

# Embedded and high-order meshes : two alternatives to linear body-fitted meshes

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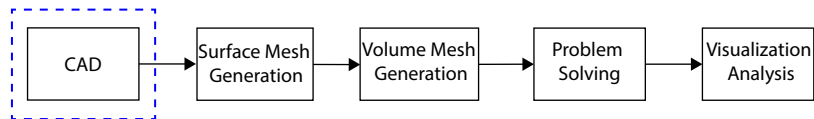
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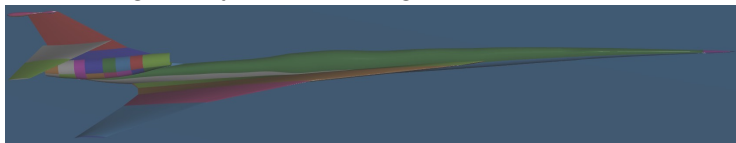
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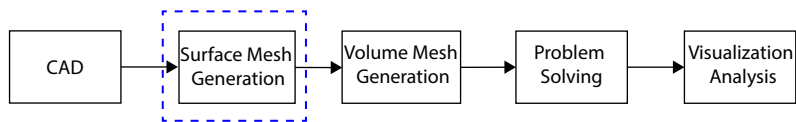


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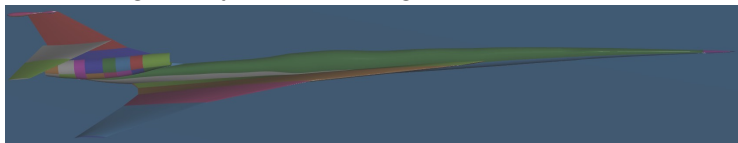


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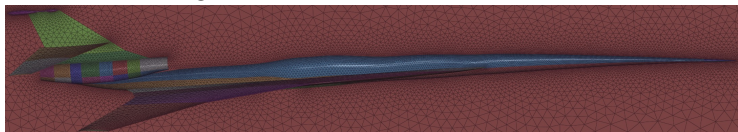
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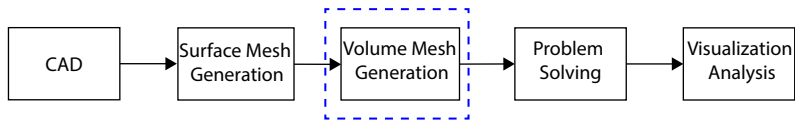


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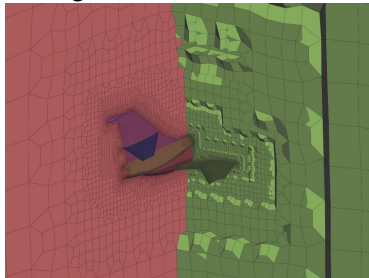
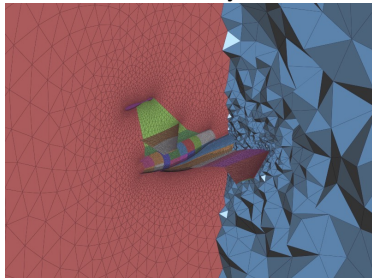


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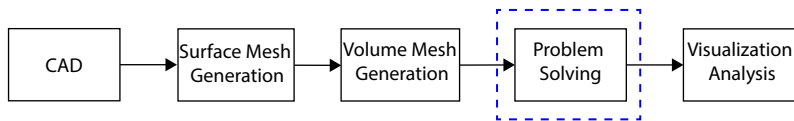


- The surface mesh may be used as input to generate a volume mesh

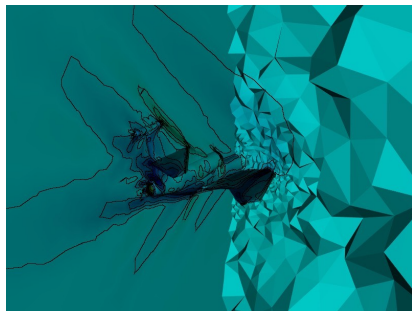


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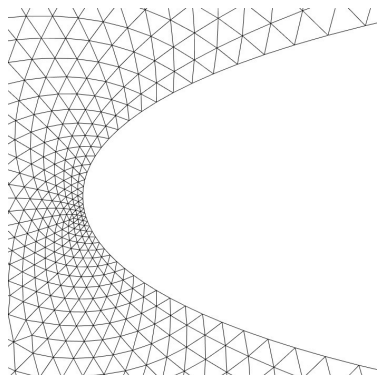
- A numerical computation is then performed on the volume mesh



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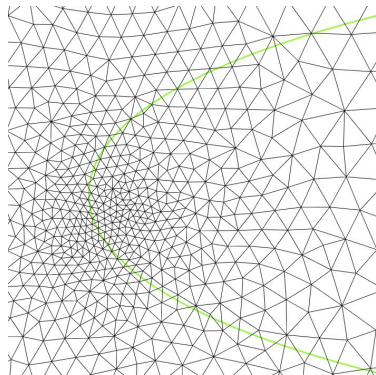
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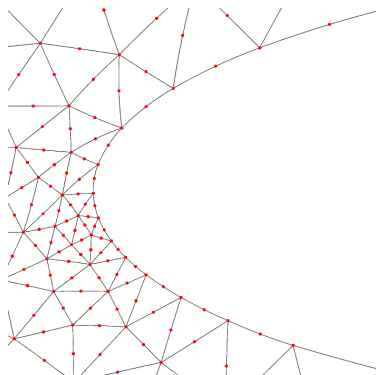




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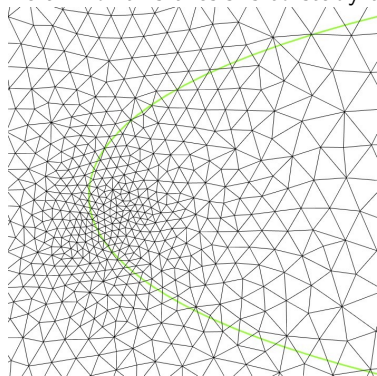


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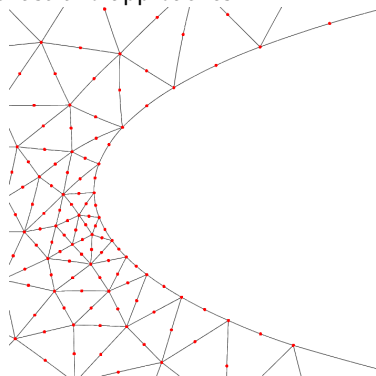
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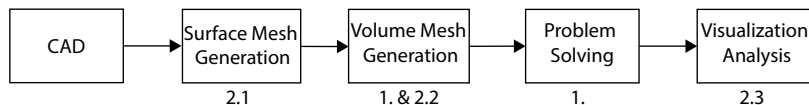
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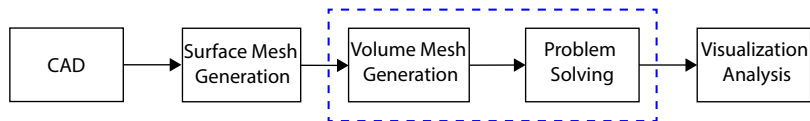
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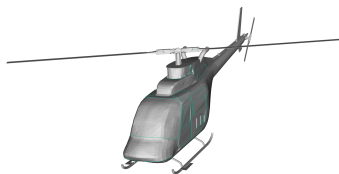
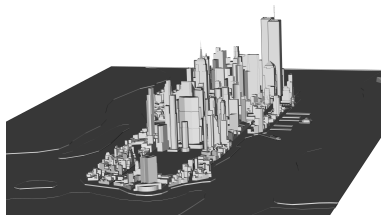


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# Embedded boundary method: motivations

## Motivations

- CAD systems provide **dirty and nonconforming** geometries
- Some geometries are only **implicitly** described
- Aim at reducing preprocessing time to cleanup them



1 to 3 months of preprocessing are mandatory in these two cases

⇒ The embedded boundary method avoids these issues [Yang et al, Aeronautical

Journal, 1997], [Löhner et al, IJNME, 2004], [Quan et al, EWC, 2014]

# Embedded boundary method: implementation

## Input

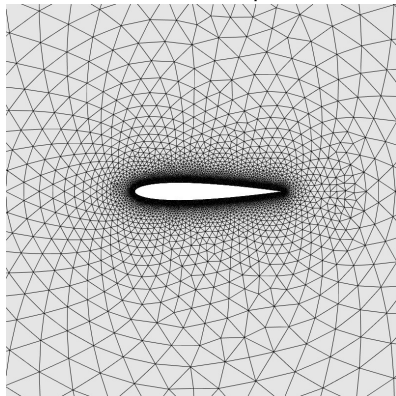
- Linear surface mesh, not necessarily conform → [Embedded geometry](#)
- Linear volume mesh → [Computational mesh](#)
- Settings of the flow solver (Euler equations, inviscid flow)

## Strategy (2D and 3D)

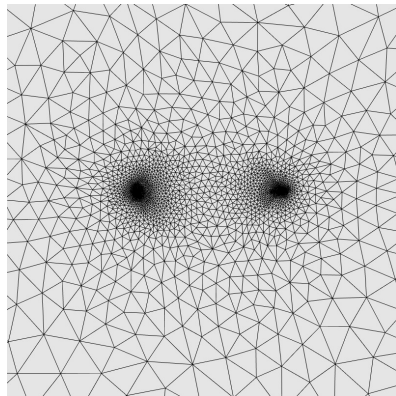
- [Localize](#) vertices of the embedded geometry inside the computational mesh
- Solve the [intersection](#) of the embedded geometry with the computational mesh
- Set an [implicit slipping boundary condition](#) that simulates the presence of the object using the intersection result
- Set a constant value to the vertices covered by the geometry (if any)

# Embedded boundary method: results

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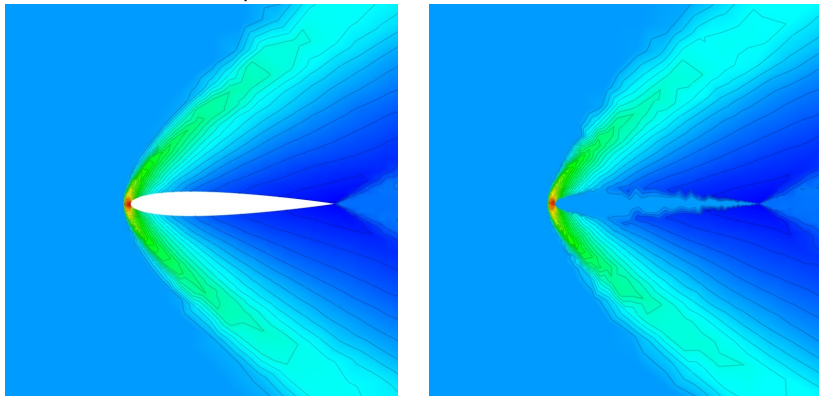
5041 vertices



4812 vertices

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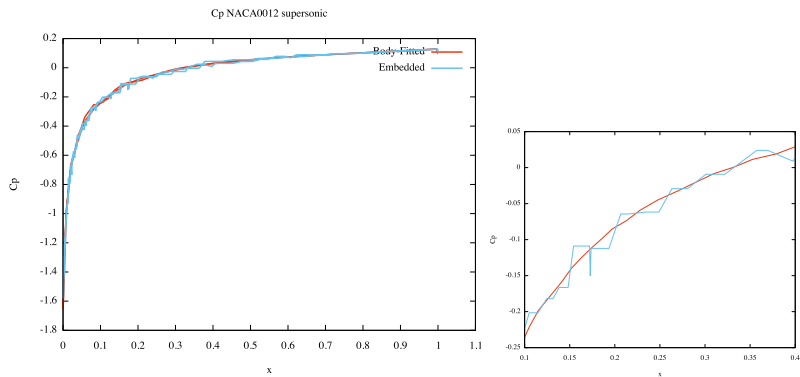


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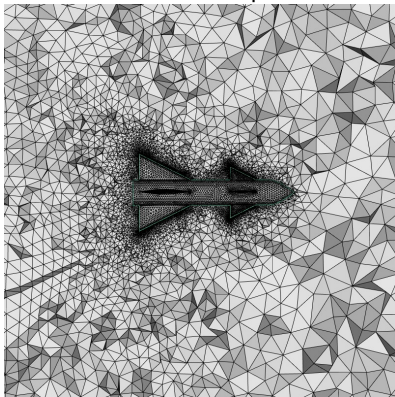
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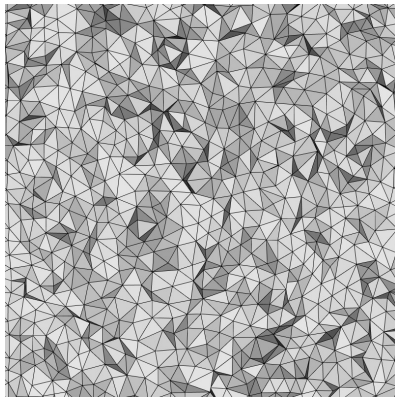
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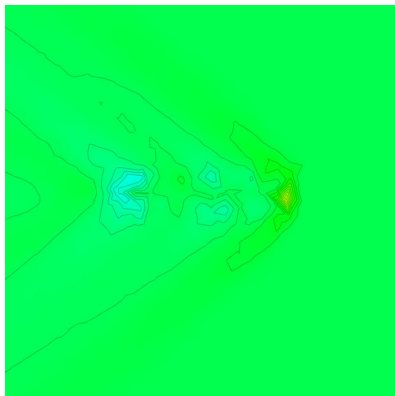
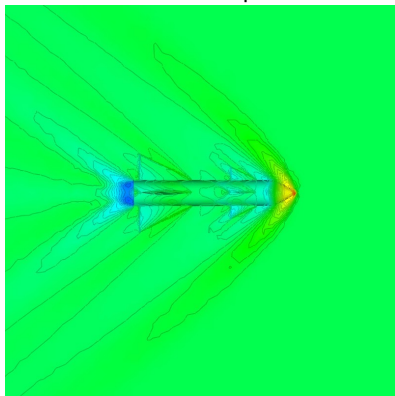
784 847 vertices



90 078 vertices

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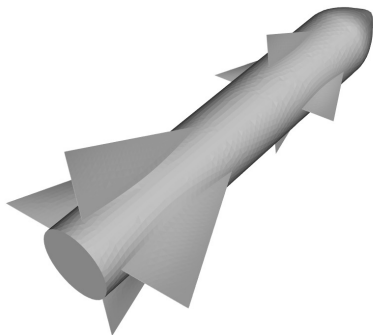
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Body-fitted solver



Embedded solver

Geometry detected by the solver

## Observations

- Embedded solution is far **less accurate** than the body-fitted one
- Due to a coarse detection of the geometry by the flow solver

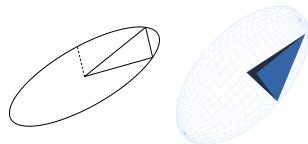
## Idea

- Boundary conditions make naturally appear **variations** of the solution in the vicinity of the embedded boundary
- Perform feature-based **mesh adaptation** to retrieve the geometry and thus the accuracy of the solution

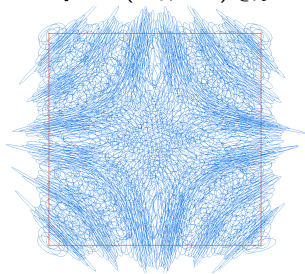
# Generating adapted meshes

- Main idea: change mesh generator **distance and volume computation** [George et al., Adv. Eng. Software 1991]
- Fundamental concept: Generate a local **unit mesh** w.r.t  $(\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{x}))_{\mathbf{x} \in \Omega}$

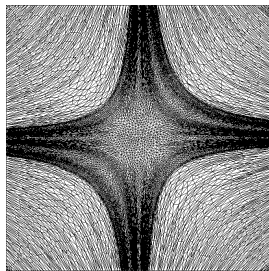
$$\forall \mathbf{e}, \ell_{\mathcal{M}}(\mathbf{e}) \approx 1 \text{ and } \forall K, |K|_{\mathcal{M}} \approx \begin{cases} \sqrt{3}/4 & \text{in 2D} \\ \sqrt{2}/12 & \text{in 3D} \end{cases}$$



**Inputs**  $(\mathcal{H}_0, \mathcal{M}_i)_{i \in \mathcal{H}}$

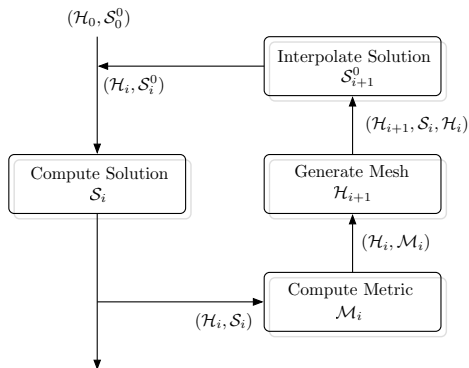


**Output**  $\mathcal{H}$



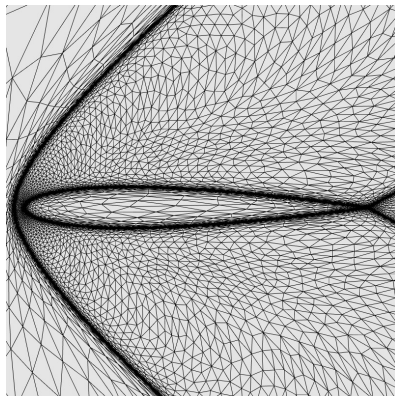
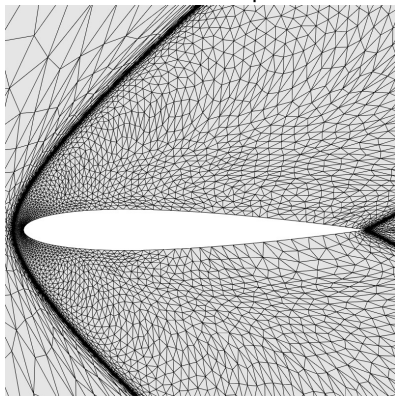
# Mesh adaptation loop

The principle of mesh adaptation is to find the optimal mesh-solution couple for a targeted complexity ( $\sim$  number of points)



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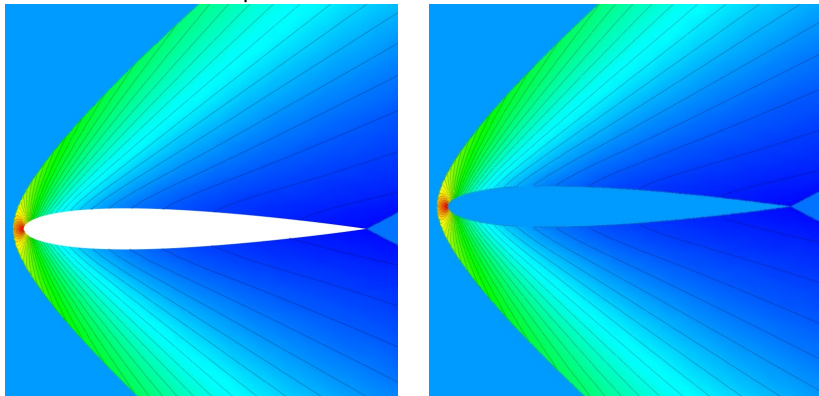


Targeted complexity of 16 000



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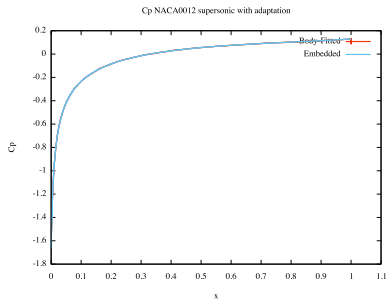
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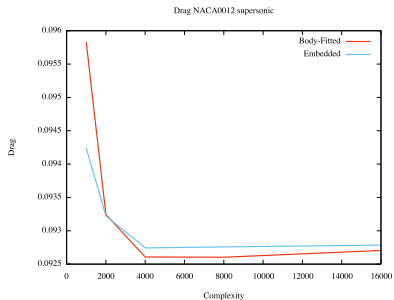
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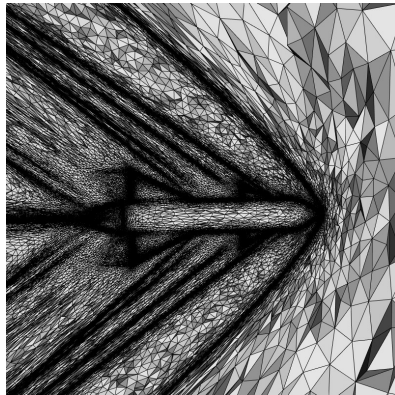
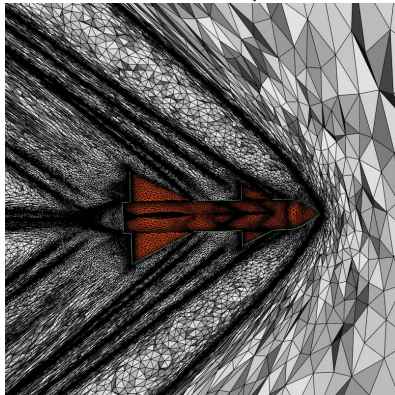
Pressure coefficient at 16 000



Drag evolution

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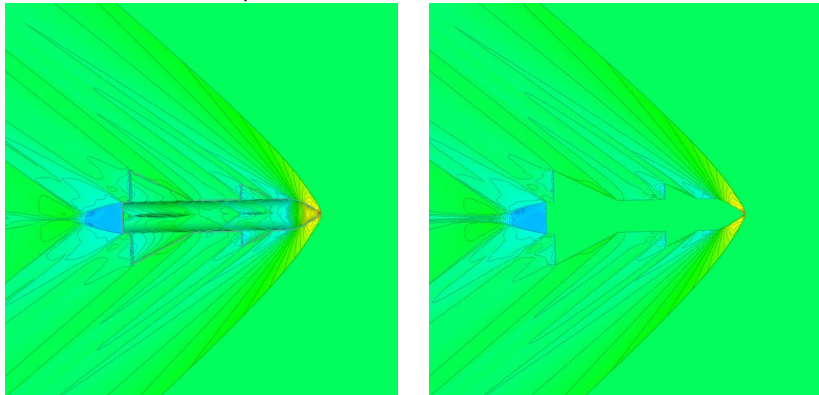
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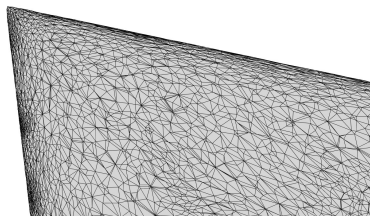
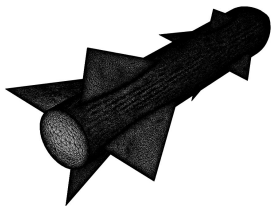
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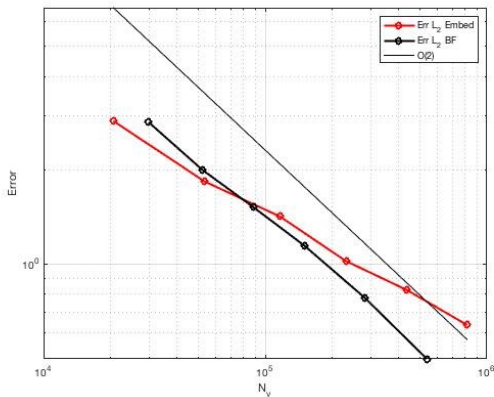
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**Automatic** recovery of sharp features

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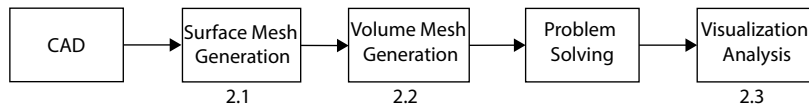
Convergence study using  $L^2$  error

## Conclusion

- Implementation of the embedded boundary method in a **vertex-centered** Finite Volume solver
- **Coupling** with mesh adaptation enables to get an **accuracy comparable** to the body-fitted case
- No easy generalization to moving objects

## Perspectives

- Use of a **high-order** embedded geometry
- Computation of a **level-set metric**
- Extension to Navier-Stokes equations



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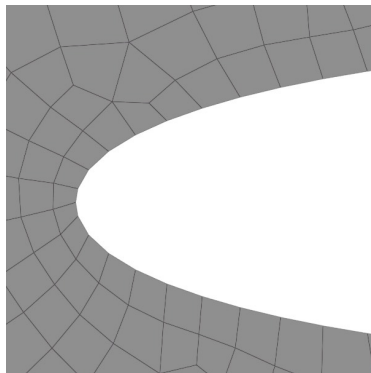
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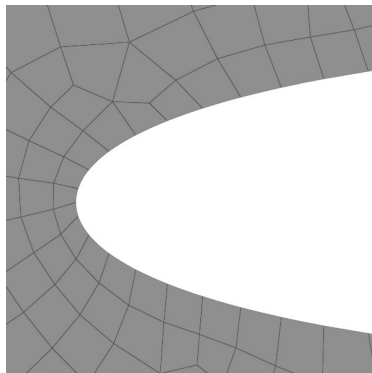
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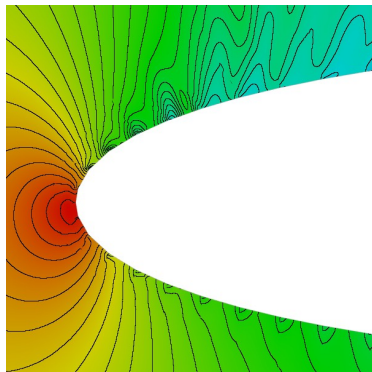
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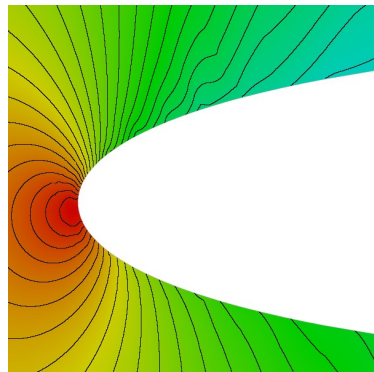
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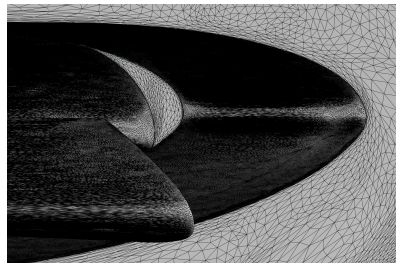
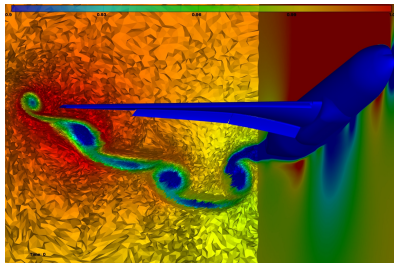


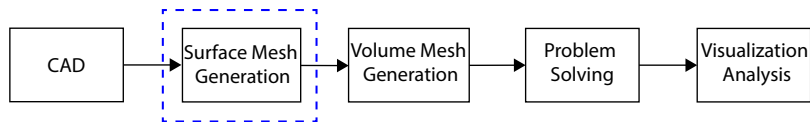
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- CAD queries are **expensive** and not fail-safe
- Surface remeshing using a **high-order geometry** as CAD surrogate rather than a linear one





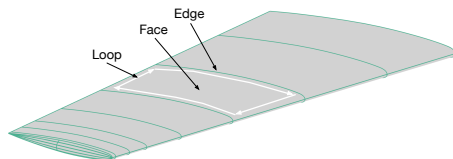
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## Related work

- Seminal work on a direct high-order mesh generation technique [Dey et al., IMR 1999]
- **Relocation** of the DOF on an initial linear mesh [Ruiz-Gironès et al., IMR 2015 & 2016], [Toulorge et al., JCP 2016], [Turner, PhD Thesis 2018]
- CAD is used for **projection only**
  - ⇒ No explicit control of "high-order" approximation of the surface
  - ⇒ No extension of linear anisotropic meshing to high order anisotropic meshing on CAD surfaces

# High-order surface meshing

- Focus on parametric surfaces defined by a Boundary Representation (BREP)

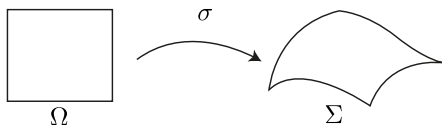


- The linear case is well established [de Cougny et al., IMR 1996], [Tristano et al., IMR 1998], [Miranda et al., IMR 2002], [Siqueira et al., IMR 2010], [Laug, FEAD 2010], [Aubry et al. CAD 2014]

## Scope of the work

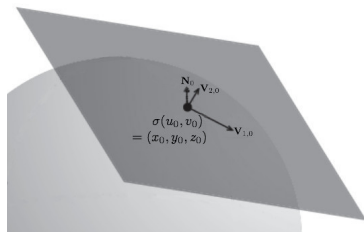
- **Extension** of standard linear parametric surface mesh generation techniques
- Based on the development of high-order and **intrinsic** error estimates

- The meshing is performed in a **hierarchical fashion**: edges and then faces
- It consists in an **anisotropic meshing** in the parametric space of both curves and surfaces
- The key feature is the computation of the **metrics**



# Meshing a surface

- The principal curvature  $\kappa_i$ , their associated principal directions  $\mathbf{V}_{i,0}$  and the normal vector  $\mathbf{N}_0 = \mathbf{V}_{1,0} \times \mathbf{V}_{2,0}$  is defined for each regular point ( $\sigma'(u_0, v_0)$  invertible) of a parametric surface  $(u, v) \rightarrow \sigma(u, v)$



- These data are **intrinsic** [Do Carmo, Differential Geometry 2016]
- From this, a 3D metric is deduced ( $\rho_i = \frac{1}{\kappa_i}$ ,  $c_i, \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ ):

$$\mathcal{M}_{surf} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{V}_{1,0} \\ \mathbf{V}_{2,0} \\ \mathbf{N}_0 \end{pmatrix}^T \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{(c_1 \rho_1)^2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{(c_2 \rho_2)^2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{V}_{1,0} \\ \mathbf{V}_{2,0} \\ \mathbf{N}_0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- In the parametric space, the used metric is:

$$\tilde{\mathcal{M}}_{surf} = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_u^T & \sigma_v^T \end{pmatrix} \mathcal{M}_{surf} \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_u \\ \sigma_v \end{pmatrix}$$



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- If we note  $\sigma(u_0, v_0) = (x_0, y_0, z_0)$  in  $(\mathbf{V}_{1,0}, \mathbf{V}_{2,0}, \mathbf{N}_0)$ , then

$$z = z_0 + \frac{1}{2}(\kappa_1(x - x_0)^2 + \kappa_2(y - y_0)^2) + \mathcal{O}(\|(x - x_0, y - y_0)\|^3)$$

## Strategy

- **Extend** the previous Taylor expansion to higher orders
- Deduce from these expansions "**high-order curvatures**"
- Build new **metrics** using these curvatures
- Generate high-order meshes using these metrics

- We assume that  $\sigma$  is at least  $C^{k+1}$
- In the local frame, we have

$$\begin{aligned}(X, Y) &= (x - x_0, y - y_0) \\ &= ((\sigma(u, v) - \sigma(u_0, v_0), \mathbf{V}_{1,0}), (\sigma(u, v) - \sigma(u_0, v_0), \mathbf{V}_{2,0})) \\ &= \phi(u - u_0, v - v_0)\end{aligned}$$

- If  $(u_0, v_0)$  is a regular point, then, using the inversion function theorem  $\phi$  is **invertible** in  $(u_0, v_0)$  and there exists  $\psi$  such that  $\psi(X, Y) = (u - u_0, v - v_0)$  in the vicinity of  $(u_0, v_0)$
- If  $\phi$  is  $C^{k+1}$ , then  $\psi$  is  $C^{k+1}$

- $\phi$  is an analytical function whose derivatives up to order  $k + 1$  are known [Piegl et al., NURBS Book 1997]
- Using an **inversion formula**, the derivatives of  $\psi$  can be deduced up to order  $k + 1$  [Encinas et al., Applied Mathematics Letters 2003]
- We then deduce a Taylor expansion of parameters  $(u, v)$  in the vicinity of  $(u_0, v_0)$  with respect to  $(X, Y)$ :

$$\begin{pmatrix} u - u_0 \\ v - v_0 \end{pmatrix} = \sum_{n=1}^{k+1} \sum_{i+j=n} A_{ij}^n X^i Y^j + \mathcal{O}(\|(X, Y)\|^{k+2}),$$

- As  $\sigma$  is  $C^{k+1}$ ,  $Z$  has a Taylor expansion in  $(u - u_0, v - v_0)$  up to order  $k + 1$

- By composition, it comes the **intrinsic** Taylor expansion:

$$Z = F_k(X, Y) + R_{k+1}(X, Y) + \mathcal{O}(\|(X, Y)\|^{k+2})$$

$F_k$  is a polynomial of degree  $\leq k$  and  $R_{k+1}$  is an homogeneous polynomial of degree  $k + 1$

- Using the log-simplex algorithm [Coulaud et al., IMR, 2016], it comes:

$$|R_{k+1}(X, Y)| \leq \left( \frac{1}{2} (X \ Y) Q_{k+1} (X \ Y)^T \right)^{\frac{k+1}{2}}$$

where  $Q_{k+1}$  is a symmetric matrix

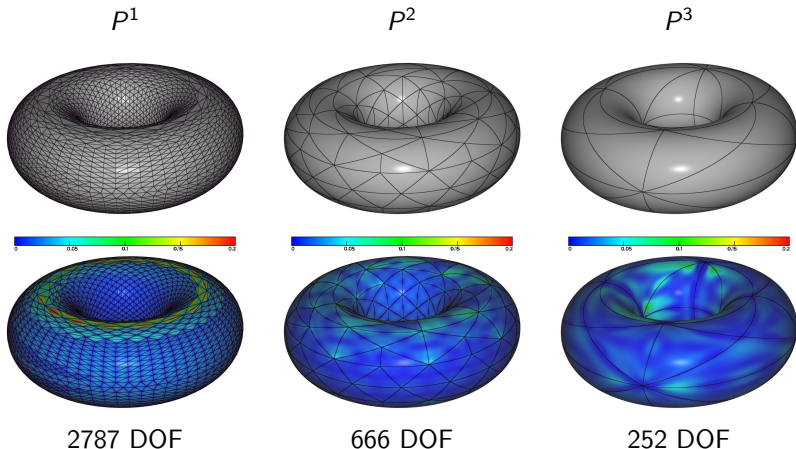
- "High-order principal curvatures"  $\kappa_i^{k+1}$  are chosen as the eigenvalues of  $Q_{k+1}$  and the "high-order principal directions"  $\mathbf{V}_i^{k+1}$  are deduced from the eigenvectors

## Meshing steps

- Perform line meshing using a high-order metric
- Perform surface meshing in the parametric space using a high-order metric
- Project high-order nodes onto the CAD geometry

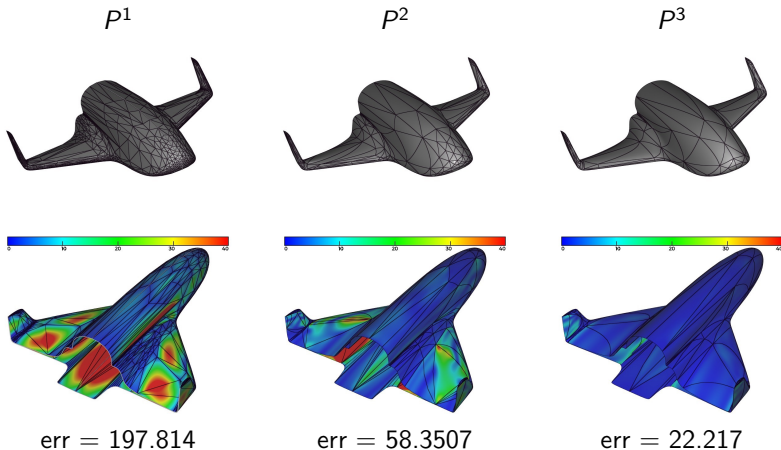


- 2 NURBS of degree 5 both defined by 6 control points and 12 knots.
- Results for an **equivalent level of error** ( $\text{err} \sim 10^{-1}$ )



# Shuttle

- 2 NURBS of degree 3 defined by 8 (resp. 13) control points and 12 (resp. 17) knots with strong variation in the parametric space
- Results for an **equivalent number** of degrees of freedom (DOF  $\sim$  1700)

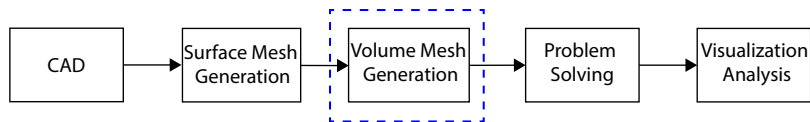


## Conclusion

- A novel approach for **high-order surface mesh** generation
- It is based on error estimates issued of an **intrinsic** Taylor expansion
- **Readily usable** in a surface mesh generation process

## Perspectives

- High-order implicit surface meshing
- Coupling with **curvilinear** mesh adaptation



## Optimization of quadratic meshes and applications

## Related work

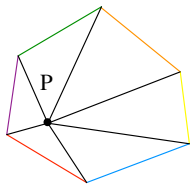
- High-order volume meshing with high-order surface as an input
  - ⇒ **Local** approach: high-order mesh untangling [George et al., IJNME 2012], [Toulorge et al., JCP 2013]
  - ⇒ **Global** approach: PDE/variational models [Roca et al., IMR 2012], [Moxey et al., IMR 2014]

## Intent

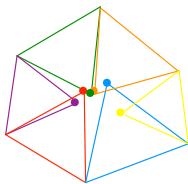
- Expose  $P^2$  quality-based mesh **optimization operators** for simplicial meshes
- Use  $P^2$  quality function proposed in [George et al., 2019]
  - ⇒ It varies between 1 and infinity, the best element (equilateral) has a quality of 1
- Applications to  $P^2$  mesh generation,  $P^2$  moving mesh techniques and  $P^2$  boundary layer mesh generation

- Two classical operators of  $P^1$  mesh optimization [Brière de l'Isle et al., 1995]
- Mesh smoothing

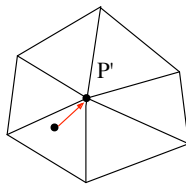
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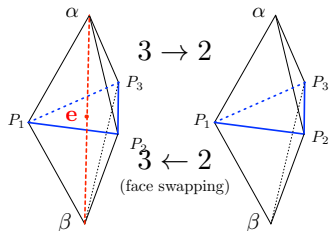
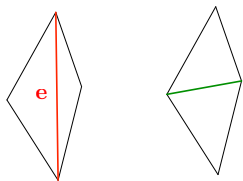
Each edge of the ball propose an optimal new position for P



New configuration

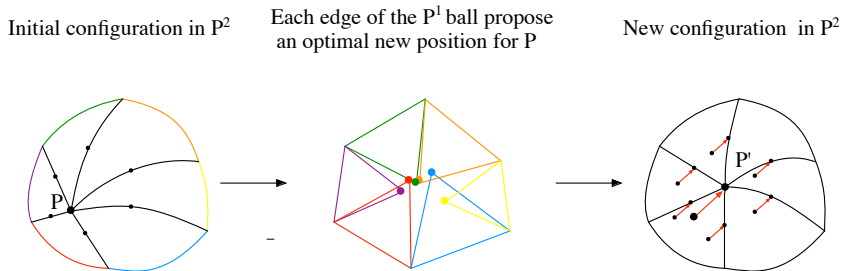


- Two classical operators of  $P^1$  mesh optimization [Brière de l'Isle et al., 1995]
- Generalized edge swapping
- Delete an edge and replace it by a new triangulation of its shell



# $P^2$ Mesh smoothing

- $P^2$  mesh smoothing is done in two steps
- Vertex smoothing

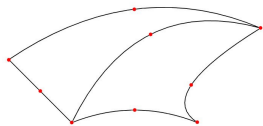


- Optimization of the position of the vertices using  $P^1$  smoothing technique
- Extrapolation for the nodes of the ball so that  $P^2$  straight meshes stay consistent with  $P^1$  meshes

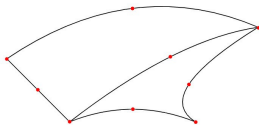


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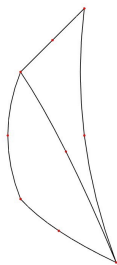


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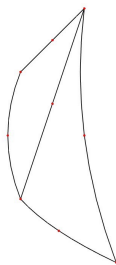
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# $P^2$ Edge/Face swapping

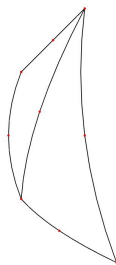
- Generalization of edge swapping to  $P^2$  meshes in 3 steps



$$Q_{ini} = 10.45 (6.04)$$



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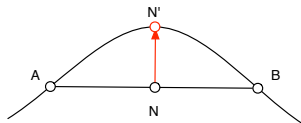
- Resolution of the same optimization problem as with the node smoothing

## $P^2$ Mesh Generation, Moving-Mesh and BL Mesh Generation

- Methods are based on a PDE model
- Finite element resolution of linear elasticity equation
- Resolution at the order of the studied mesh
- **Dirichlet boundary conditions** are used

# High-order mesh generation

- The initial **boundary deformation** is given by the input high-order surface mesh



- This is interpreted as a Dirichlet boundary condition
- Resolution of the FE system gives **volume deformation**
- High-order resolution provides a model in which all DOF are intrinsically represented.
- Optimization operators in post and preprocessing ensure **robustness** to the process

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Mesh size: 32 479 vertices - 118 012 tets - 45 956 triangles

Total number of swaps: 12 703

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$P^1$  mesh

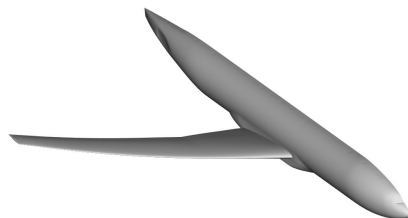
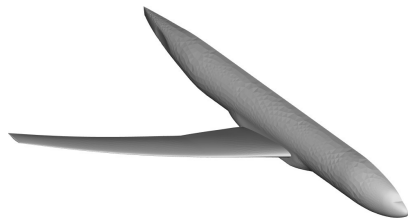
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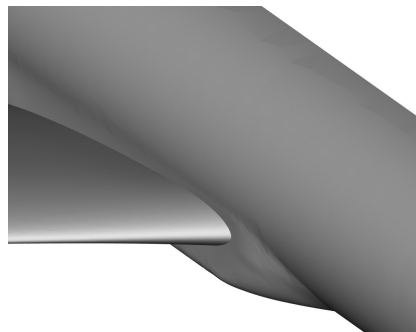
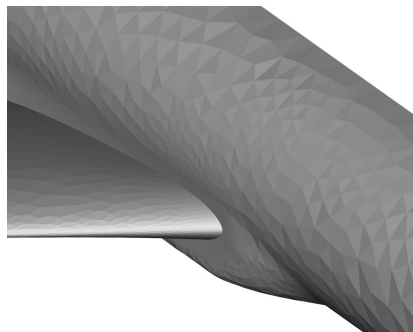
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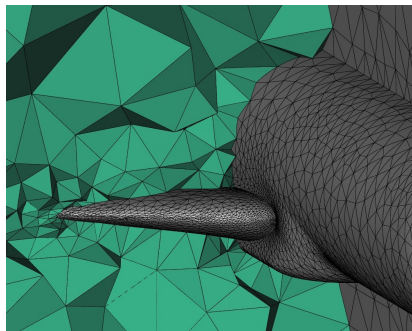
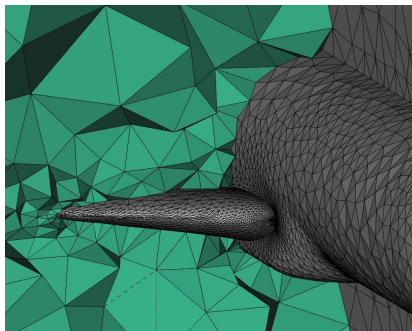
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## Basic $P^2$ Moving Mesh Algorithm

- Start from a  $P^2$ -mesh
- Compute **moving body** displacement providing boundary nodes/vertices positions
  - It sets **Dirichlet boundary conditions** for the linear elasticity solver
- Compute high-order solution, it provides new positions to all nodes/vertices
  - Move all nodes/vertices to their new position
- Perform **high-order mesh optimization** to correct invalid elements and improve mesh quality
- Iterate until displacement is performed

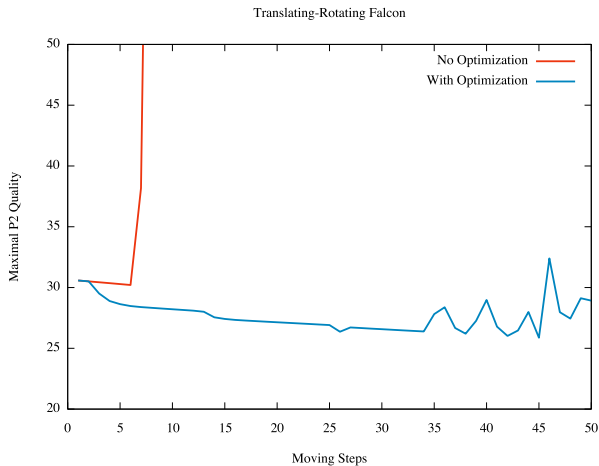


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# $P^2$ Moving mesh

- Translating and rotating falcon in a mesh of 498 181 tetrahedra
- Result with [swap and vertex/node smoothing](#)

- Translating and rotating falcon in a mesh of 498 181 tetrahedra
- Evolution of the worst quality



## $P^2$ Boundary Layer mesh generation

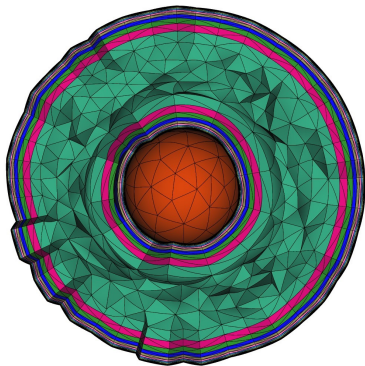
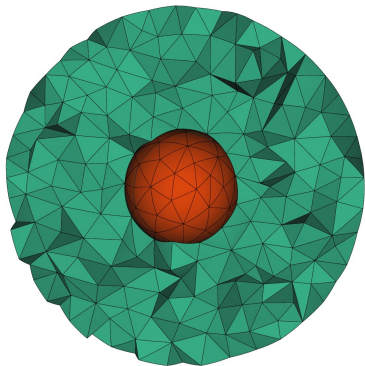
- **Extension** to  $P^2$  of a closed-advancing layer method [Alauzet et al., EWC, 2015]

### Features

- Start from an **existing**  $P^2$  mesh
- Inflate the boundary while proposing a  $P^2$  BL mesh
- Use of a connectivity-change **moving-mesh method** during the inflation
- Backtracking if necessary
- **Guarantee** of a final valid mesh

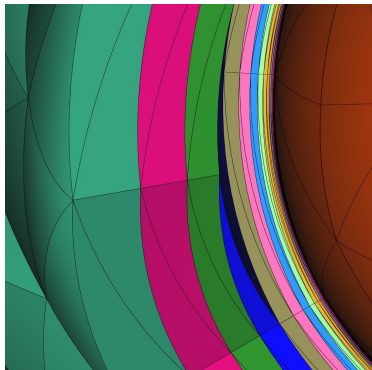
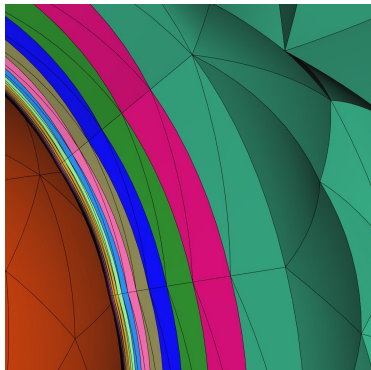
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- Development of **vertices/nodes smoothing** and **connectivity-change quality-based** optimization operators
- **Insurance** of a robust high-order Euler mesh generation
- **Possibility** of a high-order connectivity-change moving mesh methods
- **Application** to  $P^2$  boundary layer mesh generation
- The methodology is as **robust** as for the  $P^1$  context

## Perspectives

- Extension to **higher orders**
- Investigation of mesh curving using a local approach
- Extension to **anisotropy**

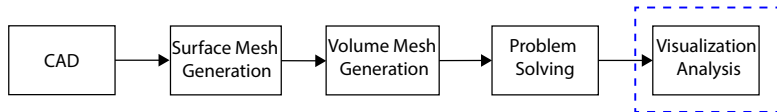
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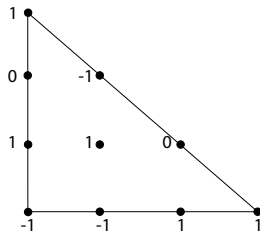
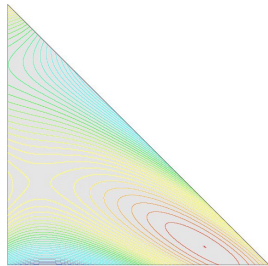
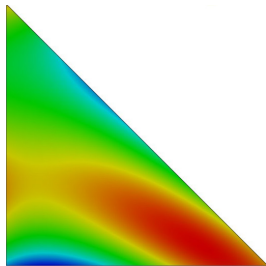


Visualization of high-order meshes and solutions



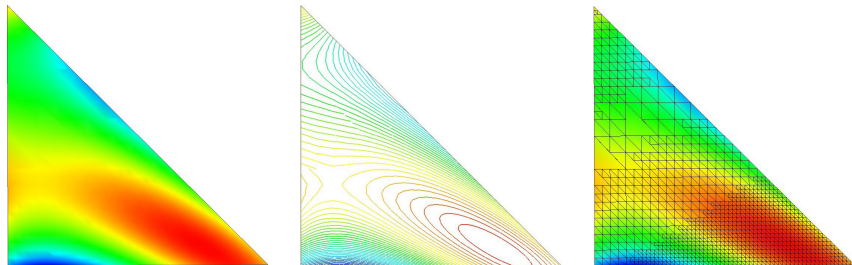
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1858 triangles are generated in this case

Focus on high-order finite elements representations

## Related work

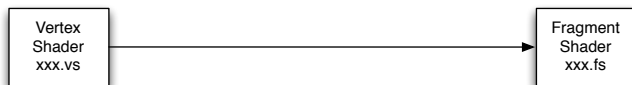
- **Ray tracing** techniques for pixel-exact solution rendering [Peiro et al., 2015]
  - ⇒ Resolution of nonlinear problems
  - ⇒ Greedy computations
- **Adaptive subdivision** [Schroeder et al., IEEE, 2006], [Remacle et al., IJNME, 2006]
  - ⇒ Still end-up with linear interpolation . . .

## Objectives

- Compromise between two approaches
- Solution that does **not subdivide** straight entities at all and subdivides curved entities on the fly on GPU
- **Reliable rendering** of high-order solutions

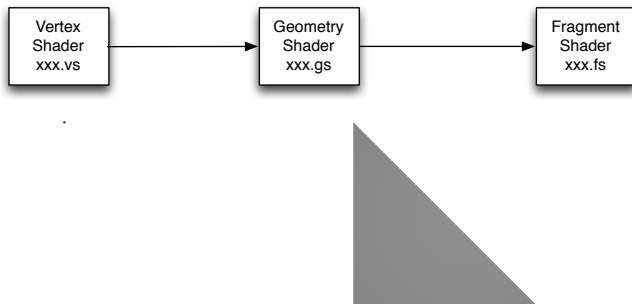
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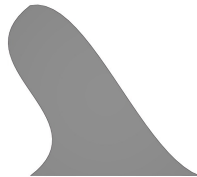
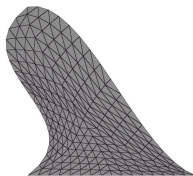
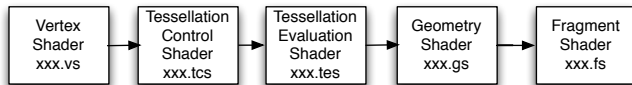
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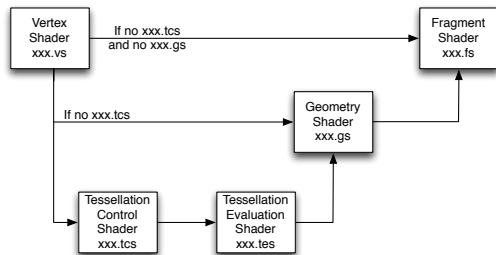


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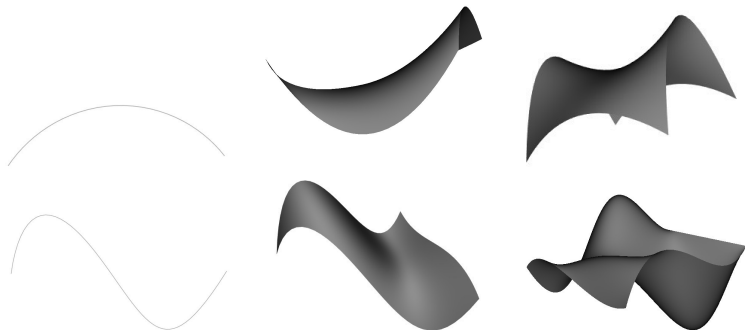


- The accuracy of the geometric approximation can be controlled thanks to a tessellation shaders
- Among built-in variables, we can pass trough our **own** variables:

⇒ for a pixel we then know:  $(x, y, z)$ , or  $(u, v)$ , or primitive ids

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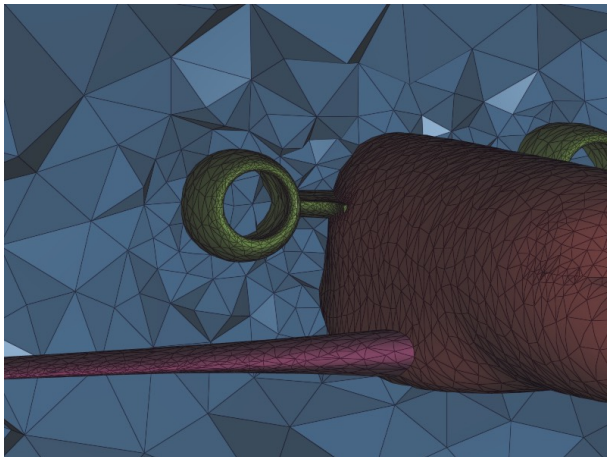
- Display of elements of degree 2 (up) and degree 3 (bottom)
- From left to right: edge, triangle and quadrilateral





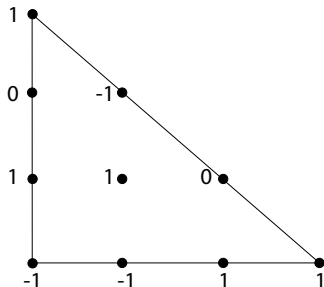
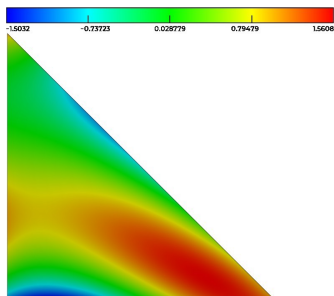
# Volume element visualization

- The volume is visualized through **cut planes**
- Example of  $P^3$  tetrahedral mesh



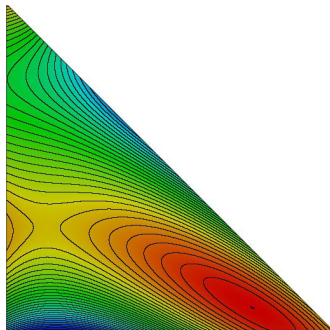
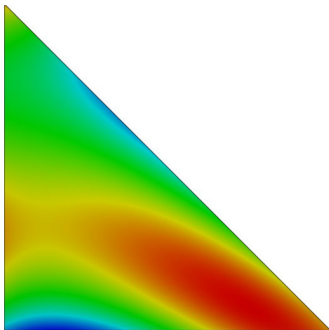
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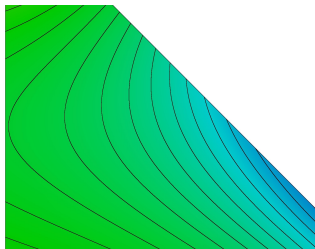
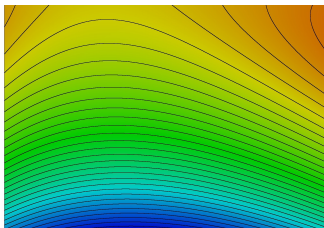
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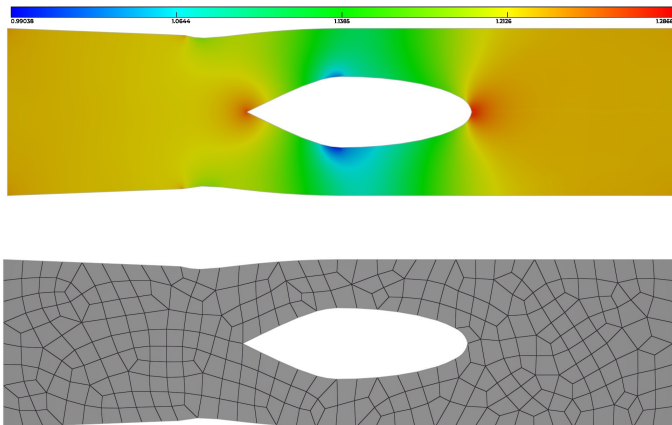
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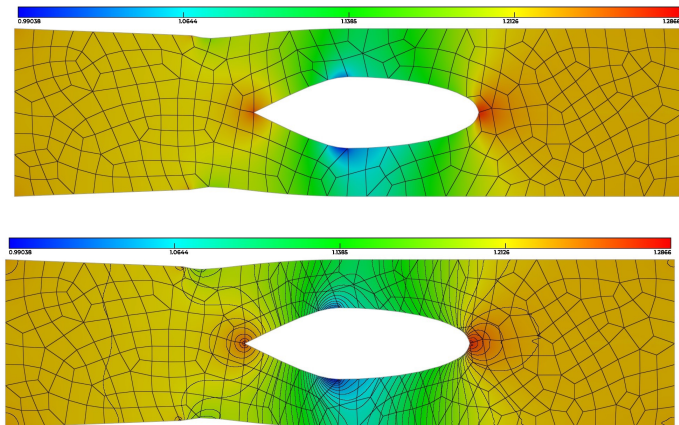
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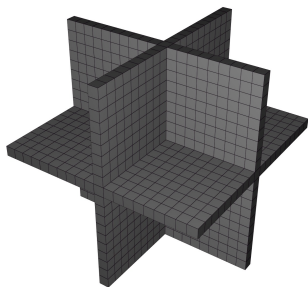
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# Wave propagation example

- Rendering of a  $Q^{10}$  solution on a  $Q^1$  mesh
- Simulation of a wave propagation with a Perfectly Matched Layer



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## Conclusion

- Full GPU-based rendering
- Pixel-exact rendering on straight elements (independently of the degree of the solution)
- Almost pixel exact for elements with non-linear geometrical mapping

## Perspectives

- Volume rendering
- Handling of iso-surfaces
- Extraction of solutions induced on cut surfaces

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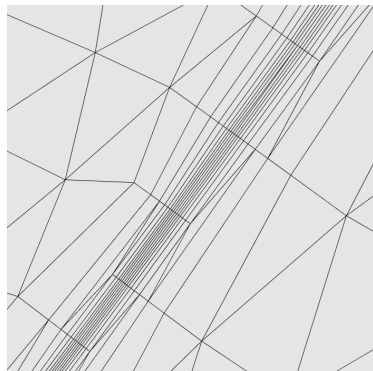
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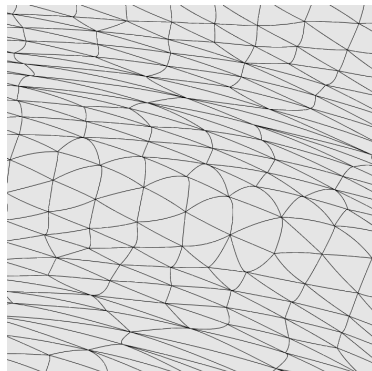
- Study of two alternatives to linear body-fitted representation
- The **embedded** approach avoids the meshing cost of complex geometries
  - ⇒ **Mesh adaptation** enables to get back the loss of accuracy induced by the approach
- **High-order meshes** are more convenient for the solver
  - ⇒ Presentation of a novel approach for generating **high-order surface meshes**
  - ⇒ Design of **optimization operators** for quadratic meshes with applications to mesh curving, moving-mesh and boundary layer mesh generation
  - ⇒ Setup of an efficient and accurate **visualization process** of high-order entities

## Perspectives

- **Hybrid** metric-aligned mesh adaptation [Loseille, IMR, 2014], [Marcum et al., IMR, 2014]
- **Curvilinear** mesh adaptation [Zhang et al., IMR, 2018], [Aparicio-Estrens et al., IMR, 2018]
- **Space-time** meshes [Belda Ferrin et al., IMR, 2018], [Caplan et al., AIAA, 2019]



Hybrid mesh adaptation  
(Thesis of L. Tenkès)



Curvilinear mesh adaptation  
(Thesis of L. Rochery)

Thank you for your attention !