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# Contents of this seminar

- Some words about JKU
  
- ① Hierarchical B-spline bases
  - local refinement, suitability for IGA.
  
- ② Singular parameterizations
  - Treat singular cases, restore approximation order.
  
- ③ Turbine modeling
  - Compact turbine CAD model and Volume parametrization.
  
- ④ Turbine simulation
  - Simulation & comparison to FEA in industrial problems.



- Leading university of Upper Austria, which is one of the most dynamic and successful regions in Austria.
- Around 17,000 students with 1 in 11 being from abroad.





- Named after the famous astronomer Johannes Kepler who lived in Linz.
- Faculty of Engineering and Natural Sciences: strong links to the local economy.





- Institute of Applied Geometry:  
1 of the 10 math institutes of JKU.  
*Established in 2000, in conjunction with the appointment of Bert Jüttler as prof. of Scientific Computing.*
- Current staff: 1 professor, 3 postdocs, 7 PhD students
- Collocated with the RICAM research institute of the Austrian Academy of Sciences.





- The research activities focus on applications of geometry
  - CAGD - Computer Aided Geometric Design
  - Applications of (Classical) Algebraic Geometry
  - Kinematics and Robotics
  - Isogeometric Analysis



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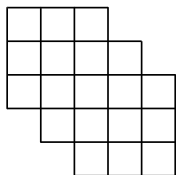
# Hierarchical B-Spline Spaces



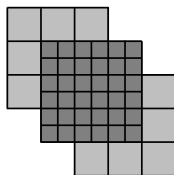
# Question studied

Find suitable B-Spline spaces that ...

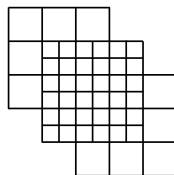
➤ *enable local refinement*



initial grid



marked domain



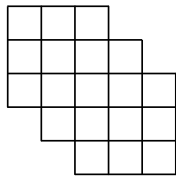
locally refined mesh

➤ *exhibit "nice" properties*

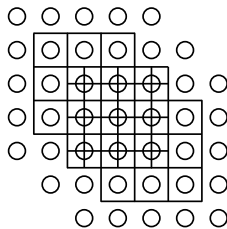
- linear independence, high regularity
- span the spline space, partition of unity, stability

# Hierarchical splines: background

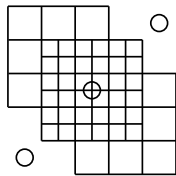
## Approach: hierarchical B-spline model



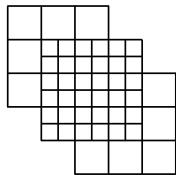
level 1



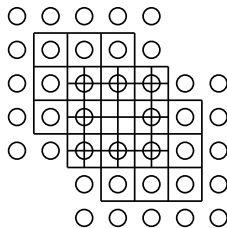
overlapping B-splines



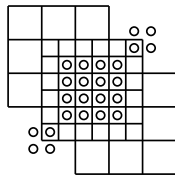
non-selected B-splines



level 1 & 2

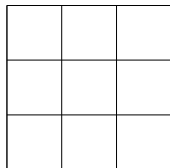
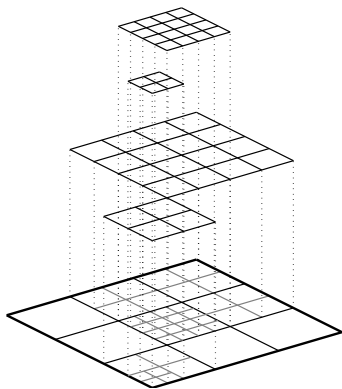


B-splines of level 1

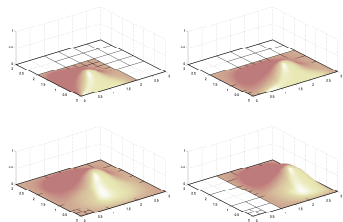


B-splines of level 2

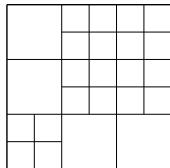
# Hierarchical splines: basis functions



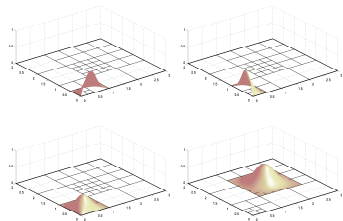
domain of level 1



some B-splines of level 1



domains of level 1&2



some B-splines of level 2

# Hierarchical splines: results

## Properties of hierarchical B-splines:

- [✓] local refinement
- [✓] linear independence
- [✓] nested spaces
- [✓] maximum regularity
- [✓] weak stability

## Questions:

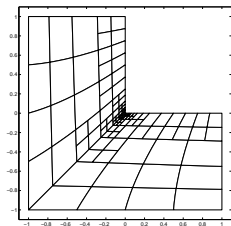
- suitable for IGA?
- characterization of the spline space?
- partition of unity?
- Stability?

# Hierarchical splines: applications

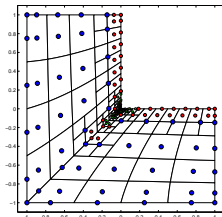
## Hierarchical refinement in IGA

- Is it advantageous in the context of IGA?
- Yes, greatly reduces DoFs.

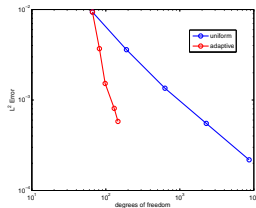
Example: heat equation over L-Shape:



refined grid



hierarchical B-splines



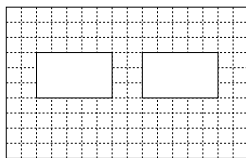
convergence plot

[Vuong, Giannelli, Jüttler, Simeon (CMAME, 2011)]

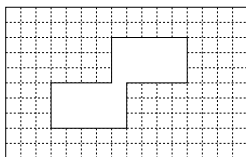
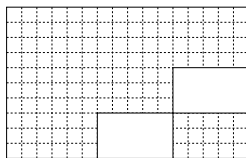
# Hierarchical splines: spaces

## Characterization of the underlying spline space

- Contain piecewise polynomials of degree  $d$  and smoothness  $C^{d-1}$ ?
- yes, under reasonable assumptions on the domain configuration.



admissible domain configuration for degree 2

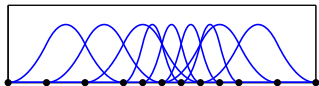
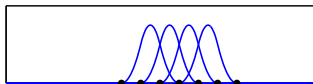
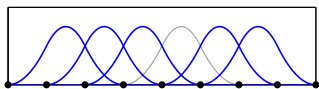


non-admissible domain configuration for degree 2

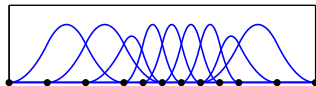
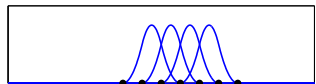
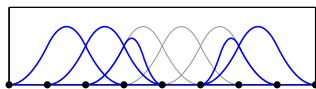
# Hierarchical splines: normalization

## Truncated hierarchical B-splines

- Partition of unity?
- yes, by truncated splines (also, reduce support overlap).



hierarchical



truncated

# Hierarchical splines: stability

## Weak/strong stability of multi-level basis

- Is it stable?
- yes, in fact truncated HB-splines are strongly stable.

$$f(u, v) = \sum c_{\tau} \tau \quad C = \{c_{\tau}\} \quad k_0 \|C\|_{\infty} \leq \|f(u, v)\|_{\infty} \leq k_1 \|C\|_{\infty}$$

$\ell = \#$  of levels

- hierarchical B-splines:
  - $k_0$  and  $k_1$  depend polynomially on  $\ell \Rightarrow$  weakly stable basis

[Kraft (PhD thesis, 1998)]

- truncated hierarchical B-splines:
  - $k_0$  and  $k_1$  do not depend on  $\ell \Rightarrow$  strongly stable basis

[Giannelli, Jüttler, Speleers (preprint, 2012)]



# Singular Parameterizations

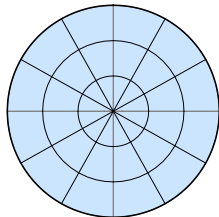
# Singular parametrizations: Questions

In case of singularities in the parameterization ...

- *determine smooth-enough test functions for numerical simulation*
  - classify different cases
  - determine regularity properties of the test functions
  
- *keep approximation power (as far as possible)*
  - modify (basis of) test function space to obtain the desired regularity
  - analyze approximation power of the modified discretization space
  
- *avoid trimming/splitting*
  - Treat singularities in single-patch parametrizations

# Singular parametrizations: Motivation

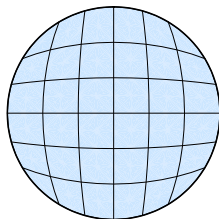
Singular parametrizations arise in ...



- Single-patch parametrization of domains with smooth boundary

→ using polar coordinates

→ using Coon's patch method



- sharp features ( $0^\circ$  angles)
- cones
- etc.

# Singular parametrizations: Regularity considerations

- Regularity properties of test functions  $\beta_i$  in the presence of singularities?
- There is a smooth subspace of  $H^\ell$  test functions.

Regularity condition:

$$\beta_i = b_i \circ \mathbf{G}^{-1} \in H^\ell(\Omega)$$

where  $\mathcal{V}_h = \text{span}\{\beta_i\}$ .

Does not always hold if the parametrization is singular, eg.:



# Space correction

- Is there a better space for the discretization?
- yes,  $\mathcal{V}_h \cap H^\ell(\Omega)$ .

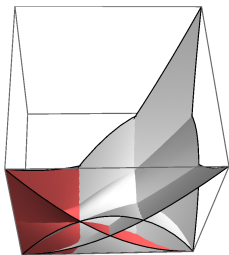
$\mathcal{V}_h = \text{span}\{\beta_i\}$  and  $\Omega$  is the physical domain.

Compute a basis for the restricted test function space

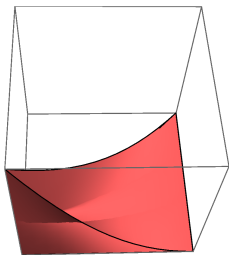
$$\mathcal{V}_h \cap H^\ell(\Omega) \quad \text{for } \ell = 1, 2.$$

- **idea:** Modify  $\beta_i$ 's to get a basis for  $\mathcal{V}_h \cap H^\ell$ .
- New basis functions are **linear combinations** of the old ones.
- New basis exhibits **nice properties**:  
*non-negativity, partition of unity, relatively simple construction*
- Approximation order ?

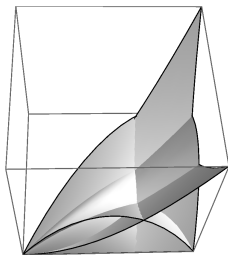
# Space correction: $H^1$ example (triangular domain)



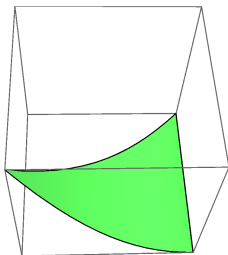
$\mathcal{V}_h$  (dim= 9)



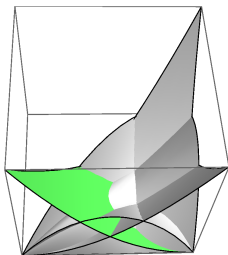
3 test functions  $\notin H^1$



test functions  $\in H^1$

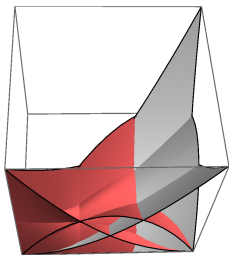


new function  $\in H^1$

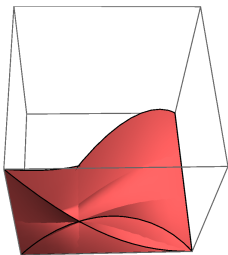


$\mathcal{V}_h \cap H^1$  (dim= 7)

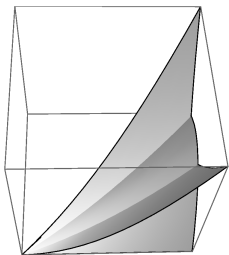
# Space correction: $H^2$ example (triangular domain)



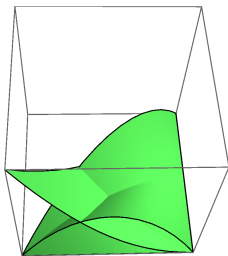
$\mathcal{V}_h$  (dim= 9)



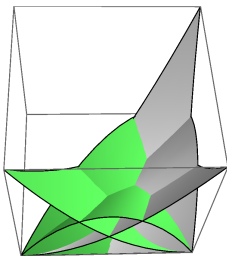
6 test functions  $\notin H^2$



test functions  $\in H^2$



new functions  $\in H^2$



$\mathcal{V}_h \cap H^2$  (dim= 6)

# Approximation power of $\mathcal{V}_h \cap H^\ell$

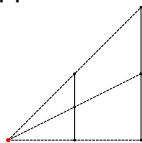
What are the approximation properties of  $\mathcal{V}_h \cap H^\ell$ ?

- In regular B-Spline parametrizations the error is  $O(h^{d-\ell+1})$ .
- We need to bound

$$\inf_{\varphi_h \in \mathcal{V}_h \cap H^\ell} \|\varphi - \varphi_h\|_{H^\ell(\Omega)} \leq ?$$

for any  $\varphi \in H^\ell$  (ie. solution of a boundary value problem).

- Near-optimal approximation order:

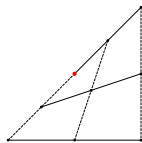


approx. order

$$L^2 : \quad d + 1$$

$$\mathcal{H}^1 : \quad d$$

$$\mathcal{H}^2 : \quad d - 1$$



approx. order

$$d + 1$$

$$d - 1/2$$

$$d - 5/2$$

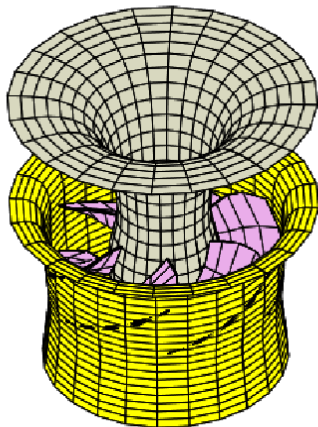
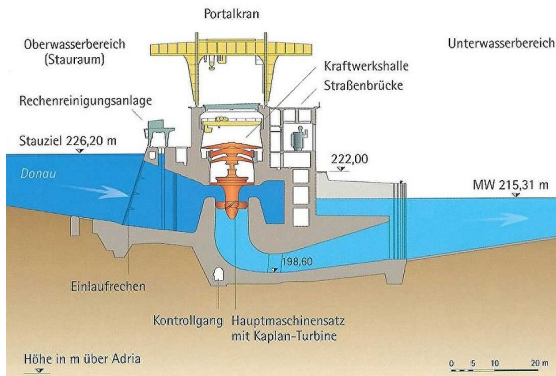


# Turbine modeling

# Questions studied

- Compact CAD-model for a turbine blade?
- Volume parameterization of the water passage?

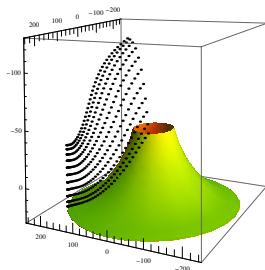
Motivation: EXCITING project (partner HYDRO: hydroelectric turbines)



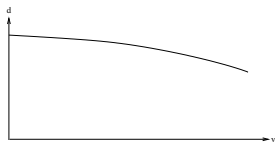
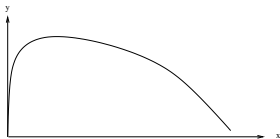
# Description of a turbine blade

- **Input :**

- medial surface



- design parameters: **profile function** (shape of cross sections) and **scaling function** (thickness of blade)



- **Output:** B-spline model of the blade

# Description of a turbine blade

- Pressure and suction side of the blade are obtained by adding or subtracting the scaled profile to the medial surface:

$$\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{m} \pm dny$$

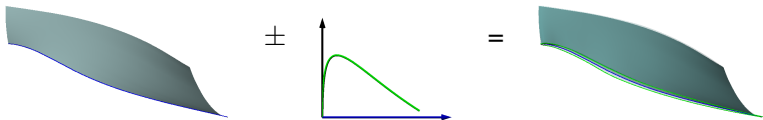
**m** . . . . . medial surface

**n** . . . . . normals of the medial surface

**y** . . . . . profile function

**d** . . . . . scaling function

- Schematic computation



# Constructing a B-spline representation

Getting the boundary B-Spline surfaces of pressure and suction sides.

- **Method:**

- 1 B-spline representation of medial surface
- 2 Reparameterization of the medial surface
- 3 Computation of the normals
- 4 Generating the blade surface

[Rossgatterer, Jüttler, Kapl, Della Vecchia (Graph. Models, 2012)]

# Medial surface, normals, reparameterization

- Approximate medial surface  $\mathbf{m}(u, v)$  by B-spline surface  
→ least-squares fitting
- Approximate normals of medial surface  $\mathbf{n}(u, v)$  by B-splines  
→ least-squares fitting
- Reparameterize according to profile:  
Horizontal speed of profile = parametric speed of medial surface

- Look for a function  $u(t)$  s.t.

$$\left\| \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \mathbf{m}(u(t), v) \right\| = \lambda(v) x'(t)$$

- $\lambda(v)$  : arc length of  $u$ -streamline of  $\mathbf{m}(u, v)$  at  $v$ .
- $x$  : first coordinate of the profile curve.
- Minimization problem  $\Rightarrow$  Gauss-Newton-type method.



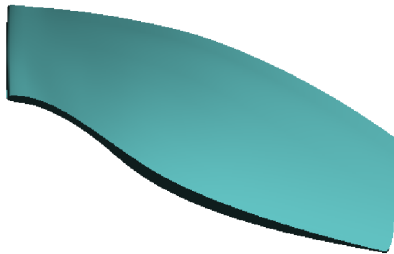
# Generating the blade surface

- The two sides of the blade (pressure and suction side) are obtained by

$$\mathbf{b}^{(\pm)}(t, v) = \mathbf{m}(u(t), v) \pm d(v)\mathbf{n}(u(t), v)y(t)$$

- Can compute  $\mathbf{b}^{(\pm)}$  by using formulas for the composition and multiplication of B-spline functions.
- We arrive to a parametric model of the turbine blade.
- $\mathbf{b}^{(+)}$  and  $\mathbf{b}^{(-)}$  fit together at  $t = 0$  with  $C^1$ -continuity.
- High number of control points and high order
  - degree reduction and knot removal
  - coarse surface representation

# Example - Turbine blade

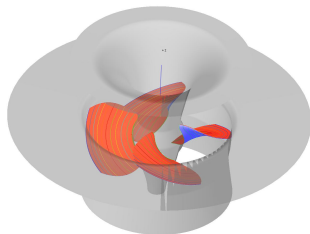
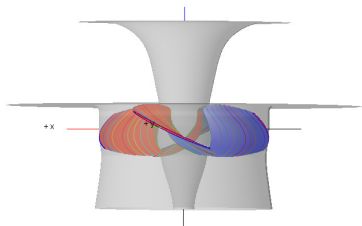




# Volume parameterization of water passage

Getting NURBS-volume parameterization of domain where water flows.

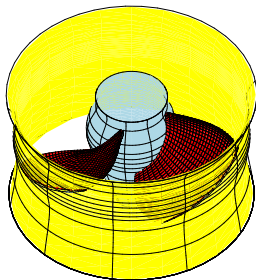
Kaplan turbine with 4 blades, mostly used in river power stations



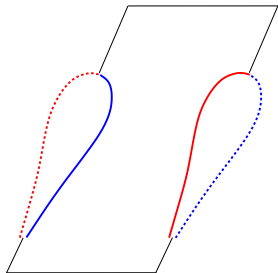
- Water passage is to be meshed for simulation & optimization

# Input data

- Problem is symmetric around the turbine
  - restrict to passage between two consecutive blades
  - Bounded by suction & pressure side, inlet and outlet



domain of interest

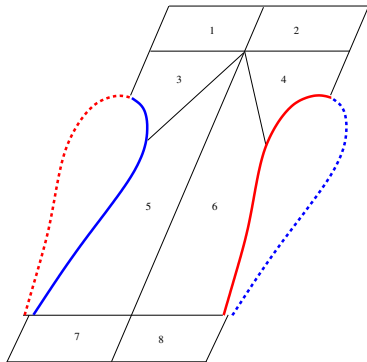


cylindric projection

- 1 Divide domain of interest into volume patches
- 2 Parameterize each volume patch individually
- 3 Fit volumes together with  $C^0$ -continuity

# Segmentation

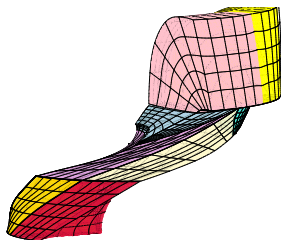
- There exist many ways to subdivide the domain.  
→ avoid singularities and too large or small angles



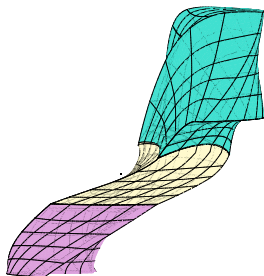
- Segmentation into 8 patches, each of them being topologically equivalent to the cube.

# Example - Volume

- Final volume parameterization of (a sixth of) the water passage



8 patches



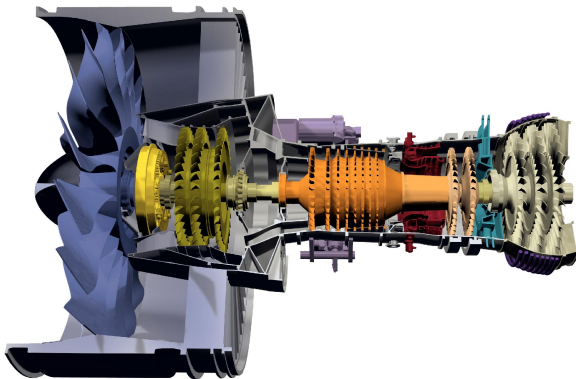
3 patches

- Generated B-spline parameterizations of blades and volumes that are suitable for Isogeometric Analysis.

# Turbine Simulation

# Simulation of turbine engines

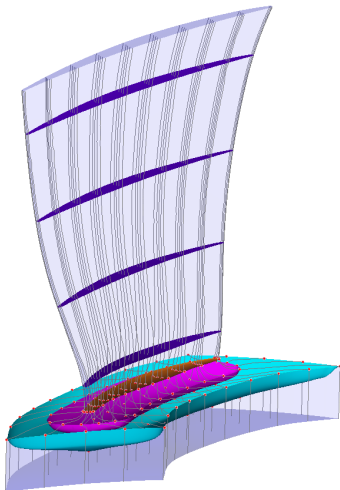
Apply IGA in a real industrial environment, compare with FEA



MTU Aero Engines

# Parameterization of a blade volume

B-Spline model of a turbine blade, closer look



## Deformation of turbine blades, linear elasticity assumption

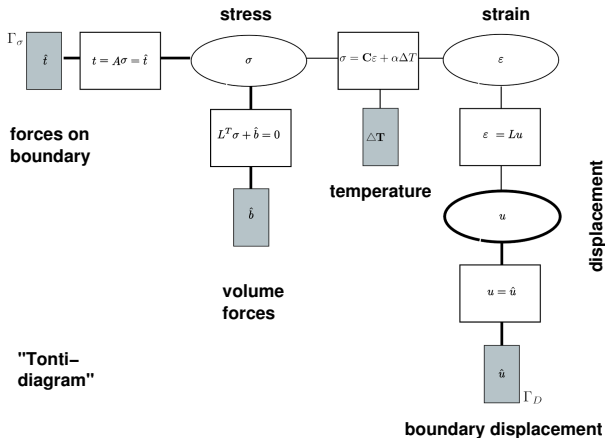
- Structural simulation subject to **pressure** and **temperature** field
- Based on single-patch **isogeometric solver** produced by TU Munich (EXCITING project)
- Input (pressure field, temperature field) generated by other departments of MTU
- Comparison with results generated by the standard **FEM solver** CalculiX

[Grossmann, Jüttler, Schlusnus, Barner, Vuong (CAGD, 2012)]



# mathematical model

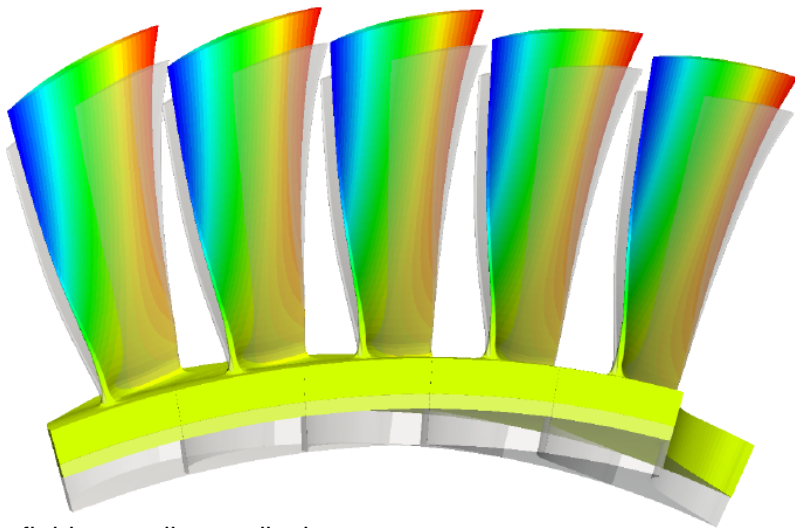
linear elasticity with temperature-dependent material properties:



- Blades take intended shape under the influence of high temperature, pressure, and centrifugal forces

# comparison IGA / standard FEM (CalculiX)

Blade deformation under centrifugal force.

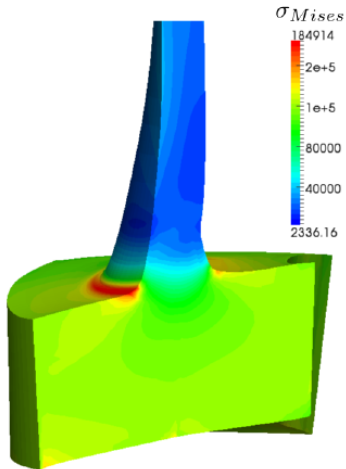


Color field according to displacement component  $u_\varphi$ .

# comparison IGA / standard FEM

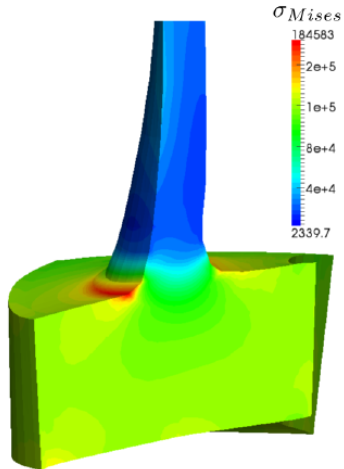
## Stress analysis (sliced blade)

*isogeometric analysis*



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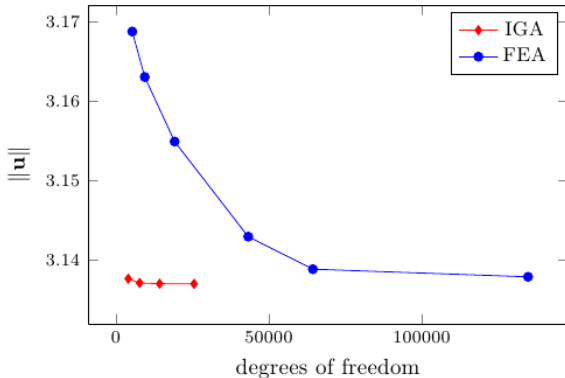
*finite element analysis*



DoFs = 43228

# comparison IGA / standard FEM

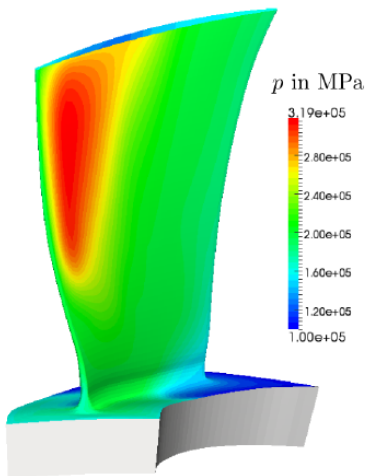
## Convergence behavior



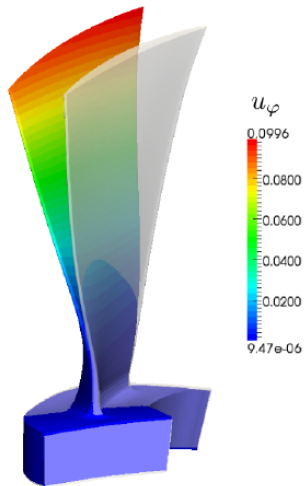
$\|\mathbf{u}\|$  : displacement at top corner of blade under centrifugal force.

# comparison IGA / standard FEM

Pressure on the suction side of the airfoil

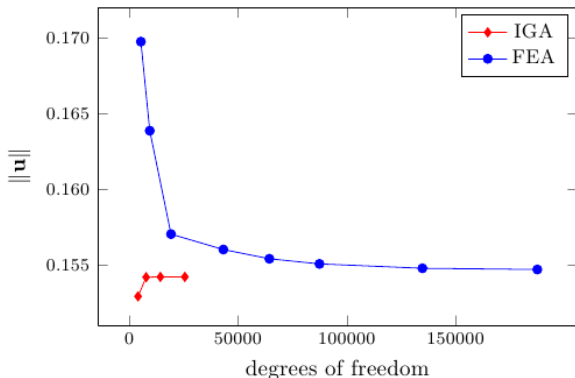


Deformed shape  
(color: disp. component  $u_\varphi$ )



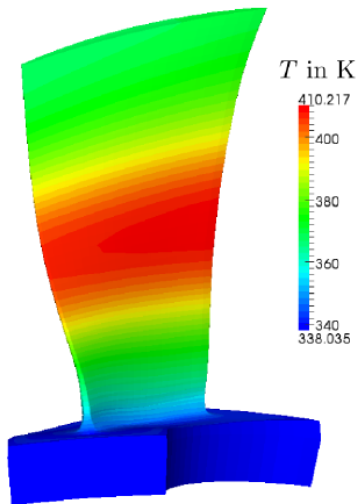
# comparison IGA / standard FEM

Displacement on top corner caused by surface pressure

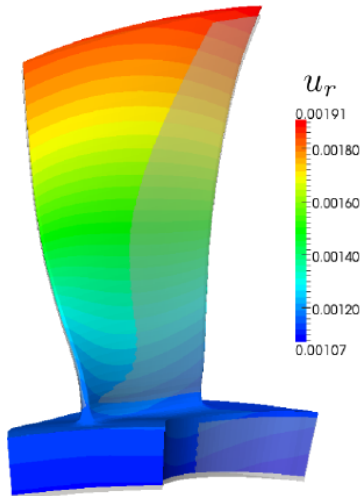


# comparison IGA / standard FEM

Temperature distribution

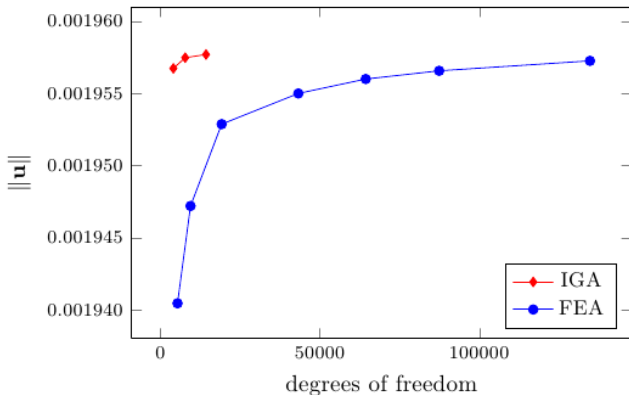


Resulting displacement



# comparison IGA / standard FEM

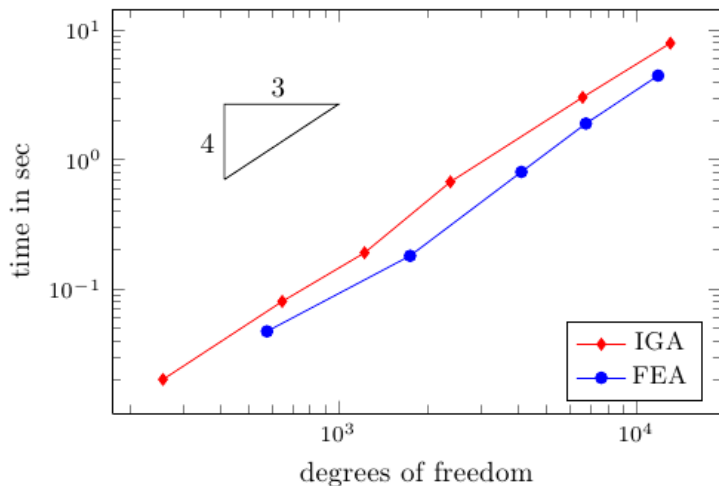
Displacement at the top corner caused by temperature distribution





# comparison IGA / standard FEM

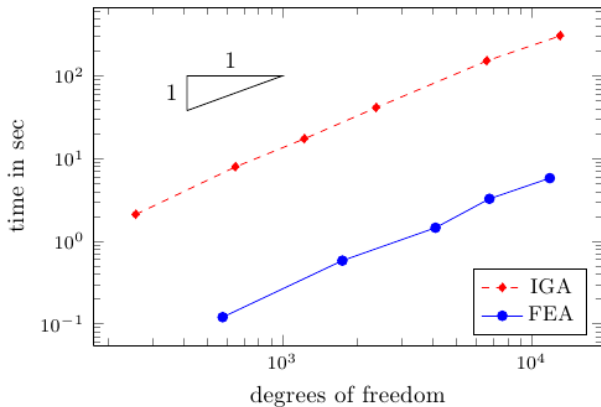
Time required to solve the linear system.



# comparison IGA / standard FEM

Time required for stiffness matrix assembly.

( code used for IGA was not optimized )



- **Specialized bases** for use in IGA
  - Hierarchical B-Splines  
*(local refinement, suitable for IGA)*
  - Singularity analysis and smooth subspaces  
*(treat singular points, near-optimal approximation order)*
  
- Applying IGA to **blade modeling and simulation**
  - Constructing the CAD model & volume  
*(compact parametrizations, respect design specifications)*
  - Simulation and comparison to FEA  
*(show the advantage of IGA in an industrial setting)*