

Mécanique linéaire élastique de la rupture (rupture fragile)  
tridimensionnelle: de la théorie à la pratique  
*Three-dimensional linear elastic fracture mechanics (brittle  
fracture): from theory to practice*  
Habilitation à Diriger des Recherches  
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- 1991-1994      **Engineering degree.**  
Ecole Nationale Supérieure de Techniques Avancées.
- 1994      **DEA (Postgraduate degree)**  
in Mechanical Engineering (University of Paris 6).
- 1994-1997      **PhD** in Mechanical engineering at the Laboratoire de  
Modélisation en Mécanique (Paris 6).  
Advisor: J.-B. Leblond.  
“Some three-dimensional problems of brittle fracture  
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- 1997–98      **ATER** at University of Paris 6.
- 1998–      **Associate professor** at University Paris 6.

# Teaching

Almost 2200 teaching hours.

60% practical (TD), 20% numerical work (TP num), 20% Lab work (TP exp),  
20% courses.

- ▶ Continuum thermomechanics.
- ▶ Solid mechanics.
- ▶ Fluid mechanics.
- ▶ Mathematics.
- ▶ History of sciences
- ▶ Computer science.

## Research

- 1994–2006      Laboratoire de Modélisation en Mécanique (**LMM**),  
incorporated in 2007 into the **Institut Jean Le Rond  
d'Alembert (IJLRDA, UMR 7190)**.  
Mechanics of Solids and Structures Team.
- 2006–2008      **Institut Jean Le Rond d'Alembert and FAST  
laboratory**  
during teaching sabbatical leave (3 X 6 months, CRCT,  
Delegation CNRS).
- 2008–            **Laboratoire Fluides, Automatique et Systèmes  
Thermiques (FAST, UMR 7108)**.  
Porous and Fractured Media Team.

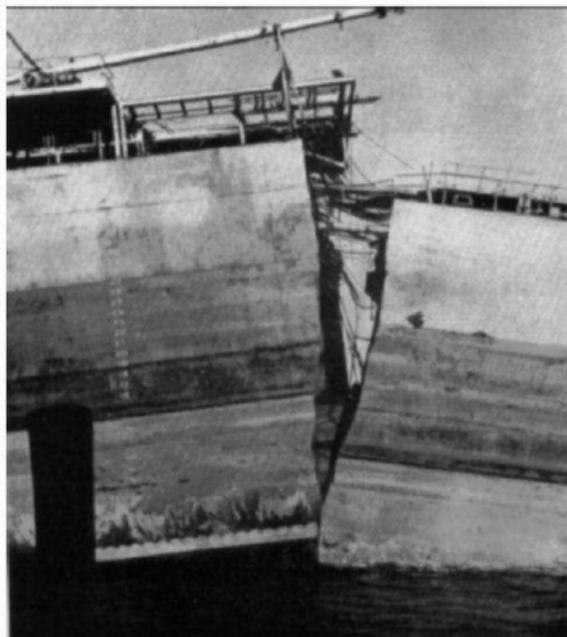
## Publications

- ▶ 21 articles in peer-reviewed journals  
(7 J Mech Phys Solids, 4 Int J Solids Struct, 3 Cr Acad Sci II B, 2 Int J Fracture, 1 Phys Rev E, 1 EPL-Europhys Lett, 1 Langmuir, 1 J Appl Mech-T ASME, 1 Reflets de la Physique).
- ▶ 13 articles in International Conference proceedings.
- ▶ 2 successful ANR and 2 successful Triangle de la Physique funding requests.

## PhD students

- ▶ On 3D LEFM theory with J.B. Leblond:
  - 09/2001-10/2005 Elie FAVIER.
  - 09/2005-07/2009 Nadjime PINDRA .
  - 09/2008– Laurène LEGRAND.
- ▶ On drying of colloidal suspensions with L. Pauchard:
  - 2007 Cécile BOUSQUET. Industrial PhD, CEA Marcoule.
  - 10/2007– Mourad CHEKCHAKI.

## Brittle Fracture mechanics (LEFM): History



- ▶ Starting point: Cracked Liberty ship (second World War).
- ▶ Griffith 20's → Irwin 50's (Naval research Laboratory).
- ▶ Failure occurs for **small strains** and **negligible plasticity**. (glass, metal at low temperatures, rocks...).

## Brittle Fracture mechanics: the aims



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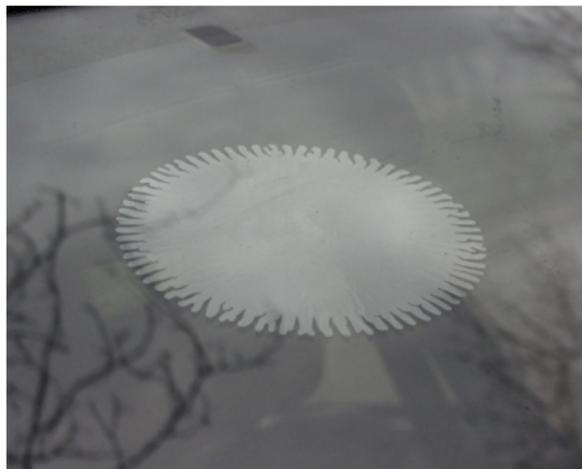


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## 1. **Bases (Irwin 1950-)**

If cracks are present, will they propagate, over which distance? until the total breakdown of the body?

## 2. **Deformation of the crack front (Rice 1985-)**

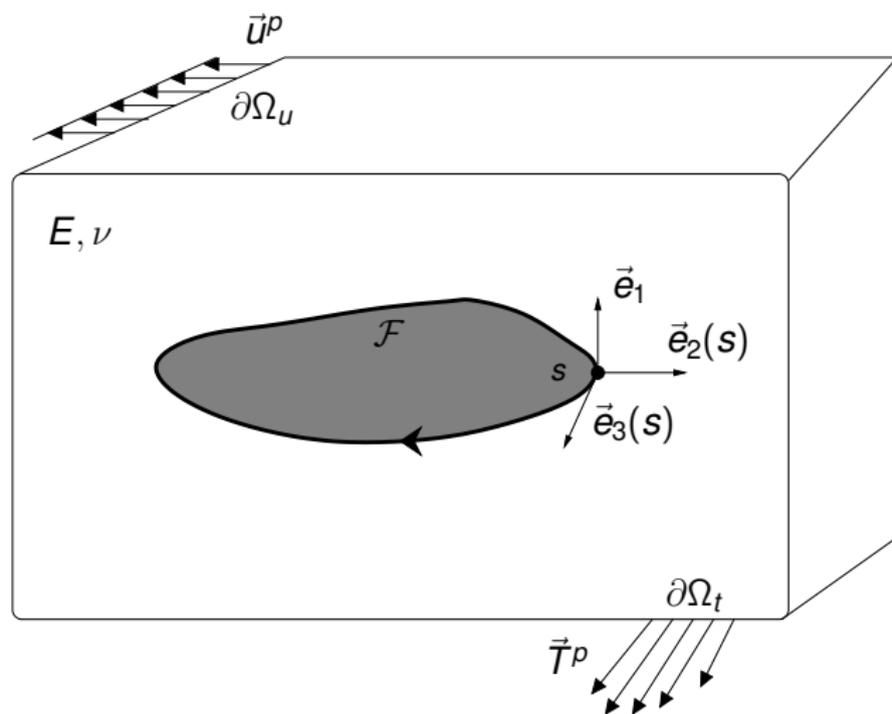
Can we predict the crack front shape?

## 3. **Crack initiation (2000's)**

Will a crack appear?

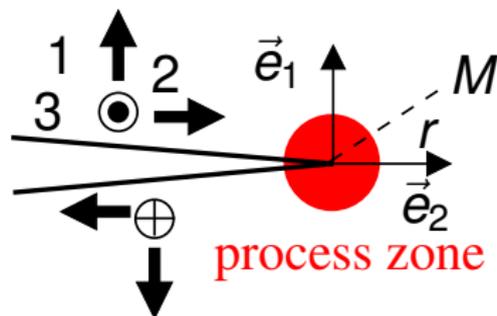
If yes, can we predict its shape? Can we predict the number of radial cracks?

## Traditional LEFM approach



Linear Elastic material. Condition of crack propagation?

## Definition of the Stress Intensity Factors



Westergaard (1938), Williams (1952), Leblond and Torlai (1992):

$$\sigma_{1p}(M) \propto \frac{K_p(s)}{\sqrt{r}} \text{ for } r \rightarrow 0.$$

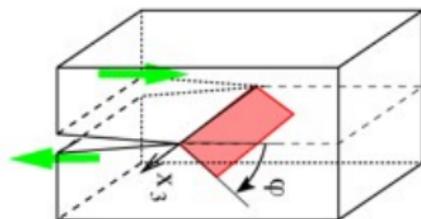
**Stress Intensity Factors (SIFs):**  $K_1(s)$ ,  $K_2(s)$ ,  $K_3(s)$

**Energy release rate  $\mathcal{G}$ :**

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{G}(s) &\equiv -\frac{dE_{elast}}{dS} \\ &= \frac{1-\nu^2}{E} (K_1(s)^2 + K_2(s)^2) + \frac{1+\nu}{E} K_3(s)^2 \quad \text{Irwin's formula} \end{aligned}$$

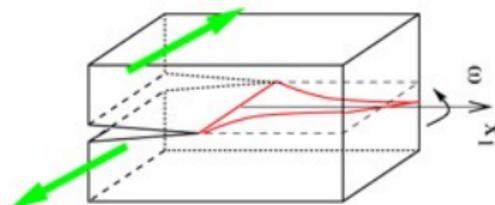
## Crack propagation direction criterions

Whatever the loading, in an homogeneous brittle material, the crack propagates in order to reach a situation of pure tension loading (Hull, 1993).



Mode 2: local kink  $\phi$

PLS: Goldstein and Salganik (1974)  
MTS: Erdogan and Sih (1963)  
Review: Qian and Fatemi (EFM, 1996)



Mode 3: rotation along  $x_1$

Lazarus et al. (JMPS 2001-I,II, IJF  
2008)  
Lin et al. (IJF 2010)  
Pons et Karma (Nature 2010)

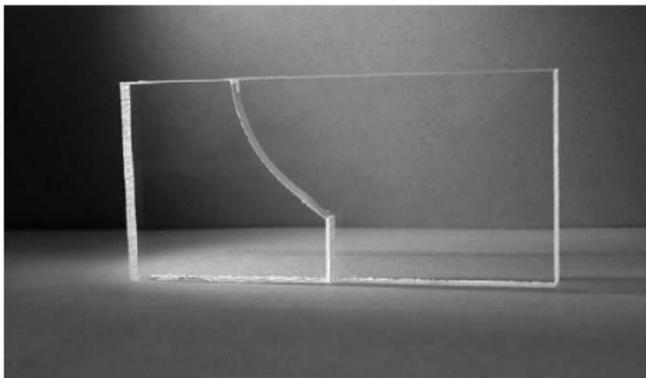
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In memory of F. Buchholz (univ. Paderborn, Germany) who made the following experiments in PMMA:

Mode 1+2: in-plane 4PS

Mode 1+2+3: in-plane 3PB

*F.-G. Buchholz et al. / Engineering Fracture Mechanics 71 (2004) 455–468*



**Now, coplanar propagation** (weak interface) even in mode 1+2+3

## Crack advance versus loading criterions

- ▶ **Brittle fracture:** Griffith (1920)' criterion

$$\mathcal{G} < \mathcal{G}_c \Rightarrow \text{no propagation,}$$

$$\mathcal{G} = \mathcal{G}_c \Rightarrow \text{propagation.}$$

In mode 1, it is equivalent to Irwin (1958)'s criterion:

$$K_1 < K_c \Rightarrow \text{no propagation,}$$

$$K_1 = K_c \Rightarrow \text{propagation.}$$

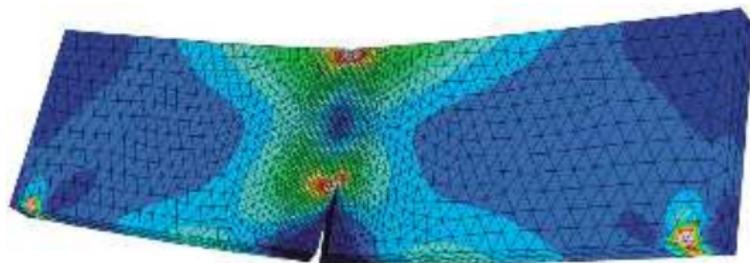
- ▶ **Fatigue, subcritical fracture:** Paris (1961)' type law

$$\frac{\partial a(t)}{\partial t} = C\mathcal{G}^\beta$$

For  $\beta \gg 1$ , regularization of Griffith (1920)' threshold criterion.

## Determination of the SIF

- ▶ Engineering: Finite Elements simulations, XFEM (Belytschko et al. 2000's).



From Lazarus, Buchholz, Fulland, Wiebesiek (IJF, 2008).

- ▶ Research analytical approach:  
**Crack front perturbation approaches initiated by Rice (1985).**

# Outline

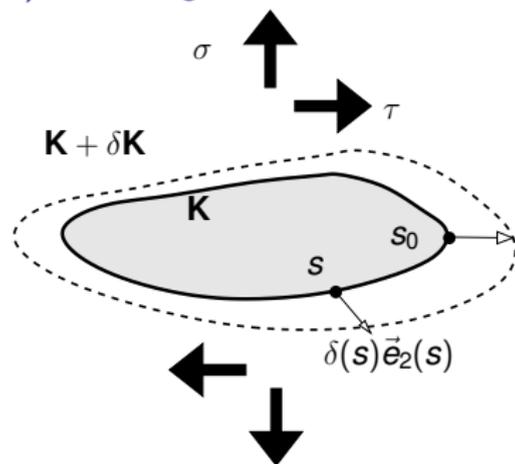
Bases of the LEFM approach

**Deformation of the crack front shape**

Crack initiation

Conclusion

Crack front perturbation approach:  
 $\delta \mathbf{K}(s)$  knowing their initial values  $\mathbf{K}(s)$



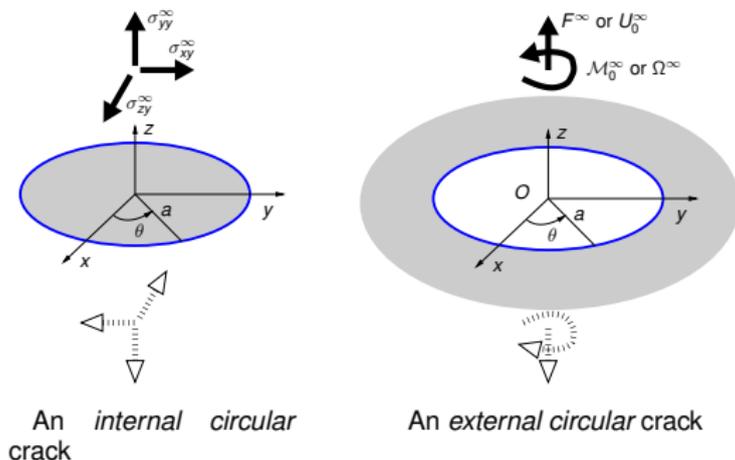
- ▶ Mode 1: Rice (1989)
- ▶ Mode 2+3 : Favier, Lazarus and Leblond (IJSS, 2006)

$$\delta K_i(s_0) = N_{ij}(\nu) \cdot K_j(s_0) \delta'(s_0) + \frac{1}{2\pi} \text{PV} \int_{\mathcal{F}} \frac{W_{ij}(s_0, s)}{D^2(s_0, s)} \cdot K_j(s) [\delta(s) - \delta(s_0) \vec{e}_2(s_0) \cdot \vec{e}_2(s)] ds.$$

+Similar, but more complex, formula for  $\delta W_{ij}(s_0, s_1)$ .

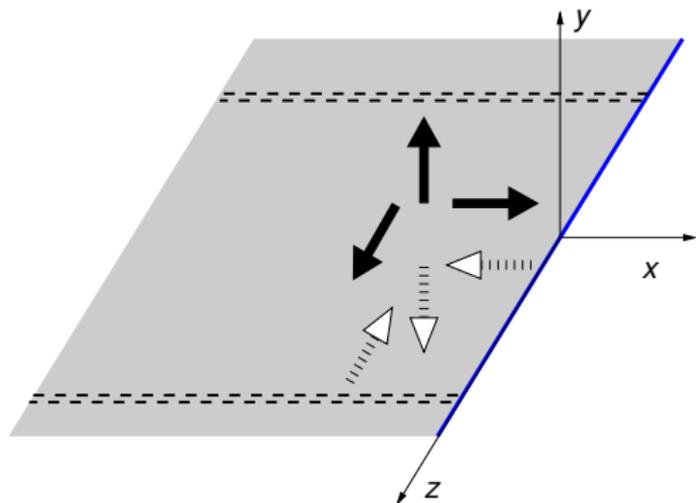
Initialisation: geometry for which  $W_{ij}(s, s_0)$  are known...

## Initialisation: Circular cracks



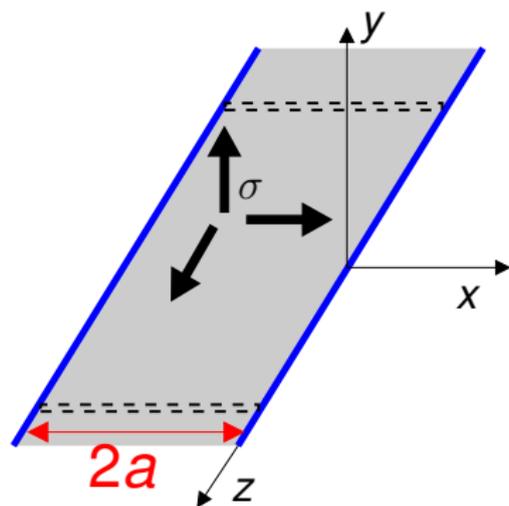
- ▶ Internal: Kassir and Sih (1975), Tada et al. (1973), Gao et Rice (1987), Gao (1988).
- ▶ External: Stallybrass (1981), Gao et Rice (1987), Rice (1989)

## Initialisation: Half-plane cracks



- ▶ Homogeneous case: Meade and Keer (1984), Bueckner (1987), Rice (1985), Gao and Rice (1986).
- ▶ Interfacial crack: Lazarus et Leblond (1998), Bercial-Velez et al. (2005), Piccolroaz et al. (2007).

## Initialisation: Tunnel cracks



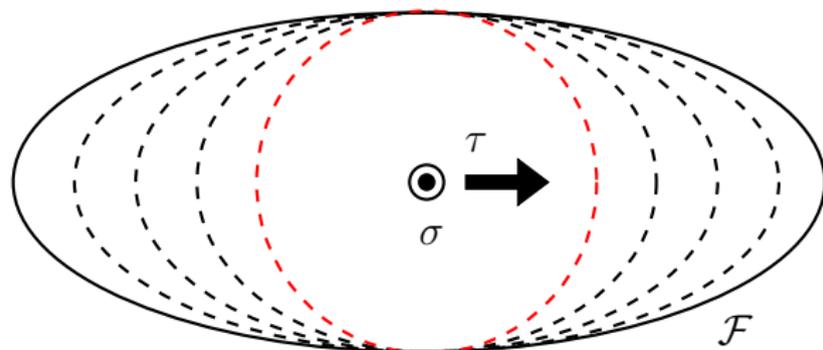
A *tunnel-crack* loaded by:

- ▶ remote tensile: Leblond, Mouchrif et Perrin, 1996;
- ▶ shear stresses: Lazarus and Leblond, 2002

## Examples of application of the perturbation approach

1. Largescale propagation simulations
2. Stability of the straight crack front shape in an homogeneous media
3. Crack propagation in heterogeneous media

## Largescale propagation simulations: PlaneCracks

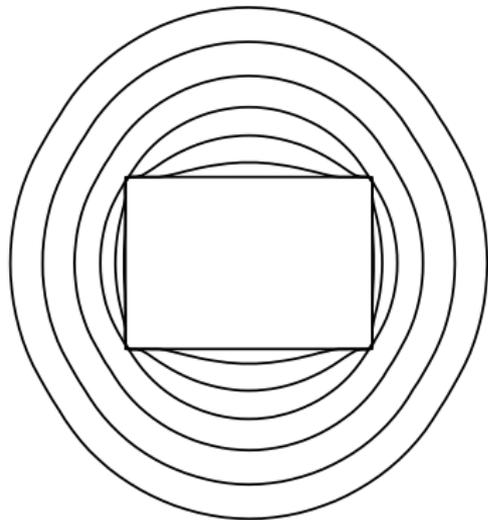
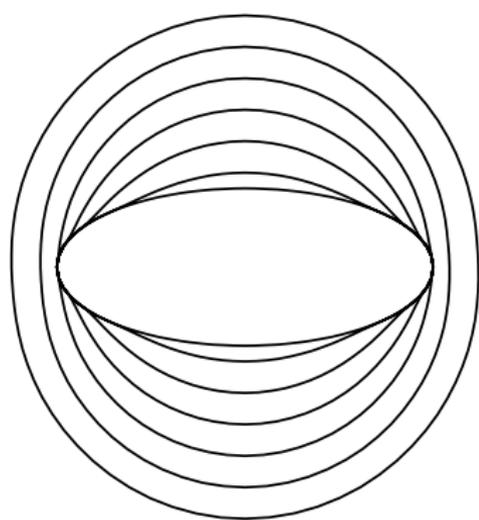


- ▶ **Initialisation of  $\mathbf{K}$ ,  $\mathbf{W}$** : internal circle under remote tensile or shear loading
- ▶ **Step 1**: Determination of  $\mathbf{K}$  and  $\mathbf{W}$  along the front  $\mathcal{F}$  by successive small perturbations of the circle
- ▶ **Step 2**: Determination of the crack advance by Paris' law

$$\frac{\partial a(t)}{\partial t} = C\mathcal{G}^\beta$$

Rice (1989), Bower and Ortiz (1990), Lazarus (2003), Favier, Lazarus, Leblond (2006)

## Examples in mode 1

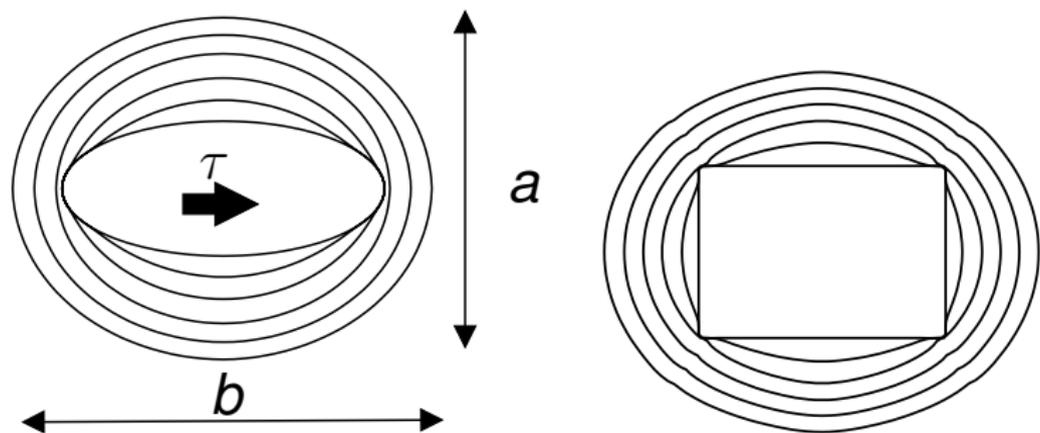


Brittle fracture  $\beta = 50$

The stationary shape is circular.

Lazarus, 2003

## Examples in mode 2+3 (coplanar propagation case)



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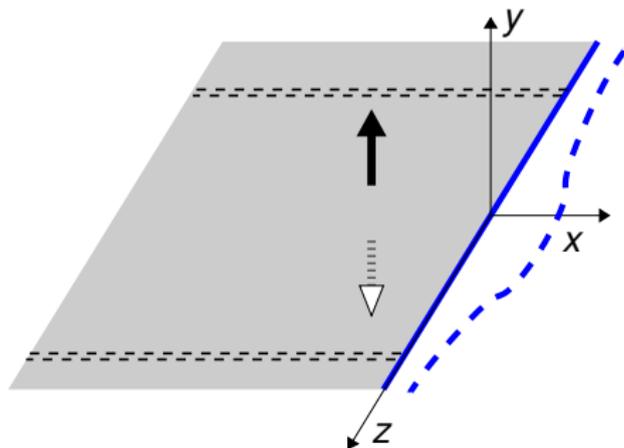
The stationary shape is nearly elliptical with:

$$\frac{a}{b} = (1 - \nu)^{\frac{\beta}{\beta+1}}$$

$$\frac{a}{b} = (1 - \nu) \quad \text{if } \beta \gg 1 \quad (\mathcal{G} = \mathcal{G}_c)$$

Favier, Lazarus, Leblond (IJSS, 2006)

## The configuration stability problem

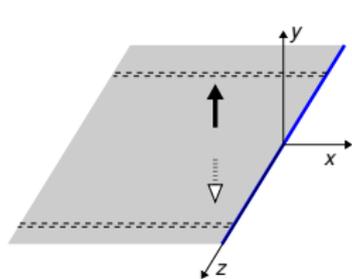


- ▶ Problem: circular, straight cracks are often used in engineering, is it safe?
- ▶ If the crack front is perturbed, will the perturbation increases (unstable) or decreases (stable) in time?

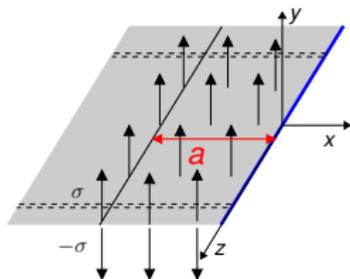
This stability problem has been studied by

- ▶ Rice and Gao (1985-1990) for circular and half-plane cracks
- ▶ Lazarus and Leblond (1998) for the interfacial half-plane crack
- ▶ Leblond, Favier, Pindra, Lazarus, Mouchrif, Perrin (1996-) for tunnel-cracks

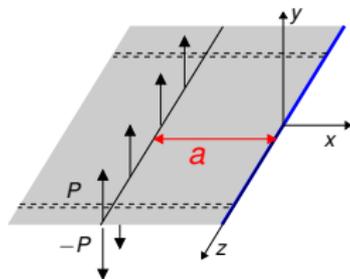
## Straight front stability in mode 1: unperturbed problem



$$K = cst, \alpha = 0$$



$$K = 2\sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}}\sigma a^{1/2}, \alpha = 1/2$$

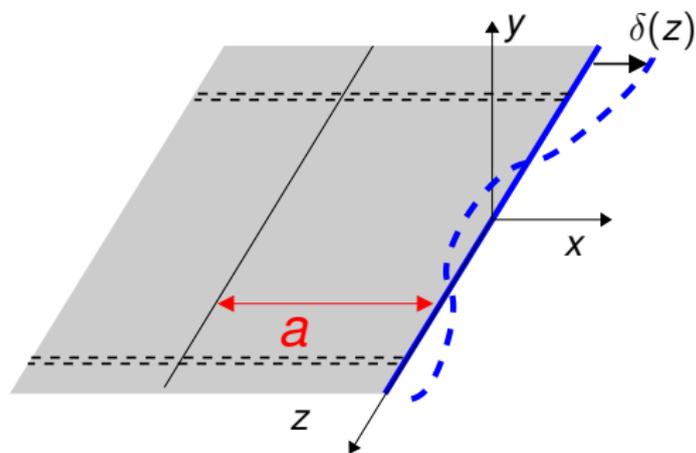


$$K = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}}Pa^{-1/2}, \alpha = -1/2$$

$$K(a) = ka^\alpha$$

- ▶ if  $\alpha > 0$ ,  $\frac{dK(a)}{da} > 0$  : instable propagation at constant loading.
- ▶ if  $\alpha < 0$ ,  $\frac{dK(a)}{da} < 0$  : stable propagation at constant loading.

## Model problems: SIF along the perturbed configuration



$$\frac{\delta K(z)}{K(a)} = \alpha \frac{\delta(z)}{a} + \frac{1}{2\pi} PV \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\delta(z') - \delta(z)}{(z' - z)^2} dz'$$

In Fourier transform along  $z$ -axis:

$$\frac{\widehat{\delta K}(k)}{K(a)} = \left( \alpha - \frac{ka}{2} \right) \frac{\widehat{\delta}(k)}{a} \quad k \text{ wavenumber}$$

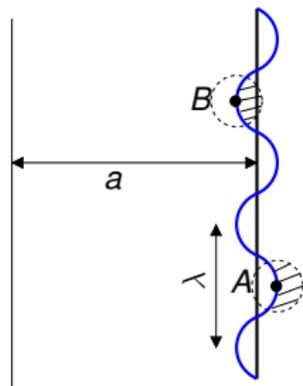
Stability of the crack shape. Case  $\alpha < 0$ ,  $\frac{dK(a)}{da} < 0$ .

Then  $\alpha - \frac{ka}{2} < 0$  whatever the value of  $k$ .

Since,

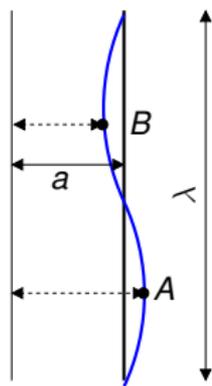
$$\frac{\delta \widehat{K}(k)}{K(a)} = \left( \alpha - \frac{ka}{2} \right) \frac{\widehat{\delta}(k)}{a}$$

it implies that any perturbation disappears.



$$\lambda \ll a$$

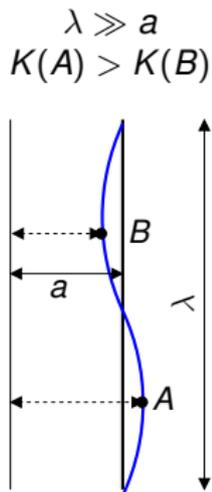
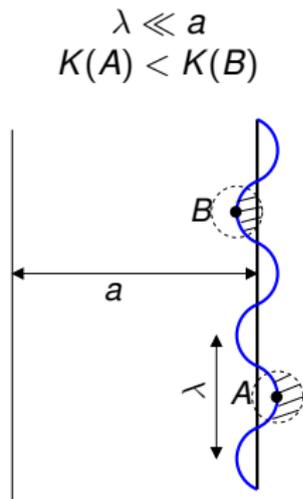
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$$\lambda \gg a$$

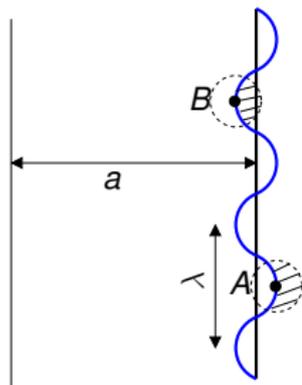
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## Stability of the crack shape. Case $\alpha > 0$ .

Stability  
 $\lambda < \lambda_c$   
 $K(A) < K(B)$

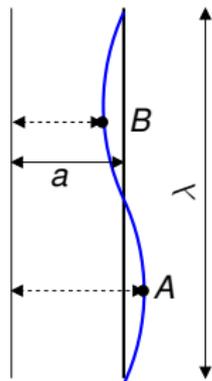


Bifurcation  
 $\lambda = \lambda_c = \lambda_c^* a$   
 $K(A) = K(B)$

where

$$\lambda_c^* = \frac{\pi}{\alpha}$$

Instability  
 $\lambda > \lambda_c$   
 $K(A) > K(B)$



Since  $\lambda_c = \lambda_c^* a \nearrow$  with  $a$ , ultimately any perturbation tends to disappear.  
If :

- ▶ The first order approach remains valid
- ▶ The fracture properties are homogeneous...

## Crack propagation in heterogeneous media

**Crack front shape such as**  $K(x, z) = K_c(x, z), \forall (x, z) \in \mathcal{F}$ ?

For slightly toughness heterogeneities:

$$K_c(z, x) = K_c(1 + \Delta K_c(z, x)), \quad |\Delta K_c| \ll 1:$$

$$\hat{\delta}(k, a) = -\frac{a \widehat{\Delta K_c}(k, a)}{\frac{ka}{2} - \alpha}$$

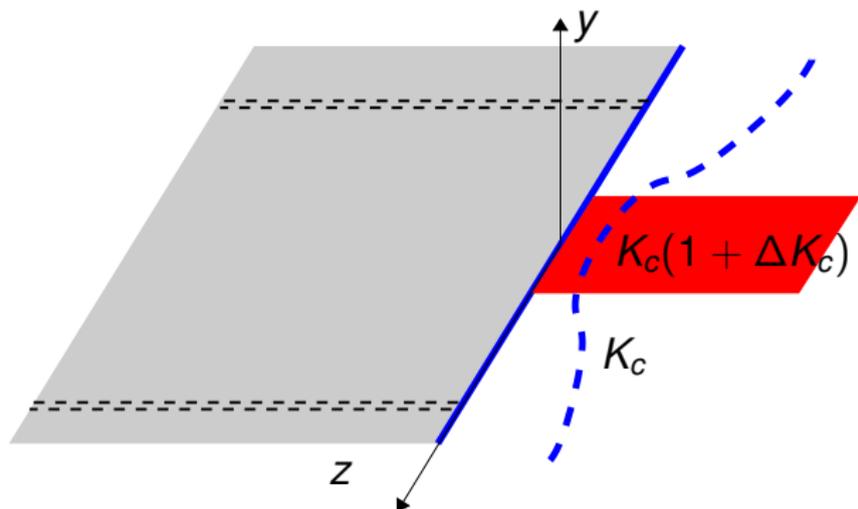
Meaningless if  $\alpha \geq 0$  due to the existence of a bifurcation

$\Rightarrow \alpha < 0$  in the sequel.

Application to

1. Crack trapping by obstacles
2. Crack propagation in disordered medium

## Application to the crack trapping



1. Gao and Rice (1989, 1991)
2. Dalmas, Barthel, Vandembroucq (2009)
3. ANR MEPHYSTAR

Theory: S. Patinet, postdoc with V. Lazarus D. Vandembroucq.  
Experiments: L. Alzate (PhD D. Dalmas, St Gobain)

## Application to disordered medium.

$$\hat{\delta}(k, a) = -\frac{a\widehat{\Delta K}_c(k, a)}{\frac{ka}{2} - \alpha}$$

- ▶ Power spectrum of the crack front fluctuations:

$$|\hat{\delta}(k, a)|^2 = a^2 \frac{|\widehat{\Delta K}_c(k)|^2}{\left(|\alpha| + \frac{ka}{2}\right)^2}$$

as a function of  $|\widehat{\Delta K}_c(k)|^2$  power spectrum of the toughness fluctuations  $\Delta K_c$ .

- ▶ If  $|\widehat{\Delta K}_c(k)|^2 = cst = \widehat{\mathcal{K}}_0$  (white noise), one obtains:

$$\frac{|\hat{\delta}(k, a)|^2}{\widehat{\mathcal{K}}_0 a^2} = \frac{1}{\left(|\alpha| + \frac{ka}{2}\right)^2}$$

which corresponds to a Family-Viscek (1985) scaling  $\zeta = 0.5$  and  $\tau = 1$ .

## Application to disordered media. Other results

- ▶ **Interfacial/homogeneous**: minor influence.

Pindra, Lazarus, Leblond, JMPS 2008.

- ▶ **Mode mixity**: minor influence

Pindra, Lazarus, Leblond, JMPS 2010

- ▶ **Tunnel-crack/half-plane crack**: minor influence

- ▶ **Loading  $\alpha$** : MAJOR influence

- ▶ **Irwin/Paris law**: MAJOR influence with a memory effect

$$\widehat{\delta}(k, a) = \int_{a_0}^a \left[ \frac{\exp(-ka/2)}{\exp(-ka'/2)} \right]^{2\beta} \left( \frac{a}{a'} \right)^\beta \widehat{\delta}c(k, a') da',$$

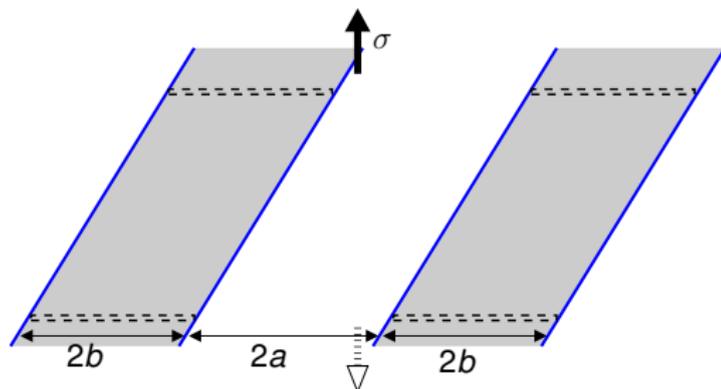
Lazarus and Leblond (2002); Favier, Lazarus and Leblond (JMPS, 2006).

### Statistical physics approach:

Daguier, Bouchaud and Lapasset (1995), Schmittbuhl, Maloy et al. (1995-2010), Ramanatha, Fisher, Ertas (1997), Krauth and Rosso (2002), Hansen et al. (2003), Roux, Vandembroucq, Hild, (2003), Katzav et Adda-Bedia (2006), Ponson (2007), Bonamy (2009)...

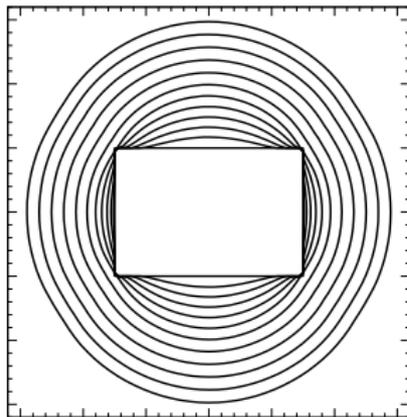
## Interaction between several cracks

- ▶ Interaction between two tunnel-cracks:
  - ▶ Determination of  $W_{ij}$  for two-tunnel cracks (Pindra, Lazarus, Leblond, 2010)
  - ▶ Bifurcation wavelength  $\lambda_c = \lambda^* a \searrow$  when  $a \nearrow$  (Legrand, Leblond, 2010).

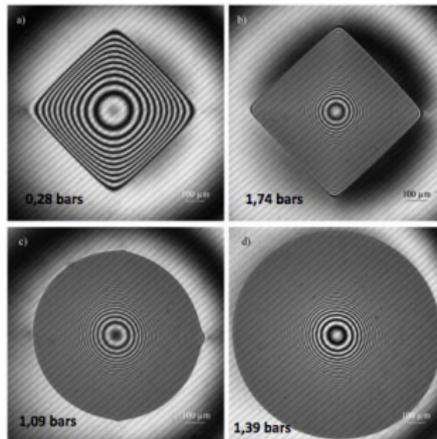


- ▶ Extension of the code PlaneCracks for two cracks (PhD of L. Legrand).

## Comparison of PlaneCracks with experiments



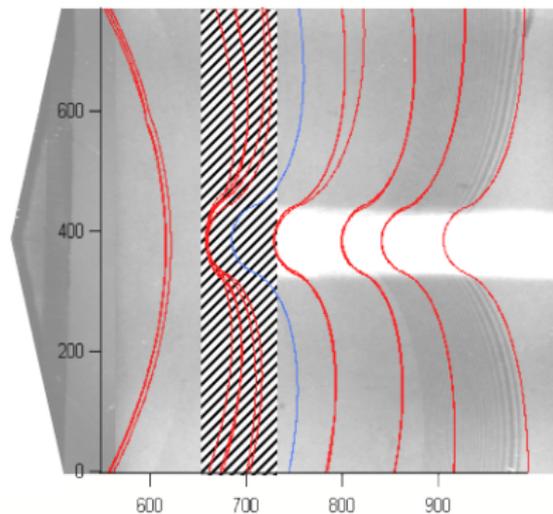
Lazarus (2003)



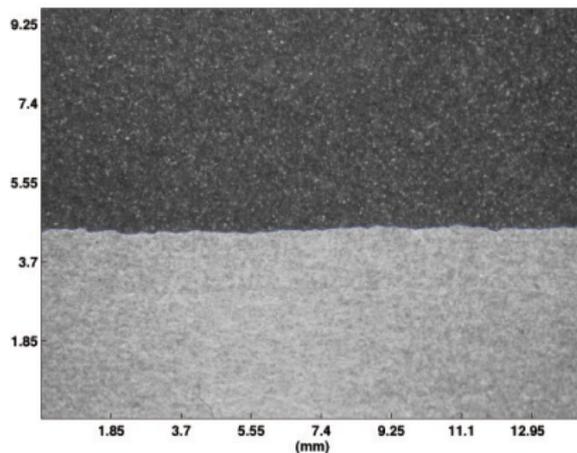
Dupeux et al. (1998)

Collaboration envisaged with Muriel Braccini (SIMAP, Grenoble).  
One crack, interaction of two cracks (L. Legrand).

## Heterogeneous media: comparison with experiments



D. Dalmas and D. Vandembroucq  
ANR Mephystar



J. Schmittbuhl et al.

# Outline

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# Variational approach to fracture.

Bourdin, Francfort and Marigo (1998-2008)

## Principle

$\mathcal{F}$  cracks such as  $E_{tot}(\mathcal{F}) \equiv E_{elastic}(\mathcal{F}) + \mathcal{G}_c \text{length}(\mathcal{F})$  is minimum.

- ▶ Identical to the traditional approach if a crack is still present.
- ▶ Applicable only if an “idea” of the crack shape.

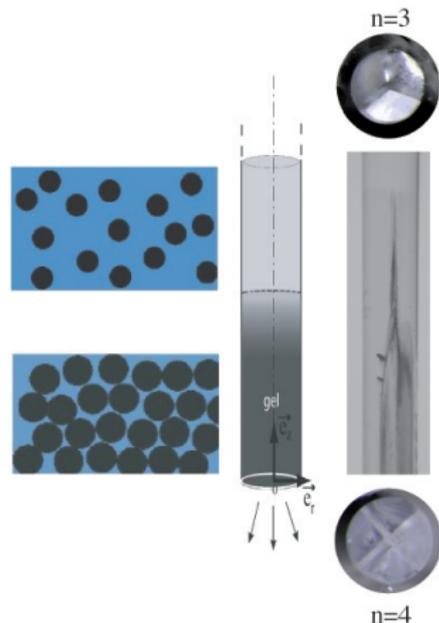
## Regularized form: Non-local damage model

$\alpha(M)$  damage field such as  $E_{tot}(\alpha) \equiv E_{elastic}(\alpha) + \mathcal{G}_c f(\alpha, \ell)$  is minimum.

where  $f(\alpha, \ell)$  chosen such as  $\lim_{\ell \rightarrow 0} f(\alpha, \ell) = \text{length}(\mathcal{F})$ .

- ▶ Convergence toward the initial principle for  $\ell \rightarrow 0$ .
- ▶ Suitable for numerical purposes.

## Directional drying in capillary cells



Gauthier, Lazarus and Pauchard  
(Langmuir 2007, EPL 2010)

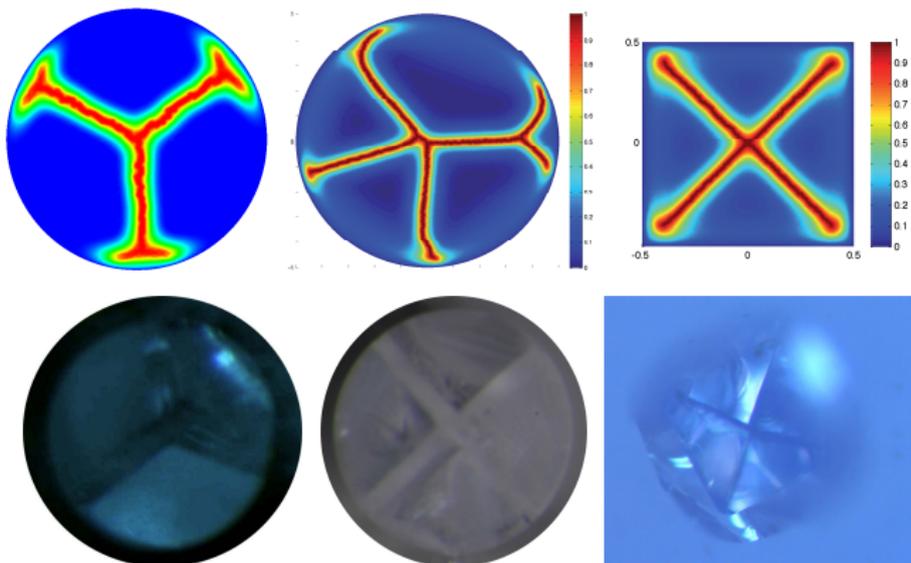
- ▶ Capillary tubes of diameter  $\sim 1$  mm.
- ▶ Ludox<sup>®</sup> colloidal aqueous suspension of silica particles (diameter  $\sim 10$  nm).
- ▶ Drying from the single bottom open edge.
- ▶ Contraction prevented by adhesion  
⇒ tensile stresses  
⇒ vertical star-shaped cracks.
- ▶ Variation of the drying conditions ⇒ various number  $n$  of radial cracks

Model: Linear elastic cross-section 2D problem:

$$\sigma = \frac{E\nu}{(1+\nu)(1-2\nu)} \text{tr}\epsilon \mathbf{1} + \frac{E}{(1+\nu)} \epsilon + \sigma_0 \mathbf{1}$$

## Use of the regularized approach.

VL, Gauthier, Pauchard, Maurini, Valdivia (ICF12, 2009):



Qualitative agreement.  
Idea of the crack shape.

## Use of the direct approach

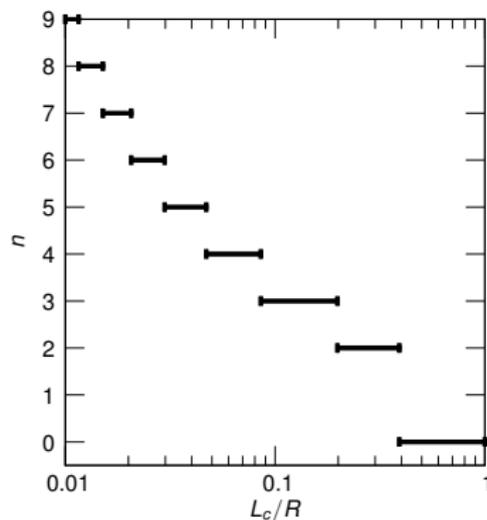
For dimensional reasons:

$$n = f(\mathcal{L})$$

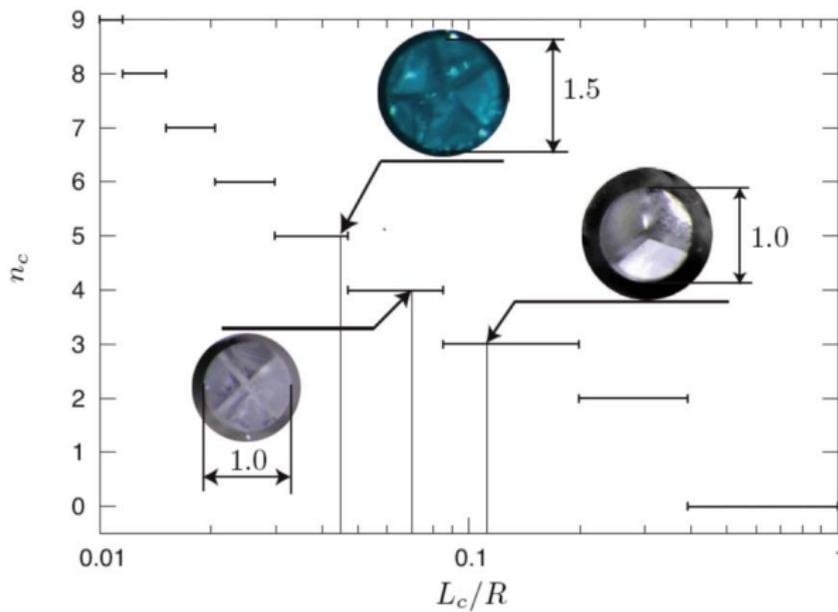
where  $\mathcal{L} = \frac{L_c}{R} \propto \frac{\text{fracture energy}}{\text{elastic energy}}$

More precisely,  $L_c$  is the Griffith length defined by ( $K_c$  toughness):

$$L_c = \frac{EG_c}{\sigma_0^2} = \frac{K_c^2}{\sigma_0^2}$$



## Comparison theory/experiments:



Good agreement between theory and experiments.

## Application: Geological shrinkage crack patterns



Septarias



Giant's causeway, Ireland

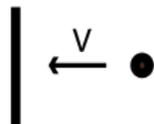
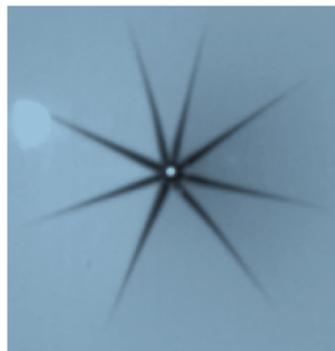


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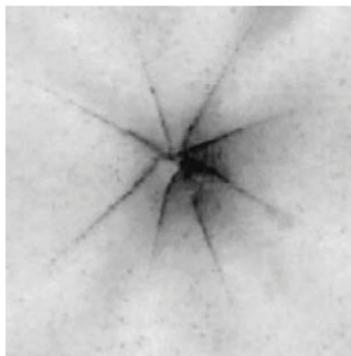
$$\text{Minimum principle} \Rightarrow \frac{L_c}{R} = \frac{K_c^2}{\sigma_0^2} = f^{-1}(n) \Rightarrow \sigma_0 = \frac{K_c}{\sqrt{f^{-1}(n)}} \Rightarrow \text{origin?}$$

With A. Davaille (FAST), S. Morris (Univ Toronto), colleagues of IDES (Orsay)

## Application to crack nucleation



Impact (Vandenberghe, Vermorel, 2009)



Indentation (Rhee et al., 2001)



Drying of a thin colloidal suspension film (L. Pauchard)

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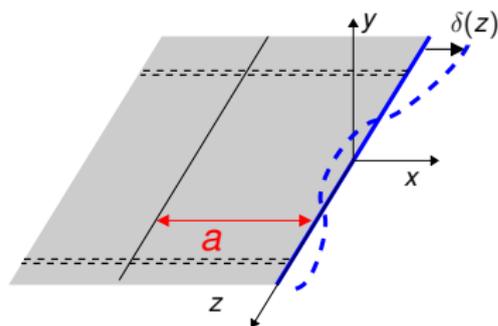
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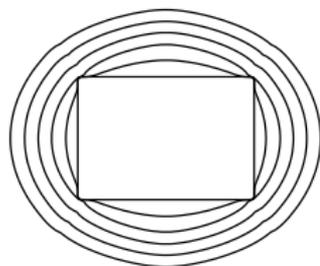
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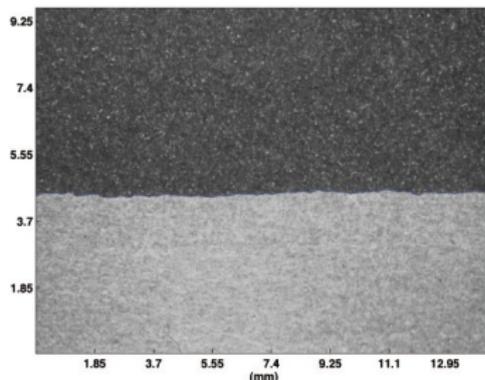
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Bouchaud, Schmittbuhl, Maloy, Hansen,  
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Ponson, Bonamy ...(1995-)

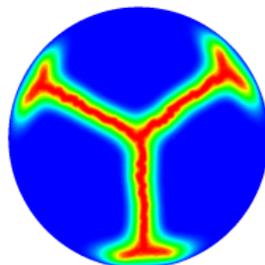
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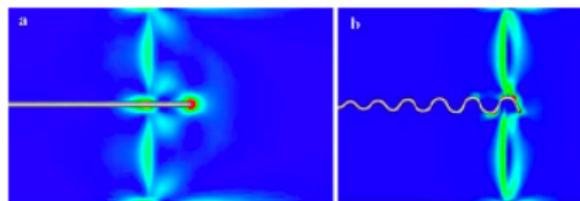
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Corson et al. (PRL 2009)



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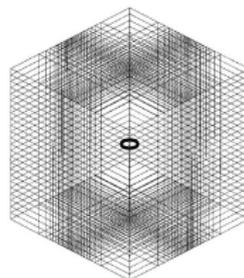


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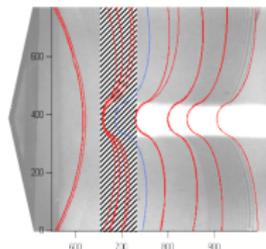
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Pauchard, Gauthier



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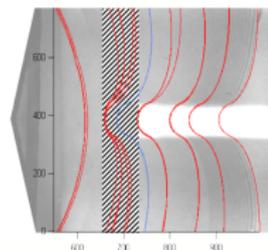
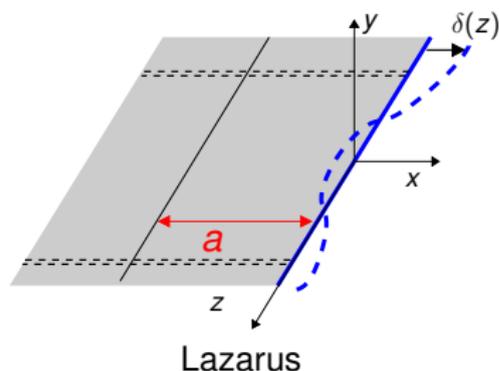
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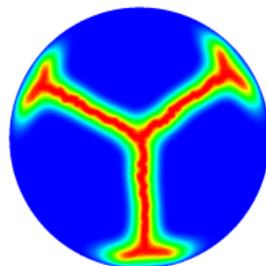
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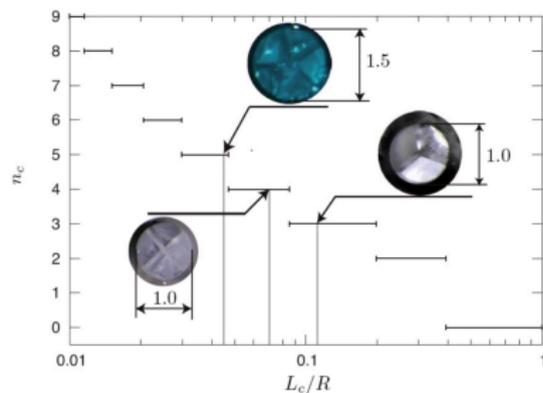
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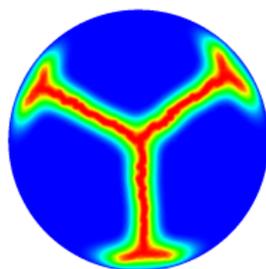
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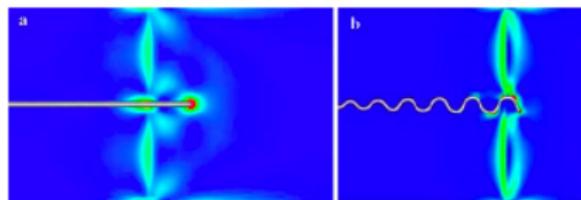
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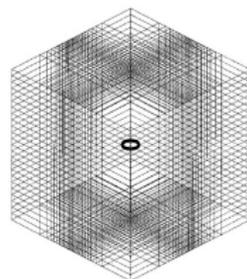
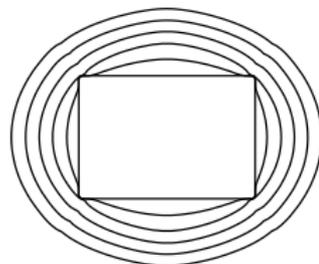


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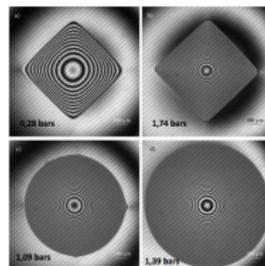
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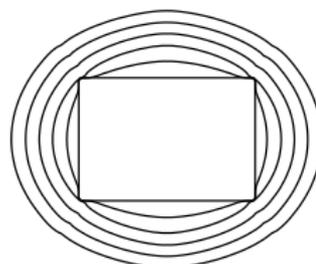
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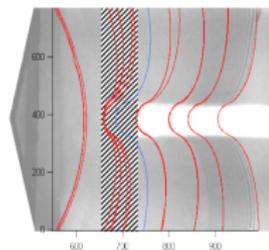
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Inverse method: determination of  $\Delta K_c$   
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$$n = f(L_c/R)$$

Shrinkage cracks in wood or concrete

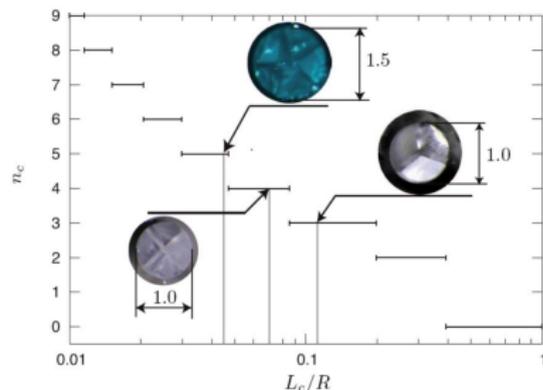
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