

3D Crack Detection Using an XFEM Variant and Global Optimization Algorithms

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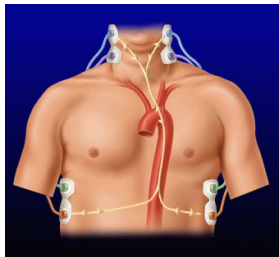
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Nondestructive evaluation (NDE)

Methods used to examine an object, material or system without impairing its future usefulness



- Available Techniques: impedance tomography, radiography, ultrasounds, acoustic emission

- SHM - Damage Detection: Monitor changes in the dynamic properties of a structure



Inverse problem

- Detection of cracks in existing structures
- Measurements are available
- A computational model is employed
- The difference between the two is minimized
- Information regarding the cracks is obtained

Inverse problem

Mathematical formulation:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Find } \beta_i \text{ such that} \\ & \mathcal{F}(r(\beta_i)) \rightarrow \min \end{aligned}$$

where

β_i Parameters describing the crack geometry

$r(\cdot)$ Norm of the difference between measurements and computed values

\mathcal{F} Some function of the residual

The CMA-ES algorithm is employed to solve the problem.

Solution process:

- Generation of initial population (β_i) with CMA-ES
- Fitness function ($\mathcal{F}(r(\beta_i))$) evaluation using XFEM and measurements
- Population is updated with CMA-ES
- The procedure is repeated until convergence

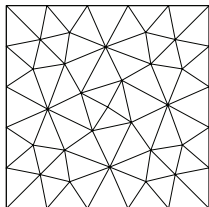
During the optimization process:

- A large number of crack geometries is tested
- The computational model is solved several times
- An efficient and robust method is required

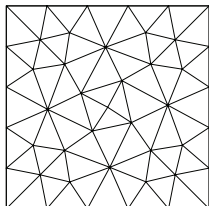
FEM vs XFEM for fracture:

- No crack

FEM

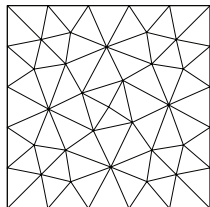


XFEM

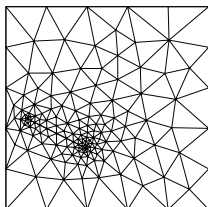


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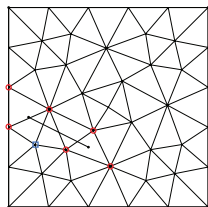
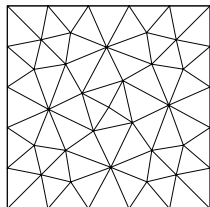
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- Crack 1



XFEM
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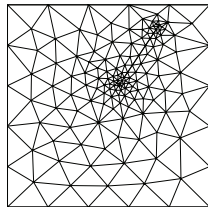
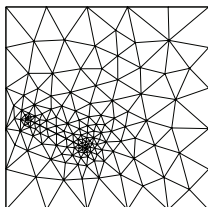
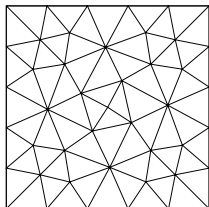
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- Crack 1

- Crack 2

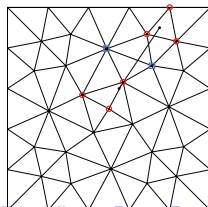
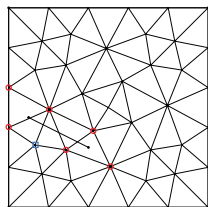
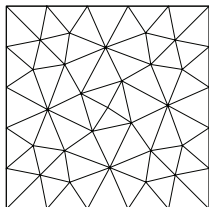
FEM

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XFEM

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XFEM approximation

XFEM approximation:

$$\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}) = \underbrace{\sum_{\forall I} N_I(\mathbf{x}) \mathbf{u}_I}_{\text{FE approximation}} + \underbrace{\sum_{\forall I} N_I^*(\mathbf{x}) \Psi(\mathbf{x}) \mathbf{b}_I}_{\text{enriched part}}$$

where:

$N_I(\mathbf{x})$ are the FE shape functions

\mathbf{u}_I are the nodal displacements

$N_I^*(\mathbf{x})$ are functions forming a PU

$\Psi(\mathbf{x})$ are the enrichment functions

\mathbf{b}_I are the enriched dofs

Jump enrichment functions:

$$H(\phi) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } \phi > 0 \\ -1 & \text{for } \phi < 0 \end{cases}$$

Tip enrichment functions:

$$F_j(r, \theta) = \left[\sqrt{r} \sin \frac{\theta}{2}, \sqrt{r} \cos \frac{\theta}{2}, \sqrt{r} \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \sin \theta, \sqrt{r} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \sin \theta \right]$$

Some drawbacks of XFEM:

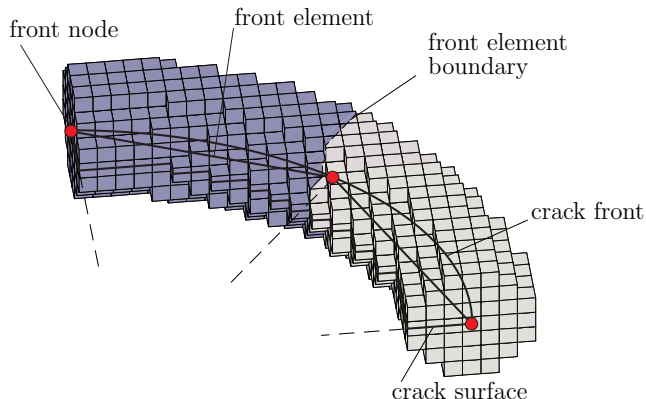
- The use of tip enrichment in a fixed area around the crack front (geometrical enrichment) is required for optimal convergence
- The use of geometrical enrichment causes conditioning problems
- Blending problems the enriched and the standard part of the approximation

An XFEM variant is employed which:

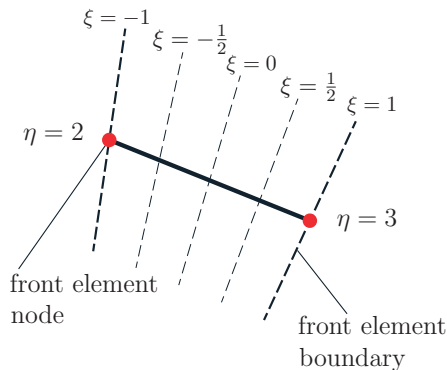
- Enables the application of geometrical enrichment to 3D
- Employs weight function blending
- Employs enrichment function shifting

Global enrichment XFEM

Special front elements are introduced:



Front element shape functions:



$$\mathbf{N}^g(\xi) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1-\xi}{2} & \frac{1+\xi}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

Global enrichment XFEM

Displacement approximation:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}) = & \sum_{I \in \mathcal{N}} N_I(\mathbf{x}) \mathbf{u}_I + \bar{\varphi}(\mathbf{x}) \sum_{J \in \mathcal{N}^j} N_J(\mathbf{x}) (H(\mathbf{x}) - H_J) \mathbf{b}_J + \\ & + \varphi(\mathbf{x}) \left(\sum_{K \in \mathcal{N}^s} N_K^g(\mathbf{x}) \sum_j F_j(\mathbf{x}) - \sum_{T \in \mathcal{N}^t} N_T(\mathbf{x}) \sum_{K \in \mathcal{N}^s} N_K^g(\mathbf{x}_T) \sum_j F_j(\mathbf{x}_T) \right) \mathbf{c}_{Kj} \end{aligned}$$

where:

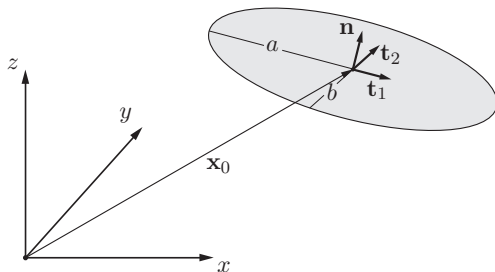
$\bar{\varphi}, \varphi$ are weight functions

N_K^g are front element shape functions

H_J, F_j are nodal values of the enrichment functions

Problem parametrization

Elliptical cracks are considered:



Parameters:

- Coordinates of center point \mathbf{x}_0 ($\{x_0, y_0, z_0\}$)
- Rotation about the three axes θ_x, θ_y and θ_z
- Lengths a and b

Problem parametrization

Scaling of parameters:

$$p_i = \frac{p_{i_1} + p_{i_2}}{2} + \frac{p_{i_2} - p_{i_1}}{2} \sin \left(\frac{\beta_i}{10} \cdot \frac{\pi}{2} \right)$$

where:

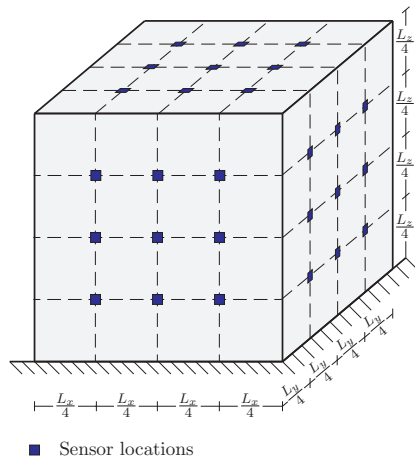
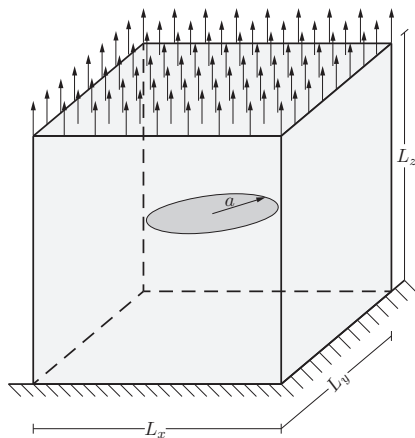
β_i are design variables

p_i are geometrical parameters of the crack

p_{i_1}, p_{i_2} are lower and upper values for the parameters

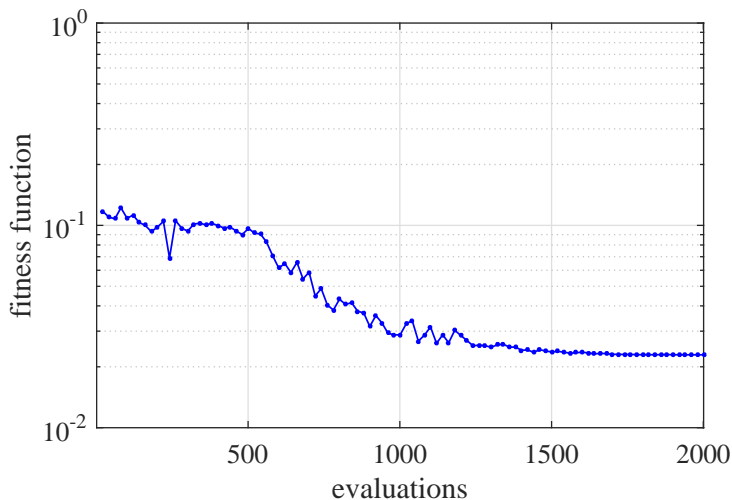
Penny crack in a cube

Geometry and sensors:



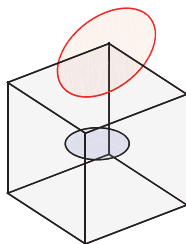
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Optimization problem convergence:

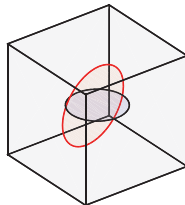


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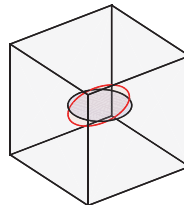
Best solution after different numbers of iterations



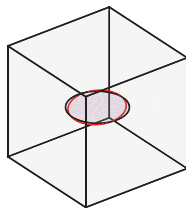
Initial guess



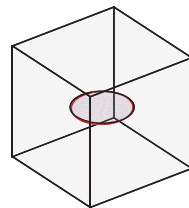
500 evaluations



1000 evaluations



1500 evaluations



2000 evaluations

— Actual crack
— Detected crack

- A 3D crack detection scheme was presented
- Promising results were obtained
- Extension to practical problems would increase computational cost
- Computational cost of forward problem solutions should be reduced