



# Computational methods for fracture and applications to the design of new polymeric matrix composites

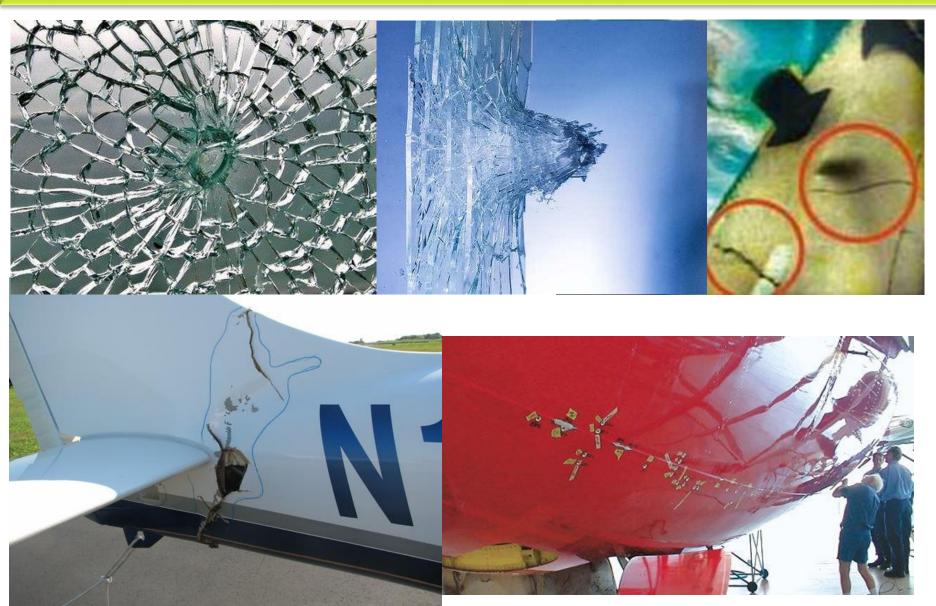
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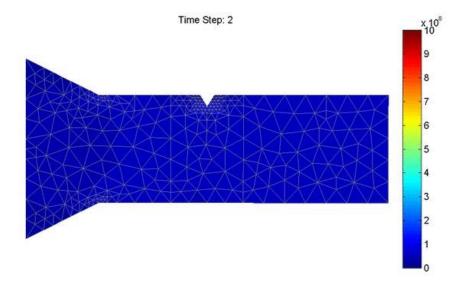


- Goal: Prediction of material/structural failure -> cracks (initiation, propagation, branching, junction)
- Is it necessary to model the crack explicitly?
- How can a crack be modeled?
  - Method that describes the crack kinematics
  - Physical condition in order to initiate or propagate a crack

# Motivation



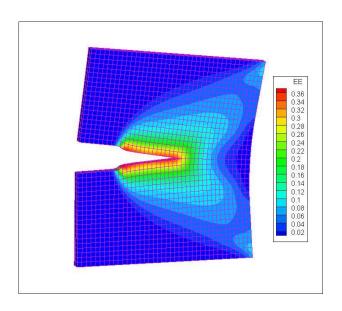
# **Motivation**



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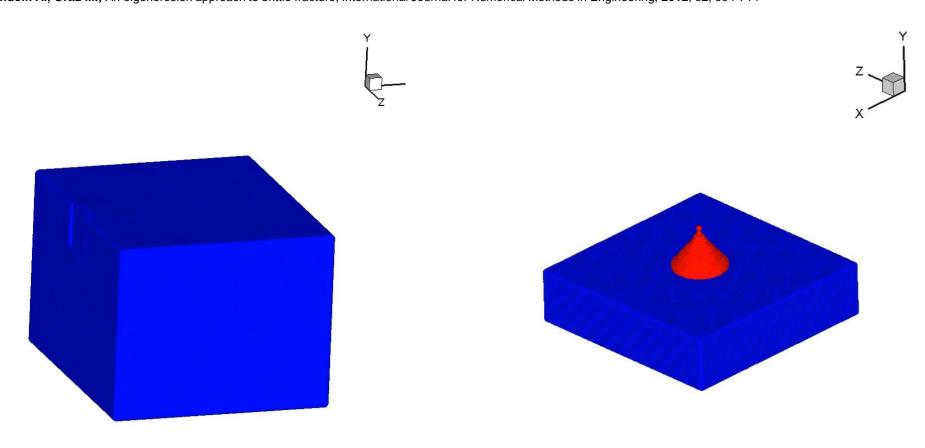
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# Meshfree methods and particle methods Meshfree methods for moving boundaries

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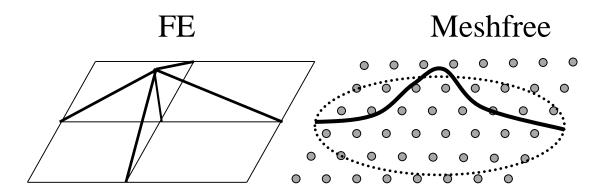


- Computational Methods for Fracture
  - Meshfree and Particle Methods
  - Peridynamics
- Application to the design of polymer-matrix composites
  - Framework
  - Models at different length scales
  - Multiscale approach

# Why meshfree methods?

### **Advantages:**

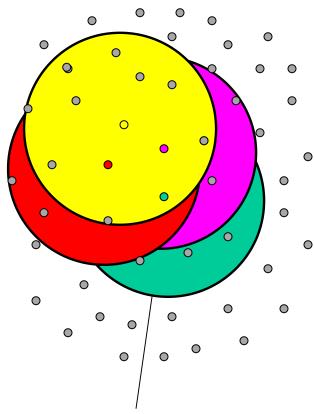
- -Implementation of h-adaptivity is extremely simple
- -Can handle large deformations with ease without loss of accuracy
- -Higher continuous approximation
- -No jumps in the stress/strain field which yields better accuracy compared to FEM
- -No need for mesh generation
- -No mesh alignment sensitivity due to isotropic character of the meshfree shape functions



Meshfree approximation

$$u(X) = \sum_{J \in S} u_J \, \Phi_J(X)$$

- Central particle
- Neighbor particle



Domain of influence (support)

Basic approximation

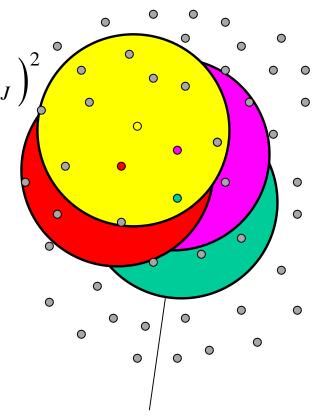
$$u(\boldsymbol{X}) = a_i(\boldsymbol{X}) p_i(\boldsymbol{X}) = \boldsymbol{a}^T \boldsymbol{p}, \quad p = [1 \ X \ Y \ Z]$$

Minimize quadratic form

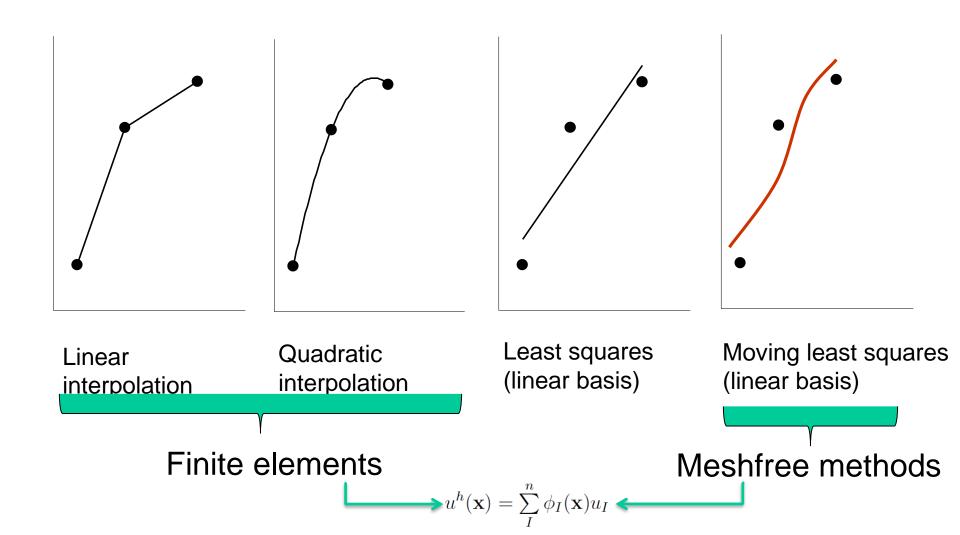
 $S(\boldsymbol{a}(\boldsymbol{X})) = \sum_{J} w(\boldsymbol{X} - \boldsymbol{X}_{J}) (\boldsymbol{a}^{T}(\boldsymbol{X}) \boldsymbol{p}(\boldsymbol{X}_{J}) - u_{J})^{2}$ leads to linear equations for  $\boldsymbol{a}$ can be written in shape function form

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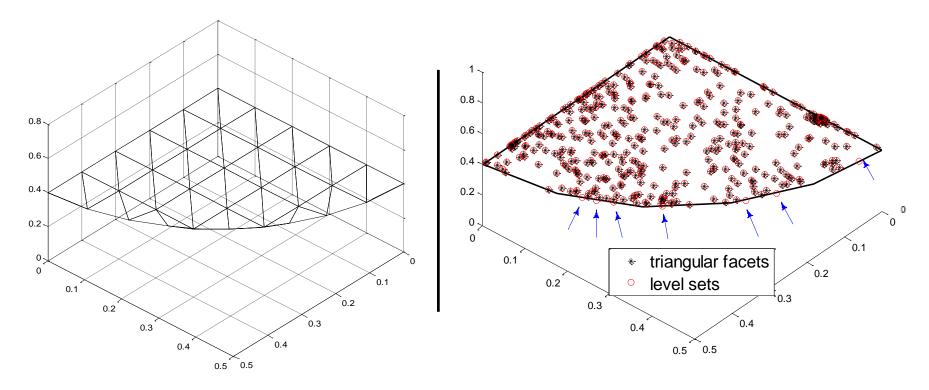
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- -Crack representation in 3D based on level sets
- -Efficient integration strategy at the crack front
- -Evaluation of the interaction integral in 3D

# Representation of crack geometry

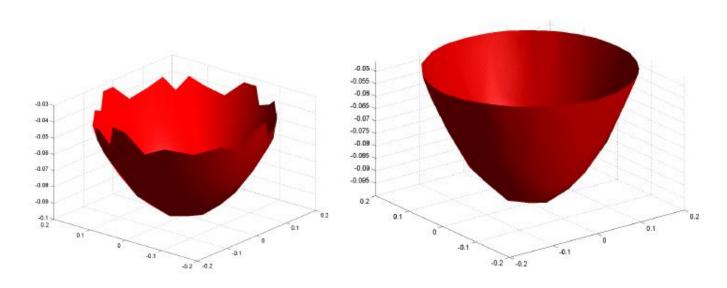
Triangular facets have been used to explicitly represent a crack surface (e.g Duflot (2006) & Bordas *et al.* (2008)). However, the accuracy of the modelled crack geometry is reduced. For instance, a penny-shaped crack, which is a smooth curve, must be modelled as straight line segments which are  $C^0$  only.



Triangular facets for a penny-shaped crack

Curvature along crack front is omitted

# Representation of crack geometry



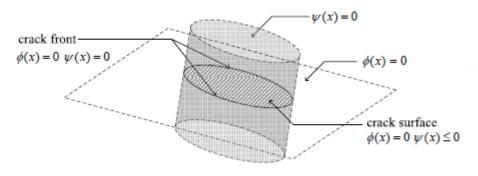
(a) By direction interpolation.

(b) By gradient projection method

A comparison of the crack front found by the direction interpolation and gradient projection method for the lens shaped crack.

# Level sets for 3D fracture

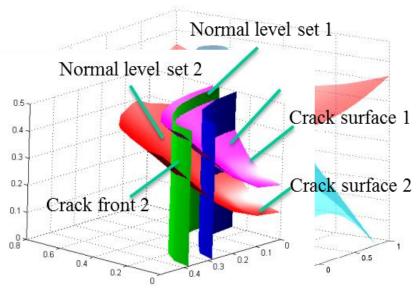
The level sets are particularly advantageous for dealing with arbitrary cracks in 3D, which have curvature both in surface and along the crack front.



$$\begin{array}{ll} \phi(\mathbf{x}) = 0 & \psi(\mathbf{x}) \leq 0 & \mathrm{crack\,surface} \\ \phi(\mathbf{x}) = 0 & \psi(\mathbf{x}) = 0 & \mathrm{crack\,front} \end{array}$$

Level sets are advanced by solving the H-J equation:

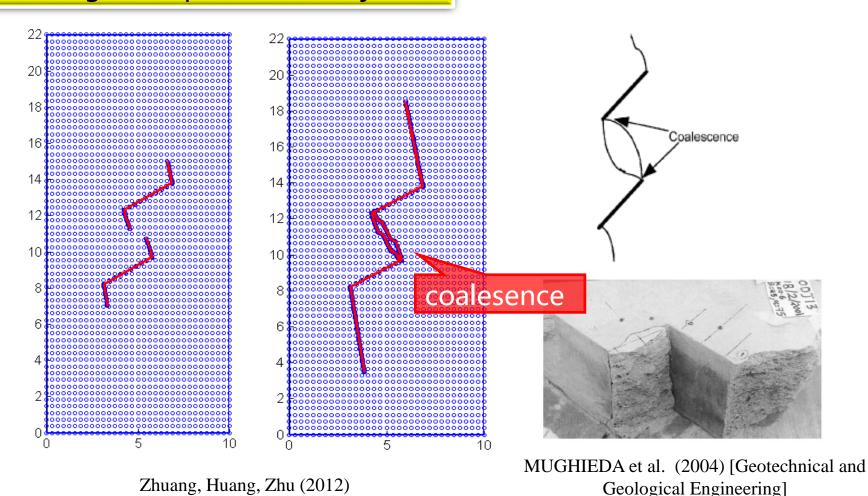
$$\frac{\partial \phi(\mathbf{x})}{\partial t} + v_{\phi} \nabla \phi(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \nabla \phi_0(\mathbf{x}) = 0$$



 $\phi$  and  $\psi$  of a lens-shaped crack

# Shear-compression crack propagation

# The crack growth path of offset joints

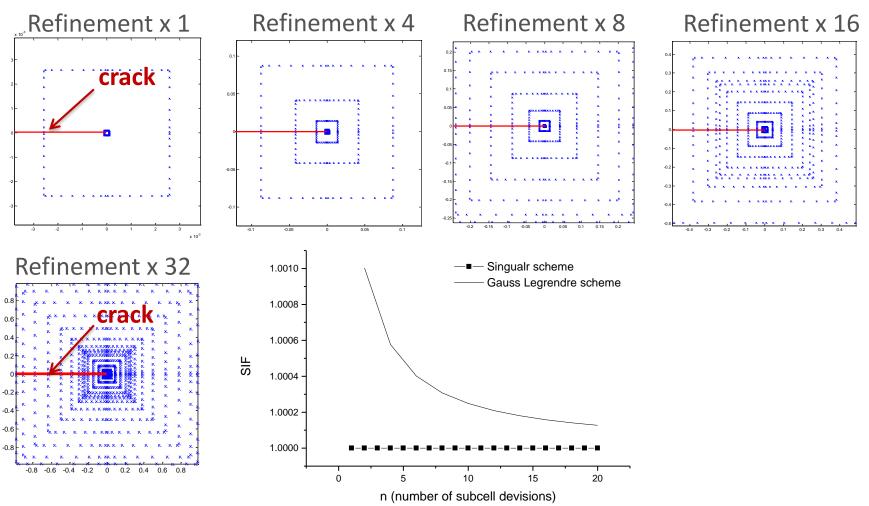


# My contributions:

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# Singular integration

Singular stress around crack tip:  $\sigma = f(1/\sqrt{r}, \theta)$ 



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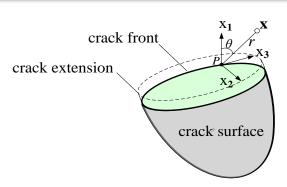
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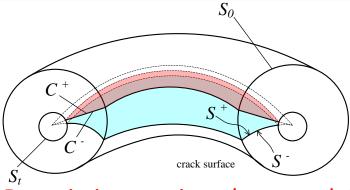
# Meshfree methods and particle methods 3D crack propagation with level set method

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### Curvilinear coordinates and level sets for curved crack front and non-planar surface







Domain integration along crack front

Energy release over curved crack front domain for non-planar crack

$$\bar{I} = \int_{\Omega} (P_{lj,j}q_l + P_{lj}q_{l,j}) d\Omega + \int_{C^{+}+C^{-}} P_{lj}q_l n_j dS + \int_{S^{+}+S^{-}} P_{lj}q_l n_j dS ,$$

Interaction integral form of Eshelby energy momentum tensor in curvilinear coordinates

$$P_{lj} = \left(\sigma_{ik}\varepsilon_{ik}^{\text{aux}}\delta_{ij} - u_{i,l}^{\text{aux}}\sigma_{ij} - u_{i,l}\sigma_{ij}^{\text{aux}}\right) ,$$

$$u_{1,1}\mathbf{e}_{1} \otimes \mathbf{e}_{1} \otimes \mathbf{e}_{1} \frac{1}{h_{1}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_{1}} = u_{1,11}\mathbf{e}_{1} \otimes \mathbf{e}_{1} \otimes \mathbf{e}_{1}$$

$$u_{1,1}\mathbf{e}_{1} \otimes \mathbf{e}_{1} \otimes \mathbf{e}_{2} \frac{1}{h_{2}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_{2}} = u_{1,12}\mathbf{e}_{1} \otimes \mathbf{e}_{1} \otimes \mathbf{e}_{2}$$

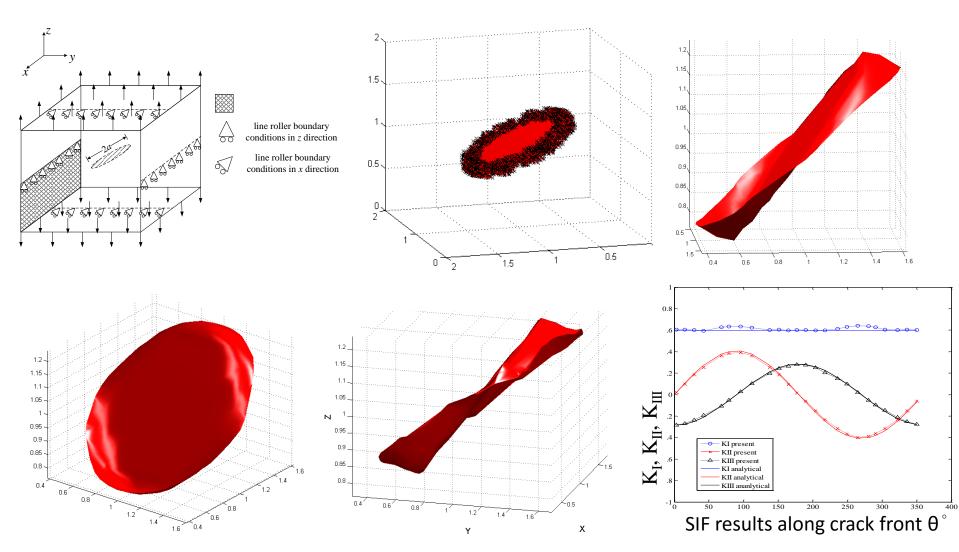
$$u_{1,1}\mathbf{e}_{1} \otimes \mathbf{e}_{1} \otimes \mathbf{e}_{3} \frac{1}{h_{3}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_{3}} = \frac{h_{3,1}}{h_{3}} u_{1,1} \mathbf{e}_{3} \otimes \mathbf{e}_{1} \otimes \mathbf{e}_{3} + \frac{h_{3,1}}{h_{3}} u_{1,1} \mathbf{e}_{1} \otimes \mathbf{e}_{3} \otimes \mathbf{e}_{3}$$

$$\begin{split} \frac{h_{3,1}}{h_3} u_1 \mathbf{e}_3 \otimes \mathbf{e}_3 \otimes \mathbf{e}_1 \frac{1}{h_1} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1} &= -\frac{h_{3,1}^2}{h_3^2} u_1 \mathbf{e}_3 \otimes \mathbf{e}_3 \otimes \mathbf{e}_1 + \frac{h_{3,1}}{h_3} u_{1,1} \mathbf{e}_3 \otimes \mathbf{e}_3 \otimes \mathbf{e}_1 \\ \frac{h_{3,1}}{h_3} u_1 \mathbf{e}_3 \otimes \mathbf{e}_3 \otimes \mathbf{e}_2 \frac{1}{h_2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_2} &= -\frac{h_{3,1} h_{3,2}}{h_3^2} u_1 \mathbf{e}_3 \otimes \mathbf{e}_3 \otimes \mathbf{e}_2 + \frac{h_{3,1}}{h_3} u_{1,2} \mathbf{e}_3 \otimes \mathbf{e}_3 \otimes \mathbf{e}_2 \\ \frac{h_{3,1}}{h_3} u_1 \mathbf{e}_3 \otimes \mathbf{e}_3 \otimes \mathbf{e}_3 \frac{1}{h_3} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_3} &= -\frac{h_{3,1}^2}{h_3^2} u_1 \mathbf{e}_1 \otimes \mathbf{e}_3 \otimes \mathbf{e}_3 - \frac{h_{3,1} h_{3,2}}{h_3^2} u_1 \mathbf{e}_2 \otimes \mathbf{e}_3 \otimes \mathbf{e}_3 \\ &- \frac{h_{3,1}^2}{h_3^2} u_1 \mathbf{e}_3 \otimes \mathbf{e}_1 \otimes \mathbf{e}_3 - \frac{h_{3,1} h_{3,2}}{h_3^2} u_1 \mathbf{e}_3 \otimes \mathbf{e}_2 \otimes \mathbf{e}_3 \end{split}$$

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# Meshfree methods and particle methods Non-planar crack propagation

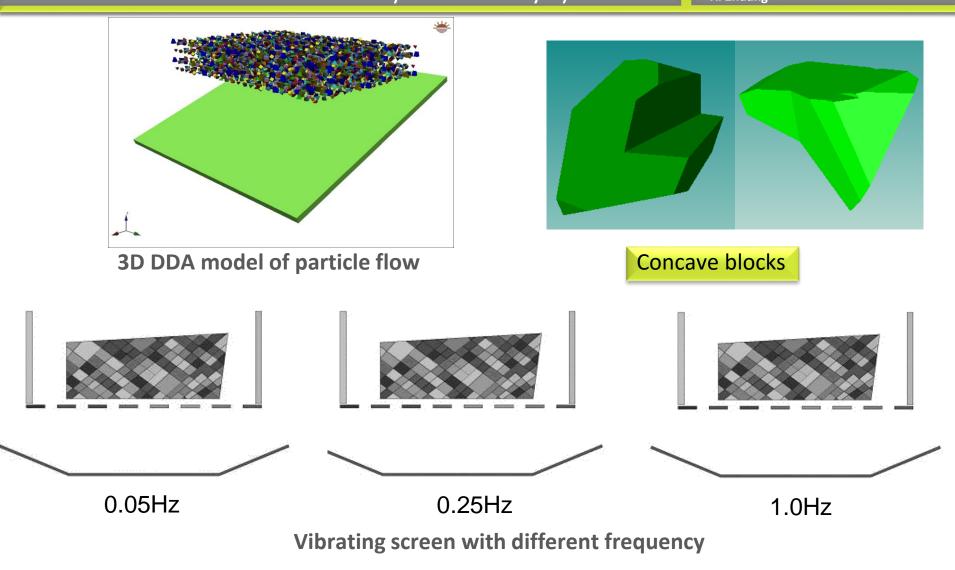
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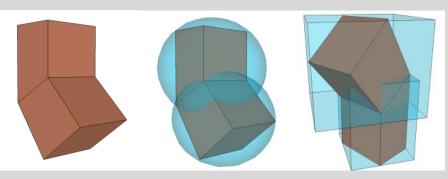


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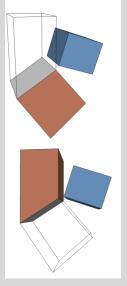
# Meshfree methods and particle methods Discontinuous deformation analysis: contact detection

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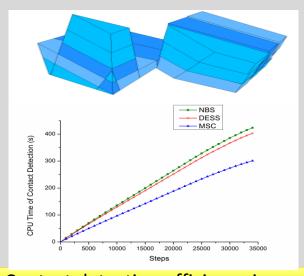
### Contact detection is the most expensive part of DDA!



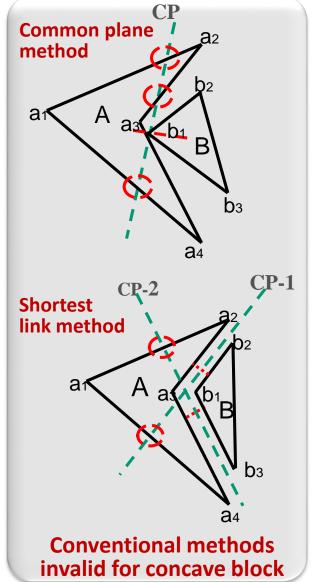
### A new multi-shell cover contact detection method



**Concave block** 

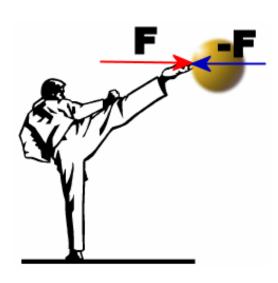


Contact detection efficiency improved by multi-shell cover (MSC)



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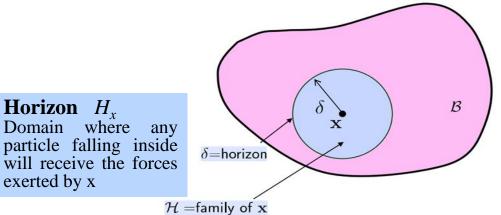
# Peridynamics



Local model

**Horizon**  $H_x$ 

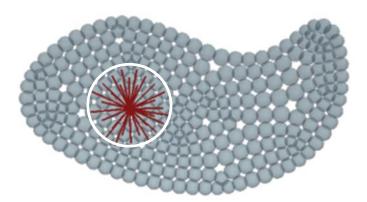
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Peridynamics and horizon of particle







Particles interact each other similar to planets or atoms

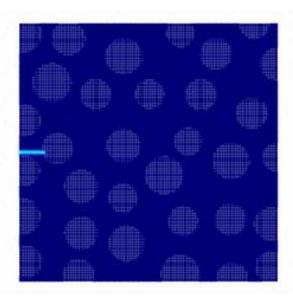
# **Peridynamics**

Classical equations of motion has divergence term

$$\rho(\mathbf{x})\ddot{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{x},t) = \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} + \mathbf{b}(\mathbf{x},t)$$

Peridynamics uses an integral form rather than differential form

$$\rho(\mathbf{x})\ddot{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{x},t) = \int_{H_{\mathbf{x}}} \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}',t) - \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x},t), \mathbf{x}' - \mathbf{x}) \, dV_{\mathbf{x}'} + \mathbf{b}(\mathbf{x},t)$$

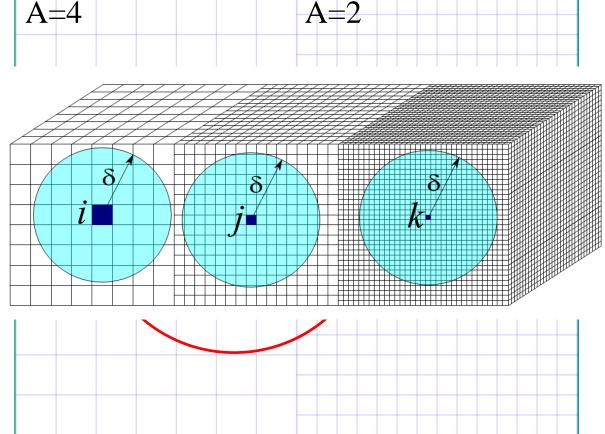


Fractures are the natural outcome! Crack branching, coalescence...

# **Peridynamics**

# **Constant horizon constraints in Peridynamics**

- Computational cost too expensive when using constant horizon!
- But non-constant horizon sizes results in spurious wave reflection!



$$\mathbf{x} \notin H_{\mathbf{x}'} \Rightarrow \mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{x}\mathbf{x}'} = 0$$

$$\mathbf{x}' \in H_{\mathbf{x}} \Rightarrow \mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{x}'\mathbf{x}} \neq 0$$

$$\mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{x}\mathbf{x}'} 
eq -\mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{x}'\mathbf{x}}$$

Newton's third law violated.

Fundamental Symmetry broken

- Ghost force issue
- Spurious wave reflection

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# **Dual-horizon peridynamics**

# **Horizon** $H_x$

Domain where particle falling inside will receive the forces exerted by x

 $H_{\rm x}$ 

**Dual-Horizon** 
$$H'_{\mathbf{x}} = \{\mathbf{x}' | \mathbf{x} \in H_{\mathbf{x}'}\}.$$

A union of points whose horizons include x

Inertia force

$$\rho \ddot{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{x},t)$$

Body force

$$\mathbf{b}(\mathbf{x},t)$$

Reaction bond force

Direct bond force

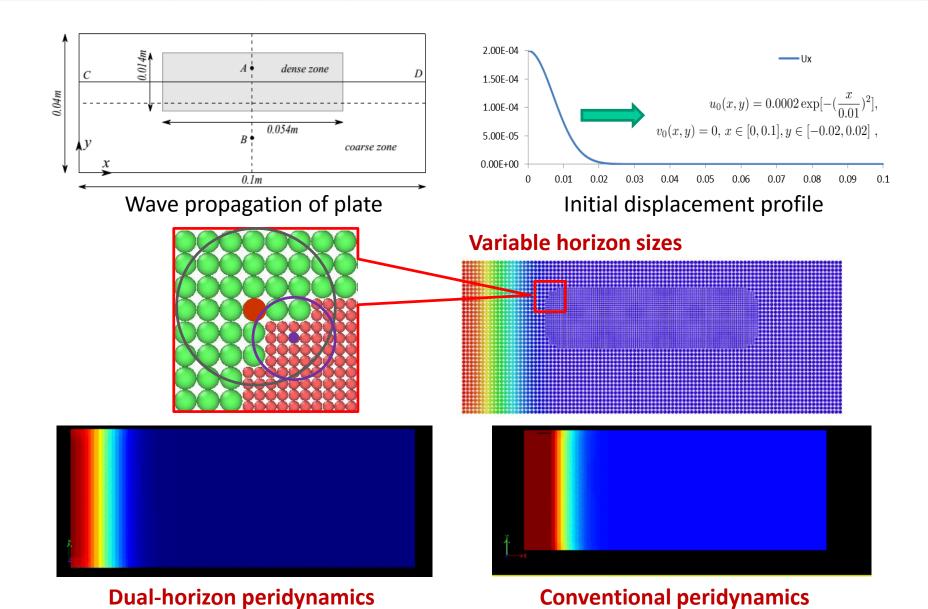
Dual-horizon peridynamics

$$\rho\ddot{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{x},t) = \int_{\mathbf{x}' \in H'_{\mathbf{x}}} \mathbf{f}_{\mathbf{x}\mathbf{x}'}(\boldsymbol{\eta}, \boldsymbol{\xi}) \, dV_{\mathbf{x}'} - \int_{\mathbf{x}' \in H_{\mathbf{x}}} \mathbf{f}_{\mathbf{x}'\mathbf{x}}(-\boldsymbol{\eta}, -\boldsymbol{\xi}) \, dV_{\mathbf{x}'} + \mathbf{b}(\mathbf{x}, t)$$

Conventional peridynamics

$$\rho \ddot{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{x},t) = \int_{H_{\mathbf{x}}} [\mathbf{f}_{\mathbf{x}\mathbf{x}'}(\boldsymbol{\eta},\boldsymbol{\xi}) - \mathbf{f}_{\mathbf{x}'\mathbf{x}}(-\boldsymbol{\eta},-\boldsymbol{\xi})] dV_{\mathbf{x}'} - \mathbf{b}(\mathbf{x},t) ,$$

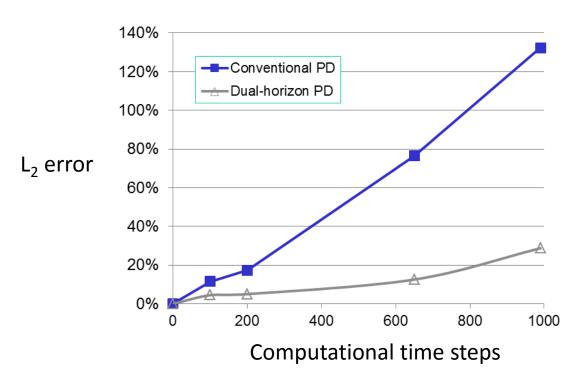
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# **Dual-horizon peridynamics**

Variable horizon sizes without any spurious force issue

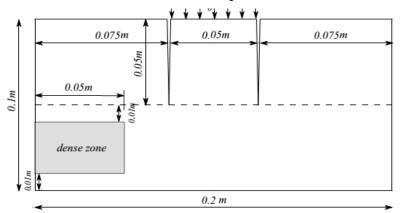
### L<sub>2</sub> error norm comparison



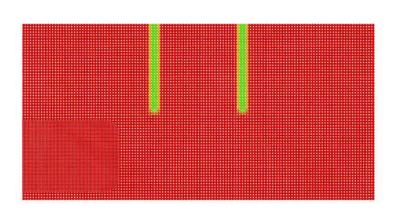
$$\|\text{err}\|_{L_2} = \frac{\|\mathbf{u}^h - \mathbf{u}_{\text{analytic}}\|}{\|\mathbf{u}_{\text{analytic}}\|}, \text{ where } \|\mathbf{u}\| = \left(\int_{\Omega_0} \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u} \, d\Omega_0\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

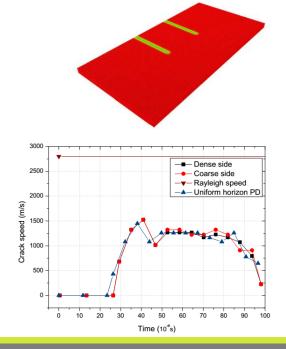
# **Dual-horizon peridynamics**Stable results with varying horizon sizes

## **Kalthoff-Winkler Experiments**

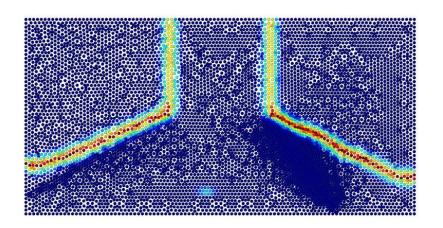


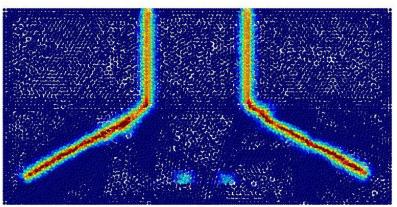
| Parameter       | value                  |
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| Density         | 7800 kg/m <sup>3</sup> |
| Elastic modulus | 190 Gpa                |
| Poisson ratio   | 0.25                   |
| $G_0$           | 6.9e4 J/m <sup>2</sup> |
| Impact velocity | 22m/s                  |
| Thickness       | 0.01m                  |
| Total particles | 57968                  |



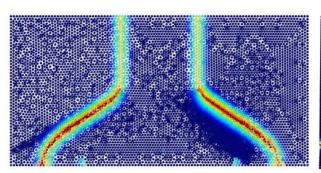


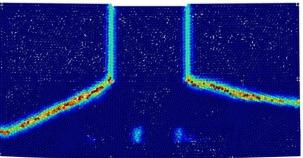
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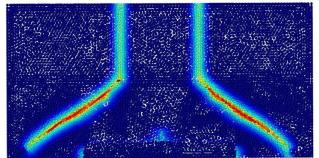




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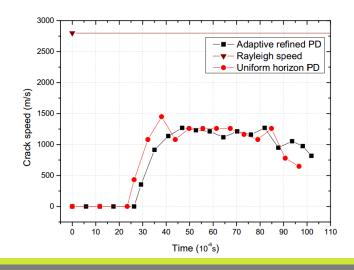




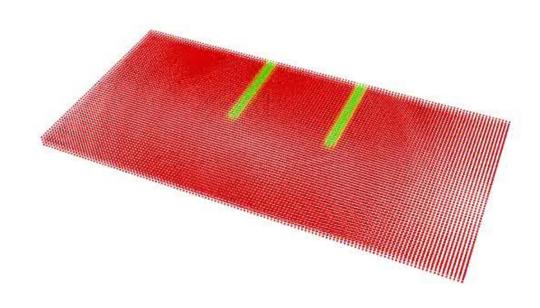


Conventional peridynamics

# parent particle child particles

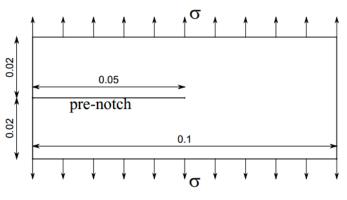


# Adaptive refinement along crack paths

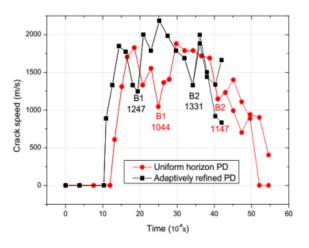


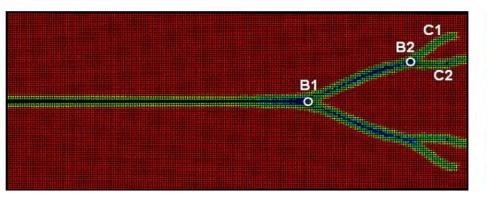
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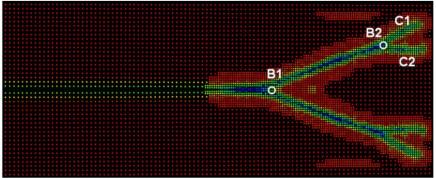
# Plate with pre-crack subjected to traction



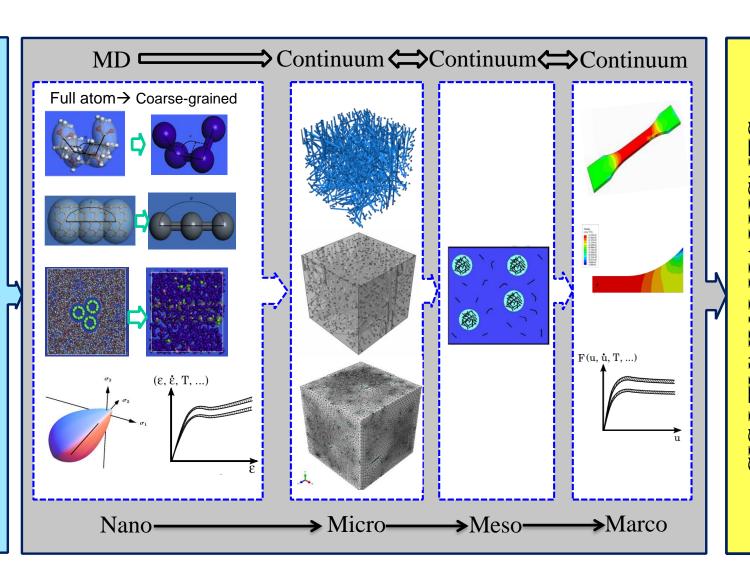
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| Density         | 2440 kg/m <sup>3</sup> |
| Elastic modulus | 72 GPa                 |
| Poisson ratio   | 0.33                   |
| $G_0$           | 135 J/m <sup>2</sup>   |
| Traction stress | 22 MPa                 |
| Thickness       | 0.01m                  |
| Total particles | 4000-6424              |







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# SENSITIVITYANALYSIS

# Sofja Kovalevskaja Programme



 Topic: Computational Characterization, Testing and Design of Carbon Fiber Based Polymer Matrix Composites

Budget: 1.65 M Euros

Duration: Dec 2015 – Nov 2020

### **Group members**

### **Postdocs**



Nanthakumar Subbiah



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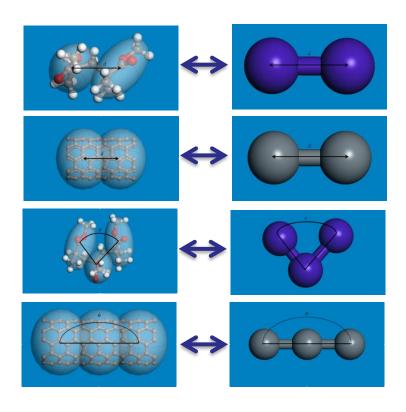


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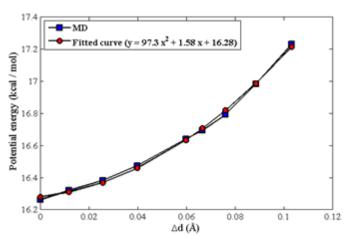
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Atomistic model versus coarse-grained model

$$U_{total} = \sum_{i} E_{b_i} + \sum_{j} E_{a_j} + \sum_{k} E_{d_k} + \sum_{lm} E_{vdW_{lm}} + U_0$$



Parametrization of CG force fields.

$$E_b(d) = \frac{k_d}{2} (d - d_0)^2$$

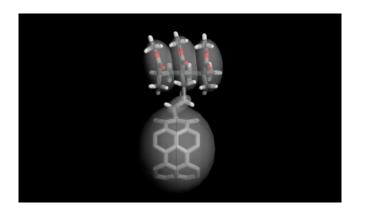
$$E_a(\theta) = \frac{k_\theta}{2} (\theta - \theta_0)^2$$

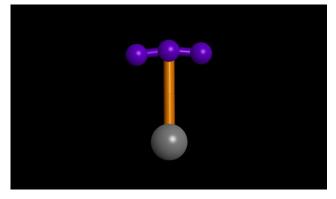
$$E_d(\phi) = \frac{k_\phi}{2} [1 + \cos 2\phi]$$

$$E_{vdW}(r) = D_0 \left[ \left(\frac{r_0}{r}\right)^{12} - 2\left(\frac{r_0}{r}\right)^6 \right]$$

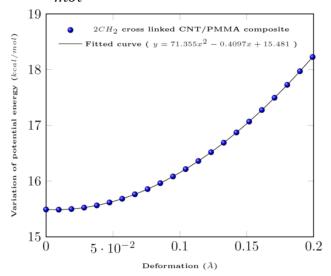
A.A. Mousavi, B. Arash, X. Zhuang, T. Rabczuk. A coarse-grained model for the elastic properties of cross linked short carbon nanotube/polymer composites, Composites Part B, 2015.

CG model Illustrations of  $2CH_2$  cross link between a PMMA monomer and a CNT resulting from atomistic models.





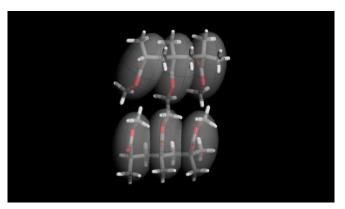
The spring constant is 142.71(  $\frac{kcal}{mol}/A^{\circ 2}$ ). The equilibrium distance between two beads is 9.487( $A^{\circ}$ )

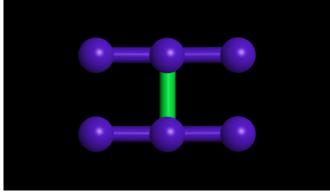


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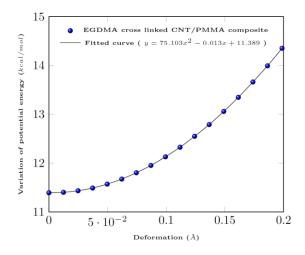
# Coarse-grained model for CNT/polymer

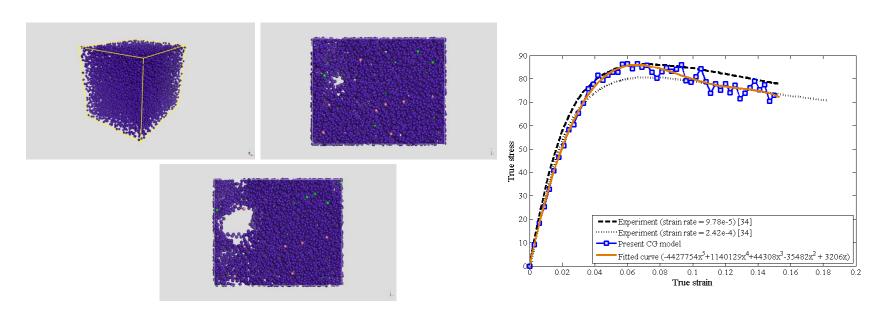
#### **EGDMA cross link between two PMMA monomers**





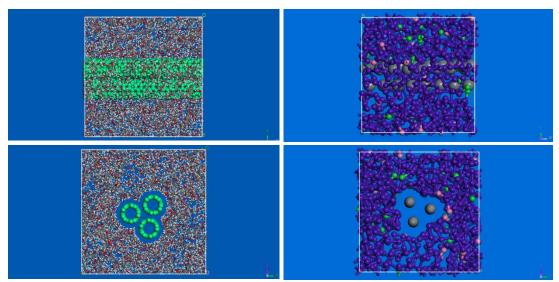
The spring constant is 150.206(  $\frac{kcal}{mol}/A^{\circ 2}$ ). The equilibrium distance between two beads is 6.21( $A^{\circ}$ )



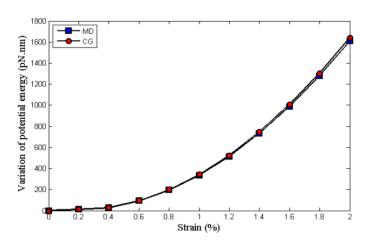


Tensile fracture of a pure PMMA polymer.

|                        | Experiment<br>(Strain rate=2.42e-4) | Experiment<br>(Strain rate=9.87e-5) | Present CG model |  |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|--|
| Young's modulus (GPa)  | 3. 27                               | 3. 12                               | 2.88             |  |
| Yield strength (MPa)   | 56.6                                | 51.4                                | 52.30            |  |
| Tensile strength (MPa) | 86.9                                | 79. 6                               | 85.82            |  |
| Critical strain        | 0.165                               | 0. 178                              | 0.159            |  |



Atomistic and coarse-grained RVE of a CNT/PMMA composite.

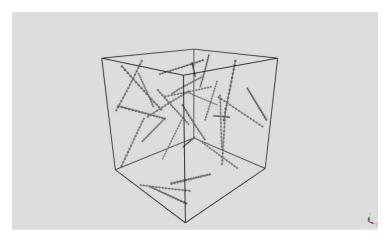


Variation of potential energy of the composite versus strain

| Volume fraction of CNTs (%) | CG (GPa) | MD (GPa) |
|-----------------------------|----------|----------|
| 10 (3 CNTs)                 | 73.39    | 72.54    |
| 13.38 (4 CNTs)              | 97.13    | 96.05    |
| 16.73 (5 CNTs)              | 122.05   | 121.30   |
| 20 (6 CNTs)                 | 145.49   | 145.34   |

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#### Tensile strength w.r.t. fiber length and wt%

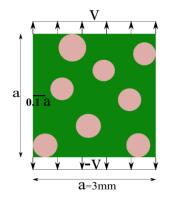


Tensile strength of CNT/PMMA composites

| wt (%) | Young's<br>modulus (GPa) | Tensile<br>strength (MPa) |
|--------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| 5      | 3.05                     | 92.44                     |
| 8      | 3. 11                    | 94.80                     |
| 10     | 3. 24                    | 99.63                     |

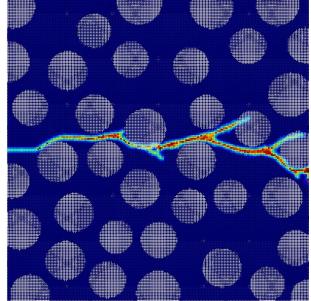
| L/D  | Young's<br>modulus (GPa) | Tensile<br>strength<br>(MPa) |
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| 14.7 | 3.11                     | 94.80                        |
| 29.4 | 3.59                     | 101.82                       |
| 44.1 | 4.01                     | 111.61                       |

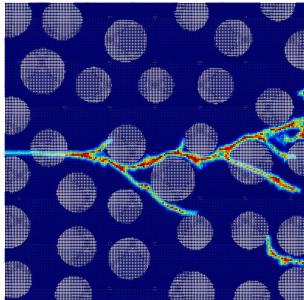
### Crack propagation of two-phase composites



Boundary condition v=0.5 m/s Critical stretch is  $s_0(\delta) = \sqrt{\frac{4\pi G_0}{9E\delta}}$ 

| Туре           | E (Gpa) | Poisson's ratio | G <sub>0</sub> (J/m2) |
|----------------|---------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Matrix         | 72      | 1/3             | 40                    |
| Reinformcement | 144     | 1/3             | 80                    |



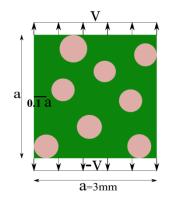


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Case 2: v=0.5m/s

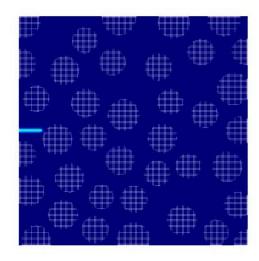
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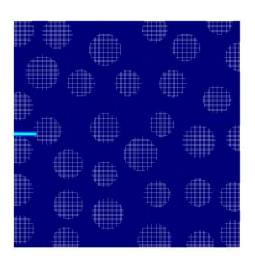
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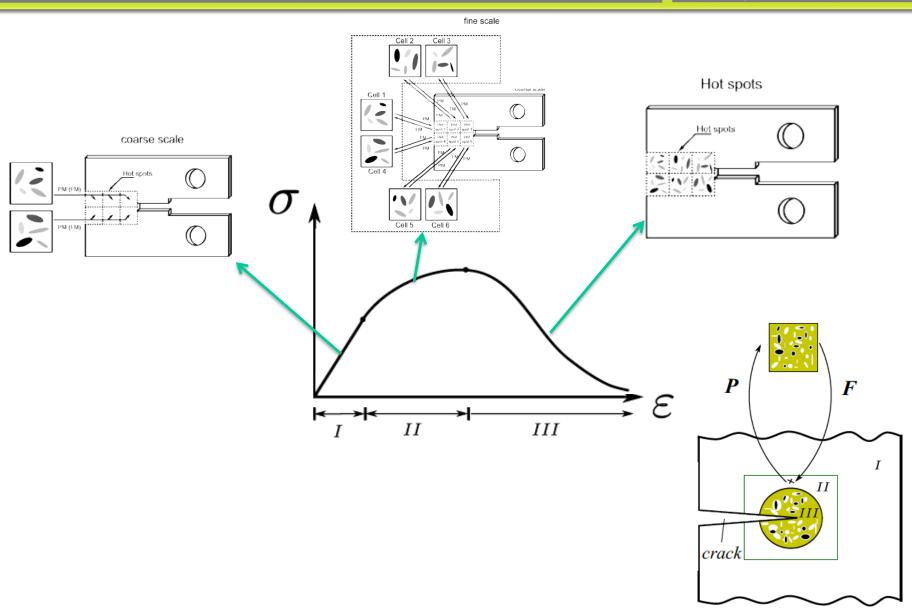


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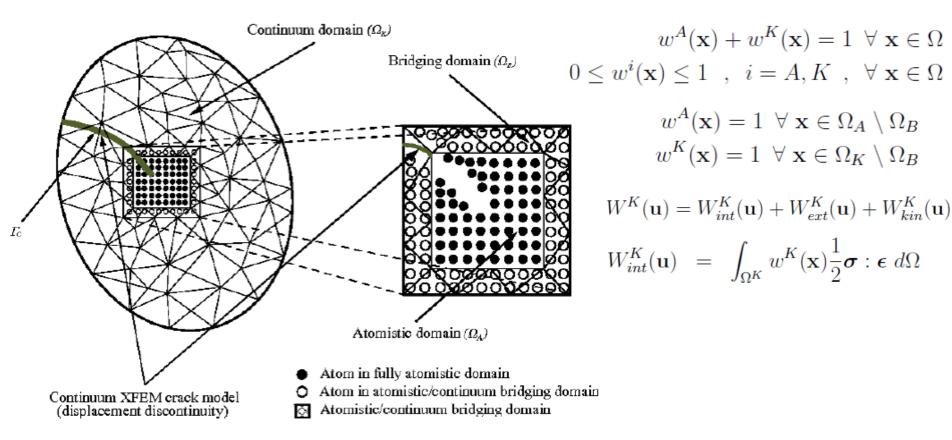
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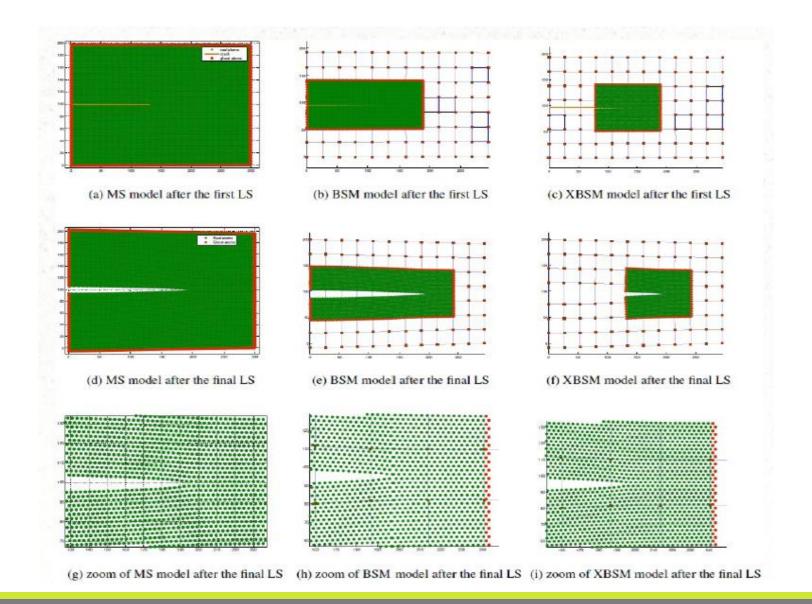
#### Multiscale method

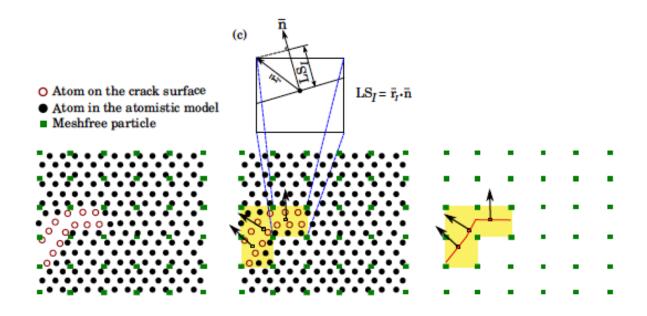
#### Bridging models at different length scales





$$\begin{split} W(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{d}^A, \pmb{\lambda}) &= W^K(\mathbf{u}) + W^A(\mathbf{d}^A) + W^B(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{d}^A, \pmb{\lambda}) \\ W^B(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{d}^A, \pmb{\lambda}) &= \int_{\Omega_B} \pmb{\lambda} \cdot \delta \mathbf{u} \ d\Omega = \sum_{I \in \mathcal{W}^B} \int_{\Omega_B} \pmb{\lambda}(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \left( \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}) - \mathbf{u}_I^A \right) \ \delta \left( \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_I^A \right) \end{split}$$





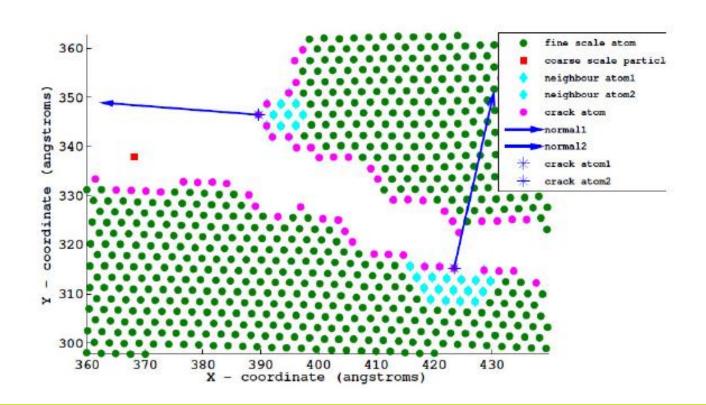
- Estimate the atoms on the crack surface (CSP).
- Calculate the normal of atoms on the crack surface.
- Identify the regions with atoms on the crack surface
- Estimate the effective normal

$$\mathsf{CSP}_{\alpha} = \sum_{\beta=1}^{n^{\mathsf{nb}}/2} |\mathbf{r}_{\alpha\beta} + \mathbf{r}_{\alpha(\beta+n^{\mathsf{nb}}/2)}|^2$$

| Defect              | $csp_{\alpha}/a_0^2$ | Range $\Delta csp_{\alpha}/a_0^2$ |
|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Perfect lattice     | 0.0000               | $csp_{\alpha} < 0.1$              |
| Partial dislocation | 0.1423               | $0.01 \leq csp_{lpha} < 2$        |
| Stacking fault      | 0.4966               | $0.2 \leq csp_{lpha} < 1$         |
| Surface atom        | 1.6881               | $csp_{lpha} > 1$                  |

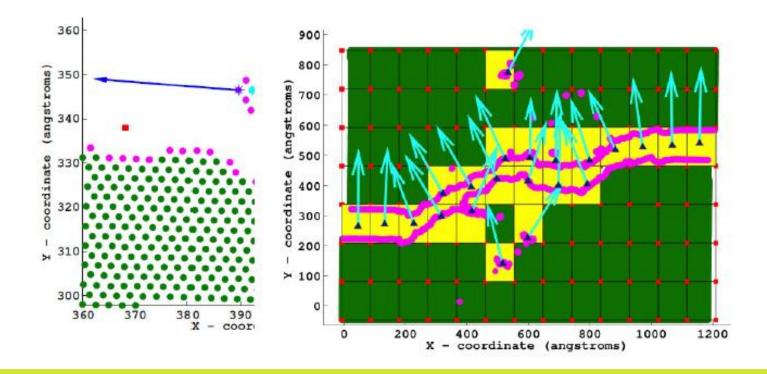
$$\mathbf{r}_{\alpha}^{\mathsf{cog}} = \frac{\sum_{\beta=1}^{n^{\mathsf{nb}}} \mathbf{r}_{\beta}}{n^{\mathsf{nb}}}$$

$$\mathbf{n}_{\alpha}^{\mathsf{cog}} = \mathbf{r}_{\alpha} - \mathbf{r}_{\alpha}^{\mathsf{cog}}$$

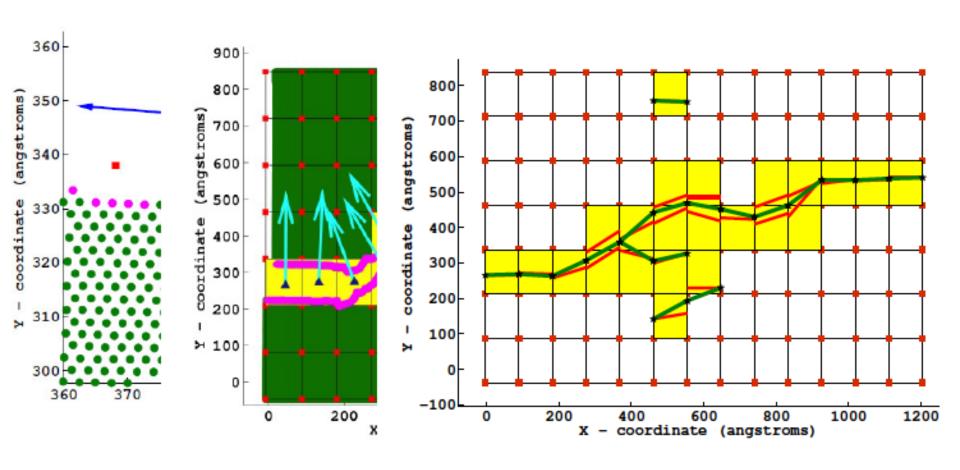


#### Estimate the effective normal

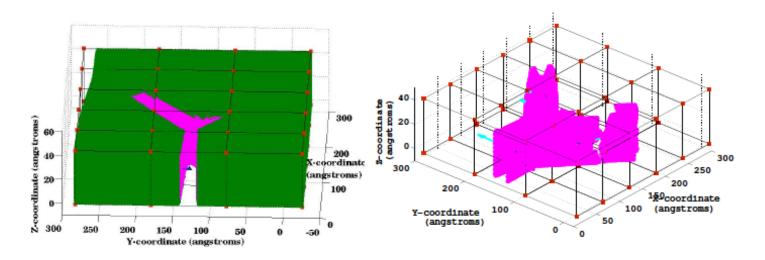
$$\mathbf{r}_{\mathsf{cr}}^{\mathsf{cog}} = \frac{\sum_{lpha=1}^{n^{\mathsf{cacr}}} \mathbf{r}_{lpha}^{\mathsf{cog}}}{n^{\mathsf{cacr}}}, \qquad \mathbf{n}_{\mathsf{cr}}^{\mathsf{cog}} = \frac{\sum_{lpha=1}^{n^{\mathsf{cacr}}} \mathbf{n}_{lpha}^{\mathsf{cog}}}{n^{\mathsf{cacr}}}$$

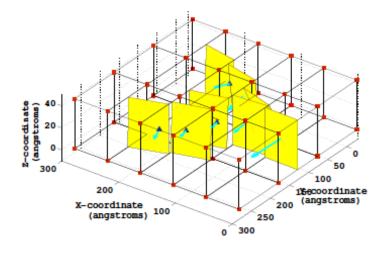


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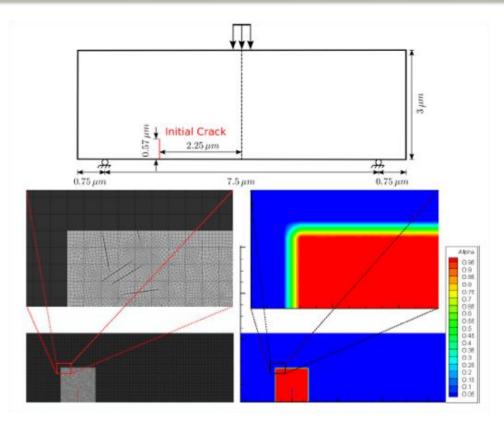


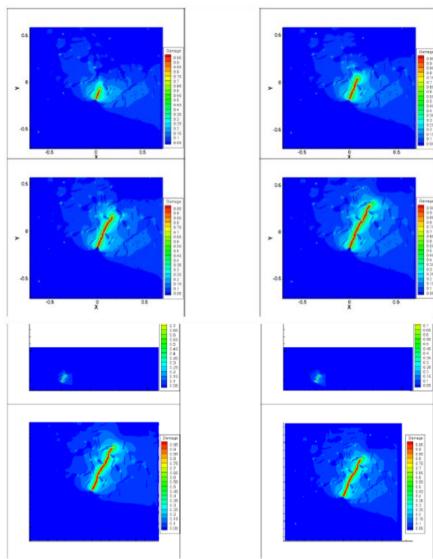


# Multiscale method

Coarse graining of fractures







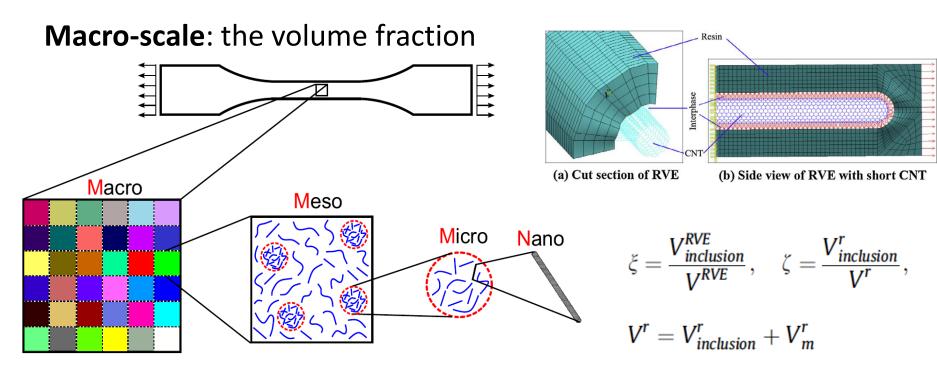
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#### Sensitivity analysis

Nano-scale: material properties and the structure of the SWNT

**Micro-scale**: the SWNT embedded in the polymer matrix in the presence of the interphase is modeled and replaced by an EF

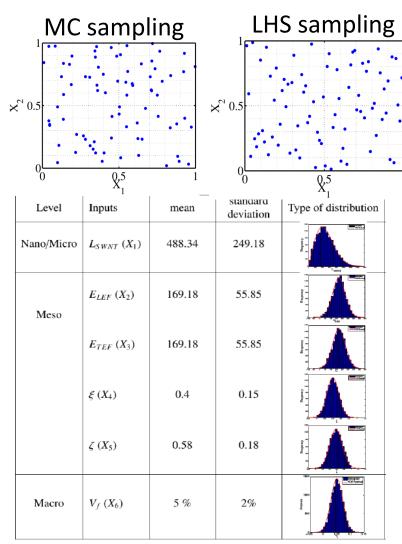
**Meso-scale**: the SWNT waviness, the agglomeration and the SWNT orientation



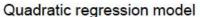
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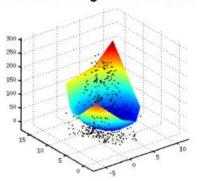
### Sensitivity analysis

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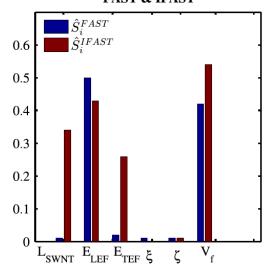
#### 2. Surrogate Model





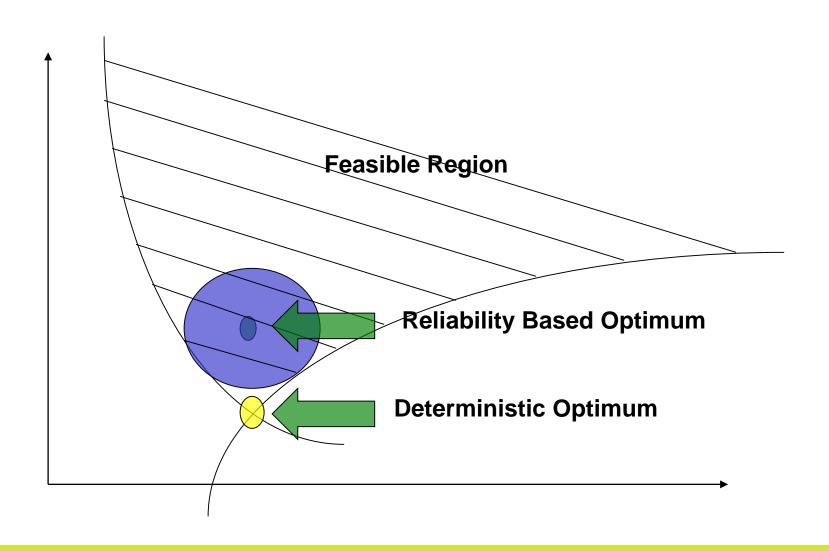
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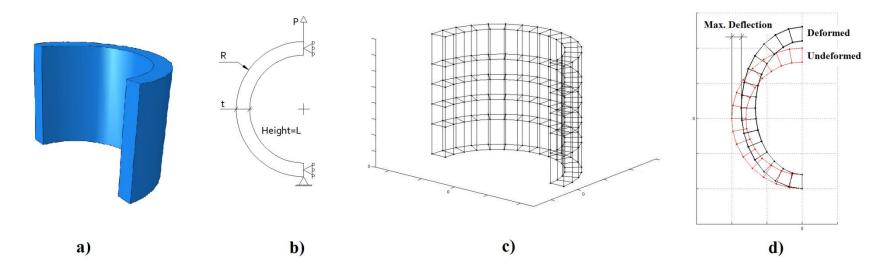
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#### Thick cylinder subjected to line load



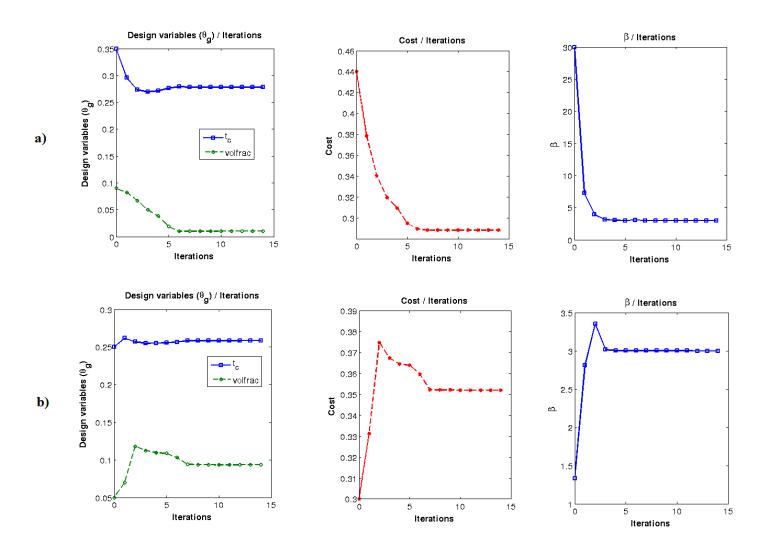
| Parameter | $R_c$ | $L_c$ | $E_m$ | $\nu_m$ | P                           | LSF                             | β | Obj. Func.    |
|-----------|-------|-------|-------|---------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|---|---------------|
| Value     | 1     | 1.5   | 10    | 0.3     | $\mu = 1000$ $\sigma = 200$ | Max. trans. deflect. $7 e^{-3}$ | 3 | % CNT + $t_c$ |
| Type      | D     | D     | D     | D       | N                           | D                               | D | D             |

Length: m, E: GPa, P: Applied load (KN/m), v: Poisson ratio, m: matrix, c: cylinder

D: deterministic, N:  $normal\ distribution$ ,  $\mu$ :  $mean\ value$ ,  $\sigma$ :  $standard\ deviation\ \beta$ :  $Reliability\ Index$ 

## **Probabilistic optimization**

#### Minimization of the CNT content and the cylinder thickness simultaneously



# Thank you for your attention!