

# An Adaptive Multiscale Method For Fracture

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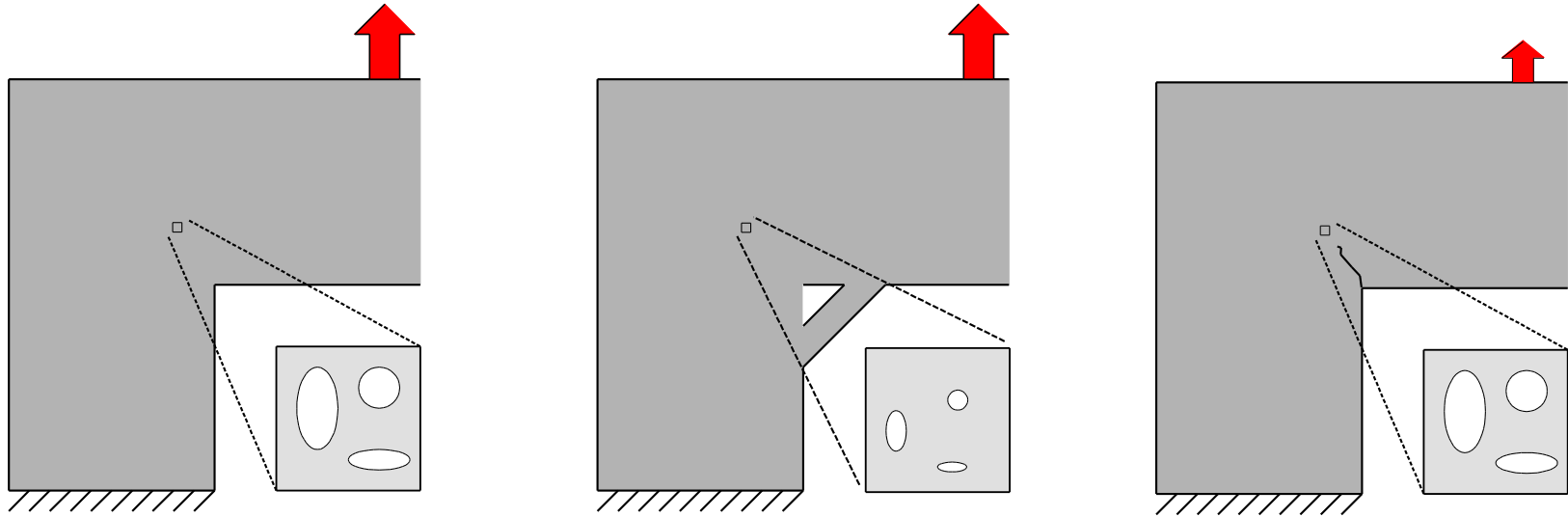
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## Outline:

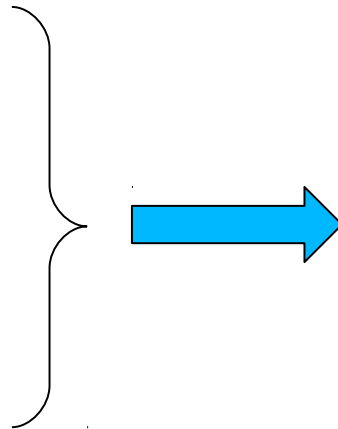
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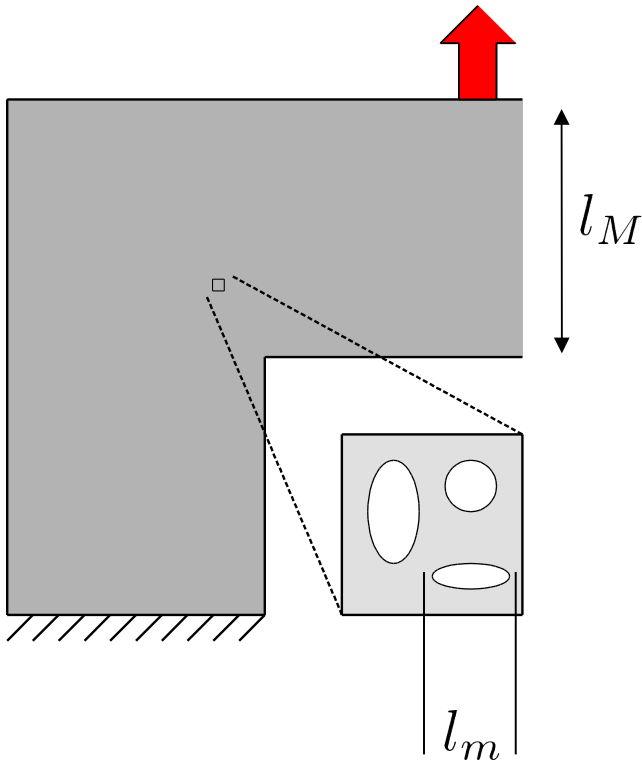
- Geometry

- Load

- Microscopic response



➤ Macroscopic response



➤  $l_M > l_m$  (Separable scales)

## Effective macroscopic model

- Analytical approaches
- Averaging technique approaches

➤  $l_M \approx l_m$  (Inseparable scales)

## Direct microscale model

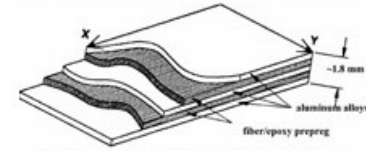
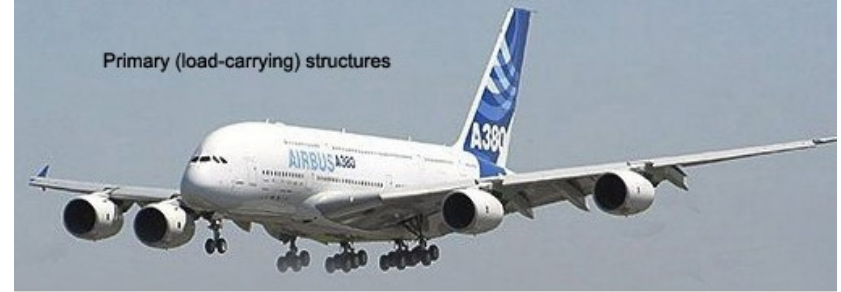
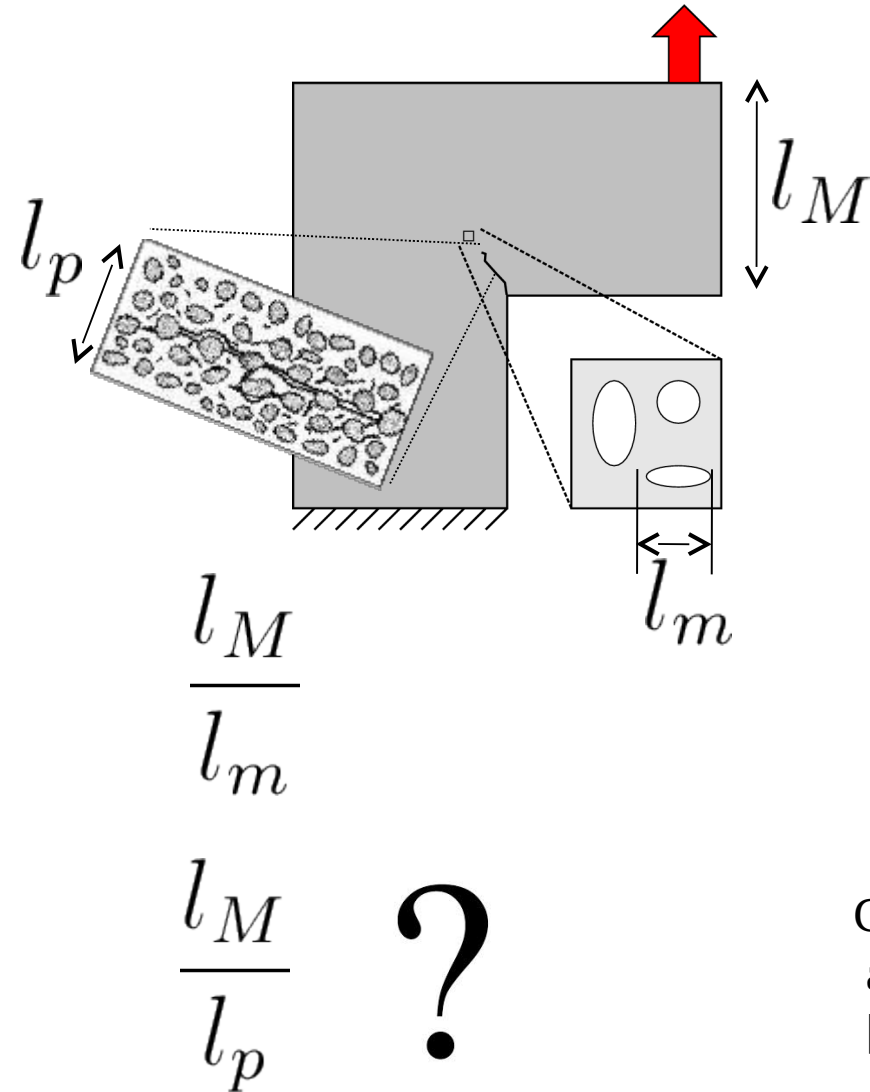
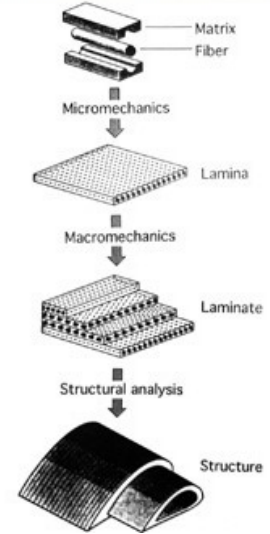
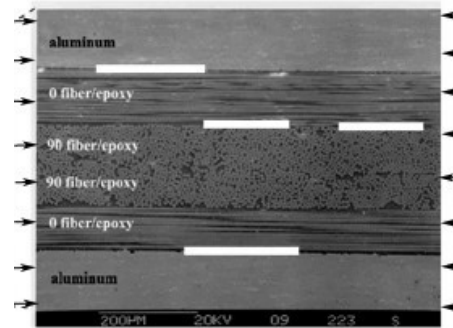


Fig. 2. Configuration of continuous fiber/carbon/epoxy hybrid composite (3/2 lay-up).



Cross-section of carbon-fibre aluminium laminate, a part of primary structure of Airbus A380 [from CEMINACS centre, University of Aberdeen]

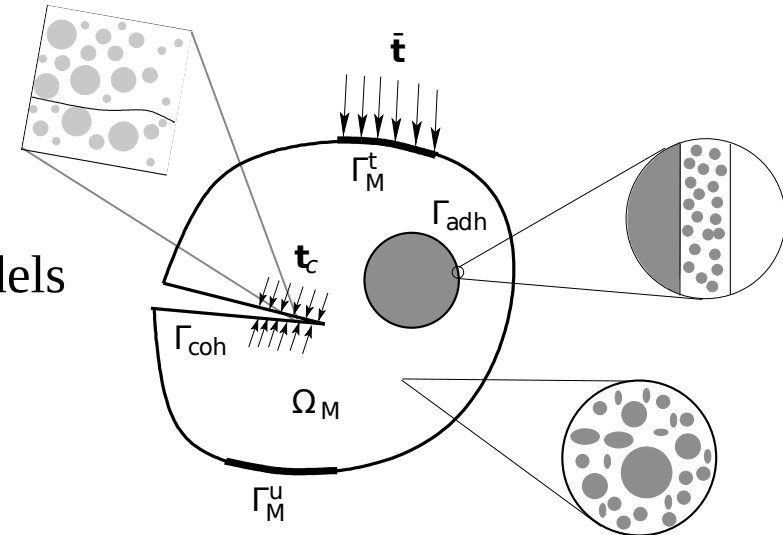
## ● Non-concurrent approaches

$$\frac{l_M}{l_p} > 1$$

(Separable  
scales)

Macroscopic crack modelling:

- Local or non-local damage models
- Homogenisation of damage
- Crack direction obtained by macroscopic assumptions



From [Nguyen et al. 2010]

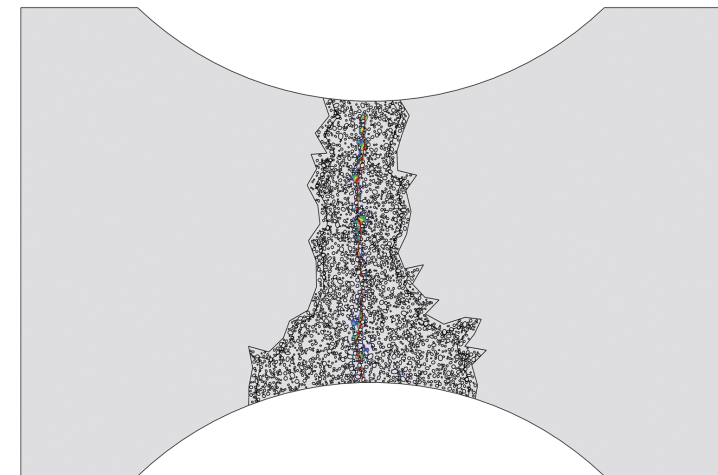
## ● Concurrent approaches

$$\frac{l_M}{l_p} \approx 1$$

(Inseparable  
scales)

Fracture is modelled at the  
microscale

Expensive



From [Unger and Eckart 2011]

## microscopic model

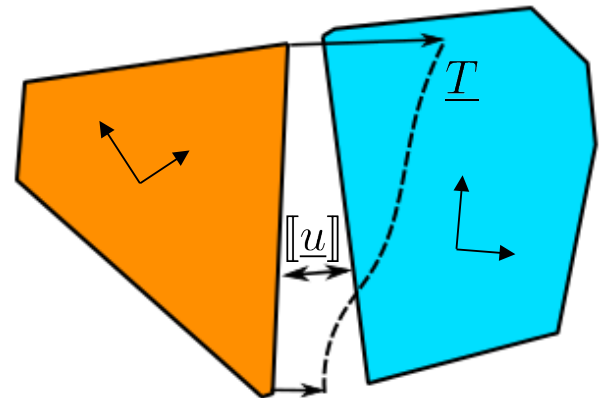
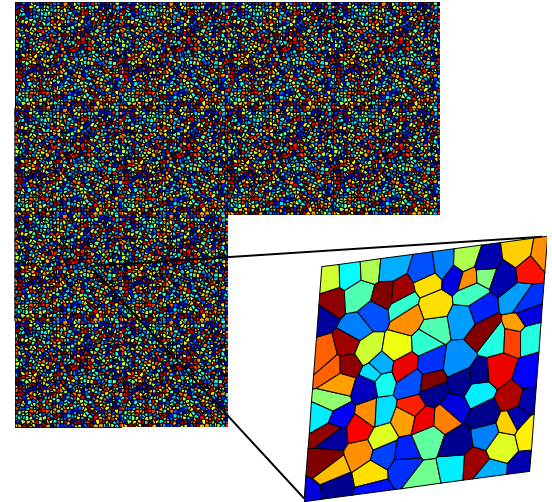
$$\int_{\Omega/\Gamma_c} \boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{u}) : \delta \boldsymbol{\varepsilon} \, d\Omega + \int_{\Gamma_c} \mathbf{T} \cdot [[\delta \mathbf{u}]] \, d\Omega$$

$$= \int_{\partial\Omega} \mathbf{f} \cdot \delta \mathbf{u} \, d\Gamma$$

- Orthotropic grains
- Cohesive interface

$$\mathbf{T} = \mathbb{k} [[\mathbf{u}]]$$

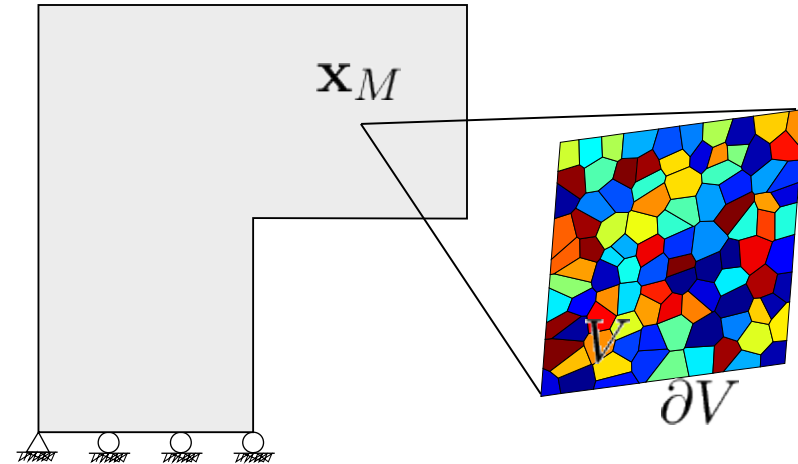
$$\mathbb{k} = \begin{bmatrix} k_n^+ (1 - d_n) H([[ \tilde{u}_1 ]]) + k_n^- H(-[[ \tilde{u}_1 ]]) & 0 \\ 0 & k_t (1 - d_t) \end{bmatrix}$$



## Macroscale problem:

$$\int_{\Omega} \boldsymbol{\sigma}^c(\mathbf{u}) : \delta \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^c \, d\Omega = \int_{\Gamma_t} \mathbf{f} \cdot \delta \mathbf{u}^c \, d\Gamma$$

Constitutive relation is obtained  
by FE2 scheme



## Coupling of macroscopic and microscopic levels

The volume averaging theorem is postulated for:

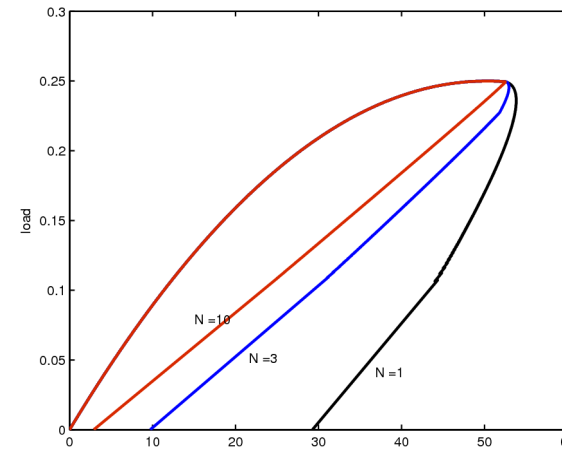
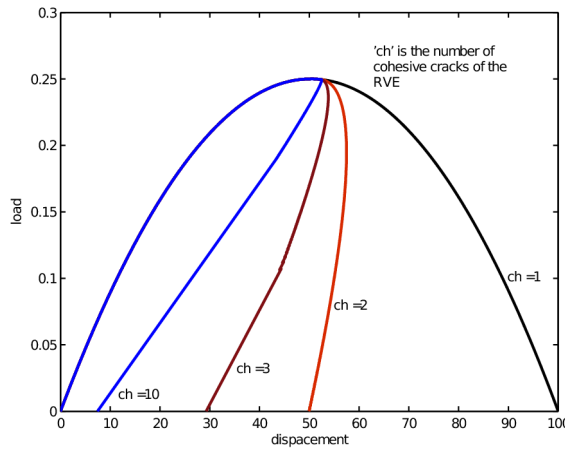
- Strain tensor  $\langle \varepsilon_{ij} \rangle = \frac{1}{V} \int_{\partial V} \frac{1}{2} (u_i n_j + u_j n_i) \, dA$
- Virtual work (Hill-Mandel condition)  $\langle \sigma_{ij} \rangle \langle \varepsilon_{ij} \rangle = \frac{1}{V} \int_V \sigma_{ij} \varepsilon_{ij} \, dV$
- Stress tensor  $\langle \sigma_{ij} \rangle = \frac{1}{V} \int_V \sigma_{ij} \, dV$



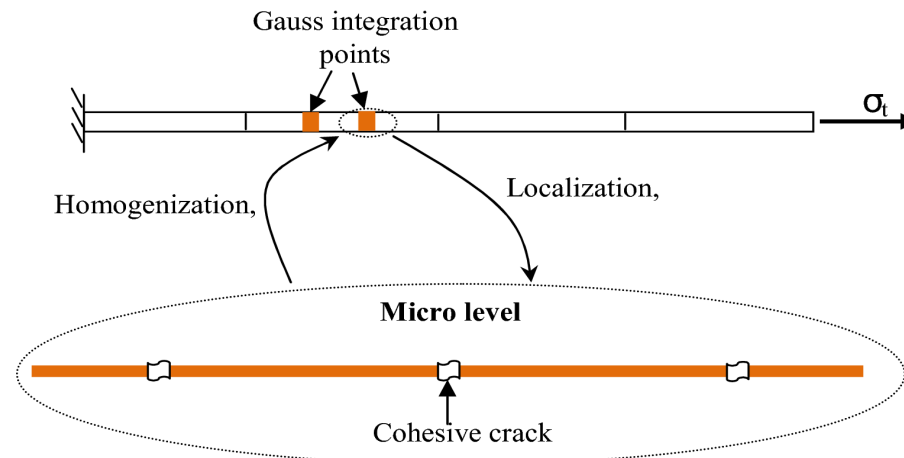
## Limitation of Computational homogenization

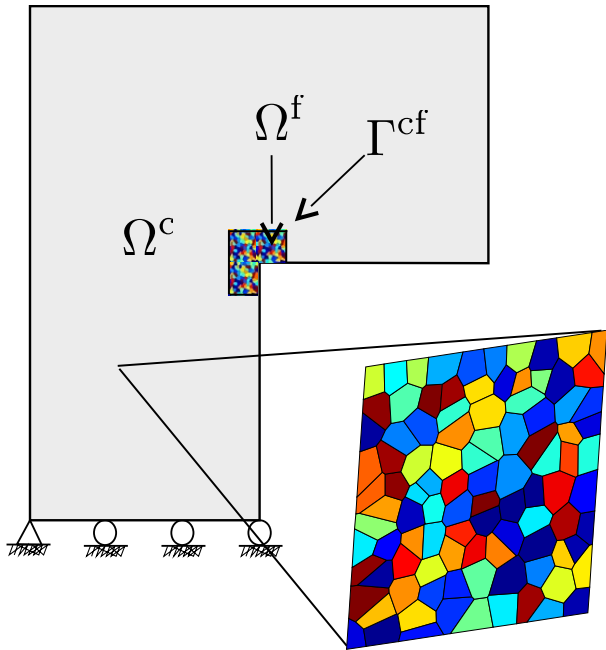
In softening regime:

- Lack of scale separation or (the RVE is not valid for Homogenization)



Macro level





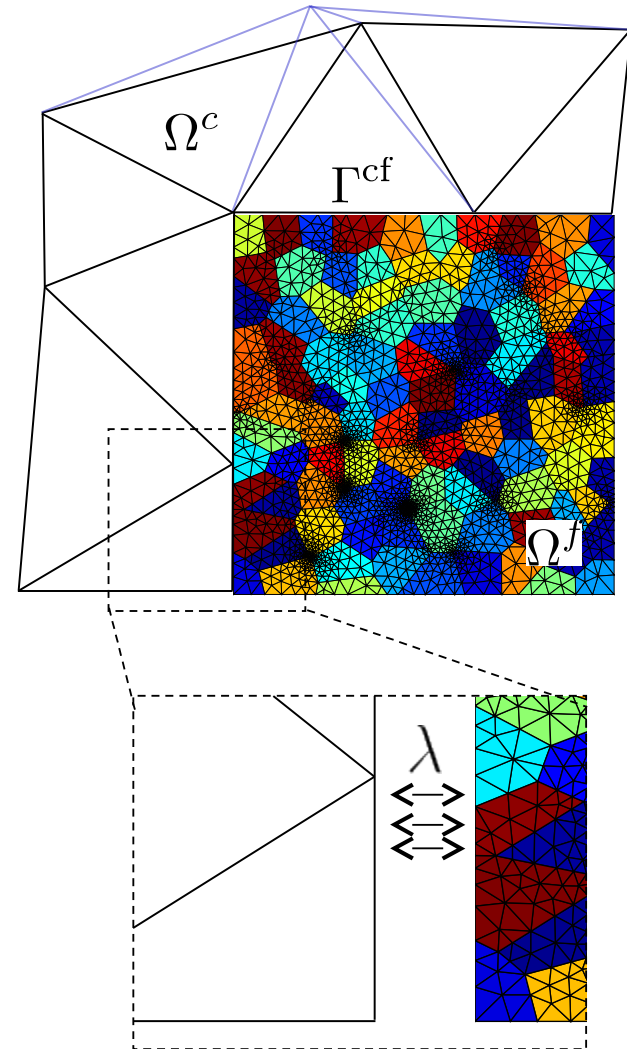
- FE2 for safe region (hierarchical multiscale)
- Domain decomposition for damage region (concurrent multiscale)

$$\begin{cases} \int_{\Omega^s} \boldsymbol{\sigma}^c : \boldsymbol{\delta}\boldsymbol{\epsilon}^c d\Omega = \int_{\partial\Omega_F^s} \mathbf{F}_d \cdot \boldsymbol{\delta}\mathbf{u}^c d\Gamma - \int_{\Gamma_{cf}} \boldsymbol{\lambda}^p \cdot \boldsymbol{\delta}\mathbf{u}^c d\Gamma \\ \sum_{G \in \mathcal{G}^p} \int_G \boldsymbol{\epsilon}^f : \mathbb{H}^{(G)} : \boldsymbol{\delta}\boldsymbol{\epsilon}^f d\Omega + \sum_{G \in \mathcal{G}^p} \frac{1}{2} \int_{\partial G \setminus \partial\Omega^p} \mathbf{t}^{(G)} \cdot \llbracket \boldsymbol{\delta}\mathbf{u}^f \rrbracket^{(G)} d\Gamma = \int_{\Gamma_{cf}} \boldsymbol{\lambda}^p \cdot \boldsymbol{\delta}\mathbf{u}^f d\Gamma \end{cases}$$

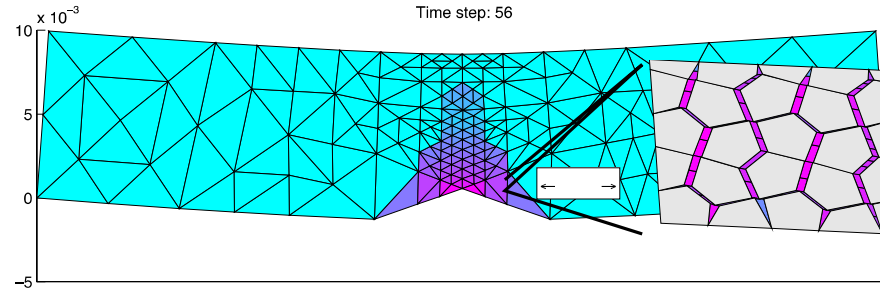
Displacement continuity at the interface

$$\mathbf{u}^c|_{\Gamma_{cf}} = \mathbf{u}^f|_{\Gamma_{cf}}$$

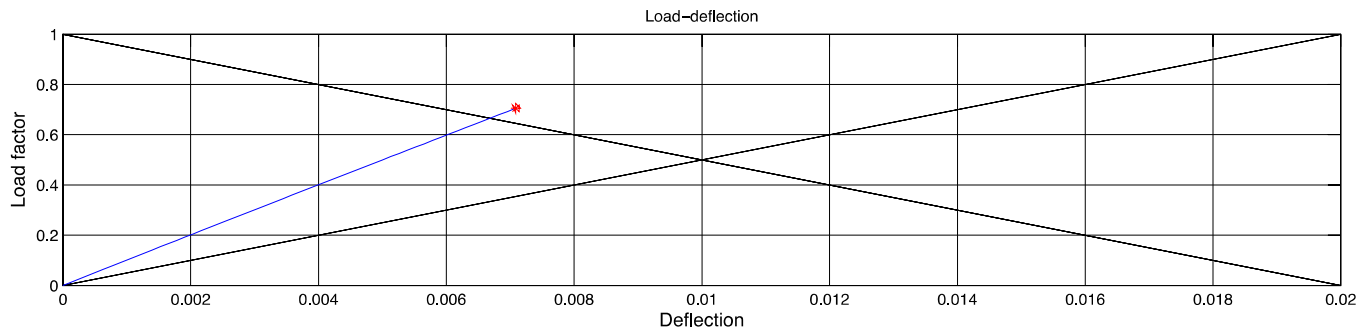
- Implicit incremental time integration
- Space discretisation at time  $t_n$ :
  - $P^1$  FE in  $\Omega^c$  (3-nodes triangles),
  - $P^1$  FE + cohesive elements in  $\Omega^f$
  - Interface constraint: each node of  $\Omega^c$  correspond to a node of  $\Omega^f$
- Local arc-length technique
  - Control maximum opening of Cohesive interface cracks



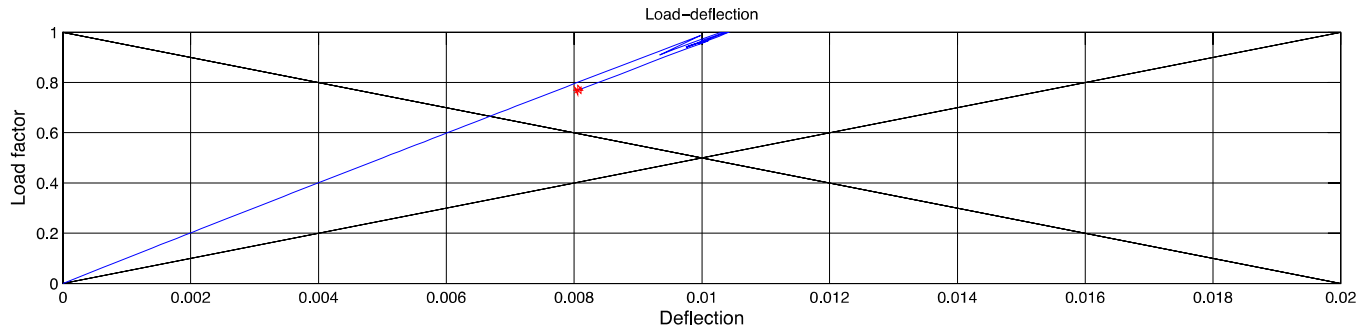
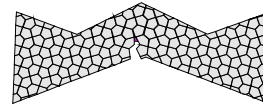
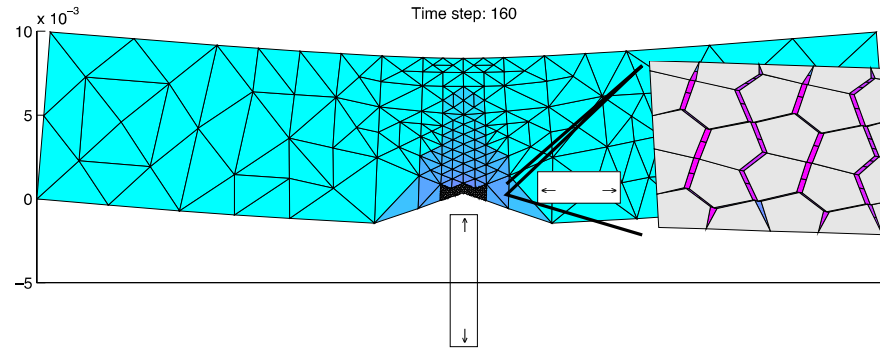
# Example: Hybrid multiscale method



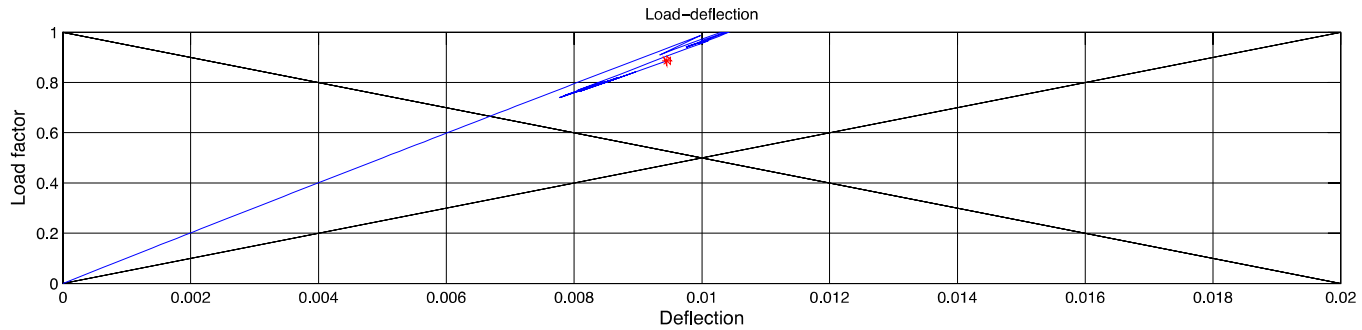
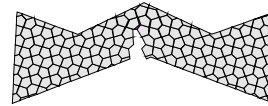
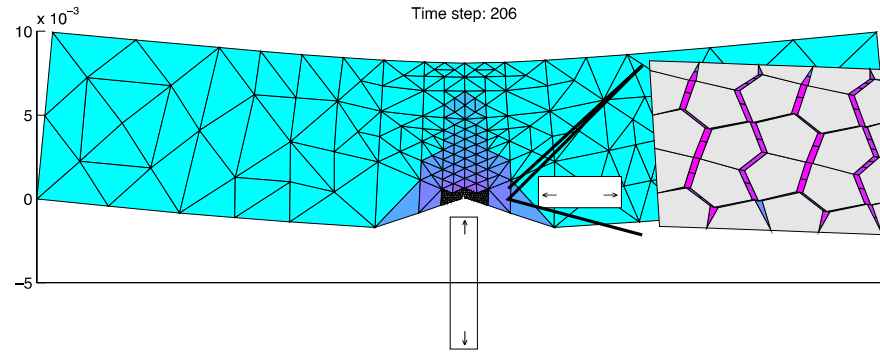
Macro/micro Model refinement criterion: relative distance to the loss of ellipticity



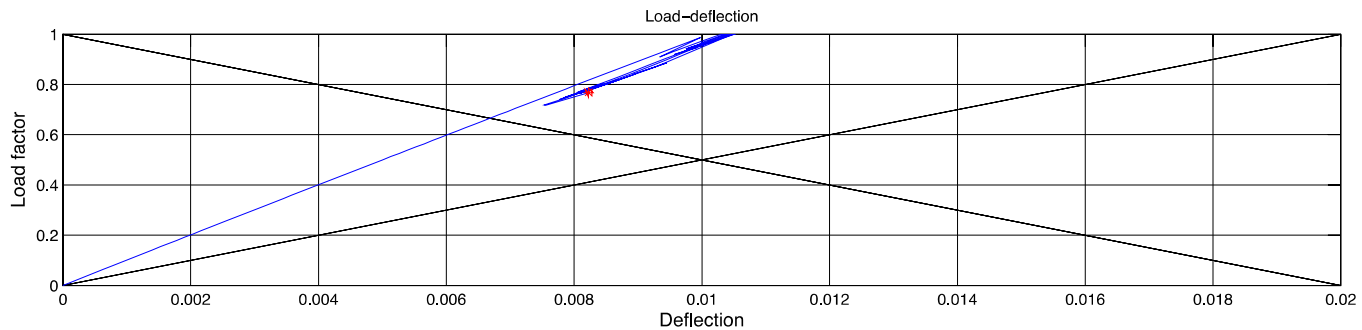
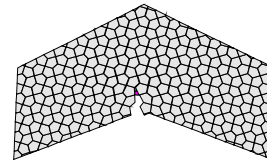
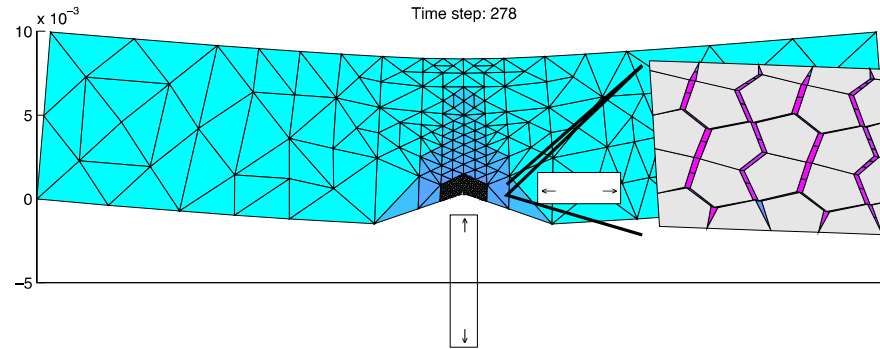
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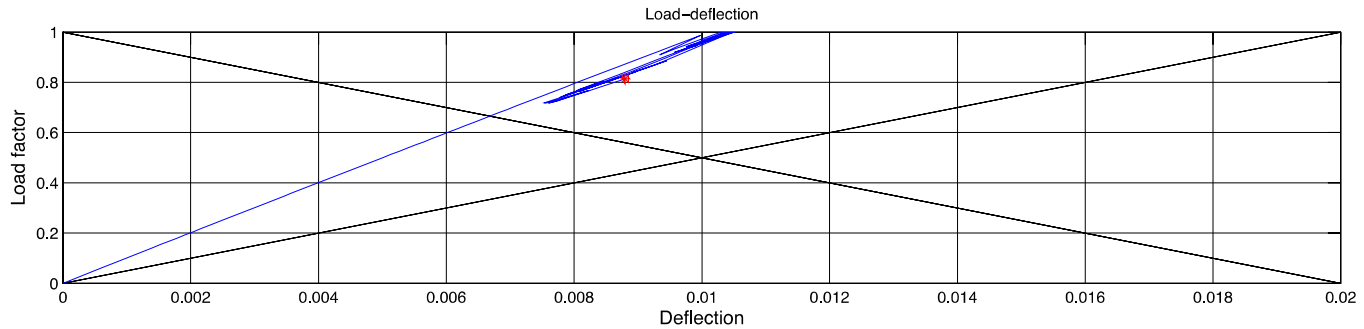
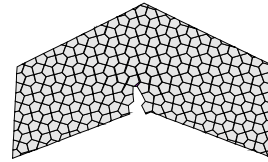
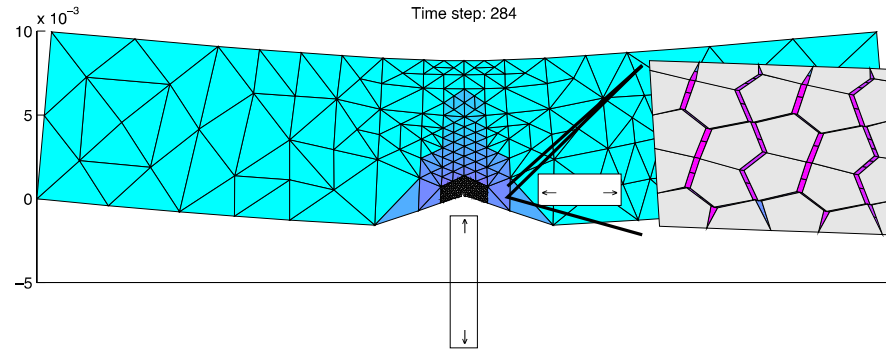
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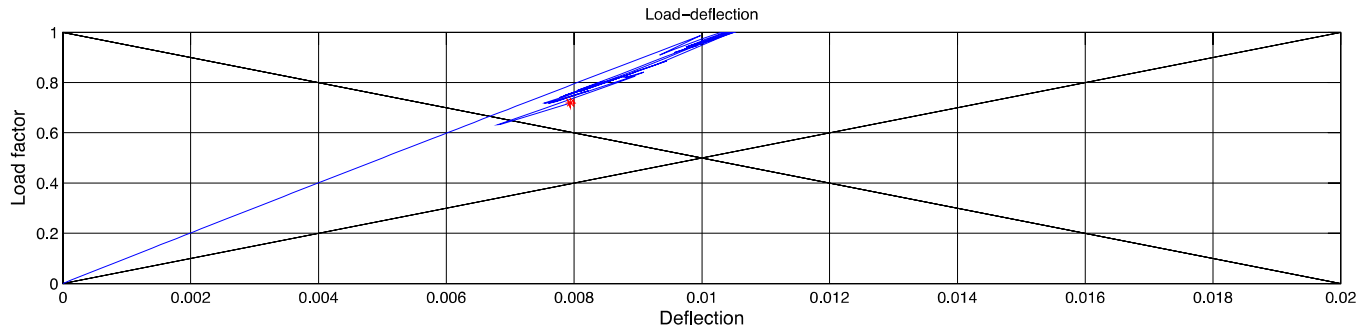
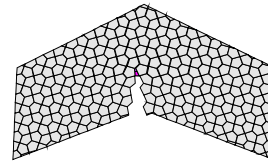
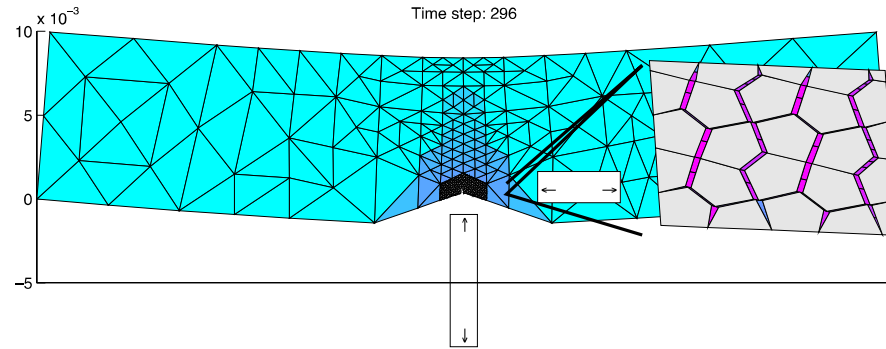


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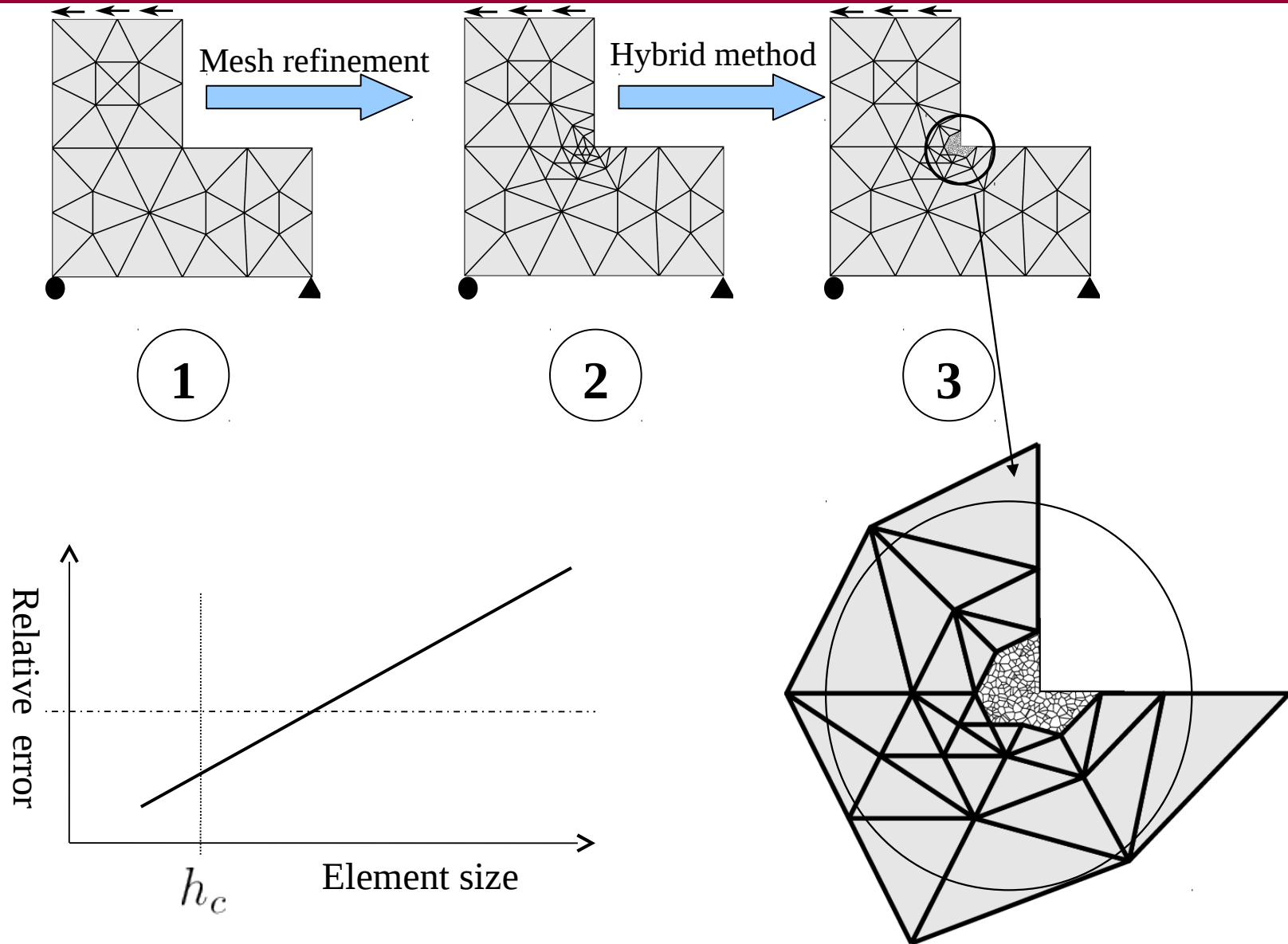




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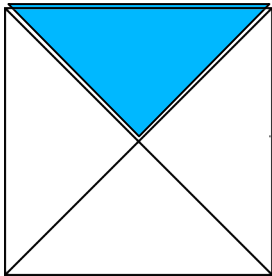
# Adaptive mesh refinement



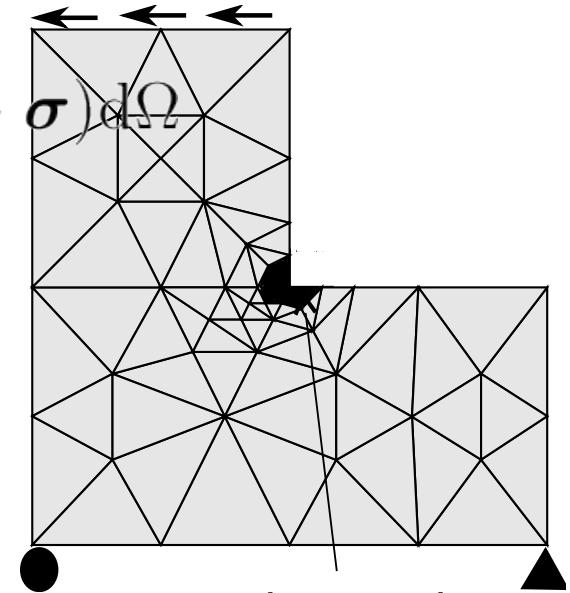
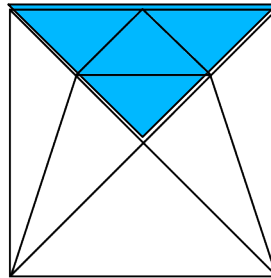
- Error estimation by Zienkiewicz-Zhu-type recovery technique

$$\|e\| = \int_{\Omega_c} (\boldsymbol{\sigma}^* - \boldsymbol{\sigma}) : \left( \frac{\partial \boldsymbol{\sigma}}{\partial \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}} \Big|_{\mathbf{u}^c} \right)^{-1} : (\boldsymbol{\sigma}^* - \boldsymbol{\sigma}) d\Omega$$

Element to refine



Refined mesh



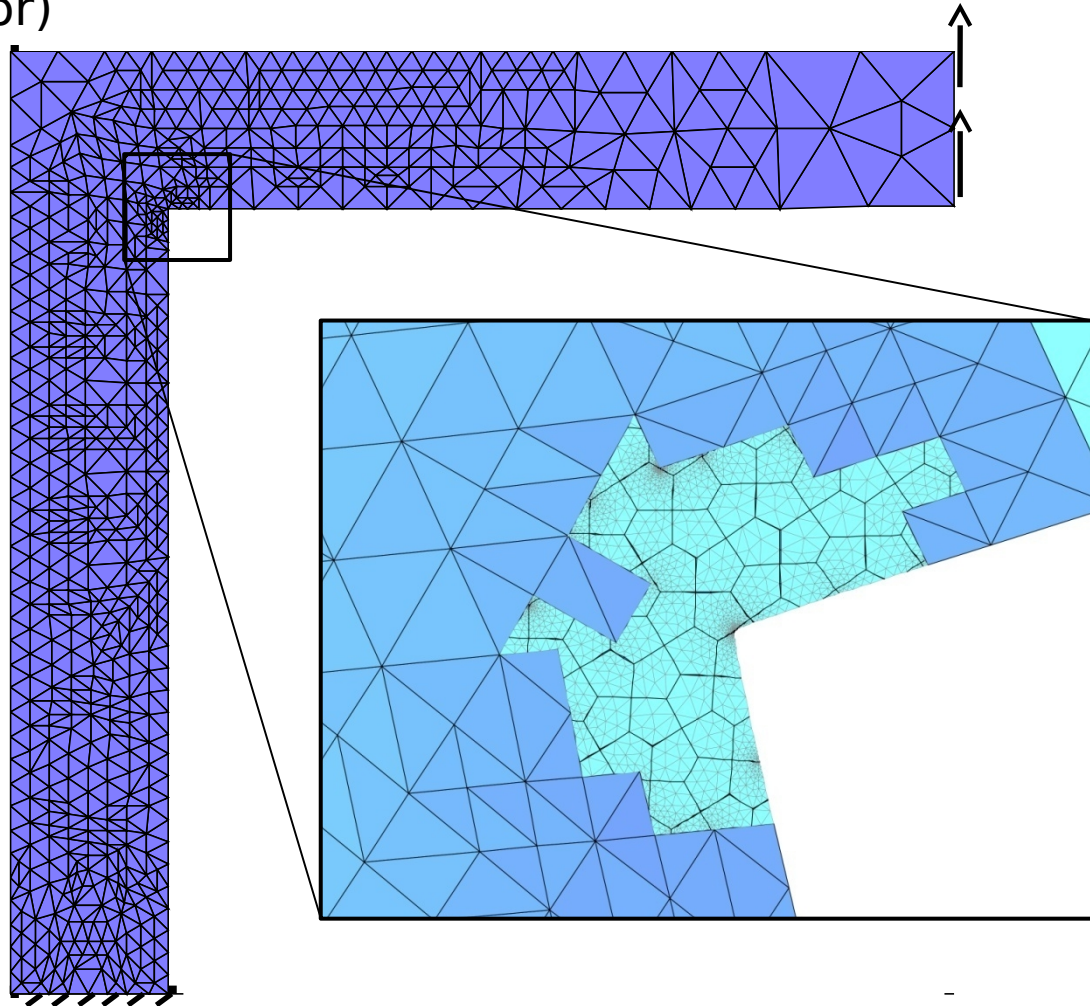
Error due to the discretisation of neglected

- Convergence criterion:

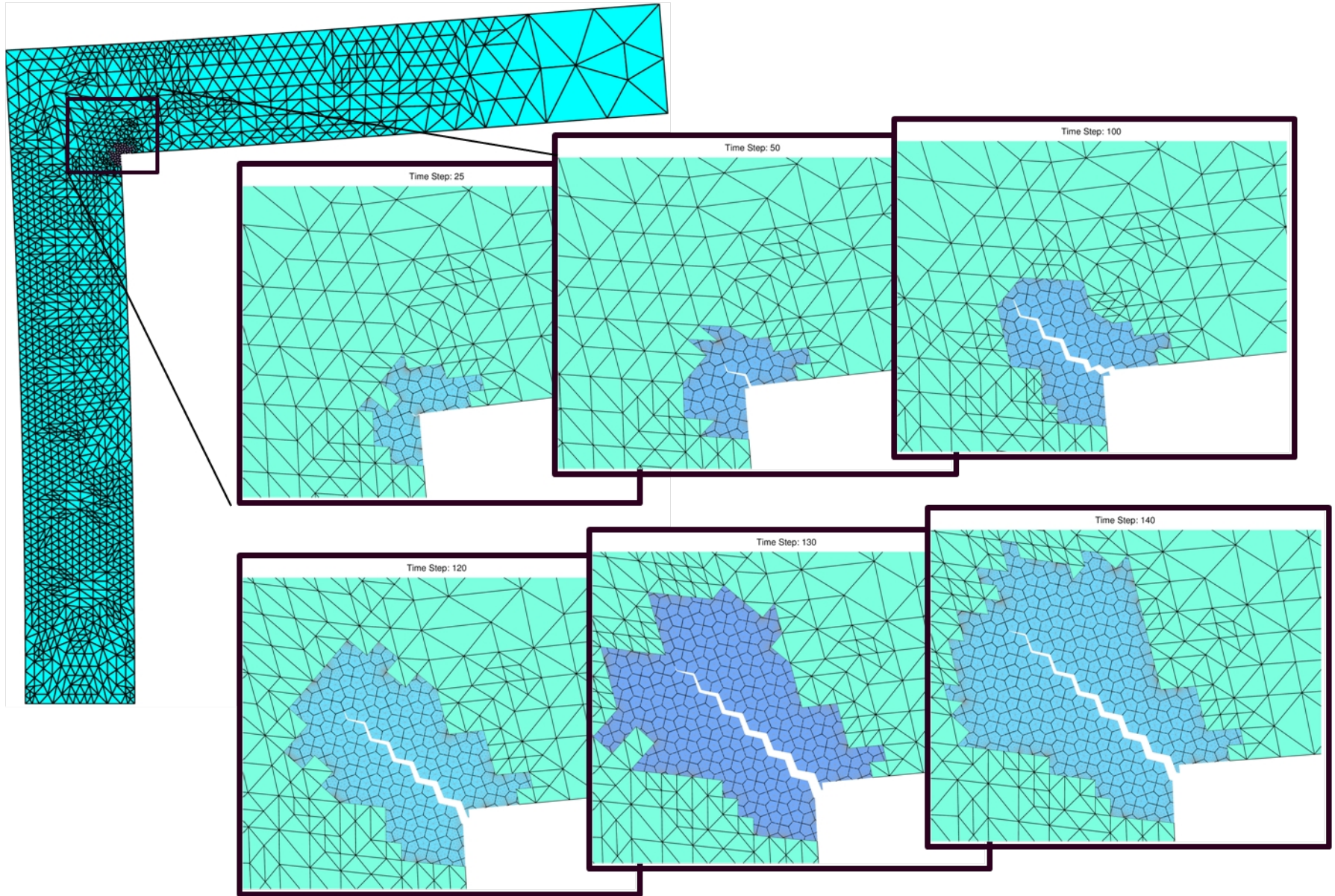
$$\frac{\|e\|}{\|\boldsymbol{\sigma}\|} < Tol$$

# Initial mesh/model refinement

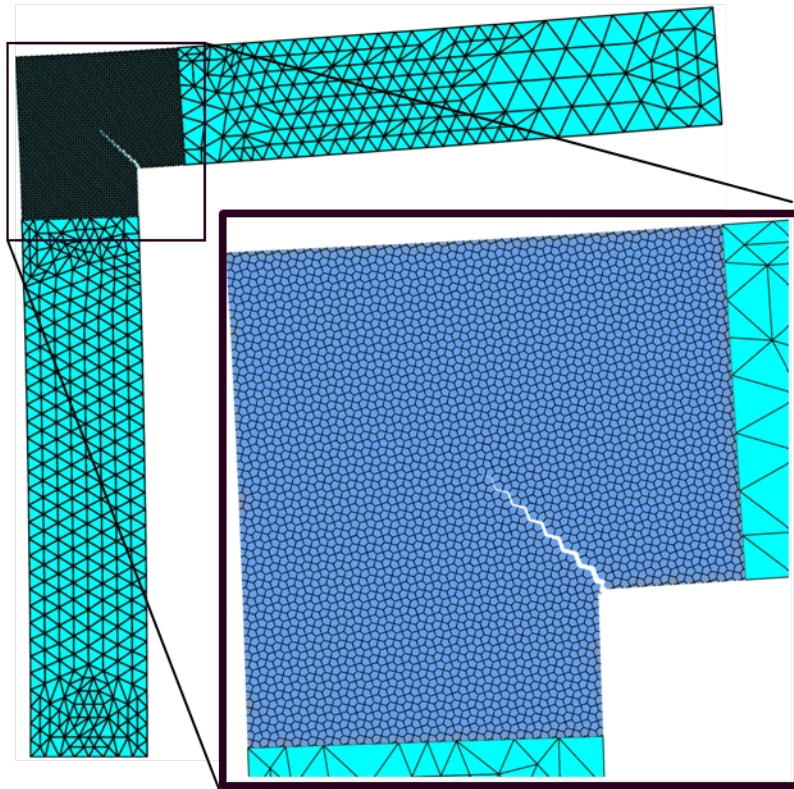
Initial mesh, refined hierarchically using ZZ (15% error)



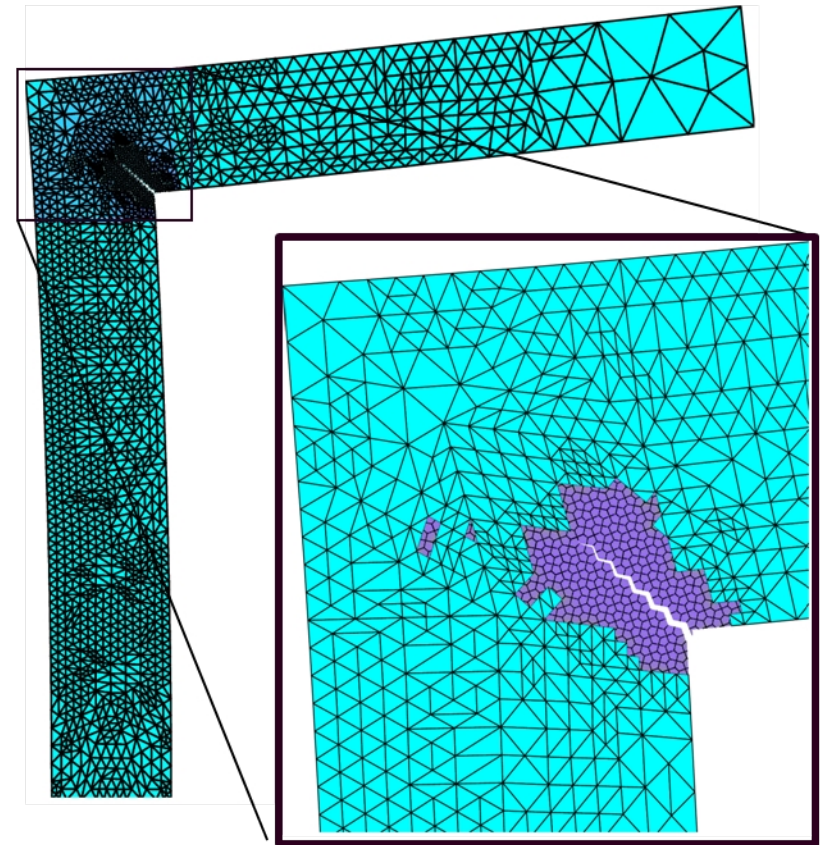
# Example: Adaptive multiscale method



## Direct Numerical Solution



## Adaptive Multiscale method



An adaptive multiscale method was developed for modelling of fracture in polycrystalline materials:

- An unstructured mesh is used for the coarse scale of concurrent multiscale .
- A local arc-length was used to control crack speed at process zones.
- A recovery based error indicator was employed to improve the mesh at each time step.
- The robustness of the method was shown by an example.

- Coarsening the damaged region where the fine scale study is not necessary.
- Improving the error indicator in the vicinity of the interface of the coarse and fine meshes.
- Developing a goal-oriented error estimator which refines the mesh with respect to a quantity of interest, e.g. damage at micro level.



**Thanks for your attention!**