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# Three-dimensional interfacial fracture analysis of a one-dimensional hexagonal quasicrystal coating* 

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#### Abstract

In this paper, the three-dimensional (3D) interfacial fracture is analyzed in a one-dimensional (1D) hexagonal quasicrystal (QC) coating structure under mechanical loading. A planar interface crack with arbitrary shape is studied by a displacement discontinuity method. Fundamental solutions of interfacial concentrated displacement discontinuities are obtained by the Hankel transform technique, and the corresponding boundary integral-differential equations are constructed with the superposition principle. Green's functions of constant interfacial displacement discontinuities within a rectangular element are derived, and a boundary element method is proposed for numerical simulation. The singularity of stresses near the crack front is investigated, and the stress intensity factors (SIFs) as well as energy release rates (ERRs) are determined. Finally, relevant influencing factors on the fracture behavior are discussed.


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## 1 Introduction

Quasicrystals (QCs), neither crystalline nor non-crystalline, are a relatively new kind of solid materials with a special arrangement of atoms ${ }^{[1]}$. Due to their unique microstructure, QCs have high hardness, high temperature resistance, corrosion resistance, and low surface energy ${ }^{[2-4]}$. However, brittleness of QCs at room temperature makes them difficult to use directly ${ }^{[5]}$. As a

[^0]result, these distinct characteristics endow QCs with great potential as coating materials, such as thermal barrier coatings ${ }^{[6]}$, corrosion-resistant coatings ${ }^{[7]}$, deicing coatings ${ }^{[8-9]}$, and many others ${ }^{[10-11]}$. It is found that more than 100 kinds of metal alloys have QC phases. Compared with traditional ceramic coatings, QC coatings have a better alloy compatibility and a higher temperature super-plasticity ${ }^{[12]}$. With these excellent properties, QCs are regarded as an ideal coating candidate in automotive engines devices, aerospace, and solar energy industries ${ }^{[5]}$.

Numerous studies have been done on production of QC coating, where a common process for preparing QC coating is thermal spraying ${ }^{[13-16]}$. Compared with laser cladding ${ }^{[17]}$ and physical vapor deposition ${ }^{[20]}$, thermal spraying can be applied to deposit a thicker coating on almost any substrate with an extremely low porosity. In order to improve their microstructures and properties, research is mainly focused on the preparation process of QC coatings ${ }^{[19-20]}$, in which defects such as micro-cracks and pores are inevitable at interface ${ }^{[22]}$. Therefore, it is of great significance to elucidate the fracture behavior of interfacial cracks of QC coating ${ }^{[23]}$. As a typical composite structure, QC coating structures exhibit complex mechanical characteristics, and their interfacial fracture differs from traditional crystals and non-crystal coatings, which increases the difficulty of analysis.

In recent years, many attempts have been made on the elastic solutions and mechanical properties of QCs. For instance, Fan et al. ${ }^{[24]}$ introduced the linear, nonlinear and dynamic fracture theory of QCs. Sun et al. ${ }^{[25]}$ established a mathematical model to study the nonlocal vibration and buckling of embedded QC layered nanoplates with propagator matrix method. Guo et al. ${ }^{[26]}$ studied the interaction between screw dislocations and elliptical hole in a onedimensional (1D) hexagonal QC with piezoelectric effect. Based on the modified coupled stress theory, Guo et al. ${ }^{[27]}$ investigated the three-dimensional (3D) bending deformation and vibration response of multilayer two-dimensional (2D) decagonal QC nanoplates by using a propagation matrix method. Gao et al. ${ }^{[28]}$ established a new propagation matrix relationship for the 3D exact electric-elastic analysis of 2D decagonal QC multilayer plates subjected to patch loading. Later on, Gao et al. ${ }^{[29]}$ used a state-space method to analyze the dynamic behavior of a multilayer 2D QC cylindrical shell filled with compressible fluid. Hou et al. ${ }^{[30]}$ derived Green's function solution of 1D hexagonal QC coating under tangential force. Li et al. ${ }^{[31]}$ analyzed the sliding frictional contact of a 1D hexagonal piezoelectric QC coating structure with imperfect interface. Fan et al. ${ }^{[32]}$ suggested a coexistence model for QC and crystal and discussed the interface effect of a QC cubic crystal structure. Recently, Dang et al. ${ }^{[33]}$ and Zhao et al. ${ }^{[34]}$ developed a displacement discontinuity method to study the interfacial fracture behavior of 1D hexagonal and 2D decagonal QC coatings. However, all these relevant works are limited to the 2D cases, which cannot reflect the fracture behavior in line with actual working conditions. Thus, it is necessary to conduct the 3D fracture analysis of QC coating.

The displacement discontinuity method is an indirect boundary element method, which has advantages in dealing with crack problems ${ }^{[35]}$. In contrast with the traditional finite element method, a crack is discretized as one entity, and thus, it reduces the number of final linear equations to be solved. However, the coefficient matrix is not symmetric, which requires a solution of full rank. As the thickness of a QC coating is thin compared with the substrate, there is a large stress gradient in coating, and the coupling of phonon and phase fields cannot be accurately simulated by a finite element method. In this paper, an extended displacement discontinuity method is proposed to investigate the 3D interfacial fracture of 1D hexagonal QC coatings. Such a method is flexible, which is suitable for complex crack and multi-crack problems.

The paper is organized as follows. The 3D basic equations and general solutions are first listed for a 1D hexagonal QC coating on an isotropic elastic substrate in Section 2. Next, the fundamental solutions of the concentrated interfacial displacement discontinuities are derived in Section 3. Then, Section 4 constructs the boundary integral-differential equations, and Section 5 presents Green's functions for the uniform displacement discontinuities within a rectangular
element. After that, Section 6 analyzes the singularity of stresses, with the expressions for stress intensity factors (SIFs) and energy release rate (ERR). Furthermore, a boundary element method is proposed for numerical calculation in Section 7, and in Section 8, numerical simulations are carried out, and influencing factors are discussed. Finally, main conclusions are drawn in Section 9.

## 2 Basic equations and general solutions

A 1D hexagonal QC can be assumed as a point group of 6 mm , referred to the Cartesian coordinate with an isotropic periodic plane on the $O x y$ plane and the $z$-axis along the quasiperiodic direction, and its constitutive equations are given by

$$
\left\{\begin{array}{l}
\sigma_{i j}=\frac{1}{2} C_{i j k l}\left(u_{k, l}+u_{l, k}\right)+R_{i j k l} w_{k, l}  \tag{1}\\
H_{i j}=\frac{1}{2} R_{i j k l}\left(u_{k, l}+u_{l, k}\right)+K_{i j k l} w_{k, l}
\end{array}\right.
$$

where $u_{i}$ and $w_{i}$ are the phonon and phason displacements, respectively, $\sigma_{i j}$ and $H_{i j}$ are the phonon and phason stresses, respectively, and $C_{i j k l}, R_{i j k l}$, and $K_{i j k l}$ are the elastic constants in phonon and phason fields, and phonon-phason coupling elastic constants, respectively. The subscript comma denotes partial differentiation with respect to the coordinate, and the repeated indices imply their summation from 1 to 3 .

Without body forces, equilibrium equations are expressed as ${ }^{[36]}$

$$
\begin{equation*}
\sigma_{i j, j}=0, \quad H_{i j, j}=0 \tag{2}
\end{equation*}
$$

The general solution equations for the 1D hexagonal QC can be expressed by four potential functions ${ }^{[36]}$, that is

$$
\left\{\begin{array}{l}
u_{x}=\frac{\partial \Psi_{0}}{\partial y}-\sum_{j=1}^{3} \frac{\partial \Psi_{j}}{\partial x}, \quad u_{y}=-\frac{\partial \Psi_{0}}{\partial x}-\sum_{j=1}^{3} \frac{\partial \Psi_{j}}{\partial y}, \quad u_{z}=\sum_{j=1}^{3} \alpha_{1 j} \frac{\partial \Psi_{j}}{\partial z_{j}}  \tag{3}\\
w_{z}=\sum_{j=1}^{3} \alpha_{2 j} \frac{\partial \Psi_{j}}{\partial z_{j}}, \quad \sigma_{z z}=\sum_{j=1}^{3} \gamma_{1 j} \frac{\partial^{2} \Psi_{j}}{\partial z_{j}^{2}}, \quad H_{z z}=\sum_{j=1}^{3} \gamma_{2 j} \frac{\partial^{2} \Psi_{j}}{\partial z_{j}^{2}} \\
\sigma_{z x}=c_{44} s_{0} \frac{\partial^{2} \Psi_{0}}{\partial y \partial z_{0}}+\sum_{j=1}^{3} s_{j} \gamma_{1 j} \frac{\partial^{2} \Psi_{j}}{\partial x \partial z_{j}}, \quad \sigma_{y z}=-c_{44} s_{0} \frac{\partial^{2} \Psi_{0}}{\partial x \partial z_{0}}++\sum_{j=1}^{3} s_{j} \gamma_{1 j} \frac{\partial^{2} \Psi_{j}}{\partial y \partial z_{j}}
\end{array}\right.
$$

Here, all the material-related constants are given in Ref. [36]. The harmonic potential functions $\Psi_{j}$ satisfy

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left(\Delta+\frac{\partial^{2}}{\partial z_{j}^{2}}\right) \Psi_{j}=0, \quad j=0,1,2,3 \tag{4}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $\Delta$ is the Laplacian operator and defined as

$$
\begin{equation*}
\Delta=\frac{\partial^{2}}{\partial x^{2}}+\frac{\partial^{2}}{\partial y^{2}} \tag{5}
\end{equation*}
$$

For an isotropic elastic crystal, the constitutive and governing equations without body forces are

$$
\begin{align*}
& \sigma_{i j}=\mu\left(u_{i, j}+u_{j, i}\right)+\lambda \delta_{i j} u_{i, i}  \tag{6a}\\
& \sigma_{i j, j}=0 \tag{6b}
\end{align*}
$$

where $\mu$ and $\lambda$ are, respectively, the shear modulus and Lame constant, and $\delta_{i j}$ denotes the Kronecker symbol.

For an isotropic elastic crystal, the general solutions to Eq. (6) are ${ }^{[37]}$

$$
\left\{\begin{array}{l}
u_{x}=\frac{1}{2 \mu}\left(-\frac{\partial \psi_{0}}{\partial y}+\frac{\partial \psi_{1}}{\partial x}+z \frac{\partial \psi_{2}}{\partial x}\right), \quad u_{y}=\frac{1}{2 \mu}\left(\frac{\partial \psi_{0}}{\partial x}+\frac{\partial \psi_{1}}{\partial y}+z \frac{\partial \psi_{2}}{\partial y}\right)  \tag{7}\\
u_{z}=\frac{1}{2 \mu}\left(\frac{\partial \psi_{1}}{\partial z}-(3-4 v) \psi_{2}+z \frac{\partial \psi_{2}}{\partial z}\right), \quad \sigma_{z z}=\frac{\partial^{2} \psi_{1}}{\partial z^{2}}-2(1-v) \frac{\partial \psi_{2}}{\partial z}+z \frac{\partial^{2} \psi_{2}}{\partial z^{2}} \\
\sigma_{z x}=-\frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^{2} \psi_{0}}{\partial y \partial z}+\frac{\partial^{2} \psi_{1}}{\partial x \partial z}-(1-2 v) \frac{\partial \psi_{2}}{\partial x}+z \frac{\partial^{2} \psi_{2}}{\partial x \partial z} \\
\sigma_{y x}=\frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^{2} \psi_{0}}{\partial x \partial z}+\frac{\partial^{2} \psi_{1}}{\partial y \partial z}-(1-2 v) \frac{\partial \psi_{2}}{\partial y}+z \frac{\partial^{2} \psi_{2}}{\partial y \partial z}
\end{array}\right.
$$

and the potential functions $\psi_{j}$ satisfy

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left(\Delta+\frac{\partial^{2}}{\partial z^{2}}\right) \psi_{j}=0, \quad j=0,1,2 \tag{8}
\end{equation*}
$$

## 3 Problem description and fundamental solutions

Let us consider a coating made of a 1D hexagonal QC tightly bonded with an isotropic elastic substrate. Here, the substrate is considered as semi-infinite, with a coating thickness $h$ and an arbitrarily shaped planar crack $S$ lying at the interface. A Cartesian coordinate system ( $O x y z$ ) was chosen with the $O x y$ plane as the periodic plane on the interface and the $z$-axis along the quasi-periodic direction normal to it, where the upper and lower faces of the crack are respectively denoted as $S^{+}$and $S^{-}$. Mechanical tractions, $p_{x}, p_{y}$, and $p_{z}$, are applied at infinity, as schematically illustrated in Fig. 1.

### 3.1 Boundary conditions

In the case of a penny-shaped crack $S$ of radius $a$ at the interface in a coating structure (see Fig. 2), we have


Fig. 1 3D schematic representation of 1D hexagonal QC coating structure with arbitrarily shaped interface crack under mechanical loads (color online)


Fig. 2 Illustration of penny-shaped crack with radius of $a$ at interface (color online)

$$
\left\{\begin{array}{l}
x=r \cos \phi  \tag{9}\\
y=r \sin \phi \\
R^{2}=r^{2}+z^{2}=x^{2}+y^{2}+z^{2}
\end{array}\right.
$$

The displacement discontinuities across crack faces can be expressed as

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left\|u_{i}\right\|=u_{i}\left(x, y, 0^{+}\right)-u_{i}\left(x, y, 0^{-}\right), \quad i=x, y, z, \quad(x, y) \in S \tag{10}
\end{equation*}
$$

In accordance with the analogy method ${ }^{[38]}$, when the crack radius $a$ approaches zero, one can obtain the fundamental solutions corresponding to interfacial concentrated displacement discontinuities. These fundamental solutions should satisfy equilibrium equations and the following conditions, namely,

$$
\begin{equation*}
\lim _{a \rightarrow 0} \int_{S}\left\{\left\|u_{x}\right\|,\left\|u_{y}\right\|,\left\|u_{z}\right\|\right\} \mathrm{d} S=\{1,0,0\} \tag{11a}
\end{equation*}
$$

for the concentrated displacement discontinuity in the $x$-direction,

$$
\begin{equation*}
\lim _{a \rightarrow 0} \int_{S}\left\{\left\|u_{x}\right\|,\left\|u_{y}\right\|,\left\|u_{z}\right\|\right\} \mathrm{d} S=\{0,1,0\} \tag{11b}
\end{equation*}
$$

in the $y$-direction, and

$$
\begin{equation*}
\lim _{a \rightarrow 0} \int_{S}\left\{\left\|u_{x}\right\|,\left\|u_{y}\right\|,\left\|u_{z}\right\|\right\} \mathrm{d} S=\{0,0,1\} \tag{11c}
\end{equation*}
$$

in the $z$-direction.

### 3.2 Fundamental solutions for concentrated $\left\|\boldsymbol{u}_{\boldsymbol{z}}\right\|=\boldsymbol{\delta}$

The boundary condition in Eq. (11c) can be rewritten as an arbitrary interfacial point ( $\zeta, \eta, 0$ ) within crack faces, and $\delta(\zeta, \eta)$ is the delta function. It is obvious that this is a non-torsional axisymmetric problem about point $(\zeta, \eta, 0)$. According to Fan et al. ${ }^{[32]}$, the phason stress equals zero at the interface, and thus the boundary conditions are

$$
\begin{align*}
& u_{r}^{+}=u_{r}^{-}, \quad u_{z}^{+}-u_{z}^{-}=\delta, \quad \sigma_{z z}^{+}=\sigma_{z z}^{-}, \quad \sigma_{z r}^{+}=\sigma_{z r}^{-}, \quad H_{z z}^{+}=0 \quad \text { for } \quad z=0  \tag{12a}\\
& \sigma_{z z}^{+}=0, \quad \sigma_{z r}^{+}=0, \quad H_{z z}^{+}=0 \quad \text { for } \quad z=h \tag{12b}
\end{align*}
$$

where the superscripts "+" and "-", respectively, denote coating and substrate.
Because of non-torsional axisymmetry, all the quantities are only dependent on $(r, z)$, and $\Psi_{0}=\psi_{0}=0$. By using the zeroth-order Hankel transform technique, the potential functions can be set as

$$
\begin{align*}
& \Psi_{j}(r, z)=\int_{0}^{\infty}\left(A_{2 j-1} \mathrm{e}^{\xi z_{j}}+A_{2 j} \mathrm{e}^{-\xi z_{j}}\right) J_{0}(\xi r) \mathrm{d} \xi, \quad j=1,2,3  \tag{13a}\\
& \psi_{j}(r, z)=\int_{0}^{\infty} A_{j+6} \mathrm{e}^{\xi z} J_{0}(\xi r) \mathrm{d} \xi, \quad j=1,2 \tag{13b}
\end{align*}
$$

where $\xi$ is the Hankel transform parameter, and $A_{i}$ are the coefficients to be determined by
boundary conditions. Inserting Eq. (13) into Eq. (3b) and then into Eq. (12), one gets

$$
\begin{align*}
& \sum_{j=1}^{6} A_{j}+\frac{A_{7}}{2 \mu}=0, \quad \sum_{j=1}^{3} \alpha_{1 j}\left(A_{2 j-1}-A_{2 j}\right) \xi-\frac{1}{2 \mu}\left(A_{j} \xi-(3-4 v) A_{8}\right)=\frac{\xi}{2 \pi}  \tag{14a}\\
& \sum_{j=1}^{3} \gamma_{1 j}\left(A_{2 j-1}+A_{2 j}\right) \xi=A_{7} \xi-2(1-v) A_{8},  \tag{14b}\\
& \sum_{j=1}^{3} s_{j} \gamma_{1 j}\left(A_{2 j-1}-A_{2 j}\right) \xi=A_{7} \xi-(1-2 v) A_{8}  \tag{14c}\\
& \sum_{j=1}^{3} \gamma_{2 j}\left(A_{2 j-1}+A_{2 j}\right)=0, \quad \sum_{j=1}^{3} \gamma_{1 j}\left(A_{2 j-1} \mathrm{e}^{\xi s_{j} h}+A_{2 j} \mathrm{e}^{-\xi s_{j} h}\right)=0,  \tag{14d}\\
& \sum_{j=1}^{3} s_{j} \gamma_{1 j}\left(A_{2 j-1} \mathrm{e}^{\xi s_{j} h}-A_{2 j} \mathrm{e}^{-\xi s_{j} h}\right)=0, \quad \sum_{j=1}^{3} \gamma_{2 j}\left(A_{2 j-1} \mathrm{e}^{\xi s_{j} h}+A_{2 j} \mathrm{e}^{-\xi s_{j} h}\right)=0 . \tag{14e}
\end{align*}
$$

Thus, all the coefficients can be determined by solving Eq. (14), namely,

$$
\begin{align*}
& A_{j}=A_{j}^{*}(\ell), \quad j=1,2, \cdots, 7,  \tag{15a}\\
& A_{8}=A_{8}^{*}(\ell) \xi \tag{15b}
\end{align*}
$$

where $A_{j}^{*}(\ell)$ are functions of $\ell$ only, with $\ell=\exp (-h \xi)$.
Substituting these coefficients into Eqs. (3) and (7) yields the fundamental solutions of stresses in the coating and substrate. Here, it is worth noting that the obtained phason stress on the interface is zero, which implies that no phason stresses exist on the interface of a QC coating structure. That is, there are no phason SIFs at the interfacial crack tips. However, the coupling of phonon and phason fields is embedded in the material parameters $\vartheta_{i}$, and these parameters can influence the SIFs and ERRs. Such a phenomenon is obviously different from that in ordinary crystal materials. As focus is on the interfacial fracture behavior, the field point is chosen to approach the crack face from the substrate. Therefore, we only give the expressions of stresses at an arbitrary field point $(x, y, z)$ in the substrate.

When the Hankel transform parameter $\xi$ approaches a sufficiently large value $\xi_{0}$, the parameter $\ell$ is close to zero. We have

$$
\begin{equation*}
\vartheta_{1}=\lim _{\ell \rightarrow 0} A_{7}, \quad \vartheta_{2} \xi=\lim _{\ell \rightarrow 0} A_{8} \tag{16}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $\vartheta_{i}$ are material properties.
Inserting Eq. (16) into (13b), one obtains the potential functions in the substrate. As integrals cannot be analytically solved, the potential functions are rewritten as

$$
\begin{align*}
& \psi_{1}(r, z)=\int_{0}^{\infty} \vartheta_{1} \mathrm{e}^{\xi z} J_{0}(\xi r) \mathrm{d} \xi+\int_{0}^{\xi_{0}}\left(A_{7}-\vartheta_{1}\right) \mathrm{e}^{\xi z} J_{0}(\xi r) \mathrm{d} \xi+E\left(1 / \xi_{0}^{2}\right)  \tag{17a}\\
& \psi_{2}(r, z)=\int_{0}^{\infty} \vartheta_{2} \mathrm{e}^{\xi z} J_{0}(\xi r) \mathrm{d} \xi+\int_{0}^{\xi_{0}}\left(A_{8}-\vartheta_{2} \xi\right) \mathrm{e}^{\xi z} J_{0}(\xi r) \mathrm{d} \xi+E\left(1 / \xi_{0}^{2}\right) \tag{17b}
\end{align*}
$$

where $E(*)$ indicates the error of truncation. Integrals in Eq. (17) can be evaluated analytically or numerically. When $\xi_{0}$ is sufficiently large, the error is tiny. As shown in Fig. 3, when $\xi_{0}$ reaches $6 / h$ and the values of coefficients keep unchanged, $\xi_{0}$ is selected as $10 / h$ for a high accuracy in numerical calculation.


Fig. 3 Values of $A_{7}, A_{8}, C_{0}, C_{1}$, and $C_{2}$ versus $\xi$ (color online)

Keep the formula $\int_{0}^{\infty} \mathrm{e}^{\xi z} J_{0}(\xi r) \mathrm{d} \omega=\frac{1}{\sqrt{r^{2}+z^{2}}}$ in mind. Then, Eq. (17) can be solved as

$$
\begin{align*}
& \psi_{1}(r, z) \approx \vartheta_{1} \frac{1}{R}+\int_{0}^{\xi_{0}}\left(A_{7}-\vartheta_{1}\right) \mathrm{e}^{\xi z} J_{0}(\xi r) \mathrm{d} \xi  \tag{18a}\\
& \psi_{2}(r, z) \approx-\vartheta_{2} \frac{z}{R^{3}}+\int_{0}^{\xi_{0}}\left(A_{8}-\vartheta_{2} \xi\right) \mathrm{e}^{\xi z} J_{0}(\xi r) \mathrm{d} \xi \tag{18b}
\end{align*}
$$

where $R=\sqrt{r^{2}+z^{2}}=\sqrt{(x-\zeta)^{2}+(y-\eta)^{2}+z^{2}}$.
Substituting Eq. (18) into Eq. (7a) yields stresses as

$$
\begin{align*}
& \Xi_{1}=\sigma_{z z}=\left(2(1-v) \vartheta_{2}-\vartheta_{1}\right) \frac{1}{R^{3}}+3\left((1+2 v) \vartheta_{2}+\vartheta_{1}\right) \frac{z^{2}}{R^{5}}-15 \vartheta_{2} \frac{z^{4}}{R^{7}}+T_{1}+z T_{2}  \tag{19a}\\
& \Xi_{2}=\sigma_{z x}=3\left(\vartheta_{1}+2 v \vartheta_{2}\right) \frac{x z}{R^{5}}-15 \vartheta_{2} \frac{x z^{3}}{R^{7}}+T_{3}+z T_{4}  \tag{19b}\\
& \Xi_{3}=\sigma_{y z}=3\left(\vartheta_{1}+2 v \vartheta_{2}\right) \frac{x z}{R^{5}}-15 \vartheta_{2} \frac{y z^{3}}{R^{7}}+T_{5}+z T_{6} \tag{19c}
\end{align*}
$$

where the functions $T_{i}$ are defined as

$$
\left\{\begin{array}{l}
T_{1}=\int_{0}^{\xi_{0}}\left(\left(A_{7}-\vartheta_{1}\right) \xi-2(1-v)\left(A_{8}-\vartheta_{2} \xi\right)\right) \xi \mathrm{e}^{\xi z} J_{0}(\xi r) \mathrm{d} \xi  \tag{20}\\
T_{2}=\int_{0}^{\xi_{0}}\left(A_{8}-\vartheta_{2} \xi\right) \xi^{2} \mathrm{e}^{\xi z} J_{0}(\xi r) \mathrm{d} \xi \\
T_{3}=-\int_{0}^{\xi_{0}}\left(\left(A_{7}-\vartheta_{1}\right) \xi-(1-2 v)\left(A_{8}-\vartheta_{2} \xi\right)\right) \xi \mathrm{e}^{\xi z} J_{1}(\xi r) \mathrm{d} \xi \cdot \cos \phi \\
T_{4}=-\int_{0}^{\xi_{0}}\left(A_{8}-\vartheta_{2} \xi\right) \xi^{2} \mathrm{e}^{\xi z} J_{1}(\xi r) \mathrm{d} \xi \cdot \cos \phi \\
T_{5}=-\int_{0}^{\xi_{0}}\left(\left(A_{7}-\vartheta_{1}\right) \xi-(1-2 v)\left(A_{8}-\vartheta_{2} \xi\right)\right) \xi \mathrm{e}^{\xi z} J_{1}(\xi r) \mathrm{d} \xi \cdot \sin \phi \\
T_{6}=-\int_{0}^{\xi_{0}}\left(A_{8}-\vartheta_{2} \xi\right) \xi^{2} \mathrm{e}^{\xi z} J_{1}(\xi r) \mathrm{d} \xi \cdot \sin \phi
\end{array}\right.
$$

According to Eq. (19), the anterior terms represent the effect of an infinite space with the same singularity, where the latter terms containing $T_{i}$ reflect the effect of coating structure with a regular integrand. When the coating thickness is large enough, the functions $T_{i}$ are
close to zero, and the solution is reduced to an infinite case. Similarly, one can get fundamental solutions for unit displacement discontinuities in the $y$ - and $x$-directions, respectively, and for brevity, the detailed derivation is given in Appendices A and B.

## 4 Boundary integral-differential equations for interface cracks

Based on the fundamental solutions obtained above, one can construct the integral expressions for stresses at an arbitrary internal field point $(x, y, z)$ in the substrate in terms of the displacement discontinuities across an interface crack $S$ as

$$
\begin{align*}
\sigma_{z x} & =\int_{S}\left\{\Xi_{8}\left\|u_{x}\right\|+\Xi_{5}\left\|u_{y}\right\|+\Xi_{2}\left\|u_{z}\right\|\right\} \mathrm{d} S  \tag{21a}\\
\sigma_{y z} & =\int_{S}\left\{\Xi_{9}\left\|u_{x}\right\|+\Xi_{6}\left\|u_{y}\right\|+\Xi_{3}\left\|u_{z}\right\|\right\} \mathrm{d} S  \tag{21b}\\
\sigma_{z z} & =\int_{S}\left\{\Xi_{7}\left\|u_{x}\right\|+\Xi_{4}\left\|u_{y}\right\|+\Xi_{1}\left\|u_{z}\right\|\right\} \mathrm{d} S \tag{21c}
\end{align*}
$$

As the filed point approaches the crack face, the integrals in Eq. (21) become hypersingular. Adopting finite-part integrals, the boundary integral-differential equations for an arbitrarily shaped crack $S$ can be written as

$$
\begin{align*}
\sigma_{z x}(x, y, 0)= & \int_{S}\left(\left(\left(\vartheta_{4}-\vartheta_{3}-(1-2 v) \vartheta_{5}\right) \frac{1}{r^{3}}+3\left(\frac{1}{2} \vartheta_{3}-\vartheta_{4}+(1-2 v) \vartheta_{5}\right) \frac{\cos ^{2} \phi}{r^{3}}\right)\left\|u_{x}\right\|\right. \\
& \left.+3\left(\frac{1}{2} \vartheta_{3}-\vartheta_{4}+(1-2 v) \vartheta_{5}\right) \frac{\sin \phi \cos \phi}{r^{3}}\left\|u_{y}\right\|\right) \mathrm{d} S-2 \pi\left(\vartheta_{1}+2 v \vartheta_{2}\right) \frac{\partial\left\|u_{z}\right\|}{\partial x} \\
& +\int_{S}\left(T_{15}\left\|u_{x}\right\|+T_{9}\left\|u_{y}\right\|+T_{3}\left\|u_{z}\right\|\right) \mathrm{d} S  \tag{22a}\\
\sigma_{y z}(x, y, 0)= & \int_{S}\left(3\left(\frac{1}{2} \vartheta_{3}-\vartheta_{4}+(1-2 v) \vartheta_{5}\right) \frac{\sin \phi \cos \phi}{r^{3}}\left\|u_{x}\right\|\right. \\
& \left.+\left(\left(\vartheta_{4}-\vartheta_{3}-(1-2 v) \vartheta_{5}\right) \frac{1}{r^{3}}+3\left(\frac{1}{2} \vartheta_{3}-\vartheta_{4}+(1-2 v) \vartheta_{5}\right) \frac{\sin ^{2} \phi}{r^{3}}\right)\left\|u_{y}\right\|\right) \mathrm{d} S \\
& -2 \pi\left(\vartheta_{1}+2 v \vartheta_{2}\right) \frac{\partial\left\|u_{z}\right\|}{\partial y}+\int_{S}\left(T_{9}\left\|u_{x}\right\|+T_{11}\left\|u_{y}\right\|+T_{5}\left\|u_{z}\right\|\right) \mathrm{d} S,  \tag{22b}\\
\sigma_{z z}(x, y, 0)= & \left(2(1-v) \vartheta_{2}-\vartheta_{1}\right) \int_{S} \frac{1}{r^{3}}\left\|u_{z}\right\| \mathrm{d} S+2 \pi\left(\vartheta_{4}-2(1-v) \vartheta_{5}\right)\left(\frac{\partial\left\|u_{x}\right\|}{\partial x}+\frac{\partial\left\|u_{y}\right\|}{\partial y}\right) \\
& +\int_{S}\left(T_{13}\left\|u_{x}\right\|+T_{7}\left\|u_{y}\right\|+T_{1}\left\|u_{z}\right\|\right) \mathrm{d} S \tag{22c}
\end{align*}
$$

where $r=\sqrt{(x-\zeta)^{2}+(y-\eta)^{2}}, \cos \phi=(x-\zeta) / r$, and $\sin \phi=(y-\eta) / r$.

## 5 Green's functions for displacement discontinuities

The integral-differential equations in Eq. (22) are difficult to be analytically solved, especially for complex crack geometries and applied loads. Therefore, it is natural to resort to a displacement discontinuity boundary element method. Then, a rectangular element can be easily applied to discretize a crack of arbitrary shape, and its integral calculation is simple. Hence, a rectangular element is chosen, and the fundamental solutions are derived for the element subjected to uniform displacement discontinuities.

Let us assume that a rectangular element with length of $2 a$ and width of $2 b$ is centered at point $\left(x_{0}, y_{0}\right)$. Over the element, uniform displacement discontinuities $\left\|u_{x}^{e}\right\|,\left\|u_{y}^{e}\right\|$, and $\left\|u_{z}^{e}\right\|$
are distributed. Thus, displacement discontinuities can be expressed by

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left\|u_{i}(x, y)\right\|=\left\|u_{i}^{e}\right\| S_{r}, \quad i=x, y, z \tag{23}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $S_{r}$ is the domain function defined by the Heaviside function $H(x)$ as

$$
\begin{equation*}
S_{r}=(H(x+a)-H(x-a))(H(y+b)-H(y-b)) \tag{24}
\end{equation*}
$$

Inserting Eq. (23) into Eq. (22), the stresses at the field point $(x, y, 0)$ caused by the $e$-th element can be obtained as

$$
\begin{align*}
\sigma_{z x} & =G_{11}\left\|u_{x}^{e}\right\|+G_{12}\left\|u_{y}^{e}\right\|+G_{13}\left\|u_{z}^{e}\right\|,  \tag{25a}\\
\sigma_{y z} & =G_{21}\left\|u_{x}^{e}\right\|+G_{22}\left\|u_{y}^{e}\right\|+G_{23}\left\|u_{z}^{e}\right\|,  \tag{25b}\\
\sigma_{z z} & =G_{31}\left\|u_{x}^{e}\right\|+G_{32}\left\|u_{y}^{e}\right\|+G_{33}\left\|u_{z}^{e}\right\|, \tag{25c}
\end{align*}
$$

where $G_{i j}(x, y)$ are Green's functions defined as

$$
\left\{\begin{array}{l}
G_{11}=\left(\vartheta_{4}-\vartheta_{3}-(1-2 v) \vartheta_{5}\right)\left(I_{1}+I_{2}\right)+3\left(\frac{1}{2} \vartheta_{3}-\vartheta_{4}+(1-2 v) \vartheta_{5}\right) I_{1}+\int_{S_{r}} T_{15} \mathrm{~d} S  \tag{26}\\
G_{12}=3\left(\frac{1}{2} \vartheta_{3}-\vartheta_{4}+(1-2 v) \vartheta_{5}\right) I_{3}+\int_{S_{r}} T_{9} \mathrm{~d} S \\
G_{13}=\int_{S_{r}} T_{3} \mathrm{~d} S-2 \pi\left(\vartheta_{1}+2 v \vartheta_{2}\right) \frac{\partial S_{r}}{\partial x}, \\
G_{21}=3\left(\frac{1}{2} \vartheta_{3}-\vartheta_{4}+(1-2 v) \vartheta_{5}\right) I_{3}+\int_{S_{r}} T_{9} \mathrm{~d} S \\
G_{22}=\left(\vartheta_{4}-\vartheta_{3}-(1-2 v) \vartheta_{5}\right)\left(I_{1}+I_{2}\right)+3\left(\frac{1}{2} \vartheta_{3}-\vartheta_{4}+(1-2 v) \vartheta_{5}\right) I_{2}+\int_{S_{r}} T_{11} \mathrm{~d} S, \\
G_{23}=\int_{S_{r}} T_{5} \mathrm{~d} S-2 \pi\left(\vartheta_{1}+2 v \vartheta_{2}\right) \frac{\partial S_{r}}{\partial y}, \\
G_{31}=\int_{S_{r}} T_{13} \mathrm{~d} S+2 \pi\left(\vartheta_{4}-2(1-v) \vartheta_{5}\right) \frac{\partial S_{r}}{\partial x} \\
G_{32}=\int_{S_{r}} T_{7} \mathrm{~d} S+2 \pi\left(\vartheta_{4}-2(1-v) \vartheta_{5}\right) \frac{\partial S_{r}}{\partial y} \\
G_{33}=\left(2(1-v) \vartheta_{2}-\vartheta_{1}\right)\left(I_{1}+I_{2}\right)+\int_{S_{r}} T_{1} \mathrm{~d} S
\end{array}\right.
$$

where kernel integrals $I_{i}$ are defined in Eq. (15) in Ref. [39], where $x_{1}$ and $x_{2}$ respectively refer to $x$ and $y$, and the partial differential formulas are defined as ${ }^{[39]}$

$$
\left\{\begin{array}{l}
\frac{\partial S_{r}}{\partial x}=(\delta(x+a)-\delta(x-a))(H(y+b)-H(y-b))  \tag{27}\\
\frac{\partial S_{r}}{\partial y}=(H(x+a)-H(x-a))(\delta(y+b)-\delta(y-b))
\end{array}\right.
$$

in which $\delta$ is the delta function, and $\delta(x)=\mathrm{d} H(x) / \mathrm{d} x$.

## 6 SIFs and ERR

It is known that the terms containing the delta function cause the oscillatory singularity of stresses near the crack front ${ }^{[39]}$. According to Zhang and Wang ${ }^{[40]}$, the delta function can be
approximated by the Gaussian distribution function, that is

$$
\begin{equation*}
\delta(x)=\frac{1}{\sqrt{2 \pi \varepsilon}} \exp \left(-\frac{x^{2}}{2 \varepsilon^{2}}\right) \tag{28}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $\varepsilon$ is the Gaussian parameter dependent on the geometry of a crack. In practical calculation ${ }^{[40]}$, a relative value of $\varepsilon=0.0075 r_{a}$ is suitable, with the crack size $r_{a}$. After replacement, the point force induced by the delta function can be treated as a locally distributed load, and thus Eq. (22) can be converted into standard integral equations, where the terms converted from those containing the delta function no longer influence the singularity of stresses in the neighborhood of the crack front. In addition, the finite integral terms $T_{i}$ reflecting coating effect do not influence the singularity of stresses near the crack front. Hence, the singularity index of stresses is $-1 / 2$, which is the same as that in a homogeneous medium.

An arbitrary point $Q$ is chosen on the front of crack $S$. The Cartesian coordinate system $O x y z$ is oriented so that the $x$ - and $y$-directions are normal and tangent to the front, respectively. A local orthogonal, intrinsic coordinate system $(n, \tau, m)$ at point $Q$ along the periphery of a planar crack is set up. The $n$-axis is perpendicular to the crack front line and is directed towards the inner side of a crack, while the $\tau$-axis is tangential to the crack front line, and the $m$-axis is parallel to the global $z$-axis. Now let us introduce a local coordinate $(-\rho, 0,0)$, where $\rho>0$ outside the crack but close to point $Q$. By introducing the transformation

$$
\begin{equation*}
\zeta+\rho=r \cos \varphi, \quad \eta=r \sin \varphi \tag{29}
\end{equation*}
$$

the singular stresses at point $(-\rho, 0,0)$ become

$$
\begin{align*}
\sigma_{z x}(-\rho, 0,0)= & \int_{S}\left(\left(\left(\vartheta_{4}-\vartheta_{3}-(1-2 v) \vartheta_{5}\right) \frac{1}{r^{3}}+3\left(\frac{1}{2} \vartheta_{3}-\vartheta_{4}+(1-2 v) \vartheta_{5}\right) \frac{\cos ^{2} \phi}{r^{3}}\right)\left\|u_{x}\right\|\right. \\
& \left.+3\left(\frac{1}{2} \vartheta_{3}-\vartheta_{4}+(1-2 v) \vartheta_{5}\right) \frac{\sin \phi \cos \phi}{r^{3}}\left\|u_{y}\right\|\right) \mathrm{d} S  \tag{30a}\\
\sigma_{y z}(-\rho, 0,0)= & \int_{S}\left(3\left(\frac{1}{2} \vartheta_{3}-\vartheta_{4}+(1-2 v) \vartheta_{5}\right) \frac{\sin \phi \cos \phi}{r^{3}}\left\|u_{x}\right\|\right. \\
& +\left(\left(\vartheta_{4}-\vartheta_{3}-(1-2 v) \vartheta_{5}\right) \frac{1}{r^{3}}\right. \\
& \left.\left.+3\left(\frac{1}{2} \vartheta_{3}-\vartheta_{4}+(1-2 v) \vartheta_{5}\right) \frac{\sin ^{2} \phi}{r^{3}}\right)\left\|u_{y}\right\|\right) \mathrm{d} S  \tag{30b}\\
\sigma_{z z}(-\rho, 0,0)= & \left(2(1-v) \vartheta_{2}-\vartheta_{1}\right) \int_{S} \frac{1}{r^{3}}\left\|u_{z}\right\| \mathrm{d} S \tag{30c}
\end{align*}
$$

Thus, the SIFs at the interface crack front are defined as

$$
\left\{\begin{array}{l}
K_{\mathrm{I}}=\lim _{\rho \rightarrow 0} \sqrt{2 \pi \rho} \sigma_{z z}(-\rho, 0,0)  \tag{31}\\
K_{\mathrm{II}}=\lim _{\rho \rightarrow 0} \sqrt{2 \pi \rho} \sigma_{z x}(-\rho, 0,0) \\
K_{\mathrm{III}}=\lim _{\rho \rightarrow 0} \sqrt{2 \pi \rho} \sigma_{y z}(-\rho, 0,0)
\end{array}\right.
$$

Inserting Eq. (30) into Eq. (31) yields

$$
\left\{\begin{array}{l}
K_{\mathrm{I}}=\sqrt{2 \pi} \pi\left(2(1-v) \vartheta_{2}-\vartheta_{1}\right) \lim _{\rho \rightarrow 0}\left\|u_{z}\right\| / \sqrt{\rho}  \tag{32}\\
K_{\mathrm{II}}=\sqrt{2 \pi} \pi\left((1-2 v) \vartheta_{5}-\vartheta_{4}\right) \lim _{\rho \rightarrow 0}\left\|u_{x}\right\| / \sqrt{\rho} \\
K_{\mathrm{III}}=-\sqrt{2 \pi} \pi \vartheta_{3} \lim _{\rho \rightarrow 0}\left\|u_{y}\right\| / \sqrt{\rho}
\end{array}\right.
$$

where $\rho$ denotes the distance to the crack front.
Based on the virtual crack closure method, one can derive the local ERR using the tractions and displacements ahead of the crack front ${ }^{[41]}$

$$
\begin{equation*}
G=\lim _{\Delta S \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{2 \Delta S} \int_{\Delta S}\left(\sigma_{z x}\left\|u_{x}\right\|+\sigma_{y z}\left\|u_{y}\right\|+\sigma_{z z}\left\|u_{z}\right\|\right) \mathrm{d} S \tag{33}
\end{equation*}
$$

and one obtains the final expressions of $G$ in terms of SIFs as

$$
\begin{equation*}
G=\frac{1}{8 \pi}\left(\frac{K_{\mathrm{I}}^{2}}{2(1-v) \vartheta_{2}-\vartheta_{1}}+\frac{K_{\mathrm{II}}^{2}}{(1-2 v) \vartheta_{5}-\vartheta_{4}}-\frac{K_{\mathrm{III}}^{2}}{\vartheta_{3}}\right) . \tag{34}
\end{equation*}
$$

Here, the ERR $G$ is related to three modes of SIFs, which can comprehensively reflect the fracture behavior.

## 7 Displacement discontinuity boundary element method

Let us consider an interface crack discretized into $N$ rectangular elements. The displacement discontinuities are uniformly distributed within each element. Using the fundamental solutions from Eq. (25), we have

$$
\begin{align*}
-p_{x}\left(x_{i}, y_{i}\right) & =\sum_{e=1}^{N}\left(G_{11}\left\|u_{x}^{e}\right\|+G_{12}\left\|u_{y}^{e}\right\|+G_{13}\left\|u_{z}^{e}\right\|\right)  \tag{35a}\\
-p_{y}\left(x_{i}, y_{i}\right) & =\sum_{e=1}^{N}\left(G_{12}\left\|u_{x}^{e}\right\|+G_{22}\left\|u_{y}^{e}\right\|+G_{23}\left\|u_{z}^{e}\right\|\right)  \tag{35b}\\
-p_{z}\left(x_{i}, y_{i}\right) & =\sum_{e=1}^{N}\left(G_{31}\left\|u_{x}^{e}\right\|+G_{32}\left\|u_{y}^{e}\right\|+G_{33}\left\|u_{z}^{e}\right\|\right) \tag{35c}
\end{align*}
$$

where $i=1,2,3, \cdots, N$, and $p_{x}, p_{y}$, and $p_{z}$ are the prescribed phonon tractions on crack faces. There are totally $3 N$ equations and $3 N$ corresponding discontinuities for a crack. After solving these linear algebraic equations, displacement discontinuities for each element can be obtained, and then stresses of a given point. Thus, the proposed displacement discontinuity boundary element method is flexible and suitable for complicated multi-crack problems with complex boundary conditions and geometries.

The displacement discontinuities close to the crack tip can be extrapolated by fitting the calculated results of elements near the crack front as

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left\|u_{i}\right\|=\beta_{1}^{i} \rho^{1 / 2}+\beta_{2}^{i} \rho^{3 / 2}, \quad i=x, y, z \tag{36}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $\beta_{1}^{i}$ and $\beta_{2}^{i}$ are fitting coefficients, and $\rho$ denotes the distance of a field point from the crack tip. Then, by substituting Eq. (36) into Eq. (32), the SIFs become

$$
\left\{\begin{array}{l}
K_{\mathrm{I}}=\sqrt{2 \pi} \pi\left(2(1-v) \vartheta_{2}-\vartheta_{1}\right) \beta_{1}^{z}  \tag{37}\\
K_{\mathrm{II}}=\sqrt{2 \pi} \pi\left(2(1-v) \vartheta_{5}-\vartheta_{4}\right) \beta_{1}^{x} \\
K_{\mathrm{III}}=-\sqrt{2 \pi} \pi \vartheta_{3} \beta_{1}^{y}
\end{array}\right.
$$

Based on Eq. (34), the ERR can be calculated by fitting coefficients as

$$
\begin{equation*}
G=\frac{\pi^{2}}{4}\left(\left(2(1-v) \vartheta_{2}-\vartheta_{1}\right)\left(\beta_{1}^{z}\right)^{2}+\left((1-2 v) \vartheta_{5}-\vartheta_{4}\right)\left(\beta_{1}^{x}\right)^{2}-\vartheta_{3}\left(\beta_{1}^{y}\right)^{2}\right) \tag{38}
\end{equation*}
$$

## 8 Results and discussion

In simulations, two kinds of 1D hexagonal QCs (QC1 and QC 2 ) are selected, with relevant material constants ${ }^{[42]}$. The substrate material is aluminum (Al), and its shear modulus and Poisson's ratio are 30.5 GPa and 0.33 , respectively. The displacement discontinuities, SIFs, and ERR are normalized by $h, p_{z} \sqrt{\pi h}$, and $p_{z} h$, respectively.

First, a rectangular interface crack with length $L_{1}$ and width $L_{2}$ under uniform tractions is studied. As shown in the calculation, the maximum values of SIFs and ERR all occur at the middle of the crack edge. Therefore, the middle points of four sides $A, B, C$, and $D$ are selected to represent SIFs and ERR of the crack, and their positions are seen in Fig. 4. A rectangular crack is discretized by $n_{1} \times n_{2}$ elements, where $n_{1}$ and $n_{2}$ are the numbers of discrete elements along the crack length and width, respectively.

### 8.1 Convergence analysis and validation of numerical simulation

First, the convergence is analyzed. The elements with $19 \times 19,39 \times 39$, and $49 \times 49$ are respectively used to discretize a rectangular interface crack. As shown in Fig. 5, high precision can already be reached with $39 \times 39$ elements. Meanwhile, to verify the proposed boundary element method (BEM), the results are compared with simulations by COMSOL software. Based on the comparison of crack opening displacement distribution, it is shown that the relevant results are consistent with each other, which to some extent confirms the proposed method.


Fig. 4 Schematic representation of rectangular crack at interface (color online)


Fig. 5 Normalized displacement discontinuity $\left\|u_{z}\right\|$ along $y=L_{2} / 2$ of crack with fixed ratios of $L_{1} / h=2$ and $L_{1} / L_{2}=1$ for different element numbers (color online)

### 8.2 Normalized displacement discontinuity distribution under different loads

As observed in Fig. 6, the displacement discontinuity $\left\|u_{x}\right\|$ is symmetric along $y=L_{2} / 2$ and anti-symmetric along $x=L_{1} / 2$, while the symmetry of $\left\|u_{y}\right\|$ is in contrast, and $\left\|u_{z}\right\|$ is symmetric along both. It is obvious that the induced $\left\|u_{z}\right\|$ is one order of magnitude higher than $\left\|u_{z}\right\|$ and $\left\|u_{y}\right\|$. For mixed loads, the distribution of discontinuities will be more complex.

### 8.3 Influence of ratio, material mismatch, and crack length-width ratio

As shown in Fig. 7, the absolute values of SIFs and ERR increase with increasing $L_{1} / h$. The variation tendencies of SIFs are different, especially for $K_{\text {II }}$ with negative values, meaning that the direction is opposite to the definition direction. As a comprehensive fracture parameter, $G$ is an embodiment of $K_{\mathrm{I}}, K_{\mathrm{II}}$, and $K_{\mathrm{III}}$, which can better reflect the fracture behavior of cracks than a single SIF. In addition, the material mismatch also has an important influence on the fracture behavior. Although there are no phason tractions applied, the influence by a phason


Fig. 6 Normalized displacement discontinuities on a crack with $L_{1} / h=2$ and $L_{1} / L_{2}=1$ for QC1 coating under $p_{z}=10 \mathrm{MPa}$ (color online)
field cannot be ignored, because different QC materials possess obvious discrepant SIFs and ERRs.

The effect of length-width ratio of rectangular crack $L_{2} / L_{1}$ on the fracture is also studied. As shown in Fig. 8 , when $L_{2} / L_{1}$ is less than 1 , the values of $K_{\mathrm{I}}$ at points $A, B, C$, and $D$ all increase with the increasing of $L_{2} / L_{1}$. When $L_{2} / L_{1}=1, K_{\mathrm{I}}$ at points $A$ and $C$ is equal, while that at points $B$ and $D$ is equal. As $L_{2} / L_{1}$ continues to increase, $K_{\mathrm{I}}$ at points $C$ and $D$


Fig. 7 Normalized SIFs and ERR at midpoints of crack sides versus the ratio $L_{1} / h$ for different material mismatches with $L_{1}=L_{2}$ under $p_{x}=10 \mathrm{MPa}, p_{y}=10 \mathrm{MPa}$, and $p_{z}=50 \mathrm{MPa}$ (color online)


Fig. 8 Normalized SIFs and ERR at midpoints of crack sides versus the ratio $L_{2} / L_{1}$ under $p_{x}=$ $50 \mathrm{MPa}, p_{y}=50 \mathrm{MPa}$, and $p_{z}=10 \mathrm{MPa}$ (color online)
increases slightly and is basically stable after 2.5 , while $K_{\mathrm{I}}$ decreases at point $A$ and increases at point $B$, and they gradually tend to be stable. In addition, $K_{\mathrm{II}}, K_{\mathrm{III}}$, and $G$ at points $A, B$, $C$, and $D$ all increase and tend to be stable with the increase of $L_{2} / L_{1}$. When $L_{2} / L_{1}<1$, their values at points $C$ and $D$ are larger than those at points $A$ and $B$, while when $L_{2} / L_{1}>1$, their values at points $A$ and $B$ are larger than those at points $C$ and $D$. When $L_{2} / L_{1}>1$, point $B$ is the most dangerous among four points, followed by point $A$, and points $C$ and $D$ are close and safest. Here, the effect of length-width ratio shows that, a planar crack in a 3D problem cannot be simply reduced as a line crack in a 2D case. In general cases, a 3D mathematical model can better reflect the actual working condition, and a reduced 2D problem cannot mirror an overall fracture performance precisely.

### 8.4 Influence of applied loads

As shown in Fig. $9, K_{\text {I }}$ and $K_{\text {II }}$ at points $A$ and $B$ and $K_{\text {III }}$ at points $C$ and $D$ are not related to $p_{y}$. Only $K_{\mathrm{I}}$ and $K_{\mathrm{II}}$ at points $C$ and $D$ and $K_{\mathrm{III}}$ at points $A$ and $B$ change linearly with $p_{y}$, and they are not only related to the applied value of $p_{y}$, but also to its direction. Meanwhile, the ERR increases nonlinearly with the increase of $p_{y}$, and the relative value of loads may change the most dangerous points. When $p_{y}$ is large enough compared to $p_{x}$ and $p_{z}$, points $A$ and $B$ are more dangerous than points $C$ and $D$.


Fig. 9 Normalized SIFs and ERR at midpoints of crack sides versus $p_{y}$ under $p_{x}=10 \mathrm{MPa}$ and $p_{z}=50 \mathrm{MPa}$ (color online)

## 9 Conclusions

In this paper, the displacement discontinuity method has been extended to study the 3D interfacial cracks in a 1D hexagonal QC coating structure. The fundamental solutions of concentrated displacement discontinuities are derived, and the boundary integral-differential equations
are constructed for an arbitrarily shaped crack. A corresponding boundary element method is proposed, and Green's functions of rectangular element with uniform displacement discontinuities are derived. Several main conclusions are drawn.
(i) Different from a 2D problem, the 3D interface crack problem of QC coating is more complex, which can reflect the actual working situation.
(ii) When the ratio of crack size to coating thickness grows, SIFs and ERR increase, and the rectangular crack expands to be circular.
(iii) The material mismatch, applied loads, and crack shape exhibit a significant influence on the interfacial fracture of QC coating.

The present work lays a foundation for the further 3D fracture analysis of QC and other intelligent materials with coating structures.

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## Appendix A Fundamental solution for concentrated $\left\|u_{y}\right\|=\delta$

When $\left\|u_{y}\right\|=\delta$ is applied at the interfacial point $(\zeta, \eta, 0)$, the boundary conditions are

$$
\begin{align*}
& \left\{\begin{array}{l}
u_{r}^{+}-u_{r}^{-}=\delta \sin \phi, \quad u_{\phi}^{+}-u_{\phi}^{-}=\delta \cos \phi, \\
u_{z}^{+}=u_{z}^{-}, \quad \sigma_{z z}^{+}=\sigma_{z z}^{-}, \quad \sigma_{z r}^{+}=\sigma_{z r}^{-}, \quad \sigma_{z \phi}^{+}=\sigma_{z \phi}^{-}, \quad H_{z z}^{+}=0 \quad \text { for } \quad z=0,
\end{array}\right.  \tag{A1a}\\
& \sigma_{z z}^{+}=0, \quad \sigma_{z r}^{+}=0, \quad \sigma_{z \phi}^{+}=0, \quad H_{z z}^{+}=0 \quad \text { for } \quad z=h . \tag{A1b}
\end{align*}
$$

Based on the first-order Hankel transform technique, the potential functions are assumed as

$$
\begin{align*}
& \Psi_{0}=\int_{0}^{\infty}\left(B_{1} \mathrm{e}^{\xi z_{0}}+B_{2} \mathrm{e}^{-\xi z_{0}}\right) J_{1}(\xi r) \mathrm{d} \xi \cdot \cos \phi,  \tag{A2a}\\
& \Psi_{j}=\int_{0}^{\infty}\left(B_{2 j+1} \mathrm{e}^{\xi z_{j}}+B_{2 j+2} \mathrm{e}^{-\xi z_{j}}\right) J_{1}(\xi r) \mathrm{d} \xi \cdot \sin \phi \quad \text { for } j=1,2,3  \tag{A2b}\\
& \psi_{0}=\int_{0}^{\infty} C_{0} \mathrm{e}^{\xi z} J_{1}(\xi r) \mathrm{d} \xi \cdot \cos \phi,  \tag{A2c}\\
& \psi_{j}=\int_{0}^{\infty} C_{j} \mathrm{e}^{\xi z} J_{1}(\xi r) \mathrm{d} \xi \cdot \sin \phi \quad \text { for } j=1,2, \tag{A2d}
\end{align*}
$$

where $\cos \phi=(x-\zeta) / r$, and $\sin \phi=(y-\eta) / r$. Inserting Eq. (A2) into Eqs. (3b) and (7b), and then substituting them into Eq. (A1), all the coefficients can be obtained, namely,

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
B_{j}=B_{j}^{*}(\ell), & j=1 \sim 8 \\
C_{0}=C_{0}^{*}(\ell), & C_{1}=C_{1}^{*}(\ell), \quad C_{2}=C_{2}^{*}(\ell) \xi \tag{A3b}
\end{array}
$$

Similarly, when the Hankel transform parameter $\xi$ approaches a sufficiently large value $\xi_{0}$, we have the following limit values:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\vartheta_{3}=\lim _{\ell \rightarrow 0} C_{0}, \quad \vartheta_{4}=\lim _{\ell \rightarrow 0} C_{1}, \quad \vartheta_{5} \xi=\lim _{\ell \rightarrow 0} C_{2} . \tag{A4}
\end{equation*}
$$

Then, one obtains the potential functions in substrate as

$$
\left\{\begin{array}{l}
\psi_{0}=\vartheta_{3} \frac{1}{r}\left(1+\frac{z}{R}\right) \cdot \cos \phi+\int_{0}^{\xi_{0}}\left(C_{0}-\vartheta_{3}\right) \mathrm{e}^{\xi z} J_{1}(\xi r) \mathrm{d} \xi \cdot \cos \phi  \tag{A5}\\
\psi_{1}=\vartheta_{4} \frac{1}{r}\left(1+\frac{z}{R}\right) \cdot \sin \phi+\int_{0}^{\xi_{0}}\left(C_{1}-\vartheta_{4}\right) \mathrm{e}^{\xi z} J_{1}(\xi r) \mathrm{d} \xi \cdot \sin \phi \\
\psi_{2}=\vartheta_{5} \frac{r}{R^{3}} \cdot \sin \phi+\int_{0}^{\xi_{0}}\left(C_{2}-\vartheta_{5} \xi\right) \mathrm{e}^{\xi z} J_{1}(\xi r) \mathrm{d} \xi \cdot \sin \phi
\end{array}\right.
$$

Inserting Eq. (A5) into general solutions, the induced stresses in substrate are

$$
\left\{\begin{align*}
\Xi_{4}= & \sigma_{z z}=-3\left(\vartheta_{4}-2(1-v) \vartheta_{5}\right) \frac{y z}{R^{5}}+15 \vartheta_{5} \frac{y z^{3}}{R^{7}}+T_{7}+z T_{8},  \tag{A6}\\
\Xi_{5}= & \sigma_{z x}=3\left(\frac{1}{2} \vartheta_{3}-\vartheta_{4}+(1-2 v) \vartheta_{5}\right) \frac{x y}{R^{5}}+15 \vartheta_{5} \frac{x y z^{2}}{R^{7}}+T_{9}+z T_{10} \\
\Xi_{6}= & \sigma_{y z}=\left(\vartheta_{4}-\vartheta_{3}-(1-2 v) \vartheta_{5}\right) \frac{1}{R^{3}}+3\left(\frac{1}{2} \vartheta_{3}-\vartheta_{4}+(1-2 v) \vartheta_{5}\right) \frac{y^{2}}{R^{5}} \\
& +3\left(\frac{1}{2} \vartheta_{3}-\vartheta_{5}\right) \frac{z^{2}}{R^{5}}+15 \vartheta_{5} \frac{y^{2} z^{2}}{R^{7}}+T_{11}+z T_{12},
\end{align*}\right.
$$

where

$$
\left\{\begin{align*}
T_{7} & =\int_{0}^{\xi_{0}}\left(\left(C_{1}-\vartheta_{4}\right) \xi-2(1-v)\left(C_{2}-\vartheta_{5} \xi\right)\right) \xi \mathrm{e}^{\xi z} J_{1}(\xi r) \mathrm{d} \xi \cdot \sin \phi  \tag{A7}\\
T_{8} & =\int_{0}^{\xi_{0}}\left(C_{2}-\vartheta_{5} \xi\right) \xi^{2} \mathrm{e}^{\xi z} J_{1}(\xi r) \mathrm{d} \xi \cdot \sin \phi \\
T_{9} & =\int_{0}^{\xi_{0}}\left(\frac{1}{2}\left(C_{0}-\vartheta_{3}\right) \xi-\left(C_{1}-\vartheta_{4}\right) \xi+(1-2 v)\left(C_{2}-\vartheta_{5} \xi\right)\right) \xi \mathrm{e}^{\xi z} J_{2}(\xi r) \mathrm{d} \xi \cdot \sin \phi \cos \phi, \\
T_{10} & =-\int_{0}^{\xi_{0}}\left(C_{2}-\vartheta_{5} \xi\right) \xi^{2} \mathrm{e}^{\xi z} J_{2}(\xi r) \mathrm{d} \xi \cdot \sin \phi \cos \phi \\
T_{11} & =\frac{1}{2} \int_{0}^{\xi_{0}}\left(\frac{1}{2}\left(C_{0}-\vartheta_{3}\right) \xi+\left(C_{1}-\vartheta_{4}\right) \xi-(1-2 v)\left(C_{2}-\vartheta_{5} \xi\right)\right) \xi \mathrm{e}^{\xi z} J_{0}(\xi r) \mathrm{d} \xi \\
& -\frac{1}{2} \int_{0}^{\xi_{0}}\left(\frac{1}{2}\left(C_{0}-\vartheta_{3}\right) \xi-\left(C_{1}-\vartheta_{4}\right) \xi+(1-2 v)\left(C_{2}-\vartheta_{5} \xi\right)\right) \xi \mathrm{e}^{\xi z} J_{2}(\xi r) \mathrm{d} \xi \cdot \cos (2 \phi), \\
T_{12} & =\frac{1}{2} \int_{0}^{\xi_{0}}\left(C_{2}-\vartheta_{5} \xi\right) \xi^{2} \mathrm{e}^{\xi z} J_{0}(\xi r) \mathrm{d} \xi+\frac{1}{2} \int_{0}^{\xi_{0}}\left(C_{2}-\vartheta_{5} \xi\right) \xi^{2} \mathrm{e}^{\xi z} J_{2}(\xi r) \mathrm{d} \xi \cdot \cos (2 \phi)
\end{align*}\right.
$$

Appendix B Fundamental solution for concentrated $\left\|u_{x}\right\|=\delta$
When $\left\|u_{x}\right\|=\delta$ is applied, the corresponding boundary conditions are

$$
\begin{align*}
& \left\{\begin{array}{l}
u_{r}^{+}-u_{r}^{-}=\delta(r) \cos \phi, \quad u_{\phi}^{+}-u_{\phi}^{-}=\delta(r) \sin \phi, \\
u_{z}^{+}-u_{z}^{-}=0, \quad \sigma_{z z}^{+}-\sigma_{z z}^{-}=0, \quad \sigma_{z r}^{+}-\sigma_{z r}^{-}=0, \\
\sigma_{z \phi}^{+}-\sigma_{z \phi}^{-}=0, \quad H_{z z}^{+}=0 \quad \text { for } \quad z=0,
\end{array}\right.  \tag{B1a}\\
& \sigma_{z z}^{+}=0, \quad \sigma_{z r}^{+}=0, \quad \sigma_{z \phi}^{+}=0, \quad H_{z z}^{+}=0 \quad \text { for } \quad z=h . \tag{B1b}
\end{align*}
$$

By simply converting trigonometric functions, potential functions can be assumed as

$$
\left\{\begin{array}{l}
\psi_{0}=-\vartheta_{3} \frac{1}{r}\left(1+\frac{z}{R}\right) \cdot \sin \phi-\int_{0}^{\xi_{0}}\left(C_{0}-\vartheta_{3}\right) \mathrm{e}^{\xi z} J_{1}(\xi r) \mathrm{d} \xi \cdot \sin \phi  \tag{B2}\\
\psi_{1}=\vartheta_{4} \frac{1}{r}\left(1+\frac{z}{R}\right) \cdot \sin \phi+\int_{0}^{\xi_{0}}\left(C_{1}-\vartheta_{4}\right) \mathrm{e}^{\xi z} J_{1}(\xi r) \mathrm{d} \xi \cdot \cos \phi \\
\psi_{2}=\vartheta_{5} \frac{r}{R^{3}} \cdot \cos \phi+\int_{0}^{\xi_{0}}\left(C_{2}-\vartheta_{5} \xi\right) \mathrm{e}^{\xi z} J_{1}(\xi r) \mathrm{d} \xi \cdot \cos \phi
\end{array}\right.
$$

Then, the stresses of an arbitrary point $(x, y, z)$ in substrate are obtained as

$$
\left\{\begin{align*}
& \Xi_{7}= \sigma_{z z}=-3\left(\vartheta_{4}-(1-2 v) \vartheta_{5}\right) \frac{x z}{R^{5}}+15 \vartheta_{5} \frac{x z^{3}}{R^{7}}+T_{13}+z T_{14},  \tag{B3}\\
& \Xi \Xi_{8}= \\
& \sigma_{z x}=\left(\vartheta_{4}-\vartheta_{3}-(1-2 v) \vartheta_{5}\right) \frac{1}{R^{3}}+3\left(\frac{1}{2} \vartheta_{3}-\vartheta_{4}+(1-2 v) \vartheta_{5}\right) \frac{x^{2}}{R^{5}} \\
&+3\left(\frac{1}{2} \vartheta_{3}-\vartheta_{5}\right) \frac{z^{2}}{R^{5}}+15 \vartheta_{5} \frac{x^{2} z^{2}}{R^{7}}+T_{15}+z T_{16} \\
& \Xi_{9}= \sigma_{y z}=3\left(\frac{1}{2} \vartheta_{3}-\vartheta_{4}+(1-2 v) \vartheta_{5}\right) \frac{x y}{R^{5}}+15 \vartheta_{5} \frac{x y z^{2}}{R^{7}}+T_{9}+z T_{10}
\end{align*}\right.
$$

where the arisen functions are defined as

$$
\left\{\begin{align*}
& T_{13}= \int_{0}^{\xi_{0}}\left(\left(C_{1}-\vartheta_{4}\right) \xi-2(1-v)\left(C_{2}-\vartheta_{5} \xi\right)\right) \xi \mathrm{e}^{\xi z} J_{1}(\xi r) \mathrm{d} \xi \cdot \cos \phi  \tag{B4}\\
& T_{14}(r, \phi, z)=\int_{0}^{\xi_{0}}\left(C_{2}-\vartheta_{5} \xi\right) \xi^{2} \mathrm{e}^{\xi z} J_{1}(\xi r) \mathrm{d} \xi \cdot \cos \phi \\
& T_{15}= \frac{1}{2} \int_{0}^{\xi_{0}}\left(\frac{1}{2}\left(C_{0}-\vartheta_{3}\right) \xi+\left(C_{1}-\vartheta_{4}\right) \xi-(1-2 v)\left(C_{2}-\vartheta_{5} \xi\right)\right) \xi \mathrm{e}^{\xi z} J_{0}(\xi r) \mathrm{d} \xi \\
&+\frac{1}{2} \int_{0}^{\xi_{0}}\left(\frac{1}{2}\left(C_{0}-\vartheta_{3}\right) \xi-\left(C_{1}-\vartheta_{4}\right) \xi+(1-2 v)\left(C_{2}-\vartheta_{5} \xi\right)\right) \xi \mathrm{e}^{\xi z} J_{2}(\xi r) \mathrm{d} \xi \cdot \cos (2 \phi) \\
& T_{16}= \frac{1}{2} \int_{0}^{\xi_{0}}\left(C_{2}-\vartheta_{5} \xi\right) \xi^{2} \mathrm{e}^{\xi z} J_{0}(\xi r) \mathrm{d} \xi-\frac{1}{2} \int_{0}^{\xi_{0}}\left(C_{2}-\vartheta_{5} \xi\right) \xi^{2} \mathrm{e}^{\xi z} J_{2}(\xi r) \mathrm{d} \xi \cdot \cos (2 \phi)
\end{align*}\right.
$$


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