
Task 6 - Safety Review and Licensing On the Job Training on Stress Analysis

Fracture Mechanics: Linear Elastic Fracture Mechanics 2/2

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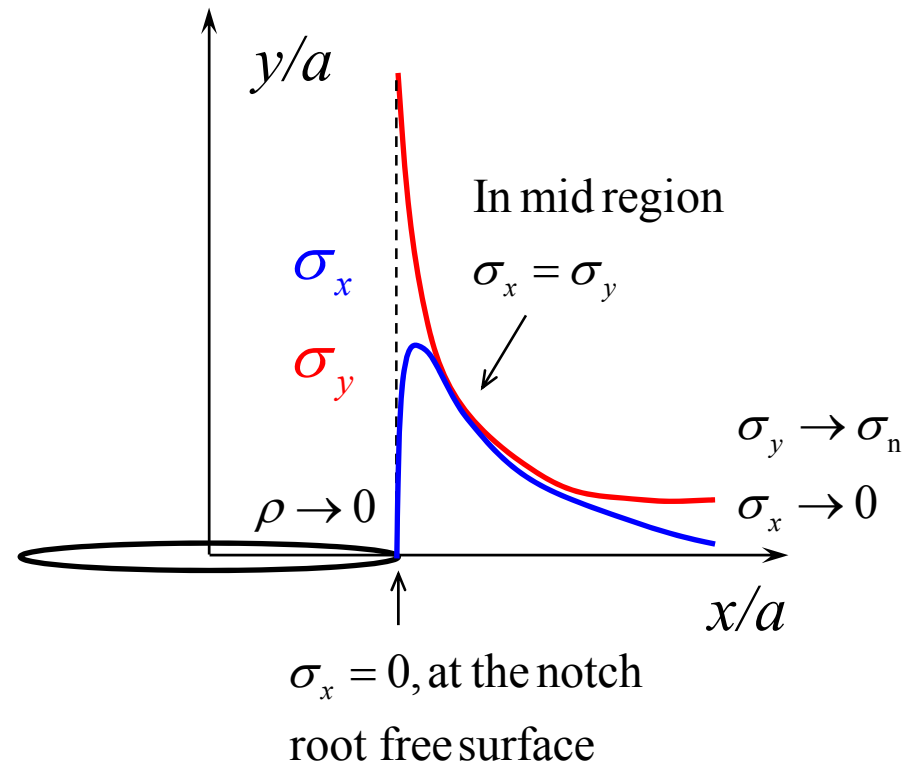
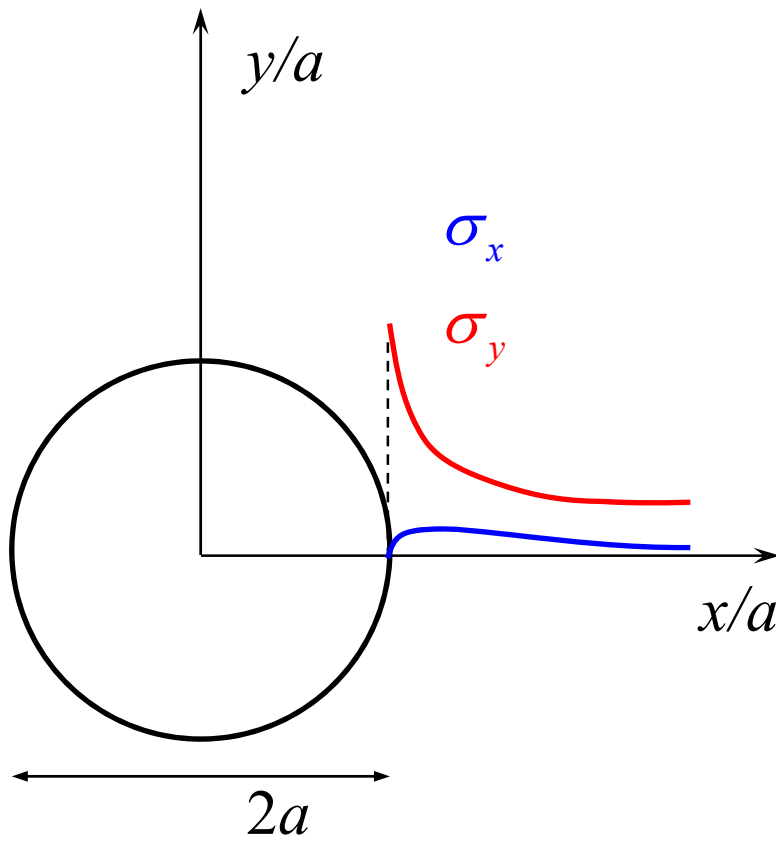
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From notch to crack

In-plane stresses

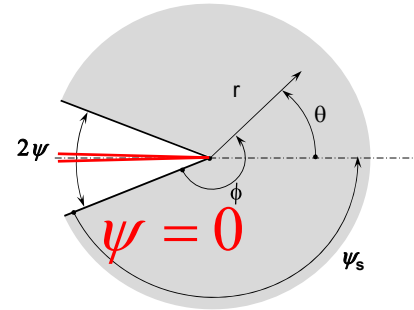
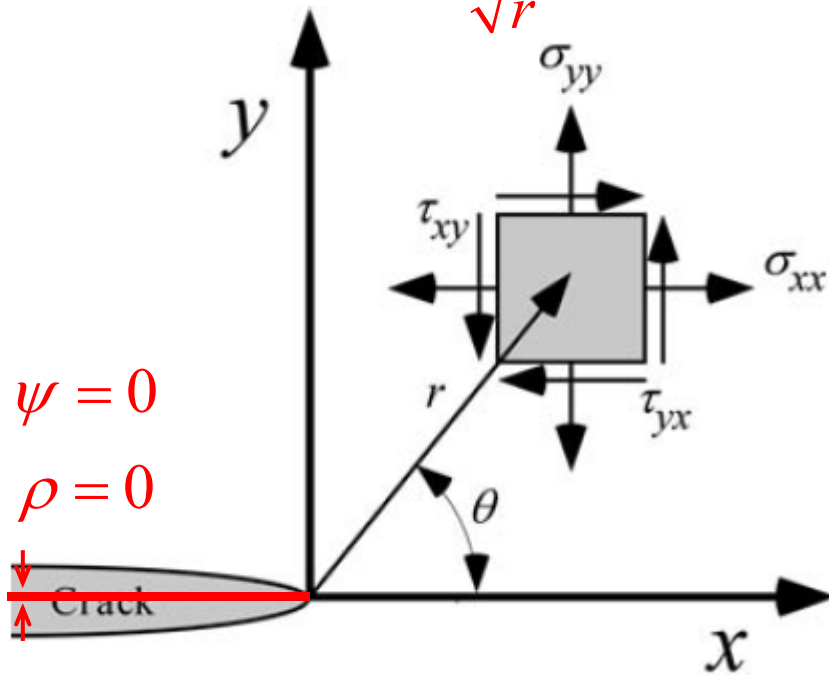


From notch to crack

Westergaard stress function

$$\lambda = 1/2$$

$$\sigma_{ij} \propto r^{\lambda-1} = r^{-1/2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{r}}$$



Other nonsingular terms

$$\sigma_{xx} = \frac{K_I}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \cos\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) \left[1 - \sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) \sin\left(\frac{3\theta}{2}\right) \right] + \dots$$

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Westergaard/ Irwin stresses

Cartesian/ Cylindrical coordinates

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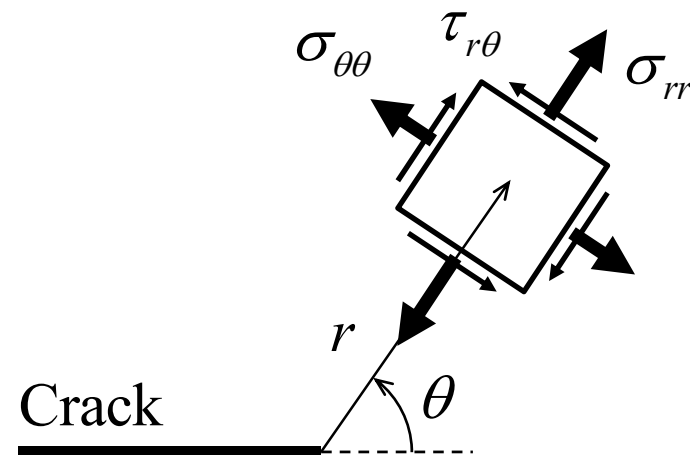
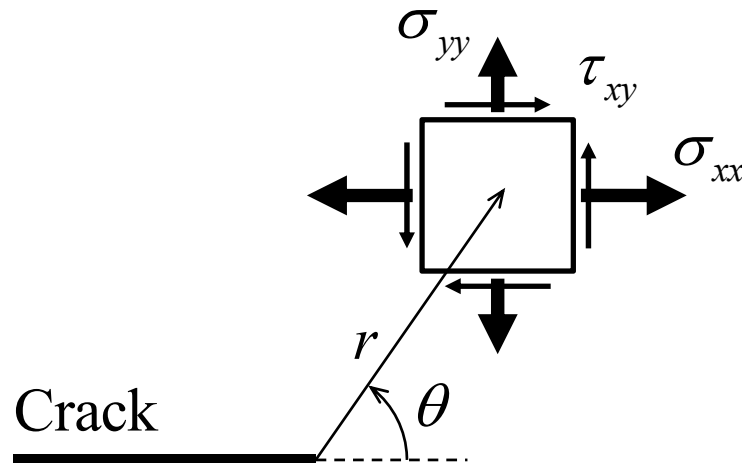
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Stresses ahead of the crack tip

$$\theta = 0:$$

$$\sigma_{xx} = \sigma_{rr} = \frac{K_I}{\sqrt{2\pi r}}$$

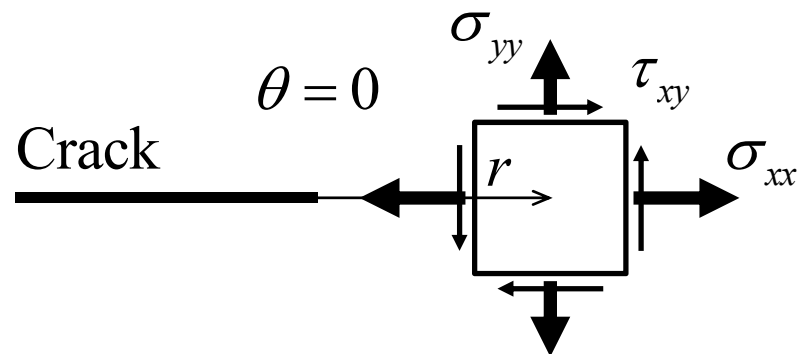
$$\sigma_{yy} = \sigma_{\theta\theta} = \frac{K_I}{\sqrt{2\pi r}}$$

$$\tau_{xy} = \tau_{r\theta} = 0$$

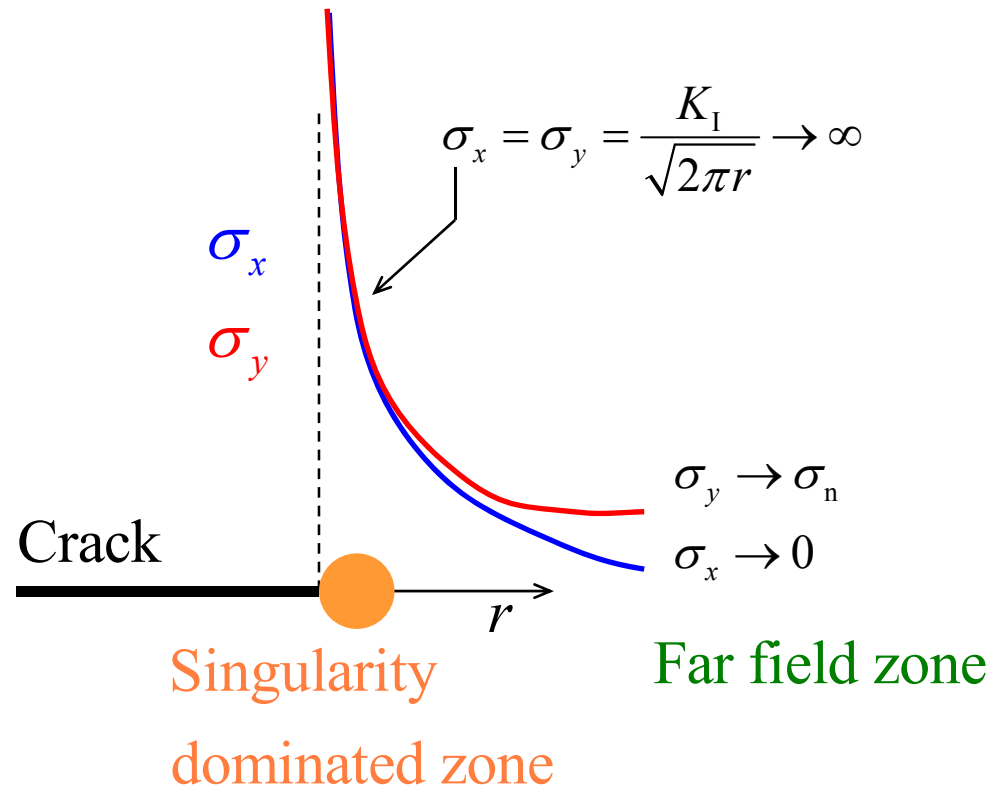
Notes:

$\sigma_{xx} = \sigma_{yy}$ even at the notch root

$\tau_{xy} = 0$ symmetry of the problem

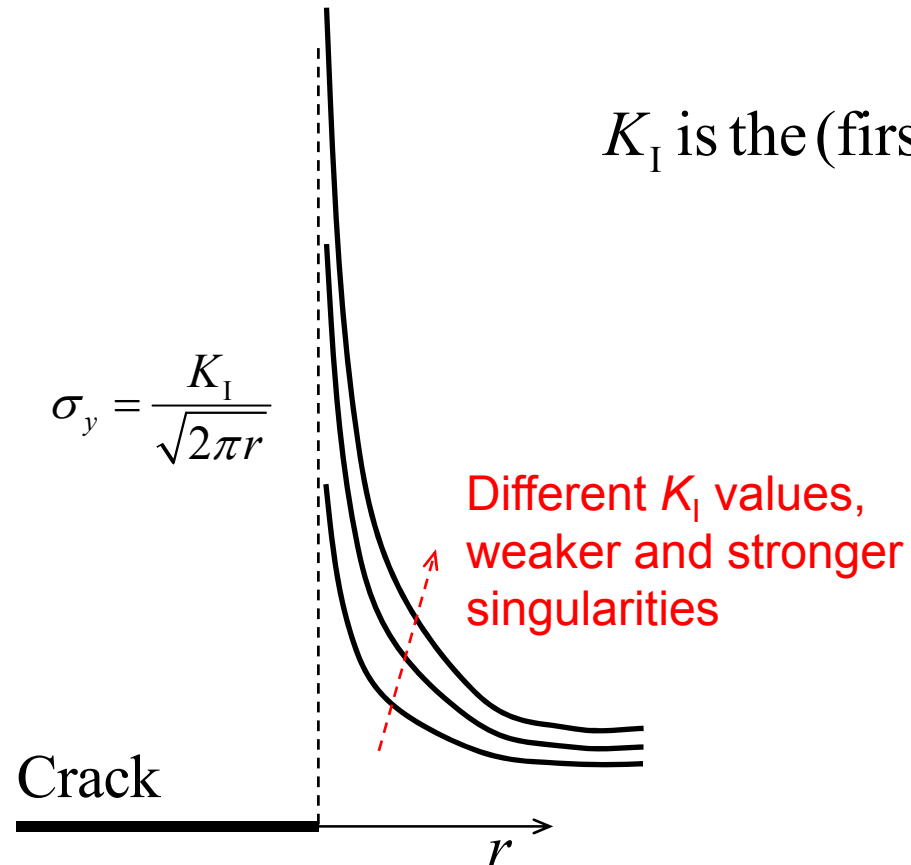


Stresses ahead of the crack tip



Westergaard stresses

Stress Intensity Factor (SIF)



K_I is the (first) Stress Intensity Factor

$$\frac{K_I}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \leftrightarrow \frac{k_I}{\sqrt{r}} \text{ (same intensification meaning)}$$

What is the reason of 2π ?

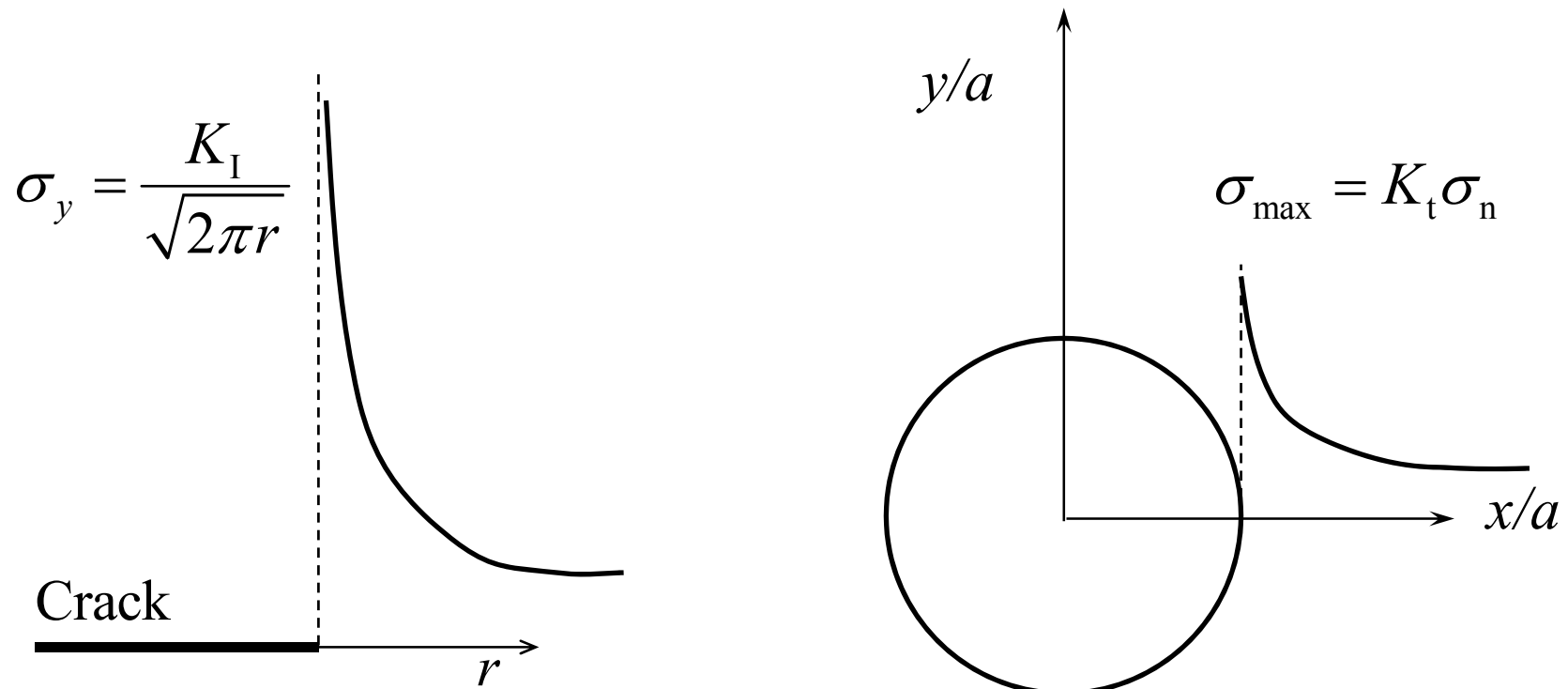
Griffith Energy release rate " G "

$$G = \frac{K_I^2}{E}$$

Now this equation holds without any 2π term

Stress Intensity Factor

The Stress Intensity Factor is NOT the Stress Concentration Factor



Stress Intensity Factor

Units, two options

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{[MPa]} \\ \swarrow \\ \sigma_y = \frac{K_I}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \\ \nwarrow \text{[m]} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{MPa } \sqrt{\text{m}} \\ \swarrow \\ \text{MPa } \sqrt{\text{mm}} = \\ = \frac{\text{N}}{\text{mm}^2} \sqrt{\text{mm}} = \text{N mm}^{-\frac{3}{2}} \\ \downarrow \\ \text{[MPa]} \\ \swarrow \\ \sigma_y = \frac{K_I}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \\ \nwarrow \text{[mm]} \end{array}$$

Conversion:

$$x \text{ MPa } \sqrt{\text{m}} = x \text{ MPa } \sqrt{1000 \text{ mm}} = \sqrt{1000} x \text{ MPa } \sqrt{\text{mm}} \approx 31.6 x \text{ MPa } \sqrt{\text{mm}}$$

Example:

$$8.0 \text{ MPa } \sqrt{\text{m}} = 252.8 \text{ MPa } \sqrt{\text{mm}}$$



Stress Intensity Factor

Logarithm scale

Let's log both sides...

$$\log(\sigma_y) = \log(K_I) - \frac{1}{2} \log(2\pi) - \frac{1}{2} \log(r)$$

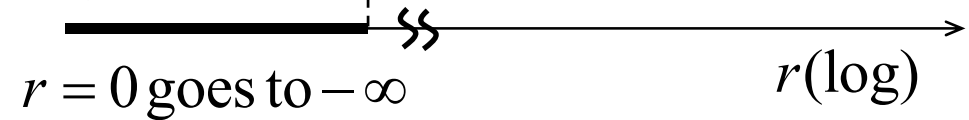
$$\sigma_y = \frac{K_I}{\sqrt{2\pi r}}$$

Crack



$\sigma_y(\log)$

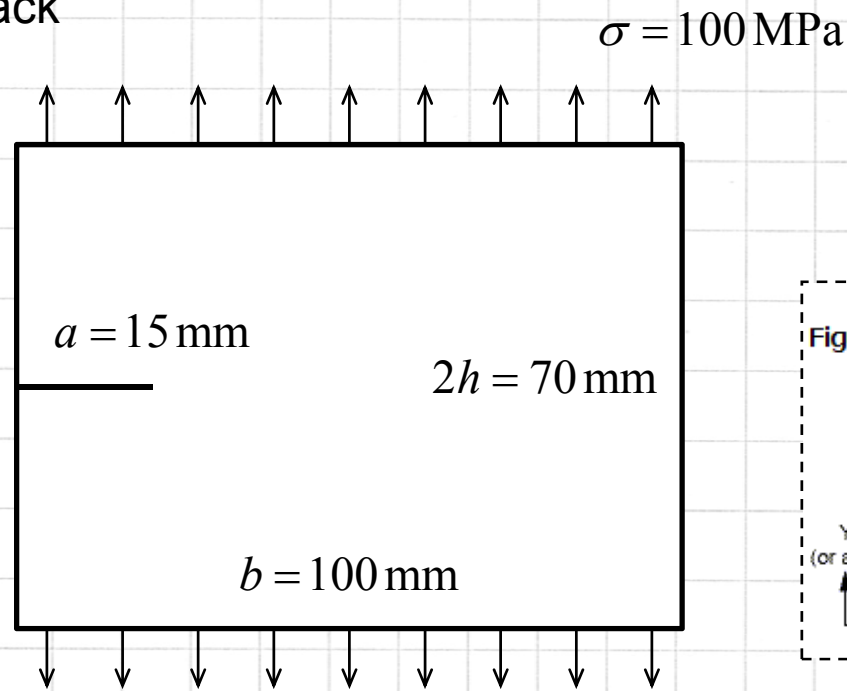
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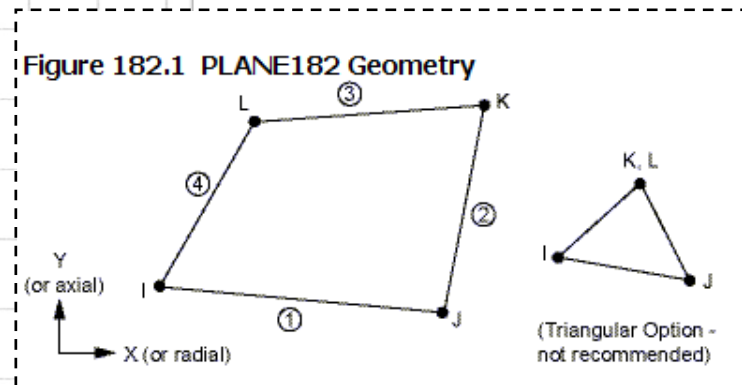
Stress Intensity Factor

ANSYS Apdl (classic) – MATLAB:

Verify the $-1/2$ slope (log-log) and calculate the SIF for a plate with a lateral crack

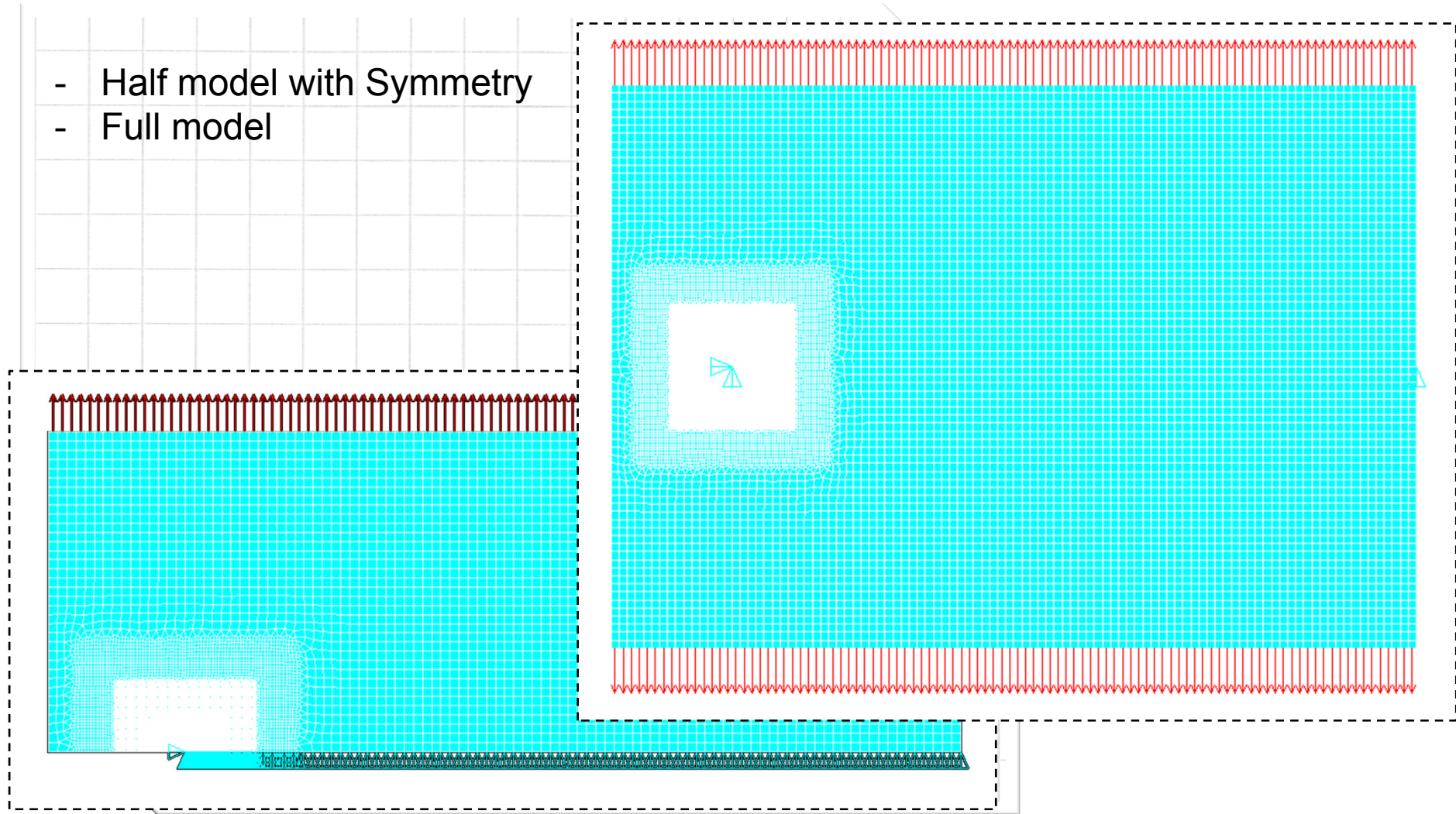


Element type
to be used



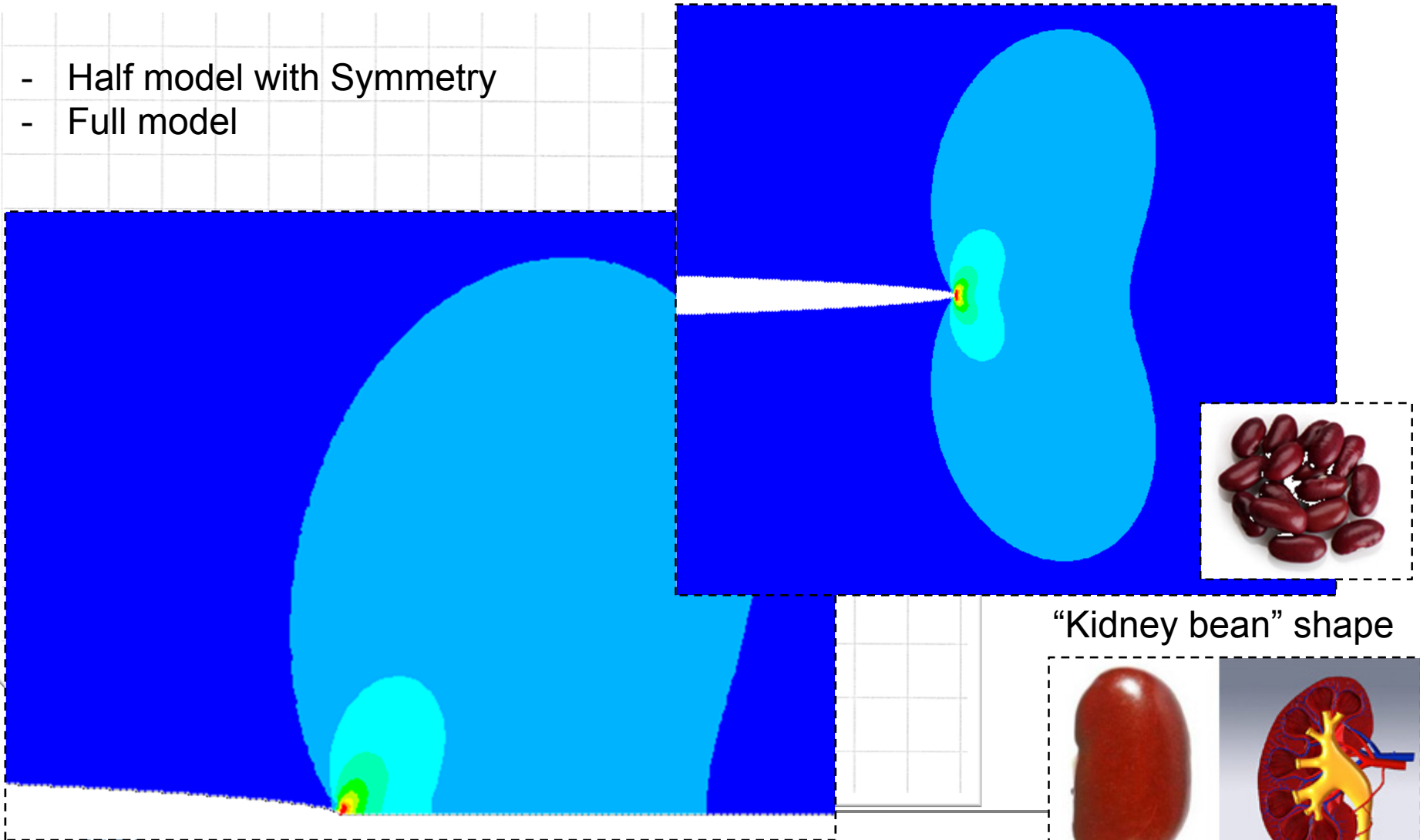
Stress Intensity Factor

- Half model with Symmetry
- Full model



Stress Intensity Factor

- Half model with Symmetry
- Full model



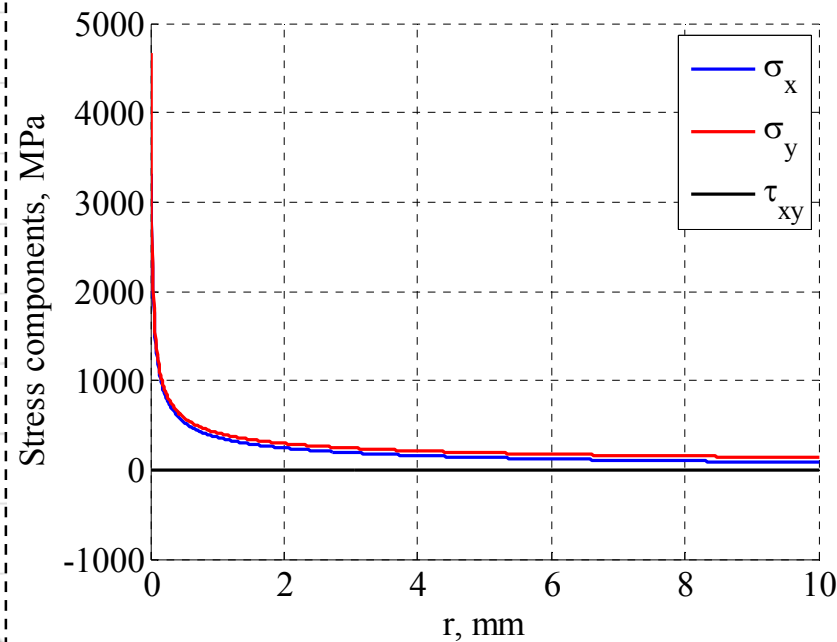
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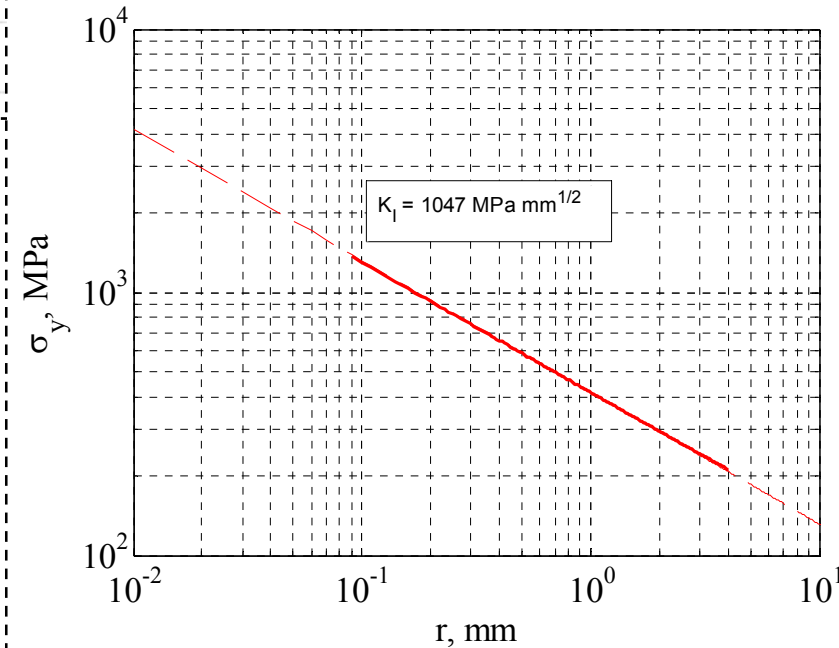
Stress Intensity Factor

MATLAB elaboration

Linear scales



log-log scales



MATLAB "polyfit": P_1, P_2

$P_1 = -0.5$ (good approx.)

$$K_I = 10^{P_2 + \frac{1}{2} \log_{10}(2\pi)}$$



Stress Intensity Factor

Homework:

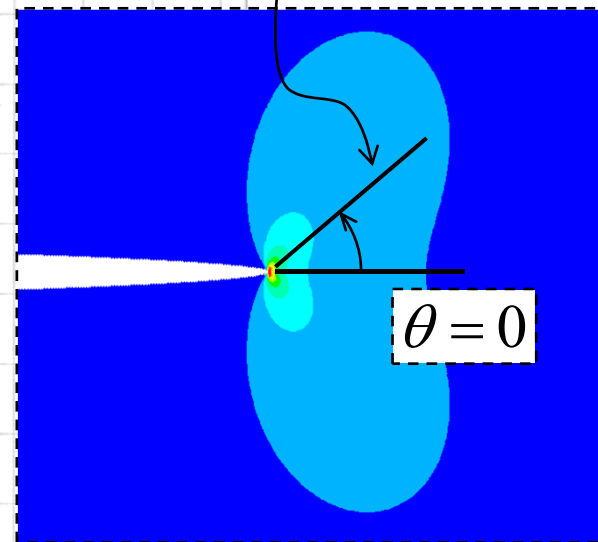
Verify the angle dependency of the stress distribution at the crack tip

$$\sigma_{xx} = \frac{K_I}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \cos\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) \left[1 - \sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) \sin\left(\frac{3\theta}{2}\right) \right]$$

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$$\tau_{xy} = \frac{K_I}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \cos\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) \sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{3\theta}{2}\right)$$

Path at any different angle



In-plane Stress Intensity Factors

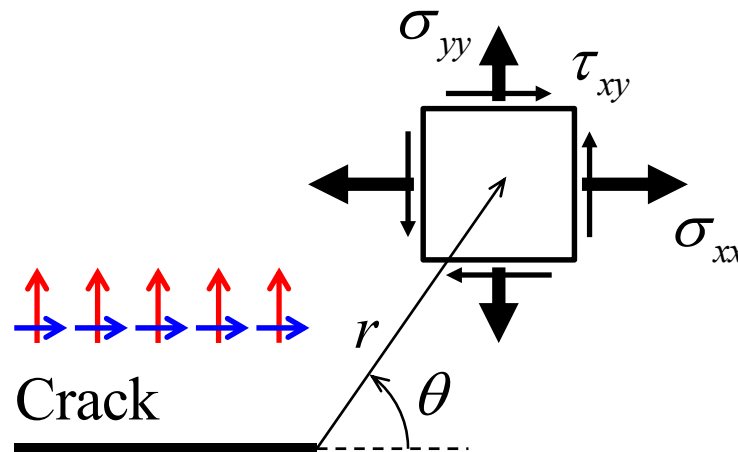
There are two distinct ways to apply in-plane loading

$$\sigma_{xx} = \frac{K_I}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \cos\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) \left[1 - \sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) \sin\left(\frac{3\theta}{2}\right) \right] - \frac{K_{II}}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) \left[2 + \cos\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{3\theta}{2}\right) \right]$$

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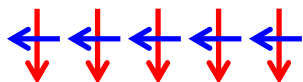
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Cartesian coordinates



Mode I and Mode II
Stress Intensity Factors

Symmetrical and
Nonsymmetrical stress
components



In-plane Stress Intensity Factors

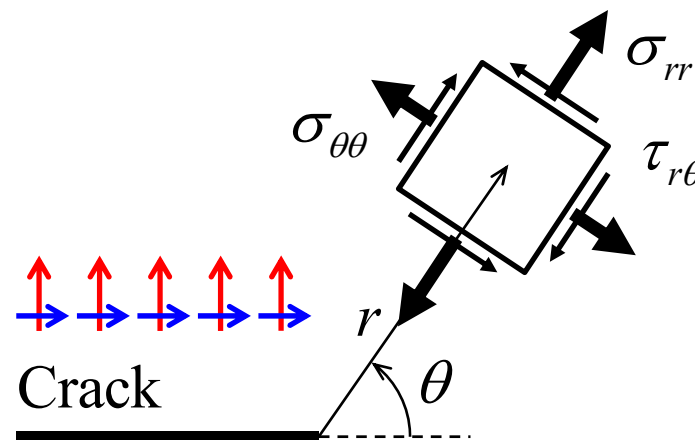
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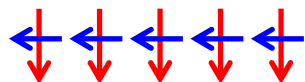
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Cylindrical coordinates



Mode I and Mode II
Stress Intensity Factors

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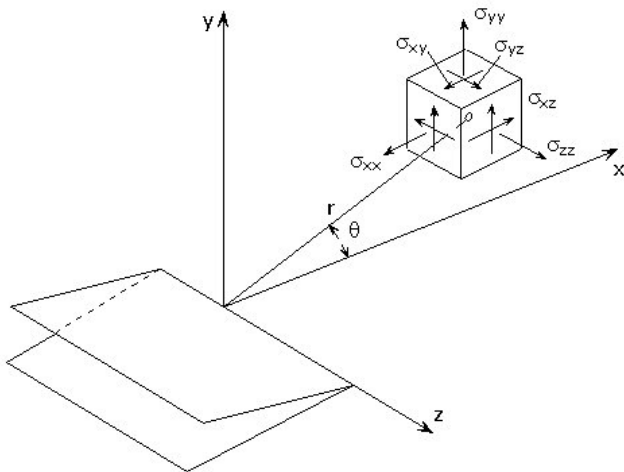


Same solution In-plane

$$\sigma_{xx} = \frac{K_I}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \cos\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) \left[1 - \sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) \sin\left(\frac{3\theta}{2}\right) \right] - \frac{K_{II}}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) \left[2 + \cos\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{3\theta}{2}\right) \right]$$

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Similarly to the notch,
any point even very close
to the singularity:

$$\sigma_{zz} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{plane stress} \\ \nu(\sigma_{xx} + \sigma_{yy}) & \text{plane strain} \end{cases}$$

Plane stress, transversal stress/ strain

$$\sigma_{zz} = 0$$

$$\varepsilon_{zz} = -\frac{\nu}{E}(\sigma_{xx} + \sigma_{yy}) = -\frac{\nu}{E} \left(\frac{K_I}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \cos\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) - 2 \frac{K_{II}}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) \right)$$

Plane strain, transversal stress/ strain

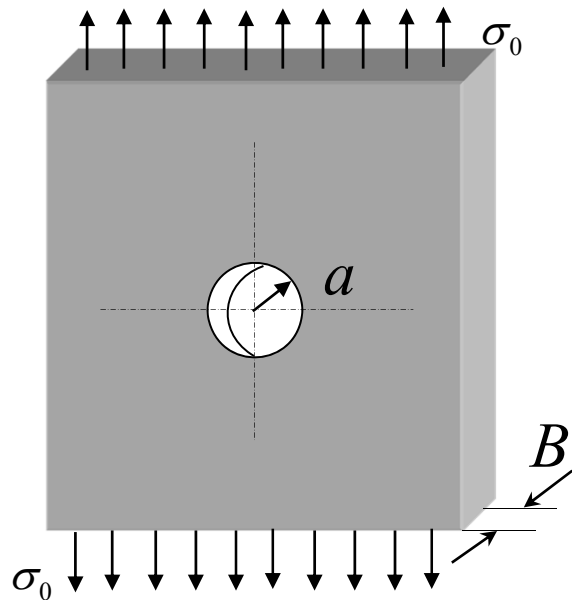
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$$\varepsilon_{zz} = 0$$

How plane stress can be possible at the crack tip?

Plane stress solution if $a \gg B$

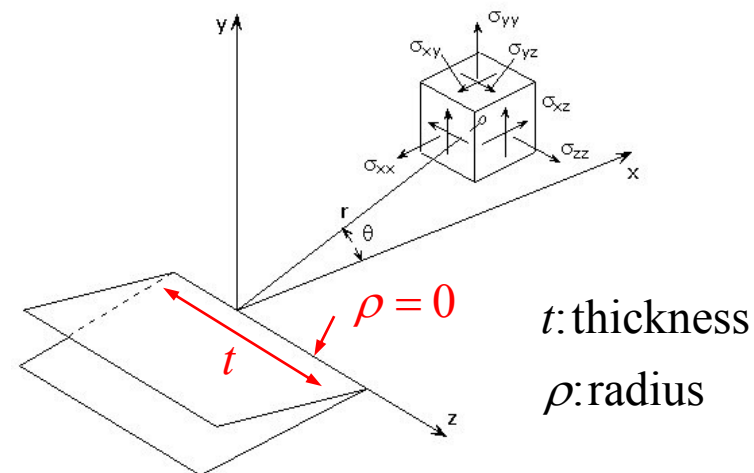
Plane strain if $a \ll B$



Any thickness, the local radius is “infinitely” smaller being just zero.

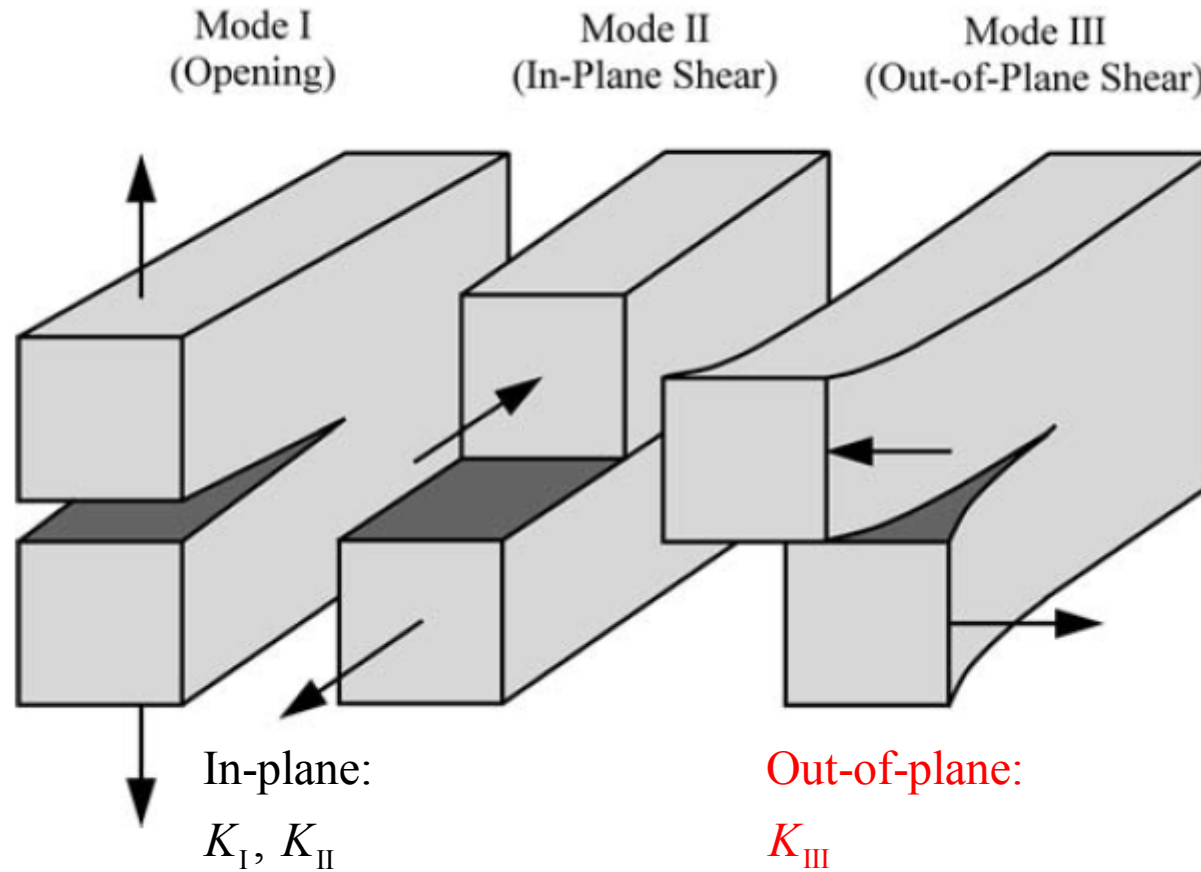
Why talking about **plane stress** for a crack?

Plastic zone need to introduced.



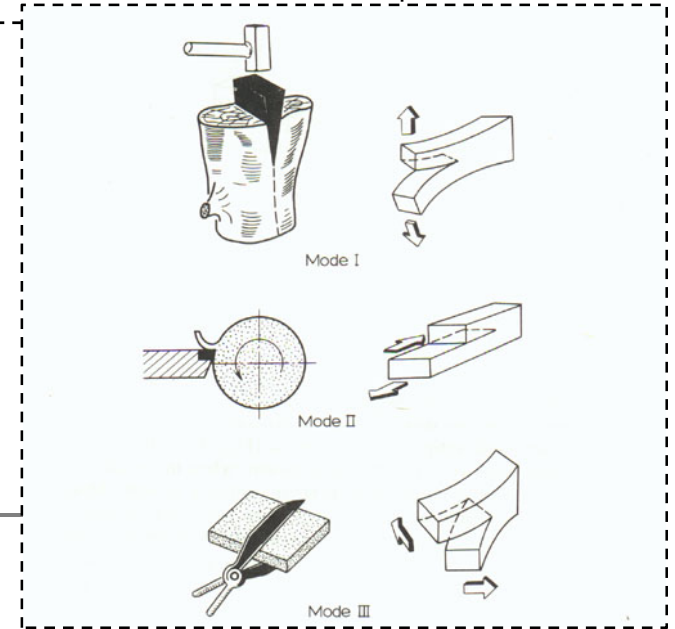
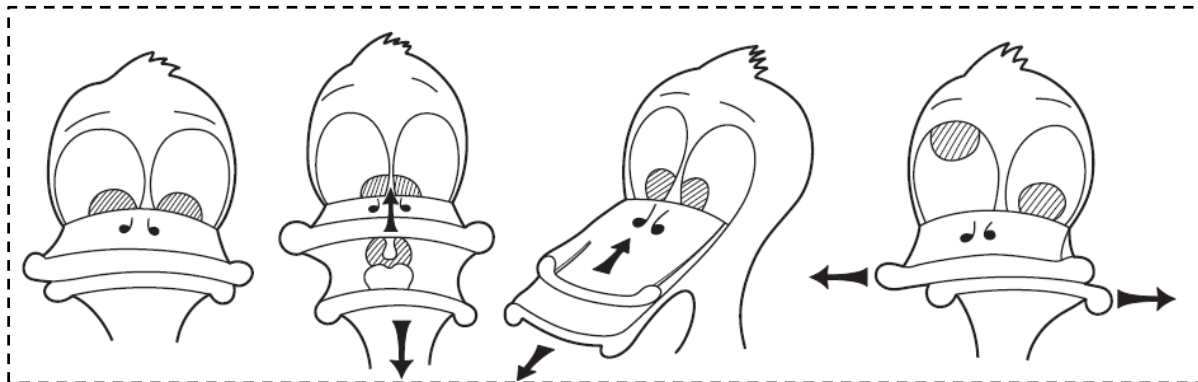
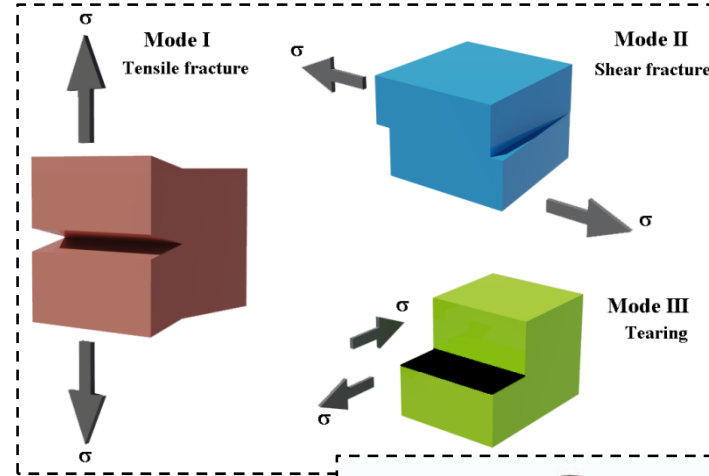
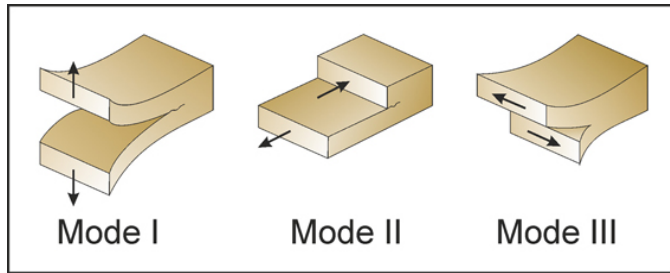
Fully three-dimensional problem

The three crack loading modes and related Stress Intensity Factors



Fully three-dimensional problem

Many figures available to show the three crack modes



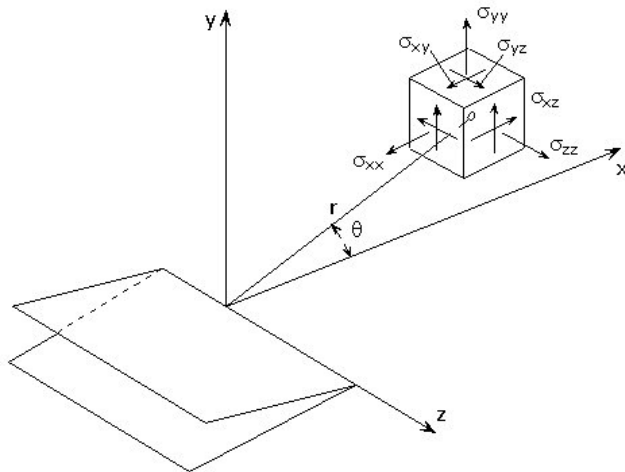
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Mode III stress distribution

Out of plane shear stresses

τ_{xz}, τ_{yz} or alternatively σ_{xz}, σ_{yz}

were zero for Mode I and Mode II
either plane Stress or plain Strain



$$\tau_{xz} = -\frac{K_{III}}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)$$

$$\tau_{yz} = \frac{K_{III}}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \cos\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)$$

other stress component are zero

How to calculate SIFs for structures

Different approaches

Dimensional approach, with graph and tabular data

Weight function

Finite elements with different techniques, previously an example with the stress asymptotic approach has been shown



How to calculate SIFs for structures

Dimensional approach

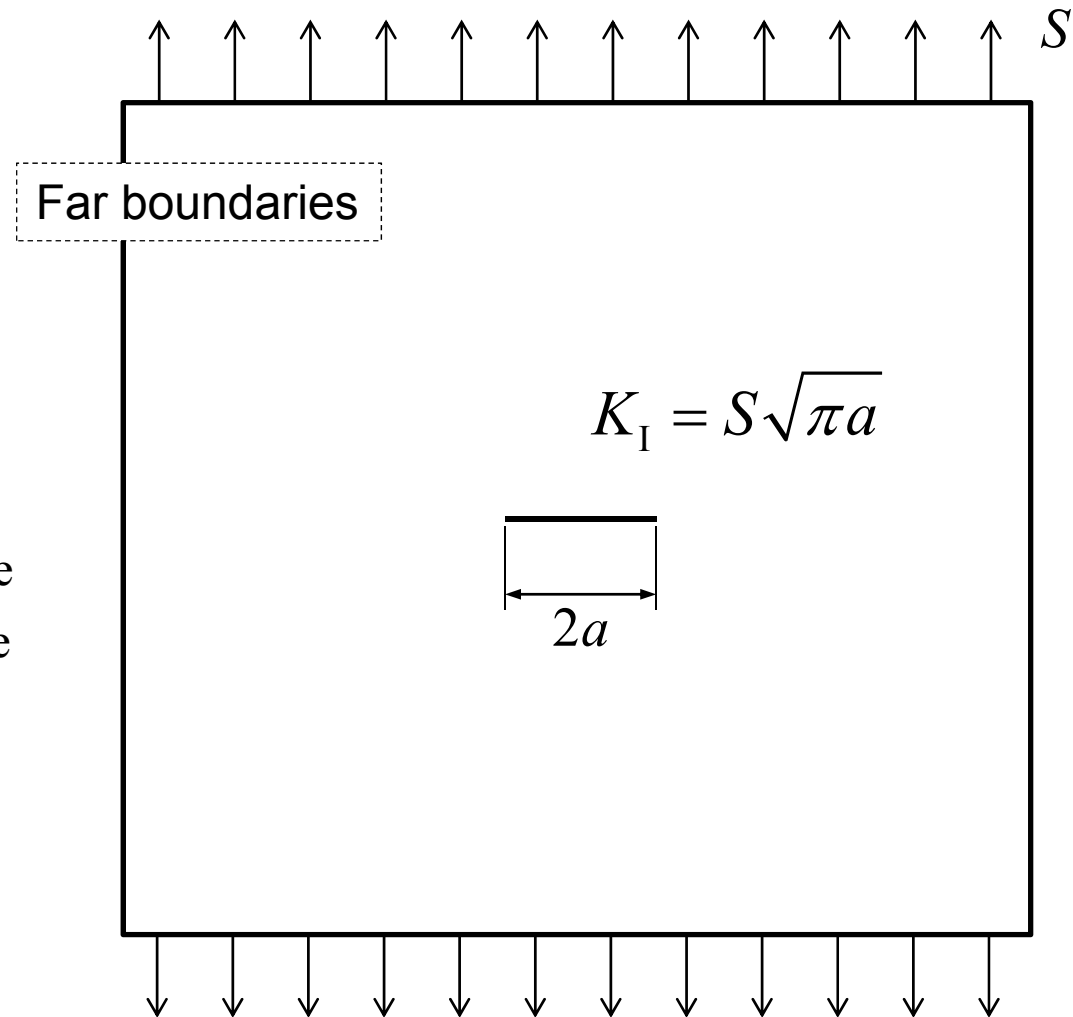
$$K_I = FS\sqrt{\pi a}$$

a and S are required just for the dimensional analysis

F is the "shape function" it is dimensionless and depends on the loading configuration and relative dimensions (similarly to K_t)

For this specific problem:

$F = 1.0$ (theoretical result)



How to calculate SIFs for structures

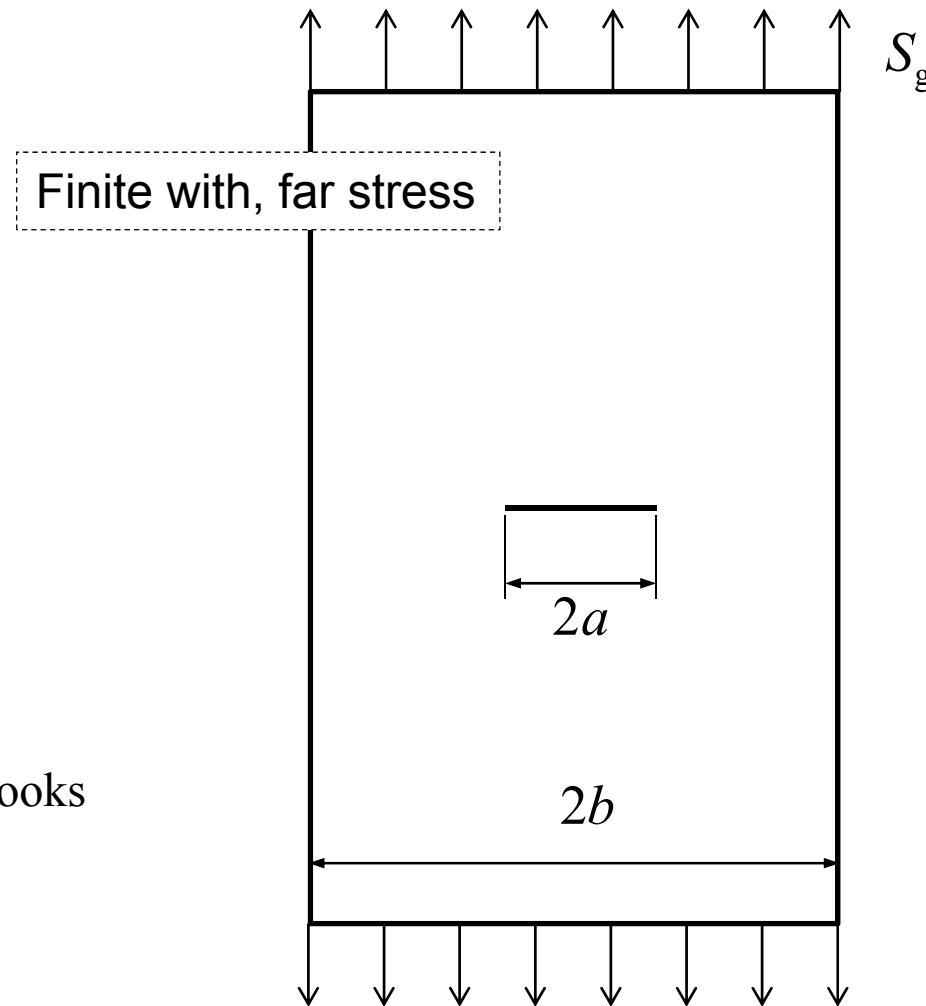
Dimensional approach

$$K_I = FS_g \sqrt{\pi a}$$

Usually S_g gross stress is used
in the formula rather than
 S_n which is the net stress

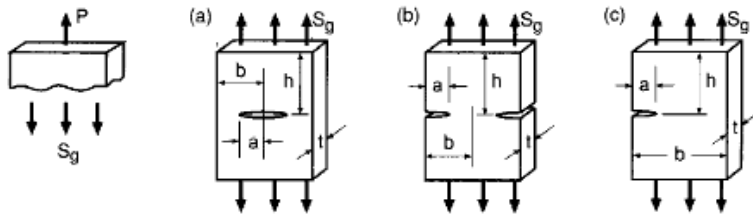
For this specific case:
 F depends on a / b ratio

... tabular cases available on textbooks
and atlas to find (approximated)
values for F



How to calculate SIFs for structures

Crack on plate cases



Values for small a/b and limits for 10% accuracy:

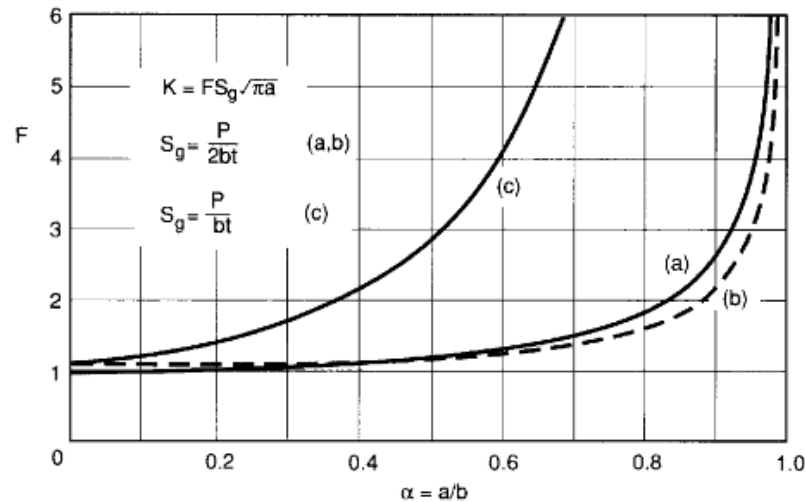
$$(a) \quad K = S_g \sqrt{\pi a} \quad (a/b \leq 0.4) \quad (b) \quad K = 1.12 S_g \sqrt{\pi a} \quad (a/b \leq 0.6) \quad (c) \quad K = 1.12 S_g \sqrt{\pi a} \quad (a/b \leq 0.13)$$

Expressions for any $\alpha = a/b$:

$$(a) \quad F = \frac{1 - 0.5\alpha + 0.326\alpha^2}{\sqrt{1 - \alpha}} \quad (h/b \geq 1.5)$$

$$(b) \quad F = \left(1 + 0.122 \cos^4 \frac{\pi\alpha}{2}\right) \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi\alpha} \tan \frac{\pi\alpha}{2}} \quad (h/b \geq 2)$$

$$(c) \quad F = 0.265 (1 - \alpha)^4 + \frac{0.857 + 0.265\alpha}{(1 - \alpha)^{3/2}} \quad (h/b \geq 1)$$

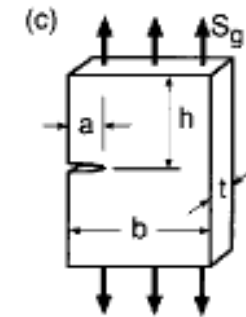
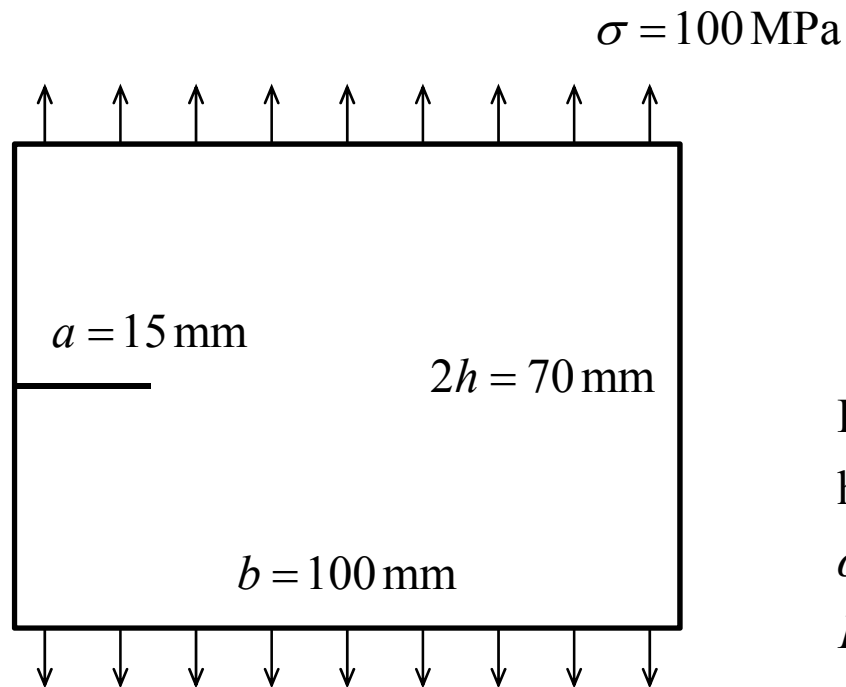


$F = 1.12$

for a single-edge-cracked plate with a small crack

How to calculate SIFs for structures

Previous example solved with FE simulation



$$(c) F = 0.265 (1 - \alpha)^4 + \frac{0.857 + 0.265\alpha}{(1 - \alpha)^{3/2}} \quad (h/b \geq 1)$$

Here $h > b$ is **not satisfied**,

however, approximately:

$$\alpha = a / b = 0.15$$

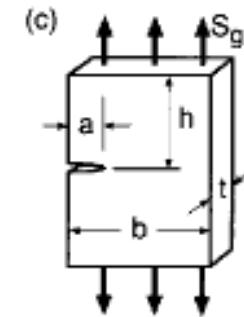
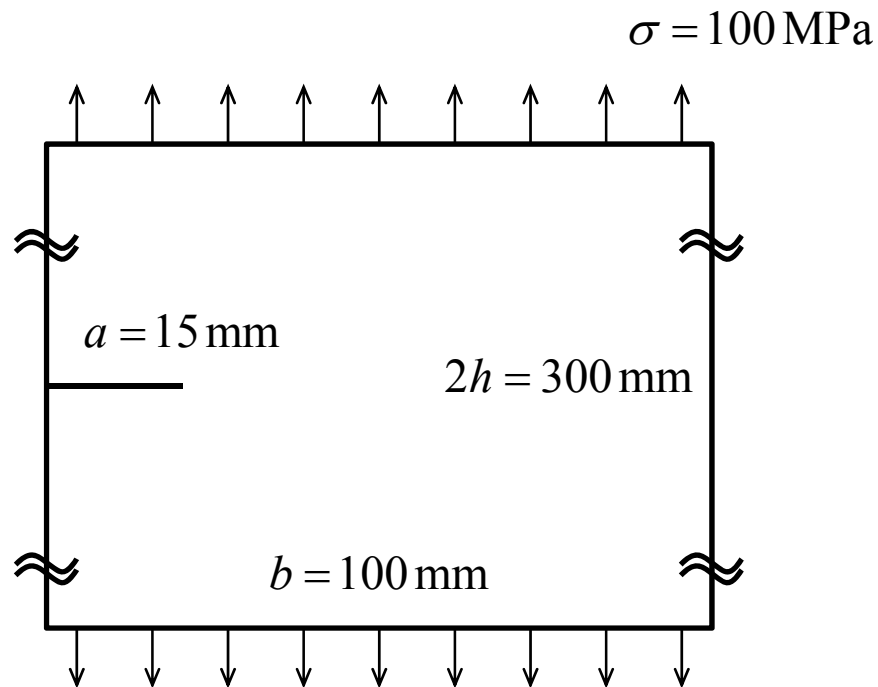
$$F = 1.28 \text{ (not much larger than 1.12)}$$

$$K_I = FS\sqrt{\pi a} = 880 \text{ MPa mm}^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$K_I(\text{ANSYS}) = 1047 \text{ MPa mm}^{\frac{1}{2}} \text{ (16\%)}$$

How to calculate SIFs for structures

Previous example modified, larger height



$$(c) F = 0.265 (1 - \alpha)^4 + \frac{0.857 + 0.265\alpha}{(1 - \alpha)^{3/2}} \quad (h/b \geq 1)$$

Now $h > b$ is satisfied:

$$\alpha = a / b = 0.15$$

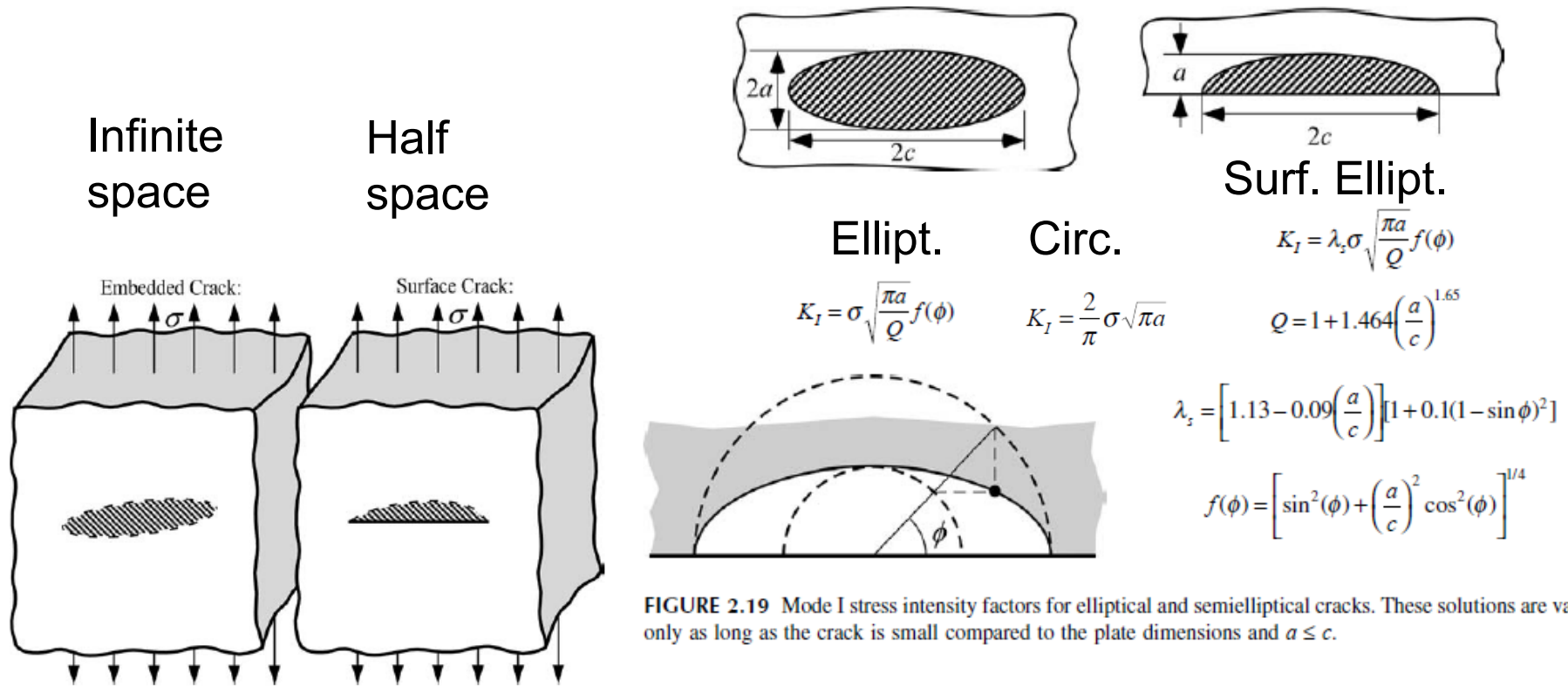
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$$K_I = FS\sqrt{\pi a} = 880 \text{ MPa mm}^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$K_I (\text{ANSYS}) = 899 \text{ MPa mm}^{\frac{1}{2}} \text{ (2\%)}$$

How to calculate SIFs for structures

Three-dimensional elliptical or circular (penny-shaped) cracks



How to calculate SIFs for structures

Many cases available on books and atlas

T.L. Anderson, Fracture Mechanics: Fundamentals and Applications, third edition. CRC Press 2005.

S.A. Laham, R.A. Ainsworth, Stress Intensity Factor and Limit Load Handbook. EPD/GEN/REP/0316/98, ISSUE 2, 1998.

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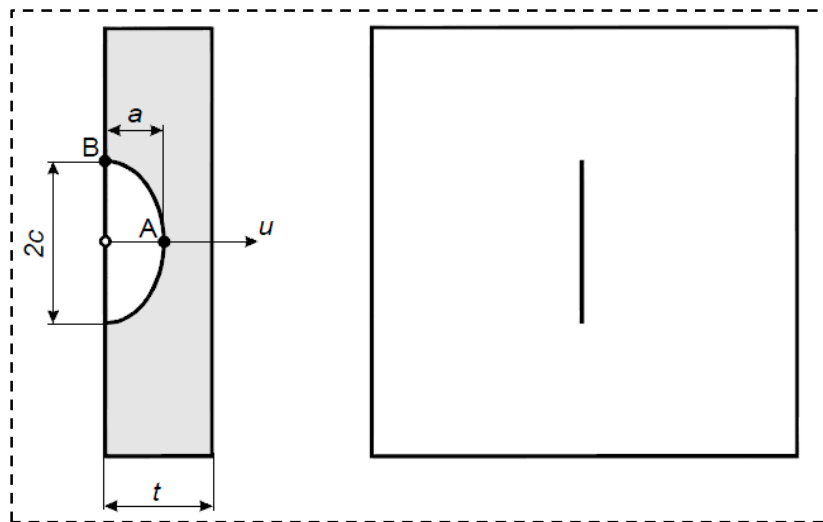
ASTM standards (to be shown next)

... and others



How to calculate SIFs for structures

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The stress intensity factor K_I is given by

$$K_I = \sqrt{\pi a} \sum_{i=0}^5 \sigma_i f_i \left(\frac{a}{t}, \frac{2c}{a} \right) \quad (\text{AI.1})$$

σ_i ($i = 0$ to 5) are stress components which define the stress state σ according to

$$\sigma = \sigma(u) = \sum_{i=0}^5 \sigma_i \left(\frac{u}{a} \right)^i \quad \text{for } 0 \leq u \leq a \quad (\text{AI.2})$$

σ is to be taken normal to the prospective crack plane in an uncracked plate. σ_i is determined by fitting σ to Equation (AI.2). The co-ordinate u is defined in Figure AI.1.

$2c/a=2$						
a/t	f_0^A	f_1^A	f_2^A	f_3^A	f_4^A	f_5^A
0	0.659	0.471	0.387	0.337	0.299	0.266
0.2	0.663	0.473	0.388	0.337	0.299	0.269
0.4	0.678	0.479	0.390	0.339	0.300	0.271
0.6	0.692	0.486	0.396	0.342	0.304	0.274
0.8	0.697	0.497	0.405	0.349	0.309	0.278
$2c/a=5/2$						
a/t	f_0^A	f_1^A	f_2^A	f_3^A	f_4^A	f_5^A
0	0.741	0.510	0.411	0.346	0.300	0.266
0.2	0.746	0.512	0.413	0.352	0.306	0.270
0.4	0.771	0.519	0.416	0.356	0.309	0.278
0.6	0.800	0.531	0.422	0.362	0.317	0.284
0.8	0.820	0.548	0.436	0.375	0.326	0.295
$2c/a=10/3$						
a/t	f_0^A	f_1^A	f_2^A	f_3^A	f_4^A	f_5^A
0	0.833	0.549	0.425	0.351	0.301	0.267
0.2	0.841	0.554	0.430	0.359	0.309	0.271
0.4	0.885	0.568	0.442	0.371	0.320	0.285
0.6	0.930	0.587	0.454	0.381	0.331	0.295
0.8	0.960	0.605	0.476	0.399	0.346	0.310

How to calculate SIFs for structures

Homework:

Calculate the SIF for a surface crack in a half-space at A and B points:

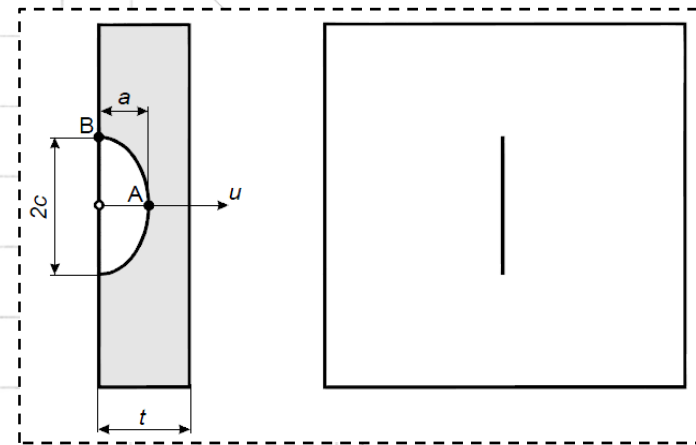
$$a \ll t$$

$$a = 2 \text{ mm}, c = 2.5 \text{ mm}$$

$$\sigma = 100 \text{ MPa (uniform)}$$

Compare the results

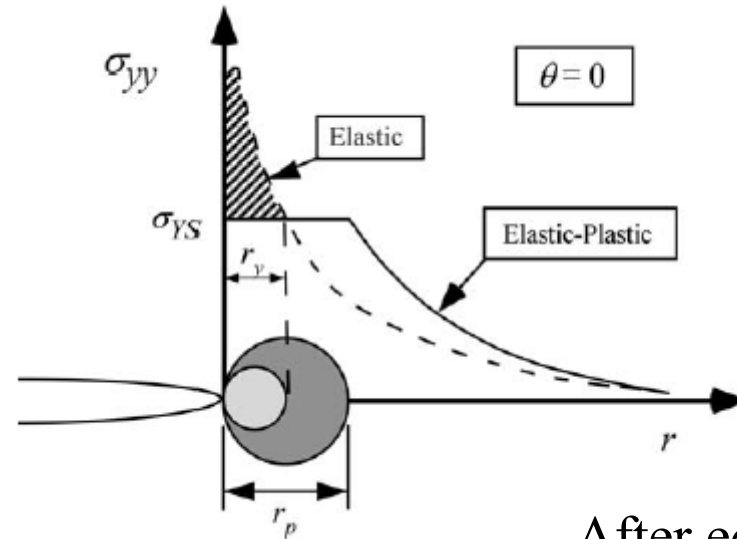
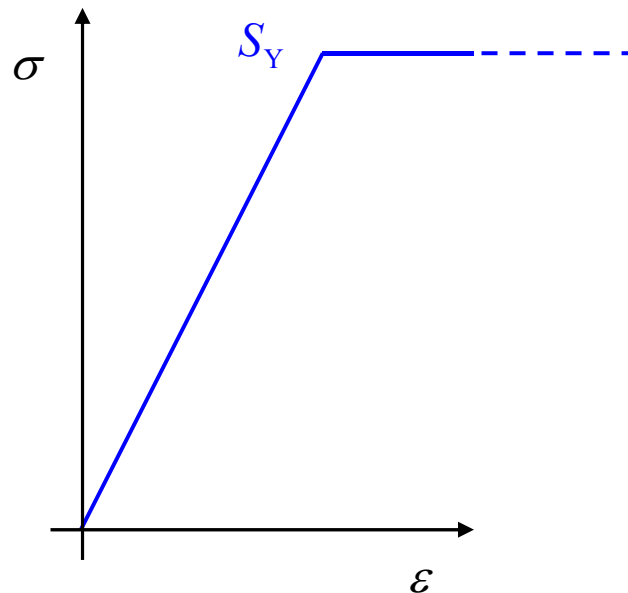
Andreson vs. Laham



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Crack tip plastic zone

Material model:
elastic perfectly plastically



Plane stress:

$$\sigma_y = S_Y$$

$$\sigma_y = 0 \rightarrow$$

$$r_{Y\sigma} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \left(\frac{K_I}{S_Y} \right)^2$$

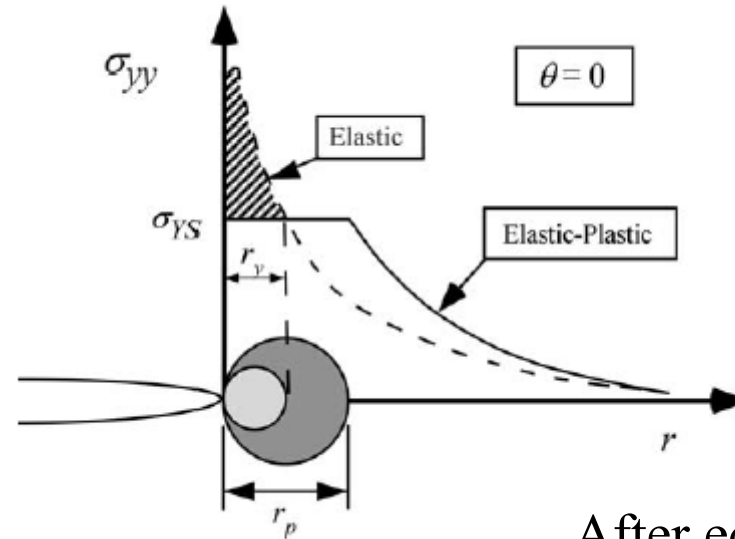
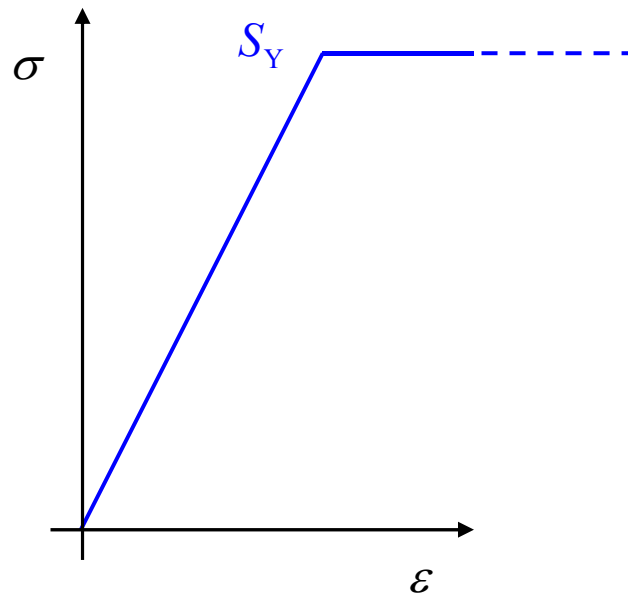
After equilibrium correction:

$$r_{p\sigma} = \frac{1}{\pi} \left(\frac{K_I}{S_Y} \right)^2$$

$$(r_{p\sigma} = 2r_{Y\sigma})$$

Crack tip plastic zone

Material model:
elastic perfectly plastically



Plane **strain**:

$$\sigma_y = S_Y$$

$$\sigma_y > 0 \rightarrow$$

$$r_{Y\varepsilon} = \frac{1}{6\pi} \left(\frac{K_I}{S_Y} \right)^2$$

After equilibrium
correction:

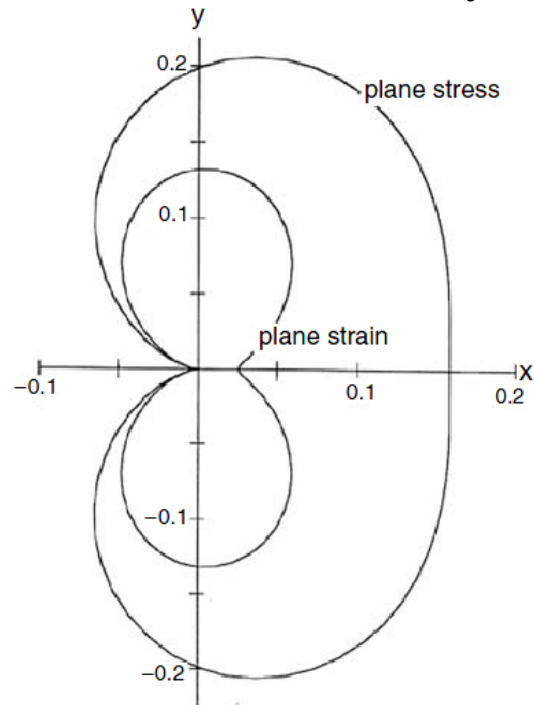
$$r_{p\varepsilon} = \frac{1}{3\pi} \left(\frac{K_I}{S_Y} \right)^2$$

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Crack tip plastic zone

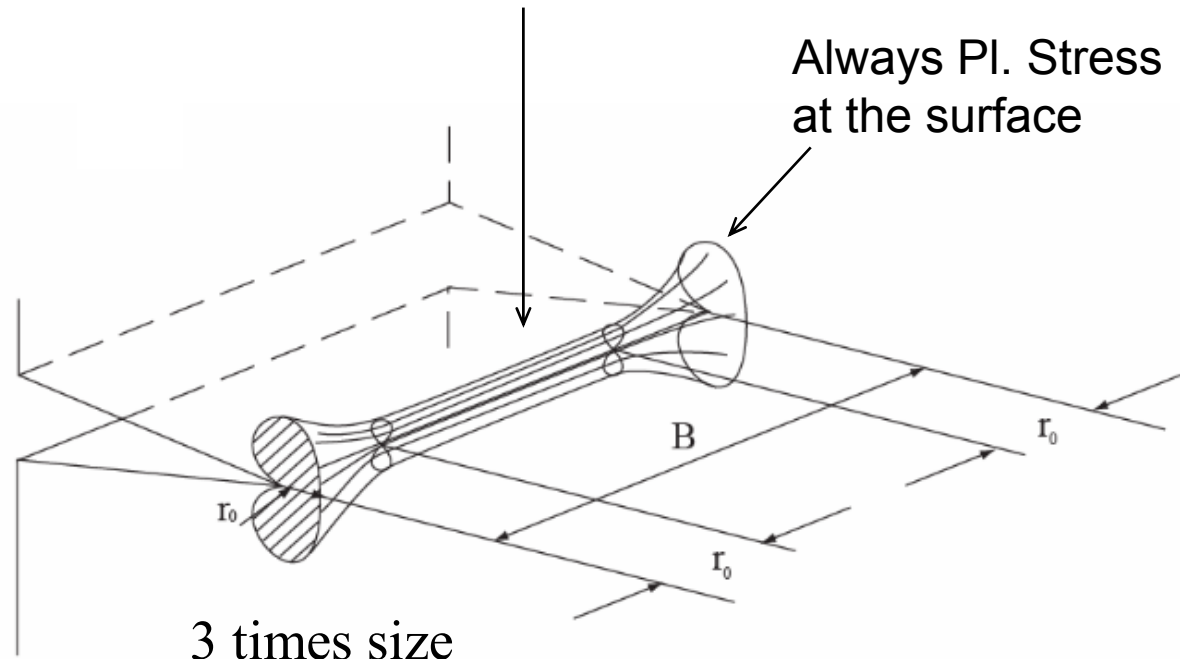
Plane Stress/ Plain Strain

“Kidney bean” shape



Pl. Strain at intermediate thickness, only for a thick plate

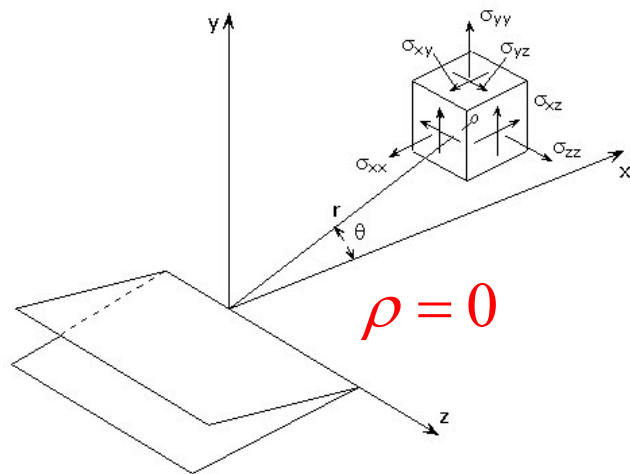
Always Pl. Stress at the surface



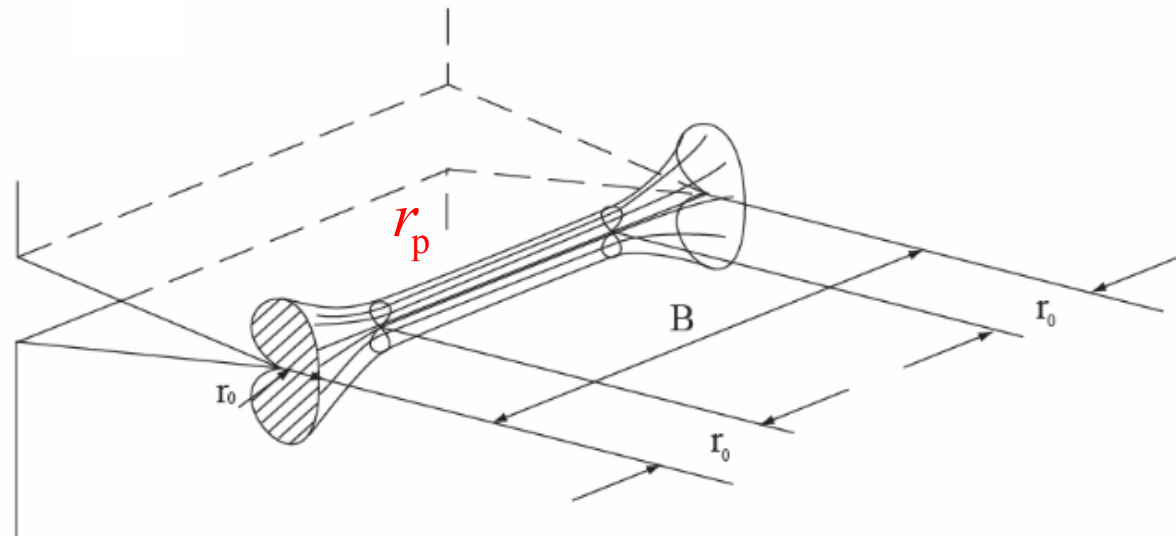
Crack tip plastic zone

Plane Stress/ Plain Strain

Within the Linear Elastic assumption, always plain strain at the singularity, local radius = 0



After considering the plastic zone, the size to be compared to the thickness is r_p
To distinguish between plane Stress/ Strain

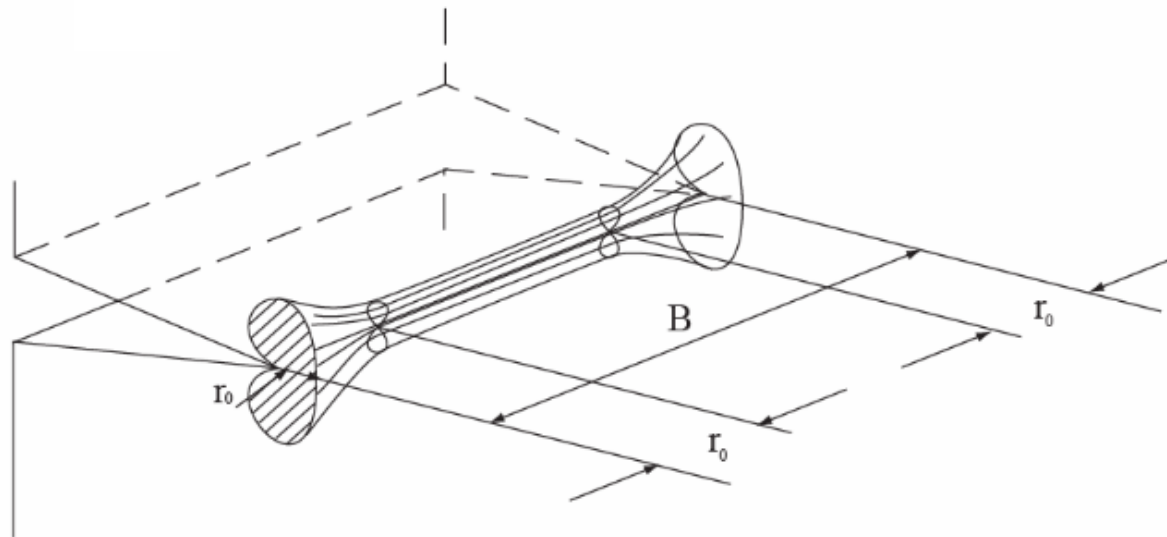


Crack tip plastic zone

Plane Stress/ Plain Strain

To have fully developed
plane strain:

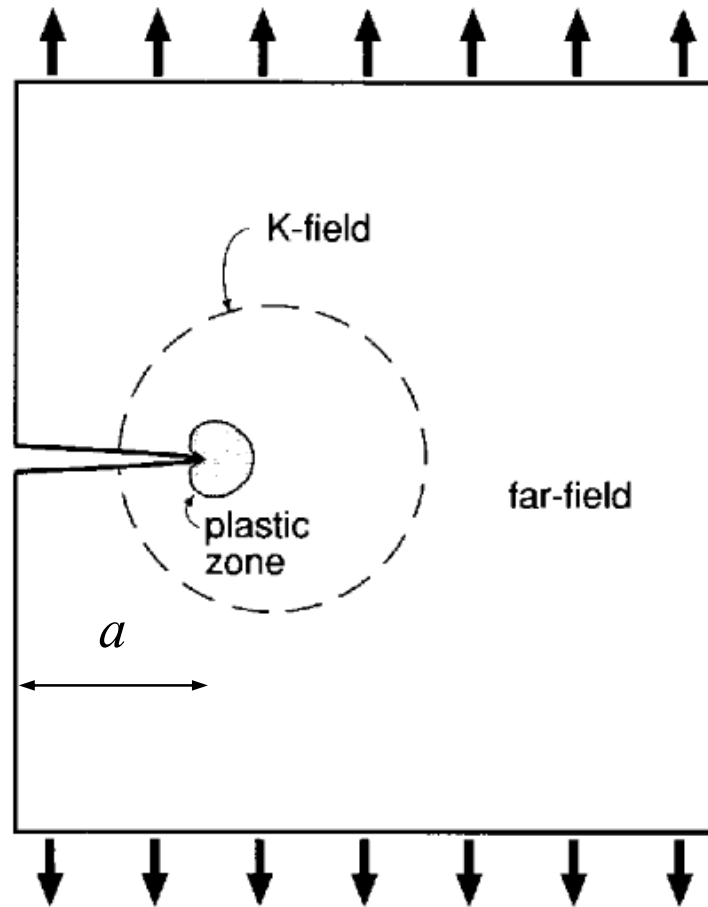
$$B > 2.5 \left(\frac{K_I}{S_Y} \right)^2$$



$$\begin{aligned} 2.5 \left(\frac{K_I}{S_Y} \right)^2 &= \\ &= (2.5 \times 6\pi) \frac{1}{6\pi} \left(\frac{K_I}{S_Y} \right)^2 = \\ &= (2.5 \times 6\pi) r_{Y\varepsilon} \approx 50 r_{Y\varepsilon} \end{aligned}$$

Crack tip plastic zone

Small Scale Yielding for LEFM validity



To have LEFM validity:

$$a \gg r_p$$

this way the plastic zone is dominated by the K -field.

Usually it is stated that:

$$a > 8r_{Y\sigma} \text{ (for pl. stress)}$$

$$a > 8r_{Y\epsilon} \text{ (for pl. strain)}$$

for Pl. Stress: for Pl. Strain:

$$a > \frac{4}{\pi} \left(\frac{K_I}{S_Y} \right)^2 \quad a > \frac{4}{3\pi} \left(\frac{K_I}{S_Y} \right)^2$$

Crack tip plastic zone

Small Scale Yielding for LEFM validity

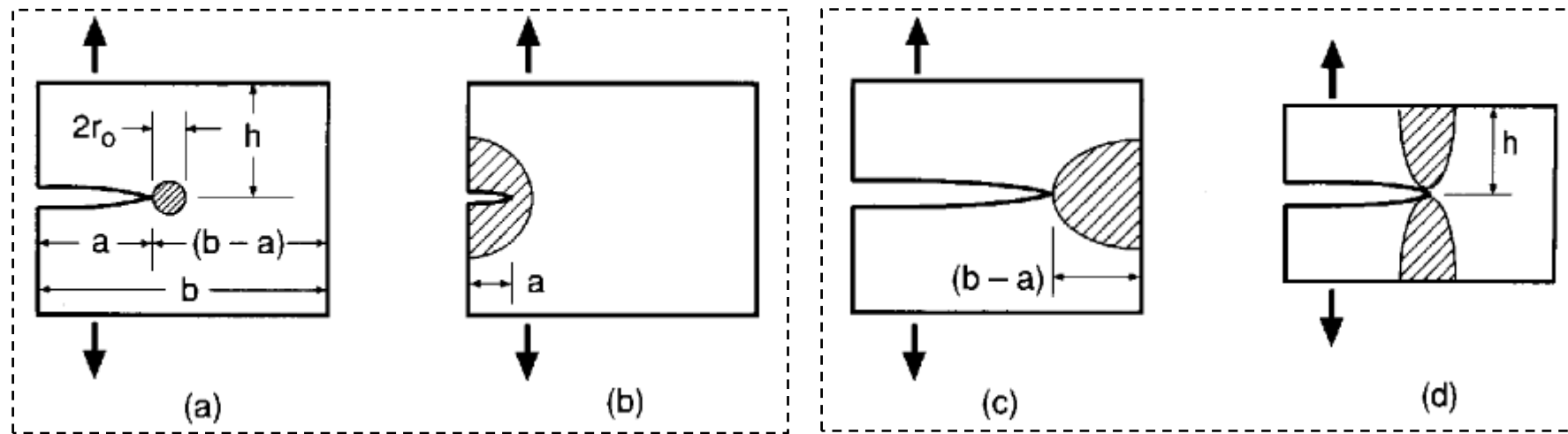
$r_Y(r_p)$ has to be limited also
with respect to the
geometry boundaries

for Pl. Stress:

$$a, (b-a), h > \frac{4}{\pi} \left(\frac{K_I}{S_Y} \right)^2$$

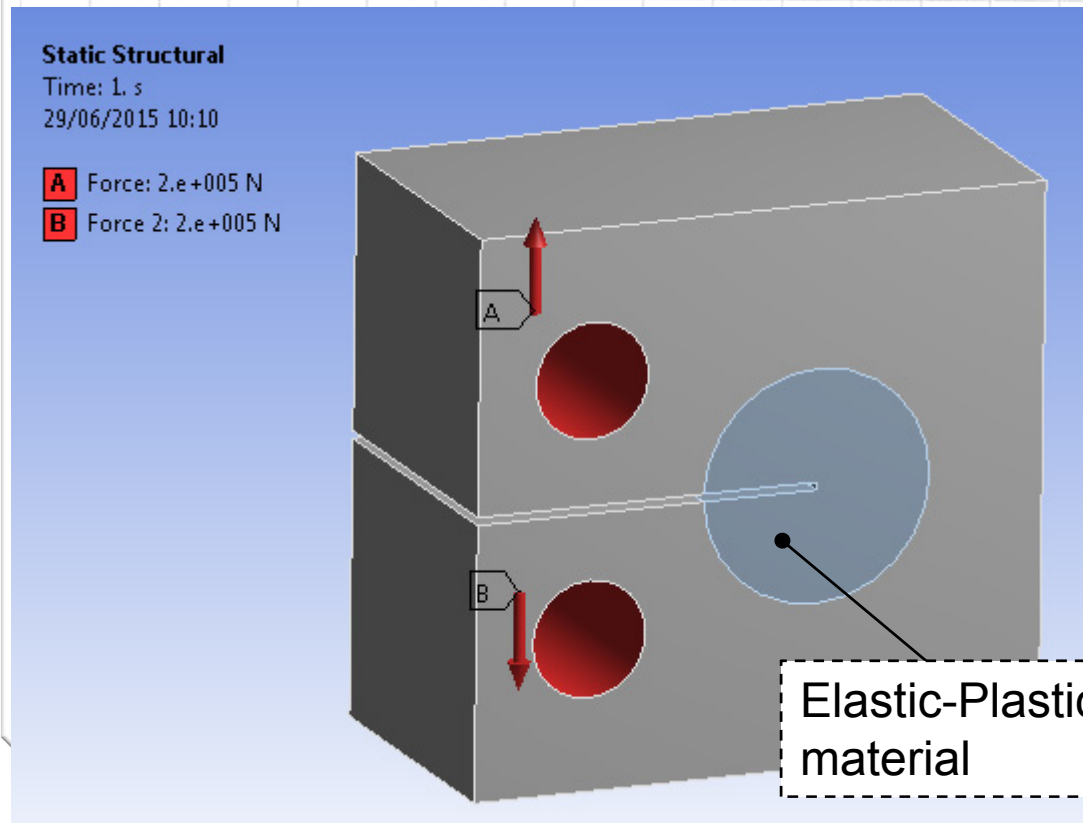
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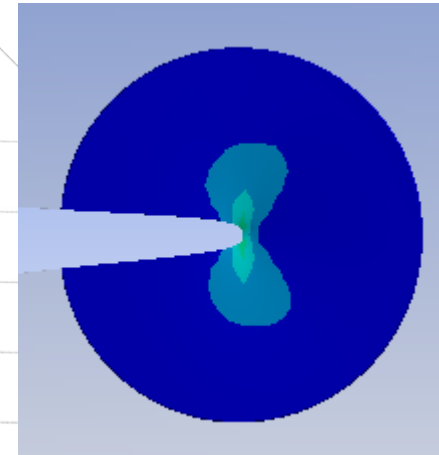


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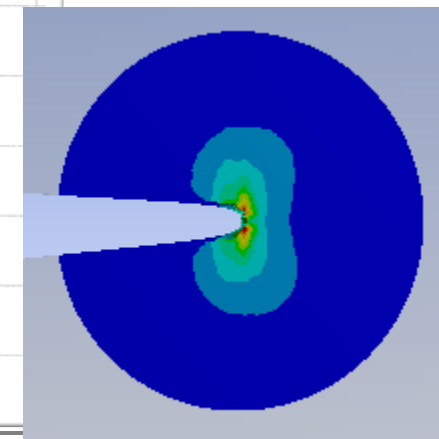
ANSYS Wb – ASTM CT specimen:



At surface (Pl. Stress)

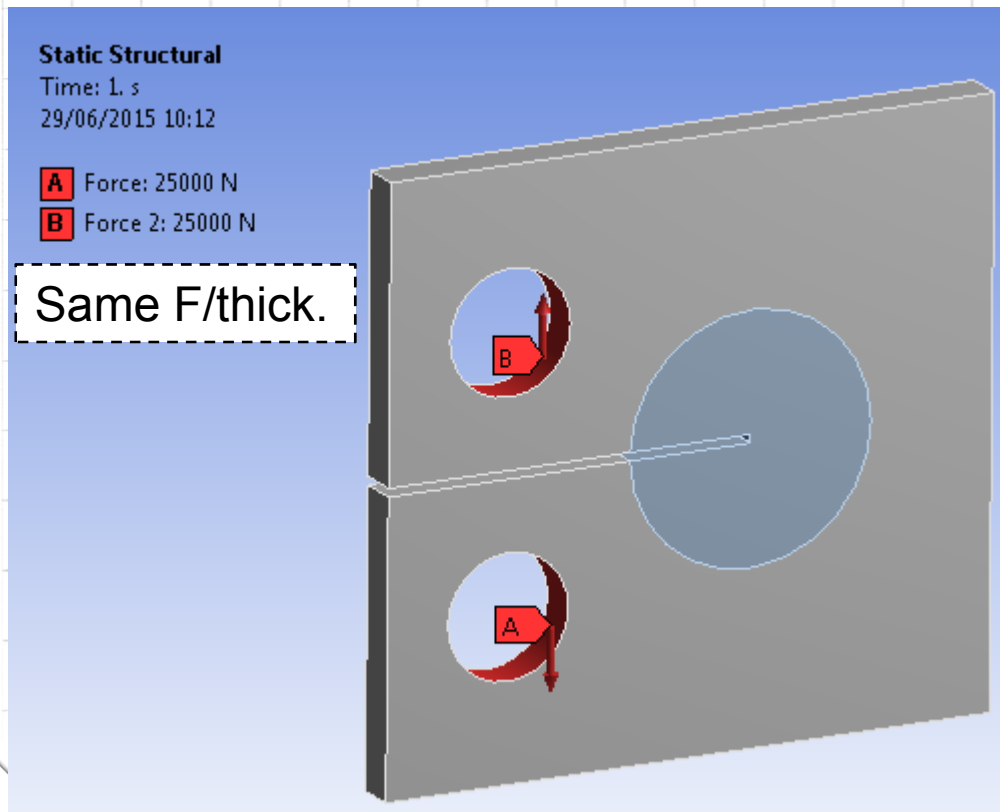


Interior section (Pl. Strain)

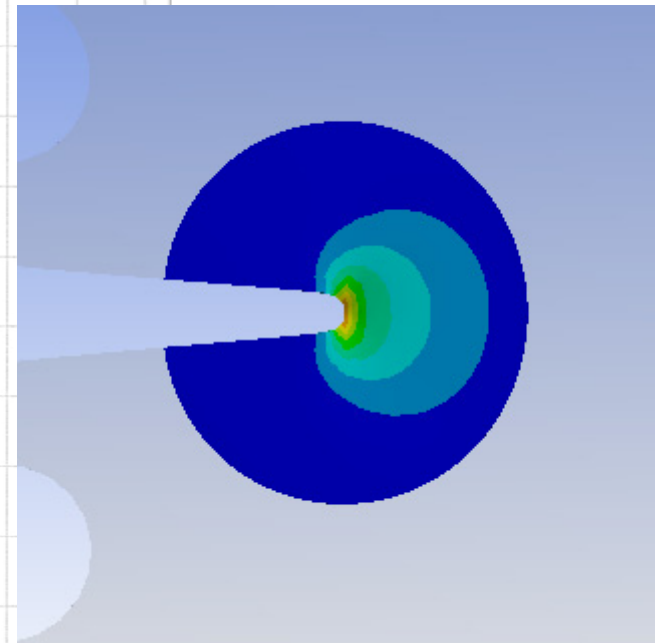


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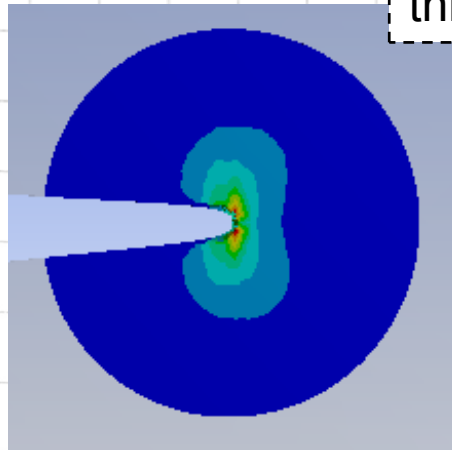
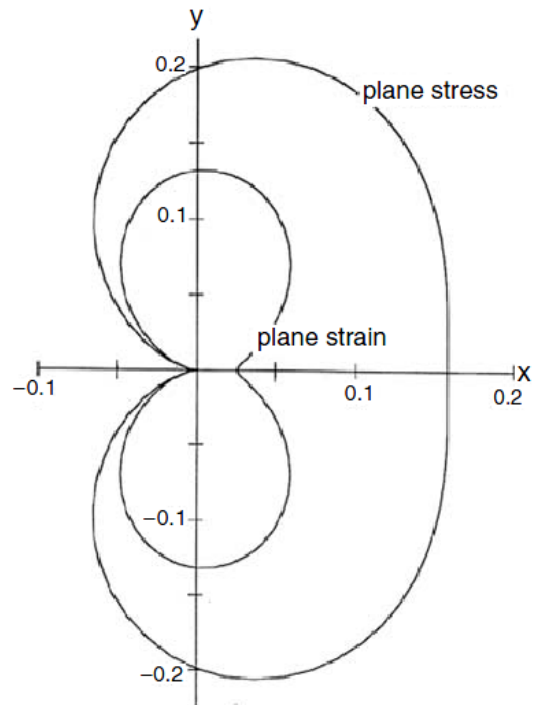


Plane Stress (small thickness with respect to the plastic zone)

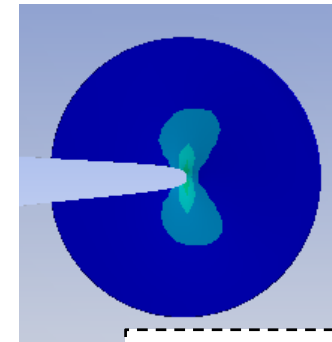


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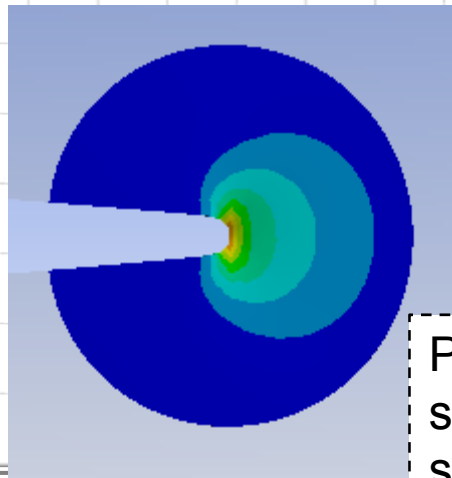
ANSYS Wb – ASTM CT specimen:



Plane Strain, interior thick specimen



Plane Stress, at thick specimen surface



Plane Stress, small thickness specimen

