

Three Lectures on Interfacial Fracture Mechanics: ESPCI, October 2012

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Lecture #1: Overview. Crack tip fields, Basic solutions, Interface toughness and thin film delamination as an illustration

Lecture #2: Special elastic mismatch effects, Origins of mixed mode toughness dependence, Buckling delamination, Thermal barrier coating delamination & interface toughness

Lecture #3: Initiation of delamination vs. steady-state delamination in thin films & 3D effects, Kinking of a crack out of an interface. Cracks approaching an interface: penetration vs. kinking. Various applications.

References will included on the slides.

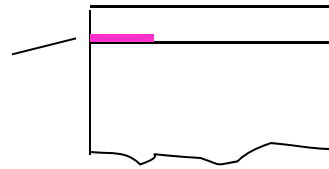
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VARIOUS KINDS OF DELAMINATION CRACKING WE WILL CONSIDER

with applications to films, coatings & multilayers

Mixed mode edge crack on interface



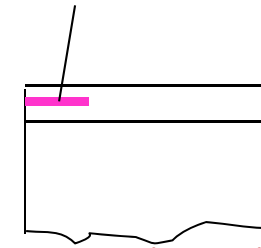
Tension & compression in film

Mode I substrate crack



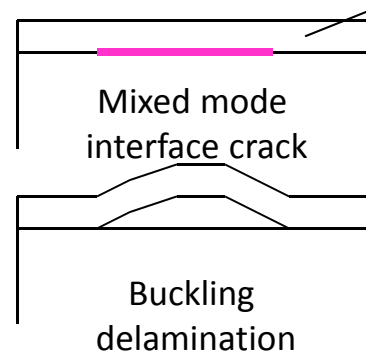
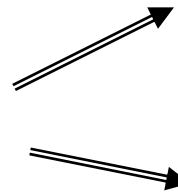
Tension in film

Mode I crack in film



Stress gradient with tension in film

No crack driving force due to film stress; Unless



Mixed mode interface crack

Buckling delamination

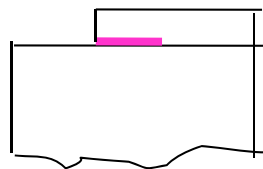
Thermal gradient with interruption of heat transfer across crack.

Compression in film

Other issues:



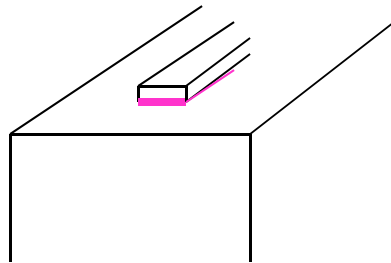
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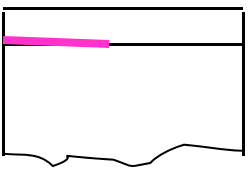
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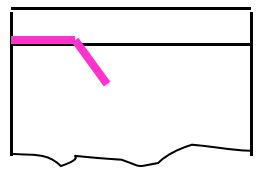
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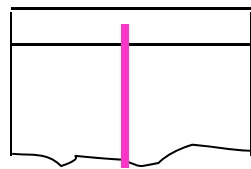
3D effects for film strips



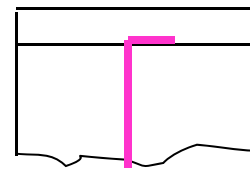
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Kinking out of interface



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Penetrating through, or kinking into an interface

Crack Tip Fields for Bilayer Interface Joining Isotropic Elastic Solids (1992-2; pg.72)

Dundurs parameters (2D elasticity for bilayers)

With $\mu = \frac{E}{2(1+\nu)}$,

plane strain: $\alpha_D = \frac{\bar{E}_1 - \bar{E}_2}{\bar{E}_1 + \bar{E}_2}$, $\beta_D = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\mu_1(1-2\nu_2) - \mu_2(1-2\nu_1)}{\mu_1(1-\nu_2) + \mu_2(1-\nu_1)}$, $\bar{E} = \frac{E}{(1-\nu^2)}$

plane stress: $\alpha_D = \frac{\mu_1(1+\nu_1) - \mu_2(1+\nu_2)}{\mu_1(1+\nu_1) + \mu_2(1+\nu_2)}$, $\beta_D = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\mu_1(1+\nu_1)(1-\nu_2) - \mu_2(1+\nu_2)(1-\nu_1)}{\mu_1(1+\nu_1) + \mu_2(1+\nu_2)}$,

$\alpha \equiv \alpha_D$

$\beta \equiv \beta_D$

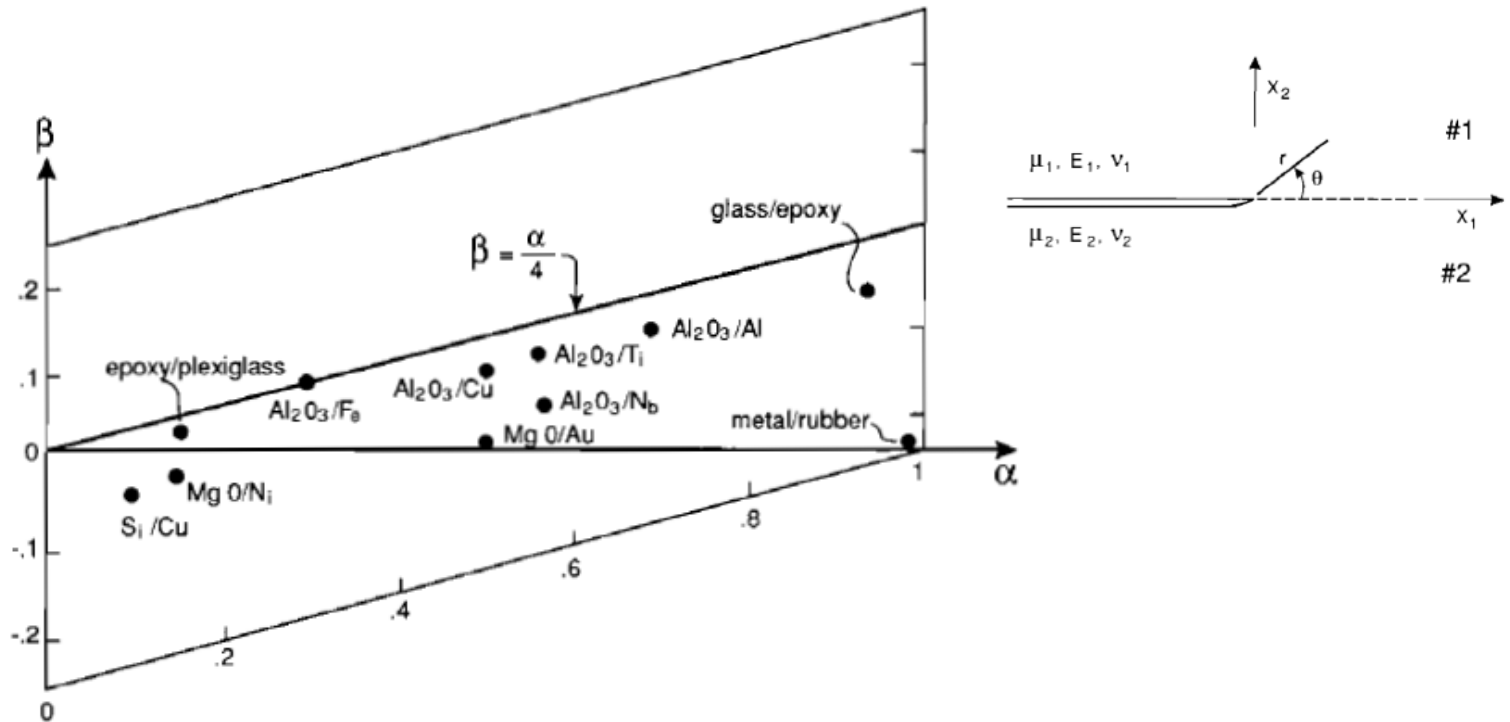
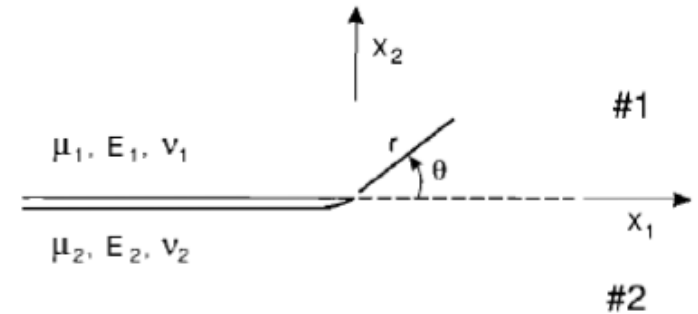


FIG. 6. Values of Dundurs' parameters in plane strain for selected combinations of materials.

Crack Tip Fields for Bilayer Interface Joining Isotropic Elastic Solids (1992-2; pg.72)

$$\sigma_{\alpha\beta} = \text{Re}[Kr^{i\varepsilon}](2\pi r)^{-1/2} \sigma_{\alpha\beta}^I(\theta, \varepsilon) + \text{Im}[Kr^{i\varepsilon}](2\pi r)^{-1/2} \sigma_{\alpha\beta}^{II}(\theta, \varepsilon)$$

$$K = K_1 + iK_2 \quad \varepsilon = \frac{1}{2\pi} \ln\left(\frac{1-\beta}{1+\beta}\right)$$



On interface ahead of crack:

$$\sigma_{22} = \text{Re}[Kr^{i\varepsilon}](2\pi r)^{-1/2}, \quad \sigma_{12} = \text{Im}[Kr^{i\varepsilon}](2\pi r)^{-1/2}$$

$$r^{i\varepsilon} = \cos(\varepsilon \ln r) + i \sin(\varepsilon \ln r)$$

Crack opening displacements :

$$\delta_2 + i\delta_1 = \frac{8}{(1 + 2i\varepsilon) \cosh(\pi\varepsilon)} \frac{(K_1 + iK_2)}{E_*} \left(\frac{r}{2\pi}\right)^{1/2} r^{i\varepsilon}, \quad \frac{1}{E_*} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\bar{E}_1} + \frac{1}{\bar{E}_2}\right)$$

Energy release rate:

$$G = \frac{(1 - \beta^2)}{E_*} (K_1^2 + K_2^2)$$

$$\bar{E} = E / (1 - \nu^2) \quad \text{plane strain}$$

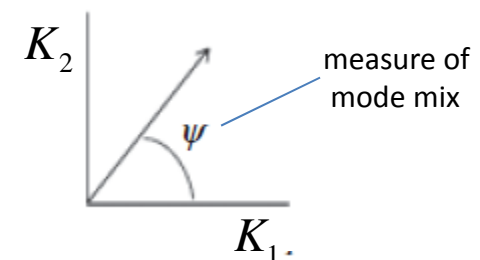
$$\bar{E} = E \quad \text{plane stress}$$

To make life simpler, most of our discussion will take $\beta = 0 \Rightarrow \varepsilon = 0$ but $\alpha \neq 0$

For these cases, the singular stress fields at the tip are identical to those for a homogeneous solid

$$(\sigma_{22}, \sigma_{12}) = (K_1, K_2) \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi r}}, \quad (\delta_2, \delta_1) = (K_1, K_2) \frac{8}{E_*} \sqrt{\frac{r}{2\pi}}$$

$$G = \frac{1}{E_*} (K_1^2 + K_2^2) \quad \& \quad \tan \psi = \frac{K_2}{K_1}$$



Some Basic Bilayer Solutions:

Pg. 5

1) crack on an interface between two half spaces: reference cited in (1992-2)

$$K_1 + iK_2 = (\sigma_{22}^\infty + i\sigma_{12}^\infty)(1 + 2i\varepsilon)(\pi a)^{1/2}(2a)^{-i\varepsilon}$$

$$\sigma_{22} = \text{Re}[Kr^{i\varepsilon}](2\pi r)^{-1/2}, \quad \sigma_{12} = \text{Im}[Kr^{i\varepsilon}](2\pi r)^{-1/2}$$

$$\beta = 0 \Rightarrow (K_1, K_2) = (\sigma_{22}^\infty, \sigma_{12}^\infty)\sqrt{\pi a},$$

$$(\sigma_{22}, \sigma_{12}) = (K_1, K_2) \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi r}}, \quad (\delta_2, \delta_1) = (K_1, K_2) \frac{8}{E_*} \sqrt{\frac{r}{2\pi}} \quad (r/a \ll 1)$$

Valid for arbitrary large elastic mismatch with $\alpha \neq 0$ & $\beta=0$

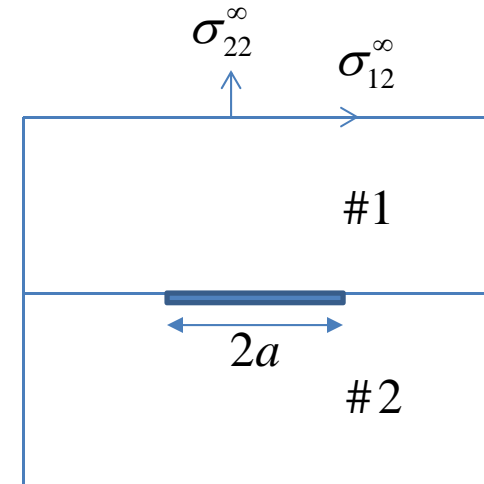
For $\beta \neq 0$, $\varepsilon = \frac{1}{2\pi} \ln\left(\frac{1-\beta}{1+\beta}\right)$, near the crack tip:

$$\delta_2 + i\delta_1 = \frac{8(\sigma_{22}^\infty + i\sigma_{12}^\infty)\sqrt{\pi a}}{\cosh(\pi\varepsilon)E_*} \sqrt{\frac{r}{2\pi}} \left(\frac{r}{2a}\right)^{i\varepsilon}$$

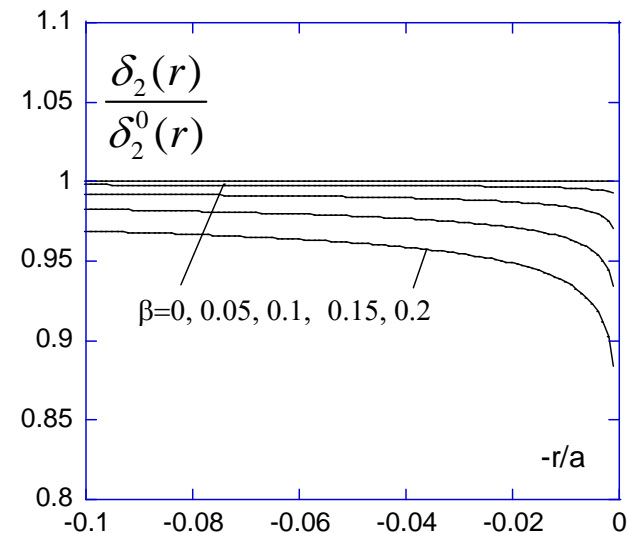
For $\sigma_{12}^\infty = 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_2(r) &= \frac{8}{E_*} \sqrt{\sigma_{22}^\infty \pi a} \sqrt{\frac{r}{2\pi}} \times \frac{\cos(\varepsilon \ln(r/2a))}{\cosh(\pi\varepsilon)} \\ &\equiv \delta_2^0(r) \times \frac{\cos(\varepsilon \ln(r/2a))}{\cosh(\pi\varepsilon)} \end{aligned}$$

For most problems one can take $\beta=0$ to make life simple!!



$$\delta_2 + i\delta_1 = \frac{8}{(1 + 2i\varepsilon) \cosh(\pi\varepsilon)} \frac{(K_1 + iK_2)}{E_*} \left(\frac{r}{2\pi}\right)^{1/2} r^{i\varepsilon}$$

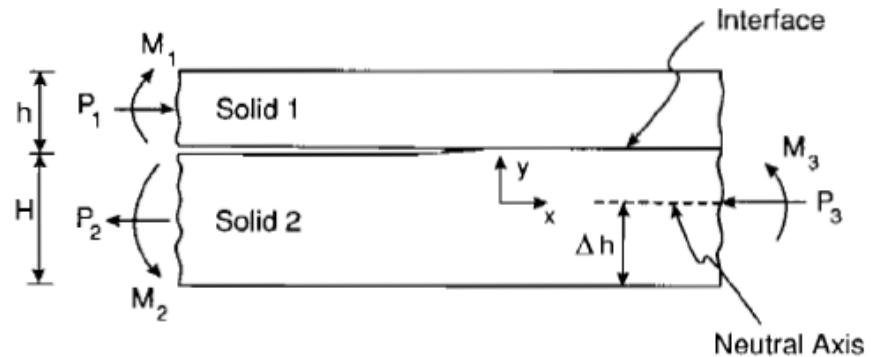


Some Basic Bilayer Solutions:

2) Crack on an interface between two layers under general loading (1990-1)

The general solution has been obtained and tabulated in (1990-1) see this reference or (1992-2) for full details & numerical tables.

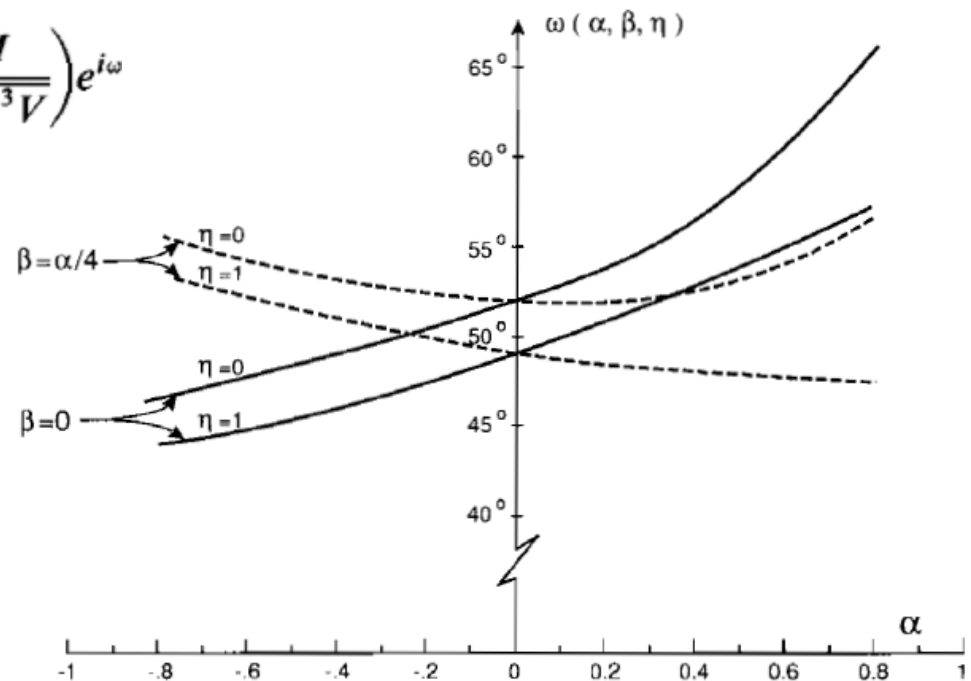
The energy release rate, G , can be obtained by elementary energy accounting because of steady-state character of the problem.



$$G = \frac{1}{2E_1} \left(\frac{P_1^2}{h} + 12 \frac{M_1^2}{h^3} \right) + \frac{1}{2E_2} \left(\frac{P_2^2}{H} + 12 \frac{M_2^2}{H^3} - \frac{P_3^2}{Ah} - \frac{M_3^2}{Ih^3} \right)$$

$$K_1 + iK_2 = h^{-i\epsilon} \left(\frac{1-a}{1-\beta^2} \right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{P}{\sqrt{2hU}} - ie^{i\gamma} \frac{M}{\sqrt{2h^3V}} \right) e^{i\omega}$$

Everything in the above formula is given by simple formulas (1992-1) except $\omega(\alpha, \beta, \eta)$, $\eta = h/H$ which is plotted & tabulated,

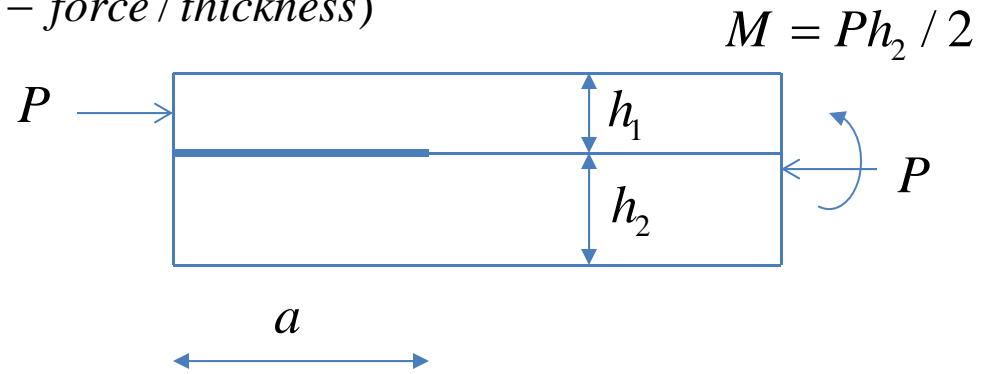


An illustration of the energy release rate calculation for a steady-state problem Pg. 7

Energy in the system/thickness (prescribed P – force / thickness)

$$E = \text{Strain energy} - \text{potential energy loads}$$

$$= -\text{Strain energy} \equiv -SE$$



Energy release rate

(energy per area new crack surface):

$$G = -\frac{\partial E}{\partial a} = \frac{\partial SE}{\partial a} = (SE / length)_{Behind} - (SE / length)_{Ahead}$$

Here is where steady-state comes in

$$(SE / length)_{Behind} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{P^2}{\bar{E}h_1} \quad (SE / length)_{Ahead} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{P^2}{\bar{E}h_1} \left(\frac{1}{1+h_2/h_1} + 3 \frac{(h_2/h_1)^2}{(1+h_2/h_1)^3} \right)$$

$$G = \frac{1}{2} \frac{P^2}{\bar{E}h_1} \left(\frac{h_2/h_1}{1+h_2/h_1} - 3 \frac{(h_2/h_1)^2}{(1+h_2/h_1)^3} \right)$$

$$h_2/h_1 = 1 \Rightarrow G = \frac{1}{16} \frac{P^2}{\bar{E}h_1}; \quad h_2/h_1 \gg 1 \Rightarrow G = \frac{1}{2} \frac{P^2}{\bar{E}h_1}$$

Some special cases of bilayers (1992-2)

Homogeneous material

$$E_L \equiv \bar{E}$$

$$G_I = K_1^2 / \bar{E}$$

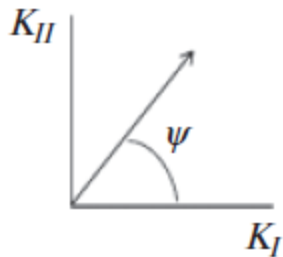
$$G_{II} = K_2^2 / \bar{E}$$

$$G = G_I + G_{II}$$

$$\tan \psi = \frac{K_2}{K_1}$$

$$\psi = 0^\circ \Leftrightarrow \text{mode I}$$

$$\psi = \pm 90^\circ \Leftrightarrow \text{mode II}$$



Specimen	\underline{G}_I	\underline{G}_{II}	ψ
a)	$\frac{12M^2}{E_L h^3}$	0	0°
b)	0	$\frac{9M^2}{E_L h^3}$	-90°
c)	$\frac{3M^2}{E_L h^3}$	$\frac{9M^2}{4E_L h^3}$	36.9°
d)	$\frac{3P^2}{4E_L h}$	$\frac{P^2}{E_L h}$	53.1°

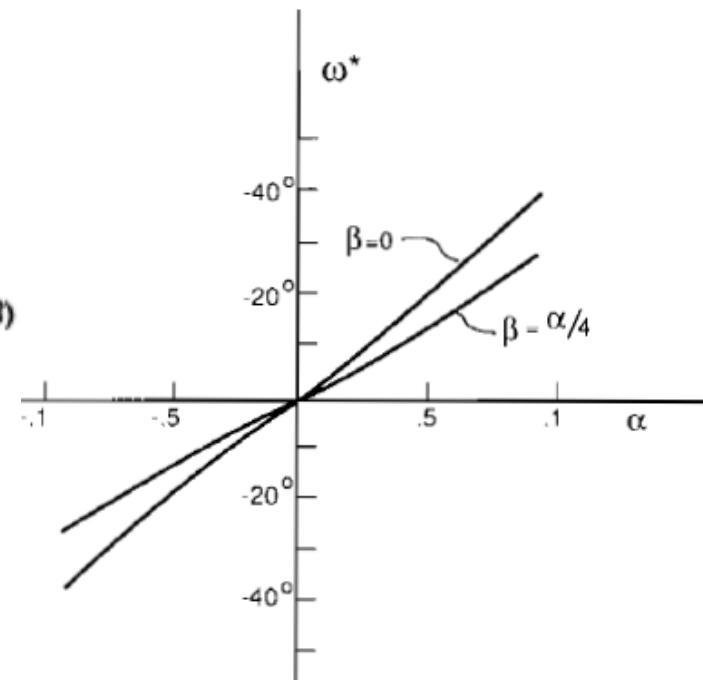
Crack on an interface between two materials of equal thickness (1992-2)



$$G = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{E_1} + \frac{1}{E_2} \right) 12M^2 h^{-3}$$

$$K_1 + iK_2 = 2\sqrt{3} M h^{-3/2 - i\varepsilon} (1 - \beta^2)^{-1/2} e^{i\omega^*(\alpha, \beta)}$$

$$\text{Recall: } \varepsilon = \frac{1}{2\pi} \ln \left(\frac{1 - \beta}{1 + \beta} \right)$$



We will revisit this example later

Some special cases of bilayers (1987-1) , (1992-2)

Homogeneous material

$$G = \frac{1}{2E} (P^2 h^{-1} + 12M^2 h^{-3})$$

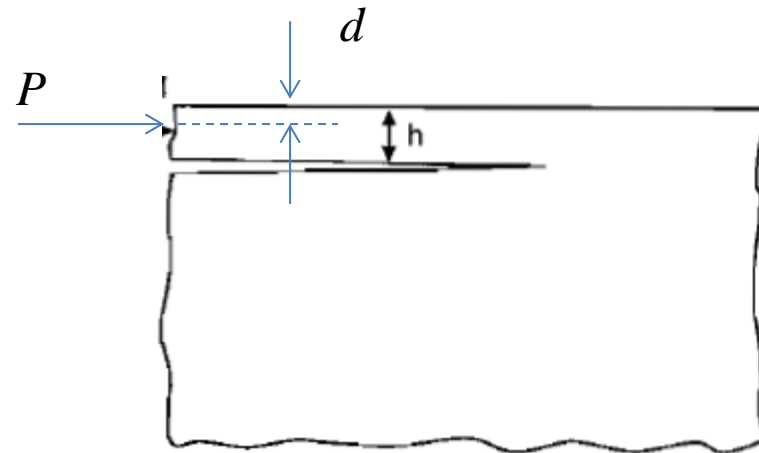
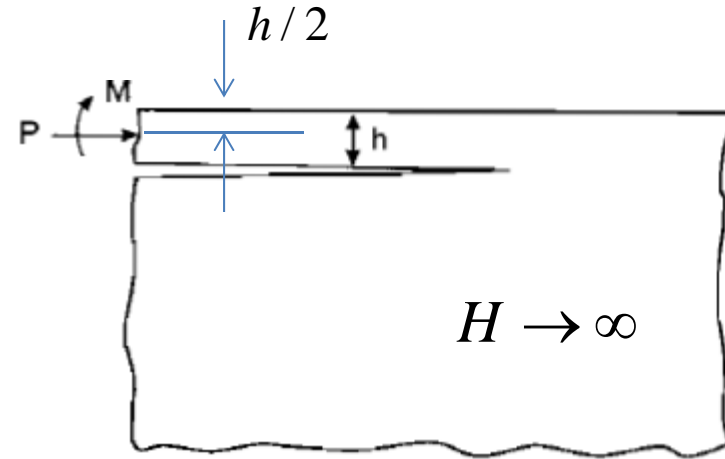
$$K_I = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [Ph^{-1/2} \cos \omega + 2\sqrt{3} Mh^{-3/2} \sin \omega]$$

$$K_{II} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [Ph^{-1/2} \sin \omega - 2\sqrt{3} Mh^{-3/2} \cos \omega]$$

$$\omega = 52.1^\circ$$

Note: Mode I ($K_{II}=0$) if

$$\frac{Ph}{M} = \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{\tan \omega} = 2.70$$



$$d/h = 0.13 \Leftrightarrow \text{mode I}$$

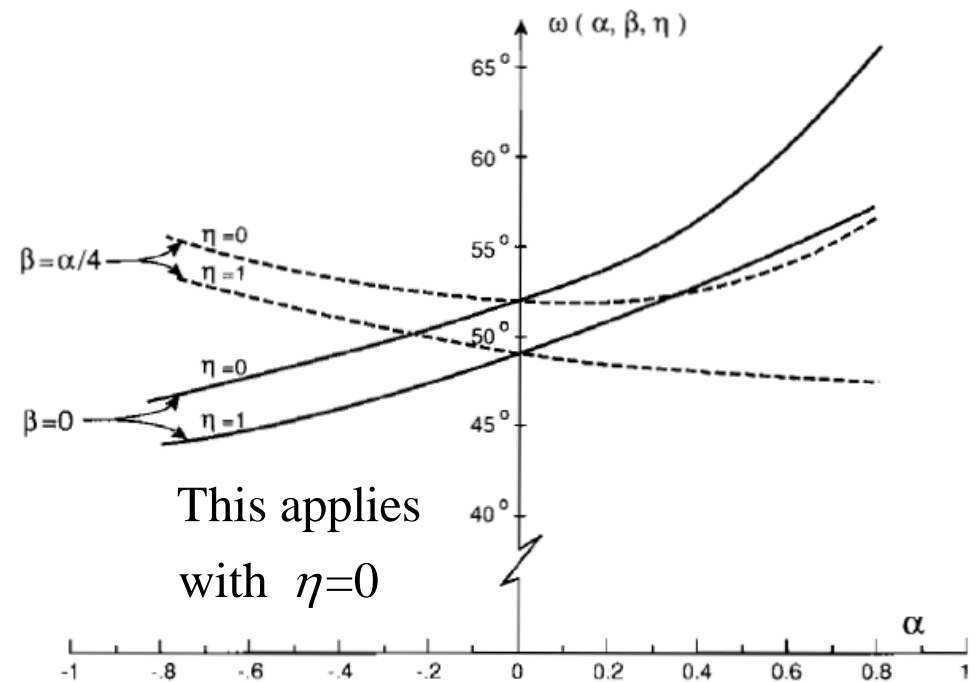
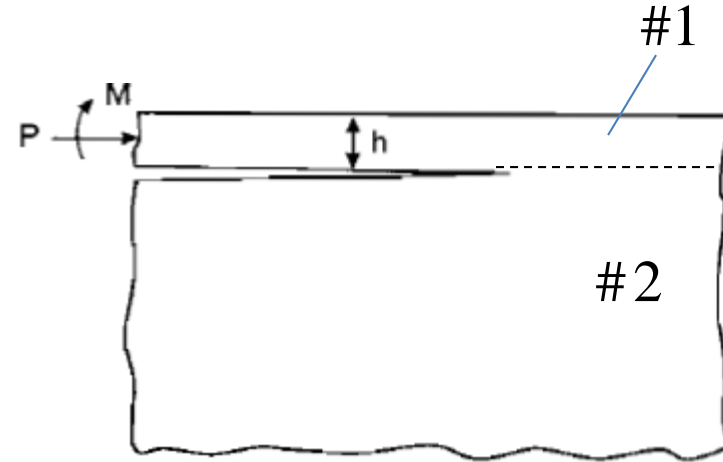
Some special cases of bilayers: film on an infinitely deep substrate (1992-2)

$$G = \frac{1}{2\bar{E}_1} (P^2 h^{-1} + 12M^2 h^{-3})$$

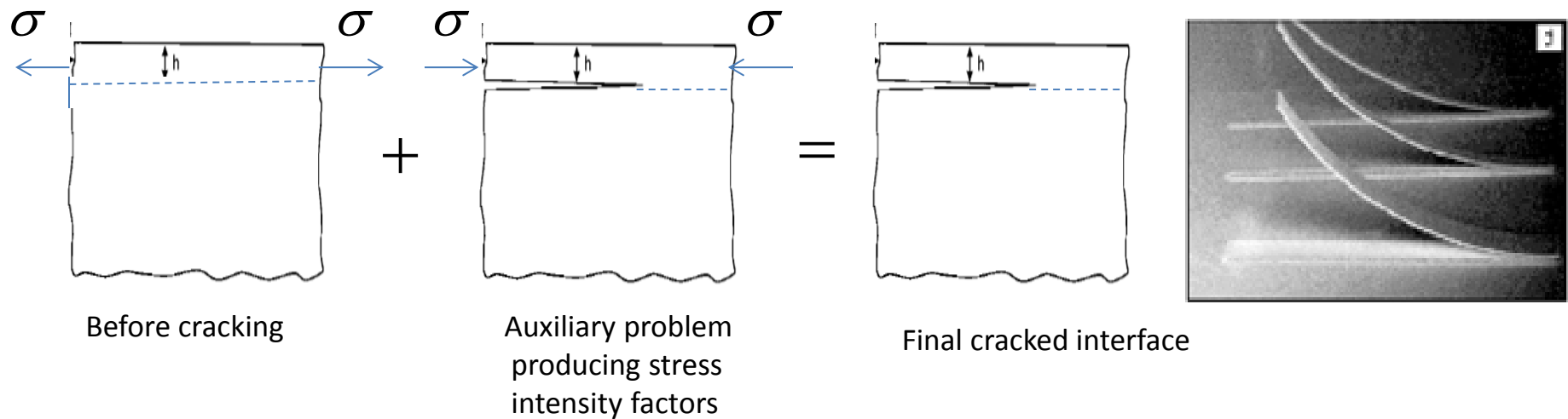
$$K_I = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [Ph^{-1/2} \cos \omega + 2\sqrt{3} Mh^{-3/2} \sin \omega]$$

$$K_{II} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [Ph^{-1/2} \sin \omega - 2\sqrt{3} Mh^{-3/2} \cos \omega]$$

$$\omega = 52.1^\circ \text{ if } \alpha = 0 \text{ \& } \beta = 0$$



An example: Uniformly stressed thin film on deep substrate



$$P = \sigma h, \quad M = 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$G = \frac{\sigma^2 h}{2E_1}$$

$$K_I = \sigma \sqrt{h} \cos \omega / \sqrt{2} = 0.434 \sigma \sqrt{h}, \quad K_{II} = \sigma \sqrt{h} \sin \omega / \sqrt{2} = 0.558 \sigma \sqrt{h} / \sqrt{2} \quad (\psi = 52.1^\circ)$$

This applies for **tensile stress** in film ($\sigma > 0$) with $K_I > 0$:

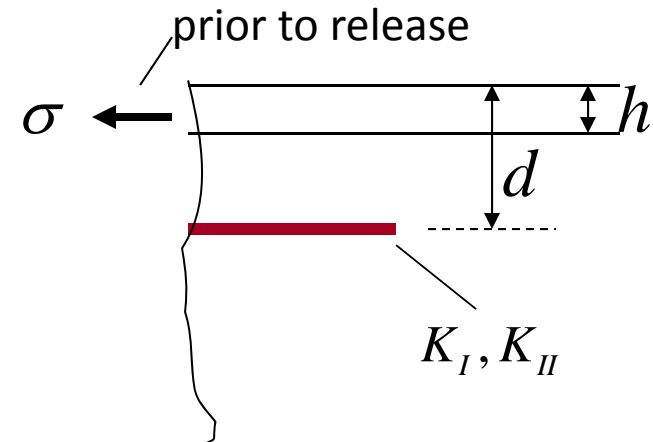
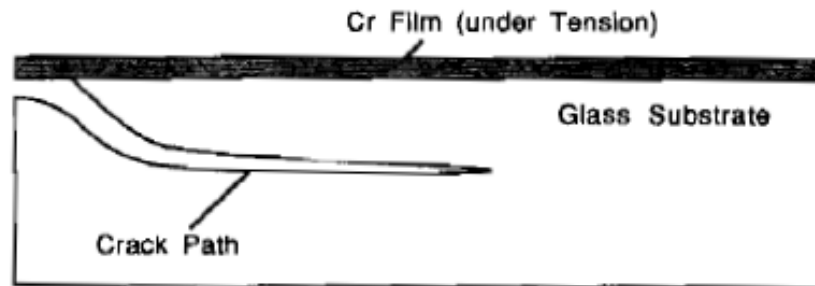
If the film stress is **compressive** ($\sigma < 0$), the formula predicts $K_I < 0$

the formula is not valid--the problem is approximately mode II

Closed, mode II crack. Only valid if friction is neglected. $\sigma < 0: \quad K_I = 0, \quad K_{II} = -0.707 \sigma \sqrt{h}$

Mode I cracking in substrate driven by tensile stresses in film or coating (1989-2, 1992-2)

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Neglecting elastic mismatch the basic solution gives

$$K_I = \frac{\sigma h}{\sqrt{2d}} \left(\cos \omega + \sqrt{3} \left(\frac{d-h}{d} \right) \sin \omega \right)$$

$$K_{II} = \frac{\sigma h}{\sqrt{2d}} \left(\sin \omega - \sqrt{3} \left(\frac{d-h}{d} \right) \cos \omega \right)$$

Depth of mode I crack

$$K_{II} = 0 \text{ with } \omega = 52.1^\circ \Rightarrow \frac{d}{h} = 3.86, \quad K_I = 0.586 \sigma \sqrt{h} \text{ and } G = 0.343 \sigma^2 h / \bar{E}$$

Compare with mixed mode delamination along interface

$$K_I = 0.434 \sigma \sqrt{h}, \quad K_{II} = 0.556 \sigma \sqrt{h} \text{ and } G = 0.50 \sigma^2 h / \bar{E}$$

Substrate delamination as mode I crack propagation is observed in systems where the interface is relatively tough and the substrate is brittle. The stress in the film or coating must be in tension. No mode I path exists in the substrate if the stress is compression.

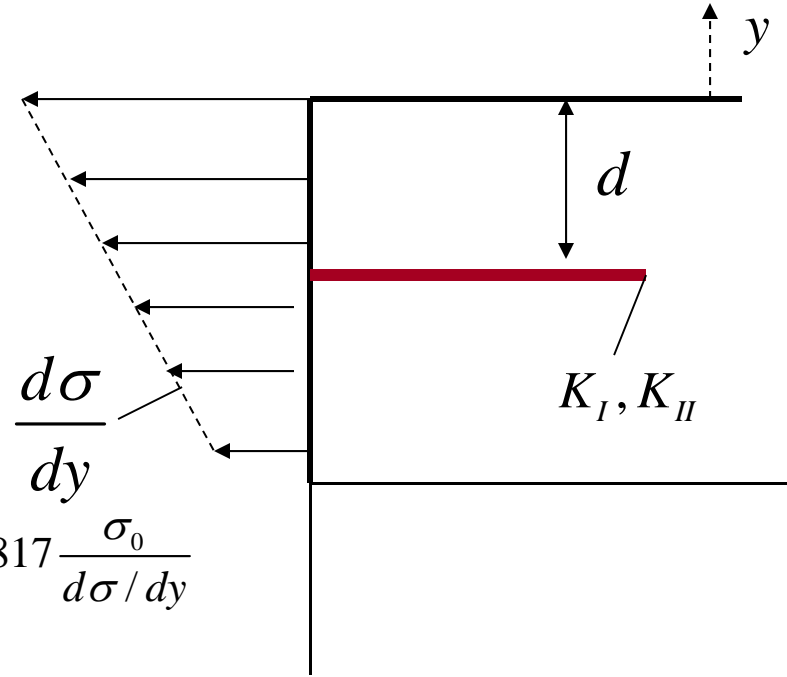
See Drory, Thouless & Evans (1988) for experimental observations for metal/glass systems.

Mode I cracking within a film or coating driven by stress gradients

Basic solution gives:

$$K_I = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sigma_0 d^{1/2} \cos \omega + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{d\sigma}{dy} d^{3/2} \left(-\cos \omega + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}} \sin \omega \right)$$

$$K_{II} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sigma_0 d^{1/2} \sin \omega + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{d\sigma}{dy} d^{3/2} \left(\sin \omega + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}} \cos \omega \right)$$



Mode I crack:

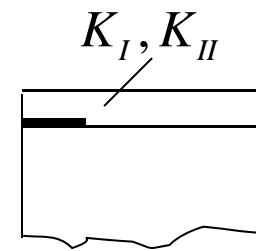
$$K_{II} = 0 \quad (\omega = 52.1^\circ) \Rightarrow d = \frac{\sigma_0}{d\sigma/dy} \left(1 + \frac{\cot \omega}{2\sqrt{3}} \right)^{-1} = 0.817 \frac{\sigma_0}{d\sigma/dy}$$

$$K_I = 0.657 \sigma_0 d^{1/2} = 0.594 \sigma_0^{3/2} (d\sigma/dy)^{-1/2}$$

For a mode I crack to exist within layer with linear stress variation:

$$\sigma_0 > 0 \quad \& \quad d\sigma/dy > 0.817 \sigma_0 / H \quad \Rightarrow \quad d = 0.817 \frac{\sigma_0}{d\sigma/dy} \quad \& \quad G = 0.353 \frac{\sigma_0^3}{\bar{E} d\sigma/dy}$$

Interface toughness—the role of mode mix (1992-2)



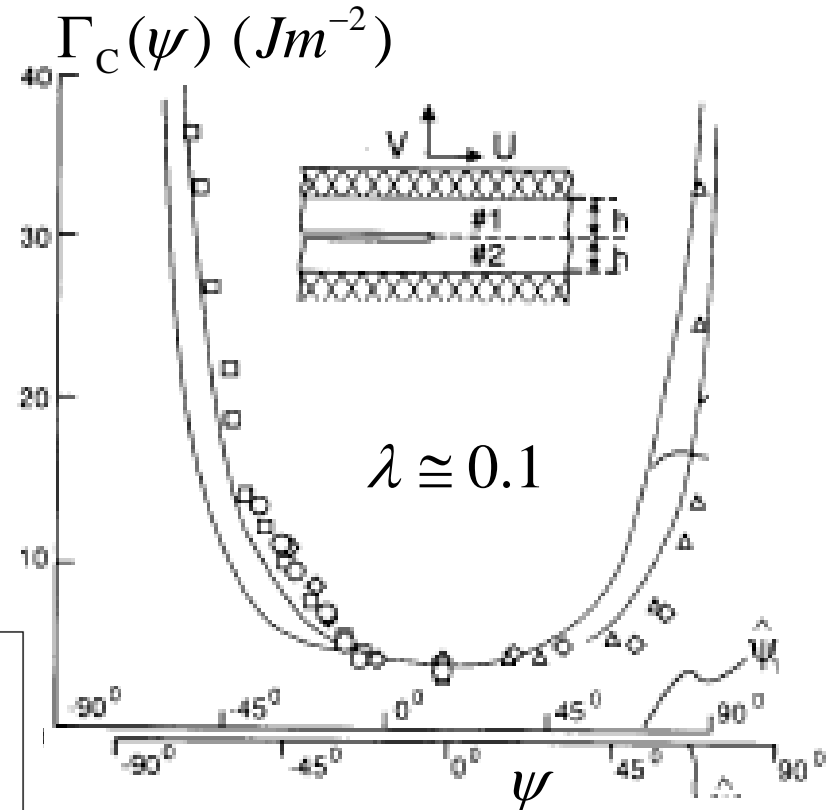
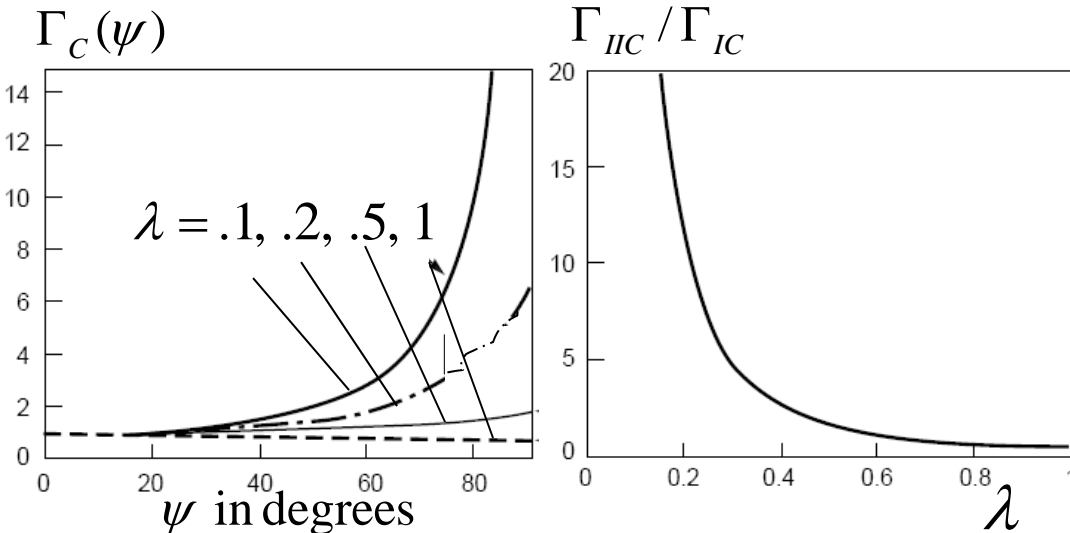
Experimental finding: The energy release rate required to propagate a crack along an interface generally depends on the mode mix, often with larger toughness the larger the mode II component

Interface Toughness: $\Gamma_C(\psi)$

Propagation condition: $G = \Gamma_C(\psi)$

A phenomenological interface toughness law

$$\Gamma_C(\psi) = \Gamma_{IC} (1 + \tan^2((1 - \lambda)\psi))$$



Liechti & Chai (1992) data for an epoxy/glass interface.

$\lambda = 1 \Rightarrow$ no mode dependence

$\lambda \ll 1 \Rightarrow$ significant mode dependence