

Efficient simulation of the through-thethickness damage composition in composite aircraft structures for use with integrated SHM systems

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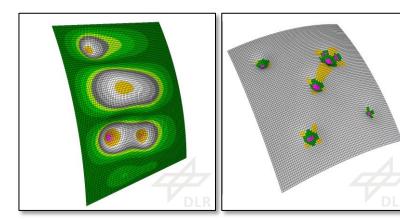
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# II. The Big Picture





adapted from [1]



Low-fidelity multiple impact simulation

# Composite aircraft structures are vulnerable to impacts by foreign objects, e.g.

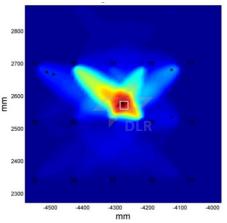
- in-flight & ground hail
- ice-shedding
- tool-drop (production & maintenance)

#### ... leading to barely visible impact damage (BVID), potentially

- remaining undetected in the structure
- accumulating up to the next maintenance date

#### Integrated SHM systems can identify the damage location, but

- the damage size depends strongly on the resolution of the sensor network
- There is no information about the through-thethickness damage composition



**SHM** measurement

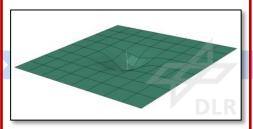


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# III. A quick recap on fidelity levels

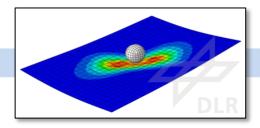


#### **Low-fidelity models**



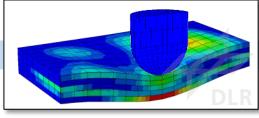
- Limited insight in material and geometrical nonlinearities
- Low modeling effort
- Low computation cost
- High level of abstraction
- Low number of input parameters
- Highly scalable (from coupon to structure level)
- Well suited for parametric & uncertainty studies

#### **Balanced models**



- Good balance between physical accuracy & effort
- Medium computation cost
- Suited for development of meta models

#### **High-fidelity models**



Level of Effort

- Full insight in material and geometrical nonlinearities
- High modeling effort
- High computation cost
- Exact physical representation of boundary conditions
- High number of input parameters
- High physical accuracy





# IV. Low-fidelity simulation methodology...



#### **Material modeling**

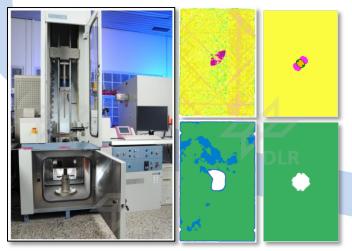
- Three-dimensional stress state recovery
- Use of modern three-dimensional failure criteria
- Material degradation with a lookup table

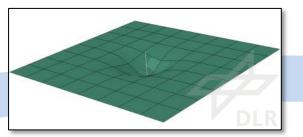






#### **Experimental vs. virtual testing**



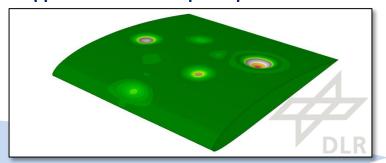


#### **Structural modeling**

- Contact modeling by using contact laws
- Discretization with a single layer of shell elements

# ... in a nutshell

#### Application in a multiple impact simulation

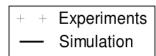








# Validation by means of single-drop tests





#### Impactor:

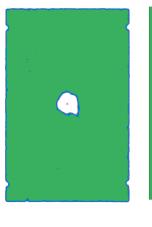
- stainless steel
- 3.95 *kg*
- Ø 16 mm

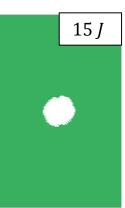
#### **Target:**

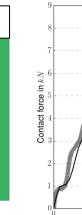
- 4 mm thickness
- $[(\pm 45, 0.90)_2, \pm 45.0]_s$

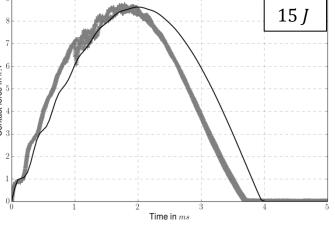
#### **Projected delamination areas:**

- LHS
- → C-scan result
- RHS
- → Simulation



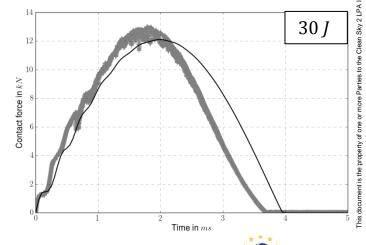
















# Damage initiation database (June 2018)

General purpose	<u>Fiber breakage</u>	Matrix cracking	<u>Delamination</u>
Max nominal	• Hashin	• Hashin (2D & 3D)	• Hashin
Quad nominal	Chang & Chang	Chang & Chang	• Puck
Linear interaction	• Christensen	• Chai	• Chai
Quad interaction		• Cuntze (2004 & 2012)	Choi & Chang
Norris interaction		• Puck	Ochoa & Engblom
• Polynomial (e.g. Tsai-Wu)		• Wiegand	• Lee
Yamada & Sun		• VDI 2014	
• Ha		• Camanho	
		• SPC3D (DLR)	

#### **Availability**

- Python, Java, Fortran
- Abaqus, Ansys, Nastran

















## Modeling strategy

#### **Overall strategy:**

- Finite shell element model in ABAQUS Standard (S8R5)
- Damage assessment in a linear perturbation step
- Major user-defined subroutines (URDFIL, USDFLD)
  - → obtain global displacements of each node for each relevant element at the start of each increment
  - → calculate nodal displacements in the shell COS
  - → through-the-thickness stress recovery ...
  - > evaluation of damage initiation criterion in USDFLD

#### Three-dimensional stress state recovery:

Transverse shear stresses

Transverse normal stress

Rolfes & Rohwer [2]

#### Transverse normal stress [2]:

$$G(z) = [c(z)A^{-1}B - d(z)]D^{*-1}$$

$$\sigma(z) = -[\{G_{11}, G_{32}\}R_{,x} + \{G_{31}, G_{22}\}R_{,y}] + p_0$$

#### Transverse shear stresses [2]:

$$F(z) = [a(z)A^{-1}B - b(z)]D^{*-1}$$

$$F(z) = [a(z)A^{-1}B - b(z)]D^{*-1}$$
  

$$\tau_z(z) = -B_1F(z)M_{,x} - B_2F(z)M_{,y}$$





## Modeling strategy

#### **Damage severity assessment:**

- DIC (Damage Influence Criterion Tang et al. [3]
- Point stress criterion
- Rankine equivalent stress

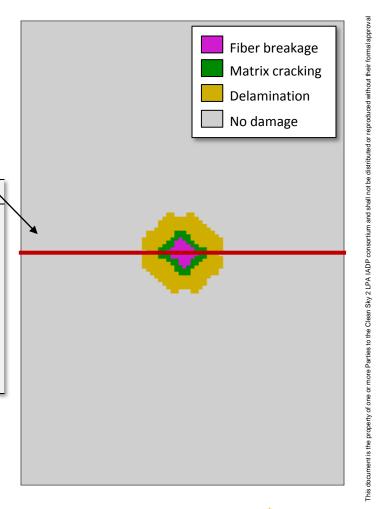
#### Stiffness reduction for each damage composition:

Elastic constants in <i>Pa</i>								$e_{FB} \geq 1$	$e_{MC} \geq 1$	$e_{DEL} \geq 1$		
	$E_{11}$	$E_{22}$	$E_{33}$	$\nu_{12}$	$\nu_{13}$	$\nu_{23}$	$G_{12}$	$G_{13}$	$G_{23}$	-	-	-
	1.	$E_{22}$	$E_{33}$	0.	0.	0.	1.	$G_{13}$	$G_{23}$	Χ	-	-
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Additional reduction due to sub-laminate buckling (multiple layers can form a sub-laminate stack j) [3]:

$$R_j = \frac{N_{\mathcal{X}}/t_j}{\sigma_0}$$

$$C_{dic} = R_j C_{dmg}$$



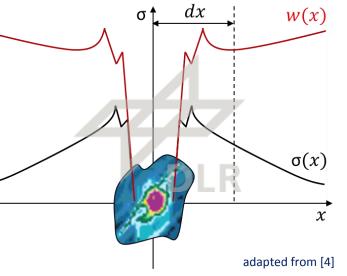


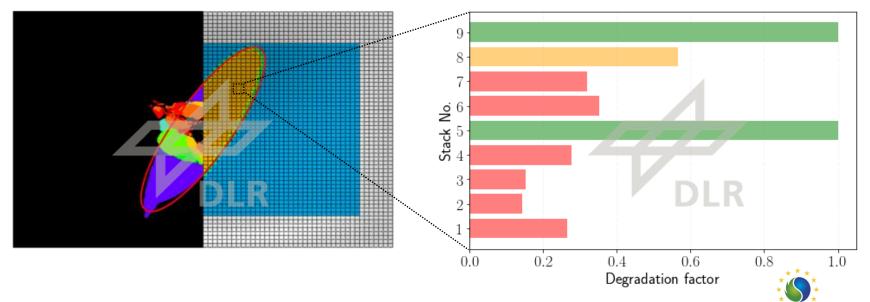


## Modeling strategy

#### Damage assessment workflow using the DIC [3]:

- Each damage mode (fiber, matrix & delamination) is idealized as an ellipse in the material coordinate system.
- A linear buckling analysis is used to determine knock-down factors for every delaminated stack.
- The cross-sectional stress perpendicular to the main load axis is evaluated → results in a knock-down factor w.r.t. the virgin residual strength of the laminate.



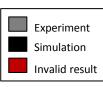


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Validation of the DIC by means of single-drop tests



#### **Short remarks:**

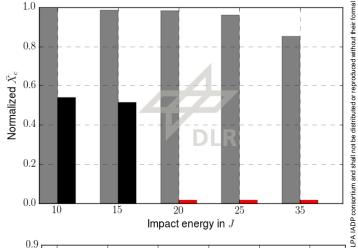
- Validation pending
- Preliminary results are not acceptable

#### **Target:**

- 4 mm thickness
- $[(\pm 45)_5, 45]_s$

# Cross



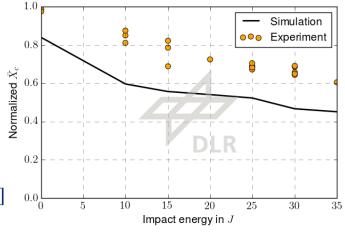


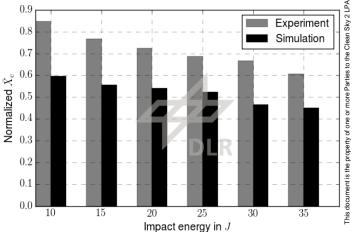
#### **Short remarks:**

- Strictly conservative
- Constant shift
- Acceptable

#### **Target:**

- 4 mm thickness
- $[(\pm 45, 0,90)_2, \pm 45,0]$







# VI. Contributions to DLR-FA SHM demonstrator DLR



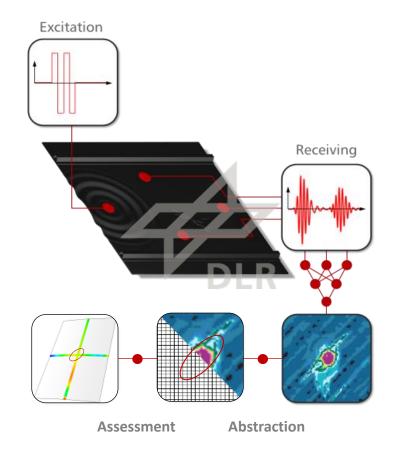
#### **DLR-FA SHM demonstrator workflow:**

- A small glass cylinder introduces a signal disturbance, which is located by the SHM system.
- The Damage Influence Criterion (DIC) simulation workflow is applied to a submodel of the panel surrounding the damaged area.

#### Use case:

Maintenance  $\rightarrow$  Is damage in need of repair?







# VI. Contributions to DLR-FA SHM demonstrator DLR



#### **Contributions to DLR-FA SHM demonstrator:**

- Automated pre- & post-processing of ABAQUS simulation jobs with user-defined subroutines.
- Calculation of a local damage severity measure on panel level using the DIC.
- Damage severity assessment capability in **real-time**.









# VII. Concluding remarks



#### Validation of the DIC by means of single-drop tests:

- Acceptable accuracy for quasi-isotropic laminates (conservative deviations)
- Almost constant shift in case of quasi-isotropic laminates  $\rightarrow$  may indicate a systematic error
- Non-acceptable results for cross-ply laminates (no extreme value points in weight function)

#### Points to optimize:

- Modification or reimplementation of weight function in order to work properly for all layups
- Calculate through-the-thickness damage composition on-the-fly, if sufficient data can be provided by a SHM system (energy, maximum deflection, duration)

#### **Next challenges:**

- Implementation of a similar damage severity assessment workflow for multiple impact/damage problems
- Implementation of a low-fidelity delamination growth criterion under quasi-static loading for single and multiple damage









# Thank you for your attention!

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