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# *Introduction to Fracture*

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# Introduction

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- Design of a component
  - Yielding – Strength
  - Deflection – Stiffness
  - Buckling – critical load
  - Fatigue – Stress and Strain based
  - Vibration – Resonance
  - Impact – High strain rates
  - Fracture - ???



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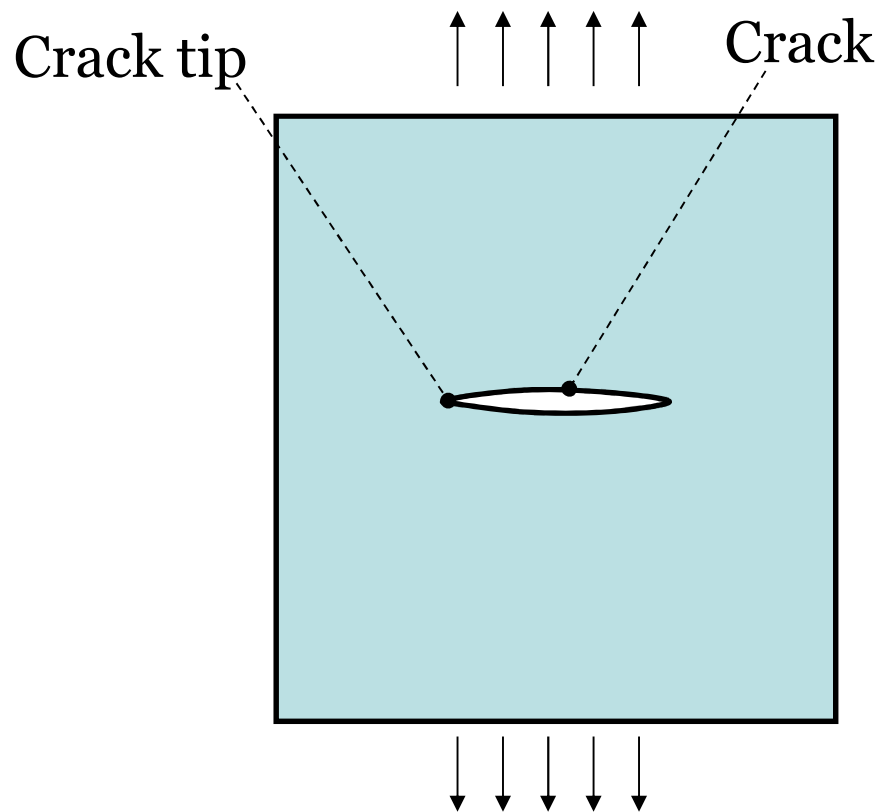
- Design based on Strength of Materials / Mechanics of Solids
- Strength based design – Check for allowable stress
- Stiffness based design – Check for allowable deformation / deflection
- Presence of defects in the material – ideal
- Imperfections – Higher factor of safety



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- Fracture – separation of a body in response to applied load



Fracture – Relieving stress and shed excess energy

Main focus – whether a known crack is likely to grow under a certain given loading condition

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# Introduction

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- Fracture mechanics approach – Implicit assumption – Crack exists
- Severity of the existing crack when loads applied on the structure / component
- Application of Fracture Mechanics (FM) to Crack growth – Fatigue failure
- 1920s – Griffith developed right ideas for growth of a crack – Working parameter
- Modern FM – 1948 – George Irwin – devised a working parameter



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- Irwin's work – Mainly for brittle materials – Introduced Stress Intensity Factor (SIF) and Energy Release Rate (G) – Linear Elastic Fracture Mechanics (LEFM) – Plastic deformation negligible
- Irwin's theory – application of FM to design problems
- Focus was on crack tip – not on the crack



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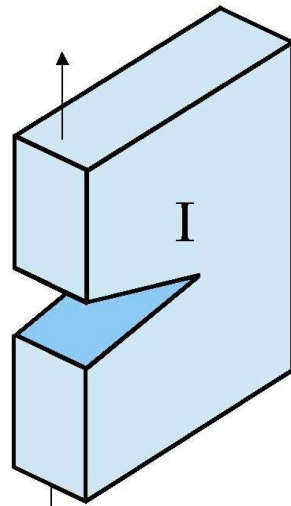
- Crack Tip Opening Displacement (CTOD) – 1961 – Wells
- J – Integral – 1968 – Rice
- CTOD and J – integral – Ductile materials – large plastic zone at tip



# Modes of fracture

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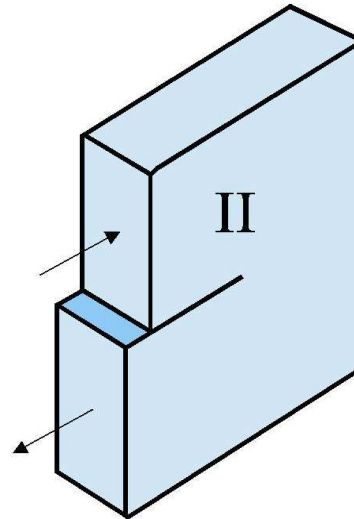
## Modes of Fracture –



**mode I**

$K_I$

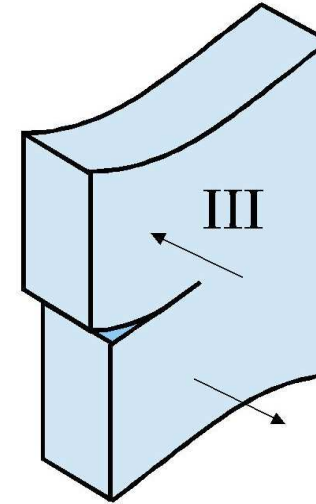
Opening



**mode II**

$K_{II}$

Sliding



**mode III**

$K_{III}$

Tearing

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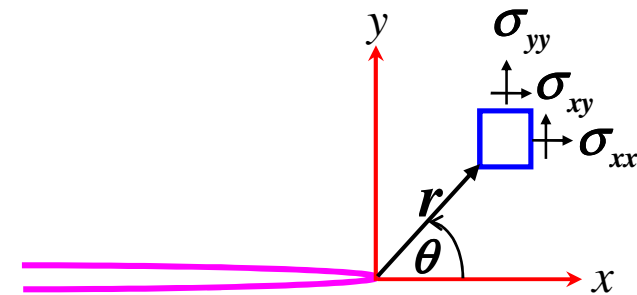


# Stresses at crack tip

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- From Linear Elastic Fracture Mechanics (LEFM) the stresses near the crack tip in Mode I –

$$\begin{Bmatrix} \sigma_x \\ \sigma_y \\ \tau_{xy} \end{Bmatrix} = \frac{K_I}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 - \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \sin \frac{3\theta}{2} \\ \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \sin \frac{3\theta}{2} \\ 1 + \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \sin \frac{3\theta}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$



- The displacements near the crack tip –

$$\begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix} = \frac{K_I \sqrt{r}}{2G\sqrt{2\pi}} \begin{bmatrix} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} (\kappa - 1 + 2 \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2}) \\ \sin \frac{\theta}{2} (\kappa + 1 - 2 \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2}) \end{bmatrix}$$

Plane strain  $\kappa = 3 - 4\nu$

Plane stress  $\kappa = \frac{3 - \nu}{1 + \nu}$

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# Griffith's theory

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- Theory of unstable crack growth
- Theory establishes a relation – unstable crack growth
- Basic underlying principle – Energy balance
- Introducing a crack in a stressed / loaded component – release of strain energy
- Reduction in stiffness
- What happens to change in strain energy ???  
or released strain energy



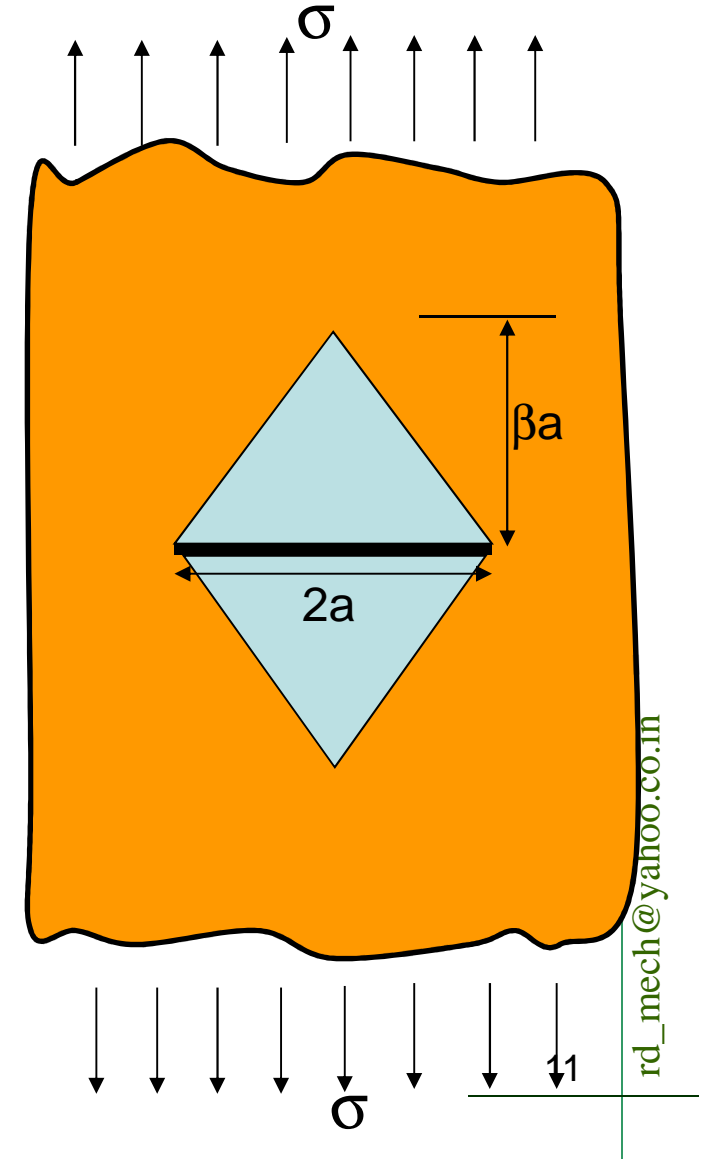
# Griffith's theory

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- An infinite body
- Linear elastic – subjected to stress  $\sigma$
- Initially there was no crack
- Strain energy stored

$$U_o = \frac{\sigma^2}{2E} Vol$$

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# Griffith's theory

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- Crack size =  $2a$  – the crack surfaces – traction free – no traction loads acting
- Material above and below – stress free to some extent
- Stress relieved portion – assuming triangular distribution
- Height of triangle =  $\beta$
- Griffith carried out extensive calculations and experiments  $\Rightarrow \beta = \pi$



# Griffith's theory

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- Strain energy after introducing crack = Strain energy before introducing crack – Strain energy loss (relieved)

$$\Rightarrow U = U_o - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\sigma^2}{E} (\text{Volume of } \Delta l e)$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta U = U_o - U = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\sigma^2}{E} \left( 2 \times \frac{1}{2} 2a \beta a t \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta U = \frac{\sigma^2 \beta a^2 t}{E} = E_R$$

Energy released because of presence of crack

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# Griffith's theory

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- When a body is cracked – breaking of material bonds – Energy required for breaking bonds – Source of energy ???
- Loss / Deficiency in strain energy  $\Rightarrow$  caters for formation of crack
- Formation of crack  $\Rightarrow$  Generation of new traction free surfaces
- Energy used for breaking bonds stored as surface energy on newly formed surfaces



# Griffith's theory

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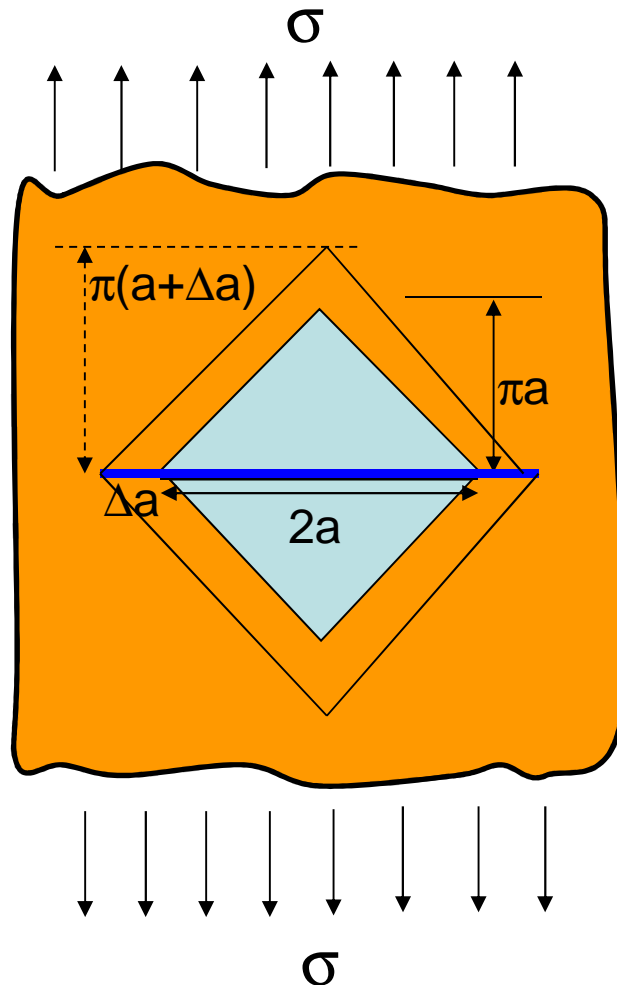
- Two key aspects in crack growth
  - How much energy is released – strain energy – when crack advances
  - Minimum energy required for the crack advance in forming two new surfaces
- Some external work is done
  - Increase in strain energy
  - Surface energy – crack growth



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- Assume a crack of '2a' size exists



Initial stress free area,

$$A_1 = 2 * \frac{1}{2} (2a * \pi a) = 2\pi a^2$$

Crack grows by  $\Delta a$  on both sides

Stress free area after crack growth,

$$A_2 = 2 * \frac{1}{2} (2(a + \Delta a) * \pi(a + \Delta a))$$

$$\Rightarrow A_2 = 2\pi(a + \Delta a)^2$$





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- Change in stress free area

$$\Rightarrow \Delta A = A_2 - A_1 = 2\pi \left[ (a + \Delta a)^2 - a^2 \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta A = 2\pi (2a\Delta a) = 4\pi a\Delta a$$

$$\Delta V = 4\pi a\Delta a t$$

- Change in strain energy

$$\Rightarrow \Delta U = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\sigma^2}{E} \Delta V$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta U = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\sigma^2}{E} (4\pi a\Delta a t) = \Delta E_R$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\Delta E_R}{\Delta a} = \frac{2\pi\sigma^2 a t}{E} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

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- Surface energy required to create new area

$$\Rightarrow \Delta W_s = \gamma_s (4\Delta at)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\Delta W_s}{\Delta a} = 4\gamma_s t \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Unstable crack growth takes place, if

$$\frac{dE_R}{da} = \frac{dW_s}{da}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2\pi\sigma^2 at}{E} = 4\gamma_s t$$

$$\Rightarrow 2E\gamma_s = \sigma^2 \pi a$$

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# Griffith's theory

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## ■ Expression

$$2E\gamma_s = \sigma^2 \pi a$$

'a' existing crack length - Stress required  
to grow crack

$$\Rightarrow \sigma_c^2 = \frac{2E\gamma_s}{\pi a}$$

Given loading - Stress - maximum allowable  
crack size - Damage tolerant design

$$a_c = \frac{2E\gamma_s}{\pi \sigma^2}$$

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- $\gamma_s$  = Specific surface energy – Surface energy per unit area of crack surface
- Area of crack =  $2(2a \cdot t) = 4at$
- Surface energy stored  $\Rightarrow 4at \gamma_s$
- Energy balance

$$\Rightarrow E_R = W_s$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\pi \sigma^2 a^2 t}{E} = 4at \gamma_s$$

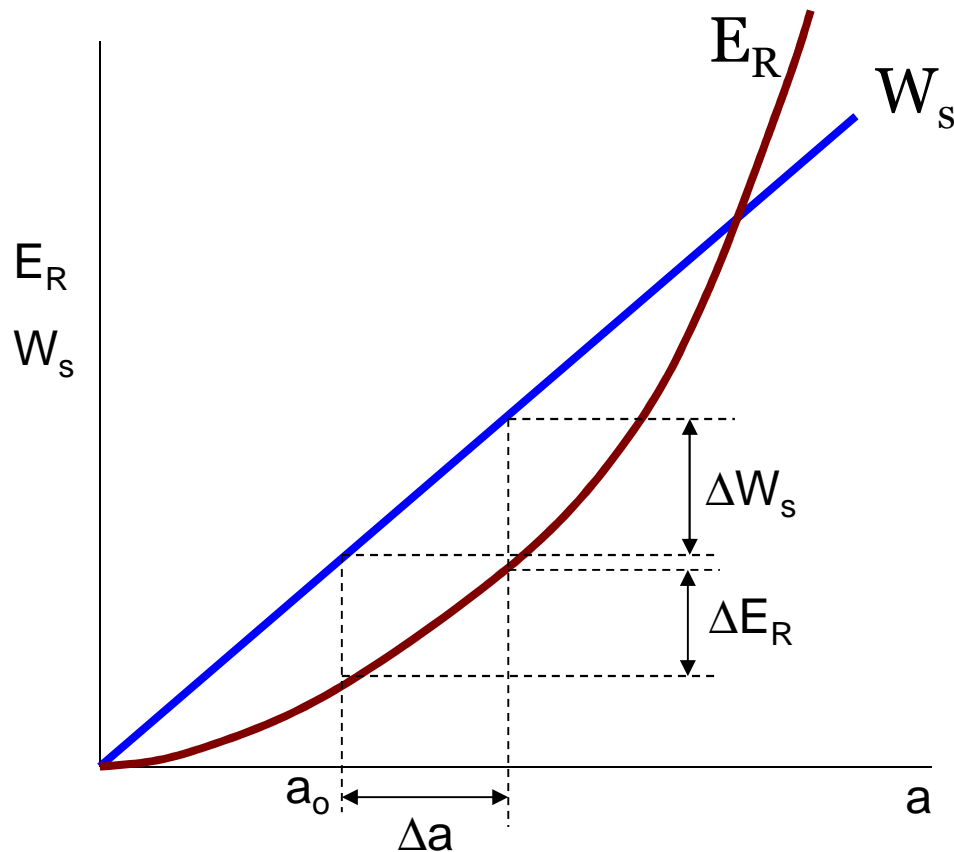
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- Plot  $E_R$  and  $W_s$  wrt crack length 'a'



$$E_R = \frac{\pi \sigma^2 a^2 t}{E}$$

$$W_s = 4at\gamma_s$$

Initial crack size =  $a_0$

Crack grows by  $\Delta a$

Strain energy released =  $\Delta E_R$

Surface energy required =  $\Delta W_s$

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- Crack growth takes place, if

$$\Delta E_R \geq \Delta W_s$$

- Not satisfying above inequality – crack remains dormant
- Body acts as a strain energy reservoir
- Surface energy required can be obtained from external sources as well – increase in applied stress – No change in  $\Delta W_s$



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- Strain energy used to break the bonds – stored as surface energy
- Strain energy – source & surface energy – sink – Irreversible thermodynamic process
- Crack growth – energy conversion process
- When a crack propagates – strain energy gets reduced and surface energy increases for a constant displacement case



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- In the limiting case –

$$\Rightarrow \Delta E_R = \Delta W_s$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{\Delta a \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta E_R}{\Delta a} = \lim_{\Delta a \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta W_s}{\Delta a}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dE_R}{da} = \frac{dW_s}{da}$$

Check the slope of  $E_R$  and  $W_s$  – Satisfying above condition – onset of crack growth

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- If strain energy release rate is higher than required rate of surface energy – unstable crack growth

$$\frac{dE_R}{da} > \frac{dW_S}{da}$$

- Difference in energy rates => kinetic energy
- Higher difference => Faster crack growth



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- Strain energy release rate per unit increase in area during crack growth  $\Rightarrow$  Griffiths =  $G$

$$G = \frac{dE_R}{dA}, \quad E_R = \frac{\pi \sigma^2 a^2 t}{E}, \quad A = 2at$$

$$\Rightarrow dA = 2t da$$

$$\Rightarrow G = \frac{dE_R}{dA} = \frac{1}{2t} \frac{dE_R}{da} = \frac{\pi \sigma^2 a}{E}$$

Units of  $G \Rightarrow \text{N.m/m}^2$  or  $\text{J/m}^2$

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# Griffith's theory

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## ■ Crack area (A) and crack surface area ( $A_s$ )

Crack area => Simply the area of crack

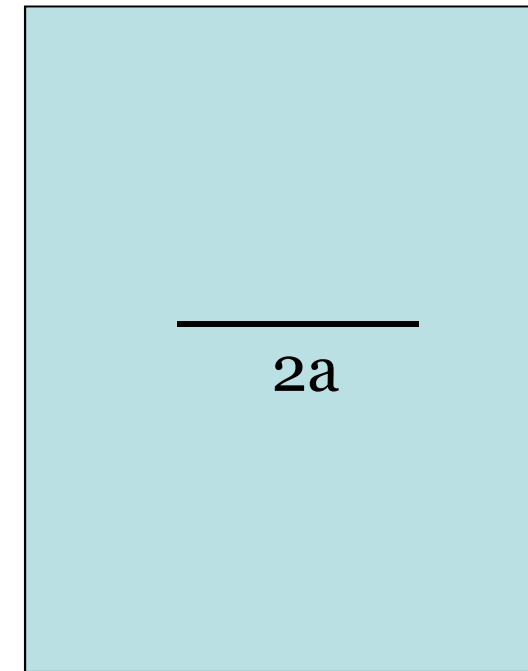
$$A = 2a \cdot t = 2at$$

Crack surface area => Sum of surface areas of all the crack surfaces

Crack surfaces = Two (top and bottom)

Each =>  $2at$

$$A_s = 2(2at) = 4at = 2A$$



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- Surface energy required for crack to grow per unit area of extension – crack resistance – R

$$\Delta W_s = \gamma_s (\text{increase in total surface surface area})$$

$$\text{Crack area} \Rightarrow \Delta A = 2\Delta at$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta W_s = \gamma_s (2(2\Delta at)) = 4\Delta at \gamma_s = 2\gamma_s \Delta A$$

$$\Rightarrow R = \frac{dW_s}{dA} = 2\gamma_s$$

Brittle fracture – no plastic deformation – R = surface energy – Elastic and plastic – R caters for surface energy and energy for plastic deformation at crack tip

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- Crack start propagating if,  $G \geq R$
- Strain energy release rate of a crack must be greater than the crack resistance for the crack to grow
- Crack propagation occurs –  $G$  is sufficient to provide all the energy that is required for the crack formation
- Energy release rate is more than crack resistance, crack acquires KE – the growth speed may be faster than speed of a supersonic flight



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- Onset of crack growth –

$$\sigma^2 \pi a = 2E\gamma_s$$

- RHS – completely depends on material properties – Constant
- From the above -

$$a \propto \frac{1}{\sigma^2}$$

Maximum allowable crack size depends on loading or

Loading decides the allowable crack size

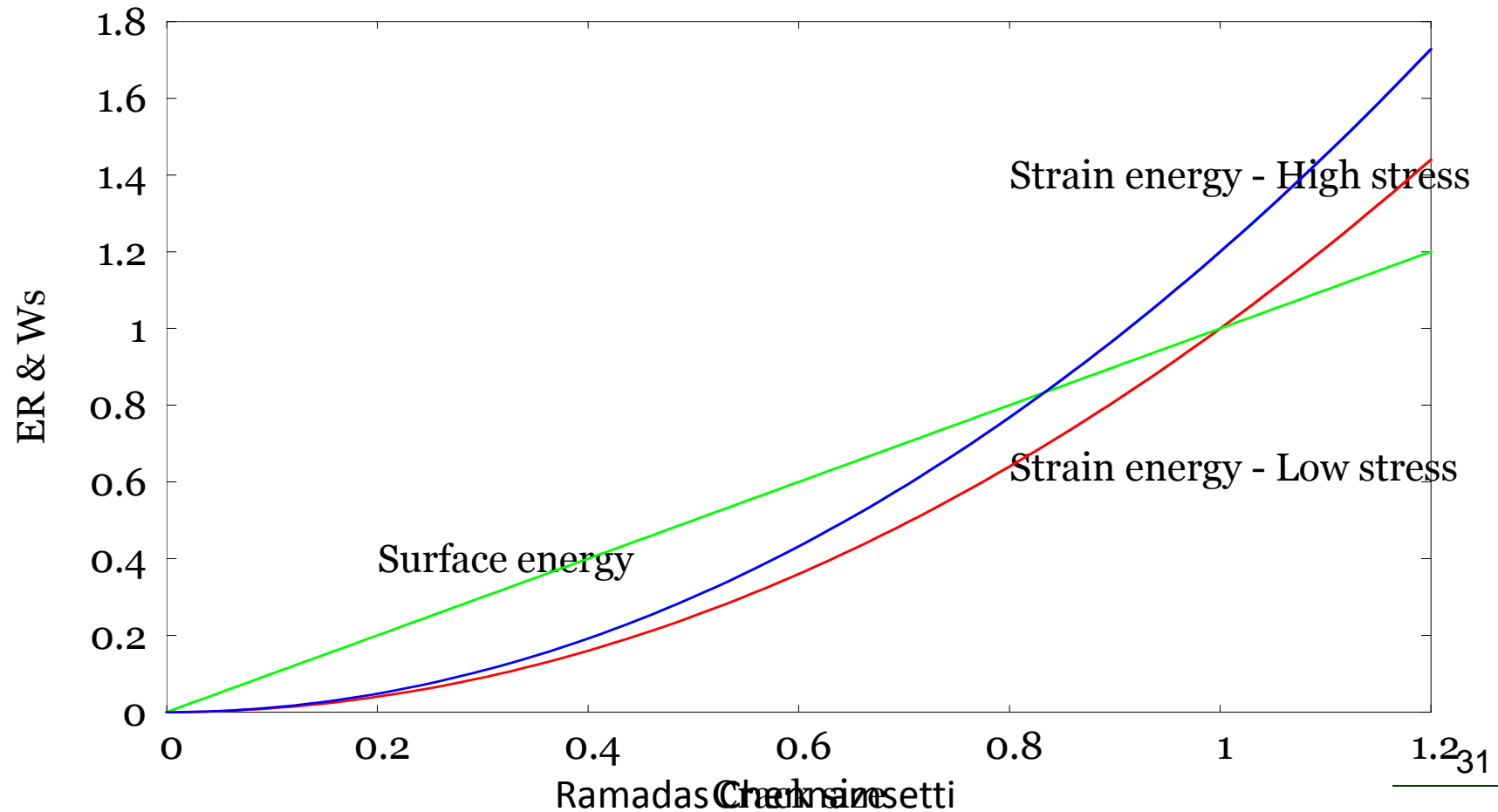
Bigger cracks – lower loads



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- Crack growth at different load / stress conditions





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- Thin and thick brittle plates
  - Thin plate – Plane stress condition
  - Thick plate – Plane strain condition
- Brittle – insignificant plastic zone at crack tip - LEFM
- Ductile materials – considerable plastic deformation at crack tip – EPFM
- Plane stress and planes strain – Poisson ratio
- Allowable crack size of stress different





# Griffith's theory

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- Thin and thick plates – Griffith's theory

$$\sigma^2 \pi a = 2E \gamma_s \quad \text{Plane stress}$$

$$\sigma^2 \pi a = 2 \left( \frac{E}{1 - \nu^2} \right) \gamma_s \quad \text{Plane strain}$$

- RHS higher in plane strain
  - For a given load – higher crack size in thick plate than in thin
  - For a given crack size – higher load in thick plate than in thin plate



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- Taking square root

$$\Rightarrow \sigma_c^2 \pi a_c = 2 \left( \frac{E}{1-\nu^2} \right) \gamma_s$$

$$\Rightarrow \sigma_c \sqrt{\pi a_c} = \sqrt{2 \left( \frac{E}{1-\nu^2} \right) \gamma_s}$$

$$\Rightarrow K_{IC} = \sigma_c \sqrt{\pi a_c} = \sqrt{2 \left( \frac{E}{1-\nu^2} \right) \gamma_s} = \text{Constant}$$

$K_I$  – Stress Intensity Factor (SIF)

$K_c$  – Stress Concentration Factor (SCF)

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# Griffith's theory

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- Critical strain energy release rate =  $G_{IC} = R$
- Crack growth takes place, if

$$G = \frac{\pi \sigma_c^2 a}{E} \geq G_{IC}$$

In the limiting case,

$$G_{IC} = \frac{\pi \sigma_c^2 a}{E} = \frac{K_{IC}^2}{E} = 2\gamma_s = R$$

$$\Rightarrow K_{IC} = \sqrt{G_{IC} E} = \sqrt{2\gamma_s E}$$

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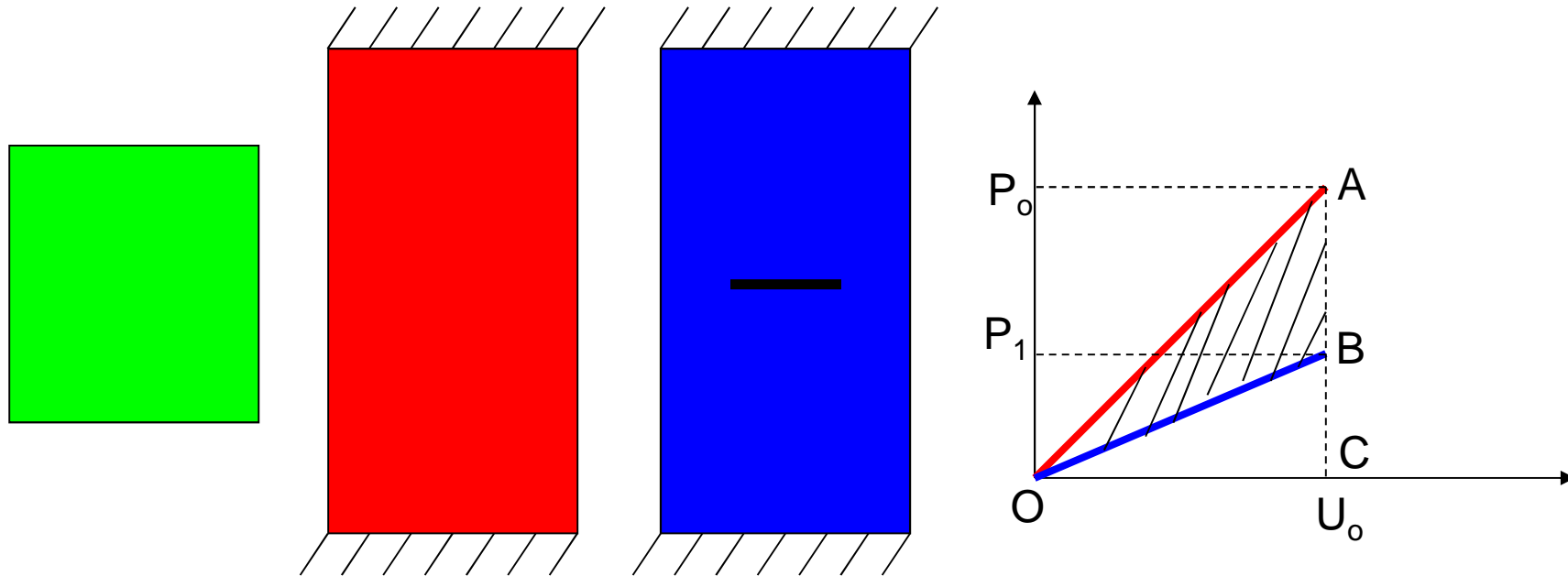
- Typical values of critical stress intensity factor –  $K_{IC}$ 
  - Glass – 0.5 to 1 MPa m<sup>0.5</sup>
  - Alloy steel – 150 MPa m<sup>0.5</sup>
  - Aluminium alloy – 25 to 40 MPa m<sup>0.5</sup>



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- Plate under constant displacement



- Plate stiffness reduced
- OAB – Strain energy released



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- No crack  $\Rightarrow$  More slope – high stiffness – more force required to pull
- Presence of crack  $\Rightarrow$  lower slope – reduced stiffness – less force required to pull same length –  $u_o$
- Difference in strain energy – Area OAB used to form new surface / break the bonds
- Major portion of strain energy release takes place at above and below crack



# Fracture toughness – total potential

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- A body with a crack subjected to external loading – work done on the body
- Utilization of this energy
  - Increase in strain energy
  - Utilization of energy to create two new surfaces
- In this process
  - Point of application of load – may or may not move
  - Force moves  $\Rightarrow$  work is done by the force
  - Decrease in stiffness



# Conservation of energy

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- Work performed per unit time = rate of change of internal energy + plastic energy + kinetic energy + surface energy (crack formation)

$$\dot{W} = \dot{U}_E + \dot{U}_P + \dot{K} + \dot{\Gamma}$$

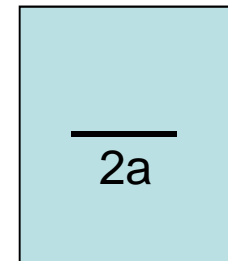
Crack grows slowly – inertia effects negligible  $\Rightarrow$  KE = 0

Equation was wrt time. Crack grows with time – change time to crack area

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial A} \frac{\partial A}{\partial t} = \dot{A} \frac{\partial}{\partial A} \quad \text{Chain rule}$$

$A = 2at$

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# Conservation of energy

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- Change variable to crack

$$\dot{A} \frac{dW}{dA} = \dot{A} \frac{dU_E}{dA} + \dot{A} \frac{dU_P}{dA} + \dot{A} \frac{d\Gamma}{dA}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dW}{dA} = \frac{dU_E}{dA} + \frac{dU_P}{dA} + \frac{d\Gamma}{dA}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dW}{dA} - \frac{dU_E}{dA} = \frac{dU_P}{dA} + \frac{d\Gamma}{dA}$$

$$\Rightarrow - \left( \frac{dU_E}{dA} - \frac{dW}{dA} \right) = \frac{dU_P}{dA} + \frac{d\Gamma}{dA}$$

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# Conservation of energy

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- Ideal brittle material  $\Rightarrow$  Negligible plastic deformation  $\Rightarrow U_p = 0$

$$\Rightarrow -\left(\frac{dU_E}{dA} - \frac{dW}{dA}\right) = \frac{d\Gamma}{dA}$$

- Total potential

$$\pi = U_E + V = U_E - W$$

$$-\frac{d\pi}{dA} = \frac{d\Gamma}{dA}$$

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# Surface energy

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- Surface energy per unit area  $\Rightarrow \gamma_s$
- Total surface area,  $A_s = 2*(2at) = 4at = 2A$
- Change in surface energy to form new crack of length  $\Delta a$

$$\Delta\Gamma = \gamma_s \Delta A_s = \gamma_s (4\Delta at) = 2\gamma_s \Delta A$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\Delta\Gamma}{\Delta A} = 2\gamma_s \Rightarrow \frac{d\Gamma}{dA} = 2\gamma_s$$

It was shown that,  $G_I = 2\gamma_s$

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# G – total potential

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- Surface energy and total potential

$$-\frac{d\pi}{dA} = \frac{d\Gamma}{dA}$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{d\pi}{dA} = 2\gamma_s = R = G_I$$

Impending of crack growth

$$G_I \geq R$$



# G – total potential

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- Relation between  $G_I$  and  $\pi$

$$\Rightarrow G_I = -\frac{d\pi}{dA}$$

$$\Rightarrow -d\pi = G_I dA$$

$$d\pi = dU_E - \Delta W_{ext}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta W_{ext} - dU_E = -d\pi = G_I dA$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta W_{ext} = dU_E + G_I dA$$

External work done on the body  $\Rightarrow$  increase in elastic strain energy and formation of new surfaces

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# G – total potential

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- No movement of external forces,  $W_{\text{ext}} = 0$

$$G_I = -\frac{dU_E}{dA}$$

When there is no external work done, energy required for crack growth is obtained from the strain energy stored in the body

Conservation of energy => Decrease in strain energy  
= increase in surface energy



# Compliance approach

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- Compliance => Inverse of stiffness

$$C = \frac{1}{k}, \quad P = ku \Rightarrow u = CP$$

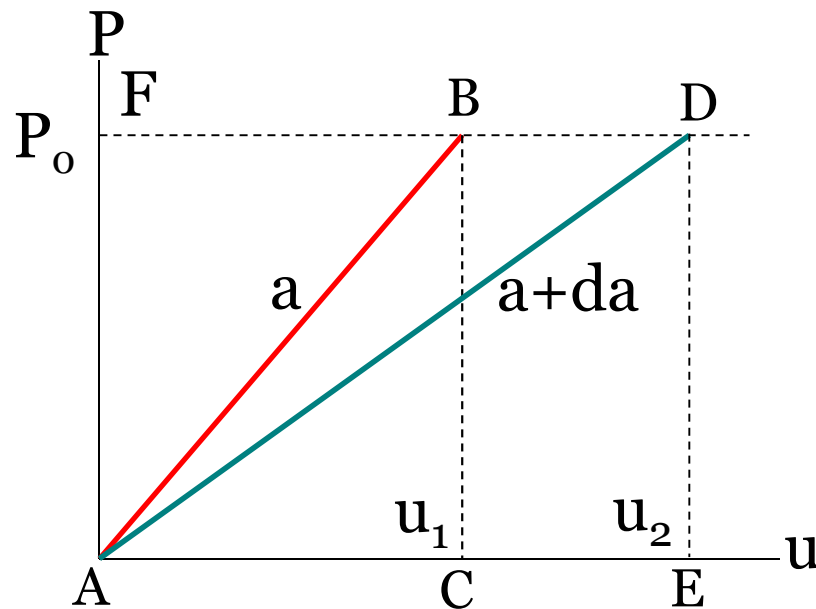
- Fracture toughness – compliance approach
  - Constant load
  - Constant displacement
- Increase in compliance with crack length – loss of stiffness
- Calculation of Fracture toughness,  $G_I$



# Constant load

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- Consider a body with some initial crack of length 'a' - Load applied  $\Rightarrow P_o$



Write total potentials when crack sizes are 'a' and 'a+da'

$$\pi_1 = U_1 + V_1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} P_o u_1 - P_o u_1 = -\frac{1}{2} P_o u_1$$

$$\pi_2 = U_2 + V_2$$

$$\pi_1 = -\text{Area ABF}, \pi_2 = -\text{Area ADF} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} P_o u_2 - P_o u_2 = -\frac{1}{2} P_o u_2$$

$$\Delta\pi = \pi_2 - \pi_1$$

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# Constant load

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## ■ Potentials,

$$\pi_1 = -\frac{1}{2} P_o u_1, \quad \pi_2 = -\frac{1}{2} P_o u_2$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta\pi = \pi_2 - \pi_1 = -\frac{1}{2} P_o u_2 + \frac{1}{2} P_o u_1$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta\pi = \frac{1}{2} P_o (u_1 - u_2) = -\frac{1}{2} P_o \Delta u$$

Strain energy release rate,  $G_I$

$$G_I = -\frac{d\pi}{dA} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dA} (P_o u) = \frac{P_o}{2} \frac{du}{dA}$$

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# Constant load

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- Use compliance relation

$$u = CP_o$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{du}{dA} = P_o \frac{dC}{dA}$$

$$G_I = \frac{1}{2} P_o \frac{du}{dA} = \frac{P_o^2}{2} \frac{dC}{dA}$$

$$G_I = \frac{P_o^2}{2} \frac{dC}{dA}$$

Experimental measurements required to estimate change in compliance with crack area

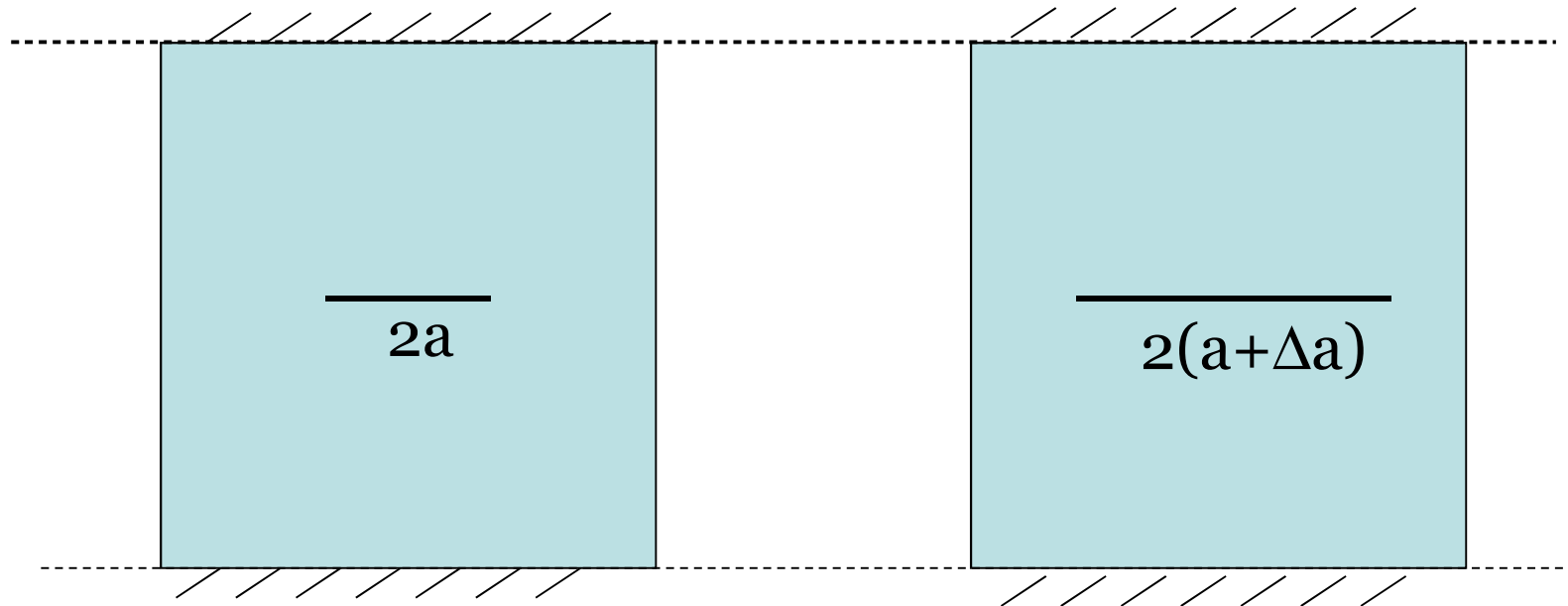
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# Constant displacement

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- Constant displacement – Fixed grip condition



Since the grip is fixed no external work is done by the forces,  $W_{\text{ext}} = 0$

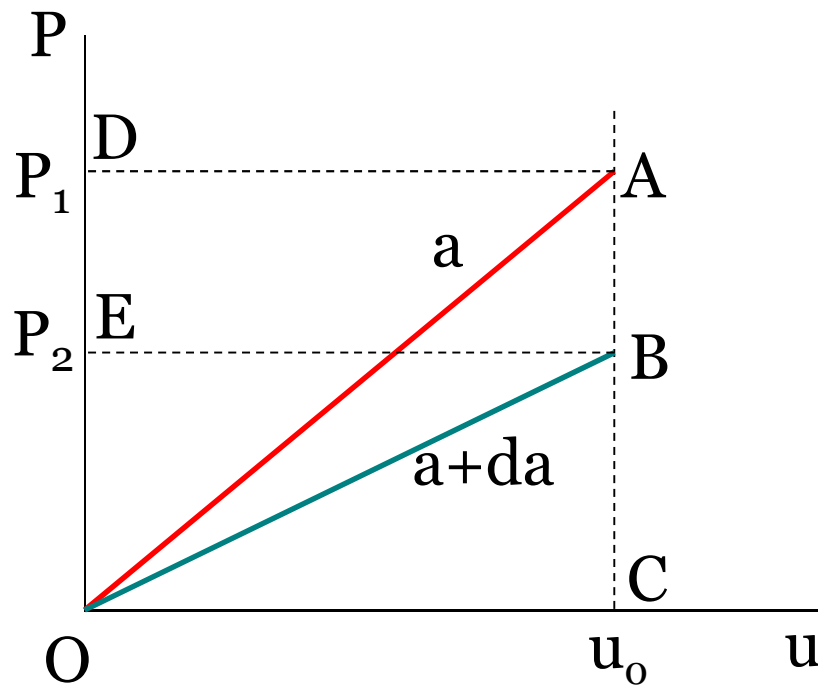
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# Constant displacement

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## ■ Load-displacement curve



Change in potential,

$$\Delta\pi = \frac{1}{2}(P_2 - P_1)u_o \Rightarrow -ve$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta\pi = \frac{1}{2}\Delta P u_o$$

$$\Rightarrow G_I = -\frac{d\pi}{dA} = -\frac{1}{2}u_o \frac{dP}{dA}$$

$$u_o = CP \Rightarrow P \frac{dC}{dA} = -C \frac{dP}{dA}$$

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# Constant displacement

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- This gives,

$$\frac{dP}{dA} = -\frac{P}{C} \frac{dC}{dA}$$

$$G_I = -\frac{1}{2} u_o \frac{dP}{dA} = -\frac{1}{2} u_o \left( -\frac{P}{C} \frac{dC}{dA} \right)$$

$$G_I = \frac{P^2}{2} \frac{dC}{dA}$$

$G_I$  same in both constant load and displacement conditions

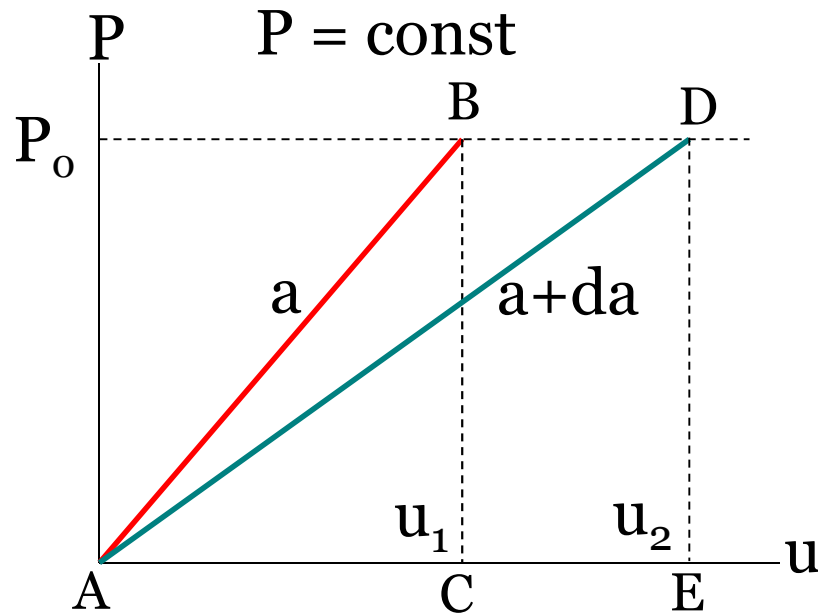
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# Constant load & displacement

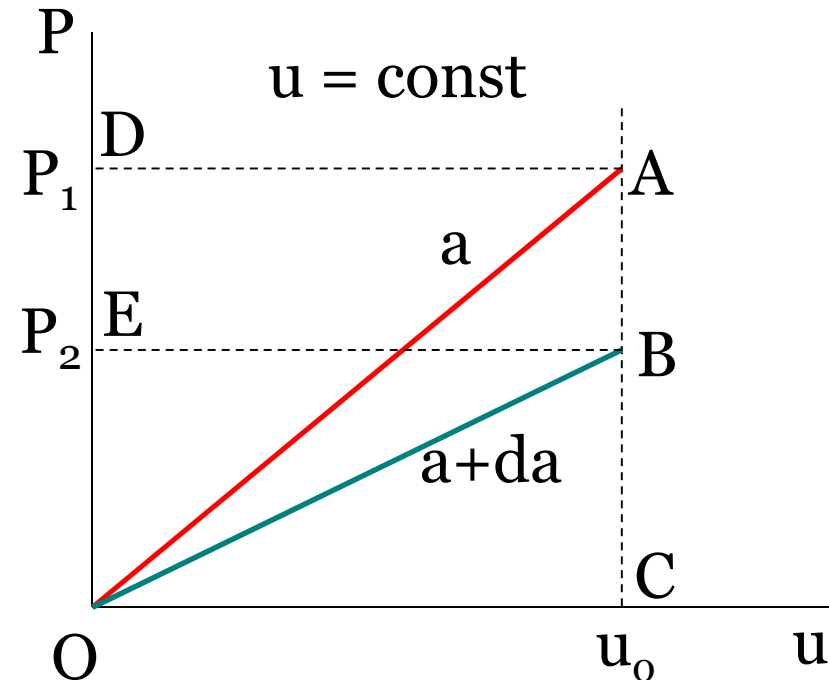
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## ■ Comparison



$U_2 > U_1$  Increase in strain energy

Caters for crack growth



No external work done

$U_2 < U_1$  Decrease in strain energy – used for crack growth

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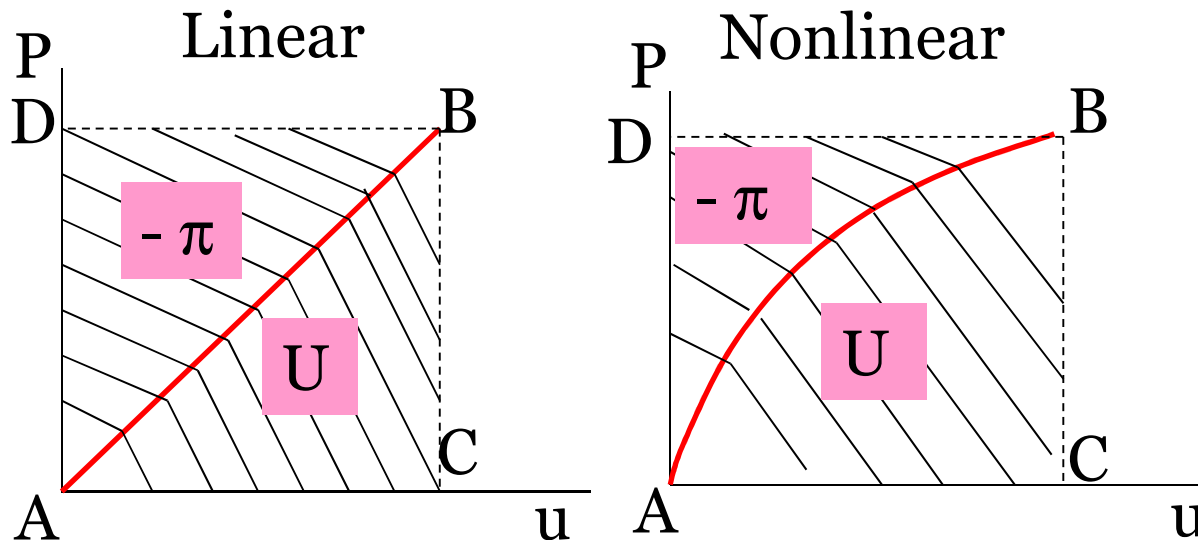


# Energy release rate

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- Energy release rate referred as rate of strain energy flux flowing towards a crack tip as the crack extends
- Linear and Nonlinear

‘J’ integral –  
contour integral



$$J = - \frac{d\pi}{dA}$$

Area ‘ABD’

For linear elastic,  
 $G = J$

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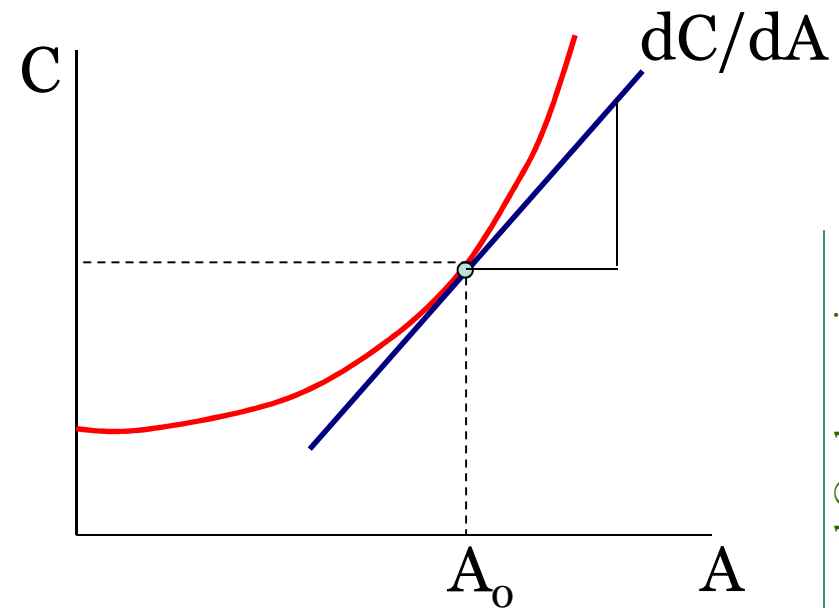
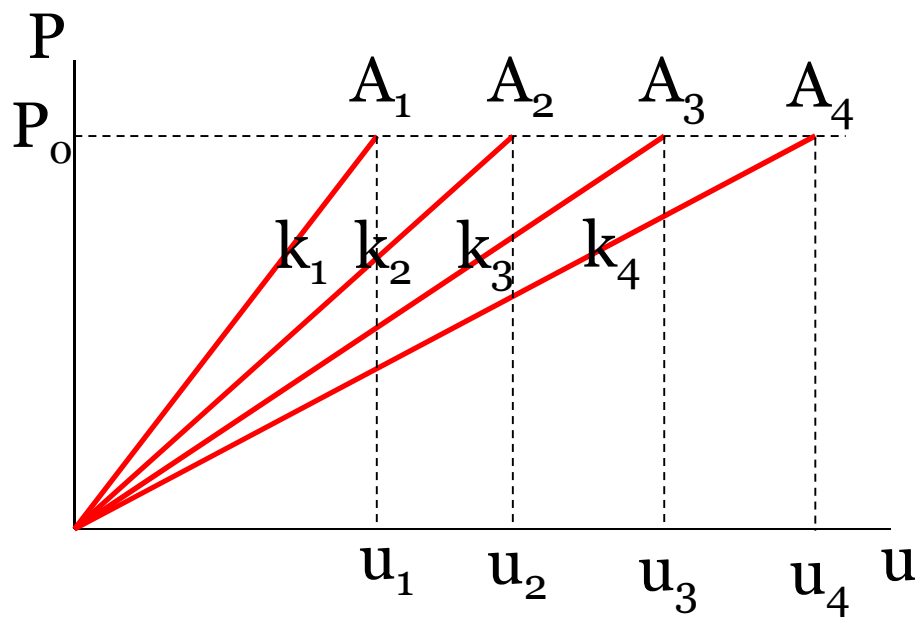
# Measurement of 'G<sub>IC</sub>'

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- Expression for G<sub>IC</sub> – Critical SERR

$$G_{IC} = \frac{P^2}{2} \frac{dC}{dA}$$

Parameter to be measured experimentally =>  $dC/dA$



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# Measurement of 'G<sub>IC</sub>'

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- Size of crack => a<sub>o</sub>, corresponding area = A<sub>o</sub>
- Load required to initiate crack growth, P<sub>c</sub>

$$G_{IC} = \frac{P_c^2}{2} \frac{dC}{dA} \Big|_{A_o}$$

If G<sub>I</sub> is expressed in terms of stiffness,

$$G_{IC} = - \frac{P_c^2}{2k_o^2} \frac{dk}{dA} \Big|_{A_o}$$

dk/dA is -ve

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# Griffith's theory

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- Crack in stiff and flexible components
- Same force applied on stiff and flexible components having same size of crack
- Energy stored

$$U = \frac{1}{2} P^2 C = \frac{1}{2} \frac{P^2}{K}$$

$$\Rightarrow U \propto \frac{1}{K} (= C)$$

Flexible component stores more energy than stiffer component

More store of energy – availability of energy for crack propagation

Stiff bodies do not store more energy – less release



# Surface energy

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- Surface energy per unit area –  $R$  – material property
- In Fracture Mechanics –  $R \Rightarrow$  total energy consumed in propagation of crack
- In ductile materials
  - Plastic deformation takes place – energy required to deform
  - Energy required for a crack to grow is much larger than the surface energy
- Significant plastic deformation



# Surface energy

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- Crack growth accompanied with plastic deformation

$$G = 2(\gamma_s + \gamma_p) = 2w_f = R$$

$\gamma_p \Rightarrow$  Plastic work per unit area of surface created,

$\gamma_s \Rightarrow$  Surface energy per unit area of surface created

- Most of metals – surface energy is much smaller than ( $1/1000^{\text{th}}$ ) of the total energy consumed in crack propagation



# Surface energy

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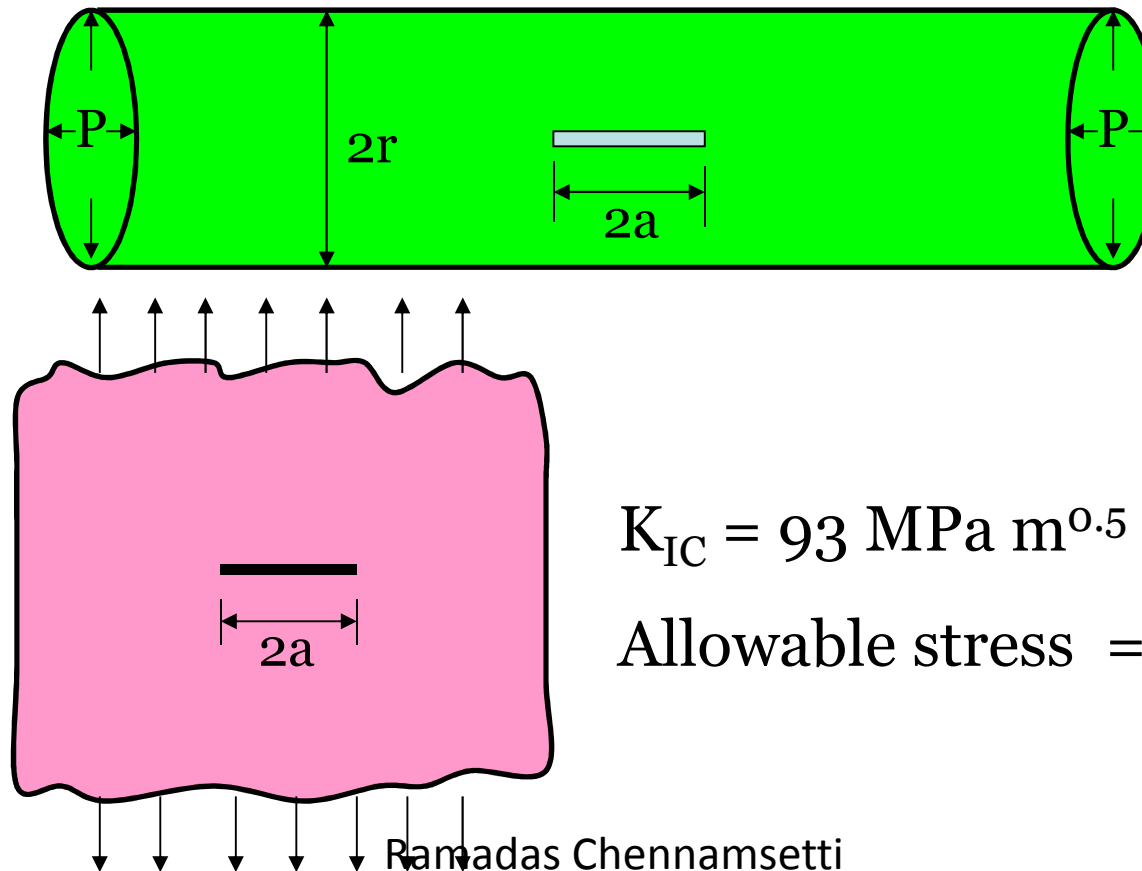
- Crack resistance (R) – depends on material and geometry – thickness
- Plastic zone size at the crack tip depends on thickness
- Bigger plastic zone – more dissipation of energy – Higher crack resistance - Plane stress
- Smaller plastic zone – less dissipation of energy – Lower crack resistance – Plane strain



# Crack in a pipe

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- Eg. Longitudinal crack of 10 mm is allowed in a pipe. What is the allowable pressure?



$$K_{IC} = 93 \text{ MPa m}^{0.5}$$

$$\text{Allowable stress} = 878 \text{ MPa}$$

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# Crack in a pipe

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- Hoop stress causes crack opening – mode – I
- Considering this as an infinite plate with a crack of length  $2a$

$$\sigma = \frac{p_{\max} r}{t} \Rightarrow \text{Hoop stress}$$

$$K_{IC} = \sigma \sqrt{\pi a_c} \Rightarrow \text{Critical SIF}$$

$$\Rightarrow K_{IC} = \frac{p_{\max} r}{t} \sqrt{\pi a_c}$$

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# Crack in a pipe

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## ■ Maximum pressure

$$K_{IC} = \frac{p_{\max} r}{t} \sqrt{\pi a_c}$$

$$\Rightarrow p_{\max} = \frac{t}{r} \frac{K_{IC}}{\sqrt{\pi a_c}} = \frac{t}{r} \frac{93 \times 10^6}{\sqrt{\pi \times 5 \times 10^{-3}}}$$

$$\Rightarrow p_{\max} = 742.03 \times 10^6 \frac{t}{r}$$

Design based on Fracture

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# Crack in a pipe

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- Same maximum pressure causes Hoop stress –  
Check for yield failure

$$\sigma_{allowable} = Y = \frac{p_{max} r}{t} = 878 \times 10^6$$

$$\Rightarrow p_{max} = 878 \times 10^6 \frac{t}{r}$$

If design is based on fracture criteria, it does not fail in yielding



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