

# Polynomial Splines over locally refined box-partitions

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# Structure of talk

- Polynomial Splines over locally refined box-partitions
- LR-mesh, constant split and LR B-spline
- The relation between T-splines and Locally Refined B-splines
- Peeling algorithm for linear independence (both valid for LR B-splines and Semi-Standard T-splines)

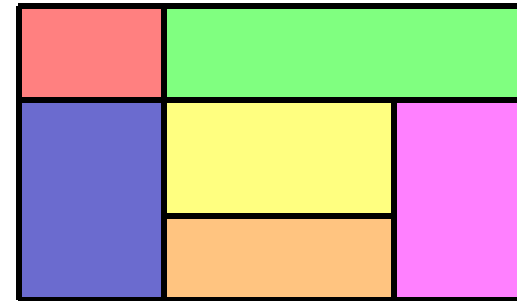
# Box-partitions

- Box-partitions - Rectangular subdivision of regular domain  $d$ -box  $\mathbb{R}^d$

$$\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$$

$$\Omega = [a_1, b_1] \times \cdots \times [a_d, b_d]$$

$$a_i < b_i, 1 \leq i \leq d$$



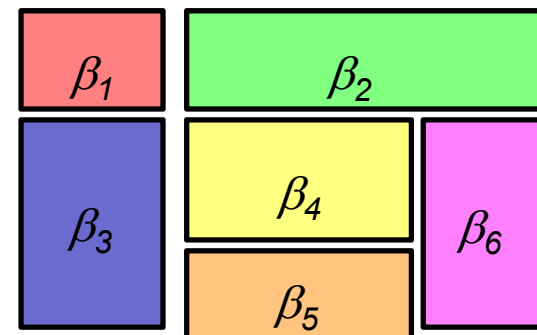
$$\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$$

- Subdivision of  $\Omega$  into smaller  $d$ -boxes

$$\mathcal{E} = \{\beta_1, \dots, \beta_n\}$$

$$\beta_1 \cup \beta_2 \cup \cdots \cup \beta_n = \Omega$$

$$\beta_i^o \cap \beta_j^o = \emptyset, i \neq j$$



$$\mathcal{E} = \{\beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_3, \beta_4, \beta_5, \beta_6\}$$

# Why introduce Box-partitions?

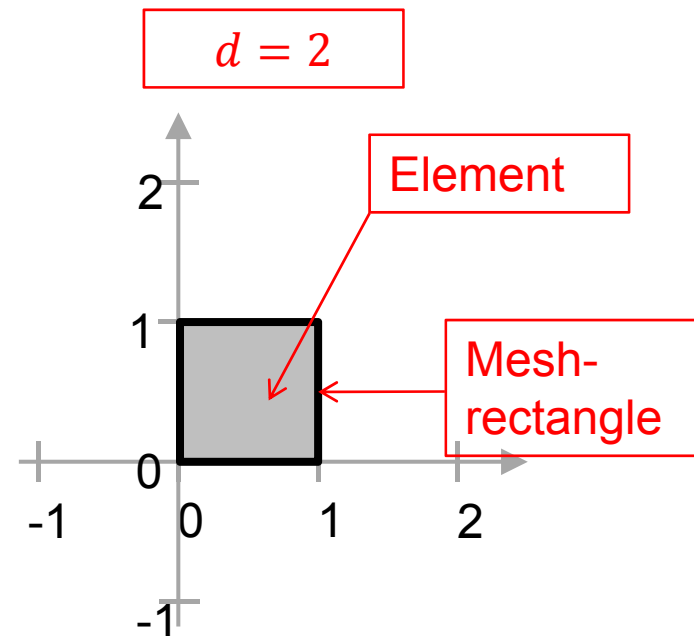
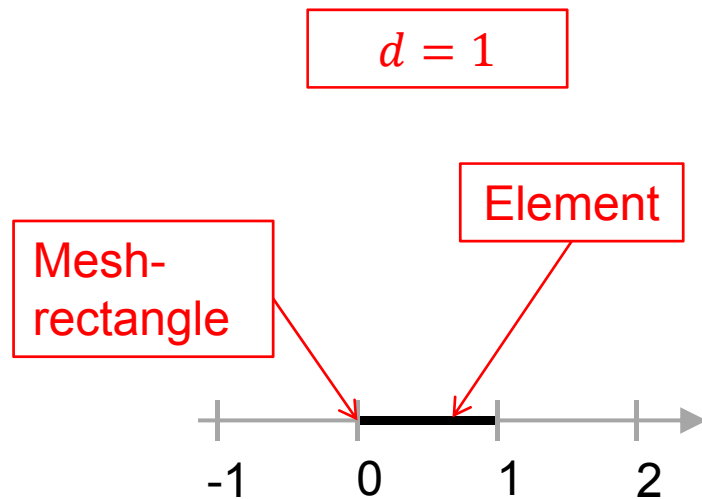
The different approaches to local refinement of splines over regular grids seem all be related to Box-partitions.

- The structure of Bezier elements of T-splines over a rectangular domain is a box-partition
- Locally Refined B-splines (LR B-splines) are defined over a box partition with multiplicities
- The knot lines of Hierarchical B-splines define a box-partition
- PHT-splines are defined over a box-partition

Local refinement in any of the approaches above lead to refinement of the Box-partition

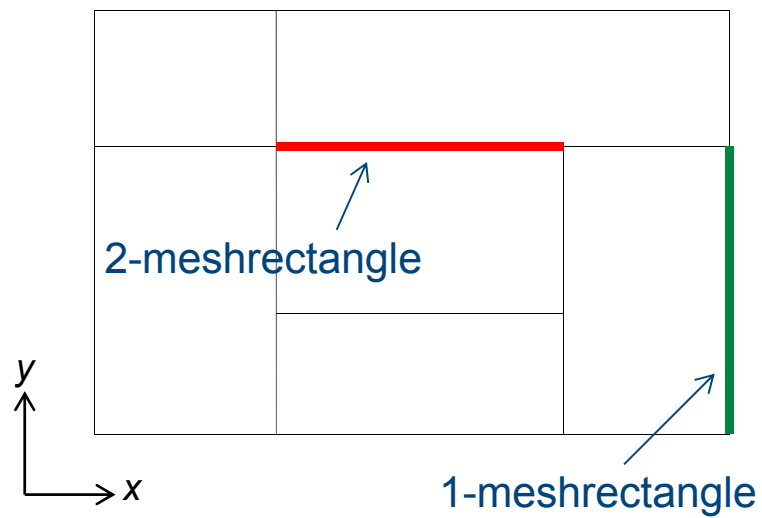
# Important boxes

- If  $\dim \beta = d$  then  $\beta$  is called an **element**.
- If  $\dim \beta = d - 1$  then  $\beta$  is called a **mesh-rectangle**, a  **$k$ -mesh-rectangle**



# Mesh-rectangles

Example, 2D



Example, 3D

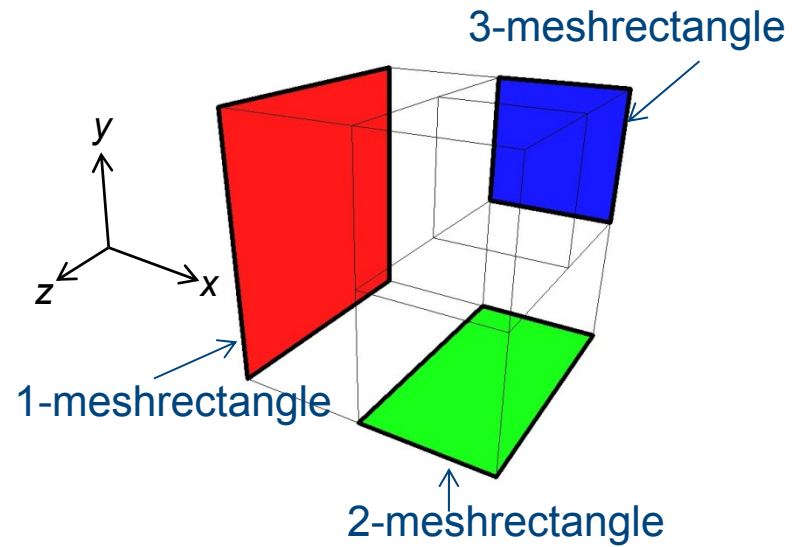


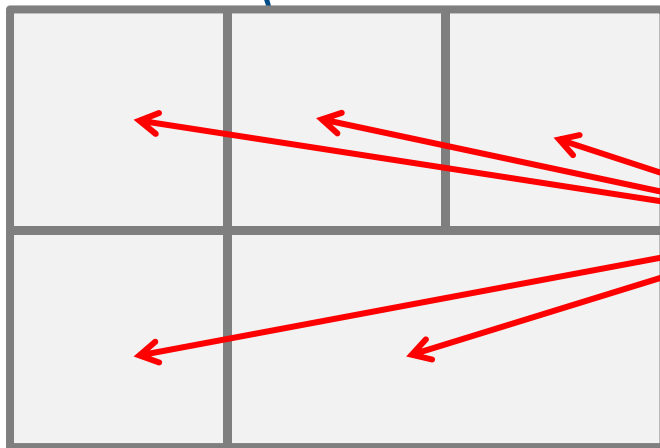
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# Polynomials of component degree

On each element of the Box-partition the spline is a polynomial.

We define polynomials of component degree at most  $p_k, k = 1, \dots, d$  by:

$$\Pi_p^d = \left\{ f: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}: f(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{0 \leq i \leq p} c_i \mathbf{x}^i, c_i \text{ in } \mathbb{R} \text{ for all } i \right\}.$$



Polynomial pieces

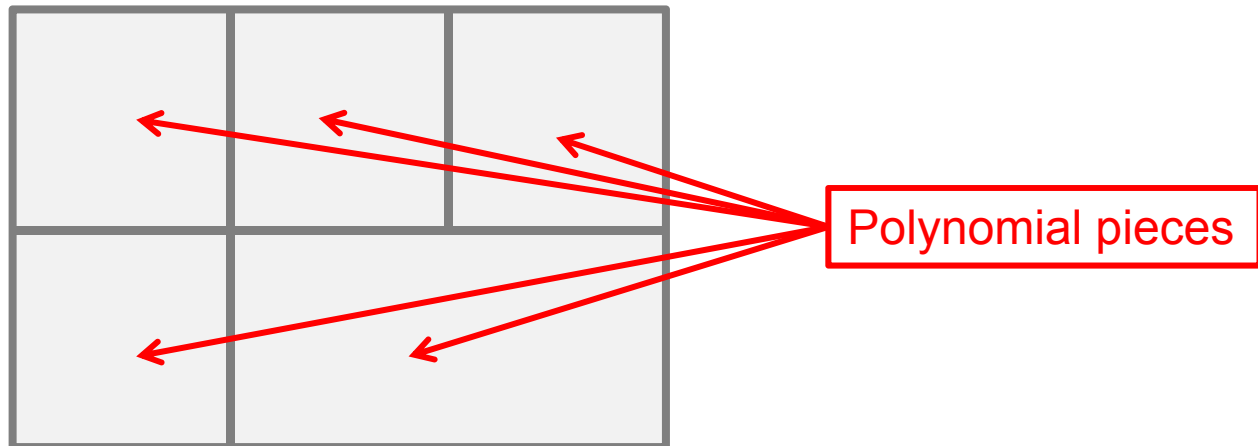
$$\mathbf{p} = (p_1, \dots, p_d)$$
$$\mathbf{i} = (i_1, \dots, i_d)$$

# Piecewise polynomial space

We define the piecewise polynomial space

$$\mathbb{P}_p(\mathcal{E}) = \{f: [\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}: f|_{\beta} \in \Pi_p^d, \beta \in \tilde{\mathcal{E}}\},$$

where  $\mathcal{E}$  is obtained from  $\tilde{\mathcal{E}}$  using half-open intervals as for univariate B-splines.

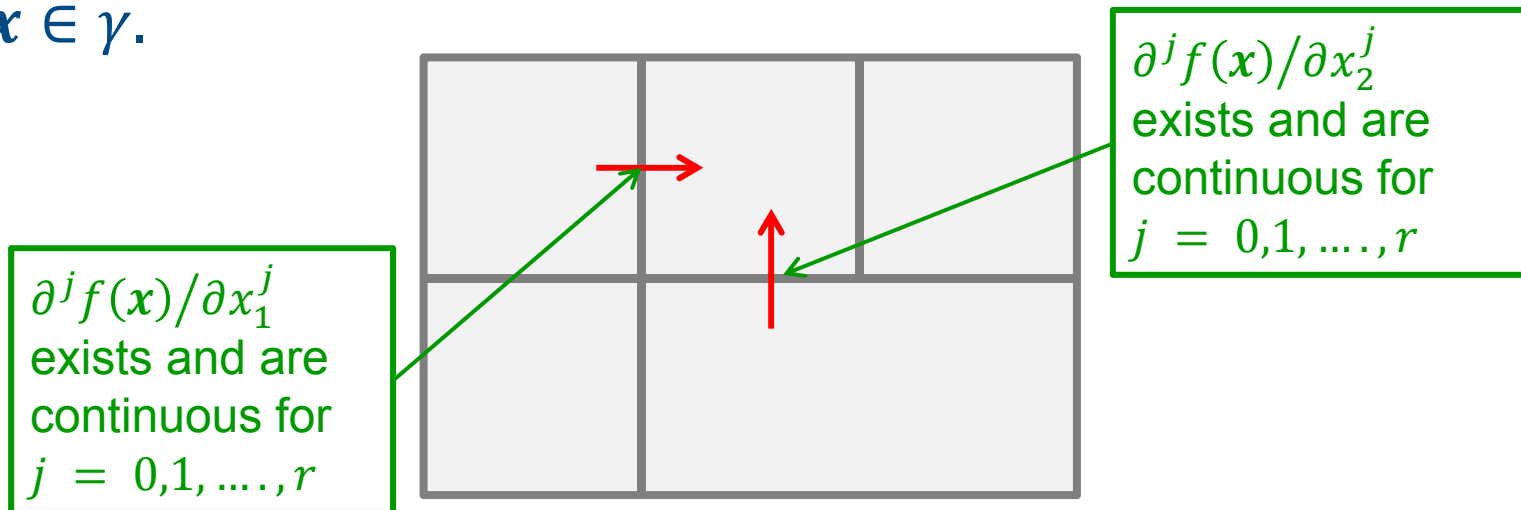




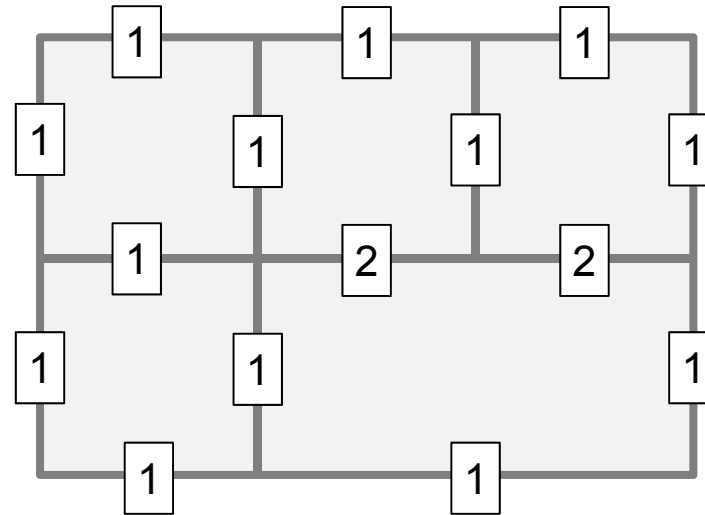
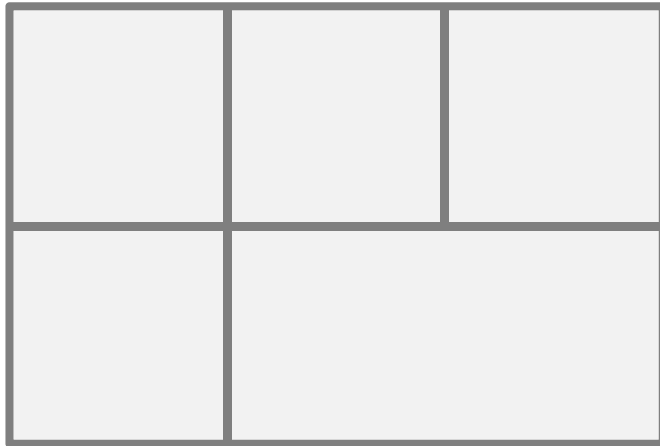
# Continuity across mesh-rectangles

Given a function  $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , and let  $\gamma \in \mathcal{F}_{d-1,k}(\mathcal{E})$  be any  $k$ -mesh-rectangle in  $[a, b]$  for some  $1 \leq k \leq d$ .

We say that  $f \in C^r(\gamma)$  if the partial derivatives  $\partial^j f(\mathbf{x})/\partial x_k^j$  exists and are continuous for  $j = 0, 1, \dots, r$  and all  $\mathbf{x} \in \gamma$ .



# $\mu$ -extended box-mesh (multiplicities added to model continuity)



- A multiplicity  $\mu$  is assigned to each mesh-rectangle
- Supports variable knot multiplicity for Locally Refined B-splines, and local lower order continuity across mesh-rectangles.
- Compatible with nonuniform univariate B-splines

# Spline space

Polynomial degree in direction  $k$

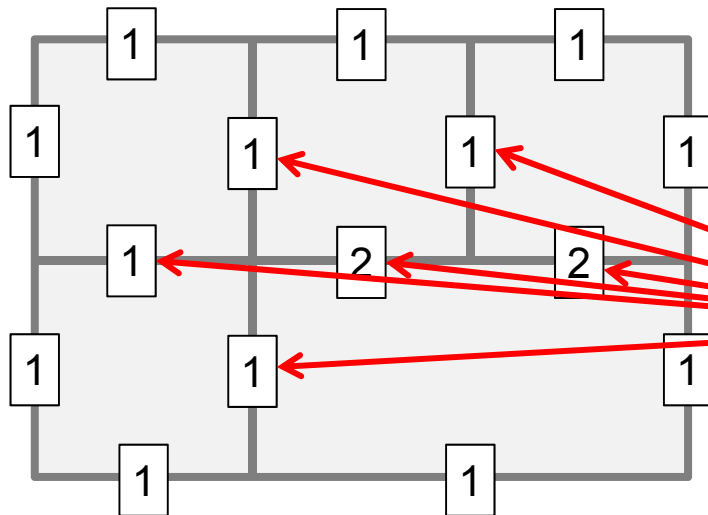
Continuity across  $k$ -mesh-rectangle  $\gamma$

We define the spline space

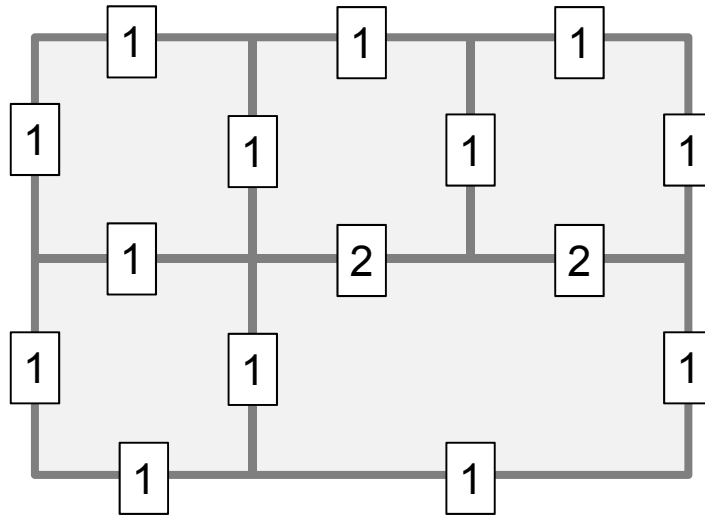
$$S_p(\mathcal{M}, \mu) = \{f \in \Pi_p^d(\mathcal{E}(\mathcal{M})) : f \in C^{p_k - \mu(\gamma)}(\gamma), \forall \gamma \in \mathcal{F}_{d-1,k}(\mathcal{E}(\mathcal{M})), k = 1, \dots, d\}$$

All  $k$ -mesh-rectangles

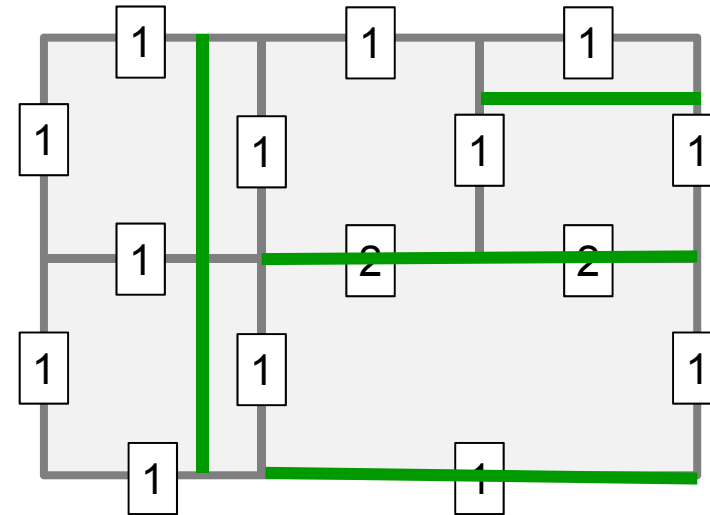
Specify multiplicity, e.g., continuity across mesh-rectangle



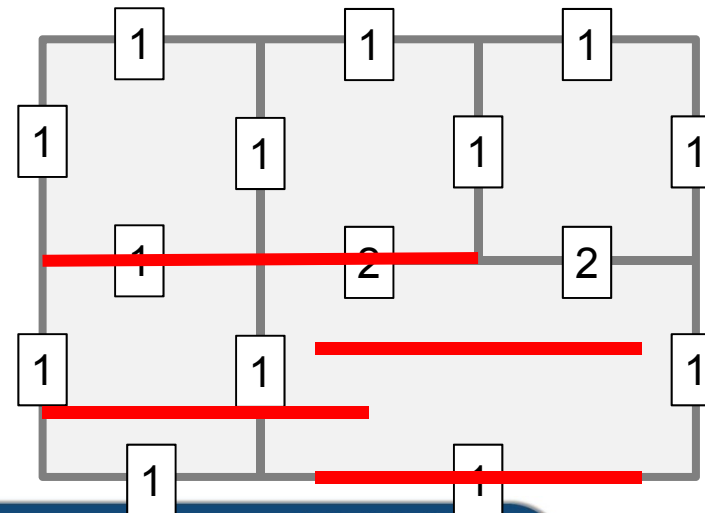
# Refinement by inserting mesh-rectangles giving a constant split



Constant split



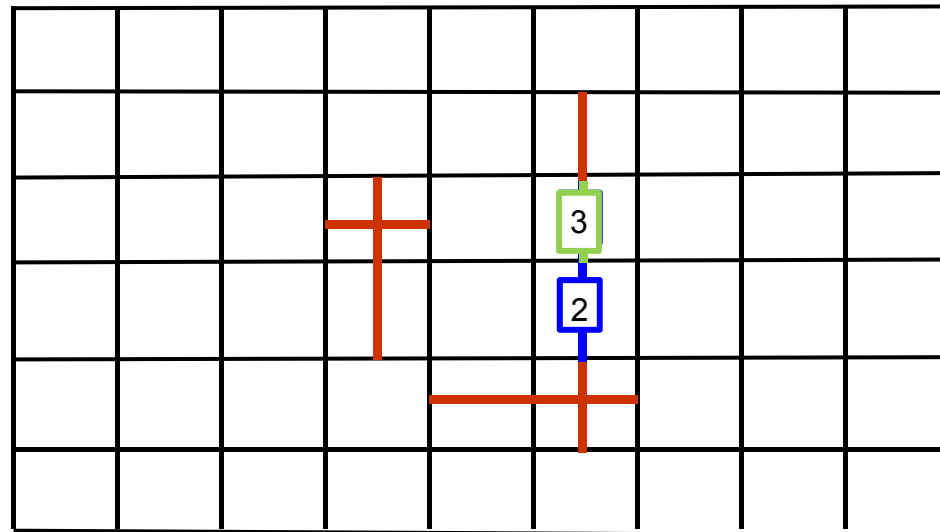
Not constant split



# $\mu$ -extended LR-mesh

A  $\mu$ -extended LR-mesh is a  $\mu$ -extended box-mesh  $(\mathcal{M}, \mu)$  where either

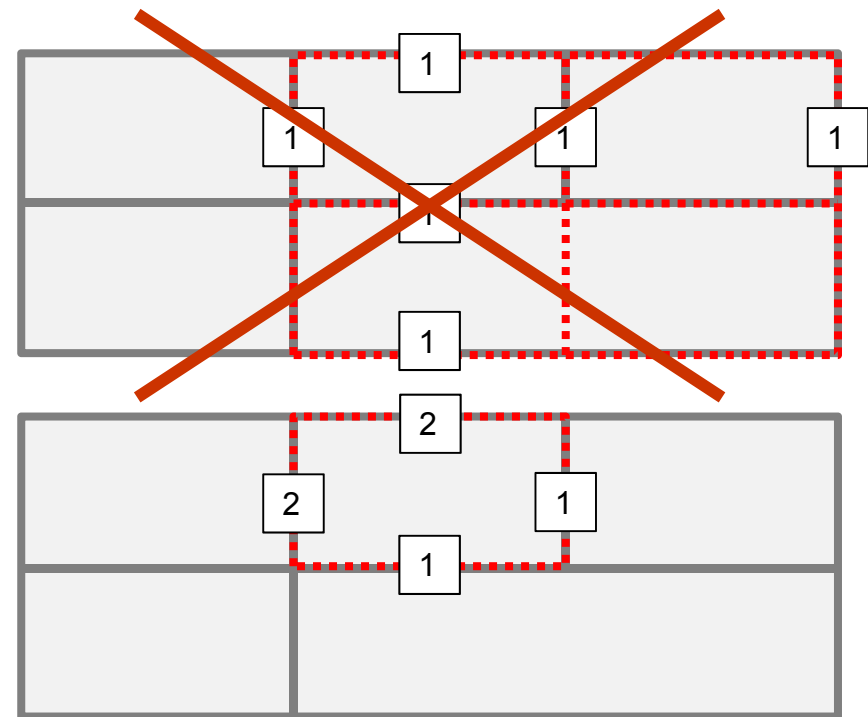
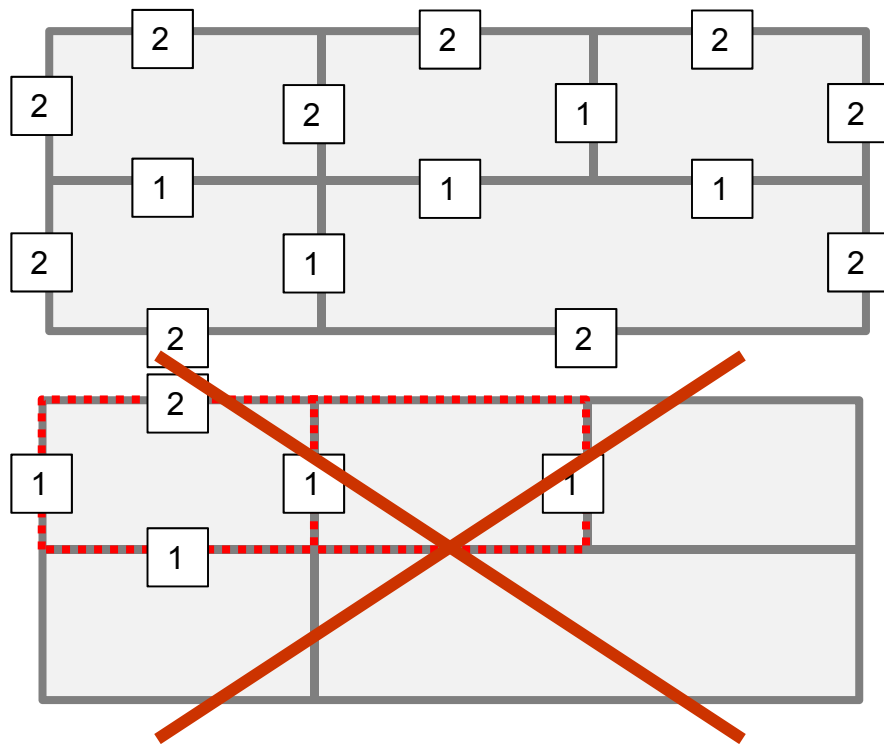
1.  $(\mathcal{M}, \mu)$  is a tensor-mesh with knot multiplicities or
2.  $(\mathcal{M}, \mu) = (\tilde{\mathcal{M}} + \gamma, \tilde{\mu}_\gamma)$  where  $(\tilde{\mathcal{M}}, \tilde{\mu})$  is a  $\mu$ -extended LR-mesh and  $\gamma$  is a constant split of  $(\tilde{\mathcal{M}}, \tilde{\mu})$ .



*All multiplicities not shown are 1.*

# LR B-spline

Let  $(M, \mu)$  be a  $\mu$ -extended LR-mesh in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ . A function  $B: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is called an LR B-spline of degree  $p$  on  $(\mathcal{M}, \mu)$  if  $B$  is a tensor-product B-spline with minimal support in  $(\mathcal{M}, \mu)$ .



# Splines on a $\mu$ -extended LR-mesh

We define as sequence of  $\mu$ -extended LR-meshes  $(\mathcal{M}_1, \mu_1), \dots, (\mathcal{M}_q, \mu_q)$  with corresponding collections of minimal support B-splines  $\mathcal{B}_1, \dots, \mathcal{B}_q$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} (\mathcal{M}_1, \mu_1), & (\mathcal{M}_2, \mu_2), & \dots & (\mathcal{M}_j, \mu_j), & (\mathcal{M}_{j+1}, \mu_{j+1}) & \dots & (\mathcal{M}_q, \mu_q) \\ \mathcal{B}_1, & \mathcal{B}_2, & \dots & \mathcal{B}_j, & \mathcal{B}_{j+1}, & \dots & \mathcal{B}_q \end{array}$$

# The LR B-spline rules

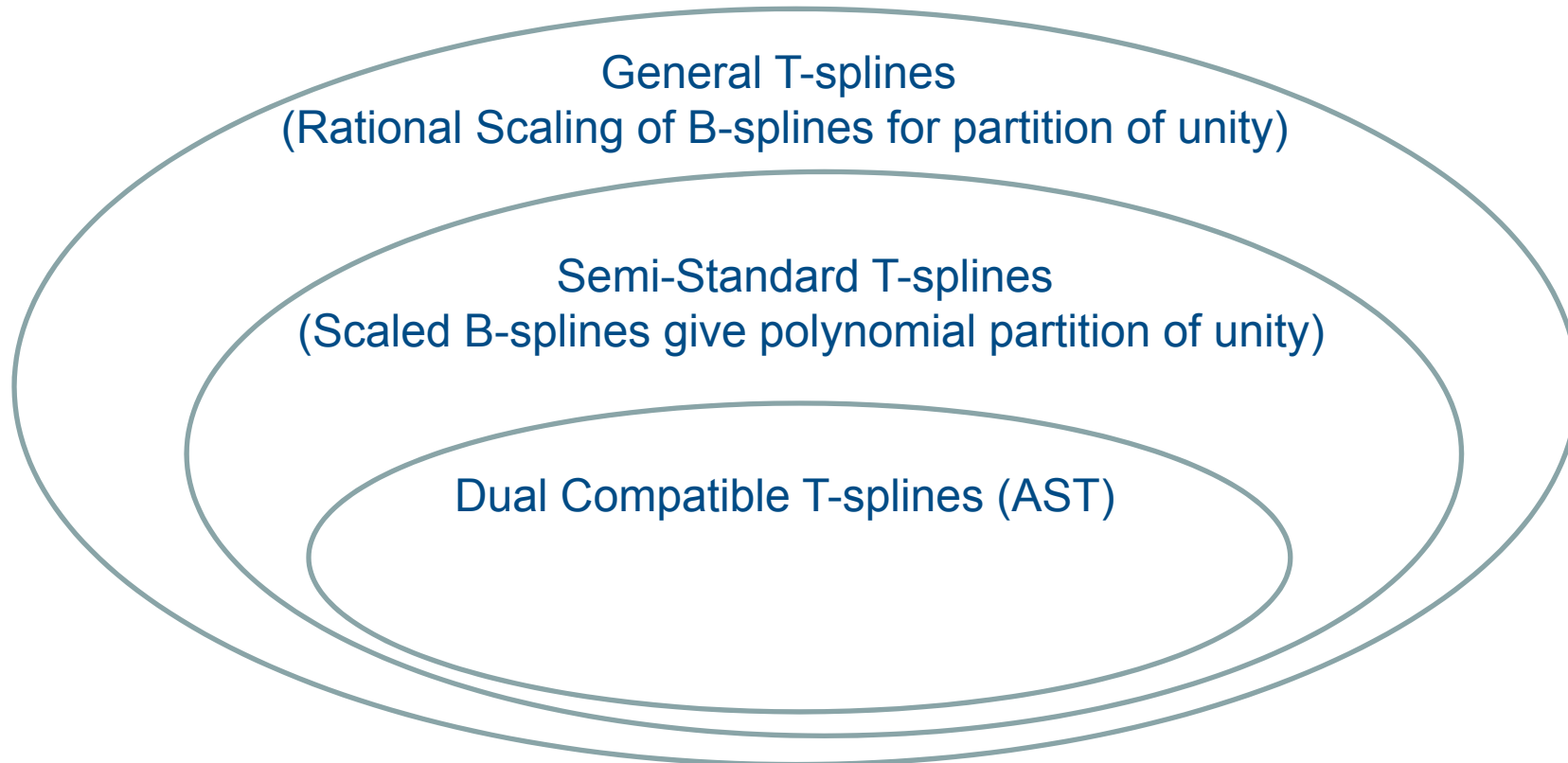
- Starting point tensor product B-spline basis
- Incrementally refine the spline space by splitting the support of selected B-splines by inserting mesh-rectangles. For each refinement:
  - Perform additional refinements if some B-splines do not have minimal support
  - Optional check for Linear Independence at each refinement step
    - Check dimension increase by dimension formula for spline space over box partitions in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $d \geq 2$ .
    - Check that the spline space is spanned by the B-splines
    - Check that we have a basis, e.g., number of B-splines corresponds to the dimension of the spline space
- Alternative linear independency check: Run the collection of LR B-splines through the peeling Algorithm



# Important properties for splines in Isogeometric Analysis

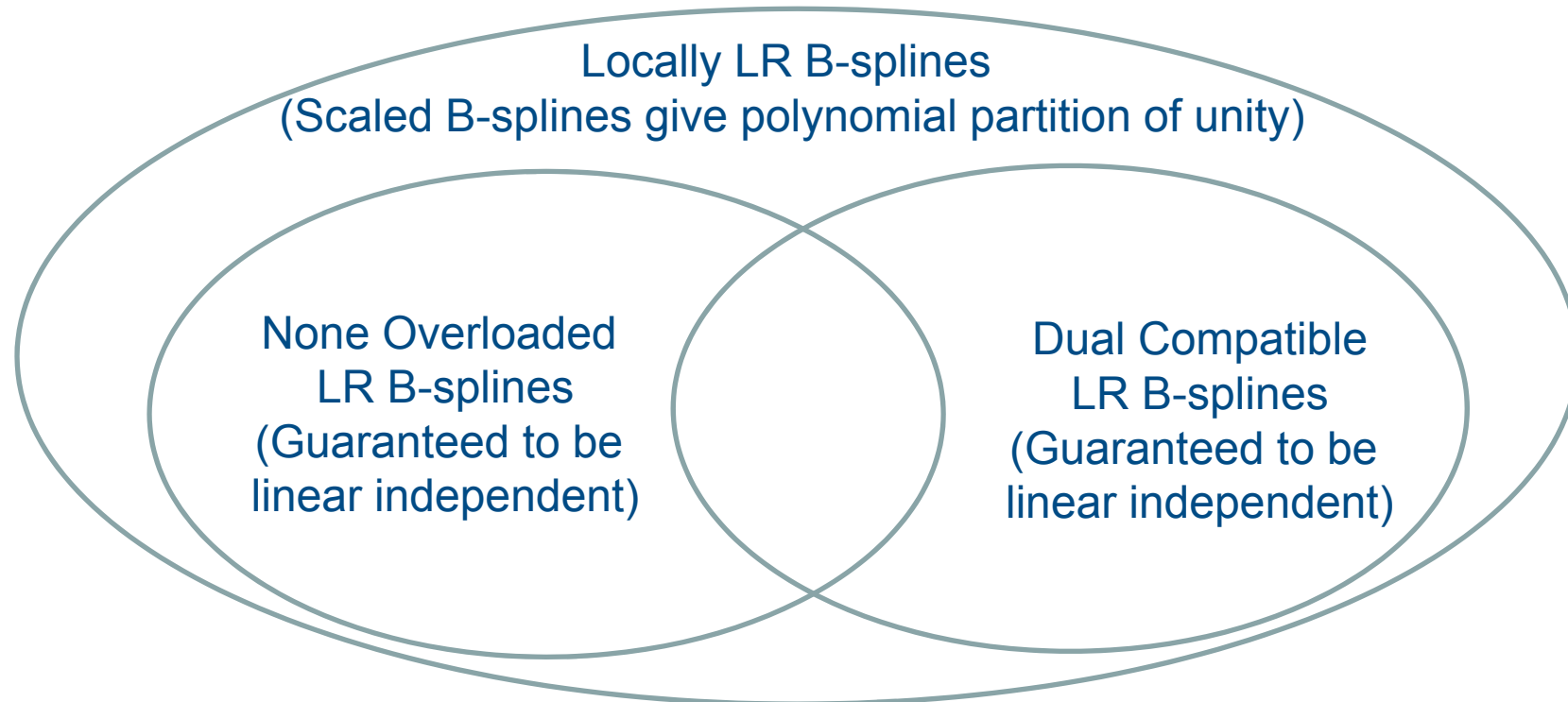
- Local refinement should give nested spline spaces
- Mesh completion to keep mesh properties
  - Does the B-spline functions span the spline space over the Box-partition
- Geometric interpretation of coefficients
  - Scaled or rational scaled shape functions form a partition of unity

# T-splines



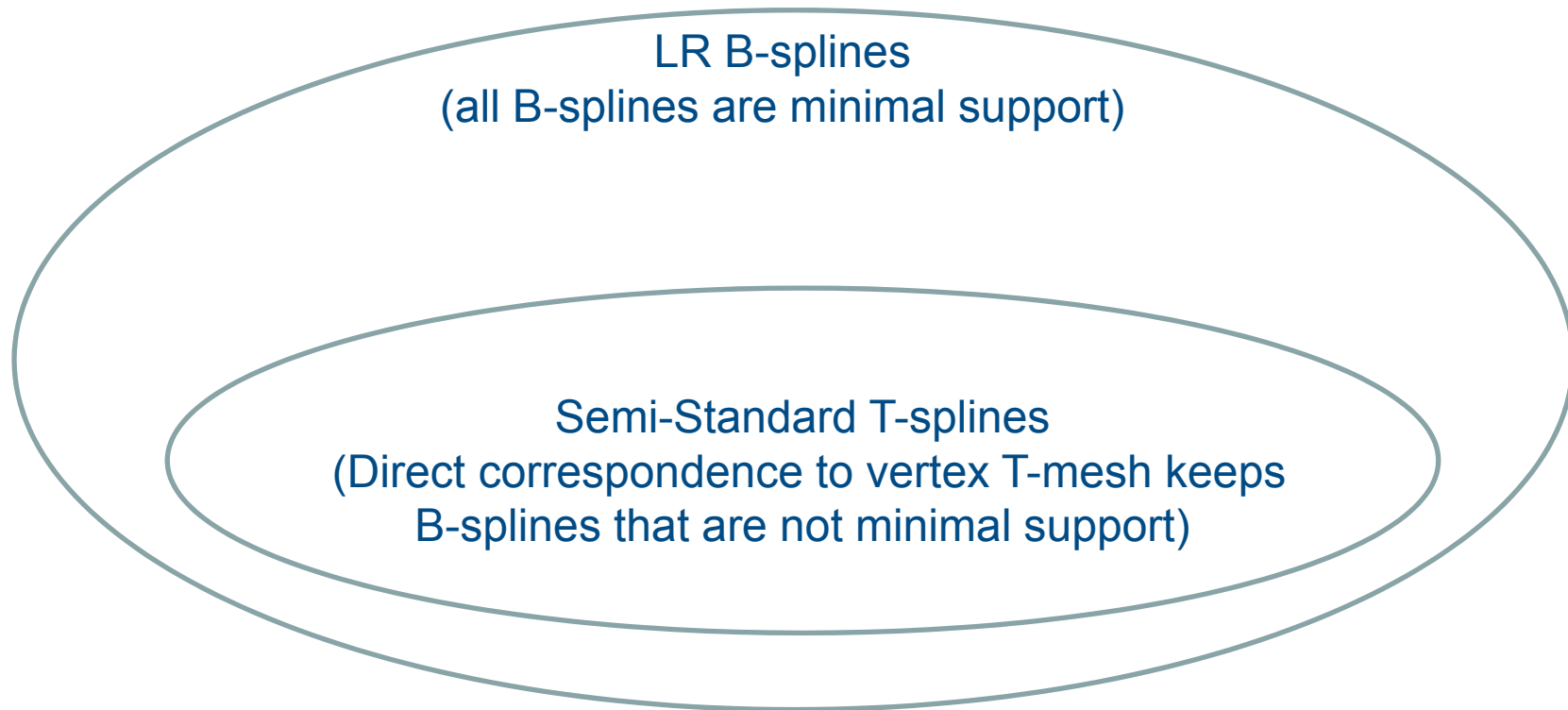
- Nestedness of splines spaces
  - General T-splines;: No
  - Semi-Standard T-splines: Yes

# Locally Refined B-splines



- LR B-splines guarantee nested spline spaces
- None overloaded B-splines are linearly independent
- Dual Compatible LR B-splines and Dual Compatible T-splines (AST) are closely related.

# Splines spaces of Semi-Standard T-splines seem to be included in the spline spaces of LR B-splines

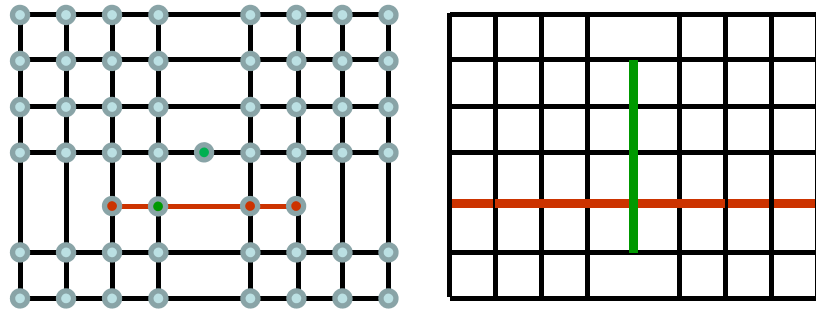


- LR B-splines keep pace with the dimension of the spline space over the box partition

# Refinement approaches of T-splines and LR B-splines

## T-splines

- Refinement in vertex T-grid

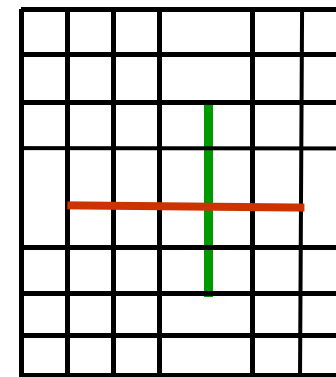


Parameter domain,  
Polynomial segments

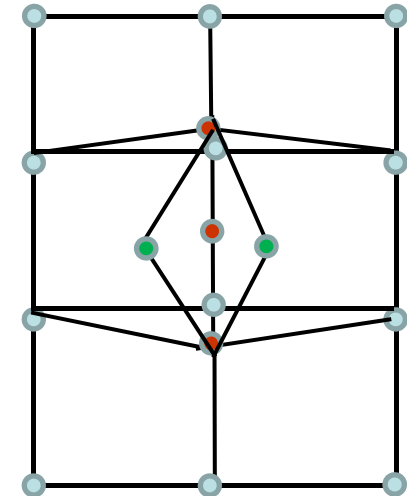
- Adding two close vertices by refinement in the T-spline vertex grid (T-grid)

## LR B-splines

- Refinement in parameter domain

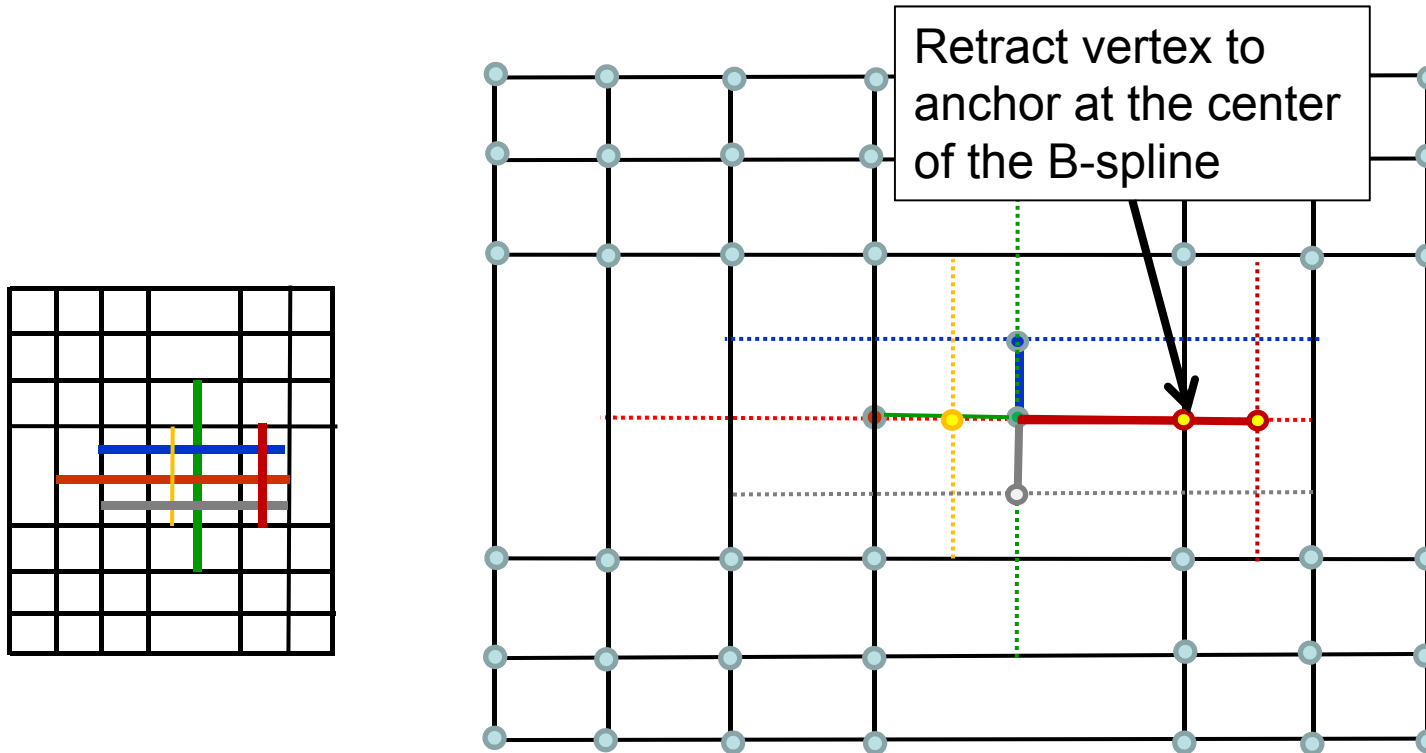


Parameter domain



- Adding a minimal "+" in the parameter domain of LR B-splines
- Position of vertices in parameter domain average of internal knots

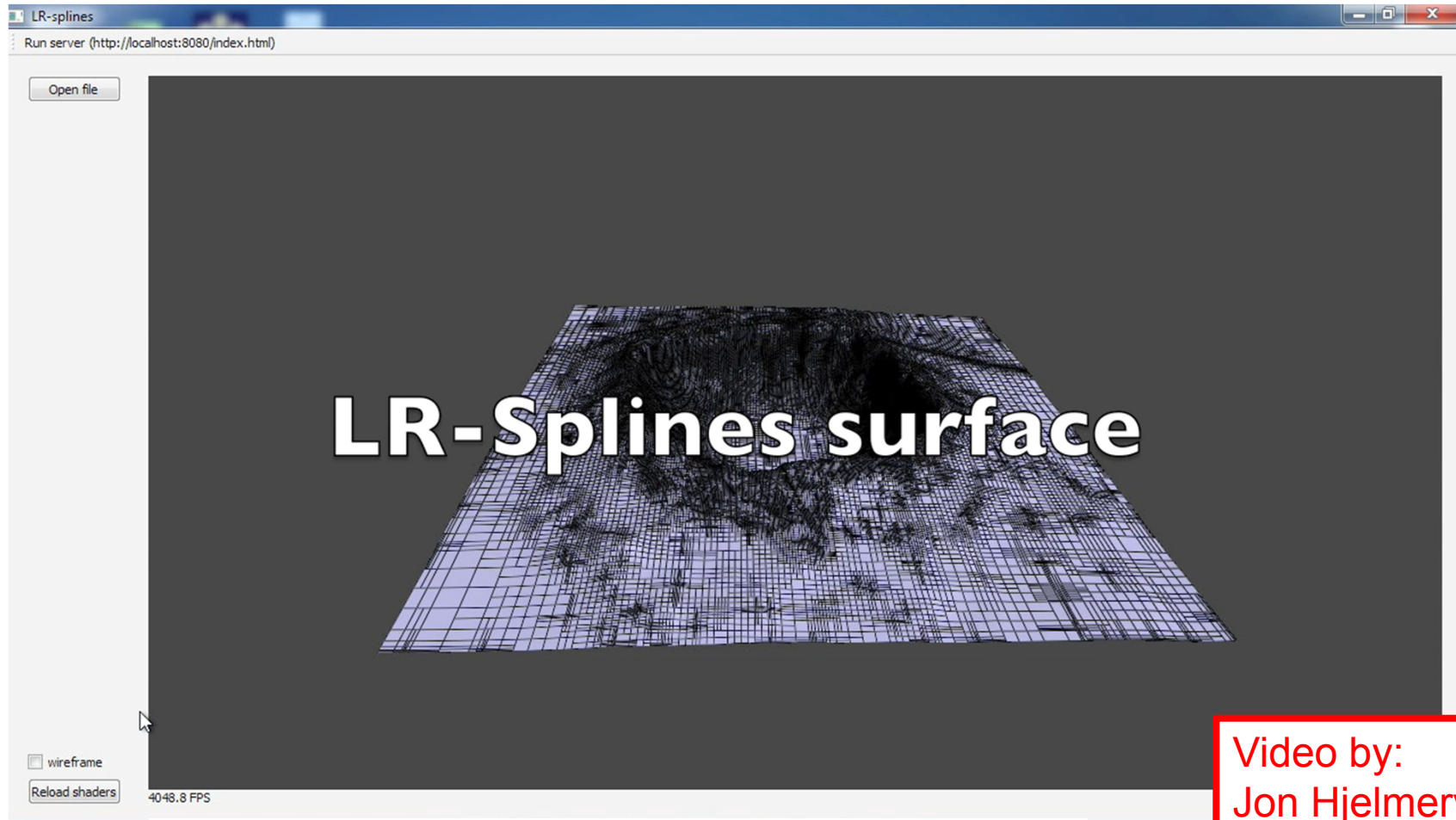
# Specify LR B-spline refinement in the vertex mesh (Bi-cubic example)



Dotted lines added to visualize partition into elements (polynomial pieces) and suggest possible locations for refinement specification.

- The vertex mesh augmented with all knotlines (extended T-mesh)

# Direct Visualization of LR B-splines on the GPU, view dependent tessellation



Data courtesy of <http://www.opentopography.org/>

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# Peeling for Ensuring Linear Independence

(Valid for LR B-splines and Semi-Standard T-splines)

The refinement starts from a tensor product B-spline space with  $(p_1 + 1)(p_2 + 1) \dots (p_d + 1)$  B-splines covering an element spanning the polynomial space of degree  $(p_1, p_2, \dots, p_d)$  over the element.

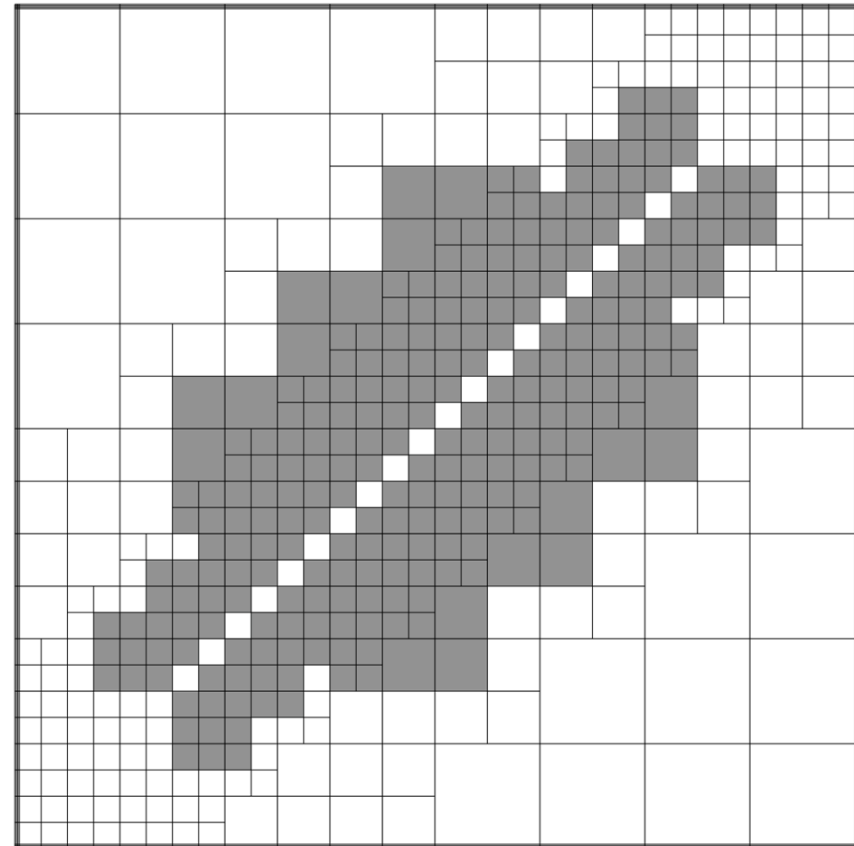
- A refinement cannot reduce the polynomial space spanned over an element.
- An extra B-spline in a linear dependency relation can be removed without changing spanning properties over its elements
  - Before the removal of a B-spline there must consequently be more than  $(p_1 + 1)(p_2 + 1) \dots (p_d + 1)$  B-splines covering all elements of the removed B-spline.



# Overloaded elements and B-splines

- We call an element overloaded if there are more than  $(p_1 + 1)(p_2 + 1) \dots (p_d + 1)$  B-splines covering the element.
- We call a B-spline overloaded if all its elements are overloaded.

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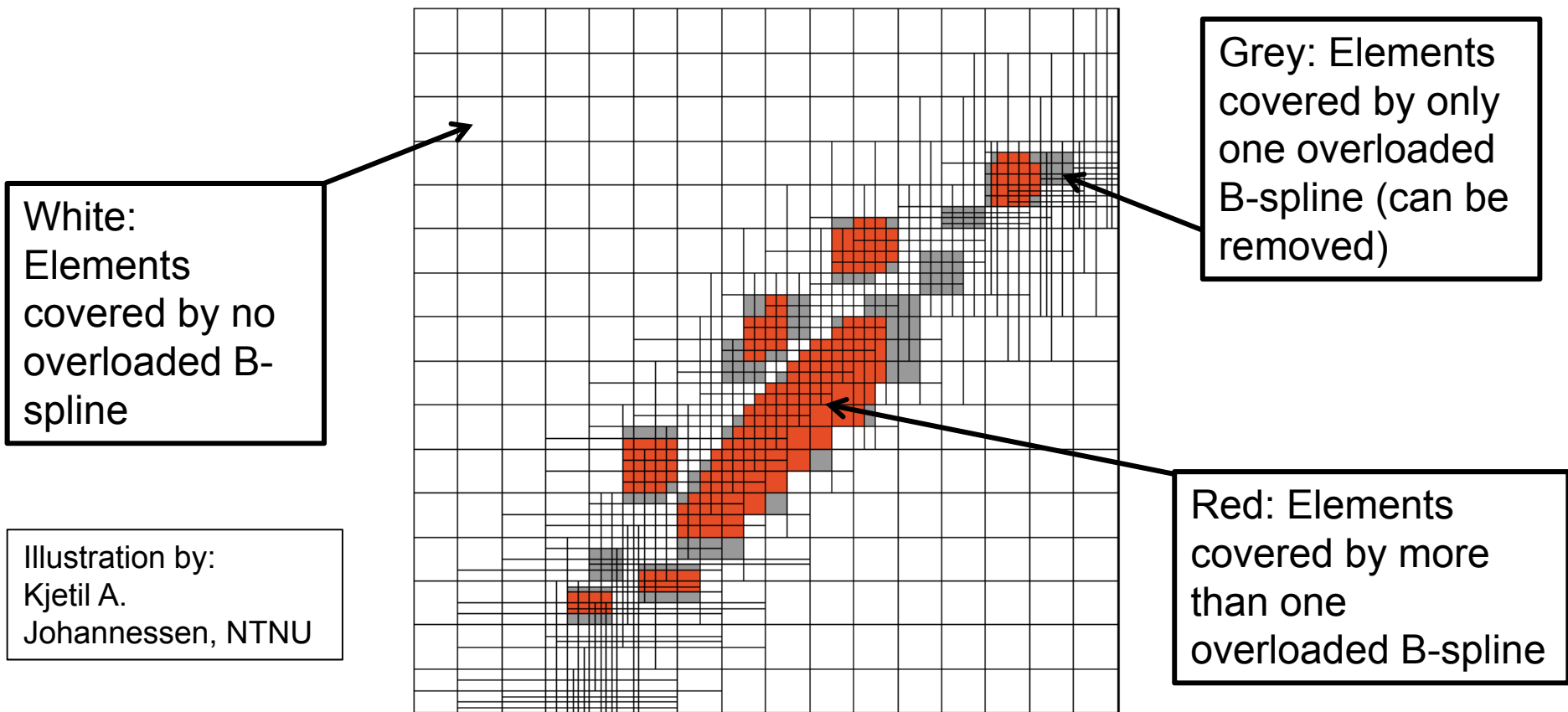
The support of overloaded B-splines colored grey.

# Observations

- If there is **no overloaded B-spline** then the B-splines are locally (and globally) **linearly independent**
  - All overloaded elements not part of an overloaded B-spline can be disregarded
- **Only overloaded B-splines can occur in linear dependency relations**
- **A linear dependency relation has to include at least two\* overloaded B-splines.**
  - Elements with only one overloaded B-spline cannot be part of linear dependency relation. Thus overloaded B-spline having such an element cannot be part of linear dependency relation.

\* The number is actually higher, at least:  $2^l + 1$  in the  $l$ -variate case.

# Example peeling algorithm for overloaded B-splines.



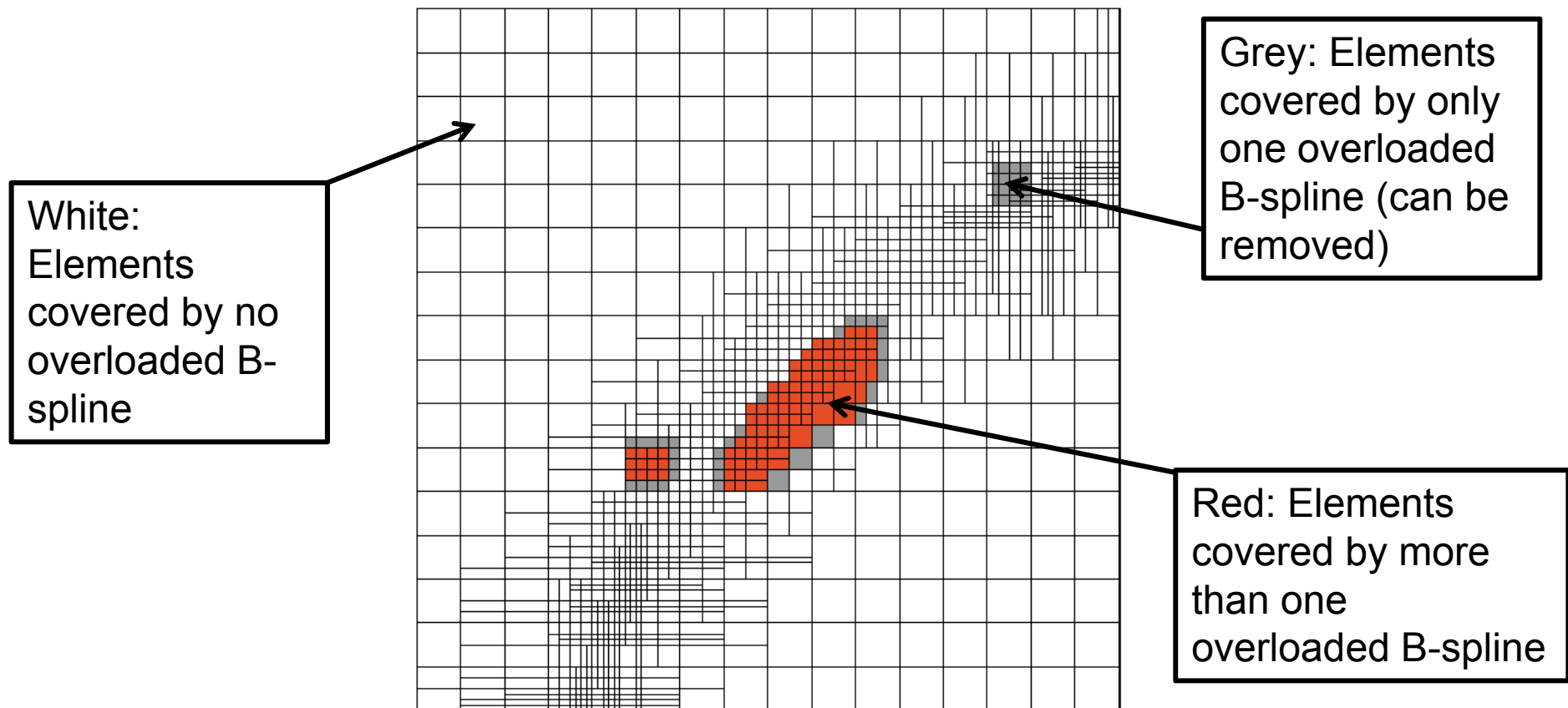
White:  
Elements  
covered by no  
overloaded B-  
spline

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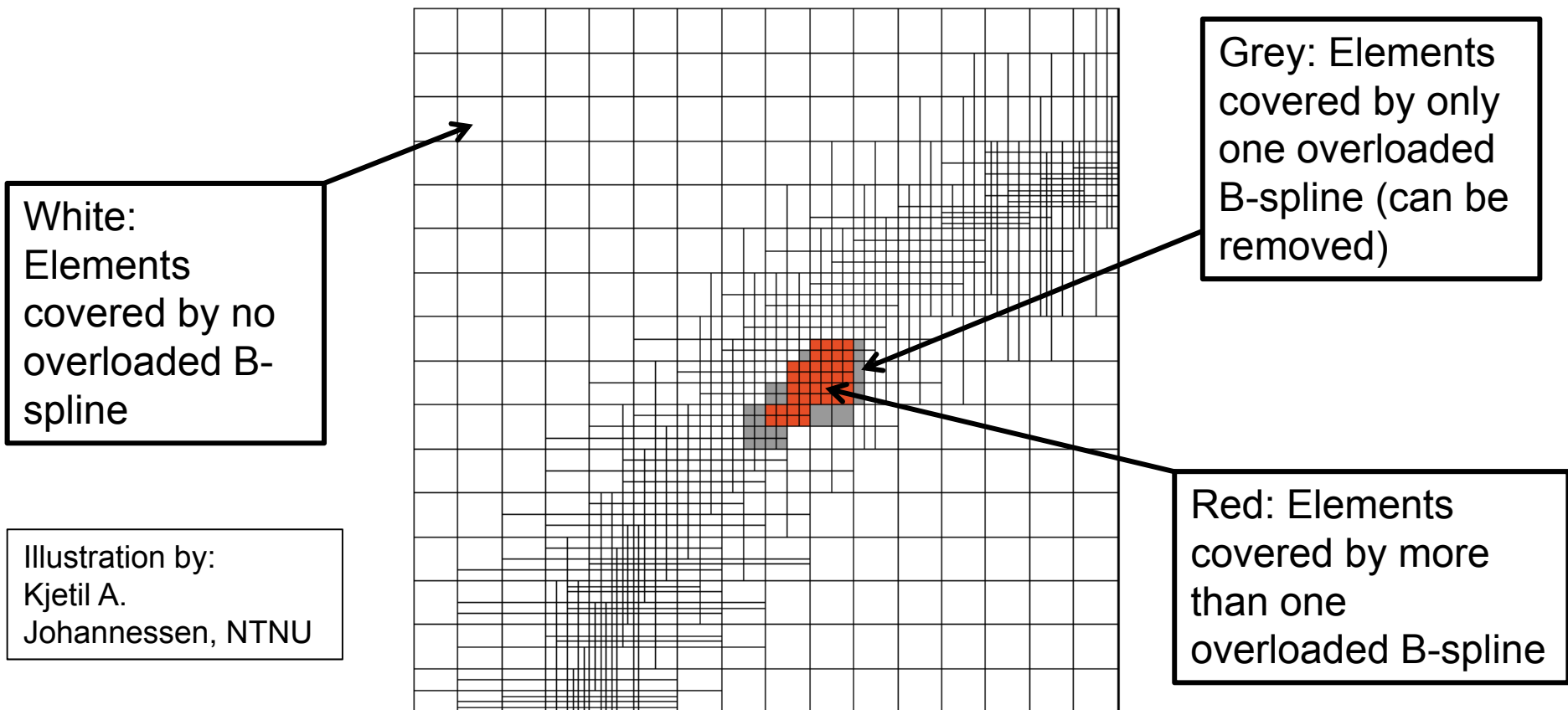
Grey: Elements  
covered by only  
one overloaded  
B-spline (can be  
removed)

Red: Elements  
covered by more  
than one  
overloaded B-spline

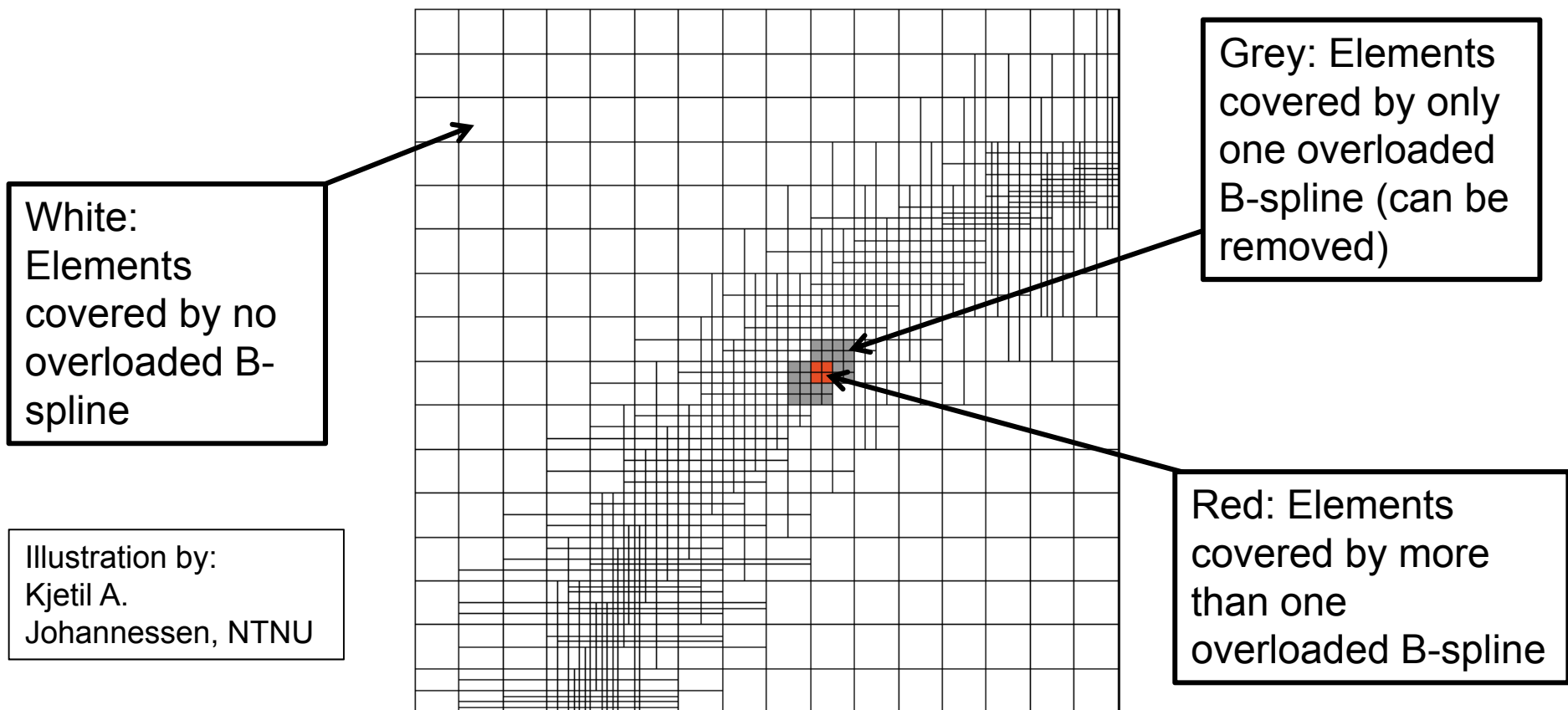
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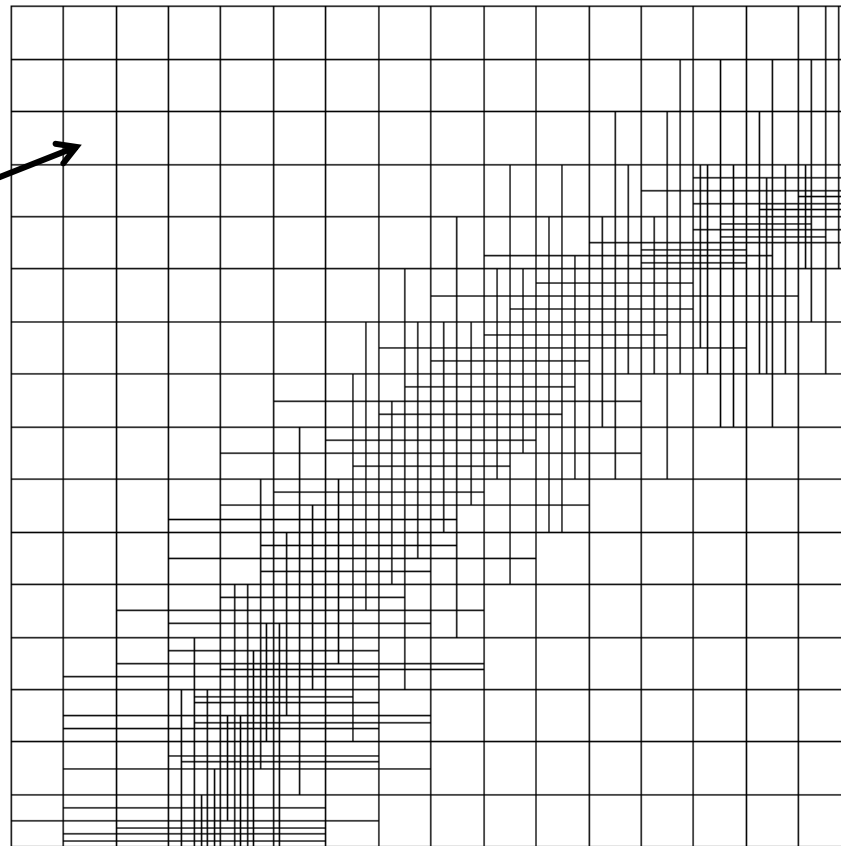
# All B-splines remaining some elements that are overloaded only once. Linear dependency not possible.



# No overloaded B-splines remaining. Linear dependency not possible.

White:  
Elements  
covered by no  
overloaded B-  
spline

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# Current work on LR B-splines at SINTEF

- LR Splines extensions to the SINTEF GoTools C++ library is under way. EU-project: TERRIFIC.
  - [www.terrific-project.eu](http://www.terrific-project.eu)
- We work on efficient computation of stiffness matrices for LR Spline represented IGA on multi-core and many core CPUs
- We work on IGA based on LR B-splines
- We work on efficient LR B-spline visualization on GPUs
- We address representation of geographic information using LR B-splines in EU-project Iqmulus
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# Simulation – Future Information flow

