

# A Partition of Unity FEM for Cohesive Zone Modeling of Fracture

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# Preview

- ❑ Introduction
- ❑ PUFEM Displacement Field Enrichment
- ❑ Results for Model Problems
- ❑ Ongoing and Future Work

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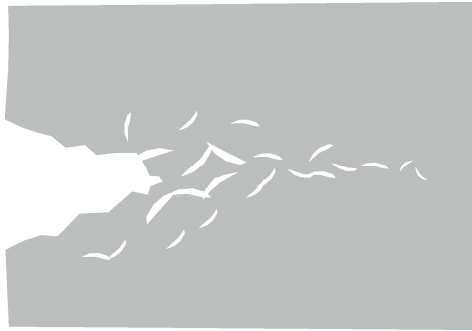
## □ Introduction

- Cohesive crack model
- Objective, goals, and approach
- Background
- Motivating problems

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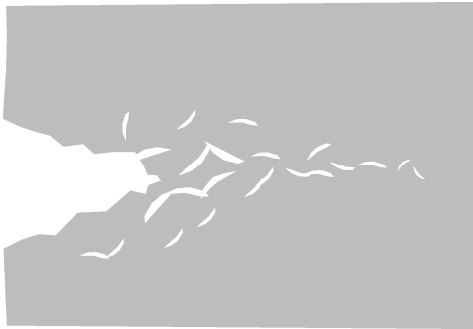
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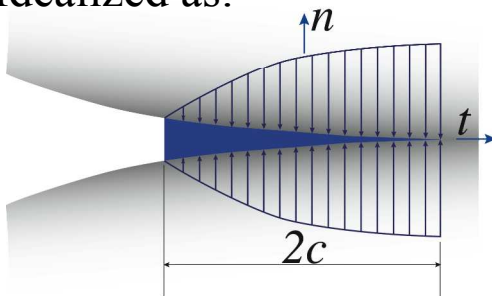
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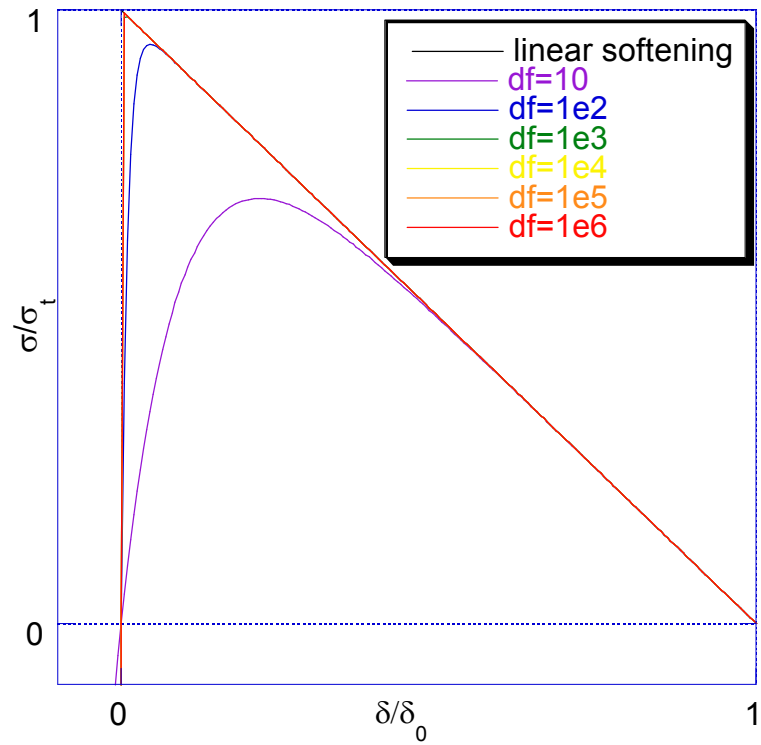
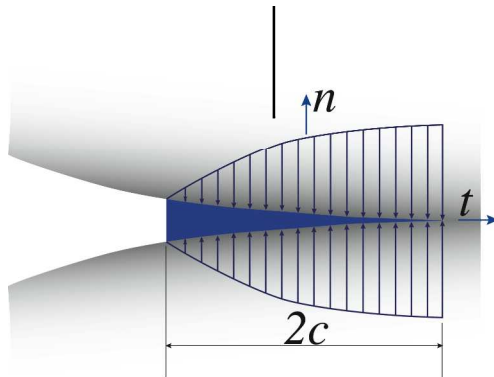


- Actual tractions are homogenized ( $\sigma$ )
  - Kinematic effects of micro-cracks are lumped to cohesive zone surface
- $\delta \sim$  a fictitious crack opening

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where the relationship between  $\sigma$  and  $\delta$  is given by the cohesive zone model



# Study Introduction

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

## **Goals:**

- ❑ 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 -- XFEM
  - used asymptotic displacement fields near a crack tip for enrichment

## Origins of this study

ARL (2001)

motivating problem: armor  
penetration

SNL

Initial problem: HDBT

Fracture modeling (LDRD fatigue)



## Recent Related Studies

### PUFEM-Cohesive Zone Studies

- Wells and Sluys (2001)
  - Moës and Belytschko (2002)
  - Zi and Belytschko (2003) -- tip function addresses tip position but not the field
  - Bivart (2004) & Mair (2003) -- no motivating problem or penetration tip at element edges
- SNL

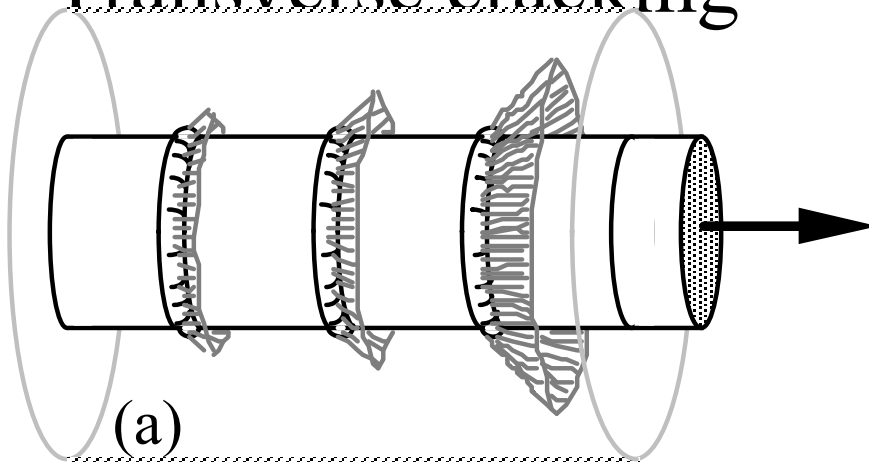
### Current work is closer to: BT

- Strouboulis, Copps, Zhang, and Babuska (2000, 2001, 2003)
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# Mechanical Interlocking Effects in Bond

## □ Concrete Cracking and Crushing

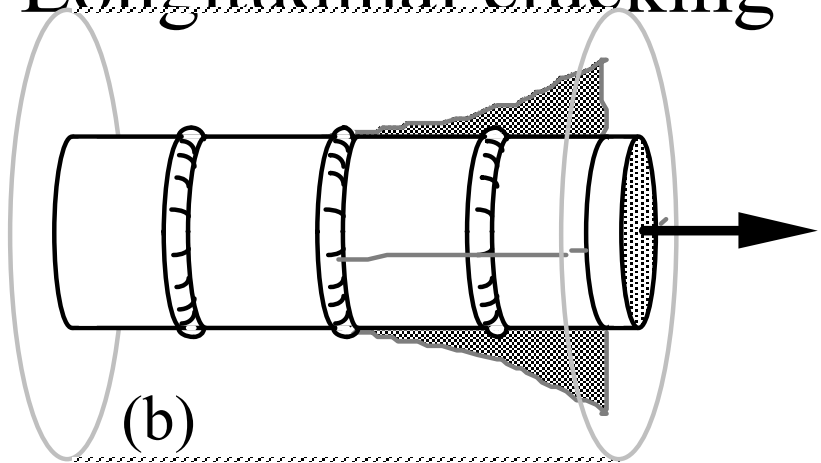
### Transverse cracking



(a)

AKA bond cracks

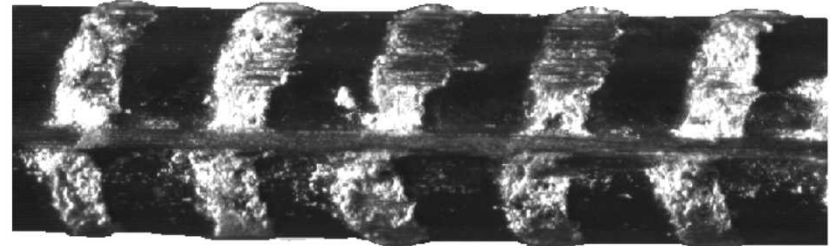
### Longitudinal cracking



(b)

AKA splitting cracks

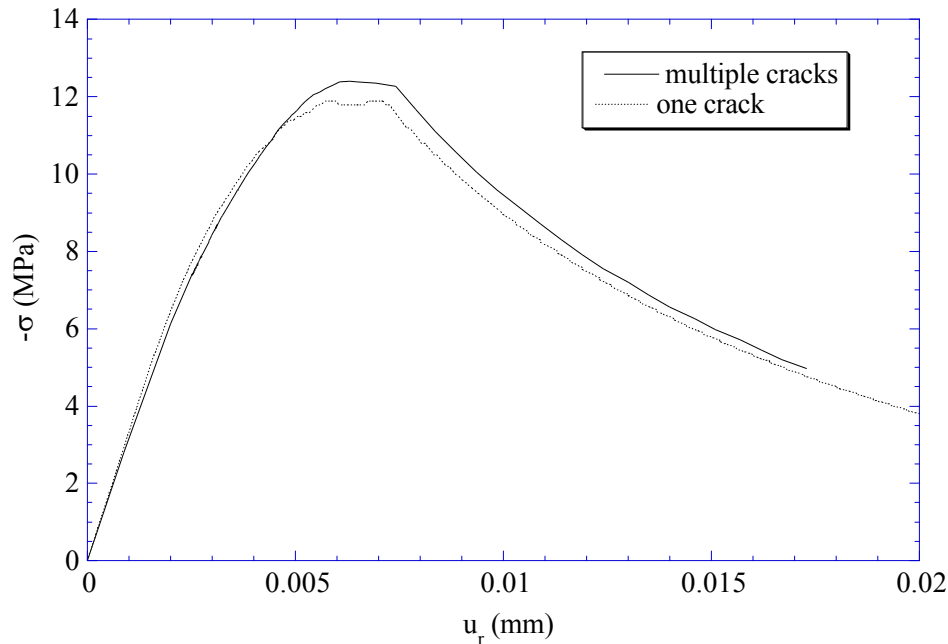
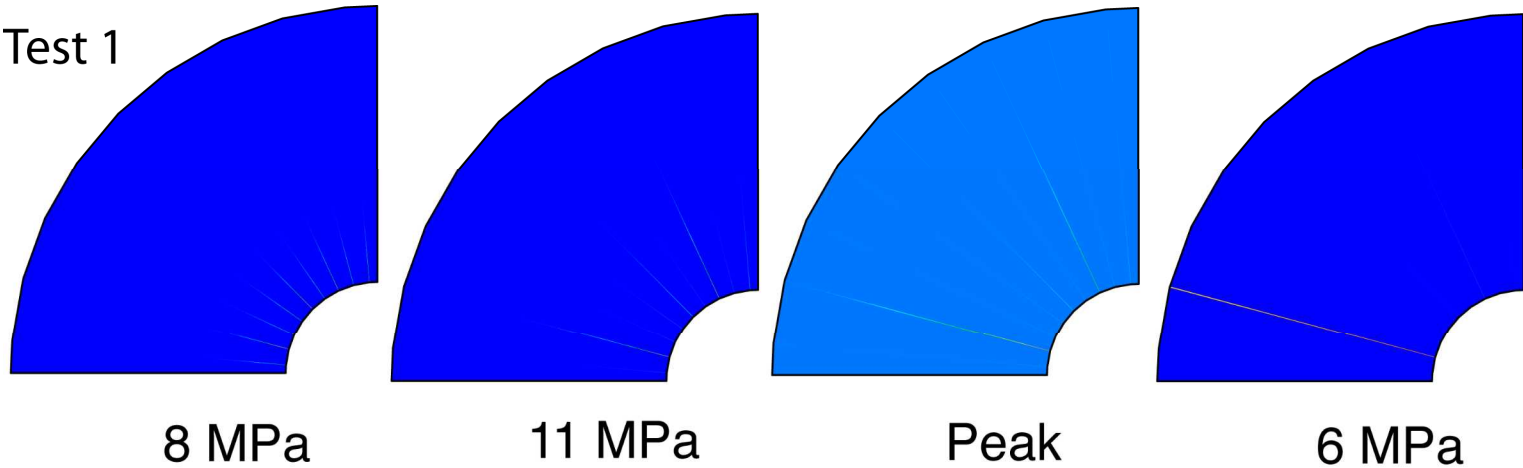
## □ Surface structure failure of the FRP bar



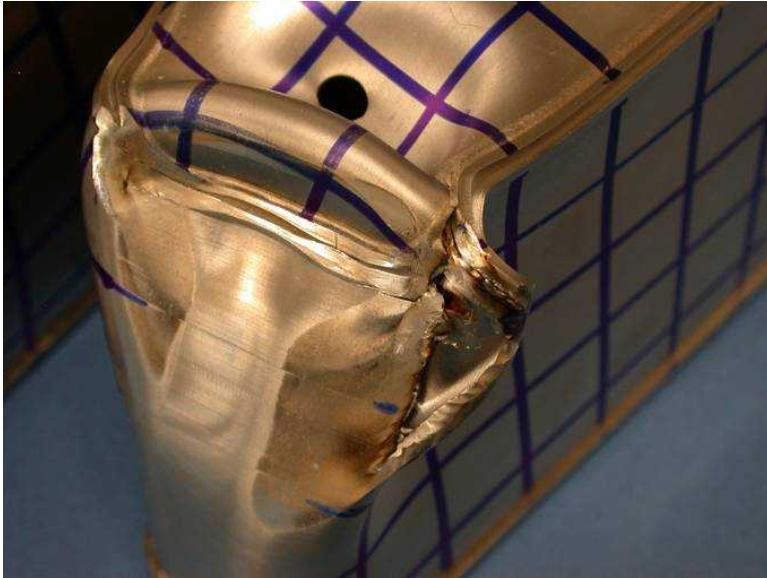
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# Cohesive Zone Modeling of Splitting Cracks

Test 1



# Sandia Problems



# Preview

- PUFEM Displacement Field Enrichment
  - General formulation
  - My path to enrichment
  - Analytical enrichment functions

# PUFEM Displacement Field Enrichment

□ Standard FEM

□ PUFEM

Global displacement approximations

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

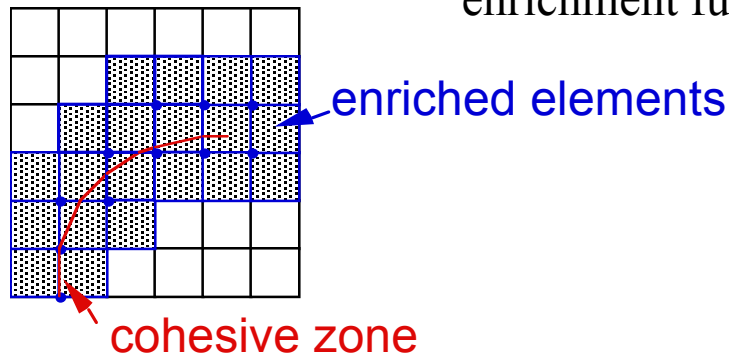
$$u(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^{N_\Phi} \Phi_i(\mathbf{x}) u_i + \sum_{j=1}^{N_\Lambda} \sum_{i=1}^{N_\Phi} \Lambda_j(\mathbf{x}) \Phi_i(\mathbf{x}) \alpha_{ij}$$

Element displacement approximations

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

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enrichment functions



# Path to Enrichment

# Enrichment Functions: An Analytical Source

Muskhelishvili formalism

Hong & Kim (2003) obtained a series solution to the inverse problem

Zhang & Deng (2006) obtained asymptotic solutions

– both assumed linear elastic isotropic material (except for cohesive zone)

Additional analysis has been used to:

verify the proposed solutions

extend them for field variables required by the PUFEM

## □ Displacements

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

where  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$  are analytic functions, and  $z = x+iy$ .

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

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



## Enrichment Functions: An Analytical Source

- Displacement gradients

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

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

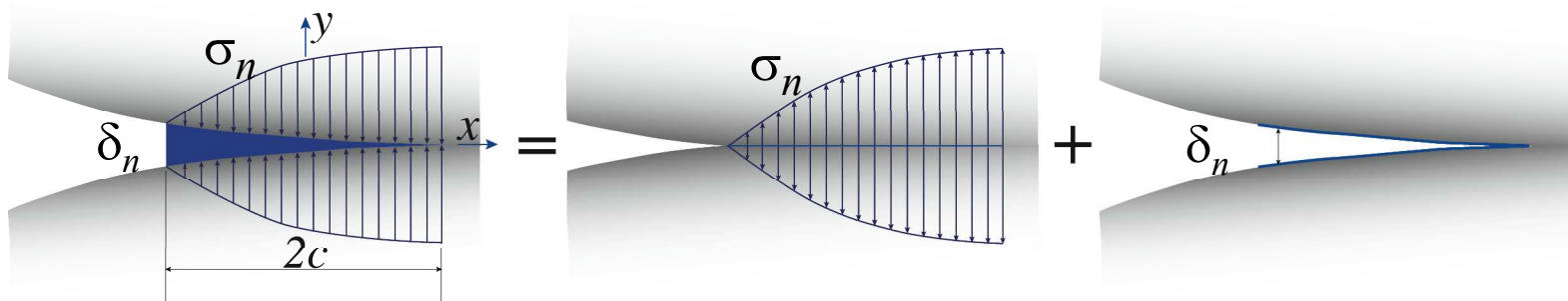
- Stress components

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

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

## Enrichment Functions: An Analytical Source

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- Analytic functions

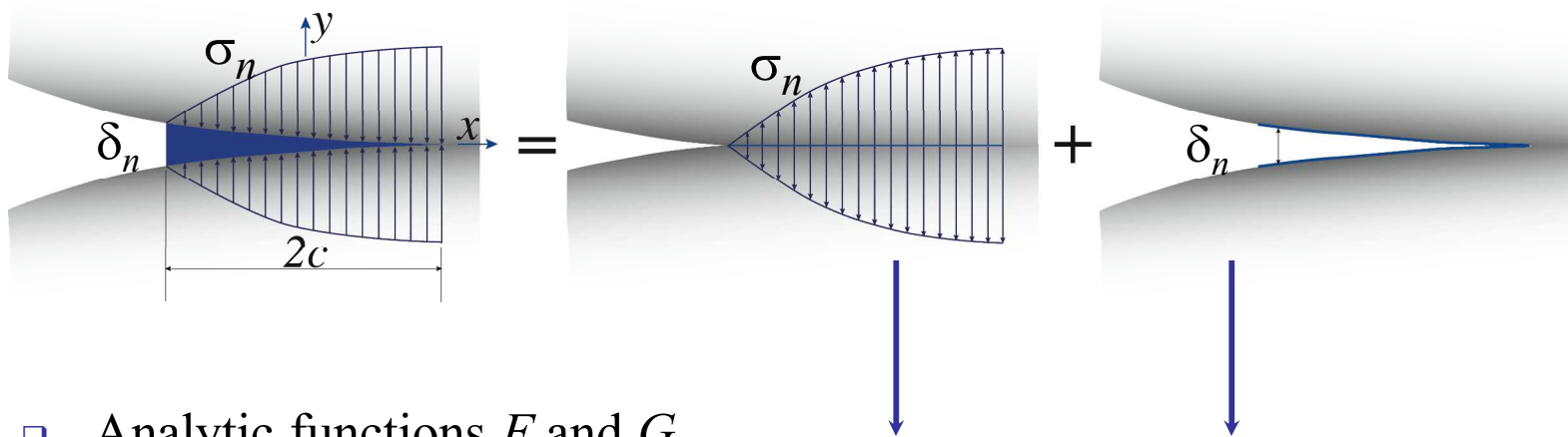
$$\Phi(z) = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \sqrt{z+c} F(z) - \sqrt{z-c} G(z) + H(z) \right]$$

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

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

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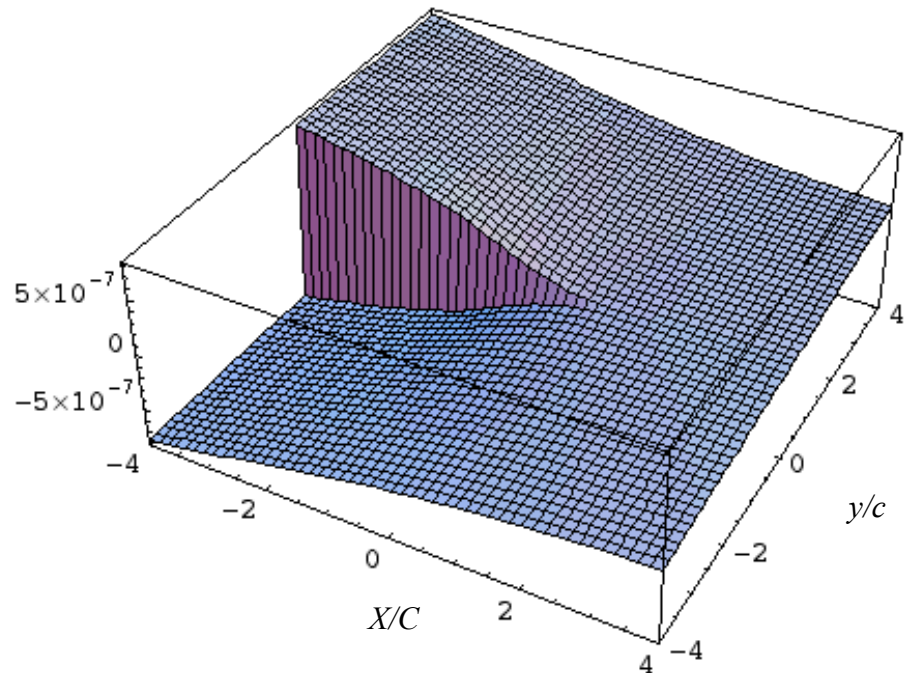
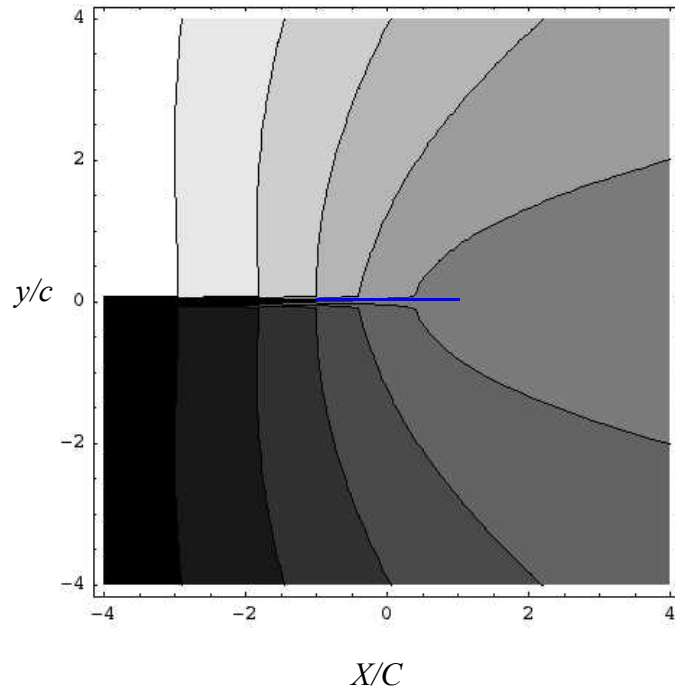
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- $F(z)=G(z)=1$
- $H(z)=0$

Problem for plots

$$E=10^7 \text{ psi}, \nu=0.3$$

## □ $u_2$



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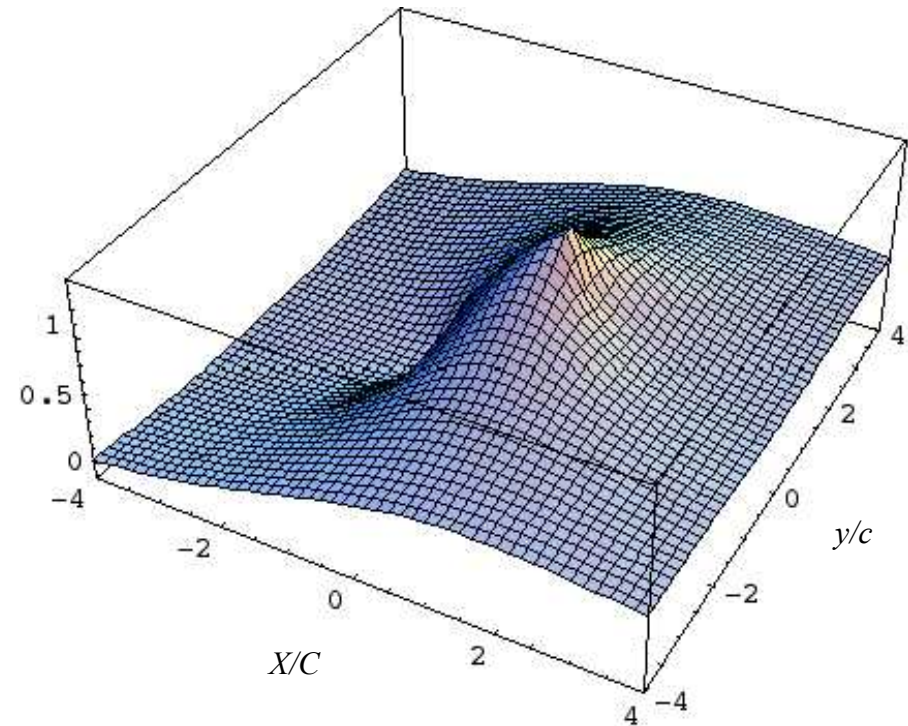
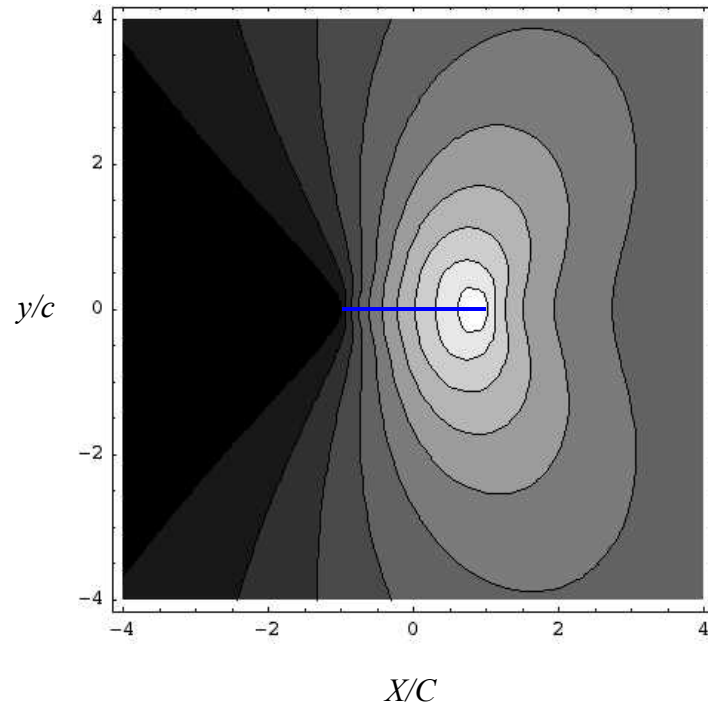
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□  $\sigma_{22}$



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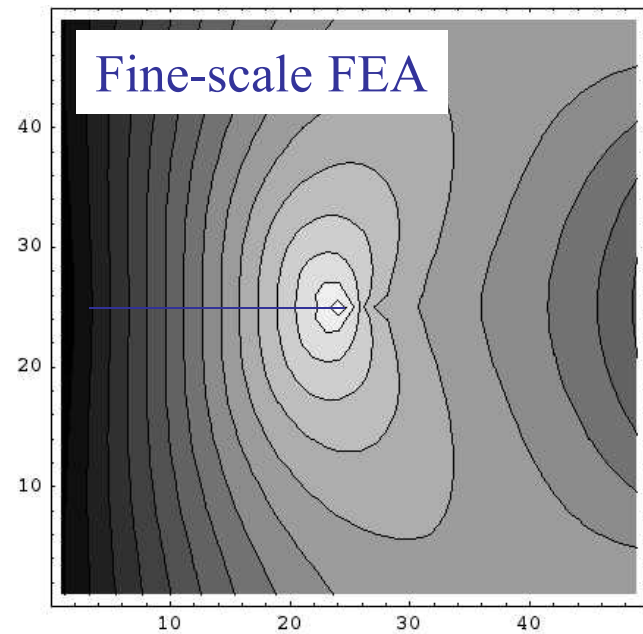
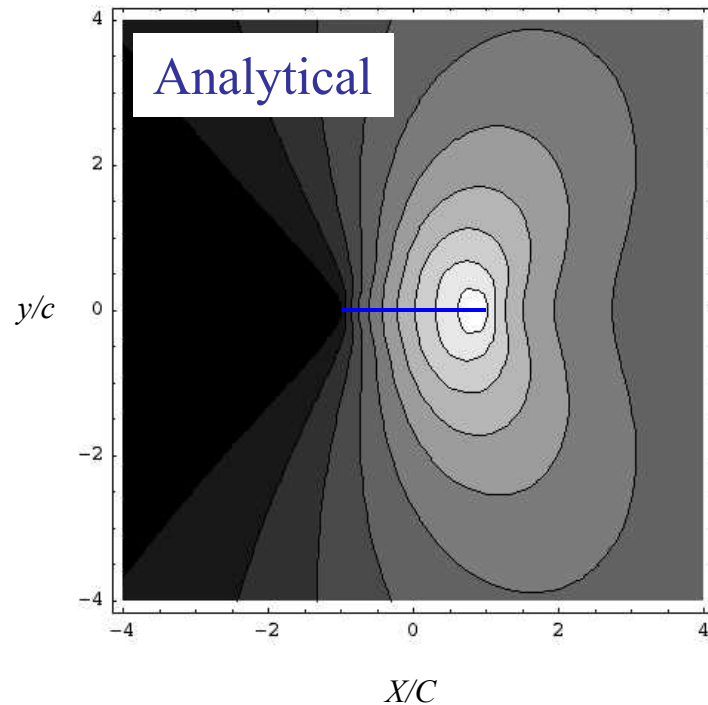
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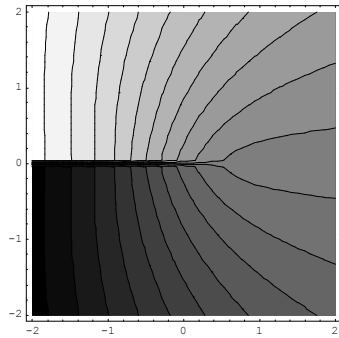
Note: problems differ and CZ sizes are not to the same scale.

## □ Qualitative comparison of $\sigma_{22}$ with fine-scale FEA

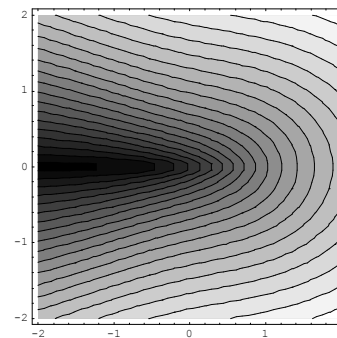
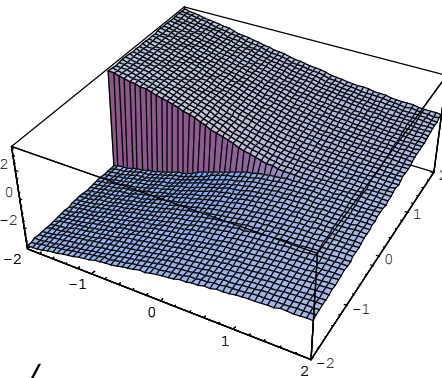


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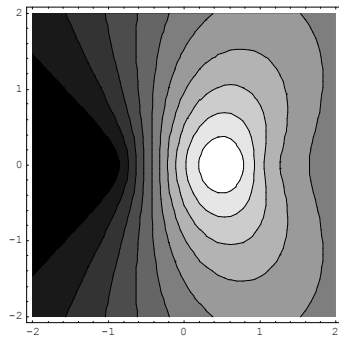
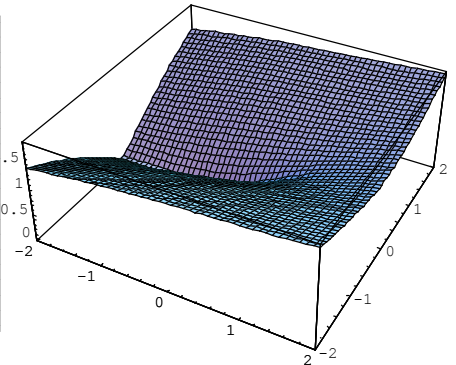
- Based upon the asymptotic solutions of Zhang & Deng



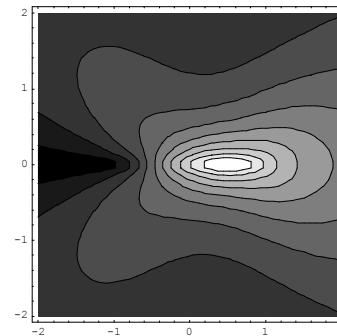
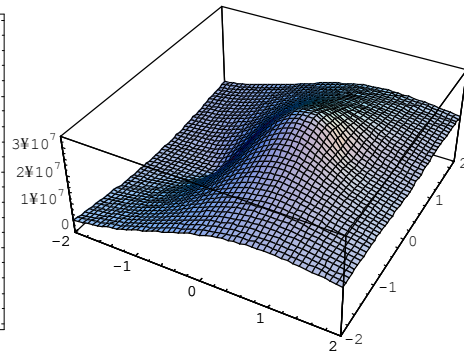
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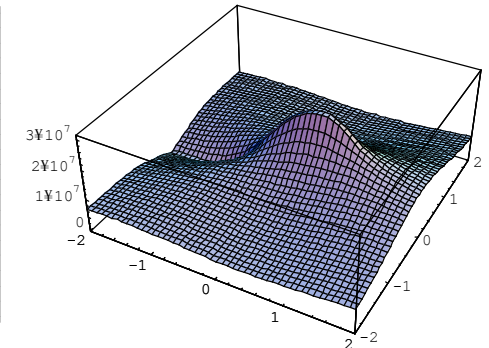
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$\sigma_{22}/c$



$\sigma_{11}/c$



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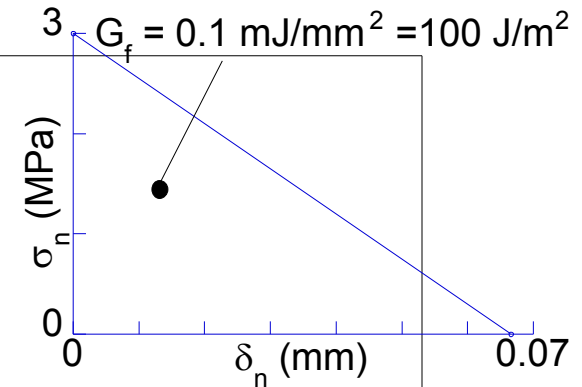
- ❑ Results for Model Problems
  - Simple model problems & Meshes
  - Example showing how enrichment->crack
  - Results for aligned meshes
  - Results for skewed meshes



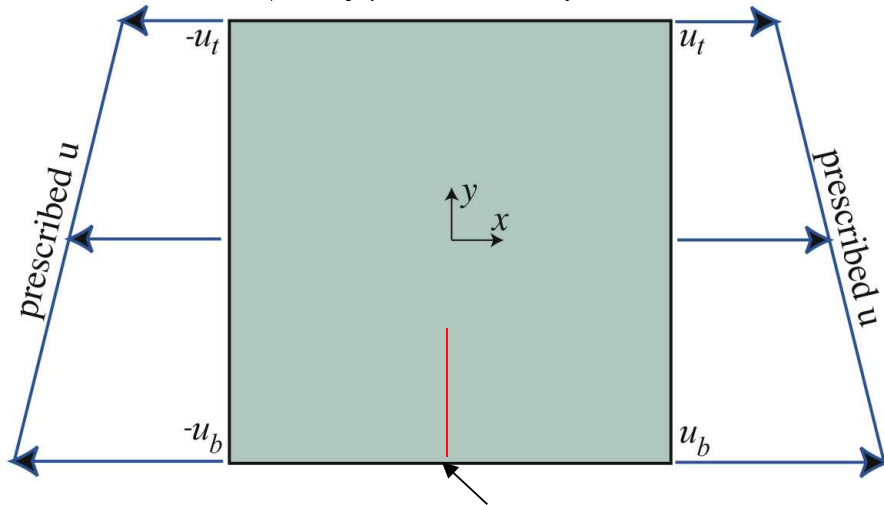
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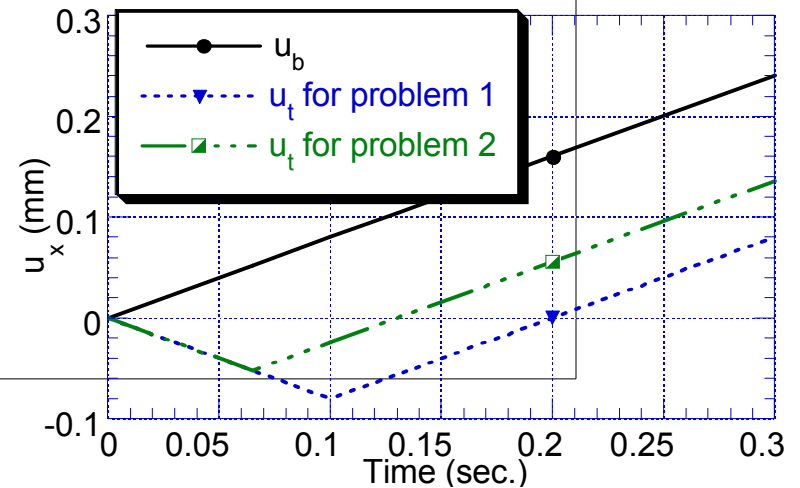
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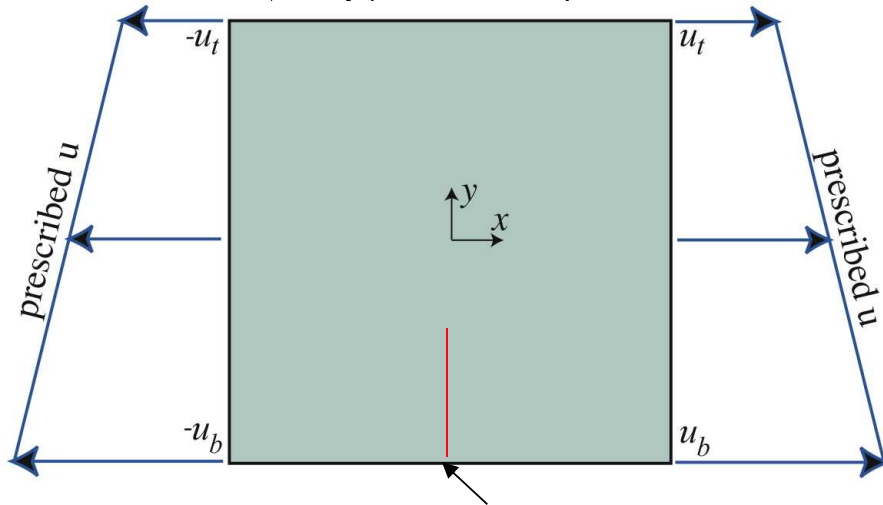


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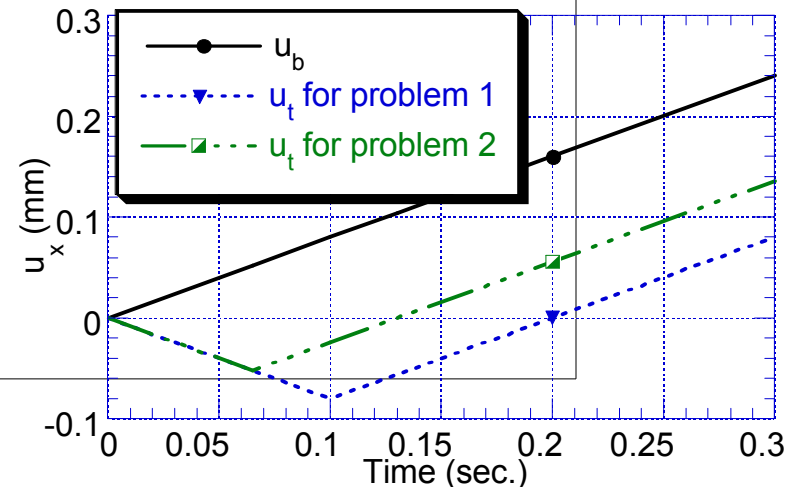
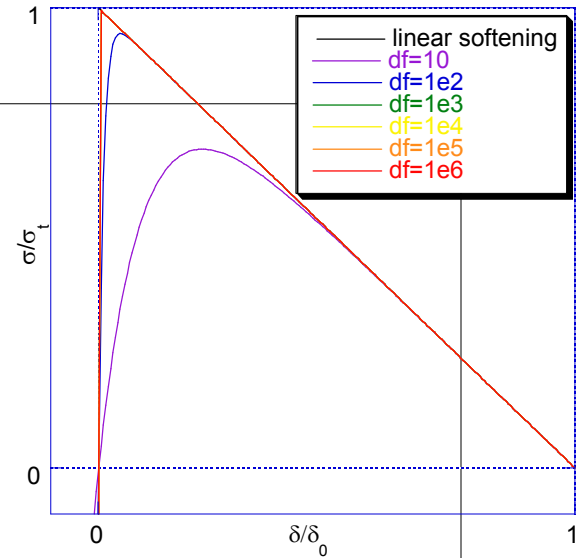
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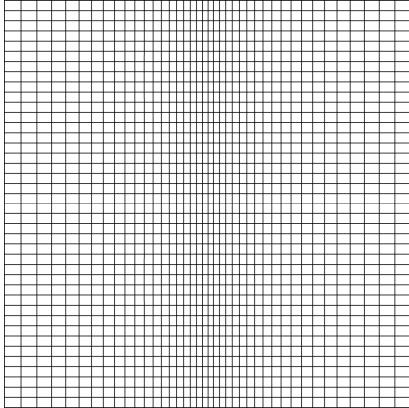
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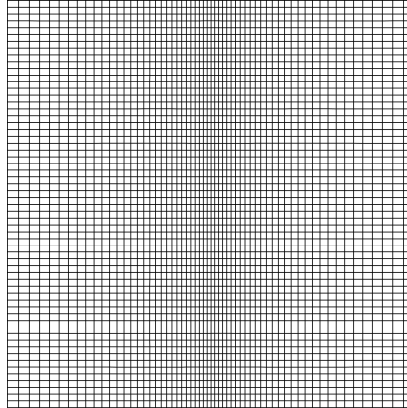
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- Fine FEM meshes – accurate reference solution

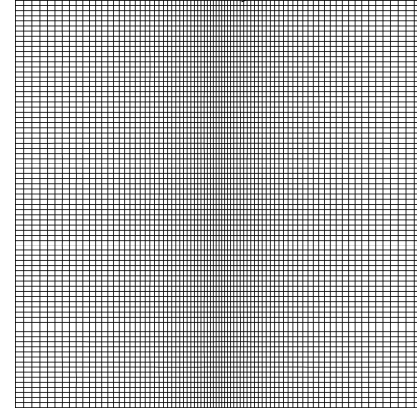
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61x60 ~ 7564 dofs

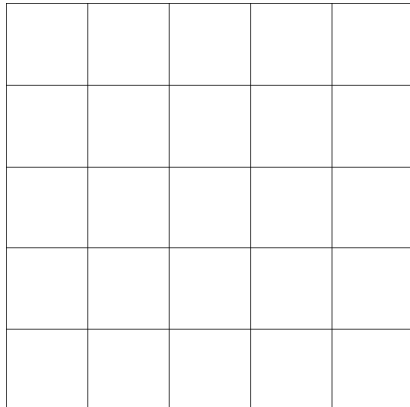


81x80 ~ 13,284 dofs

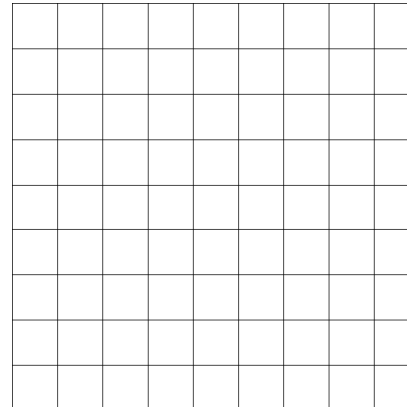


- PUFEM – Aligned Meshes

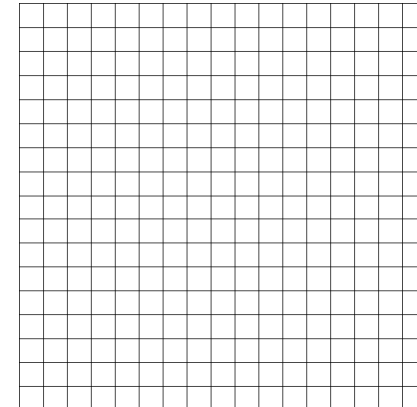
5x5 ~ 72+36 dofs



9x9 ~ 200+52 dofs

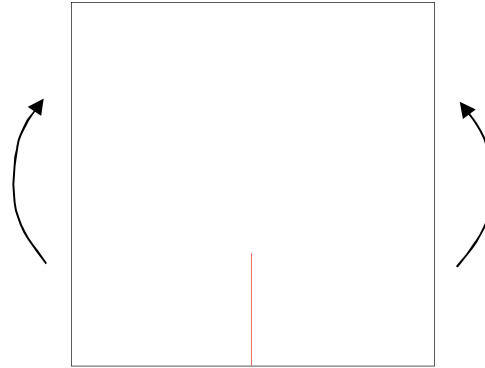


17x17 ~ 648+88 dofs

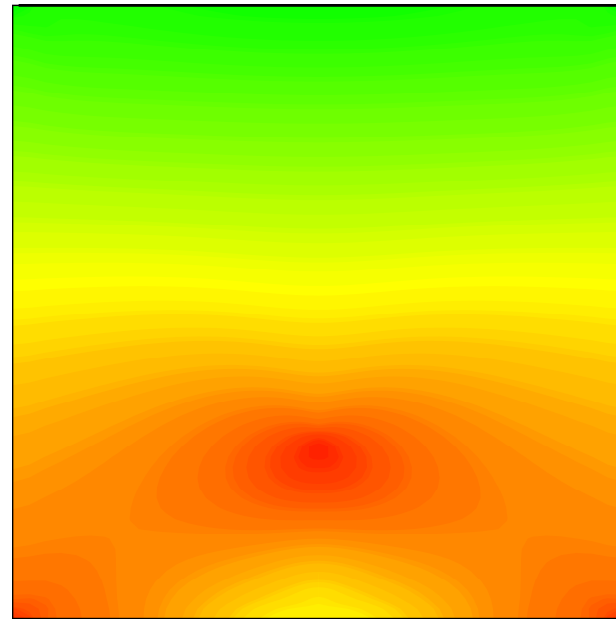


# PUFEM Displacement Field Enrichment

Example Problem:  
concrete 1 m x 1 m  
in bending

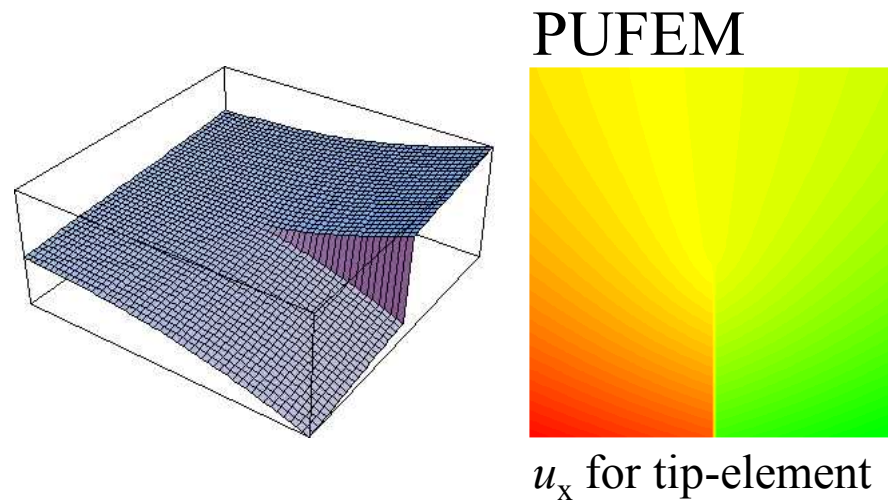
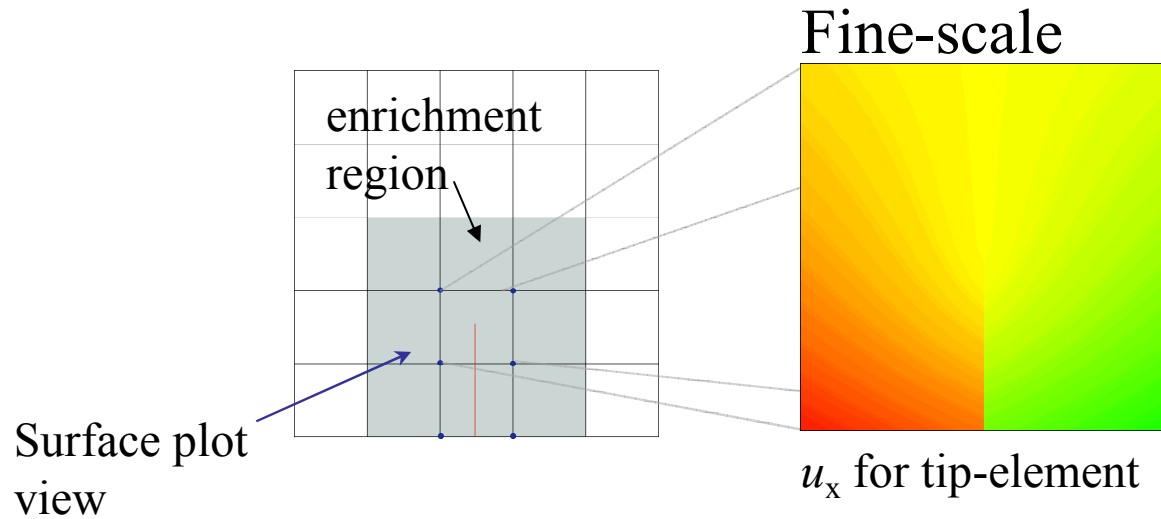


fine-scale FEM solution:  $u_x$

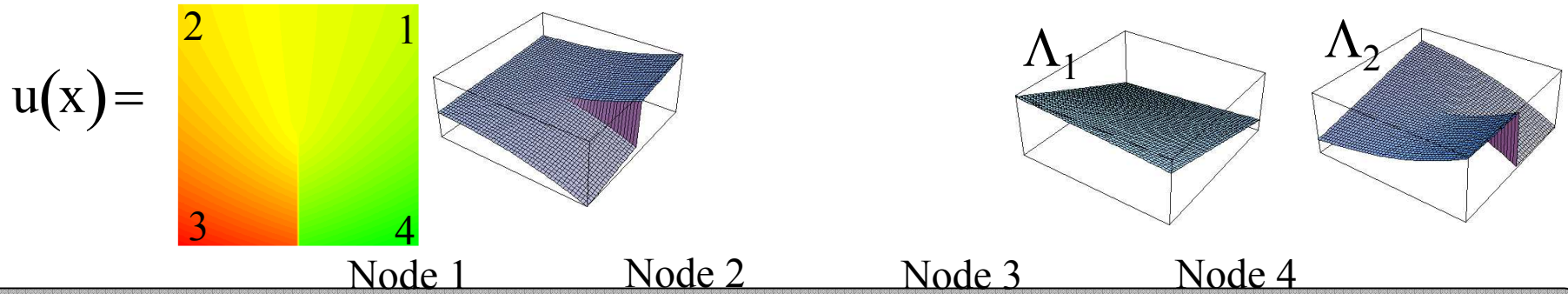


fine-scale FEM solution:  $\sigma_{xx}$

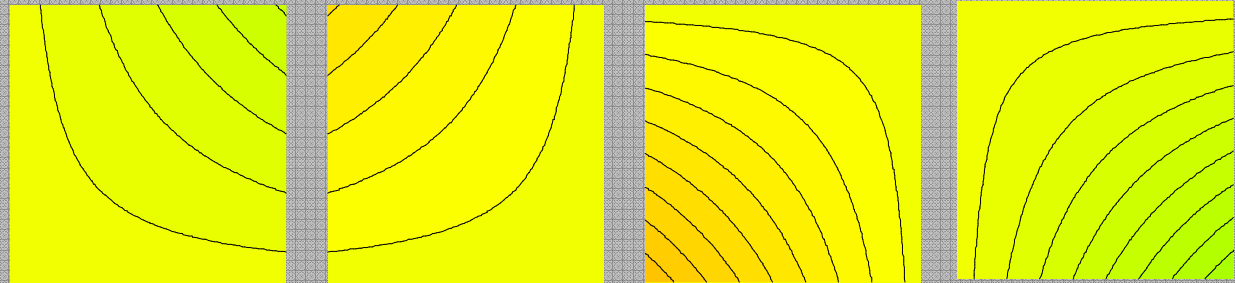
## Example response in the “tip-element”



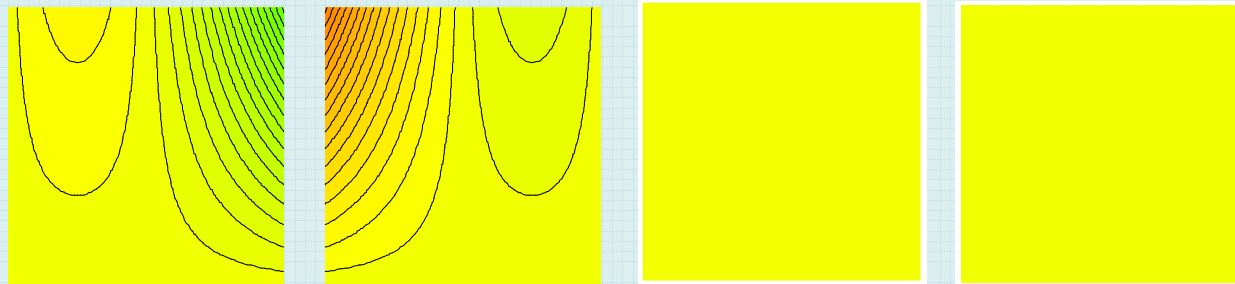
# Example enrichment in the “tip element”



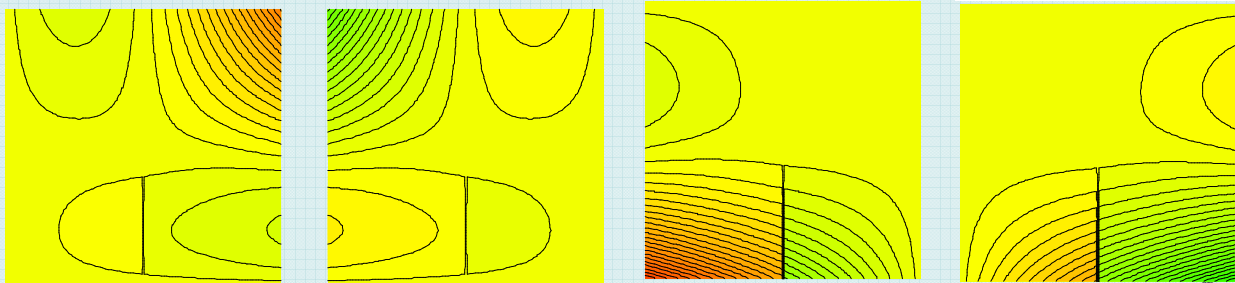
$$\sum_{i=1}^{N_N} \mathbf{N}_i(\mathbf{x}) u_i$$



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



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

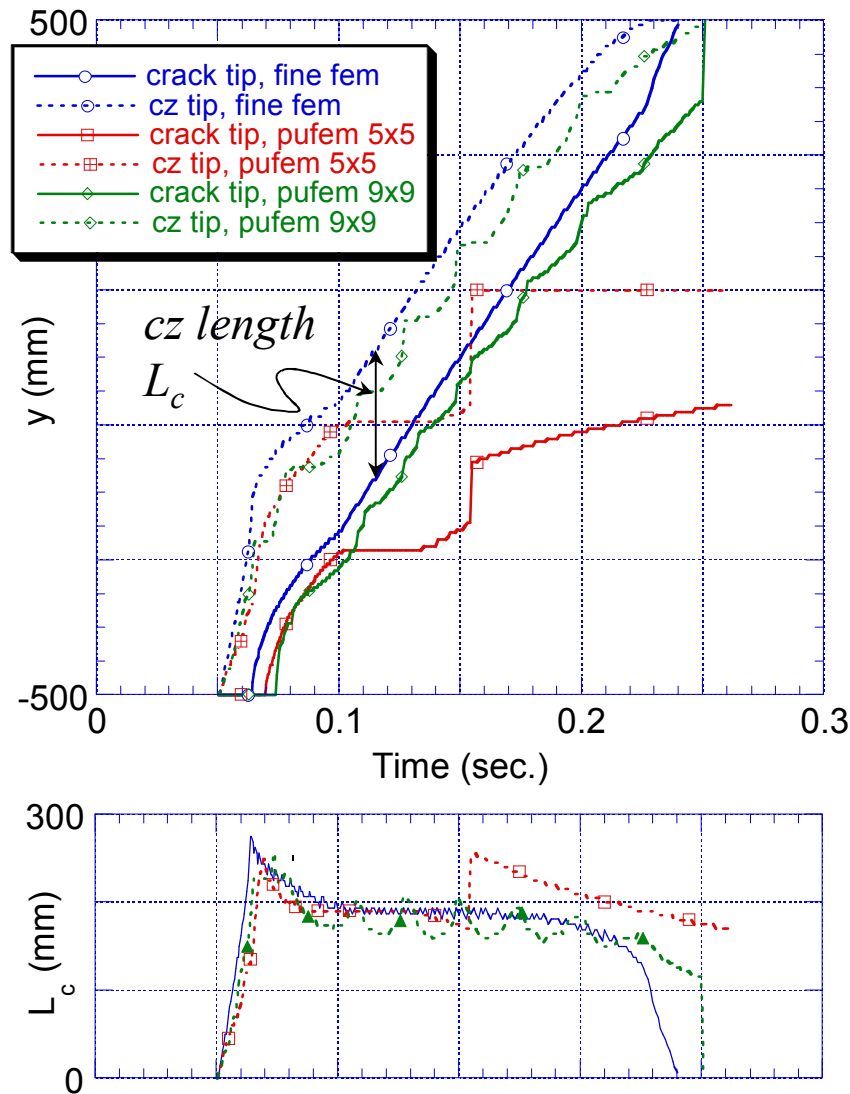


# Extremes & Length History

*F&G enrichment functions*

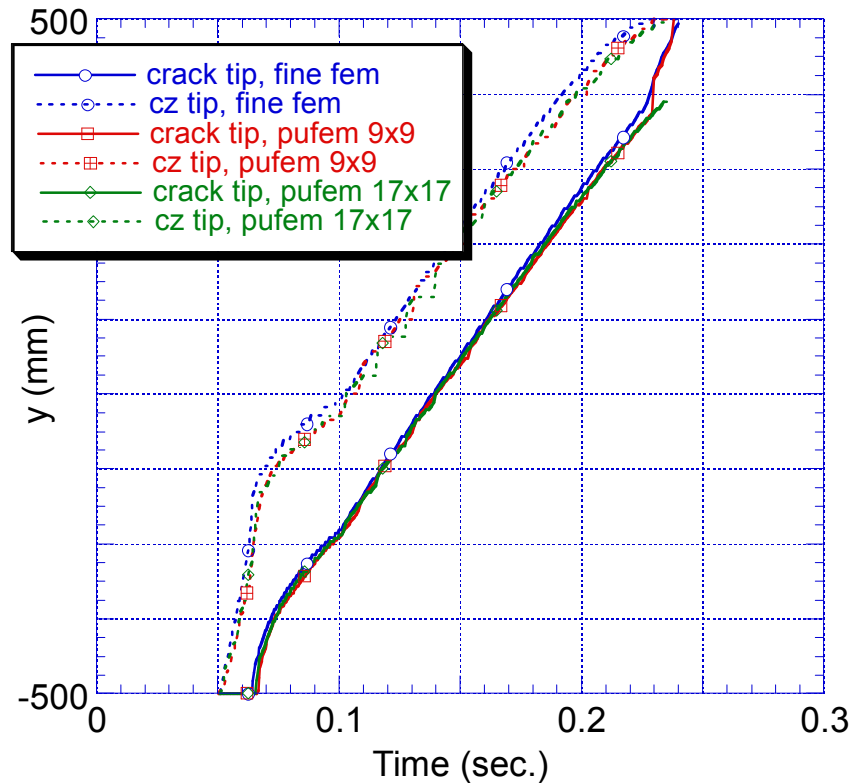
*2 PUFEM meshes  
 $c = 125 \text{ mm}$*

*Grid lines represent  
element spacing in  
the coarsest mesh.*



# Extremes Histories

aligned meshes with the  $\lambda$  enrichment functions

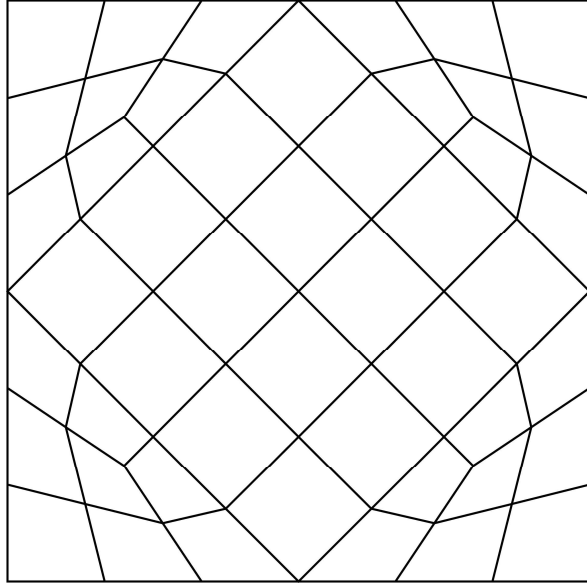


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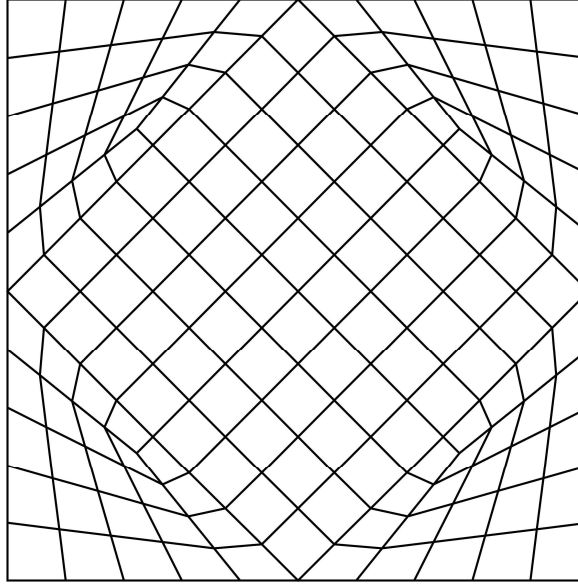
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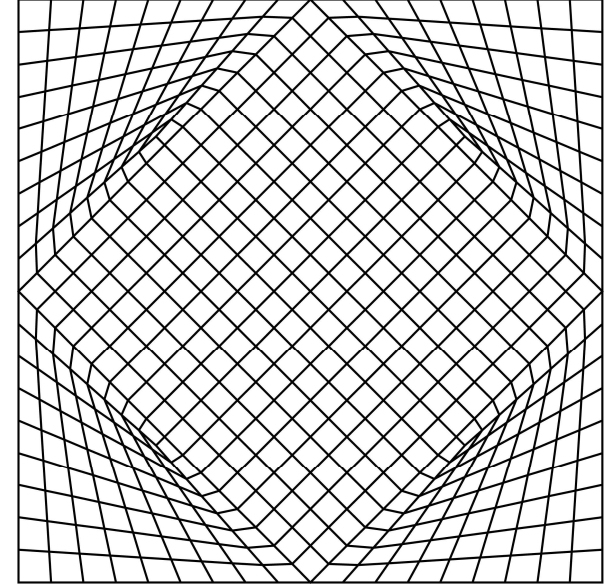
## PUFEM Skewed Mesh Tests



4x4 @ 45°

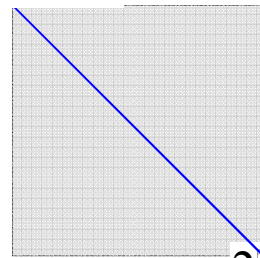
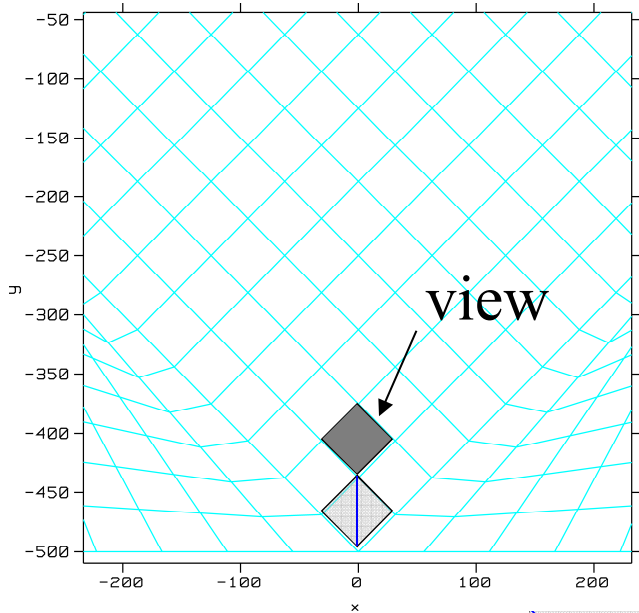


8x8 @ 45°



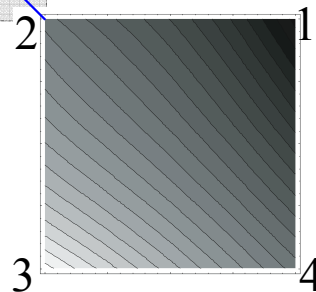
16x16 @ 45°

# Skewed-mesh: Results and Enrichment

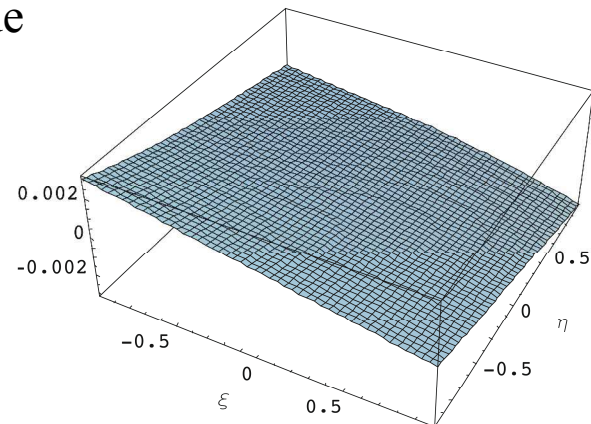
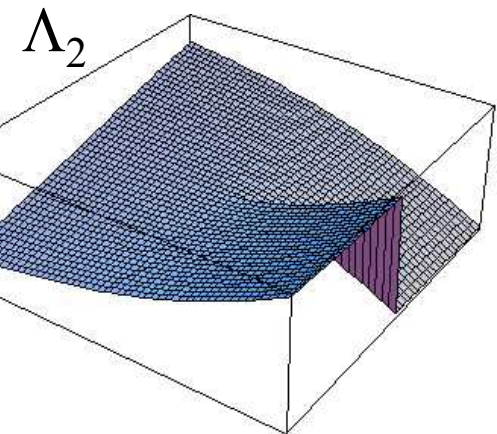


Node 2 is the only enriched node

$$u_1(x) =$$

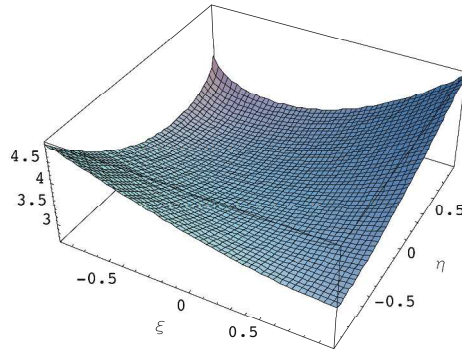
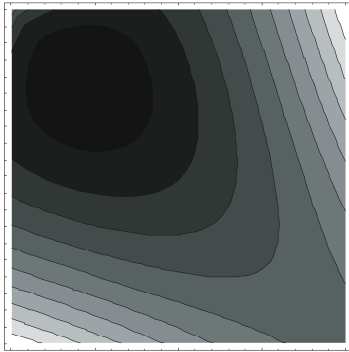


Using a single enrichment Function ( $G=1$ )

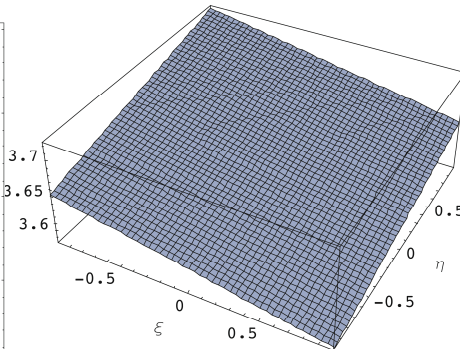
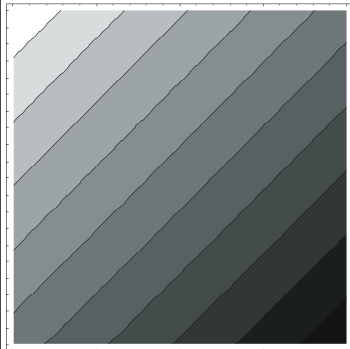


# Skewed-mesh: Enrichment

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

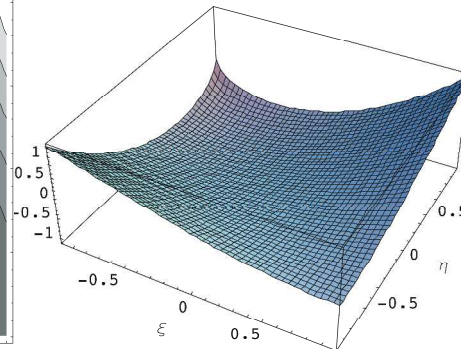
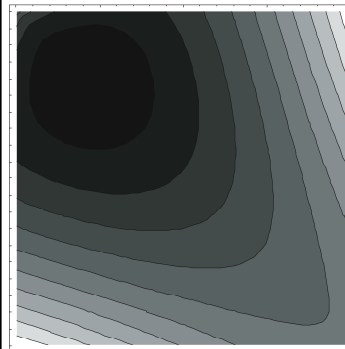


$$\sum_{i=1}^{N_N} \mathbf{N}_i(\mathbf{x}) u_i$$



+

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

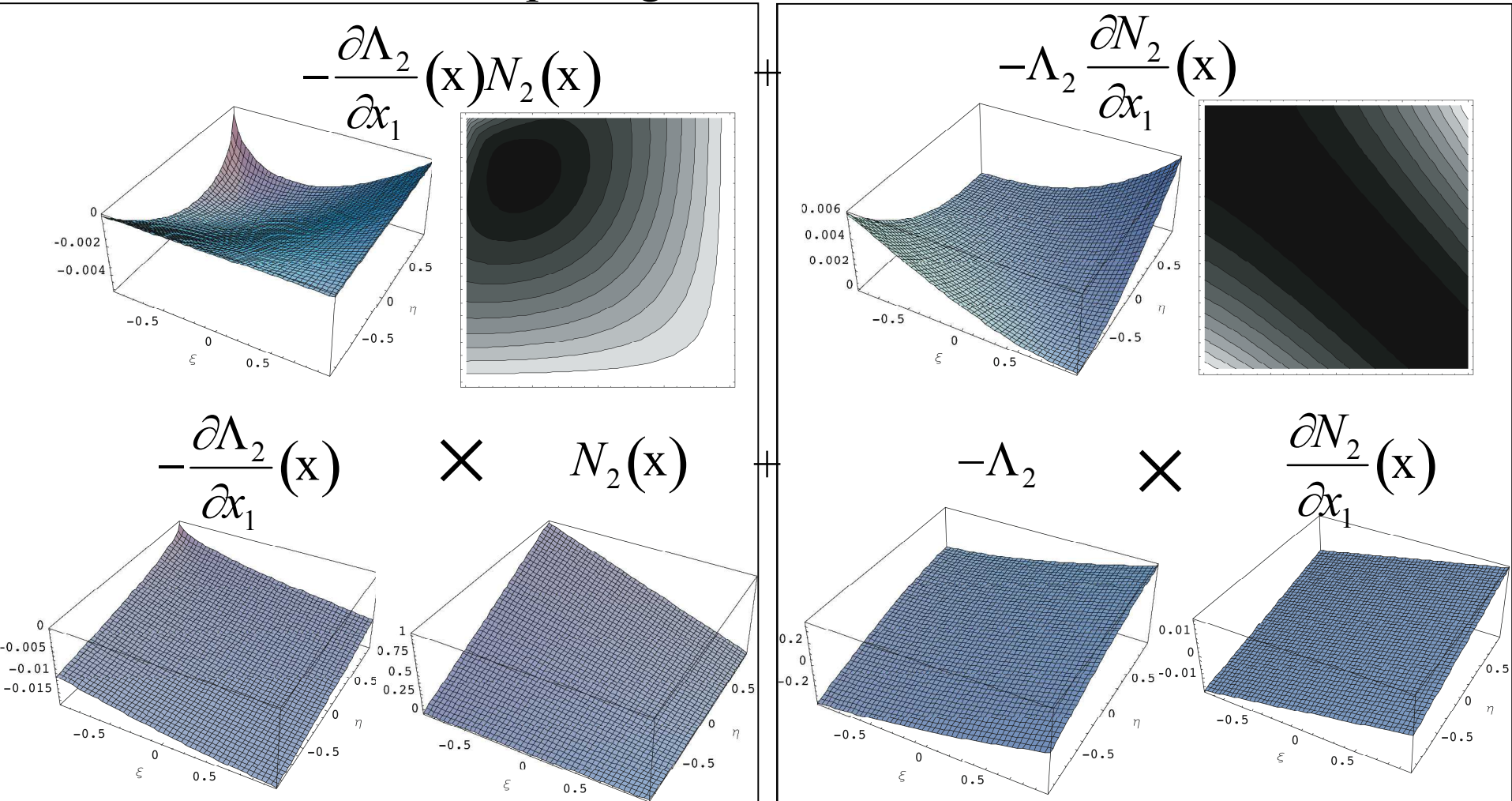


“within 2% of being flat”

# Skewed-mesh: Enrichment

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

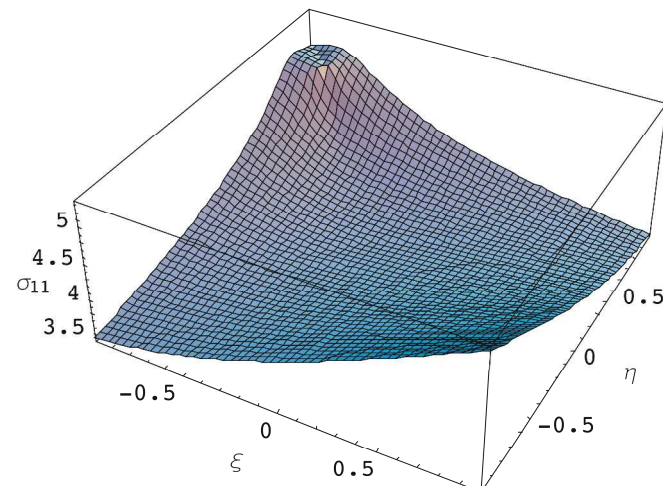
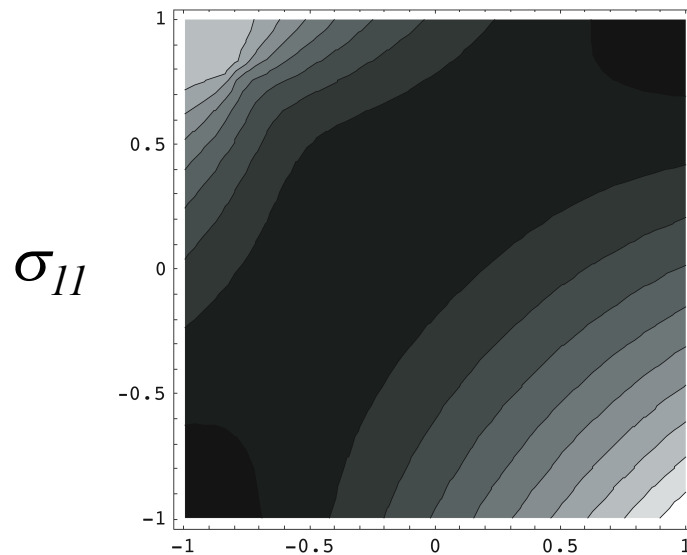
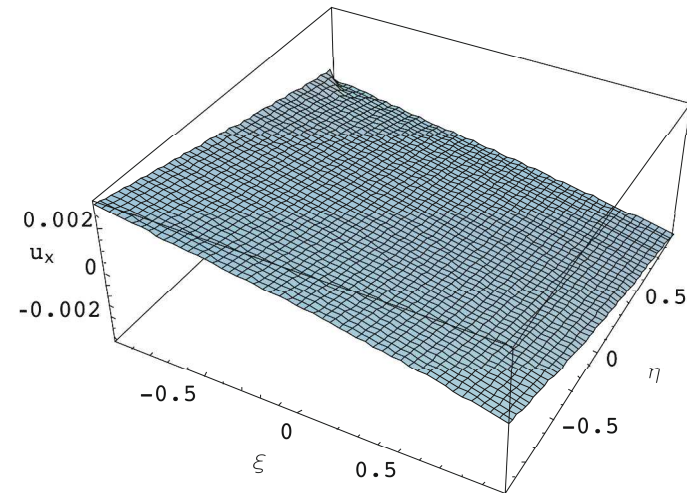
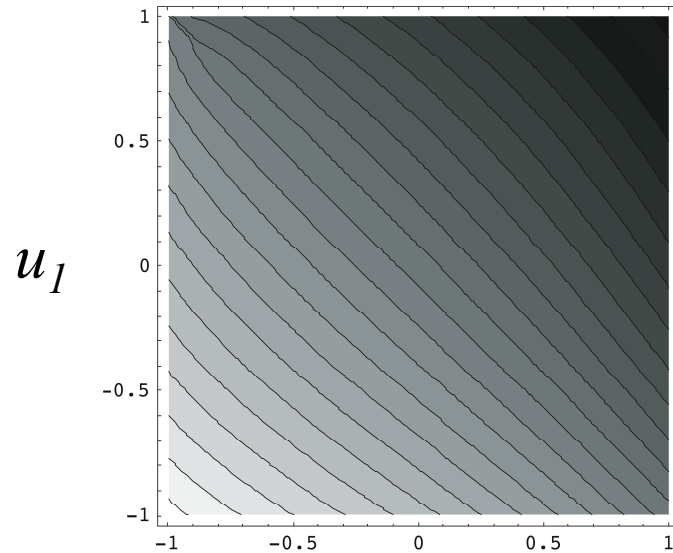
$\alpha_{22} < 0$  for crack opening





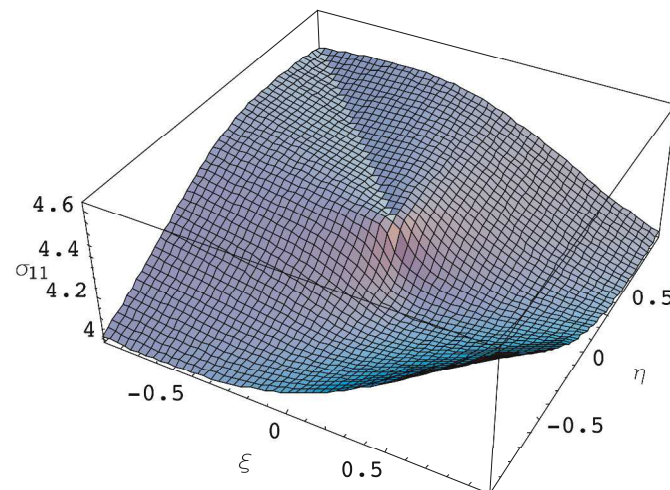
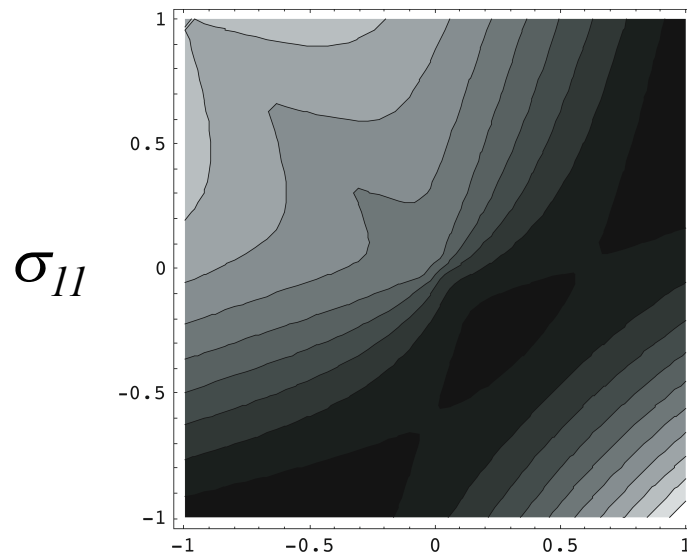
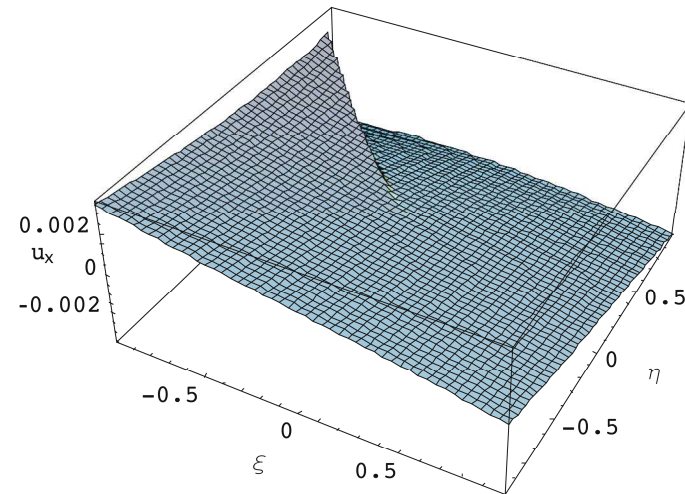
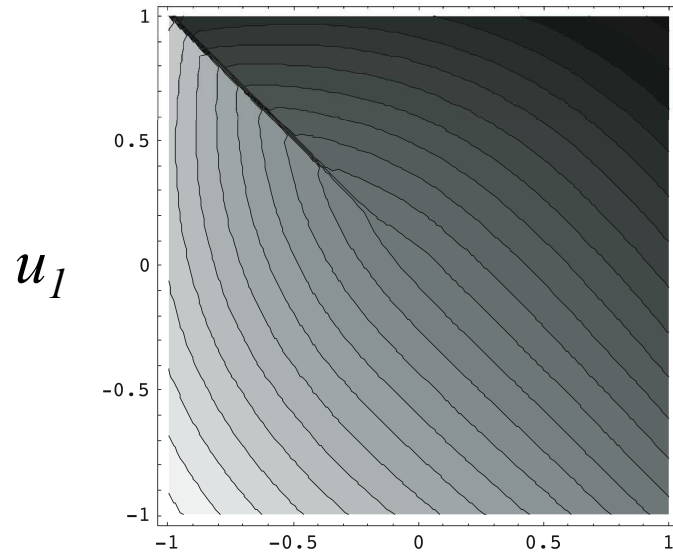
# Skewed mesh: Results

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

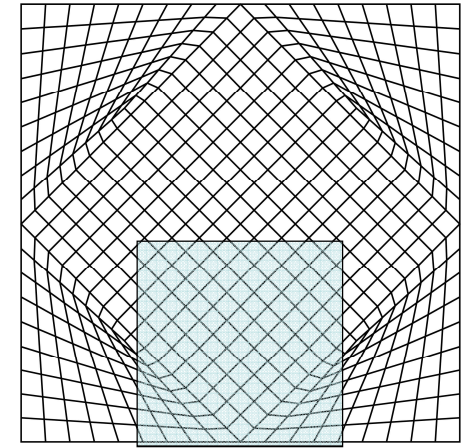


# Neighborhood Enrichment

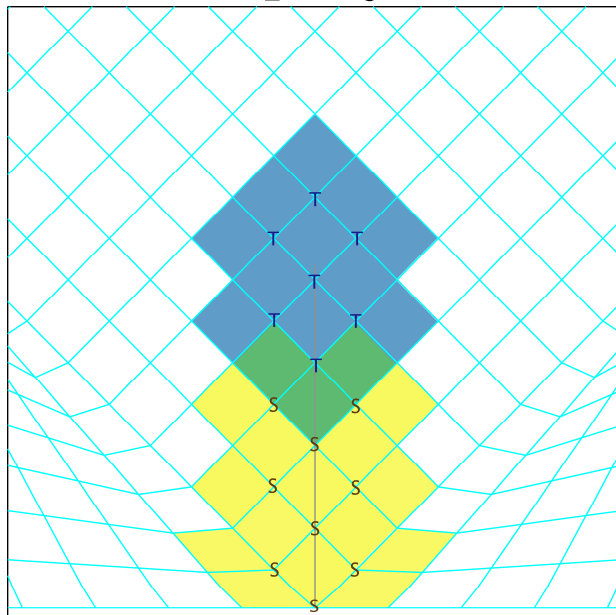
Aka the Mr. Roger's modification

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

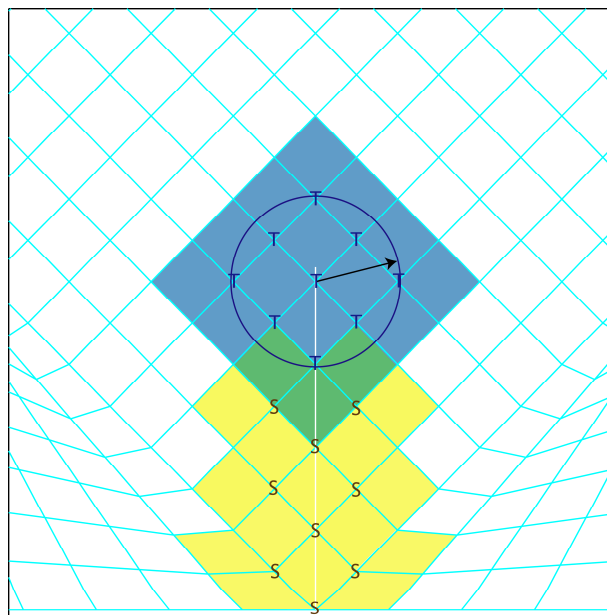
Done each time the tip enters a new element.



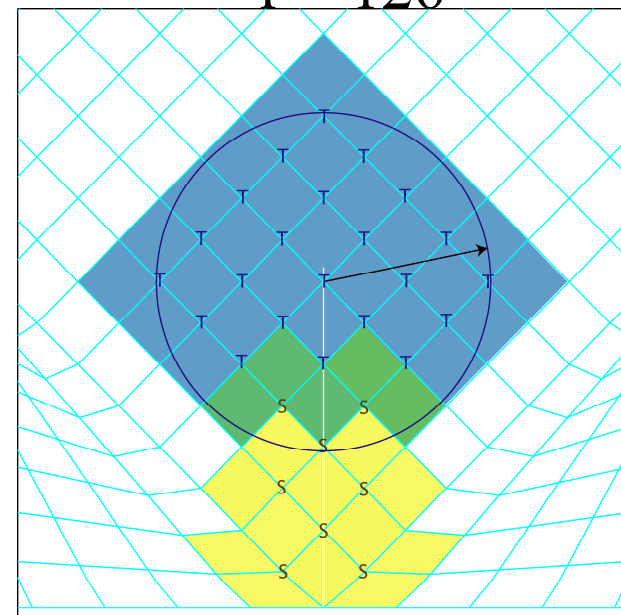
$r = 0$



$r = 63$

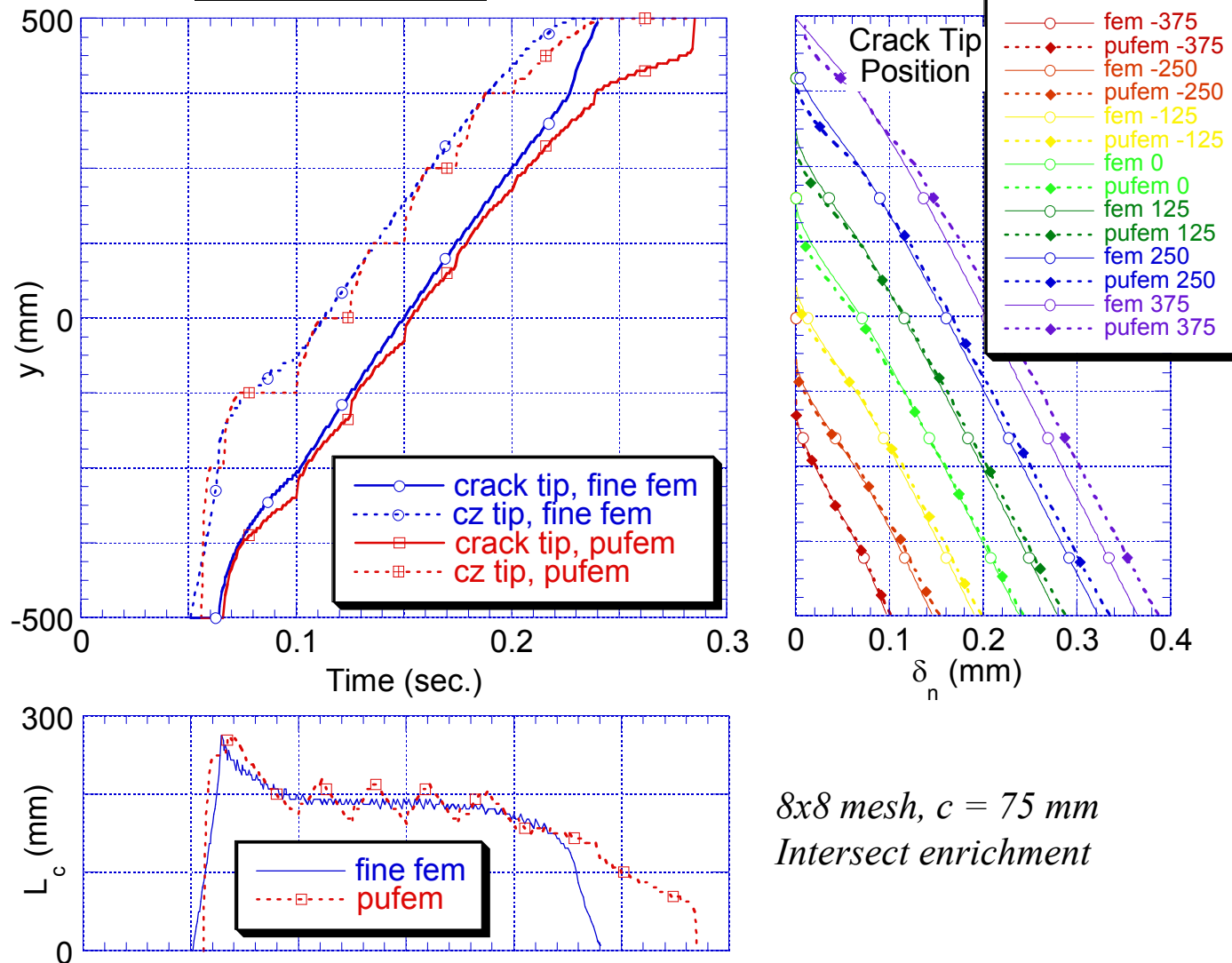


$r = 126$



# Extremes & Length Histories

skewed meshes with the  $\lambda$  enrichment functions

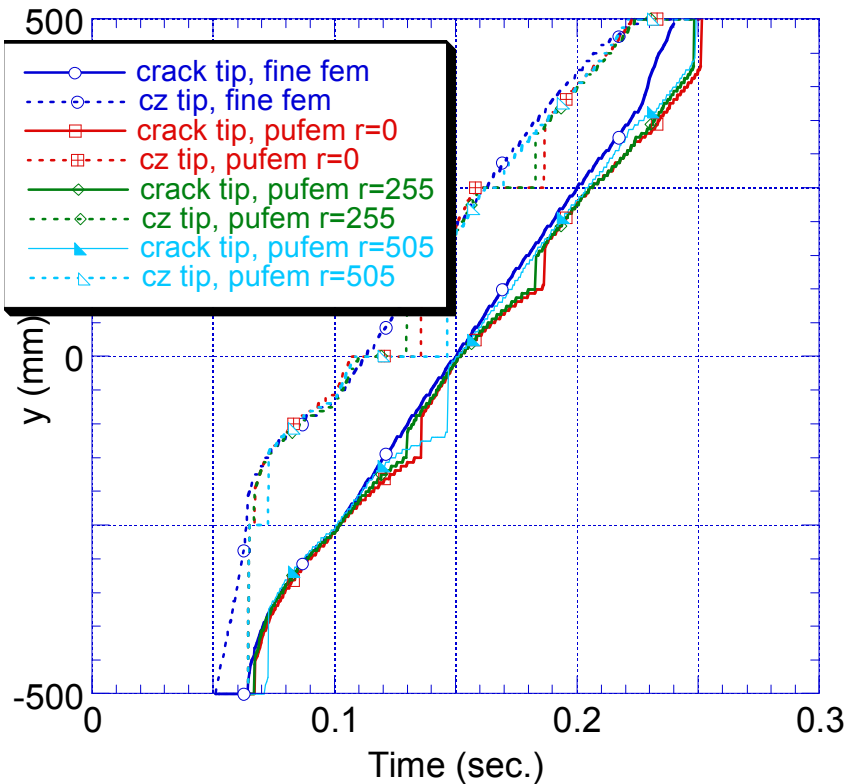


*8x8 mesh,  $c = 75$  mm*  
*Intersect enrichment*



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skewed meshes with the  $\lambda$  enrichment functions



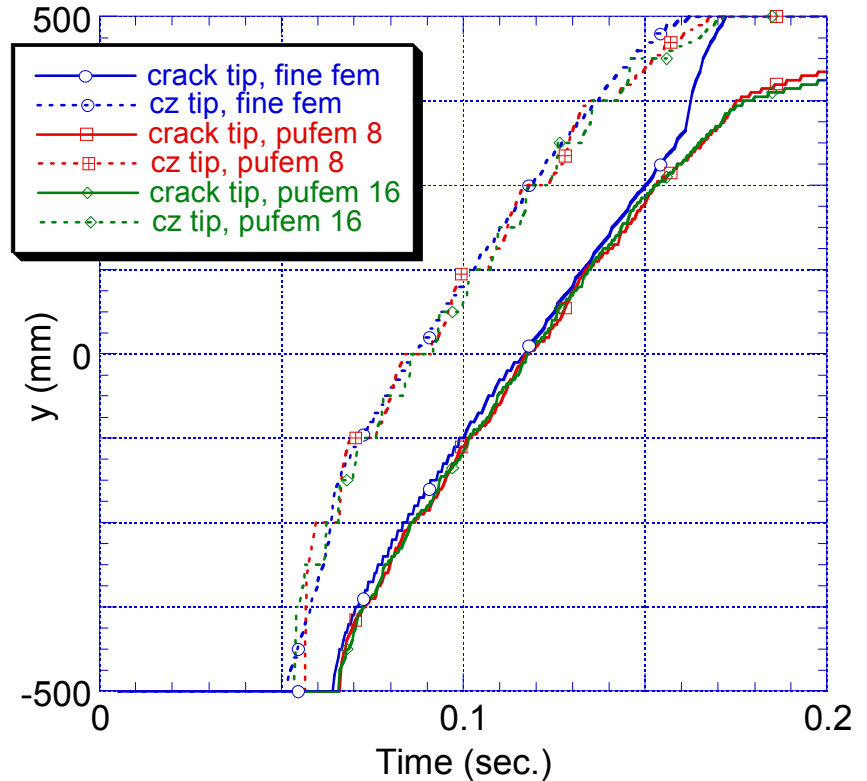
4x4 mesh,  $c = 75$  mm

Neighborhood enrichment

Average deviations: 29 mm for  $r=0$

20 mm for  $r=255$  mm

19 mm for  $r=505$  mm



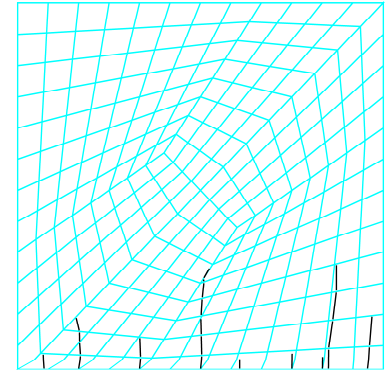
Problem 2

$c = 75$  mm

Intersect enrichment

# Ongoing and Future Work

- ❑ Multiple cracks -- stress relief in quasistatic propagation – cracks “compete”
- ❑ Mixed-mode cracking
- ❑ Enrichment function applicability
  - Inelastic materials
  - Inhomogeneous materials
  - Anisotropic materials
- ❑ 3D



## Observations & Conclusions

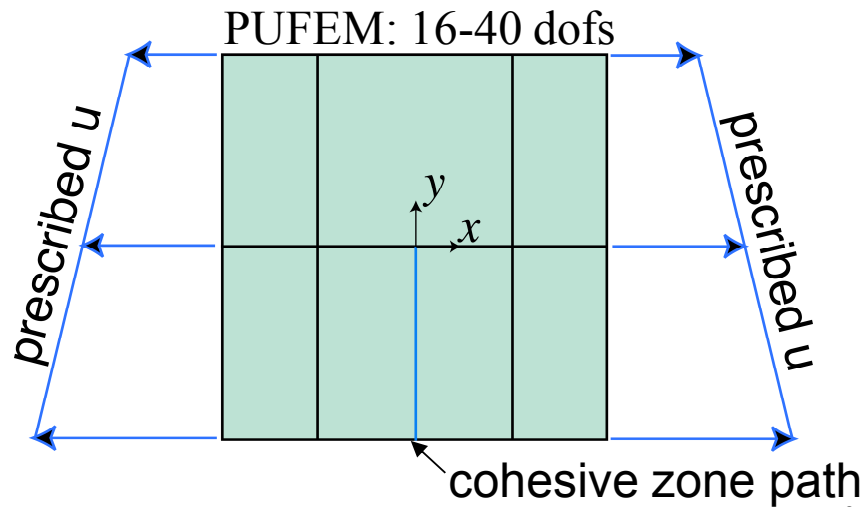
- ❑ Both forms of enrichment give good results for the model problem with aligned meshes.
- ❑ Other enrichment strategies can improve results but the added complexity may not be merited.
- ❑ Product form of enrichment has negative effects with a “coarse” skewed-mesh for F&G enrichment.
- ❑  $\lambda$ -enrichment yields much better results for skewed meshes.
- ❑ 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)
- ❑ PUFEM for cohesive zone modeling of localization has potential and merits further investigation.
- ❑ No free-lunch -- algorithm complexity is high.

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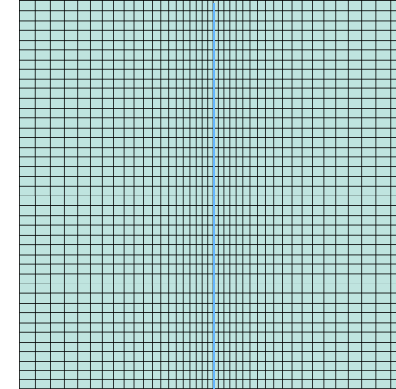
- ❑ Initial funding was provided by the Materials Directorate, Army Research Laboratory.
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Backup material~~~~~

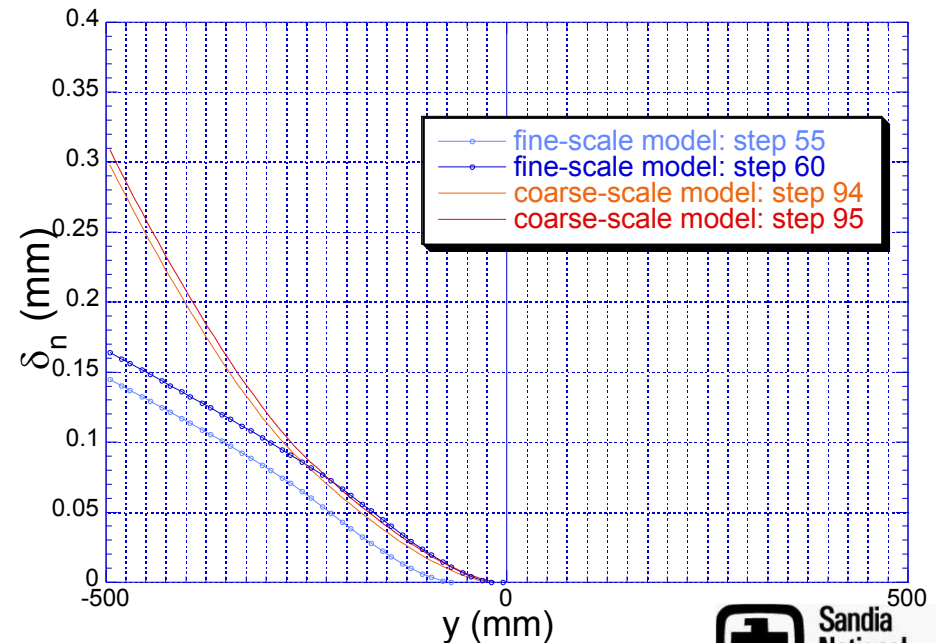
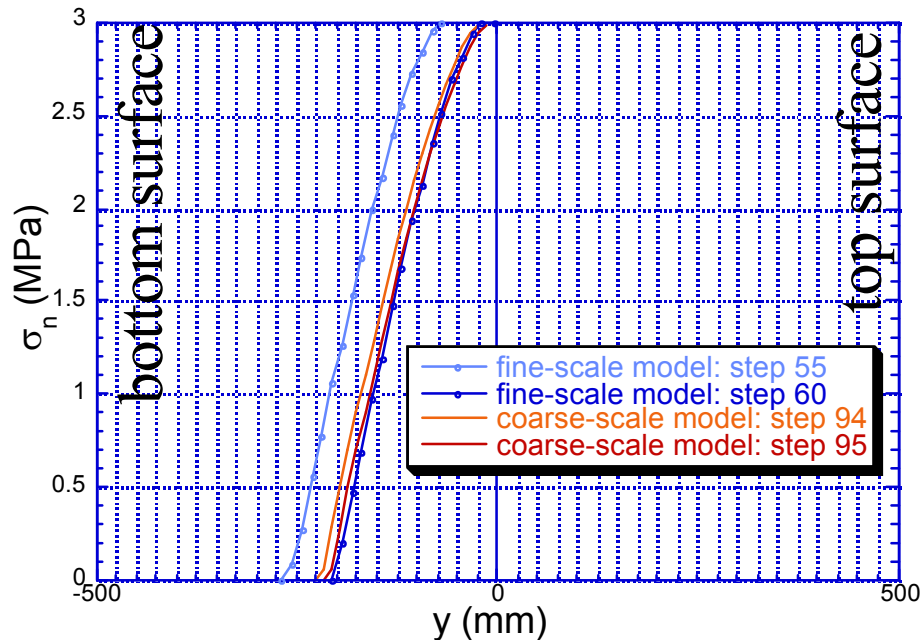
# Coarse-scale vs. Fine-scale: Qualitative Evaluation



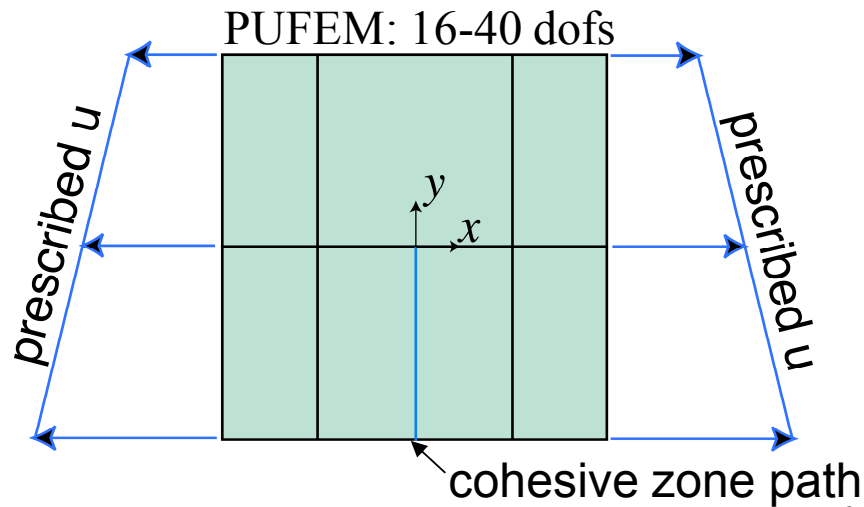
Std FEM:  $\sim 3360$  dofs



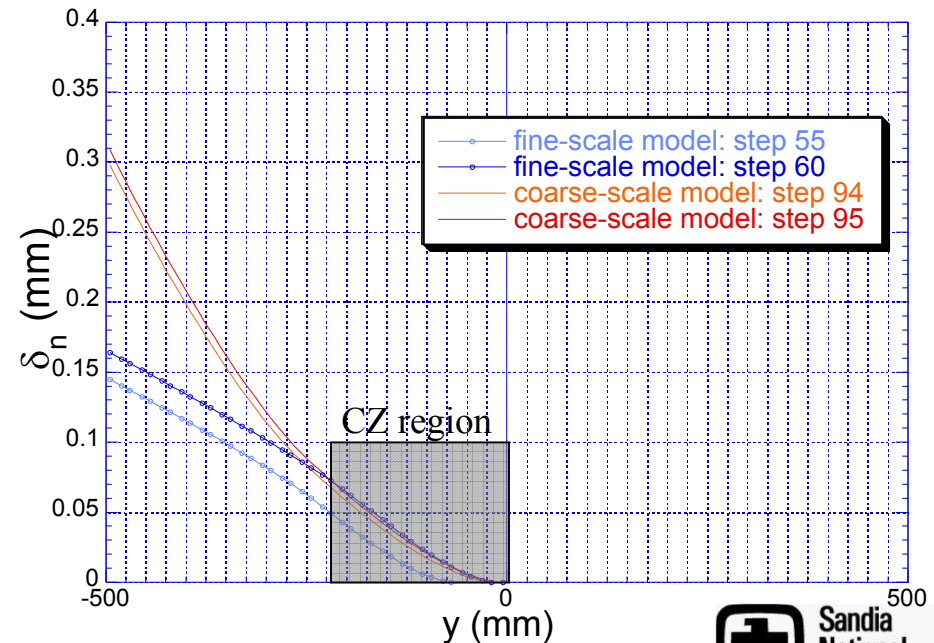
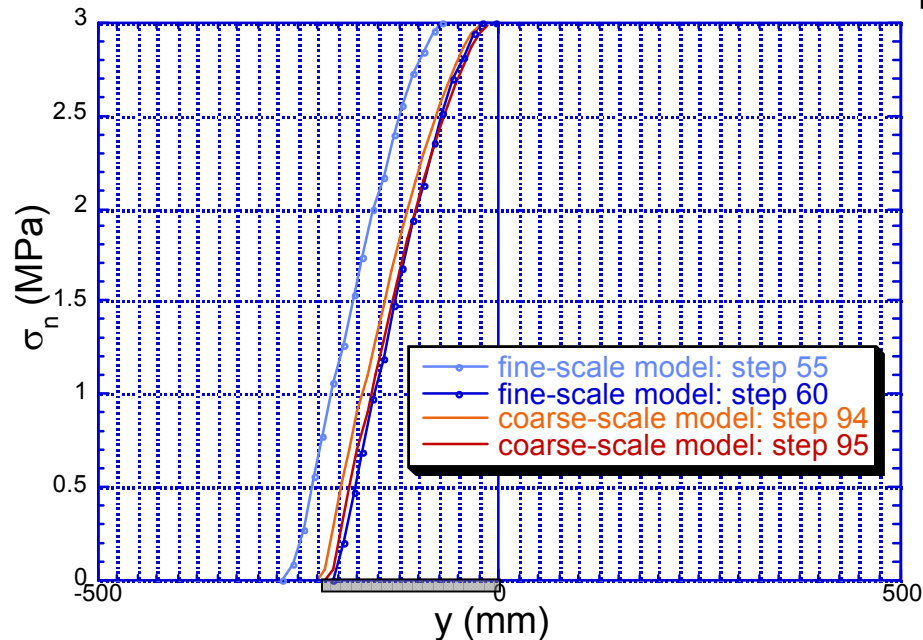
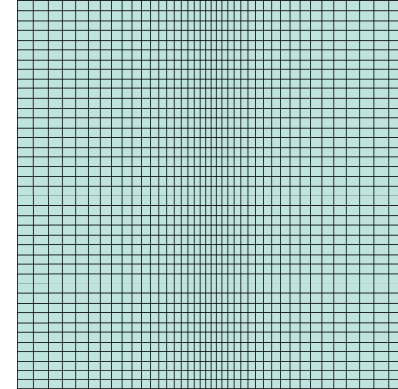
Interface elements



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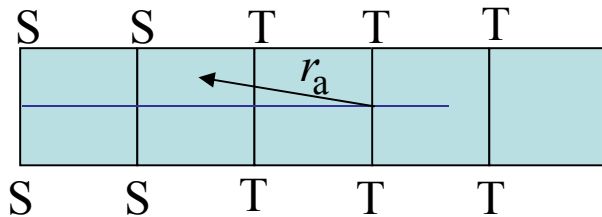
## Initial PUFEM Issues

- ❑ 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.

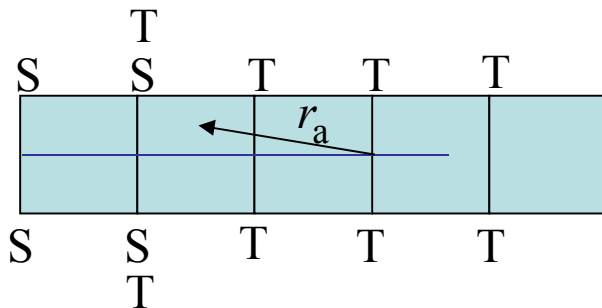


# Enrichment Modification

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



T ~ tip enrichment  
S ~ step enrichment



# Fine vs. Coarse -- Cohesive Zone Response

