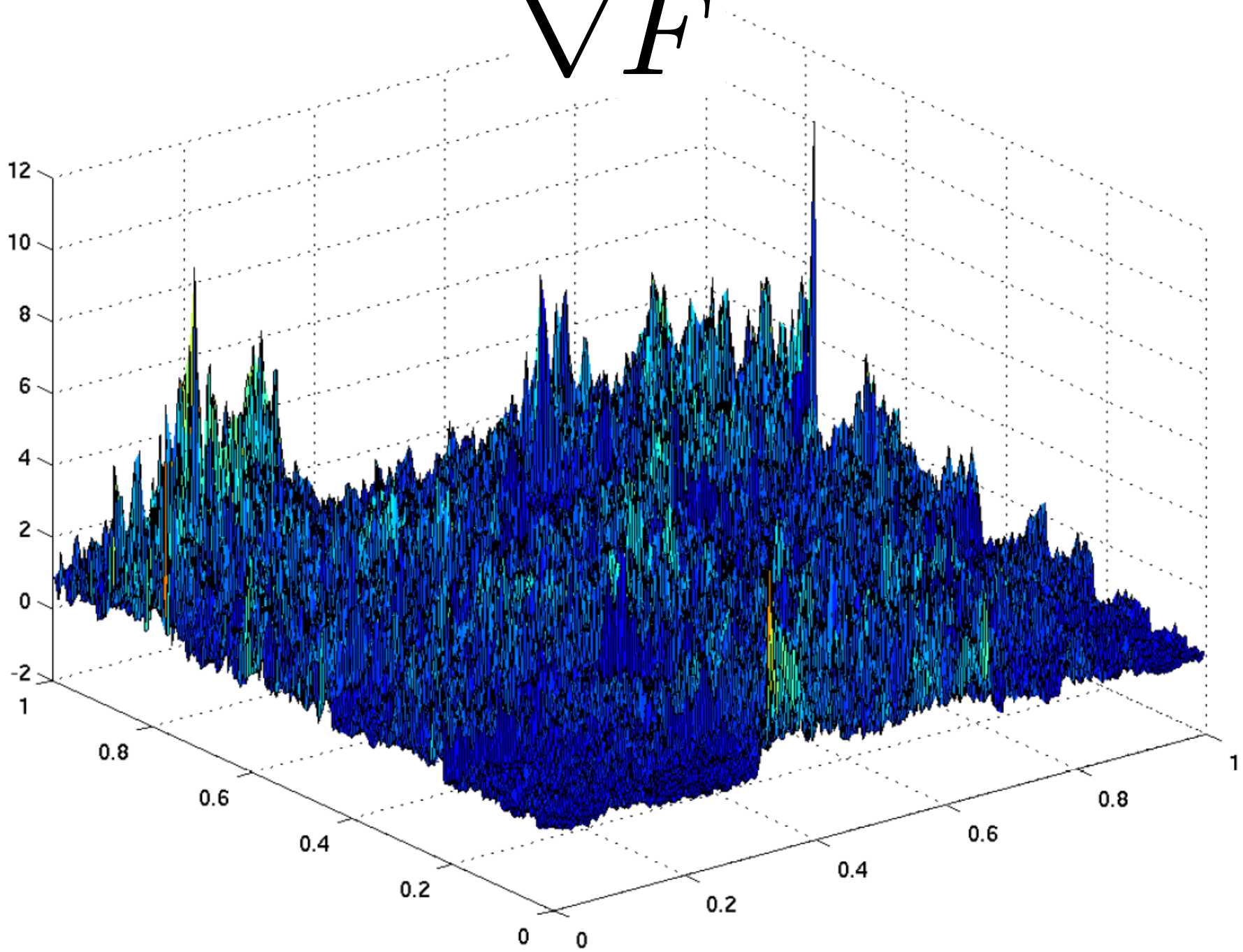
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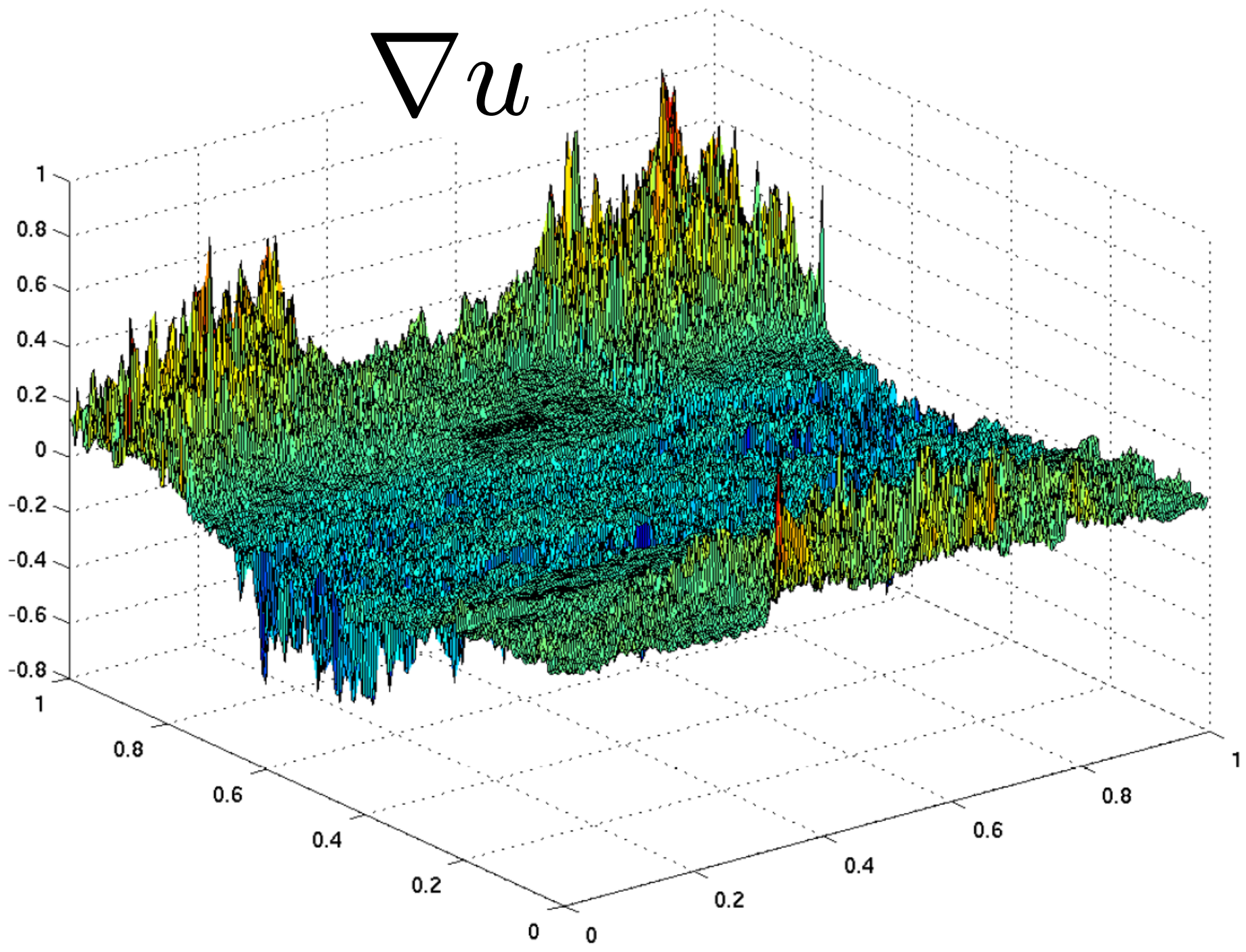
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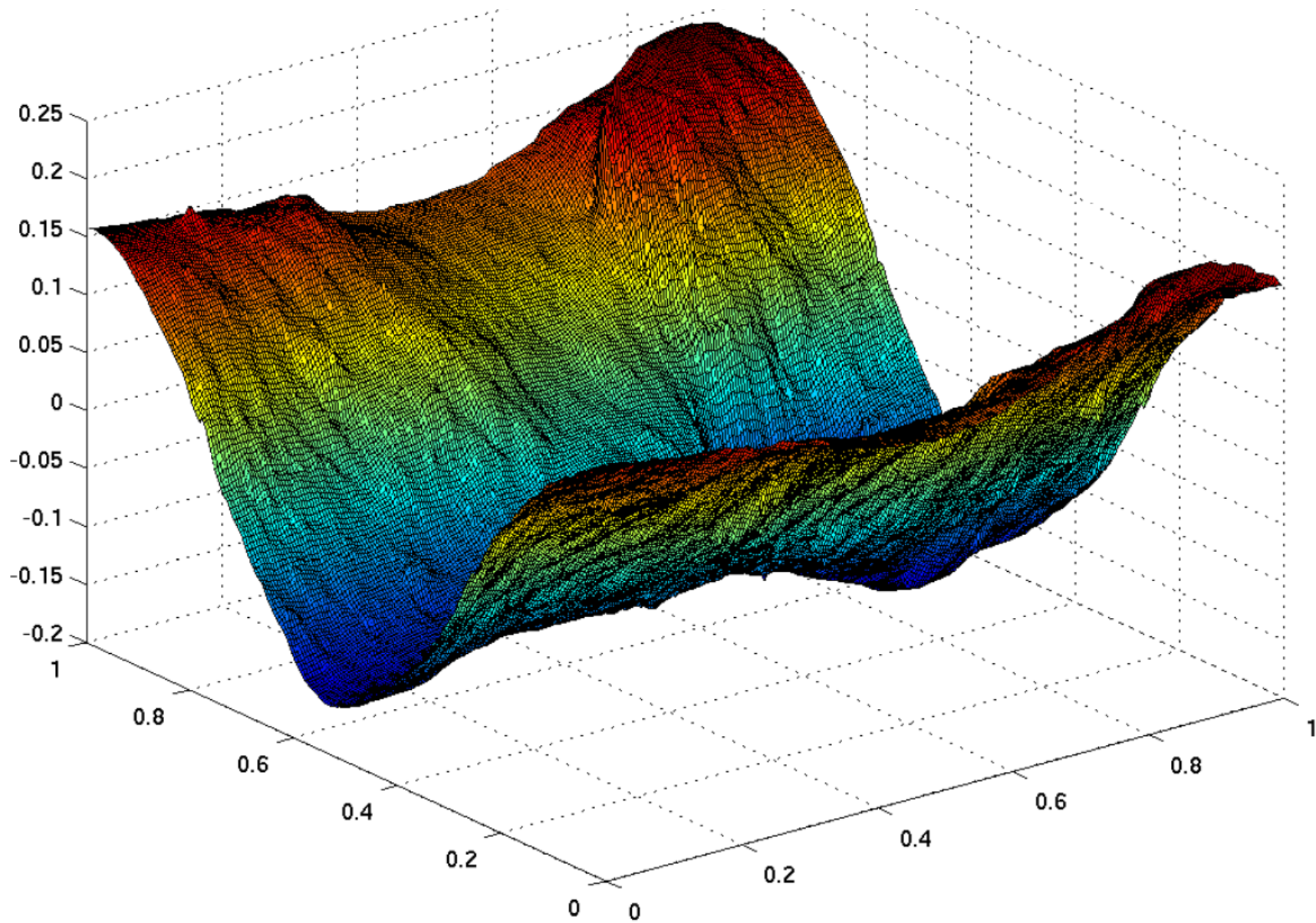
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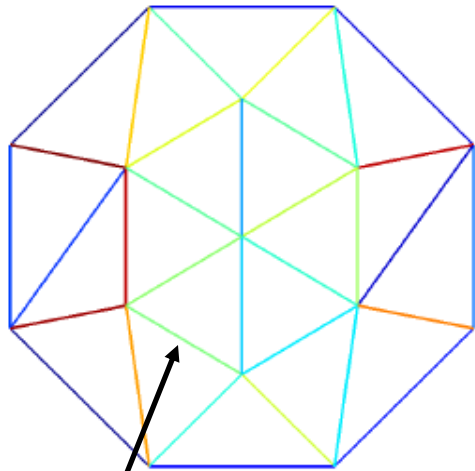


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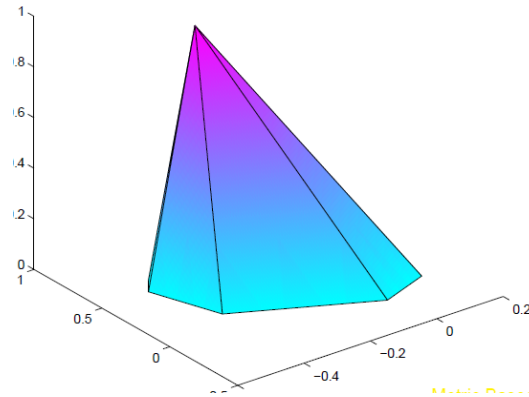


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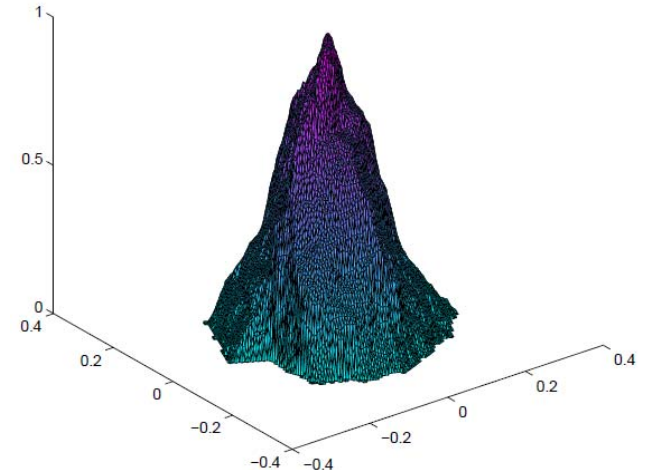
$\Omega_h$



$\varphi_i$



$\varphi_i \circ F$



$$q_{ij}^h := - \int_{\Omega} (\nabla(\varphi_i \circ F))^T a(x) \nabla(\varphi_j \circ F) dx$$

## Homogenization without scale separation

$$(1) \quad \begin{cases} \partial_t u - \operatorname{div}(a \nabla u) = g & \Omega \times [0, T] \\ u = 0 & \partial\Omega \times [0, T] \cup \Omega \times \{t = 0\} \end{cases}$$

- $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ , bounded, convex,  $C^2$
- $a$ :  $d \times d$ , symmetric, uniformly elliptic,  $a_{i,j} \in L^\infty(\Omega)$
- $g \in L^2(\Omega \times (0, T))$

## How to homogenize eq-(1)?

[Owhadi-Zhang-2007]

Laminar (1d) elliptic case: method I (SFEM) of [Babuška-Caloz-Osborn-1994]



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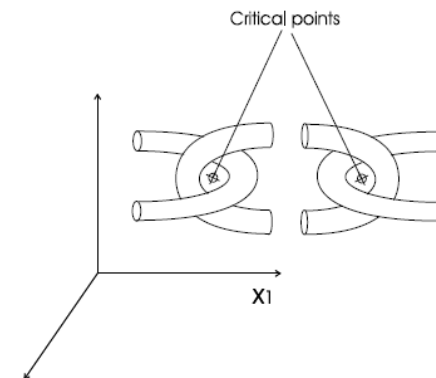
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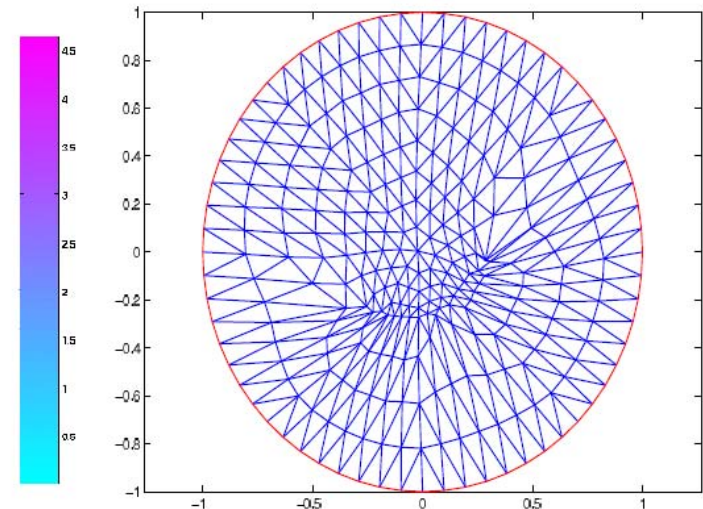
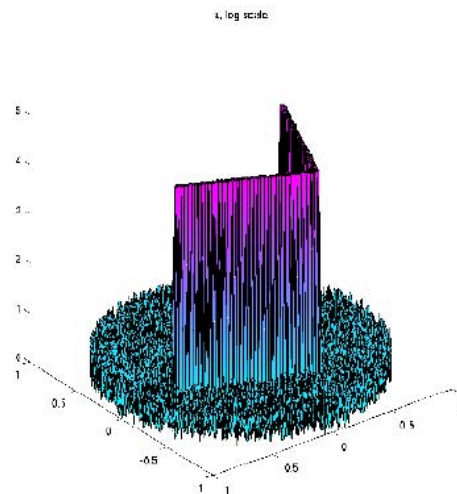
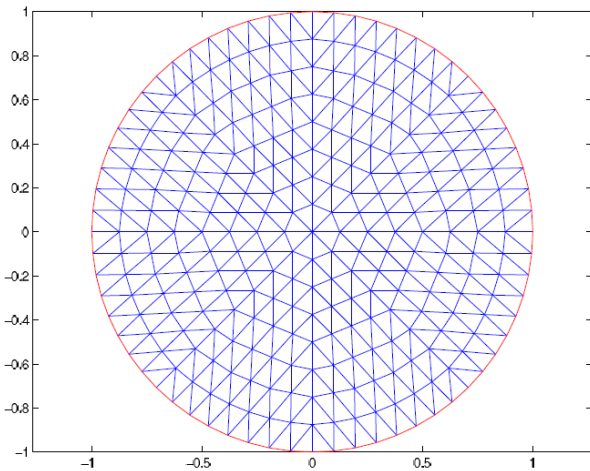


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$$u \in L^2(0, T, H_0^1(\Omega))$$

**Theorem** [Owhadi-Zhang-2007]

If  $M$  satisfies (CTC) then

$$u \circ F^{-1} \in L^2(0, T, W^{2,2}(\Omega)) \text{ and}$$

$$\|u \circ F^{-1}\|_{L^2(0, T, W^{2,2}(\Omega))} \leq C \|g\|_{L^2(\Omega_T)}$$

$$\|v\|_{L^2(0, T, W^{2,2}(\Omega))}^2 := \int_0^T \int_{\Omega} \sum_{i,j} (\partial_i \partial_j v)^2$$

**(CTC) on**  $M := (\nabla F)^T a \nabla F$

$$\beta_M := \operatorname{ess\,sup}_\Omega d - \frac{(\operatorname{Trace}[M])^2}{\operatorname{Trace}[M^T M]} < 1$$

Remark: **d=2**

$$\beta_\sigma < 1 \Leftrightarrow \operatorname{ess\,sup}_\Omega \frac{\lambda_{\max}[M(x)]}{\lambda_{\min}[M(x)]} < \infty$$

# Homogenization of (1)

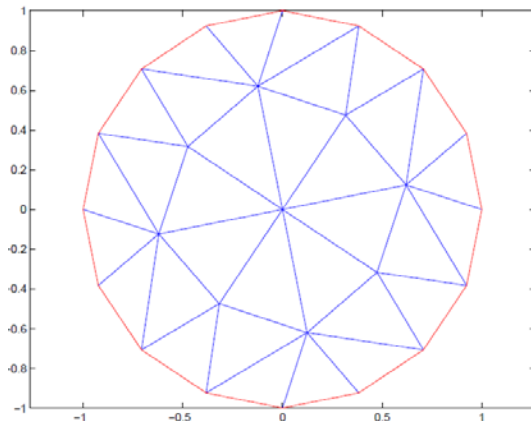
[Owhadi-Zhang-2007]  
Generalization of the space introduced in  
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$X_h$ : Finite dimensional linear sub-space of  $H_0^1(\Omega)$

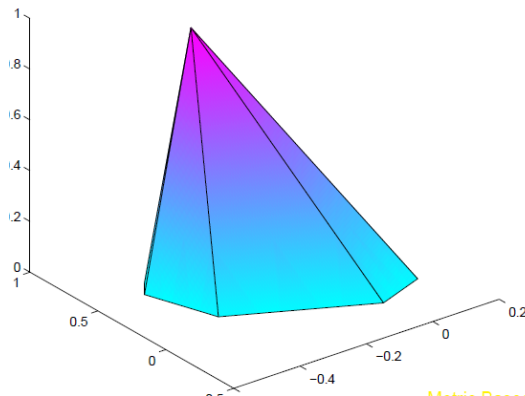
**Property**  $\exists C_X > 0 : \forall f \in C_0^\infty(\Omega)$

$$\inf_{v \in X_h} \|f - v\|_{H_0^1(\Omega)} \leq C_X h \|f\|_{W^{2,2}(\Omega)}$$

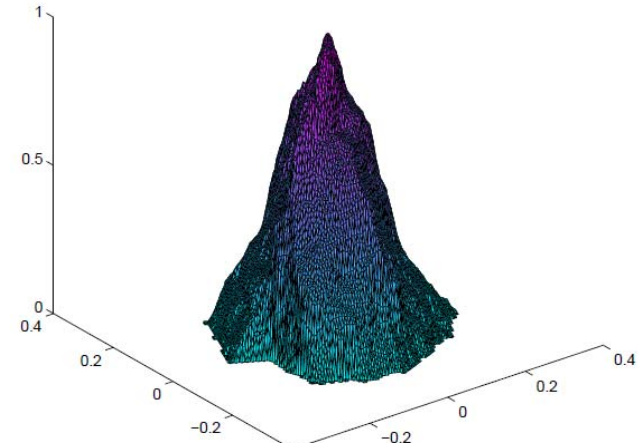
$$V_h := \{\varphi \circ F : \varphi \in X_h\}$$



$\Omega_h$



$\varphi_i$



$\varphi_i \circ F$

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$u_h$  F.E. solution of (1) in  $L^2(0, T, V_h)$

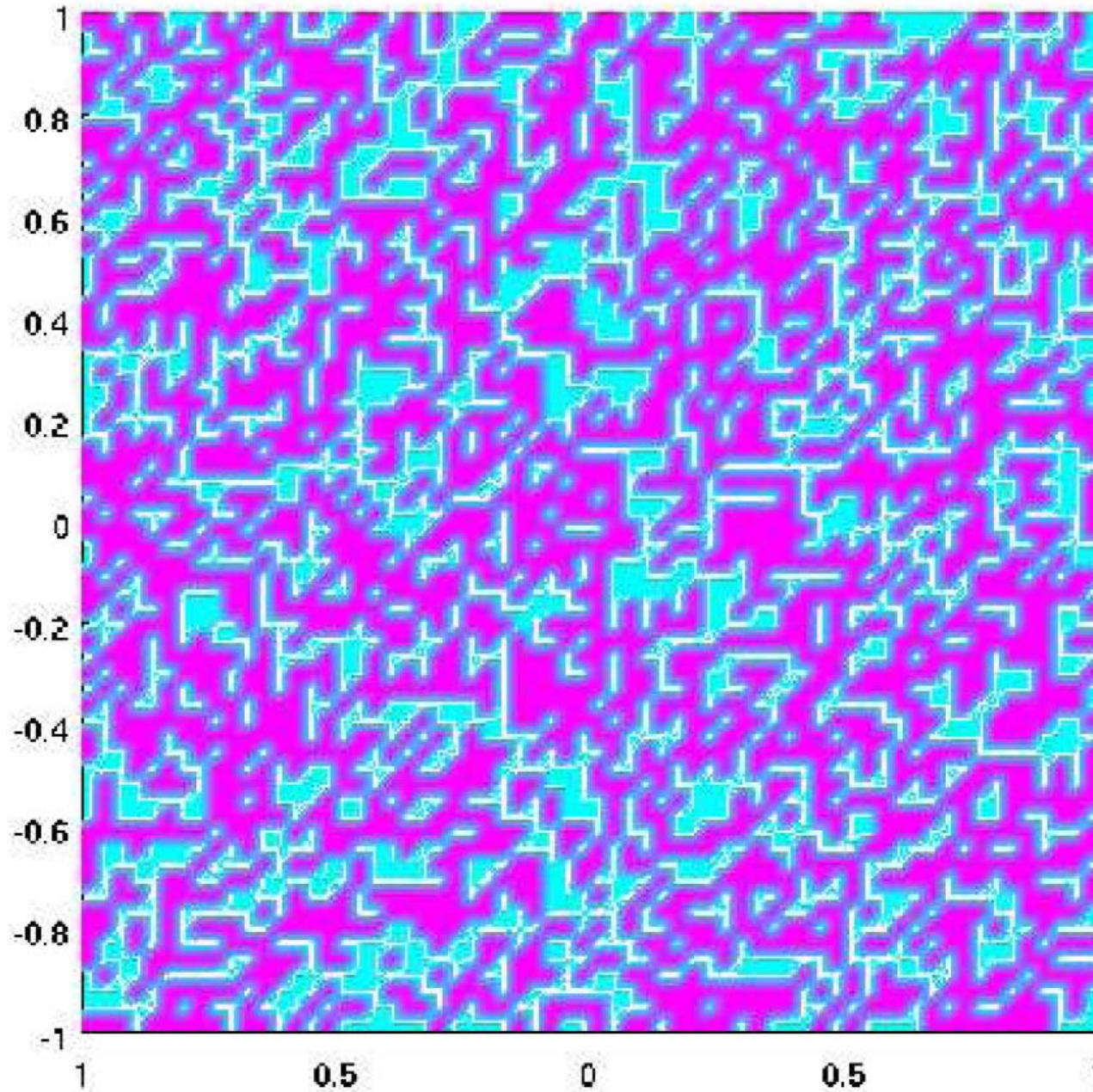
$$u_h = \sum_i c_i(t) \varphi_i \circ F(x)$$

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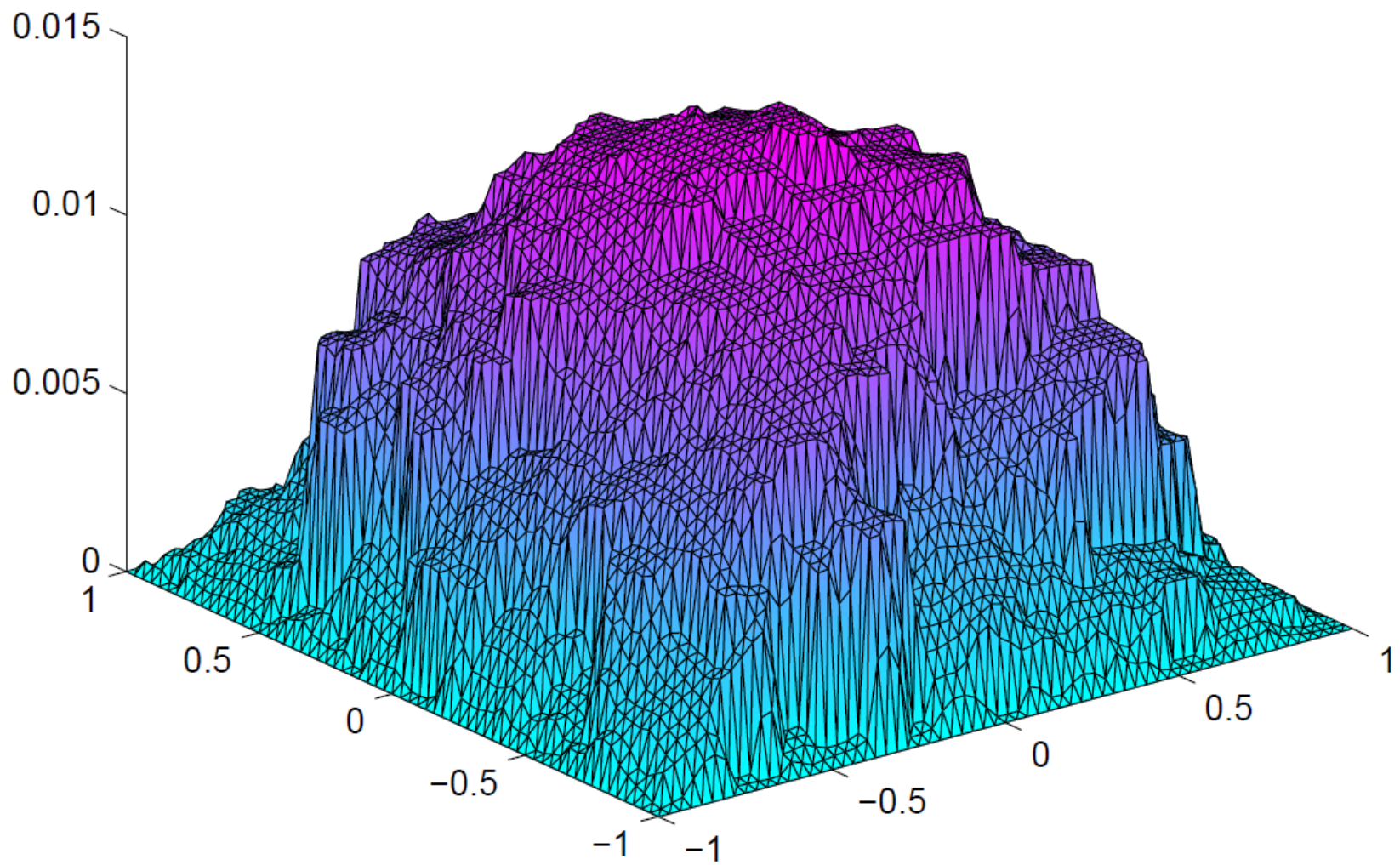
If  $M$  satisfies (CTC) then

$$\|(u - u_h)(\cdot, T)\|_{L^2(\Omega)} + \|u - u_h\|_{L^2(0, T, H_0^1(\Omega))} \leq C h \|g\|_{L^2(\Omega_T)}$$

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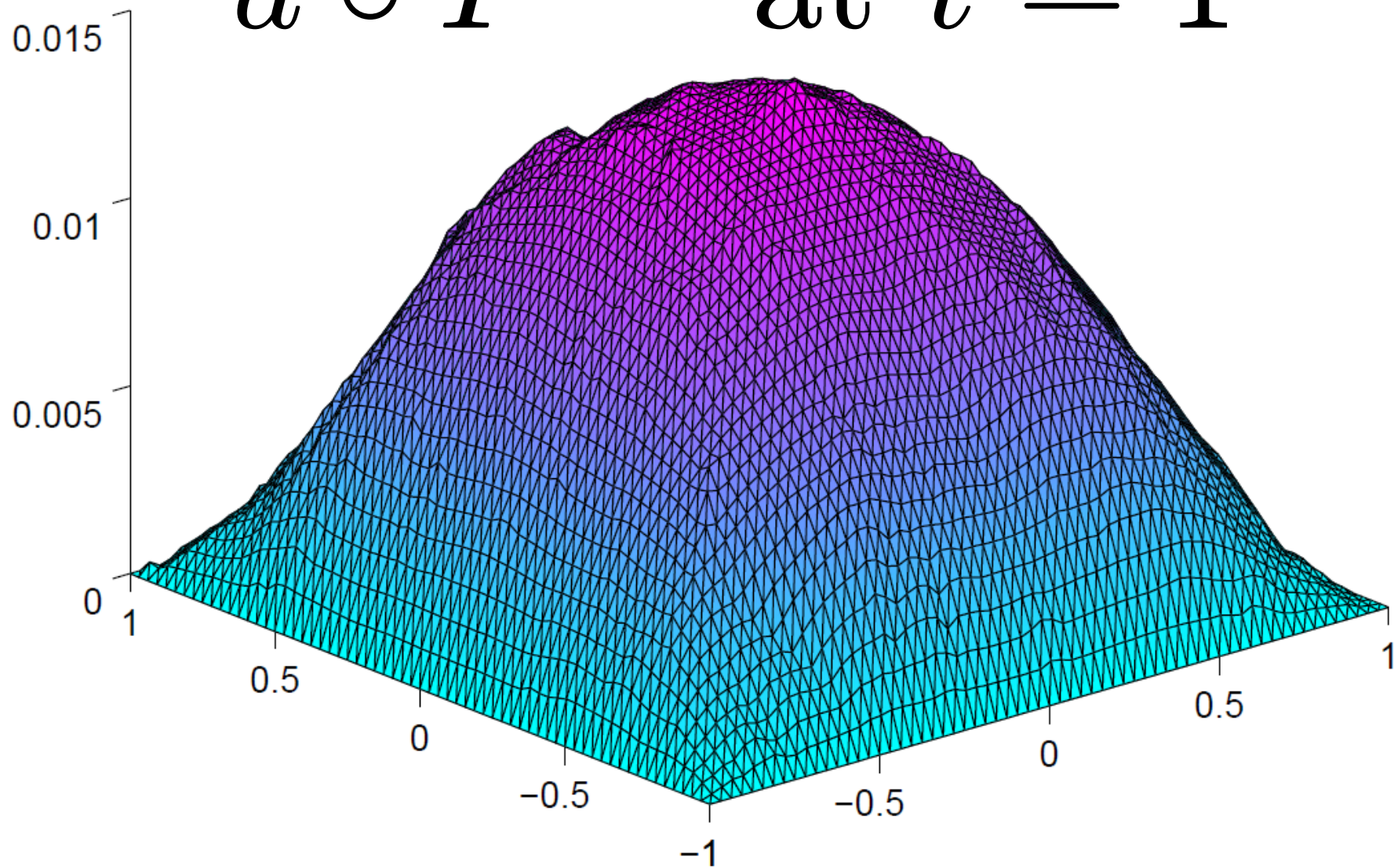


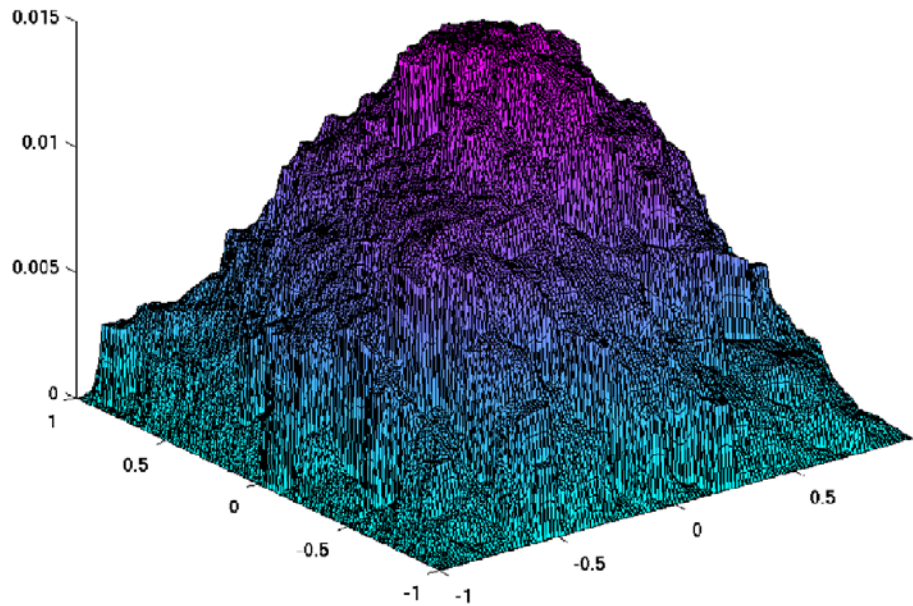
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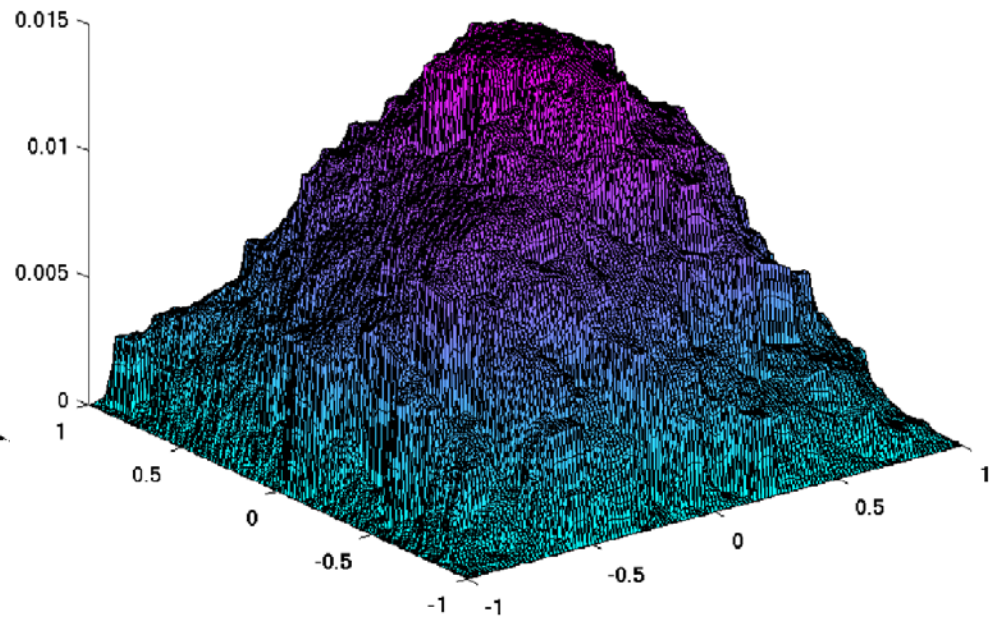


$u \circ F^{-1}$  at  $t = 1$





$u$  computed on 16641  
degrees of freedom  
(interior nodes)



$u_{h, \Delta t}$  computed on 9 d.o.f  
 $L^1$ -relative error: 0.0196  
 $H^1$ -relative error: 0.0312

# Extension to wave equations

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**K: bulk modulus**

**$\rho$ : Density**

$$a := \rho^{-1}$$

## Theorem

Assume that  $M$  satisfies condition **CTC**,  $\partial_t g \in L^2(\Omega_T)$ ,  $g \in L^\infty(0, T, L^2(\Omega))$ ,  $\operatorname{div} a \nabla u(x, 0) \in L^2(\Omega)$  and  $\partial_t u(x, 0) \in H^1(\Omega)$  then  $u \circ F^{-1} \in L^2(0, T, H^2(\Omega))$  and

$$\|u \circ F^{-1}\|_{L^\infty(0, T, H^2(\Omega))} \leq C \left( \|g\|_{L^\infty(0, T, L^2(\Omega))} + \|\operatorname{div} a \nabla u(x, 0)\|_{L^2(\Omega)} + \|\partial_t u(x, 0)\|_{H^1(\Omega)} + \|\partial_t g\|_{L^2(\Omega_T)} \right).$$

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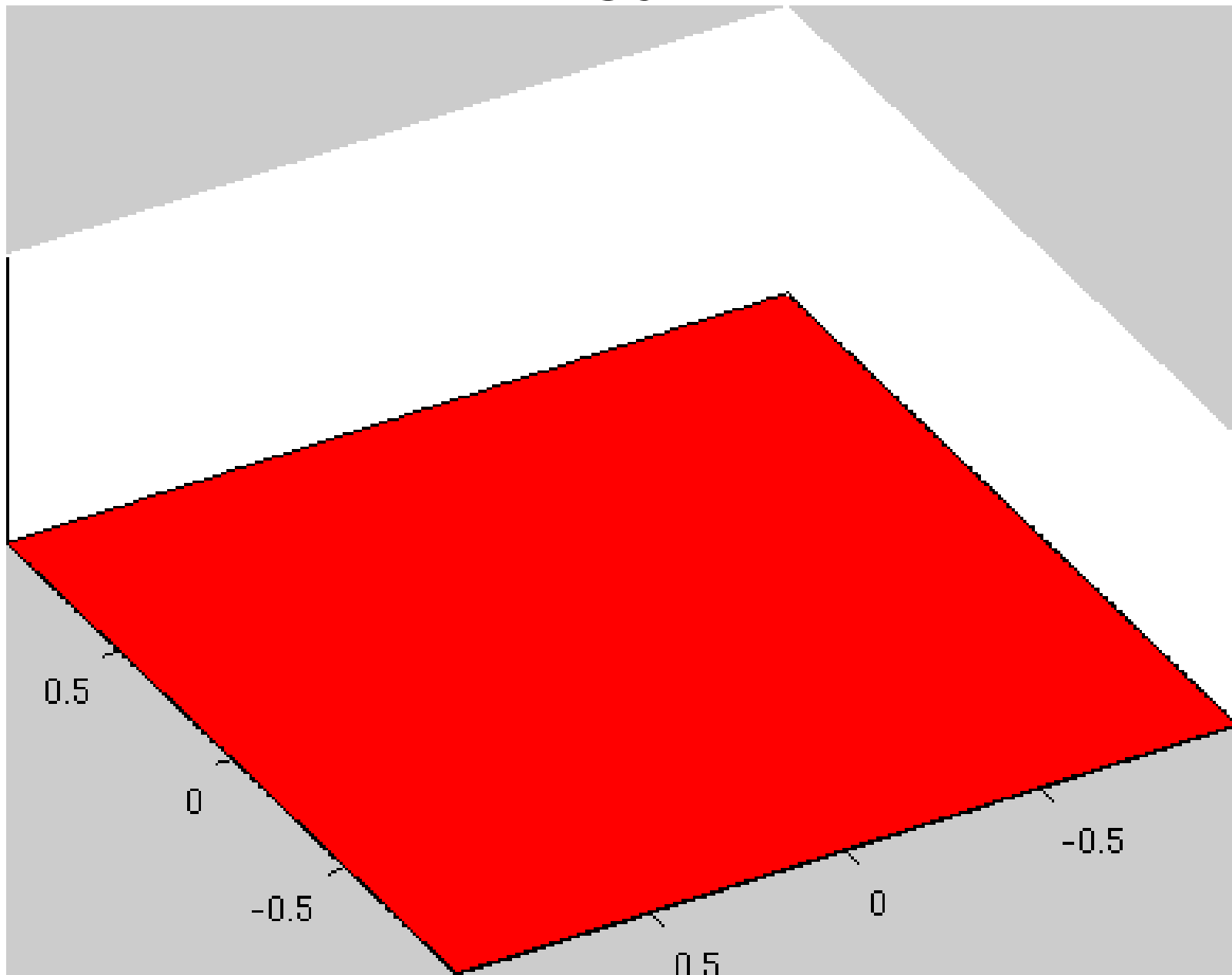
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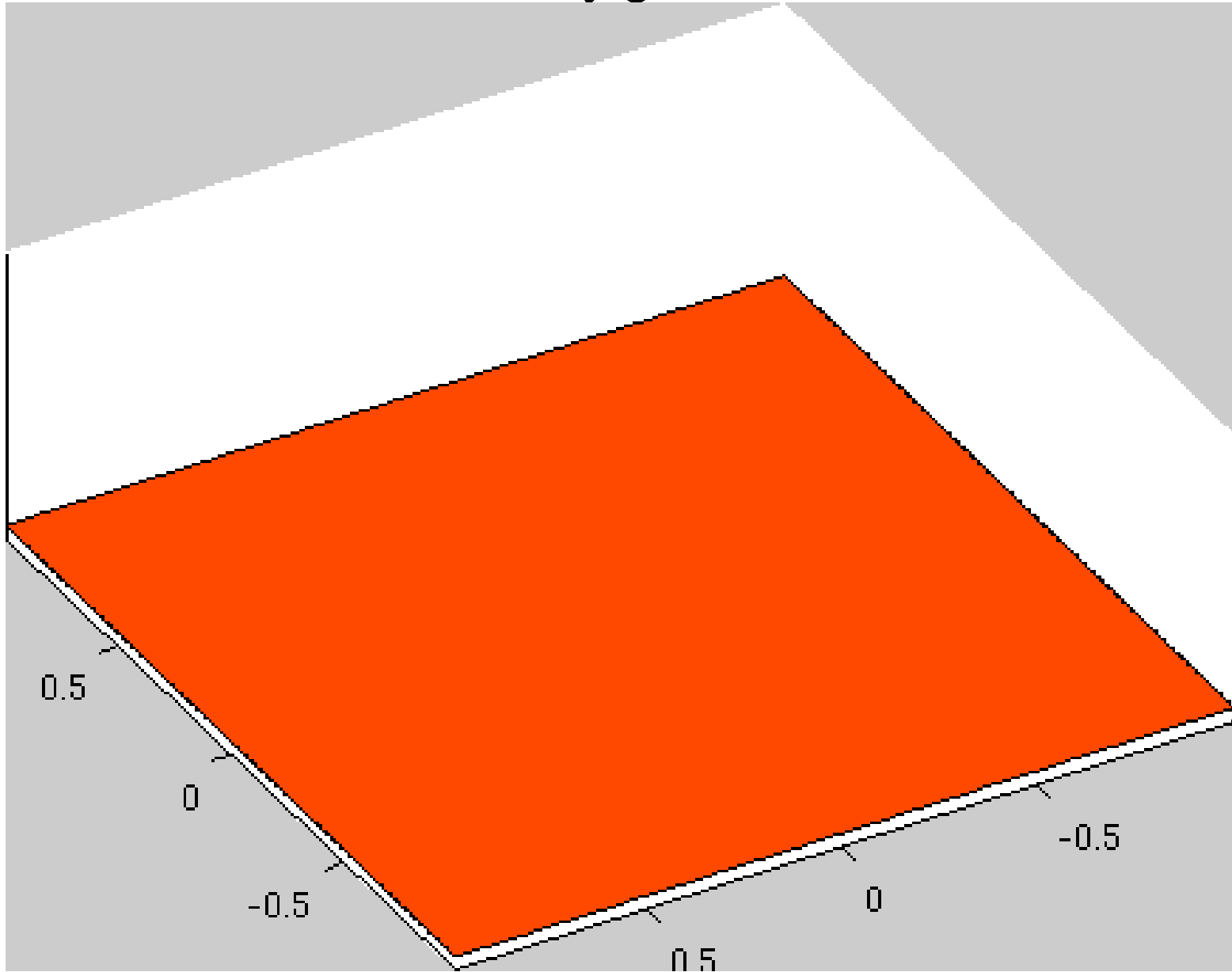
Assume that  $M$  satisfies condition **CTC**,  $g(x, 0) \in L^2(\Omega)$ ,  $\partial_t^2 g \in L^2(\Omega_T)$  and  $\partial_t g \in L^\infty(0, T, L^2(\Omega))$  then

$$\begin{aligned} & \|\partial_t(u - u_h)(\cdot, T)\|_{L^2(\Omega)} + \|(u - u_h)(\cdot, T)\|_{H_0^1(\Omega)} \leq Ch(\|\partial_t g\|_{L^\infty(0, T, L^2(\Omega))} \\ & \quad + \|\partial_t^2 g\|_{L^2(\Omega_T)} + \|\operatorname{div}(a\nabla u(x, 0))\|_{H^1(\Omega)} + \|\operatorname{div}(a\nabla \partial_t u(x, 0))\|_{L^2(\Omega)}). \end{aligned}$$

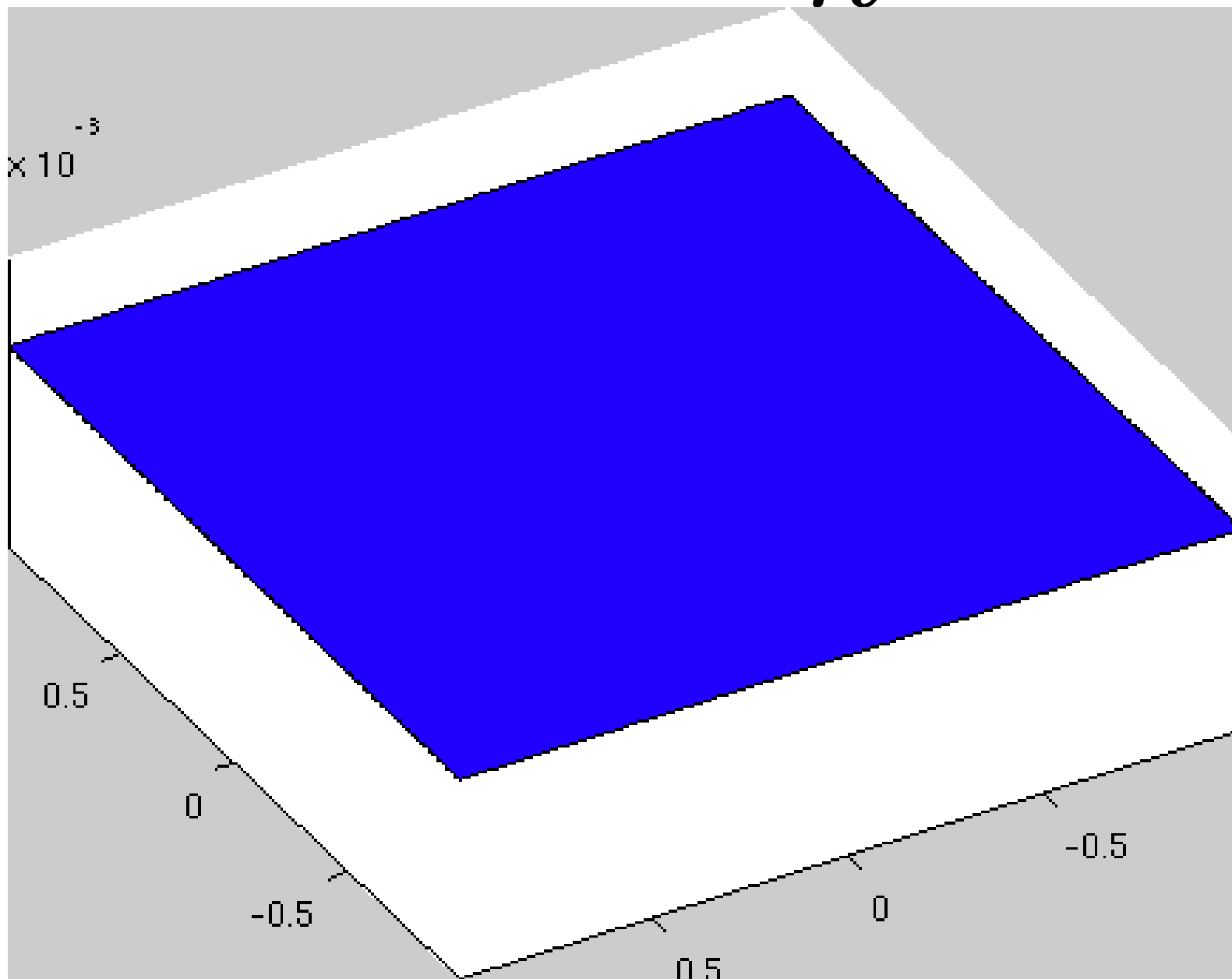
$u$



$u_h$



$$u - u_h$$



# Rough coefficients in space and time

$$(2) \quad \begin{cases} \partial_t u - \operatorname{div}(a \nabla u) = g & \Omega \times [0, T] \\ u = 0 & \partial\Omega \times [0, T] \cup \Omega \times \{t = 0\} \end{cases}$$

$$g \in L^2(\Omega_T) \quad \Omega_T := \Omega \times [0, T]$$

$a = a(x, t)$ , symmetric, uniformly elliptic

$$a_{i,j} \in L^\infty(\Omega \times [0, T])$$



# Caloric coordinates

$$F := (F_1, \dots, F_d)$$

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t F_i - \operatorname{div} (a(x, t) \nabla F_i) = 0 & \Omega_T \\ F_i(x, t) = x_i & \partial\Omega \times [0, T] \\ -\operatorname{div} (a(x, 0) \nabla F_i(x, 0)) = 0 & \Omega \end{cases}$$

$u_h$  F.E. solution of (3) in  $Y_{h, \Delta t}$

$$u_h = \sum_i c_i(t) \varphi_i \circ F(x, t)$$

$c_i(t)$ : piecewise constant on intervals  $(t_i, t_{i+1}]$  of size  $\Delta t$

**Theorem** [Owhadi-Zhang-2007]

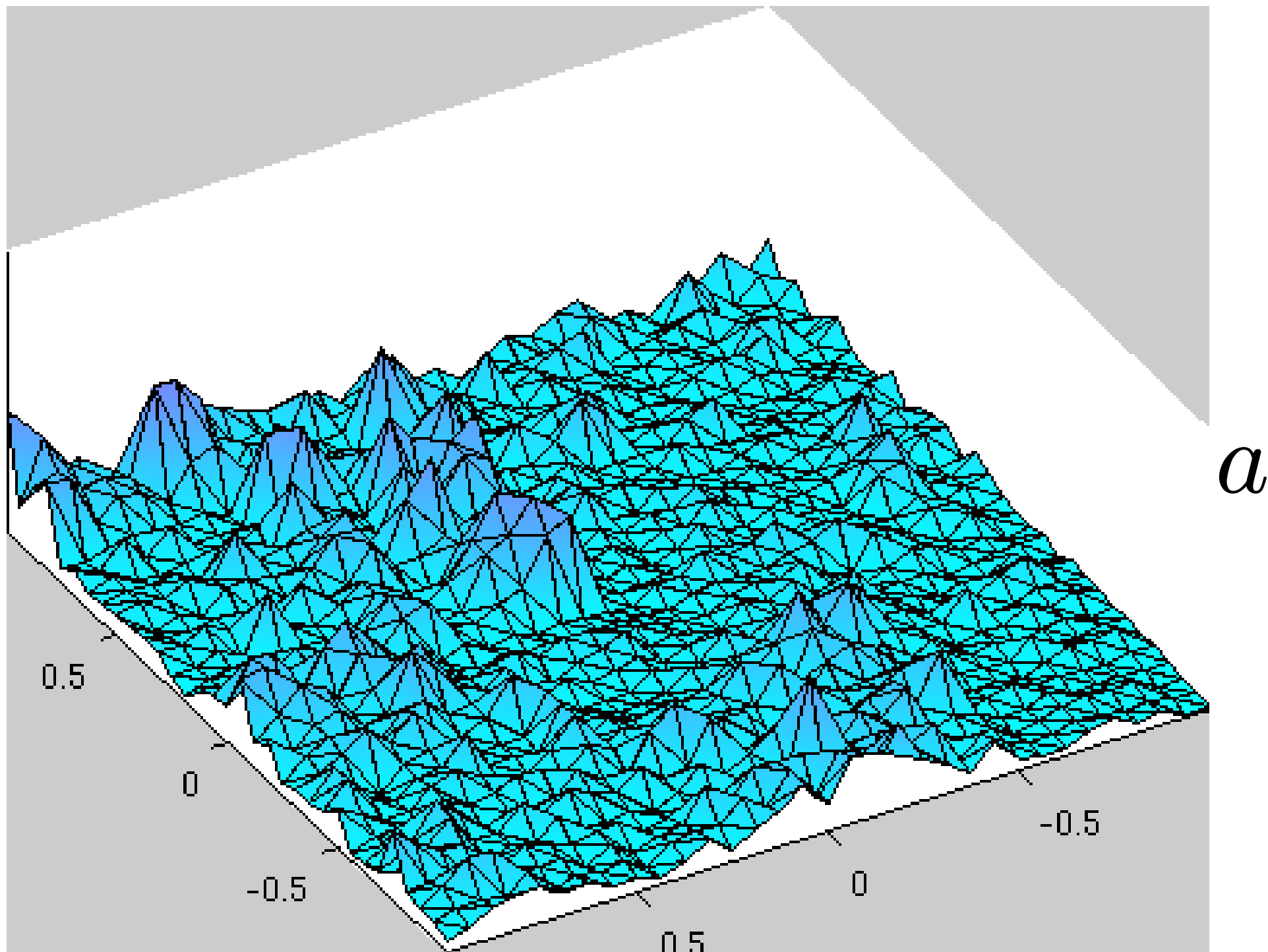
Assume that  $\sigma$  satisfies (CDC') then

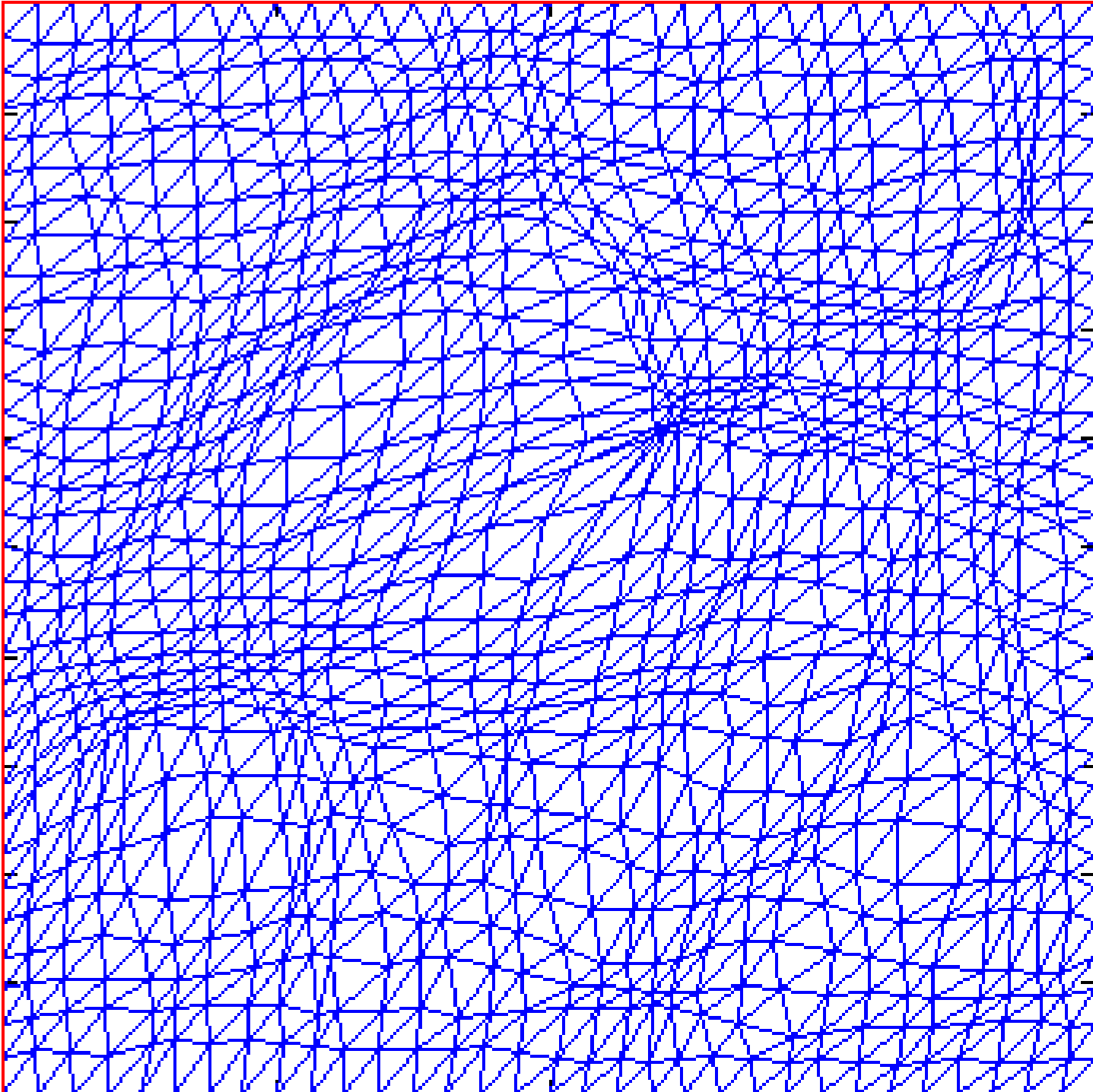
$$u \circ F^{-1} \in L^2(0, T, W^{2,2}(\Omega)) \quad u \in L^2(0, T, H_0^1(\Omega))$$

$$\partial_t(u \circ F^{-1}) \in L^2(\Omega_T) \quad \partial_t u \in L^2(0, T, H^{-1}(\Omega))$$

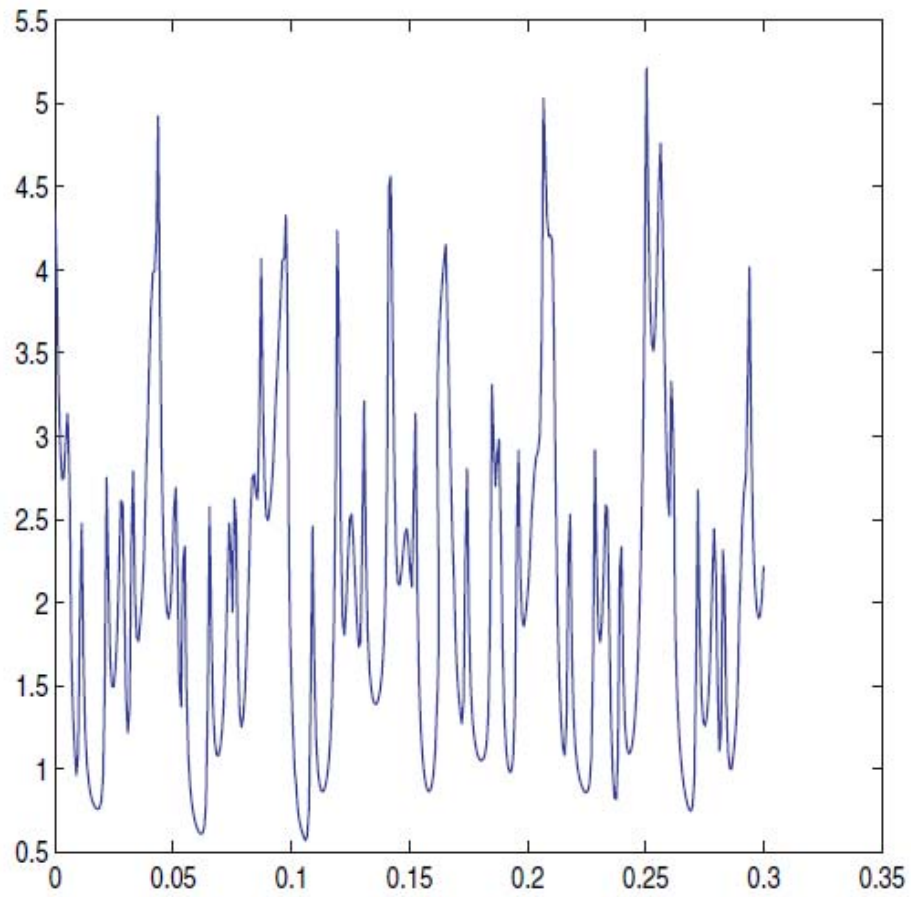
$$\|u \circ F^{-1}\|_{L^2(0, T, W^{2,2}(\Omega))} + \|\partial_t(u \circ F^{-1})\|_{L^2(\Omega_T)} \leq C \|g\|_{L^2(\Omega_T)}$$

$$\|(u - u_h)(\cdot, T)\|_{L^2(\Omega)} + \|u - u_h\|_{L^2(0, T, H_0^1(\Omega))} \leq C \left(h + \frac{\Delta t}{h}\right) \|g\|_{L^2(\Omega_T)}$$

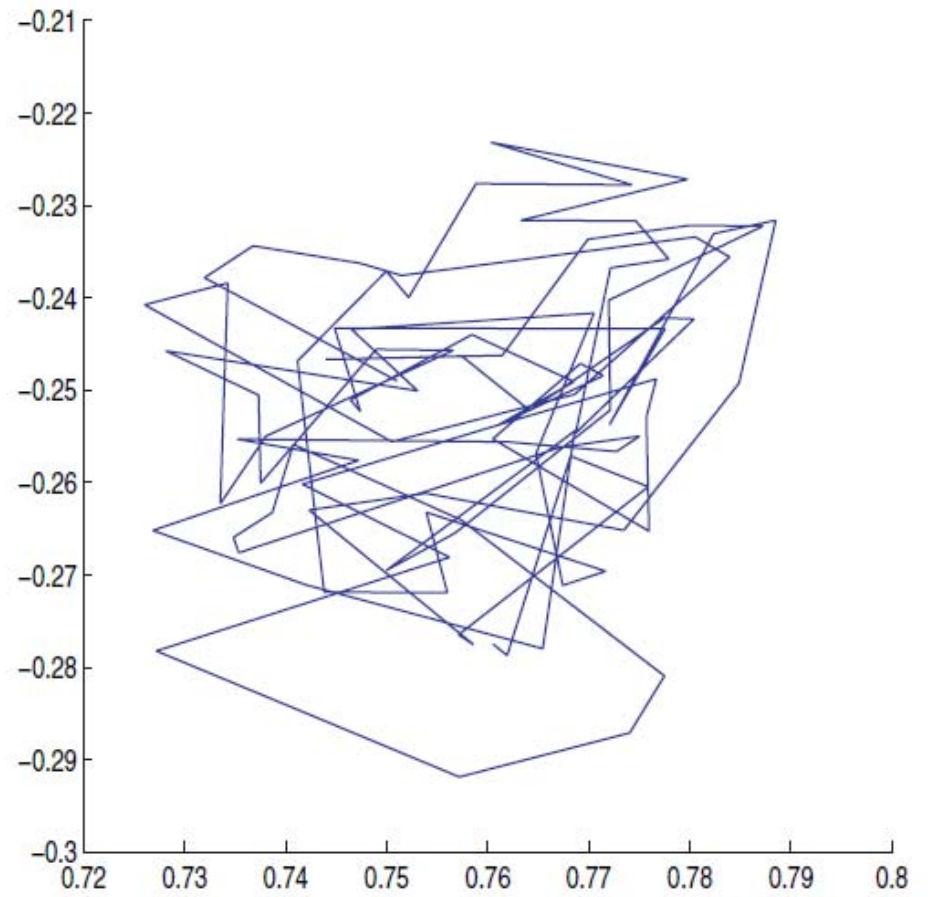




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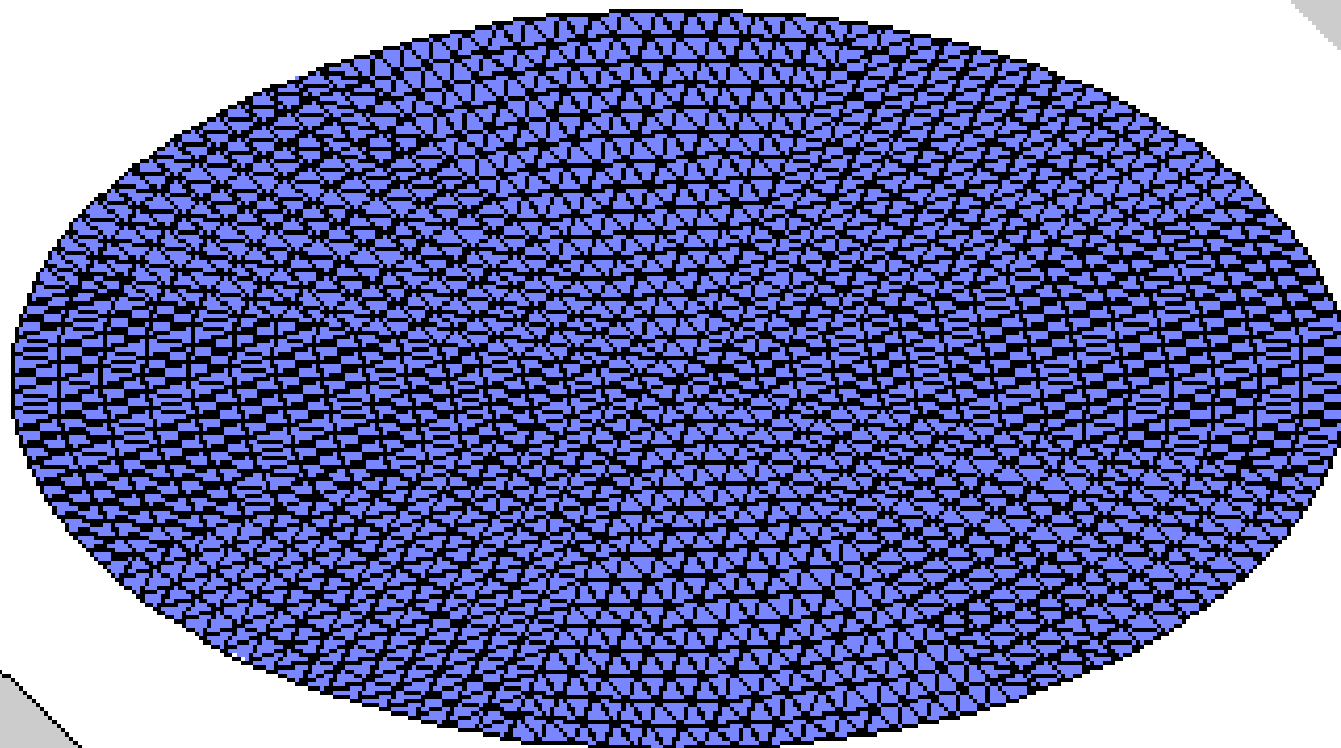


(a)  $t \rightarrow a(x_0, t)$ .



(b) Top view of  $t \rightarrow F(x_0, t)$ .

$\nabla u$



$\nabla u$

-0.5

0

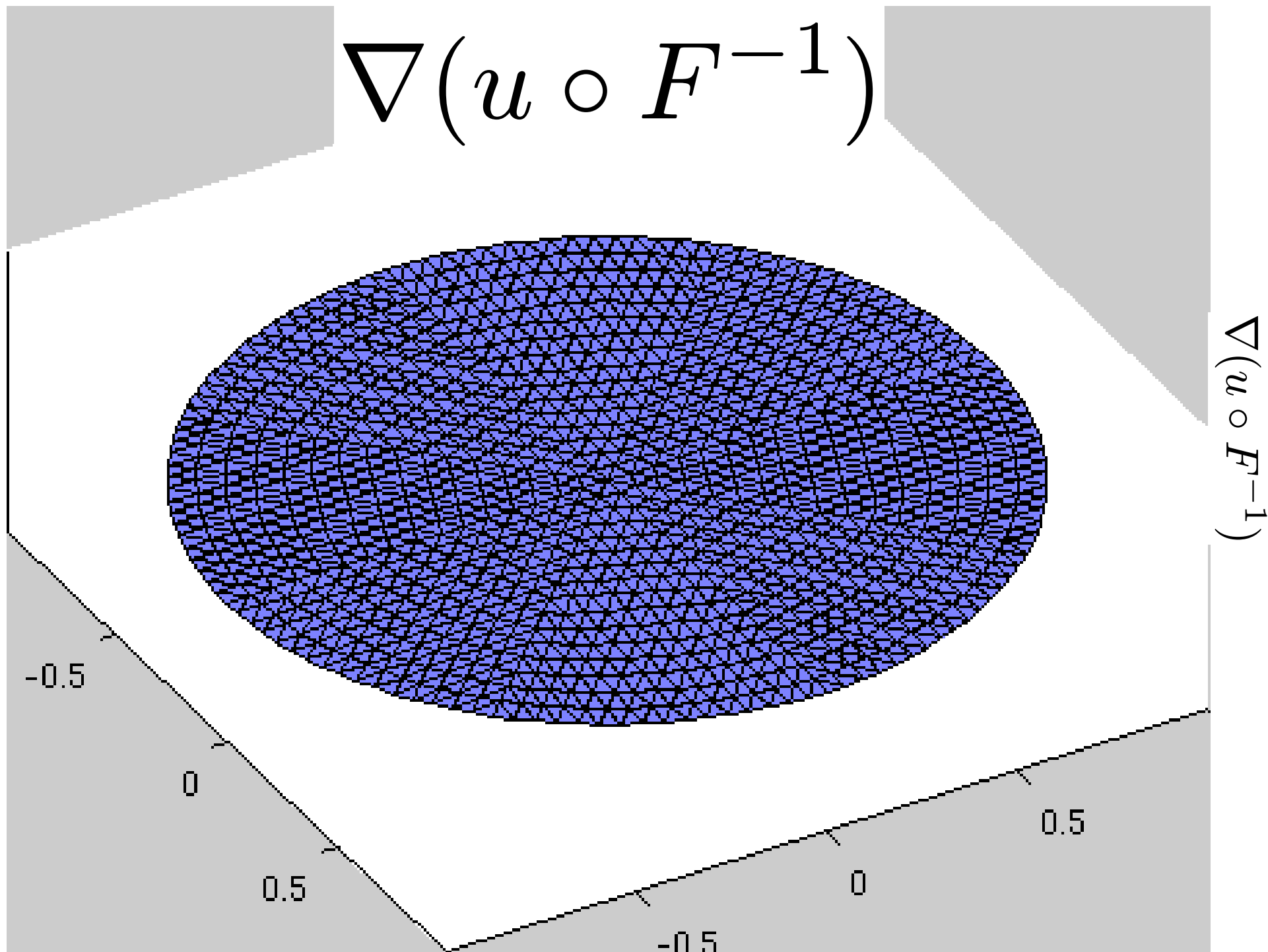
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$$\nabla(u \circ F^{-1})$$



**(CDC')** on  $\sigma := (\nabla F)^T a \nabla F$

$\exists \delta, \epsilon > 0 :$

$$\text{ess sup}_{\Omega_T} \frac{\delta^2 \text{Trace}[\sigma^T \sigma] + 1}{(\delta \text{Trace}[\sigma] + 1)^2} \leq \frac{1}{d + \epsilon}$$

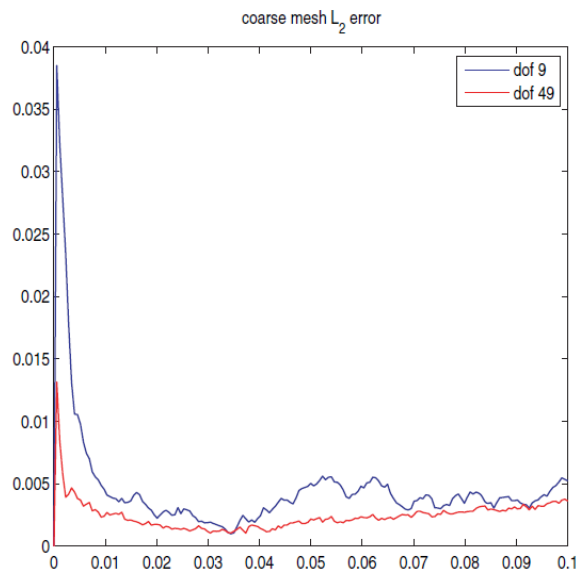
**Remark:** If  $y_\sigma := \|\text{Trace}[\sigma]\|_{L^\infty(\Omega_T)} \|(\text{Trace}[\sigma])^{-1}\|_{L^\infty(\Omega_T)} < \infty$

then (CDC') is satisfied with  $\delta = d \|(\text{Trace}[\sigma])^{-1}\|_{L^\infty(\Omega_T)}$  and  $\epsilon = \frac{2y_\sigma - 1}{2y_\sigma^2}$

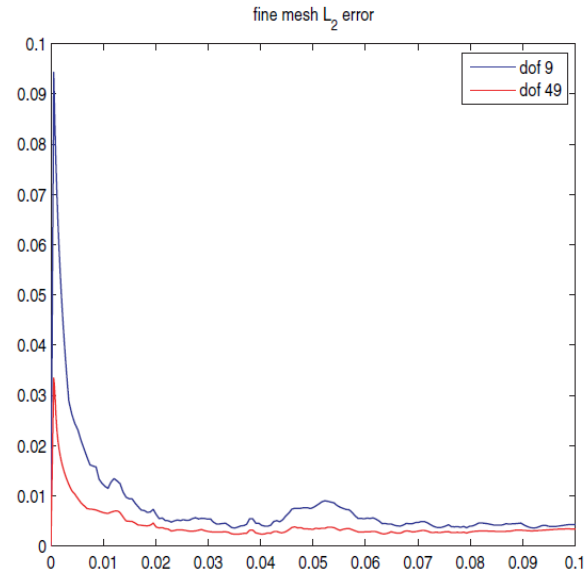
provided that  $\text{ess sup}_{\Omega_T} d \frac{\text{Trace}[\sigma^T \sigma]}{(\text{Trace}[\sigma])^2} \leq 1 + \frac{\epsilon}{d}$



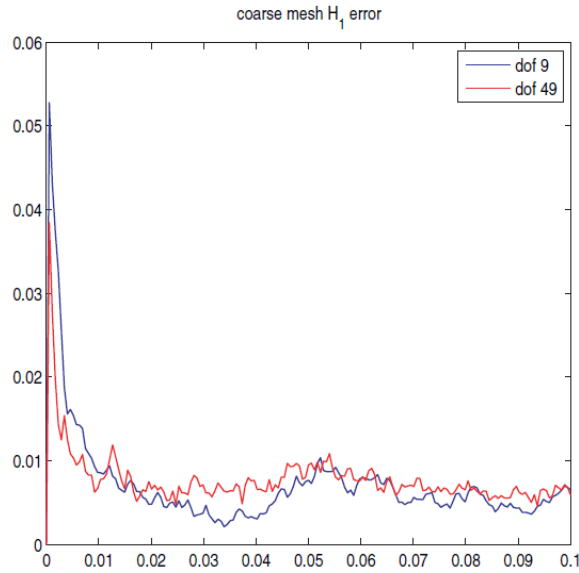
Experiment	dof	$L^1$	$L^\infty$	$L^2$	$H^1$
Coarse mesh error. Time-independent percolation with $g = 1$ .	9	0.0142	0.0389	0.0168	0.0366
	49	0.0077	0.0450	0.0101	0.0482
	225	0.0035	0.0228	0.0060	0.0293
Fine mesh error. Time-independent percolation with $g = 1$ .	9	0.0196	0.0843	0.0251	0.1193
	49	0.0136	0.0698	0.0184	0.1028
	225	0.0040	0.0243	0.0070	0.0485
Coarse mesh error. Time-independent percolation with $g = \sin(2.4x - 1.8y + 2\pi t)$ .	9	0.0236	0.0569	0.0262	0.0477
	49	0.0181	0.0571	0.0215	0.0558
	225	0.0119	0.0774	0.0167	0.0939
Fine mesh error. Time-independent percolation with $g = \sin(2.4x - 1.8y + 2\pi t)$ .	9	0.0424	0.1099	0.0512	0.1712
	49	0.0277	0.0985	0.0348	0.1451
	225	0.0174	0.0886	0.0242	0.1192
Coarse mesh error. Multiscale trigonometric time-dependent. $g = 1$ .	9	0.0018	0.0045	0.0019	0.0039
	49	0.0012	0.0054	0.0015	0.0060
Fine mesh error. Multiscale trigonometric time-dependent. $g = 1$ .	9	0.0031	0.0096	0.0034	0.0242
	49	0.0014	0.0059	0.0016	0.0166
Coarse mesh error. Multiscale trigonometric time-dependent. $g = \sin(2.4x - 1.8y + 2\pi t)$ .	9	0.0043	0.0087	0.0044	0.0085
	49	0.0033	0.0079	0.0035	0.0084
Fine mesh error. Multiscale trigonometric time-dependent medium. $g = \sin(2.4x - 1.8y + 2\pi t)$ .	9	0.0082	0.0199	0.0087	0.0379
	49	0.0038	0.0104	0.0040	0.0244
Coarse mesh error. Time-dependent random fractal.	9	0.0046	0.0074	0.0052	0.0065
	49	0.0036	0.0046	0.0036	0.0059
Fine mesh error. Time-dependent random fractal.	9	0.0039	0.0082	0.0043	0.0222
	49	0.0033	0.0054	0.0034	0.0168



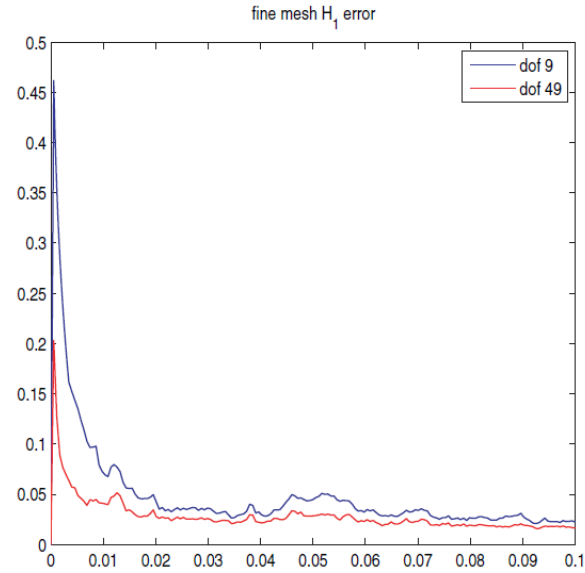
(a) coarse mesh  $L^2$  error.



(b) Fine Mesh  $L^2$  error.



(c) coarse Mesh  $H^1$  error.



(d) fine Mesh  $H^1$  error.

FIG. 3.4. Time-dependent random fractal medium at  $t = 0.1$ .

# Discrete geometric structures in Homogenization

## Desbrun-Donaldson-Owhadi

$$\begin{cases} -\operatorname{div}(a \nabla u) = g, & x \in \Omega, \\ u = 0, & x \in \partial\Omega, \end{cases}$$

$F$ : Harmonic coordinates

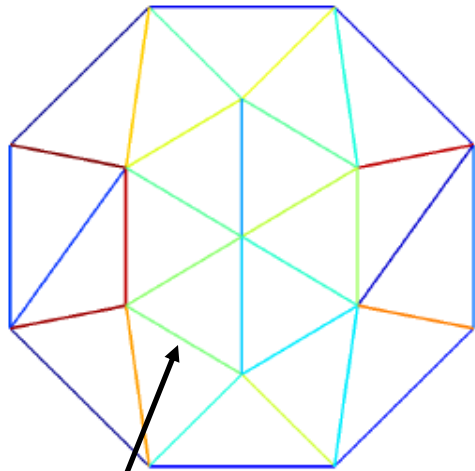
$$F := (F_1, F_2)$$

$$\begin{cases} -\operatorname{div}(a \nabla F_i) = 0 & \Omega \\ F_i(x) = x_i & \partial\Omega \end{cases}$$

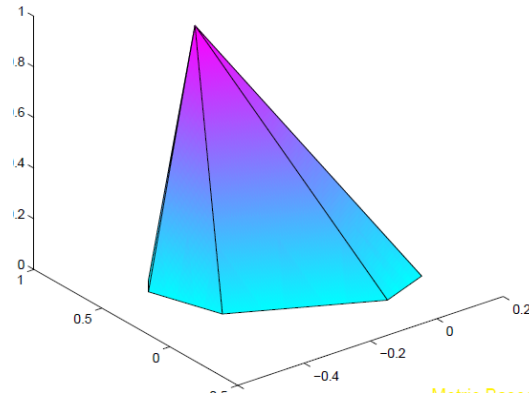
[Desbrun-Donaldson-Owhadi-09]

# Edges effective conductivities

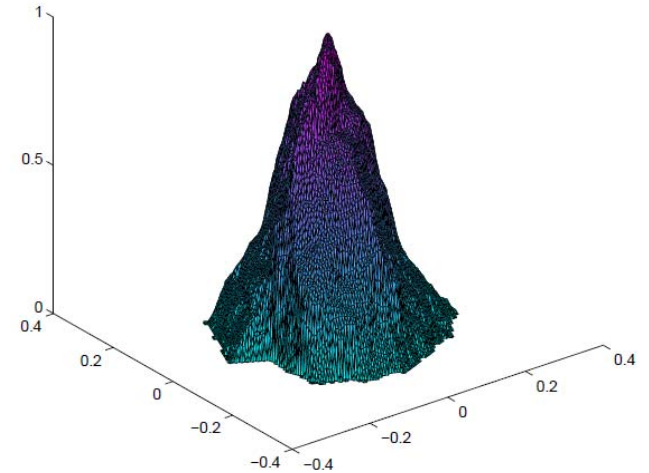
$\Omega_h$



$\varphi_i$



$\varphi_i \circ F$



$$q_{ij}^h := - \int_{\Omega} (\nabla(\varphi_i \circ F))^T a(x) \nabla(\varphi_j \circ F) dx$$

# Homogenization with edges effective conductivities

$$\sum_{j \sim i} q_{ij}^h (u_i^h - u_j^h) = \int_{\Omega} f(x) \varphi_i \circ F(x) dx$$

$$u_h := \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}_h} u_i^h \varphi_i \circ F$$

**Theorem** (Weak CDC  $\text{ess sup}_{\Omega} \frac{\lambda_{\max}[(\nabla F)^T \nabla F(x)]}{\lambda_{\min}[(\nabla F)^T \nabla F(x)]} < \infty$   $\mathbf{d=2}$ )

$$\|u - u_h\|_{H_0^1(\Omega)} \leq Ch \|f\|_{L^2(\Omega)}$$

Physical  
conductivity space

$a$

Non linear  
and  
Non-injective

$q_{ij}^h$

Edges effective  
conductivities

$$q_{ij}^h := - \int_{\Omega} (\nabla(\varphi_i \circ F))^T a(x) \nabla(\varphi_j \circ F) dx$$

## Divergence-free matrix Q

$$Q := \frac{(\nabla F)^T a \nabla F}{\det(\nabla F)} \circ F^{-1}$$

**Theorem**    Q is symmetric and positive

$$\forall l \in \mathbb{R}^2 \quad \operatorname{div}(Q \cdot l) = 0$$

$$q_{ij}^h := - \int_{\Omega} (\nabla \varphi_i)^T Q(x) \nabla \varphi_j \, dx$$

## Inversion of the function

$$a \rightarrow Q$$

**Theorem** If  $a$  is isotropic then

$$a = \sqrt{\det(Q)} \circ G^{-1} I_d$$

$$G := (G_1, G_2)$$

$$\begin{cases} \operatorname{div} \left( \frac{Q}{\sqrt{\det(Q)}} \nabla G_i \right) = 0 & \text{in } \Omega \\ G_i(x) = x_i & \text{on } \partial\Omega. \end{cases}$$



Physical  
conductivity space

Divergence-free  
Matrix space



Non linear  
bijective

Linear  
Non-injective

Volume  
averaging

Non linear  
and  
Non-injective



$q_{ij}^h$

Edges effective  
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$$q_{ij}^h := - \int_{\Omega} (\nabla \varphi_i)^T Q(x) \nabla \varphi_j dx$$

# Convex functions

## Theorem

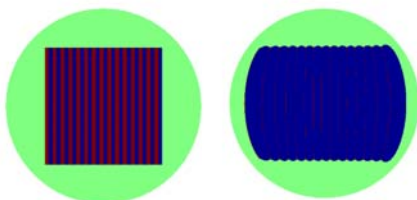
For each  $Q$  there exists a convex function  $s$ , unique up to affine functions, such that

$$\text{Hess}(s) = R^T Q R,$$

where  $\text{Hess}(s)$  is the Hessian of  $s$ .

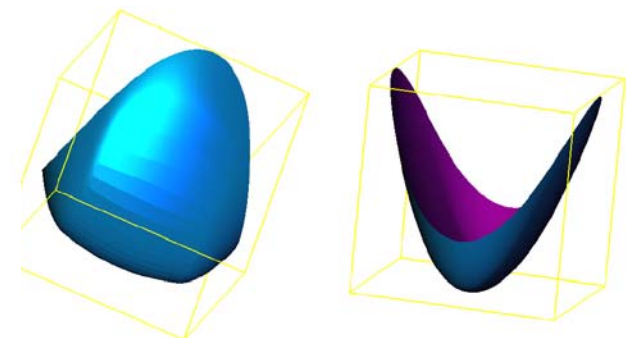
$$R = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$a$



1: The left-hand image shows the original scalar conductivity  $\sigma(x) = a(\bar{x}) \text{Id}$ . In blue regions  $a=0.05$ , in red regions  $a=1.95$ , and in green regions,  $a = 1.0$ . The right-hand image gives  $\sqrt{\det Q} = \sigma(x) \circ F^{-1}$ , showing how harmonic coordinates distort  $\sigma(x)$ .

$s$



# Homogenization as a linear interpolation operator

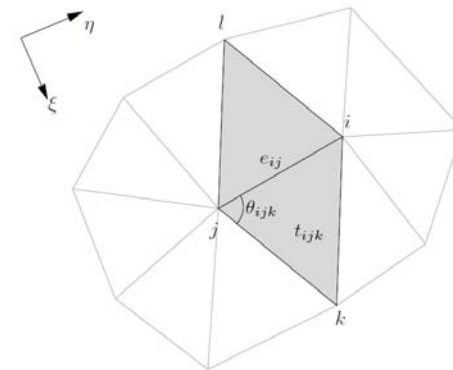
$$s^h(x) = \sum_i s(x_i) \varphi_i(x)$$

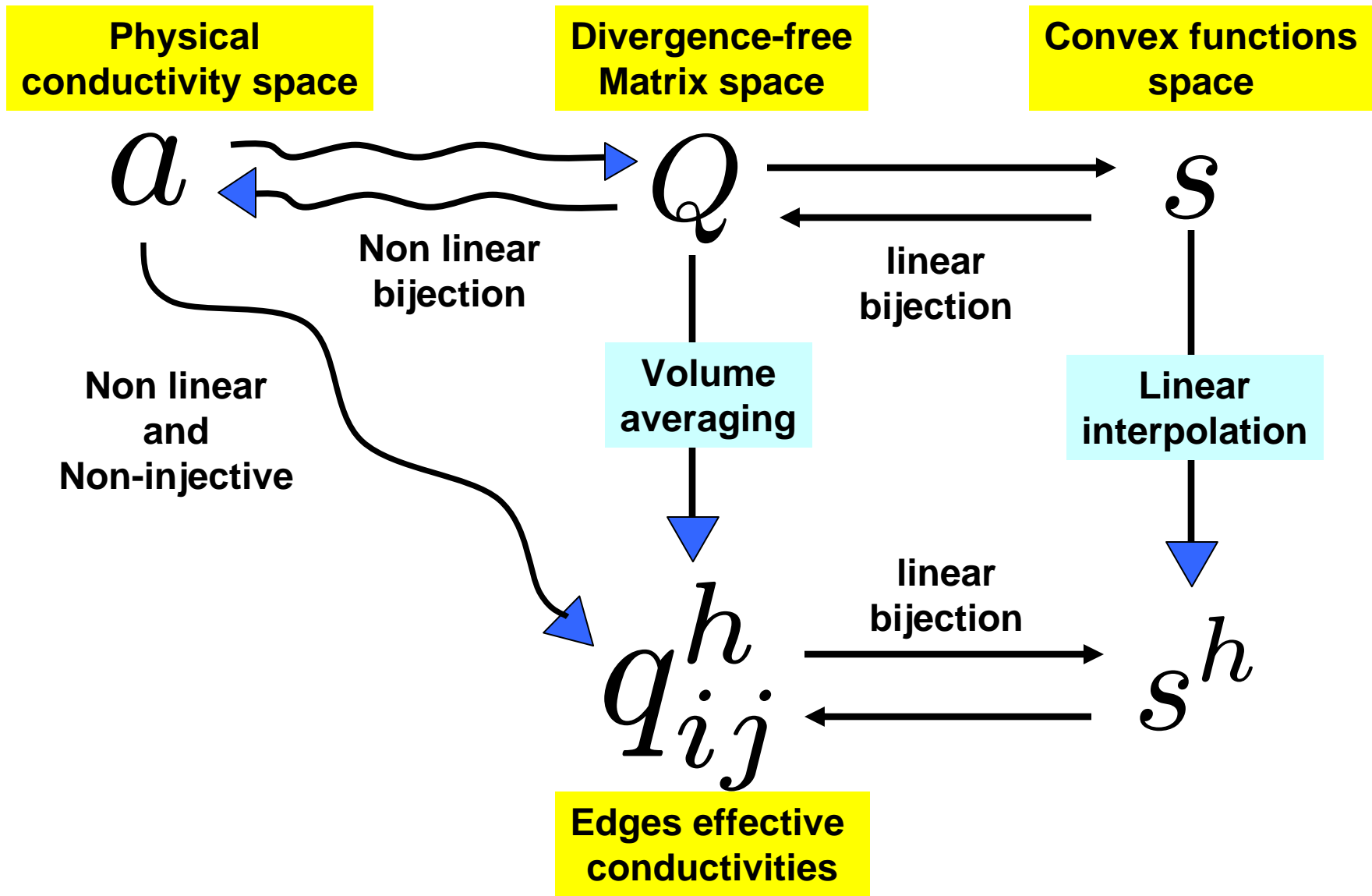
## Theorem

$$q^h = R \text{Hess}(s^h) R^T$$

where  $\text{Hess}(s)$  is the Hessian of  $s$ .

$$R = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$





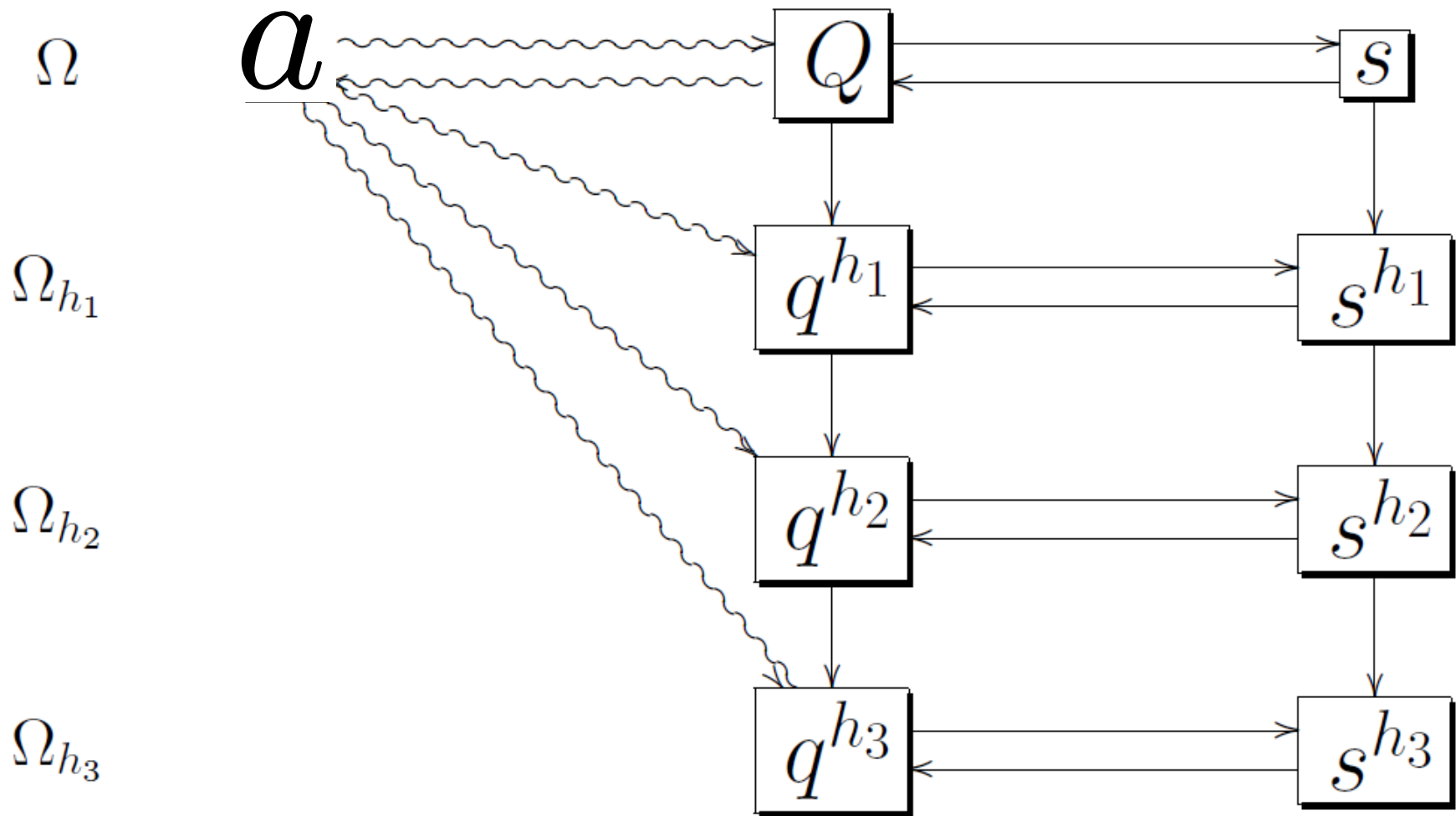
$$q^h = R \text{Hess}(s^h) R^T$$

# Semi-Group Property

*Physical  
conductivity space*

*Divergence-free  
matrix space*

*Convex functions  
space*



# Application to mesh optimization

Can we choose the mesh to minimize the constant in

$$\|u - u_h\|_{H_0^1(\Omega)} \leq Ch \|f\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)}$$

Discrete Dirichlet energy associated to the homogenized problem

$$E_Q(u) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \sim j} q_{ij}^h (u_i - u_j)^2$$

Can we choose the mesh so that for all  $i, j$   $\forall i, j : q_{ij}^h > 0$ ?

**Idea: Use optimal weighted Delauney triangulations for linearly interpolating convex functions**

$$E_s = \int_{\Omega} |s(x, y) - s^h(x, y)|$$

# Application to constant optimization

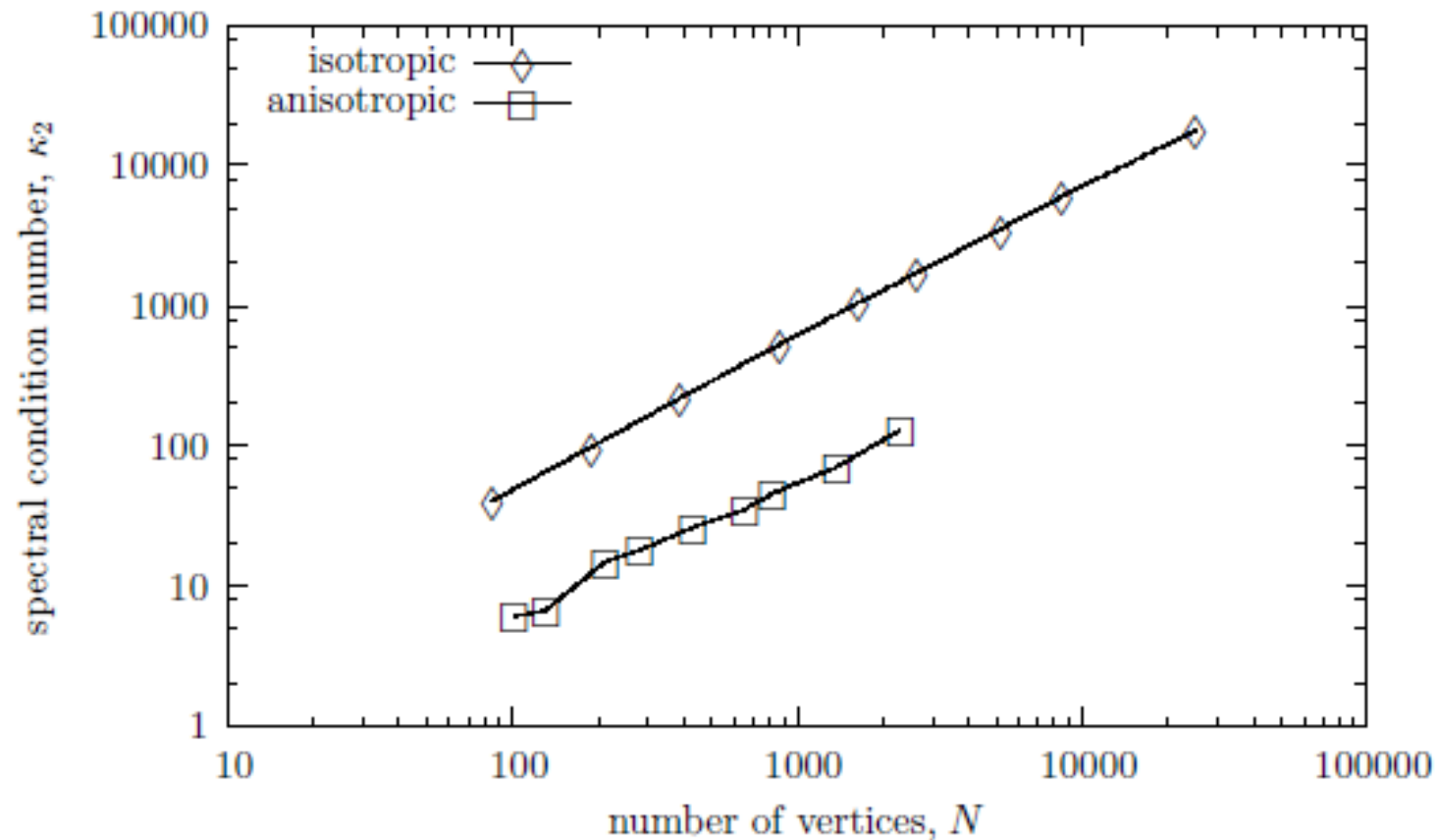
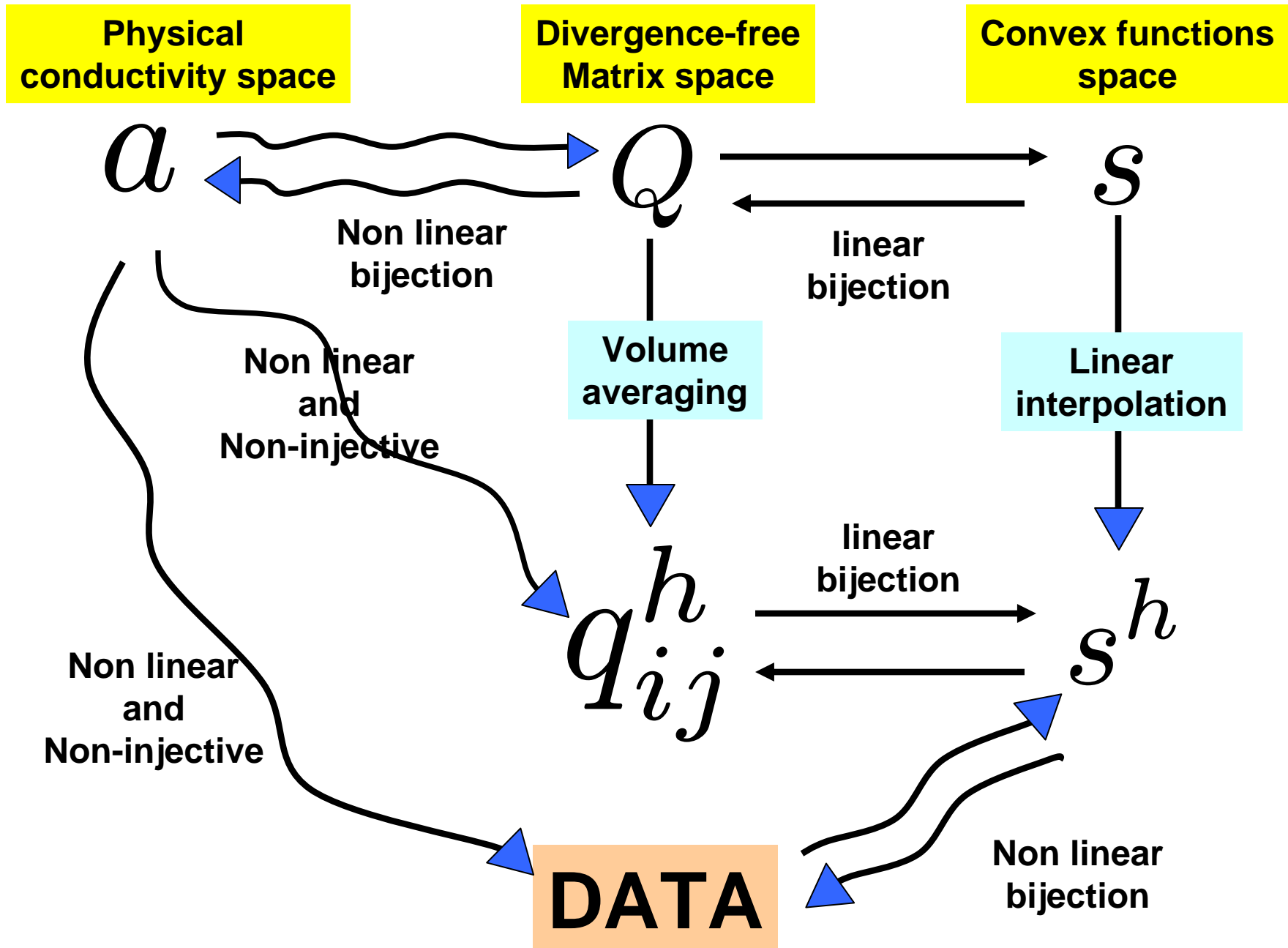


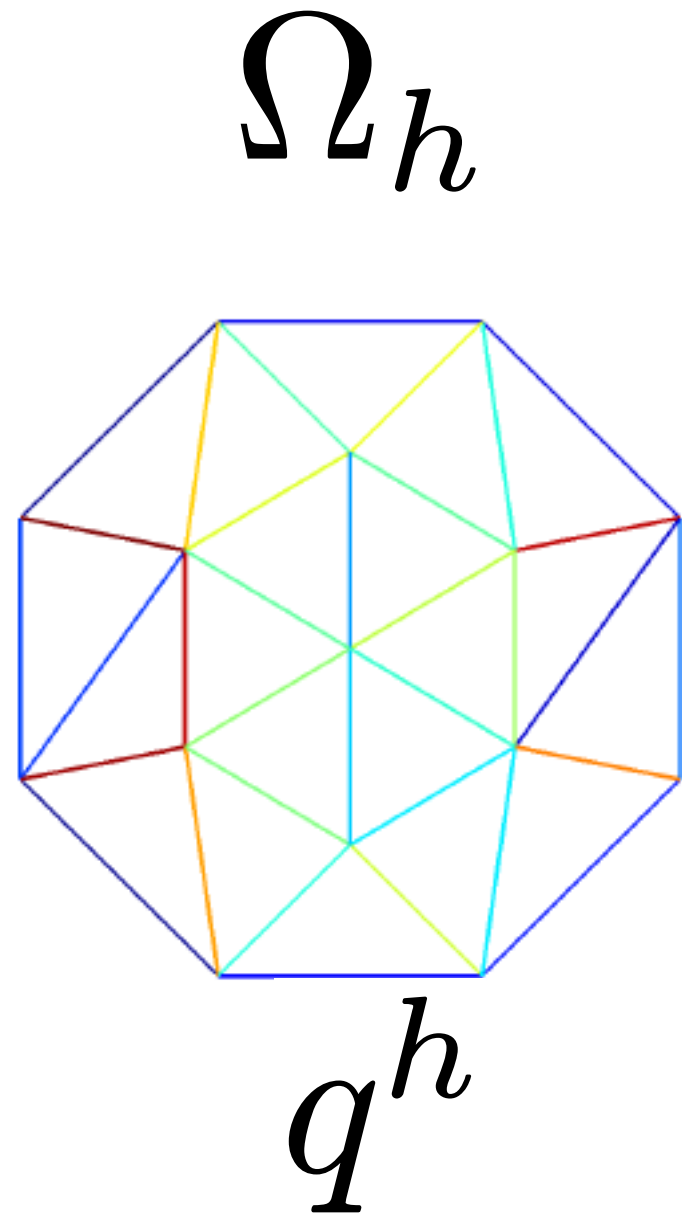
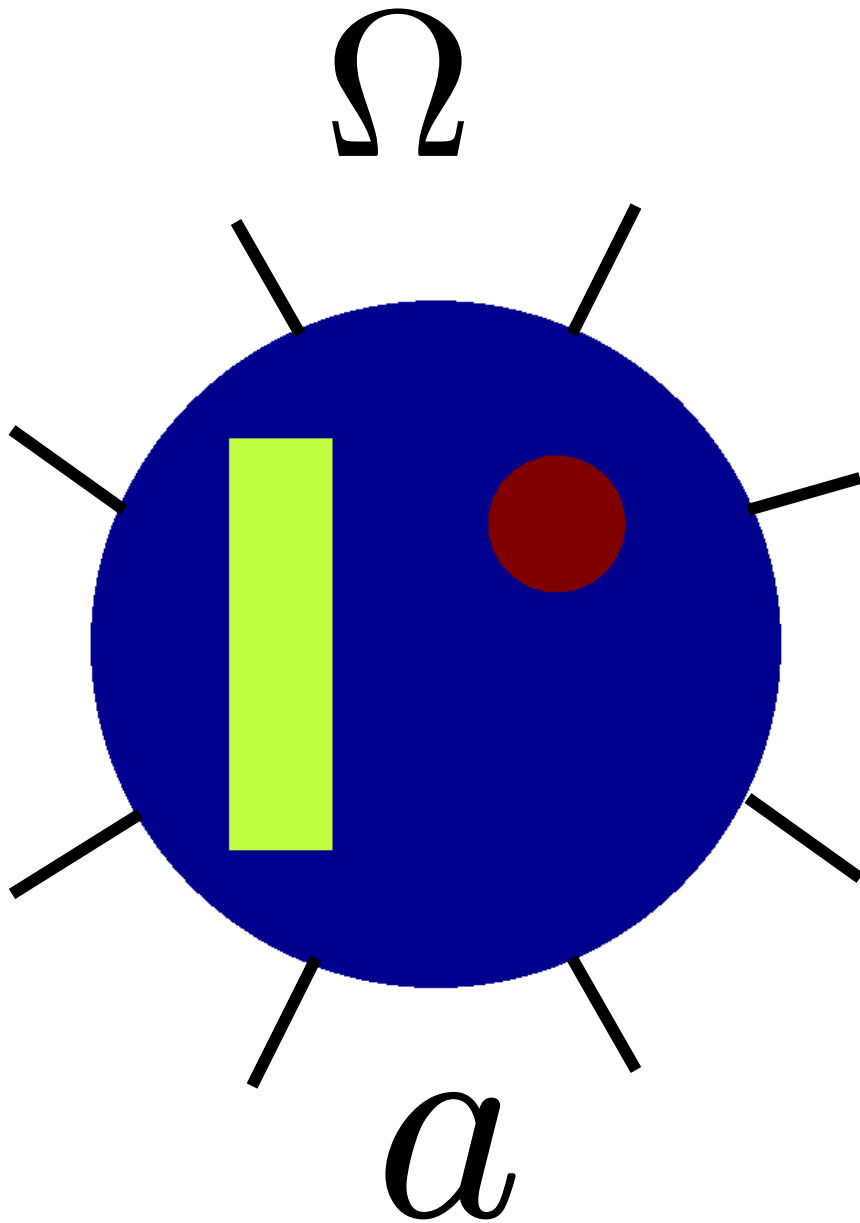
Figure 4.5: Matrix conditioning quality of adapted meshes measured by the spectral condition number  $\kappa_2$  of the stiffness matrix. The condition number grows as  $\mathcal{O}(N)$  in both cases, but is offset by a factor of about 5 in the adapted anisotropic meshes.

# Application to ill posed inverse problems

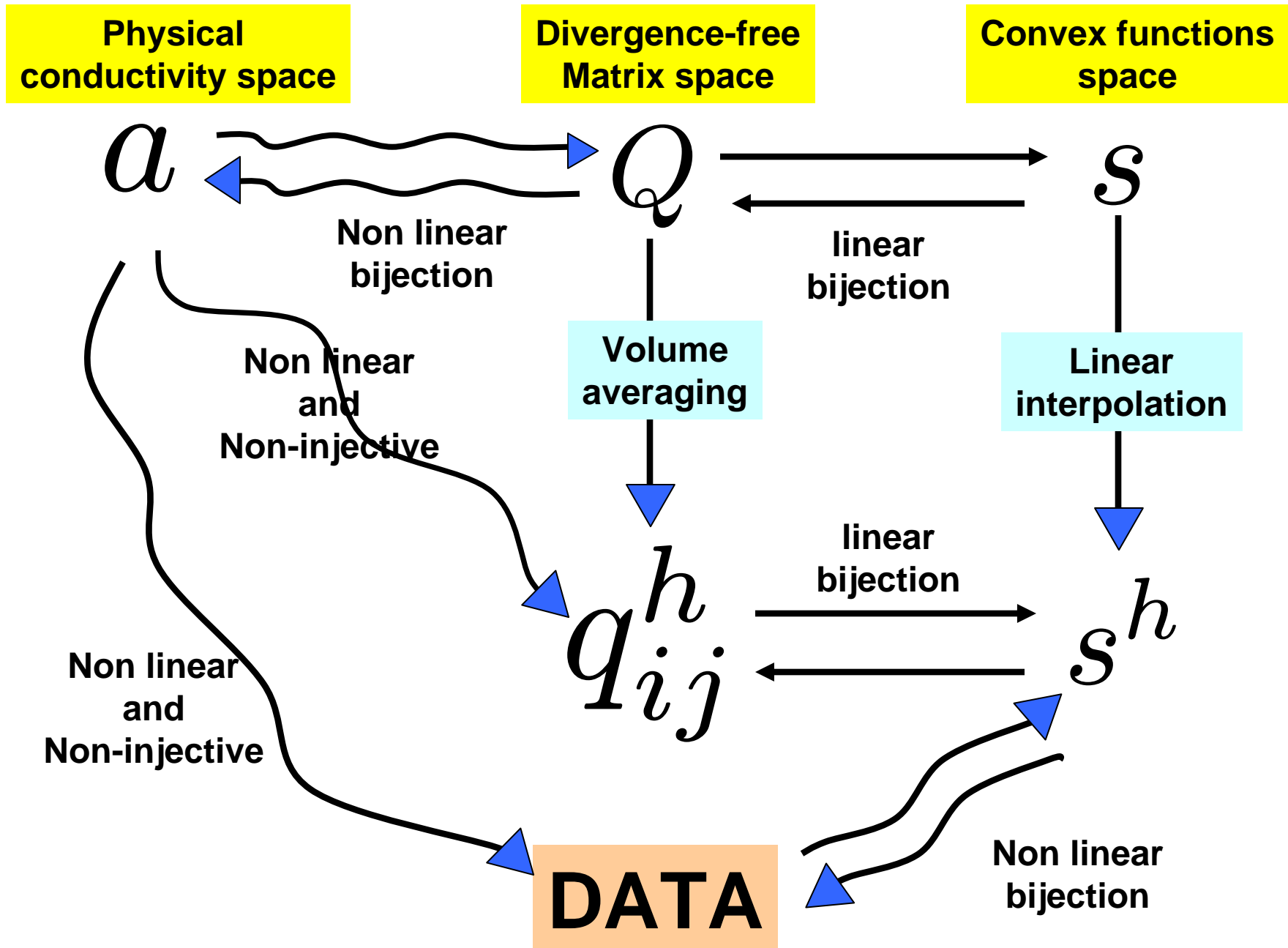




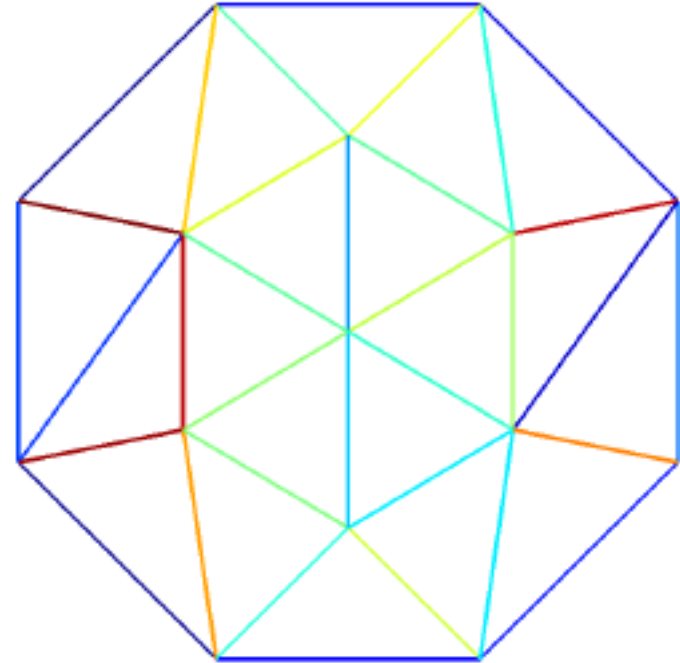
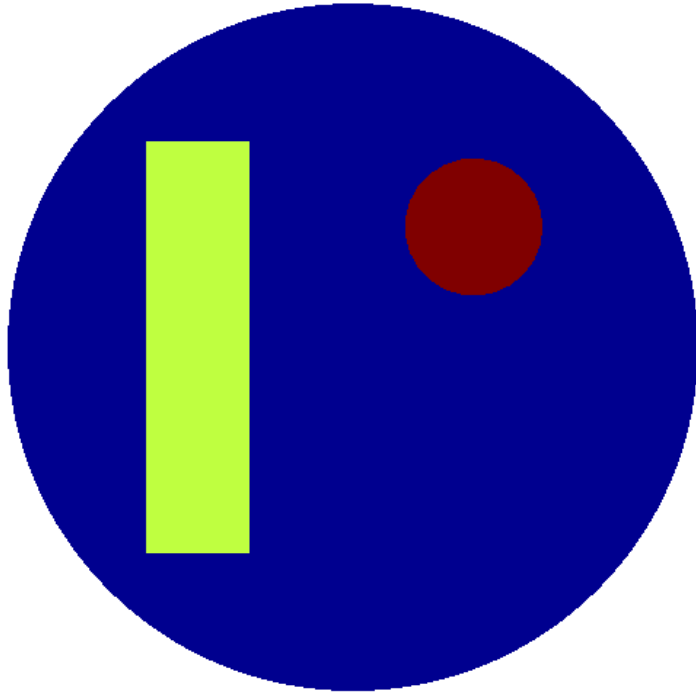
Application to EIT with incomplete measurements



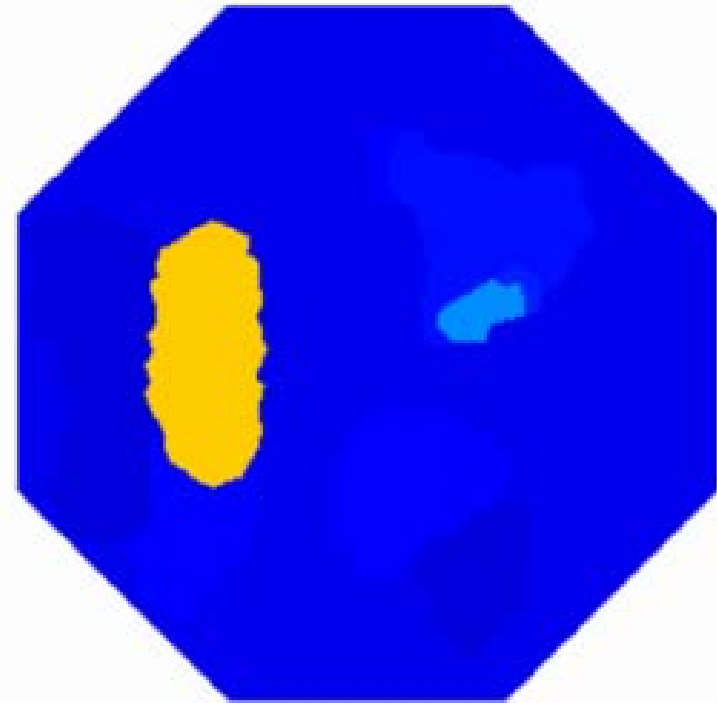
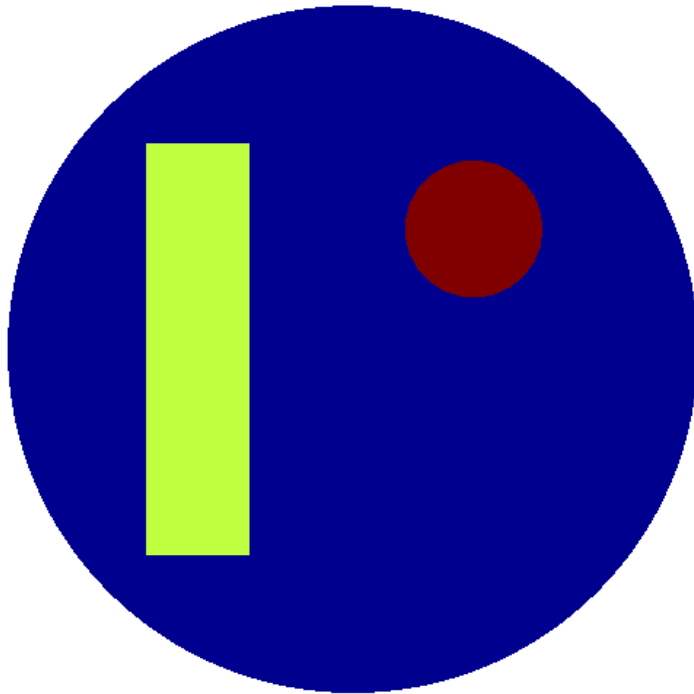
# Application to ill posed inverse problems



# Application to EIT with incomplete measurements

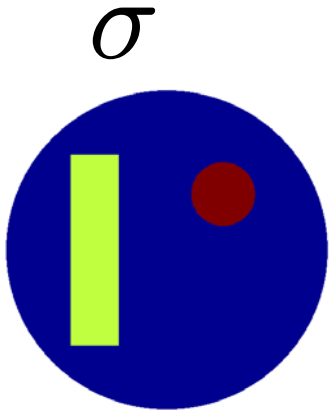


# Recovery with 8 boundary measurements



Achieve resolution below mesh size

**EIT**



$$\begin{cases} -\operatorname{div}(a\nabla u) = 0, & x \in \Omega, \\ u = g, & x \in \partial\Omega, \end{cases}$$

$$\Lambda_a : H^{\frac{1}{2}}(\partial\Omega) \rightarrow H^{-\frac{1}{2}}(\partial\Omega)$$

$$g \rightarrow n \cdot a \nabla u$$

Given  $\Lambda_a$  find  $a$

# EIT

For a given diffeomorphism  $\Psi$  from  $\Omega$  onto  $\Omega$ , write

$$\Psi_* a := \frac{(\nabla \Psi)^T a \nabla \Psi}{\det(\nabla \Psi)} \circ \Psi^{-1}$$

$$\Sigma(\Omega) = \{\sigma \in L^\infty(\Omega; \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}) \mid \sigma = \sigma^T, 0 < \lambda_{\min}(\sigma) < \lambda_{\max}(\sigma) < \infty\}.$$

$$E_a = \{\sigma \in \Sigma(\Omega) \mid \sigma = \Psi_* a,$$

$$\Psi : \Omega \rightarrow \Omega$$

is an  $H^1$ -diffeomorphism and  $\Psi|_{\partial\Omega} = x\}$ .

# Isotropic solutions

Uhlmann, Sylvester, Kohn, Vogelius, Isakov and more recently, Alessandrini, Vessella, Lassas, Paivarinta

$\Lambda_a$  uniquely determines  $E_a$

There exists at most one  $\gamma \in E_\sigma$  such that  $\gamma$  is isotropic.

Let  $\gamma \in E_\sigma$  such that  $\gamma$  is isotropic.

[Desbrun-Donaldson-Owhadi]

**Theorem** For any  $M \in E_\sigma$ ,

$$\gamma = \sqrt{\det(M) \circ G^{-1}} I_d$$

$$\begin{cases} \operatorname{div} \left( \frac{M}{\sqrt{\det(M)}} \nabla G_i \right) = 0 & \text{in } \Omega \\ G_i(x) = x_i & \text{on } \partial\Omega. \end{cases}$$

**Corollary**  $\gamma$  is unique.



## Theorem

If  $a$  is non isotropic and constant, then there exists no isotropic  $\gamma \in E_a$

## Theorem

There always exists a divergence free  $Q \in E_a$  and it is unique

For any  $M \in E_a$ ,  $Q = F_* M$   
where  $F$ :  $M$ -harmonic coordinates

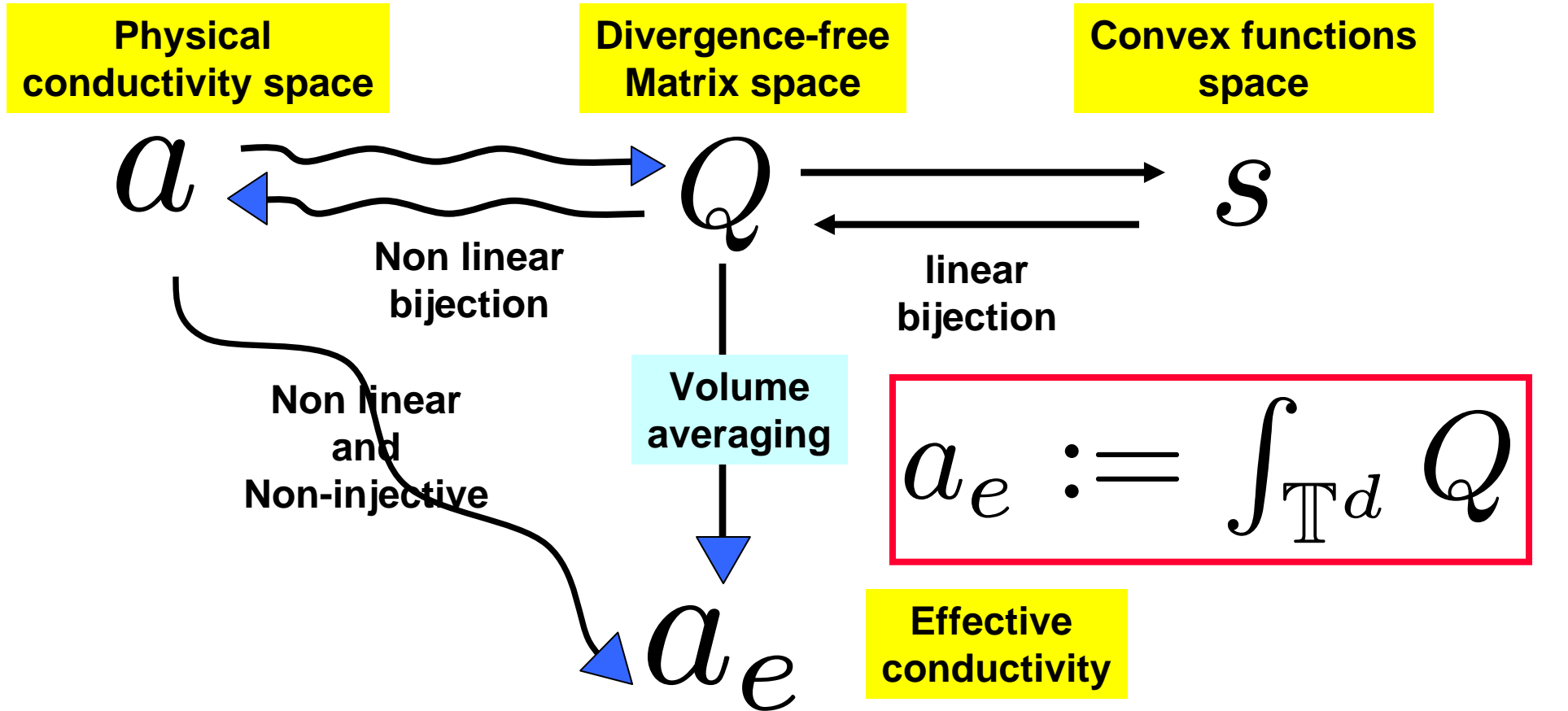
$\Lambda_a \rightarrow \gamma$  Is not continuous with respect to the topology of  $G$ -convergence [Kohn-Vogelius-84]

$\Lambda_a \rightarrow Q$  Is continuous with respect to the topology of  $G$ -convergence [Alessandrini-Cabib]

**Convex functions form the natural parametrizing space for solutions of the EIT problem**

[Desbrun-Donaldson-Owhadi-09]

# Periodic Microstructure



$$a_e := \int_{\mathbb{T}^d} Q$$

$$a_e = \int_{\mathbb{T}^d} a(I_d + \nabla \chi)$$

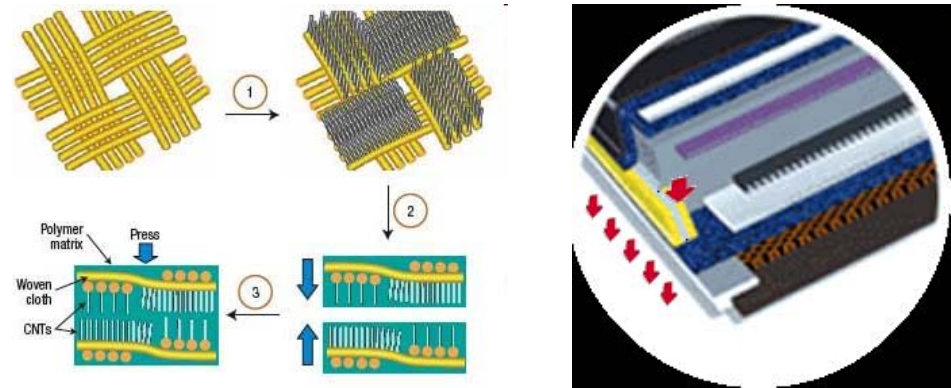
$$\begin{cases} \operatorname{div} (a(y) \nabla (y_i + \chi_i(y))) = 0 \\ \chi_i \text{ periodic} \end{cases}$$

**Inverse homogenization**

Given  $a_e$  find  $a$

# Optimal Shape Design / Structural Optimization

- Murat, Tartar
- Milton
- Cherkaev
- Raitum
- Allaire
- Kohn
- Lurie
- Gibiansky, Glowinsky, Reyna, Lavrov, Kikuchi....



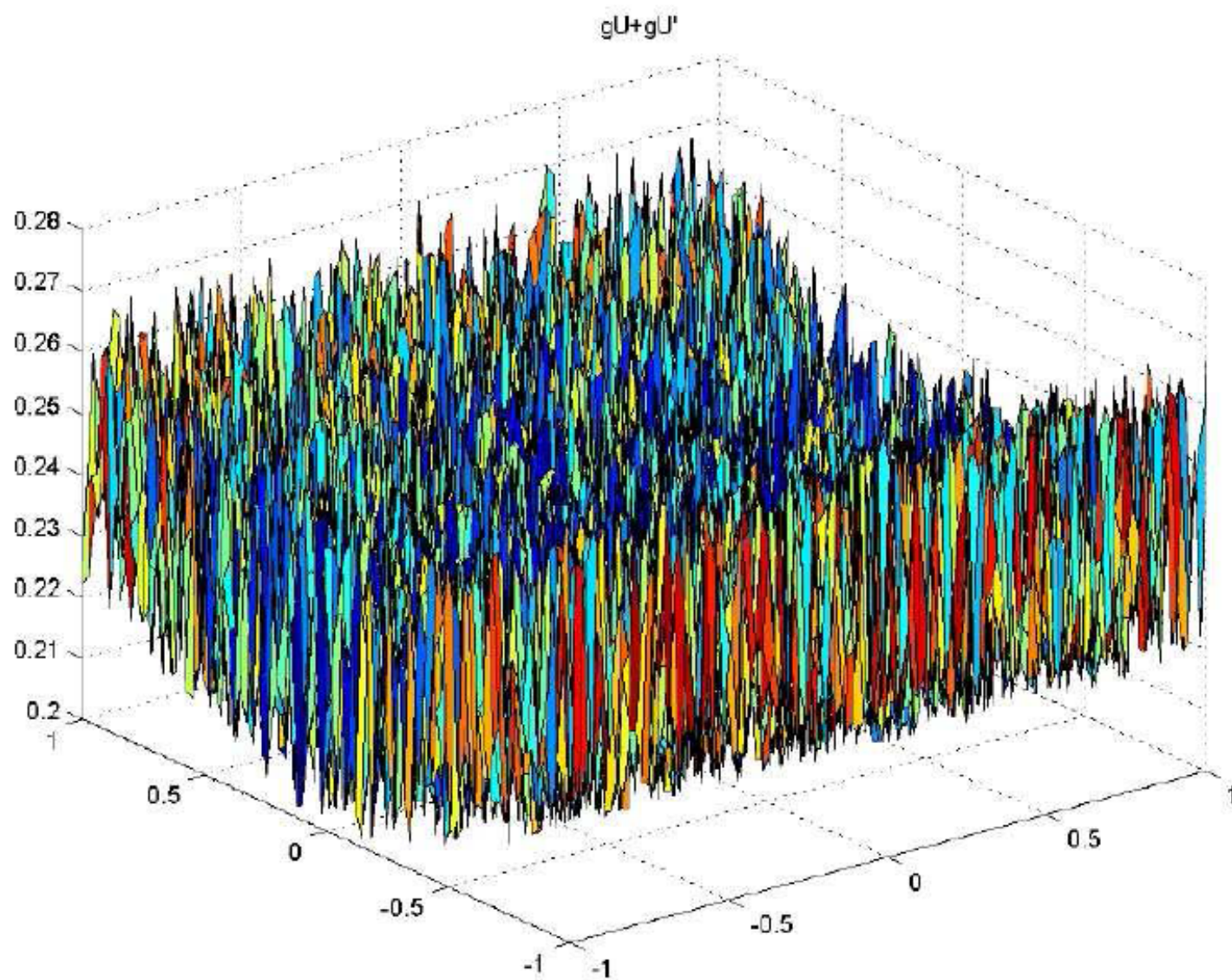
Find  $a$  that minimizes  $J(a_e)$  or  $J(a, u)$

This problem is in general ill-posed,  
i.e. it usually does not admit a solution in the class of admissible designs

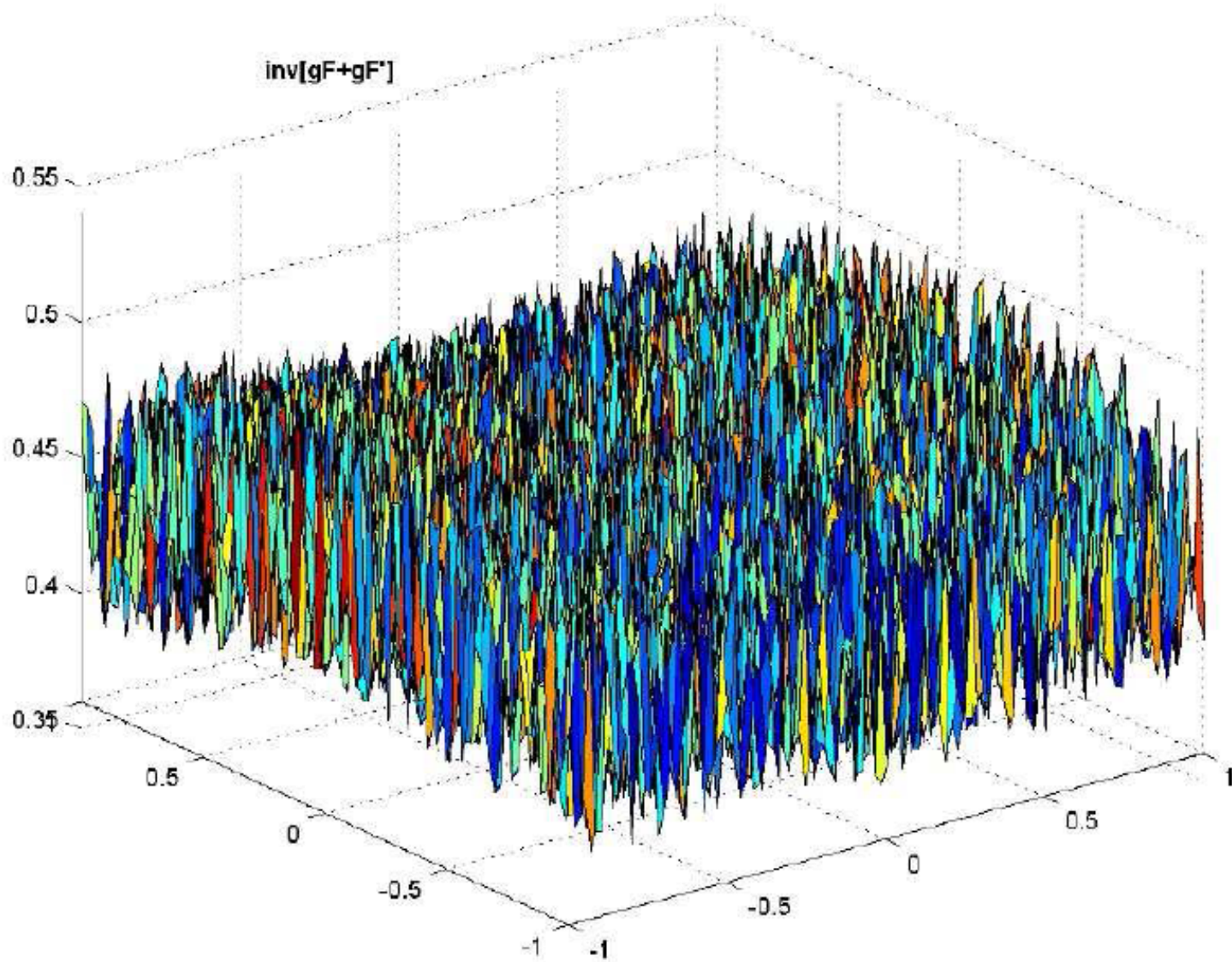
## Relaxation method in calculus of variations

Transform an ill posed problem into a well posed one by defining generalized solutions

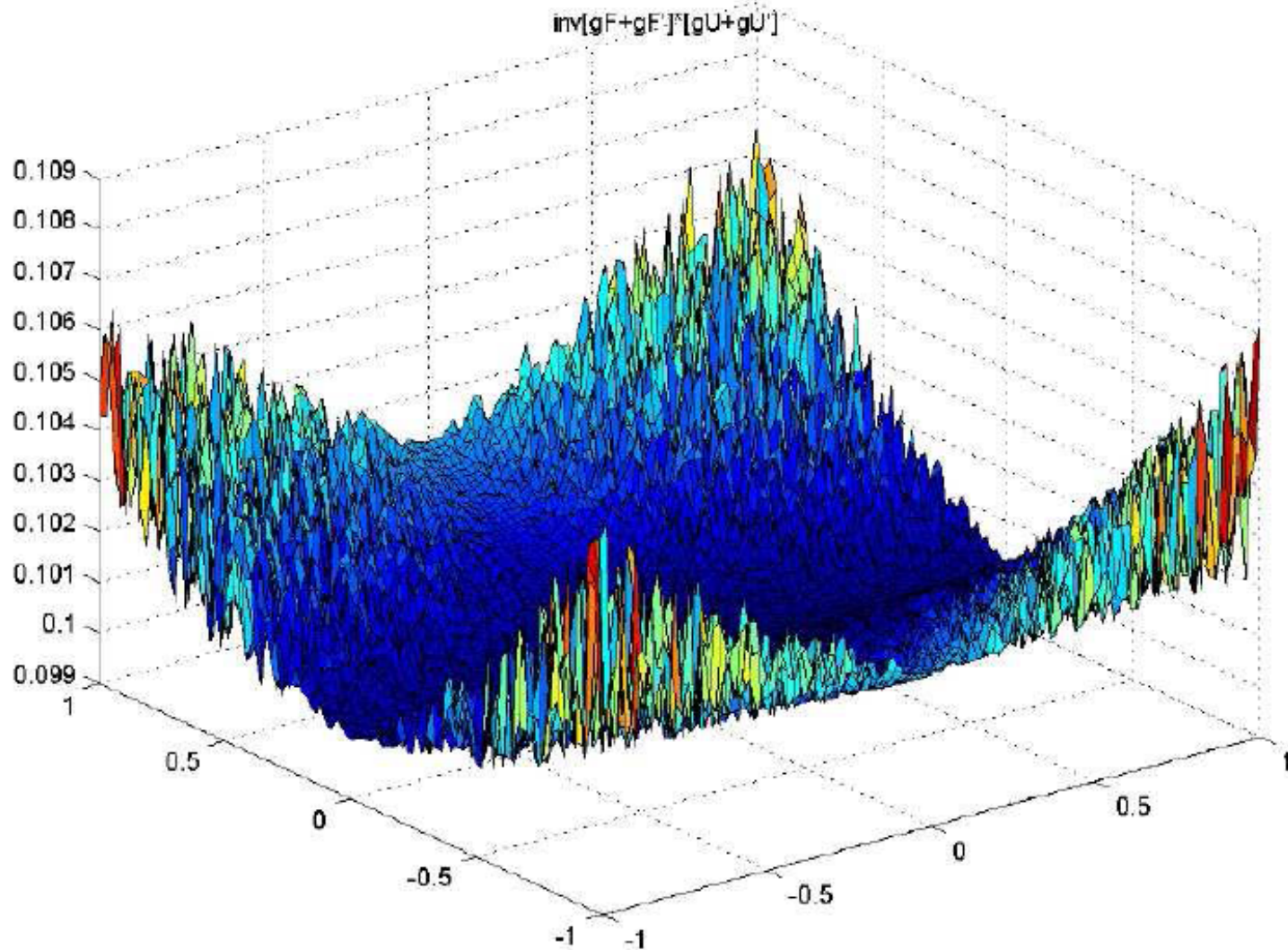
$$\nabla u + (\nabla u)^T$$



$$\left(\nabla F + (\nabla F)^T\right)^{-1}$$

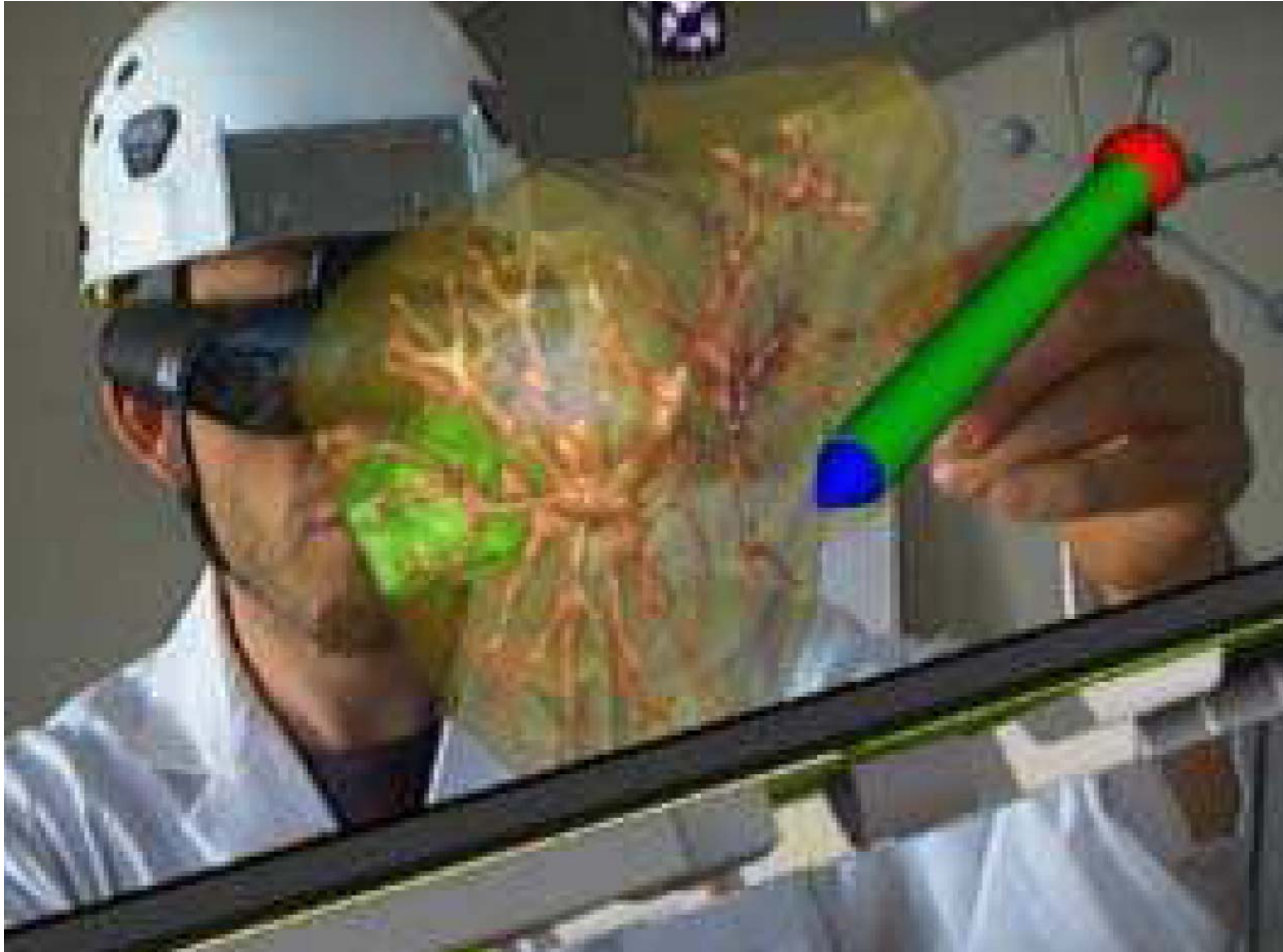


$$\left(\nabla F + (\nabla F)^T\right)^{-1} : \left(\nabla u + (\nabla u)^T\right)$$



# Virtual Liver Surgery (it is ok to pre-compute Global solutions)

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# Elasto-dynamics

$$\rho \partial_t^2 u - \operatorname{div}(C(x) : \varepsilon(u)) = b(x, t)$$

$C = (C_{ijkl})$  rank-4 (elasticity) tensor

$$\varepsilon(u)_{ij} = \frac{\partial_i u_j + \partial_j u_i}{2}$$

Potential energy (Hookean material)

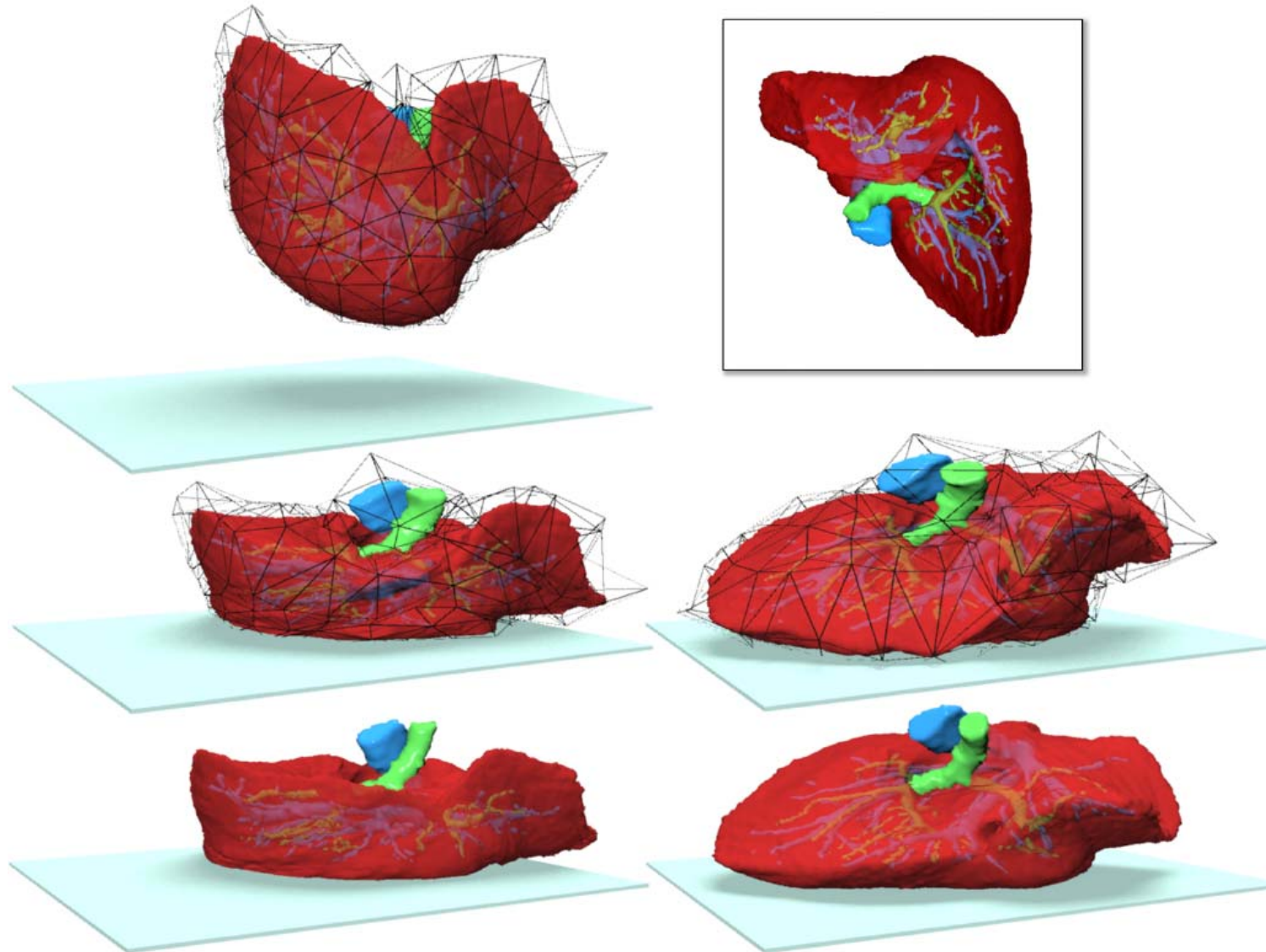
$$\mathcal{W}(u) := \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} \varepsilon(u) : C : \varepsilon(u)$$

$$C_{ijkl} \in L^{\infty}(\Omega)$$

how to homogenize those equations?

# Virtual Liver Surgery (it is ok to pre-compute Global solutions)

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**Numerical coarsening rationale** [Kharevych-Muller-Owhadi-Desbrun-2009]

Introduce  $\frac{d(d+1)}{2}$  characteristic displacements  $F_{ij}$

$$\begin{cases} -\operatorname{div}(C : \varepsilon(F_{ij})) = 0 & \Omega \\ (C : F_{ij}) \cdot n = (C : \varepsilon(x_i e_j)) \cdot n & \partial\Omega \end{cases}$$

$C_{eff}(\tau)$ : Effective elasticity tensor of tet  $\tau$

$\bar{F}$ : linear interpolation of  $F$  over the coarse mesh

Derive  $C_{eff}(\tau)$  so that  $\forall l \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d} \quad F_l := \sum_{ij} F_{ij} l_{ij}$

$$\int_{\tau} \varepsilon(F_l) : C : \varepsilon(F_l) = \int_{\tau} \varepsilon(\bar{F}_l) : C_{eff}(\tau) : \varepsilon(\bar{F}_l)$$

$$C_{eff}(\tau) := (\varepsilon_c(\bar{F}))^{-1} : \frac{1}{|\tau|} \int_{\tau} \varepsilon(F) : C : \varepsilon(F) : (\varepsilon_c(\bar{F}))^{-1}$$

[Kharevych-Muller-Owhadi-Desbrun-2009]

**non-linear**

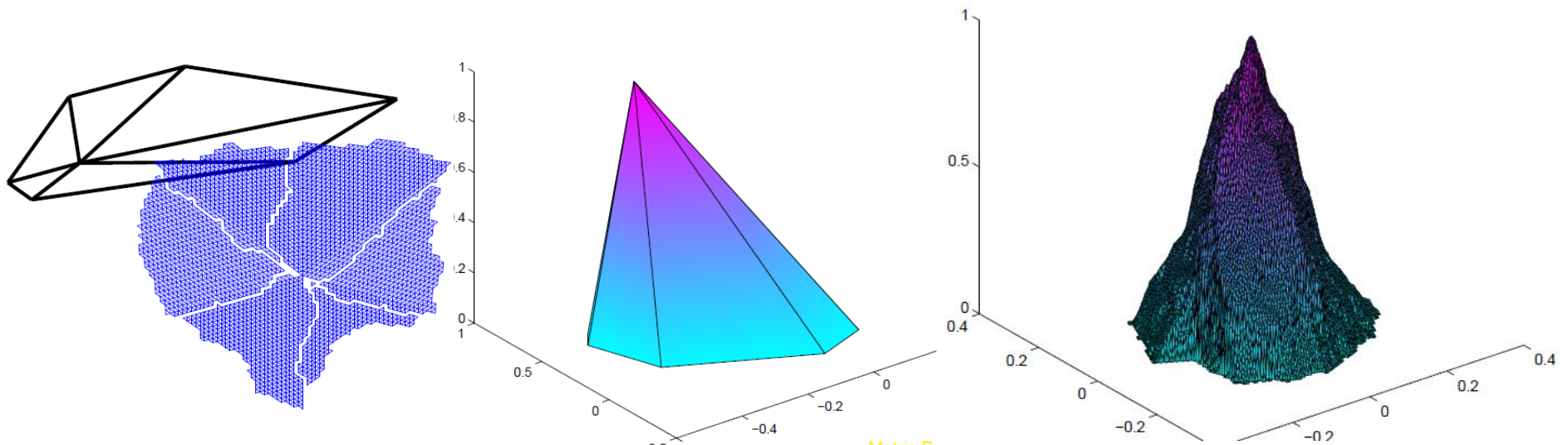


# Cube Sandwich

White Material = soft

Purple Material = hard

$$(1) \quad \begin{cases} -\operatorname{div}(a \nabla u) = g & \Omega \\ u = 0 & \partial\Omega \end{cases} \quad a_{i,j} \in L^\infty(\Omega)$$



$$\text{support}(\psi_i) = F^{-1}(\text{support}(\varphi_i))$$

$$\varphi_i$$

$$\psi_i = \varphi_i \circ F$$

Can we localize the elements  $\psi_i$  to triangles of  $\Omega_h$ ?

[Owhadi-Zhang-2006]

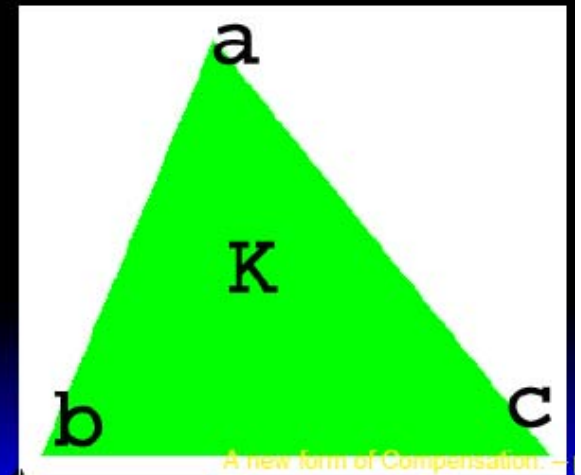
Generalization of the method II (SFEM) of [Babuška-Caloz-Osborn-1994]

If  $d = 2$  and  $g \in L^p(\Omega)$  then  $(\nabla F)^{-1} \nabla u \in C^\alpha(\Omega)$   
 Because  $(\nabla F)^{-1} \nabla u = (\nabla(u \circ F^{-1})) \circ F$   
 and  $u \circ F^{-1} \in W^{2,p}(\omega)$ ,  $F \in C^\alpha(\Omega)$ ,  $W^{2,p} \subset C^{1,\alpha}$

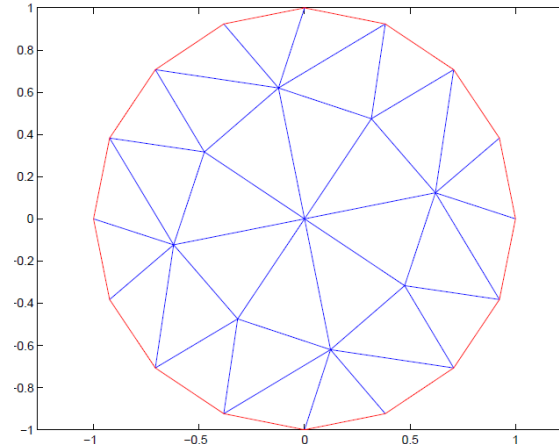
$$\int_{\Omega} \nabla \varphi a \nabla u = \sum_{K \in \mathcal{T}_h} \int_K \nabla \varphi a \nabla F (\nabla F)^{-1} \nabla u$$

- $(\nabla F)^{-1}(x) \nabla u(x)$  almost constant within each triangle  $K$  and equal to  $(\nabla F(K))^{-1} \nabla u(K)$

$$\begin{pmatrix} F(b) - F(a) \\ F(c) - F(a) \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} u(b) - u(a) \\ u(c) - u(a) \end{pmatrix}$$



$\Omega_h$ : Triangulation  
(tessellation of  $\Omega$ )  
of resolution  $h$



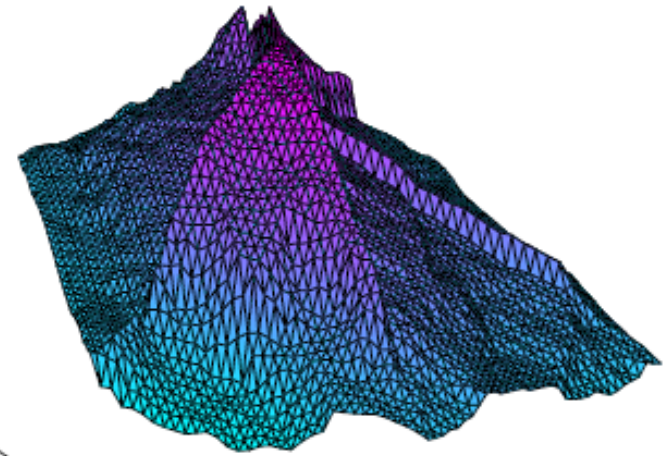
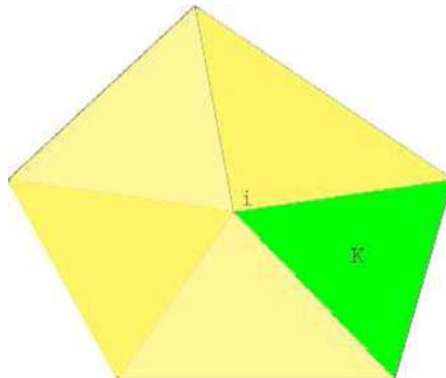
$$Z_h := \left\{ v \in L^2(\Omega) \right.$$

$$\forall \tau \in \Omega_h : v|_{\tau} \in \text{span}\{1, F_1, \dots, F_d\}$$

$v$  is continuous at nodes of  $\Omega_h$

$$\left. v = 0 \text{ at boundary nodes} \right\}$$

$\forall v \in Z_h,$   
 $(\nabla F)^{-1} \nabla v$   
is constant  
per triangle (tet)



$$B_h[v, w] := \sum_{\tau \in \Omega_h} \int_{\tau} (\nabla v)^T a \nabla w$$

**SFEM** Generalization of the method II (SFEM) of [Babuška-Caloz-Osborn-1994]

Look for  $u_h \in Z_h : \forall v \in Z_h$

$$B_h[v, u_h] = \int_{\Omega} v g$$

**Theorem** [Owhadi-Zhang-2006]

( $d = 2$ ) If  $M$  satisfies (CTC) then  $\exists \alpha > 0$

$$\left[ B_h[u - u_h, u - u_h] \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \leq C h^{\alpha} \|g\|_{L^{\infty}(\Omega)}$$

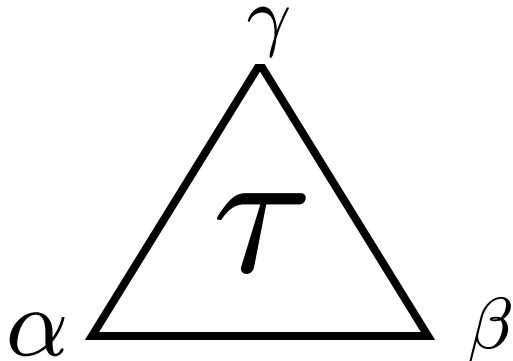


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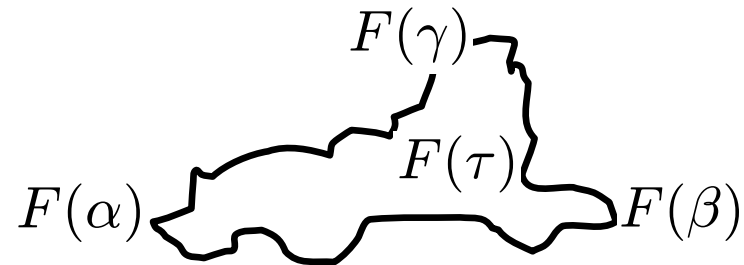
$$\eta(\tau^F) = \frac{1}{\sin(\theta)}$$

A diagram of a transformed triangle  $\tau^F$  with vertices labeled  $F(\alpha)$ ,  $F(\beta)$ , and  $F(\gamma)$ . The angle at vertex  $F(\alpha)$  is labeled  $\theta$ . The interior of the triangle is labeled  $\tau^F$ .

**C depends on**

$$\eta(\tau^F)$$

$$\text{and } \chi^F(\tau)$$



$$\chi(\tau^F) = \frac{\text{area}(\tau^F \cup F(\tau) - \tau^F \cap F(\tau))}{\text{area}(\tau^F)}$$

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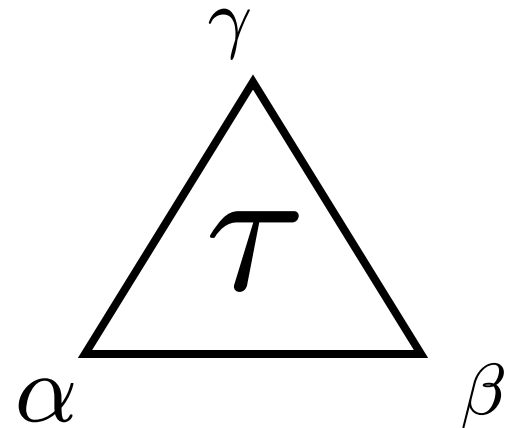
$$U_h[\bar{v}, \bar{w}] = \sum_{\tau \in \Omega_h} (\nabla \bar{v})^T(\tau) a^*(\tau) \nabla \bar{w}(\tau)$$

$$a^*(\tau) = (\nabla_c F(\tau))^{-1, T} \langle (\nabla F)^T a \nabla F \rangle_\tau (\nabla_c F(\tau))^{-1}$$

$a^*(\tau)$  : Effective conductivity of  $\tau$

$$a^*(\tau) = (\nabla_c F(\tau))^{-1,T} \langle (\nabla F)^T a \nabla F \rangle_\tau (\nabla_c F(\tau))^{-1}$$

$$\langle M \rangle_\tau = \frac{1}{|\tau|} \int_\tau M$$



$$\nabla_c F(\tau) := \begin{pmatrix} \beta - \alpha \\ \gamma - \alpha \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} F(\beta) - F(\alpha) \\ F(\gamma) - F(\alpha) \end{pmatrix}.$$

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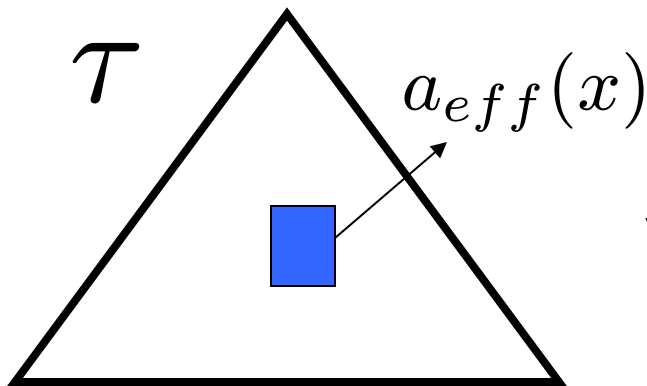
If  $a = a(\frac{x}{\epsilon})$  and  $a(y)$  is periodic or ergodic, then

$$\nabla_c F(\tau) \xrightarrow{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} I_d \quad a^*(\tau) \xrightarrow{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} a_{eff}$$

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$$u_\epsilon \xrightarrow[\epsilon \rightarrow 0]{\text{weakly in } H_0^1(\Omega)} u_0$$

$$\nabla u_\epsilon \xrightarrow{\text{two scale conv}} \nabla F(y) \nabla u_0(x)$$

Two scale convergence (Nguetseng and Allaire)

HMM (Heterogeneous Multiscale Method) (E-Engquist-Al...)

$a^*(\tau)$ : can be recovered from a “local energy principle”

[Babuška-Sauter-2004/2008] (“recovery method”)

[Shu-Babuška-Xiao-Xu-Zikatanov-2008]

Efficient solvers for high-dimensional lattice equations:

**Key idea:** Define a bilinear form on the continuous level which has equivalent energy as the original lattice equations.

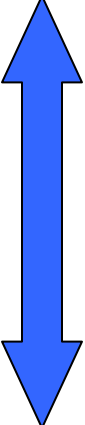
Define  $a_{eff}(\tau)$  so for a given set of “representative solutions”

$a_{eff}$ -(coarse scale) Dirichlet energy on  $\tau$   
=  $a$ -(fine scale) Dirichlet energy on  $\tau$

Define  $a_{eff}(\tau)$  so that  $\forall l \in \mathbb{R}^d$

$$\underbrace{(\nabla_c F_l(\tau))^T a_{eff}(\tau) \nabla_c F_l(\tau)}_{\substack{\text{Coarse Dirichlet} \\ \text{energy of } \bar{F}_l \text{ on } \tau}} = \frac{1}{|\tau|} \underbrace{\int_{\tau} (\nabla F_l)^T a \nabla F_l}_{\substack{\text{Dirichlet} \\ \text{energy of } F_l \text{ on } \tau}}$$

$F_l = \sum_{i=1}^d l_i F_i(x)$



$$a_{eff}(\tau) = (\nabla_c F(\tau))^{-1,T} \langle (\nabla F)^T a \nabla F \rangle_{\tau} (\nabla_c F(\tau))^{-1}$$

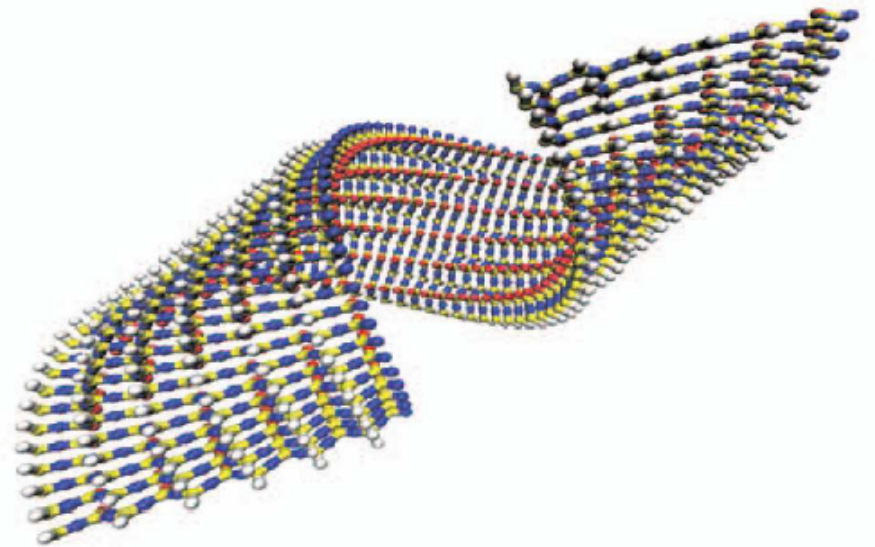
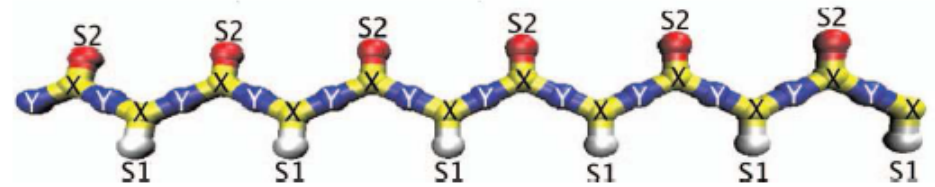
$$a_{eff}(\tau) = a^*(\tau)$$

# Atomistic to continuum

## Zhang-Berlyand-Federov-Owhadi

Many nanostructures and biomaterials can be achieved through molecular self-assembly characterized by

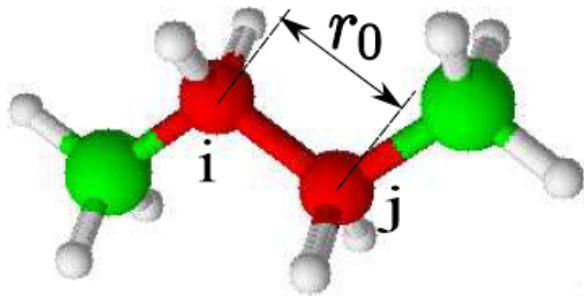
- ▶ main building block: short chain biomolecules, e.g. peptides.
- ▶ formation of a hierarchy of higher-order structures via non-covalent interactions,
- ▶ the intrinsic chirality of peptides has a major impact on their self-assembly behavior.





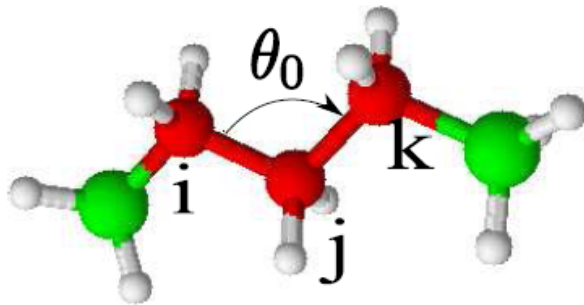
# Bonded Interactions

Constrain configuration of the backbones.



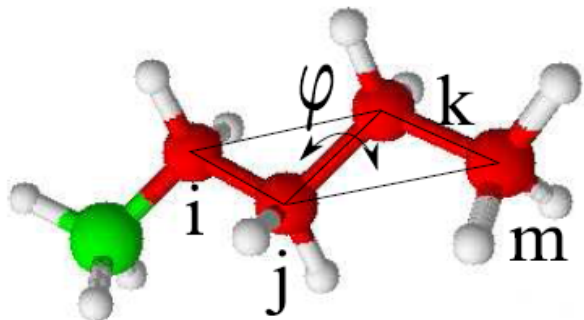
Bond Length Potential

$$U_{bond} = \frac{K_b}{2}(r - r_0)^2$$



Bond Angle Potential,

$$U_{angle} = \frac{K_\theta}{2}(\theta - \theta_{eq})^2$$



Dihedral Angle Potential

$$U_{tors} = \sum_{n=1}^3 \left\{ \frac{V_n}{2} [1 + (-1)^{n+1} \cos n\phi] \right\}$$

quantify twist of the backbone

# Non Bonded Interactions

Driving force for the self-assembly.

Lennard-Jones potentials:  
model hydrophobic/hydrophilic  
interaction.

$$U_{LJ}(r_{ij}) = 4\epsilon_{ij} \left[ \left( \frac{\sigma}{r_{ij}} \right)^{12} - \left( \frac{\sigma}{r_{ij}} \right)^6 \right]$$

Coulomb potentials:  
long range interaction

$$U(r) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon\epsilon_0} \frac{q_i q_j}{r_{ij}}$$

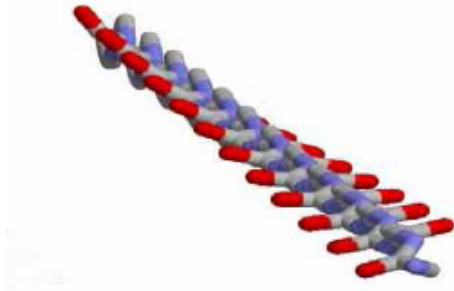
$$\begin{aligned} E &= \sum_{bonds} \frac{1}{2} K_b (r - r_0)^2 + \sum_{angles} \frac{1}{2} K_q (\theta - \theta_0)^2 \\ &+ \sum_{dihedrals} \sum_{n=1}^3 \left\{ \frac{V_n}{2} [1 + (-1)^{n+1} \cos n\varphi] \right\} \\ &+ \sum_i \sum_{j>i} \left\{ 4\epsilon_{ij} \left[ \left( \frac{\sigma_{ij}}{r_{ij}} \right)^{12} - \left( \frac{\sigma_{ij}}{r_{ij}} \right)^6 \right] \right\} \end{aligned}$$

Molecular simulation can be done with the knowledge of potential function.

# Atomistic origin of chirality

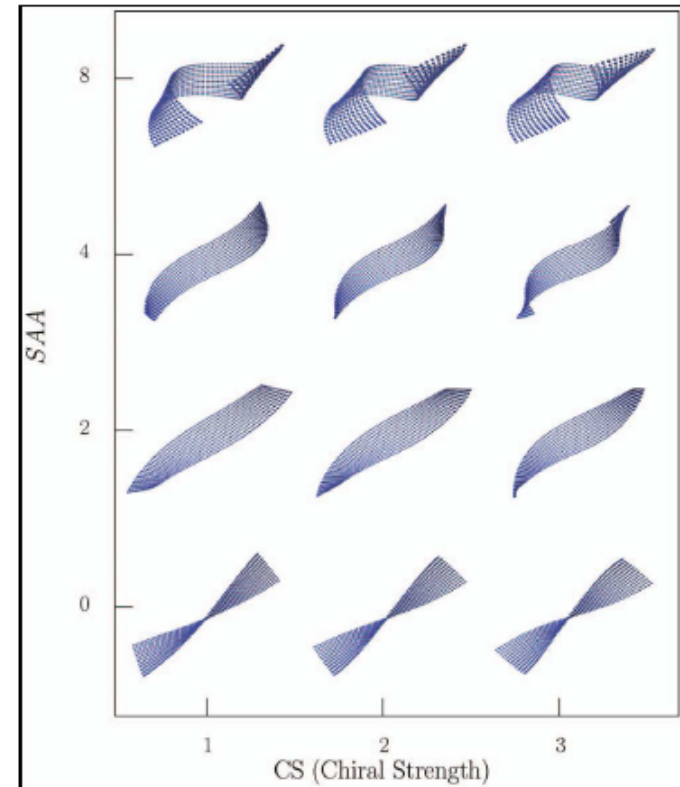
The chirality of the  $\beta$ -sheet self-assembly can be attributed to the interplay between chirality and chemical asymmetry.

- ▶ CS: twist in the backbone, quantified by the dihedral angle.



- ▶ SAA: asymmetry of solute-solvent interaction for different side chains, quantified by the interaction strength  $\epsilon$  of Lennard-Jones interaction.

From helicoid to cylindrical



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## Atomistic to continuum approach

Existing approach for thin elastic structures

- film, sheet, tape, membrane, shell...
- ▶ Friesecke and James (2000): derive Cosserat membrane theory from multiple atomistic layers.
- ▶ Bernd Schmidt (2006): rigorous justification of Friesecke and James' result using  $\Gamma$ -convergence.
- ▶ Arroyo and Belyschko (2003): exponential Cauchy-Born rule for one-atom thick crystalline sheets.
- ▶ Yang and Weinan E (2006): local Cauchy Born rule, incorporates curvature effect to derive continuum model with finite deformation.

Fully nonlinear, membrane and bending modes tightly coupled.

Crystalline order, evaluation requires inner displacement relaxation.

# Atomistic to continuum modeling: Energy Matching

Enforce that the elastic energy of the continuum model matches the total energy of the atomistic model for all possible displacement fields.

$$E_{el} = E_{atom}$$

If the continuum model is inhomogeneous, subdivide the domain into subdomains which the material parameters are homogeneous, and enforce the equality within each subdomain,



## Continuum Elastic Energy

For developable surfaces,  
 $H = A = \kappa_1/2$ ,  $G = 0$ ,  $\kappa$  is the curvature of the centerline,  $\eta$  is the torsion,

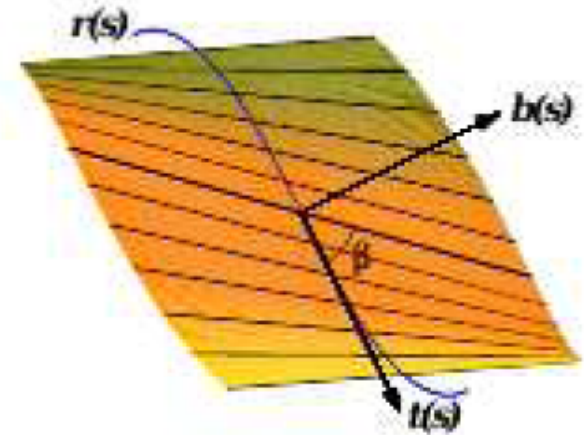
$$U = Dw \int_0^L g(k, \eta, \eta') ds + \text{const}$$

If the centerline has intrinsic curvature  $\kappa_0$  and intrinsic torsion  $\tau_0$ ,

$$U_F = \int_0^L \left[ \frac{B}{2} (\kappa - \kappa_0)^2 + \frac{C}{2} (\tau - \tau_0)^2 \right] ds$$

Another variation of the shell energy functional, is known in membrane physics as Canham-Helfrich energy

$$\int k(H - H_0)^2 dS$$

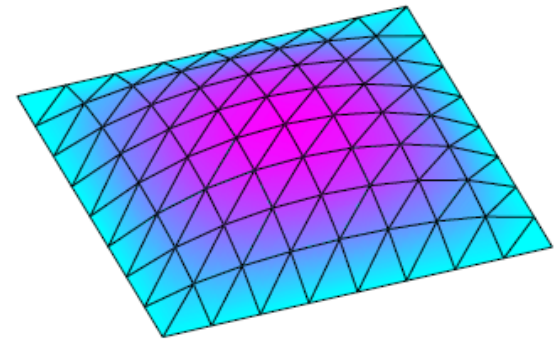


# Discrete Elastic Energy

To simplify, we focus on the energy functional  $\int_{\Omega} k(H - H_0)^2 dS$ .

The atomistic lattice  $\rightarrow$  a triangulated piecewise linear surface.

Problem: Define geometric quantities, curvatures, normal, ... for triangulated surface.



Use Discrete geometry operator (Schröder, Desbrun, Zorin et.al)

For example, the normal mean curvature vector  $H\mathbf{n}$  at a vertex  $P$  can be defined as

$$H(P)\mathbf{n}(P) = \frac{1}{\mathcal{A}_P} \int_{\mathcal{A}_P} H\mathbf{n} dS = -\frac{1}{2\mathcal{A}_P} \int_{\mathcal{A}_P} \Delta \mathbf{x} dS$$

where  $\mathcal{A}_P$  is a properly chosen nonoverlap area around  $P$ .

The discrete bending energy can therefore expressed as a summation over vertices

$$E_B = \sum (H(P) - H_0(P))^2 \text{area}(\mathcal{A}(P))$$



# Discrete Elastic Energy

Problem: finding the minimizer of the elastic energy with the **inextensible** constrain and proper boundary conditions.

Total elastic energy = membrane energy + bending energy

$$E_{el} = E_M + k_B E_B$$

The constrain is enforced by penalize on the membrane energy.

Membrane energy  $E_M$  is composed of stretching and shear mode

$$E_M = k_L E_L + K_A E_A$$

stretching energy measures local change in length

$$E_L = \sum_e (1 - \|e\|/\|e_0\|)^2 \|e_0\|$$

Shearing energy measures local change in area

$$E_A = \sum_A (1 - \|A\|/\|A_0\|)^2 \|A_0\|$$

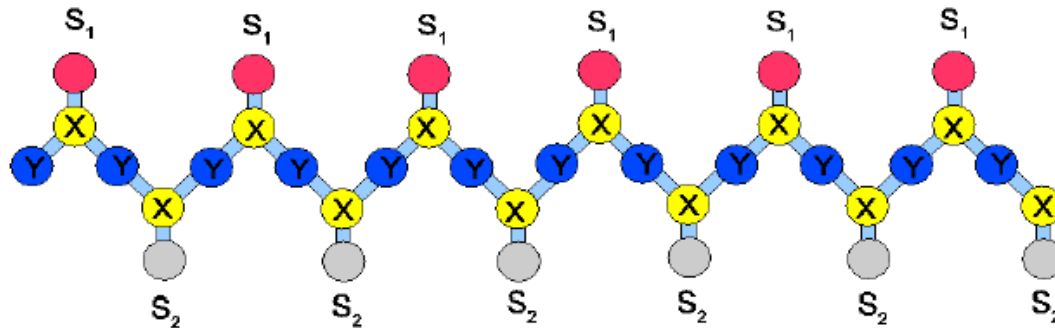
In the implementation, we choose larger and larger stiffness constant  $k_L$  and  $k_A$  to enforce the **quasi-inextensible** constrain.

## Set Up of the Problem

$M = 60$   $\beta$ -peptides are placed into a planar, parallel arrangement, forming a flat tape.

We run atomistic simulation with respect to both the **chiral strength** (CS) and the **side chain asymmetry** (SAA) for the Lennard-Jones

interaction of side chain pairs  $S_2 - S_2$  and  $S_1 - S_1$ , 
$$\text{SAA} = \frac{\epsilon_{S_1}}{\epsilon_{S_2}}.$$



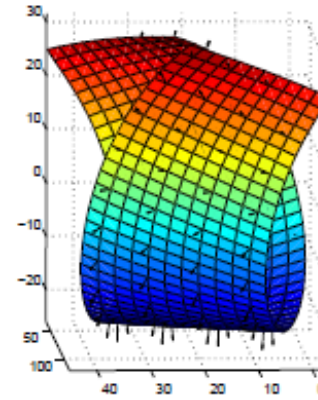
A single amino acid is represented by three beads (X and Y for the backbone and  $S_1$  or  $S_2$  as the side chain).

Bead X:  $C_\alpha H - C' O$  (Carboxyl) group      Bead Y: NH (amino) group.

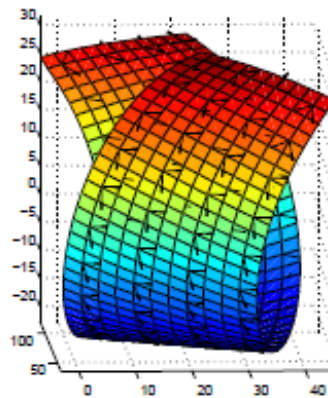
# Results



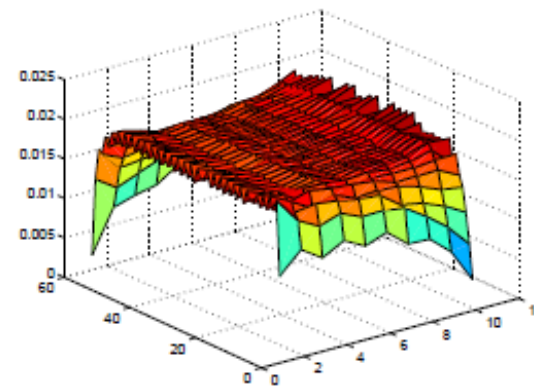
(a) Atomistic configuration,  $SAA=5$ ,  $CS=1$



(b) Mean curvature vector  $K(x)$

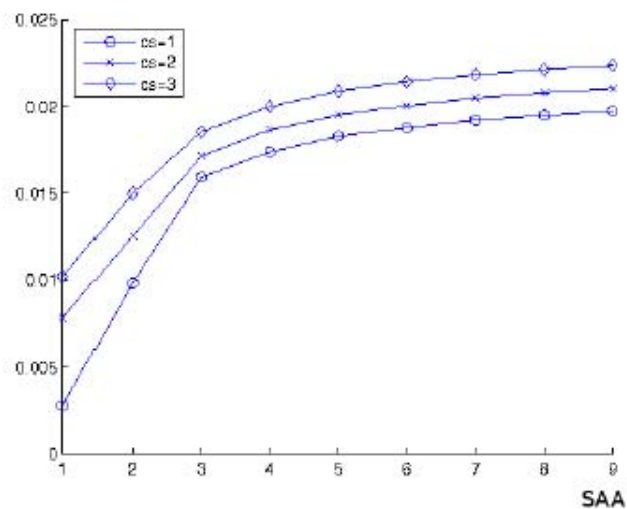


(c) Principal directions  $e_1$  and  $e_2$

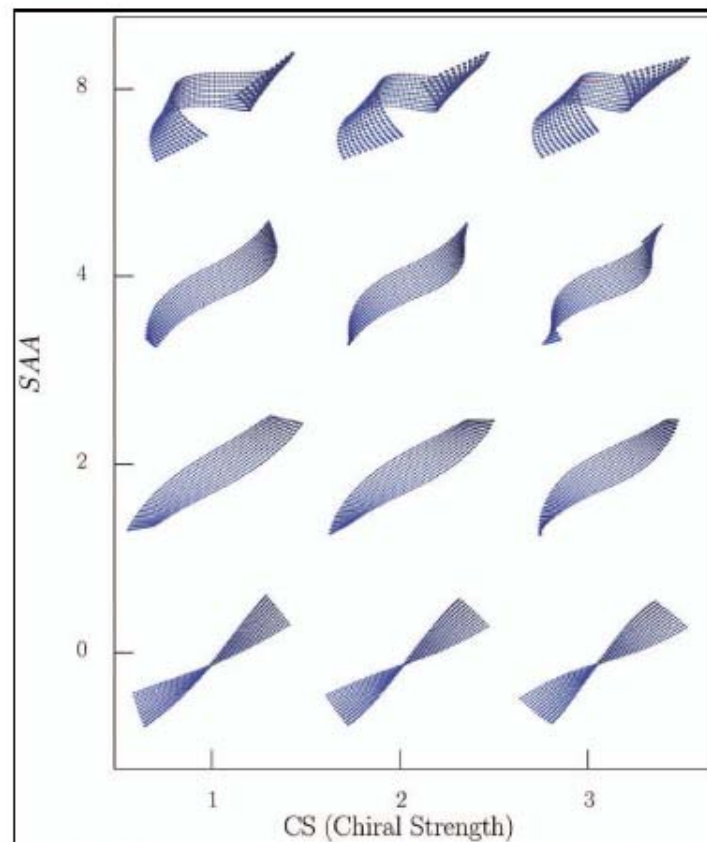


(d) mean curvature of the atomistic tape

# Mean Curvature vs atomistic parameters

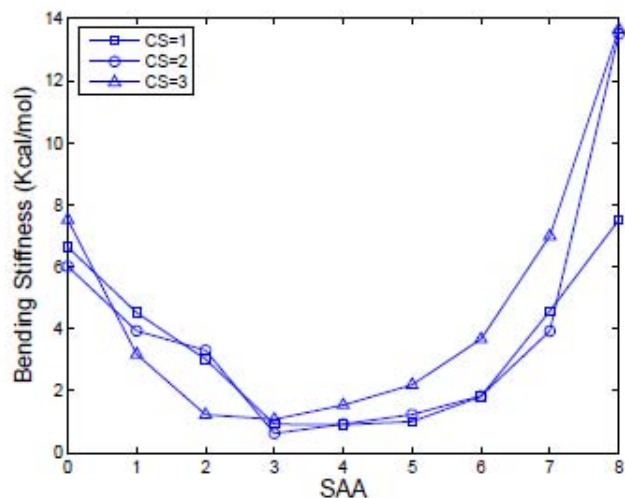


averaged mean curvature with respect to side chain asymmetry (SAA) and backbone twist (CS).

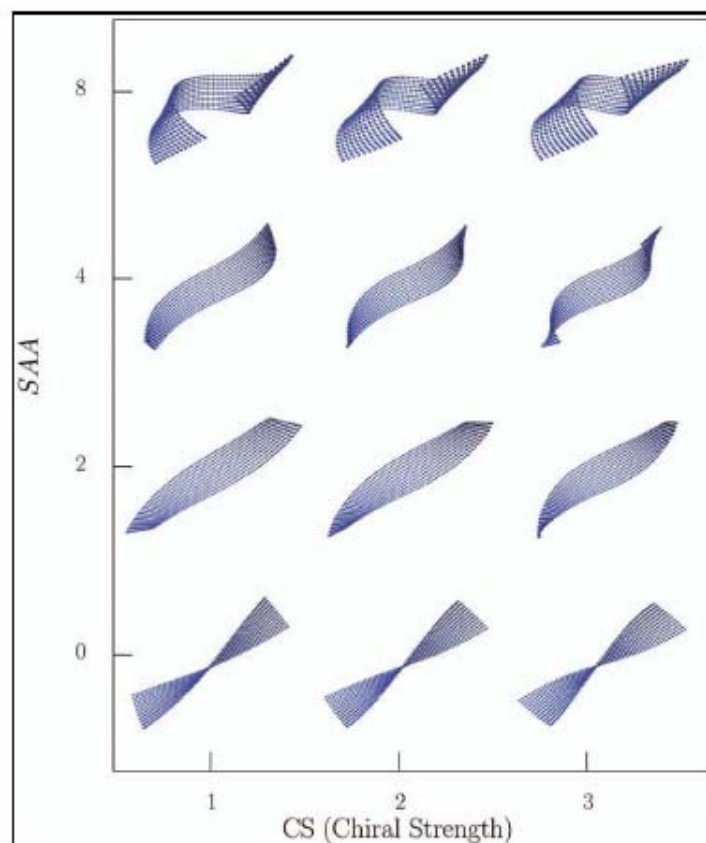


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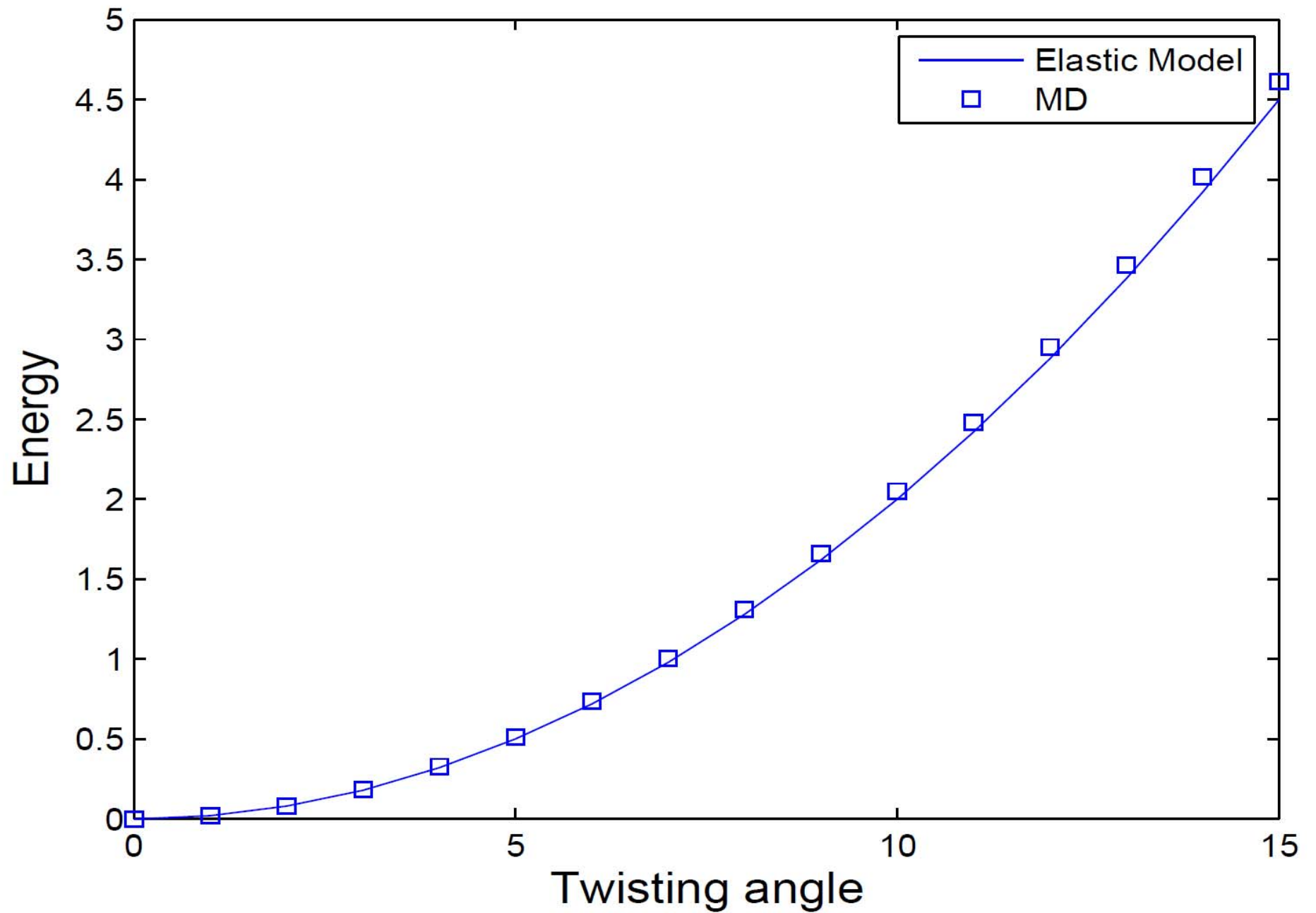


bending stiffness with respect to side chain asymmetry (SAA) and backbone twist (CS).



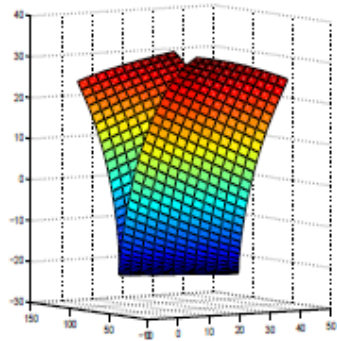
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# Energy vs Twist

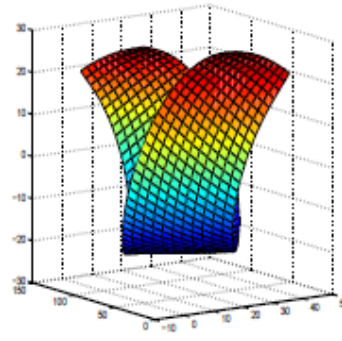


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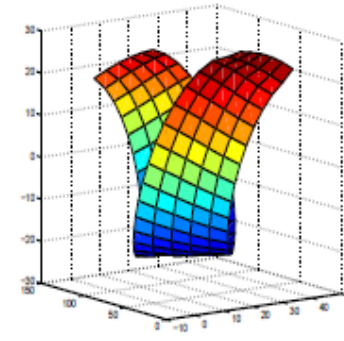
Two shorter sides are twisted from the equilibrium configuration.



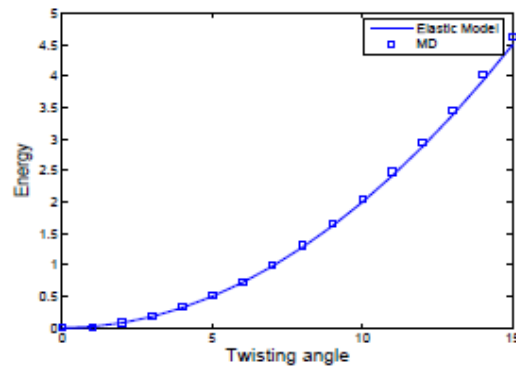
(a) reference configuration, MD



(b) deformed configuration, MD



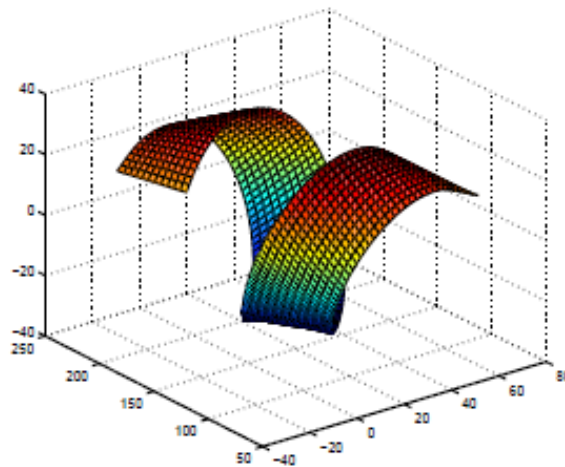
(c) deformed configuration, elastic



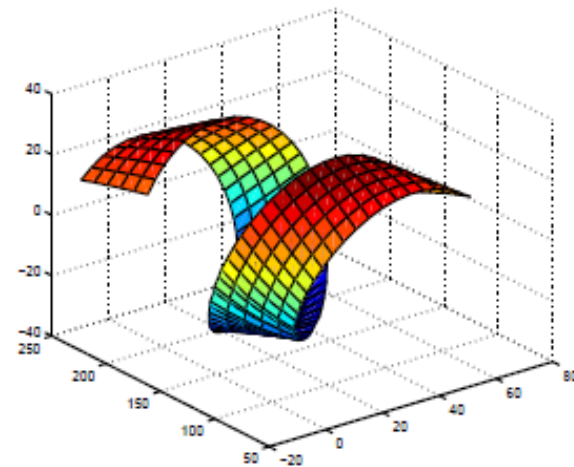
(d) Energy vs. Twist Angle

# Configuration of Elongated Tape

Using the parameters of  $M = 60$  peptides to calculate the equilibrium configuration for  $M = 120$  peptides.



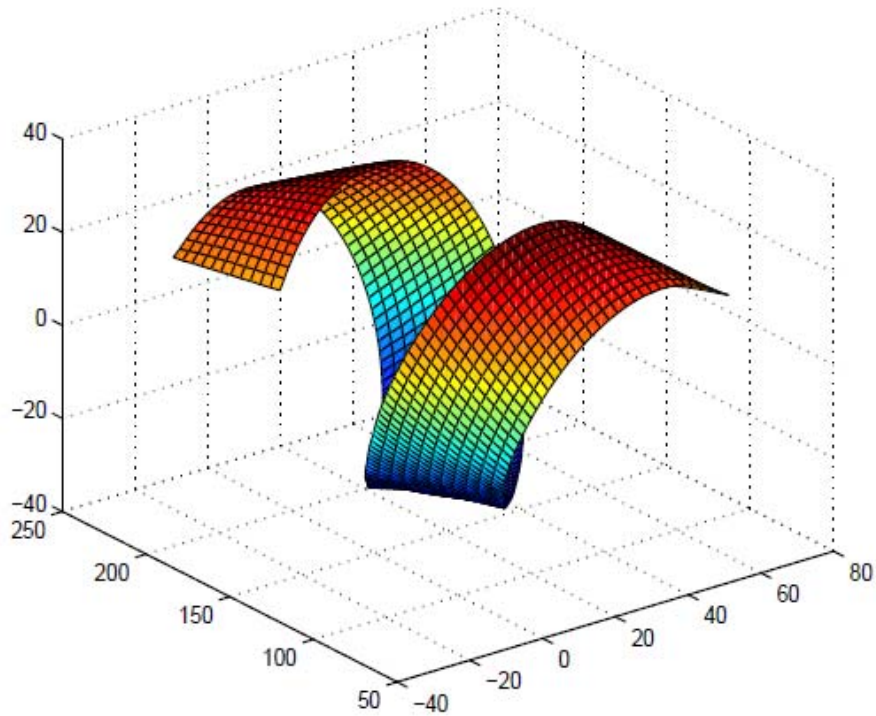
(e) MD simulation



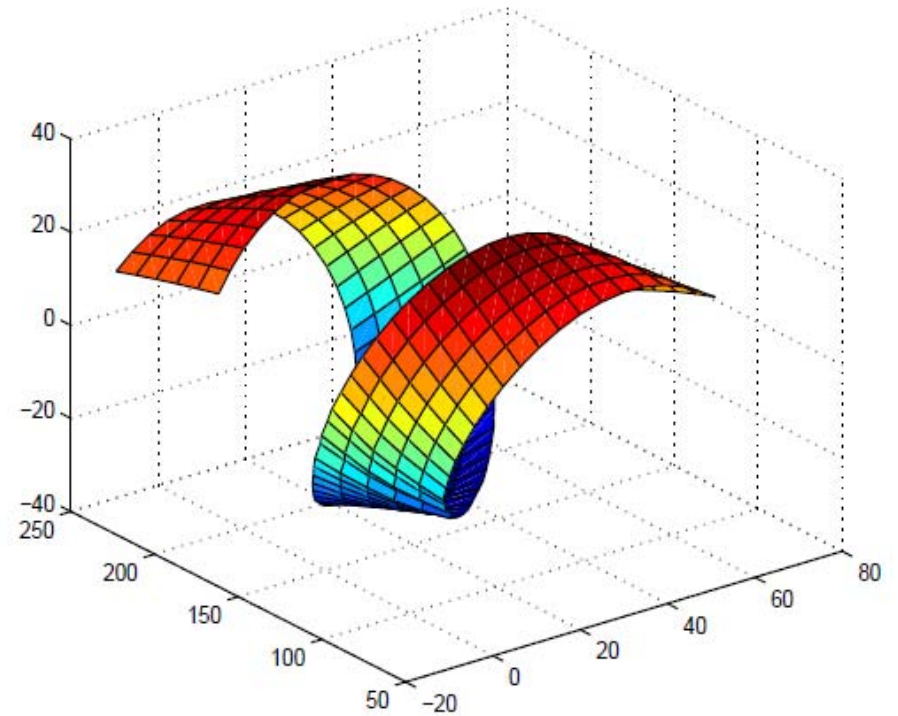
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