

# DAMAGE TOLERANT ACTIVE CONTROL: CONCEPT AND APPLICATIONS



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- Mechanical, electrical, thermal, optical, dimensional properties
- Long-term properties: durability of polymers, composite, gigacycle fatigue of steel

### **Multidisciplinary competences**

From chemistry to mechanics and **control**, from experimental to numerical simulations









### **Introduction and Motivation**

**Damage Tolerant Active Control (DTAC)** 

**DTAC Strategies & Examples** 







# WHY DTAC ?

Increasing the availability: intelligent maintenance



# WHY DTAC ?

### Vibrations ...

> are recurring problems in means of land and air transport. ......



Aging and fatigue ...





Vibrations



### A question:

Without compromising safety, could we make our structures:

- > Better available?
- Lighter weight?
- More cost efficient?
- More reliable?
- > More sustainable ?



#### A response is : Smart structures ...

which is the integration of sensing and possibly also actuation devices seeking to satisfy several characteristics of a biological system as sensing, actuation, adaptability and self-repair ...

### .... with SHM (Structural Health Monitoring) ....

which is the integration of smart devices allowing the loading and damaging conditions of a structure to be recorded, analyzed, localized and predicted in a way that non-destructive testing becomes an integral part of the structure ...

### ... and Active Control capabilities

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**Damage Tolerant Active Control** (Contrôle Actif Tolérant aux Dommages)





# DTAC

### Damage Tolerant Active Control – DTAC

- A new paradigm that we have proposed (Mechbal and Nobrega, 2012) to design fault tolerant controllers, specifically dedicated to face structural damages.
- DTAC makes use of a widely multidisciplinary context, which applies knowledge from different fields, such as mechanical structures modeling, signal processing, control theory, fracture mechanics, modal analysis and artificial intelligence, ...

### Four principal topics:

- 1. SHM
- 2. Active Control
- 3. Damage Monitoring
- 4. Structural Tolerant Control



### DTAC architectures:

- > DTAC combines the functions of SHM and active control.
- DTAC encompasses two main fields: damage monitoring and damage tolerant control



# **DTAC - NUMERICAL SIMULATION**

### Numerical Simulations

Smart Structures with PZT





#### **SDT software**







Damage acts as a source in healthy-damaged signal

# **DTAC TOPICS - SHM**



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### SHM methods

#### ~ Passive Methods~

Use a large number of sensors Ambient or damaging impacts excitations <u>Example</u>: acoustic emission in a loaded structure, output only vibration based approaches

### **SHM** sequential levels

### Measurements Vo Detection Localisation Level - 2 Estimation Level - 3 (Rytter, 1993) Prediction Level - 4

#### ~ Active Methods~

Possibility to use actuators Controlled excitations <u>Example</u>: acoustic emission emitters and detectors – Lamb waves, ...

# **FOCUS: BAYESIAN FRAMEWORK FOR SHM**

### Lamb waves-based damage localization :

Time of flight (Tof) based principle:

- Ellipse method: time of arrival (ToA) :
- Hyperbola method: time difference of arrival (TDoAs)
   Hyperbole PZT(4; 2,3)
   Damage location
   Actuator PZT4

Sensor PZT3



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Position du dommage

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 $\boldsymbol{\theta} = [x_d, y_d, V_a(f,$ 



UNCERTAINTIES

### Approach: Bayesian estimation

Bayesian formulation of the Tof:

$$Tof_m = Tof_c(\boldsymbol{\theta}) + \varepsilon$$
$$\varepsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_{\varepsilon}^2) = \frac{1}{\sigma_{\varepsilon}\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(\frac{(Tof_m - Tof_c(\boldsymbol{\theta}))^2}{2\sigma_{\varepsilon}^2}\right)$$

Damage  
position 
$$(x_d, y_d)$$
  
 $\alpha_a$ ,  $V_g(f, \alpha_s)$ ]  
 $\downarrow_{(y_0)}^{(f, \alpha_s)}$   
 $\chi_{(y_0)}^{(f, \alpha_s)}$   

# **DTAC TOPICS - DAMAGE MONITORING**



# **DTAC TOPICS - ACTIVE CONTROL**

- Minimize mechanical vibrations of structures preventing from prejudicial damage provoked by excessive strain or by fatigue.
- Control techniques: *feedback* and *feedforward* 
  - > Modal control avoiding spillover phenomena (Balas, 1978; Inman, 2006)
  - Conventional PID control (Sutton et al., 1999)
  - > LQR (Petersen & Pota, 2003) and  $H_2/H_{\infty}$  (Anthonis et al., 1999),
  - > Distributed controller (Bhattacharya et al., 2002);
  - > Model predictive controller (Wills et al., 2008),
  - > Nonlinear controller (Gaudiller et al., 2007);
  - > Modal:  $H_{\infty}$  controller (Genari et al., 2014, 2017)
  - > A Hybrid controller :  $H_{\infty}$  controller and an adaptive controller (*Vergé et al., 2001*)
  - > Modal  $H_{\infty}$  controller (Genari et al., 2014, 2017)



# Focus : Robust $H_{\infty}$ Approach

Robust approaches to disturbance rejection:



#### **Robust** $H_{\infty}$ approach

# **DTAC TOPICS - DAMAGE MONITORING**



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### Damage monitoring

- > Monitoring of <u>already</u> detected and localized damage.
- > The goal is to **supervise the evolving** of the damage and to provide **prognosis** about its in-service lifetime.
- It is mainly based on methods described in the SHM area as for example, Lamb wave based approaches and mechanical/materials analysis.
- Need to use models based on fracture mechanics, fatigue life analysis, or structural design assessment.
- It's a <u>transversal area</u>:
  - book on prognosis in SHM (Inman et al., 2005)
  - book on durability and aging of structures (Pochiraju et al., 2012).



✓ Durability of smart structures

- ✓ Aging Monitoring with PZT
- kinetics of damages.



# **DTAC TOPICS - STC**



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### Structural tolerant control (STC)

- > Deals with the vibration suppression control problem against potential damage.
- Provides satisfactory performances in terms of vibration rejection under the possible presence of damages
- > Simultaneously achieve high performance and structural durability.
- > Approaches: robust control and reconfigurable control (similar to FTC).
- > STC could also be used to monitor or to detain the evolving of damage
- However, this subject has seldom been discussed and in the literature, <u>only few works</u> are referred to it (sometimes unwittingly):
  - The first addressed STC problem: Ahmad et al. (2000)  $\mu$  synthesis and  $H_{\infty}$  controllers
  - Caplin et al. (2001): simultaneously achieve high performance and structural durability.
  - More recently, a damage tolerant LQG modal controller has been applied to a printed circuit board (PCB) with PZT by (Chomette et al., 2008, 2010).

### **DTAC strategies:**

> Depending on the objectives and how "smart" is the structure (number, position and type of sensors and actuators), we proposed different ways to perform DTAC:

- 1. Strictly Tolerant Active Controller STAC
- 2. Preventive Active Controller PAC
- 3. Evolving Active Controller EAC
- 4. Adaptive Tolerant Active Control ATAC



### Strictly Tolerant Active Controller (STAC)

- Fixed and robust enough to guarantee a minimal acceptable performance to some future damage level.
- The compromise between robustness and performance may conduct to a poor controller behavior for a not damaged structure

### Preventive Active Controller (PAC)

- > Avoid or delay the occurrence of damages
- > This is the aim of *several recent works*. (Chomette et al., 2010).

### Evolving Active Controller (EAC)

- **Protect** the structure avoiding the evolution of the damage.
- Achieve vibration reduction and perform damage prognosis

### Adaptive Tolerant Active Control (ATAC)

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# **DTAC – ISSUES AND PROBLEMS**

### The goals:

- To control the vibration in predefined regions of the structure,
- To perform self diagnosis and to accommodate for damages
- To adapt automatically the control spatially when a damage occurs
- To pay attention to the number of active elements

### Problems:

- The spatial dimension
  - $\rightarrow$  what's about vibration reduction over the entire structure ?
- $\succ$  The curse of dimensionality !  $\rightarrow$  Model reduction problems
- > The interaction between the **SHM** and the control systems is not straightforward
  - → Stability issues
- It's a Singular Perturbation control problem two dynamics !
- Numerical simulations and experimentations

# **DTAC – APPROACHES**

### To deal with such problems:

- Robust control
- Adaptive control
- Distributed and decentralized approach
- FTC methods

### Two approaches:

> Adaptive Modal  $H_{\infty}$  control & Subspace metric for damage monitoring (Genari, et al., 2015, 2017)

> Spatial  $H_2/H_{\infty}$  control (Mechbal and Nobrega, 2014, 2015)





### • Modal $H_{\infty}$ Control Problem

According to the optimal controller design framework, a performance indicator is introduced as an output vector z(t), leading to the following state-space equations:

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}(t) + \mathbf{B}_{1}\mathbf{w}(t) + \mathbf{B}_{2}\mathbf{u}(t)$$
  

$$\mathbf{z}(t) = \mathbf{C}_{1}\mathbf{x}(t) + \mathbf{D}_{11}\mathbf{w}(t) + \mathbf{D}_{12}\mathbf{u}(t)$$
  

$$\mathbf{y}(t) = \mathbf{C}_{2}\mathbf{x}(t) + \mathbf{D}_{21}\mathbf{w}(t) + \mathbf{D}_{22}\mathbf{u}(t),$$
(4)

in which the matrices  $C_1$ ,  $D_{11}$ , and  $D_{12}$  are chosen to define the desired performance vector.

The H<sub>∞</sub> control problem is to find a controller K<sub>c</sub> to the plant given by Eq. (4), if there is one, stated as:

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}_{c}(t) = \mathbf{A}_{c}\mathbf{x}_{c}(t) + \mathbf{B}_{c}\mathbf{y}(t)$$
$$\mathbf{u}(t) = \mathbf{C}_{c}\mathbf{x}_{c}(t) + \mathbf{D}_{c}\mathbf{y}(t),$$
(5)

such that, for the closed-loop system and given a  $\gamma > 0$ ,

$$\underbrace{\inf_{\mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{c}}\in V}}_{\mathbf{W}\neq\mathbf{0},\,\mathbf{W}\in\mathcal{L}_{2[0,\,\infty)}}\frac{\int_{\mathbf{0}}^{\infty}\mathbf{z}^{T}(t)\mathbf{z}(t)dt}{\int_{\mathbf{0}}^{\infty}\mathbf{w}^{T}(t)\mathbf{w}(t)dt} < \gamma^{2},$$

in which V represents the set of all controllers that stabilises the plant.

### • Modal $H_{\infty}$ Control problem

#### Theorem (Modal $H_{\infty}$ theorem)

Consider the  $H_{\infty}$  problem of designing a controller  $K_c$  given in Eq. (5) for a structure according to Eq. (4) with the modal state matrix according to Eq. (2) and the following performance output:

$$\mathbf{z}_{\mathbf{p}}(t) = \mathbf{\Gamma}\mathbf{x}(t) + \mathbf{\Theta}\mathbf{w}(t) + \mathbf{\Lambda}\mathbf{u}(t), \tag{6}$$

with

$$\begin{split} & \Gamma = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} \mathbf{Q}_{1}^{\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{C}_{1_{1}} & \mathbf{Q}_{2}^{\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{C}_{1_{2}} & \cdots & \mathbf{Q}_{m}^{\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{C}_{1_{m}} \end{array} \right], \Theta = (\mathbf{Q}_{1}^{\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{D}_{11_{1}} + \cdots + \mathbf{Q}_{m}^{\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{D}_{11_{m}}), \\ & \Lambda = (\mathbf{Q}_{1}^{\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{D}_{12_{1}} + \cdots + \mathbf{Q}_{m}^{\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{D}_{12_{m}}), \end{split}$$

where the diagonal matrix  $\mathbf{Q}_i > 0$  weights mode *i* and  $\mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{1}_i}$ ,  $\mathbf{D}_{\mathbf{1}\mathbf{1}_i}$ , and  $\mathbf{D}_{\mathbf{1}\mathbf{2}_i}$  correspond to the respective mode *i* submatrices in  $\mathbf{C}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{D}_{\mathbf{1}\mathbf{1}}$ , and  $\mathbf{D}_{\mathbf{1}\mathbf{2}}$ . Then, given a scalar  $\gamma > 0$ , a controller that solves the respective  $H_{\infty}$  problem:

$$\|\mathsf{T}_{\mathsf{Z}_{\mathsf{p}}\mathsf{W}}(s)\|_{\infty} < \gamma_{s}$$

also guarantees that:

$$\|\mathsf{T}_{\mathsf{ZW}}(s)\|_{\infty,\mathbf{Q}} < \gamma,$$

where  $T_{z_pw}(s)$  and  $T_{zw}(s)$  are the closed-loop transfer matrices using  $K_c$  for the modal performance vectors.

Experiment results

#### Objectives:

- Test the methodology for the regular active vibration control;
- Test the methodology for DTAC using the STAC strategy;



### Experiment results

- Application of the controller for the healthy and damaged structure;
- Frequency response comparison between the healthy and the damaged structures:



### Experiment results

- Application of the controller for the healthy and damaged structure;
- The weighing increase leads to vibration reduction for the healthy and the damaged structures;



Modal Double-Loop Framework



### Reconfiguration mechanism

#### Theorem

The state-tracking error dynamics given in Eq. (10) are stable for the following adaptive gain laws:

$$\dot{\hat{\mathbf{K}}}_{\mathbf{X}}(t) = -\mathbf{T}_{\mathbf{X}}\hat{\mathbf{X}}(t)\mathbf{e}_{\mathbf{X}}^{\mathsf{T}}(t)\mathbf{P}\mathbf{B}_{\mathbf{2}},\tag{12}$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{K}}_{\mathbf{u}_{1}}(t) = -\mathbf{T}_{\mathbf{u}_{1}}\mathbf{u}_{1}(t)\mathbf{e}_{\mathbf{X}}^{T}(t)\mathbf{P}\mathbf{B}_{2},$$
(13)

in which for  $\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{R}^T > 0$ ,  $\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{P}^T > 0$  satisfies the following algebraic Lyapunov equation:

$$\mathbf{P}\mathbf{A}_{\mathbf{r}} + \mathbf{A}_{\mathbf{r}}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{P} = -\mathbf{R}.$$
 (14)

Moreover,  $T_X > 0$  and  $T_{u_1} > 0$  are diagonal matrices that determine adaptation rates. Matrix  $T_X$  is a function of the modal adaptation-rate submatrices:

$$\mathbf{T}_{\mathbf{X}} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{T}_{1} & \mathbf{0} & \cdots & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{T}_{2} & \cdots & \mathbf{0} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{T}_{m} \end{bmatrix},$$
(15)

where the 2  $\times$  2 matrix **T**<sub>*i*</sub> determines the adaptation rate of mode *i*.

FE Simulations:



- Damage 2: *h* = 15 mm;
- Damage 3: *h* = 20 mm.



 The chirp signal of the previous examples is used as disturbance, considering three cycles of 12 repetitions;

 For each cycle, there is one condition of the structure: healthy or damage 2, or damage 3;

Results: Healthy structure



### Results: Damage Controller











# **Focus: A Spatial** $H_{\infty}$ **Control Approach**

Input Disturbances

**Control signal** 

w(t)

u(t)

Performance index

Measured outputs

the

y(t)

Smart Structure

Active

Controller

### $H_{\infty}$ controller

> Time dependence formulation:

$$\dot{x}_p(t) = A_p x_p(t) + B_w w(t) + B_u u(t)$$

$$z(t) = C_z x_p(t) + D_{zw} w(t) + D_{zu} u(t)$$

$$y(t) = C_y x_p(t) + D_{yw} w(t)$$



$$u(t) = C_k x_k(t) + D_k y(t)$$

$$\int \text{Criterion}$$

$$\sup_{w \in L_{2[0,\infty)}} J_{\infty} < \gamma^2$$

$$\|G(s)\|_{\infty} = \sup_{\omega} \sigma_{max}(G(j\omega))$$

$$J_{\infty} = \frac{\|z(t)\|_2^2}{\|w(t)\|_2^2} = \frac{\int_0^\infty z(t)^T z(t) dt}{\int_0^\infty w(t)^T w(t) dt}$$
Problem: How to conveniently incorporate the spatial information of the of structure ?

spatial

# Focus: A Spatial $H_{\infty}$ Control Approach

### • $H_{\infty}$ controller

> Time dependence formulation:

$$\begin{cases} x_{p}(t) = A_{p}x_{p}(t) + B_{w}w(t) + B_{u}u(t) \\ z(t,r) = C_{z}(r)x_{p}(t) + D_{zw}(r)w(t) + D_{zu}(r)u(t) \\ y(t) = C_{y}x_{p}(t) + D_{yw}w(t) \\ u(t) \\ \end{cases}$$
Controller K,  

$$\dot{x}_{k}(t) = A_{k}x_{k}(t) + B_{k}y(t) \\ u(t) = C_{k}x_{k}(t) + D_{k}y(t) \\ \end{cases}$$
Criterion  

$$\underbrace{\sup_{w \in L_{2}[0,\infty)} J_{\infty} < \gamma^{2}}_{w \in L_{2}[0,\infty)} \\ \|G(s)\|_{\infty} = \sup_{\omega}\sigma_{max}(G(j\omega)) \qquad J_{\infty} = \frac{\|z(t)\|_{2}^{2}}{\|w(t)\|_{2}^{2}} = \int_{0}^{\infty} z(t)^{T} z(t)dt \\ information of the of structure ? \end{cases}$$
Problem: How to conveniently incorporate the spatial information of the of structure ? (1)

# Focus: A Spatial $H_{\infty}$ Control Approach

### • Spatial $H_{\infty}$ controller:

Vse spatial norms:

$$\ll G(s,r) \gg_{\infty}^{2} = \sup \lambda_{max} (\int_{\Omega} G^{*}(jw,r)G(jw,r)dr)$$

which guarantees average reduction of vibration throughout the entire structure

For specific region Ω where we want to minimize the  $H_{\infty}$  spatial norm, a space dependent weighing matrix Q(r), where r is the spatial vector, is introduced:

$$J_{\infty} = \frac{\int_{0}^{\infty} \int_{\Omega} z(t,r)^{T} \boldsymbol{Q}(\boldsymbol{r}) z(t,r) dr dt}{\int_{0}^{\infty} w(t)^{T} w(t) dt}$$

> New performance index output vector with space dependence is driven:

$$z(t, \mathbf{r}) = C_z(\mathbf{r})x_p(t) + D_{zw}(\mathbf{r})w(t) + D_{zu}(\mathbf{r})u(t)$$

# **DTAC – AN EXAMPLE**

### \* An example: Cantilevered active composite structure

Plate like-beam: 4 epoxy/carbon layers with orientation  $[0^{\circ}/-45^{\circ}/+45^{\circ}/0^{\circ}]$ .





MFC patch from SMART-MATERIALS

# **DTAC** – AN EXAMPLE

- An example: Cantilevered active composite structure
  - > Robust controller
  - Reconfigurable controller
  - Evolving controller



# **DTAC: A SPATIAL** $H_{\infty}$ **CONTROL APPROACH**

Frequency (rad/s)

### The spatial $H_{\infty}$ control of the healthy structure





x-location (mm)





0 0

Frequency (rad/s)

### \* Robust controller: Small damage (Barely Visible Impact Damage - BVID)



### Robust controller - small damage (BVID)



- Reconfigurable controller Severe damage
  - > **Damage localization** approach: Lamb waves-based damage localization



**\* Reconfigurable controller – Severe damage** 



### Evolving controller – Crack damage







### Evolving controller – Spatial weighting functions



**\*** Evolving controller – Spatial weighting functions







# CONCLUSION

- A new paradigm to design fault tolerant controllers, specifically dedicated to face structural damages, was here examined, and called damage tolerant active control, or DTAC.
- Calls for FTC, SHM and active control of vibrations considering their interfaces with the introduced area of DTAC.
- Several techniques used in these areas are possible to be used to DTAC purpose, and main objectives and architectures to be adopted were discussed.
- On going works: theoretical investigation and experimental applications of the concepts and controller configurations are expected to be thoroughly studied to confirm the raised expectations
- New improvements: *fatigue and stress mitigation controllers* ....

# **DTAC NEW CONCEPT ?**



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