# Efficient uncertainty propagation of a composite single-lap joint and of a stiffened panel

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#### Motivation

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"The strength value used in a design must be such that if the 'worst of all situations' is combined in service, the resulting structure will still meet the load requirements without failure "

Kassapoglou C., Design and Analysis of Composite Structures (2013)

- Variability of loads and usage.
- Material scatter

- Environmental effects.
- Effects of damage.



$$\mathbf{K}(h) = \mathbf{K}(h^{0}) + \frac{\partial \mathbf{K}}{\partial h_{i}} \Delta h_{i} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^{2} \mathbf{K}}{\partial h_{i} \partial h_{j}} \Delta h_{i} \Delta h_{j} + \cdots$$
$$\mathbf{f}^{\text{ext}}(h) = \mathbf{f}^{\text{ext}}(h^{0}) + \frac{\partial \mathbf{f}^{\text{ext}}}{\partial h_{i}} \Delta h_{i} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^{2} \mathbf{f}^{\text{ext}}}{\partial h_{i} \partial h_{j}} \Delta h_{i} \Delta h_{j} + \cdots$$
$$\mathbf{u}(h) = \mathbf{u}(h^{0}) + \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial h_{i}} \Delta h_{i} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^{2} \mathbf{u}}{\partial h_{i} \partial h_{j}} \Delta h_{i} \Delta h_{j} + \cdots$$



Finite Differences (FD)  $\frac{du}{dh} \approx \frac{u(h+\Delta h)-u(h)}{\Delta h}$ • Expensive, accuracy problems.

$$\begin{split} & \text{Adjoint Var. Method (AVM)} \\ & \mathcal{K}(h)\lambda(h) = \left(\frac{\partial\mathcal{G}}{\partial u}\right)^\top \\ & \frac{d\mathcal{G}}{dh} = \frac{\partial\mathcal{G}}{\partial h} + \lambda^\top \frac{\partial}{\partial h} \left[f_{\text{ext}}(h) - \mathcal{K}(h)u\right] \\ & \text{• Scales with the number} \\ & \text{of functionals } \mathcal{G}. \end{split}$$

Direct Diff. Method (DDM)  

$$K \frac{du}{dh} = \frac{\partial f_{ext}}{\partial h} - \frac{\partial K}{\partial h} u$$
• Scales with the number  
of design variables h.

Figure: Linearization of a generic system through two different approaches.

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- An implicit solution scheme is required.
- Valid for both statics and dynamics.

- Added computational cost (semi-analytical):
  - · 1 linear system
  - · 2 evaluations of fint



• Applications to composite damage mechanics.



**Figure:** Sensitivities along simulation time.



Figure: Simulation time vs. sensitivity time.



Application: composite-aluminum single-lap joint

# Composite-aluminum single-lap joint





#### Application: single stringer compression specimen



# Single stringer compression specimen (1)





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Continuum solid shells



Figure: Cross-section.

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Total length	300 mm
Free length	240 mm
Width	150 mm
Skin layup	[45/90/-45/0]s
Stiffener layup	[-45/0/45/0] <sub>s</sub>
Ply thickness	0.125 mm
Stiffener height	30 mm
Stiffener width	73 mm



# Single stringer compression specimen (2)



Figure: Variability of load-displacement curve.

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**Conclusions and prospects** 

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- Focus on parameter sensitivity for non-linear mechanics using a direct differentiation approach.
- Application of first-order sensitivity information to approximate the variability of the mechanical response of composite structures:
  - · large displacements.
  - · intra-laminar damage.
  - inter-laminar damage.
  - contact

#### Prospects

- Global/local study with damage in local model.
- Iterative solution between global and local models.



Thank you for the attention