

« Theoretical and numerical modeling of interface debonding for various materials » Chair: Nicolas Moës, GEM/Ecole Centrale de Nantes (France)



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« Two-Scale Generalized Finite Element Methods for Three-Dimensional Cohesive **Propagating Fractures** »



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Abstract. We summarize recent advances on the Generalized FEM with global-local enrichments. This method involves the solution of local boundary value problems to capture cohesive fracture behavior, which is embedded in a coarse, structural-scale mesh via enrichment functions. The method accommodates approximation spaces that evolve in between load steps while maintaining a fixed global mesh, which avoids the need to map solutions and state variables on changing meshes typical of traditional adaptive approaches.



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« Debonding of textile reinforced mortar on masonry substrates »



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Abstract. Innovative strengthening systems made of composites with mortar-based matrix are currently used as externally bonded systems for strengthening masonry structures. Their use in engineering practice is however carried out in the absence of appropriate knowledge of their mechanical properties and without suitable design guidelines. The present note will discuss these items, starting from the recent experimental outcomes.



« Computational multi-scale frameworks for the modelling of failure of masonry structures »



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Abstract. The formulation of macroscopic constitutive laws for the failure behaviour of masonrv is complex due to its stronalv heterogeneous structure. The use of two-scale computational frameworks for masonry, in which the material behaviour of structural masonry is sampled through computational homogenization, will be discussed. Proper methodologies for the upscaling of fine scale degradation towards discrete macroscopic cracking will be developed and illustrated.

