

# A Finite Deformation Variational Multiscale Framework for Modeling Strain Localization

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# Variational Multiscale Method (VMM)

## Previous work on VMM towards localization

- VMM was originally proposed by Hughes and coworkers [[Hughes et al. 1998](#)]
- Garikipati and Hughes applied VMM to analyze small-strain localization problem, in one and two dimensions [[Garikipati and Hughes 1998](#), [Garikipati and Hughes 2000](#)]

$$u = \bar{u} + u'$$

- Hund and Ramm applied VMM to small-strain localized phenomena, where focus lies on the analysis of locality constraints. [[Hund and Ramm 2007](#)]

## Key points of this work

- Finite deformation region: two-scale decomposition of deformation fields
- Potential energy functional and variational principles
- Completely general, independent of specific constitutive models
- Use FEM to discretize and solve both scales
- Issues to address: locality constraint, non-local regularization

# Kinematics and Deformation Mapping

Two scale deformation mapping

$$\bar{X} = \bar{\varphi}(X), \quad x = \varphi'(\bar{X})$$

Total deformation mapping

$$\varphi(X) = \varphi'(\bar{\varphi}(X))$$

Introduce fine scale field

$$\begin{aligned} \delta &= x - \bar{X} \\ &= \varphi'(\bar{\varphi}(X)) - \bar{\varphi}(X) \end{aligned}$$



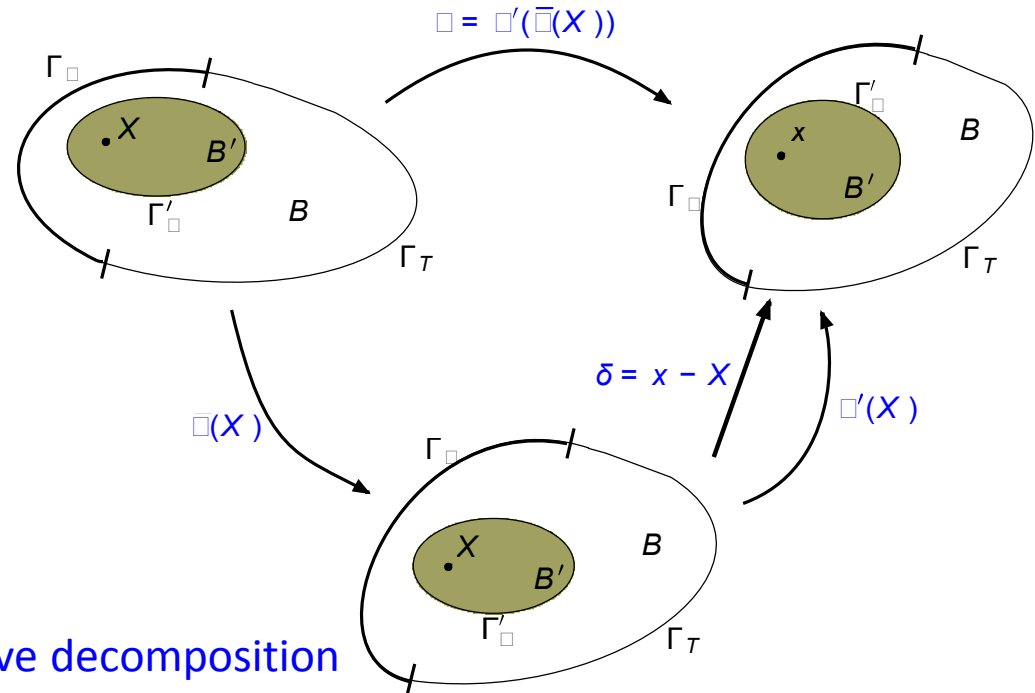
Additive decomposition  
of deformation mapping

$$\varphi = \underbrace{\bar{\varphi}}_{\text{coarse}} + \underbrace{\delta}_{\text{fine}}$$

Multiplicative decomposition  
of deformation gradient

$$F = \frac{\partial x}{\partial \bar{X}} \frac{\partial \bar{X}}{\partial X} = F' \bar{F}$$

Decomposition of deformation mapping

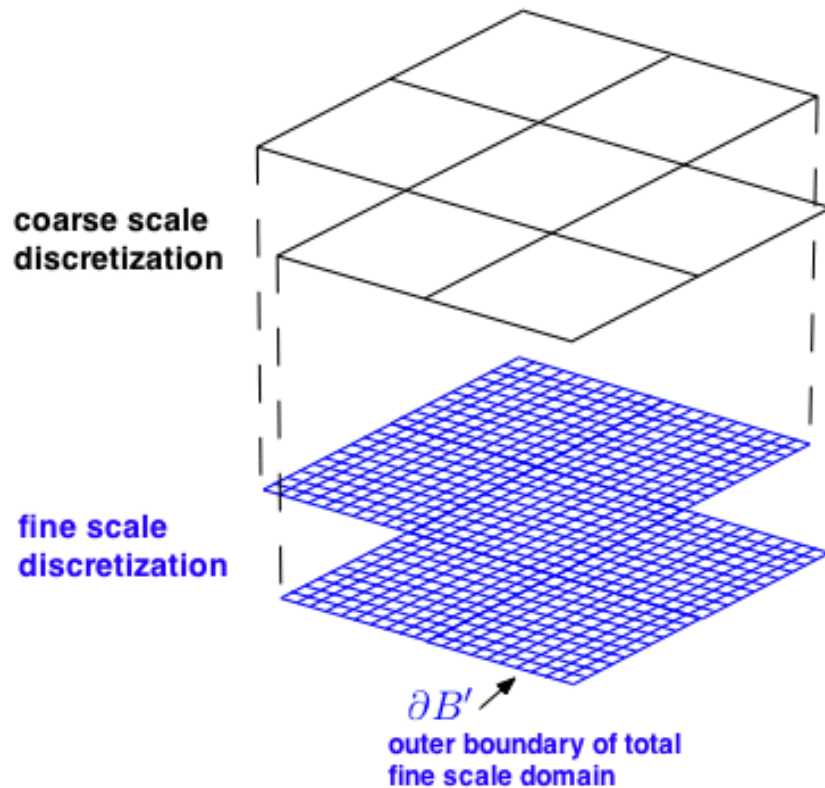


Small strain contourpart [Garikipati and Hughes 1998, Garikipati and Hughes 2000]

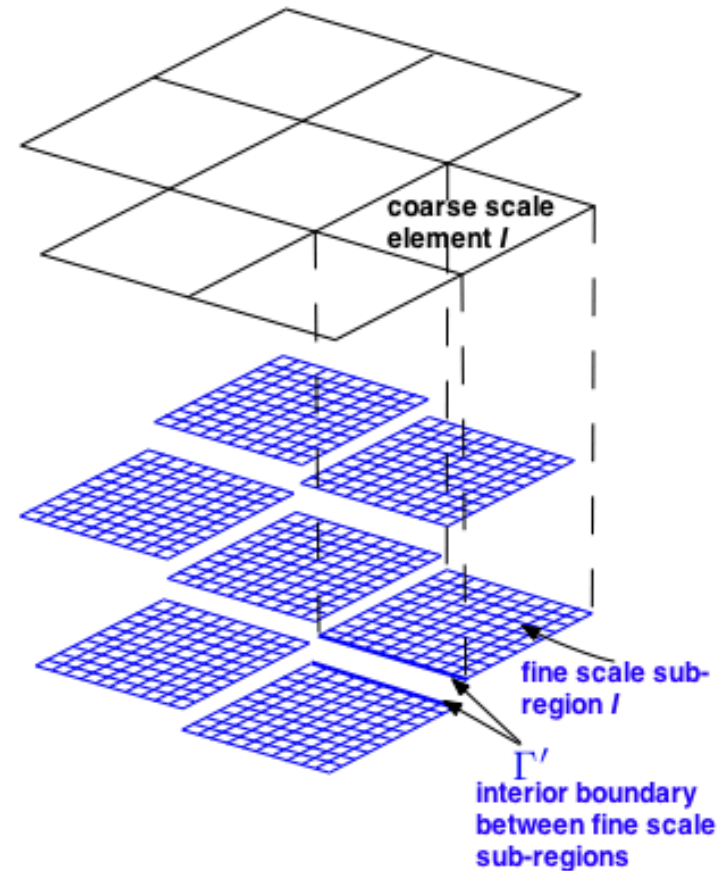
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# Global vs. locally supported fine scale domain

globally supported fine scale fields



locally supported fine scale fields



Boundary condition:  $\delta = 0$  on  $\partial B'$

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$\delta = ?$  on  $\Gamma'$

# Constraints on fine scale problem

- Locality assumption generates additional interior boundaries  $\Gamma'$  between fine scale sub-regions.  
Different options are being explored in this work

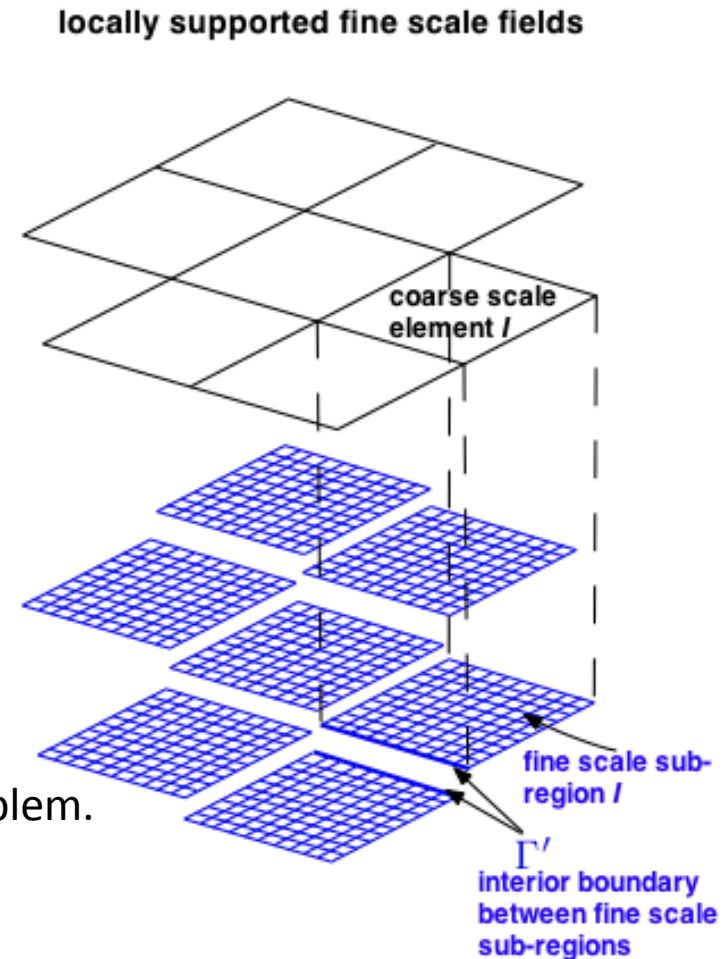
1. Homogeneous boundary condition with  $\delta = 0$

- Commonly used in VMM
- Less numerical efforts
- Rough approximation

1. Continuity boundary condition with  $[[\delta]] = 0$

- 1) Constraint by penalty method
- 2) Constraint by point-wise Lagrange multiplier
- 3) Constraint by Lagrange multiplier in weak sense**

- Alternative option is globally constrained fine scale problem.  
However, the formulation is not stable, need stabilization technique.



# The potential energy formulation

Two-Field Functional  $\varphi = \bar{\varphi} + \delta$

$$I[\bar{\varphi}, \delta] = \int_B W(\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{Z}) dV - \int_B R\mathbf{B} \cdot \varphi dV - \int_{\partial_\Gamma B} \mathbf{T} \cdot \varphi dS$$

where  $W(\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{Z})$  Stored strain energy function

For equilibrium, the first variations of the total potential energy must vanish

Coarse scale:

$$DI[\bar{\varphi}, \delta] \cdot \delta\bar{\varphi} = \int_B \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{Z}) : D\mathbf{F} \cdot \delta\bar{\varphi} dV - \int_B R\mathbf{B} \cdot \delta\bar{\varphi} dV - \int_{\partial_\Gamma B} \mathbf{T} \cdot \delta\bar{\varphi} dS = 0$$

Fine scale:

$$DI[\bar{\varphi}, \delta] \cdot \delta\delta = \int_{B'} \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{Z}) : D\mathbf{F} \cdot \delta\delta dV - \int_{B'} R\mathbf{B} \cdot \delta\delta dV - \int_{\partial_\Gamma B'} \mathbf{T} \cdot \delta\delta dS = 0$$

- A single stored strain energy function is assumed, i.e., essentially the same systems of PDEs are assumed to describe the physics at all scales.
- $\mathbf{F}$  is the total deformation gradient, therefore, coarse and fine scale equations are coupled.
- FEM will be used to discretize both scales.
- Locality constraint will introduce additional energy term.

# Enforcing locality constrains

In the Lagrange method, additional energy is introduced into the system.  
The potential energy becomes three-field,  $\mathbf{\Lambda}$  is the Lagrange multiplier

$$I[\bar{\varphi}, \delta, \mathbf{\Lambda}] = \int_B W(\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{Z}) dV + \boxed{\int_{\Gamma'} \mathbf{\Lambda} \cdot [[\delta]] dS} - \int_B R\mathbf{B} \cdot \varphi dV - \int_{\partial_\Gamma B} \mathbf{T} \cdot \varphi dS$$

The same variation principle is applied, and the resulting residual equations are written as

$$\bar{\mathbf{R}} = \int_B \mathbf{P} \cdot \text{Grad } \delta\bar{\varphi} dV - \int_B R\mathbf{B} \cdot \delta\bar{\varphi} dV - \int_{\partial_\Gamma B} \mathbf{T} \cdot \delta\bar{\varphi} dS = 0$$

Within each coarse element  $I$  :

$$\mathbf{R}' = \int_{B'} \mathbf{P} \cdot \text{Grad } \delta\delta dV - \int_{B'} R\mathbf{B} \cdot \delta\delta dV \pm \int_{\Gamma'} \mathbf{\Lambda} \cdot \delta\delta dS = 0$$

$$\mathbf{R}^\Lambda = \int_{\Gamma'} \delta\mathbf{\Lambda} \cdot [[\delta]] dS = 0$$

- $\mathbf{R}^\Lambda$  is the residual for Lagrange multiplier d.o.f.
- Coarse scale residual is unchanged, while fine scale residual includes additional term.
- $[[\delta]] = \delta^I - \delta^J$ , where  $I$  and  $J$  associate with two sides of the interior boundary

# Finite Element Discretization

Introduce finite element discretization

Coarse scale: 
$$\bar{\varphi} = \sum_{a=1}^{n_{\text{node}}} N_a \bar{\varphi}_a$$

Fine scale: 
$$\delta = \sum_{\alpha=1}^{n_{\text{node}}} \lambda_{\alpha} \delta_{\alpha}$$

Lagrange multiplier: 
$$\Lambda = \sum_{i=1}^{nl} \phi_A \Lambda_A$$

Remarks:

- Different interpolation functions may be chosen for three-fields
- Inf-sup condition governs the selection of possible interpolation functions (under investigation).

Discrete form of governing equations

$$\bar{\mathbf{R}}_a = \int_B \mathbf{P} \cdot \text{Grad } N_a \, dV - \int_B R \mathbf{B} N_a \, dV - \int_{\partial_{\Gamma} B} \mathbf{T} N_a \, dS = \mathbf{0}$$

Within each coarse element  $I$  :

$$\mathbf{R}'_{\alpha} = \int_{B'} \mathbf{P} \cdot \text{Grad } \lambda_{\alpha} \, dV - \int_{B'} R \mathbf{B} \lambda_{\alpha} \, dV \pm \int_{\Gamma'} N_a \phi_a \cdot \lambda_{\alpha} \, dS = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\mathbf{R}_a^{\phi} = \int_{\Gamma'} N_a (\lambda_{\alpha}^I \delta_{\alpha}^I - \lambda_{\alpha}^J \delta_{\alpha}^J) \, dS = 0$$



# Linearization of Governing Equations

the discrete linearized system of equations for the variational multiscale problem can be written as

$$\bar{\mathbf{K}}_{ab} \Delta \bar{\varphi}_b + \sum_{I=1}^{\bar{n}} \mathbf{H}_{a\beta}^T \Delta \delta_\beta = -\bar{\mathbf{R}}_a$$

$$\mathbf{H}_{\alpha b} \Delta \bar{\varphi}_b^I + \mathbf{K}'_{\alpha\beta} \Delta \delta_\beta + \sum_{l=1}^{n_{\Gamma'}} \left[ \pm \mathbf{H}_{\alpha B}^\Lambda \Delta \Lambda_B^l \right] = -\mathbf{R}'_\alpha$$

$$\text{for the } l\text{th } \Gamma' : \mathbf{H}_{A\alpha}^{\Lambda I} \Delta \delta_\alpha^I - \mathbf{H}_{A\alpha}^{\Lambda J} \Delta \delta_\alpha^J = -\mathbf{R}_A^\Lambda$$

The linearized terms will be

$$\bar{\mathbf{K}}_{ab} = \int_B \text{Grad } N_a : \mathbb{C}(\mathbf{F}) : \text{Grad } N_b \, dV$$

$$\mathbf{K}'_{\alpha\beta} = \int_{B'} \text{Grad } \lambda_\alpha : \mathbb{C}(\mathbf{F}) : \text{Grad } \lambda_\beta \, dV$$

$$\int_{\Gamma'}$$

The system of equations are coupled in that:

- $\mathbf{F}$  is the total deformation gradient
- The projection matrix  $\mathbf{H}$  contains interpolation functions from both scales

$$\mathbf{H}_{a\beta}^T = \int_{B'} \text{Grad } N_a : \mathbb{C}(\mathbf{F}) : \text{Grad } \lambda_\beta \, dV$$

$$\mathbf{H}_{\alpha b} = \int_{B'} \text{Grad } \lambda_\alpha : \mathbb{C}(\mathbf{F}) : \text{Grad } N_b \, dV$$

$$\mathbf{H}_{A\alpha}^\Lambda = \int_{\Gamma'} \phi_A \lambda_\alpha \, dS$$



the fourth-order elasticity tensor

$$\mathbb{C} := \partial \mathbf{P} / \partial \mathbf{F} = \partial^2 W / \partial \mathbf{F} \partial \mathbf{F}$$

# Iterative solution procedure

$$\bar{K}_{ab}\Delta\bar{\varphi}_b + \sum_{I=1}^{\bar{n}} H_{a\beta}^T \Delta\delta_\beta = -\bar{R}_a$$

Update coarse  
incremental  
fields within each  
coarse element

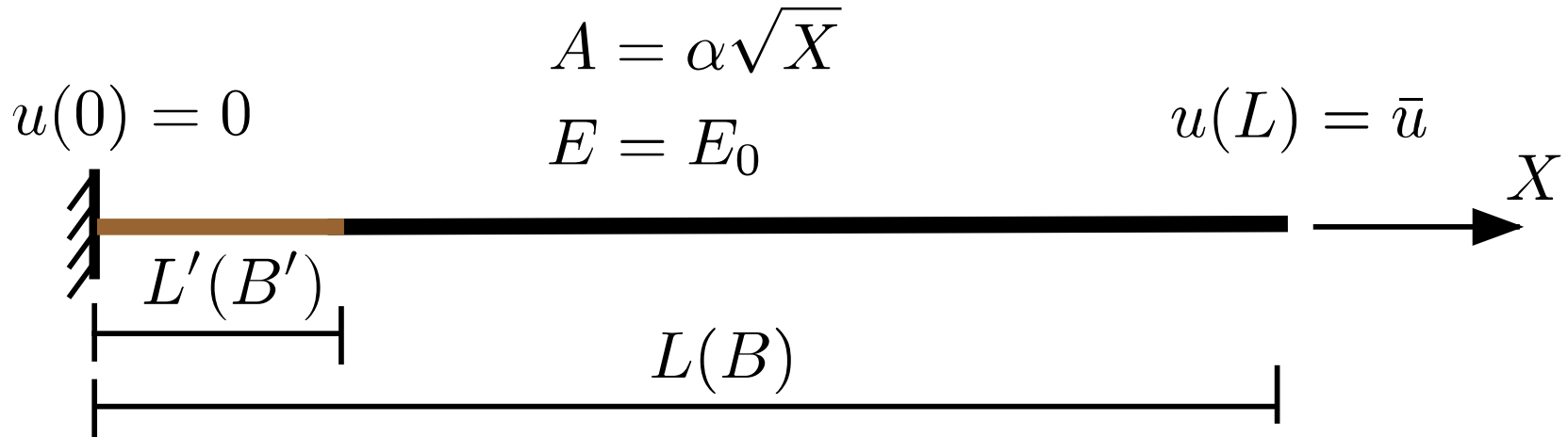



Static condensation to  
eliminate fine scale  
fields

$$H_{\alpha b}\Delta\bar{\varphi}_b^I + K'_{\alpha\beta}\Delta\delta_\beta + \sum_{l=1}^{n_{\Gamma'}} \left[ \pm H_{\alpha B}^\Lambda \Delta\Lambda_B^l \right] = -R'_\alpha$$

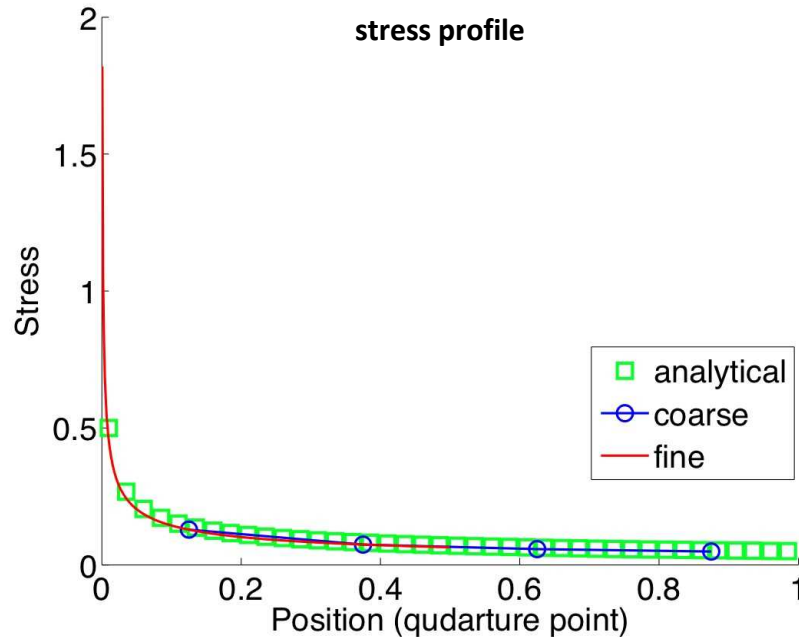
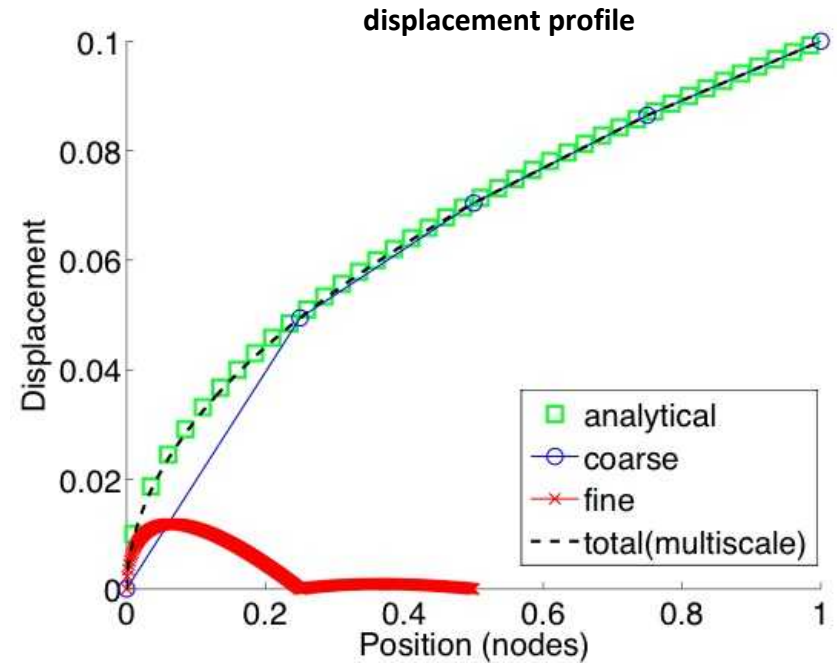
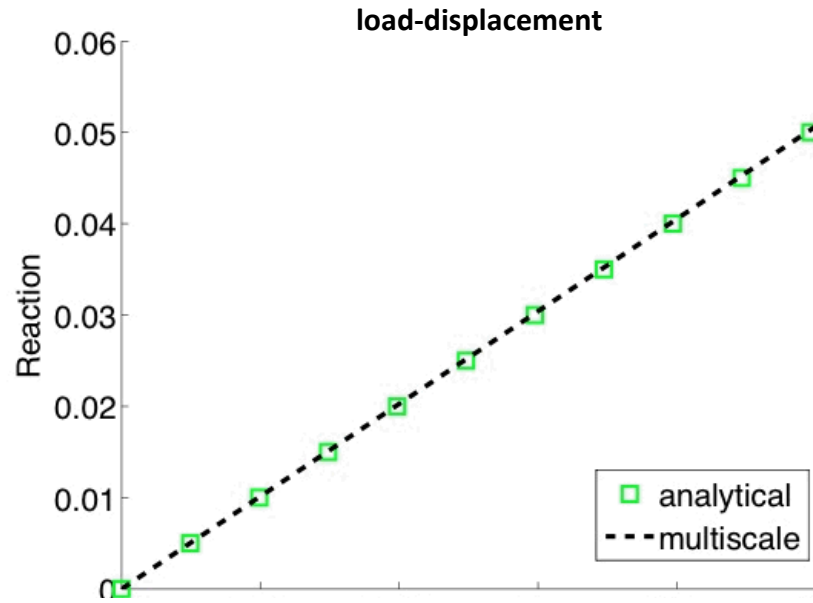
$$\text{for the } l\text{th } \Gamma' : H_{A\alpha}^{\Lambda I} \Delta\delta_\alpha^I - H_{A\alpha}^{\Lambda J} \Delta\delta_\alpha^J = -R_A^\Lambda$$

# 1D Example: Foulk's Singular Bar (2008)

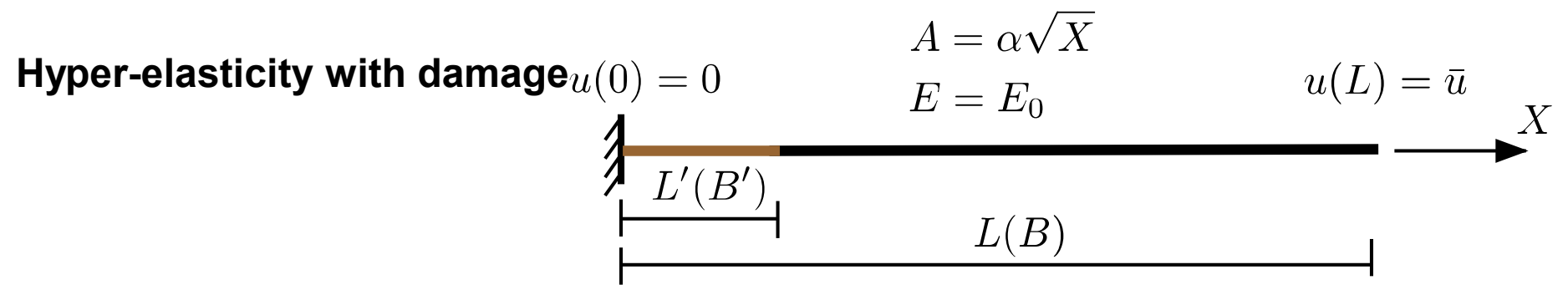


- Area proportional to square root of length
- Strong singularity at the left end of bar
- Fine scale resolutions are desirable around left end (region  $L'$ )
- Constitutive model:
  - elasticity without damage, hyper-elasticity with damage
- Conforming meshes

## Elasticity without damage (analytical solution by Jay Foulk)



- 4 coarse elements are used to obtain the solution
- Multiscale computation matches well with analytical solution



### Material model:

Total strain-energy function  $W(\mathbf{C}, \xi) = (1 - \xi)W_0(\mathbf{C}) \quad \mathbf{C} = \mathbf{F}^T \mathbf{F}$

Effective strain energy  $W_0(\mathbf{C}) = W_0^{\text{vol}}(\theta) + W_0^{\text{dev}}(\bar{\epsilon})$

where the volumetric and deviatoric parts are given by

$$W_0^{\text{vol}}(\theta) = \frac{\kappa}{4} [\exp(2\theta) - 1 - 2\theta] \quad W_0^{\text{dev}}(\bar{\epsilon}) = \frac{\mu}{2} [\text{tr}(\exp(\bar{\epsilon})) - 3]$$

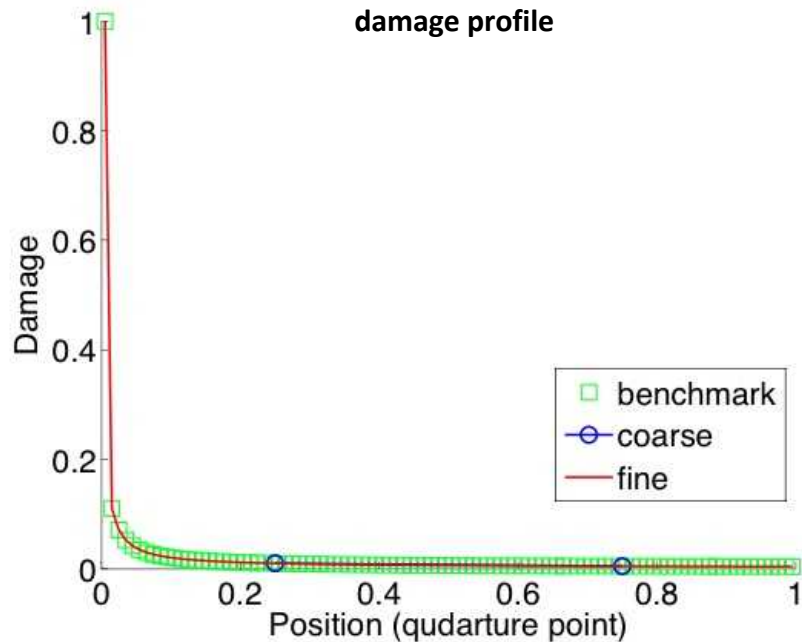
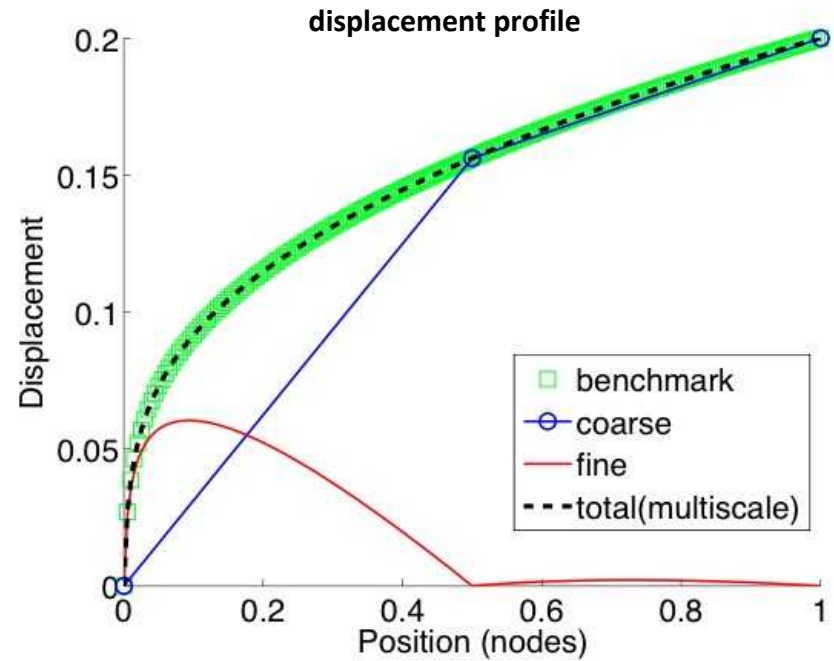
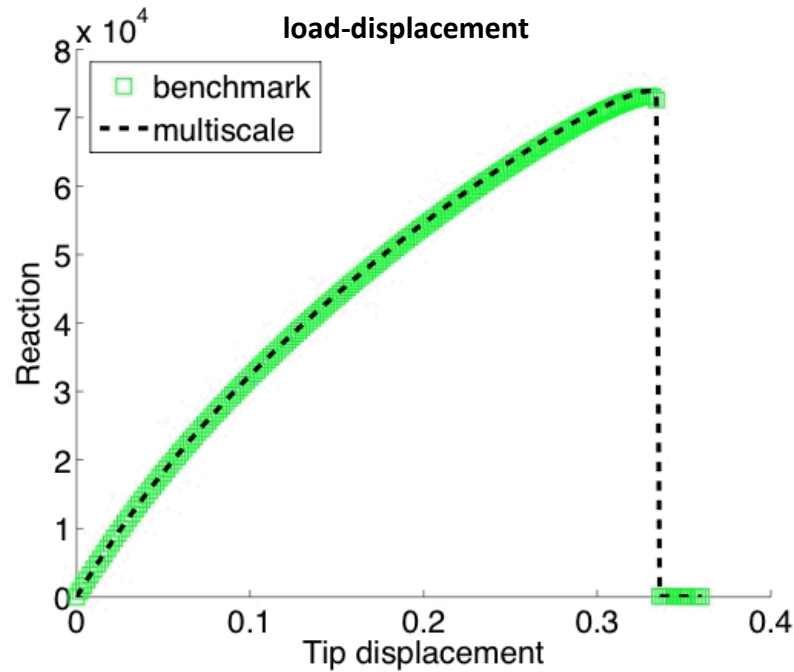
where

$$\epsilon = \frac{1}{2} \log(\mathbf{C}), \quad \bar{\epsilon} = \text{dev}(\epsilon), \quad \theta = \text{tr}(\epsilon)$$

Damage evolution: simple exponential law

$$\xi(\alpha) = \xi_{\infty} [1 - \exp(\alpha/\tau)] \quad \alpha(t) = \max[W_0(s)], \quad s \in [0, t]$$

# Hyper-elasticity with damage



- Benchmark solution by full-single scale computation
- Material properties

$$E = 200 \text{ GPa}$$

$$\nu = 0.25$$

$$\kappa = 133 \text{ GPa}$$

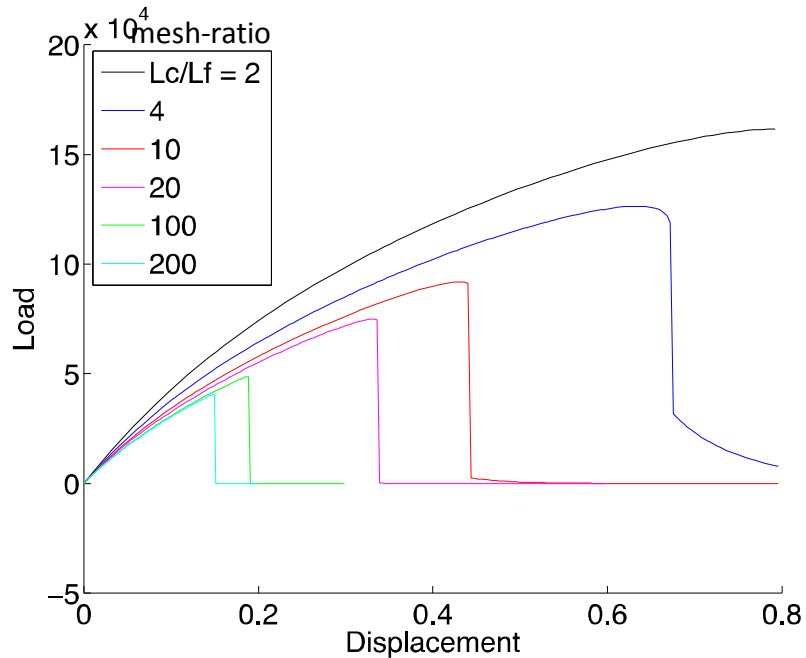
$$\mu = 67 \text{ GPa}$$

$$\xi_{\infty} = 1.0$$

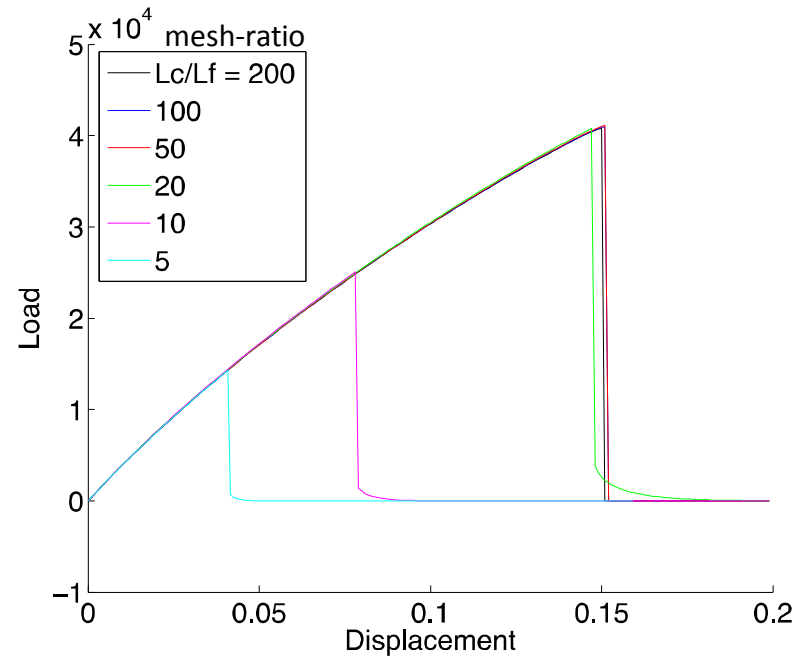
$$\tau = 100 \text{ GJm}^{-3}$$

# Hyper-elasticity with damage: mesh-dependent responses

Keep coarse scale fixed, refine fine scale



Keep fine scale element fixed, vary coarse scale



**solution needs regularization!**

# Non-local variational regularization

Discrete Statement of Equilibrium,  
Internal Variables and Conjugate Forces:

$$\int_B \mathbf{P} \cdot \text{Grad } N_a \, dV - \int_B \rho_0 \mathbf{B} N_a \, dV - \int_{\partial_T B} \mathbf{T} N_a \, dS = \mathbf{0},$$

$$\bar{\mathbf{Y}} = \lambda_\alpha \left( \int_B \lambda_\alpha \lambda_\beta \, dV \right)^{-1} \int_B \lambda_\beta \mathbf{Y} \, dV,$$

$$\bar{\mathbf{Z}} = \lambda_\alpha \left( \int_B \lambda_\alpha \lambda_\beta \, dV \right)^{-1} \int_B \lambda_\beta \mathbf{Z} \, dV,$$

Unit Interpolation, Regularized Variables:

$$\lambda_\alpha = 1, \lambda_\beta = 1 \quad \longrightarrow$$

$$\bar{\mathbf{Y}} = \frac{1}{\text{vol}(D)} \int_D \mathbf{Y} \, dV,$$

$$\bar{\mathbf{Z}} = \frac{1}{\text{vol}(D)} \int_D \mathbf{Z} \, dV,$$

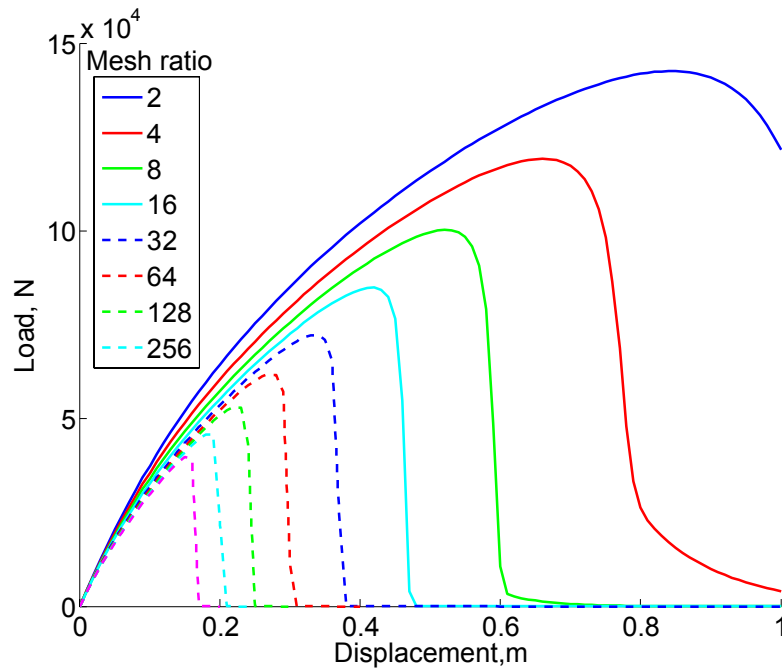
$$\text{vol}(\bullet) := \int_{(\bullet)} dV,$$



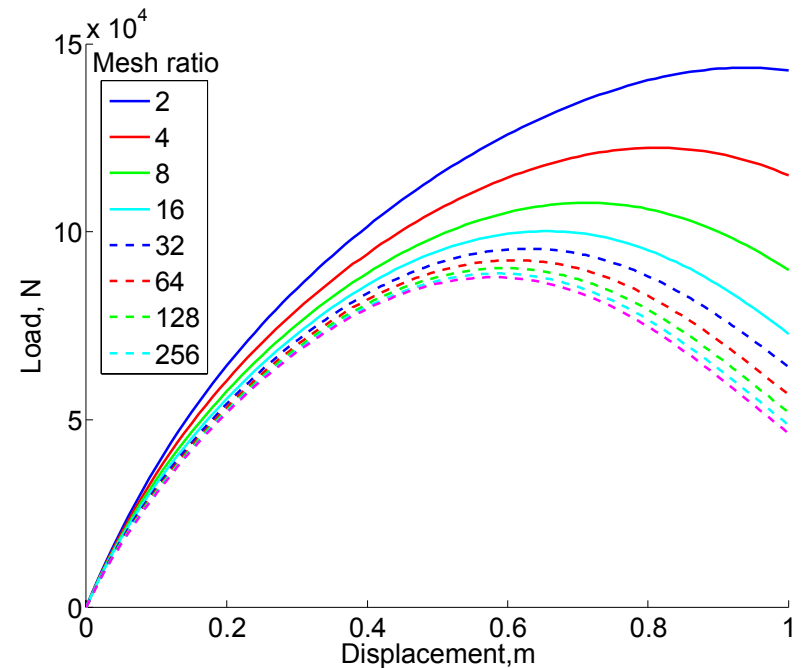
# Regularization through non-local variational approach

Foulk's Singular Bar (2008) with hyper-elastic damage model

Classical mesh-dependent  
behavior without regularization



Solutions converge with  
regularization



# Concluding remarks and future work

- Finite-deformation variational multiscale framework is proposed
- The formulation is potential-energy based and is independent of constitutive law
- FEM is used for discretizing both fine and coarse fields
- Additional field (Lagrange multiplier) is introduced to enforce constraint
- Solution is regularized by non-local variational approach

## **Future work for FY13**

- Stabilization of the methods
- Expand to dynamic problems
- Expand to multi-dimensional problems (implementation in LCM)