

Numerical modeling of brittle fracture using the phase-field method

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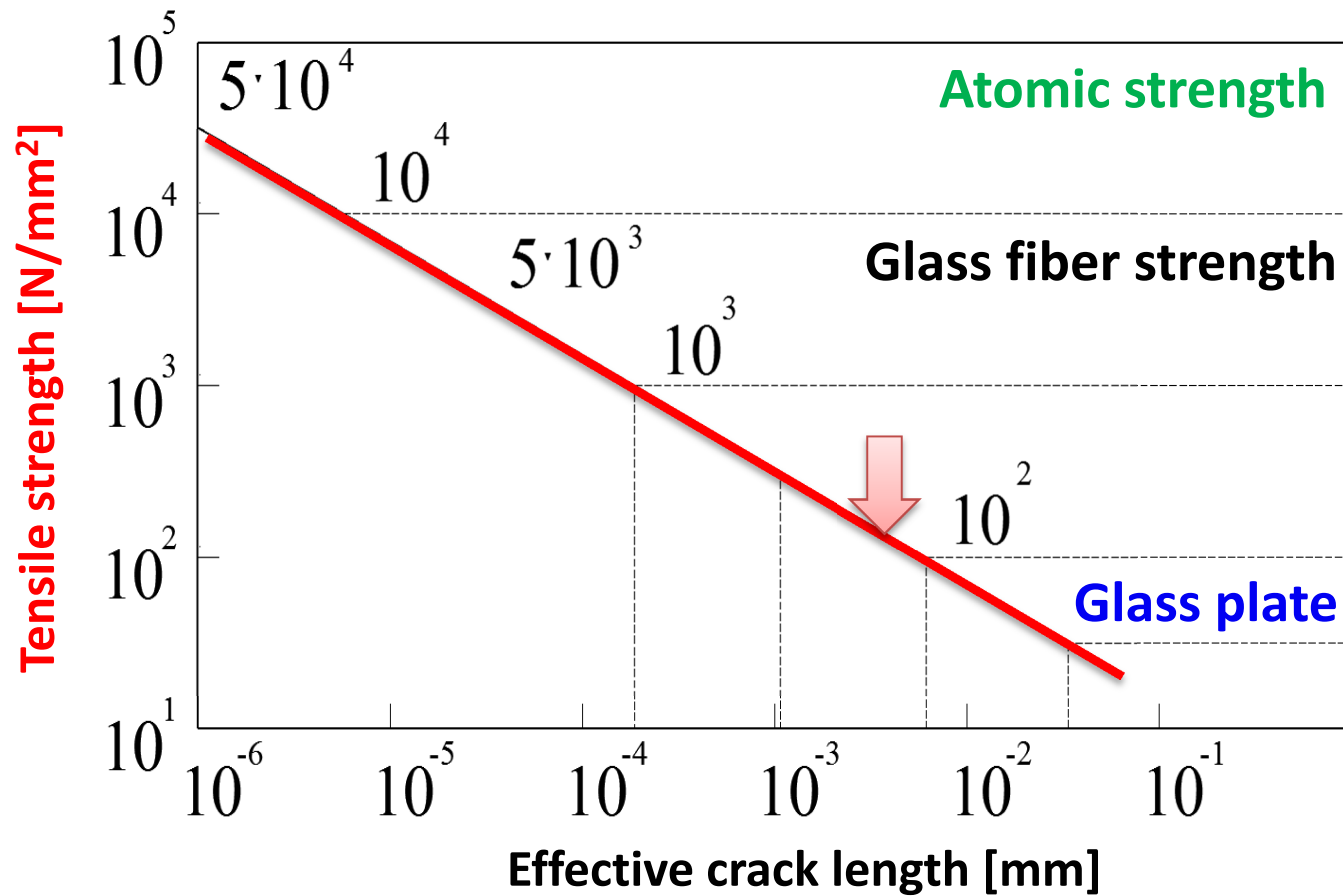
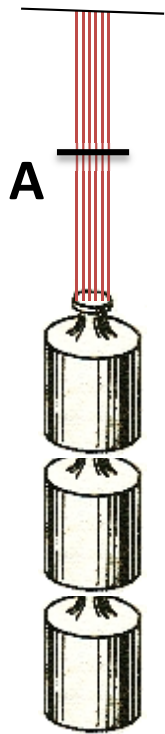
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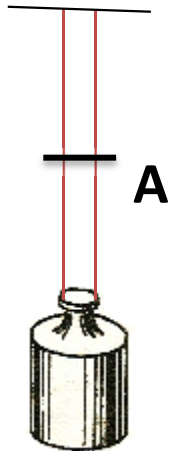
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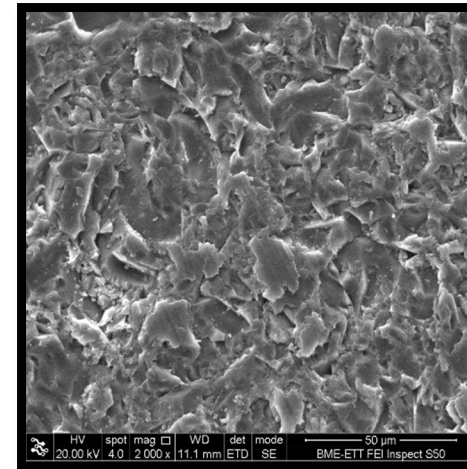
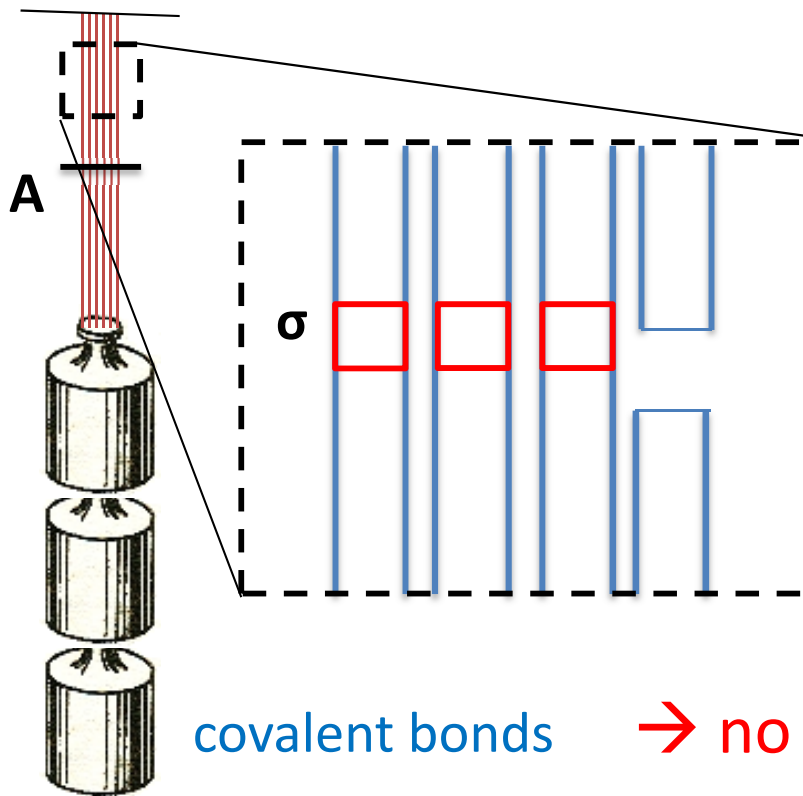
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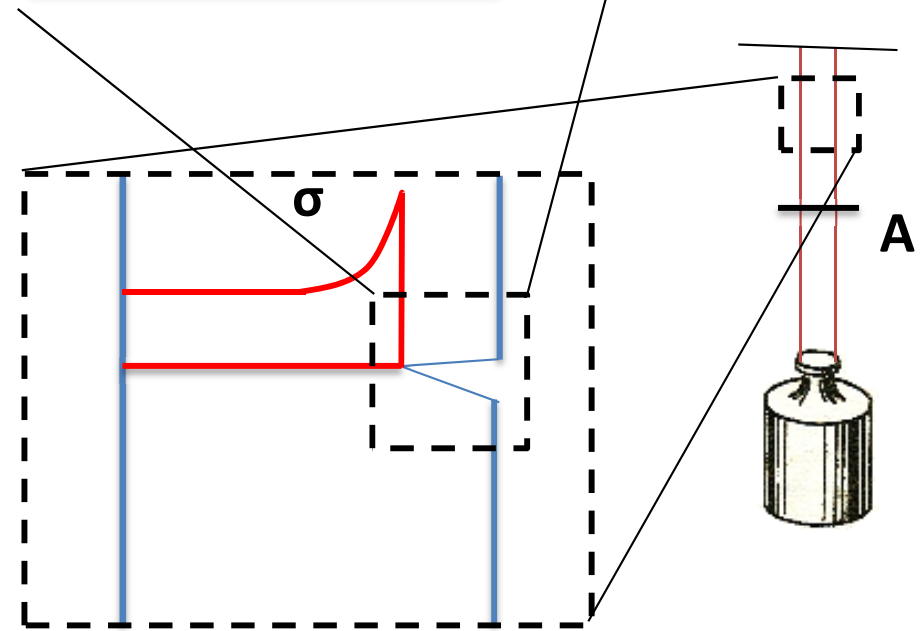
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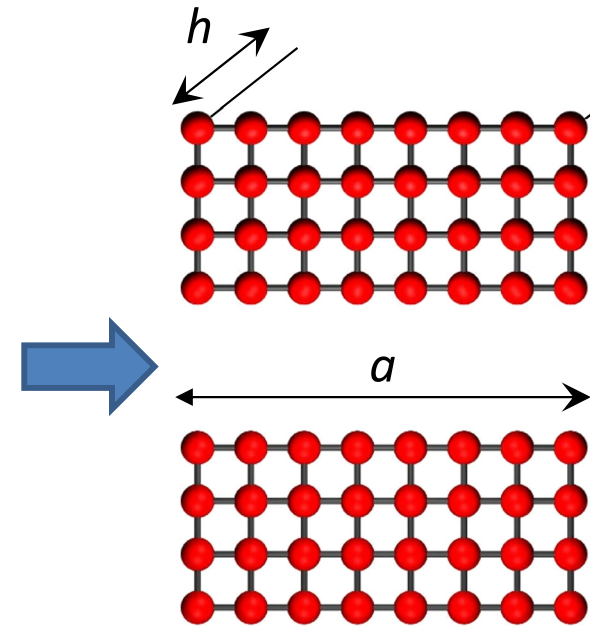
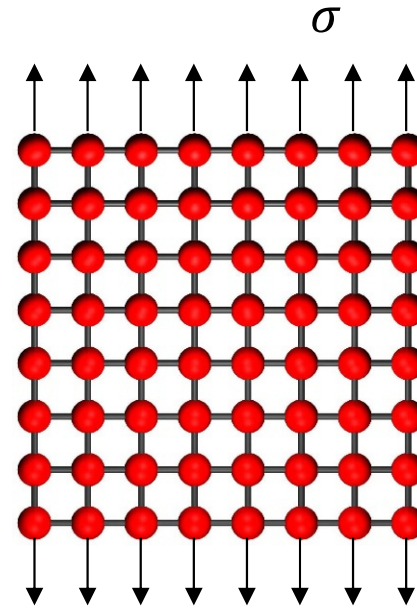
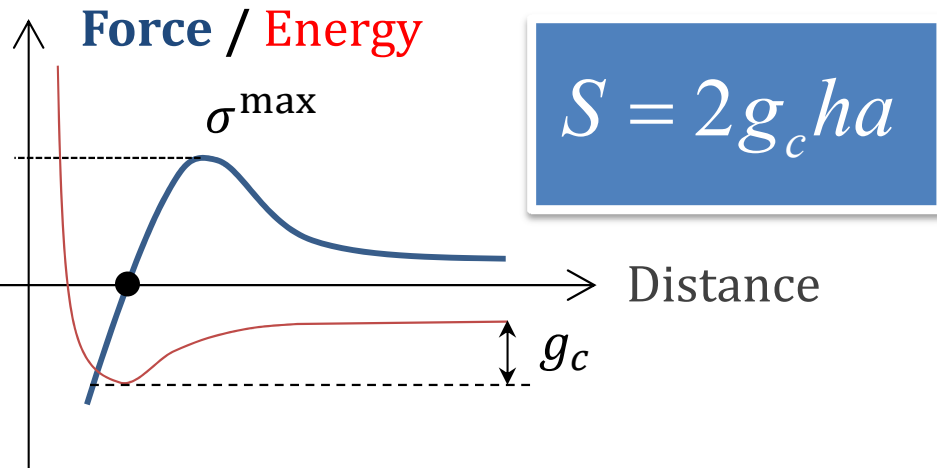
covalent bonds

→ no stress redistribution

→ brittle

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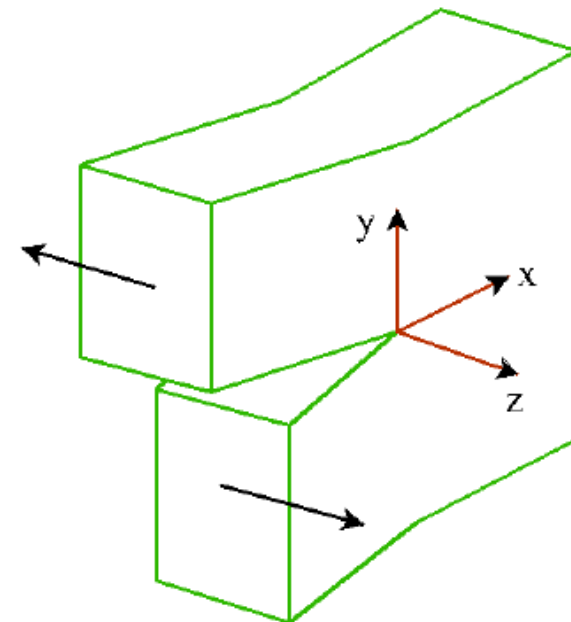
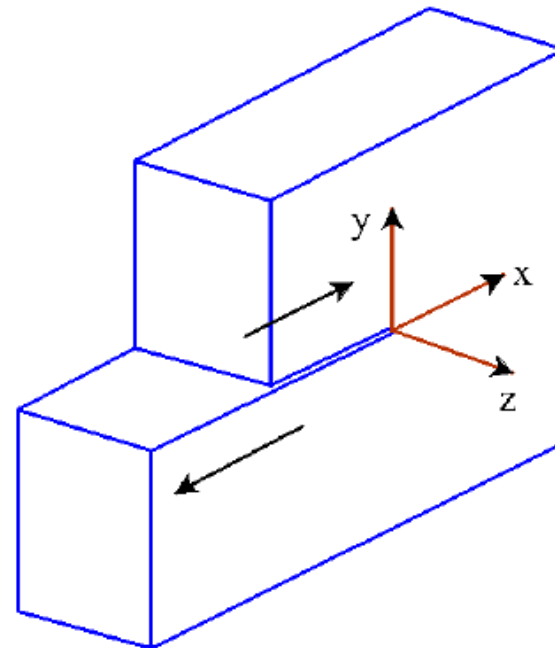
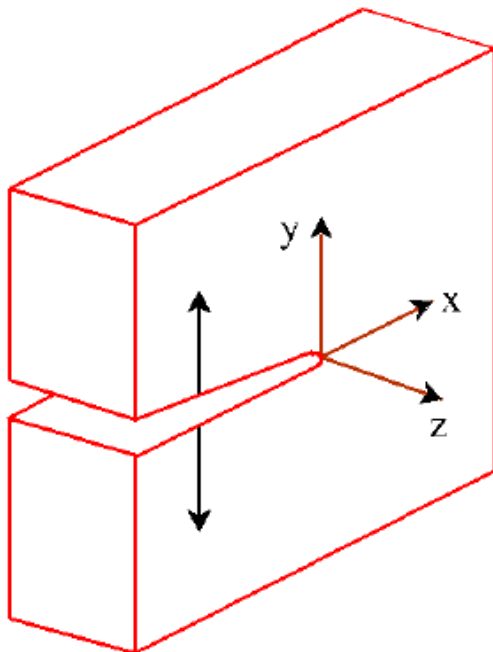
Griffith theory of brittle fracture



Crack modes

Irwin, 1957

Erdogan, 2000



Introduction

How do we approximate it with a phase-field?

1. Brittle fracture $-\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial a} = \frac{\partial S}{\partial a} = g_c$ Griffith, 1920

2. Minimization problem $E(\mathbf{u}, \Gamma) = \int_{\Omega} \psi(\varepsilon(\mathbf{u})) d\Omega + g_c \int_{\Gamma} d\Gamma$
Mumford & Shah, 1989
Francfort & Marigo, 1998

3. Crack energy density

$$E(\mathbf{u}, d) = \int_{\Omega} g(d) \psi(\varepsilon(\mathbf{u})) d\Omega + g_c \int_{\Omega} \left(\frac{1}{2l_c} d^2 + \frac{l_c}{2} |\nabla d|^2 \right) d\Omega$$

$l_c \rightarrow 0$ Γ converges

$\dot{d} \geq 0$ crack energy density - γ

Ambrosio & Tortorelli, 1990

Bourdin et al., 2000

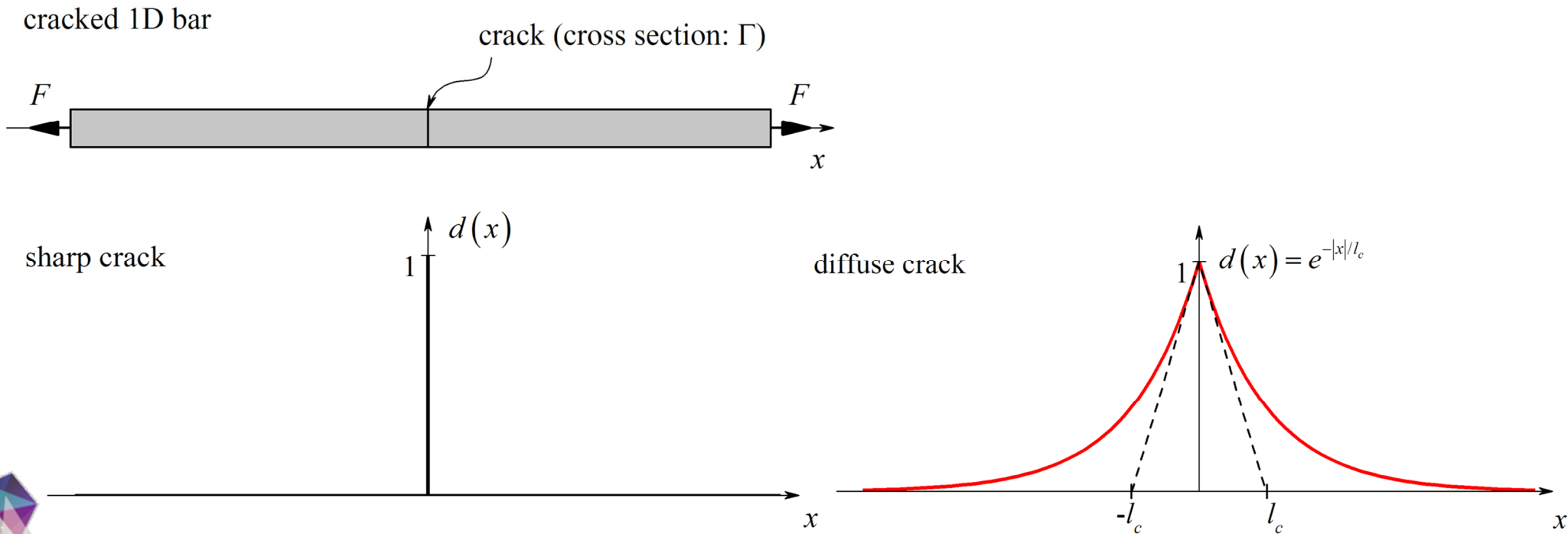
Amor et al., 2009

Miehe et al., 2010a



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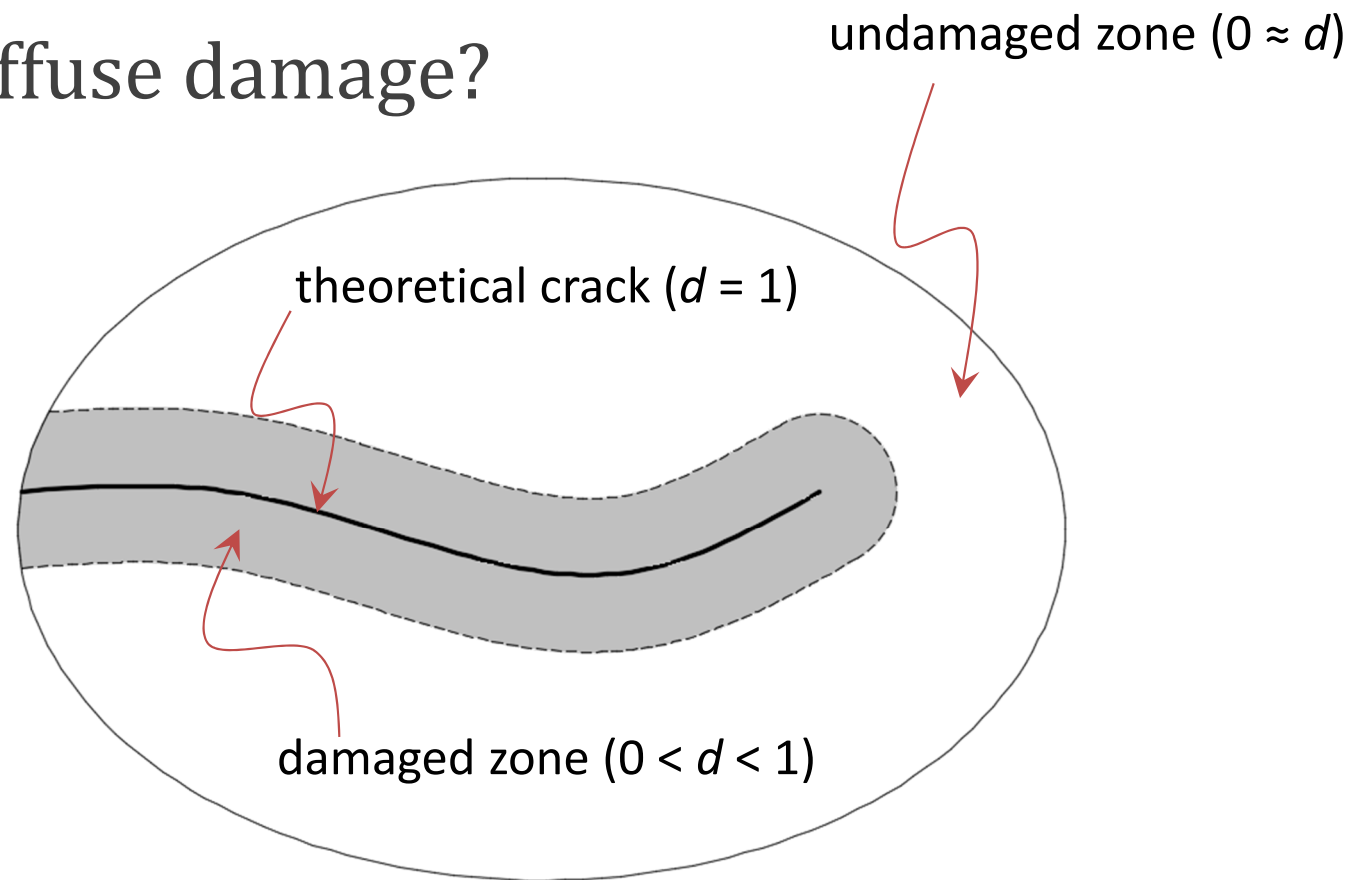
What is diffuse damage?



Solving **fracture mechanics** problem with
Partial Differential Equations (**PDEs**)

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Phase-field method

Staggered scheme

Miehe et al., 2010b

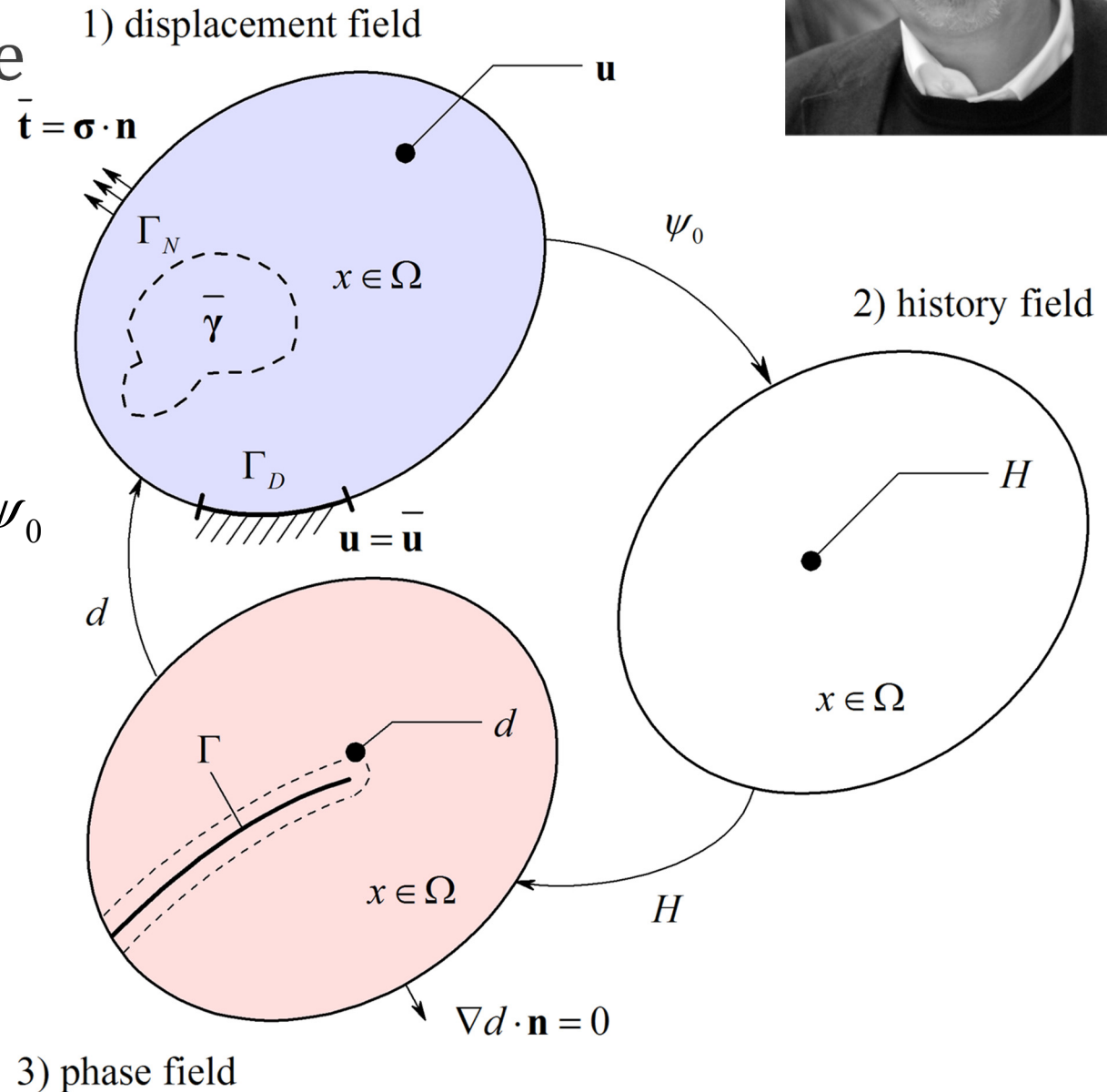
$$E^u(\mathbf{u}, d)$$

$$E^d(d, H_n)$$

$$H_n = \psi_0(\varepsilon(\mathbf{u})) \quad \text{if } H_{n-1} < \psi_0$$

Robustness!!!

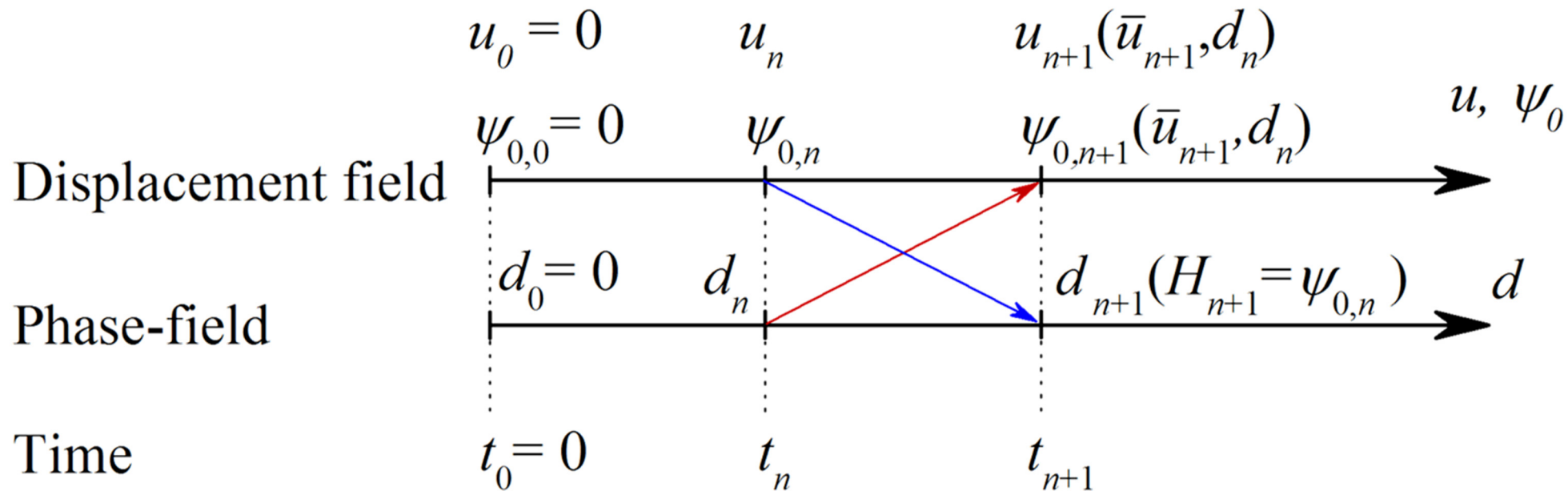
Efficiency??





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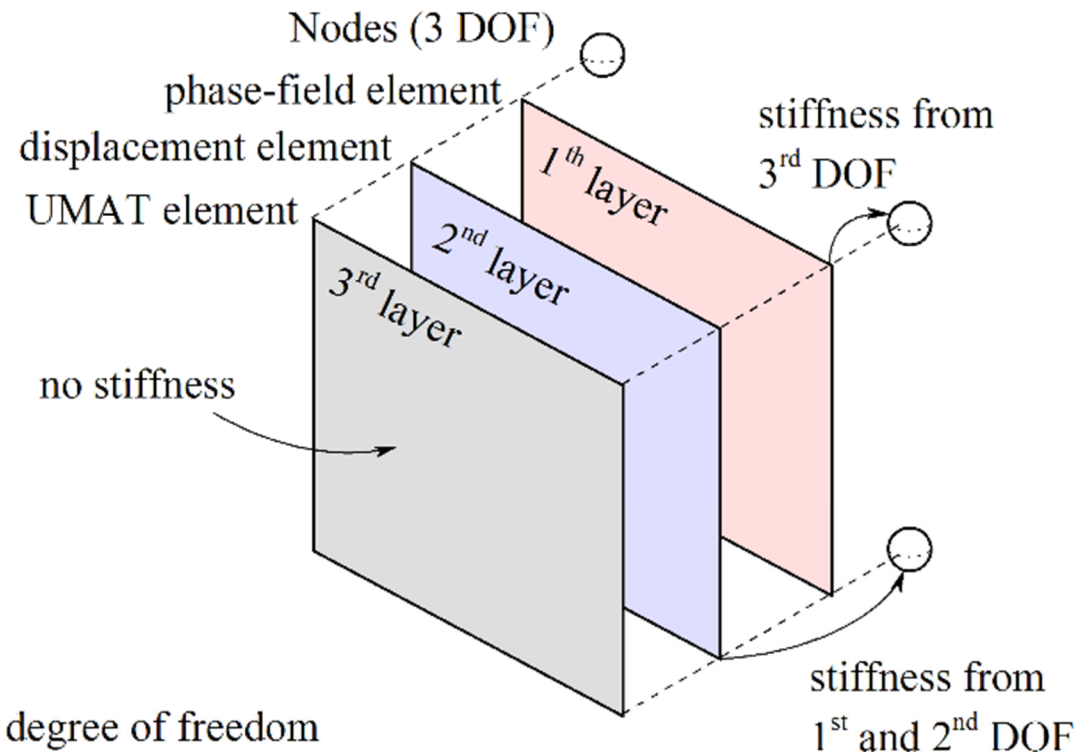
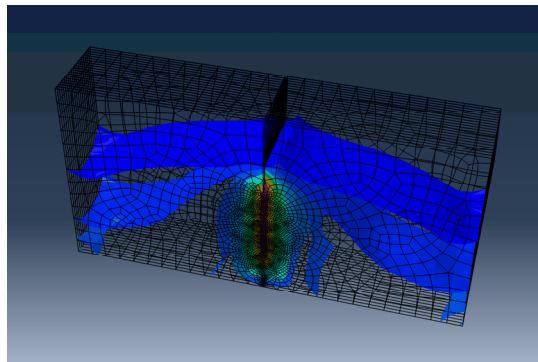
Open source implementation

ABAQUS/UEL option (ABAQUS + FORTRAN compiler)

stiffness matrix + **residue vector** for every element

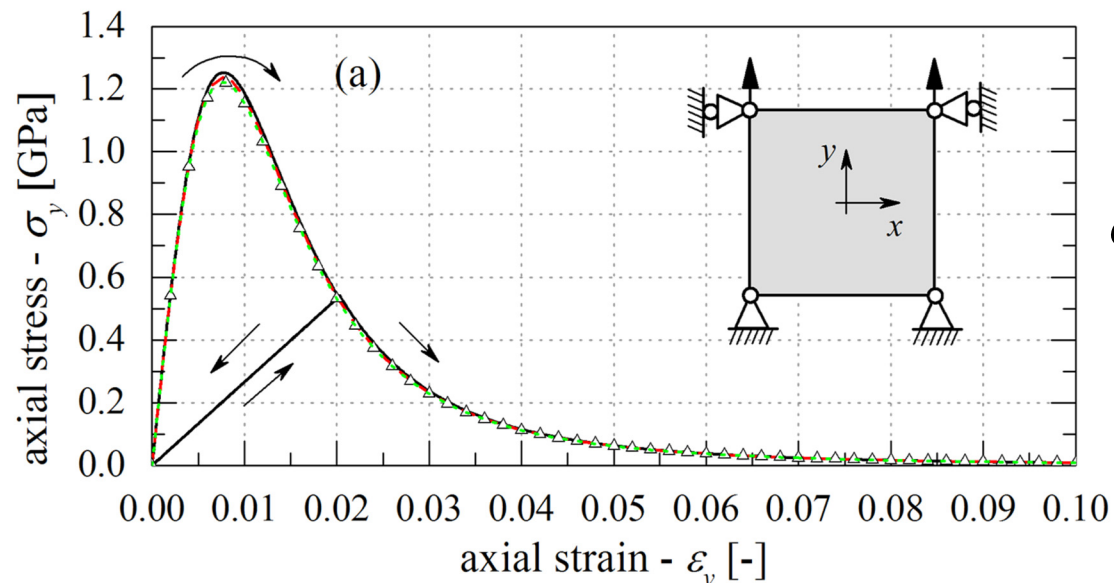
FORTRAN and ABAQUS files are available in both **2D** and **3D**

Visualization

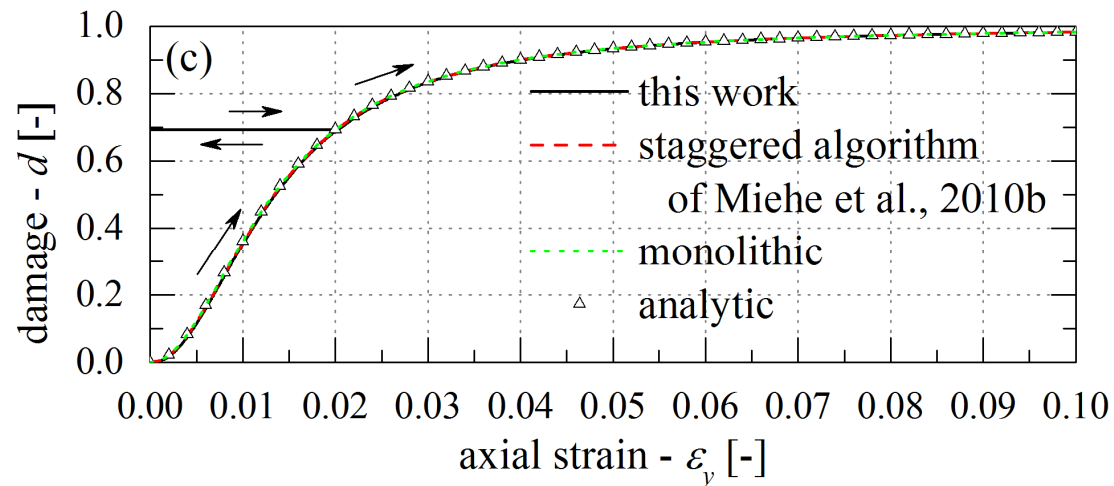


Phase-field method c_{22} - (2,2) element of the stiffness matrix

Single element solution



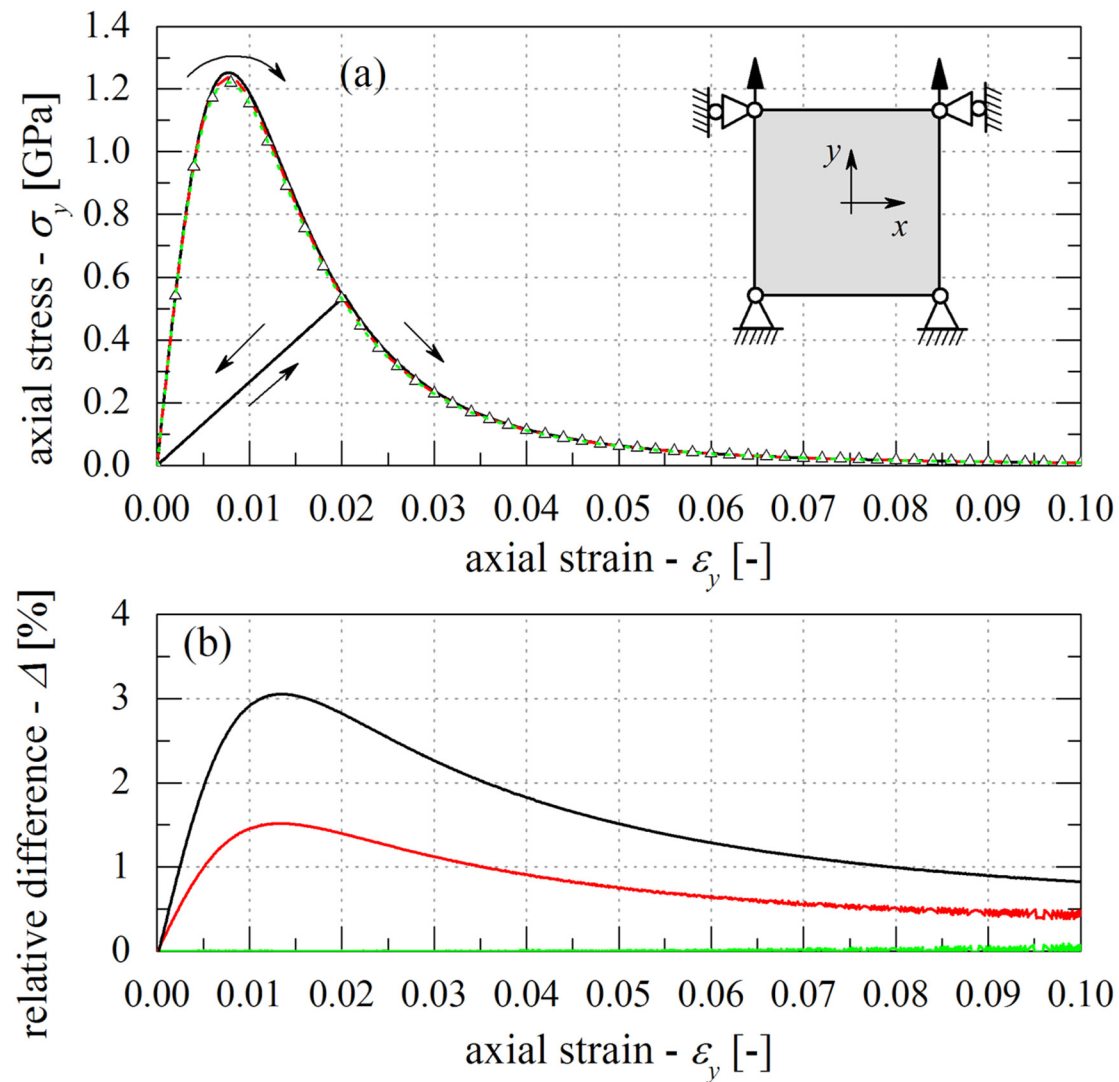
$$\sigma_y = (1-d)^2 \epsilon_y c_{22}$$



$$d = \frac{\epsilon_y^2 c_{22}}{\frac{g_c}{l_c} + \epsilon_y^2 c_{22}}$$

Phase-field method

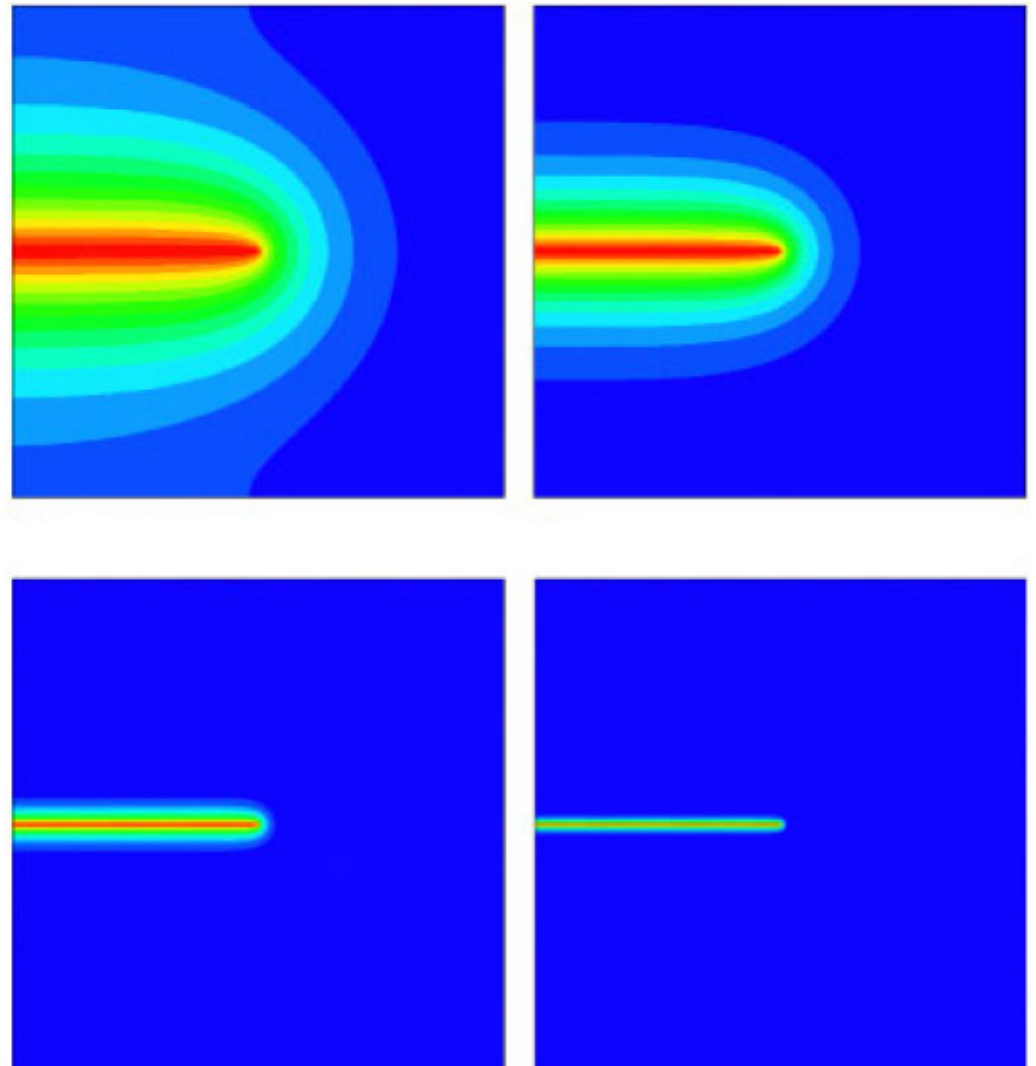
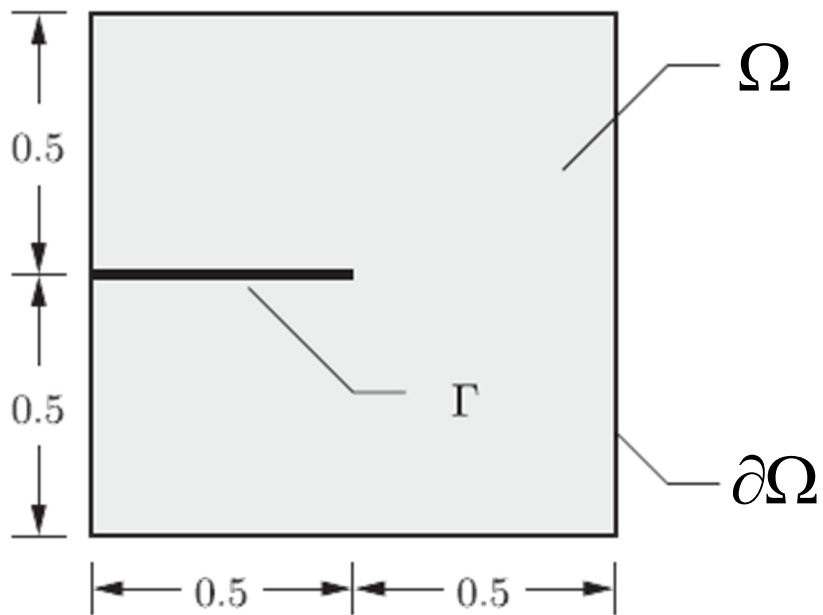
Single element solution



$$\Delta = \frac{\sigma_y - \sigma_y^{\text{analytic}}}{\sigma_y^{\text{analytic}}}$$

Parameters

How fine should the mesh be?

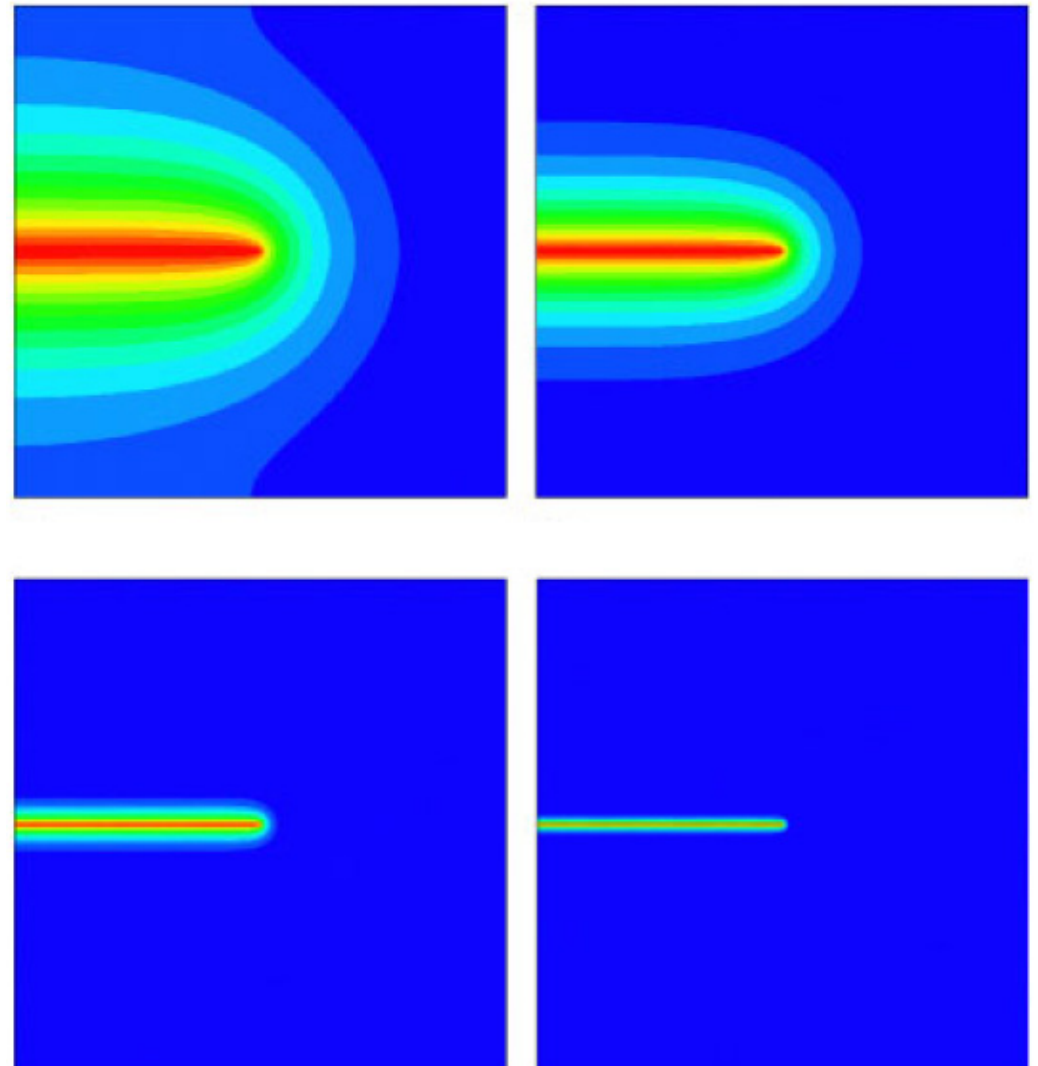
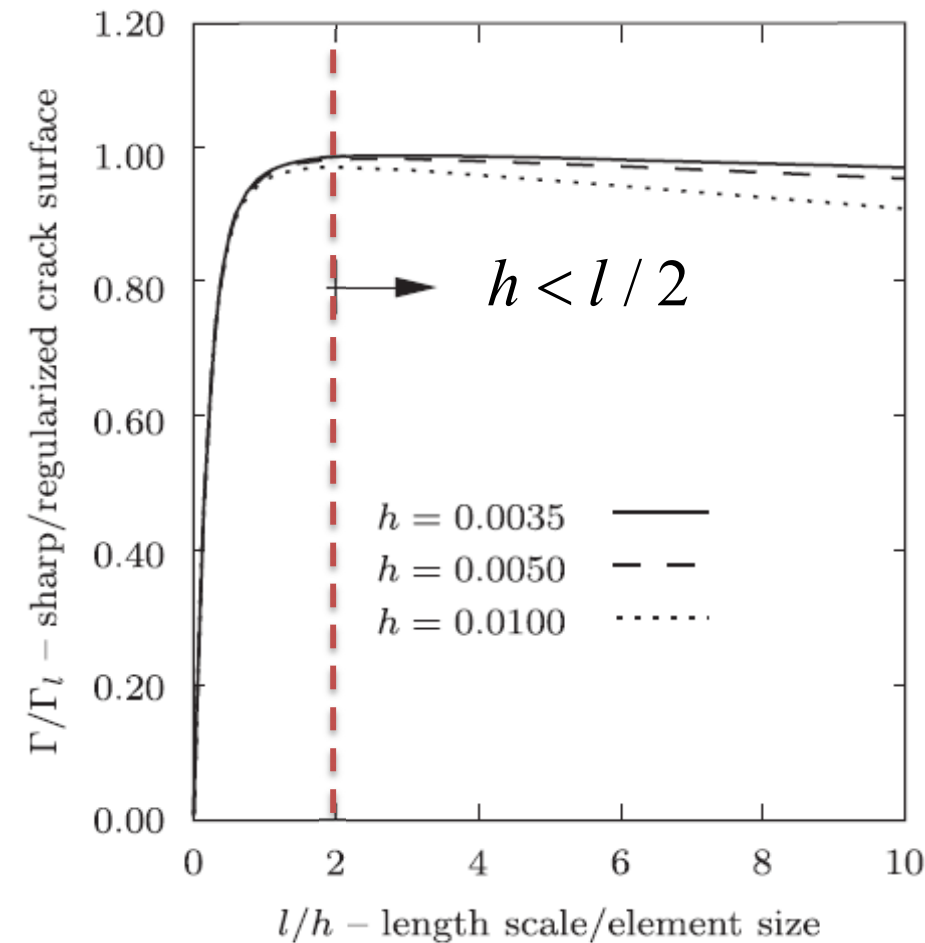


theoretical $\longrightarrow \Gamma = 0.5$

$$\Gamma_l = \int_{\Omega} \gamma d\Omega$$

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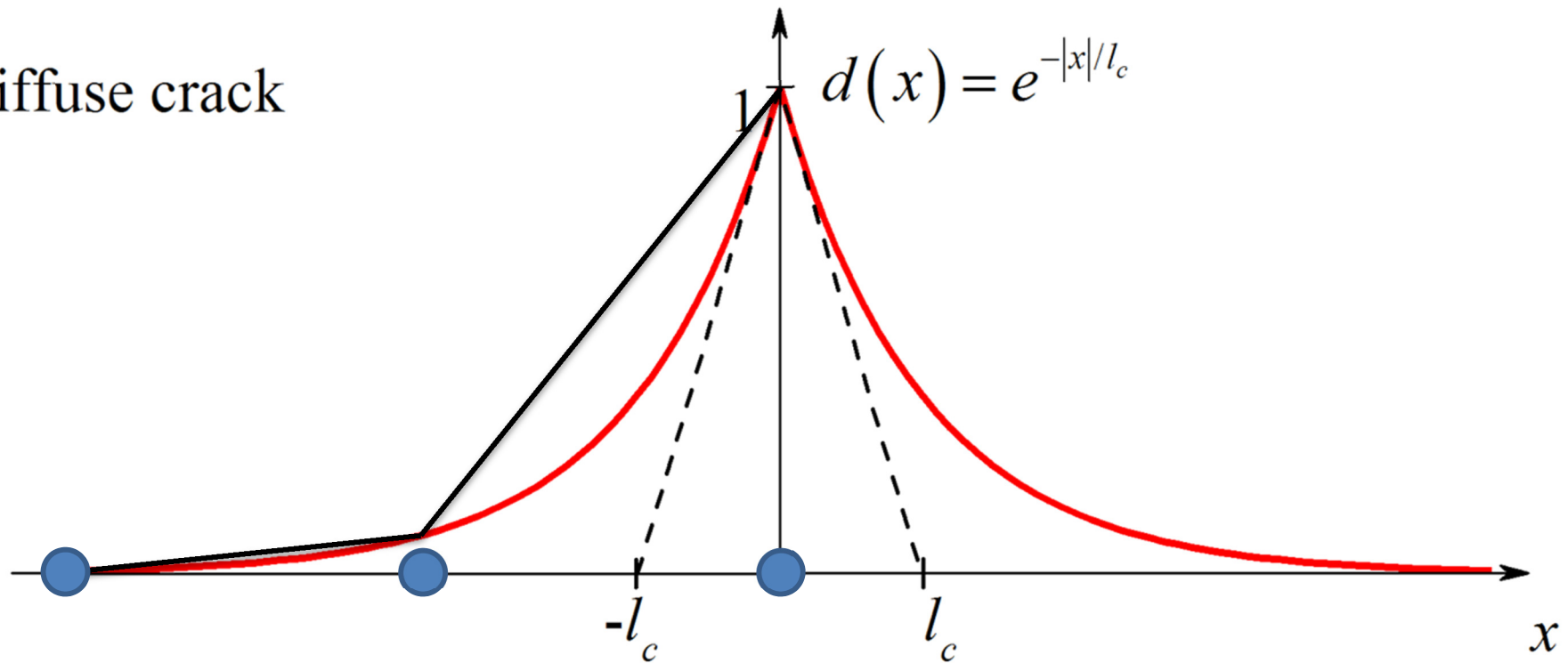
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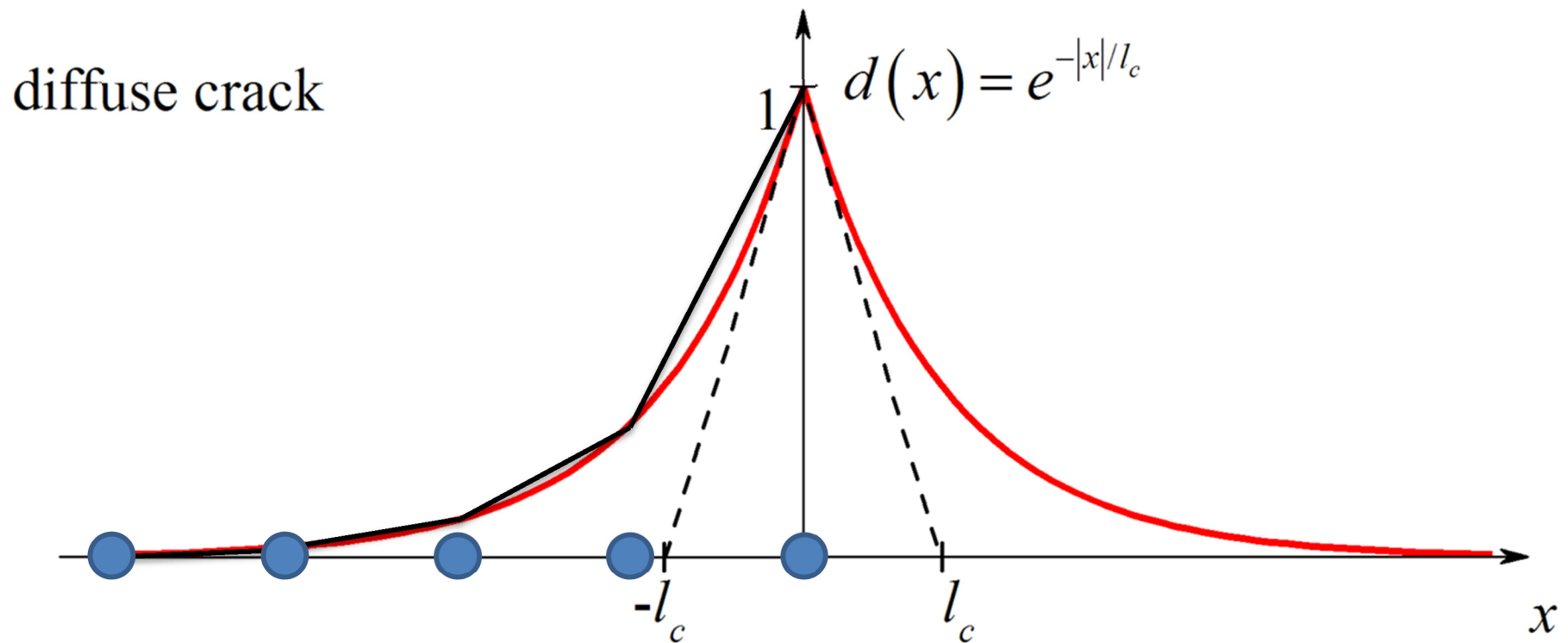
diffuse crack



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Partial Differential Equations (**PDEs**)

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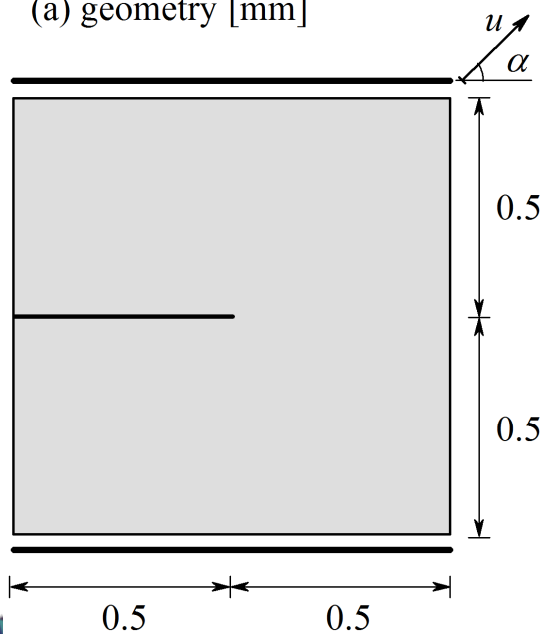
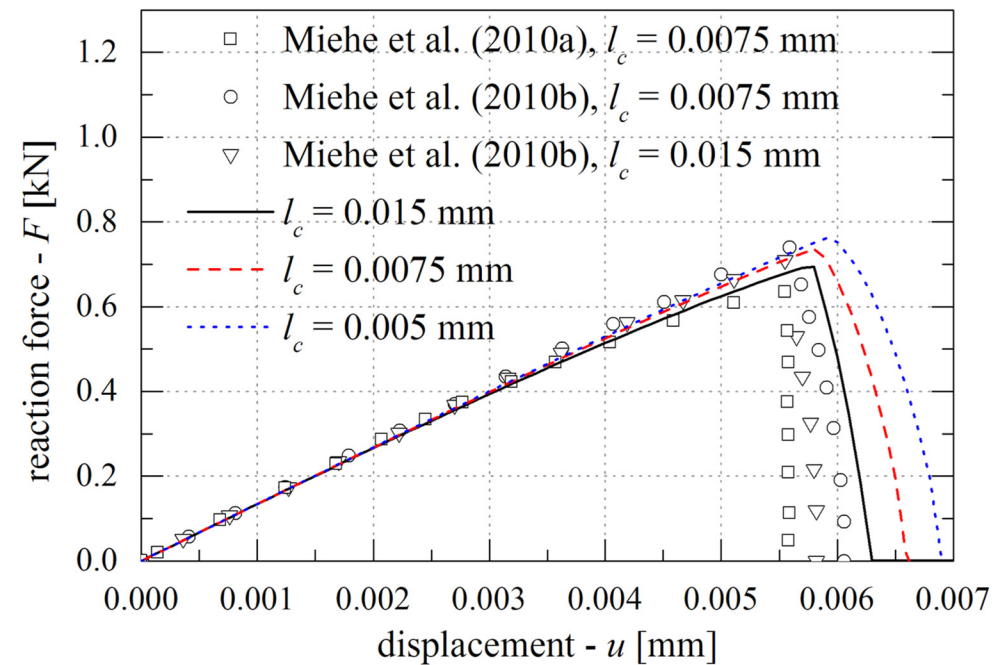
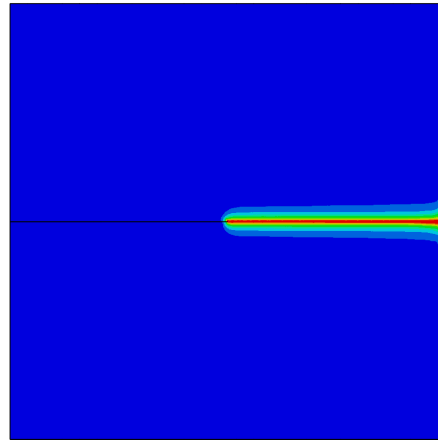


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Single notched specimen under tension

(a) geometry [mm]

(b) crack pattern ($\alpha = 90^\circ$)
pure tension

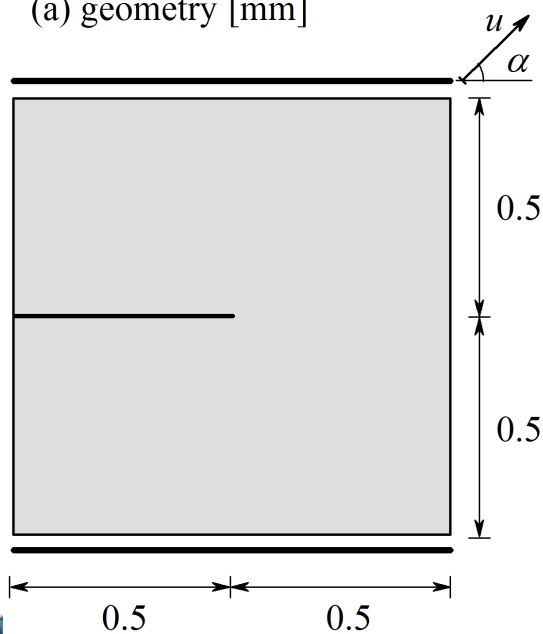
$$\Delta l_c = 300\% \rightarrow \Delta F_{\max} \approx 10\%$$

Effect of **length-scale**

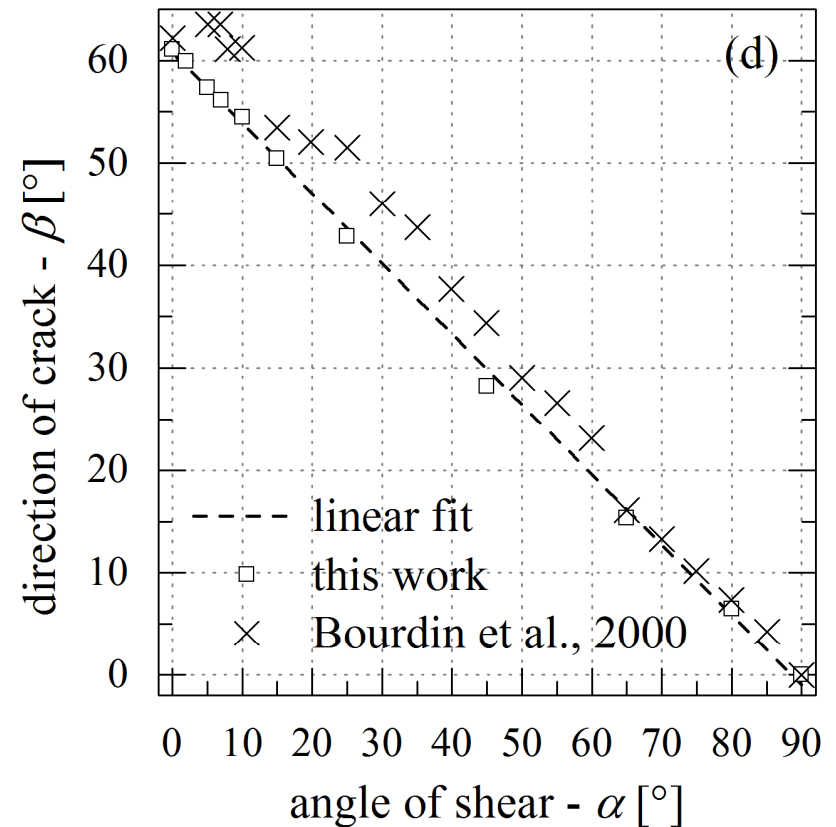
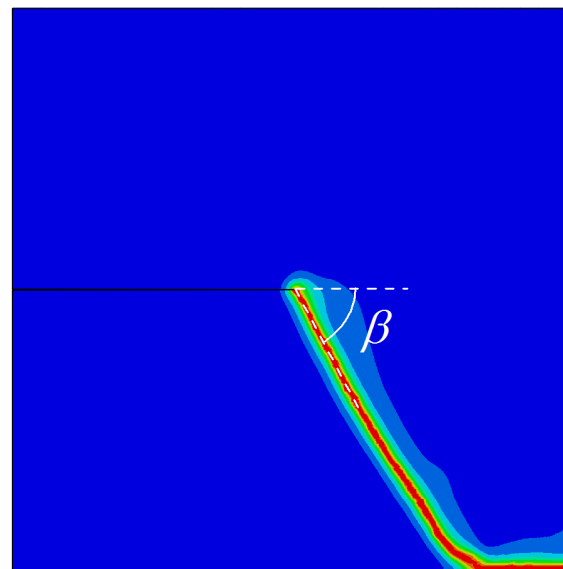
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Single notched specimen under shear

(a) geometry [mm]

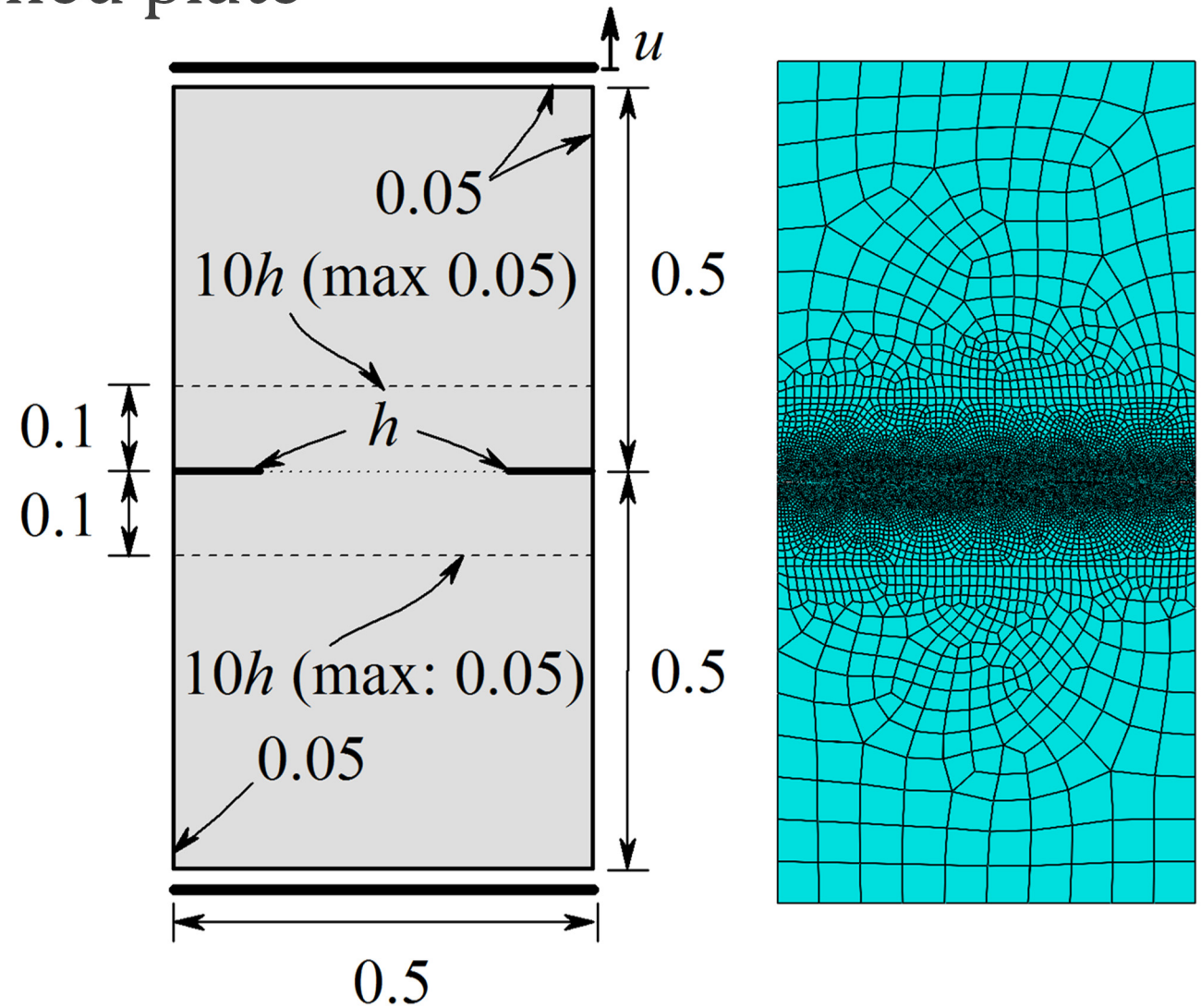


(c) crack pattern ($\alpha = 0^\circ$)
pure shear



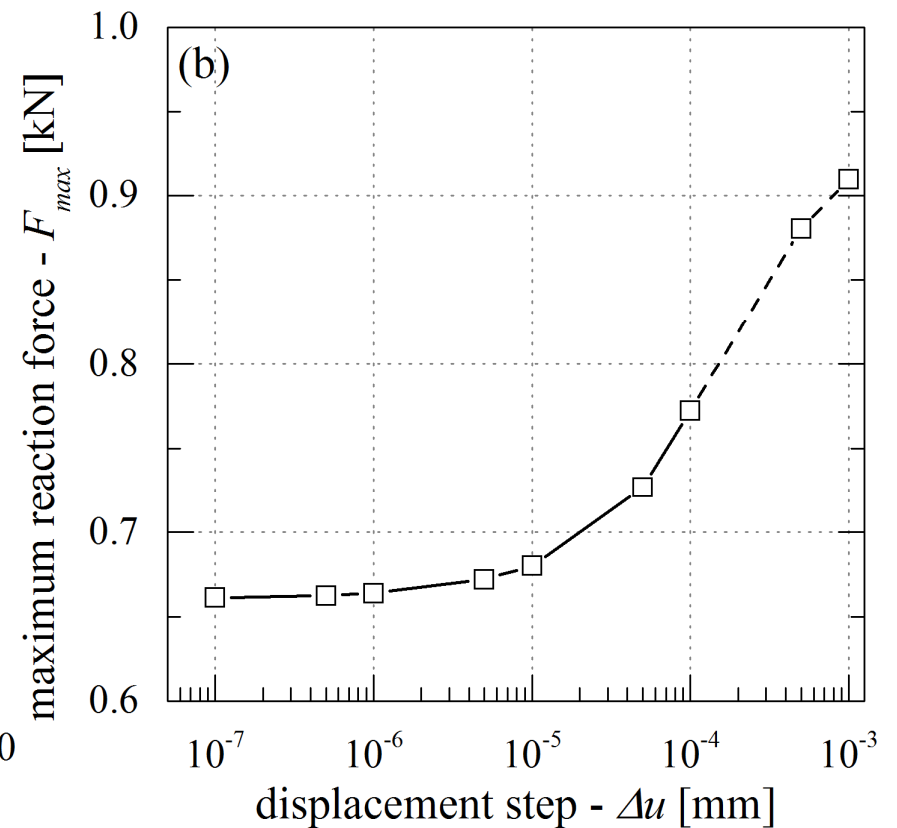
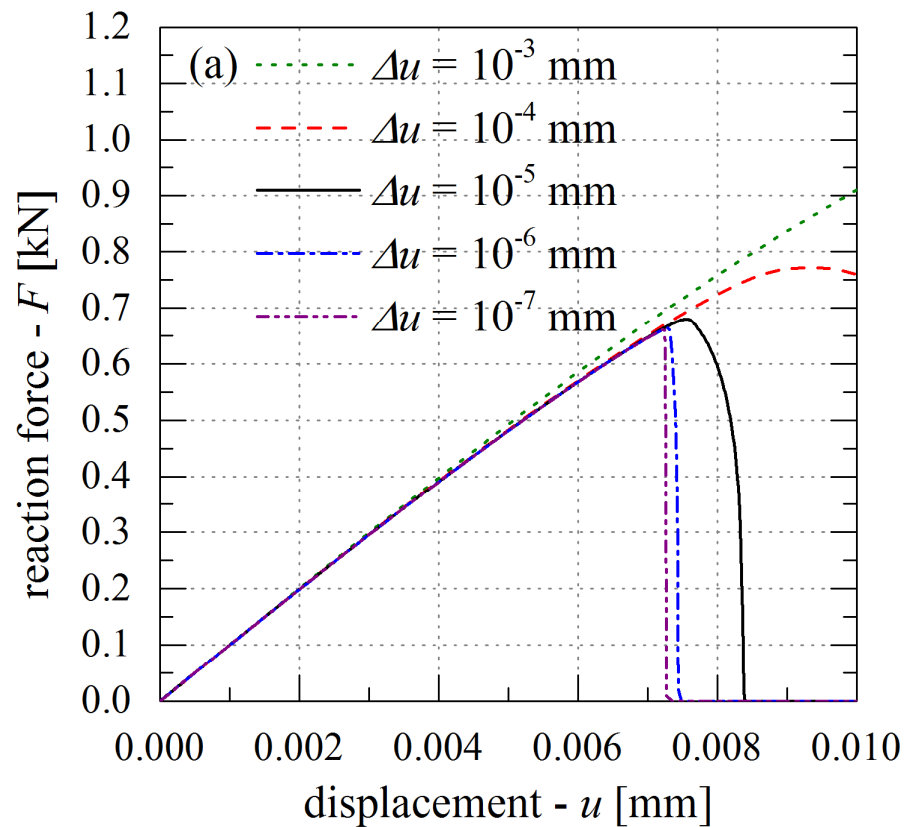
Parameters

Double notched plate



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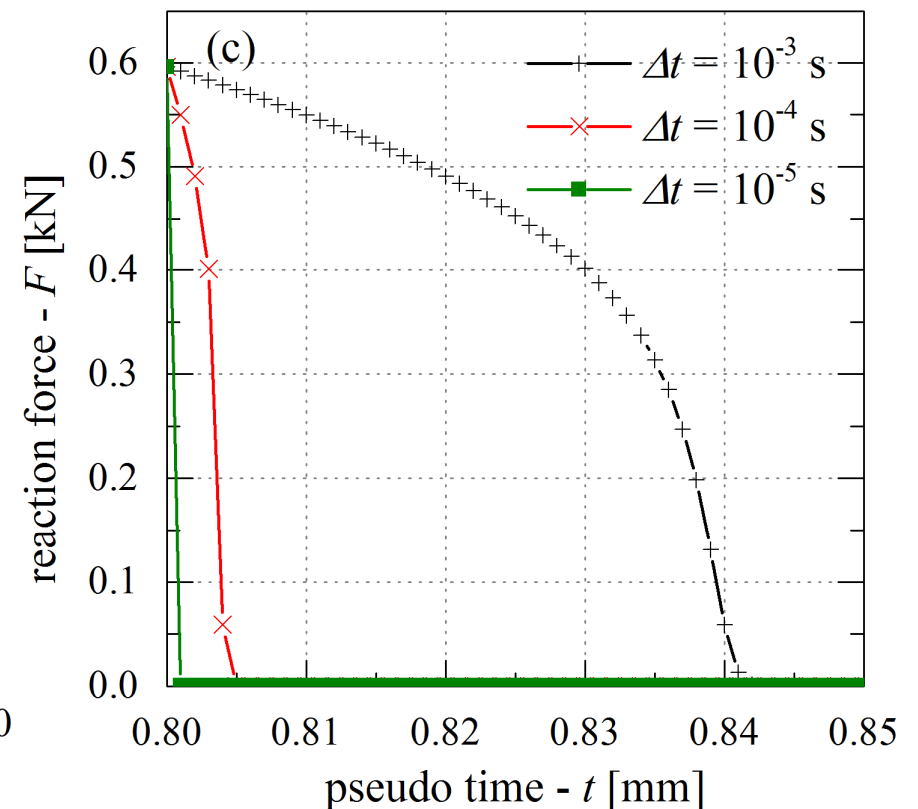
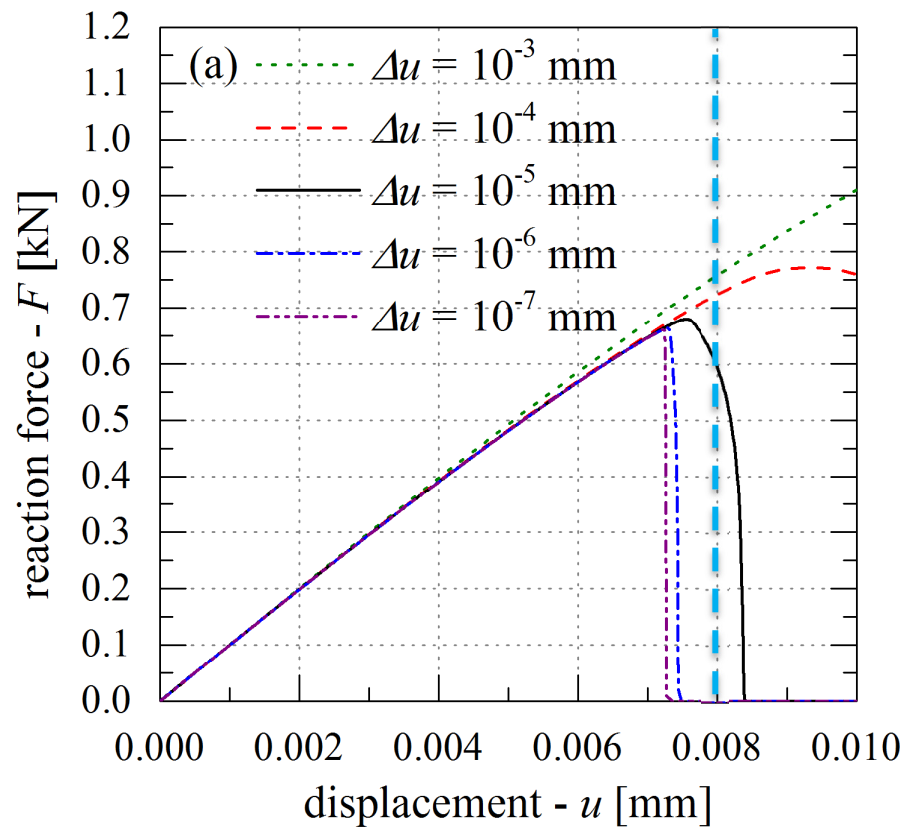
Time step



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Time step

Deformation is applied until 0.008 mm then stopped

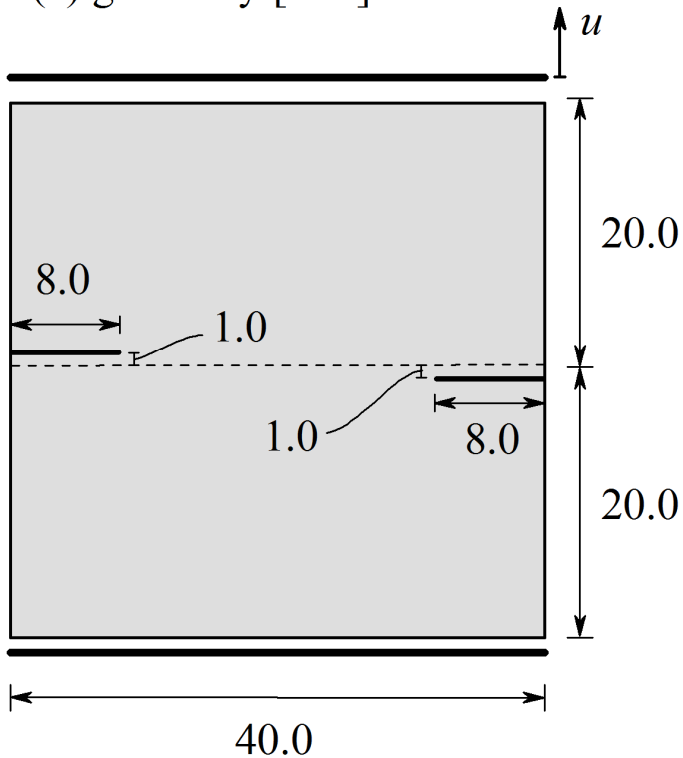


For details see **Tutorial 3: Cracked cylinder in tension** on www.molnar-research.com

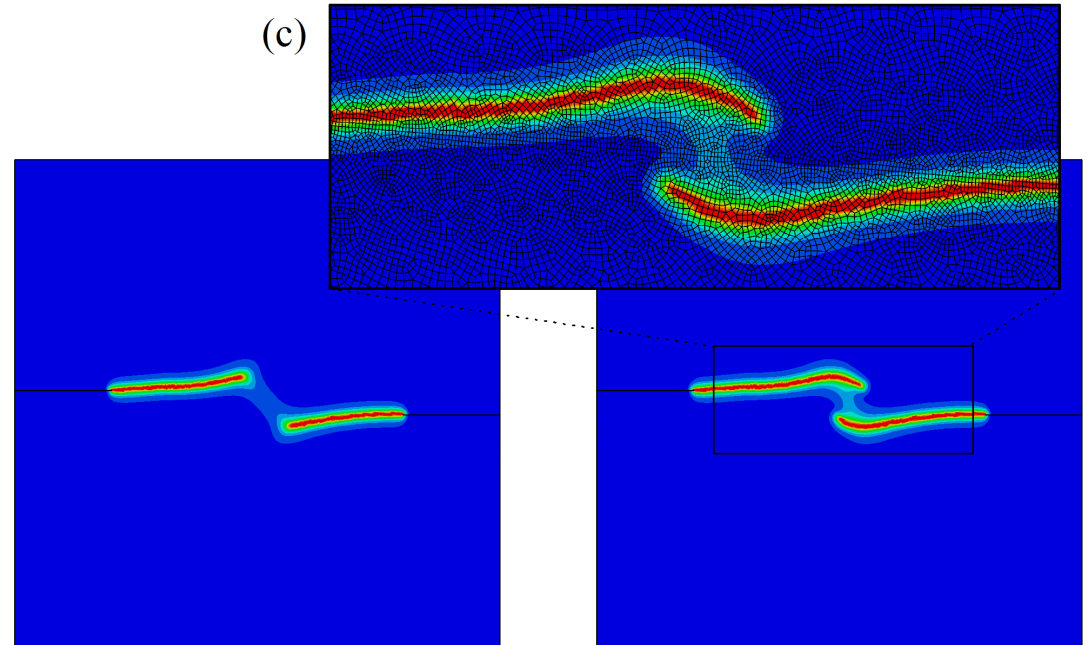
Examples

Asymmetric double notched plate

(a) geometry [mm]

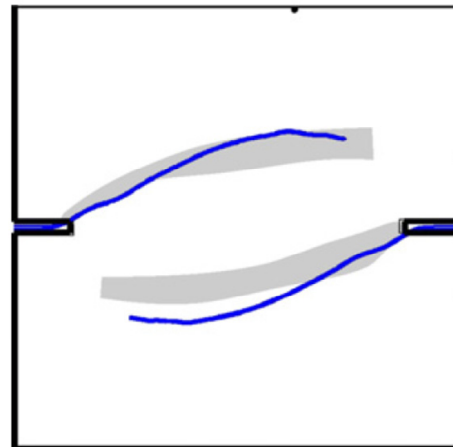


(c)

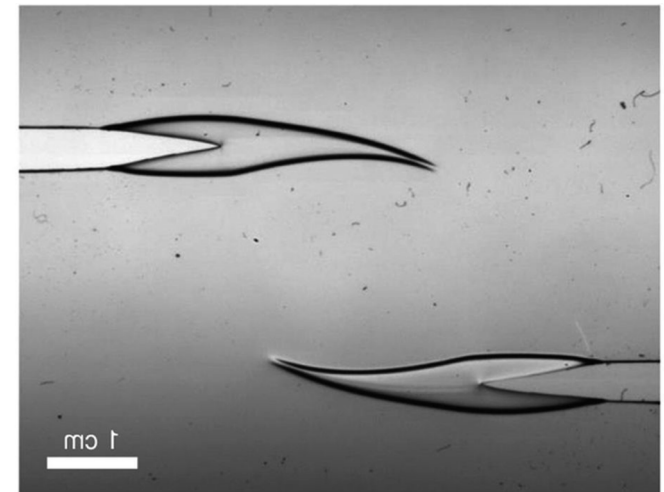


$u = 0.0453$ mm

$u = 0.0462$ mm



Réthoré et al., 2010



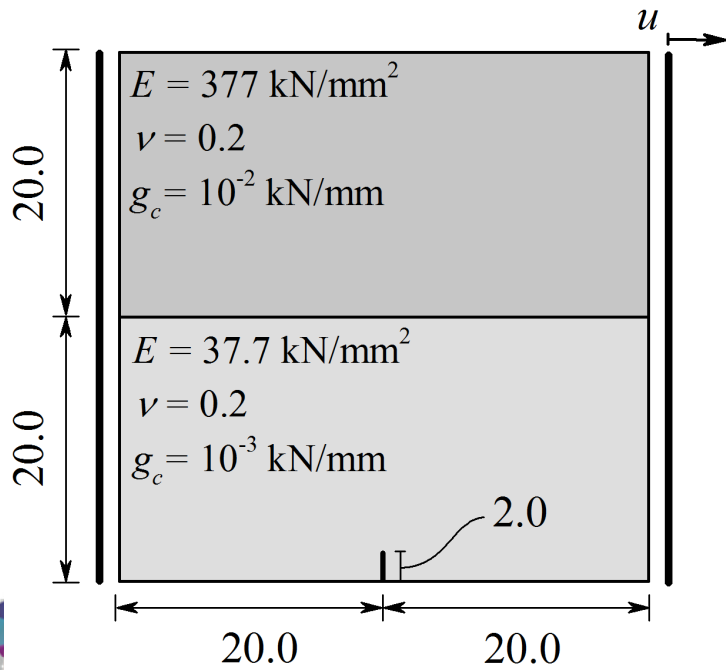
Koivisto et al., 2016



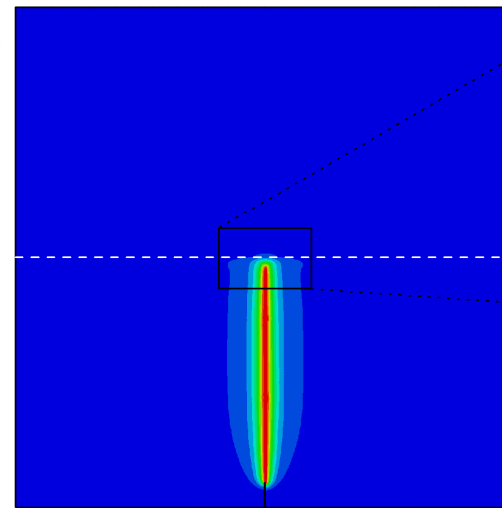
Examples

Bi-material tension

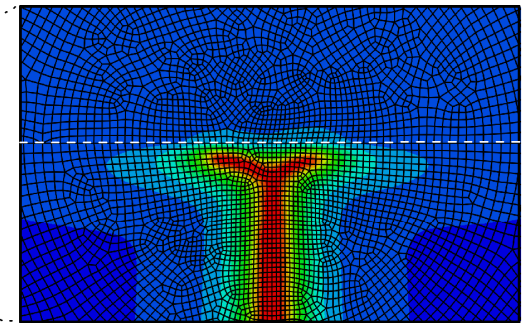
(a) geometry



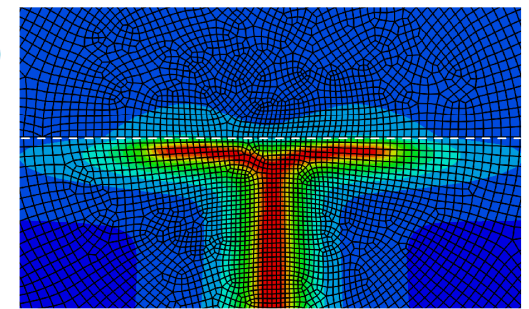
(b)



(c)



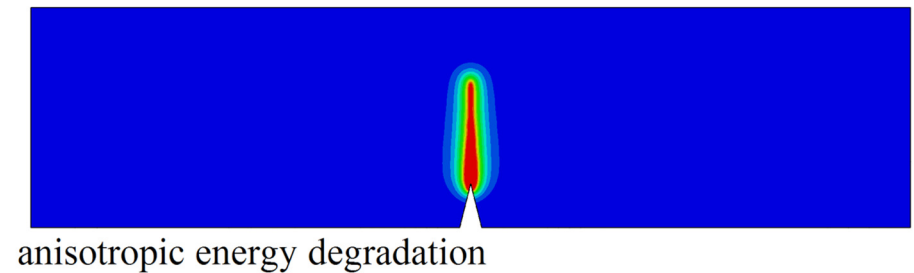
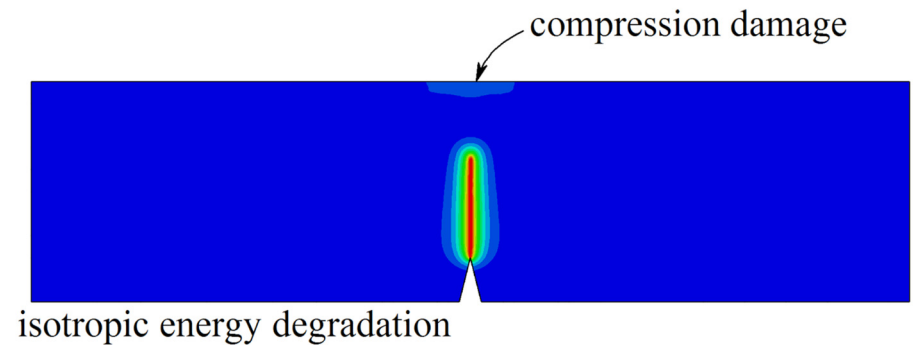
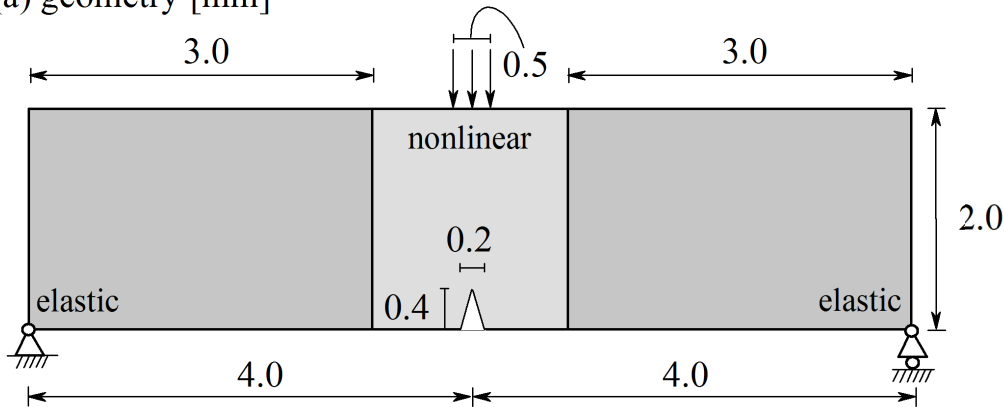
(d)



Examples

Positive and negative energy degradation

(a) geometry [mm]



$$\psi_0^\pm = \frac{E\nu}{(1+\nu)(1-2\nu)} \langle tr(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}) \rangle_\pm^2 + \frac{E}{2(1+\nu)} \left(\langle \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_2 \rangle_\pm^2 + \langle \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_2 \rangle_\pm^2 \right)$$

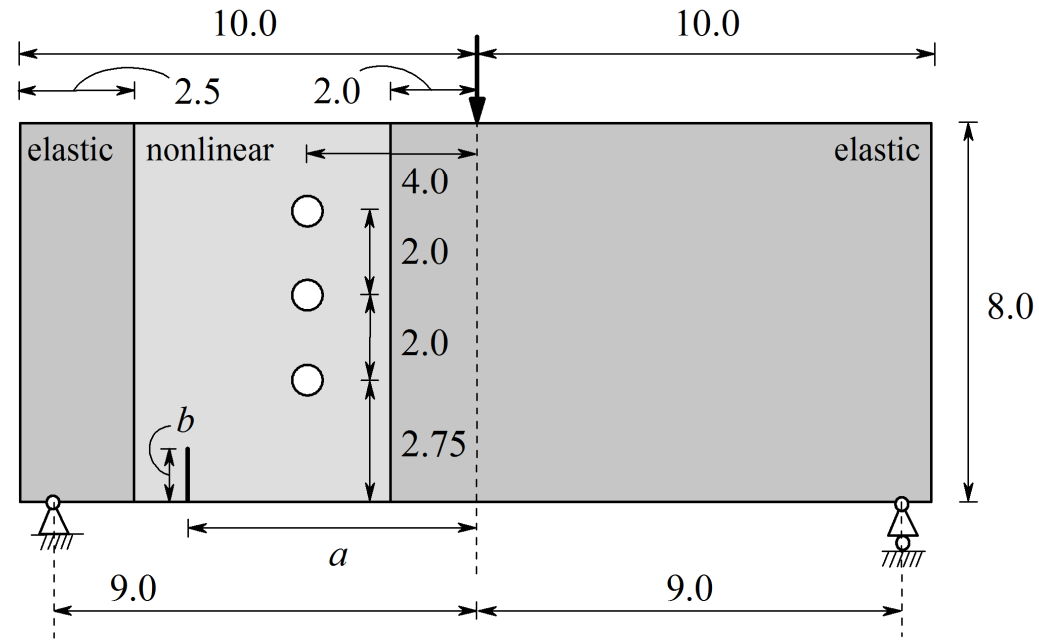
$$\psi = \psi_0^+ g(d) + \psi_0^-$$



Examples

Asymmetric bending

(a) geometry [mm]



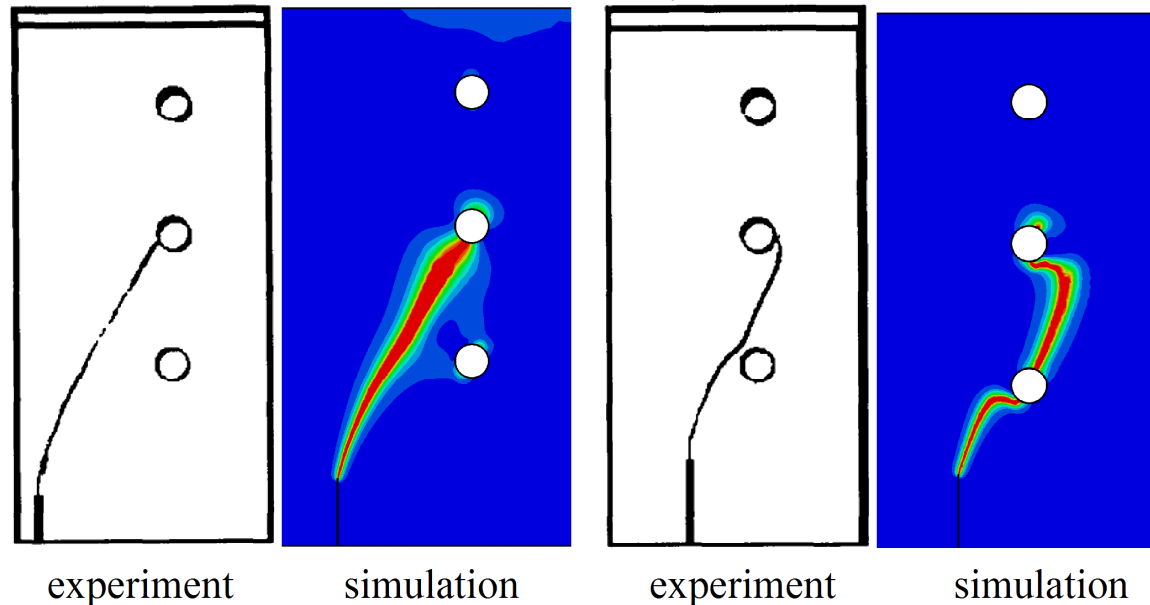
Example 1

($a = 6.0$ mm, $b = 1.0$ mm)

Example 2

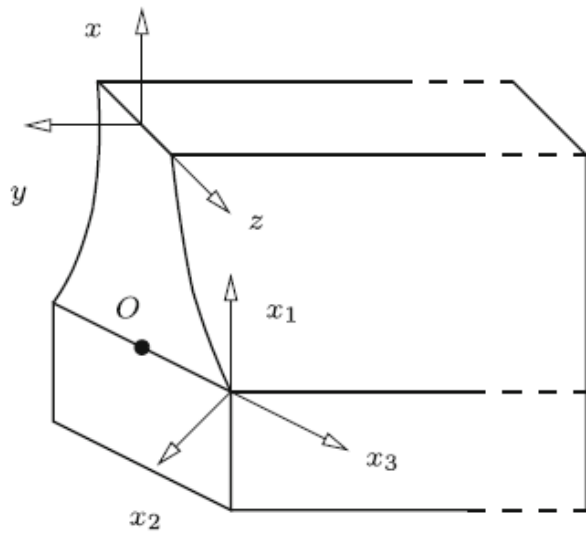
($a = 4.0$ mm, $b = 1.5$ mm)

Bittencourt et al., 1996

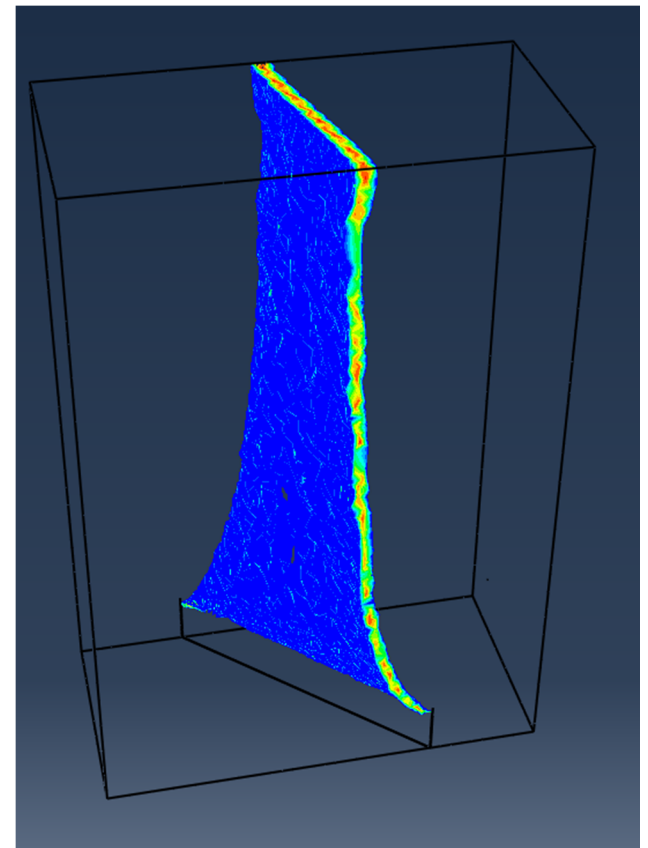
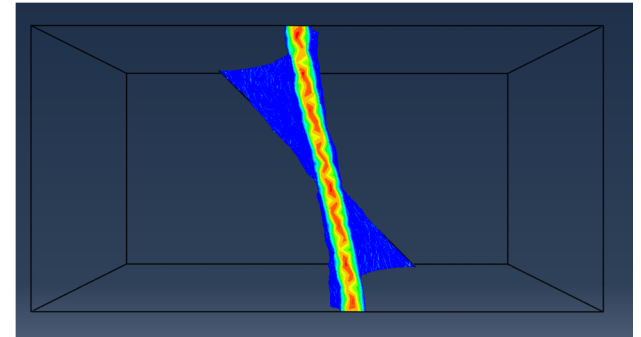
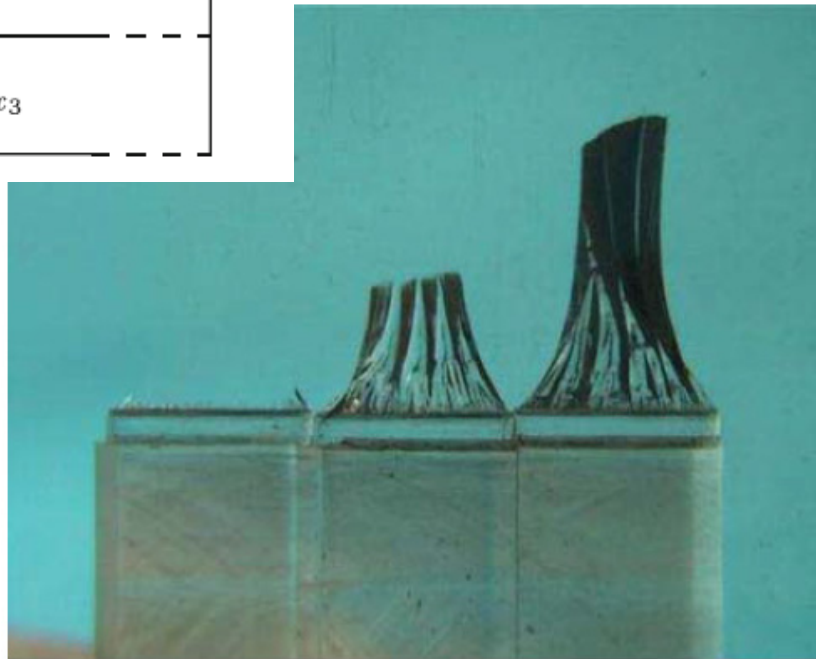


3D Examples

Inclined crack in bending

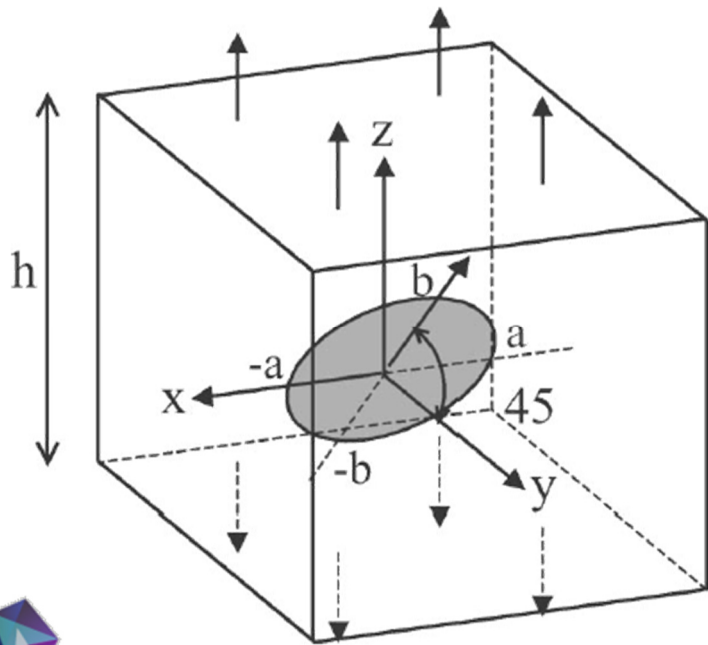


Lazarus et al., 2008

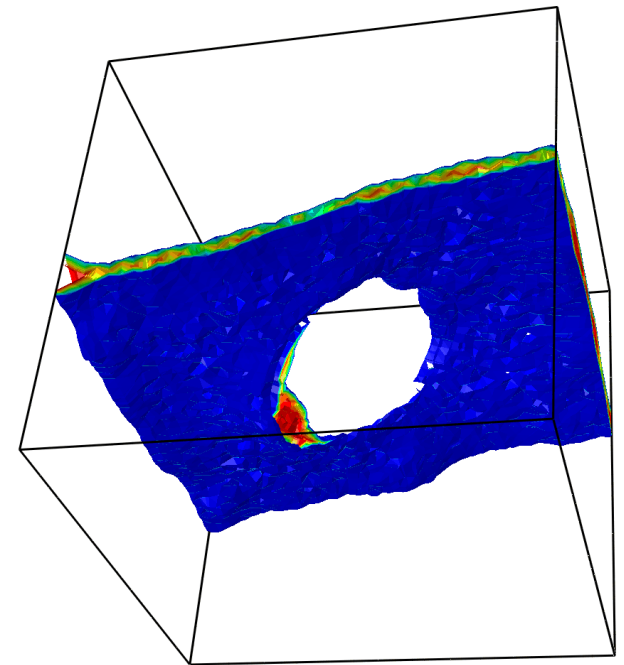
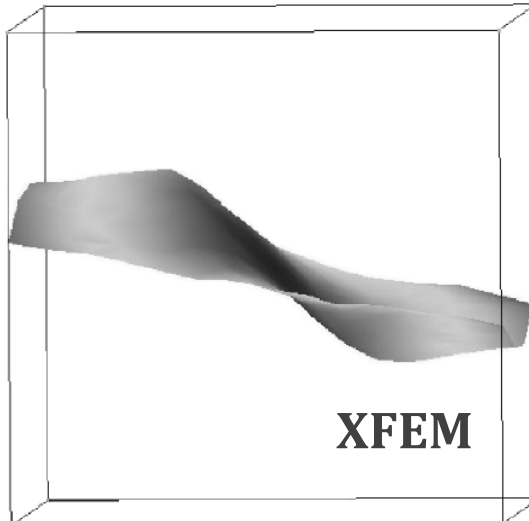
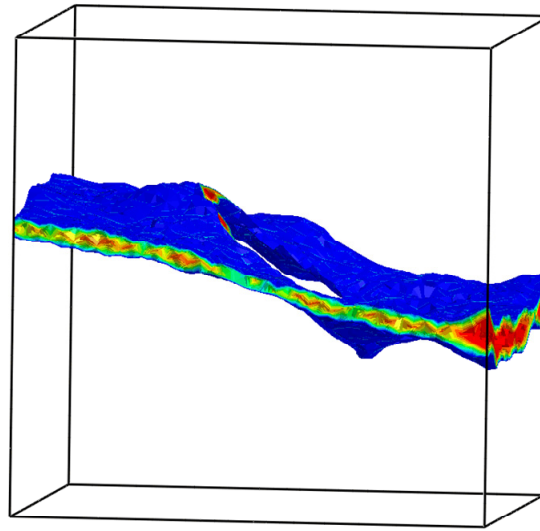


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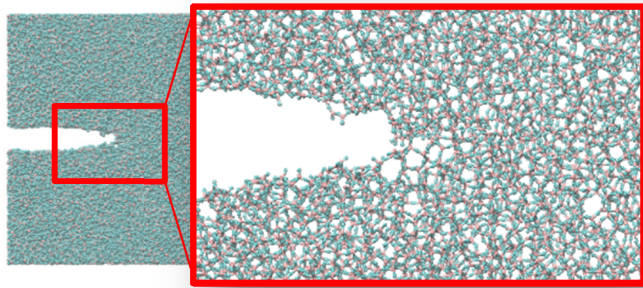
Inclined penny shape crack in tension



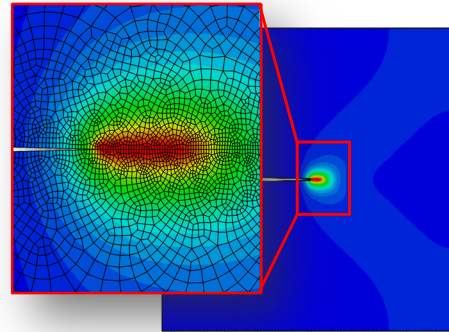
Gravouil et al., 2002



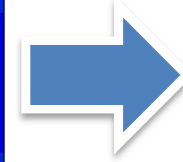
Conclusion



Microstructure



Phase-field



Hybrid FDEM
XFEM/GFEM
Cohesive Zones
Predefined crack

Advantages and disadvantages

- crack initiation, propagation
- branching, merging
- fixed mesh
- fully 3D



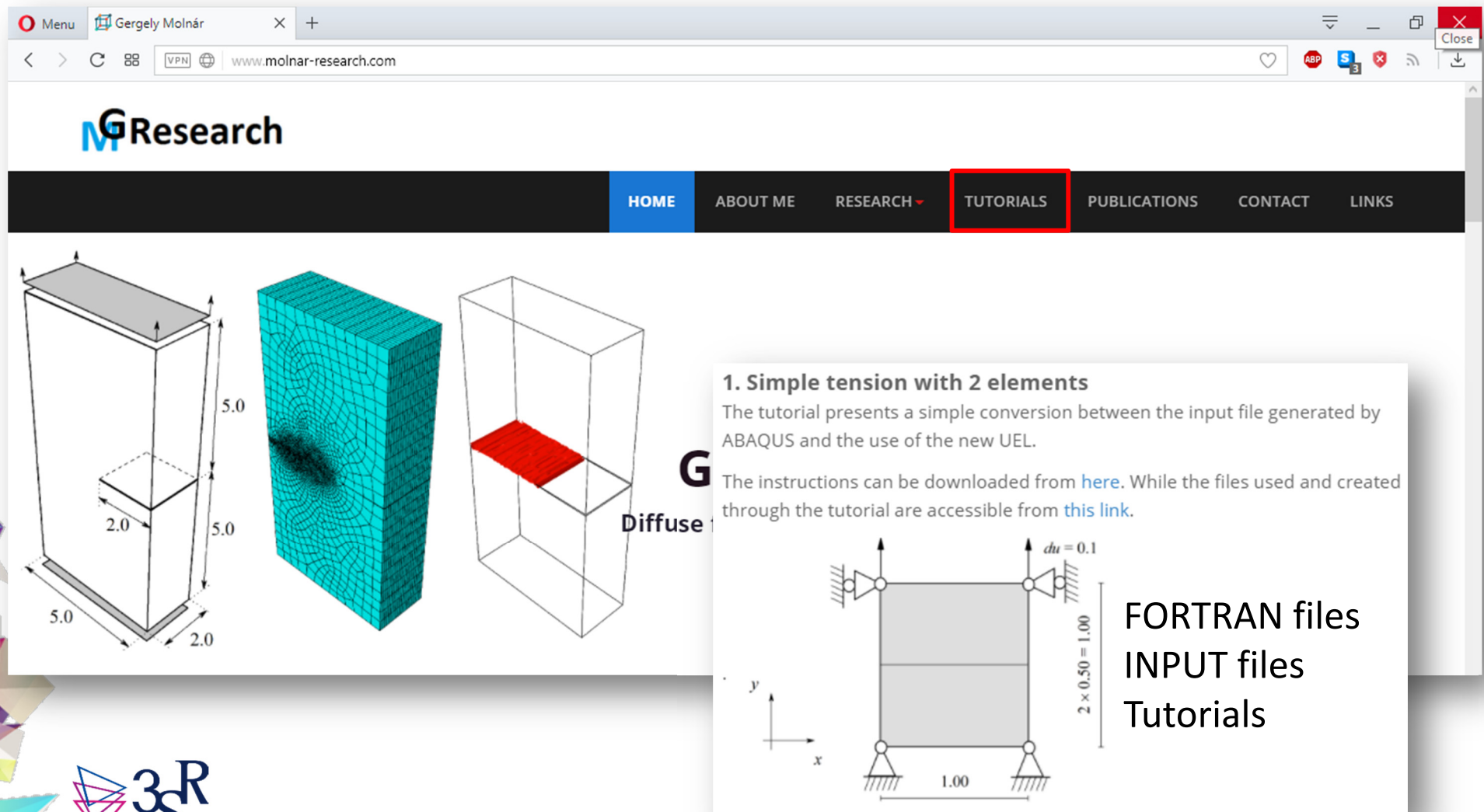
- fine mesh
- finite crack size
- efficiency/robustness

Versatility

dynamics, shells, nonlinear elasticity, large strains, coupled problems, plasticity, anisotropy, etc...

Where to find it?

Examples and tutorials: www.molnar-research.com



The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the GResearch website. The navigation menu includes: HOME, ABOUT ME, RESEARCH, TUTORIALS (highlighted with a red box), PUBLICATIONS, CONTACT, and LINKS. Below the menu, there are three 3D models of a rectangular block: a wireframe model with dimensions (5.0, 2.0, 5.0), a meshed model, and a model with a red horizontal slice. To the right, a tutorial titled "1. Simple tension with 2 elements" is displayed. The tutorial text states: "The tutorial presents a simple conversion between the input file generated by ABAQUS and the use of the new UEL. The instructions can be downloaded from [here](#). While the files used and created through the tutorial are accessible from [this link](#)." Below the text is a diagram of a square element under tension, with dimensions 1.00 and 2 x 0.50 = 1.00, and a displacement $du = 0.1$. A coordinate system (x, y) is shown. To the right of the diagram, the text "FORTRAN files", "INPUT files", and "Tutorials" is listed. In the bottom left corner, there is a logo for "3SR" and a decorative geometric pattern.

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