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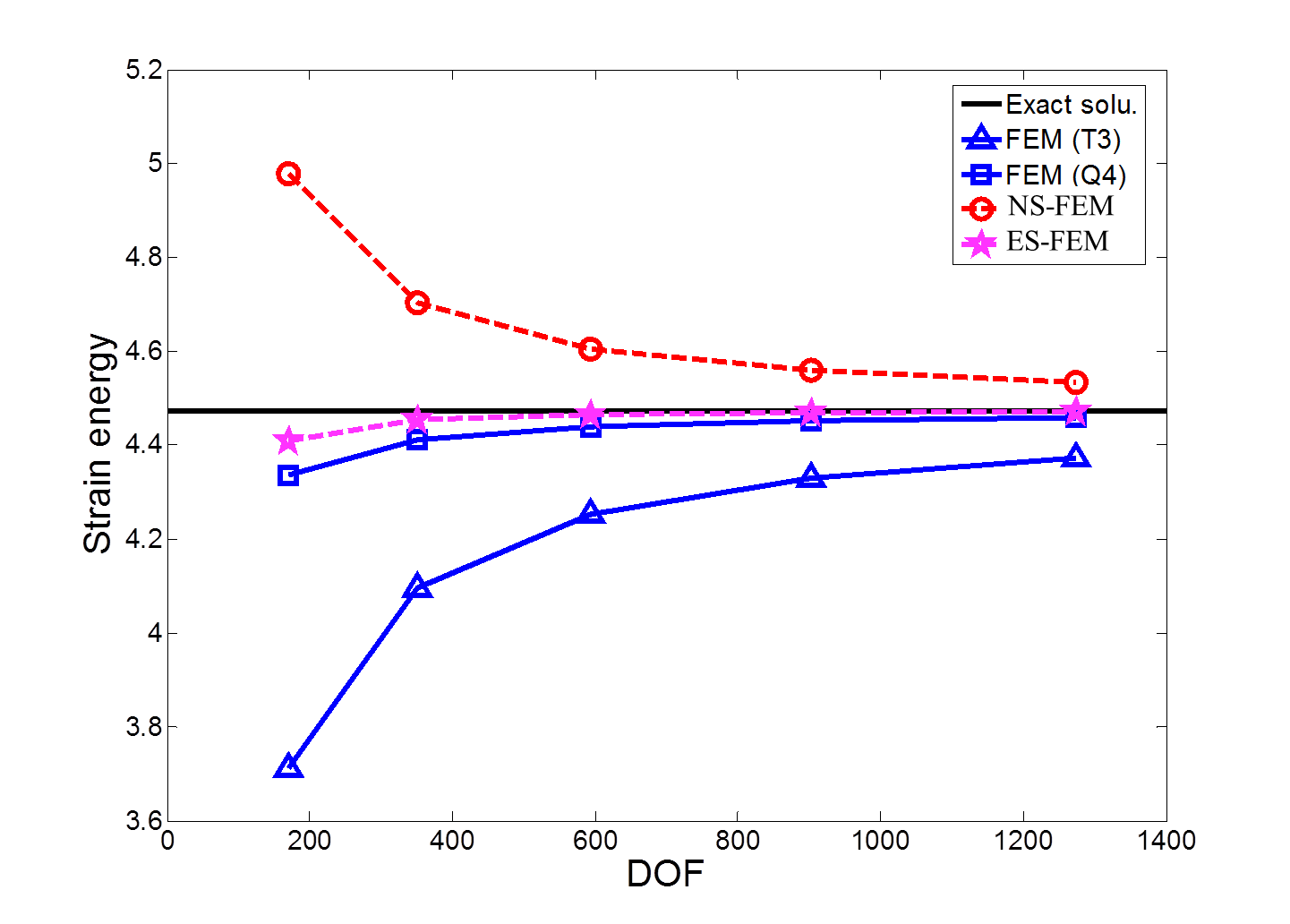


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| Methods | Features | Bound properties |
| FEM | Stiff model, lower bound | lower bound |
| S-FEM | Softer model, possibly upper bound | possibly upper bound |
| S-PIM | Softer model, possibly upper bound | possibly upper bound |

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