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MÉTHODES ÉLÉMENTS FINIS NON-CONFORMES ADAPTÉES À LA CONCEPTION EN TEMPS RÉEL DE Jumeaux Numériques d'Organes

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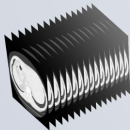
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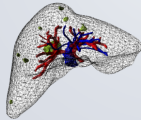
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Objectives

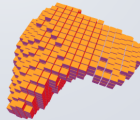
Develop **real-time, patient specific digital twins** for computer-aided surgical interventions.



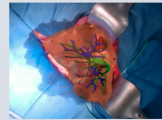
① Image



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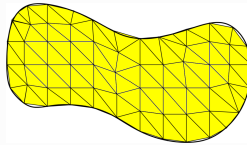


③ Numerical method

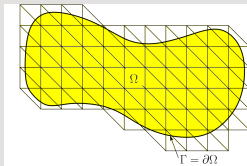


④ Surgical navigation

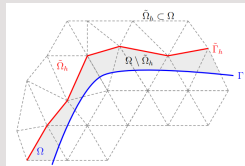
- ▶ Simulation of the deformations of organs : PDEs $\rightarrow$ FEMs,
- ▶ Complex geometries $\rightarrow$ Unfitted FEMs,
- ▶ Real-time constructions $\rightarrow$ Machine learning techniques.



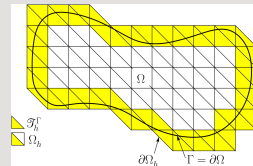
(a) Standard FEM (Clough 60s).



(b) XFEM (Moes and al., 2006)
→ Non-classical shape functions,
CutFEM (Burman, Hansbo, 2010-2014)
→ cut cells and partial integrals.



(c) Shifted Boundary method (Main, Scovazzi, 2017)
→ Taylor development near the boundary.



(d) φ -FEM (Duprez and Lozinski, 2020)
→ **Level-set function**

Problems on complex shapes → unfitted FEMs

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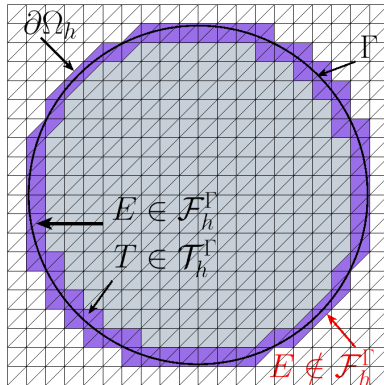
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Level-set function

$$\Omega = \{\varphi < 0\} \text{ and } \Gamma = \{\varphi = 0\}.$$

Spaces

- ▶ $\mathcal{T}_h$: φ -FEM mesh,
- ▶ $\mathcal{T}_h^\Gamma$: cells of $\mathcal{T}_h$ cut by the boundary (purple triangles),
- ▶ $\mathcal{F}_h^\Gamma$: internal facets of $\mathcal{T}_h^\Gamma$.

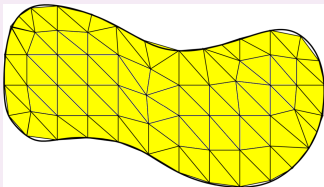


Example with $\varphi(x, y) = -1 + x^2 + y^2$.

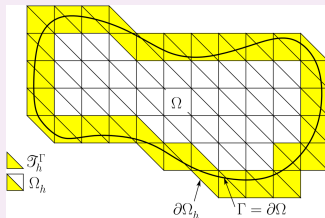
Example (Poisson-Dirichlet equation)

Standard FEM

Find u s.t.
$$\begin{cases} -\Delta u = f, & \text{in } \Omega, \\ u = g, & \text{on } \Gamma. \end{cases}$$

 **φ -FEM**

Find w s.t.
$$\begin{cases} -\Delta u = f, & \text{in } \Omega_h, \\ u = \varphi w + g, & \text{in } \Omega_h. \end{cases}$$



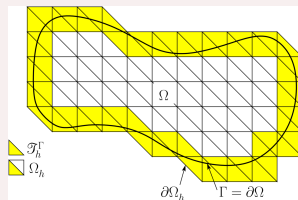
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$$-\Delta(\varphi w + g) = f \quad \text{in } \Omega_h .$$

φ -FEM scheme (Duprez, Lozinski. 2020.)

Find w_h such that for all v_h ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\Omega_h} \nabla(\varphi_h w_h + g_h) \cdot \nabla(\varphi_h v_h) \\ & - \int_{\partial\Omega_h} \frac{\partial}{\partial n} (\varphi_h w_h + g_h) \varphi_h v_h \\ & + \text{stabs} = \int_{\Omega_h} f_h \varphi_h v_h - \text{stabs} . \end{aligned}$$



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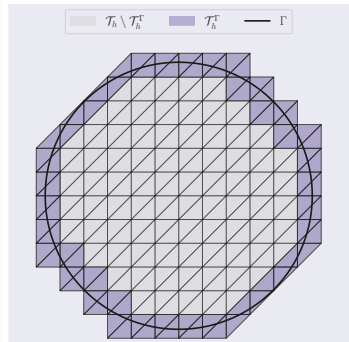
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1. E. Burman, Ghost penalty, 2010.

Main idea

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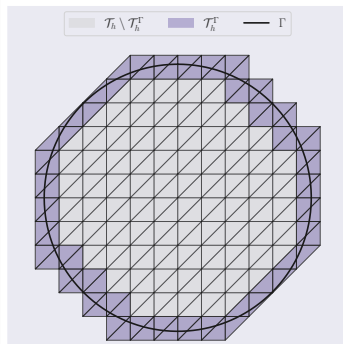
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The scheme is given by : find $(u_h, p_h) \in V_h \times Q_h$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\Omega_h} \nabla u_h \cdot \nabla v_h - \int_{\partial\Omega_h} \frac{\partial u_h}{\partial n} v_h \\ & \quad \underbrace{+ \frac{\gamma}{h^2} \int_{\Omega_h^\Gamma} (u_h - \frac{1}{h} \varphi_h p_h - g_h)(v_h - \frac{1}{h} \varphi_h q_h)}_{\text{Penalization}} \\ & \quad + \underbrace{G_h^{lhs}(u_h, v_h) = G_h^{rhs}(v_h)}_{\text{Stabilization}} \\ & \quad + \int_{\Omega_h} f v_h, \quad \forall v_h \in V_h, q_h \in Q_h. \end{aligned}$$



Theorem (Duprez, Lleras, Lozinski, Vuillemot. In preparation.)

The solution u_h of the given scheme satisfies

$$|u - u_h|_{1, \Omega_h} \leq Ch^k \|f\|_{k, \Omega_h} \quad \text{and} \quad \|u - u_h\|_{0, \Omega_h} \leq Ch^{k+1/2} \|f\|_{k, \Omega_h} .$$

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Sketch of proof.

Based on the coercivity of the bilinear form,

$$\begin{aligned} a_h(u_h, p_h; v_h, q_h) &= \int_{\Omega_h} \nabla u_h \cdot \nabla v_h - \int_{\partial\Omega_h} \frac{\partial u_h}{\partial n} v_h \\ &\quad + \frac{\gamma}{h^2} \int_{\Omega_h^\Gamma} (u_h - \frac{1}{h} \varphi_h p_h - g_h)(v_h - \frac{1}{h} \varphi_h q_h) + G_h^{lhs}(u_h, v_h). \end{aligned}$$

Main difficulty : absorb the boundary term, which is done using an integration by parts on $\Omega_h \setminus \Omega$ and the stabilization terms.

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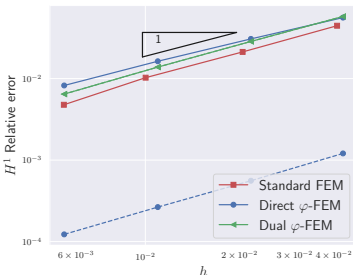
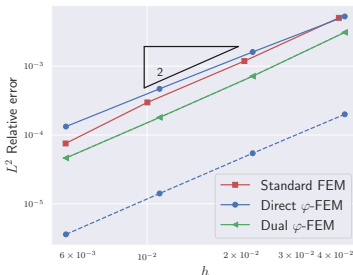
Test case : Poisson on disk

$$\varphi_1(x, y) = -0.3125^2 + (x - 0.5)^2 + (y - 0.5)^2,$$

Dashed lines

$$\varphi_2(x, y) = -0.3125 + \sqrt{(x - 0.5)^2 + (y - 0.5)^2}.$$

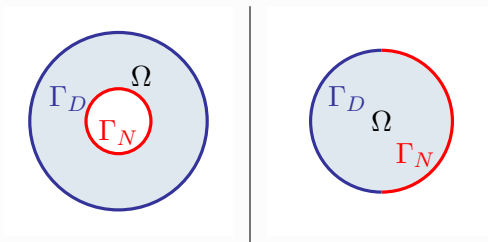
Plain lines



The problem

We want to solve

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta u &= f, & \text{in } \Omega, \\ u &= 0, & \text{on } \Gamma_D, \\ \nabla u \cdot n &= 0, & \text{on } \Gamma_N, \end{cases}$$



Examples of considered situations.

Tools to do it : φ -FEM Neumann^a + φ -FEM *dual* variant.

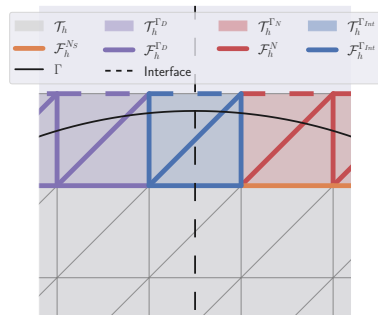
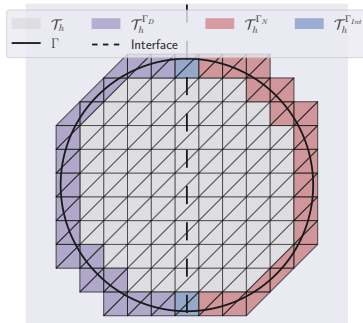
a. A new ϕ -FEM approach for problems with natural boundary conditions. Duprez, Lleras, Lozinski. 2023.

Introduce ψ such that

$$\Gamma_D = \Gamma \cap \{\psi < 0\} \quad \text{and} \quad \Gamma_N = \Gamma \cap \{\psi > 0\}.$$

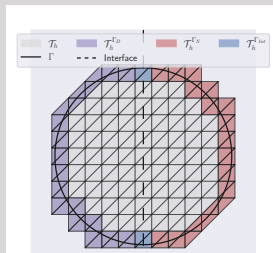
Hence, we can define

$$\mathcal{T}_h^{\Gamma_D} := \{T \in \mathcal{T}_h^{\Gamma} : \psi_h \leq 0 \text{ on } T\} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{T}_h^{\Gamma_N} := \{T \in \mathcal{T}_h^{\Gamma} : \psi_h \geq 0 \text{ on } T\},$$



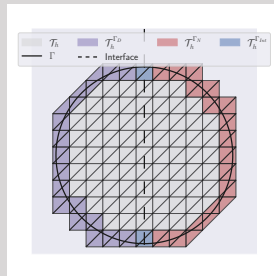
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$$\begin{aligned}
 u &= \varphi p_D, & \text{in } \Omega_h^{\Gamma D}, \\
 y + \nabla u &= 0, & \text{in } \Omega_h^{\Gamma N}, \\
 y \nabla \varphi + p_N \varphi &= 0, & \text{in } \Omega_h^{\Gamma N}. \\
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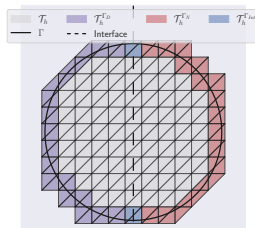


The φ -FEM scheme is given by : find $(u_h, p_{h,D}, y_h, p_{h,N}) \in W_h^{(k)}$ such that for all $(v_h, q_{h,D}, z_h, q_{h,N}) \in W_h^{(k)}$,

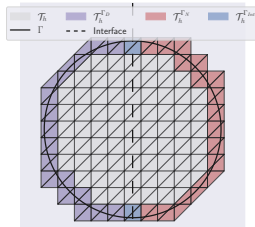
$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_{\Omega_h} \nabla u_h \cdot \nabla v_h - \int_{\partial \Omega_h \setminus \partial \Omega_{h,N}} \frac{\partial u_h}{\partial n} v_h + a_D(u_h, p_{h,D}; v_h, q_{h,D}) \\
 + a_N(u_h, y_h, p_{h,N}; v_h, z_h, q_{h,N}) = \int_{\Omega_h} f v_h + l_D(v_h) + l_N(z_h).
 \end{aligned}$$

We want to impose by penalization :

$$u = \varphi p_D, \quad \text{in } \Omega_h^{\Gamma_D}.$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 a_D(u_h, p_{h,D}; v_h, q_{h,D}) &= \overbrace{\frac{\gamma}{h^2} \int_{\Omega_h^{\Gamma_D}} (u_h - \frac{1}{h} \varphi_h p_{h,D})(v_h - \frac{1}{h} \varphi_h q_{h,D})}^{\text{Penalization}} \\
 &+ \sigma_D h \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_h^{\Gamma_D} \cup \mathcal{F}_h^{\Gamma_{Int}}} \int_F \left[\frac{\partial u_h}{\partial n} \right] \left[\frac{\partial v_h}{\partial n} \right] \\
 &+ \sigma_D h^2 \int_{\Omega_h^{\Gamma_D} \cup \Omega_h^{\Gamma_{Int}}} \Delta u_h \Delta v_h, \\
 l_D(v_h) &= - \sigma_D h^2 \int_{\Omega_h^{\Gamma_D} \cup \Omega_h^{\Gamma_{Int}}} f \Delta v_h.
 \end{aligned}
 \quad \left. \vphantom{\int_{\Omega_h^{\Gamma_D} \cup \Omega_h^{\Gamma_{Int}}}} \right\} \text{Stabilization}$$



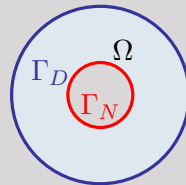
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$$\begin{aligned} a_N(u_h, y_h, p_{h,N}; v_h, z_h, q_{h,N}) &= \overbrace{\int_{\partial\Omega_{h,N}} y_h \cdot n v_h}^{\text{Boundary term}} \\ &+ \gamma_u \int_{\Omega_h^{\Gamma N}} (y_h + \nabla u_h)(z_h + \nabla v_h) \\ &+ \frac{\gamma_p}{h^2} \int_{\Omega_h^{\Gamma N}} (y_h \cdot \nabla \varphi_h + \frac{1}{h} p_{h,N} \varphi_h) (z_h \cdot \nabla \varphi_h + \frac{1}{h} q_{h,N} \varphi_h) \left. \vphantom{\int_{\Omega_h^{\Gamma N}}} \right\} \text{Penalization} \\ &+ \sigma_N h \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_h^{NS}} \int_F \left[\frac{\partial u_h}{\partial n} \right] \left[\frac{\partial v_h}{\partial n} \right] + \gamma_{div} \int_{\Omega_h^{\Gamma N}} \text{div } y_h \text{div } z_h, \left. \vphantom{\int_{\Omega_h^{\Gamma N}}} \right\} \text{Stabilization} \\ l_N(z_h) &= \gamma_{div} \int_{\Omega_h^{\Gamma N}} f \text{div } z_h. \end{aligned}$$

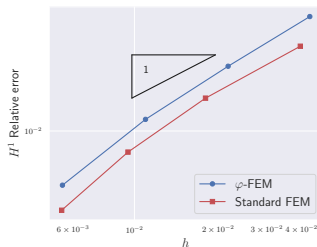
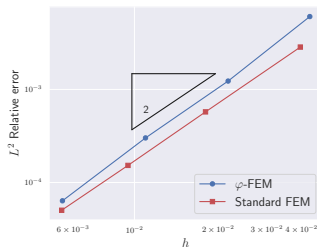
We consider $f = -1$, the domain given by :

$$\begin{cases} \varphi_1(x, y) = -0.39^2 + (x - 0.5)^2 + (y - 0.5)^2, \\ \varphi_2(x, y) = -0.14^2 + (x - 0.5)^2 + (y - 0.5)^2, \\ \varphi(x, y) = \varphi_1(x, y) \times \varphi_2(x, y). \end{cases}$$



and to detect the change of boundary :

$$\psi(x, y) = 0.25^2 - (x - 0.5)^2 - (y - 0.5)^2.$$



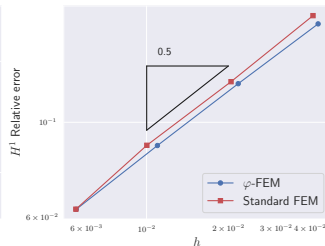
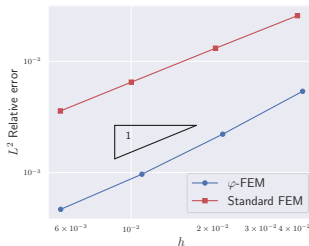
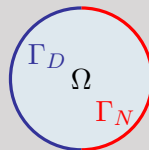
Left : L^2 relative errors. Right : H^1 relative errors.

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$$\psi(x, y) = x - 0.5.$$



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Model problem

$$\begin{cases} \operatorname{div} \boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{u}) + \mathbf{f} &= 0, \text{ in } \Omega, \\ \mathbf{u} &= \mathbf{u}^g, \text{ on } \Gamma_D, \\ \boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{u}) \cdot \mathbf{n} &= \mathbf{g}, \text{ on } \Gamma_N. \end{cases}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{u}) = 2\mu \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}(\mathbf{u}) + \lambda(\operatorname{div} \mathbf{u}) \mathbf{I}$$

Constraints tensor

$$\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}(\mathbf{u}) = \frac{1}{2}(\nabla \mathbf{u} + (\nabla \mathbf{u})^T)$$

Deformation tensor

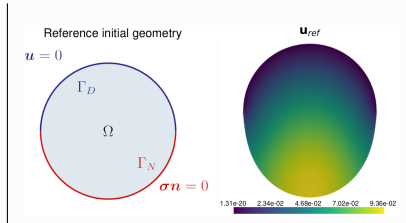
$$\mu = \frac{E}{2(1 + \nu)}, \quad \lambda = \frac{E\nu}{(1 + \nu)(1 - 2\nu)}$$

Lamé parameters

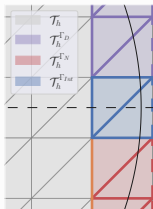
How to construct a φ -FEM scheme to solve this?

Follow the same recipe than before.

$$-\operatorname{div} \boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{u}) = (0, -\rho g), \text{ in } \Omega, \quad \mathbf{u} = 0, \text{ on } \Gamma_D, \quad \boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{u}) \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0, \text{ on } \Gamma_N.$$

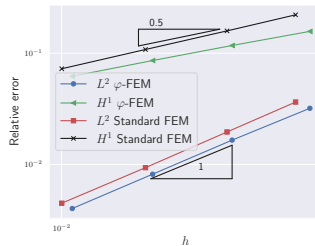
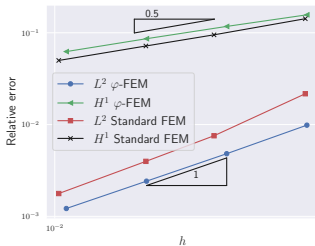
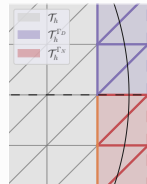
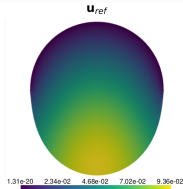
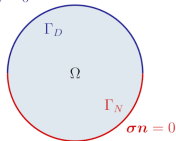


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Reference initial geometry

$$\mathbf{u} = 0$$



Model problem : $\approx$ the same... except non-linear constraints tensor.

$$\begin{cases} -\operatorname{div} \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{u}) &= \mathbf{f}, & \text{in } \Omega, \\ \mathbf{u} &= \mathbf{u}_D, & \text{on } \Gamma_D, \\ \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{u}) \cdot \mathbf{n} &= \mathbf{g}, & \text{on } \Gamma_N, \end{cases}$$

with compressible Neo-Hookean material :

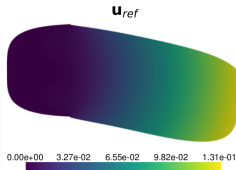
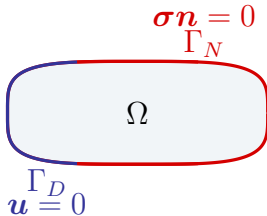
$$\mathbf{P} = \frac{\partial W}{\partial \mathbf{F}}, \text{ where } W = \frac{\mu}{2} (I_1 - 3 - 2 \ln(J)) + \frac{\lambda}{2} \ln(J)^2,$$

with $\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{I} + \nabla \mathbf{u}$, $\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{F}^T \cdot \mathbf{F}$, $I_1 = \operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{C})$, and $J = \det \mathbf{F}$.

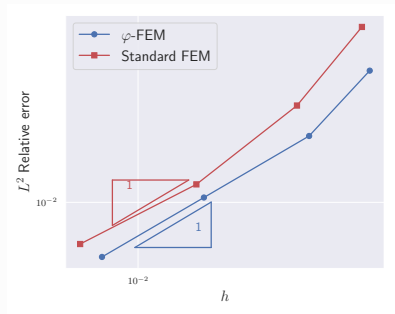
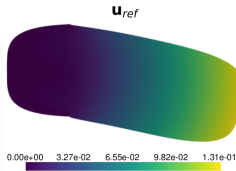
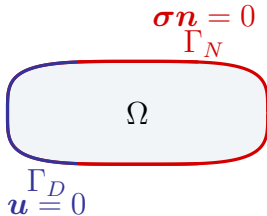
φ -FEM scheme : $\approx$ the same recipe...

$\mathbf{P}$ non-linear $\implies$ Stabilization terms non-linear in $\mathbf{v} \implies$ need to replace $\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{v})$ with $D_{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{P})(\mathbf{u})\mathbf{v}$, the derivative of $\mathbf{P}$ evaluated in $\mathbf{u}$, in the direction $\mathbf{v}$.

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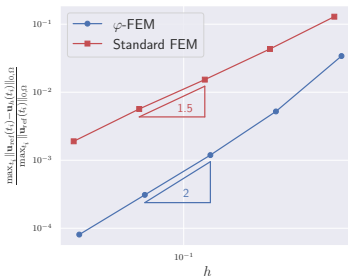
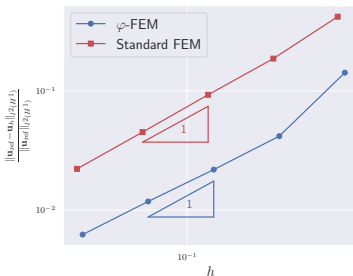
The proposed scheme

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\Omega_h} \frac{\varphi_h w_h^{n+1}}{\Delta t} \varphi_h v_h + \int_{\Omega_h} \nabla(\varphi_h w_h^{n+1}) \cdot \nabla(\varphi_h v_h) \\ & - \int_{\partial\Omega_h} \frac{\partial}{\partial n}(\varphi_h w_h^{n+1}) \varphi_h v_h + \text{stabs} = \int_{\Omega_h} \left(\frac{u_h^n}{\Delta t} + f^{n+1} \right) \varphi_h v_h - \text{stabs}. \end{aligned}$$

Theorem (Duprez, Lleras, Lozinski, Vuillemot, 2023)

$$\|u - u_h\|_{l^2(H^1)} \leq C \|u^0 - u_h^0\|_{L^2(\Omega_h)} + C(h^k + \Delta t) (\|u\|_{H^2(0,T;H^{k-1}(\Omega))} + \|f\|_{H^1(0,T;H^{k-1}(\Omega_h))}) ,$$

$$\|u - u_h\|_{l^\infty(L^2)} \leq C \|u^0 - u_h^0\|_{L^2(\Omega_h)} + C(h^{k+\frac{1}{2}} + \Delta t) (\|u\|_{H^2(0,T;H^{k-1}(\Omega))} + \|f\|_{H^1(0,T;H^{k-1}(\Omega_h))}) .$$

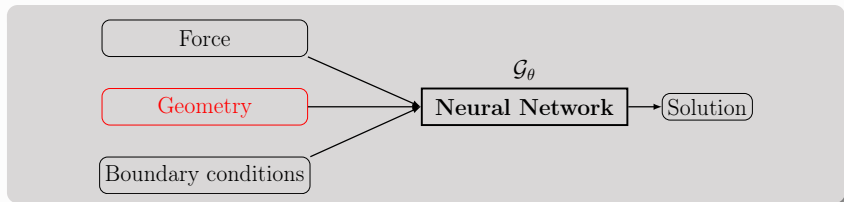


Left: $l^2(H^1)$ relative errors. Right: $l^\infty(L^2)$ relative errors.

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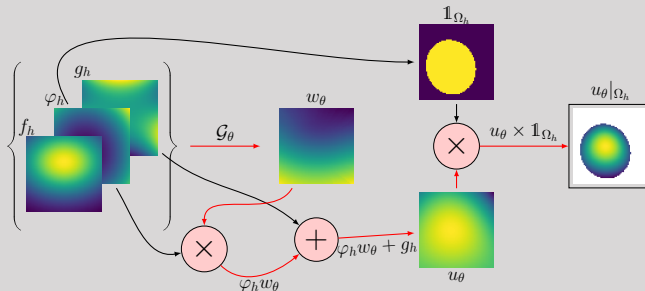
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How to combine φ -FEM and neural networks to obtain fast and precise results?

→ the Fourier Neural Operator.^a

^a. Z. Li, N. Kovachki, K. Azizzadenesheli, B. Liu, K. Bhattacharya, A. Stuart, and A. Anandkumar. Fourier neural operator for parametric partial differential equations, 2021

Why choose the FNO?

- ▶ Neural operator : learns a mapping, not a solution,
- ▶ Uses FFT → requires Cartesian grid, as φ -FEM does,
- ▶ Can be implemented easily,
- ▶ Almost no need to change the underlying architecture when changing the governing PDE.

Parametric application :

$$\begin{aligned} G_\theta : \mathbb{R}^{n_x \times n_y \times 3} \xrightarrow{N} \mathbb{R}^{n_x \times n_y \times 3} \xrightarrow{P_\theta} \mathbb{R}^{n_x \times n_y \times n_d} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{H}_\theta^1} \mathbb{R}^{n_x \times n_y \times n_d} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{H}_\theta^2} \\ \dots \xrightarrow{\mathcal{H}_\theta^4} \mathbb{R}^{n_x \times n_y \times n_d} \xrightarrow{Q_\theta} \mathbb{R}^{n_x \times n_y \times 1} \xrightarrow{N^{-1}} \mathbb{R}^{n_x \times n_y \times 1} . \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ In and out dimensions : $X = (f_h, \varphi_h, g_h) \rightarrow w_h$, with f_h, φ_h, g_h and w_h images of shape (n_x, n_y) ,
- ▶ N and N^{-1} : standardization and unstandardization (channel by channel),
- ▶ P_θ and Q_θ «embedding and projection»,

$$P_\theta(X)_{ijk} = \sum_{k'=1}^3 W_{kk'}^{P_\theta} X_{ijk'} + B_k^{P_\theta} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_d},$$

→ from original dimension 3 to «hidden dimension», $n_d \gg 3$.

$$Q_\theta(X)_{ij} = \left[\sum_{k=1}^{n_Q} W_{1k}^{Q_\theta, 2} \sigma \left(\sum_{k'=1}^{n_d} W_{kk'}^{Q_\theta, 1} X_{ijk'} + B_k^{Q_\theta, 1} \right) \right] + B^{Q_\theta, 2} \in \mathbb{R}$$

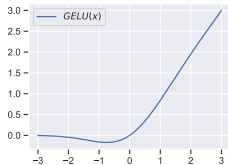
→ from «hidden dimension» n_d to final dimension 1.

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Each layer $\mathcal{H}_\theta^\ell$ is defined by :

$$\mathcal{H}_\theta^\ell = \sigma \left(\begin{array}{c} \mathcal{C}_\theta^\ell(X) \\ \downarrow \\ \mathcal{F}^{-1} \left(W^{\mathcal{C}_\theta^\ell} \mathcal{F}(X) \right) \\ \text{with } \mathcal{F} \text{ the real-FFT and} \\ \mathcal{F}^{-1} \text{ its inverse.} \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} \mathcal{B}_\theta^\ell(X) \\ \downarrow \\ \mathcal{B}_\theta^\ell(X)_{ijk} \\ = \sum_{k'=1}^{n_d} W_{kk'}^{\mathcal{B}_\theta^\ell} X_{ijk'} + B_k^{\mathcal{B}_\theta^\ell} \end{array} \right)$$



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First test case

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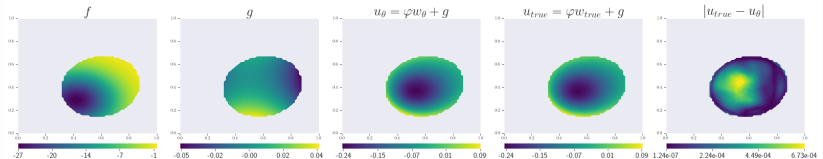
- Ω : random rotated ellipse,
- f : random gaussian force with variable amplitude

$$f(x, y) = A \exp \left(-\frac{(x - \mu_0)^2}{2\sigma_x^2} - \frac{(y - \mu_1)^2}{2\sigma_y^2} \right),$$

- $g_{(\alpha, \beta)}(x, y) = \alpha ((x - 0.5)^2 - (y - 0.5)^2) \cos(\beta y \pi).$

Dataset : 1500 training data, 300 validation data, 300 test data.

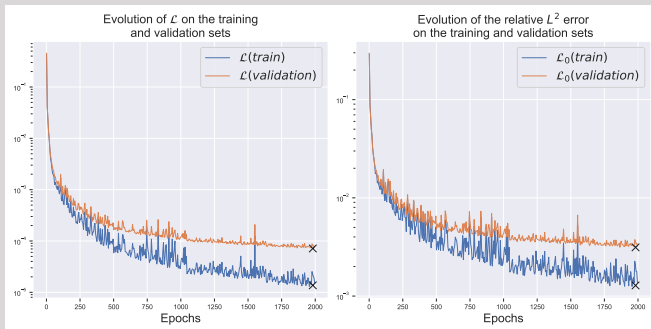
Random parameters : ellipses parameters and $(A, \mu_0, \mu_1, \sigma_x, \sigma_y, \alpha, \beta).$



We try to approximate the operator :

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Convergence of the loss function $\approx \|\cdot\|_{1, \Omega_h}$



We compare the following techniques :

- ▶ Standard-FEM, φ -FEM and φ -FEM-FNO.
- ▶ φ -FEM-FNO 2 : φ -FEM-FNO predicting directly u_θ :

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{G}_\theta : \quad \mathbb{R}^{n_x \times n_y \times 3} &\rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n_x \times n_y \times 1}, \\ (f_h, \varphi_h, g_h) &\mapsto u_\theta.\end{aligned}$$

- ▶ φ -FEM-UNET : φ -FEM-FNO, but using a U-NET.
- ▶ Standard-FEM-FNO : FNO trained with standard $\mathbb{P}^1$ FEM solutions, extrapolated on Cartesian grids as data.
- ▶ Geo-FNO.^a

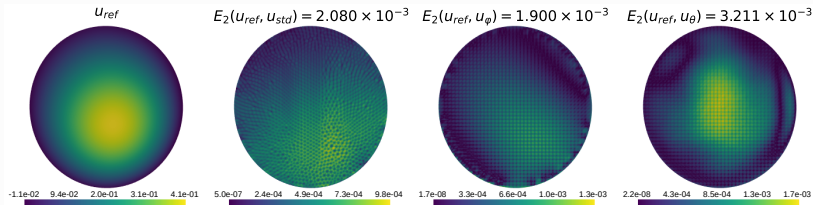
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Using the relative L^2 error :

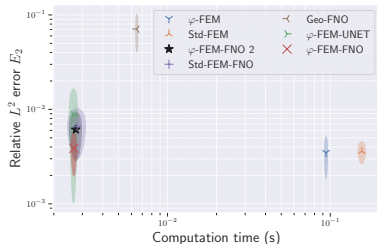
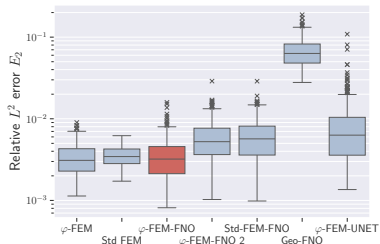
$$E_2(u_{\text{ref}}, u_\theta) := \frac{\|\Pi_{\Omega_{\text{ref}}} u_\theta - u_{\text{ref}}\|_{0, \Omega_{\text{ref}}}}{\|u_{\text{ref}}\|_{0, \Omega_{\text{ref}}}} = \sqrt{\frac{\int_{\Omega_{\text{ref}}} (\Pi_{\Omega_{\text{ref}}} u_\theta - u_{\text{ref}})^2 \, dx}{\int_{\Omega_{\text{ref}}} u_{\text{ref}}^2 \, dx}}.$$

φ -FEM-FNO VS OTHER TECHNIQUES

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Outputs of Standard-FEM, φ -FEM and φ -FEM-FNO compared to the reference solution.



Errors of the methods.

Second test case

$$-\Delta u = f, \text{ in } \Omega, u = g, \text{ on } \Gamma,$$

where Ω is defined using Gaussian functions,

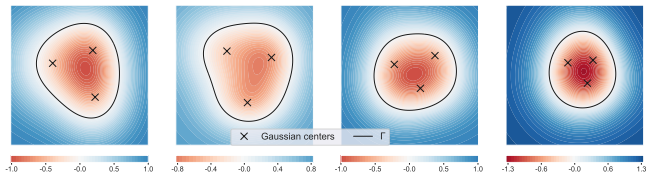
$$\varphi(x, y) = -\psi(x, y) + 0.5 \max_{(x, y) \in [0, 1]^2} \psi(x, y),$$

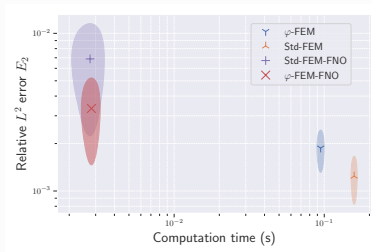
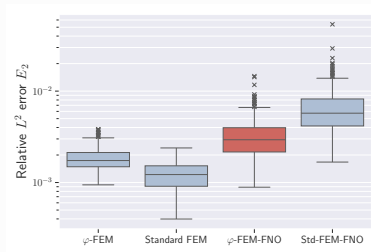
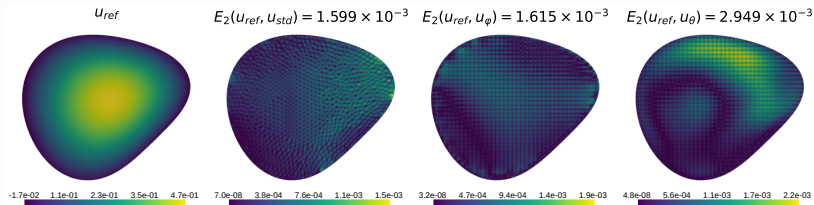
with

$$\psi(x, y) = \sum_{k=1}^3 \exp \left(-\frac{(x - x_k)^2}{2\sigma_k} - \frac{(y - y_k)^2}{2\gamma_k} \right),$$

$\Rightarrow$ 500 training data, 300 validation data, 300 test data.

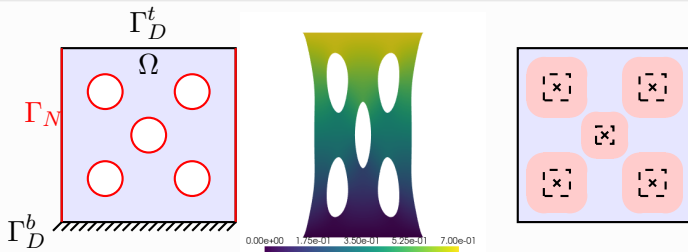
Examples of considered geometries and corresponding φ





Outputs and errors of the methods.

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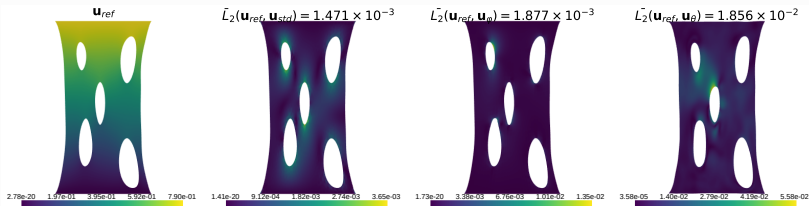
Training:

- ▶ New operator to approximate :

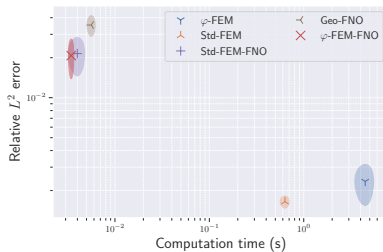
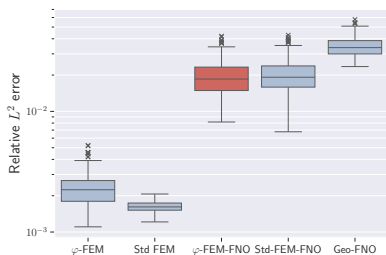
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- ▶ Loss function : $\mathcal{L} \approx |\cdot|_{1, \Omega_h}$
- ▶ 200 training data, 300 validation data, 300 test data.

Random parameters : imposed displacement $\mathbf{u}_D$ and centers and radii of the holes.



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What's φ -FD?

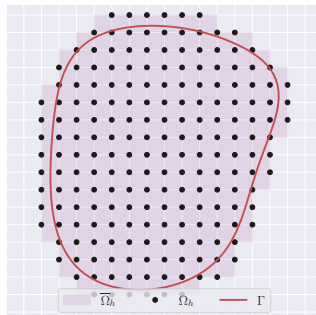
Extension of the φ -FEM dual scheme to finite difference.

Advantages :

- ▶ faster and easier to implement than φ -FEM,
- ▶ well conditioned compared to the Shortley-Weller approach.¹

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1. G. H. Shortley and R. Weller. The numerical solution of Laplace's equation. 1938.

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The scheme is given by : Find $u_h = (u_\alpha)_{\alpha: x_\alpha \in \Omega_h}$, s.t.

$$(-\Delta_h u_h, v_h) + b_h(u_h, v_h) + j_h(u_h, v_h) = \sum_{\alpha: x_\alpha \in \Omega_h^{\text{int}}} \sum_{d \in D} f_\alpha v_\alpha(v_h),$$

with

$$(-\Delta_h u_h, v_h) = \sum_{\alpha: x_\alpha \in \Omega_h^{\text{int}}} \sum_{d \in D} \frac{-u_{\alpha-d} + 2u_\alpha - u_{\alpha+d}}{h^2} v_\alpha,$$

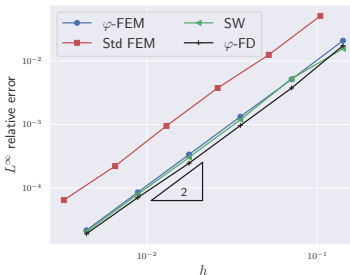
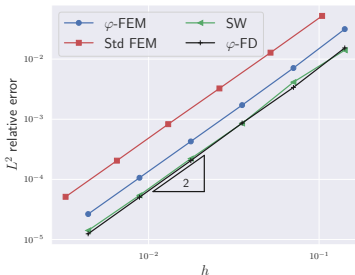
$$b_h(u_h, v_h) = \frac{\gamma}{2h^2} \sum_{(\alpha, d) \in B} \frac{1}{\varphi_\alpha^2 + \varphi_{\alpha+d}^2} (\varphi_{\alpha+d} u_\alpha - \varphi_\alpha u_{\alpha+d}) (\varphi_{\alpha+d} v_\alpha - \varphi_\alpha v_{\alpha+d}),$$

$$j_h(u_h, v_h) = \sigma \sum_{(\alpha, d) \in J} \frac{-u_{\alpha-d} + 2u_\alpha - u_{\alpha+d}}{h} \times \frac{-v_{\alpha-d} + 2v_\alpha - v_{\alpha+d}}{h}.$$

Theorem (Duprez, Lleras, Lozinski, Vigon, Vuillemot, 2025.)

Under some assumptions on the domain ($\approx$ should be smooth), assuming that $u \in C^4(\Omega)$, and denoting by $U = (u(x_\alpha))_{\alpha: x_\alpha \in \Omega_h^{int}}$, one has

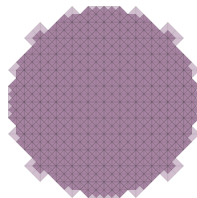
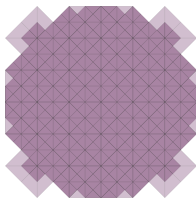
$$\|U - u_h\|_{h,0} + \|U - u_h\|_{h,\infty} + |U - u_h|_{h,1} \leq Ch^{3/2} \|u\|_{C^4(\Omega)}.$$



2D test case. Relative L^2 error (left) and L^∞ error (right), where SW stands for the Shortley-Weller approach.

Motivation

We want to reduce the computational cost of φ -FEM preserving its accuracy.



Coarse resolution



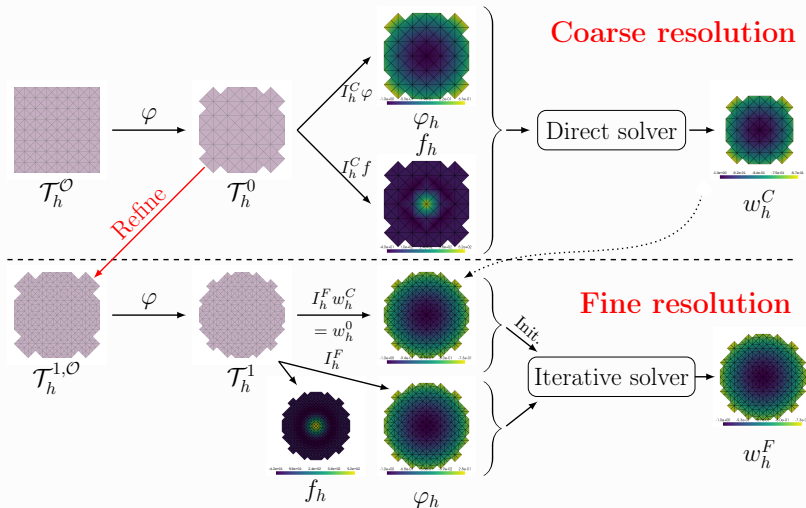
- Fast mesh generation
- Fast system resolution
- Good approximation of the solution

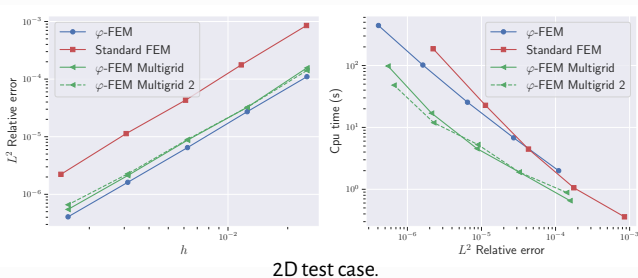
+ Fine resolution with initial guess



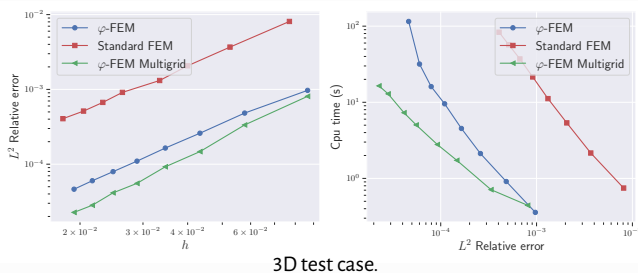
- No mesh to generate (only refine)
- Interpolate coarse solution
- Iterative solver with good initialization

$$-\nabla \cdot (q(u) \nabla u) = f, \text{ in } \Omega \text{ (a disk) }, u = 0, \text{ on } \Gamma.$$



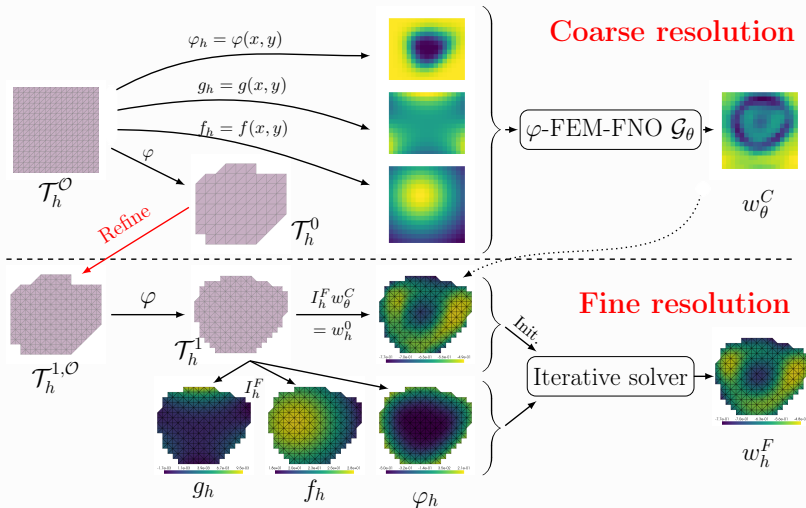


2D test case.



3D test case.

$$-\Delta u = f, \text{ in } \Omega, u = g, \text{ on } \Gamma.$$



Test case

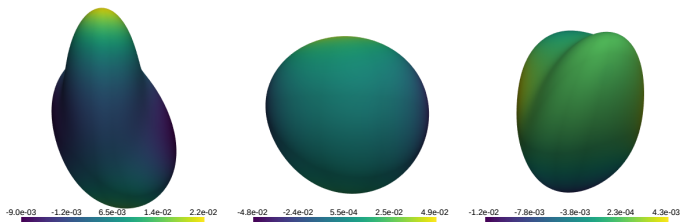
We want to solve

$$-\Delta u = f, \text{ in } \Omega, u = g, \text{ on } \Gamma.$$

We consider domains defined by

$$\varphi(x, y, z) = (-1)^3 \prod_{j=1}^3 \left(-1 + \exp \left(-\frac{x_j^2}{2l_{x,j}^2} - \frac{y_j^2}{2l_{y,j}^2} - \frac{z_j^2}{2l_{z,j}^2} \right) \right),$$

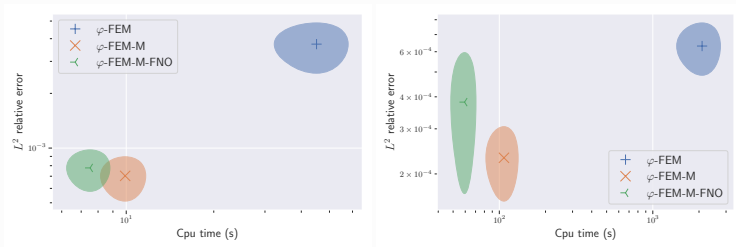
with $(x_j, y_j, z_j)^T = R_z(\theta_z) R_y(\theta_y) R_x(\theta_x) (x - \mu_x, y - \mu_y, z - \mu_z)^T$.



Examples of considered situations.

FNO training

- ▶ Generate 250 data (200 training + 50 validation), with $20 \times 20 \times 20$ grids.
- ▶ Train φ -FEM-FNO for 200 epochs.



Comparison on 6 test cases : average L^2 relative error. Left : 80^3 grids. Right : 160^3 grids.

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Results

- ▶ φ -FEM is a powerful tool capable of solving many problems and easy to understand.
- ▶ The method offers many evolutions : can be adapted to finite difference, combined to neural networks, to multigrid approach, etc.
- ▶ In particular, we proposed φ -FEM-FNO :
 - Combination that bypasses the main limitations of FNOs,
 - Real-time : ≈ 100 times faster than FEM solvers,
 - ≈ 5 times faster and more precise than Geo-FNO on test case 1.
 - Adapted to non-linear elastic materials.
- ▶ Its combination with φ -FEM-M is very promising.

Perspectives :

- ▶ Explore the theoretical aspects of φ -FEM mixed bcs and elasticity.
- ▶ Adapt φ -FEM-FNO and φ -FEM-M-FNO to Mixed Dirichlet-Neumann boundary conditions, Time-Dependant PDE's, ...
- ▶ 3D problems : validation on organ geometries and realistic test cases.

Thank you for your attention !

Contributions

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How to impose Neumann boundary conditions?

- ▶ Introduce y such that

$$y = -\nabla u \text{ on } \Omega_h^{\Gamma_N}.$$

- ▶ Allows to rewrite (on $\Omega_h^{\Gamma_N}$ and Γ_N):

$$-\Delta u = f \Rightarrow \operatorname{div} y = f, \quad \nabla u \cdot n = 0 \Rightarrow y \cdot n = 0.$$

- ▶ Using that $n = \nabla \varphi / |\nabla \varphi|$ gives,

$$y \cdot n = 0 \Rightarrow y \cdot \frac{\nabla \varphi}{|\nabla \varphi|} = 0.$$

- ▶ Introduce p_N such that

$$y \cdot \nabla \varphi + p_N \varphi = 0.$$

- ▶ This can finally be sum up in :

$$\begin{aligned} y + \nabla u &= 0, & \text{in } \Omega_h^{\Gamma_N}, \\ y \nabla \varphi + p_N \varphi &= 0, & \text{in } \Omega_h^{\Gamma_N}. \end{aligned}$$

The variables are discretized using the following spaces :

$$\begin{aligned} p_{h,D} &\in Q_h^{(k)}(\Omega_h^{\Gamma_D}) := \left\{ q_h : \Omega_h^{\Gamma_D} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : q_h|_T \in \mathbb{P}^k(T) \ \forall T \in \mathcal{T}_h^{\Gamma_D} \right\} , \\ z_h &\in Z_h^{(k)}(\Omega_h^{\Gamma_N}) := \left\{ z_h : \Omega_h^{\Gamma_N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d : z_h|_T \in \mathbb{P}^k(T)^d \ \forall T \in \mathcal{T}_h^{\Gamma_N} \right\} \\ p_{h,N} &\in Q_h^{(k-1)}(\Omega_h^{\Gamma_N}) := \left\{ q_h : \Omega_h^{\Gamma_N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : q_h|_T \in \mathbb{P}^{k-1}(T) \ \forall T \in \mathcal{T}_h^{\Gamma_N} \right\} . \end{aligned}$$

We introduce the FE space :

$$W_h^{(k)} := V_h^{(k)} \times Q_h^{(k)}(\Omega_h^{\Gamma_D}) \times Z_h^{(k)}(\Omega_h^{\Gamma_N}) \times Q_h^{(k-1)}(\Omega_h^{\Gamma_N}) .$$

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Let p_1 and p_2 defined on $\Omega_h^{\Gamma_N}$ and consider

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$$\tilde{u}(p_1, p_2) = p_1 + \varphi(g - \nabla p_1 \cdot \nabla \varphi + p_2 \varphi) \quad \text{in } \Omega_h^{\Gamma_N}.$$

Hence $\frac{\partial \tilde{u}(p_1, p_2)}{\partial n} = g$ on Γ_N , and $u = p_1 + \varphi(g - \nabla p_1 \cdot \nabla \varphi + p_2 \varphi)$ with $p_1 = u$ and $p_2 = p$. The scheme is given by : find $(u_h, p_{h,D}, p_{h,1}, p_{h,2}) \in W_h^{(k)}$ s.t.

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\Omega_h} \nabla u_h \cdot \nabla v_h - \int_{\partial \Omega_h^N} \nabla \tilde{u}_h \cdot n v_h - \int_{\partial \Omega_h^D \cup \partial \Omega_h^I} \nabla u_h \cdot n v_h + \gamma \frac{1}{h^2} \int_{\Omega_h^{\Gamma_N}} (u_h - \tilde{u}_h)(v_h - \tilde{v}_h) \\ & + \frac{\sigma_N}{h} \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_h^N} \int_F [\nabla \tilde{u}_h \cdot n][\nabla \tilde{v}_h \cdot n] + \gamma \int_{\Omega_h^{\Gamma_N}} (\text{div}(\nabla \tilde{u}_h) + f_h) \text{div}(\nabla \tilde{v}_h) \\ & + \sigma_N h \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_h^{Ns}} \int_F [\nabla u_h \cdot n][\nabla v_h \cdot n] + \frac{\gamma_D}{h^2} \int_{\Omega_h^{\Gamma_D}} (u_h - \frac{1}{h} \varphi_h p_{h,D} - u_D)(v_h - \frac{1}{h} \varphi_h q_{h,D}) \\ & + \sigma_D h \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_h^D} \int_F [\nabla u_h \cdot n][\nabla v_h \cdot n] + \gamma_D h^2 \int_{\Omega_h^{\Gamma_D}} (\Delta u_h + f_h) \Delta v_h = \int_{\Omega_h} f_h v_h, \\ & \forall (v_h, q_{h,D}, q_{h,1}, q_{h,2}) \in W_h^{(k)}. \end{aligned}$$

Back to the recipe

Find $\mathbf{u}_h \in \mathbf{V}_h$, $\mathbf{p}_{h,D} \in \mathbf{Q}_h^k(\Omega_h^{\Gamma_D})$, $\mathbf{y}_h \in \mathbf{Z}_h(\Omega_h^{\Gamma_N})$ and $\mathbf{p}_{h,N} \in \mathbf{Q}_h^{k-1}(\Omega_h^{\Gamma_N})$ s.t.

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int_{\Omega_h} \boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{u}_h) : \nabla \mathbf{v}_h - \int_{\partial\Omega_h \setminus \partial\Omega_{h,N}} \boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{u}_h) \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{v}_h + \int_{\partial\Omega_{h,N}} \mathbf{y}_h \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{v}_h \\
 & \quad + \gamma_u \int_{\Omega_h^{\Gamma_N}} (\mathbf{y}_h + \boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{u}_h)) : (\mathbf{z}_h + \boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{v}_h)) \\
 & \quad + \frac{\gamma_p}{h^2} \int_{\Omega_h^{\Gamma_N}} \left(\mathbf{y}_h \nabla \varphi_h + \frac{1}{h} \mathbf{p}_{h,N} \varphi_h \right) \cdot \left(\mathbf{z}_h \nabla \varphi_h + \frac{1}{h} \mathbf{q}_{h,N} \varphi_h \right) \\
 & \quad + \frac{\gamma}{h^2} \int_{\Omega_h^{\Gamma_D}} \left(\mathbf{u}_h - \frac{1}{h} \varphi_h \mathbf{p}_{h,D} \right) \cdot \left(\mathbf{v}_h - \frac{1}{h} \varphi_h \mathbf{q}_{h,D} \right) + G_h(\mathbf{u}_h, \mathbf{v}_h) \\
 & \quad + J_h^{lhs,D}(\mathbf{u}_h, \mathbf{v}_h) + J_h^{lhs,N}(\mathbf{y}_h, \mathbf{z}_h) = \int_{\Omega_h} \mathbf{f} \cdot \mathbf{v}_h \\
 & \quad + \frac{\gamma}{h^2} \int_{\Omega_h^D} \mathbf{u}_h^g \cdot \left(\mathbf{v}_h - \frac{1}{h} \varphi_h \mathbf{q}_{h,D} \right) - \frac{\gamma_p}{h^2} \int_{\Omega_h^{\Gamma_N}} \mathbf{g} \cdot |\nabla \varphi_h| \left(\mathbf{z}_h \cdot \nabla \varphi_h + \frac{1}{h} \mathbf{q}_{h,N} \varphi_h \right) \\
 & \quad + J_h^{rhs,D}(\mathbf{v}_h) + J_h^{rhs,N}(\mathbf{z}_h) \\
 & \quad \forall \mathbf{v}_h \in \mathbf{V}_h, \mathbf{q}_{h,D} \in \mathbf{Q}_h^k(\Omega_h^{\Gamma_D}), \mathbf{z}_h \in \mathbf{Z}_h(\Omega_h^{\Gamma_N}), \mathbf{q}_{h,N} \in \mathbf{Q}_h^{k-1}(\Omega_h^{\Gamma_N}).
 \end{aligned}$$

Find $\mathbf{u}_h \in \mathbf{V}_h^k, \mathbf{p}_{h,N} \in \mathbf{Q}_h^{(k-1)}(\Omega_h^{\Gamma_N}), \mathbf{y}_h \in \mathbf{Z}_h(\Omega_h^{\Gamma_N})$ et $\mathbf{p}_{h,D} \in \mathbf{Q}_h^{(k)}(\Omega_h^{\Gamma_D})$ s.t.

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int_{\Omega_h} \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{u}_h) : \nabla \mathbf{v}_h + \int_{\partial\Omega_h^{\Gamma_N}} \mathbf{y}_h \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{v}_h - \int_{\partial\Omega_h \setminus \partial\Omega_h^{\Gamma_N}} \nabla \mathbf{u}_h \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{v}_h - \int_{\Omega_h} \mathbf{f}_h \mathbf{v}_h \\
 & + \gamma_D \int_{\Omega_h^{\Gamma_D}} (\mathbf{u}_h - \frac{1}{h} \varphi_h \mathbf{p}_{h,D} - \mathbf{u}_{h,D}) (\mathbf{v}_h - \frac{1}{h} \varphi_h \mathbf{q}_{h,D}) \\
 & + \sigma_D h^2 \sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}_h^{\Gamma_D} \cup \mathcal{T}_h^{\Gamma_{Int}}} \int_T (\operatorname{div} \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{u}_h) + \mathbf{f}_h) \operatorname{div}(D_{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{P})(\mathbf{u}_h) \mathbf{v}_h) \\
 & + \gamma_u \int_{\Omega_h^{\Gamma_N}} (\mathbf{y}_h + \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{u}_h)) : (\mathbf{z}_h + D_{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{P})(\mathbf{u}_h) \mathbf{v}_h) \\
 & + \frac{\gamma_p}{h^2} \int_{\Omega_h^{\Gamma_N}} (\mathbf{y}_h \nabla \varphi_h + \frac{1}{h} \mathbf{p}_{h,N} \varphi_h + \mathbf{g} |\nabla \varphi_h|) \cdot (\mathbf{z}_h \nabla \varphi_h + \frac{1}{h} \mathbf{q}_{h,N} \varphi_h) \\
 & + \gamma_{div} \int_{\Omega_h^{\Gamma_N}} (\operatorname{div} \mathbf{y}_h + \mathbf{f}_h) \cdot \operatorname{div} \mathbf{z}_h + G_h(\mathbf{u}_h, \mathbf{v}_h) = 0, \\
 & \forall \mathbf{v}_h \in \mathbf{V}_h^k, \mathbf{q}_{h,N} \in \mathbf{Q}_h^{(k-1)}(\Omega_h^{\Gamma_N}), \mathbf{z}_h \in \mathbf{Z}_h(\Omega_h^{\Gamma_N}), \mathbf{q}_{h,D} \in \mathbf{Q}_h^{(k)}(\Omega_h^{\Gamma_D}).
 \end{aligned}$$

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- Standardization (channel by channel) :

$$N_C(C) = \left(\frac{C - \text{mean}(C^{\text{train}})}{\text{std}(C^{\text{train}})} \right) ,$$

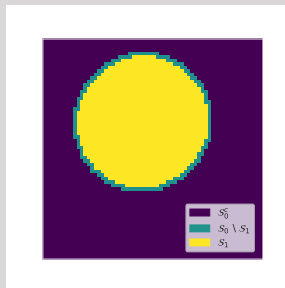
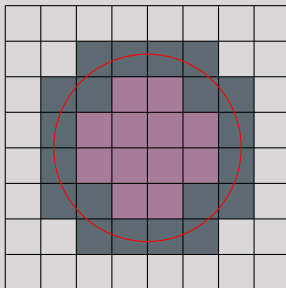
where the mean and standard-deviation are computed only on Ω_h , since all the values are 0 outside Ω_h .

- Unstandardization :

$$N^{-1}(Y) = Y \times \text{std}(Y^{\text{train}}) + \text{mean}(Y^{\text{train}}) .$$

$$H^1 \text{ norm : } \mathcal{L}^2 \approx \| \cdot \|_{0,S_0}^2 + | \cdot |_{1,S_1}^2$$

- ▶ First derivatives : finite differences.
- ▶ Need to reduce the computational domain :



Test cases 1 and 2

$$\mathcal{L}(U_{\text{true}}; U_{\theta}) = \frac{1}{N_{\text{data}}} \sum_{n=0}^{N_{\text{data}}} (\mathcal{E}_0(u_{\text{true}}^n; u_{\theta}^n) + \mathcal{E}_1(u_{\text{true}}^n; u_{\theta}^n)) ,$$

where

$$\mathcal{E}_0(u_{\text{true}}^n; u_{\theta}^n) = \|u_{\text{true}}^n - u_{\theta}^n\|_{0, S_0^n}^2 ,$$

and

$$\mathcal{E}_1(u_{\text{true}}^n; u_{\theta}^n) = \|\nabla_x^h u_{\text{true}}^n - \nabla_x^h u_{\theta}^n\|_{0, S_1^n}^2 + \|\nabla_y^h u_{\text{true}}^n - \nabla_y^h u_{\theta}^n\|_{0, S_1^n}^2 .$$

Test case 3

$$\mathcal{L}(U_{\text{true}}; U_{\theta}) = \frac{1}{N_{\text{data}}} \sum_{n=0}^{N_{\text{data}}} (\mathcal{E}_1(u_{\text{true},x}^n; u_{\theta,x}^n) + \mathcal{E}_1(u_{\text{true},y}^n; u_{\theta,y}^n)) ,$$

where

$$\mathcal{E}_1(u_{\text{true},\cdot}^n; u_{\theta,\cdot}^n) = \|\nabla_x^h u_{\text{true},\cdot}^n - \nabla_x^h u_{\theta,\cdot}^n\|_{0, S_1^n}^2 + \|\nabla_y^h u_{\text{true},\cdot}^n - \nabla_y^h u_{\theta,\cdot}^n\|_{0, S_1^n}^2 .$$

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Find $u_h = (u_{ij})_{ij}$ s.t. $\tilde{a}_h(u_h, v_h) = l_h(v_h)$, with

$$\tilde{a}_h(u_h, v_h) = (-\Delta_h u_h, v_h) + \tilde{b}_h(u_h, v_h) + \tilde{j}_h(u_h, v_h),$$

where

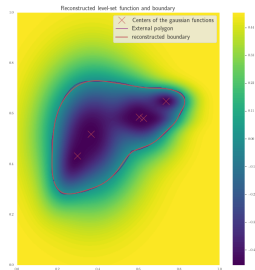
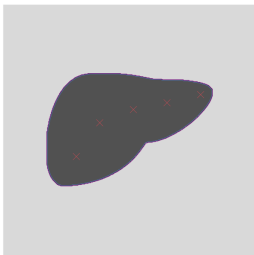
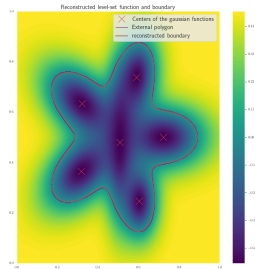
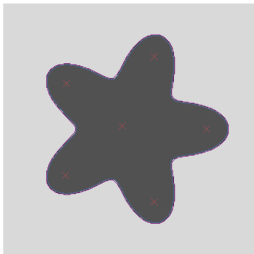
$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{b}_h(u_h, v_h) = \frac{\gamma}{2h^2} & \left(\sum_{ij} \frac{u_{(i-1,j)-(i+1,j)}^\varphi \times v_{(i-1,j)-(i+1,j)}^\varphi}{4\varphi_{i+1,j}^2 \varphi_{i-1,j}^2 + \varphi_{ij}^2 \varphi_{i-1,j}^2 + \varphi_{ij}^2 \varphi_{i+1,j}^2} \right. \\ & \left. + \sum_{ij} \frac{u_{(i,j-1)-(i,j+1)}^\varphi \times v_{(i,j-1)-(i,j+1)}^\varphi}{4\varphi_{i,j+1}^2 \varphi_{i,j-1}^2 + \varphi_{ij}^2 \varphi_{i,j-1}^2 + \varphi_{ij}^2 \varphi_{i,j+1}^2} \right), \end{aligned}$$

$$u_{(i-1,j)-(i+1,j)}^\varphi := 2\varphi_{i+1}\varphi_{i-1}u_i - \varphi_i\varphi_{i-1}u_{i+1} - \varphi_i\varphi_{i+1}u_{i-1},$$

with $u_{(i,j-1)-(i,j+1)}^\varphi$ and $v_{(i,j-1)-(i,j+1)}^\varphi$ defined similarly, and

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{j}_h(u_h, v_h) = \sigma & \left(\sum_{i,j} \frac{-u_{i-1,j} + 3u_{ij} - 3u_{i+1,j} + u_{i+2,j}}{h} \right. \\ & \left. \times \frac{-v_{i-1,j} + 3v_{ij} - 3v_{i+1,j} + v_{i+2,j}}{h} + \text{resp in } j \right). \end{aligned}$$

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► First idea : signed distance.

- Pros : fast and easy
- Cons : Non smooth function, non smooth boundary, in practice no analytical expression

► Second idea : product of Gaussian functions

- Pros : smooth expression, smooth boundary, analytical expression, easy to derivate
- Cons : not so easy to get, available only for smooth geometries

$$\varphi(x, y) = (-1)^n \prod_j^n \left(-1 + \exp \left(-\frac{x_j^2}{2l_{x,j}^2} - \frac{y_j^2}{2l_{y,j}^2} \right) \right),$$

with

$$\begin{aligned}x_j &= \cos(\theta_j)(x - x_{0,j}) - \sin(\theta_j)(y - y_{0,j}), \\y_j &= \sin(\theta_j)(x - x_{0,j}) + \cos(\theta_j)(y - y_{0,j}).\end{aligned}$$

We minimize the following functional :

$$F(\varphi) = \alpha f_1(\varphi) + \beta f_2(\varphi) + \gamma f_3(\varphi) + \delta f_4(\varphi) ,$$

where :

$$f_1(\varphi) = \frac{1}{n_x n_y} \sum_{(x,y) \in B} \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \varphi(x,y)^2 + 2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial y} \varphi(x,y)^2 + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} \varphi(x,y)^2 \right) ,$$

→ *Function energy*

$$f_2(\varphi) = \sum_{(x,y) \in B_i} \varphi(x,y)^2 , \quad \rightarrow \text{values at the inside polygon nodes}$$

$$f_3(\varphi) = \sum_{(x,y) \in B_e} \varphi(x,y)^2 , \quad \rightarrow \text{values at the outside polygon nodes}$$

$$f_4(\varphi) = \frac{1}{n_x n_y} \sum_{(x,y) \in B} \left(1 - \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \varphi(x,y)^2 + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \varphi(x,y)^2 \right) \right)^2 . \quad \rightarrow \text{Eikonal equation}$$

	Reference	Nanomesh	Signed distance	Gaussian
Min	0.0	2.3×10^{-5}	4.5×10^{-6}	2.0×10^{-6}
Avg	8.0×10^{-16}	2.9×10^{-3}	1.2×10^{-3}	1.2×10^{-3}
Max	9.9×10^{-15}	7.7×10^{-3}	4.3×10^{-3}	4.1×10^{-3}

Boundary reconstruction errors ($|\varphi_{ex}(x, y)|$).

Standard-FEM (red) :

- ▶ exact expression of φ (**plain lines**) ;
- ▶ signed distance (**dashed lines**) ;
- ▶ Nanomesh (**dotted**) ;

φ -FEM direct (blue) and dual (green) :

- ▶ exact expression of φ (**plain lines**) ;
- ▶ signed distance (**dashed lines**) ;
- ▶ Gaussian product (**dotted**) ;

