

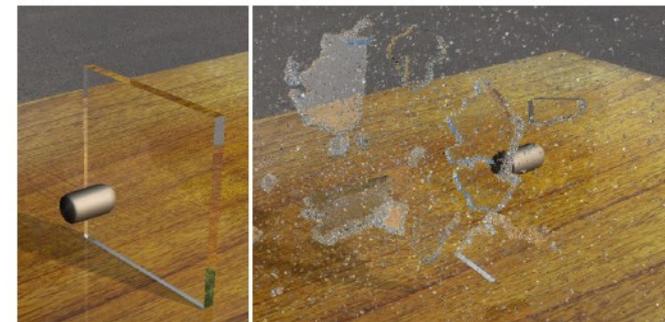
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# Adaptive grid refinement and scaling techniques applied to peridynamics

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# Equation of motion

- For a given body  $R_0$ , the equation of motion of an infinitesimal particle of material is defined by means of the following expression:

$$\rho \ddot{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{x}_i, t) = \nabla[\sigma] + \mathbf{b}(\mathbf{x}_i, t)$$

$$\rho \ddot{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{x}_i, t) = \int_{H_{x_i}} \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}_j, t) - \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}_i, t), \mathbf{x}_j - \mathbf{x}_i) dV_j + \mathbf{b}(\mathbf{x}_i, t)$$

$$H_{x_i} = \{\mathbf{x}_j \in R_0: \|\mathbf{x}_j - \mathbf{x}_i\| \leq \delta\} \longrightarrow \text{HORIZON}$$

$$\mathbf{f}(\boldsymbol{\eta}, \boldsymbol{\xi}) = f(\boldsymbol{\eta}, \boldsymbol{\xi}) \frac{\boldsymbol{\xi} + \boldsymbol{\eta}}{\|\boldsymbol{\xi} + \boldsymbol{\eta}\|} \longrightarrow \text{PAIRWISE FORCE FUNCTION}$$

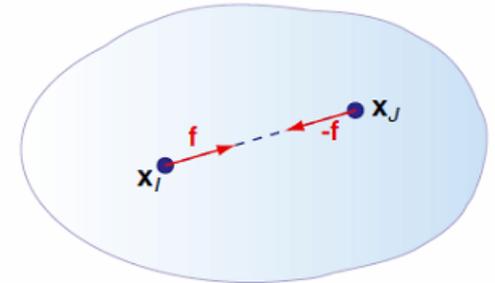
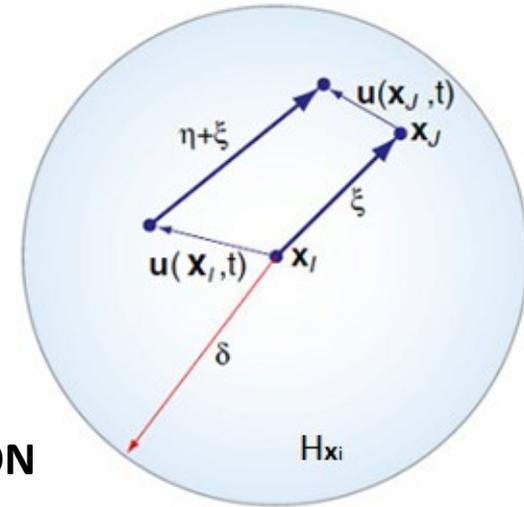
$\mathbf{u} \rightarrow$  displacement vector field

$\rho \rightarrow$  mass density

$\mathbf{b} \rightarrow$  body force density

$\boldsymbol{\xi} = \mathbf{x}_j - \mathbf{x}_i \rightarrow$  initial relative position

$\boldsymbol{\eta} = \mathbf{u}_j - \mathbf{u}_i \rightarrow$  relative displacement



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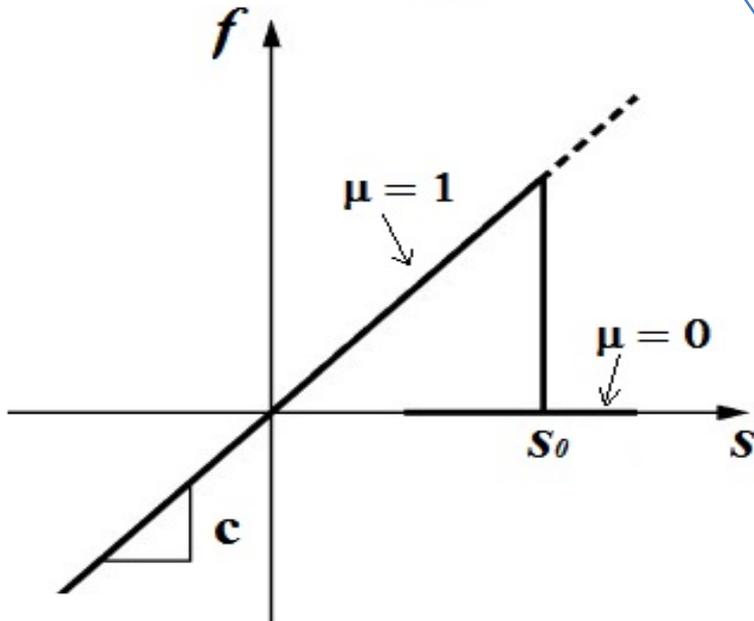
# Constitutive law

- A brittle elastic material is modeled adopting the constitutive law called PMB (**Prototype Microelastic Brittle**). The scalar pairwise force function takes the form:

$$f(\eta, \xi) = \mu(\xi) \cdot c \cdot s \quad \rightarrow \quad s = \frac{\|\xi + \eta\| - \|\xi\|}{\|\xi\|} \quad \text{stretch of the bond}$$

$$c \propto \frac{E}{\delta^3} \quad \text{micromodulus}$$

$$\mu(\xi) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } s < s_0 \propto \sqrt{G_0/E\delta} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



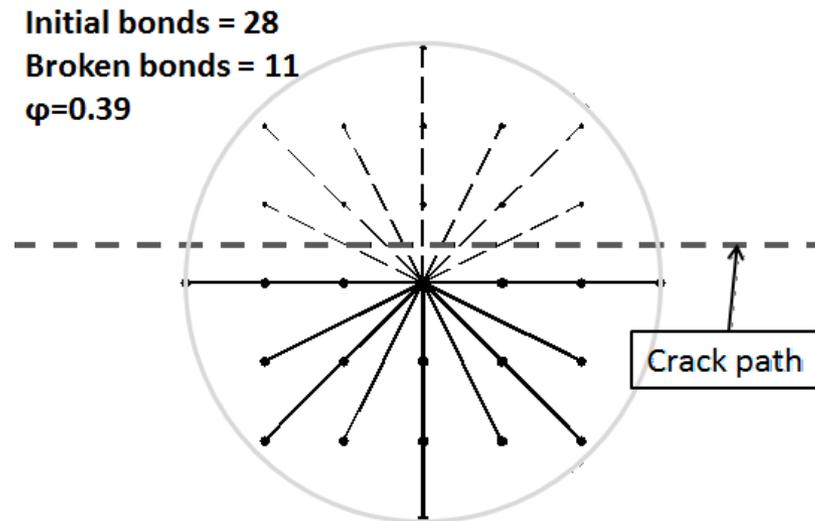
$E$  := Young's modulus  
 $G_0$  := Fracture energy

# Damage definition

- It is possible to define a non-ambiguous state of **material damage** at every point  $x_i$  of the body as:

$$\varphi(x_i) = \frac{\text{broken bonds}}{\text{initial bonds}}$$

$\varphi(x_i) = 0$  means **undamaged state**  
 $\varphi(x_i) = 1$  means **all broken bonds**



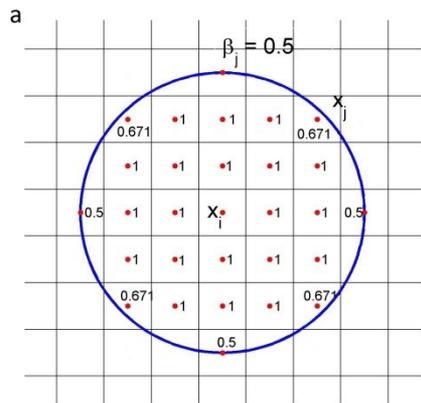
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# Some remarks about the numerical discretization

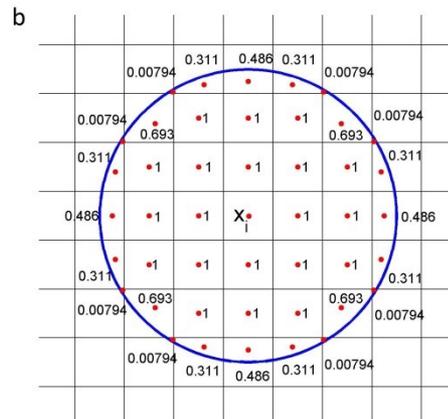
- Mesh-free method with a uniform structured grid and the Gauss quadrature mid-point space integration solved through the Velocity-Verlet explicit scheme:

$$\rho \ddot{\mathbf{u}}_i^n = \sum_j \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{u}_j^n - \mathbf{u}_i^n, \mathbf{x}_j - \mathbf{x}_i) V_j \beta_j + \mathbf{b}_i^n, \quad \forall \mathbf{x}_j \in H_{x_i}$$

$$\rho \ddot{\mathbf{u}}_i^n = \sum_k \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{u}_k^n - \mathbf{u}_i^n, \mathbf{x}_k - \mathbf{x}'_i) \beta_i \Delta V_k - \sum_j \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{u}_j^n - \mathbf{u}_i^n, \mathbf{x}_j - \mathbf{x}_i) \beta_j \Delta V_j + \mathbf{b}_i^n, \quad \forall \mathbf{x}_k \in H'_{x_i}, \forall \mathbf{x}_j \in H_{x_i}$$

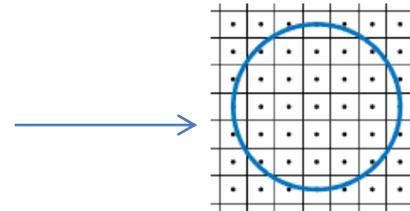


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PDLAMMPS algorithm

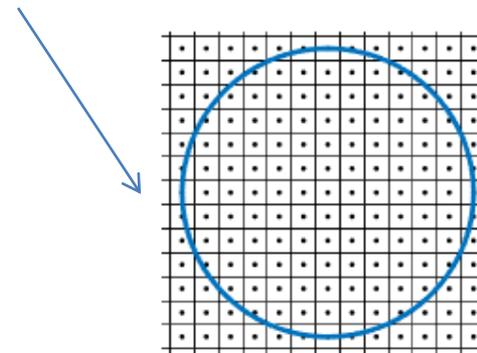


Improved Partial Area  
Hybrid

**$m$  ratio =  $\delta/\Delta x$**



**$\delta$  - convergence**  
( $\delta \searrow, m = \text{constant}$ )



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( $m \nearrow, \delta = \text{constant}$ )

# AGRS

- The adaptive refinement and scaling allows to reduce in automatic mode (by means of a trigger) both the grid spacing and the horizon only in the regions of interest, as in the proximity of the crack tips during their propagation :

**Selected coarse node by trigger**

- based on potential energy (suggested in literature)

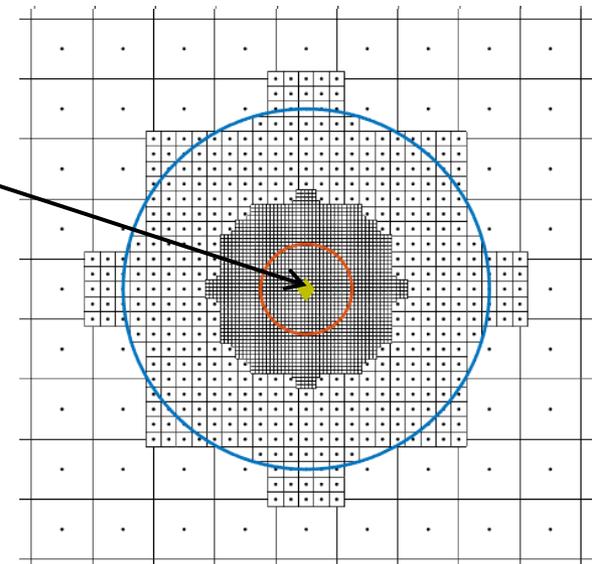
$$W(\mathbf{x}_i) \geq W_{threshold}$$

- based on damage state, introduced by us

$$\Delta\phi(\mathbf{x}_i) = \phi(\mathbf{x}_i) - \phi_0(\mathbf{x}_i) > 0$$

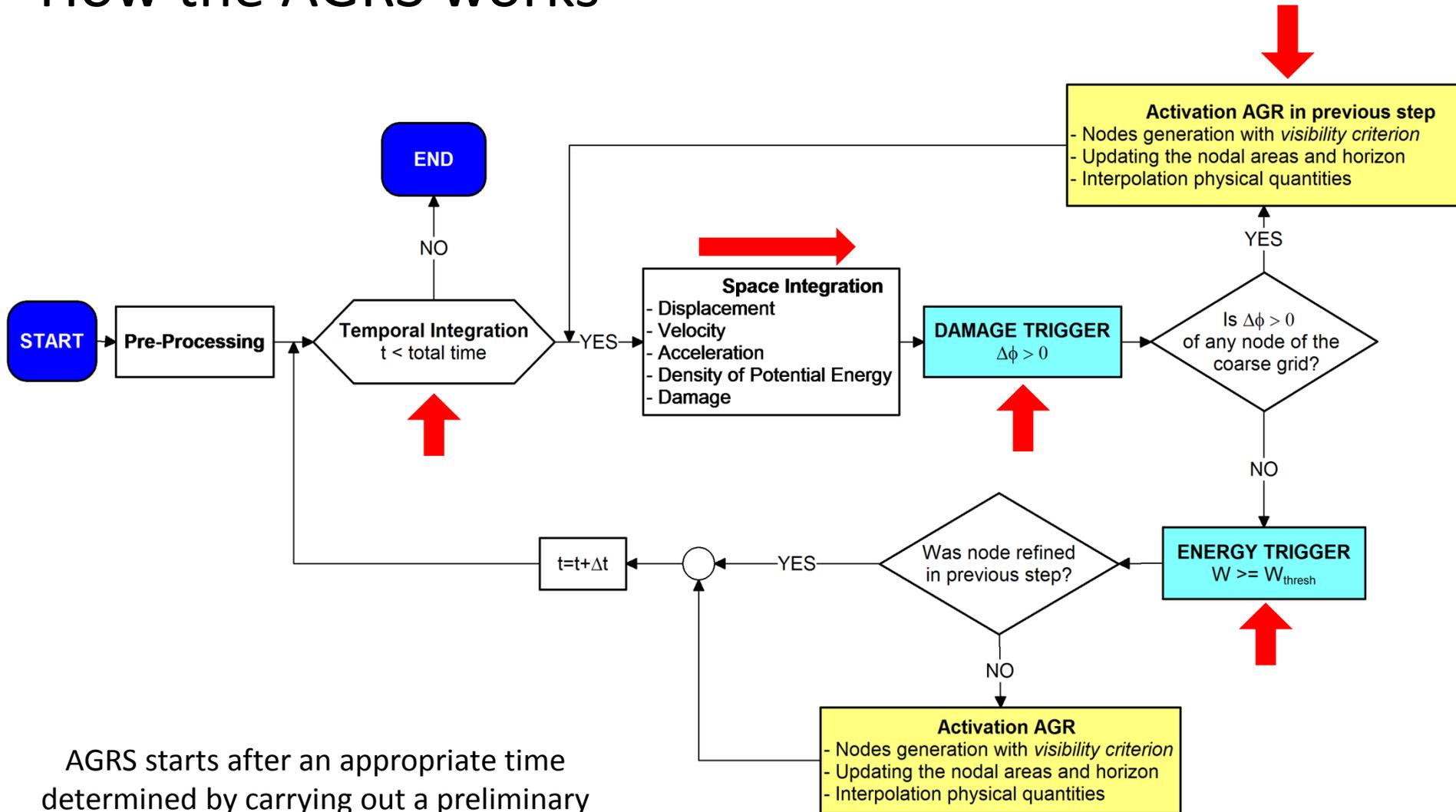
$\phi_0(\mathbf{x}_i)$  is the initial damage state of the nodes

**$\delta$  – convergence**  
( $\delta \searrow, m = \text{constant}$ )



— old horizon  
— new horizon

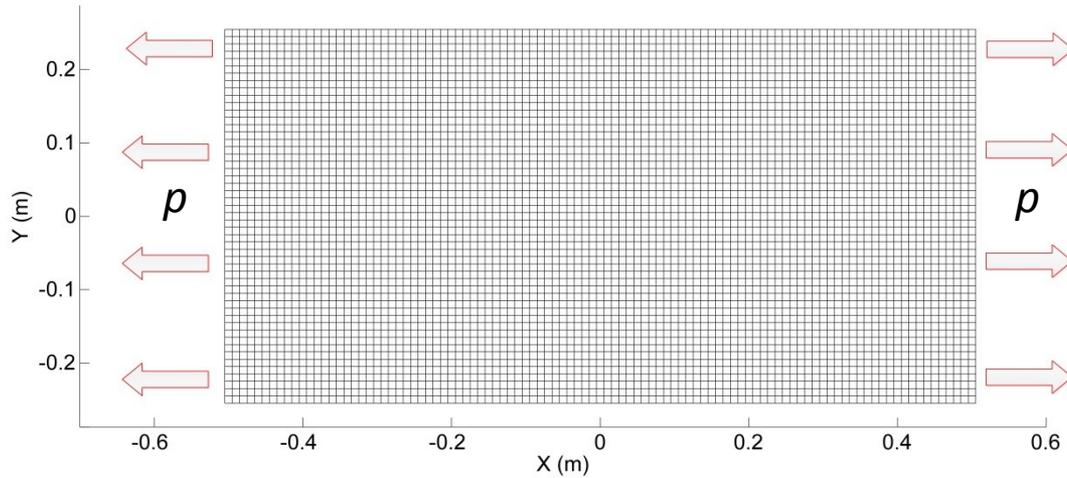
# How the AGRS works



AGRS starts after an appropriate time determined by carrying out a preliminary analysis on the coarse grid

# Static Test

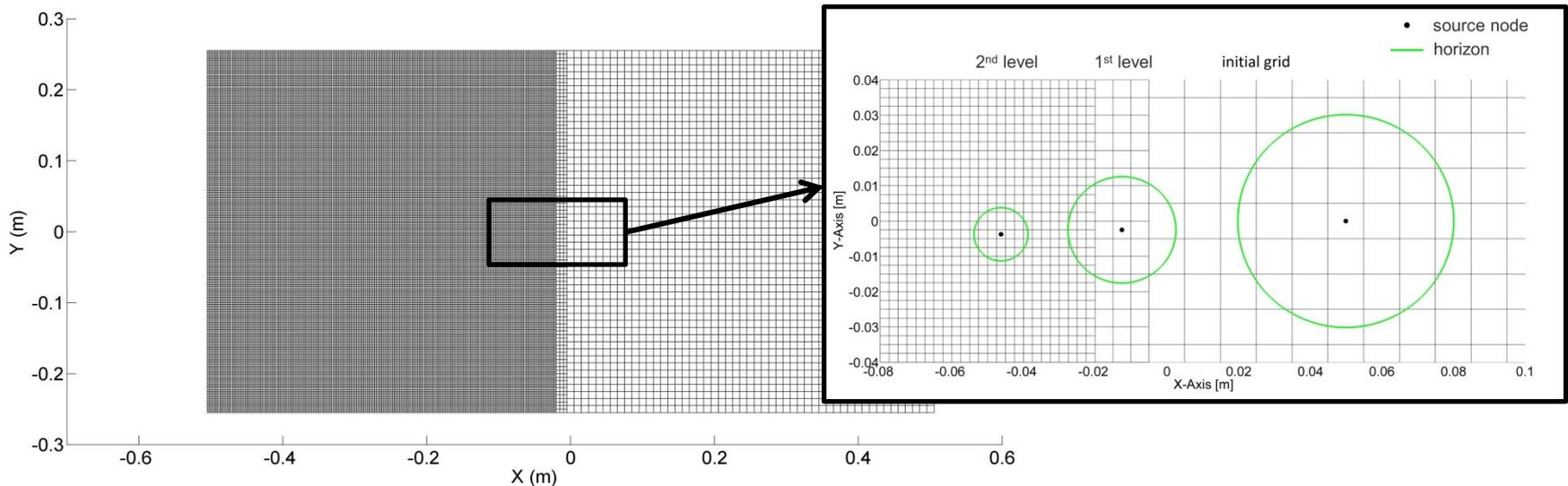
- A 2D static elastic linear problem is addressed through the comparison of the numerical peridynamic solution with the analytical solution of classic theory of mechanics:



$$u_x = (X, Y = 0) = \frac{p}{E} X$$

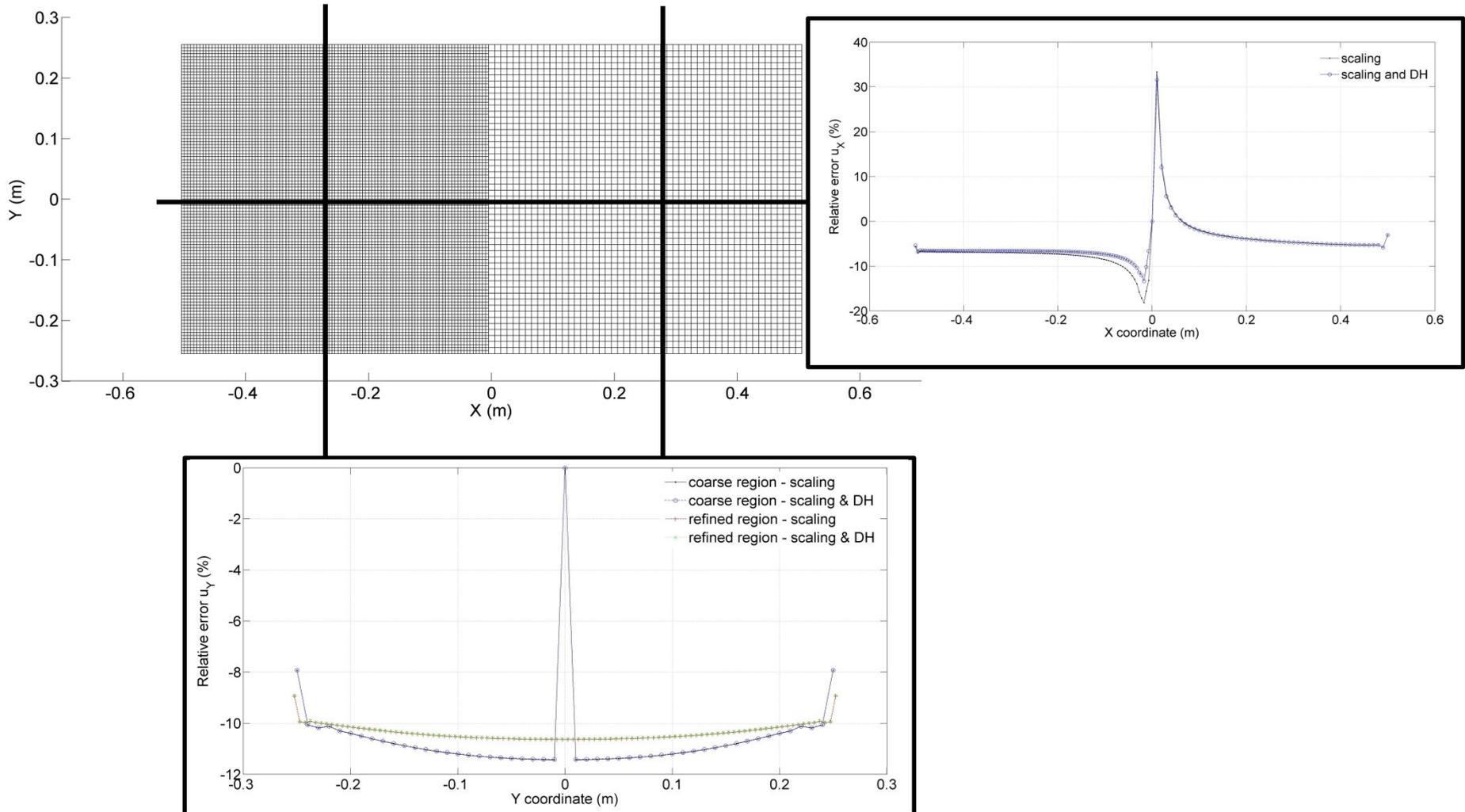
$$u_y = (X = 0, Y) = -\nu \frac{p}{E} Y$$

- Example of 2<sup>nd</sup> level of refinement and scaling applied:



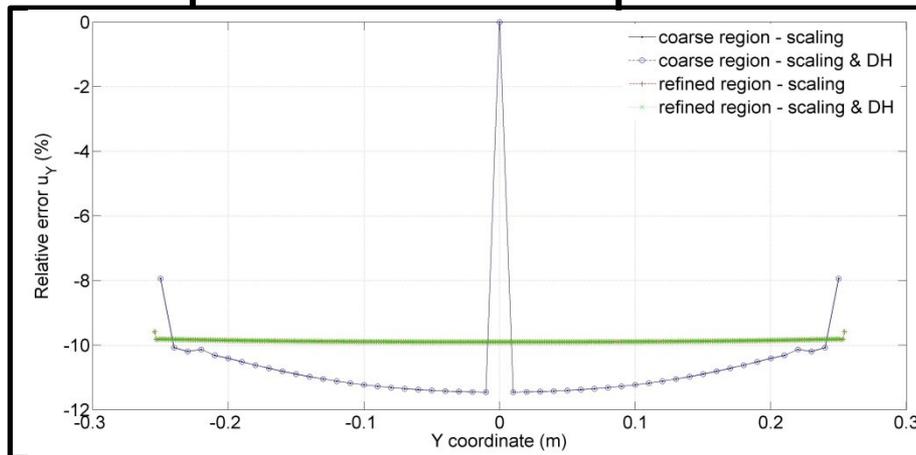
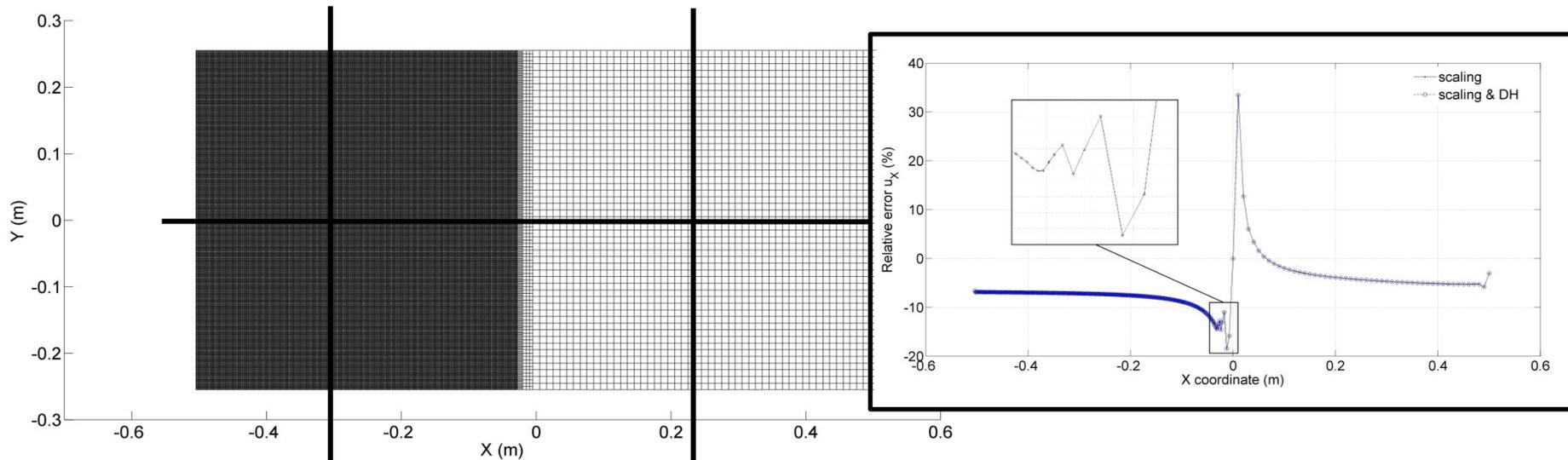
# Static Test

- The PD solution between Scaling and Scaling & Dual-horizon formulation are compared for the 1<sup>st</sup> level of refinement/scaling:



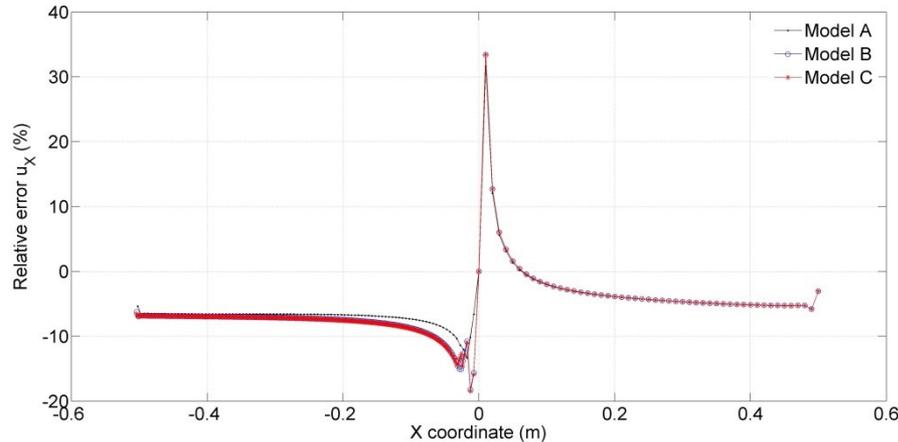
# Static Test

- The PD solution between Scaling and Scaling & Dual-horizon formulation are compared for the 3<sup>rd</sup> level of refinement/scaling:



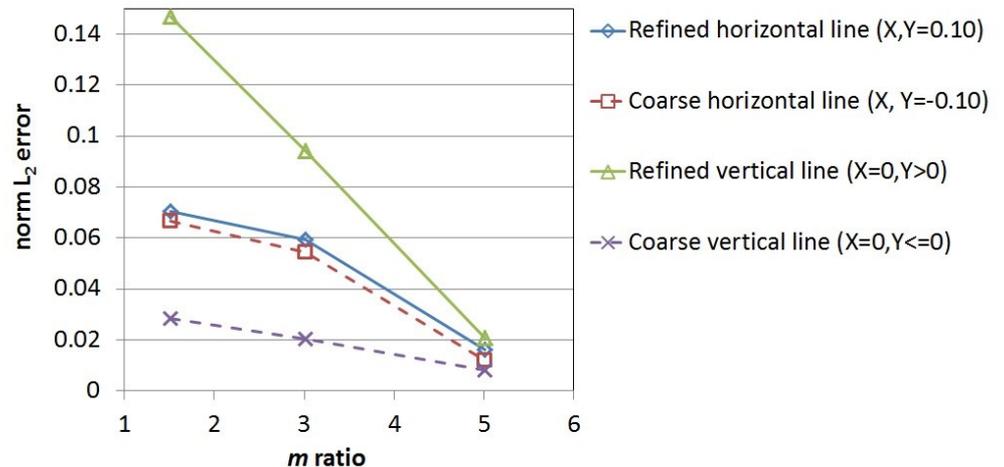
# Static Test

- The comparison between the solutions obtained by applying different levels of refinement/scaling highlights that higher levels of refinement do not affect the result:



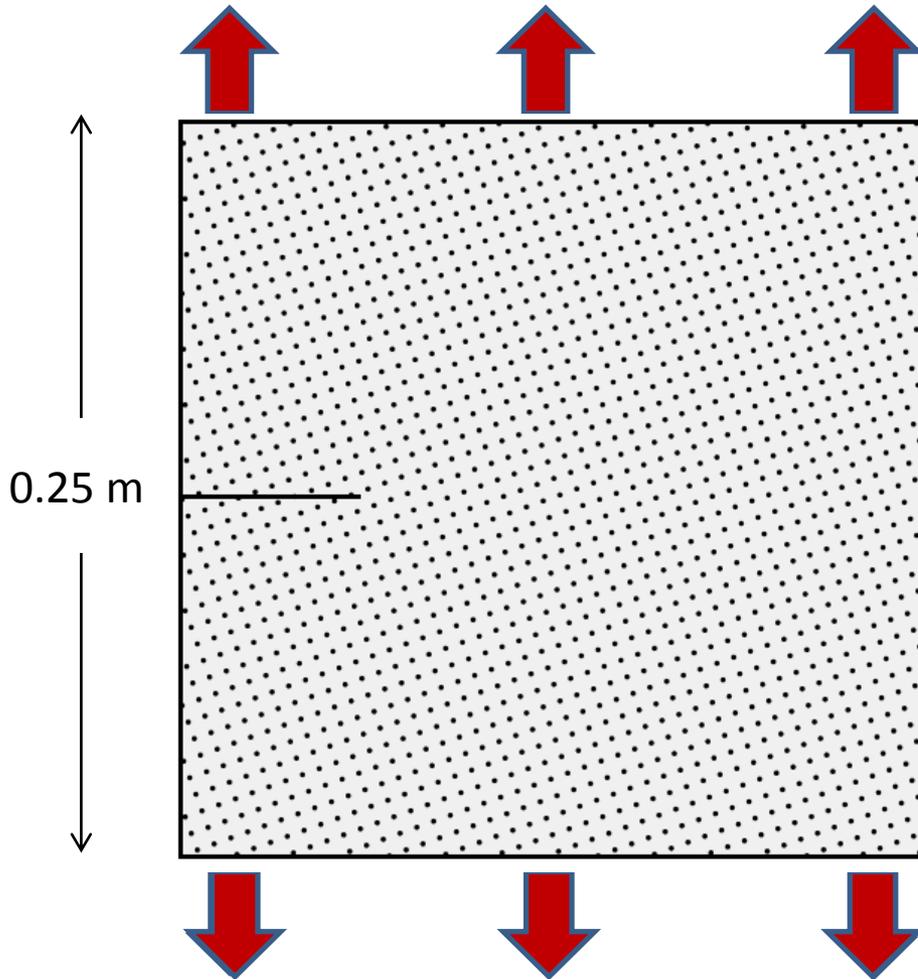
- The convergence study on  $m$  ratio shows as the rate of convergence of the refined region is higher than the coarse one:

$$L_2 \text{ error} = \frac{1}{q} \frac{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^j (u_i^{PD} - u_i^{analytical})^2}}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^j (u_i^{PD})^2}}$$



# Addressing grid sensitivity in peridynamics

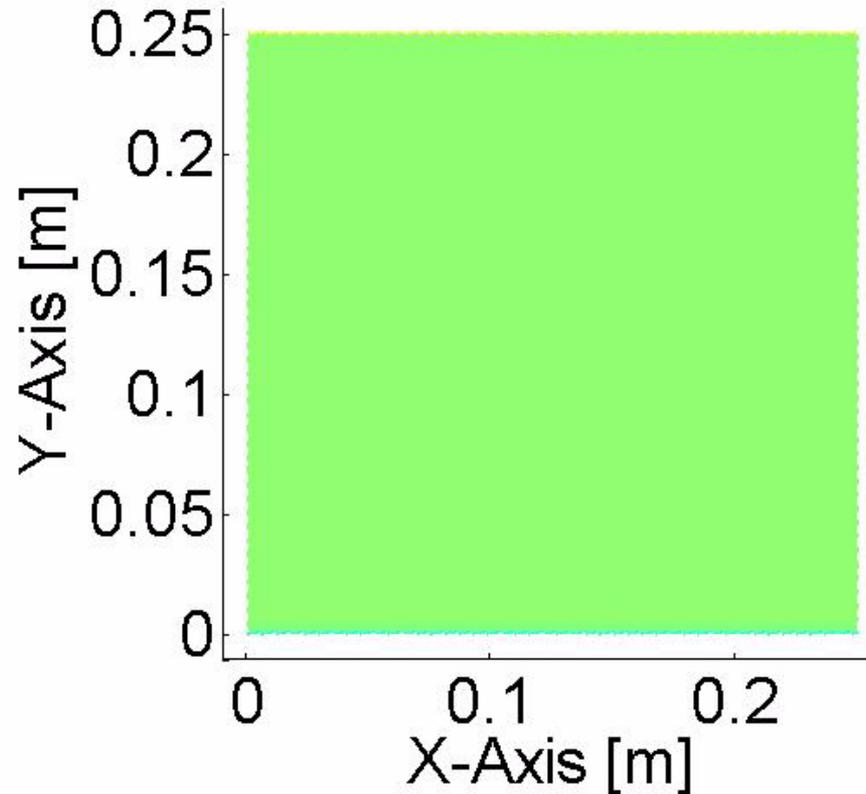
- Problem of a 2D pre-cracked square plate subjected to a traction load:



- **The grid is rotated with respect to the direction of pre-crack line**
- **Quasi-Static and Dynamic analysis**

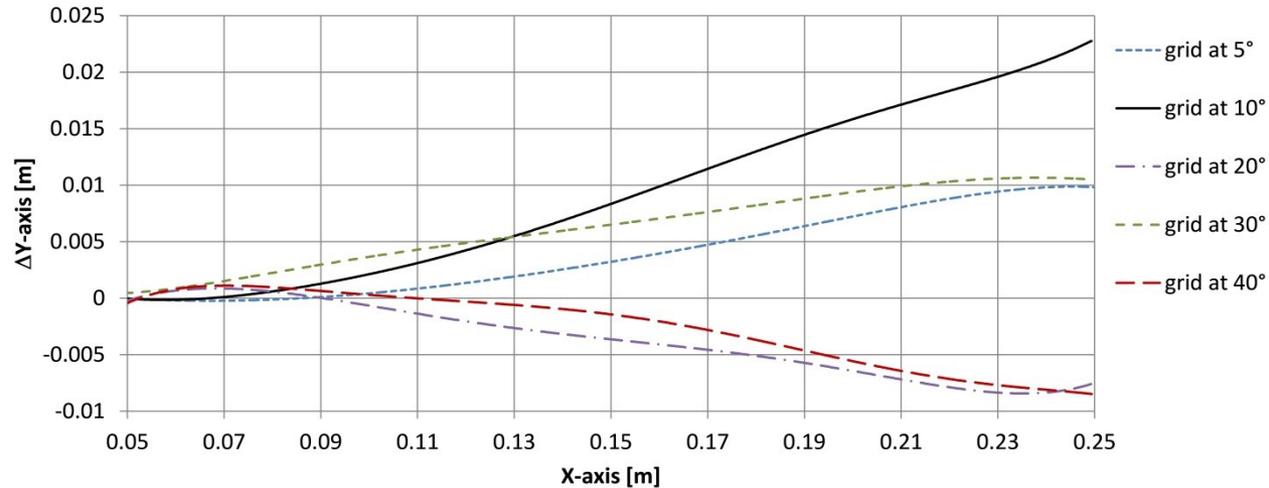
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- Waves propagation regarding the dynamic case of the grid rotated of  $10^\circ$  with  $m = 3$ :

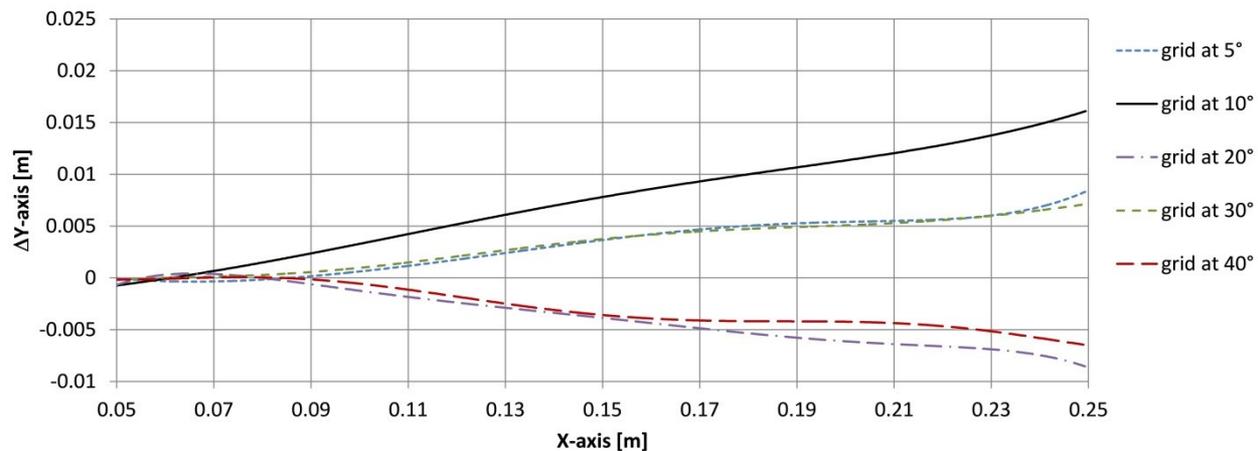


# Addressing grid sensitivity in peridynamics

- Crack paths obtained with different rotated grids with  $m = 3$ , dynamic cases:



- Crack paths obtained with different rotated grids with  $m = 3$ , quasi-static cases:

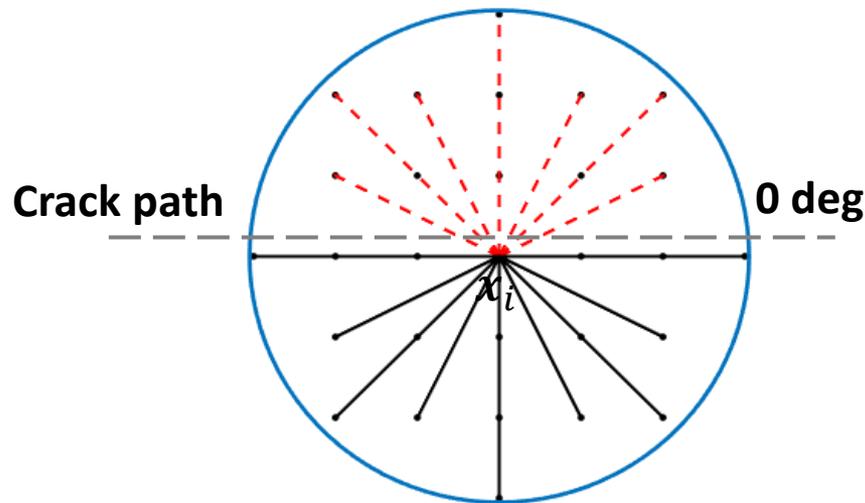


# Numerical explanation of grid sensitivity

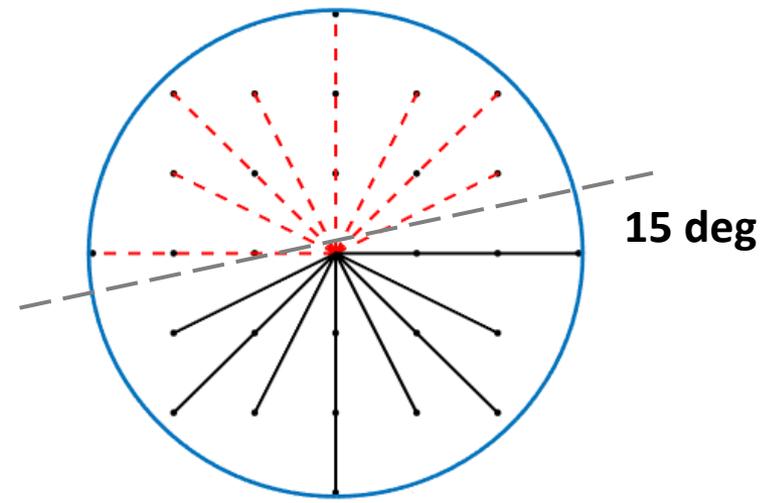
- This type of space discretization introduces an anisotropy on the damage state of the node, namely an anisotropy on the energy required to break the bonds along a specific direction:

$$\phi = \frac{\text{broken bonds}}{\text{initial bonds}}$$

**Example with  $m$  ratio = 3**



$$\phi_0 = 0.38$$

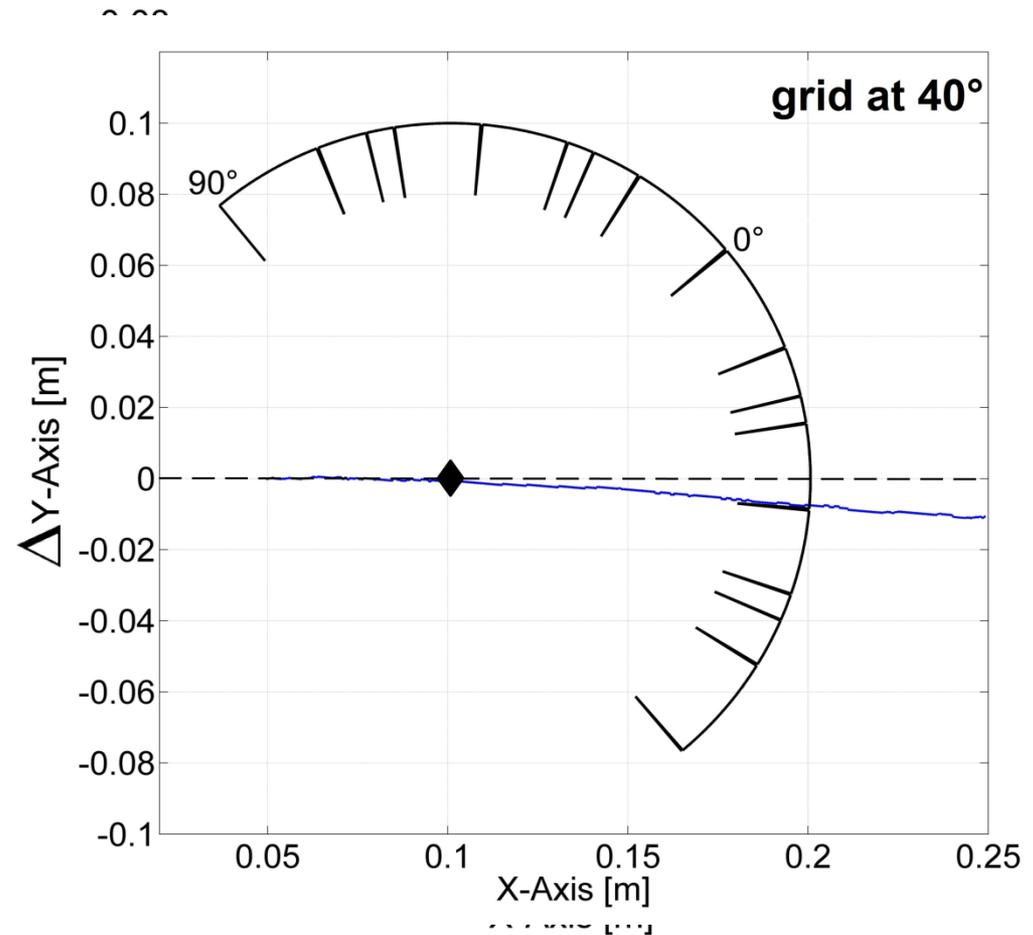
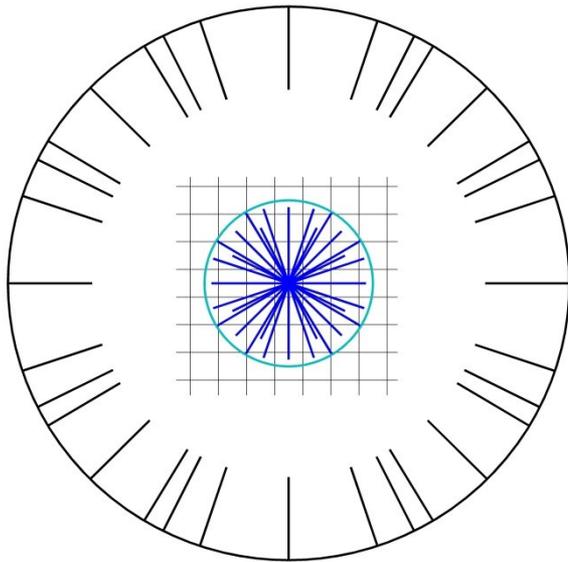


$$\phi_{15} = 0.48$$

# Numerical explanation of grid sensitivity

- The directions of minimum energy required to break the bonds along a specific direction match the directions of the bonds:

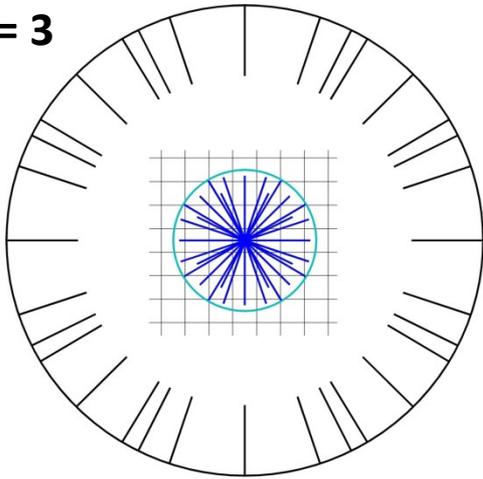
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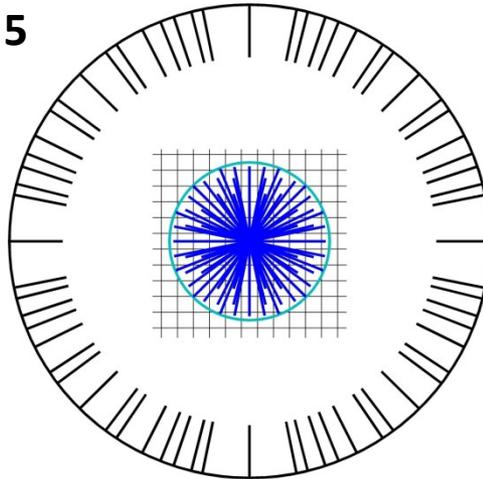
# Numerical explanation of grid sensitivity

- When the  $m$  ratio increases both the number of the minimum energy directions increases and the gap energy between them and the other directions reduces:

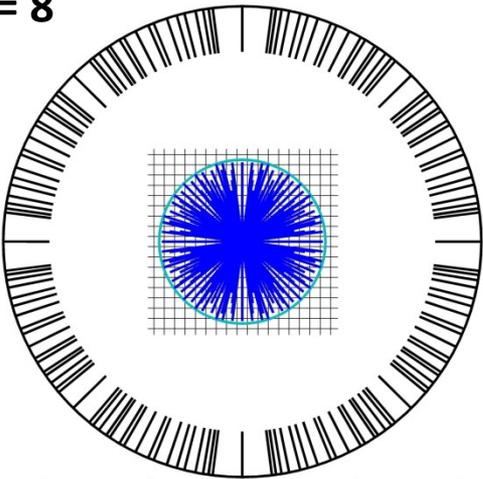
$m = 3$



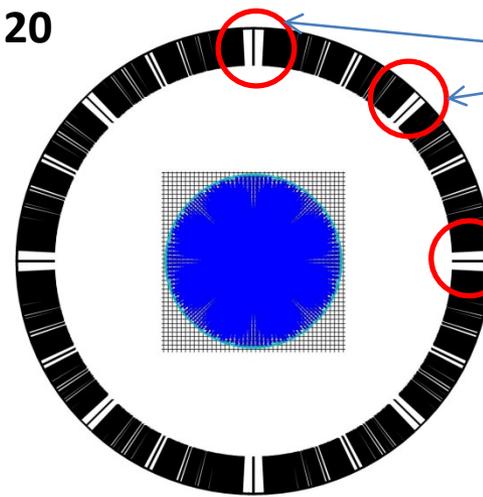
$m = 5$



$m = 8$



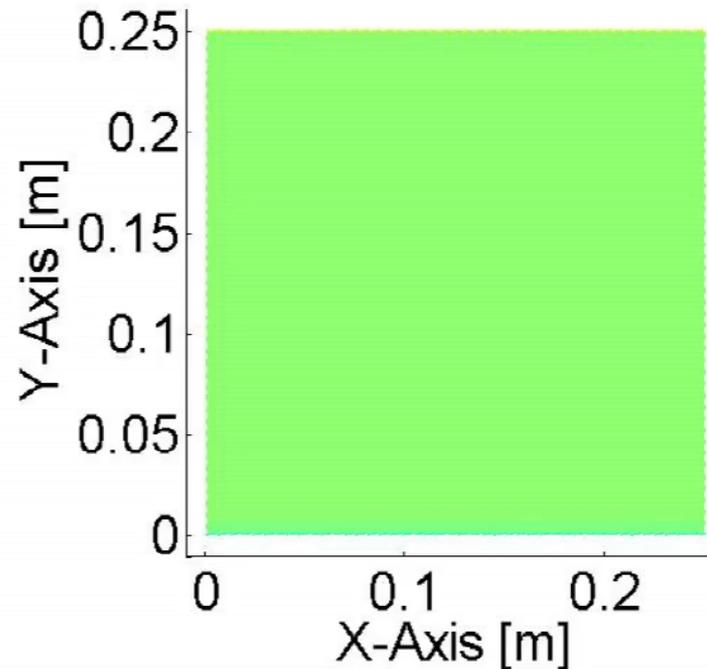
$m = 20$



Regions in which the bond directions remain «rare»

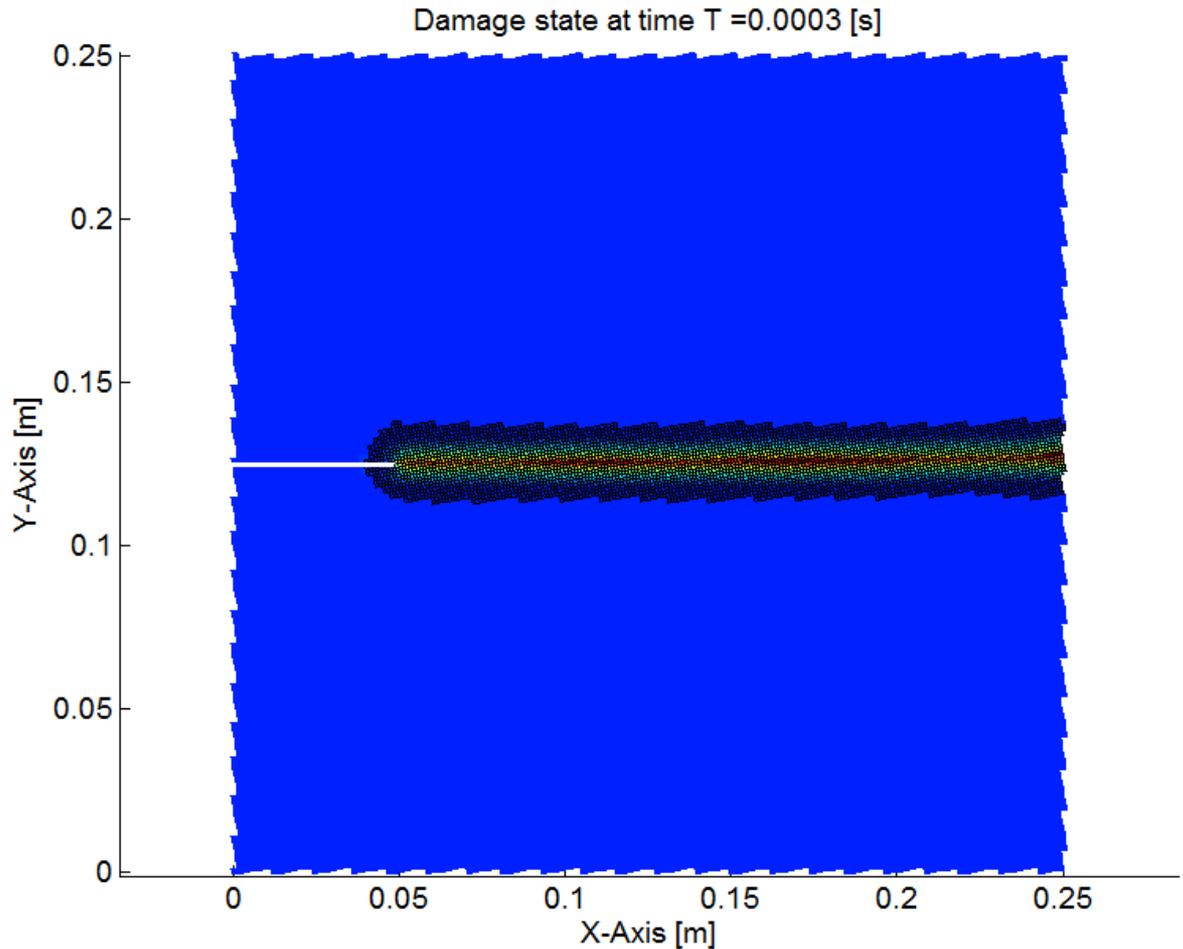
# Addressing grid sensitivity in peridynamics

- With reference to the worst case of grid rotated of 10 degree, it is possible to see as an increase of  $m$  ratio from 3 to 6-7 is enough to eliminate the dependence of crack propagation on grid orientation:



# Addressing grid sensitivity with AGRS

- Application of the 1<sup>st</sup> level of AGRS when the grid is rotated of 10°, the **horizon is kept constant**:



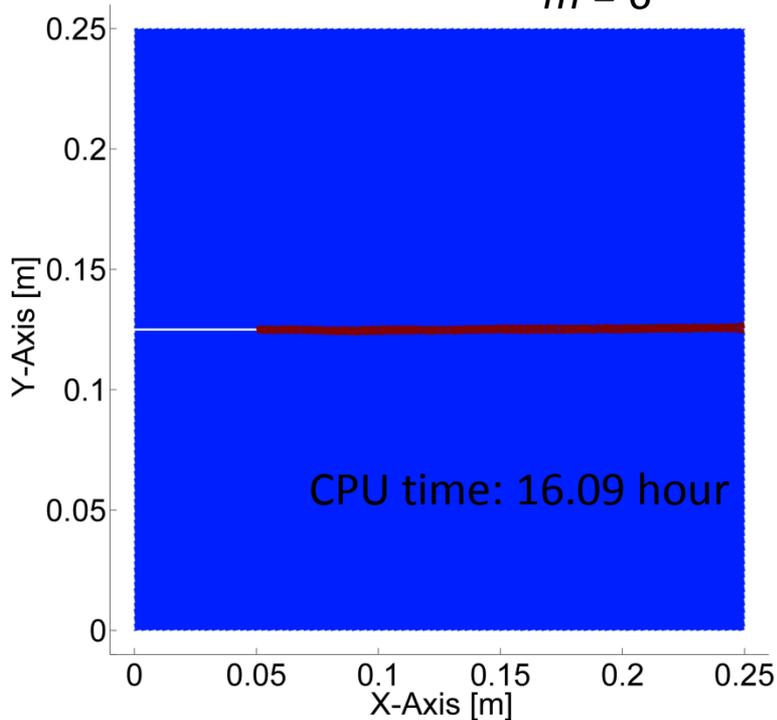
- **Initial Grid** : 15,600 nodes  
 $\Delta x = 2 \text{ mm}$   
 $m = 3$

- **Refined region**:  $\Delta x = 1 \text{ mm}$   
 $m = 6$

# Addressing grid sensitivity with AGRS

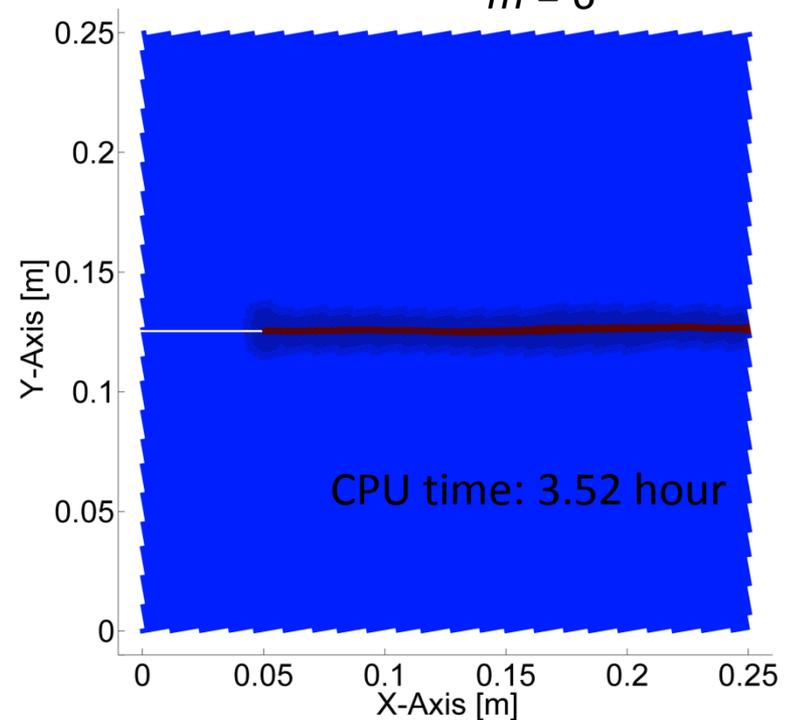
- Application of the 2<sup>nd</sup> level of AGRS when the grid is rotated of 10°, the **horizon shrinks**:

- **Uniform Refined region:**  $\Delta x = 0.5 \text{ mm}$   
 $m = 6$



- **Initial Grid :** 15,600 nodes  
 $\Delta x = 2 \text{ mm}$   
 $m = 3$

- **Refined region:**  $\Delta x = 0.5 \text{ mm}$   
 $m = 6$



# Benchmark problem: Kalthoff-Winkler's experiment

- Setup experiment:

- **Material 18Ni1900:**  $E = 190 \text{ GPa}$ ,  
 $\rho = 8000 \text{ kg/m}^3$   
 $G_0 = 22170 \text{ J/m}^2$

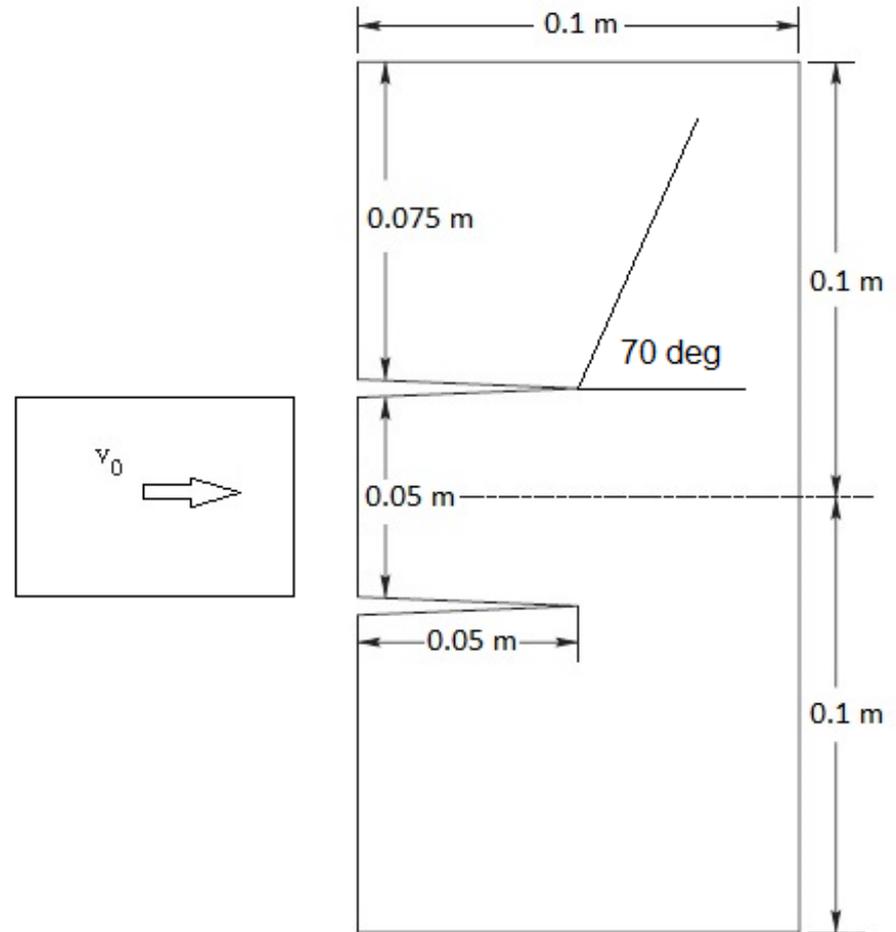
- **Simulation :**  $t_{\text{tot}} = 52 \mu\text{s}$  ( $\Delta t_{\text{min}} = 20 \text{ ns}$ )

- **Initial Grid :** 5,000 nodes  
 $\Delta x = 2 \text{ mm}$   
 $\delta = 6 \text{ mm}$

- **Energy Trigger :**  $W \geq 0.7 W_{\text{max}}$

- **Damage Trigger :**  $\Delta\phi \geq 0$

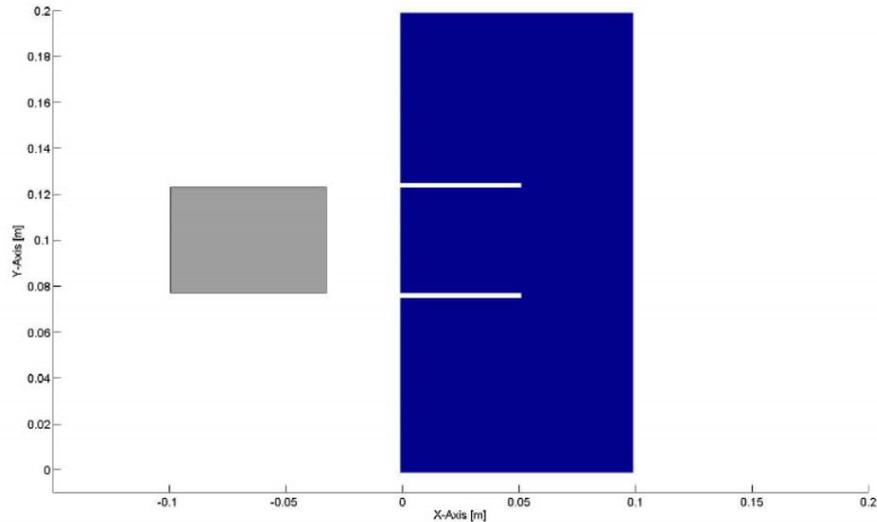
- **$\delta$ -convergence** ( $m=3$ )



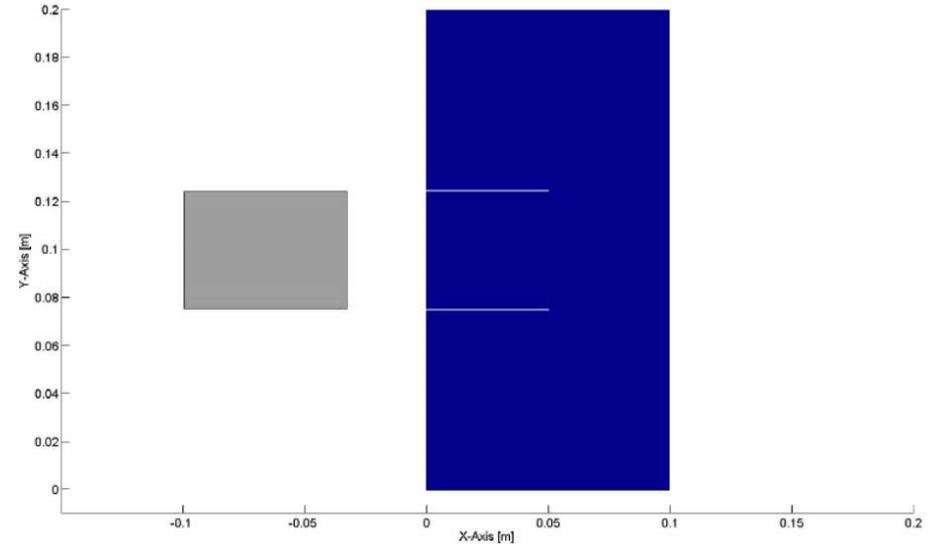
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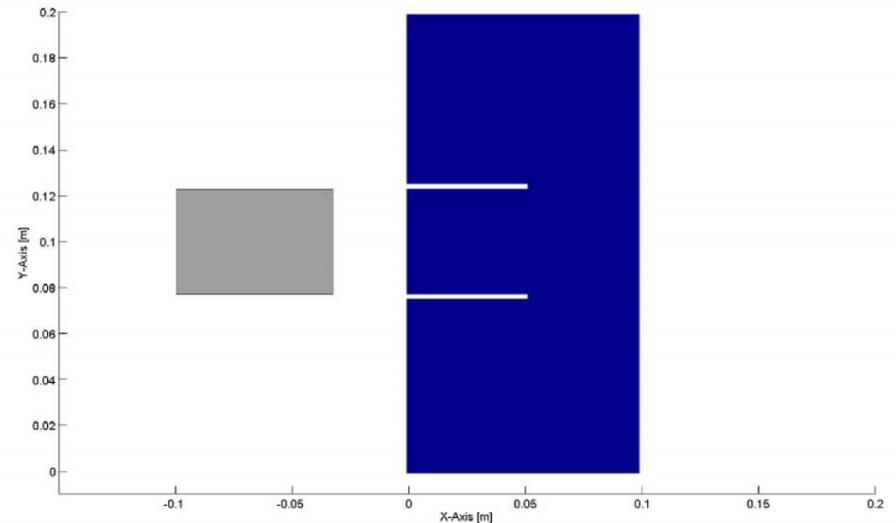
Uniform coarse grid (  $\Delta x = 2mm$  )



Uniform refined grid (  $\Delta x = 0.5mm$  )



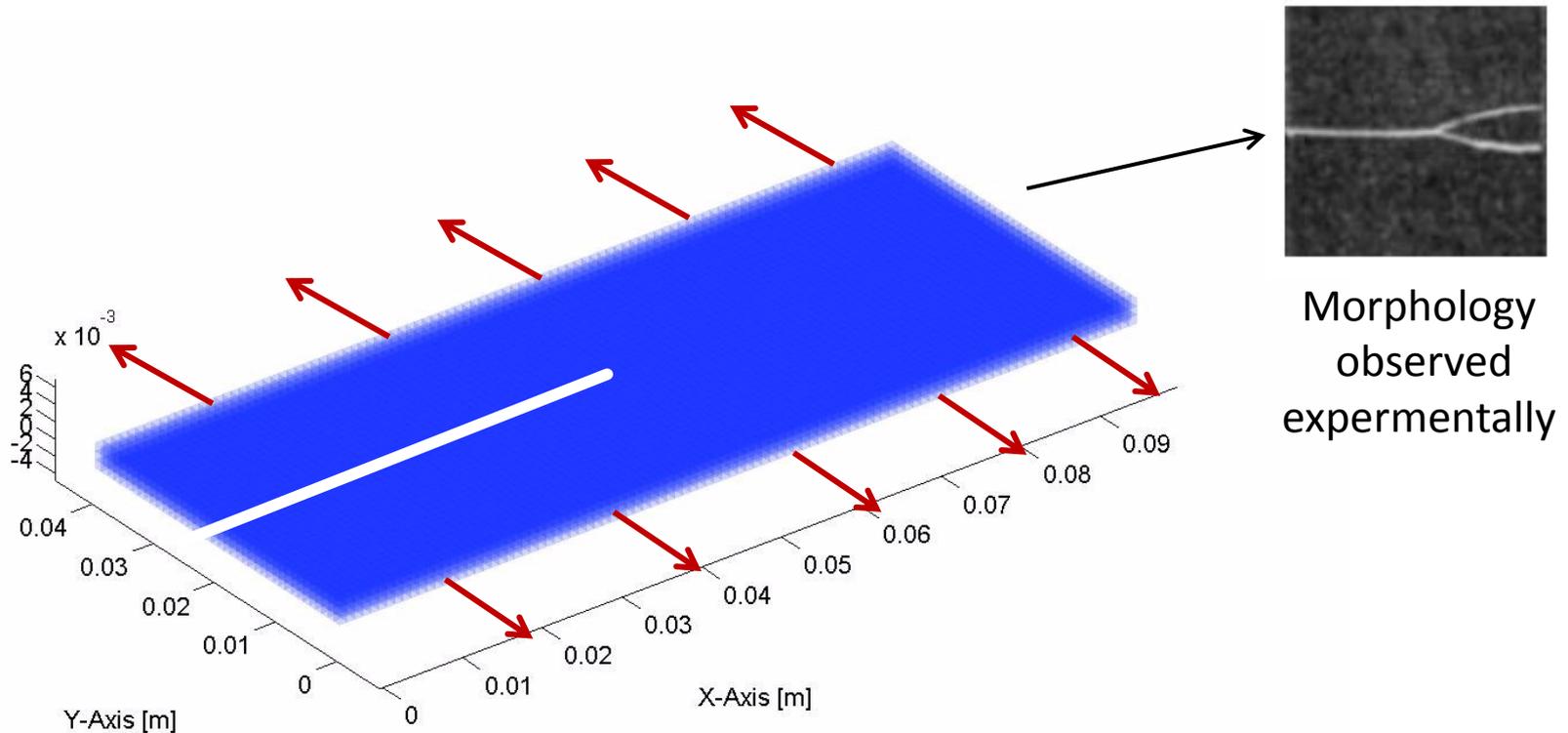
Adaptive grid with 2<sup>nd</sup> level of refinement  
(  $\Delta x_0 = 2mm, \Delta x_2 = 0.5mm$  )



**Adaptive model is able to capture  
the right angle of approximately  $70^\circ$**

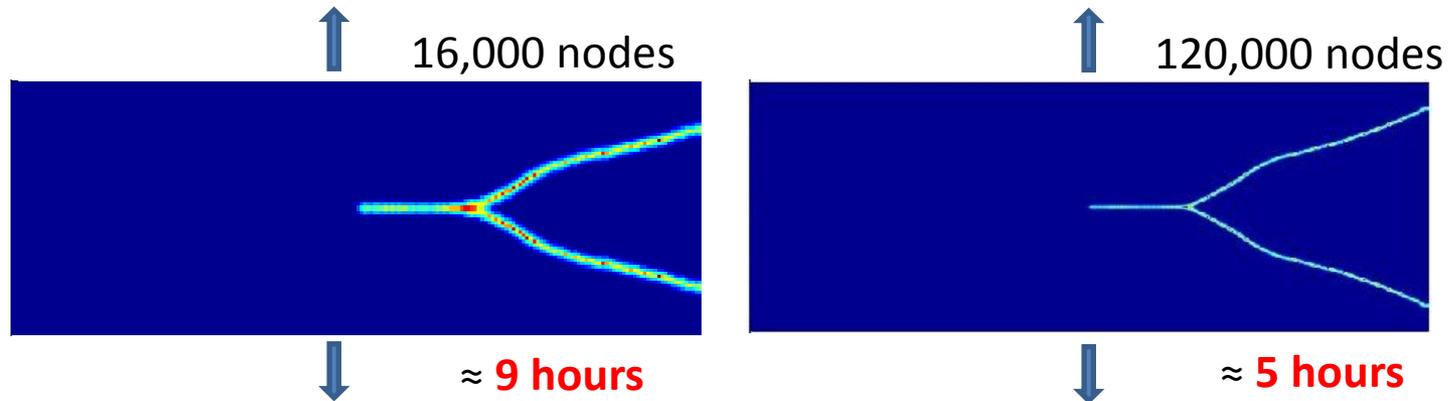
# 3D Adaptive grid refinement/scaling

- Crack branching of pre-cracked glass plate under traction, the 1<sup>st</sup> level of AGRS is applied in a 3D model:

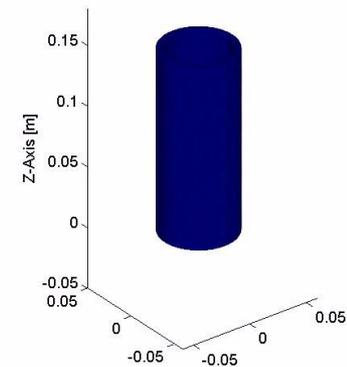
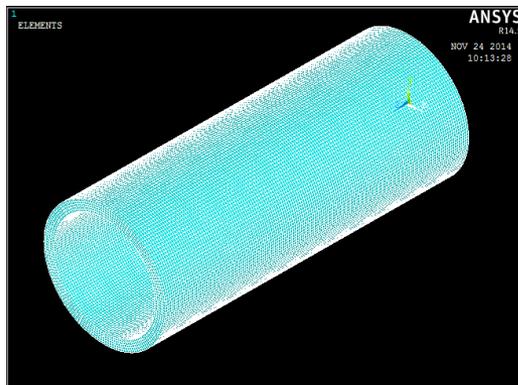


# Activities related to my Ph.D

- Optimization of the pre-existent Matlab codes in the context of dynamic simulations with tools such as MEX files:



- Implementation of codes to import a general 3D mesh in Matlab environment



# Publications

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# Conferences

- Participation at 11<sup>th</sup> World Congress on Computational Mechanics, Barcelona (20-25/07/2014)
- Participation at International CAE Conference, Pacengo del Garda (27-28/10/2014)
- Participation at 4<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Computational Modeling of Fracture and Failure of Materials and Structures, Paris (02-05/06/2015)
- I will participate in IMECE International Mechanical Engineering Congress & Exposition, Phoenix, Arizona, USA (11-17/11/2016)

# Conclusion

- Development of a robust algorithm to implement AGRS on peridynamics through the introduction of a trigger based on damage state of the nodes
- Development of both 2D/3D codes to implement AGRS with Matlab
- Optimization of the pre-existent Matlab codes in the context of dynamic simulations
- Comparison of different peridynamic formulations (Scaling and Dual-horizon) by means of both static and dynamic analysis
- Addressing dependence of crack propagation on grid orientation
- Validation of the numerical results obtained with other methods/experimental results

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