"Measure what is measurable, and make measurable what is not so." - Galileo GALILEI



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Dynamic fracture

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Motivating problems

- Pipelines and pressure vessels
- Nuclear reactor containment vessels
- Airplanes
- Armor penetration and protection
- Earth's crust
- Scientific curiosity





UK Air Accidents Investigation Report , N739PA at Lockerbie, Scotland on 21 December 1988





Aerial view of the San Andreas fault slicing through the Carrizo Plain in the Temblor Range east of the city of San Luis Obispo. (Photograph by Robert E. Wallace, USGS.) http://pubs.usgs.gov/publications/text/San_Andreas.html



National Transportation Safety Board http://www.ntsb.gov



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The continuum view of fracture

Outer Problem: Knowledge of constitutive laws and balance equations is adequate to calculate the energy release rate, *G*



Inner Problem: Are the details of the failure mechanisms and fracture processes important *only* in determining the fracture energy, Γ ?



Review of linear elastodynamics

$$\mathbf{y}(\mathbf{x},t) = \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x},t)$$

$$\epsilon(\mathbf{x},t) = \frac{1}{2} \Big[\nabla \mathbf{u} + (\nabla \mathbf{u})^T \Big]$$

$$\sigma(\mathbf{x},t) = \lambda \varepsilon_{kk} \mathbf{1} + 2\mu \varepsilon$$

$$\nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} + \mathbf{f} = \rho \ddot{\mathbf{u}}$$

$$(\lambda + \mu) \nabla (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}) + \mu \nabla^2 \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{f} = \rho \ddot{\mathbf{u}}$$

$$- Navier's \ equations \ of \ motion$$

$$\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x},t) = \mathbf{u}^*(\mathbf{x},t) \qquad \text{on } \partial_1 R$$

$$\mathbf{s}(\mathbf{x},t) = \sigma(\mathbf{x},t)\mathbf{n} = \mathbf{s}^*(\mathbf{x},t) \qquad \text{on } \partial_2 R$$

$$- \ boundary \ conditions$$

Bulk waves
$$\nabla^2 \mathbf{u} = \nabla (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}) - \nabla \times \nabla \times \mathbf{u}$$
 $\Rightarrow (\lambda + 2\mu)\nabla (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}) - \mu\nabla \times \nabla \times \mathbf{u} = \rho \mathbf{\ddot{u}}$ If deformation is irrotational: $\nabla \times \mathbf{u} = 0$ $\nabla^2 \mathbf{u} = \frac{1}{C_d^2} \mathbf{\ddot{u}}$ with $C_d = \sqrt{\frac{\lambda + 2\mu}{\rho}}$ \Rightarrow dilatational or pressure wavesIf deformation is equivoluminal: $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0$ $\nabla^2 \mathbf{u} = \frac{1}{C_s^2} \mathbf{\ddot{u}}$ with $C_s = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\rho}}$ \Rightarrow distortional or shear waves



Wave speeds

Material	Modulus of elasticity <i>E</i>	Poisson's Ratio <i>v</i>	Density ρ	Dilatational Wave Speed $C_{\rm d}$	Distortional Wave Speed $C_{\rm s}$	Plate Wave speed	Rayleigh Wave Speed <u>C_R</u>
	GPa		Mg/m ³	m/s	m/s	m/s	m/s
High strength steel	200	0.3	7.8	5875	3140	5308	2913
Tungsten and alloys	406	0.3	13.4	6386	3414	5770	3167
Aluminum alloys	70	0.3	2.7	5908	3158	5338	2929
Alumina	390	0.22	3.9	10685	6402	10251	5858
Silicon Nitride	350	0.22	3.2	11175	6695	10721	6127
Silica glass	70	0.22	2.6	5544	3322	5319	3040
Homalite-100	4.5	0.34	1.2	2402	1183	2059	1104
Plexiglas	3.4	0.34	1.2	2088	1028	1790	960
Polycarbonate	2.6	0.34	1.2	1826	899	1565	839
Rubber	0.1	0.499	0.85	4434	198	396	189
	0.01	0.499	0.85	1402	63	125	60



Lamé solution

 $\mathbf{u} = \nabla \varphi + \nabla \times \mathbf{\psi} \quad \underline{\text{Helmholtz resolution}}$

$$\nabla^2 \varphi = \frac{1}{C_d^2} \ddot{\varphi} \quad \nabla^2 \psi = \frac{1}{C_s^2} \ddot{\psi}$$

Consider a plane wave propagating in the x_1 direction

$$u_{1} = \varphi'(x_{1} - C_{d}t)$$

$$u_{2} = -\psi'_{3}(x_{1} - C_{s}t)$$

$$u_{3} = \psi'_{2}(x_{1} - C_{s}t)$$

Dilatational waves are longitudinal waves Distortional waves are transverse waves

Plane strain $u_{\alpha} = u_{\alpha}(x_{1}, x_{2}, t); \quad u_{3} \propto x_{3}$ $\begin{cases} \varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}(x_{1}, x_{2}, t) = \frac{1}{2} \left(u_{\alpha,\beta} + u_{\beta,\alpha} \right) \\ \varepsilon_{33} = \text{const}; \quad \varepsilon_{3\alpha} = 0 \end{cases}$ $\begin{cases} \sigma_{\alpha\beta}(x_1, x_2, t) = \lambda \varepsilon_{\gamma\gamma} \delta_{\alpha\beta} + 2\mu \varepsilon_{\alpha\beta} \\ \sigma_{33}(x_1, x_2, t) = \nu \sigma_{\gamma\gamma} \\ \sigma_{3\alpha}(x_1, x_2, t) = 0 \end{cases}$ $\varphi = \varphi(x_1, x_2, t); \ \mathbf{\Psi} = \psi(x_1, x_2, t) \mathbf{e}_3$ $\nabla^2 \varphi = \frac{1}{C^2} \ddot{\varphi} \qquad \nabla^2 \psi = \frac{1}{C^2} \ddot{\psi}$



Elastodynamics continued

$$u_{1} = \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x_{1}} + \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x_{2}}$$
$$u_{2} = \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x_{2}} - \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x_{1}}$$

$$\sigma_{11} = \lambda \nabla^2 \varphi + 2\mu \left[\frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{\partial x_1^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x_1 \partial x_2} \right]$$

$$\sigma_{22} = \lambda \nabla^2 \varphi + 2\mu \left[\frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{\partial x_2^2} - \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x_1 \partial x_2} \right]$$

$$\sigma_{12} = \mu \left[2 \frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{\partial x_1 \partial x_2} + \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x_2^2} - \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x_1^2} \right]$$

Note that boundary conditions couple the derivatives of the dilatational and distortional potentials, regardless of whether the displacements or tractions are prescribed.



Rayleigh surface waves

$$\varphi = A \exp(-\alpha_d \kappa x_2) \exp\{i\kappa(x_1 - ct)\}\$$
$$\psi = B \exp(-\alpha_s \kappa x_2) \exp\{i\kappa(x_1 - ct)\}\$$

$$\alpha_d = \sqrt{1 - \frac{c^2}{C_d^2}}$$
 and $\alpha_s = \sqrt{1 - \frac{c^2}{C_s^2}}$

- boundary conditions $(1 + \alpha_s^2)A + i2\alpha_s B = 0$ $-i2\alpha_d A + (1 + \alpha_s^2)B = 0$ $\Rightarrow R(c) = 4\alpha_d \alpha_s - (1 + \alpha_s^2)^2 = 0$ $4\sqrt{1 - k_R^2 / k^2} \sqrt{1 - k_R^2} - (2 - k_R^2)^2 = 0$ $k_R = \frac{C_R}{C_s} = \frac{0.862 + 1.14\nu}{1 + \nu} < 1$

$$\sigma_{22}(x_1, 0^{\pm}, t) = 0$$

$$\sigma_{12}(x_1, 0^{\pm}, t) = 0$$

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Stationary crack under dynamic loading



$$f_{11}^{Is}(\theta) = \cos \frac{1}{2} \theta \left[1 - \sin \frac{1}{2} \theta \sin \frac{3}{2} \theta\right]$$
$$f_{22}^{Is}(\theta) = \cos \frac{1}{2} \theta \left[1 + \sin \frac{1}{2} \theta \sin \frac{3}{2} \theta\right]$$
$$f_{12}^{Is}(\theta) = \cos \frac{1}{2} \theta \sin \frac{1}{2} \theta \cos \frac{3}{2} \theta$$









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$$\sigma_{22}(x_{1},0,t) = -\sigma^{*}H(t) -\infty < x_{1} < 0$$

$$\sigma_{12}(x_{1},0,t) = 0 -\infty < x_{1} < \infty$$

$$u_{2}(x_{1},0,t) = 0 0 < x_{1} < \infty$$

$$\sigma_{22}(x_{1},0^{+},t) = \sigma_{+}(x_{1},t) - \sigma^{*}H(t)H(-x_{1})$$

$$\sigma_{12}(x_{1},0^{+},t) = 0$$

$$u_{2}(x_{1},0^{+},t) = u_{-}(x_{1},t)$$
for $-\infty < x < \infty$

$$K_{I}(t) = \frac{2\sigma^{*}\sqrt{C_{d}t(1-2\nu)/\pi}}{(1-\nu)}$$

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Reflects the fact that there is no characteristic time or length in the problem.



Steadily moving crack

 $\psi(r_s,\theta_s) = r_s^{\lambda}g(\theta_s;\lambda)$

Introduce transformation:
$$\xi_{1} = x_{1} - vt, \xi_{2} = x_{2}$$

Rescale coordinates:
$$\begin{cases} \zeta_{d} = r_{d}e^{i\theta_{d}} = \xi_{1} + i\alpha_{d}\xi_{2} \\ \zeta_{s} = r_{s}e^{i\theta_{s}} = \xi_{1} + i\alpha_{s}\xi_{2} \end{cases} \xrightarrow{x_{2}} \xi_{2} \\ \alpha_{d} = \sqrt{1 - \frac{v^{2}}{C_{d}^{2}}} \qquad \alpha_{s} = \sqrt{1 - \frac{v^{2}}{C_{s}^{2}}} \end{cases} \xrightarrow{y < C_{s}} \qquad x_{l}, \xi_{l}$$

$$\nabla^{2}\varphi(r_{d}, \theta_{d}) = 0$$

$$\nabla^{2}\psi(r_{s}, \theta_{s}) = 0$$

$$\varphi(r_{d}, \theta_{d}) = r_{d}^{\lambda}f(\theta_{d}; \lambda) \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \varphi(r_{d}, \theta_{d}) = Ar_{d}^{\lambda}\cos\lambda\theta_{d} \\ \psi(r_{s}, \theta_{s}) = Br_{s}^{\lambda}\sin\lambda\theta_{s} \end{cases}$$



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Crack tip stress field

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Impose traction free boundary conditions on crack faces:

$$(1 + \alpha_s^2)A\cos(\lambda - 2)\pi + 2\alpha_s B\cos(\lambda - 2)\pi = 0$$

$$2\alpha_d A\sin(\lambda - 2)\pi + (1 + \alpha_s^2)B\sin(\lambda - 2)\pi = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{1}{2}n + 1, \text{ for } n = 1, 2, \dots$$

$$\sigma_{\alpha\beta}(r,\theta) = \frac{K_I}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} f_{\alpha\beta}^{I}(\theta;v) + T\left(\alpha_d^2 - \alpha_s^2\right) \delta_{\alpha 1} \delta_{\beta 1} + \cdots$$
$$u_{\alpha}(r,\theta) = \frac{K_I \sqrt{r}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} g_{\alpha}^{I}(\theta;v) + \cdots$$



Crack tip stress field

- $K_I \cdots$ to be obtained from solution of boundary-initial value problem.
- Singularity in the stress (and strain field)
- Crack opening appears parabolic
- Similar field for mode II

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• Other features of the stress field

$$K_{I} = \lim_{\xi_{1} \to 0} \sqrt{2\pi\xi_{1}} \sigma_{22}(r, 0^{\pm})$$

dynamic stress intensity factor

$$\sigma_{\alpha\beta}(r,\theta) = \frac{K_{I}}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} f_{\alpha\beta}^{I}(\theta;v) + T\left(\alpha_{d}^{2} - \alpha_{s}^{2}\right) \delta_{\alpha1} \delta_{\beta1} + \cdots$$
$$u_{\alpha}(r,\theta) = \frac{K_{I}\sqrt{r}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} g_{\alpha}^{I}(\theta;v) + \cdots$$



Crack tip stress field

$$f_{11}^{I}(\theta; v) = \frac{1}{R(v)} \left\{ \left(1 + \alpha_{s}^{2}\right) \left(1 + 2\alpha_{d}^{2} - \alpha_{s}^{2}\right) \frac{\cos\frac{1}{2}\theta_{d}}{\gamma_{d}^{\frac{1}{2}}} - 4\alpha_{d}\alpha_{s}\frac{1}{\gamma_{s}^{\frac{1}{2}}}\cos\frac{1}{2}\theta_{s} \right\}$$

$$f_{22}^{I}(\theta; v) = \frac{1}{R(v)} \left\{ -\left(1 + \alpha_{s}^{2}\right)^{2}\frac{\cos\frac{1}{2}\theta_{d}}{\gamma_{d}^{\frac{1}{2}}} + 4\alpha_{d}\alpha_{s}\frac{1}{\gamma_{s}^{\frac{1}{2}}}\cos\frac{1}{2}\theta_{s} \right\}$$

$$f_{12}^{I}(\theta; v) = \frac{2\alpha_{d}\left(1 + \alpha_{s}^{2}\right)}{R(v)} \left\{ \frac{\sin\frac{1}{2}\theta_{d}}{\gamma_{d}^{\frac{1}{2}}} - \frac{\sin\frac{1}{2}\theta_{s}}{\gamma_{s}^{\frac{1}{2}}} \right\}$$

$$\gamma_d = \sqrt{1 - (v \sin \theta / C_d)^2}$$
 and $\gamma_s = \sqrt{1 - (v \sin \theta / C_s)^2}$

$$\tan \theta_d = \alpha_d \tan \theta$$
 and $\tan \theta_s = \alpha_s \tan \theta$

$$R(v) = 4\alpha_d \alpha_s - (1 + \alpha_s^2)^2$$

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Yoffe's observation





Yoffe (1951) suggested that the shift in the orientation of the maximum hoop stress could be the underlying cause of crack branching.



Rice's observation





Dynamic SIF for moving cracks

Freund's theorem:

$$K_{I}(t,l,\dot{l}) = k(v)K_{I}^{0}(t,l,0)$$

$$k(v) \approx \frac{(1-v/C_R)}{\sqrt{1-v/C_d}}$$







Energy release rate

$$P - \left(\dot{U} + \dot{T}\right) = -\lim_{\Gamma \to 0} \iint_{\Gamma} \left[\sigma_{\alpha\beta} \dot{u}_{\alpha} n_{\beta} + \frac{1}{2} \left(\rho \dot{u}_{\alpha} \dot{u}_{\alpha} + \sigma_{\alpha\beta} u_{\alpha,\beta} \right) v n_{1} \right] ds = G(v) / v$$

 $G = \frac{1 - v^2}{E} A_I(v) K_I^2 \cdots \text{dynamic energy release rate} \quad A_I(v) = \frac{v^2 \alpha_d}{(1 - v) C_s^2 R(v)}$

- Note similarity to the quasi-static energy release rate
- R(v) has a root at the Rayleigh wave speed – this implies a limit for crack speed
- Similar calculations for other modes
- G must equal the fracture energy Γ



 $G \neq \Gamma \Leftrightarrow f(K_I, v) = 0$ Dynamic fracture criterion



Fracture criterion - 1

- **Brittle fracture** little or no inelastic deformation in the process zone; failure is by microcracking (bond breaking, cleavage) glass? not really! Perhaps single crystals!?
- **Quasi-brittle** still no inelastic deformation, but a rather diffuse damage through microcracking (heterogeneity of the microstructure is the main feature) even glass appears quasi-brittle!
- **Ductile failure** significant amount of inelastic deformation; failure by void nucleation, growth and coalescence some polymers, and most metals



Fracture criterion - 2

- Γ varies over several orders of magnitude
 - True surface energy is ~ O(1) J/m²
 - Glasses and ceramics~ 10 $J/m^{\rm 2}$
 - Polymers ~1 kJ/m²
 - Metals ~ 100 kJ/m²
- Differences arise due to different mechanisms of deformation and failure
- Must be determined through calibration experiments, such as the pioneering work of Obreimoff (1930)

Dynamic fracture experiments



Homalite-100, electromagnetic loading Ravi-Chandar and Knauss, *Int J Fract*, 1982

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Caustics



Homalite-100, electromagnetic loading Ravi-Chandar and Knauss, *Int J Fract*, 1984



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20 µs

Photoelasticity



Polycarbonate, quasi-static loading Taudou, Potti and Ravi-Chandar, *Int J Fract*, 1992

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Practical fracture criterion - 1

Dynamic crack initiation toughness



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Practical fracture criterion - 2

• Dynamic crack arrest toughness:



 $K_{I}^{dyn}(t) \leq K_{Ia}(T)$

Ravi-Chandar and Knauss, 1984

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Practical fracture criterion - 3

• Dynamic crack propagation toughness



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Dynamic crack propagation toughness





$$K_{I}^{dyn}(t_{f}) = K_{Id}(T, \dot{K}_{I}^{dyn})$$
 ...Dynamic initiation toughness

$$K_{I}^{dyn}(t,v) = K_{ID}\left(v;\dot{K}_{I}^{dyn},T
ight)$$
 ...Dynamic growth toughness

$$K_{I}^{dyn}(t) \leq K_{Ia}(T)$$
 ...Dynamic arrest toughness

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Consequences of fracture *criteria*



For $v < 0.2 C_R$, elastodynamic fracture theory works quite well

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Experimental observations

- For $v < 0.2 C_R$, elastodynamic fracture theory works quite well
- Limiting speed $v \sim 0.5 C_R$, is not predicted by the theory
- Rapid increase in fracture toughness in nominally brittle materials
- Features of surface roughening and crack branching

Example – Crack arrest specimen

$$K_{I}^{dyn}(t,0) = P\sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi L}} \text{ for } t \leq 0$$

$$K_{I}^{dyn}(t,\dot{l}) = k(\dot{l})P\sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi(L+l(t))}} \text{ for } t \geq 0$$

$$K_{I}^{dyn}(t,0) = P\sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi(L+l)}}$$

$$F\sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi L}} = K_{Id}\left(T,\dot{K}_{I}^{dyn}\right) \cdots \text{ crack initiation}$$

$$k(\dot{l})P\sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi(L+l(t))}} = K_{ID}\left(v;\dot{K}_{I}^{dyn},T\right) \cdots \text{ crack propagation}$$

$$k(\dot{l})P\sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi(L+l(t))}} = K_{Ia}\left(T\right) \cdots \text{ crack arrest}$$

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