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# A New Generalized FEM for Two-Scale Simulations of Propagating Cohesive Fractures in 3-D

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# Motivation: Multiscale Structural Analysis

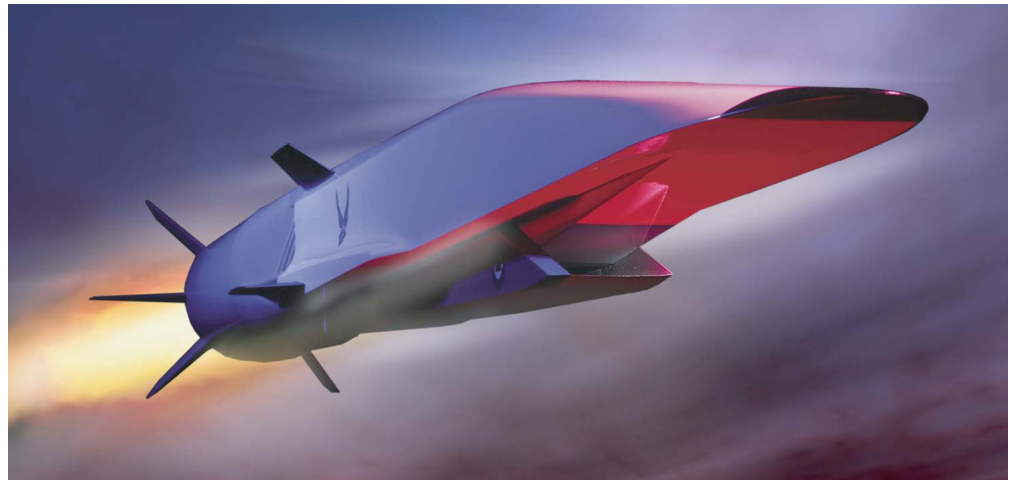
The US Air Force has expended six decades and untold resources in attempts to field a reusable hypersonic vehicle\*

Scientific challenge:

“An inability to computationally capture the material evolution and degradation within a structural component”



X-15 (1959)



X-51a (2010)

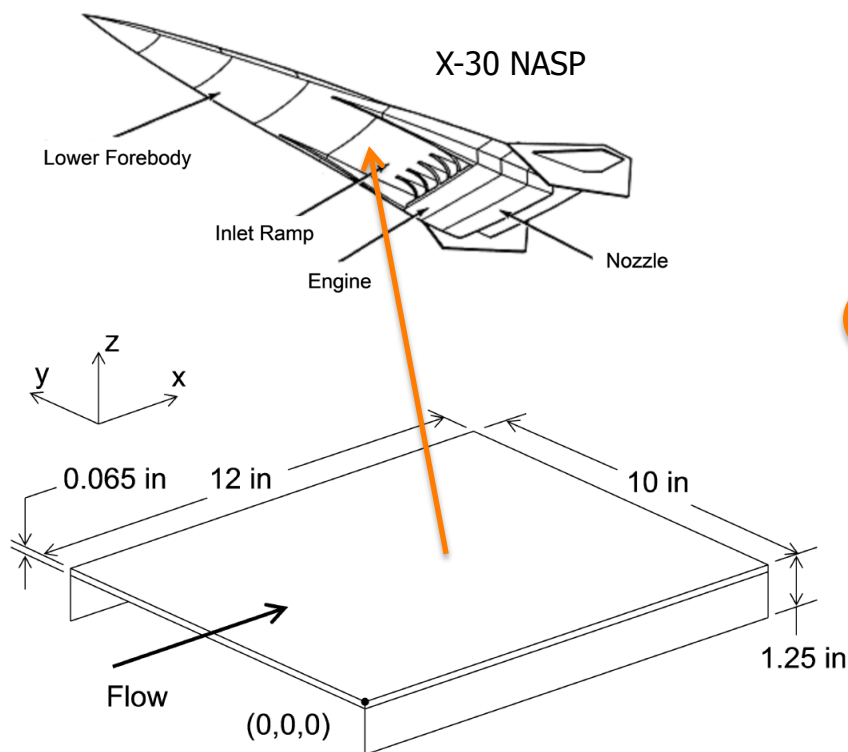
\*[T. G. Eason et al., 2013]



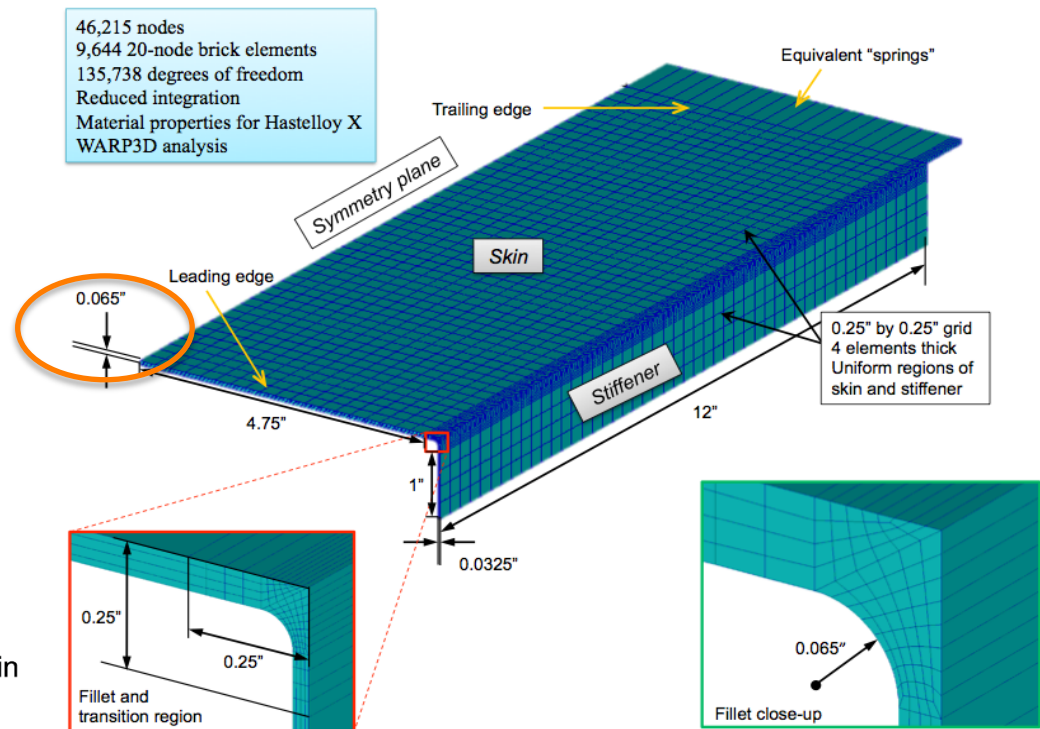


# Motivation: Multiscale Structural Analysis

- Thermo, mechanical and acoustic loads on hypersonic aircrafts lead to highly localized non-linear 3-D stress fields: Finite element models with fine meshes are required



Representative hypersonic skin panel  
[Sobotka et al., 2013]

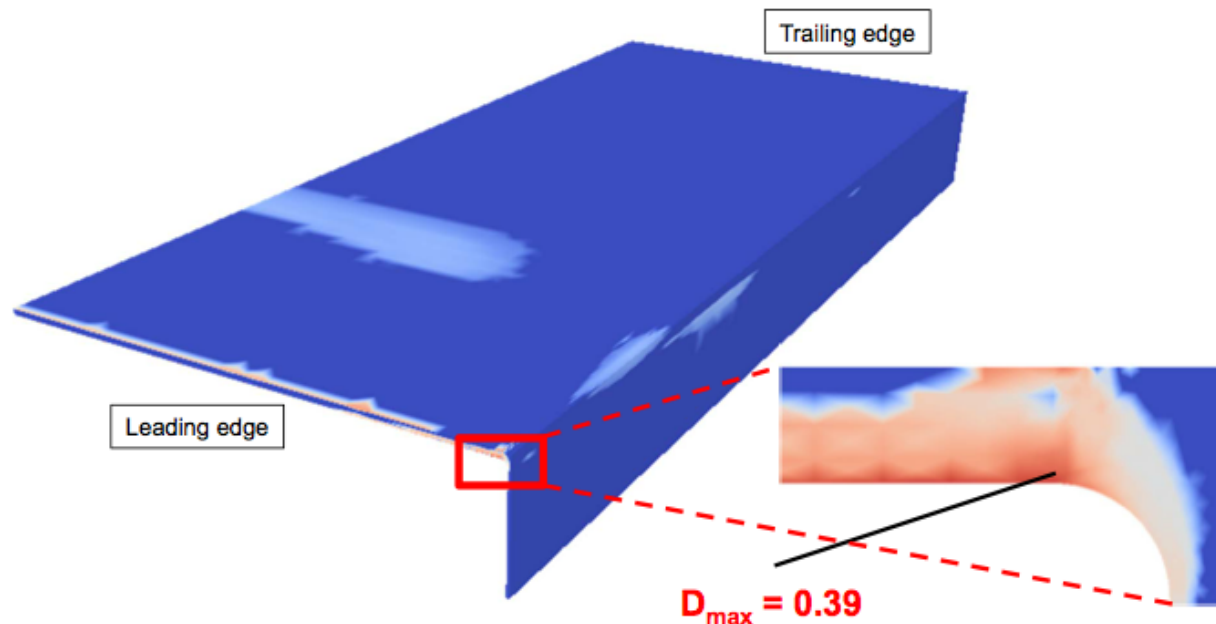


3-D FEM: Large aspect ratio of elements may lead to numerical instabilities during analysis [Sobotka et al., 2013]



# Motivation: Multiscale Structural Analysis

- Highly localized non-linear 3-D effects
- Most of the structure remains linear elastic
- Q: How to efficiently capture these localized non-linear 3-D effects?
- Q: How to avoid numerical stability issues caused by aspect ratio of elements?
- Strategy: A Generalized FEM for multiscale structural analysis



[Sobotka et al., 2013]





# Outline

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- Motivation
- Generalized finite element methods: Basic ideas
- Bridging scales with GFEM:
  - Global-local enrichments for localized non-linearities
- Numerical examples
- Conclusions





# Generalized Finite Element Method

- GFEM is a Galerkin method with special test/trial space given by

$$S_{GFEM} = S_{FEM} + S_{ENR}$$

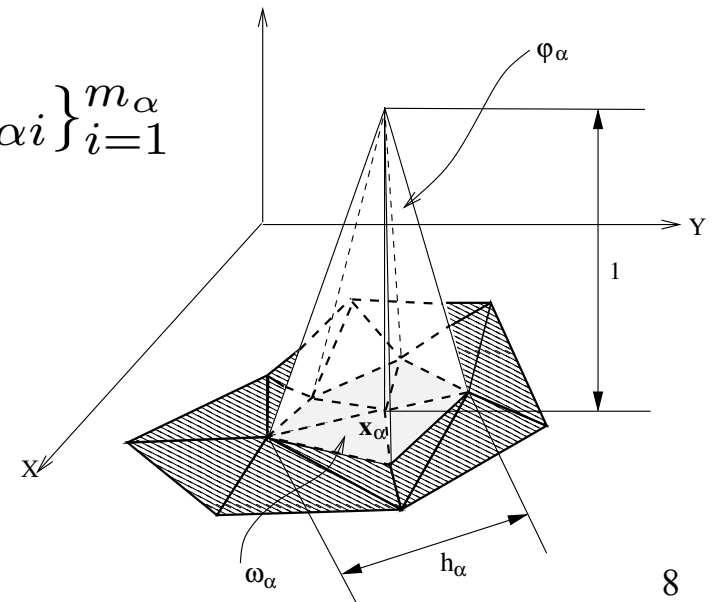
$\swarrow$  Low order FEM space       $\swarrow$  Enrichment space with functions related to the given problem

$$S_{FEM} = \sum_{\alpha \in I_h} c_\alpha \varphi_\alpha, \quad c_\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$S_{ENR} = \sum_{\alpha \in I_h^e \subset I_h} \varphi_\alpha \chi_\alpha; \quad \chi_\alpha = \text{span}\{L_{\alpha i}\}_{i=1}^{m_\alpha}$$

$$L_{\alpha i} \in \chi_\alpha(\omega_\alpha)$$

$\nwarrow$  Enrichment function       $\nwarrow$  Patch space





# Generalized Finite Element Method

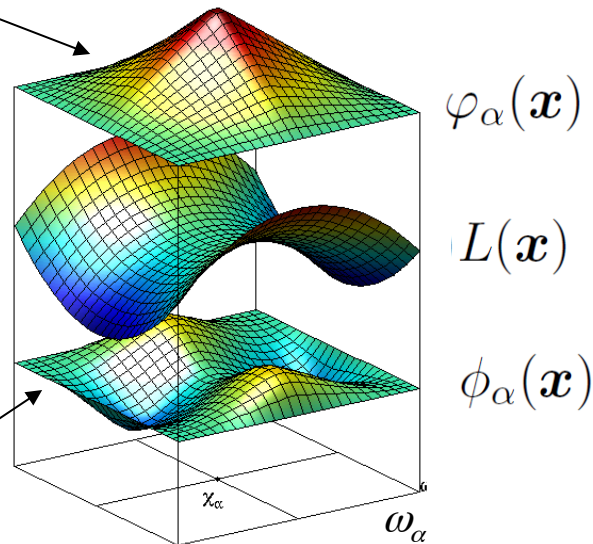
$$\mathcal{S}_{ENR} = \sum_{\alpha \in I_h^e \subset I_h} \varphi_\alpha \chi_\alpha; \quad \chi_\alpha = \text{span}\{L_{\alpha i}\}_{i=1}^{m_\alpha}$$

$$\phi_{\alpha i}(\mathbf{x}) = \varphi_\alpha(\mathbf{x}) L_{\alpha i}(\mathbf{x}) \quad \sum_{\alpha} \varphi_\alpha(\mathbf{x}) = 1$$

Linear FE shape function

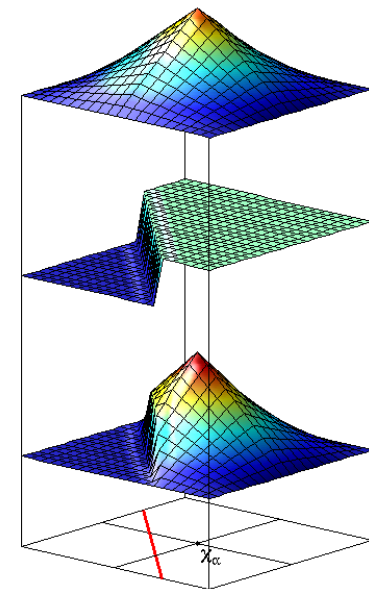
Enrichment function

GFEM shape function



[Oden, Duarte & Zienkiewicz, 1996]

- Allows construction of shape functions incorporating a-priori knowledge about solution



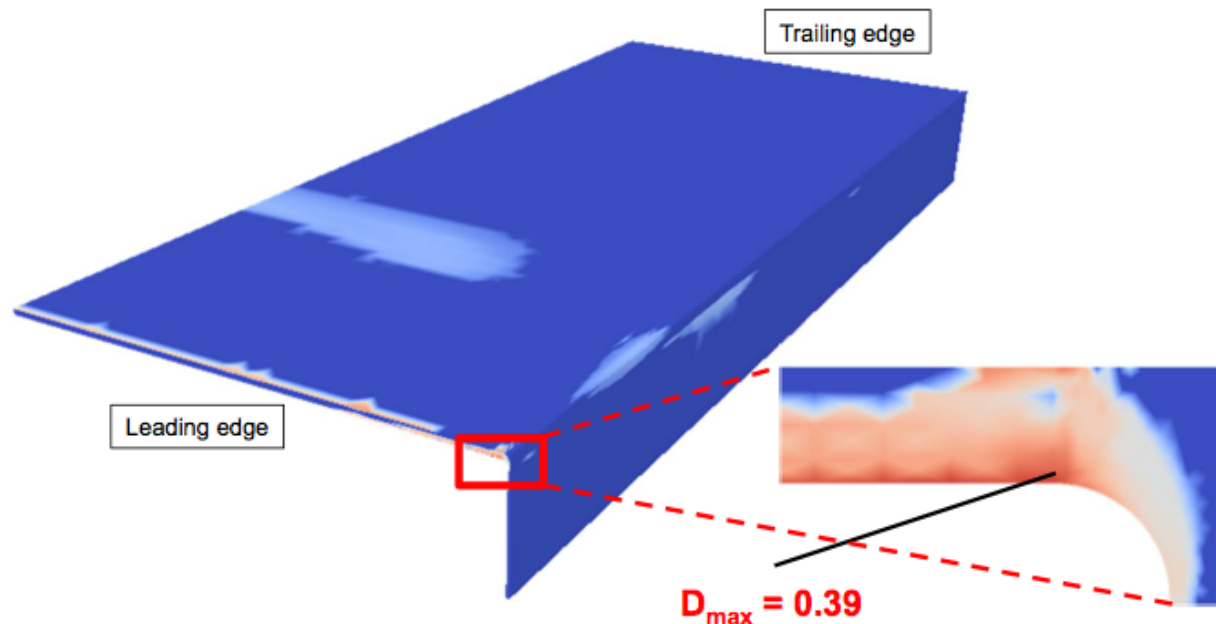
Discontinuous enrichment  
[Moes et al., 1999]





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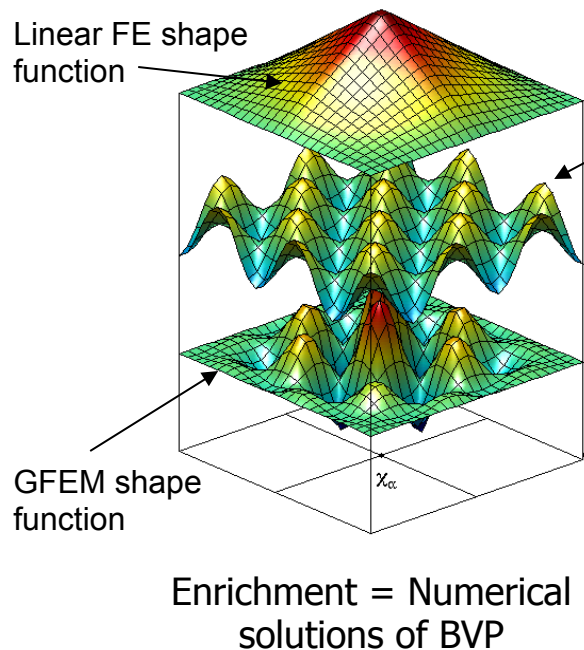


[Sobotka et al., 2013]



# Bridging Scales with Global-Local Enrichment Functions\*

- Enrichment functions computed from solution of local boundary value problems: Global-Local enrichment functions



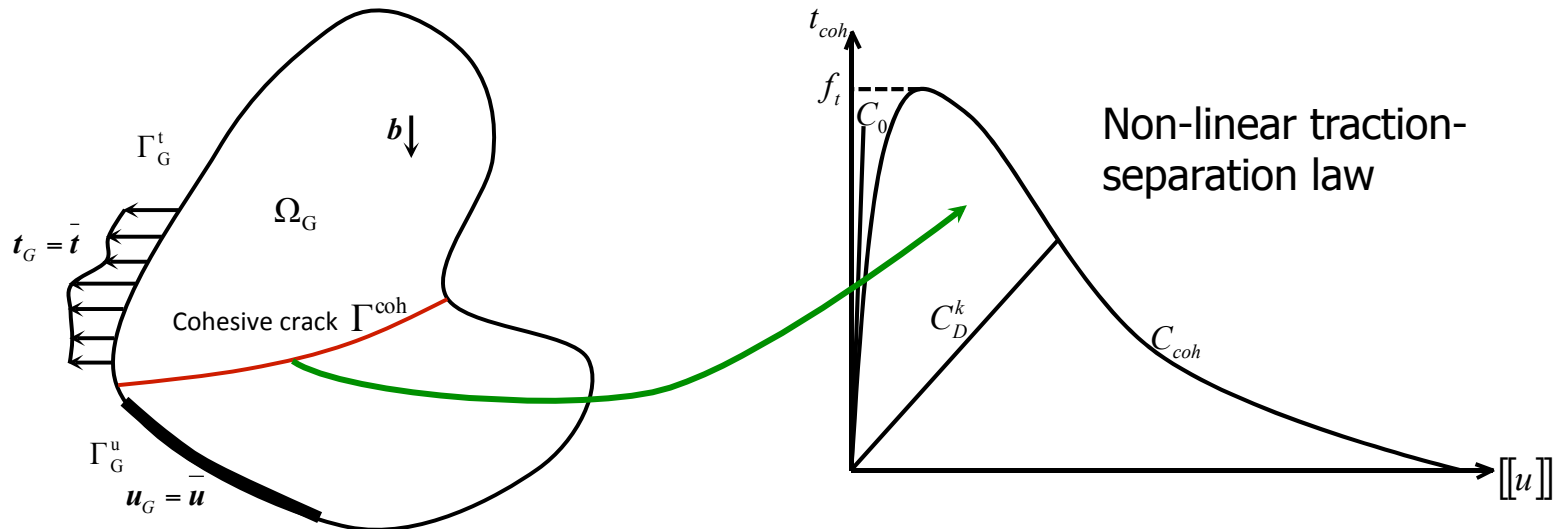
- **Idea:** Use available numerical solution at a simulation step to build shape functions for next step (quasi-static, transient, non-linear, etc.)
- Enrichment functions are produced numerically on-the-fly through a global-local analysis
- Use a **coarse** mesh enriched with Global-Local (GL) functions
- $\text{GFEM}^{\text{gl}}$  = GFEM with global-local enrichments

\*[Duarte et al. 2005]



# Global-Local Enrichments for Problems with Localized Non-Linearities

- **Model Problem:** Simulation of propagating cracks using cohesive fracture models



Find  $\mathbf{u} \in H^1(\Omega_G)$ , such that  $\forall \delta \mathbf{u} \in H^1(\Omega_G)$

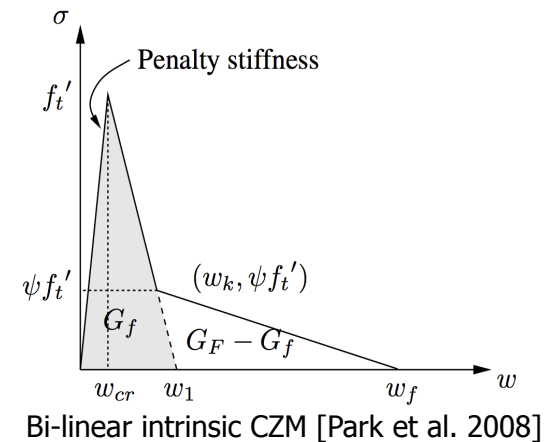
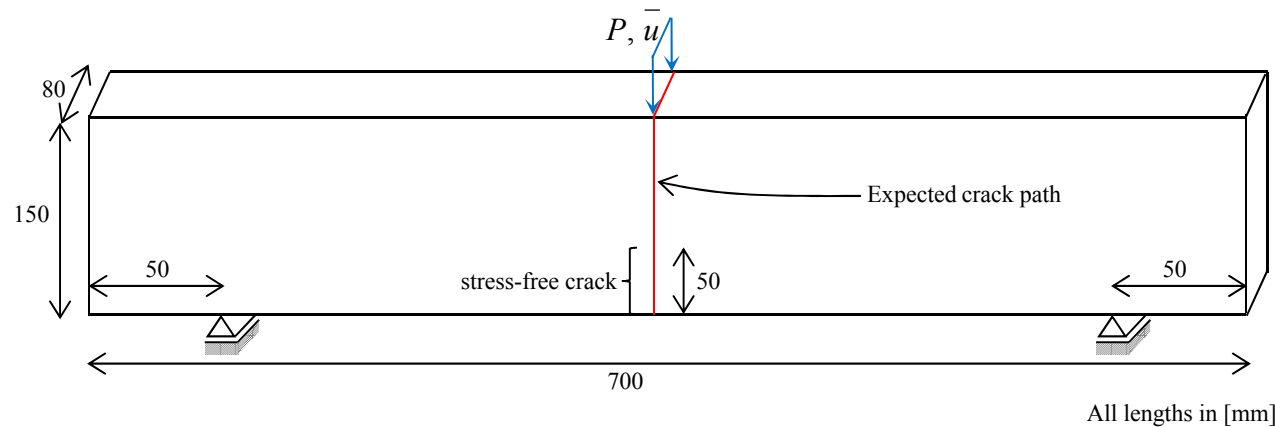
$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\Omega_G} \nabla^s(\delta \mathbf{u}) : \boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{u}) \, dV + \int_{\Gamma^{\text{coh}}} \delta [[\mathbf{u}]] \cdot \mathbf{t}^{\text{coh}}([[\mathbf{u}]]) \, dS + \eta \int_{\Gamma_G^u} \delta \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u} \, dS \\ &= \int_{\Omega_G} \delta \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{b} \, dV + \int_{\Gamma_G^t} \delta \mathbf{u} \cdot \bar{\mathbf{t}} \, dS + \eta \int_{\Gamma_G^u} \delta \mathbf{u} \cdot \bar{\mathbf{u}} \, dS \end{aligned}$$



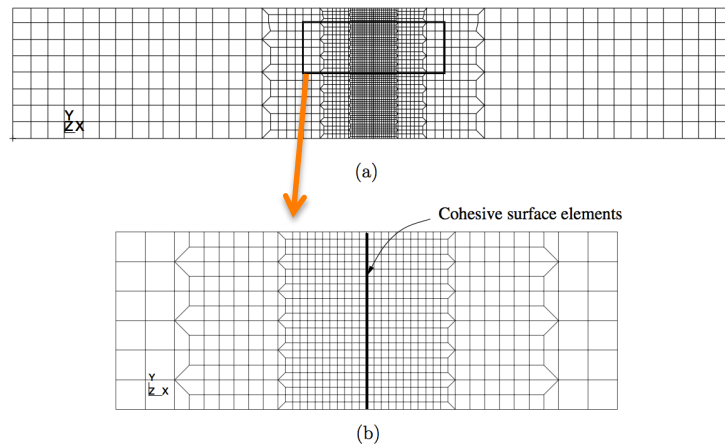


# Global-Local Enrichments for Problems with Localized Non-Linearities

- Three-Point Bending Beam



- Typical FEM discretization [Park et al. 2008]



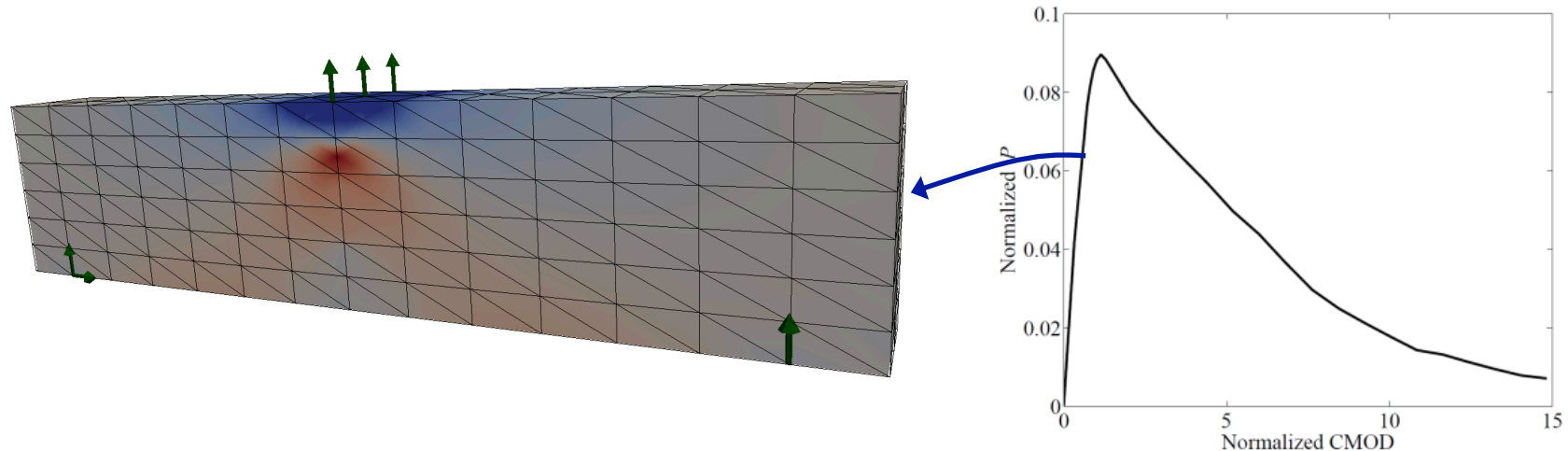
## Goals:

- Solve problem on a coarse global mesh.
- Non-linear iterations at fine scales only.



# Global-Local Enrichments for Problems with Localized Non-Linearities

Let  $\mathbf{u}_G^n \in \mathbb{S}_G^n(\Omega)$  be a GFEM approximation of global problem at load step  $n$ . Global-local enrichments are used in the definition of  $\mathbb{S}_G^n(\Omega)$ .



Compute a rough and cheap estimate of global solution at next load step.

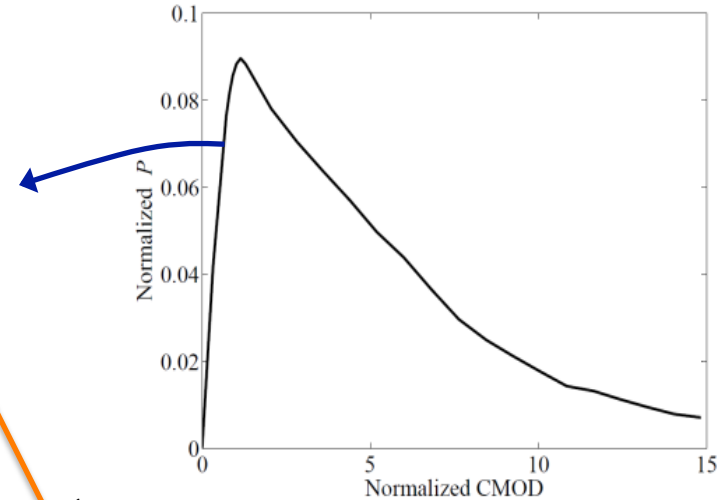
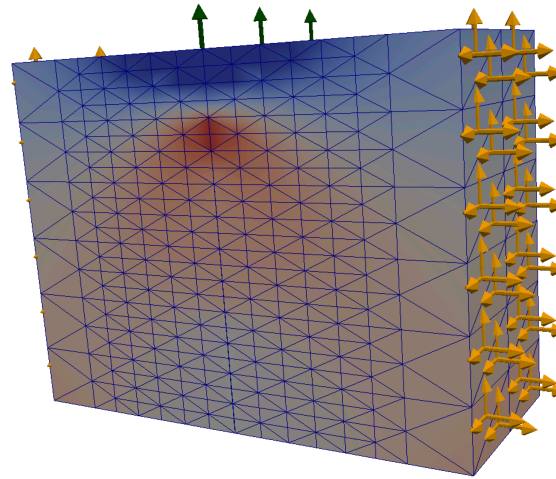
Define  $\mathbf{u}_{G,0}^{n+1} = \frac{n+1}{n} \mathbf{u}_G^n$

$\mathbf{u}_{G,0}^{n+1}$  is used to prescribe boundary conditions for a non-linear local problem as defined next.



# Global-Local Enrichments for Problems with Localized Non-Linearities

- Solve following non-linear *local* problem at load step  $n+1$  using, e.g., *hp*-GFEM



Find  $\mathbf{u}_L^{n+1} \in \mathbb{S}_L^{n+1}(\Omega_L)$  such that,  $\forall \delta \mathbf{u}_L^{n+1} \in \mathbb{S}_L^{n+1}(\Omega_L)$

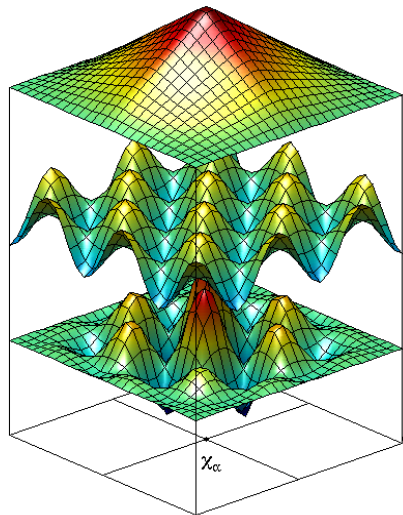
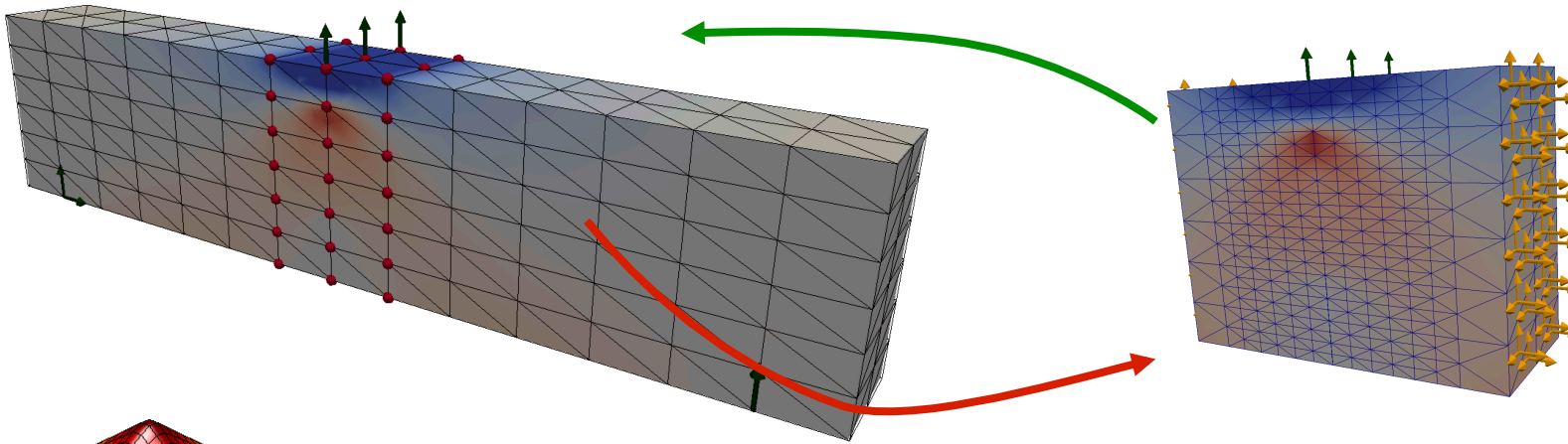
$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int_{\Omega_L} \nabla^s (\delta \mathbf{u}_L^{n+1}) : \boldsymbol{\sigma} (\mathbf{u}_L^{n+1}) \, dV + \int_{\Gamma^{\text{coh}}} \delta [\![\mathbf{u}_L^{n+1}]\!] \cdot \mathbf{t}_L^{\text{coh}}([\![\mathbf{u}_L^{n+1}]\!]) \, dS + \eta \int_{\Gamma_L \cap \Gamma_G^u} \delta \mathbf{u}_L^{n+1} \cdot \mathbf{u}_L^{n+1} \, dS \\
 & + \kappa \int_{\Gamma_L \setminus (\Gamma_L \cap (\Gamma_G^u \cup \Gamma_G^t))} \delta \mathbf{u}_L^{n+1} \cdot \mathbf{u}_L^{n+1} \, dS = \int_{\Omega_L} \delta \mathbf{u}_L^{n+1} \cdot \mathbf{b} \, dV + \int_{\Gamma_L \cap \Gamma_G^t} \delta \mathbf{u}_L^{n+1} \cdot \bar{\mathbf{t}} \, dS \\
 & + \eta \int_{\Gamma_L \cap \Gamma_G^u} \delta \mathbf{u}_L^{n+1} \cdot \bar{\mathbf{u}} \, dS + \int_{\Gamma_L \setminus (\Gamma_L \cap (\Gamma_G^u \cup \Gamma_G^t))} \delta \mathbf{u}_L^{n+1} \cdot [\mathbf{t}_G^{n+1}(\mathbf{u}_{G,0}^{n+1}) + \kappa \mathbf{u}_{G,0}^{n+1}] \, dS
 \end{aligned}$$





# Global-Local Enrichments for Problems with Localized Non-Linearities

- Global space enriched with non-linear local solution



$$\phi_\alpha^{n+1}(\mathbf{x}) = \varphi_\alpha(\mathbf{x}) \mathbf{u}_L^{n+1}(\mathbf{x})$$

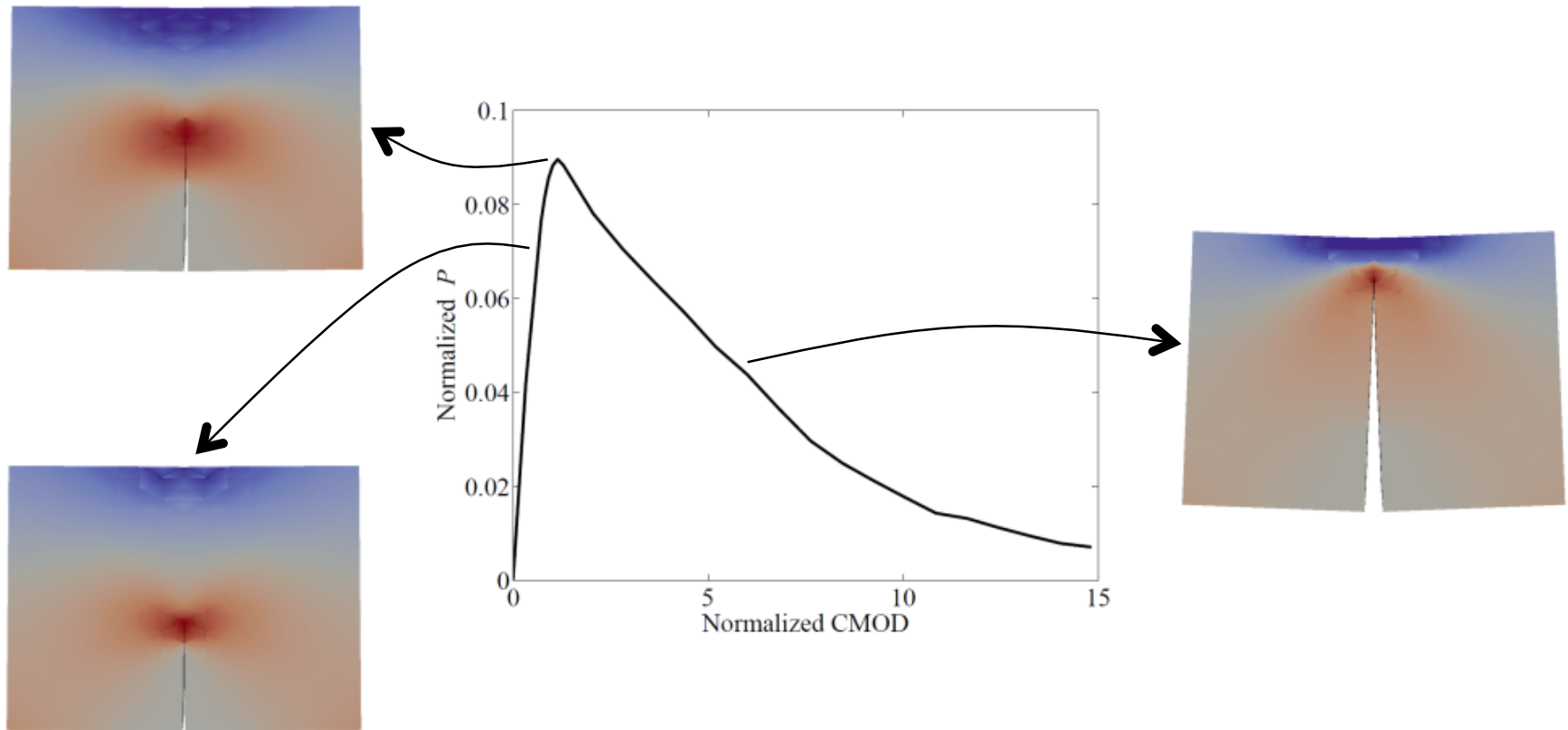
$$\mathbf{u}_G^{n+1}(\mathbf{x}) \in \mathbb{S}_G^{n+1}(\Omega_G) = \mathbb{S}_G^{\text{FEM}} + \{\varphi_\alpha \mathbf{u}_\alpha^{\text{gl},n+1}, \alpha \in \mathcal{I}^{\text{gl}}\}$$

$$\text{where } \mathbf{u}_\alpha^{\text{gl},n+1}(\mathbf{x}) = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \underline{u}_\alpha \mathbf{u}_L^{n+1,<0>}(\mathbf{x}) \\ \underline{v}_\alpha \mathbf{u}_L^{n+1,<1>}(\mathbf{x}) \\ \underline{w}_\alpha \mathbf{u}_L^{n+1,<2>}(\mathbf{x}) \end{array} \right\}, \quad \underline{u}_\alpha, \underline{v}_\alpha, \underline{w}_\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$$

- Discretization spaces updated on-the-fly with global-local enrichment functions



# Global-Local Enrichments for Problems with Localized Non-Linearities



- On-the-fly updating of global-local enrichment functions during the non-linear iterative solution process



# Global-Local Enrichments for Problems with Localized Non-Linearities

- Global space at load step  $n+1$

$$\mathbf{u}_G^{n+1}(\mathbf{x}) \in \mathbb{S}_G^{n+1}(\Omega_G) = \mathbb{S}_G^{\text{FEM}} + \mathbb{S}_G^{\text{ENR},n+1}$$

$$\text{where } \mathbb{S}_G^{\text{ENR},n+1} = \left\{ \varphi_\alpha \mathbf{u}_\alpha^{\text{gl},n+1}, \alpha \in \mathcal{I}^{\text{gl}} \right\}$$

- Discretization spaces updated on-the-fly with global-local enrichment functions
- Enrichment space is *load dependent*
- Dimension of global space does not change but its basis functions do:

Use of vector with global DOFs computed at previous load step is *not* a robust choice for the initialization of the Newton-Raphson non-linear iterations at this load step

$\mathbf{d}_G^n$  and  $\mathbf{d}_G^{n+1}$  represent coefficients of different sets of GFEM shape functions

Classical strategy: Map  $\mathbf{u}_G^n \in \mathbb{S}_G^n(\Omega_G)$  into  $\mathbb{S}_G^{n+1}(\Omega_G)$





# Global-Local Enrichments for Problems with Localized Non-Linearities

- Linear global problem at load step  $n+1$

Find  $\mathbf{u}_G^{n+1} \in \mathbb{S}_G^{n+1}(\Omega_G)$  such that,  $\forall \delta \mathbf{u}_G^{n+1} \in \mathbb{S}_G^{n+1}(\Omega_G)$

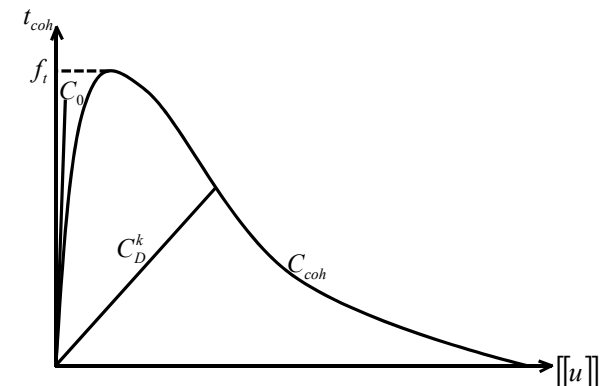
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The cohesive secant matrix is given by

$$\mathbf{C}_D^{n+1} = \begin{bmatrix} C_D^{n+1, \langle m_0 \rangle} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & C_D^{n+1, \langle m_1 \rangle} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & C_D^{n+1, \langle m_2 \rangle} \end{bmatrix}$$

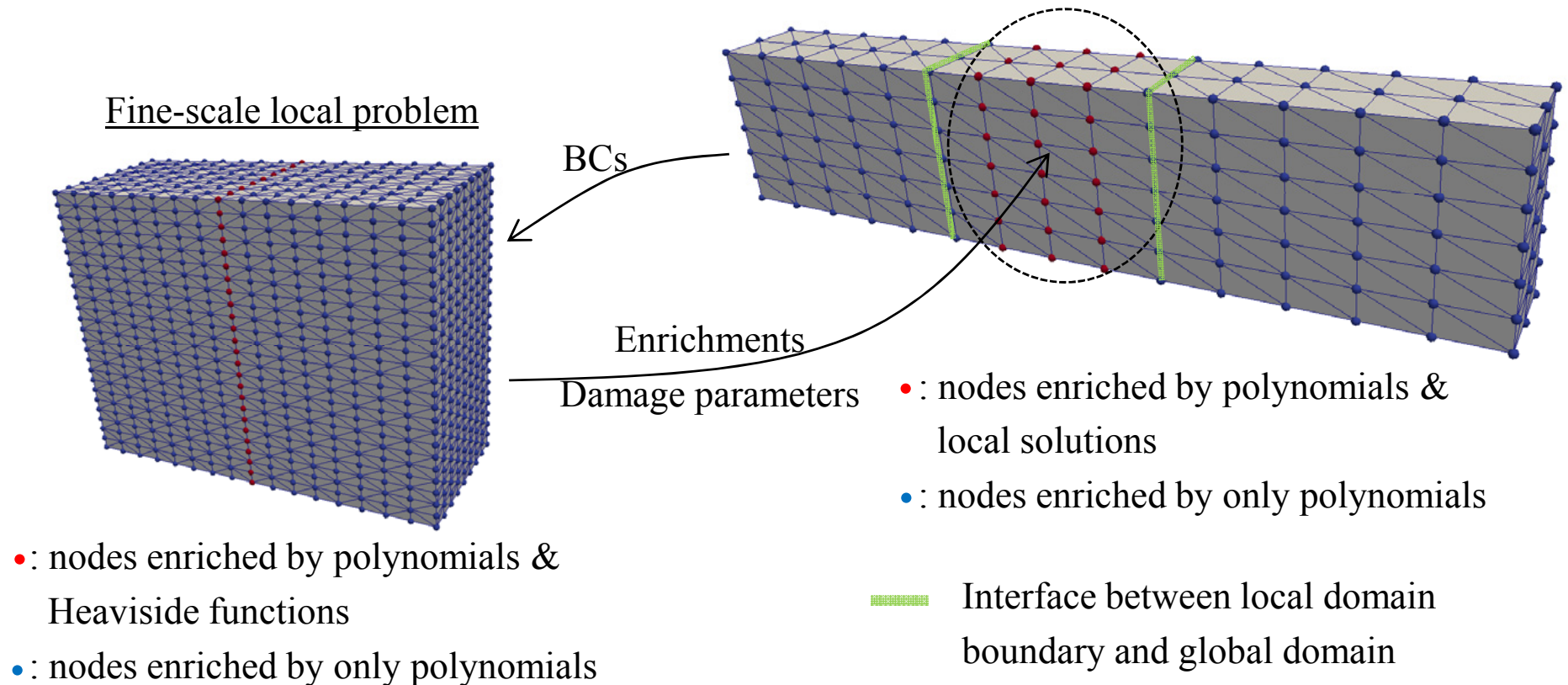
where

$$C_D^{n+1, \langle m_t \rangle} = \frac{t^{\langle m_t \rangle} ( [\![\mathbf{u}_L^{n+1}]\!] )}{[\![\mathbf{u}_L^{n+1}]\!]^{\langle m_t \rangle}}, \quad t = 0, 1, 2$$





# GFEM<sup>gl</sup> Algorithm for Cohesive Fractures

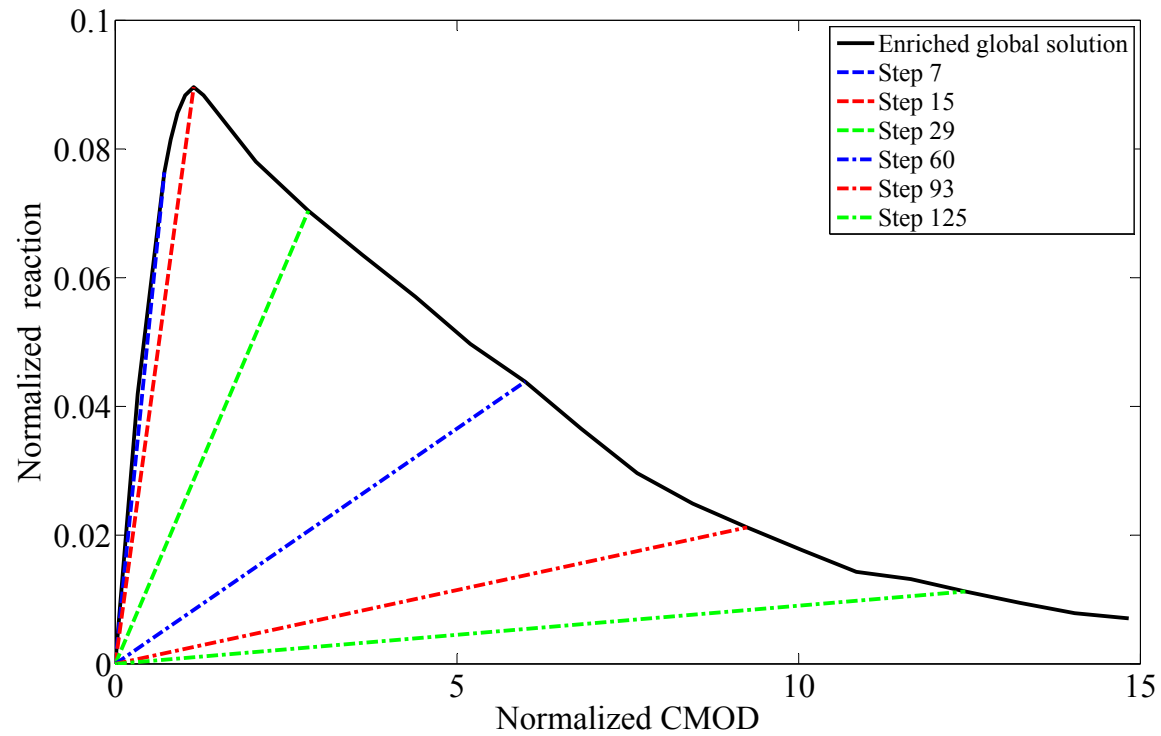


- : nodes enriched by polynomials & Heaviside functions
- : nodes enriched by only polynomials

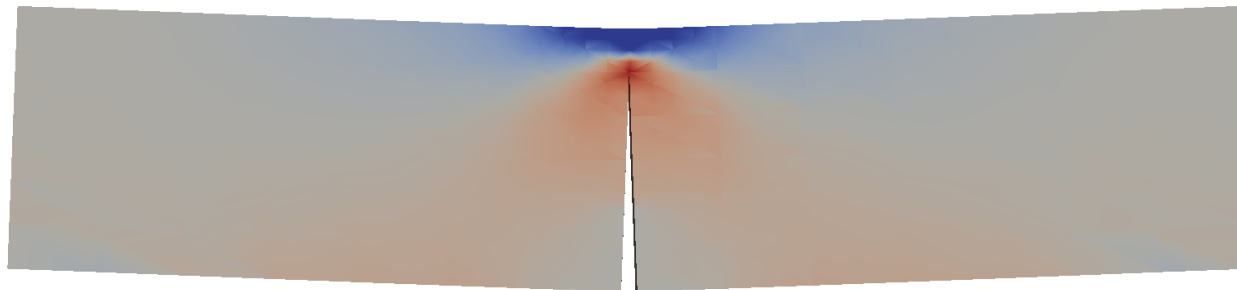
- A linear global problem with secant stiffness provided by local problem is solved at every load step
- All non-linearities are handled at the local problem
- BCs for local problem can be improved through global-local iterations



# Global-Local Enrichments for Problems with Localized Non-Linearities

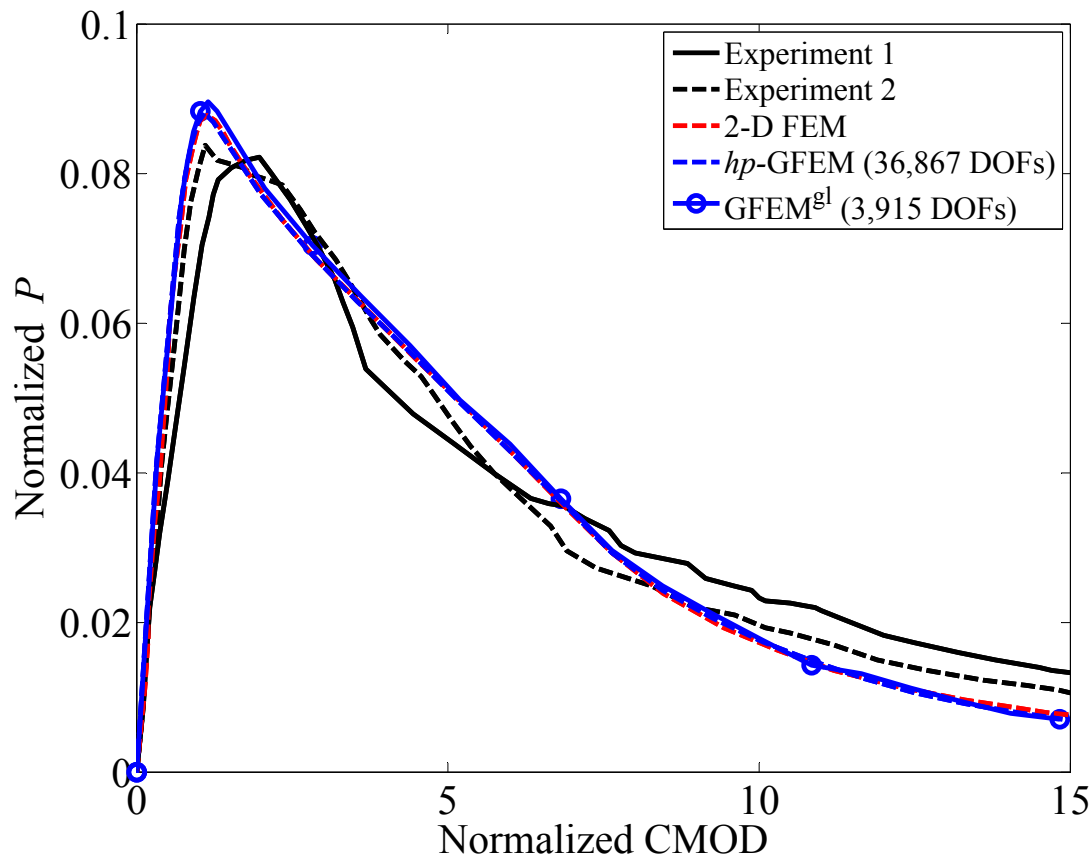


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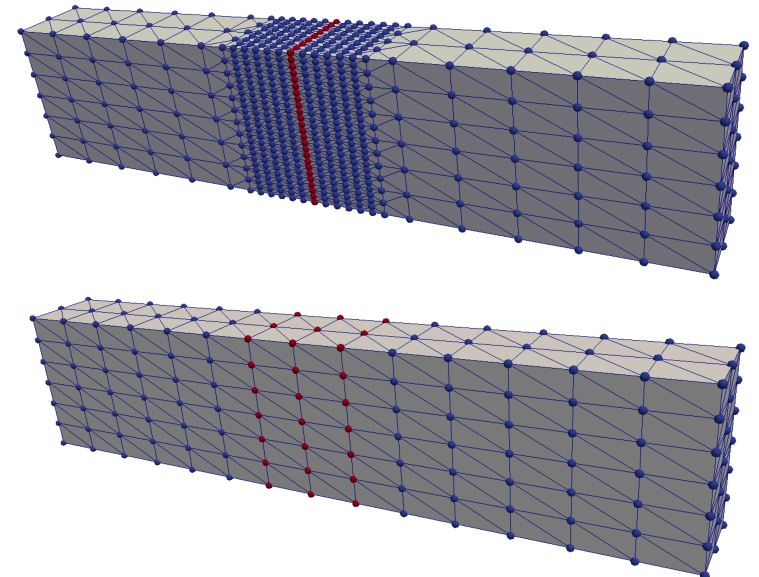
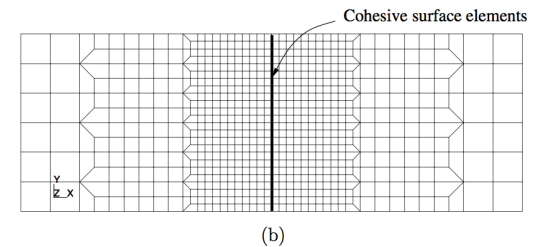
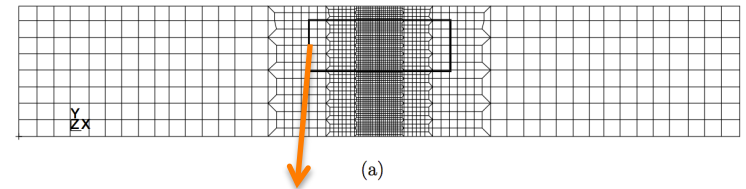




# Global-Local Enrichments for Problems with Localized Non-Linearities



Experiments by [Roesler et al., 2007],  
2-D FEM results by [Park et al. 2008]



2-D FEM,  $hp$ -GFEM, and GFEM<sup>gl</sup> meshes



# Control of Non-Linear Residue of Global Solution

The residue of the original non-linear global problem is evaluated using

$$\mathbf{R}_G^{n+1} = \mathbf{f}_{G,ext}^{n+1}(\mathbf{d}_L^{n+1}) - \mathbf{f}_{G,int}^{n+1}(\mathbf{d}_G^{n+1}, \mathbf{d}_L^{n+1})$$

where the internal and external force vectors are given by

$$\mathbf{f}_{G,int}^{n+1}(\mathbf{d}_G^{n+1}, \mathbf{d}_L^{n+1}) = \int_{\Omega_G} \overline{\mathbf{B}}^T \boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{d}_G^{n+1}) \, dV + \int_{\Gamma^{coh}} \overline{\boldsymbol{\phi}}^T \mathbf{t}_{coh}(\mathbf{d}_G^{n+1}) \, dS + \eta \int_{\Gamma_G^u} \overline{\mathbf{N}}^T \mathbf{u}_G^{n+1}(\mathbf{d}_G^{n+1}) \, dS$$

$$\mathbf{f}_{G,ext}^{n+1}(\mathbf{d}_L^{n+1}) = \int_{\Omega_G} \overline{\mathbf{N}}^T \mathbf{b}^{n+1} \, dV + \int_{\Gamma_G^t} \overline{\mathbf{N}}^T \bar{\mathbf{t}}^{n+1} \, dS + \eta \int_{\Gamma_G^u} \overline{\mathbf{N}}^T \bar{\mathbf{u}}^{n+1} \, dS$$

The magnitude of residue relative to external forces is measured using

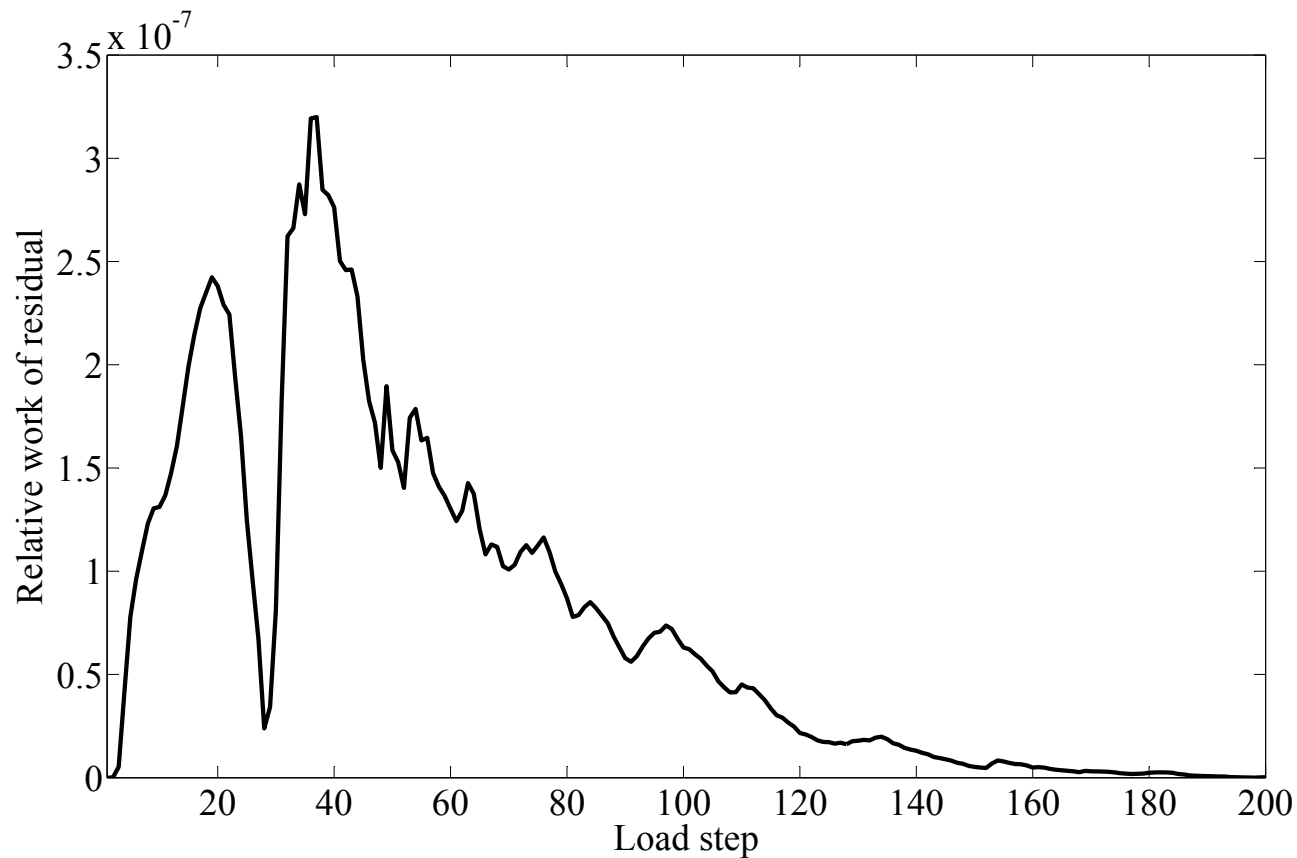
$$W_G^{n+1} = \frac{\mathbf{R}_G^{n+1T} \mathbf{d}_G^{n+1}}{\mathbf{f}_{G,ext}^{n+1T} \mathbf{d}_G^{n+1}}$$





# Control of Non-Linear Residue of Global Solution

- Non-linear residue of global solution computed with secant stiffness



- Residue is maximum at load step 37 while limit point is reached at load step 28
- One Newton-Raphason iteration reduces residue to  $\sim 10^{-11}$  at all load steps



# Control of Non-Linear Residue of Global Solution

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If the residue  $W_G^{n+1} = \frac{\mathbf{R}_G^{n+1\text{T}} \mathbf{d}_G^{n+1}}{\mathbf{f}_{G,ext}^{n+1\text{T}} \mathbf{d}_G^{n+1}}$  is above acceptable tolerance:

- Solve non-linear global problem using Newton-Rhapson iterations with a cohesive tangent matrix instead of secant stiffness
- The solution of the global problem computed using secant stiffness provides a robust initialization of the iterative process



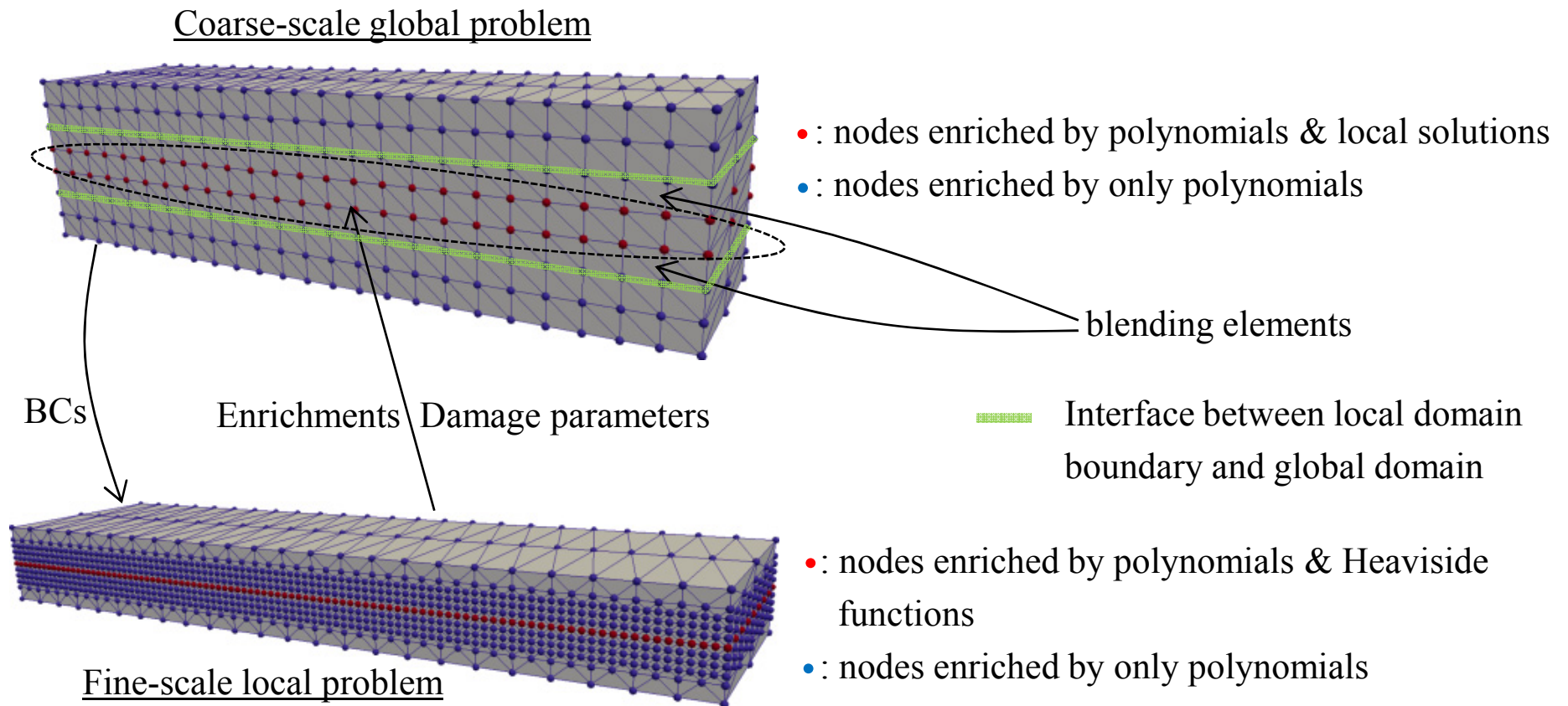
A 3D schematic of a rectangular specimen. The length is 120, the height is 30, and the width is 30. A red line along the bottom edge represents a 'pre-defined discontinuity'. A 'pre-existing notch' is located 40 units from the left end. A 'bond-surface' is indicated on the right side. A coordinate system (x, y, z) is shown at the bottom left. Blue arrows indicate displacement components  $\bar{u}_1$  and  $\bar{u}_2$  at the top left corner, with a formula  $P, \bar{u} := \frac{\bar{u}_1 + \bar{u}_2}{2}$  above them.

All lengths in [mm]

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# GFEM<sup>gl</sup> Algorithm for Cohesive Fractures





# Delamination Test

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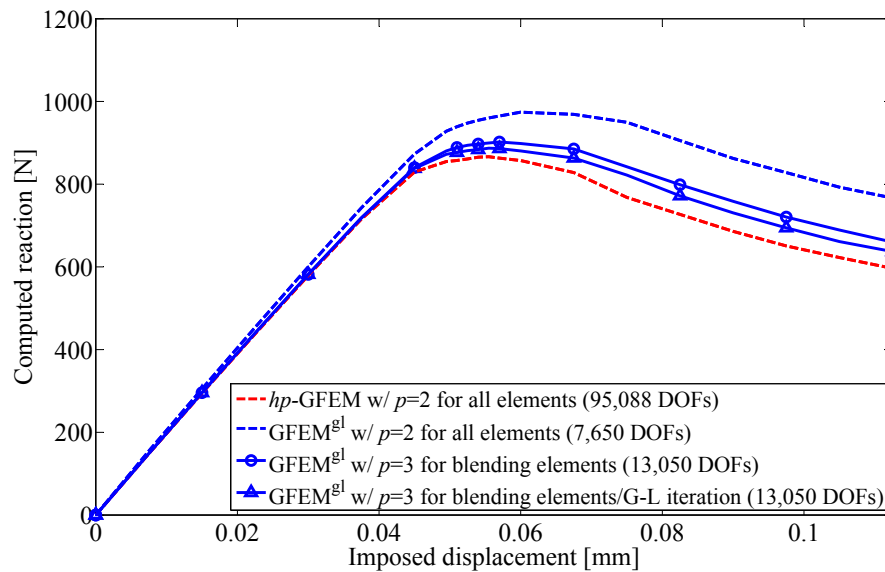
- Solution for mixed mode case, linear cohesive law
- Stress component normal to crack is shown



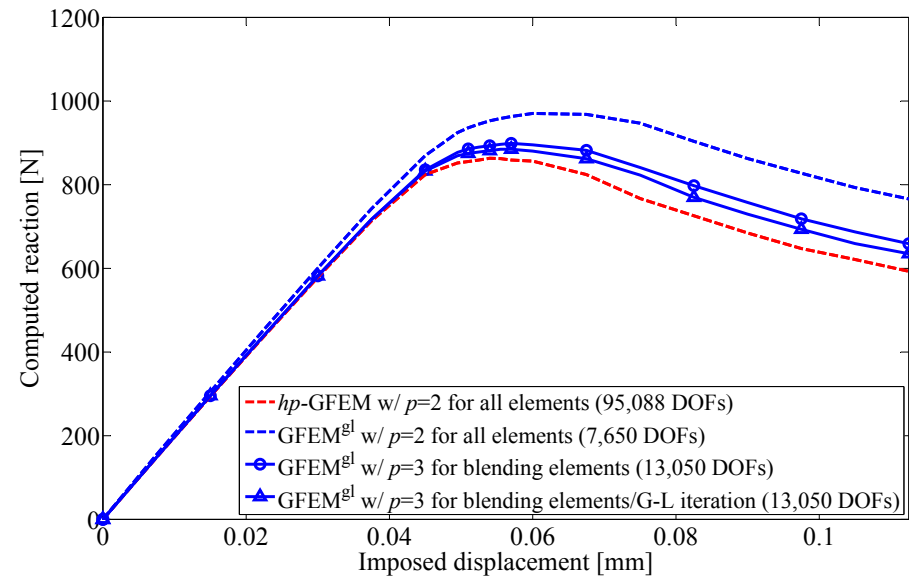


# Delamination Test

Computed reaction versus imposed average displacement: Mixed mode case



Linear cohesive law

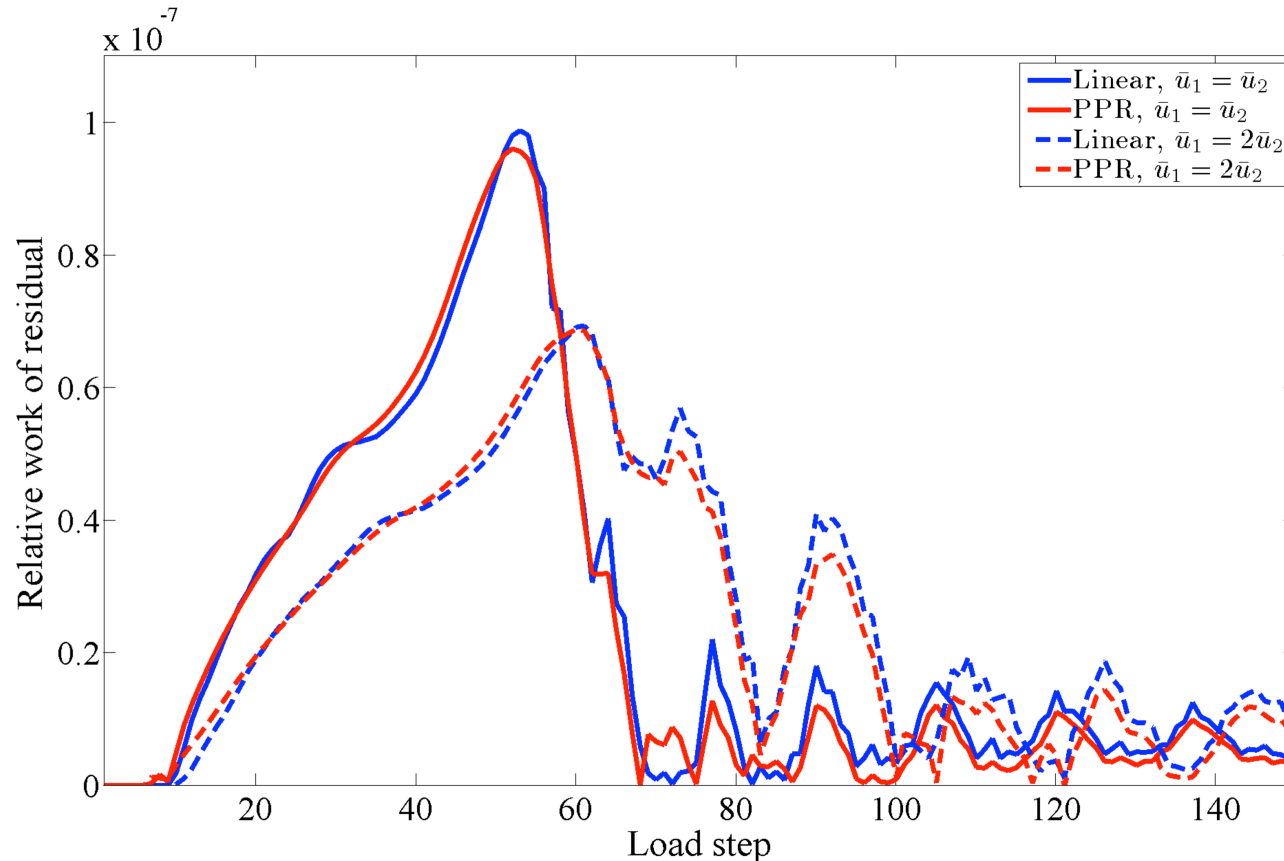


PPR cohesive law



# Delamination Test

- Non-linear residue of global solution computed with secant stiffness



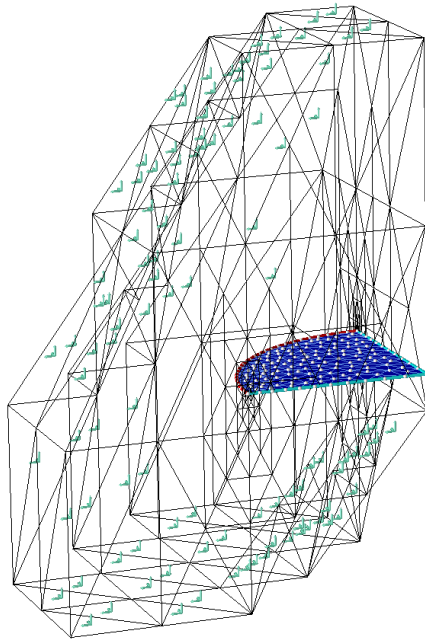
- Load steps corresponding to the limit point are *not* the same as those with maximum residue
- One Newton-Raphason iteration reduces residue to  $\sim 10^{-11}$  at all load steps



# Conclusions and Outlook

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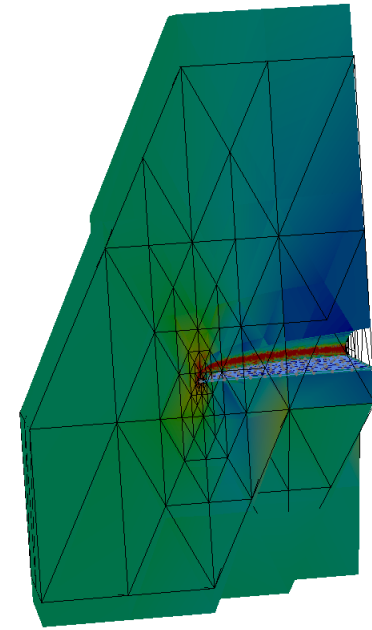
- Proposed GFEMgl enables effective resolution of highly localized non-linearities on coarse, structural-scale finite element meshes
- Neither global nor local meshes need to fit crack surface
- Method can be used with virtually any cohesive model and does not require a-priori knowledge about the exact solution of the problem
- Non-linear Newton-Rhapson iterations are in general performed only at local problems used in the computation of enrichment functions
- Solutions with comparable accuracy to those provided by adaptive GFEM are obtained with significantly fewer degrees of freedom at the global problem
- Amenable to non-intrusive integration with existing FEA software: Transition to Labs and Industries
- Extensions to fluid-driven cracks (hydraulic fractures) are underway



*Questions?*

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VonMises tetrahedra

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