

# Efficient solvers for constrained optimization in structural mechanics

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### Industrial framework

▶ EDF : an operator of electric power production.



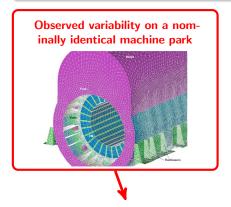
 Ensure proper functioning of production structures and optimize their availability.



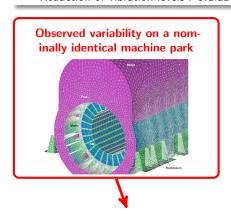
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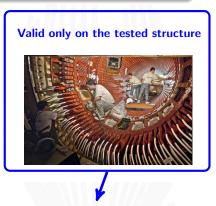
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### ... In a context of severe lack-of-knowledge

- Manufacturing process inducing high variability
- Imprecise tests for model validation in operation
- Absence of plan, materials data, etc.
- Evolutionary behaviour
  - → Need for a predictive model



## Construction of the hybrid model

### Ingredients

- ► Hybrid model = numerical model + experimental model
- Finite element numerical model of the structure with the mass matrix  $M = M(\theta) \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and the stiffness matrix  $K = K(\theta) \in \mathbb{R}^n$
- **Each** numerical couple of eigenvalue and eigenvector  $(\omega_{\theta}, \varphi_{\theta})$  satisfies :

$$(K(\theta) - \omega_{\theta}^2 M(\theta))\varphi_{\theta} = 0, \varphi_{\theta} \neq 0$$

- Experimental modal basis is available  $(\omega_{exp}, \phi_{exp})$
- → Expansion of the experimental modes on the numerical model in order to compute the response



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there are kinematic linear constraints which are described as follows :

$$C\varphi = 0$$
,  $C\psi = 0$ 

where  $C \in R^{m \times n}$  represents m linear relations coming from the kinematic boundary conditions.



▶ Minimizing the cost function :

$$\begin{cases}
f_{\omega}(\varphi, \psi, \lambda, \lambda_{1}, \lambda_{2}, \theta) = e_{\omega}(\varphi, \psi, \theta) + c_{\omega}(\varphi, \psi, \lambda, \lambda_{1}, \lambda_{2}, \theta) \\
c_{\omega}(\varphi, \psi, \lambda, \lambda_{1}, \lambda_{2}, \theta) = \lambda^{T}((K(\theta) - \omega_{exp}^{2}M(\theta))\varphi - K(\theta)\psi) - \lambda_{1}^{T}C\psi + \lambda_{2}^{T}(C\psi - C\varphi)
\end{cases}$$

Stationarity conditions :

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial f_{\omega}}{\partial \varphi} = 0 \iff \frac{r}{1-r} \Pi^{T} K_{r} (\Pi \varphi - \phi_{exp}) + (K(\theta) - \omega_{exp}^{2} M(\theta)) \lambda - C^{T} \lambda_{2} = 0 \\ \frac{\partial f_{\omega}}{\partial \psi} = 0 \iff K(\theta) \psi - K(\theta) \lambda + C^{T} \lambda_{2} - C^{T} \lambda_{1} = 0 \end{cases}$$

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$$\frac{\partial f_{\omega}}{\partial \lambda_{1}} = 0 \iff C \psi = 0$$



Minimizing the cost function yields the following saddle-point linear system :

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▶ If we consider the constrained stiffness and mass matrices :

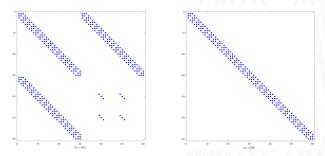
$$\widetilde{K} = \begin{bmatrix} K(\theta) & C^T \\ C & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \qquad \widetilde{M} = \begin{bmatrix} M(\theta) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Then:

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc} -\widetilde{K}(\theta) & \widetilde{K}(\theta) - \omega_{\exp}^2 \widetilde{M}(\theta) \\ \widetilde{K}(\theta) - \omega_{\exp}^2 \widetilde{M}(\theta) & \frac{r}{1-r} \widetilde{\Pi}^T \widetilde{K}_r \widetilde{\Pi} \end{array}\right] \left[\begin{array}{c} \widetilde{\psi} \\ \widetilde{\varphi} \end{array}\right] = \left[\begin{array}{c} \widetilde{0} \\ \frac{r}{1-r} \widetilde{\Pi}^T \widetilde{K}_r \widetilde{\phi}_{\exp} \end{array}\right]$$

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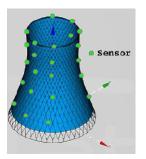
- Nonsingular matrix
- But : Large band, bad fill-in ratio, highly indefinite ...



The pattern of the studied saddle point matrix (left) and a finite element matrix in (right)

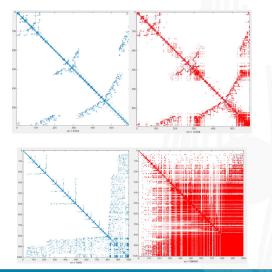
#### Mechanical solvers

• for an industrial structure model with more than  $10^6$  dofs and few hundreds of measurement points (i.e.  $N\approx 10^6$  and  $n\approx 100$ ), MD Nastran® provides a huge computation cost for a single calculation.





### Mechanical solvers



The linear system could be described in equivalent form as follows :

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -A & -C^T & B^T & C^T \\ -C & 0 & C & 0 \\ B & C^T & T & 0 \\ C & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \equiv \begin{bmatrix} -A & B^T & -C^T & C^T \\ B & T & C^T & 0 \\ \hline -C & C & 0 & 0 \\ C & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \widetilde{A} & \widetilde{C}^T \\ \widetilde{C} & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

where 
$$A = K(\theta) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$$
,  $B = K(\theta) - \omega_{\text{exp}}^2 M(\theta) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  and  $T = \frac{r}{1-r} \Pi^T K_r \Pi$ .

The fundamental nullspace basis of  $\widetilde{C}$ , is described using :

- $\widetilde{Z} \in \mathbb{R}^{2n \times 2(n-m)}$  such that  $range(\widetilde{Z}) = Ker(\widetilde{C})$
- $-\widetilde{Y} \in \mathbb{R}^{2n \times 2m}$  such that  $Im(\widetilde{Y}) = Im(\widetilde{C}^T)$ . We can take  $\widetilde{Y} = \widetilde{C}^T$  which is the description of  $Im(\widetilde{C}^T)$  in canonical basis.

$$NB = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} \widetilde{C}^T & \widetilde{Z} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \mathbb{I}_{2m} \end{array} \right]$$



► The equivalent linear system is as follows :

$$\mathcal{A} \equiv \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} \widetilde{C} & 0 \\ \widetilde{Z}^T & 0 \\ 0 & \mathbb{I}_{2m} \end{array} \right] \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} \widetilde{A} & \widetilde{C}^T \\ \widetilde{C} & 0 \end{array} \right] \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} \widetilde{C}^T & \widetilde{Z} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \mathbb{I}_{2m} \end{array} \right] = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} \widetilde{C}\widetilde{A}\widetilde{C}^T & \widetilde{C}\widetilde{A}\widetilde{Z} & \widetilde{C}\widetilde{C}^T \\ \widetilde{Z}^T\widetilde{A}\widetilde{C}^T & \widetilde{Z}^T\widetilde{A}\widetilde{Z} & 0 \\ \widetilde{C}\widetilde{C}^T & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

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Let  $Z \in R^{n \times (n-m)}$  be a matrix such that range(Z) = Ker(C). It is trivial to see that  $\widetilde{Z} = \begin{bmatrix} Z & 0 \\ 0 & Z \end{bmatrix}$  where Im(Z) = Ker(C). We obtain that :

$$\widetilde{Z}^T \widetilde{A} \widetilde{Z} = \begin{bmatrix} Z & 0 \\ 0 & Z \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} -A & B \\ B & T \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} Z & 0 \\ 0 & Z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -Z^T A Z & Z^T B Z \\ Z^T B Z & Z^T T Z \end{bmatrix}$$



### Computing a sparse nullspace basis of C

▶ Using skinny LU technique : Perform LU on the "skinny" matrix  $C^T$ 

$$PC^TQ = \begin{bmatrix} L_1 \\ L_2 \end{bmatrix} U_1$$

where P and Q are permutations, and define the nulspace to be :

$$Z = P^T \left[ \begin{array}{c} -L_1^{-T} L_2^T \\ \mathbb{I} \end{array} \right]$$

 Implementation of a fast sparse nullspace basis generation algorithm on SuperLU



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▶ The coefficient matrix is also a saddle point one :

$$\mathcal{A} = \left[ egin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{A} & \mathbb{B}^T \ \mathbb{B} & \mathbb{D} \end{array} 
ight]$$

- ▶ A is SPD.
- $\blacktriangleright$   $\,\mathbb{B}$  is a symmetric indefinite matrix that shares the same pattern as  $\mathbb{A}.$
- D is symmetric positive semidefinite, composed of a dense c × c sub-block scattered into a n × n matrix, where c << n is the number of sensors.



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$$\begin{bmatrix} Diag(-A_Z) & B_Z \\ B_Z & T_Z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbb{I} & 0 \\ -B_Z D^{-1} & S_Z \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -D & B_Z \\ 0 & \mathbb{I} \end{bmatrix}$$

Where  $S_Z = T_Z + B_Z D^{-1} B_Z$  is the shur complement of  $Diag(-A_Z)$ .

$$P_{\text{full}}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -D & B_Z \\ B_Z & T_Z \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -D^{-1} & D^{-1}B_Z \\ 0 & \mathbb{I} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbb{I} & 0 \\ L^{-T}L^{-1}B_ZD^{-1} & L^{-T}L^{-1} \end{bmatrix}$$



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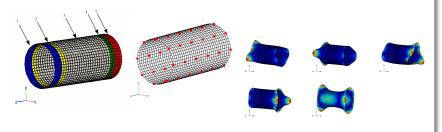
We consider the approximation  $\tilde{S}_Z = T_Z + D_{Bz}$  of the Shur complement. Where  $S_Z = T_Z + B_Z D^{-1} B_Z$  is the shur complement of  $Diag(-A_Z)$ .

$$P_{diag}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -D^{-1} & D^{-1}B_{Z} \\ 0 & \mathbb{I} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbb{I} & 0 \\ \tilde{L}^{-T}\tilde{L}^{-1}B_{Z}D^{-1} & \tilde{L}^{-T}\tilde{L}^{-1} \end{bmatrix}$$



#### **Numerical results**

- ▶ We use Petsc (block user implementation) and Matlab to solve the above linear system. We apply GMRES method with this setting: restart = 30, maximum iterations = 200, relative tolerance = 1e-08.
- Academic application : A small prototype of an alternator



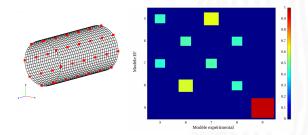
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							Petsc (Gmres)		
Matrix 4	Physical dofs (n)	Lagrange dofs (m)	Global system size	non-zero elements $(nnz)$	The preconditioner	# iterations	CPU Time (sec)	Flops	
$A_1$	9,564	873	17,382	1,824,767	$  P_{full}  P_{diag}  $	10 21	1.122e+01 6.046e-01	$\begin{array}{ c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c$	
A <sub>2</sub>	12,927	1,089	23,676	2,599,697	$  P_{full}  P_{diag}  $	13 21	2.277e+01 1.349e+00	$\begin{array}{c c} 4.521\mathrm{e}{+08} \\ 4.358\mathrm{e}{+07} \end{array}$	
A <sub>3</sub>	22,101	1,593	41,016	4,872,240	$  P_{full}  P_{diag}  $	12 25	$\begin{array}{c c} 6.974 e{+01} \\ 1.263 e{+00} \end{array}$	$\left  \begin{array}{c} 1.065\mathrm{e}{+09} \\ 8.184\mathrm{e}{+07} \end{array} \right $	
A <sub>4</sub>	146,781	5,553	282,456	38,919,746	$  P_{full}  P_{diag}  $	10 22	$\begin{vmatrix} 3.753e + 03 \\ 1.179e + 01 \end{vmatrix}$	$\begin{array}{c c} 2.317e + 10 & \\ 9.432e + 08 & \end{array}$	
$A_5$	452,721	11,913	881,616	517,245,560	$  P_{full}  P_{diag}  $	15 26	+10h 7.778e+01	$\begin{array}{c c} 1.127e + 11 \\ 3.289e + 09 \end{array}$	





Model updating for the numerical model associated with matrix  $A_5$  (*Physical dofs* = 452,721; *Boudary conditions* = 11,913)





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#### Some perspectives

- Need to interface different implementations to be used within the mechanical code CodeAster ®
- Application to industrial structures
- Many ideas of preconditioners to be tested



