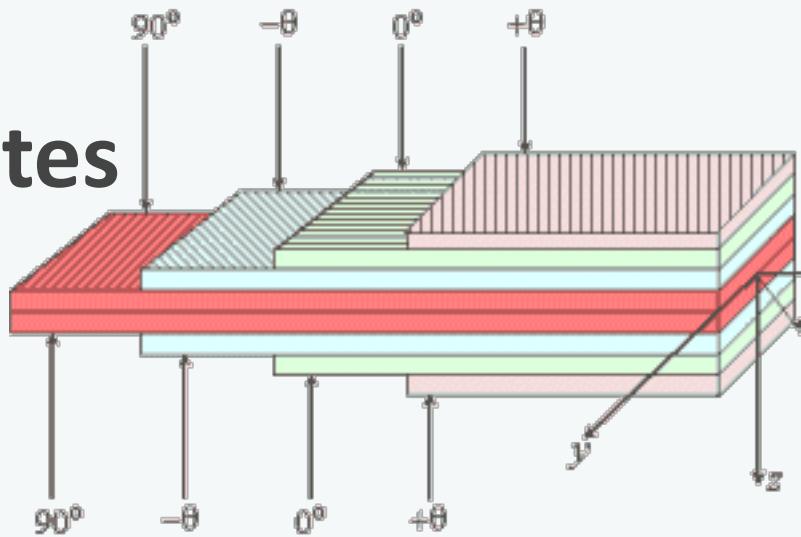


# Isogeometric cohesive interface elements for 2D/3D delamination analysis

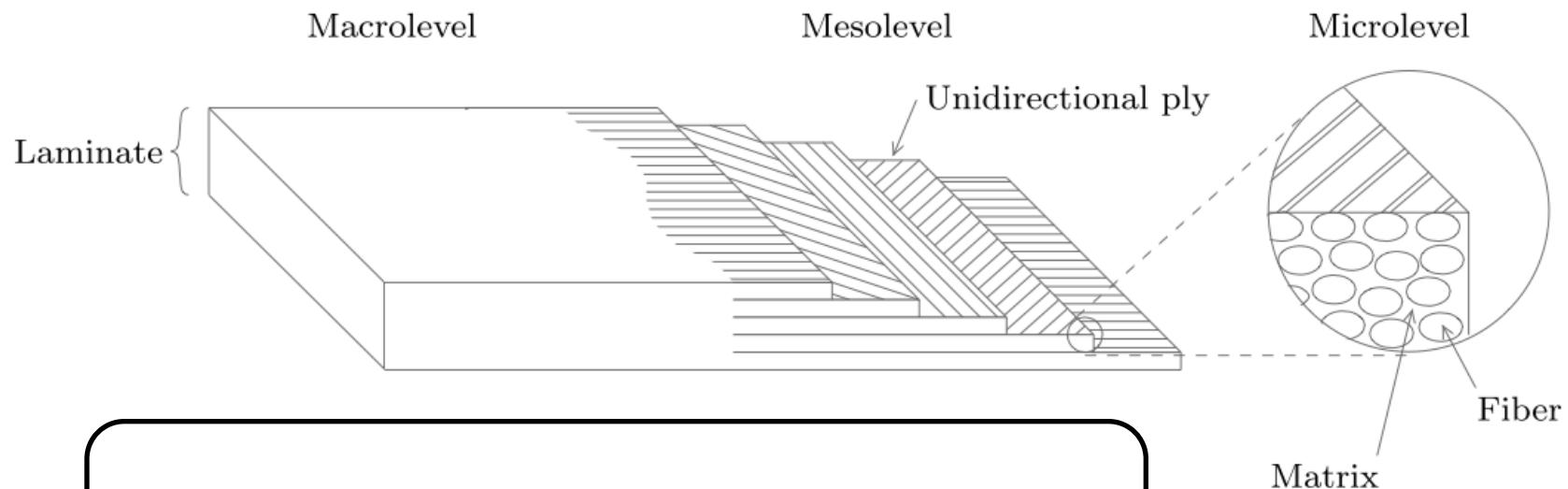
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# Failure of composite laminates



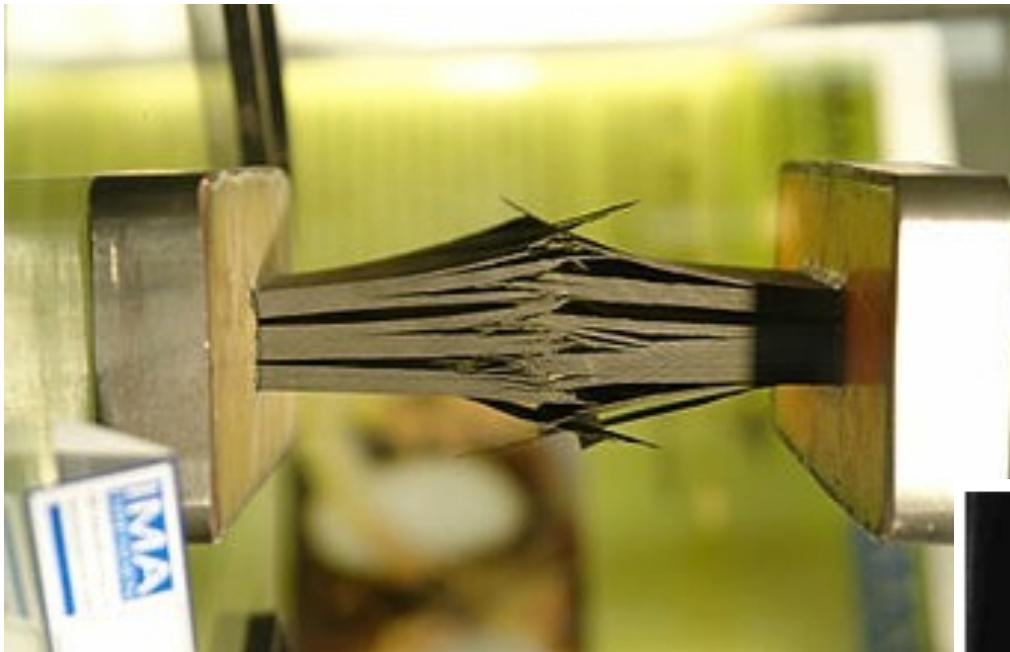
# Three levels of observation for composite laminates



- **Mesolayer**
- **Unidirectional ply: orthotropic materials**

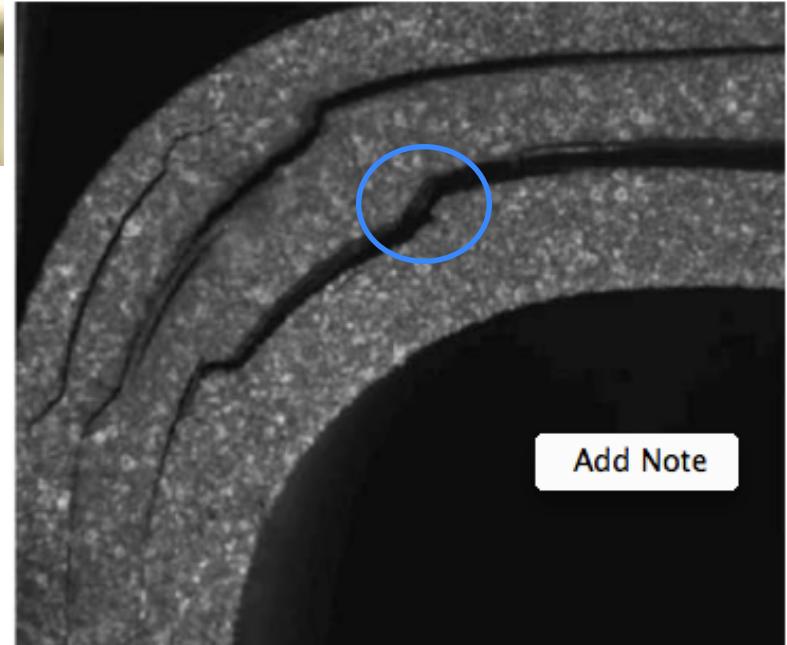
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# Failure modes of composite laminates



**delamination**  
(interlaminar cracking)

**matrix failure**  
(intralaminar cracking)



Add Note

# Computational modeling of delamination

## Finite Element Method (FEM)

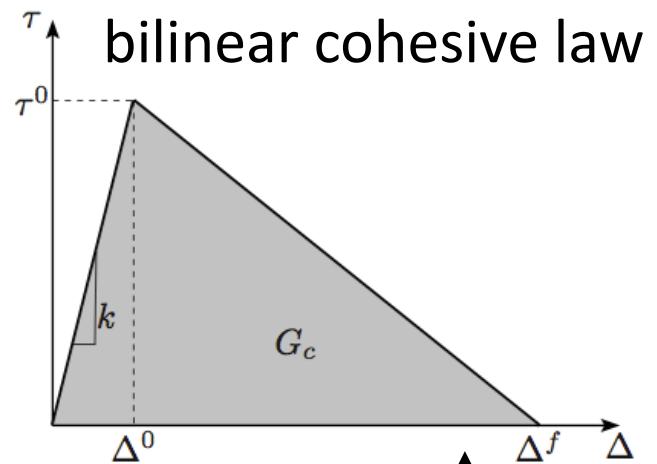
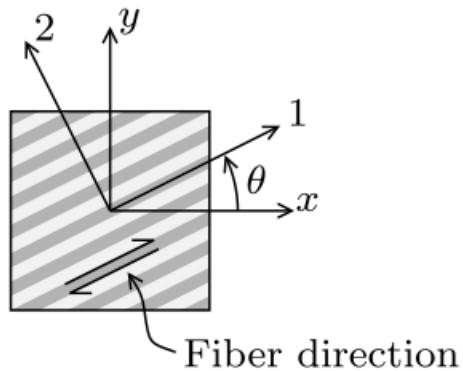
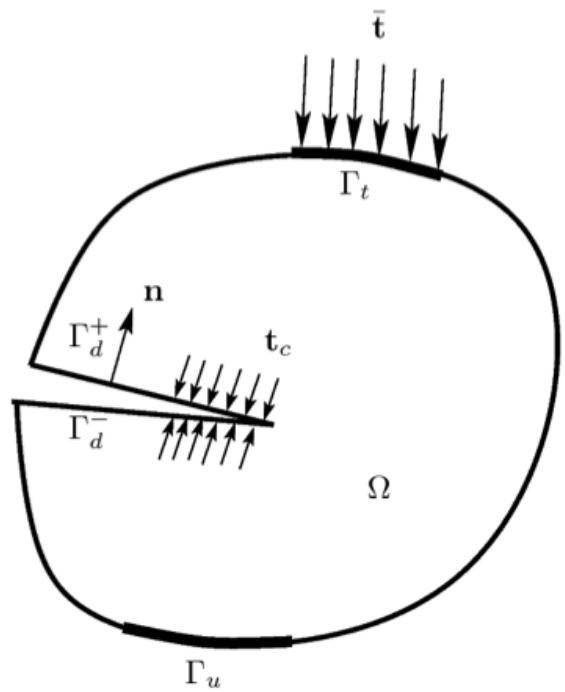
VCCT (Virtual Crack Closure Technique)

- Linear Elastic Fracture Mechanics
- Only for delamination growth
- Not computationally intensive

Cohesive interface elements

- Cohesive zone models
- Delamination initiation/growth
- Computationally intensive/robustness issue
- Decohesion elements, cohesive zones, cohesive elements...

# Cohesive cracks weak form



$$\bar{\sigma} = \bar{D}\bar{\epsilon}$$

Unknown field is the displacement  $\mathbf{u}$

$$\int_{\Omega} \delta \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{b} d\Omega + \int_{\Gamma_t} \delta \mathbf{u} \cdot \bar{\mathbf{t}} d\Gamma_t = \int_{\Omega} \delta \boldsymbol{\epsilon} : \boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{u}) d\Omega + \int_{\Gamma_d} \delta [\mathbf{u}] \cdot \mathbf{t}^c([\mathbf{u}]) d\Gamma_d$$

# Interface elements

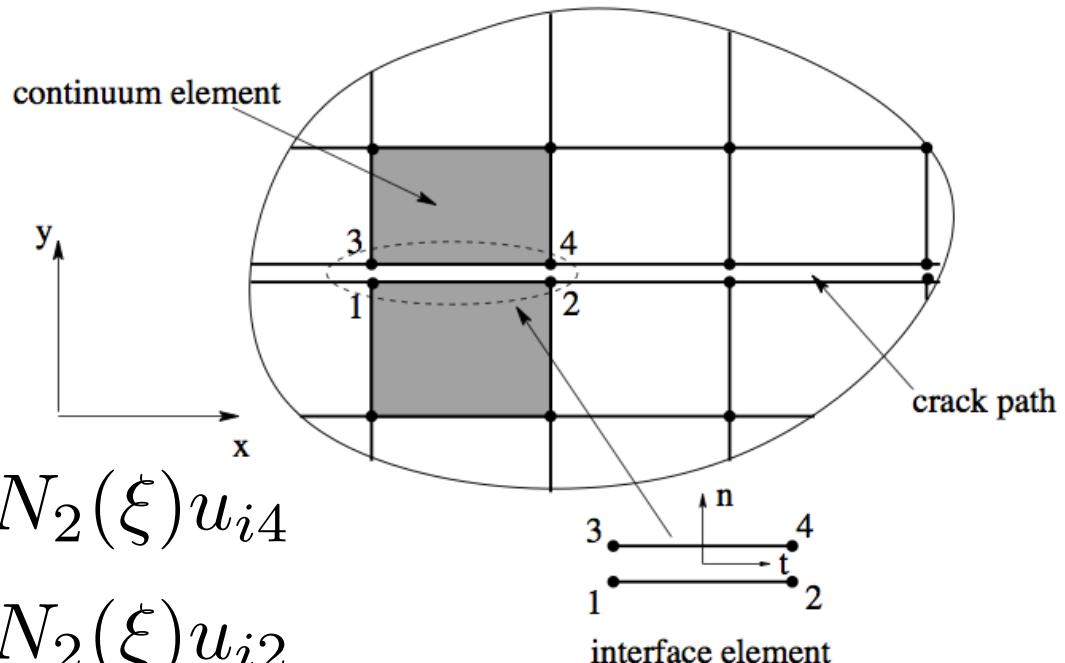
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Delamination is a problem in which crack path is known in advance.

$$[\![\mathbf{u}]\!]_i = u_i^+ - u_i^-$$

$$u_i^+ = N_1(\xi)u_{i3} + N_2(\xi)u_{i4}$$

$$u_i^- = N_1(\xi)u_{i1} + N_2(\xi)u_{i2}$$



# Interface elements: internal force vectors

$$\mathbf{f}^{\text{ext}} = \mathbf{f}^{\text{int}} + \mathbf{f}^{\text{coh}}$$

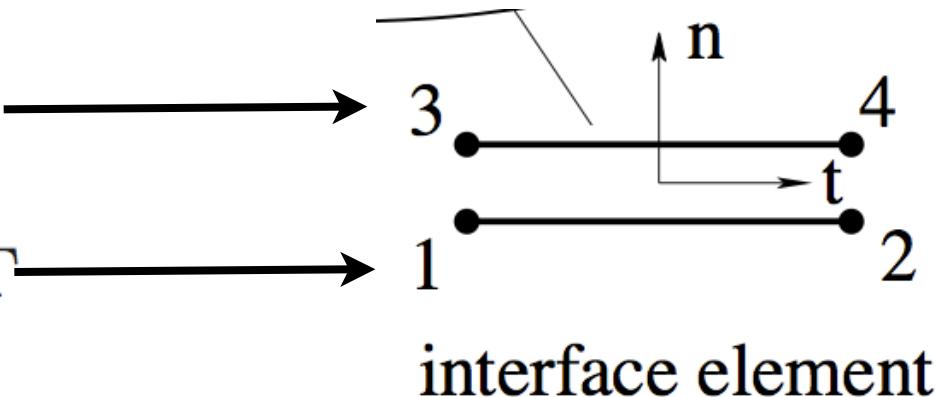
$$\mathbf{f}^{\text{int}} = \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{B}^T \boldsymbol{\sigma} d\Omega$$

$$\mathbf{N}^{\text{int}} = \begin{bmatrix} N_1 & 0 & N_2 & 0 \\ 0 & N_1 & 0 & N_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{f}^{\text{ext}} = \int_{\Gamma_t} \mathbf{N}^T \bar{\mathbf{t}} d\Gamma$$

$$\mathbf{f}_{ie,+}^{\text{coh}} = \int_{\Gamma} \mathbf{N}_{\text{int}}^T \mathbf{t}^c d\Gamma$$

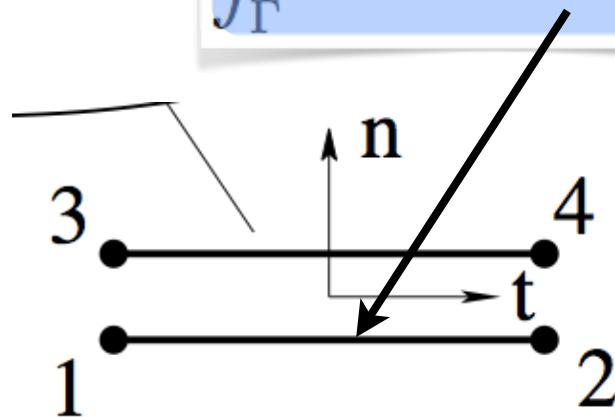
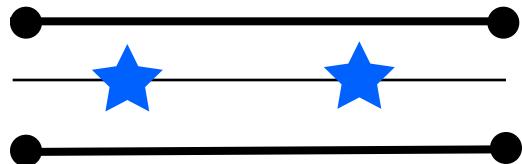
$$\mathbf{f}_{ie,-}^{\text{coh}} = - \int_{\Gamma} \mathbf{N}_{\text{int}}^T \mathbf{t}^c d\Gamma$$



# Interface elements: tangent matrix

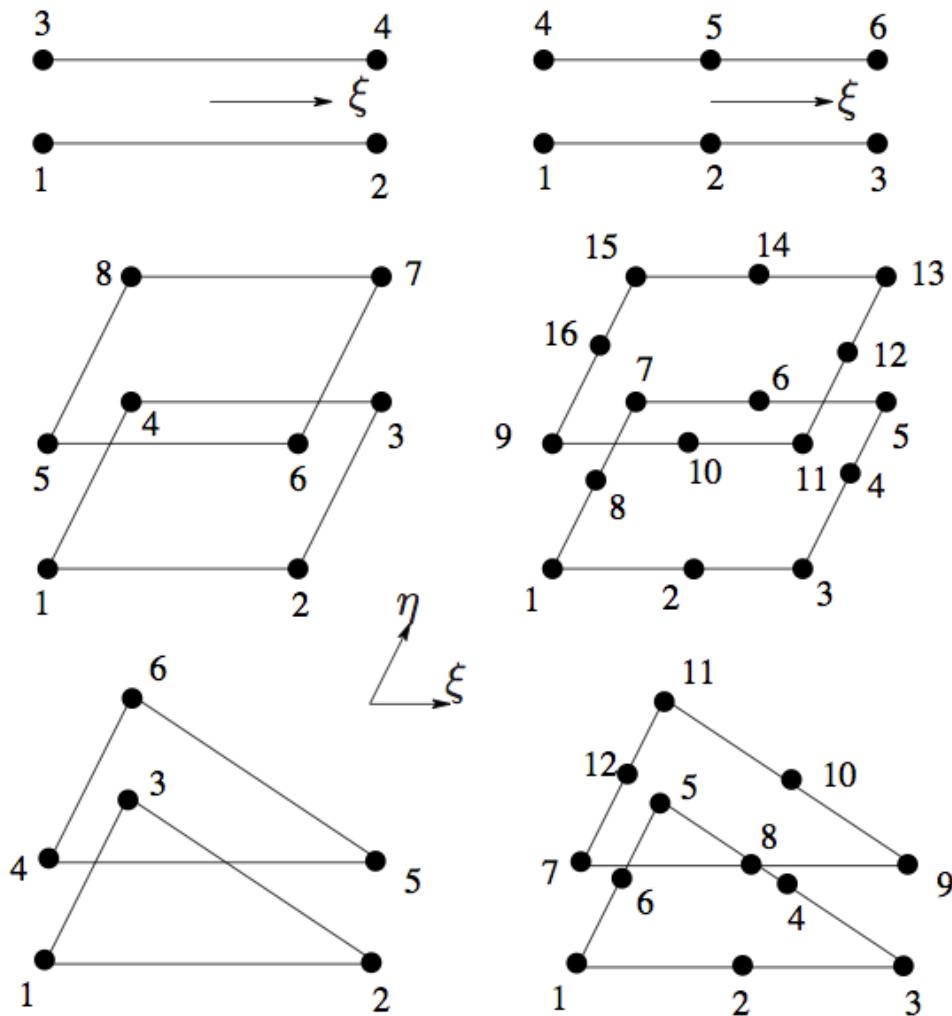
$$\mathbf{K}_e^{int} = \begin{bmatrix} \int_{\Gamma} \mathbf{N}^T \mathbf{Q}^T \mathbf{T} \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{N} d\Gamma & - \int_{\Gamma} \mathbf{N}^T \mathbf{Q}^T \mathbf{T} \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{N} d\Gamma \\ - \int_{\Gamma} \mathbf{N}^T \mathbf{Q}^T \mathbf{T} \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{N} d\Gamma & \int_{\Gamma} \mathbf{N}^T \mathbf{Q}^T \mathbf{T} \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{N} d\Gamma \end{bmatrix}$$

Numerical integration



interface element

# Common interface elements

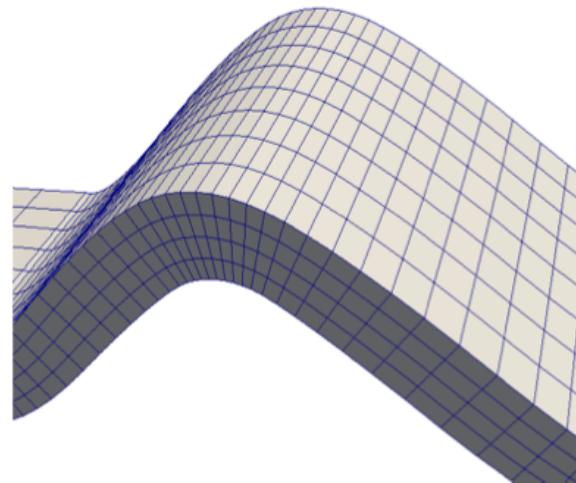


2D

3D

# What is wrong with standard interface elements?

- time consuming pre-processing (generation of interface el.)
- no link to CAD data: not ideal for design-analysis cycles
- standard low order Lagrange elements: poor derivative fields such as stresses => very fine mesh in front of the crack tip
- geometry: not exactly represented



# Isogeometric interface elements

- fast pre-processing: automatic generation of interface el.
- link to CAD data: ideal for design-analysis cycles
- high order NURBS elements: highly accurate derivative fields
- less expensive than low order Lagrange elements
- geometry: exactly represented

There are no free lunch. However let talk about the good news first.

# Isogeometric analysis

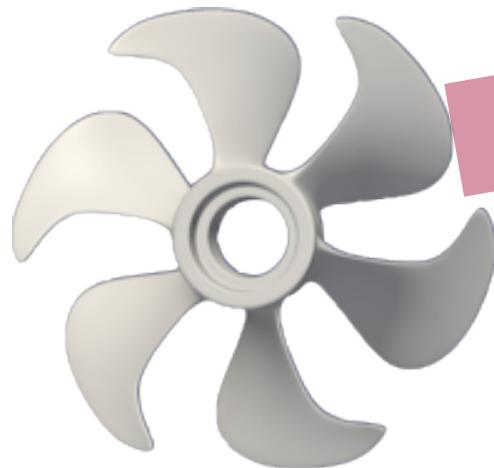
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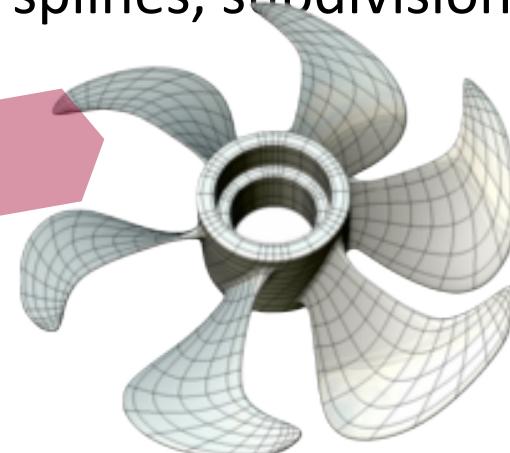
# Isogeometric analysis

Approximate the unknown fields with the basis functions used to generate the CAD model.

CAD basis functions: B-splines, **NURBS**, T-splines, subdivision surfaces...



Type to next  
meshing



direct calculation

calculation



- Exact geometry
- High order continuity
- *hpk*-refinement

## CAD-FEA integration: literature review

- P. Kagan, A. Fischer, and P. Z. Bar-Yoseph. New B-Spline Finite Element approach for geometrical design and mechanical analysis. IJNME, 41(3):435–458, 1998.
- F. Cirak, M. Ortiz, and P. Schroder. Subdivision surfaces: a new paradigm for thin-shell finite-element analysis. IJNME, 47(12): 2039–2072, 2000.
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- T.J.R. Hughes, J.A. Cottrell, and Y. Bazilevs. Isogeometric analysis: CAD, finite elements, NURBS, exact geometry and mesh refinement. CMAME, 194(39-41):4135–4195, 2005.
- J. A. Cottrell, T. J.R. Hughes, and Y. Bazilevs. Isogeometric Analysis: Toward Integration of CAD and FEA. Wiley, 2009.

# B-splines basis functions

$\Xi = \{\xi_1, \xi_2, \dots, \xi_{n+p+1}\}$  knot vector

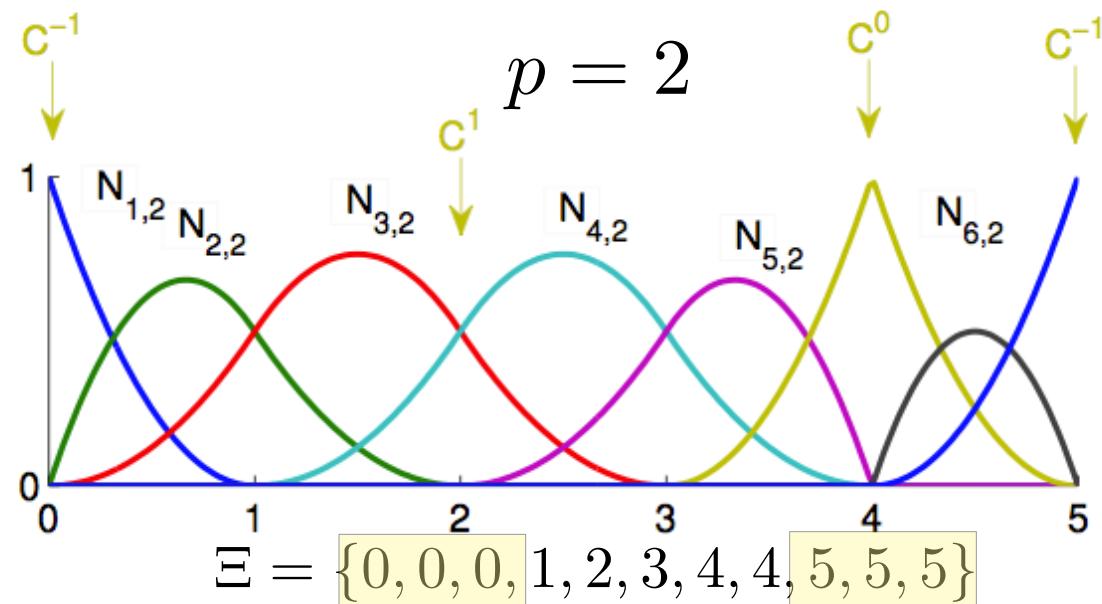
$$N_{i,0}(\xi) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \xi_i \leq \xi < \xi_{i+1} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

\sigma

$$N_{i,p}(\xi) = \frac{\xi - \xi_i}{\xi_{i+p} - \xi_i} N_{i,p-1}(\xi) + \frac{\xi_{i+p+1} - \xi}{\xi_{i+p+1} - \xi_{i+1}} N_{i+1,p-1}(\xi)$$

## Properties

- Partition of Unity
- Linear independence
- Non-negativity
- $C^{p-m}$  continuity
- Not interpolants



# B-splines

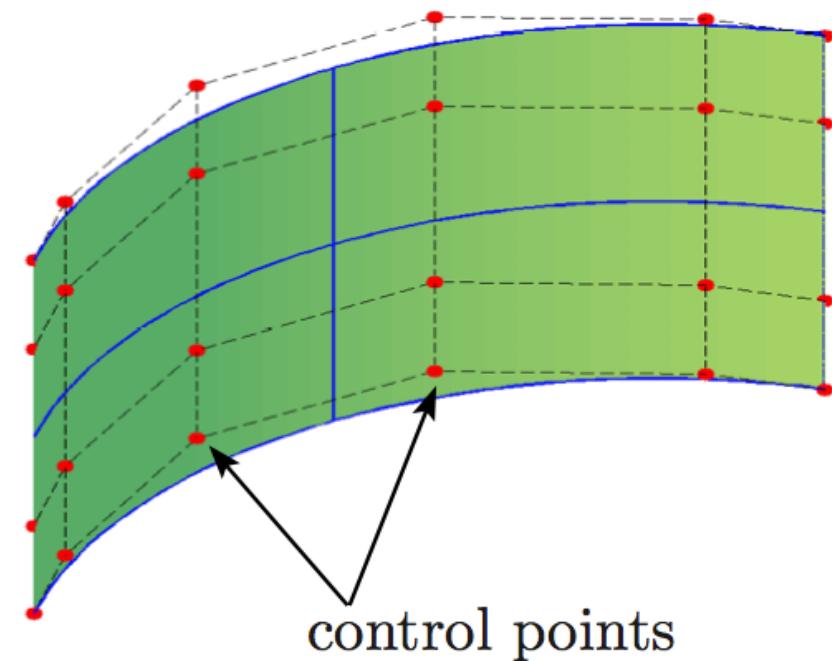
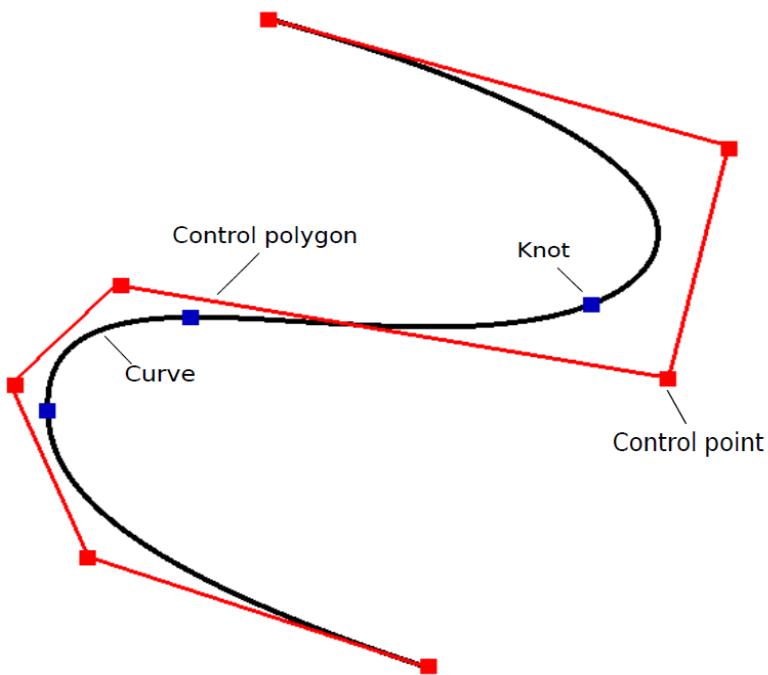
$$\Xi = \{\xi_1, \xi_2, \dots, \xi_{n+p+1}\}$$

$$\Xi^1 = \{\xi_1, \xi_2, \dots, \xi_{n+p+1}\}$$

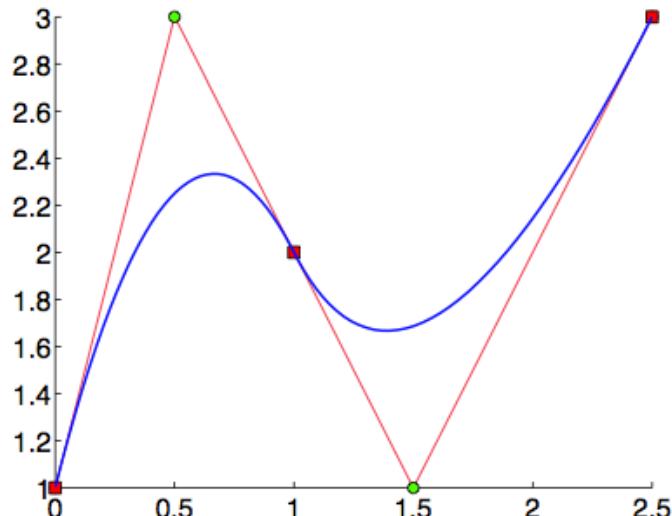
$$\Xi^2 = \{\eta_1, \eta_2, \dots, \eta_{m+q+1}\}$$

$$\mathbf{C}(\xi) = \sum_{i=1}^n N_{i,p}(\xi) \mathbf{B}_i$$

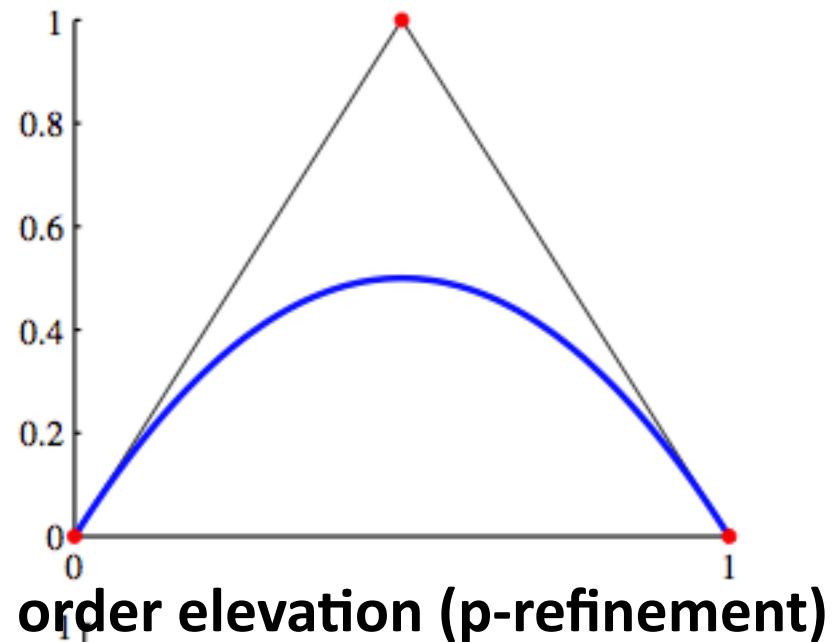
$$\mathbf{S}(\xi, \eta) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m N_{i,p}(\xi) M_{j,q}(\eta) \mathbf{B}_{ij}$$



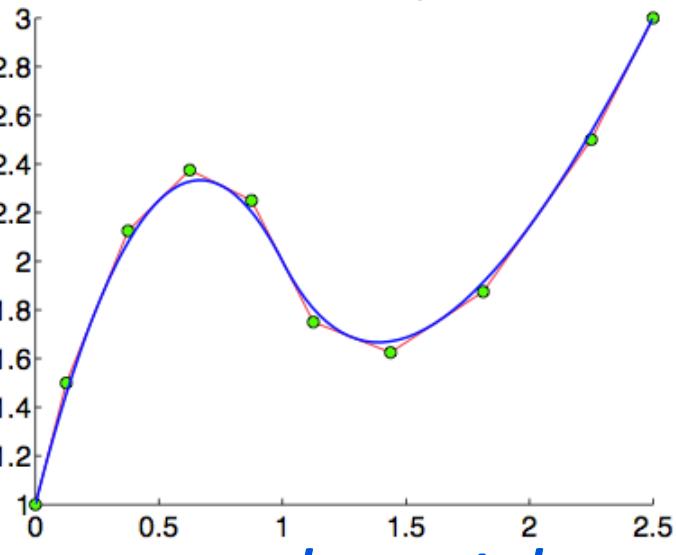
# Enriching B-splines



knot insertion (h-refinement)

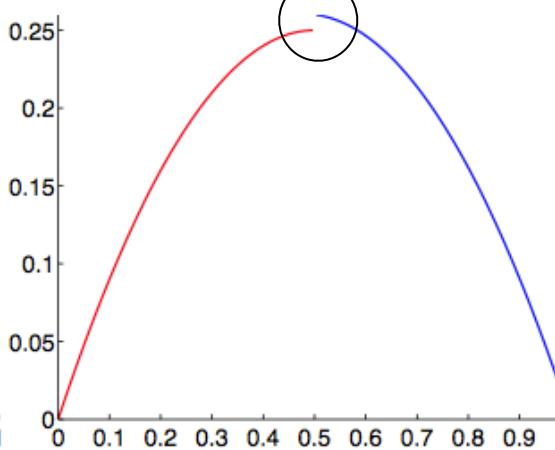
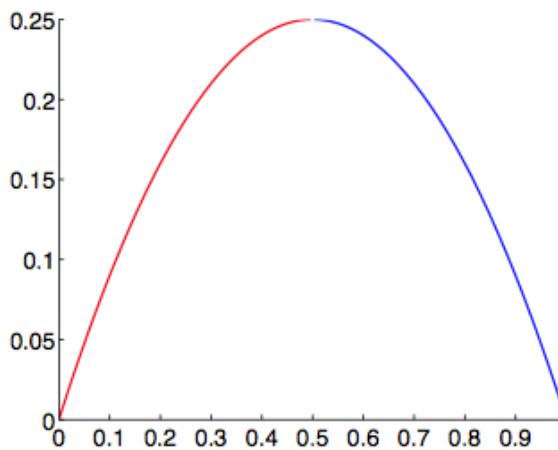
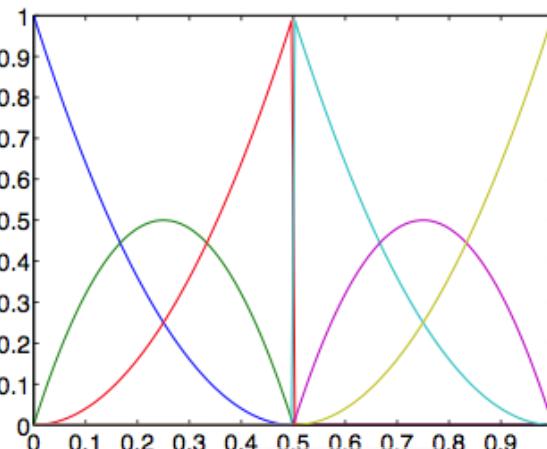
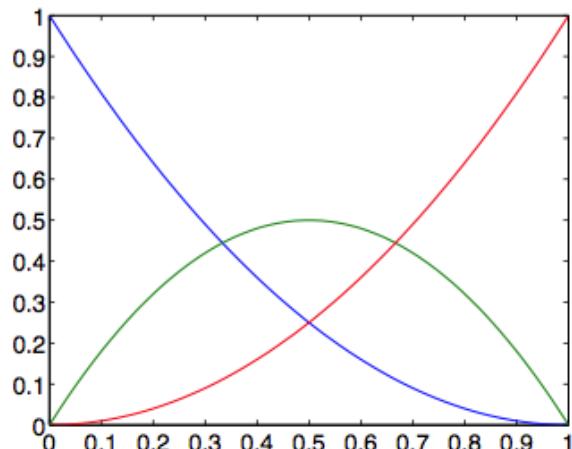


order elevation (p-refinement)



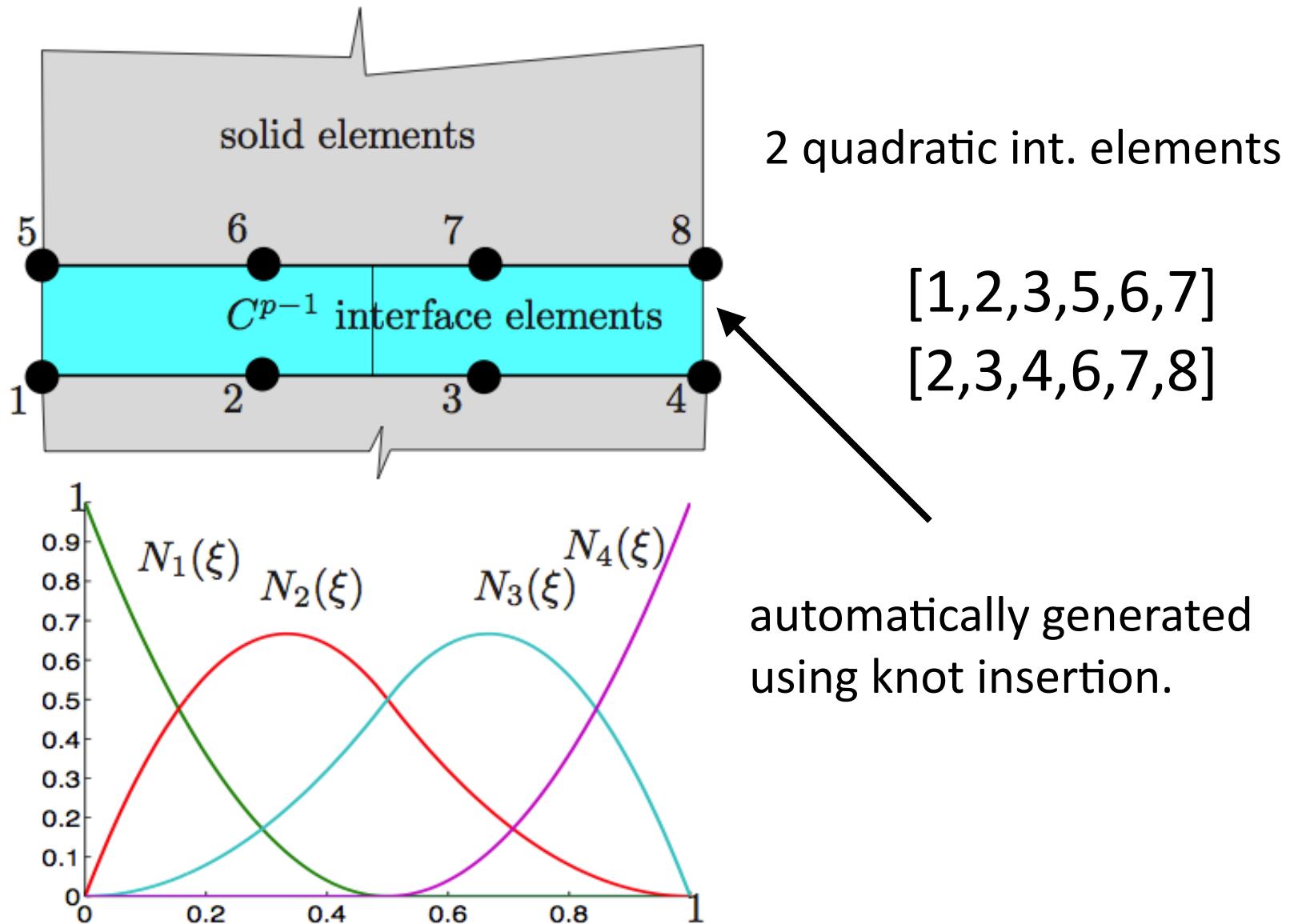
*does not change B-splines geometrically/parametrically*

# Knot insertion to create discontinuities



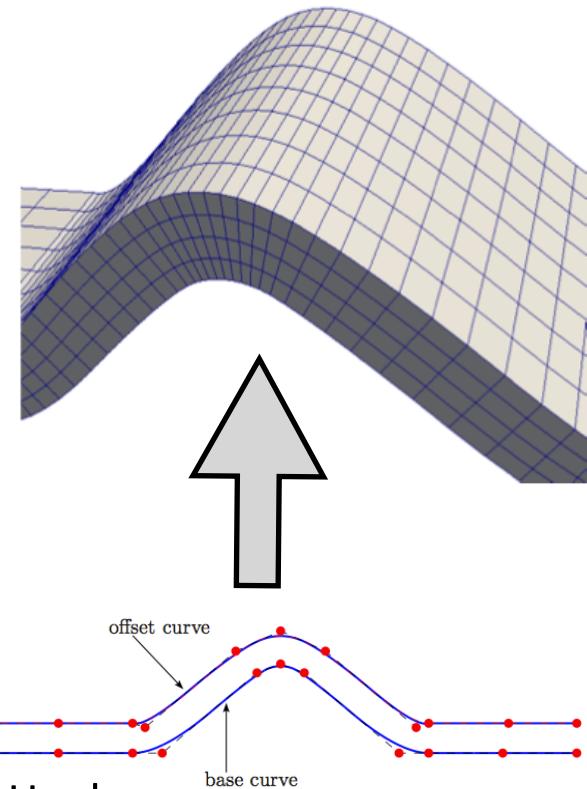
does not change B-splines geometrically/parametrically  
knot insertion: stable algorithms, available implementations

# Isogeometric cohesive elements



# Isogeometric cohesive elements: advantages

- 2D Mixed mode bending test (MMB)
- 2 x 70 quartic-linear B-spline elements
- run time on a laptop 4GB of RAM: 6 s
- energy arc-length control



1. C. V. Verhoosel, M. A. Scott, R. de Borst, and T. J. R. Hughes. An isogeometric approach to cohesive zone modeling. *IJNME*, 87:336–360, 2011.
2. V. P. Nguyen and H. Nguyen-Xuan. High-order B-splines based finite elements for delamination analysis of laminated composites. *Com. Str.*, 102:261–275, 2013.
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# Examples

2b

# Tools

## MIGFEM



- open source Matlab Isogeometric (X)FEM
- 2D/3D solid mechanics with geometry nonlinearities
- 2D XIGA for LEFM and material interfaces
- Structural mechanics: beam, plate, shells (large deformation)
- <http://sourceforge.net/projects/cmcodes/>

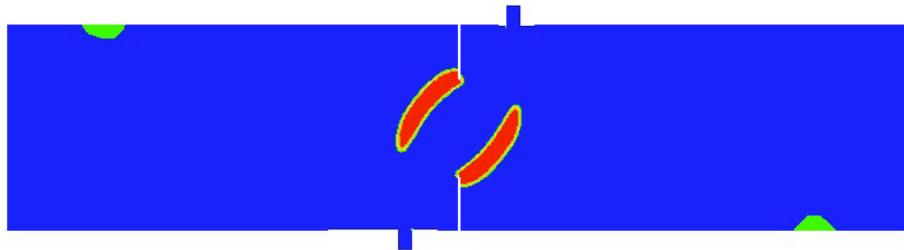
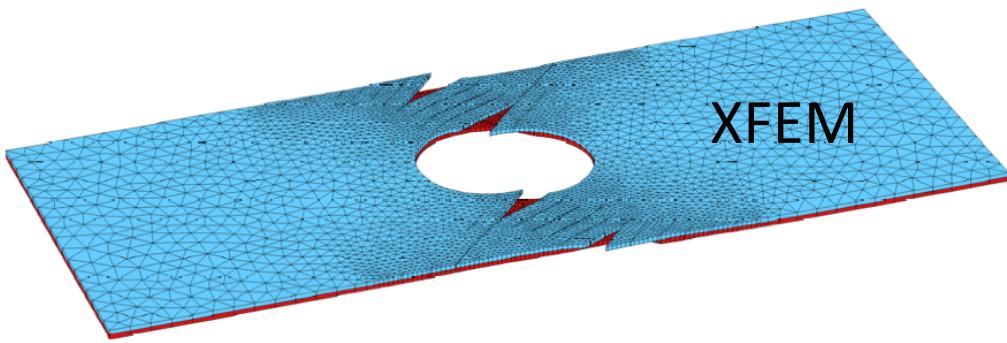
- quick prototyping  
- tutorial codes

## jem-jive (Linux, Mac OS, Windows)

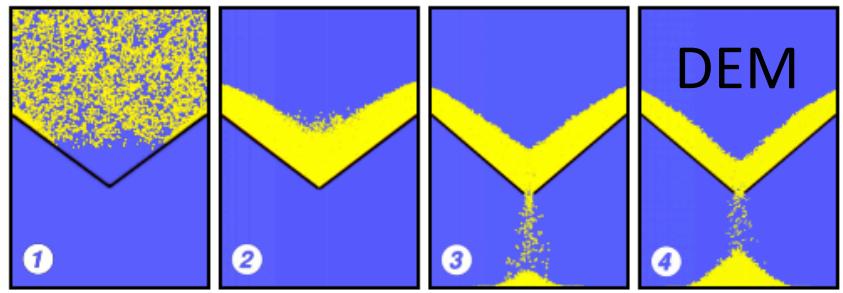
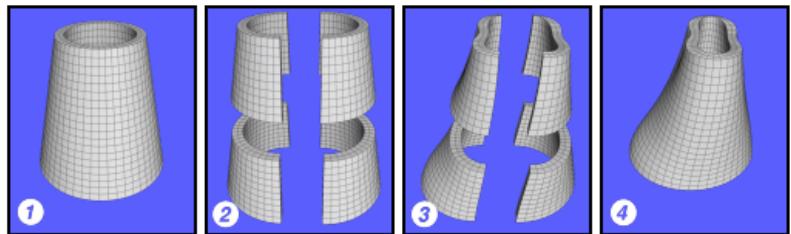
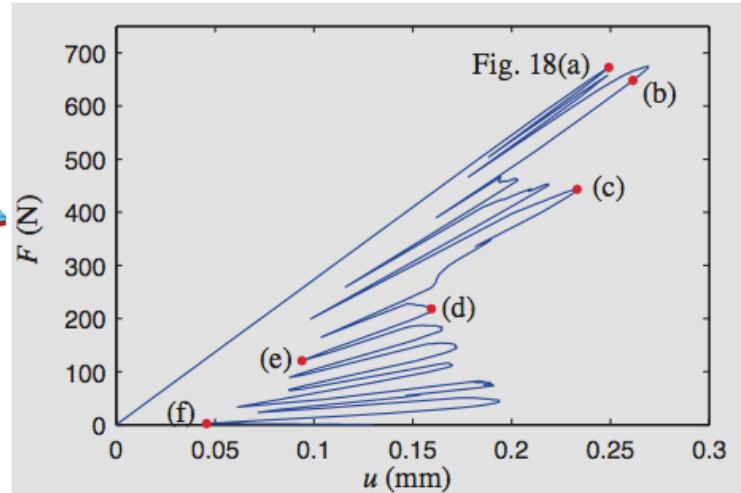
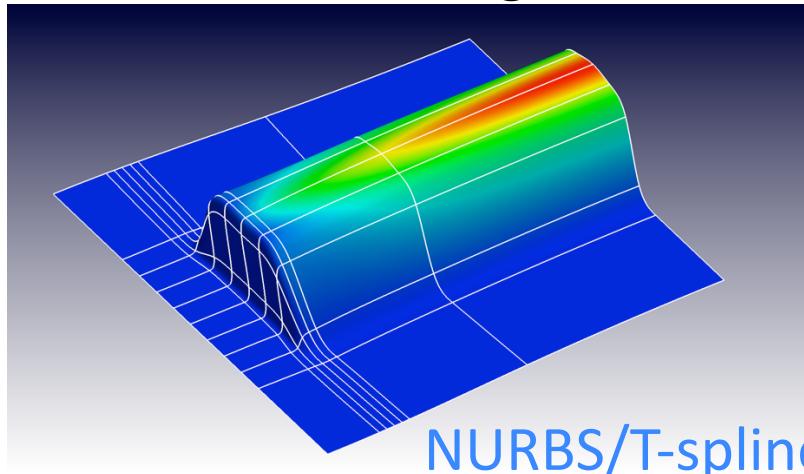
- commercial C++ toolkit for PDEs
- not a general purpose FE package
- tailor made applications, suitable for researchers
- apps: XFEM, dG, IGA, DEM, FVM etc.
- support parallel computing
- implements useful concepts available in other programming languages--Java, Fortran 90, Matlab and C#
- tensor class: useful to evaluating complex constitutive models
- [http://www.dynaflow.com/en\\_GB/jive.html](http://www.dynaflow.com/en_GB/jive.html)



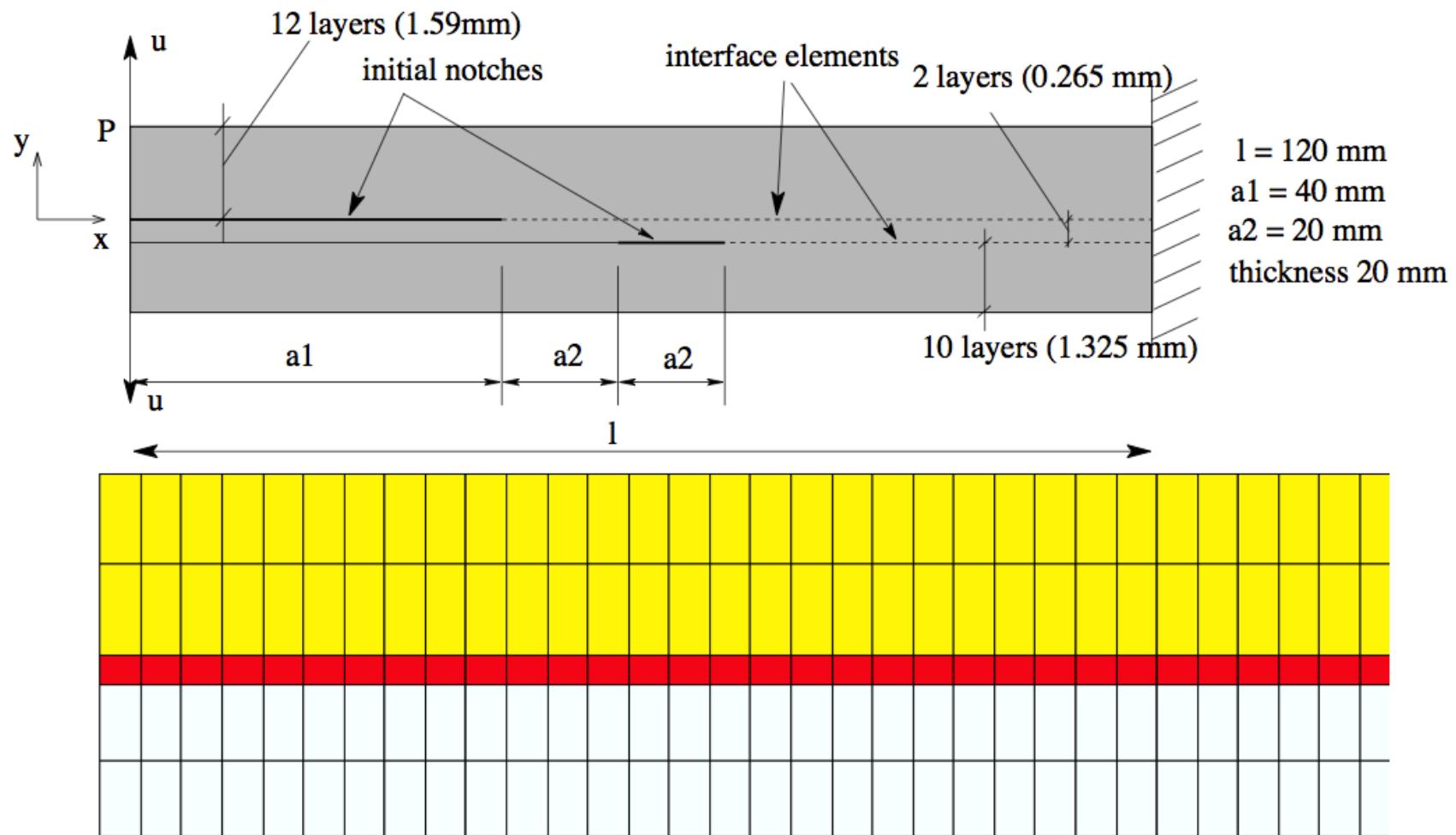
# jem-jive: some typical examples



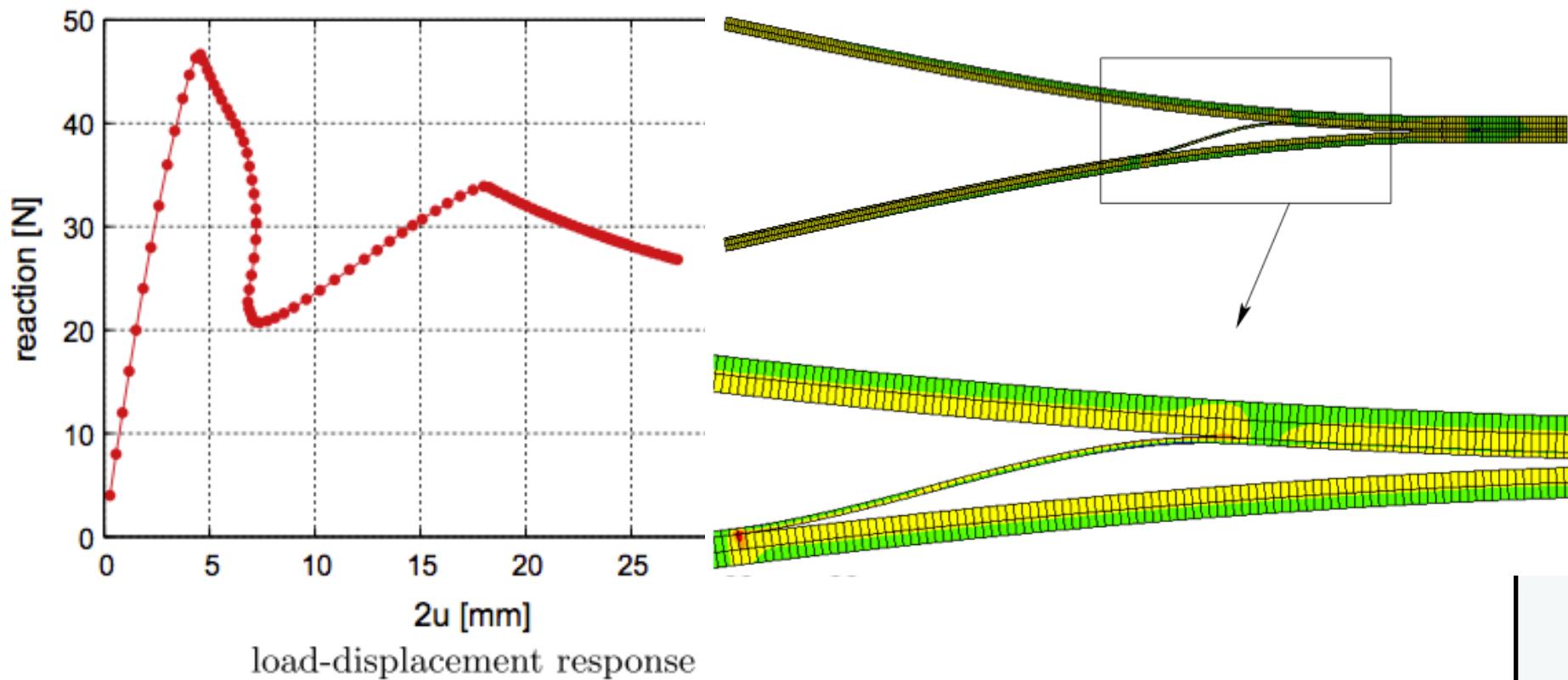
non-local damage model



# Isogeometric cohesive elements: 2D example

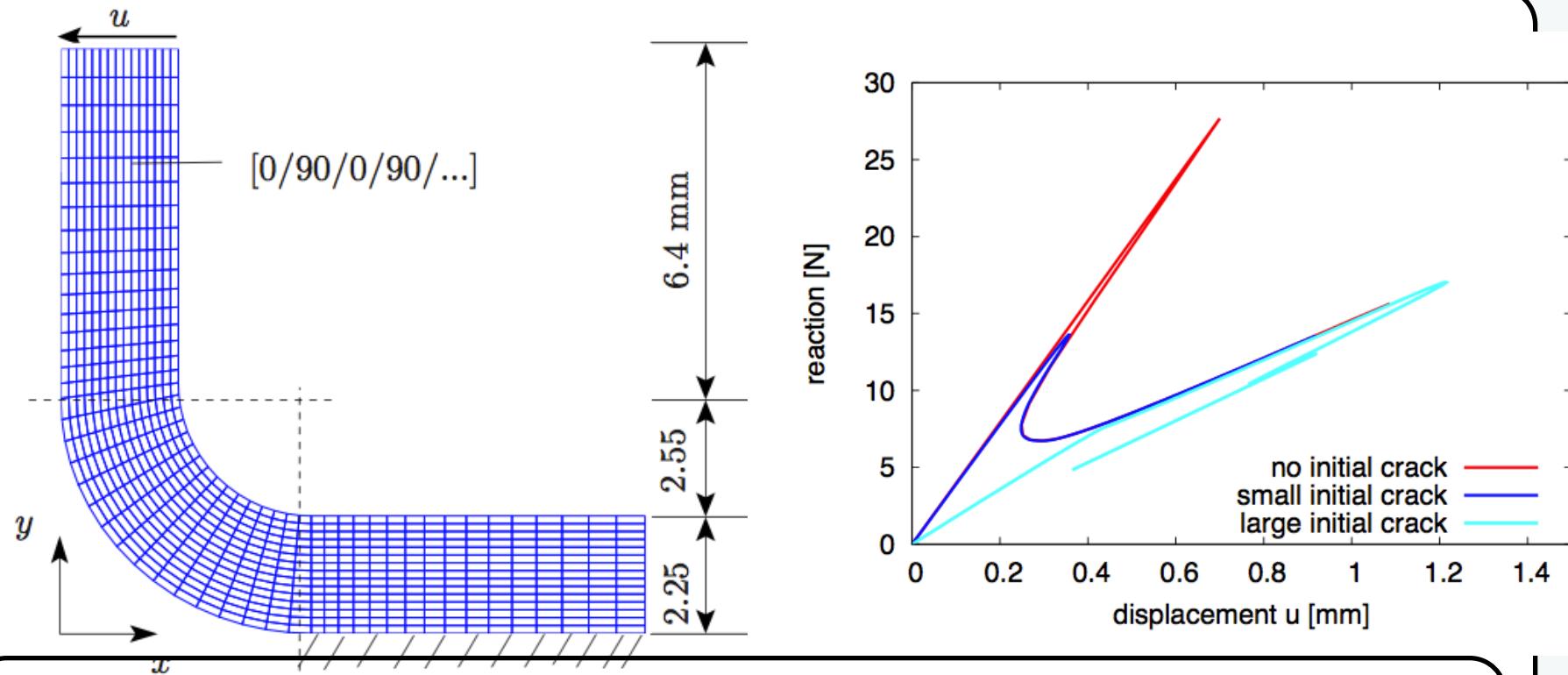


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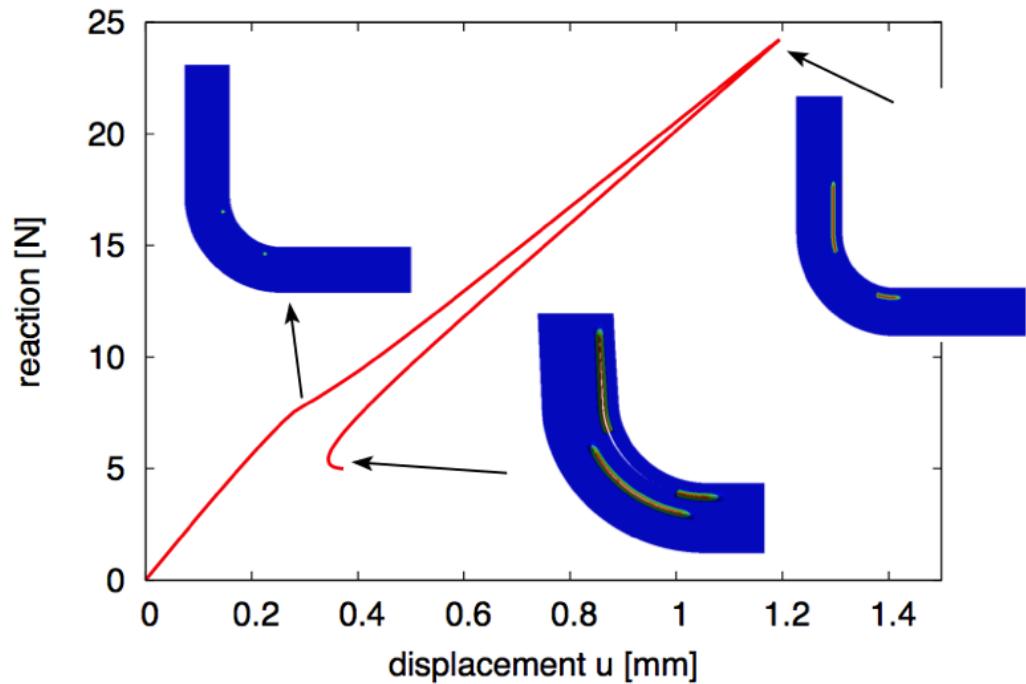


- exact geometry by NURBS
- It is straightforward to vary
  - (1) number of plies and
  - (2) # of interface elements:
- Suitable for parameter studies/design
- Cohesive law: bilinear law of Turon et al. 2006

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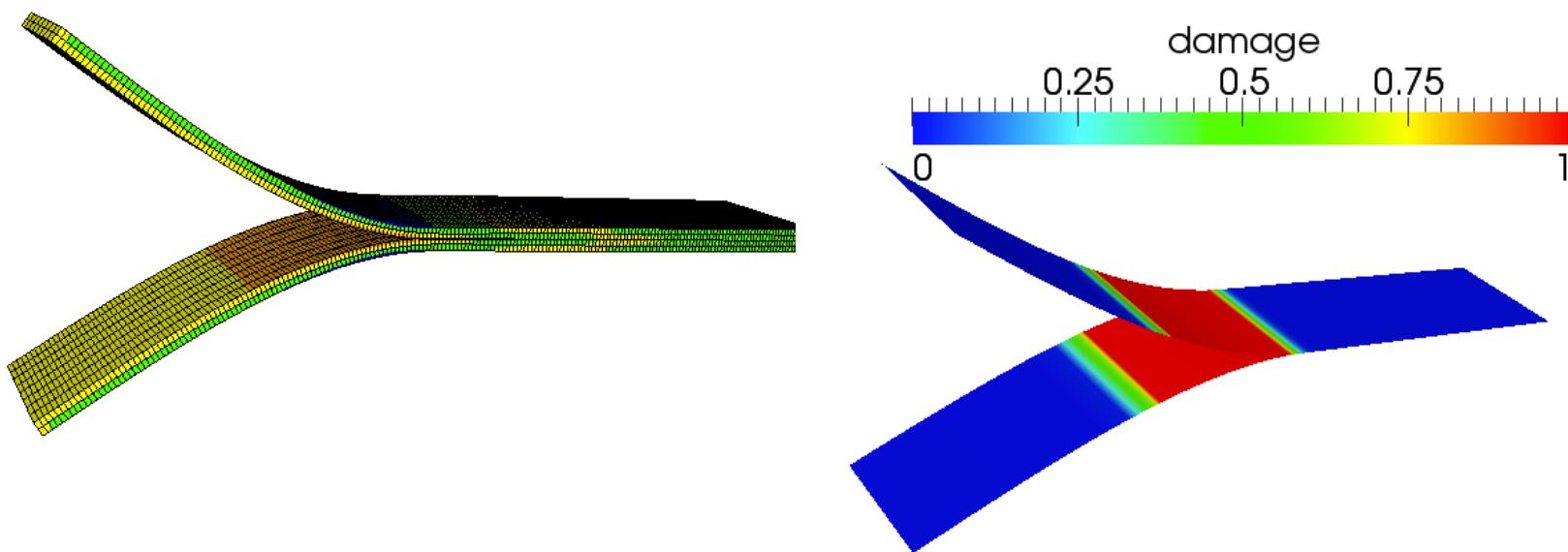


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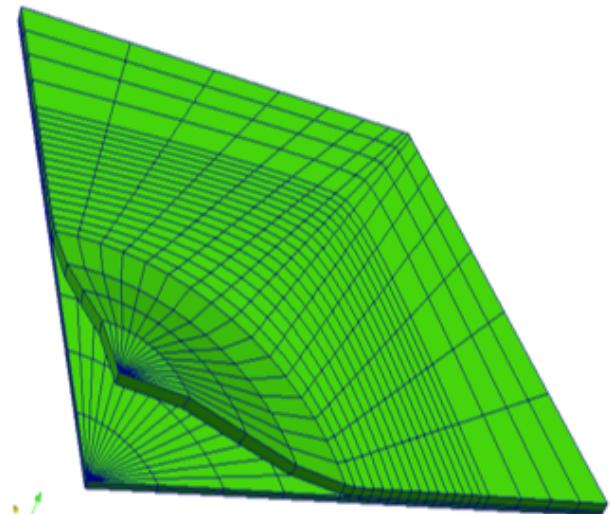
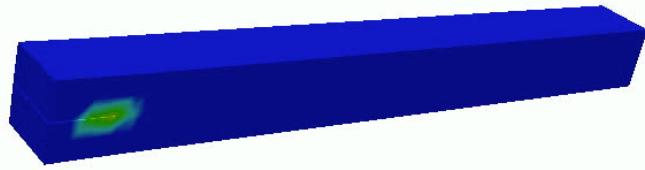
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# Isogeometric cohesive elements: 3D example with shells

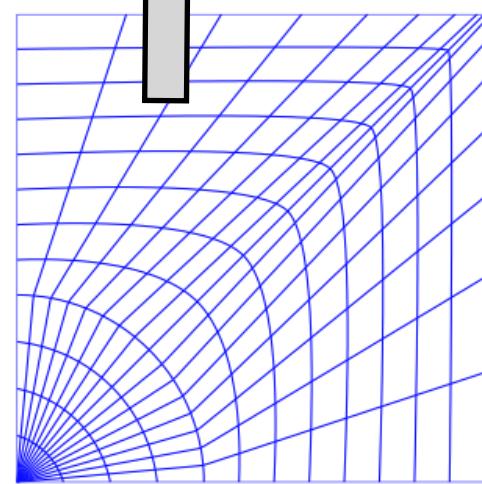
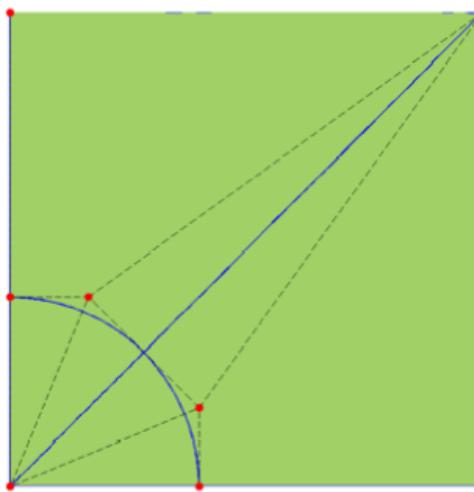


- Rotation free B-splines shell elements (Kiendl et al. CMAME)
- Two shells, one for each lamina
- Bivariate B-splines cohesive interface elements in between

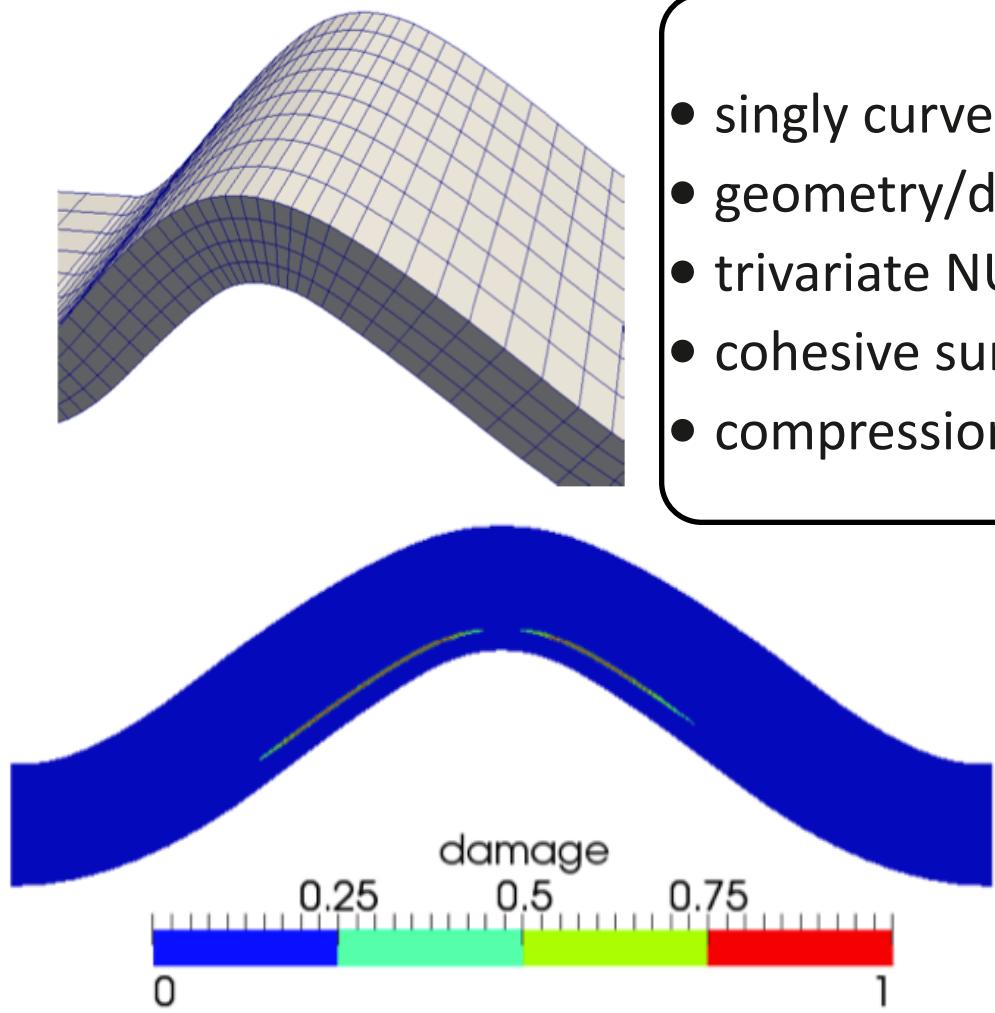
# Isogeometric cohesive elements: 3D examples



- cohesive elements for 3D meshes the same as 2D
- large deformations
- suitable: delamination buckling analysis

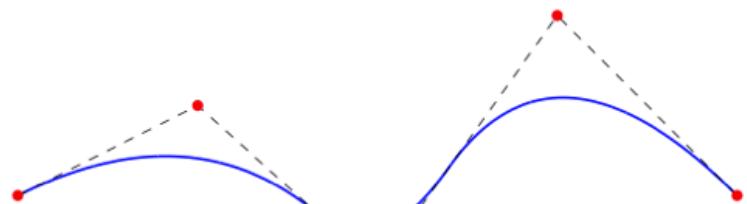


# Isogeometric cohesive elements

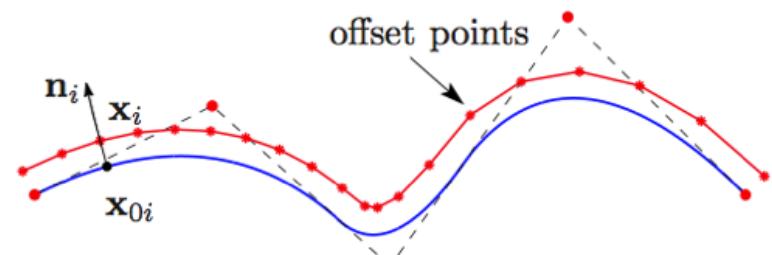


- singly curved thick-wall laminates
- geometry/displacements: NURBS
- trivariate NURBS from NURBS surface
- cohesive surface interface elements
- compression test

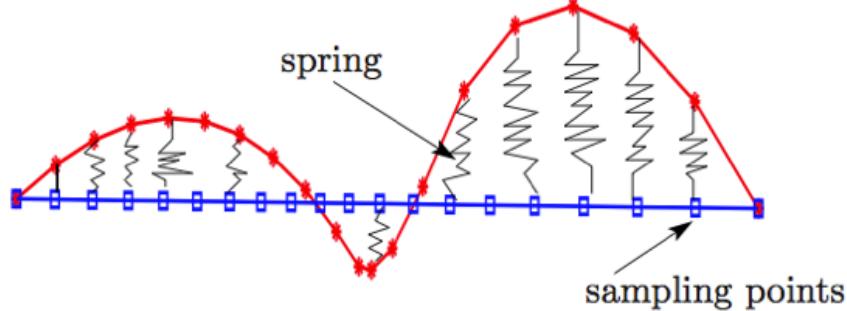
# Curve offsetting



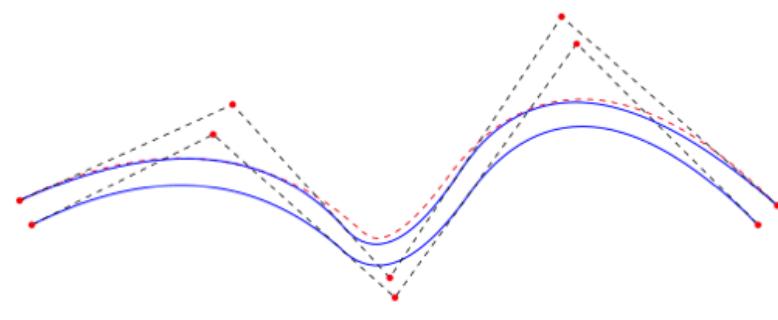
(a)



(b)  $\alpha$



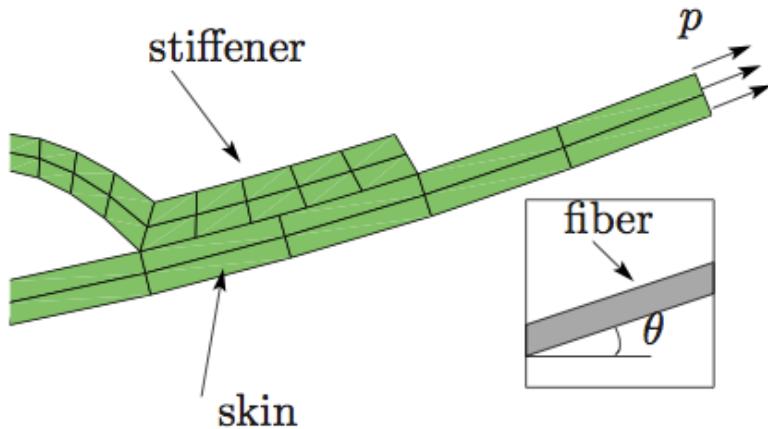
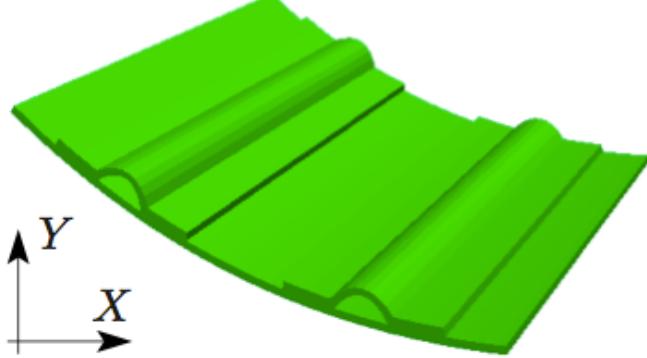
(c)



(d)

(\*)V. P. Nguyen, P. Kerfriden, S.P.A. Bordas, and T. Rabczuk. An integrated design-analysis framework for three dimensional composite panels. Computer Aided Design, 2013. submitted.

# Curve offsetting



$$E(\mathbf{B}) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_i^m k_s u_i(\mathbf{B})^2 \rightarrow \min$$

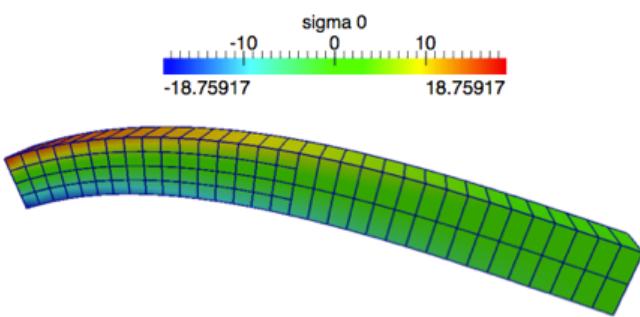
$$\mathbf{B}^{(1)} = \mathbf{B}^{(0)} - \gamma^{(0)} \nabla E^{(0)}$$

$$\gamma^{(0)} = \arg \min_{\gamma^{(0)}} E(\mathbf{B}^{(0)} - \gamma^{(0)} \nabla E^{(0)})$$

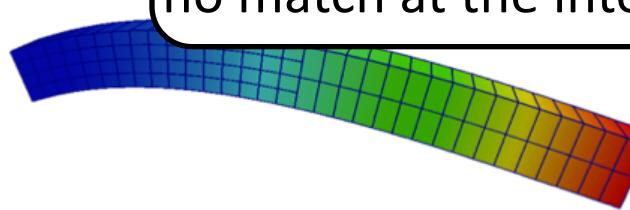
gradient decent method  
with line search

# Multi patch NURBS

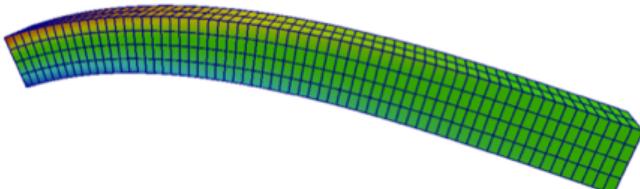
- Tensor-product: 4-sided shape
- Complex geom: multi-patch
- Each patch: its own parametrisation
- Joining patches: not trivial if there is no match at the interface



(a) Nitsche, stress



(b) Nitsche, displacement



Nitsche's method



## Concluding remarks

For composite laminates modeling, NURBS IGA offers

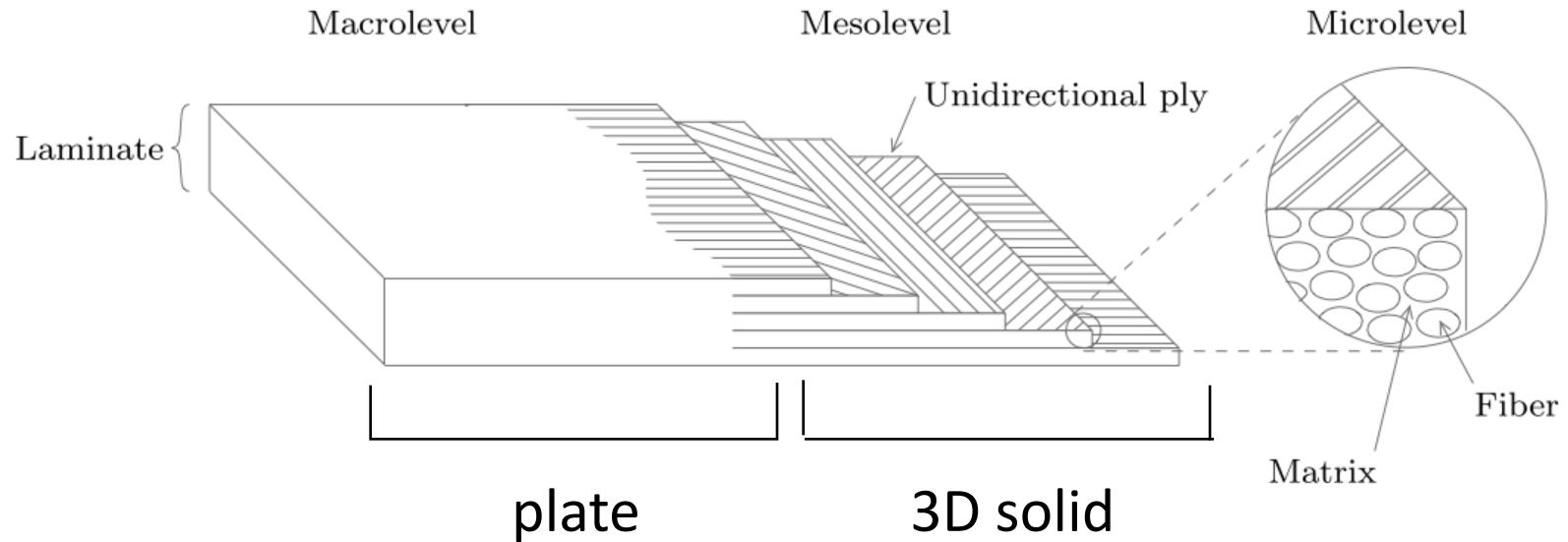
- fast pre-processing: automatic generation of interface el.
- link to CAD data: ideal for design-analysis cycles
- high order NURBS elements: highly accurate derivative fields
- less expensive than low order Lagrange elements
- geometry: exactly represented

- Tensor-product: no local refinement



- T-splines: complex algorithms
- Hierarchical B-splines
- Discontinuous Galerkin methods (NURBS)

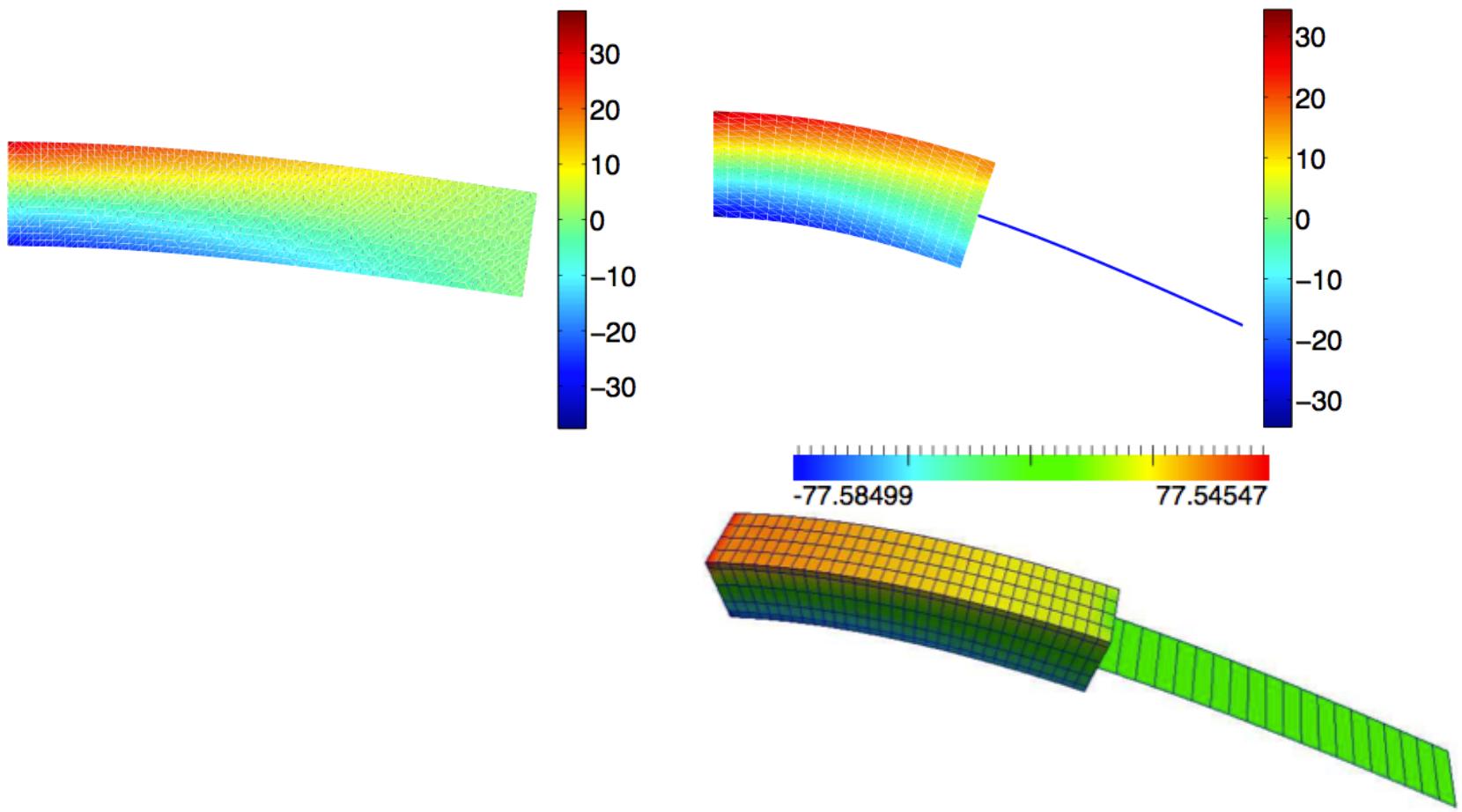
# On-going and future work



- Multi model coupling: plate (macrolayer) and refined 3D continuum models (mesolevel)
- Macrolayer: through-thickness homogenisation can be used
- Conforming coupling: coupling via an interface
- Non-conforming coupling: 3D model placed anywhere on a

# Multi model coupling with Nitsche's method

$$\int_{\Omega} \delta \epsilon^T \boldsymbol{\sigma} d\Omega - \int_{\Gamma_*} [\![\delta \mathbf{u}]\!]^T \mathbf{n} \{ \boldsymbol{\sigma} \} d\Gamma - \int_{\Gamma_*} \{ \delta \boldsymbol{\sigma} \}^T \mathbf{n}^T [\![\mathbf{u}]\!] d\Gamma + \int_{\Gamma_*} \alpha [\![\delta \mathbf{u}]\!]^T [\![\mathbf{u}]\!] d\Gamma = \\ \int_{\Gamma_t} \delta \mathbf{u}^T \bar{\mathbf{t}} d\Gamma$$



Thank You!

