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Instabilities due to Strain-Softening Solved using the SPH Method

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Introduction

- EXTREME project aims at development novel material characterisation and in-situ measurement methods, material models and improvement of computational methods for the design and manufacture aerospace composite structures under EXTREME dynamic loadings leading to a significant reduction of weight, design and certification cost.
- This work is aimed at development of technique to address the localisation and material softening problem, including a treatment of material softening due to damage, in order to reduce and ultimately remove mesh dependency;
- Strain softening effects have been analysed in FEM and SPH method using CDM approach;





- Damage in the local continuum damage mechanics (CDM) is modelled as a degeneration of material properties induced by mechanical loading, which can result in strain softening behaviour;
- This can lead to an ill-posed boundary value problem, where the local governing hyperbolic differential equations at a point become elliptic, which induces a numerical instability;
- This instability is mesh-sensitive and manifests itself as non-physical deformation of the softening continuum;
- This work primarily considered the strain-softening effects in the SPH spatial discretisation, and compares those with the classical CDM-FEM solutions;

 One-dimensional dynamic strain softening problem, for which an exact analytical solution for wave propagation was known (Bažant and Belytschko, 1985)







Analytical solution for displacement field

Strain field before the wave superposition in the midsection of the bar



Constitutive Model with Isotropic Damage

Bilinear constitutive law based on local continuum damage mechanics approach;



- Two discretisation methods:
 - Finite Elements Method (FEM);
 - Smooth Particle Hydrodynamics (SPH);

Numerical Experiments FEM and SPH Models



Numerical Experiments FEM Results

Bilinear law implemented in FEM using a damage parameter and classic CDM approach















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Damage localised in a single element



Numerical Experiments Smooth Particle Hydrodynamics



• SPH is a meshless particle method, where the motion of a continuum is described by the movement of a finite number of discrete particles, which are used in the spatial discretisation of the state variables;

$$\left\langle f\left(\boldsymbol{x}\right)\right\rangle = \int_{\Omega} f\left(\boldsymbol{x}'\right) W\left(|\boldsymbol{x}-\boldsymbol{x}'|,h\right) d\boldsymbol{x}'$$
$$\left\langle f\left(\boldsymbol{x}_{I}\right)\right\rangle \approx \sum_{J}^{N} \frac{m_{J}}{\rho_{J}} f\left(\boldsymbol{x}_{J}\right) \left[W\left(|\boldsymbol{x}_{I}-\boldsymbol{x}_{J}|,h\right)\right]$$
$$\nabla f\left(\boldsymbol{x}_{I}\right) = \sum_{J} \frac{m_{J}}{\rho_{J}} f\left(\boldsymbol{x}_{J}\right) \left[\nabla W\left(|\boldsymbol{x}_{I}-\boldsymbol{x}_{J}|,h\right)\right]$$

$$\left\langle \mathbf{F}_{i} \right\rangle = -\sum_{j=1}^{np} \frac{m_{j}}{\rho_{j}^{0}} \left(\mathbf{v}_{i} - \mathbf{v}_{j} \right) \otimes \nabla_{\mathbf{x}_{i}^{0}} W \left(\left| \mathbf{x}_{i}^{0} - \mathbf{x}_{j}^{0} \right|, h^{0} \right)$$



Numerical Experiments SPH Results of Experiment 1 – inter-particle distance



Longitudinal stress vs. longitudinal strain curves for the central particle for different values of Δp , SPH



Damage distribution for different particle densities, SPH-experiment 1, response time $t = 3/2 \cdot L/c_e$

Analytical solution and the SPHexperiment 1 numerical results for longitudinal displacement at $t = 3/2 \cdot L/c_e$





X Coordinate [mm]

Analytical solution and the SPHexperiment 1 numerical results for longitudinal strain at $t = 3/2 \cdot L/c_e$

> Analytical solution and the SPHexperiment 1 numerical results for longitudinal stress at $t = 3/2 \cdot L/c_e$ 15

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Numerical Experiments SPH Results of Experiment 2 – averaging



Longitudinal stress vs. longitudinal strain curves for the central particle for different values of λ, SPH



Damage distribution for different particle densities, SPH-experiment 2, response time $t = 3/2 \cdot L/c_e$ Brunel University London Analytical solution and the SPHexperiment 2 numerical results for longitudinal displacement at $t = 3/2 \cdot L/c_e$







Analytical solution and the SPH-experiment 2 numerical results for longitudinal strain at $t = 3/2 \cdot L/c_e$

Analytical solution and the SPH-experiment 2 numerical results for longitudinal stress at $t = 3/2 \cdot L/c_e$

Numerical Experiments SPH Results of Experiment 3 – constant smooth- length



Longitudinal stress vs. longitudinal strain curves for the central particle for different values of Δp , SPH



Damage distribution for different particle densities, SPH-experiment 3, response time $t = 3/2 \cdot L/c_e$ Analytical solution and the SPHexperiment 3 numerical results for longitudinal displacement at $t = 3/2 \cdot L/c_e$





Analytical solution and the SPH-experiment 3 numerical results for longitudinal strain at $t = 3/2 \cdot L/c_e$

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Numerical Experiments SPH Results of Experiment 3 – constant smooth- length





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Damage distributed within a limited zone with 4h size around the bar symmetry plane at response time $t = \frac{3}{2} \frac{L}{c}$

Modelling of cube impact

- SPH code tested in a flat faced projectile impact on a 3.175mm target plate;
- Impact velocity 240m/s 10% above the ballistic limit;



z K_x

Modelling of cube impact

Conclusions and Future Work

- The strain softening process in the classic CDM combined with FEM is localised in a single element and cannot propagate;
- Localisation effects related to material strain-softening are not present with the SPH method – the method inherently nonlocal;
- Size of the softening zone was defined by the smoothing length and for a fixed smoothing length h, the stain softening was independent of the particle density;
- The future work is aimed at the orthotropic material formulation and application to composites;

Thank you for your attention

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