



# Soft Tissue Modeling

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## ■ Introduction

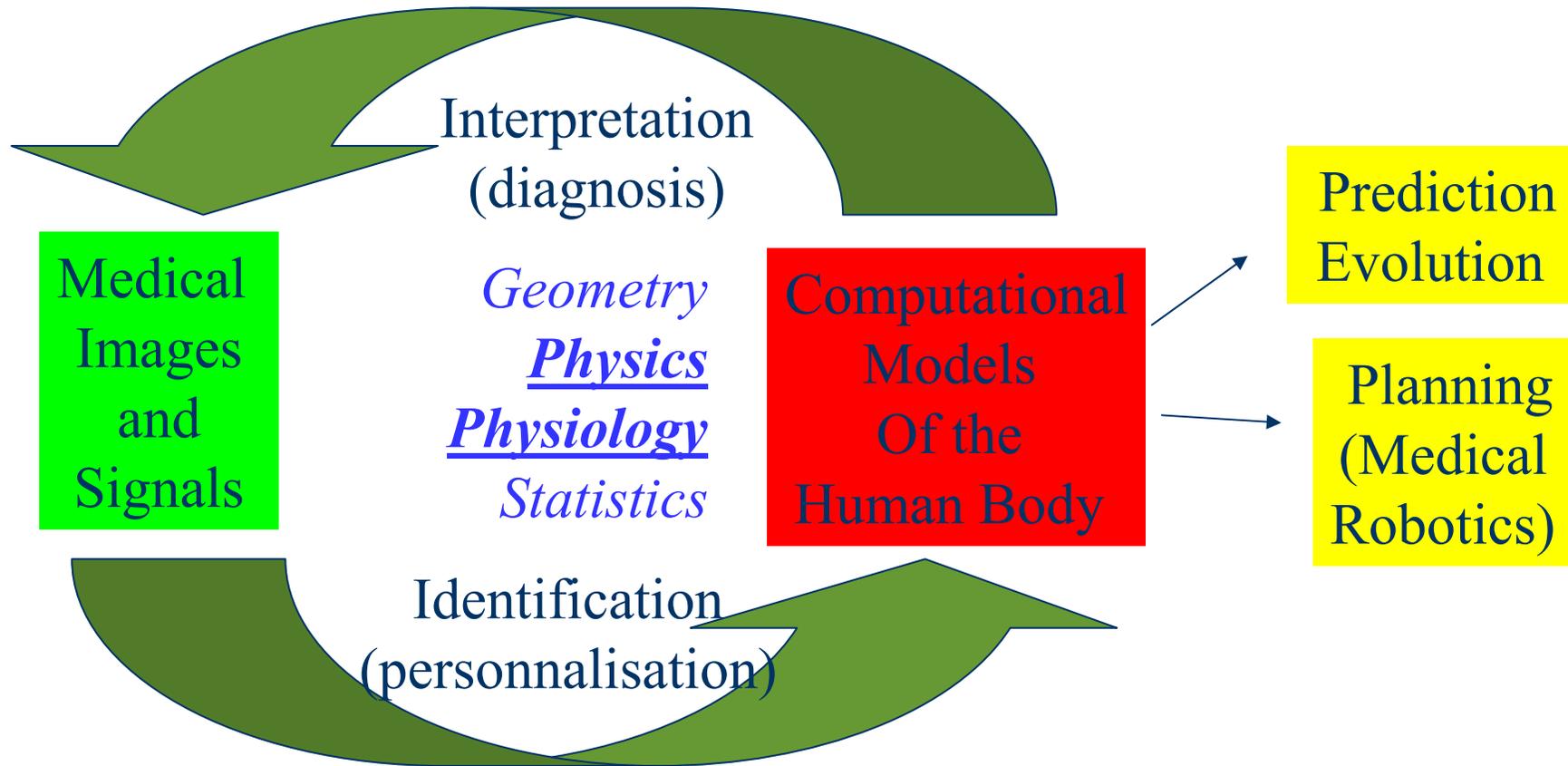
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# Soft Tissue Modelling



- Important for :
  - Creating Physiological Models of the human body (understanding / teaching)
  - Image Registration (deformation prior)
  - Diagnosis : finding pathological behavior
  - Therapy planning
  - Procedure simulation

# Computational Models of the Human Body



# Soft Tissue Deformation



- Objectives of a soft tissue models :
  - Reproductive :
    - Able to produce simulation comparable to observations
  - Discriminative :
    - Associated parameters used to cluster a given population
  - Predictive :
    - Predict behavior under specific conditions

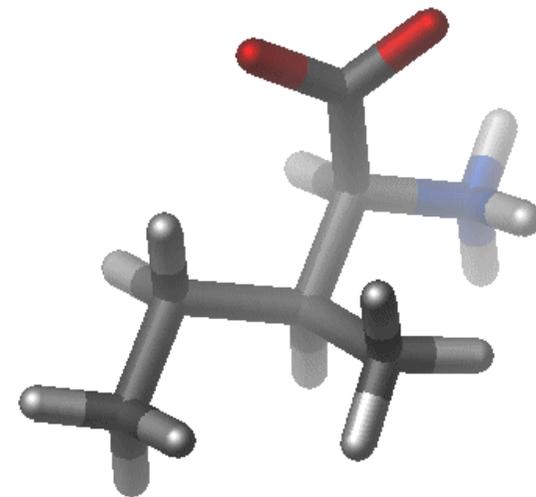


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# Discrete Constitutive Models



- Models defined on a set of points
  - Particles : material points in interaction
    - One particle interacts with all other particles (no fixed neighborhood)
    - Use of an interaction potential based on :
      - Distance between 2 particles
      - Angles between 3 particles
      - Angles between 4 particles
    - Link with molecular dynamics



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# Discrete Constitutive Models



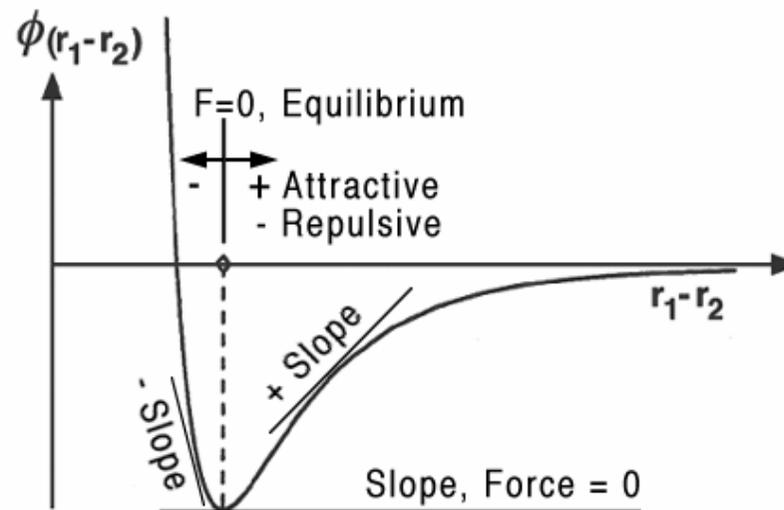
- Models defined on a set of points
  - Particles :
    - Example of potential : lennard-jones

Energy potential between  
particle I and j

$$\phi_{i \leftrightarrow j}$$

Force applied by particle j on  
particle i

$$F_{j \rightarrow i} = - \frac{\partial \phi_{i \leftrightarrow j}}{\partial P_i}$$



# Discrete Constitutive Models



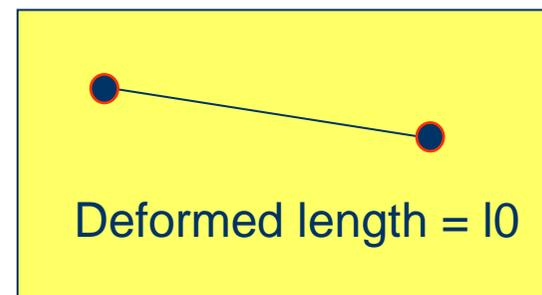
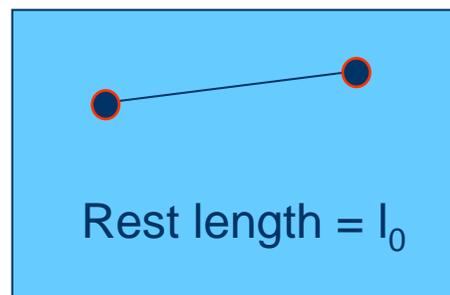
- Models defined on a set of points

- Springs :

- Based on a set of edges (fixed topology)



- **Main idea** : applied force is proportional on the variation of edge length :



Force proportional to  $l - l_0$

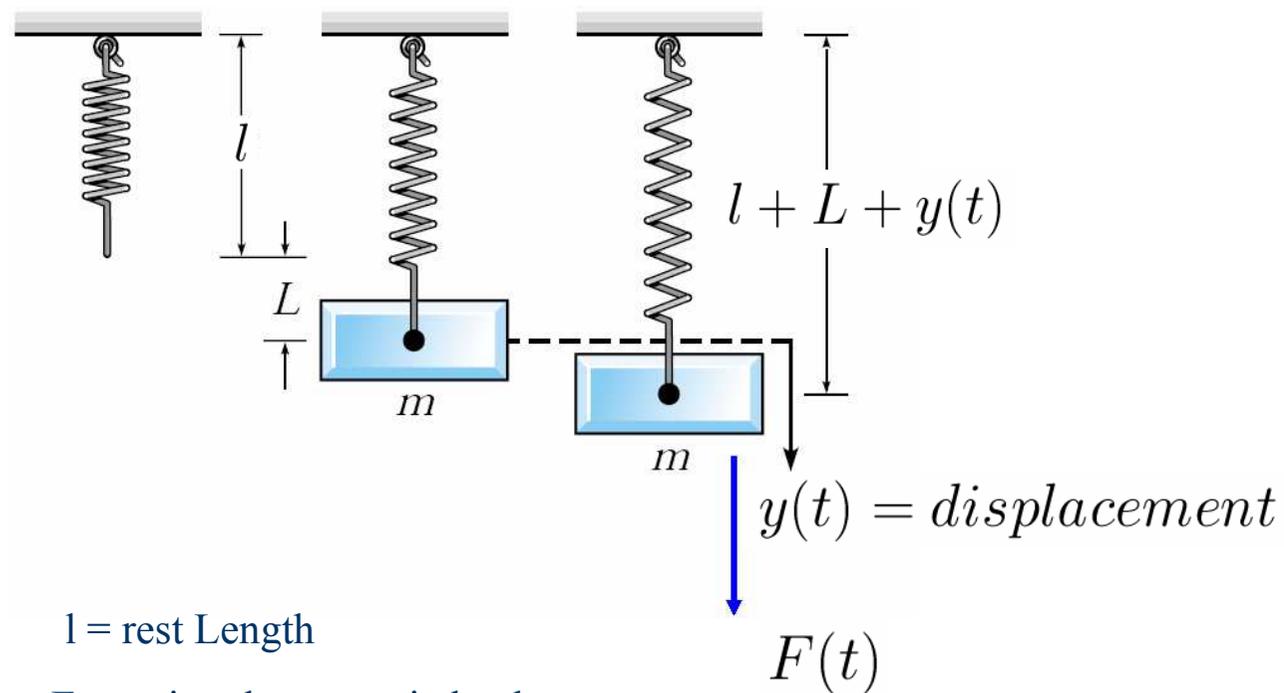


Energy proportional to  $(l - l_0)^2$

# 1D Spring-mass system



**Dynamic problem:** What is motion of the mass when acted by an external force or is initially displaced?



$l$  = rest Length

$L$  = Spring Extension due to static load

$y(t)$  = Spring extension due to dynamic load

# 1D Spring-mass system



## Newton's Second Law of Motion

the acceleration of an object due to an applied force is in the direction of the force and given by:

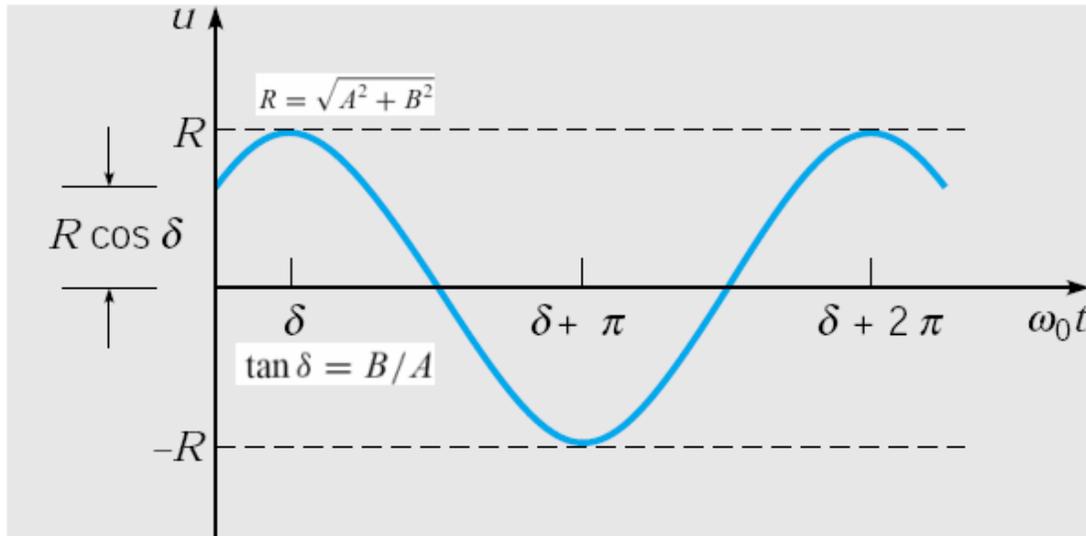
$$F_{net} = ma = my''(t)$$

## For our spring-mass system

$$my''(t) = \underbrace{F(t) - cy'(t) - ky(t)}_{F_{net}}$$

$$my''(t) + cy'(t) + ky(t) = F(t)$$

# Undamped Free Vibrations



$$T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega_0} = 2\pi \left(\frac{m}{k}\right)^{1/2}$$

**Period** of motion

$$\omega_0 = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$$

**Natural frequency** of the vibration

$$R = \sqrt{A^2 + B^2}$$

**Amplitude** (constant in time)

# Damped Free Vibrations



$$my''(t) + cy'(t) + ky(t) = \cancel{F(t)}$$

$$my''(t) + cy'(t) + ky(t) = 0$$

no external force

Assume an exponential solution  $y(t) = e^{rt}$

Then

$$y'(t) = re^{rt}, \quad y''(t) = r^2e^{rt}$$

and substituting in equation above, we have

$$mr^2 + cr + k = 0$$

(characteristic equation)

# Damped Free Vibrations



$$mr^2 + cr + k = 0$$

Solutions to characteristic equation:

$$r_{1,2} = \frac{-c \pm \sqrt{c^2 - 4km}}{2m} = \frac{c}{2m} \left( -1 \pm \sqrt{1 - \frac{4km}{c^2}} \right)$$

$$c^2 - 4km > 0, \quad y = Ae^{r_1 t} + Be^{r_2 t} \quad \text{overdamped}$$

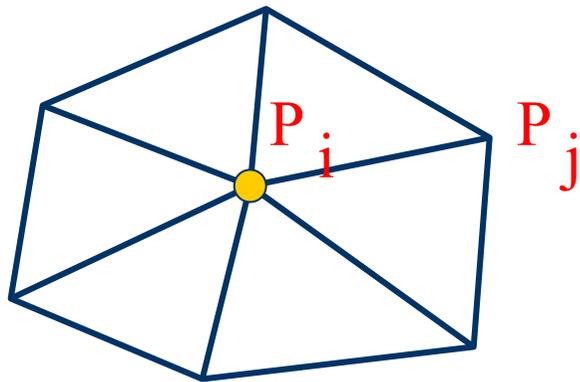
$$c^2 - 4km = 0, \quad y = (A + Bt)e^{-ct/2m} \quad \text{critically damped}$$

$$c^2 - 4km < 0, \quad y = e^{-ct/2m} (A \cos \mu t + B \sin \mu t) \quad \text{underdamped}$$

# 3D Spring-Mass



- Point Masses linked with springs



$$W = \sum_{j \in N(\mathbf{P}_i)} k_{ij} \left( \left\| \mathbf{P}_i \mathbf{P}_j - l_{ij}^0 \right\| \right)^2$$

$$\mathbf{F}_i = - \frac{\partial W}{\partial \mathbf{P}_i} = \sum_{j \in N(\mathbf{P}_i)} k_{ij} \left( \left\| \mathbf{P}_i \mathbf{P}_j \right\| - l_{ij}^0 \right) \frac{\mathbf{P}_i \mathbf{P}_j}{\left\| \mathbf{P}_i \mathbf{P}_j \right\|}$$

# Spring-Mass Advantages



- Use Point Mechanics instead of Continuum Mechanics

$$m_i \frac{d^2 \mathbf{P}_i}{dt^2} = \gamma_i \frac{d\mathbf{P}_i}{dt} + \mathbf{F}_i$$

- Easy to implement :
  - Only needs a graph
- Invariant to rigid body motion
- Widely used in computer graphics

WinSpringies

# Spring-Mass limitations

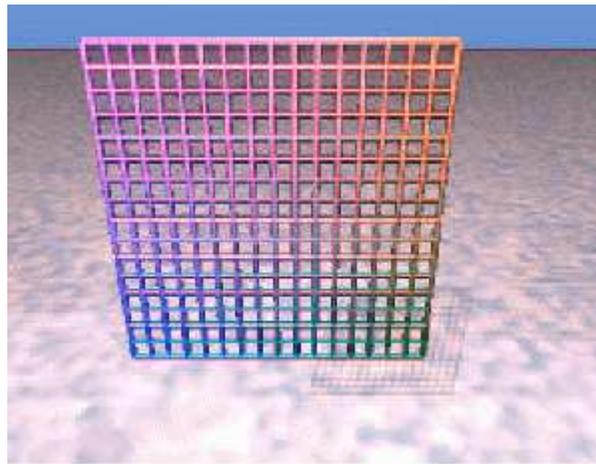


- Behavior depends on mesh topology
  - No formal link between topology and behavior (except for simplicial complexes)
  - Difficult to link spring stiffness to physical parameters (Young Modulus, Poisson Coefficient)
  - Use of Neural Network or genetic algorithms to identify stiffness parameters
  - Weak behavior for shear stress

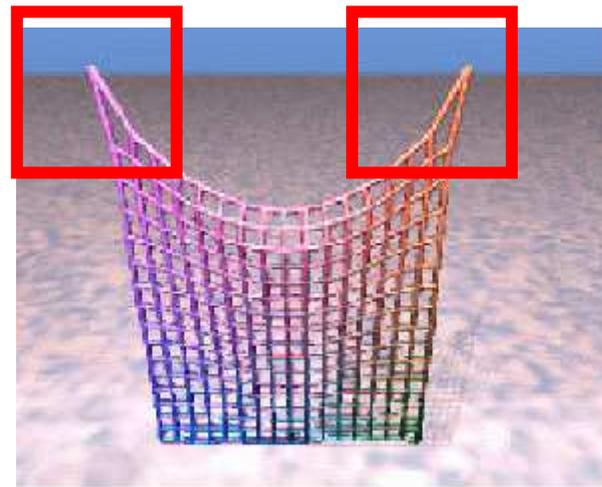
# Shear-Stress behavior



- Weak shear-stress
  - See X. Provot paper



(a) Initial position

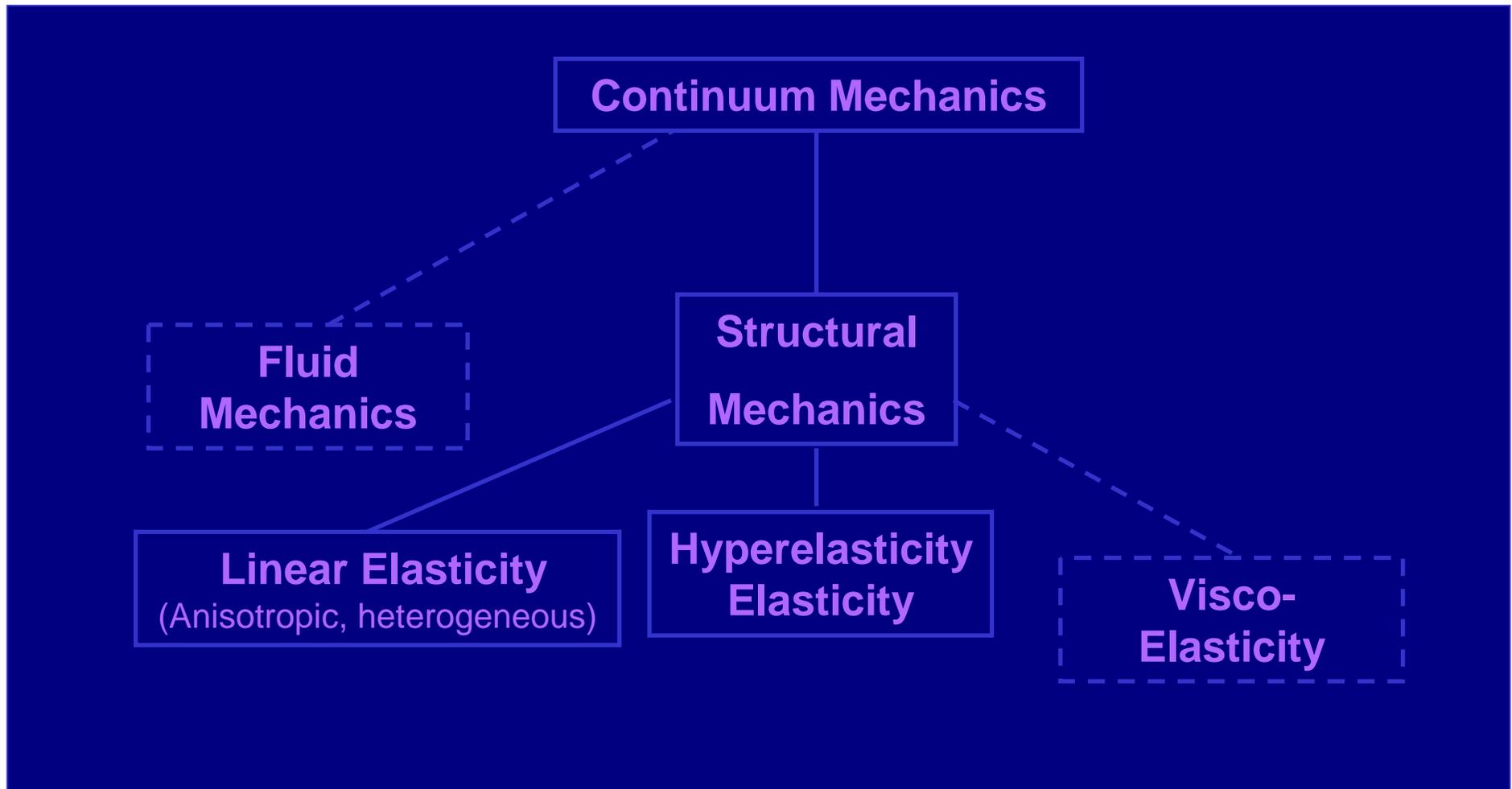


(b) After 200 iterations

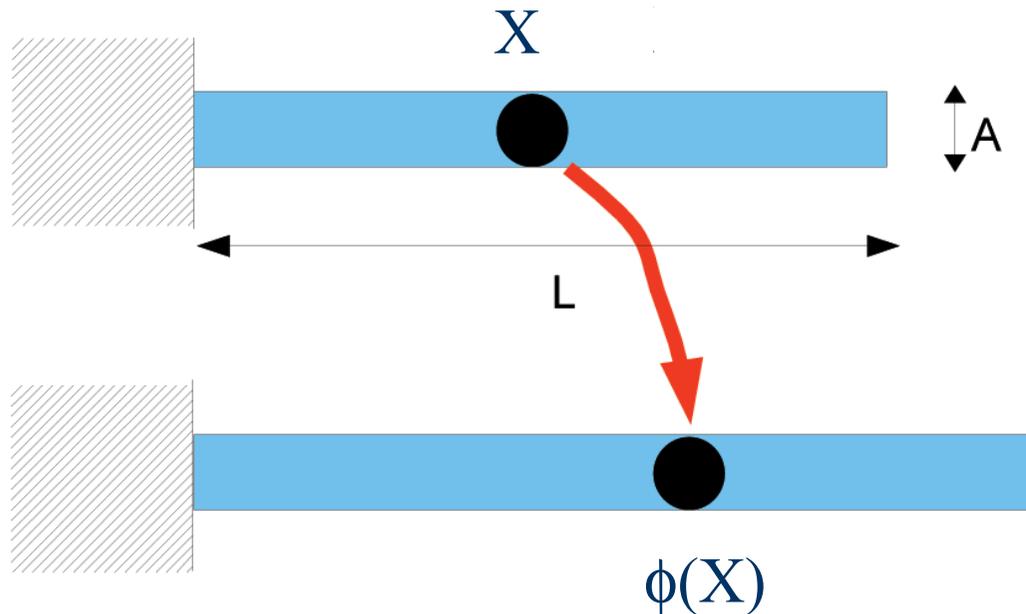


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# Continuum Mechanics



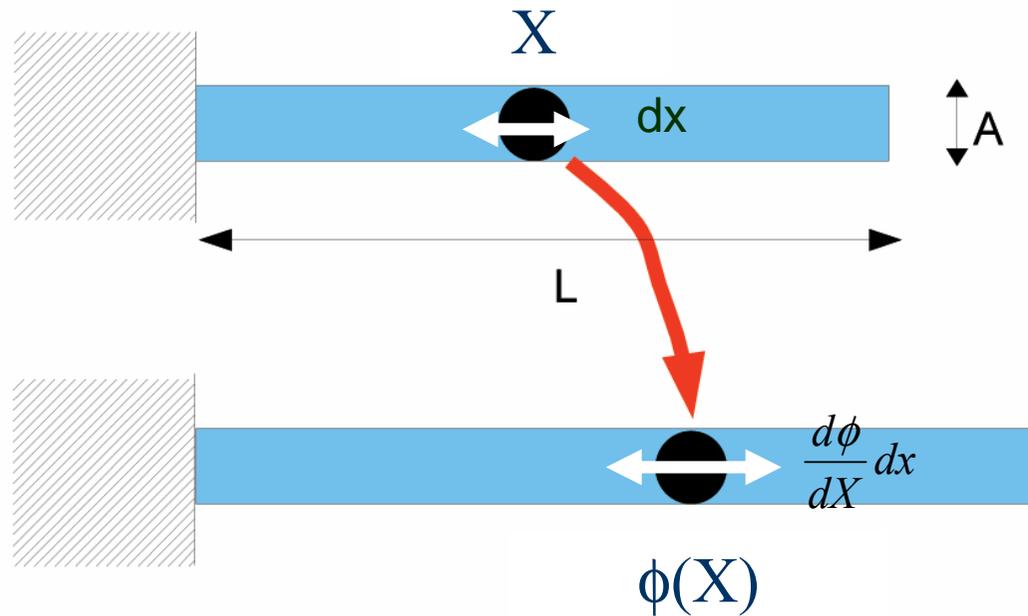
# 1D Elasticity



Point  $X$  is deformed into point  $\phi(X)$

How much deformation around point  $X$  ?

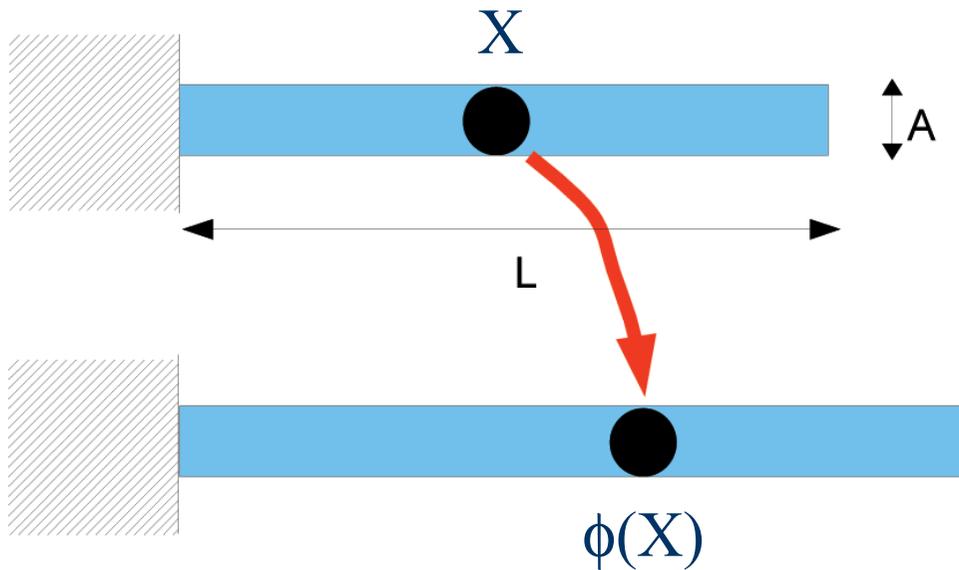
# 1D Elasticity : stretch ratio



Rest length :  $2 dx$     New length :  $\phi(x+dx) - \phi(x-dx)$

Stretch ratio at  $X$  is  $s(X) = \frac{d\phi}{dX}$

# 1D Elasticity : strain energy



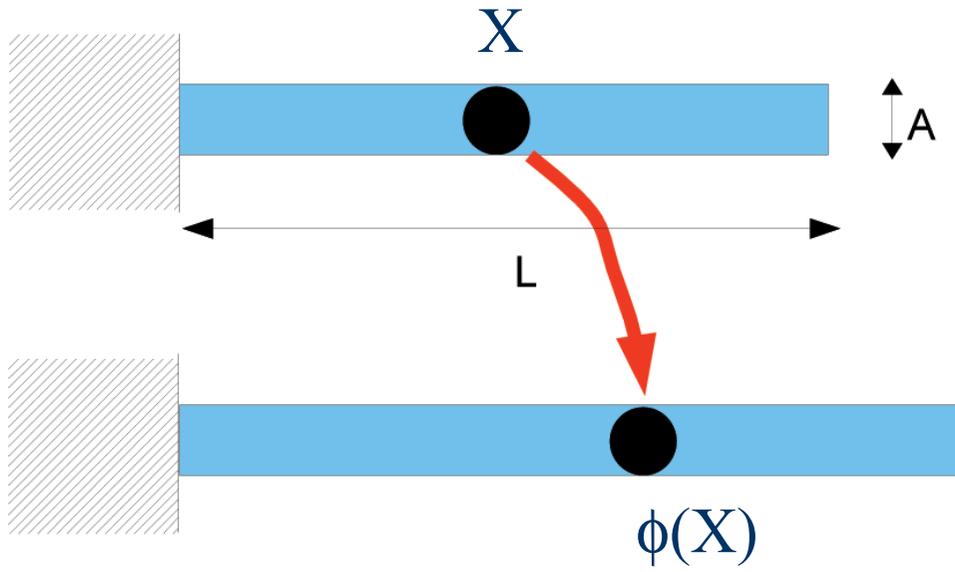
What is the energy necessary to deform the bar ?

Deformation energy  $W$  depends “how stretched” the bar is



$W$  depends on strain  $\epsilon = \text{distance between } s \text{ and } l$

# 1D Elasticity : strain



Different choices  
of strain

$$\varepsilon(s) = \frac{1}{\alpha} (s^\alpha - 1) \quad \text{For } \alpha > 0$$

$$\varepsilon(s) = s - 1 \quad \text{For } \alpha = 1 \quad \text{Engineering strain}$$

$$\varepsilon(s) = \frac{1}{2} (s^2 - 1) \quad \text{For } \alpha = 2 \quad \text{Green-Lagrange strain}$$

$$\varepsilon = \log s \quad \text{For } \alpha = 0 \quad \text{Henky strain}$$

# 1D Elasticity : stress



- Stress is the energy conjugate of strain

$$\sigma = \frac{\partial W}{\partial \varepsilon} \quad \varepsilon = \frac{\partial W}{\partial \sigma}$$

Extensive Variable	Intensive Variable
Position	Force
Angle	Torque
Volume	Pressure
<b>Strain</b>	<b>Stress</b>

- For  $\alpha = 1$  (First Piola-Kirchhoff) nominal stress
- For  $\alpha = 2$  Second Piola-Kirchhoff stress
- For  $\alpha = 0$  Cauchy stress

# St Venant Kirchhoff Material



- **Basic Material :**

- $W$  is a quadratic function of strain



- Stress is proportional to strain

$$\sigma = \frac{\partial W}{\partial \varepsilon}$$

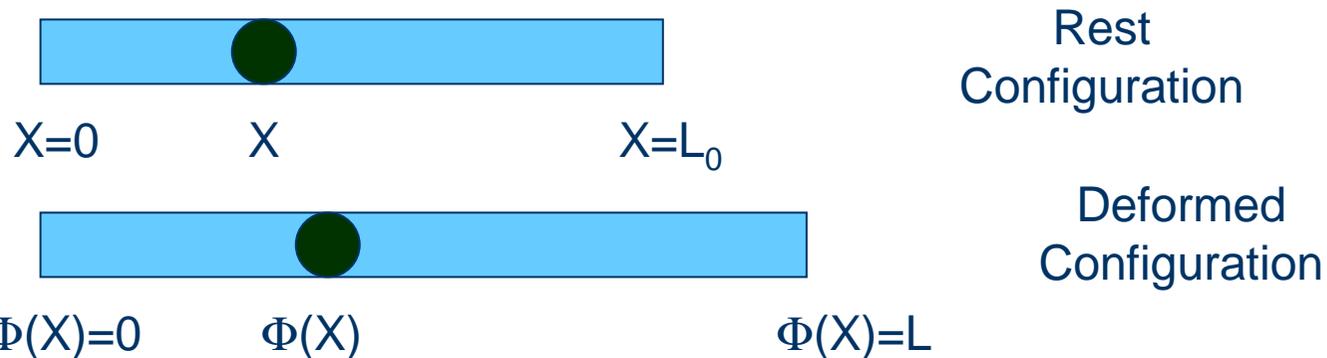
- **1D case :**  $\lambda$  is the material stiffness

$$W = \int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{2} \sigma \varepsilon = \int_{\Omega} \frac{\lambda A}{2\alpha^2} \left( \left( \frac{d\phi}{dX} \right)^{\alpha} - 1 \right)^2 dX$$

# 1D Elasticity : discretization



- Represent the bar with a single segment



Stretch Ratio  $s = \frac{L}{L_0}$

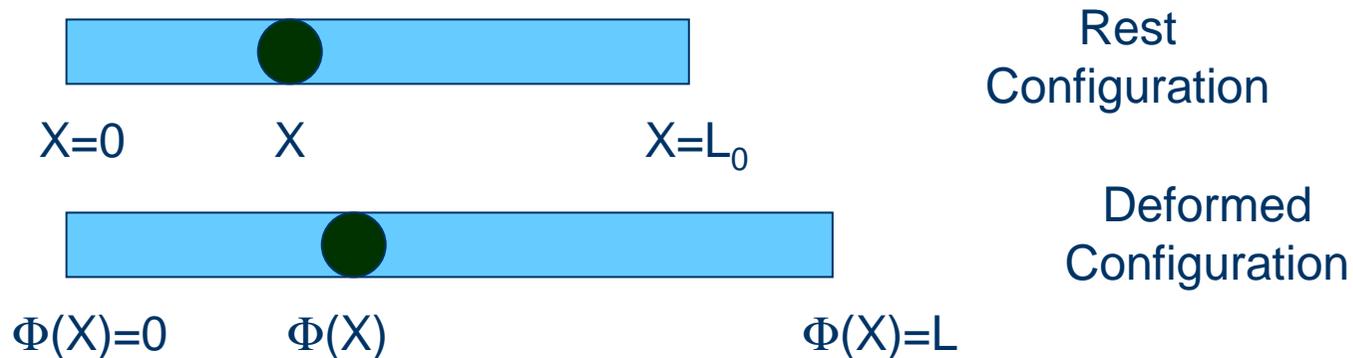
Strain  $\varepsilon = \frac{1}{\alpha} \left( \frac{L^\alpha}{L_0^\alpha} - 1 \right)$

Strain Energy  $W = \frac{\lambda A L_0^{1-2\alpha}}{2\alpha^2} \left( L^\alpha - L_0^\alpha \right)^2$

# 1D Elasticity : discretization



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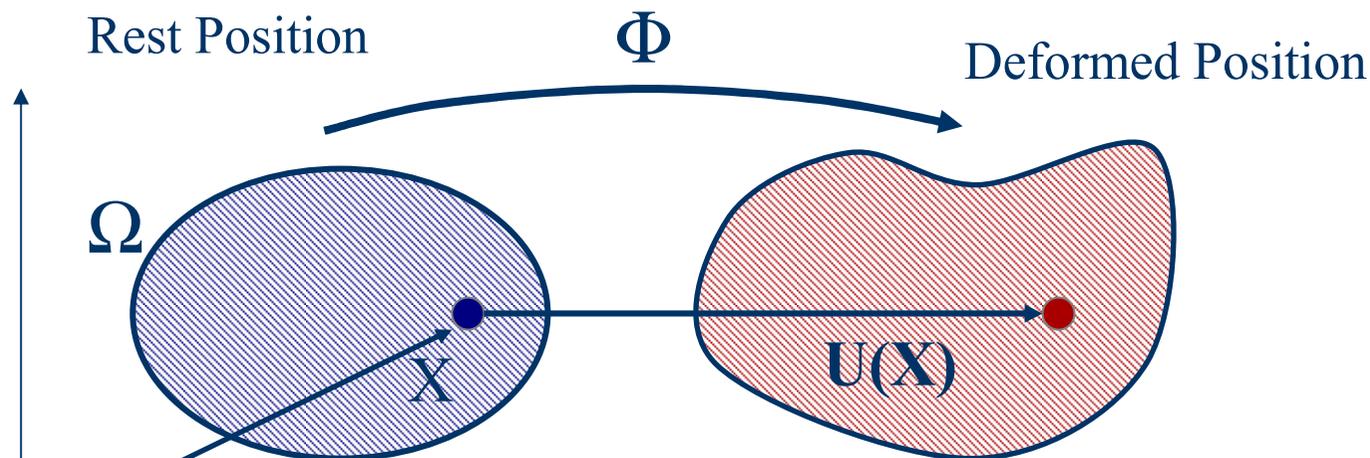
For  $\alpha = 1$   $W = \frac{\lambda A}{2L_0} (L - L_0)^2 \longrightarrow$  (Quadratic) Spring Energy

For  $\alpha = 2$   $W = \frac{\lambda A}{8L_0^3} (L^2 - L_0^2)^2 \longrightarrow$  Biquadratic Spring Energy

# 3D Elasticity



- Deformation Function
- $X \in \Omega \mapsto \phi(X) \in \mathfrak{R}^3$
- Displacement Function  
$$U(X) = \phi(X) - X$$



# Deformation Gradient

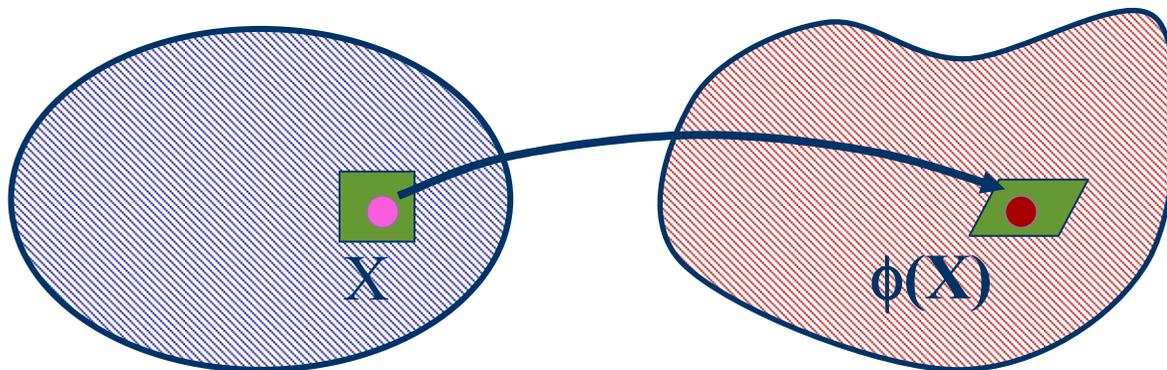
- The local deformation is captured by the deformation gradient :

$$F = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial X}$$

$$F_{ij} = \frac{\partial \phi_i}{\partial X_j} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial \phi_1}{\partial X_1} & \frac{\partial \phi_1}{\partial X_2} & \frac{\partial \phi_1}{\partial X_3} \\ \frac{\partial \phi_2}{\partial X_1} & \frac{\partial \phi_2}{\partial X_2} & \frac{\partial \phi_2}{\partial X_3} \\ \frac{\partial \phi_3}{\partial X_1} & \frac{\partial \phi_3}{\partial X_2} & \frac{\partial \phi_3}{\partial X_3} \end{bmatrix}$$

Rest Position  $\Omega$

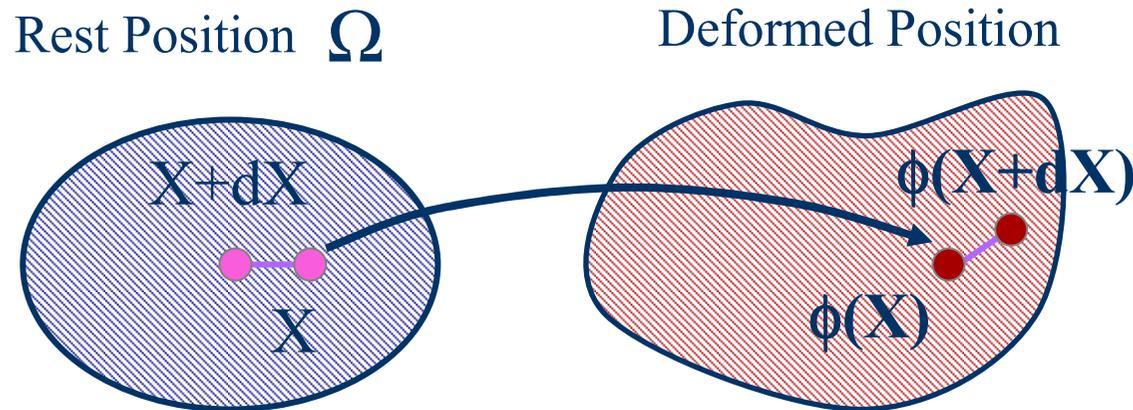
Deformed Position



$F(X)$  is the local affine transformation that maps the neighborhood of  $X$  into the neighborhood of  $\phi(X)$

# Stretch Tensor

- Distance between point may not be preserved



- Distance between deformed points

$$(ds)^2 = \|\phi(X + dX) - \phi(X)\|^2 \approx dX^T (\nabla \phi^T \nabla \phi) dX$$

- Right Cauchy-Green Deformation tensor

$$C = \nabla \phi^T \nabla \phi$$

Measures the change of metric in the deformed body

# Strain Tensor



- Example : Rigid Body motion entails no deformation  $\phi(X) = RX + T$

$$F(X) = \nabla \phi(X) = R \quad C = R^T R = Id$$

- Strain tensor captures the amount of deformation
  - It is defined as the “distance between C and the Identity matrix”

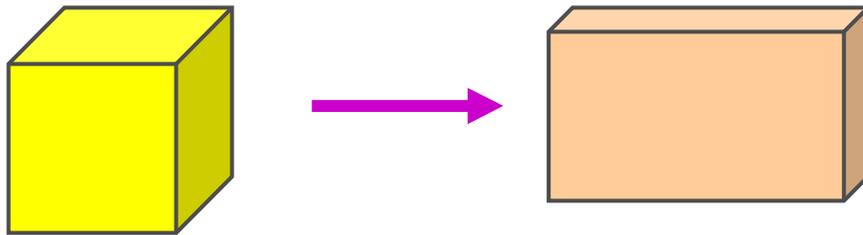
$$E = \frac{1}{2} (\nabla \phi^T \nabla \phi - Id) = \frac{1}{2} (C - Id)$$

# Strain Tensor



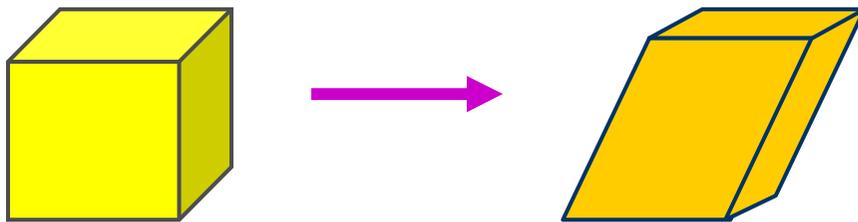
- Diagonal Terms :  $\epsilon_i$

- Capture the length variation along the 3 axis



- Off-Diagonal Terms :  $\gamma_i$

- Capture the shear effect along the 3 axis



$$E = \begin{bmatrix} \epsilon_x & \frac{1}{2} \gamma_{xy} & \frac{1}{2} \gamma_{xz} \\ \frac{1}{2} \gamma_{xy} & \epsilon_y & \frac{1}{2} \gamma_{yz} \\ \frac{1}{2} \gamma_{xz} & \frac{1}{2} \gamma_{yz} & \epsilon_z \end{bmatrix}$$

# Analogy 1D-3D Elasticity



1D Elasticity		3D Elasticity	
Deformation Gradient	$\frac{d\phi}{dX}$	Deformation Gradient	$\nabla \phi(X)$
Square Stretch Ratio	$s^2 = \left(\frac{d\phi}{dX}\right)^2$	RCG-Deformation Tensor	$C = \nabla \phi^T \nabla \phi$
Green Strain	$\varepsilon(s) = \frac{1}{2}(s^2 - 1)$	Green Strain Tensor	$E = \frac{1}{2}(\nabla \phi^T \nabla \phi - Id)$
SVK Strain Energy	$w(X) = \frac{\lambda A(\varepsilon(s))^2}{4}$	SVK Strain Energy	$w(X) = \frac{\lambda}{2}(tr E)^2 + \mu tr E^2$

# Linearized Strain Tensor



- Use displacement rather than deformation

$$\nabla \phi(X) = Id + \nabla U(X)$$

$$E = \frac{1}{2} (\nabla U + \nabla U^T + \nabla U^T \nabla U)$$

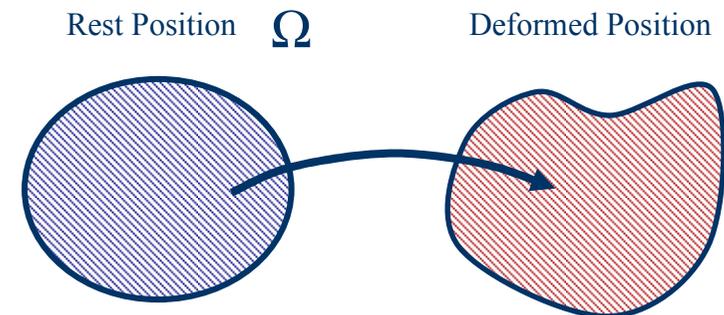
- Assume small displacements

$$E_{Lin} = \frac{1}{2} (\nabla U + \nabla U^T)$$

# Hyperelastic Energy



- The energy required to deform a body is a function of the invariants of strain tensor  $E$  :
  - Trace  $E = I_1$
  - Trace  $E^*E = I_2$
  - Determinant of  $E = I_3$



$$W(\phi) = \int_{\Omega} w(I_1, I_2, I_3) dX \quad \text{Total Elastic Energy}$$

# Linear Elasticity



- Isotropic Energy

$$w(X) = \frac{\lambda}{2} (\text{tr } E_{Lin})^2 + \mu \text{tr } E_{Lin}^2$$

$(\lambda, \mu)$  : Lamé coefficients

Hooke's Law

$w(X)$  : density of elastic energy

- Advantage :
  - Quadratic function of displacement

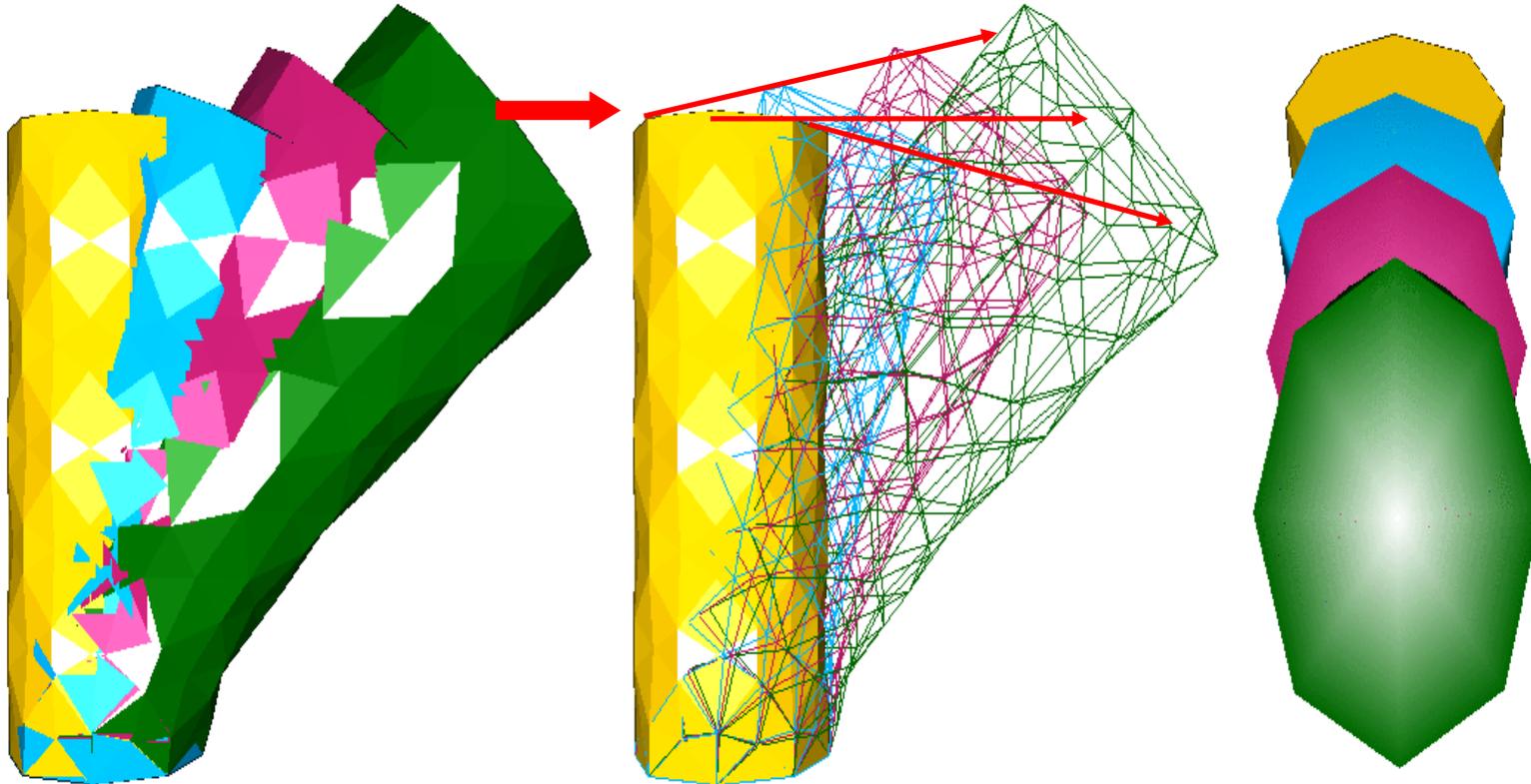
$$w = \frac{\lambda}{2} (\text{div } U)^2 + \mu \|\nabla U\|^2 - \frac{\mu}{2} \|\text{rot } U\|^2$$

- Drawback :
  - Not invariant with respect to global rotation
- Extension for anisotropic materials

# Shortcomings of linear elasticity



- Non valid for «large rotations and displacements»



# St-Venant Kirchhoff Elasticity



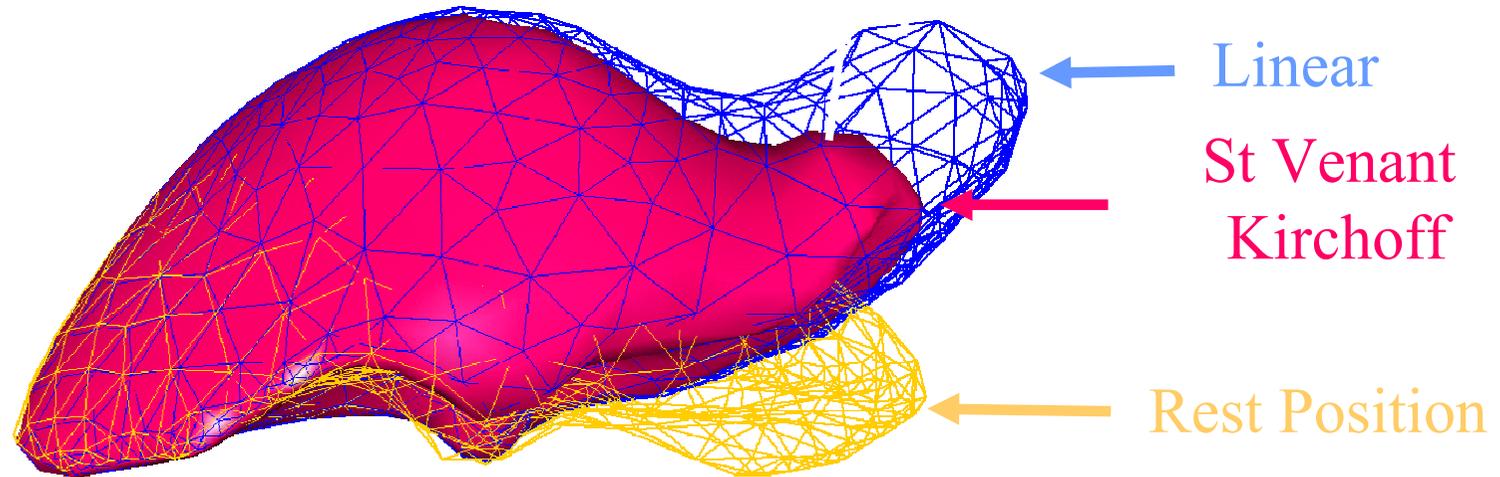
- Isotropic Energy

$$w(X) = \frac{\lambda}{2} (\text{tr } E)^2 + \mu \text{tr } E^2$$

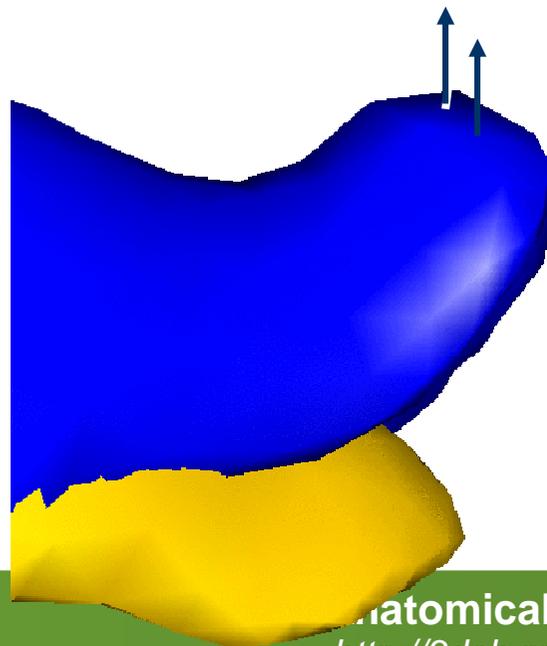
$(\lambda, \mu)$  : Lamé coefficients

- Advantage :
  - Generalize linear elasticity
  - Invariant to global rotations
- Drawback :
  - Poor behavior in compression
  - Quartic function of displacement
- Extension for anisotropic materials

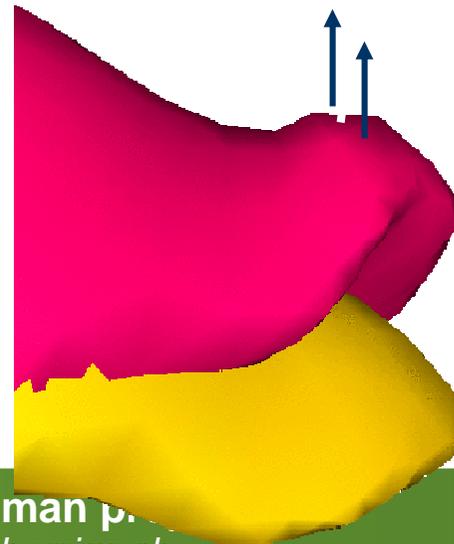
# St Venant Kirchhoff vs Linear Elasticity



Linear



St Venant Kirchhoff



# Other Hyperelastic Material



- Neo-Hookean Model  $w(X) = \frac{\mu}{2} \text{tr}E + f(I_3)$
- Fung Isotropic Model  $w(X) = \frac{\mu}{2} e^{\text{tr}E} + f(I_3)$
- Fung Anisotropic Model  $w(X) = \frac{\mu}{2} e^{\text{tr}E} + \frac{k_1}{k_2} (e^{k_2(I_4-1)} - 1) + f(I_3)$
- Veronda-Westman  $w(X) = c_1 (e^{\gamma \text{tr}E}) + c_2 \text{tr}E^2 + f(I_3)$
- Mooney-Rivlin :  $w(X) = c_{10} \text{tr}E + c_{01} \text{tr}E^2 + f(I_3)$



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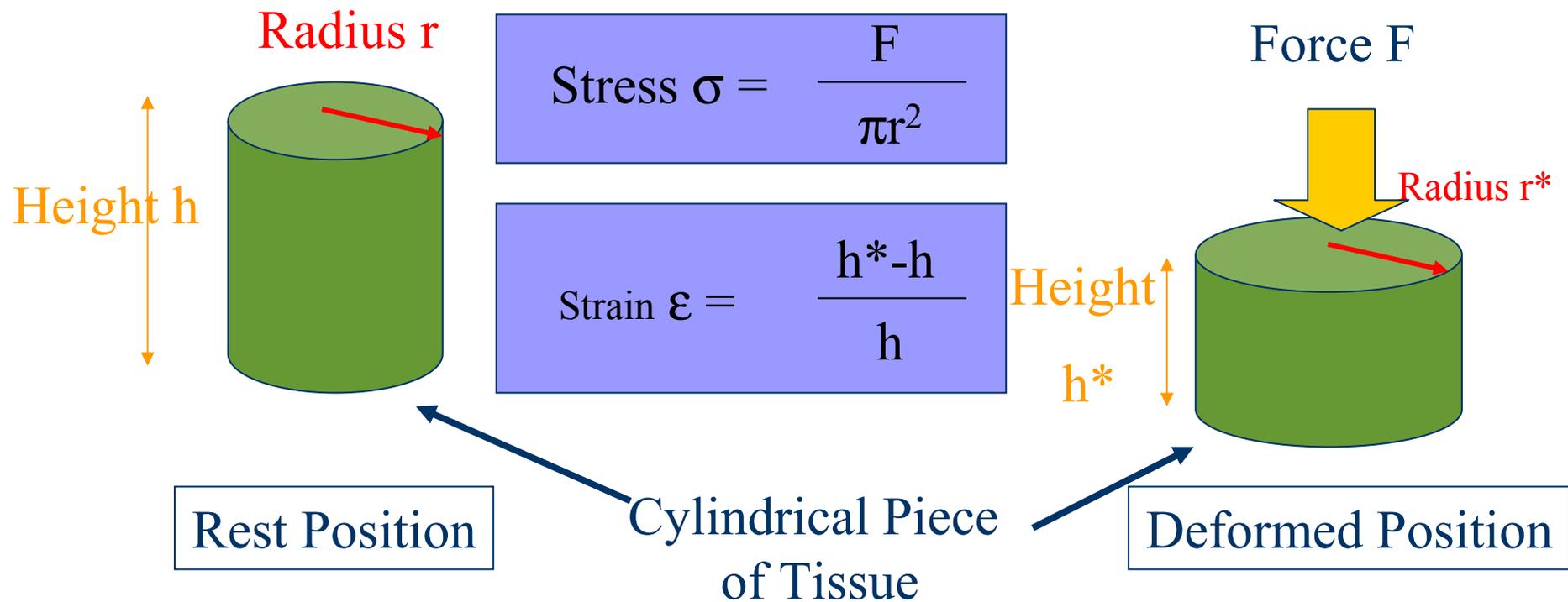


- Biomechanical behavior of biological tissue is very complex
- Most biological tissue is composed of several components :
  - Fluids : water or blood
  - Fibrous materials : muscle fiber, neuronal fibers, ...
  - Membranes : interstitial tissue, Glisson capsule
  - Parenchyma : liver or brain

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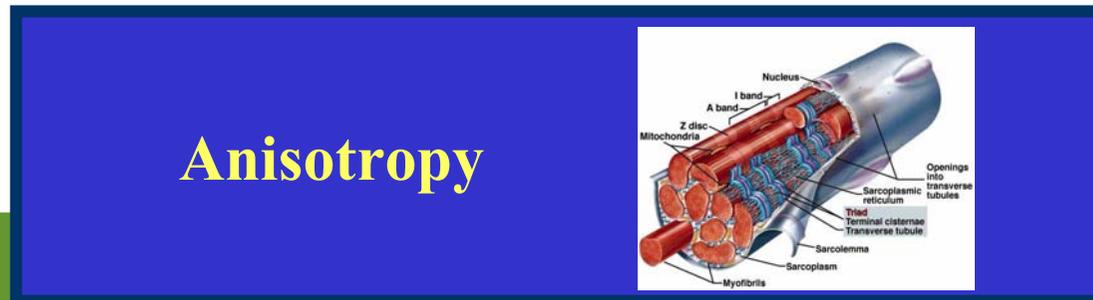
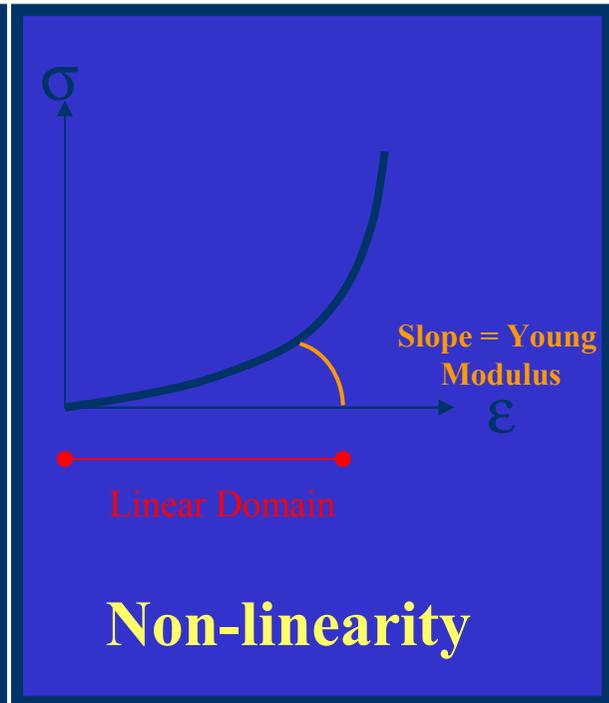
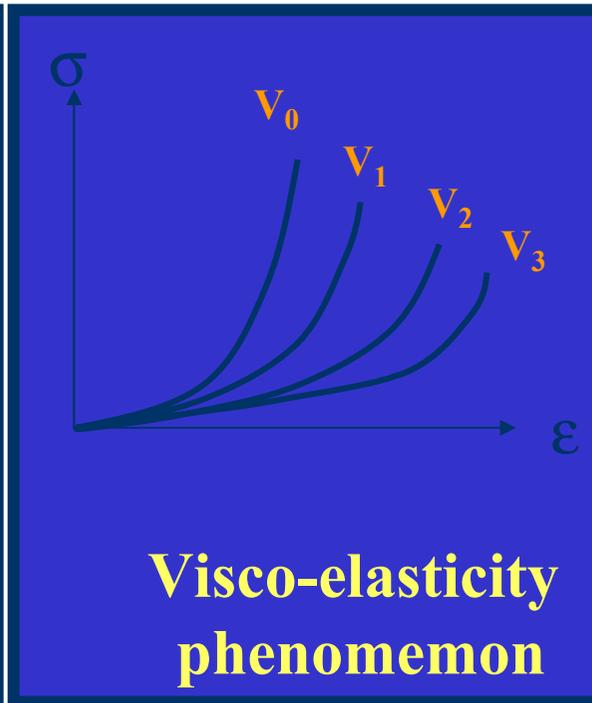
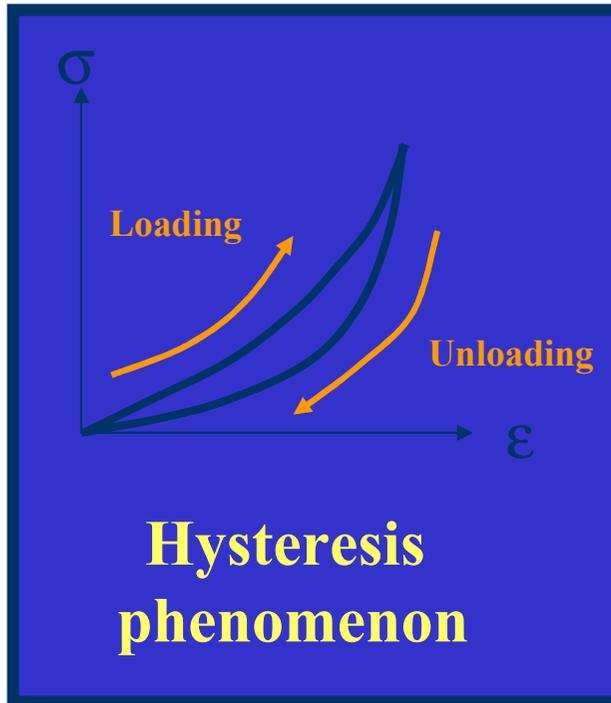
- To characterize a tissue, its stress-strain relationship is studied



# Soft Tissue Characterization



- In stress-strain relationships there are :



# Parameter estimation



- Complex for biological tissue :
  - Heterogeneous and anisotropic materials
  - Tissue behavior changes between in-vivo and in-vitro
  - Ethics clearance for performing experimental studies
  - Effect of preconditioning
  - Potential large variability across population

# Soft Tissue Characterization



- Different possible methods
  - In vitro rheology
  - In vivo rheology
  - Elastometry
  - Solving Inverse problems

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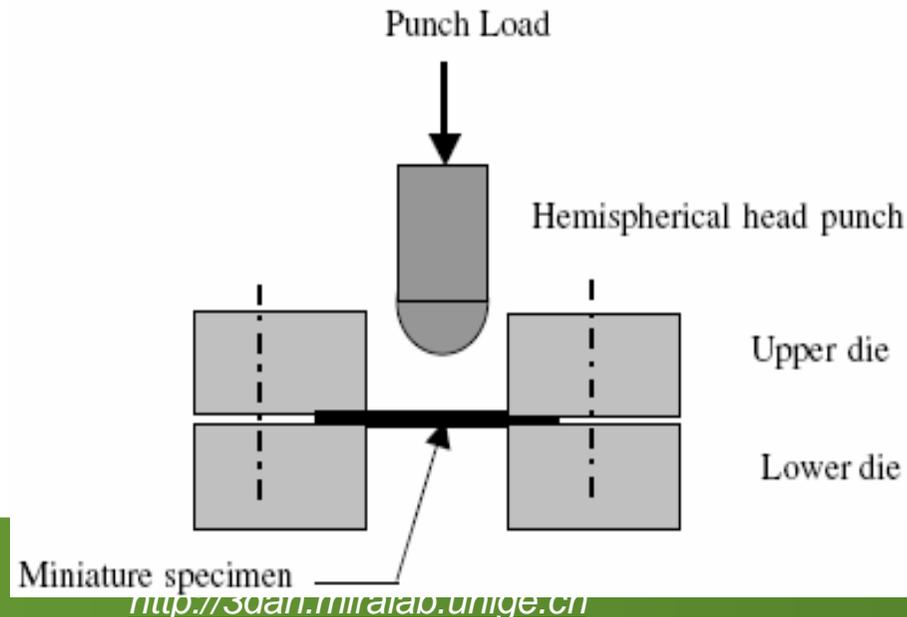
- In vitro rheology



- can be performed in a laboratory.  
Technique is mature



- Not realistic for soft tissue (perfusion, ...)



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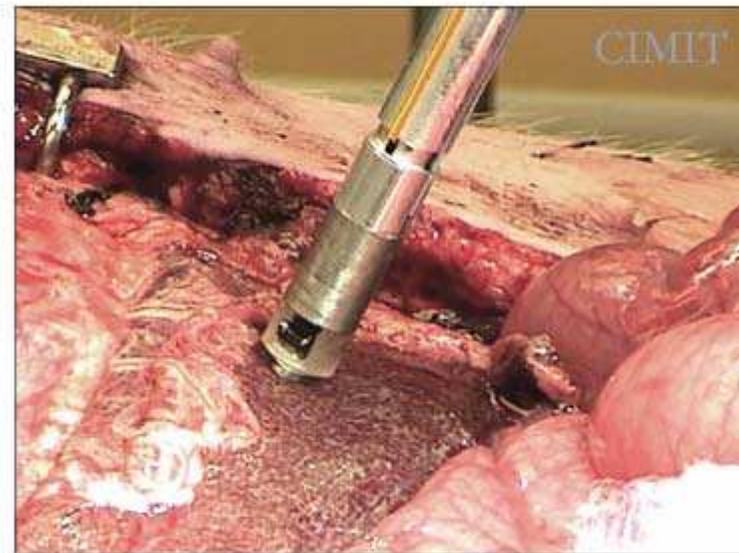
- In vivo rheology



- can provide stress/strain relationships at several locations



- Influence of boundary conditions not well understood



# Soft Tissue Characterization



## ■ Elastometry (MR, Ultrasound)



- measure property inside any organ non invasively



- validation ? Only for linear elastic materials



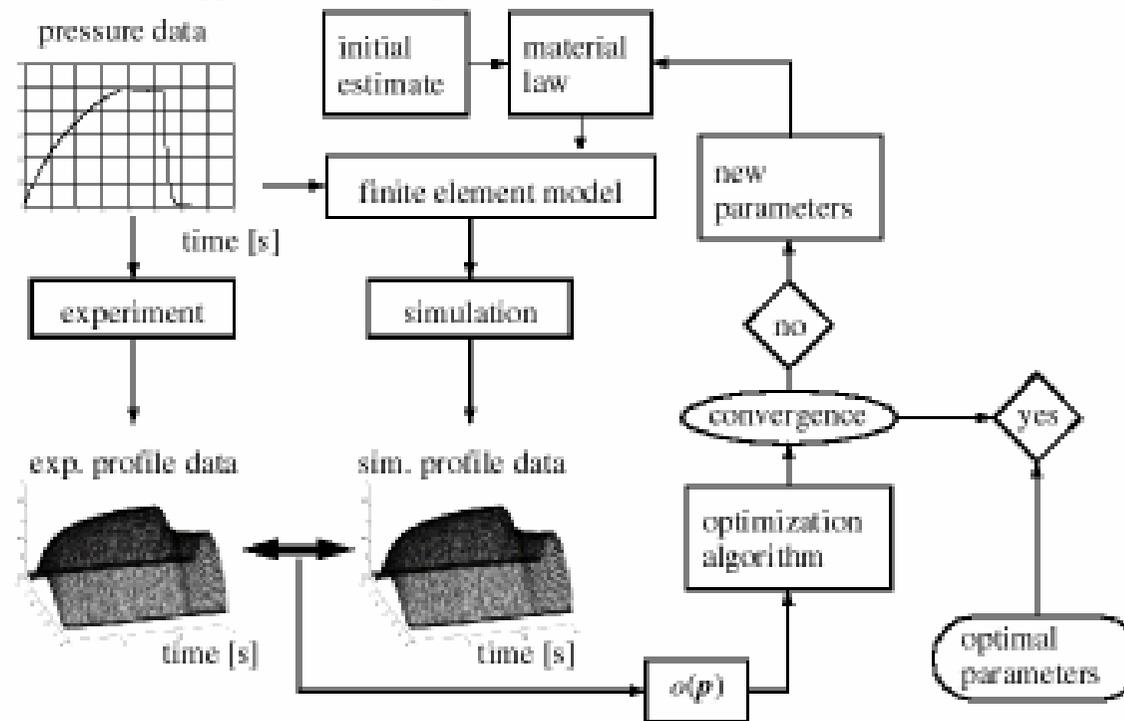
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# Soft Tissue Characterization



## ■ Inverse Problems

- well-suited for surgery simulation (computational approach)
- require the geometry before and after deformation



# Soft Tissue Characterization



- Still difficult to find “reliable” soft tissue material parameters
- Example : Liver soft tissue characterization

First Author	Experimental Technique	Liver Origin	Young Modulus (kPa)
Yamashita [111]	Image-Based	Human	Not Available
Brown [15]	<i>in-vivo</i>	Porcine Liver	$\approx 80$
Carter [17]	<i>in-vivo</i>	Human Liver	$\approx 170$
Dan [27]	<i>ex-vivo</i>	Porcine Liver	$\approx 10$
Liu [62, 61]	<i>ex-vivo</i>	Bovine Liver	Not Available
Nava [76]	<i>in-vivo</i>	Porcine Liver	$\approx 90$
Miller [74]	<i>in-vivo</i>	Porcine Liver	Not Available
Sakuma [92]	<i>ex-vivo</i>	Bovine Liver	Not Available

Table 2: List of published articles providing some quantitative data about the biomechanical properties of the liver.



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# Discretisation techniques

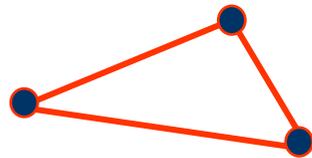


- Four main approaches :
  - Volumetric Mesh Based
  - Surface Mesh Based
  - Meshless
  - Particles

# Different types of meshes

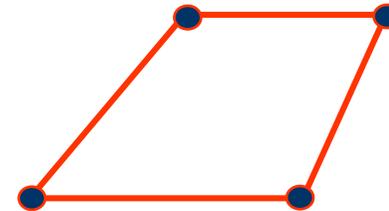


## ■ Surface Elements :



**Triangle**

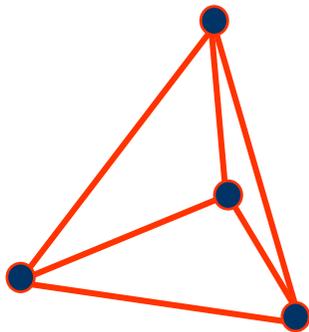
3, 12 nodes and more



**Quad**

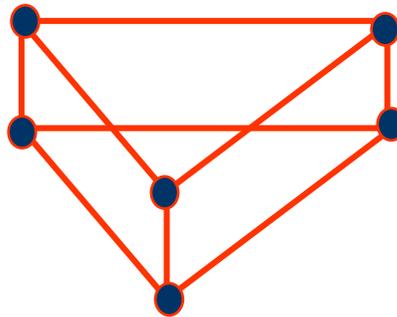
4, 8 nodes and more

## ■ Volume Elements



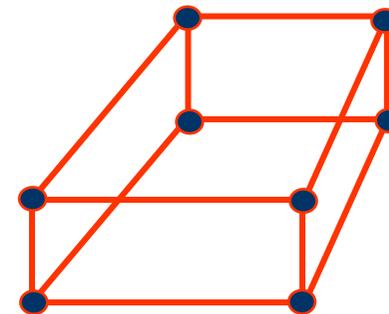
**Tetrahedron**

4, 10 nodes



**Prismatic**

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<http://3dah.miraleb.unice.ch>  
6, 15 nodes and more



**Hexahedron**

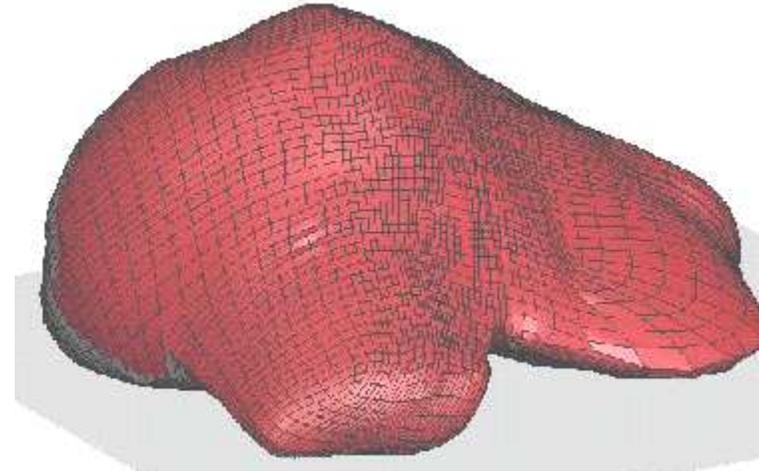
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# Structured vs Unstructured meshes



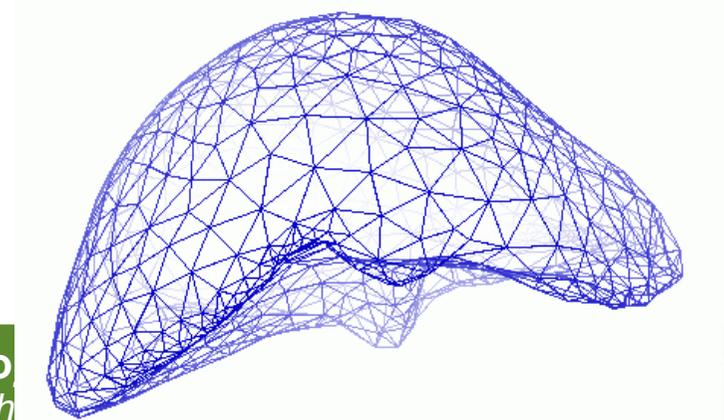
- Example 1 : Liver meshed with hexahedra

3 months work  
(courtesy of ESI)



- Example 2: Liver meshed with tetrahedra

Automatically  
generated (1s)



# Volumetric Mesh Discretization

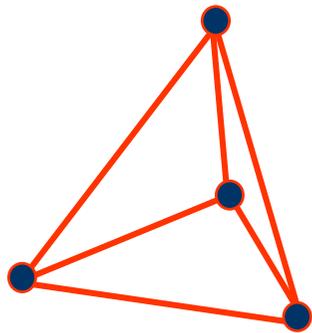


- Classical Approaches :
  - Finite Element Method (weak form)
  - Rayleigh Ritz Method (variational form)
  - Finite Volume Method (conservation eq.)
  - Finite Differences Method (strong form)
- FEM, RRM, FVM are equivalent when using linear elements

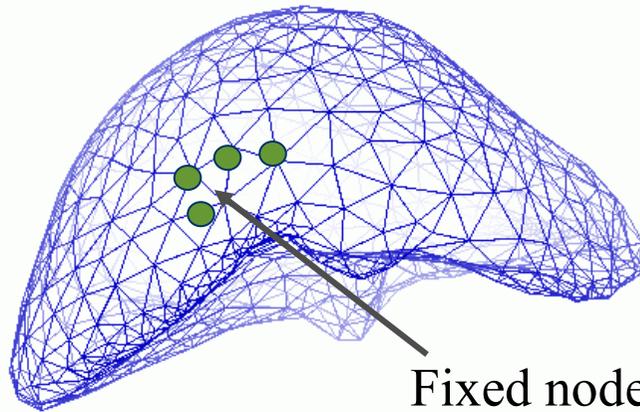
# Rayleigh-Ritz Method



- Step1 : Choose
  - Finite Element (e.g. linear tetrahedron)
  - Mesh discretizing the domain of computation
  - Hyperelastic Material with its parameters
  - Boundary Conditions



**Tetrahedron**  
4 nodes



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$$w(X) = \frac{\lambda}{2} (\text{tr } E)^2 + \mu \text{tr } E^2$$

Young Modulus

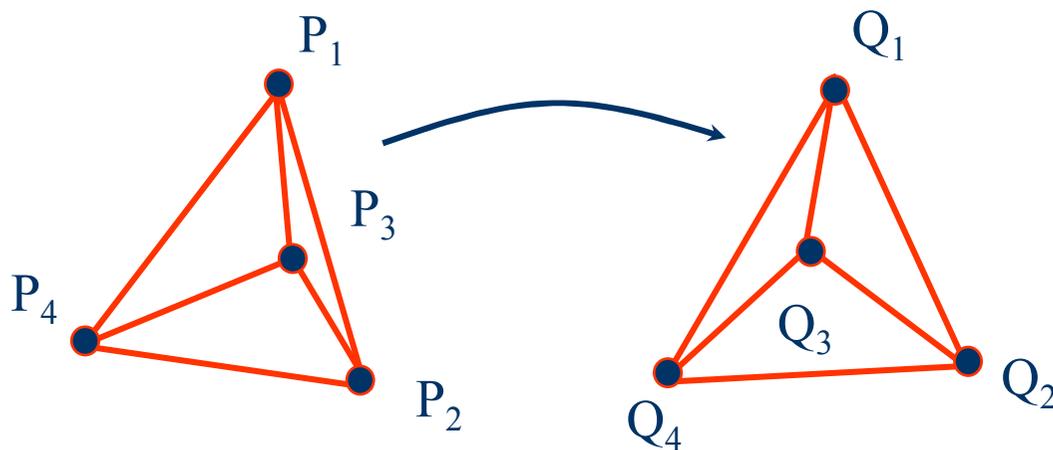
Poisson Coefficient

# Rayleigh-Ritz Method



## ■ Step2

- Write the elastic energy required to deform a single element



$$u(P_i) = Q_i - P_i = U_i$$

$$u(X) = \sum_{i=1}^4 \lambda_i(X) u(P_i)$$

$$\nabla \lambda_i(X) = -\frac{M_i}{6V(T)}$$

$$trE = -\sum_i \frac{M_i \cdot U_i}{6V(T)}$$

$$W_{T_i} = \sum_{jk} U_j^t [\mathbf{K}_{jk}^{T_i}] U_k$$

$$[\mathbf{K}_{jk}^{T_i}] = \frac{1}{36 \cdot V(T_i)} (\lambda_i \mathbf{M}_k \mathbf{M}_j^T + \mu_i \mathbf{M}_j \mathbf{M}_k^T + \mu_i (\mathbf{M}_j \cdot \mathbf{M}_k) [\text{Id}_{3 \times 3}])$$

# Rayleigh-Ritz Method



## ■ Step3

- Sum to get the total elastic energy

$$W(U) = \int_{\Omega_h} w(I_1, I_2, I_3) dX = \sum_{T_i} W_{T_i} = U^T K U$$

- Write the conservation of energy

$$W(U) = \underbrace{F^T U}_{\text{Internal Energy}} + \underbrace{\int_{\Omega} \rho(X) (X \cdot g) dX}_{\text{Gravity Potential Energy}}$$

Nodal Forces

# Rayleigh-Ritz Method



## ■ Step3

- Write first variation of the energy :

### Linear Elasticity

$$KU = R$$

Static case

$$M\ddot{U} + C\dot{U} + KU = R(t)$$

Dynamic case

### HyperElasticity=NonLinear Elasticity

$$K(U) = R$$

Static case

$$M\ddot{U} + C\dot{U} + K(U) = R(t)$$

Dynamic case

# Surface-Based Methods



- Possible approaches :
  - Boundary Element Models (BEM)
    - Based on the Green Function of the linear elastic operator
    - Requires homogeneous material
  - Matrix Condensation
    - Full Matrix inversion
  - Iterative Precomputed Generation
    - Solve  $3 \cdot N_s$  equations  $F=KU$



## ■ Meshless Methods

- Use only points inside and specific shape functions
- Can better optimize location of DOFs
- Can cope with large deformations
- Deformation accuracy unknown

## ■ Particles

- Smooth Particles Hydrodynamics that interact based on a state equation



- Introduction
- Constitutive Modeling of Soft Tissue
  - Discrete Models (Particles + Spring Mass Models)
  - Continuum Models (Hyperelasticity)
- Measuring Soft Tissue Deformation
- Discretization Methods
- Example of Soft Tissue Models

# Surgery Simulation



- Surgery Simulation must cope with several difficult technical issues :
  - Soft Tissue Deformation
  - Collision Detection
  - Collision Response
  - Haptics Rendering
- Real-time Constraints :
  - 25Hz for visual rendering
  - 300-1000 Hz for haptic rendering

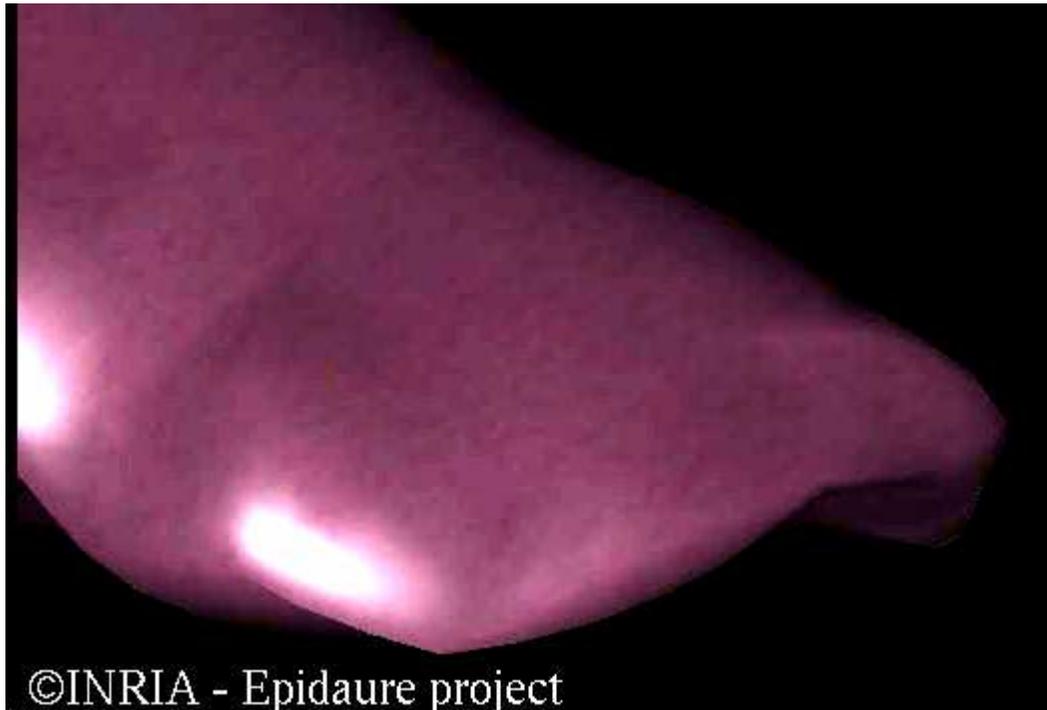
# Precomputed linear elastic model



9517  
Tetrahedra

AISIM 1999  
Epidaure IMAGIS Sinus

# Tensor-Mass Models (low resolution)

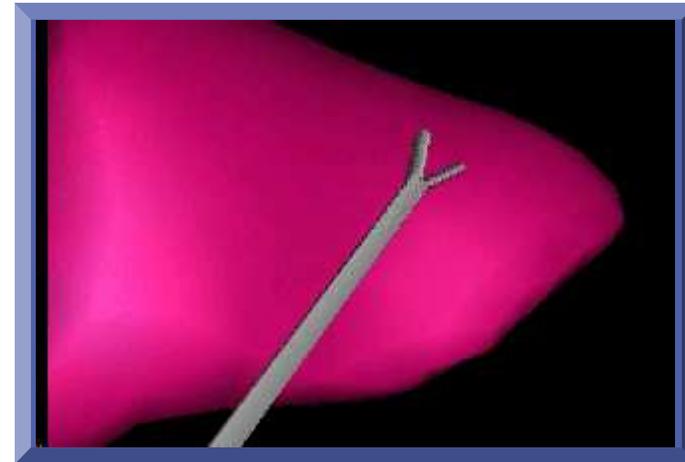


N = 1394 (6342 Tétraèdres)

# Simulation of surgical gestures



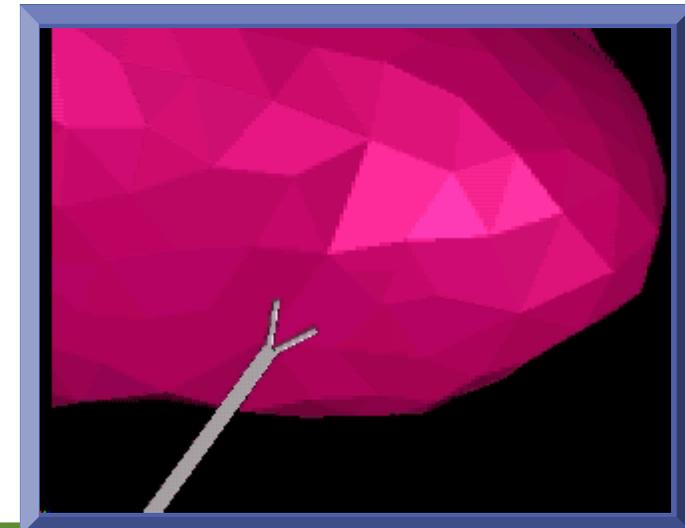
Gliding



Gripping

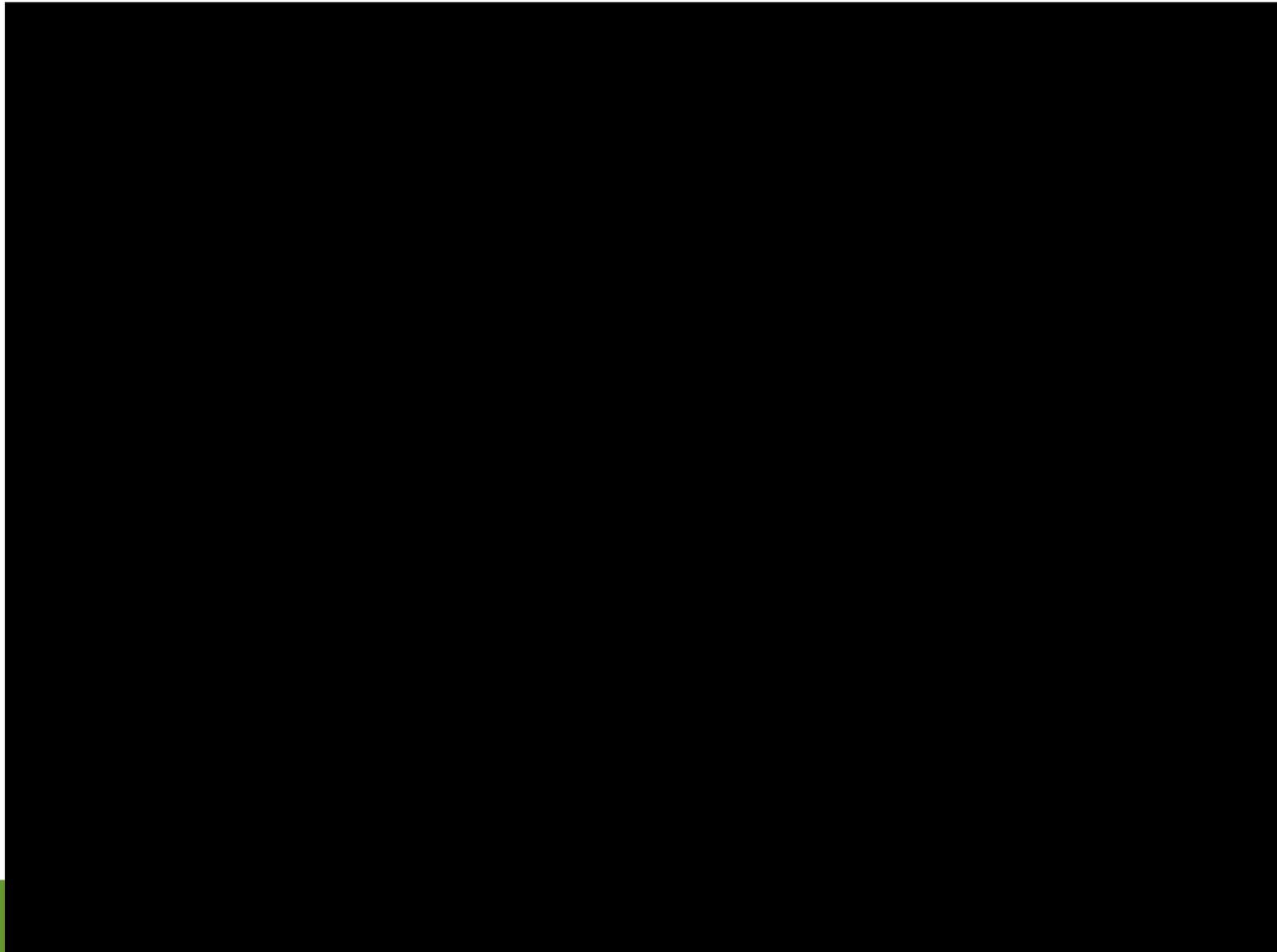


Cutting (pliers)



Cutting (US)

# Hepatic Surgery Simulation

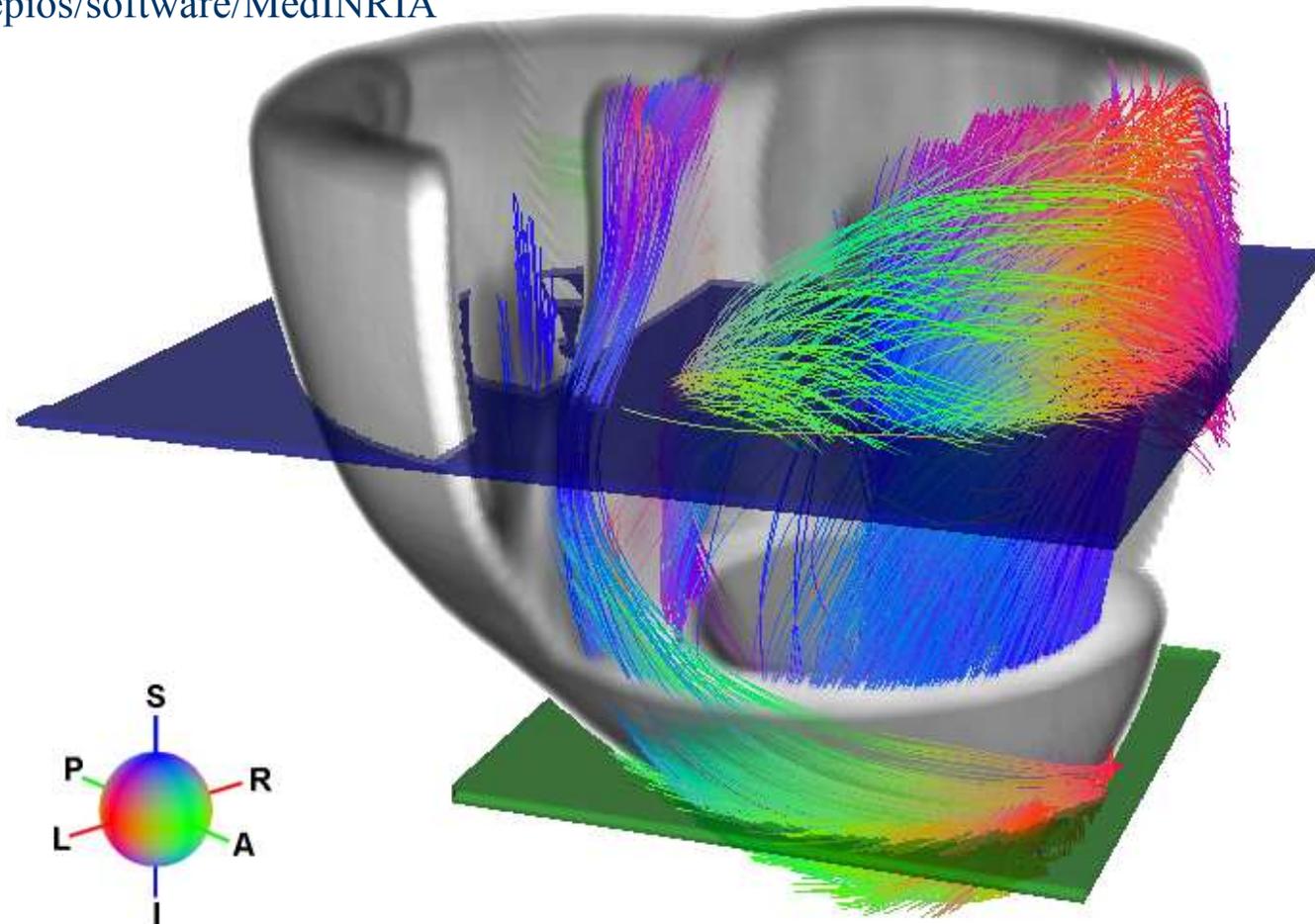


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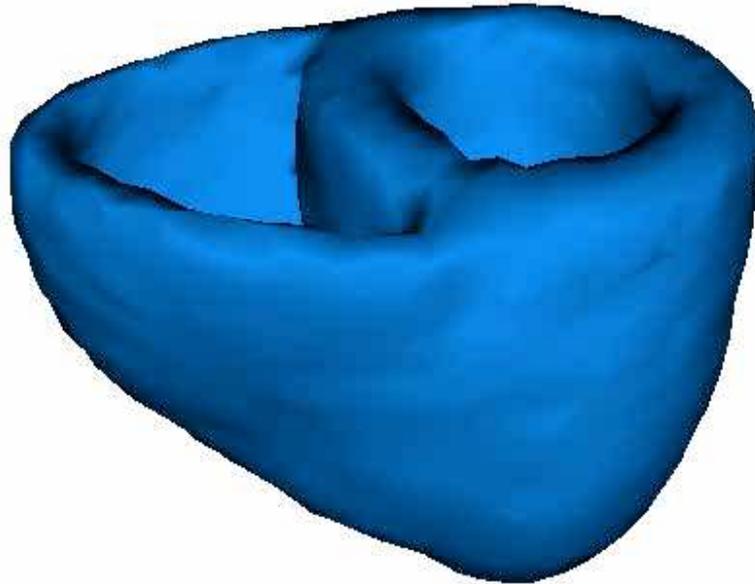
# Fiber Tracking on the Average Cardiac



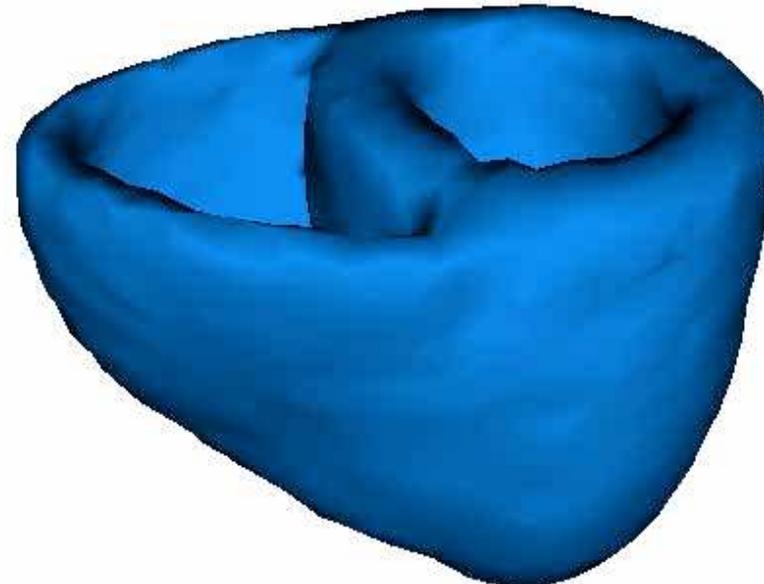
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# Electrophysiology Simulation



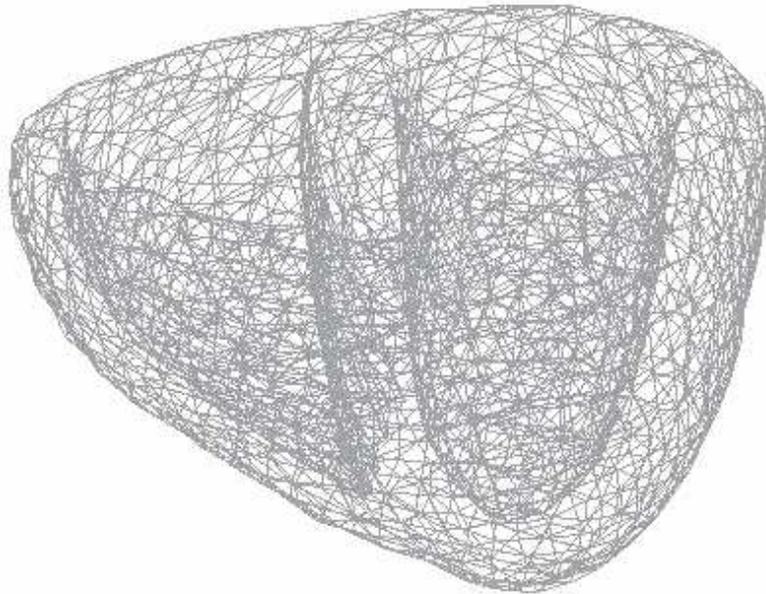
*Normal heart  
Ectopic Pacing*



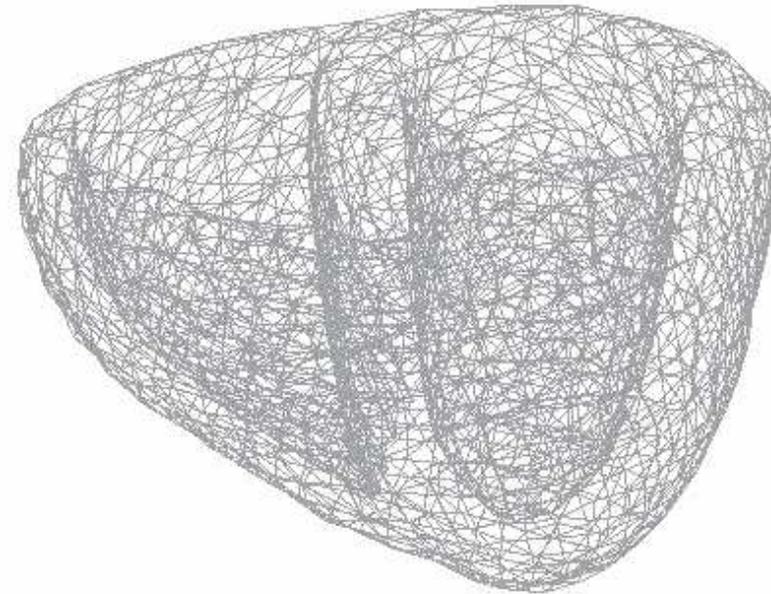
*Infarcted Area  
10 times less conductive  
→ Ventricular tachycardia  
→ Ventricular fibrillation?*

*Pseudo-potential  
Blue: excitable  
Red: depolarised  
Yellow: refractory*

# Electrophysiology Simulation



*Normal heart  
Ectopic Pacing*



*Infarcted Area*

*Depolarisation Front  
Blue: depolarised side  
Red: excitable side  
Black: Repolarisation Front*

*10 times less conductive  
→ Ventricular tachycardia  
→ Ventricular fibrillation?*

# Cardiac Simulation



- 4 Cardiac Phases:

- Filling
- Isovolumetric Contraction
- Ejection
- Isovolumetric Relaxation

- 2 Volumetric Conditions:

- Pressure Field in the endocardium
- Isovolumetric Constraint of myocardium

Slowed  
6 times





**Thank you for your attention**