

# An Implicit Frictional Contact Solver for Adaptive Cloth Simulation

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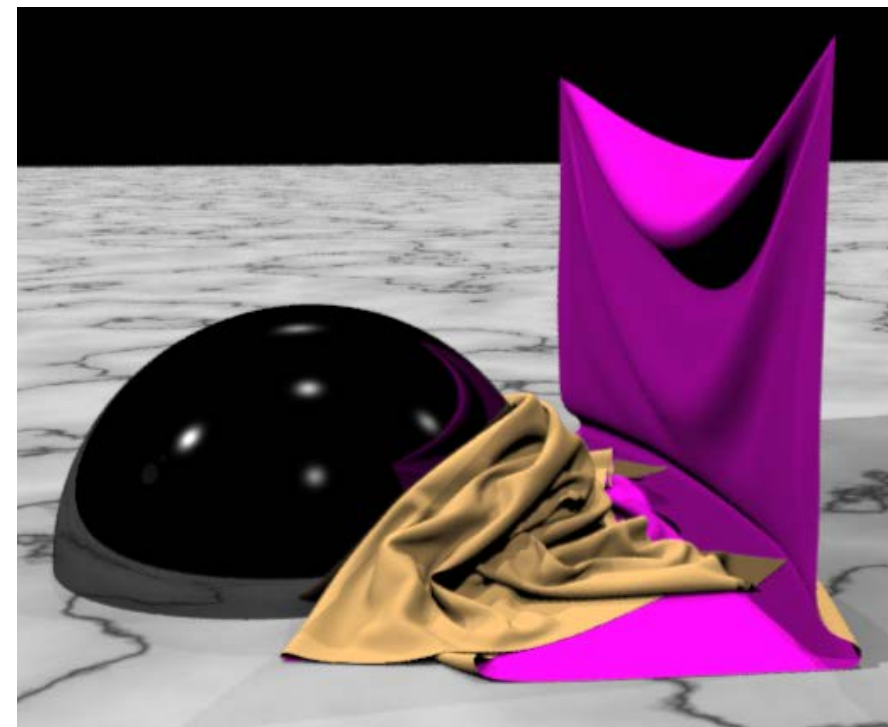
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# PREVIOUS WORK

- Traditional methods



• [Provot 1997]

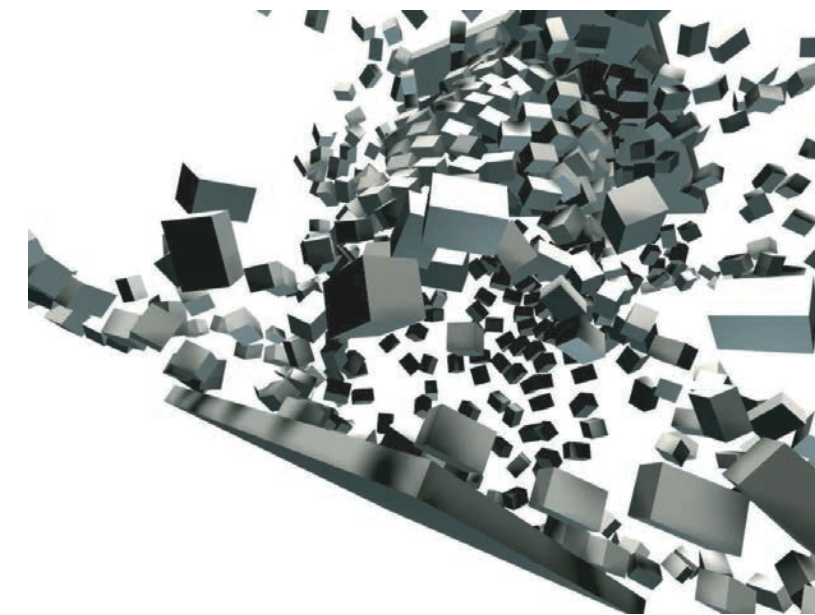


• [Bridson et al. 2002]



• [Harmon et al. 2008]

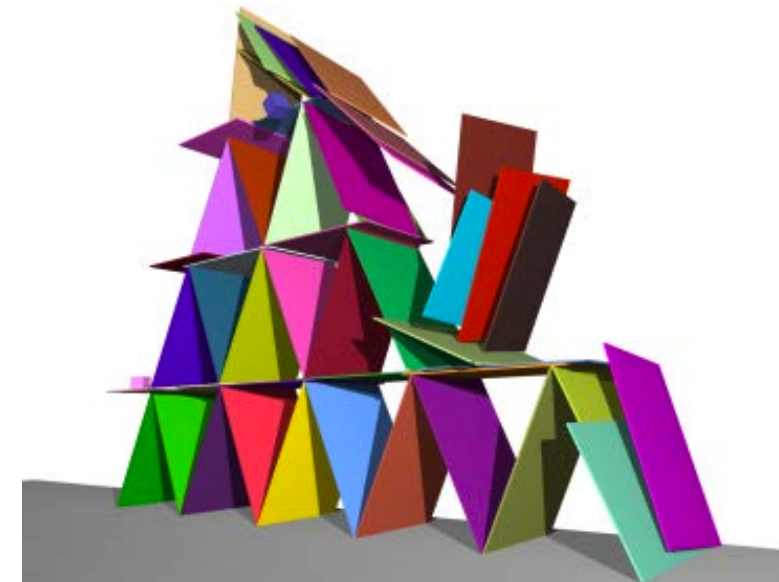
- Implicit solver



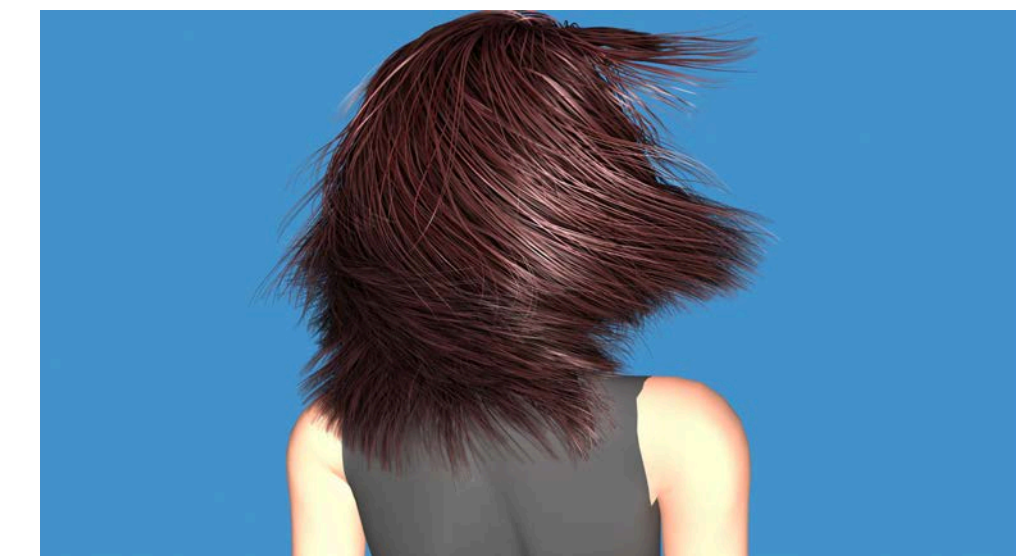
• [Erleben et al. 2007]



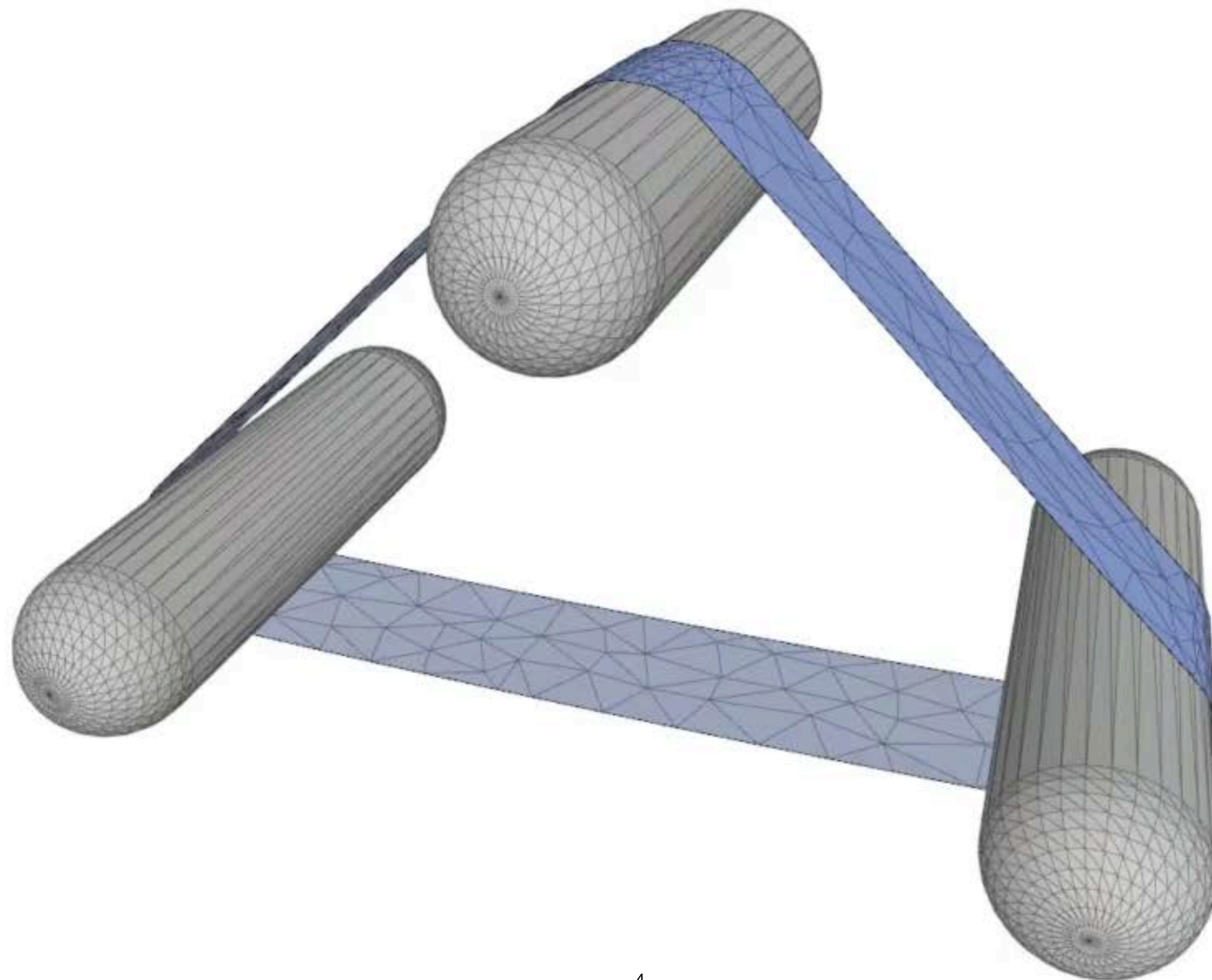
• [Otaduy et al. 2009]



• [Kaufman et al. 2008]



• [Daviet et al. 2011]



$\mu = 0.4$

# CLOTH DYNAMICS (WITHOUT CONTACTS)

## Newton second's law at vertices

**x** vertex positions, **v** vertex velocities

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{v}$$

$$M\dot{\mathbf{v}} = f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v})$$

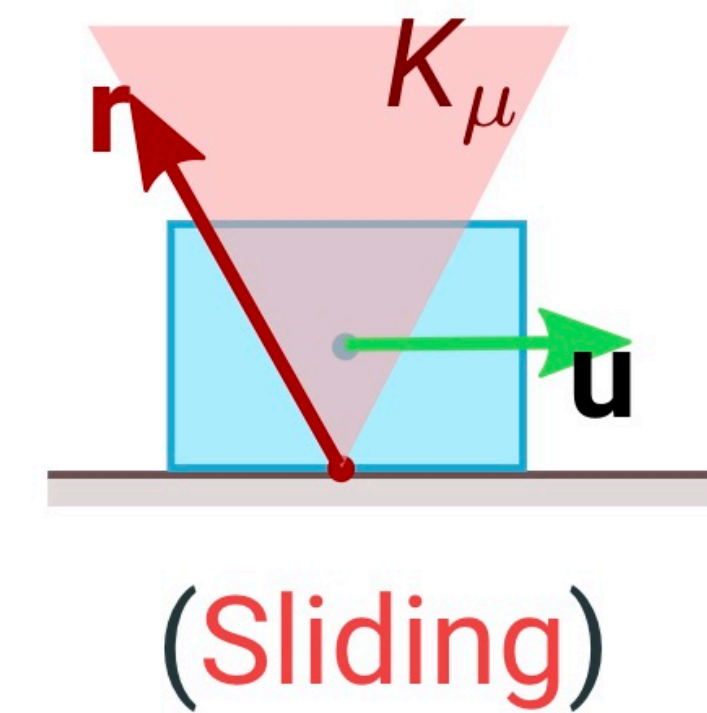
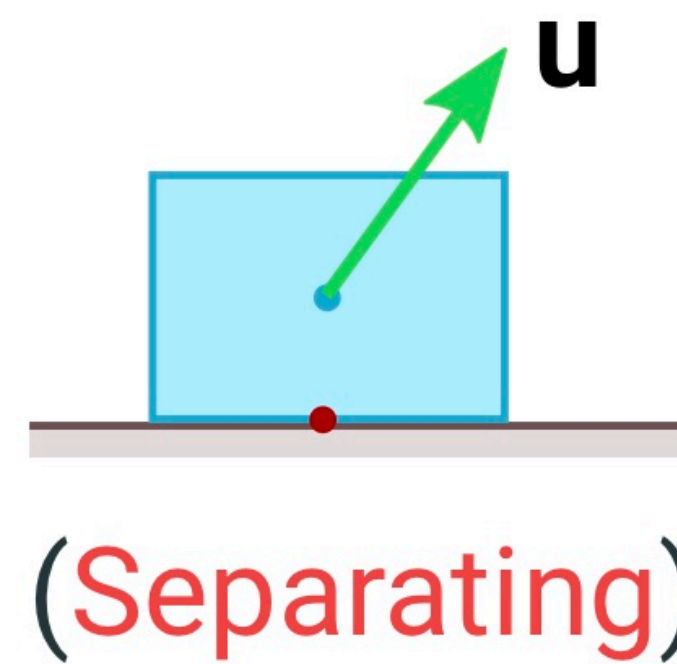
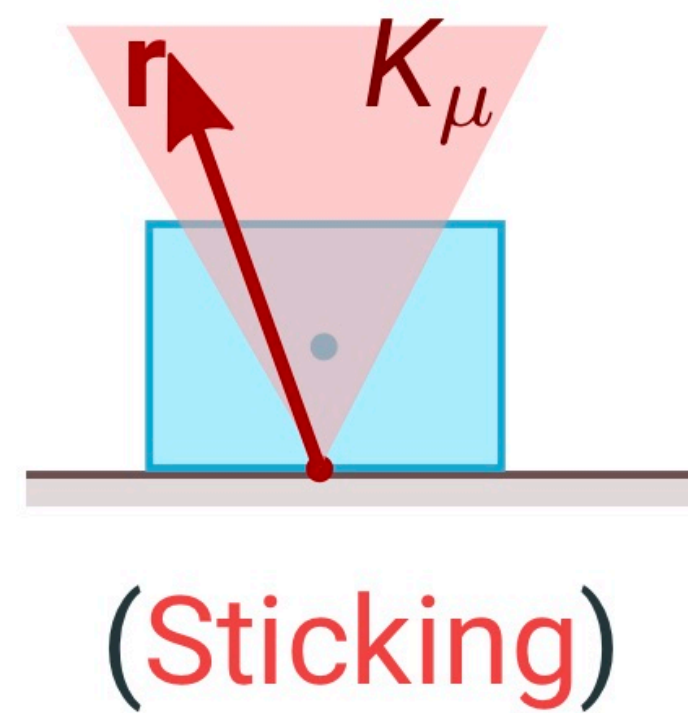
**Linearize** over a timestep  $\Delta t$  [Baraff et al. 98]:  
sequence of linear systems on vertex velocities

$$A\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{f}$$

# SIGNORINI-COULOMB FRICTIONAL CONTACTS

Defines feasible set for  $\mathbf{r}_i$  **contact force** and  $\mathbf{u}_i$  **relative velocity**:

- $\mathbf{r}_i$  in friction cone  $K_\mu$  (friction force bounded by normal applied load)
- Obeys maximum dissipation principle



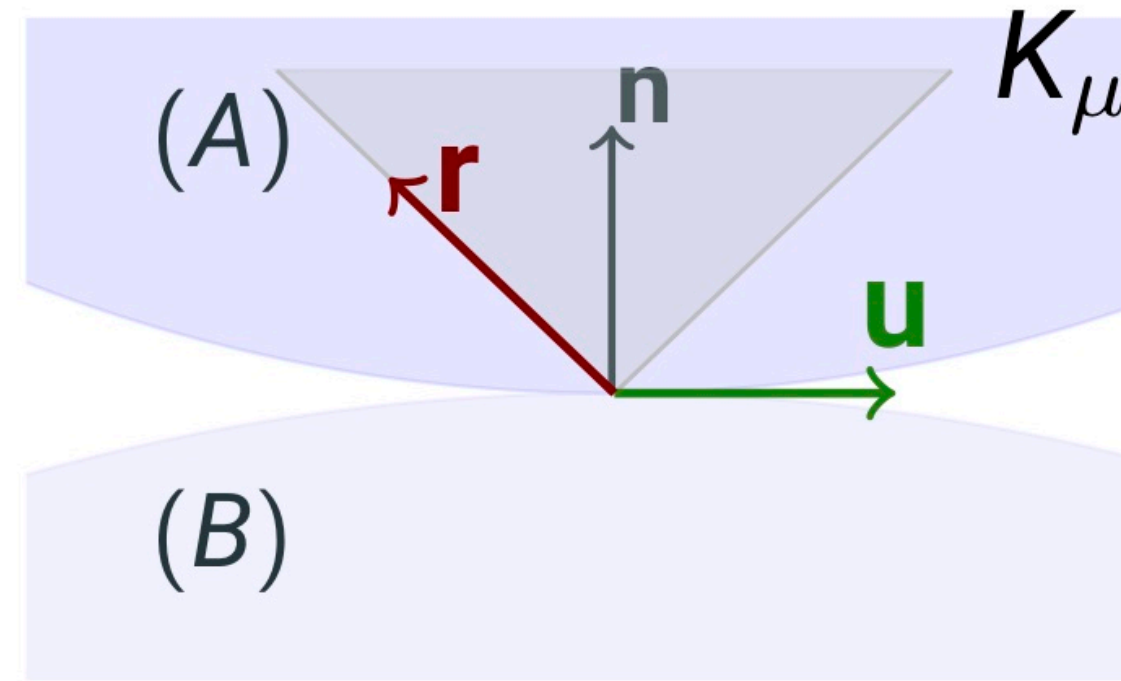
**Abstract expression**

$$(\mathbf{u}_i, \mathbf{r}_i) \in \mathcal{C}_{\mu_i}$$

# LOCAL RELATIVE VELOCITY

Velocity difference of contacting points in basis aligned with contact normal:

$$\mathbf{u}_i = E_i^T (v_{(A)} - v_{(B)}), \quad E_i \text{ 3d rotation matrix.}$$



**For  $c$  contacts and  $n$  vertices**

Concatenated vector  $\mathbf{u}$  **linear combination** of rotated vertex velocities:

$$\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}, \quad \mathbf{H} \text{ sparse block matrix of 3d rotations.}$$

# LINEARIZED DYNAMICS WITH COULOMB FRICTION

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{f} + H^T \mathbf{r}$$

$$\mathbf{u} = H\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}$$

$$(\mathbf{u}_i, \mathbf{r}_i) \in \mathcal{C}_{\mu_i}$$

## Two new variables

- $\mathbf{r}$  **dual** variable (Lagrange multiplier, used to enforce the constraint)
- $\mathbf{u}$  **primal** variable
  - Directly observable from the system
  - What we are really interested in



# DUAL APPROACH

Express  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{u}$  as linear functions of  $\mathbf{r}$

$$\left( H\mathbf{A}^{-1}H^T\mathbf{r} + H\mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{f} + \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{r} \right) \in \mathcal{C}_\mu$$

## For small independent objects (rigid-bodies, hair, ...)

- $\mathbf{A}$  **block-diagonal**, easy to inverse
- Widely successful [Erleben et al. 2007, Daviet et al. 2011, Mazhar et al. 2015, ...]

## For fully connected object (cloth, elastic bodies...)

- $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$  **dense**  $\implies$  inefficient
- [Otaduy et al. 2009]: successive block-diagonal approximations of  $\mathbf{A}$

# TOWARDS A PRIMAL APPROACH

## Problem

$H$  not invertible:  $\mathbf{r}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}$  cannot be recovered from  $\mathbf{u}$

## Solution

Make  $H$  invertible!

# RESTRICTED SETTING

We assume for now that:

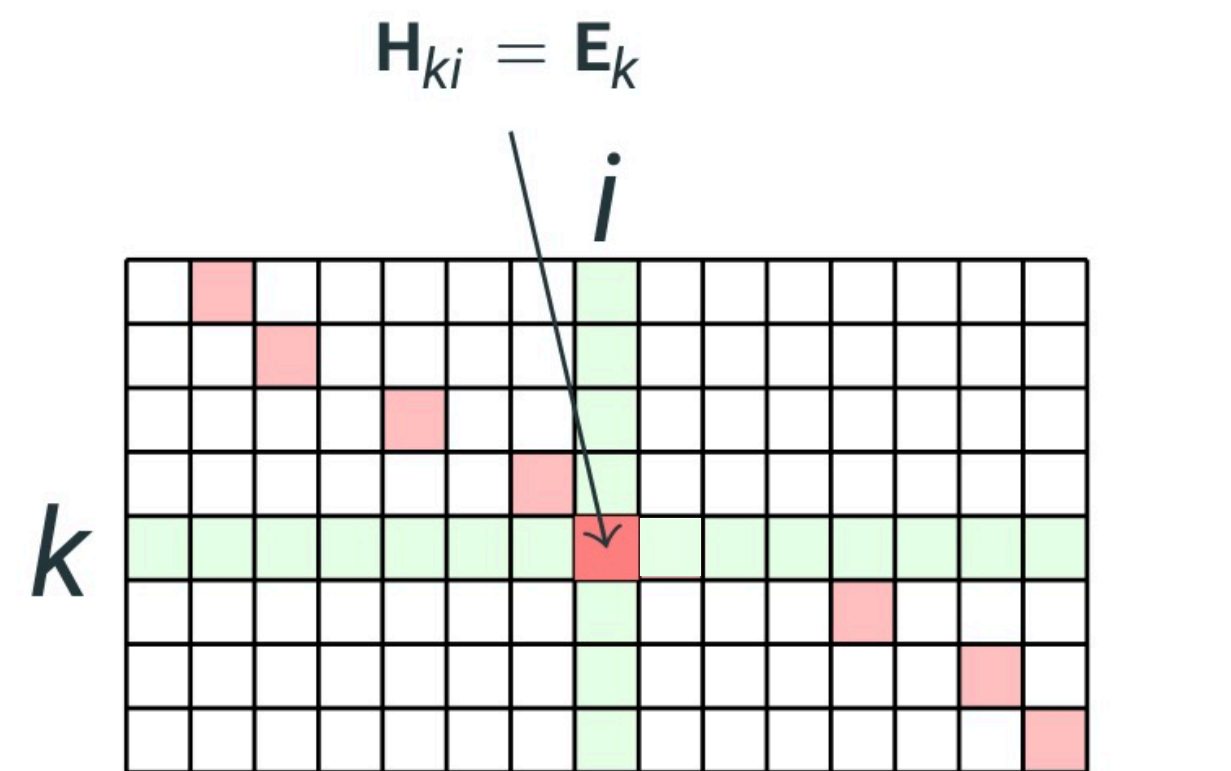
1. Contacts happen **at vertices only**
2. Contacts are against a kinematic object
3. There is at most one contact per vertex

(2. and 3. will be lifted later)

# NODAL CONTACTS

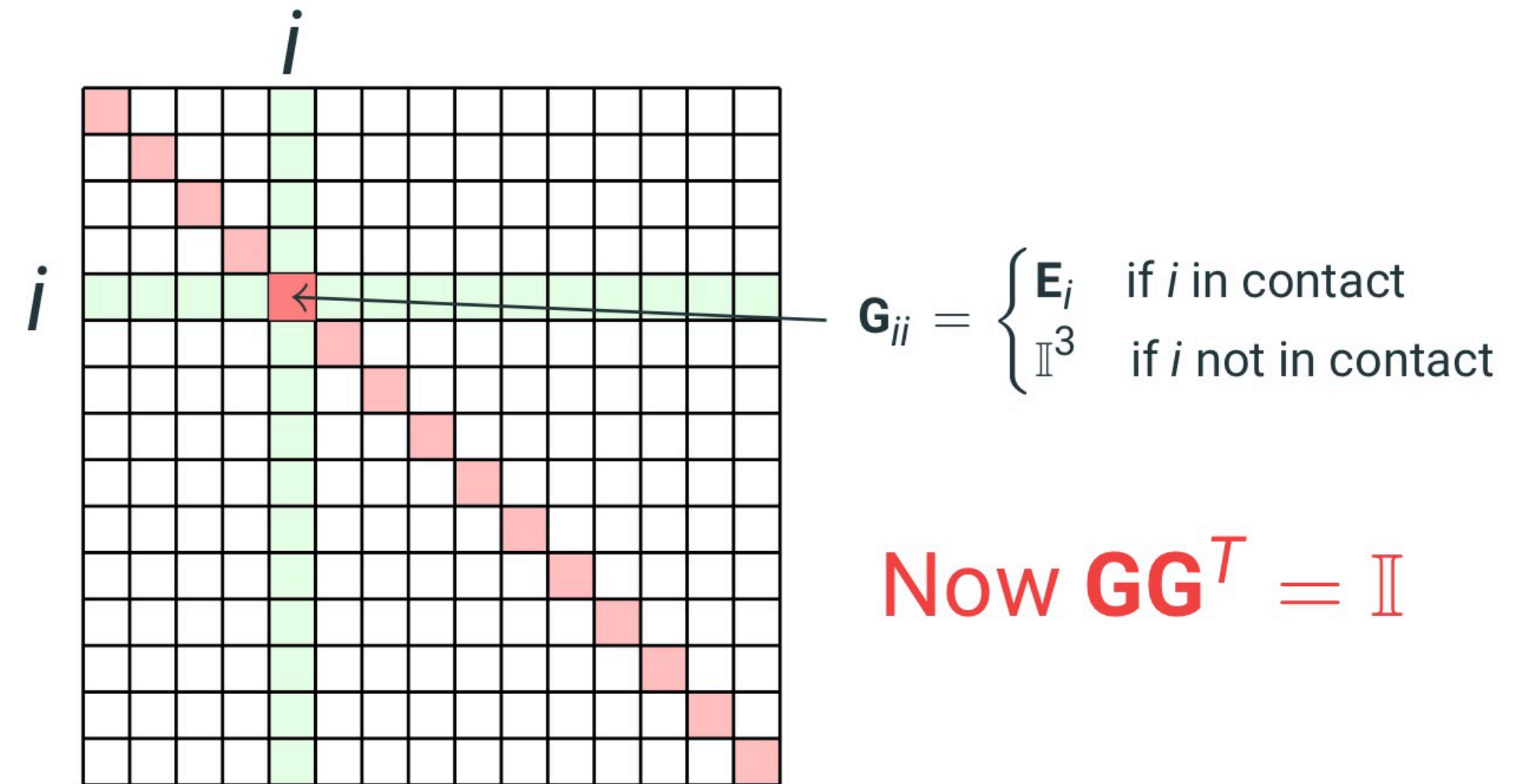
- Row  $k$  of  $\mathbf{H}$  contain exactly one non-zero block, rotation matrix  $\mathbf{E}_k^T$
- $\mathbf{E}_k$  **orthonormal**:  $\mathbf{E}_k \mathbf{E}_k^T = \mathbb{I}_3$
- Rows of  $\mathbf{H}$  are independent

Original matrix  $\mathbf{H}$



$\mathbf{H}$  is  $3c \times 3n$  with rank  $3c$

Orthogonal extension  $\mathbf{G}$  of  $\mathbf{H}$



Now  $\mathbf{G}\mathbf{G}^T = \mathbb{I}$

$\mathbf{G}$  is  $3n \times 3n$  with rank  $3n$

# SYSTEM WITH ORTHOGONAL EXTENSION

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{f} + \mathbf{G}^T \mathbf{r} \quad (1)$$

$$\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{G}\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w} \quad (2)$$

$$(\mathbf{u}_i, \mathbf{r}_i) \in \widehat{\mathcal{C}}_{\mu_i} \quad (3)$$

$$\widehat{\mathcal{C}}_{\mu_i} := \begin{cases} \mathcal{C}_{\mu_i} & \text{if vertex } i \text{ is in contact} \\ \{\mathbf{r}_i = 0\} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Can now express  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{r}$  as linear functions of  $\mathbf{u}$ :

Using (2)

$$\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{G}^T (\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{w})$$

Using (1)

$$\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{GAG}^T \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{G} (\mathbf{f} + \mathbf{AG}^T \mathbf{w})$$

# SOLVING THE PRIMAL SYSTEM

$$\left( \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{GAG}^T \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{G} \left( \mathbf{f} + \mathbf{AG}^T \mathbf{w} \right) \right) \in \widehat{\mathcal{C}}_\mu$$

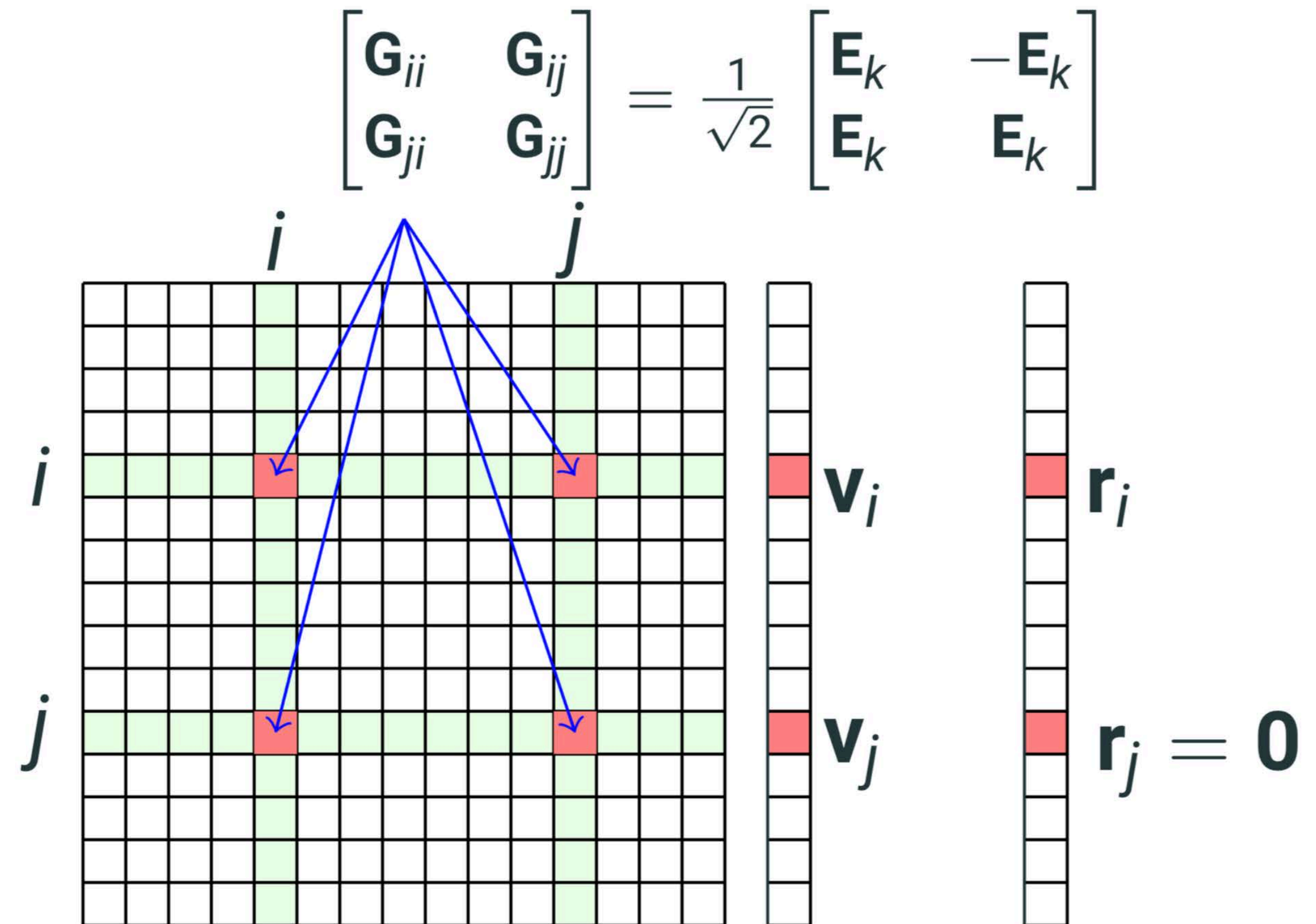
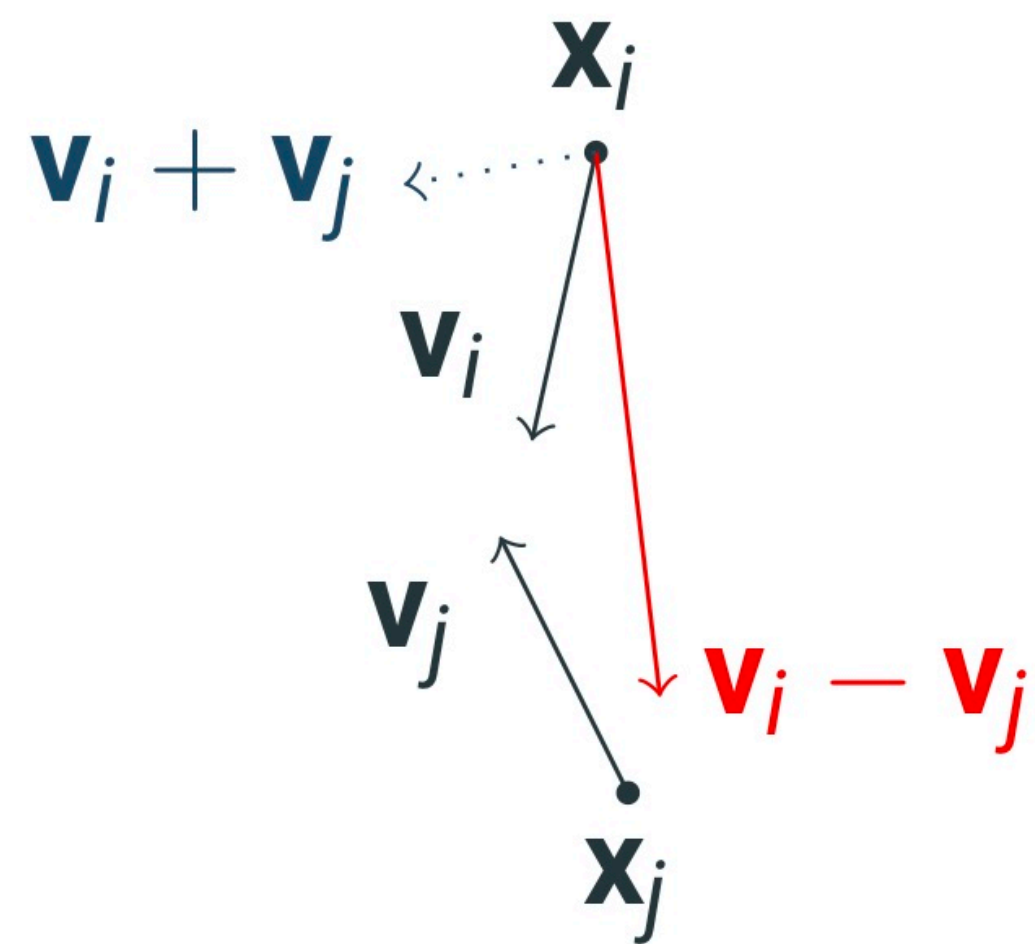
Structure similar to the dual problem, but:

- Roles of  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{r}$  reversed
- $\mathbf{W}$  sparse, positive definite

We can easily adapt the solver from [Daviet et al. 2011] (details in the paper)

# ORTHOGONAL EXTENSION FOR SELF CONTACTS

Contact between vertices  $i$  and  $j$

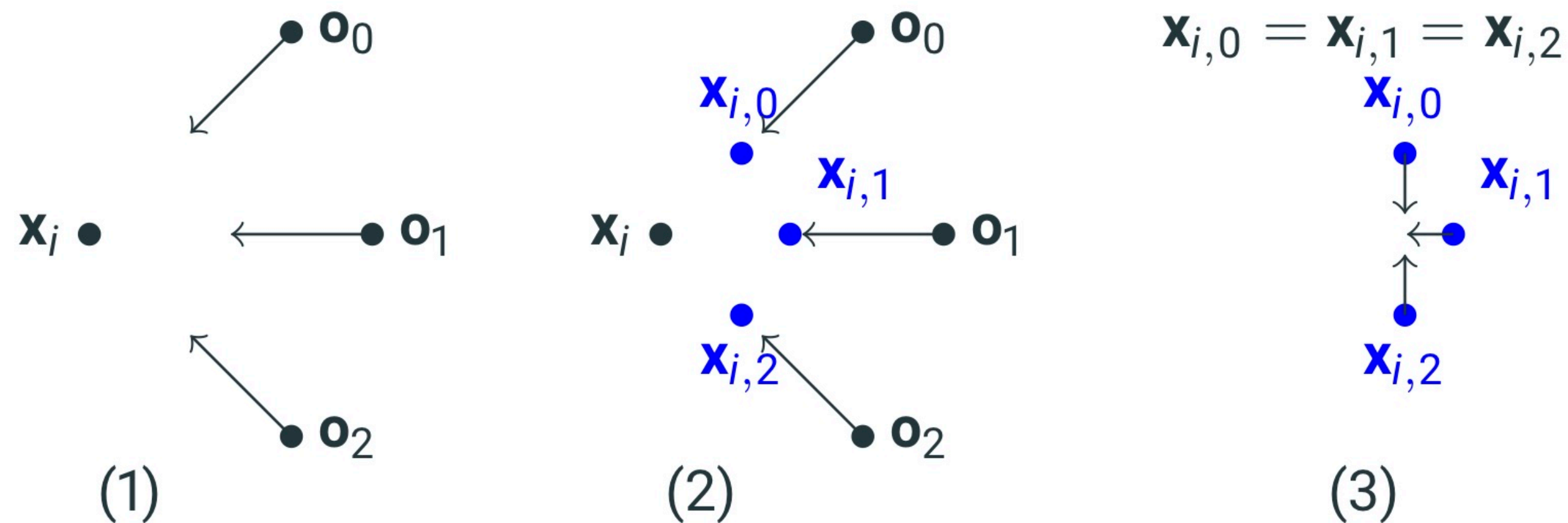


- Original row  $\mathbf{H}$  computes velocity difference  $E_i^T (\mathbf{v}_i - \mathbf{v}_j)$
- Add row in  $\mathbf{G}$  and ensure zero-force on velocity sum  $E_i^T (\mathbf{v}_i + \mathbf{v}_j)$

# LAYERED CONTACTS

## Handling multiple contacts per vertex

1. Duplicate vertex  $\mathbf{x}_j$ .
2. Each copy handles a contact.
3. Enforce equality of duplicated positions





# PIN CONSTRAINT

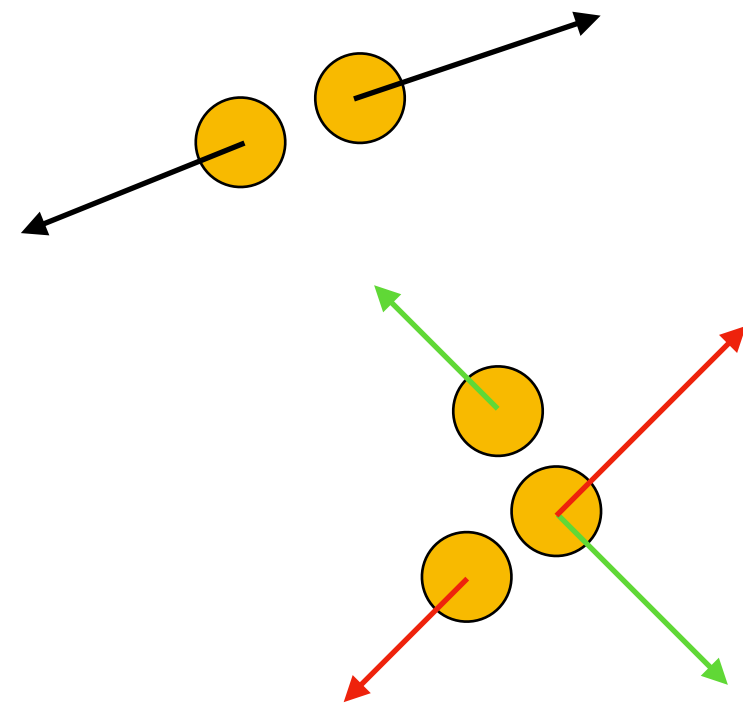
- Constraint  $\mathbf{v}_{i,1} = \mathbf{v}_{i,2} = \dots = \mathbf{v}_{i,p}$  enforced through Lagrange multiplier  $\lambda$ .
- Explicit expression for  $\lambda$  given  $\mathbf{r}$ :

$$\lambda = -\mathbf{G}^T \mathbf{r}$$

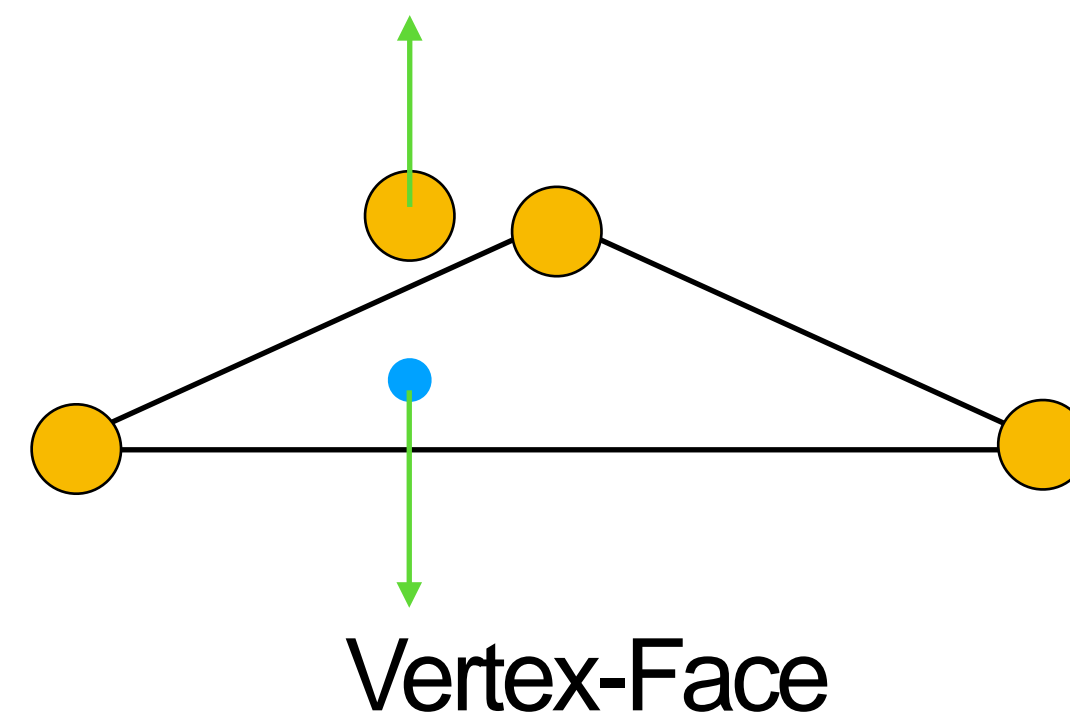
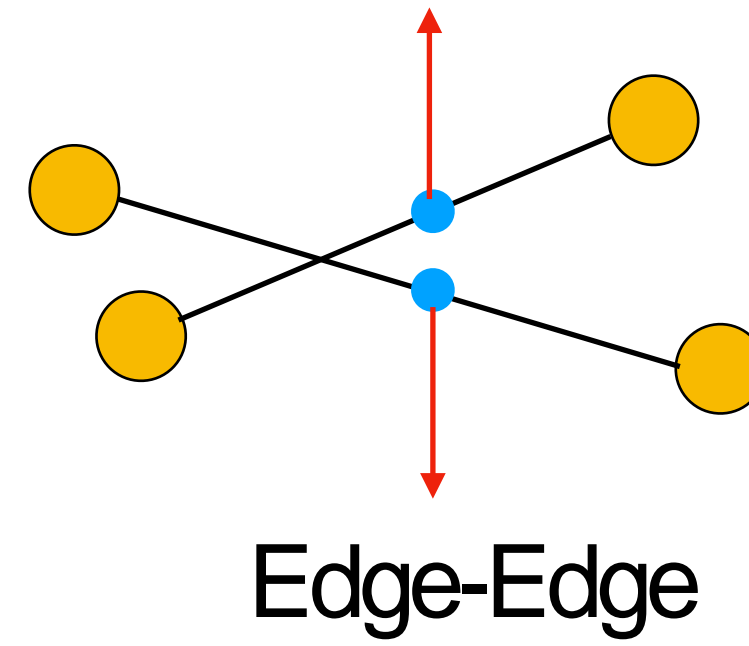
- Operator splitting to solve friction and pin constraints iteratively (see details in paper)

# THE ISSUE WITH NODAL SOLVER

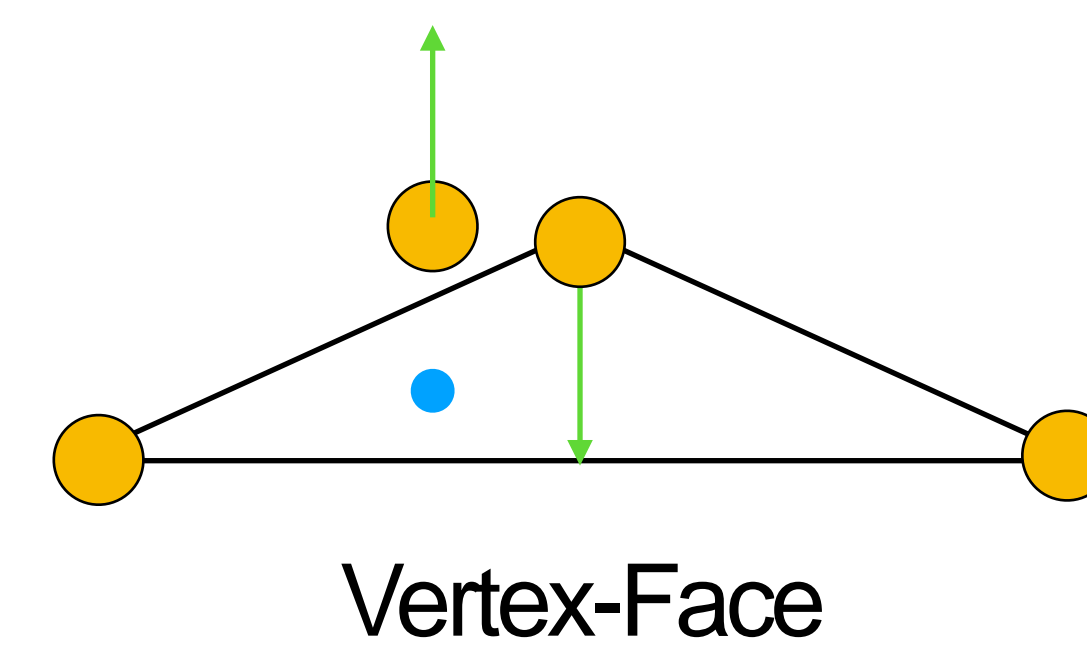
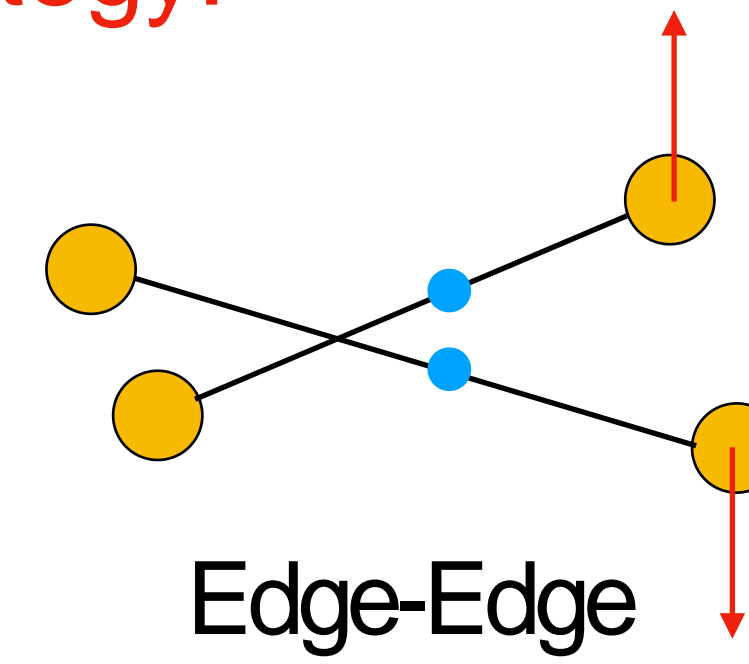
Nodal solver



In cloth mesh

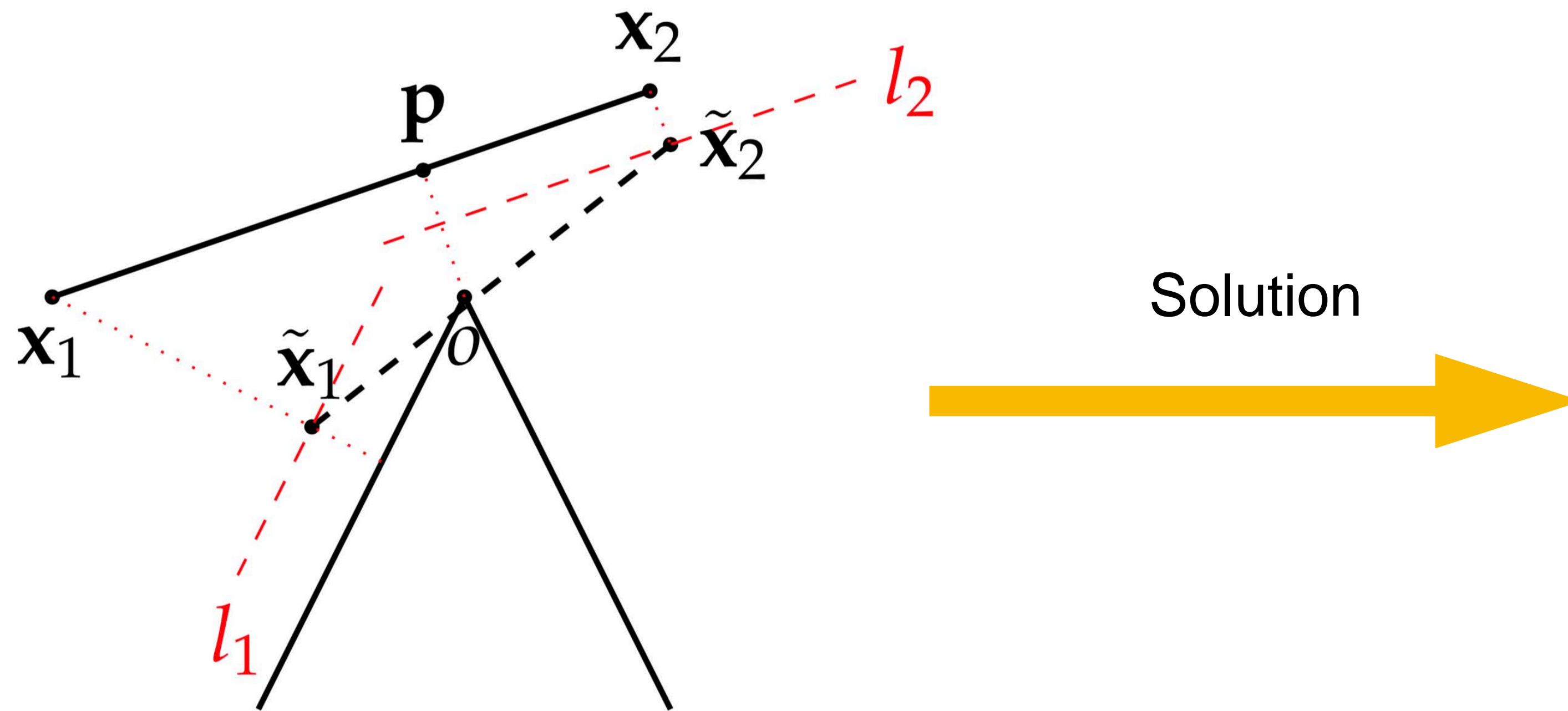


Strategy:



Move the contact to the closest vertex.

# MOVING CONTACTS INTRODUCES PROBLEMS



Adaptive refinement



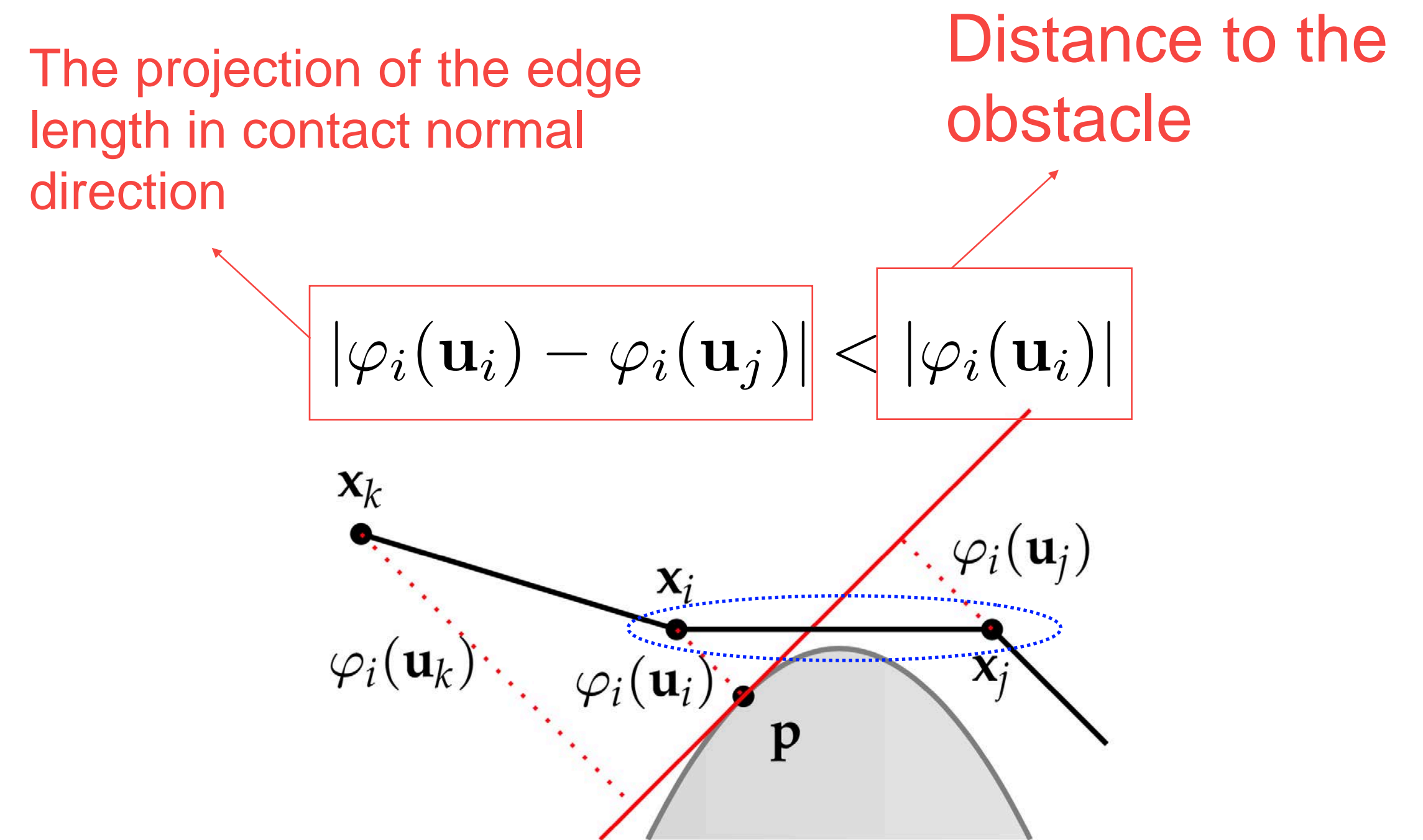
[Narain et al. 2012]

# ADAPTIVE REMESHING

Remeshing metrics [Narain et al. 2012]

- velocity
- curvature
- distance to obstacle
- etc.

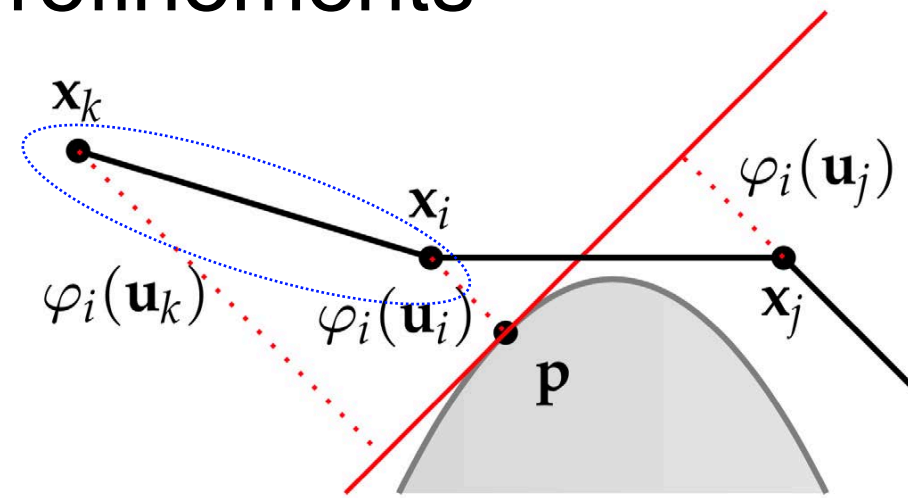
Obstacle metric (for each vertex close to obstacle)



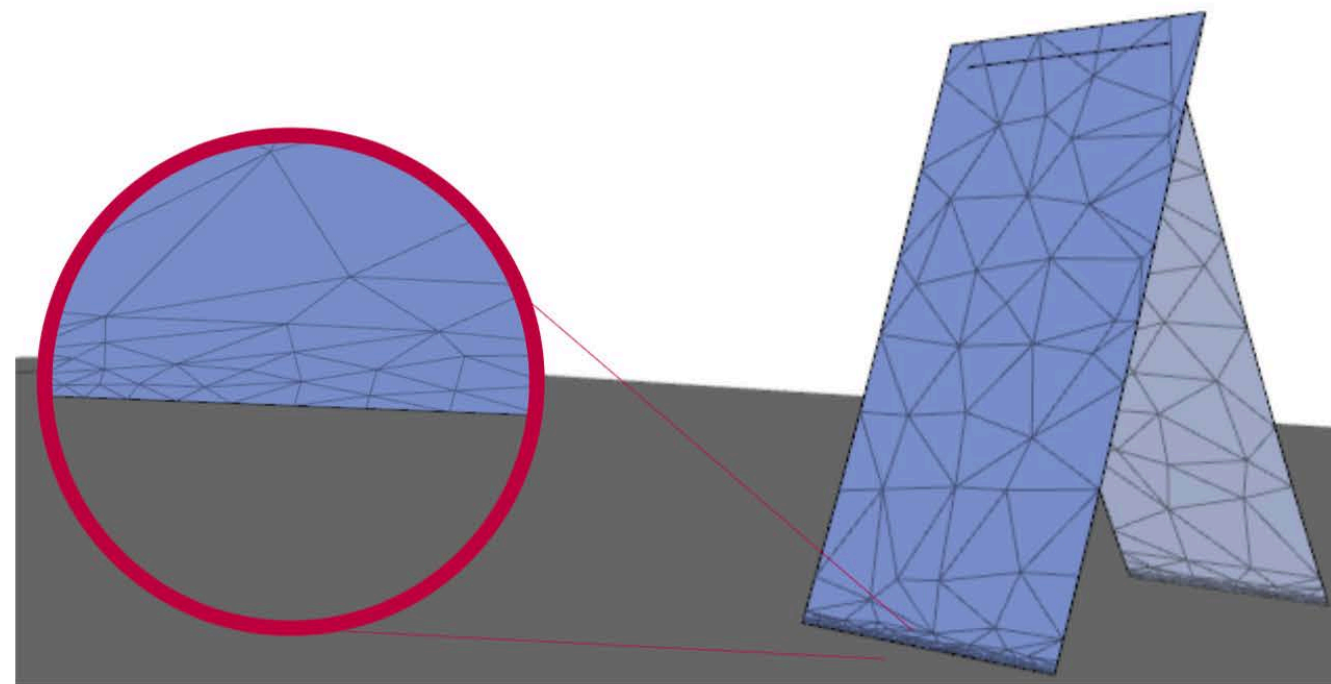
# ISSUES OF THE OBSTACLE METRIC

$$|\varphi_i(\mathbf{u}_i) - \varphi_i(\mathbf{u}_j)| < \frac{\max_k |\varphi_i(\mathbf{u}_k)|}{|\varphi_i(\mathbf{u}_i)|}$$

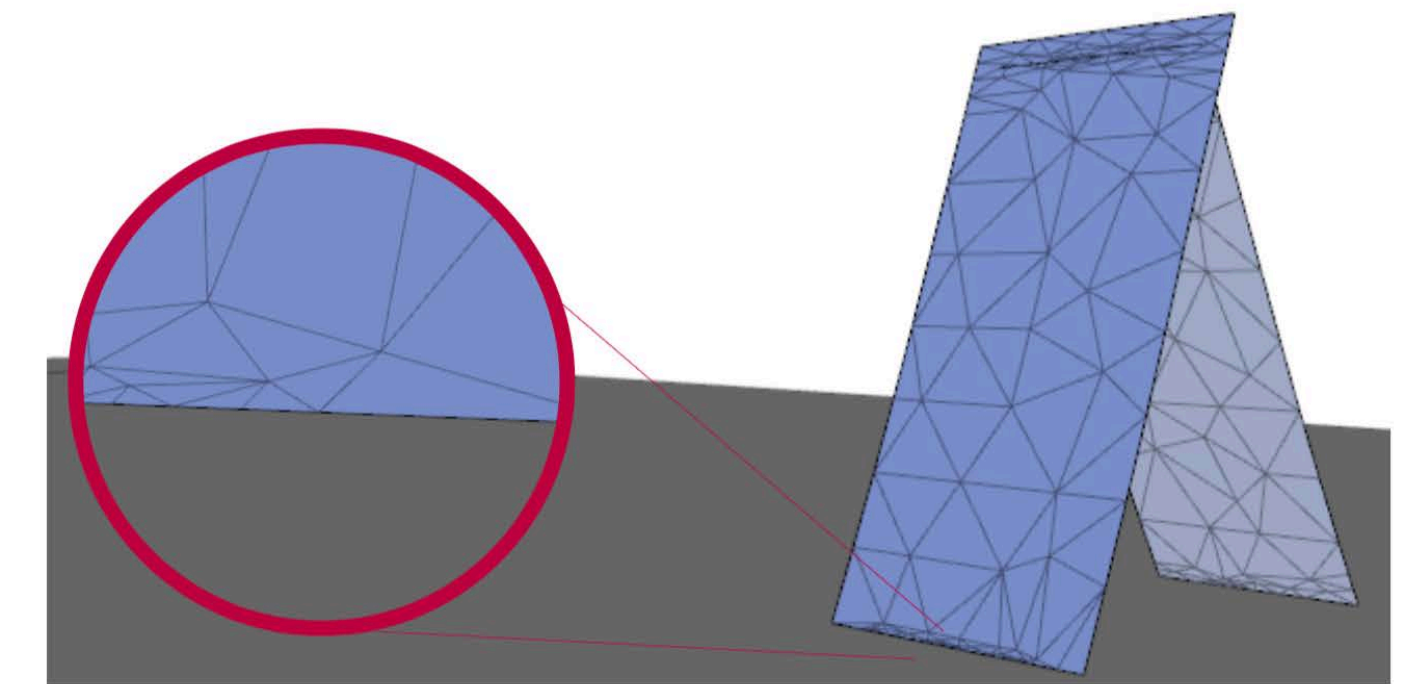
Unnecessary refinements



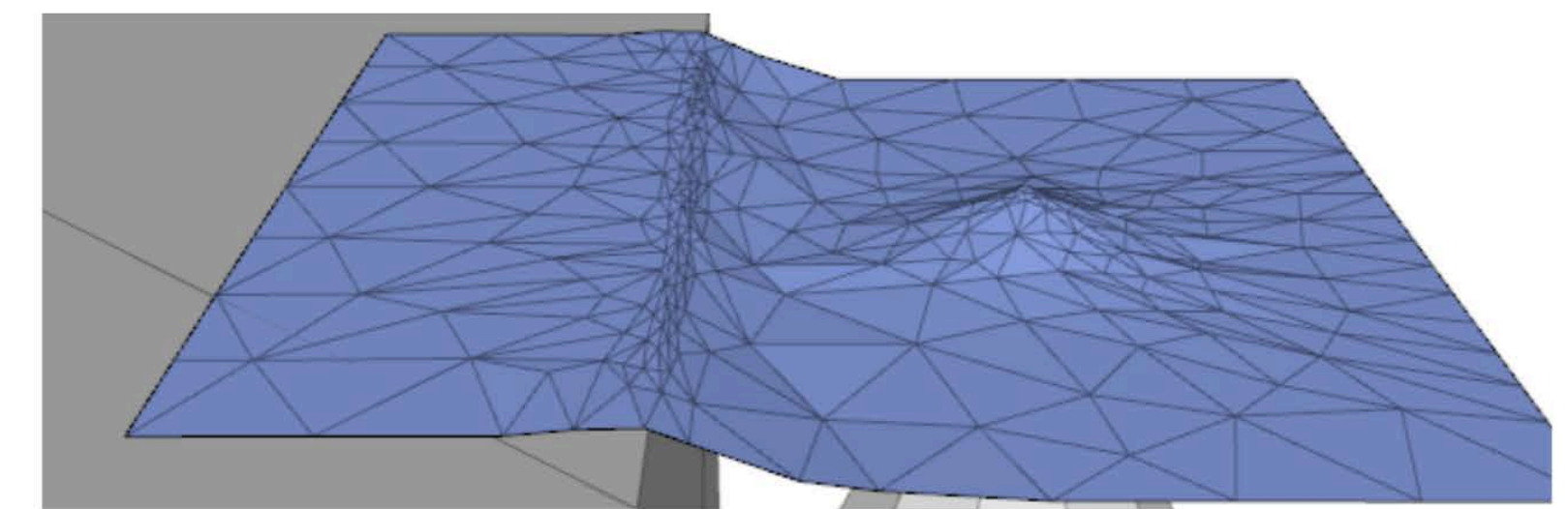
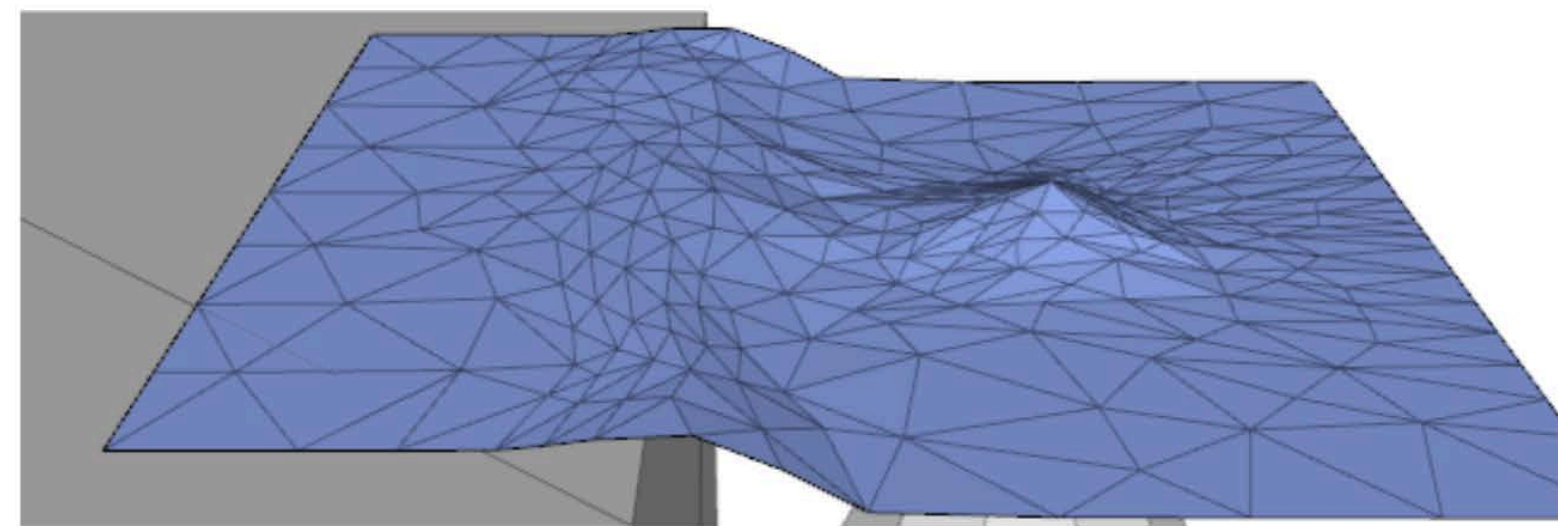
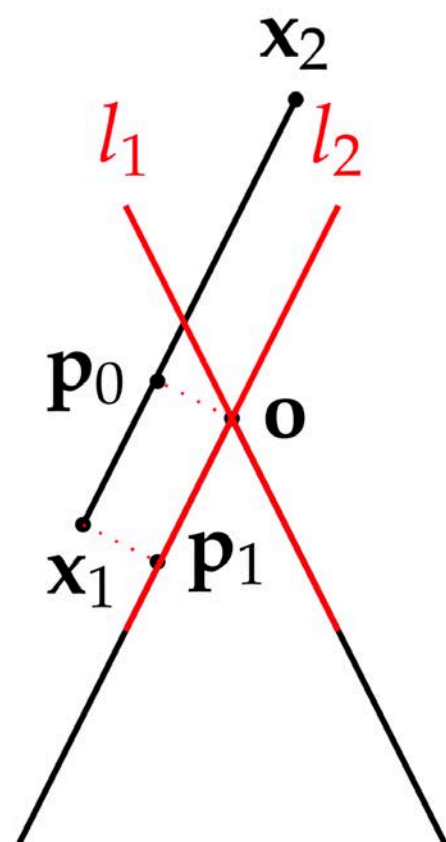
Old metric [Narain et al. 2012]



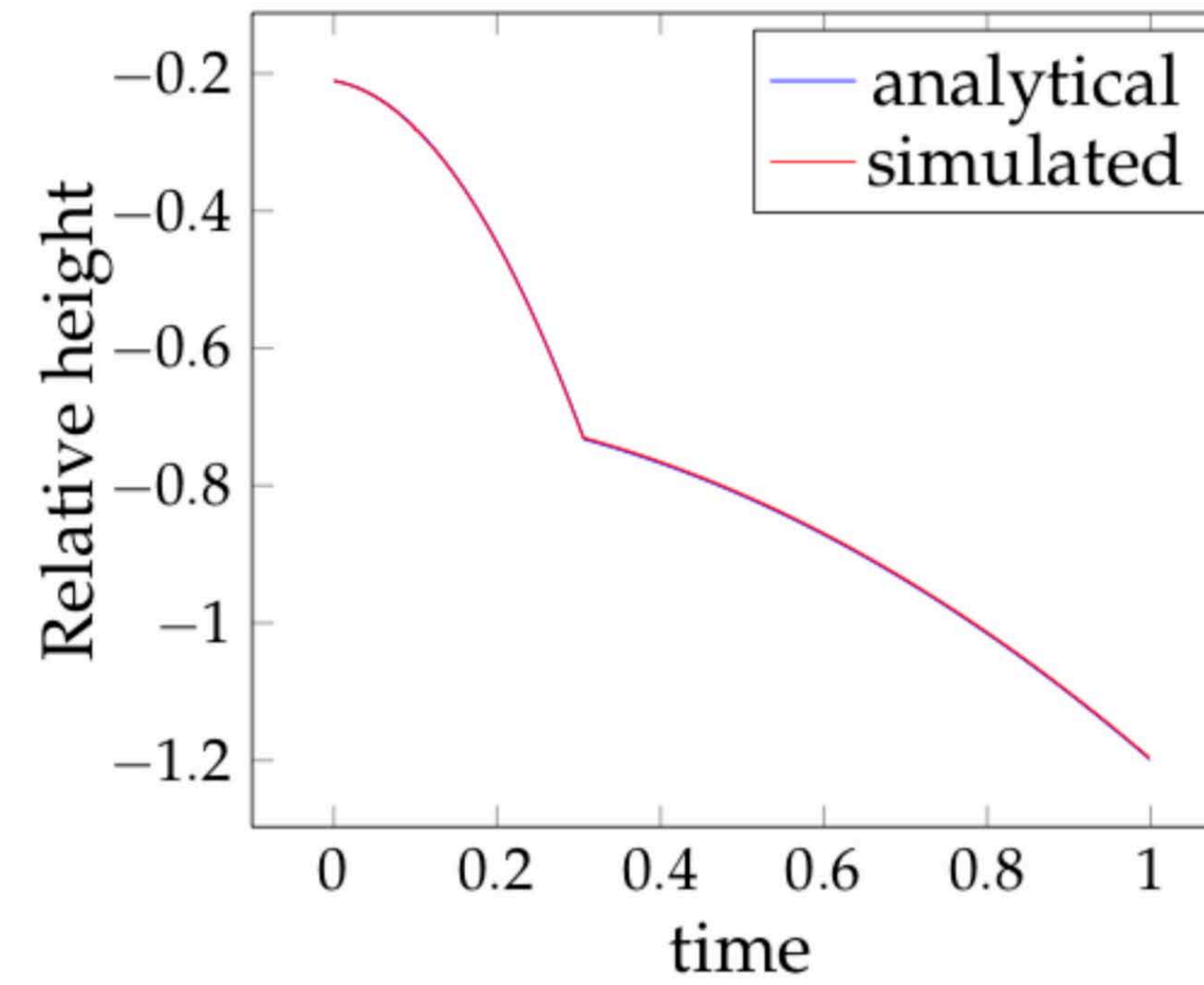
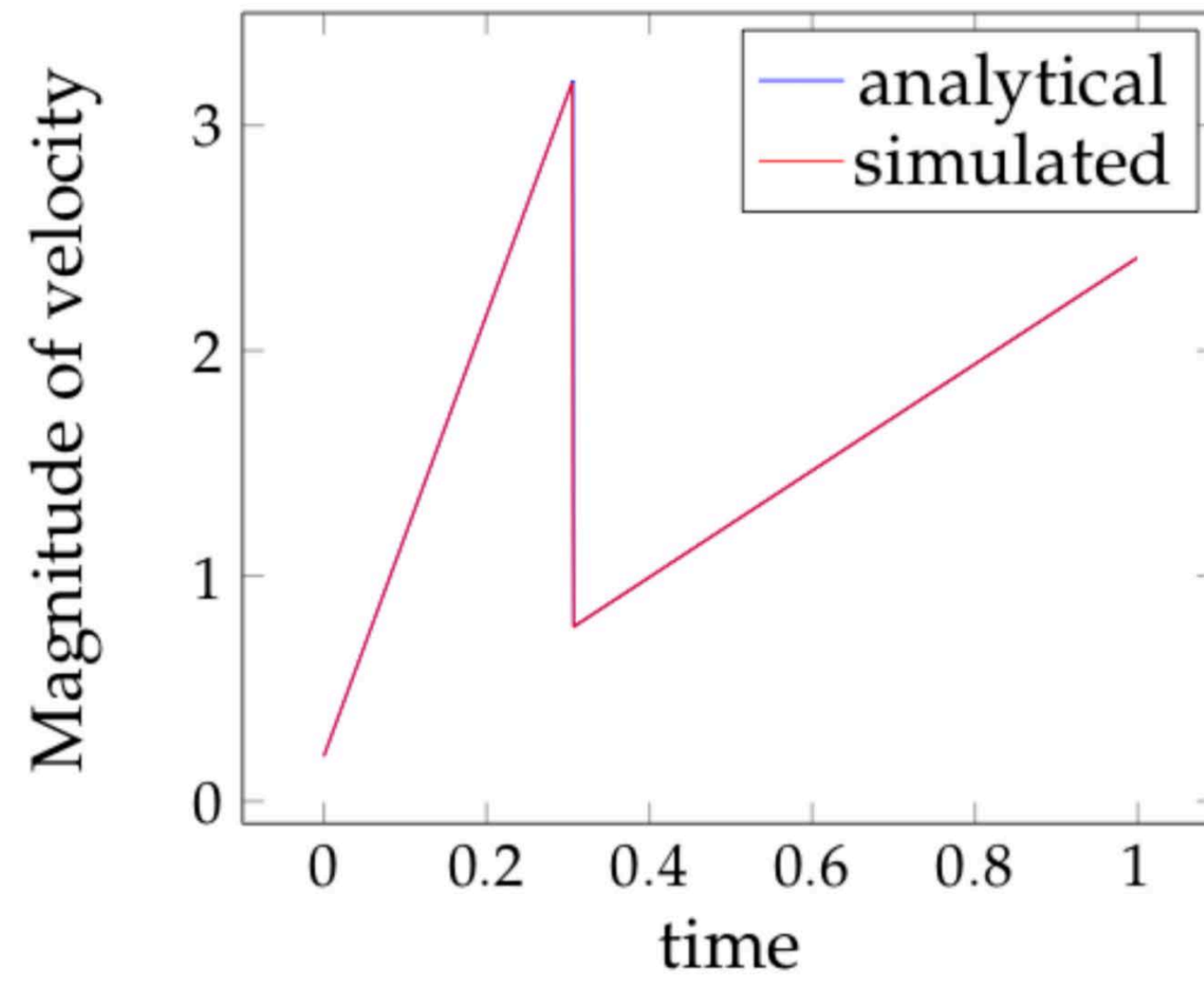
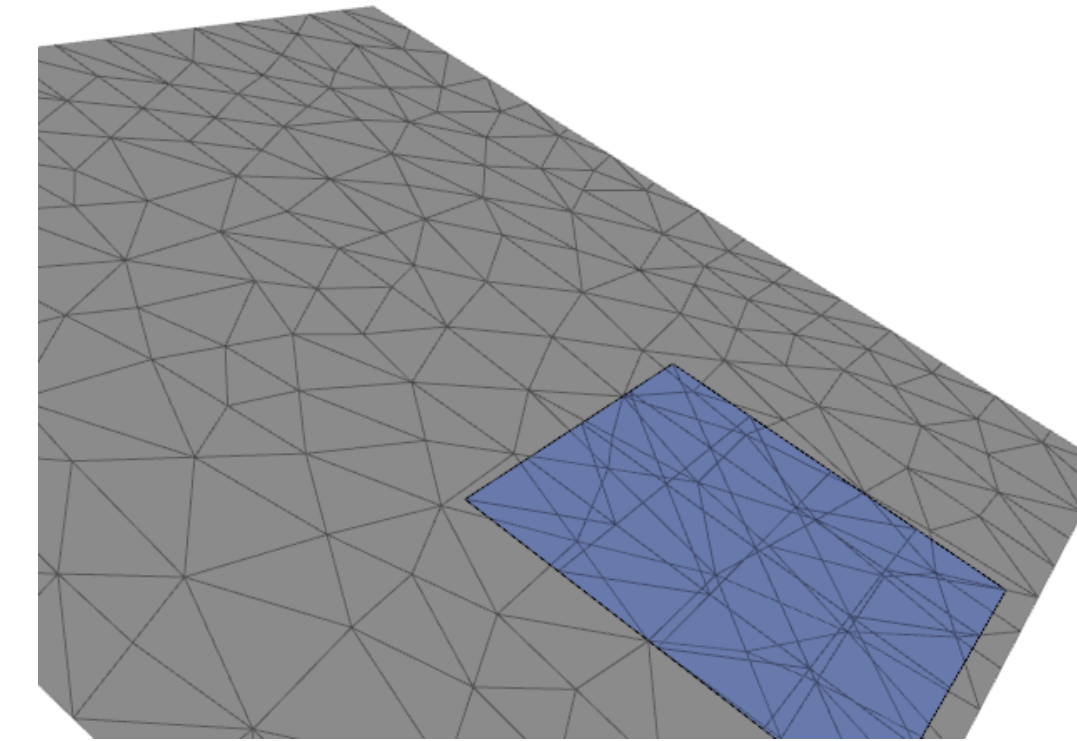
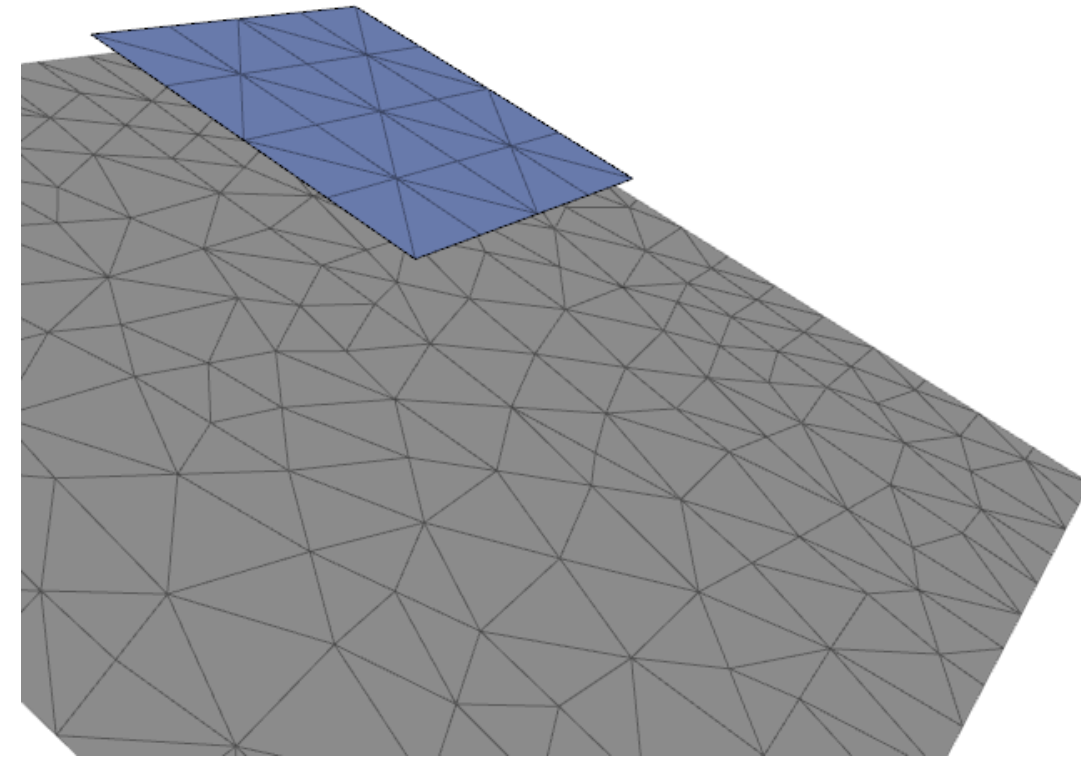
New metric

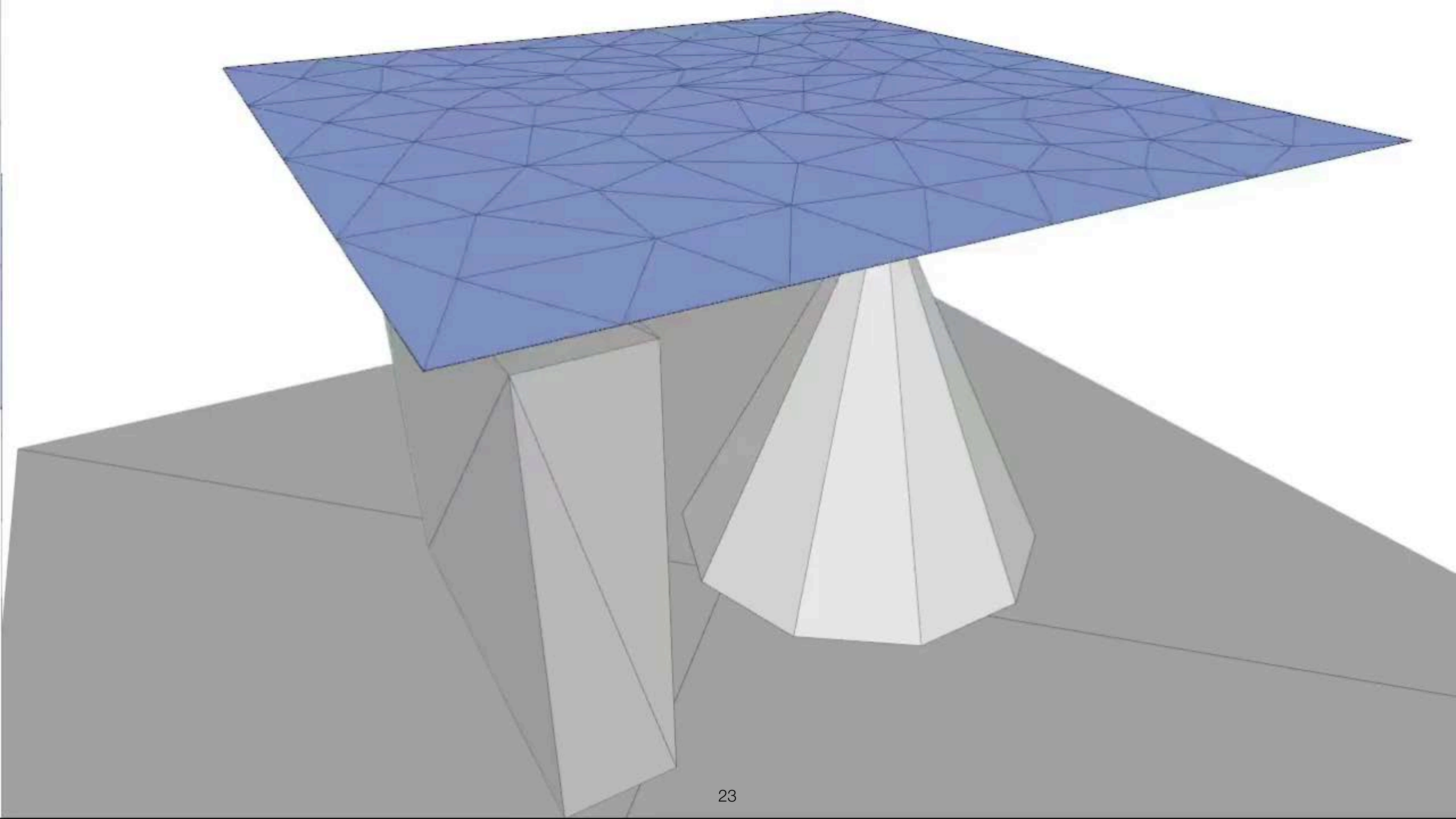


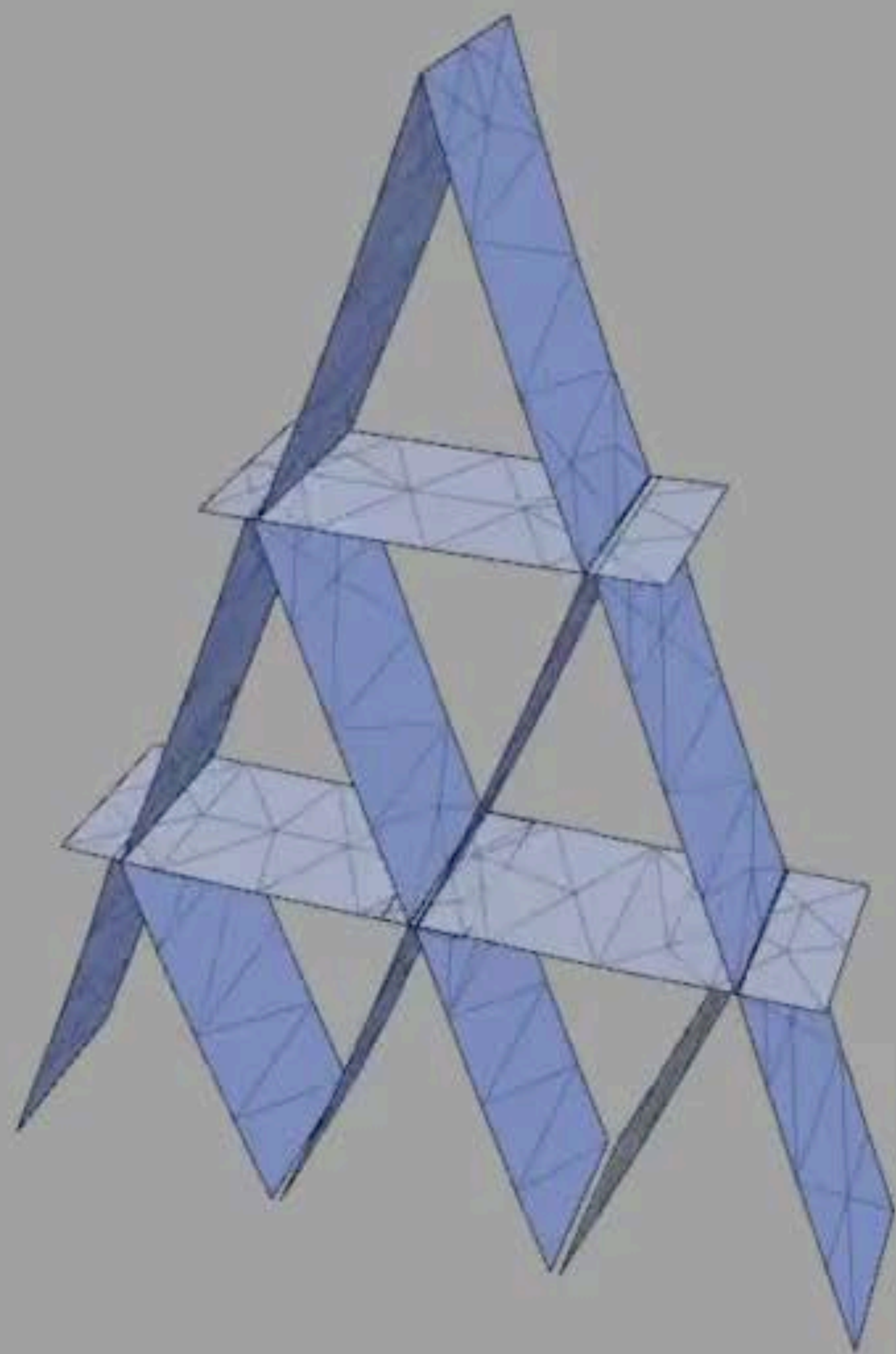
Inadequate refinements



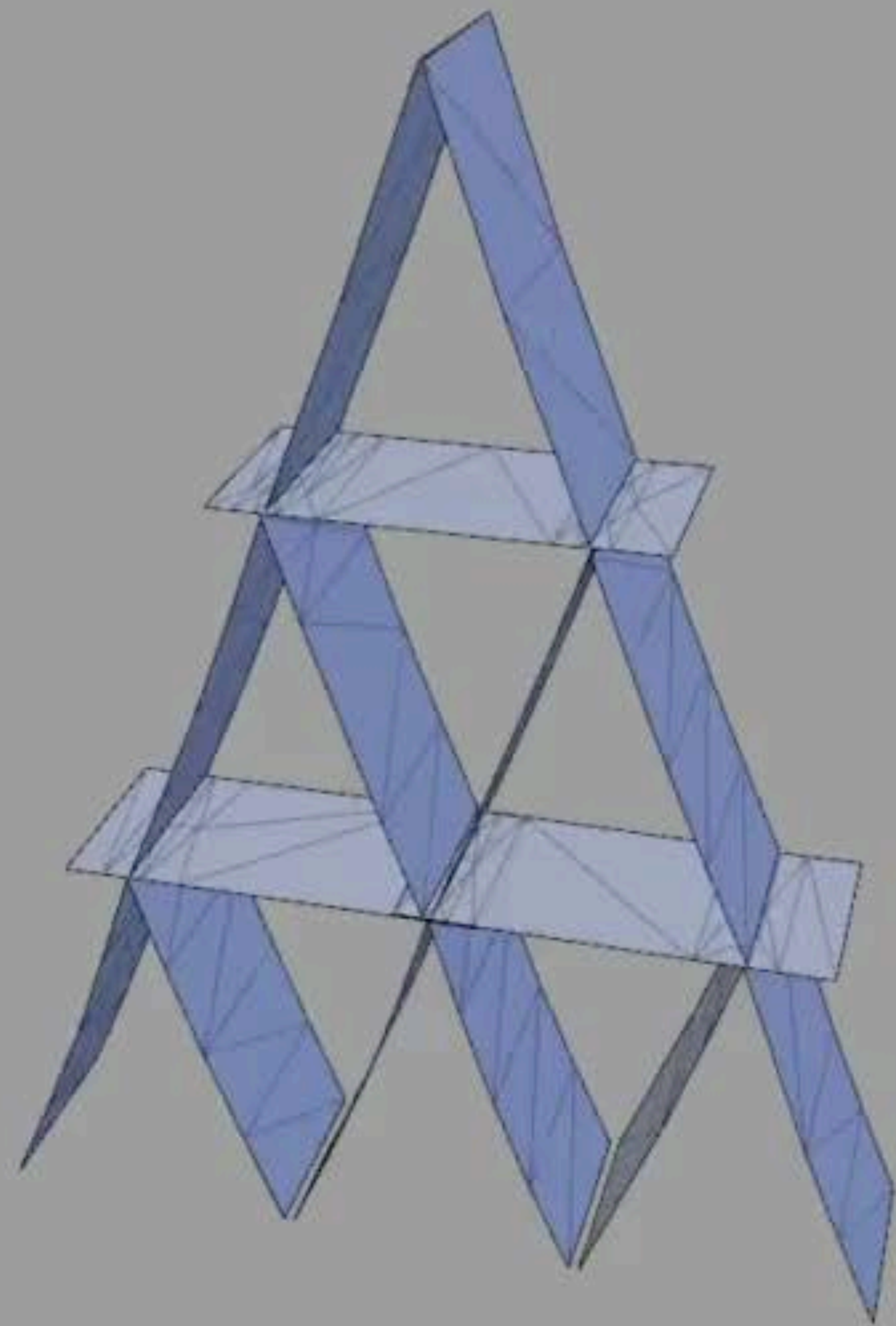
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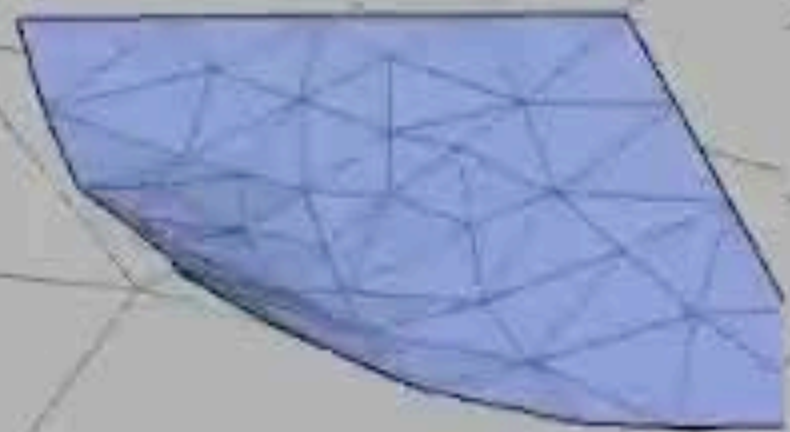
Bridson/Harmon



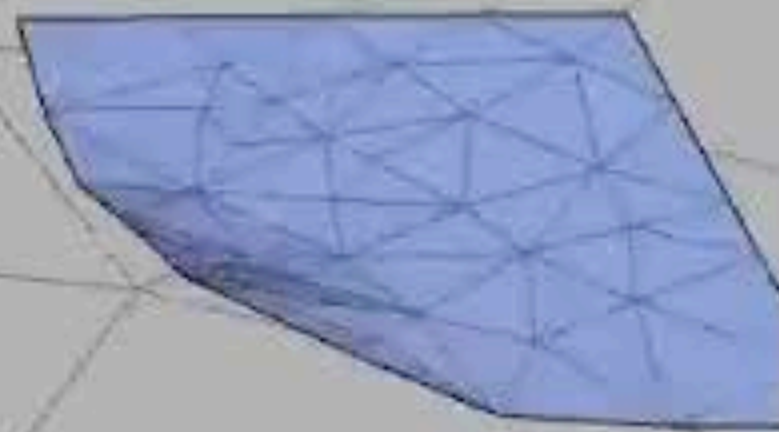
Our method



Otaduy



Our method





$\mu = 0.1$



x 0.5

$\mu = 0.3$



$\mu = 0.6$

# CONCLUSIONS AND DISCUSSIONS

## Conclusion

- Implicit frictional contact solver with exact Coulomb's law
- Nodal solver with adaptive refinement
- Extended to self contacts and layered contacts.

## Discussion and limitations

- Nonexistence of solutions
- On Theoretical guarantees of robustness
- Accuracy of nodal constraints
- Future generalization

# THANK YOU



$\mu = 0.3$

Example	$\mu$	$\bar{n}_v^1$	$\bar{n}_c^1$	$\bar{n}_i^2$	$\bar{n}_{ir}^2$	$\bar{t}_p^3$	$\bar{t}_r^3$	$\bar{t}_{cd}^3$	$\bar{t}_m^3$	$\bar{t}_s^3$	$\bar{T}^4$	$\bar{e}^5$	$\bar{n}_{iter}^5$
<b>Table and Pin</b>	0.2	4692	2550	0.10	0	3.29	0.35	0.14	0.06	2.38	52.6	$5.7 \times 10^{-9}$	178
<b>High-tension belt</b>	0.4	502	476	0.00	0	2.48	0.03	0.01	$2 \times 10^{-3}$	2.42	36.5	$5.7 \times 10^{-9}$	261
<b>House of cards</b>	0.2	75	176	$5 \times 10^{-4}$	0	0.09	$2 \times 10^{-3}$	$9 \times 10^{-4}$	$4 \times 10^{-4}$	0.09	1.4	$2.6 \times 10^{-12}$	387
	0.6	218	119	0.00	0	0.29	$6 \times 10^{-3}$	$2 \times 10^{-3}$	$3 \times 10^{-4}$	0.28	4.6	$3.9 \times 10^{-11}$	1778
<b>Circular dragging</b>	0.6	59	26	0.00	0	0.04	$2 \times 10^{-3}$	$6 \times 10^{-5}$	0.00	0.04	0.6	$1.5 \times 10^{-10}$	25
<b>Twist</b>	0.0	5874	2557	0.02	0	2.10	0.64	0.21	0.09	0.59	33.6	$7.6 \times 10^{-9}$	192
	0.1	5827	2521	0.01	0	2.08	0.61	0.20	0.09	0.66	33.3	$7.4 \times 10^{-9}$	180
	0.3	5801	2647	0.51	0	6.22	0.67	0.20	0.09	4.58	99.5	$1.0 \times 10^{-4}$	378
	0.6	6052	2663	1.63	0	8.12	0.90	0.20	0.09	5.91	129.9	$1.3 \times 10^{-3}$	484
<b>Arabesque</b>	0.0	5224	2845	0.03	0	3.45	0.69	0.19	0.14	1.67	55.2	$6.8 \times 10^{-8}$	262
	0.3	5532	2996	0.85	0	4.37	0.70	0.19	0.15	2.50	69.9	$1.1 \times 10^{-3}$	294
<b>Clubbing</b>	0.0	7008	2803	0.02	0	2.36	0.71	0.21	0.13	0.68	37.8	$7.7 \times 10^{-9}$	254
	0.1	6907	2833	0.04	0	2.41	0.69	0.21	0.13	0.77	38.6	$4.7 \times 10^{-9}$	199
	0.3	7153	2827	0.03	0	4.75	0.75	0.18	0.14	2.95	76.0	$2.3 \times 10^{-8}$	242
<b>HipHop</b>	0.0	5577	2597	0.05	0	11.01	0.57	0.18	0.09	9.59	176.2	$8.8 \times 10^{-9}$ *	353
	0.3	5500	2508	0.09	0	6.64	0.81	0.23	0.11	4.52	106.2	$1 \times 10^{-4}$	558
<b>Shawl</b>	0.3	1381	328	0.03	0	1.10	0.31	0.09	0.003	0.34	17.6	$3.3 \times 10^{-9}$	83
	0.6	3733	1571	1.79	0	2.18	0.46	0.16	0.03	0.89	34.9	$4 \times 10^{-4}$	219