



Optimal Transportation and Particle Methods in Mechanics

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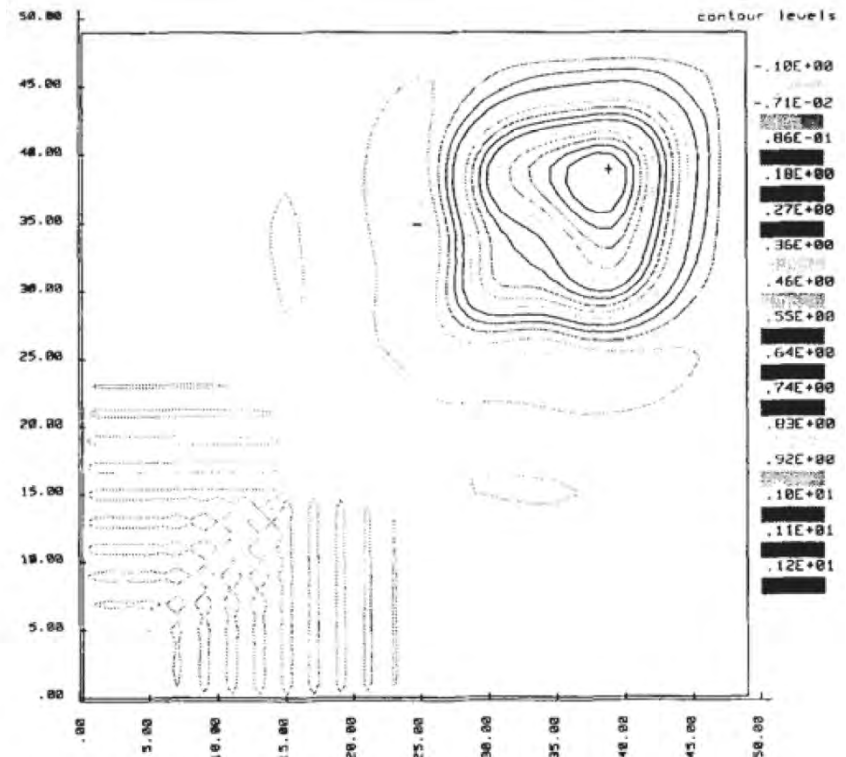
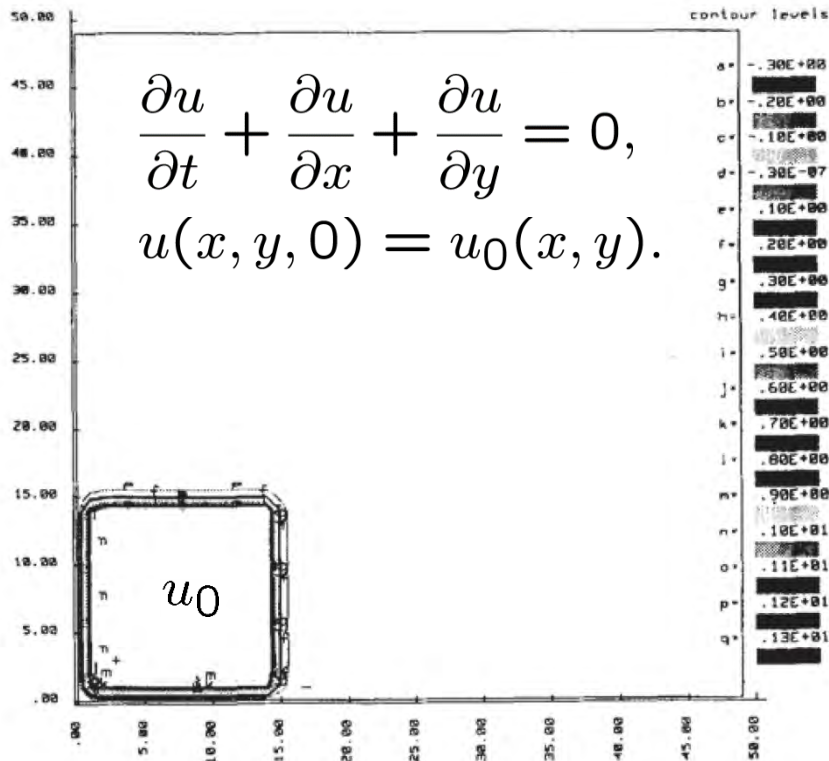
Intro: Particle methods

- *Particle methods* are popular because:
 - *They are meshless and can deal efficiently with unconstrained flows and large geometry changes without mesh entanglement*
 - *They are geometrically exact with respect to advection (push-forward of measures)*
 - *They preserve positivity (no negative densities)*
 - *They have monotonicity properties (no overshoots, no spurious oscillations)*
- Traditional finite-difference/finite-element schemes experience great difficulty in dealing with these issues...



Intro: Particle methods

- Example: Two-dimensional advection

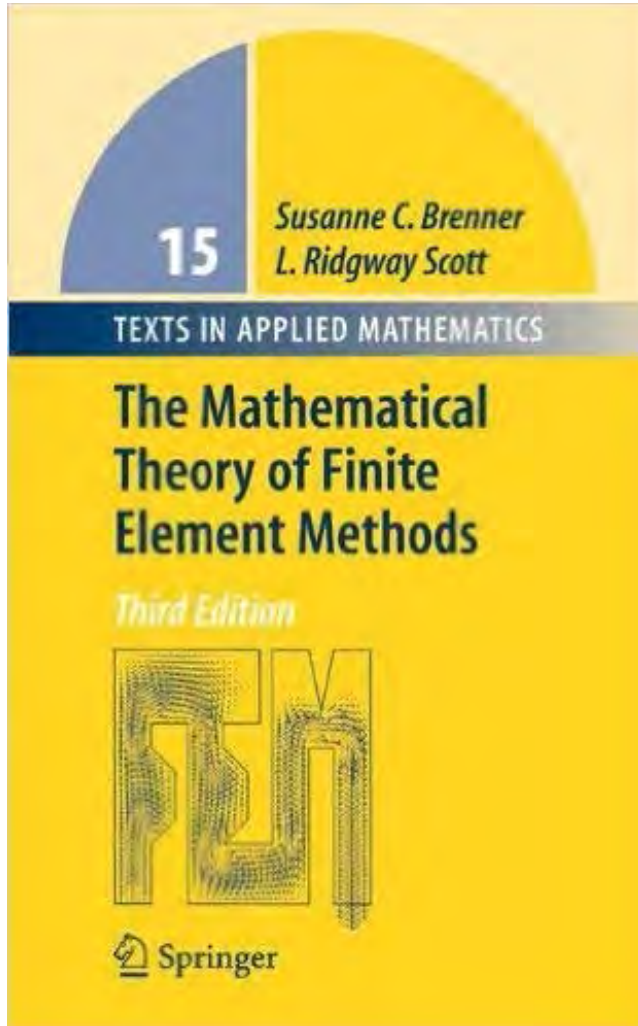


Intro: Particle methods

Particle methods
in engineering $=$ Transport of measures
in mathematics



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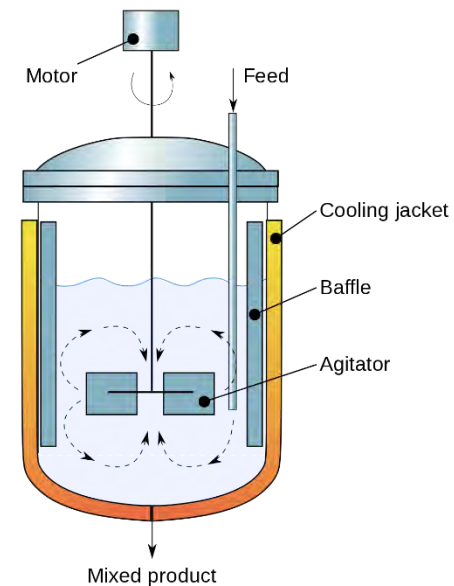


- Connection between approximation theory and computational science is well-developed in the context of PDEs and functional spaces.
- The connection is comparatively less well-developed in the context of transport of measures (e.g., particle methods)...



Outline

- Introduction (done!)
- *Advection-diffusion problems (scalar)*
- Flow problems (solid/fluid mechanics, vector)
- Dislocation transport (lines, 1-currents)
- Outlook...



Mass transport

- Advection-diffusion initial-BVP:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \partial_t \rho + \nabla \cdot (\rho c) = \kappa \Delta \rho, & \text{in } [0, T] \times \Omega, \\ \kappa \nabla \rho \cdot \nu = 0, \quad (c \cdot \nu = 0) & \text{on } [0, T] \times \partial\Omega, \\ \rho(x, 0) = \rho_0(x), & \text{in } \Omega. \end{array} \right.$$

- Transport reformulation (Eulerian):

$$\partial_t \rho + \nabla \cdot (\rho v) = 0, \quad v = c - \kappa \nabla \log \rho$$

- Fokker-Planck equation: $c = \nabla V$
- Existence and uniqueness of smooth solutions, connections with Ito stochastic differential eq...



Mass transport — Time discrete (I)

- Discrete time: $0 = t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_N = T$
- Discrete density: $\rho_0, \dots, \rho_k, \dots, \rho_N$
- Variational principle¹: $F(\rho_{k+1}) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{d_W^2(\rho_k, \rho_{k+1})}{t_{k+1} - t_k} + \int_{\Omega} \kappa \rho_{k+1} \log \rho_{k+1} dx \rightarrow \min!$ 
- EL equation: $\frac{x - \varphi_{k+1 \rightarrow k}}{t_{k+1} - t_k} = -\kappa \nabla \log \rho_{k+1}$
- $\rho_k \in L^1$, $\int \rho_k dx = 1$, $\int |x|^2 \rho_k dx < +\infty$
- Convergence¹: $\rho_h \xrightarrow{L^1} \rho \in C^\infty((0, +\infty) \times \mathbb{R}^n)$

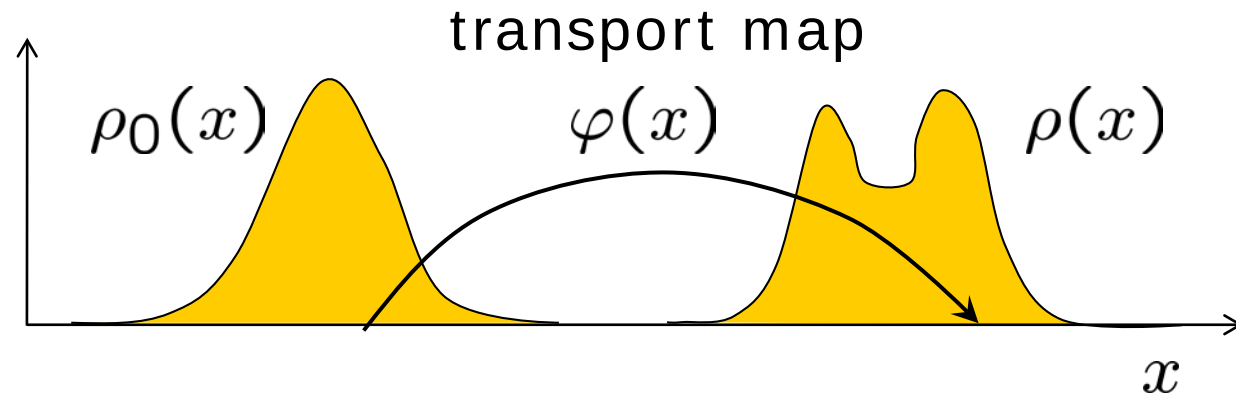


¹Jordan R, Kinderlehrer D, Otto F. *Physica D*, **107** (1997) 265.

Mass transport — Transport maps



Gaspard Monge
Beaune (1746)
Paris (1818)



- Push-forward of $\rho_0 dx$:

$$\rho \circ \varphi = \rho_0 / \det(\nabla \varphi)$$

- Weak form of push-forward:

$$\int_{\Omega} \underline{\eta(y)\rho(y) dy} = \int_{\Omega} \underline{\eta(\varphi(x))\rho_0(x) dx}$$



G. Monge, "Sur la théorie des déblais et des Remblais",
Mém. Acad. Paris, 1781.

Mass transport — Time discrete (II)

- Discrete time: $0 = t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_N = T$
- Discrete density: $\rho_0, \dots, \rho_k, \dots, \rho_N$
- Discrete transport map: $\varphi_{k \rightarrow k+1}$
- Weak form of incremental transport equations:

$$\int \eta \underline{\rho_k} dx = \int (\eta \circ \varphi_{k \rightarrow k+1}^{-1}) \underline{\rho_{k+1}} dy,$$

$$\int_{\Omega} \frac{\varphi_{k \rightarrow k+1} - x}{t_{k+1} - t_k} \cdot \xi \underline{\rho_k} dx = \int_{\Omega} \kappa \operatorname{tr}(\nabla \xi \nabla \varphi_{k \rightarrow k+1}^{-1}) \underline{\rho_k} dx$$

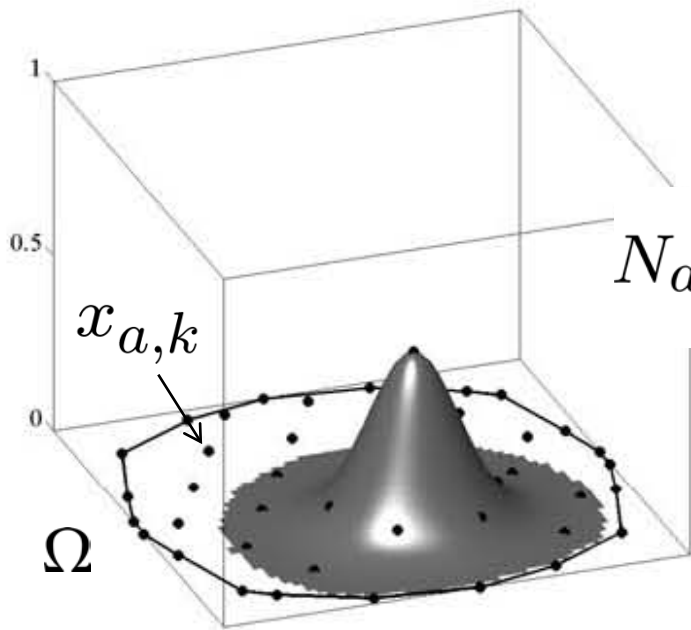
- Particle *ansatz*: $\rho_k(x) = \sum_{p=1}^M m_{p,k} \delta(x - x_{p,k})$



Mass transport — Interpolation

- Incremental transport map interpolation:

$$\varphi_{k \rightarrow k+1}(x) = \sum_{a=1}^N x_{a,k+1} N_{a,k}(x)$$



- Max-ent shape functions^{1,2}:

$$N_a(x) = \frac{1}{Z(x)} e^{-\frac{\beta}{2}|x-x_a|^2 + \lambda(x) \cdot (x-x_a)}$$

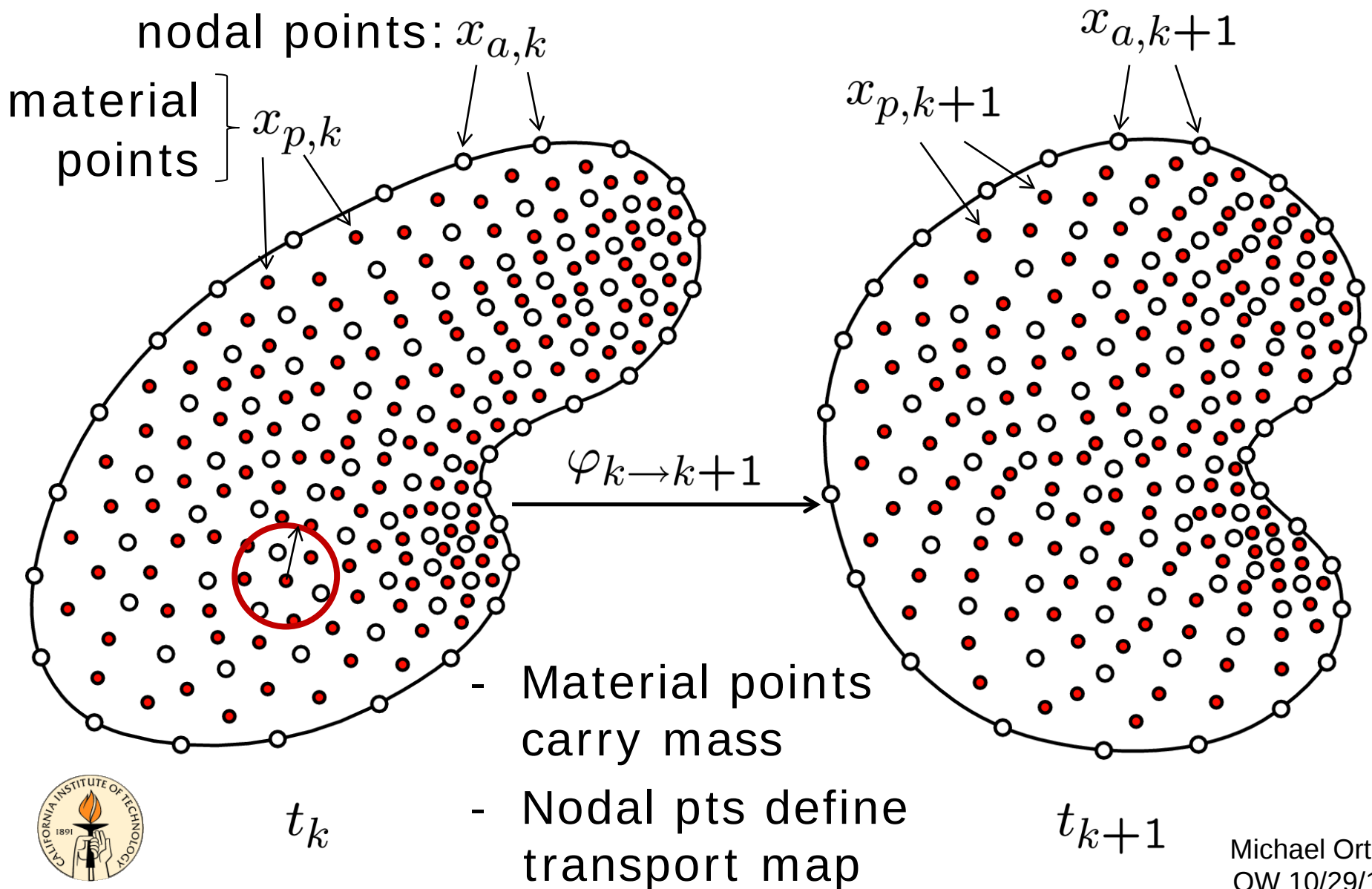
- First-order consistency:

$$\sum_{a=1}^N x_a N_a(x) = x$$



¹Arroyo, M. and Ortiz, M., *IJNME*, **65** (2006) 2167.

Mass transport — Discretization



Mass transport — Discretization

- Weak form of incremental transport equations:

$$\int \rho_k \eta \, dx = \int \rho_{k+1} (\eta \circ \varphi_{k \rightarrow k+1}^{-1}) \, dy,$$

$$\int_{\Omega} \rho_k \frac{\varphi_{k \rightarrow k+1} - x}{t_{k+1} - t_k} \cdot \xi \, dx = \int_{\Omega} \kappa \rho_k \operatorname{tr}(\nabla \xi \nabla \varphi_{k \rightarrow k+1}^{-1}) \, dx.$$

- Introduce spatial discretization:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} m_{p,k+1} = m_{p,k} = \text{constant}, \\ M_k \frac{x_{k+1} - x_k}{t_{k+1} - t_k} = f_k = \sum_{p=1}^M m_p \kappa \nabla N_k(x_{p,k}), \\ M_{k,ab} = \sum_{p=1}^M m_p N_{a,k}(x_{p,k}) N_{b,k}(x_{p,k}). \end{array} \right.$$



Mass transport — Flow chart

(i) Explicit nodal coordinate update:

$$x_{k+1} = x_k + (t_{k+1} - t_k) M_k^{-1} f_k$$

(ii) Material point update:

position: $x_{p,k+1} = \varphi_{k \rightarrow k+1}(x_{p,k})$

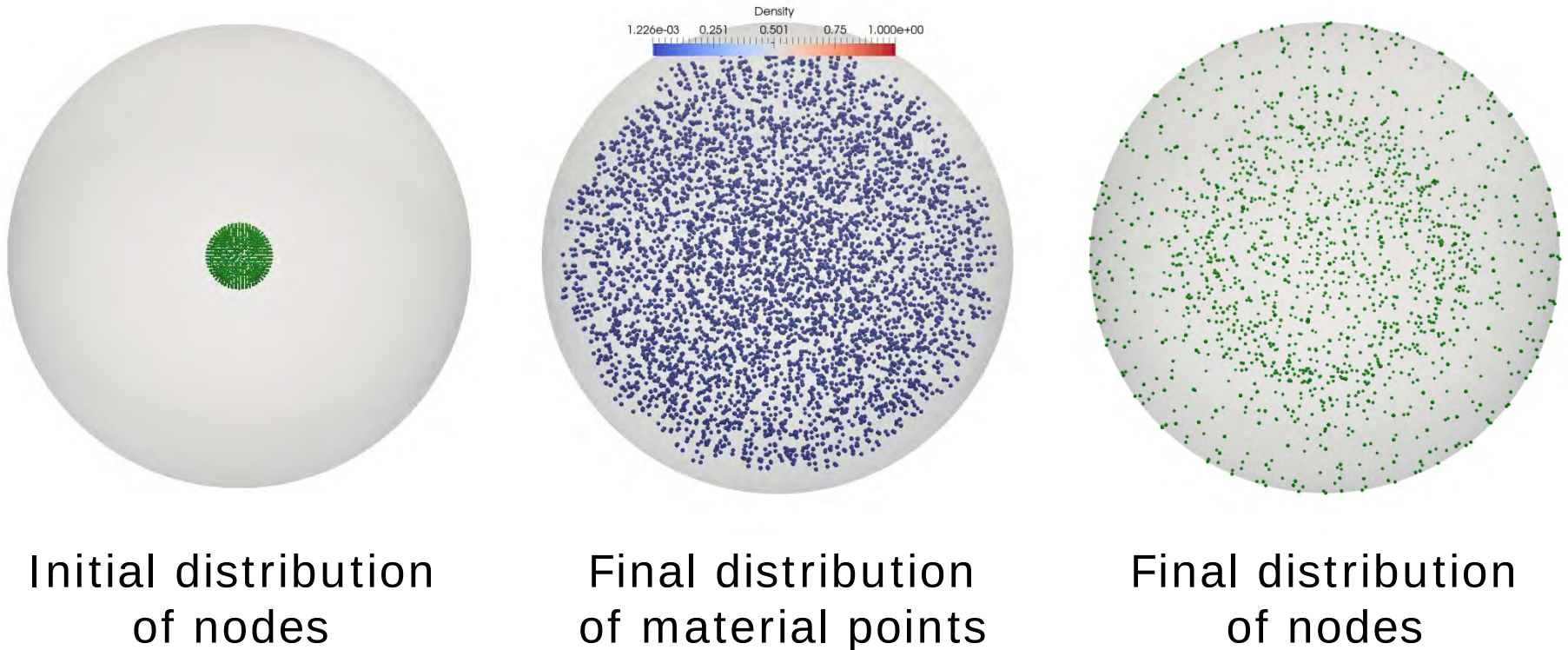
volume: $V_{p,k+1} = \det \nabla \varphi_{k \rightarrow k+1}(x_{p,k}) V_{p,k}$

density: $\rho_{p,k+1} = m_p / V_{p,k+1}$

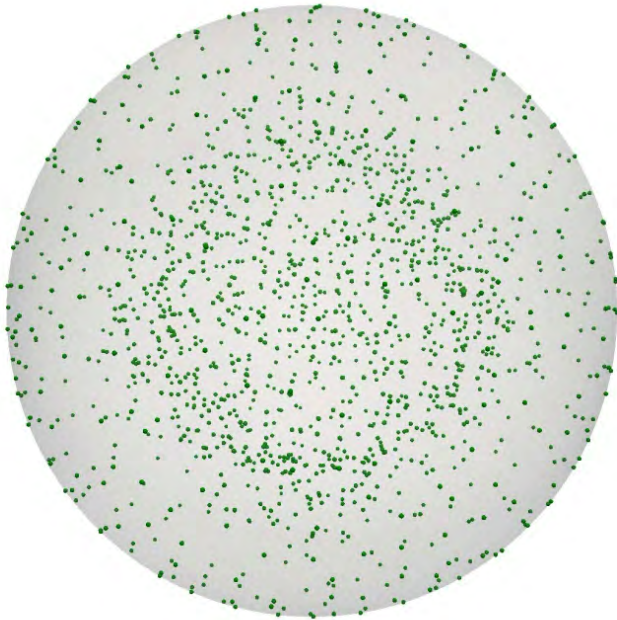
(iii) Reconnect nodal and material points (range searches), recompute max-ext shape functions



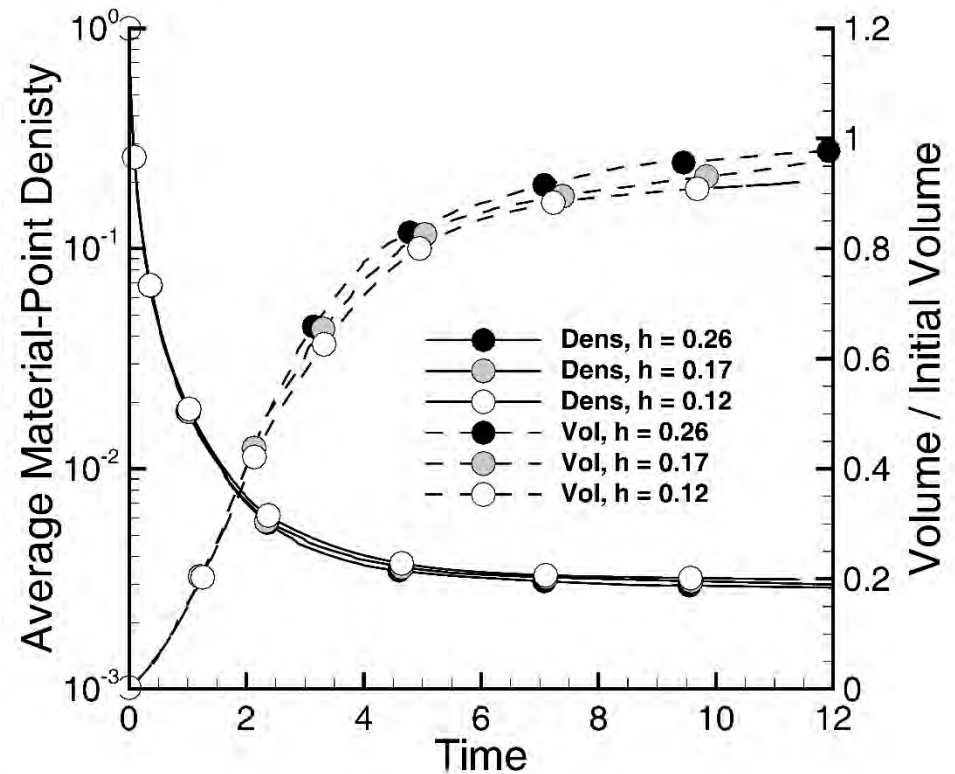
Pure diffusion in spherical domain



Mass transport — Convergence



Final distribution
of nodes

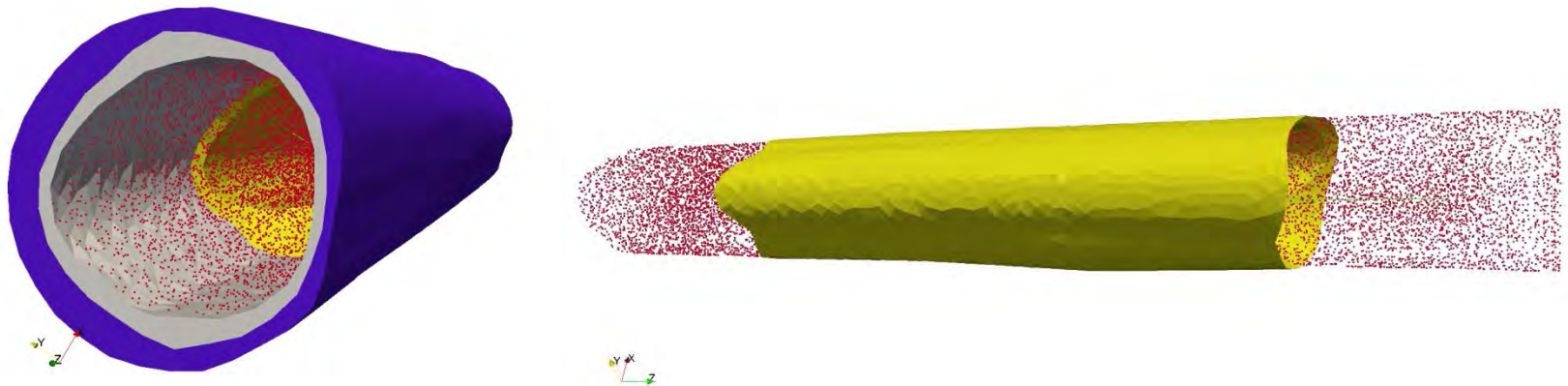


Time evolution
for three discretizations



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Particle simulations of arterial blood flow
accounting for wall elasticity, plaque
(with Stefanie Heyden, Bo Li, Anna Pandolfi)



Flow problems

- Mass + linear-momentum transport (Eulerian):

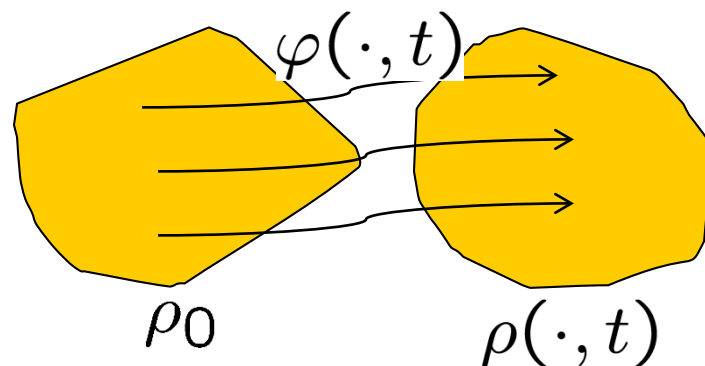
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \partial_t \rho + \nabla \cdot (\rho v) = 0, & \text{in } [0, T] \times \Omega_t, \\ \partial_t(\rho v) + \nabla \cdot (\rho v \otimes v) = \nabla \cdot \sigma, & \text{in } [0, T] \times \Omega_t, \\ (\rho v \otimes v - \sigma)\nu = 0, & \text{on } [0, T] \times \partial\Omega_t \end{array} \right.$$

- Lagrangian reformulation: $\partial_t \varphi = v \circ \varphi,$

$$\rho \circ \varphi = \rho_0 / \det(\nabla \varphi),$$

$$\sigma = \sigma(D\varphi, Dv, \text{history})$$

- Transport map = $\varphi(\cdot, t)$



Flow problems — Time-discrete

- Semidiscrete action: $A_d(\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_{N-1}) =$

$$\sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \left\{ \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \frac{d_W^2(\rho_k, \rho_{k+1})}{(t_{k+1} - t_k)^2}}_{\text{inertia}} - \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} [U(\rho_k) + U(\rho_{k+1})]}_{\text{internal energy}} \right\} (t_{k+1} - t_k)$$

with: $\rho_{k+1} \circ \varphi_{k \rightarrow k+1} = \rho_k / \det(\nabla \varphi_{k \rightarrow k+1})$
 (geometrically exact mass conservation!)

- Discrete Euler-Lagrange equations: $\delta A_d = 0 \Rightarrow$

$$\frac{2\rho_k}{t_{k+1} - t_{k-1}} \left(\frac{\varphi_{k \rightarrow k+1} - x}{t_{k+1} - t_k} + \frac{\varphi_{k \rightarrow k-1} - x}{t_k - t_{k-1}} \right) = \nabla p_k + \rho_k b_k$$



Flow problems — Flow chart

(i) Explicit nodal coordinate update:

$$x_{k+1} = x_k + (t_{k+1} - t_k) \left(v_k + \frac{t_{k+1} - t_{k-1}}{2} M_k^{-1} f_k \right)$$

(ii) Material point update:

position: $x_{p,k+1} = \varphi_{k \rightarrow k+1}(x_{p,k})$

deformation: $F_{p,k+1} = \nabla \varphi_{k \rightarrow k+1}(x_{p,k}) F_{p,k}$

volume: $V_{p,k+1} = \det \nabla \varphi_{k \rightarrow k+1}(x_{p,k}) V_{p,k}$

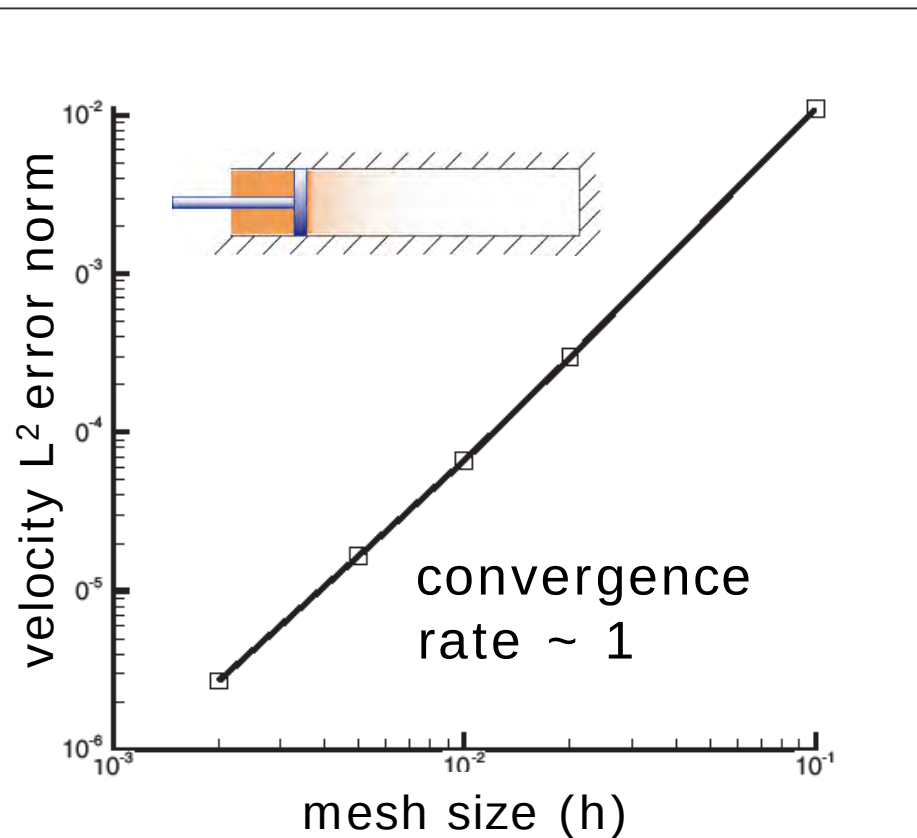
density: $\rho_{p,k+1} = m_p / V_{p,k+1}$

(iii) Constitutive update at material points

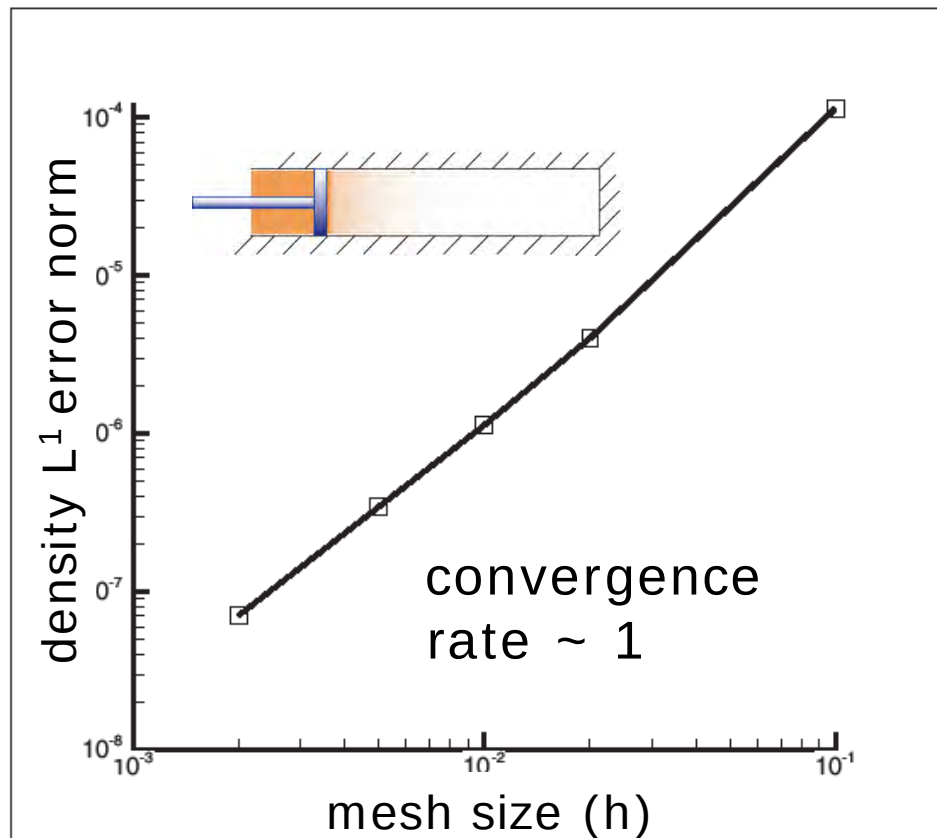
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Flow problems — Riemann problem



velocity convergence
(L^2 norm)



density convergence
(L^1 norm)



Flow problems – Non-interacting particles

- Action (Benamou & Brenier): $A = \int_a^b \int \frac{\rho}{2} |v|^2 dx dt$
- Discrete mass: $\rho_{h,k}(x) = \sum_{p=1}^M m_p \delta(x - x_{p,k})$
- Fully-discrete action:

$$A_{M,N} = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \sum_{p=1}^M \frac{m_p |x_{p,k+1} - x_{p,k}|^2}{2(t_{k+1} - t_k)}$$

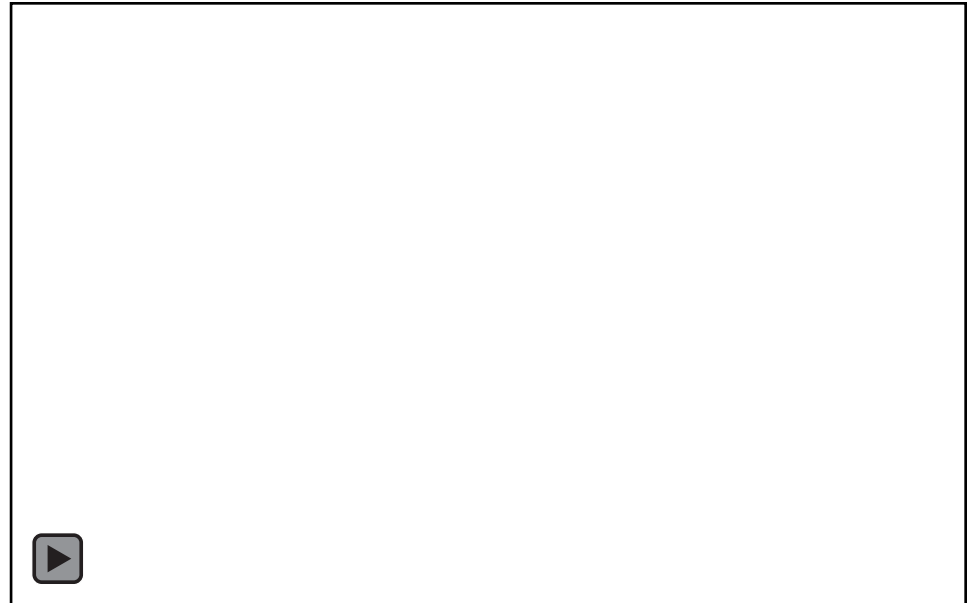
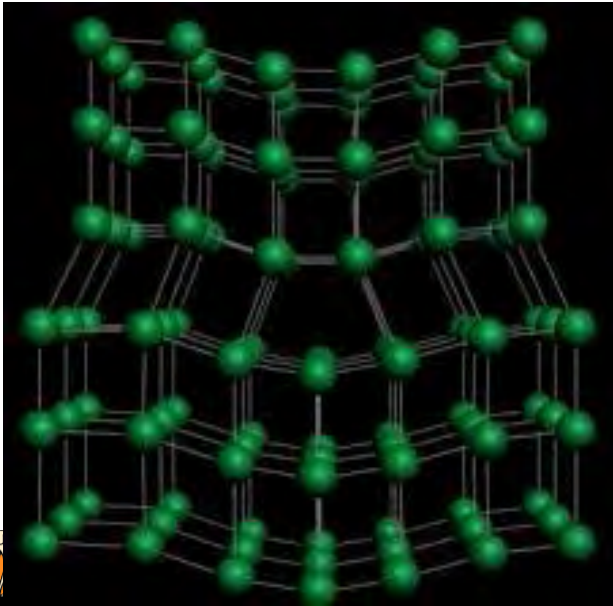
- **Theorem** (B. Schmidt) $A_{M,N} \xrightarrow{\Gamma} A$ as $M, N \rightarrow \infty$.

- i) Theorem applies to particles in a field of force
- ii) Theorem implies convergence of minimizers
- iii) Case of interacting particles remains open!



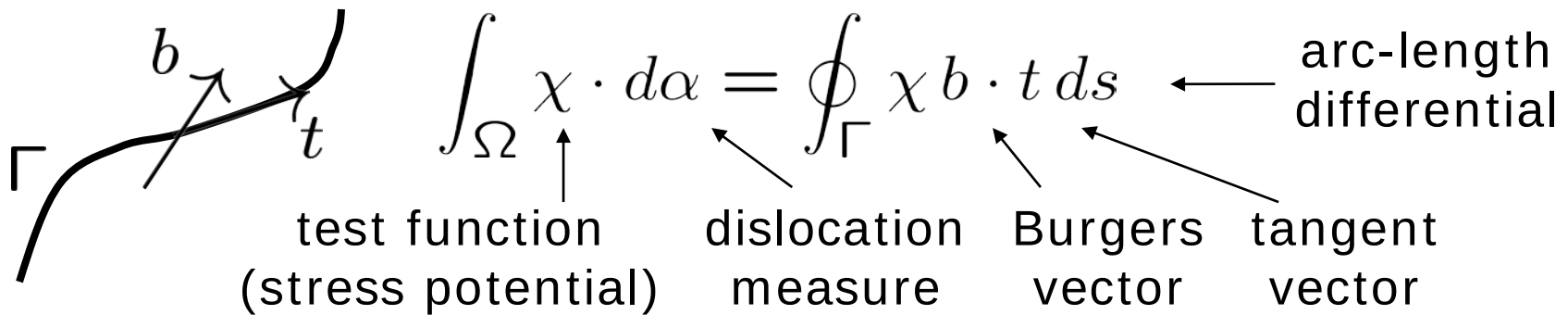
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Dislocation transport

- Dislocations: *line-defects* in crystals consisting of lines carrying *Burgers vector* ‘charge’
- Representation as vector-valued *1-currents*:



The diagram illustrates a dislocation line as a curve Γ in a domain Ω . A vector b (Burgers vector) is shown at a point on the curve, and a tangent vector t is also indicated. The mathematical representation of the dislocation as a 1-current is given by the equation:

$$\int_{\Omega} \chi \cdot d\alpha = \oint_{\Gamma} \chi b \cdot t ds$$

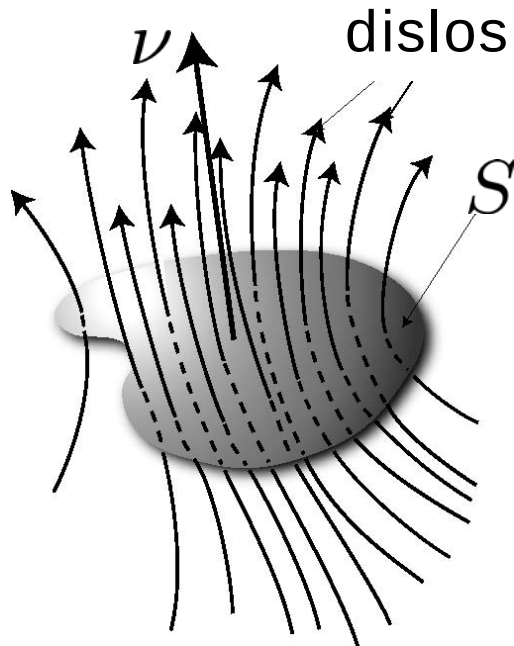
Labels with arrows pointing to the equation components:

- χ : test function (stress potential)
- $d\alpha$: dislocation measure
- $\oint_{\Gamma}$: arc-length differential
- b : Burgers vector
- t : tangent vector

- Closedness: $\operatorname{div} \alpha = 0$, or $\int_{\Omega} \nabla \eta \cdot d\alpha = 0$
- Aim: *Transport of dislocations as 1-currents*
- Particle approximation? (*monopoles*)



Dislocation transport equation



- Total Burgers vector through S :

$$b(S, t) = \int_S d\alpha \nu$$

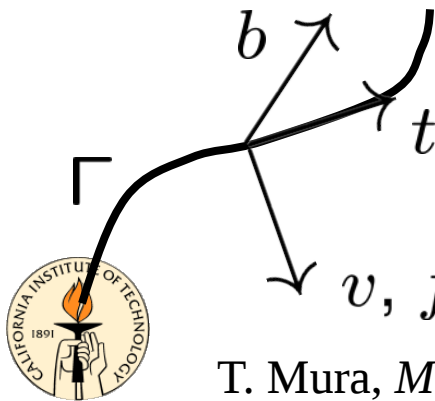
- Flux of Burgers vector into S :

$$\dot{b}(S, t) = \int_{\partial S} d\alpha \cdot (t \times v)$$

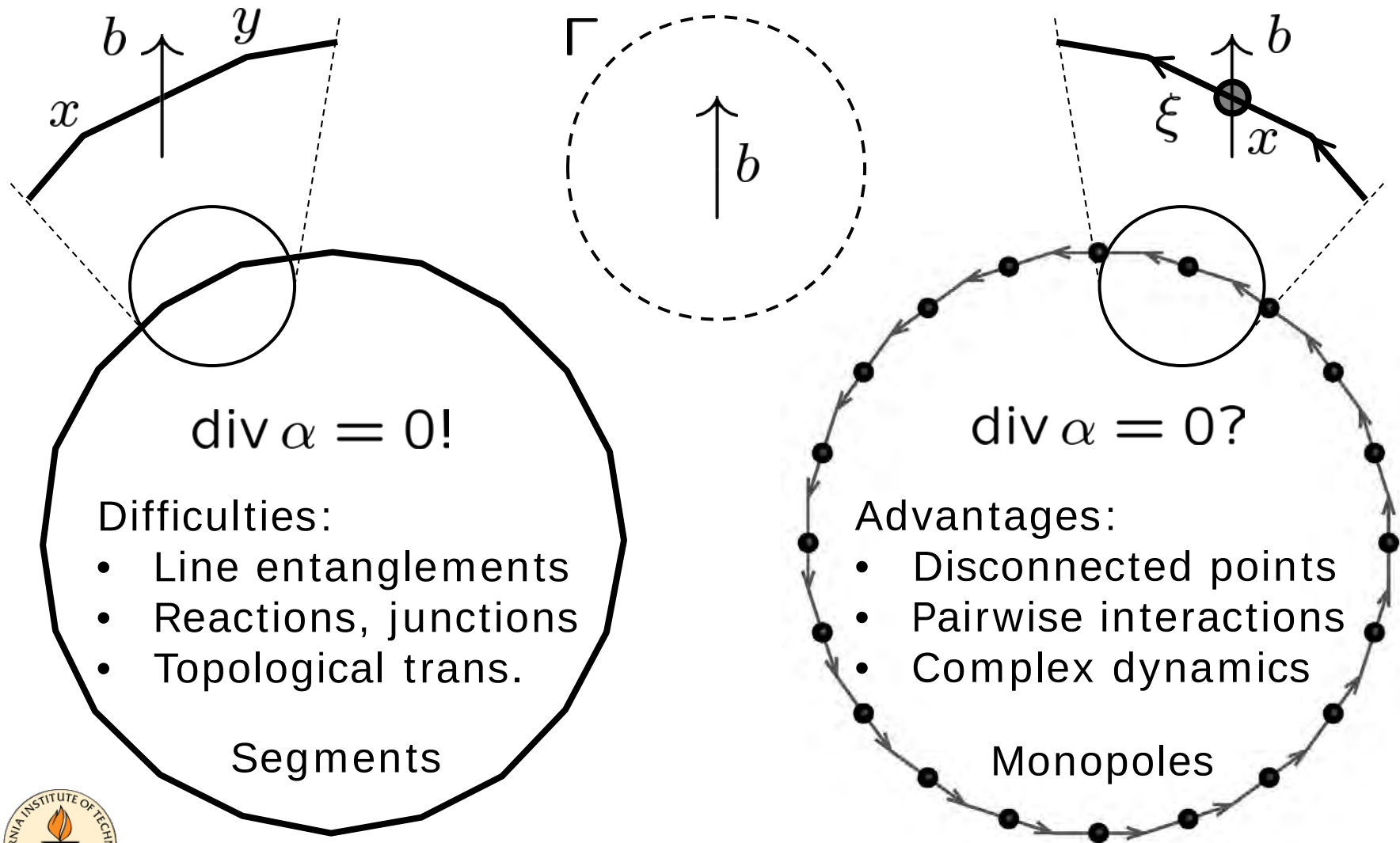
- Stokes theorem, transport eq.:

$$\dot{\alpha} + \text{curl}(\alpha \times v) = 0$$

- Dislocation mobility: $f = D\psi(v)$

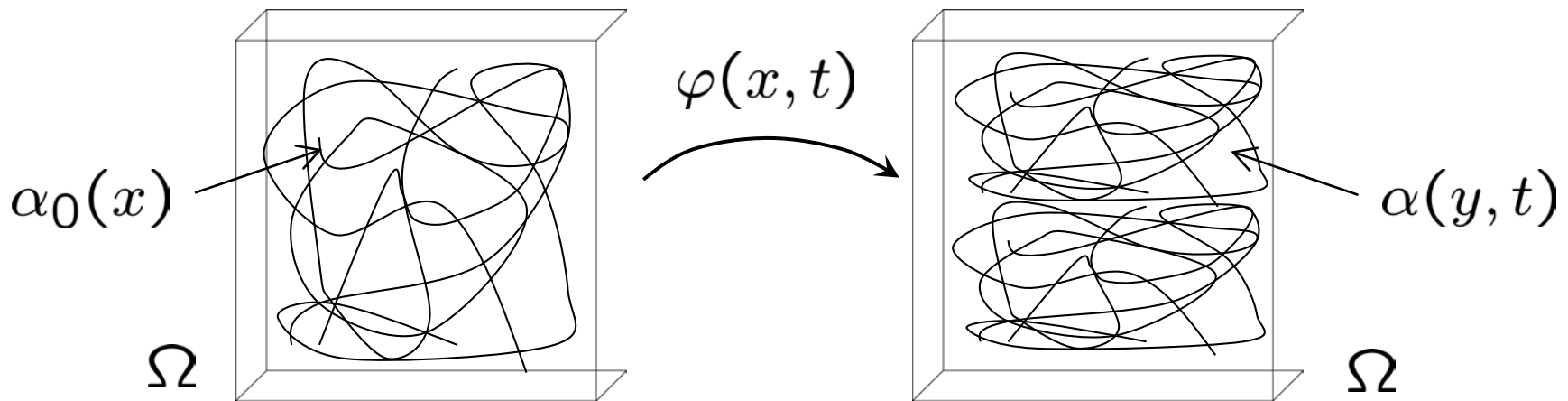


Dislocation transport – Line-free



Dislocation transport – Transport maps

- Representation of general dislocation measure dynamics by means of a transport maps:



- Push-forward for line-currents: $\alpha = \varphi_{\#} \alpha_0$ if

$$\int_{\Omega} \eta(y) \cdot \underline{d\alpha(y, t)} = \int_{\Omega} \left(\eta(\varphi(x, t)) \nabla \varphi(x, t) \right) \cdot \underline{d\alpha_0(x)}$$

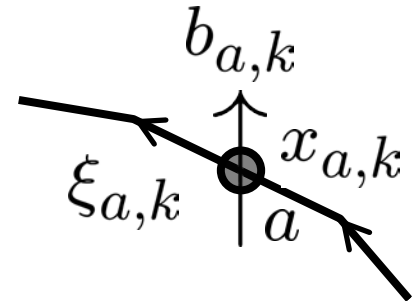


Divergence: $\operatorname{div} \alpha_0(x) = 0 \Rightarrow \operatorname{div} \alpha(y, t) = 0!$

Dislocation transport – Discrete

- Discrete time: $0 = t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_N = T$.
- Discrete measure: $\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_k, \dots, \alpha_N$.
- Geometric update: $\alpha_{k+1} = (\varphi_{k \rightarrow k+1})_{\#} \alpha_k$.
- Monopole discretization:

$$\alpha_k = \sum_{a=1}^M b_{a,k} \otimes \xi_{a,k} \delta_{x_{a,k}}$$



- Incremental transport map discretization:

$$\varphi_{k \rightarrow k+1}(x) = x + \sum_{a=1}^M (x_{a,k+1} - x_{a,k}) N_{a,k}(x)$$

- Max-ent: $N_{a,k}(x) = \frac{1}{Z_k} \exp \left(-\frac{\beta_a}{2} |x - x_{a,k}|^2 \right)$



Dislocation transport – Discrete

- Incremental dissipation function:

$$D(\alpha_k, \alpha_{k+1}) = \inf_{\substack{\alpha_k = \varphi(t_k) \# \alpha_0, \\ \alpha_{k+1} = \varphi(t_{k+1}) \# \alpha_0}} \int_{t_k}^{t_{k+1}} \Psi(\varphi(t), \dot{\varphi}(t)) dt$$

- Incremental energy-dissipation function:

$$F(\varphi_k, \varphi_{k+1}) = D(\alpha_k, \alpha_{k+1}) + E(\alpha_{k+1}) - E(\alpha_k)$$

$$\text{with } \alpha_{k+1} = (\varphi_{k \rightarrow k+1}) \# \alpha_k$$

- Incremental minimum principle:

$$\varphi_{k+1} \in \operatorname{argmin} F(\varphi_k, \cdot)$$

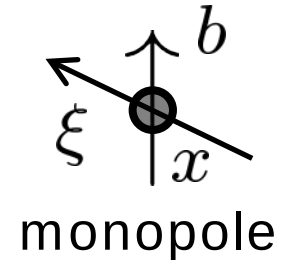


Dislocation transport – Discrete

- Insert *ansätze* into weak form of push-forward:

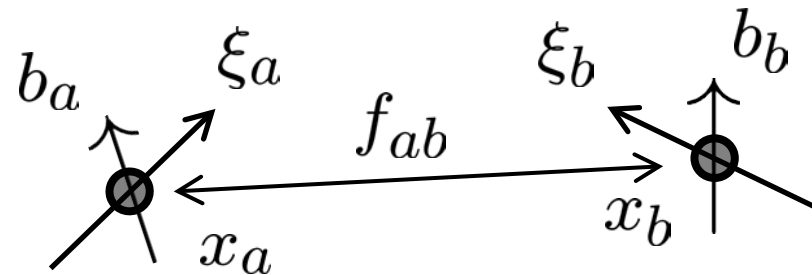
$$\text{i) } b_{a,k+1} = b_{a,k}$$

$$\text{ii) } \xi_{a,k+1} = \nabla \varphi_{k \rightarrow k+1}(x_{a,k}) \xi_{a,k}$$



- Exact Burgers vector conservation!
- Dislocation line rotation and stretching!
- Incremental minimum principle:

$$f_{a,k+1} = \frac{\partial F}{\partial x_{a,k+1}} = 0$$

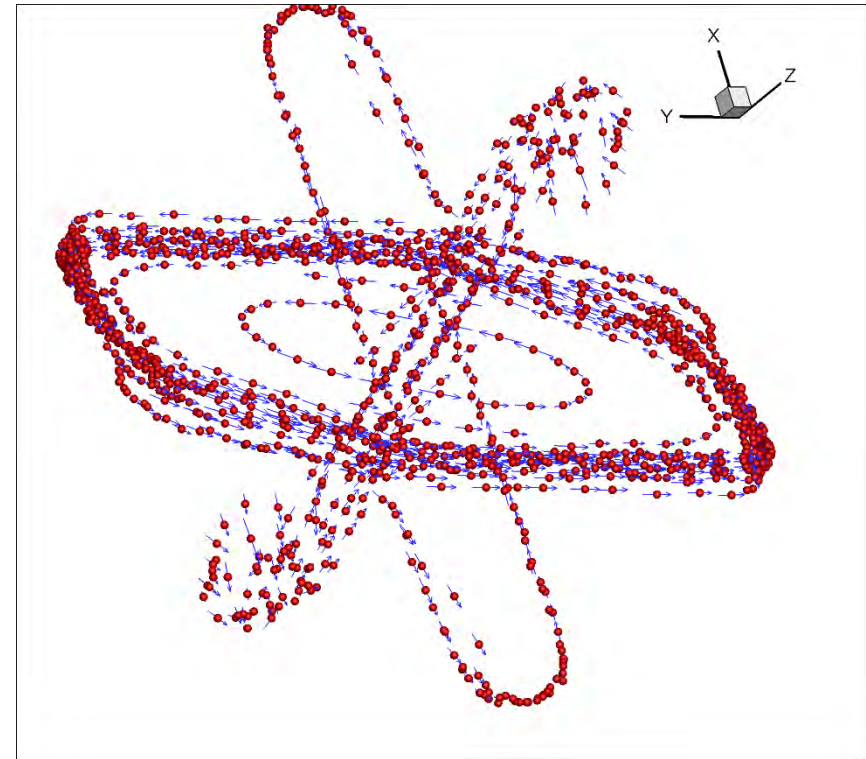
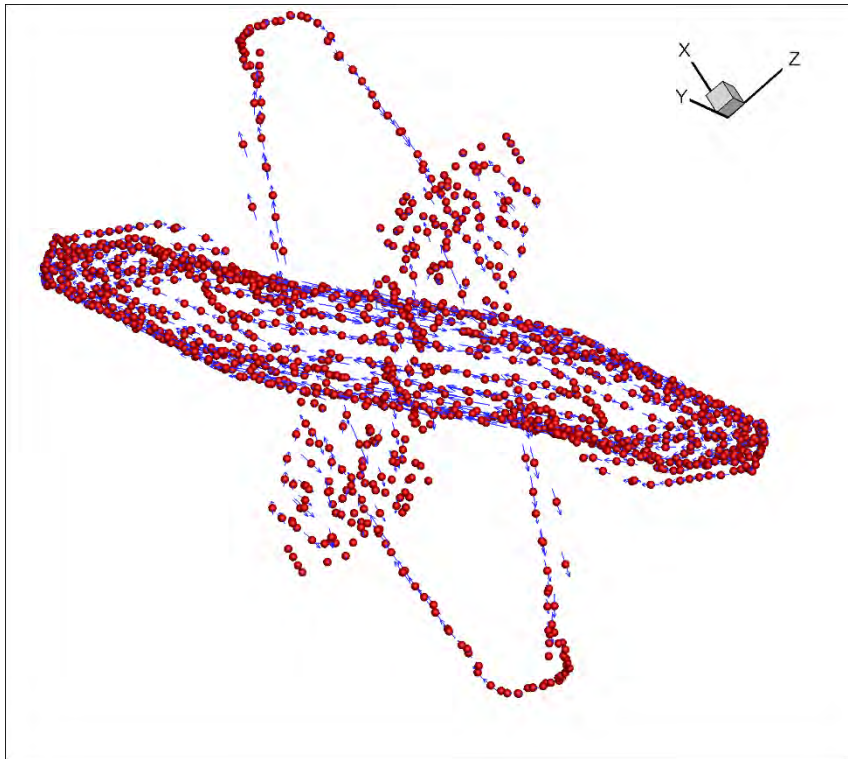
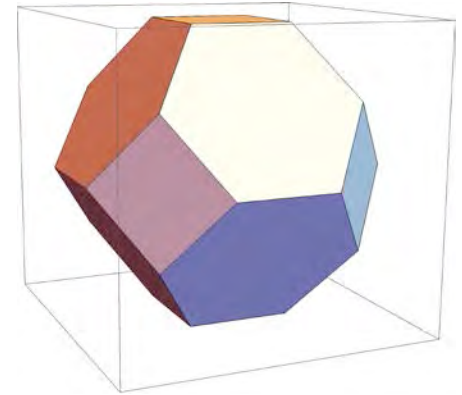


Linear elasticity: pairwise interactions!

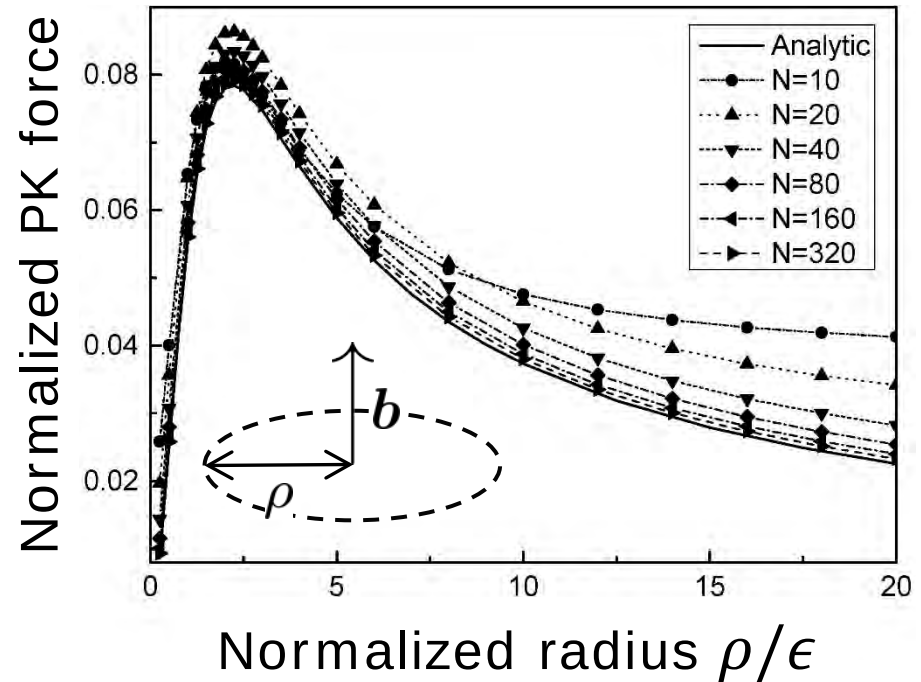
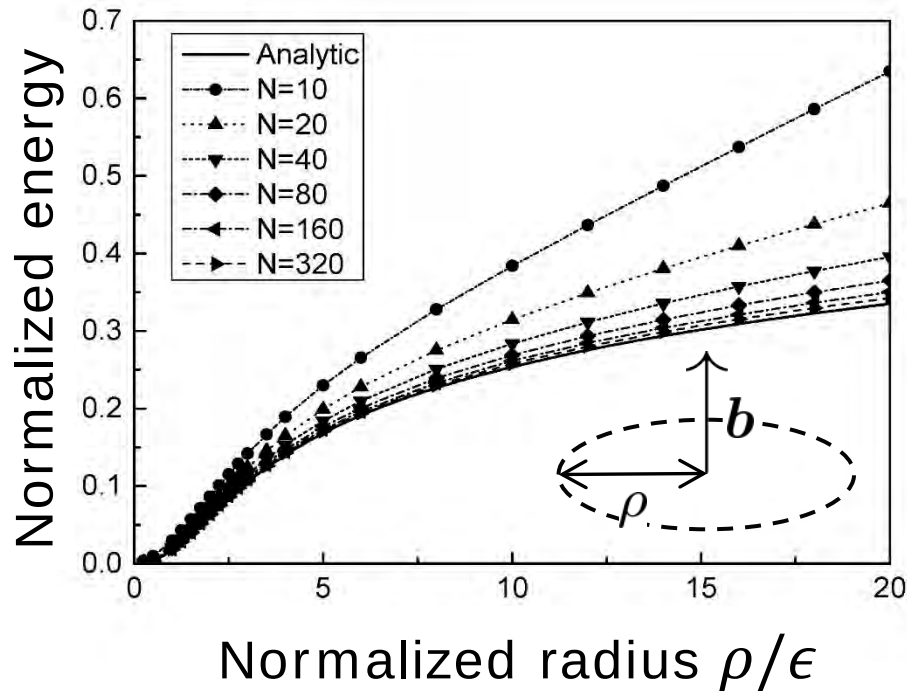
Dislocation transport – BCC grain

- Slip systems:

$$\begin{array}{lll} m_{A2} = (0 \ -1 \ 1) & m_{A3} = (1 \ 0 \ 1) & m_{A6} = (1 \ 1 \ 0) \\ b_{A2} = [-1 \ 1 \ 1] & b_{A3} = [-1 \ 1 \ 1] & b_{A6} = [-1 \ 1 \ 1] \end{array}$$



Dislocation transport – Convergence



- Convergence to exact elastic force and energy with increasing number of monopoles!



Concluding Remarks

- *Transport problems* belong in *spaces of measures* (NB: pretending otherwise results in loss of opportunity and severe penalties)
- *Particle methods = transport of measures* (but formulation of transport problem must make sense for general measures, including Diracs)
- Powerful *optimal transport* tools:
 - *Wasserstein-type metrics (action, dissipation...)*
 - *Push-forward operations (exact geometrical updates)*
 - *Transport maps (updated Lagrangian formulation)*
- Particle schemes deal simply and effectively with phenomena of staggering *complexity*

So far *math-free* ☹ Need convergence *analysis!*



Adopt a measure

