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A pFFT Accelerated Advanced Panel Method 

A pFFT Accelerated High Order Panel Method

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Talk Outline

● Introduction

- Panel Methods, History, Usage
- Physics and Fluid Dynamics Involved

● Integral Methods

- Introduction to the Integral formulation
- The BIE('s) used in this work

● Discretizing the BIE

- Basics of Discretization
- Constant, & Linear Panel Integrals
- Galerkin vs. Collocation

● Acceleration of the Method

- Introduction to iterative methods
- Introduction to pFFT
- A general Linear pFFT implementation

● Results, Conclusions and Recommendations

Introduction

Motivation For This Work

● Solve fluid flow around 3D bodies

- Been done extensively, since c.1960's

● Why revisit?

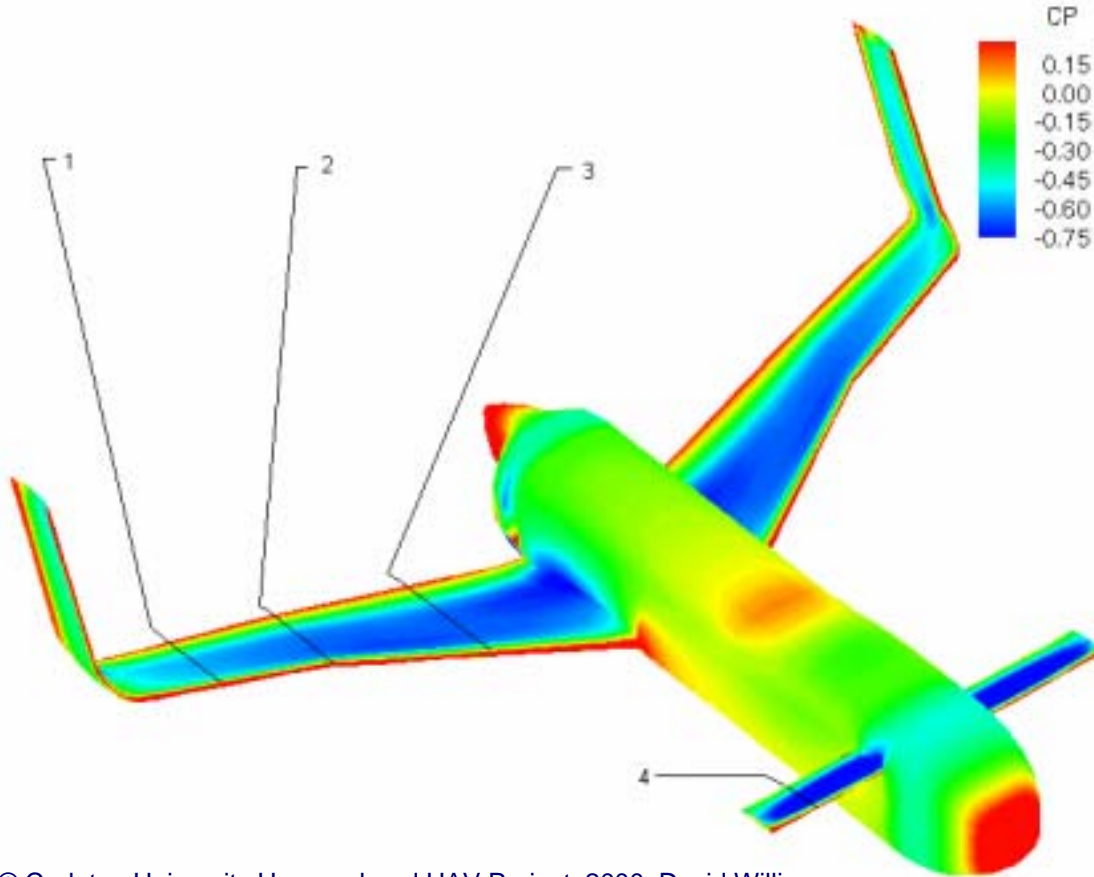
- Reduce solution time (significantly)
 - Problems requiring multiple solutions:
 - Stability and control
 - Optimization problems
 - B.L. Coupling Applications
 - Lot's of aerodynamic applications

● Primarily a design code

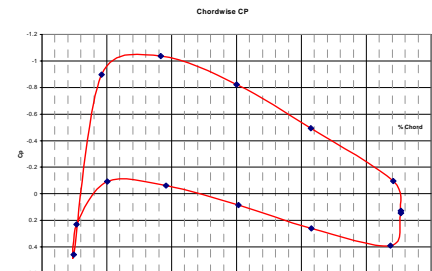
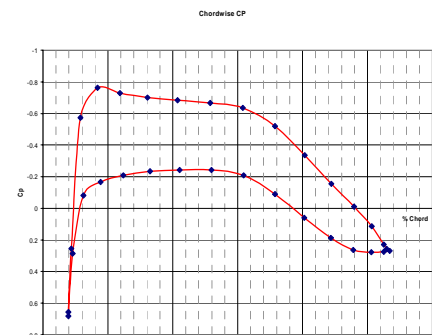
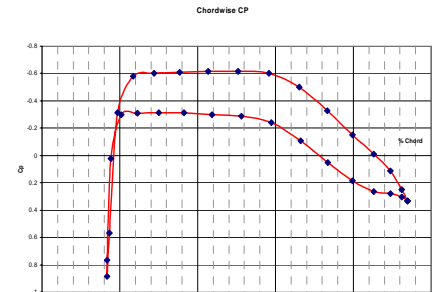
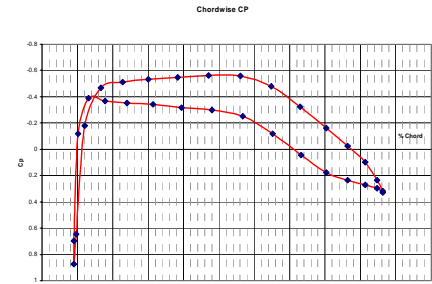
- Fast, robust, accurate, non-separated flow
- Not a Navier-Stokes solver!

Possible Applications

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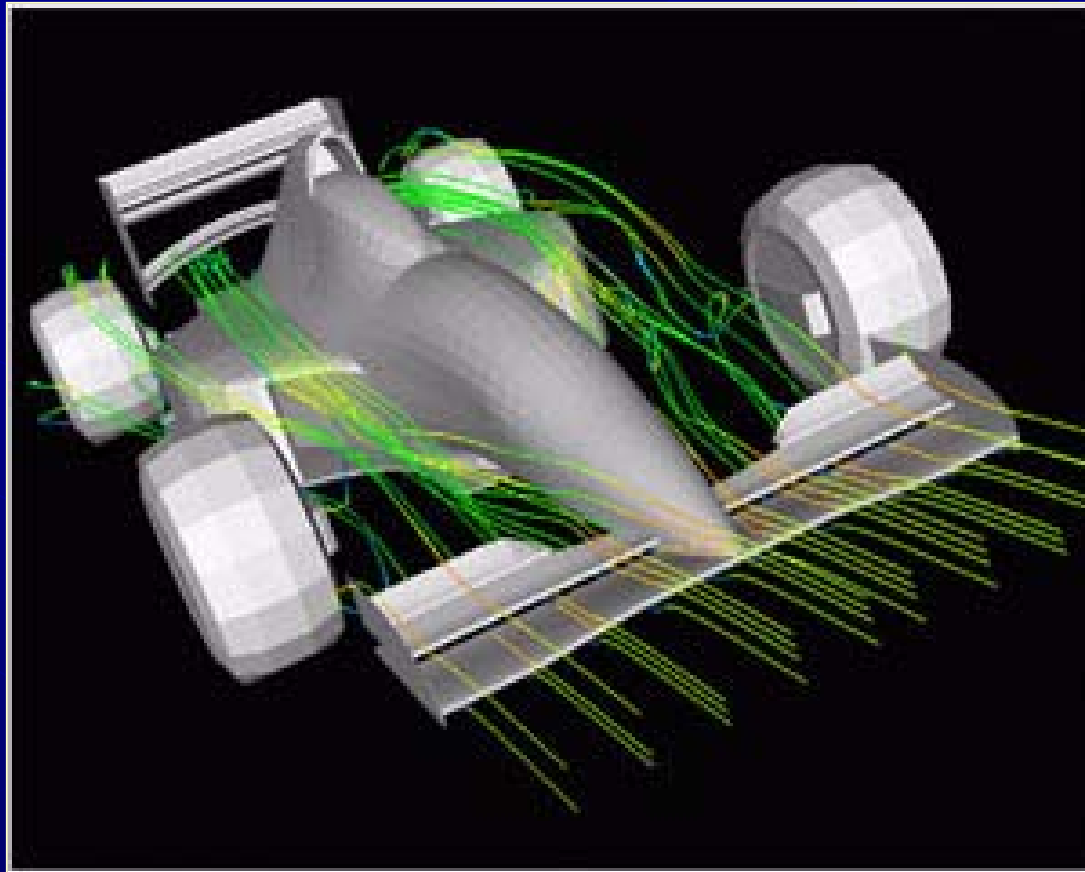
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Other possible applications

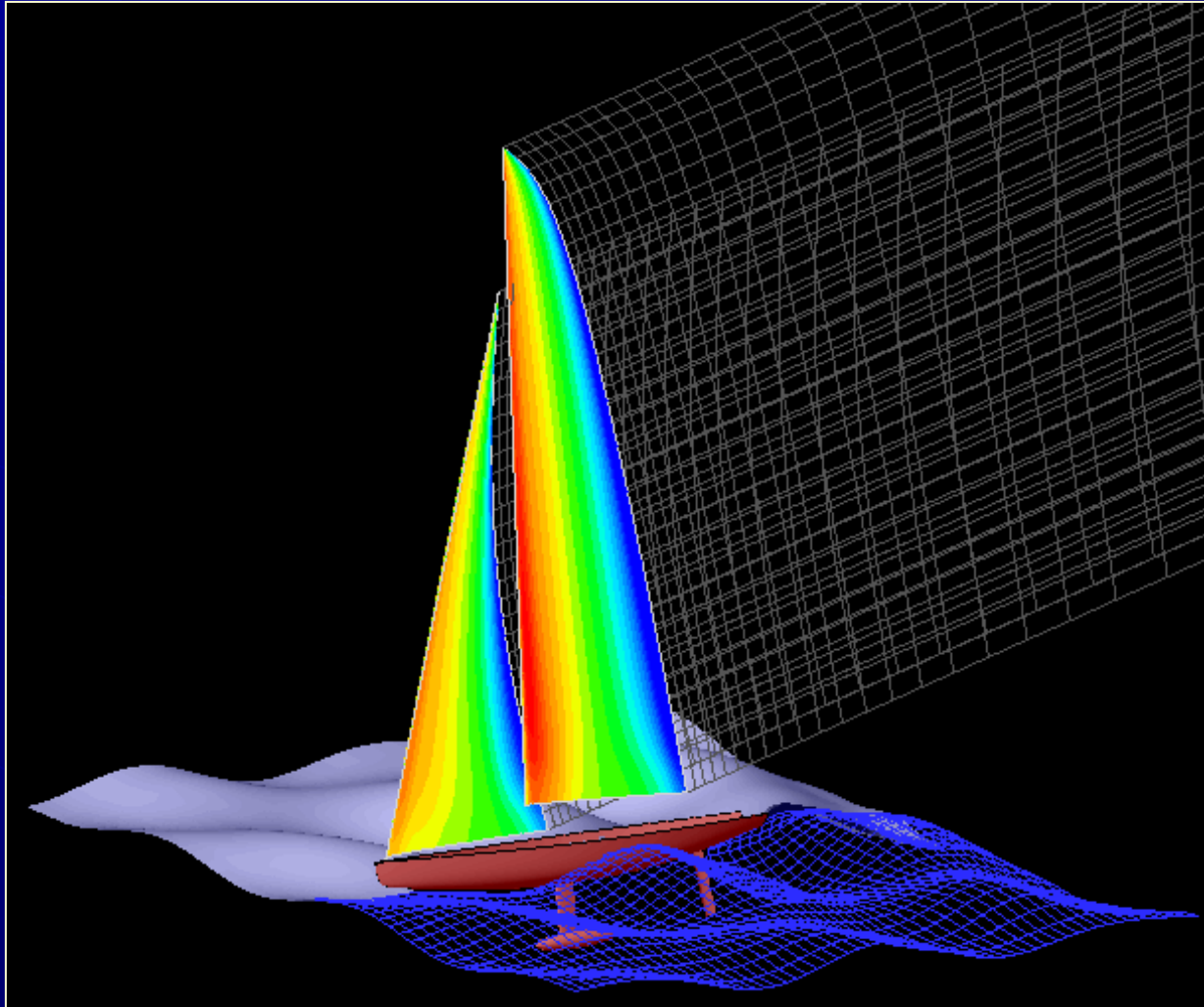
● Automobile Aerodynamics : F-1 & Indy

(<http://www.flowsol.co.uk/index.html>)



Other possible applications

- High Performance Sailing eg. IACC
(<http://oe.mit.edu/flowlab/websail.gif>)



How Do We Model This?

- Start with the conservation of momentum and conservation of mass
 - Result is
 - Navier Stokes
 - Continuity
- Complicated Non-Linear Mess

ASSUMPTIONS!!!

Assumptions About the Flow

- Incompressible
- Steady
- Inviscid
- Irrotational

The resulting simplified equation is...

Potential Flow Equation

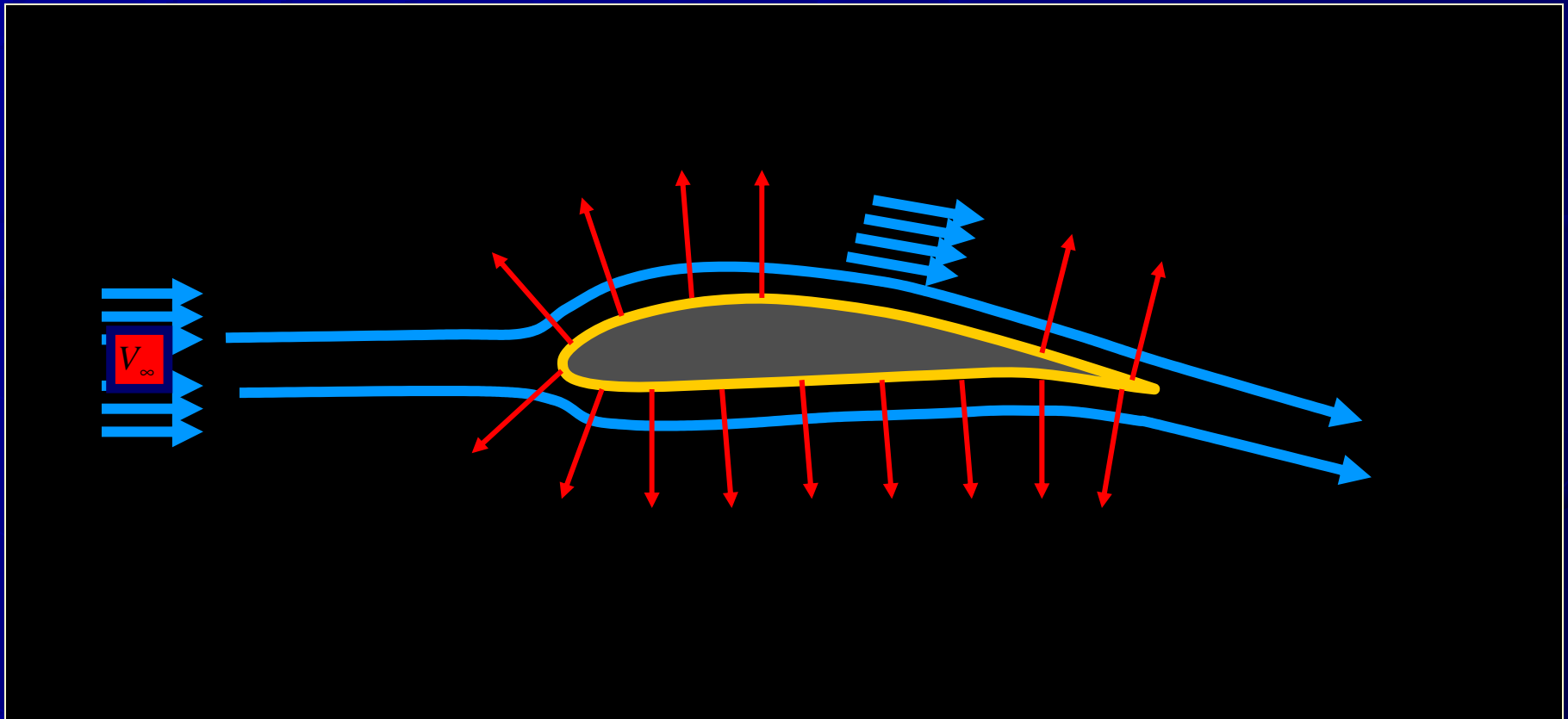
- Result Perturbation Potential on exterior domain:

$$\nabla^2 \phi = 0$$

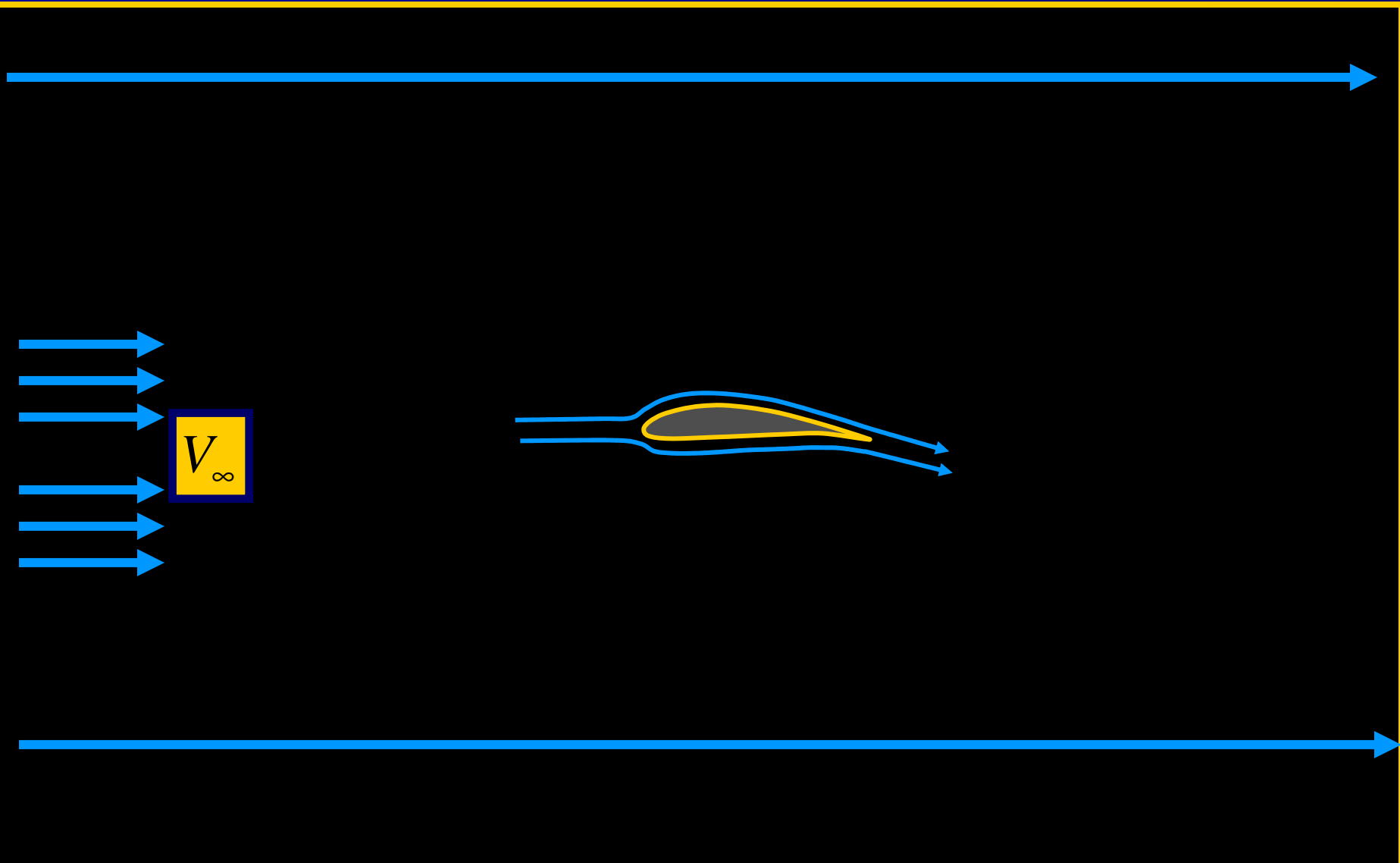
Laplacian operates on the “Velocity Potential”

Bernoulli relates Pressure & Velocity!

Body Boundary Conditions



Farfield Conditions



Boundary Integral Equations

Introduction To Integral Equations

● Mathematical Approach:

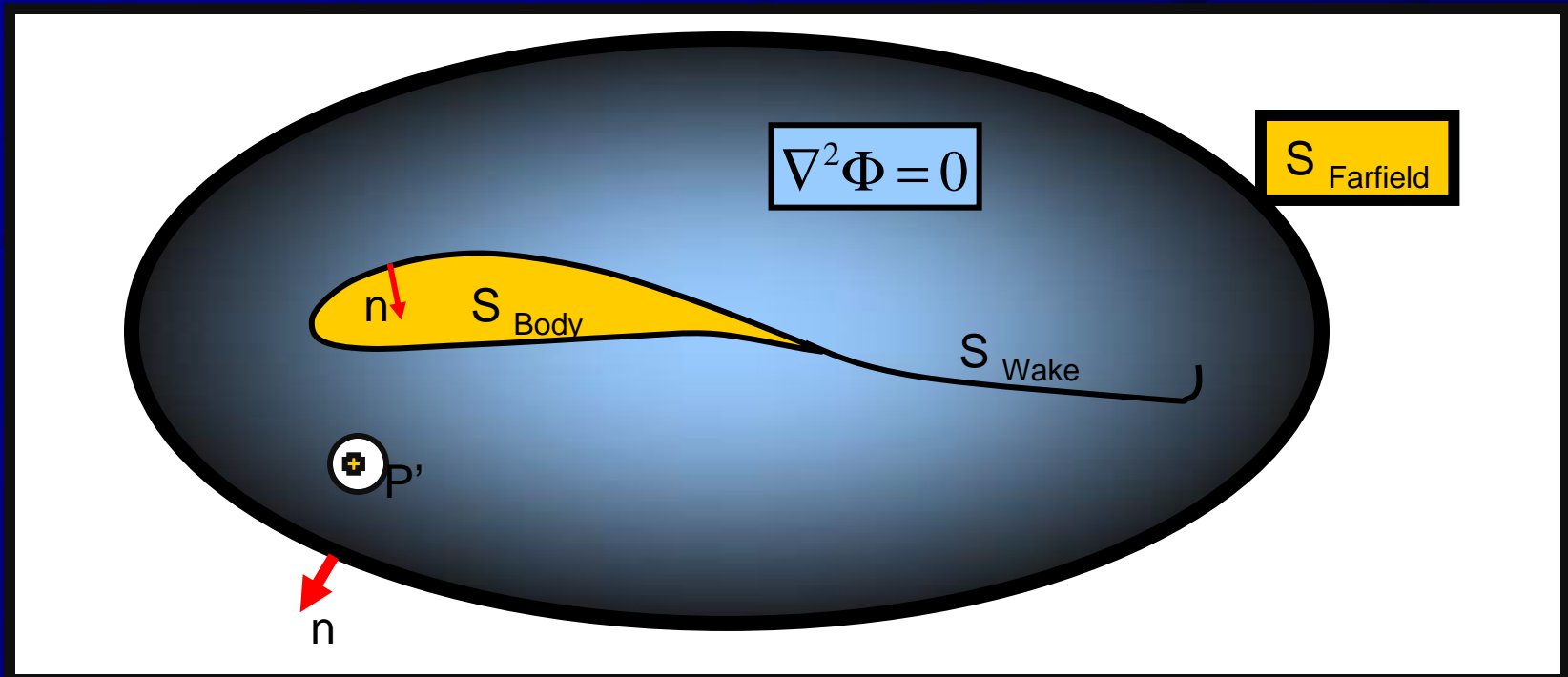
- Find Fundamental solution (Kernel)
- Use Green's 3rd Identity
 - Transform from domain to boundary Integral
- Use boundary condition data

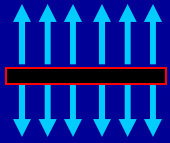
● Aerodynamic Singularity Approach:

- Source, doublet, and vortex singularities
 - Smear them on the boundary surface

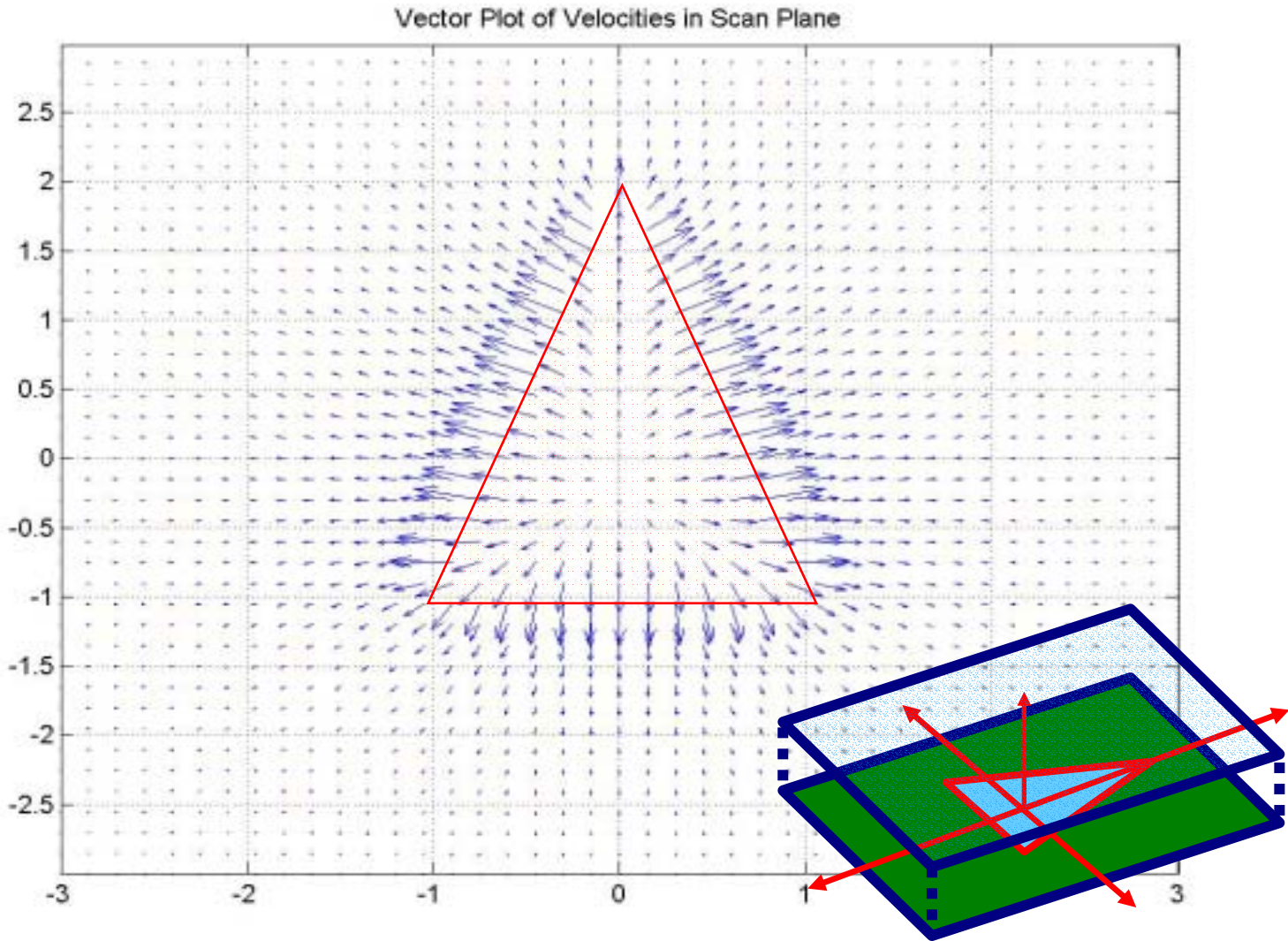
The $1/|r-r'|$ Integral Equation

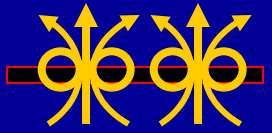
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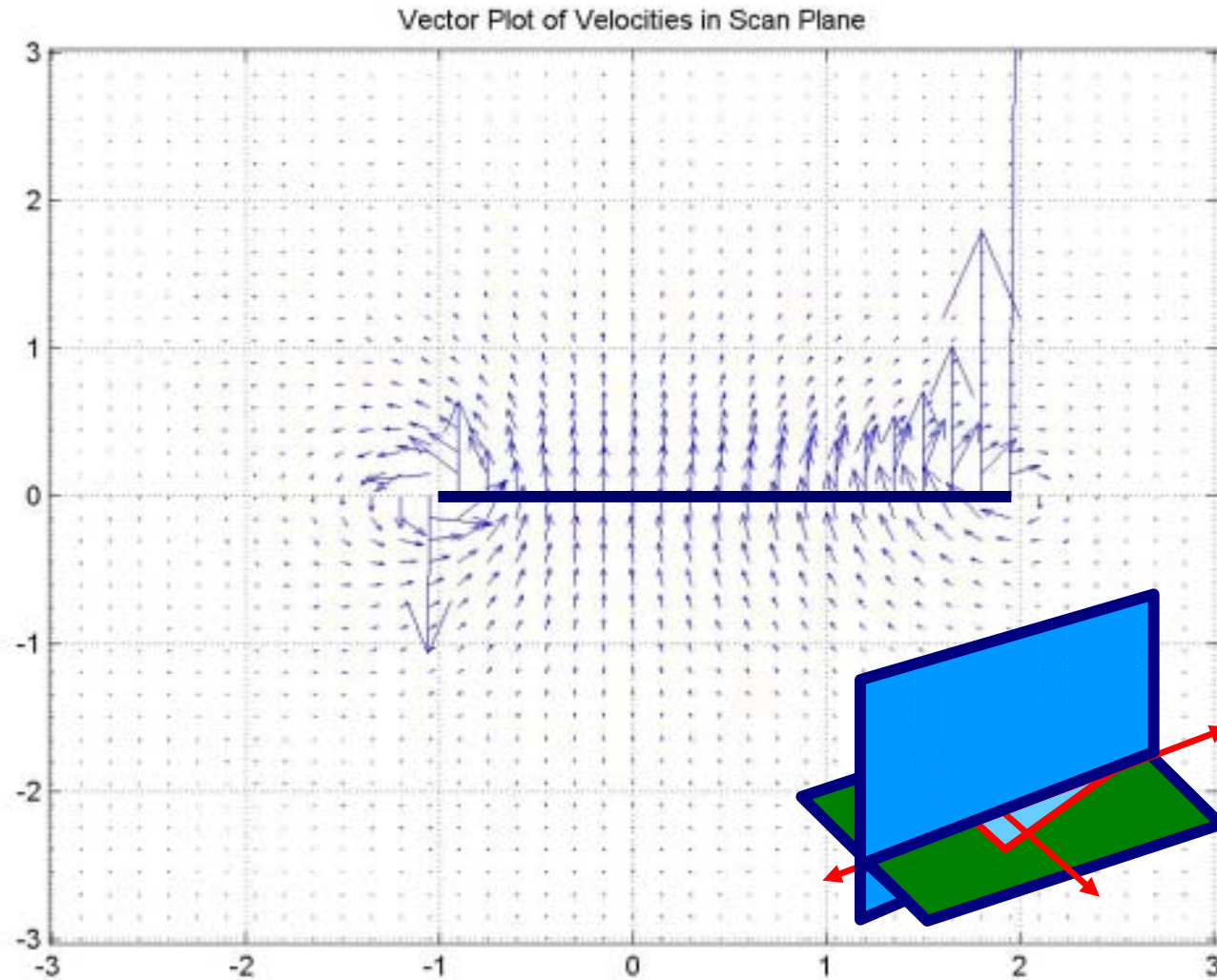


Single Layer

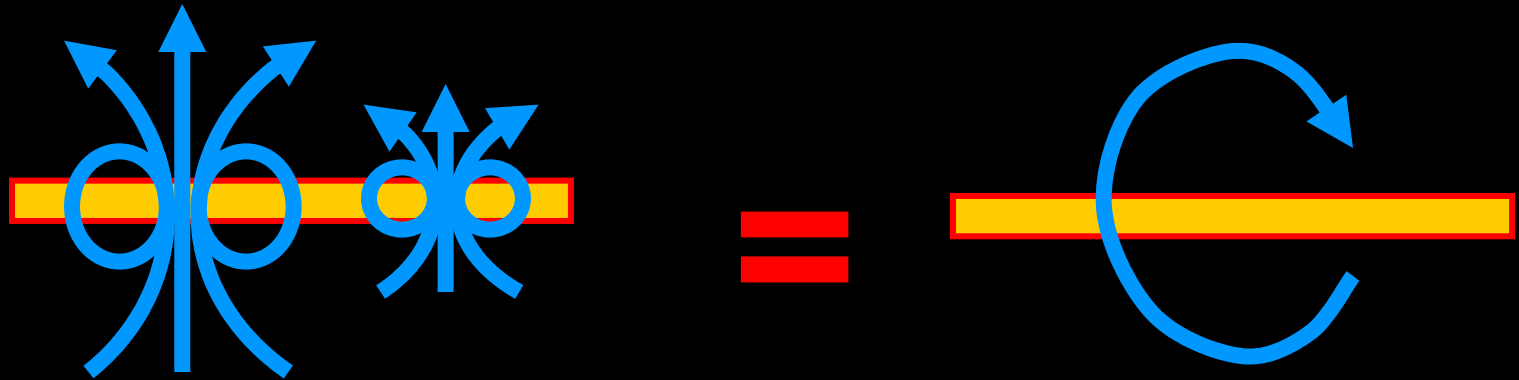




Double Layer



Double Layer-Vortex Relationship



The doublet is used for the lifting body cases, the source can not produce
A vortex like effect!!!

Direct Integral Formulation

Potential Formulation

- This is the integral used in this work

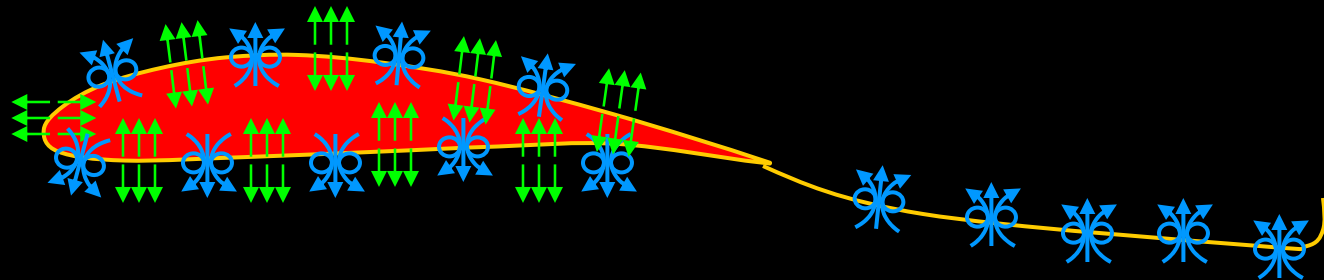
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- **Inserting** the boundary conditions:

$$\phi(\vec{x}) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \iint_{S_B} \boxed{-\vec{V}_\infty \cdot \hat{n}_{\vec{x}}} \frac{1}{\|\vec{x} - \vec{x}'\|} dS_B - \frac{1}{4\pi} \iint_{S_{B+W}} \phi(\vec{x}) \frac{\partial}{\partial n} \left(\frac{1}{\|\vec{x} - \vec{x}'\|} \right) dS_{B+W}$$

Math-to-English Translation

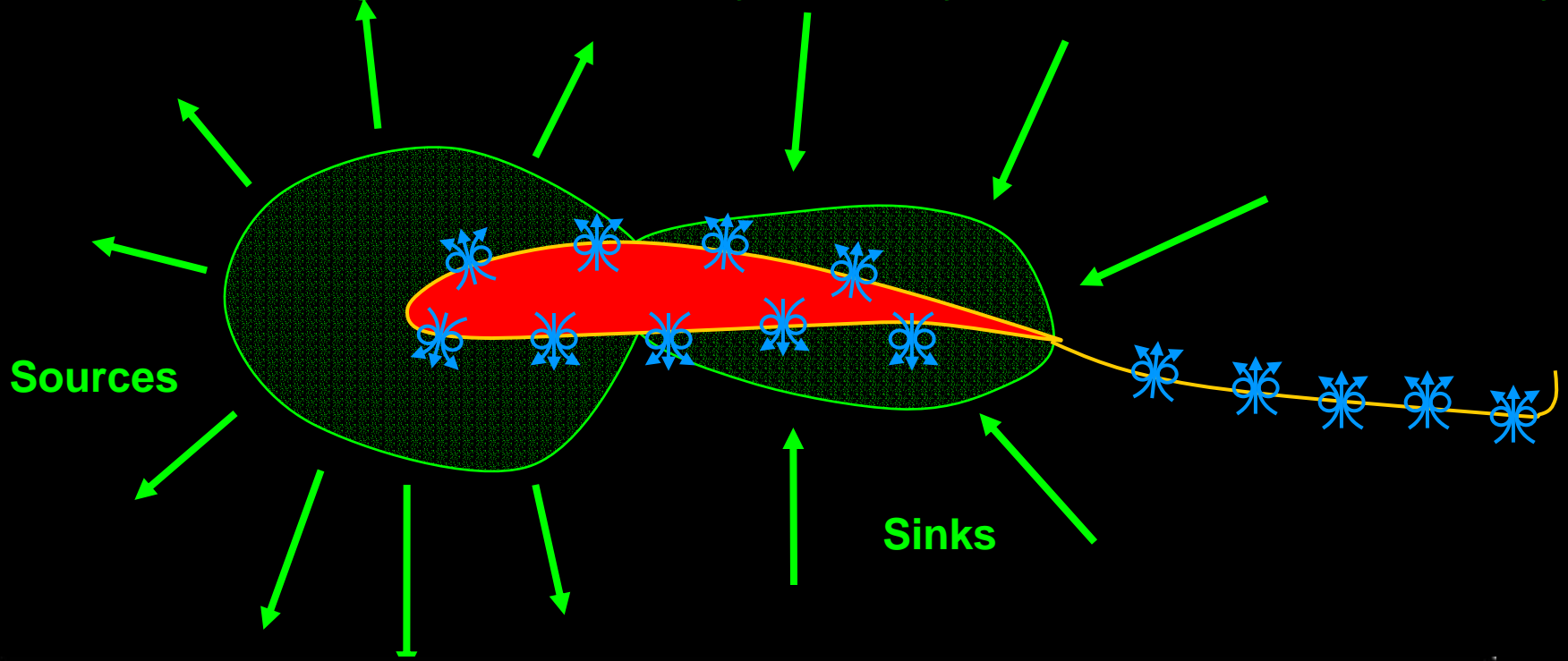
What Are We Trying To Do?



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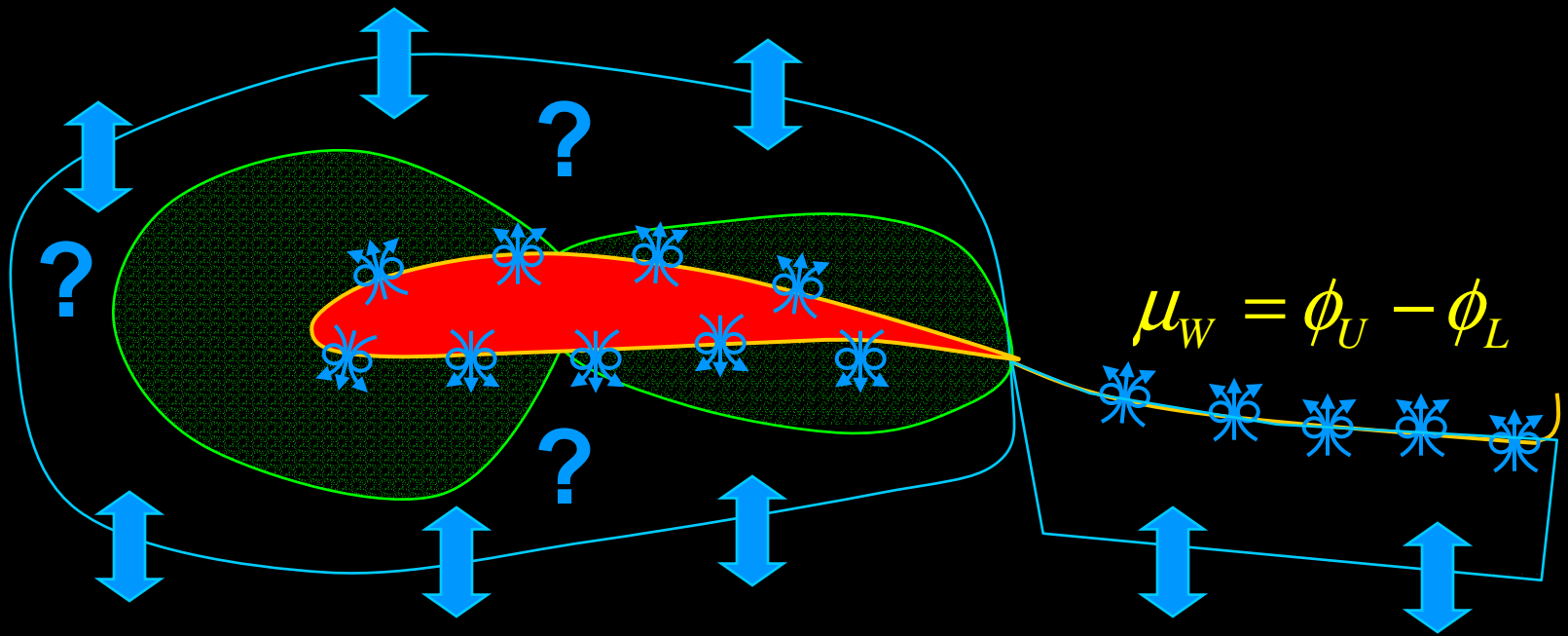
Prescribe the Single Layer

Source/Sink Strength is prescribed by boundary condition on normal velocity



$$\phi(\vec{x}) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int \int_{S_B} -\vec{V}_\infty \cdot \hat{n}_{\vec{x}} \frac{1}{\|\vec{x} - \vec{x}'\|} dS_B - \frac{1}{4\pi} \int \int_{S_{B+W}} \phi(\vec{x}') \frac{\partial}{\partial n} \left(\frac{1}{\|\vec{x} - \vec{x}'\|} \right) dS_{B+W}$$

Solve For the Potential Distribution



$$\phi(\vec{x}) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \iint_{S_B} -\vec{V}_\infty \cdot \hat{n}_{\vec{x}} \frac{1}{\|\vec{x} - \vec{x}'\|} dS_B - \frac{1}{4\pi} \iint_{S_{B+W}} \phi(\vec{x}') \frac{\partial}{\partial n} \left(\frac{1}{\|\vec{x} - \vec{x}'\|} \right) dS_{B+W}$$

Direct Integral Formulation

Potential Formulation

● The direct potential formulation

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● Solve for the potential on the surface

- Rapid post processing to get the surface velocities
- The typical Laplace “type” problem formulation
- NO distinction between lifting and non-lifting surfaces

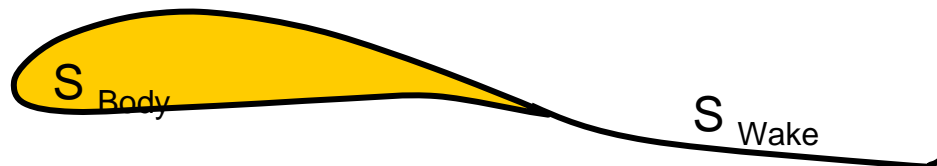
The Indirect Approach

- Consider an inner and outer potential domain:

$$\phi(\vec{x}') = \frac{1}{4\pi} \iint_{S_B} \left[\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial n} \right]_e \frac{1}{\|\vec{x}' - \vec{x}\|} dS_B - \frac{1}{4\pi} \iint_{S_{B+W}} [\phi(\vec{x})]_e \frac{\partial}{\partial n} \left(\frac{1}{\|\vec{x}' - \vec{x}\|} \right) dS_{B+W}$$

$$0 = \frac{1}{4\pi} \iint_{S_B} \left[\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial n} \right]_i \frac{1}{\|\vec{x}' - \vec{x}\|} dS_B - \frac{1}{4\pi} \iint_{S_B} [\phi(\vec{x})]_i \frac{\partial}{\partial n} \left(\frac{1}{\|\vec{x}' - \vec{x}\|} \right) dS_B$$

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The inner-outer Potential

- Subtracting the inner and outer potential equations:

$$\phi(\vec{x}') = \frac{1}{4\pi} \iint_{S_B} \left(\left[\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial n} \right]_e - \left[\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial n} \right]_i \right) \frac{1}{\|\vec{x} - \vec{x}'\|} dS_B -$$

$$\frac{1}{4\pi} \iint_{S_B} ([\phi(\vec{x})]_e - [\phi(\vec{x})]_i) \frac{\partial}{\partial n} \left(\frac{1}{\|\vec{x} - \vec{x}'\|} \right) dS_B - \frac{1}{4\pi} \iint_{S_W} [\phi(\vec{x})]_e \frac{\partial}{\partial n} \left(\frac{1}{\|\vec{x} - \vec{x}'\|} \right) dS_W$$

- We can define:

$$\sigma = \left[\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial n} \right]_e - \left[\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial n} \right]_i$$

Source Strength

$$\mu = [\phi(\vec{x})]_e - [\phi(\vec{x})]_i$$

Doublet Strength

Indirect Source Formulation

Fredholm Integral of the Second Kind

- The source singularity integral equation:

$$\phi(\vec{x}') = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int \int_{S_B} \sigma \frac{1}{\|\vec{x} - \vec{x}'\|} dS_B$$

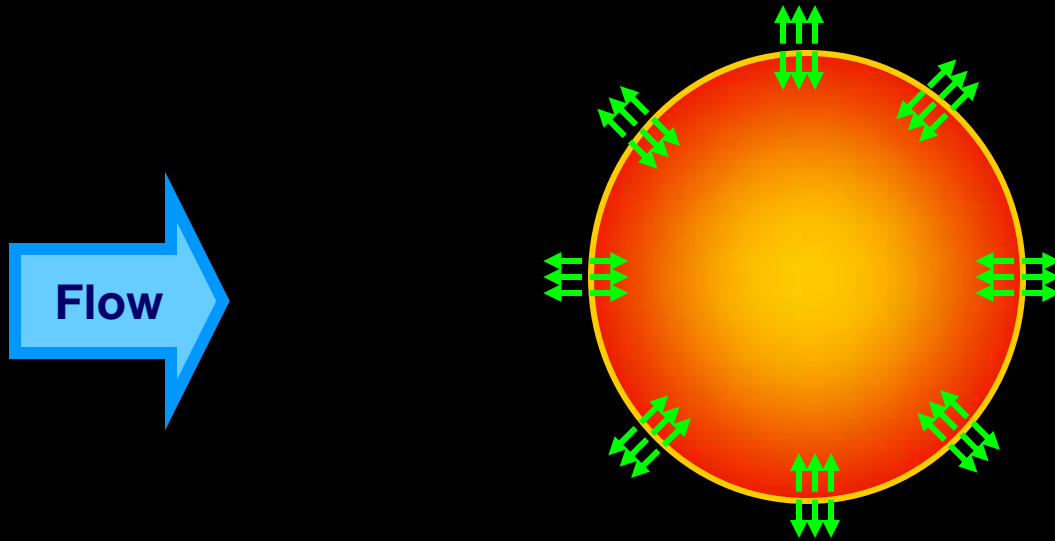
- We can exploit the Neumann B.C.'s by taking the gradient
 - Method explored in the unaccelerated method

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Physically

Source Velocity Formulation

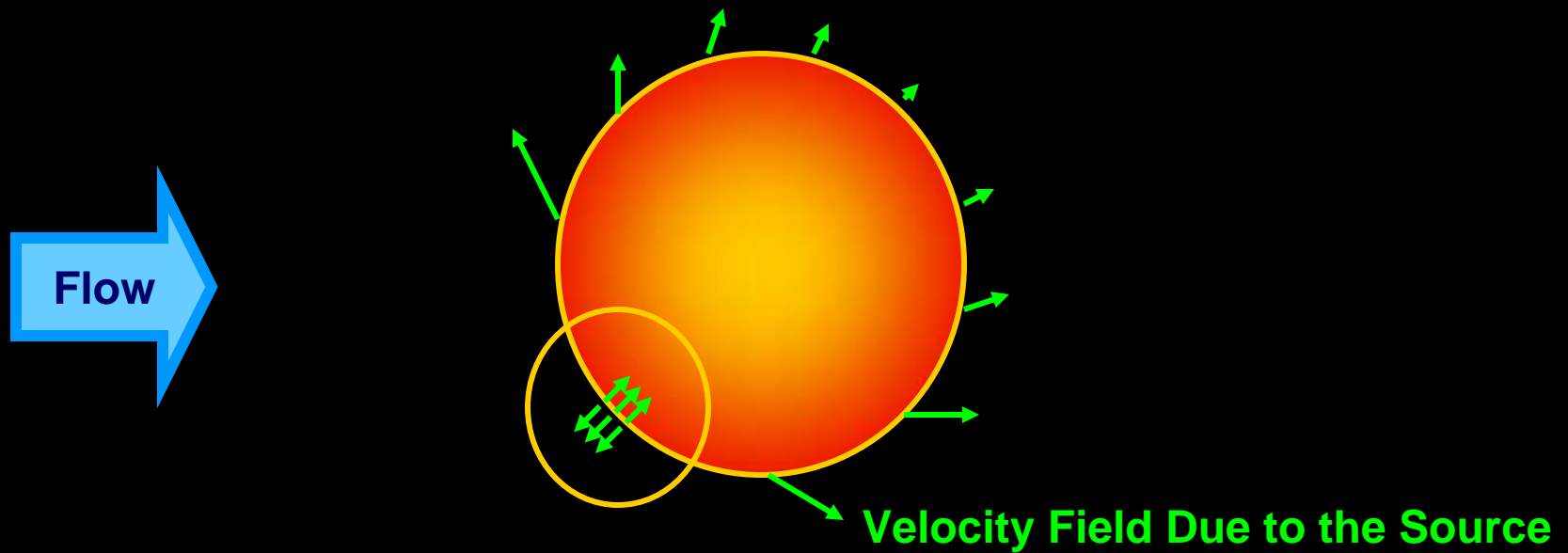
Smear Surface With Source Singularities



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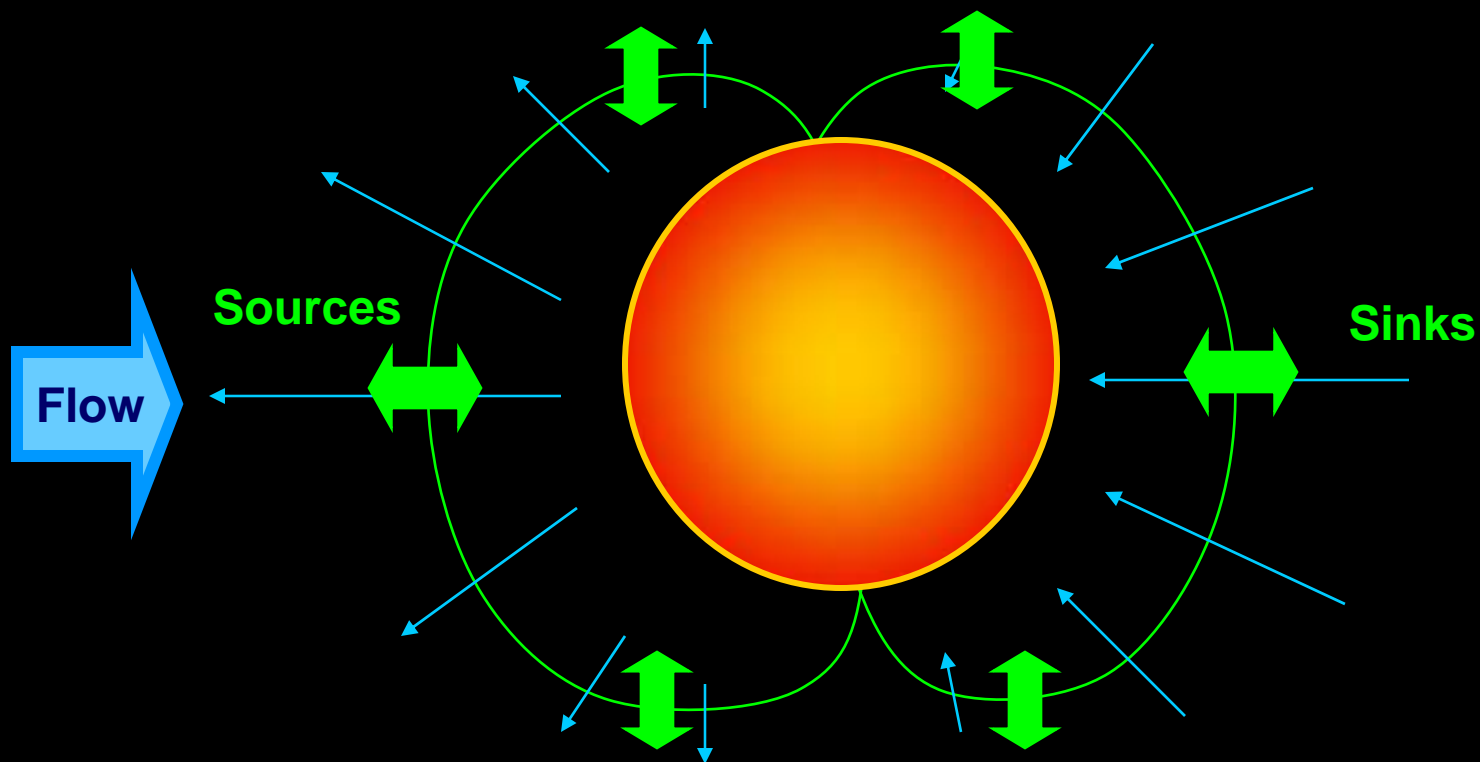
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Each Singularity produces a velocity field corresponding to the singularity



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Adjust the strengths of the sources over the surface to achieve a zero velocity through the surface



Indirect Dipole Formulation

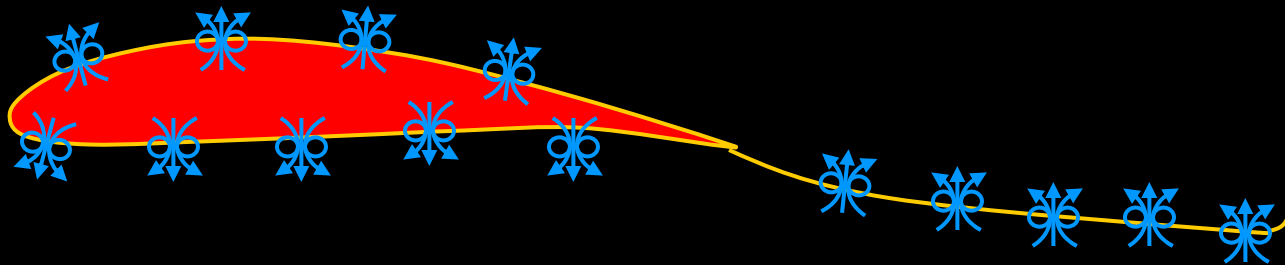
Hypersingular Self Term Evaluation

- The second formulation sets the source strength to zero.
 - Unaccelerated method uses this

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Physically

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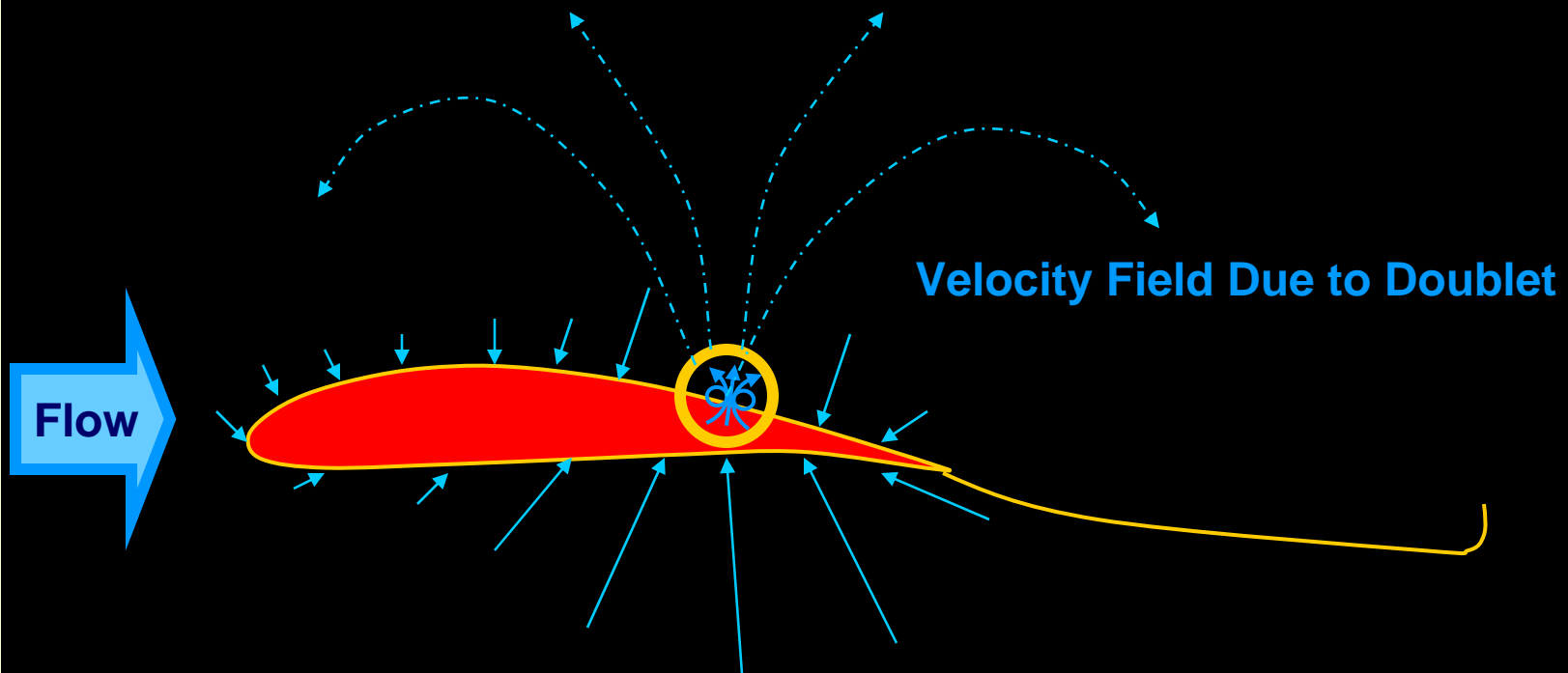


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Physically

Doublet Velocity Formulation

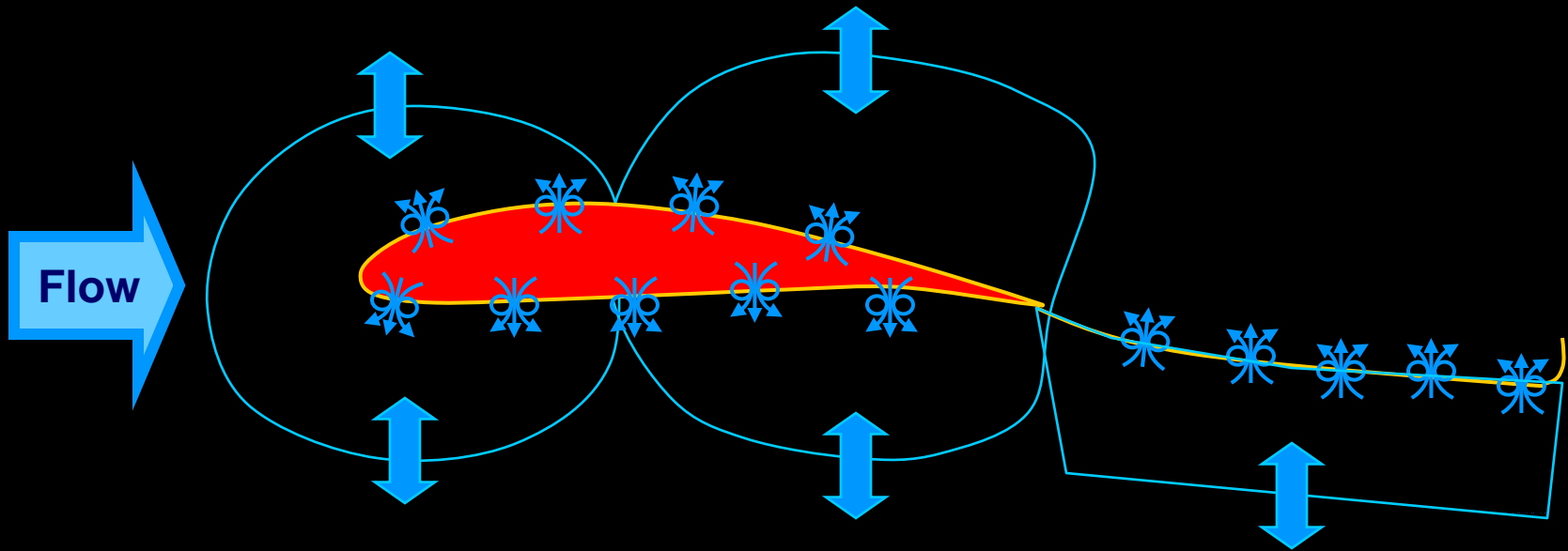
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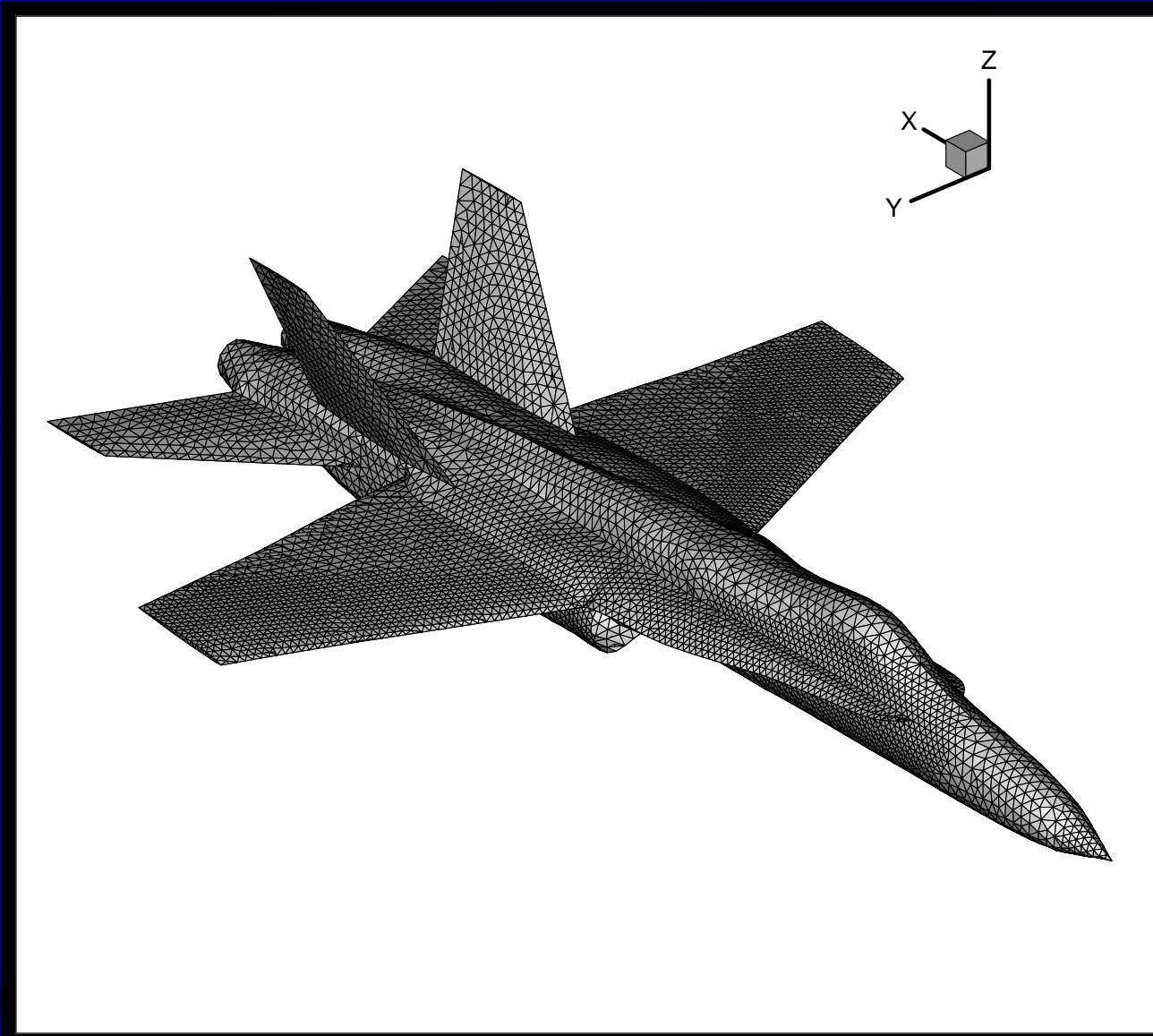
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Adjust Singularity Strength to get zero through-velocity at surface



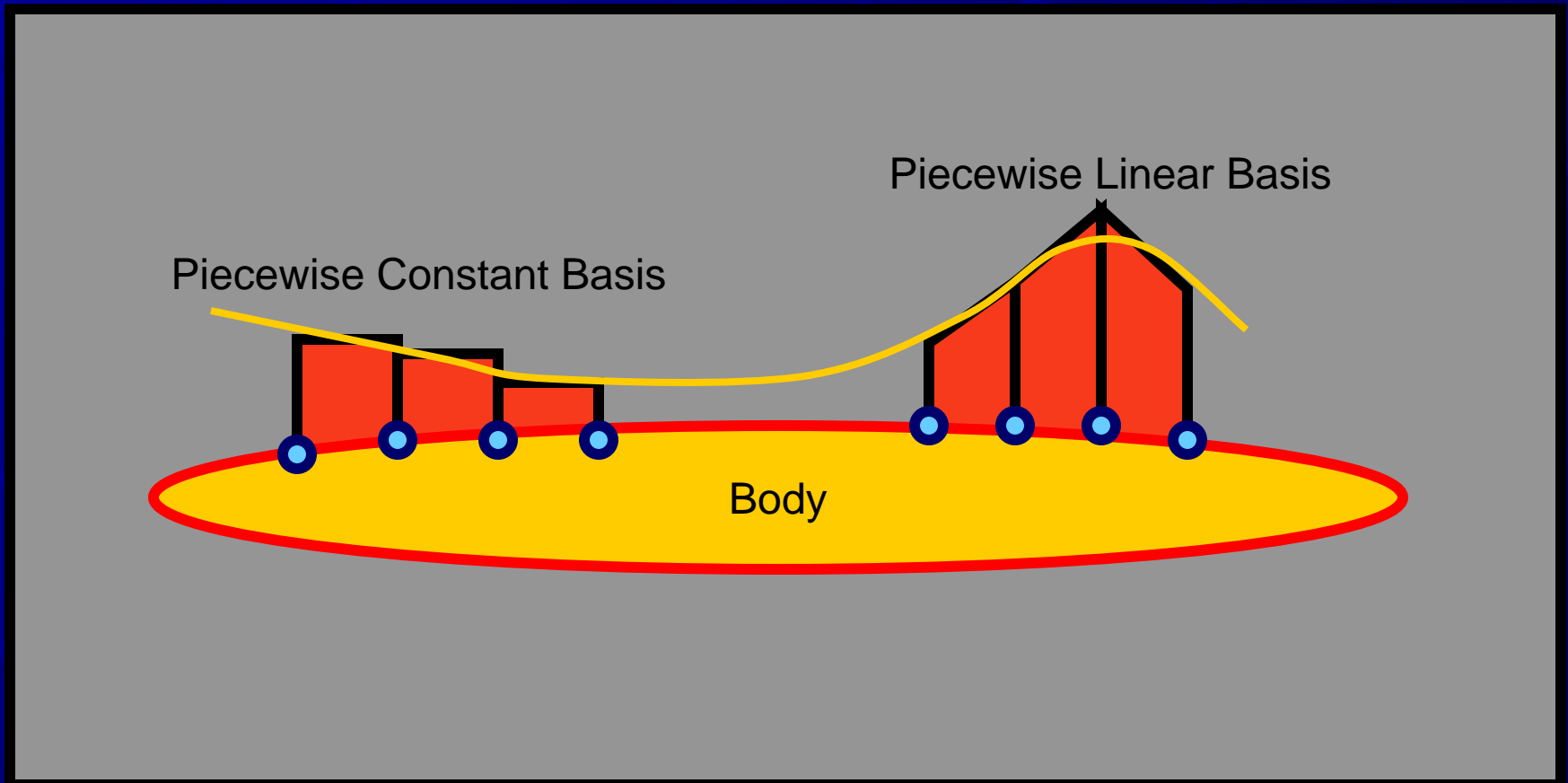
Discrete Implementation BEM

Discrete Geometry

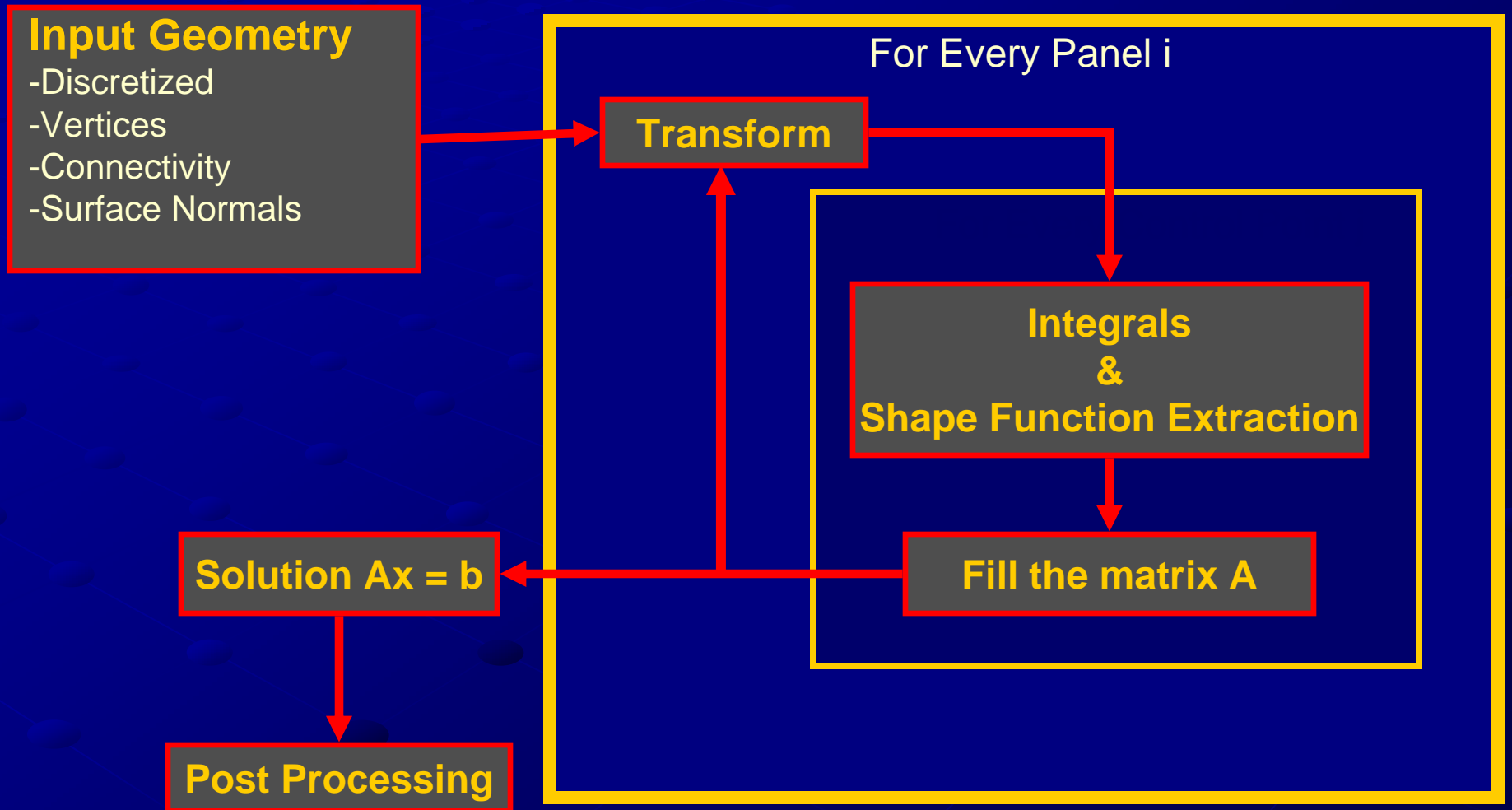


Computer Solution

Discretizing the equations (in 2-D):

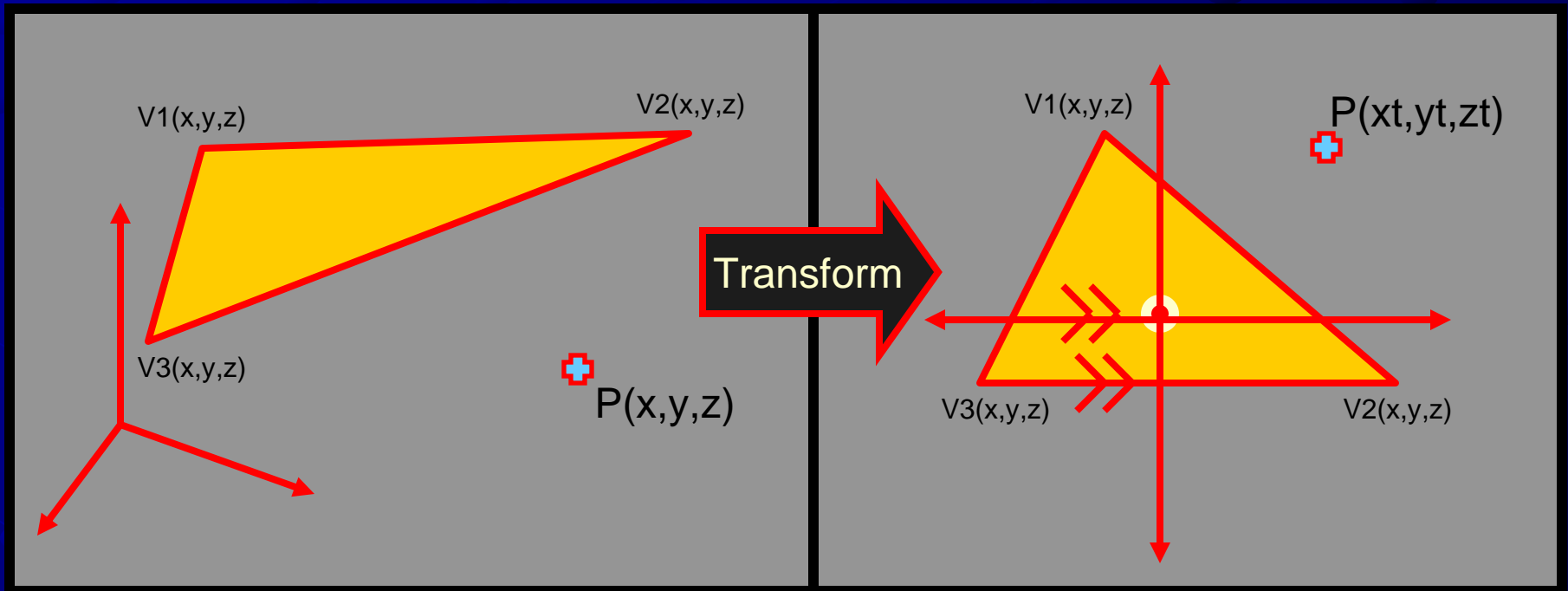


Direct Algorithm Flow Chart



Transformation

- From Arbitrary 3D to Panel based (~2D):



Panel Integrals

● Two Approaches:

- Hess and Smith
 - Douglas Aircraft Co. ~c. 1960's
- Newman
 - MIT OE, ~c. 1985

● Double layer is the building block

- Once evaluated, all other integrals are similar.

Hess & Smith: Constant Source Calculation

Hess, J.L., & Smith, A.M.O., "Calculation Of Potential flows about arbitrary bodies", 1967.

The integral :

$$\phi(\vec{x}') = \int \int_S \frac{1}{\|\vec{x} - \vec{x}'\|} dS$$

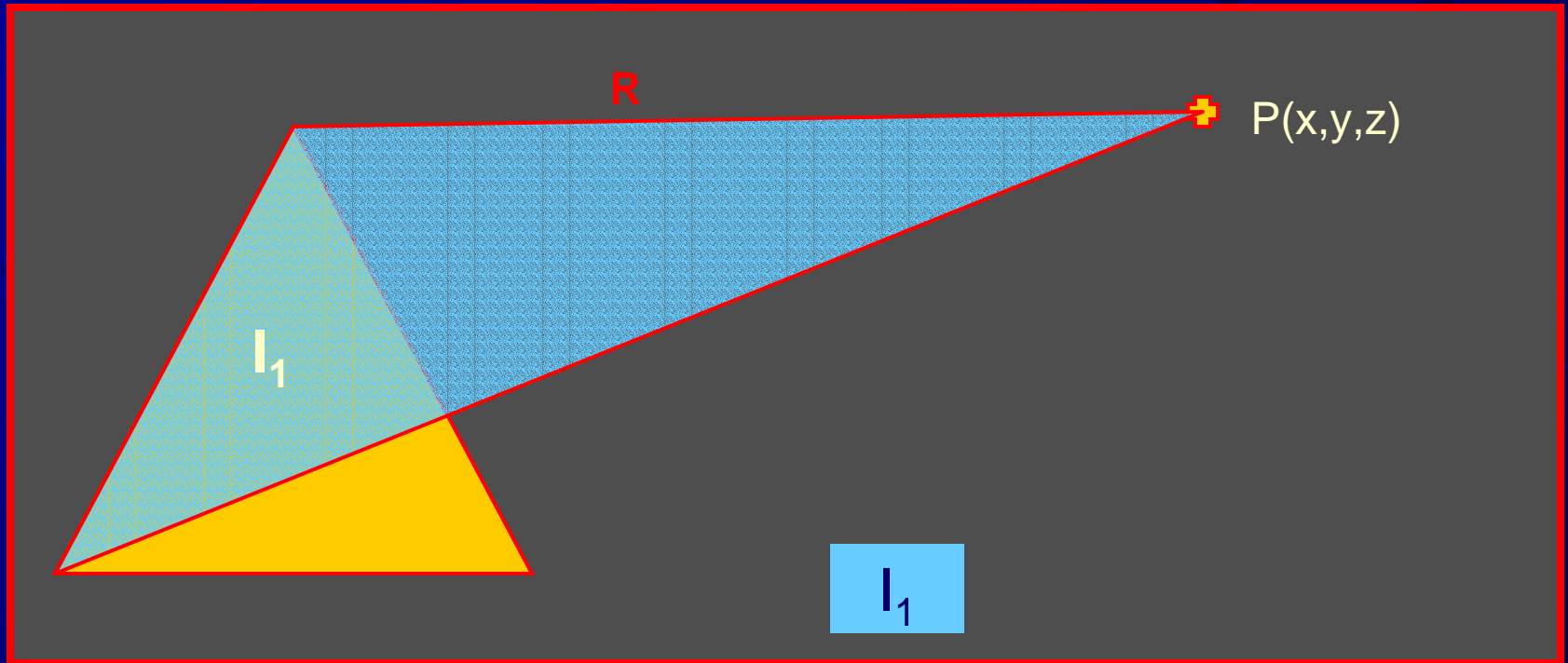
$$(\|x - x'\| = \sqrt{(R^2 + h^2)})$$

Is modified to an "in plane" integration:

$$\phi = \oint_{Perimeter} \int_0^R \frac{RdRd\theta}{\sqrt{(R^2 + z^2)}}$$

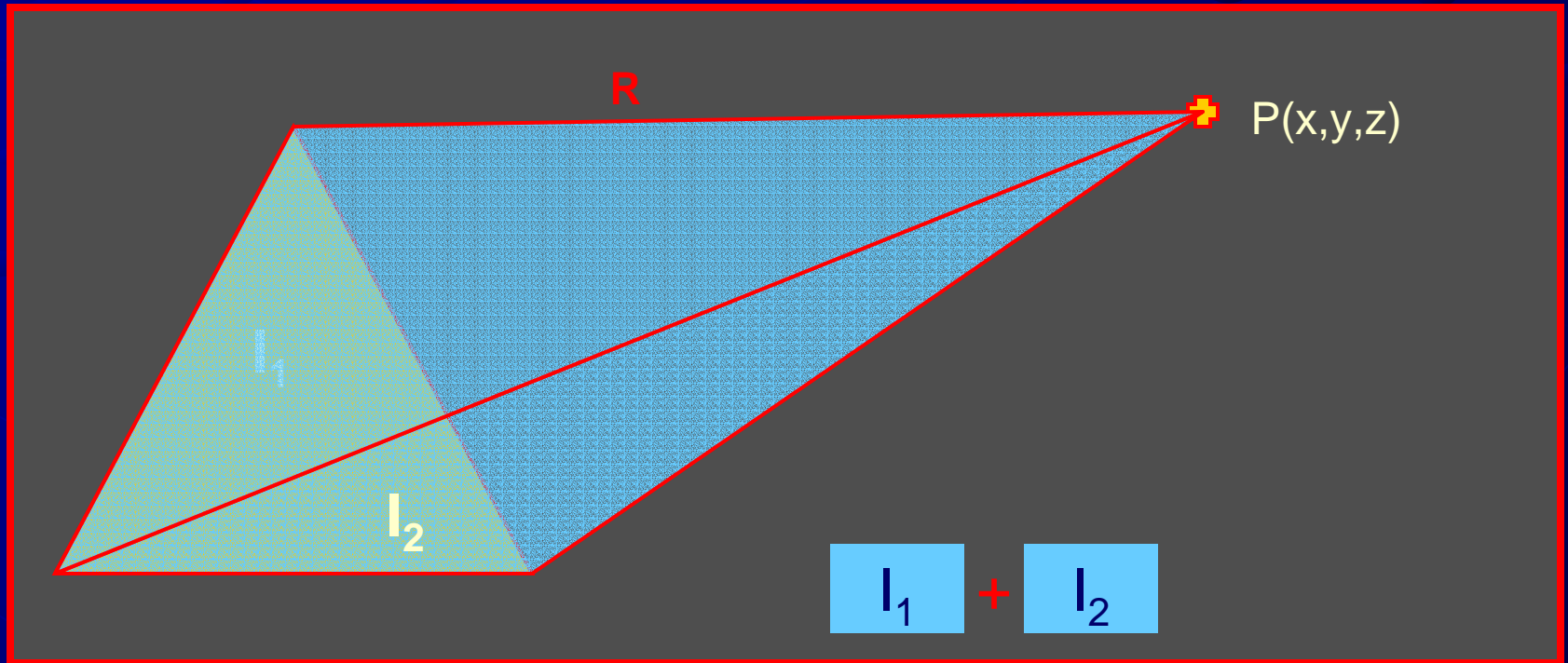
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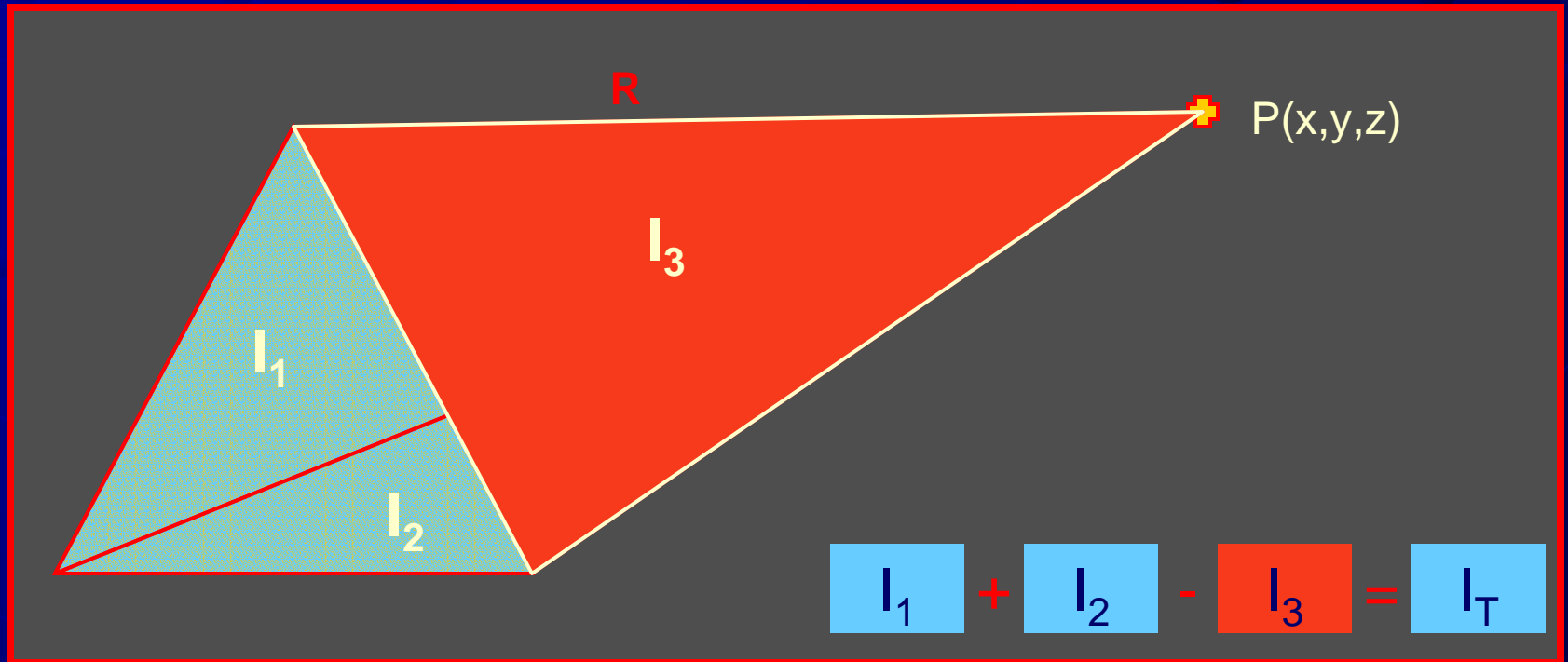
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Hess and Smith Const. Doublet

● Resulting expression for the constant strength doublet.

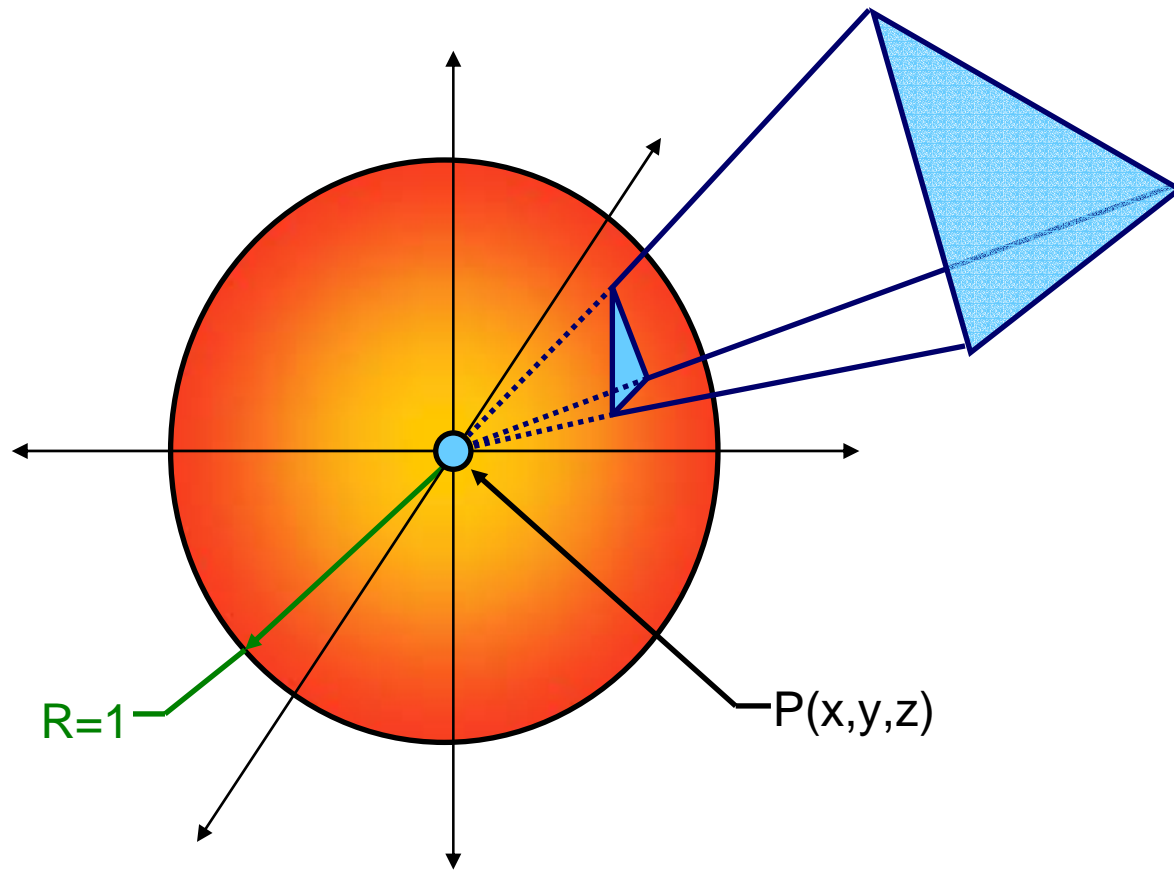
- Complicated!!!

$$\psi_{H.S}^c(\xi^T, \eta^T, z'^T) = \sum_{i=1}^{i=Nv} \left(\arctan \left[\frac{\frac{l_i^{\eta}}{l_i^{\xi}} \cdot ((\Delta \xi_i^{ST})^2 + (\Delta z_i'^{ST})^2) - (\Delta \xi_i^{ST})(\Delta \eta_i^{ST})}{(\Delta z_i'^{ST}) \cdot \sqrt{(\Delta \xi_i^{ST})^2 + (\Delta \eta_i^{ST})^2 + (\Delta z_i'^{ST})^2}} \right] - \right.$$

$$\left. \sum_{i=1}^{i=Nv} \arctan \left[\frac{\frac{l_i^{\eta}}{l_i^{\xi}} \cdot ((\Delta \xi_{i+1}^{ST})^2 + (\Delta z_{i+1}'^{ST})^2) - (\Delta \xi_{i+1}^{ST})(\Delta \eta_{i+1}^{ST})}{(\Delta z_{i+1}'^{ST}) \cdot \sqrt{(\Delta \xi_{i+1}^{ST})^2 + (\Delta \eta_{i+1}^{ST})^2 + (\Delta z_{i+1}'^{ST})^2}} \right] \right)$$

Newman: Computing The Dipole Integral

Uses the Gauss-Bonnet Concept—projecting the panel onto a unit sphere, and determining the solid angle from sum of included angles:



Newman Doublet

$$s_i^a = l_i^\eta \cdot \left((\Delta \xi_i^{ST})^2 + (\Delta z_0'^{ST})^2 - l_i^\xi \cdot \Delta \xi_i^{ST} \cdot \Delta \eta_i^{ST} \right)$$

$$s_i^b = l_i^\eta \cdot \left((\Delta \xi_{i+1}^{ST})^2 + (\Delta z_0'^{ST})^2 - l_i^\xi \cdot \Delta \xi_{i+1}^{ST} \cdot \Delta \eta_{i+1}^{ST} \right)$$

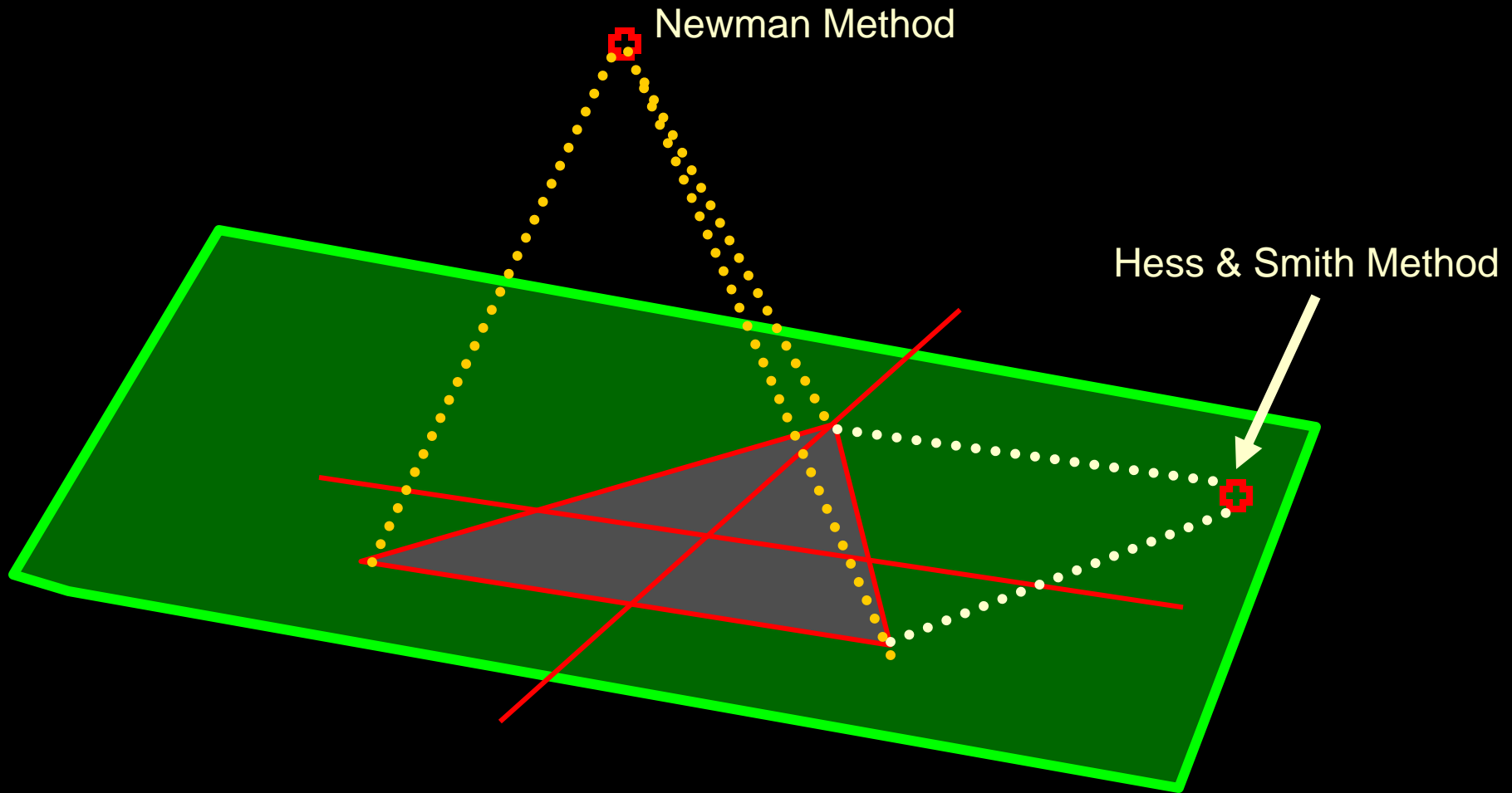
$$c_i^a = R_i^I \cdot \Delta z_0'^{ST} \cdot l_i^\xi$$

$$c_i^b = R_{i+1}^I \cdot \Delta z_0'^{ST} \cdot l_i^\xi$$

The final result is:

$$\psi_N^c(\xi^T, \eta^T, z'^T) = - \sum_{i=1}^{i=N} \arctan \left(\frac{s_i^a \cdot c_i^b - s_i^b \cdot c_i^a}{c_i^a \cdot c_i^b + s_i^a \cdot s_i^b} \right)$$

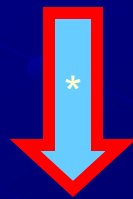
Hess & Smith Vs. Newman



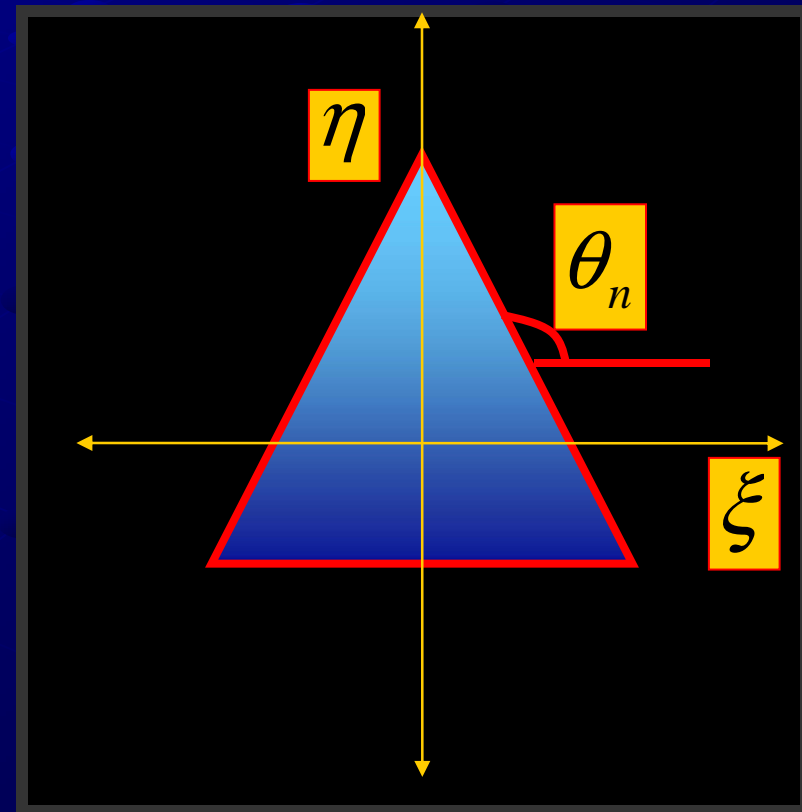
Calculating the Linear Variation Integrals

- General methods for the linear strength

$$\begin{pmatrix} \psi_{\bar{\xi}} \\ \psi_{\bar{\eta}} \end{pmatrix} = \iint_{S_{Panel}} \begin{pmatrix} \xi \\ \eta \end{pmatrix} \frac{d\xi d\eta}{r}$$



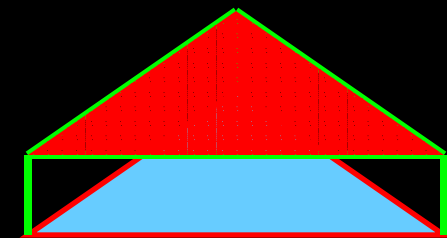
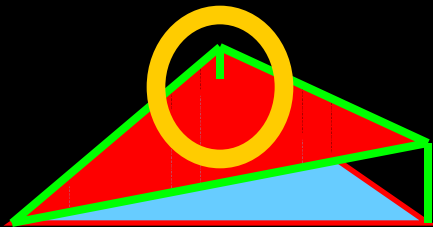
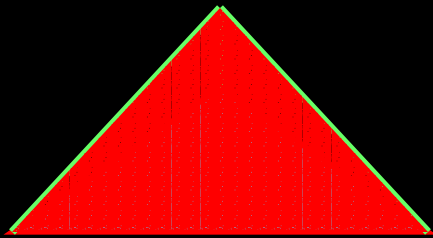
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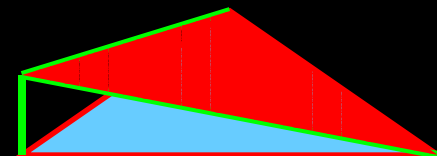
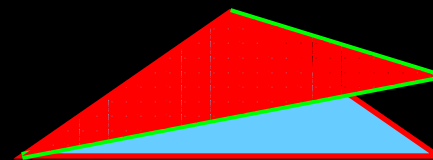
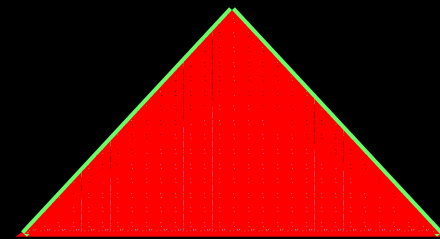
Linear Shape Functions

● Integrals

- In N_{eta}, N_{ji}, N_c vs. N_1, N_2, N_3 system



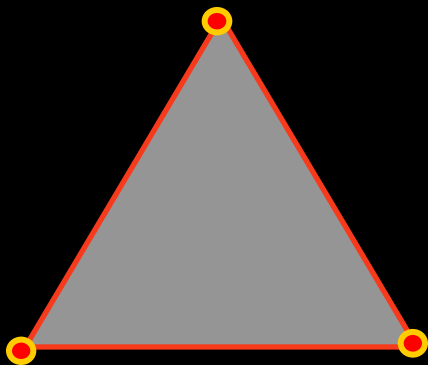
$$\begin{aligned} N_1 &= N_{eta} \\ N_2 &= N_{ji} - X_S * N_{eta} \\ N_3 &= N_c - N_1 - N_2 \end{aligned}$$



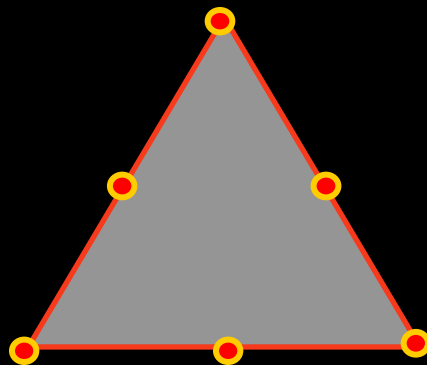
Higher Order Shape Functions

- The Linear Shape function is easily extended to higher order
 - Quadratic
 - Cubic ... etc.
- This also may facilitate curved panel integration as suggested by Wang. et al.

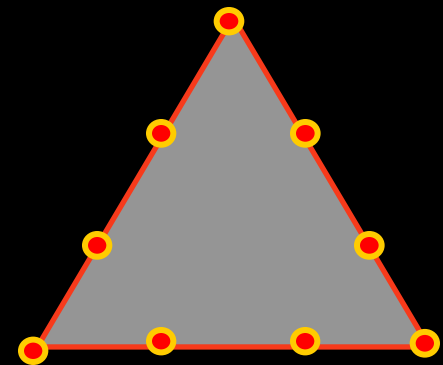
Higher Order Triangles



Linear Basis Triangle



Quadratic Basis Triangle

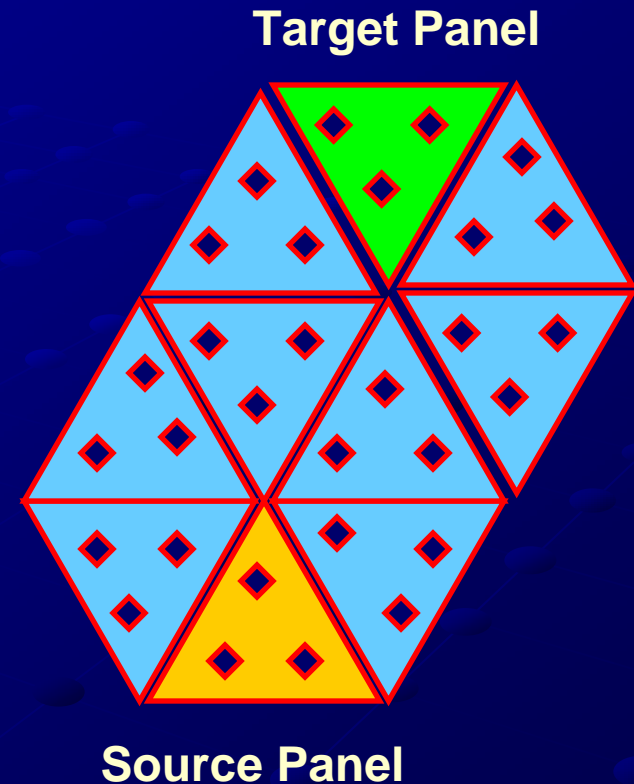


Cubic Basis Triangle

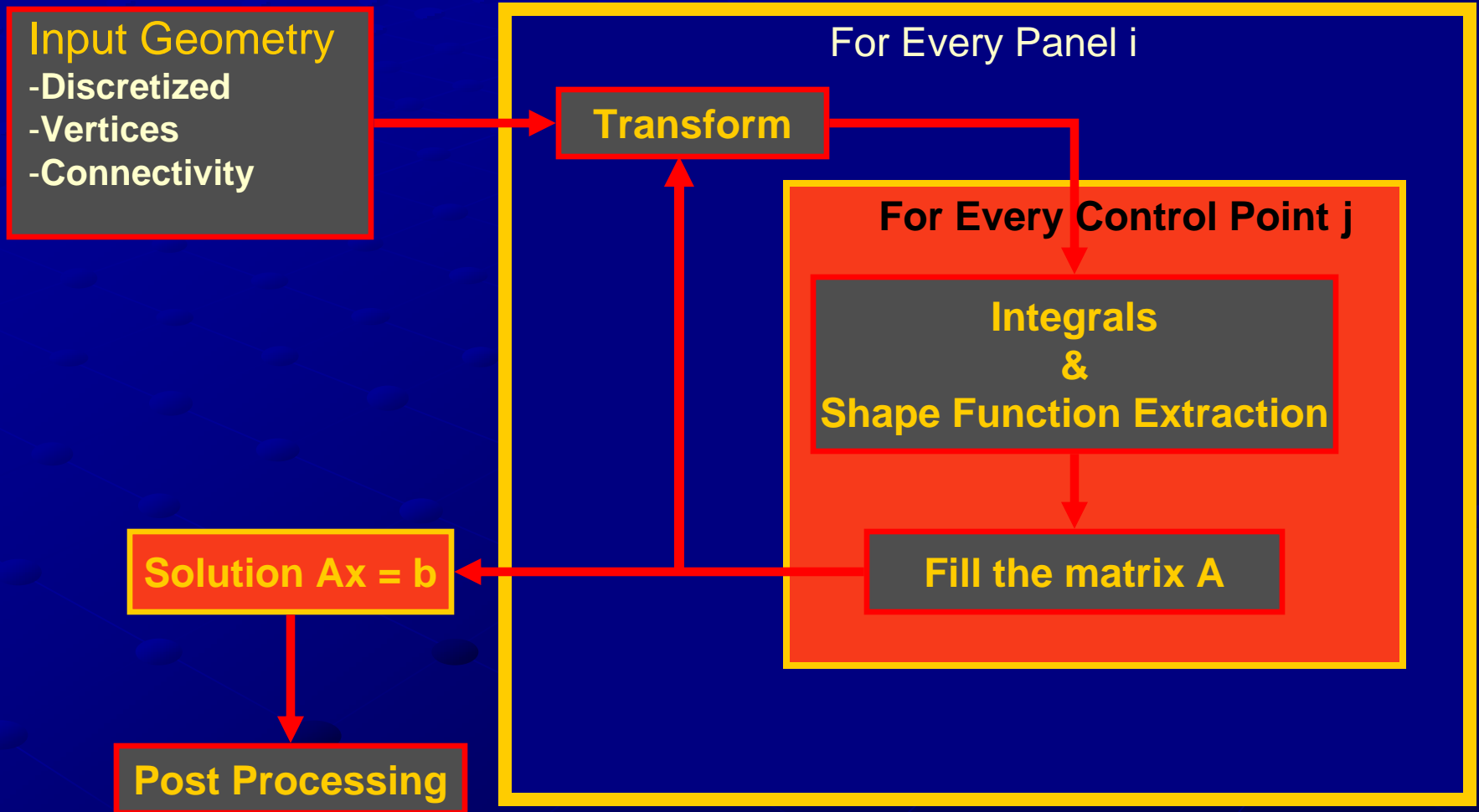
Galerkin

● Galerkin Formulation

- Advantages:
 - Corners Are Easy
 - More Accurate
- Disadvantages:
 - More Evaluation Pts.
 - Scales With NP
 - Numerical Evaluation of outer integral is necessary- G.Q.



Direct Algorithm Summary



Direct Solution

● Gaussian Elimination

- Costly solution
 - Time $O(N^3)$
 - Memory $O(N^2)$

● $N \times N$ Interaction Integrals

- **Direct interactions are time consuming:**
 - sin, cos, and log functions.

NEED SOMETHING MORE EFFICIENT



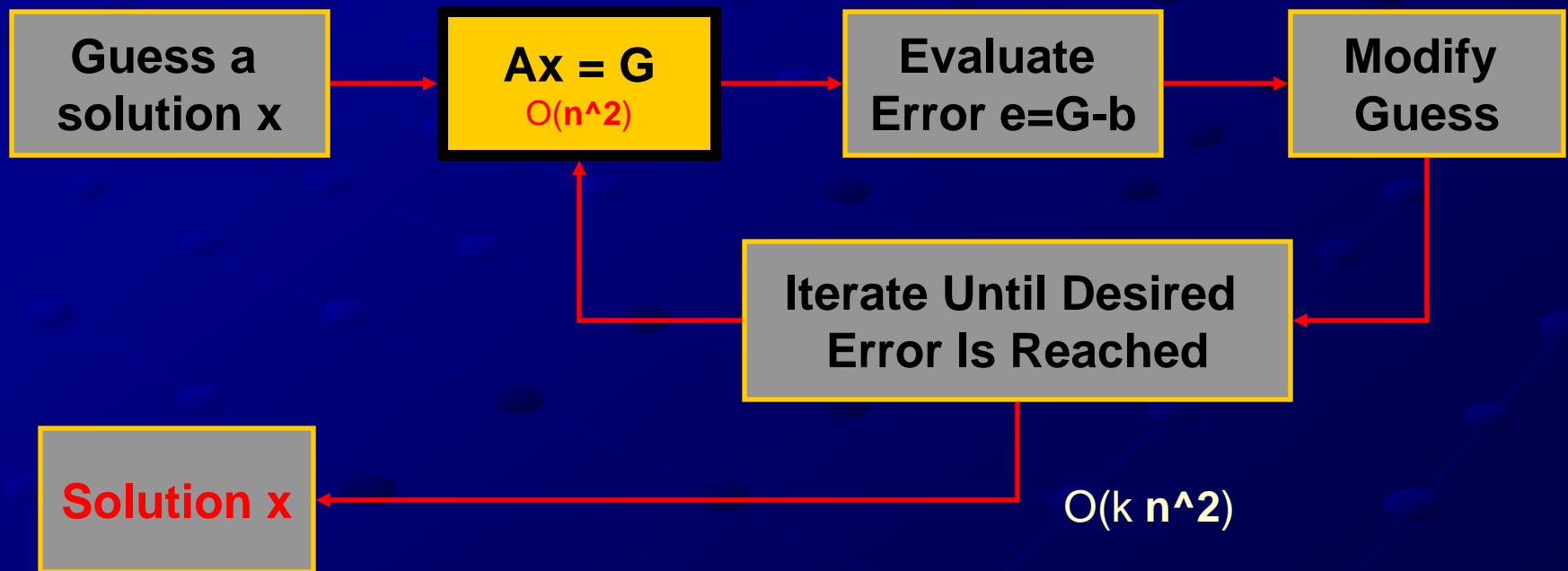
pFFT Acceleration

pFFT++ Implemented From
White, Zhu and Song Constant Collocation Code

Iterative Methods

- GMRES, GCR.

- Basic Idea of these methods:



What STILL Costs So Much?

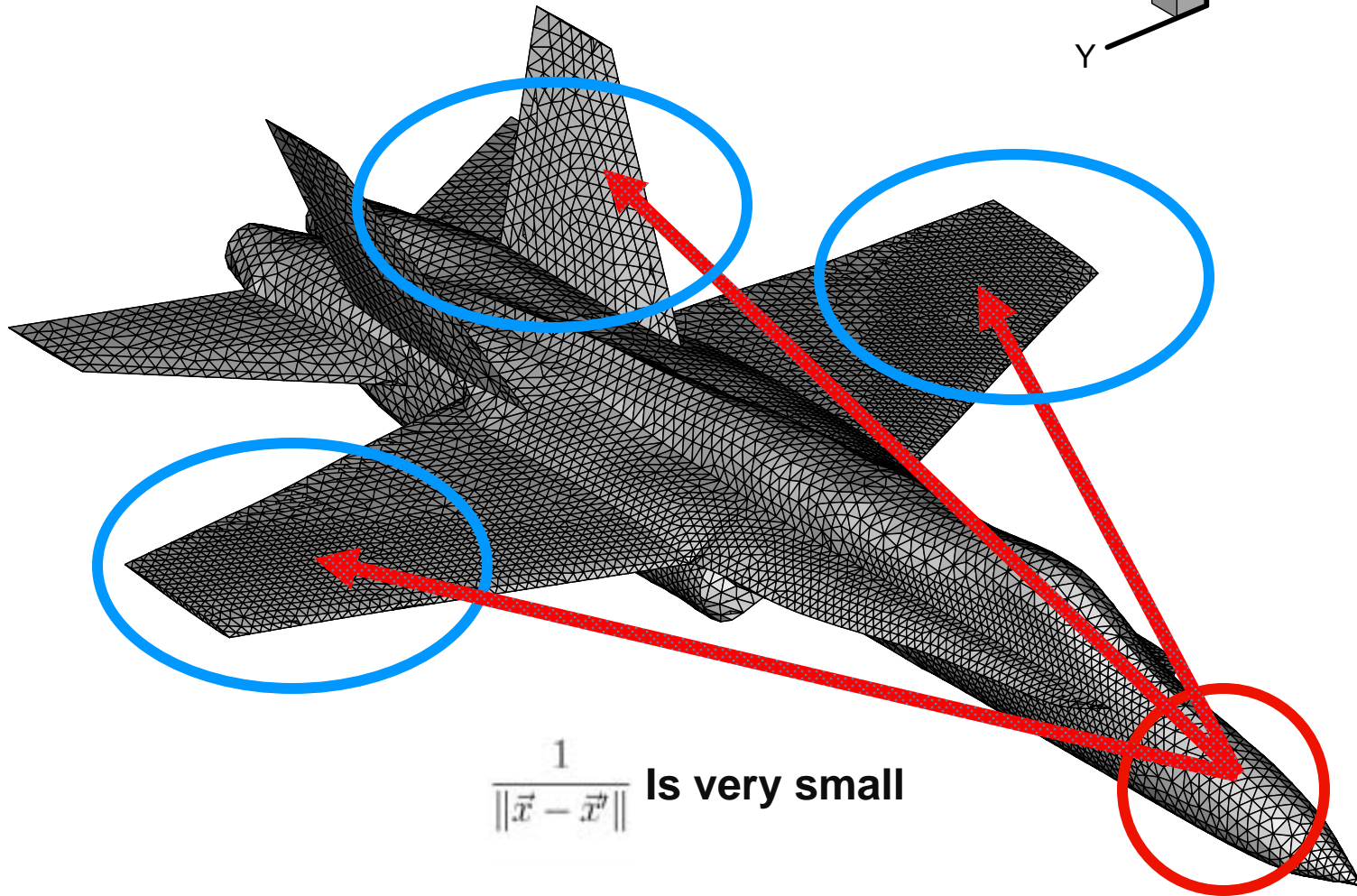
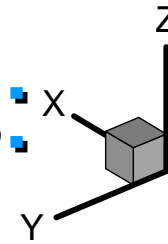
● Iterative methods:

- Matrix vector product : Ax ($O(kn^2)$)
- *Still* computing direct interactions

● Want to approximate:

- Matrix vector product
 - Farfield effects

Farfield Effects:



$\frac{1}{\|\vec{x} - \vec{x}'\|}$ Is very small

$$\phi(\vec{x}) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int \int_{S_B} -\vec{V}_\infty \cdot \hat{n}_{\vec{x}} \frac{1}{\|\vec{x} - \vec{x}'\|} dS_B - \frac{1}{4\pi} \int \int_{S_{B+W}} \phi(\vec{x}) \frac{\partial}{\partial n} \left(\frac{1}{\|\vec{x} - \vec{x}'\|} \right) dS_{B+W}$$

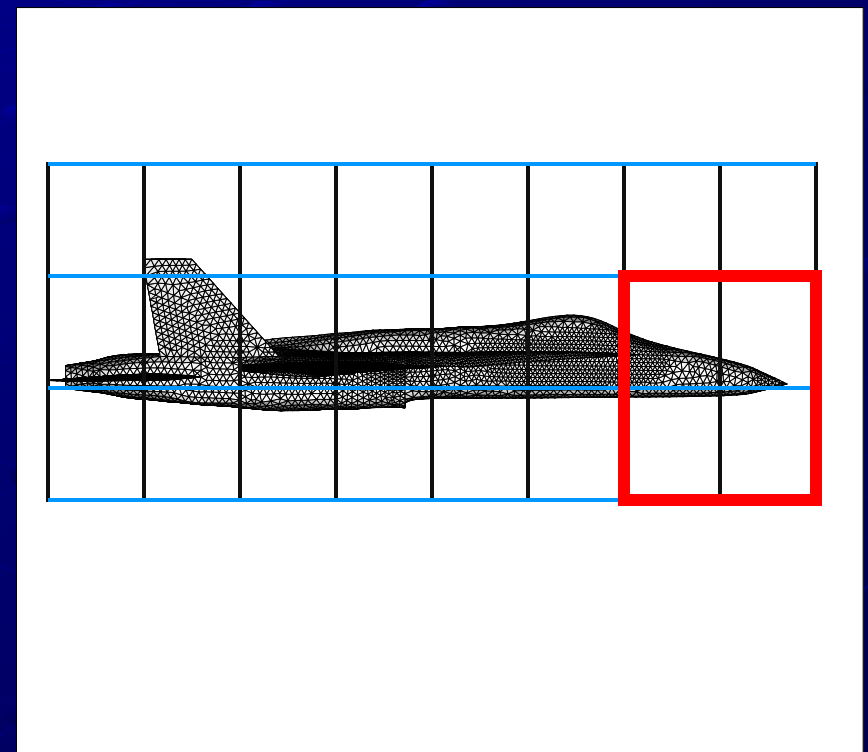
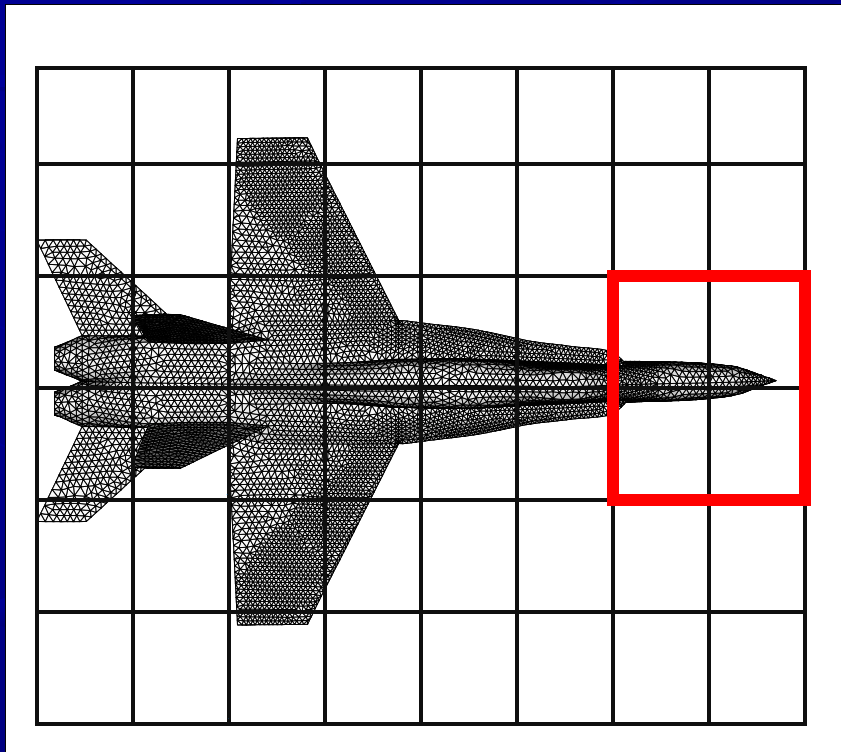
pFFT Method

- Computes an approximate matrix vector product
 - Approximates farfield interactions
 - Directly compute nearby interactions

Phillips, J.R. & White, J.K., "A Precorrected-FFT Method for Electrostatic Analysis of Complicated 3-D Structures"

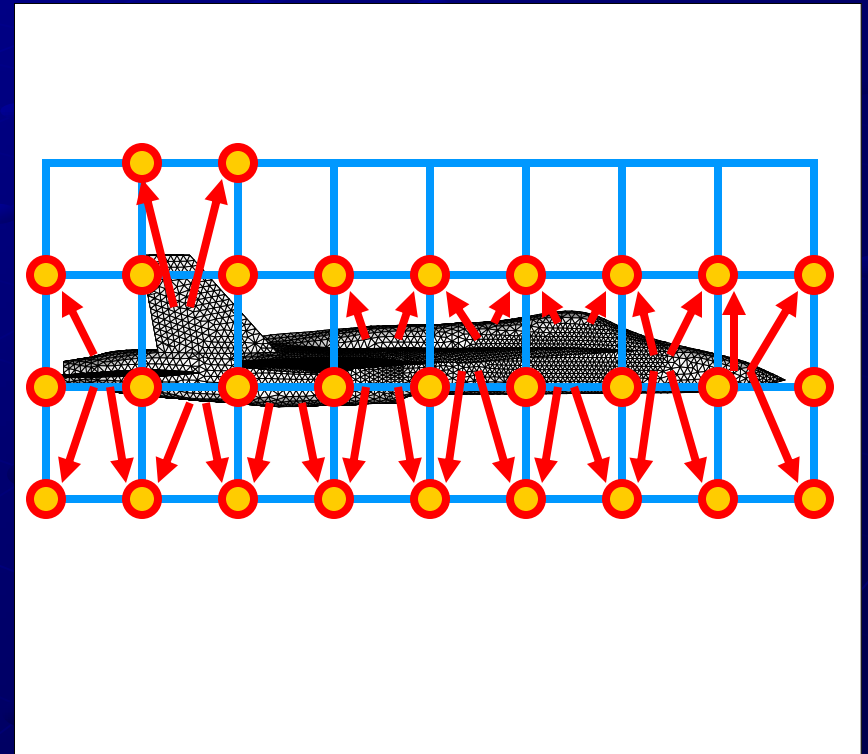
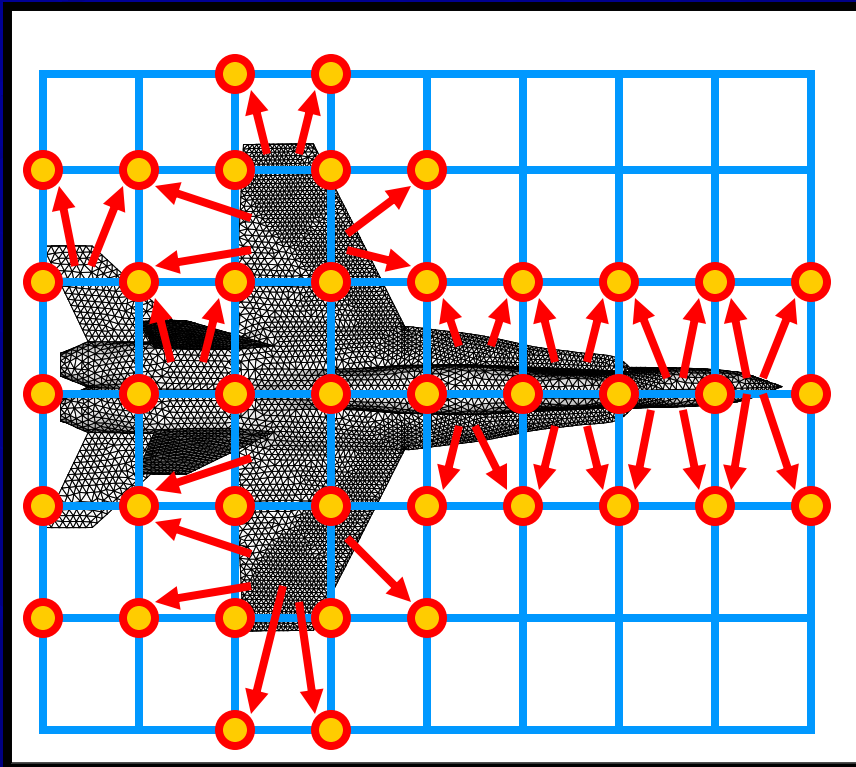
Overlay an FFT Grid

A coarse FFT grid is shown here (**Nearfield Computation** vs **Farfield**):



We can approximate the farfield as a $1/r$ computation on the grid without performing a panel integral

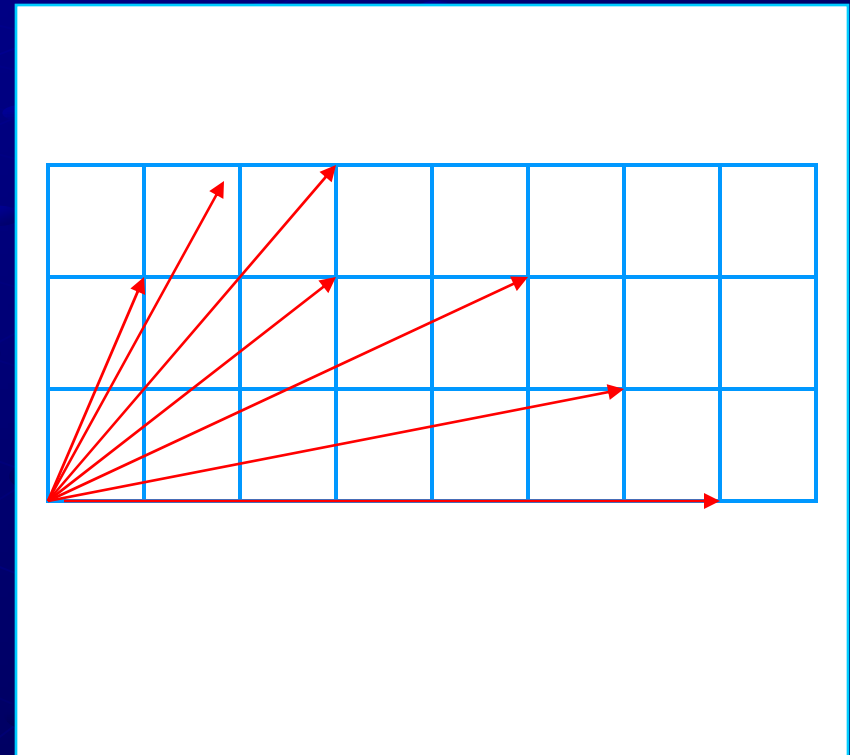
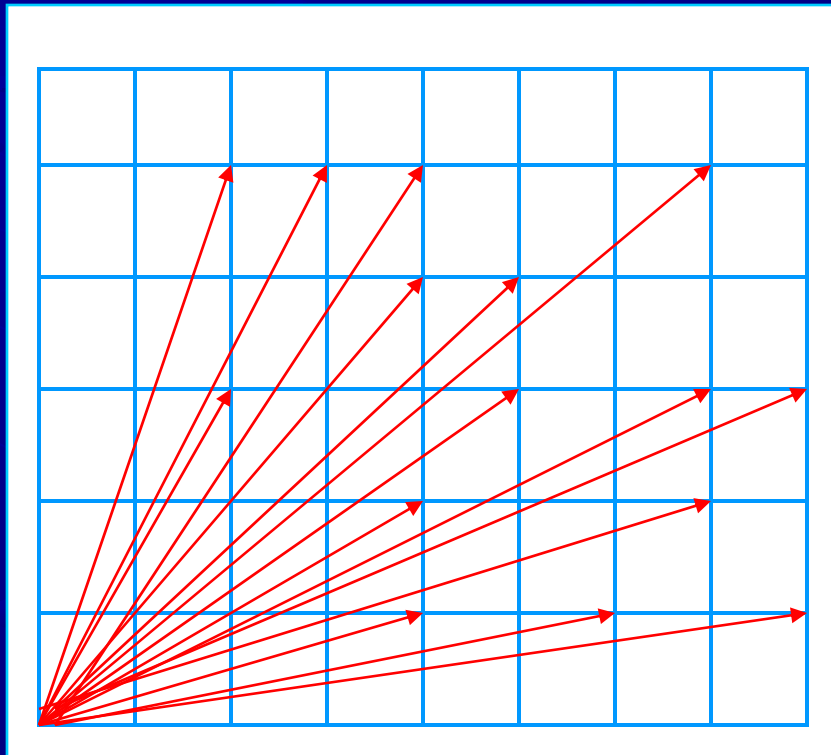
P = Project Panel Strength To Grid



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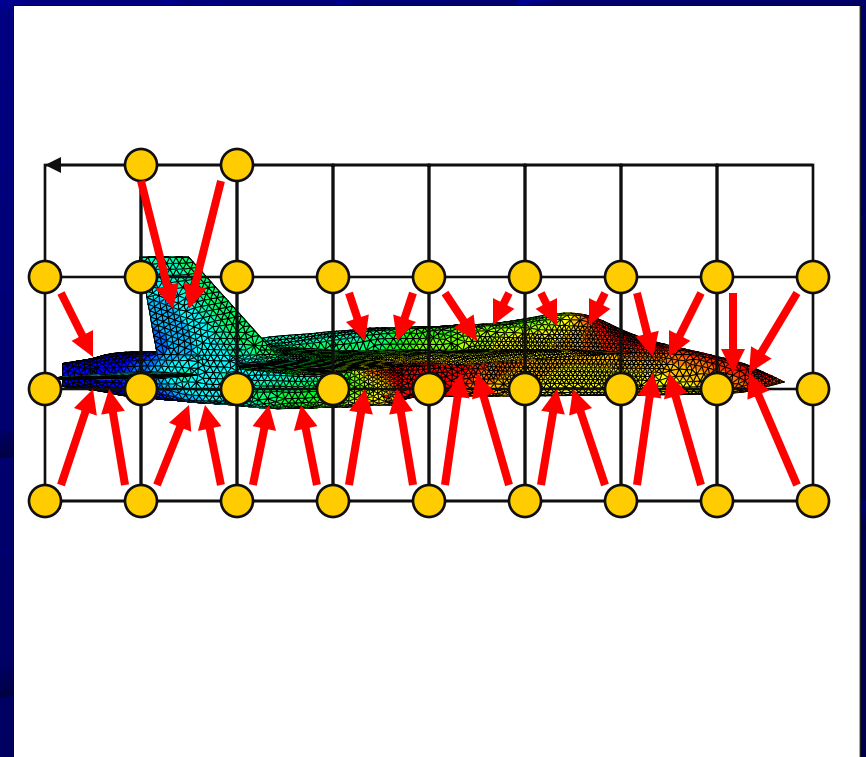
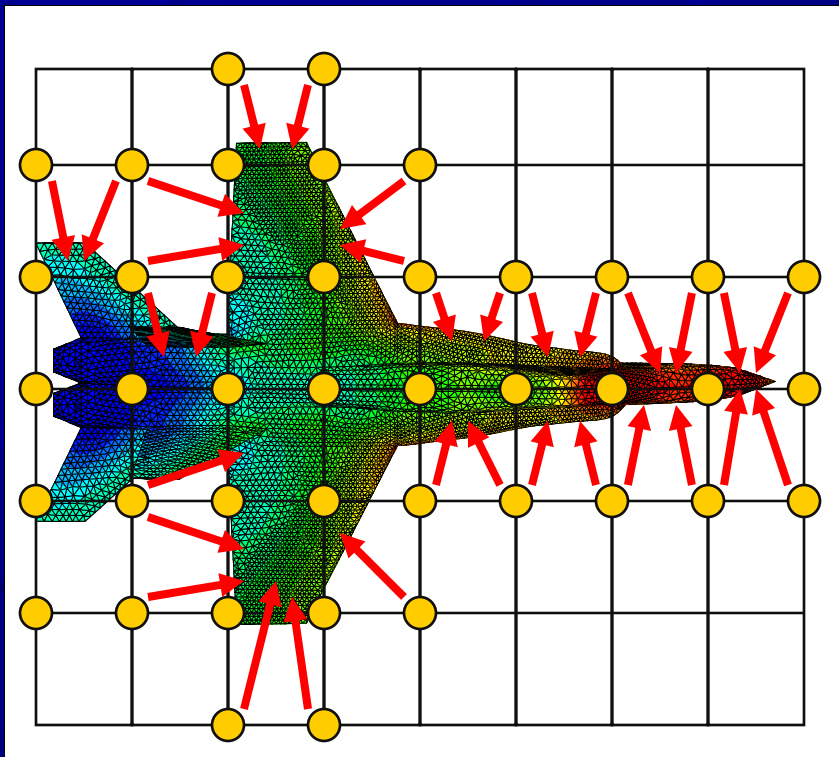
H = FFT Convolution Computation

Grid Strength \Rightarrow Grid Potential



The convolution in real space becomes a multiplication in Fourier space via an FFT

I = Interpolate Grid Potential Back to Geometry



We can approximate the farfield as a $1/r$ computation on the grid without performing a panel integral

Computation of Potential is:

● The grid based computation gives:

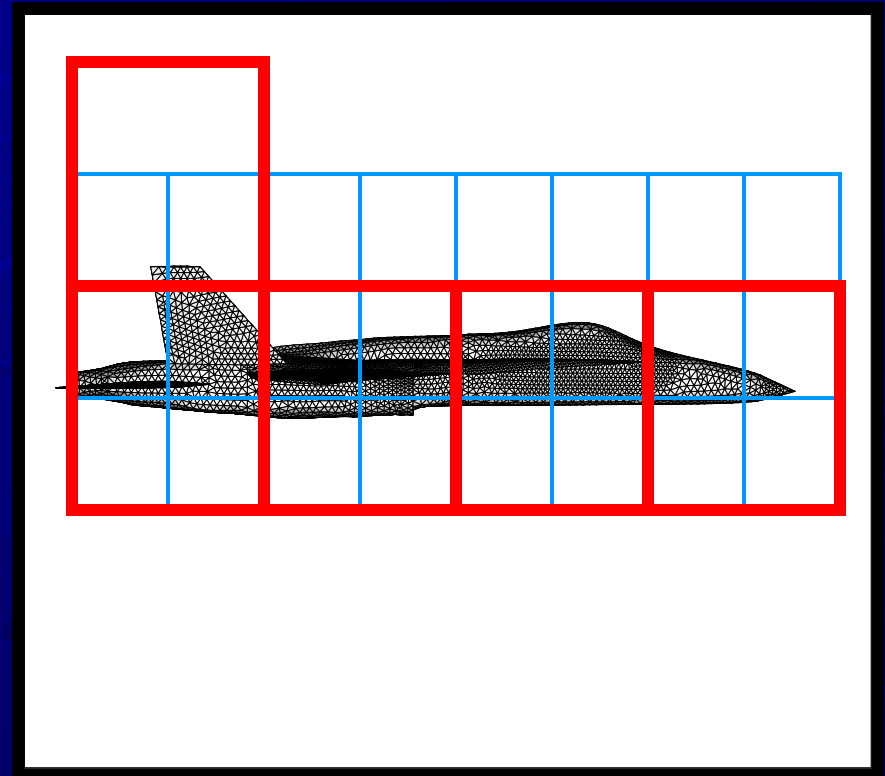
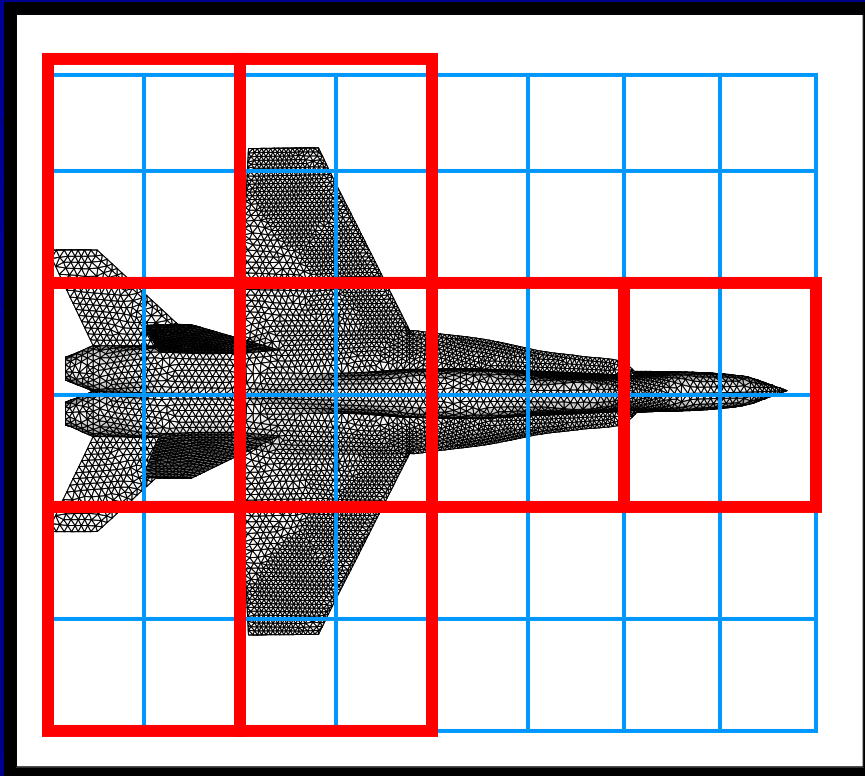
$$\text{Grid Computed Potential} = [I][H][P]^* \text{Source}$$

I : Interpolation matrix

H : FFT

P : Projection matrix

Correction : Near field Portions



$$\left[\tilde{D} - \tilde{I}\tilde{H}\tilde{P} \right]$$

The FFT Convolution effect is subtracted, and the nearfield is added

pFFT Matrix Algorithm

$$[AIC] \cdot \vec{\rho} = [IHP + [\tilde{D} - \tilde{I}\tilde{H}\tilde{P}]_{Local}] \cdot \vec{\rho}$$

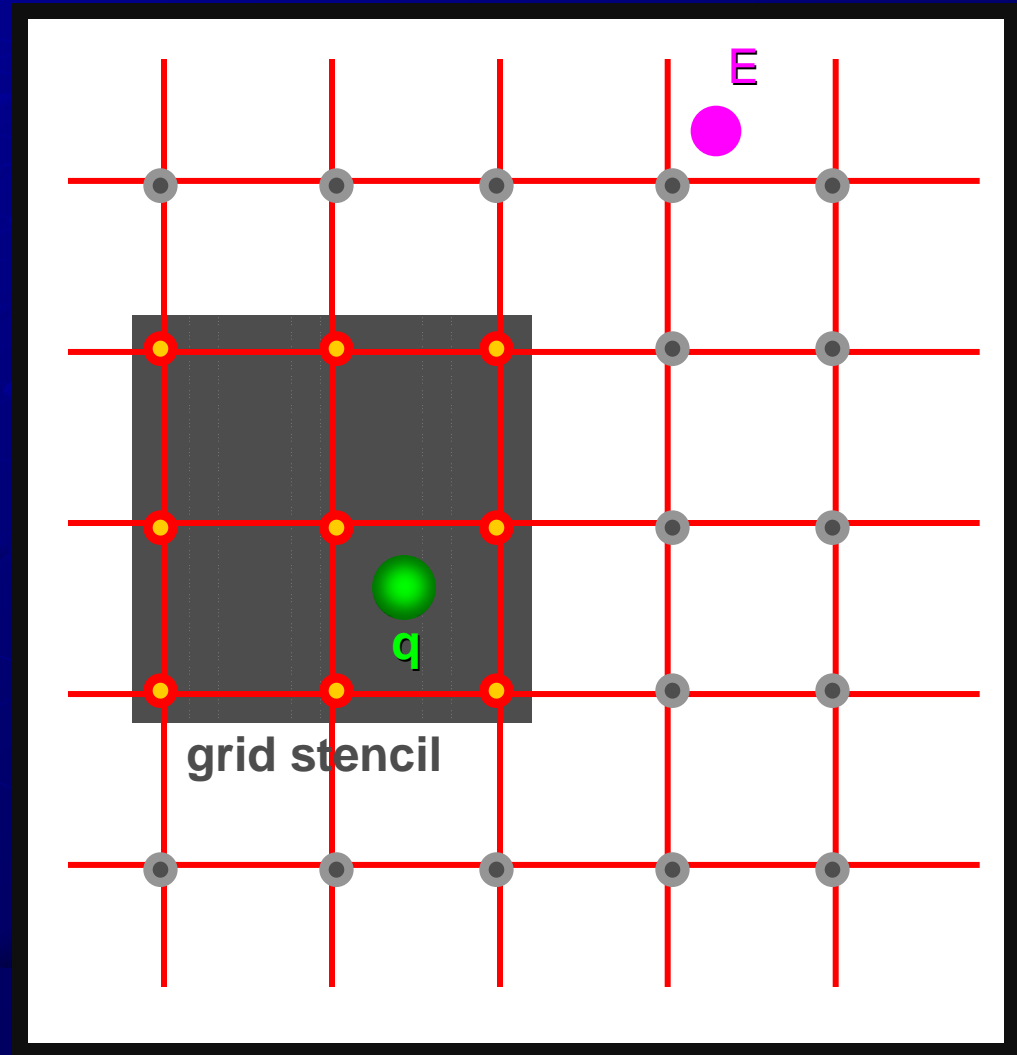
All are sparse matrices ☺

Projection

$$\Phi_E^{(1)} = \Phi_E^{(2)}$$

Approach:

- Consider a point source q in the domain.
- Select a grid stencil
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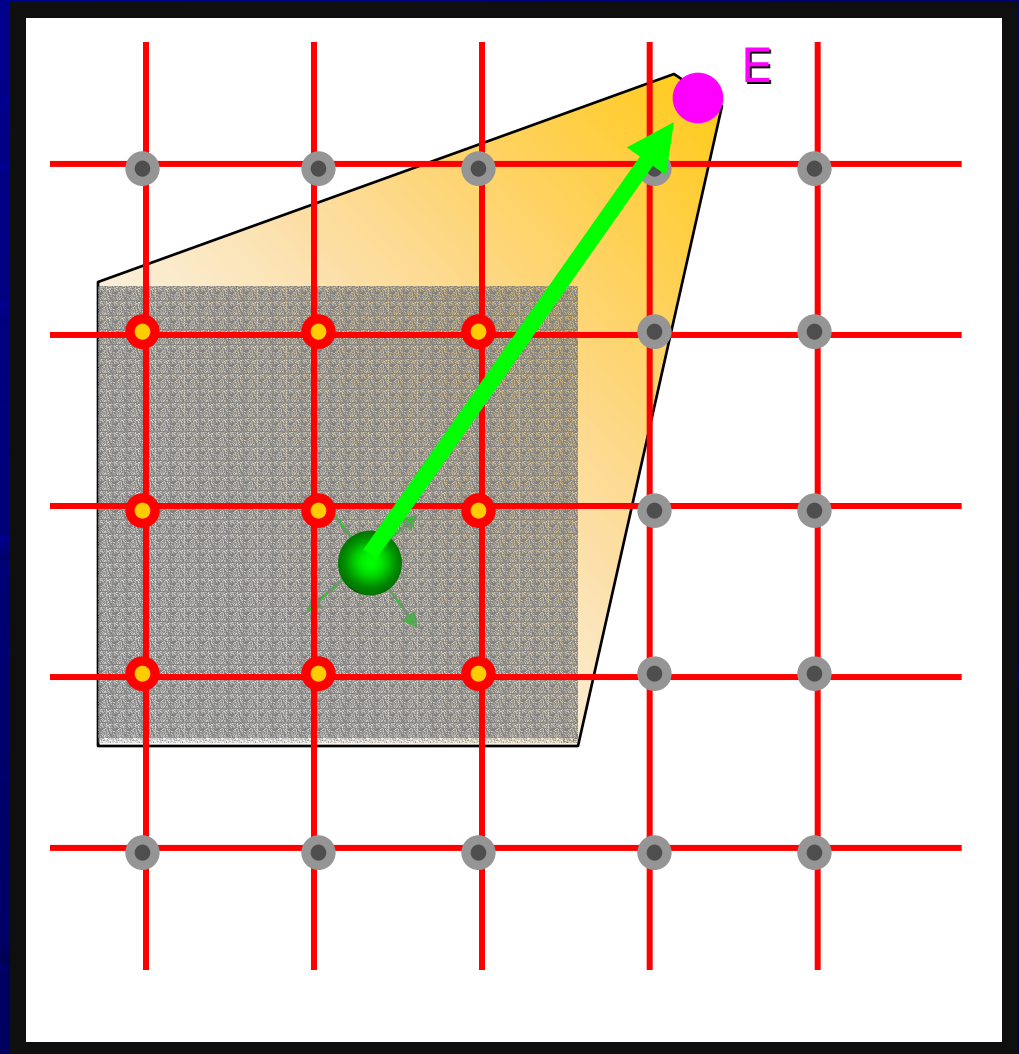


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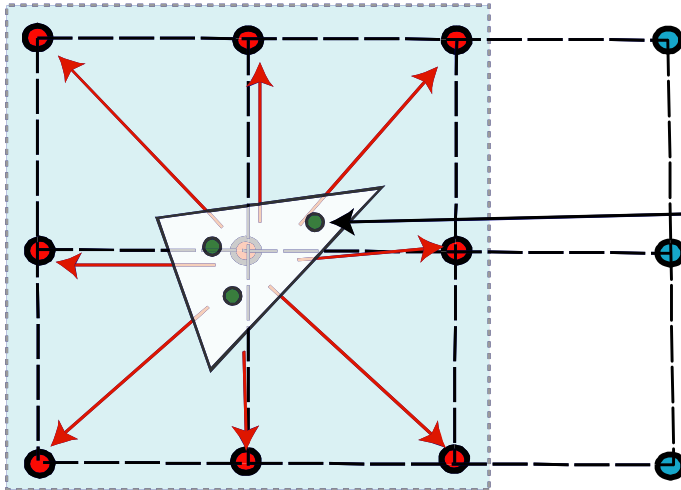
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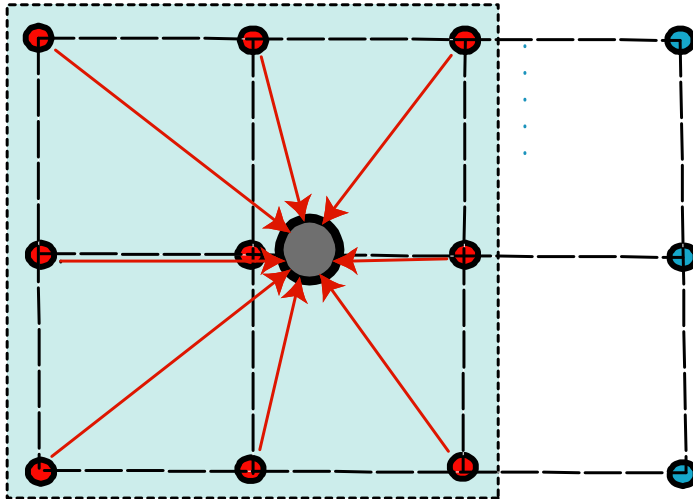


Full Panel Projection



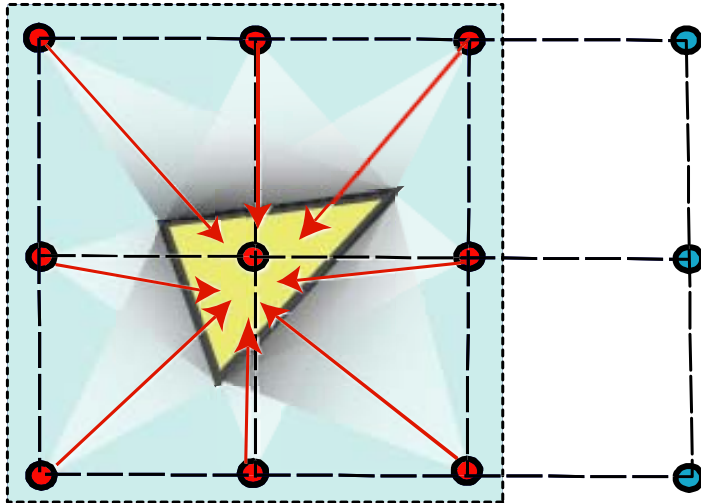
The panel charge is projected onto the grid stencil via a polynomial like interpolation of the Gauss Quadrature points.

Interpolation



The grid potential is interpolated onto the point via a polynomial like interpolation similar to the projection routine.

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Implementation

● C++

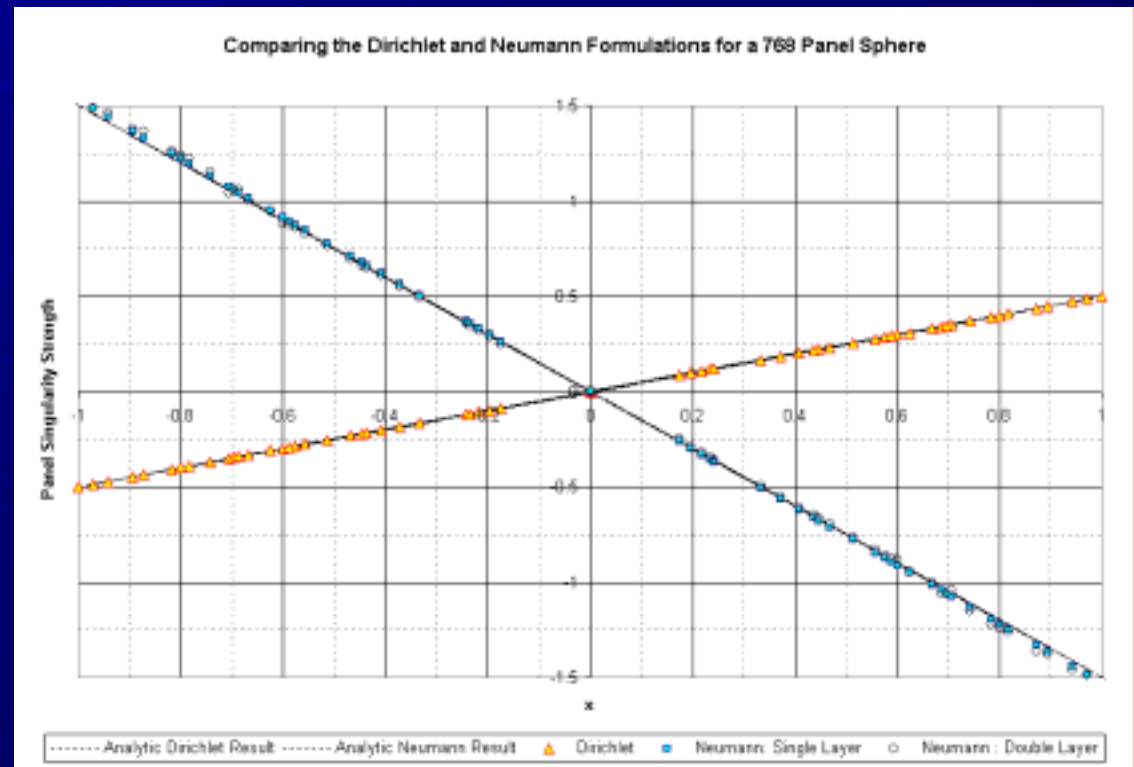
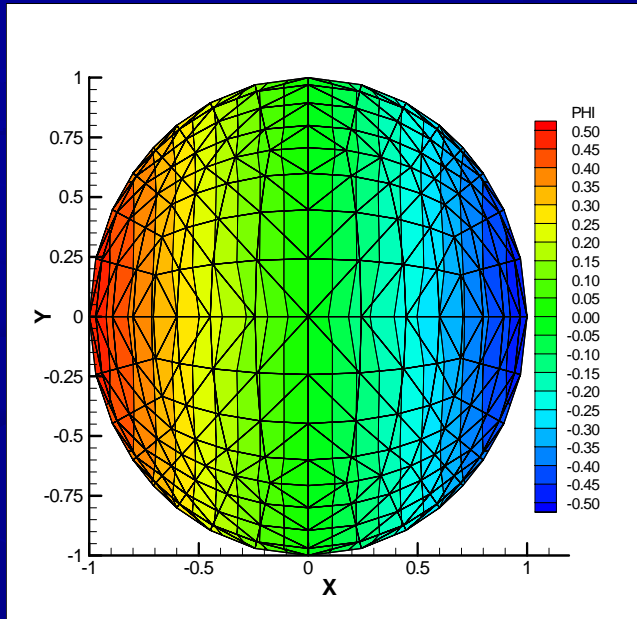
- Object Oriented Programming
- Fast

● Linear Strength Panels, with higher order possible

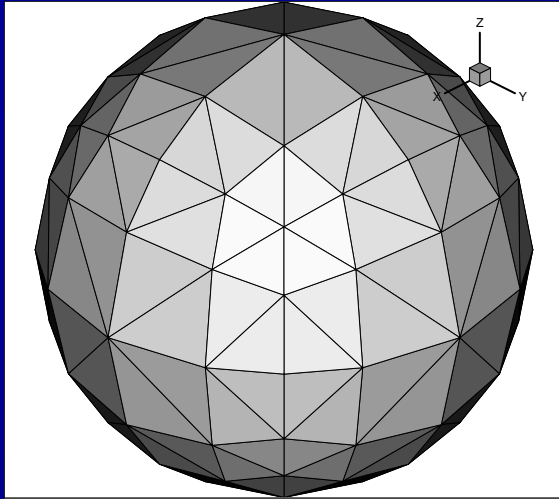
- Not optimized for speed
- Not optimized for memory
- Basic tool at the moment

Results and Conclusions

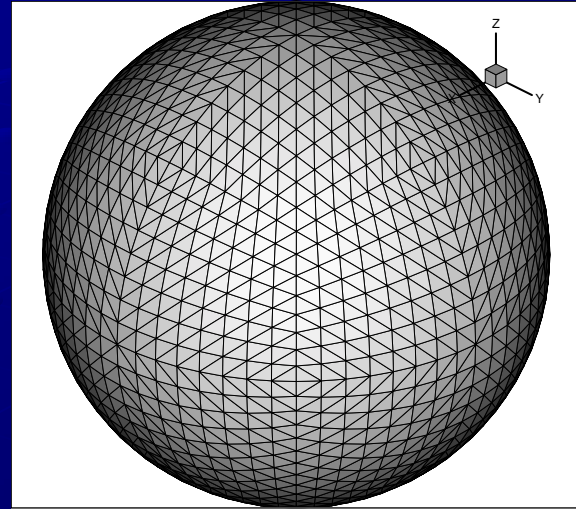
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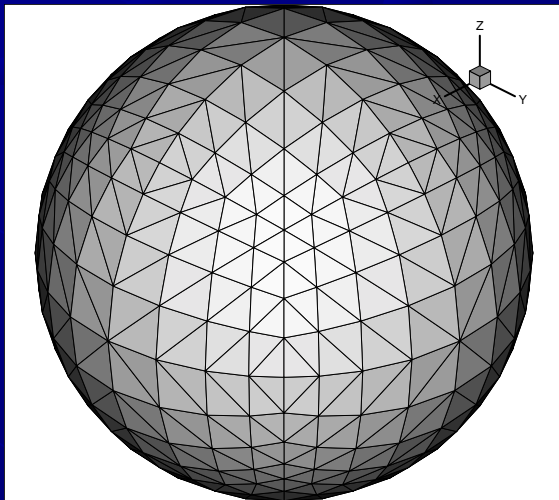
Sphere Test Cases



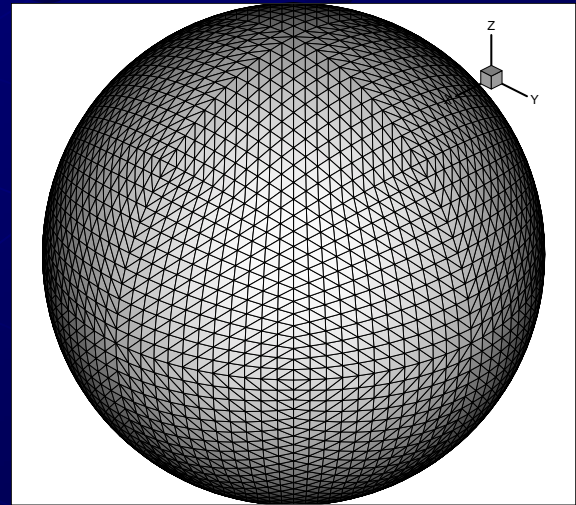
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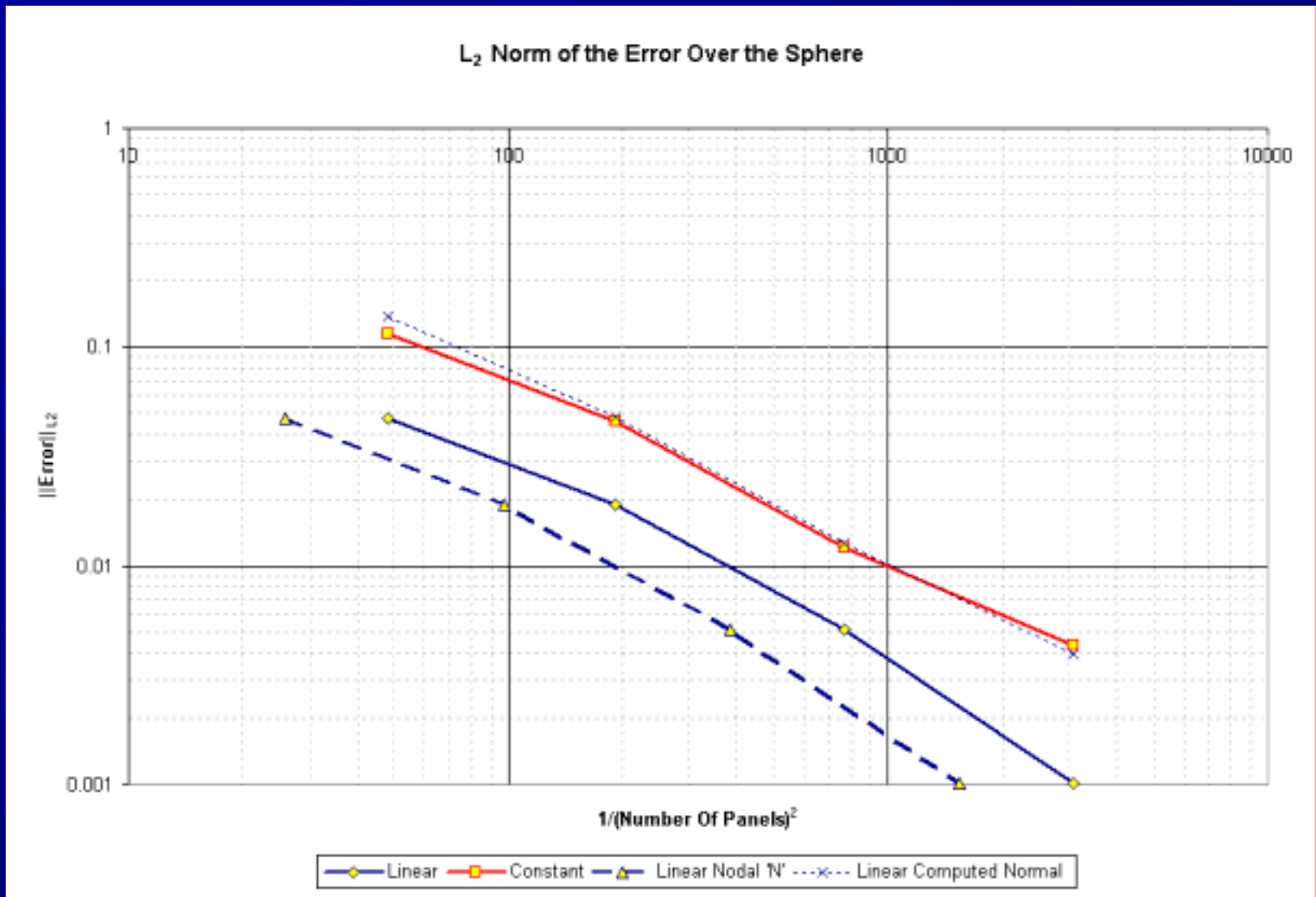


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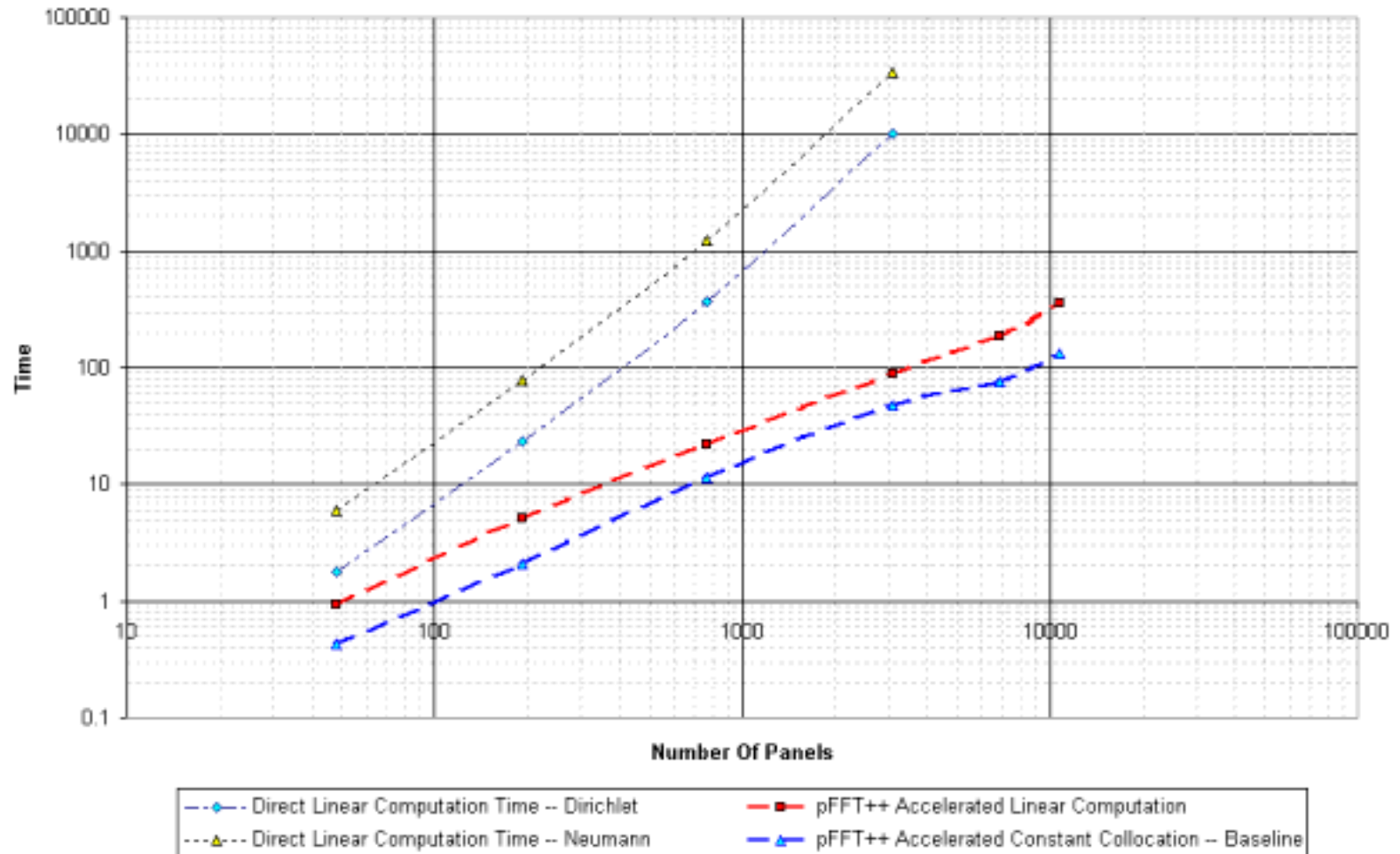
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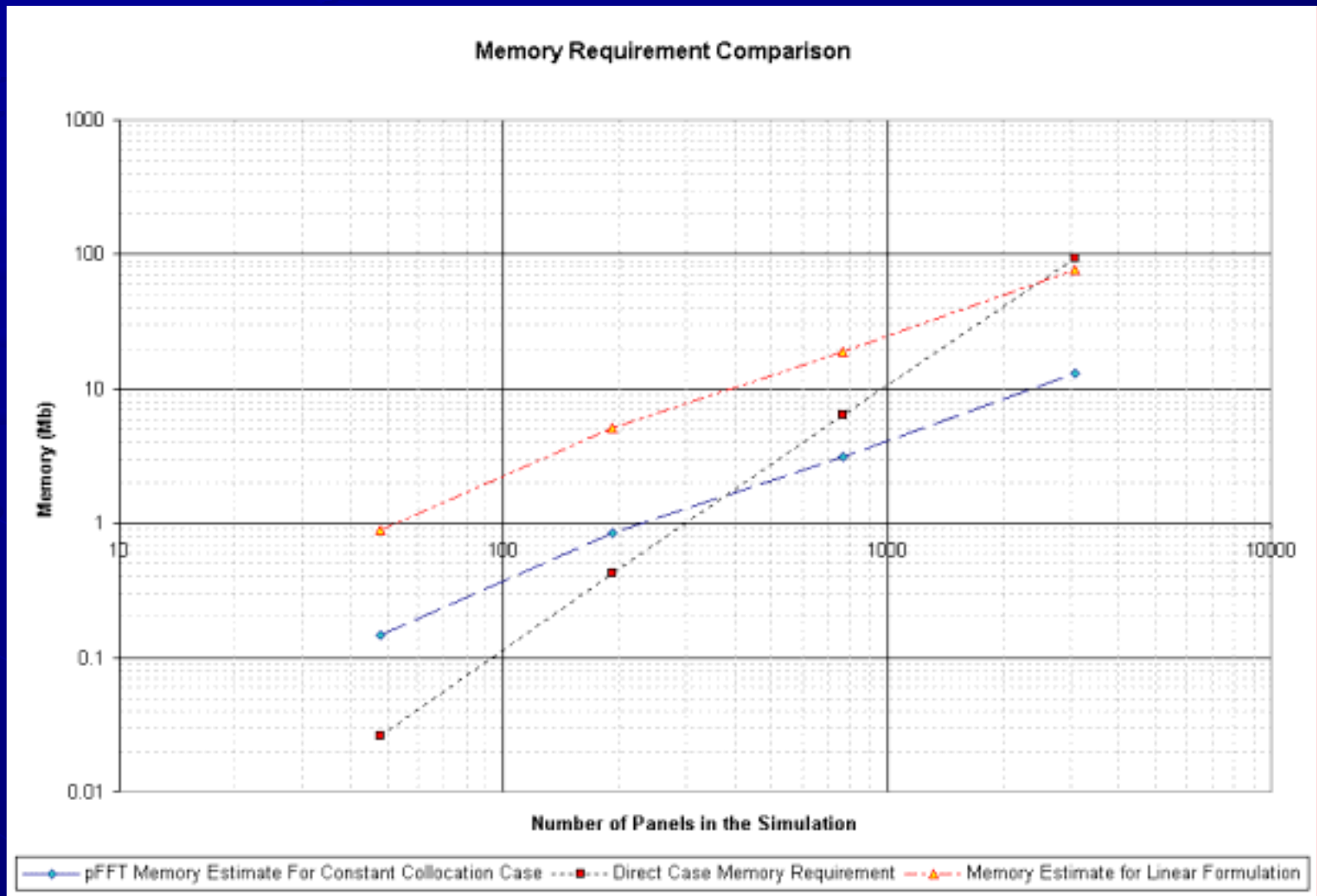


Solution Time : Linear vs Constant

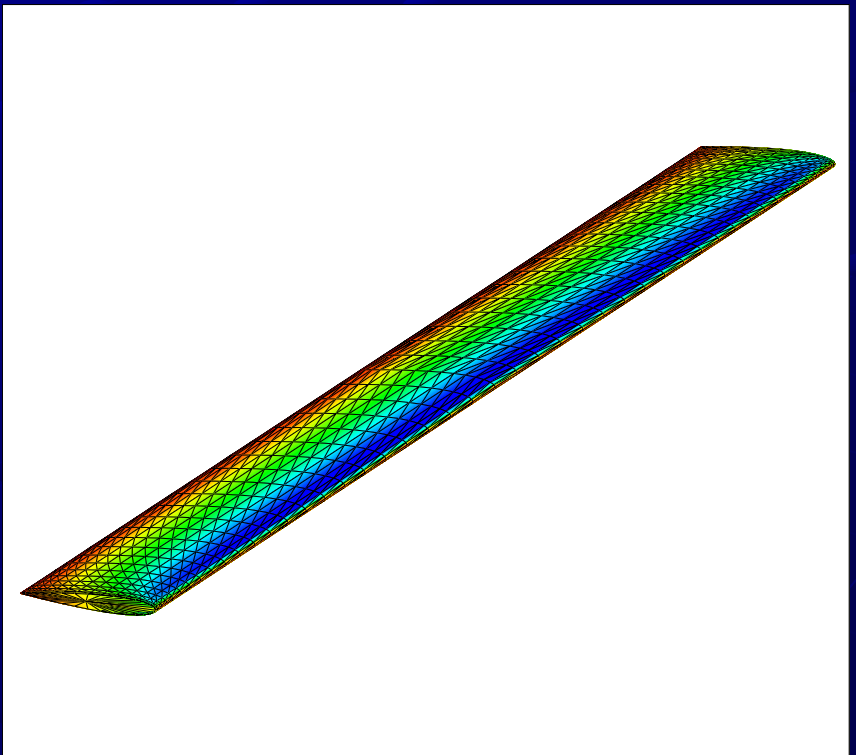
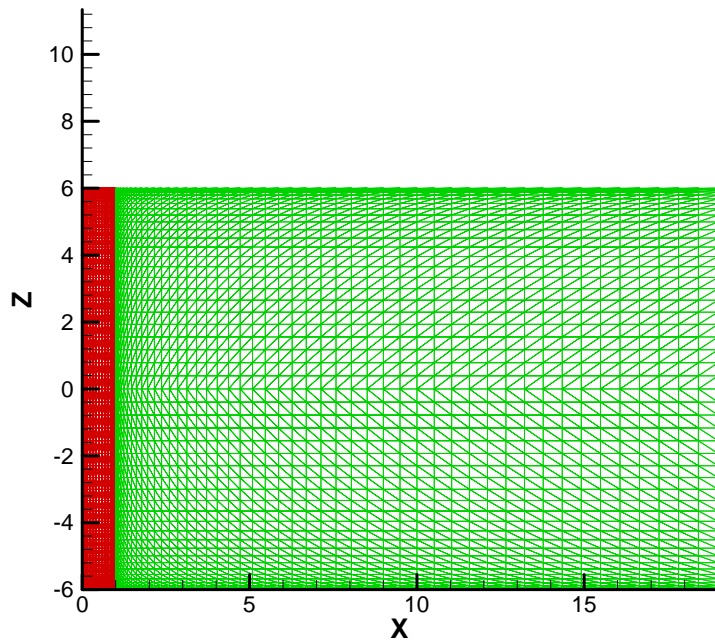
Solution Time For the Linear Case



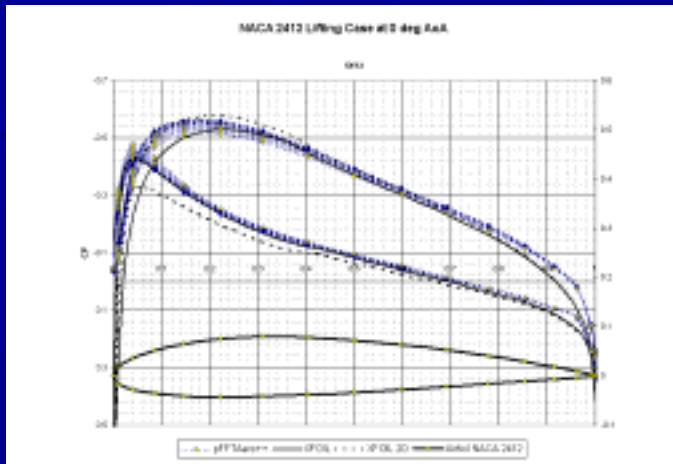
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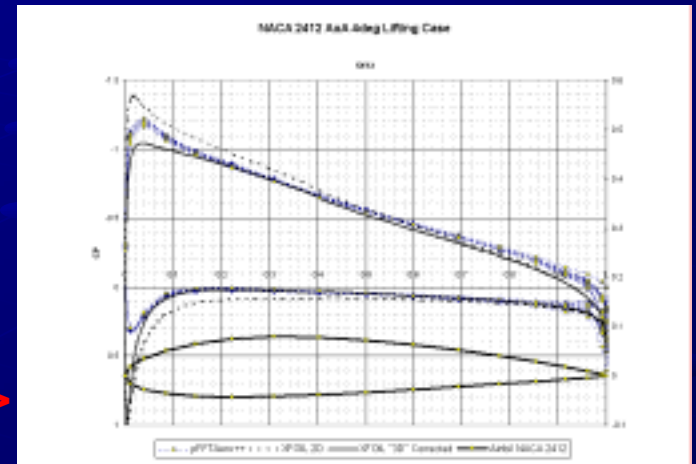
Lifting Cases



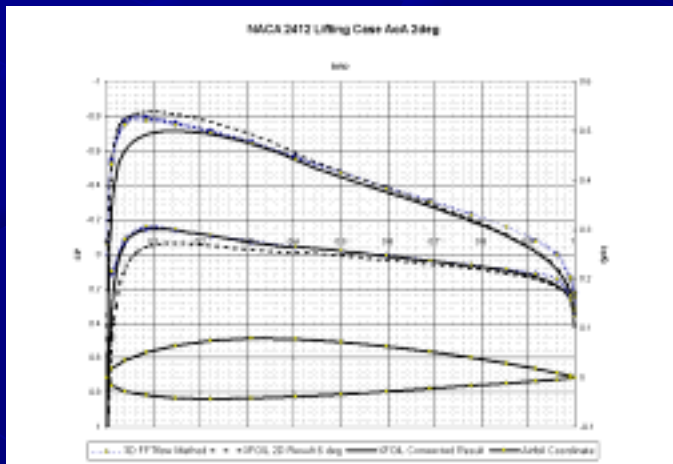
NACA 2412 -- Lifting Case



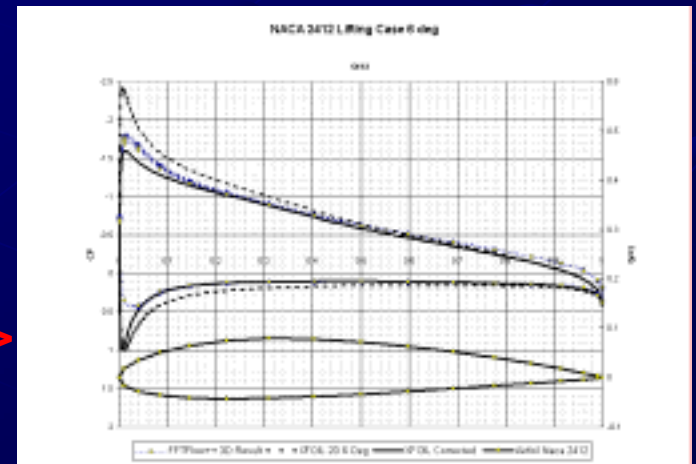
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6 deg AoA >

Conclusions

● Convergence

- Limited by discretization
 - flat panels -> curved panels? – Wang et. Al.
- Higher order extensions?
 - Quadratic
 - Cubic ...

● Memory

- pFFT++ linear implementation is not memory optimal.
 - For triangles, in optimal pFFT ++ memory is not large

● Time

- Once again pFFT++ linear implementation is not C++ optimally coded.
 - Higher order discretization is reasonably cheap.

Summary

● Currently

- Linear distribution of singularities on surface
- pFFT++ and Direct solver in C++

● Future

- Fast algorithm optimization
 - Code
 - Algorithm
- More Post processing—what do we want to know?
 - Add on: stability, boundary layer coupling, free surface, structural coupling etc.

● PhD. Can we look at more complex fluid problems than this with this method?

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