

# Recent Advances in Code Verification of Sierra Solid Mechanics and Structural Dynamics

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Sierra Verification



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# Introduction

- Objective of verification: build *credibility* in our modeling & simulation results.  
credibility – the quality or power of inspiring belief (MW Dic.)
- Oberkampf & Roy, 2010: “The fundamental elements that build credibility in computational results are:
  - (a) quality of the analysts conducting the work,
  - (b) quality of physics modeling,
  - (c) **verification** and validation activities, and
  - (d) uncertainty quantification and sensitivity analyses.”





# Introduction

- O&R: “Verification is the process of assessing software correctness and numerical accuracy of the solution to a given mathematical model.”
  - ↑ solution verification
- Validation is the process of assessing the physical accuracy of a mathematical model based on comparisons between computational results and experimental data.”
- Why is verification important for the analysts?
  - Increased confidence in the results – analysts and customers
  - Code is assumed to be verified when:
    - Calibrating models
    - Validating models
    - Quantifying uncertainty of models
    - Performing any type of certification work





# Verification Activities

## Elements of Software Quality

- Automated
- Flexible
- Cross-platform
- Continuous and nightly



- Performance at scale
- Memory and cpu time use
- Representative models
- Automated, repeatable

- Static Analysis
- Coverage Analysis

- Version Control
- Code Reviews/Pair Programming
- Unit, Integration and System Testing
- Requirements
- Project Management
- Training
- etc





# Verification Strategy

- Sierra categories of verification problems (“simple to complex”)
  1. *Sanity*
  2. *Symmetry*
  3. *Conservation*
  4. *Code-to-code comparison*
  5. *Discretization error* – compares 1 simulation to 1 analytical solution
  6. *Convergence* – examines convergence behavior, but < EQ test
    - Inexact reference solution (e.g., analytical solution based upon LE)
    - Asymptotic analysis of rate
    - Richardson extrapolation to obtain higher order approximation
  7. *Error quantification* – examines convergence rate with exact analytical solution
    - Preferred by the verification community because of its ability to reveal errors in the application code.



# Regression Test Results

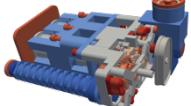
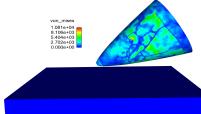
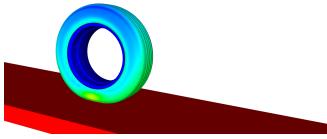
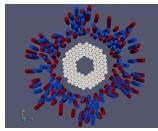
Software verification depends critically on a solid regression test suite.

Multiple platforms, multiple compilers, unit, integration and system level tests.

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chama-login8	master-intel-12.1-release-openmpi-1.6-mkl		0	6	0	1
sierra101	master-intel-12.1-release-openmpi-1.6-mkl		0	6	0	0
Production - TLCC						
Site	Build Name	Update	Build		Test	
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Production - Cielo						
Site	Build Name	Update	Build		Test	
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mzlogin01e	master-intel-12.1.xe6-release-vendor		0	0	0	22 <sup>-22</sup>
Production - Sequoia						
Site	Build Name	Update	Build		Test	
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Production - SRN Desktop						
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Production - SCN Desktop (RH5)						
Site	Build Name	Update	Build		Test	
		Files	Error	Warn	NotRun/Skipped	Fail
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Production - Training						
Site	Build Name	Update	Build		Test	
		Files	Error	Warn	NotRun/Skipped	Fail
macsierra01	master-darwin-4.7.macports-release-openmpi-1.6.4	332	0	0	0	1
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Site	Build Name	Update	Build		Test	
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# Performance Test Suite

Problem	Machine (# Proc)	Original 4.28 (seconds)	VOTD 4.33.2 (seconds)	VOTD 4.33.4 (seconds)	Speedup (total)
Crush 	Chama (32)	4535	883	844	<b>5.37x</b>
Shock of electronics 	Chama (32)	1449	616	689	<b>2.10x</b>
impact 	Chama(32)	7634	3480	3574	<b>2.14x</b>
Tire Rolling 	Chama(16)	3928	1082	1085	<b>3.62x</b>
crush	Chama(32)	1027	460	499	<b>2.06x</b>
Coupled impulse 	Chama(64)	141266	18182	18234	<b>7.75x</b>

# Verification Assessment

Feature Coverage Tool (FCT) – an automated tool for determining the coverage of our verification test suite (VERT) with respect to analysis capabilities

- Developers apply to assess testing gaps
- Analysts apply to assess test coverage of capabilities applied in an analysis
- b-version has weaknesses
  - false positives & negatives
  - no verification test type
  - does not know intent of test

Solid Mechanics VOTD - verification tests (subset of adagio_rtest presto_r...		
<a href="#">/ Commands</a> / <a href="#">Begin Sierra &lt;jobIdentifier&gt;</a> / <a href="#">Begin Function &lt;functionname&gt;</a>		
Coverage	Command	Tests
68.6%	<a href="#">+ Begin Definition For Function &lt;functionname&gt;</a>	81
0%	<a href="#">+ Begin Developer Spring Support Section &lt;spring_...</a>	0
11.1%	<a href="#">+ Begin Feti Equation Solver &lt;solver name&gt;</a>	42
36.7%	<a href="#">+ Begin Finite Element Model &lt;label&gt;</a>	333
75%	<a href="#">- Begin Function &lt;functionname&gt;</a>	246
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100%	<a href="#">- {SELECTIVE_DEVIATORIC}</a>	2
100%	<a href="#">- {FULLY_INTEGRATED}</a>	5
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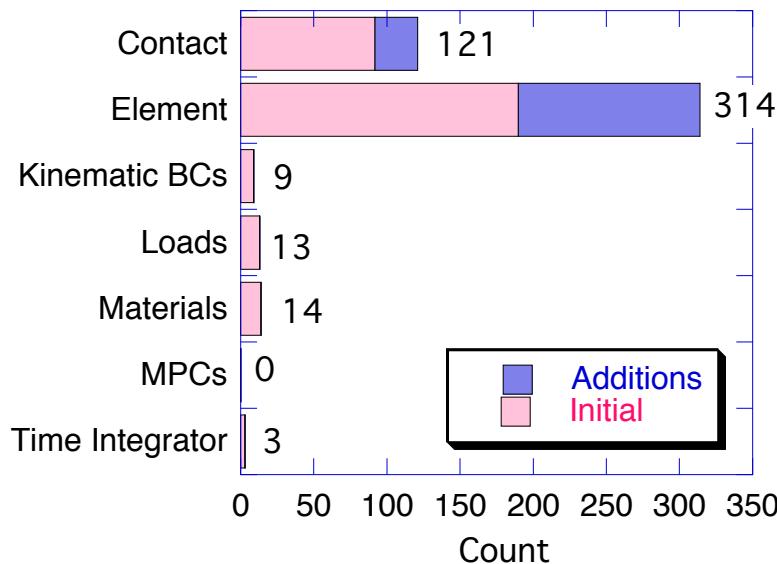
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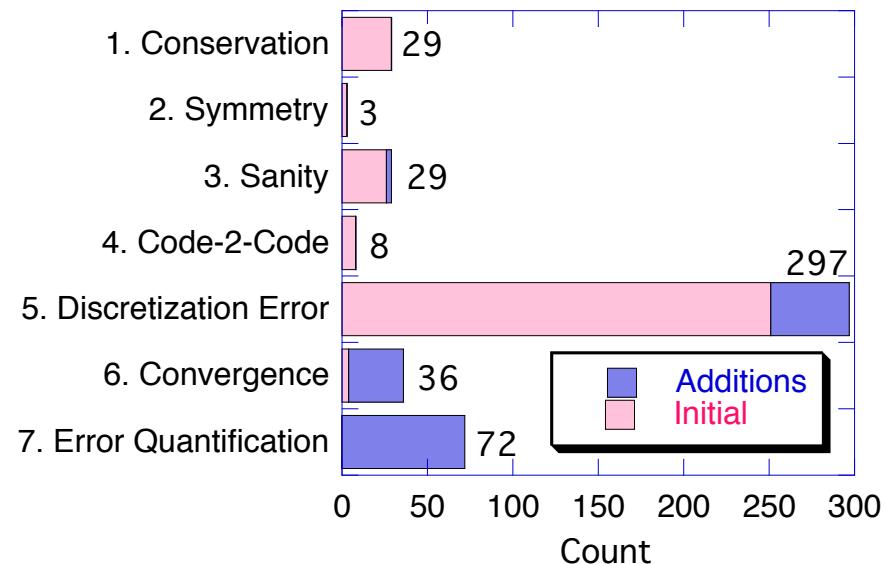
# Verification Assessment

## Solid Mechanics – Sierra/SM

- Verification tests  
by capability



- by test type



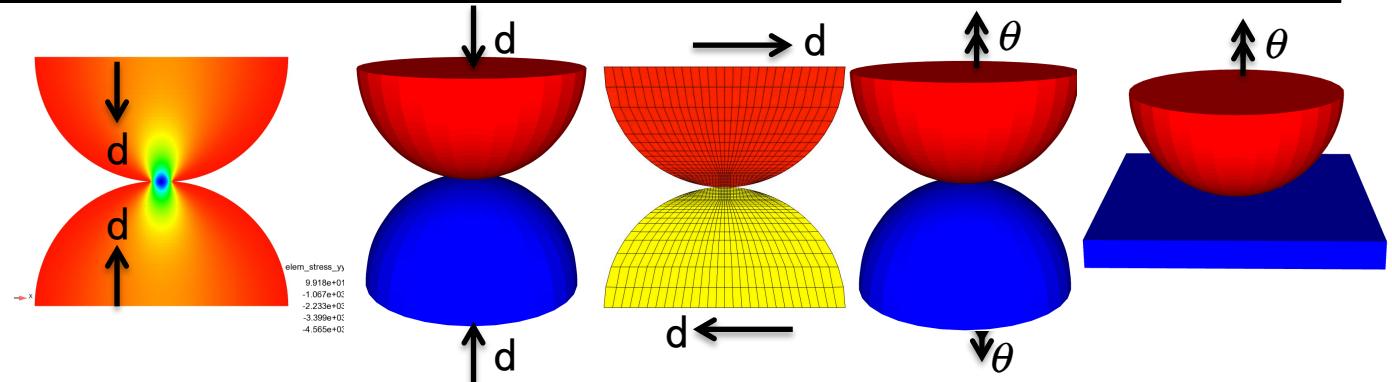
- Coverage additions include:
  - Contact convergence tests
  - Element linear elastic and finite deformation patch tests
  - Element finite deformation, error quantification tests
  - Element convergence tests (solid cantilever beam)

# Verification

## Progress on Contact Convergence Tests

- ~ work by Ben R.
- ~ work in progress
- ~ in v-manual as 2<sup>nd</sup> results
- ~ in v-manual

Problem	Hertz	Hertz	Hertz	Mindlin	Mindlin	Lubkin	Lubkin
Geometry	cyl-cyl	cyl-cyl	sph-sph	cyl-cyl	cyl-cyl	sph-sph	sph-pl
Time Dep.	QS	QS	QS	QS	QS	QS	QS
Deform.	LE	LE	LE	LE	LE	LE	LE
Load/case	U	U	U	U	T	U	U
Material	Elas	Neo	Elas	Elas	Elas/Neo	Elas	Elas
Contact	El. Topo.	Int. & $\epsilon$ inc					
Node-face	Hex 8	mq so	green	green	green	green	green
		full so	green	light green	green	light blue	green
face-face		mq so	green	light green	green	light blue	green
		full so	green	light green	green	light blue	blue



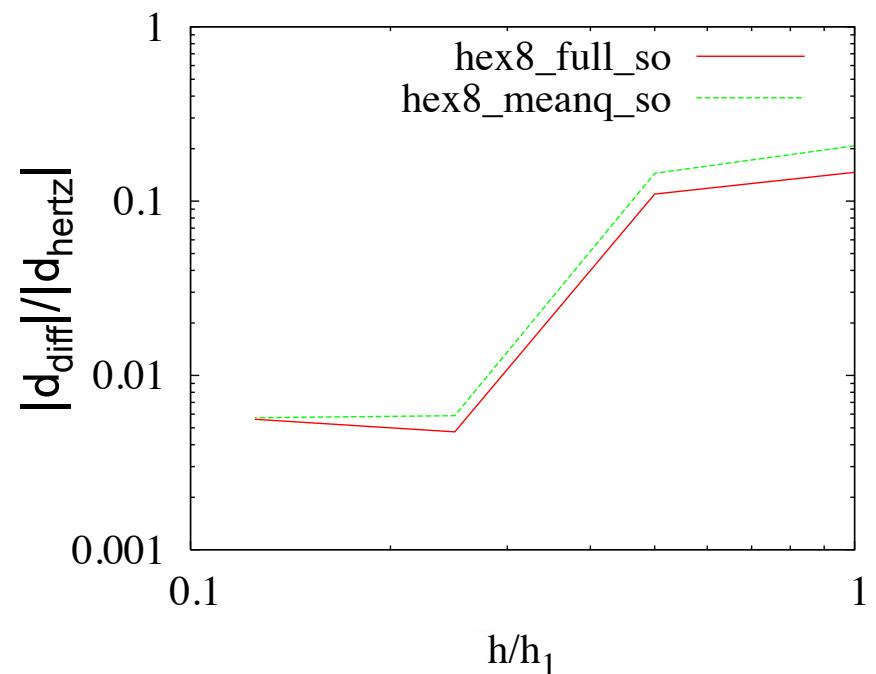
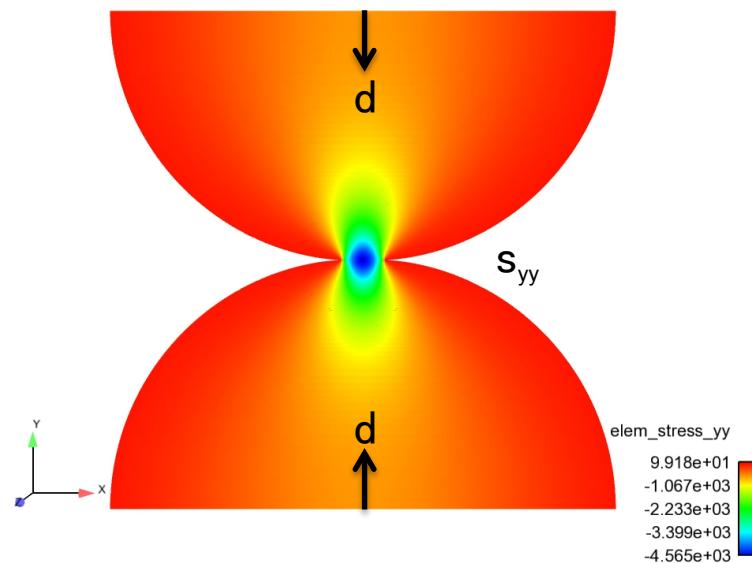
- All tests gave differences with the inexact analytical solutions  $\leq 3\%$
- Resorted to asymptotic analysis to estimate rates of convergence.
- Observed convergence rates were better without friction



# Contact Convergence Tests

## Hertz cylinder-cylinder

- A first step in contact convergence testing
- Initial comparison with Hertz solution
- Inexact reference solution -> non-monotonic convergence to a constant difference



# Contact Convergence Tests

- Cylinder-cylinder contact

- Addition of asymptotic analysis

FEM solutions      Using Hertz for reference solution

$$\{f_{h_i}\}_{i=1}^5 \longrightarrow f_{diff_i} = f_{h_i} - f_{hertz} \longrightarrow$$

Using power series form

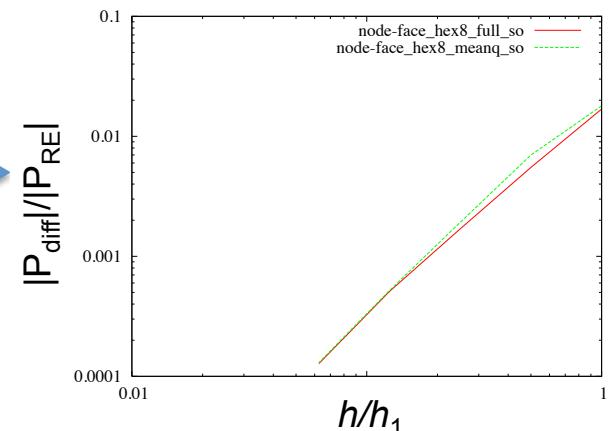
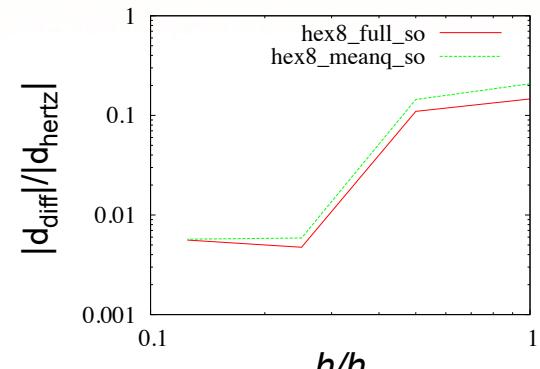
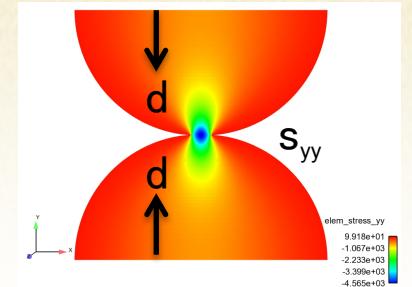
$$f_{h_i} = f_{exact} + ch^p + O(h^{p+1})$$

Assume  $\{f_{h_i}\}$  in asymptotic range

$$f_{h_i} = \tilde{f}_{exact} + ch^p$$

Using sets of 3 meshes  
solve for  $p$ ,  $c$ , and  $\tilde{f}_{exact}$

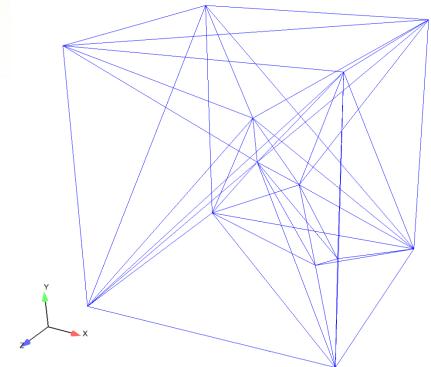
meanq\_so:  $p \sim 1.11, 1.86, 1.84$   
full\_so:  $p \sim 1.57, 1.69, 1.62$



# Finite Deformation Patch Tests

*Example of secondary benefits of verification*

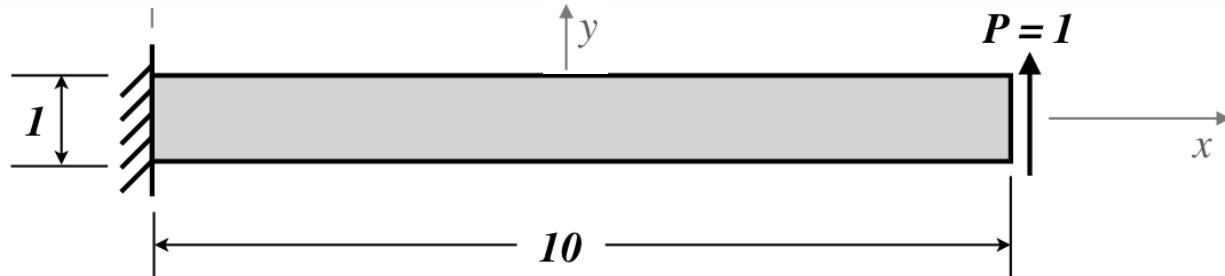
- Finite Deformation tests address  $O(1\%)$  and  $O(100\%)$  strains
- Quasistatic with displacement boundary conditions
- Exact solutions calculated for hypo- and hyper-elasticity
- Relative accuracy should “approach” the machine epsilon
- All hex and tet elements had relative errors  $\leq O(10^{-12})$  except 1 – the composite Tet10
- Investigation -> culprit was a legacy single precision mesh combined with an element sensitivity to mid-edge node position.
- Gradient calculation was analytical and assumed mid-edge nodes were exactly at middle of straight edges.
- Use cases of concern:
  - geometry conformal meshing – mid-edge node conforming to curved surface
  - graded meshing – with graded mid-edge placement)



# Slender Cantilever Beam Problem

Example of a weaker element convergence test

## Geometry & Boundary Conditions



## Material

Homogeneous and isotropic elastic

Young's modulus = 1E6

Poisson's ratio = 0.3

Consistent units assumed

## Initial Conditions

Zero displacements, strains, and stresses

## Conceptual & Mathematical Model Assumptions

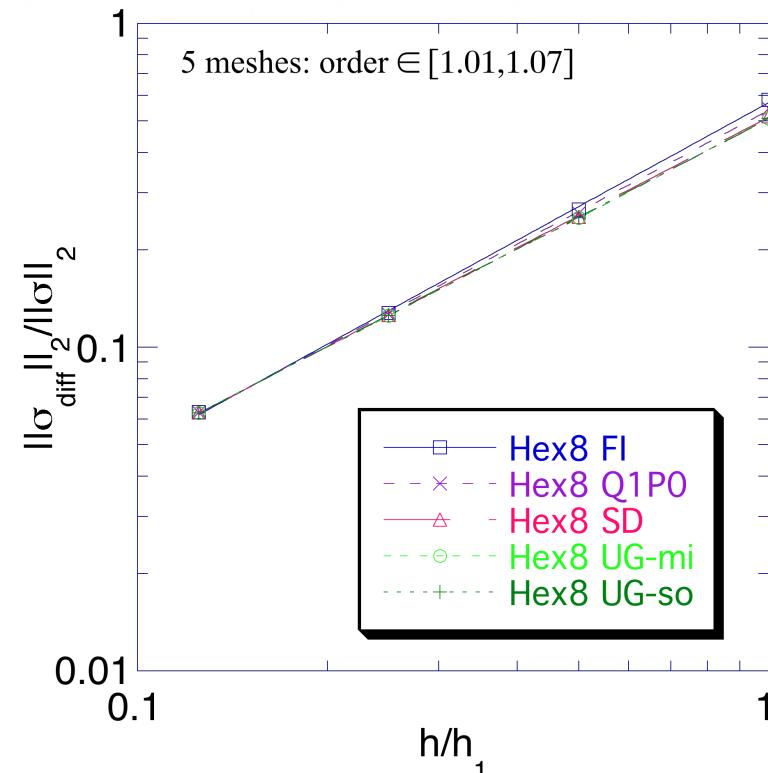
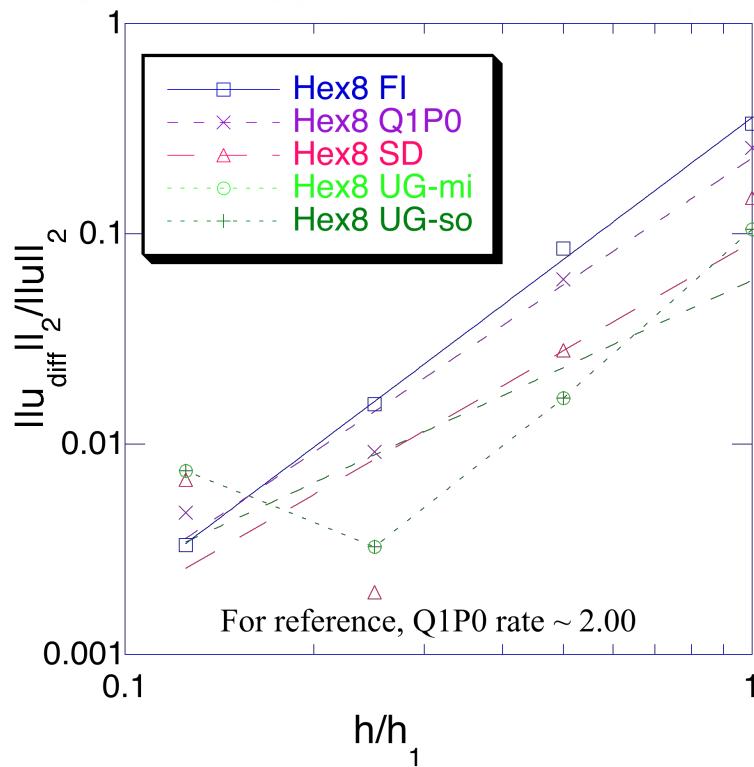
Static analysis

Linear behavior

Reference solution based upon Euler-Bernoulli beam theory

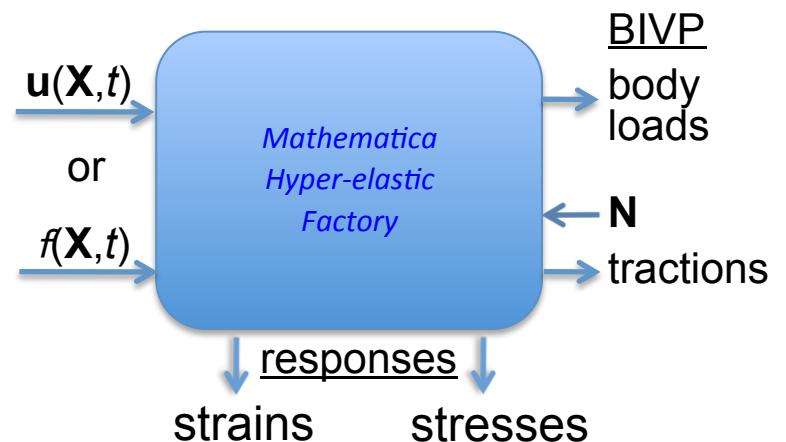
# Slender Cantilever Beam Problem

- convergence results for 5 hex element types
- Meshes: cube elements with 2, 4, 8, and 16 through depth



# Error Quantification Testing Efforts

- Manufactured solution motivations
  - Limit of inexact reference solution studies
  - Finite deformation (FD)
  - Contact with larger contact areas
  - Contact with FD
  - V&V community considers “error quantification” tests the most rigorous
- Manufacturing Scope
  - Quasistatics or dynamics
  - Currently limited to hyper-elasticity and hypo-elasticity
  - Displacement and/or traction BCs

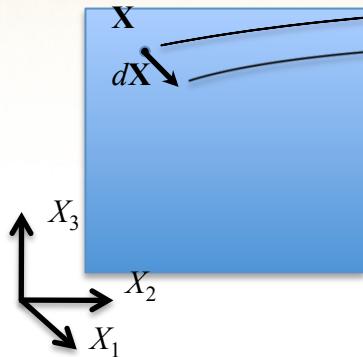


2<sup>nd</sup> implementation in `stk_mms`

# Mathematica Hyperelastic Factory

Initial Configuration  
(Material)

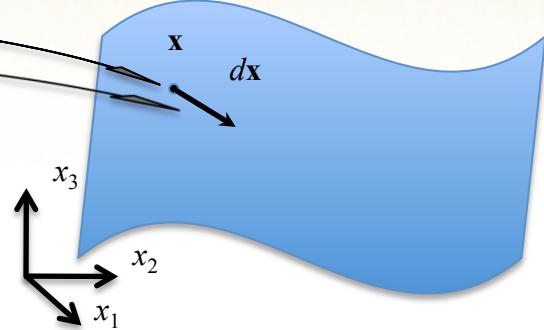
$$\mathbf{x} = f(\mathbf{X}, t)$$



$$d\mathbf{x} = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \mathbf{X}} d\mathbf{X} \equiv \mathbf{F} d\mathbf{X}$$

$$\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{X}$$

Current Configuration  
(Spatial)



Right Cauchy-Green Deformation Tensor

$$\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{F}^T \mathbf{F}$$

$$d\mathbf{x}_1 \cdot d\mathbf{x}_2 = d\mathbf{X}_1 \cdot \mathbf{C} d\mathbf{X}_2$$

Lagrangian or Green strain Tensor

$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{C} - \mathbf{I})$$

$$\frac{1}{2}(d\mathbf{x}_1 \cdot d\mathbf{x}_2 - d\mathbf{X}_1 \cdot d\mathbf{X}_2) = d\mathbf{X}_1 \cdot \mathbf{E} d\mathbf{X}_2$$

2<sup>nd</sup> Piola-Kirchoff Stress via a hyperelastic constitutive model

Isotropic material examples

$$\mathbf{S}(\mathbf{C}) = 2 \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial \mathbf{C}}$$

$$\mathbf{S} = \lambda \left( \ln \left( III_c^{1/2} \right) \right) \mathbf{C}^{-1} + \mu \left( \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{C}^{-1} \right)$$

Compressible Neo-Hookean material

$$\mathbf{S}(\mathbf{E}) = 2 \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial \mathbf{E}}$$

$$\mathbf{S} = \lambda (tr \mathbf{E}) \mathbf{I} + 2\mu \mathbf{E}$$

St. Venant-Kirchhoff material

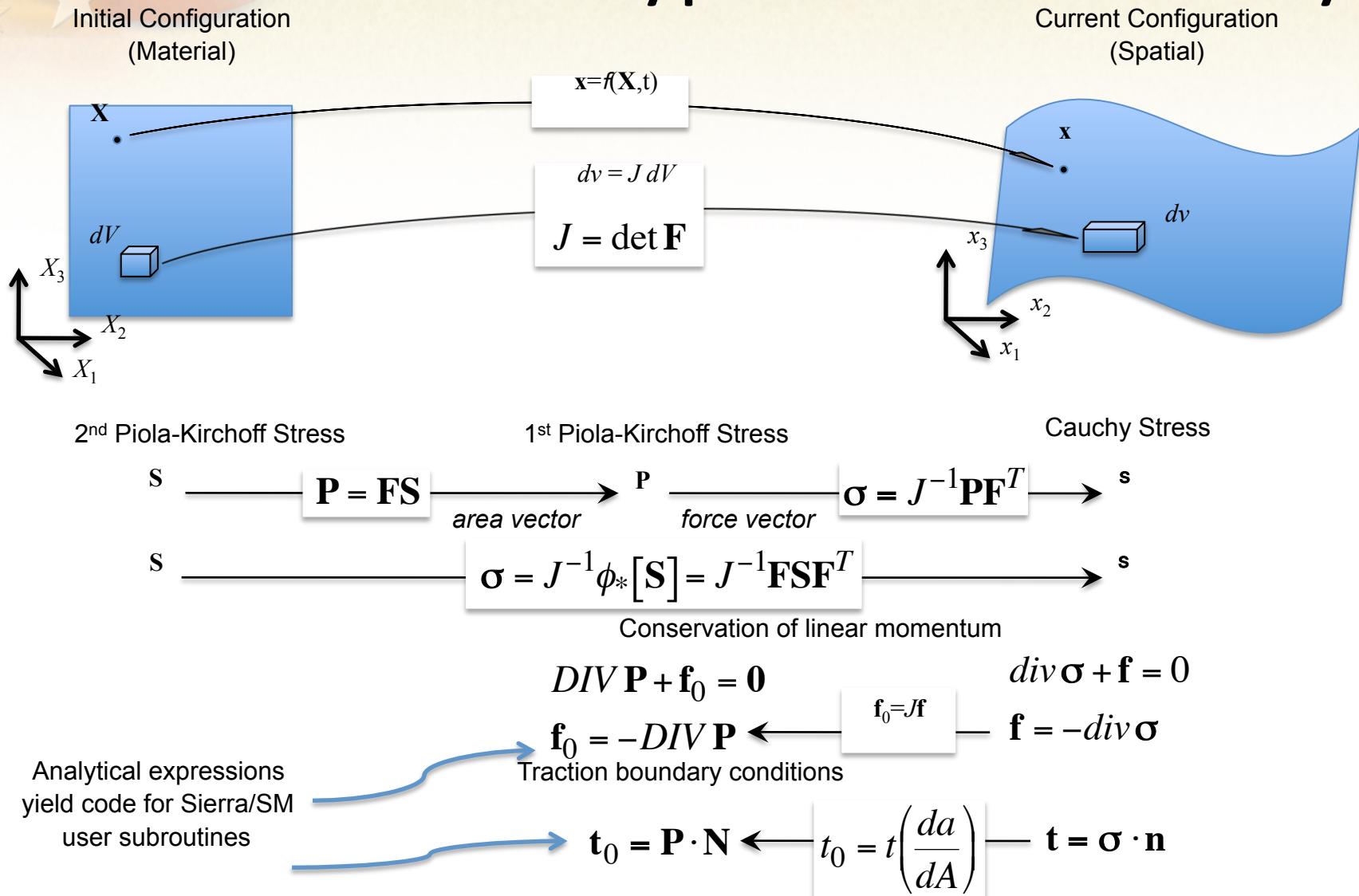


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# Error Quantification Verification Efforts

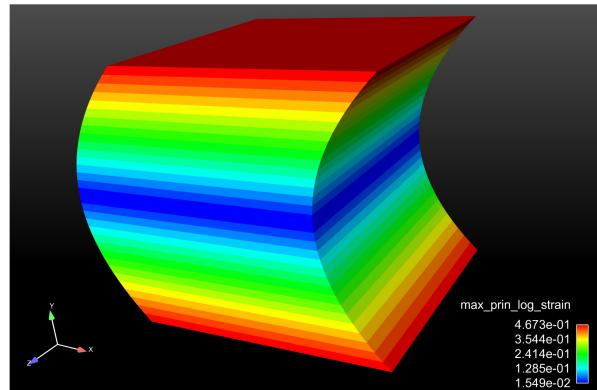
## Initial Adagio Test

- $\mathbf{u}$  2<sup>nd</sup> order (patch tests + 1)
- 30 constants  $\rightarrow$  3 (test poly\_2a)

$$u_x = aY^2, \quad u_y = bZ^2, \quad u_z = cX^2$$

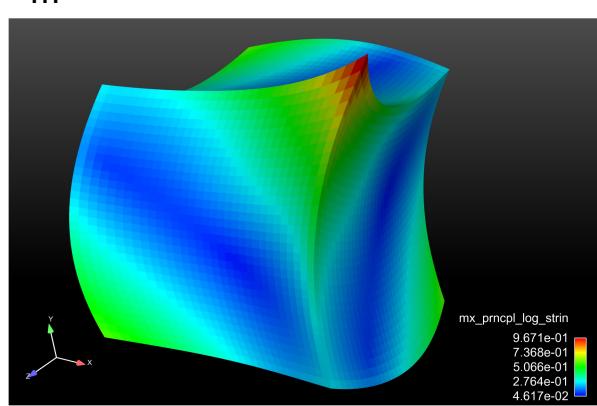
## Test 2a1

$$a \neq 0$$



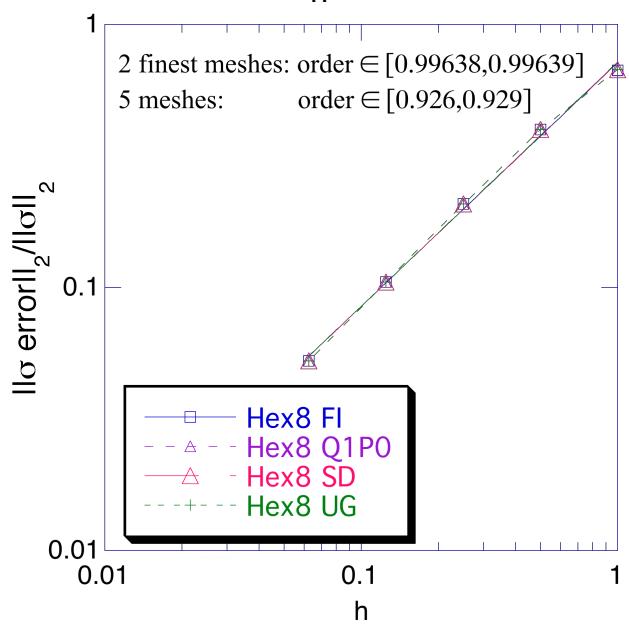
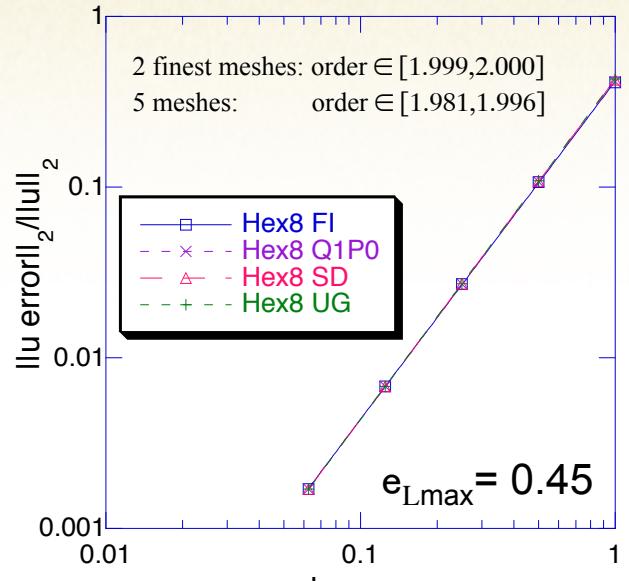
## Test 2a2

$$a, b \neq 0$$



## Test 2a3

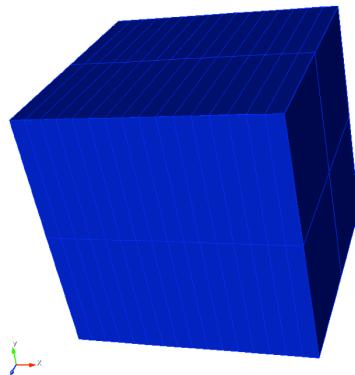
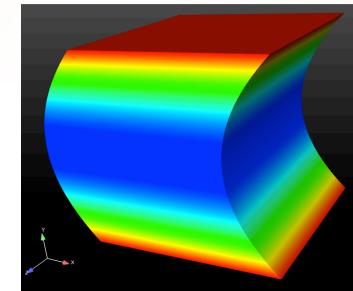
$$a, b, c \neq 0$$



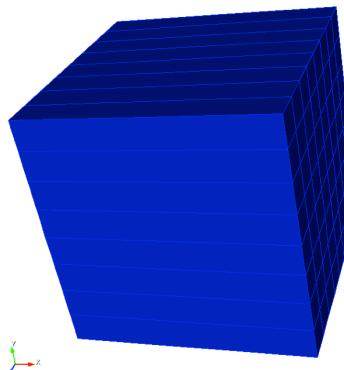
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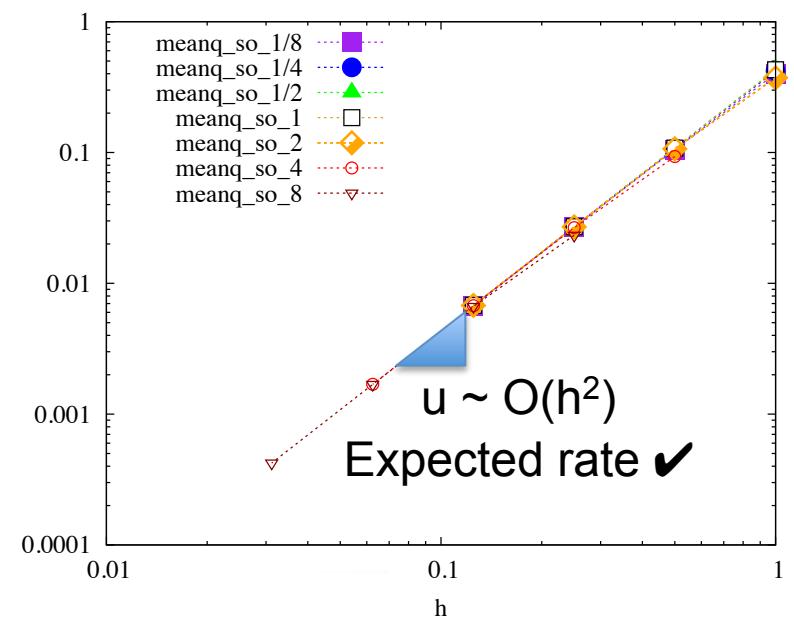
- Motivated by issue with an impact problem  
Analyses with different aspect ratios gave different results in a limited mesh convergence study.
- Three aspect ratio test groups added, each had:  
4 Hex8 elements  $\times$  7 aspect ratios  $\times$  4 meshes  
 $= 112$  analyses



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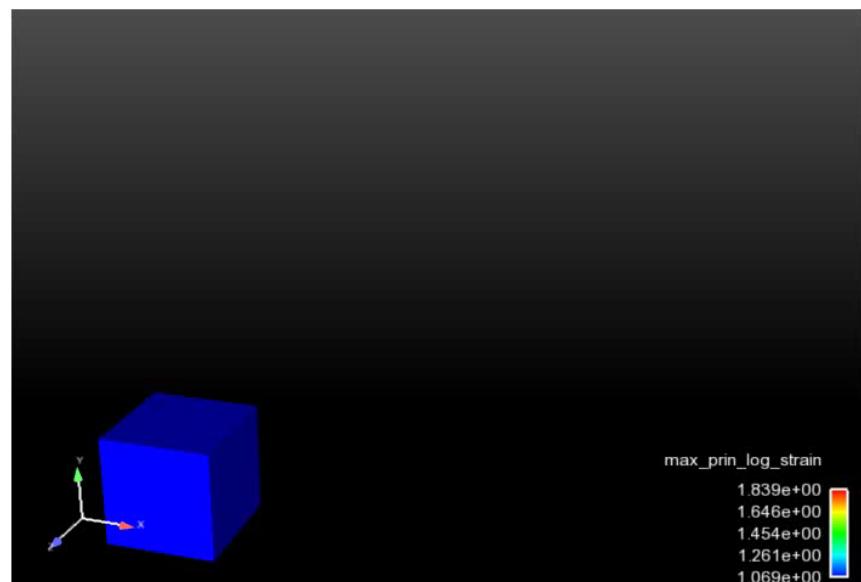
$$\|U_{\text{error}}\|_2 / \|U_{\text{analytic}}\|_2$$



# Sierra/SM Verification

- Aspect ratio tests continued
  - Previous case limited to non-zero gradient in one direction
  - Combine a deformation and rigid body rotation
  - Two test cases  $O(2\%)$  and  $O(200\%)$  logarithmic strains
  - Deformation mapping yields a quadratic displacement field as:  
$$u_i = atr^2 \quad \text{where } a \sim \text{arbitrary scale constant, } t \sim \text{time, and } r \sim \text{radius to origin}$$
  - Rotation 60 degrees about a cube diagonal

O(2%) Deformation case



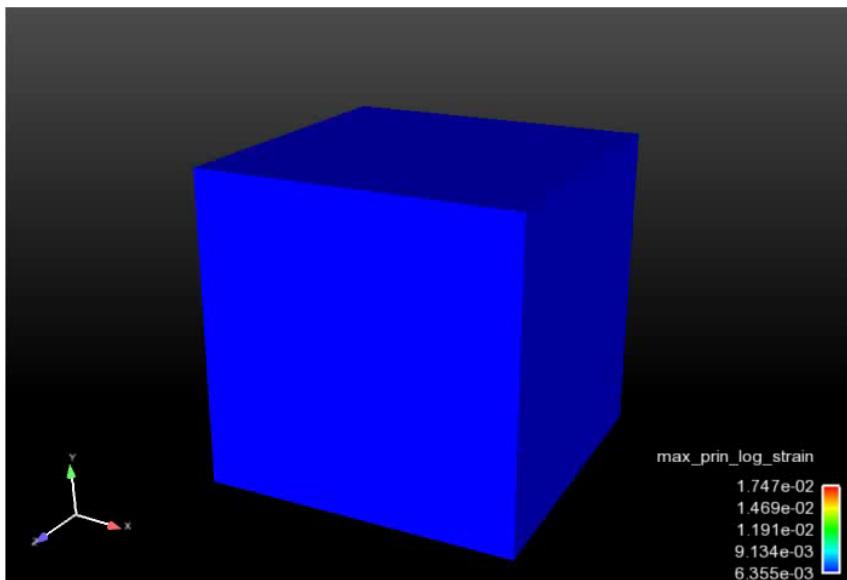
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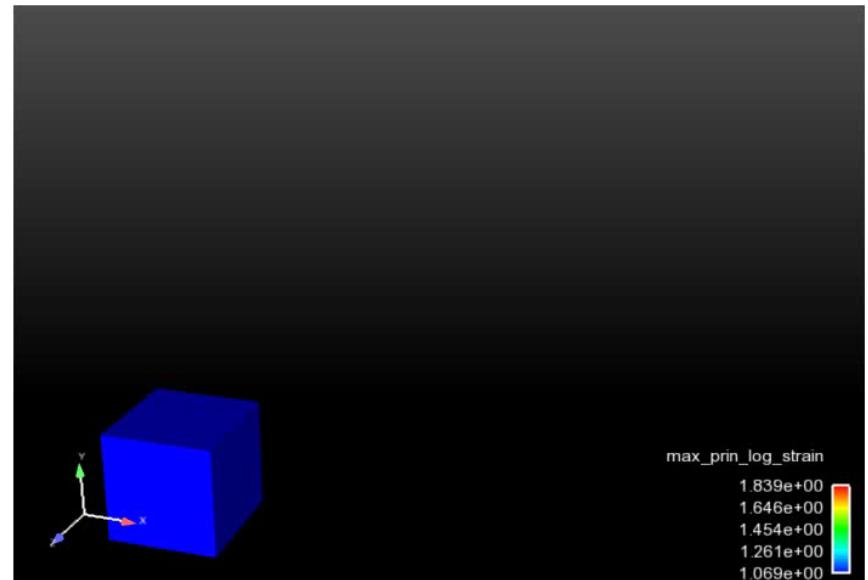
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$O(2\%)$  Deformation case



$O(200\%)$  Deformation case



# *On-going work*

- *Convergence testing using classical solutions*
  - ◆ *Temporal integration testing*
- *Convergence testing using manufactured solutions*
  - ◆ *Application to contact*
  - ◆ *Application to problems with hypoelastic material models*
    - *the plot thickens with constitutive relationships having an incremental form and given in terms of rate of deformation tensor and objective stress rates –*
  - ◆ *Application to more complex material models?*
  - ◆ *Application to solid dynamics*



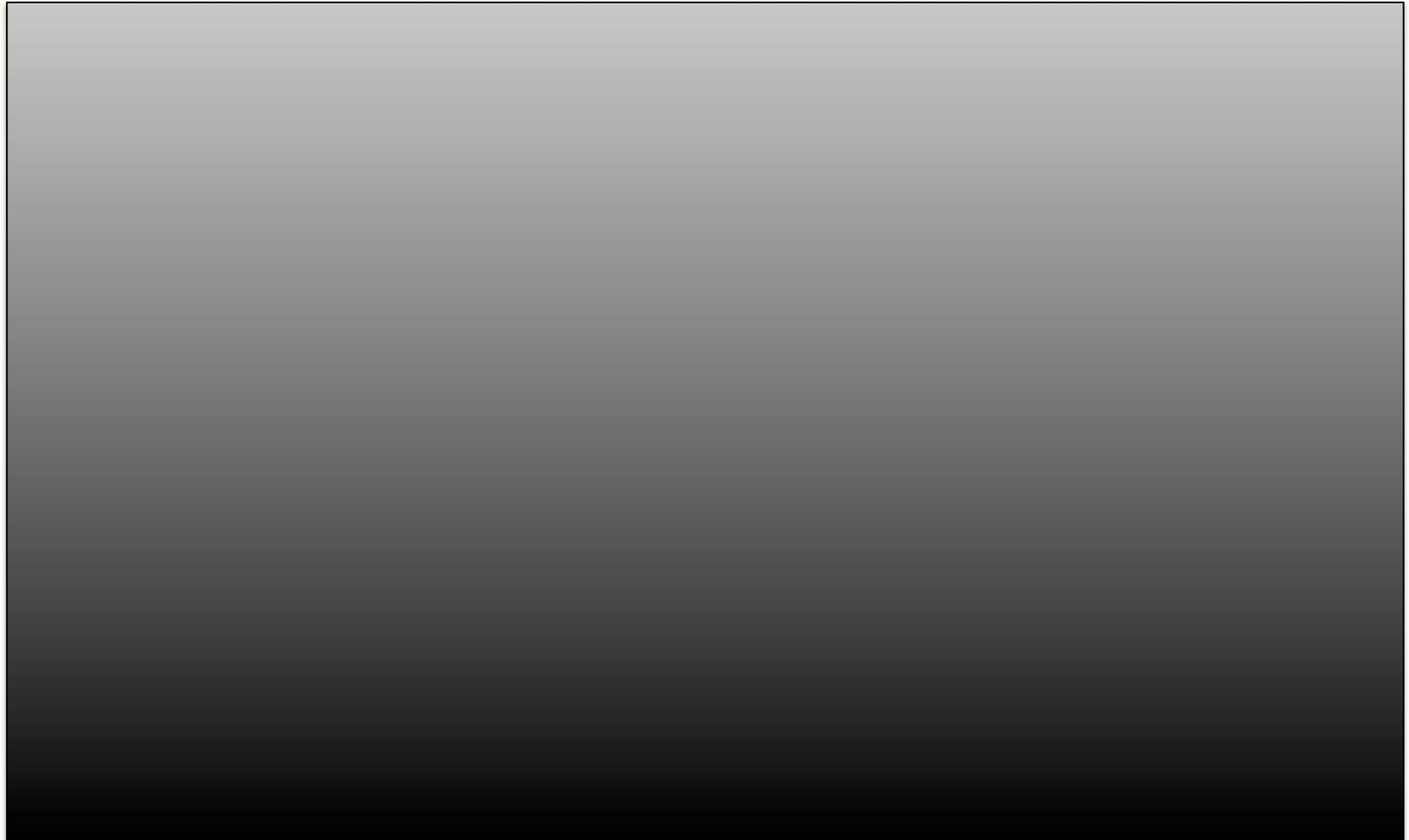
## *Closing comments*

- ❑ *Original test suite:*
  - *lots of discretization error tests (subset in the manual)*
  - *Lacked needed “convergence tests” and adequate coverage*
- ❑ *We have recently added 150+ tests*
- ❑ *More importantly we have addressed some key gaps with respect to “convergence tests” and capabilities*
- ❑ *Issues identified have been revised in code*
- ❑ *Recent tests => good code quality, but there are gaps in the evidence*
- ❑ *On-going verification work needs to address coverage needs from FCT and basic capabilities*





# *Extra/Unused Sprint Slides Follow...*



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# Introduction

## ■ *Background*

- $L_2$ -norm (our measure of size)

$$\|u_{approx} - u_{exact}\|_2 = \left\{ \int_{\Omega} [u_{approx}(x) - u_{exact}(x)]^2 d\Omega \right\}^{1/2}$$

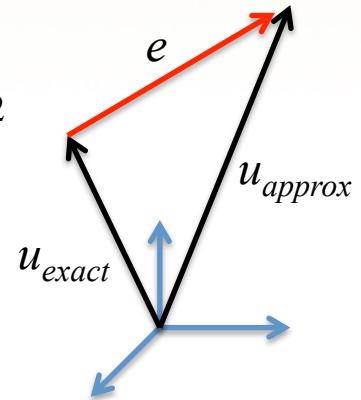
- Convergence rate

- by theory or assumption we express the error in power form as:

$$\|e_h\| = \|u_h - u_{exact}\| = ch^p + O(h^{p+1})$$

where  $h \sim$  measure of element size (or time step),

$u_h \sim$  approximate solution for element size  $h$





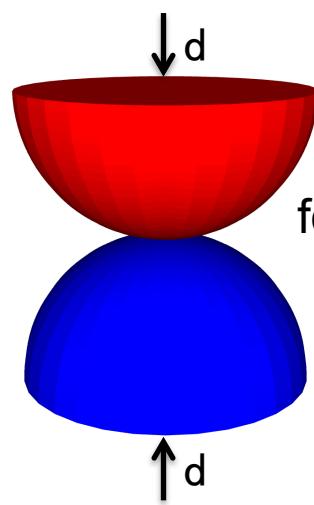
# Introduction

- *Background continued*
  - *Observed rate of convergence (or order of accuracy)*
    - *We seek numerical results in the asymptotic range, i.e., where  $O(h^{p+1})$  term can be neglected giving*
$$\|e_h\| \approx ch^p$$
*taking the log of both sides gives*
$$\log(\|e_h\|) \approx \log(c) + p \log(h)$$
*slope on log-log plot yields observed rate of convergence*
- *Expected convergence rates for 8-noded hex elements*
  - *Displacements:  $p=2 \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}$  mesh refinement gives  $\frac{1}{4}$  error*
  - *Stresses:  $p=1 \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}$  mesh refinement gives  $\frac{1}{2}$  error*

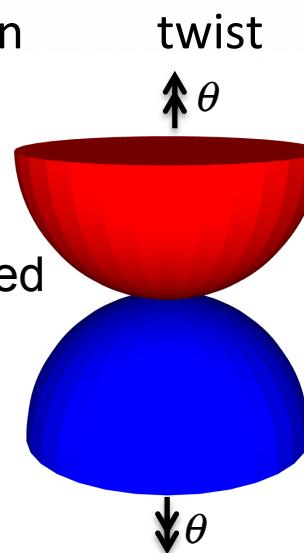
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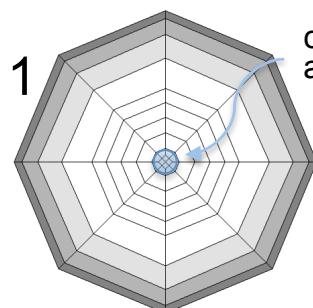
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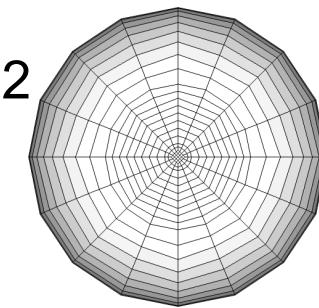
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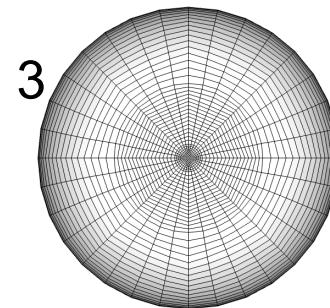
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contact area

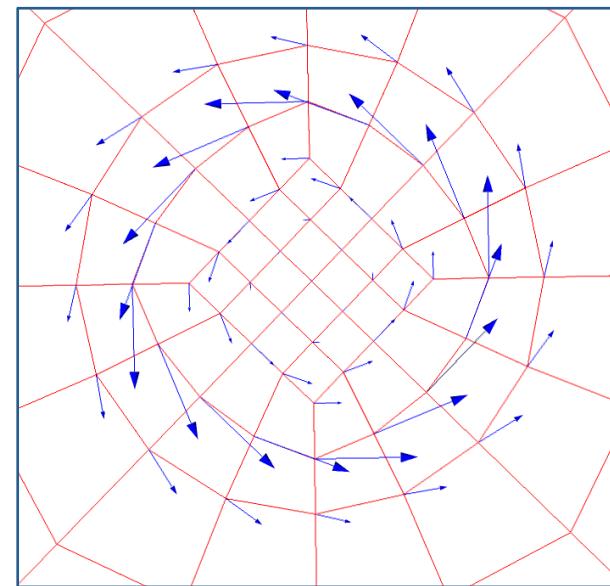


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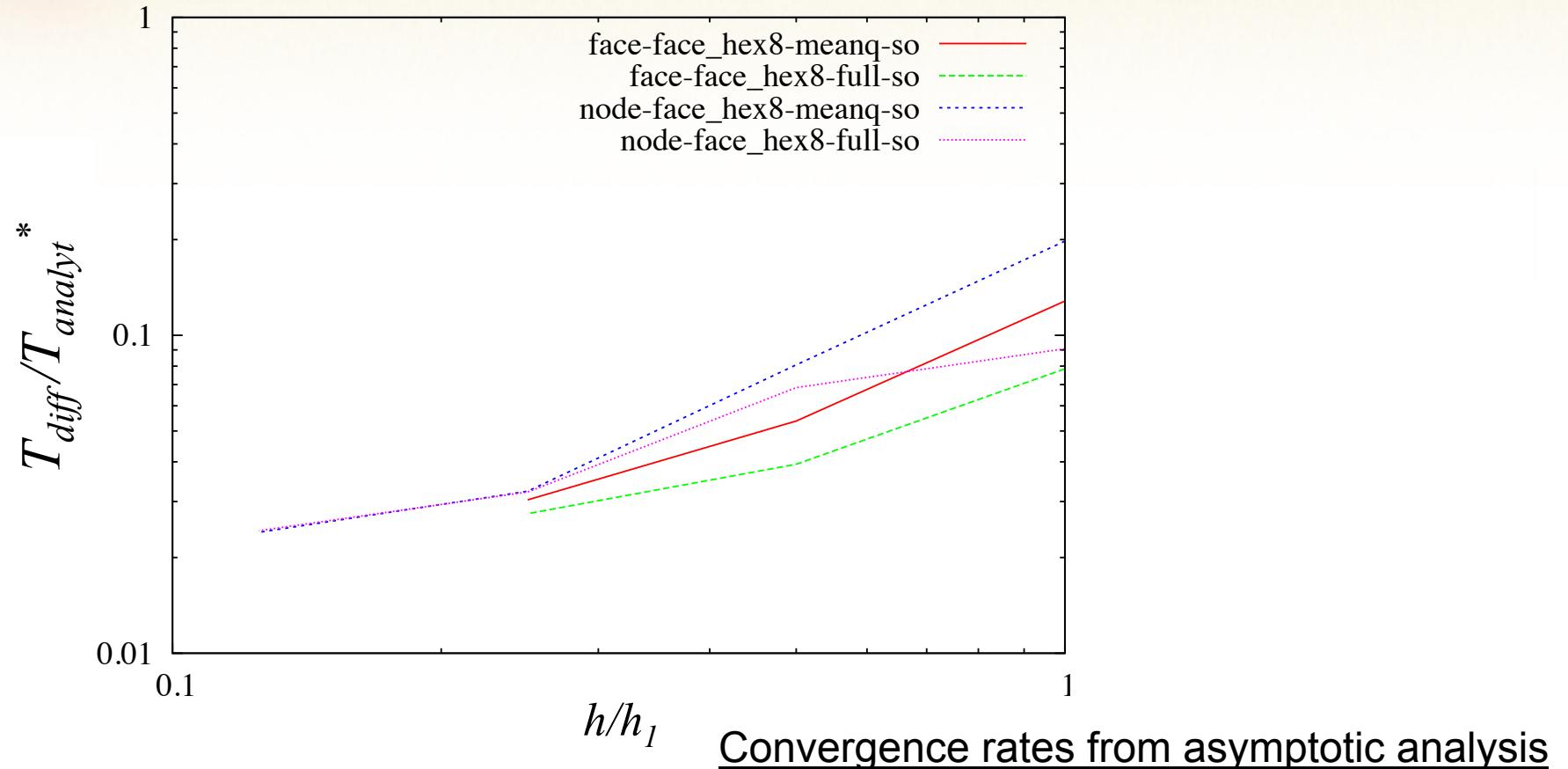
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Nodal contact forces  
Mesh 2



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\* Approximate analytical solution from:  
Segalman, Starr, and Heinstein (2005)

	Meanq-so	Full
face/face	1.68, 1.84	3.16, 2.02
node/face	1.37, 2.36	4.80, 0.27