

Fracture Mechanics Topics & References

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1. Preliminaries: Tensors; Kinematics (displacement, strain); Stress; Balance laws; Constitutive equations
Saouma 5.1-5.4; Anderson A2.1
2. History
Anderson 1.2.1-1.2.5
3. Fracture modes
 - 3.1. Classification
Murakami 1.1.1, 1.1.2, **1.1.3**; Saouma **4.1-4.4** (buckling, fracture, yielding, etc.); Schreurs 2.1.
 - 3.2. Ductile fracture
 - 3.2.1. Dislocation dynamics
Hertzberg 2 (theory), 3 (slip and twinning)
 - 3.2.2. [Void nucleation, growth, and coalescence](#)
Anderson **5.1**
 - 3.3. [Brittle fracture](#)
Anderson 5.2; Lawn
 - 3.4. [Ductile-brittle transition](#)
 - 3.4.1. [Temperature](#)
Anderson 5.3
 - 3.4.2. [Radiation embrittlement](#)
Anderson 7.8; Hertzberg 10.6.3
 - 3.4.3. [Hydrogen embrittlement](#)
Anderson 11.4; Hertzberg 11.1
 - 3.4.4. [Strain rate](#)
Anderson 4.1.1; Hertzberg 5.2
 - 3.4.5. [Size effect](#)
Saouma 16.2.3 (Bazant), 16.2.4 (Carpintieri)
4. Linear Elastic Fracture Mechanics (LEFM)
 - 4.1. Griffith energy approach
 - 4.1.1. Atomic view of fracture; mismatch with experiments
Anderson 2.1; Saouma 8.1.1
 - 4.1.2. Effect of flaws, Griffith experiment
Anderson 2.1; Saouma 8.2
 - 4.1.3. Energy equation, Fracture Resistance (R)
Anderson 2.3; Saouma 9.1
 - 4.1.4. Energy Release Rate (G)
Anderson 2.4
 - 4.1.5. Crack Stability, R and Π curve
Anderson 2.5; Saouma 9.1.2, **9.3**
 - 4.2. Stress solutions, Stress Intensity Factor K (SIF)
 - 4.2.1. Airy stress functions
Anderson A2.1; Saouma 5.6; Schreurs 5.8 (general indicial expressions)
 - 4.2.2. Complex variables and cylindrical coordinate
Saouma 5.7, 5.8; Zender 2.4

- 4.2.3. Stress solutions, stress concentration
Saouma 6.1, 6.3, **6.5**; Anderson A2.3; Schreurs 6.2
- 4.2.4. Crack tip stress fields, SIF
Saouma 6.4; Schreurs 6.3-6.6; Anderson A2.3
- 4.2.5. Relation between K & R (SIF & Resistance)
Saouma **9.2**; Anderson 2.7;
- 4.2.6. SIF Handbooks, design
Saouma **7.2**; Schreurs **6.7**; Anderson 2.6.3; Laham
- 4.3. Mixed mode fracture
 - 4.3.1. Crack propagation criteria
Saouma **10.1**; Schreurs **7.3**; Lawn **2.8**
 - 4.3.2. Nucleation criteria
- 4.4. Crack interactions
Anderson 2.12
- 5. Elastoplastic fracture mechanics
 - 5.1. Introduction to plasticity
Saouma **2**; Schreurs 9.1-9.4
 - 5.2. Plastic zone models
 - 5.2.1. 1D models: Irwin, Dugdale, and Barenbolt models
Saouma **11.1**; Anderson 2.8
 - 5.2.2. 2D models: plane stress versus plane strain plastic zones
Anderson 2.8.4; 2.10.1-2.10.3; Saouma 11.2-11.3; Schreurs 9.1, 9.3-6
 - 5.3. J Integral
 - 5.3.1. Path independence
Schreurs 10.2.1-10.2.2; Saouma **13.2**; Anderson 3.2.2 (Saouma 13.11-13.12 generalizations for dynamic, crack surface loading, body force, etc loading)
 - 5.3.2. Relation between J and G
Saouma **13.3**, 13.4; Anderson 3.2.1
 - 5.3.3. Relation between J and K
Schreurs 10.2.3; Saouma **13.10**; Anderson 3.2.3
 - 5.3.4. Energy Release Rate, crack growth and R curves
Anderson 3.2.1, 3.2.5, 3.4, **3.5**; Saouma 13.6, 13.7
 - 5.3.5. Plastic crack tip fields; Hutchinson, Rice and Rosengren (HRR) solution
Saouma **13.8**; Schreurs 10.3.1-10.3.2
 - 5.3.6. Small scale yielding (SSY) versus large scale yielding (LSY)
Schreurs 9.9 (SSY); Anderson 3.6.1 (LSY T-stress effect), 3.6.2 (J-Q theory)
 - 5.3.7. Fracture mechanics versus material (plastic) strength
 - 5.4. Crack tip opening displacement (CTOD), relations with J and G
Anderson 3.1, **3.3**; Saouma 12
- 6. Computational fracture mechanics
 - 6.1. Fracture mechanics in Finite Element Methods (FEM)
 - 6.1.1. Introduction to Finite Element method
 - 6.1.2. Singular stress finite elements
Saouma **19.2-19.6**; Schreurs 11.1-11.4

- 6.1.3. Extraction of K (SIF), G
 - K: Anderson **12.2.1**; Saouma **19.7.1**
 - G: Anderson 12.2.2-12.2.4; Saouma **20.2** (Mixed mode)
- 6.1.4. J integral
 - Anderson 12.3; Saouma 21.1, 21.3.1.1; Schreurs 11.7
- 6.1.5. Finite Element mesh design for fracture mechanics
 - Anderson 12.4, 12.5
- 6.1.6. Computational crack growth
- 6.1.7. Extended Finite Element Method (XFEM)
- 6.2. Traction Separation Relations (TSRs)
- 7. Bulk damage models
 - 7.1. Representative Volume Element (RVE) and damage representation
 - Murakami 1.2, 2.1
 - 7.2. Continuum models based on thermodynamics
 - 7.2.1. Thermodynamic laws, Thermodynamic and dissipation potentials
 - Murakami 3.1-3.2.2
 - 7.2.2. Damage evolution with plasticity
 - Murakami 4.1 (1D), **4.2.1-4.2.5** (3D)
 - 7.3. Micromechanics based damage models
 - 7.3.1. Ductile void evolution models
 - Murakami 6.5.1 (Gurson) & 6.5.2 GTN (Tvergaard & Needleman)
- 8. Fatigue
 - Suresh
 - 8.1. Fatigue regimes
 - 8.2. S-N, P-S-N curves
 - Schreurs 12.3
 - 8.3. Fatigue crack growth models (Paris law)
 - Anderson 10.2, 10.4 (fatigue threshold); Schreurs 12.5
 - 8.4. Variable and random load
 - Anderson 10.5; Schreurs 12.6
- 9. Dynamic fracture mechanics and rate effects
 - 9.1. LEFM solution fields
 - Freund; Anderson A4.1
 - 9.2. Dynamics of moving crack tip, process zone size, crack speed
 - Freund; Anderson 4.1.2.2-4.1.2.3
 - 9.3. Crack path instabilities
 - 9.4. Rate effects, viscoelastic and viscoplastic
 - Anderson 4.3; Kanniwien 2.5, 2.7
 - 9.5. Creep
 - Kanniwen 7
- 10. Statistical fracture
 - 10.1. Flaws
 - Lawn 9 Introduction, 9.1 microcontacts, 9.2 dislocation pile up, 9.3 Chemical, thermal, and radiation source
 - 10.2. Weakest link, Weibull distribution
 - Anderson **A5.1**; Lawn 10.1.1

- 10.3. Probabilistic fracture analysis
 - Anderson A5.2, Lawn 10.2
- 11. Experimental fracture
 - 11.1. SIF (K)
 - Zender 5.5.1-5.5.3
 - 11.2. Fracture toughness
 - Zender 6
 - 11.3. J
 - Anderson 3.2.5
- 12. Material specific fracture analysis
 - 12.1. Metals
 - Anderson 7
 - 12.2. Ceramics
 - Anderson 6.2, 8.3 (experimental); Lawn 7.6, 9.4
 - 12.3. Polymers
 - Anderson 6.1; 8.1 (experimental)