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Abstract

Wavelet transform (WT) is one of the popular methods for signal processing in various fields of engineering. In the field of structural engineering, defects like generation and growth of cracks, yielding, failure of bonds, fibre failure etc. is a major cause of concern from the view point of serviceability and economy. Such defects emit transient elastic stress waves in solids. These waves are known as Acoustic Emission (AE) waves and the defects may be called as AE source. Analysis of the

AE waves, which are recorded by AE sensors, are often done for localisation of AE source with the help of WT. Authors previously established a method to localise the damage in plates using WT. However, the localisation process is very useful for large plates. In the present study, the established method is checked for effectiveness of localising defect/AE source in small plates. Experimental tests are conducted using small rectangular plates to localise simulated AE source using WT, Lamb modes and dispersion relation of plates. The result shows, due to edge reflection of AE waves, localisation in small plates is more complex than that in large plates and more study is needed to enhance the effectiveness of the method for small plates.

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