

# A Discontinuous Galerkin Formulation of Kirchhoff-Love Shells: From Linear Elasticity to Finite Deformations

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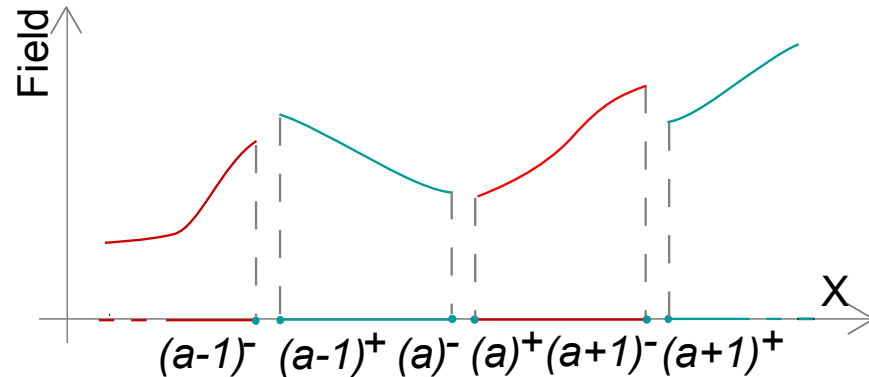
- Discontinuous Galerkin Methods (DG)
- Kirchhoff-Love Shell Kinematics
- Linear Shells
- Non-Linear Shells
- Conclusions & Perspectives

# Discontinuous Galerkin Methods

- Main idea

- Finite-element discretization
- Same **discontinuous** polynomial approximations for the

- **Test** functions  $\varphi_h$  and
- **Trial** functions  $\delta\varphi$



- Definition of operators on the interface trace:

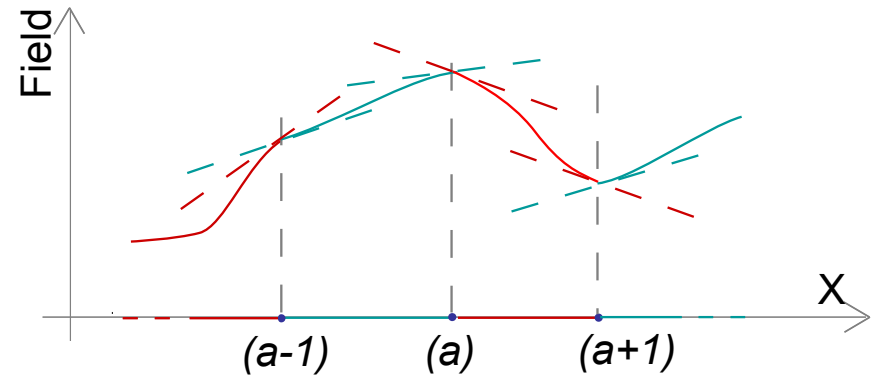
- **Jump operator:**  $[[\bullet]] = \bullet^+ - \bullet^-$
- **Mean operator:**  $\langle \bullet \rangle = \frac{\bullet^+ + \bullet^-}{2}$

# Discontinuous Galerkin Methods

- Continuous field / discontinuous derivative

- No new nodes
- Weak enforcement of  $C^1$  continuity
- Displacement formulations of high-order differential equations
- Usual shape functions in 3D (no new requirement)
- Applications to

- **Beams, plates** [Engel et al., CMAME 2002; Hansbo & Larson, CALCOLO 2002; Wells & Dung, CMAME 2007]
- **Linear shells** [Noels & Radovitzky, CMAME, 2008]
- **Damage & Strain Gradient** [Wells et al., CMAME 2004; Molari, CMAME 2006; Bala-Chandran et al. 2008]



# Kirchhoff-Love Shell Kinematics

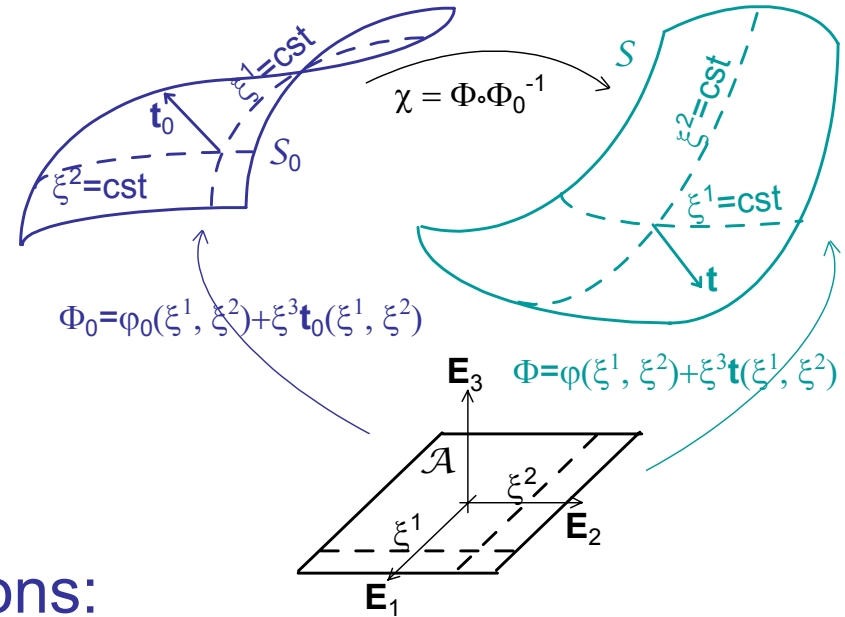
- Deformation mapping

$$\mathbf{F} = \nabla \Phi \circ [\nabla \Phi_0]^{-1} \text{ with}$$

$$\nabla \Phi = g_i \otimes \mathbf{E}^i \quad \& \quad g_i = \nabla \Phi \mathbf{E}_i = \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial \xi^i}$$

- Shearing is neglected

$$\mathbf{t} = \frac{\varphi_{,1} \wedge \varphi_{,2}}{\|\varphi_{,1} \wedge \varphi_{,2}\|} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} t_{,\alpha} = \lambda_{\alpha}^{\mu} \varphi_{,\mu} \\ \bar{j} = \|\varphi_{,1} \wedge \varphi_{,2}\| \end{cases}$$



- Resultant equilibrium equations:

$$\frac{1}{\bar{j}} (\bar{j} n^{\alpha})_{,\alpha} + n^A = 0 \quad \& \quad \frac{1}{\bar{j}} (\bar{j} \tilde{m}^{\alpha})_{,\alpha} - l + \lambda t + \tilde{m}^A = 0$$

– in terms of resultant stresses:

$$n^{\alpha} = \frac{1}{\bar{j}} \int_{h_{\min 0}}^{h_{\max 0}} \sigma g^{\alpha} \det(\nabla \Phi) d\xi^3$$

$$\tilde{m}^{\alpha} = \frac{1}{\bar{j}} \int_{h_{\min 0}}^{h_{\max 0}} \xi^3 \sigma g^{\alpha} \det(\nabla \Phi) d\xi^3$$

$$l = \frac{1}{\bar{j}} \int_{h_{\min 0}}^{h_{\max 0}} \sigma g^3 \det(\nabla \Phi) d\xi^3$$

– and of resultant applied tension  $n^A$  and torque  $\tilde{m}^A$

# Linear Shells

- Assumptions

- Small displacements  $\varphi_{,\alpha} = \varphi_{0,\alpha} + \mathbf{u}_{,\alpha} \implies \mathbf{t}(\mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{t}_0 + \Delta \mathbf{t}(\mathbf{u})$  term in  $\mathbf{u}_{,\alpha}$
- Test functions  $\mathbf{u}_h$  and trial functions  $\delta \mathbf{u}$  are  $C^0$
- Linear constitutive behavior

- Resultant strain components

$$\varepsilon_{\alpha\beta} = \frac{1}{2} \varphi_{,\alpha} \cdot \varphi_{,\beta} - \frac{1}{2} \varphi_{0,\alpha} \cdot \varphi_{0,\beta} = \frac{1}{2} \varphi_{0,\alpha} \cdot \mathbf{u}_{,\beta} + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{u}_{,\alpha} \cdot \varphi_{0,\beta}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_{\alpha\beta} &= \varphi_{,\alpha} \cdot \mathbf{t}_{,\beta} - \varphi_{0,\alpha} \cdot \mathbf{t}_{0,\beta} \\ &= \varphi_{0,\alpha\beta} \cdot \mathbf{t}_0 \frac{e_{\mu\eta 3}}{j_0} \mathbf{u}_{,\mu} \cdot (\varphi_{0,\eta} \wedge \mathbf{t}_0) + \frac{e_{\mu\eta 3}}{j_0} \mathbf{u}_{,\mu} \cdot (\varphi_{0,\alpha\beta} \wedge \varphi_{0,\eta}) - \mathbf{u}_{,\alpha\beta} \cdot \mathbf{t}_0 \end{aligned}$$
High order term

- Elastic constitutive behavior

$$\mathbf{n}^\alpha = \tilde{n}^{\alpha\beta} \varphi_{0,\beta} + \lambda_\mu^\beta \tilde{m}^{\alpha\mu} \varphi_{0,\beta}$$

$$\tilde{\mathbf{m}}^\alpha = \tilde{m}^{\alpha\beta} \varphi_{0,\beta} + \tilde{m}^{3\alpha} \mathbf{t}_0$$

$$\mathbf{l} = \lambda \mathbf{t}_0 + \lambda_\mu^\alpha \tilde{m}^{3\mu} \varphi_{0,\alpha}$$

with

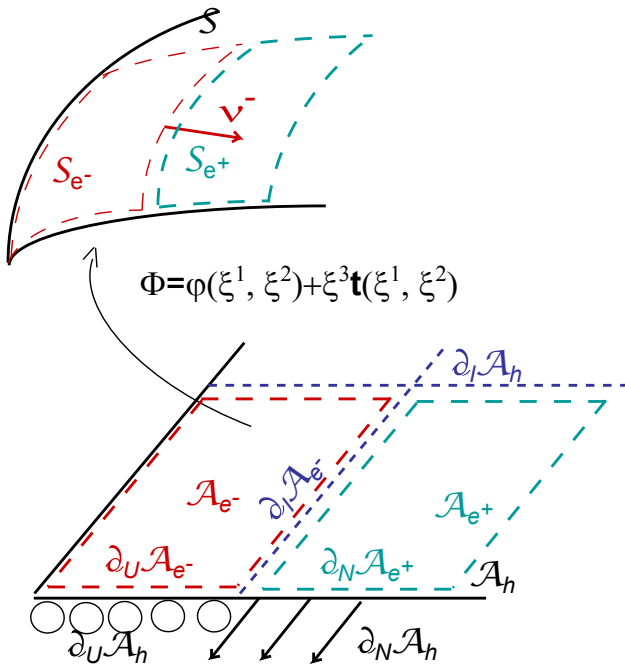
$$\tilde{n}^{\alpha\beta} = \frac{E (h_{\max} - h_{\min})}{1 - \nu^2} \mathcal{H}^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} \varepsilon_{\gamma\delta} = \mathcal{H}_n^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} \varepsilon_{\gamma\delta}$$

$$\tilde{m}^{\alpha\beta} = \frac{E (h_{\max} - h_{\min})^3}{12 (1 - \nu^2)} \mathcal{H}^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} \rho_{\gamma\delta} = \mathcal{H}_m^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} \rho_{\gamma\delta}$$

# Linear Shells

- DG formulation of linear Kirchhoff-Love shell

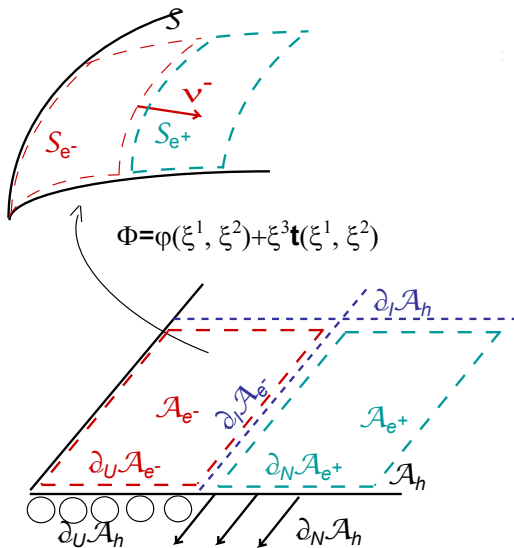
- Definition of a functional  $I_h(\mathbf{u}_h, \varepsilon_{h\alpha\beta}, \rho_{h\alpha\beta}, \tilde{n}_h^{\alpha\beta}, \tilde{m}_h^{I\beta}, \lambda)$  accounting for discontinuities in  $\Delta \mathbf{t}$  [Noels & Radovitzky, CMAME, 2008]



$$\begin{aligned}
 I_h(\mathbf{u}_h, \varepsilon_{h\alpha\beta}, \rho_{h\alpha\beta}, \tilde{n}_h^{\alpha\beta}, \tilde{m}_h^{I\beta}, \lambda) = & \int_{A_h} \left( \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon_{h\alpha\beta} \mathcal{H}_n^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} \varepsilon_{h\gamma\delta} + \frac{1}{2} \rho_{h\alpha\beta} \mathcal{H}_m^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} \rho_{h\gamma\delta} \right) \bar{j}_0 dA + \\
 & \int_{A_h} \tilde{n}_h^{\alpha\beta} \left( \frac{1}{2} \varphi_{0,\alpha} \cdot \mathbf{u}_{h,\beta} + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{u}_{h,\alpha} \cdot \varphi_{0,\beta} - \varepsilon_{h\alpha\beta} \right) \bar{j}_0 dA + \\
 & \int_{A_h} \tilde{m}_h^{\alpha\beta} \left( \varphi_{0,\alpha} \cdot \Delta \mathbf{t}(\mathbf{u}_h)_{,\beta} + \mathbf{u}_{h,\alpha} \cdot \mathbf{t}_{0,\beta} - \rho_{h\alpha\beta} \right) \bar{j}_0 dA - \\
 & \int_{A_h} \left( \mathbf{n}^A \cdot \mathbf{u}_h + \tilde{\mathbf{m}}^A \cdot \Delta \mathbf{t}(\mathbf{u}_h) \right) \bar{j}_0 dA - \\
 & \int_{\partial_U A_h} (\mathbf{u}_h - \bar{\mathbf{u}}) \cdot \left( \tilde{n}_h^{\beta\alpha} \varphi_{0,\beta} + \lambda_{0\mu}^\beta \tilde{m}_h^{\alpha\mu} \varphi_{0,\beta} + \lambda \mathbf{t}_0 \right) \nu_\alpha \bar{j}_0 d\partial A + \\
 & \int_{\partial_T A_h \cup \partial_I A_h} \left[ \Delta \mathbf{t}(\mathbf{u}_h) \right] \cdot \left\langle \bar{j}_0 \tilde{m}_h^{\beta\alpha} \varphi_{0,\beta} + \bar{j}_0 \tilde{m}_h^{3\alpha} \mathbf{t}_0 \right\rangle \nu_\alpha^- d\partial A - \\
 & \int_{\partial_N A_h} \bar{\mathbf{n}} \cdot \mathbf{u}_h \bar{j}_0 d\partial A - \int_{\partial_M A_h} \tilde{\mathbf{m}} \cdot \Delta \mathbf{t}(\mathbf{u}_h) \bar{j}_0 d\partial A
 \end{aligned}$$

# Linear Shells

- DG formulation of linear Kirchhoff-Love shell
  - Minimization of the functional  $\Rightarrow$  new weak form
  - Introduction of the stabilization parameter  $\beta$



$$0 = \int_{\mathcal{A}_h} \left( \frac{1}{2} \boldsymbol{\varphi}_{0,\gamma} \cdot \mathbf{u}_{h,\delta} + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{u}_{h,\gamma} \cdot \boldsymbol{\varphi}_{0,\delta} \right) \mathcal{H}_n^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} \left( \frac{1}{2} \boldsymbol{\varphi}_{0,\alpha} \cdot \delta \mathbf{u}_{,\beta} + \frac{1}{2} \boldsymbol{\varphi}_{0,\beta} \cdot \delta \mathbf{u}_{,\alpha} \right) \bar{j}_0 d\mathcal{A} +$$

$$\int_{\mathcal{A}_h} \left( \boldsymbol{\varphi}_{0,\gamma} \cdot \Delta \mathbf{t}(\mathbf{u}_h)_{,\delta} + \mathbf{u}_{h,\gamma} \cdot \mathbf{t}_{0,\delta} \right) \mathcal{H}_m^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} \left( \boldsymbol{\varphi}_{0,\alpha} \cdot \delta \Delta \mathbf{t}(\mathbf{u})_{,\beta} + \delta \mathbf{u}_{,\alpha} \cdot \mathbf{t}_{0,\beta} \right) \bar{j}_0 d\mathcal{A} +$$

$$\int_{\partial_I \mathcal{A}_h \cup \partial \mathcal{A}_h} \llbracket \Delta \mathbf{t}(\mathbf{u}_h) \rrbracket \cdot \left\langle \boldsymbol{\varphi}_{0,\gamma} \mathcal{H}_m^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} \left( \boldsymbol{\varphi}_{0,\alpha} \cdot \delta \Delta \mathbf{t}(\mathbf{u})_{,\beta} + \delta \mathbf{u}_{,\alpha} \cdot \mathbf{t}_{0,\beta} \right) \bar{j}_0 \right\rangle \nu_{\delta}^{-} d\partial \mathcal{A} +$$

$$\int_{\partial_I \mathcal{A}_h \cup \partial \mathcal{A}_h} \llbracket \delta \Delta \mathbf{t}(\mathbf{u}) \rrbracket \cdot \left\langle \boldsymbol{\varphi}_{0,\gamma} \mathcal{H}_m^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} \left( \boldsymbol{\varphi}_{0,\alpha} \cdot \Delta \mathbf{t}(\mathbf{u}_h)_{,\beta} + \mathbf{u}_{h,\alpha} \cdot \mathbf{t}_{0,\beta} \right) \bar{j}_0 \right\rangle \nu_{\delta}^{-} d\partial \mathcal{A} +$$

$$\int_{s \in \partial_I \mathcal{A}_h \cup \partial \mathcal{A}_h} \frac{\beta}{h^s} \llbracket \delta \Delta \mathbf{t} \rrbracket \cdot \boldsymbol{\varphi}_{0,\gamma} \nu_{\delta}^{-} \left\langle \mathcal{H}_m^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} \bar{j}_0 \right\rangle \llbracket \Delta \mathbf{t}(\mathbf{u}_h) \rrbracket \cdot \boldsymbol{\varphi}_{0,\alpha} \nu_{\beta}^{-} d\partial \mathcal{A}$$

- Properties for polynomial approximation of order  $k$ 
  - Consistent, stable for  $\beta > C^k$
  - Convergence rate:  $k-1$  in the e-norm,  $k+1$  in the  $L^2$ -norm

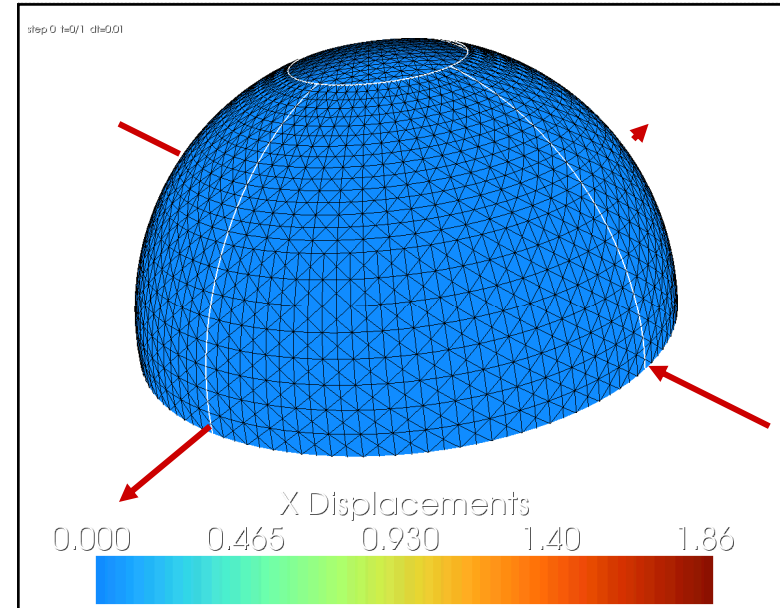
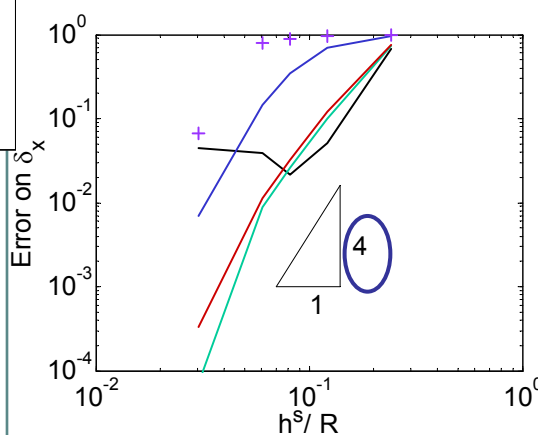
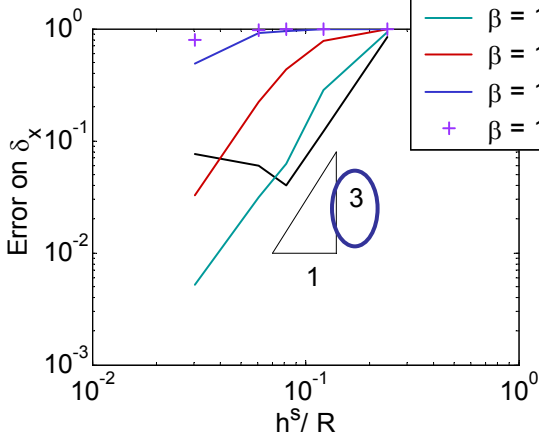
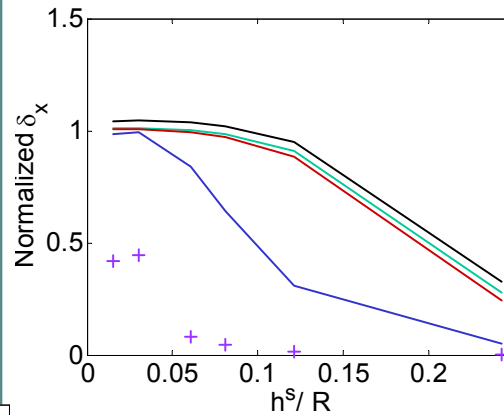
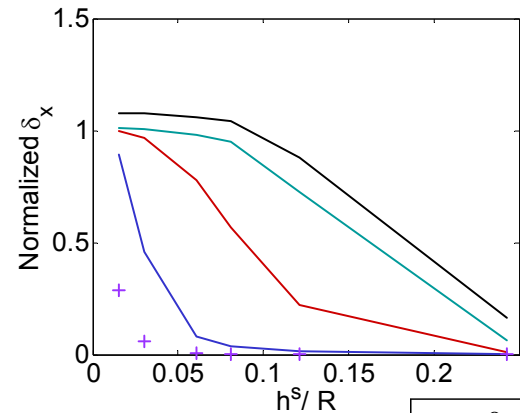


# Linear Shells

- Pinched open-hemisphere

## 8-node bi-quad

## 16-node bi-cubic



## Double curvature

- Instability if  $\beta \leq 10$
- Locking if  $\beta > 1000$  (quad.) and if  $\beta > 100000$  (cubic)
- Convergence in  $L^2$  norm:  $k+1$

# Non-linear Shells

- Material behavior

- Through the thickness integration by Simpson's rule
- At each Simpson point

- Internal energy  $W(\mathbf{C}=\mathbf{F}^T\mathbf{F})$  with

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mathbf{C} = \mathbf{g}_i \cdot \mathbf{g}_j \mathbf{g}_0^i \otimes \mathbf{g}_0^j = g_{ij} \mathbf{g}_0^i \otimes \mathbf{g}_0^j \\ \boldsymbol{\sigma} = \sigma^{ij} \mathbf{g}_i \otimes \mathbf{g}_j = 2 \frac{\det(\nabla\Phi_0)}{\det(\nabla\Phi)} \frac{\partial W}{\partial g_{ij}} \mathbf{g}_i \otimes \mathbf{g}_j \end{array} \right.$$

- Iteration on the thickness ratio  $\lambda_h = \frac{h_{\max} - h_{\min}}{h_{\max 0} - h_{\min 0}}$  in order to reach the plane stress assumption  $\sigma^{33}=0$

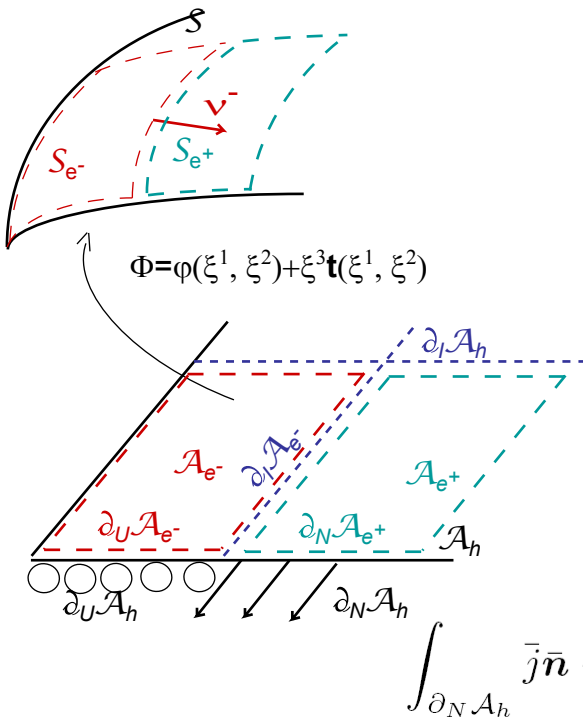
- Simpson's rule leads to the resultant stresses:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mathbf{n}^\alpha = \frac{1}{j} \int_{h_{\min 0}}^{h_{\max 0}} \boldsymbol{\sigma} \mathbf{g}^\alpha \det(\nabla\Phi) d\xi^3 \\ \tilde{\mathbf{m}}^\alpha = \frac{1}{j} \int_{h_{\min 0}}^{h_{\max 0}} \xi^3 \boldsymbol{\sigma} \mathbf{g}^\alpha \det(\nabla\Phi) d\xi^3 \\ \mathbf{l} = \frac{1}{j} \int_{h_{\min 0}}^{h_{\max 0}} \boldsymbol{\sigma} \mathbf{g}^3 \det(\nabla\Phi) d\xi^3 \end{array} \right.$$

# Non-linear Shells

- Discontinuous Galerkin formulation

- New weak form obtained from the momentum equations
- Integration by parts on each element  $\mathcal{A}^e$  but  $\delta \mathbf{t}$  is discontinuous



$$0 = \int_{\mathcal{A}_e} (\bar{j} \mathbf{n}^\alpha(\varphi_h))_{,\alpha} \cdot \delta \varphi d\mathcal{A} + \int_{\mathcal{A}_e} \mathbf{n}^A \cdot \delta \varphi \bar{j} d\mathcal{A} + \int_{\mathcal{A}_e} \left[ (\bar{j} \tilde{\mathbf{m}}^\alpha(\varphi_h))_{,\alpha} - \bar{j} \bar{\mathbf{l}} \right] \cdot \delta \mathbf{t} \lambda_h d\mathcal{A} + \int_{\mathcal{A}_e} \tilde{\mathbf{m}}^A \cdot \delta \mathbf{t} \lambda_h \bar{j} d\mathcal{A}$$

$$- \sum_e \int_{\bar{\mathcal{A}}_e} \bar{j} \tilde{\mathbf{m}}^\alpha(\varphi_h) \cdot (\delta \mathbf{t} \lambda_h)_{,\alpha} d\mathcal{A} + \sum_e \int_{\partial \mathcal{A}_e} \bar{j} \tilde{\mathbf{m}}^\alpha(\varphi_h) \cdot \delta \mathbf{t} \lambda_h \nu_\alpha d\mathcal{A}$$

$$\int_{\mathcal{A}_h} \bar{j} \mathbf{n}^\alpha(\varphi_h) \cdot \delta \varphi_{,\alpha} d\mathcal{A} + \int_{\mathcal{A}_h} \bar{j} \bar{\mathbf{l}} \cdot \delta \mathbf{t} \lambda_h d\mathcal{A} + \int_{\mathcal{A}_h} \bar{j} \tilde{\mathbf{m}}^\alpha(\varphi_h) \cdot (\delta \mathbf{t} \lambda_h)_{,\alpha} d\mathcal{A} + \int_{\partial_I \mathcal{A}_h \cup \partial_T \mathcal{A}_h} [[\delta \mathbf{t} \cdot \bar{j} \lambda_h \tilde{\mathbf{m}}^\alpha]] \nu_\alpha^- d\partial \mathcal{A} = \int_{\partial_N \mathcal{A}_h} \bar{j} \bar{\mathbf{n}} \cdot \delta \varphi d\mathcal{A} + \int_{\partial_M \mathcal{A}_h} \bar{j} \tilde{\mathbf{m}} \cdot \delta \mathbf{t} \lambda_h d\mathcal{A} + \int_{\mathcal{A}_h} \mathbf{n}^A \cdot \delta \varphi \bar{j} d\mathcal{A} + \int_{\mathcal{A}_h} \tilde{\mathbf{m}}^A \cdot \delta \mathbf{t} \lambda_h \bar{j} d\mathcal{A}$$

# Non-linear Shells

- Interface terms rewritten as the sum of 3 terms

- Introduction of the numerical flux  $\mathbf{h}$

$$\int_{\partial_I \mathcal{A}_h} \llbracket \bar{j} \tilde{\mathbf{m}}^\alpha(\varphi_h) \cdot \delta \mathbf{t} \lambda_h \rrbracket \nu_\alpha^- d\mathcal{A} \rightarrow \int_{\partial_I \mathcal{A}_h} \llbracket \delta \mathbf{t} \rrbracket \cdot \mathbf{h} \left( (\bar{j} \lambda_h \tilde{\mathbf{m}}^\alpha)^+, (\bar{j} \lambda_h \tilde{\mathbf{m}}^\alpha)^-, \nu_\alpha^- \right) d\mathcal{A}$$

- **Has to be consistent:**  $\mathbf{h}(\lambda_h \bar{j} \tilde{\mathbf{m}}_{\text{exact}}^\alpha, \bar{j} \lambda_h \tilde{\mathbf{m}}_{\text{exact}}^\alpha, \nu_\alpha) = \lambda_h \bar{j} \tilde{\mathbf{m}}_{\text{exact}}^\alpha \nu_\alpha^-$

- **One possible choice:**  $\mathbf{h} \left( (\bar{j} \lambda_h \tilde{\mathbf{m}}^\alpha)^+, (\bar{j} \lambda_h \tilde{\mathbf{m}}^\alpha)^-, \nu_\alpha^- \right) = \nu_\alpha^- \langle \bar{j} \lambda_h \tilde{\mathbf{m}}^\alpha \rangle$

- Weak enforcement of the compatibility

$$\int_{\partial_I \mathcal{A}_h} \llbracket \mathbf{t}(\varphi_h) \rrbracket \cdot \langle \delta(\bar{j} \lambda_h \tilde{\mathbf{m}}^\alpha) \rangle \nu_\alpha^- d\partial \mathcal{A}$$



$$\int_{\partial_I \mathcal{A}_h} \llbracket \mathbf{t}(\varphi_h) \rrbracket \cdot \langle \bar{j}_0 \mathcal{H}_m^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} (\delta \varphi_{,\gamma} \cdot \mathbf{t}_{,\delta} + \varphi_{,\gamma} \cdot \delta \mathbf{t}_{,\delta}) \varphi_{,\beta} + \bar{j} \lambda_h \tilde{\mathbf{m}}^\alpha \cdot \varphi_{,\beta} \delta \varphi_{,\beta} \rangle \nu_\alpha^- d\partial \mathcal{A}$$

- Stabilization controlled by parameter  $\beta$ , for all mesh sizes  $h^s$

$$\int_{\partial_I \mathcal{A}_h \cup \partial_T \mathcal{A}_h} \llbracket \mathbf{t}(\varphi_h) \rrbracket \cdot \varphi_{,\beta} \left\langle \frac{\beta \bar{j}_0 \mathcal{H}_m^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}}{h^s} \right\rangle \llbracket \delta \mathbf{t} \rrbracket \cdot \varphi_{,\gamma} \nu_\alpha^- \nu_\delta^- d\partial \mathcal{A}$$

# Non-linear Shells

- New weak formulation

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int_{\mathcal{A}_h} \bar{j} \bar{\mathbf{n}}^\alpha(\varphi_h) \cdot \delta \varphi_{,\alpha} d\mathcal{A} + \int_{\mathcal{A}_h} \bar{j} \bar{\mathbf{m}}^\alpha(\varphi_h) \cdot (\delta \mathbf{t} \lambda_h)_{,\alpha} d\mathcal{A} + \int_{\mathcal{A}_h} \bar{j} \bar{\mathbf{l}} \cdot \delta \mathbf{t} \lambda_h d\mathcal{A} + \\
 & \int_{\partial_I \mathcal{A}_h \cup \partial_T \mathcal{A}_h} \llbracket \mathbf{t}(\varphi_h) \rrbracket \cdot \langle \bar{j}_0 \mathcal{H}_m^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} (\delta \varphi_{,\gamma} \cdot \mathbf{t}_{,\delta} + \varphi_{,\gamma} \cdot \delta \mathbf{t}_{,\delta}) \varphi_{,\beta} + \bar{j} \lambda_h \bar{\mathbf{m}}^\alpha \cdot \varphi_{,\beta} \delta \varphi_{,\beta} \rangle \nu_\alpha^- d\partial \mathcal{A} \\
 & \int_{\partial_I \mathcal{A}_h \cup \partial_T \mathcal{A}_h} \llbracket \delta \mathbf{t} \rrbracket \cdot \langle \bar{j} \lambda_h \bar{\mathbf{m}}^\alpha \rangle \nu_\alpha^- d\partial \mathcal{A} + \int_{\partial_I \mathcal{A}_h \cup \partial_T \mathcal{A}_h} \llbracket \mathbf{t}(\varphi_h) \rrbracket \cdot \varphi_{,\beta} \left\langle \frac{\beta \bar{j}_0 \mathcal{H}_m^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}}{h^s} \right\rangle \llbracket \delta \mathbf{t} \rrbracket \cdot \varphi_{,\gamma} \nu_\alpha^- \nu_\delta^- d\partial \mathcal{A} = \\
 & \int_{\partial_N \mathcal{A}_h} \bar{j} \bar{\mathbf{n}} \cdot \delta \varphi d\mathcal{A} + \int_{\partial_M \mathcal{A}_h} \bar{j} \bar{\mathbf{m}} \cdot \delta \mathbf{t} \lambda_h d\mathcal{A} + \int_{\mathcal{A}_h} \mathbf{n}^A \cdot \delta \varphi \bar{j} d\mathcal{A} + \int_{\mathcal{A}_h} \bar{\mathbf{m}}^A \cdot \delta \mathbf{t} \lambda_h \bar{j} d\mathcal{A}
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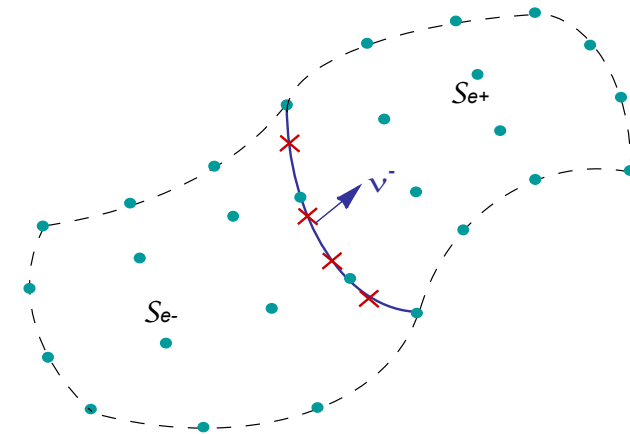
- Implementation

- Shell elements

- Membrane and bending responses
- 2x2 (4x4) Gauss points for bi-quadratic (bi-cubic) quadrangles

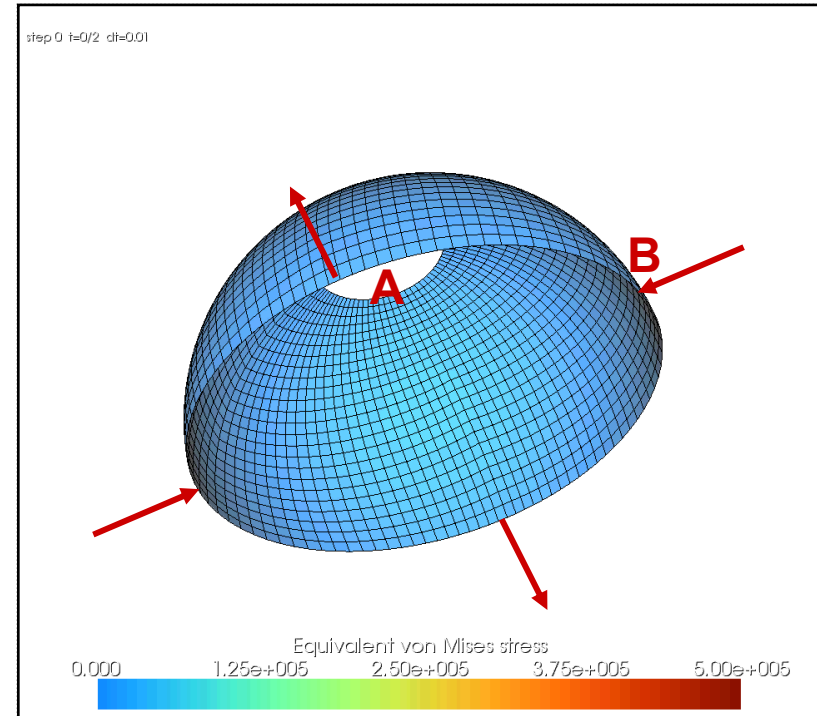
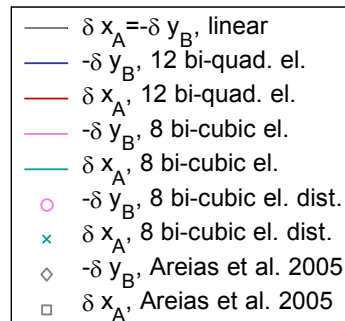
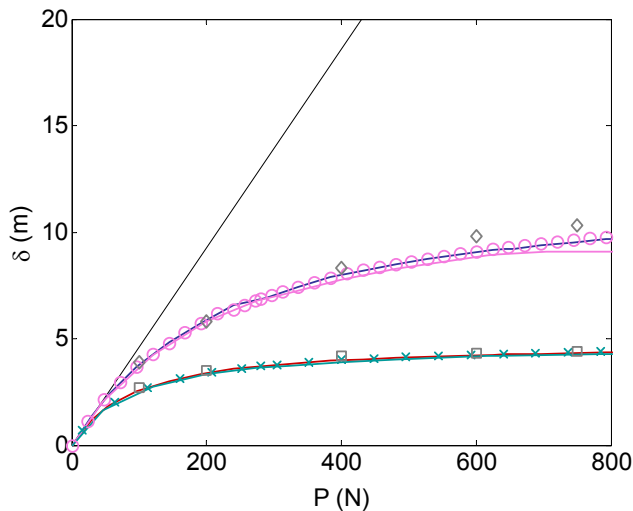
- Interface element

- 3 interface contributions
- 2 (4) Gauss points for quadratic (cubic) meshes
- Contributions of neighboring shells evaluated at these points



# Non-linear Shells

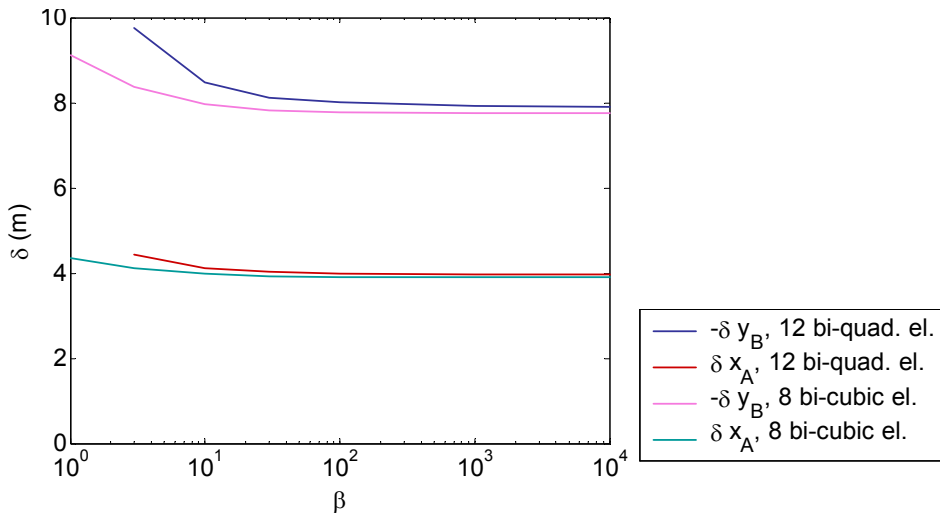
- Pinched open hemisphere
  - Properties:
    - 18° hole
    - Thickness 0.04 m; Radius 10 m
    - Young 68.25 MPa; Poisson 0.3
  - Comparison of DG method
    - Quadratic, cubic & distorted el. and literature



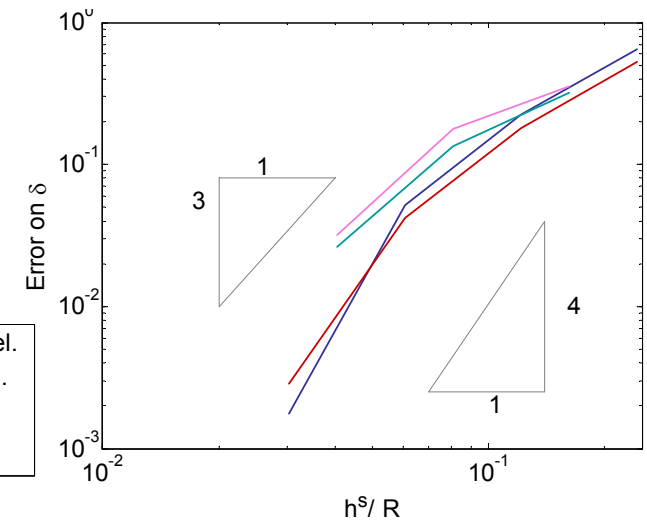
# Non-linear Shells

- Pinched open hemisphere

## Influence of the stabilization parameter



## Influence of the mesh size



- Stability if  $\beta > 10$
- Order of convergence in the  $L^2$ -norm in  $k+1$

# Non-linear Shells

- Plate ring

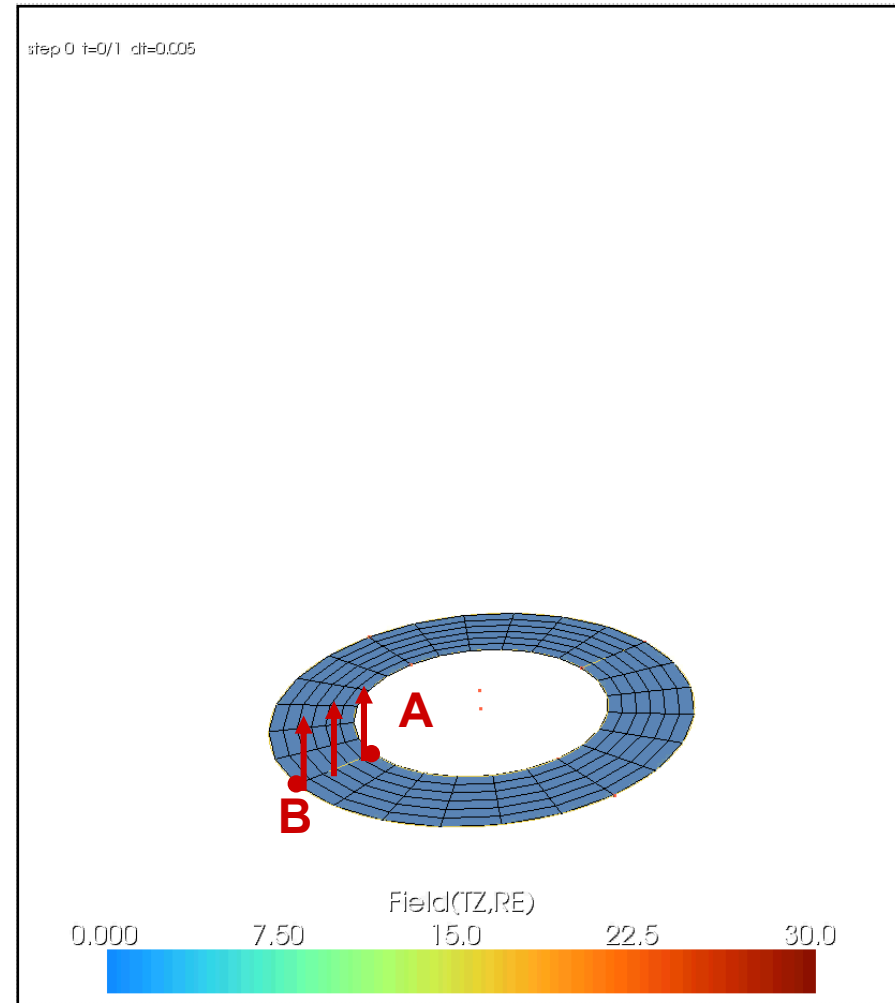
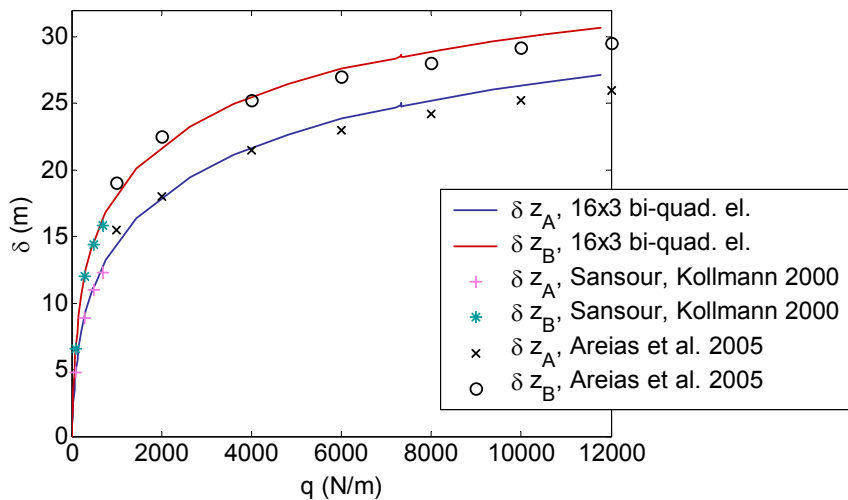
- Properties:

- Radii 6 -10 m
- Thickness 0.03 m
- Young 12 GPa; Poisson 0

- Comparison of DG method

- Quadratic elements

and literature





# Non-linear Shells

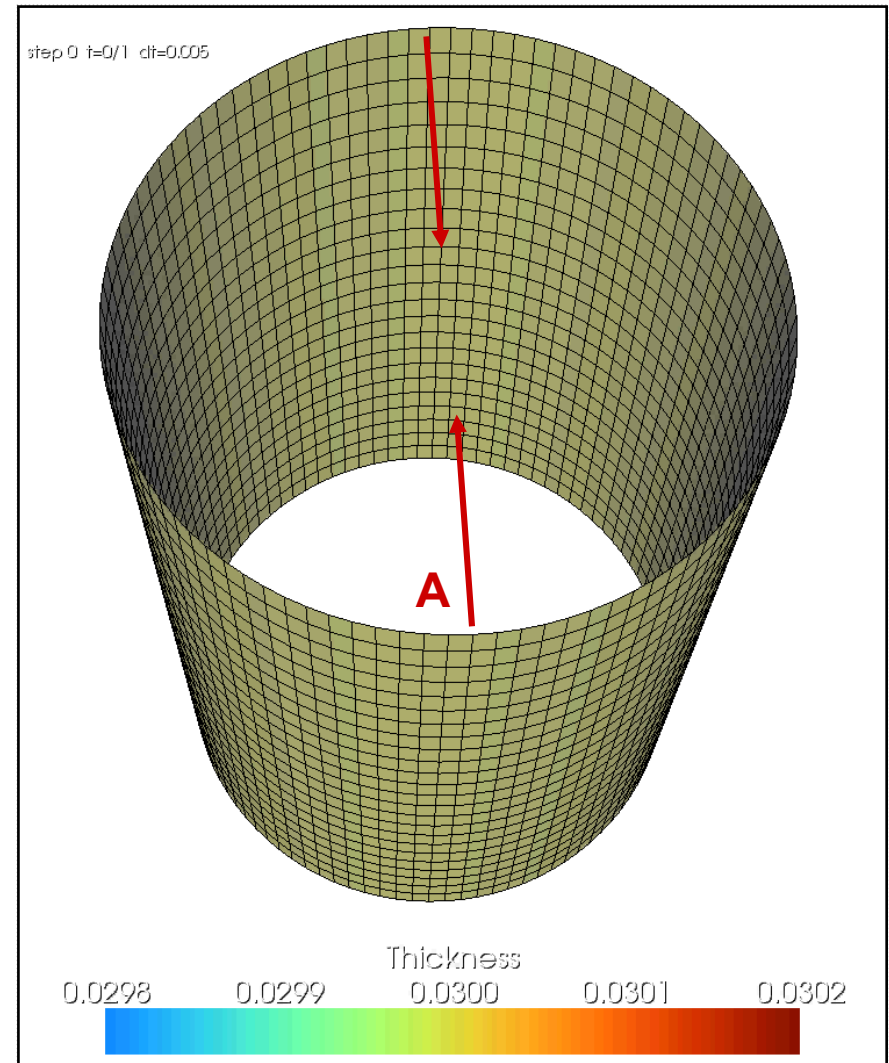
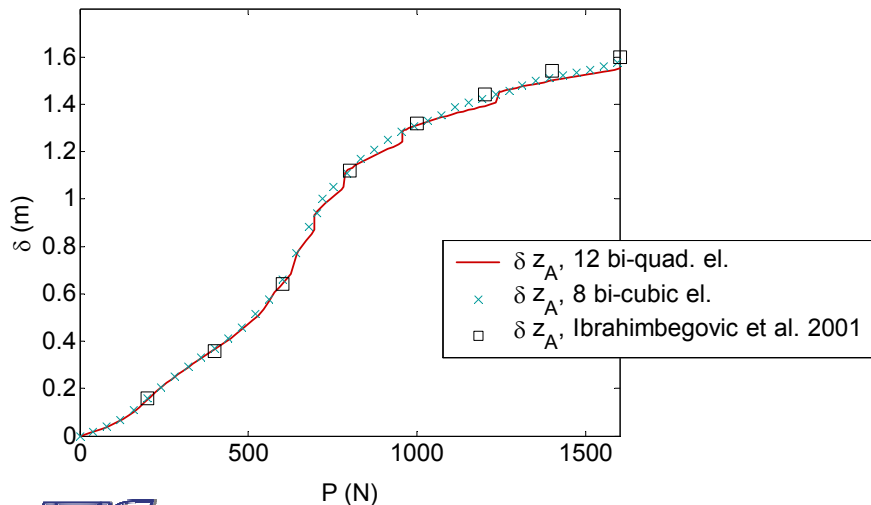
- Clamped cylinder

- Properties:

- Radius 1.016 m; Length 3.048 m; Thickness 0.03 m
    - Young 20.685 MPa; Poisson 0.3

- Comparison of DG method

- Quadratic & cubic elements and literature



# Conclusions & Perspectives

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- Development of a discontinuous Galerkin framework for non-linear Kirchhoff-Love shells
  - Displacement formulation (no additional degree of freedom)
    - Strong enforcement of  $C^0$  continuity
    - Weak enforcement of  $C^1$  continuity
  - Quadratic elements:
    - Method is stable if  $\beta \geq 10$
    - Reduced integration
  - Cubic elements:
    - Method is stable if  $\beta \geq 10$
    - Full Gauss integration
  - Convergence rate:
    - $k-1$  in the energy norm
    - $k+1$  in the L2-norm
- Perspectives: plasticity, dynamics ...