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# Stress Singularities, Annihilations and Invisibilities Induced by Polygonal Inclusions in Linear Elasticity



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# MOTIVATION

#### The knowledge of the stress state is essential in engineering design of safe structures



Structural failure of a lap joint in the fuselage skin due to metal fatigue cracks (Boing 737, April 1,2011)

#### Two Critical conditions in composites materials are encountered in the presence of:

#### Soft phases (e.g. voids and defects)





Star cracks pattern on impacted PMMA plates (Ay Vandenberghe et al., 2013) Stiff phases (e.g. rigid inclusions)







Cracking of mortar specimens containing cylindrical and triangular inclusion (Ay Lie Han et al., 2014)



## MAIN RESEARCH GOALS

### Rigid inclusion model:

Can the stress singular fields around stiff inclusions (predicted by linear elastic solution) be generated in reality?

## Inclusion invisibility:

Can the presence of an inclusion leave the stress field unperturbed?

### Stress annihilators:

Can the presence of an inclusion provide zero stress values at the inclusion vertexes?

### Stress reducers:

Can the presence of an inclusion provide a finite stress smaller than that when the inclusion is absent?



## MATHEMATICAL THEORY OF ELASTICITY





## WILLIAMS' ASYMPTOTIC METHOD

## **ASYMPTOTIC APPROACH**





## **IN-PLANE ASYMPTOTICS**

### **In-plane Modes**



For the rigid wedge, similarly to the notch problem:

- the singularity appears for  $\alpha > \frac{\pi}{2}$ ;
- a square root singularity ( $\sigma \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{r}}$ ) appears for both mode I and mode II when  $\alpha$  tends to  $\pi$ ; while, differently from the notch problem:
- the singularity depends on Poisson's ratio;
  - the singularity is stronger in mode II than in mode I.

$$\kappa = \begin{cases} 3 - 4\nu, & \text{for plane strain,} \\ \frac{3 - \nu}{1 + \nu}, & \text{for plane stress,} \end{cases}$$

# **OUT-OF-PLANE ASYMPTOTICS**

### **Out-of-plane Mode**







Antisym. Notch Sym. Wedge





Sym. Notch

Antisym. Wedge

### For antisymmetric notch/symmetric wedge

- the singularity appears for  $\alpha > \frac{\pi}{2}$ ;
- a square root singularity (  $\sigma \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{r}}$  ) appears when  $\alpha$  tends to  $\pi$ ;
- non singular leading order term appears for  $\alpha < \frac{\pi}{2}$ ;
- a constant term appears when  $\alpha = \frac{\pi}{2}$ , commonly known as S-stress ;

#### For symmetric notch/antisymmetric wedge

- non singular leading order term appears for  $\alpha < \pi$ ;
  - a constant term appears when  $\alpha = \pi$ , namely S-stress ;



## METHOD OF ANALYTIC FUNCTIONS







## SCHWARZ-CHRISTOFFEL CONFORMAL MAPPING [1]

#### For a generic N-sided polygon



#### Exterior to Exterior mapping





## SCHWARZ-CHRISTOFFEL CONFORMAL MAPPING [2]

Interior to Exterior

$$\omega_{ie}(\zeta) = A \int_{1}^{\zeta} \left[ \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \prod_{j=0}^{N-1} \left( 1 - \frac{\sigma}{k_j} \right)^{1-\beta_j} \right] d\sigma + B$$



Interior to Interior

$$\omega_{ii}(\zeta) = A \int_{1}^{\zeta} \left[ \prod_{j=0}^{N-1} \left( 1 - \frac{\sigma}{k_j} \right)^{\beta_j - 1} \right] d\sigma + B$$









## SCHWARZ-CHRISTOFFEL CONFORMAL MAPPING [4]



#### Special cases of <u>Star-shaped crack/stiffener</u>





## **IN-PLANE PROBLEM [1]**

### (Kolosov-Muskhelishvili)

Is governed by

$$\nabla^4 \Phi(x_1, x_2) = 0$$

Airy Stress Function in complex plane

$$\Phi\left(z,\overline{z}\right) = \operatorname{Re}\left[\overline{z}\,\varphi(z) + \int \psi(z)\,dz\right]$$

Boundary conditions for void (null traction) and rigid inclusions

$$\begin{array}{c} \Theta \varphi(z) + \chi z \ \overline{\varphi'(z)} + \chi \overline{\psi(z)} = (1 - \chi) \ \mathrm{i} \ \mu \epsilon z \\ \downarrow \\ (\Theta; \ \chi) = \begin{cases} (1; 1) & \text{for void,} \\ (\kappa; -1) & \text{for rigid inclusion,} \end{cases} \begin{array}{c} \begin{array}{c} \text{Rotation of the} \\ \text{inclusion induced by} \\ \text{External loadings} \\ \end{array}$$



## **IN-PLANE PROBLEM [2]**

#### Perfectly bonded infinitely rigid inclusion embedded in an infinite plane

 $\epsilon = 0$  due to the symmetry



For example, for mode I these potentials can be written as the sum of unperturbed and perturbed fields

$$\varphi(\zeta) = \frac{\sigma_{xx}^{\infty}}{4}\omega(\zeta) + \varphi^{(p)}(\zeta)$$

$$\psi(\zeta) = -\frac{\sigma_{xx}^{\infty}}{2}\omega(\zeta) + \psi^{(p)}(\zeta)$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} b_j \zeta^j$$



# **IN-PLANE PROBLEM [3]**

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$$\kappa\varphi^{(p)}(\zeta) - \frac{\omega(\zeta)}{\overline{\omega'(\zeta)}}\overline{\varphi^{(p)'}(\zeta)} - \overline{\psi^{(p)}(\zeta)} = \frac{\sigma_{xx}^{\infty}}{2} \left(\frac{1-\kappa}{2}\omega(\zeta) - \overline{\omega(\zeta)}\right), \quad \text{for } \zeta = e^{\mathbf{i}\theta}, \ \theta \in [0, 2\pi]$$

Cauchy integral formula 
$$f(\sigma) = \frac{f^*(\sigma)}{(\sigma - \sigma_j)^n}$$
  

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{|\gamma|=1} \frac{f(\sigma)}{\sigma - \zeta} d\sigma = f(\zeta) - \sum_{j=0}^k g_j(\zeta), \quad \text{if } \zeta \in D^+ \qquad g_j(\zeta) = \lim_{\sigma \to \sigma_j} \left[ \sum_{l=0}^{n-1} \frac{1}{l!} \frac{f^{*(l)}(\sigma)}{(\zeta - \sigma_j)^{n-l}} \right]$$
j-th Pole

e.g.

$$f(\sigma) = \frac{\sigma^3 + 1}{\sigma(\sigma - \frac{1}{2})^3} \qquad \begin{cases} g_1(\zeta) = -\frac{8}{\zeta}, \\ g_2(\zeta) = \frac{9}{4\left(\zeta - \frac{1}{2}\right)^3} - \frac{3}{\left(\zeta - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2} + \frac{9}{\zeta - \frac{1}{2}} \end{cases}$$



# **IN-PLANE PROBLEM [4]**

#### **Perturbed Potentials**

$$\varphi^{(p)}(\zeta) = \left(-0.1628 + 0.0071\zeta^2 + 0.0001\zeta^4 + 0.0009\zeta^6 + 0.0001\zeta^8 + 0.0003\zeta^{10} + 0.0001\zeta^{12} + 0.0002\zeta^{14}\right) R \sigma_{xx}^{\infty} \zeta,$$

$$\psi^{(p)}(\zeta) = \left(8.1122 + 28.1115\zeta^2 + 1.8150\zeta^4 - 0.6928\zeta^6 + 0.4105\zeta^8 - 0.4451\zeta^{10} + 0.1665\zeta^{12} - 0.3417\zeta^{14} + 0.2727\zeta^{16}\right) R \sigma_{xx}^{\infty} \zeta / \left(-53.0727 + 44.1156\zeta^2 + 8.2012\zeta^4 - 2.2724\zeta^6 + 2.5225\zeta^8 - 1.3283\zeta^{10} + 1.4453\zeta^{12} - 0.9307\zeta^{14} + \zeta^{16}\right).$$

Stress field in transformed plane can be obtained as

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{xx} + \sigma_{yy} &= 4 \operatorname{Re} \left[ \frac{\varphi'(\zeta)}{\omega'(\zeta)} \right], \\ \sigma_{yy} - \sigma_{xx} + 2 \operatorname{i} \sigma_{xy} &= 2 \left[ \frac{\psi'(\zeta)}{\omega'(\zeta)} + \frac{\widehat{\omega(\zeta)}}{\omega'(\zeta)^3} \left[ \varphi''(\zeta) \omega'(\zeta) - \varphi'(\zeta) \omega''(\zeta) \right] \right] \\ 2\mu(u_x + \operatorname{i} u_y) &= \kappa \varphi(\zeta) - \frac{\omega(\zeta)}{\overline{\omega'(\zeta)}} \overline{\varphi'(\zeta)} - \overline{\psi(\zeta)}. \end{aligned}$$



## **IN-PLANE PROBLEM [5]**

#### In-plane principal stress difference





## **OPEN QUESTIONS**

Are the singularities predicted in elasticity reliable



A real inclusion has finite stiffness and its adhesion with the matrix is necessarily imperfect...

Despite of the [strong] assumptions, is the rigid inclusion a sound model





## EXPERIMENTAL WAY TO ANSWER

Matrix: transparent two-part epoxy resin

**Polygonal inclusion**: solid polycarbonate (3 mm thickness) with improved superficial rugosity



By performing photoelastic experiments on these samples



## QUADRILATERAL STIFF INCLUSIONS

### [Analytical solution vs photoelastic results]



... THE POLYGONAL RIGID INCLUSION IS A SOUND MODEL!!



## STRESS MAGNIFICATION

## A stress magnification factors of ... are observed!!



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## FURTHER RESEARCH GOALS

Can an inclusion be invisible to stress field

Can the stress be annihilated by the presence of the inclusion







## OUT-OF-PLANE PROBLEM & NONUNIFORM REMOTE SHEAR[1]

The out-of-plane problem in linear elasticity is governed by the Laplace's equation:

$$\nabla^2 w\left(x_1, x_2\right) = 0$$

The solution in terms of stress and displacement is given through a single complex potential:

$$w = \frac{1}{\mu} \operatorname{Re}[f(z)], \qquad \tau_{13} - \mathrm{i}\tau_{23} = f'(z)$$

Infinite class of nonuniform m-th order polynomial antiplane shear loads:

$$\tau_{13}^{\infty(m)}(x_1, x_2) = \sum_{j=0}^{m} b_j^{(m)} x_1^{m-j} x_2^j, \qquad \tau_{23}^{\infty(m)}(x_1, x_2) = \sum_{j=0}^{m} c_j^{(m)} x_1^{m-j} x_2^j$$

Dependent only on two loading coefficients ...

$$b_{j}^{(m)} = \frac{(-1)^{\lfloor j/2 \rfloor}}{2} \binom{m}{j} \left[ b_{0}^{(m)} (1 + (-1)^{j}) + c_{0}^{(m)} (1 - (-1)^{j}) \right]$$
$$c_{j}^{(m)} = \frac{(-1)^{\lceil j/2 \rceil}}{2} \binom{m}{j} \left[ b_{0}^{(m)} (1 - (-1)^{j}) + c_{0}^{(m)} (1 + (-1)^{j}) \right]$$



## OUT-OF-PLANE PROBLEM & NONUNIFORM REMOTE SHEAR[2]

### Uniform antiplane shear

$$\tau_{13}^{\infty(0)}(x_1,0) = b_0^{(0)},$$
$$\tau_{23}^{\infty(0)}(x_1,0) = c_0^{(0)}.$$



### Linear antiplane shear

$$\tau_{13}^{\infty(1)}(x_1, x_2) = b_0^{(1)} x_1 + c_0^{(1)} x_2,$$
  
$$\tau_{23}^{\infty(1)}(x_1, x_2) = c_0^{(1)} x_1 - b_0^{(1)} x_2.$$





## STAR-SHAPED CRAKS OR STIFFENERS

The complex potential in  $\zeta$ -plane can be expressed through the following relation

$$g(\zeta)=f(\omega(\zeta))$$

Further stress, displacement and resultant shear force in  $\zeta$ -plane

$$w = \frac{1}{\mu} \operatorname{Re}[g(\zeta)], \qquad \tau_{13} - i\tau_{23} = \frac{g'(\zeta)}{\omega'(\zeta)}, \qquad F_{\widehat{BC}} = \operatorname{Im}\left[g(\zeta_B) - g(\zeta_C)\right]$$

The null traction and rigid displacement boundary conditions:

 $F_{\overrightarrow{BC}} = 0 \implies \text{void}$ rigid  $w_B = w_C \implies$ 

<u>Closed-form complex potential</u> in  $\zeta$ -plane via Generalized Binomial Theorem





 $\chi = 1$  void  $\chi = -1$  rigid

void

## **ISOTOXAL STAR-SHAPED POLYGONAL INCLUSIONS**

Through the Multinomial Theorem, the imposition of boundary conditions leads to the **analytical complex potential** in the conformal plane...

$$g(\zeta,\xi,n,m) = (a\Omega(n,\xi))^{m+1} \left[ -\chi \overline{T^{(m)}} L_{m+1-qn} \,\delta_{m+1,qn} + \sum_{j=0}^{q} \underline{L_{m+1-jn}} \left( T^{(m)} \zeta^{m+1-jn} + \frac{\chi \overline{T^{(m)}}}{\zeta^{m+1-jn}} \right) \right]$$

where coefficients

$$L_{m+1-jn} = \sum_{\mathcal{C}_j(l_0, l_1, \dots, l_\infty)} \binom{m+1}{l_0, l_1, \dots, l_\infty} \prod_{k=0}^{\infty} (d_{1-kn})^{l_k} \xrightarrow{\text{Coefficients}} \frac{\text{coefficients}}{\text{of the conformal}}$$

The symbol in brackets is the multinomial coefficients

$$\binom{m+1}{l_0, l_1, \cdots, l_\infty} = \frac{(m+1)!}{l_0! \, l_1! \cdots l_\infty!}$$

with the sum must respect the following double condition

$$\mathcal{C}_j(l_0, l_1, .., l_\infty) : \left\{ \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} l_k = m+1 \quad \bigcap \quad \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k \, l_k = j \right\}$$



map





## STATE OF THE ART







# SIFs & NSIFs

SIFs for star-shaped cracks and stiffeners:





Dal Corso F. Shahzad S. and Bigoni, D. 2016. Part.II. Int. J. of Solids and Structures 85-86, 76-88.

## INVISIBILITY AND ANNIHILATION?





# INVISIBILITY FOR SINGLE CRACK





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## INVISIBILITY FOR STAR-SHAPED CRACK





Dal Corso F. Shahzad S. and Bigoni, D. 2016. Part.I. Int. J. of Solids and Structures 85-86, 67-75.



# TRANSITION FROM ISOTOXAL TO STAR-SHAPED INLCUSION





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### BEYOND THE HYPOTHESES OF INFINITE & REGULAR DOMAIN





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## HYPOCYCLOIDAL-SHAPED INCLUSIONS[1]

 Can the stress at an inclusion vertex be smaller than that obtained when the inclusion is absent





### **Analytical solution**

$$g(\zeta) = (a\Omega(n))^{m+1} \left[ -\frac{(qn)!}{q! \left[q(n-1)\right]! (n-1)^q} \chi \overline{T^{(m)}} \delta_{m+1,qn} + \sum_{j=0}^q \binom{m+1}{j} \frac{1}{(n-1)^j} \left( T^{(m)} \zeta^{m+1-jn} + \frac{\chi \overline{T^{(m)}}}{\zeta^{m+1-jn}} \right) \right]$$

#### **Stress Intensity Factors**

$$\begin{bmatrix} K_{\rm III}^{\rm S}(n,m) \\ K_{\rm III}^{\rm A}(n,m) \end{bmatrix} = \frac{\sqrt{\pi a}(n-1)^{m+\frac{1}{2}}a^m}{n^{m+1}(m+1)} \left[ \sum_{j=0}^q \binom{m+1}{j} \frac{(m+1-jn)}{(n-1)^j} \right] \begin{bmatrix} (1-\chi)b_0^{(m)} \\ (1+\chi)c_0^{(m)} \end{bmatrix}$$



## HYPOCYCLOIDAL-SHAPED INCLUSIONS[3]

### **Stress Reduction Factors**

$$SRF(n,m) := 1 - \frac{\tau^{(m)}(a,0)}{\tau^{\infty(m)}(a,0)} = 1 - \mathcal{A}(n,m) \in [0;1)$$

$$\bigvee$$

$$\mathcal{A}(n,m) = \frac{2}{(m+1)n^{m+1}} \sum_{j=0}^{q} \binom{m+1}{j} \frac{(m+1-jn)^2}{(n-1)^{j-m}}$$







Shahzad S., Dal Corso F. and Bigoni, D. 2016. Submitted.

### HYPOCYCLOIDAL-SHAPED INCLUSIONS[4]

### Equivalence between star-shaped cracks and hypocycloidal-shaped voids





Shahzad S., Dal Corso F. and Bigoni, D. 2016. Submitted.

## HYPOCYCLOIDAL-SHAPED INCLUSIONS[5]

### Equivalence between star-shaped cracks and hypocycloidal-shaped rigid inclusions





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## STRESS ANNIHILATION, REDUCTION AND INVISIBILITY IN IN-PLANE PROB.

# Airy Stress Function for infinite class of polynomial fields

$$F^{(\infty)}(r,\theta,m) = r^{m+2} \Big[ B^{(m)} \cos(m\theta) - C^{(m)} \sin(m\theta) + D^{(m)} \cos((m+2)\theta) - E^{(m)} \sin((m+2)\theta) \Big]$$

**Unperturbed complex potentials** 

$$\begin{cases} \varphi^{\infty}(z,m) = \overbrace{\left(B^{(m)} + iC^{(m)}\right)}^{\Gamma^{(m)}} z^{m+1}, \\ \psi^{\infty}(z,m) = \underbrace{\left(m+2\right) \left(D^{(m)} + iE^{(m)}\right)}_{\Gamma^{\prime(m)}} z^{m+1}, \end{cases}$$

$$m = 0 \quad \Longrightarrow \begin{cases} 4 \\ C^{(0)} = \frac{2\mu\varpi^{\infty}}{1+\kappa} \\ D^{(0)} = \frac{\sigma_{yy}^{\infty} - \sigma_{xx}^{\infty}}{4} \\ E^{(0)} = \frac{\tau_{xy}^{\infty}}{2} \end{cases}$$

 $\int B^{(0)} = \frac{\sigma_{xx}^{\infty} + \sigma_{yy}^{\infty}}{\sigma_{yy}^{\infty}}$ 

Elliptical void and rigid inclusion

$$\omega(\zeta) = R\left(\frac{1}{\zeta} + S\zeta\right)$$
$$R = \frac{a+b}{2} > 0; \qquad 0 \le S$$



 $0 \le S = \frac{a-b}{a+b} \le 1;$ 



# STRESS ANNIHILATION, REDUCTION AND INVISIBILITY IN IN-PLANE PROB.

### **Complex potential**

$$\begin{split} \varphi(\zeta) &= \overbrace{R^t \Gamma \sum_{j=q+1}^t {\binom{t}{j}} \frac{S^{t-j}}{\zeta^{2j-t}}}^{q}}_{-\frac{R^t \chi \overline{\Gamma'}}{\Theta} \sum_{j=q+1}^t {\binom{t}{j}} S^{t-j} \zeta^{2j-t}} \\ &+ \frac{R^t \chi \overline{\Gamma} S}{\Theta} \sum_{j=q+1}^t {\binom{t}{j}} S^{t-j} (t-2j) \zeta^{2j-t}} \\ &- \frac{R^t \chi \overline{\Gamma} (S^2+1) t}{\Theta} \begin{cases} \sum_{j=q+1}^m {\binom{m}{j}} S^{m-j} \zeta^{2j-t} & \text{if } m \text{ is even}} \\ \sum_{j=q}^m {\binom{m}{j}} S^{m-j} \zeta^{2j-t} & \text{if } m \text{ is odd} \end{cases} \end{split}$$

Limit case of crack S = 1

$$K = -2\sqrt{2\pi} \lim_{\zeta \to \zeta_0} \left[ \sqrt{\omega(\zeta) - \omega(\zeta_0)} \frac{\varphi'(\zeta)}{\omega'(\zeta)} \right]$$

 $K = K_{\rm I} - iK_{\rm II}$ 



# STRESS ANNIHILATION, REDUCTION AND INVISIBILITY IN IN-PLANE PROB.

## SIFs for crack

$$\left\{\begin{array}{c}K_{\mathrm{I}}^{\star}(m)\\K_{\mathrm{II}}^{\star}(m)\end{array}\right\} = {}_{2}F_{1}\left(\frac{1}{2},\,-m;\,2;\,2\right)\left\{\begin{array}{c}\widetilde{B}^{(m)}+\widetilde{D}^{(m)}\\\widetilde{E}^{(m)}+m\widetilde{C}^{(m)}\end{array}\right\}a^{\frac{2m+1}{2}}\sqrt{\pi},$$

$$\tilde{D}^{(m)} = -\tilde{B}^{(m)}, \qquad \tilde{E}^{(m)} = -m\tilde{C}^{(m)}$$

### SIFs for stiffener

$$\begin{cases} K_{\mathrm{I}}^{\star}(m) \\ K_{\mathrm{II}}^{\star}(m) \end{cases} = {}_{2}F_{1}\left(\frac{1}{2}, -m; 2; 2\right) \frac{1}{\kappa} \begin{cases} \alpha \widetilde{B}^{(m)} - \widetilde{D}^{(m)} \\ -\widetilde{E}^{(m)} - \beta \widetilde{C}^{(m)} \end{cases} a^{\frac{2m+1}{2}}\sqrt{\pi} \\ \alpha = \frac{(k-m-1)}{m+2}, \qquad \beta = k+m+1 \end{cases}$$

### Invisibility conditions for stiffeners

$$D^{(m)} = \alpha B^{(m)}, \qquad E^{(m)} = -\frac{\beta}{(m+2)}C^{(m)}$$

$$\begin{cases} \widetilde{B}^{(m)} = (m+1)(m+2)B^{(m)} \\ \widetilde{D}^{(m)} = (m+1)(m+2)D^{(m)} \\ \widetilde{E}^{(m)} = (m+1)(m+2)E^{(m)} \\ \widetilde{C}^{(m)} = (m+1)C^{(m)}. \end{cases}$$







## CONCLUSIONS

- Rigid inclusion model is a sound model
- Special geometries and loading conditions have been found for out-of-plane problem to provide
  - Invisible Star-shaped cracks and stiffeners
  - Isotoxal inclusions acting as stress annihilators
  - Hypocycloidal inclusions acting as stress reducers
- Preliminary investigations show that the invisibility, stress annihilation and reduction features can be realized for in-plane elasticity, but not simultaneously at all the inclusion vertexes.
- These results are fundamental in the understanding of the failure mechanics of composites and can be used to enhance engineering design towards highstrength materials.

### **Scientific Publications**

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**Fatigue crack growth model** widely used in materials science and fracture mechanics



## **C** and **m** are material constants

Used to quantify the residual life in terms of the remaining number of cycles to fracture!







#### **Stress Reduction Factors**

### Some properties of SRFs are observed

i) 
$$\operatorname{SRF}(n, m = n) =$$
  
=  $\operatorname{SRF}(n, m = n - 1)$   
=  $\operatorname{SRF}(n, m = n - 2)$ 

ii) 
$$\operatorname{SRF}(n, m+1) \leq \operatorname{SRF}(n, m) \leq \operatorname{SRF}(n+1, m)$$

