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PROBLEMI DI FRATTURA E DANNEGGIAMENTO IN MATERIALI E SISTEMI COMPOSITI

Parte 1:

MECCANICA DELLA FRATTURA LINEARE E NON LINEARE NELLO STUDIO DEI MATERIALI COMPOSITI

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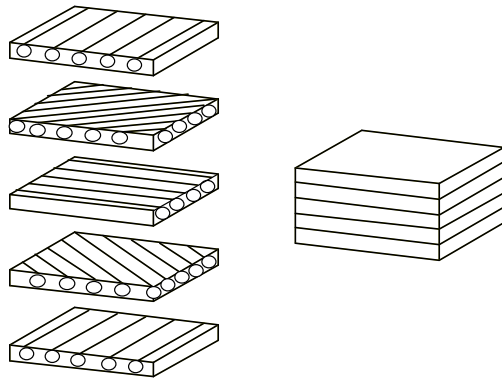
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RICHIAMI DI MECCANICA DELLA FRATTURA ELASTICA LINEARE

FIBER-REINFORCED COMPOSITE LAMINATES



Lamina:
unidirectionally reinforced composite

Laminate:
stacking sequences: $[0]_n$, $[\pm\alpha]_n$, $[0/90]_n$, $[0/\pm45/90]_n$,

Manufacturing procedures:

- lay-up
- resin impregnation (in PMC): RTM, RFI

CHARACTERISTICS:

- High degree of tailoring of elastic properties
- High strength to weight ratios
- High stiffness to weight ratios
(\Rightarrow aeronautics/aerospace/defence)

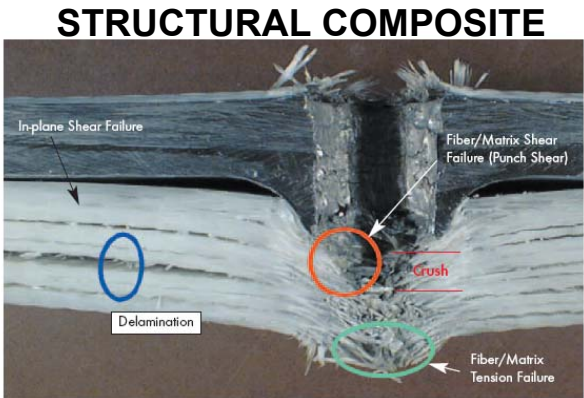
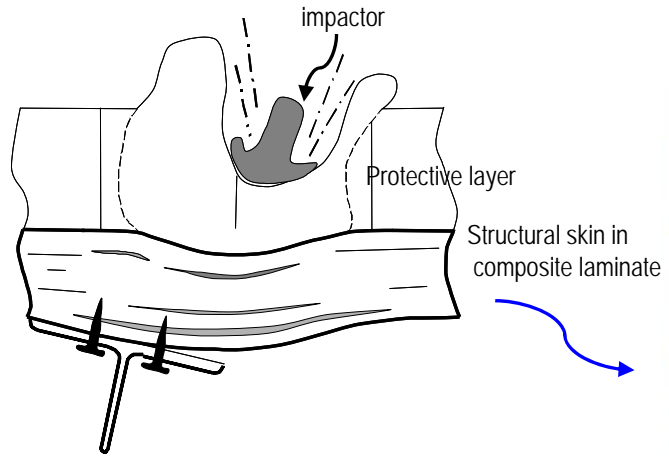
DRAWBACKS:

- Lack of strength in through-thickness direction
- Low damage / impact tolerance and resistance
- High sensitivity to interlaminar flaws
- Catastrophic failures
(inter-ply layers: low-toughness fracture paths)

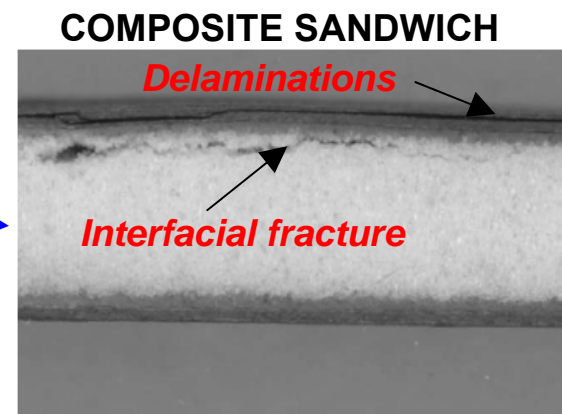
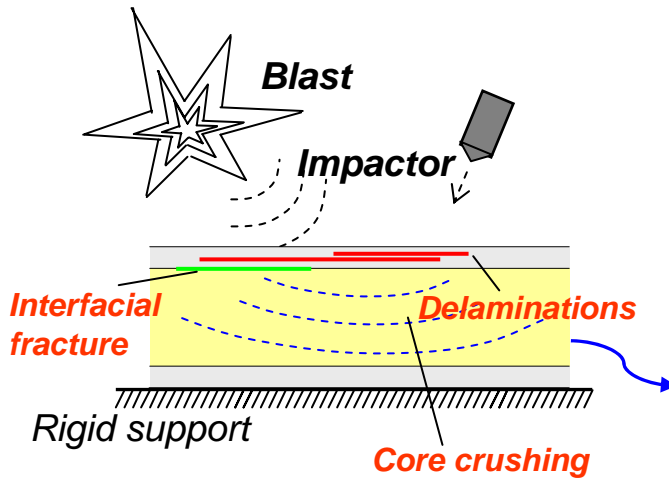
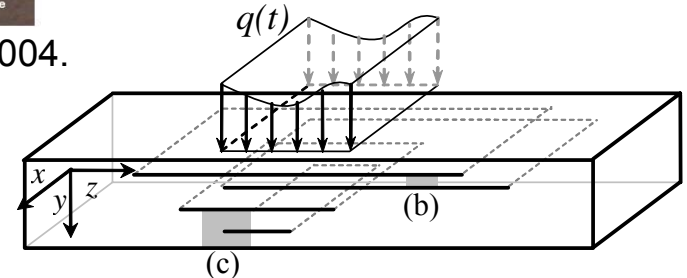
REMEDIES:

- Tougher matrices
- Inter-ply films, addition of particles,...
- Through-thickness reinforcement (trans-laminar reinforcement)

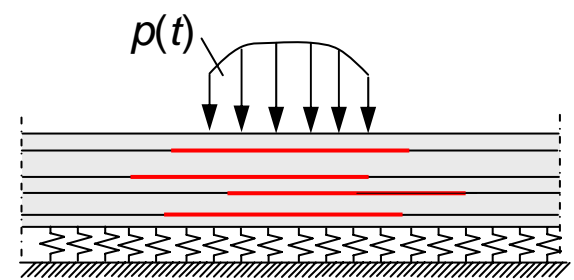
SINGLE AND MULTIPLE DELAMINATION



Cheeseman et al., *Amptiac*, (8), 2004.

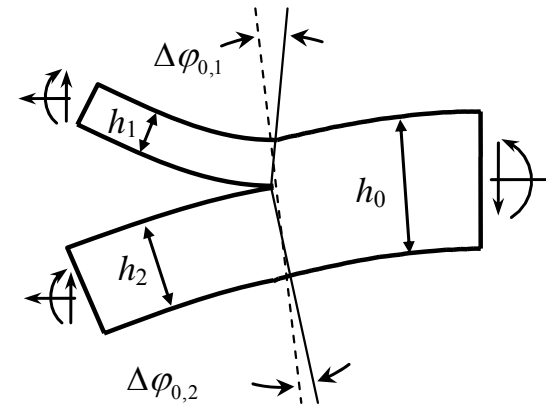
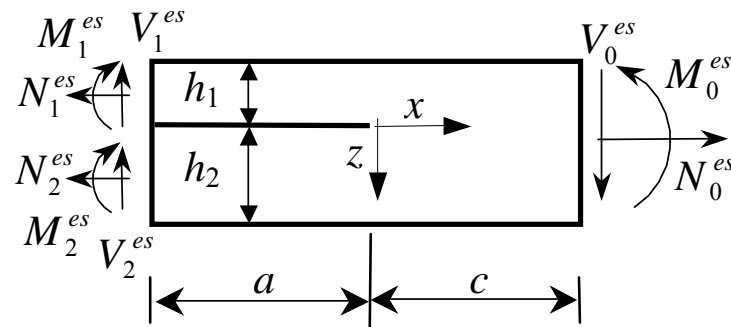


(Kim and Swanson, *Comp. Struct.*, 2001)



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Reference solutions from the literature:

Suo, JAM, (1990):

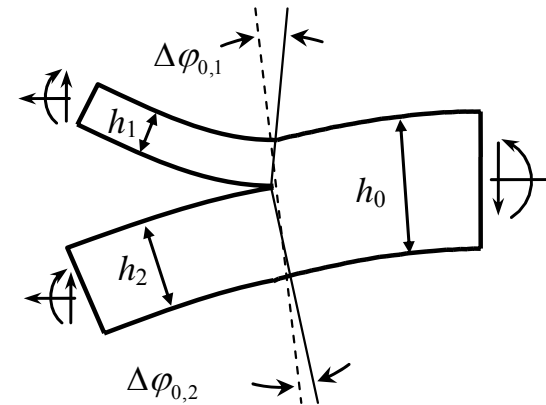
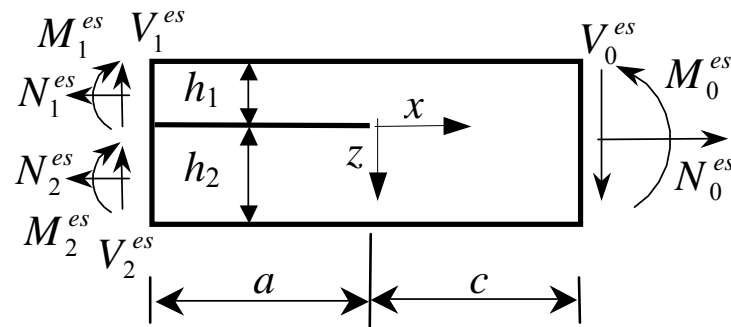
- axial loading only (bending moments and normal forces)
- analytical expression for energy release rate, \equiv elementary beam theory
- analytical mode decomposition based on dimensional considerations, linearity, relationship between ERR and SIF (Irwin, Sih)
- (derivation is analytical except for a single parameter extracted from numerical solution of one loading case)

Li, Wang and Thouless, JMPS, (2004):

- accounts for effects of shear in bimaterial isotropic beams
- numerical FE solution for the energy release rate
- expressions for SIFs depending on 5 numerically determined constants

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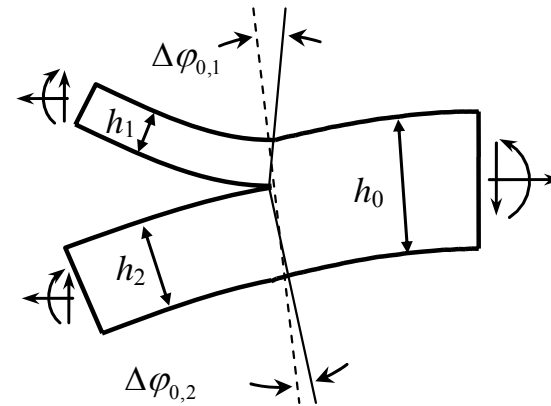
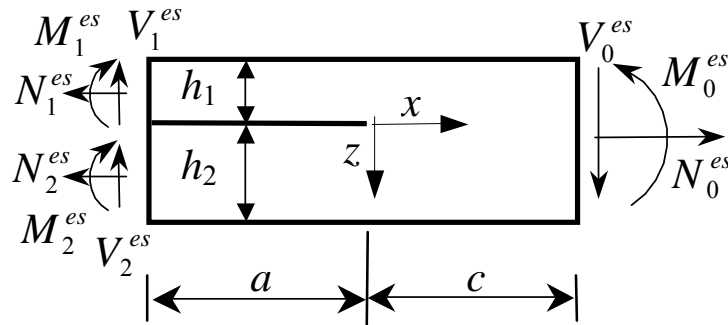
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- x and z = principal material axes

- Non dimensional orthotropy ratios (plane stress): $\lambda = \frac{E_z}{E_x}$, $\rho = \frac{\sqrt{E_x E_z}}{2G_{xz}} - \sqrt{\nu_{zx} \nu_{xz}}$
 $0 < \rho < 5$ and $0 < \lambda < 1$ (typical values for composites)

- $a, c \geq c_{\min} = h_i \lambda^{-1/4}$ ($i = 0, 1, 2$):
 so that crack tip fields independent of distance from load points

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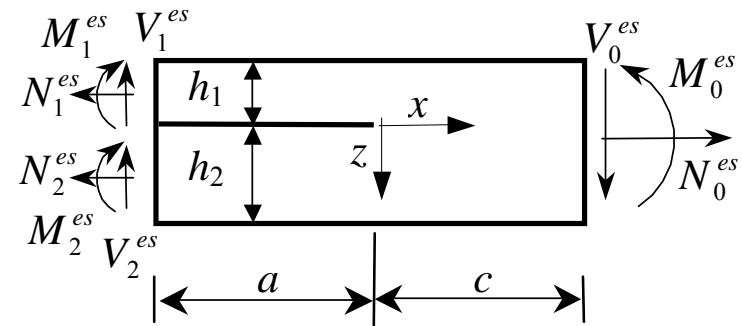
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- x and z are the principal axes of the layer. Aim of our work:

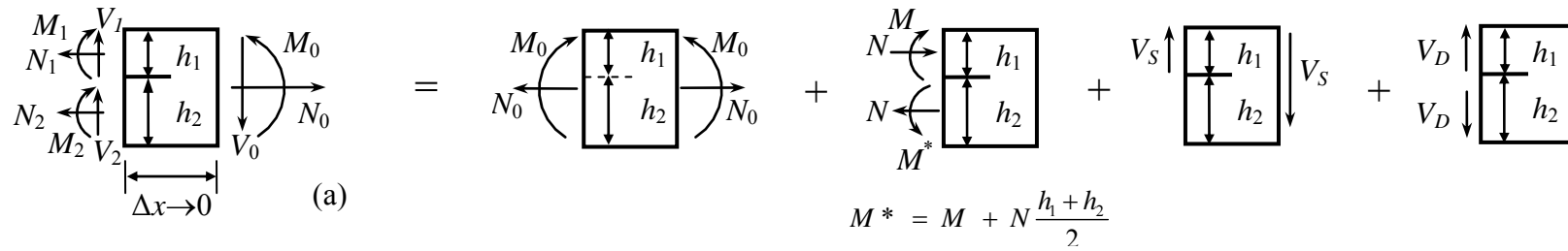
- Non-dimensional parameters $0 < \rho < 5$ - Derive semi-analytical expressions for the energy release rate and the stress intensity factors in homogeneous orthotropic layers that depend on the crack tip stress resultants;

- $a, c \geq 0$ so that - The expressions have physical significance and allow separation of the different contributions

ENERGY RELEASE RATE AND STRESS INTENSITY FACTORS



Self equilibrated crack tip loading systems:



$$R = \bar{[M/E_x h_1^2; N/E_x h_1; V_S/E_x h_1; V_D/E_x h_1]}.$$

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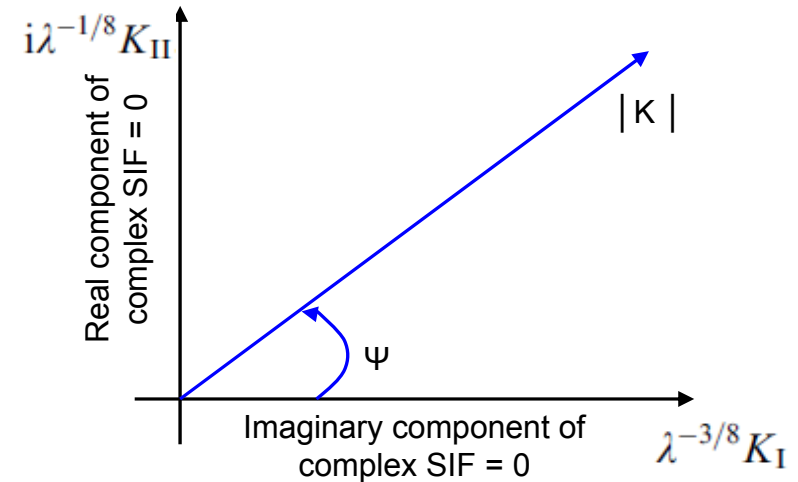
Relationship between energy release rate and stress intensity factors in orthotropic body (Sih, 1965):

$$\mathcal{G} = \frac{1}{E_x} \sqrt{\frac{1+\rho}{2}} [\lambda^{-3/4} K_I^2 + \lambda^{-1/4} K_{II}^2],$$

Complex stress intensity factor:

$$K = \lambda^{-3/8} K_I + i\lambda^{-1/8} K_{II},$$

$$|K| = \sqrt{\lambda^{-3/4} K_I^2 + \lambda^{-1/4} K_{II}^2},$$



$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{E_x \mathcal{G}} = \left(\frac{1+\rho}{2} \right)^{1/4} |K|. \quad (*)$$

Dimensional considerations, linearity and Eq. (*) :

$$|K_R| = f_R(\eta, \lambda, \rho) R E_x \sqrt{h_1} \left(\frac{1+\rho}{2} \right)^{-1/4}, \quad f_R^2 = \mathcal{G}_R / (R^2 E_x h_1).$$

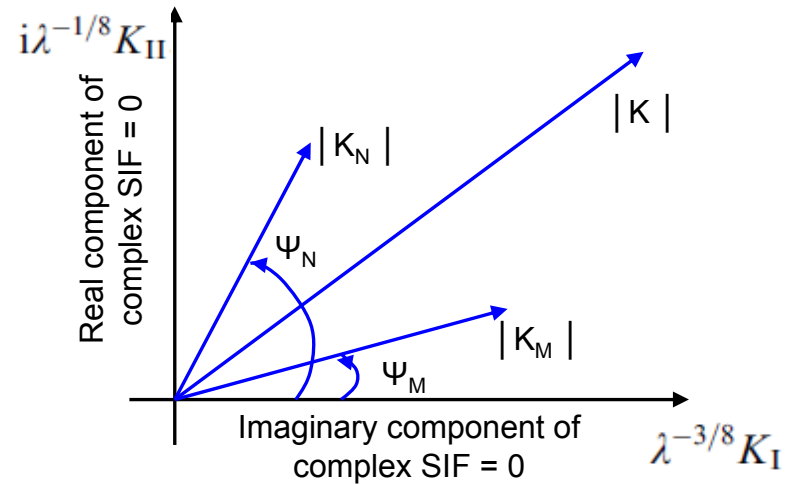
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Components of complex stress intensity factor:

$$K_{IR} = \lambda^{3/8} |K_R| \cos(\Psi_R)$$

$$K_{IIR} = \lambda^{1/8} |K_R| \sin(\Psi_R)$$

$$\Psi = \tan^{-1} \left(\lambda^{1/4} \frac{K_{II}}{K_I} \right).$$



Assuming:

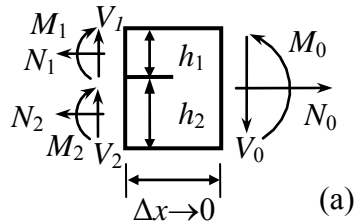
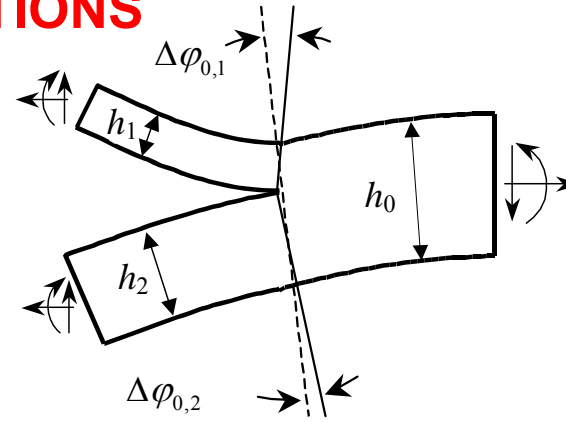
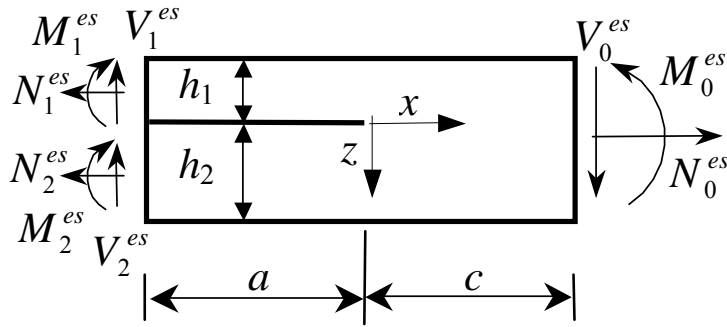
$$\Psi_N = \omega, \quad \Psi_M = \gamma_M + \omega - \frac{\pi}{2}, \quad \Psi_{V_D} = \gamma_{V_D} + \omega - \frac{\pi}{2}, \quad \Psi_{V_S} = \gamma_{V_S} + \omega - \frac{\pi}{2}.$$

Stress Intensity Factors:

$$K_I = \frac{\lambda^{3/8}}{\left(\frac{1+\rho}{2}\right)^{1/4}} \left[\frac{f_M M \sin(\gamma_M + \omega)}{h_1^{3/2}} + \frac{f_N N \cos(\omega)}{\sqrt{h_1}} + \frac{f_{V_D} V_D \sin(\gamma_{V_D} + \omega)}{\sqrt{h_1}} + \frac{f_{V_S} V_S \sin(\gamma_{V_S} + \omega)}{\sqrt{h_1}} \right],$$

$$K_{II} = \frac{\lambda^{1/8}}{\left(\frac{1+\rho}{2}\right)^{1/4}} \left[-\frac{f_M M \cos(\gamma_M + \omega)}{h_1^{3/2}} + \frac{f_N N \sin(\omega)}{\sqrt{h_1}} - \frac{f_{V_D} V_D \cos(\gamma_{V_D} + \omega)}{\sqrt{h_1}} - \frac{f_{V_S} V_S \cos(\gamma_{V_S} + \omega)}{\sqrt{h_1}} \right].$$

ROOT ROTATIONS



$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \begin{array}{c} M_0 \\ \curvearrowright \\ \left[\begin{array}{c} h_1 \\ h_2 \end{array} \right] \\ \curvearrowleft \\ N_0 \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} N \\ \curvearrowleft \\ \left[\begin{array}{c} h_1 \\ h_2 \end{array} \right] \\ \curvearrowright \\ M^* \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} V_S \uparrow \\ \left[\begin{array}{c} h_1 \\ h_2 \end{array} \right] \\ V_S \downarrow \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} V_D \uparrow \\ \left[\begin{array}{c} h_1 \\ h_2 \end{array} \right] \\ V_D \downarrow \end{array} \\
 &M^* = M + N \frac{h_1 + h_2}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

Root rotations:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Delta\varphi_{0,1} &= \frac{1}{E_x h_1} \left(\frac{a_1^M}{h_1} M + a_1^N N + a_1^{V_S} V_S + a_1^{V_D} V_D \right) \\
 \Delta\varphi_{0,2} &= \frac{1}{E_x h_1} \left(\frac{a_2^M}{h_1} M + a_2^N N + a_2^{V_S} V_S + a_2^{V_D} V_D \right)
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where:

$$a_1^M, a_2^M, a_1^N, a_2^N = b\lambda^{-1/4}$$

$$a_1^{V_D} = b\lambda^{-1/2} - \nu_{xz}/\kappa_S$$

$$a_2^{V_D} = b\lambda^{-1/2} + \eta\nu_{xz}/\kappa_S$$

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and: $\eta = h_1/h_2$ $\lambda = E_z/E_x$ $\rho = \frac{\sqrt{E_x E_z}}{2G_{xz}} - \sqrt{\nu_{xz}\nu_{zx}}$

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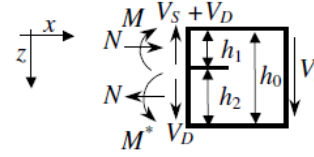
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Modified crack tip stress resultants



$$M^* = M + N(h_1 + h_2)/2$$

		Constant b						
for:	a_1^M	a_2^M	a_1^N	a_2^N	$a_1^{V_D}$	$a_2^{V_D}$	$a_1^{V_S}$	$a_2^{V_S}$
$\eta = h_1/h_2$	$\rho = 1$ and $0.025 \leq \lambda \leq 1$							
→ 0.0	7.439	0.000	1.732	0.000	2.606	0.000	2.606	0.000
0.2	7.529	-0.372	2.066	-0.331	2.188	-0.137	2.208	-0.146
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0.6	7.817	-3.034	2.492	-2.163	1.769	-0.746	1.382	-0.506
0.8	7.952	-5.262	2.649	-3.567	1.631	-1.120	1.087	-0.604
1.0	8.077	-8.077	2.782	-5.280	1.518	-1.518	0.858	-0.656
η	$\rho = 3$ and $0.025 \leq \lambda \leq 1$							
→ 0.0	10.046	0.000	2.107	0.000	2.825	0.000	2.825	0.000
0.2	10.234	-0.480	2.604	-0.475	2.237	-0.126	2.684	-0.184
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0.8	10.884	-7.156	3.379	-5.069	1.591	-1.074	1.306	-0.544
1.0	11.029	-11.029	3.541	-7.472	1.469	-1.469	0.977	-0.488
η	$\rho = 5$ and $0.025 \leq \lambda \leq 1$							
→ 0.0	12.029	0.000	2.408	0.000	2.931	0.000	2.931	0.000
0.2	12.313	-0.566	3.043	-0.586	2.226	-0.115	3.105	-0.221
0.4	12.663	-2.225	3.449	-1.902	1.904	-0.357	2.613	-0.463
0.6	12.946	-4.927	3.745	-3.796	1.692	-0.668	2.034	-0.542
0.8	13.163	-8.637	3.975	-6.221	1.533	-1.022	1.518	-0.475
1.0	13.331	-13.331	4.161	-9.153	1.406	-1.406	1.093	-0.308

Uncertainties estimated on root rotations from FE solution and interpolation affect the fourth decimal digit.

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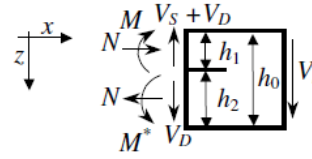
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Uncertainties es									

- Root rotations are generated by all crack tip stress resultants and strongly depend on the local two-dimensional fields.

- This result can explain limitations of models based on plate theory and an interface approach in accurately predicting fracture parameters for short and moderately long cracks

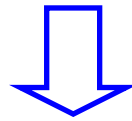
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Energy release rate from 2D elasticity:

$$\mathcal{G} = \frac{1}{E_x} \sqrt{\frac{1+\rho}{2}} [\lambda^{-3/4} K_I^2 + \lambda^{-1/4} K_{II}^2],$$

Energy release rate from first order shear deformation beam theory:

$$\mathcal{G} = J = \frac{1}{2} \left[\sum_{i=1}^2 \left(\frac{M_i^2}{E_x h_i^3 / 12} + \frac{V_i^2}{\kappa_S G_{xz} h_i} + \frac{N_i^2}{E_x h_i} + 2V_i \Delta\varphi_{0,i} \right) - \frac{M_0^2}{E_x h_0^3 / 12} - \frac{V_0^2}{\kappa_S G_{xz} h_0} - \frac{N_0^2}{E_x h_0} \right],$$



$$f_N(\eta) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sqrt{1 + 4\eta + 6\eta^2 + 3\eta^3}$$

$$f_M(\eta) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sqrt{12(1 + \eta^3)}$$

$$f_{V_D}(\eta, \lambda, \rho) = \sqrt{\left(a_1^{V_D} - a_2^{V_D} + \frac{1+\eta}{\kappa_S} \left(\frac{\rho}{\sqrt{\lambda}} + v_{xz} \right) \right)}$$

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$$\omega = 52.1^\circ - 3^\circ \eta.$$

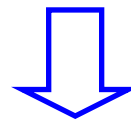
ENERGY RELEASE RATE AND STRESS INTENSITY FACTORS

Energy release rate from 2D elasticity:

$$\mathcal{G} = \frac{1}{E_x} \sqrt{\frac{1+\rho}{2}} [\lambda^{-3/4} K_I^2 + \lambda^{-1/4} K_{II}^2],$$

Energy release rate from first order shear deformation beam theory:

$$\mathcal{G} = J = \frac{1}{2} \left[\sum_{i=1}^2 \left(\frac{M_i^2}{E_x h_i^3 / 12} + \frac{V_i^2}{\kappa_S G_{xz} h_i} + \frac{N_i^2}{E_x h_i} + 2V_i \Delta \varphi_{0,i} \right) - \frac{M_0^2}{E_x h_0^3 / 12} - \frac{V_0^2}{\kappa_S G_{xz} h_0} - \frac{N_0^2}{E_x h_0} \right],$$



$$f_N(\eta) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sqrt{1 + 4\eta + 6\eta^2 + 3\eta^3}$$

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$$f_{V_D}(\eta, \rho) = \sqrt{\left(\frac{v_{xz}}{1+\eta} \left(\frac{\rho}{\sqrt{\lambda}} + v_{xz} \right) \right)^2 + a_1^N}$$

-Expression for the energy release rate fully resolve all crack problems where conditions are either mode I or mode II (e.g. laboratory specimens)

$$f_{V_S}(\eta, \lambda, \rho) = \sqrt{\left(a_1^{V_S} + \frac{1}{\kappa_S} \frac{1}{1+\eta} \left(\frac{\rho}{\sqrt{\lambda}} + v_{xz} \right) \right)^2}$$

ENERGY RELEASE RATE AND STRESS INTENSITY FACTORS

Stress Intensity Factors:

$$K_I = \frac{\lambda^{3/8}}{\left(\frac{1+\rho}{2}\right)^{1/4}} \left[\frac{f_M M \sin(\gamma_M + \omega)}{h_1^{3/2}} + \frac{f_N N \cos(\omega)}{\sqrt{h_1}} + \frac{f_{V_D} V_D \sin(\gamma_{V_D} + \omega)}{\sqrt{h_1}} + \frac{f_{V_S} V_S \sin(\gamma_{V_S} + \omega)}{\sqrt{h_1}} \right],$$

$$K_{II} = \frac{\lambda^{1/8}}{\left(\frac{1+\rho}{2}\right)^{1/4}} \left[-\frac{f_M M \cos(\gamma_M + \omega)}{h_1^{3/2}} + \frac{f_N N \sin(\omega)}{\sqrt{h_1}} - \frac{f_{V_D} V_D \cos(\gamma_{V_D} + \omega)}{\sqrt{h_1}} - \frac{f_{V_S} V_S \cos(\gamma_{V_S} + \omega)}{\sqrt{h_1}} \right].$$

Semi-analytically derived constants:

$$f_N(\eta) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sqrt{1 + 4\eta + 6\eta^2 + 3\eta^3}$$

$$f_M(\eta) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sqrt{12(1 + \eta^3)}$$

$$f_{V_D}(\eta, \lambda, \rho) = \sqrt{\left(a_1^{V_D} - a_2^{V_D} + \frac{1+\eta}{\kappa_S} \left(\frac{\rho}{\sqrt{\lambda}} + \nu_{xz} \right) \right)}$$

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ENERGY RELEASE RATE AND STRESS INTENSITY FACTORS

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$$f_N(\eta) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sqrt{1 + 4\eta + 6\eta^2 + 3\eta^3} \quad \gamma_M(\eta) = \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{3(1+\eta)\eta^2}{f_M f_N} \right)$$

$f_M(\eta) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ - Expressions for the stress intensity factors fully resolve mixed mode fracture problems in statically determined systems. In statically indeterminate systems calculation of the crack tip stress resultants is first required (using 2D analyses or beam theory models accounting for the root rotations).

$f_{V_D}(\eta, \lambda, \rho) =$ - Expressions are very accurate (uncertainties below 2%) for crack lengths $a, c \geq c_{\min} = h_i \lambda^{-1/4}$ ($i = 0, 1, 2$)

ENERGY RELEASE RATE AND STRESS INTENSITY FACTORS

Table 2

Energy release rates and stress intensity factors in an edge-cracked orthotropic layer subject to arbitrary generalized end forces acting at a distance $\geq c_{\min} = h\rho\lambda^{-1/4}$ ($i = 0, 1, 2$) from the crack tip

Energy release rate:

$$\mathcal{G} = J = \frac{1}{2} \left[\sum_{i=1}^2 \left(\frac{M_i^2}{E_x h_i^3 / 12} + \frac{V_i^2}{\kappa_S G_{xz} h_i} + \frac{N_i^2}{E_x h_i} + 2V_i \Delta\varphi_{0,i} \right) - \frac{M_0^2}{E_x h_0^3 / 12} - \frac{V_0^2}{\kappa_S G_{xz} h_0} - \frac{N_0^2}{E_x h_0} \right]$$

where:

N_i, M_i, V_i ($i = 1, 2, 3$) = crack tip stress resultants (see picture a),

$\Delta\varphi_{0,i} = \frac{1}{E_x h_i} \left(\frac{a_i^M}{h_i} M + a_i^N N + a_i^{V_S} V_S + a_i^{V_D} V_D \right)$ = root rotation sub-layer i ($i = 1, 2$)

N, M, V_S, V_D = modified crack tip stress resultants (see picture b),

$a_i^M, a_i^N, a_i^{V_S}, a_i^{V_D}$ = root rotation compliances ($i = 1, 2$) (Table 1),

$E_x, E_z, G_{xz}, \nu_{xz}$ = Young's and shear moduli, Poisson ratio.

$\kappa_S = 5/6$

Stress intensity factors:

$$K_I = \frac{\lambda^{3/8}}{\left(\frac{1+\rho}{2}\right)^{1/4}} \left[\frac{f_M M \sin(\gamma_M + \omega)}{h_1^{3/2}} + \frac{f_N N \cos(\omega)}{\sqrt{h_1}} + \frac{f_{V_D} V_D \sin(\gamma_{V_D} + \omega)}{\sqrt{h_1}} + \frac{f_{V_S} V_S \sin(\gamma_{V_S} + \omega)}{\sqrt{h_1}} \right]$$

$$K_{II} = \frac{\lambda^{1/8}}{\left(\frac{1+\rho}{2}\right)^{1/4}} \left[-\frac{f_M M \cos(\gamma_M + \omega)}{h_1^{3/2}} + \frac{f_N N \sin(\omega)}{\sqrt{h_1}} - \frac{f_{V_D} V_D \cos(\gamma_{V_D} + \omega)}{\sqrt{h_1}} - \frac{f_{V_S} V_S \cos(\gamma_{V_S} + \omega)}{\sqrt{h_1}} \right]$$

with:

$$f_M(\eta) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sqrt{12(1 + \eta^3)}, \quad f_N(\eta) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sqrt{1 + 4\eta + 6\eta^2 + 3\eta^3},$$

$$f_{V_S}(\eta, \lambda, \rho) = \sqrt{\left(a_1^{V_S} + \frac{1}{\kappa_S} \frac{1}{1+\eta} \left(\frac{\rho}{\sqrt{\lambda}} + \nu_{xz} \right) \right)},$$

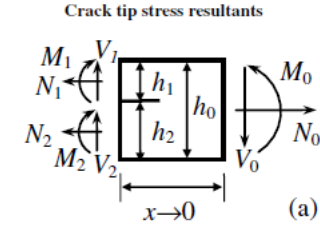
$$f_{V_D}(\eta, \lambda, \rho) = \sqrt{\left(a_1^{V_D} - a_2^{V_D} + \frac{1+\eta}{\kappa_S} \left(\frac{\rho}{\sqrt{\lambda}} + \nu_{xz} \right) \right)},$$

$$\gamma_M(\eta) = \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{3(1+\eta)\eta^2}{f_M f_N} \right),$$

$$\gamma_{V_S}(\eta, \rho) = \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{a_1^N}{2f_N f_{V_S}} \right), \quad \gamma_{V_D}(\eta, \rho) = \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{a_1^N - a_2^N}{2f_N f_{V_D}} \right),$$

$$\omega = 52.1^\circ - 3^\circ \eta$$

$$\lambda = \frac{E_z}{E_x} \quad \text{and} \quad \rho = \frac{\sqrt{E_x E_z}}{2G_{xz}} - \sqrt{\nu_{xz} \nu_{zx}}$$



where:

$$h_0 = h_1 + h_2$$

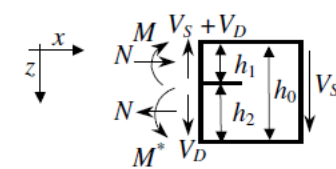
$$\eta = h_1/h$$

$$M_0 = M_1 + M_2 + \frac{1}{2} (h_1 N_2 - h_2 N_1),$$

$$N_0 = N_1 + N_2,$$

$$V_0 = V_1 + V_2.$$

Modified crack tip stress resultants



$$M^* = M + N(h_1 + h_2)/2 \quad (b)$$

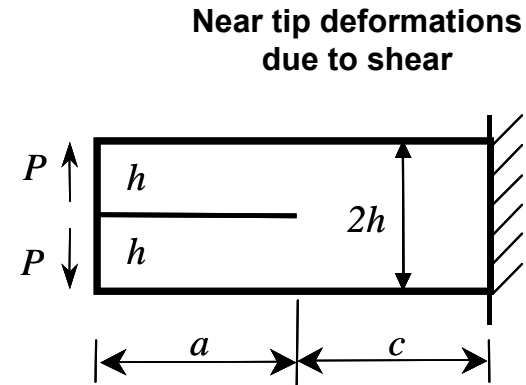
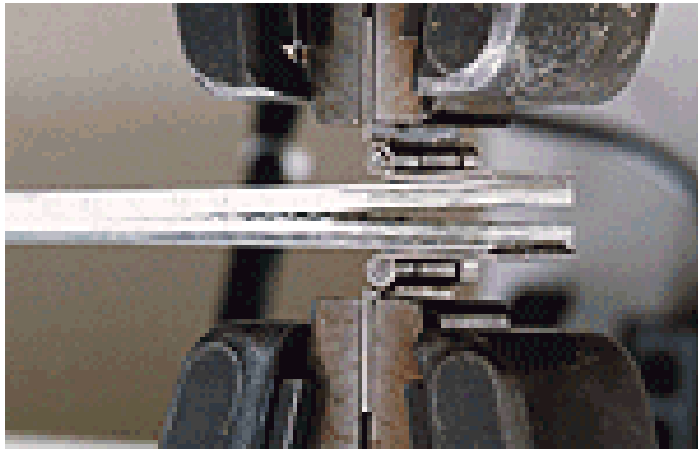
where:

$$M = M_1 - \frac{1}{(1+1/\eta)^3} M_0,$$

$$N = -N_1 + \frac{1}{1+1/\eta} N_0 - \frac{6}{\eta} \frac{1}{(1+1/\eta)^3} \frac{M_0}{h_1},$$

$$V_S = V_0, \quad V_D = -V_2$$

APPLICATION – The exemplary case of the DCB specimen



Dimensionless energy release rate:

$$\frac{\mathcal{G}_{\text{DCB}} E_x h}{P^2} = 12 \left(\frac{a}{h}\right)^2 \left[1 + \frac{1}{6} \left(\frac{1}{\kappa_S} \left(\frac{\rho}{\sqrt{\lambda}} + v_{xz} \right) + \frac{a_1^{V_D} - a_2^{V_D}}{2} \right) \left(\frac{h}{a}\right)^2 + \frac{1}{12} (a_1^M - a_2^M) \left(\frac{h}{a}\right) \right],$$

Elementary beam theory

Shear deformations along the arms

Near tip deformations due to shear

Near tip deformations due to bending (and shear)

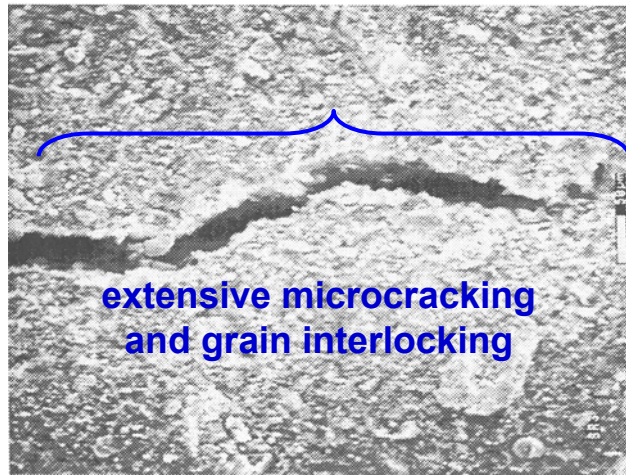
Dimensionless energy release rate for degenerate orthotropic beams:

$$\frac{\mathcal{G}_{\text{DCB}} E_x h}{P^2} = 12 \left(\frac{a}{h}\right)^2 \left[1 + 0.673 \lambda^{-1/4} \left(\frac{h}{a}\right) \right]^2.$$

BRIDGED- AND COHESIVE-CRACK MODELS

To describe fracture processes where nonlinear mechanisms arise in narrow, finite size bands, or process zones, ahead of traction free cracks

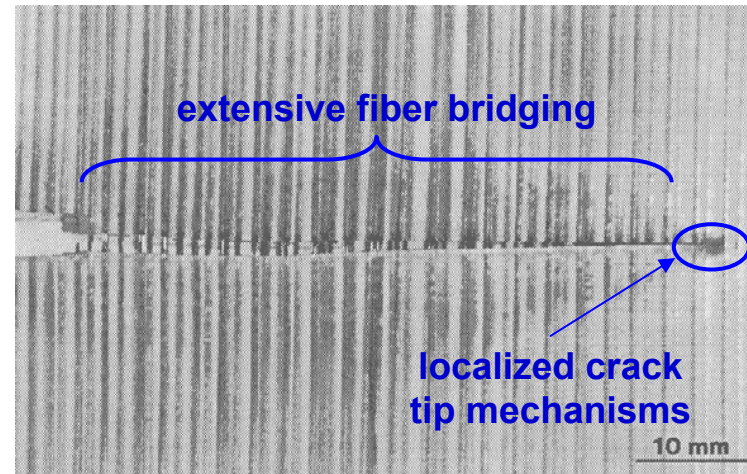
Cohesive crack



extensive microcracking
and grain interlocking

epoxy mortar
(Steiger, Sadouki & Wittmann)

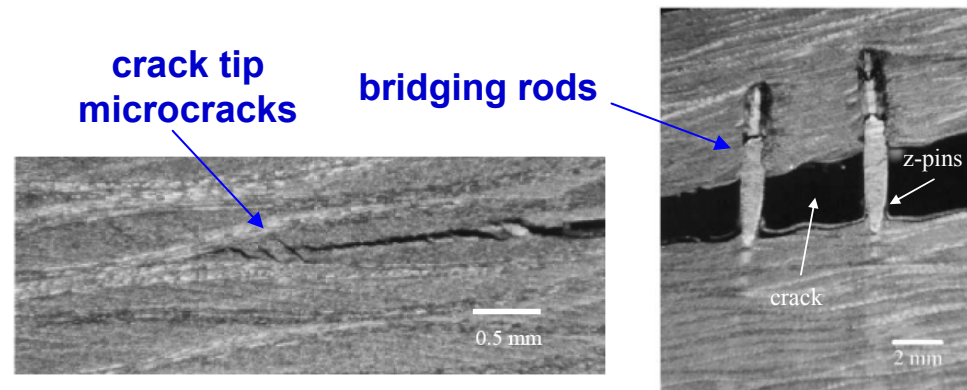
Bridged crack



extensive fiber bridging

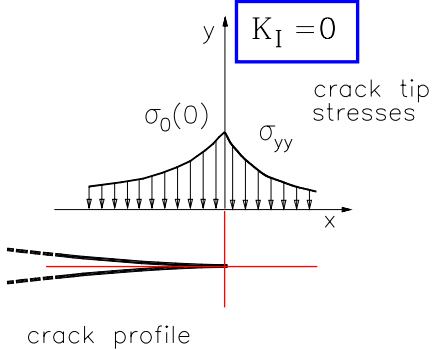
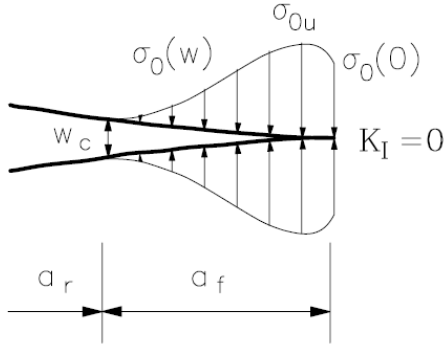
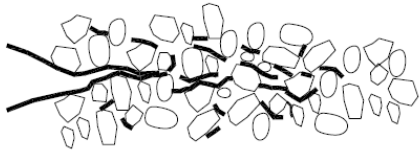
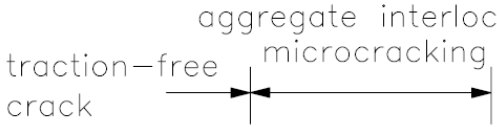
localized crack
tip mechanisms

PMMA/Al composite
(Zok & Hom, 1990)

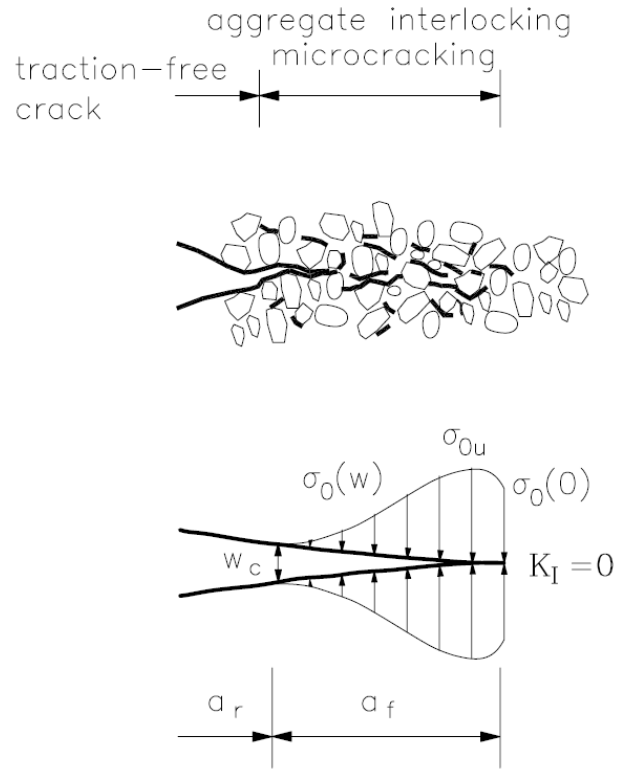


carbon-epoxy laminate/Ti z-pins
(Rugg, Cox & Massabò, 2002)

COHESIVE CRACK MODEL

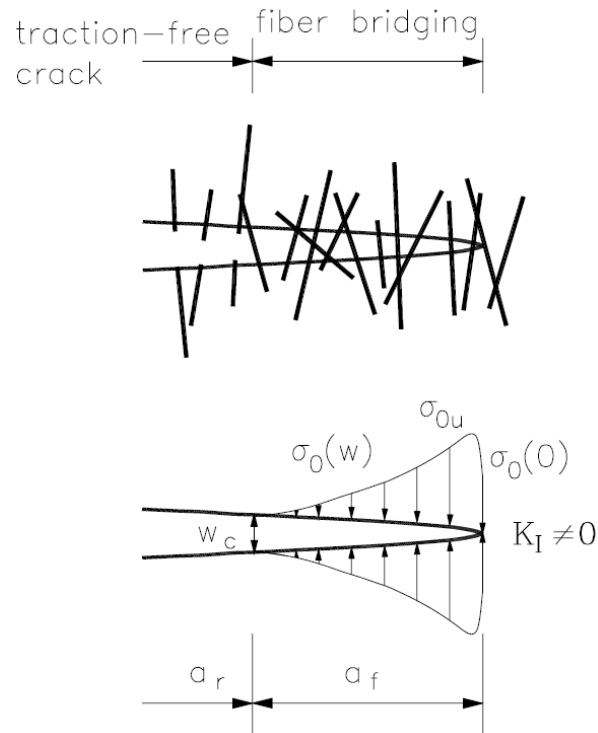


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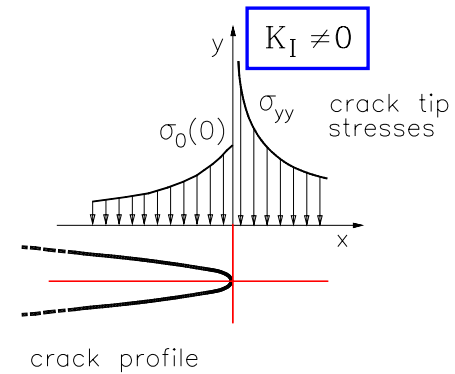
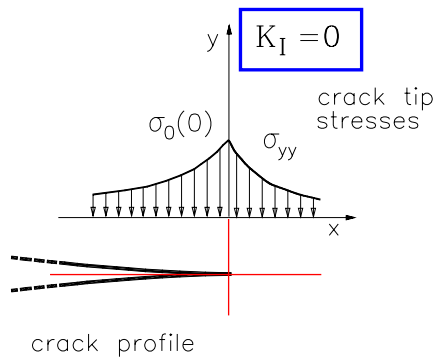
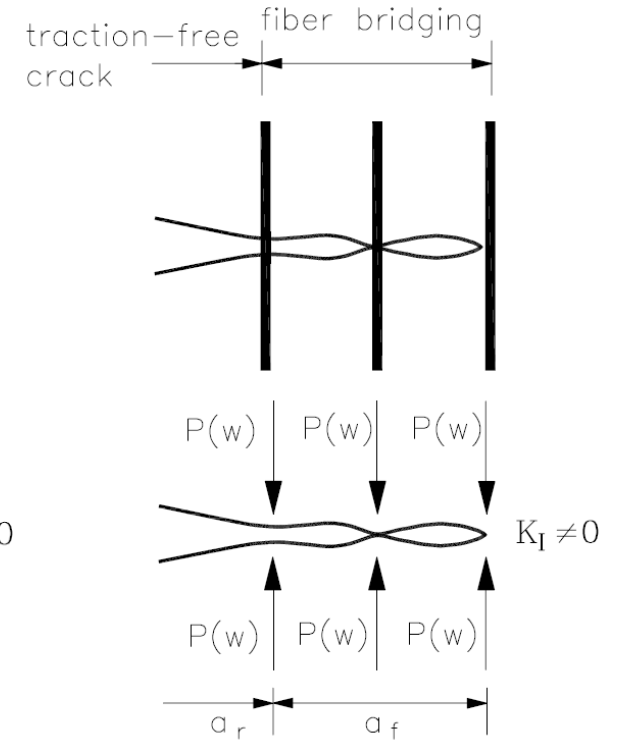


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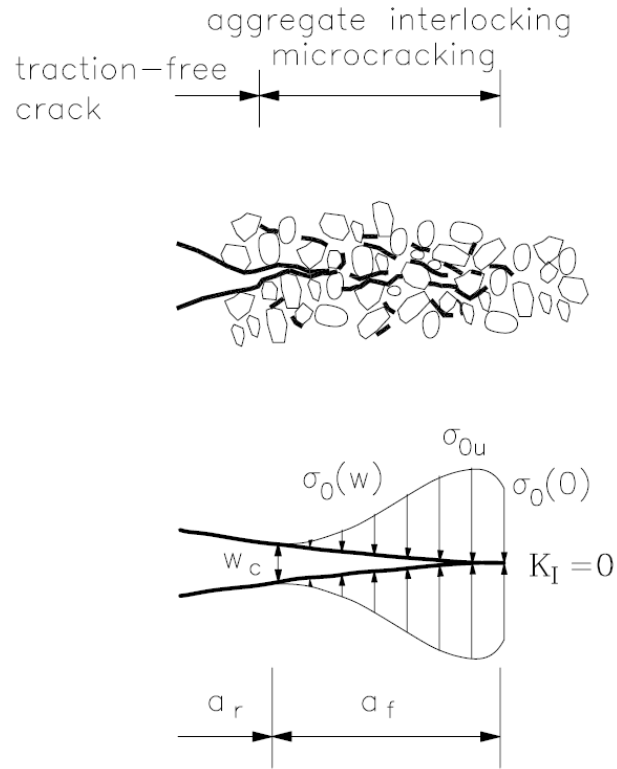
continuous model



discontinuous model

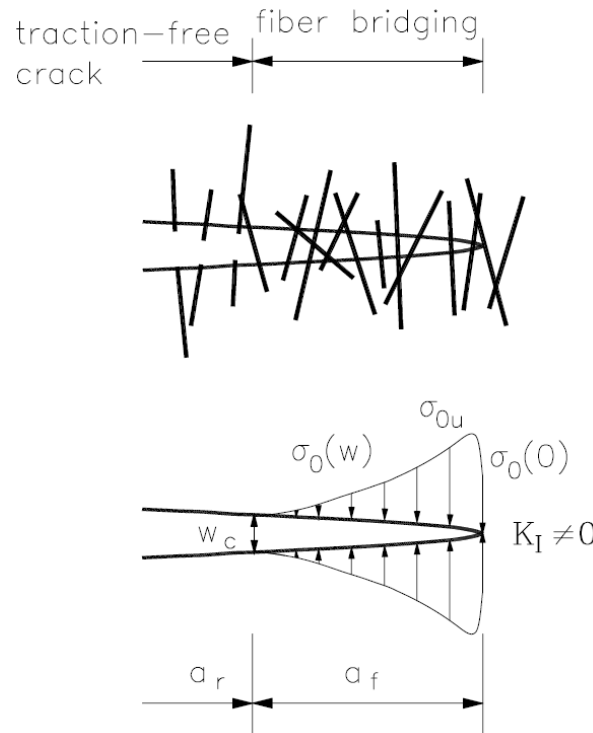


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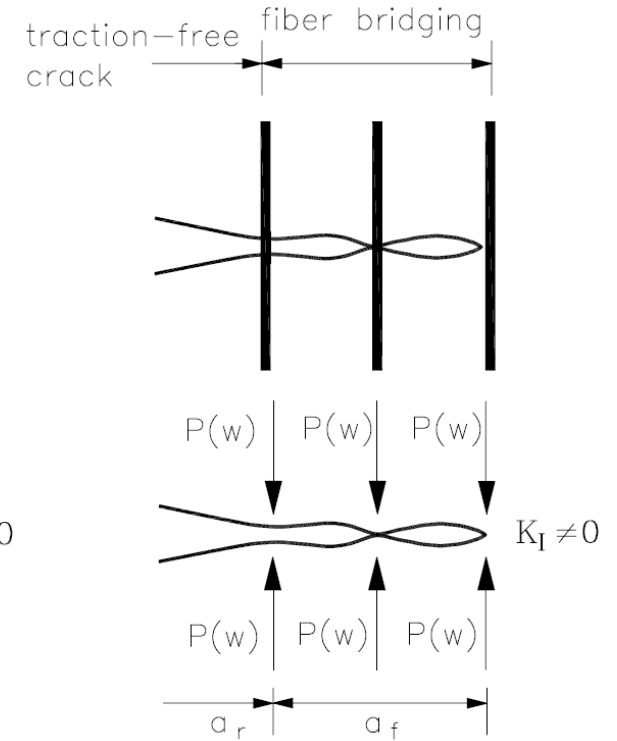


BRIDGED CRACK MODEL

continuous model

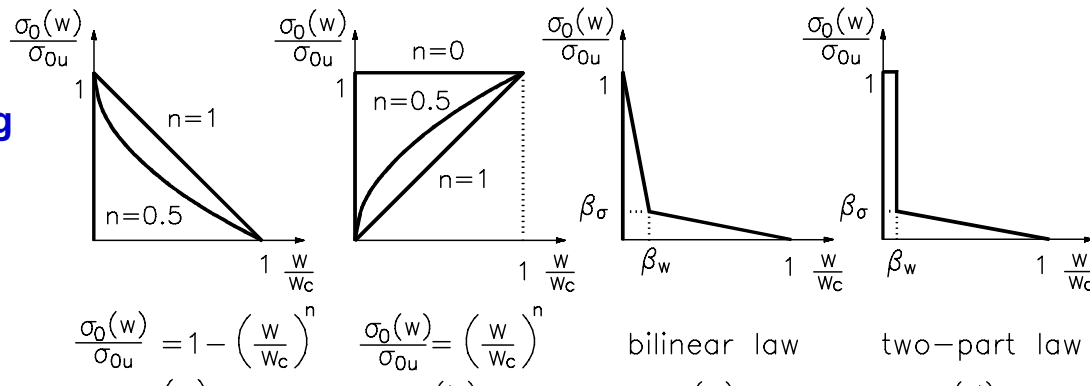


discontinuous model



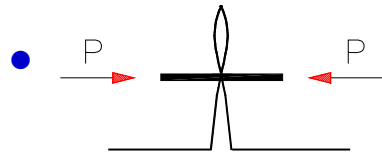
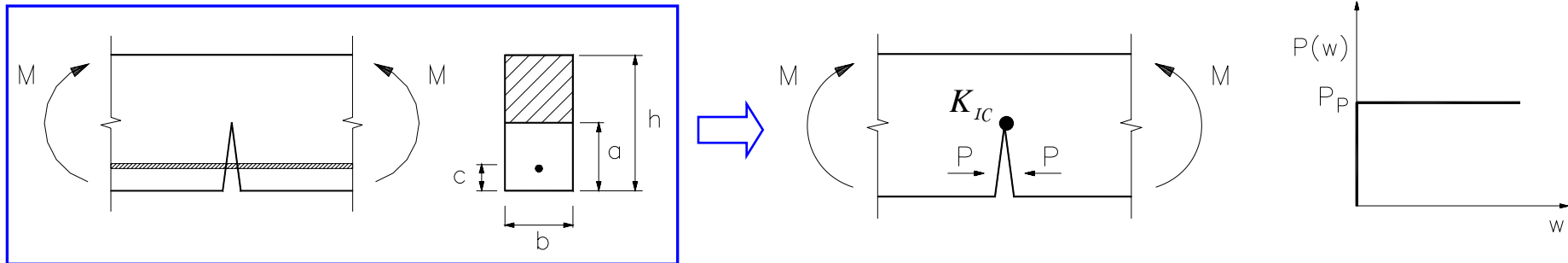
Model parameters:

cohesive/bridging traction laws



+ G_{IC} or K_{IC}
(in bridged crack model)

BRIDGED CRACK MODEL - SOLUTION



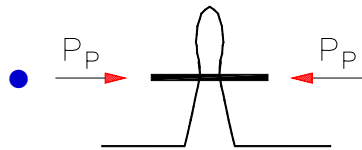
statically indeterminate problem

Kinematic compatibility condition → determination of forces P

$$w = w_M + w_P = \frac{2M}{E} \int_c^a \frac{K_{IP} K_{IM}}{PM} b da + \frac{2P}{E} \int_c^a \frac{K_{IP}^2}{P^2} b da = 0$$

w_M

w_P
(Castigliano's theorem)



$$w = f(M, P_P, \dots)$$

• Crack propagation:

$$K_I = K_{IM} - K_{IP} = K_{IC}$$

(Carpinteri, 1981, 1984; Bosco & Carpinteri, 1992; Carpinteri & Massabò, 1996, 1997)

Extension to other problems: weight function method

(e.g. weight functions for orthotropic double cantilever beams in Brandinelli, Massabò & Cox, 2003; Brandinelli & Massabò, 2006)

DEVELOPMENT OF BRIDGED-CRACK MODELS

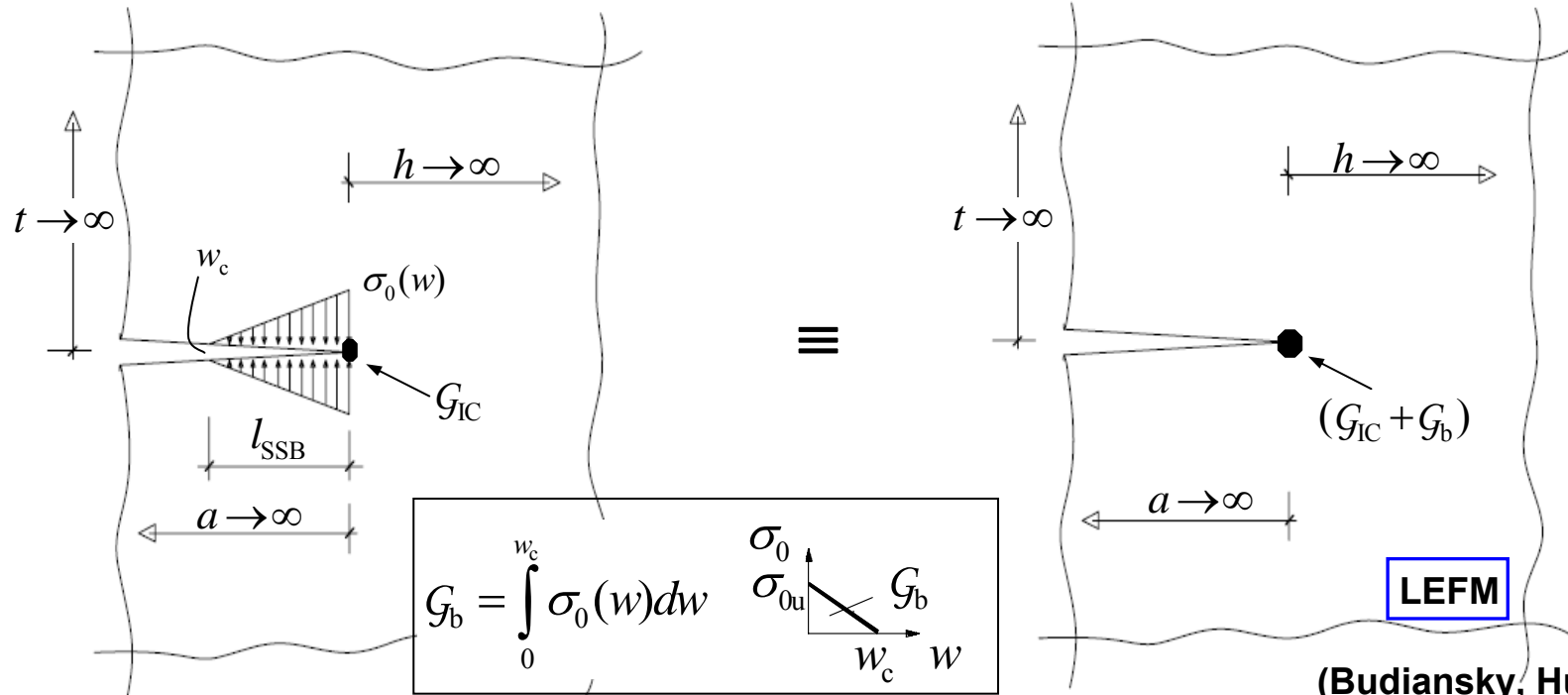
Material systems

Barenblatt (1959)	crystals	
Dugdale (1960)	metals	($K_I = 0$)
Bilby, Cottrell & Swinden (1963)	metals	
...		
Romualdi & Batson (1963)	reinforced concrete	
Carpinteri (1981, 1984)	reinforced concrete	
Marshall, Cox & Evans (1985)	fiber reinforced ceramics	
Budiansky, Hutchinson & Evans (1986)	fiber reinforced ceramics	
Jenq & Shah (1985,1986)	fiber reinforced concrete	
Foote, Mai & Cotterell (1986)	fiber reinforced cementitious composites	
Rose (1987a,b)	crack reinforcement by springs and patches	
Swanson et al. (1987)	coarse grain ceramics	($K_I \neq 0$)
Erdogan & Joseph (1987)	particle reinforced ceramics	
Mc Meeking & Evans (1990)	metal matrix composites, fatigue	
Kendall, Clegg & Gregory (1991)	polymer crazing	
Bower & Ortiz (1991)	particle reinforced brittle matrix composites	
Suo, Ho & Gong (1993)	ceramic matrix composites, notch sensitivity	
Ballarini & Muju (1993)	brittle matrix composites	
Carpinteri & Massabò (1996)	fiber reinforced cementitious composites	
Massabò & Cox (1999)	through-thickness reinforced laminates	

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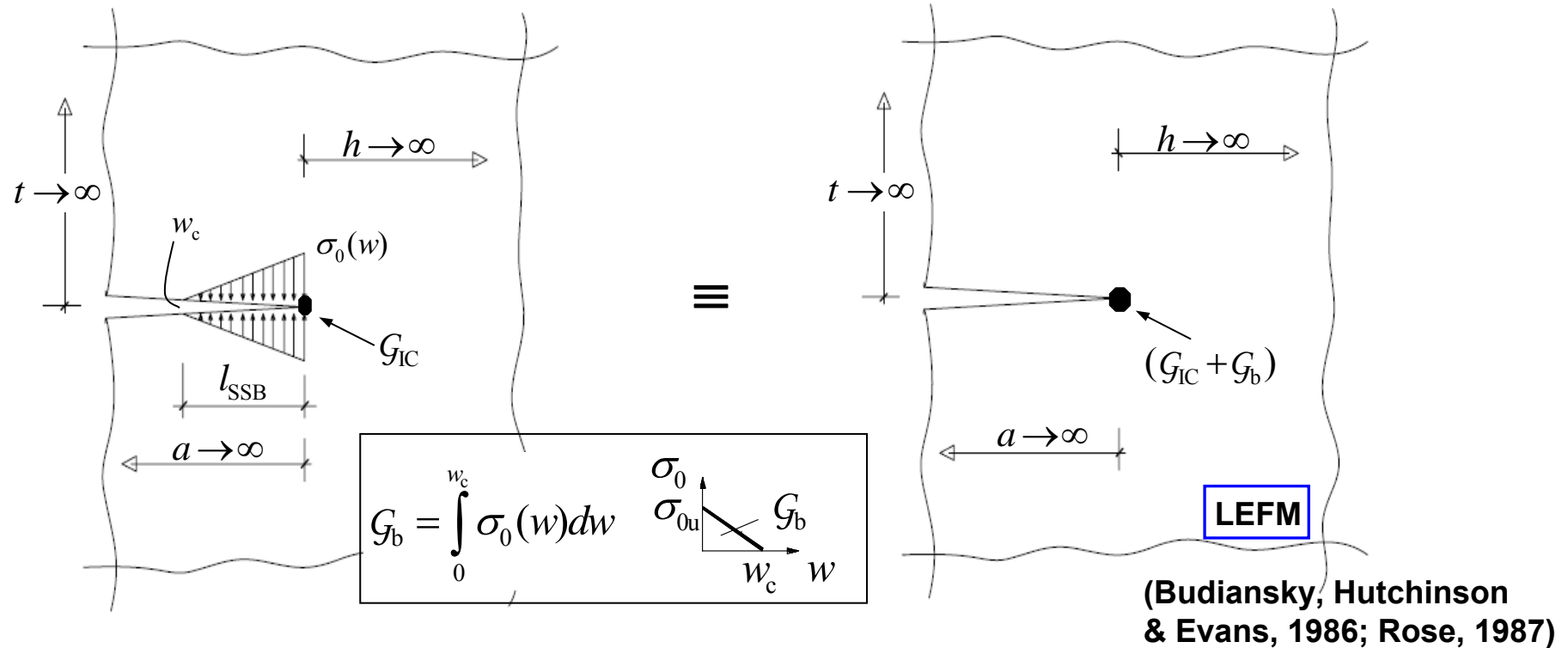
(For reviews: Bao & Suo, 1992; Cox & Marshall, 1994; Massabò, 1999)

ASYMPTOTIC SOLUTIONS FOR BRIDGED CRACKS THE SMALL SCALE BRIDGING LIMIT



(Budiansky, Hutchinson
& Evans, 1986; Rose, 1987)

ASYMPTOTIC SOLUTIONS FOR BRIDGED CRACKS THE SMALL SCALE BRIDGING LIMIT



Small scale bridging characteristic length scales:

Bridged crack

$(G_{IC} \neq 0)$

$$l_{SSB} = \frac{\pi}{8} \frac{w_c E}{\sigma_{0u}} \left(\sqrt{1 + \frac{G_{IC}}{G_b}} - \sqrt{\frac{G_{IC}}{G_b}} \right)^2$$

Cohesive crack

$(G_{IC} = 0)$

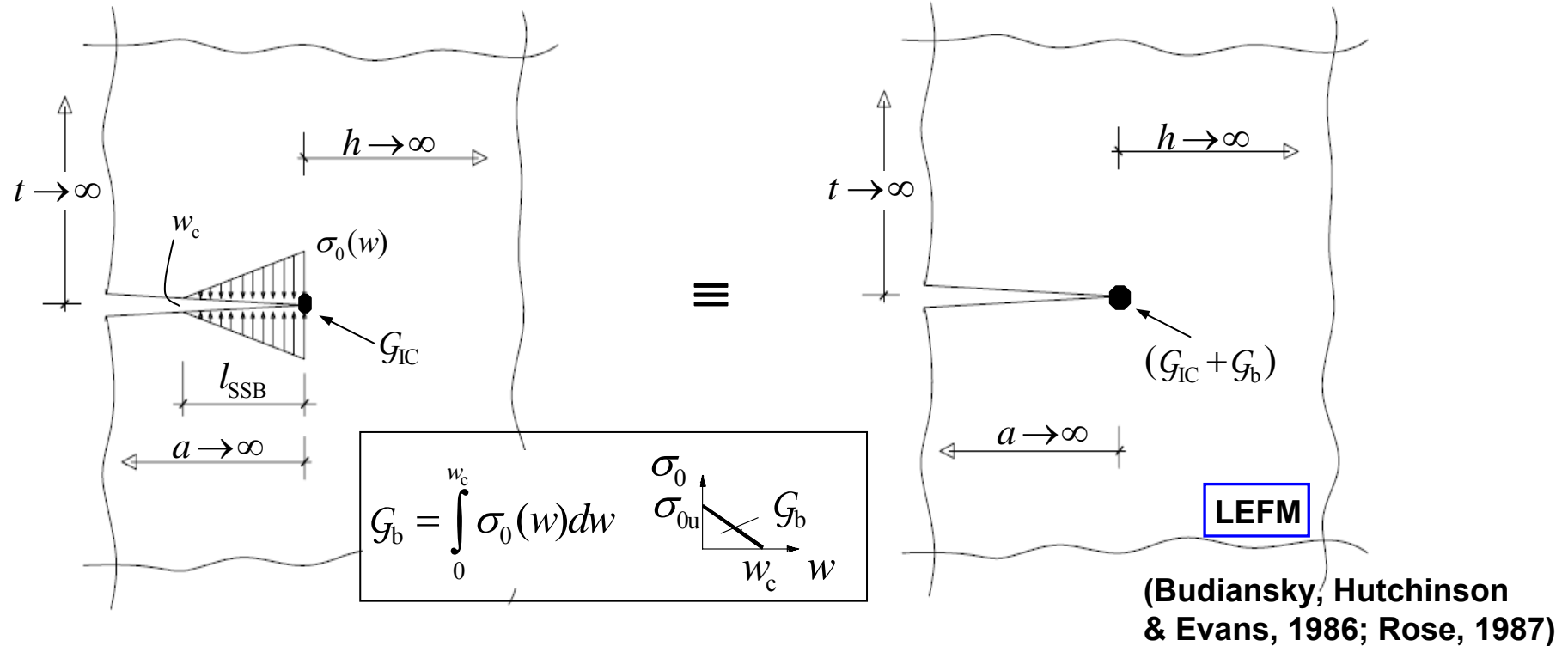
$$l_{SSB} = \frac{\pi}{8} \frac{w_c E}{\sigma_{0u}}$$

(For rectangular bridging law)

(Bao & Suo, 1992; Cox & Marshall, 1994)

(Bilby, Cottrell, Swinden, 1963; Hillerborg, 1976)

ASYMPTOTIC SOLUTIONS FOR BRIDGED CRACKS THE SMALL SCALE BRIDGING LIMIT



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Bridged crack

$$(G_{IC} \neq 0)$$

$$l_{SSB} = \frac{\pi w_c E}{8 \sigma_{0u}} \left(\sqrt{G_{IC}} + \sqrt{G_{IC} + G_b} \right)^2$$

Small scale bridging characteristic length scale defines material brittleness and varies over many order of magnitude in different material systems

bridging law)
x &

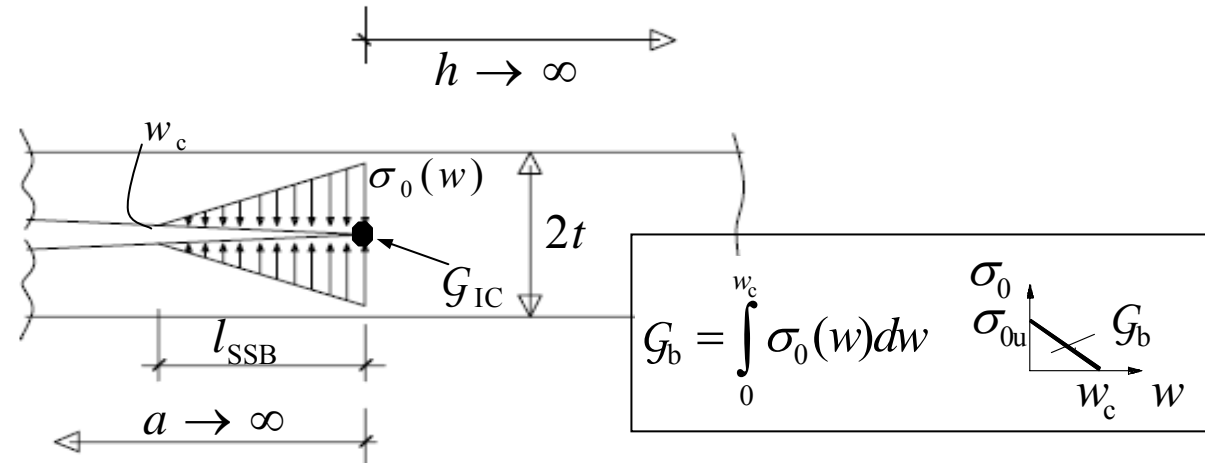
Cohesive crack

$$(G_{IC} = 0)$$

$$l_{SSB} = \frac{\pi w_c E}{8 \sigma_{0u}}$$

(Bilby, Cottrell, Swinden, 1963; Hillerborg, 1976)

ASYMPTOTIC SOLUTIONS FOR BRIDGED CRACKS THE SMALL SCALE BRIDGING LIMIT IN SLENDER BODIES



Mode I and mode II characteristic length scales:

$$l_{SSB}^I \approx (l_{SSB})^{1/4} t^{3/4}$$

(for mode I fracture)

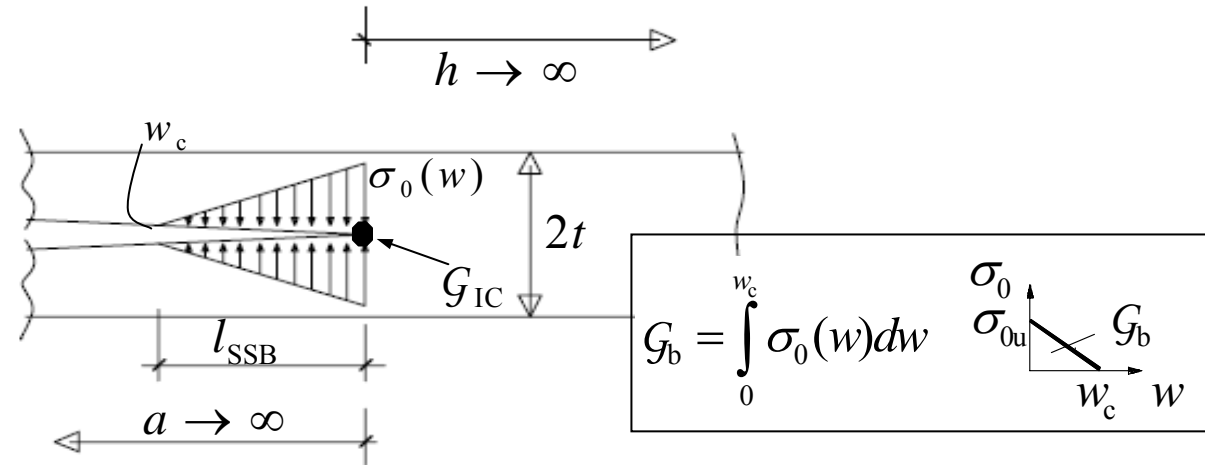
$$l_{SSB}^{II} \approx (l_{SSB} t)^{1/2}$$

(for mode II fracture)

where l_{SSB} is the characteristic length scale in an infinite body

(Suo, Bao, Fan, 1992;
Massabo & Cox, 1999)

ASYMPTOTIC SOLUTIONS FOR BRIDGED CRACKS THE SMALL SCALE BRIDGING LIMIT IN SLENDER BODIES



Mode I and mode II characteristic length scales:

$$l_{II} = (1 - \nu) \sqrt{1/4, 3/4}$$

Characteristic length scales in slender bodies are smaller than those in infinite bodies

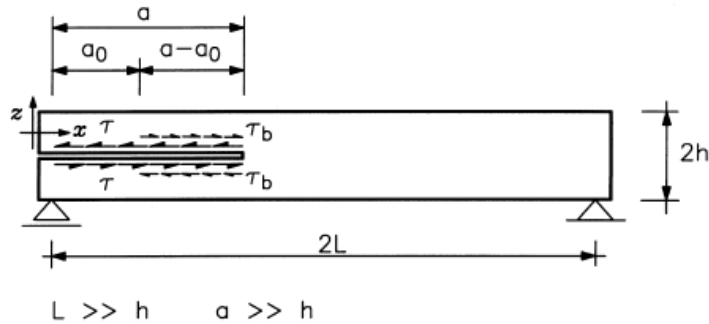
Important consequences when length scale is used to size the mesh in numerical descriptions of fracture processes

where l_{SSB} is the characteristic length scale in an infinite body

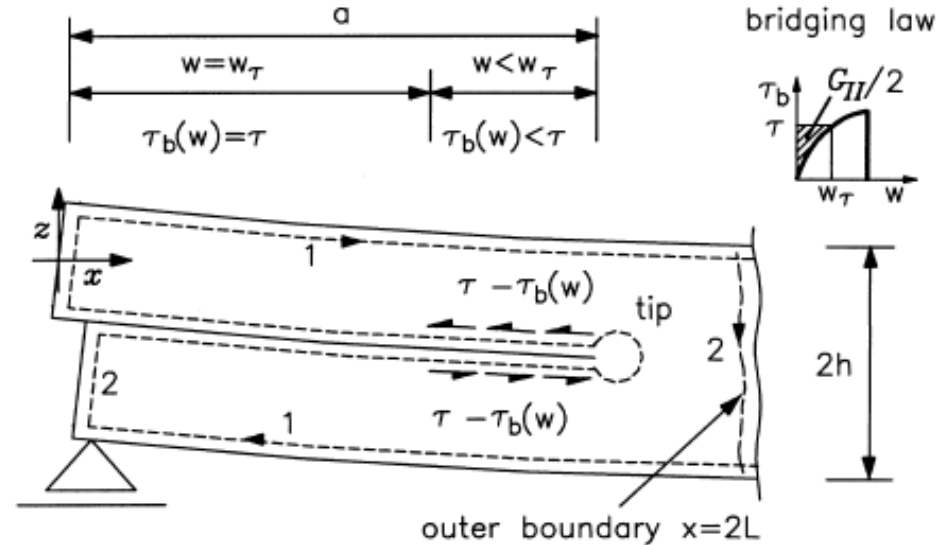
(Suo, Bao, Fan, 1992;
Massabo & Cox, 1999)

ASYMPTOTIC SOLUTIONS FOR BRIDGED CRACKS THE ACK LIMIT IN SLENDER AND NON SLENDER BODIES

(Avenston, Cooper & Kelly, 1971)



Slender body loaded in mode II



ACK limit

ACK characteristic length scales:

$$l_{ACK} = \frac{\pi E}{4} \left(\frac{1 + \alpha}{2\alpha} G_{Ic} \right)^{\frac{1-\alpha}{1+\alpha}} \beta^{\frac{-2}{1+\alpha}}$$

$$l_{ACK}^{II} \approx (l_{ACK} t)^{1/2}$$

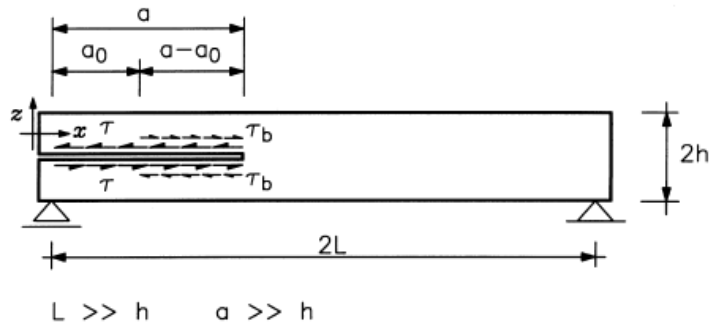
For power law bridging:

$$\sigma_0(w) = \beta(w/2)^\alpha$$

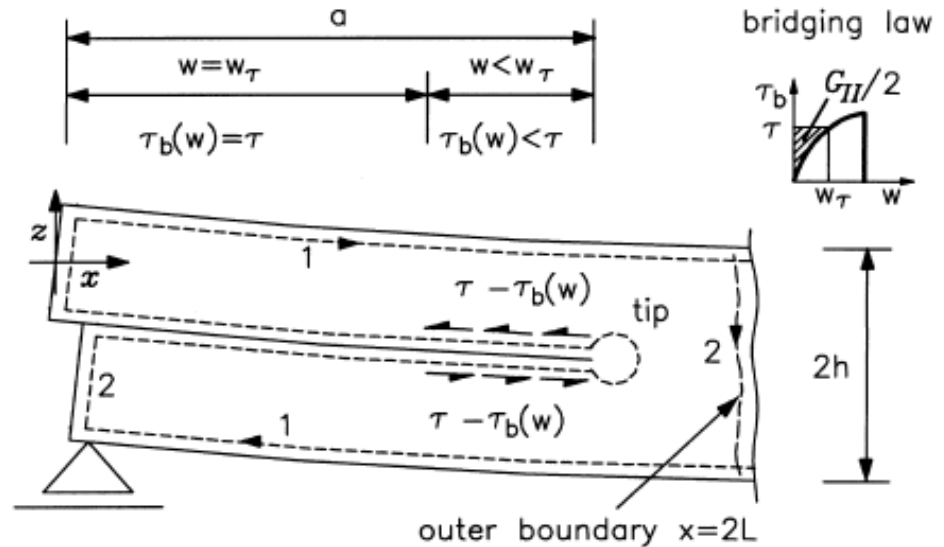
in an infinite body
(Cox & Marshall, 1994)

in a slender body (mode II)
(Massabò & Cox, 1999)

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Slender body loaded in mode II



ACK limit

ACK character

Comparing the characteristic length scales in long unnotched bodies determines whether crack will approach:

- ssb limit (if $l_{ssb} \ll l_{ACK}$) → catastrophic failure
- ACK limit (if $l_{ACK} \ll l_{ssb}$) → noncatastrophic failure

The presence of a notch favours catastrophic failure

If length scales are similar or body is finite, crack growth is in large scale bridging and detailed calculations are required

bridging:

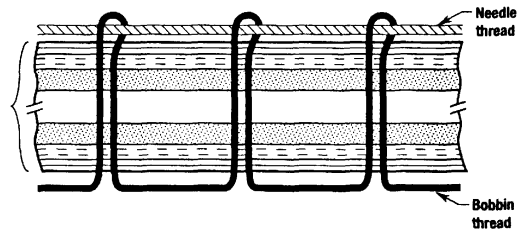
$$(\tau/2)^\alpha$$

dy
(1994)

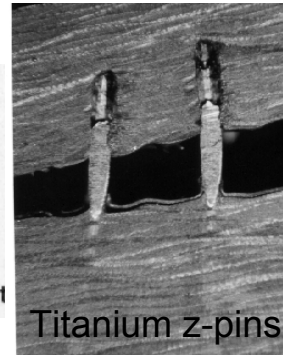
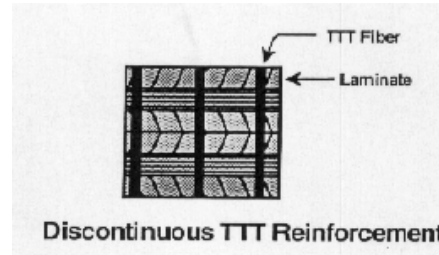
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LARGE SCALE BRIDGING FRACTURE IN THROUGH-THICKNESS REINFORCED LAMINATES

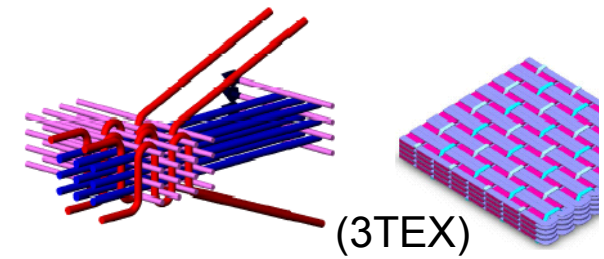
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DISCONTINUOUS TTR (Fibrous/metallic Z-pins)

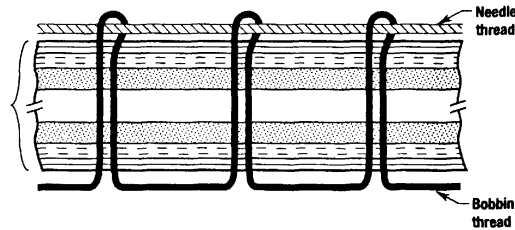


3D woven composites

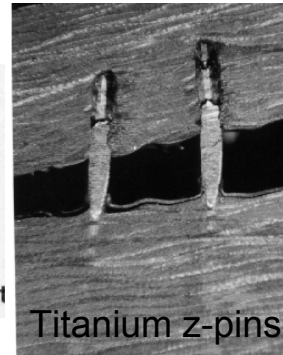
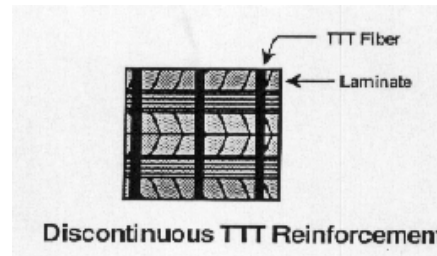


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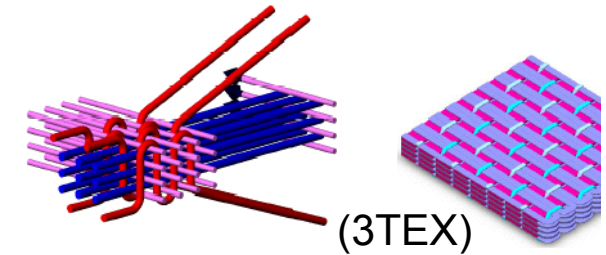
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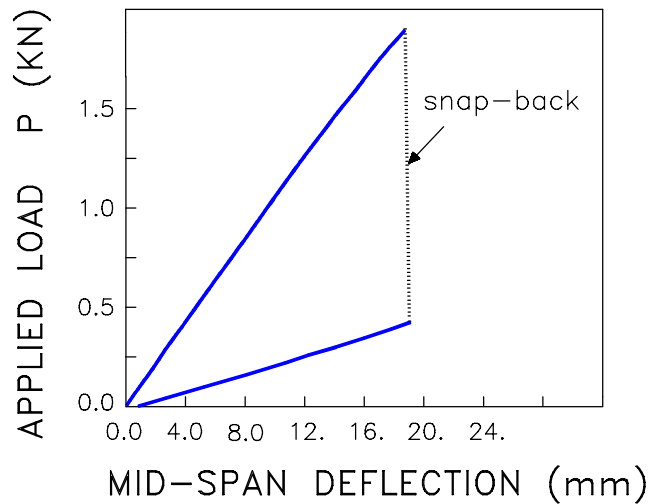


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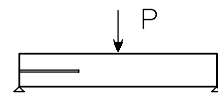


Load versus mid-span deflection curves in ENF specimens

unstitched

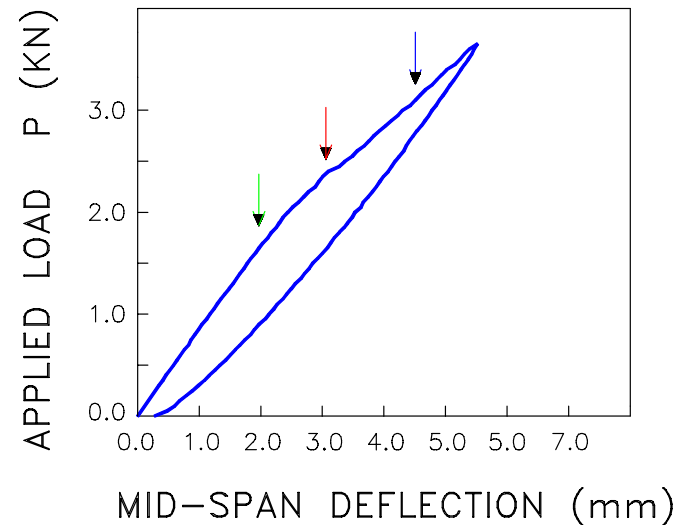


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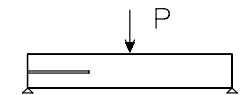


$2L=240$ mm
 $2h=6.64$ mm
 $d=23.72$ mm
 $a_0=27$ mm

stitched



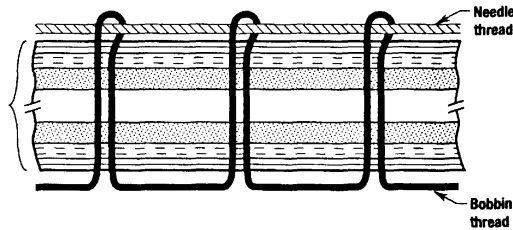
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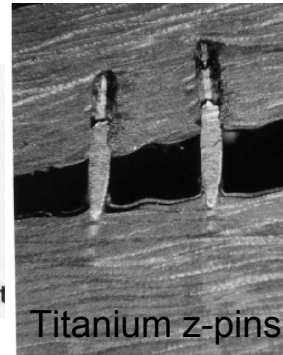
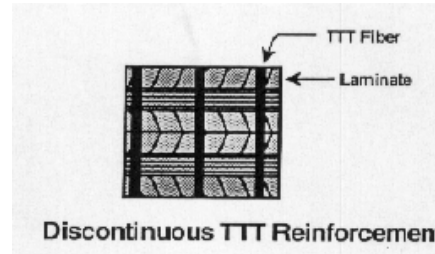
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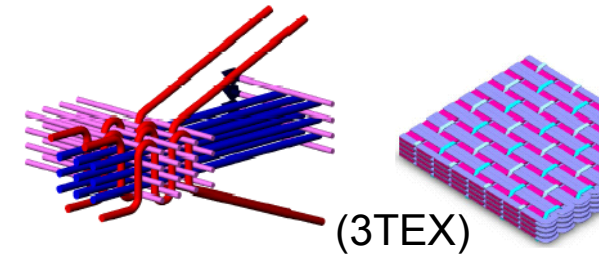
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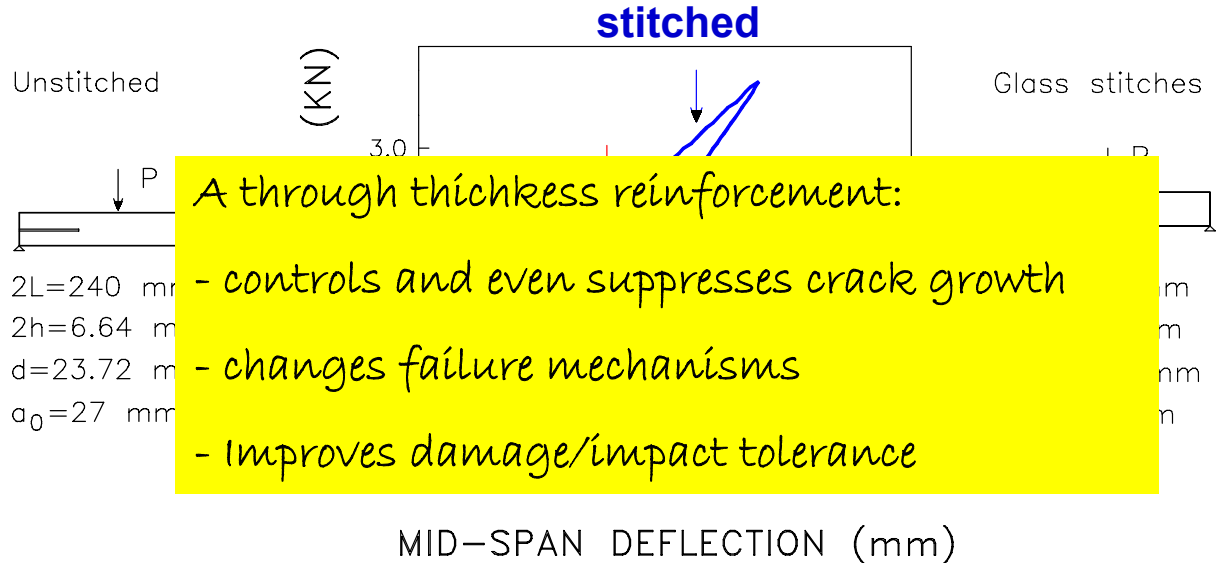
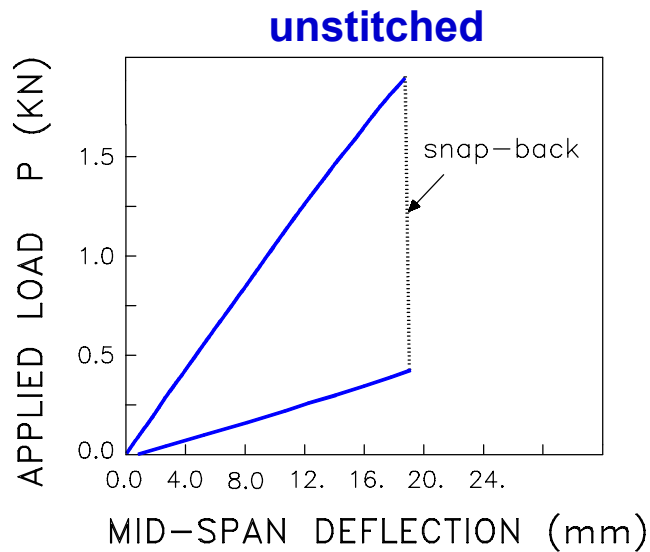
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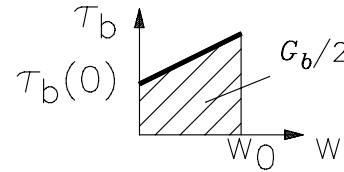
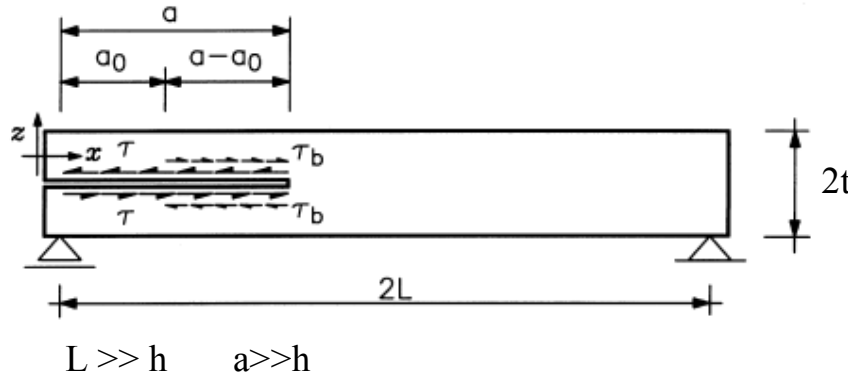
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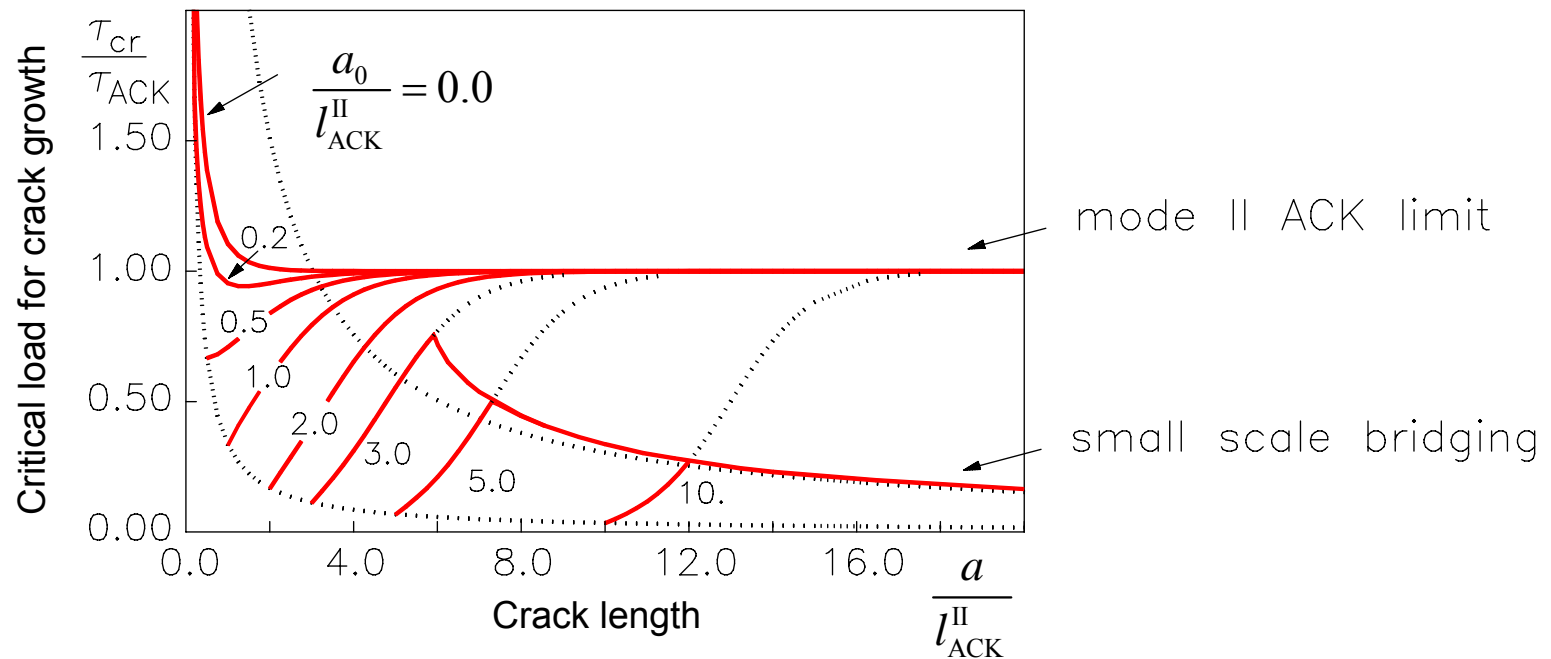
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$$\tau_b(w) = \tau_b(0) + \beta w$$

$$\tau_b(0) = 2(G_{IIC}\beta)^{1/2}$$

$$G_b / G_{IIC} = 80$$



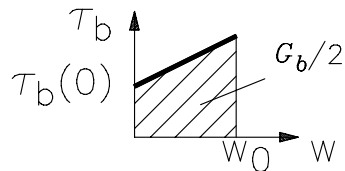
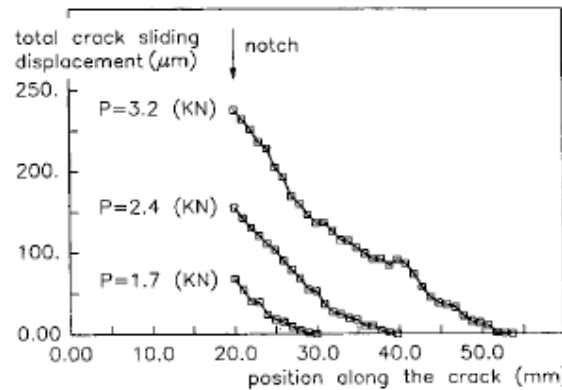
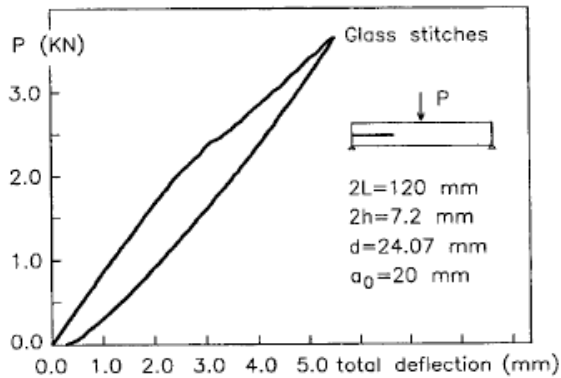
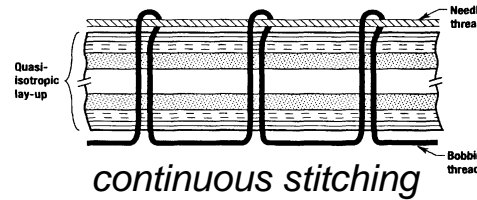
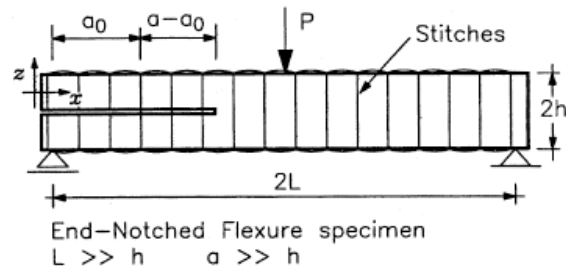
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$$l_{ACK}^{II} = \sqrt{(E/4\beta)t}$$

(Massabò & Cox, 1999)

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EXPERIMENTAL DERIVATION OF BRIDGING TRACTION LAW FOR A STITCHED COMPOSITE



$$\tau_b(w) = 12.7 + 102w \text{ MPa}$$

$$G_{IIC} = 0.37 \text{ kJ/m}^2$$

$$w_c = 0.5 \text{ mm}$$

(Massabò, Mumm & Cox, 1998)

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$G_b/2$

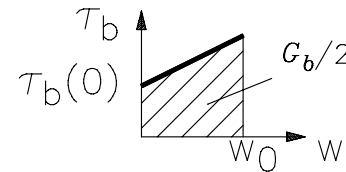
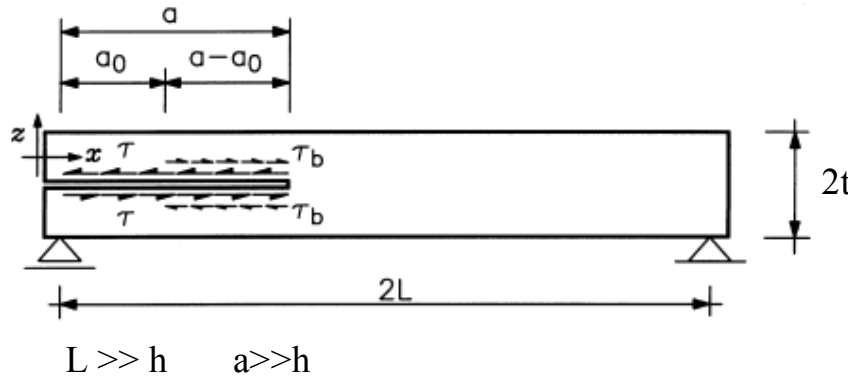
w

mode II ACK limit

small scale bridging

K

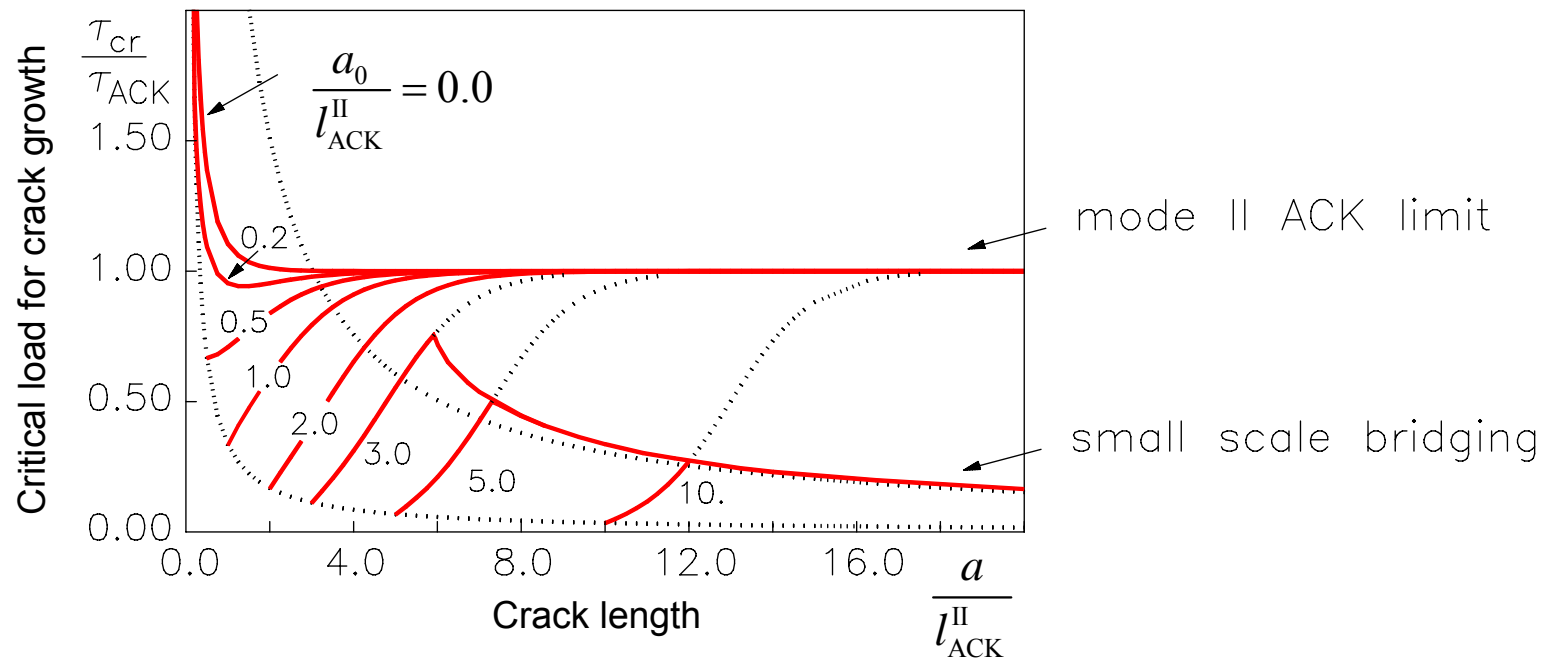
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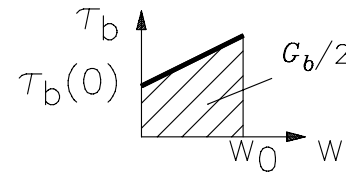
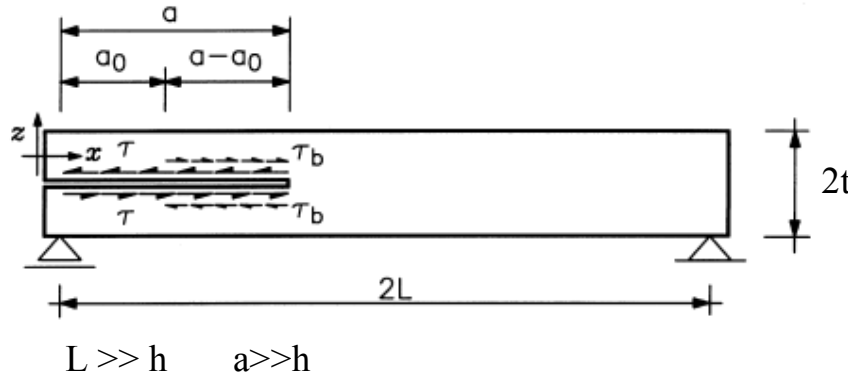


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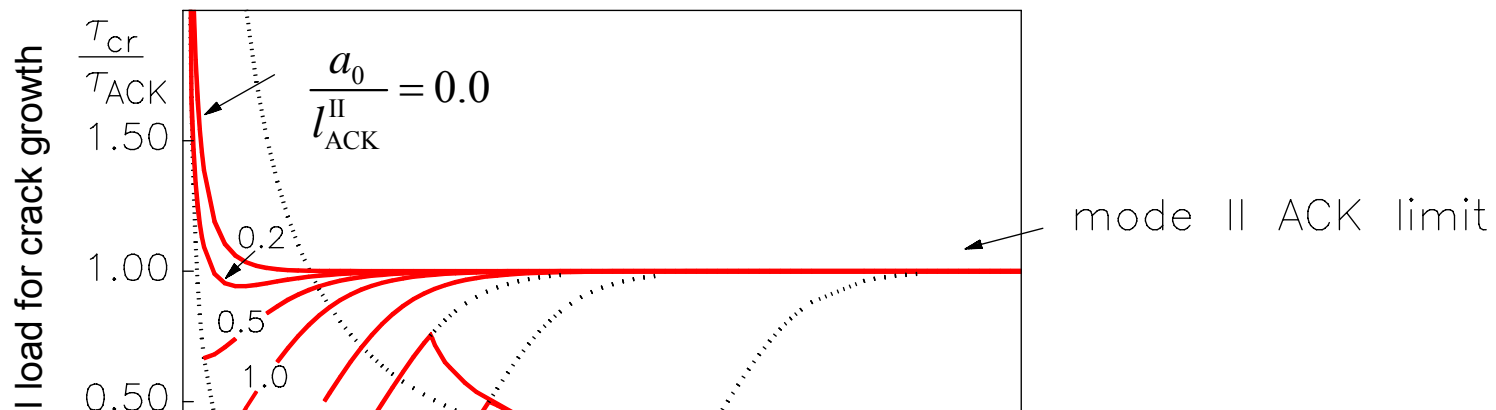
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Design of and with advanced composites:

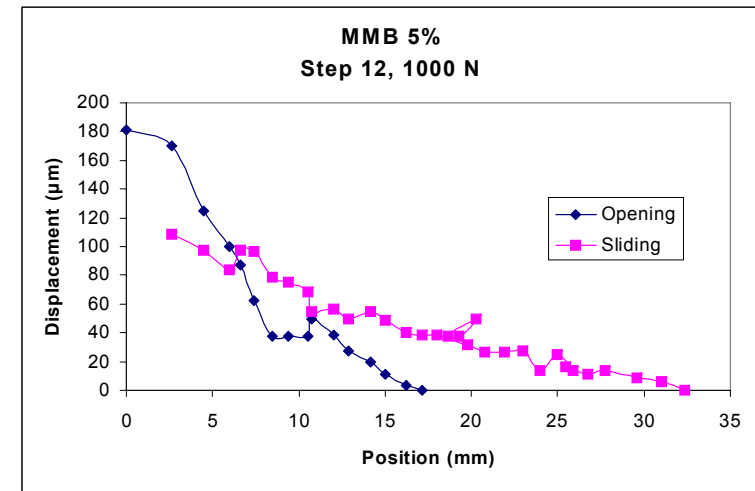
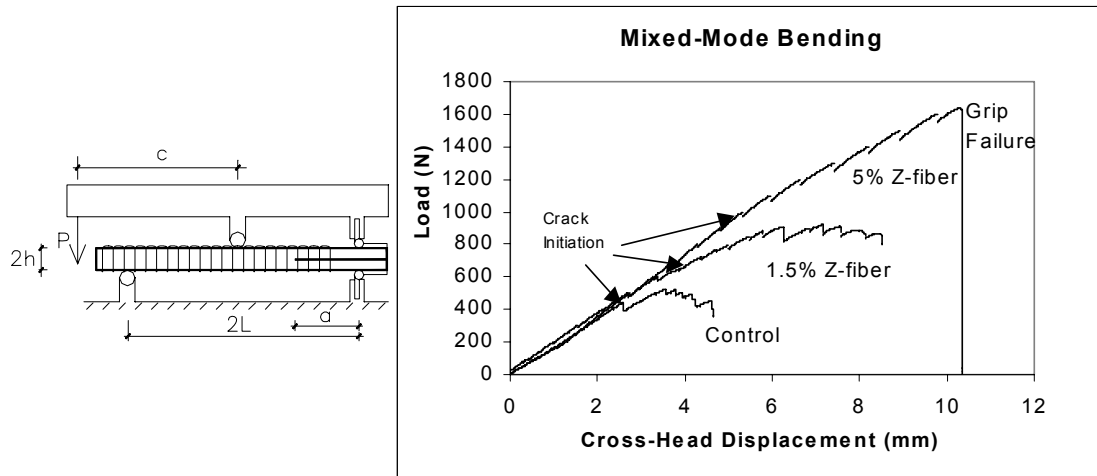
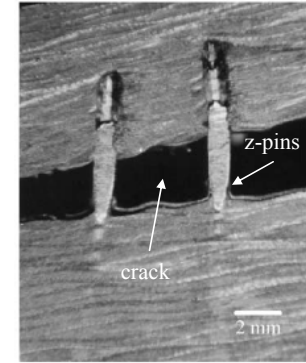
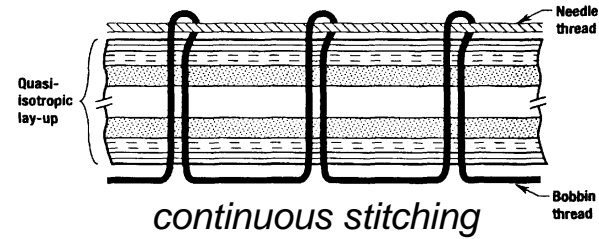
In through-thickness reinforced laminates overdesigning should be avoided since insertion process degrades inplane properties → bridging action must be understood and quantified using characteristic length scales and bridged-crack modeling

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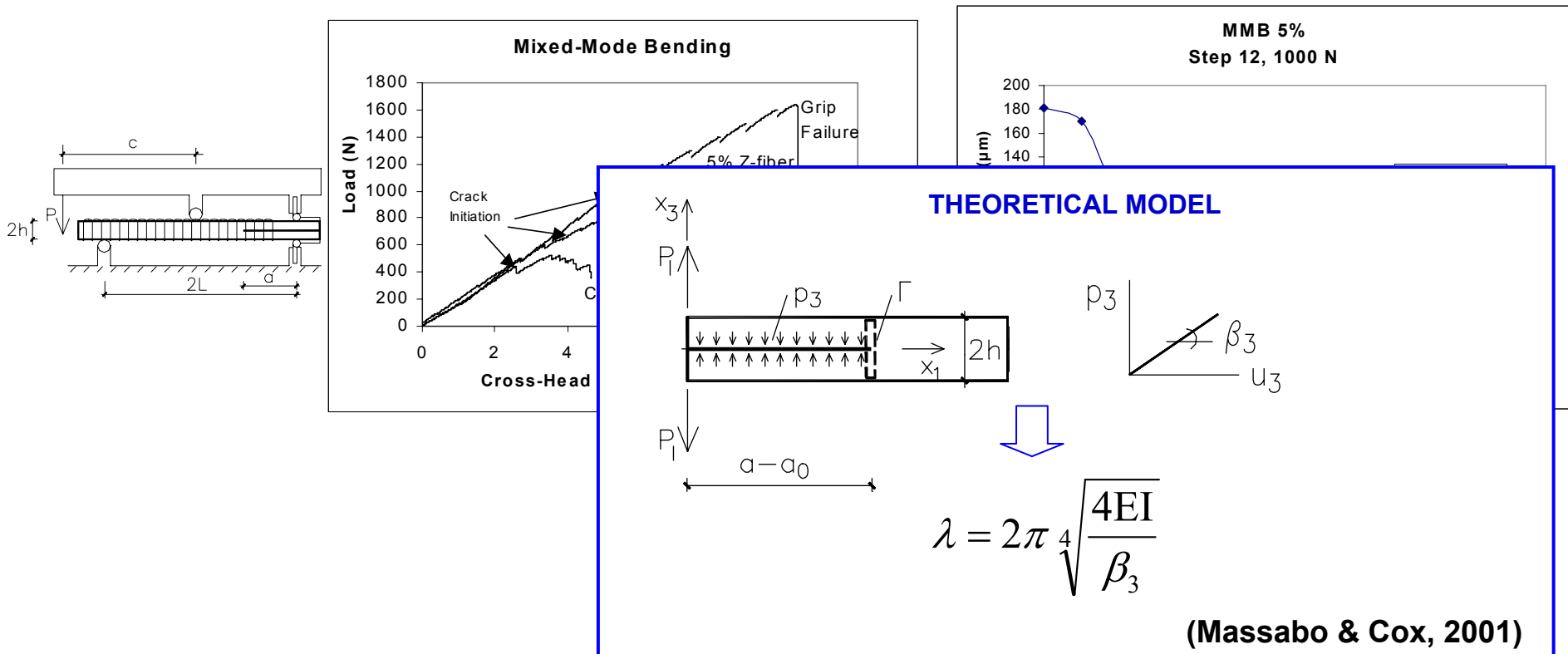
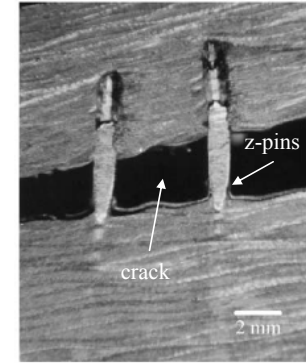
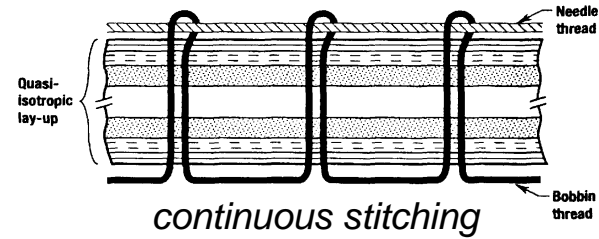
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(Rugg, Cox & Massabo, 2002)

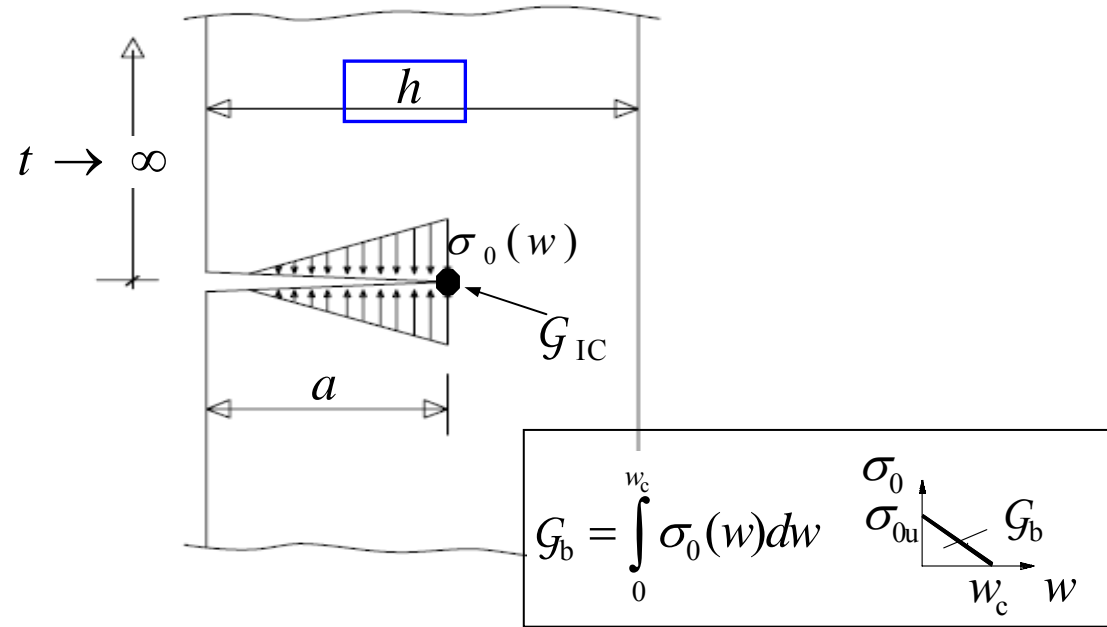
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FRACTURE IN FINITE SIZE BODIES

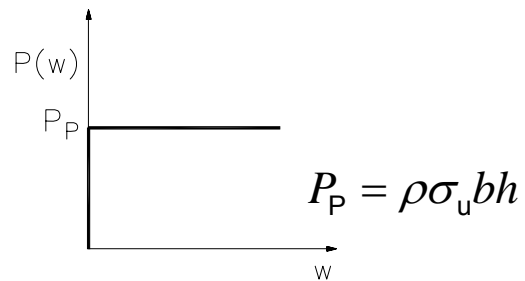
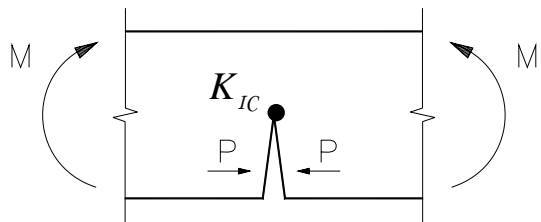
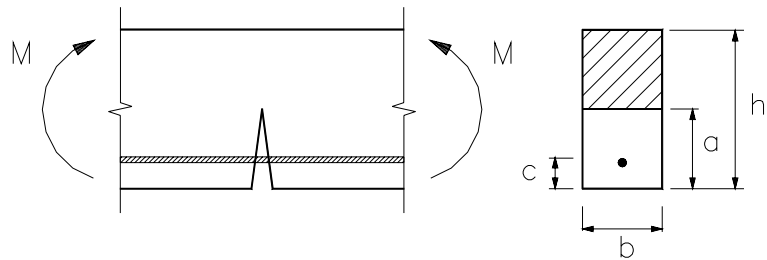
DIMENSIONLESS GROUPS GOVERNING MECHANICAL BEHAVIOR



Cohesive crack: $\frac{l_{SSB}}{h}$ (one group)
 ($G_{IC} = 0$)

Bridged crack: $\frac{l_{SSB}}{h}$ and $\frac{G_{IC}}{G_b}$ (two groups)
 ($G_{IC} \neq 0$)

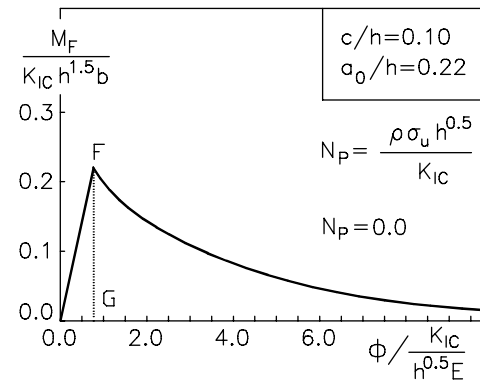
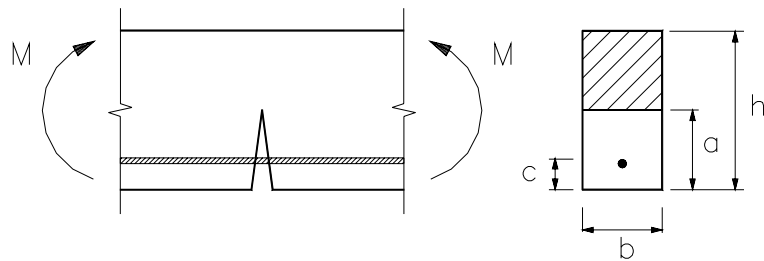
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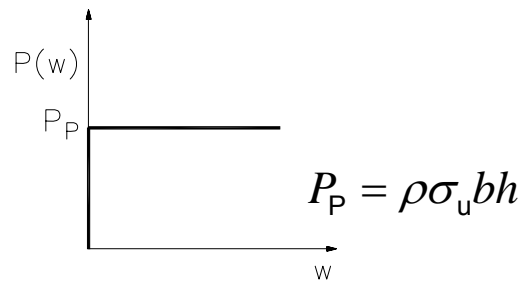
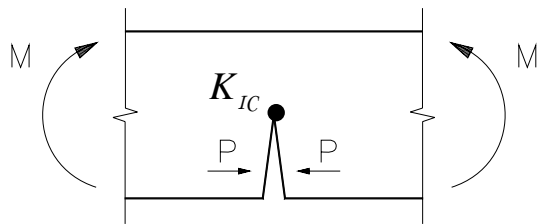
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(Carpinteri 1981, 1984; Massabò, 1994)

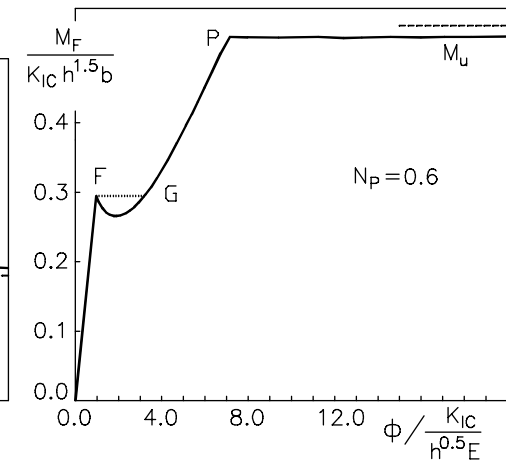
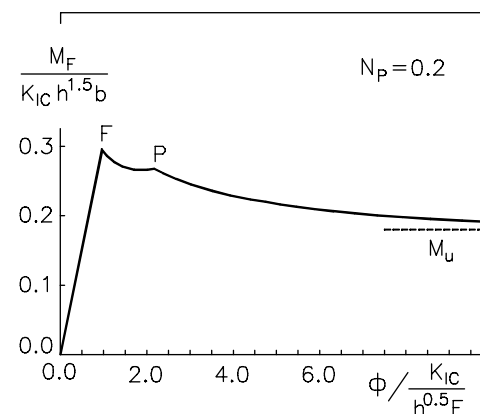
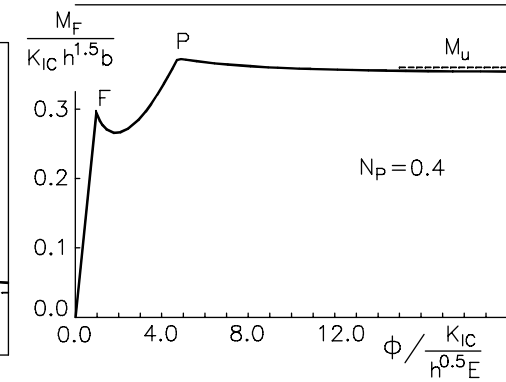
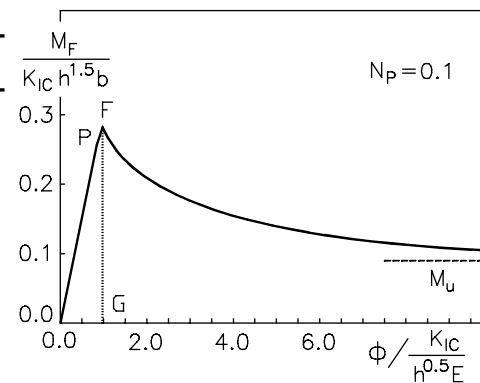
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Critical moment for crack propagation

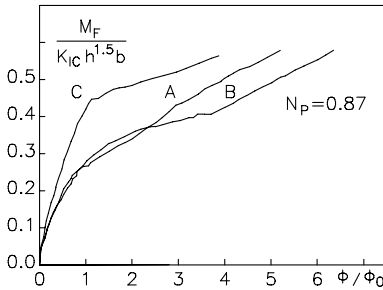
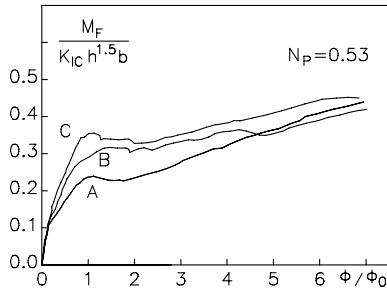
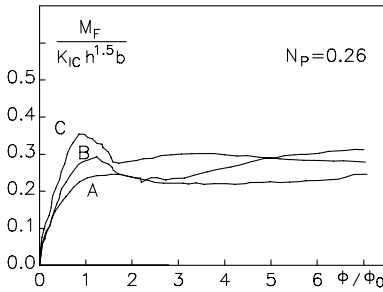
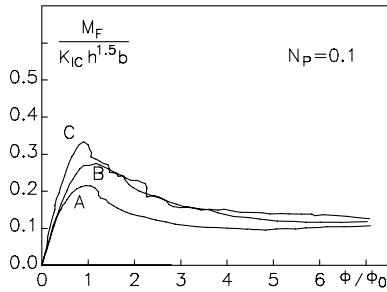
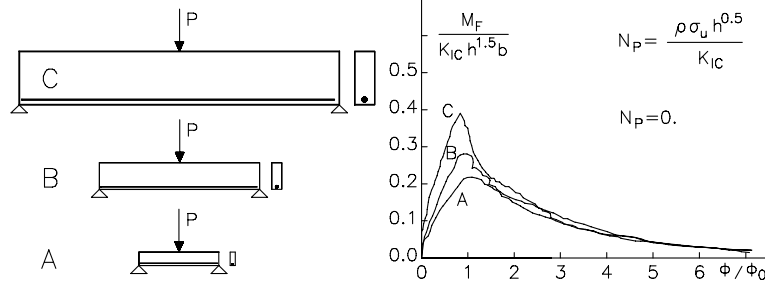


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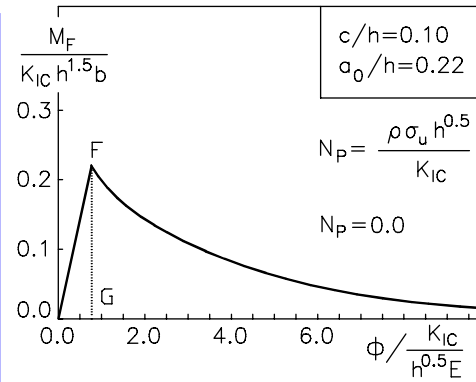
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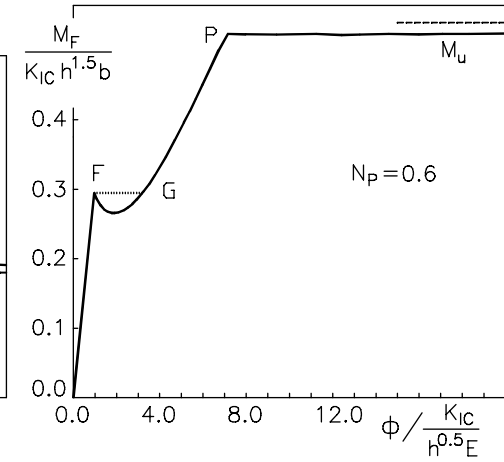
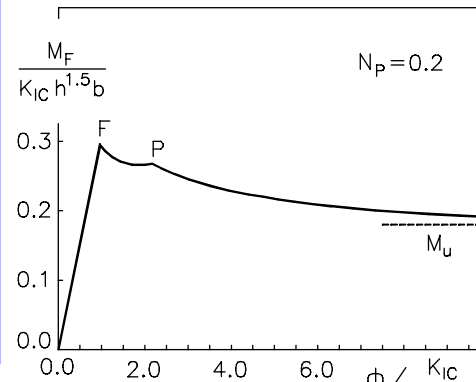
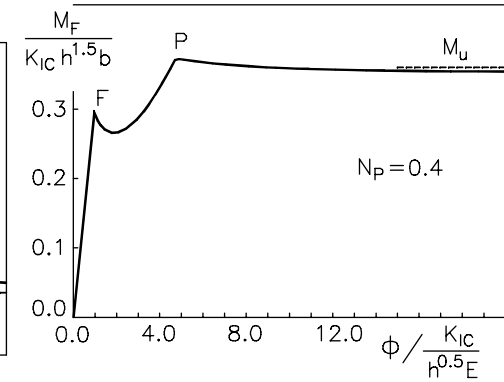
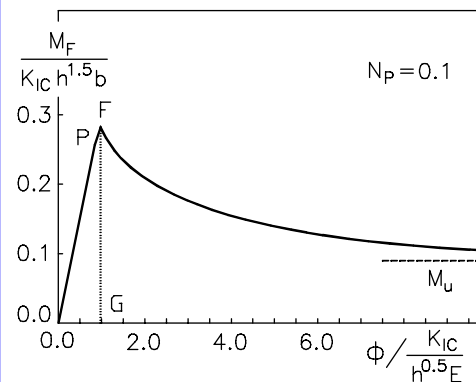


High-strength reinforced concrete

(Bosco, Carpinteri & Debernardi, 1990)



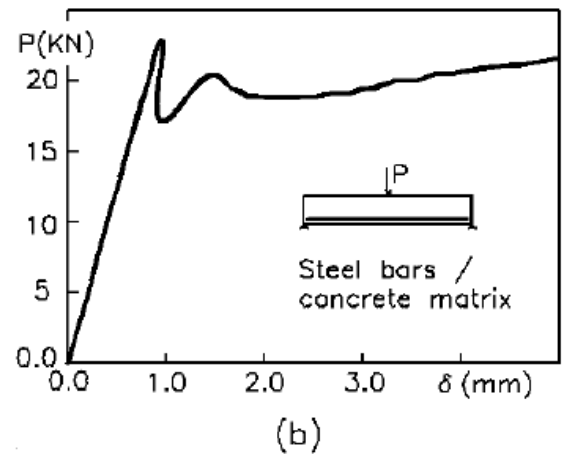
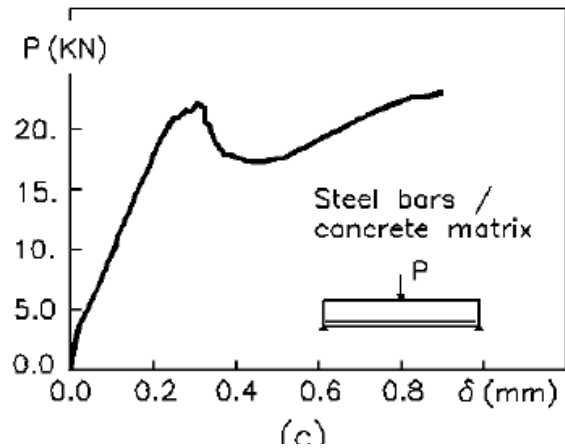
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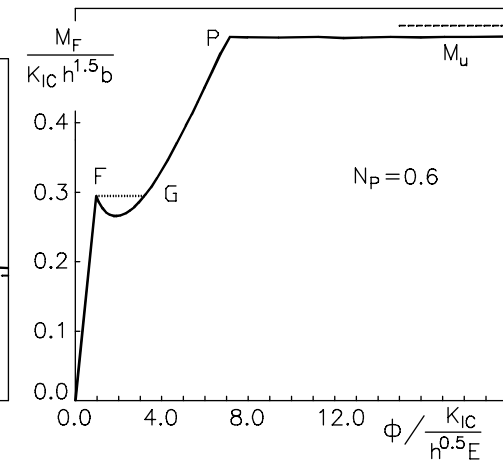
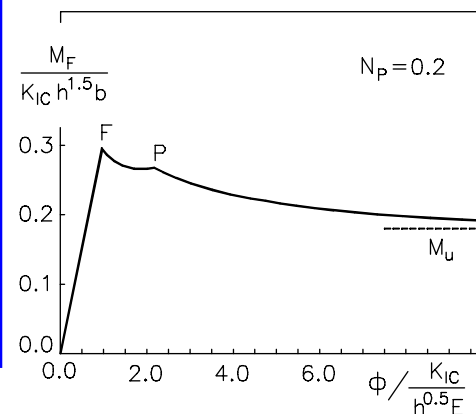
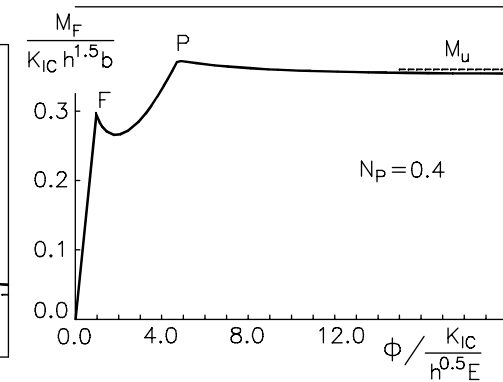
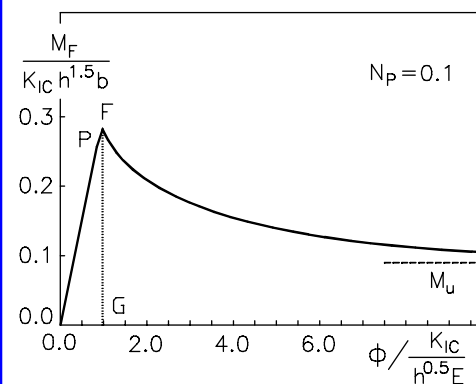
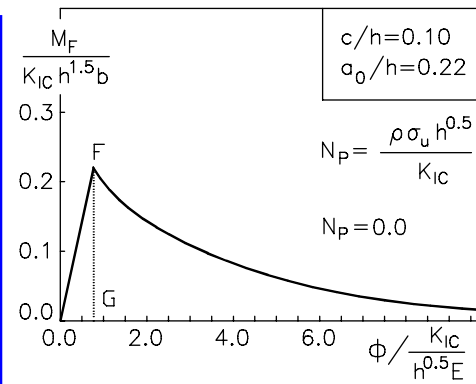
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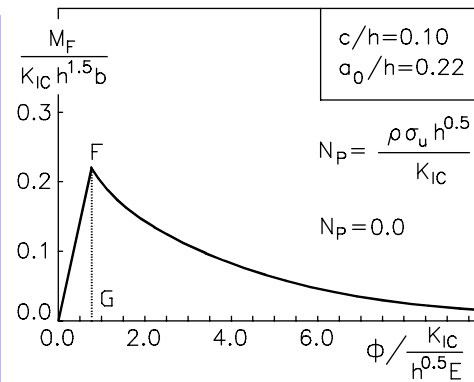
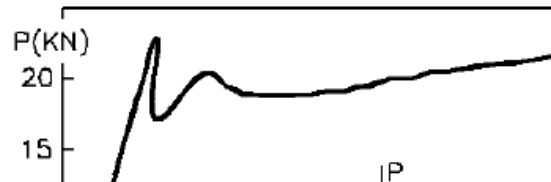
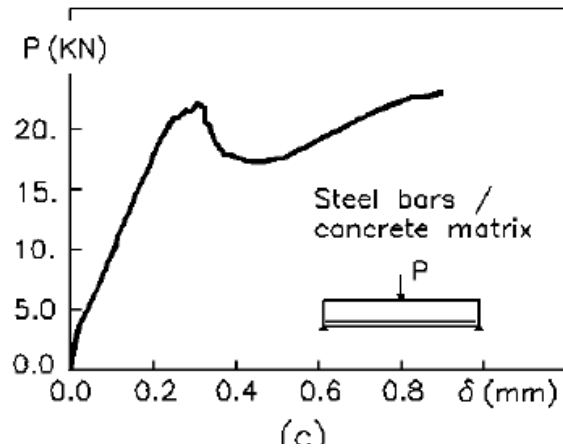
**(Levi, Bosco & Debernardi, 1998
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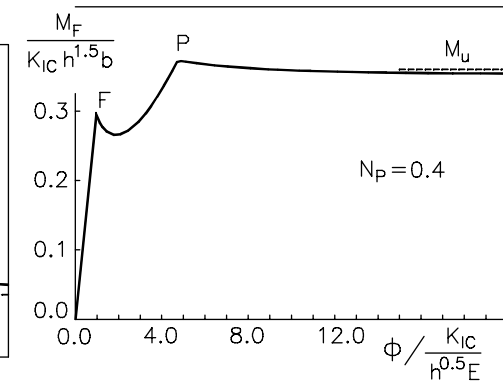
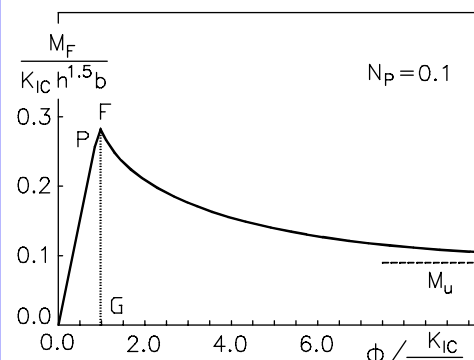
Localized rotation

FLEXURAL RESPONSE OF BRITTLE MATRIX COMPOSITES WITH DISCRETE DUCTILE REINFORCEMENTS

EXPERIMENTS



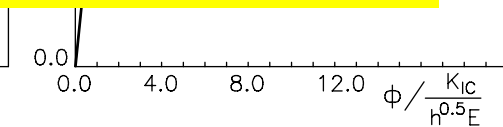
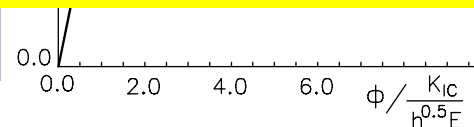
$$N_P = \frac{\rho \sigma_u h^{0.5}}{K_{IC}}$$



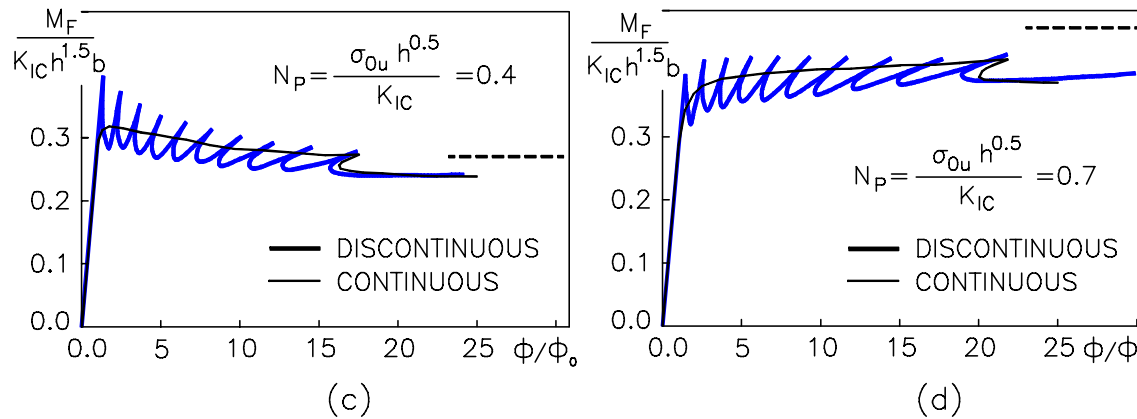
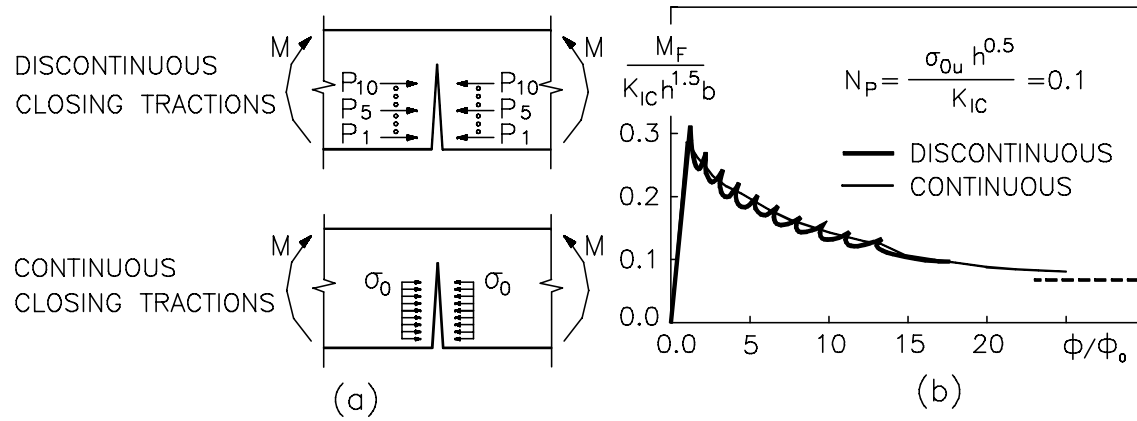
Flexural response of brittle matrix composites with ductile reinforcements:

- controlled by a single brittleness number
- brittle to ductile transition on increasing the beam depth
- local snap-through instabilities can be explained using bridged-crack model

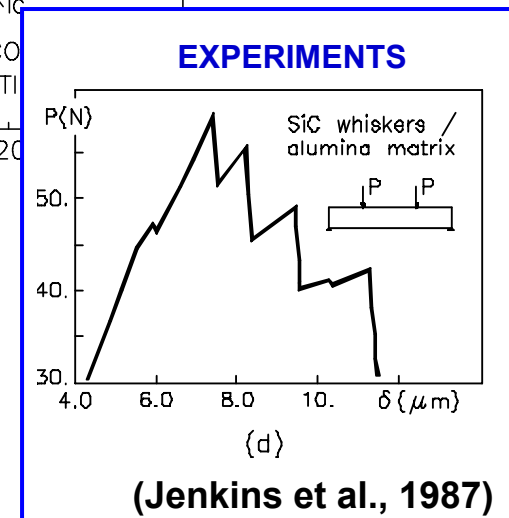
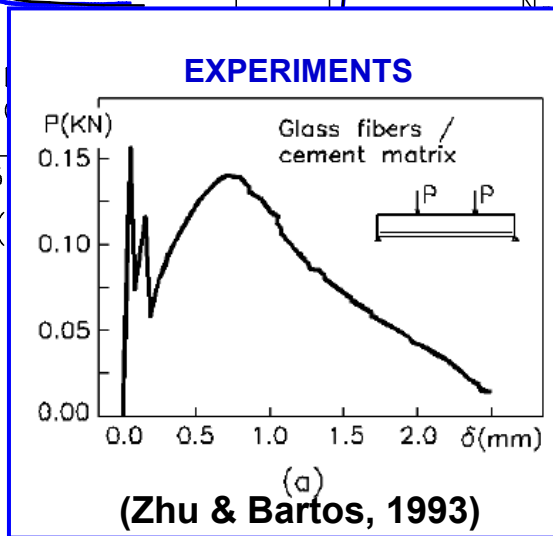
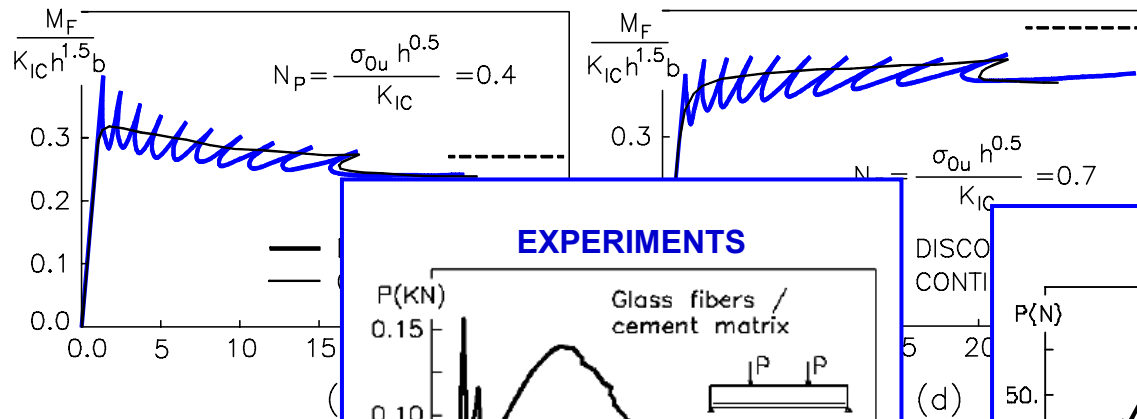
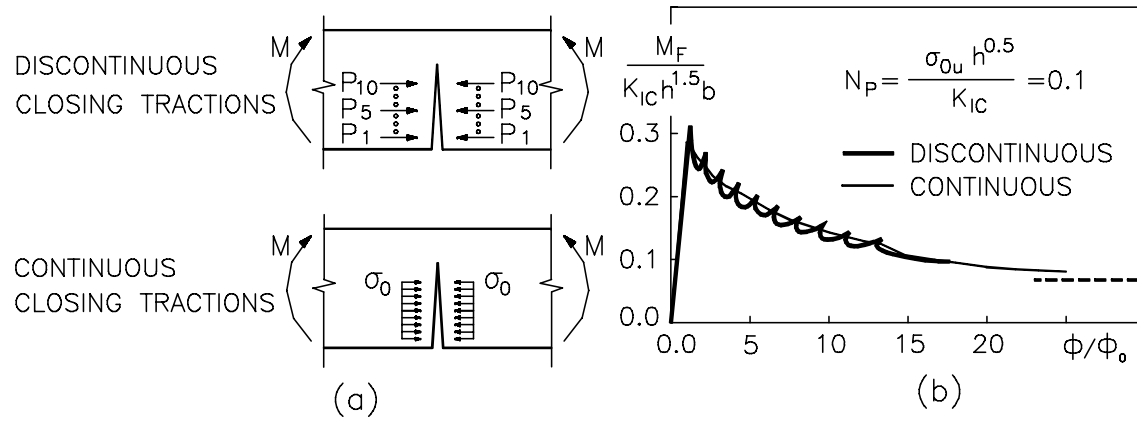
(L) **Bosco, Carpinteri & Debernardi, 1990)**



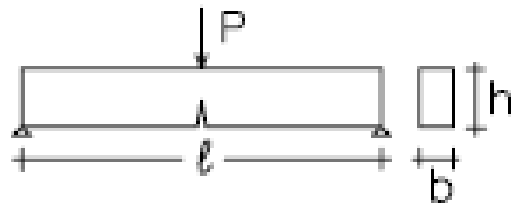
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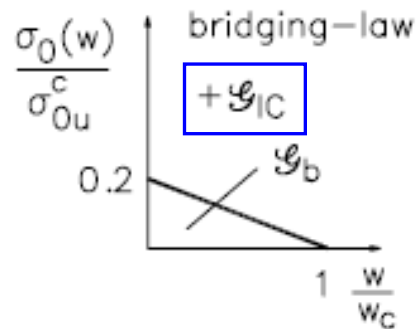
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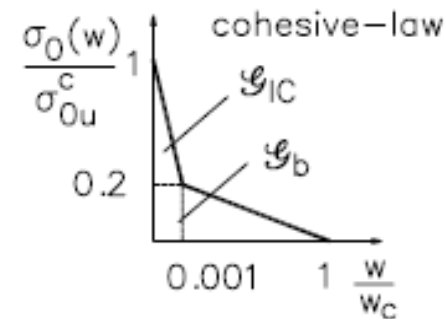
$$\ell/h=6 \quad a_0/h=0.1$$

Fiber reinforced brittle matrix composite
 (e.g. fiber reinforced high strength concrete;
 fiber reinforced ceramic)

Bridged-crack model



Cohesive-crack model

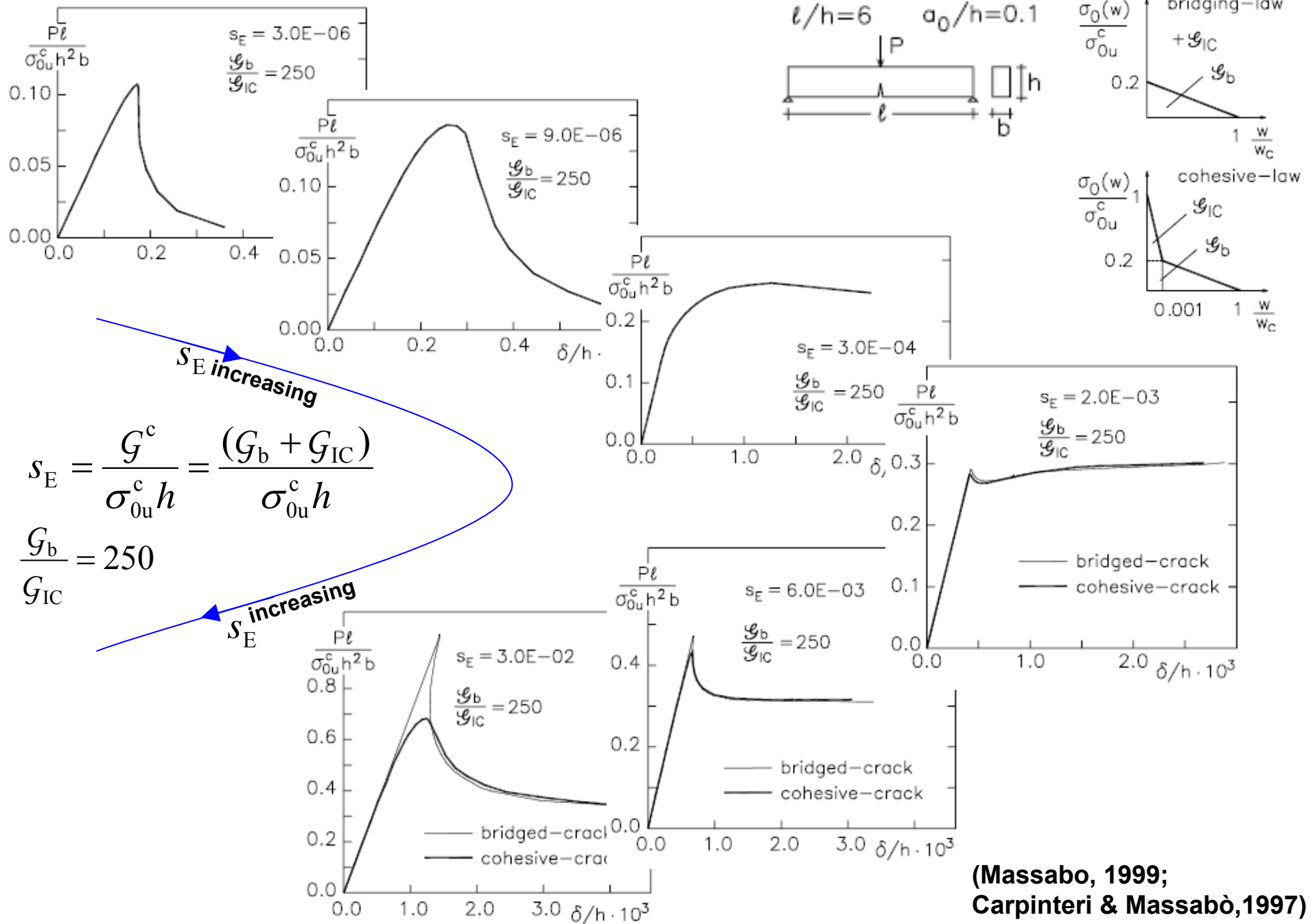


Two dimensionless groups govern mechanical behavior

$$s_E = \frac{G^c}{\sigma_{0u}^c h} = \frac{G_b + G_{IC}}{\sigma_{0u}^c h} \quad \frac{G_b}{G_{IC}} = 250$$

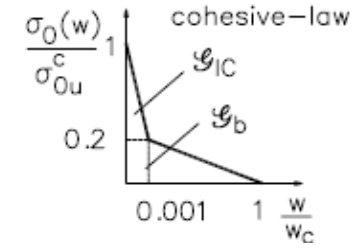
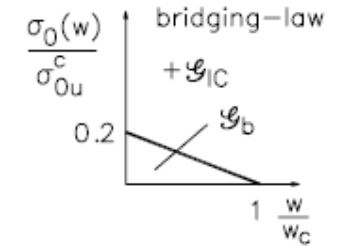
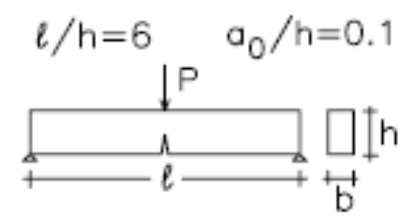
(brittleness number, Carpinteri 1985)

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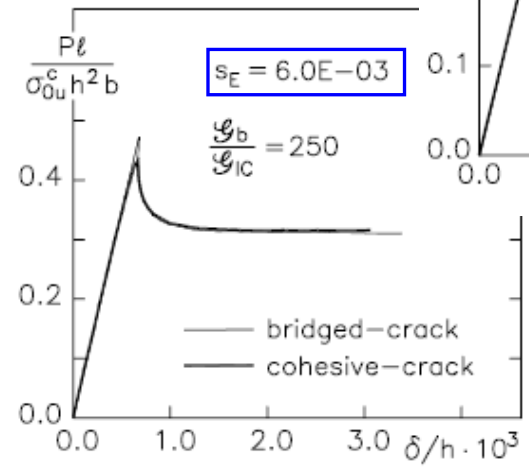
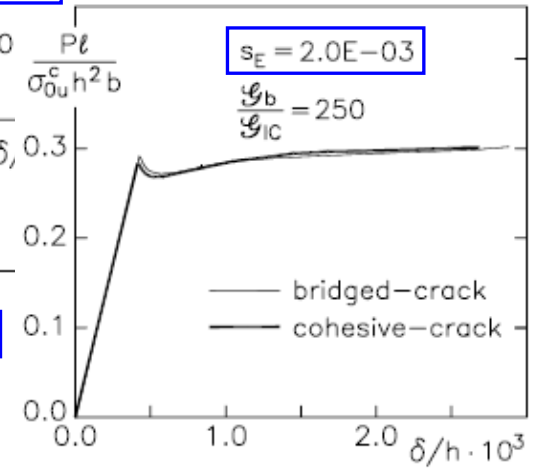
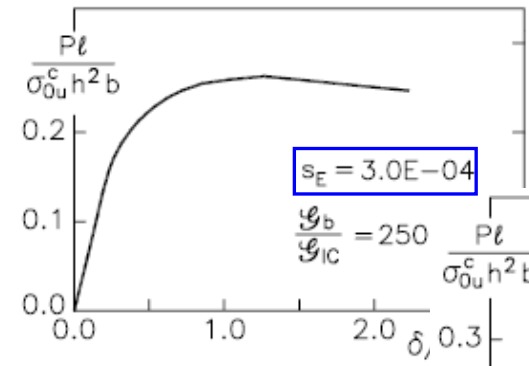


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s_E increasing

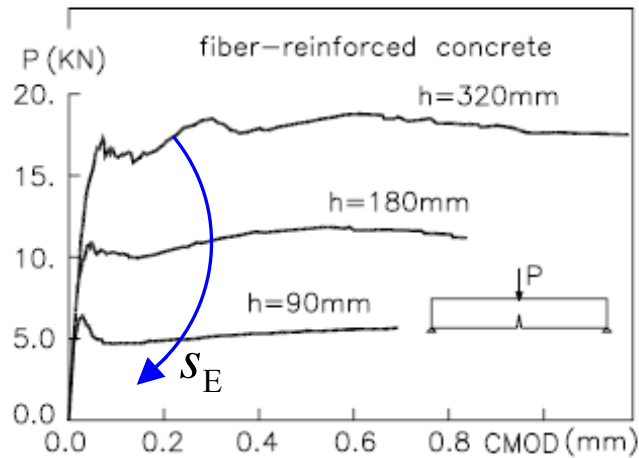
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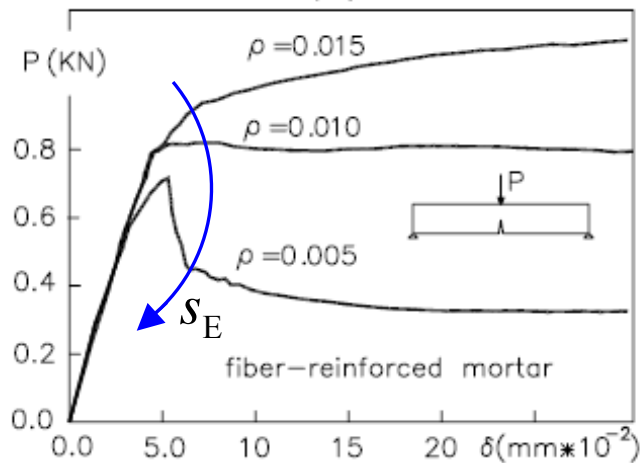
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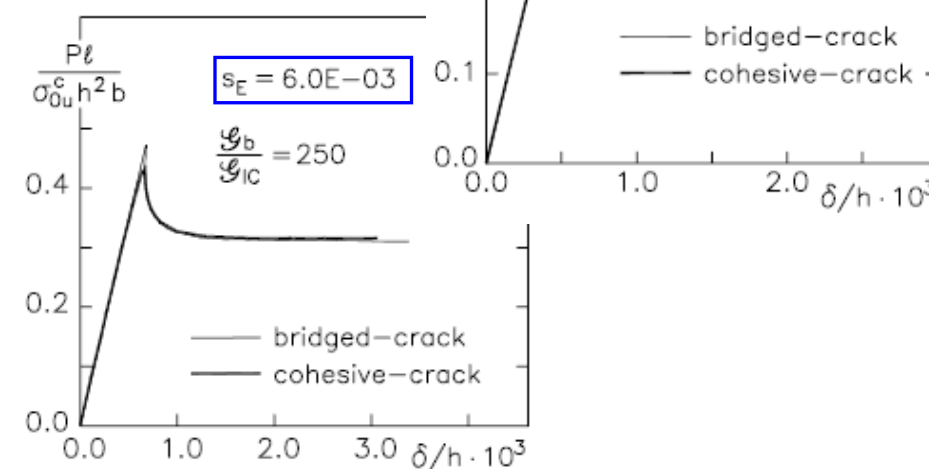
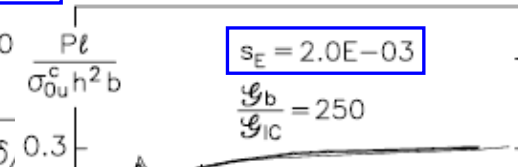
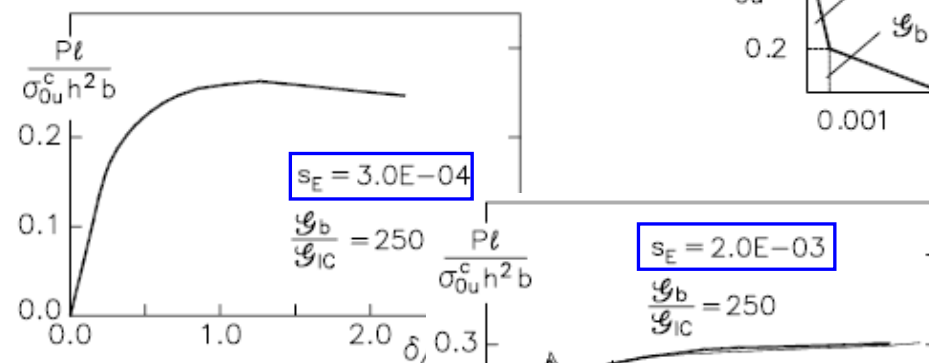
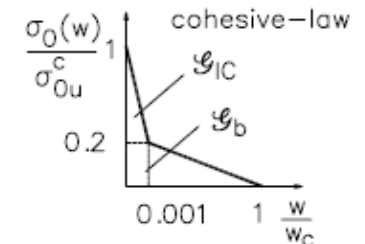
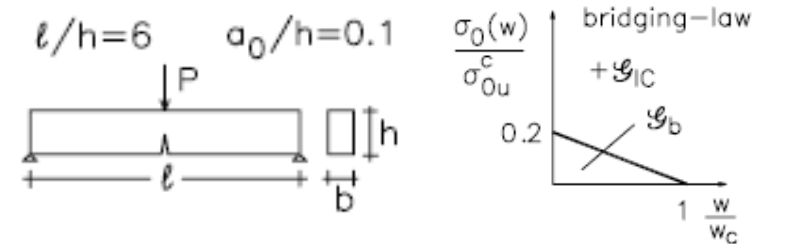


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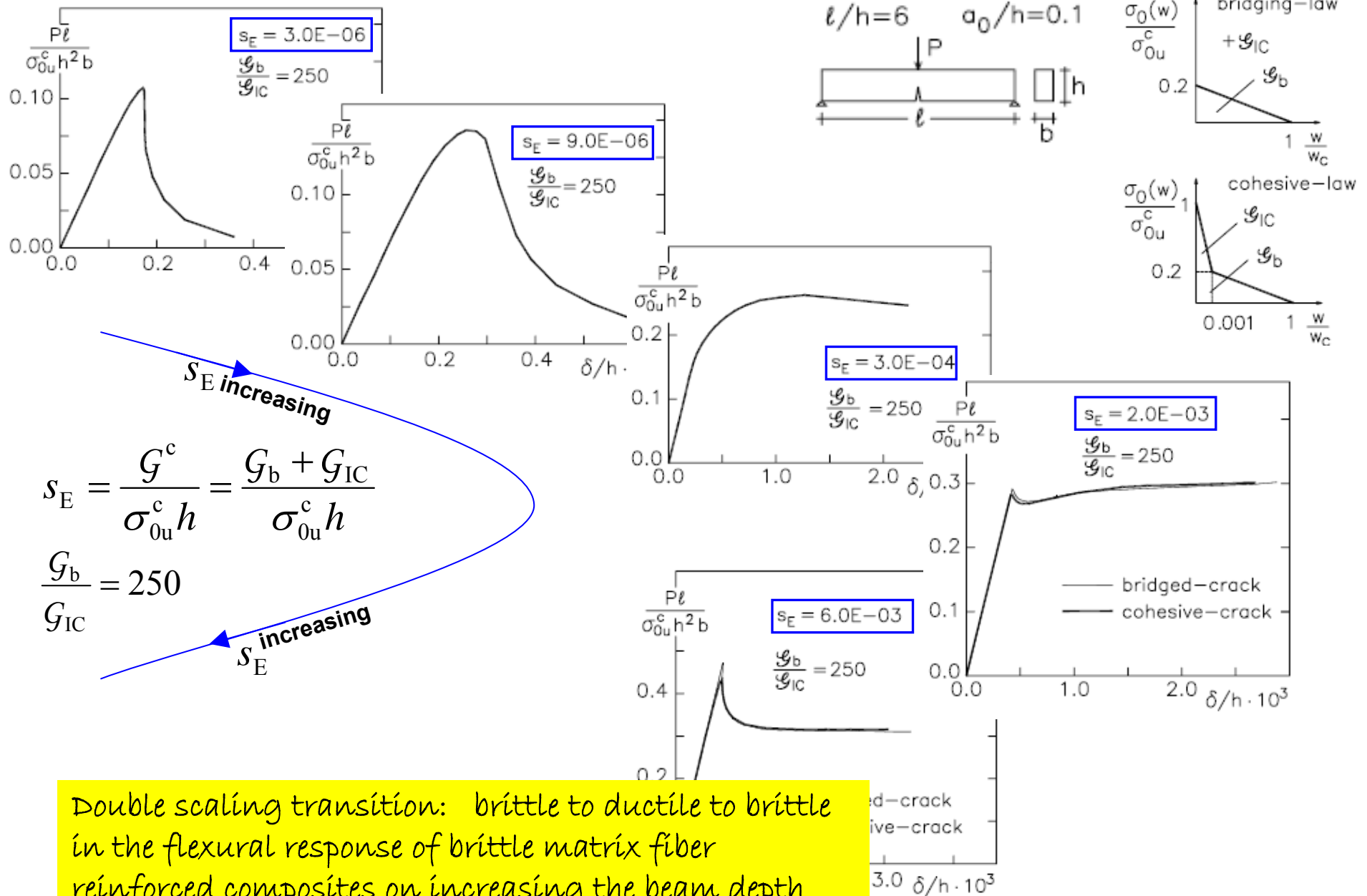
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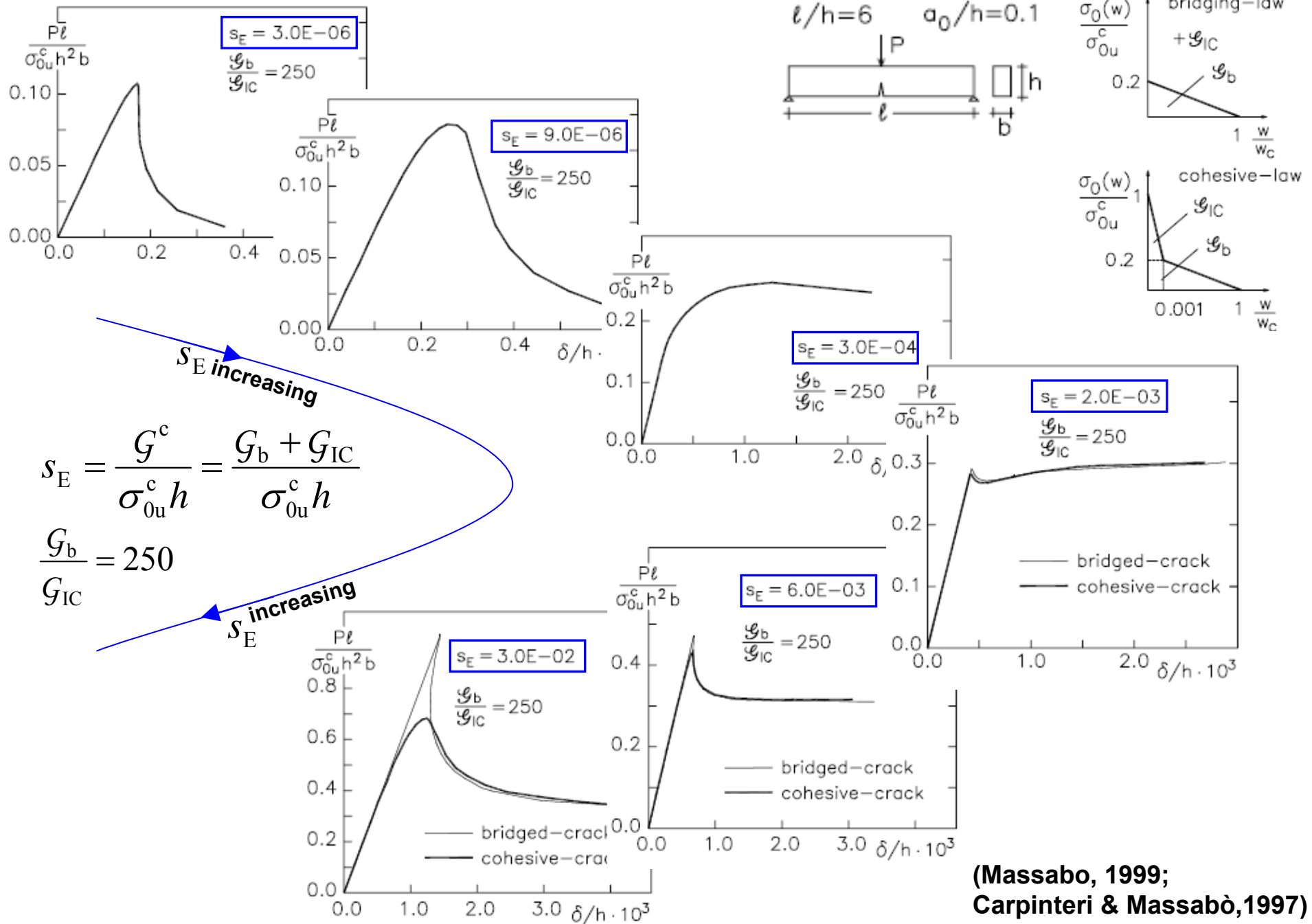
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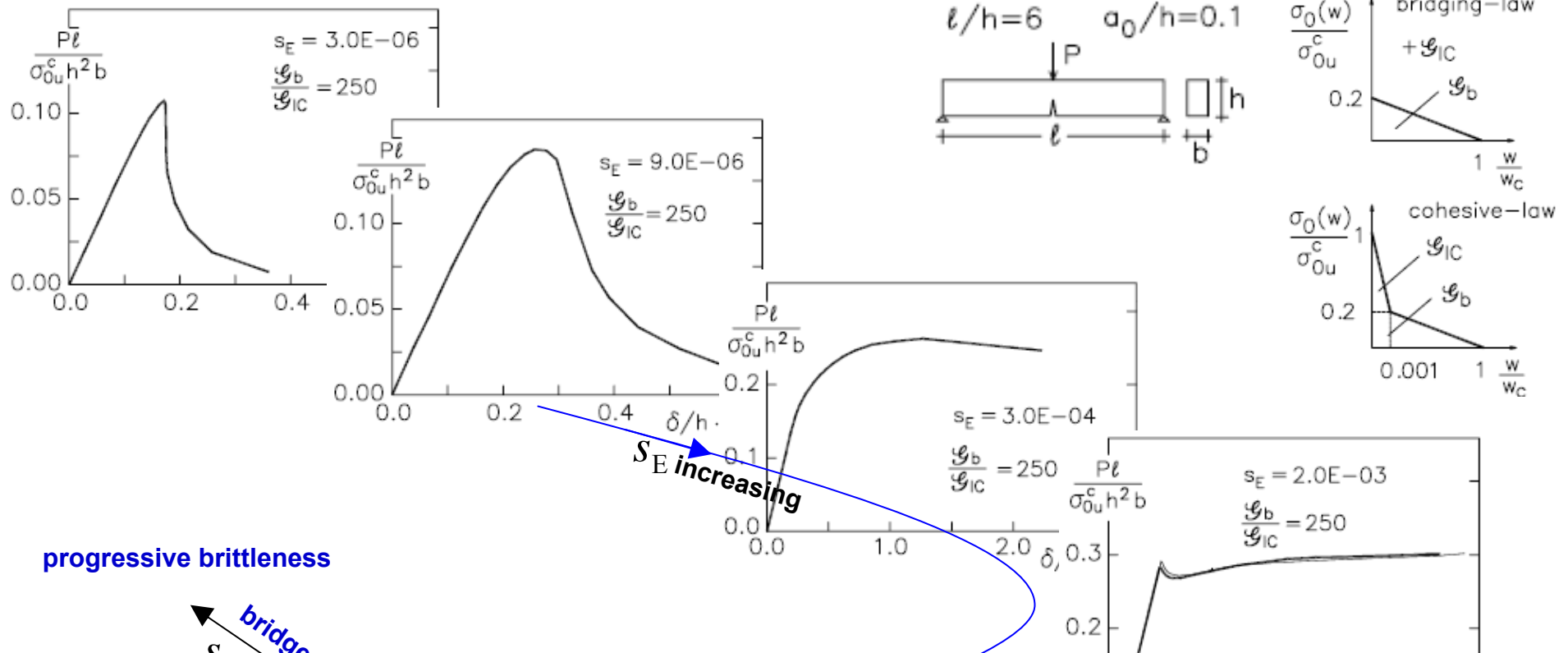
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progressive brittleness

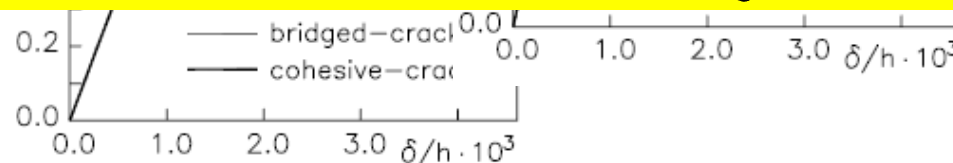
bridge

Drawbacks:

- The cohesive crack model is computationally very expensive
- The bridged crack model has limited range of applicability when matrices are not perfectly brittle
- Cohesive crack model must be applied to study crack initiation

s_E

progressive ductility



(Massabo, 1999;
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Parte 2:

INTERAZIONE DI MECCANISMI MULTIPLI DI DANNEGGIAMENTO

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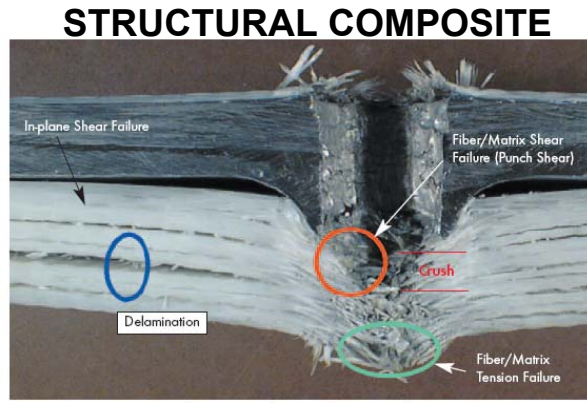
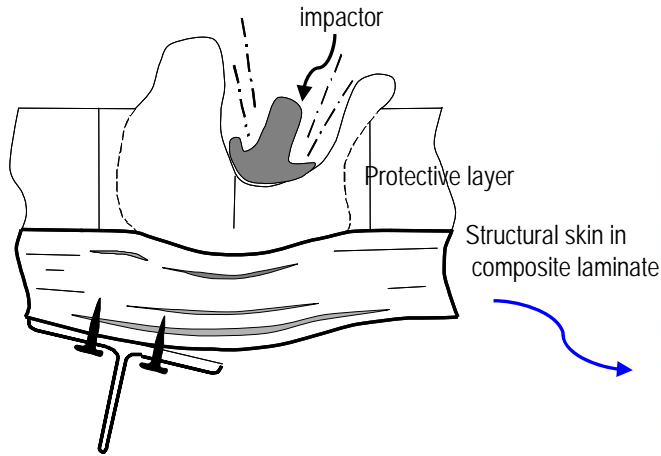
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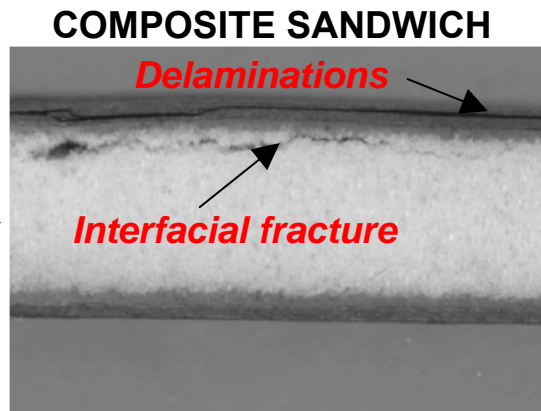
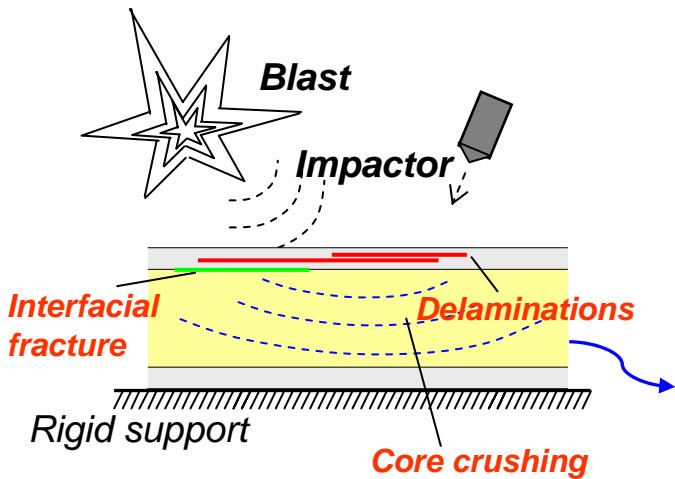
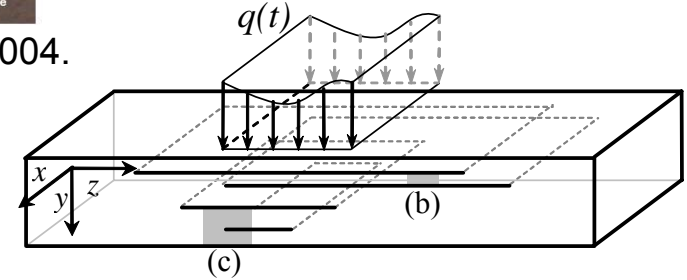
- Theoretical models to study the interaction of multiple damage mechanisms in laminates and composite sandwiches;

- Relevant results

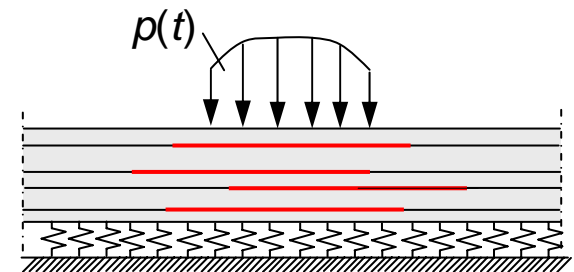
MULTIPLE DAMAGE MECHANISMS IN LAMINATES AND SANWICHES



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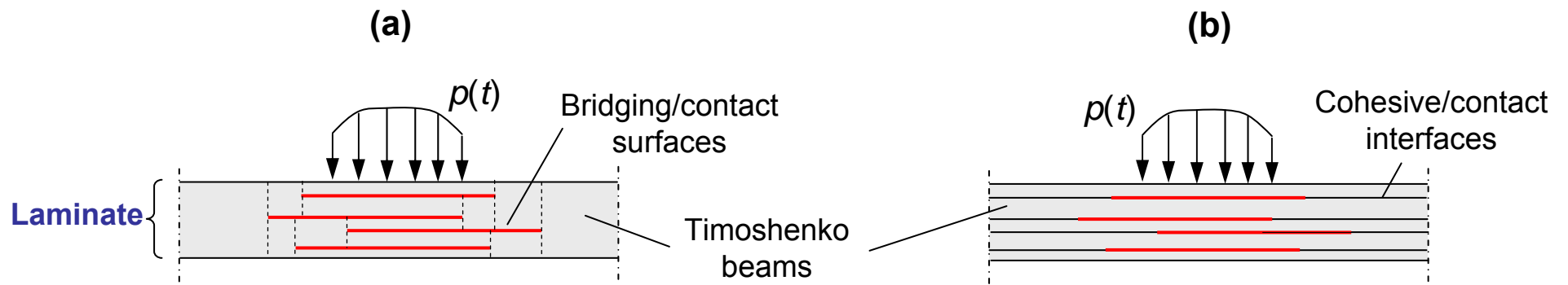


(Kim and Swanson, *Comp. Struct.*, 2001)



MECHANICAL MODELS

COMPOSITE LAMINATES AND MULTILAYERED SYSTEMS



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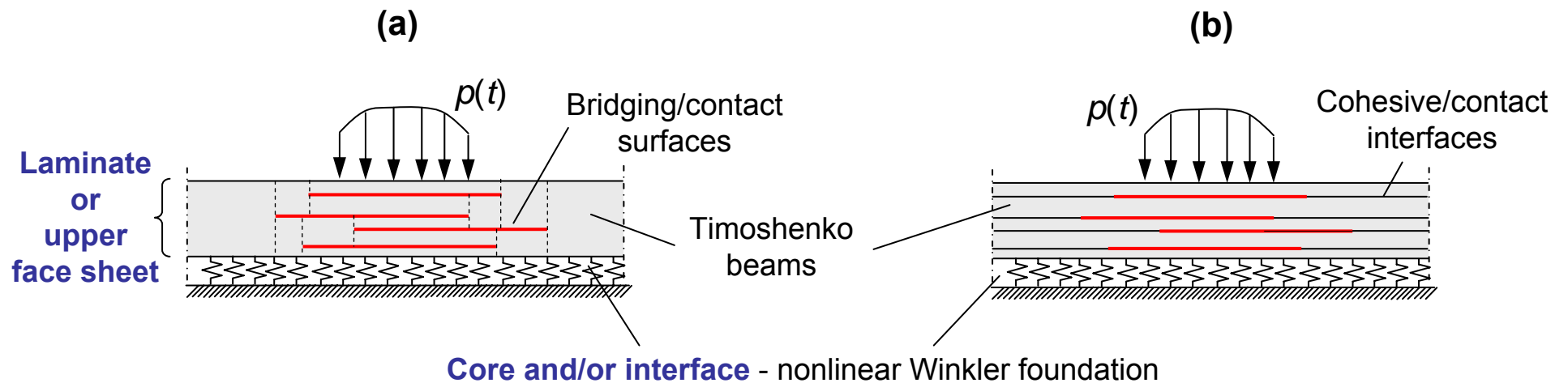
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MECHANICAL MODELS

FULLY BACKED COMPOSITE SANDWICHES



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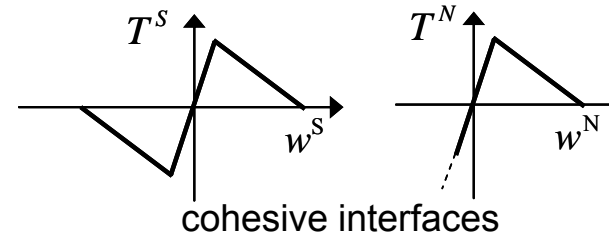
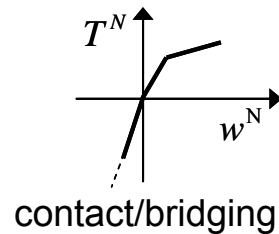
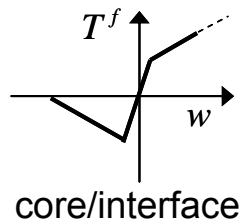
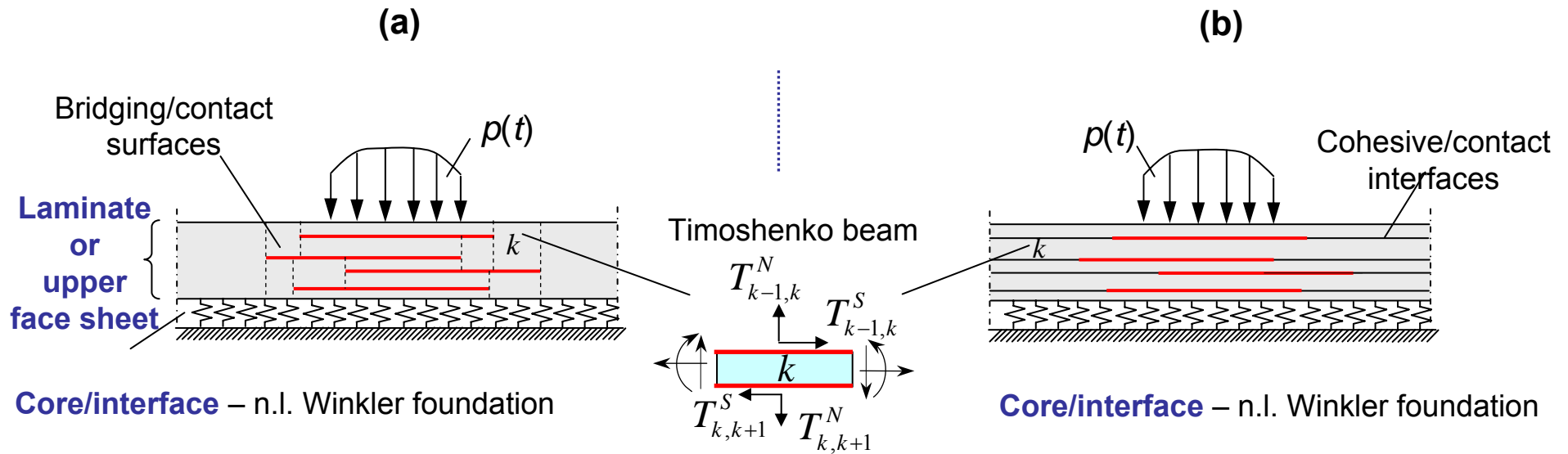
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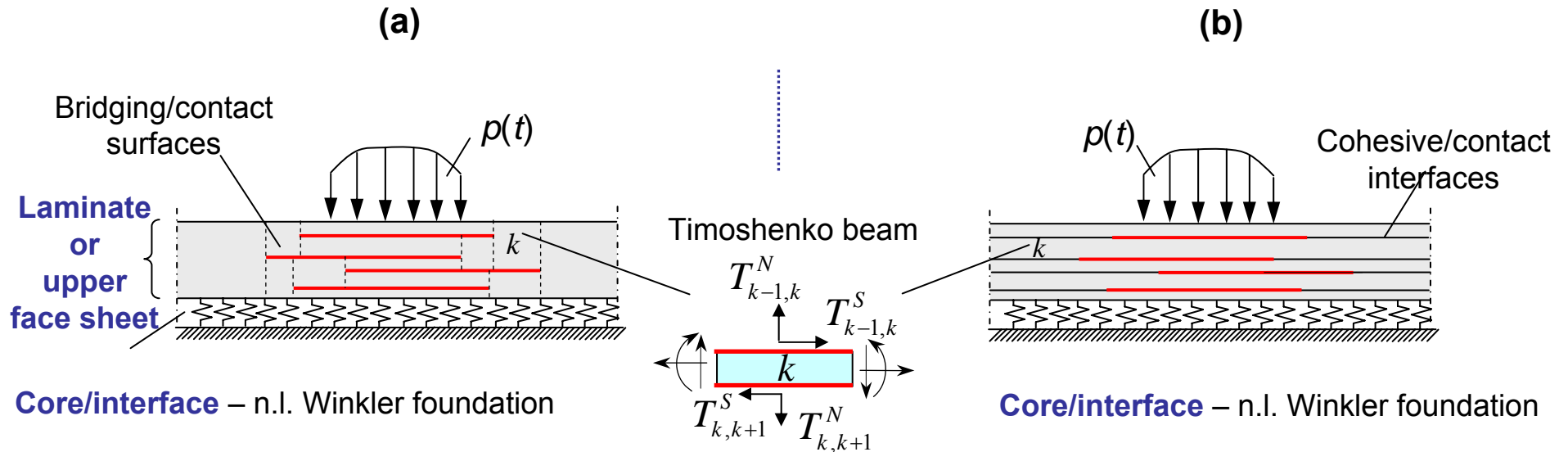
MECHANICAL MODELS



- Homogeneous, orthotropic, linear elastic skin
- Perfectly brittle matrix + crack bridging/contact
- Accurate mode decomposition (Andrews & Massabò, *EFM*, 2007)

- Multi-layered, orthotropic, linear elastic skin
- Cohesive interfaces: perfect adhesion, brittle or cohesive fracture, contact, bridging

MECHANICAL MODELS



$$u_k, w_k, \varphi_k$$

Dynamic equilibrium

$$N'_k - T_{k,k+1}^S + T_{k-1,k}^S = \rho_m S_k \ddot{u}_k$$

$$M'_k - V_k - 1/2 h_k (T_{k,k+1}^S + T_{k-1,k}^S) = \rho_m I_k \ddot{\varphi}_k$$

$$V'_k + T_{k,k+1}^N - T_{k-1,k}^N = \rho_m S_k \ddot{w}_k$$

Compatibility

$$\varepsilon_k = u'_k$$

$$\varphi_k = -w'_k + \gamma_k$$

$$\chi_k = \varphi'_k$$

Constitutive laws

$$N_k = A_k \varepsilon_k$$

$$M_k = D_k \chi_k$$

$$V_k = G_k \gamma_k$$

SOLUTION METHOD

semi-analytic (iterative procedure needed to define contact/bridging regions and plastically admissible fields)

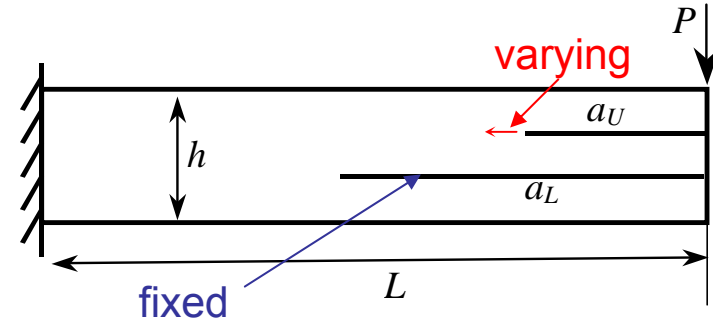
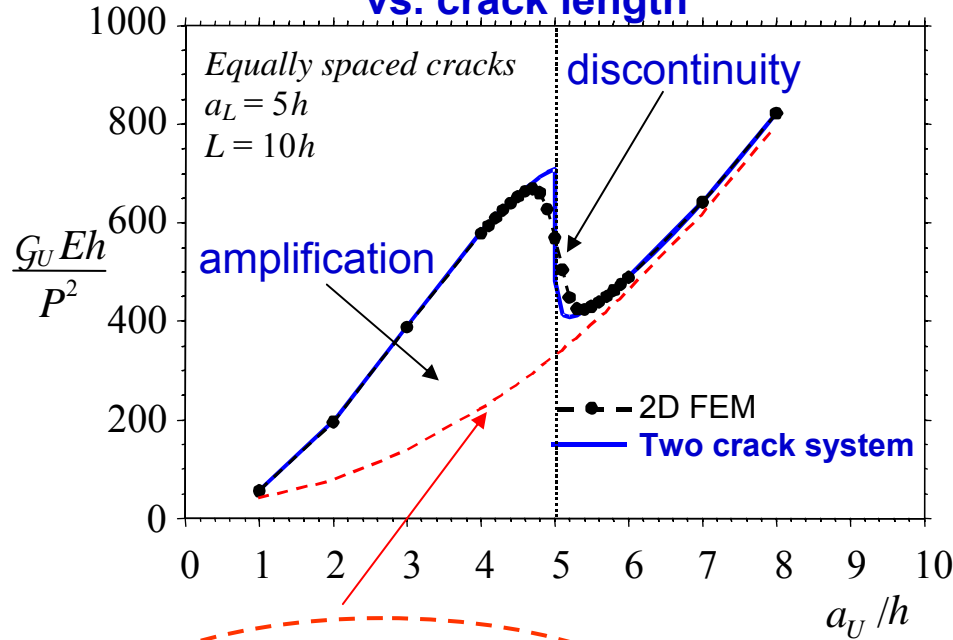
SOLUTION METHOD

numerical: time/space discretization, finite difference solution scheme

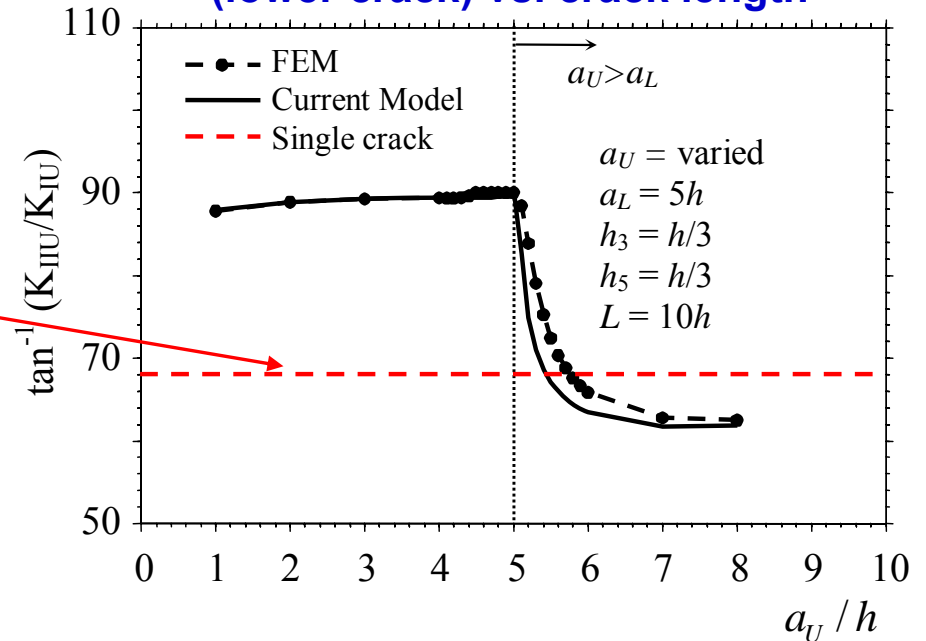
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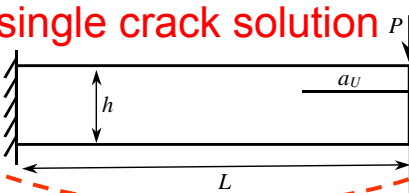
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**Relative amount of mode II to mode I
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single crack solution



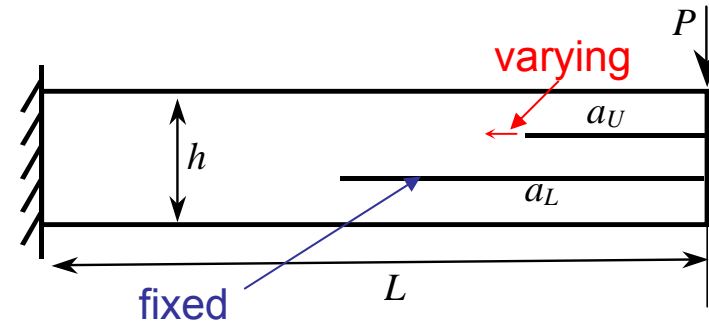
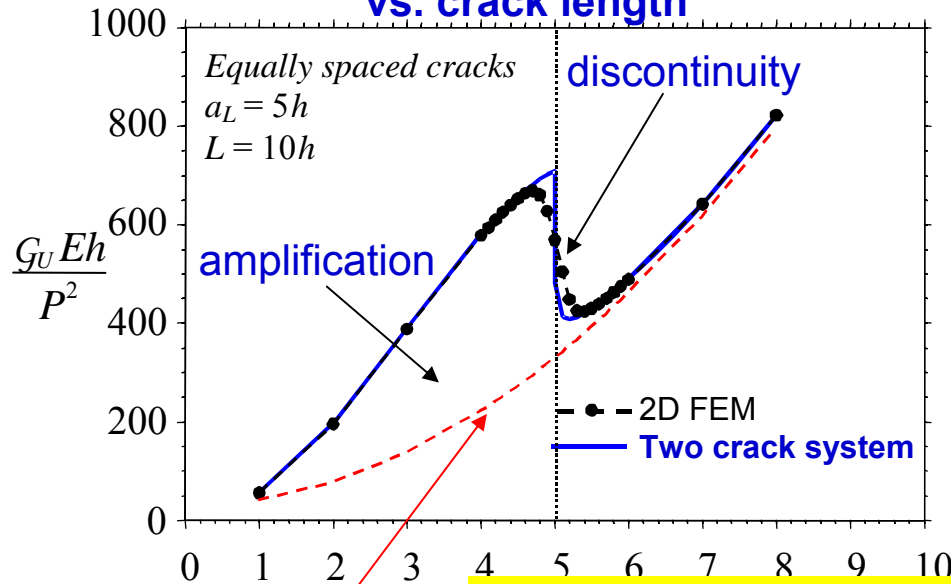
Assumptions:

- System of two cracks in a cantilever beam
- Frictionless contact
- Homogeneous, isotropic and perfectly brittle material

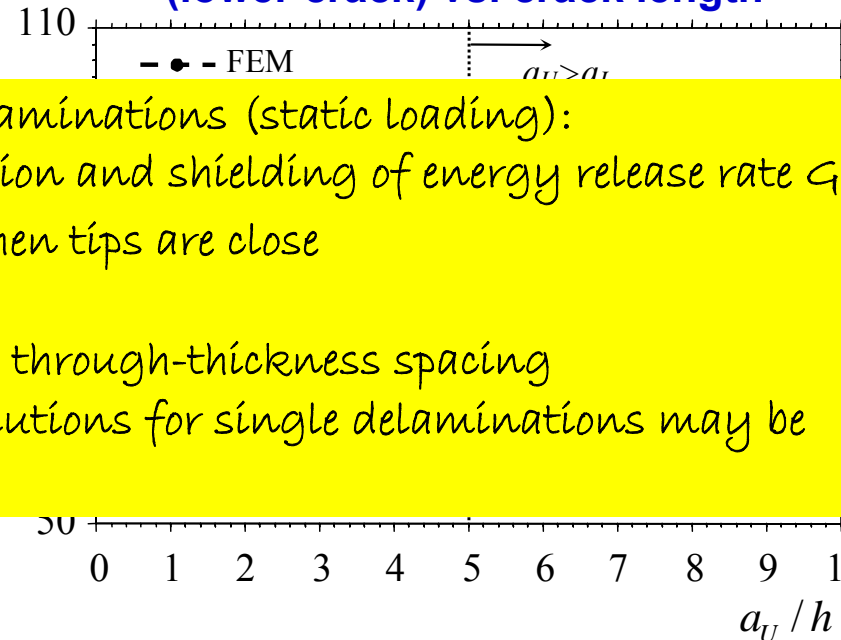
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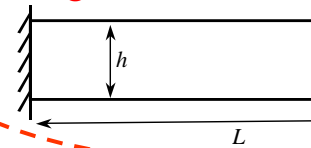
Interaction of multiple delaminations (static loading):

- phenomena of amplification and shielding of energy release rate G
- sudden changes in G when tips are close
- mode ratio variations
- phenomena controlled by through-thickness spacing
- predictions based on solutions for single delaminations may be unconservative

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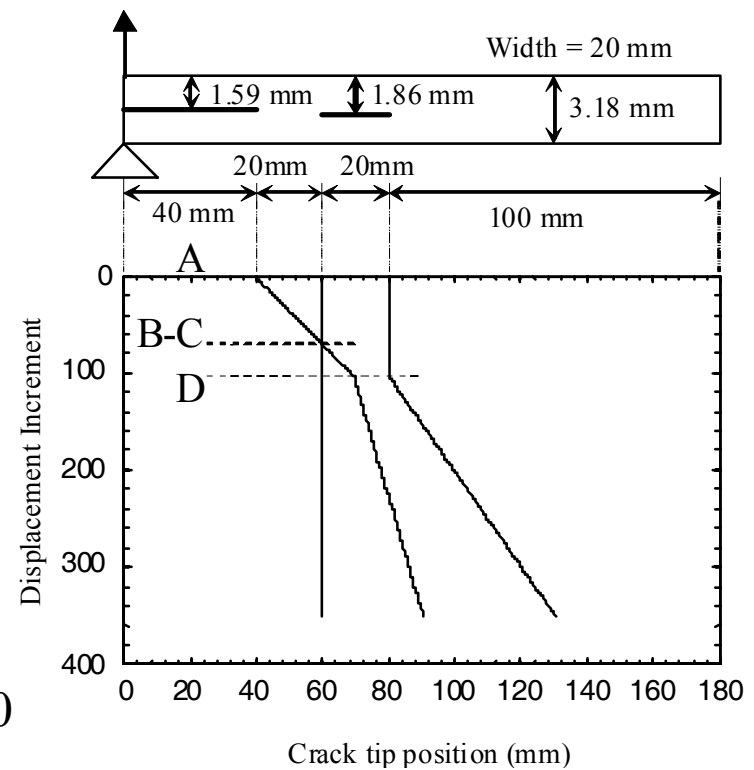
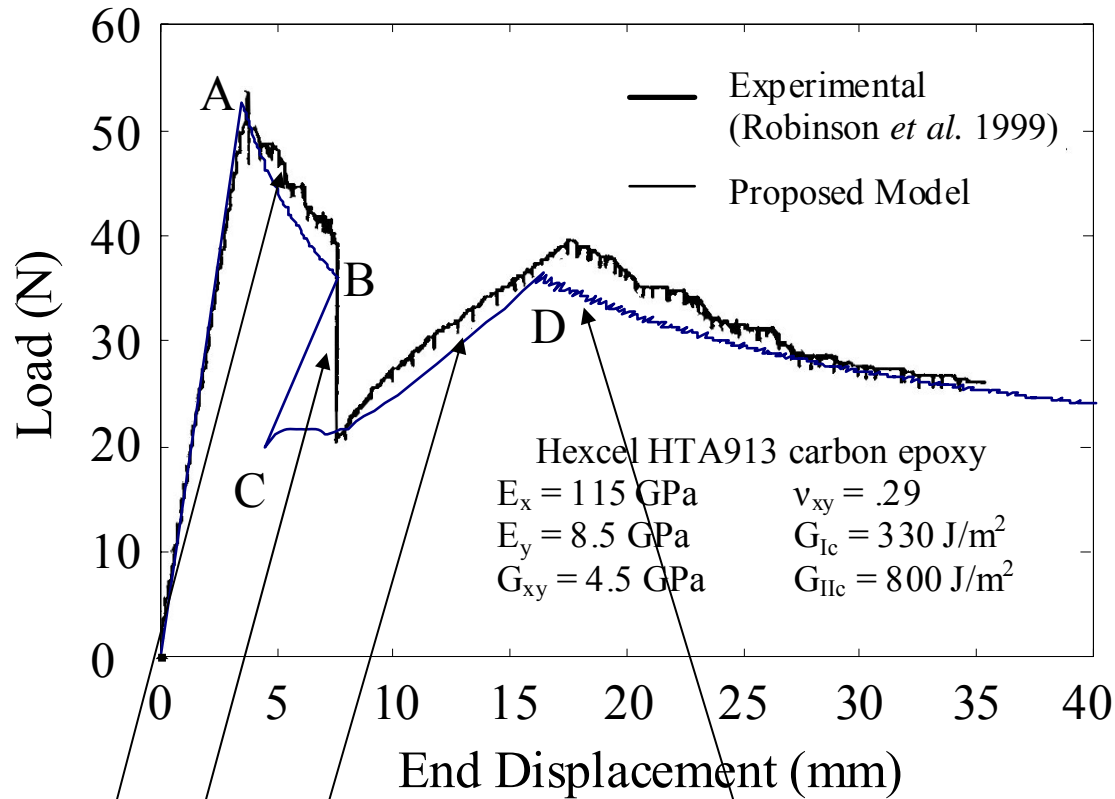
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INTERACTION EFFECTS – QUASI STATIC LOADING MACROSTRUCTURAL RESPONSE

(Andrews and Massabò, Comp. A, 2008)



unstable growth of left crack

amplification

shielding

(c)

unstable growth of both cracks

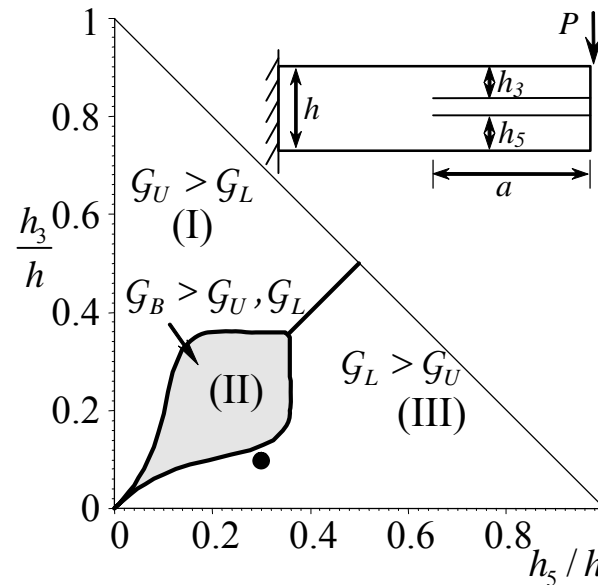
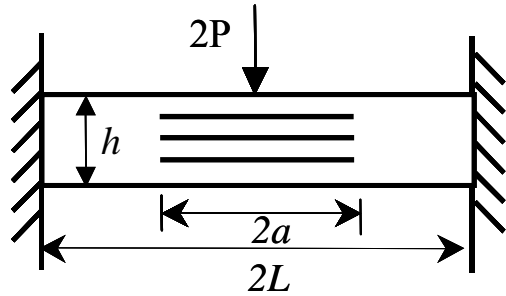
Snap-back and snap-through instabilities due to local amplification and shielding of the crack tip stress fields

Assumptions:

- Frictionless contact
- Homogeneous, orthotropic, perfectly brittle material

INFLUENCE OF CRACK SPACING ON MULTIPLE DELAMINATION

(Andrews, Massabò & Cox, IJSS, 2006)



Behavioral maps, depending on crack spacing, define regions characterized by equal length growth

- In grey region equality of length is maintained and is stable with respect to length perturbations

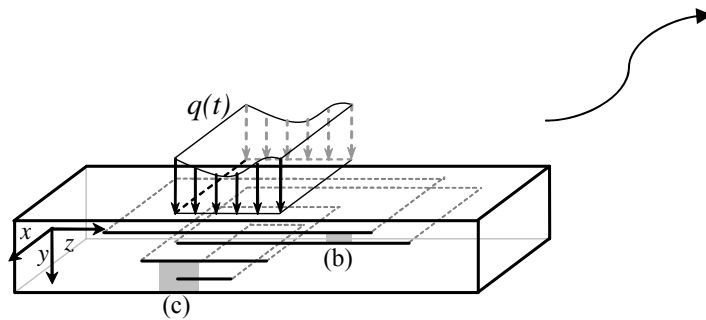
→ Is controlled delamination fracture a feasible tool to improve mechanical performance (e.g. energy absorption)?

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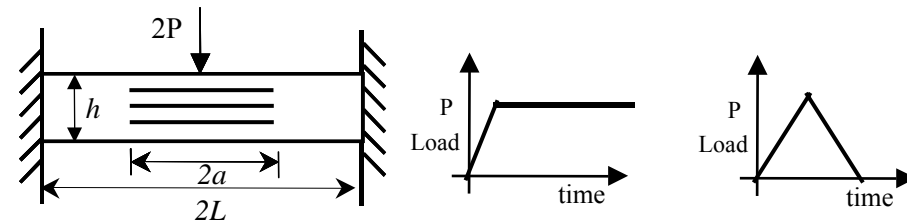
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DYNAMIC INTERACTION EFFECTS IN HOMOGENEOUS SYSTEMS STATIONARY DELAMINATIONS

(Andrews, Massabò, Cavicchi & Cox, IJSS, 2009)

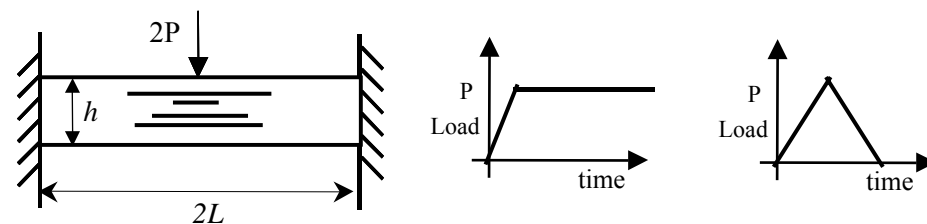


Equally spaced, equal length delaminations



In phase vibrations of delaminated beams
Dynamic and interaction effects uncoupled if
loading pulse is long enough

Unequally spaced or unequal length delaminations:

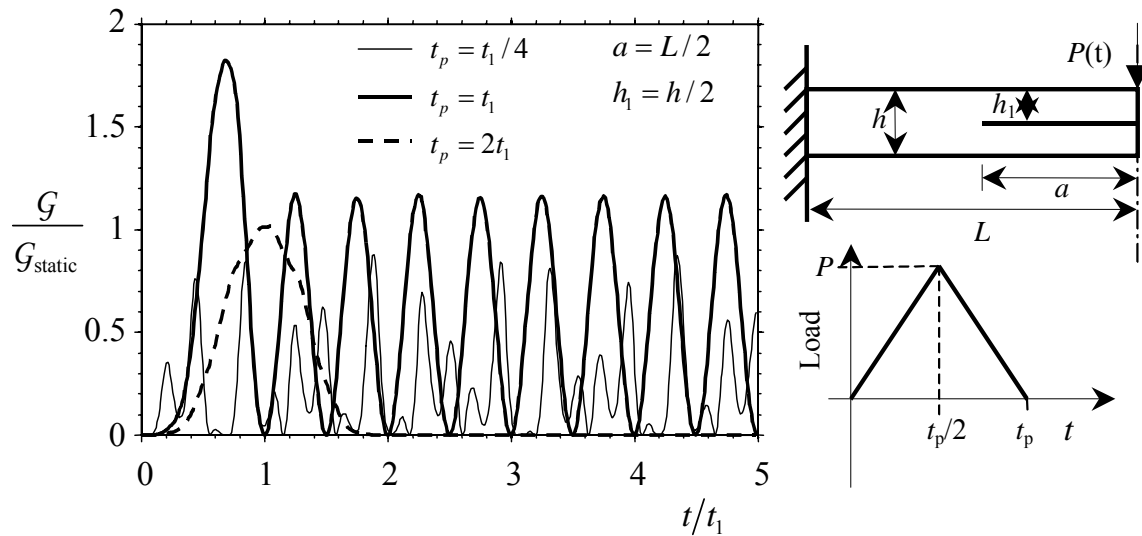


Out of phase vibrations and hammering of
delaminated beams after load removal

DYNAMIC INTERACTION EFFECTS - STATIONARY DELAMINATIONS

equally spaced, equal length delaminations, short pulses

Time history of normalized energy release rate in systems with one delamination



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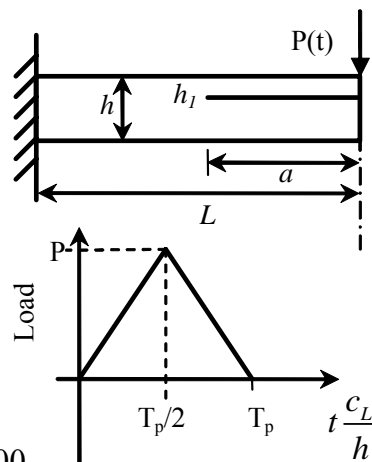
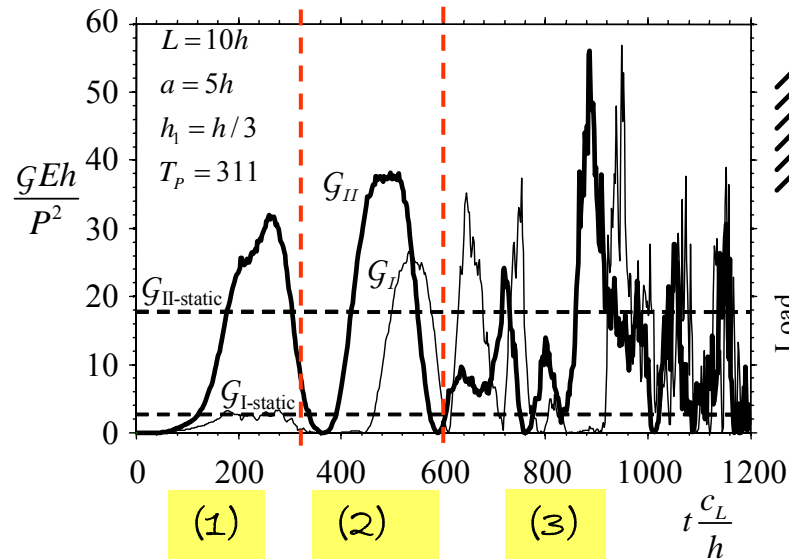
- One crack in clamped-clamped beam
- Frictionless contact
- Homogeneous, isotropic, perfectly brittle

In phase vibrations of delaminated beams
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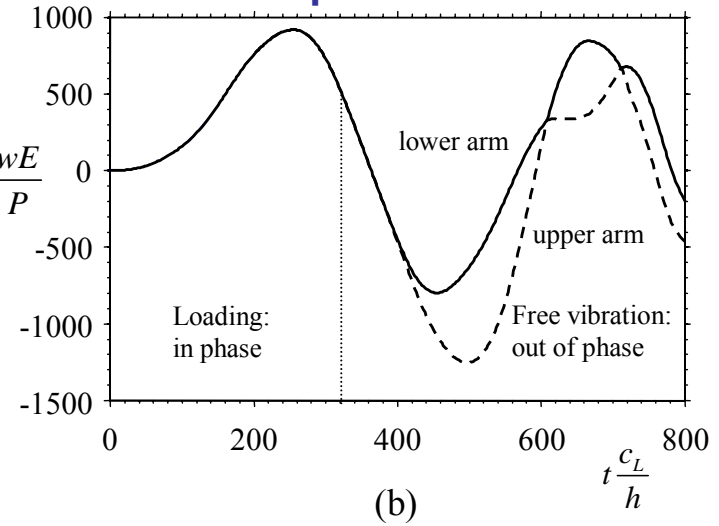
DYNAMIC INTERACTION EFFECTS - STATIONARY DELAMINATIONS

unequally spaced, unequal length delaminations, short pulses

Time history of energy release rate components



Time history of load point displacements



Forced vibrations

free vibrations

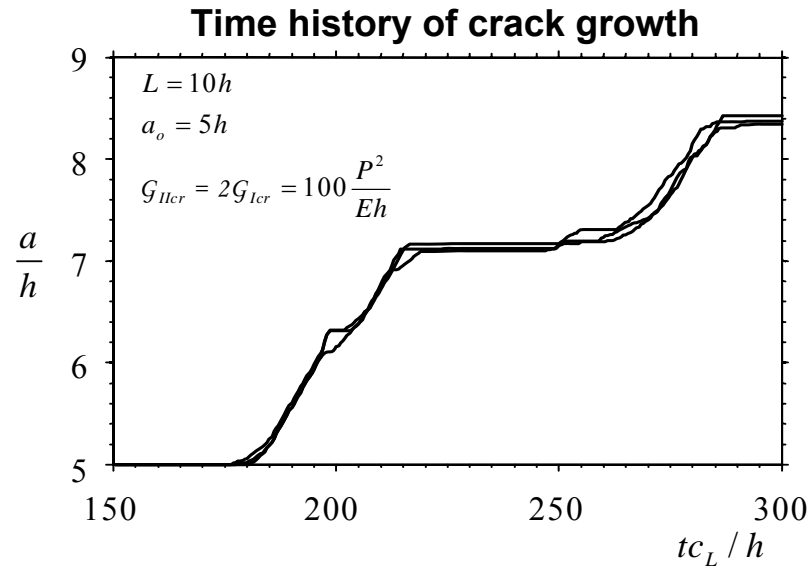
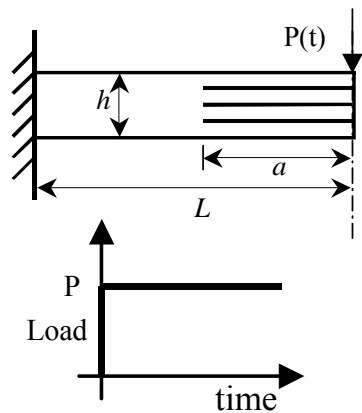
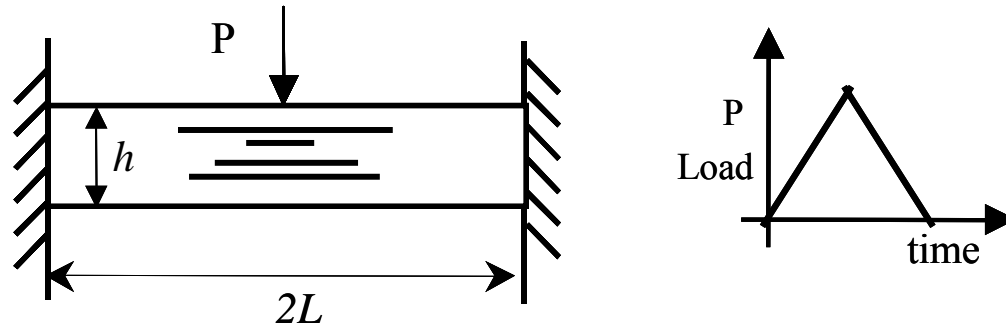
hammering

Assumptions:

- One crack in clamped-clamped beam
- Frictionless contact
- Homogeneous, isotropic, perfectly brittle

Out of phase vibrations, amplifications and hammering of delaminated beams after load removal

MULTIPLE DYNAMIC DELAMINATION FRACTURE



In homogeneous systems under arbitrary dynamic loading conditions:

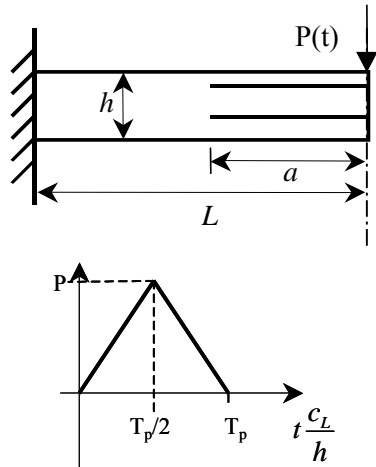
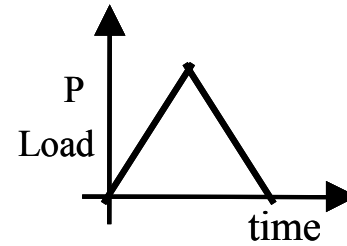
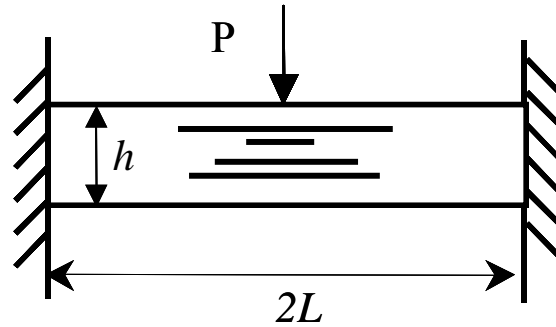
Equally spaced delaminations propagate to equal length configuration and equality of length is then maintained and stable with respect to length perturbations

Assumptions:

- frictionless contact
- perfectly brittle material

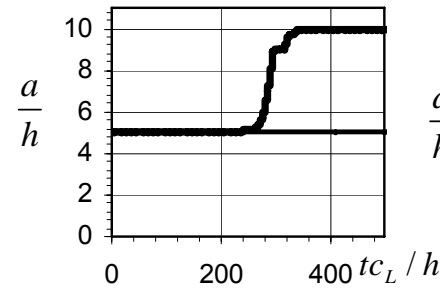
(Andrews, Massabò, Cavicchi & Cox, 2008)

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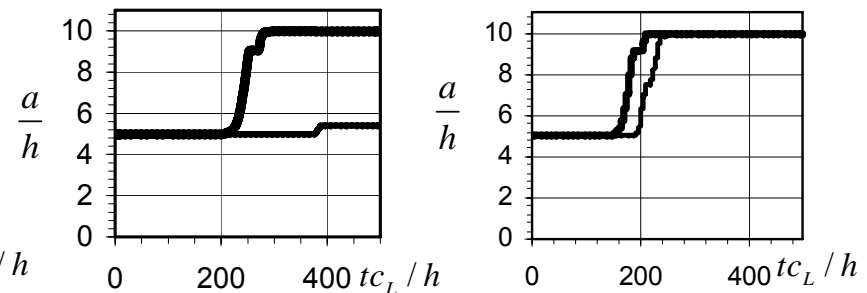
lower loads or higher fracture toughness

lower speeds



higher loads or lower fracture toughness

Higher speeds



Time history of crack growth

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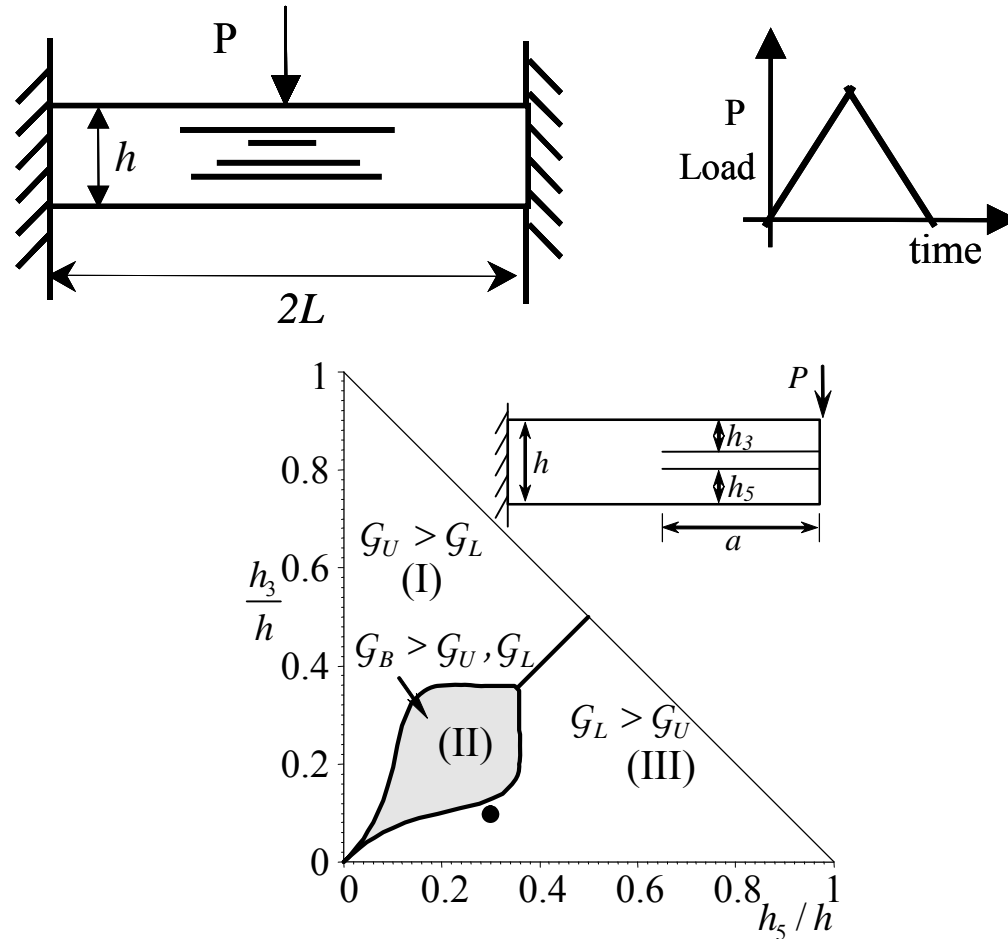
Unequally spaced delaminations: propagation at higher speed of a single dominant crack can be observed; response controlled by crack spacing

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MULTIPLE DYNAMIC DELAMINATION FRACTURE



Behavioral maps, depending on crack spacing, define regions characterized by equal length growth

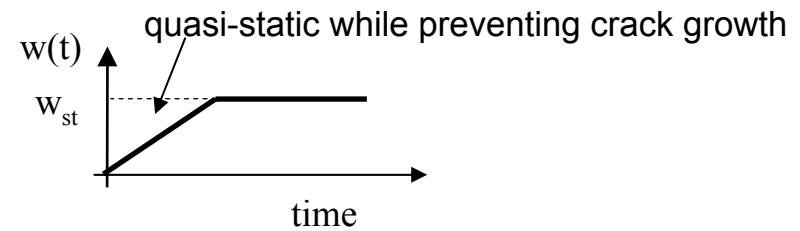
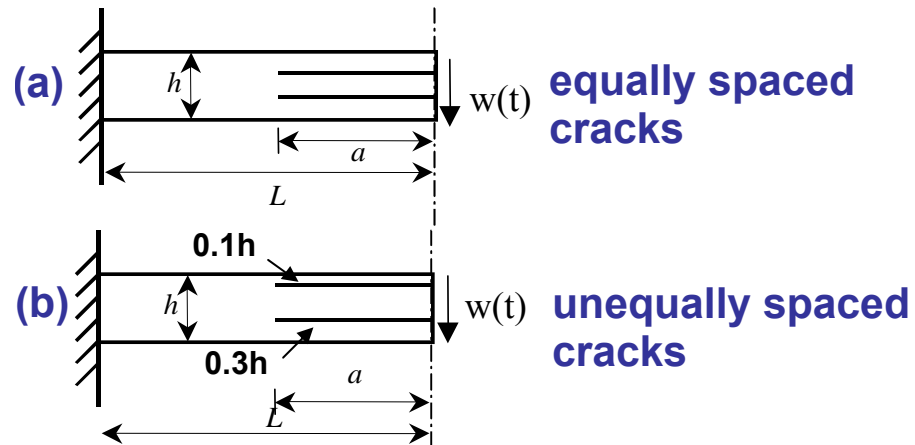
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Displacement controlled dynamic growth with fixed initial strain energy \mathcal{L}

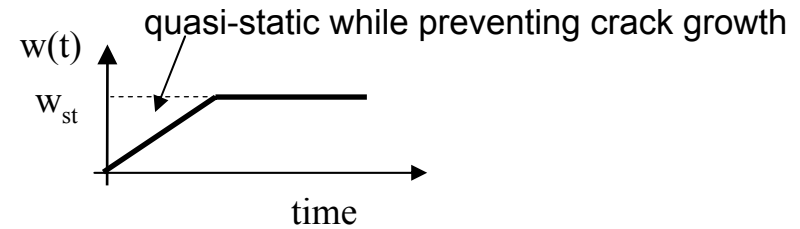
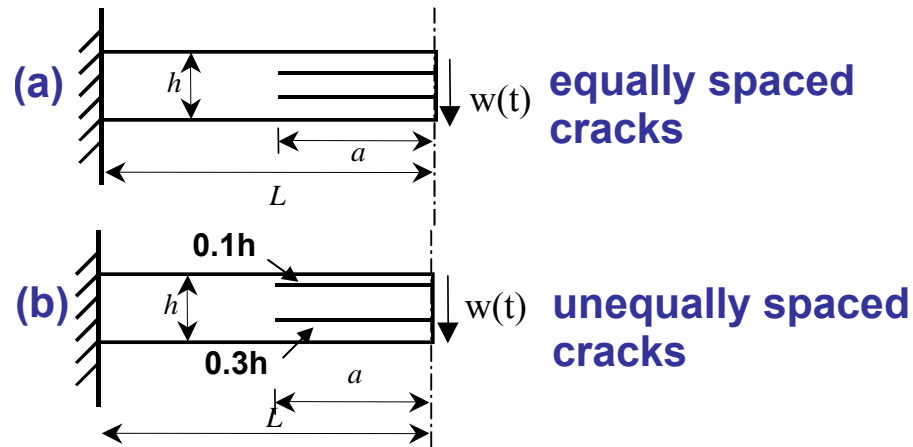


Assumptions:

- $G_{cr} h / \mathcal{L}$ leading to small / moderate crack speeds
- Frictionless contact
- Homogeneous, isotropic, perfectly brittle material

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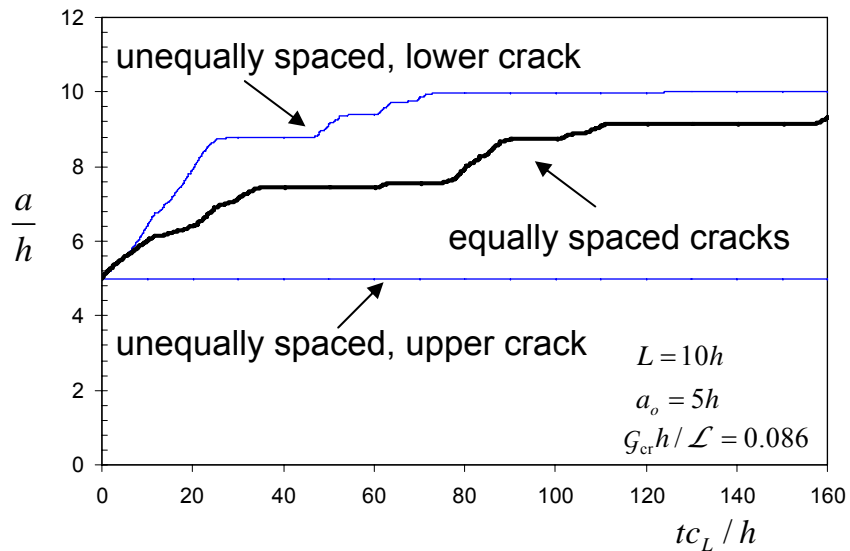
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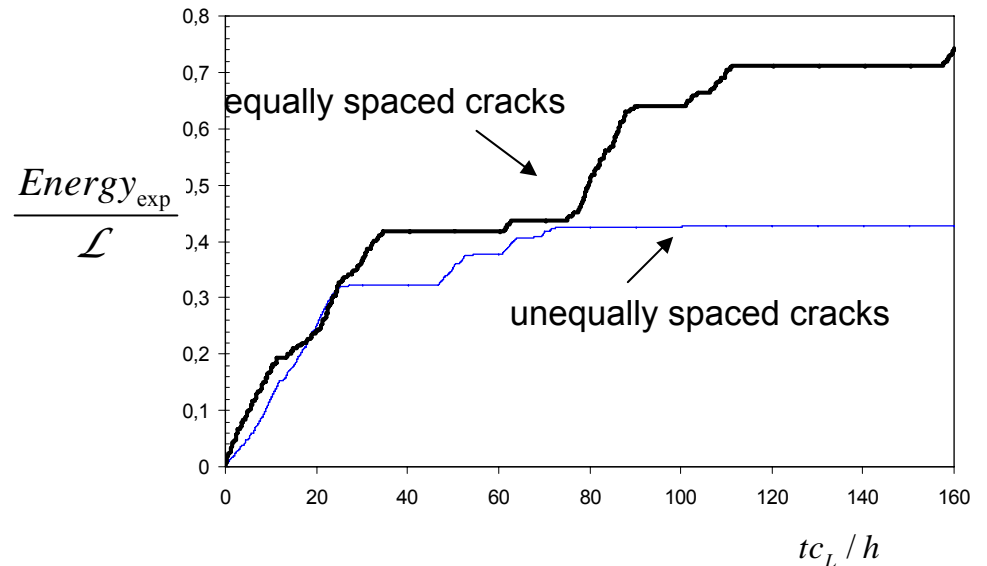
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Time history of crack growth

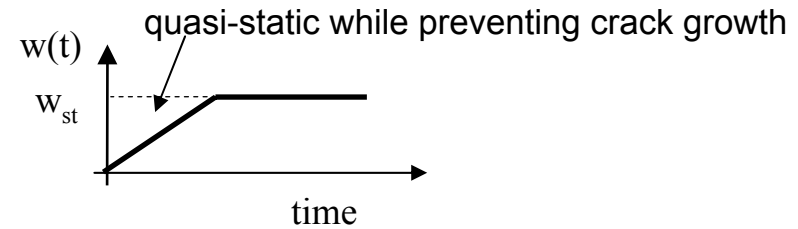
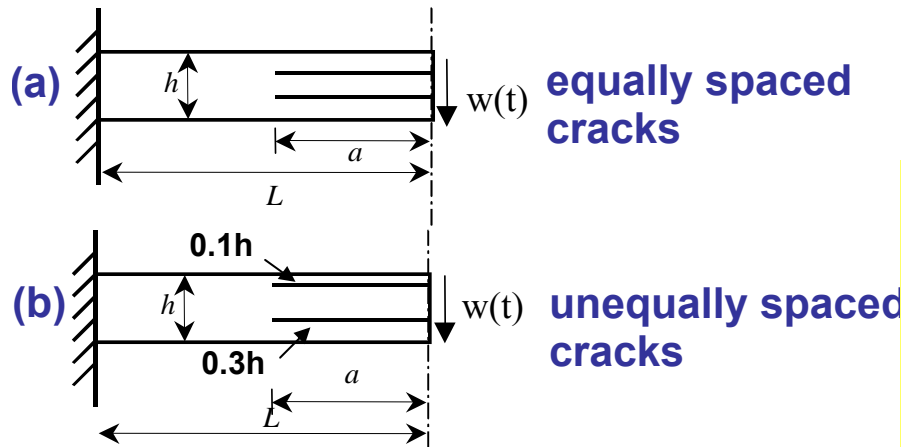


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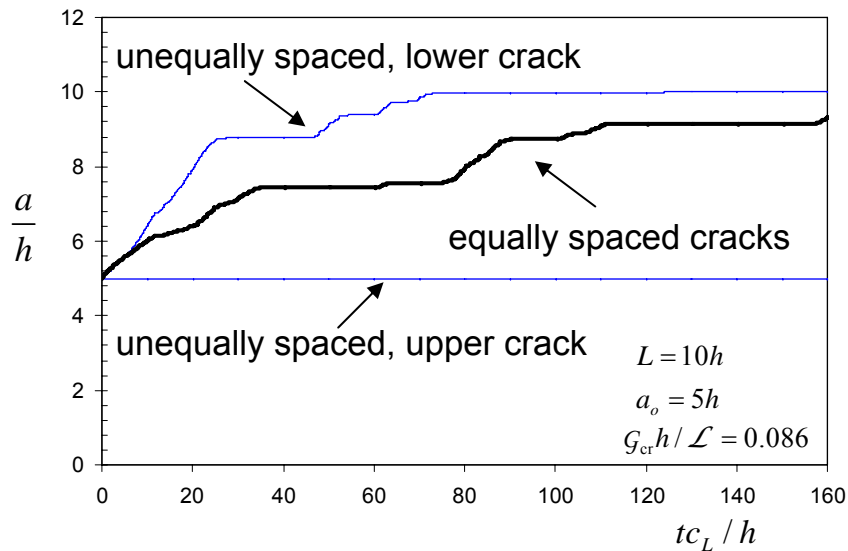
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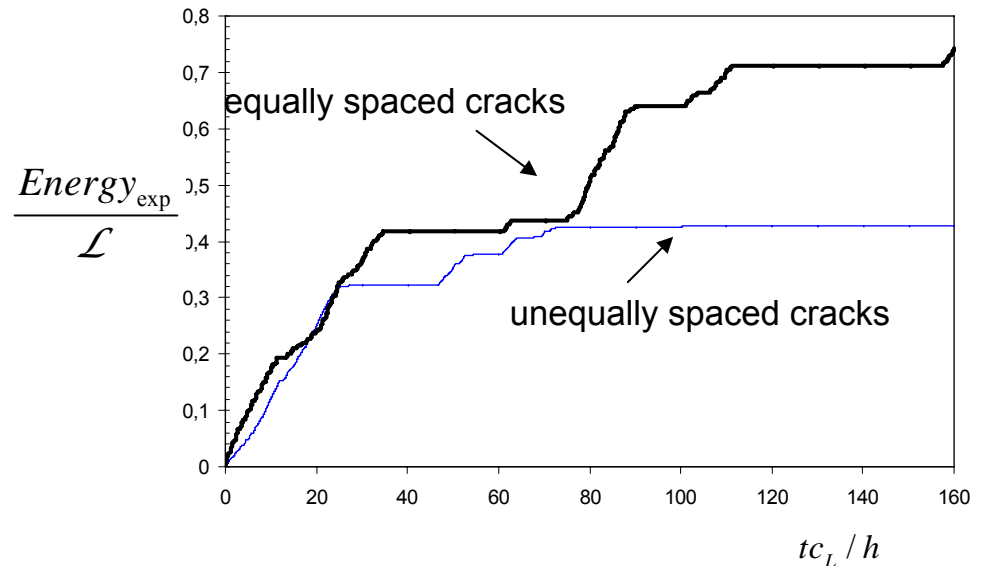


Energy absorption through multiple delamination fracture in laminated plates can be optimized via a material design that favour crack formation along predefined planes

Time history of crack growth



Time history of expended energy

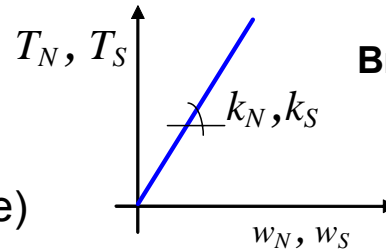


INFLUENCE OF CRACK BRIDGING MECHANISMS STATIONARY DELAMINATIONS

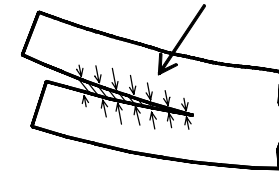
Linear proportional bridging

$$k^N, k^S = 0.01E/h$$

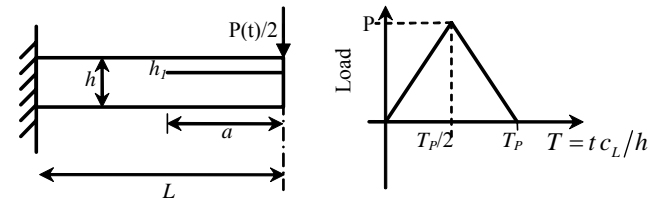
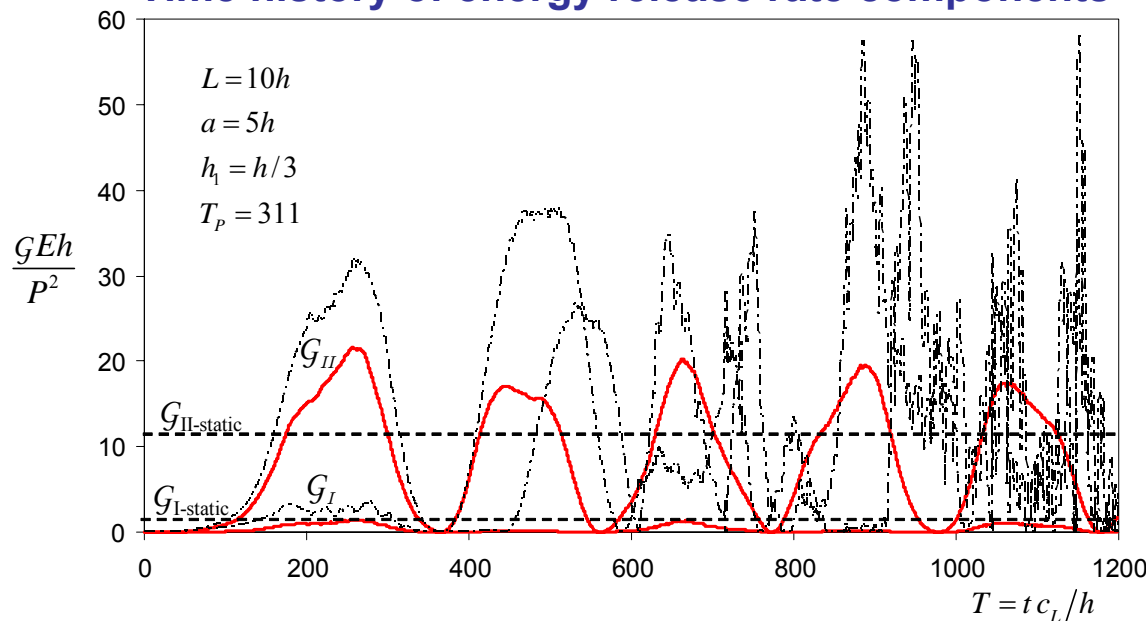
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continuous bridging tractions



Time history of energy release rate components

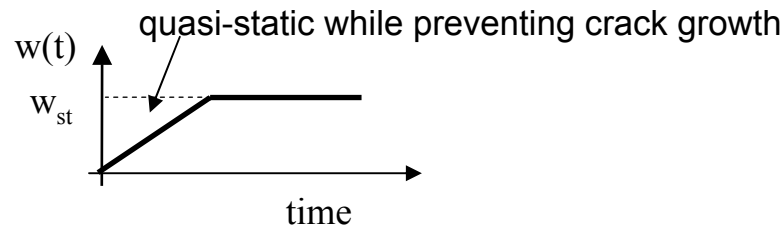


Bridging mechanisms:

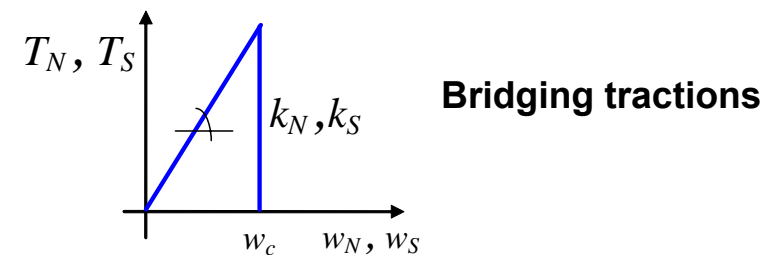
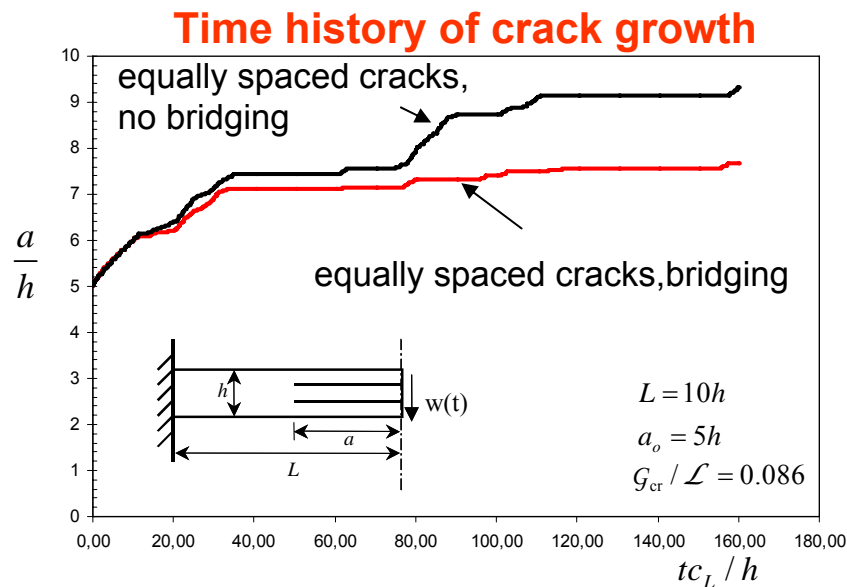
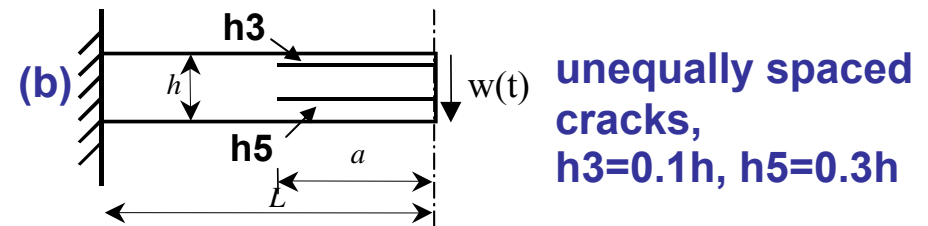
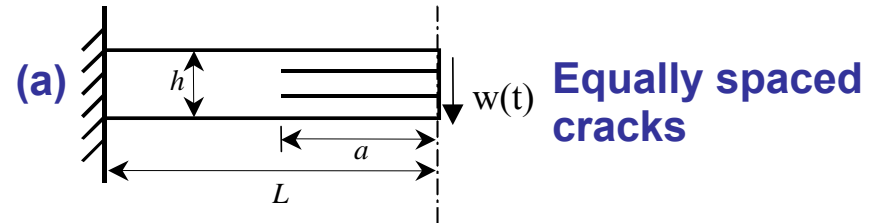
- shield crack tip field from applied loading
- Problem becomes mode II
- stabilize free vibration phase

ENERGY ABSORPTION THROUGH MULTIPLE DELAMINATION INFLUENCE OF CRACK BRIDGING MECHANISMS

Displacement controlled dynamic growth
with fixed initial strain energy \mathcal{L}



Results for: $G_{cr} h / \mathcal{L} = 0.086$ leading to
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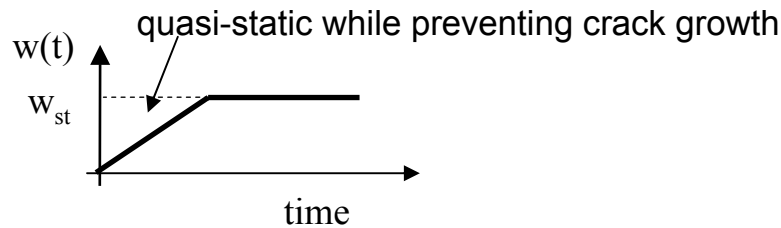
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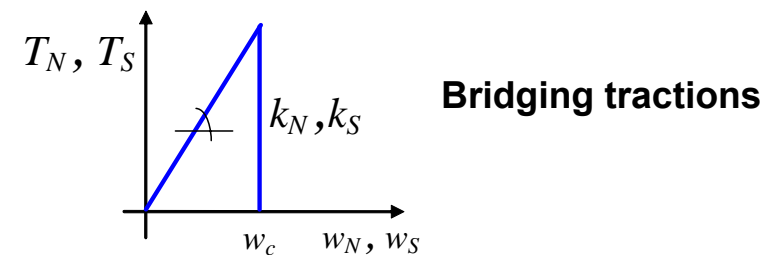
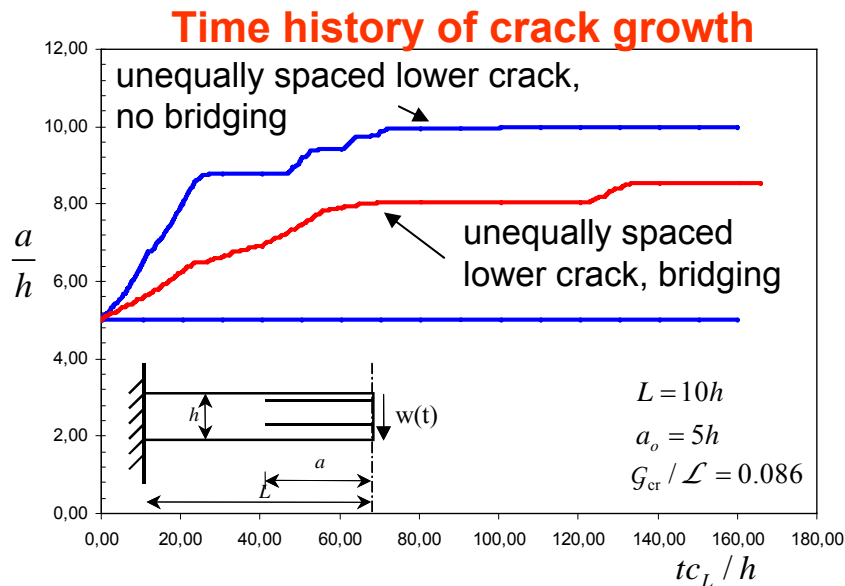
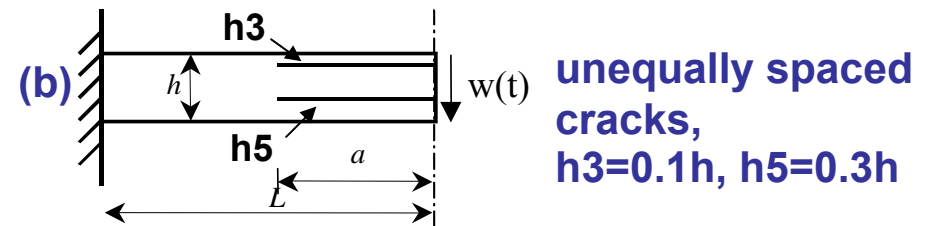
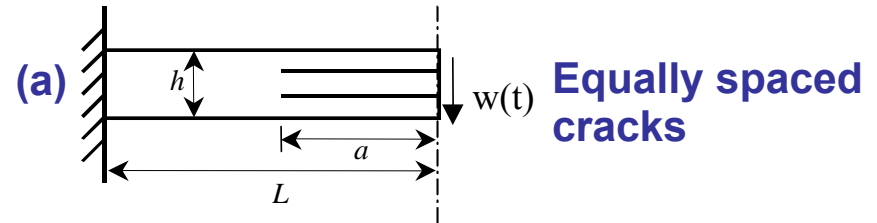
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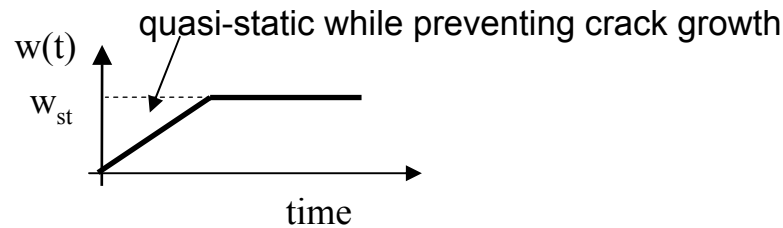
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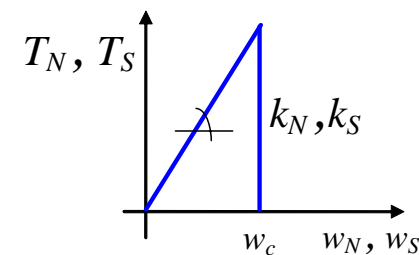
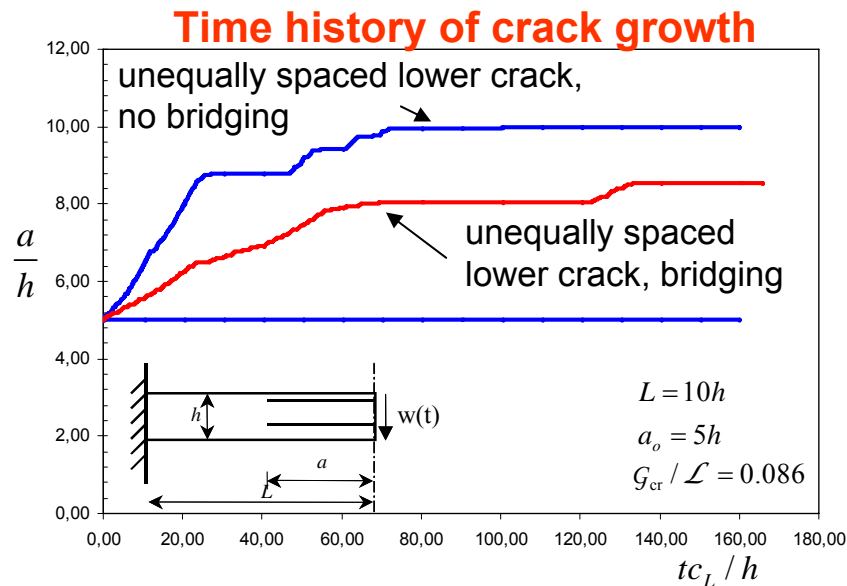
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Bridging mechanisms in the regime of low to moderate crack speeds:

- reduce crack speed
- may lead to crack arrest
- minimize differences in the response of systems with equally and unequally spaced cracks



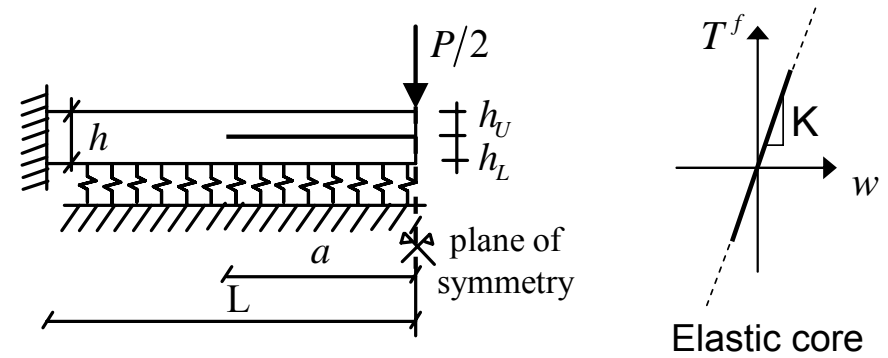
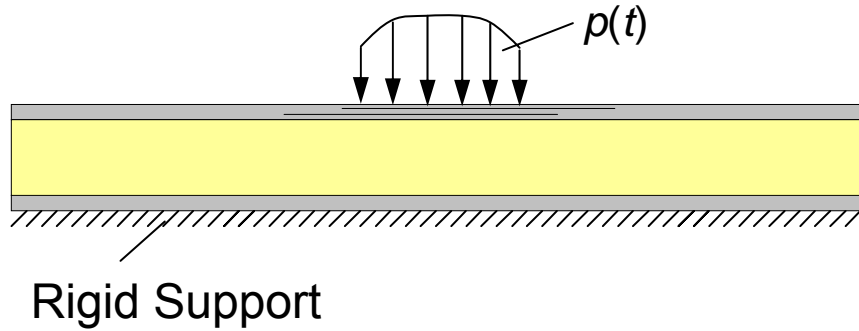
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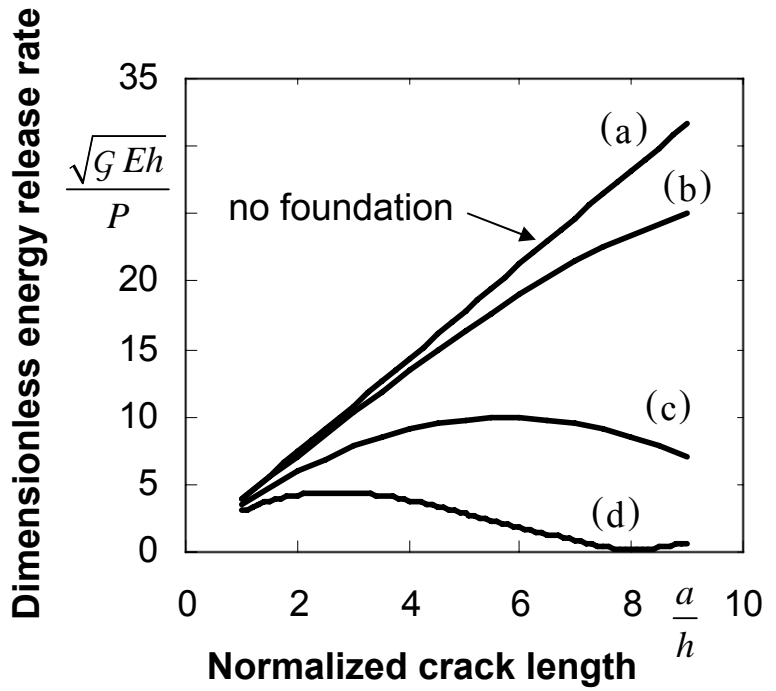
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INTERACTION EFFECTS IN SANDWICH BEAMS SHIELDING OF FRACTURE PARAMETERS AND ENERGY BARRIERS (quasi static loading, elastic foundation)



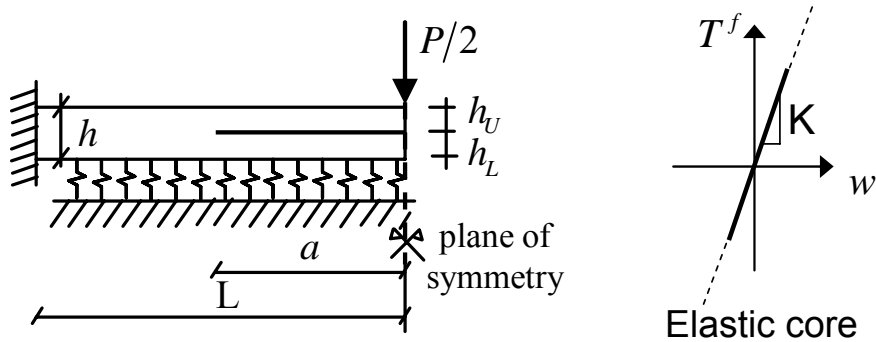
$L/h = 10$
 $h_U/h = 0.5$
 Perfect core/skin interface



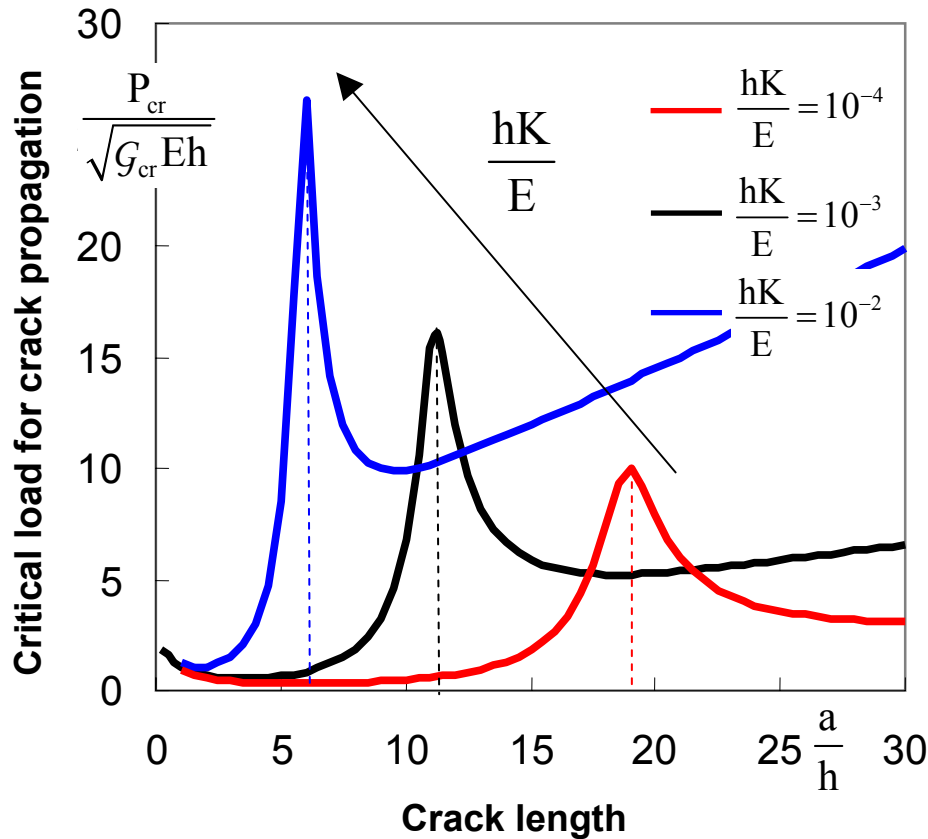
- (a) $\frac{hK}{E} = 0$
- (b) $\frac{hK}{E} = 10^{-4}$
- (c) $\frac{hK}{E} = 10^{-3}$
- (d) $\frac{hK}{E} = 10^{-2}$

- Face-core interactions shield crack tips from applied loads
- Transition in energy release rate on increasing the core-skin stiffness ratio
- Minimum in G defines energy barrier to crack propagation

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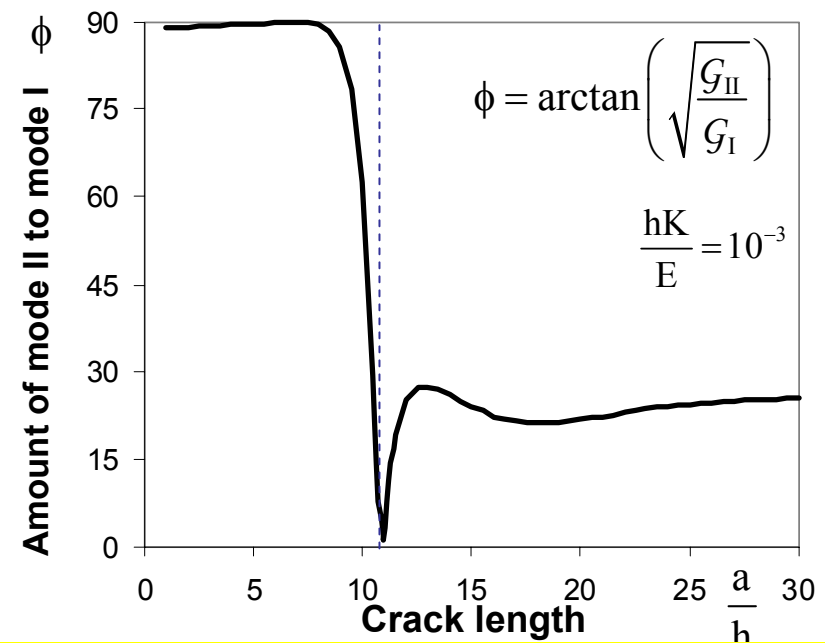
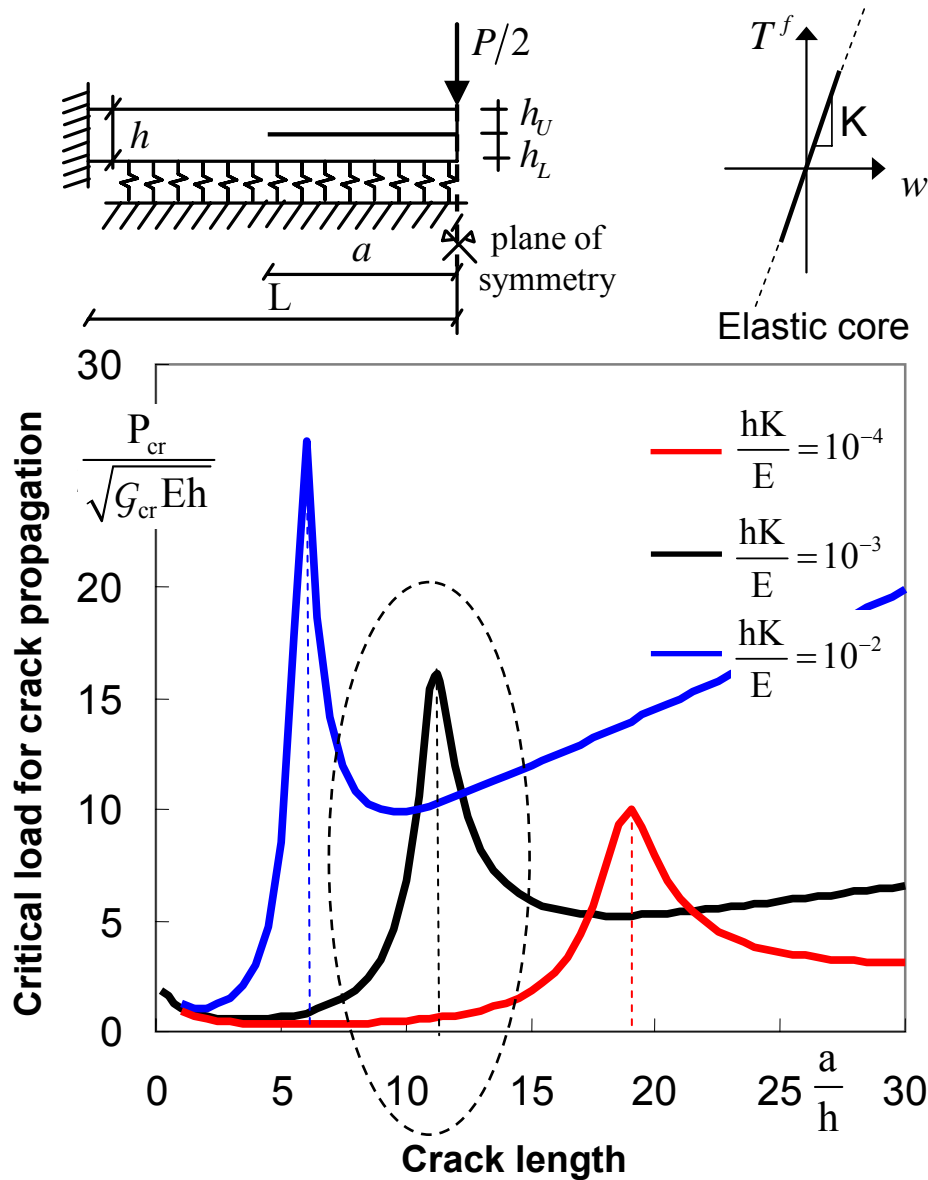


$L/h = 100$ Brittle skin, G_{cr}
 $h_U/h = 0.5$ Perfect core/skin interface
 $G = G_{cr}$ (crack growth criterion)



-Energy barrier for a characteristic length of the crack depending on the core-skin stiffness ratio

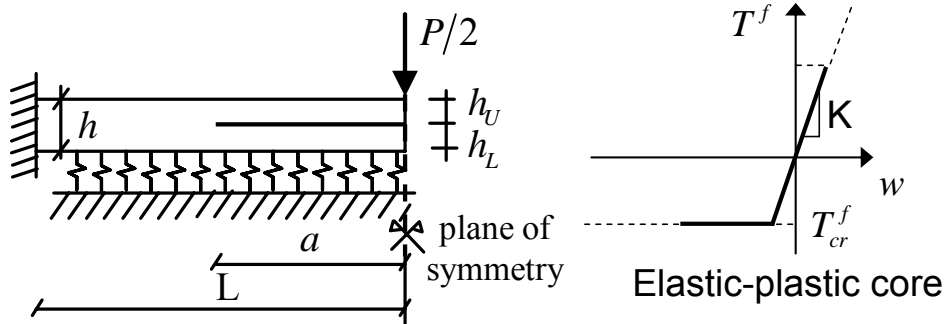
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- Sudden transition from mode II to mixed mode fracture at the barrier

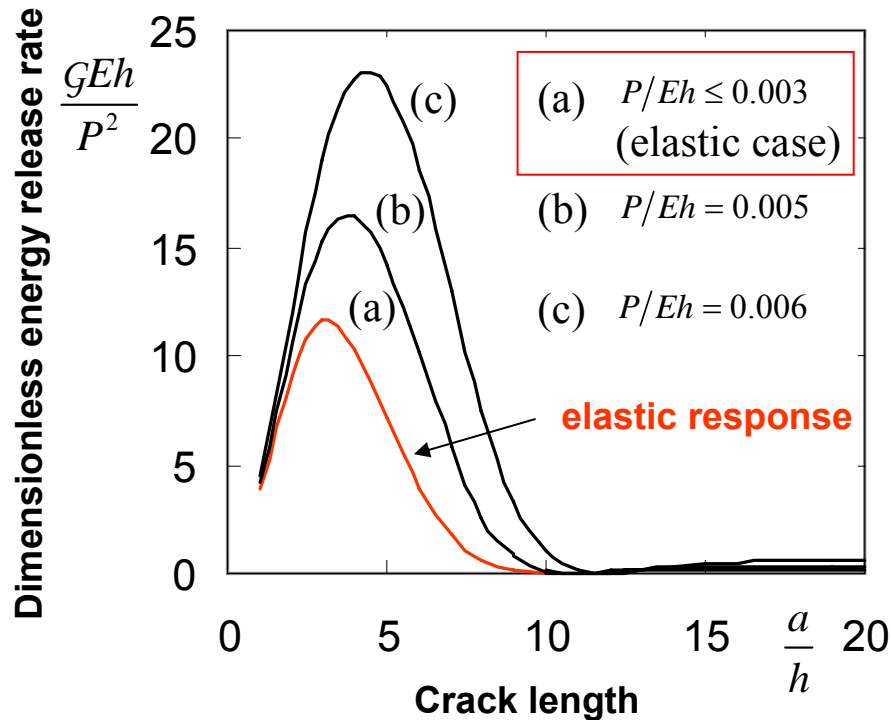
INFLUENCE OF CORE PLASTICITY ON FRACTURE PARAMETERS AND MECHANICAL RESPONSE (static loading, elastic-plastic foundation)



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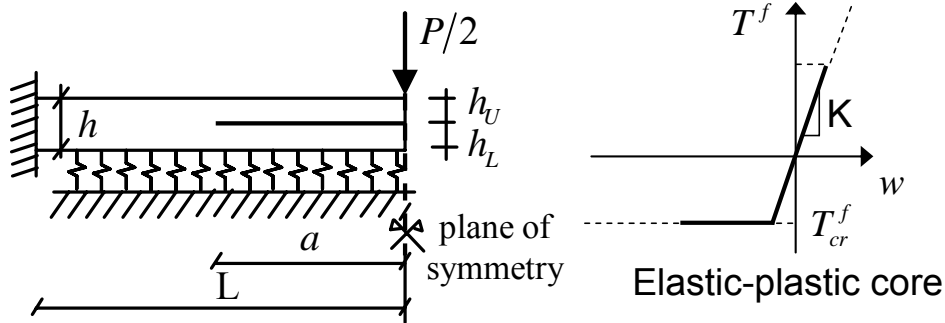
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Perfect core/skin interface

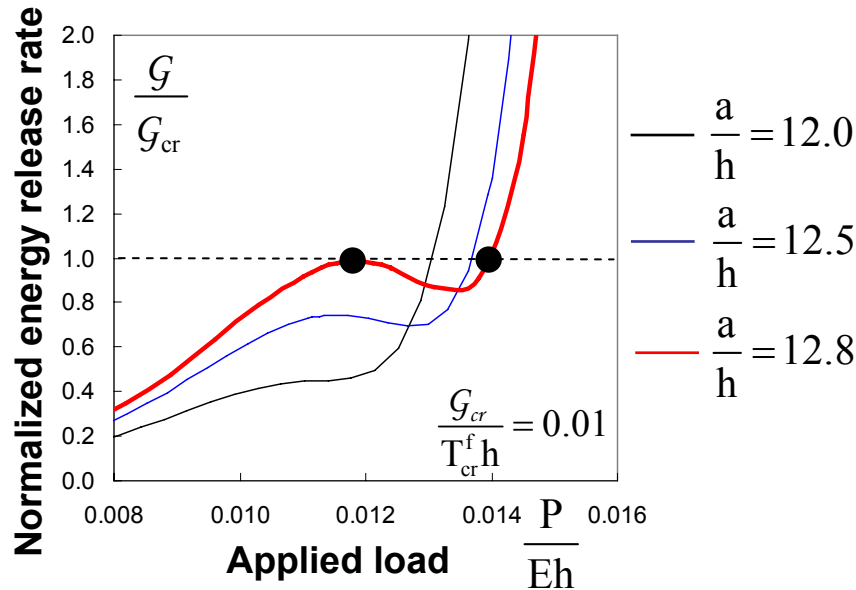


- Plasticity of the core reduces elastic shielding and modifies dependence of energy release rate on applied load

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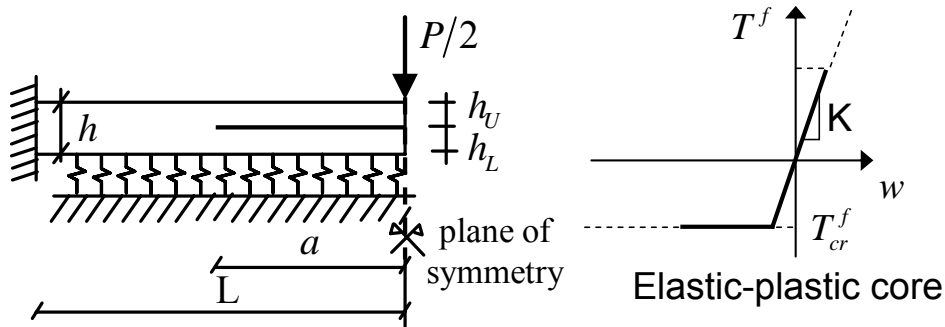


$L/h = 100$ $G = G_{cr}$ (crack growth criterion)
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- The problem solution is not unique
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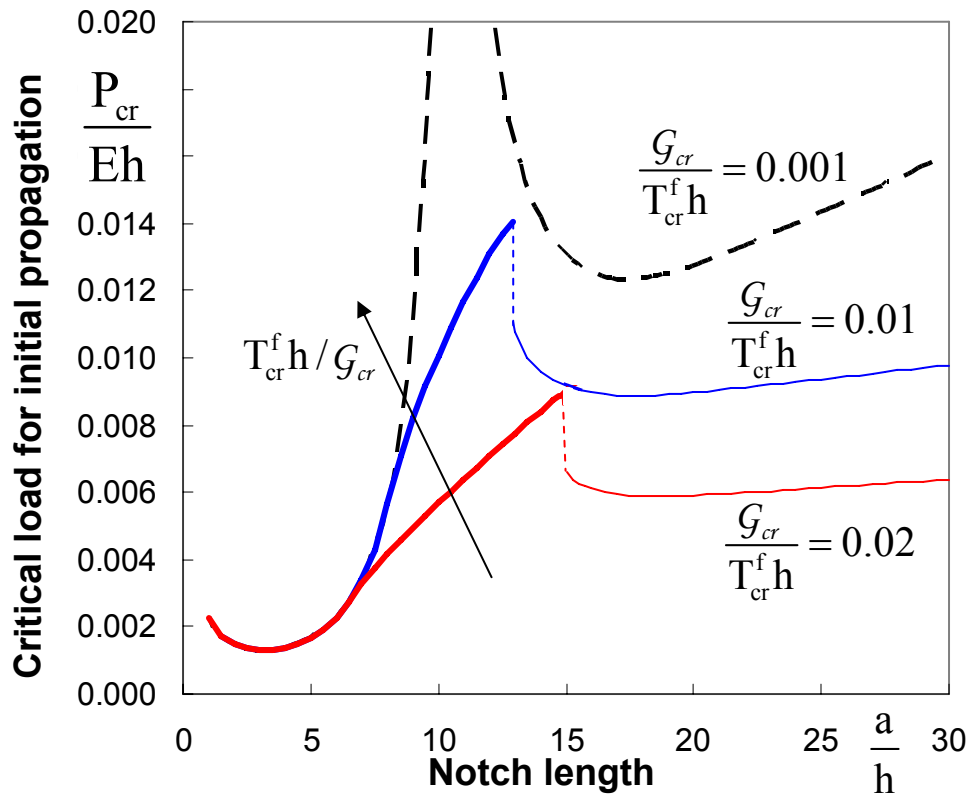
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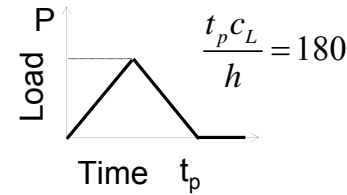
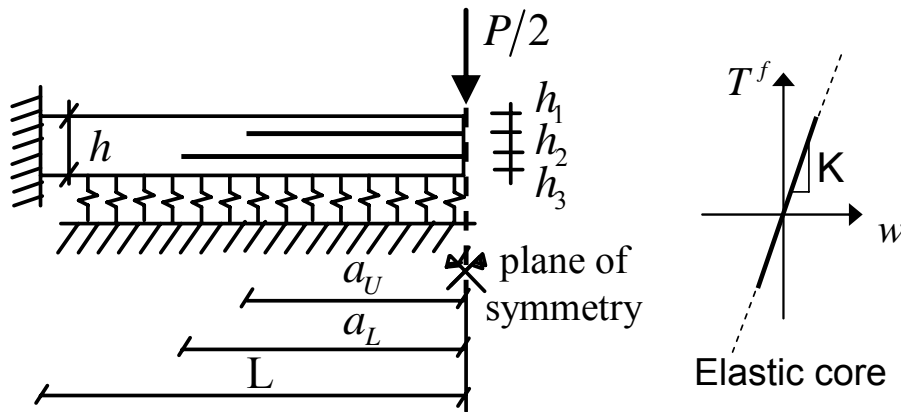
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MULTIPLE DYNAMIC DELAMINATION FRACTURE OF THE SKIN

(dynamic loading, elastic foundation)

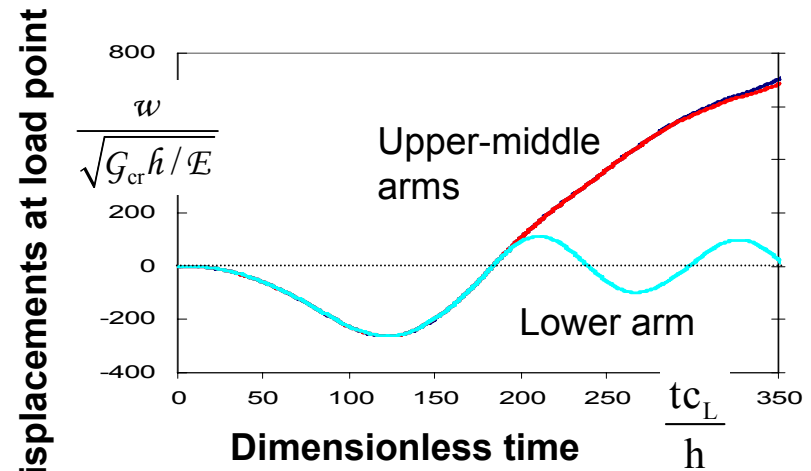
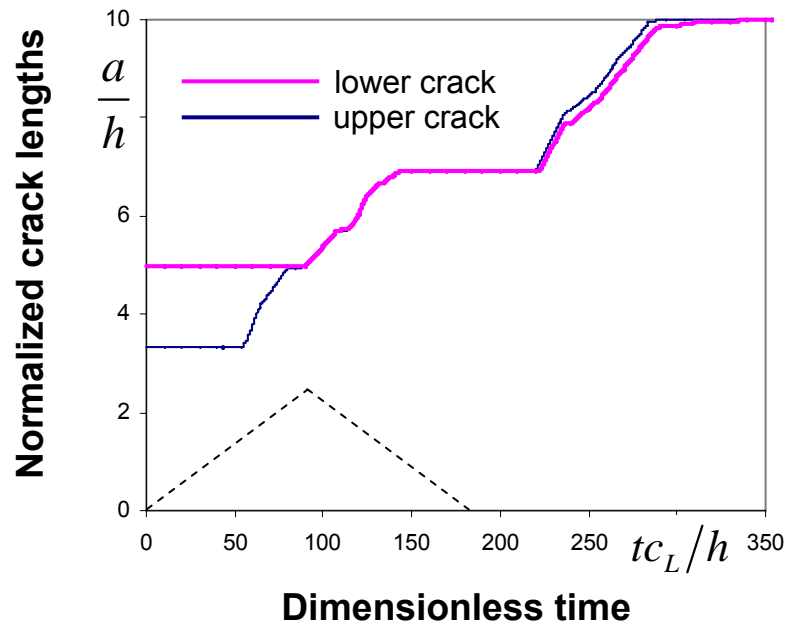


$$L/h = 10$$

$$h_U/h = 1/3 \quad h_L/h = 1/3$$

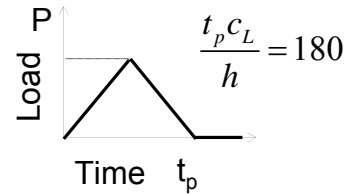
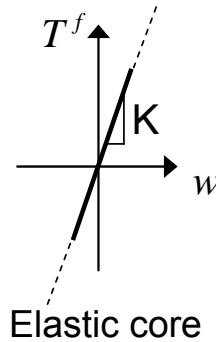
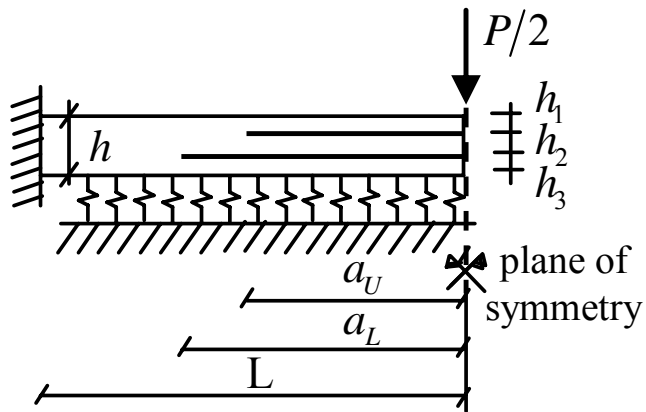
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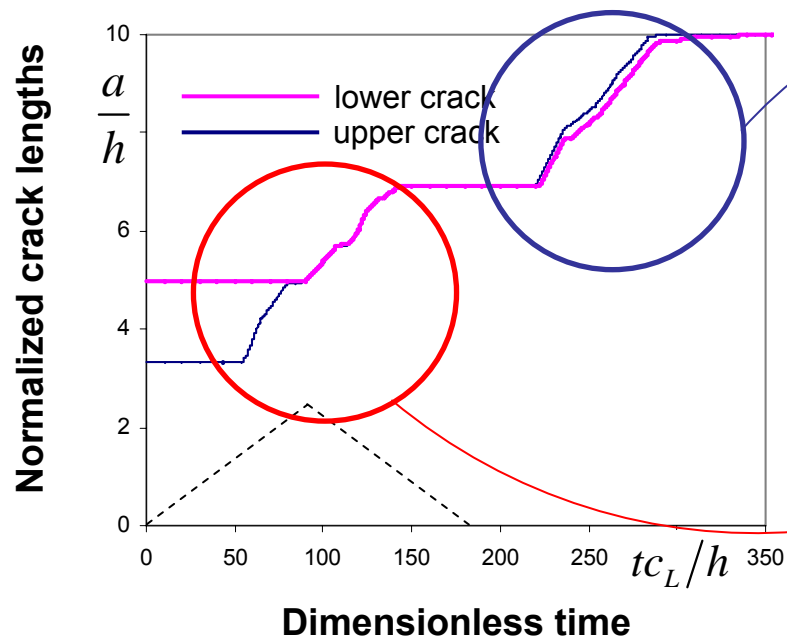


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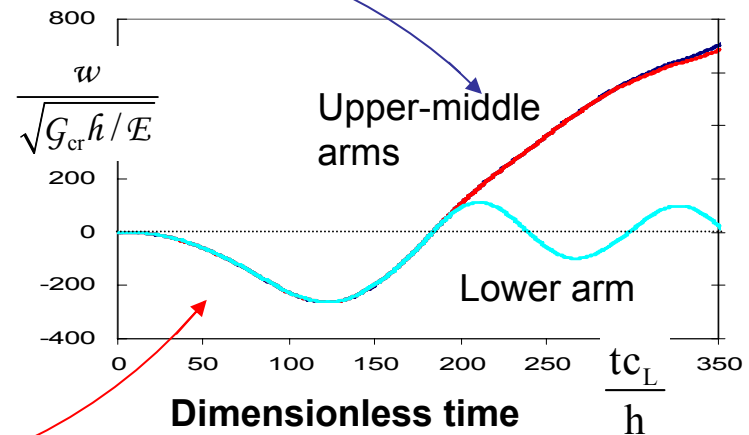
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Displacements at load point



Dynamic loading and inertial effects trigger mechanisms of multiple crack propagation that are absent in quasi-static cases

CONCLUSIONS

- **Static and dynamic interaction effects of multiple damage mechanisms in composite laminates, multilayered systems and composite sandwiches have been investigated**
- **Interaction effects on fracture parameters include: amplification and shielding of the energy release rate of one crack due to the presence of other cracks, modification of mode ratios, crack shielding and energy barriers due to the presence of elastic cores**
- **Interaction effects on macrostructural response include: snap-back and snap-through instabilities, hyper-strength, crack pull along**
- **Controlled delamination fracture can be a viable tool to improve damage/impact tolerance and energy absorption**
- **Crack bridging mechanisms stabilize the response of multiply delaminated beams in the free vibration phase after the removal of the load; they reduce crack speed and may lead to crack arrest**
- **Plasticity of the core reduces shielding of the fracture parameters; the problem solution becomes non unique and the response dependent on loading and propagation history; work is in progress**