

Finite deformation phase-field approach to fracture

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Introduction

Fracture mechanics [1]

- Classical brittle fracture approaches of Griffith and Irwin
- Material fails locally upon a specific fracture energy
- Continuum formulation - solve via standard finite-element strategies

Thermodynamically consistent approach [2]

- Finite deformation approach - multiplicative decomposition of the local deformation
- Enables the use of phase-field models for general nonlinear constitutive laws
- Energy-momentum consistent time integration scheme

Field equations

- Phase field equation

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{s} - l^2 \Delta s &= 0 \text{ in } \mathcal{B}_0 \\ \nabla s \cdot \mathbf{n} &= 0 \text{ on } \partial \mathcal{B}_0 \end{aligned}$$

- Regularized crack surface topology

$$\Gamma_l(s) := \int_{\mathcal{B}_0} \gamma_l(s) \, dV = \int_{\mathcal{B}_0} \frac{1}{2l} s^2 + \frac{l}{2} \nabla(s) \cdot \nabla(s) \, dV$$

- Local balance of linear momentum

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\varphi} &= \mathbf{v}, \quad \rho_0 \dot{\mathbf{v}} = \text{Div } \mathbf{P} + \bar{\mathbf{B}} \\ \varphi &= \bar{\varphi} \text{ on } \partial \mathcal{B}_0^\varphi \times \mathcal{I}, \quad \mathbf{P} \mathbf{N} = \bar{\mathbf{T}} \text{ on } \partial \mathcal{B}_0^\sigma \times \mathcal{I} \end{aligned}$$

- Weak form of the nonlinear problem

$$\int_{\mathcal{B}_0} \delta \varphi \cdot \rho_0 \dot{\mathbf{v}} \, dV + \int_{\mathcal{B}_0} \mathbf{S} : \mathbf{F}^T \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} (\delta \varphi) \, dV = \int_{\mathcal{B}_0} \delta \varphi \cdot \bar{\mathbf{B}} \, dV + \int_{\partial \mathcal{B}_0^\sigma} \delta \varphi \cdot \bar{\mathbf{T}} \, dA$$

Operator split

- Decomposition into compressive and tensile part

$$\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{F}^- \mathbf{F}^+ = \sum_{a=1}^n \lambda_a^- \lambda_a^+ \mathbf{n}_a \otimes \mathbf{N}_a$$

- Further decomposition of tensile stretches

$$\mathbf{F} = \sum_{a=1}^n (\lambda_a^+)^s (\lambda_a^+)^{(1-s)} \lambda_a^- \mathbf{n}_a \otimes \mathbf{N}_a$$

- Elastic, fracture insensitive part

$$\mathbf{F}^e = \sum_{a=1}^n (\lambda_a^+)^{(1-s)} \lambda_a^- \mathbf{n}_a \otimes \mathbf{N}_a, \quad \mathbf{C}^e = (\mathbf{F}^e)^T \mathbf{F}^e$$

- Corresponding second Piola–Kirchhoff stress tensor

$$\mathbf{S}^e = 2 \frac{\partial \Psi(\mathbf{C}^e, s)}{\partial \mathbf{C}^e} = \sum_{a=1}^n \frac{1}{\lambda_a} \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial \lambda_a^e} \mathbf{n}_a \otimes \mathbf{N}_a$$

- Link to linear theory: $\epsilon_a = \log(\lambda_a)$

$$\epsilon^e = \sum_{a=1}^n ((1-s) \epsilon_a^+ \mathbf{N}_a \otimes \mathbf{N}_a + \epsilon_a^- \mathbf{N}_a \otimes \mathbf{N}_a)$$

Consistent discretisation

- Conform discretisation of the fields

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi^h &= \sum_{A \in \omega} N^A(\mathbf{x}) q_A, & \delta \varphi^h &= \sum_{A \in \omega} N^A(\mathbf{x}) \delta q_A \\ \mathbf{s}^h &= \sum_{A \in \omega} N^A(\mathbf{x}) \mathbf{s}_A, & \delta \mathbf{s}^h &= \sum_{A \in \omega} N^A(\mathbf{x}) \delta \mathbf{s}_A \end{aligned}$$

- Discrete phase field

$$\delta \mathbf{s}_A \cdot \left[\int_{\mathcal{B}_0} \frac{g_c}{l} N^A N^B \mathbf{s}_B + g_c l \nabla N^A \cdot \nabla N^B \mathbf{s}_B + \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial \mathbf{s}_A} \, dV \right] = 0$$

- Full discrete system

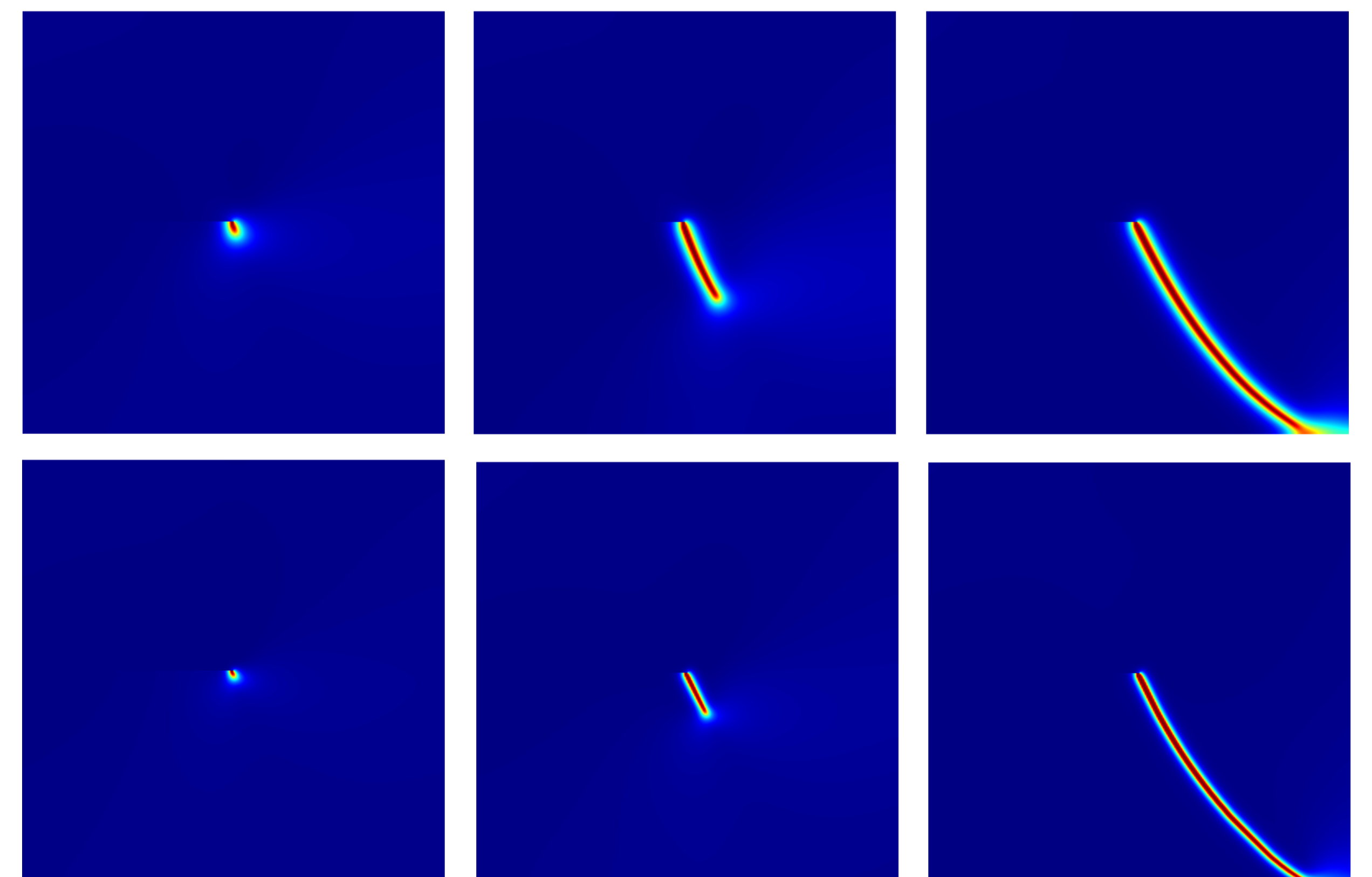
$$\begin{aligned} \delta \mathbf{q}_A \cdot \left[M^{AB} \frac{\mathbf{v}_{B,n+1} - \mathbf{v}_{B,n}}{\Delta t} + \int_{\mathcal{B}_0} \nabla N^A(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \mathbf{S}_{n,n+1}^{e,h} \nabla N^B(\mathbf{x}) \, dV \mathbf{q}_{B,n+1/2} \right] &= \delta \mathbf{q}_A \cdot [\mathbf{F}_{n+1/2}^{A,ext}] \\ \delta \mathbf{s}_A \cdot \left[\int_{\mathcal{B}_0} \frac{g_c}{l} N^A N^B \mathbf{s}_{B,n+1/2} + g_c l \nabla N^A \cdot \nabla N^B \mathbf{s}_{B,n+1/2} \, dV \right] &= -\delta \mathbf{s}_A \cdot \left(\frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial \mathbf{s}_A} \right)_{n+1/2} \, dV \end{aligned}$$

- Discrete gradient

$$\mathbf{S}_{n,n+1}^{e,h} = 2 \frac{\partial \Psi_{n+1/2}}{\partial \mathbf{C}^h} + 2 \frac{\Psi_{n+1} - \Psi_n + g_c (\gamma_{n+1} - \gamma_n) - \frac{\partial \Psi_{n+1/2}}{\partial \mathbf{C}^h} : \Delta \mathbf{C}^h}{\Delta \mathbf{C}^h : \Delta \mathbf{C}^h} \Delta \mathbf{C}^h$$

Numerical example

Pure shear test - uniform mesh with 256×256 elements



Phase-field patterns for non-linear shear test. Upper row at a displacement of $u = [9.0, 11.0, 13.3] \times 10^{-3}$ mm for a length scale of 0.0150 mm. Lower row at a displacement of $u = [9.0, 11.0, 15.1] \times 10^{-6}$ mm for a length scale of 0.0075 mm.

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