

# Towards a seamless Integration of CAD and Simulation

## *Partition of Unity Enrichment*

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# Part 0. Enrichment of the finite element method



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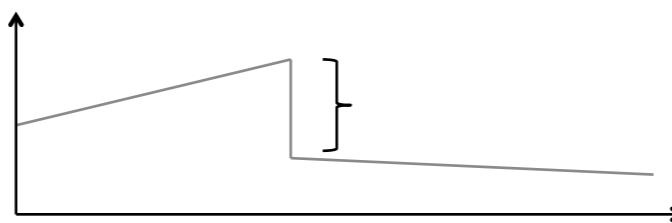
# Enrichment

- When the standard finite element method is unable to efficiently reproduce certain features of the sought solution:
  1. Discontinuities - cracks, *material interfaces*
  2. Large gradients - *yield lines, shock waves*
  3. Singularities - notches, cracks, corners
  4. Boundary layers - fluid-fluid, fluid-solid
  5. Oscillatory behavior - vibrations, impact
- The approximation space can be extended by introducing of an *a priori* knowledge about the sought solution, and thereby:
  1. Rendering the mesh independent of any phenomena
  2. reducing error of the approximation locally and globally
  3. improving convergence rates

# Classification of discontinuities

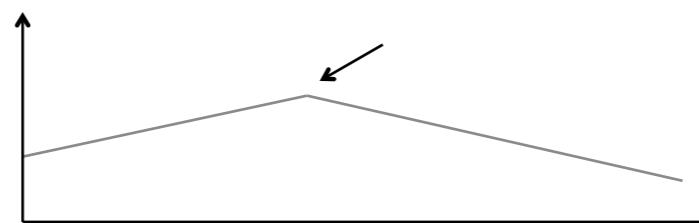
## Strong discontinuities

- The primal field of the solution is discontinuous, e.g. cracks lead to strong discontinuities in the displacement field.



## Weak discontinuities

- The first derivative of the solution is discontinuous, e.g. discontinuities in the strain field through a material interface.



# Classification of enrichments

## Global enrichment

- The enrichment is employed on the global level, over the **entire domain**.
- Useful for problems that can be considered as **globally non-smooth** e.g. high-frequency solutions (Helmholtz equation)

## Local enrichment

- This enrichment scheme is adopted locally, over a **local subdomain**.
- Useful for problems that only involve **locally non-smooth** phenomena, e.g. solutions with discontinuities.

# Classification of enrichments

## Extrinsic enrichment

- Associated with additional degrees of freedom and additional shape functions to augment the standard approximation basis.
  1. Extended finite element method (XFEM) - Moës et al. (1999)
  2. Generalised finite element method (GFEM) - Strouboulis et al. (2000a)
  3. Enriched element free Galerkin - Ventura et al. (2002)
  4.  $hp$  – clouds (Meshless/Hybrid) - Duarte and Oden (1996)

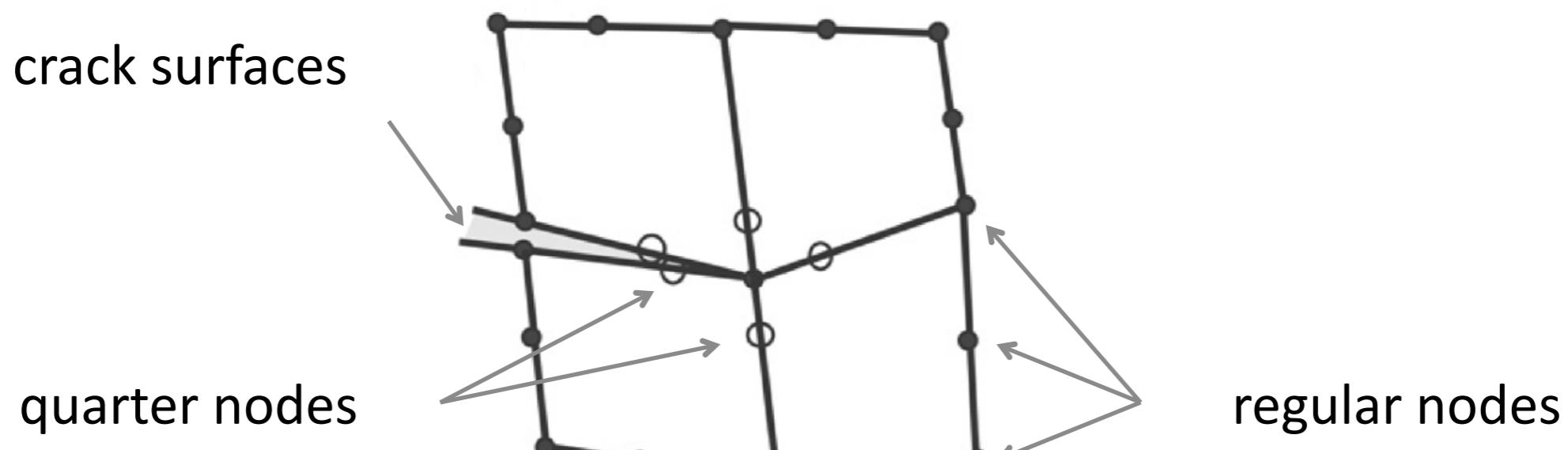
## Intrinsic enrichment

- Not accompanied by additional degrees of freedom. Instead, some standard functions are replaced with special (problem specific) functions.
  1. Enriched moving least squares (Meshless) - Fleming et al. (1997)
  2. Enriched weight function (Meshless) - Duflot et al. (2004b)
  3. Intrinsic partition of unity methods - Fries, Belytschko (2006)
  4. Elements with embedded discontinuities

# Singular elements (Barsoum, 1974)

## For simulating the crack tip singular field in LEFM

- A simple way how to introduce a singularity of  $1/\sqrt{r}$  in isoperimetric finite elements is by displacing the mid-side nodes of two adjacent edges to one quarter of the element edge length from the node where the singularity is desired.



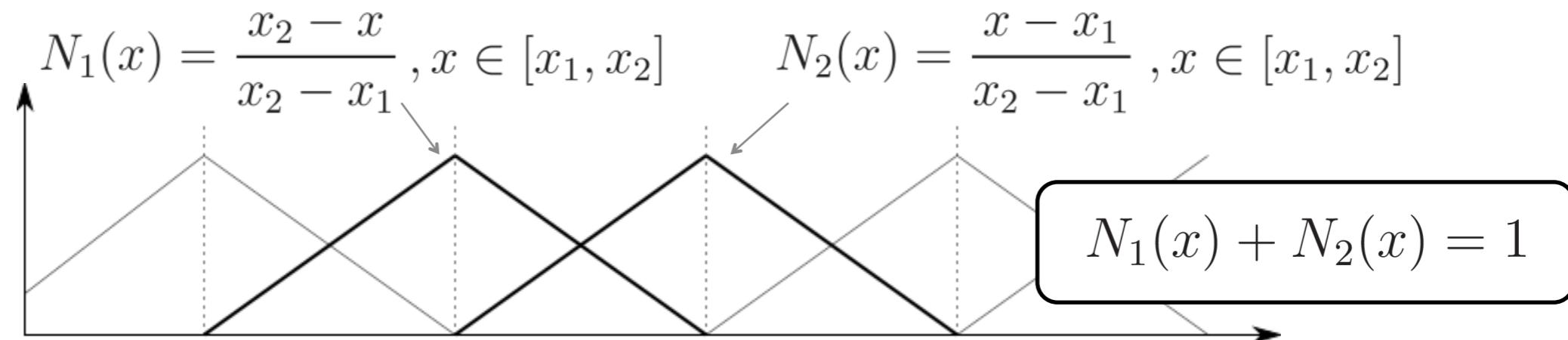
# Partition of unity finite element method (PUFEM)

## Partition of unity (PU)

- A set of functions  $\phi_i$  whose sum at any point  $x$  inside a domain  $\Omega$  is equal to unity:

$$\forall \mathbf{x} \in \Omega, \mathbf{x} : \sum_{I=1} \phi_I(\mathbf{x}) = 1$$

- Example PU functions are the finite element “hat” functions:



# Partition of unity finite element method (PUFEM)

## Reproducibility of PU

- Any function  $p(\mathbf{x})$  can be reproduced by a product of that function and the partition of unity functions:

$$\sum_{I=1} \phi_I(\mathbf{x}) p(\mathbf{x}) = p(\mathbf{x})$$

- The function can be adjusted if the sum is modified by introducing parameters  $q_I$ :

$$\sum_{I=1} \phi_I(\mathbf{x}) p(\mathbf{x}) q_I = \bar{p}(\mathbf{x})$$

- Reproducibility of  $p(\mathbf{x})$  can be controlled and localised to arbitrary regions where  $q_I \neq 0$

# Partition of unity finite element method (PUFEM)

## Formulation of PUFEM (example)

- Find the solution to the following 1D boundary value problem (BVP):

$$\forall x \in [0, l] : \frac{d^2u}{dx^2} + f = 0$$

with BC :  $u(0) = 0, u(l) = u_l$

- If we define two bilinear forms:

$$a(w, u) = \int_0^l \frac{dw}{dx} \frac{du}{dx} dx \quad (w, f) = \int_0^l wf dx$$

- The discrete variational problem can be stated as:

***find  $u^h \in U^h$  satisfying the BC such that for all  $w^h \in W^h$ :***

$$a(w^h, u^h) = (w^h, f)$$

# Partition of unity finite element method (PUFEM)

## Formulation of PUFEM (example)

- The approximation/trial function in PUFEM:

$$u^h(x) = \underbrace{\sum_{I=1} N_I(x) u_I}_{\text{standard FE}} + \underbrace{\sum_{J=1} \phi_J(x) \psi(x) q_J}_{\text{PU enriched}}$$

- By choosing  $w^h = \delta u^h$ , leads to the discrete system of equations:

$$a(\delta u^h, u^h) = (\delta u^h, f)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{K}_{ij}^{se} &= \int_0^l \frac{dN_i}{dx} \frac{d(\phi_j \psi)}{dx} dx && \downarrow \\ \mathbf{K}_{ij}^{ss} &= \int_0^l \frac{dN_i}{dx} \frac{dN_j}{dx} dx && \xrightarrow{\quad} \left[ \begin{array}{cc} \mathbf{K}^{ss} & \mathbf{K}^{se} \\ \mathbf{K}^{es} & \mathbf{K}^{ee} \end{array} \right] \begin{Bmatrix} \mathbf{u}^s \\ \mathbf{q}^e \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} \mathbf{f}^s \\ \mathbf{f}^e \end{Bmatrix} \\ \mathbf{K}_{ij}^{es} &= \int_0^l \frac{d(\phi_i \psi)}{dx} \frac{dN_j}{dx} dx && \xrightarrow{\quad} \\ \mathbf{K}_{ij}^{ee} &= \int_0^l \frac{d(\phi_i \psi)}{dx} \frac{d(\phi_j \psi)}{dx} dx && \uparrow \\ f_i^s &= \int_0^l N_i f_x dx && \downarrow \\ f_i^e &= \int_0^l (\phi_i \psi) f_x dx && \uparrow \end{aligned}$$

# Partition of unity finite element method (PUFEM)

## Remarks

- Allows to introduce an arbitrary function  $\psi(x)$  in the approximation space by splitting the approximation into a **standard** and **enriched** parts.
- Enrichment can be **localised** to a small region around the features of interest – computationally advantageous.
- Provides a systematic means of introducing multiple enrichments.

## References:

- Melenk and Babuska (1996)
- Duarte and Oden (1996)

# The Generalised Finite Element Method (GFEM)

## GFEM

- Originally associated with global PU enrichment
- Shape functions in the enriched part are usually different from the shape functions in the standard part i.e.  $\phi_I(x) \neq N_I(x)$
- Introduced numerically generated enrichment functions, e.g. a solution in the vicinity of a bifurcated crack as enrichment

## References:

- Melenk (1995)
- Melenk and Babuška (1996)
- Strouboulis et al. (2000)

# The Extended Finite Element Method (XFEM)

## XFEM

- Associated with local discontinuous PU enrichment e.g.:
  - a. propagation of cracks
  - b. evolution of dislocations
  - c. phase boundaries
- Both GFEM and XFEM are essentially identical in their application, i.e. extrinsic PU enrichment

## References:

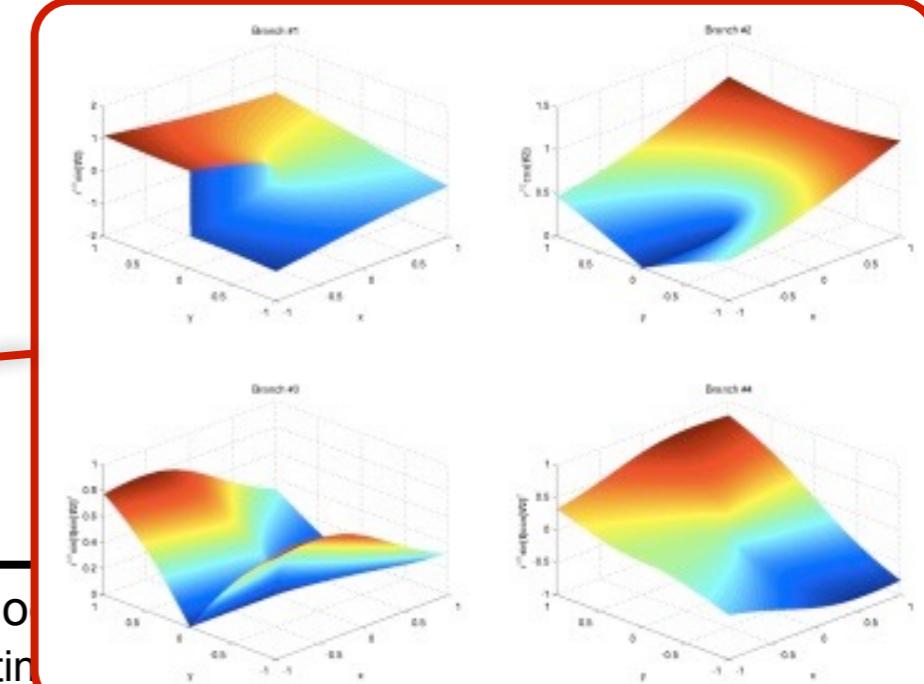
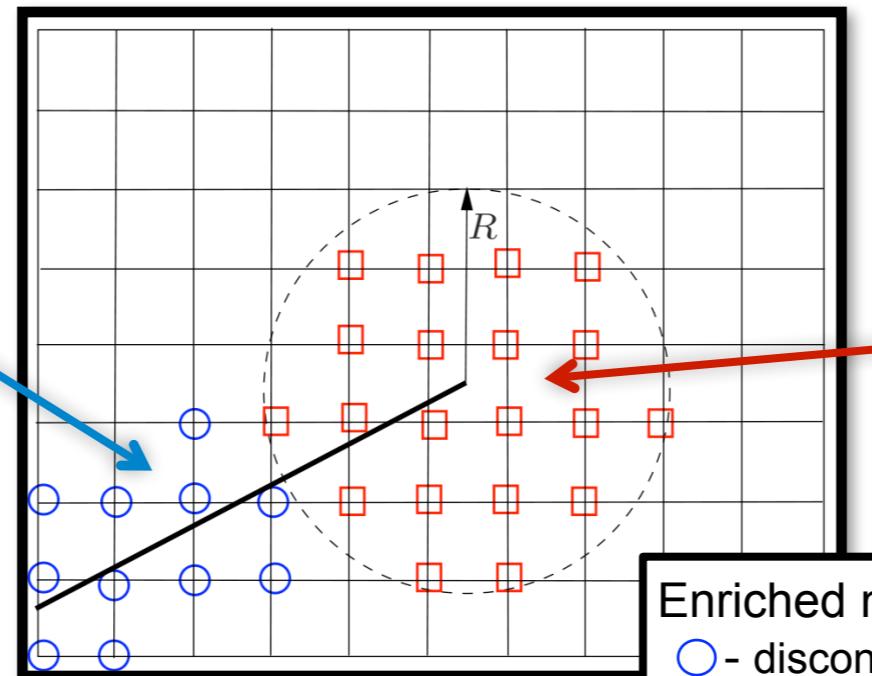
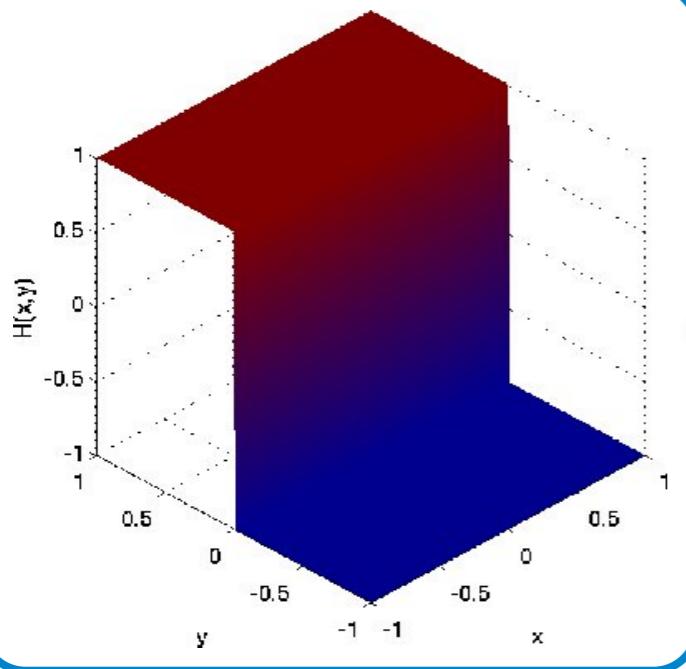
- Belytschko and Black (1999)
- Moës et. al. (1999)
- Dolbow (1999)

## Formulation for crack growth:

$$\mathbf{u}^h(\mathbf{x}) = \underbrace{\sum_{I \in \mathcal{N}_I} N_I(\mathbf{x}) \mathbf{u}^I}_{\text{standard part}} + \underbrace{\sum_{J \in \mathcal{N}_J} N_J(\mathbf{x}) H(\mathbf{x}) \mathbf{a}^J}_{\text{discontinuous enrichment}} + \underbrace{\sum_{K \in \mathcal{N}_K} N_K(\mathbf{x}) \sum_{\alpha=1}^4 f_\alpha(\mathbf{x}) \mathbf{b}^{K\alpha}}_{\text{singular tip enrichment}}$$

$$H(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{cases} +1 & \text{if } \mathbf{x} \text{ above crack} \\ -1 & \text{if } \mathbf{x} \text{ below crack} \end{cases}$$

$$\{f_\alpha(r, \theta), \alpha = 1, 4\} = \left\{ \sqrt{r} \sin \frac{\theta}{2}, \sqrt{r} \cos \frac{\theta}{2}, \sqrt{r} \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \sin \theta, \sqrt{r} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \sin \theta \right\}$$





$$u_i^h(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_I N_I(\mathbf{x}) u_{iI} + \sum_{n_J \subset \mathbf{N}^c} N_J(\mathbf{x}) a_{iJ} H(\mathbf{x}) + \sum_K \phi_K(\mathbf{x}) b_{iK} \Psi(\mathbf{x})$$

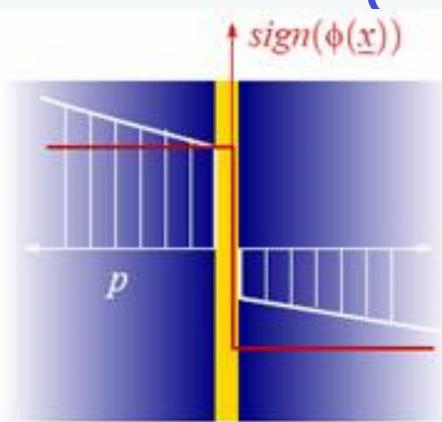
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Asymptotic fields

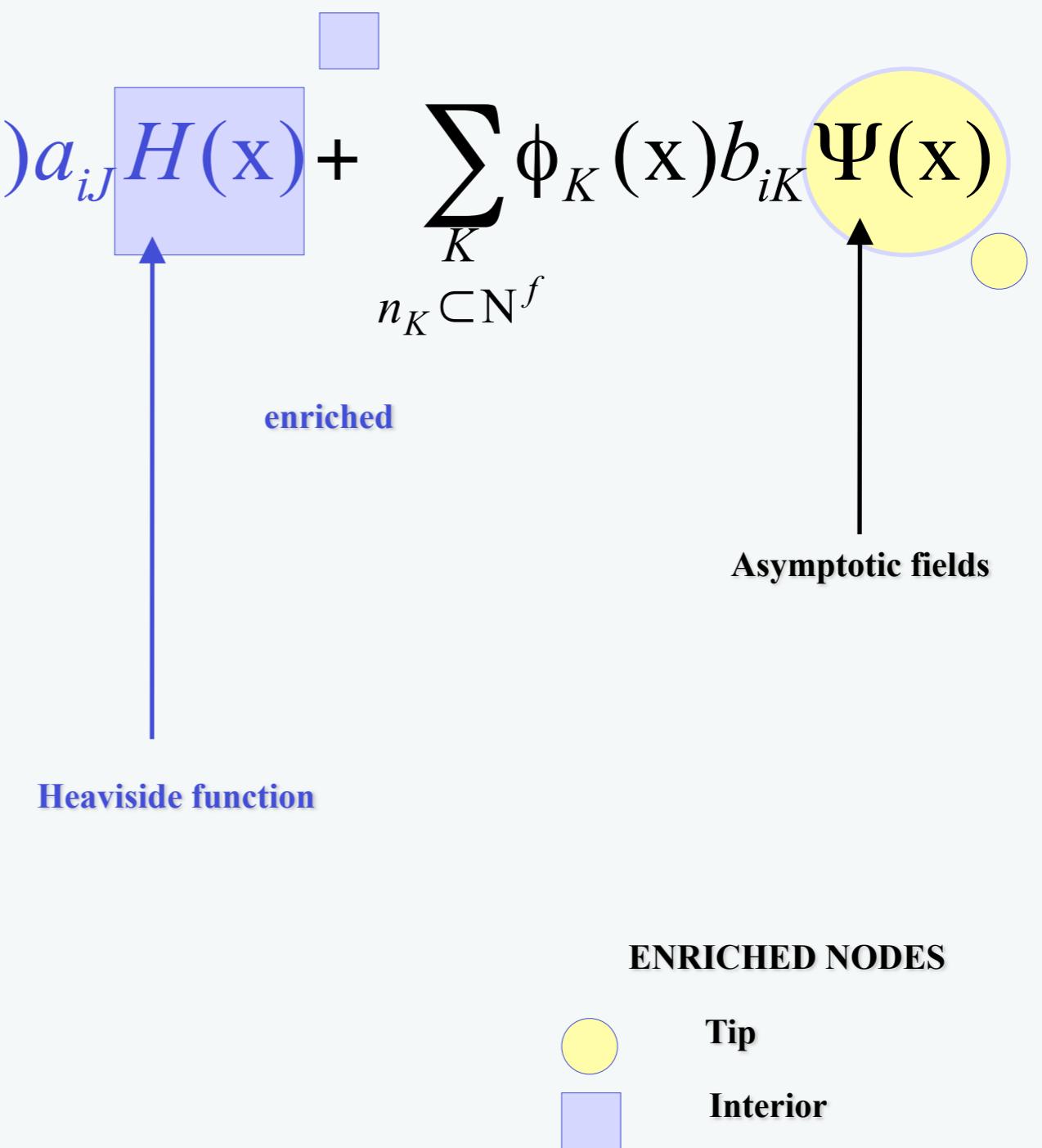
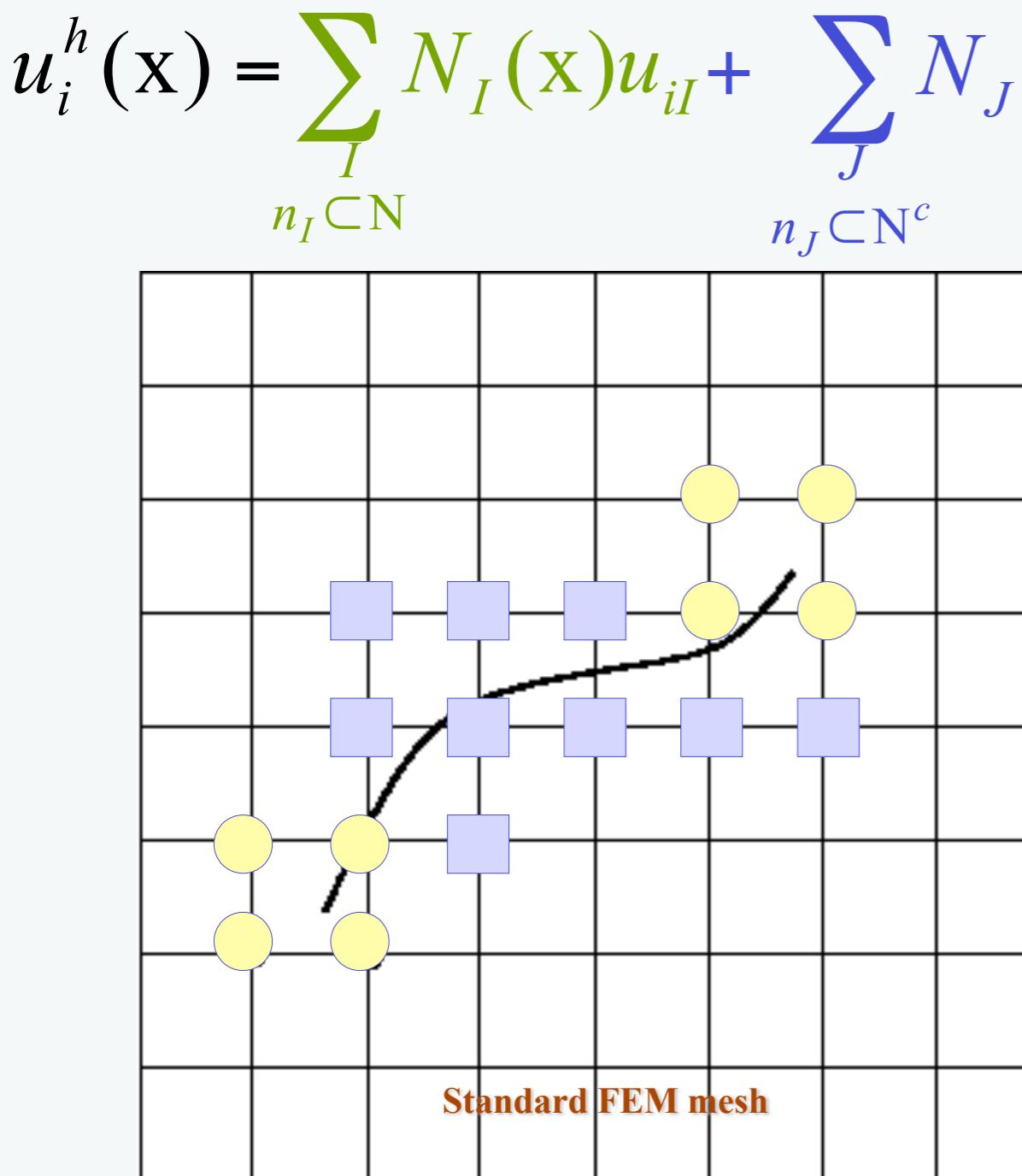
Heaviside function

$$H(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{cases} +1 & \text{if } \mathbf{x} \text{ above} \\ -1 & \text{if } \mathbf{x} \text{ below} \end{cases}$$



$$\psi(r, \theta) = \sqrt{r} \cos \frac{\theta}{2}, \sqrt{r} \sin \frac{\theta}{2}, \sqrt{r} \sin \theta \cos \frac{\theta}{2}, \sqrt{r} \sin \theta \sin \frac{\theta}{2}$$

## Selection of enriched nodes



# Part I. Some recent advances in enriched FEM

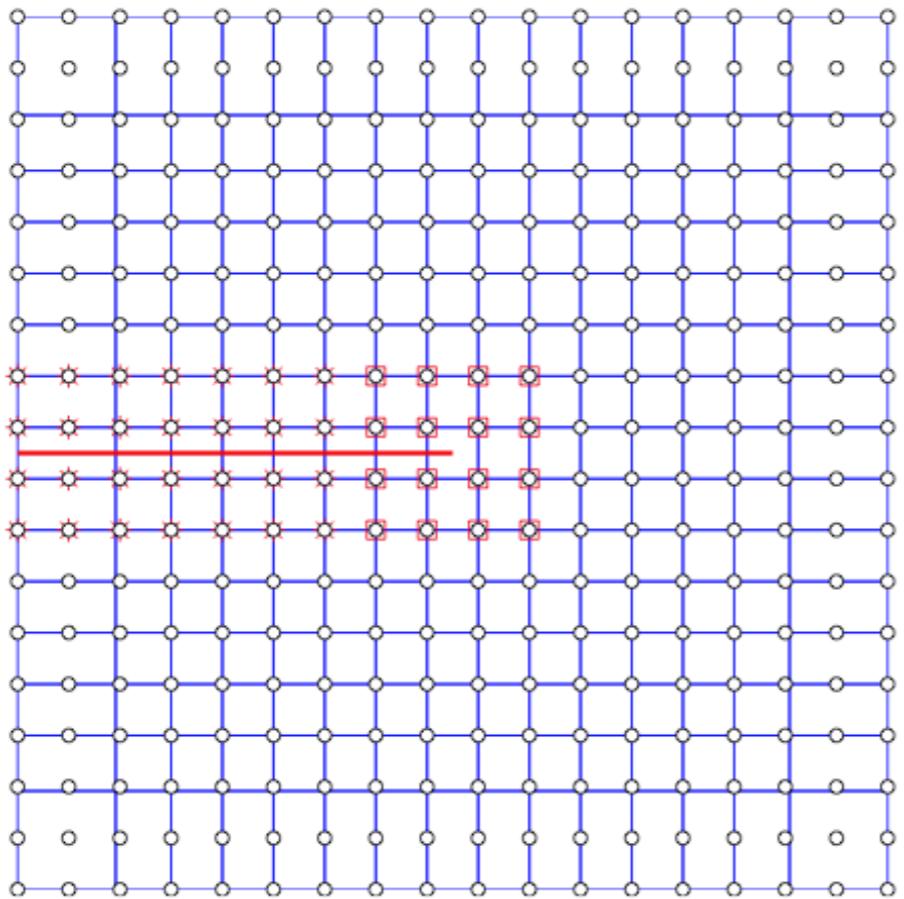
# Handling discontinuities in isogeometric formulations

*with Nguyen Vinh Phu, Marie Curie Fellow*

# Discontinuities modeling

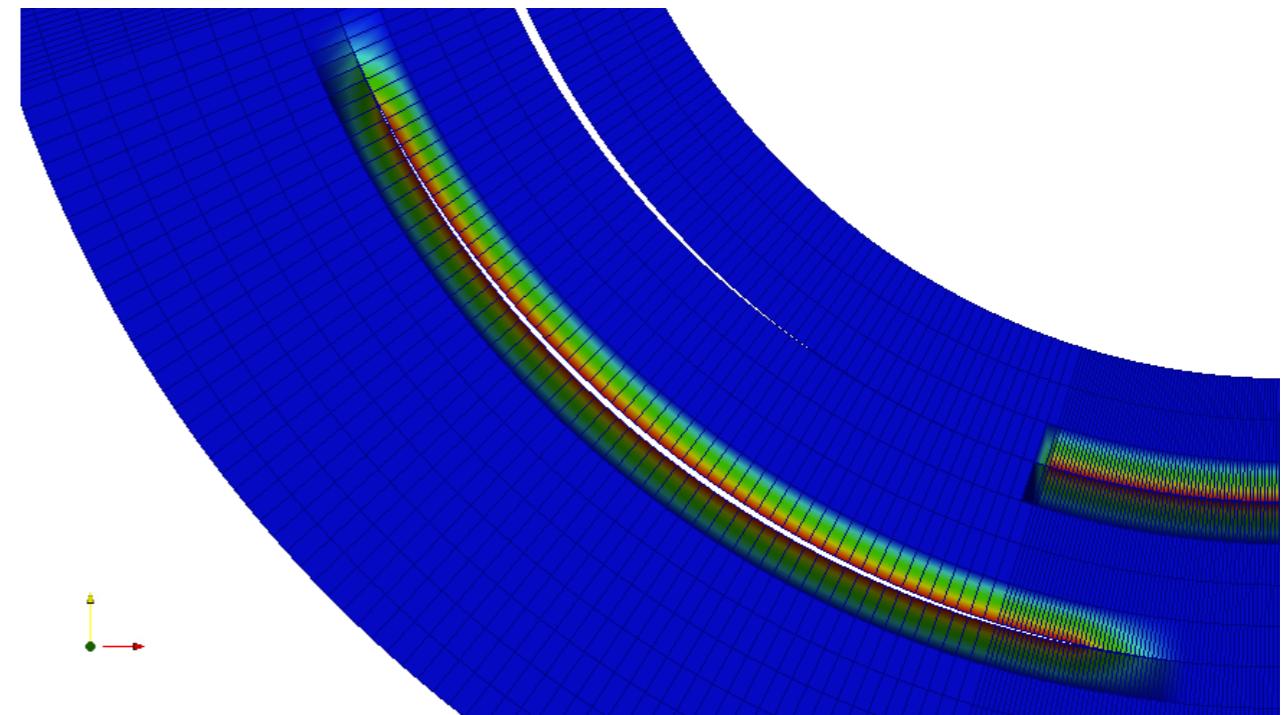


## PUM enriched methods



- IGA: link to CAD and accurate stress fields
- XFEM: no remeshing

## Mesh conforming methods



- IGA: link to CAD and accurate stress fields
- Apps: delamination



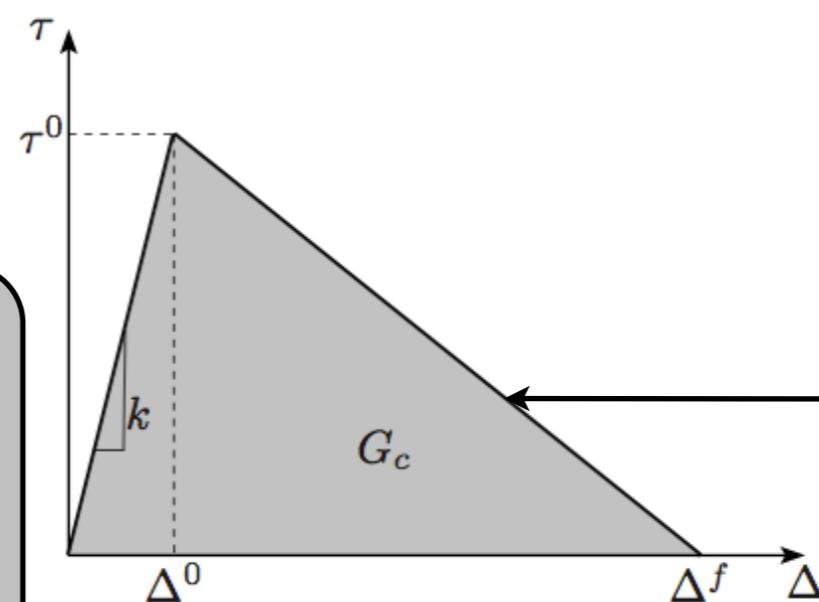
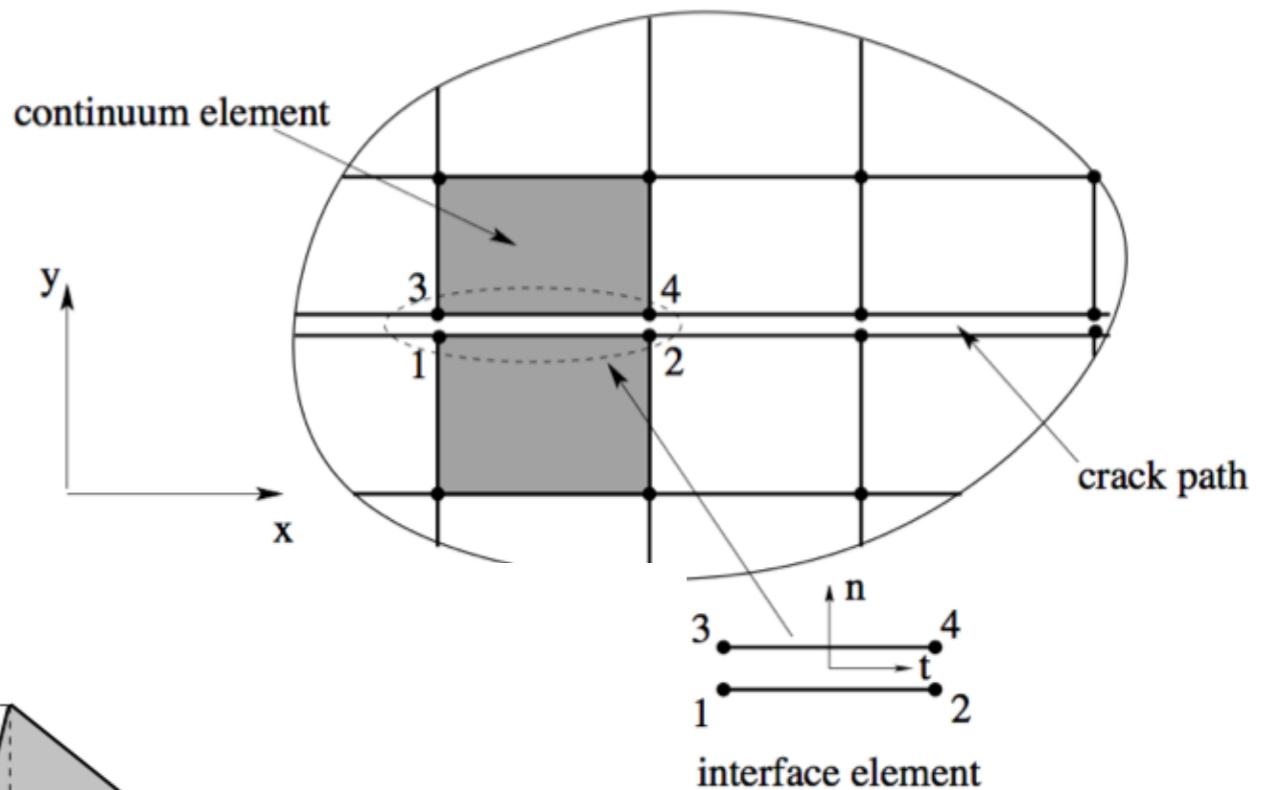
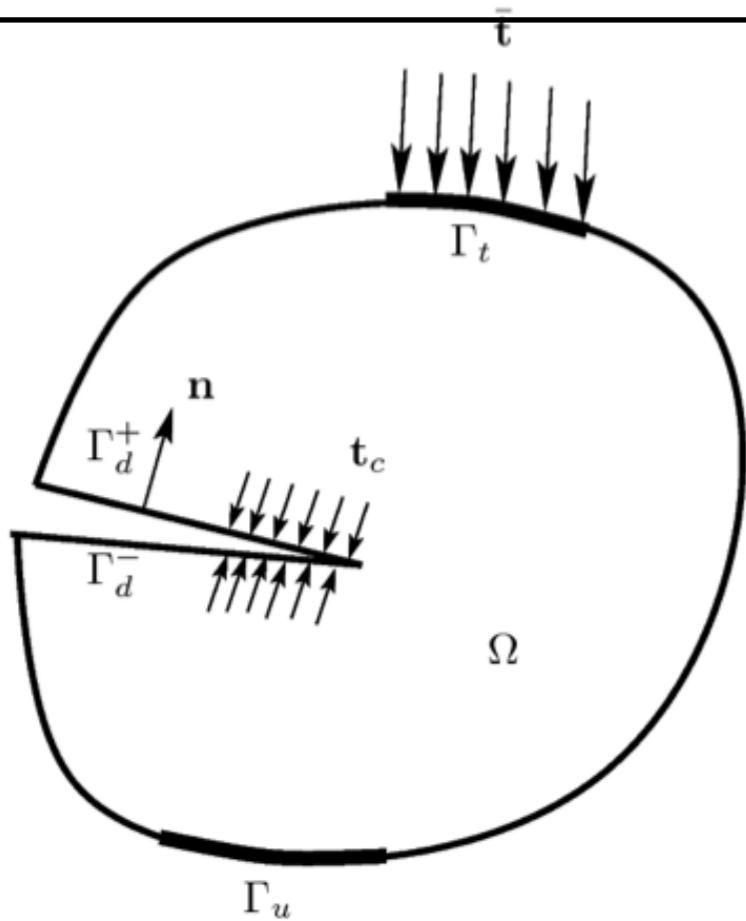
$$\mathbf{u}^h(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{I \in \mathcal{S}} R_I(\mathbf{x}) \mathbf{u}_I + \sum_{J \in \mathcal{S}^c} R_J(\mathbf{x}) \Phi(\mathbf{x}) \mathbf{a}_J$$

NURBS basis functions

enrichment functions

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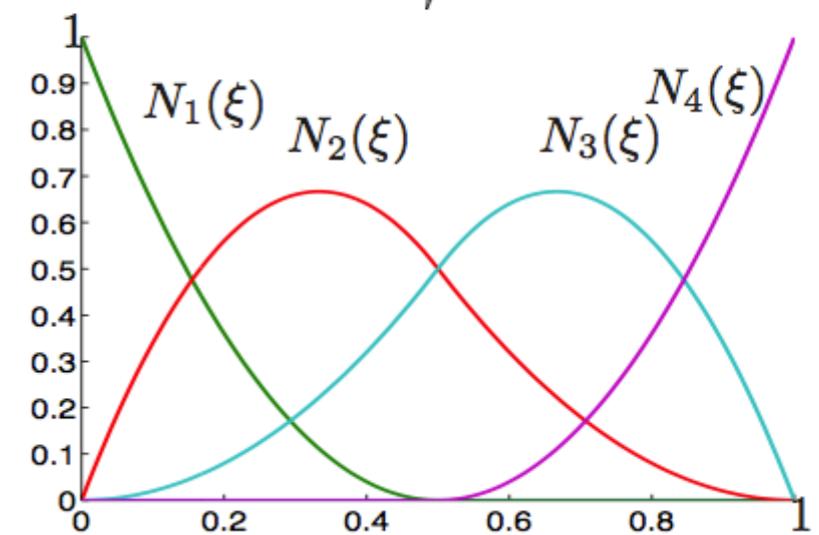
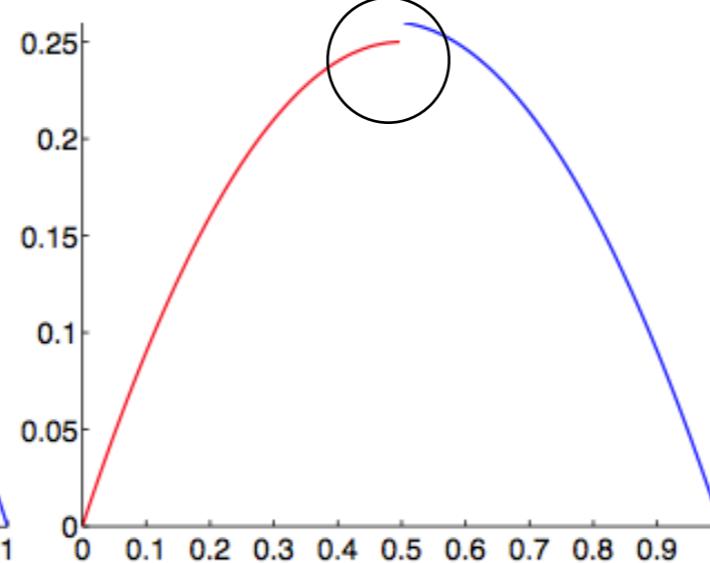
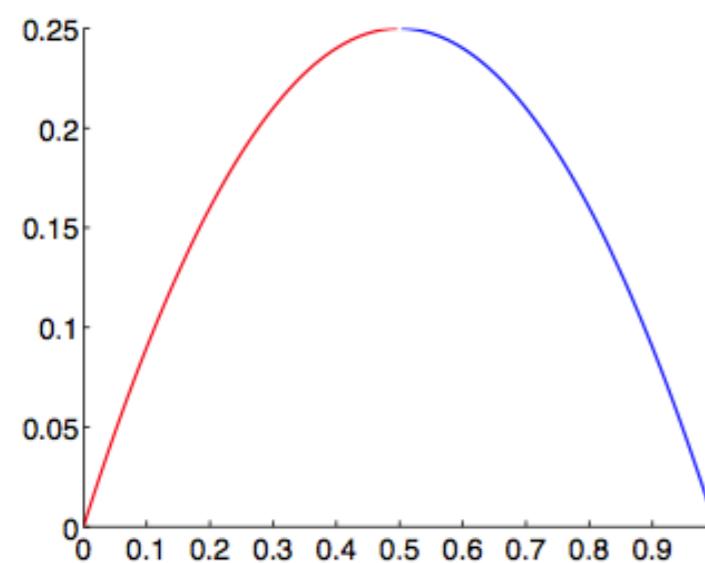
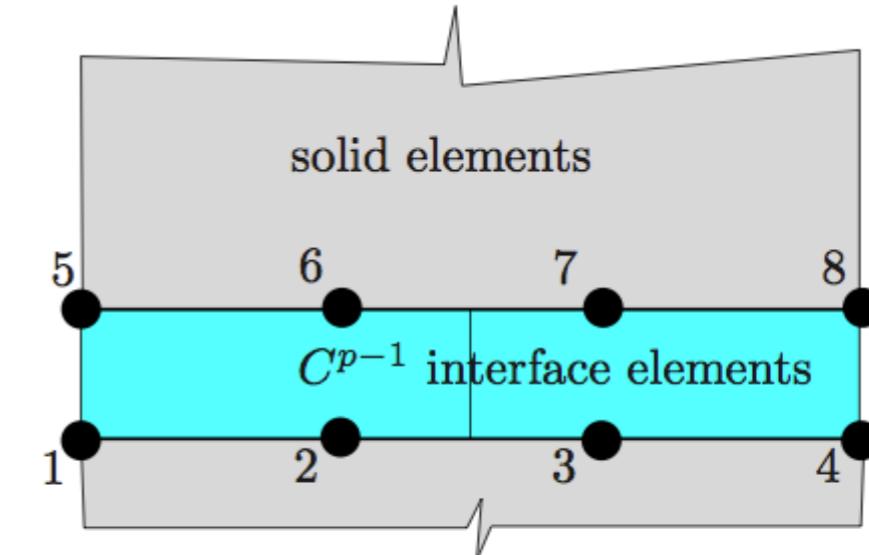
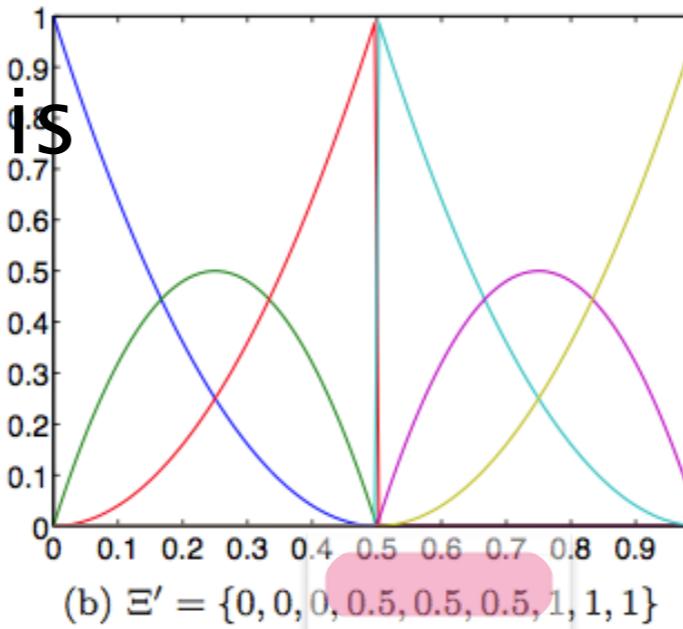
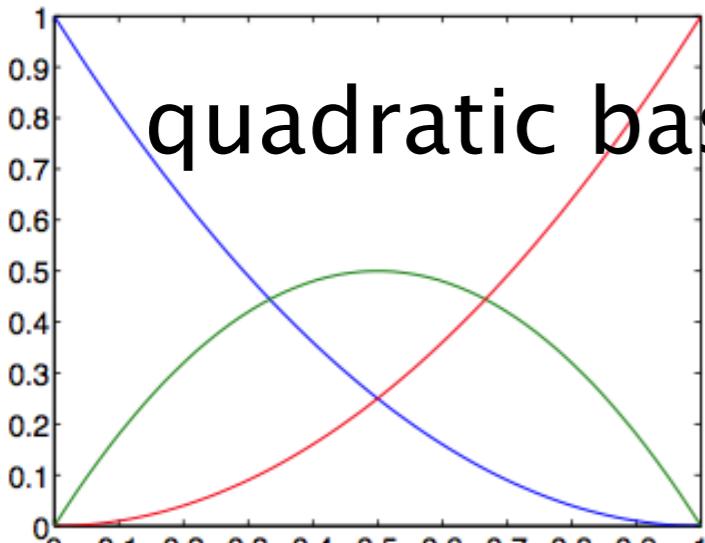
# Delamination analysis with cohesive elements (standard approach)



- No link to CAD
- Long preprocessing
- Refined meshes

$$\int_{\Omega} \delta \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{b} d\Omega + \int_{\Gamma_t} \delta \mathbf{u} \cdot \bar{\mathbf{t}} d\Gamma_t = \int_{\Omega} \delta \boldsymbol{\epsilon} : \boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{u}) d\Omega + \int_{\Gamma_d} \delta [\![\mathbf{u}]\!] \cdot \mathbf{t}^c([\![\mathbf{u}]\!]) d\Gamma_d$$

# Isogeometric cohesive elements

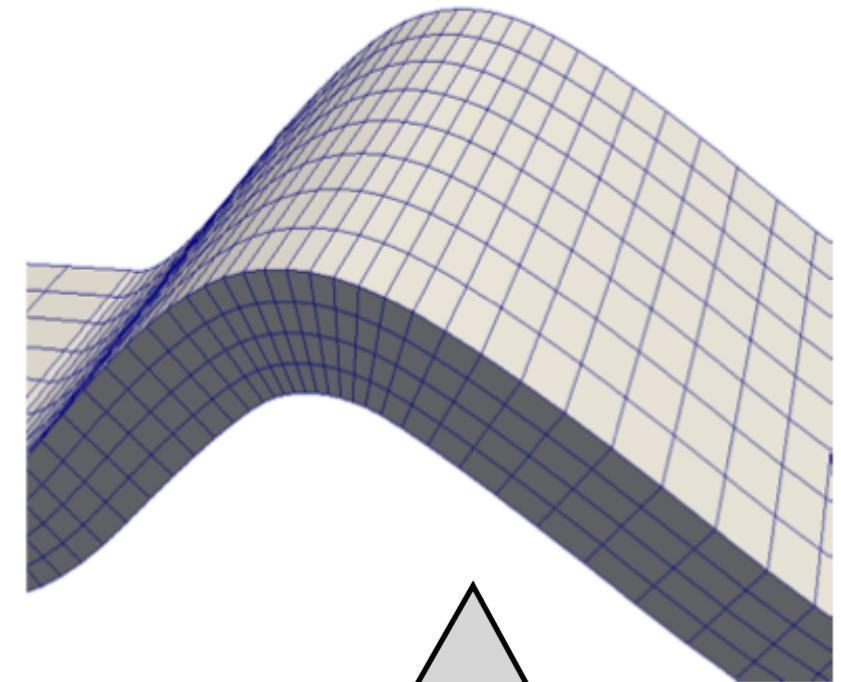


## Knot insertion

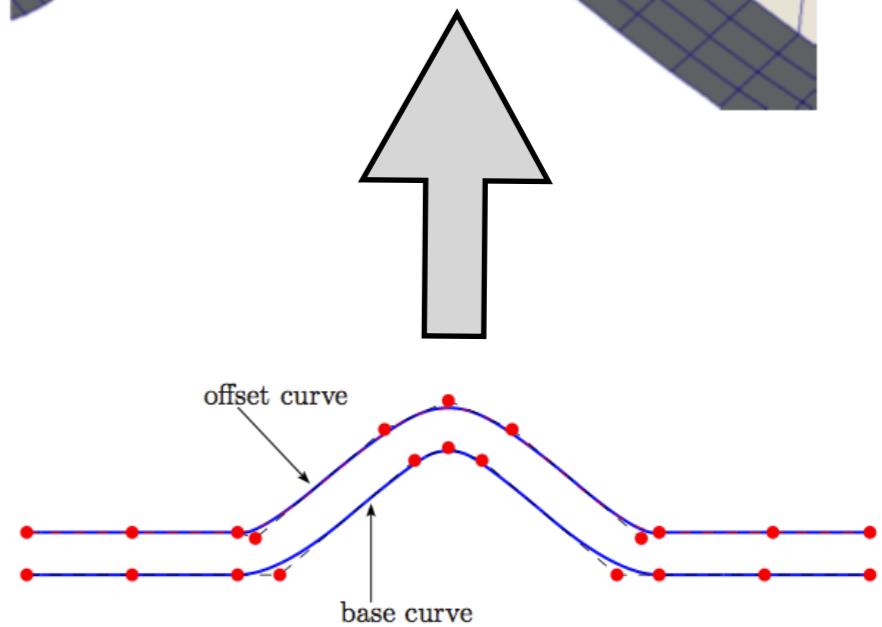
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# Isogeometric cohesive elements: advantages

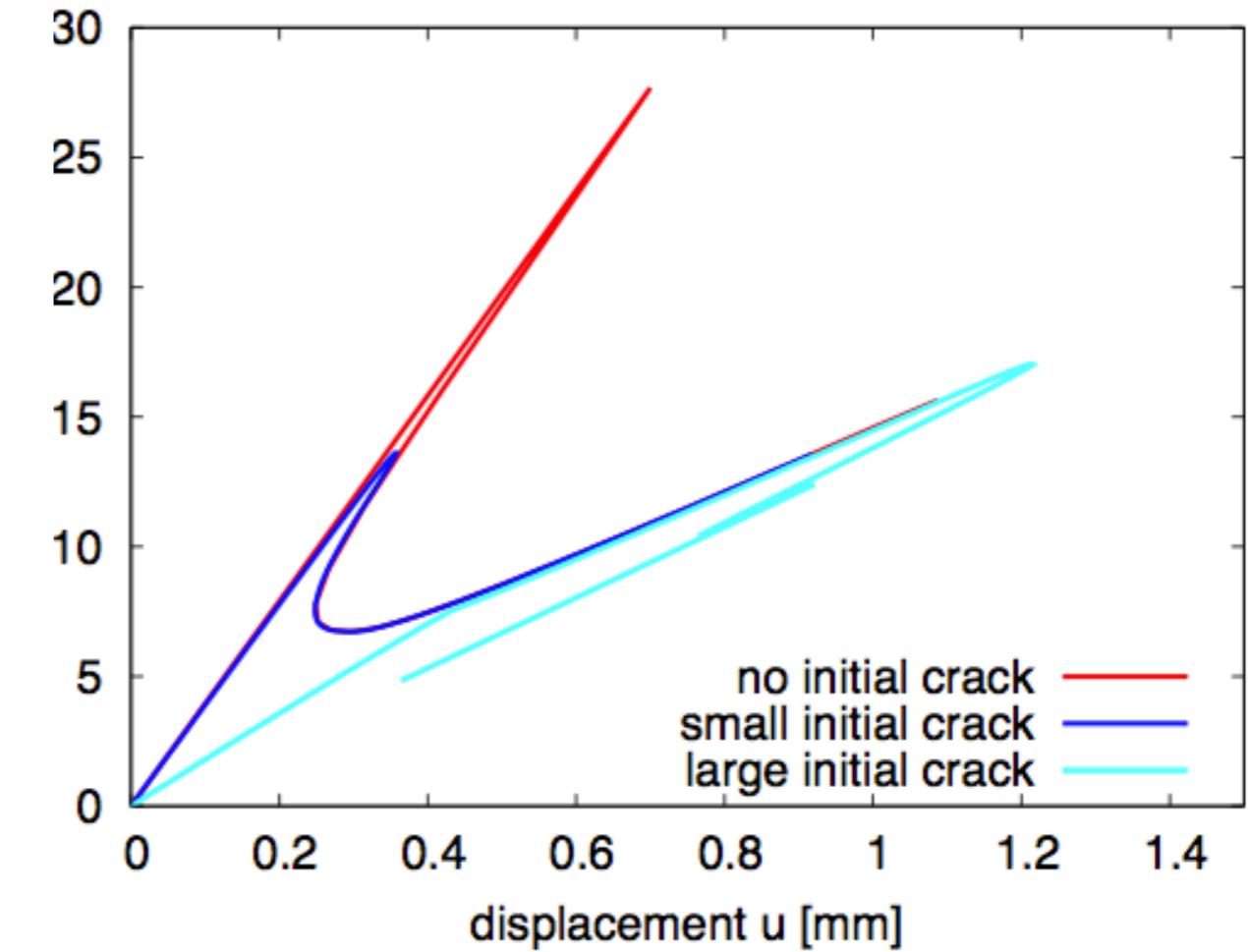
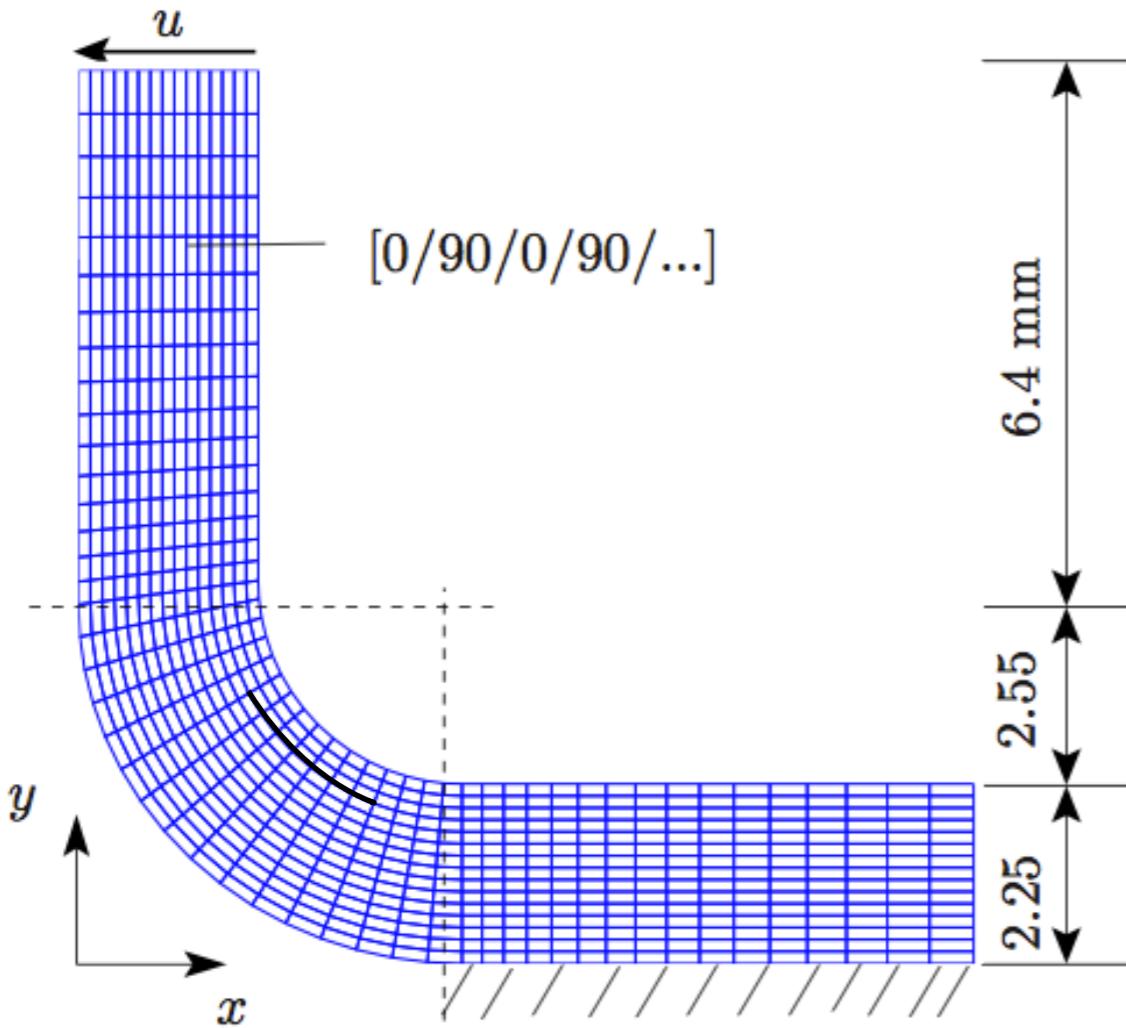
- Direct link to CAD
- Exact geometry
- Fast/straightforward generation of interface elements
- Accurate stress field
- Computationally cheaper



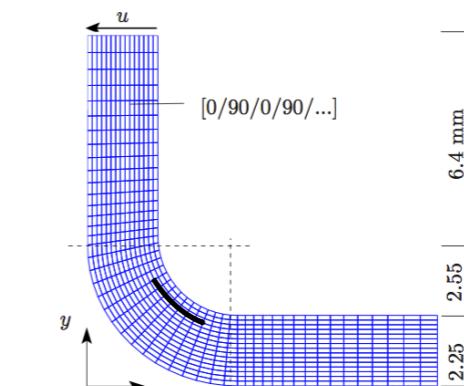
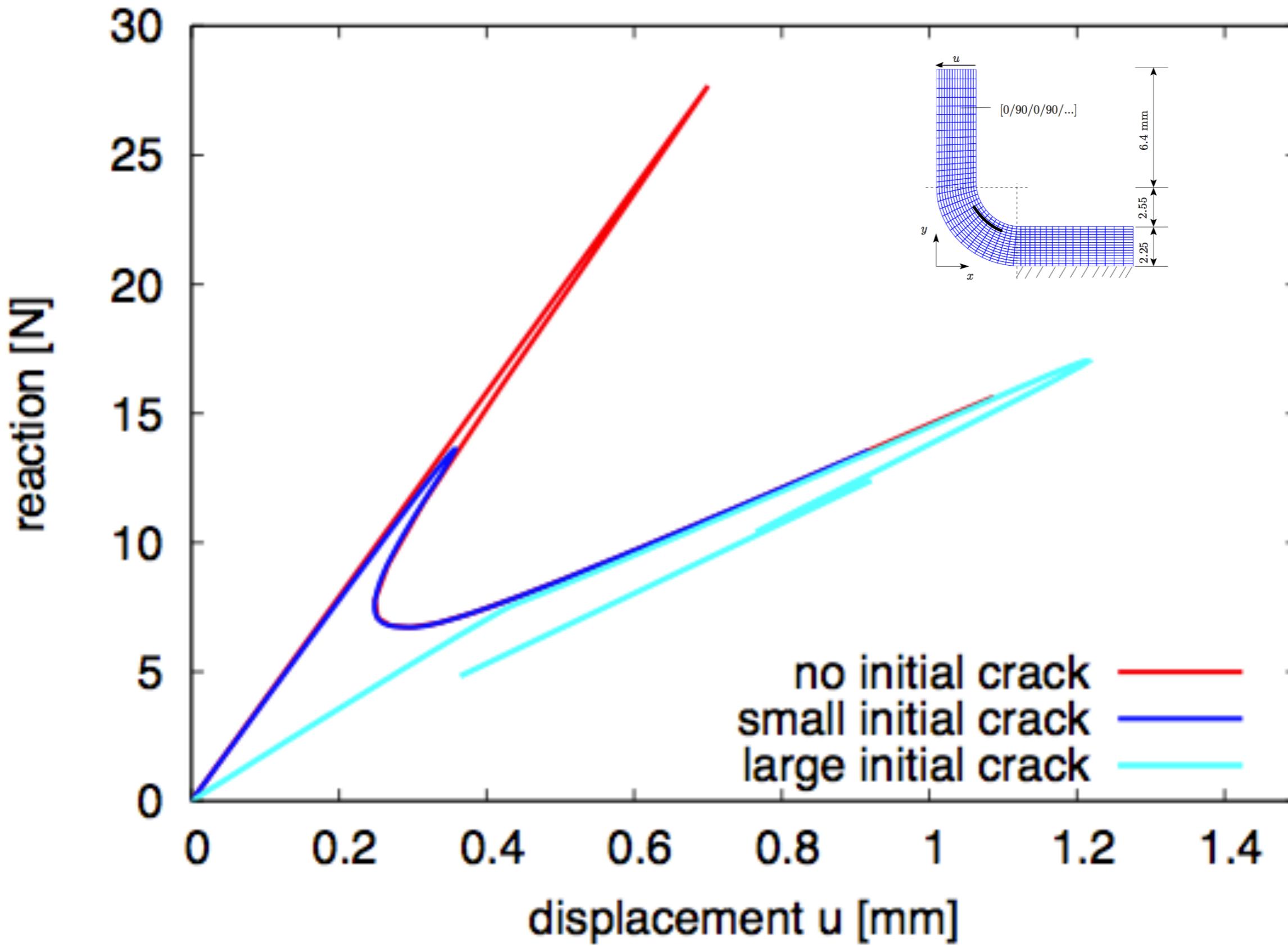
- 2D Mixed mode bending test (MMB)
- 2 x 70 quartic-linear B-spline elements
- Run time on a laptop 4GBi7: 6 s
- Energy arc-length control



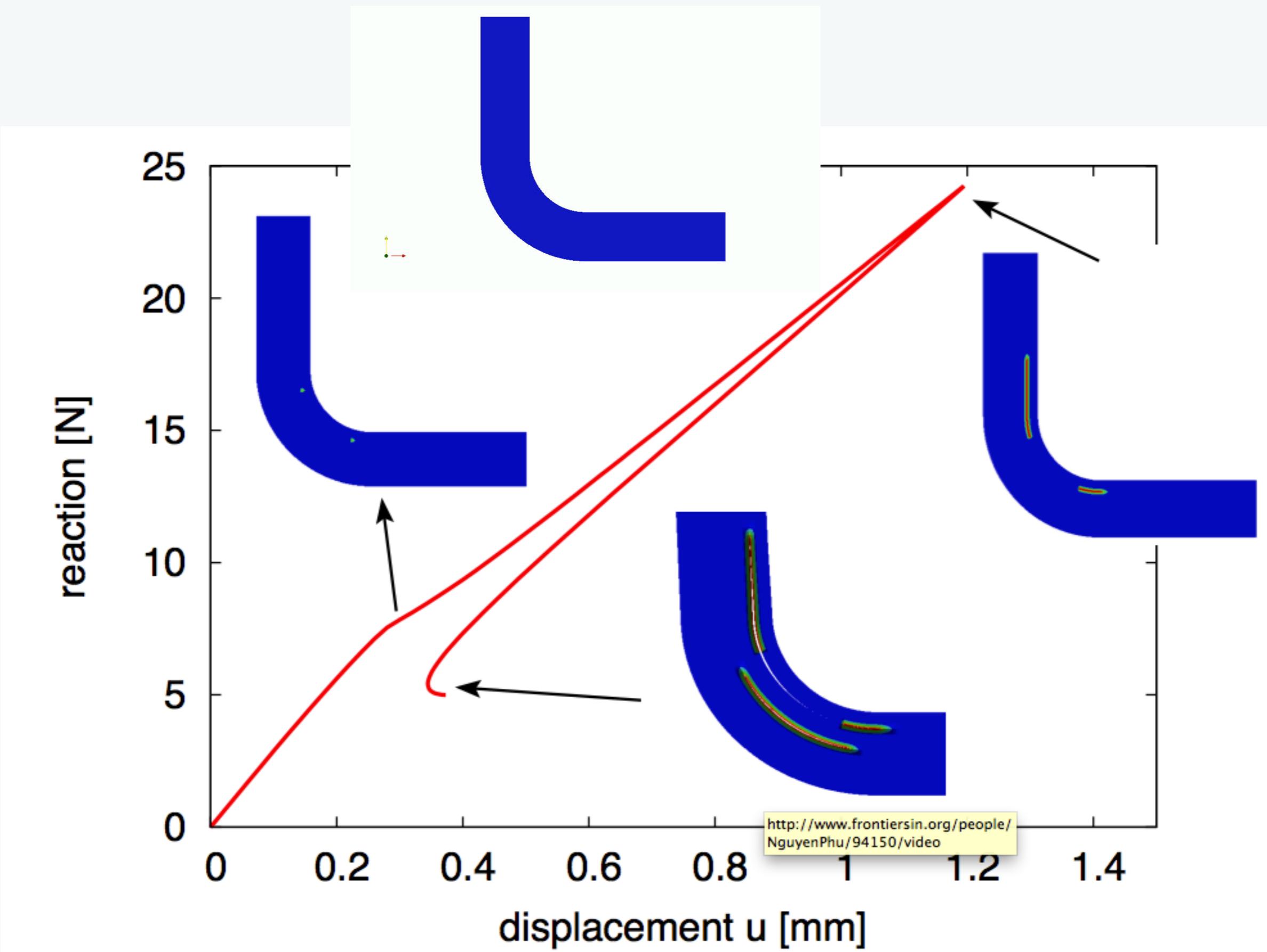
# Isogeometric cohesive elements: 2D example



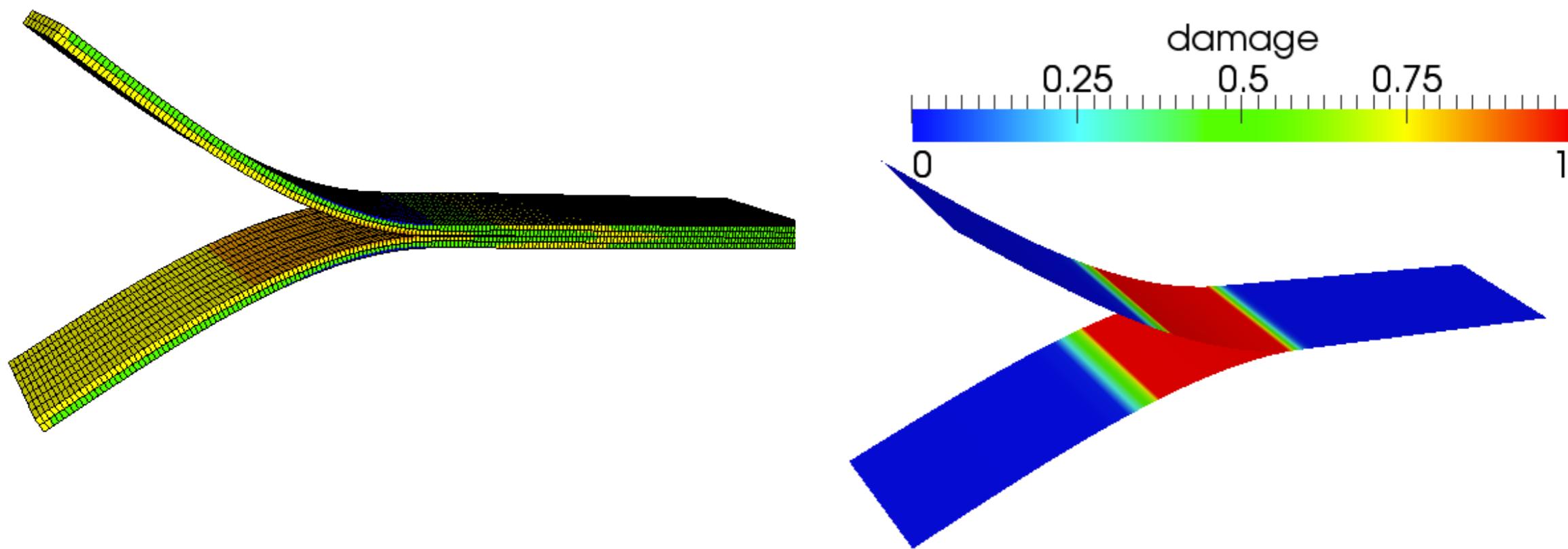
- Exact geometry by NURBS + direct link to CAD
- It is straightforward to vary
  - {1} the number of plies and
  - {2} # of interface elements:
- Suitable for parameter studies/design
- Solver: energy-based arc-length method (Gutiérrez, 2007)



# Isogeometric cohesive elements: 2D example

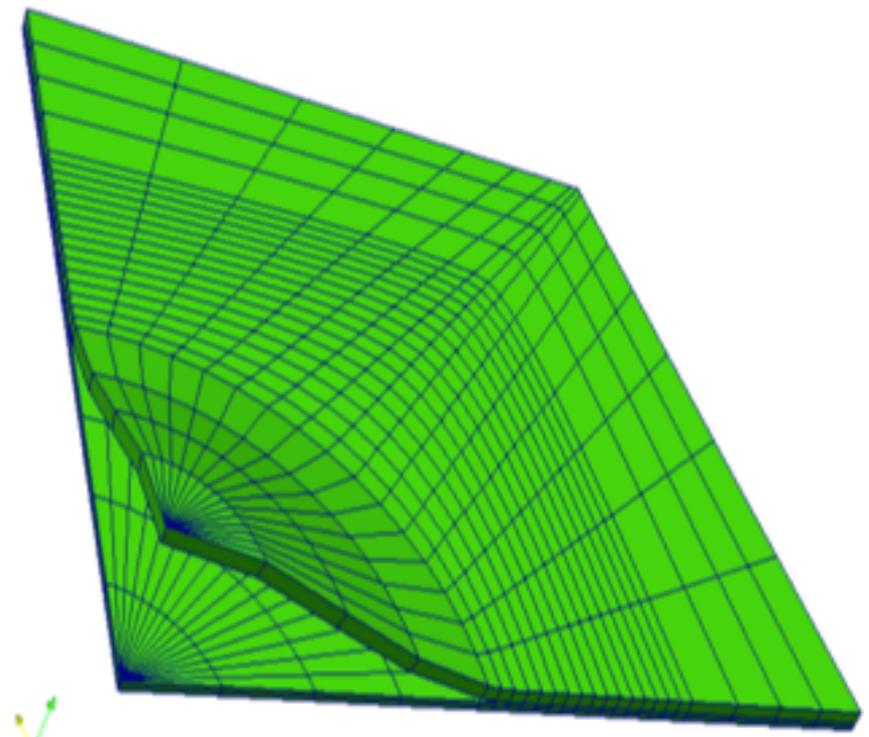
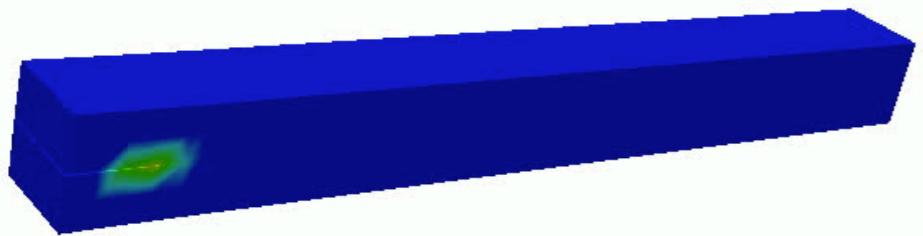


# Isogeometric cohesive elements: 3D example with shells

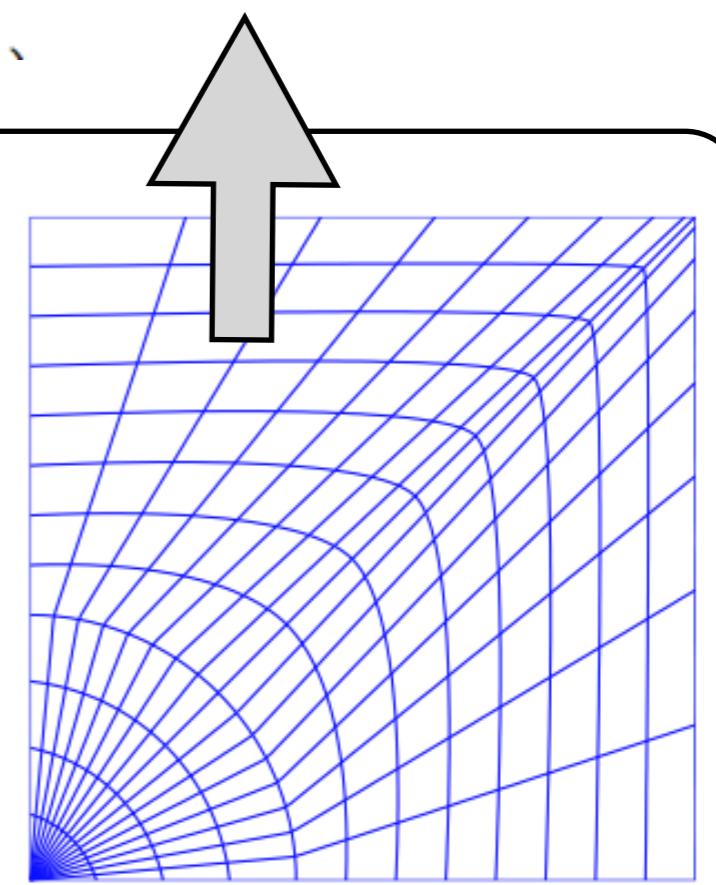
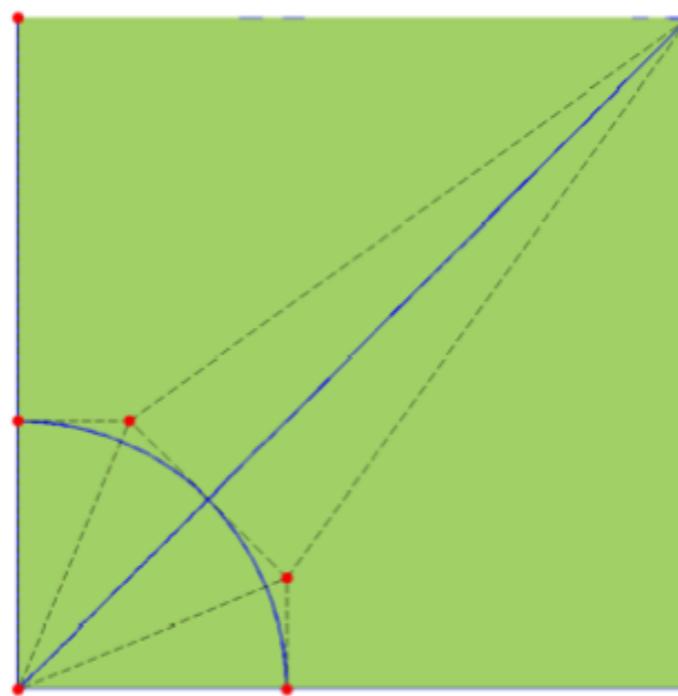


- Rotation free B-splines shell elements (Kiendl et al. CMAME)
- Two shells, one for each lamina
- Bivariate B-splines cohesive interface elements in between

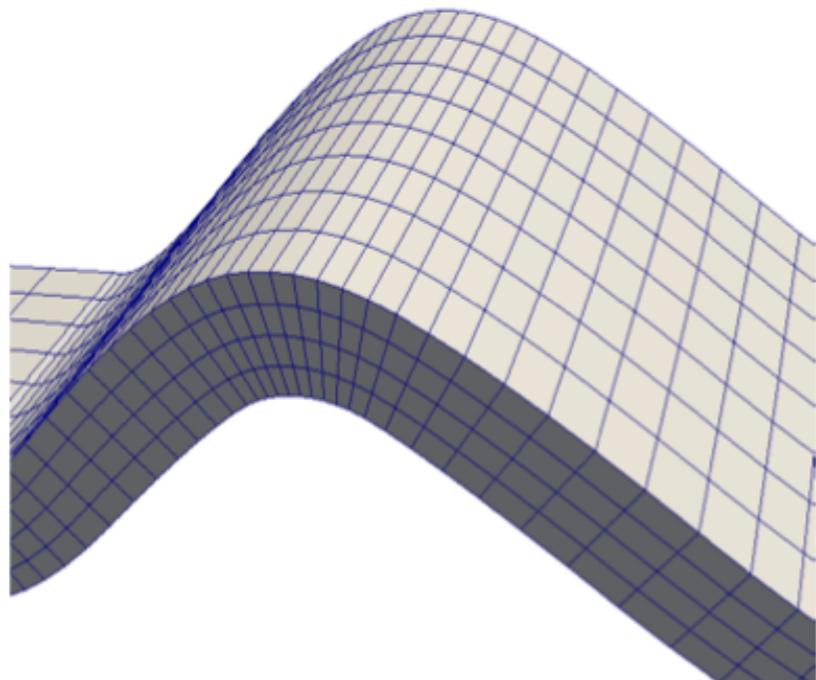
# Isogeometric cohesive elements: 3D examples



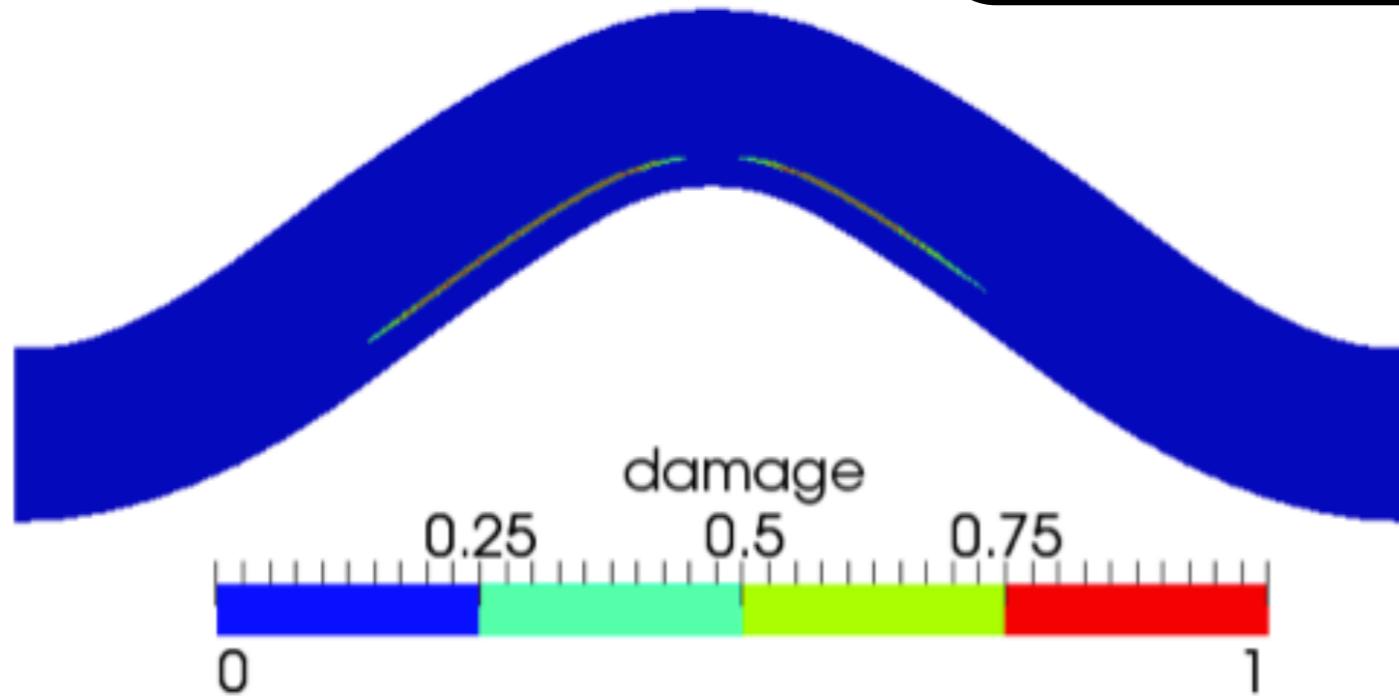
- cohesive elements for 3D meshes the same as 2D
- large deformations



# Isogeometric cohesive elements

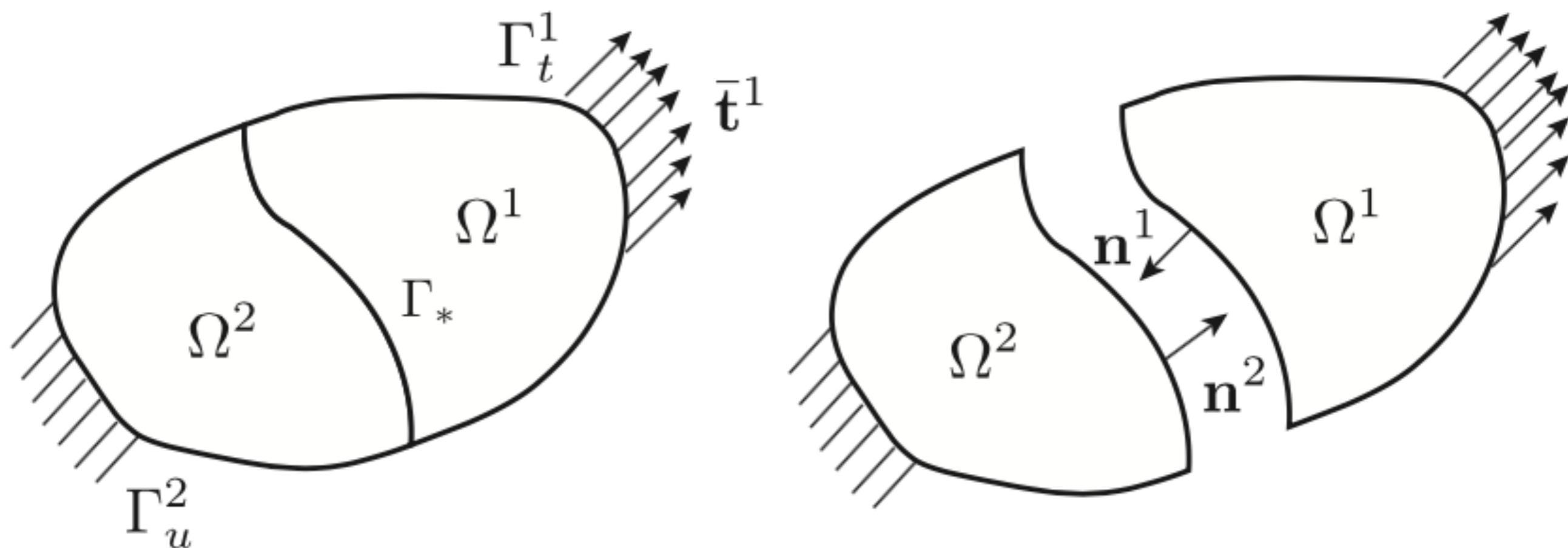


- singly curved thick-wall laminates
- geometry/displacements: NURBS
- trivariate NURBS from NURBS surface(\*)
- cohesive surface interface elements

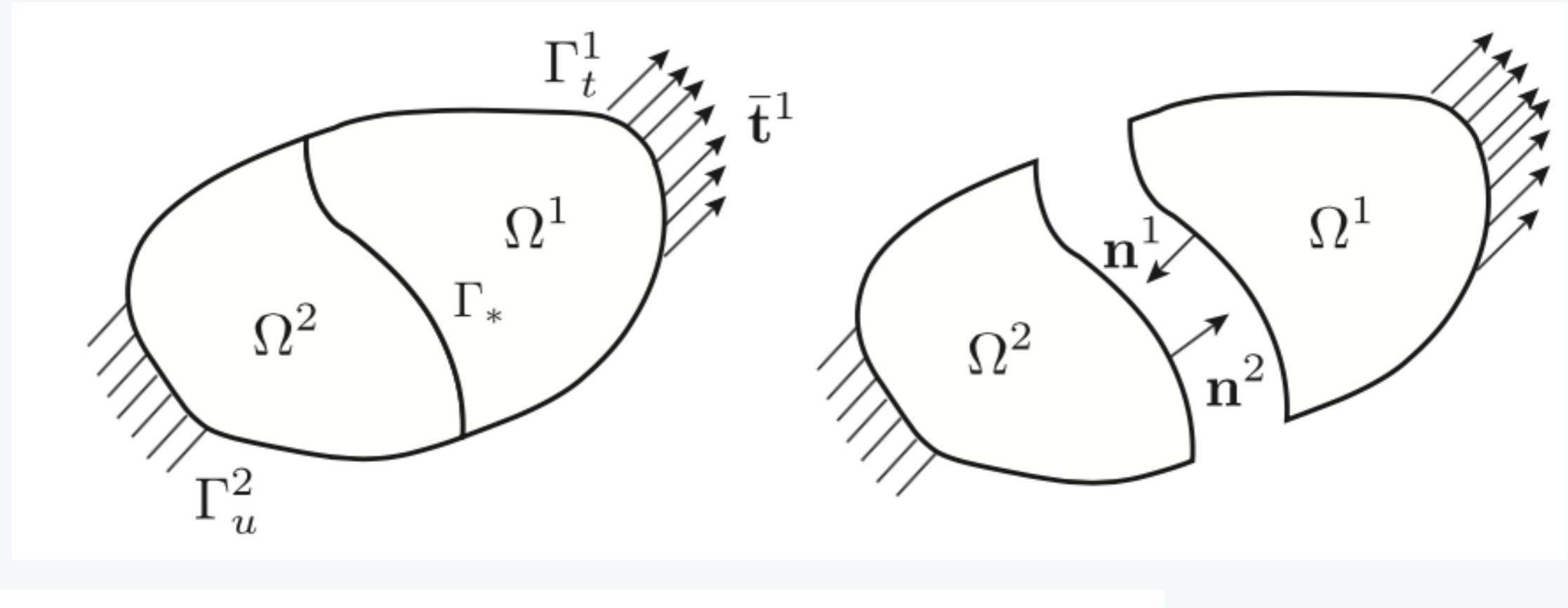


(\*)V. P. Nguyen, P. Kerfriden, S.P.A. Bordas, and T. Rabczuk. An integrated design-analysis framework for three dimensional composite panels. Computer Aided Design, 2013. submitted.

# Non-matching interface elements for delamination and contact



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$$-\nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}^m = \mathbf{b}^m \quad \text{on } \Omega^m$$

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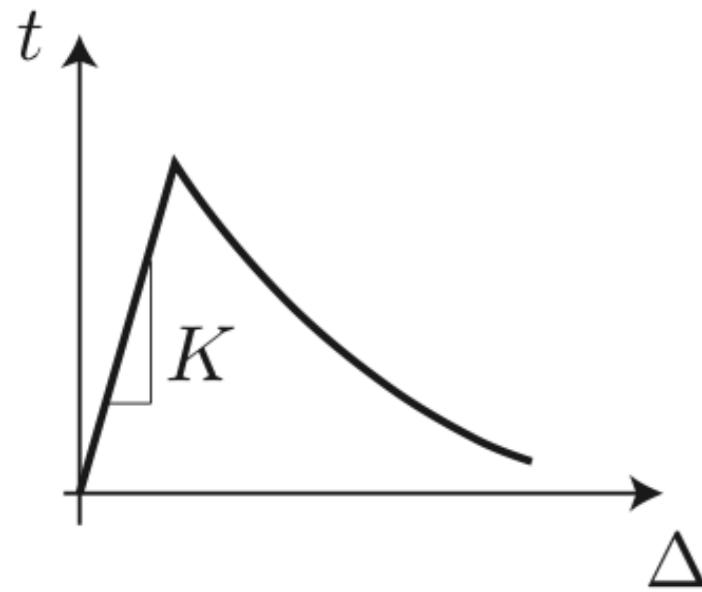
$$\mathbf{u}^1 = \mathbf{u}^2 \quad \text{on } \Gamma_*$$

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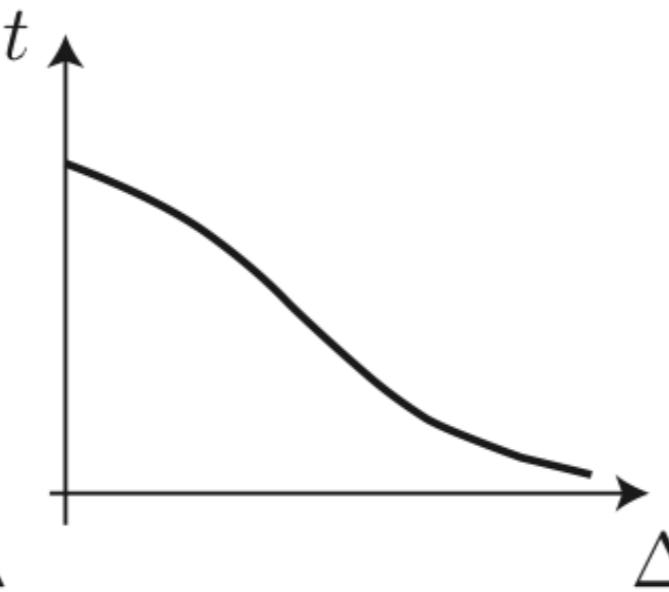
$$\boldsymbol{\sigma}^1 \cdot \mathbf{n}^1 = -\boldsymbol{\sigma}^2 \cdot \mathbf{n}^2 \quad \text{on } \Gamma_*$$

$$\mathbf{t} = \mathbf{t}([\mathbf{u}], \zeta) \quad \text{on } \Gamma_*$$

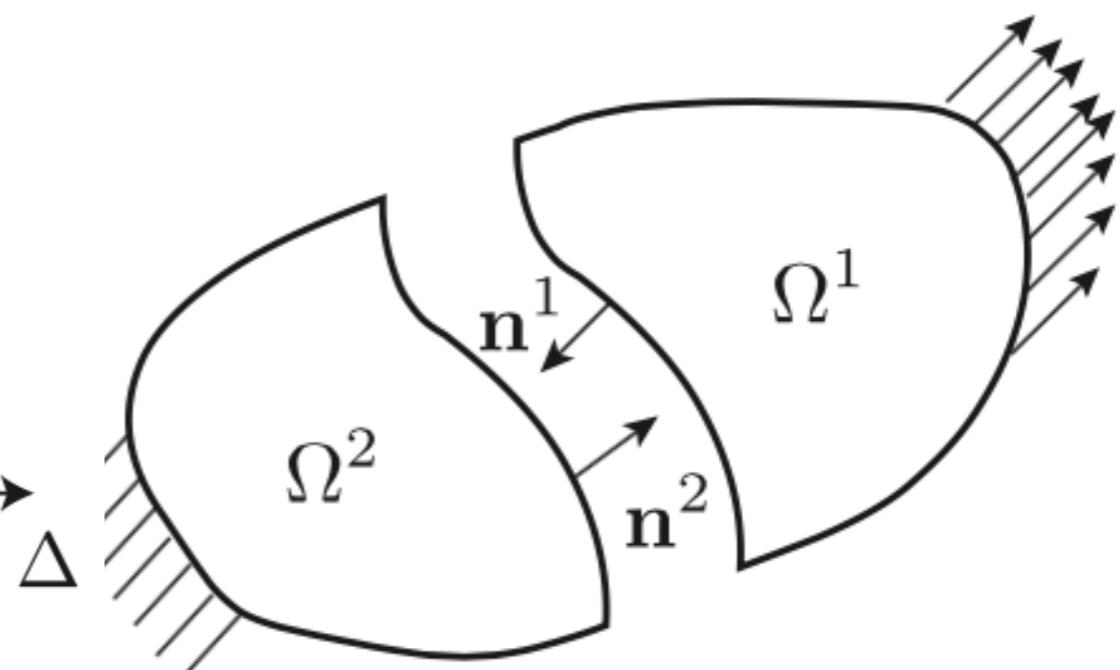
# Non-matching interface elements for delamination and contact



(a) intrinsic TSL



(b) extrinsic TSL



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$$\boldsymbol{\sigma}^1 \cdot \mathbf{n}^1 = -\boldsymbol{\sigma}^2 \cdot \mathbf{n}^2 \quad \text{on } \Gamma_*$$

$$\mathbf{t} = \mathbf{t}([\mathbf{u}], \zeta) \quad \text{on } \Gamma_*$$

## Weak form

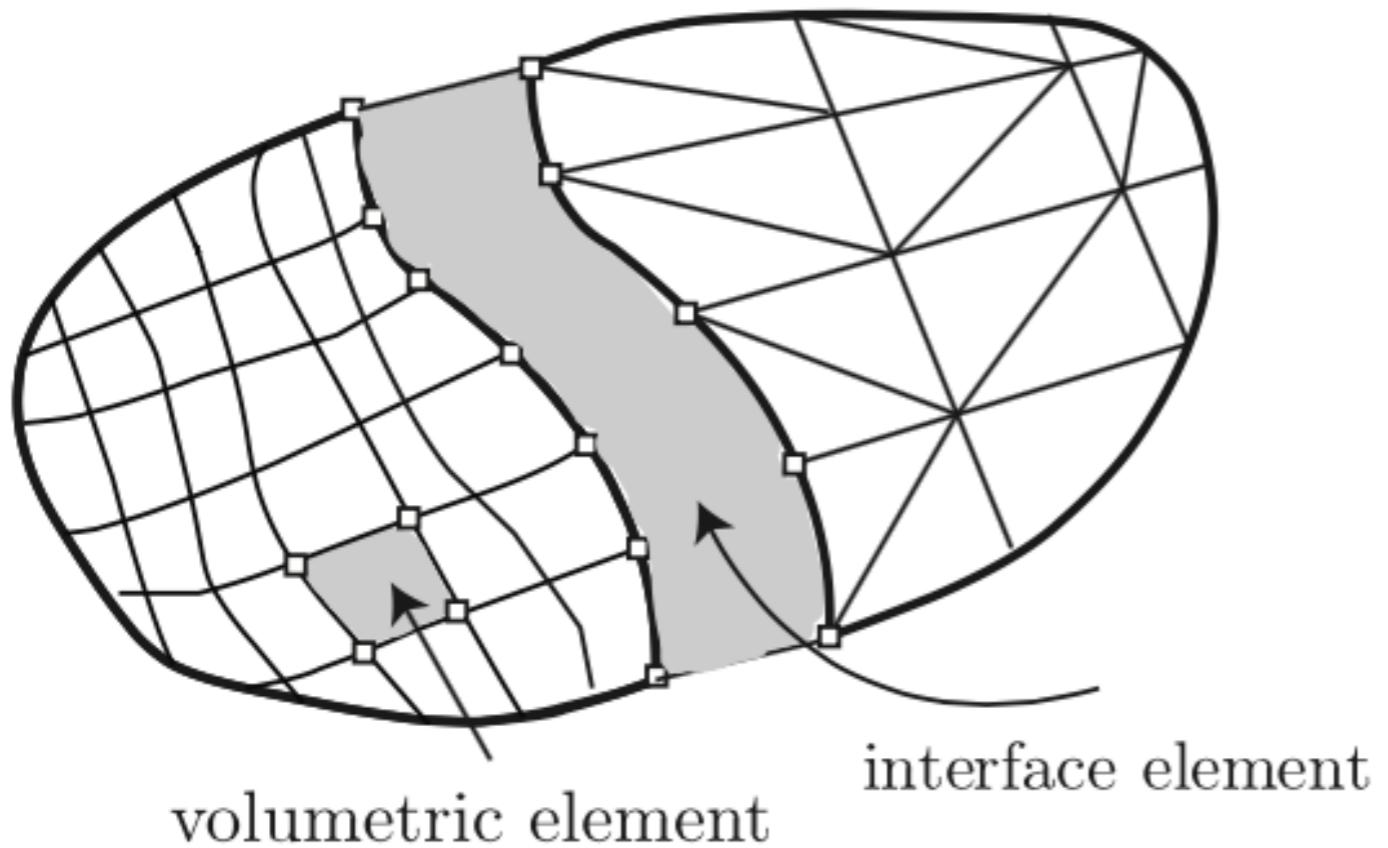
$$\mathbf{S}^m = \{\mathbf{u}^m(\mathbf{x}) | \mathbf{u}^m(\mathbf{x}) \in \mathbf{H}^1(\Omega^m), \mathbf{u}^m = \bar{\mathbf{u}}^m \text{ on } \Gamma_u^m\}$$

$$\mathbf{V}^m = \{\mathbf{w}^m(\mathbf{x}) | \mathbf{w}^m(\mathbf{x}) \in \mathbf{H}^1(\Omega^m), \mathbf{w}^m = \mathbf{0} \text{ on } \Gamma_u^m\}$$

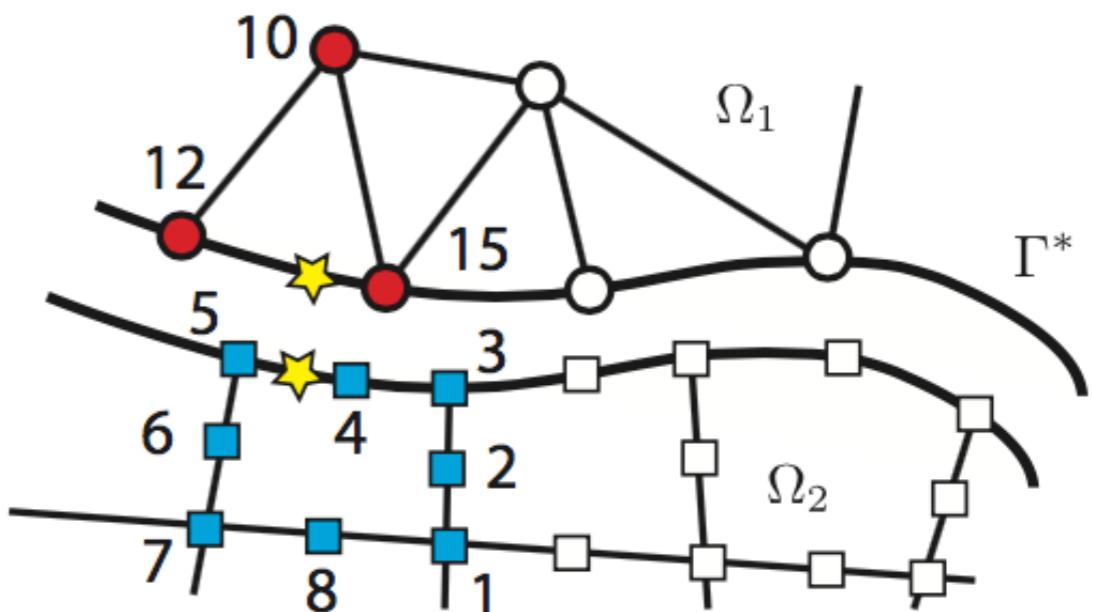
Find  $(\mathbf{u}^1, \mathbf{u}^2) \in \mathbf{S}^1 \times \mathbf{S}^2$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{m=1}^2 \int_{\Omega^m} (\boldsymbol{\epsilon}(\mathbf{w}^m))^T \boldsymbol{\sigma}^m d\Omega + (1-\beta) \left[ - \int_{\Gamma_*} [\mathbf{w}]^T \mathbf{n} \{\boldsymbol{\sigma}\} d\Gamma - \int_{\Gamma_*} \{\boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{w})\}^T \mathbf{n}^T [\mathbf{u}] d\Gamma + \int_{\Gamma_*} \alpha [\mathbf{w}]^T [\mathbf{u}] d\Gamma \right] \\ & + \beta \int_{\Gamma_*} [\mathbf{w}]^T \mathbf{t}([\mathbf{u}]) d\Gamma = \sum_{m=1}^2 \int_{\Gamma_t^m} (\mathbf{w}^m)^T \bar{\mathbf{t}}^m d\Gamma + \sum_{m=1}^2 \int_{\Omega^m} (\mathbf{w}^m)^T \mathbf{b}^m d\Omega \quad \text{for all } (\mathbf{w}^1, \mathbf{w}^2) \in \mathbf{V}^1 \times \mathbf{V}^2 \end{aligned}$$

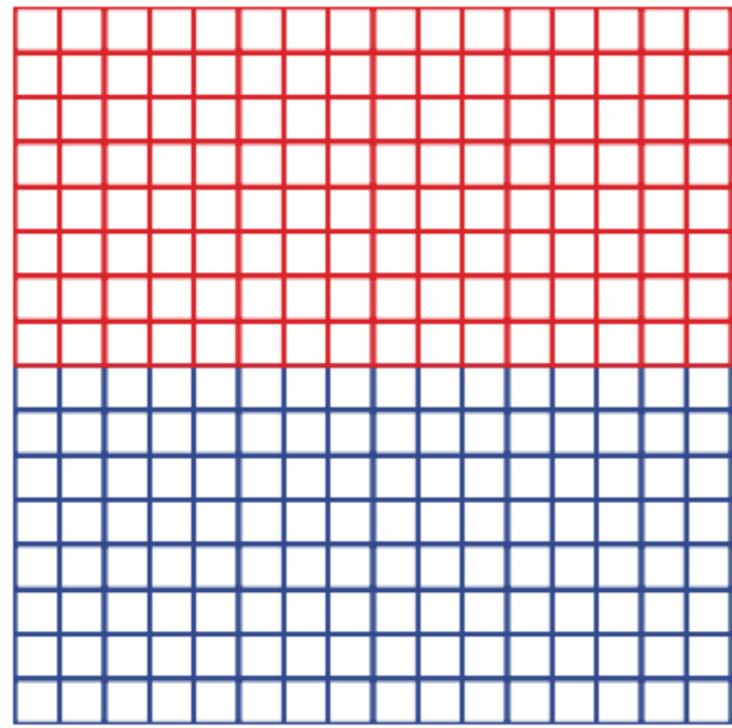
$$[\mathbf{u}] = \mathbf{u}^1 - \mathbf{u}^2, \quad \{\boldsymbol{\sigma}\} = \gamma \boldsymbol{\sigma}^1 + (1 - \gamma) \boldsymbol{\sigma}^2$$



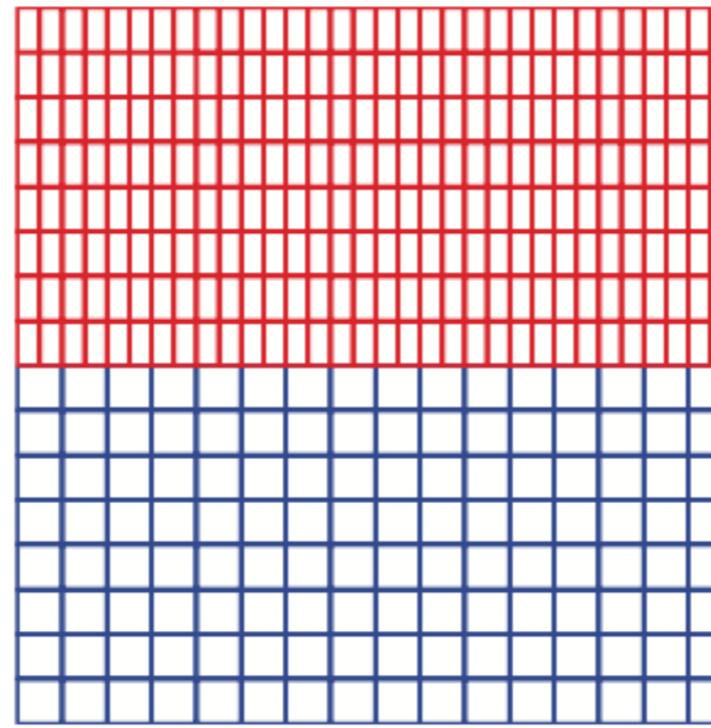
The interface elements are of zero thickness.



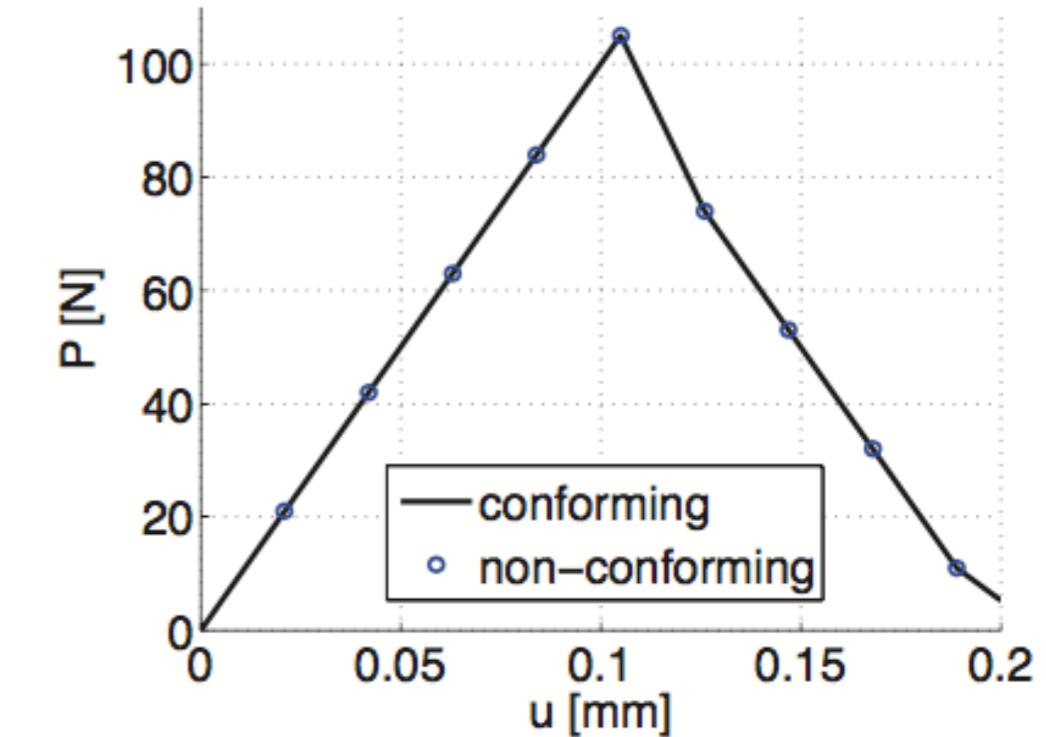
# 2D uniaxial tension test



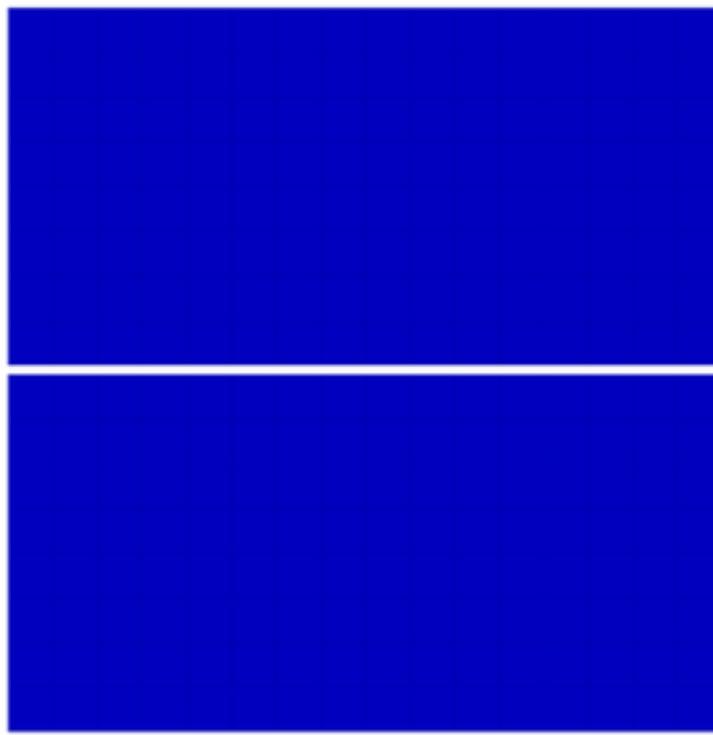
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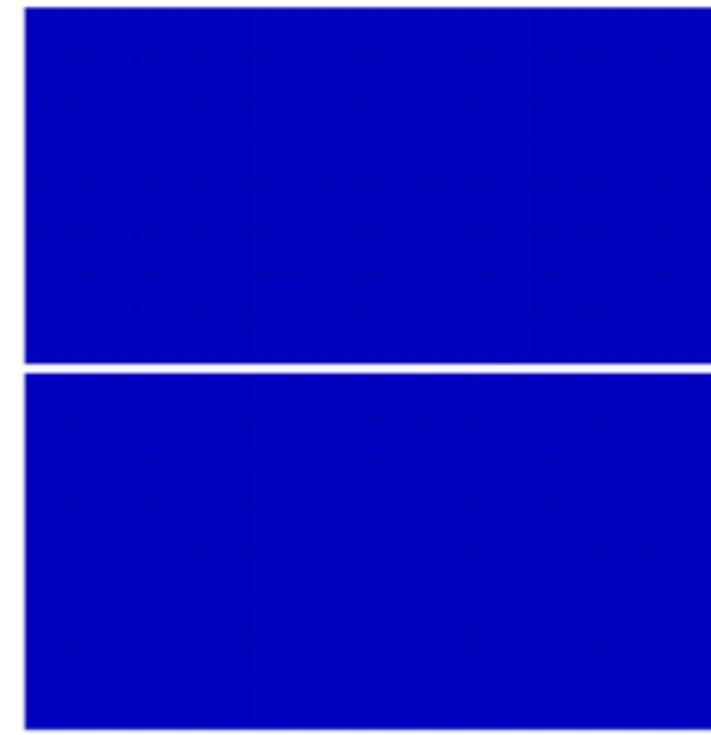
(b) nonconforming mesh



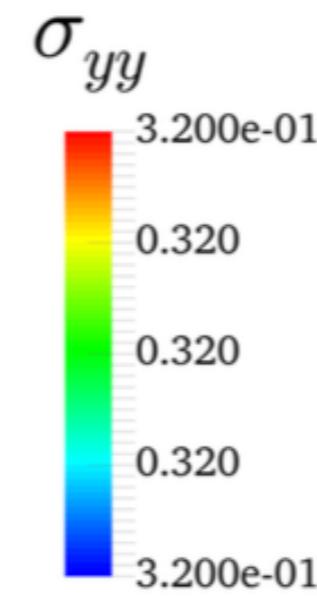
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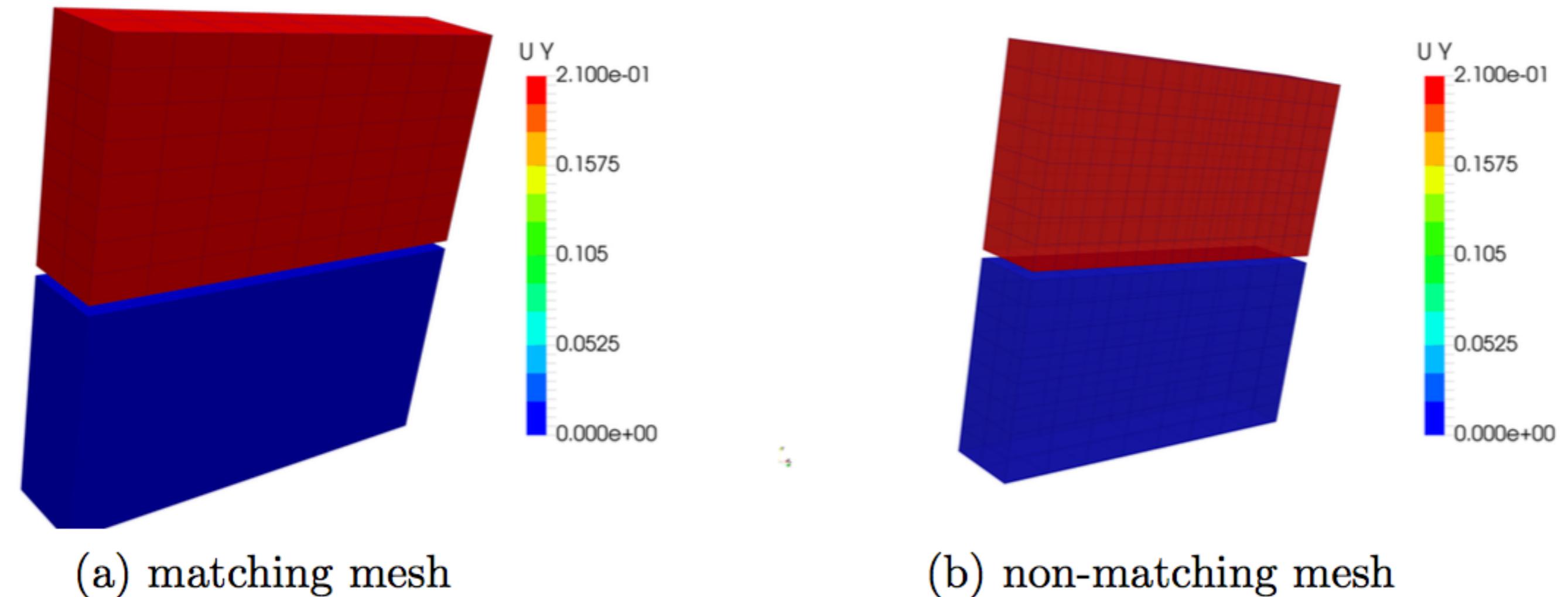
(a) matching mesh



(b) non-matching mesh



# 3D uniaxial tension



## 2D peeling test

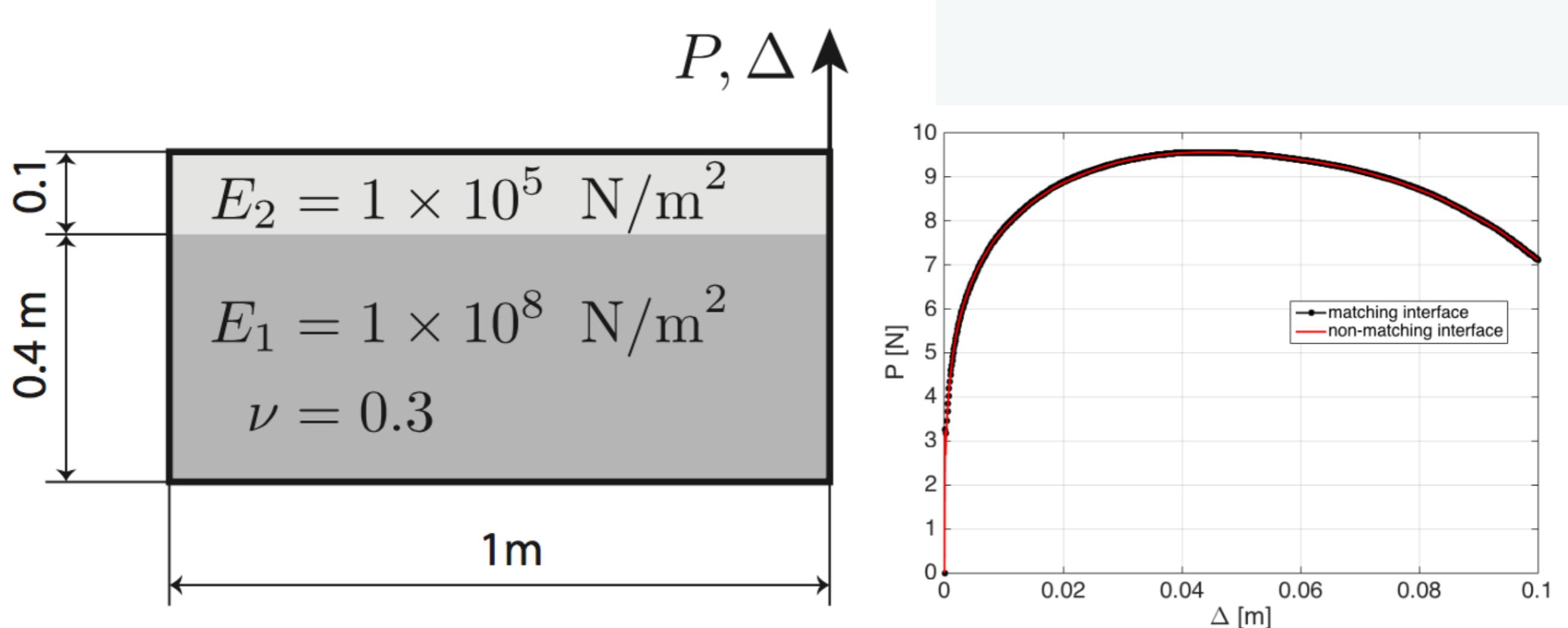
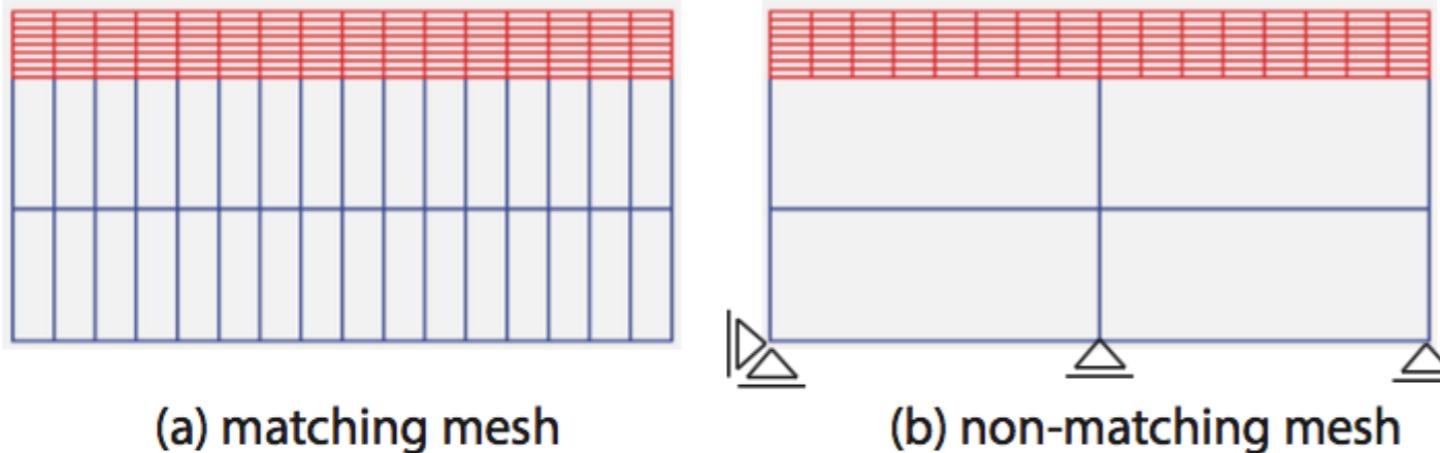
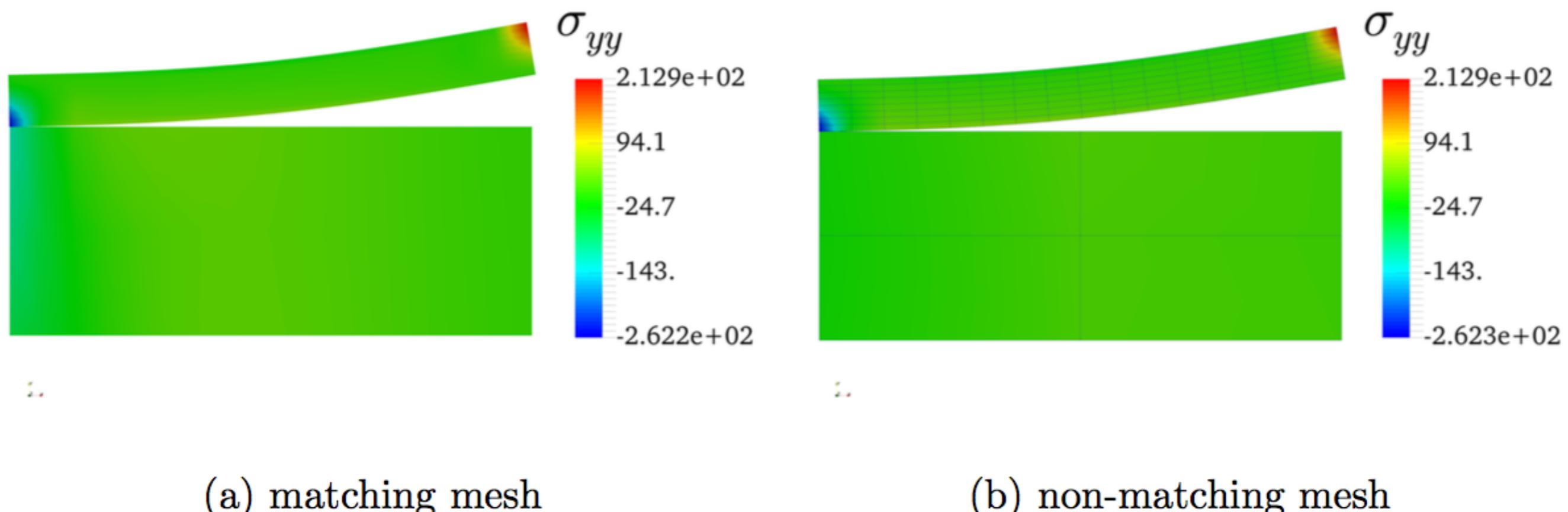


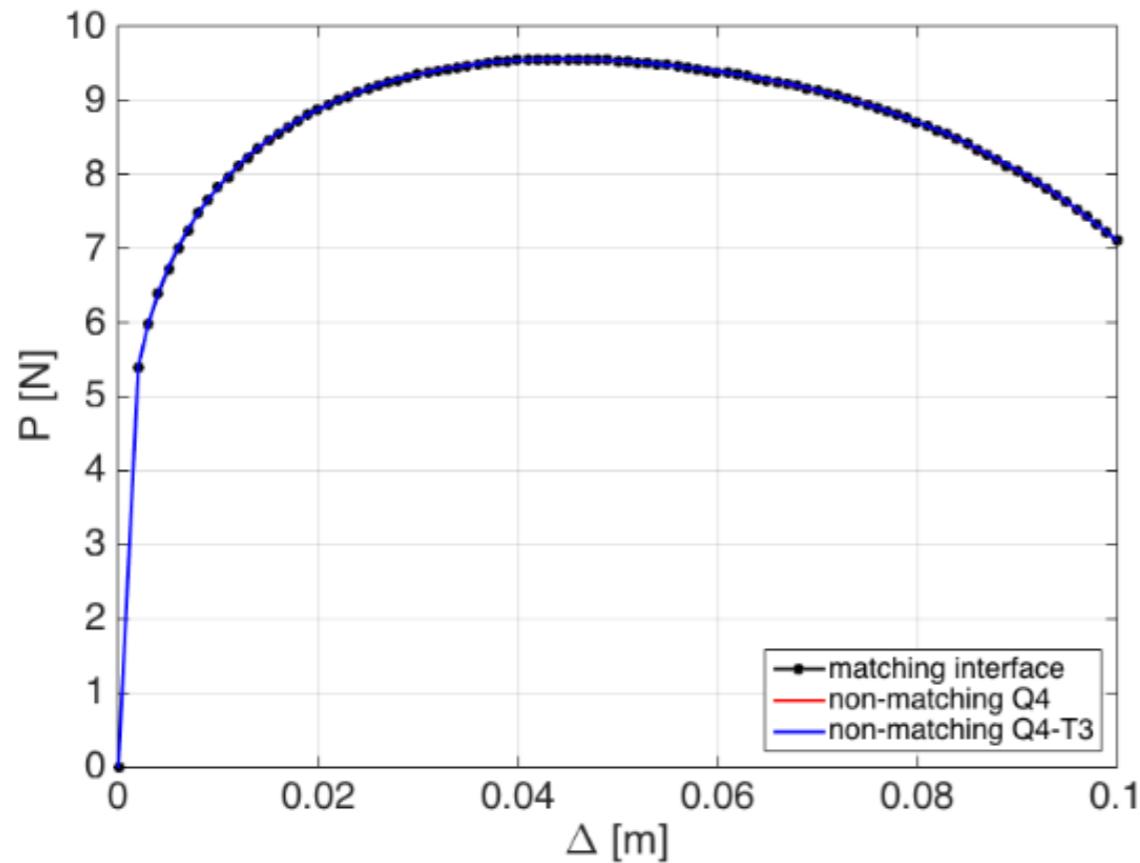
Figure 12: Peeling test: problem configuration.



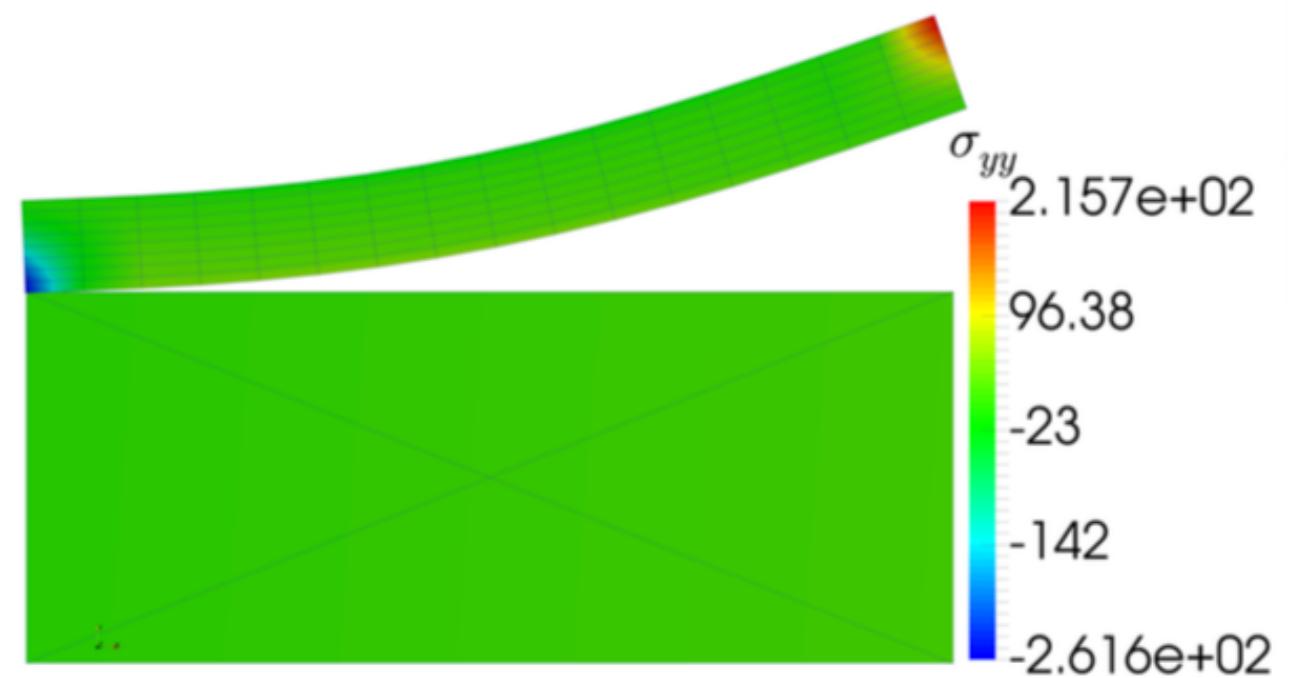
## 2D peeling test



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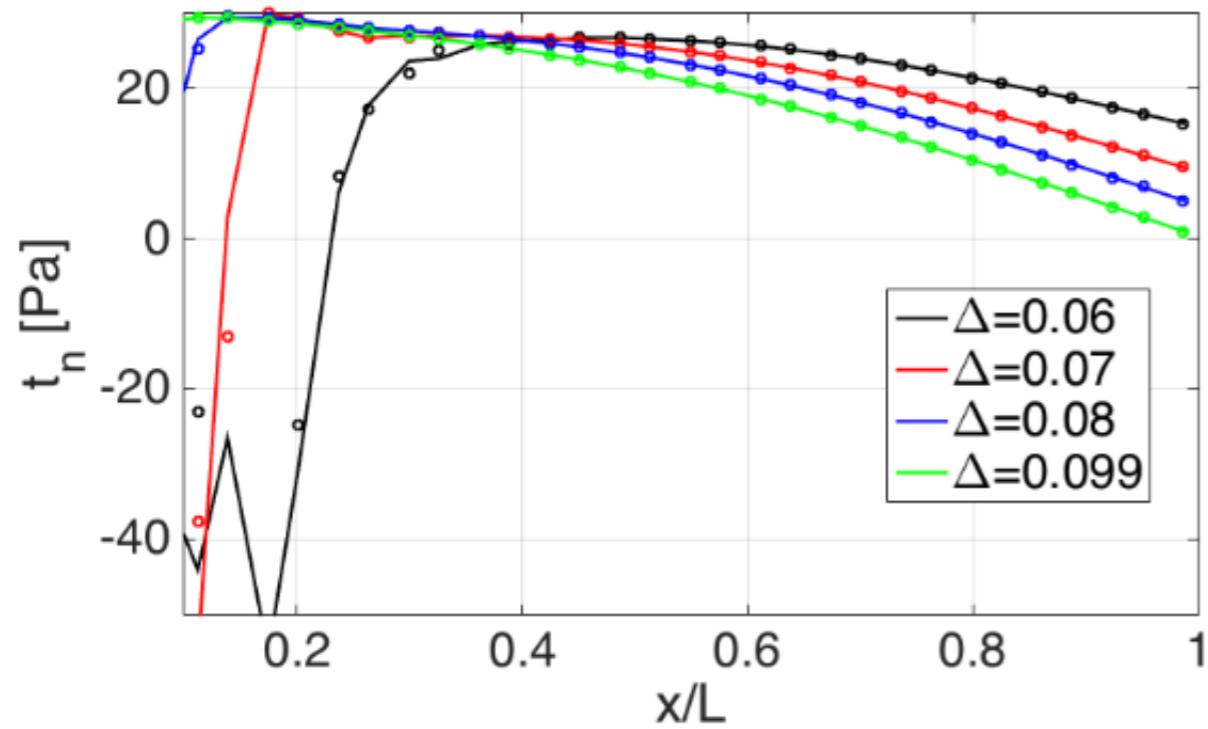
(a) load-displacement



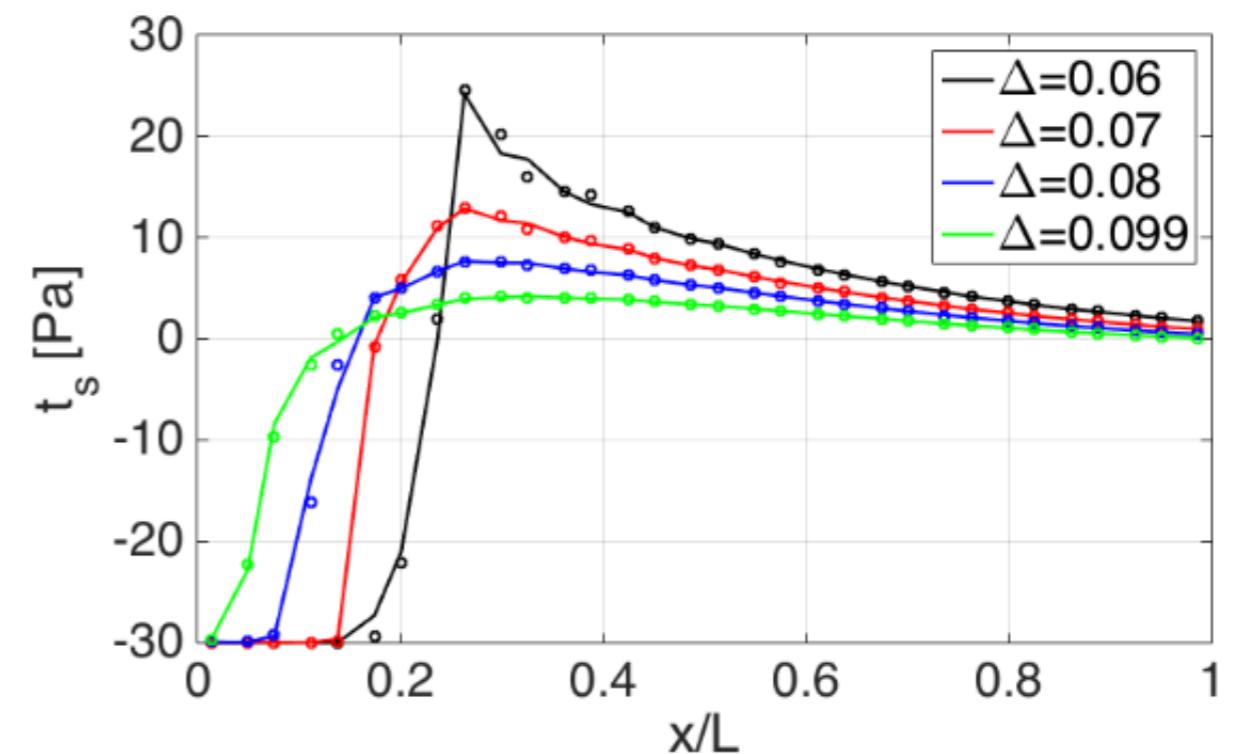
(b) stress contour

Figure 17: Peeling test: substrate discretised by three-node triangular elements whereas layer is meshed by Q4 elements. Note that there is a slight difference with the  $P - \Delta$  curves in Fig. 14 as displacement increments that are ten times larger were used.

## 2D peeling test F(D) curves



(a) normal cohesive traction



(b) tangential cohesive traction

Figure 18: Peeling test: local response of the proposed interface element (solid lines) vs. standard interface element (circles) for different imposed displacements  $\Delta$ .

## 2D peeling test - role of integration

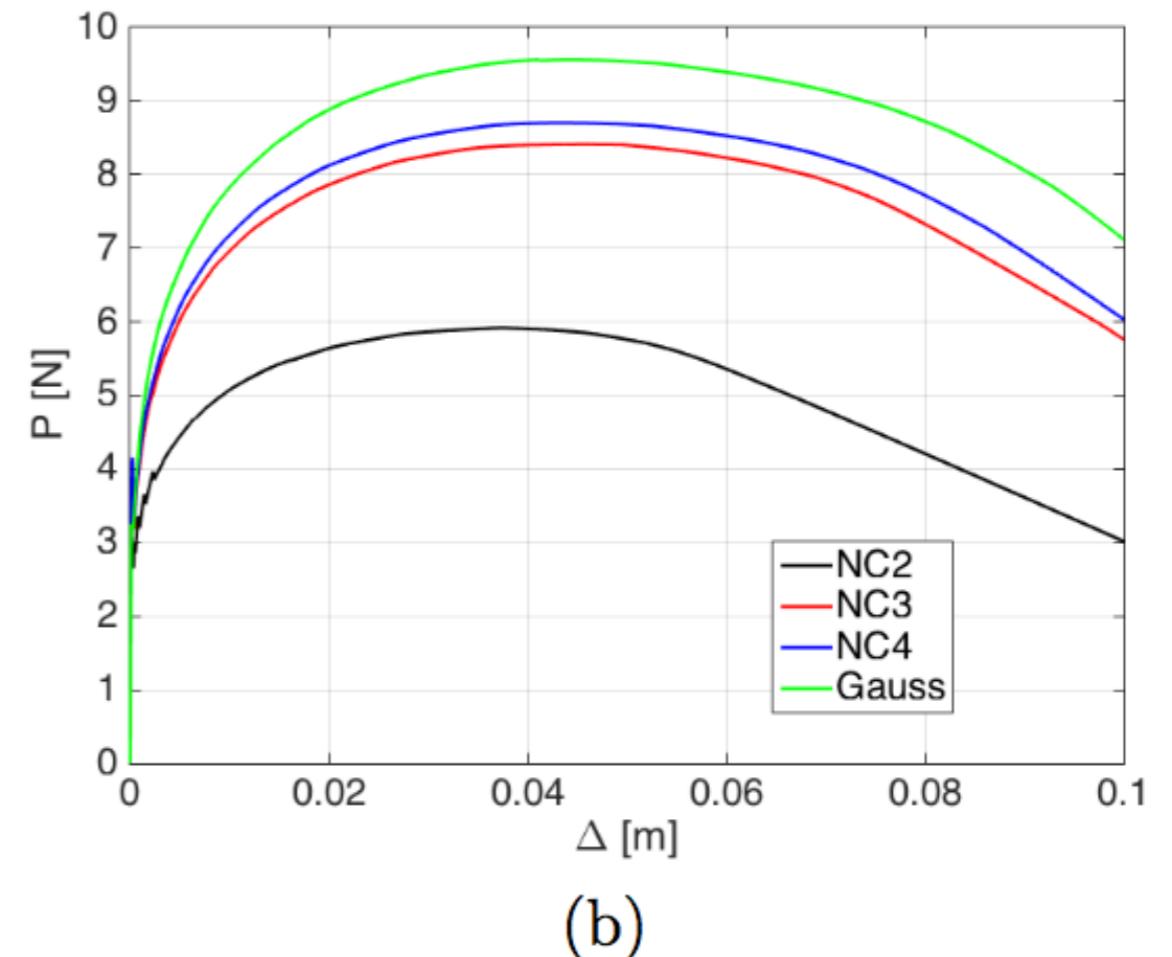
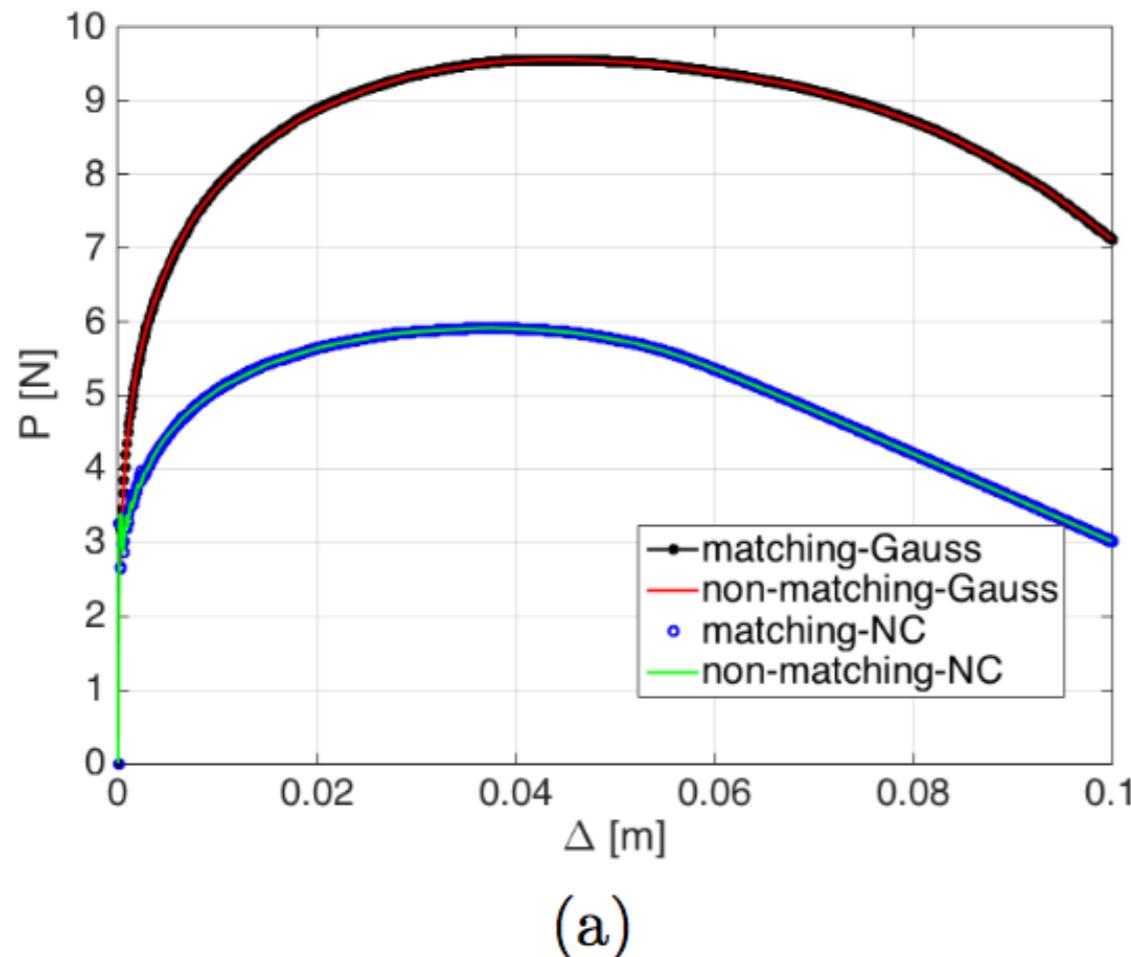


Figure 19: Peeling test:  $P - \Delta$  curves obtained with matching and non-matching FE meshes with Gauss and Newton-Cotes (NC) quadrature rules. Increasing the number of NC integration points shift the  $P - \Delta$  curves to the Gauss-based curve (right).

# 3D peeling test

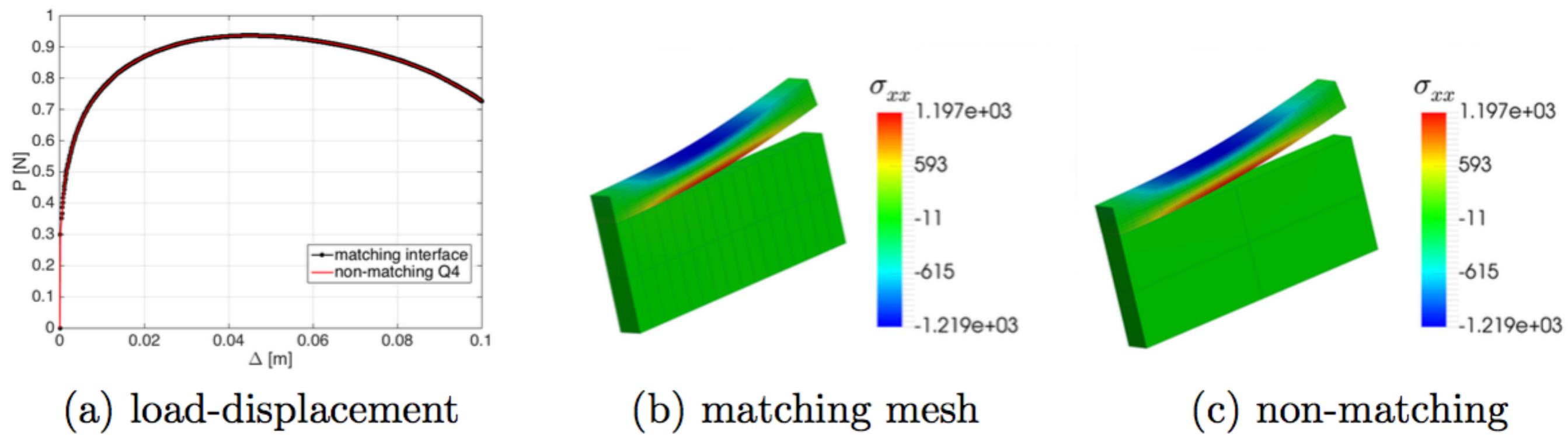
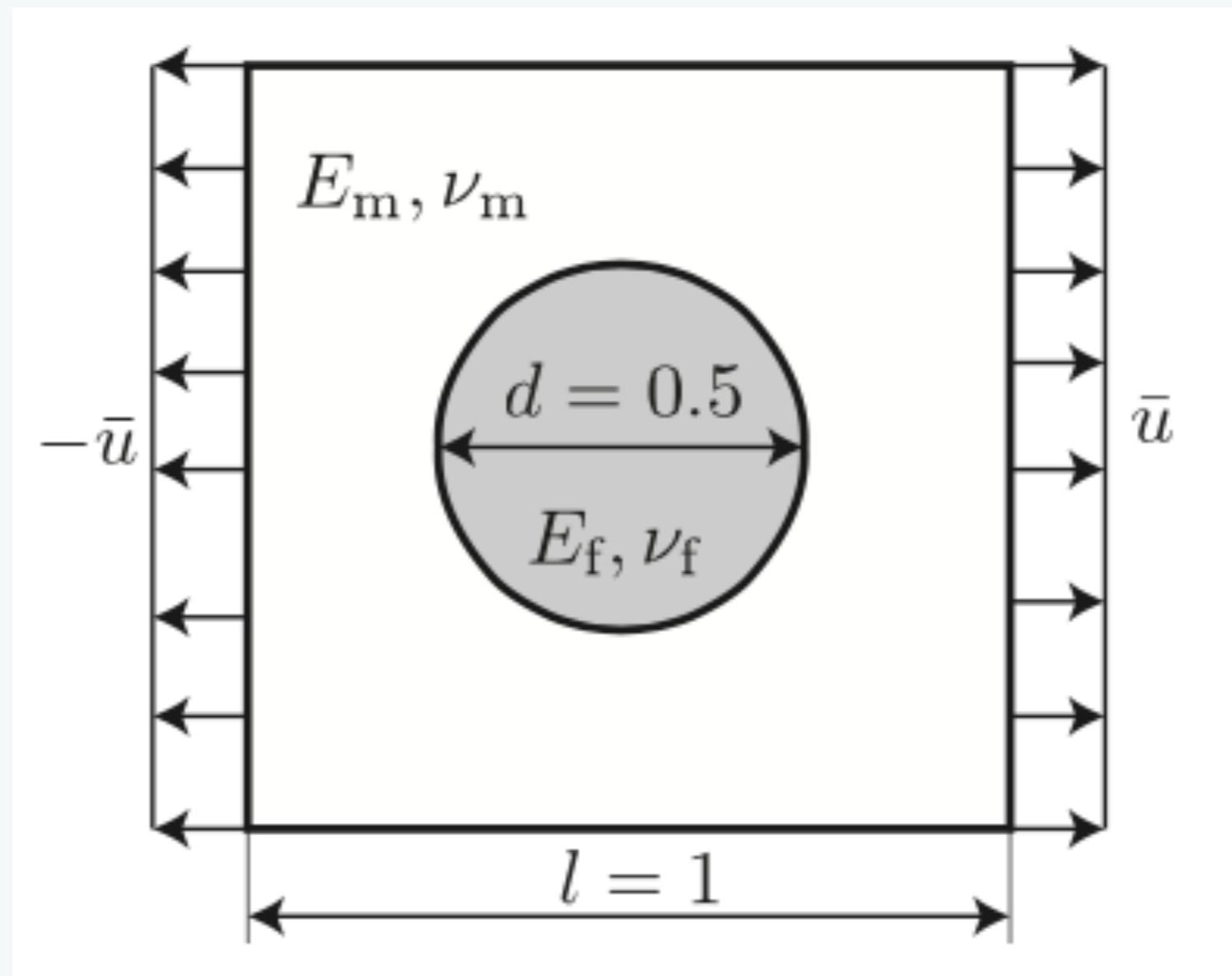
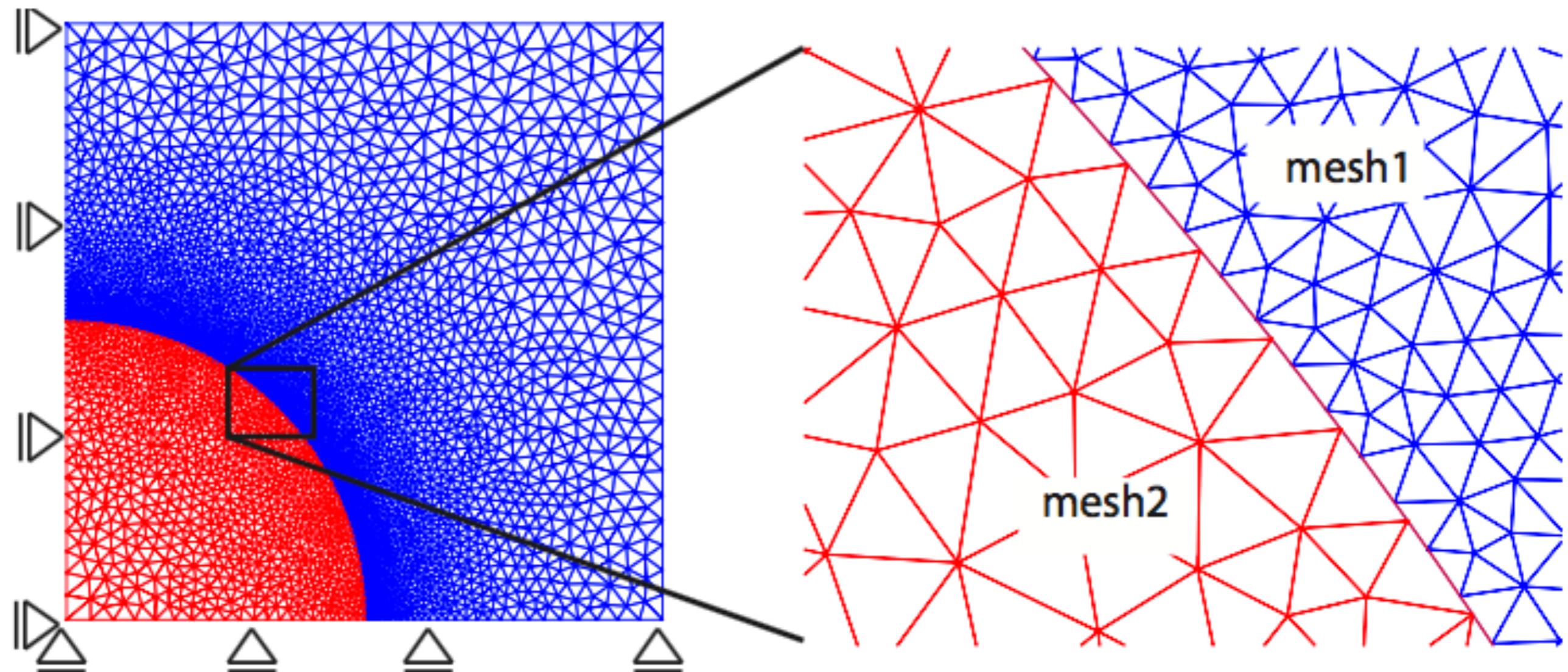


Figure 20: Three dimensional peeling test:  $P - \Delta$  curves and stress distribution.

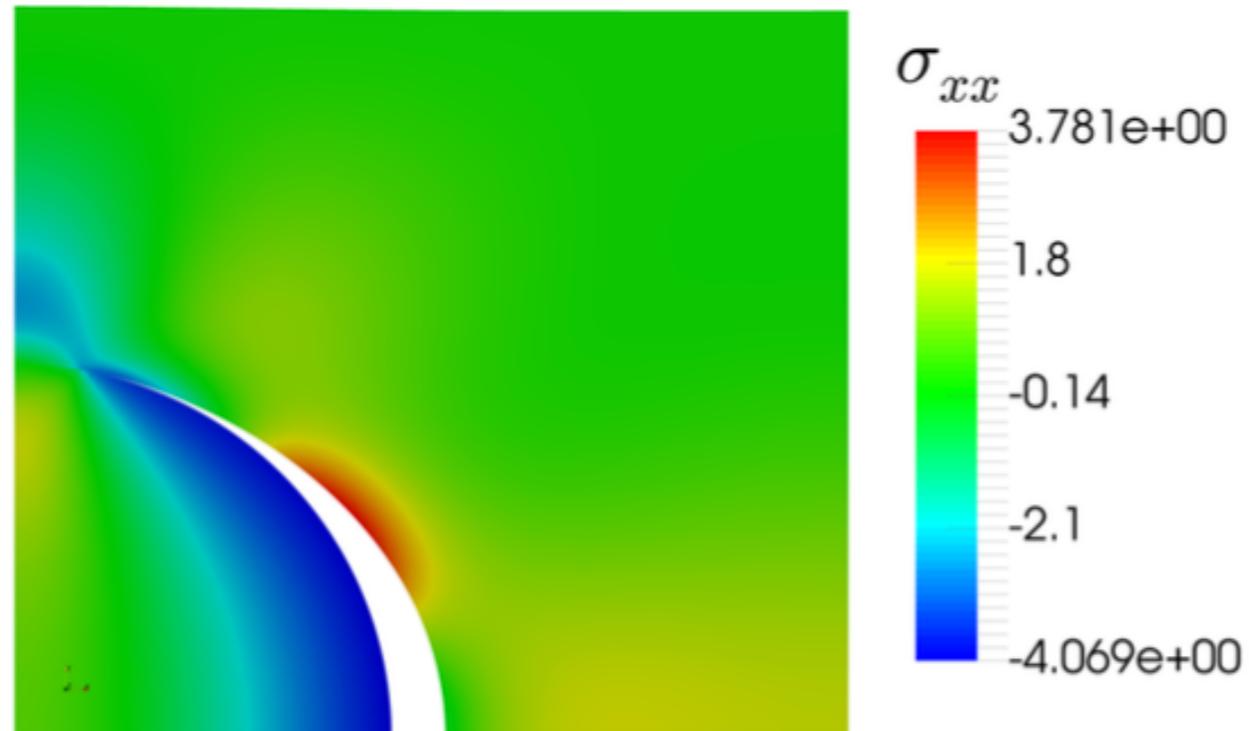
# Fibre-reinforced composite - debonding



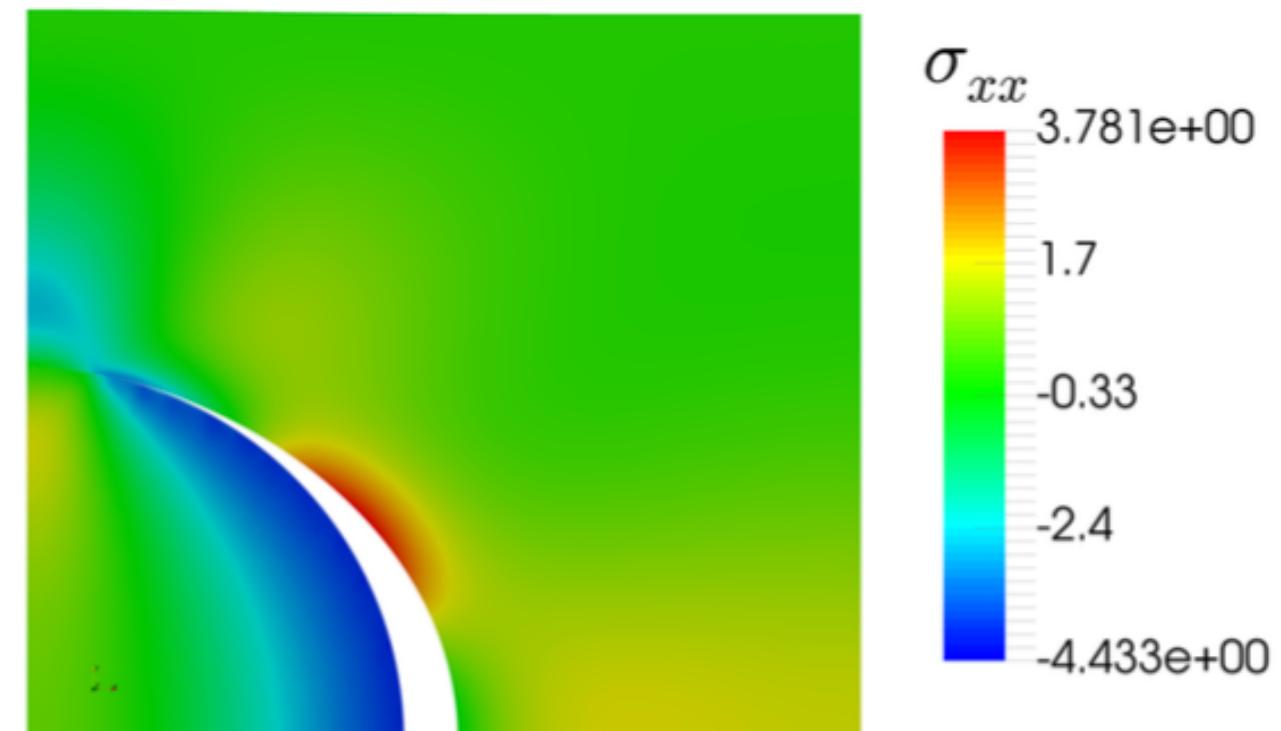
## Non-matching interfaces



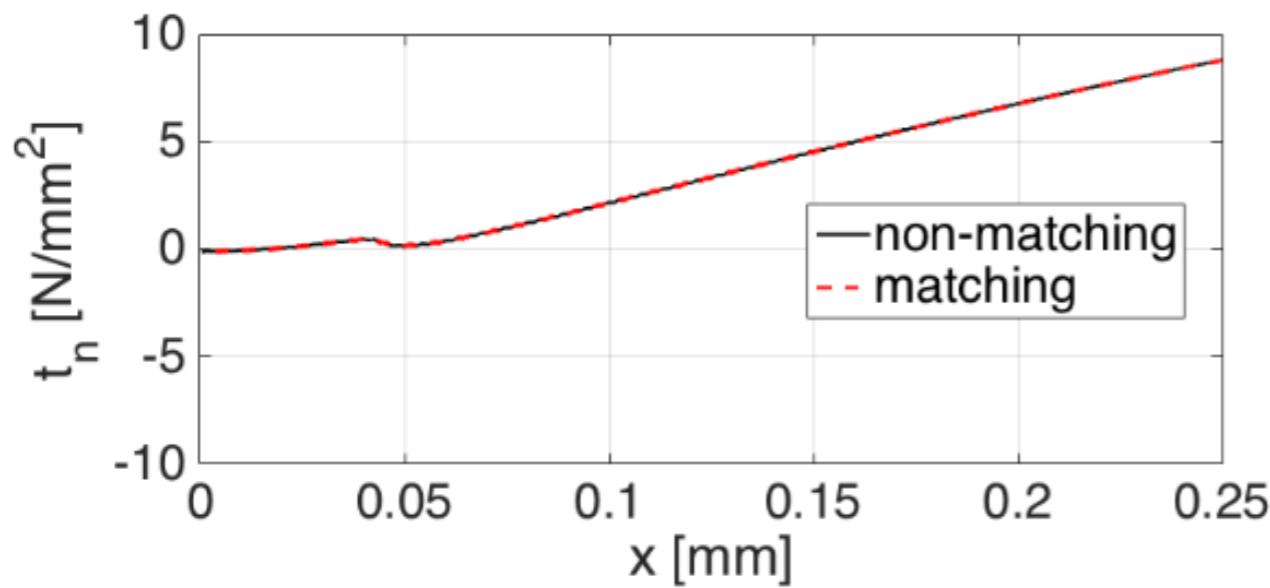
# Fibre-debonding



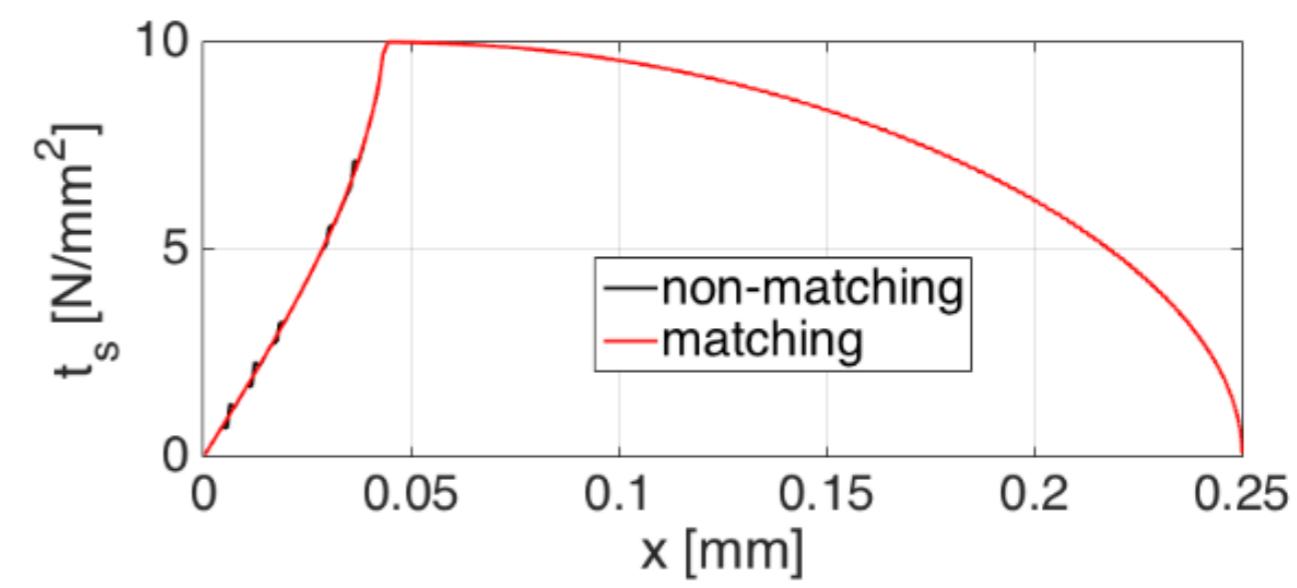
(a) matching mesh



(b) non-matching mesh



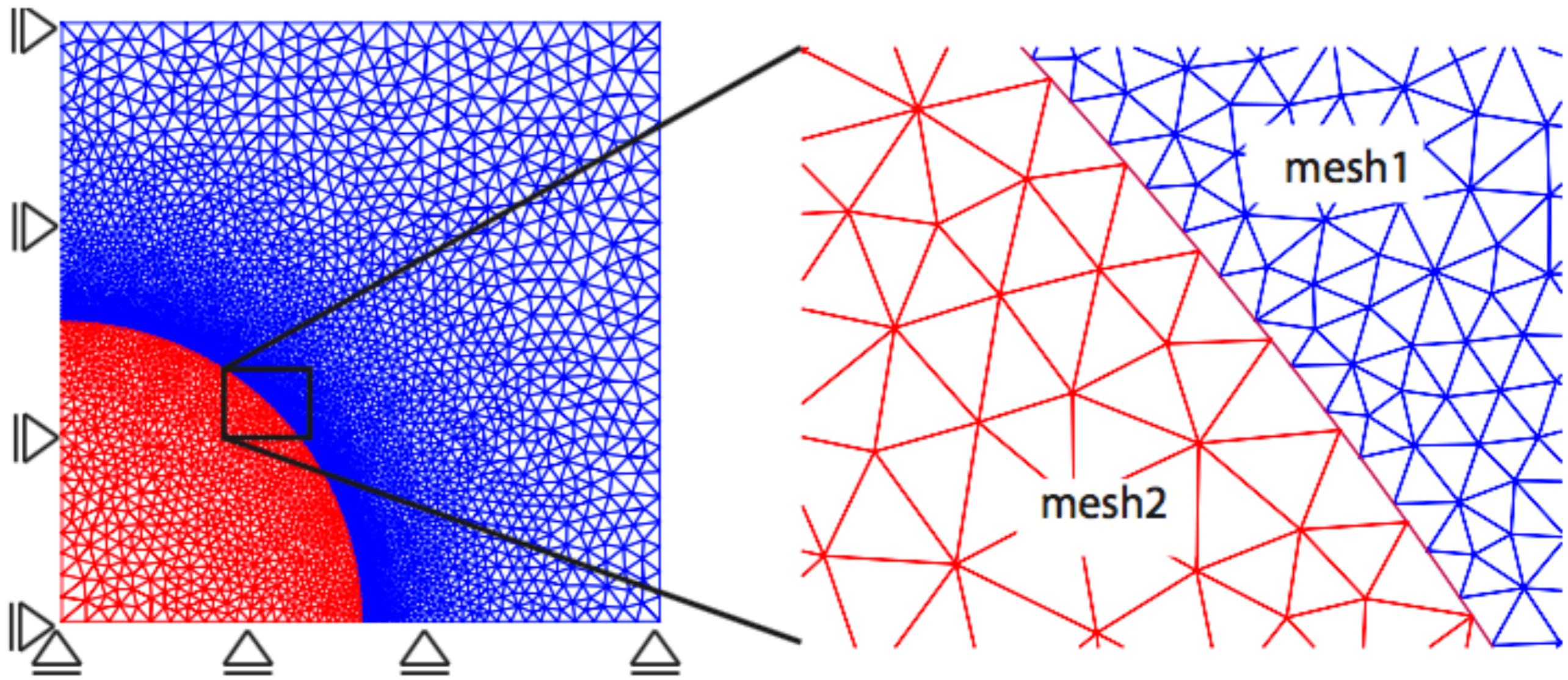
(a) normal stress



(b) tangential stress

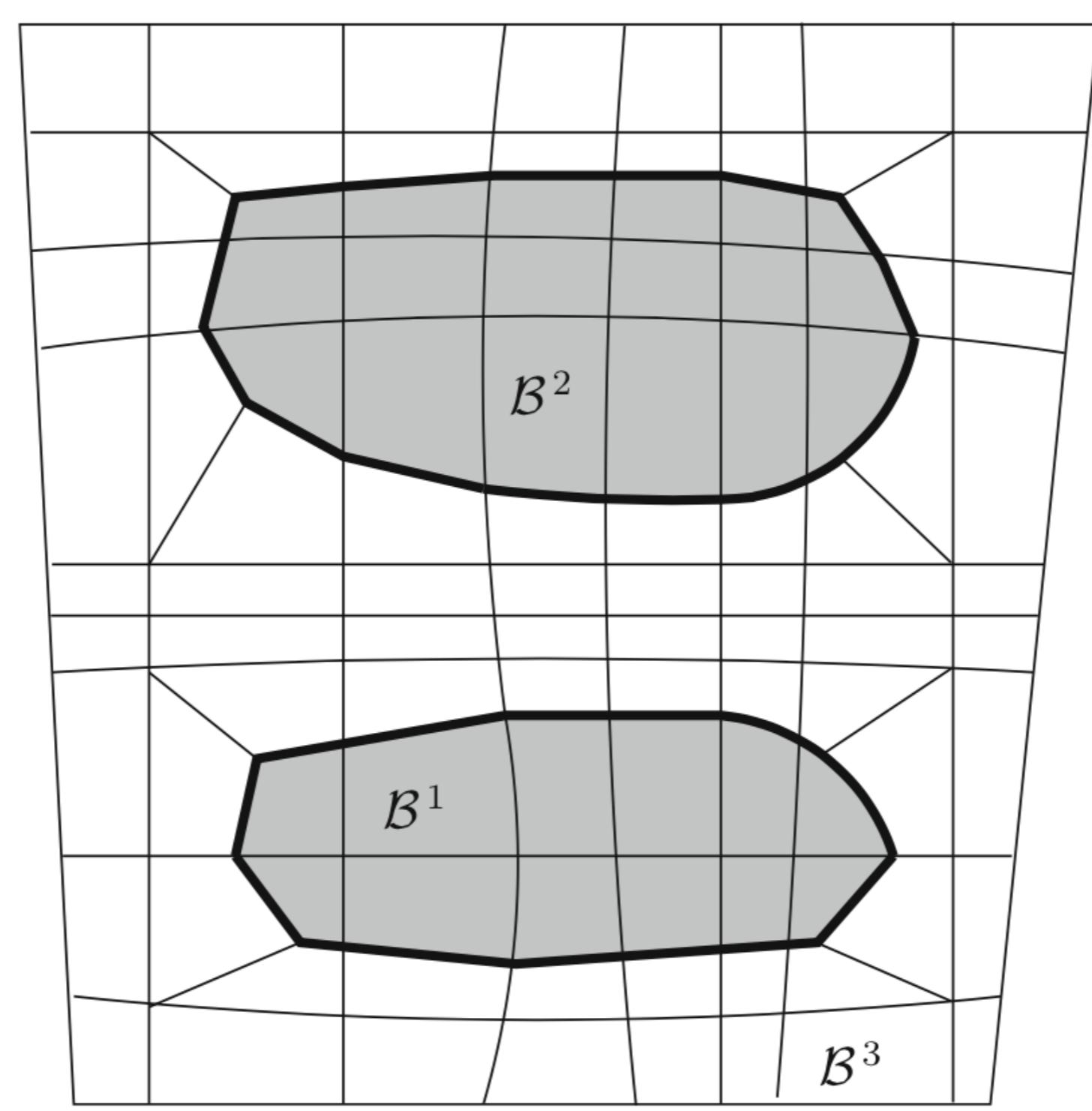
# Conclusions

- ▶ Incompatible/non-matching elements
- ▶ Small strain interfacial fracture
  - No need for conforming meshes along the interface
  - non-matching interface
  - no high-dummy stiffness
  - fewer elements (up to twice as fast)
  - Newton-Cotes integration leads to premature failure

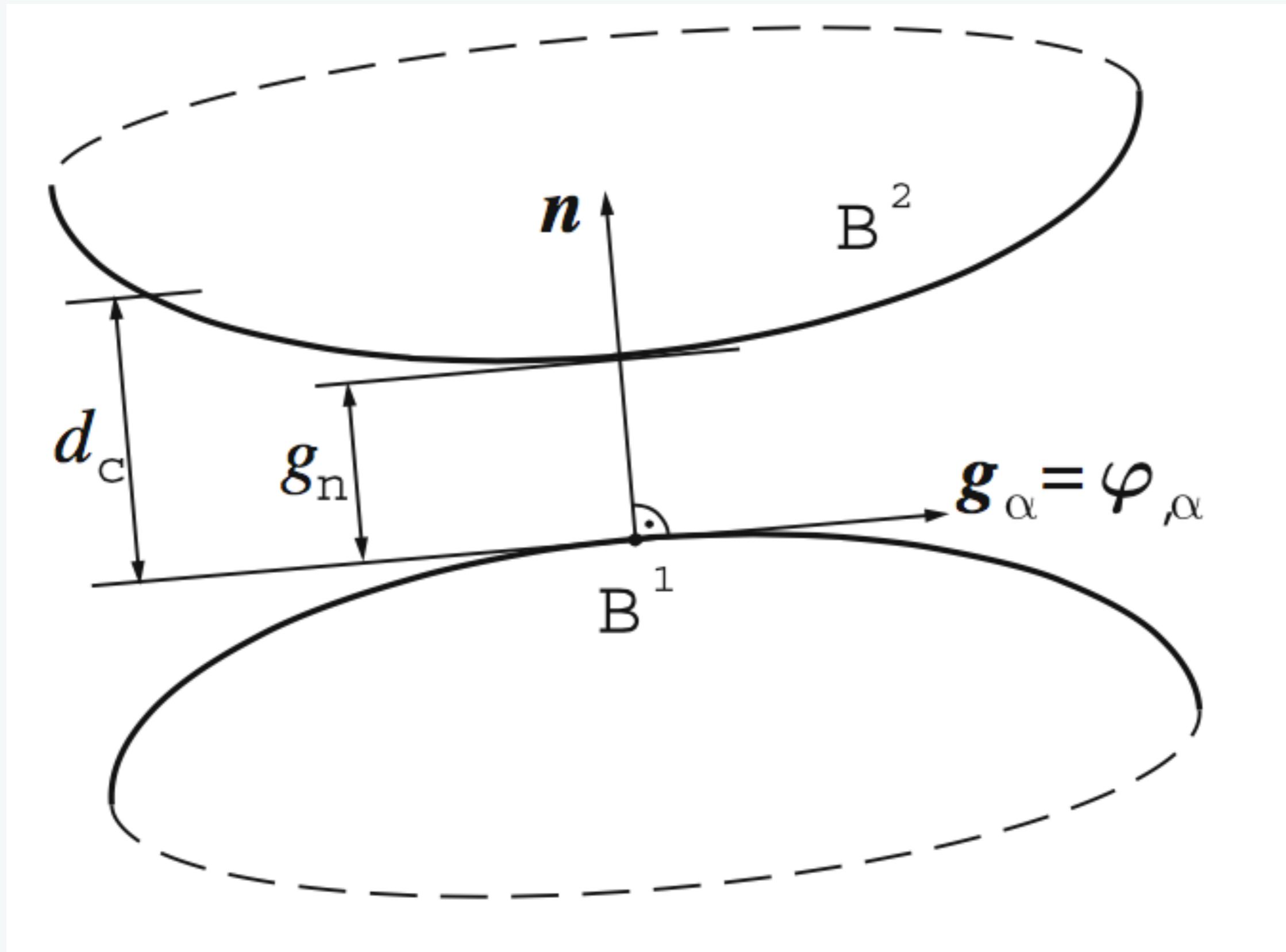


# Third medium contact formulation, Wriggers

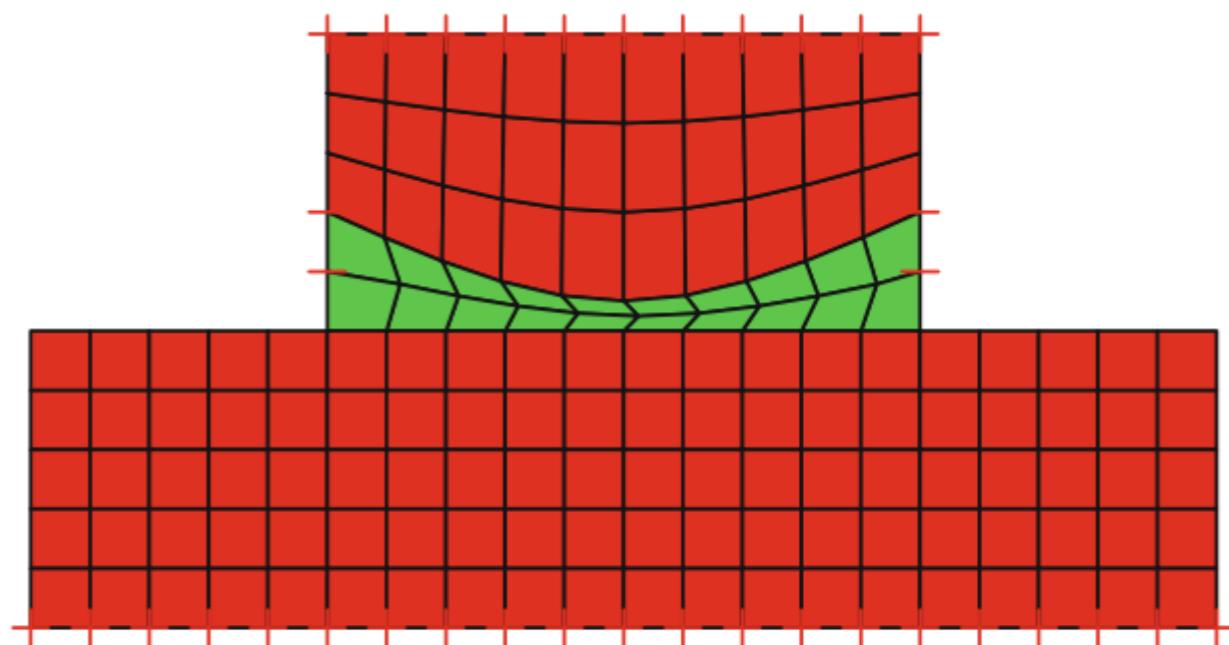
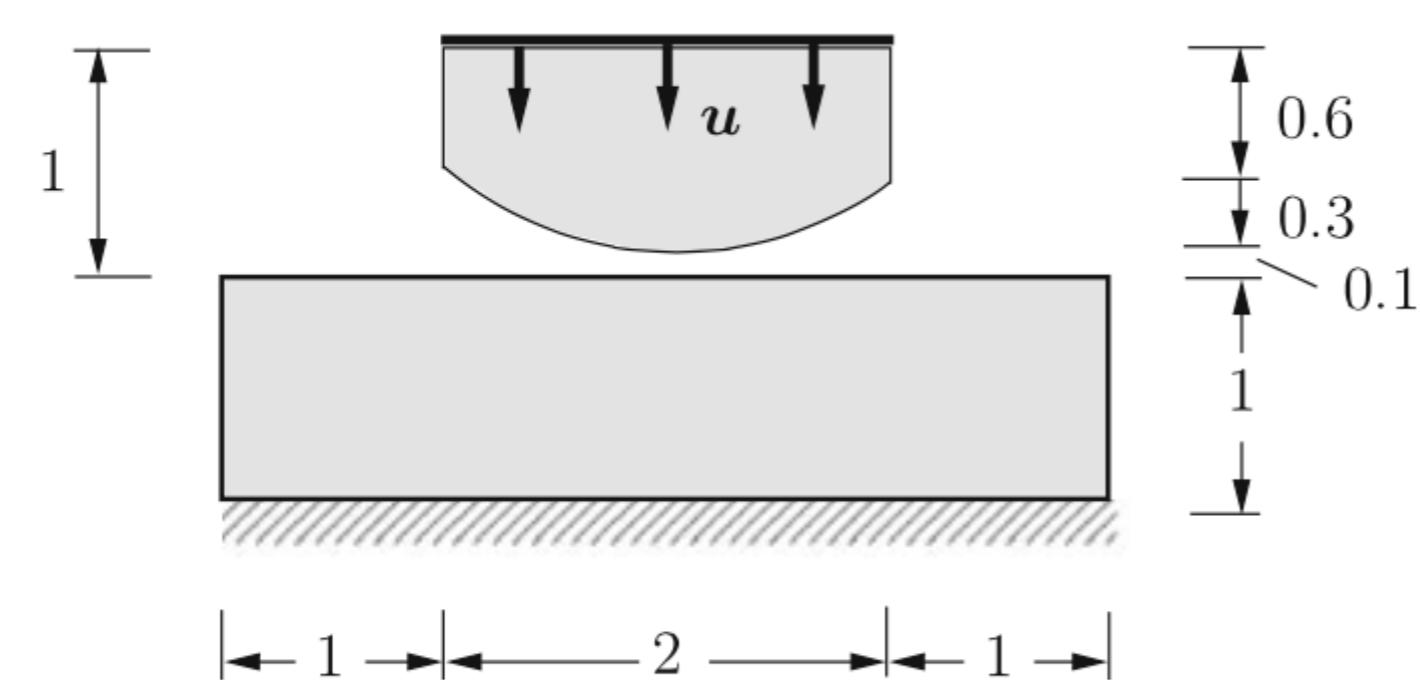
A finite element method for contact using a third medium P. Wriggers · J. Schröder · A. Schwarz  
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# Gap function



# Contacts as interfaces

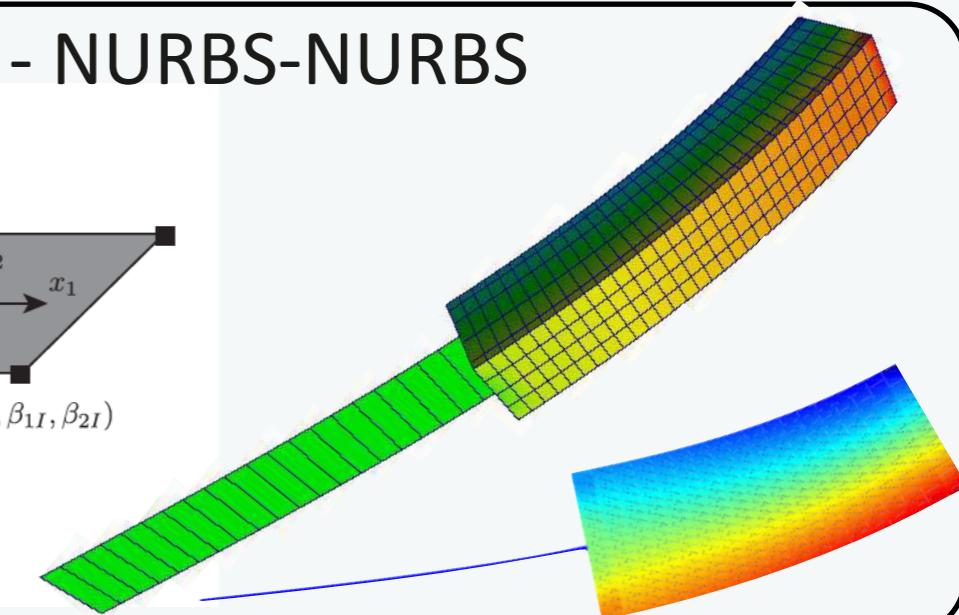
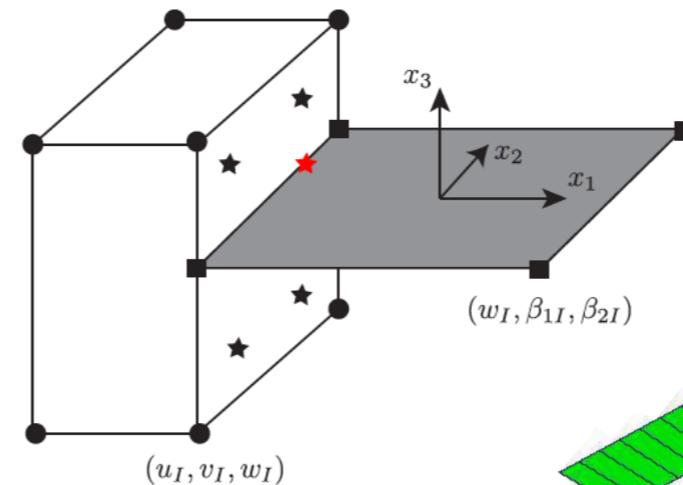


# Future work: model selection (continuum, plate, beam, shell?)

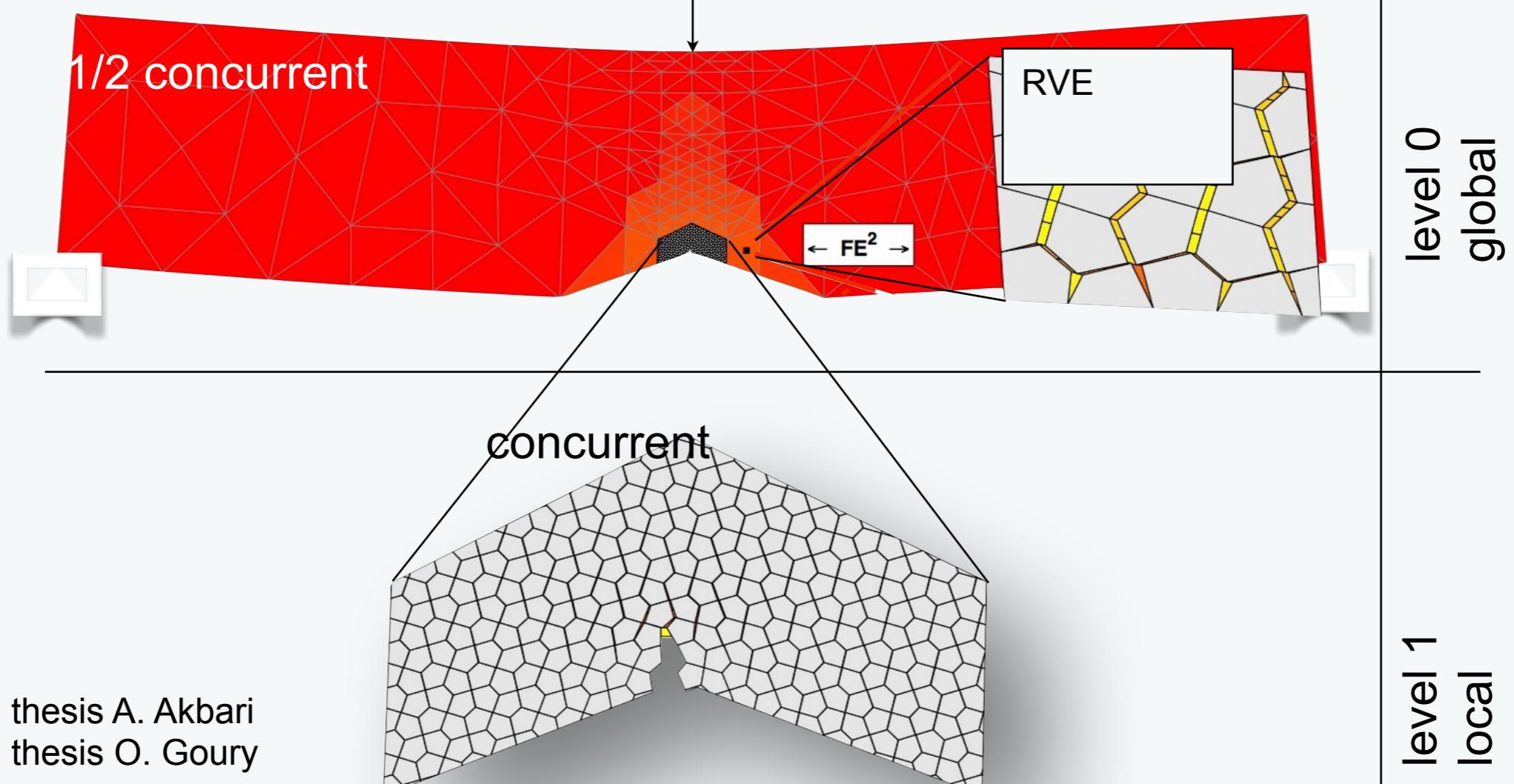
## Model selection

- Model with shells
- Identify “hot spots” - dual
- Couple with continuum
- Coarse-grain

## • Nitsche coupling - NURBS-NURBS



load



# Extended finite element method with smooth nodal stress for linear elastic crack growth

*with Xuan Peng, PhD student*

# Double-interpolation finite element method (DFEM)



## ► The construction of DFEM in 1D

Discretization



The *first stage* of  
interpolation: traditional FEM

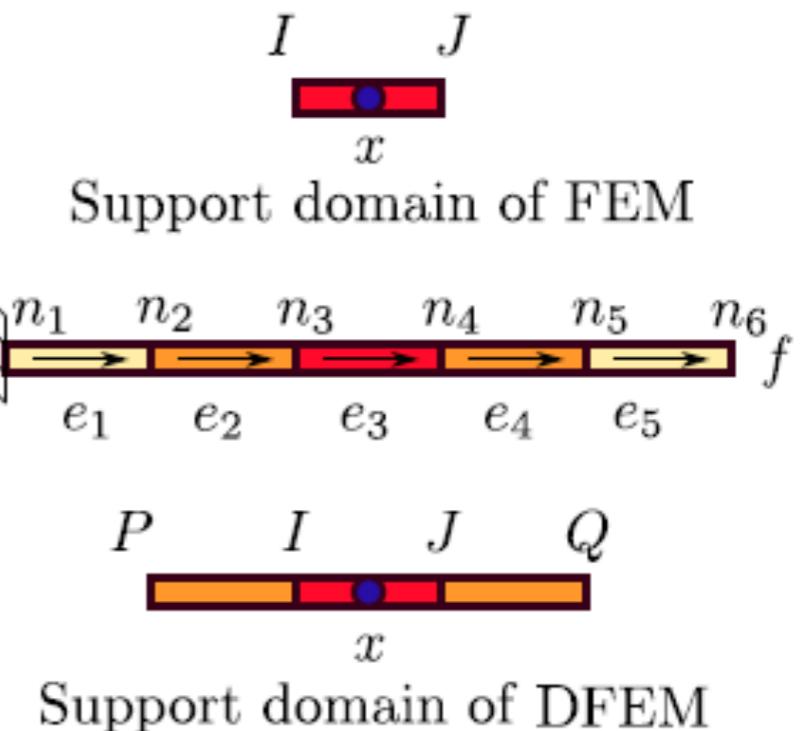
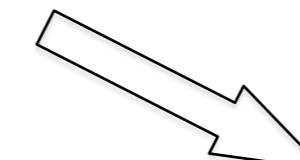
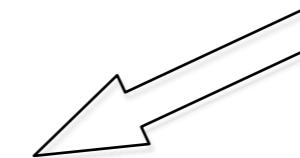
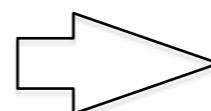
$$u^h(x) = N_I(x_I)u^I + N_J(x_I)u^J$$



The *second stage* of  
interpolation: reproducing  
from previous result

$$u^h(x) = \phi_I(x)u^I + \psi_I(x)\bar{u}_{,x}^I + \phi_J(x)u^J + \psi_J(x)\bar{u}_{,x}^J$$

$\phi_I, \psi_I, \phi_J, \psi_J$  are Hermitian basis functions

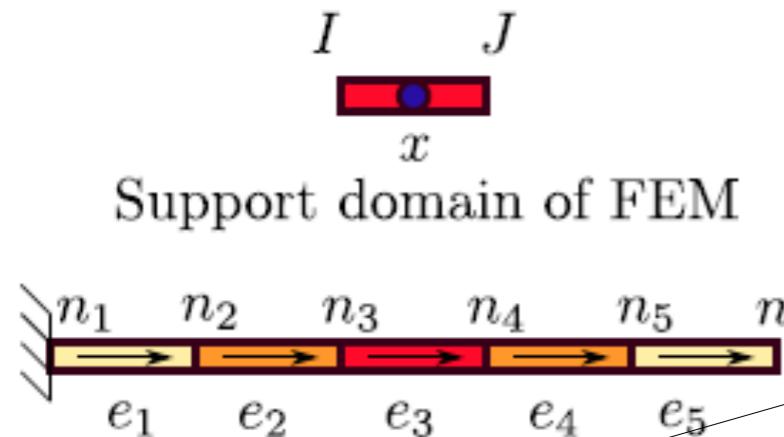


Provide  $u, \bar{u}_{,x}$  at  
each node

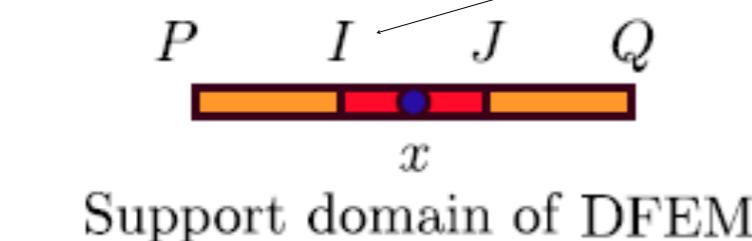
# Double-interpolation finite element method (DFEM)



## ➤ Calculation of average nodal derivatives



For node  $I$ , the support elements are:  $e_2, e_3$



In element 2, we use linear Lagrange interpolation:

$$u_{,x}^{e_2}(x_I) = N_{P,x}^{e_2}(x_I)u^P + N_{I,x}^{e_2}(x_I)u^I$$

Weight function of  $e_2$ :

$$\omega_{e_2,I} = \frac{\text{meas}(e_{2,I})}{\text{meas}(e_{2,I}) + \text{meas}(e_{3,I})}$$

Element length

$$\bar{u}_{,x}^I = \bar{u}_{,x}(x_I) = \omega_{e_2,I} u_{,x}^{e_2}(x_I) + \omega_{e_3,I} u_{,x}^{e_3}(x_I)$$

# Double-interpolation finite element method (DFEM)

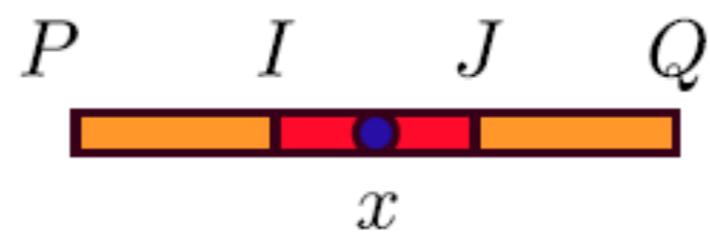


The  $\bar{u}_{,x}^I$  can be further rewritten as:

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{u}_{,x}^I &= \begin{bmatrix} \omega_{e_{2,I}} N_{P,x}^{e_2} & \omega_{e_{2,I}} N_{I,x}^{e_2} + \omega_{e_{3,I}} N_{I,x}^{e_3} & \omega_{e_{3,I}} N_{J,x}^{e_3} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u^P \\ u^I \\ u^J \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \bar{N}_{P,x}(x_I)u^P + \bar{N}_{I,x}(x_I)u^I + \bar{N}_{J,x}(x_I)u^J\end{aligned}$$

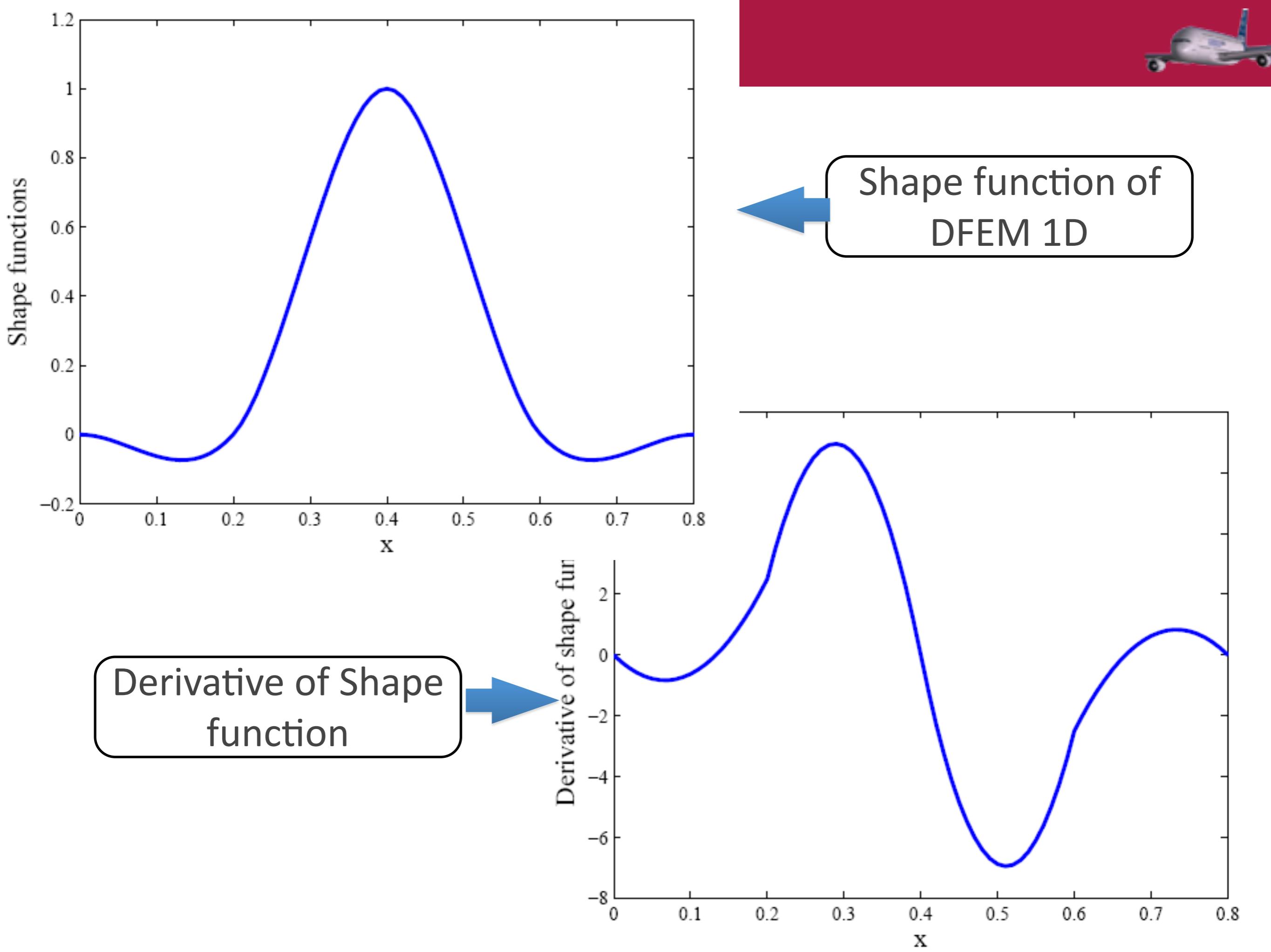
Substituting  $\bar{u}_{,x}^I$  and  $\bar{u}_{,x}^J$  into the second stage of interpolation leads to:

$$u^h(x) = \sum_{L \in \mathbf{N}_S} \hat{N}_L(x) u^L$$



Support domain of DFEM

$$\hat{N}_L(x) = \phi_I(x)N_L(x_I) + \psi_I(x)\bar{N}_{L,x}(x_I) + \phi_J(x)N_L(x_J) + \psi_J(x)\bar{N}_{L,x}(x_J)$$



# Double-interpolation finite element method (DFEM)



Same procedure for 2D *triangular* elements

**First stage** of interpolation (traditional FEM):

$$u^h(\mathbf{x}) = L_I(\mathbf{x})u^I + L_J(\mathbf{x})u^J + L_K(\mathbf{x})u^K$$

**Second stage** of interpolation :

$$\begin{aligned} u^h(\mathbf{x}) = & \phi_I(\mathbf{x})u^I + \psi_I(\mathbf{x})\bar{u}_{,x}^I + \varphi_I(\mathbf{x})\bar{u}_{,y}^I + \\ & \phi_J(\mathbf{x})\bar{u}^J + \psi_J(\mathbf{x})\bar{u}_{,x}^J + \varphi_J(\mathbf{x})\bar{u}_{,y}^J + \\ & \phi_K(\mathbf{x})\bar{u}^K + \psi_K(\mathbf{x})\bar{u}_{,x}^K + \varphi_K(\mathbf{x})\bar{u}_{,y}^K \end{aligned}$$

$\phi_I, \psi_I, \varphi_I, \phi_J, \psi_J, \varphi_J, \phi_K, \psi_K, \varphi_K$  are the basis functions  
with regard to  $L_I(\mathbf{x}), L_J(\mathbf{x}), L_K(\mathbf{x})$

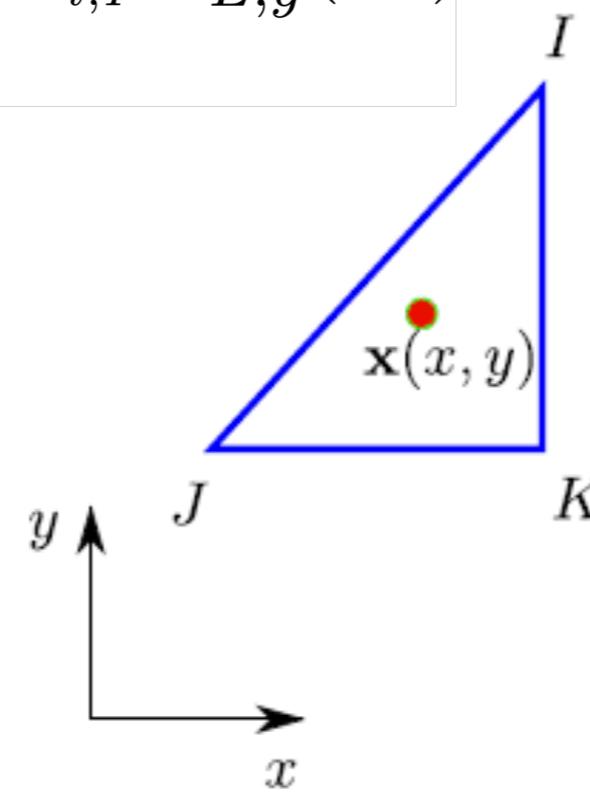
# Double-interpolation finite element method (DFEM)



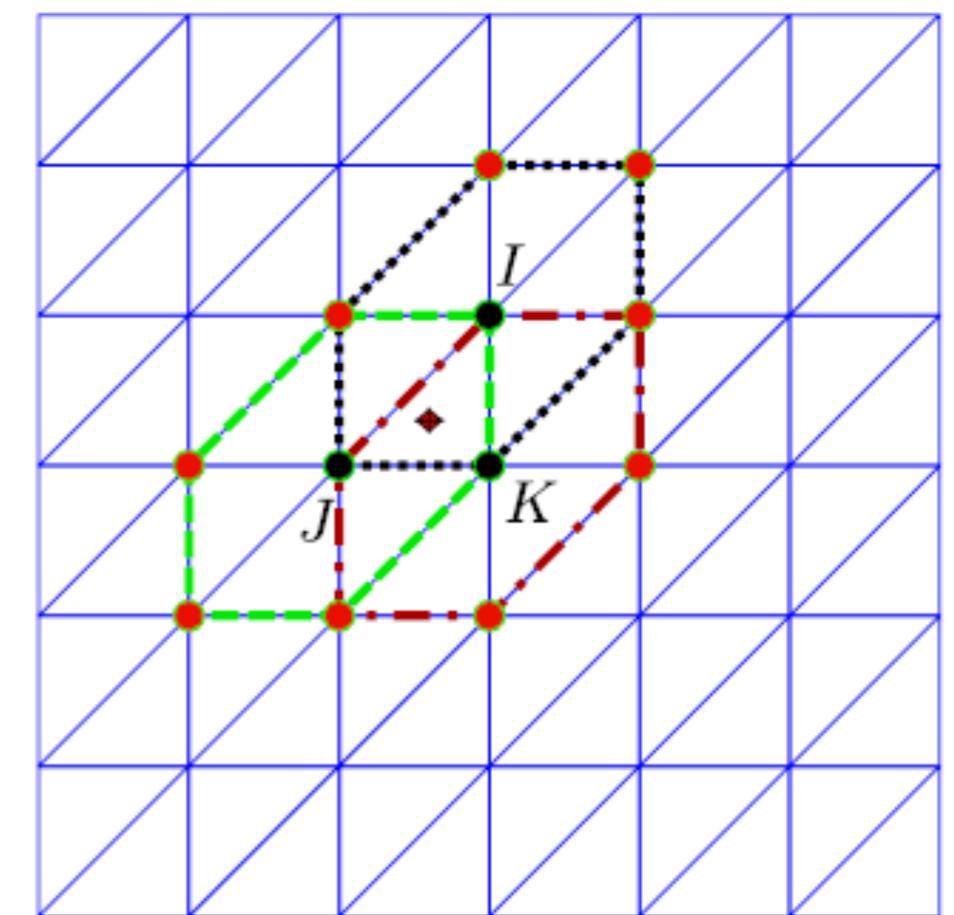
## Calculation of Nodal derivatives:

$$\bar{N}_{L,x}(\mathbf{x}_I) = \sum_{e_i,I \in \Lambda_I} \omega_{e_i,I} N_{L,x}^{e_i}(\mathbf{x}_I)$$

$$\bar{N}_{L,y}(\mathbf{x}_I) = \sum_{e_i,I \in \Lambda_I} \omega_{e_i,I} N_{L,y}^{e_i}(\mathbf{x}_I)$$



- ● Support nodes of DFEM
- Support nodes of FEM



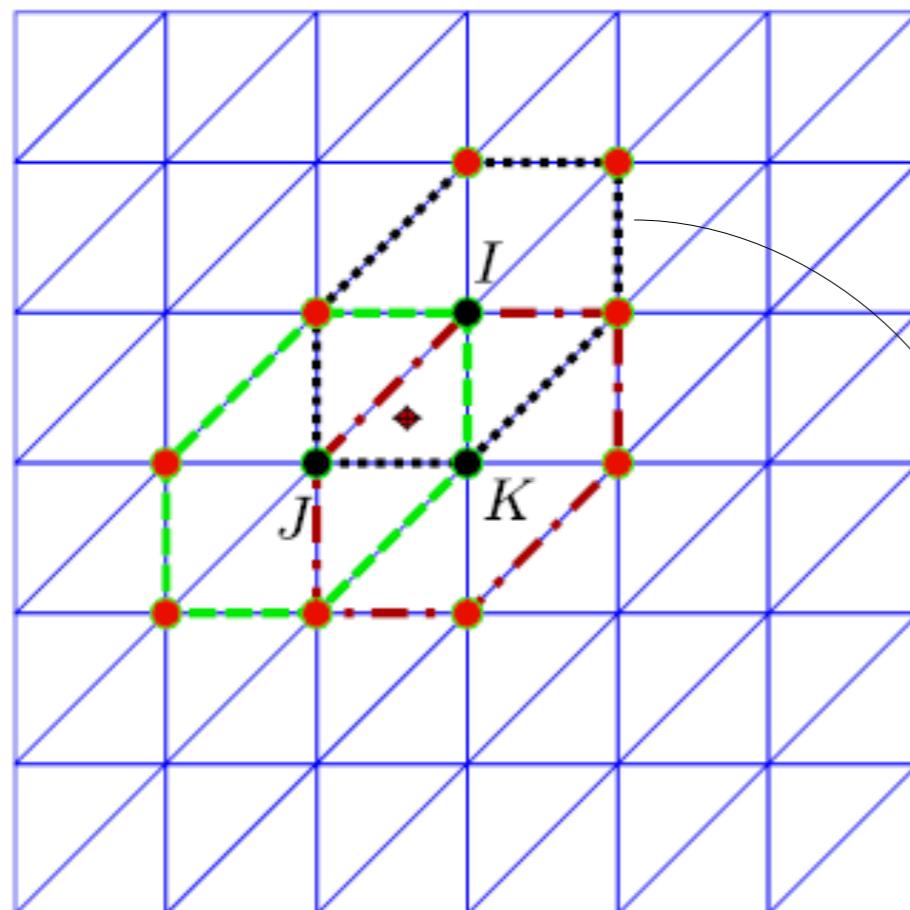
- $\Lambda_I$ : support domain of node  $I$
- $\Lambda_J$ : support domain of node  $J$
- - -  $\Lambda_K$ : support domain of node  $K$

# Double-interpolation finite element method (DFEM)



## Calculation of weights:

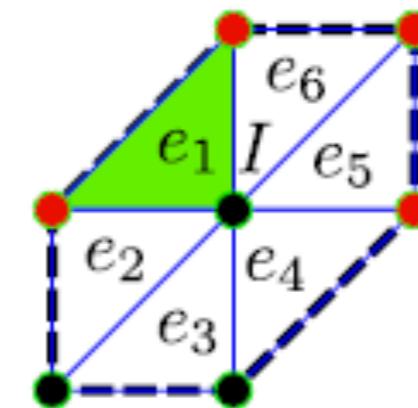
- Support nodes of DFEM
- Support nodes of FEM



- $\Lambda_I$ : support domain of node  $I$
- $\Lambda_J$ : support domain of node  $J$
- - -  $\Lambda_K$ : support domain of node  $K$

The weight of triangle  $i$  in support domain of  $I$  is:

$$\omega_{e_i, I} = \frac{\Delta e_{i,I}}{\sum_{e_j, I \in \Lambda_I} \Delta e_{j,I}}$$



$$\omega_{e_1} = S_{e_1} / (\sum_{e_i \in \Lambda_I} S_{e_i})$$

# Double-interpolation finite element method (DFEM)



The basis functions are given as (node  $I$ ):

$$\phi_I(\mathbf{x}) = L_I + L_I^2 L_J + L_I^2 L_K - L_I L_J^2 - L_I L_K^2$$

$$\psi_I(\mathbf{x}) = -c_J \left( L_K L_I^2 + \frac{1}{2} L_I L_J L_K \right) + c_K \left( L_I^2 L_J + \frac{1}{2} L_I L_J L_K \right)$$

$$\varphi_I(\mathbf{x}) = b_J \left( L_K L_I^2 + \frac{1}{2} L_I L_J L_K \right) - b_K \left( L_I^2 L_J + \frac{1}{2} L_I L_J L_K \right)$$

$L_I, L_J, L_K$  are functions w.r.t  $\mathbf{x}$

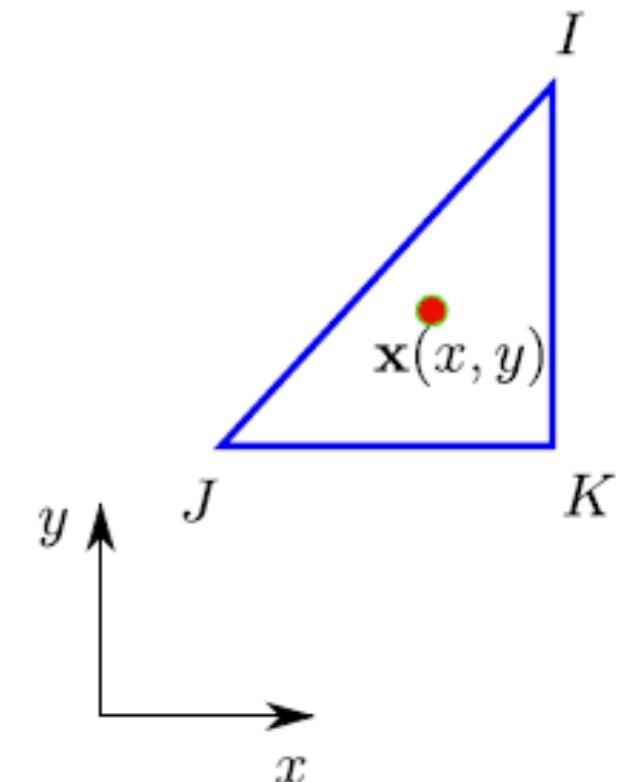
$$L_I(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{2\Delta} (a_I + b_I x + c_I y)$$

$$a_I = x_J y_K - x_K y_J$$

$$b_I = y_J - y_K$$

$$c_I = x_K - x_J$$

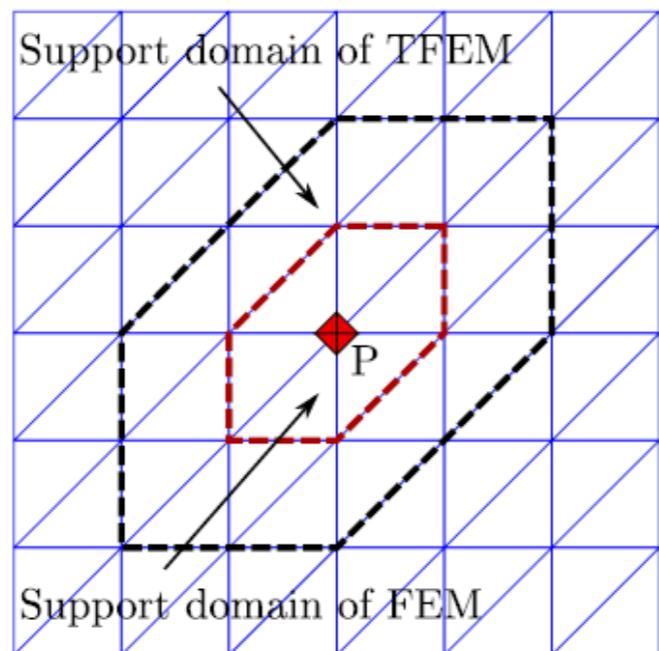
Area of triangle



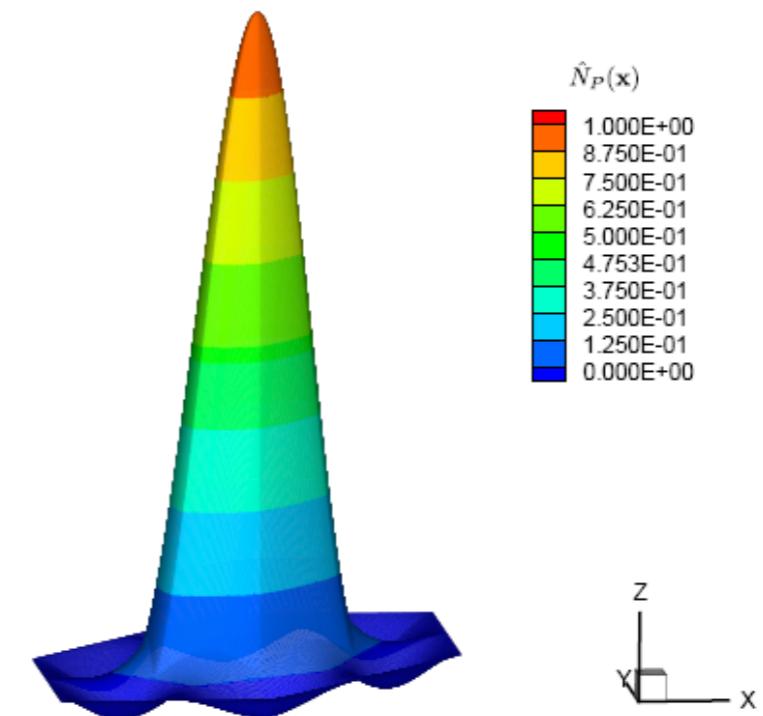
# Double-interpolation finite element method (DFEM)



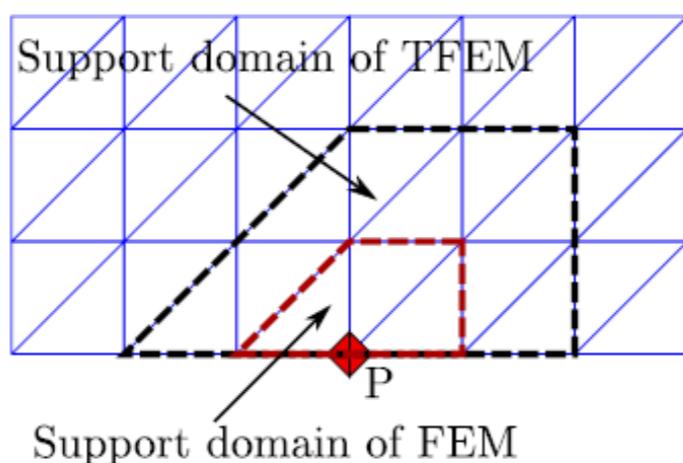
## Shape functions



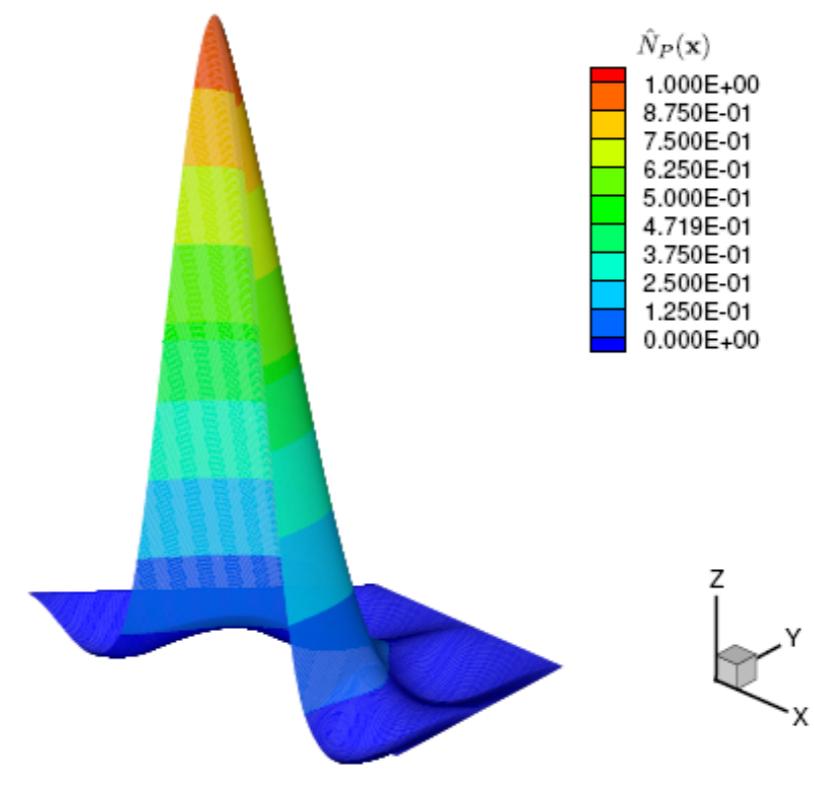
(a) Interior of the 2D domain



(b) 3D plot



(c) Boundary of the 2D domain



(d) 3D plot

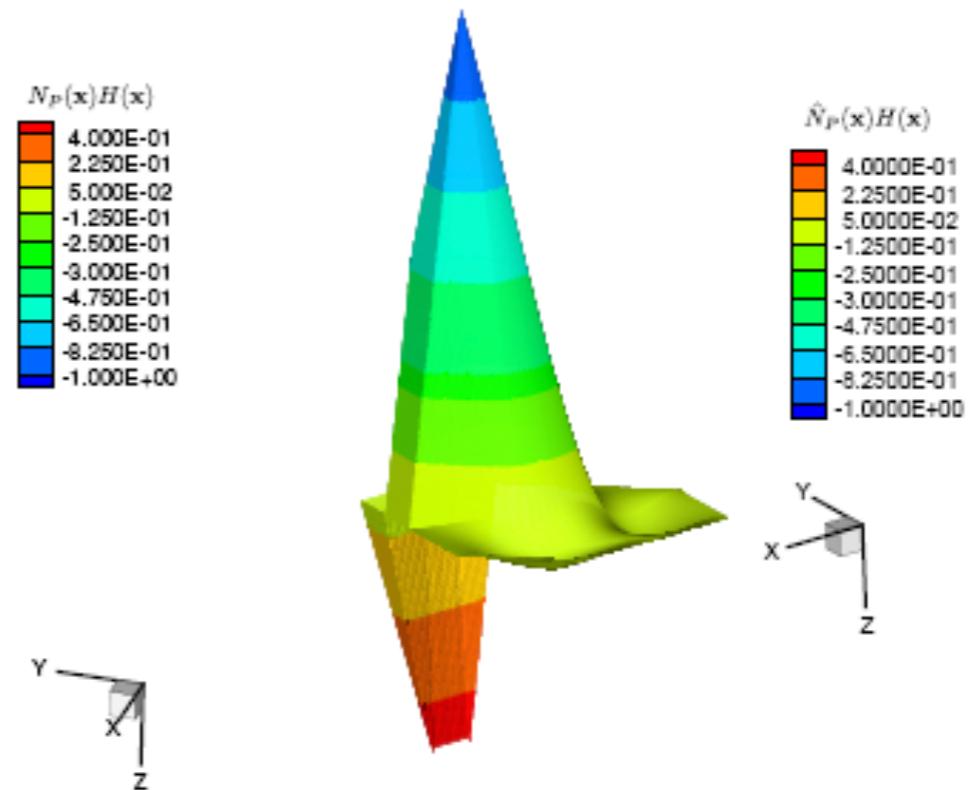
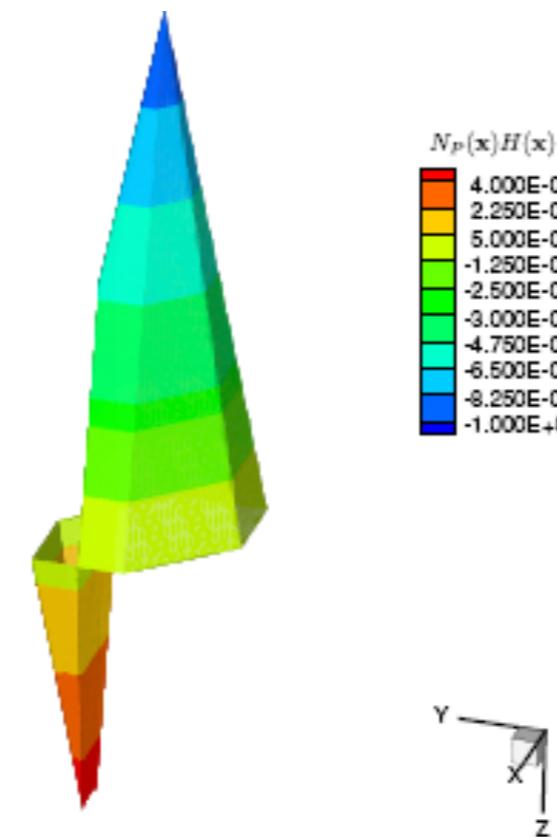
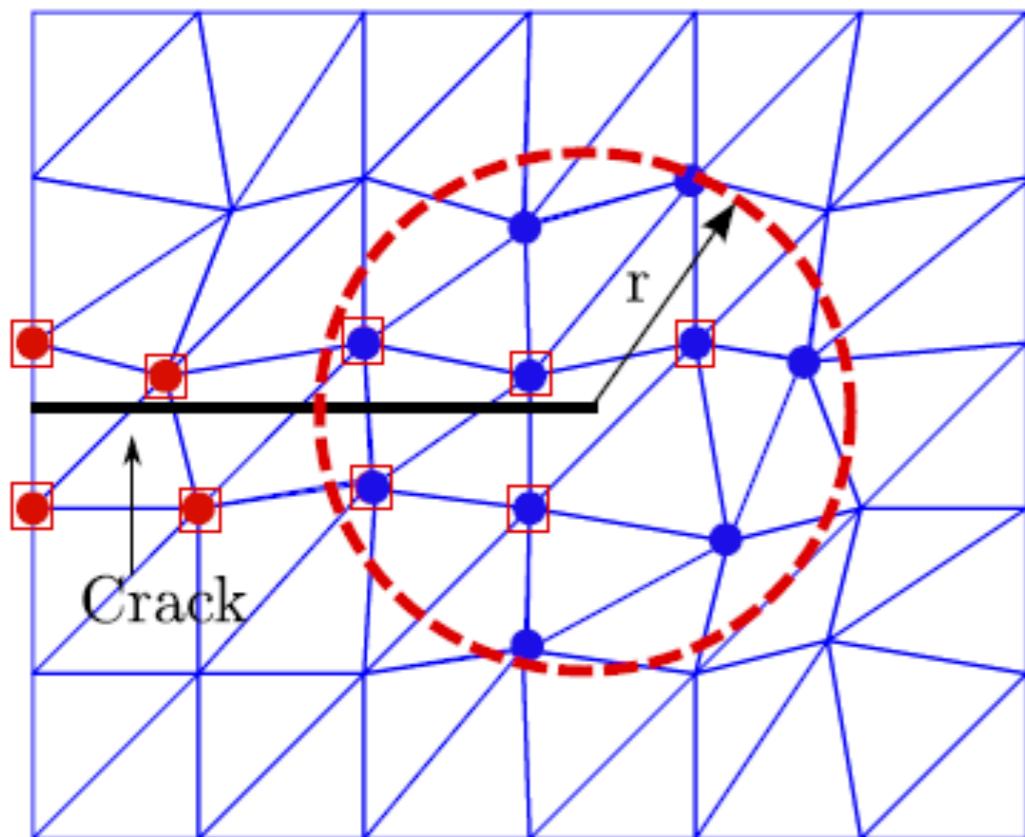
# The enriched DFEM for crack simulation



## DFEM shape function

$$\mathbf{u}^h(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{I \in \mathcal{N}_I} \hat{N}_I(\mathbf{x}) \mathbf{u}^I + \sum_{J \in \mathcal{N}_J} \hat{N}_J(\mathbf{x}) H(\mathbf{x}) \mathbf{a}^J + \sum_{K \in \mathcal{N}_K} \hat{N}_K(\mathbf{x}) \sum_{\alpha=1}^4 f_\alpha(\mathbf{x}) \mathbf{b}^{K\alpha}$$

$$\{f_\alpha(r, \theta), \alpha = 1, 4\} = \left\{ \sqrt{r} \sin \frac{\theta}{2}, \sqrt{r} \cos \frac{\theta}{2}, \sqrt{r} \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \sin \theta, \sqrt{r} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \sin \theta \right\}$$



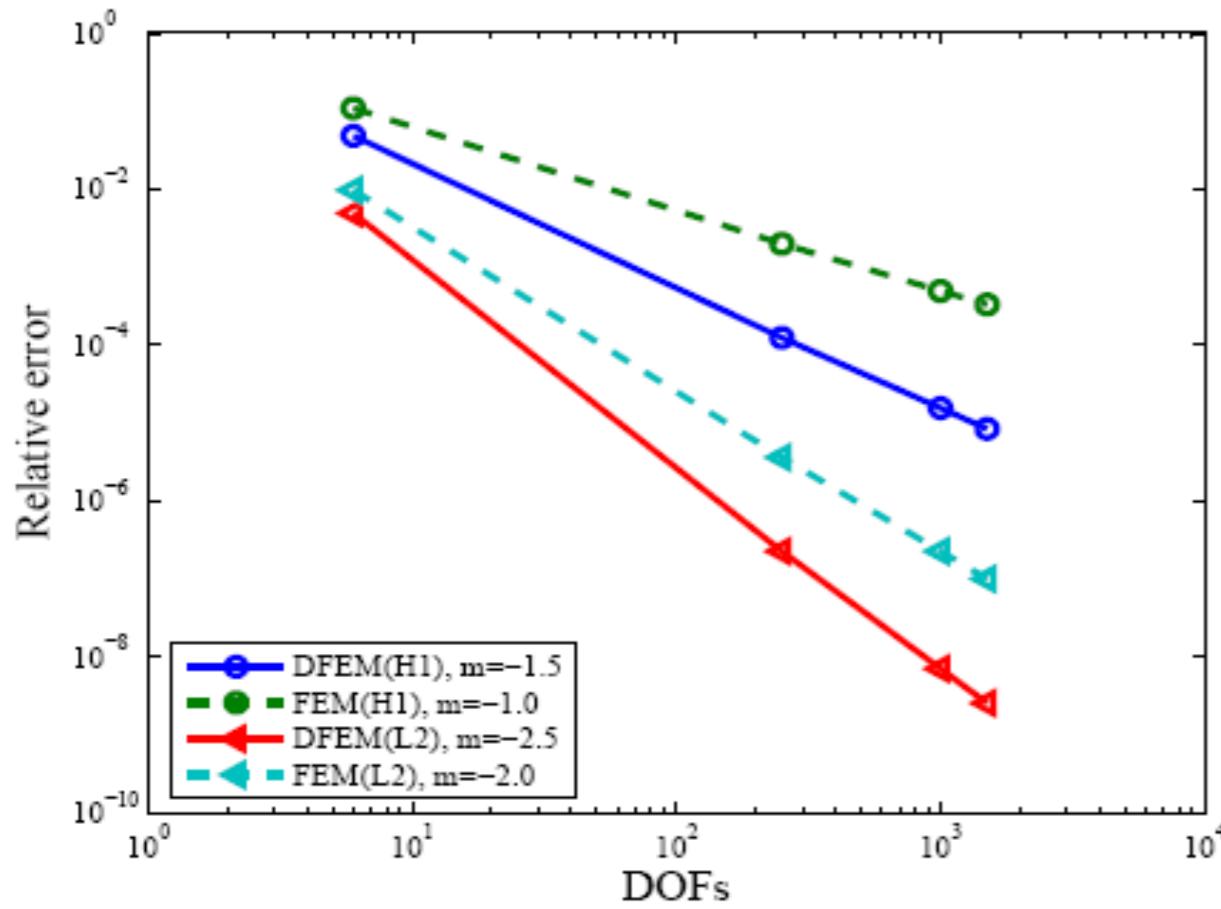
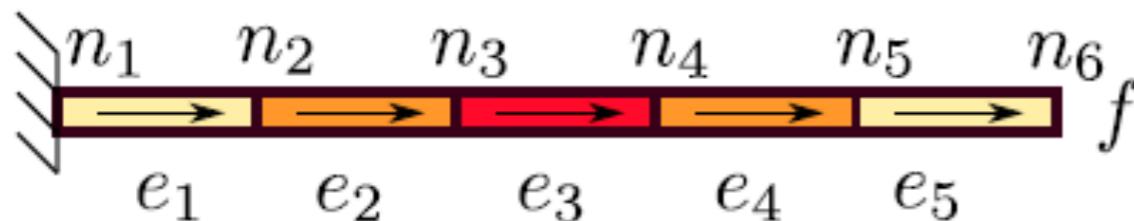
# Numerical example of 1D bar



## Problem definition:

$$EA \frac{d^2u}{dx^2} + f = 0$$

$$u|_{x=0} = 0$$



Displacement(L2) and energy(H1) norm

## Analytical solutions:

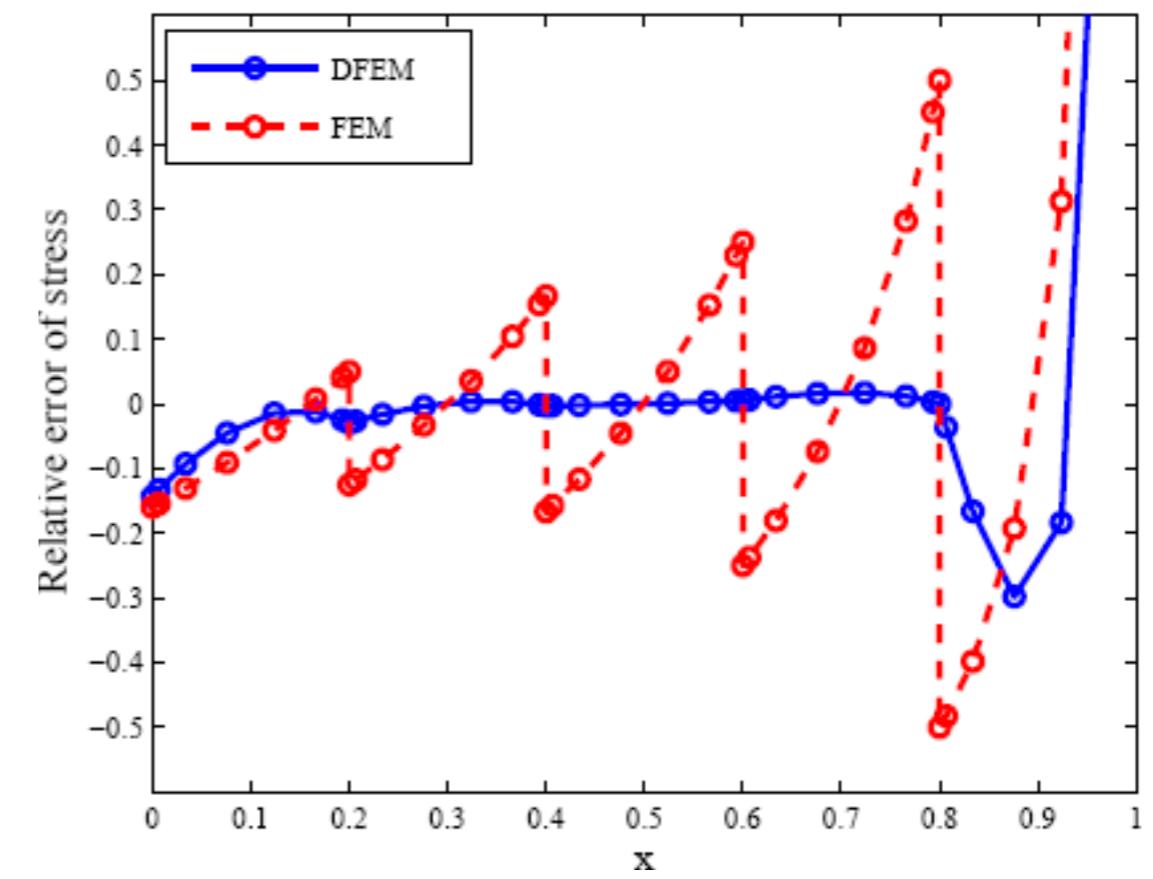
$$u(x) = \frac{fL^2}{EA} \left( \frac{x}{L} - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{x}{L} \right)^2 \right)$$

$$\sigma(x) = \frac{fL}{A} \left( 1 - \frac{x}{L} \right)$$

E: Young's Modulus

A: Area of cross section

L:Length



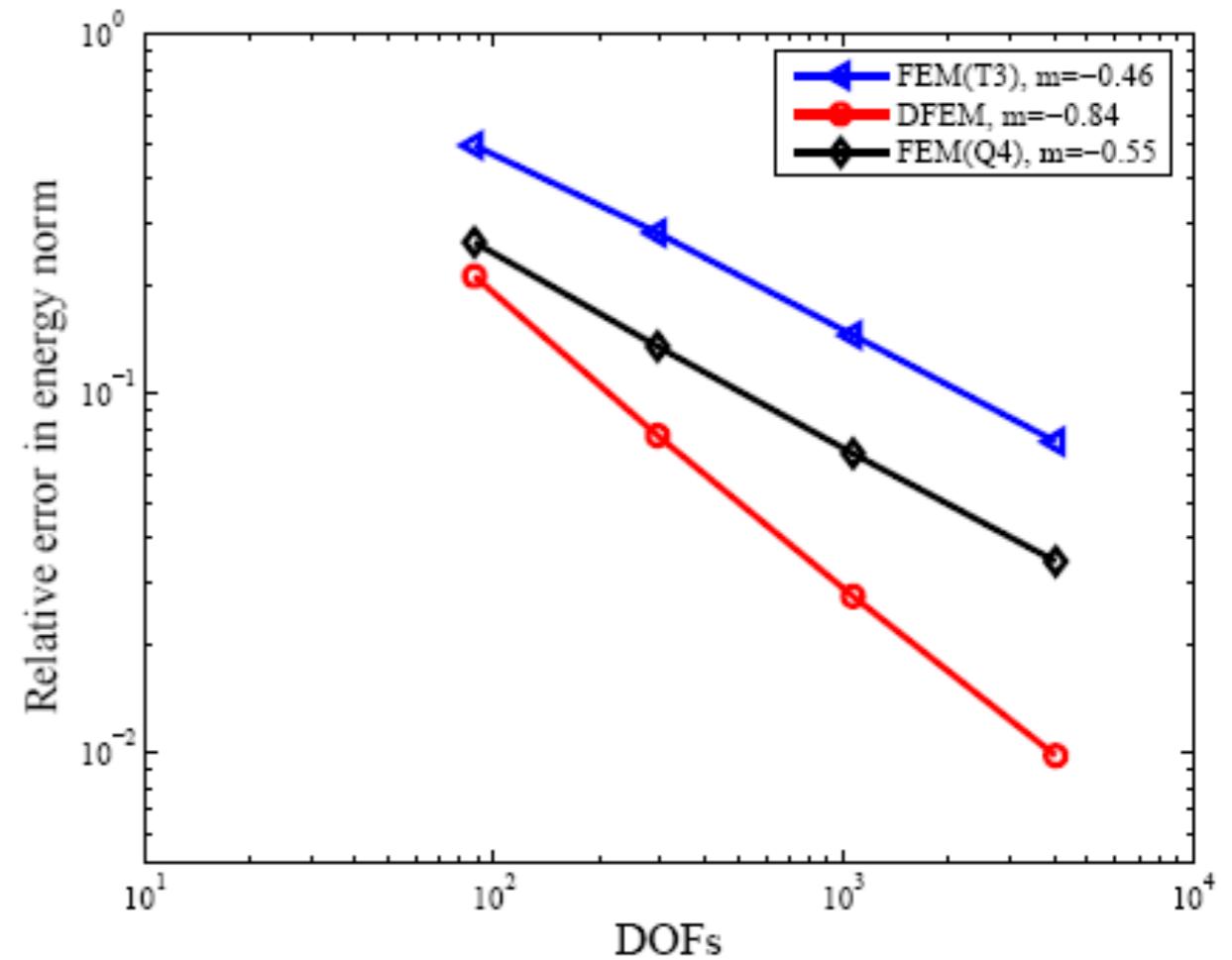
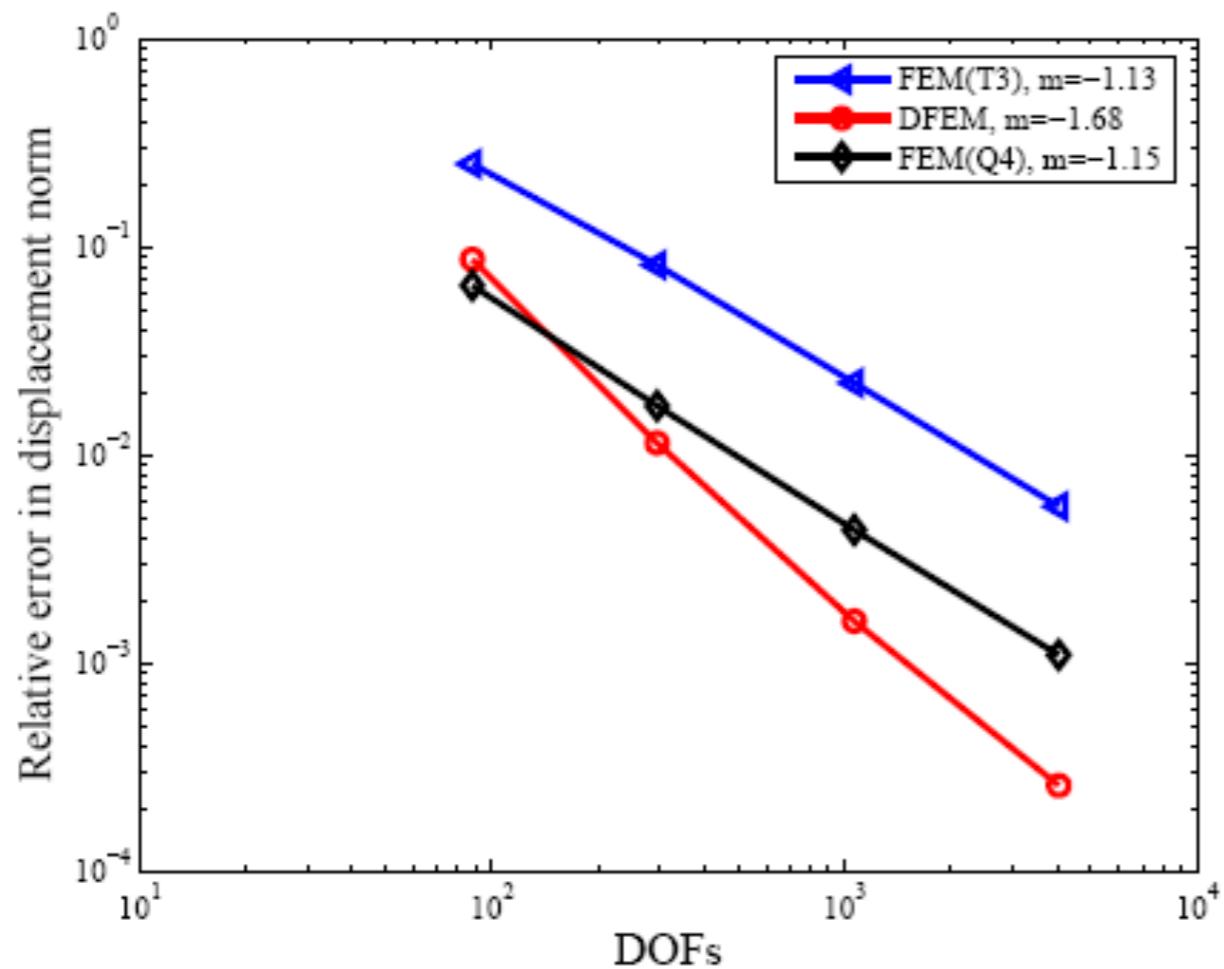
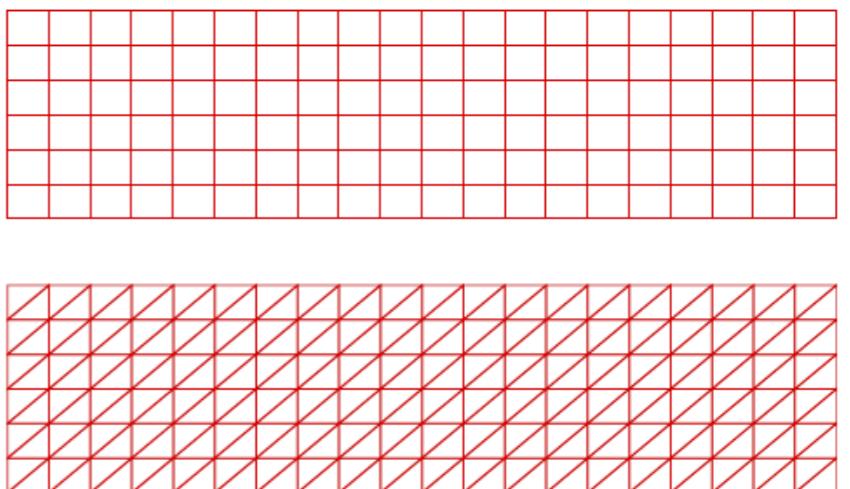
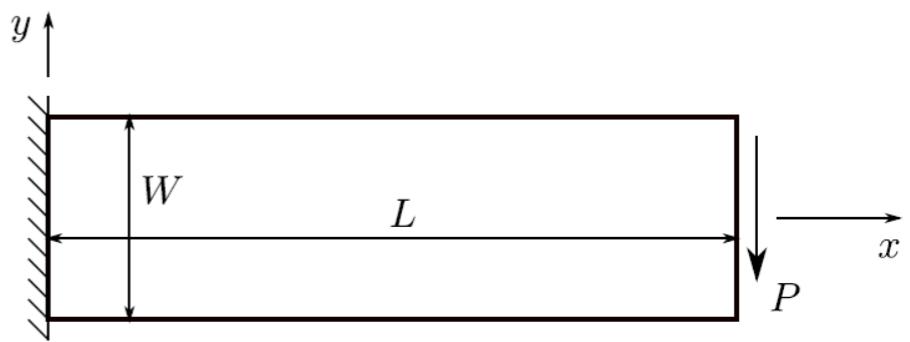
Relative error of stress distribution

# Numerical example of Cantilever beam

## Analytical solutions

$$u_x(x, y) = \frac{Py}{6EI} \left[ (6L - 3x)x + (2 + \nu)(y^2 - \frac{W^2}{4}) \right]$$

$$u_y(x, y) = -\frac{P}{6EI} \left[ 3\nu y^2(L - x) + (4 + 5\nu)\frac{W^2 x}{4} + (3L - x)x \right]$$

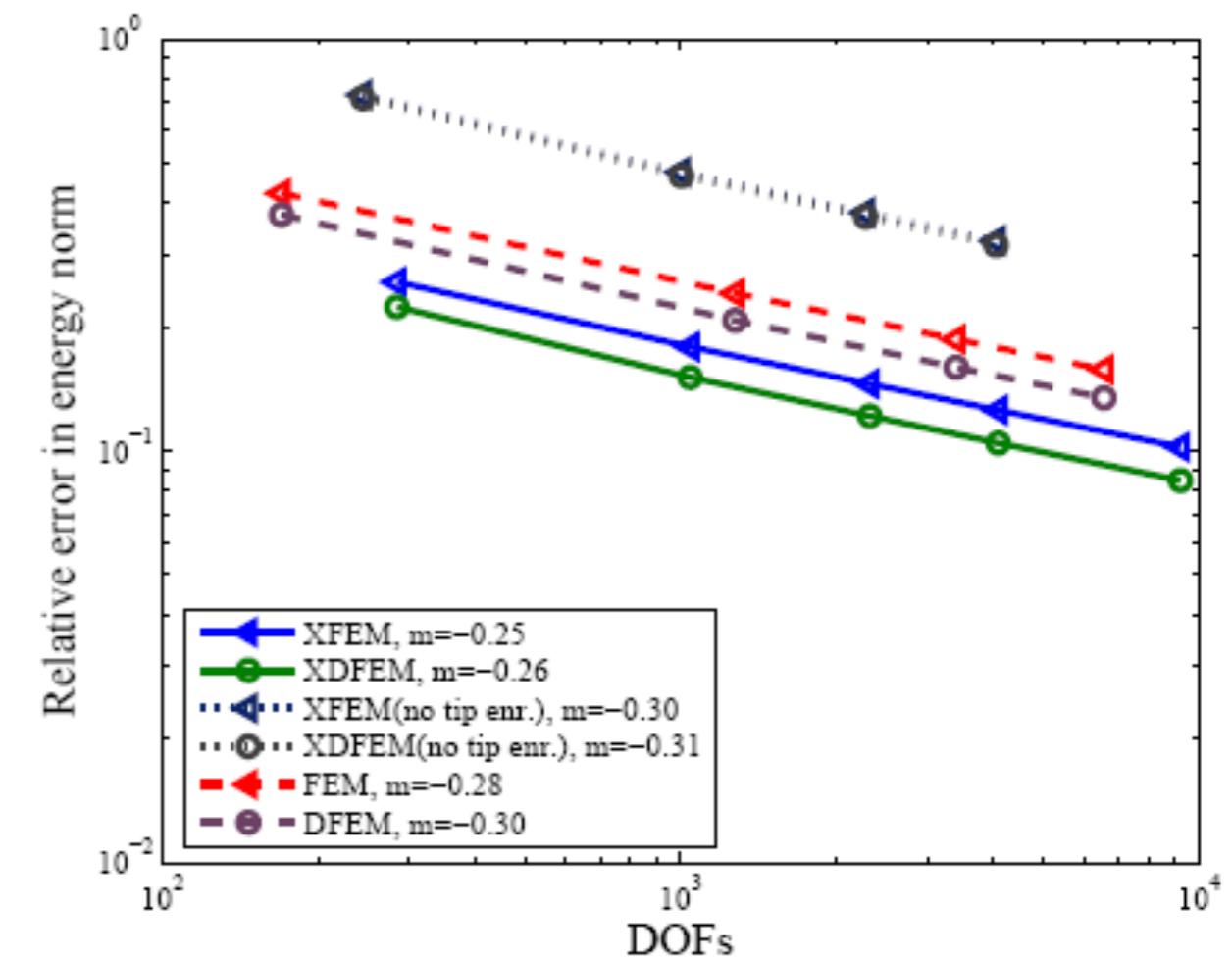
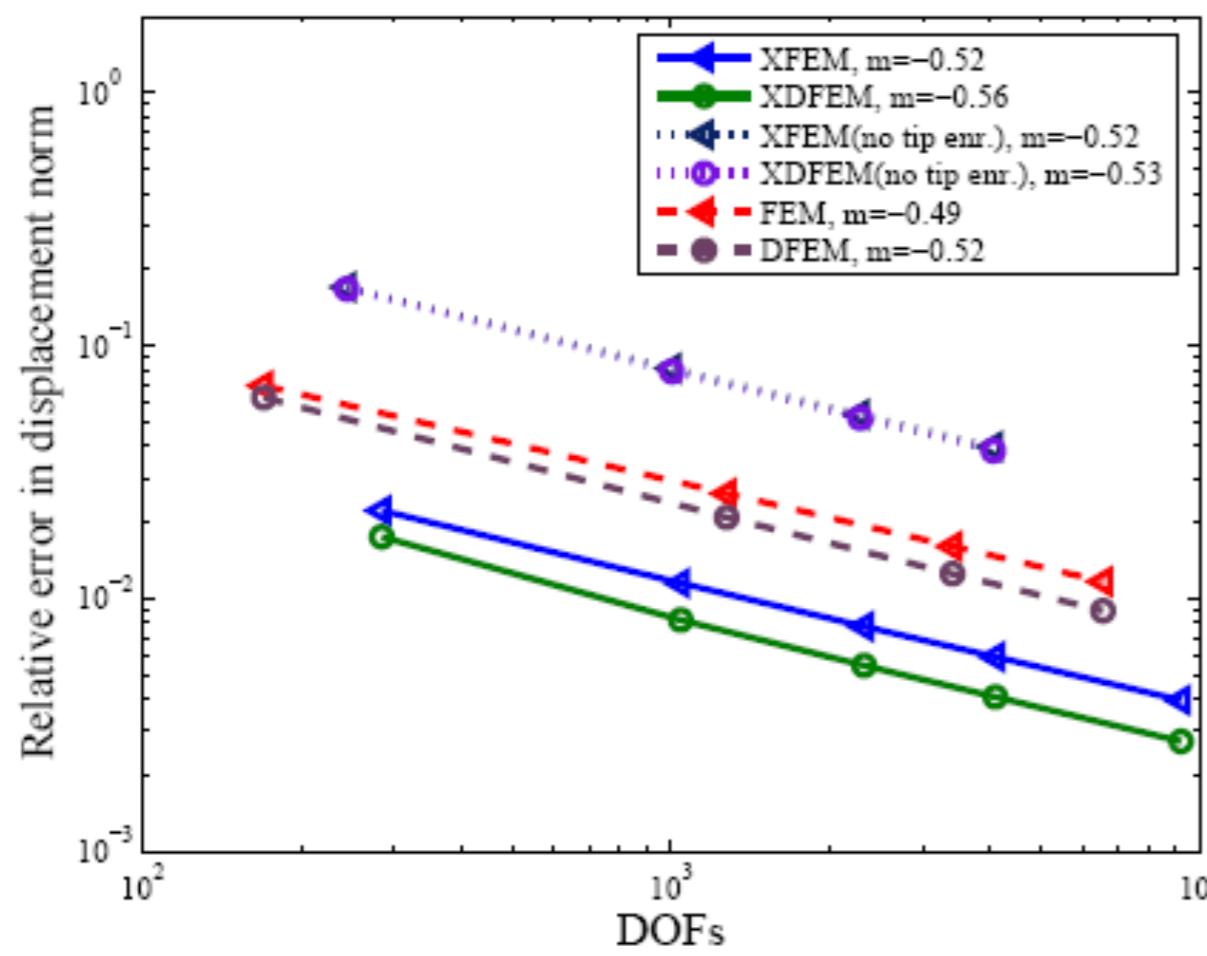
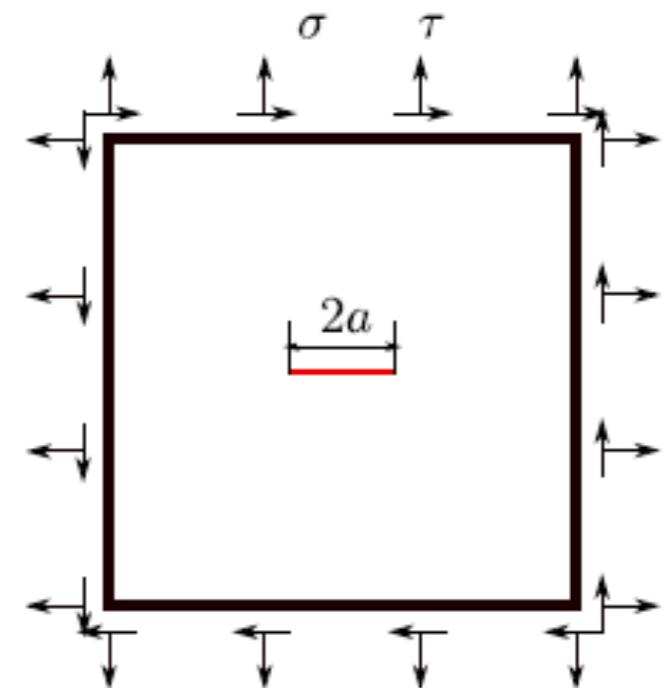


# Numerical example of Cantilever beam

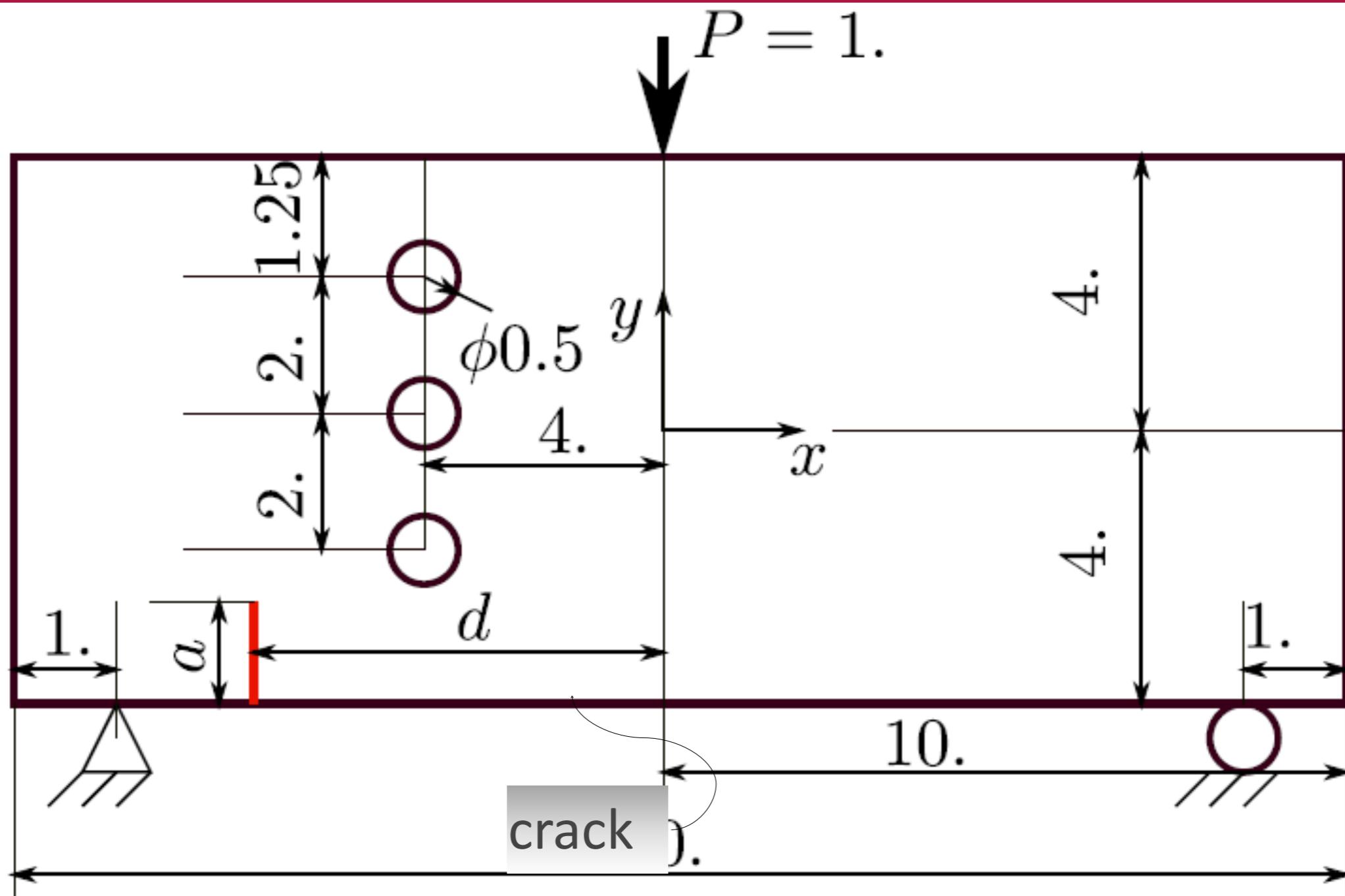


## Mode-I crack results:

- a) explicit crack (FEM);
- b) only Heaviside enrichment;
- c) full enrichment



# Numerical example of crack propagation



	$d$	$a$	crack increment	number of propagation
case 1	5	1.5	0.052	67
case 2	6	1.0	0.060	69
case 3	6	2.5	0.048	97

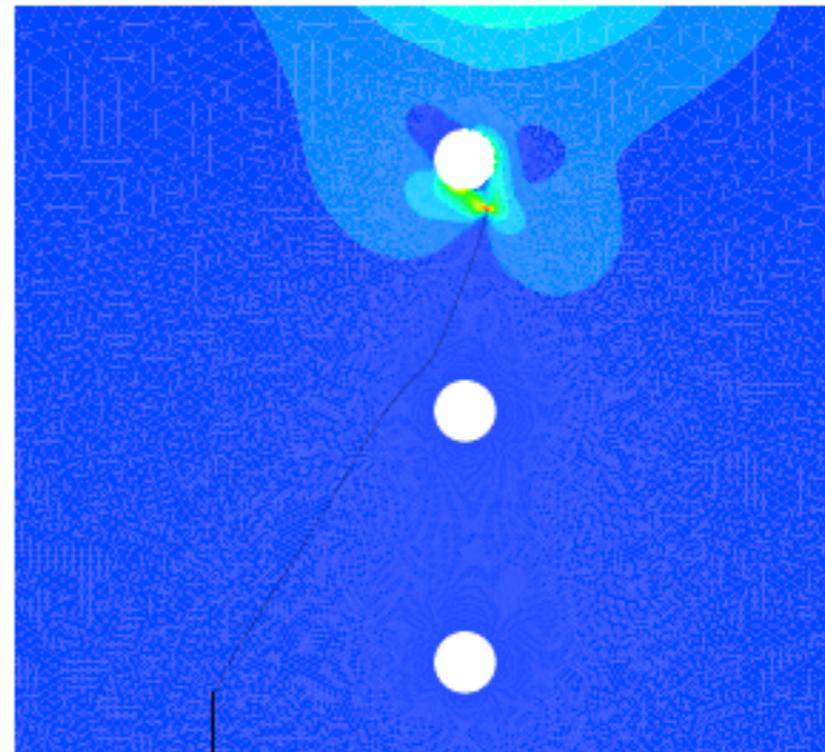
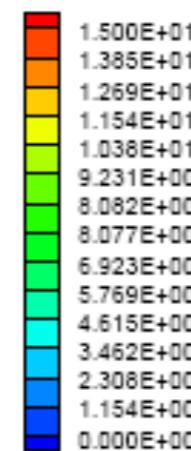
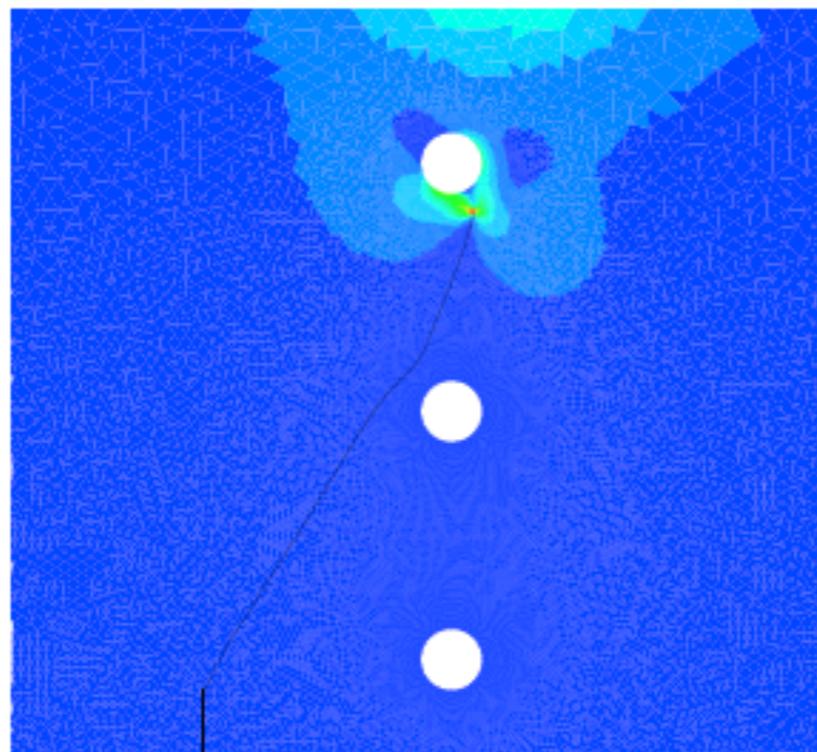
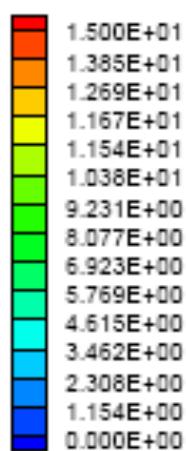
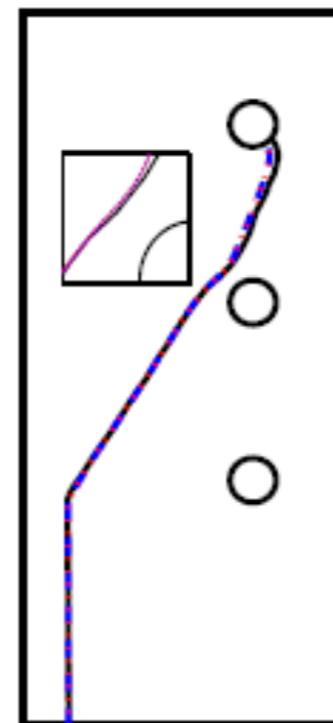
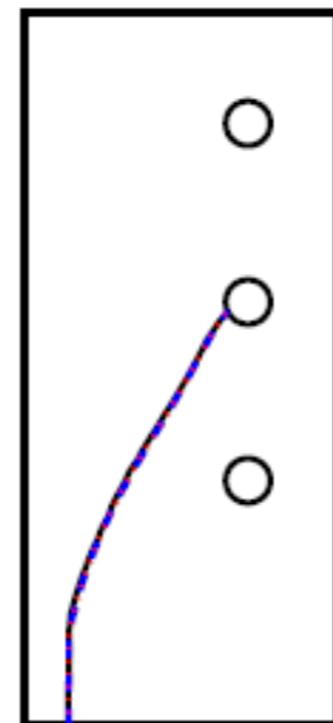
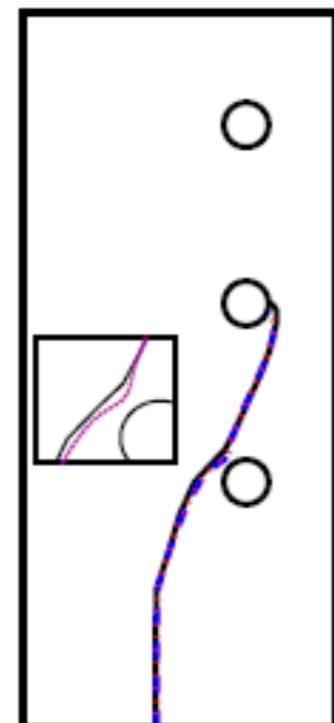
# Numerical example of crack propagation



— Experiment

- - XFEM

... XDFEM



## Conclusions



- ✓ Superconvergence in elasticity problems
- ✓ Higher accuracy than XFEM in fracture problems
- ✓ Consistent with XFEM in terms of crack evolution
- ✓ Smooth nodal stress without post-processing

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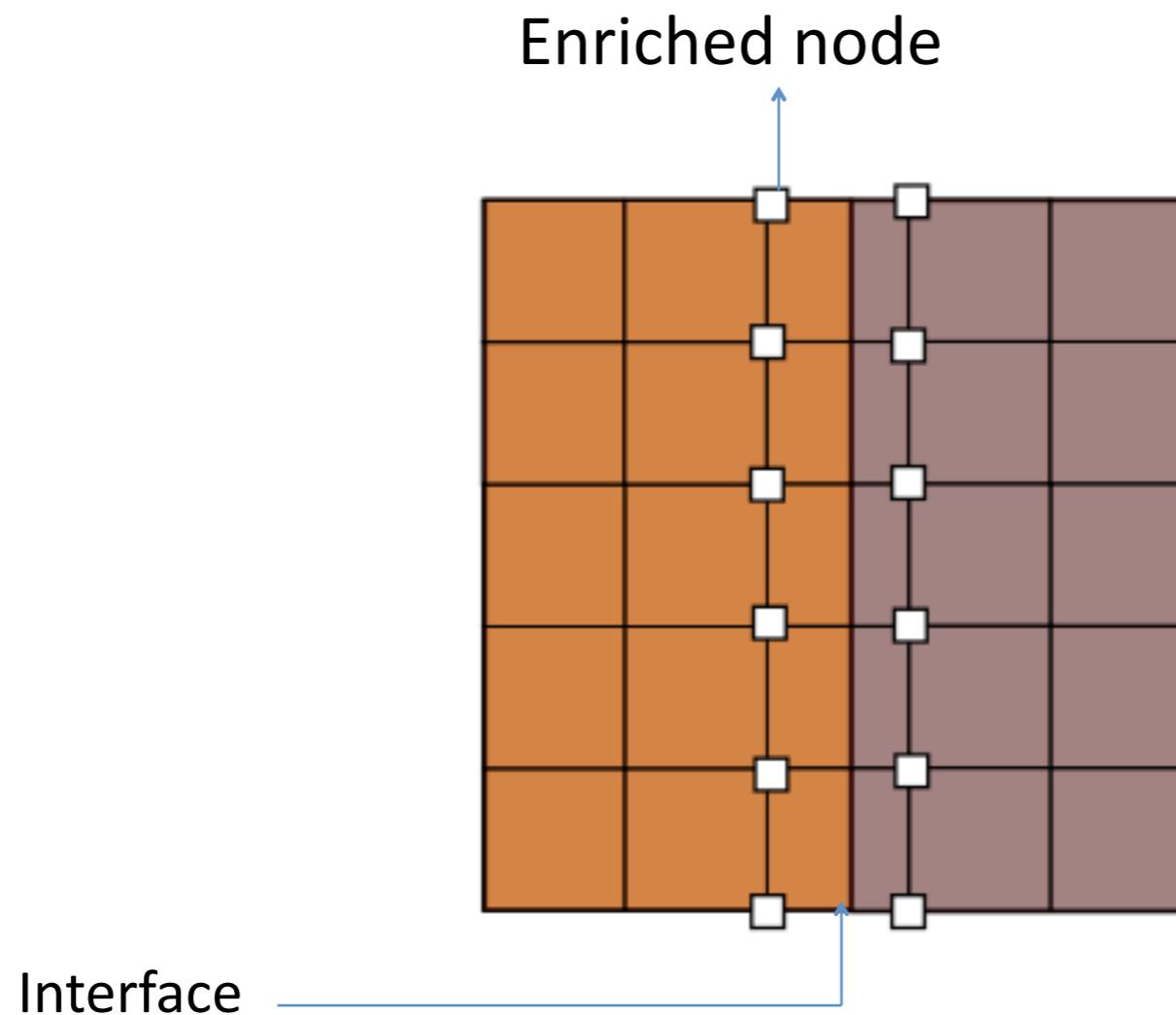


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# Stabilised generalised/extended FEM

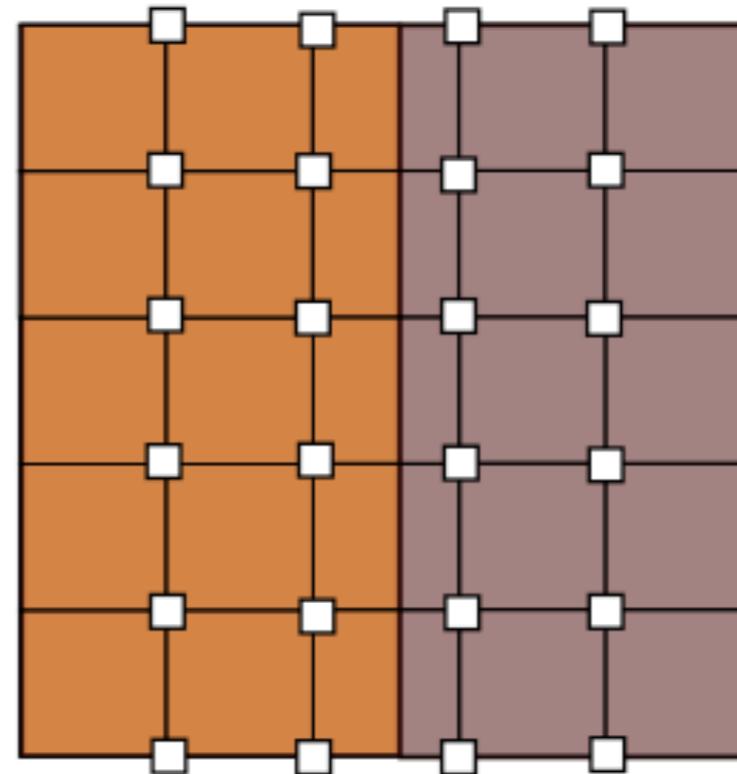
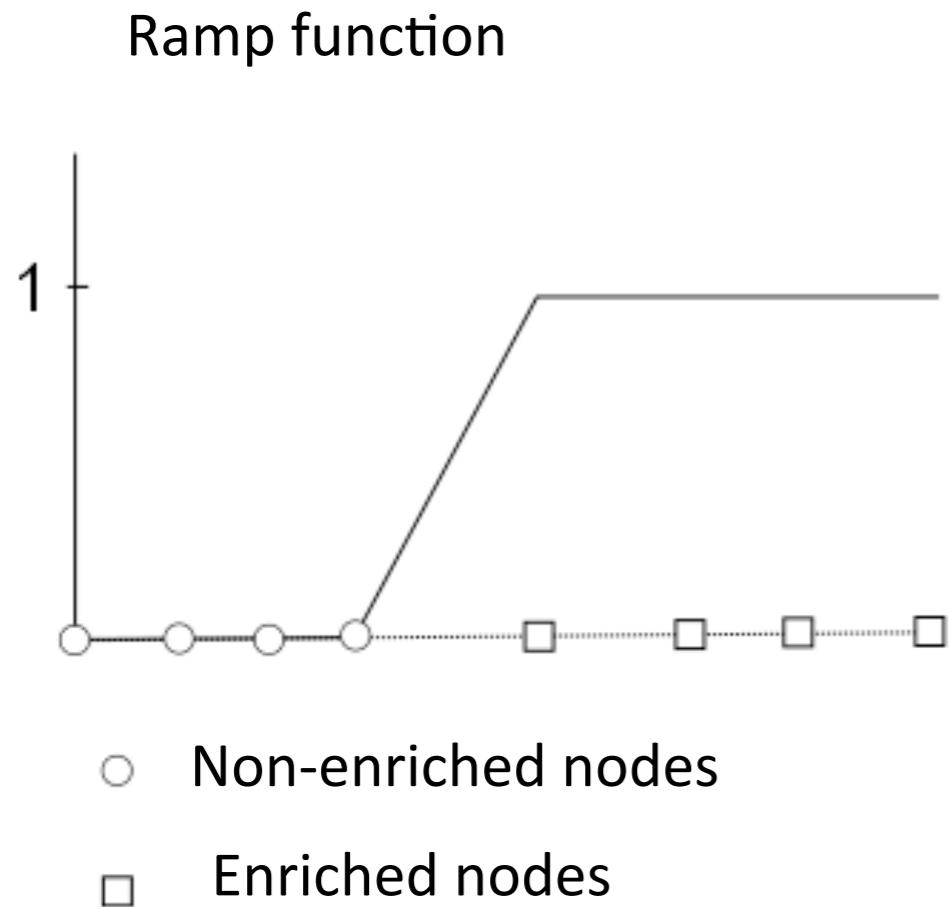
with Daniel Paladim, Marie Curie Fellow

**Problem:** In XFEM/GFEM, the enrichment function is not correctly reproduced in the elements that have enriched and non-enriched nodes (blending).



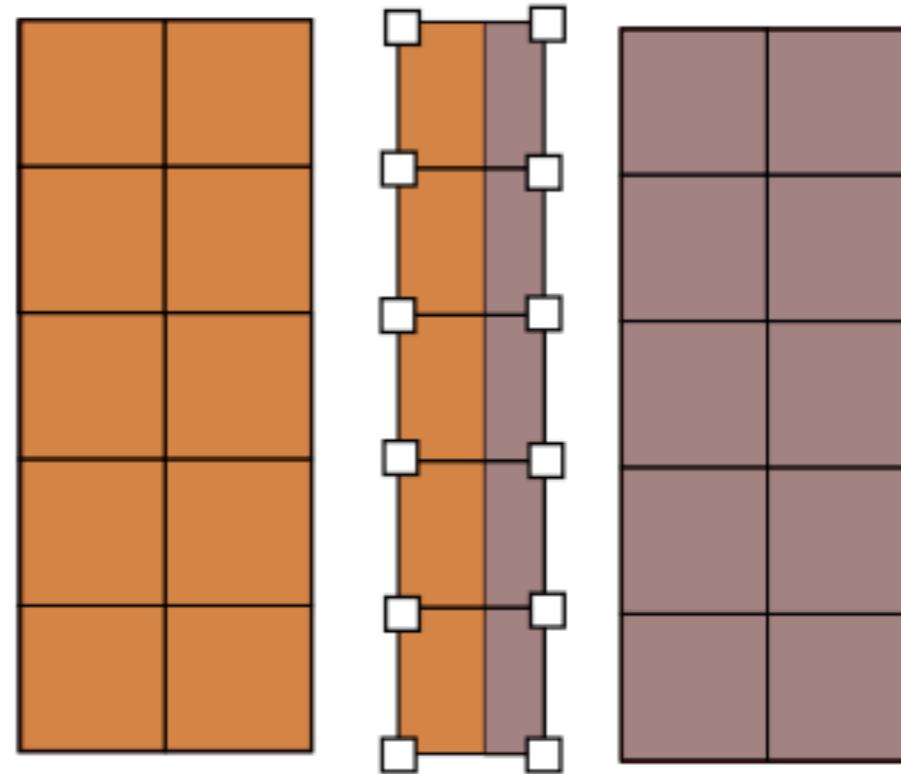
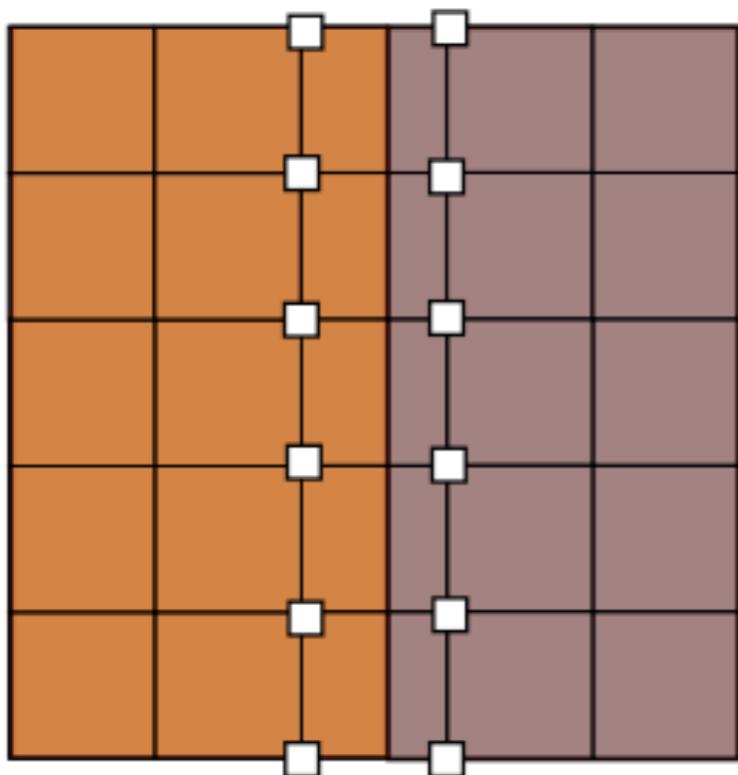
# Stable generalized FEM

**Solution:** Corrected-XFEM by Fries (2008). Corrected XFEM, substitutes  $f(x)$  by  $R(x)f(x)$ , where  $R(x)$  is the ramp function. A continuous function whose value is 1 in the enriched elements, 0 in the non-enriched elements and it varies continuously between 0 and 1.



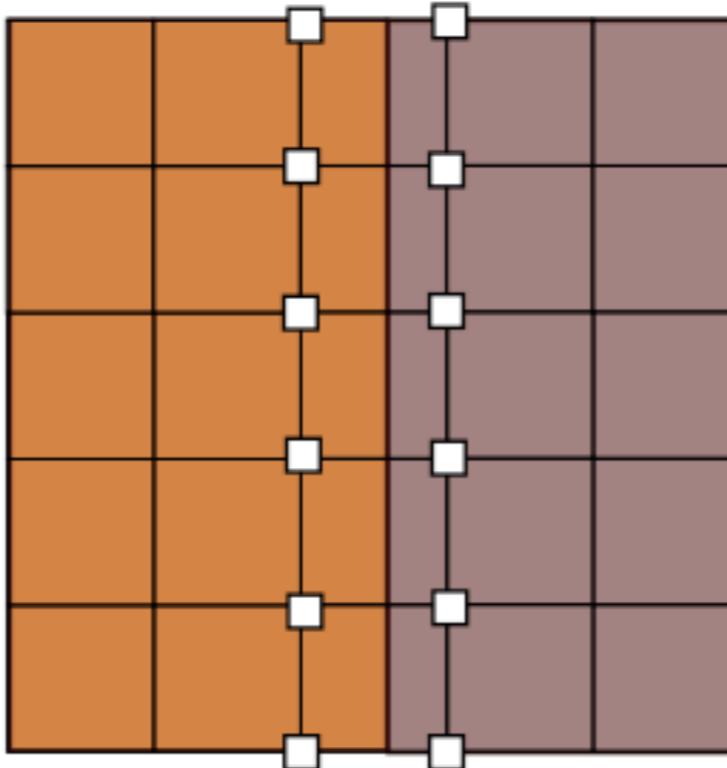
## More solutions

- Suppressing blending elements by coupling enriched and standard regions. *Laborde et al. (2005) Gracie et al(2008)*
- Hierarchical shape functions in blending elements. *Chessa et al (2003) Tarancón et al. (2009)*
- Assumed strain blending elements. *Chessa et al. (2003) Gracie et al.*



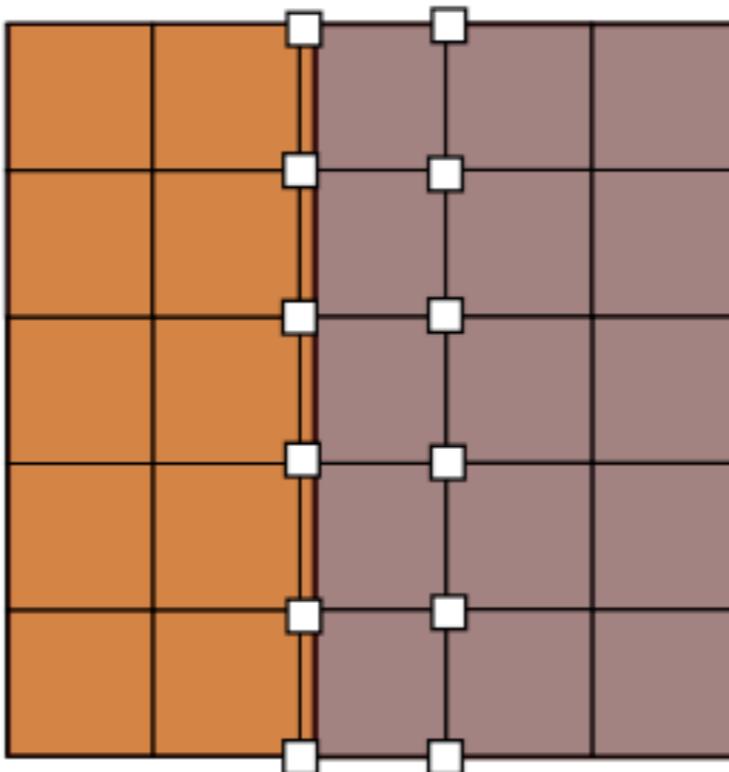
**Another solution:** Stable GFEM by Babuška and Banerjee (2012).

In SGFEM, the enrichment function  $f(x)$  is substituted by the following function  $f(x) - \sum N_i(x)f(x_i)$ . It is to say  $f$  minus its nodal interpolation.



In the case that  $f(x) = |\phi(x)|$ , where  $\phi$  is the level set of the interface we are trying to represent, we obtain the function introduced by Moës in 2003.

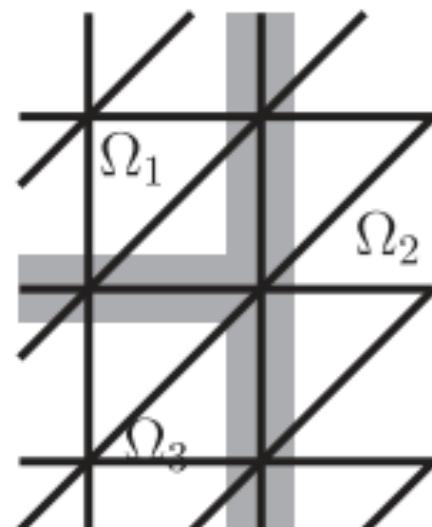
**Problem:** The stiffness matrix of GFEM/XFEM could be ill-conditioned. This is usually the case when the interface is very close to a node.



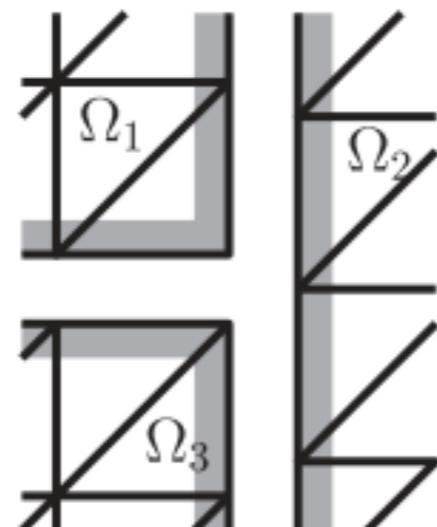
- Ill-conditioning reduces the accuracy when direct solvers are used (due to round-off errors).
- In iterative solvers, more iterations are required to bring the error

# Stable generalized FEM

**Solution:** A preconditioner. Menk and Bordas (2011) proposed a preconditioner for GFEM/XFEM.



Standard  
DOFs



Enriched  
DOFs

$$\mathbf{K} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{K}_{\text{FEM},\text{FEM}} & \mathbf{K}_{\text{X},\text{FEM}} \\ \mathbf{K}_{\text{FEM},\text{X}} & \mathbf{K}_{\text{X},\text{X}} \end{bmatrix}$$

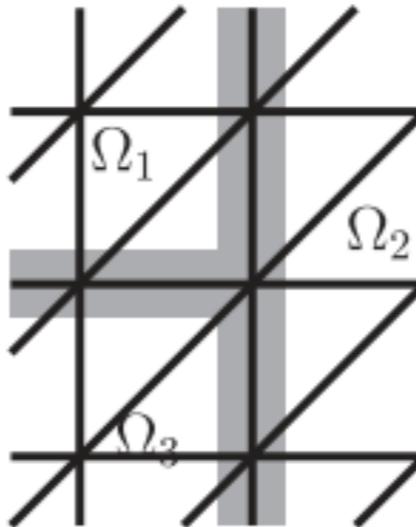
$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{P}_{\text{FEM}} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{P}_X & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & L^{-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

- Very robust to interfaces passing close to nodes.
- Can be parallelized.
- Not very easy to implement. Tuning is needed.

# Stable generalized FEM

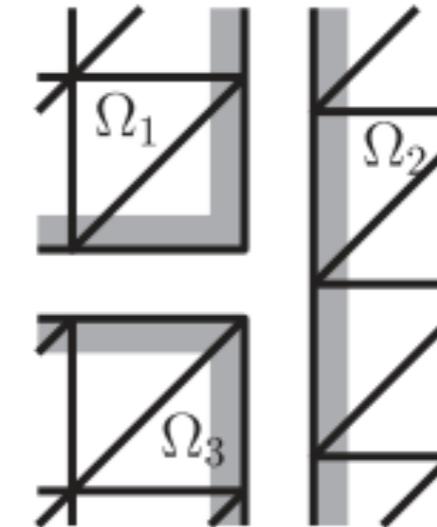
**Basic idea** The domain is divided only for the enriched DOFs.

$$\mathbf{K} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{K}_{\text{FEM}, \text{FEM}} & \mathbf{K}_{X, \text{FEM}} \\ \mathbf{K}_{\text{FEM}, X} & \mathbf{K}_{X, X} \end{bmatrix}$$



Standard  
DOFs

$$\mathbf{K} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{K}_{\text{FEM}, \text{FEM}} & \mathbf{K}_{X, \text{FEM}} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{K}_{\text{FEM}, X} & \mathbf{K}_{X, X} & \mathbf{B}^T \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{B} & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix}$$



Enriched  
DOFs

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{P}_{\text{FEM}} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{P}_X & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & L^{-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{P}_X = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{C}_1^{-1} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{C}_2^{-1} \\ \ddots & \ddots \end{bmatrix}$$

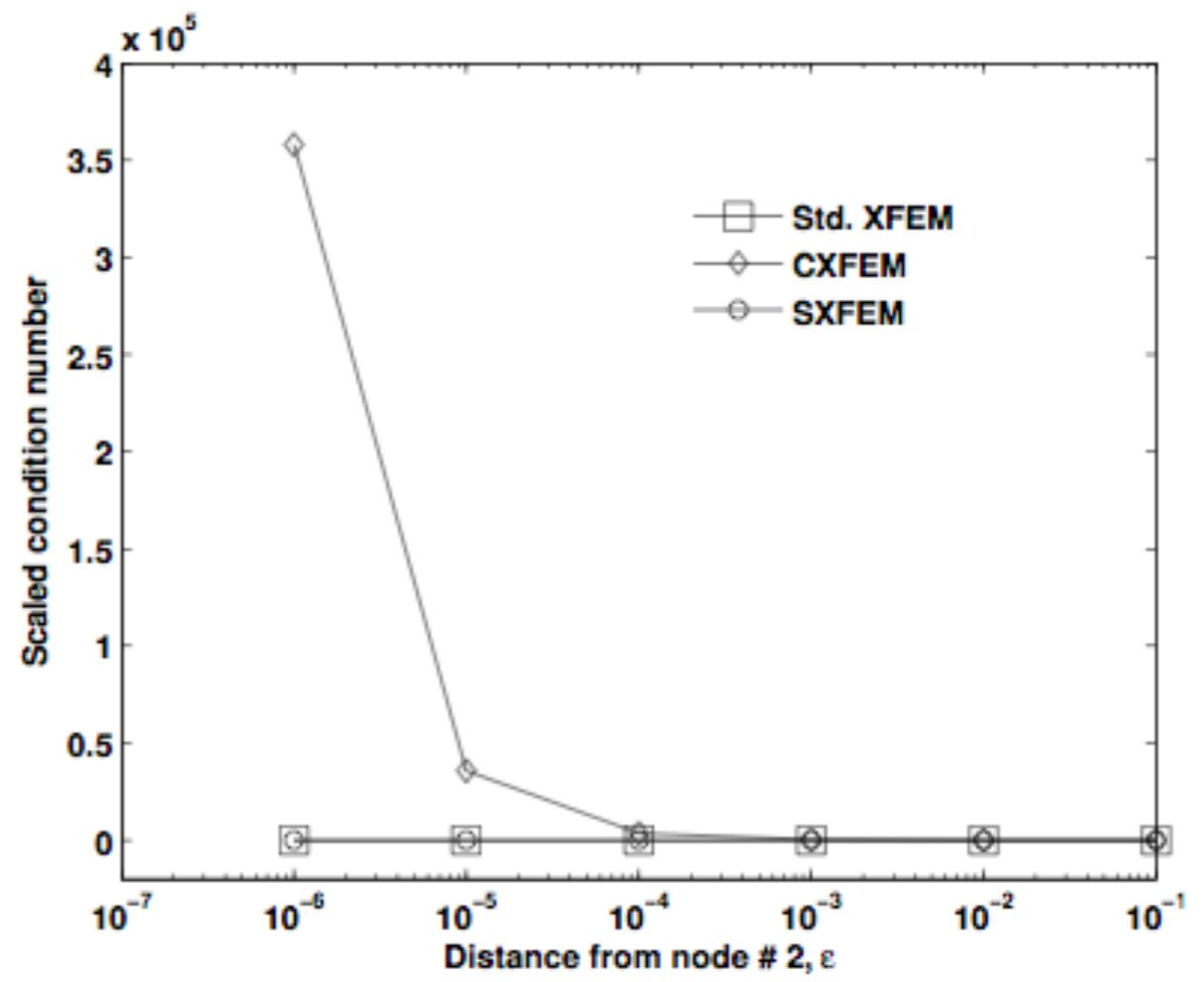
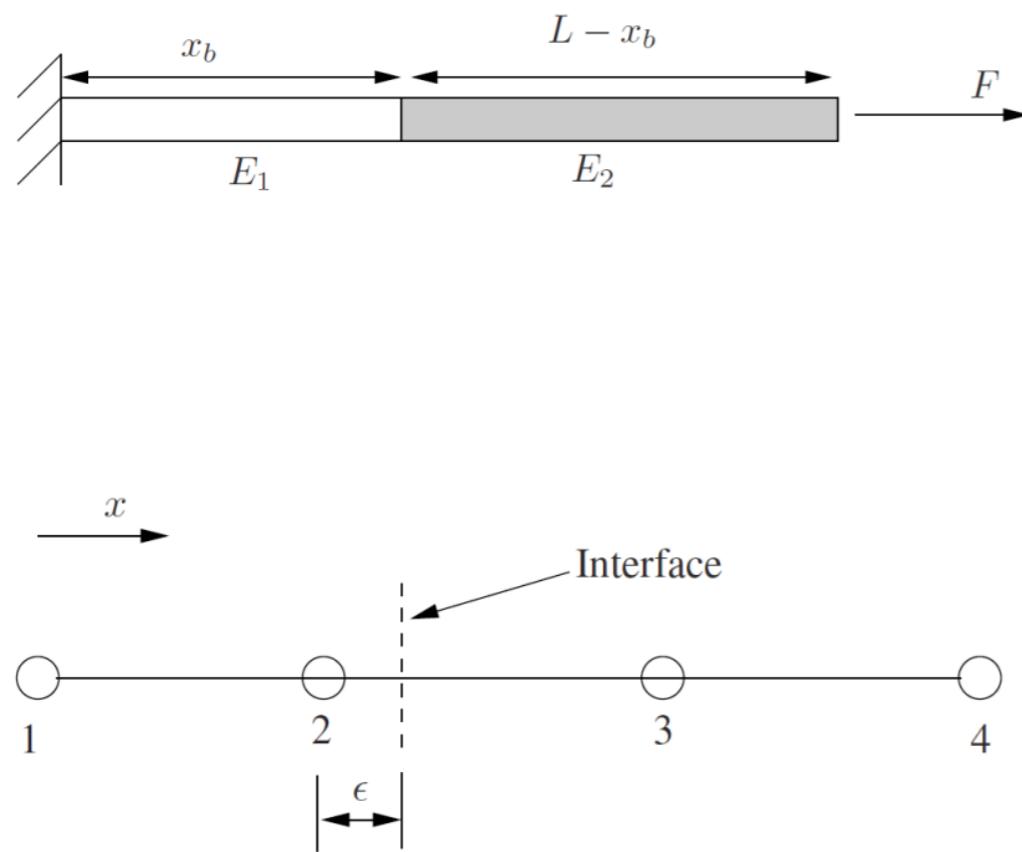
$$\tilde{\mathbf{K}} = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{\mathbf{K}}_{\text{FEM}, \text{FEM}} & \tilde{\mathbf{K}}_{X, \text{FEM}} & \mathbf{0} \\ \tilde{\mathbf{K}}_{\text{FEM}, X} & \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{Q}^T \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{Q} & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix}$$

## Another solution

- *SGFEM, if 2 assumptions hold, a stiffness matrix with condition a number similar to FEM is generated*
- *Node clustering*

# Stable Generalised FEM

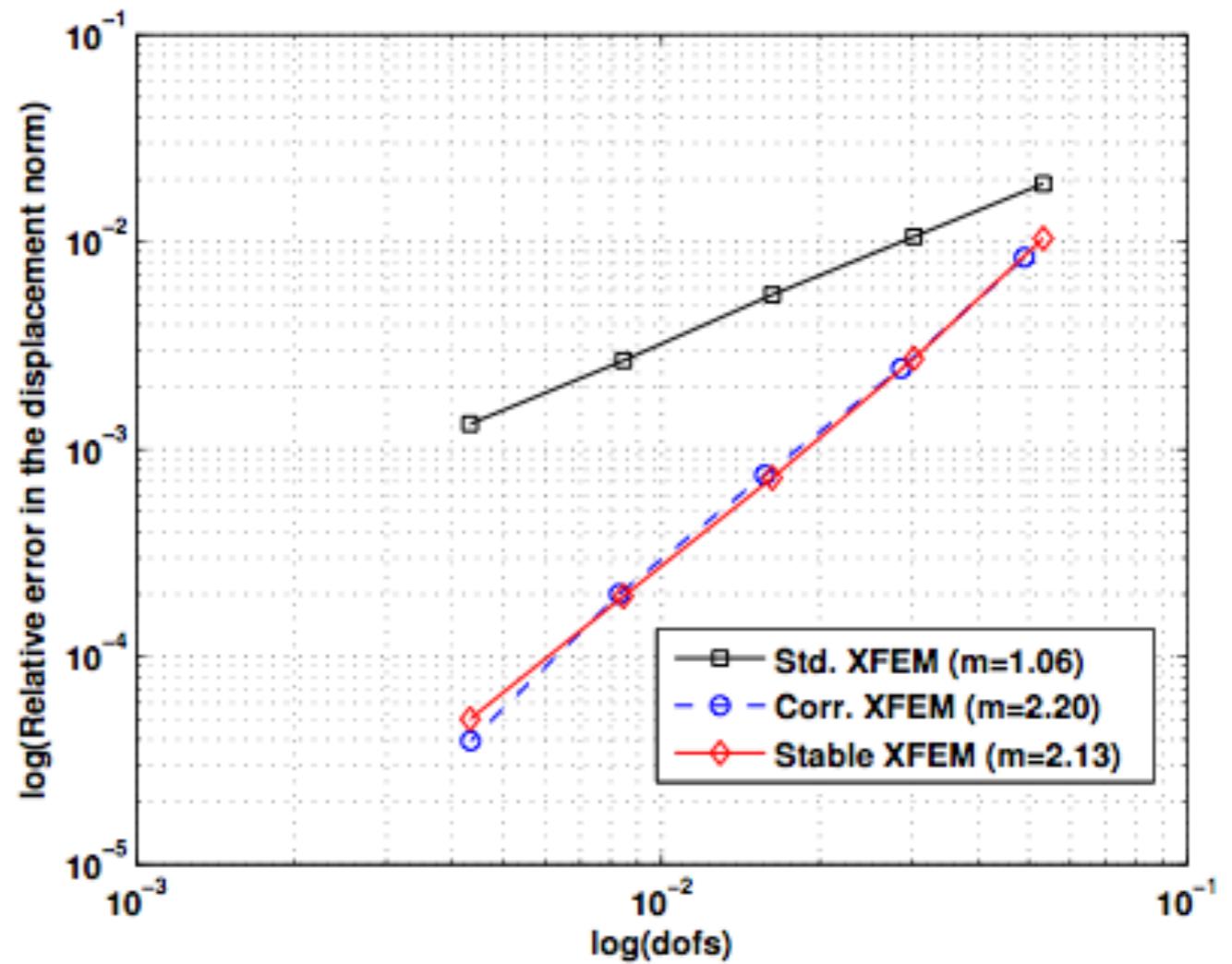
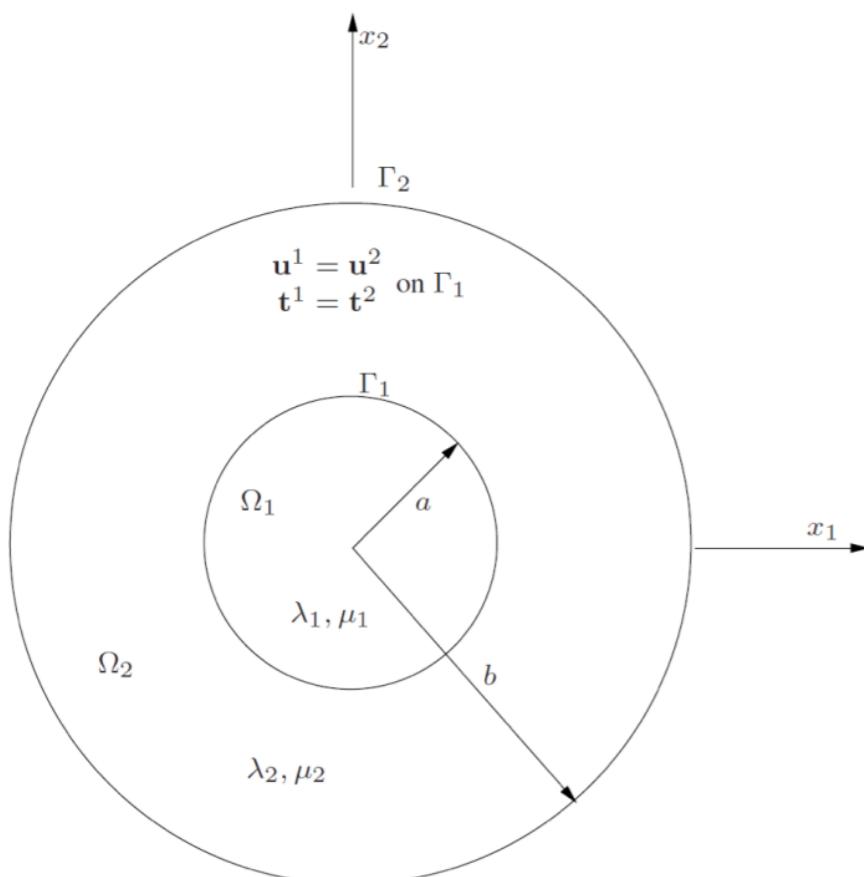
One 1-D bimaterial bar. The exact solution is in the finite domain



# Stable Generalised FEM

## Circular inclusion

$$u_r(r) = \begin{cases} \left[ \left(1 - \frac{b^2}{a^2}\right) \beta + \frac{b^2}{a^2} \right] r, & 0 \leq r \leq a, \\ \left(r - \frac{b^2}{r}\right) \beta + \frac{b^2}{r}, & a \leq r \leq b, \end{cases}$$
$$u_\theta(r) = 0,$$

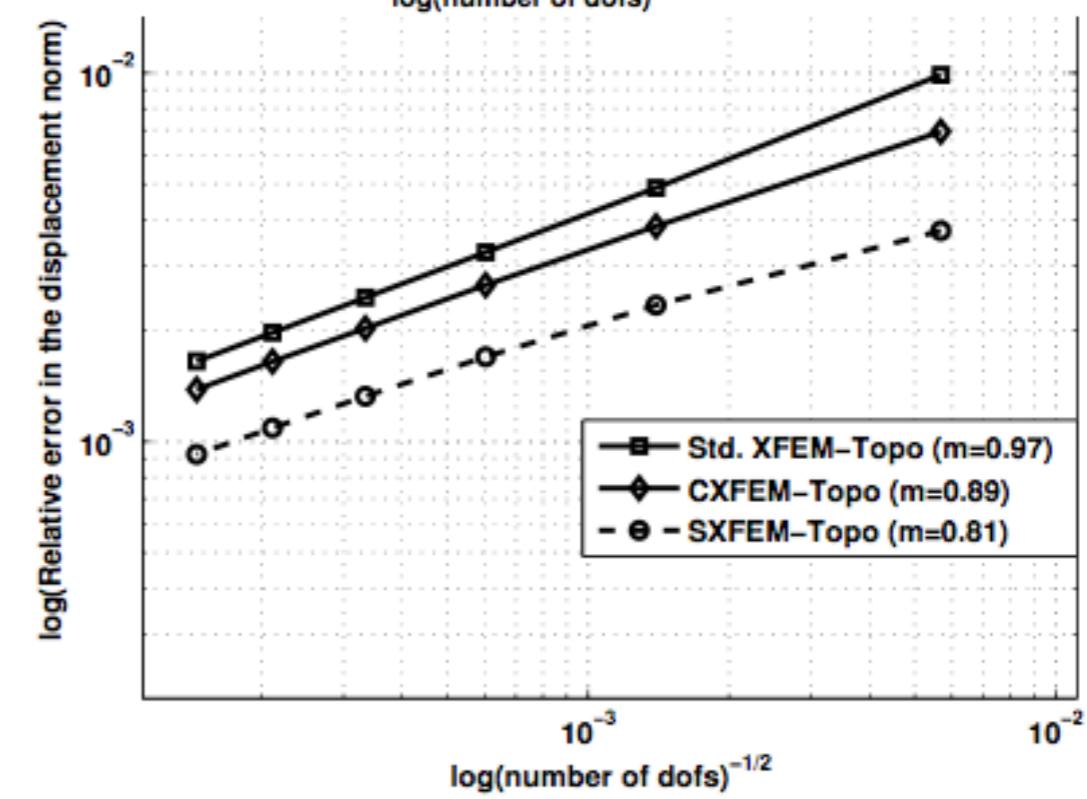
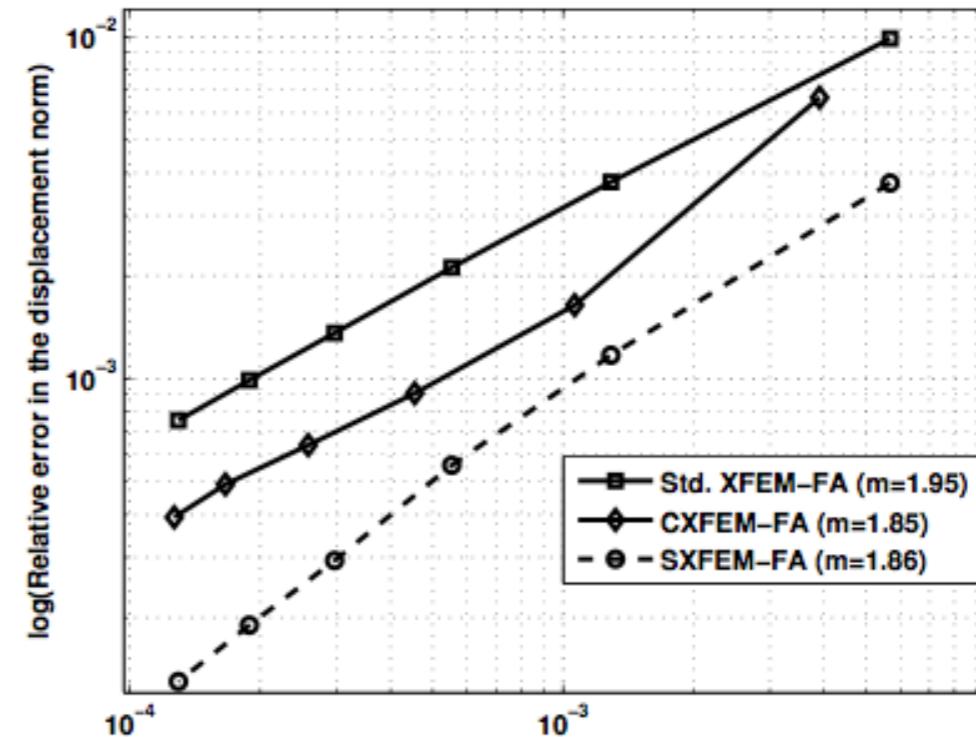
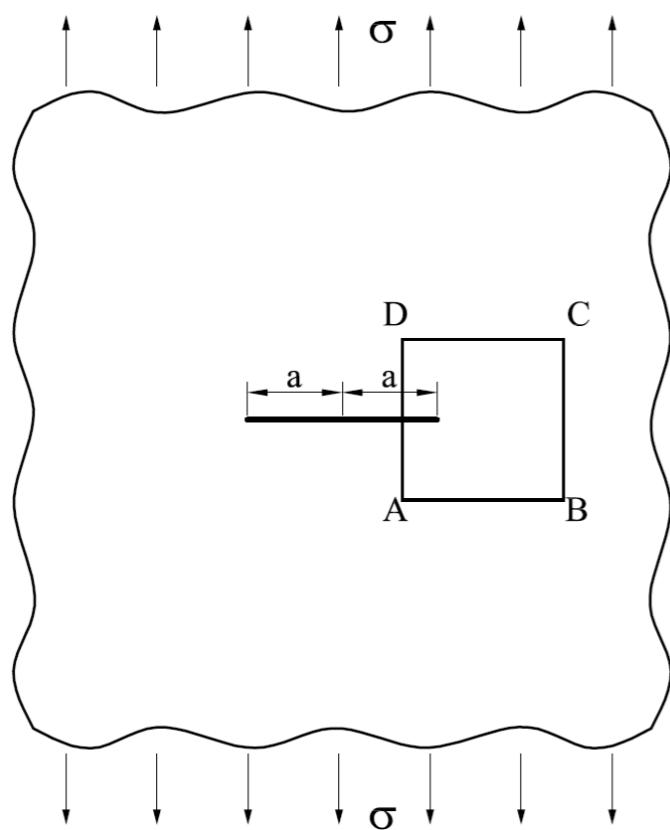


# Stable Generalised FEM

Infinite plate with crack in tension. Displacements prescribed along

$$u_x(r, \theta) = \frac{2(1+\nu)}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \frac{K_I}{E} \sqrt{r} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \left( 2 - 2\nu - \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \right)$$

$$u_y(r, \theta) = \frac{2(1+\nu)}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \frac{K_I}{E} \sqrt{r} \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \left( 2 - 2\nu - \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \right)$$

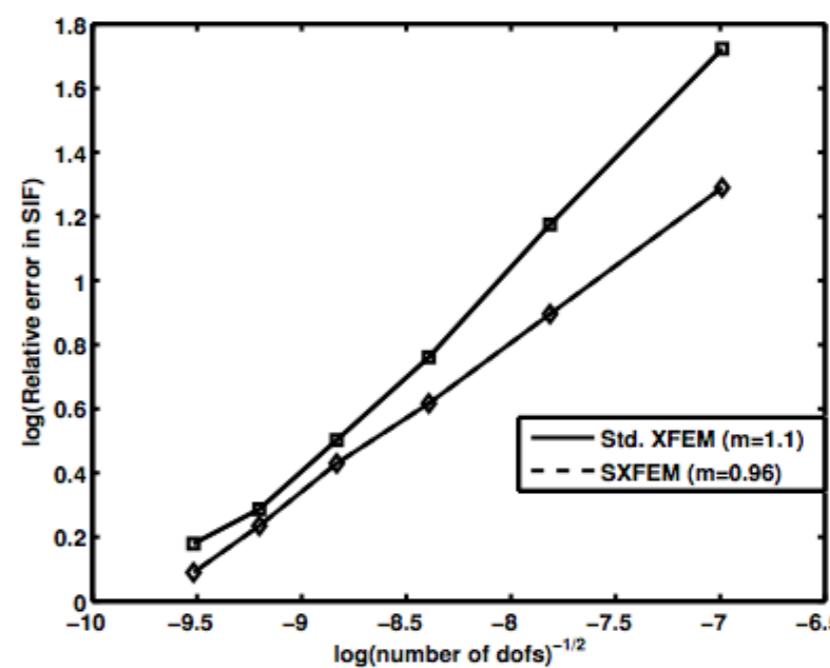
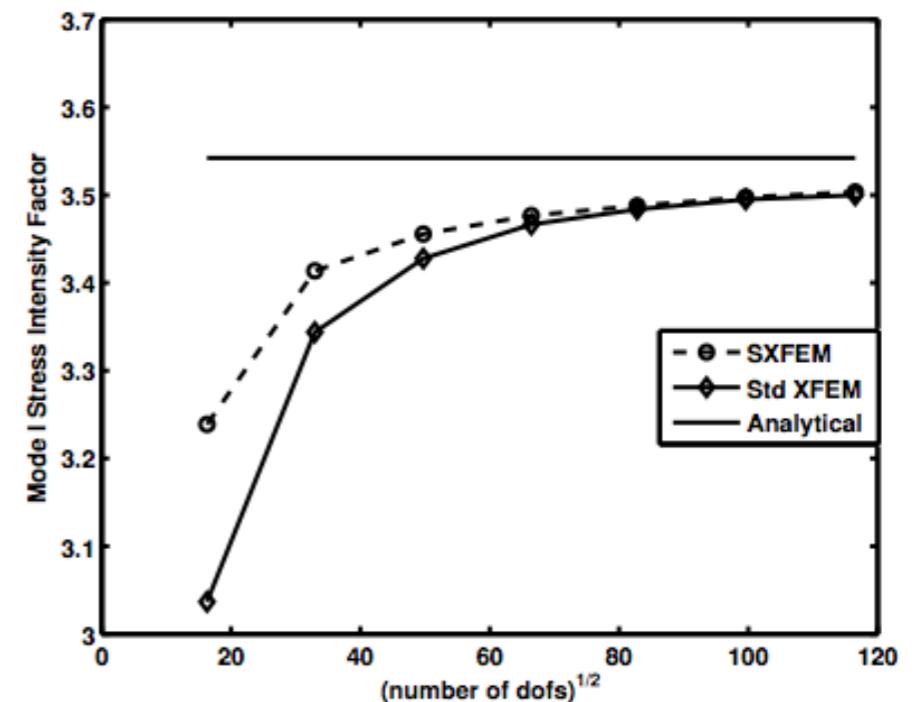
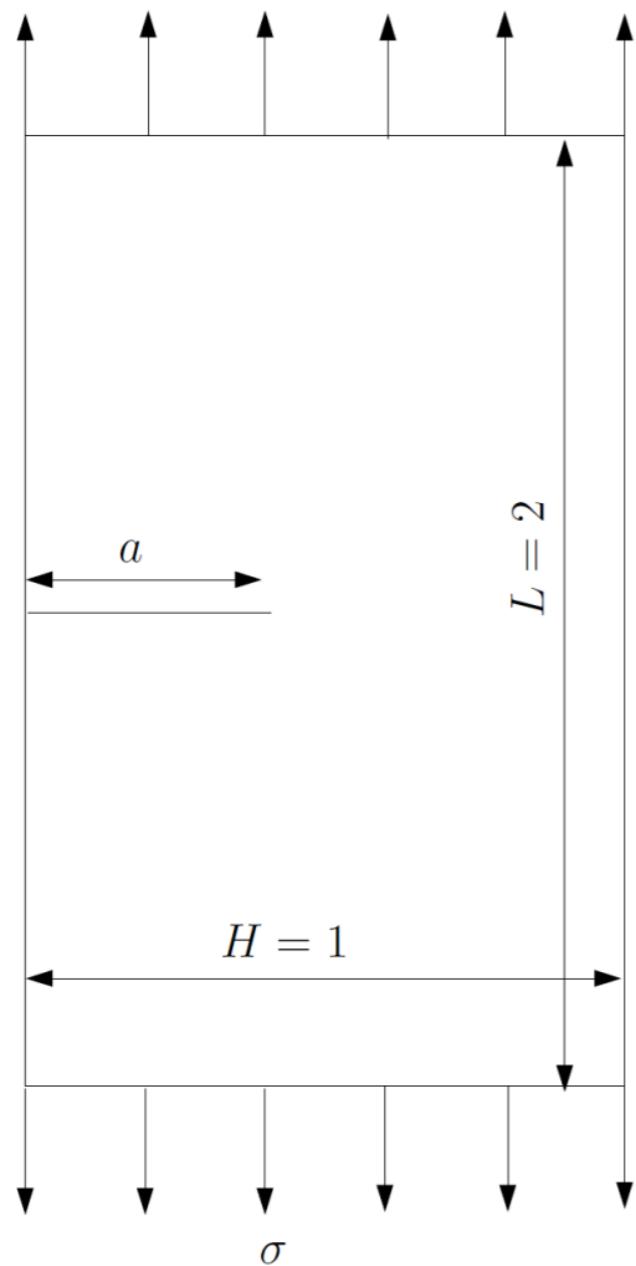


# Stable Generalised FEM

## Edge crack in tension

$$K_I = F \left( \frac{a}{H} \right) \sigma \sqrt{\pi a}$$

$$F \left( \frac{a}{H} \right) = 1.12 - 0.231 \left( \frac{a}{H} \right) + 10.55 \left( \frac{a}{H} \right)^2 - 21.72 \left( \frac{a}{H} \right)^3 + 30.39 \left( \frac{a}{H} \right)^4$$



## Work in progress

Development of 3D examples

- Spherical inclusion
- Several spherical inclusions
- Cracks in 3D

## Stable generalized FEM

All those examples were implemented within Diffpack. Diffpack is a commercial software library used for the development numerical software, with main emphasis on numerical solutions of partial differential equations. It was developed in C++ following the object oriented paradigm.

The library is mostly oriented to the implementation of the finite element method, however it has tools for other methods, such as



## Stable generalized FEM

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