## Fracture Mechanics, Damage and Fatigue Linear Elastic Fracture Mechanics – Stress Intensity Factor (SIF)

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Linear Elastic Fracture Mechanics (LEFM)



Asymptotic solution governed by stress intensity factors



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- Cracked body: summary
  - Potential energy  $\Pi_T = E_{int} Qu$
  - Crack closure integral
    - Energy required to close crack tip

$$\Delta \Pi_T = \int_{\Delta A} \int_{\boldsymbol{u}}^{\boldsymbol{u} + \Delta \boldsymbol{u}} \boldsymbol{t} \cdot [\boldsymbol{u}'] d\boldsymbol{u}' dA$$

- Energy release rate \_
  - Variation of potential energy in case of crack growth

$$G = -\partial_{\rm A} \left( E_{\rm int} - W_{\rm ext} \right) = -\partial_{A} \Delta \Pi_{T}$$

In linear elasticity •

$$G = -\partial_A \Delta \Pi_T = -\lim_{\Delta A \to 0} \frac{1}{\Delta A} \int_{\Delta A} \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{t}^{\mathbf{0}} \cdot \left[\!\left[ \Delta \mathbf{u} \right]\!\right] dA$$



In linear elasticity & if crack grows straight ahead \_

$$G = \frac{K_I^2}{E'} + \frac{K_{II}^2}{E'} + \frac{K_{III}^2}{2\mu} \qquad E' = \frac{4E}{(1+\nu)(\kappa+1)} = \begin{cases} E & P\sigma \\ \frac{E}{1-\nu^2} & P\varepsilon \end{cases}$$







- Cracked body: summary
  - J-integral
    - Strain energy flow

$$J = \int_{\Gamma} \left[ U\left(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}\right) \boldsymbol{n}_{x} - \boldsymbol{u}_{,x} \cdot \boldsymbol{T} \right] dl$$

- Exists if an internal potential exists
  - Is path independent if the contour  $\Gamma$  embeds a straight crack tip
  - No assumption on subsequent growth direction
  - Can be extended to plasticity if no unloading (see later)
- If crack grows straight ahead  $\implies$  G=J
- In linear elasticity (independently of crack growth direction):

$$J = \frac{K_I^2}{E'} + \frac{K_{II}^2}{E'} + \frac{K_{III}^2}{2\mu} \qquad E' = \frac{4E}{(1+\nu)(\kappa+1)} = \begin{cases} E & P\sigma \\ \frac{E}{1-\nu^2} & P\varepsilon \end{cases}$$







• Cracked body: different concepts

# Structural properties

- Depend on geometry
- Depend on loading conditions
- Different related concepts
  - Stress intensity factors
  - Energy release rate
  - J-integral
- How to evaluate them?

# Material properties

- Depend on environmental conditions
- Different related concepts
  - Toughness
  - Fracture energy
  - Resistance curves
- How to measure them?

- Crack propagation criterion
  - Structural property < Material property: OK</li>
  - Structural property > Material property: What happens?





- Computation of the SIFs
  - Analytical methods (for LEFM)
    - Full field solution (see next slides)
      - Limited to infinite planes
      - SIFs obtained from asymptotic limit
    - Superposition
      - Of existing solutions
    - Energetic approach (see previous lecture)
      - Related to Griffith's work
  - Numerical
    - Collocation method (no more used)
    - FFM
      - Capture asymptotic solutions
      - Energetic approach
      - J integral
  - Experimental
    - Normalized experiments
    - Strain Gauge Method
    - DIC
  - Use of SIF handbook

(http://ebooks.asmedigitalcollection.asme.org/book.aspx?bookid=230)





- Reminder: method in linear elasticity
  - Problem is governed by the bi-harmonic equation  $\nabla^2 \nabla^2 \Phi\left(\zeta, \bar{\zeta}\right) = 0$
  - One solution of this equation has the form  $\Phi = \frac{\bar{\zeta}\Omega + \zeta\bar{\Omega} + \omega + \bar{\omega}}{2}$

where  $\omega(\zeta)$  and  $\Omega(\zeta)$  are functions to be defined so that

• The stress field

$$\begin{cases} \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{xx} = \Omega' + \bar{\Omega}' - \frac{\bar{\zeta}\Omega'' + \omega'' + \zeta\bar{\Omega}'' + \bar{\omega}''}{2} \\ \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{yy} = \Omega' + \bar{\Omega}' + \frac{\bar{\zeta}\Omega'' + \omega'' + \zeta\bar{\Omega}'' + \bar{\omega}''}{2} \\ \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{xy} = i\frac{\zeta\bar{\Omega}'' + \bar{\omega}'' - \bar{\zeta}\Omega'' - \omega''}{2} \end{cases}$$

• The displacement field

$$\boldsymbol{u} = -\frac{1+\nu}{E} \left( \zeta \bar{\Omega}' + \bar{\omega}' - \kappa \Omega \left( \zeta \right) \right) \quad \begin{cases} \kappa = \frac{3-\nu}{1+\nu} & \text{Plane } \sigma \\ \kappa = 3 - 4\nu & \text{Plane } \epsilon \end{cases}$$

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satisfy the BCs





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### • Westergaard solution

- Full field solution of a crack submitted to traction
  - Infinite plane
  - Mode I:  $t = t_y e_2$ , and  $t_y (-x) = t_y (x)$ ,  $t_y (-y) = -t_y (y)$
- Westergaard approach for mode I
  - Since  $\sigma_{xy} = i \frac{\zeta \bar{\Omega}'' + \bar{\omega}'' \bar{\zeta} \Omega'' \omega''}{2}$

and since for mode I, one should have









### • Westergaard solution (2)

- Westergaard solution for mode I (2)
  - The general stress/displacement fields read

$$\begin{cases} \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{xx} = \boldsymbol{\Omega}' + \bar{\boldsymbol{\Omega}}' - \frac{\bar{\zeta}\boldsymbol{\Omega}'' + \boldsymbol{\omega}'' + \zeta \bar{\boldsymbol{\Omega}}'' + \bar{\boldsymbol{\omega}}''}{2} \\ \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{yy} = \boldsymbol{\Omega}' + \bar{\boldsymbol{\Omega}}' + \frac{\bar{\zeta}\boldsymbol{\Omega}'' + \boldsymbol{\omega}'' + \zeta \bar{\boldsymbol{\Omega}}'' + \bar{\boldsymbol{\omega}}''}{2} \\ \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{xy} = i \frac{\zeta \bar{\boldsymbol{\Omega}}'' + \bar{\boldsymbol{\omega}}'' - \bar{\zeta}\boldsymbol{\Omega}'' - \boldsymbol{\omega}''}{2} \\ \boldsymbol{u} = -\frac{1+\nu}{E} \left(\zeta \bar{\boldsymbol{\Omega}}' + \bar{\boldsymbol{\omega}}' - \kappa \boldsymbol{\Omega} \left(\zeta\right)\right) \end{cases}$$



• Using  $\omega'' = -\zeta \Omega''$  they become

$$\begin{cases} \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{xx} = 2\mathcal{R}\left(\Omega'\right) - 2y\mathcal{I}\left(\Omega''\right) \\ \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{yy} = 2\mathcal{R}\left(\Omega'\right) + 2y\mathcal{I}\left(\Omega''\right) \\ \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{xy} = -y2\mathcal{R}\left(\Omega''\right) \\ \boldsymbol{u}_{x} = \mathcal{R}\left(\boldsymbol{u}\right) = \frac{1+\nu}{E}\left[\left(\kappa-1\right)\mathcal{R}\left(\Omega\right) - 2y\mathcal{I}\left(\Omega'\right) - \mathcal{R}\left(C\right)\right] \\ \boldsymbol{u}_{y} = \mathcal{I}\left(\boldsymbol{u}\right) = \frac{1+\nu}{E}\left[\left(\kappa+1\right)\mathcal{I}\left(\Omega\right) - 2y\mathcal{R}\left(\Omega'\right) + \mathcal{I}\left(C\right)\right] \end{cases}$$



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• Solution  $\Omega(x \ge 0)$  satisfying the BCs for a uniform traction (see next slides)

$$\Omega' = \frac{t_y}{2} \left( \frac{\zeta}{\sqrt{\zeta^2 - a^2}} - 1 \right) \implies \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \Omega = \frac{t_y}{2} \left( \sqrt{\zeta^2 - a^2} - \zeta + C_1 \right) \\ \Omega'' = -\frac{t_y}{2} \left( \frac{a^2}{\sqrt{\zeta^2 - a^2}} \right) \end{array} \right\}$$

• NB: General solution (Sedov, 1972):  $\Omega' = -\frac{1}{2}$ 

$$\frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{\zeta^2 - a^2}} \int_{-a}^{a} \boldsymbol{t}_y\left(\xi\right) \frac{\sqrt{a^2 - \xi^2}}{\zeta - \xi} d\xi$$

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- Westergaard solution (4)
  - Check solution

- Symmetry with respect to *Ox* and *Oy* 

$$\implies \mathcal{R}(C) = \mathcal{R}(C_1) = I(C) = I(C_1) = 0$$





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- On crack lips:  $t = n \cdot \sigma = \mp \sigma_{yy} (y=0) = \mp 2 \Re(\Omega') \implies t = \pm t_y$  is satisfied



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- Westergaard solution (6)
  - Asymptotic field on crack lips

$$\begin{cases}
\Omega = \frac{t_y}{2} \left( \sqrt{\zeta^2 - a^2} - \zeta + C_1 \right) \\
u_y = \mathcal{I} \left( u \right) = \frac{1 + \nu}{E} \left[ (\kappa + 1) \mathcal{I} \left( \Omega \right) - 2y \mathcal{R} \left( \Omega' \right) + \mathcal{I} \left( C \right) \right] \\
\overset{\mathbf{n}}{\longrightarrow} \overset{\mathbf{n}}{$$

• On crack lips:  $\zeta = a - r \pm i |\varepsilon|, \varepsilon \to 0$ 

$$\implies \lim_{\theta \to \pm \pi} \Omega = \frac{t_y}{2} \left( \pm i \sqrt{a^2 - x^2} - x \right)$$

Crack Opening Displacement (COD)

$$\lim_{\theta \to \pm \pi} \boldsymbol{u}_{y} = \pm \frac{(1+\nu)(\kappa+1)\boldsymbol{t}_{y}}{2E} \sqrt{a^{2}-x^{2}}$$
$$\implies [\![\boldsymbol{u}_{y}]\!] = \frac{(1+\nu)(\kappa+1)\boldsymbol{t}_{y}}{E} \sqrt{a^{2}-x^{2}}$$



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- Westergaard solution (7)
  - Asymptotic field ahead of crack

$$\begin{cases} \Omega = \frac{t_y}{2} \left( \sqrt{\zeta^2 - a^2} - \zeta + C_1 \right) \\ \Omega' = \frac{t_y}{2} \left( \frac{\zeta}{\sqrt{\zeta^2 - a^2}} - 1 \right) \\ \Omega'' = -\frac{t_y}{2} \left( \frac{a^2}{\sqrt{\zeta^2 - a^2}} \right) \end{cases}$$
  
For  $\zeta = a + r \pm i |\varepsilon|, \varepsilon \to 0, r \to 0^+$ 



$$-\sqrt{\zeta^2 - a^2} = \sqrt{x^2 - a^2} = \sqrt{(a+r)^2 - a^2} = \sqrt{2ar + r^2} \to \sqrt{2ar}$$

$$\implies \left\{ \begin{aligned} \Omega\left(\theta=0\right) &= \frac{t_y}{2} \left(\sqrt{x^2 - a^2} - x + C_1\right) \to \frac{t_y}{2} \left(\sqrt{2ar} - a + C_1\right) \\ \Omega'\left(\theta=0\right) &= \frac{t_y}{2} \left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 - a^2}} - 1\right) \to \frac{t_y}{2} \left(\sqrt{\frac{a}{2r}} - 1\right) \\ \Omega''\left(\theta=0\right) &= -\frac{t_y}{2} \left(\frac{a^2}{\sqrt{x^2 - a^2}}\right) \to -\frac{t_y}{4r} \sqrt{\frac{a}{2r}} \end{aligned} \right\}$$



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- Westergaard solution (8)
  - Asymptotic stress field ahead of crack

$$\begin{cases} \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{xx} = 2\mathcal{R}\left(\Omega'\right) - 2y\mathcal{I}\left(\Omega''\right) \\ \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{yy} = 2\mathcal{R}\left(\Omega'\right) + 2y\mathcal{I}\left(\Omega''\right) \\ \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{xy} = -y2\mathcal{R}\left(\Omega''\right) \end{cases}$$



• For 
$$\zeta = a + r \pm i |\varepsilon|, \varepsilon \to 0, r \to 0^+$$

$$\begin{cases} \Omega\left(\theta=0\right) = \frac{t_y}{2} \left(\sqrt{x^2 - a^2} - x + C_1\right) \to \frac{t_y}{2} \left(\sqrt{2ar} - a + C_1\right) \\ \Omega'\left(\theta=0\right) = \frac{t_y}{2} \left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 - a^2}} - 1\right) \to \frac{t_y}{2} \left(\sqrt{\frac{a}{2r}} - 1\right) \\ \Omega''\left(\theta=0\right) = -\frac{t_y}{2} \left(\frac{a^2}{\sqrt{x^2 - a^2}}\right) \to -\frac{t_y}{4r} \sqrt{\frac{a}{2r}} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{xx} \left( \theta = 0 \right) = \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{yy} \left( \theta = 0 \right) = 2\mathcal{R} \left( \Omega' \right) = \boldsymbol{t}_{y} \left( \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^{2} - a^{2}}} - 1 \right) \rightarrow \boldsymbol{t}_{y} \left( \sqrt{\frac{a}{2r}} - 1 \right) \\ \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{xy} \left( \theta = 0 \right) = 0 \end{cases}$$





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- Computation of SIF by analytical method (LEFM)
  - Crack in an infinite plate under perpendicular loading
    - Elasticity > Superposition OK



• Case 1:  $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{xx} = \frac{(1+\nu)(3-\kappa)}{4E} \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{\infty} \quad \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{xx} = \frac{(1+\nu)(3-\kappa)}{4E} \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{\infty} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{xx}$  $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{yy} = \frac{(1+\nu)(1+\kappa)}{4E} \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{\infty} \quad \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{xy} = \frac{(1+\nu)(1+\kappa)}{4E} \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{\infty} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{xy}$  $\sigma_{yy} = \sigma_{\infty}$  $\sigma_{xx} = \sigma_{xy} = 0$ 

With for plane  $\sigma$ :  $\kappa = \frac{3-\nu}{1+\nu}$  & for plane  $\epsilon$ :  $\kappa = 3-4\nu$ 





- Computation of SIF by analytical method (LEFM) (2)
  - Case 2: Westergaard solution in mode I:

$$\begin{cases} \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{xx} \left( \theta = 0 \right) = \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{yy} \left( \theta = 0 \right) = 2\mathcal{R} \left( \Omega' \right) \\ = \boldsymbol{t}_{y} \left( \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^{2} - a^{2}}} - 1 \right) \rightarrow \boldsymbol{t}_{y} \left( \sqrt{\frac{a}{2r}} - 1 \right) \\ \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{xy} \left( \theta = 0 \right) = 0 \end{cases}$$









- Computation of SIF by analytical method (LEFM) (3)
  - Crack in an infinite plate under perpendicular loading
    - Full field solution from  $\Omega$  and case 1 along y = 0, for x > a

$$\sigma_{yy} = \sigma_{yy}^{\text{case I}} + \sigma_{yy}^{\text{case II}} = \sigma_{\infty} \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 - a^2}}$$

• Asymptotic solution along y = 0, for x = a + r



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- Computation of SIF by analytical method (LEFM) (4)
  - Crack in an infinite plate under perpendicular loading
    - Full field & asymptotic solution along y = 0, for x > a

$$\sigma_{yy} = \sigma_{\infty} \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 - a^2}} \rightarrow \sigma_{\infty} \sqrt{\frac{a}{2r}}$$
• In reality also limited by irreversibility
  
Zone of asymptotic  $\sigma_{yy}$  Asymptotic  $\sigma_{yy}$  is tructural response
  
 $1/r^{1/2}$ ) dominance  $response$ 
  
 $1/r^{1/2}$  do

- Computation of SIF by analytical method (LEFM) (5)
  - Crack in an infinite plate under sliding
    - Westergaard approach for mode II
      - For mode II,  $\sigma_{yy} = 0$  for y = 0

$$\implies \omega'' = -2\Omega' - \zeta \Omega''$$

- Crack subjected to a shearing  $t_x$ 

$$\Omega' = \frac{-i}{2\pi\sqrt{\zeta^2 - a^2}} \int_{-a}^{a} \mathbf{t}_x(\xi) \, \frac{\sqrt{a^2 - \xi^2}}{\zeta - \xi} d\xi$$



Applying superposition principle and  $t_x = \tau_{\infty}$ •

$$K_{II} = \lim_{r \to 0} \left( \sqrt{2\pi r} \, \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{xy}^{\text{mode II}} \big|_{\theta=0} \right) = \tau_{\infty} \sqrt{a\pi}$$







- Computation of SIF by analytical method (LEFM) (6)
  - Crack in an infinite plate under shearing
    - Stress field (see Annex 1)

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{yz} = \tau_{\infty} \mathcal{R} \left( \frac{\zeta}{\sqrt{\zeta^2 - a^2}} \right)$$

Ahead of crack tip (y = 0 and x = a + r)•

$$\sigma_{yz} = \tau_{\infty} \mathcal{R}\left(\frac{a+r}{\sqrt{r^2+2ar}}\right) \to \tau_{\infty} \sqrt{\frac{a}{2r}}$$

$$\implies K_{III} = \lim_{r \to 0} \left( \sqrt{2\pi r} \, \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{yz}^{\text{mode III}} \Big|_{\theta=0} \right) = \tau_{\infty} \sqrt{\pi a}$$

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- Evaluation of the stress Intensity Factor (SIF)
  - Analytical (crack 2a in an infinite plane)







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- Computation of SIF by analytical method (LEFM) (7)
  - Here we have obtained the SIF using the full field solution so
    - Why did we develop the asymptotic solution last time instead of using this full field solution directly?
    - Full field solution only for particular cases such as infinite plates

General case

$$\implies \begin{cases} K_I = \beta_I \sigma_\infty \sqrt{\pi a} \\ K_{II} = \beta_{II} \tau_\infty \sqrt{\pi a} \\ K_{III} = \beta_{III} \tau_\infty \sqrt{\pi a} \end{cases}$$

- $\beta_i$  depends on
  - Geometry
  - Crack length





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- Solutions from SIF handbooks (see references)
  - Obtained by using a variety of methods (analytical, numerical, ...)
    - Example: mode I for a crack in a finite plate (h/W > 3)

- General formula 
$$K_I = \sigma \sqrt{\pi a} f\left(\frac{a}{W}\right)$$

Numerical results based on Laurent expansion



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- » <5% error for a/W < 0.5
- » Irwin, 1957

» Isida, 1973

 $\begin{bmatrix} A \\ a \end{bmatrix}$ 

0.95

0.85

0.8

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- Fit of Isida's values

• <0.1% error
 f 
$$\left(\frac{a}{W}\right) = \left[1 - 0.025 \left(\frac{a}{W}\right)^2 + 0.06 \left(\frac{a}{W}\right)^4\right] \sqrt{\frac{1}{\cos \frac{\pi a}{2W}}}$$

 Tada, 1973

 $\frac{a}{W}$ 

 $f\left(\frac{a}{W}\right) = \sqrt{\frac{2W}{\pi a}} \tan \frac{\pi a}{2W}$ 



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- Finite element model: extraction from stress and displacement fields
  - Here Barsoum elements with quarter-point, see later



- Finite element model: extraction from stress and displacement fields (2)
  - Asymptotic crack tip stress and displacement fields determined by the SIF

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma}^{\text{mode i}} = \frac{K_i}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \mathbf{f}^{\text{mode i}}(\theta) \quad \& \quad \boldsymbol{u}^{\text{mode i}} = K_i \sqrt{\frac{r}{2\pi}} \boldsymbol{g}^{\text{mode i}}(\theta)$$
Stress correlation

- FEM computation
  - Extract stress field for  $\theta=0$

$$\left( \begin{array}{c} \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{xx} = \frac{K_I}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \cos\frac{\theta}{2} \left[ 1 - \sin\frac{\theta}{2} \sin\frac{3\theta}{2} \right] \\ \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{yy} = \frac{K_I}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \cos\frac{\theta}{2} \left[ 1 + \sin\frac{\theta}{2} \sin\frac{3\theta}{2} \right] \\ \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{xy} = \frac{K_I}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \cos\frac{\theta}{2} \left[ 1 + \sin\frac{\theta}{2} \sin\frac{3\theta}{2} \right] \\ \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{xy} = \frac{K_{II}}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \sin\frac{\theta}{2} \cos\frac{2\theta}{2} \cos\frac{3\theta}{2} \right] \\ \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{xy} = \frac{K_{II}}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \cos\frac{\theta}{2} \sin\frac{\theta}{2} \cos\frac{3\theta}{2} \\ \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{xy} = \frac{K_{II}}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \cos\frac{\theta}{2} \left[ 1 - \sin\frac{\theta}{2} \sin\frac{3\theta}{2} \right] \\ \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{xy} = \frac{K_{II}}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \cos\frac{\theta}{2} \left[ 1 - \sin\frac{\theta}{2} \sin\frac{3\theta}{2} \right] \\ \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{xy} = \frac{K_{II}}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \cos\frac{\theta}{2} \left[ 1 - \sin\frac{\theta}{2} \sin\frac{3\theta}{2} \right] \\ \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{xy} = \frac{K_{II}}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \cos\frac{\theta}{2} \left[ 1 - \sin\frac{\theta}{2} \sin\frac{3\theta}{2} \right] \\ \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{xy} = \frac{K_{II}}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \cos\frac{\theta}{2} \left[ 1 - \sin\frac{\theta}{2} \sin\frac{3\theta}{2} \right] \\ \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{xy} = \frac{K_{II}}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \cos\frac{\theta}{2} \left[ 1 - \sin\frac{\theta}{2} \sin\frac{3\theta}{2} \right] \\ \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{xy} = \frac{K_{II}}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \cos\frac{\theta}{2} \left[ 1 - \sin\frac{\theta}{2} \sin\frac{3\theta}{2} \right] \\ \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{xy} = \frac{K_{II}}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \cos\frac{\theta}{2} \left[ 1 - \sin\frac{\theta}{2} \sin\frac{3\theta}{2} \right] \\ \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{xy} = \frac{K_{II}}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \cos\frac{\theta}{2} \left[ 1 - \sin\frac{\theta}{2} \sin\frac{3\theta}{2} \right] \\ \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{xy} = \frac{K_{II}}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \cos\frac{\theta}{2} \left[ 1 - \sin\frac{\theta}{2} \sin\frac{3\theta}{2} \right] \\ \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{xy} = \frac{K_{II}}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \cos\frac{\theta}{2} \left[ 1 - \sin\frac{\theta}{2} \sin\frac{\theta}{2} \right] \\ \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{xy} = \frac{K_{II}}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \cos\frac{\theta}{2} \left[ 1 - \sin\frac{\theta}{2} \sin\frac{\theta}{2} \right] \\ \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{xy} = \frac{K_{II}}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \cos\frac{\theta}{2} \left[ 1 - \sin\frac{\theta}{2} \sin\frac{\theta}{2} \right] \\ \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{xy} = \frac{K_{II}}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \cos\frac{\theta}{2} \left[ 1 - \sin\frac{\theta}{2} \sin\frac{\theta}{2} \right] \\ \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{xy} = \frac{K_{II}}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \cos\frac{\theta}{2} \left[ 1 - \sin\frac{\theta}{2} \sin\frac{\theta}{2} \right] \\ \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{xy} = \frac{K_{II}}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \cos\frac{\theta}{2} \left[ 1 - \sin\frac{\theta}{2} \sin\frac{\theta}{2} \right] \\ \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{xy} = \frac{K_{II}}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \cos\frac{\theta}{2} \left[ 1 - \sin\frac{\theta}{2} \sin\frac{\theta}{2} \right] \\ \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{xy} = \frac{K_{II}}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \cos\frac{\theta}{2} \left[ 1 - \sin\frac{\theta}{2} \sin\frac{\theta}{2} \right] \\ \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{xy} = \frac{K_{II}}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \cos\frac{\theta}{2} \left[ 1 - \sin\frac{\theta}{2} \sin\frac{\theta}{2} \right] \\ \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{xy} = \frac{K_{II}}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \cos\frac{\theta}{2} \left[ 1 - \sin\frac{\theta}{2} \sin\frac{\theta}{2} \right] \\ \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{xy} = \frac{K_{II}}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \cos\frac{\theta}{2} \left[ 1 - \sin\frac{\theta}{2} \sin\frac{\theta}{2} \right] \\ \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{xy} = \frac{K_{II}}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \cos\frac{\theta}{2} \left[ 1 - \sin\frac{\theta}{2} \sin\frac{\theta}{2} \right]$$

• Extrapolate to get the SIFs

$$\begin{pmatrix} K_{I} \\ K_{II} \\ K_{III} \end{pmatrix} = \lim_{r \to 0} \sqrt{2\pi r} \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{yy}(r,0) \\ \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{xy}(r,0) \\ \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{zy}(r,0) \end{pmatrix}$$







- Finite element model: extraction from stress and displacement fields (3)
  - Asymptotic crack tip stress and displacement fields determined by the SIF

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma}^{\text{mode i}} = \frac{K_i}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \mathbf{f}^{\text{mode i}}(\theta) \quad \& \quad \boldsymbol{u}^{\text{mode i}} = K_i \sqrt{\frac{r}{2\pi}} \boldsymbol{g}^{\text{mode i}}(\theta)$$

- Displacement correlation
  - FEM computation
  - Extract stress field for  $\theta = \pi$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{u}_{x} = K_{I} \frac{1+\nu}{E} \sqrt{\frac{r}{2\pi}} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \begin{bmatrix} \kappa + 1 + 2\sin^{2}\frac{\theta}{2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{u}_{x} = K_{II} \frac{1+\nu}{E} \sqrt{\frac{r}{2\pi}} \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \begin{bmatrix} \kappa + 1 + 2\cos^{2}\frac{\theta}{2} \end{bmatrix} \\ \boldsymbol{\kappa} + 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\boldsymbol{u}_{y} = K_{I} \frac{1+\nu}{E} \sqrt{\frac{r}{2\pi}} \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \begin{bmatrix} \kappa + 1 - 2\cos^{2}\frac{\theta}{2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{u}_{y} = K_{II} \frac{1+\nu}{E} \sqrt{\frac{r}{2\pi}} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 - \kappa + 2\sin^{2}\frac{\theta}{2} \end{bmatrix} \\ \boldsymbol{\kappa} + 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\boldsymbol{u}_{z} = \frac{2K_{III}\left(1+\nu\right)}{E}\sqrt{\frac{2r}{\pi}}\sin\frac{\theta}{2}$$

• Extrapolate to get the SIFs

$$\left(\begin{array}{c}\frac{4K_{I}}{E'}\\\frac{4K_{II}}{E'}\\\frac{K_{III}}{\mu}\end{array}\right) = \lim_{r \to 0} \sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{r}} \left(\begin{array}{c}u_{y}\left(r,\pi\right)\\u_{x}\left(r,\pi\right)\\u_{z}\left(r,\pi\right)\end{array}\right) \qquad E' = \frac{4E}{\left(1+\nu\right)\left(\kappa+1\right)} = \left\{\begin{array}{cc}E & P\sigma\\\frac{E}{1-\nu^{2}} & P\varepsilon\end{array}\right.$$



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- Finite element model: extraction from stress and displacement fields (4)
  - Advantages of the method
    - Simple
    - Can be used with any FE software ٠
    - Only one post-processing to determine the 3 SIFs (if suitable loading)
    - Can be used along a crack front in 3D
    - When using displacement correlation, the field is the primary solution
  - Drawbacks
    - The accuracy is strongly dependent on the mesh refinement
    - The mesh refinement required depends on the element ability to capture the ٠ singularity at crack tip (e.g. Barsoum elements)





- Finite element model: Barsoum elements
  - Previous method requires a fine mesh since a singularity in  $r^{\frac{1}{2}}$  is not naturally captured by usual FE
  - This singularity can be captured
    - By enriching elements (as in XFEM for LEFM, see later)
    - By using Barsoum (quarter-point) elements
  - Quarter-point elements

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• Quadratic elements with some mid-nodes located at a quarter of the edge



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SIF: Numerical approaches

Finite element model: Barsoum elements (2) Quarter-point element: 1D example Shape functions  $\begin{cases} N_1 = \frac{\xi}{2} \left(\xi - 1\right) \\ N_2 = \frac{\xi}{2} \left(\xi + 1\right) \\ N_3 = \left(1 - \xi^2\right) \end{cases}$ 0.8 0.6  $N_3$ 0.4 0.2 Mapping ٠ -1 -0.2 х 0 L/4  $x(\xi) = N_i x_i = \frac{\xi L}{2} \left(\xi + 1\right) + \frac{L}{4} \left(1 - \xi^2\right) = \frac{L}{4} \left(1 + \xi\right)^2 \implies \xi(x) = \sqrt{\frac{4x}{L}} - 1$ Strain field ٠

$$u = N_i(\xi) u_i \Longrightarrow \varepsilon = \partial_x u = \partial_\xi N_i(\xi) \partial_x \xi u_i = \frac{1}{\sqrt{Lx}} N_{i,\xi} u_i$$

• So a strain field (and so for stress) in  $1/r^{\frac{1}{2}}$  can be captured





- Finite element model: Barsoum elements (3)
  - Quarter-point element: 2D example
    - Fine mesh at crack tip: mid-nodes of first ring are moved to quarter points



- Finite element model: global energy & compliance
  - For cracks growing straight ahead (if only one mode is involved)
    - *G*=*J*, and in linear elasticity  $J = \frac{K_I^2}{E'} + \frac{K_{II}^2}{E'} + \frac{K_{III}^2}{2\mu}$
    - Prescribed loading:  $G = \partial_A E_{int} |_Q^L$  (in linear elasticity)
    - Prescribed displacement:  $G = \partial_A E_{int}|_u$
  - Perform 2 computations
    - With the same loading (displacement) but with two different crack lengths  $E_{int}(a + \Delta a) E_{int}(a)$

$$G \simeq \pm \frac{E_{\text{int}}(a + \Delta a) - E_{\text{int}}(a)}{t \wedge a}$$

• Could be rewritten using compliance C in terms of the generalized loading Q

$$G \simeq Q^2 \frac{C(a + \Delta a) - C(a)}{2t\Delta a}$$
 (linear elasticity)

- Advantages
  - Simple
  - Can be used with any FE software and requires only post-processing
  - Less mesh sensitive than correlation methods as a global variable is used
- Drawbacks

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- 2 computations needed
- Only one mode (so one SIF) can be considered at a time
- In 3D, SIF variation along crack front cannot be determined



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- Finite element model: crack closure integral
  - Cracks growing straight ahead \_





For such cracks, in linear elasticity \_

$$G = \lim_{\Delta a \to 0} \frac{1}{\Delta a} \int_{\Delta a} \frac{1}{2} \sigma_{iy}^{0}(r, \theta = 0) \cdot \left[\!\left[ \Delta u_{i} (\Delta a - r, \theta = \pi) \right]\!\right] dr$$
  
Stress before crack growth Displacement jump after crack growth







- Finite element model: crack closure integral (2)
  - This integral can be computed using FE software

$$G = \lim_{\Delta a \to 0} \frac{1}{\Delta a} \int_{\Delta a} \frac{1}{2} \sigma_{iy}^{0}(r, \theta = 0) \cdot \left[ \Delta u_{i} (\Delta a - r, \theta = \pi) \right] dr$$

- Nodal release •
  - First computation: nodes *j* on both crack lips are constrained together





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- Finite element model: crack closure integral (3) ۲
  - Advantage
    - Requires only post processing
  - Drawbacks \_
    - If the crack is not a line of symmetry, the node displacements have to be • constrained (using Lagrange multipliers e.g.)
    - Two computations are needed (can be improved using modified nodal release) •





- Direct computation of *J*-integral
  - For linear elasticity

$$J = \int_{\Gamma} \left[ U\left(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}\right) \boldsymbol{n}_{x} - \boldsymbol{u}_{,x} \cdot \boldsymbol{T} \right] dl \& J = \frac{K_{I}^{2}}{E'} + \frac{K_{II}^{2}}{E'} + \frac{K_{III}^{2}}{2\mu}$$

- Contour  $\Gamma$  embedding the crack tip
  - Path independent schoose a contour through Gauss points
  - Values are computed on Gauss points
     integration is direct
- Not always accurate

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• We would prefer to define a contour from elements and not Gauss points

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- J-integral by domain integration
  - For linear elasticity and for any contour  $\Gamma$  embedding a straight crack tip  $J = \int_{\Gamma} \left[ U(\varepsilon) \, \boldsymbol{n}_x - \boldsymbol{u}_{,x} \cdot \boldsymbol{T} \right] dl$
  - Let us define a contour  $C = \Gamma_1 + \Gamma^- + \Gamma^+ \Gamma$ 
    - Interior of this contour is the region D
    - Define q(x, y) such that

$$-q=1$$
 on  $\Gamma$ 

$$= q = 0 \text{ on } \Gamma_1$$

$$= \int_{\Gamma} [U(\varepsilon) \mathbf{n}_x q - \mathbf{u}_{,x} \cdot \mathbf{T}q] dl$$

$$\int_{\Gamma_1} [U(\varepsilon) \mathbf{n}_x q - \mathbf{u}_{,x} \cdot \mathbf{T}q] dl$$

• As crack is stress free

$$\int_{\Gamma^{\pm}} \left[ U(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}) \, \boldsymbol{n}_{x} q - \boldsymbol{u}_{,x} \cdot \boldsymbol{T} q \right] dl = 0$$

$$\implies J = -\int_{C} \left[ U\left(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}\right) \boldsymbol{n}_{x} q - \boldsymbol{u}_{,x} \cdot \boldsymbol{T} q \right] dl$$







• J-integral by domain integration (2)

- Computation of 
$$J = -\int_C \left[ U(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}) \, \boldsymbol{n}_x q - \boldsymbol{u}_{,x} \cdot \boldsymbol{T} q \right] dl$$

- C is closed divergence theorem
- First term, with  $\sigma$  symmetric

$$\int_{C} U(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}) \ q \ \boldsymbol{n}_{x} \ dl = \int_{D} [U(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}) \ q \ ]_{,x} dA$$

$$\implies \int_{C} U(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}) q \, \boldsymbol{n}_{x} \, dl =$$
$$\int_{D} \left[ \partial_{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}} U(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}) : \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{,x} \, q + U(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}) \, q_{,x} \right] dA$$
$$\implies \int_{C} U(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}) q \, \boldsymbol{n}_{x} \, dl =$$



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q=0

$$\int_{D} \left[ \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{ij} \frac{\boldsymbol{u}_{i,jx} + \boldsymbol{u}_{j,ix}}{2} q + U(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}) q_{,x} \right] dA$$

$$\implies \int_{C} U(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}) q \, \boldsymbol{n}_{x} \, dl = \int_{D} [\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{ij} \boldsymbol{u}_{i,jx} q + U(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}) \, q_{,x}] dA$$







• *J*-integral by domain integration (3)

- Computation of 
$$J = -\int_C \left[ U(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}) \, \boldsymbol{n}_x q - \boldsymbol{u}_{,x} \cdot \boldsymbol{T} q \right] dl$$

• *C* is closed 
$$\implies$$
 divergence theorem  
• Second term, with  $\nabla \cdot \sigma = 0$   

$$\int_{C} q \mathbf{u}_{,x} \cdot \sigma \cdot \mathbf{n} \, dl = \int_{D} \nabla \cdot [q \mathbf{u}_{,x} \cdot \sigma] dA$$

$$\implies \int_{C} q \mathbf{u}_{,x} \cdot \sigma \cdot \mathbf{n} \, dl = \int_{D} \nabla q \cdot [\mathbf{u}_{,x} \cdot \sigma] dA + \int_{D} q \sigma : \nabla \mathbf{u}_{,x} dA$$

$$\implies \int_{C} q \mathbf{u}_{,x} \cdot \sigma \cdot \mathbf{n} \, dl = \int_{D} \nabla q \cdot [\mathbf{u}_{,x} \cdot \sigma] dA + \int_{D} q \sigma : \nabla \mathbf{u}_{,x} dA$$

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J-integral by domain integration (4)

- Computation of 
$$J = -\int_C \left[ U(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}) \, \boldsymbol{n}_x q - \boldsymbol{u}_{,x} \cdot \boldsymbol{T} q \right] dl$$



- This integral is valid for any annular region around the crack tip \_
  - q is discretized using the same shape functions than the elements
  - As long as the crack lips are straight







- Finite element model: *J*-integral
  - Advantages
    - Accurate (especially using domain integration)
    - Does not require Barsoum elements
  - Drawbacks
    - Only one mode at the time
    - Either modifying the FE code in order to have easy post processing or
    - Post processing difficult when using a standard FE software
  - Since this method is really accurate and computationally efficient, can it be modified in order to extract the SIF of each mode?





- Finite element model: *J*-integral (2)
  - How to extract the different SIFs?
    - Compute J for the solution u of the considered problem  $\implies J$

$$J = \int_{\Gamma} \left[ U(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}) \, \boldsymbol{n}_x - \boldsymbol{u}_{,x} \cdot \boldsymbol{T} \right] dl = \frac{K_I^2}{E'} + \frac{K_{II}^2}{E'} + \frac{K_{III}^2}{2\mu}$$

Compute J for another field  $u^{aux}$  to be specialized  $\implies J^{aux}$ •

$$J^{aux} = \int_{\Gamma} \left[ U\left(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^{aux}\right) \boldsymbol{n}_{x} - \boldsymbol{u}_{,x}^{aux} \cdot \boldsymbol{T}\left(\boldsymbol{u}^{aux}\right) \right] dl = \frac{K_{I}^{aux^{2}}}{E'} + \frac{K_{II}^{aux^{2}}}{E'} + \frac{K_{III}^{aux^{2}}}{2\mu}$$

• Compute J for the sum of  $u \& u^{aux}$  to be specialized  $\longrightarrow J^s$ 

$$J^{s} = \int_{\Gamma} \left[ U \left( \boldsymbol{\varepsilon} + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^{aux} \right) \boldsymbol{n}_{x} - \left( \boldsymbol{u}_{,x} + \boldsymbol{u}_{,x}^{aux} \right) \cdot \boldsymbol{T} \left( \boldsymbol{u} + \boldsymbol{u}^{aux} \right) \right] dl$$

Relation between the different Js?







- Finite element model: *J*-integral (3)
  - How to extract the different SIFs (2)?
    - Relation between the different Js can be deduced from

$$- U(\varepsilon + \varepsilon^{aux}) = \frac{1}{2} \nabla u + \nabla u^{aux} : \mathcal{H} : \nabla u + \nabla u^{aux}$$

$$\Rightarrow U(\varepsilon + \varepsilon^{aux}) = U(\varepsilon) + U(\varepsilon^{aux}) + \nabla u : \mathcal{H} : \nabla u^{aux}$$

$$- (u_{,x} + u_{,x}^{aux}) \cdot T(u + u^{aux}) =$$

$$u_{,x} \cdot T(u) \cdot u_{,x}^{aux} \cdot T(u^{aux}) + u_{,x} \cdot T(u^{aux}) + u_{,x}^{aux} \cdot T(u)$$

$$\cdot \text{ So } J^{s} = \int_{\Gamma} \left[ U(\varepsilon + \varepsilon^{aux}) n_{x} - (u_{,x} + u_{,x}^{aux}) \cdot T(u + u^{aux}) \right] dl \text{ is rewritten}$$

$$J^{s} - \int_{\Gamma} \int_{\Gamma} \left[ \nabla u : \mathcal{H} : \nabla u^{aux} n_{x} - u_{,x} \cdot T(u^{aux}) - u_{,x}^{aux} \cdot T(u) \right] dl$$

- The right term is called the interaction integral
  - » What is its expression in terms of the SIFs ?







- Finite element model: J-integral (4)
  - How to extract the different SIFs (3)?
    - It has been found that

• With 
$$\begin{cases} \boldsymbol{\sigma} = \sum_{i=I}^{K_i} \frac{K_i}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \mathbf{f}^{\text{mode i}}(\theta) \\ \boldsymbol{\sigma}(u^{aux}) = \sum_{i=I}^{III} \frac{K_i^{aux}}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \mathbf{f}^{\text{mode i}}(\theta) \end{cases} \begin{cases} \boldsymbol{u} = \sum_{i=I}^{K_i} K_i \sqrt{\frac{r}{2\pi}} \boldsymbol{g}^{\text{mode i}}(\theta) \\ \boldsymbol{u}^{aux} = \sum_{i=I}^{III} K_i^{aux} \sqrt{\frac{r}{2\pi}} \boldsymbol{g}^{\text{mode i}}(\theta) \end{cases}$$

Direct substitution leads to •

$$- \nabla \boldsymbol{u} : \mathcal{H} : \boldsymbol{\nabla} \boldsymbol{u}^{aux} = \sum_{i} \sum_{j} K_{i} K_{j}^{aux} \boldsymbol{\nabla} \frac{\sqrt{r} \boldsymbol{g}^{\text{mode } i}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} : \mathcal{H} : \boldsymbol{\nabla} \frac{\sqrt{r} \boldsymbol{g}^{\text{mode } j}}{\sqrt{2\pi}}$$

$$- \boldsymbol{u}_{,x} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} \left( \boldsymbol{u}^{aux} \right) + \boldsymbol{u}_{,x}^{aux} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} \left( \boldsymbol{u} \right) = \sum_{i} \sum_{j} \left[ K_{i} K_{j}^{aux} \partial_{x} \frac{\sqrt{r} \boldsymbol{g}^{\text{mode i}}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \cdot \frac{\mathbf{f}^{\text{mode j}}}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} + K_{j} K_{i}^{aux} \partial_{x} \frac{\sqrt{r} \boldsymbol{g}^{\text{mode i}}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \cdot \frac{\mathbf{f}^{\text{mode j}}}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \right]$$



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- Finite element model: *J*-integral (5)
  - How to extract the different SIFs (4)?
    - Since

– With

$$J^{s} - J - J^{aux} = \int_{\Gamma} \left[ \boldsymbol{\nabla} \boldsymbol{u} : \mathcal{H} : \boldsymbol{\nabla} \boldsymbol{u}^{aux} \boldsymbol{n}_{x} - \boldsymbol{u}_{,x} \cdot \boldsymbol{T} \left( \boldsymbol{u}^{aux} \right) - \boldsymbol{u}_{,x}^{aux} \cdot \boldsymbol{T} \left( \boldsymbol{u} \right) \right] dl$$

$$\begin{cases} \boldsymbol{\nabla} \boldsymbol{u} : \mathcal{H} : \boldsymbol{\nabla} \boldsymbol{u}^{aux} = \sum_{i} \sum_{j} K_{i} K_{j}^{aux} \boldsymbol{\nabla} \frac{\sqrt{r} \boldsymbol{g}^{\text{mode i}}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} : \mathcal{H} : \boldsymbol{\nabla} \frac{\sqrt{r} \boldsymbol{g}^{\text{mode j}}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \\ \boldsymbol{u}_{,x} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} (\boldsymbol{u}^{aux}) + \boldsymbol{u}_{,x}^{aux} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} (\boldsymbol{u}) = \\ \sum_{i} \sum_{j} \left[ K_{i} K_{j}^{aux} \partial_{x} \frac{\sqrt{r} \boldsymbol{g}^{\text{mode i}}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \cdot \frac{\mathbf{f}^{\text{mode j}}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} + K_{j} K_{i}^{aux} \partial_{x} \frac{\sqrt{r} \boldsymbol{g}^{\text{mode i}}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \cdot \frac{\mathbf{f}^{\text{mode j}}}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \right] \end{cases}$$

• And since these last two relations are symmetric in K and K<sup>aux</sup>

$$\begin{aligned} - \text{ By analogy with } \quad J &= \int_{\Gamma} \left[ U\left( \boldsymbol{\varepsilon} \right) \boldsymbol{n}_{x} - \boldsymbol{u}_{,x} \cdot \boldsymbol{T} \right] dl = \frac{K_{I}^{2}}{E'} + \frac{K_{II}^{2}}{E'} + \frac{K_{III}^{2}}{2\mu} \\ - \text{ One can feel that } \frac{J^{s} - J - J^{aux}}{2} = \frac{K_{I}K_{I}^{aux}}{E'} + \frac{K_{II}K_{ii}^{aux}}{E'} + \frac{K_{III}K_{III}^{aux}}{2\mu} \end{aligned}$$

• This is obtained explicitly after substitution of  $\mathbf{f}$  and  $\mathbf{g}$  by their closed forms





- Finite element model: *J*-integral (6)
  - The SIFs are deduced from the so-called interaction integral

• 
$$I^s = J^s - J - J^{aux} = \frac{2}{E'} \left( K_I K_I^{aux} + K_{II} K_{II}^{aux} \right) + \frac{1}{\mu} K_{III} K_{III}^{aux}$$

- Indeed, if  $u^{aux}$  is chosen such that only  $K_i^{aux} \neq 0$ ,  $K_i$  is obtained directly
- This method
  - Is very accurate compared to correlation methods
  - But it requires
    - More computations
    - Extensive modifications of the FE code





### • Strain gauge method

- Strain gauge can measure the strain leduce the stress profile
- SIF from the stress profile (like in FEM)
  - Asymptotic solution for mode I

$$\begin{cases} \sigma_{xx} = \frac{K_I}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \left[ 1 - \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \sin \frac{3\theta}{2} \right] + A(\theta) r^0 + B(\theta) \sqrt{r} \dots \\ \sigma_{yy} = \frac{K_I}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \left[ 1 + \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \sin \frac{3\theta}{2} \right] + C(\theta) r^0 + D(\theta) \sqrt{r} \dots \\ \sigma_{xy} = \frac{K_I}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \cos \frac{3\theta}{2} + E(\theta) r^0 + F(\theta) \sqrt{r} \dots \end{cases}$$

- But the asymptotic solution in  $\sqrt{r}$  cannot be matched accurately using a gauge
- So consider up to the 3<sup>rd</sup> order

$$\implies \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{rr} \\ \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{\theta\theta} \\ \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{r\theta} \end{pmatrix} = \frac{K_I}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \boldsymbol{f}_{-1/2}\left(\theta\right) + C_0 \boldsymbol{f}_0\left(\theta\right) + C_{1/2} \sqrt{r} \boldsymbol{f}_{1/2}\left(\theta\right)$$





### SIF: experimental methods

- Strain gauge method (2)
  - Position of the strain gauge
    - Located at  $(r, \theta)$  of the crack tip
    - With an orientation  $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$
  - One<sup>\*\*</sup> can show that in the referential O'x'y'

$$y$$
  
 $y$   
 $r$   
 $\alpha$   
 $x$ 

$$2\mu\varepsilon_{x'x'} = \frac{K_I}{\sqrt{2\pi r}}F\left(\nu,\,\theta,\,\alpha\right) + C_0\left(\frac{1-\nu}{1+\nu} + \cos 2\alpha\right) + C_{1/2}\sqrt{r}\left(\frac{1-\nu}{1+\nu} + \sin^2\frac{\theta}{2}\cos 2\alpha - \frac{1}{2}\sin\theta\sin 2\alpha\right)$$
  
with  $F\left(\nu,\,\theta,\,\alpha\right) = \frac{1-\nu}{1+\nu}\cos\frac{\theta}{2} - \frac{1}{2}\sin\theta\sin\frac{3\theta}{2}\cos 2\alpha + \frac{1}{2}\sin\theta\cos\frac{3\theta}{2}\sin 2\alpha$ 

- The gauge is located at (r,  $\theta^*$ ,  $\alpha^*$ ) such that

•  $\cos 2\alpha^* = -\frac{1-\nu}{1+\nu}$  Term in  $C_0 r^0$  vanishes •  $-\cot 2\alpha^* = \tan \frac{\theta^*}{2}$  Term in  $C_{1/2}\sqrt{r}$  vanishes  $\implies K_I = \frac{2\mu\varepsilon_{x'x'}\sqrt{2\pi r}}{F(\nu, \theta^*, \alpha^*)}$ 

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\*\*Dally JW and Sanford RJ (1988), Strain gage methods for measuring the opening mode stress intensity factor KI, Experimental Mechanics 27, 381–388.



- Strain gauge method (3)
  - Strain gauges are now replaced by Digital Image Correlation (DIC)
    - Markers on the surface are tracked optically
    - Displacements and strains can be computed





These strains can be used to deduce the SIFs





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- Measuring  $K_{Ic}$ 
  - Done by strictly following the ASTM E399 procedure
  - Specimen
    - Normalized, e.g. Single Notched Bend (SENB)
    - Plane strain constraint (thick enough) ٠
      - conservative (see next slide)
    - Specimen machined with a V-notch
  - Crack initiation
    - Cyclic loading to initiate a fatigue crack •
    - Crack length from compliance
      - Crack Mouth Opening Displacement
        - (CMOD=v) measured with a clipped gauge
      - Calibrated using FEM











- Measuring  $K_{ic}$  (2)
  - Done by strictly following the ASTM E399 procedure
  - Toughness test
    - Calibrated P,  $\delta$  recording equipment
    - Crack Mouth Opening Displacement (CMOD=v) measured with a clipped gauge
    - $P_c$  is obtained on P v curves
      - Either the 95% offset value or
      - The maximal value reached before
    - $K_{Ic}$  is deduced from  $P_c$  using

$$K_I = \frac{PL}{tW^{\frac{3}{2}}} f\left(\frac{a}{W}\right)$$

- f(a/W) depends on the test (SENB, ...)
- f(a/W) calibrated using FEM etc, in the norm
- Check the constraint once you have  $K_{Ic}$ 
  - Plane strain constraint (thick enough)









### 3D problems

- Only 2D solutions have been considered but a real crack is clearly 3D
  - At any point of the crack line
    - A local referential can be defined
    - Since the asymptotic solutions hold for  $r \rightarrow 0$ , at this distance the crack line seems straight, and the problem is locally 2D
    - The crack tip field can be broken into 3 2D problems (3 2D modes)







## 3D problems

## • 3D effects

- Near the border of a specimen the problem is plane  $\sigma$ , while it is plane  $\epsilon$  near the center
  - → at the center there is a triaxial state
  - The SIF is larger at the center as no lateral deformations are possible (see next lecture)
  - 2 consequences
    - The front will first propagate at the center
    - The toughness decreases with the thickness
      - » Crude approximation

$$K_C(t) \simeq K_C(t \to \infty) \left[ 1 + \frac{1.4}{t^2} \left( \frac{K_C(t \to \infty)}{\sigma_p^0} \right)^4 \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

- » Later on we will see how to evaluate this effect
- The practical toughness  $K_c$  is the plane strain one







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# Exercise 1

- Safety of a pressurized vessel
  - Extended internal axial crack
  - Plane strain condition along its axis
  - Made of steel with a DBTT



 For a given pressure what is the maximal crack length that the flawed cylinder can sustain

- LEFM: only for brittle (at low temperature)
- At high temperature: non-linear analysis needed





Properties	Values
Internal radius $R_i$	1.5 m
External radius Ro	1.65 m
Young E	210 GPa
Yield $\sigma_p^0$	250 MPa
Poisson v [-]	0.3
Hardening exponent n	10
Hardening parameter $\alpha$	1



#### **Exercise 1: Solution**

- Non-linear handbook, but elastic solution
  - Stress intensity factor

• 
$$K_I = \frac{2pR_o^2\sqrt{\pi a}}{\left(R_o^2 - R_i^2\right)}F\left(\frac{a}{b}, \frac{R_i}{R_o}\right)$$

- Mouth opening displacement

• 
$$v_m = \frac{8pR_o^2a}{\left(R_o^2 - R_i^2\right)E'}V_1\left(\frac{a}{b}, \frac{R_i}{R_o}\right)$$



		a/b=1/8	a/b=1/4	a/b=1/2	a/b=3/4
$b/R_i =$	F	1.19	1.38	2.10	3.30
1/5	$V_1$	1.51	1.83	3.44	7.50
$b/R_i =$	F	1.20	1.44	2.36	4.23
1/10	<i>V</i> <sub>1</sub>	1.54	1.91	3.96	10.4
$b/R_i =$	F	1.20	1.45	2.51	5.25
1/20	<i>V</i> <sub>1</sub>	1.54	1.92	4.23	13.5

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- Critical crack length at low temperature Toughness  $K_{\rm IC}$  [MPa $\sqrt{m}$ ] - Toughness:  $K_c = 40 \text{ MPa}\sqrt{\text{m}}$ 200 Critical crack length  $a_c$ \_ 160 •  $K_I = \frac{2pR_o^2\sqrt{\pi a}}{\left(R_o^2 - R_i^2\right)}F\left(\frac{a}{b}, \frac{R_i}{R_o}\right)$  $120^{-1}$ 80  $\implies \sqrt{a_c} F\left(\frac{a_c}{b}, \frac{R_i}{R_o}\right) = K_c \frac{\left(R_o^2 - R_i^2\right)}{2nR_o^2\sqrt{\pi}}$ 40 Temperature T [C] <sup>0</sup> -200 -100 0 100 200
  - Has to be solved
    - Iteratively

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• Graphically









## Exercise 2

## Toughness evaluation

- Brittle material: Aluminium alloy
  - For ductile, this requires non-linear analysis
- Follow the norm ASTM E399
- Normalized specimen
  - Compact Tension Specimen
  - Thick enough  $a, t > 2.5 \left(\frac{K_C}{\sigma_n^0}\right)^2$
  - Fracture test







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- Step 1: analyze fracture curve
  - In this case  $Q_{\text{max}} > Q_5$ 
    - Failure for  $Q = Q_{\text{max}} = 46.05 \text{ kN}$
  - Compliance





### **Exercise 2: Solution**

- Step 2: evaluate crack length
  - Results from cyclic loading (fatigue) \_
  - Evaluated from the compliance \_
    - Calibration of the geometry • following the norm

$$\begin{cases} U = \frac{1}{1 + \sqrt{\frac{E'tv_m}{Q}}} \\ \frac{a}{W} = 1 - 4.5U + 13.157U^2 - 172.551U^3 + 879.944U^4 - 1514.671U^5 \end{cases}$$



For this test •

$$\frac{v_{\rm m}}{Q} = \frac{1}{89.85} = 0.01113 \text{ mm/kN}$$

$$E' = \frac{E}{1 - v^2} = 79.68 \text{ GPa}$$

$$U = 0.17518$$

$$\frac{a}{W} = 0.267$$

Properties	Values
Half height h	0.045 m
Width W	0.075 m
Thickness t	0.025 m
Young E	71 Gpa
Yield $\sigma_p^0$	430 Mpa
Poisson v [-]	0.33







#### **Exercise 2: Solution**

- Step 3: evaluate toughness *Q*, *u*/2 Stress intensity factor Calibration of the geometry h following the norm  $\frac{\left(0.886 + 4.64\frac{a}{W} - 13.32\left(\frac{a}{W}\right)^2 + 14.72\left(\frac{a}{W}\right)^3 - 5.6\left(\frac{a}{W}\right)^4\right)}{\left(1 - \frac{a}{W}\right)^{\frac{3}{2}}}$ W  $\left(2 + \frac{a}{W}\right)$ a  $v_m$  $K_I = \frac{Q}{1}$ Thickness t Q, u/2
  - At failure \_
    - Failure for  $Q = Q_{\text{max}} = 46.05 \text{ kN}$

• With 
$$\frac{a}{W} = 0.267$$

$$K_C = 34.8 \text{ MPa} \sqrt{\text{m}}$$

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Half height h	0.045 m
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### **Exercise 2: Solution**

- Step 4: check validity
  - Norm requires
    - Plain strain specimen for toughness definition

$$t > 2.5 \left(\frac{\kappa_C}{\sigma_p^0}\right)^2 = 0.016 \text{ m}$$

• LEFM to hold

$$0.02 \text{ m} = a > 2.5 \left(\frac{K_C}{\sigma_p^0}\right)^2 = 0.016 \text{ m}$$

• Deep enough crack for calibrated formula to hold  $\frac{a}{W} = 0.267 > 0.2$ 



All conditions satisfied



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Annex 1: Analytical methods

- Computation of SIF by analytical method (LEFM)
  - Crack in an infinite plate under shearing
    - Mode III:

$$\begin{cases} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{\alpha z} = \frac{1}{2} \boldsymbol{u}_{z,\alpha} \implies \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{\alpha z} = \frac{E}{1+\nu} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{\alpha z} = \frac{E}{2(1+\nu)} \boldsymbol{u}_{z,\alpha} \\ \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{\alpha z,\alpha} = 0 \implies \nabla^2 \boldsymbol{u}_z = 0 \end{cases}$$

 $\longrightarrow$   $u_z$  is the imaginary part of a function  $z(\zeta)$ 

- This function has to be found to satisfy the BCs
- Stress field

- As 
$$\partial_{\zeta} z = \partial_{x} z = -i\partial_{y} z$$
  
- One has  $\sigma_{yz} = \frac{E}{2(1+\nu)} u_{z,y} = \frac{E}{2(1+\nu)} \partial_{y} \mathcal{I}(z) = \frac{E}{2(1+\nu)} \mathcal{I}(iz')$   
- And  $\sigma_{z,y} = \frac{E}{2(1+\nu)} u_{z,y} = \frac{E}{2(1+\nu)} \partial_{z} \mathcal{I}(z) = \frac{E}{2(1+\nu)} \mathcal{I}(z')$ 

And 
$$\sigma_{xz} = \frac{E}{2(1+\nu)} u_{z,x} = \frac{E}{2(1+\nu)} \partial_x \mathcal{I}(z) = \frac{E}{2(1+\nu)} \mathcal{I}(z')$$





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Annex 1: Analytical methods

- Computation of SIF by analytical method (LEFM) (2)
  - Crack in an infinite plate under shearing (2) —
    - Solution of the problem?

$$- z(\zeta) = \frac{2\tau_{\infty} (1+\nu)}{E} \sqrt{\zeta^2 - a^2}$$

– with

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{yz} = \frac{E}{2\left(1+\nu\right)} \mathcal{I}\left(iz'\right) \\ \implies \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{yz} = \tau_{\infty} \mathcal{R}\left(\frac{\zeta}{\sqrt{\zeta^{2}-a^{2}}}\right) \\ \boldsymbol{u}_{z} = \boldsymbol{I}(z) \end{array} \right.$$



• Symmetry?

$$- z(\bar{\zeta}) = \bar{z} \implies u_z(-y) = -u_z(y)$$
 satisfied

• Far away field?

- For 
$$y \rightarrow \pm \infty$$
:  $\sigma_{yz} \rightarrow \pm \tau_{\infty}$  satisfied







Annex 1: Analytical methods

- Computation of SIF by analytical method (LEFM) (3)
  - Crack in an infinite plate under shearing (3)
    - Solution of the problem?

$$- z(\zeta) = \frac{2\tau_{\infty} (1+\nu)}{E} \sqrt{\zeta^2 - a^2}$$

– with

$$\sigma_{yz} = \tau_{\infty} \mathcal{R}\left(\frac{\zeta}{\sqrt{\zeta^2 - a^2}}\right)$$

• Crack lips stress free?

$$\begin{cases}
\lim_{\theta \to \pm \pi} \zeta = x \\
\lim_{\theta \to \pm \pi} \sqrt{\zeta - a} = \lim_{\theta \to \pm \pi} \sqrt{r} \exp\left(i\frac{\theta}{2}\right) = \pm i\sqrt{a - x} \\
\lim_{\theta_2 \to 0^{\pm}} \sqrt{\zeta + a} = \lim_{\theta_2 \to 0^{\pm}} \sqrt{r_2} \exp\left(i\frac{\theta_2}{2}\right) = \sqrt{x + a}
\end{cases}$$

$$\underset{\theta \to \pm \pi, \theta_2 \to 0}{\underset{\theta \to \pm$$





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#### Annex 2: Semi analytical methods

### Computation of SIF by Boundary Collocation Method (LEFM)

- Example: crack in a finite circular plate

• Considering mode III (can be done for I and II)

• Laurent series  $z(\zeta) = \sum a_n (\zeta - \zeta_0)^n$  $n \equiv -\infty$ 

with 
$$a_n = \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{\mathcal{C}} \frac{z\left(\xi\right)}{\left(\xi - \zeta_0\right)^{n+1}} d\xi$$

• But for the crack lies in  $\theta = \pi$ , so we use  $\tau(\zeta) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \zeta^{n-\frac{1}{2}}$ 

$$\implies \lim_{\theta \to \pi} \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{yz} = \lim_{\theta \to \pi} \mathcal{R}\left(\tau\right) = \lim_{\theta \to \pi} \sum_{n = -\infty}^{\infty} a_n r^{n - \frac{1}{2}} \cos\left(\frac{2n - 1}{2}\pi\right) = 0 \text{ is satisfied}$$

- Finite displacement  $\implies$  n = 0, 1, ...

$$\implies \tau\left(\zeta\right) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \zeta^{n-\frac{1}{2}} \implies K_{III} = \lim_{r \to 0} \left(\sqrt{2\pi r} \,\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{yz}|_{\theta=0}\right) = \sqrt{2\pi} a_0$$



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y'

a = R

 $n = -\infty$ 

R

 $\overline{T}_z = f(\theta)$ 

*x* 

Computation of SIF by Boundary Collocation Method (LEFM) (2)

m=2(p+1)

- Example: crack in a finite circular plate (2)
  - Unknowns  $a_n$  are obtained by defining *m* collocation points on the boundary
    - At these points

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2.5

 $1.5 \begin{array}{c} 1.5 \\ 10^{\circ} \end{array}$ 

 $K_{III}$ 

 $\overline{T_z} = f(\theta_k)$ 

$$\bar{\boldsymbol{T}}_{z}\left(\boldsymbol{\theta}_{k}\right) = \mathcal{I}\left(\boldsymbol{\tau}\left(\boldsymbol{\theta}_{k}\right)\boldsymbol{n}\left(\boldsymbol{\theta}_{k}\right)\right) = \mathcal{I}\left(\sum_{n=0}^{p}a_{n}r_{k}^{n-\frac{1}{2}}\exp\left(i\frac{2n-1}{2}\boldsymbol{\theta}_{k}\right)\boldsymbol{n}\left(\boldsymbol{\theta}_{k}\right)\right)$$

 $10^{2}$ 

for k=1, ..., m, & assuming an expansion up to order  $p, p+1 \le m$ 



$$\implies \sin \theta_k = \sum_{n=0}^p a_n \sin \left(\frac{2n+1}{2}\theta_k\right)$$

- For accuracy m = 2p+2
  - Collocation points only on upper side (avoid trivial solution)
  - Least squares resolution



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a = R

 $10^{1}$ 

p



