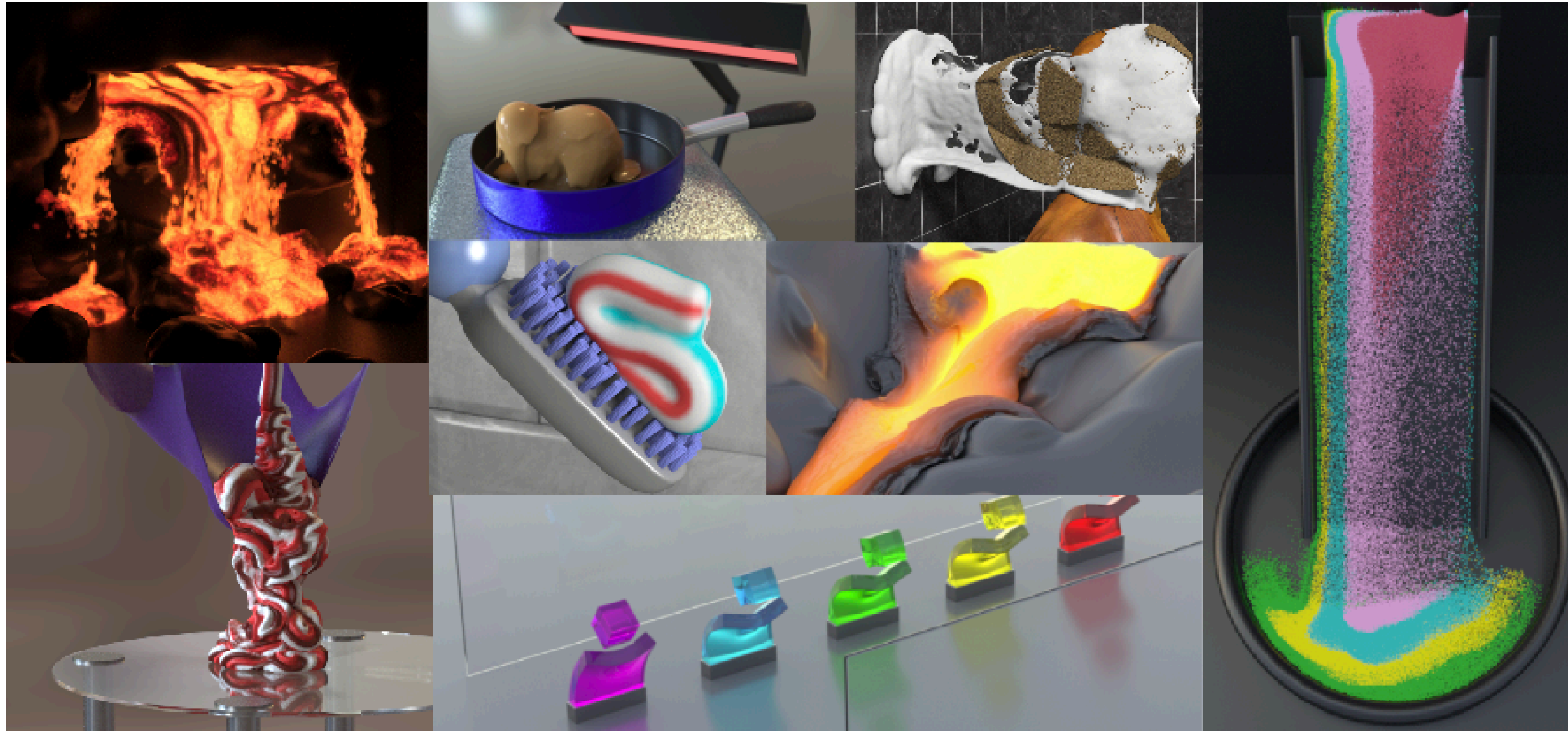


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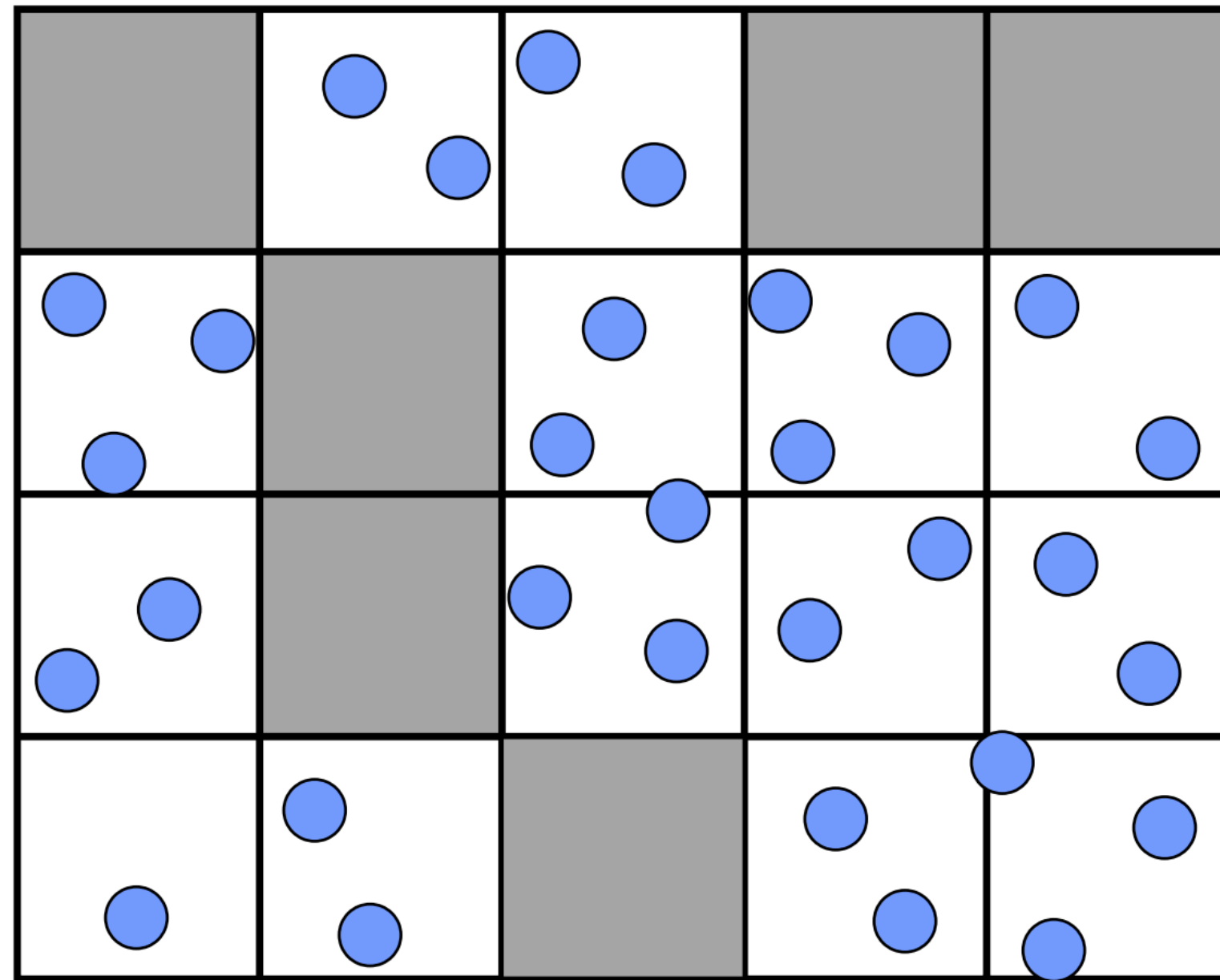


# Lec 16: Material Point Methods

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# Recap: Hybrid Lagrangian/Eulerian Methods

## Basic Idea



— take advantage of both representations

Introduce a background Eulerian Grid,  
and measure quantities on the grid nodes

Transfer information between the particles and grid

For each time step  $n$ :

*Time Splitting*

$u^a \leftarrow \text{Solve } \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \cdot \nabla u = 0$  (advection) **Using particles**

$u^b \leftarrow \text{Solve } \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = g$  (apply external force)

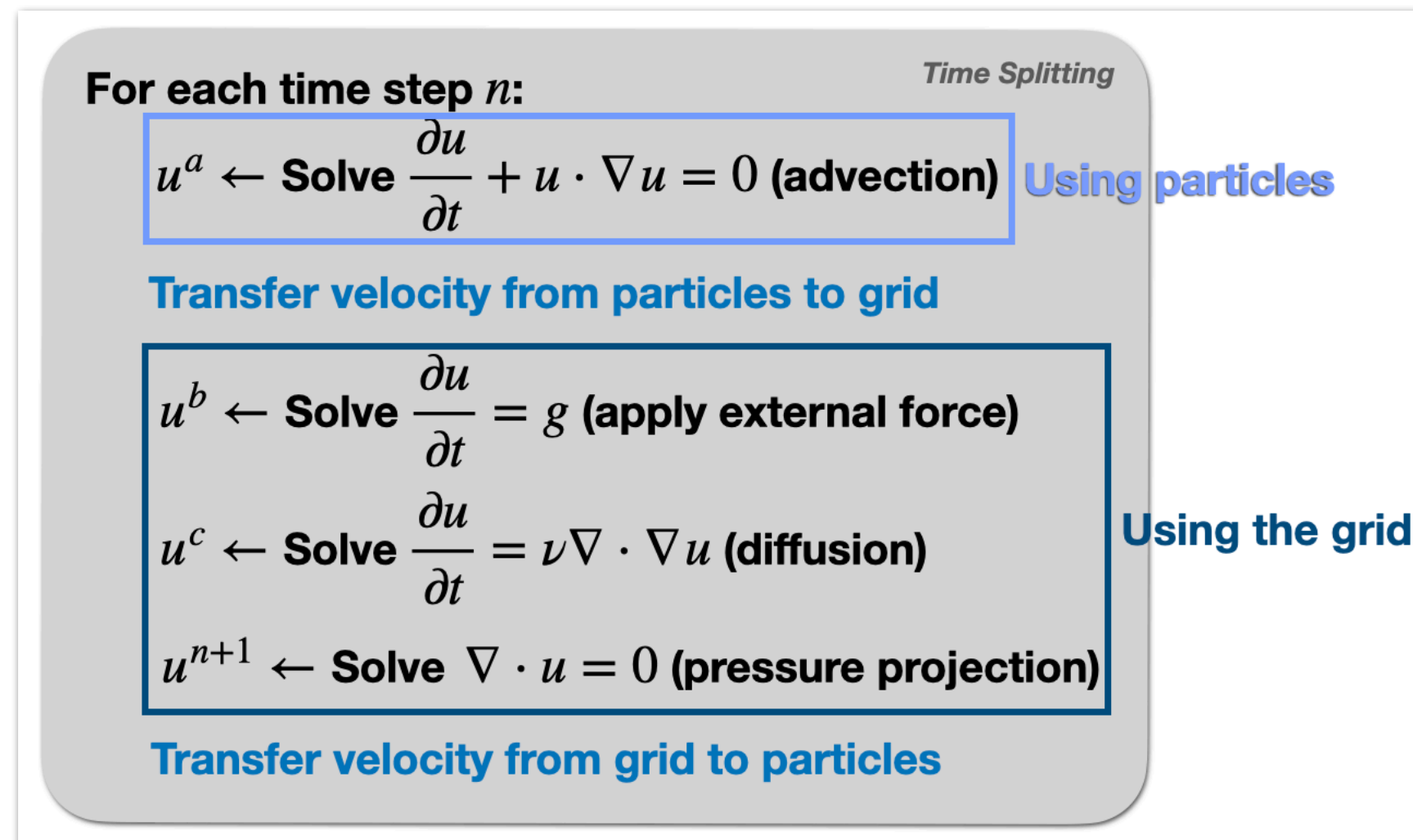
$u^c \leftarrow \text{Solve } \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \nu \nabla \cdot \nabla u$  (diffusion)

$u^{n+1} \leftarrow \text{Solve } \nabla \cdot u = 0$  (pressure projection)

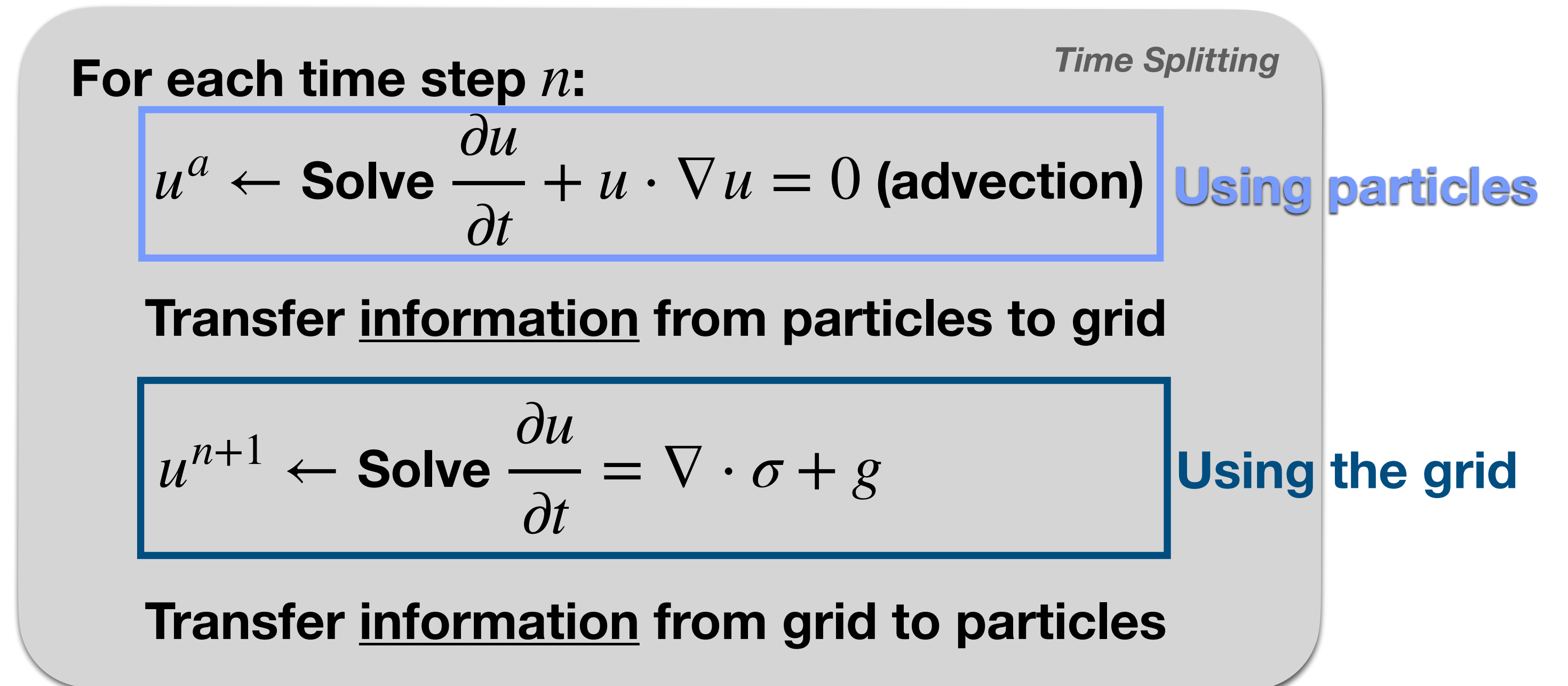
**Using the grid**

# Recap: Extending to Solid Simulation

## The Material-Point Method



### The Particle-In-Cell Method



- Needs to track deformation gradient per particle using updated Lagrangian:  $\mathbf{F}^{n+1} \approx \mathbf{F}^n + h \frac{\partial \mathbf{F}}{\partial t}$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{X}, t^{n+1}) = \frac{\partial \mathbf{V}}{\partial \mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{X}, t^{n+1}) = \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}^{n+1}}{\partial \mathbf{x}}(\phi(\mathbf{X}, t^n)) \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{X}, t^n)$$

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# Particle-Grid Transfer

## Fluids

Grid to particle is easy, can just use e.g. bilinear interpolation:

$$x_p = Px_i, \quad P \in \mathbb{R}^{dn_p \times dn_i} \text{ stores the interpolation weights}$$

Particle to grid:

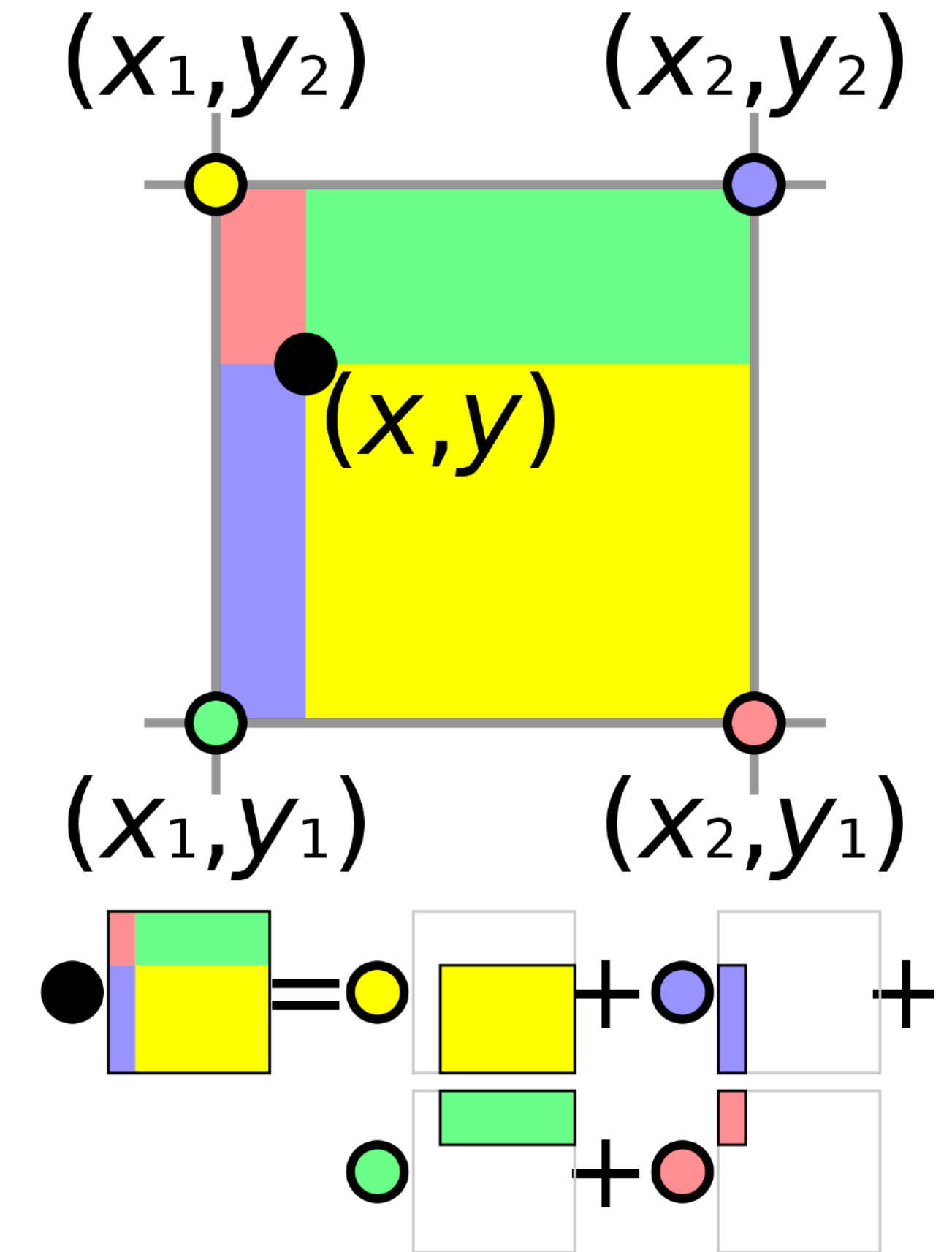
$$x_i = D^{-1}P^T x_p, \quad \text{where } D_{ij} = \delta_{ij} \sum_k P_{ki} \text{ is for normalization}$$

Observation: 2D weights are areas, or **product** of 1D weights

Define a general transfer kernel:

$$N_i(\mathbf{x}_p) = N\left(\frac{1}{h}(x_p - x_i)\right)N\left(\frac{1}{h}(y_p - y_i)\right)N\left(\frac{1}{h}(z_p - z_i)\right)$$

where  $N$  is the 1D weight function.



# Particle-Grid Transfer

## Kernel and Weight Functions

**Transfer kernel:**  $N_i(\mathbf{x}_p) = N(\frac{1}{h}(\mathbf{x}_p - \mathbf{x}_i))N(\frac{1}{h}(\mathbf{y}_p - \mathbf{y}_i))N(\frac{1}{h}(\mathbf{z}_p - \mathbf{z}_i))$  **where  $N$  is the 1D weight function.**

**eg.**

$N(x) = \begin{cases} 1 -  x  & 0 \leq  x  < 1 \\ 0 & 1 \leq  x  \end{cases}$	$N(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{3}{4} -  x ^2 & 0 \leq  x  < \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2}(\frac{3}{2} -  x )^2 & \frac{1}{2} \leq  x  < \frac{3}{2} \\ 0 & \frac{3}{2} \leq  x  \end{cases}$	$N(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} x ^3 -  x ^2 + \frac{2}{3} & 0 \leq  x  < 1 \\ \frac{1}{6}(2 -  x )^3 & 1 \leq  x  < 2 \\ 0 & 2 \leq  x  \end{cases}$
<b>Linear</b>	<b>Quadratic</b>	<b>Cubic</b>

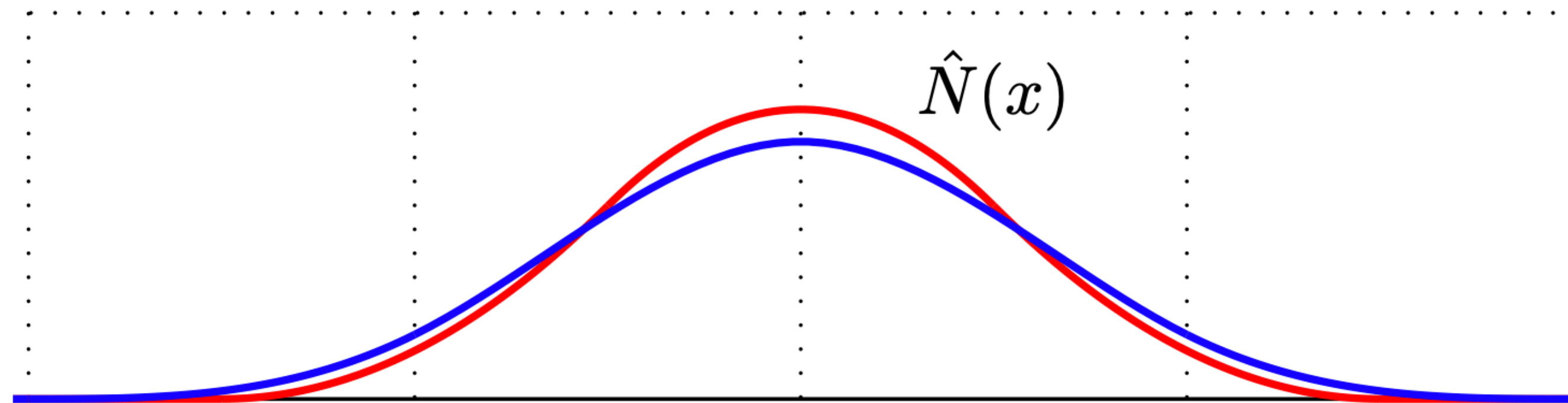


Figure 3: Cubic (blue) and quadratic (red) splines used for computing interpolation weights.

# Particle-Grid Transfer

## Particle-to-Grid Mass and Momentum Transfer

**Transfer kernel:**  $N_i(\mathbf{x}_p) = N(\frac{1}{h}(\mathbf{x}_p - \mathbf{x}_i))N(\frac{1}{h}(\mathbf{y}_p - \mathbf{y}_i))N(\frac{1}{h}(\mathbf{z}_p - \mathbf{z}_i))$  where  $N$  is the 1D weight function.

<b>Mass:</b> $m_i = \sum_p m_p N_i(\mathbf{x}_p)$	<b>Momentum:</b> $(m\mathbf{v})_i = \sum_p m_p \mathbf{v}_p N_i(\mathbf{x}_p)$
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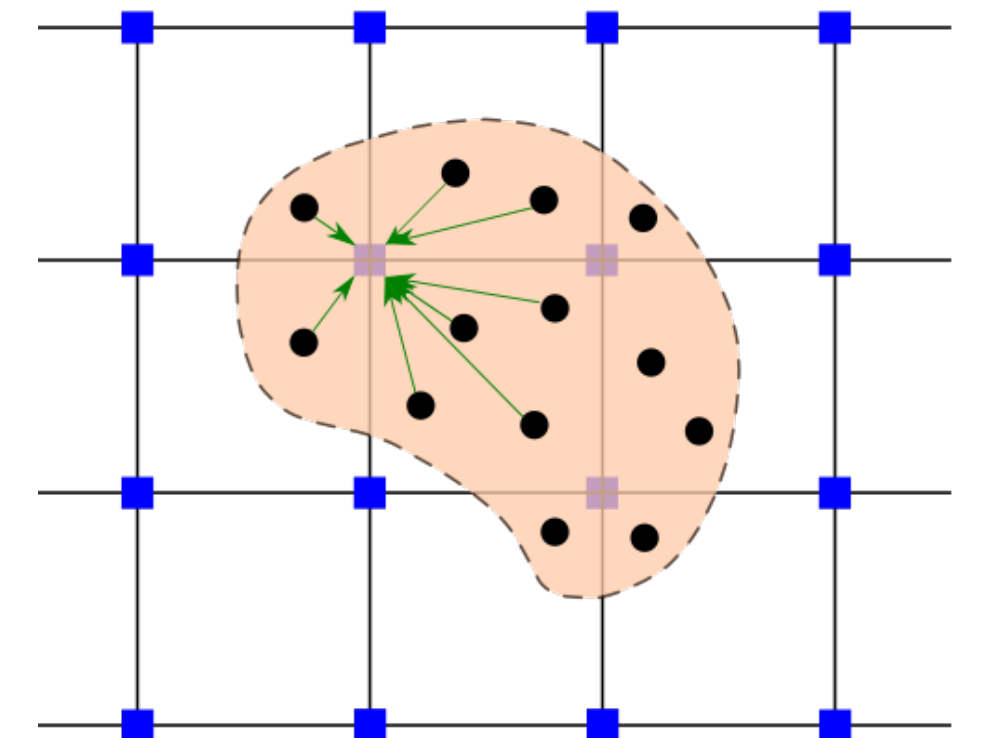
**Mass conservation:**  $\sum_i m_i = \sum_i \sum_p m_p N_i(\mathbf{x}_p) = \sum_p m_p \sum_i N_i(\mathbf{x}_p) = \sum_p m_p$

— Partition-of-Unity of  $N$

**Momentum conservation:**  $\sum_i (m\mathbf{v})_i = \sum_p m_p \mathbf{v}_p$

<b>Velocity:</b> $\mathbf{v}_i = \frac{(m\mathbf{v})_i}{m_i}$
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Velocity is averaged, but mass and momentum are accumulated!





# Particle-Grid Transfer

## Grid-to-Particle Velocity Transfer

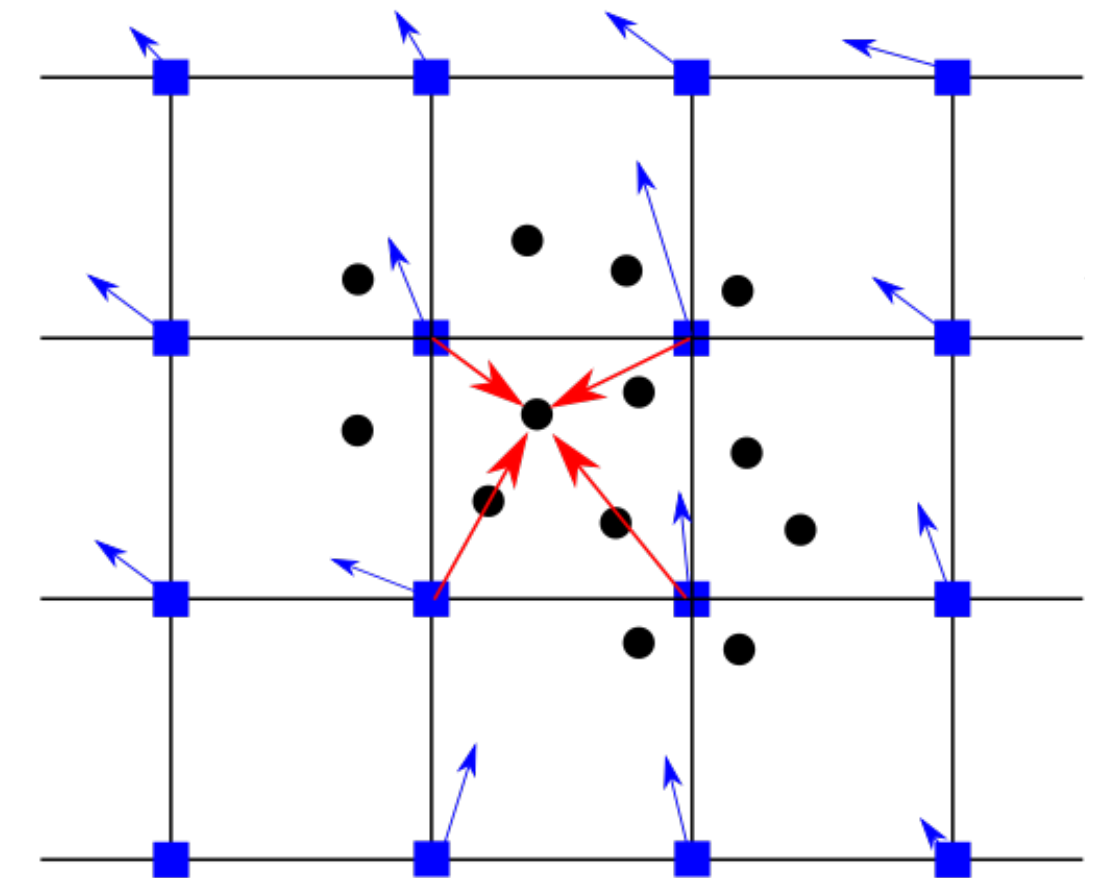
Mass: no change, thus conserved

$$\text{Velocity: } \mathbf{v}_p = \sum_i \mathbf{v}_i N_i(\mathbf{x}_p)$$

Momentum conservation:

$$\sum_p m_p \mathbf{v}_p = \sum_p m_p \sum_i \mathbf{v}_i N_i(\mathbf{x}_p) = \sum_i \mathbf{v}_i \sum_p m_p N_i(\mathbf{x}_p) = \sum_i m_i \mathbf{v}_i$$

- Here, we are focusing on Particle-In-Cell transfer, other transfer schemes, e.g. FLIP, APIC, etc., are available for higher accuracy.



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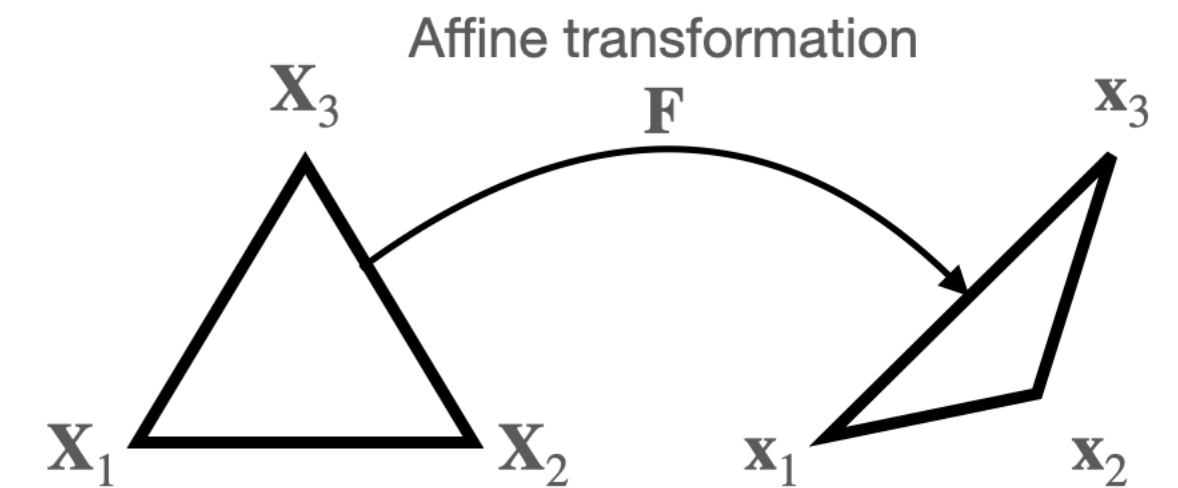
# Force Calculation

## Total Lagrangian and Updated Lagrangian

**FEM:**  $f = \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial \mathbf{F}} \frac{\partial \mathbf{F}}{\partial \mathbf{x}}$

$$\mathbf{F} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{x}}{\partial(\beta, \gamma)} \left( \frac{\partial \mathbf{X}}{\partial(\beta, \gamma)} \right)^{-1} \approx \frac{\partial \hat{\mathbf{x}}}{\partial(\beta, \gamma)} \left( \frac{\partial \mathbf{X}}{\partial(\beta, \gamma)} \right)^{-1}$$

$$= [\mathbf{x}_2 - \mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_3 - \mathbf{x}_1] [\mathbf{X}_2 - \mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_3 - \mathbf{X}_1]^{-1},$$



— Total Lagrangian

For MPM:

- No triangle elements
- To handle large deformation, don't want to use material space  $\mathbf{X}$  as reference

- Track deformation gradient per particle using **updated Lagrangian**:  $\mathbf{F}^{n+1} \approx \mathbf{F}^n + \Delta t \frac{\partial \mathbf{F}}{\partial t}$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{X}, t^{n+1}) = \frac{\partial \mathbf{V}}{\partial \mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{X}, t^{n+1}) = \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}^{n+1}}{\partial \mathbf{x}}(\phi(\mathbf{X}, t^n)) \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{X}, t^n)$$

$$\mathbf{F}_p^{n+1} = \mathbf{F}_p^n + \Delta t \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}^{n+1}}{\partial \mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{x}_p^n) \mathbf{F}_p^n = \left( \mathbf{I} + \Delta t \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}^{n+1}}{\partial \mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{x}_p^n) \right) \mathbf{F}_p^n$$

# Force Calculation

## Deformation Gradient Calculation

$$\mathbf{F}_p^{n+1} = \mathbf{F}_p^n + \Delta t \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}^{n+1}}{\partial \mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{x}_p^n) \mathbf{F}_p^n = \left( \mathbf{I} + \Delta t \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}^{n+1}}{\partial \mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{x}_p^n) \right) \mathbf{F}_p^n$$

if we use the grid based interpolation formula for  $\mathbf{v}^{n+1}$ , i.e.,

$$\mathbf{v}^{n+1}(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_i \mathbf{v}_i^{n+1} \mathbf{N}_i(\mathbf{x}),$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{v}^{n+1}}{\partial \mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_i \mathbf{v}_i^{n+1} \left( \frac{\partial \mathbf{N}_i}{\partial \mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{x}) \right)^T,$$

$$\mathbf{F}_p^{n+1} = \left( \mathbf{I} + \Delta t \sum_i \mathbf{v}_i^{n+1} \left( \frac{\partial \mathbf{N}_i}{\partial \mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{x}_p^n) \right)^T \right) \mathbf{F}_p^n$$

**Temporal discretization with backward difference:**

$$\mathbf{v}_i^{n+1} = \frac{\hat{\mathbf{x}}_i - \mathbf{x}_i}{\Delta t} \quad \text{or} \quad \hat{\mathbf{x}}_i = \mathbf{x}_i + \Delta t \mathbf{v}_i^{n+1}$$

$$F_{p\beta\gamma}(\hat{\mathbf{x}}) = F_{p\beta\gamma}^n + \Delta t \sum_j \left( \frac{\hat{x}_{j\beta} - x_{j\beta}}{\Delta t} \right) \sum_{\tau} N_{j,\tau}(\mathbf{x}_p^n) F_{p\tau\gamma}^n$$

— a **grid-to-particle** process

# Force Calculation

## Using the Derivative of Deformation Gradient

$$\mathbf{F}_p^{n+1} = \left( \mathbf{I} + \Delta t \sum_i \mathbf{v}_i^{n+1} \left( \frac{\partial \mathbf{N}_i}{\partial \mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{x}_p^n) \right)^T \right) \mathbf{F}_p^n$$

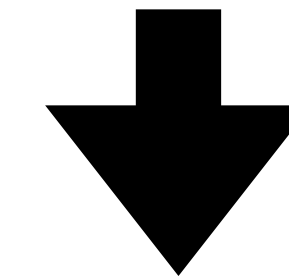
Temporal discretization with backward difference:

$$\mathbf{F}_{p\beta\gamma}(\hat{\mathbf{x}}) = \mathbf{F}_{p\beta\gamma}^n + \Delta t \sum_j \left( \frac{\hat{x}_{j\beta} - x_{j\beta}}{\Delta t} \right) \sum_{\tau} \mathbf{N}_{j,\tau}(\mathbf{x}_p^n) \mathbf{F}_{p\tau\gamma}^n$$

**1st Piola-Kirchhoff Stress** **Particle volume**

$$\frac{\partial e}{\partial \hat{x}_{i\alpha}}(\hat{\mathbf{x}}) = \sum_p \sum_{\beta,\gamma} \boxed{\mathbf{P}_{\beta\gamma}(\mathbf{F}_p(\hat{\mathbf{x}}))} \frac{\partial \mathbf{F}_{p\beta\gamma}}{\partial \hat{x}_{i\alpha}}(\hat{\mathbf{x}}) \boxed{V_p^0}$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{F}_{p\beta\gamma}}{\partial \hat{x}_{i\alpha}}(\hat{\mathbf{x}}) = \delta_{\alpha\beta} \sum_{\tau} \mathbf{N}_{i,\tau}(\mathbf{x}_p^n) \mathbf{F}_{p\tau\gamma}^n$$



$$\frac{\partial e}{\partial \hat{x}_{i\alpha}}(\hat{\mathbf{x}}) = \sum_p \mathbf{P}_{\alpha\gamma}(\mathbf{F}_p(\hat{\mathbf{x}})) \mathbf{F}_{p\tau\gamma}^n \mathbf{N}_{i,\tau}(\mathbf{x}_p^n) V_p^0$$

— a **particle-to-grid** process

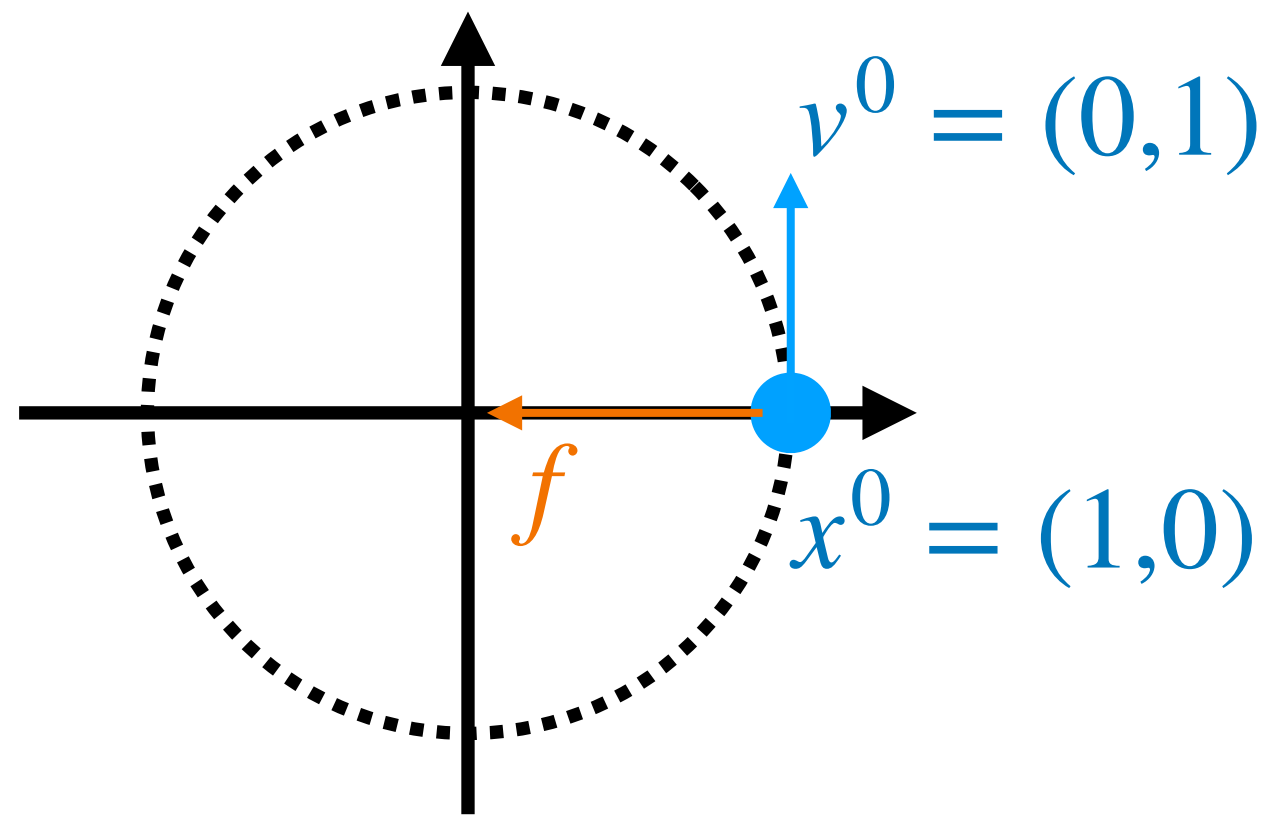


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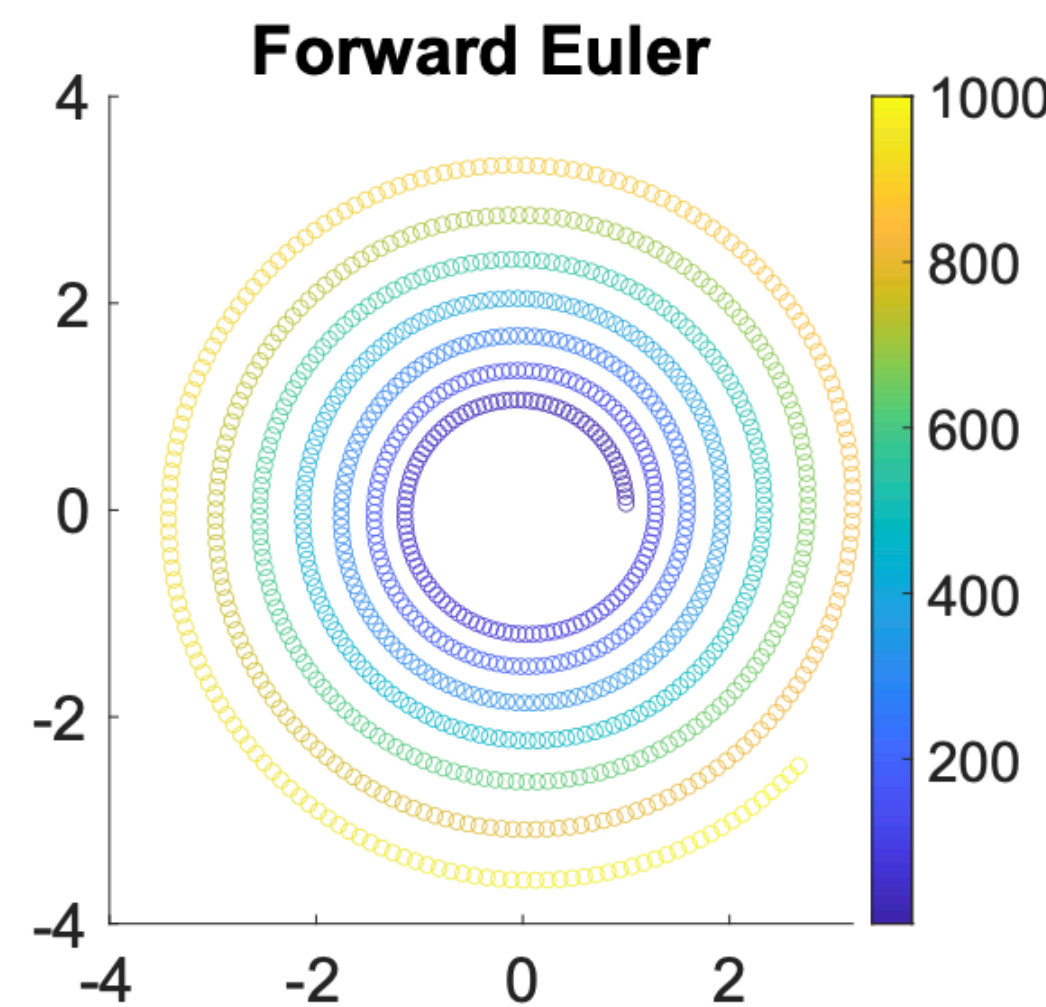
# Grid Update (Time Integration)

## Recap: Euler Methods



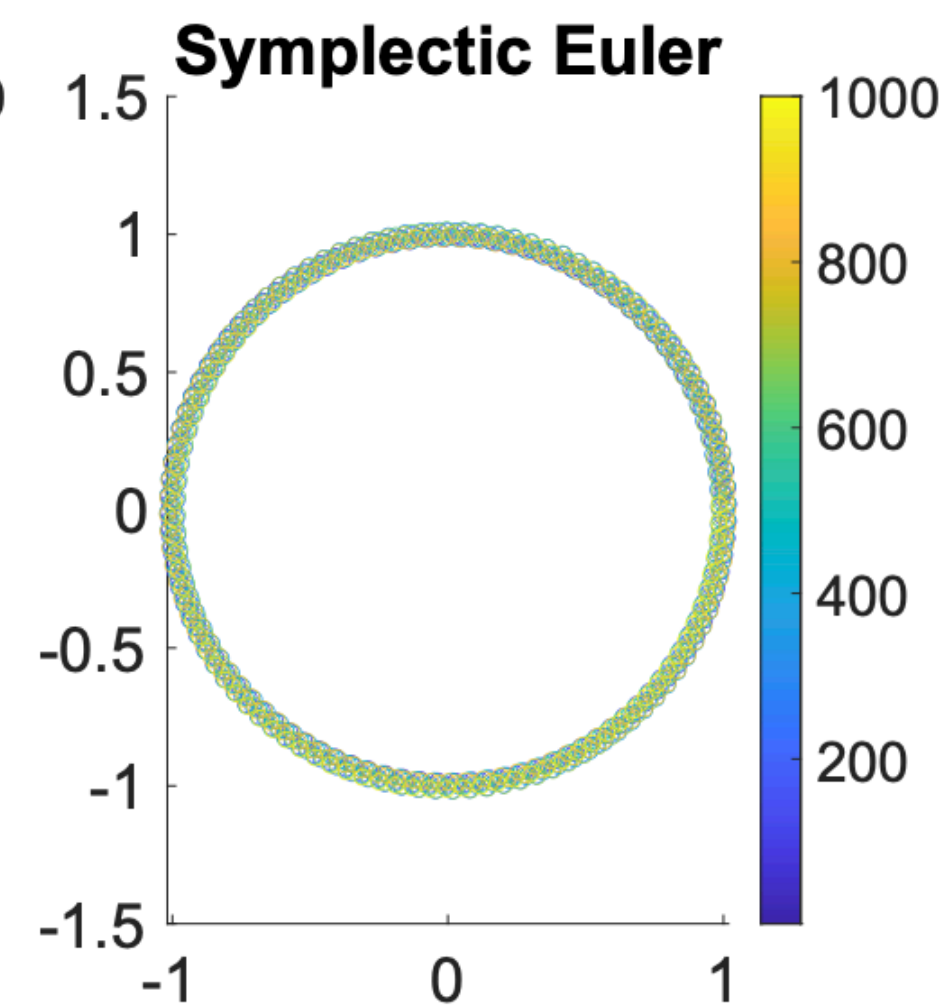
Problem Setup

$$\begin{aligned}x^{n+1} &= x^n + \Delta t v^n, \\v^{n+1} &= v^n + \Delta t M^{-1} f^n.\end{aligned}$$



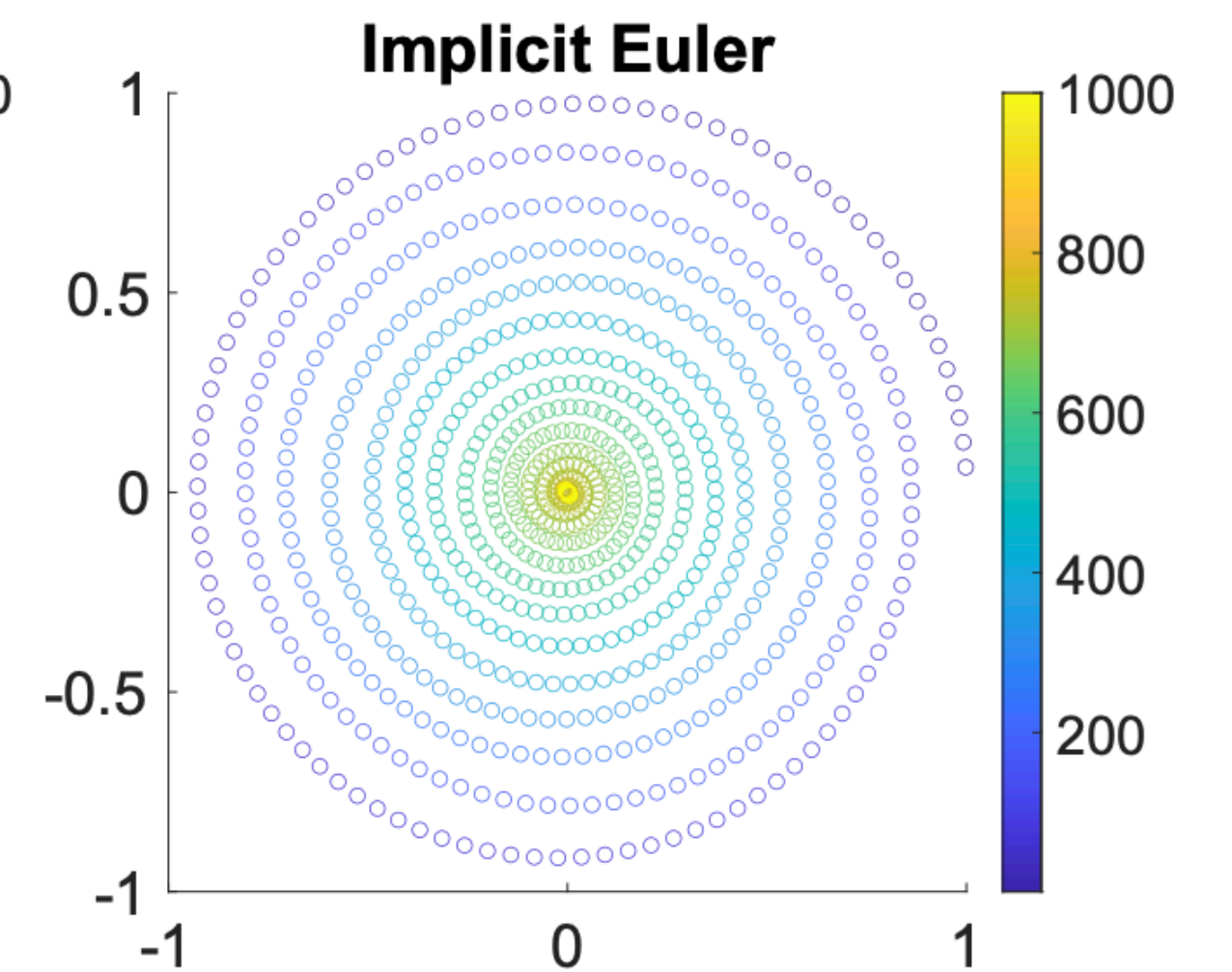
Unconditionally unstable

$$\begin{aligned}x^{n+1} &= x^n + \Delta t v^{n+1} \\v^{n+1} &= v^n + \Delta t M^{-1} f^n\end{aligned}$$



Conditionally stable

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Unconditionally stable

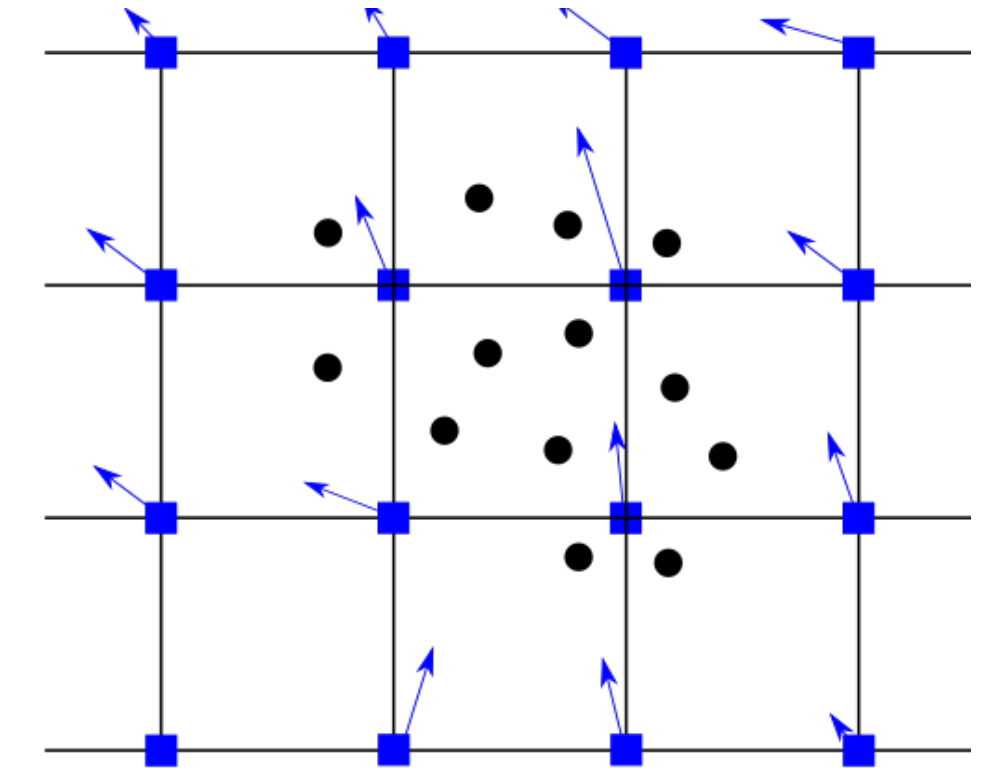
# Grid Update (Time Integration)

## Symplectic vs Implicit Euler

Different Same

- Symplectic Euler

$$\mathbf{f}_i^n = \mathbf{f}_i(\mathbf{x}_i^n) = - \sum_p v_p^0 \left( \frac{\partial \Psi_p}{\partial \mathbf{F}}(\mathbf{F}_p^n) \right) (\mathbf{F}_p^n)^T \nabla w_{ip}^n$$



- [+]: efficient, easy to implement, plasticity is straightforward
- [-]: stable time step size is often small and hard to predict

- Implicit Euler

$$-\mathbf{f}_i(\hat{\mathbf{x}}) = \frac{\partial e}{\partial \hat{\mathbf{x}}_i}(\hat{\mathbf{x}}) = \sum_p v_p^0 \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial \mathbf{F}}(\hat{\mathbf{F}}_p(\hat{\mathbf{x}})) (\mathbf{F}_p^n)^T \nabla w_{ip}^n$$

- [+]: time step size only restricted by grid-CFL
- [-]: needs to implement Hessian (not as sparse as FEM), plasticity is non-trivial, numerical dissipation

# Particle Advection

$$u^a \leftarrow \text{Solve } \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \cdot \nabla u = 0$$

— objects are moving,  
resulting in Eulerian velocity changes.

— derived from  $\frac{du(\phi(\mathbf{X}, t), t)}{dt} = 0$

Our particles are Lagrangian particles!

— each particle marks a fixed region in material space  
(Forces are evaluated in an Eulerian view)

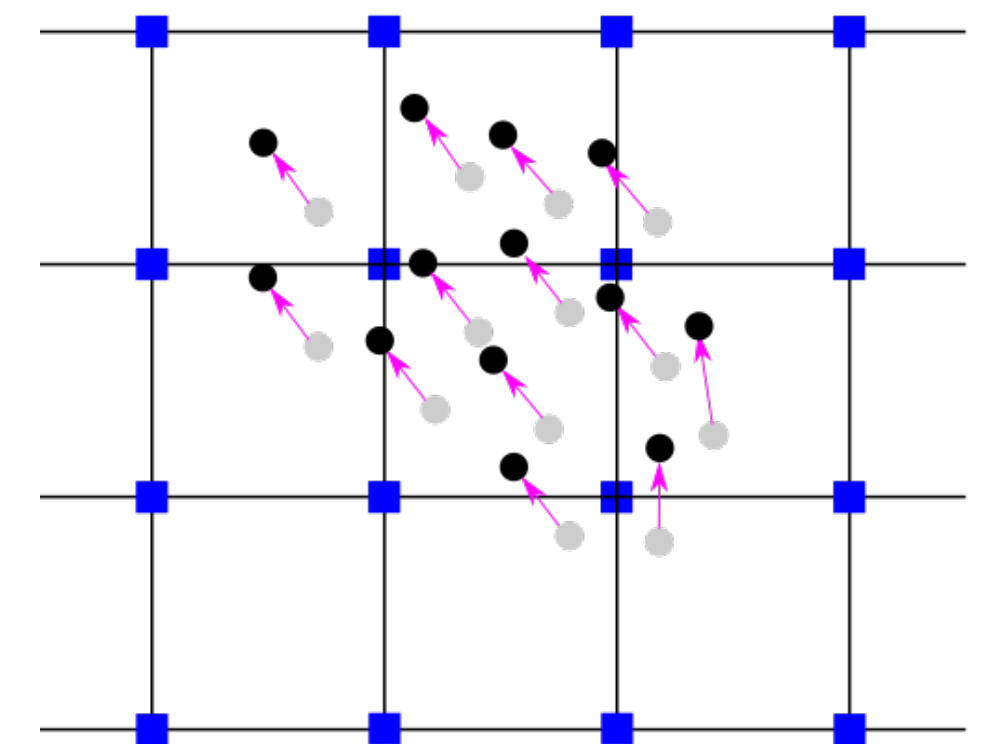
Recall that  $\mathbf{V}(\mathbf{X}, t) = \mathbf{v}(\phi(\mathbf{X}, t), t)$ , so the advection equation becomes  $\frac{\partial \mathbf{V}(\mathbf{X}, t)}{\partial t} = 0$

**Solving advection using particles,  
we just need to move the particles based on the current velocity!**

Forward Euler:  $\mathbf{x}_p \leftarrow \mathbf{x}_p + \Delta t \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}_p, t)$

Can use explicit Runge-Kutta, e.g. RK4, for higher accuracy.

**These are popular in fluids, but not often used in MPM.**



# The MPM Pipeline (w. PIC transfer)

For each time step  $n$  with particle states  $\mathbf{x}_p^n, \mathbf{v}_p^n, \mathbf{F}_p^n$ :

// Particle-to-Grid Transfer:

$$m_i^n = \sum_p m_p N_i(\mathbf{x}_p^n) \quad (m_i^n \mathbf{v}_i^n) = \sum_p m_p \mathbf{v}_p^n N_i(\mathbf{x}_p^n)$$

// Grid Update:

$$\text{Solve } \begin{cases} \hat{\mathbf{v}}_i = \mathbf{v}_i^n + \Delta t \mathbf{f}_i \\ \hat{\mathbf{x}}_i = \mathbf{x}_i^n + \Delta t \hat{\mathbf{v}}_i \end{cases}$$

$$\mathbf{f}_i^n = \mathbf{f}_i(\mathbf{x}_i^n) = - \sum_p \mathbf{v}_p^0 \left( \frac{\partial \Psi_p}{\partial \mathbf{F}}(\mathbf{F}_p^n) \right) (\mathbf{F}_p^n)^\top \nabla w_{ip}^n$$

or

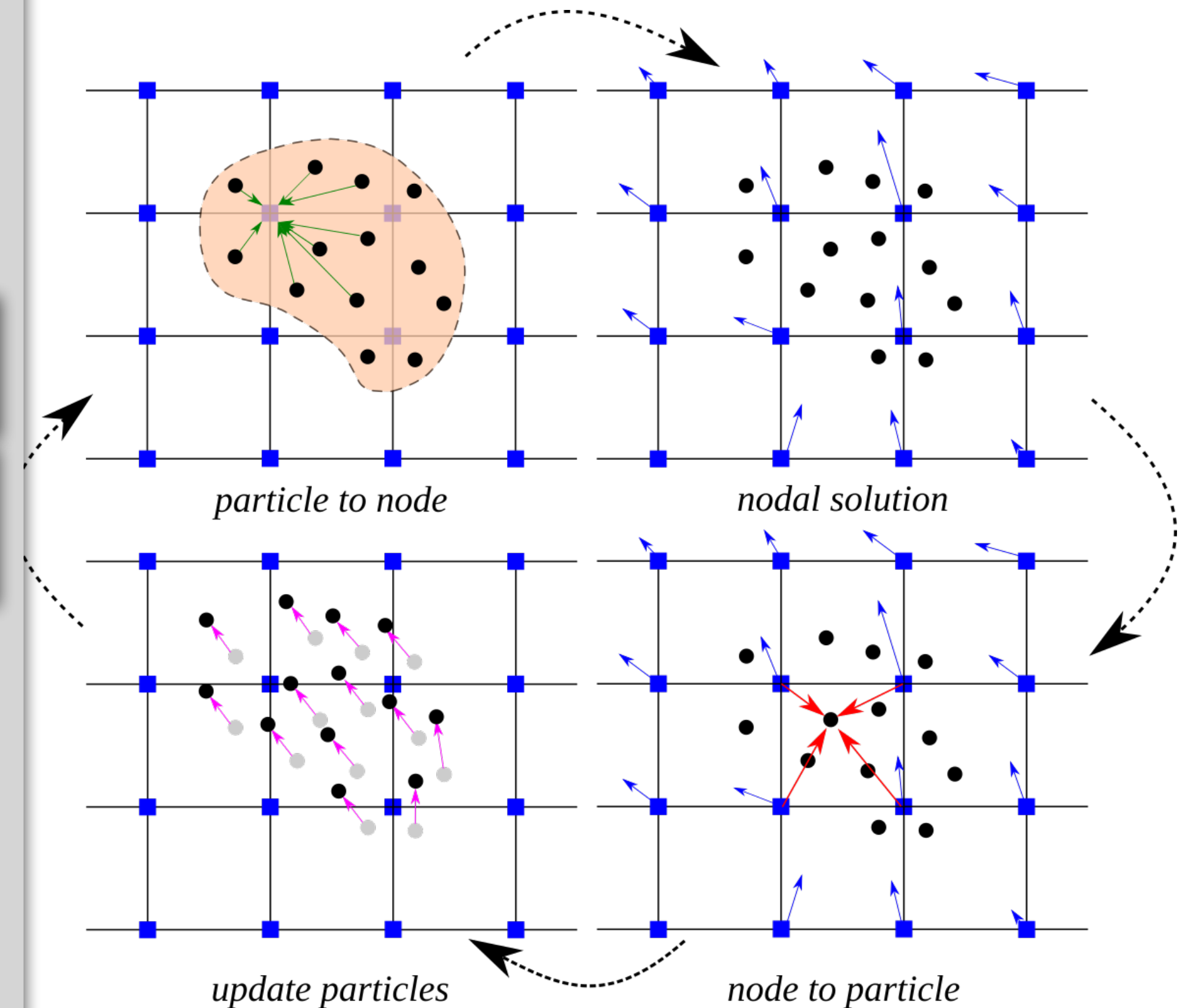
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// Grid-to-Particle Transfer:

$$\mathbf{v}_p^{n+1} = \sum_i \hat{\mathbf{v}}_i N_i(\mathbf{x}_p^n) \quad \mathbf{F}_p^{n+1} = (\mathbf{I} + \Delta t \sum_i \hat{\mathbf{v}}_i \left( \frac{\partial N_i}{\partial \mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{x}_p^n) \right)^\top)$$

// Particle Advection:

$$\mathbf{x}_p^{n+1} = \mathbf{x}_p^n + \Delta t \mathbf{v}_p^{n+1}$$





# MPM Open-Source Projects

- C++:
  - Ziran: ductile fracture, viscoelastic solids, fluids, etc.
    - Ziran2019 [Wolper et al. 2019] [Fang et al. 2019]
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  - HOT: Hierarchical Optimization Time Integration for Implicit MPM [Wang et al. 2020]
- CUDA-based GPU explicit MPM:
  - Single-GPU: <https://github.com/kuiwuchn/GPUMPM> [Gao et al. 2018]
  - Multi-GPU: <https://github.com/penn-graphics-research/claymore> [Wang et al. 2020]
- Python-based differentiable explicit MPM: Taichi MPM, Warp MPM



**This is the last lecture**



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