



Phase field approach to brittle fracture and cohesive zone models for fracture mechanics in heterogeneous materials and composites



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MUSAM-Lab

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- 3D confocal-interferometric profilometer (LEICA, DCM 3D)
- Scanning Electron Microscope (ZEISS, EVO MA15)
- Micromechanical testing stage (DEBEN, 5000S)
- Universal testing machine with a thermostatic chamber (Zwick/Roell, Z010TH) and a peeling test setup
- Thermocamera (FLIR, T640bx)
- Photocamera for electroluminesce (PCO, 1300 Solar)
- 3D displacement correlation technique (Correlated Solutions, VIC3D)



Research topics









Graphene and thermal-barrier coatings

Fibrous materials (paper tissue)

Durability of photovoltaics

Flexible electronics



Fracture of polycrystals



Reaction-diffusion systems (for fluids and solids)



Graphene-based printable electronics



Photovoltaics (PV)













Applications: from PV parks to building integrated PV









Endorsement and collaborations

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Durability

Some failure modes of PV modules:

- 1. Cracks
- 2. Decohesion of the encapsulant
- 3. Moisture-induced degradation









Computational methods for stress analysis and fracture mechanics of shells



Global/local finite element approach



Paggi M, Berardone I, Corrado M (2016) A global/local approach for the prediction of the electric response of cracked solar cells in photovoltaic modules under the action of mechanical loads. Eng. Fract. Mech., 168:40-57.

Fracture of polycrystalline solar cells: a variational approach





- Cohesive fracture along pre-existing interfaces, Γ_i
- B. Bourdin, G.A. Francfort, J.J. Marigo (2008) J. Elast. 91:5
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$$\Pi(\mathbf{u},\Gamma) = \Pi_{\Omega}(\mathbf{u},\Gamma) + \Pi_{\Gamma}(\Gamma) = \int_{\Omega\setminus\Gamma} \psi^{e}(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}) \,\mathrm{d}\Omega + \int_{\Gamma} \mathcal{G}_{c} \,\mathrm{d}\Gamma$$

Elastic strain energy density

Dissipated energy due to fracture

$$\Pi_{\Gamma} = \Pi_{\Gamma_{b}} + \Pi_{\Gamma_{i}} = \int_{\Gamma_{b}} \mathcal{G}_{c}^{b}(\mathbf{u}, \boldsymbol{\vartheta}) \, \mathrm{d}\Gamma + \int_{\Gamma_{i}} \mathcal{G}_{i}^{i}(\mathbf{g}, \boldsymbol{\vartheta}) \, \mathrm{d}\Gamma$$
Dissipated energy in the bulk
(Griffith fracture)
Dissipated energy
along interfaces
(CZM)

Contribution to the functional related to the bulk:

$$\Pi_b(\mathbf{u},\Gamma_b) = \Pi_\Omega(\mathbf{u},\Gamma_b) + \Pi_{\Gamma_b}(\Gamma_b) = \int_{\Omega\setminus\Gamma} \psi^e(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}) \,\mathrm{d}\Omega + \int_{\Gamma_b} \mathcal{G}_c^b(\mathbf{u},\boldsymbol{\mathfrak{d}}) \,\mathrm{d}\Gamma$$

IMT SCUOLA ALTI STUDI (1) phase field for brittle fracture in the bulk

$$\Pi_b(\mathbf{u},\Gamma_b) = \Pi_\Omega(\mathbf{u},\Gamma_b) + \Pi_{\Gamma_b}(\Gamma_b) = \int_{\Omega\setminus\Gamma} \psi^e(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}) \,\mathrm{d}\Omega + \int_{\Gamma_b} \mathcal{G}_c^b(\mathbf{u},\boldsymbol{\vartheta}) \,\mathrm{d}\Gamma$$

Phase field (nonlocal) regularization of energy dissipation in the bulk:

$$\begin{split} \Pi_b(\mathbf{u}, \mathfrak{d}) &= \int_{\Omega} \psi(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}, \mathfrak{d}) \,\mathrm{d}\Omega + \int_{\Omega} \mathcal{G}_c^b \gamma(\mathfrak{d}, \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \mathfrak{d}) \,\mathrm{d}\Omega \\ \gamma(\mathfrak{d}, \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \mathfrak{d}) &= \frac{1}{2l} \mathfrak{d}^2 + \frac{l}{2} \|\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \mathfrak{d}\|^2 \quad \text{Crack density functional} \end{split}$$

ALTI STUDI LUCCA (1) phase field for brittle fracture in the bulk

Positive-negative decomposition of the strain energy (Miehe, 2010):

$$\begin{split} \psi(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}, \boldsymbol{\vartheta}) &= \mathfrak{g}(\boldsymbol{\vartheta})\psi_{+}^{e}(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}) + \psi_{-}^{e}(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}) \\ \psi_{+}^{e}(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}) &= \frac{\lambda}{2} \left(\langle \operatorname{tr}[\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}] \rangle_{+} \right)^{2} + \mu \operatorname{tr}[\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{+}^{2}] \\ \psi_{-}^{e}(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}) &= \frac{\lambda}{2} \left(\langle \operatorname{tr}[\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}] \rangle_{-} \right)^{2} + \mu \operatorname{tr}[\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{-}^{2}] \end{split}$$

Degradation function (Miehe, 2010): $\mathfrak{g}(\mathfrak{d}) = (1 - \mathfrak{d})^2 + \mathcal{K}$

Stress tensor:

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma} := \frac{\partial \hat{\psi}}{\partial \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}} = \boldsymbol{\mathfrak{g}}(\boldsymbol{\mathfrak{d}})\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{+} + \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{-} \qquad \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{\pm} = \lambda\left(\langle \operatorname{tr}[\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}] \rangle_{\pm}\right) \mathbf{1} + 2\mu\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{\pm}$$



(2) Cohesive Zone Model for interfaces

$$\sigma = \begin{cases} k_n \frac{g_n}{g_{nc}}, & \text{if } 0 < \frac{g_n}{g_{nc}} < 1 \\ 0, & \text{if } \frac{g_n}{g_{nc}} \ge 1 \end{cases}$$

$$g_{nc}(\mathfrak{d}) = (1 - \mathfrak{d})g_{nc,0} + \mathfrak{d}g_{nc,1}$$
$$g_{nc,0} = g_{nc}(\mathfrak{d} = 0)$$
$$g_{nc,1} = g_{nc}(\mathfrak{d} = 1)$$

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dependent of the phase field
amage in the bulk:
$$\mathcal{G}_{IC}^{i} = \frac{1}{2}k_{n}g_{nc}^{2}$$

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(2) Cohesive Zone Model for interfaces



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Test problem: SCUOLA **ALTI STUDI** crack perpendicular to a bi-material interface

Dundurs' parameters:

LUCCA

$$\alpha = \frac{\mu_1(1-\nu_2) - \mu_2(1-\nu_1)}{\mu_1(1-\nu_2) + \mu_2(1-\nu_1)}$$
$$\beta = \frac{\mu_1(1-2\nu_2) - \mu_2(1-2\nu_1)}{\mu_1(1-\nu_2) + \mu_2(1-\nu_1)}$$















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Interlaminar vs. translaminar crack growths





Fracture in anisotropic poly-Silicon



- Anisotropic constitutive tensor for the polycrystals
- Fracture toughness of the grains dependent on their orientation







Transgranular fracture

M. Paggi, M. Corrado, J. Reinoso (2018) Fracture of solar-grade anisotropic polycrystalline Silicon: A combined phase field–cohesive zone model approach, Computer Methods in Applied Mechanics and Engineering, 330:123-148.



Brittle fracture in solids modeled via a nonlocal smeared crack approach



Miehe, C., Hofacker, M., Welschinger F. (2010) A phase field model for rate independent crack propagation: robust algorithmic implementation based on operator splits. Comput. Methods Appl. Mech. Engrg. 199(45-48):2765--2778.







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 \mathbf{G}_3

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Geometry interpolation

$$\mathbf{X}(\boldsymbol{\xi}) = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \xi^3 \right) \mathbf{X}_t(\xi^1, \xi^2) + \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \xi^3 \right) \mathbf{X}_b(\xi^1, \xi^2)$$

Phase field interpolation

$$\mathfrak{d}(\xi^1,\xi^2,\xi^3) = \frac{1}{2} \left(1+\xi^3\right) \mathfrak{d}_t(\xi^1,\xi^2) + \frac{1}{2} \left(1-\xi^3\right) \mathfrak{d}_b(\xi^1,\xi^2)$$

Variational form including the EAS method to prevent locking

$$\Pi(\mathbf{S}, \tilde{\mathbf{E}}, \mathbf{u}, \mathfrak{d}) = \int_{\mathcal{B}_0} \mathfrak{g}(\mathfrak{d}) \Psi(\mathbf{E}^u, \tilde{\mathbf{E}}) \, \mathrm{d}\Omega - \int_{\mathcal{B}_0} \mathbf{S} : \tilde{\mathbf{E}} \, \mathrm{d}\Omega + \int_{\mathcal{B}_0} \frac{\mathcal{G}_c l}{2} \left(\frac{\mathfrak{d}^2}{l^2} + |\nabla_{\mathbf{X}} \mathfrak{d}|^2 \right) \, \mathrm{d}\Omega + \Pi_{\mathrm{ext}}$$

$$\overline{\Psi}(\mathbf{E}^u, \tilde{\mathbf{E}}, \mathfrak{d}) = \mathfrak{g}(\mathfrak{d}) \Psi(\mathbf{E}^u, \tilde{\mathbf{E}}), \quad \text{with} \quad \mathfrak{g}(\mathfrak{d}) = [1 - \mathfrak{d}]^2 + \mathcal{K} \qquad \begin{array}{c} \mathsf{Phase-field} \\ \mathsf{stiffness degradation} \\ \mathsf{for incompatible strains} \end{array}$$

$$\bullet \quad Poisson thickness locking \\ \mathsf{Unmodified 3D material laws} \\ \bullet \quad \mathsf{Volumetric locking} \end{array}$$



- Monolithic and fully implicit formulation
- Phase field interpolation through the shell thickness
- ANS + EAS technologies (for Poisson thickness and volumetric locking pathologies)
- Linear elastic and nonlinear elastic constitutive relations
- FEAP & Abaqus implementation



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Multi-field and multi-scale Computational Approach to design and durability of Photovoltaic Modules – CA2PVM

