

# A fail-safe design approach based on the fracture mechanical analysis and epistemic uncertainty quantification

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## Failure due to catastrophic crack growth

### origin

- modified loading, changed exploitation conditions
- unpredictable loading, e.g. impact loading
- fatigue of material
- usage errors



### uncertainty



failure modelling with uncertainty analysis

## Capturing failure in structural design

concepts



### fail-safe

- safe failure
- minimal damage
- higher risk level accepted
- statically indeterminate
- efficient dimensioning

### safe-life

- no failure
- predefined service life
- low risk level accepted
- significant structures
- statically determinate
- over dimensioned

### damage-tolerance

- predefined damage accepted
- damage till maintenance
- higher risk level accepted
- damage analysis
- reliable damage detection

## Fail-safe design methods

- redundancy of structural parts



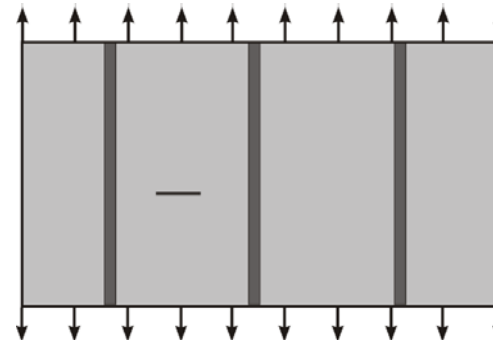
- multiple load paths  
*statically indeterminate*



- early failure detection:
  - *monitoring, sensors*
  - *leak before break concept*

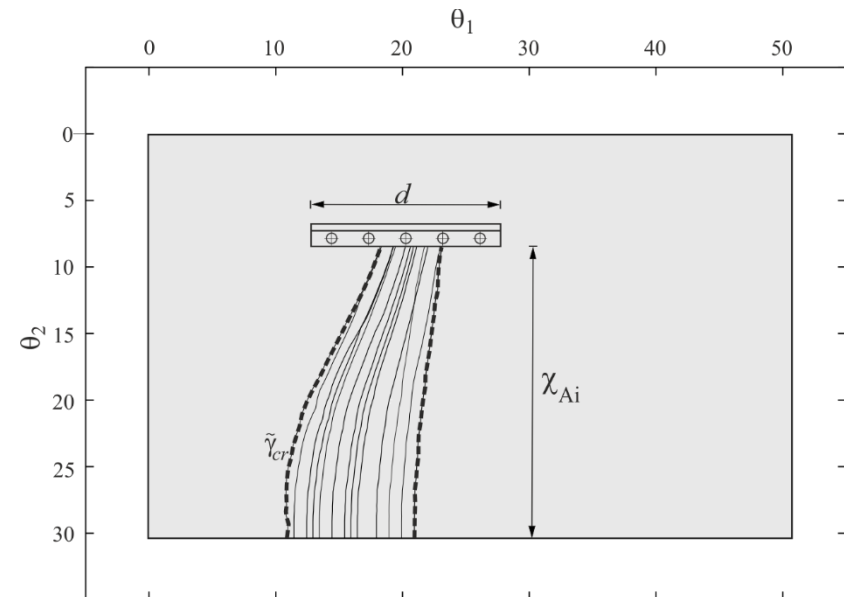
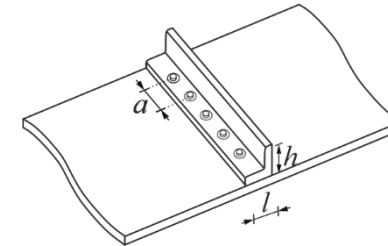
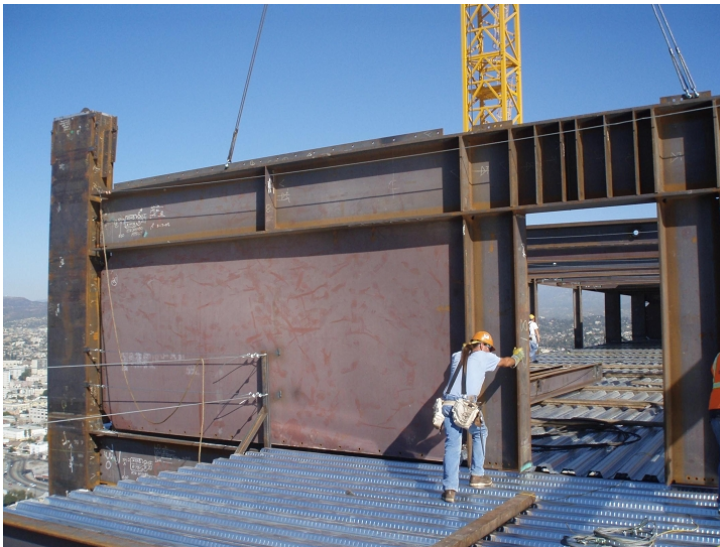


- limit crack propagation  
*crack arrester, crack absorber*

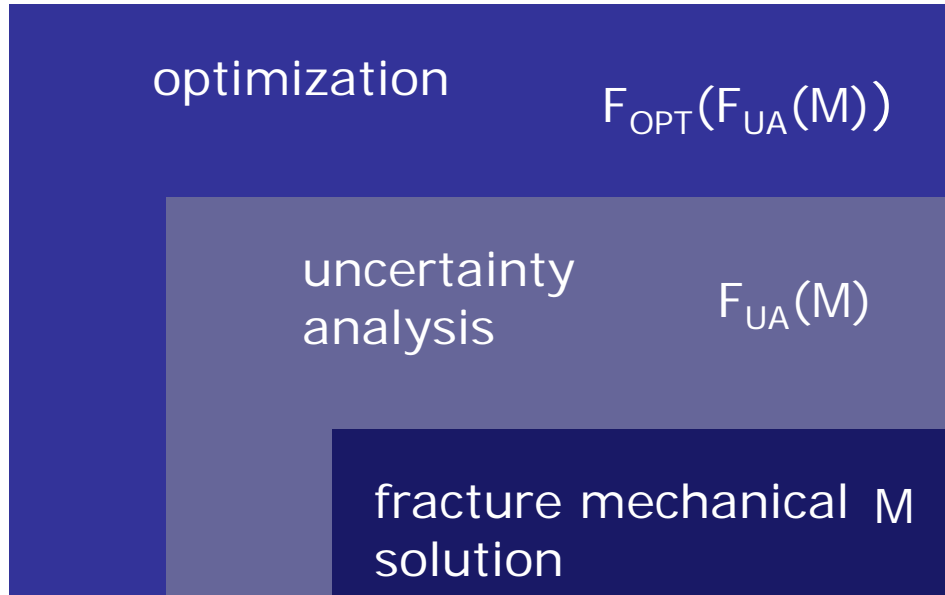


## Fail-safe design problem

- unknown/uncertain crack initiation
- uncertain crack propagation
- crack propagation limiting elements



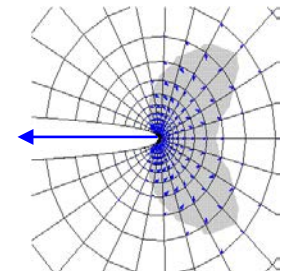
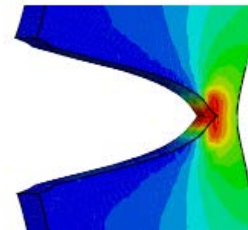
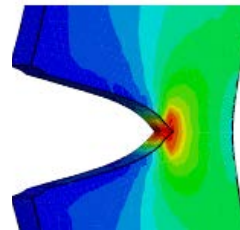
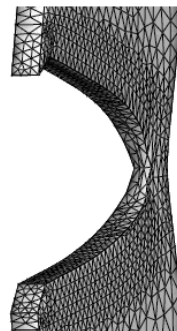
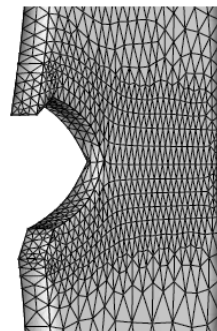
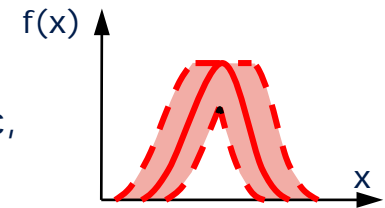
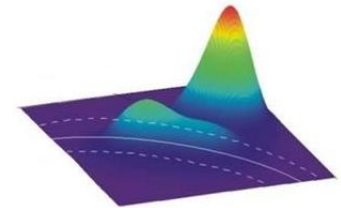
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binary genetic algorithm

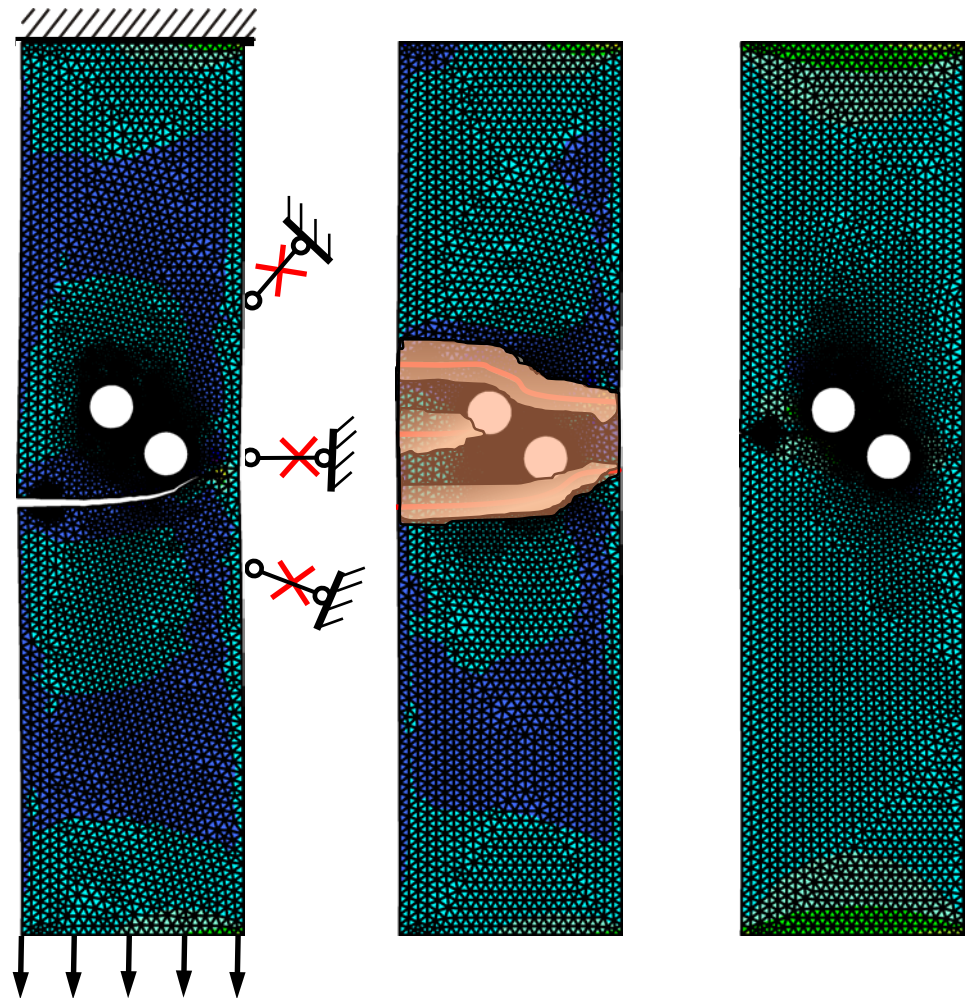
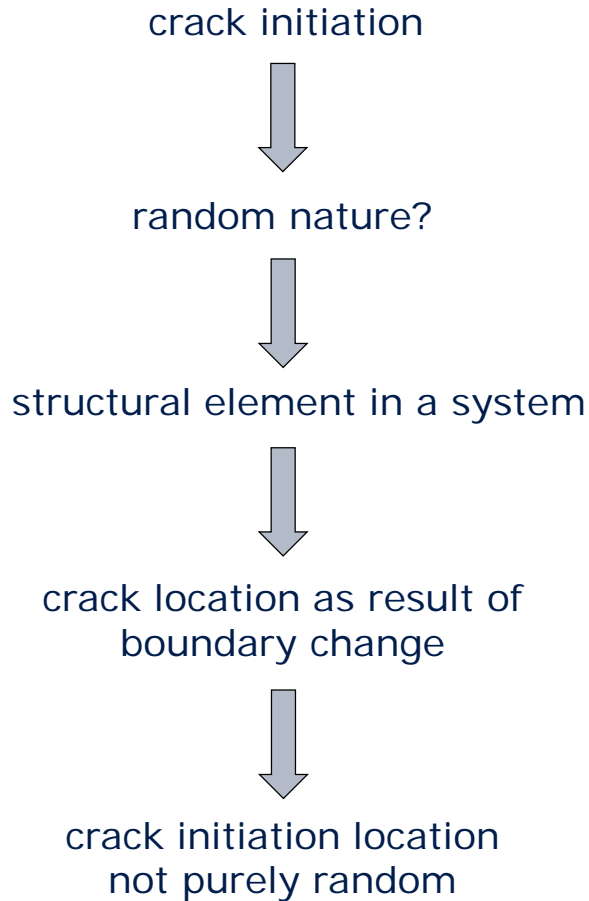
polymorphic uncertainty:  
fuzzy, probabilistic,  
fuzzy-stochastic

finite element method  
material force approach





## Crack initiation as uncertain variable



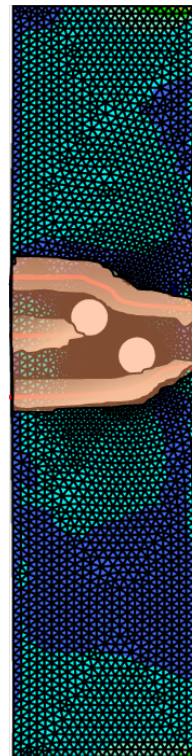


## Failure due to boundary change

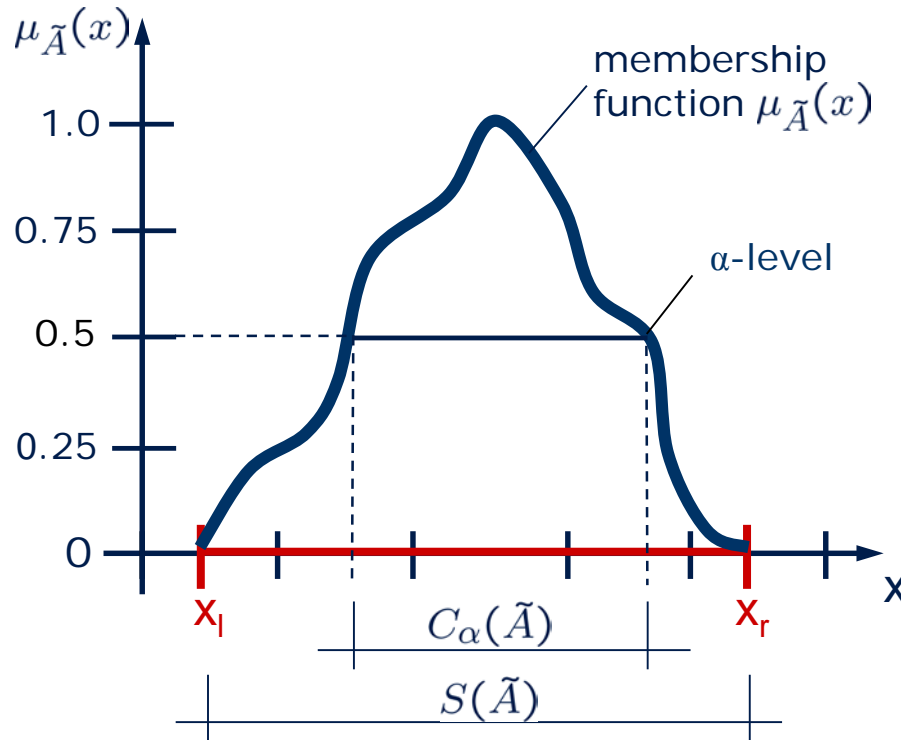
not purely stochastic character



polymorphic uncertainty models applicable



## Uncertainty model fuzziness



fuzzy set/fuzzy variable

$$\tilde{A} = \{(x, \mu_{\tilde{A}}(x)) \mid x \in X\}$$

$$\mu_{\tilde{A}} : X \longrightarrow [0, 1]$$

$$S(\tilde{A}) = \{x \in X, \mu_{\tilde{A}}(x) > 0\}$$

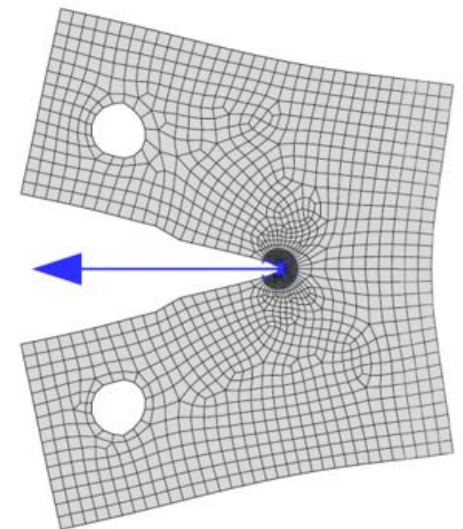
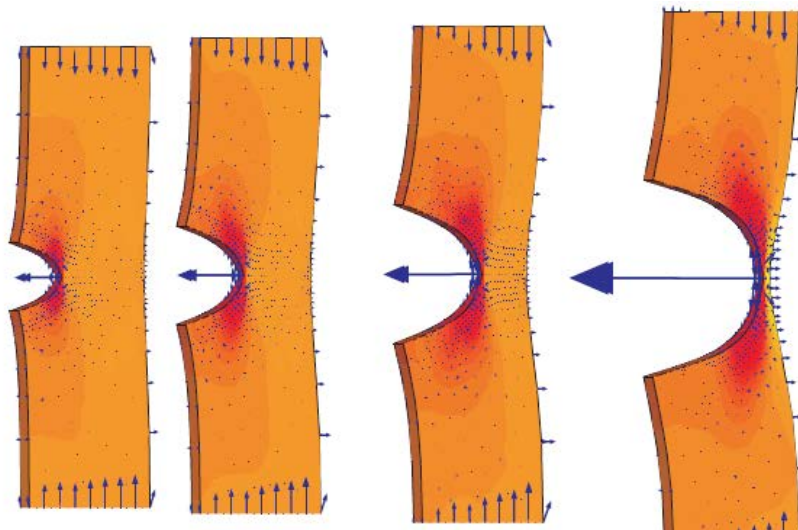
$\alpha$ -level discretization:  $C_{\alpha}(\tilde{A}) = \{x \in X : \mu_{\tilde{A}} \geq \alpha\}$

$$\tilde{A} = (C_{\alpha}(\tilde{A}))_{\alpha \in (0,1]}$$

convexity:  $\mu_{\tilde{A}}(\lambda x_2 + (1 - \lambda)x_1) \geq \min(\mu_{\tilde{A}}(x_1), \mu_{\tilde{A}}(x_2))$

## Fracture mechanical model

- discrete fracturing
- crack propagation based on energy minimization principle
- r-adaptive node duplication
- configurational mechanics based fracture criteria
- configurational forces – crack driving forces



## Computation of material forces

- local spatial momentum balance

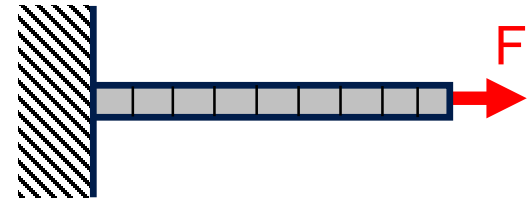
$$\nabla_X \cdot \mathbf{P}^T + \mathbf{b} = 0$$

$$\mathbf{P} = \partial_{\mathbf{F}} \psi$$

$\mathbf{P}$  first Piola-Kirchhoff stress

$\mathbf{b}$  body forces

$\psi$  strain energy density



- local material momentum balance

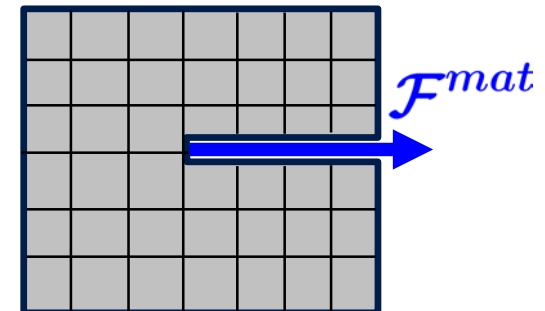
$$\nabla_X \cdot \Sigma^T + \mathbf{B} = 0$$

$\Sigma$  Eshelby stress

$\mathbf{B}$  material body forces

$$\Sigma = \psi \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{F}^T \mathbf{P}$$

$\mathbf{F}$  deformation gradient

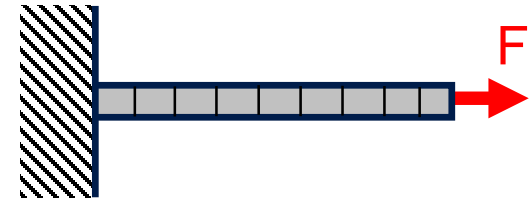


## Computation of material forces

- integration of physical nodal forces

$$\mathbf{F} = \bigcup_{e=1}^{elem} \int_{\mathcal{B}} (\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \nabla_x \mathbf{N} - \mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{N}) dv$$

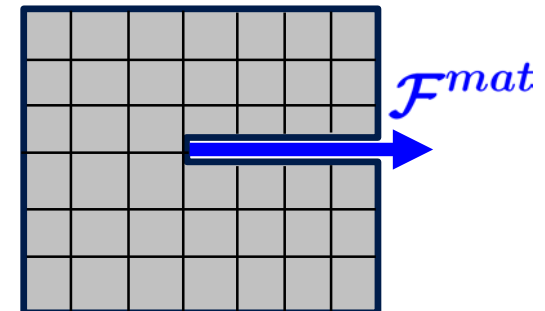
$\boldsymbol{\sigma}$  Cauchy stress  
 $\mathbf{b}$  body forces  
 $\mathbf{N}$  shape functions



- integration of material nodal forces

$$\mathcal{F}^{mat} = \bigcup_{e=1}^{elem} \int_{\mathcal{B}_0} (\boldsymbol{\Sigma} \cdot \nabla_X \mathbf{N} - \mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{N}) dV$$

$\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$  Eshelby stress  
 $\mathbf{B}$  material body forces



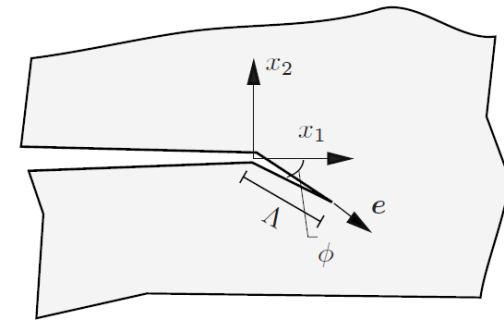
## Energy minimization technique

- crack direction

$$\Pi_{int}(\gamma + \Lambda, \tau) = \Pi_{int}(\gamma, \tau) - \mathcal{F}^{mat} \cdot \Lambda \mathbf{e} \rightarrow \min$$

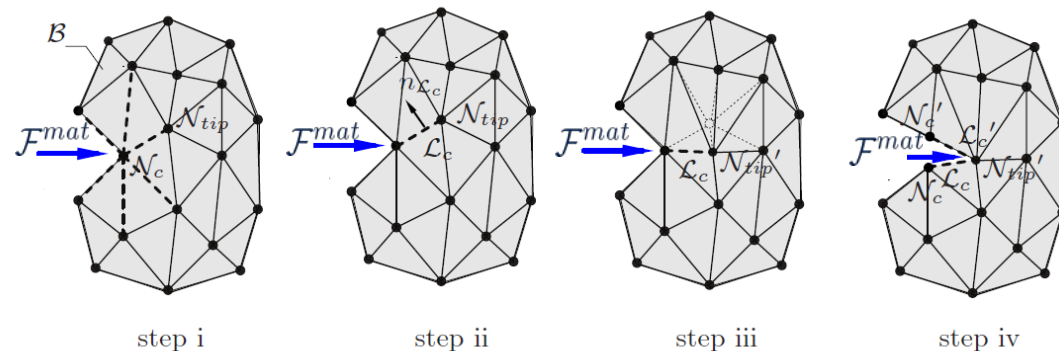
$$\phi = \operatorname{argmin}_{\phi \in [-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}]} (\Pi_{int}(\gamma, \tau) - \mathcal{F}^{mat} \cdot \Lambda \mathbf{e})$$

- $\mathbf{e}$  unit crack direction vector
- $\lambda$  incremental crack size
- $\phi$  crack kinking angle



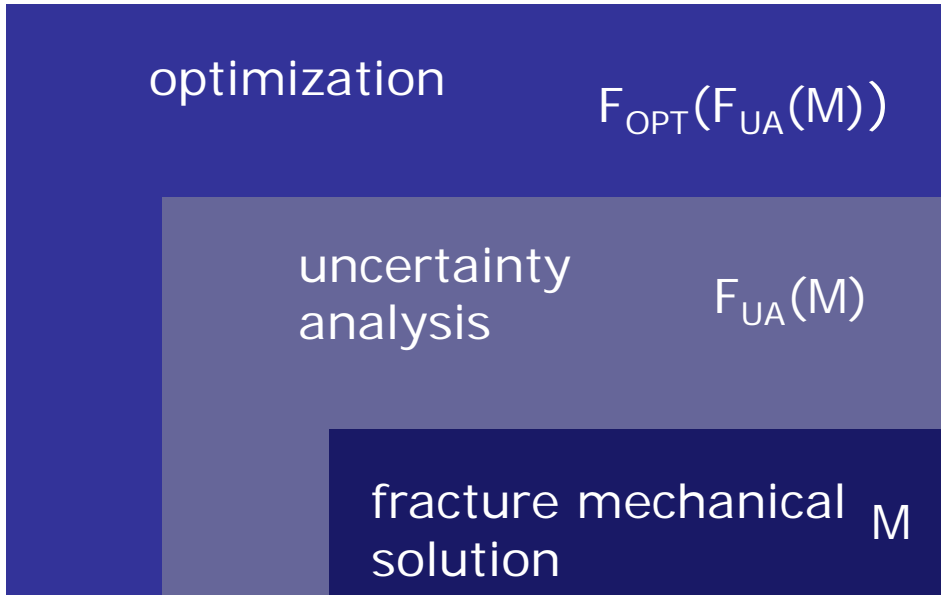
- algorithm

$$\mathbf{e} = \frac{\mathcal{F}^{mat}}{|\mathcal{F}^{mat}|}$$





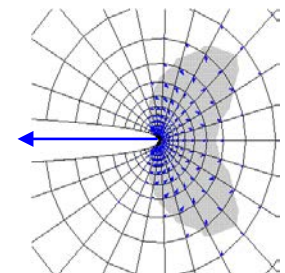
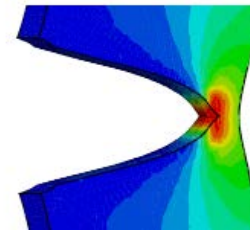
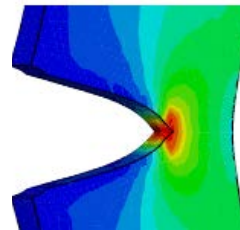
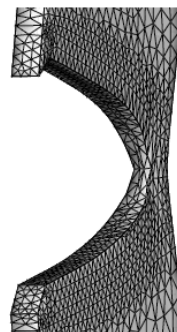
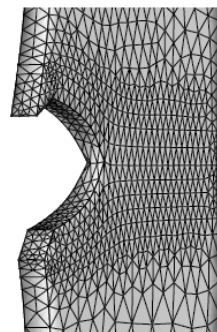
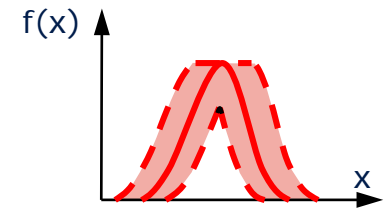
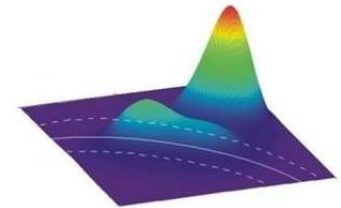
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## Fail-safe design optimization

- multi-objective optimization task

$$\min \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_d, \tilde{\mathbf{p}}_a) = \{f_1(\mathbf{x}_d, \tilde{\mathbf{p}}_a), f_2(\mathbf{x}_d, \tilde{\mathbf{p}}_a), \dots, f_m(\mathbf{x}_d, \tilde{\mathbf{p}}_a)\},$$

$$f_i(\mathbf{x}_d, \tilde{\mathbf{p}}_a) = \mathcal{K}(\tilde{\gamma}_{cr}(\mathbf{x}_d, \tilde{\mathbf{p}}_a, \mathcal{F})),$$

subject to  $g_k(\mathbf{x}_d, \tilde{\mathbf{p}}_a) \leq 0 \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, p,$

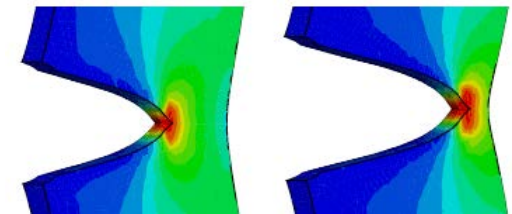
$$h_l(\mathbf{x}_d, \tilde{\mathbf{p}}_a) = 0 \quad l = 1, 2, \dots, q,$$

$$\mathcal{G}(\mathbf{x}_d, \tilde{\mathbf{p}}_a) = \frac{\partial \Pi_{int}}{\partial \gamma} = \mathcal{G}_c, \dot{\gamma} > 0,$$

$$\Pi_{int}(\gamma + \Lambda, t) = \Pi_{int}(\gamma, t) - \mathcal{F}^{mat} \cdot \Lambda e \rightarrow \min!,$$

$$G^{\mathcal{M}}(\mathbf{x}_d, \tilde{\mathbf{p}}_a) = \nabla \cdot \Sigma^t + \mathbf{B} = 0.$$

fracture mechanical analysis



$x_d \in \mathbb{R}^n$  design variables  
 $\tilde{\mathbf{p}}_a \in \mathcal{F}(\mathbb{R}^{np})$  uncertain parameters

$f_i$  objective function  
 $g_k$  equality constraints  
 $h_l$  inequality constraints

## Objective function with uncertain input

- single objective function

$$f_i : \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathcal{F}(\mathbb{R})^{np} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}(\mathbb{R})$$

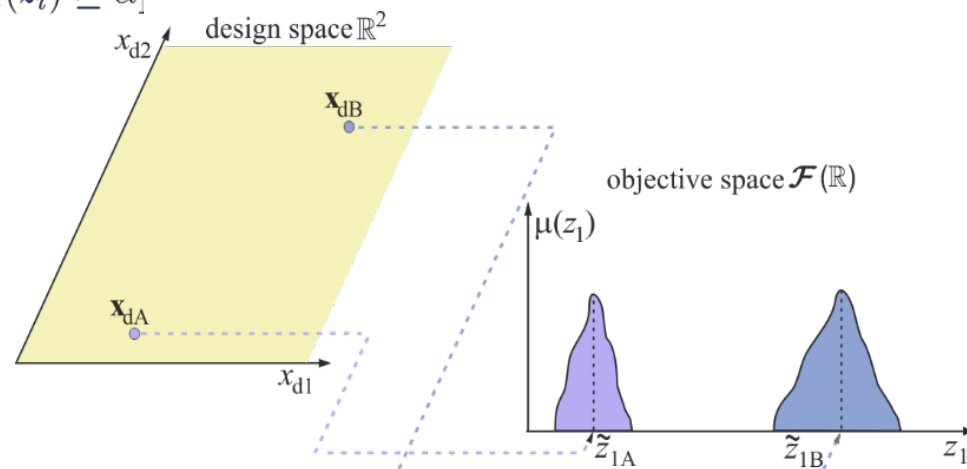
$$(\mathbf{x}_d, \tilde{\mathbf{p}}_a) \mapsto \tilde{z}_i, \quad i \in [1, m] \quad \tilde{z}_i \in \mathcal{F}(\mathbb{R}) \text{ fuzzy output quantity}$$

- $\alpha$ -level discretization of  $\tilde{z}_i$

$$\tilde{z}_i = (C_\alpha(\tilde{z}_i))_{\alpha \in (0,1]} = (\{[z_{il,\alpha}; z_{ir,\alpha}]\} \mid \alpha \in (0, 1])$$

$$z_{il,\alpha} = \min [z_i \in C_\alpha(\tilde{z}_i), \mu_z(z_i) \geq \alpha]$$

$$z_{ir,\alpha} = \max [z_i \in C_\alpha(\tilde{z}_i), \mu_z(z_i) \geq \alpha]$$



## Multiple objective functions with uncertain input

- $m$  objective functions

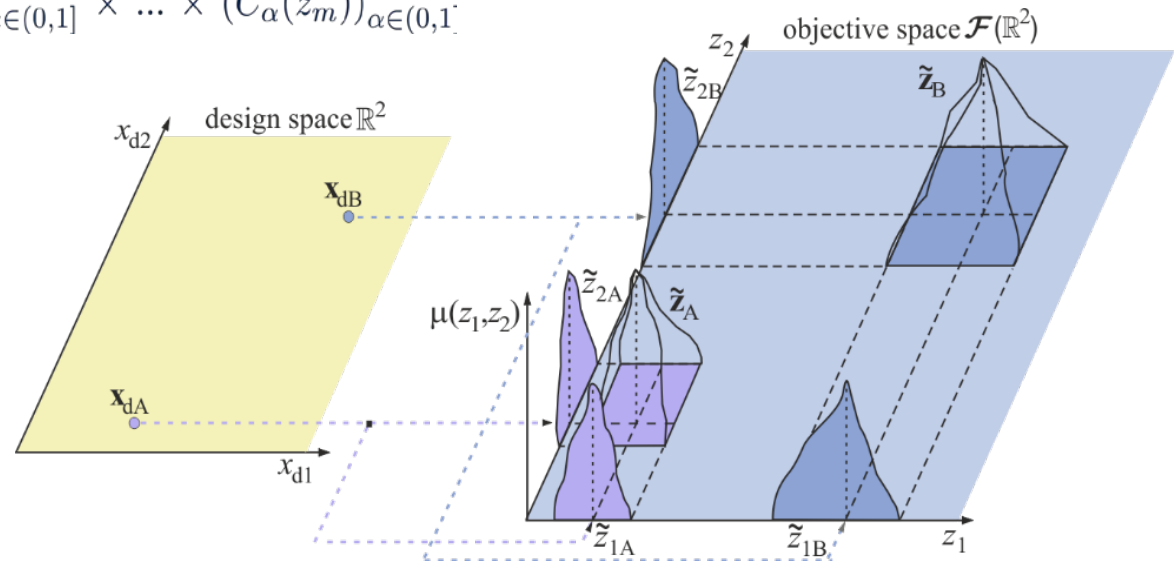
$$\mathbf{f} : \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathcal{F}(\mathbb{R}^{np}) \rightarrow \mathcal{F}(\mathbb{R}^m)$$

$$(\mathbf{x}_d, \tilde{\mathbf{p}}_\alpha) \mapsto \tilde{\mathbf{z}} \quad \tilde{\mathbf{z}} \in \mathcal{F}(\mathbb{R}^m) \text{ fuzzy objective vector}$$

- $\alpha$ -level discretization of  $\tilde{\mathbf{z}}$

$$\tilde{\mathbf{z}} = \tilde{z}_1 \times \tilde{z}_2 \times \dots \times \tilde{z}_m$$

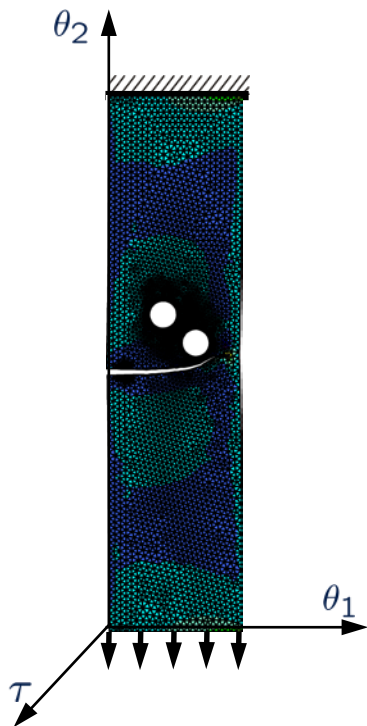
$$\tilde{\mathbf{z}} = (C_\alpha(\tilde{z}_1))_{\alpha \in (0,1]} (C_\alpha(\tilde{z}_2))_{\alpha \in (0,1]} \times \dots \times (C_\alpha(\tilde{z}_m))_{\alpha \in (0,1]}$$



## Uncertain output as a function

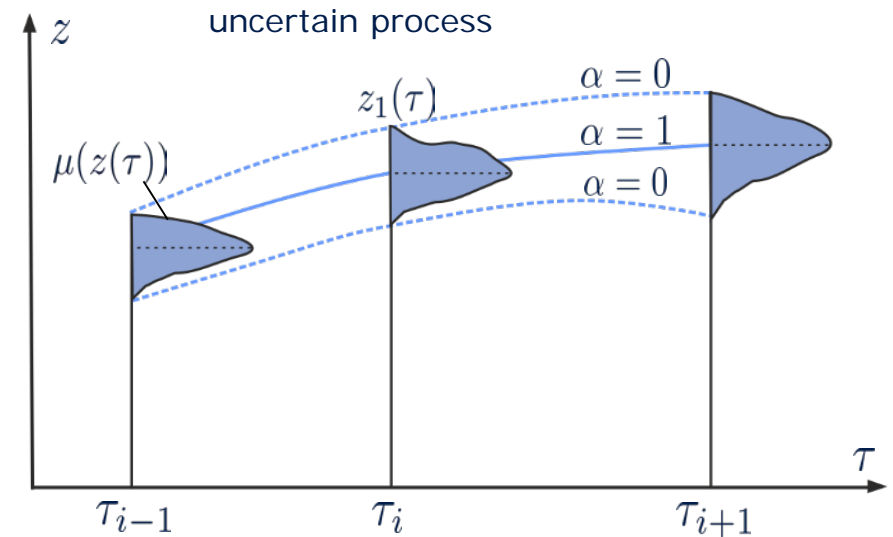
- uncertainty in time and space

  
 fracture



- uncertain functions

- time dependent
- dependent on spatial coordinates



## Uncertain output – crack propagation

- uncertain crack propagation curve

$$\tilde{\gamma}_{cr} = (C_\alpha(\tilde{\gamma}_{cr}))_{\alpha \in (0,1]} \quad C_\alpha(\tilde{\gamma}_{cr}) = \{\gamma_{cr} \in \mathbb{E}^3 : \mu_z \geq \alpha\}$$

- trajectory

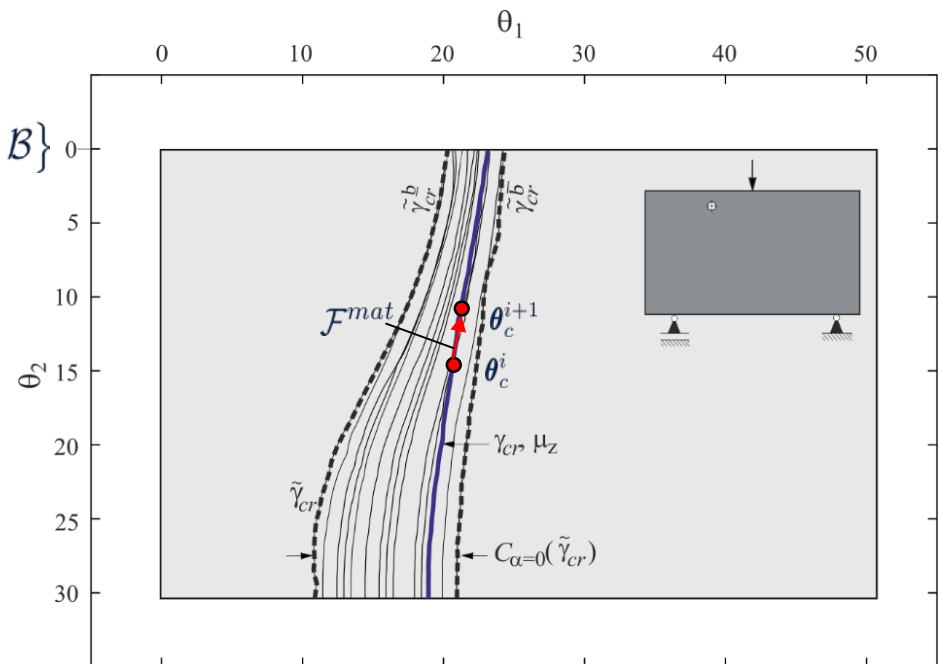
$$\gamma_{cr} = \{\theta_c^1; \dots, \theta_c^i, \dots, \theta_c^{n_\theta} \mid \theta_c^i = [\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3] \in \mathcal{B}\}$$

$$\gamma_{cr}^{\theta_c} = \Lambda \mathbf{e}, \quad \mathbf{e} = \frac{\mathcal{F}^{mat}}{|\mathcal{F}^{mat}|}$$

- bounding functions

$$\tilde{\gamma}_{cr}^b = \min_{\theta_c^{\hat{\alpha}ij}|_j} [\gamma_{cr} \mid \gamma_{cr} \in C_{\alpha=0}(\tilde{\gamma}_{cr})]$$

$$\tilde{\gamma}_{cr}^{\bar{b}} = \max_{\theta_c^{\hat{\alpha}ij}|_j} [\gamma_{cr} \mid \gamma_{cr} \in C_{\alpha=0}(\tilde{\gamma}_{cr})]$$



$\mathcal{F}^{mat}$  material force     $\gamma_{cr}^{\theta_c}$  crack direction vector  
 $\mathbf{e}$  Unit crack direction vector



## Solution of optimization task

- application of information reducing measures

$$f(\mathbf{x}_d, \tilde{\mathbf{p}}_a) = \sum_{i=1}^k \sum_{j=1}^l w_{ij} \mathcal{M}_j(\tilde{z}_i) + w_u \mathcal{K}_u(\mathcal{M}_u(\tilde{\gamma}_{cr}))$$

$$\mathcal{M}_u(\tilde{\gamma}_{cr}) = \left\{ \tilde{\gamma}_{cr}^b; \tilde{\gamma}_{cr}^{\bar{b}} \right\}$$

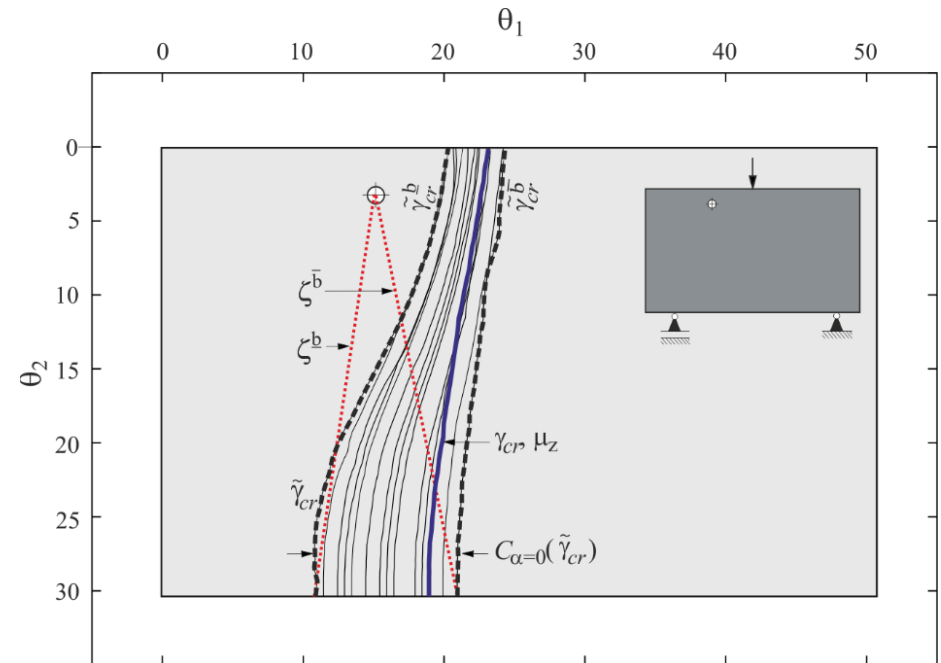
- assessment of crack propagation

$$\mathcal{K}_u(\mathcal{M}_u(\tilde{\gamma}_{cr})) = \sum_{l=1}^{n_\theta} P[d_{\mathbb{E}}(\tilde{\gamma}_{cr}^b; \zeta^b)] + \sum_{l=1}^{n_\theta} P[d_{\mathbb{E}}(\tilde{\gamma}_{cr}^{\bar{b}}; \zeta^{\bar{b}})]$$

- boundary conditions for  $\zeta^b, \zeta^{\bar{b}}$

$$\zeta^{\bar{b}0} = \theta_c^0; \quad \theta_c^0 = \min[\theta_c \mid \theta_c \in S_{\alpha=0}(\tilde{p}_a)]$$

$$\zeta^{\bar{b}n_\theta} = \theta_c^{n_\theta}; \quad \theta_c^{n_\theta} = \chi_{Ai}$$



$P$  penalty function     $d_{\mathbb{E}}$  Euclidean distance metric  
 $\zeta^b, \zeta^{\bar{b}}$  aspired crack propagations

## Solution of optimization task – multiple arrester

- application of information reducing measures

$$f(\mathbf{x}_d, \tilde{\mathbf{p}}_a) = \sum_{i=1}^k \sum_{j=1}^l w_{ij} \mathcal{M}_j(\tilde{z}_i) + w_u \mathcal{K}_u(\mathcal{M}_u(\tilde{\gamma}_{cr}))$$

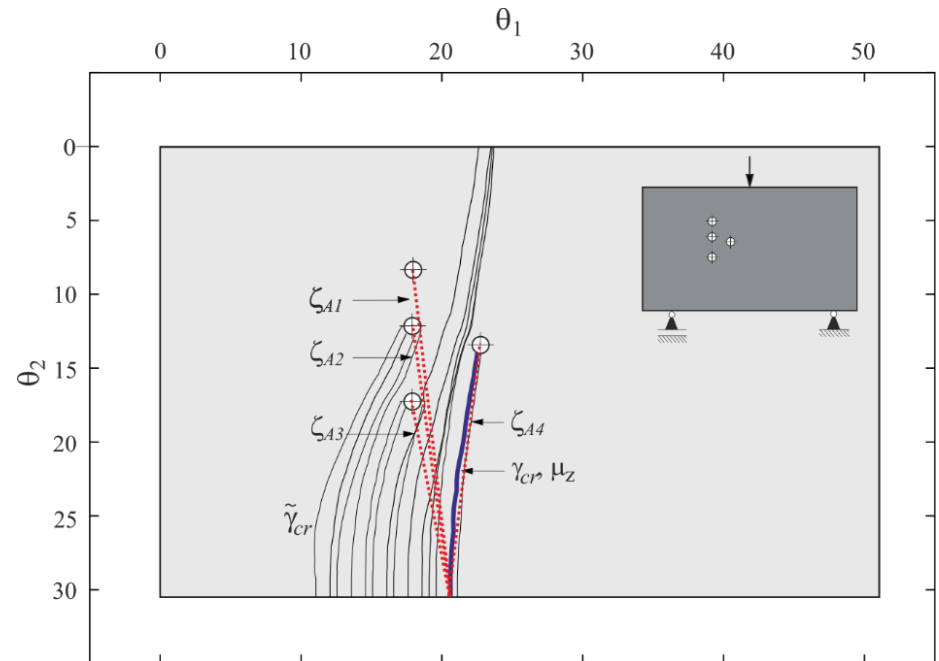
- assessment of crack propagation

$$\mathcal{K}_u(\mathcal{M}_u(\tilde{\gamma}_{cr})) = \sum_{j=1}^{n_\gamma} \sum_{i=1}^{n_c} \left[ \sum_{l=1}^{n_\theta} P[d_{\mathbb{E}}(\gamma_{crj}; \zeta_{Ai})] \right]$$

- boundary conditions for  $\zeta_{Ai}$

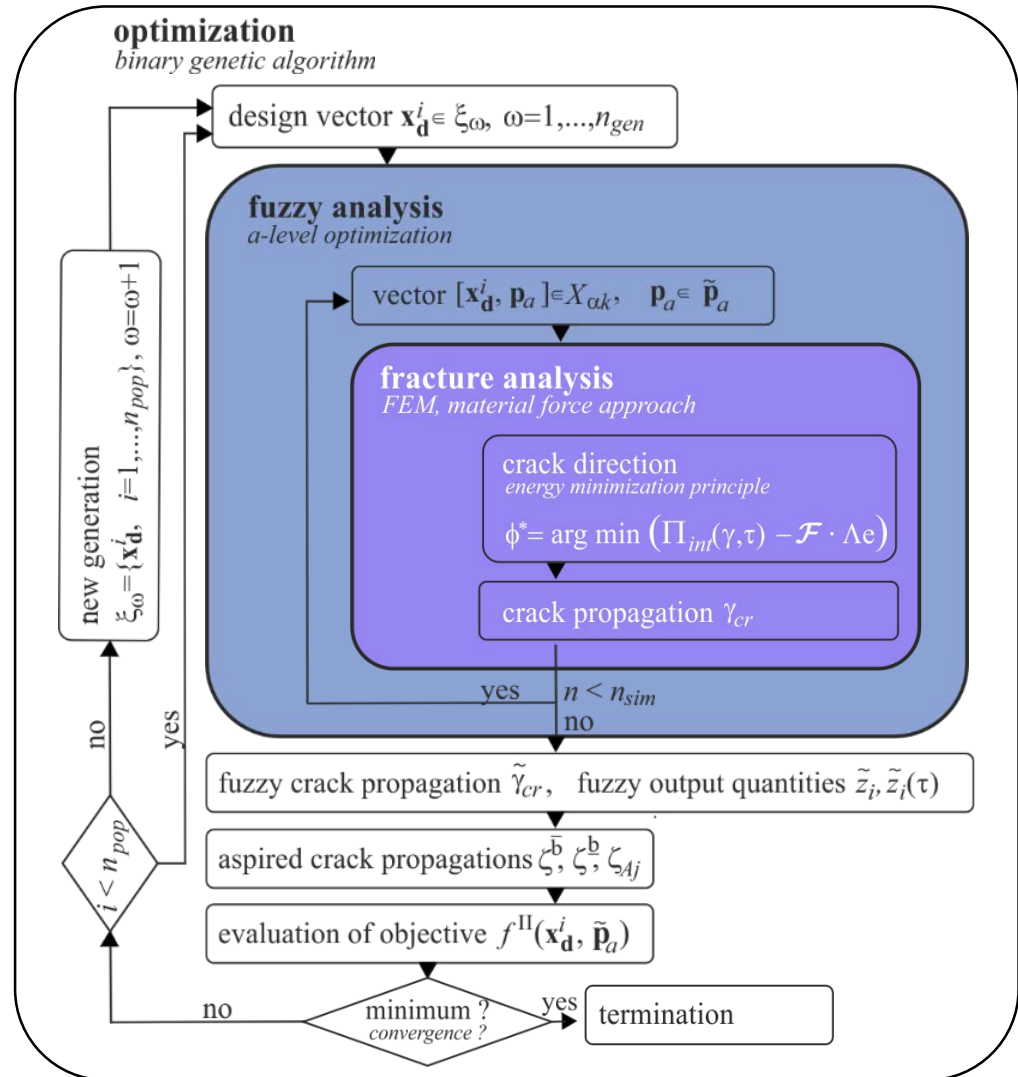
$$\zeta^{Ai,0} = \theta_c^0; \quad \theta_c^0 \in S_{\alpha=0}(\tilde{p}_a)$$

$$\zeta^{Ai,n_\theta} = \theta_c^{n_\theta}; \quad \theta_c^{n_\theta} = \chi_{Ai}$$



$P$  penalty function       $d_{\mathbb{E}}$  Euclidean distance metric  
 $\zeta^{Ai}$  aspired crack propagation

Numerical realization



## Example 1 – small strains

- material: elastic, concrete

$$\nu = 0.18$$

$$E = 38000 \text{ MPa}$$

$$G_c = 1.0 \text{ N/mm}$$

- uncertain parameter

$$\tilde{\theta}_1^{cr} = \langle 11.0, 16.0, 21.0 \rangle \text{ cm}$$

- design variables

$$a = [3.175, 8.255] \text{ cm}, \quad \Delta a = 2.54 \text{ cm}$$

$$b = [2.54, 5.08] \text{ cm}, \quad \Delta b = 1.27 \text{ cm}$$

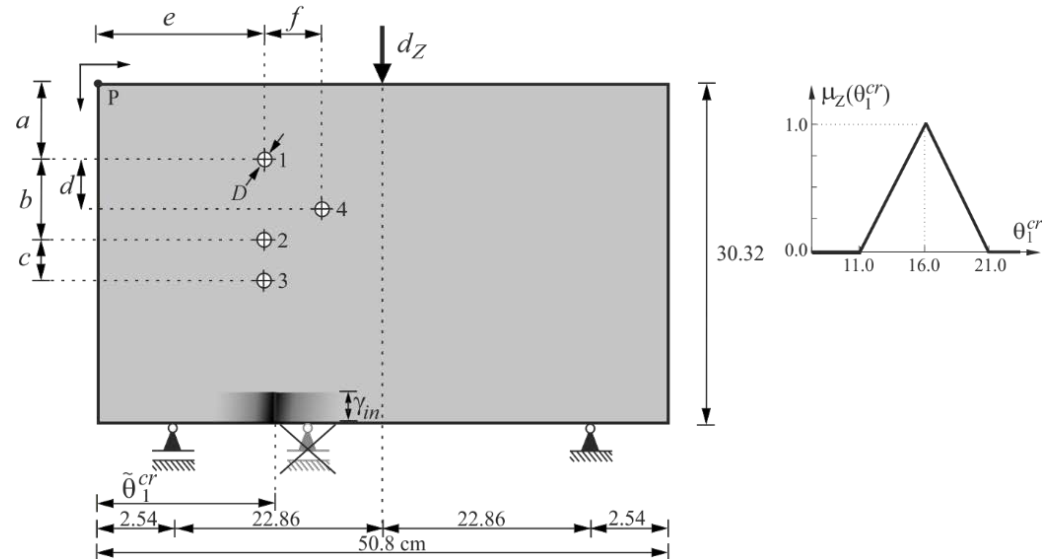
$$c = [2.54, 5.08] \text{ cm}, \quad \Delta c = 1.27 \text{ cm}$$

$$d = [0, 10.16] \text{ cm}, \quad \Delta d = 2.54 \text{ cm}$$

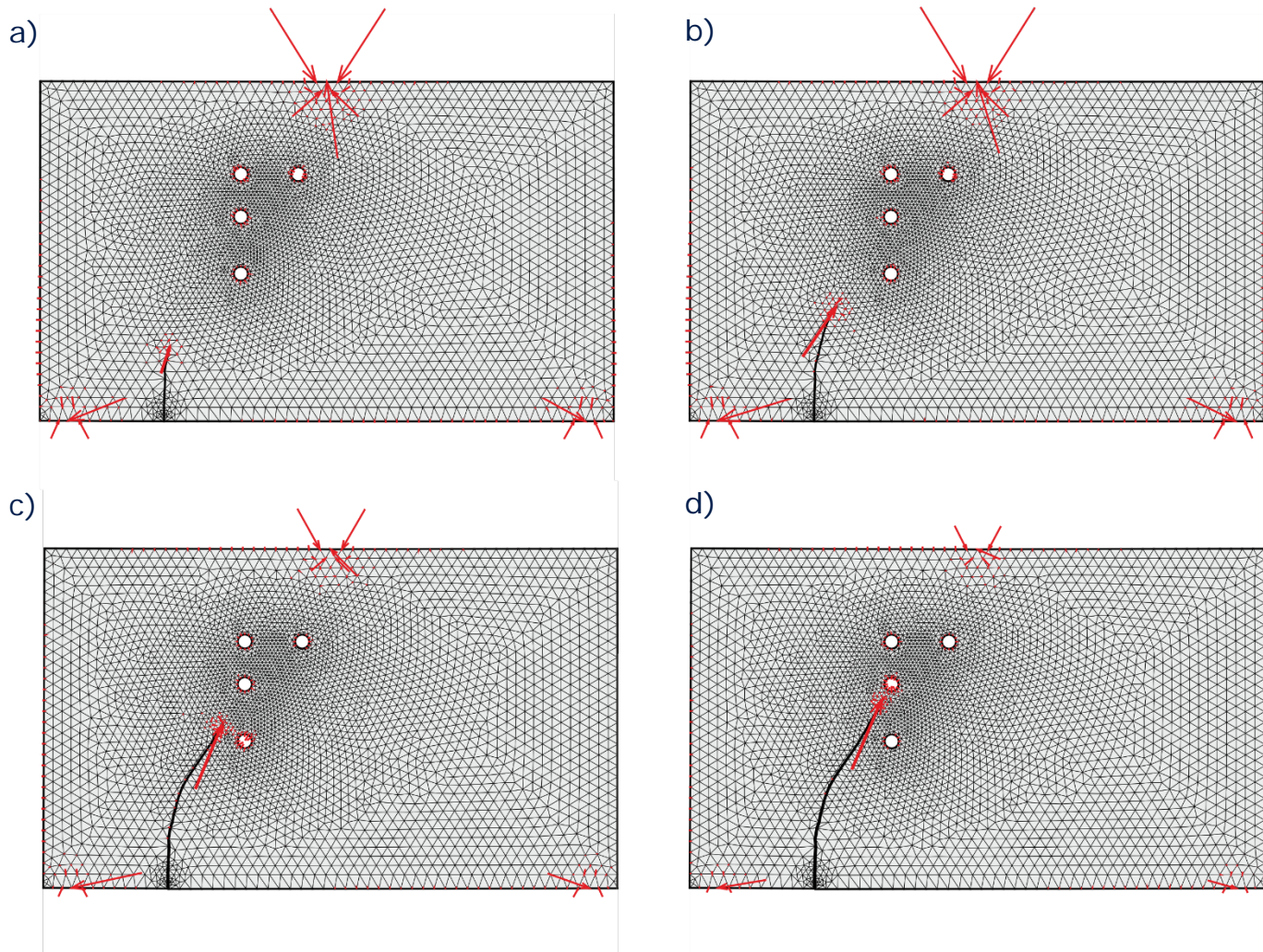
$$e = [2.54, 27.94] \text{ cm}, \quad \Delta e = 5.08 \text{ cm}$$

$$f = [2.54, 10.16] \text{ cm}, \quad \Delta f = 2.54 \text{ cm}$$

$$\gamma_{in} = 1.254 \text{ cm}$$

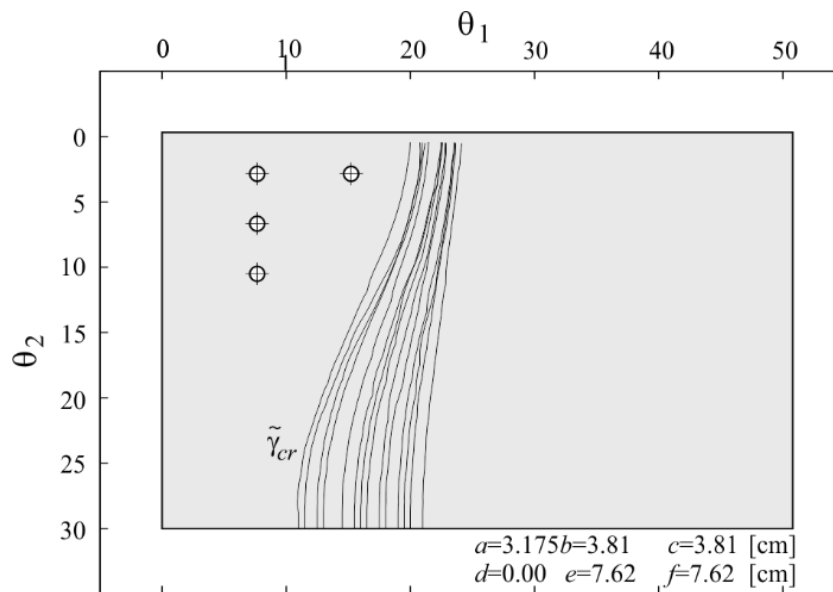


## Deterministic crack propagation





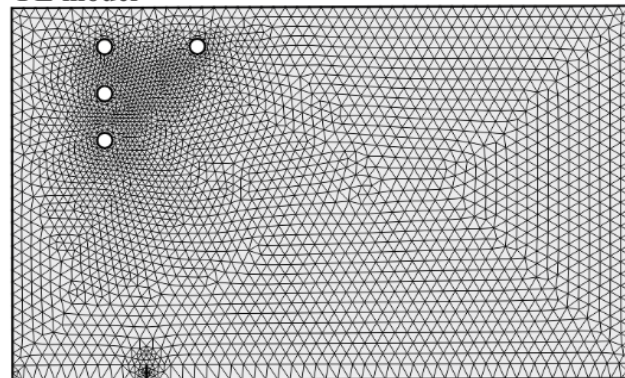
## Uncertain crack propagation



### design configuration

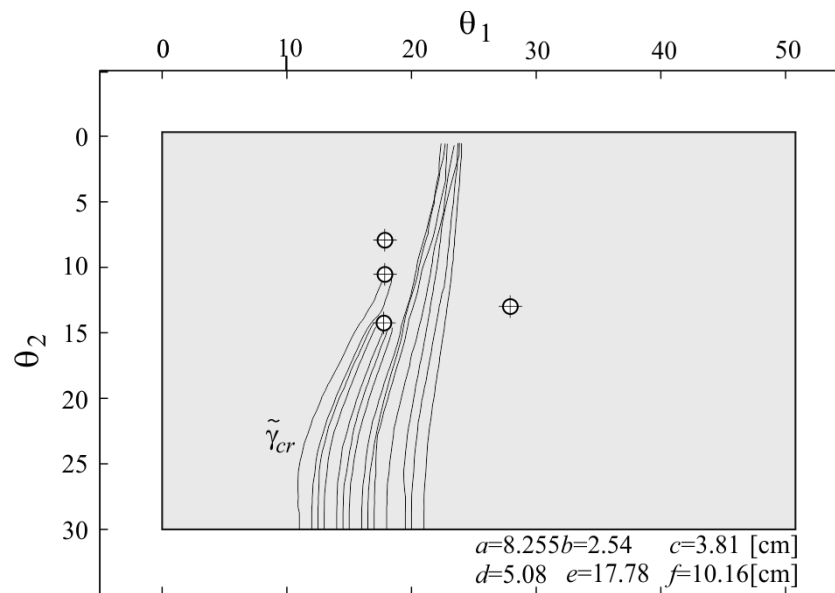
$\chi_{A1,1} = 7.62$	$\chi_{A2,1} = 7.62$	$\chi_{A3,1} = 7.62$	$\chi_{A4,1} = 15.24$ [cm]
$\chi_{A1,2} = 3.175$	$\chi_{A2,2} = 6.985$	$\chi_{A3,2} = 10.79$	$\chi_{A4,2} = 3.175$ [cm]

### FE model





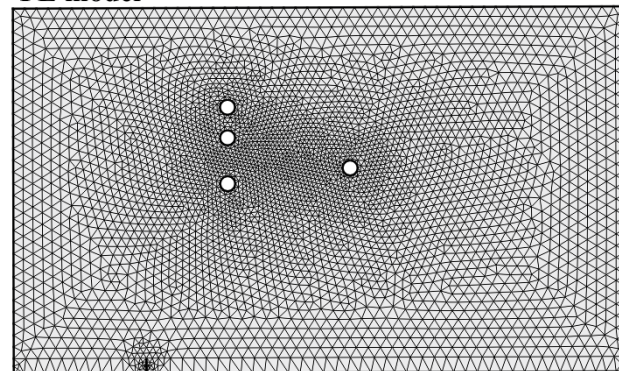
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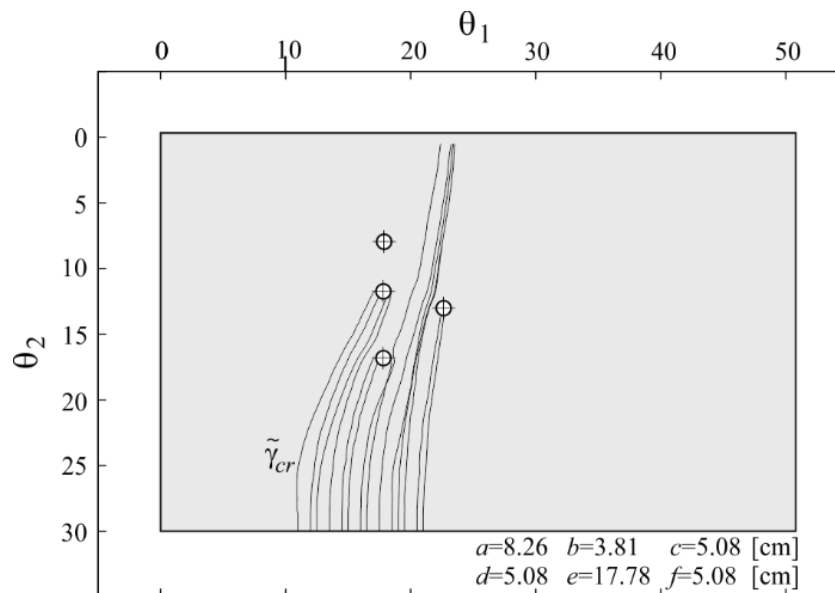
### design configuration

$$\begin{array}{cccc}
 \chi_{A1,1} = 17.78 & \chi_{A2,1} = 17.78 & \chi_{A3,1} = 17.78 & \chi_{A4,1} = 27.94 \text{ [cm]} \\
 \chi_{A1,2} = 8.255 & \chi_{A2,2} = 10.79 & \chi_{A3,2} = 14.60 & \chi_{A4,2} = 13.33 \text{ [cm]}
 \end{array}$$

### FE model



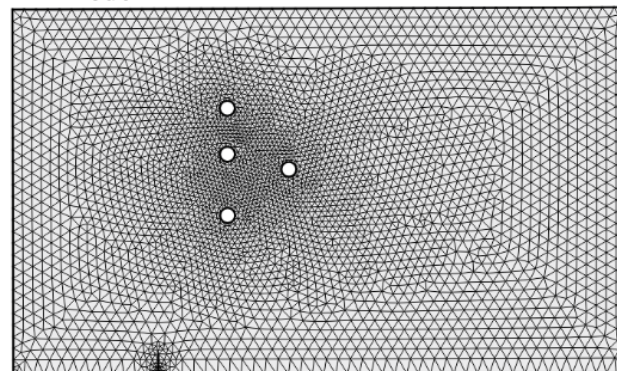
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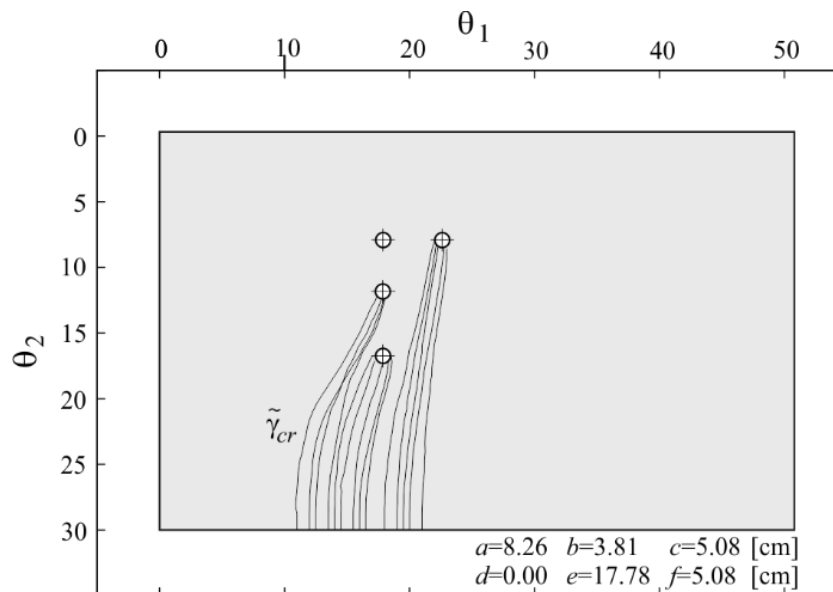
### design configuration

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### FE model



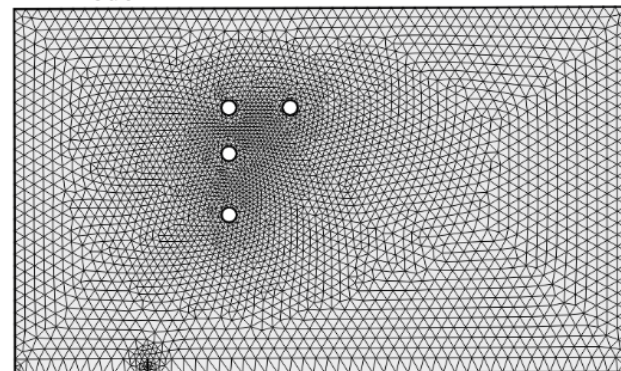
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### FE model



## Conclusions

- fail-safe optimal design method
- coupled approach of optimization, fuzzy analysis and fracture analysis
- uncertainties in crack initiation and propagation
- failure modeling in FE framework,  
discrete fracturing and configurational forces
- optimization algorithm learns the features of the uncertain crack propagation
- identification of optimal configuration of crack limiting elements
- prevention from undesired crack growth