

ON THE COUPLING OF LOCAL 3D PARAMETRIC SOLUTIONS AND GLOBAL 2D SHELL THEORY IN STRUCTURAL MECHANICS

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Most of mechanical systems and complex structures exhibit mainly plate parts, with few complex zones. Therefore, 2D simulation, based on plate and shell theory, appears as an appealing choice to simulate the entire structure for design [1] as it allows reduced computation times.

Nevertheless, this 2D framework prevent from capturing the richness of the mechanical fields in the complex zones, such as the joining parts (welding points, riveting), and then from predicting the damage initiation and propagation. To tackle this issue, authors proposed a shell separated representation [2] allowing to capture the richness of the mechanical fields for a 2D computation time price. However, this rich representation is not needed in the whole structure, and then, we propose to couple the two approaches only in the weak parts as the joining ones.

We then propose to create local 3D parametric solutions of the complex zones by taking advantages of the Proper Generalized Decomposition PGD [3], not necessary for the 2D-1D decomposition but for the parameters introduction. These "vademecums" describe finely the complex geometries, integrate all the rich physics (damage, plasticity) while taking as inputs any external internal loadings and the generalized displacements imposed on the boundaries. These patches are then coupled with the 2D simulations to performed enriched simulations able to predict the structure degradation and failure at low computation times.

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