



# The Generalized Finite Element Method as a Framework for Multiscale Structural Analysis

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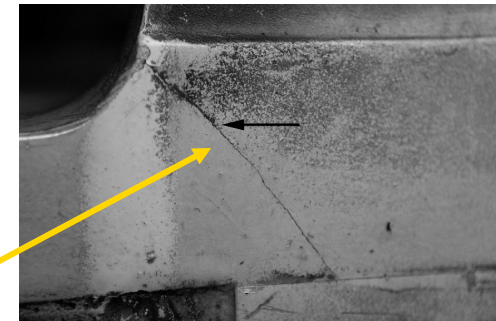
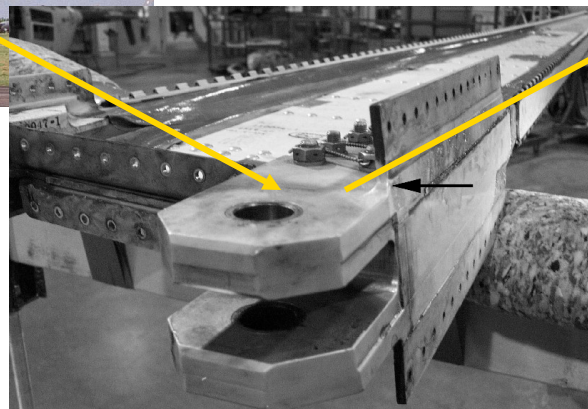
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# Motivation: US Air Force “Digital Twin”

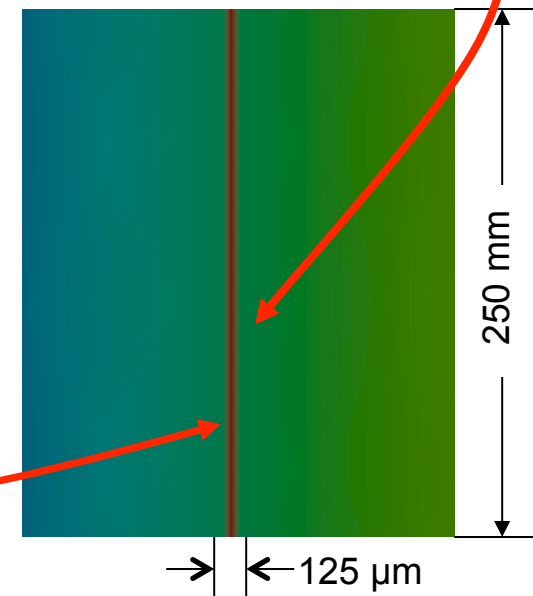
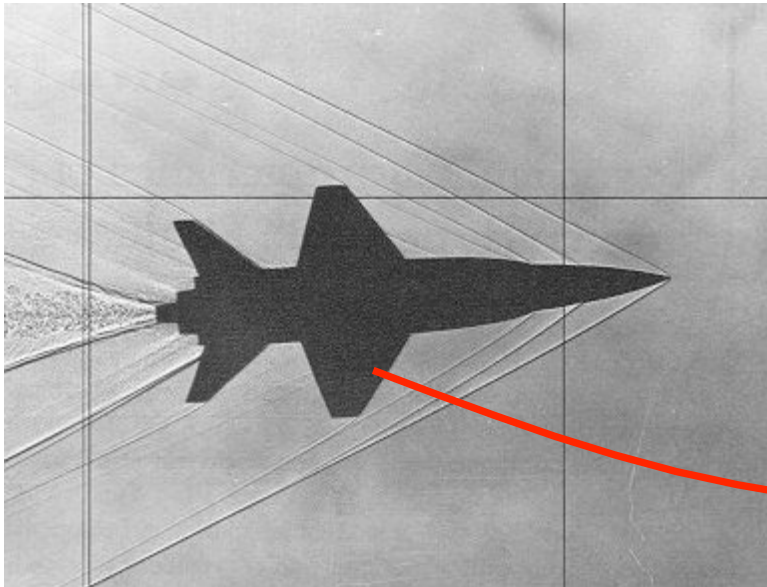
- A Digital Twin is a computational model of a *specific* aircraft
- The model will be flown through same flight profiles as recorder for the actual aircraft
- The digital model will be used to determine when and where structural damage is likely to occur
- *A Digital Twin must capture responses and interactions among a broad range of scales:* From aircraft scale to highly localized damage in one of its components





# Bridging Scales

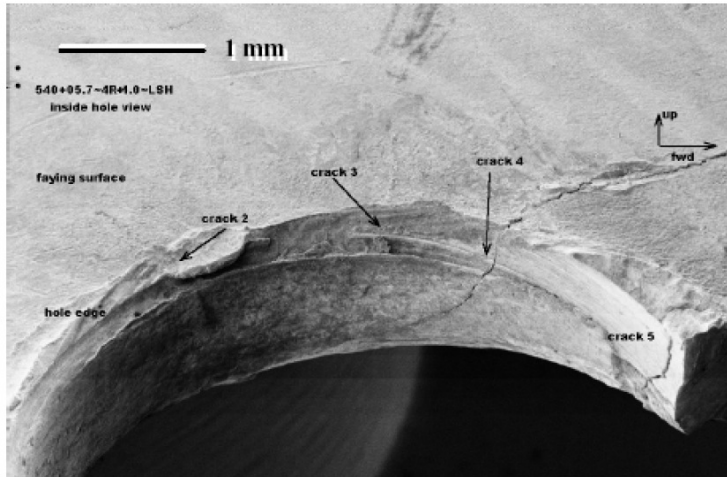
- **Thermal loads on hypersonic aircrafts**
- Shock wave impingements cause large thermal gradients
- Experiments are difficult and limited



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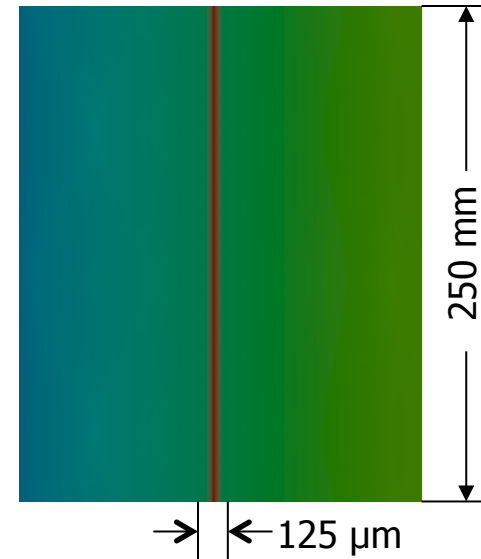


# Multiscale Structural Problems



Multiple cracks around a rivet hole

[Sandia National Lab, 2005]



Thermal loads on  
hypersonic aircrafts  
(dimensions not to scale)

- Predictive simulations require modeling of phenomena spanning several spatial and temporal scales
- Advances in existing computational methods are needed
- Increasing computational power alone is not enough





# Outline

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- Motivation for Multiscale Structural Analysis
- Bridging Scales with the GFEM:
  - Global-local enrichments
  - Verification
- Mathematical Analysis and Implementation
- Applications and Computational Efficiency
- Transition: Non-intrusive implementation in Abaqus
- Parallel Computation of Enrichment Functions
- Enrichment Functions for Confined Plasticity Problems





# Early works on Generalized FEMs

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- Babuska, Caloz and Osborn, 1994 (Special FEM).
- Duarte and Oden, 1995 (Hp Clouds).
- Babuska and Melenk, 1995 (PUFEM).
- Oden, Duarte and Zienkiewicz, 1996 (Hp Clouds/GFEM).
- Duarte, Babuska and Oden, 1998 (GFEM).
- Belytschko et al., 1999 (Extended FEM).
- Strouboulis, Babuska and Copps, 2000 (GFEM).
  
- Basic idea:
  - Use a partition of unity to build Finite Element shape functions
  
- Recent review paper

Belytschko T., Gracie R. and Ventura G. A review of extended/generalized finite element methods for material modeling, *Mod. Simul. Matl. Sci. Eng.*, 2009

“The XFEM and GFEM are basically identical methods: the name generalized finite element method was adopted by the Texas school in 1995–1996 and the name extended finite element method was coined by the Northwestern school in 1999.”



# Generalized Finite Element Method

- GFEM shape function = FE shape function \* enrichment function

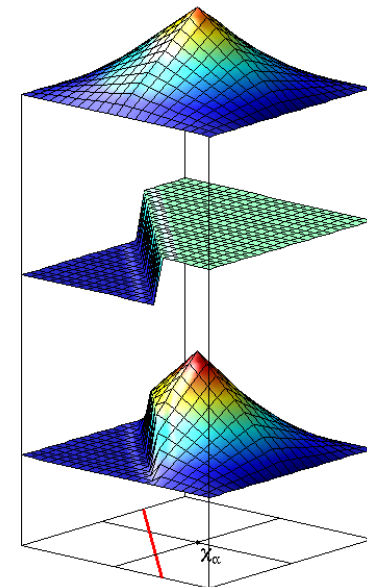
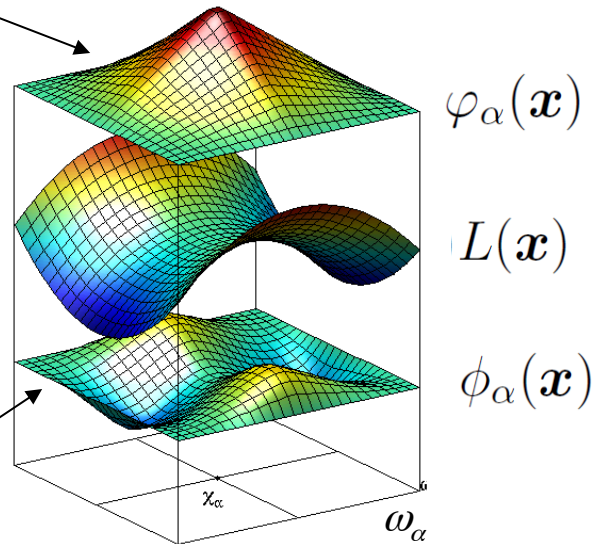
$$\phi_{\alpha}(\mathbf{x}) = \varphi_{\alpha}(\mathbf{x}) L(\mathbf{x})$$

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

Linear FE shape function

Enrichment function

GFEM shape function

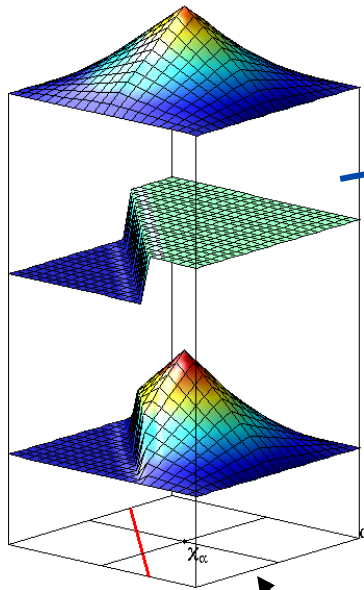


Discontinuous enrichment  
[Moes et al.]



# GFEM Approximation for 3-D Cracks

$$\mathbf{X}^{hp}(\Omega) = \left\{ \mathbf{u} = \sum_{\alpha=1}^N \underbrace{\varphi_{\alpha}(\mathbf{x})}_{\text{PoU}} \left[ \underbrace{\hat{\mathbf{u}}_{\alpha}(\mathbf{x})}_{\text{polynomial}} + \underbrace{\mathcal{H}\tilde{\mathbf{u}}_{\alpha}(\mathbf{x})}_{\text{discontinuous}} + \underbrace{\check{\mathbf{u}}_{\alpha}(\mathbf{x})}_{\text{singular}} \right] \right\}$$



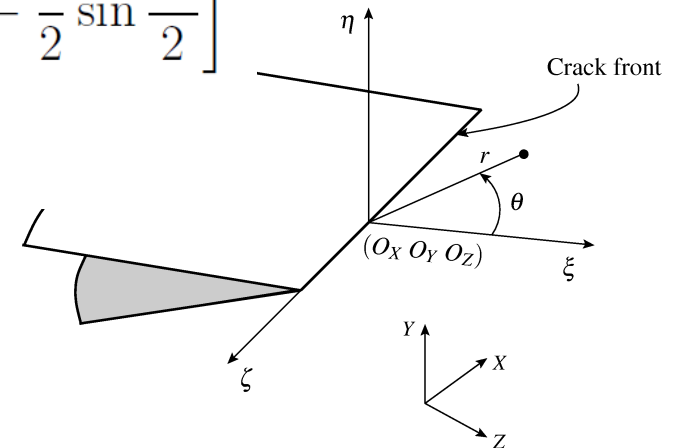
cloud or patch  $\alpha$

$$\check{L}_{\alpha 1}^{\xi}(r, \theta) = \sqrt{r} \left[ \left( \kappa - \frac{1}{2} \right) \cos \frac{\theta}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \cos \frac{3\theta}{2} \right]$$

$$\check{L}_{\alpha 1}^{\eta}(r, \theta) = \sqrt{r} \left[ \left( \kappa + \frac{1}{2} \right) \sin \frac{\theta}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \sin \frac{3\theta}{2} \right]$$

$$\check{L}_{\alpha 1}^{\zeta}(r, \theta) = \sqrt{r} \sin \frac{\theta}{2}$$

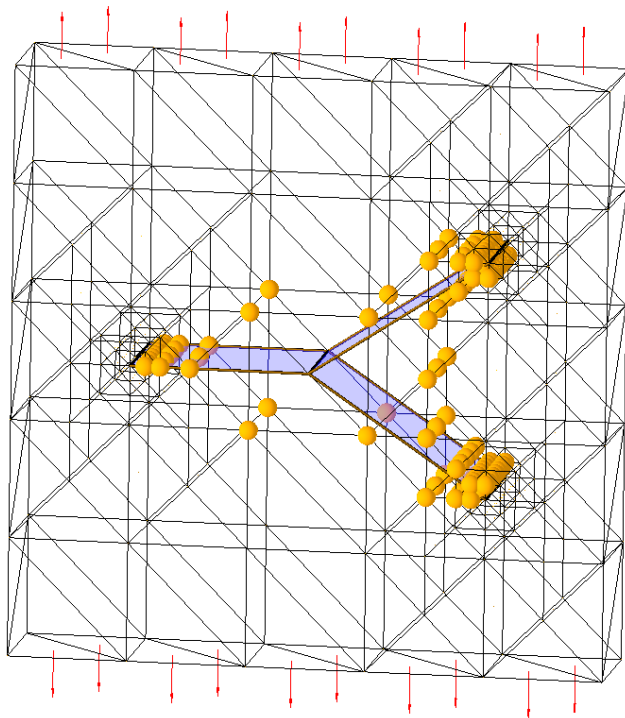
[Duarte and Oden 1996]





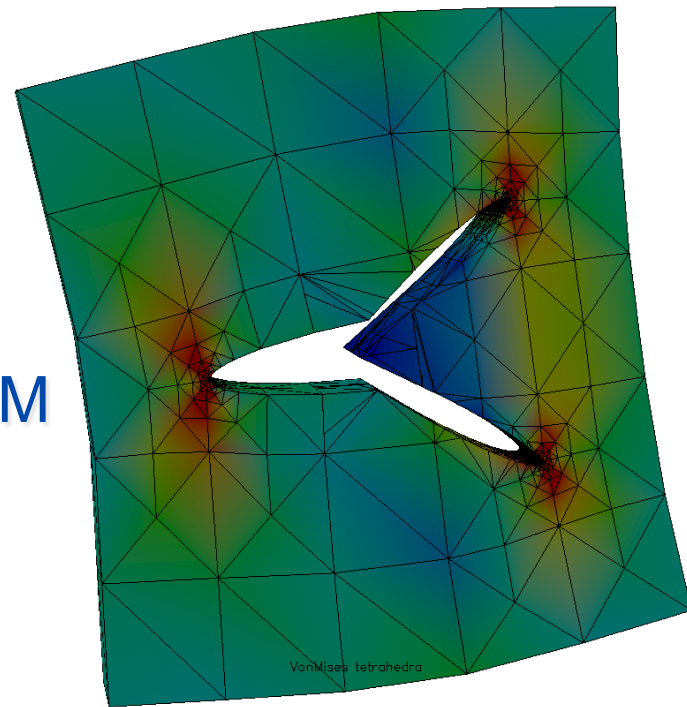
# Modeling Cracks with hp-GFEM

- Discontinuities modeled via enrichment functions, *not* the FEM mesh
- Mesh refinement *still required* for acceptable accuracy



● = Nodes with discontinuous enrichments

*hp*-GFEM



Von Mises stress

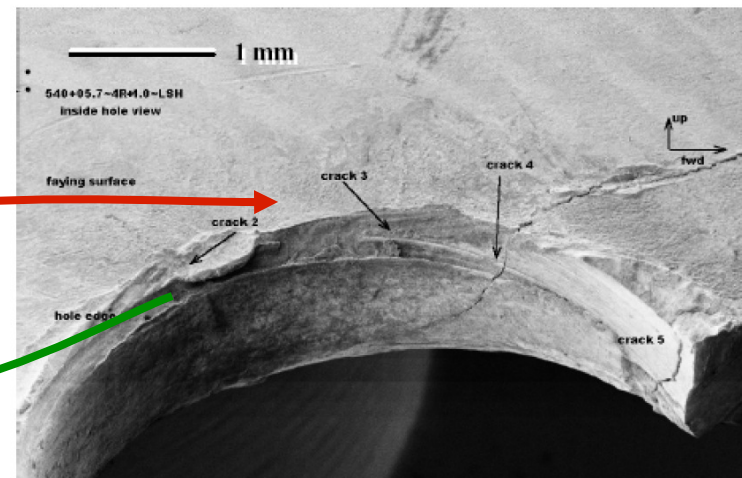
[Duarte et al., International Journal Numerical Methods in Engineering, 2007]





# Bridging Scales with Global-Local Enrichment Functions

- How to account for interactions among scales?



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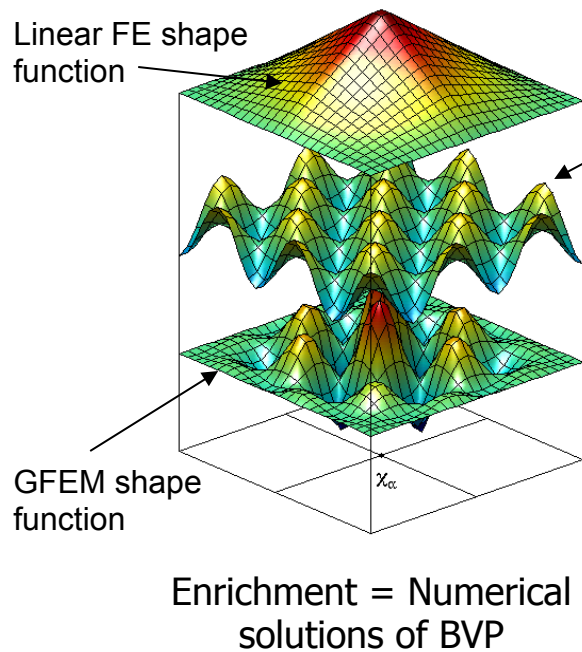
## Goal:

- Capture fine scale effects on *coarse* meshes at the global (structural) scale



# 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 (G-L) functions

\* Duarte et al. 2005, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2011



## *Related Approaches*

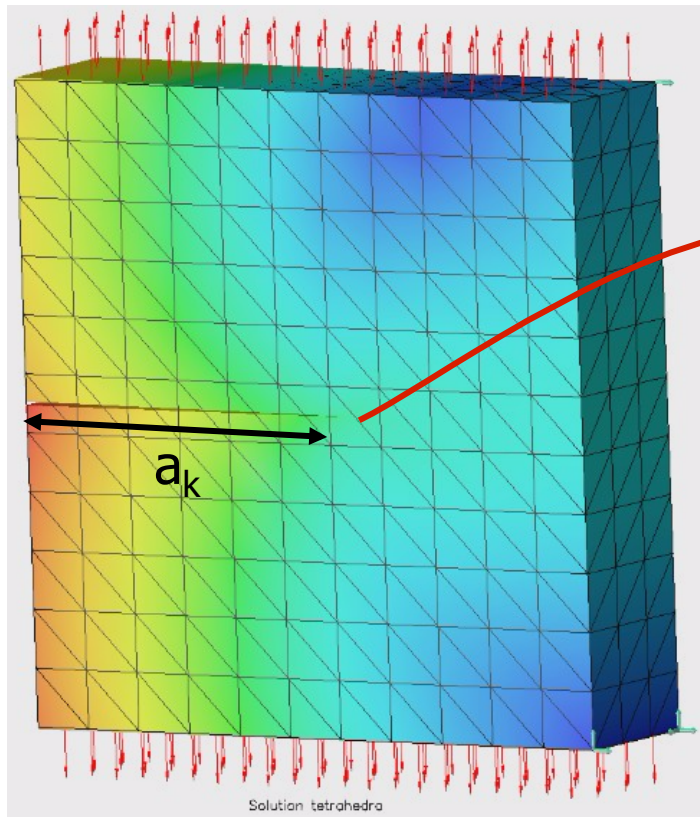
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- Global-local FEM developed in the 1970' s
- Multiscale FEM of Hou and Wu, 1997
- Mesh-based handbook approach of Strouboulis et al., 2001
- Multiscale method of Krause and Rank, 2003
- Two-scale XFEM for 2-D cracks, Cloirec et al., 2005
- Multiscale projection method, Loehnert and Belytschko, 2007
- Multiscale XFEM crack propagation, Guidault et al., 2008
- Spider-XFEM, Chahine et al., 2008
- Reduced basis enrichment for the XFEM, Chahine et al., 2008
- Local multigrid X-FEM for 3-D cracks, Rannou et al., 2009
- Method of Menk and Bordas for fracture of bi-materials, 2010
- Harmonic enrichments for 2-D branched cracks, Mousavi et al., 2011

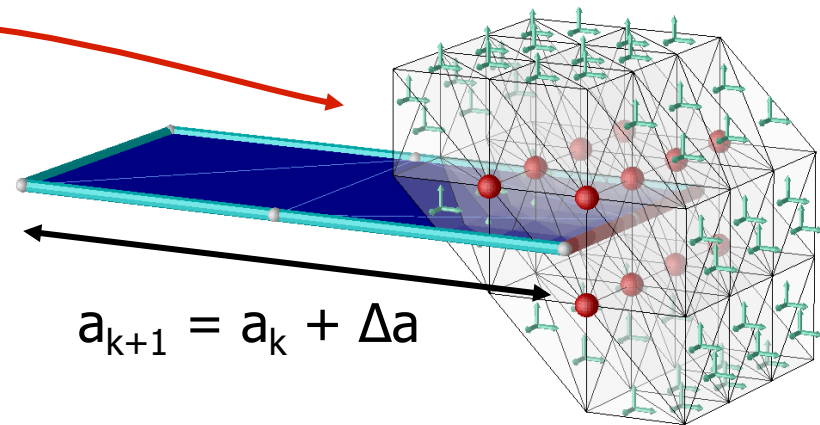


# Global-Local Enrichments for 3-D Fractures

- $u_G^k$  solution of global problem at crack step k



- Define local domain containing crack front at step k+1



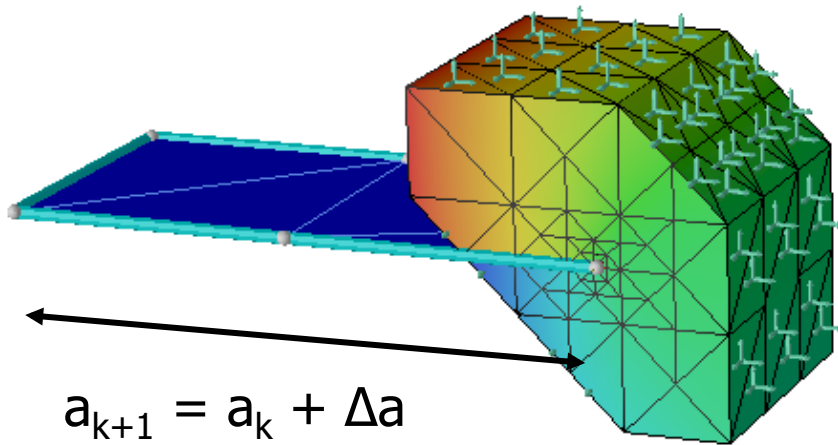
Local problem with crack size  $a_{k+1}$

$u_G^k \in X_G^k(\Omega)$  = solution of global problem with crack size  $a_k$



# Global-Local Enrichments for 3-D Fractures

- Solve local problem at step k using *hp*-GFEM



Boundary conditions for local problems provided by global solution:

$$u_L^k = u_G^k \quad \text{on} \quad \partial\Omega_L^k \setminus (\partial\Omega_L^k \cap \partial\Omega)$$

$$X_L^k(\Omega_L^k) = \textit{hp}\text{-GFEM space}$$

Find  $u_L^k \in X_L^k(\Omega_L^k) \subset H^1(\Omega_L^k)$  such that  $\forall v_L^k \in X_L^k(\Omega_L^k)$

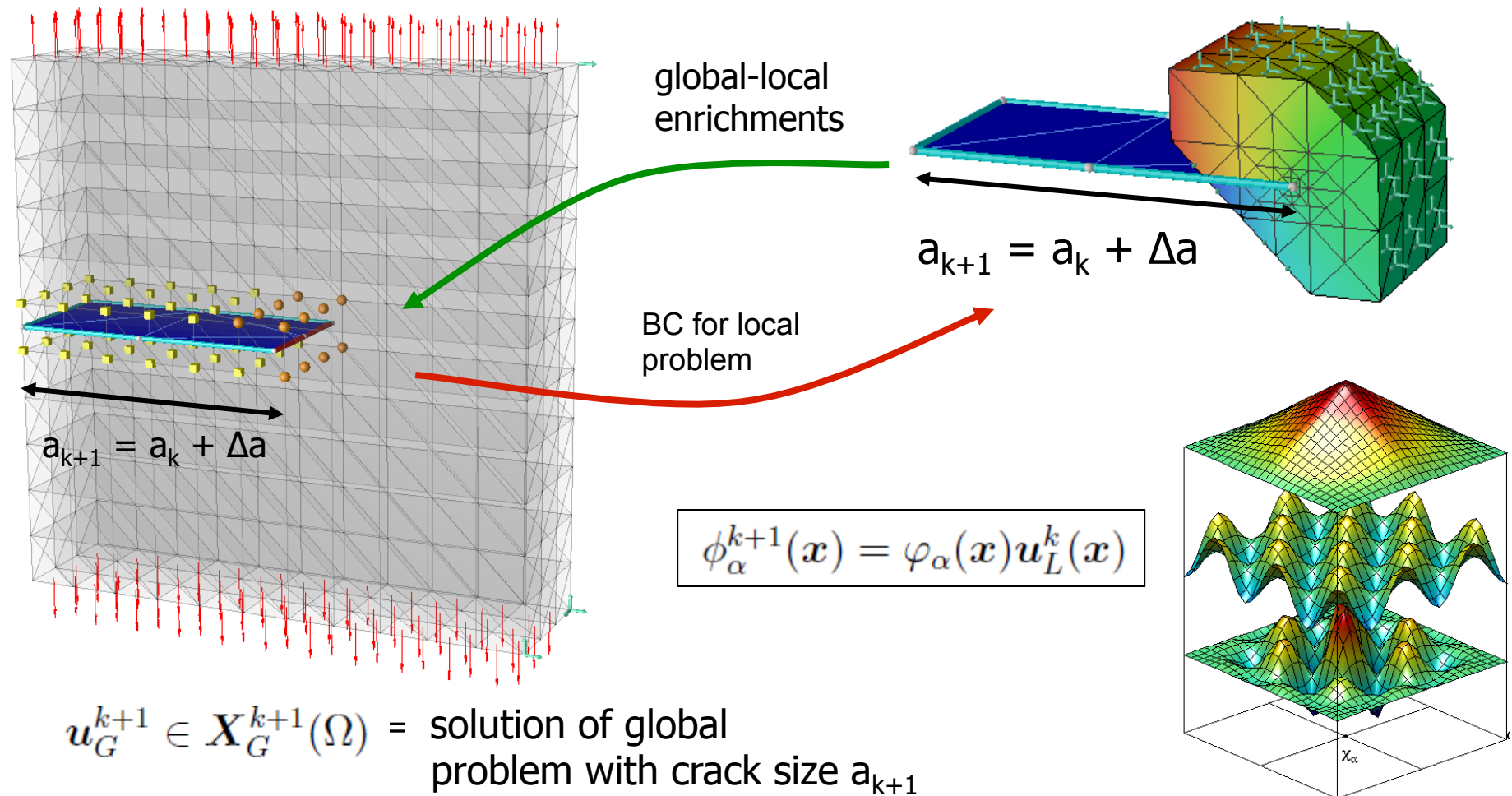
$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Omega_L^k} \sigma(u_L^k) : \varepsilon(v_L^k) dx + \kappa \int_{\partial\Omega_L^k \setminus (\partial\Omega_L^k \cap \partial\Omega)} u_L^k \cdot v_L^k ds \\ = \int_{\partial\Omega_L^k \cap \partial\Omega^\sigma} \bar{t} \cdot v_L^k ds + \kappa \int_{\partial\Omega_L^k \setminus (\partial\Omega_L^k \cap \partial\Omega)} u_G^k \cdot v_L^k ds \end{aligned}$$





# Global-Local Enrichments for 3-D Fractures

- **Defining Step:** Global space is enriched with local solutions

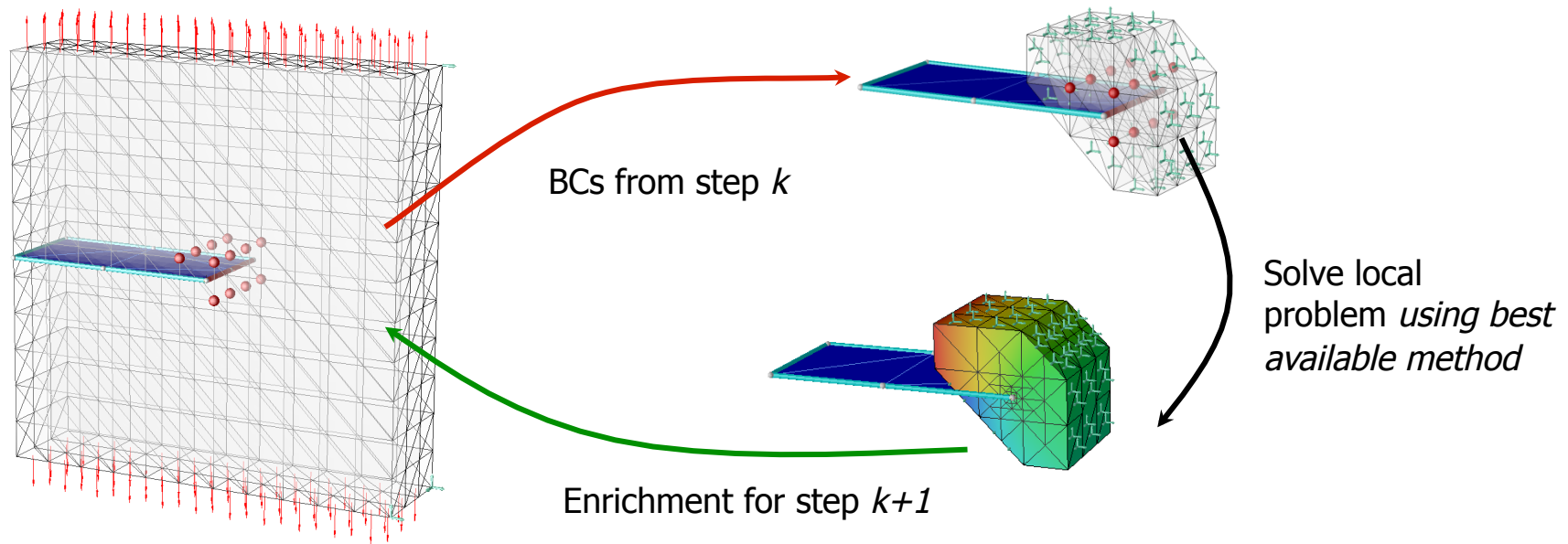


- Procedure may be repeated: Update local BCs and enrichment functions



# Global-Local Enrichments for 3-D Fractures

- **Summary:** Use solution of global problem at simulation  $k$  to build enrichment functions for step  $k+1$



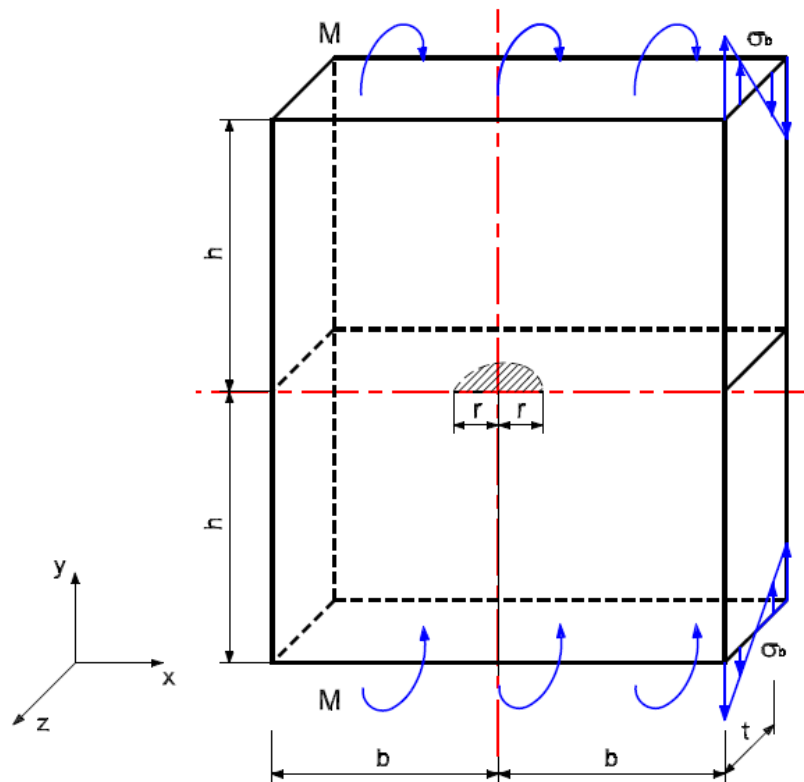
- Discretization spaces updated on-the-fly with global-local enrichment functions

$$X_G^{k+1}(\Omega_G) = \left\{ u = \underbrace{\sum_{\alpha=1}^N \varphi_{\alpha}(\mathbf{x}) \hat{u}_{\alpha}(\mathbf{x})}_{\text{coarse-scale approx.}} + \underbrace{\sum_{\beta \in \mathcal{I}_{gl}^k} \varphi_{\beta}(\mathbf{x}) u_{\beta}^{gl(k)}(\mathbf{x})}_{\text{fine-scale approx.}} \right\} \quad u_{\beta}^{gl(k)} = \text{G-L enrichment}$$



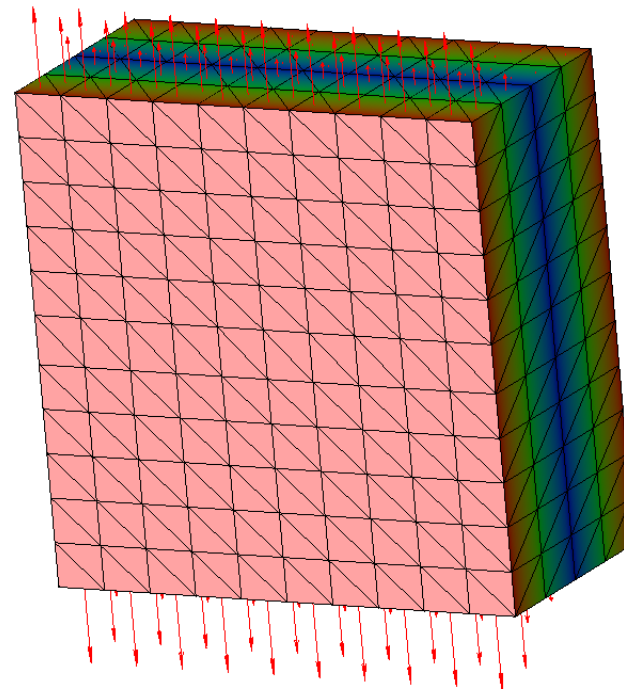
# Numerical Verification: Static Crack

- Plate with a surface crack



$$b/t = h/t = 1, r/b = 0.2$$

- Initial (un-cracked) global problem



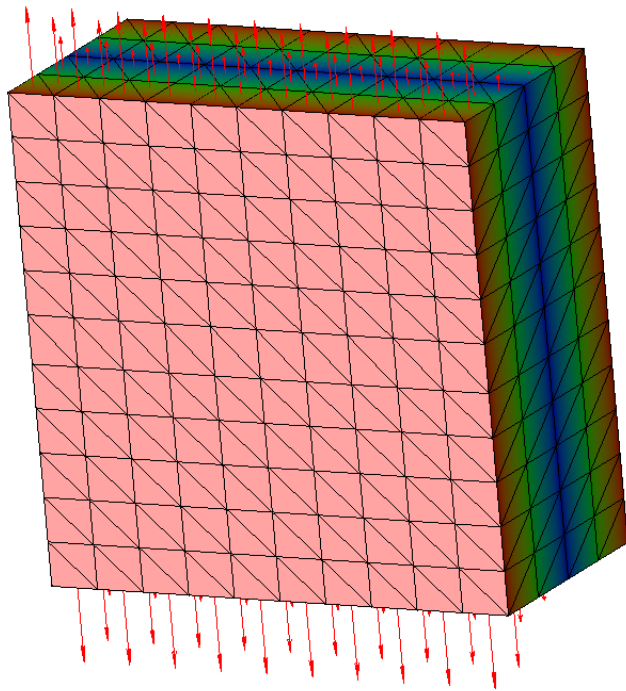
Solution of **un-cracked** global problem

- Crack *not* modeled in initial global problem
- Goal: Analyze cracked domain while keeping global model as it is



## *GFEM with G-L Enrichment Functions*

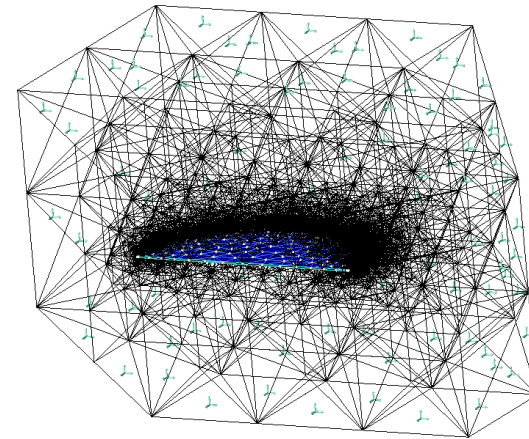
- **Local problem:** Define and solve with the GFEM a local problem containing crack



$u_G^0$  = solution of global problem

Boundary conditions

Single local problem for entire crack



Boundary conditions for local problem provided by global solution:

$$u_{loc} = u_G^0 \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega_{loc}$$

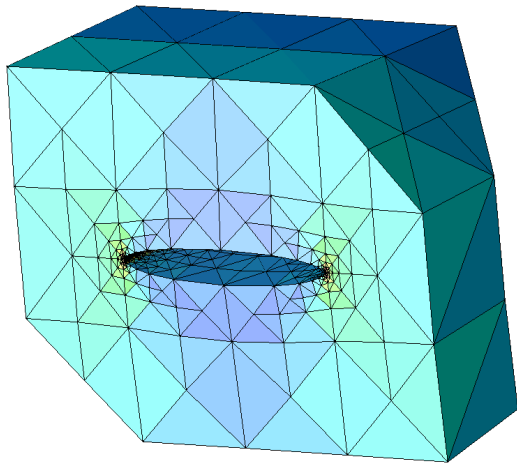
Other types of BCs can be used. E.g. Spring BC:

$$t(u) = t(u_G^0) + \kappa u_G^0 - \kappa u$$

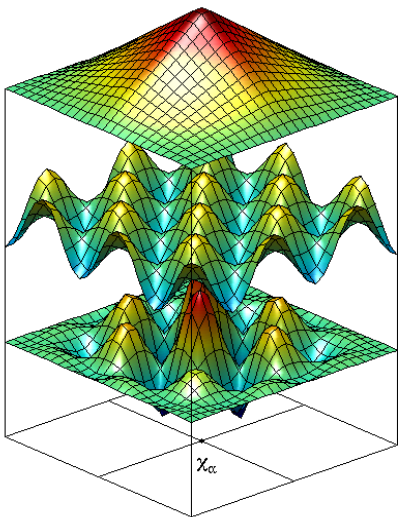


# *GFEM with G-L Enrichment Functions*

## ■ Enriched global problem

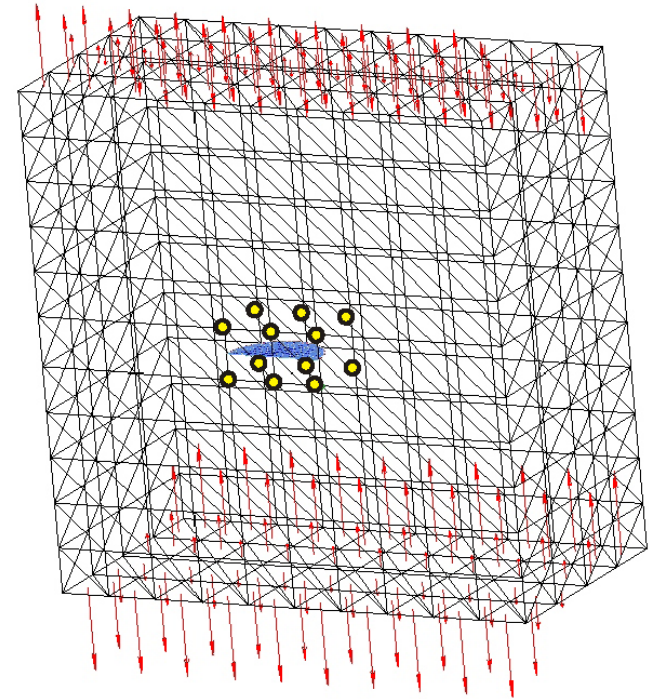


Global-local  
enrichments



Enrichment of global FEM mesh  
with local solutions

$$\phi_\alpha = \varphi_\alpha u_{loc}$$



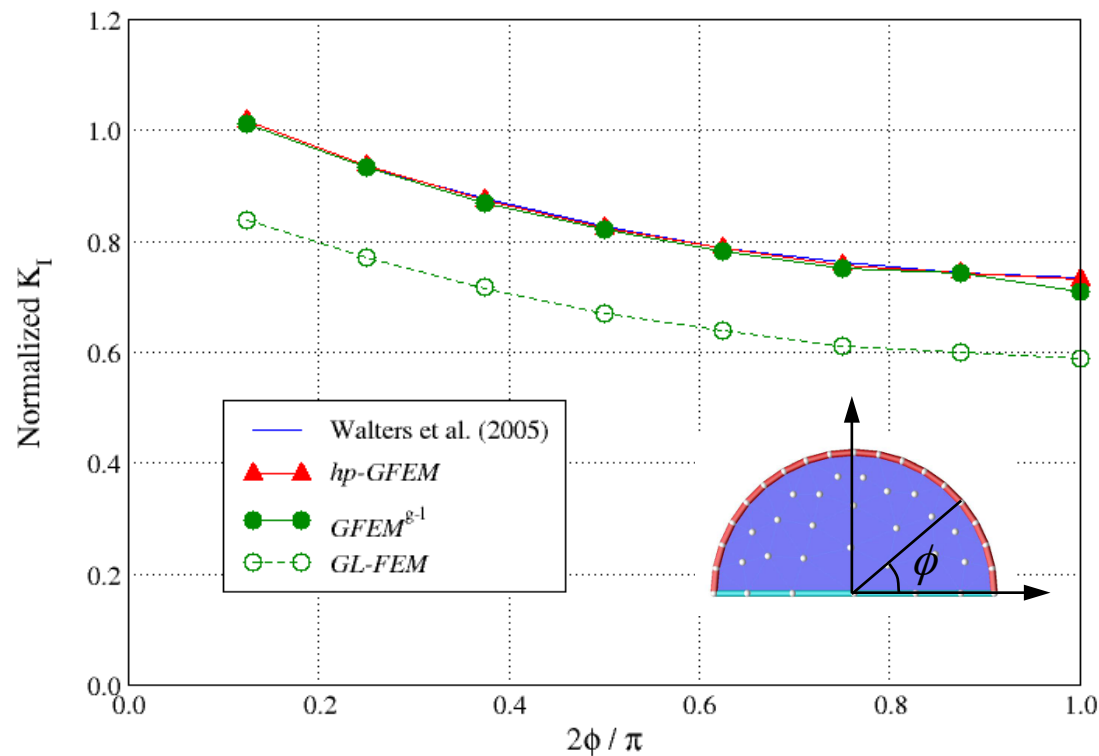
Enriched global problem

- Only 36 dofs added  
= 0.2 % (out of 19,800)





# Numerical Verification: Static Crack



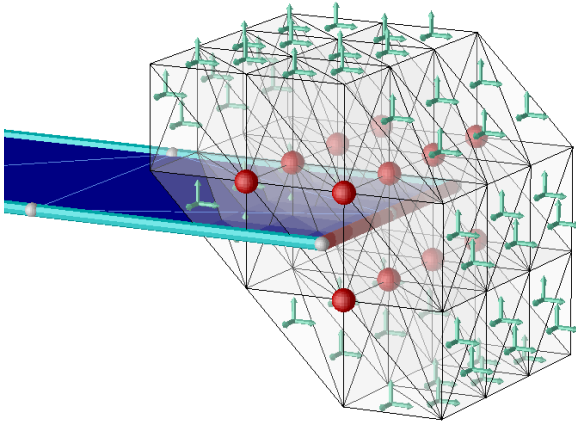
Normalized  $K_I$  for  $GL$ -FEM and  $GFEM^{g-1}$  w/ displacement BC in local problem♪

$$e^r(K_i) := \frac{\|e_i\|_{L^2}}{\|\hat{K}_i\|_{L^2}} = \frac{\sqrt{\sum_{j=1}^{N_{\text{ext}}} (K_i^j - \hat{K}_i^j)^2}}{\sqrt{\sum_{j=1}^{N_{\text{ext}}} (\hat{K}_i^j)^2}}$$

- Relative error  $K_I$   $GFEM^{g-1} \approx 1.2 \%$
- Relative error  $K_I$   $GL$ -FEM  $\approx 18.5 \%$



# Local Problem and Spring BC



$$\mathbf{t}(\mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{K}(\boldsymbol{\delta} - \mathbf{u}) \quad [\text{Szabo and Babuska, 1991}]$$

$$\mathbf{K}\boldsymbol{\delta} := \mathbf{t}(\mathbf{u}_G^0) + \mathbf{K}\mathbf{u}_G^0 \quad \boldsymbol{\delta} : \text{Displacement imposed at base of spring system}$$

$$\text{Spring BC: } \mathbf{t}(\mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{t}(\mathbf{u}_G^0) + \mathbf{K}\mathbf{u}_G^0 - \mathbf{K}\mathbf{u}$$

$$\mathbf{t}(\mathbf{u}_G^0) = \hat{\mathbf{n}} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{u}_G^0) = \hat{\mathbf{n}} \cdot (\mathbf{C} : \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}(\mathbf{u}_G^0))$$

- (i) Neumann boundary condition: Set  $\kappa = 0$ .
- (ii) Dirichlet boundary condition: Set  $\kappa = \eta \gg 1$ .
- (iii) Cauchy or spring boundary condition: Set  $0 < \kappa < \eta$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Omega_L} \boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{u}_L) : \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}(\mathbf{v}_L) d\mathbf{x} + \eta \int_{\partial\Omega_L \cap \partial\Omega_G^u} \mathbf{u}_L \cdot \mathbf{v}_L d\mathbf{s} + \kappa \int_{\partial\Omega_L \setminus (\partial\Omega_L \cap \partial\Omega_G)} \mathbf{u}_L \cdot \mathbf{v}_L d\mathbf{s} = \\ \int_{\partial\Omega_L \cap \partial\Omega_G^\sigma} \bar{\mathbf{t}} \cdot \mathbf{v}_L d\mathbf{s} + \eta \int_{\partial\Omega_L \cap \partial\Omega_G^u} \bar{\mathbf{u}} \cdot \mathbf{v}_L d\mathbf{s} + \int_{\partial\Omega_L \setminus (\partial\Omega_L \cap \partial\Omega_G)} (\mathbf{t}(\mathbf{u}_G^0) + \mathbf{K}\mathbf{u}_G^0) \cdot \mathbf{v}_L d\mathbf{s} \end{aligned}$$

$\mathbf{u}_L$  : Local solution

$\mathbf{u}_G^0$  : Solution of initial global problem



# Local Problem and Spring BC

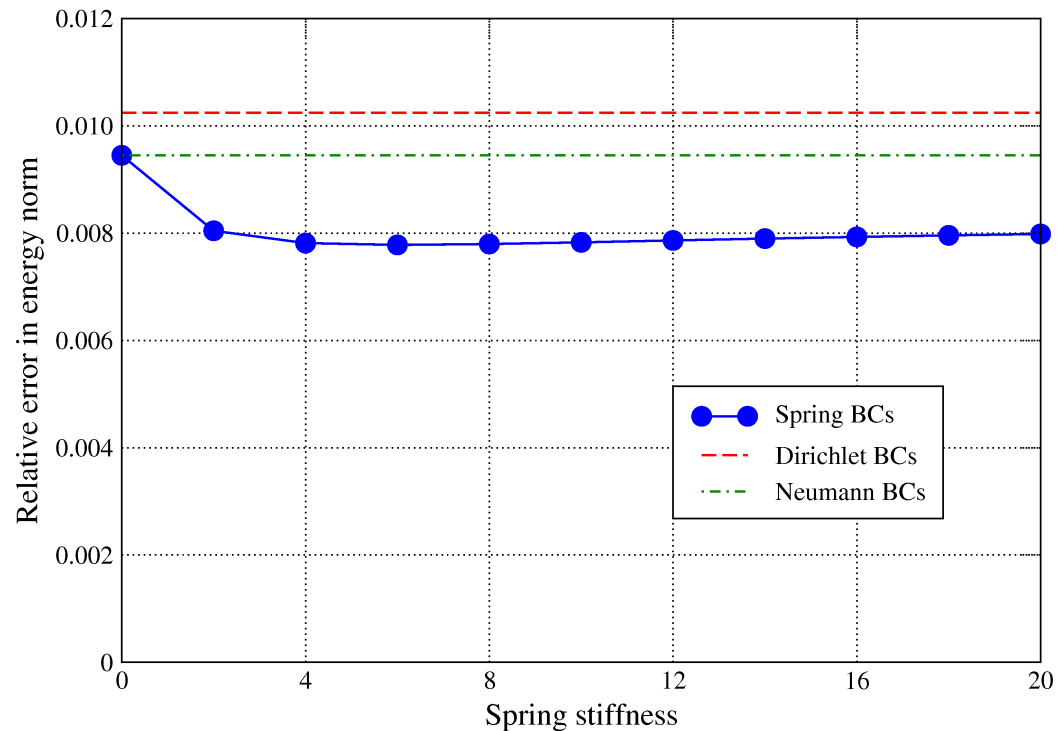
## ■ Sensitivity analysis to stiffness of spring boundary condition

Spring stiffness

- 1) Neumann BC:  $\kappa = 0$
- 2) Spring BC:  $0 < \kappa < \eta$
- 3) Dirichlet BC:  $\kappa = \eta \gg 1$

Spring stiffness for spring BC

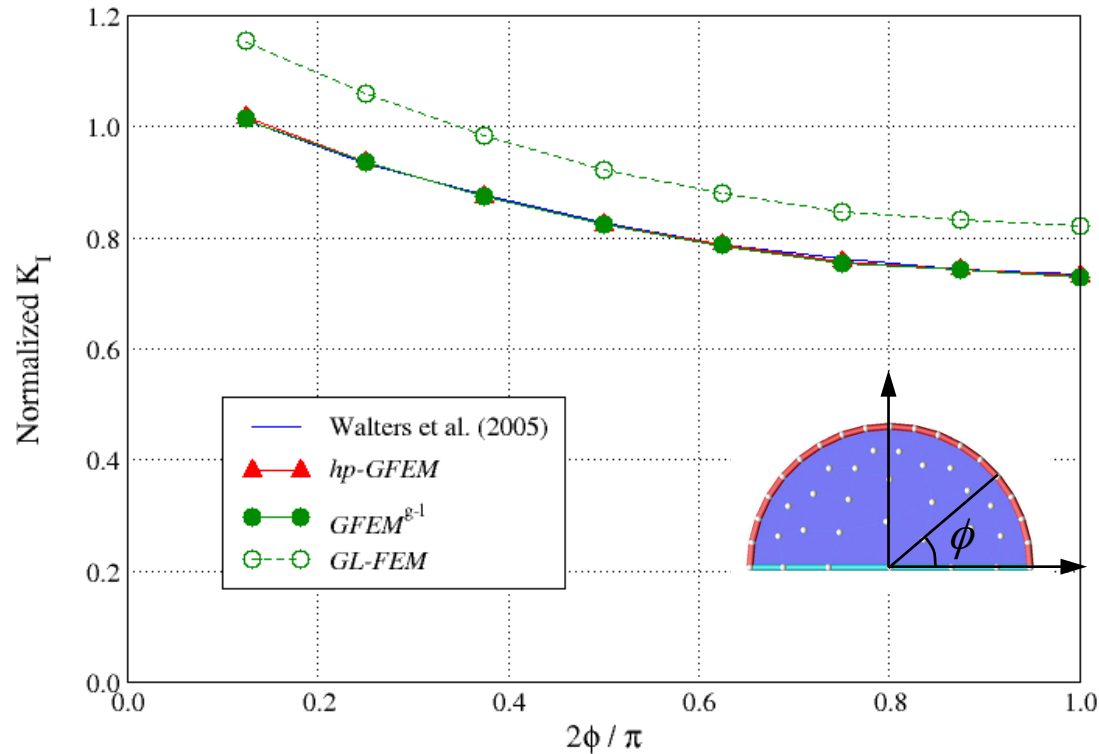
$$\kappa = \frac{E}{\sqrt[n]{V_0 J}} = 8.7358$$



- Spring boundary conditions provide more accurate solutions
- Low sensitivity to spring constant: Robustness of method



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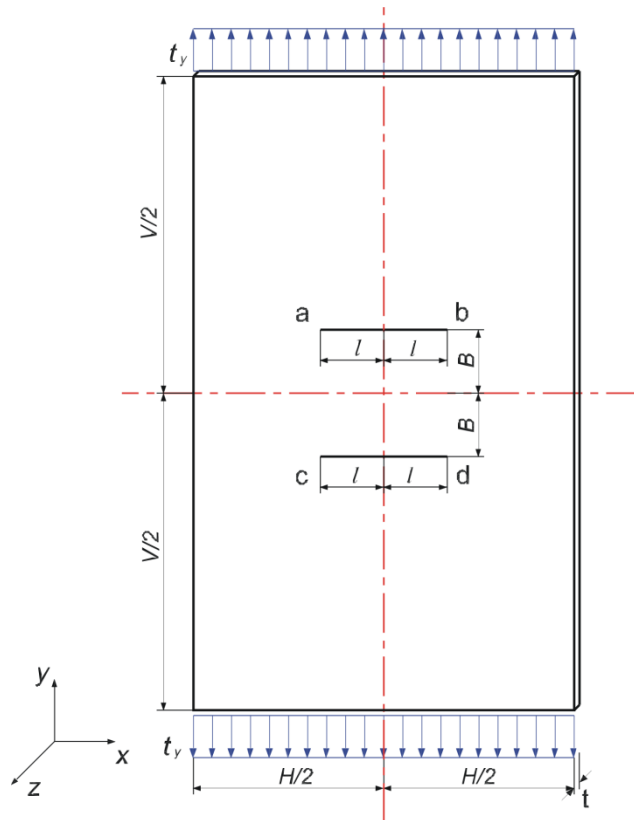
Normalized  $K_I$  for  $GL$ -FEM and  $GFEM^{g-l}$  w/ spring BC in local problem

- Relative error  $K_I$   $hp$ -GFEM  $\approx 0.4$  %
- Relative error  $K_I$   $GFEM^{g-l}$   $\approx 0.5$  %
- Relative error  $K_I$   $GL$ -FEM  $\approx 12.4$  %



# *Robustness: Comparison with Global-Local Finite Element Method*

- Interacting cracks



$$2l = 4.0; V = 200.0; H = 10.0; t = 1.0$$

$$\text{Poisson's ratio} = 0.0$$

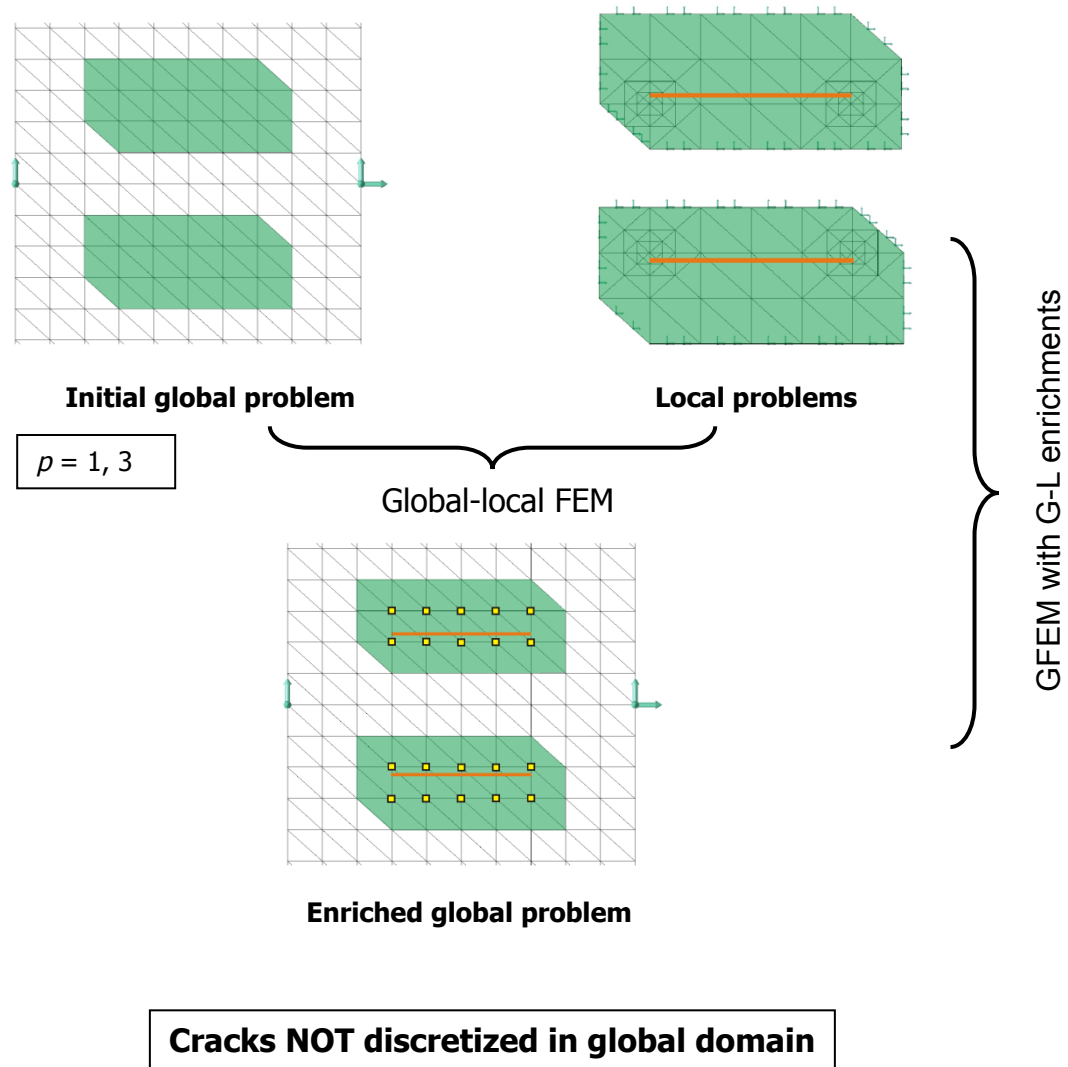
$$\text{Young's modulus} = 200,000$$

Analysis for varying  $B/H$





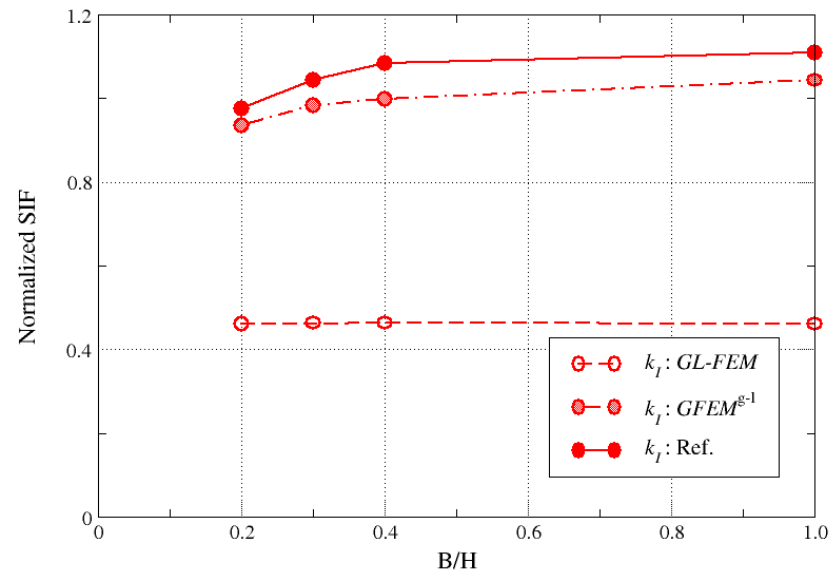
## *Two interacting cracks*





## Comparison with GL-FEM

- Normalized Mode I SIF.  $p = 1$  in the global problem

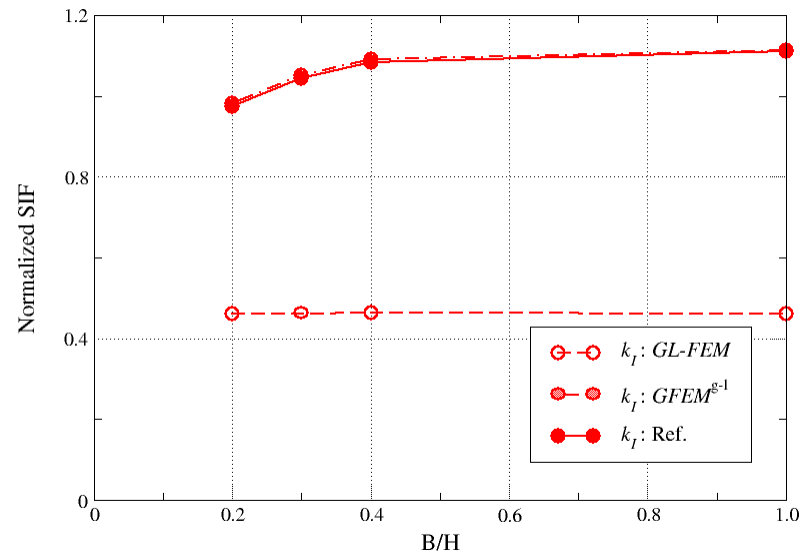


B/H	Mode I, $p = 1$ in the global problem			
	SIF (GL-FEM)	Rel. err(%)	SIF (GFEM)	Rel. err(%)
0.2	0.4617	52.64	0.9354	4.05
0.3	0.4625	55.69	0.9834	5.78
0.4	0.4630	57.28	0.9987	7.86
1.0	0.4604	58.51	1.0425	6.05



## Comparison with GL-FEM

- Improving BCs for local problems:  $p = 3$  in global problem



B/H	Mode I, p = 3 in global problem			
	SIF (GL-FEM)	Rel. err(%)	SIF (GFEM)	Rel. err(%)
0.2	0.4617	52.64	0.9807	-0.59
0.3	0.4625	55.69	1.0517	-0.77
0.4	0.4630	57.28	1.0902	-0.58
1.0	0.4604	58.51	1.1125	-0.26



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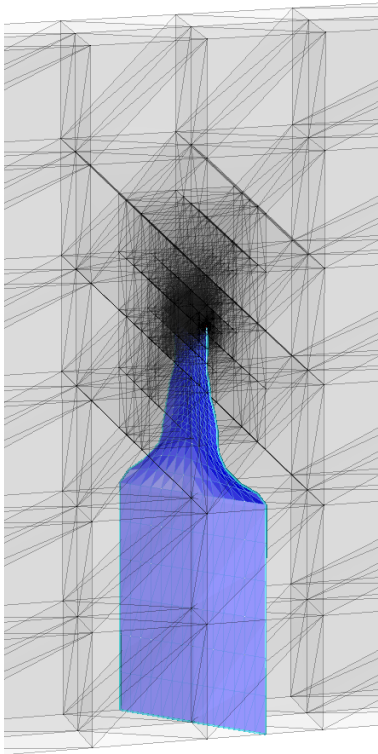
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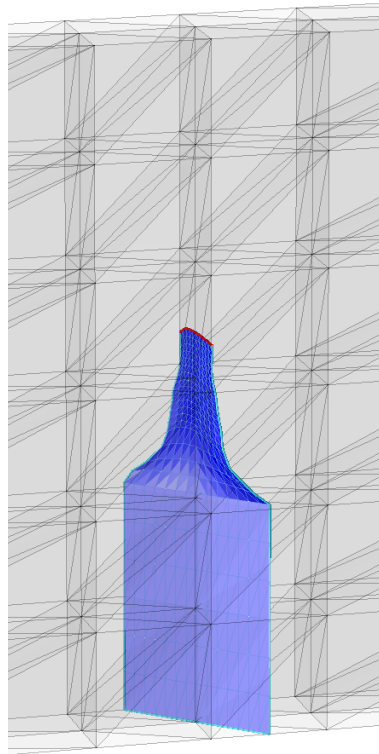




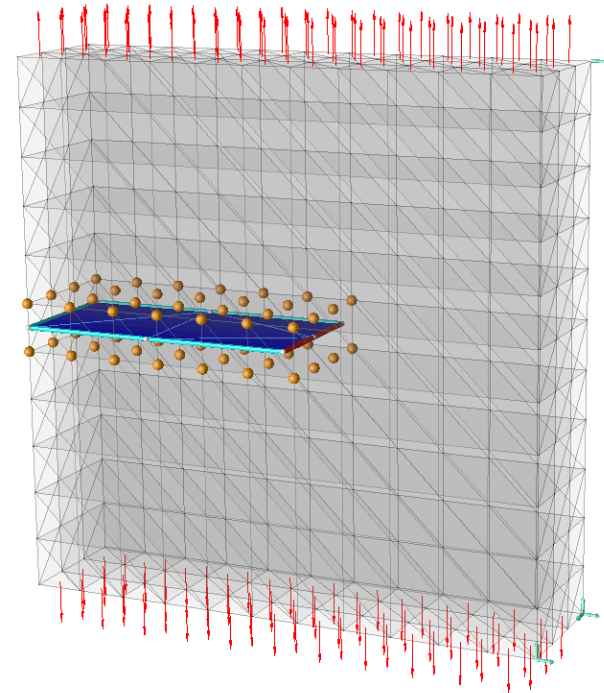
# Mathematical Analysis\*



hp-GFEM/FEM



GFEM<sup>gl</sup>



GFEM<sup>gl</sup>: Error controlled through global-local enrichments

## Questions:

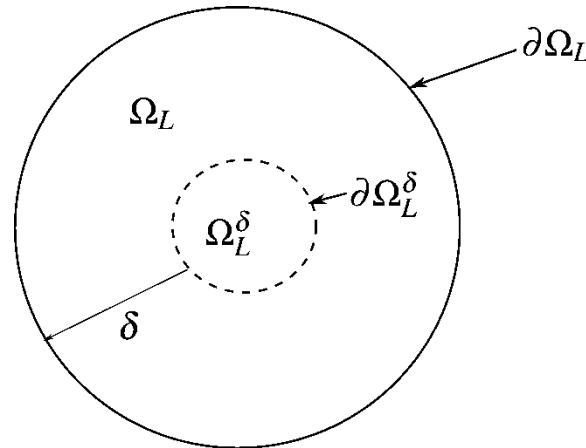
- What are the effects of inexact BCs at fine-scale problems?
- How to control them?

\*with V. Gupta



# A-Priori Error Estimate

- Local error estimate



$$\|u^{exBC} - u_h^{inexBC}\|_{\varepsilon(\Omega_L^\delta)} \leq \underbrace{C \inf_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{X}_L^{hp}(\Omega_L)} \|u^{inexBC} - \mathbf{x}\|_{\varepsilon(\Omega_L)}}_{\text{Discretization error}} + \underbrace{\frac{C_1}{\delta} \|u^{exBC} - u^{inexBC}\|_{(L^2)(\Omega_L)}}_{\text{Effect of inexact BC}}$$

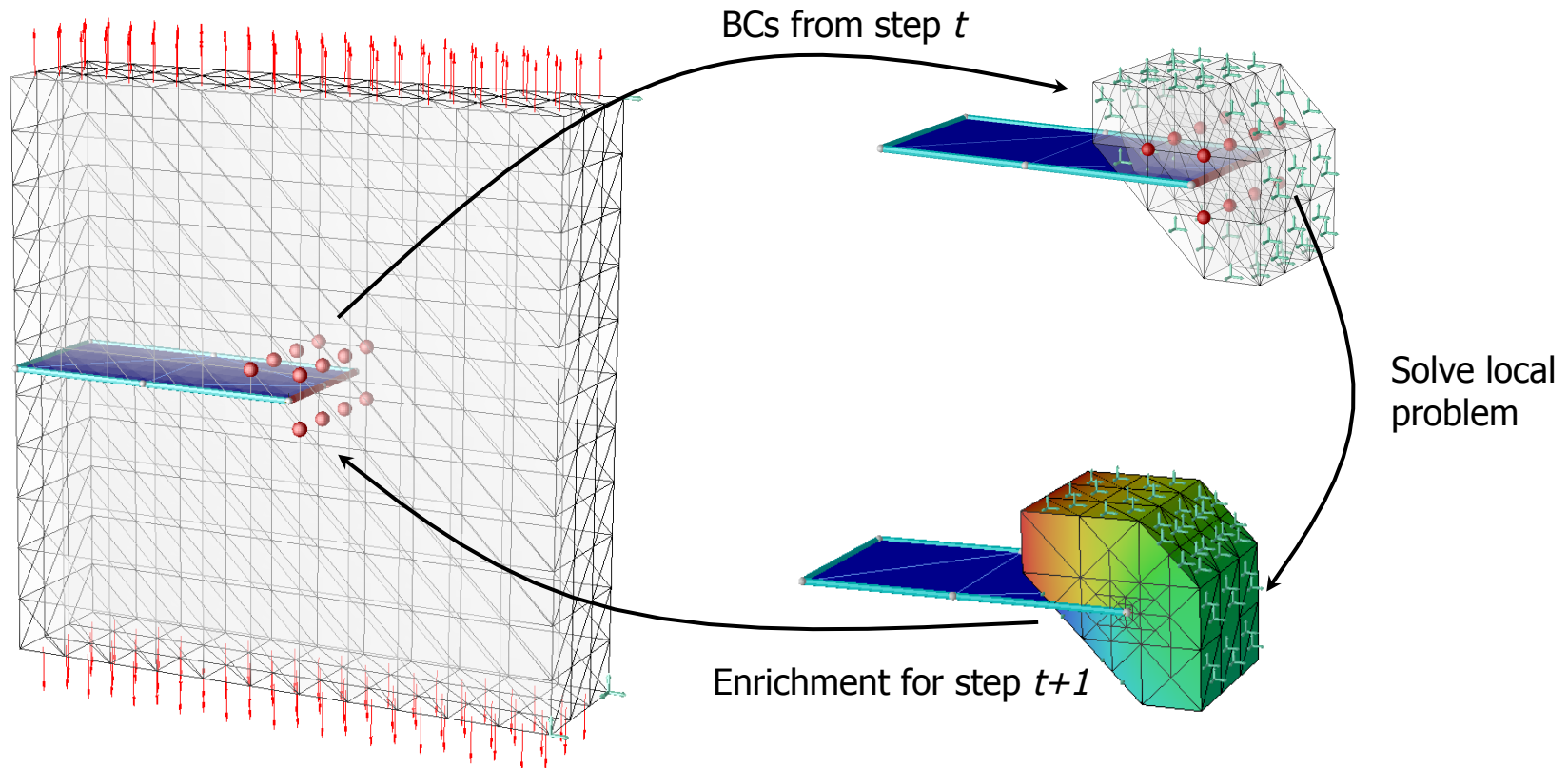
- Global Error [Babuska and Melenk, 1996]

$$\|u - u_G\|_{\varepsilon(\Omega)}^2 \leq C \sum_{\alpha=1}^N \inf_{u_\alpha \in \chi_\alpha} \|u - u_\alpha\|_{\varepsilon(\omega_\alpha)}^2 \leq C \sum_{\alpha=1}^N \|u - u_h^{inexBC}\|_{\varepsilon(\omega_\alpha)}^2$$

where  $u \equiv u^{exBC}$



## *Strategy I: Multiple Global-Local Iterations*



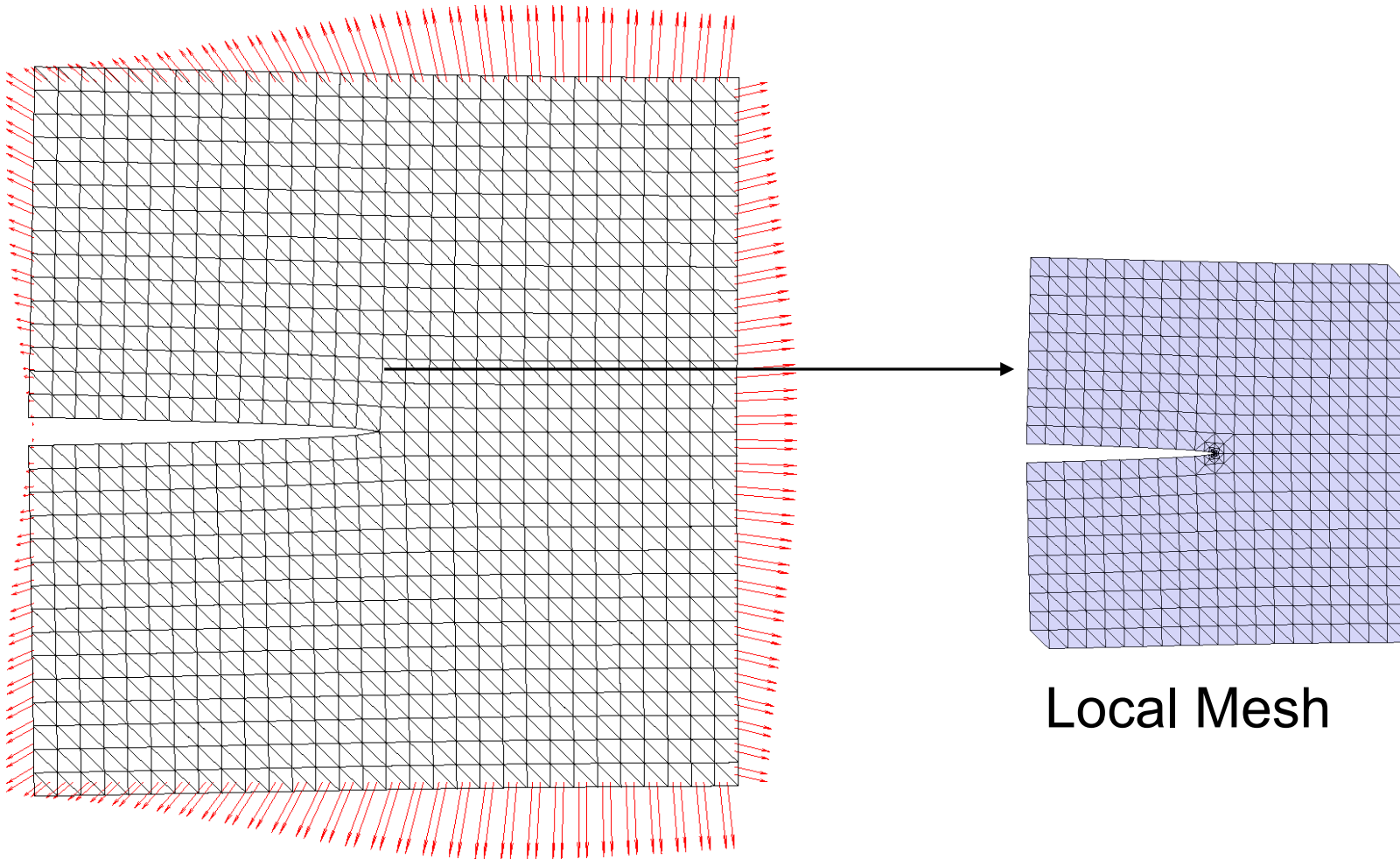
- Repeat Global-local-Global cycle





## *Strategy I: Multiple Global-Local Iterations*

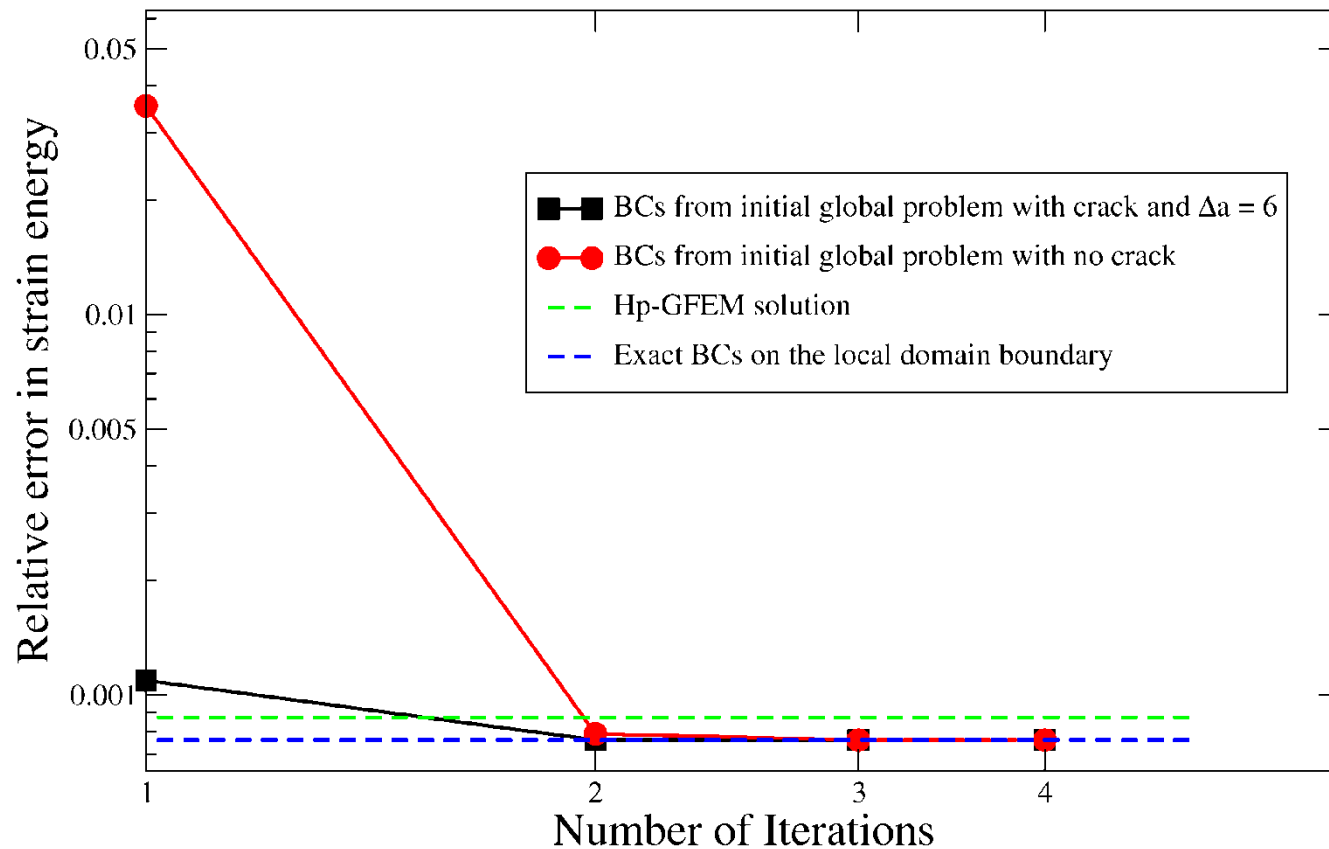
- 30" x 30" x 1" edge-crack panel loaded with Mode I tractions





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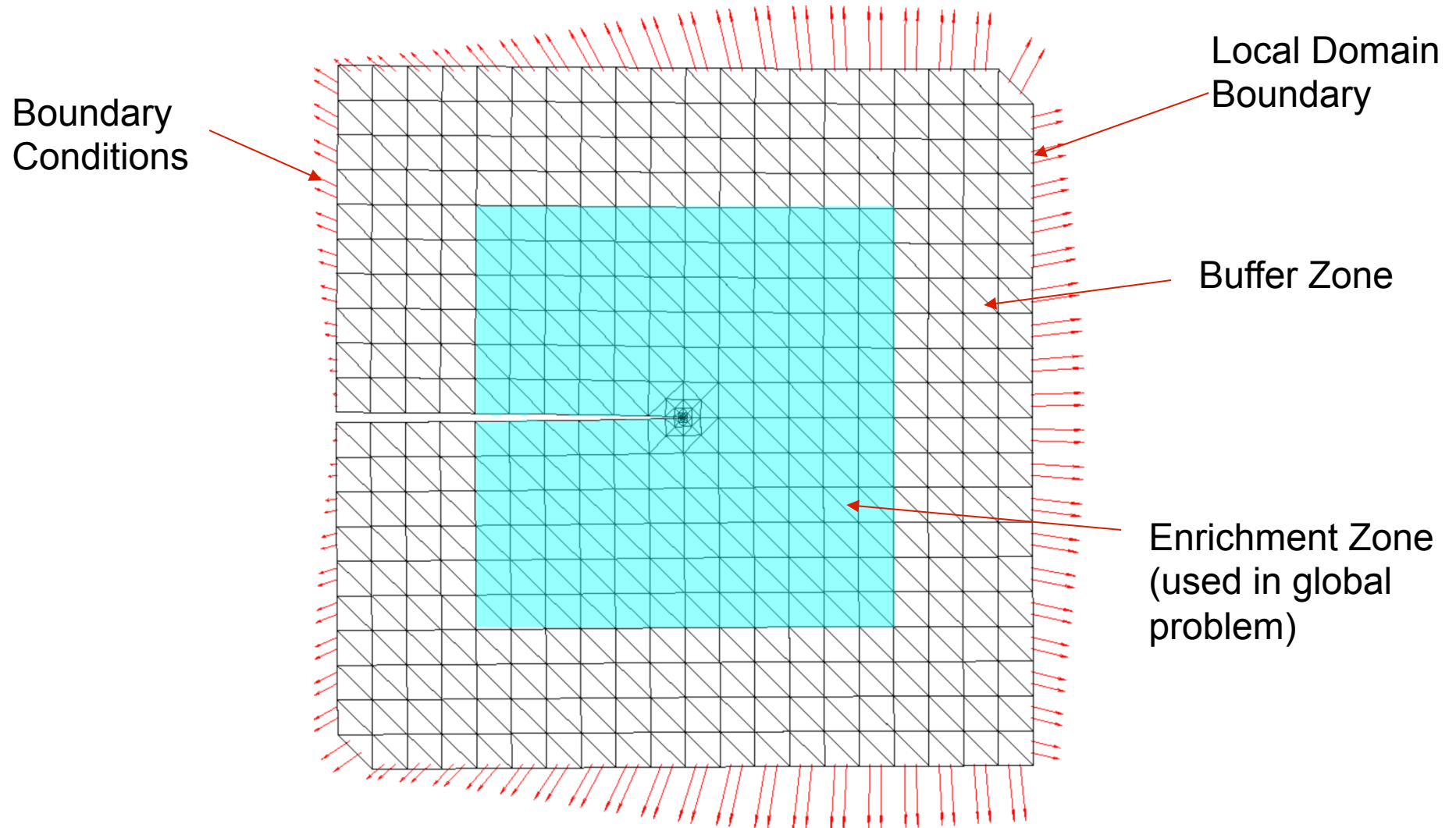
Relative Error in Strain Energy



- GFEM<sup>gl</sup> can deliver same accuracy as hp-GFEM (DNS)



## *Strategy II: Buffer Zone in Local Domain*

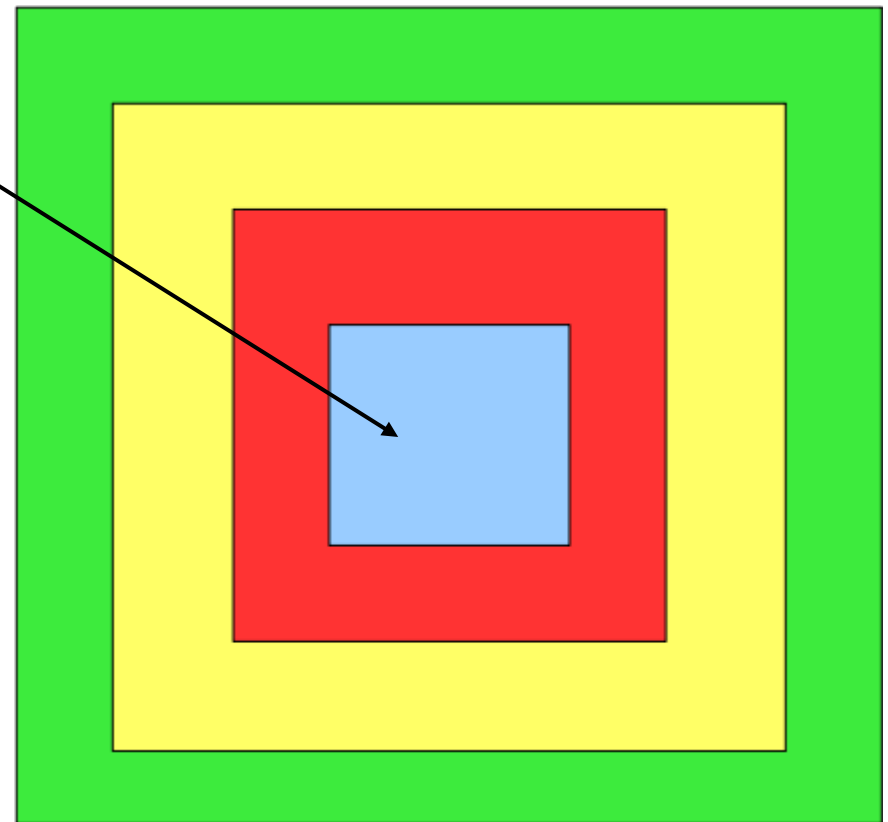




## Strategy II: Buffer Zone in Local Domain

### ■ Buffer Zone Sizes Considered

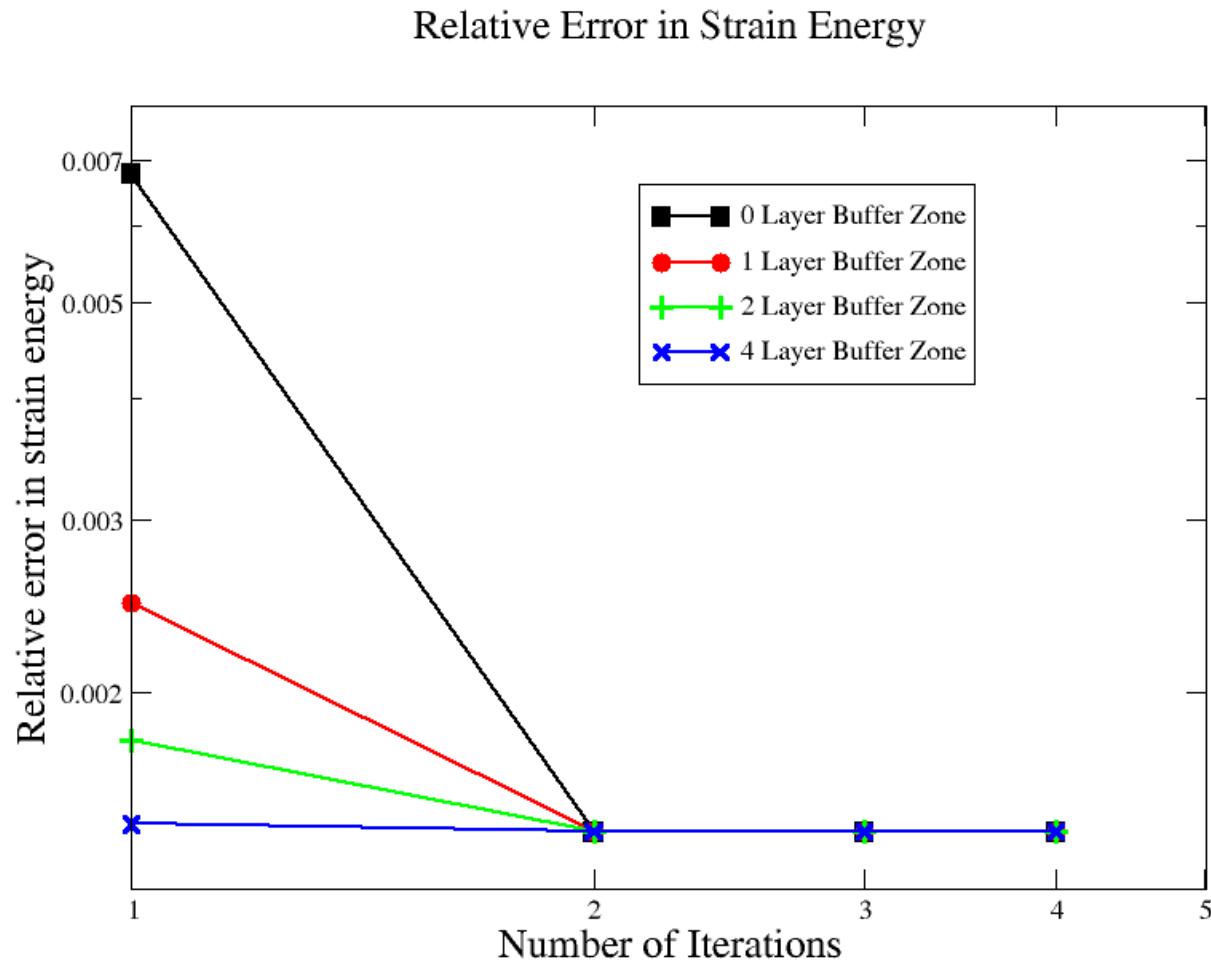
- Enrichment Zone: 4" X 4" blue square region
- Buffer zone (in terms of number of layers of elements):
  - Red - 1 layer
  - Yellow - 2 layers
  - Green - 4 layers



Not to scale



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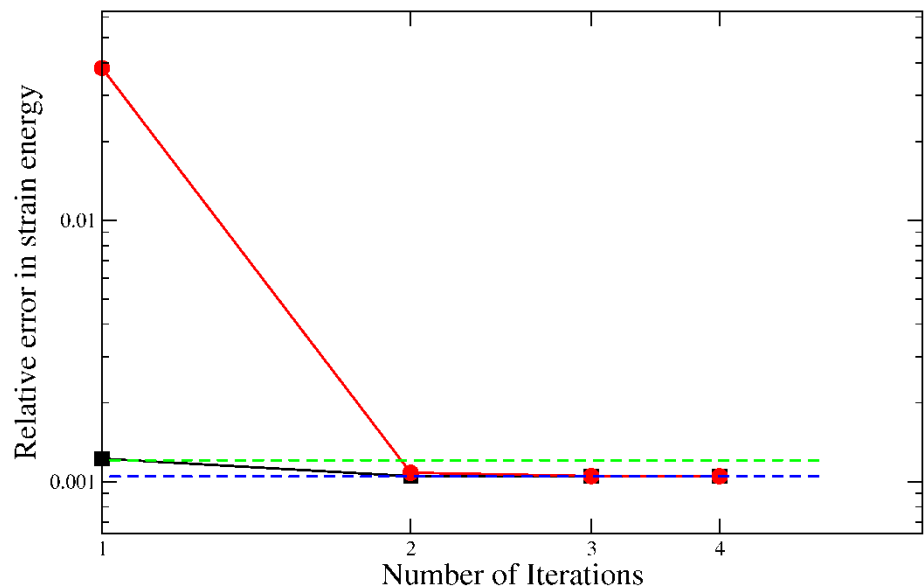
- BCs from global problem *without* a crack



# Mathematical Analysis: Summary

- A-priori error estimates and convergence analyses show optimal convergence even on tough problems:
  - Problems with strong singularities and/or numerical pollution effects
- Quality of global-local enrichments can be controlled through
  - Global-local iteration cycles
  - Buffer-zone in local domains

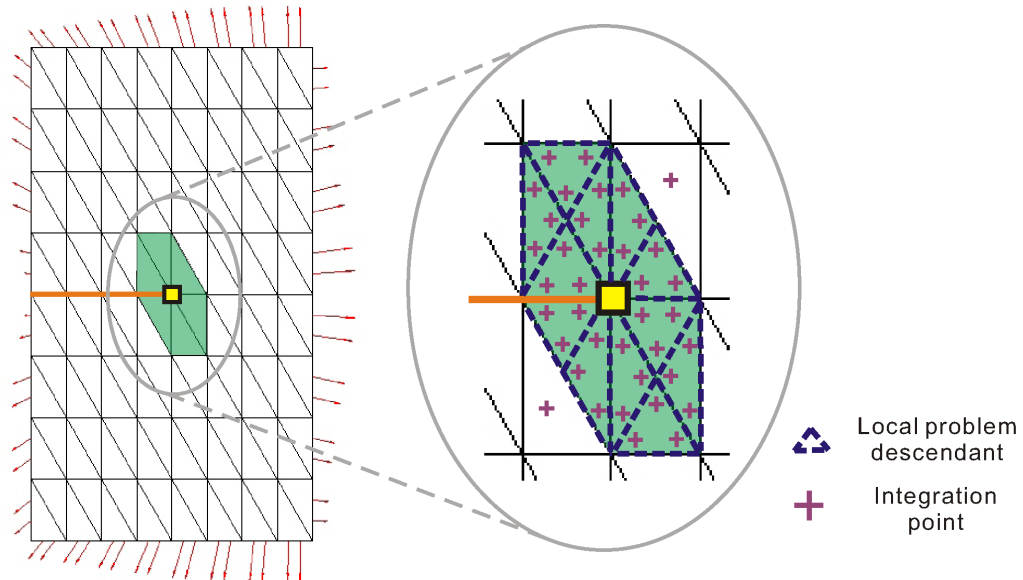
Comparison of relative error in Strain Energy



- Fine-scale problems with buffer zone
- Fine-scale problems w/out buffer zone
- Error level for FEM with AMR



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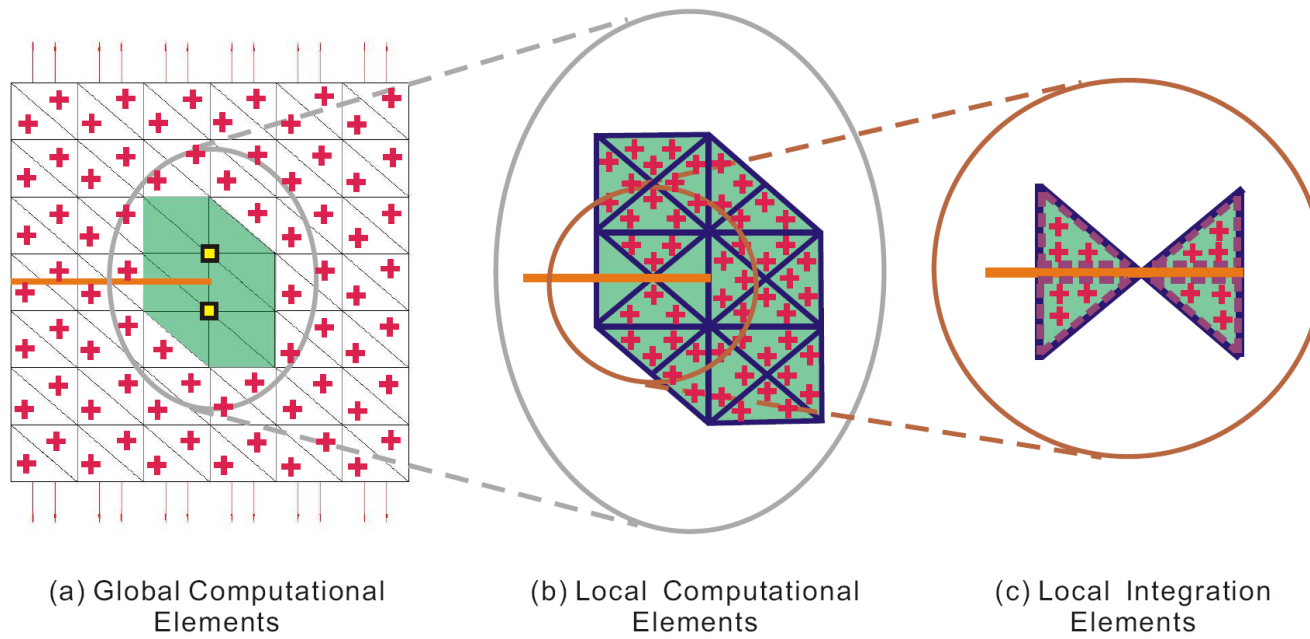
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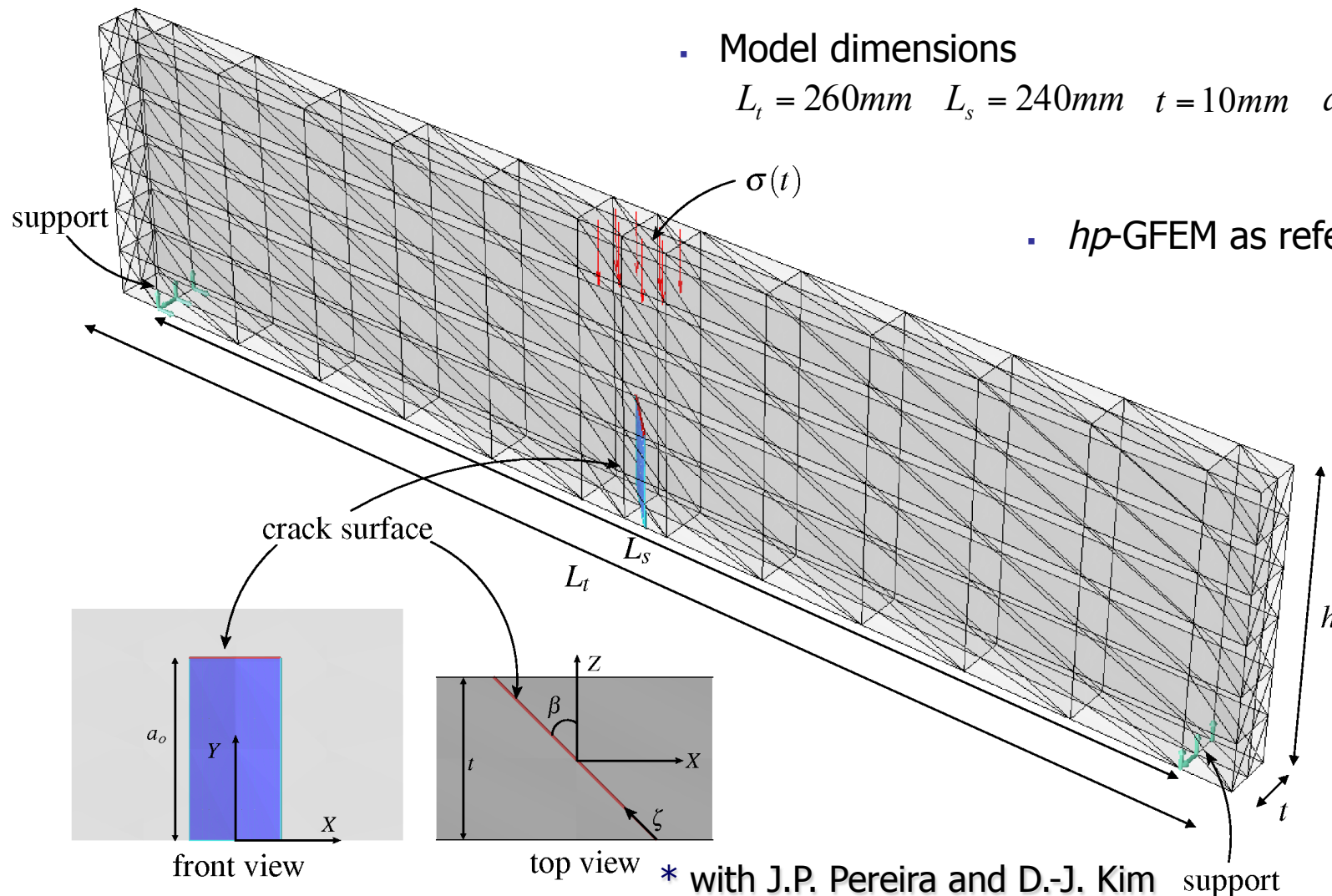
# Crack Propagation: Edge-Notched Beam with Slanted Crack \*

- Fatigue Crack Growth:  $hp$ -GFEM and GFEM<sup>gl</sup> solutions

- Model dimensions

$$L_t = 260\text{mm} \quad L_s = 240\text{mm} \quad t = 10\text{mm} \quad a_o/h = 1/3 \quad \beta = 45^\circ$$

- $hp$ -GFEM as reference solution

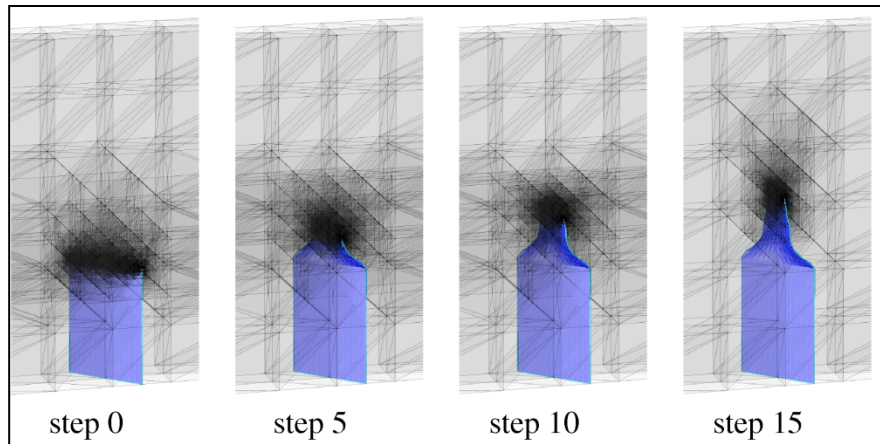


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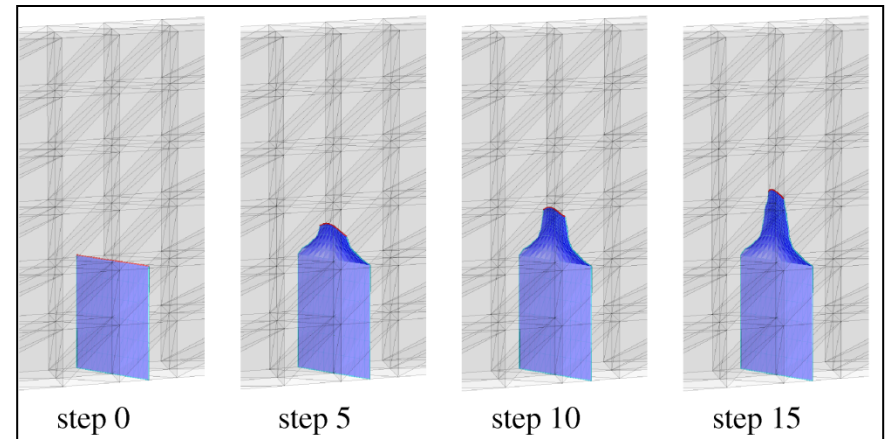
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# Edge-Notched Beam with Slanted Crack



Available Methods – *hp*-GFEM/FEM

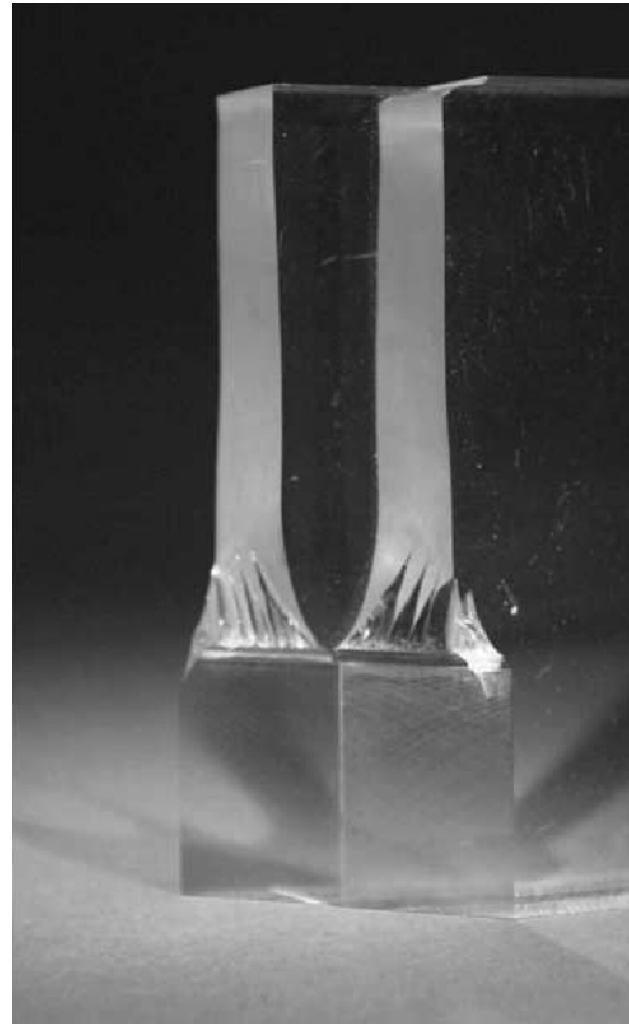
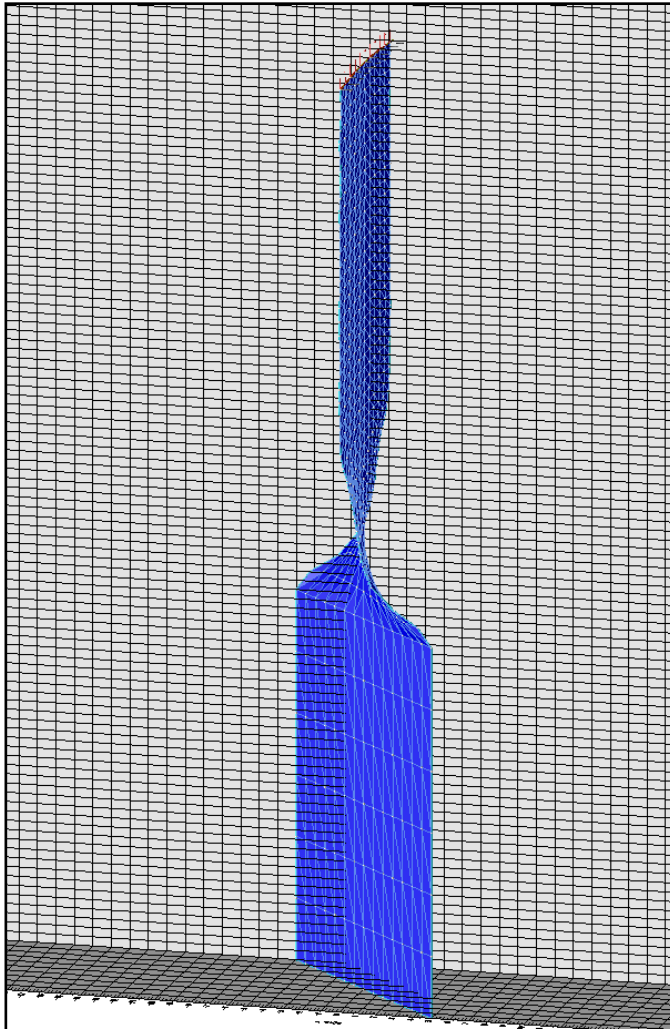


Two-Scale Generalized FEM – GFEM<sup>gl</sup>

- Mesh with elements that are orders of magnitude larger than in a FEM mesh
- Fully compatible with FEM
- Single field formulation: Does not introduce stability (LBB) issues



# Experimental Results



[Buchholz et al., 2004]



# Computation of Solution at a Crack Step


$$\underline{u}_G = \underbrace{\tilde{\underline{u}}^0}_{\text{coarse scale (polynomial)}} + \underbrace{\underline{u}^{gl}}_{\text{fine scale (G-L)}} = [N^0 N^{gl}] \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{\underline{u}}^0 \\ \underline{u}^{gl} \end{bmatrix}$$

$\tilde{\underline{u}}^0$  = DOFs associate with coarse scale discretization

$\underline{u}^{gl}$  = DOFs associate with G-L (hierarchical) enrichments

$$\dim(\underline{u}^{gl}) \ll \dim(\tilde{\underline{u}}^0)$$

This leads to

Computed by FEM code 

$$\begin{bmatrix} K^0 & K^{0,gl} \\ K^{gl,0} & K^{gl} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{\underline{u}}^0 \\ \underline{u}^{gl} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} F^0 \\ F^{gl} \end{bmatrix}$$

Solve using, e.g., static condensation of  $\underline{u}^{gl}$



# Computation of Solution at a Crack Step

From the first equation

$$\begin{aligned}\underline{\tilde{u}}^0 &= (\underline{K}^0)^{-1} \underline{F}^0 - (\underline{K}^0)^{-1} \underline{K}^{0,gl} \underline{u}^{gl} \\ &= \underline{u}^0 - \underline{S}^{0,gl} \underline{u}^{gl}\end{aligned}$$

Where

$$\underline{S}^{0,gl} := (\underline{K}^0)^{-1} \underline{K}^{0,gl}$$

$\underline{K}^0$	$\underline{S}^{0,gl}$	$=$	$\underline{K}^{0,gl}$
pseudo coarse scale solutions			pseudo coarse scale loads

$\underline{S}^{0,gl}$  = Pseudo coarse scale solutions computed  
through forward and backward substitutions on  $\underline{K}^0$   
(by FEM code)





## Computation of Solution at a Crack Step

From the second equation and the above

$$\underline{K}^{\text{gl}} \underline{u}^{\text{gl}} = \underline{F}^{\text{gl}} - \underline{K}^{\text{gl},0} [\underline{u}^0 - \underline{S}^{0,\text{gl}} \underline{u}^{\text{gl}}]$$

Thus

$$\underbrace{[\underline{K}^{\text{gl}} - \underline{K}^{\text{gl},0} \underline{S}^{0,\text{gl}}]}_{\widehat{\underline{K}}^{\text{gl}}} \underline{u}^{\text{gl}} = \underbrace{\underline{F}^{\text{gl}} - \underline{K}^{\text{gl},0} \underline{u}^0}_{\widehat{\underline{F}}^{\text{gl}}}$$

$$\widehat{\underline{K}}^{\text{gl}} \underline{u}^{\text{gl}} = \widehat{\underline{F}}^{\text{gl}}$$

$$\tilde{\underline{u}}^0 = \underline{u}^0 - \underline{S}^{0,\text{gl}} \underline{u}^{\text{gl}} \quad -$$

$$\underline{u}_E = \tilde{\underline{u}}^0 + \underline{u}^{\text{gl}} = [\underline{N}^0 \underline{N}^{\text{gl}}] \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{\underline{u}}^0 \\ \underline{u}^{\text{gl}} \end{bmatrix}$$

Computation of  $\underline{u}_G$  involves forward- and back-substitutions on  $\underline{K}^0$

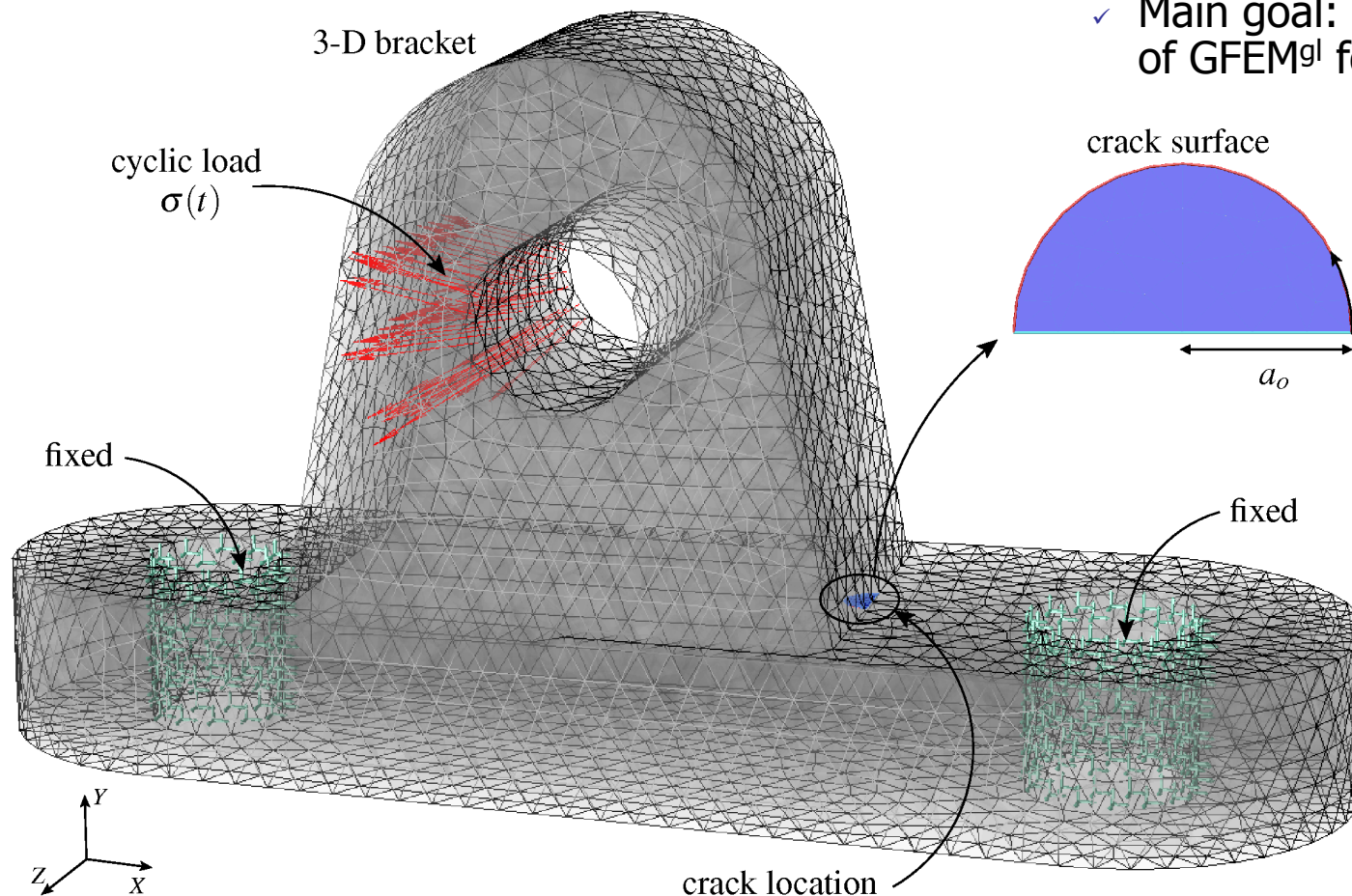


# Computational Efficiency

## ▪ Bracket with half-penny shaped crack

✓ *hp*-GFEM as reference solution

✓ Main goal: computational efficiency of GFEM<sup>gl</sup> for crack growth

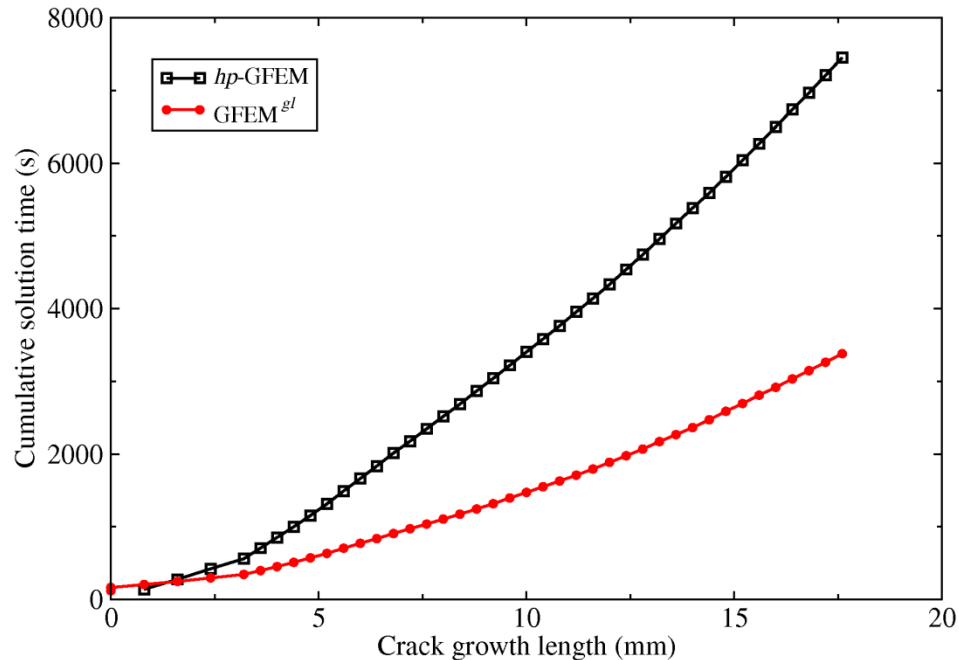


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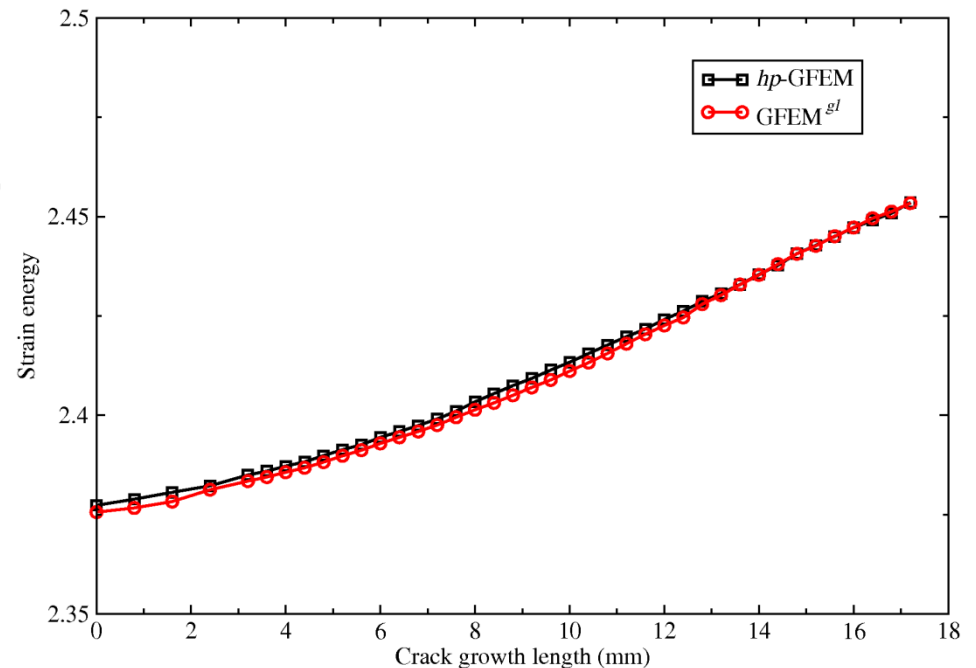
## ■ Computational cost analysis



- ~ 60% computational cost reduction
- $hp$ -GFEM and  $GFEM^{gl}$  solutions show good agreement

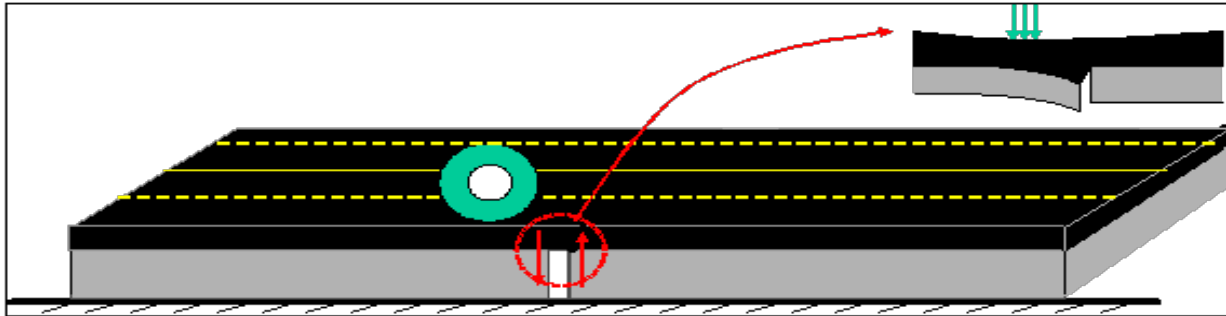
- $GFEM^{gl}$ :  
115,470 + 27 *dofs* (min)  
115,470 + 84 *dofs* (max)
- $hp$ -GFEM:  
186,666 global *dofs* (min)  
255,618 global *dofs* (max)

## ■ Strain Energy

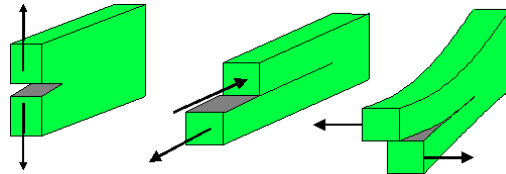




# *Reflective Crack Growth in Airfield Pavements*

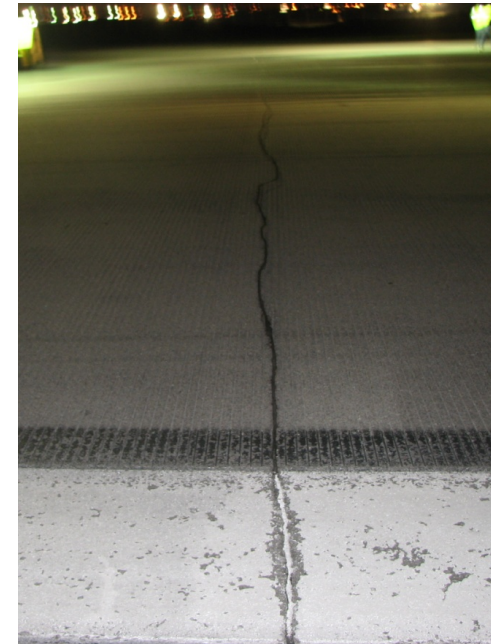


- Cracks and Joints in Underlying Pavement “Reflect” up to the Surface due to Stress Concentration Effect
- Three “Modes” of Fracture are Possible:



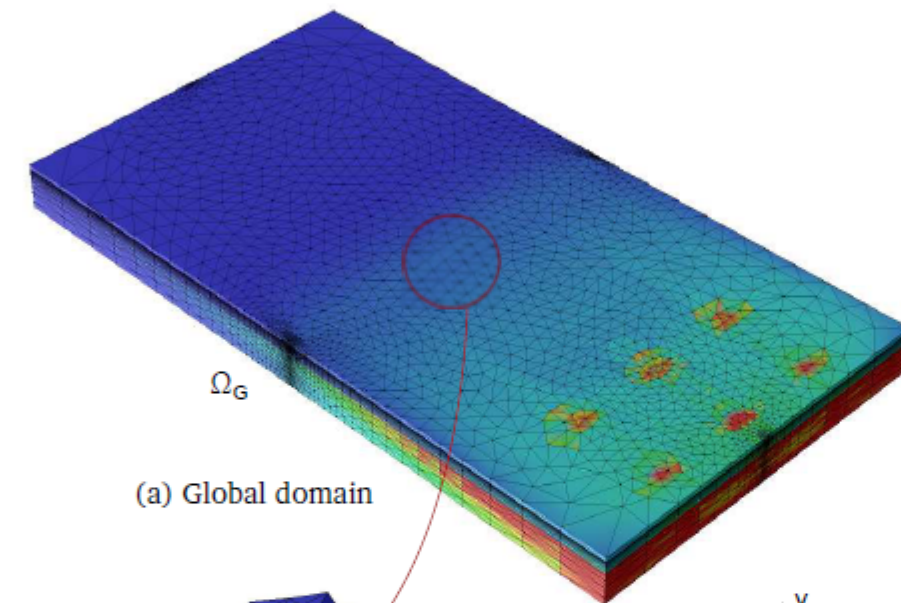
## • Objectives

- Providing better understanding of RC in airfield pavements
- Being used to assist in development of reflective cracking test at National Airport Pavement Test Facility (NAPTF)

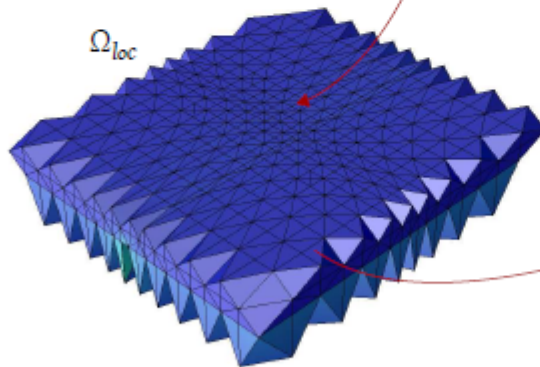




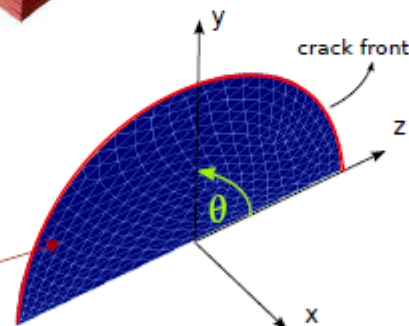
# Reflective Crack on Airfield Pavement



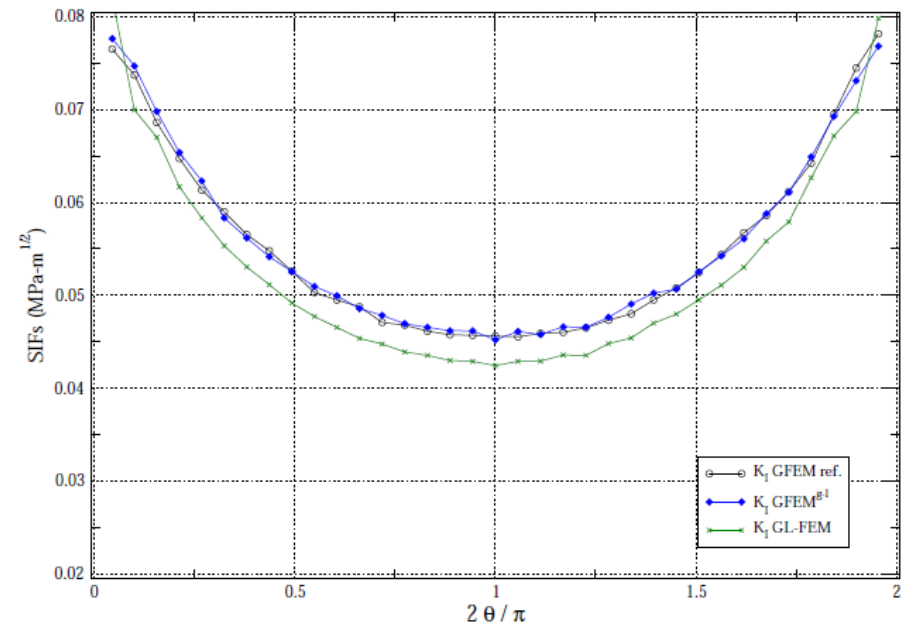
(a) Global domain



(b) Local domain



(c) Reflective crack surface



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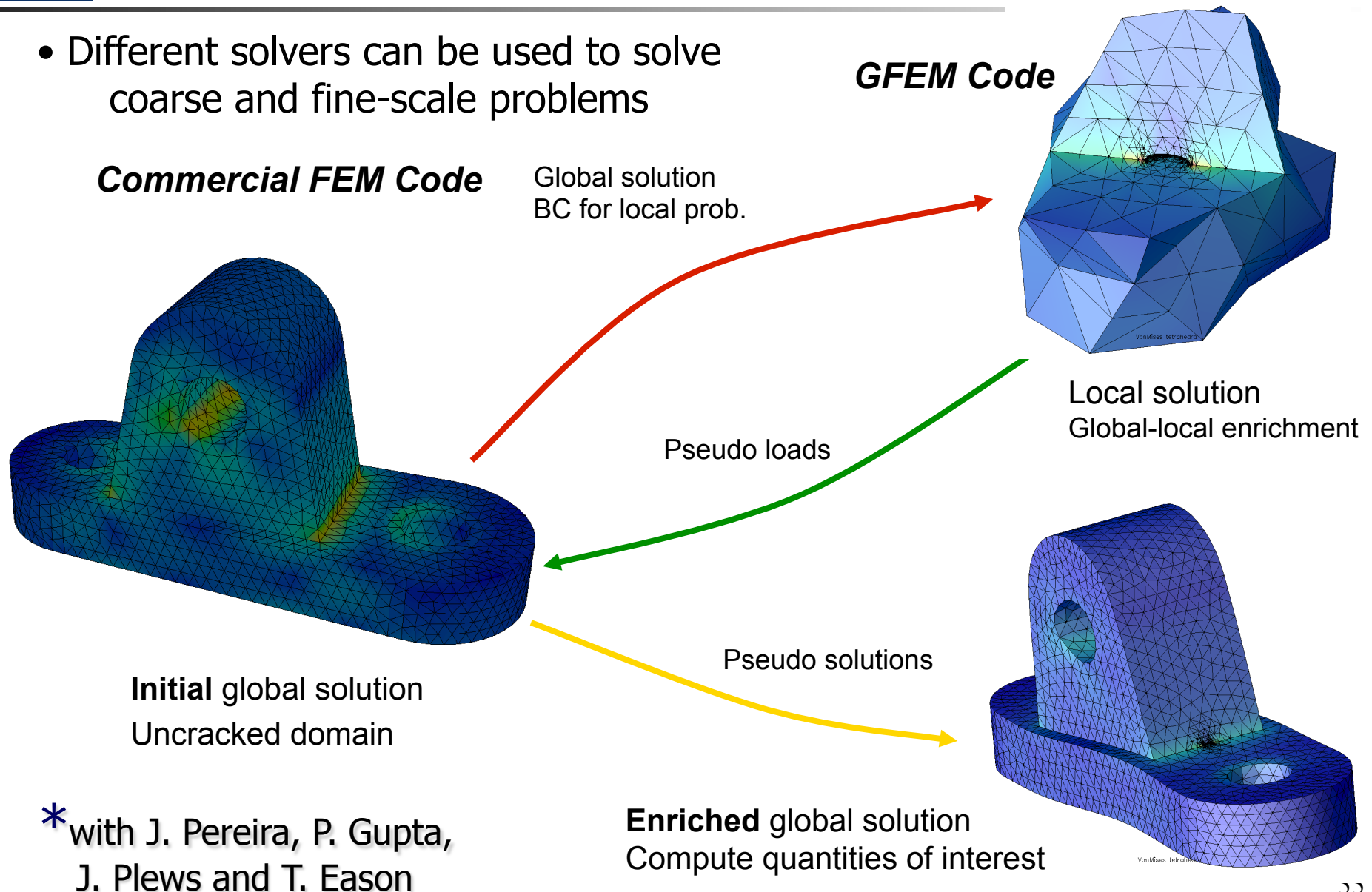
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# Non-Intrusive Implementation in Existing FEM Codes

- Different solvers can be used to solve coarse and fine-scale problems







## *Related Methods*

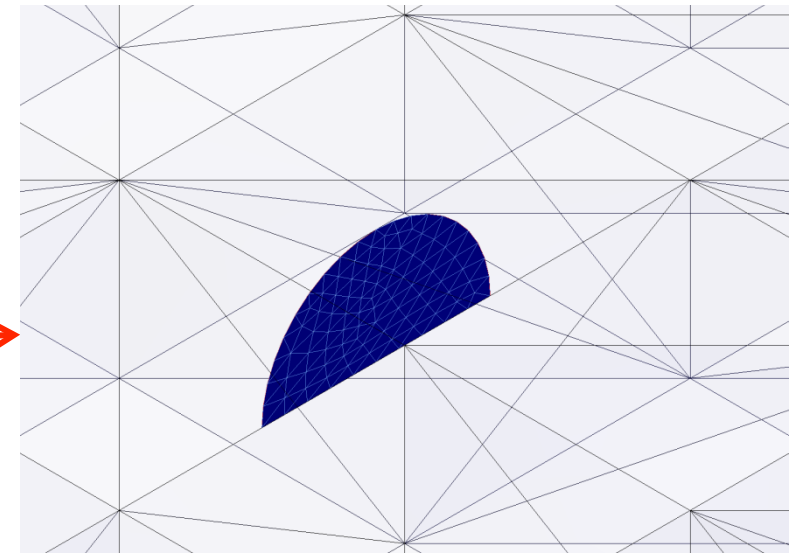
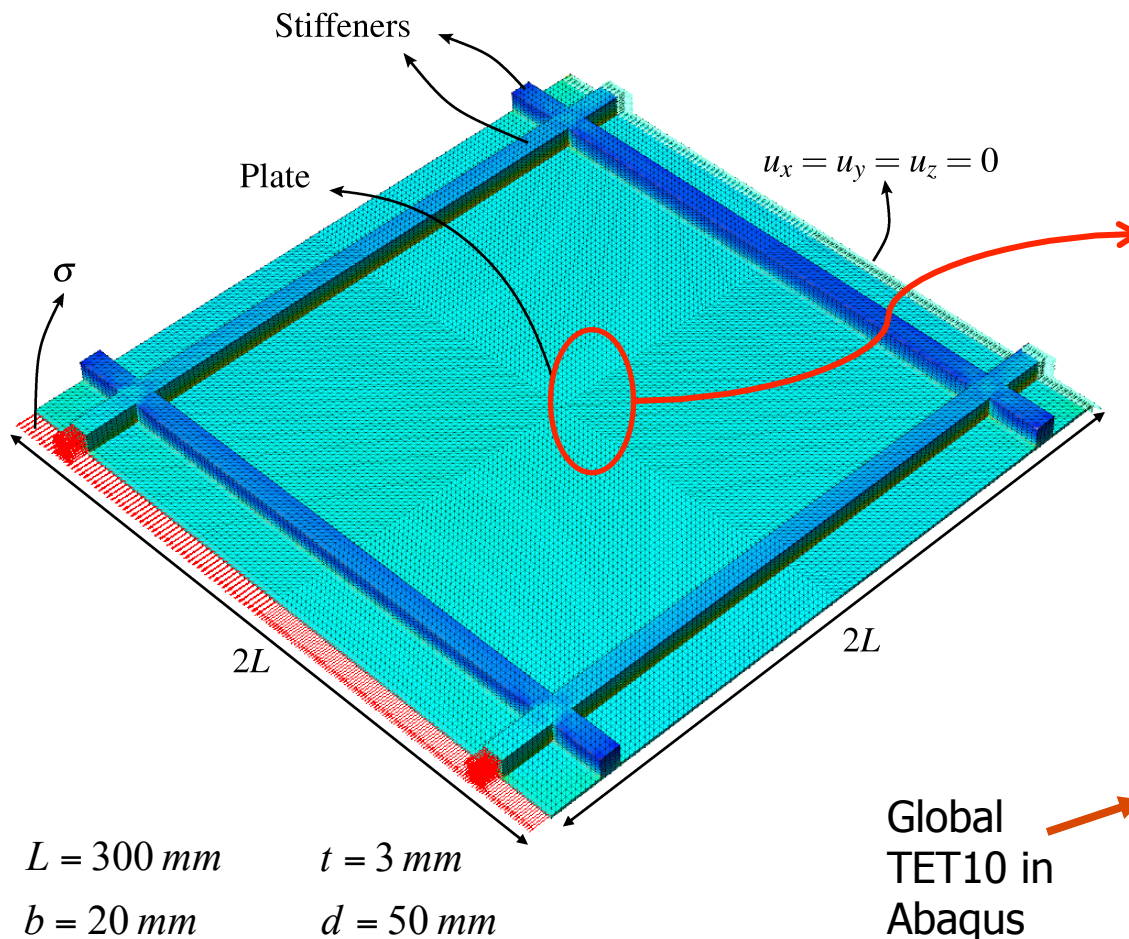
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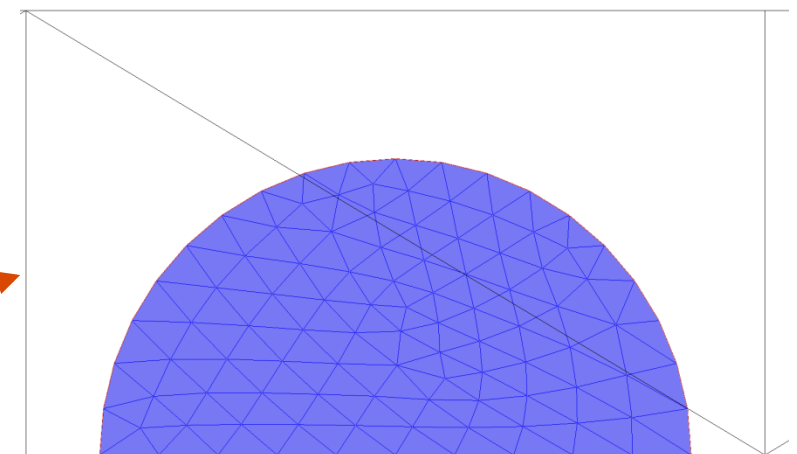


# Stiffened Panel with Surface Crack\*

- Global Problem in Abaqus



Crack radius  $r = 2 \text{ mm}$



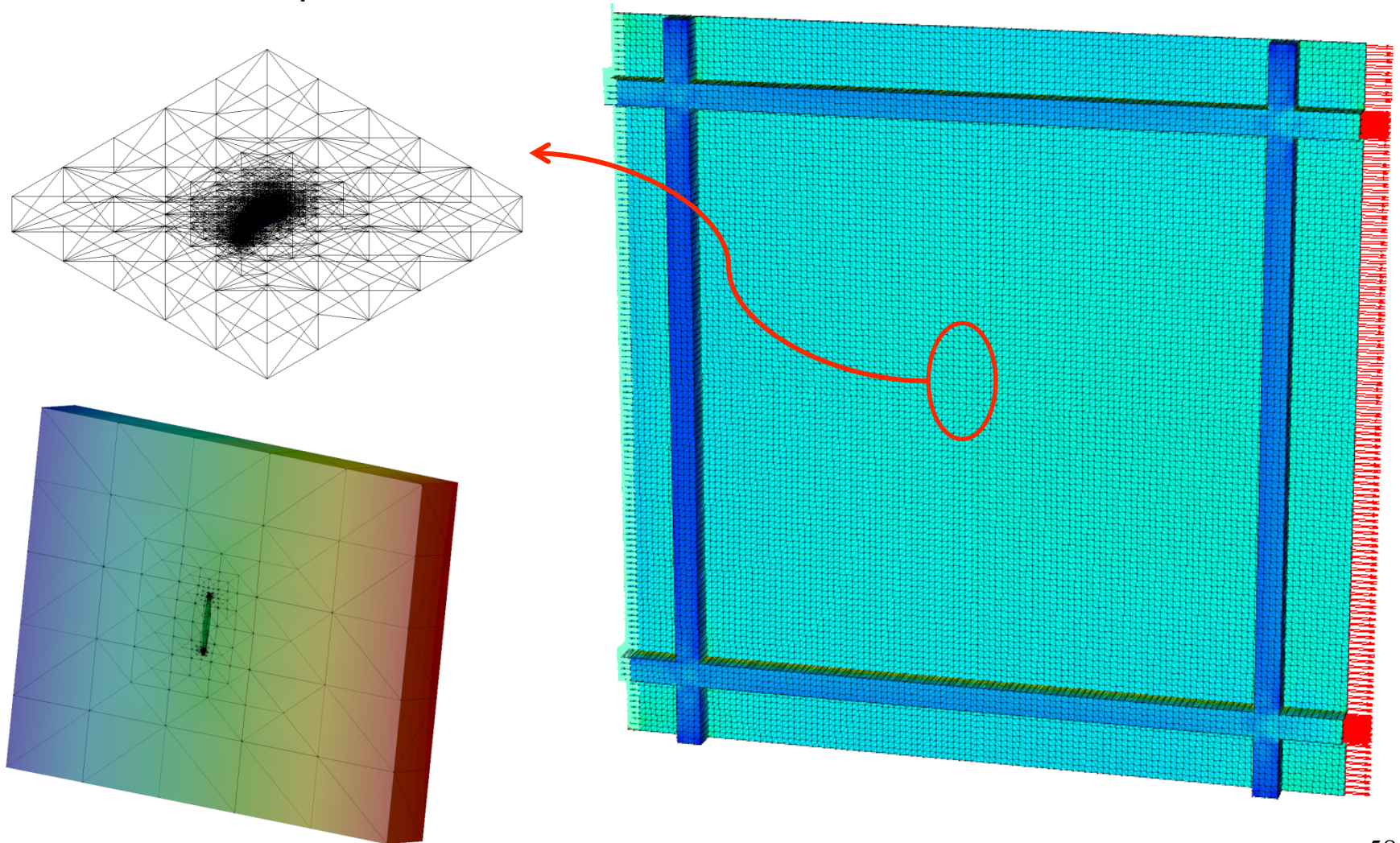
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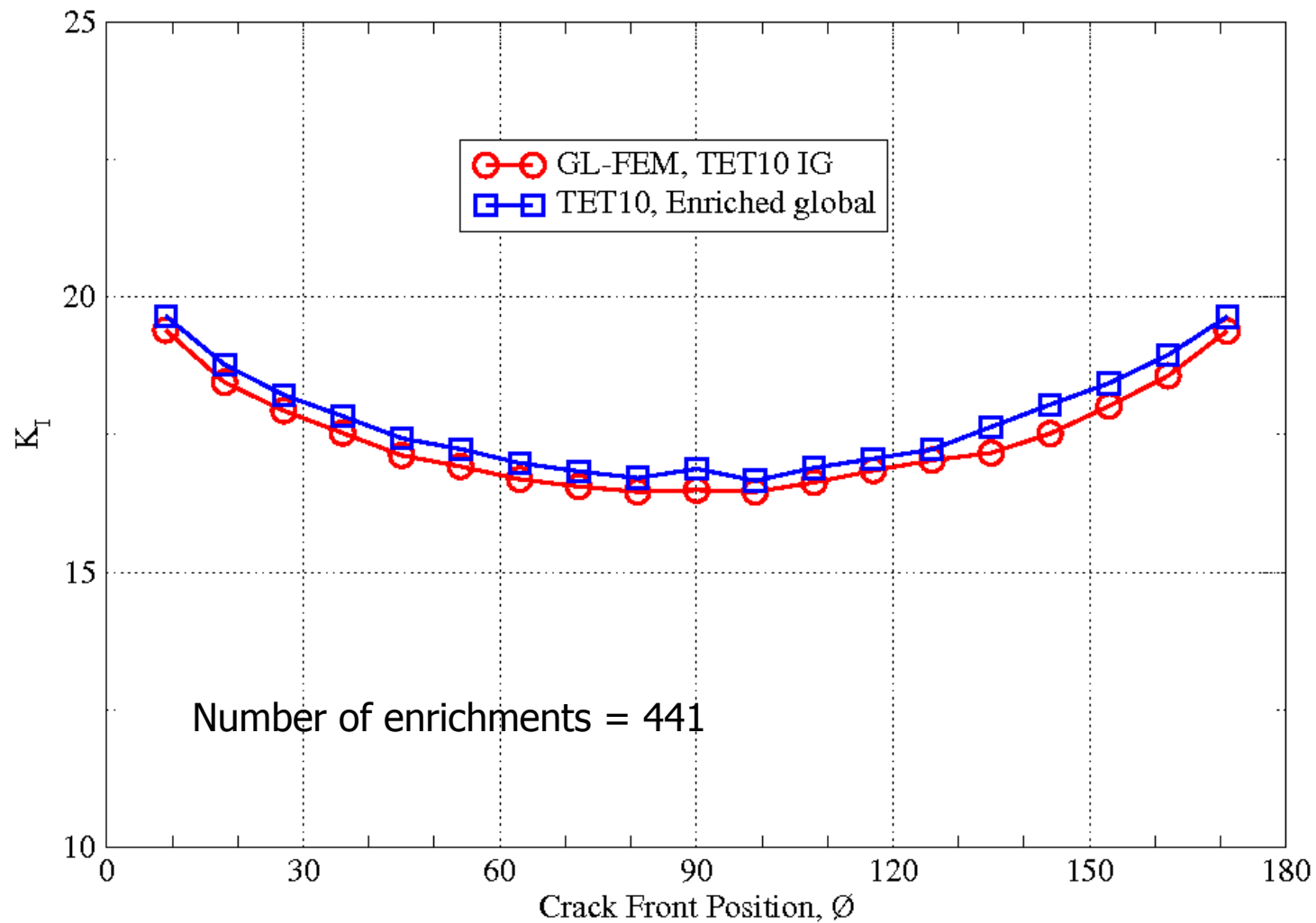
- Local Problem in hp-GFEM code





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Mode-I SIF along crack front

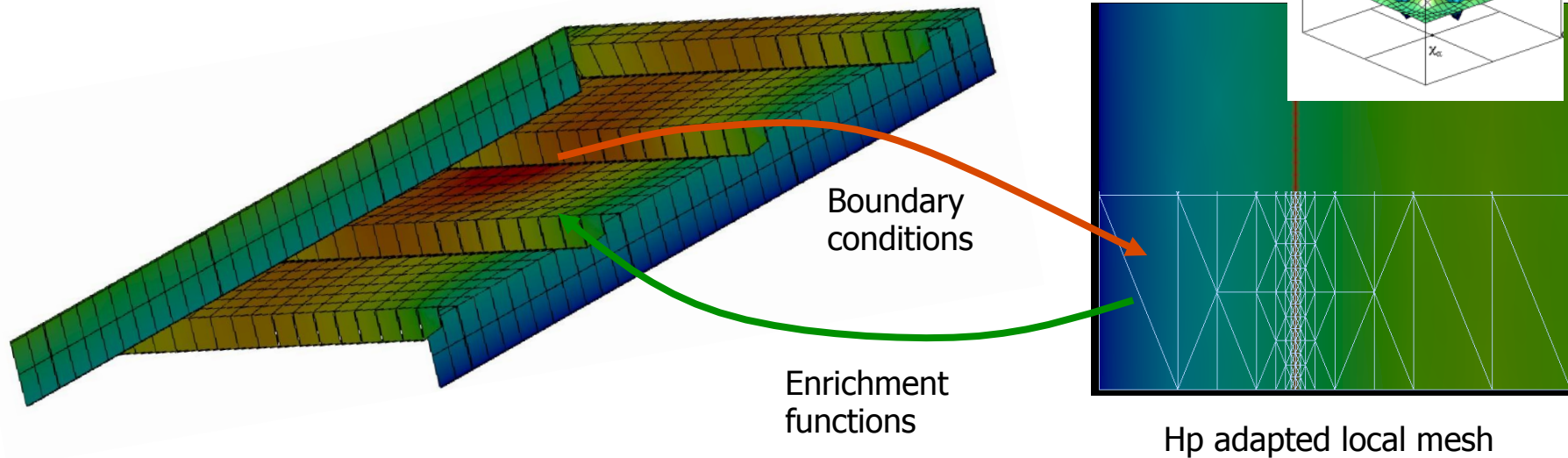






# 3-D Problems with Sharp Thermal Gradients\*

- Global-local enrichments can be build for other classes of problems



Initial/Enriched global problem

Enrichment of global FEM discretization with local solution:

$$\phi_{\alpha} = \varphi_{\alpha} u_{loc}$$

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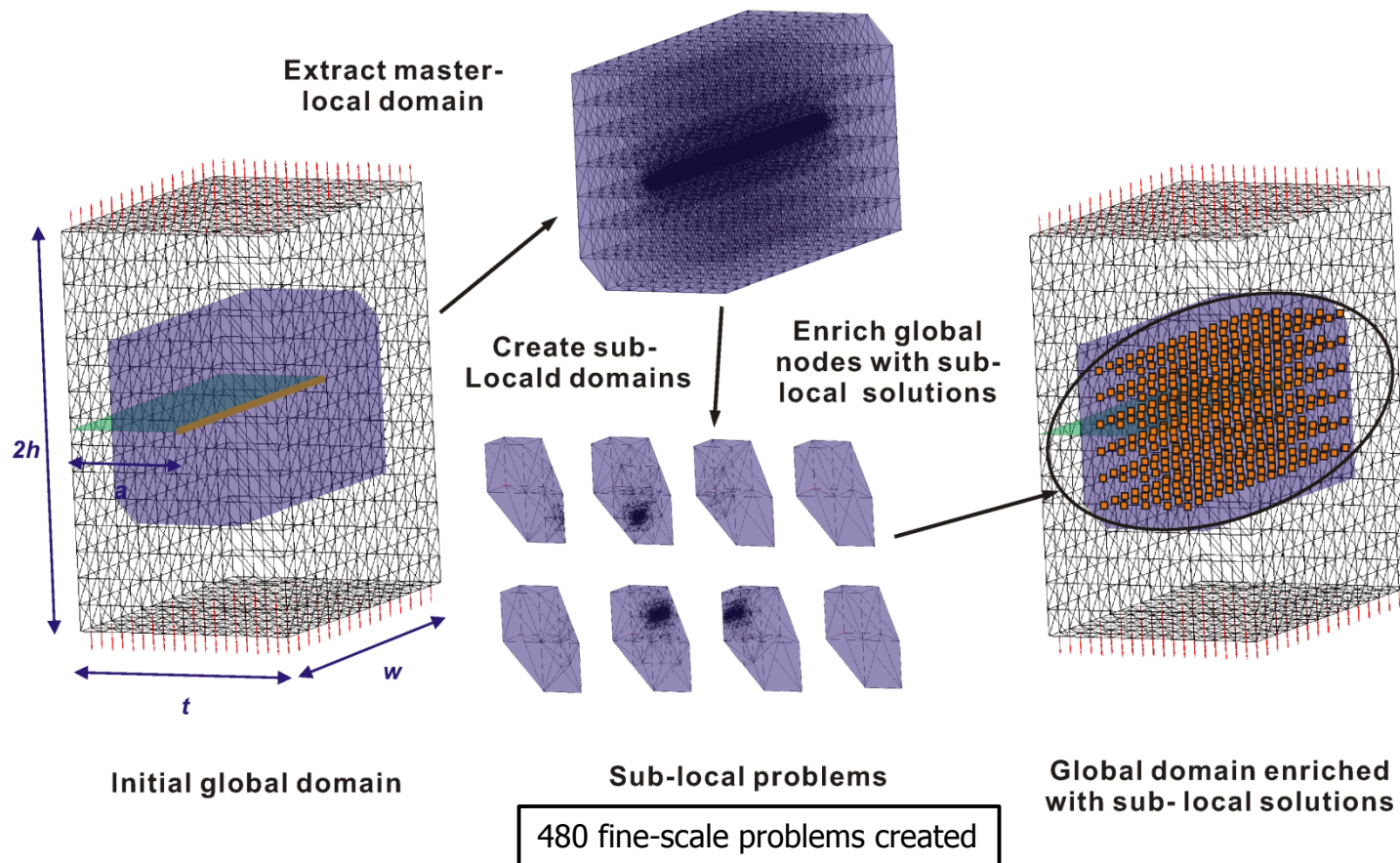
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# Parallel Computation of Enrichment Functions \*

- A large number of small fine-scale problems can be created instead of a single one
- *No communication is involved in their parallel solution*



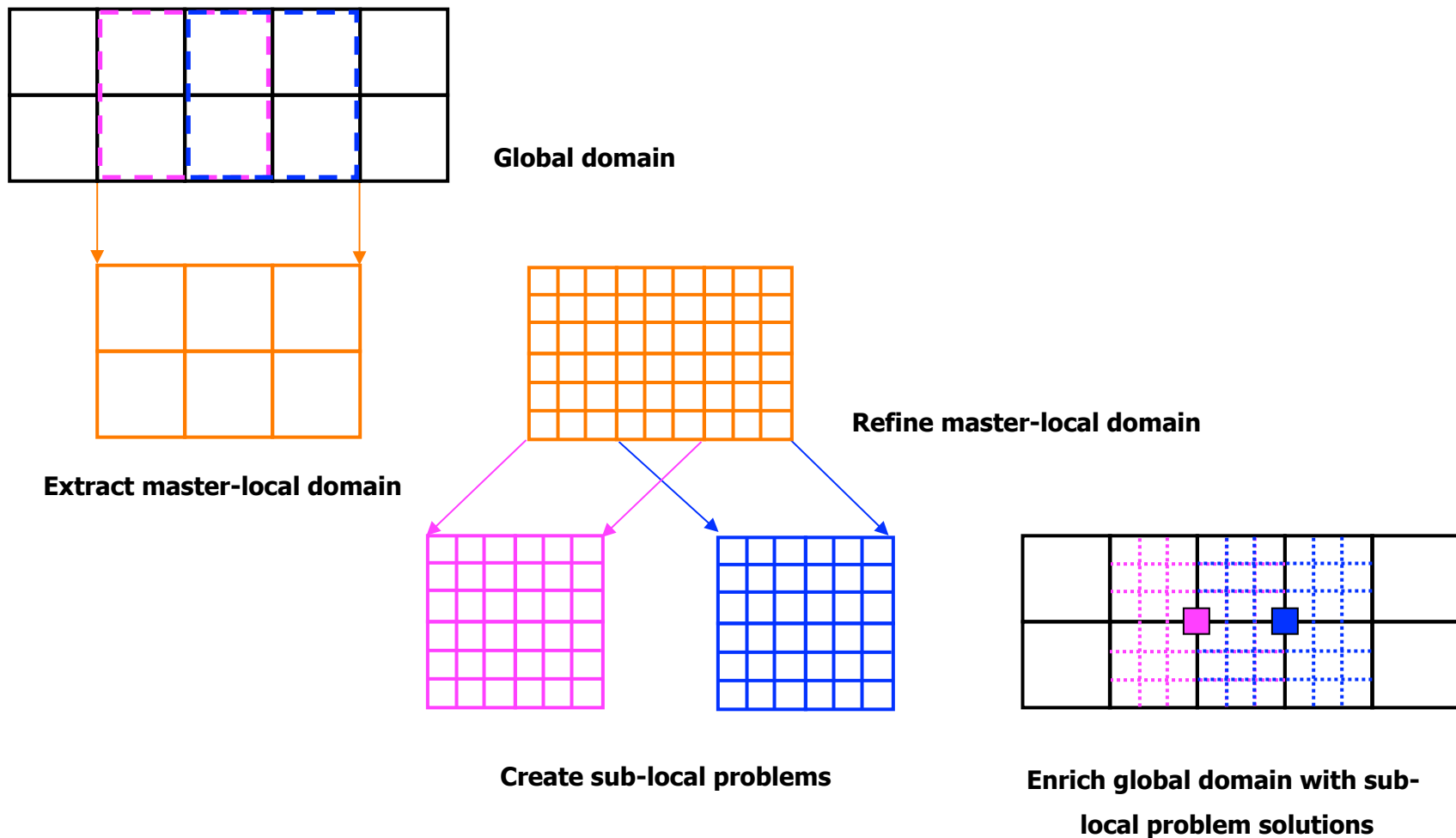
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# Master-Sub Local Problem Approach

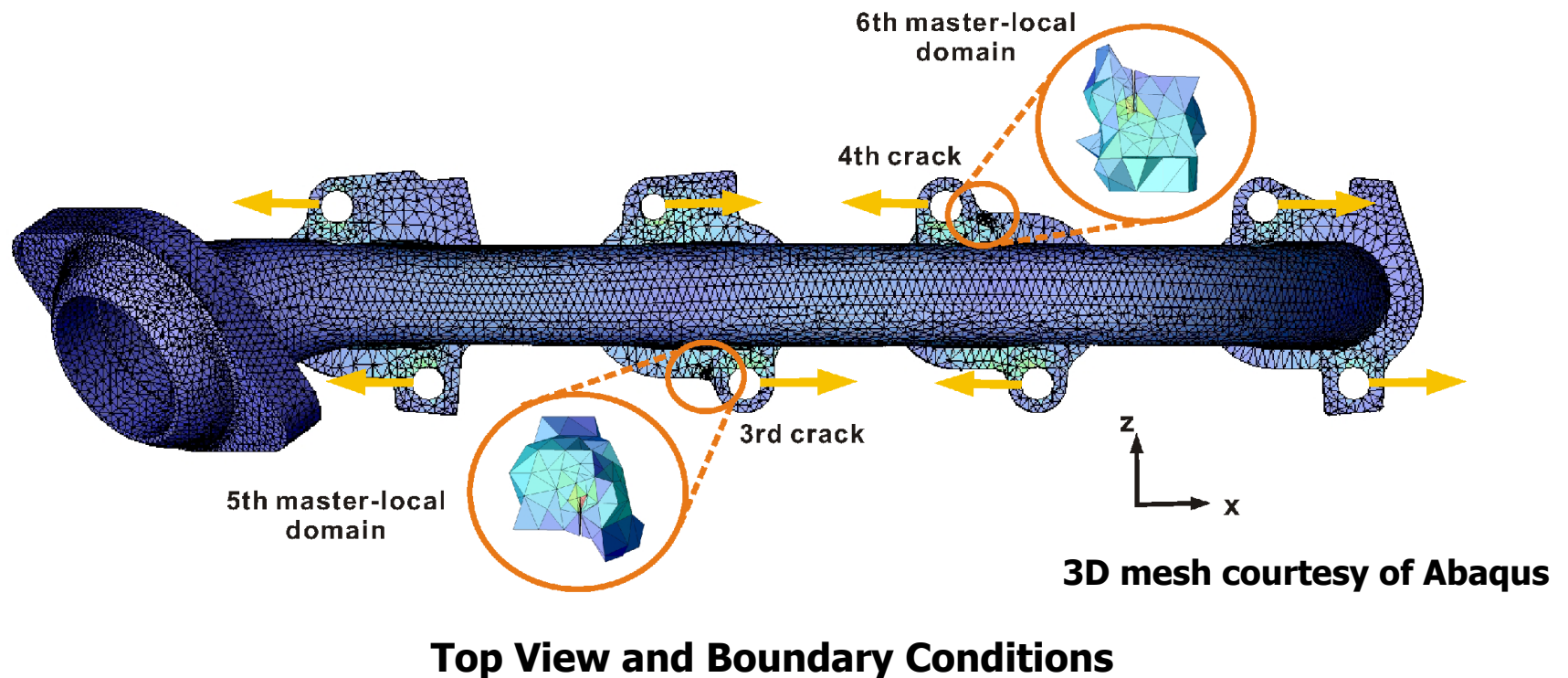
- KEY IDEA:** Subdivide large local domains into smaller ones while keeping compatibility between local meshes.





## *Mechanical Manifold with Multiple Cracks*

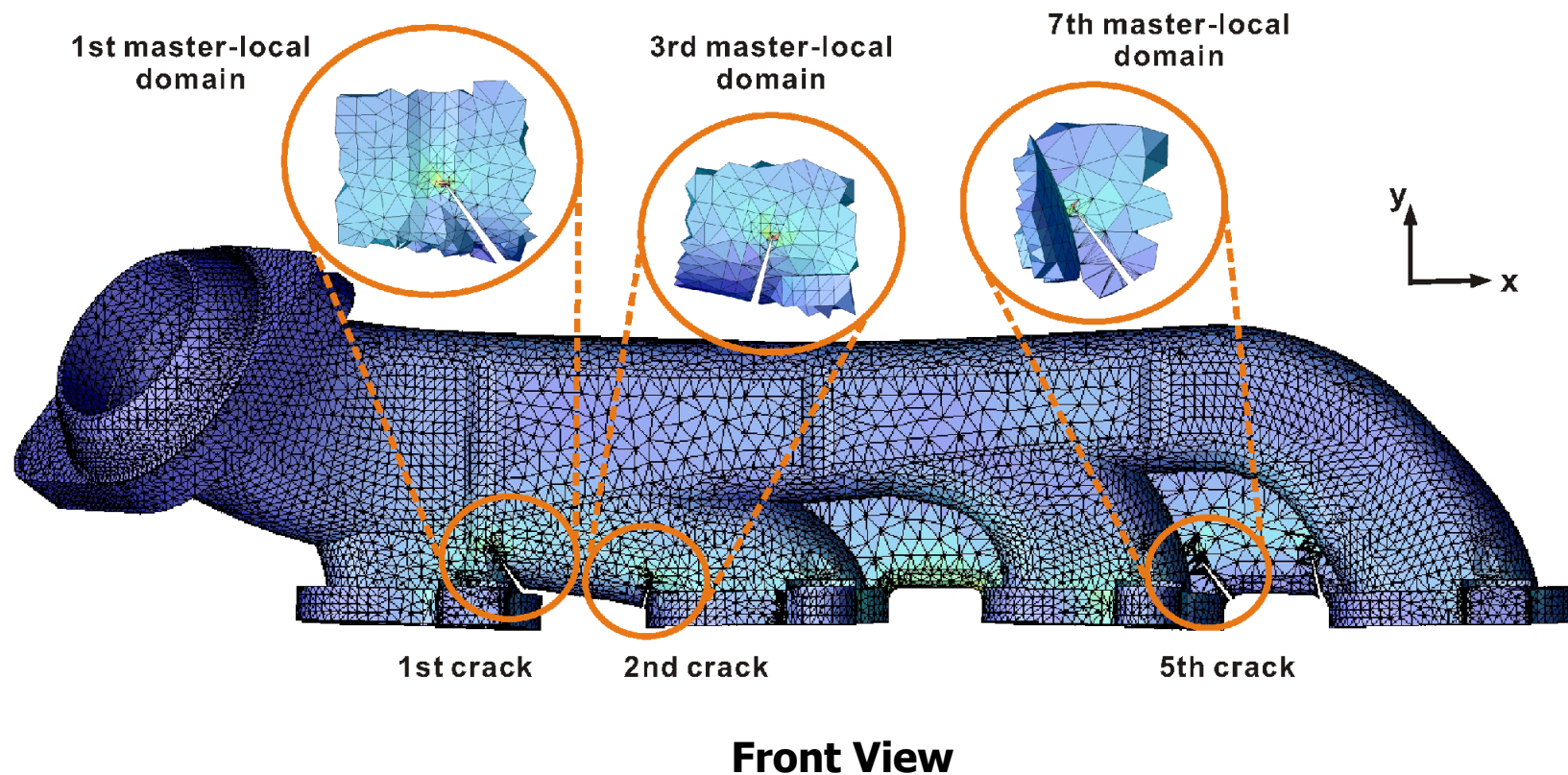
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- **Comparable DNS model has 1,605,960 dofs**





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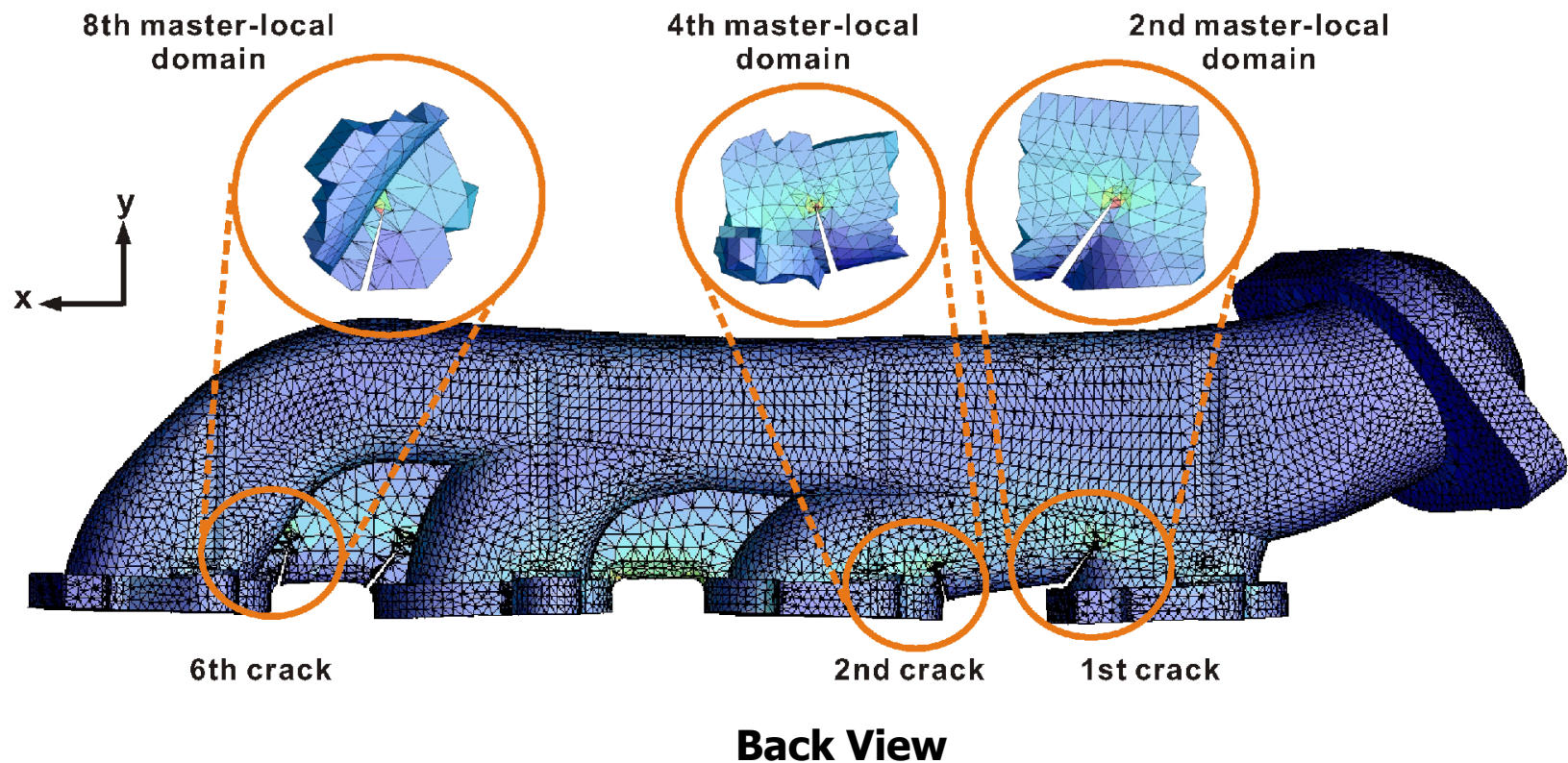
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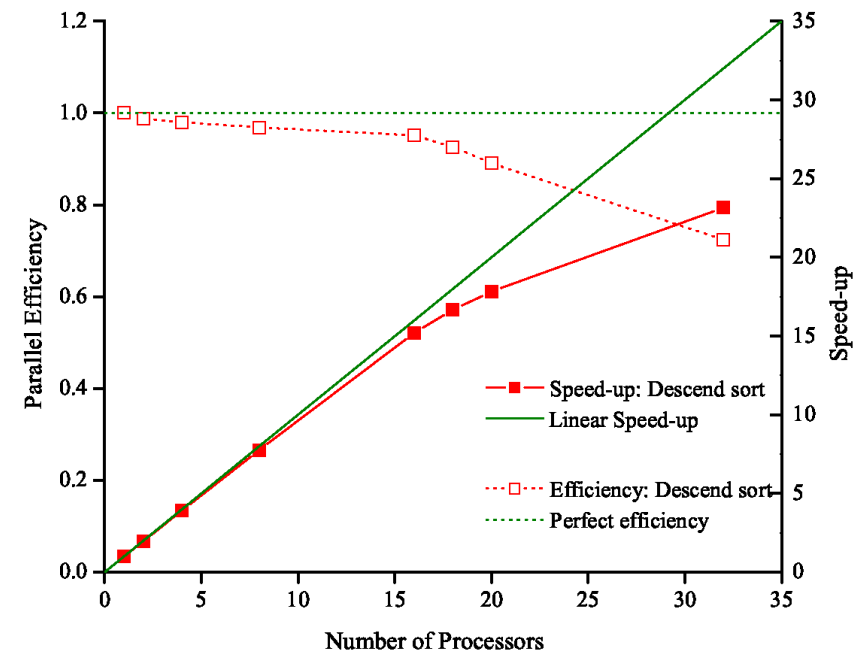




## *Mechanical Manifold with Multiple Cracks*

- Parallel performance on a shared memory machine (NUMA architecture)**

Number of processors	CPU time (s)	Parallel efficiency	Speed-up
1	1537.4	N/A	N/A
2	778.1	0.988	1.976
4	392.1	0.980	3.921
8	198.3	0.969	7.752
16	101.1	0.951	15.214
18	92.3	0.926	16.666
20	86.3	0.891	17.823
32	66.4	0.724	23.161





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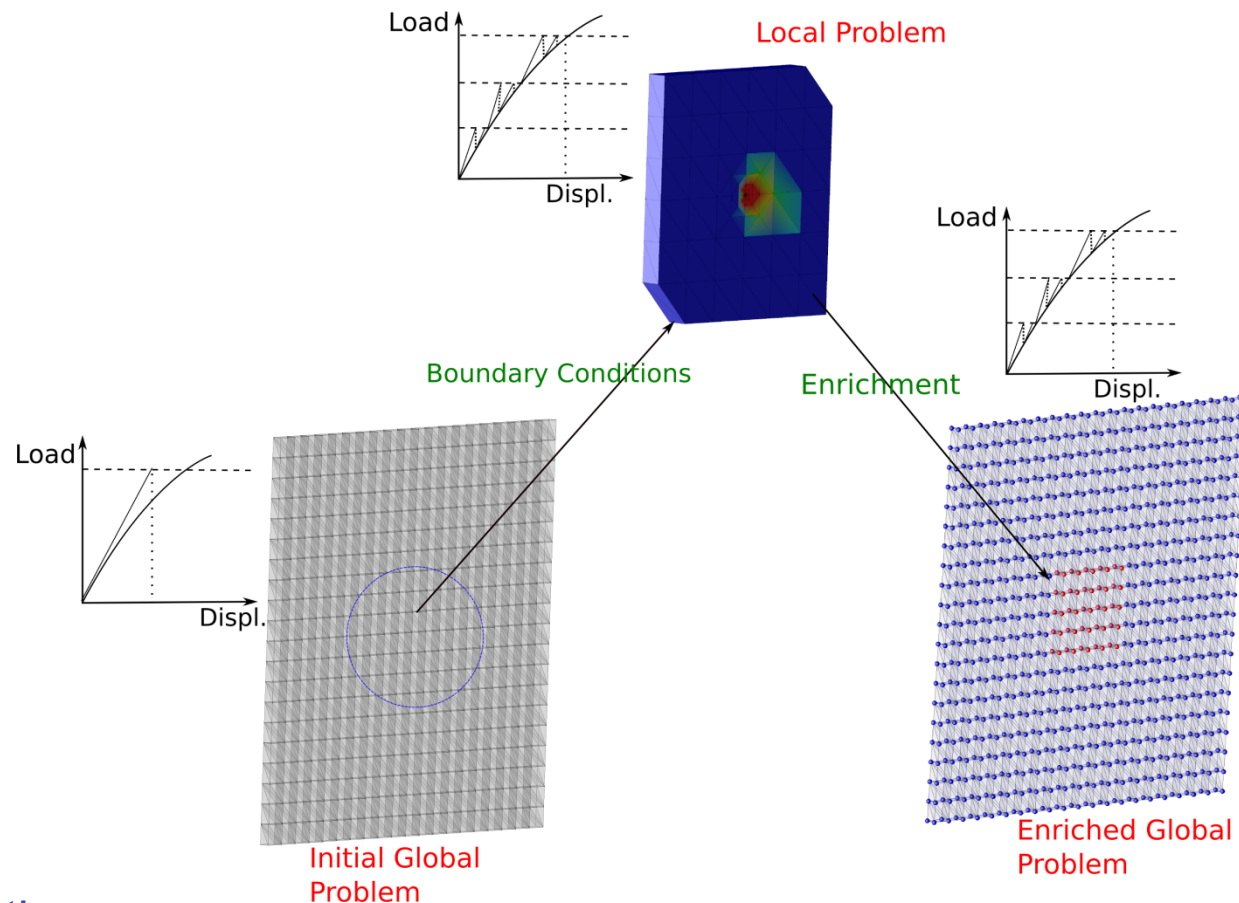
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# GFEM<sup>gl</sup> for Nonlinear Fracture Mechanics



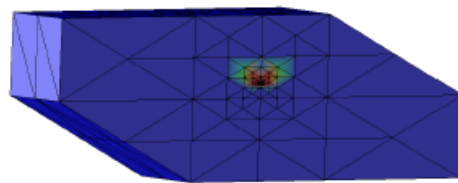
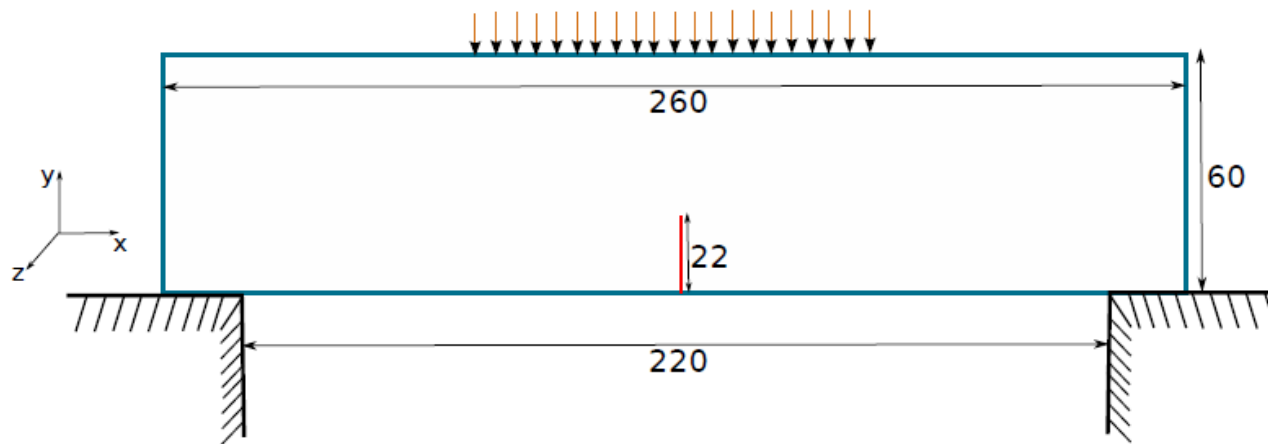
- **Key Properties:**

- Uses available information at a simulation step to build approximation spaces for the next step
- Uses coarse FEM meshes; solution spaces of much reduced dimension than in the FEM
- Two-way information transfer between scales; account for interactions among scales

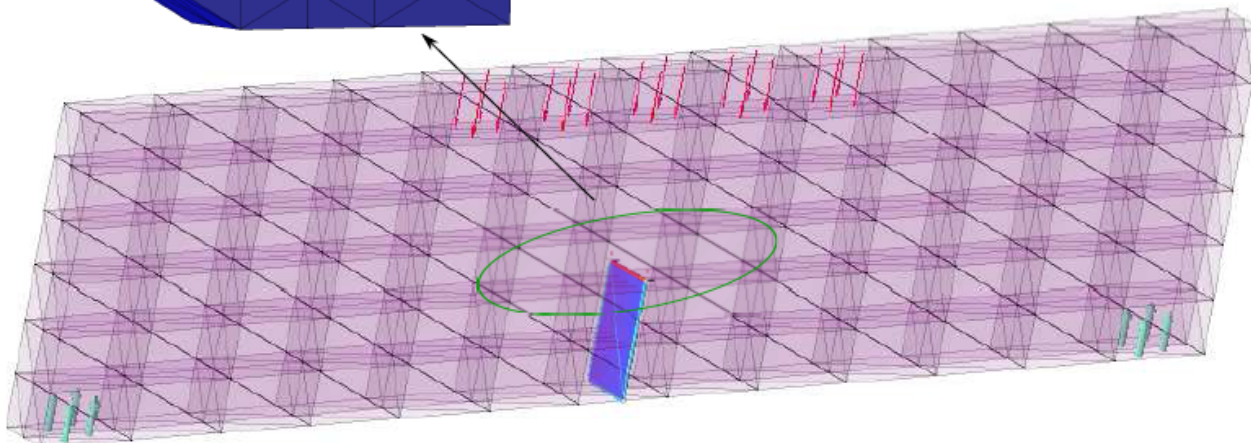




## 3-D Beam with a Crack



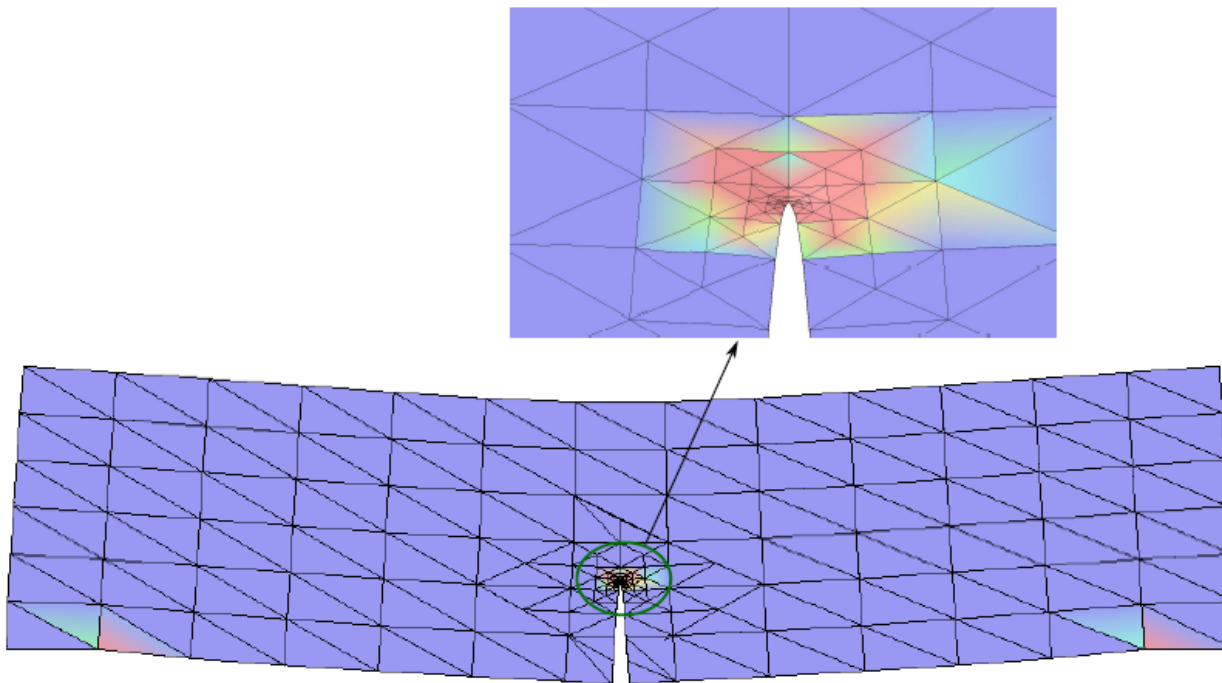
Local Problem



Method	Number of DOFs
$GFEM^{gl}$	9,216
$hp$ - $GFEM$	110,676



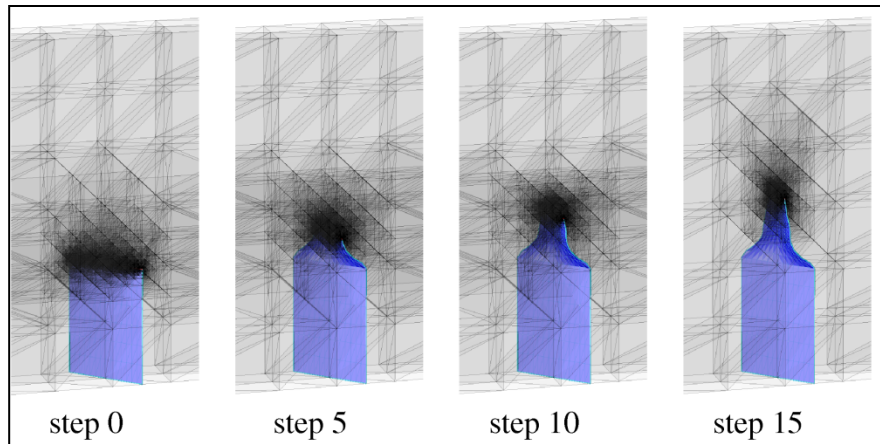
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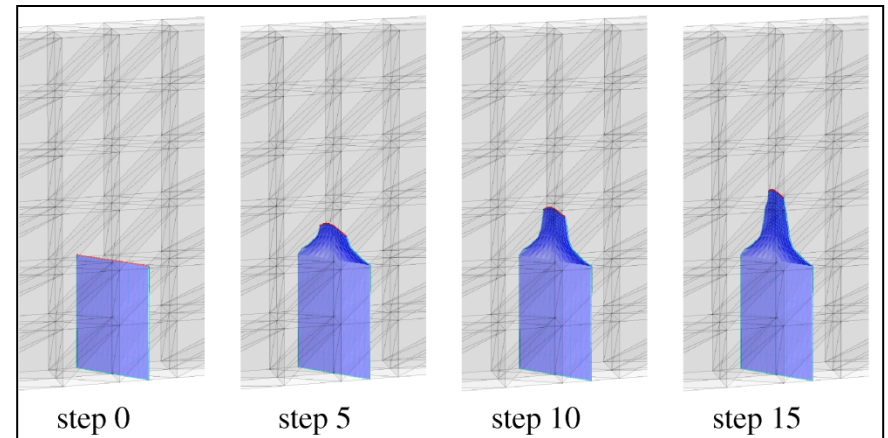
Load step	Number of iterations	
	$GFEM^{\text{gl}}$	$hp$ - $GFEM$
1	2	1
2	2	1
3	2	2
4	2	3
5	2	3
6	3	3
7	3	4
8	3	5
9	3	4
10	3	4
11	3	7
12	3	5
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20	4	4



# Concluding Remarks

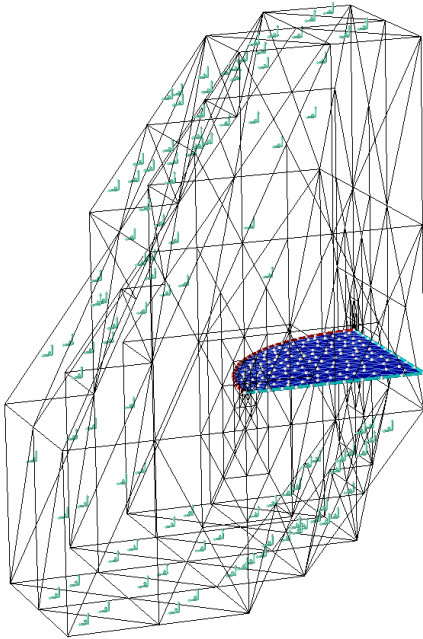


Available methods require AMR



Multiscale Generalized FEM

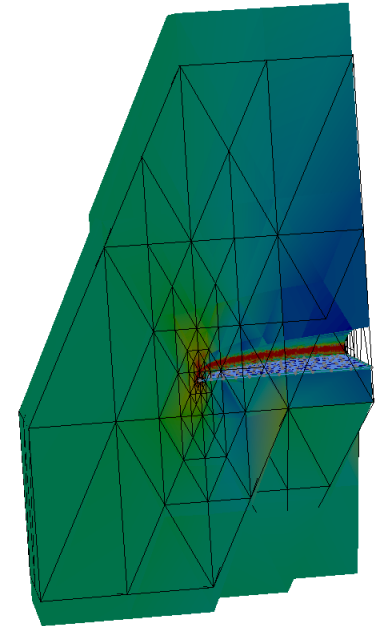
- **FAST**: Coarse-scale model of much reduced dimension than FEM; Fine-Scale computations are intrinsically parallelizable; recycle coarse scale solution
- **ACCURATE**: Can deliver same accuracy as adaptive mesh refinement (AMR) on meshes with elements that are orders of magnitude larger than in the FEM
- **STABLE**: Uses single-field variational principles
- **TRANSITION**: Fully compatible with FEM



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