

A Partition of Unity FEM for Cohesive Zone Modeling of Fracture

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Preview

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- ❑ PUFEM Displacement Field Enrichment
- ❑ Results
 - Aligned mesh -- quantitative
 - Skewed mesh -- discussion of progress
- ❑ Observations & Conclusions

Introduction

Objective: A valid means of modeling material localization in finite element analyses.

Goals:

- ❑ strong discontinuity idealization
- ❑ applicable to cohesive zone modeling
- ❑ “continuous discontinuity”
- ❑ arbitrary orientation of discontinuity relative to mesh

Approach: Develop a **partition of unity FEM** (PUFEM) that allows the displacement field to be enriched in the neighborhood of a strong discontinuity.

- ❑ can represent a discontinuity without mesh refinement
- ❑ can potentially represent the gradients near a surface of localization without mesh refinement

Background

Initial related studies

- ❑ Melenk and Babuska (1996)
Theory for PUFEM
- ❑ Belytschko and Black (1999)
 - developed PUFEM for LEFM
 - used asymptotic displacement fields near a crack tip for enrichment

Origins of this study

ARL (2001)

motivating problem: armor
penetration

SNL

motivating problem: HDBT

Recent Related Studies

PUFEM-Cohesive Zone Studies

- ❑ Wells and Sluys (2001)
- ❑ Moes and Belytschko (2002)
- ❑ Zi and Belytschko (2003) -- tip function addresses tip position but not the field
- ❑ de Borst *et al.* (2004) & Mariani *et al.* (2003)
tip at element edges

Current work is closer to:

- ❑ Strouboulis, Copps, Zhang, and Babuska (2000, 2001, 2003)
numerical enrichment functions -- handbook functions

PUFEM Displacement Field Enrichment

□ Standard FEM

□ PUFEM

Global displacement approximations

$$u(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^{N_\Phi} \Phi_i(\mathbf{x}) u_i$$

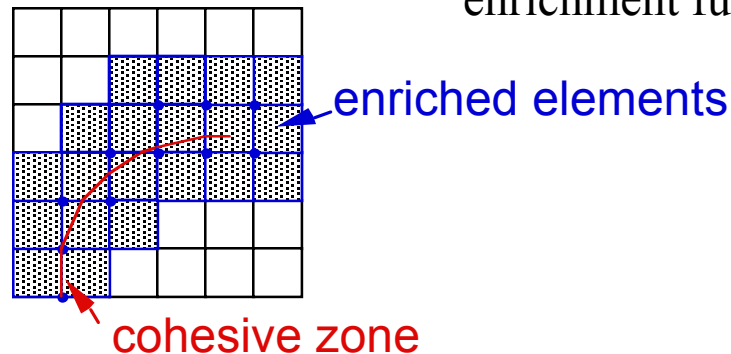
$$u(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^{N_\Phi} \Phi_i(\mathbf{x}) u_i + \sum_{j=1}^{N_\Lambda} \sum_{i=1}^{N_\Phi} \Lambda_j(\mathbf{x}) \Phi_i(\mathbf{x}) \alpha_{ij}$$

Element displacement approximations

$$u(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^{N_N} N_i(\mathbf{x}) u_i$$

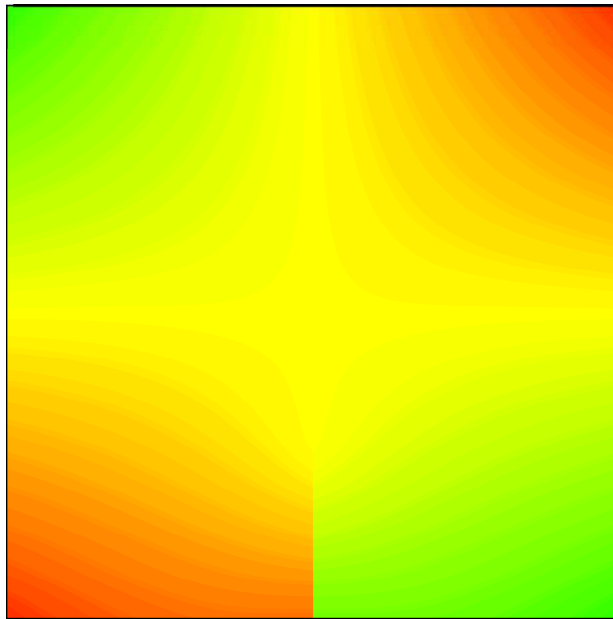
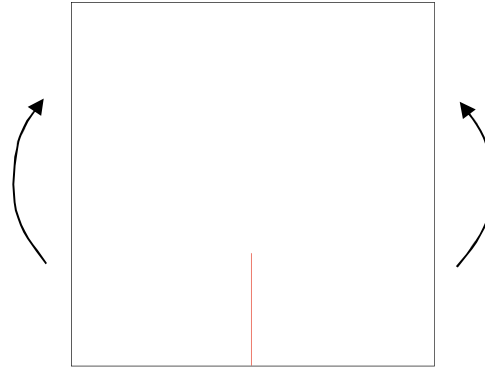
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↑
enrichment functions

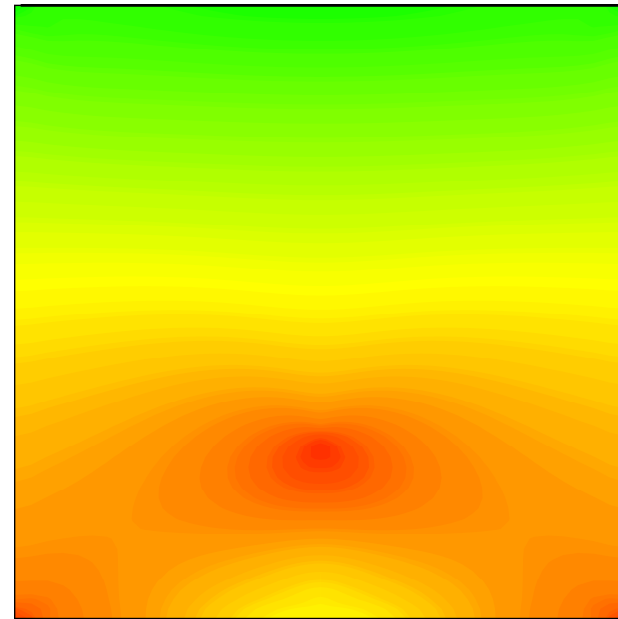


PUFEM Displacement Field Enrichment

Example Problem:
concrete 1 m x 1 m
in bending

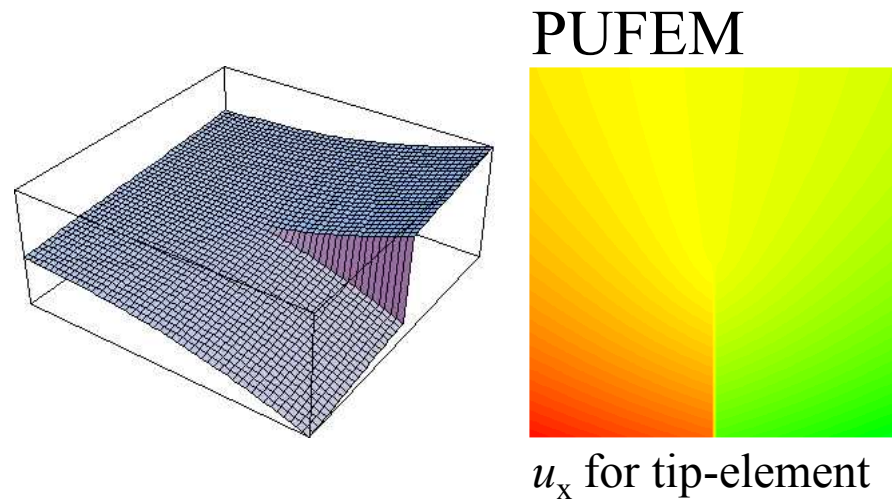
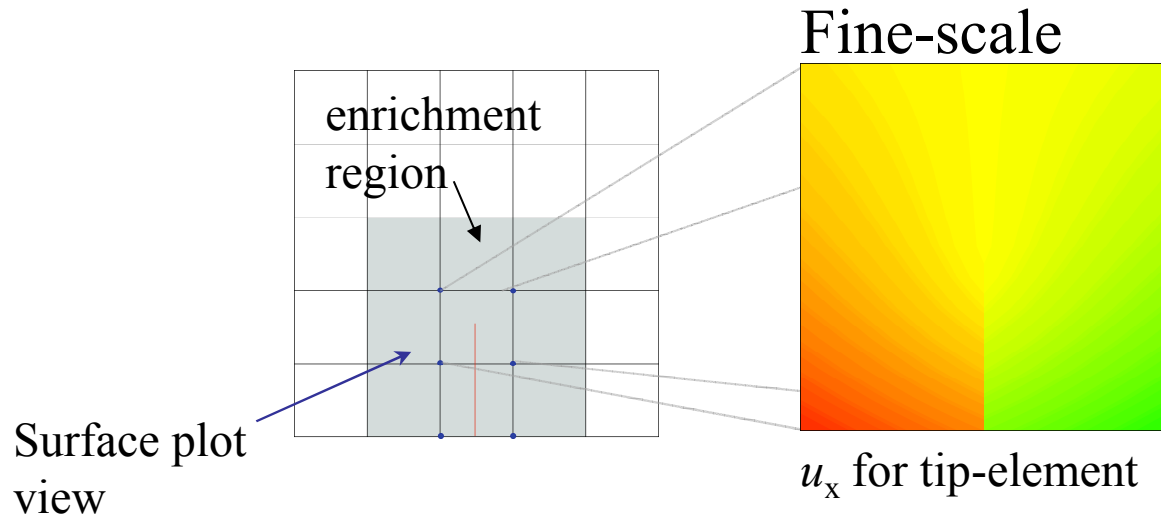


fine-scale FEM solution: u_x

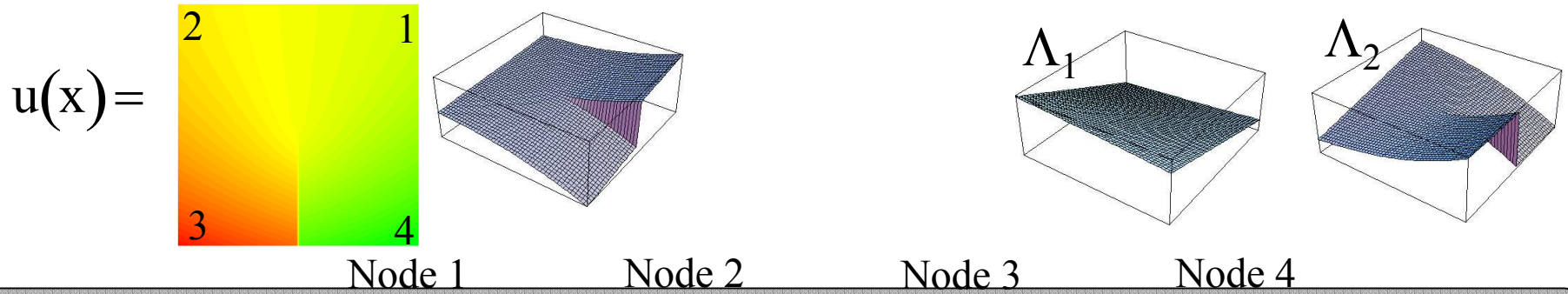


fine-scale FEM solution: σ_{xx}

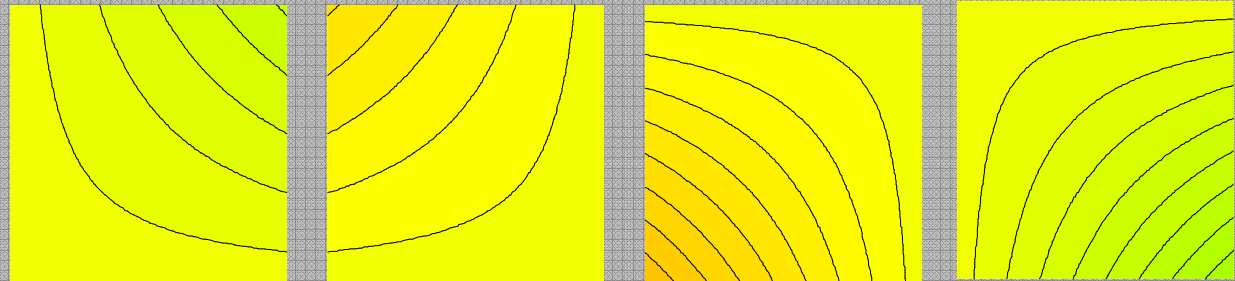
Example response in the “tip-element”



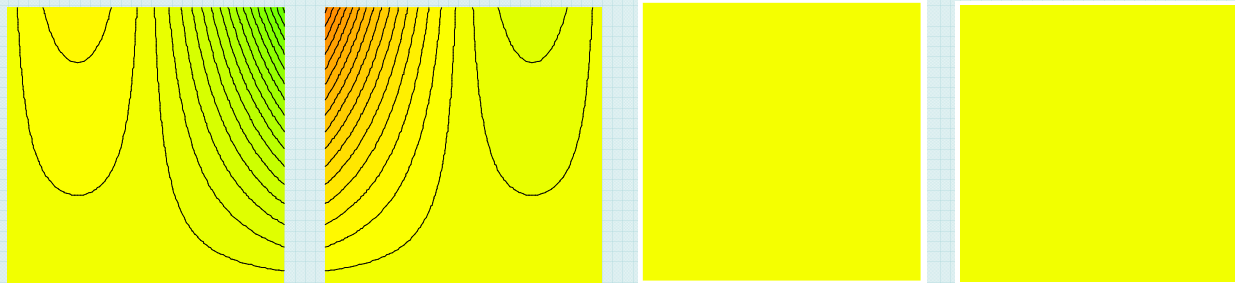
Example enrichment in the “tip element”



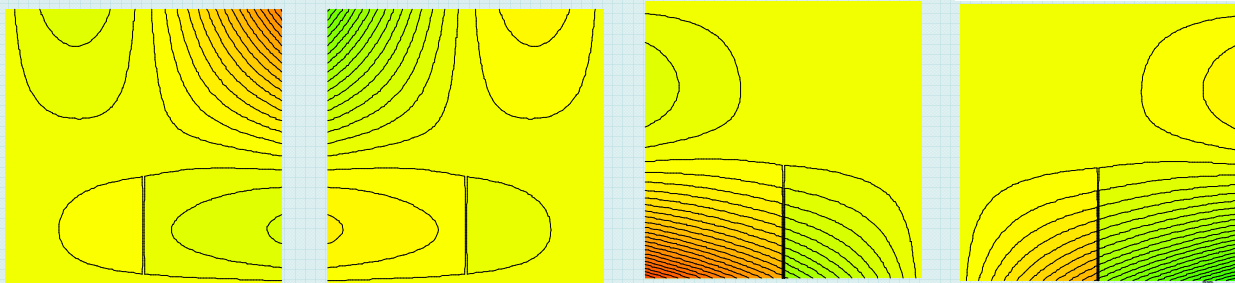
$$\sum_{i=1}^{N_N} \mathbf{N}_i(\mathbf{x}) u_i$$



$$\sum_{i=1}^{N_N} \Lambda_1(\mathbf{x}) \mathbf{N}_i(\mathbf{x}) \alpha_{i1}$$



$$\sum_{i=1}^{N_N} \Lambda_2(\mathbf{x}) \mathbf{N}_i(\mathbf{x}) \alpha_{i2}$$



Enrichment Functions: An Analytical Source

Hong & Kim (2003) used the Muskhelishvili formalism for the inverse problem
– assumed linear elastic isotropic material (except for cohesive zone)

Analysis has been used to:

- 1) verify the proposed solution
- 2) extend it for field variables required by the PUFEM

Key relationships:

□ Displacements

$$u_1 + iu_2 = \frac{1}{2\mu} \{ \kappa \varphi(z) - z \overline{\varphi'(z)} - \overline{\psi(z)} \}$$

where φ and ψ are analytic functions, and $z = x+iy$.

□ Another set of analytic functions simplify $u_{i,j}$ and σ_{ij} expressions

$$\Phi(z) = \varphi'(z) \qquad \Omega(z) = [z\varphi'(z) + \psi(z)]'$$

Enrichment Functions: An Analytical Source

□ Displacement gradients

$$u_{1,1} + iu_{2,1} = \frac{1}{2\mu} [(\bar{z} - z)\overline{\Phi'(z)} + \kappa\Phi(z) - \overline{\Omega(z)}]$$

$$u_{2,2} - iu_{1,2} = \frac{1}{2\mu} [(z - \bar{z})\overline{\Phi'(z)} + \kappa\Phi(z) + \overline{\Omega(z)} - 2\overline{\Phi(z)}]$$

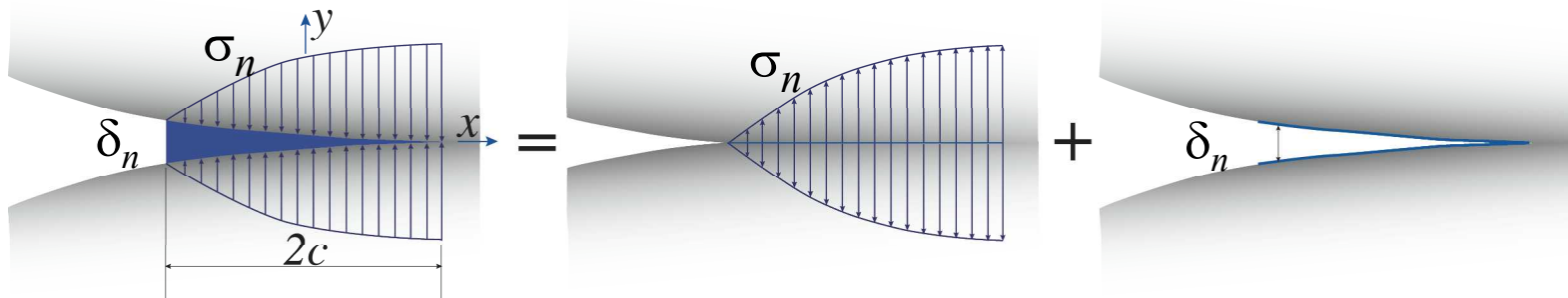
□ Stress components

$$\sigma_{11} + i\sigma_{12} = (\bar{z} - z)\overline{\Phi'(z)} + \Phi(z) - \overline{\Omega(z)} + 2\overline{\Phi(z)}$$

$$\sigma_{22} - i\sigma_{12} = (z - \bar{z})\overline{\Phi'(z)} + \Phi(z) + \overline{\Omega(z)}$$

Enrichment Functions: An Analytical Source

- Super-position of two solutions yields a convenient solution form



- Analytic functions

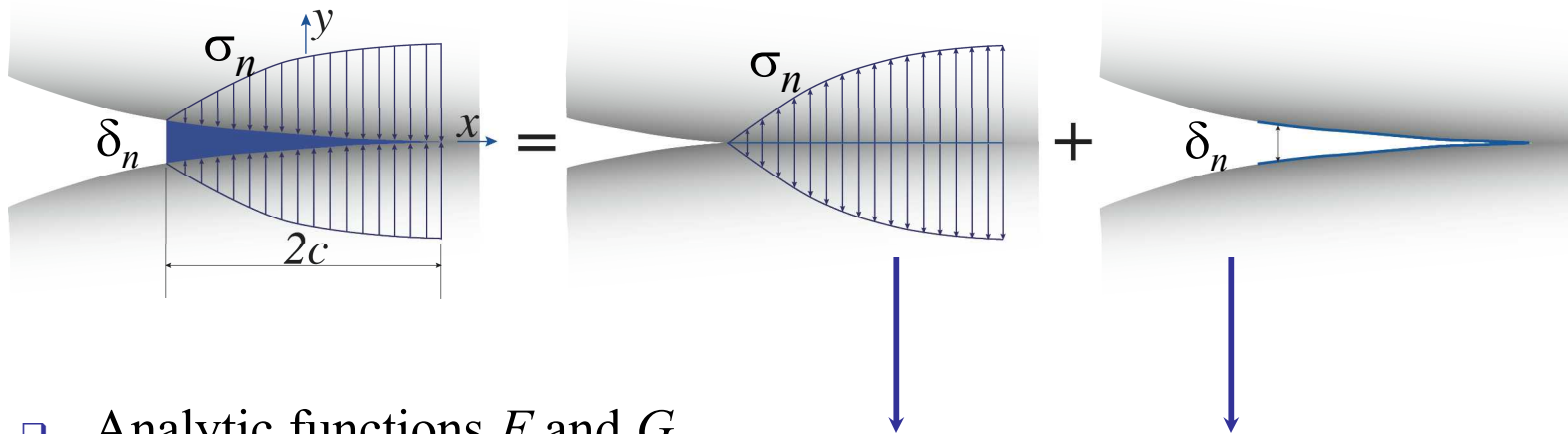
$$\Phi(z) = \frac{1}{2} \left[\sqrt{z+c} F(z) - \sqrt{z-c} G(z) + H(z) \right]$$

$$\bar{\Omega}(z) = \frac{1}{2} \left[\sqrt{z+c} F(z) - \sqrt{z-c} G(z) - H(z) \right]$$

where F , G , and H are *entire* (analytic over the whole domain)

Enrichment Functions: An Analytical Source

- Super-position of two solutions yields a convenient solution form



- Analytic functions F and G

$$F(z/c) = \sum_{n=0}^N A_n U_n(z/c) \quad G(z/c) = \sum_{n=0}^N B_n U_n(z/c)$$

where A_n and B_n are complex coefficients and U_n are Chebyshev polynomials of the second kind

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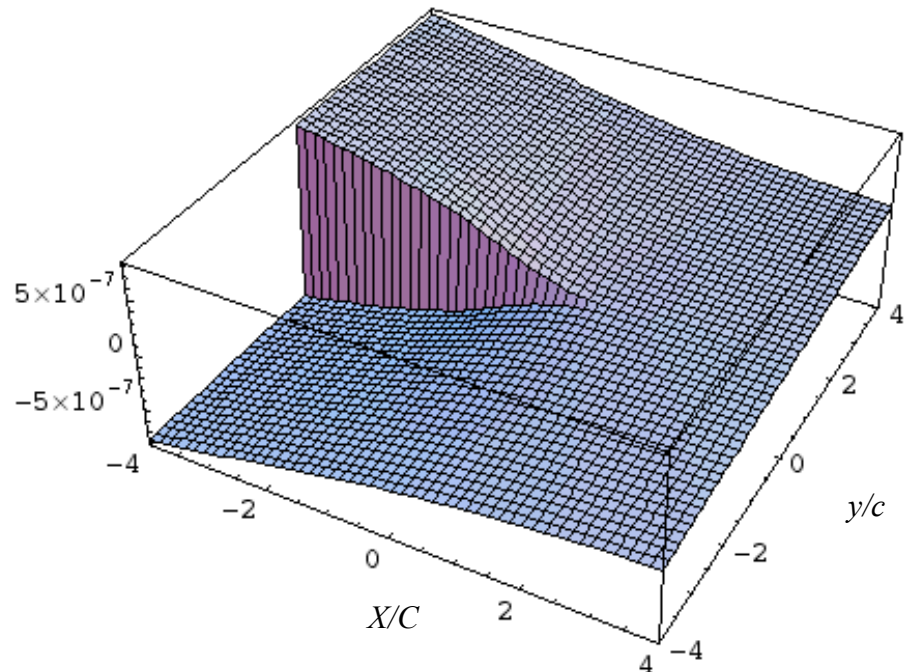
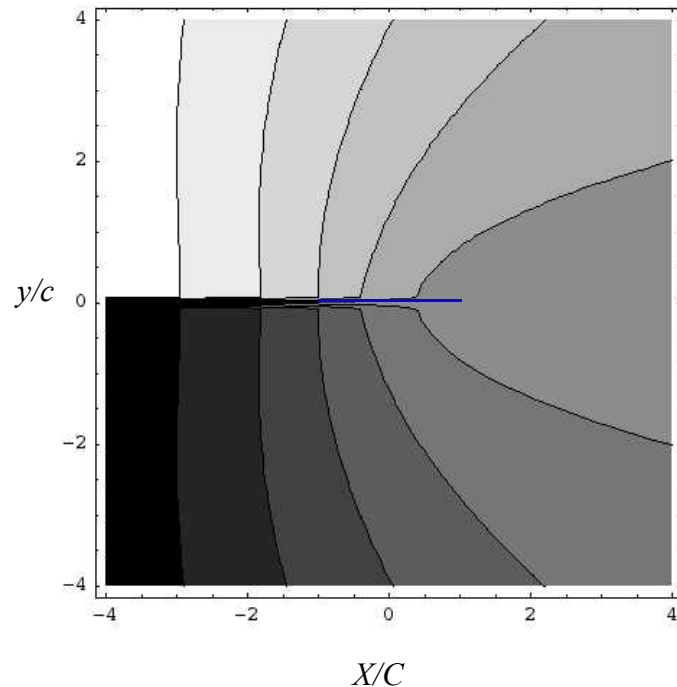
□ First term considered

- $F(z)=G(z)=1$
- $H(z)=0$

Problem for plots

$E=10^7$ psi, $\nu=0.3$

□ u_2



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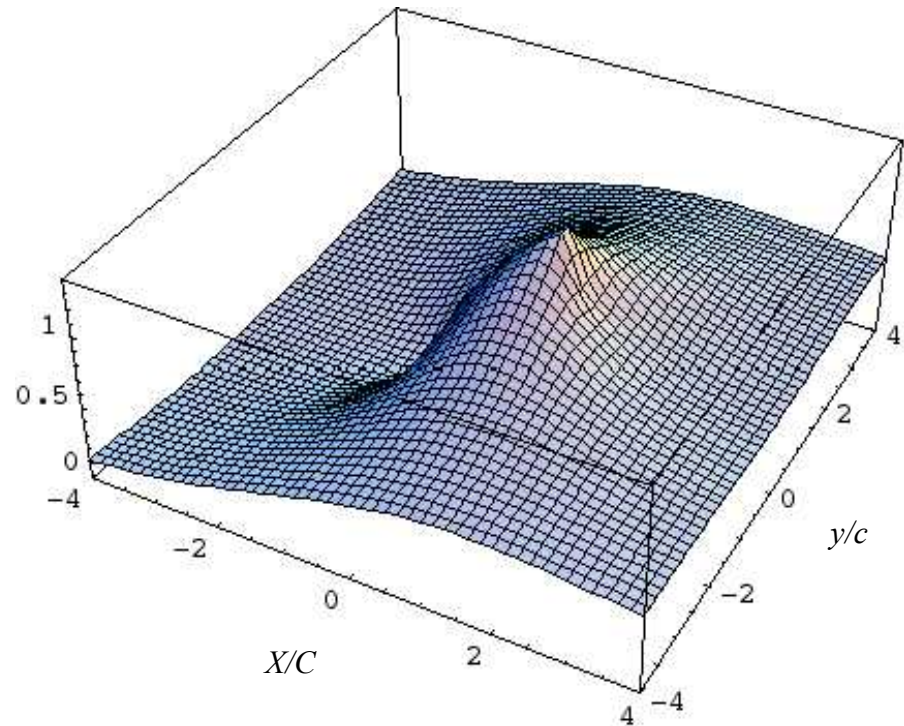
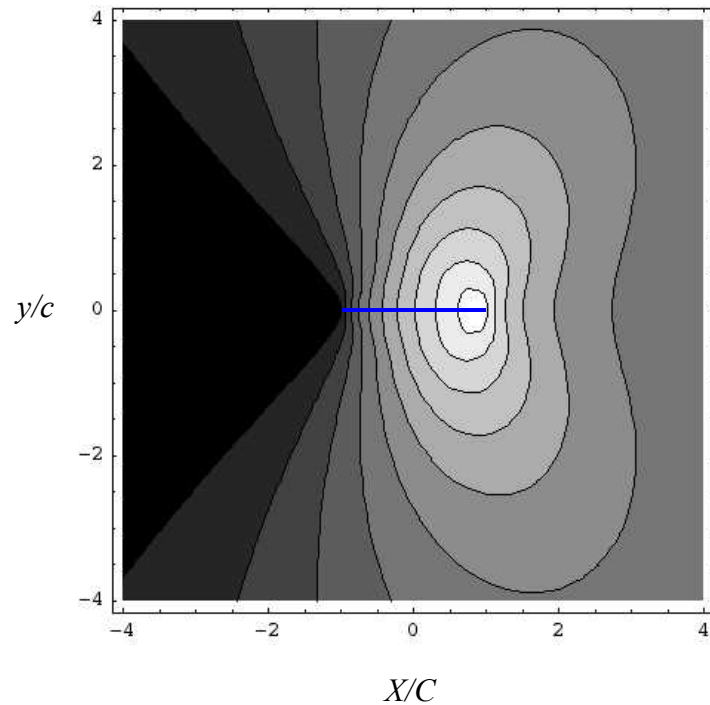
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□ σ_{22}



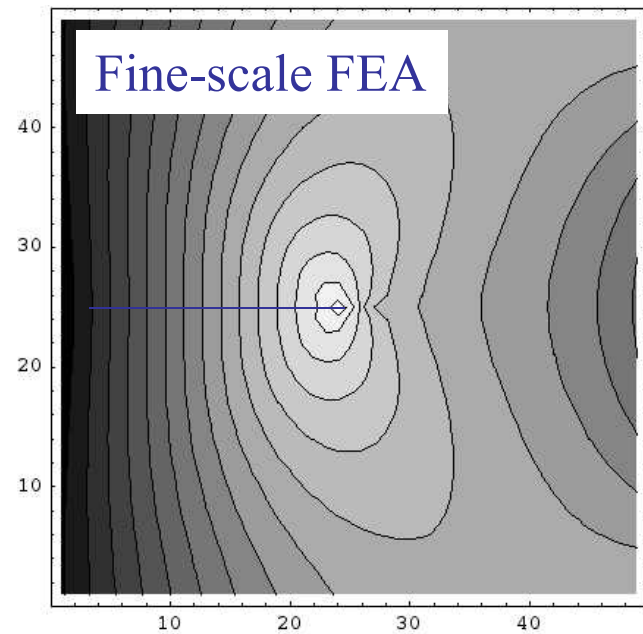
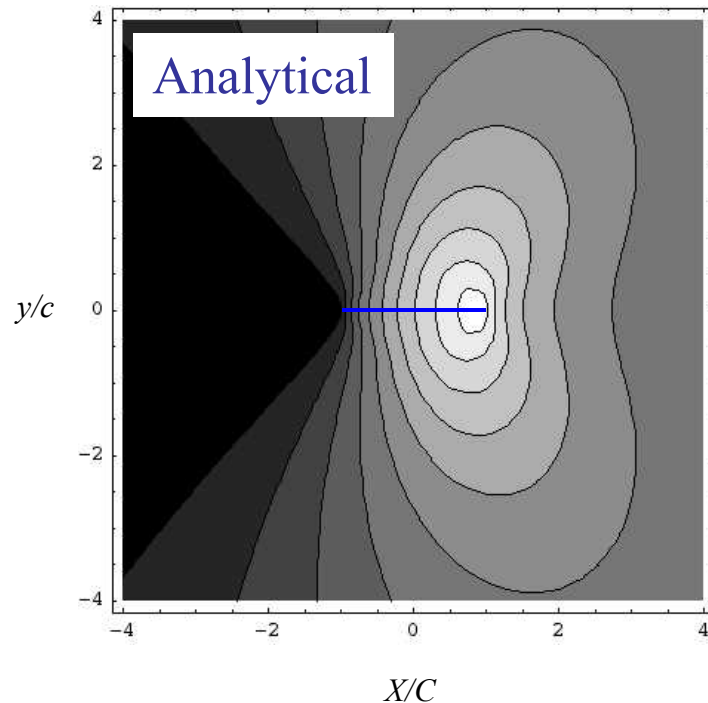
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Note: problems differ and CZ sizes are not to the same scale.

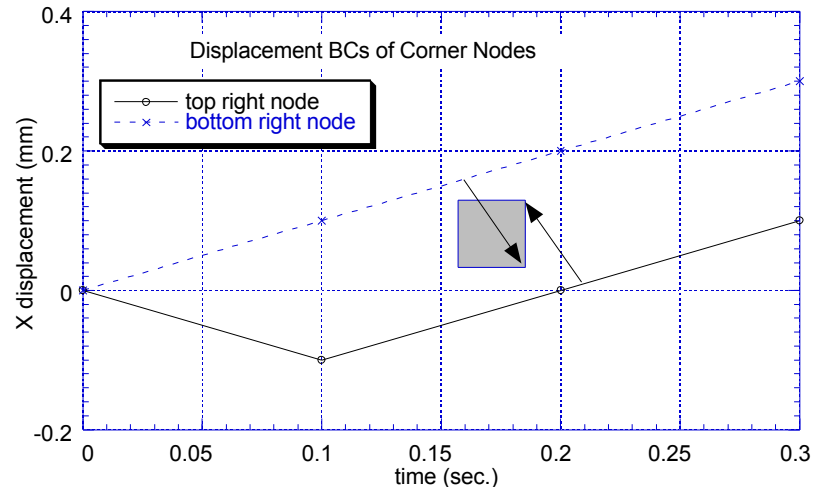
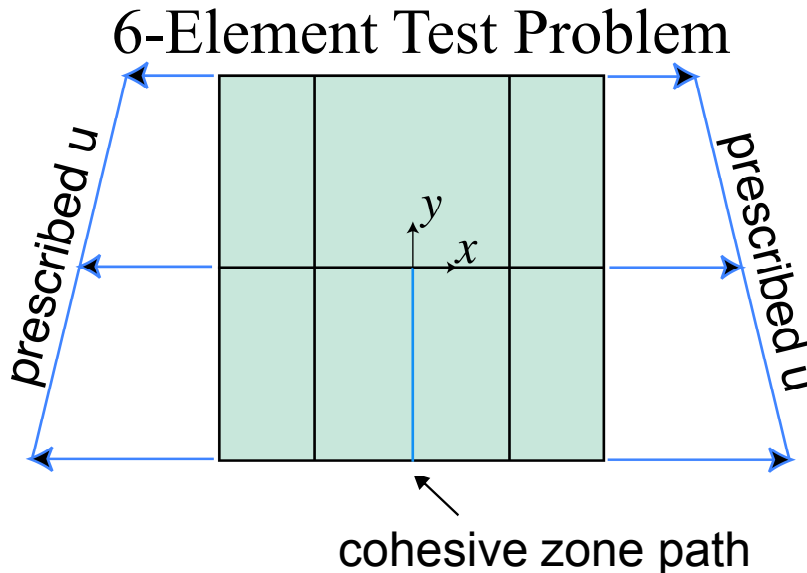
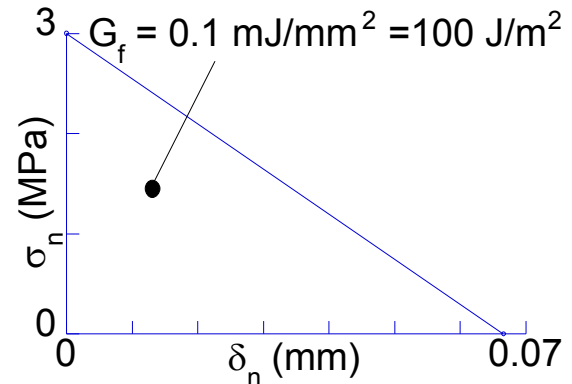
□ Qualitative comparison of σ_{22} with fine-scale FEA



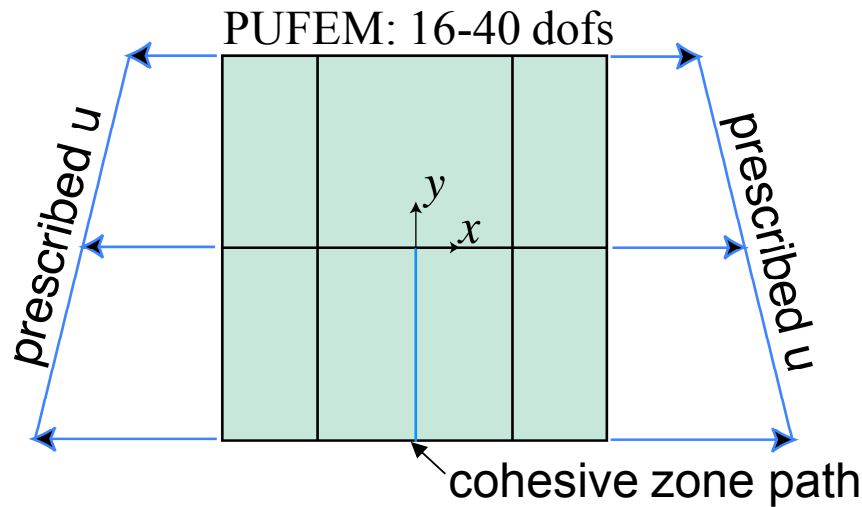
Initial Simple Test Problems

□ Concrete test problem

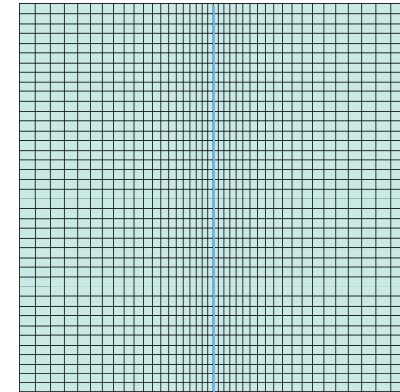
- relevant to HDBT
- domain 1 m x 1 m
- process-zone size $\sim O(250 \text{ mm})$
- representative concrete tensile properties (except for simplified linear softening)
- mode I quasistatic crack propagation
- 2 enrichment functions $\rightarrow$ 16-40 dofs



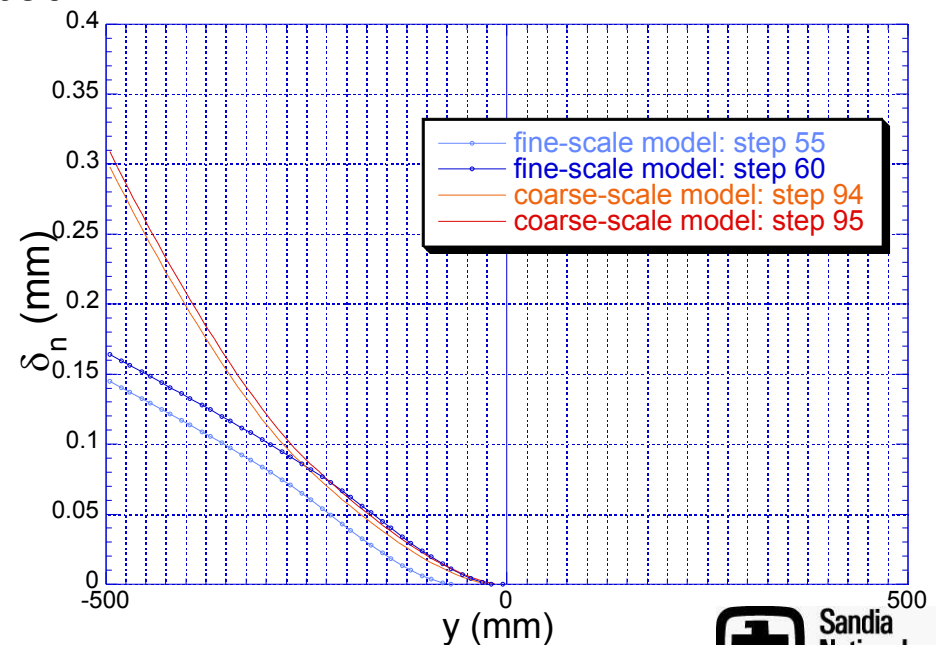
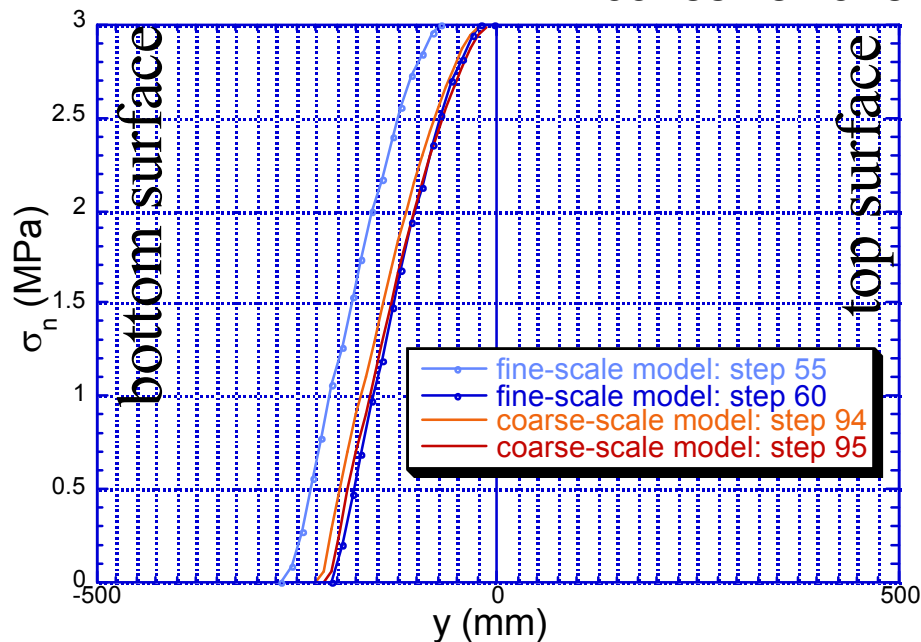
Coarse-scale vs. Fine-scale: Qualitative Evaluation



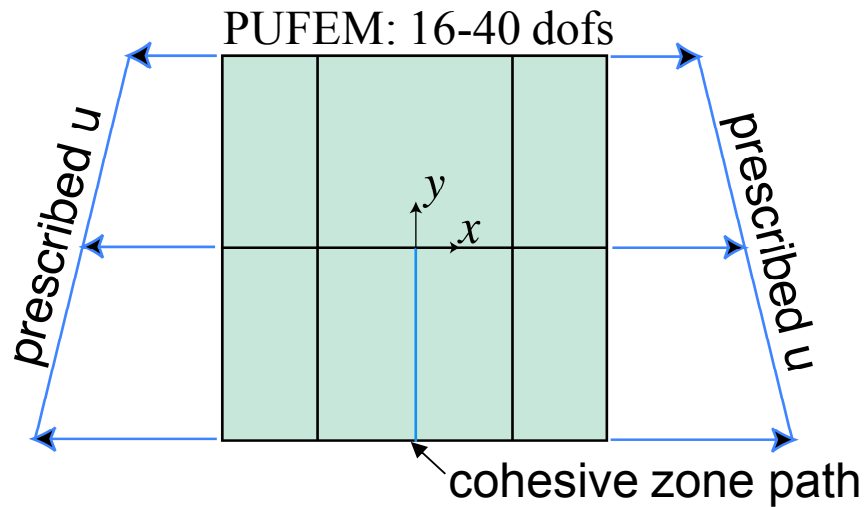
Std FEM: ~ 3360 dofs



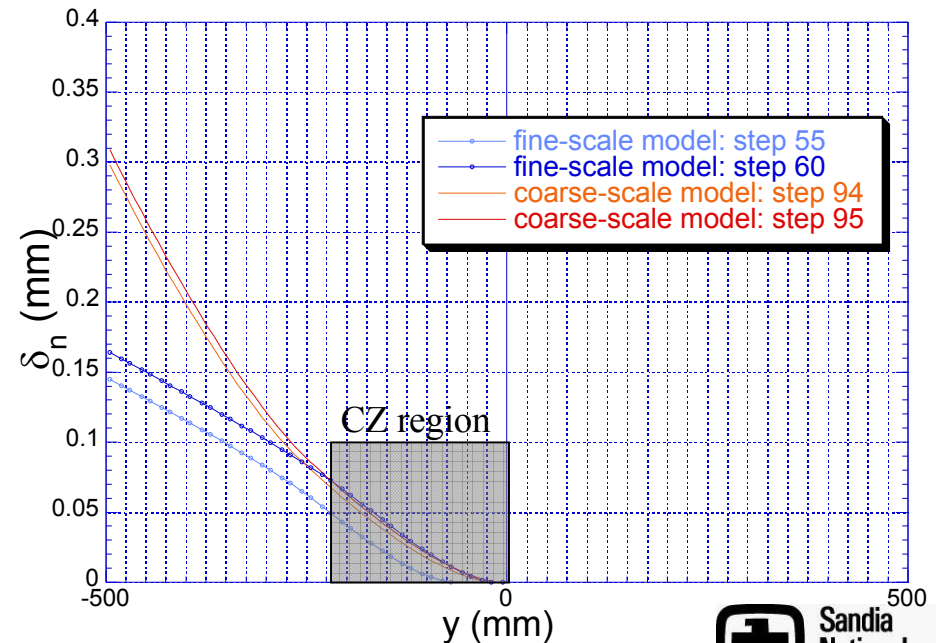
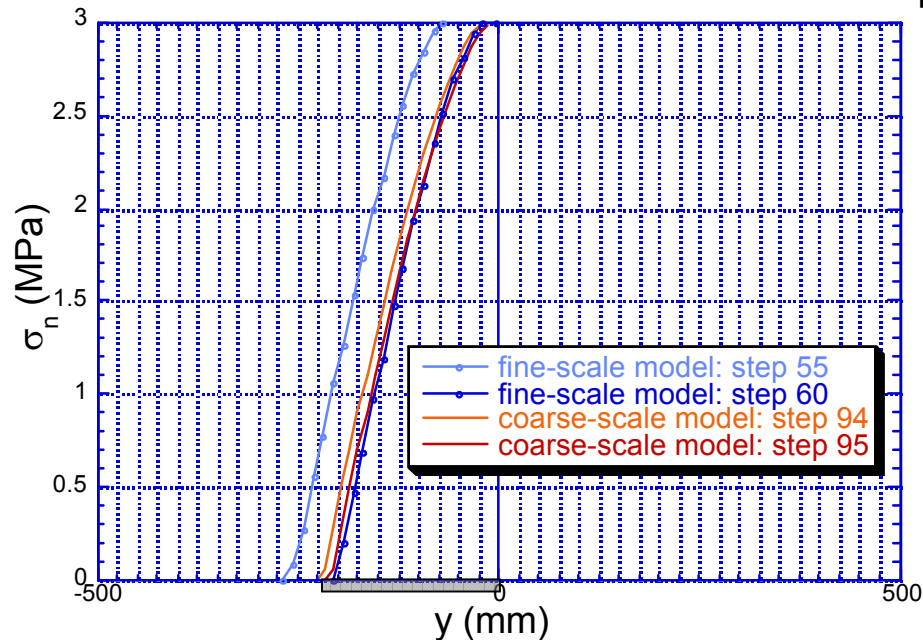
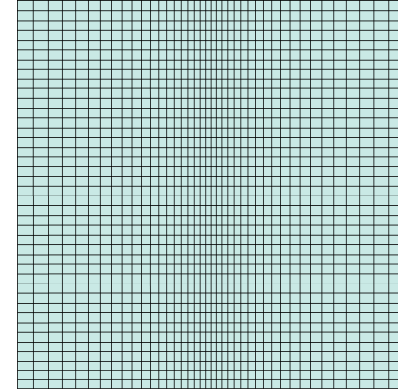
Interface elements



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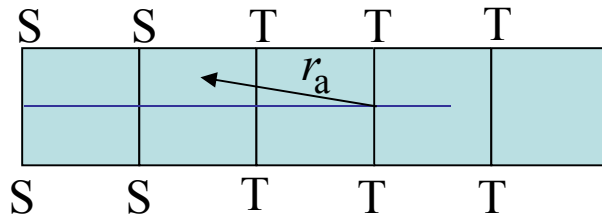


Initial PUFEM Issues

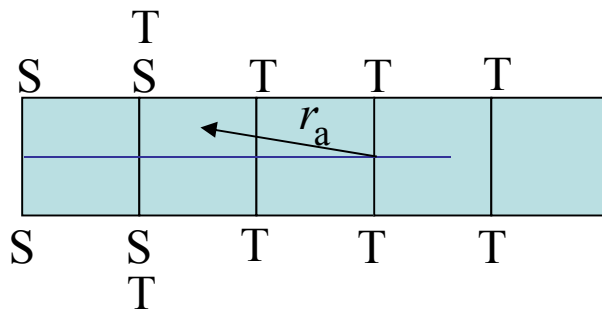
- ❑ Crack profiles differed significantly with fine-scale results in the traction free region.
- ❑ If several terms are needed to obtain better crack profiles the efficiency will be reduced.
- ❑ A length scale exists in the enrichment functions.

Enrichment Modification

- Change to step enrichment
- Analytical radius -- could be applied to the whole plane



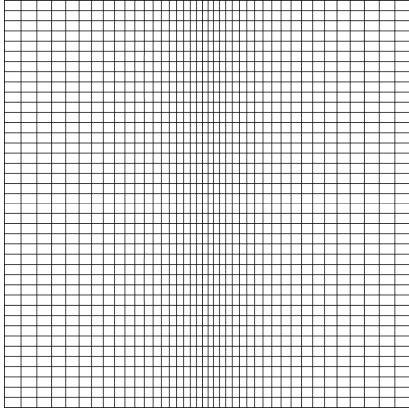
T ~ tip enrichment
S ~ step enrichment



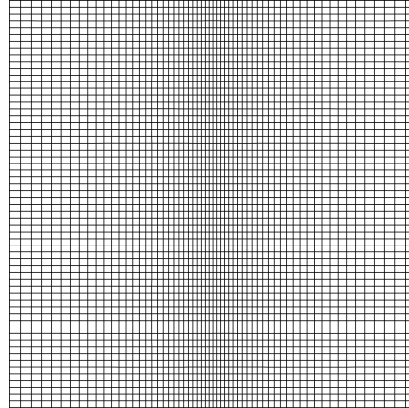
Quantitative Models

□ Fine-scale – Standard FEM

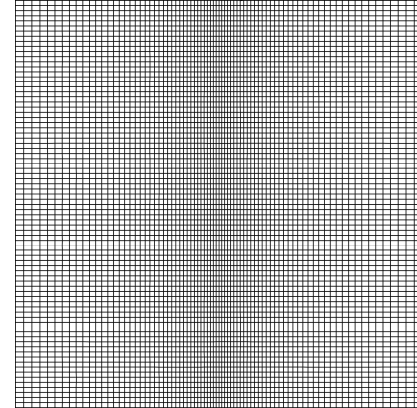
41x40 ~ 3444 dofs



61x60 ~ 7564 dofs

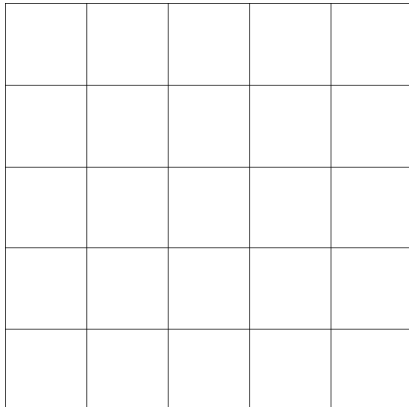


81x80 ~ 13,284 dofs

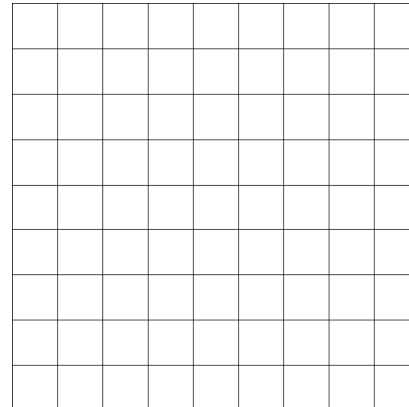


□ Coarse-scale – PUFEM

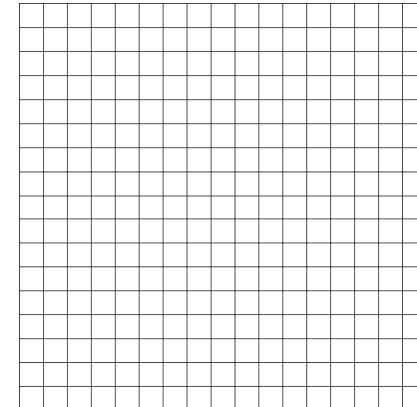
5x5 ~ 72+36 dofs



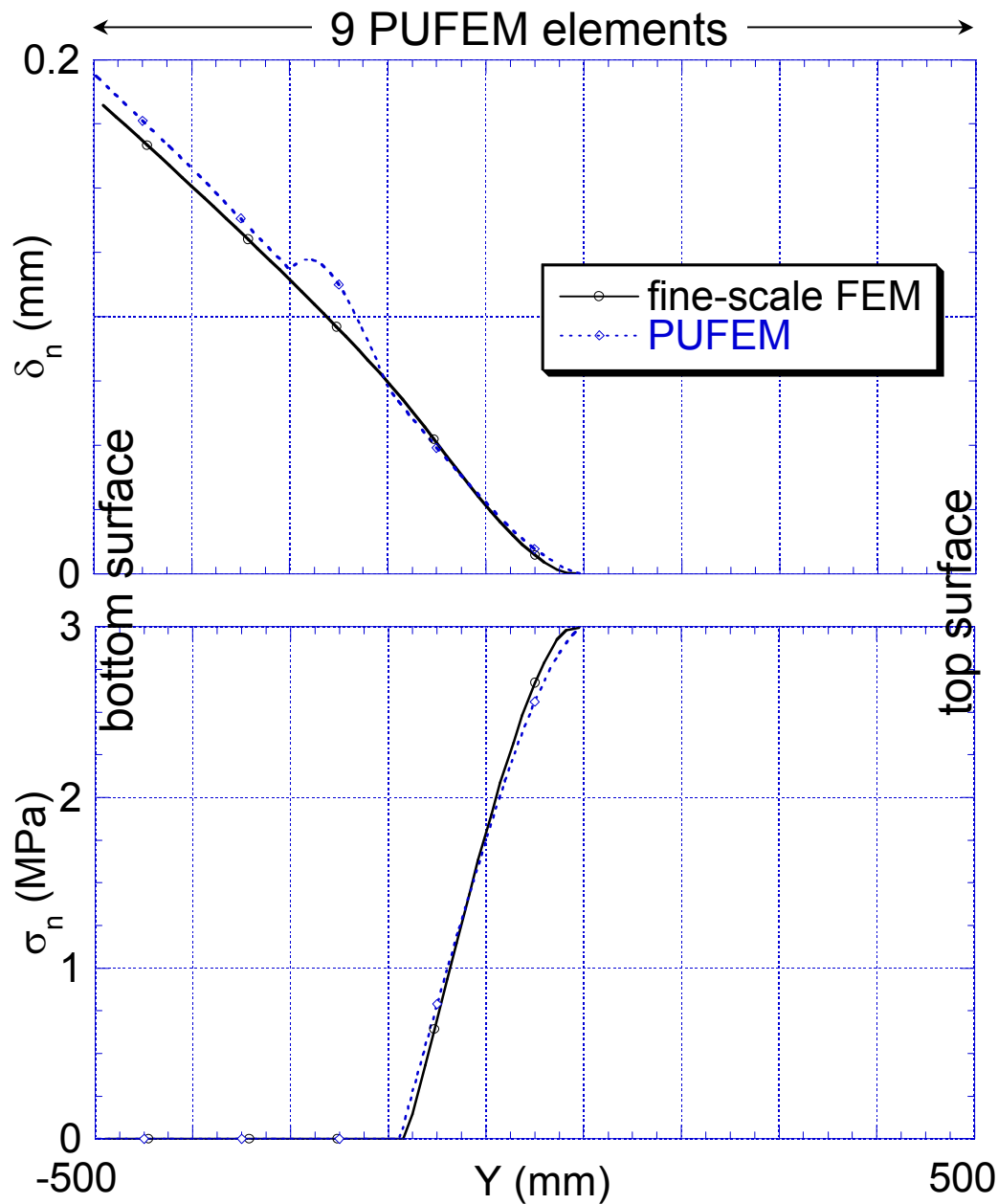
9x9 ~ 200+52 dofs



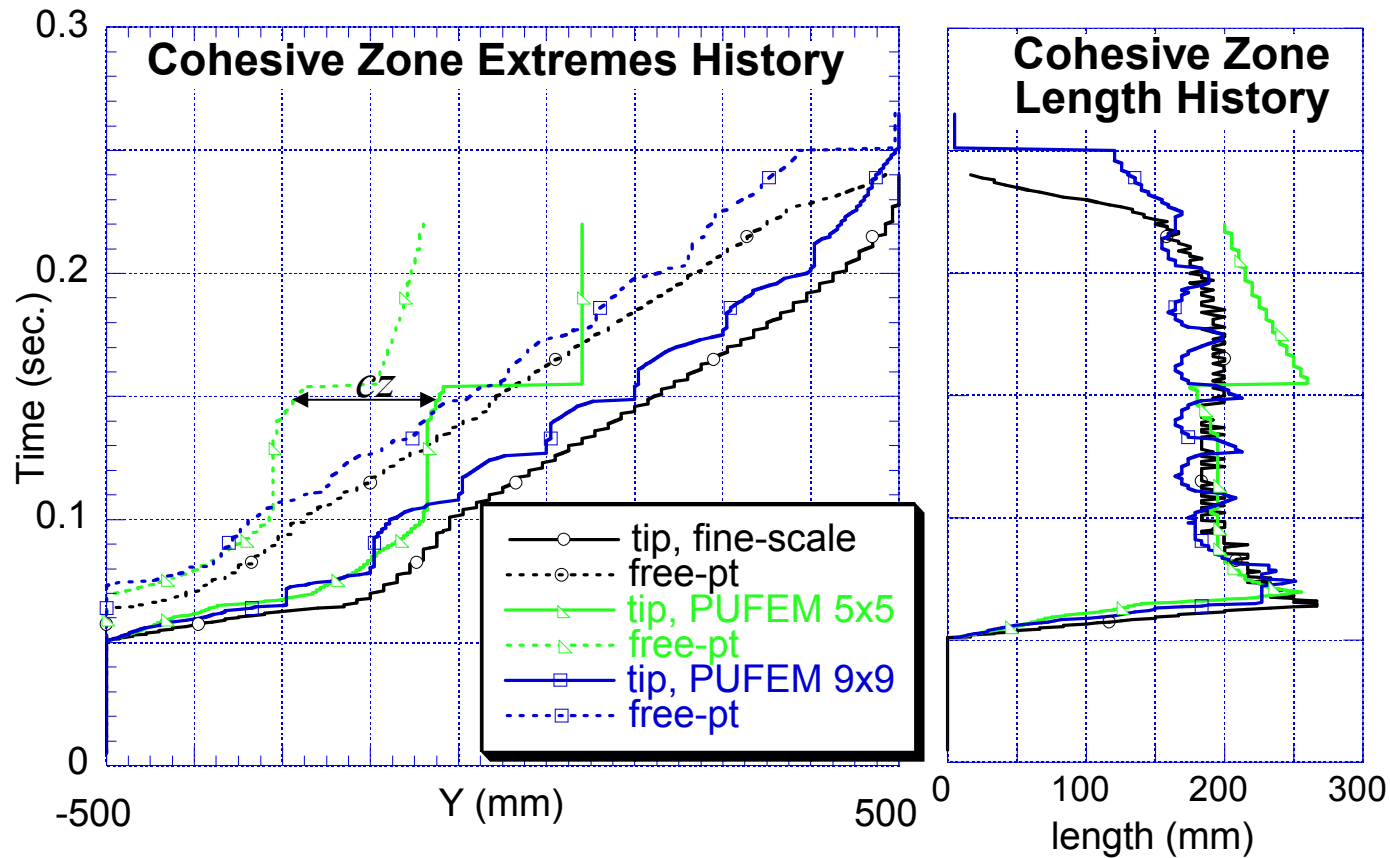
17x17 ~ 648+88 dofs



Fine vs. Coarse -- Cohesive Zone Response



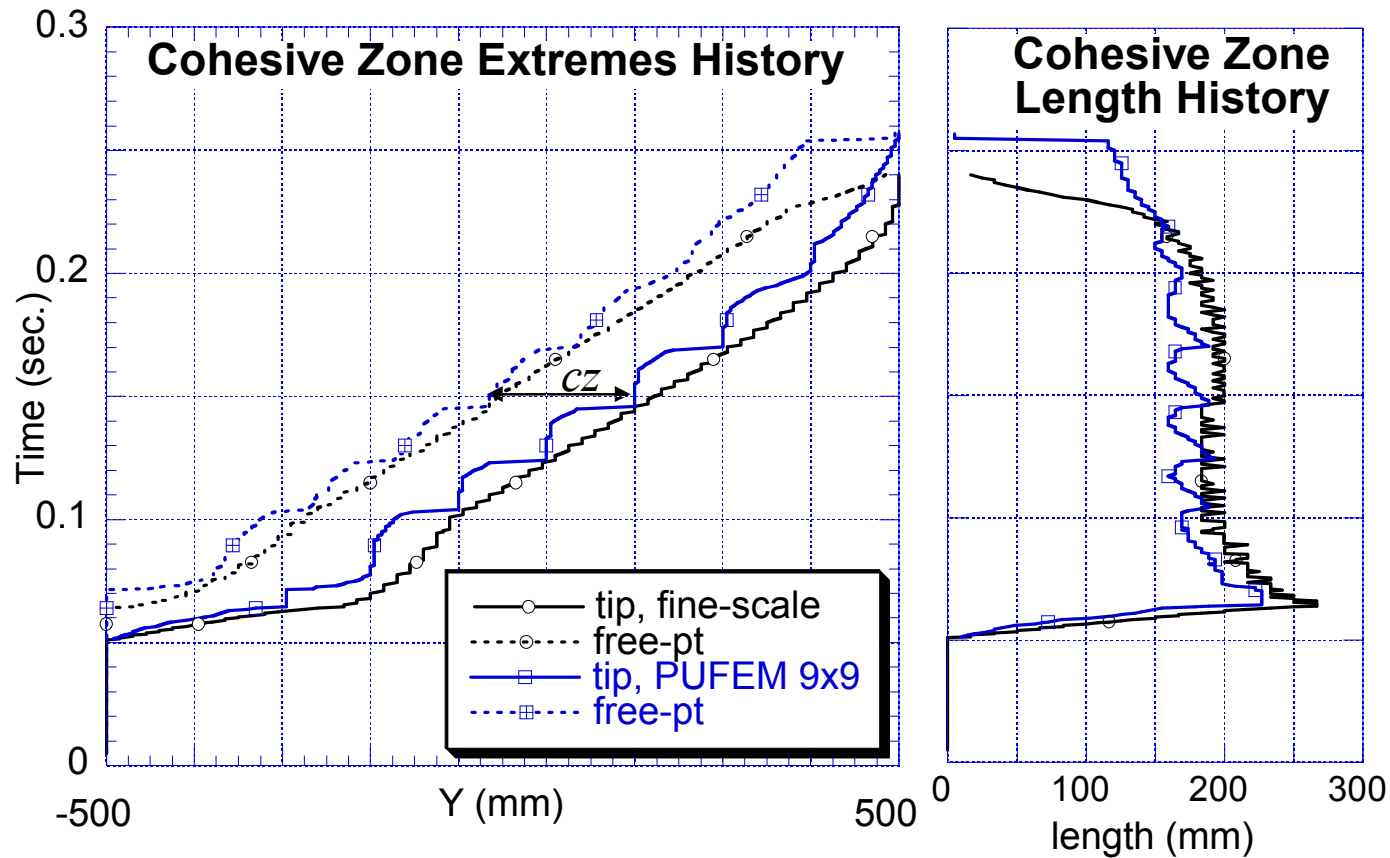
Extremes & Length History



2 coarse meshes

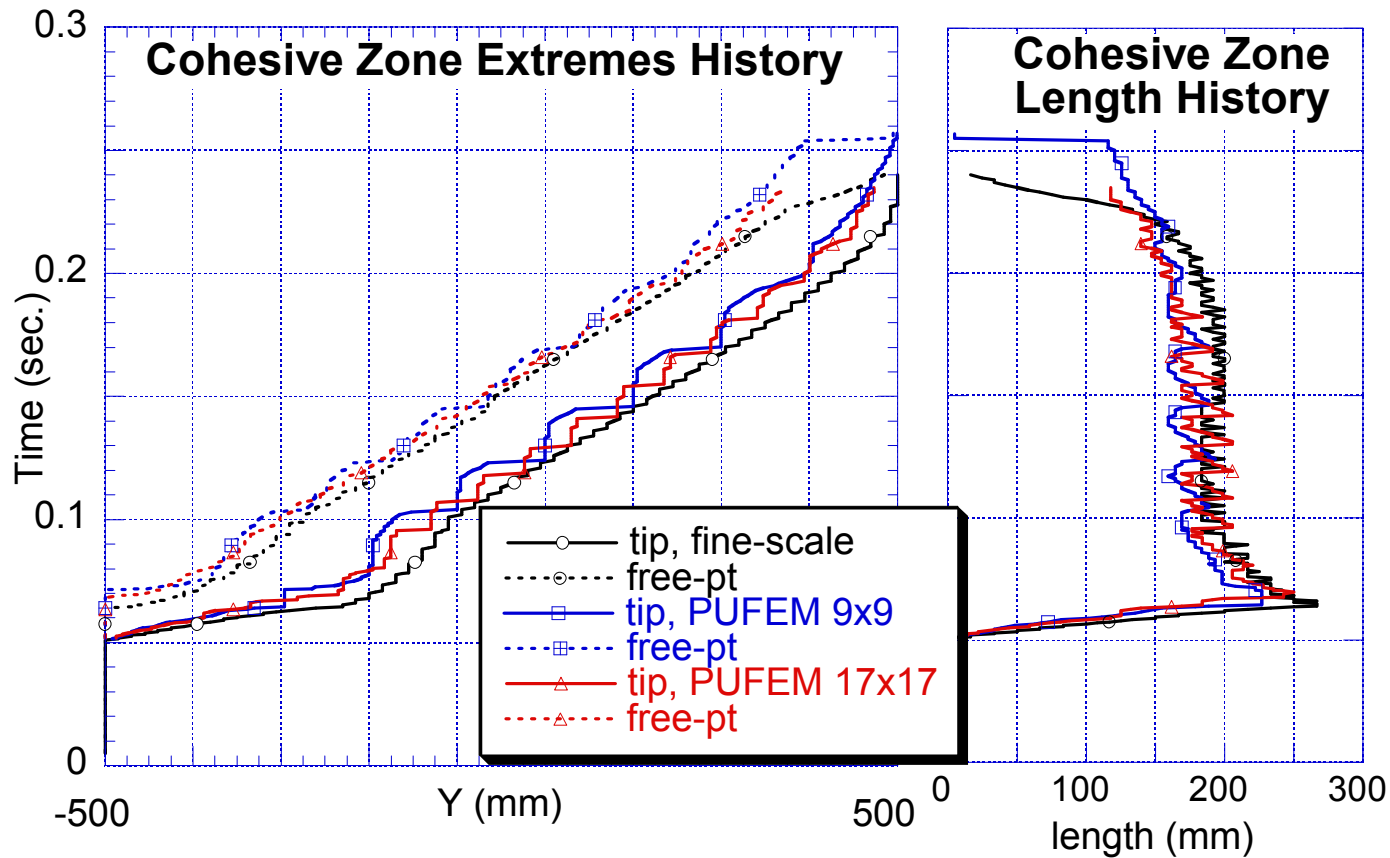
c = 125 mm

Extremes & Length History



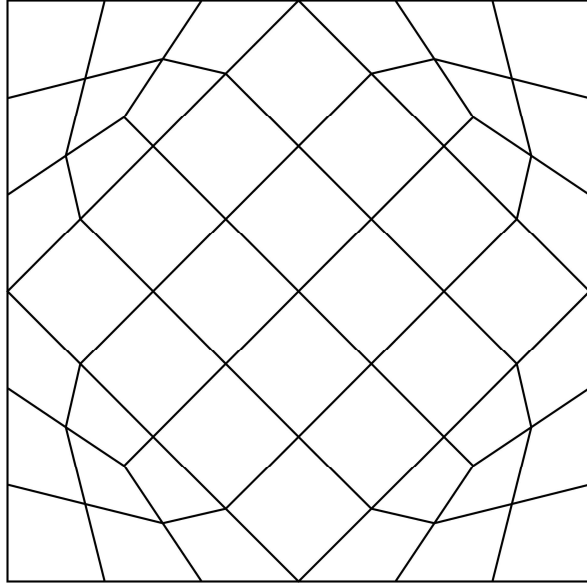
decreasing c to 85 mm

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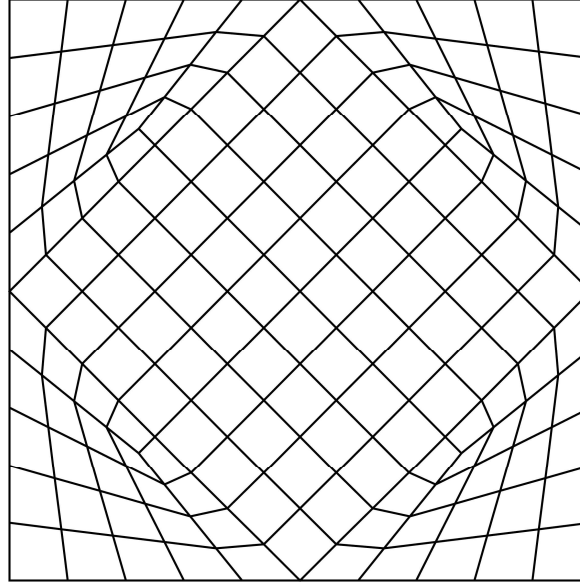


refining the PUFEM mesh

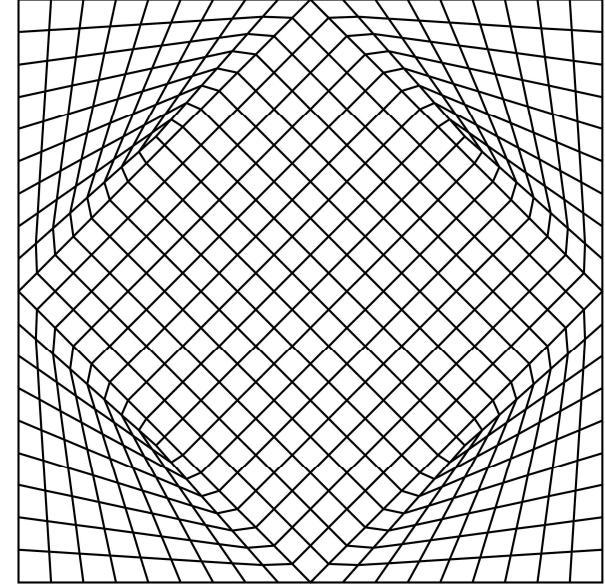
Skewed Mesh Tests



4x4 @ 45°

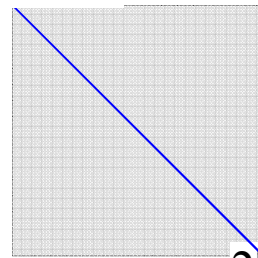
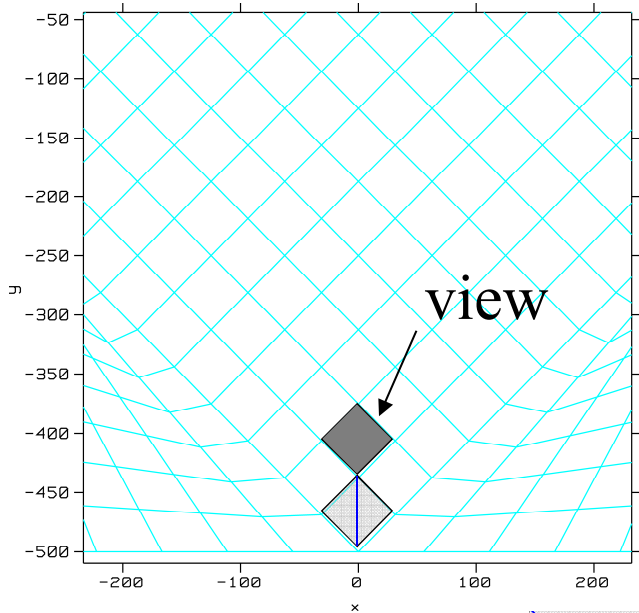


8x8 @ 45°



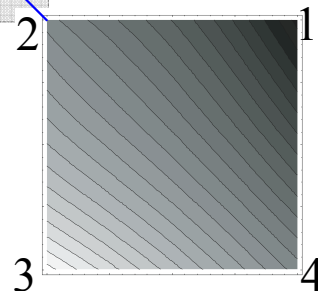
16x16 @ 45°

Skewed-mesh: Results and Enrichment

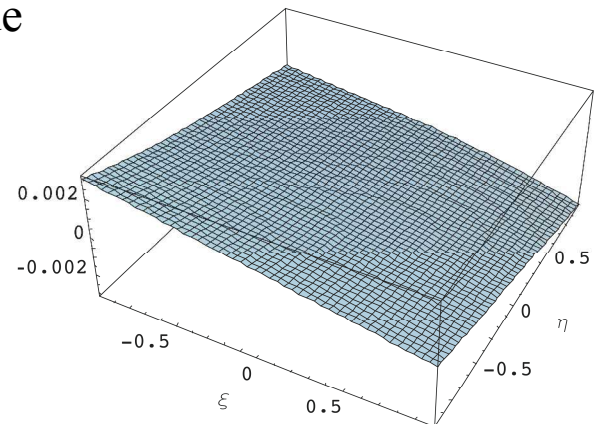
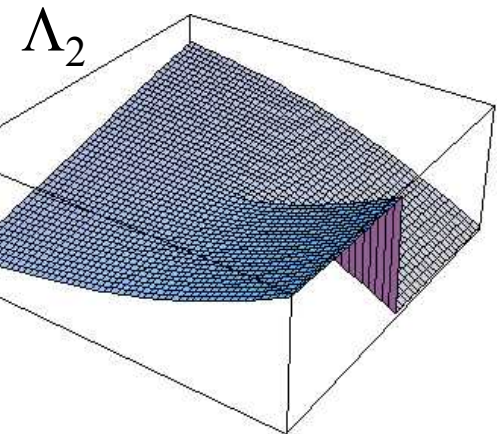


Node 2 is the only enriched node

$$u_1(x) =$$

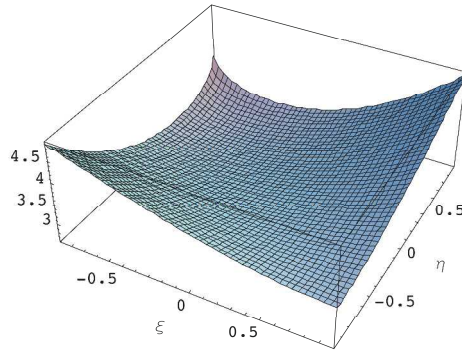
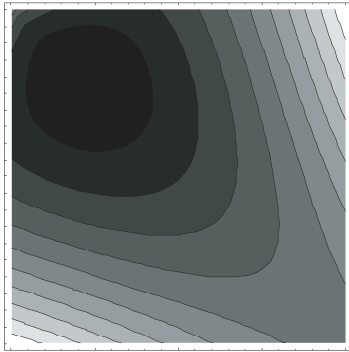


Using a single enrichment Function ($G=1$)

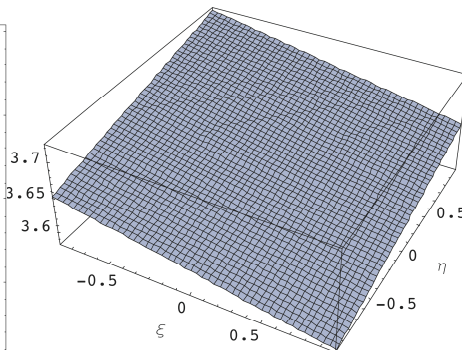
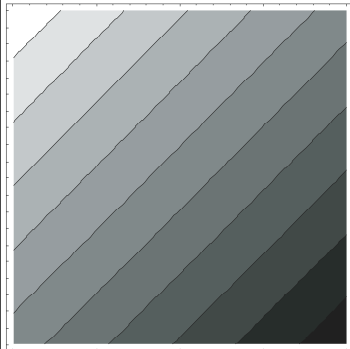


Skewed-mesh: Enrichment

$$\sigma_{11}(\mathbf{x}) =$$

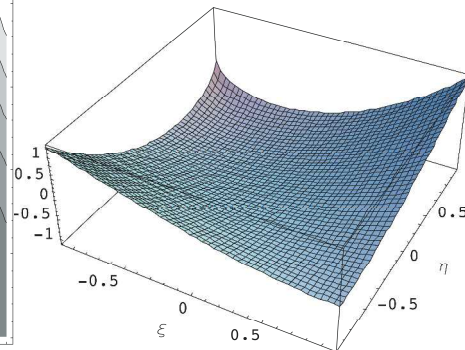
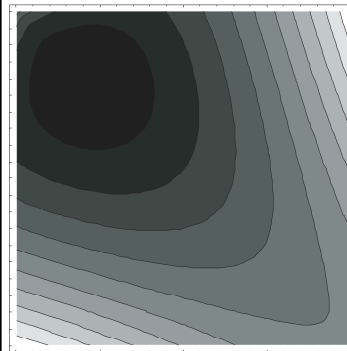


$$\sum_{i=1}^{N_N} \mathbf{N}_i(\mathbf{x}) u_i$$



+

$$\sum_{i=1}^{N_N} \Lambda_2(\mathbf{x}) \mathbf{N}_i(\mathbf{x}) \alpha_{i2}$$

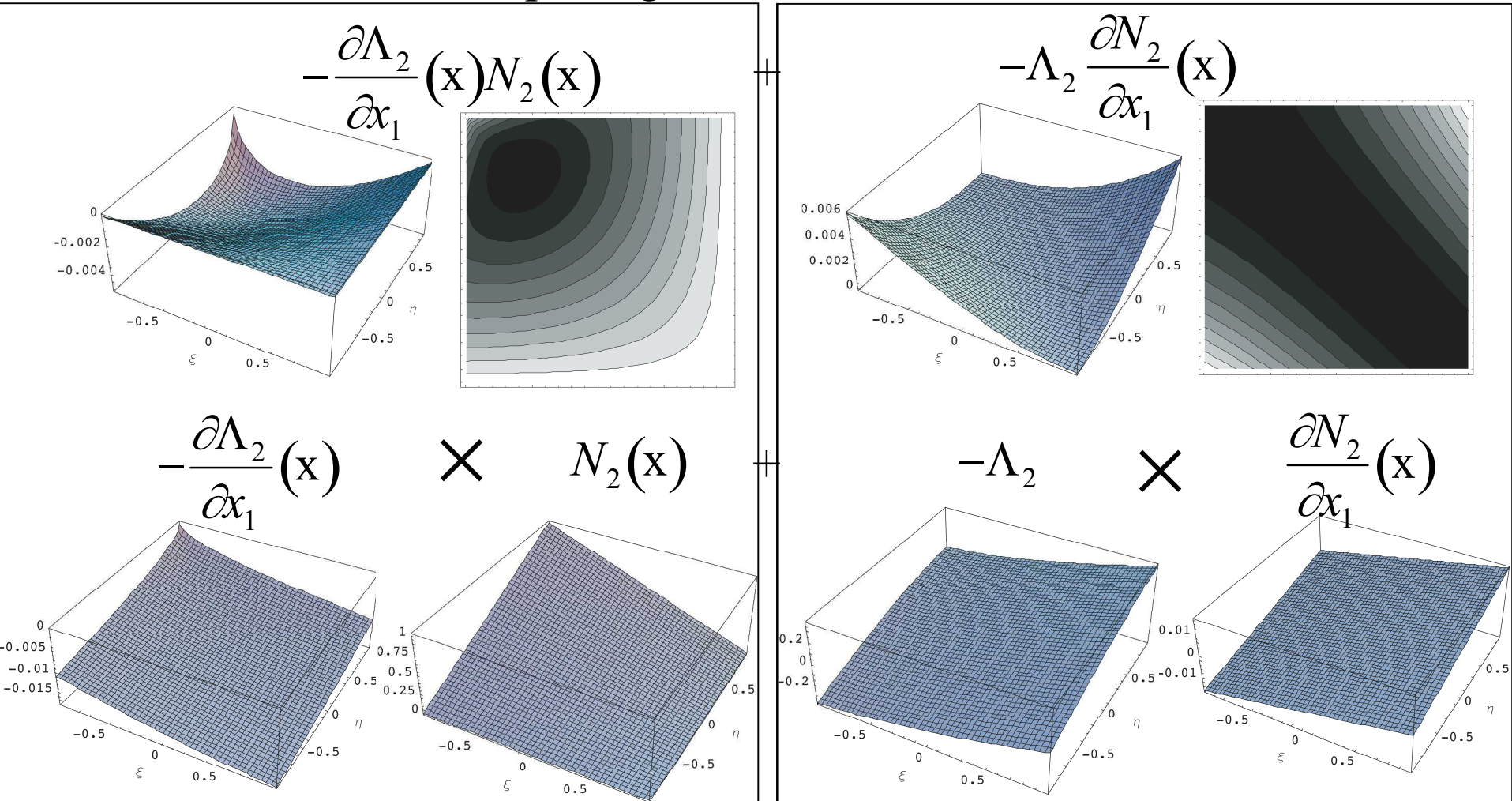


“within 2% of being flat”

Skewed-mesh: Enrichment

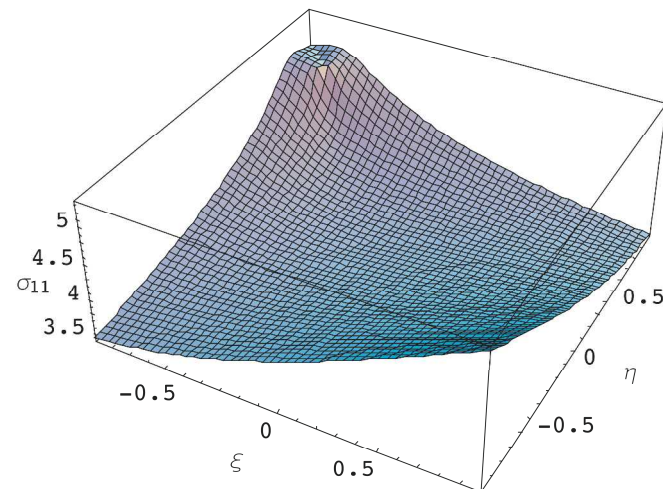
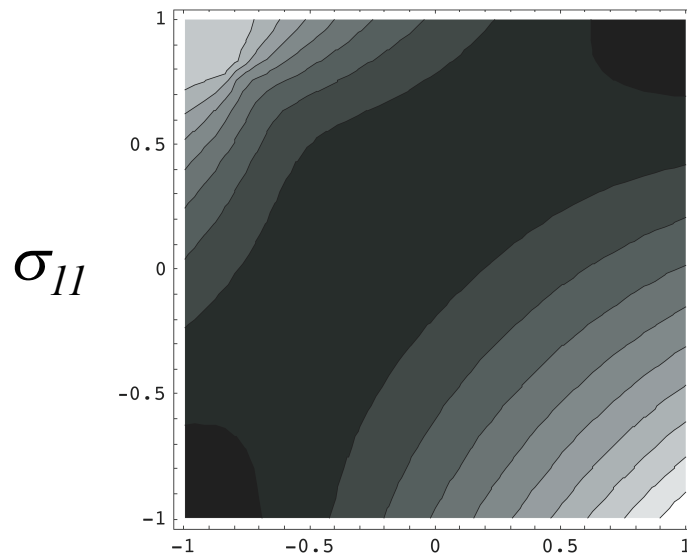
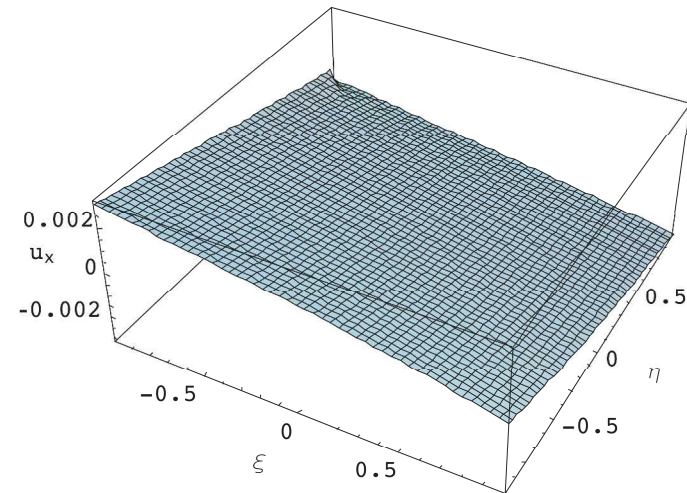
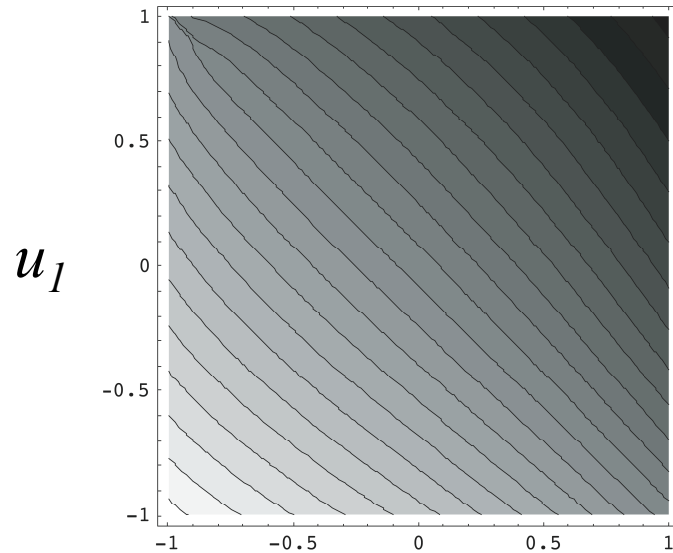
Enrichment contribution to $\varepsilon_{11}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[\sum_{i=1}^{N_N} \Lambda_2(\mathbf{x}) \mathbf{N}_i(\mathbf{x}) \alpha_{i2} \right]$

$\alpha_{22} < 0$ for crack opening



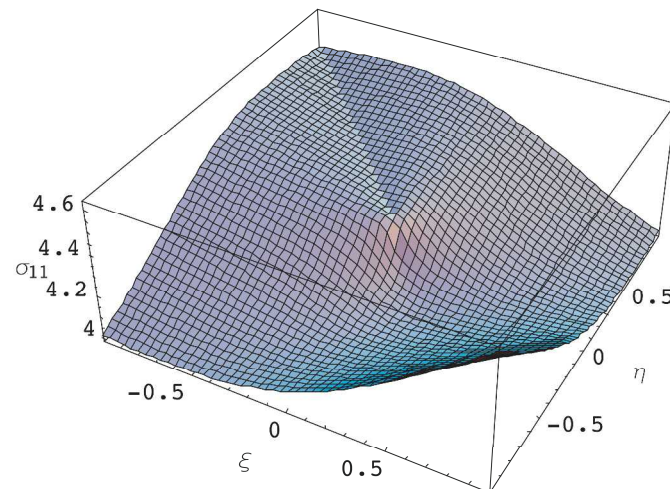
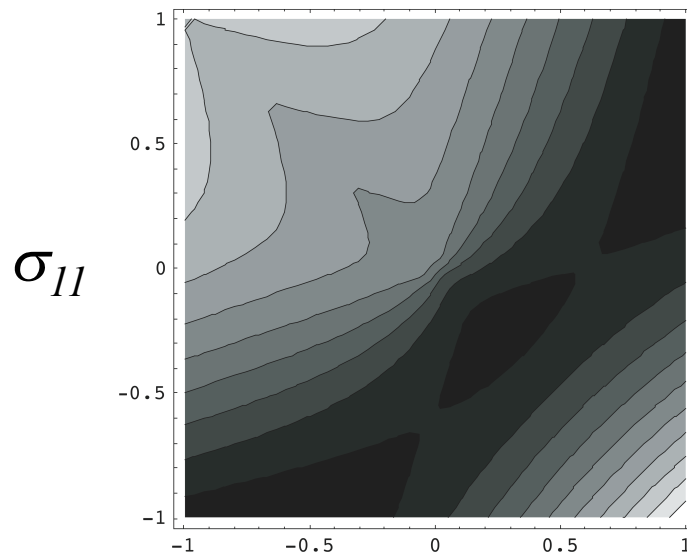
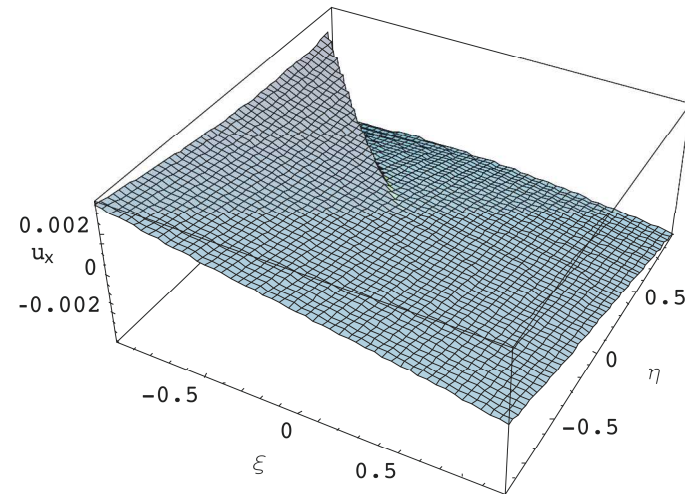
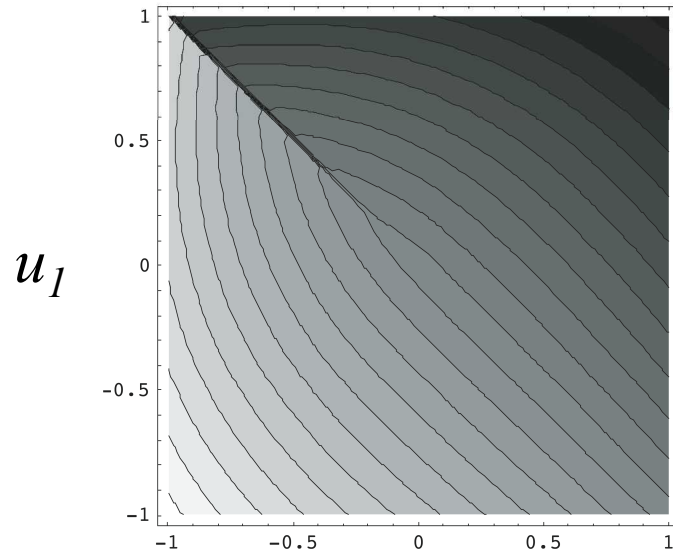
Skewed mesh: Results

Results for the tip 1/10 of the way through the second element



Skewed mesh: Additional Results

Results for the tip midway through the second element

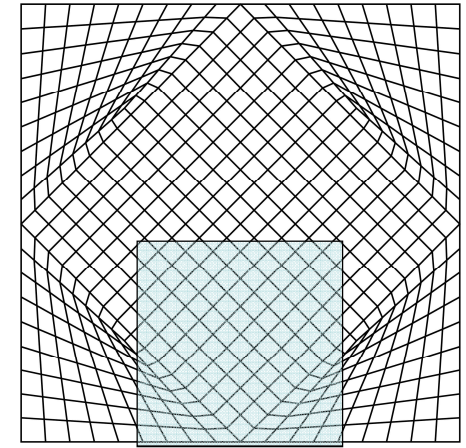


Neighborhood Enrichment

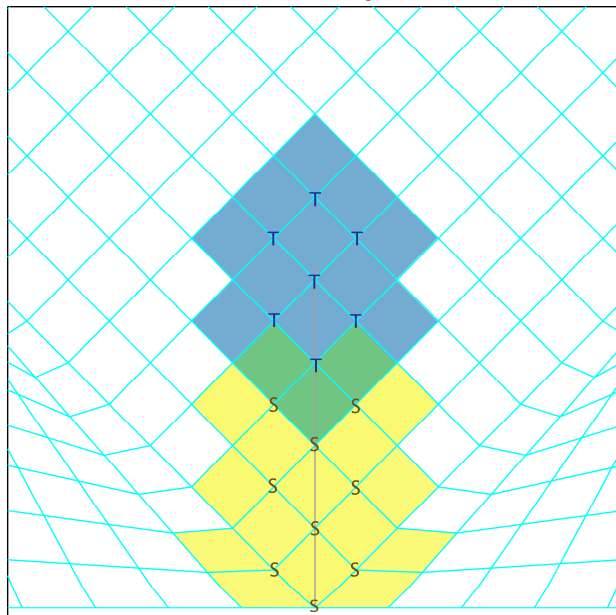
Aka the Mr. Roger's modification

Enriches additional nodes within a user-defined neighborhood of the tip.

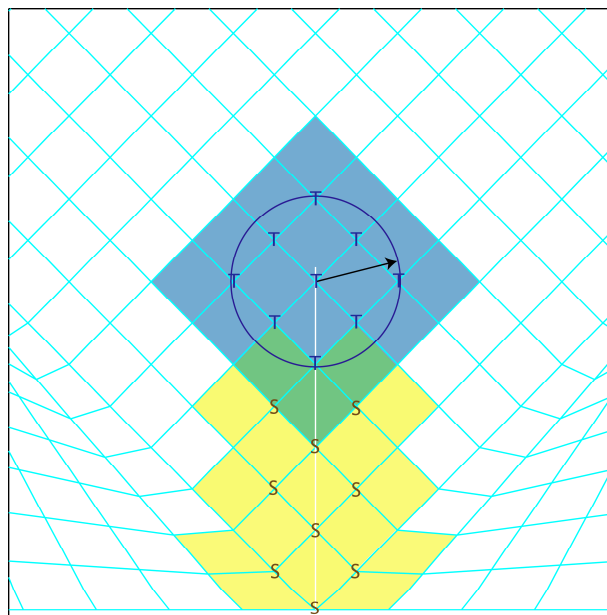
Done each time the tip enters a new element.



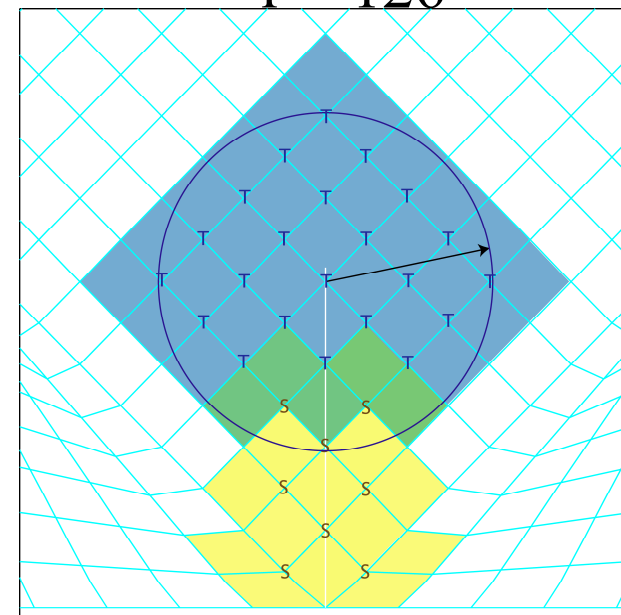
$r = 0$



$r = 63$



$r = 126$



Observations & Conclusions

- ❑ Modification of the enrichment to step enrichment in the wake of the cz can significantly improve the prediction of the crack profile.
- ❑ Initial results are not very sensitive to c , but adjustment of c for the tip-functions may be necessary for some classes of problems.
- ❑ PUFEM is exhibiting convergence (with mesh refinement)
- ❑ Product form of enrichment has negative effects with a “coarse” skewed-mesh.
- ❑ PUFEM for cohesive zone modeling of localization has potential and merits further investigation.
- ❑ No free-lunch -- algorithm complexity is high.

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