

Convergence results for finite element and finite difference approximation of nonlocal fracture models



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Overview of the talk

- Nonlinear peridynamic model
- Well-posedness of nonlocal model
- A priori convergence: Theory
- A priori convergence: Numerical results
- Recent and future works

Nonlinear peridynamic model

Let ϵ is the horizon, $B_\epsilon(x)$ ball of radius ϵ , and $u(x)$ displacement of material point $x \in D$. In this work, we consider linearized pairwise strain $S(y, x; u)$ given by

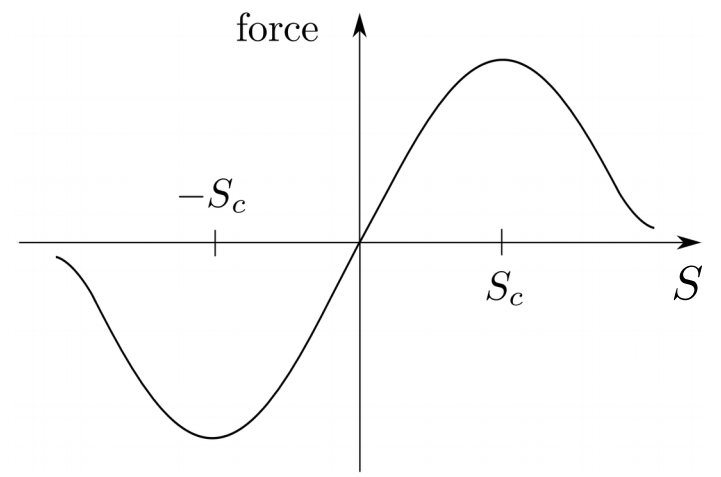
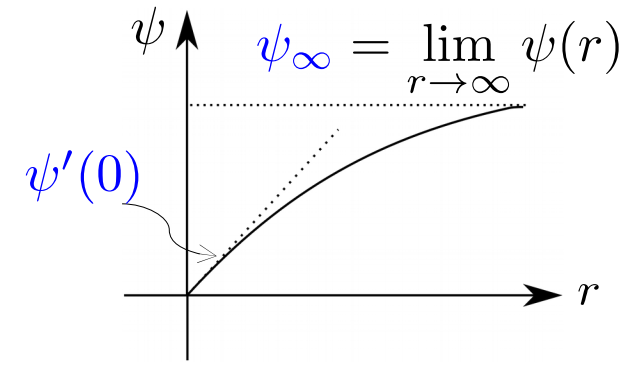
$$S(y, x; u) = \frac{u(y) - u(x)}{|y - x|} \cdot \frac{y - x}{|y - x|}.$$

Suppose $\hat{f}^\epsilon(y, x)$ denotes the force applied on x from the neighboring point y . Then total force at x is given by

$$f^\epsilon(x) = \int_{B_\epsilon(x)} \hat{f}^\epsilon(y, x) dy$$

We consider pairwise force based on smooth and concave potential function $\psi^{1,2}$

$$\hat{f}^\epsilon(y, x) = \frac{1}{\epsilon |B_\epsilon(0)|} \frac{\partial_S \psi(|y - x| S(y, x)^2)}{|y - x|} \frac{y - x}{|y - x|}$$



[1] R. Lipton (2014) Dynamic brittle fracture as a small horizon limit of peridynamics. Journal of Elasticity, 117(1) 21-50.

[2] R. Lipton (2016) Cohesive dynamics and brittle fracture. Journal of Elasticity, 124(2), pp.143-191.

Equation of motion

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$$\rho \ddot{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \mathbf{f}^\epsilon(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{u}(t)) + \mathbf{b}(\mathbf{x}, t), \quad \forall \mathbf{x} \in D, t \in [0, T]$$

Boundary condition

$$\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x}, t) \quad \forall \mathbf{x} \in D_u, t \in [0, T]$$

$$\mathbf{b}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \mathbf{f}_{ext}(\mathbf{x}, t) \quad \forall \mathbf{x} \in D_f, t \in [0, T]$$

$D_u, D_f \subset D$ are layer with finite volume (area in 2-d) on which displacement and external force, respectively, are specified. External force is applied in the form of body force.

Initial condition: $\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}, 0) = \mathbf{u}_0(\mathbf{x}), \dot{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{x}, 0) = \mathbf{v}_0(\mathbf{x})$ for all $\mathbf{x} \in D$.

Weak form: Multiplying peridynamic equation by smooth test function $\tilde{\mathbf{u}}$ such that $\tilde{\mathbf{u}} = \mathbf{0}$ on D_u , and integrating over D , and using [nonlocal integration by parts](#), we get

$$(\rho \ddot{\mathbf{u}}(t), \tilde{\mathbf{u}}) + a^\epsilon(\mathbf{u}(t), \tilde{\mathbf{u}}) = (\mathbf{b}(t), \tilde{\mathbf{u}})$$

where

$$a^\epsilon(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{w}) = \frac{1}{\epsilon |B_\epsilon(\mathbf{0})|} \int_D \left[\int_{B_\epsilon(\mathbf{x})} \psi'(|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x}| S(\mathbf{u})^2) |\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x}| S(\mathbf{u}) S(\mathbf{w}) d\mathbf{y} \right] d\mathbf{x}$$

Well-posedness of nonlinear peridynamic model 3

- Using the fact that nonlinear peridynamic force is bounded and Lipschitz continuous with respect to displacement field $\mathbf{u} \in L_0^2(D)$, the existence of solutions over any finite time domain $[0, T]$ is shown [1].
- To prove existence of solutions in more regular spaces, we introduce boundary function ω into Peridynamic force. $\omega(\mathbf{x}) = 1$ in the interior and smoothly decays to 0 as \mathbf{x} approaches boundary ∂D .
- To perform a priori error analysis of finite difference approximation, we consider Hölder space $C_0^{0,\gamma}(D)$, $\gamma \in (0, 1]$. In [2] we show existence of solutions in Hölder space $C_0^{0,\gamma}(D)$. In [3] we extend the results to state-based peridynamic models.
- For a priori error analysis of finite element approximation using continuous piecewise linear elements, we consider natural space $H^2(D) \cap H_0^1(D)$. In [4] we show existence of solutions in $H^2(D) \cap H_0^1(D)$.

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[2] P.K. Jha and R. Lipton (2018) Numerical analysis of nonlocal fracture models in Holder space. *SIAM Journal on Numerical Analysis*, 56(2), pp.906-941.

[3] P.K. Jha and R. Lipton (2019) Numerical convergence of finite difference approximations for state based peridynamic fracture models. *Computer Methods in Applied Mechanics and Engineering*, 351(1), 184 – 225.

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Let W be either $C_0^{0,\gamma}(D)$ or $H^2(D) \cap H_0^1(D)$ space. We assume $u \in W$ is extended by zero outside D . Domain D is assumed to be sufficiently smooth (precise details in [1,2]). Two key steps to show existence:

- Obtain Lipschitz bound on peridynamic force in W .
- Using Lipschitz bound, show local existence of unique solutions. Show that local existence of unique solutions can be repeatedly applied to get global existence of solutions for any time domain $(-T, T)$.

Theorem 1. Existence and uniqueness of solutions over finite time intervals

Let $v(t) = \dot{u}(t)$, and $X = W \times W$. For any initial condition $x_0 \in X$, time interval $I_0 = (-T, T)$, and right hand side $b(t)$ continuous in time for $t \in I_0$ such that $b(t)$ satisfies $\sup_{t \in I_0} \|b(t)\|_W < \infty$, there is a unique solution $(u(t), v(t)) \in C^1(I_0; X)$ of Peridynamic equation of motion with initial condition x_0 . Moreover, $(u(t), v(t))$ and $(\dot{u}(t), \dot{v}(t))$ are Lipschitz continuous in time for $t \in I_0$.

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Finite difference approximation

We approximate peridynamic equation using **piecewise constant interpolation** and **central in time discretization**. Let \mathbf{u}_i^k denote the discrete displacement at mesh node \mathbf{x}_i and time $t^k = k\Delta t$. We consider following piecewise constant function

$$\mathbf{u}_h^k(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i, \mathbf{x}_i \in D} \mathbf{u}_i^k \chi_{U_i}(\mathbf{x})$$

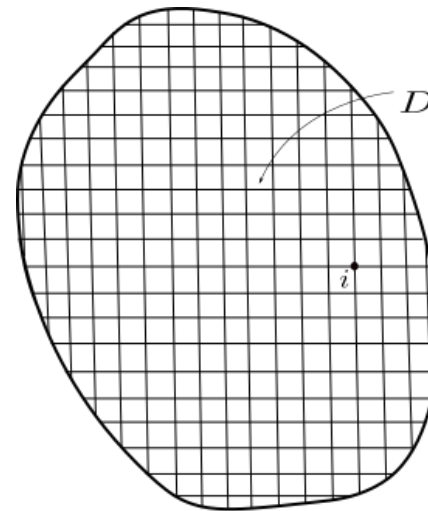
Discrete problem is

$$\frac{\mathbf{u}_h^{k+1} - 2\mathbf{u}_h^k + \mathbf{u}_h^{k-1}}{\Delta t^2} = \mathbf{f}_h^\epsilon(t^k) + \mathbf{b}_h^k,$$

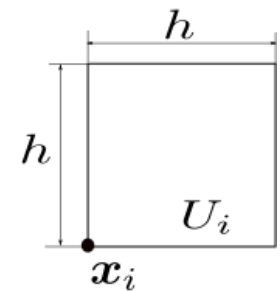
where

$$\mathbf{f}_h^\epsilon(\mathbf{x}, t^k) = \sum_{i, \mathbf{x}_i \in D} \mathbf{f}^\epsilon(\mathbf{x}_i, t^k) \chi_{U_i}(\mathbf{x}),$$

$$\mathbf{b}_h(\mathbf{x}, t^k) = \sum_{i, \mathbf{x}_i \in D} \mathbf{b}(\mathbf{x}_i, t^k) \chi_{U_i}(\mathbf{x})$$



(a)



(b)



Convergence of finite difference approximation

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Error at time step k is defined as: $E^k = \|\mathbf{u}_h^k - \mathbf{u}(t^k)\|$.

Theorem 2. *Let $\epsilon > 0$ be fixed. Let (\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) be the solution of peridynamic equation. We assume $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \in C^2([0, T]; C^{0,\gamma}(D; \mathbb{R}^d))$. Then the finite difference scheme is consistent in both time and spatial discretization and converges to the exact solution uniformly in time with respect to the L^2 norm. If we assume the error at the initial step is zero then the error E^k at time t^k is bounded and satisfies*

$$\sup_{0 \leq k \leq T/\Delta t} E^k \leq O\left(C_t \Delta t + C_s \frac{h^\gamma}{\epsilon^2}\right),$$

where constant C_s and C_t are independent of h and Δt . Constants C_t, C_s depend on the ϵ and Hölder norm of the exact solution.

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Setting up peridynamic model

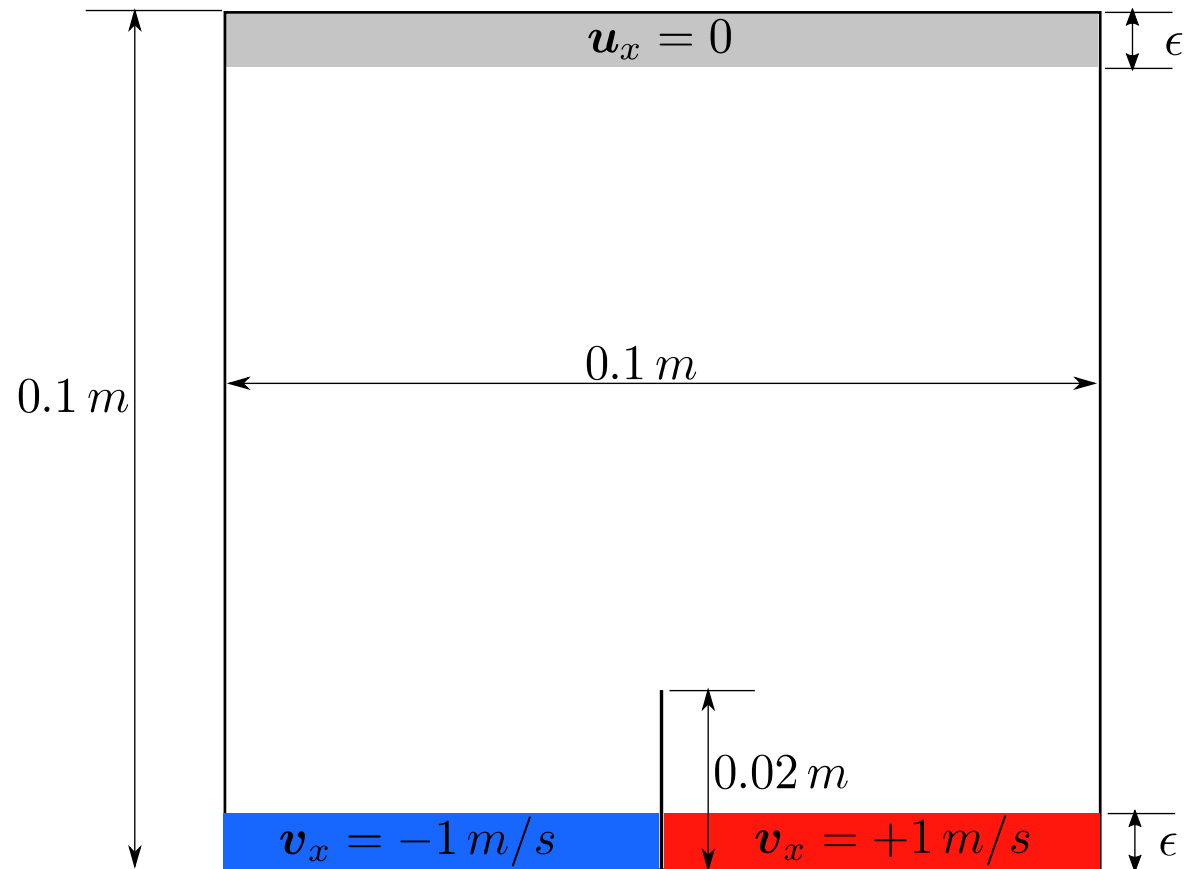
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- Pairwise potential: $\psi(r) = c(1 - \exp[-\beta r^2])$
- Influence function: $J(r) = 1 - r$ for $0 \leq r < 1$ and $J(r) = 0$ for $r \geq 1$
- Critical strain: $S_c(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x}) = \frac{\pm \bar{r}}{\sqrt{|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x}|}}$, where \bar{r} is the inflection point of function ψ
- We fix $\rho = 1200 \text{ kg/m}^3$, bulk modulus $K = 25 \text{ GPa}$, critical energy release rate $G_c = 500 \text{ J/m}^{-2}$
- Using relation between nonlinear peridynamic model and linear elastic fracture mechanics¹, we find

$$c = 4712.4, \quad \beta = 1.7533 \times 10^8, \quad \bar{r} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\beta}} = 5.3402 \times 10^{-5}$$

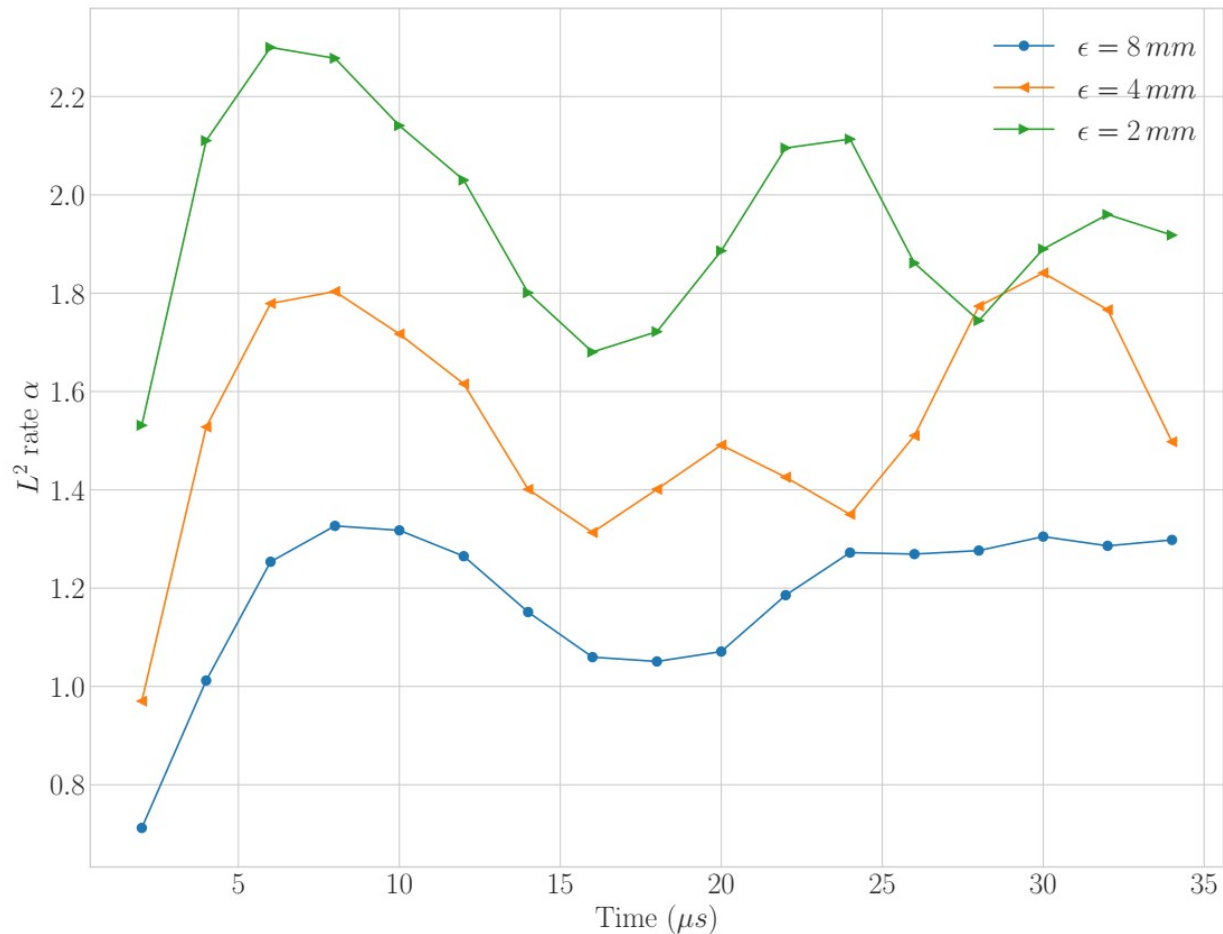
Mode I crack propagation: Setup

- Final time $T = 34 \mu s$, time step $\Delta t = 0.004 \mu s$
- Uniform grid on square domain $D = [0, 0.1 \text{ m}]^2$

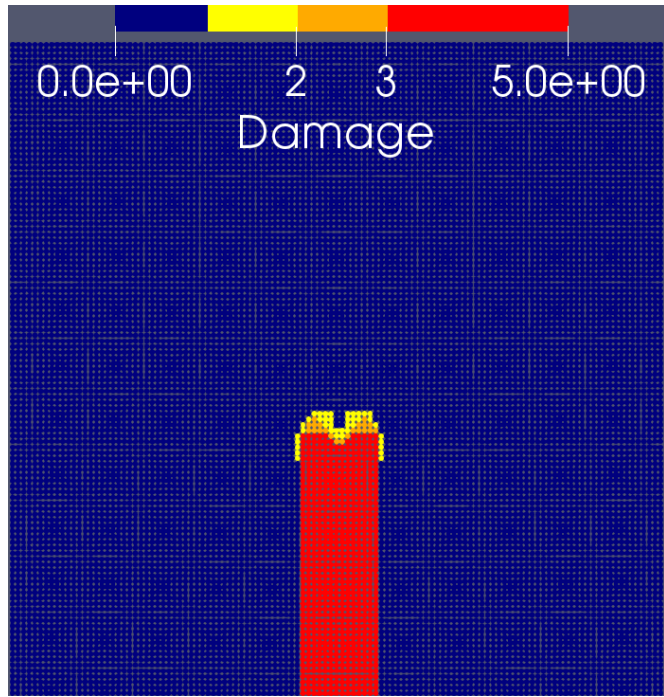


Convergence with respect to mesh size

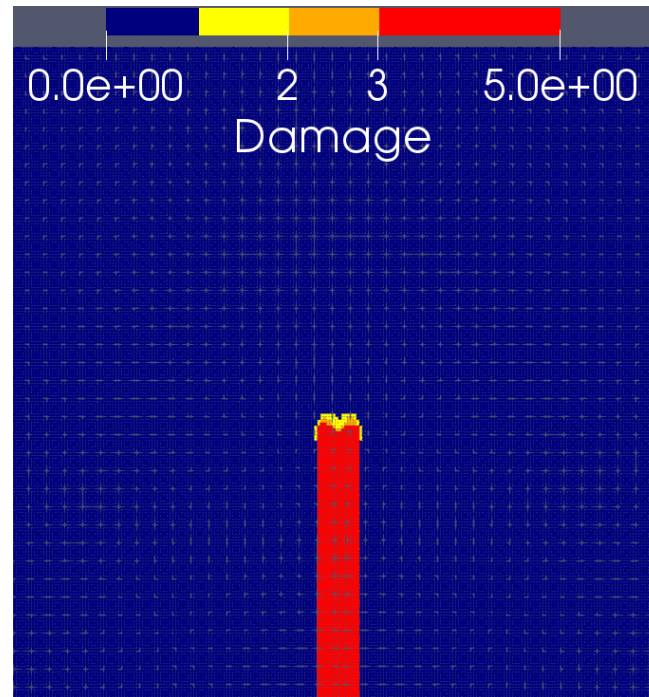
- Three set of horizons $\epsilon = 8, 4, 2$ mm. For each fixed ϵ , simulations were run with three different meshes of size $h = \epsilon/2, \epsilon/4, \epsilon/8$.



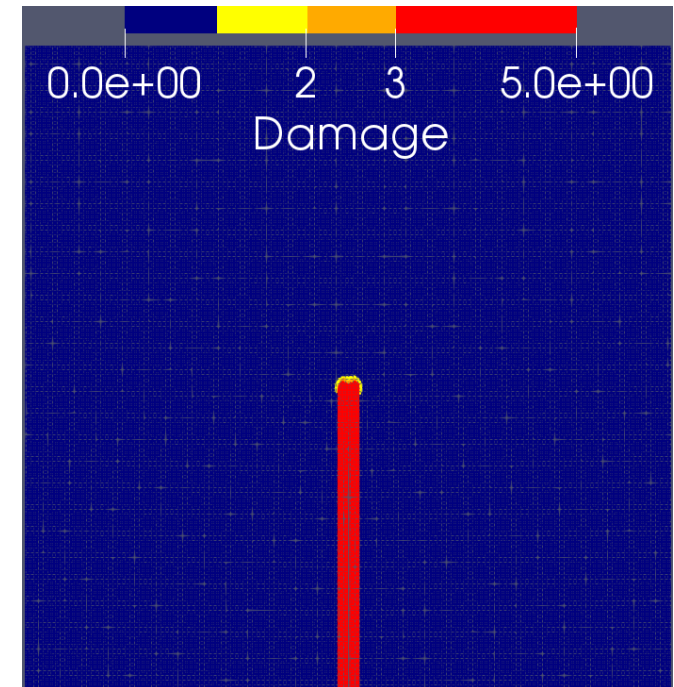
Localization of fracture zone



$\epsilon = 8 \text{ mm}$



$\epsilon = 4 \text{ mm}$



$\epsilon = 2 \text{ mm}$

Finite element approximation

Let $V_h \subset H_0^1(D)$ be given by linear continuous interpolations over tetrahedral or triangular elements \mathcal{T}_h where h denotes the size of finite element mesh. We assume elements are conforming and the mesh is shape regular.

For a continuous function \mathbf{u} on \bar{D} , $\mathcal{I}_h(\mathbf{u})$ is the continuous piecewise linear interpolant on \mathcal{T}_h and is given by

$$\mathcal{I}_h(\mathbf{u})(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}_h} \left[\sum_{i \in N_T} \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}_i) \phi_i(\mathbf{x}) \right].$$

Assuming that the size of each element in triangulation \mathcal{T}_h is bounded by h , we have

$$\|\mathbf{u} - \mathcal{I}_h(\mathbf{u})\| \leq ch^2 \|\mathbf{u}\|_2, \quad \forall \mathbf{u} \in H_0^2(D; \mathbb{R}^d).$$

Projection: Let $\mathbf{r}_h(\mathbf{u}) \in V_h$ is the projection of $\mathbf{u} \in H^2(D) \cap H_0^1(D)$ such that

$$\|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{r}_h(\mathbf{u})\| = \inf_{\tilde{\mathbf{u}} \in V_h} \|\mathbf{u} - \tilde{\mathbf{u}}\|$$

Central difference time discretization

$(\mathbf{u}_h^k, \mathbf{v}_h^k)$ and $(\mathbf{u}^k, \mathbf{v}^k)$ denote the approximate and the exact solution at k^{th} step. Projection is denoted as $(\mathbf{r}_h(\mathbf{u}^k), \mathbf{r}_h(\mathbf{v}^k))$. Approximate initial condition $\mathbf{u}_0, \mathbf{v}_0$ by their projection $\mathbf{r}_h(\mathbf{u}_0), \mathbf{r}_h(\mathbf{v}_0)$ and set $\mathbf{u}_h^0 = \mathbf{r}_h(\mathbf{u}_0), \mathbf{v}_h^0 = \mathbf{r}_h(\mathbf{v}_0)$.

For $k \geq 1$, $(\mathbf{u}_h^k, \mathbf{v}_h^k)$ satisfies, for all $\tilde{\mathbf{u}} \in V_h$,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \left(\frac{\mathbf{u}_h^{k+1} - \mathbf{u}_h^k}{\Delta t}, \tilde{\mathbf{u}} \right) &= (\mathbf{v}_h^{k+1}, \tilde{\mathbf{u}}), \\
 \left(\frac{\mathbf{v}_h^{k+1} - \mathbf{v}_h^k}{\Delta t}, \tilde{\mathbf{u}} \right) &= (\mathbf{f}^\epsilon(\mathbf{u}_h^k), \tilde{\mathbf{u}}) + (\mathbf{b}_h^k, \tilde{\mathbf{u}}),
 \end{aligned}$$

where we denote projection of $\mathbf{b}(t^k), \mathbf{r}_h(\mathbf{b}(t^k))$, as \mathbf{b}_h^k . Combining the two equations delivers central difference equation for \mathbf{u}_h^k . We have

$$\left(\frac{\mathbf{u}_h^{k+1} - 2\mathbf{u}_h^k + \mathbf{u}_h^{k-1}}{\Delta t^2}, \tilde{\mathbf{u}} \right) = (\mathbf{f}^\epsilon(\mathbf{u}_h^k), \tilde{\mathbf{u}}) + (\mathbf{b}_h^k, \tilde{\mathbf{u}}), \quad \forall \tilde{\mathbf{u}} \in V_h.$$

Convergence of finite element approximation

Error at time step k is defined as: $E^k = \|\mathbf{u}_h^k - \mathbf{u}(t^k)\|$.

Theorem 3. Convergence of Central difference approximation

Let (\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) be the exact solution of peridynamics equation and Let $(\mathbf{u}_h^k, \mathbf{v}_h^k)$ be the FE approximate solution. If $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \in C^2([0, T], H^2(D) \cap H_0^1(D))$, then the scheme is consistent and the error E^k satisfies following bound

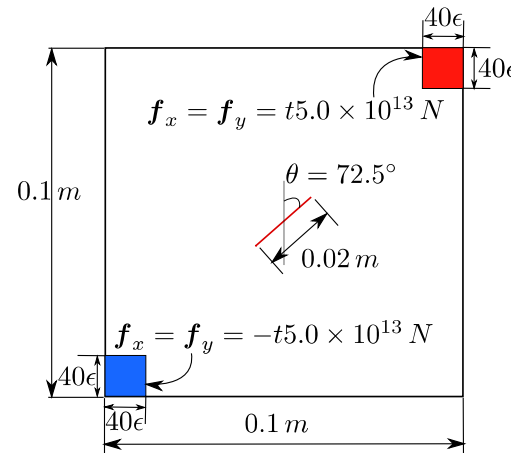
$$\sup_{k \leq T/\Delta t} E^k = C_t \Delta t + C_s \frac{h^2}{\epsilon^2}$$

where constant C_t and C_s are independent of h and Δt and depends on the horizon and the norm of exact solution. Constant L/ϵ^2 is the Lipschitz constant of peridynamic force in L^2 .

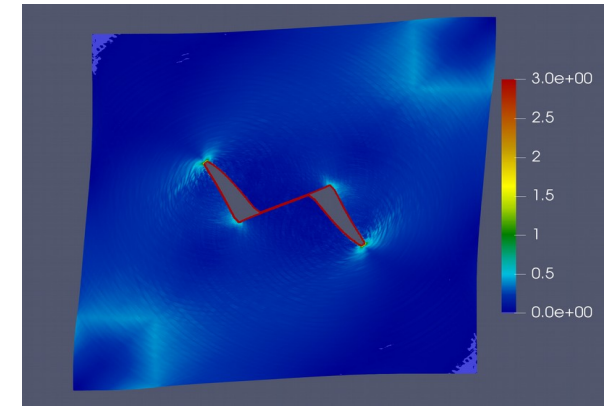
Recent work: Mix mode crack propagation

Material properties are same as in the Mode-I problem. We set

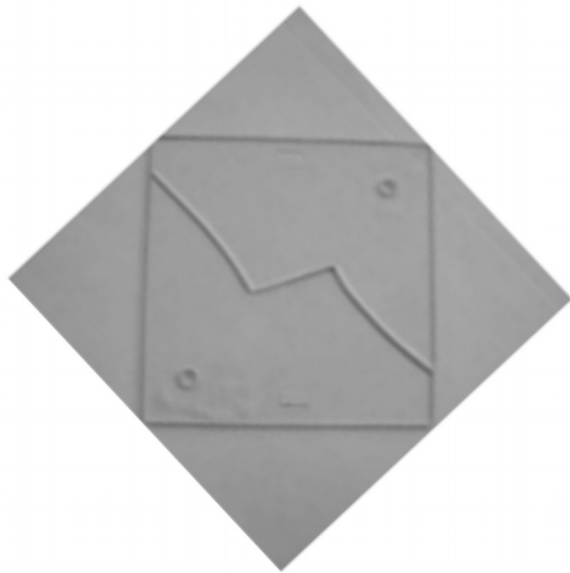
- Horizon $\epsilon = 0.5$ mm
- Mesh size $h = 0.125$ mm
- Final time $T = 140$ μ s
- Time step size $\Delta t = 0.004$ μ s



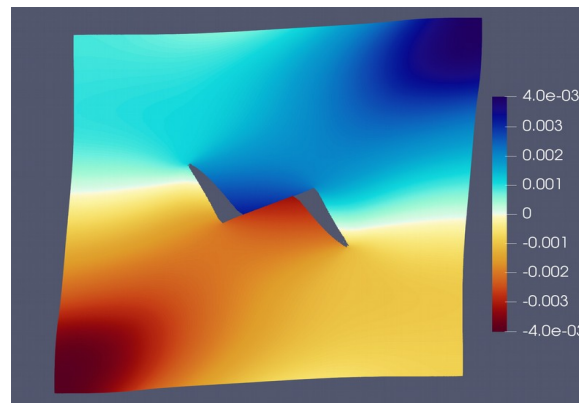
(a) Setup



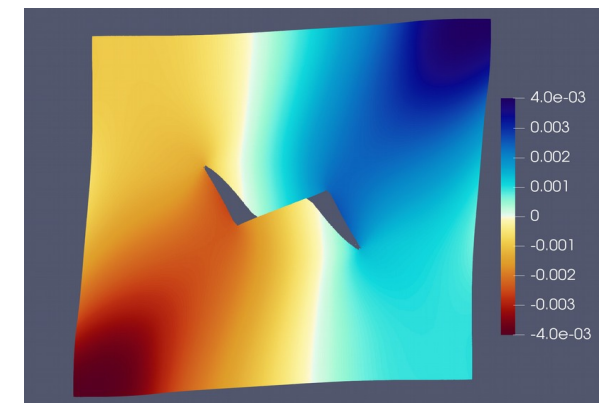
(b) Damage profile



(e) Experiment result [2]



(c) u_x plot



(d) u_y plot

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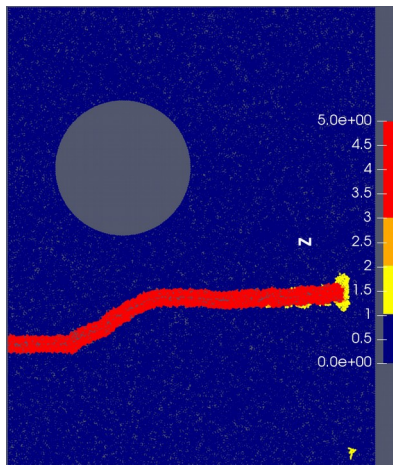
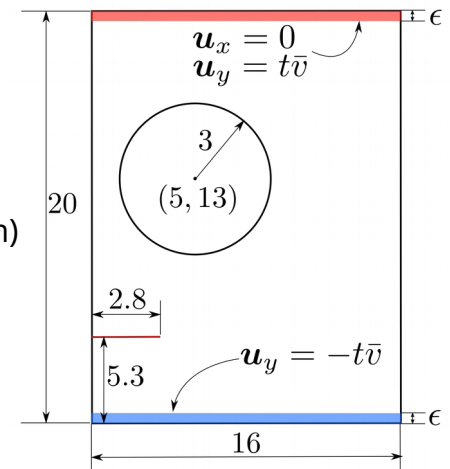
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Recent work: Crack-void interaction

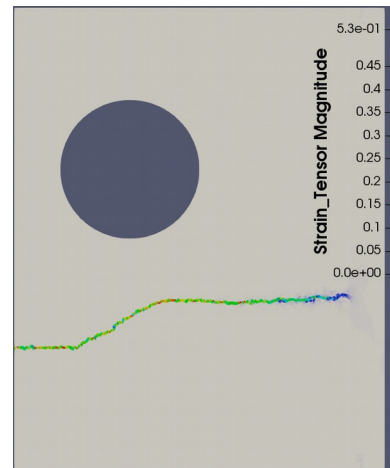
Material properties are same as in the Mode-I problem. We set

- Horizon $\epsilon = 0.4$ mm
- Mesh size $h = 0.1$ mm
- Final time $T = 800 \mu s$
- Time step size $\Delta t = 0.004 \mu s$

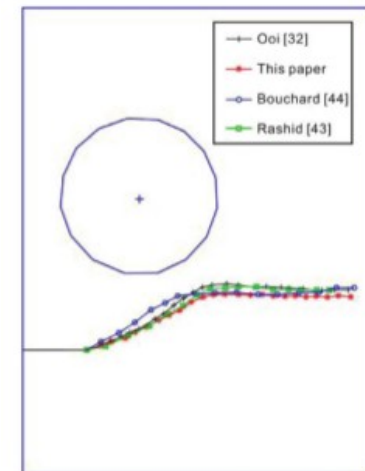
(a) Setup (units in mm)



(b) Damage profile



(c) Magnitude of symmetric gradient of displacement



(d) Numerical experiment results using FEM, Boundary element method [2]

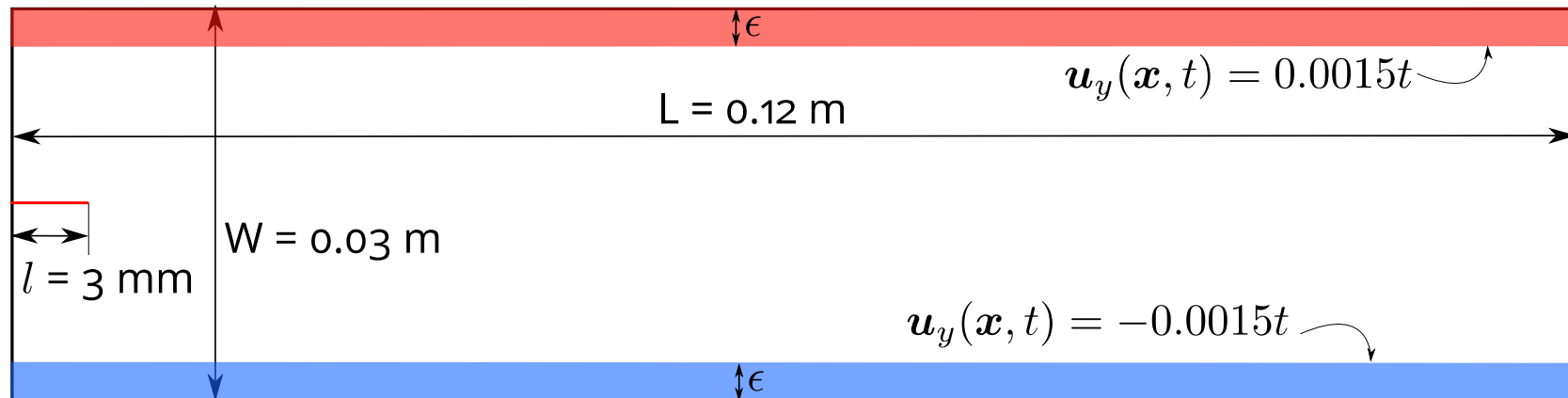
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Recent work: Wave reflection effect on crack velocity¹⁶

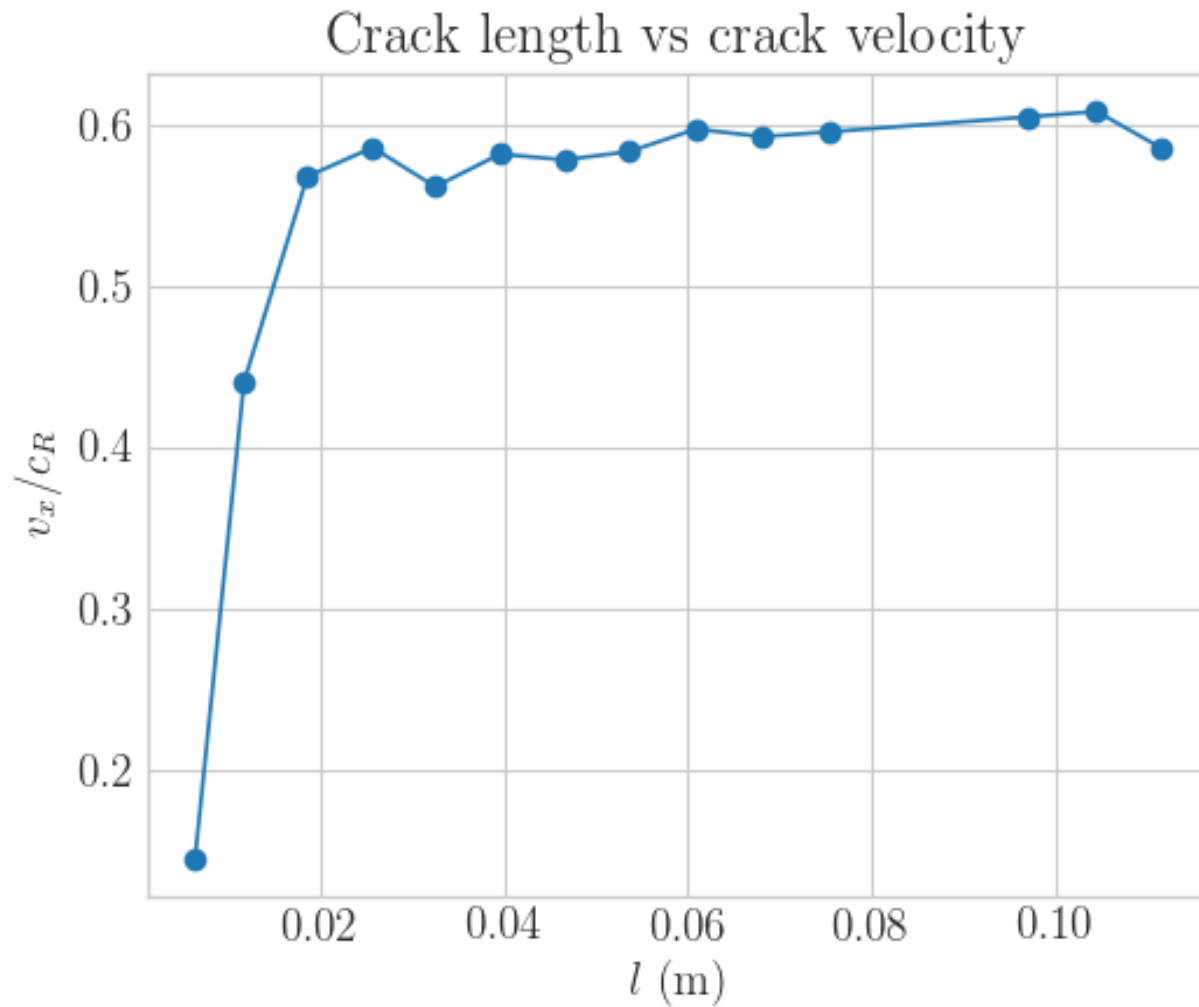
We consider a softer material with shear modulus $G = 35.2 \text{ kPa}$, density $\rho = 1011 \text{ kg/m}^3$, and critical energy release rate $G_c = 20 \text{ J/m}^2$. Poisson ratio is fixed to $\mu = 0.25$. Domain is $D = [0, 0.12 \text{ m}] \times [0, 0.03 \text{ m}]$.

- Horizon $\epsilon = 0.6 \text{ mm}$, mesh size $h = 0.15 \text{ mm}$
- Time $T = 1.1 \text{ s}$, $\Delta t = 2.2 \mu\text{s}$



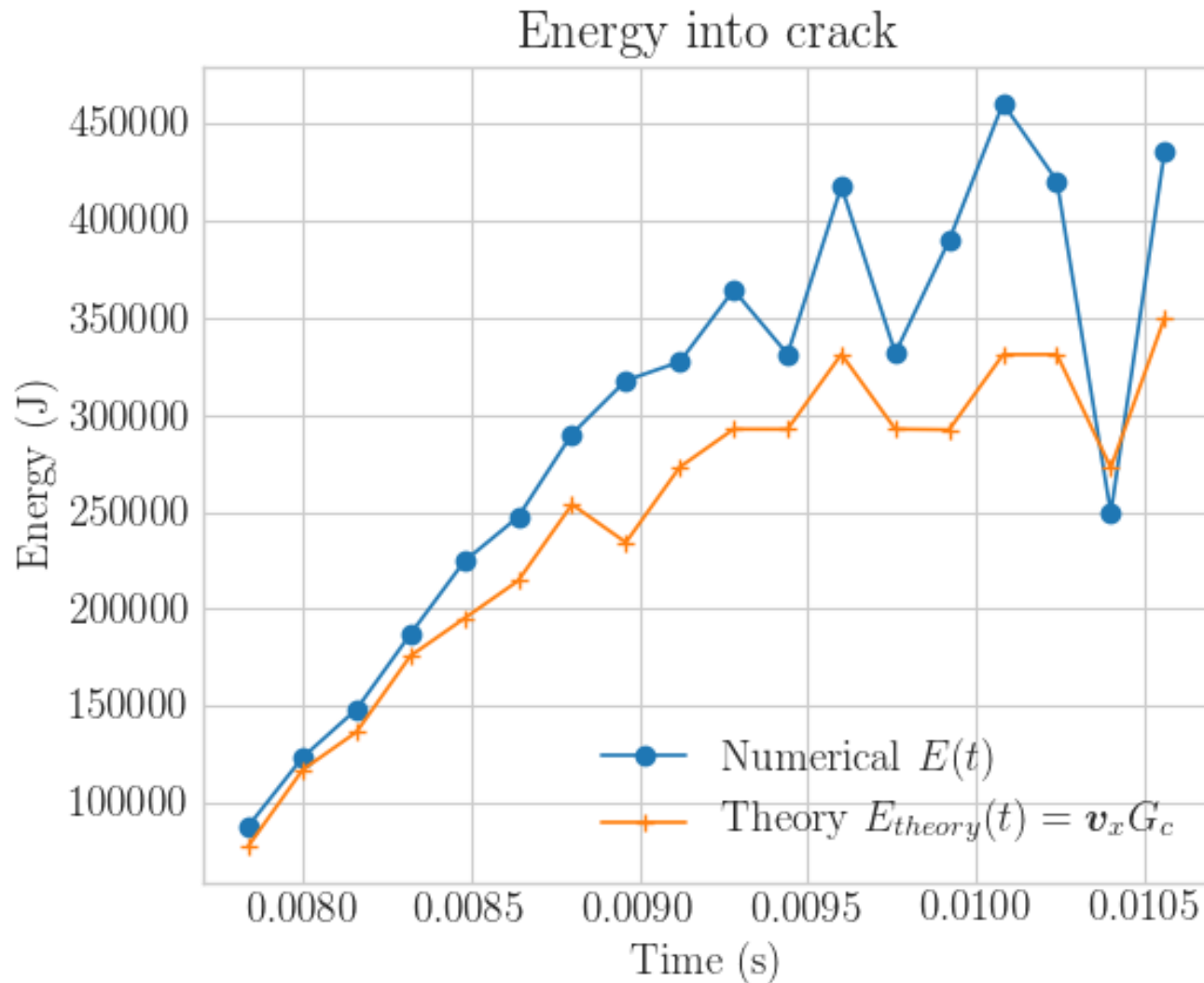
Recent work: Wave reflection effect on crack velocity¹⁷

- Max crack length = 0.12 m
- Rayleigh wave speed $c_R = 5.502$ m/s



Recent work: Energy into crack

We compute energy into crack using $E(t)$. Theoretically the energy into crack is given by $E_{theory} = |v|G_c$, where $|v|$ is the magnitude of crack velocity. In the current example, $|v| = v_x$.



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Ongoing and future works

- In [1] we show that the classical kinetic relation is embedded in peridynamics and we have $\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} J(t) = G_c$, where $J(t)$ is the nonlocal J-integral (defined in slide 18). In LEFM, the classical kinetic relation for the crack velocity is postulated. In contrast, we obtain the classical kinetic relation from the Peridynamics.
- Open source computational library for nonlocal modeling. This is a joint work with Patrick Diehl (LSU) and Robert Lipton (LSU).
- Study of granular material using nonlinear nonlocal model.



Thank you!