



## **Multi-Scale Analysis of Aircraft Structural Longevity**

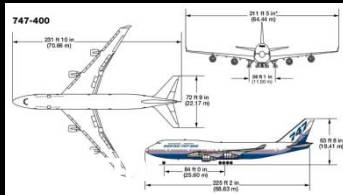
(Research Conducted in the early 1990s)

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# Life Cycle of an Aircraft



**Market Requirements**



**Design**  
Prototype  
Certification

**Production**



FEM, BEM  
Meshless  
MDO, IPPD,  
Inverse  
Problem



AGILE

Structural  
Integrity  
Durability

Scheduling,  
Air Traffic  
Control and  
Navigation

**Operation**

Damage  
Tolerance &  
Life  
Enhancement

**Maintenance**

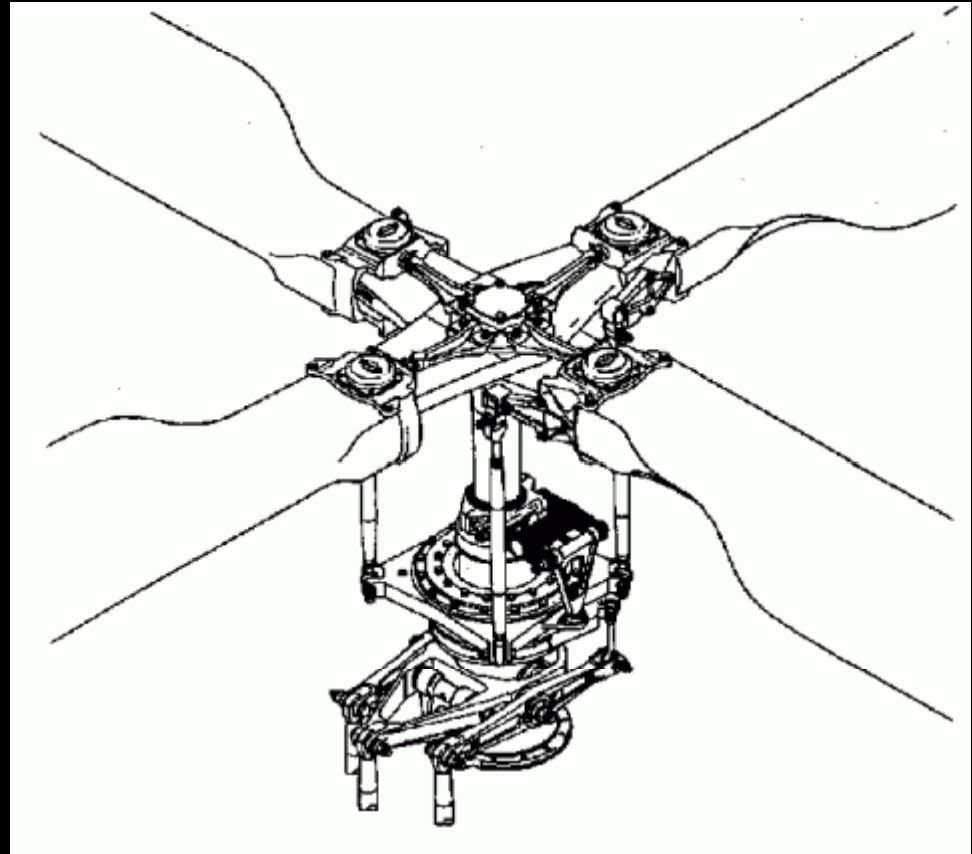


**Overhauls**

**Retirement**



# Structural Integrity of Rotorcraft Components (DTA?)



# Aircraft Fatigue Failure: Loss of Integrity



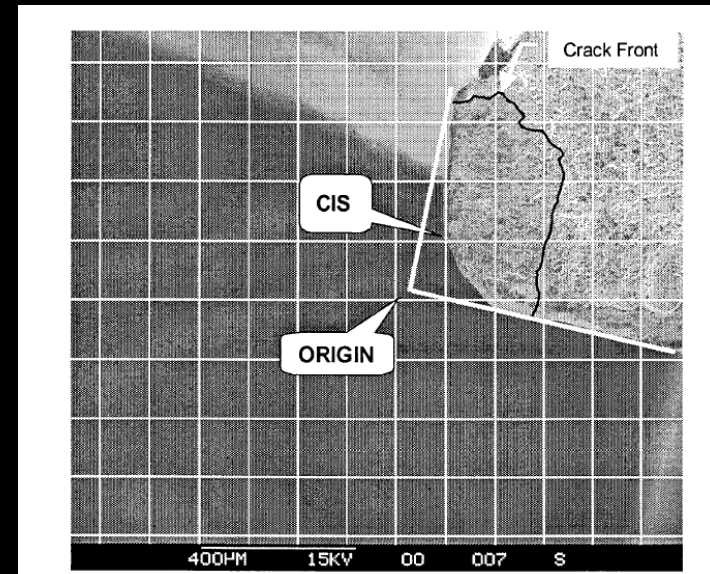
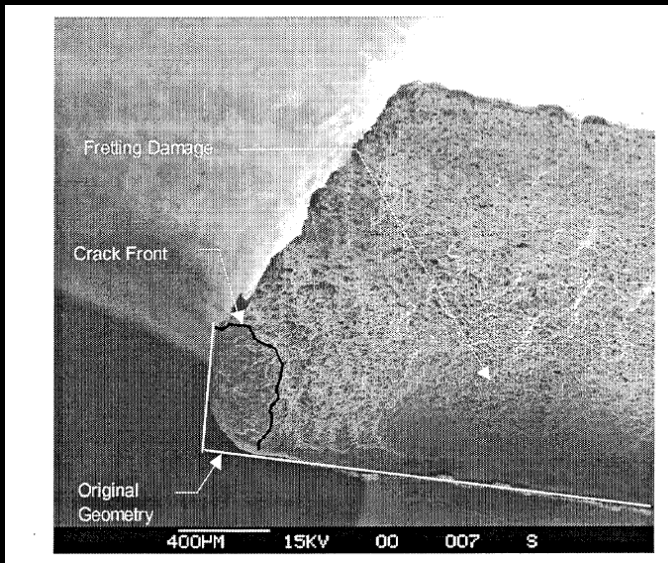
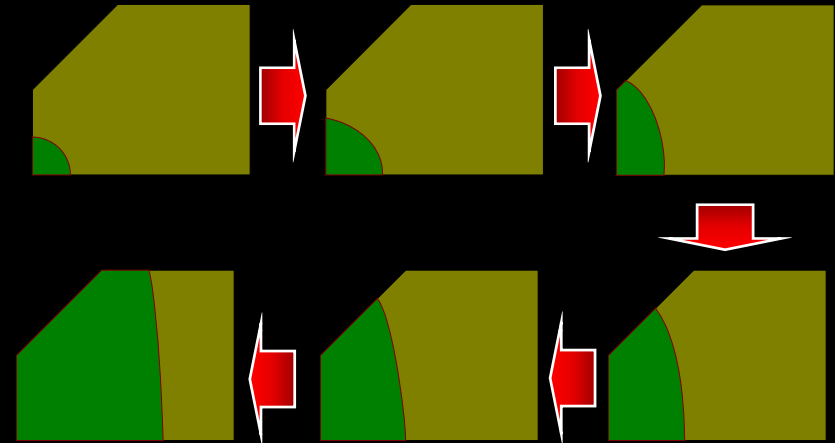
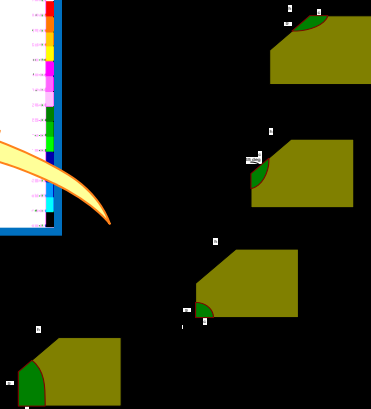
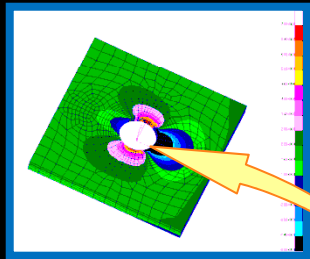
4-28-1988 After 89,090 flight cycles on a 737-200, metal fatigue lets the top go in flight



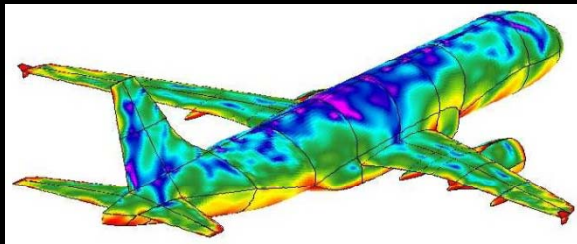
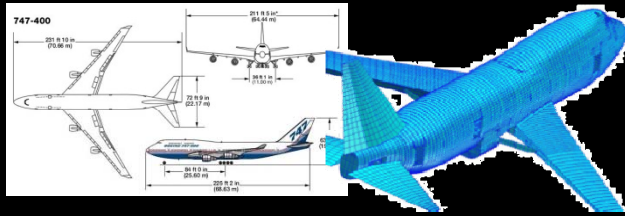
an explosive decompression in flight, but was able to land safely.

# Micro Crack Level: $10^{-5}$ m

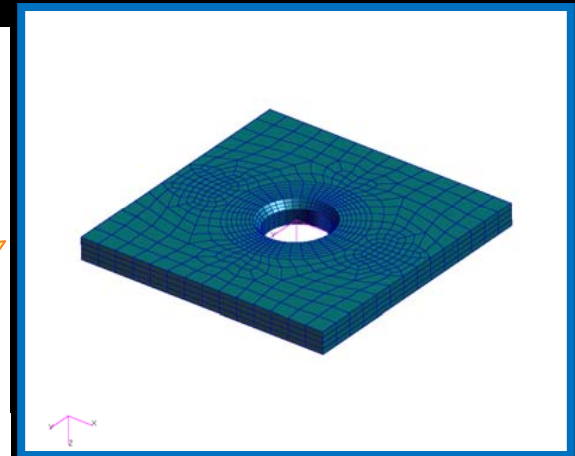
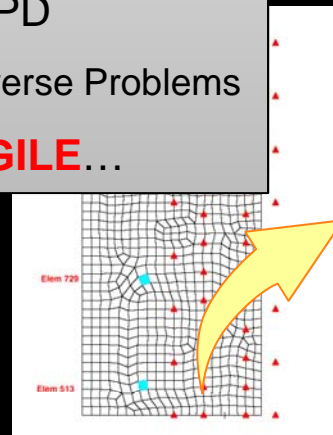
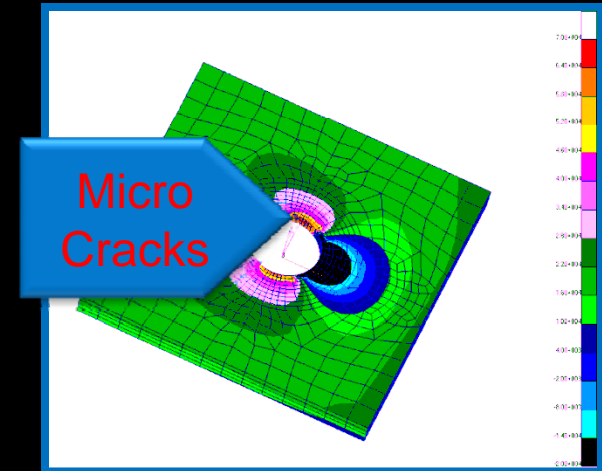
## DTALE: MLPG-SGBNM Alternating



# Mega- to Micro-Level Multiple-Scale Analyses



- Finite volume
- Finite Element
- Panel Methods
- Meshless Methods
- BEM
- MDO
- IPPD
- Inverse Problems
- AGILE...**



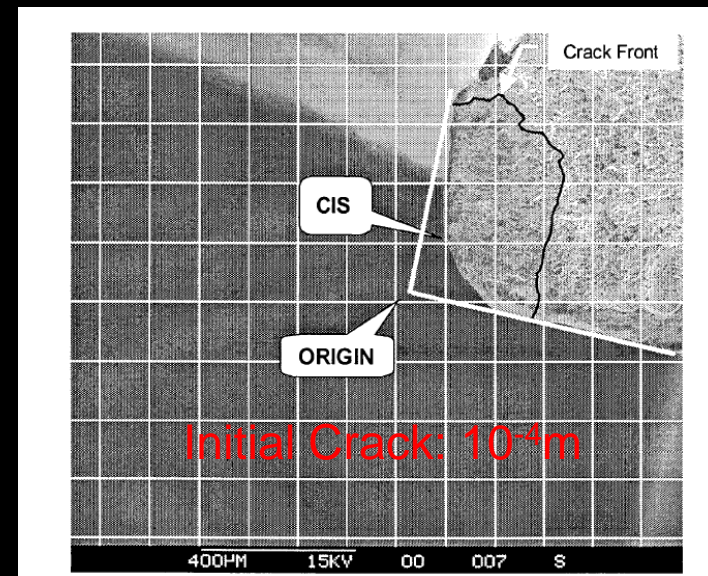
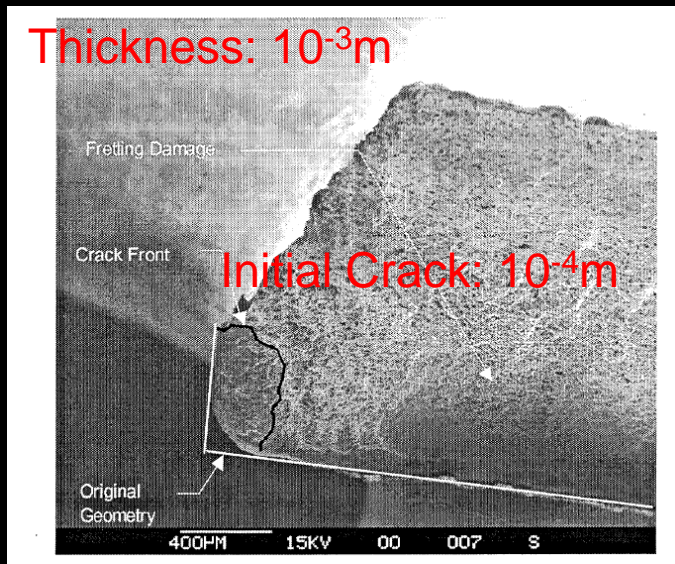
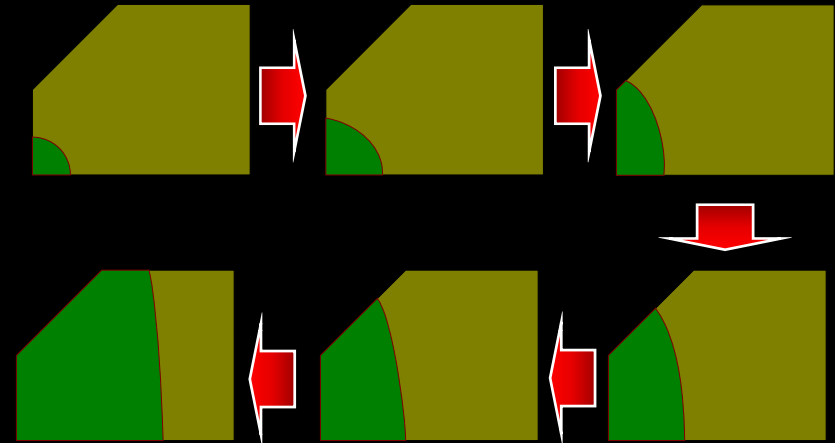
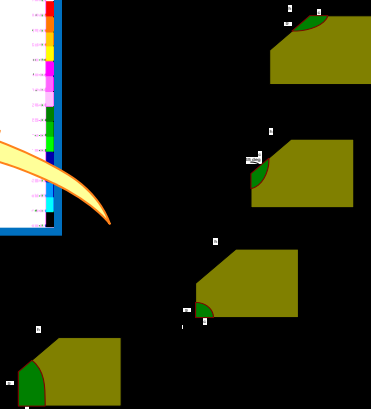
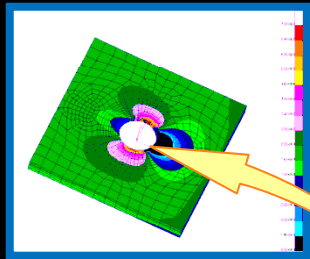
System Level:  
 $10^2$ m

Component Level:  
 $1 \sim 10^{-2}$  m

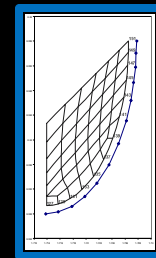
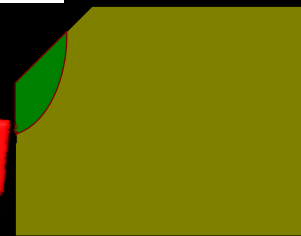
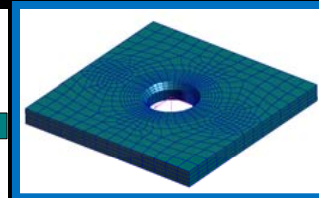
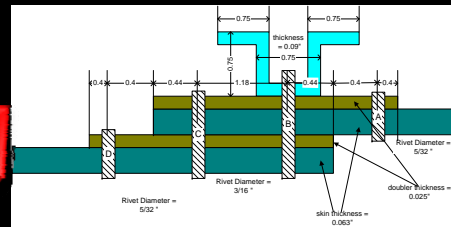
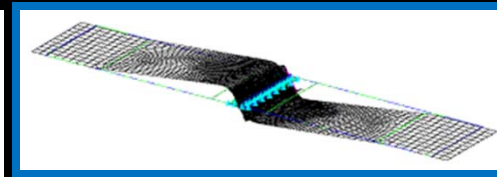
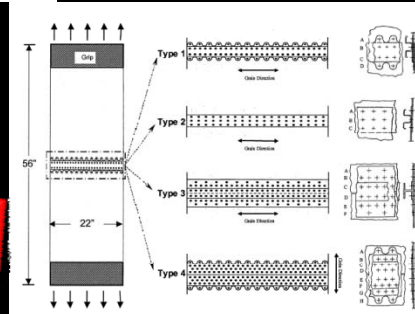
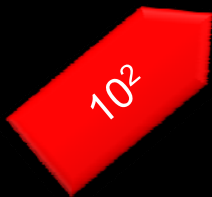
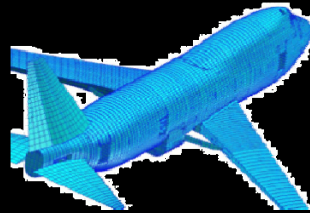
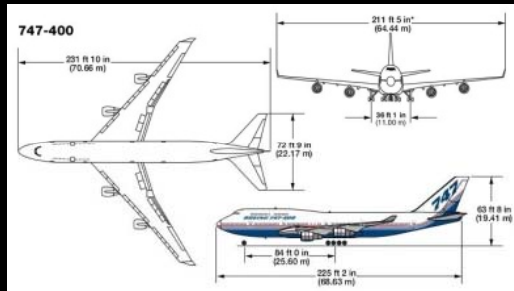
Micro Crack Level:  
 $10^{-4} \sim 10^{-6}$  m

# Initial Detected Crack Level: $10^{-4}$ m

## AGILE Alternating Techniques



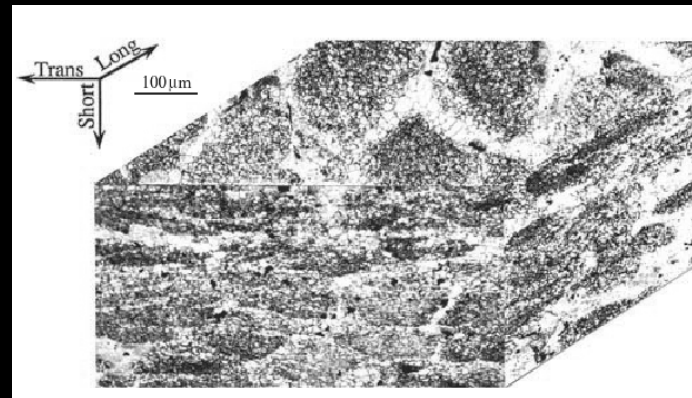
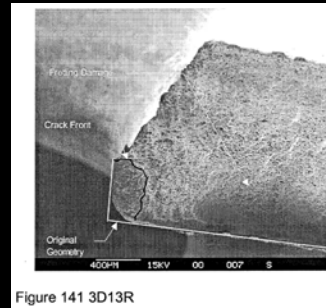
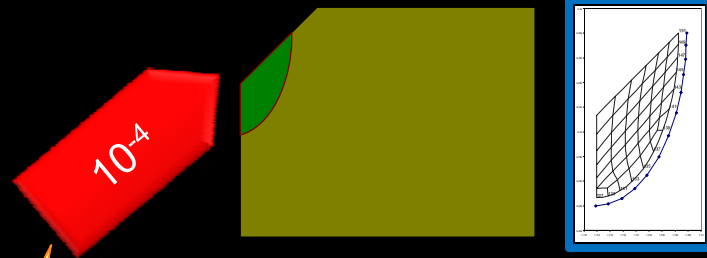
# Multi-Scale Damage Tolerance for Initially Detectable Cracks



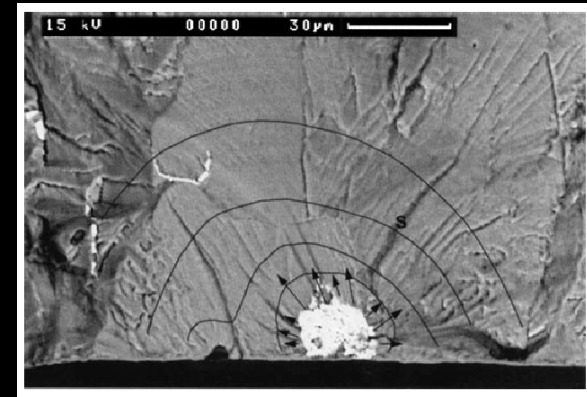


# Micro-Crack Initiation?

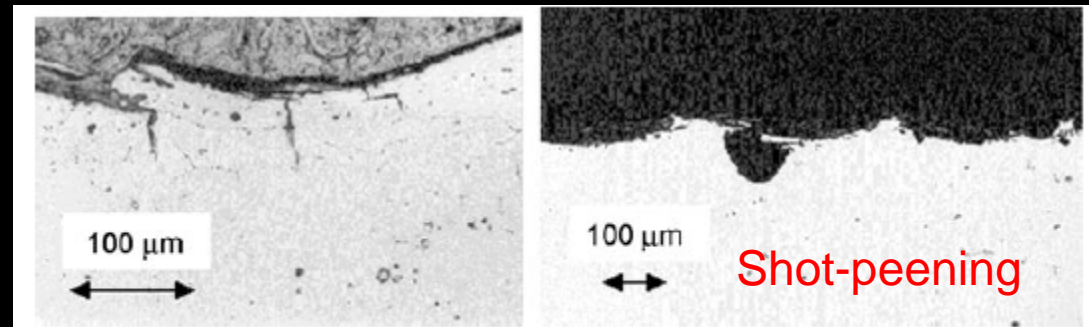
## Simply using continuum-stress mechanics



Micro-Structure

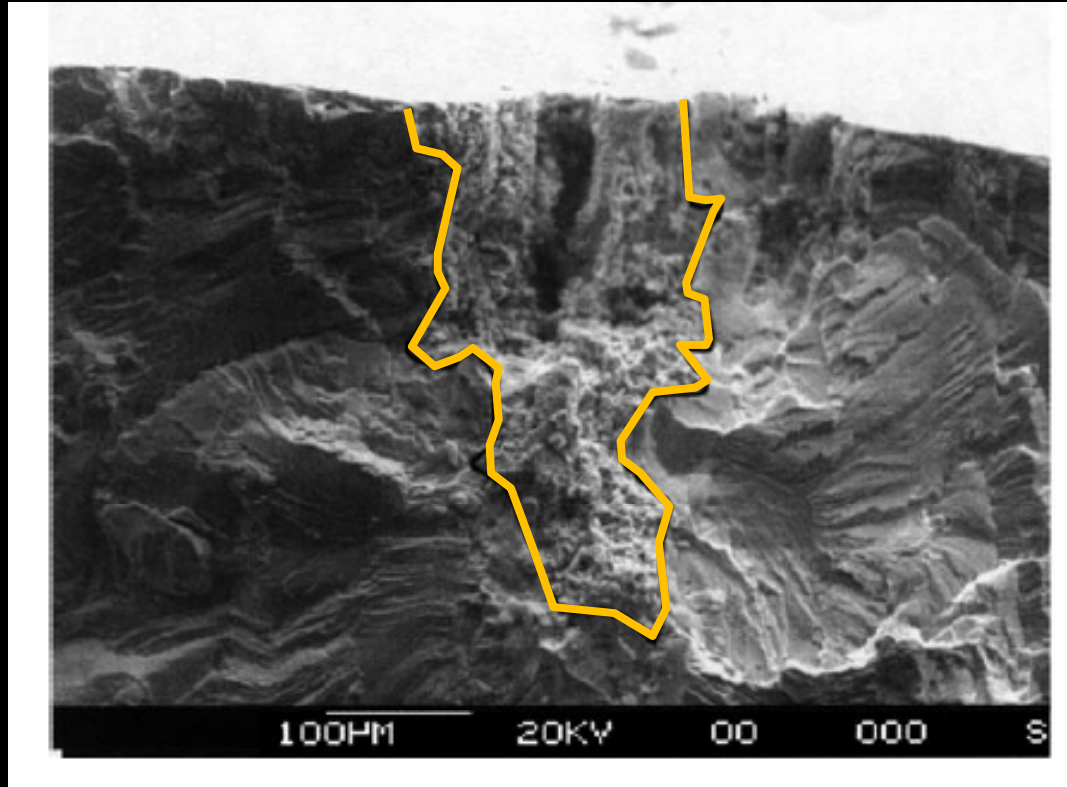
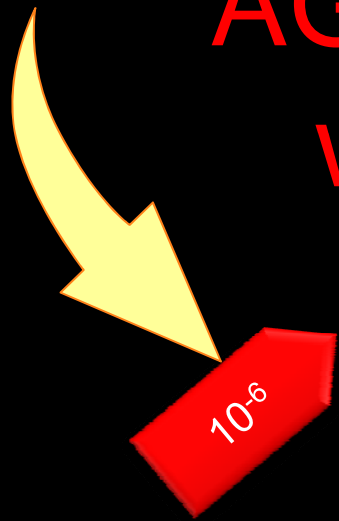


Inclusion



Shot-peening

# AGILE: Model at $10^{-6}$ Level with Continuum Details



**AGILE:** Boundary surface mesh only, without refining FEM mesh. Higher order boundary-elements fit curved surfaces much better!

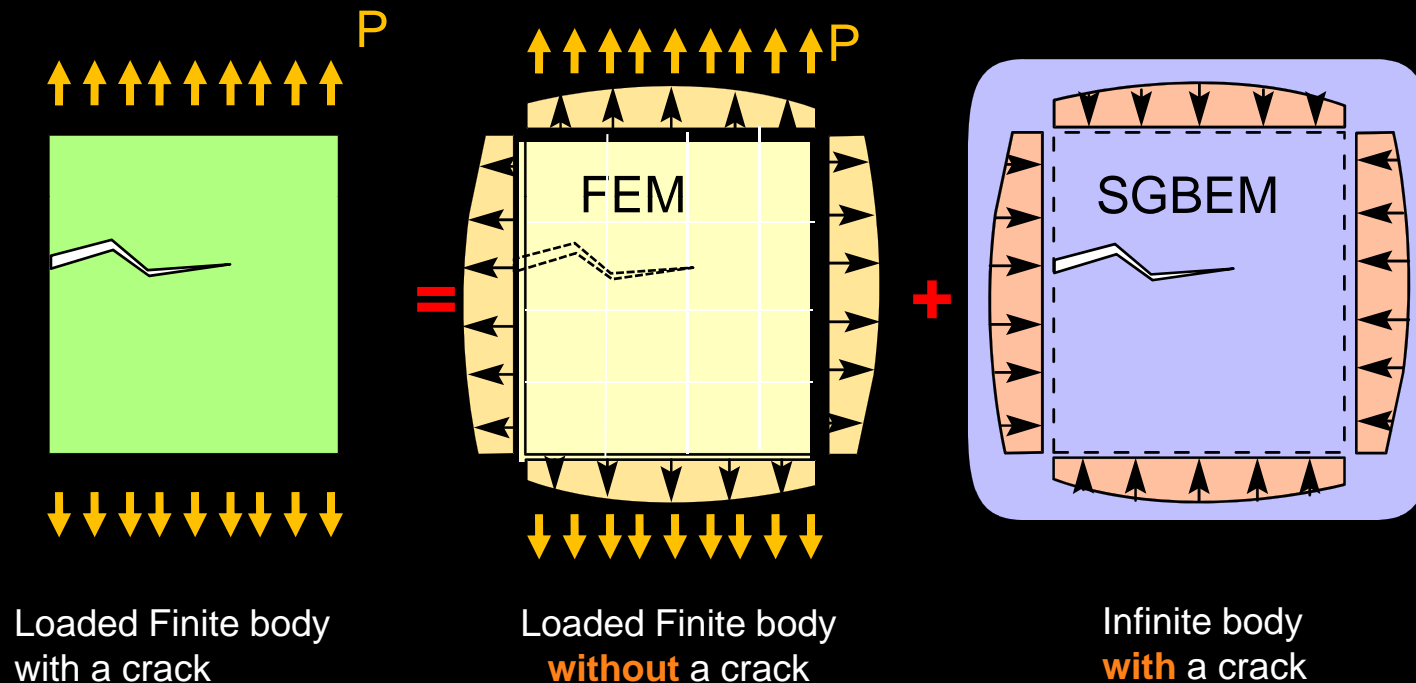
# AGILE

- Continuum Damage Mechanics
- Anisotropic Damage Mechanics
- Grain Boundary Fracture Mechanics
- Gradient Theories of Material Behavior
- ? Far in the Future
- Ab Initio.....Dislocation Dynamics
- MD
- Statistical Mechanics
- DFT.....

# AGILE (LOCAL): SGBEM-FEM Alternating

(Symmetric Galerkin Boundary Element – FEM Alternating Method)

(Overall Accuracies of  $K_I, K_{II}, K_{III}, J_k$  are the best of any available method)



FEM Stiffness matrix inverted only ONCE, Faster!

# Why AGILE?

- Accuracy is the best:
  - State-of-the-art advanced theories & analytical developments are used, in conjunction with the most efficient computational algorithms.
  - Most advanced closed-form mathematics, and only minimal numerics

# Advanced Theories

- Solvers are developed, based on both FEM(for uncracked structure) and SGBEM(for a subdomain w/2-D or 3-D crack).
- SGBEM is developed, using the newly developed weakly-singular BIEs:
  - Support higher-order elements for curved surfaces
  - higher performance and accuracy
  - Preserve the symmetry of the matrices
- FEM & SGBEM are coupled through the Schwartz alternating method:
  - FE mesh, and the SG-BEM crack-model are totally uncoupled
  - Ease of mesh creation
  - Very Fast algorithm for automated crack growth, FE model is factorized and solved only once.

# AGILE: Faster and more accurate than traditional BIE

- Weakly-singular integrals are numerically tractable, with Gaussian quadrature algorithms using lower order integrations
- Higher-order elements with curved sides can be used, because of its requirement of only  $C_0$  continuity, which is especially useful for modeling 3D non-planar cracks with less elements.

# AGILE: More applicable than pure BIE

- Built-in FE solver handles more complicated geometries, including structural elements, such as beams, plates, shells, and MPCs.
- More efficient for problems with high volume/surface ratios, for example, thin-walled structures, manifold domains, and bi-material parts.
- 2-D, 2-D/3-D transition, & 3-D modeling of structures w/ mixed-mode crack-growth



# SGBEM: Fundamental Solutions

## 3D Problems

$$u_i^{*p}(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\xi}) = \frac{1}{16\pi\mu(1-\nu)r} [(3-4\nu)\delta_{ip} + r_i r_{,p}]$$

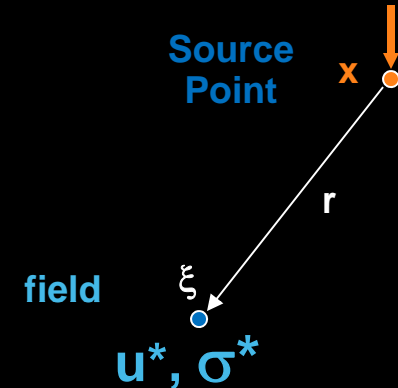
$$\sigma_{ij}^{*p}(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\xi}) = \frac{1}{8\pi(1-\nu)r^2} [(1-2\nu)(\delta_{ij}r_{,p} - \delta_{ip}r_{,j} - \delta_{jp}r_{,i}) - 3r_i r_{,j} r_{,p}]$$

## 2D Problems

$$u_i^{*p}(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\xi}) = \frac{1}{8\pi\mu(1-\nu)} [-(3-4\nu)\ln r \delta_{ip} + r_i r_{,p}]$$

$$\sigma_{ij}^{*p}(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\xi}) = \frac{1}{4\pi(1-\nu)r} [(1-2\nu)(\delta_{ij}r_{,p} - \delta_{ip}r_{,j} - \delta_{jp}r_{,i}) - 2r_i r_{,j} r_{,p}]$$

where  $\mathbf{r} = \boldsymbol{\xi} - \mathbf{x}$



# Displacement BIE

Using the fundamental solution  $\mathbf{u}^*$  as the test function, we obtain:

**DBIE:**

$$u_p(\mathbf{x}) = \int_{\partial\Omega} t_j(\xi) u_j^{*p}(\mathbf{x}, \xi) dS - \int_{\partial\Omega} u_m(\xi) t_m^{*p}(\mathbf{x}, \xi) dS$$

in which, **displacements  $\mathbf{u}$**  are determined from

- the boundary displacements and
- the boundary tractions

Singularity  $O(1/r^2)$

when differentiated directly, this leads to a Traction BIE, which is, unfortunately, **hyper-singular:  $O(1/r^3)$**

# New Non-hyper Singular $O(1/r^2)$ Traction BIE

Using the test function, the global weak form of solid mechanics becomes

$$\int_{\partial\Omega} n_i E_{ijmn} u_{m,n} \bar{u}_{j,k} dS - \int_{\partial\Omega} n_k E_{ijmn} u_{m,n} \bar{u}_{j,i} dS + \int_{\partial\Omega} n_n E_{ijmn} u_{m,k} \bar{u}_{j,i} dS - \int_{\Omega} u_{m,k} (E_{ijmn} \bar{u}_{j,i})_{,n} d\Omega = 0$$

Replacing the test function with **the gradients of fundamental solution**, we obtain:

**TBIE:**

$$-\sigma_{ab}(\mathbf{x}) = \int_{\partial\Omega} t_q(\xi) \sigma_{ab}^{*q}(\mathbf{x}, \xi) dS + \int_{\partial\Omega} D_p u_q(\xi) \Sigma_{abpq}^*(\mathbf{x}, \xi) dS$$

in which, **stresses** are determined from

- the boundary displacements and
- the boundary tractions

Singularity  $O(1/r^2)$

# De-singularization of Symmetric Galerkin Form

Applying Stoke's Theorem to Symmetric Galerkin form

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} \int_{\partial\Omega} \hat{t}_p(\mathbf{x}) u_p(\mathbf{x}) dS_x &= \int_{\partial\Omega} \hat{t}_p(\mathbf{x}) dS_x \int_{\partial\Omega} t_j(\xi) u_j^{*p}(\mathbf{x}, \xi) dS_\xi \\ &+ \int_{\partial\Omega} \hat{t}_p(\mathbf{x}) dS_x \int_{\partial\Omega} D_i(\xi) u_j(\xi) G_{ij}^{*p}(\mathbf{x}, \xi) dS_\xi \\ &+ \int_{\partial\Omega} \hat{t}_p(\mathbf{x}) dS_x \int_{\partial\Omega}^{CPV} n_i(\xi) u_j(\xi) \phi_{ij}^{*p}(\mathbf{x}, \xi) dS_\xi \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} -\frac{1}{2} \int_{\partial\Omega} t_b(\mathbf{x}) \hat{u}_b(\mathbf{x}) dS_x &= \int_{\partial\Omega} D_a \hat{u}_b(\mathbf{x}) dS_x \int_{\partial\Omega} t_q(\xi) G_{ab}^{*q}(\mathbf{x}, \xi) dS_\xi \\ &- \int_{\partial\Omega} t_q(\xi) dS_\xi \int_{\partial\Omega}^{CPV} n_a(\mathbf{x}) \hat{u}_b(\mathbf{x}) \phi_{ab}^{*q}(\mathbf{x}, \xi) dS_x \\ &+ \int_{\partial\Omega} D_a \hat{u}_b(\mathbf{x}) dS_x \int_{\partial\Omega} D_p u_q(\xi) H_{abpq}^*(\mathbf{x}, \xi) dS_\xi \end{aligned}$$

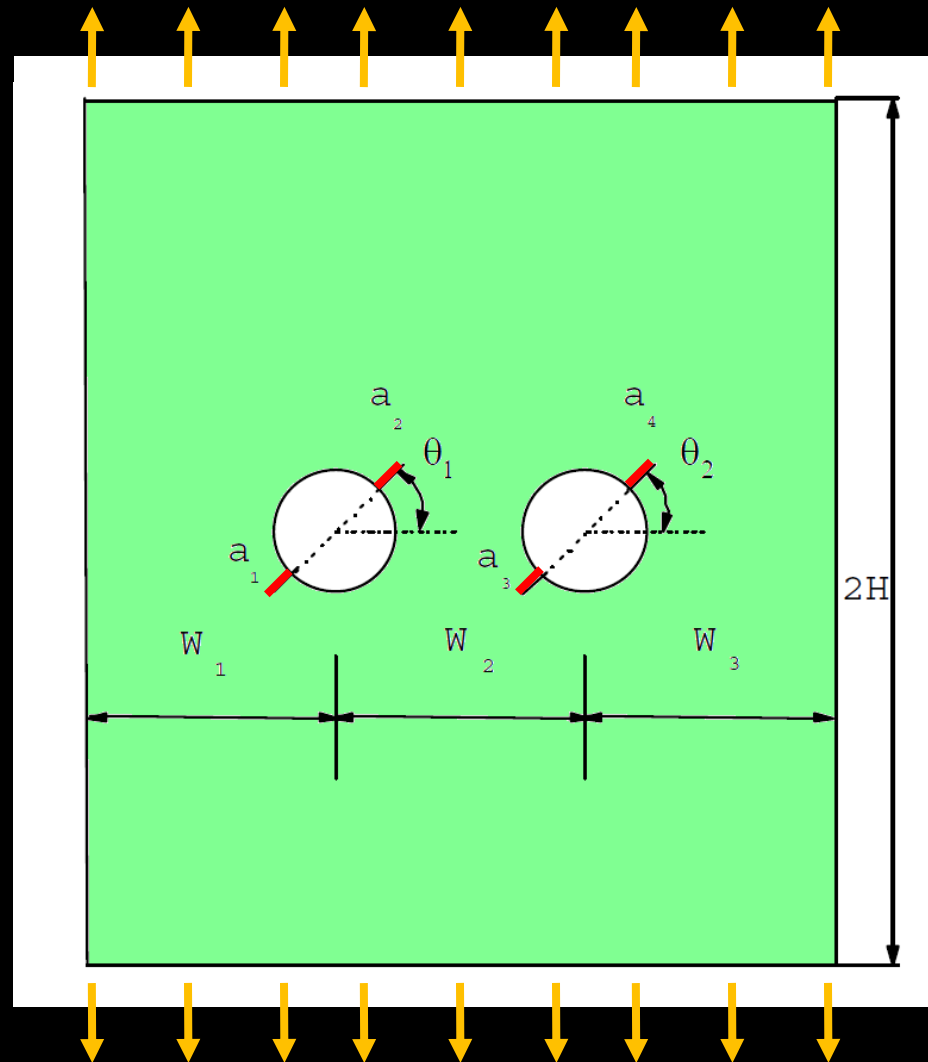
Singularity  $O(1/r)$

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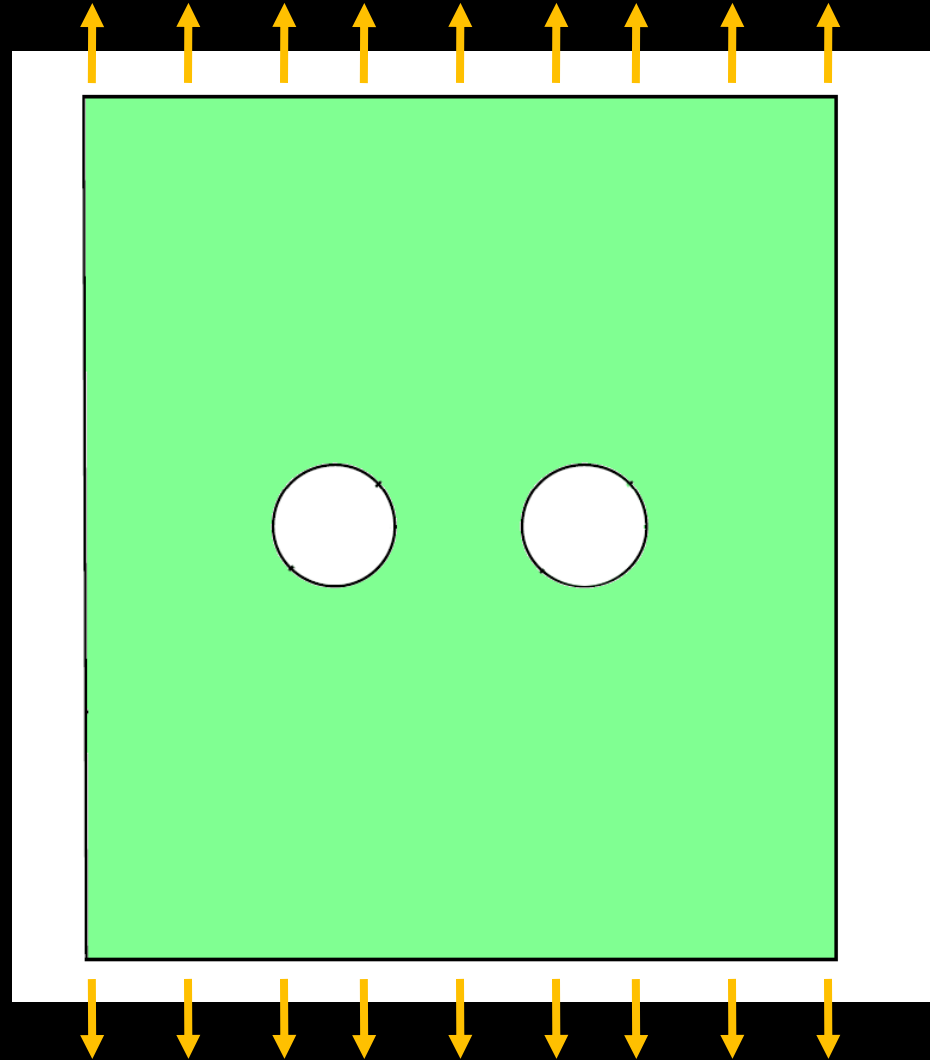
# Intrinsic Features of the SGBEM

- weak singularity of the kernel:  
 $O(1/r)$
- symmetric structure of the global “stiffness” matrix
- the possibility of using higher-order elements with curved sides

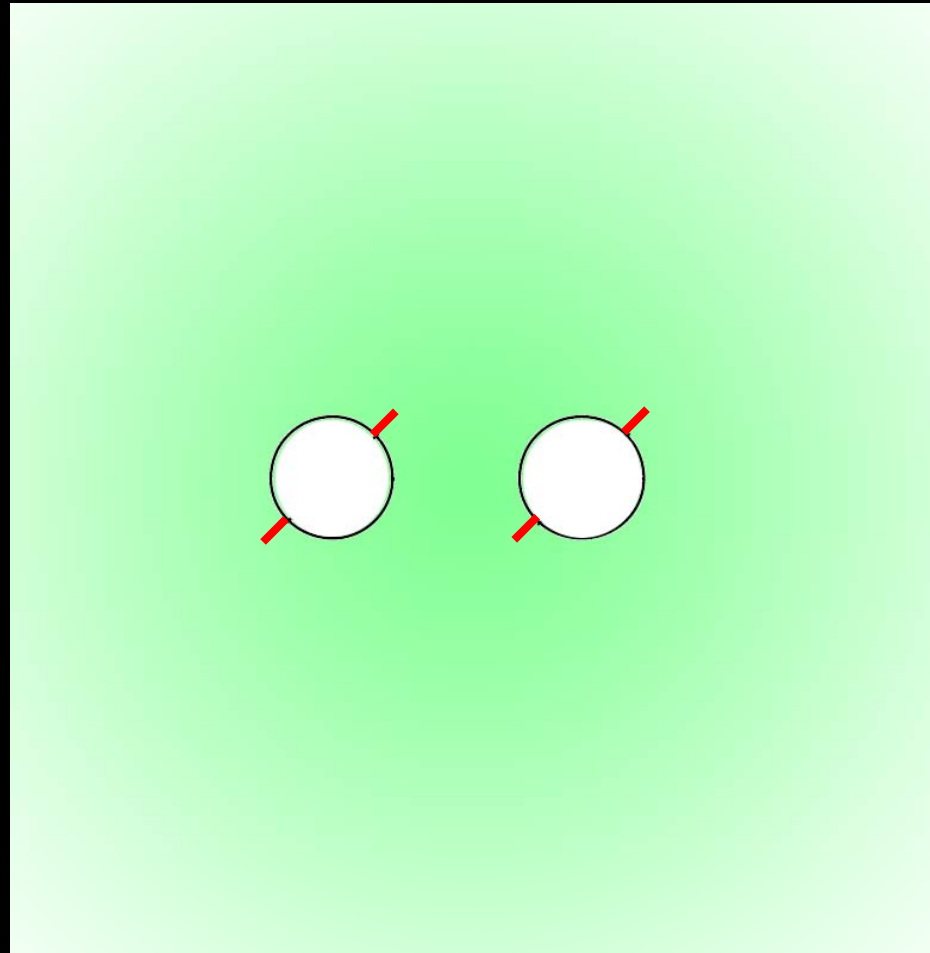
# AGILE-2D: Cracks Emanating from Fastener Holes in a Fuselage Lap-Joint



# FEM Model with Boundary and Load Conditions but NO Crack

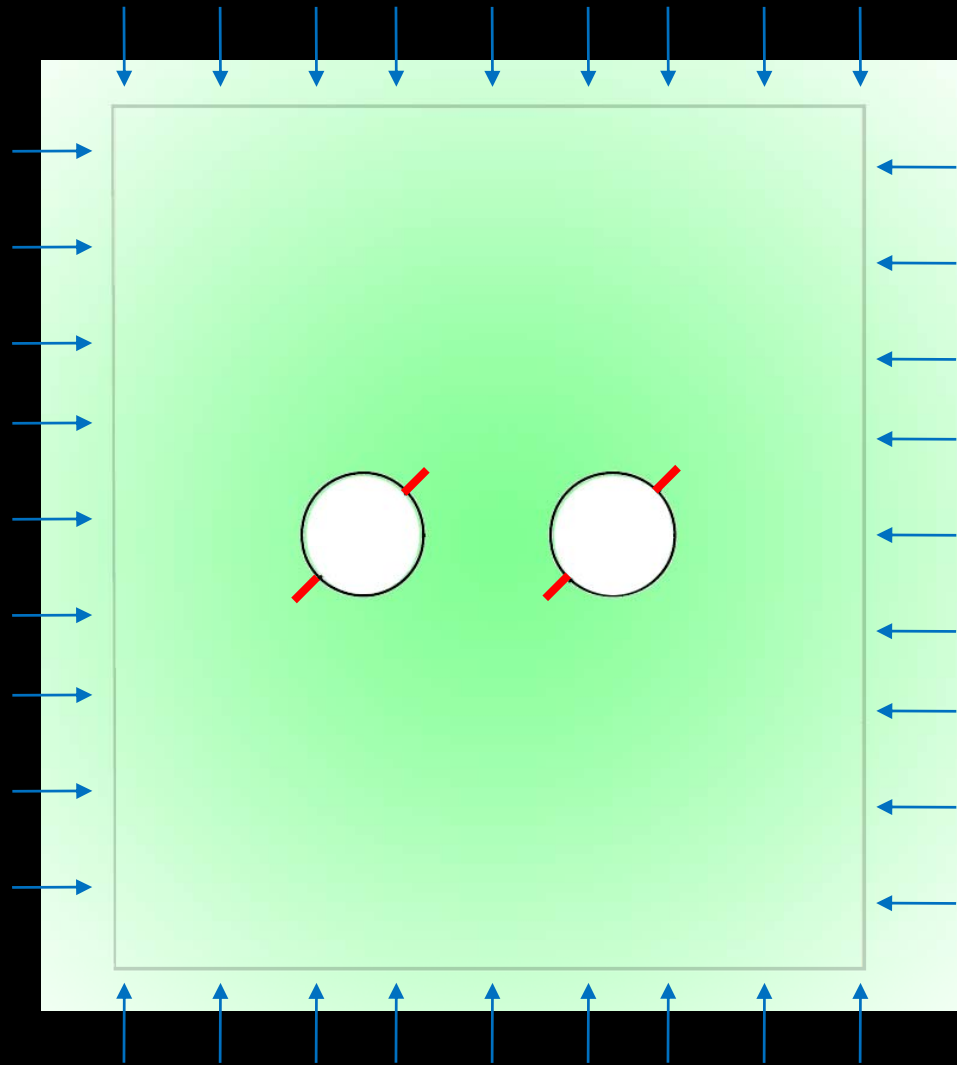


2-D Infinite body  
with loaded arbitrarily-shaped line cracks  
ONLY: Singular Integral equations

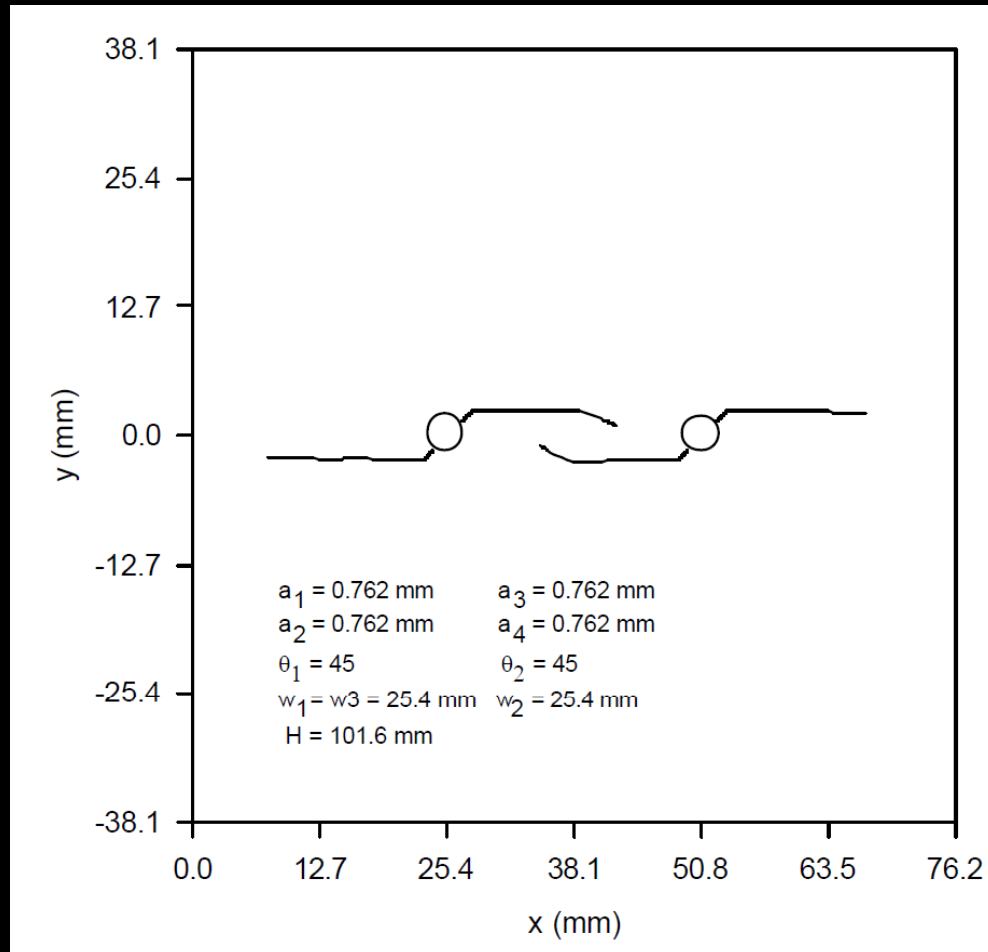




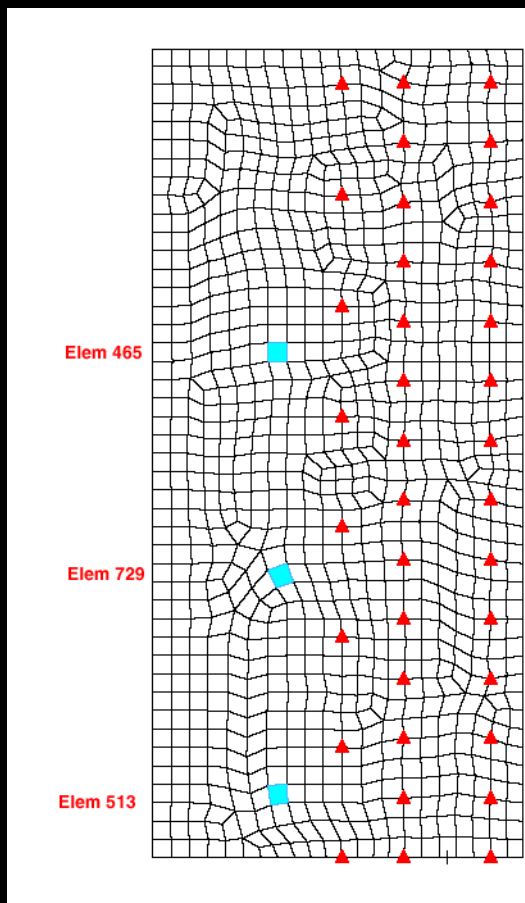
# Alternating Procedure: Apply the residual tractions back on to the FEM



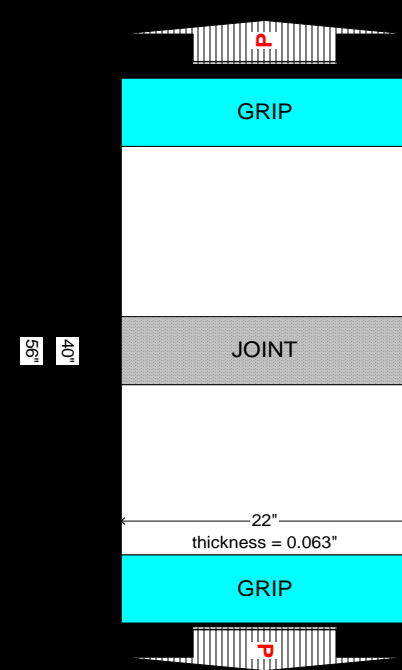
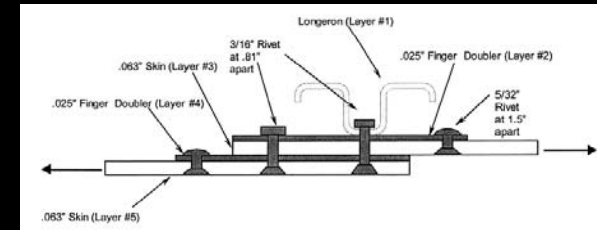
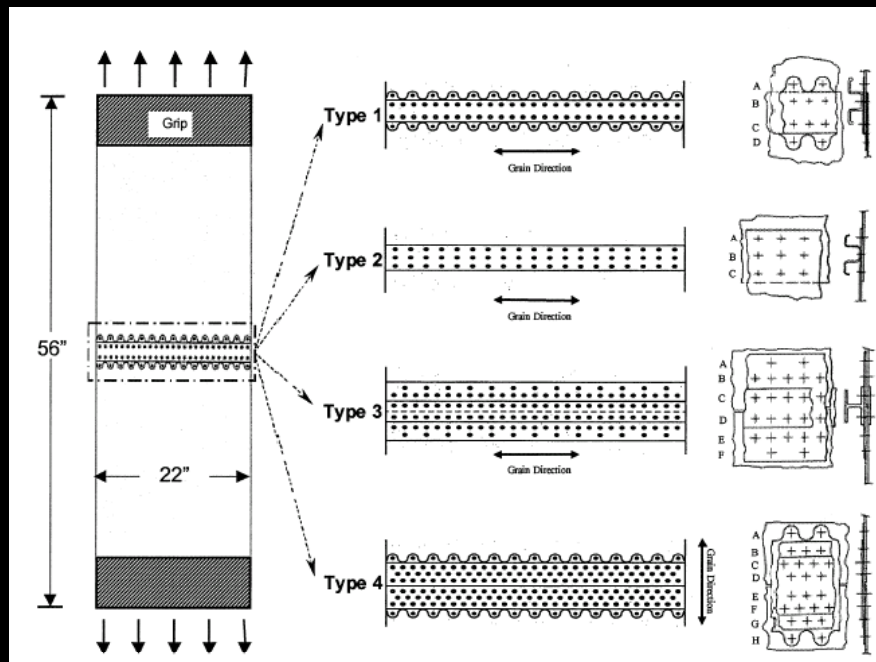
# AGILE-2D Mixed Mode Crack Growth



# AGILE-2D: Multiple Holes

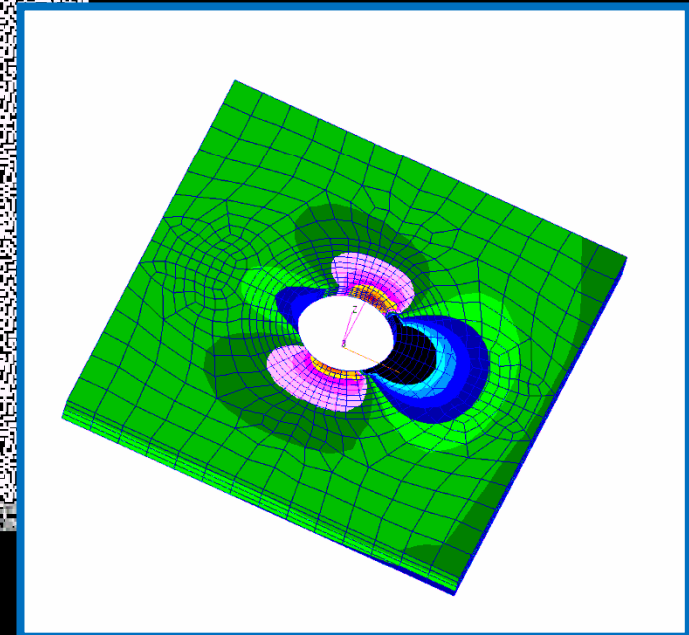
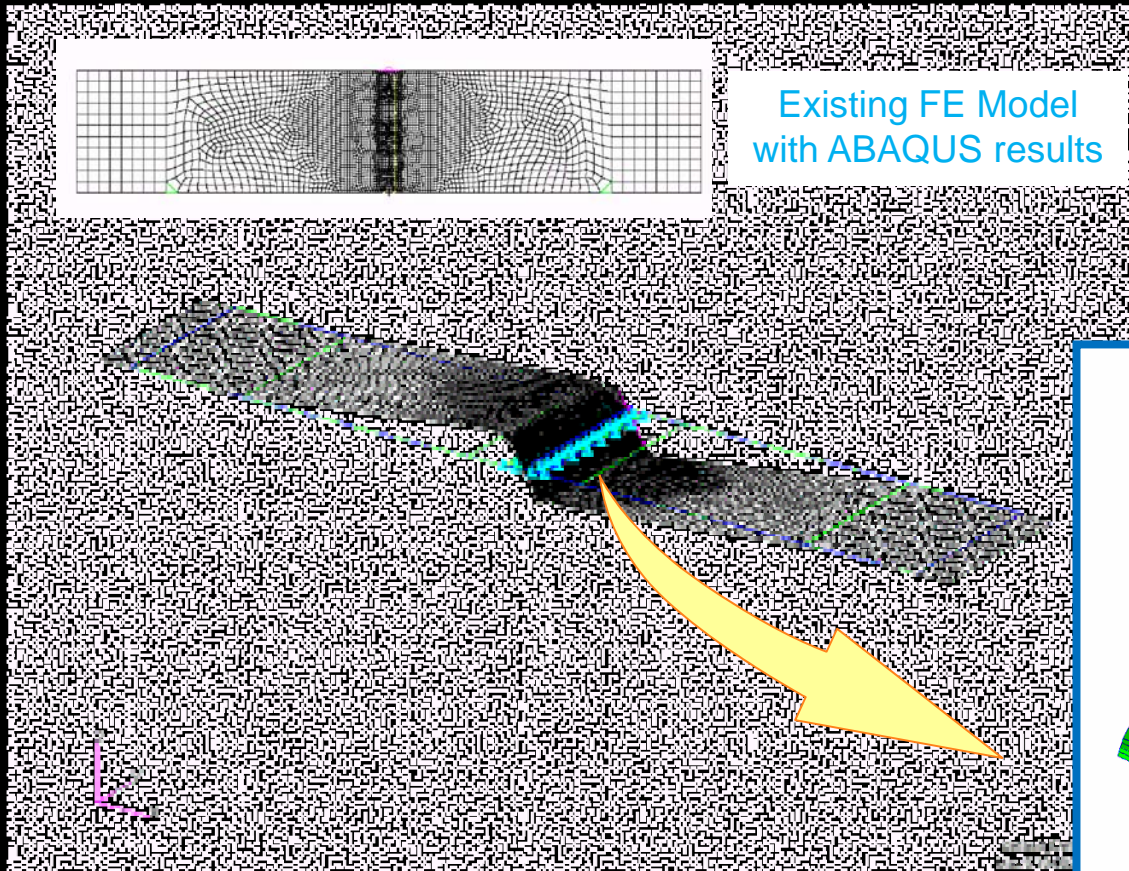


# 2D/3D Mixed Analyses with Parametric Crack Study

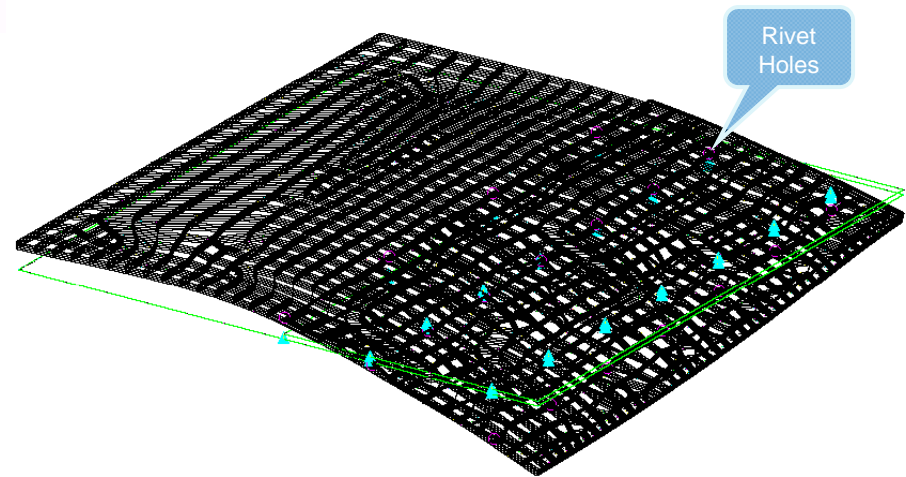
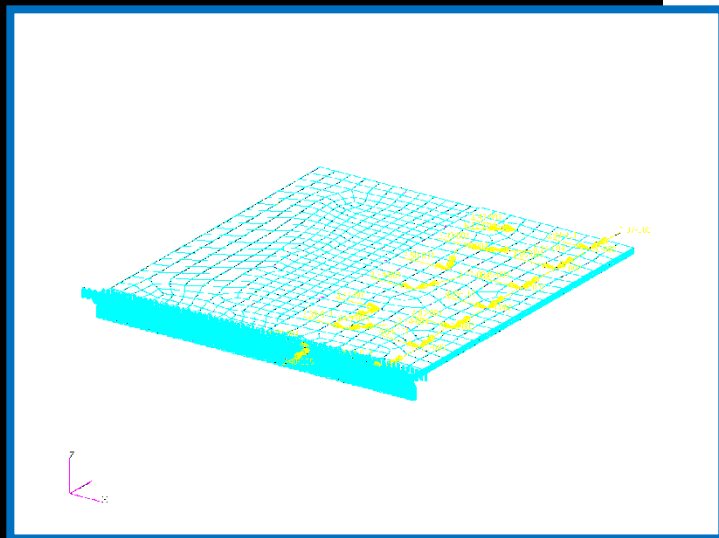
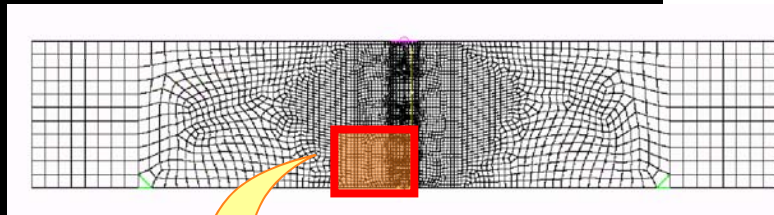


Skin Thickness = 0.063"

# AGILE: Mixed 2D/3D Crack Parametric Analysis



# Intermediate FE Model (Joint)

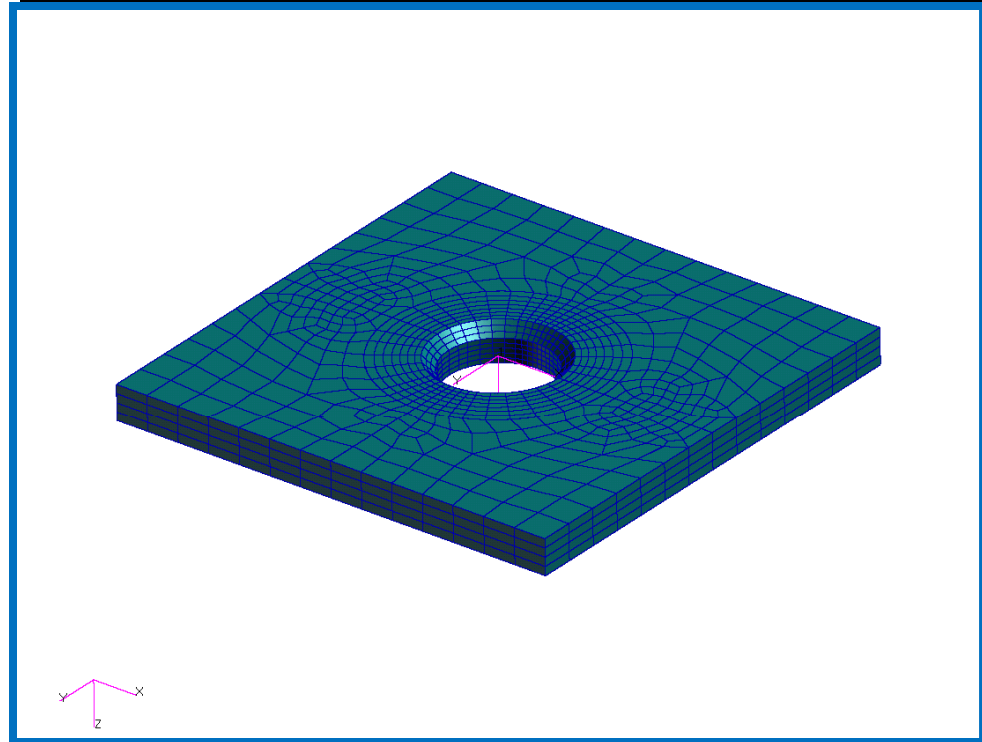
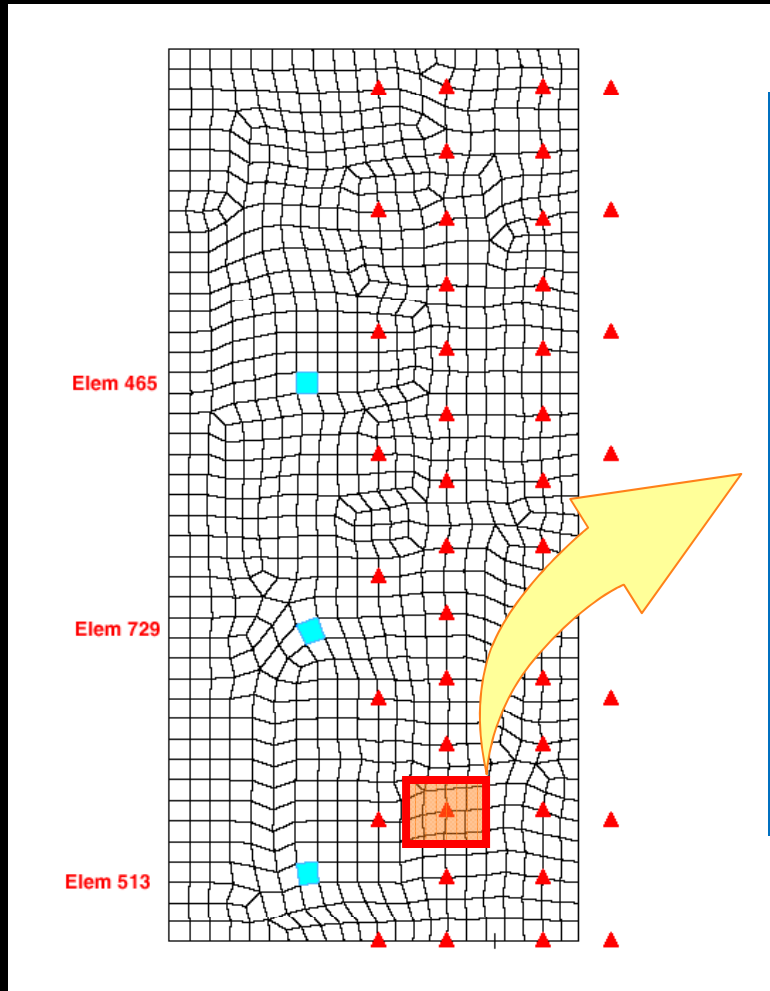


Local deformed skin

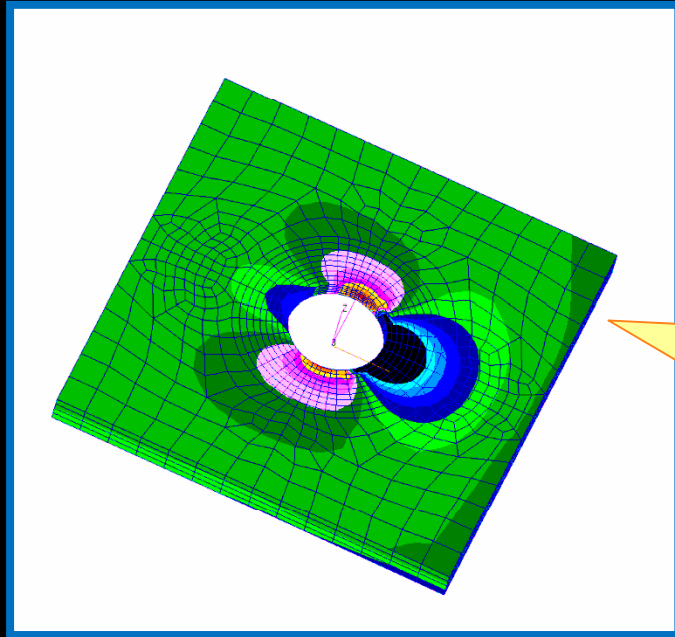
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3D FE model with LBCs transferred from  
the global shell analysis by using AGILE  
GUI

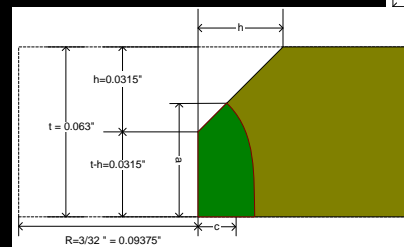
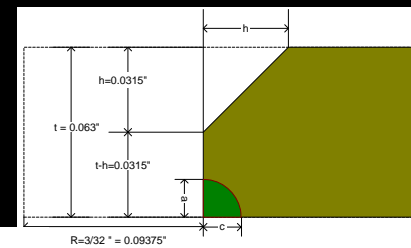
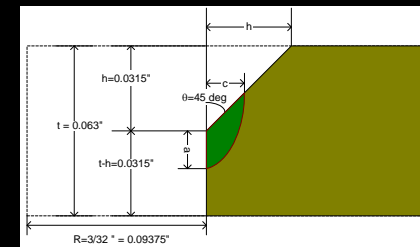
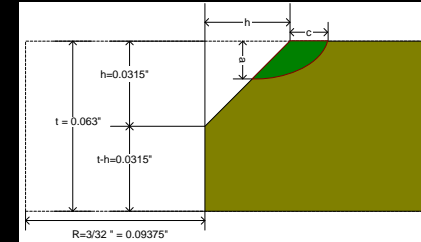
# Local FE Model of Rivet Hole



# Multiple Crack Location study



AGILE FE model





# Possible Crack Development

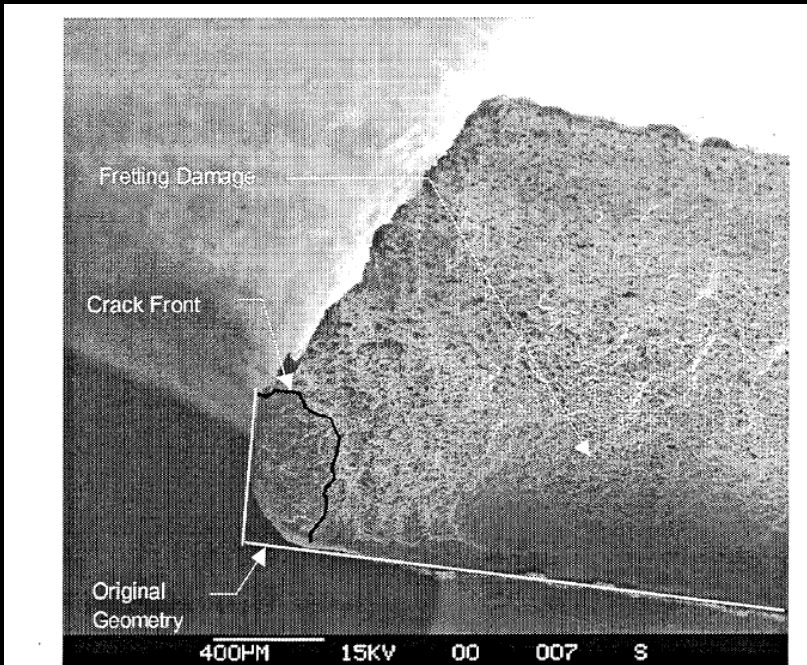
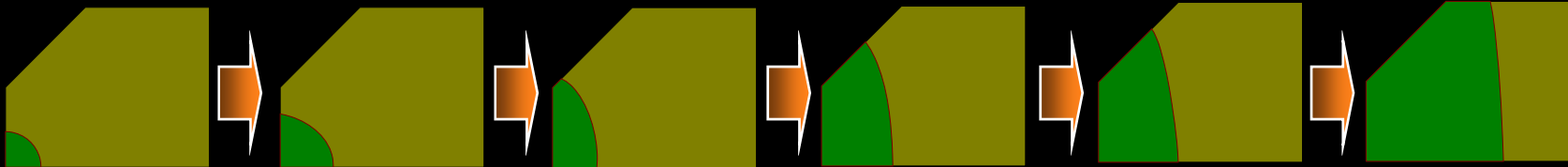


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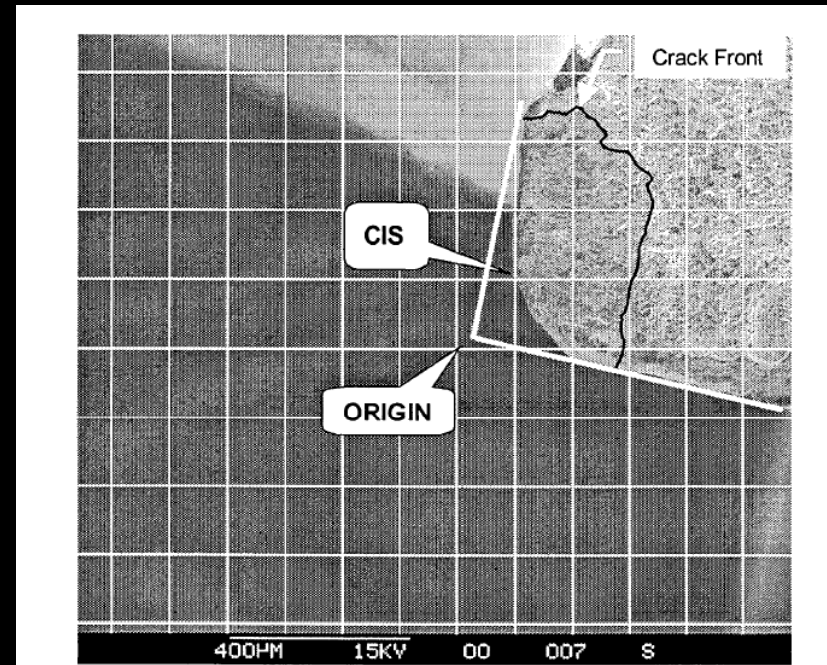


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# Experiment Report by Air Force

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## **EQUIVALENT INITIAL FLAW SIZE TESTING AND ANALYSIS**

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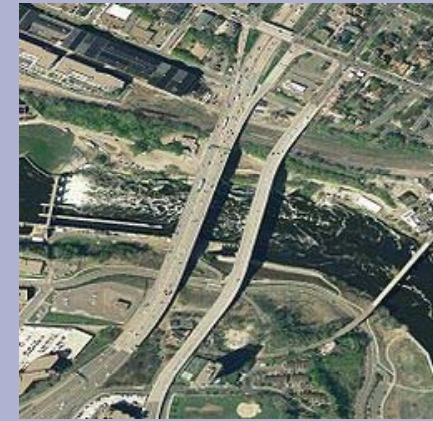


# CPU Time

- Global Analysis  
3 Minutes
- Intermediate Analysis (Joint)  
21.5 Minutes
- Local Analysis (Rivet Hole)  
4.5 Minutes
- Crack Analysis (AGILE)  
100 Minutes for 31 cases

**Total CPU Time  $\approx$  2 Hours in  
a normal lap-top! (in 2003!)**

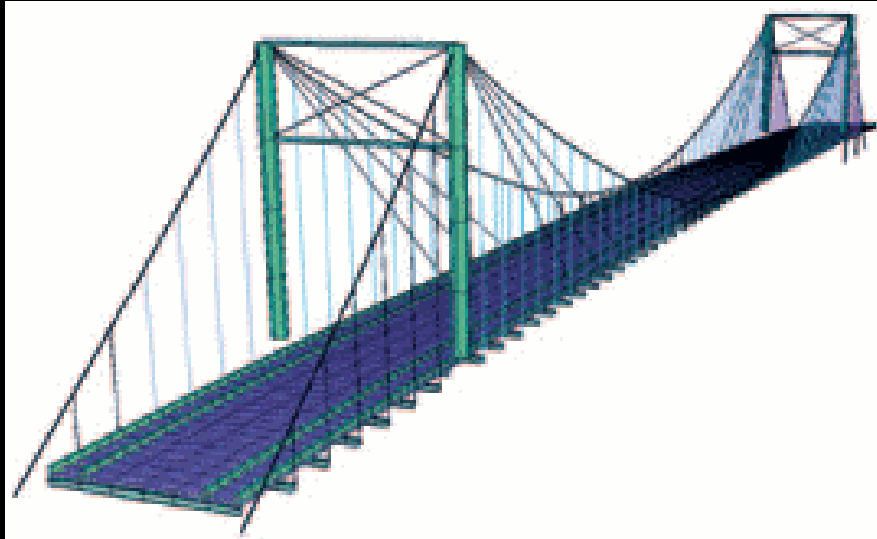
# Bridge Collapse: Catastrophic Failure



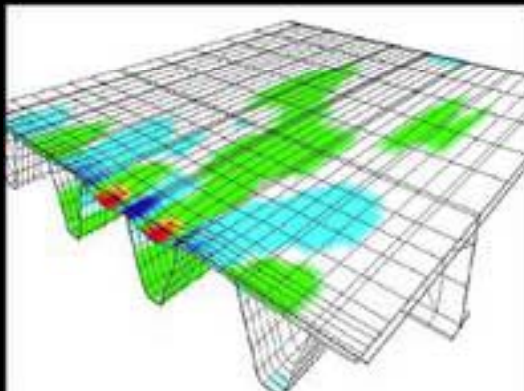
In 2007, a highway bridge over the Mississippi River in Minneapolis collapsed into the river and onto the riverbanks beneath during evening rush hour.

# Application of AGILE-3D in the Fatigue Crack-Growth Analyses of Orthotropic Deck Bridges

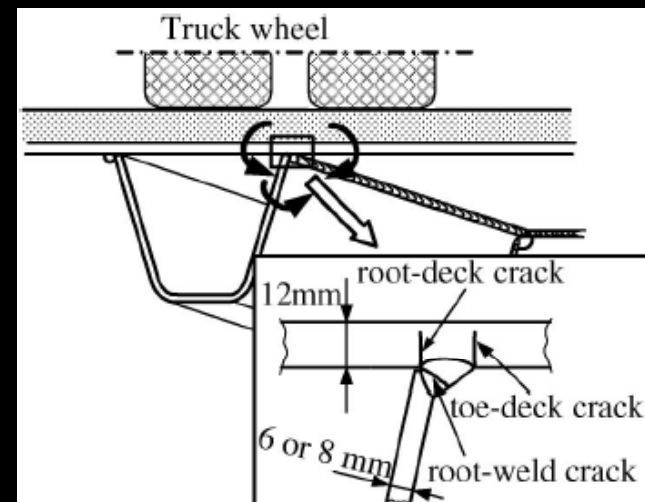
## Orthotropic Deck Bridges



## Fatigue crack at the rib-deck welded joint



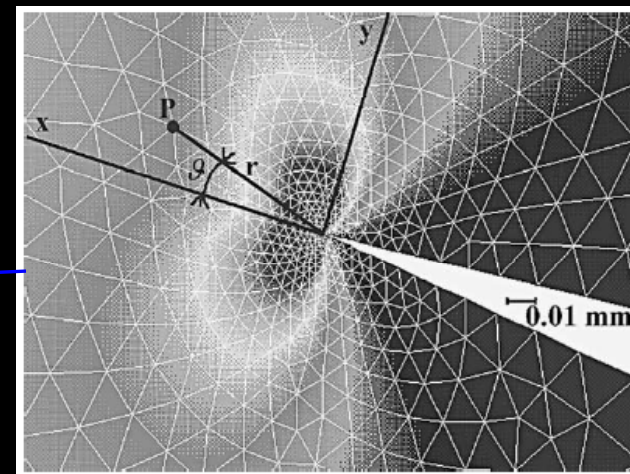
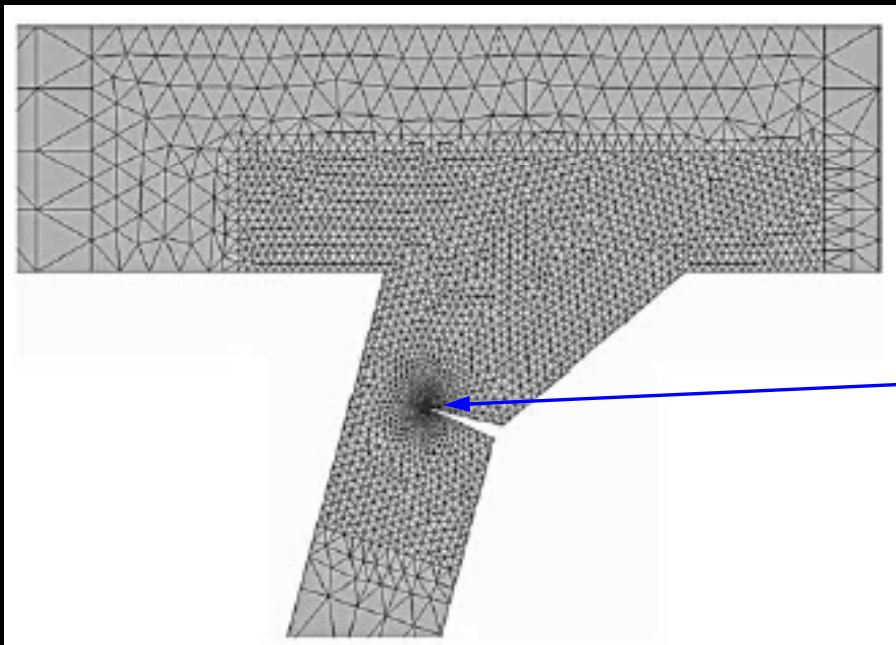
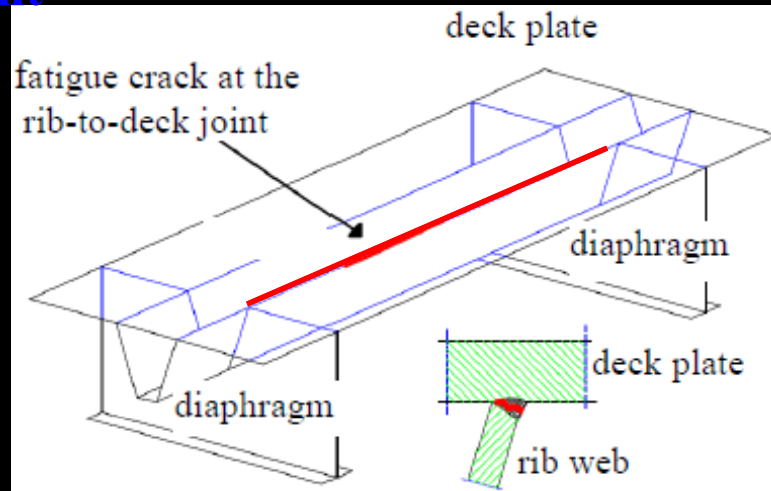
dynamic load at the U-rib joint



# The Computational Model (XFEM) used for the Fatigue Crack Analysis of the Rib-Deck Welded Joint

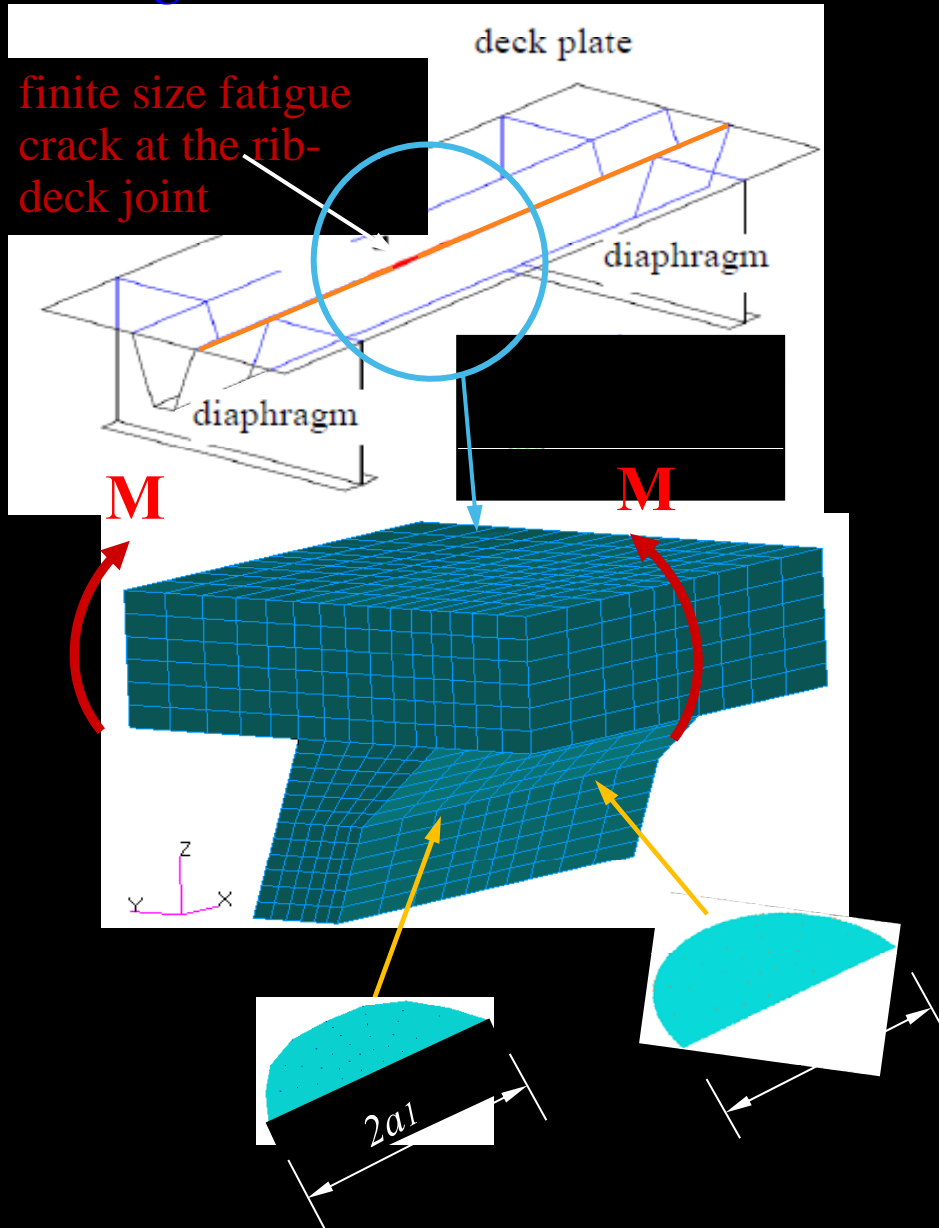
## 2-D Plane Strain Model

which implies that the crack at the rib-deck is “infinitely” long, across the whole span of two horizontal floor beams / stiffeners



An extremely fine mesh has to be used at the crack tip

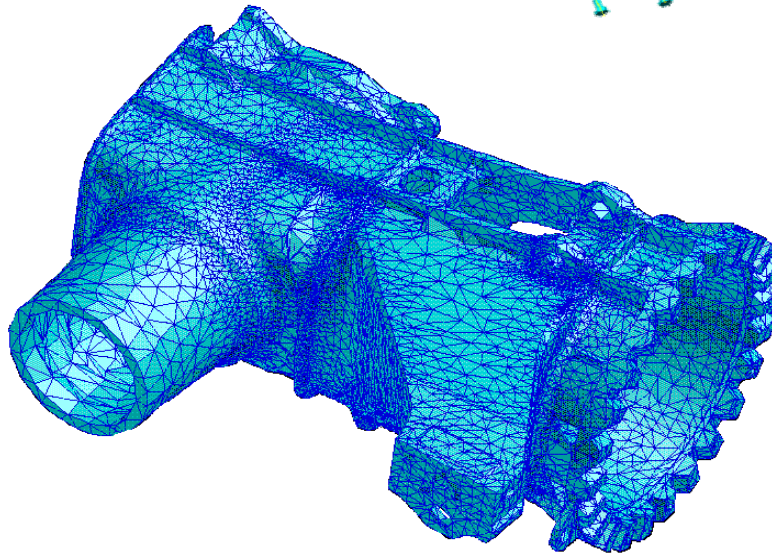
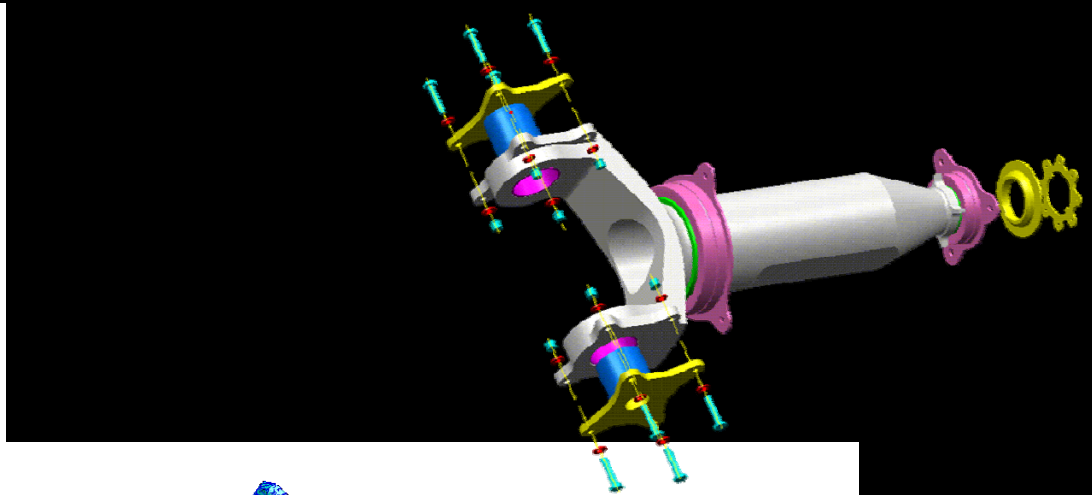
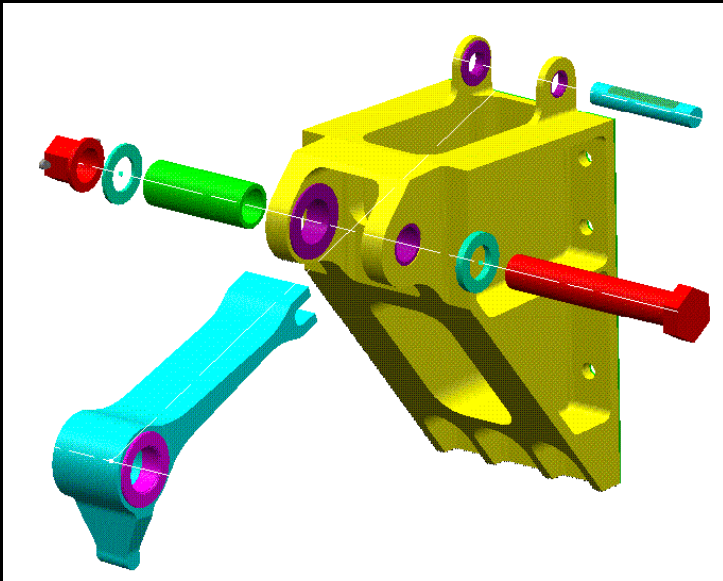
# Using AGILE-3D for the Prediction of Fatigue Life of Orthotropic Deck Bridges



The advantages of using **AGILE-3D** for the fatigue crack analysis of orthotropic deck bridges:

- 1) 3-D model can be used to account for the different sizes and geometries of cracks;
- 2) Computationally efficient as a coarse mesh is able to give accurate results.

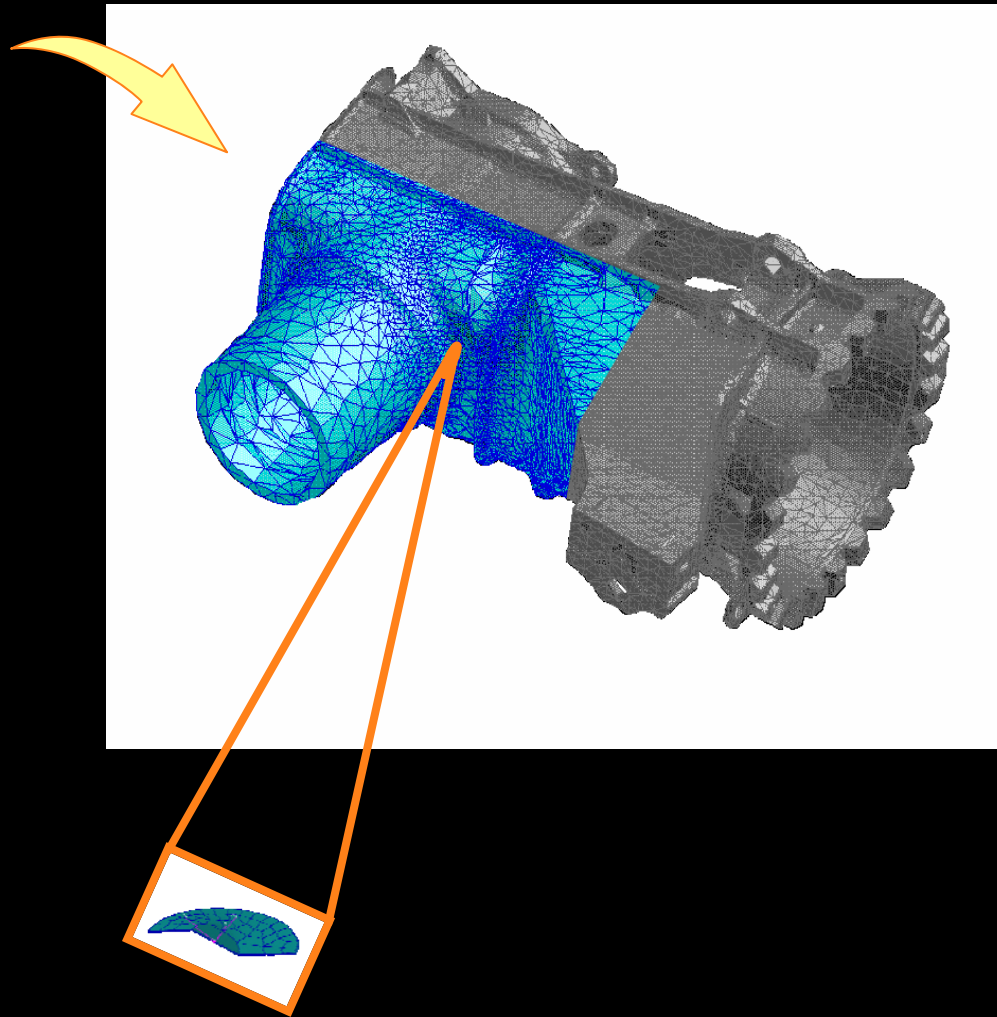
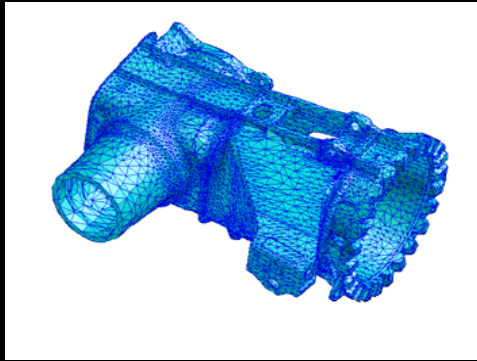
# Typical structural components



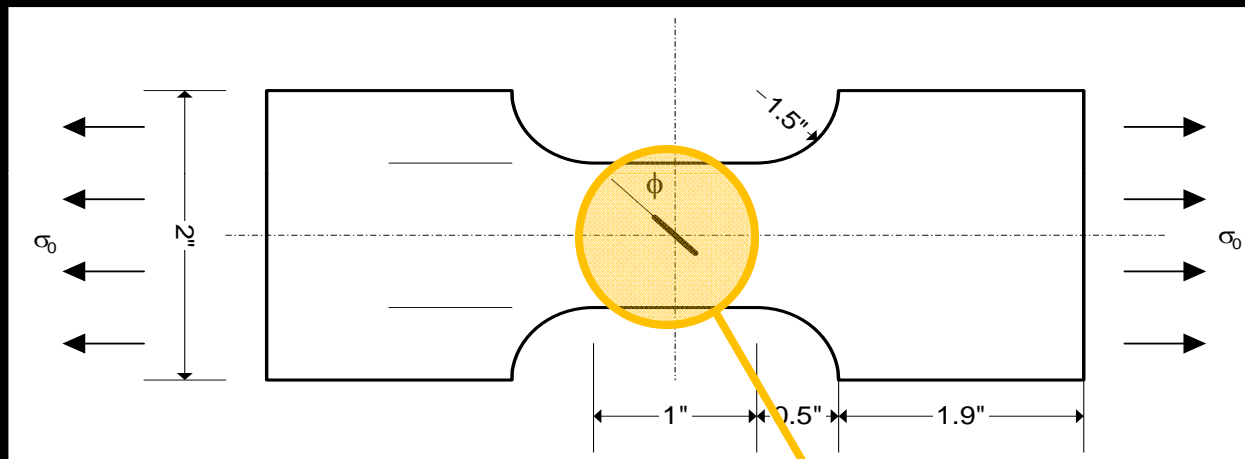
High Surface/Volume ratio



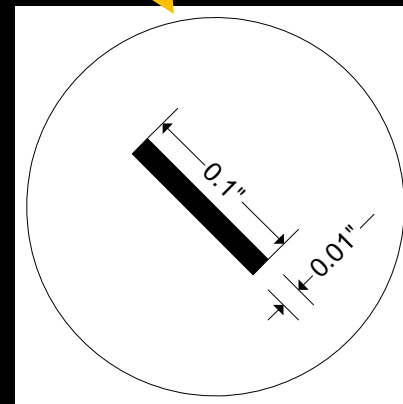
# Multiple Level Analyses



# AGILE: Non-planar 3D fatigue growth

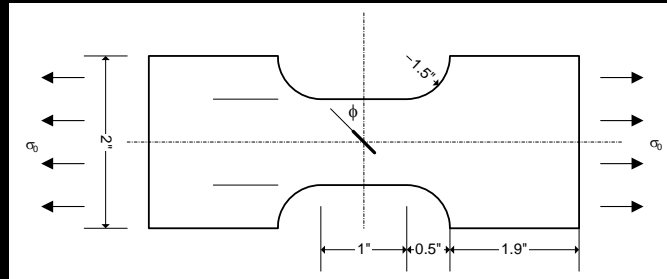


Non-planar 3D fatigue growth of an inclined semi-circular surface crack

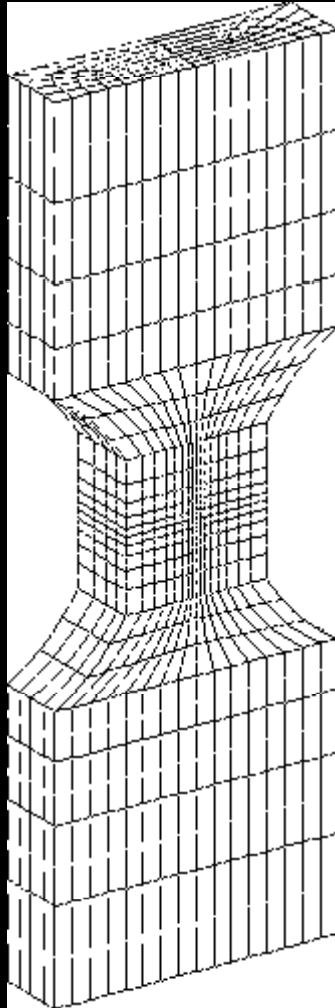


# Nonplanar fatigue growth of an inclined semi-circular surface crack

- ASTM E740 specimen
- Mixed-mode fatigue growth

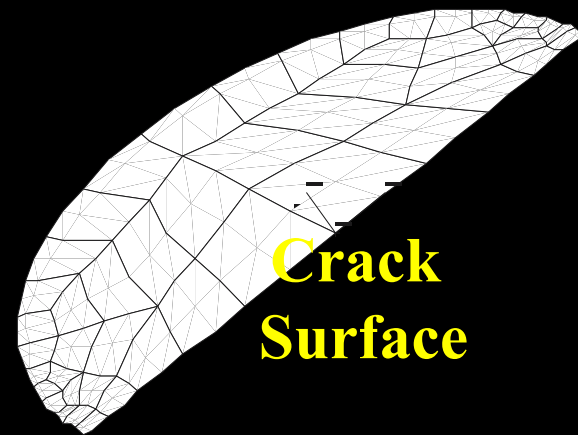


# AGILE Models



**Finite Body  
w/o Crack**

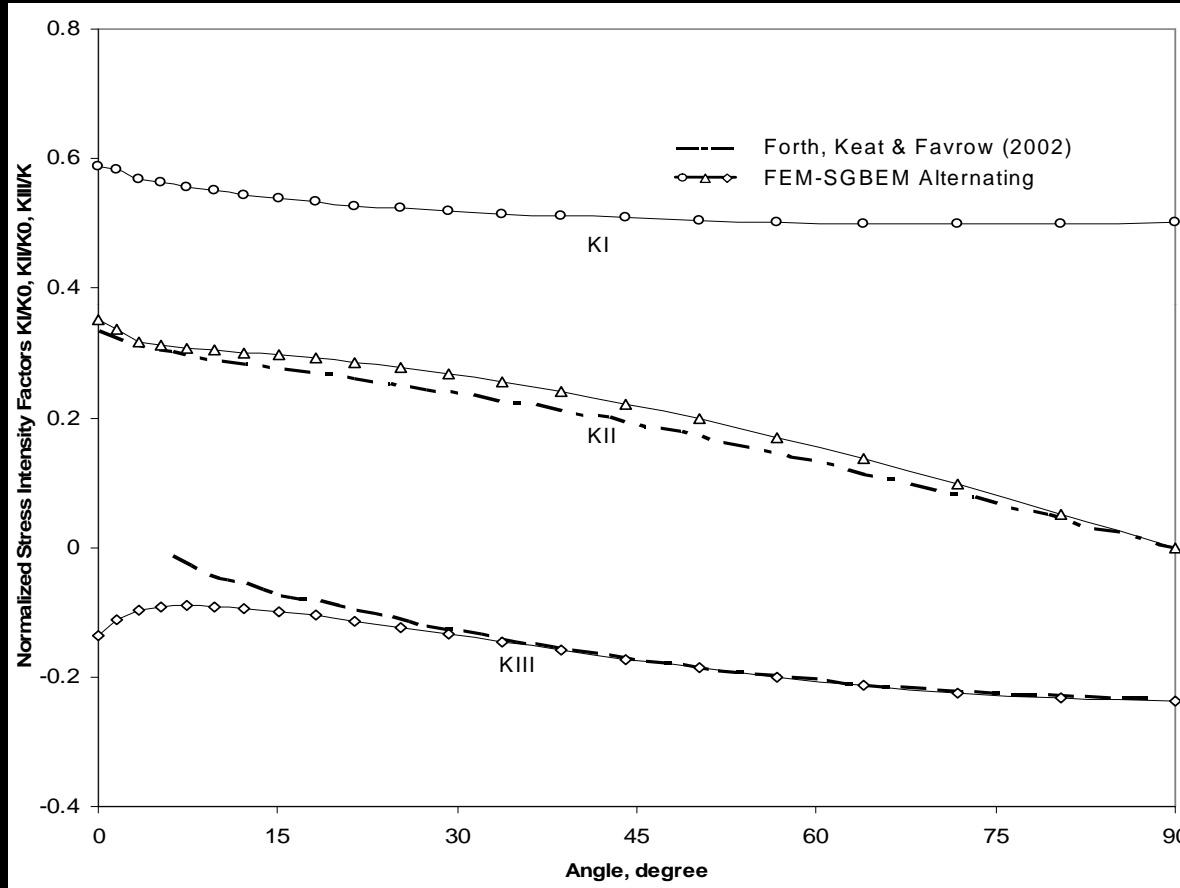
**2304 Elements  
(Hexa 20)**



**Crack  
Surface**

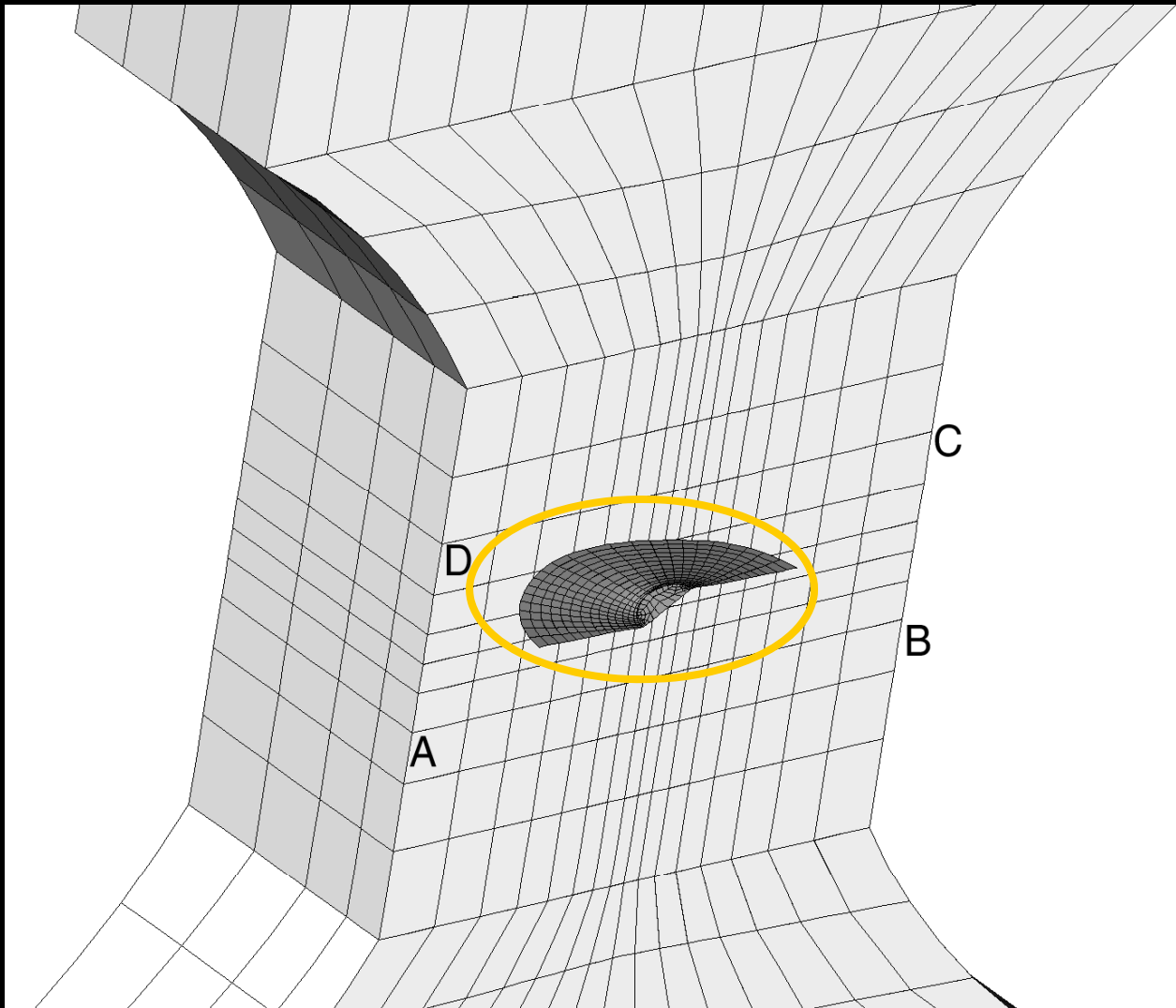
**24 Elements  
along crack front  
(Quad 8)**

# Stress Intensity Factors :Initial Crack

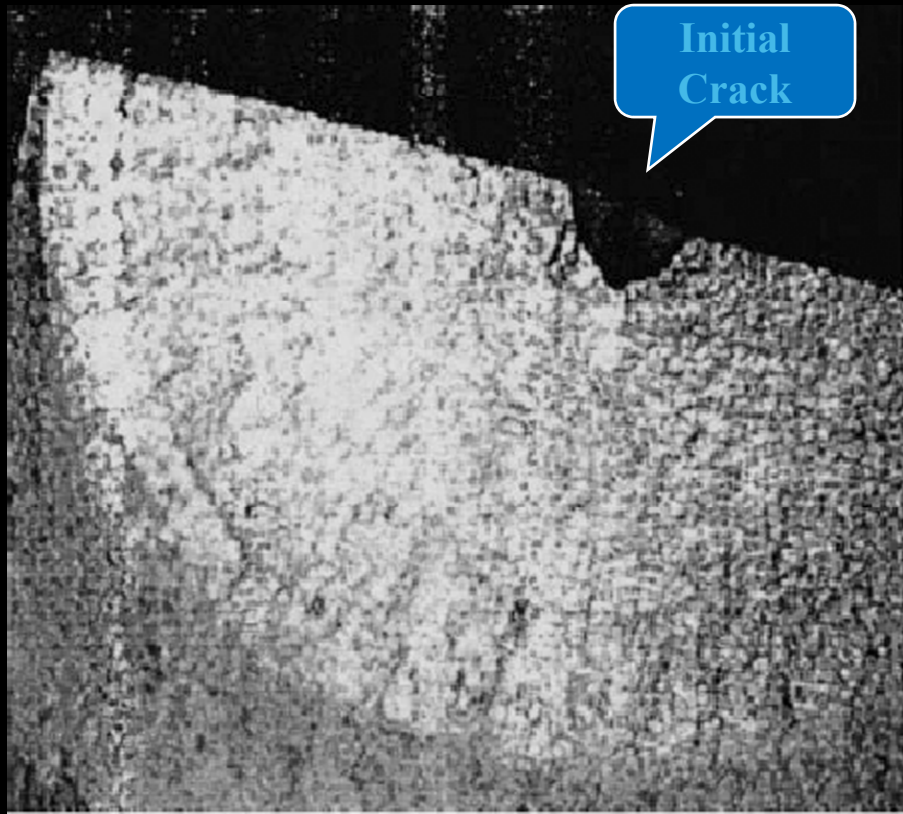


**Han, Z. D.; Atluri, S. N. (2002):**  
SGBEM (for Cracked Local Subdomain) – FEM (for uncracked global Structure) Alternating Method for Analyzing 3D Surface Cracks and Their Fatigue-Growth, CMES: *Computer Modeling in Engineering & Sciences*, vol. 3 no. 6, pp. 699-716.

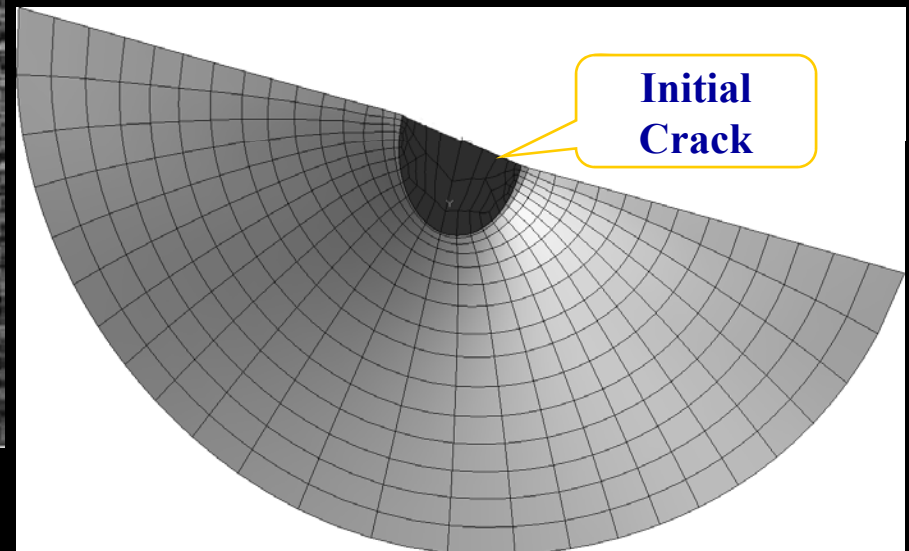
# Crack in the specimen



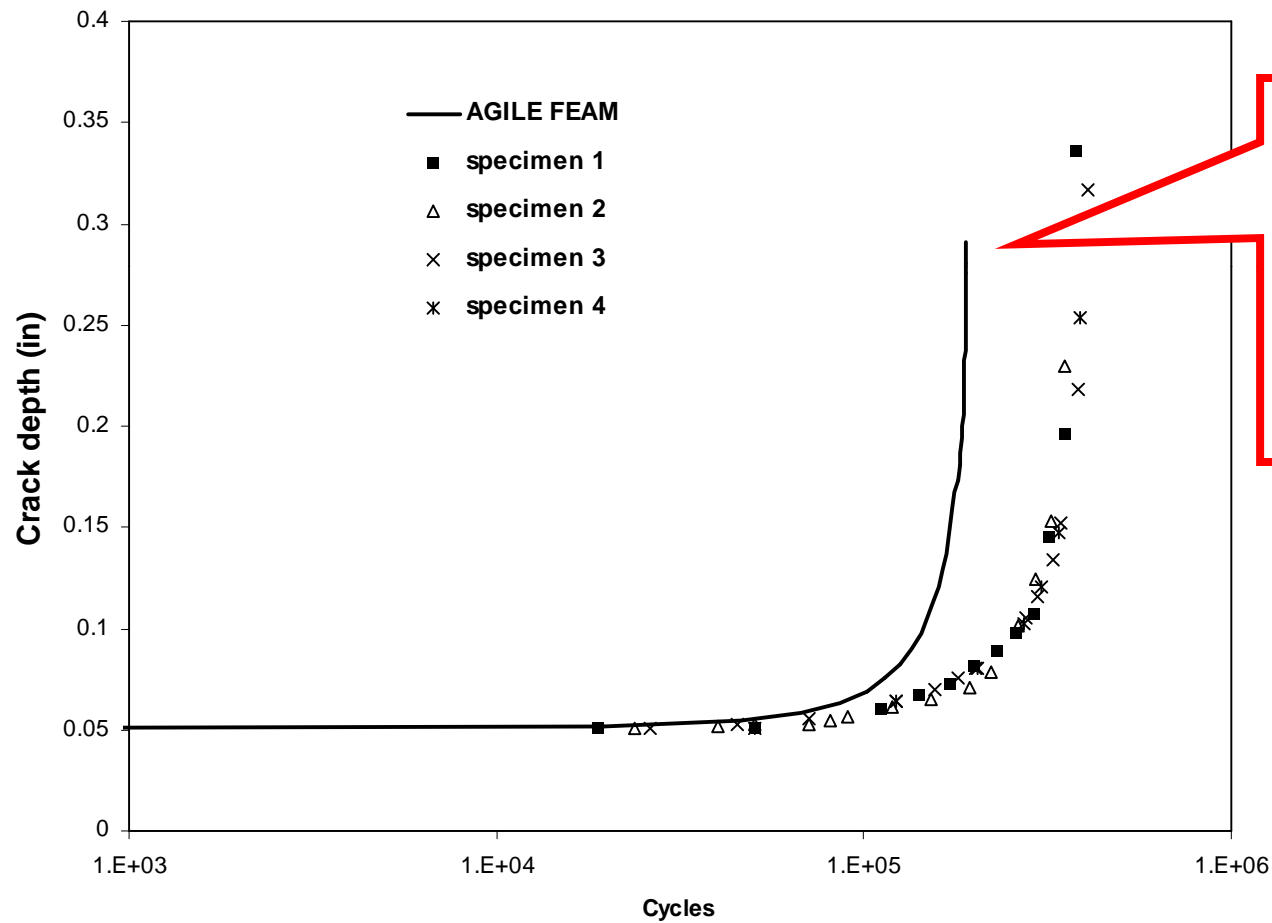
# Final Crack



**Final Crack Predicted by  
using AGILE**



# Fatigue Loading Cycles



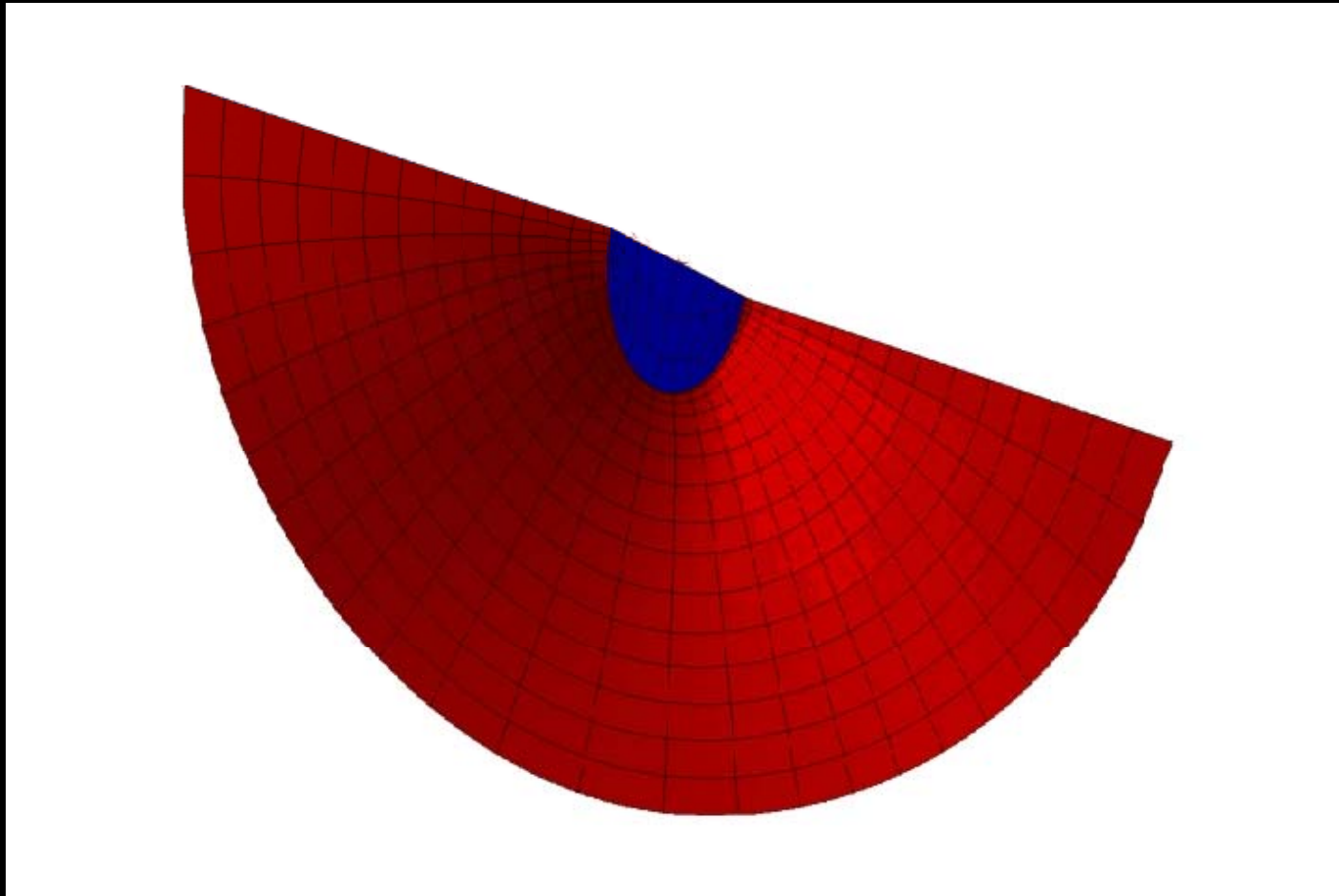
The critical depth of the crack

AGILE 0.29"  
Exp. Ave. 0.284"

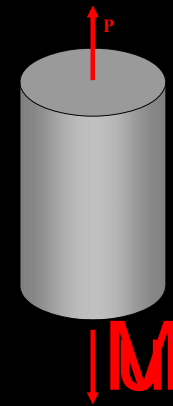
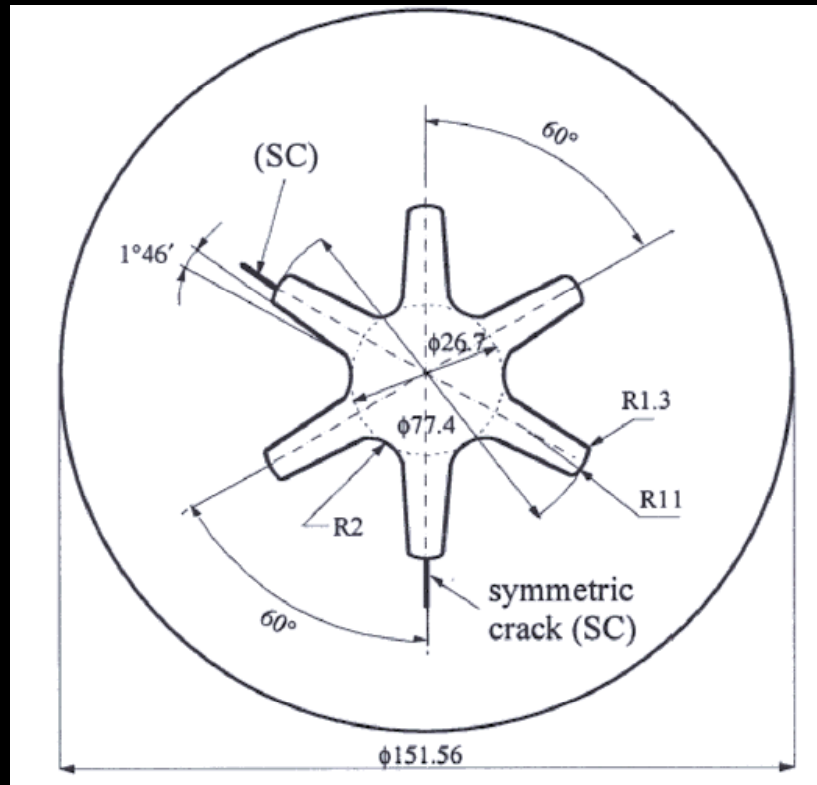
(0.34", 0.23", 0.32", and 0.25")



# The Non-planarly Growing Crack...

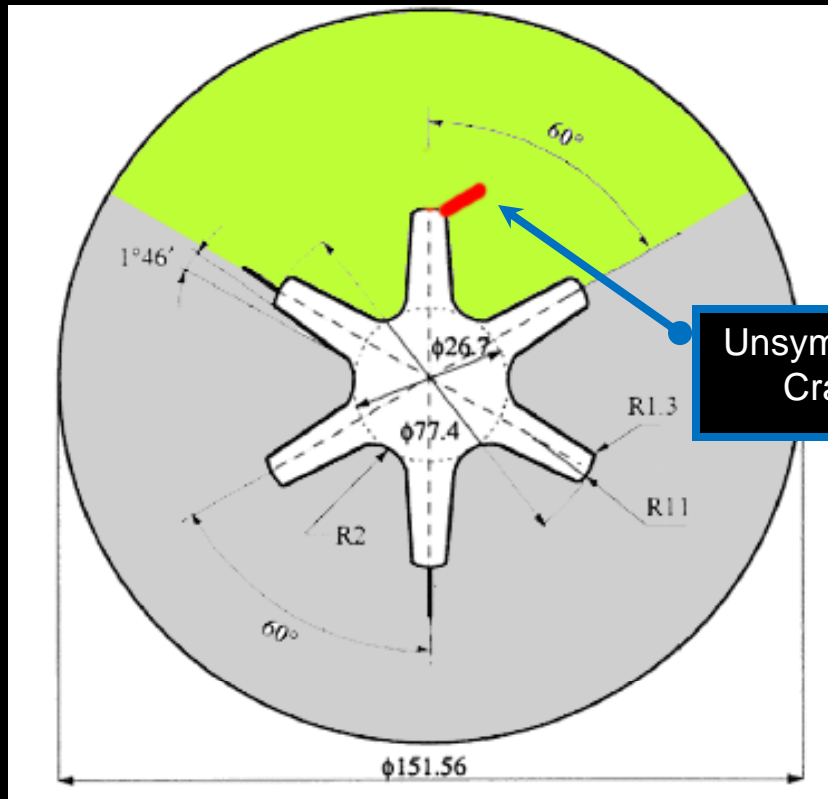


# Analysis of Cracks in Solid Propellant Rocket Grain

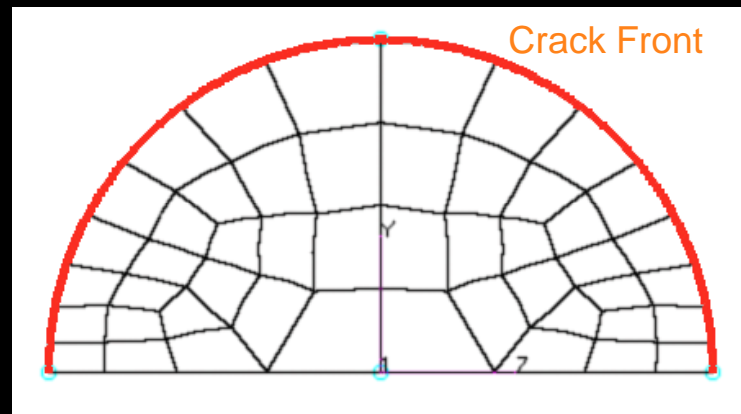
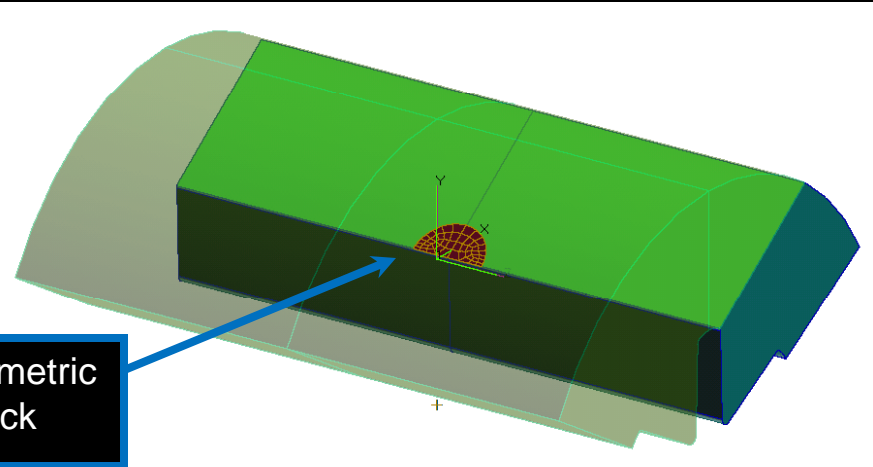


Solid Propellant Rocket Grain under tension and inner pressure

# Unsymmetric BE Crack Model

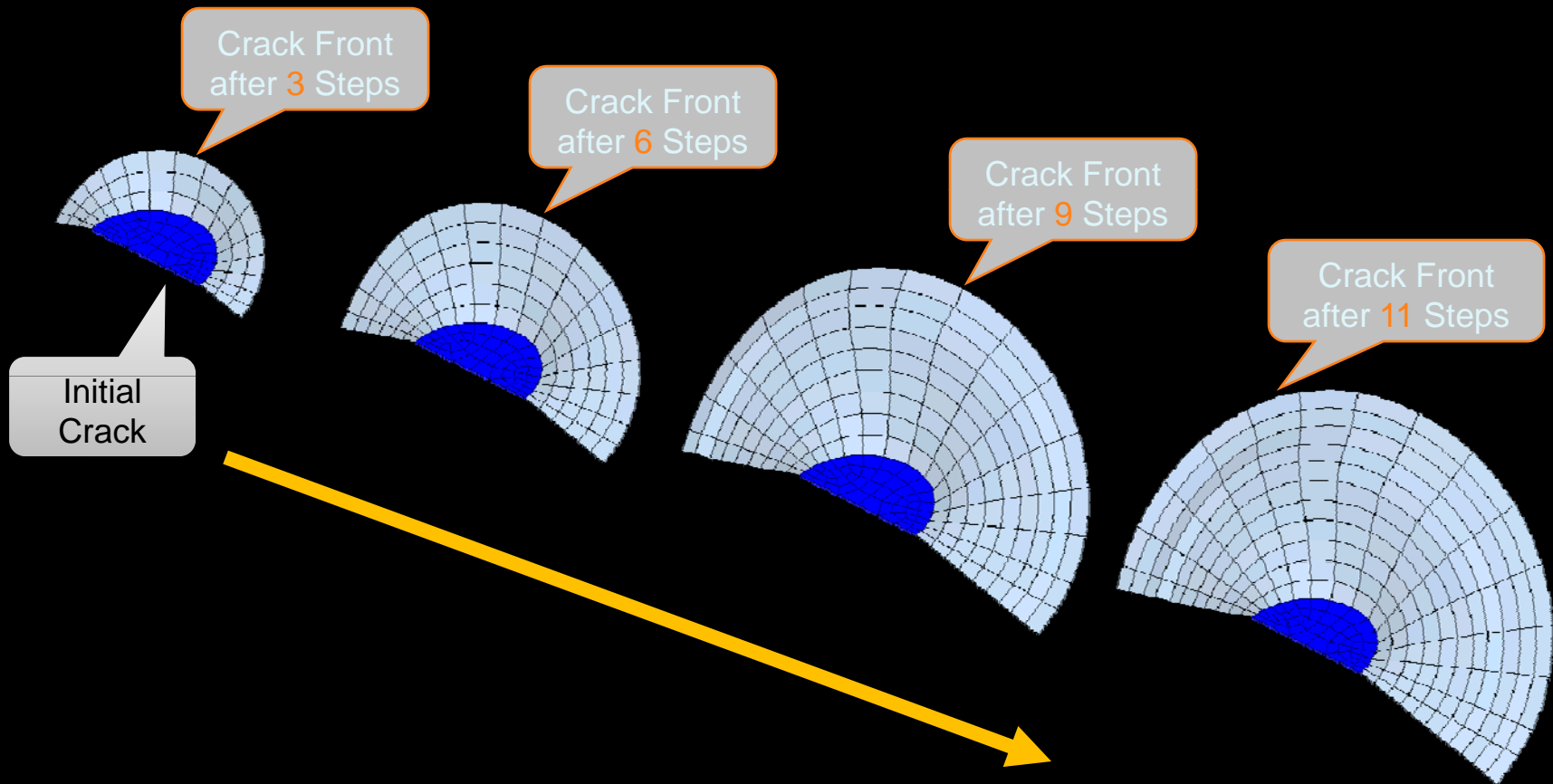


Unsymmetric Crack

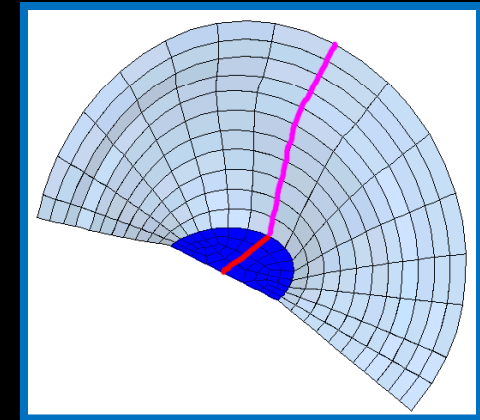
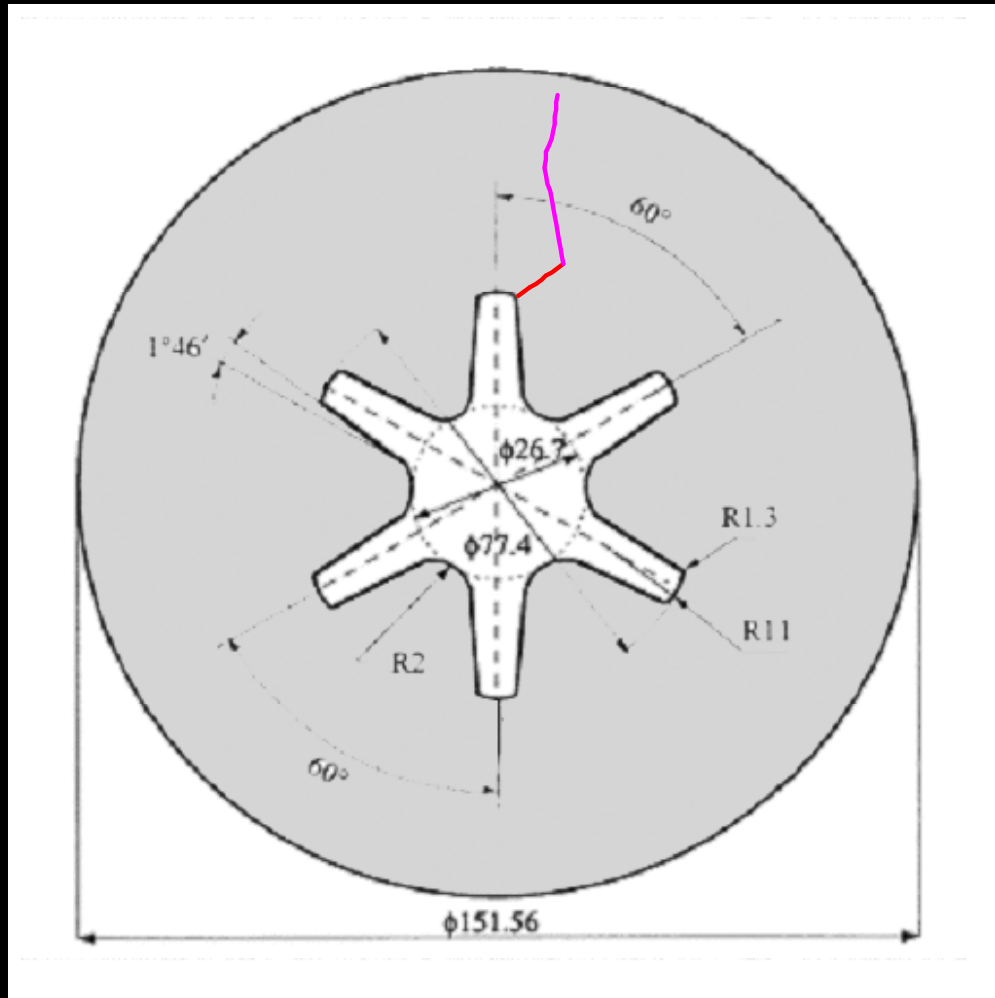


Semi-Circular Crack

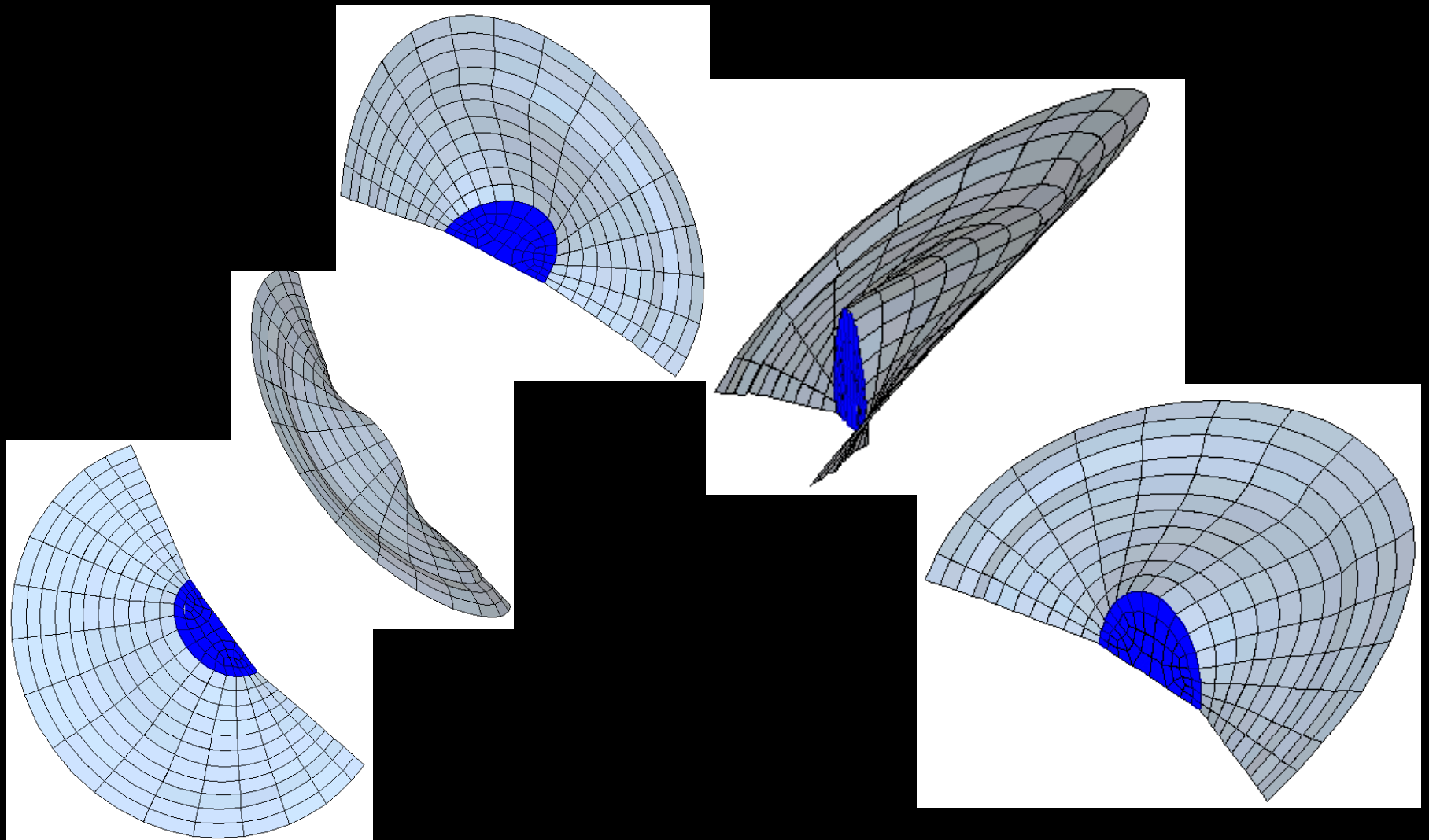
# Crack Front Advancements



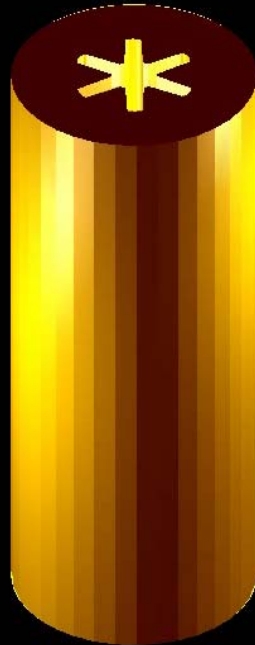
# Center Line of Growing Crack



# Final Crack Surface



# Simulation: Growth of the Crack



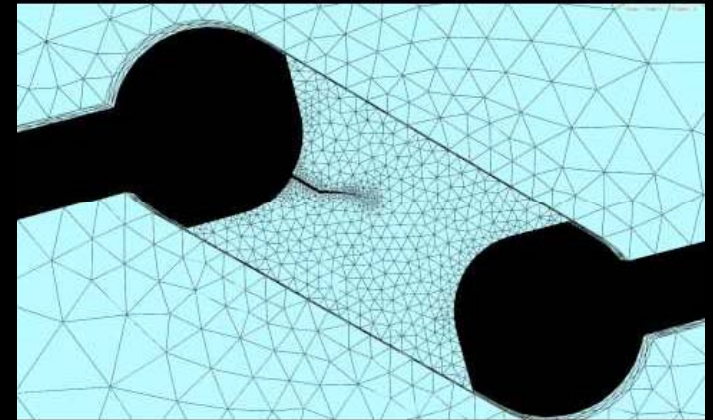
# Some Other Fracture Codes

- Codes based on analytical/handbook solutions
  - NASGRO, FASTRAN
- Full BEM codes
  - BEASY, FRANC3D
- Full FEM codes with specific elements
  - ABAQUS, MARC, ZenCrack, XFEM
- FEM-SGBEM Alternating Code
  - ***AGILE (Most Efficient & Most Accurate)***



# From FEM, ZenCrack to XFEM

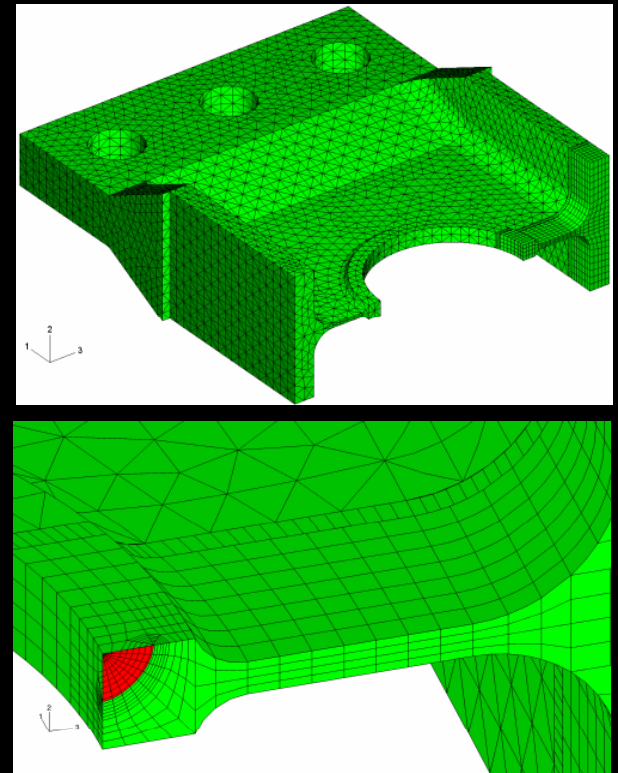
- **FEM**: Enriched Singular Elements (developed in 1970's, pioneered by Atluri and his colleagues, implemented in ABAQUS, MARC, etc.)
  - Confirming & adaptive Meshes.
  - Accuracy dependent on the mesh quality.
  - Costly labor of Meshing & Re-Meshing
  - No automated crack growth.



**Enrichment Elements are the KEY!**

# From FEM, ZenCrack to XFEM

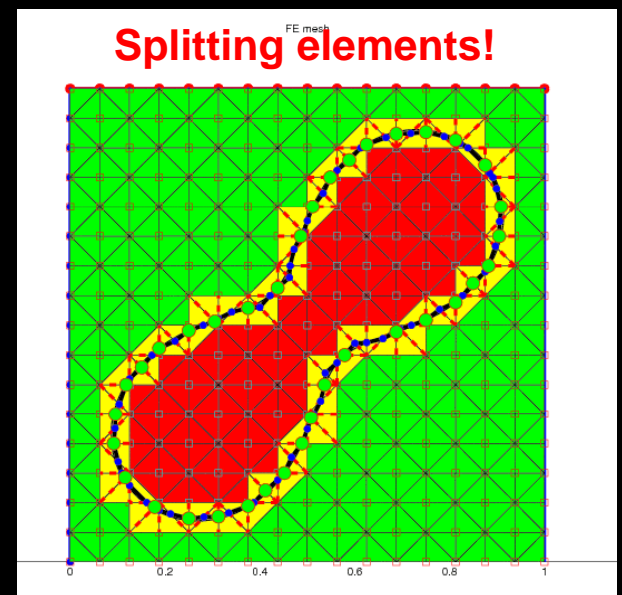
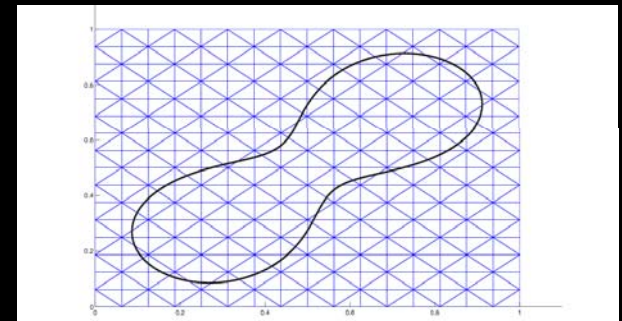
- **Zen Crack**: a crack mesh generator
  - Insert a crack into a non-cracked FEM Mesh
  - Create the meshes outside involving FEM Solvers.
  - Reduce labor work in creating the conforming and adaptive meshes
  - Algorithm is unstable.



**Enriched Elements still play the KEY role!**

# From FEM, ZenCrack to XFEM

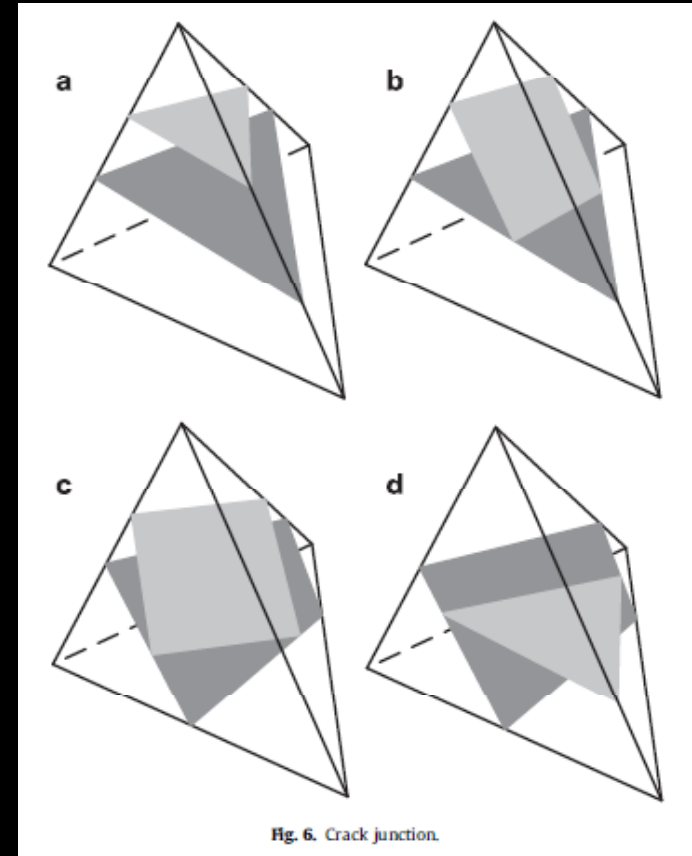
- **XFEM**: Split elements to match the cracks
  - Integrate the element manipulation into the FEM Solvers, and **HIDE** it from the users.
  - No adaptive meshes
  - Splitted elements without quality.
  - No accuracy control.



**Only 2D Enriched Elements can be used.**

# What about XFEM 3D? (up to 2010)

- Only Tet Mesh but No Hexa Mesh.
- No 3D enrichment element for non-planar cracks.
- The accuracy is heavily dependent on the initial FEM Mesh.



**FEM without Enrichment Elements!**

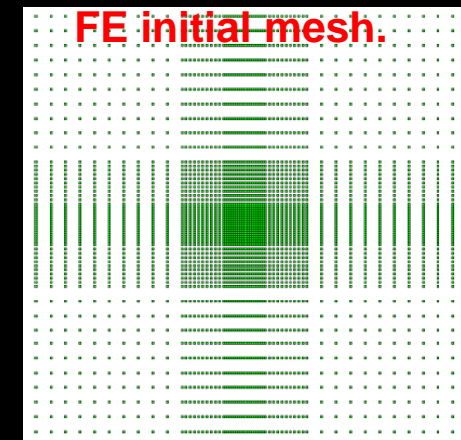
# What about XFEM 3D?

(Rabczuk, Bordas, Zi (2010): Computers and Structures 88, pp. 1391–1411)

Penny-shaped embedded crack in a tension bar

- $30 \times 30 \times 30 = 27,000$  elements: Error = 3.3%
- $60 \times 60 \times 60 = 216,000$  elements: Error = 2.07%
- $120 \times 120 \times 120 = 1,728,000$  elements: Error = 1.21%
- AGILE: 20 elements  
Error = 0.3%

**XFEM-3D is NOT suitable for fatigue & fracture analyses**



**XFEM3D Results**

Method	Relative error on $K_I$	$30 \times 30 \times 30$	$60 \times 60 \times 60$	$120 \times 120 \times 120$
With branch enrichment	Average (%)	0.085	0.05	0.03
With branch enrichment	Maximum (%)	0.2	0.112	0.068
Without branch enrichment	Average (%)	1.49	0.92	0.564
Without branch enrichment	Maximum (%)	3.3	2.07	1.213

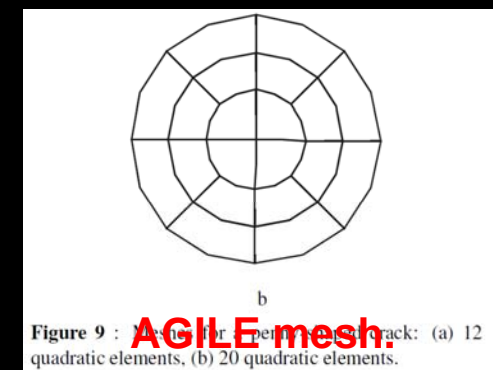
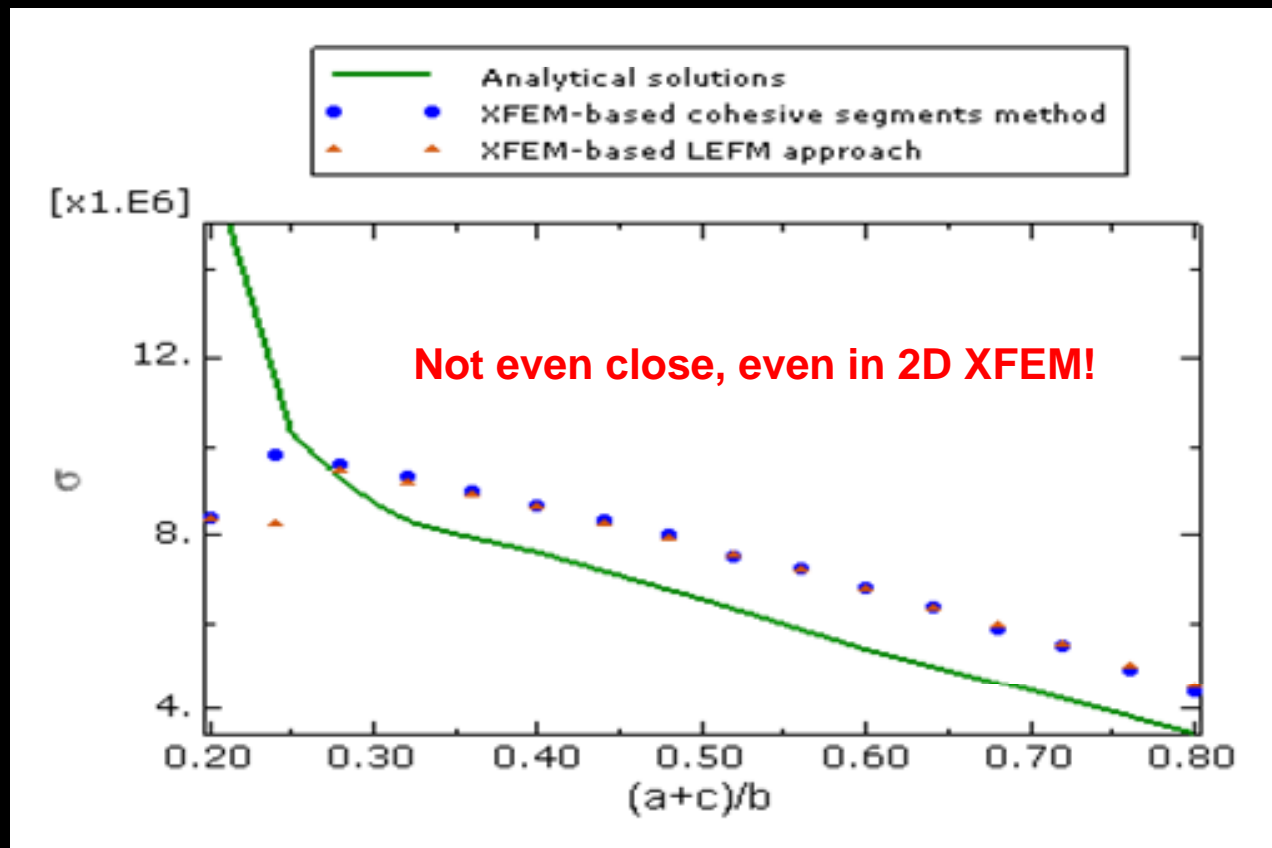


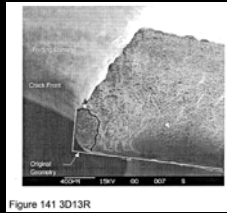
Figure 9 : Mesh for penny-shaped crack: (a) 12 quadratic elements, (b) 20 quadratic elements.

# What about XFEM 3D in Commercial Codes?



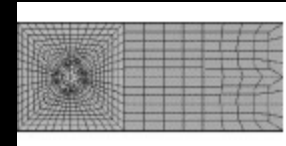
**XFEM3D, without singularity enrichment,  
is NOT suitable for fracture analysis!**

# How to Reach $10^{-6}$ Level even using continuum mechanics?

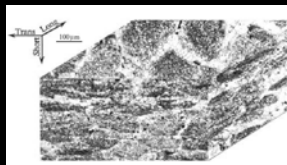
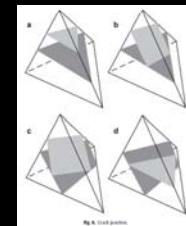


$10^{-4}$

- **FEM:** Zoom-in refined localized mesh,  $\Rightarrow 10^{-5}$

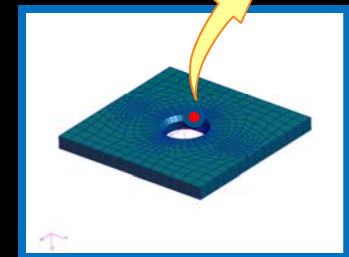
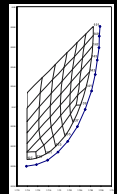


- **XFEM:** Splitting Elements without mesh quality control,  $\Rightarrow 10^{-5}$



$10^{-6}$

- **AGILE:** Completely de-coupled FEM-SGBEM LOCAL model, Cracks can be two orders lower,  $\Rightarrow 10^{-6}$



# Comparison between Codes

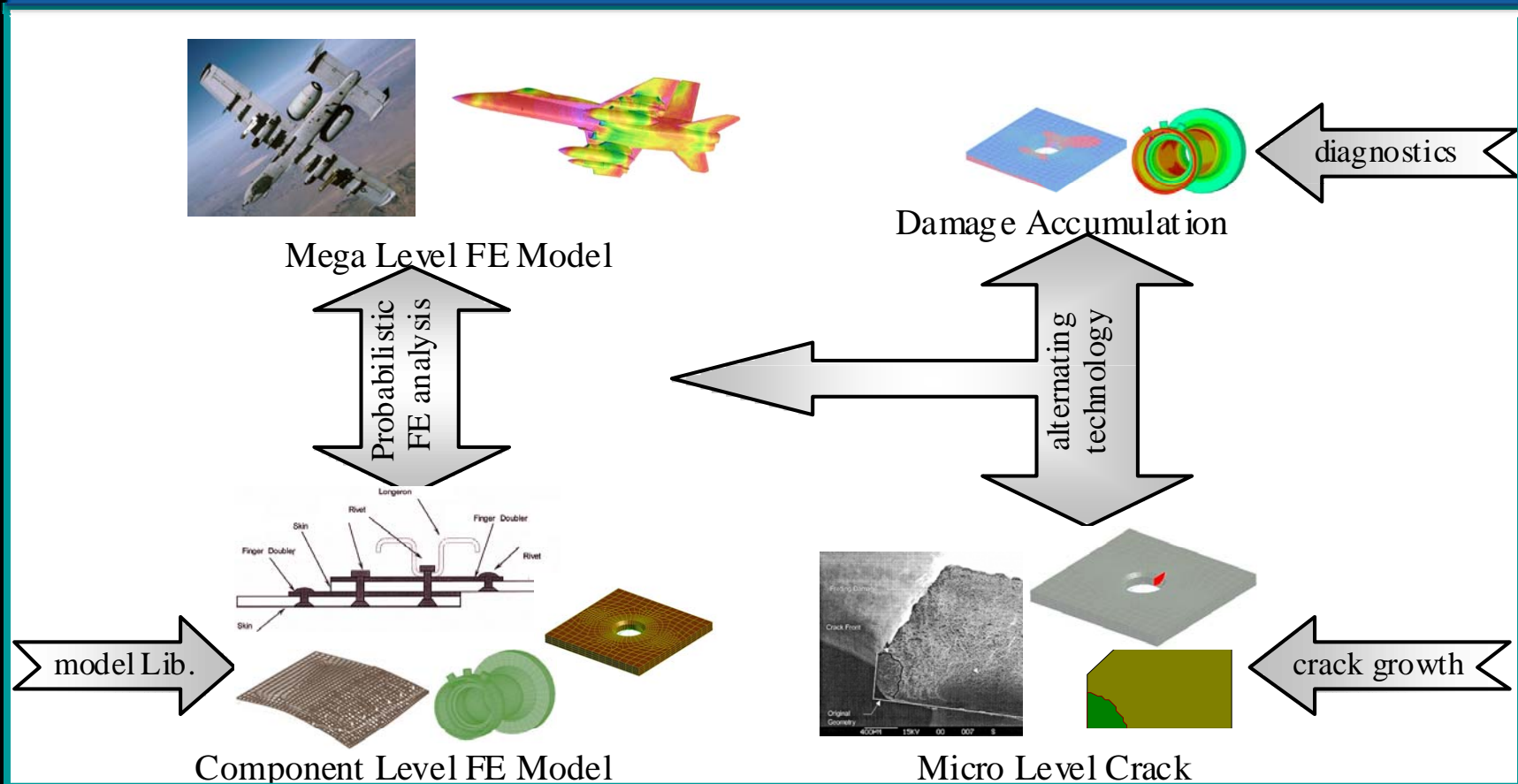
Codes	Modeling Time	CPU Time	Accuracy	Fully Automated Growth	3D NonPlanar Crack	Complicate Model and LBCs	Link Commercial FE Codes
AGILE	Crack only	Minutes per step	<1%	YES	YES	YES	YES
BEASY	Full BEM Model with Crack	6~10 times slower	~3%	Restriction	YES	Quad Mesh	Limited
FRANC3D	Full BEM Model with Crack	Slower	~3%	Unstable	YES	NO	NO
NASGRO	Predefined Crack only	Fast	--	YES	NO	NO	NO
ABAQUS MARC	Full FEM Model with Crack	Fast	~10%	NO	YES	YES	Self
ZenCrack	Full FEM Model with Crack	Fast	~10%	Unstable	YES	Unstable	NA
XFEM	-----	-	Worse than ABAQUS	YES	NO	Not for Cracks	YES

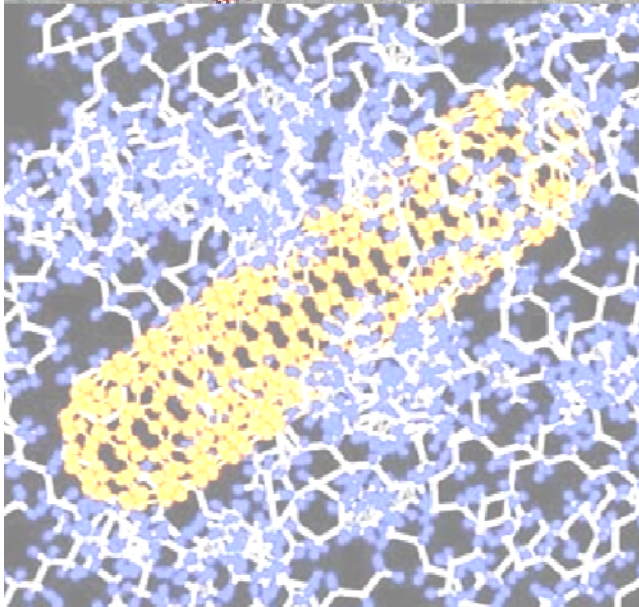
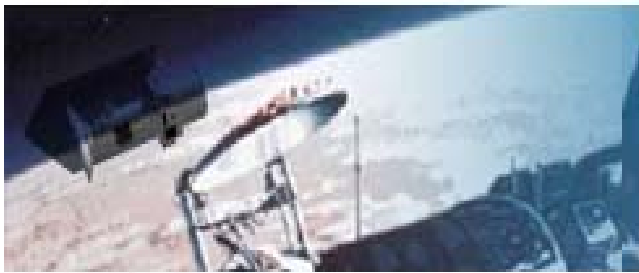
AGILE has the BEST Accuracy & can be run on demand in a real-time fashion!



# AGILE Probabilistic Prognostics Tool

## Integrated Structural Health Management System





**A**utomated **G**lobal, **I**ntermediate, & **L**ocal  
**E**valuations for **D**amage **T**olerance  
**A**nalyses & **L**ife **E**stimation:

**AGILE** for **DTA & LE**  
(Status as of Dec. 2004)

Satya N. Atluri, UCI

# Why AGILE?

- Simple to use:
  - Easiness of Model Creation
  - User-Friendly Graphical Interfaces
  - Least computationally intensive
  - Automatic re-resolution of Intermediate model, if load-redistribution due to crack-growth occurs

# What is embedded in AGILE?

- Open Architecture:
  - Various mixed mode loadings.
  - 2-D & 3-D Mixed-Mode, Non-planar fatigue-crack-growth modeling
  - Sophisticated mathematics + minimal numerics
  - Fatigue-crack-growth models.
  - Probabilistic analyses.

# Support multiple load cases

- Structural components are undergoing several loading cases within one flight , including take-off & landing, lifting, carrying. The load spectrums are different.
- The life of the loading components will be estimated under the combined load cases.

# Easiness of Model Creation

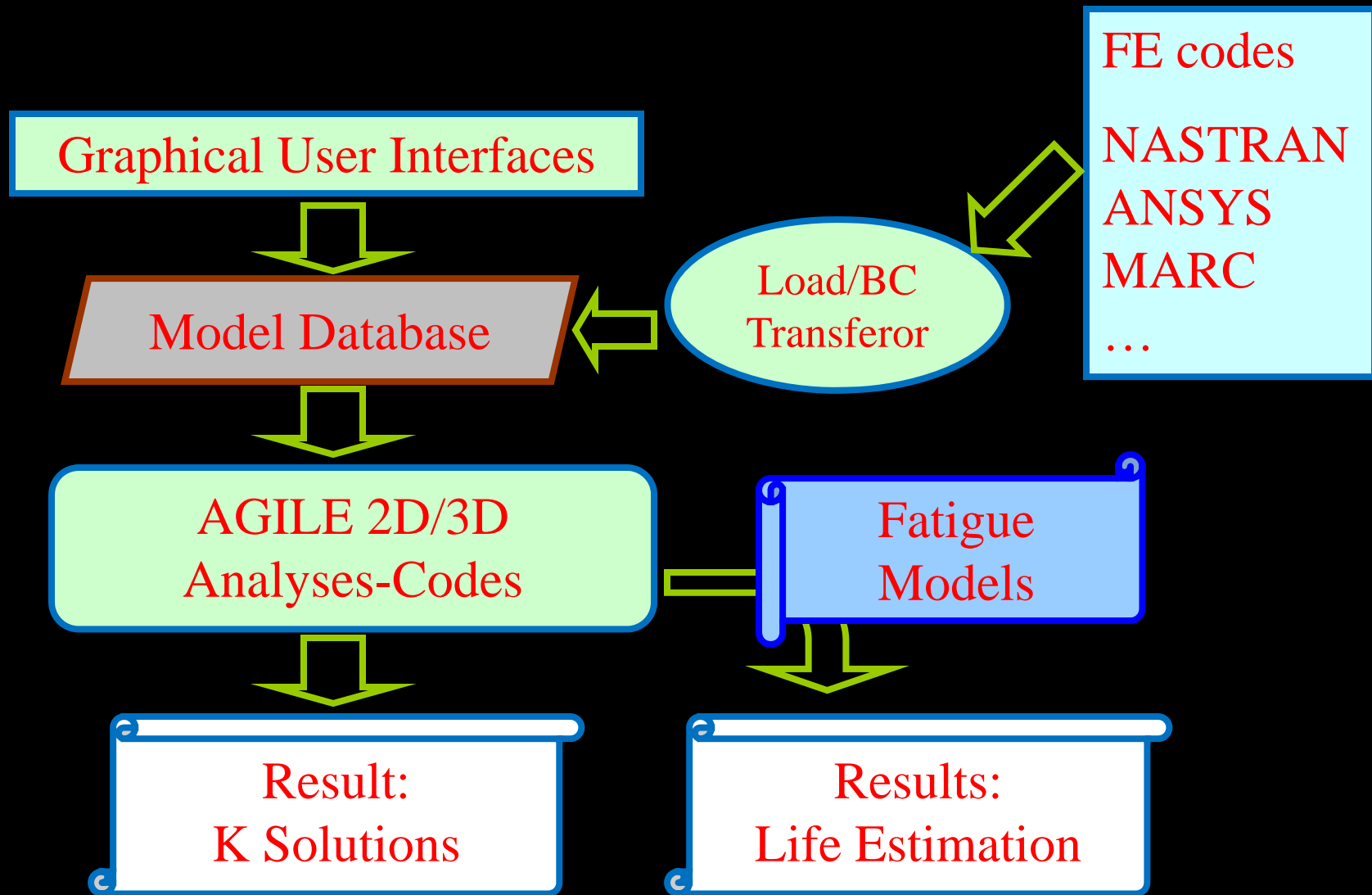
- Simple FE mesh creation, without the crack surface in the FE model.
- Simple creation of crack model, as only a surface mesh in SGBEM
- Independence of the SGBEM and FE meshes:
  - leverage the existing FE models and results
  - Parametric crack analysis is very simple

# Graphical User Interface

## Fully integrated into PATRAN

- The proficiency of the GUI makes AGILE user-friendly and minimizes human-errors typically associated with data preparation.
- Supporting ALL AGILE model creation.
- Seamless integration with MSC.PATRAN, minimizes user training.
- Supporting PATRAN session file, i.e. recording and playing back.
- Supporting all PATRAN FE model files for NASTRAN, MARC, ABAQUS and so on.

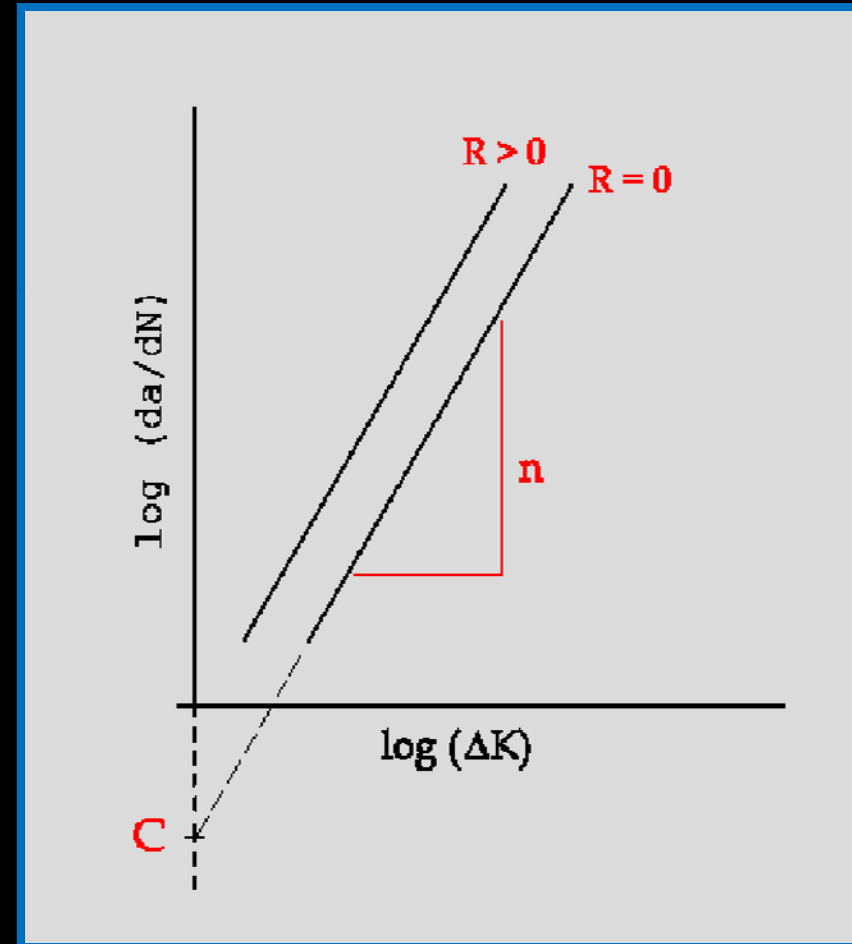
# AGILE Architecture





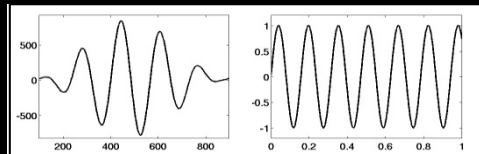
# Support most crack growth models

- Paris Model
- Walker Model
- NASGRO Model
  
- Load Spectrum
- Analytical models for plasticity-induced Crack-closure

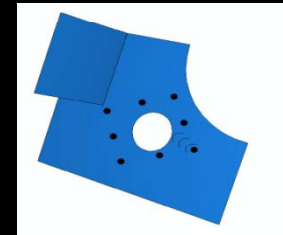


# AGILE as an Integrated Probabilistic Prognostic Tool in an SHM System

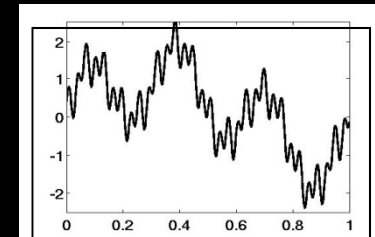
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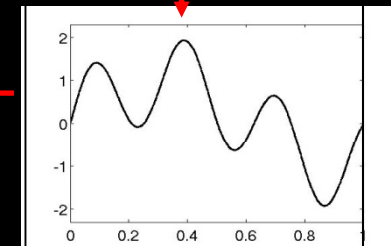
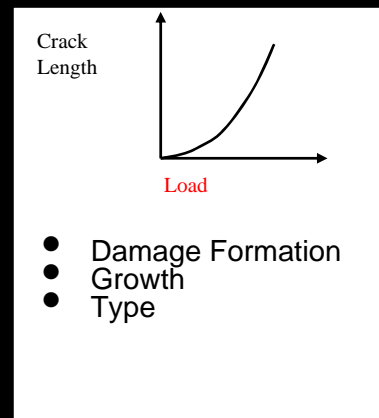
Sensors



2) Signal Processing and Filtering



3) Multi-scale Interrogation



4) Probabilistic Diagnostic Imaging



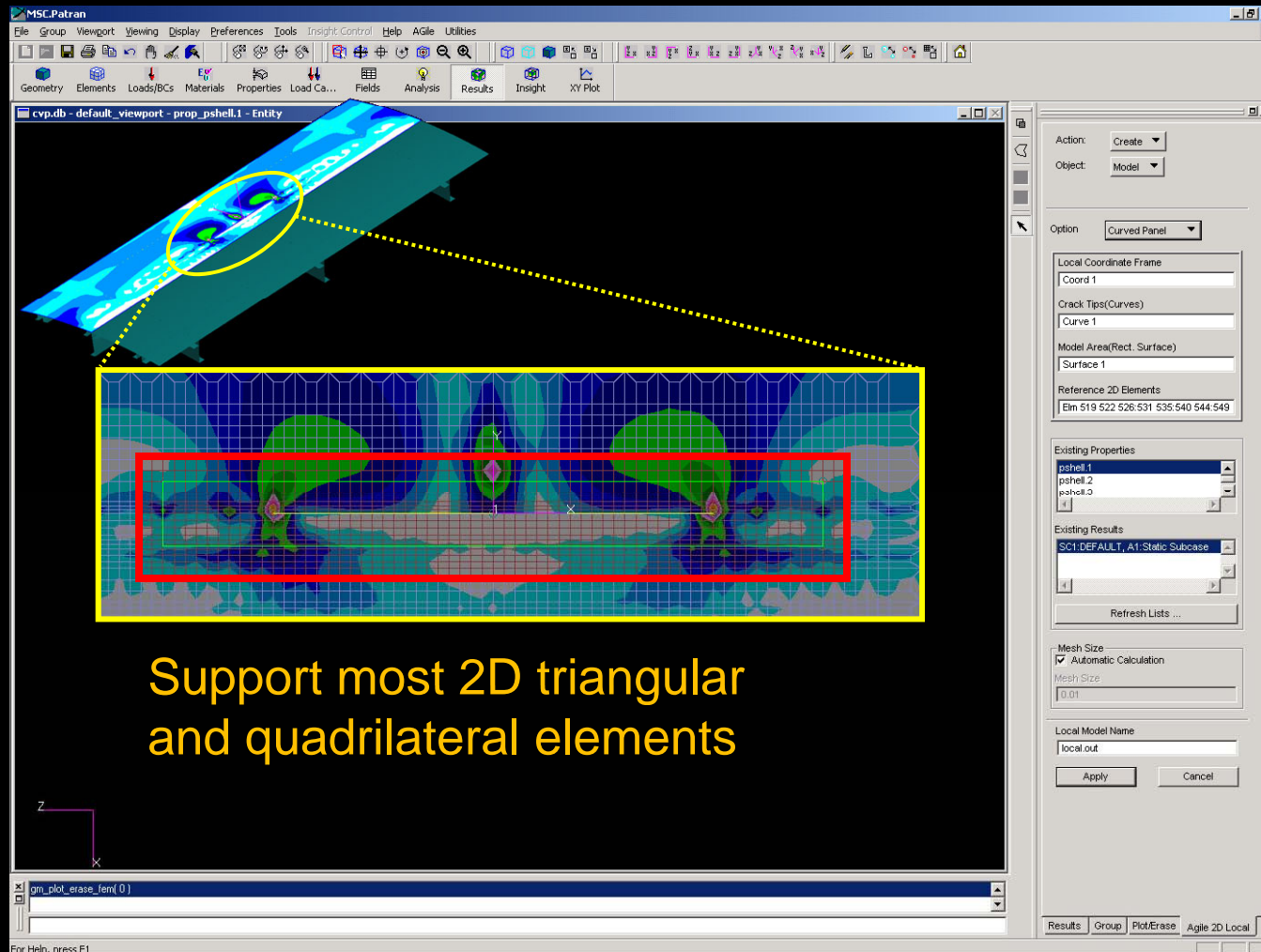
5) Integrated Probabilistic Prognostics



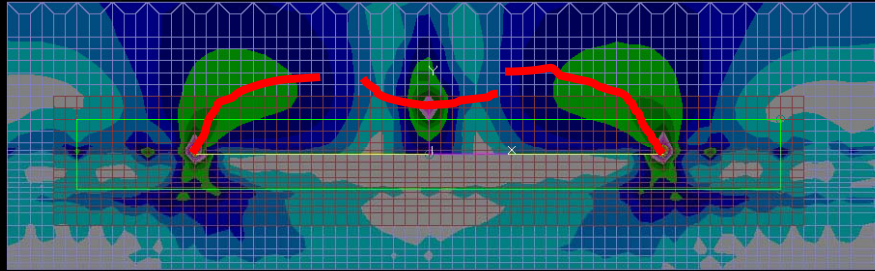
# Probabilistic Analysis

- The probabilistic information on pre-crack damage and macro-crack growth will be analyzed in terms of location, size and type of damage.
- Automatic life prediction in a probabilistic sense for structures will be implemented with probabilistic information of the real environmental conditions.
- Experimental database will be used as one possible probabilistic input, as well as other theoretical and numerical models.

# AGILE-2D: Demonstration



# Mixed Mode Crack Growth: No Changes in FE Mesh



# Dialog-based Interface

The image shows the MSC.Patran software interface with a stress analysis model. The model is a 3D part with a mesh and a color-coded stress distribution. The interface includes a menu bar, a toolbar, and a main viewport. A dialog box is open on the right side, and an Agile menu is open on the left side. Callouts highlight specific features:

- Agile Menu:** A yellow callout points to the Agile menu, which is open and shows options: Master FE Model, Local FE Model, Local BEM Model, Agile2D Express (selected), and TkAlt.
- Picking up:** A yellow callout points to a pink arrow in the viewport, indicating the selection of a specific element or feature.
- AGILE GUI Dialogs:** A yellow callout points to the dialog box on the right, which is titled "AGILE GUI Dialogs".
- Selection from Lists:** A yellow callout points to the "Existing Properties" list in the dialog box, which contains items like "pshell.4", "pshell.2", and "pshell.3".
- Intelligent Engine for Automatic Parameter Calculation:** A yellow callout points to the "Mesh Size" section in the dialog box, which has a checkbox for "AUTOMATIC CALCULATION" and a "Mesh Size" input field set to "0.01".

The dialog box on the right contains the following fields and controls:

- Action: Create
- Object: Model
- Option: Flat Panel
- Local Coordinate Frame: Coord 0
- Crack Tips(Curves): Curve 1
- Model Area(Rect. Surface): Surface 1
- Reference 2D Elements: Elm 435:439 443:448 451:467 470 473
- Existing Properties: pshell.4, pshell.2, pshell.3
- Existing Results: SC1:DEFAULT, A1:Static Subcase
- Refresh Lists ...
- Mesh Size:  AUTOMATIC CALCULATION, Mesh Size: 0.01
- Local Model Name: local.out
- Buttons: Apply, Cancel
- Footer: AgTkAlt

The status bar at the bottom of the software window contains the following text: "These tools are very useful and should be reviewed carefully as they significantly enhance the functionality of MSC/PATRAN. This toolkit is a collection of custom PCL functions and is provided AS IS."