

## \*A SHORT INTRODUCTION TO FRACTURE MECHANICS

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\*Dedicated to "my brother from another mother", and to our sister.

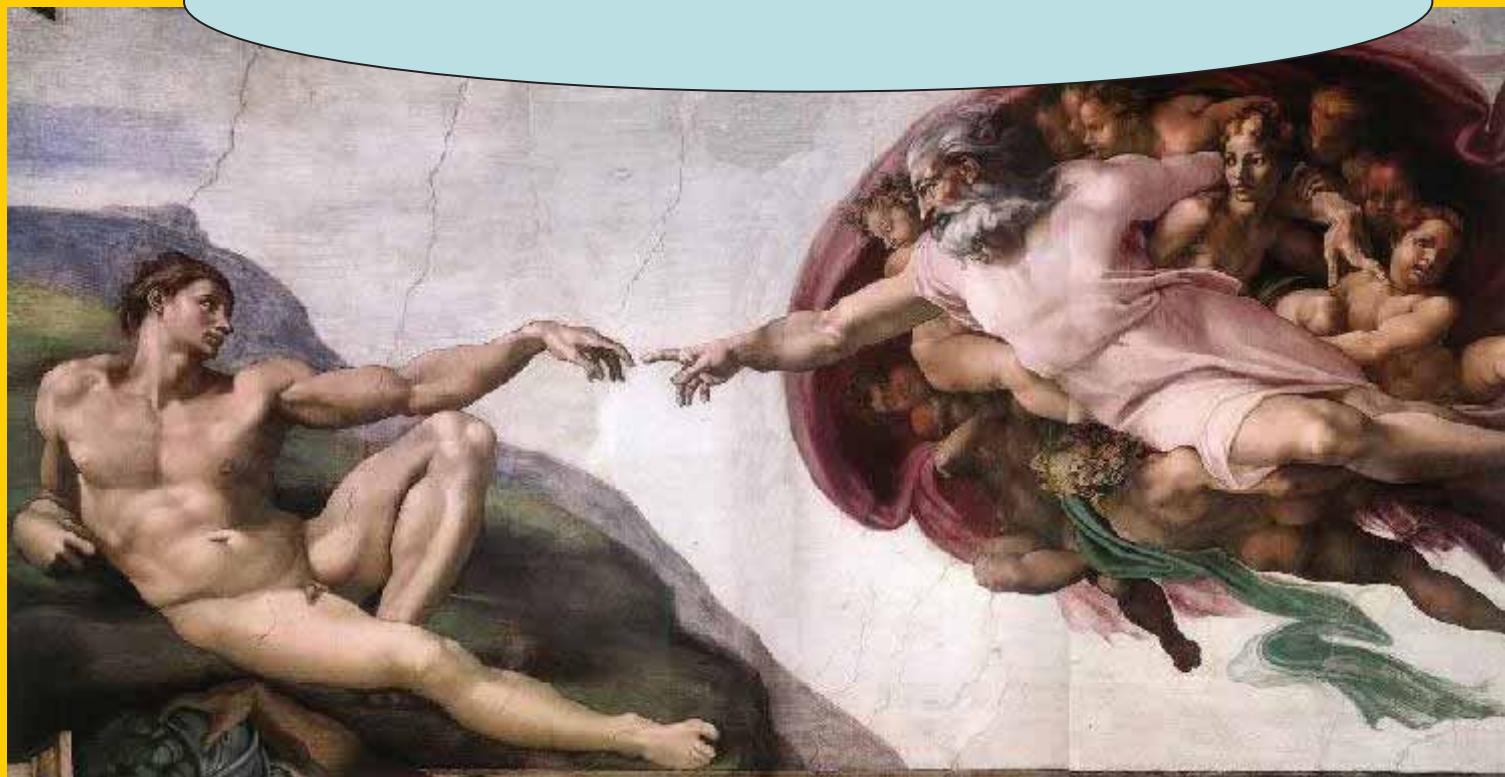


# My students have been my teachers.



## Introduction to the Mechanics of Fracture and Fatigue: *It is a beautiful topic!*

Look at those cracks Adam!!



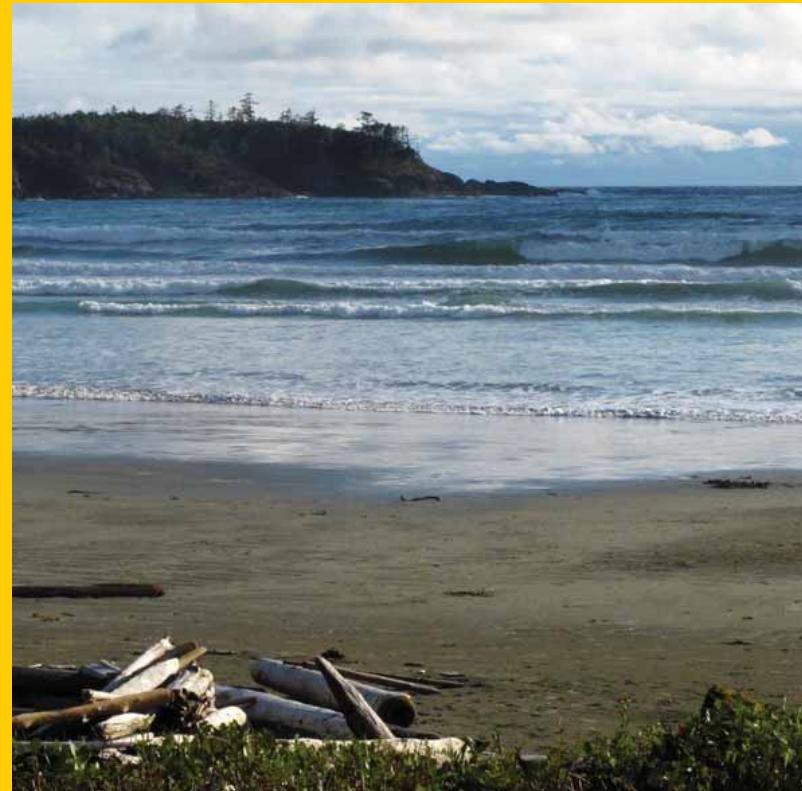
# Outline

- **Introduction to the role of fracture and fatigue in numerous fields.**
- **Strength theories versus fracture mechanics theories.**
  - **Linear elastic fracture mechanics using the stress intensity factor approach; small-scale-yielding arguments.**
  - **Scale effects introduced by the presence of a crack; failure by progressive collapse versus by crack propagation.**
  - **Crack propagation under mixed-mode conditions.**
  - **Two examples of fracture mechanics-based design.**

# **Fracture is with me even when I am on vacation; Vancouver Island**



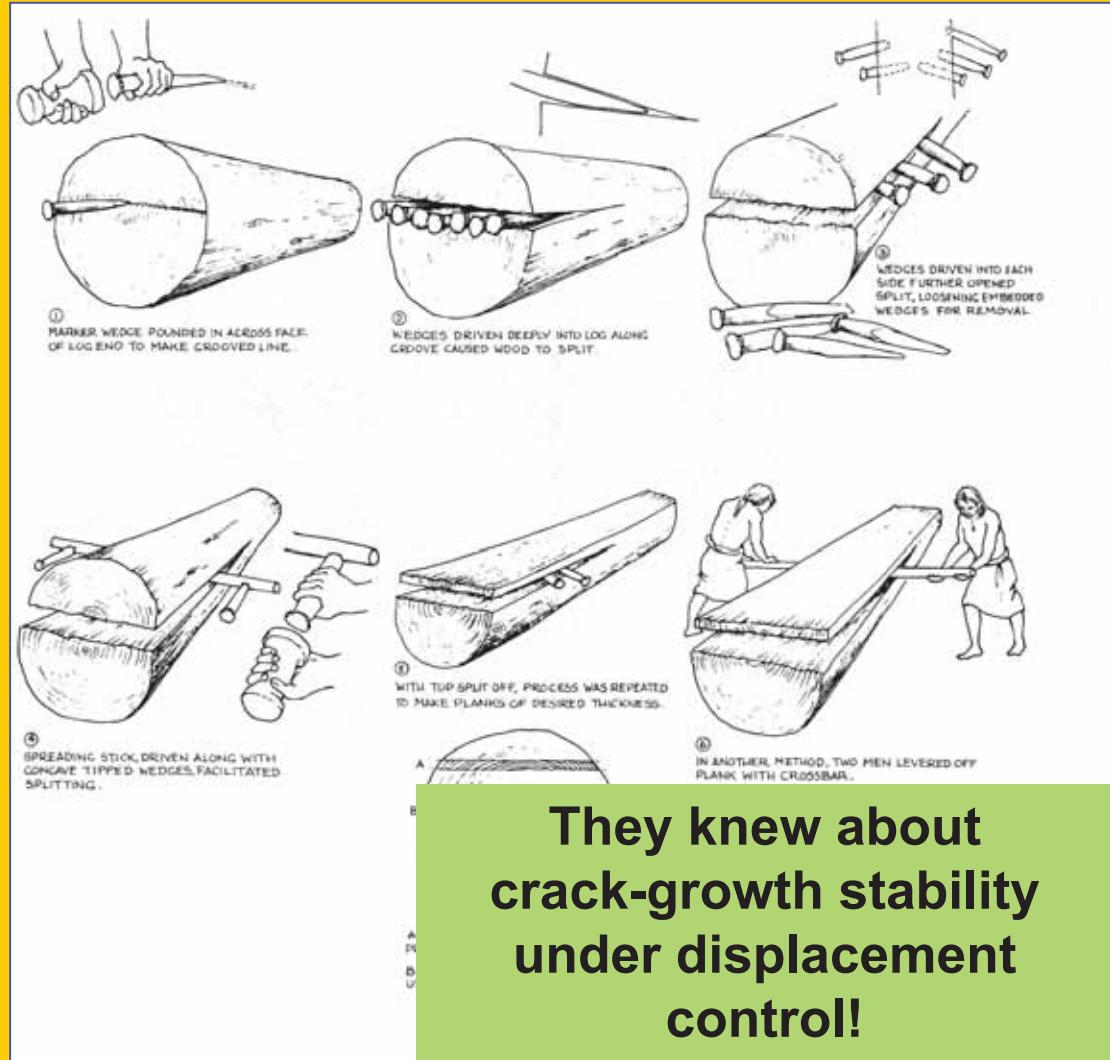
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**Tofino**

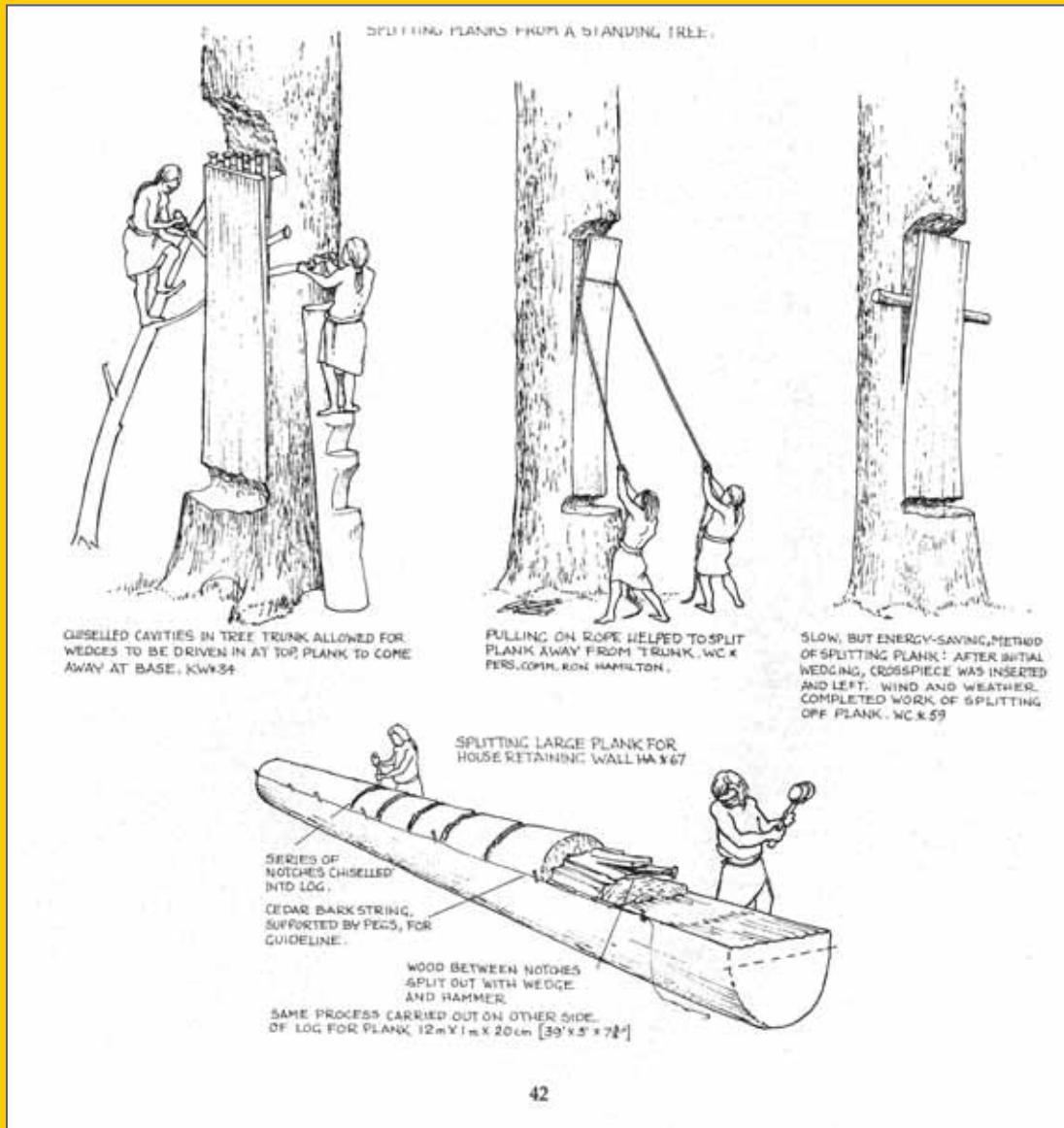


Cedar, by Hilary Stewart,  
U. of Washington Press, 1984.



**They knew about  
crack-growth stability  
under displacement  
control!**

**They knew about static fatigue!**

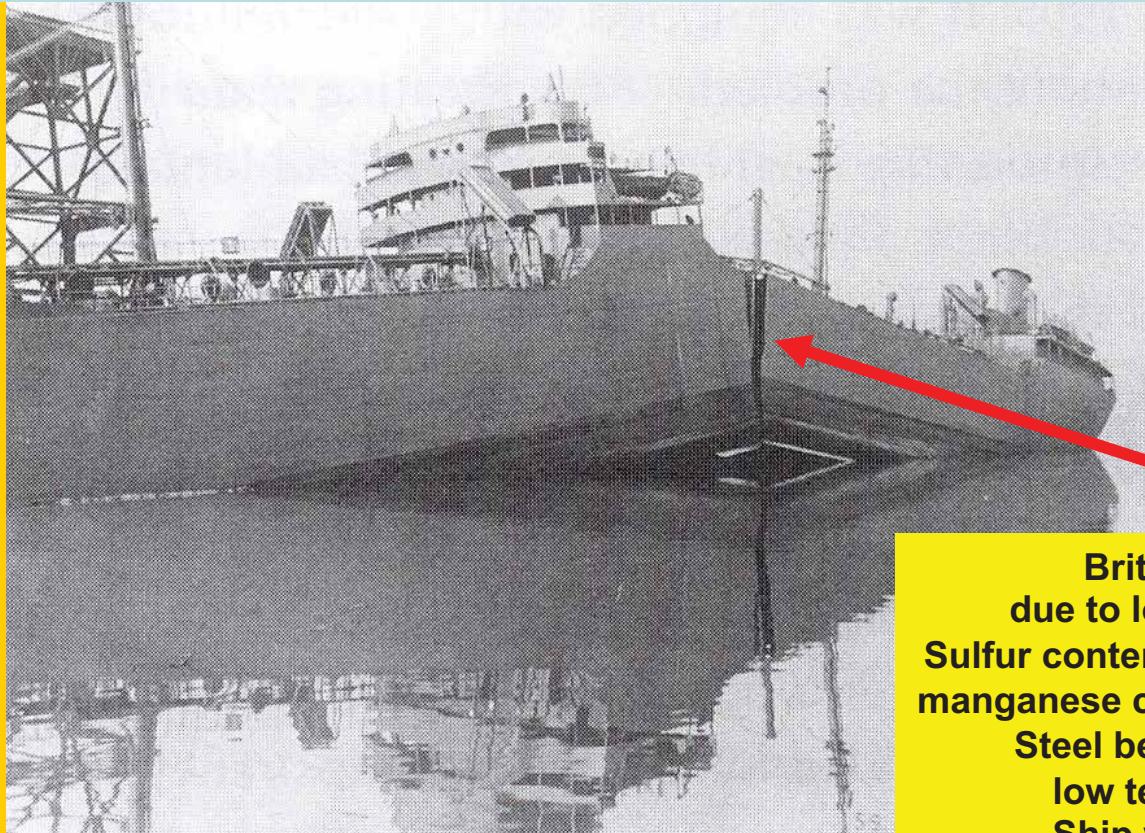


## Examples of failures in various fields

## One of the Liberty Ships S.S. Schenectady

January 16, 1943

Fractured soon after its sea trials in 4°C water and -3°C air temperatures



Brittle fracture  
due to low-grade steel;  
Sulfur content was too high and  
manganese content was too low.  
Steel became brittle at  
low temperatures.  
Ship was repaired  
and returned to service.

# Aging Aircraft Problem

## Aloha Airlines Flight 243, 1988



One fatality, 58 year old flight attendant Clarabelle Lansing



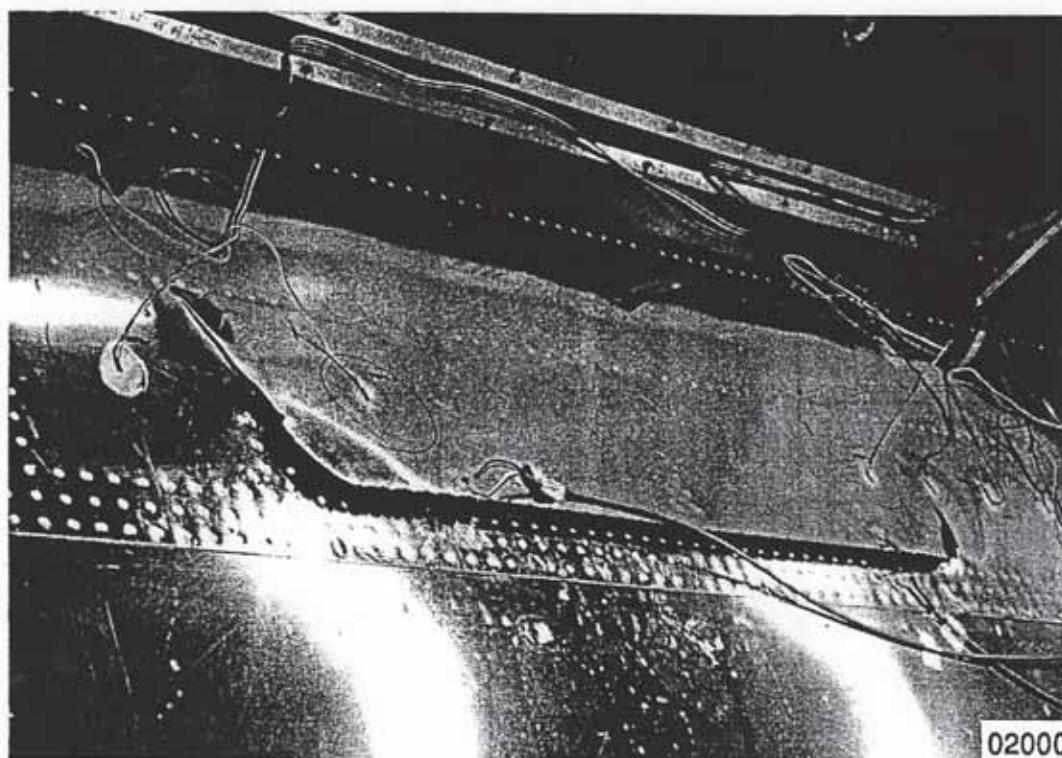
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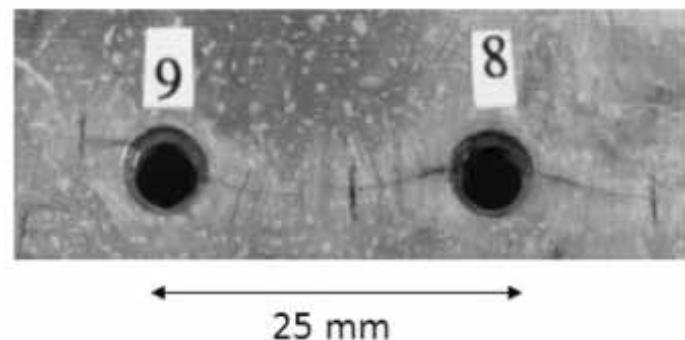
## Full Scale Testing and Analysis of Curved Aircraft Fuselage Panels

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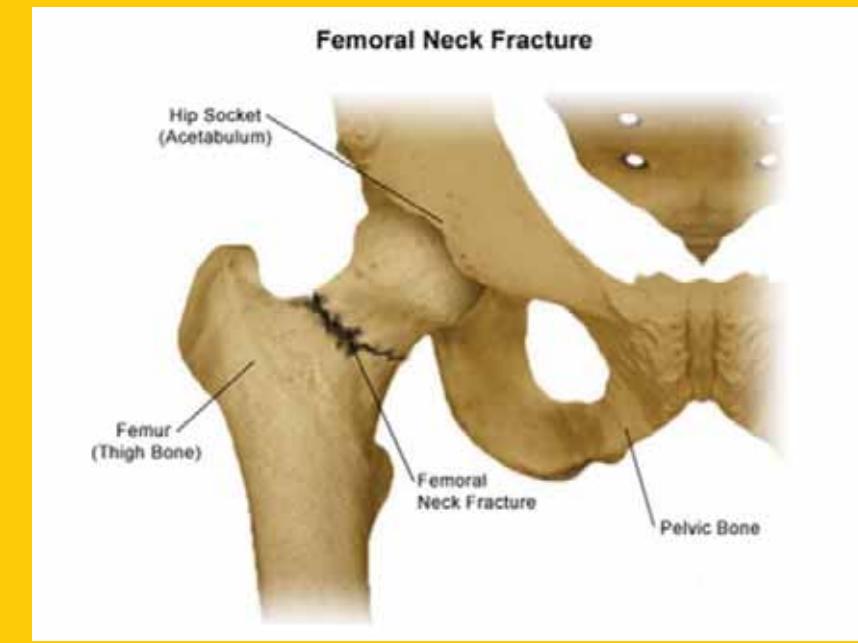
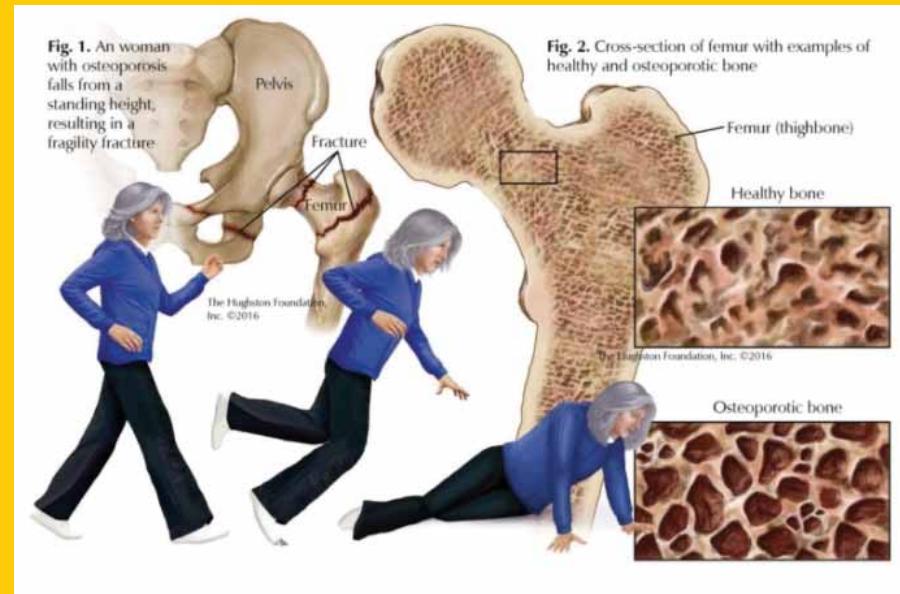
Small cracks start at each rivet hole...



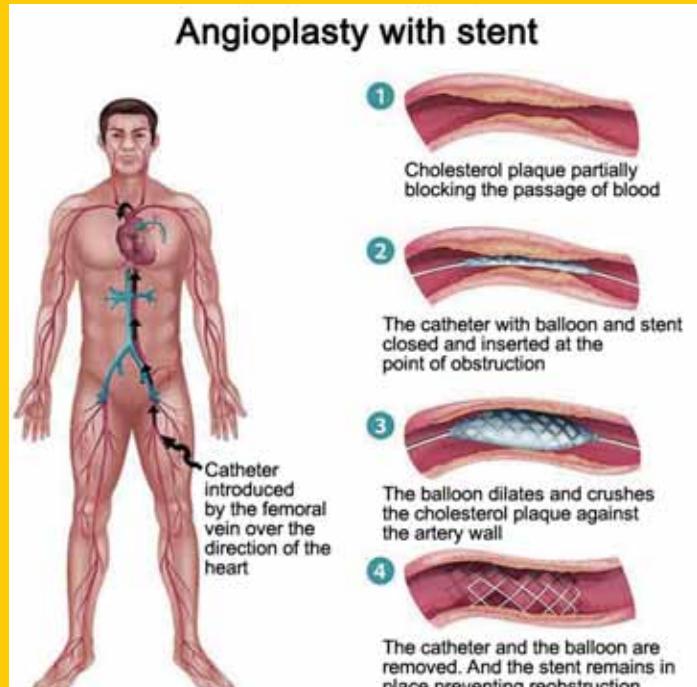
...then link to form a lead crack



# Bone Fractures



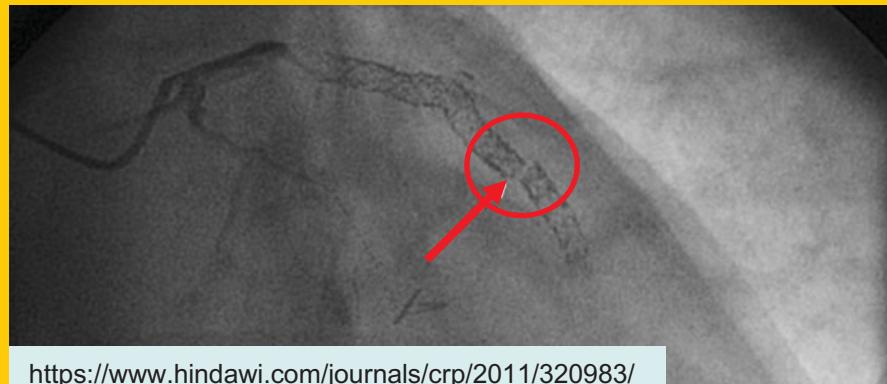
# Fracture of Medical Stents



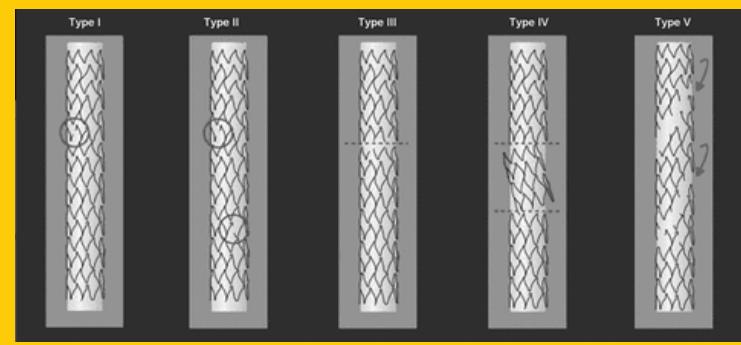
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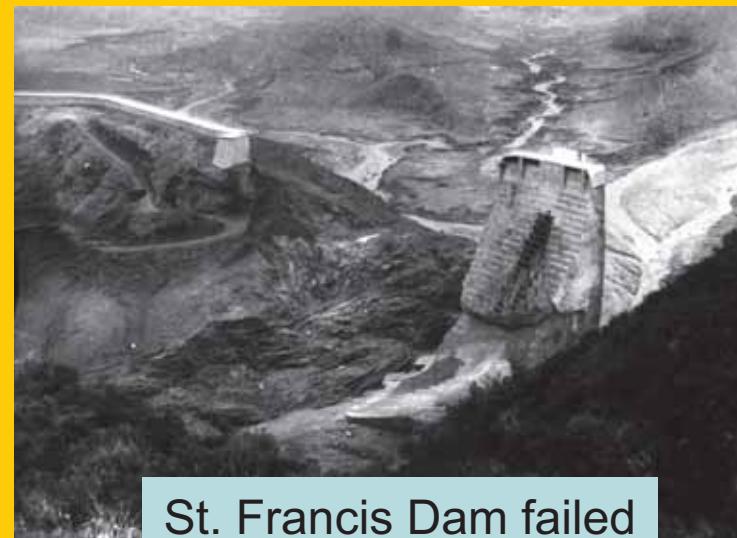
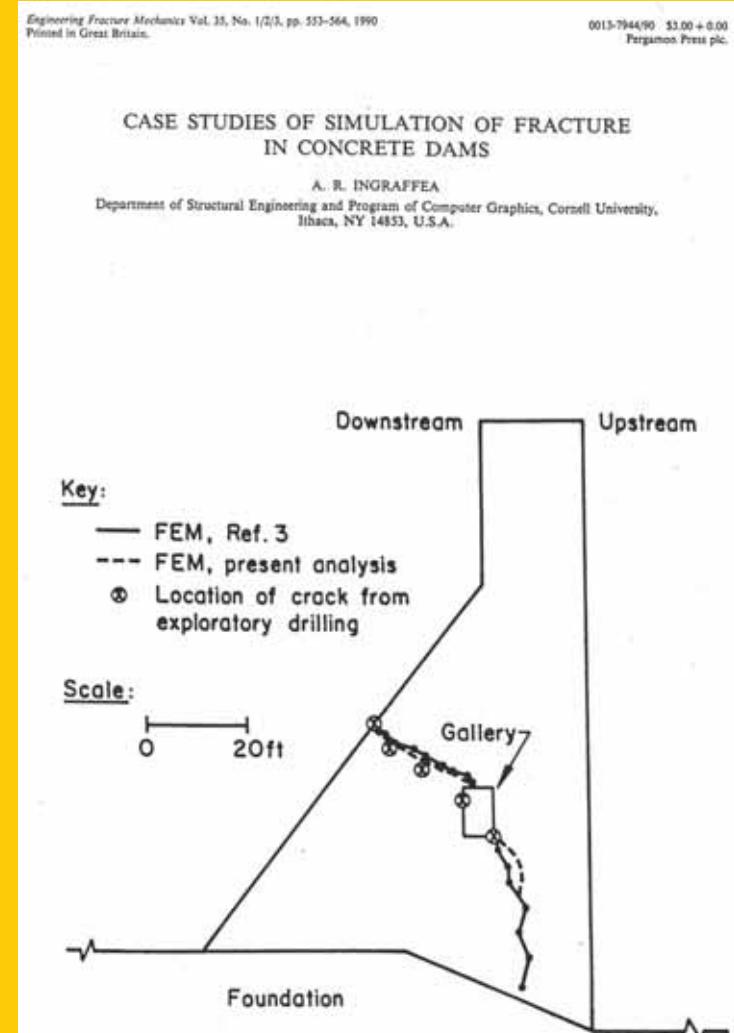
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# Cracking in concrete dams



St. Francis Dam failed  
on March 12, 1928

# Potential Collapse of Historic structures

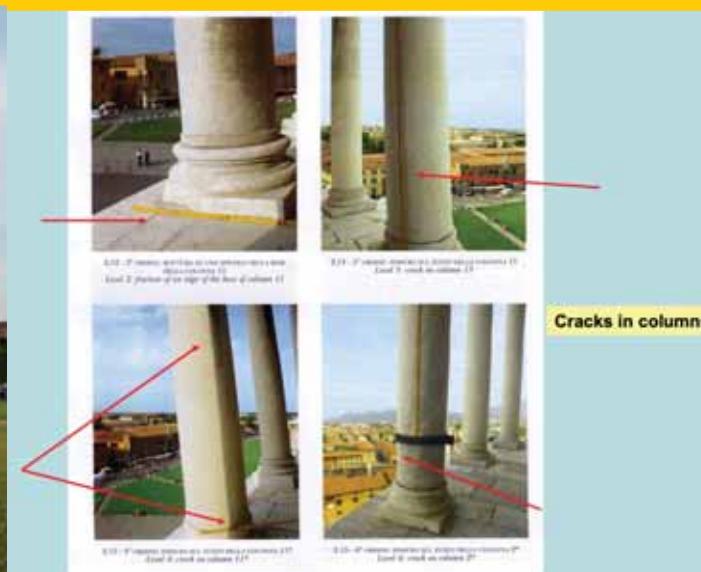
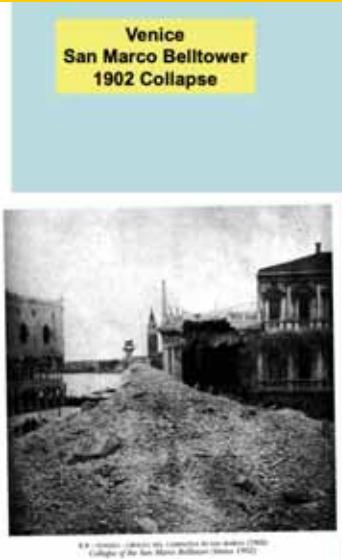
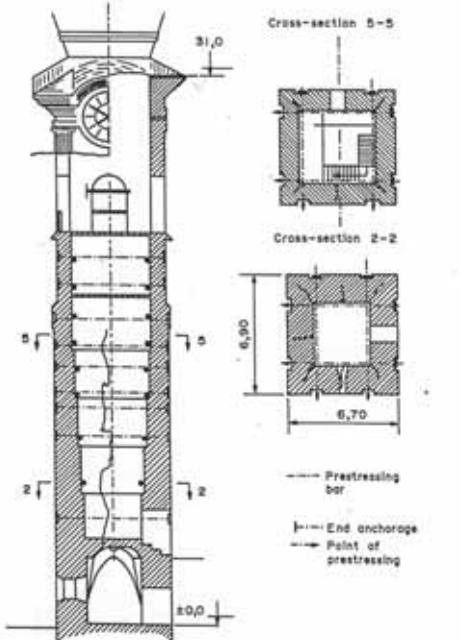
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## OBSERVATIONS DURING STABILIZATION OF OLD BELL TOWERS DAMAGED BY CRACKS

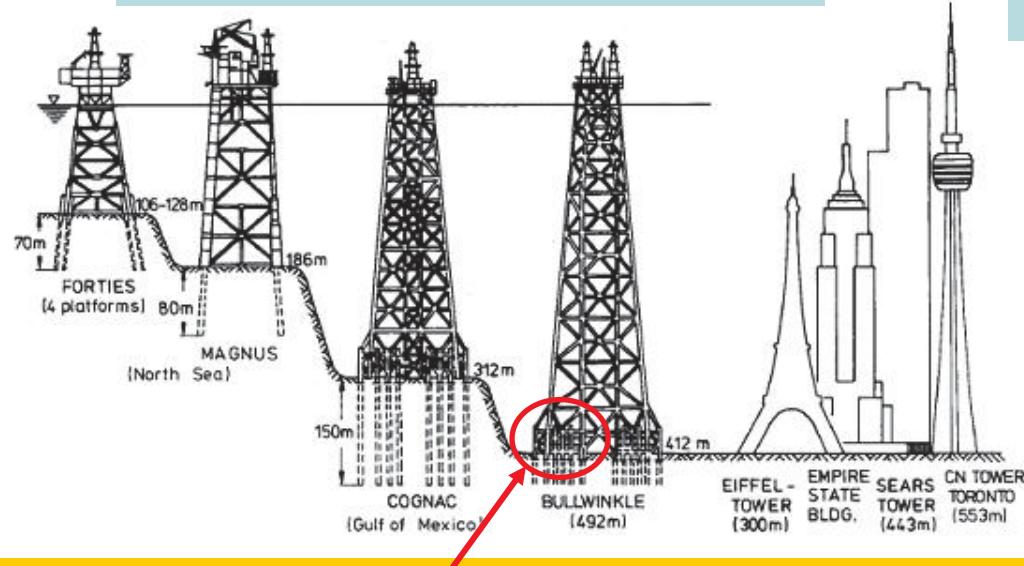
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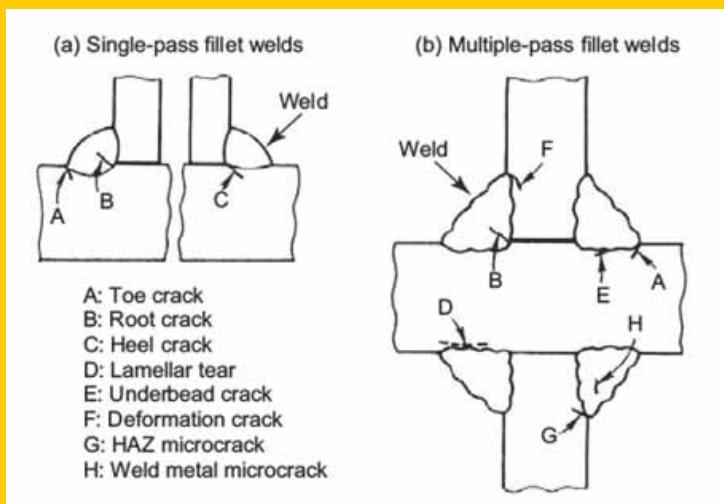


## Shell Oil Bullwinkle Platform

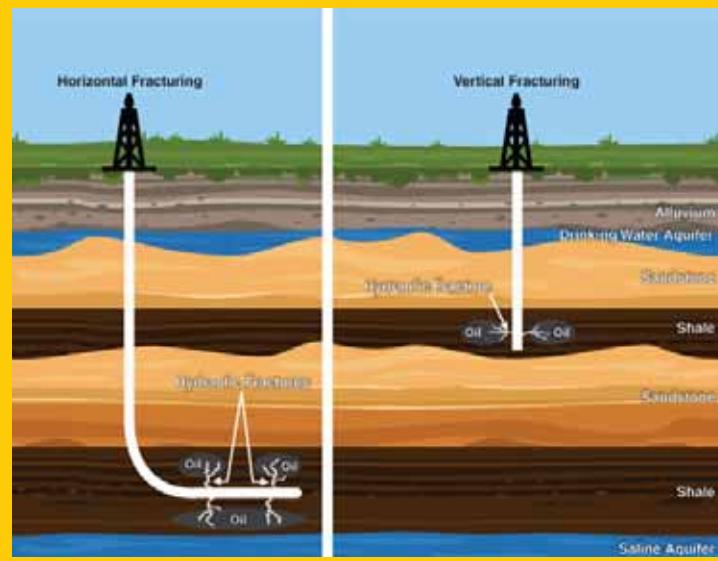
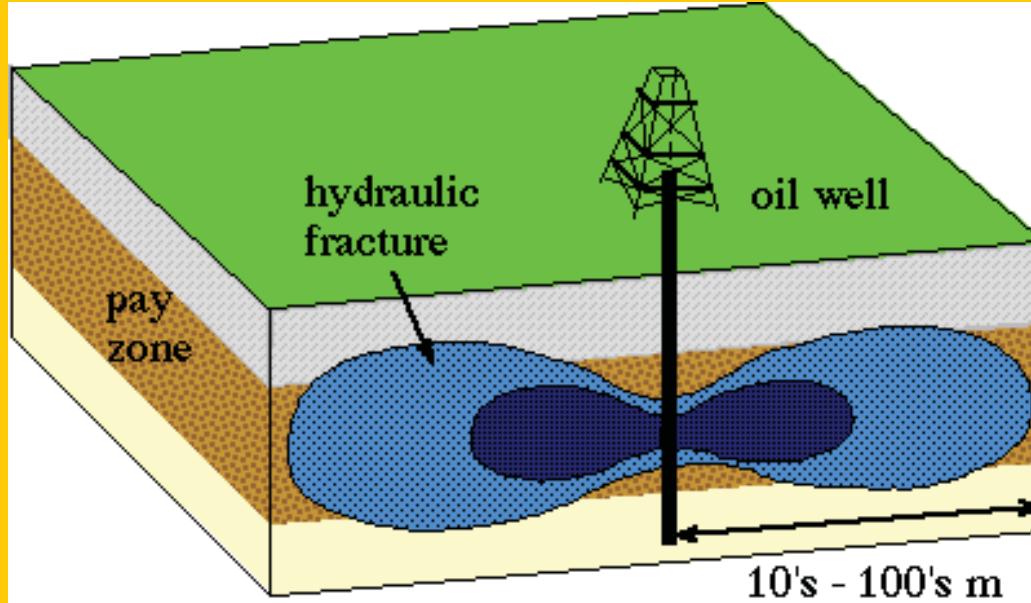
# Offshore structures



Design against fatigue crack initiation and propagation from the weld that connects the tubes that make up the structure.



# Hydraulic Fracturing Technology



# Creation of Materials with Superior Properties

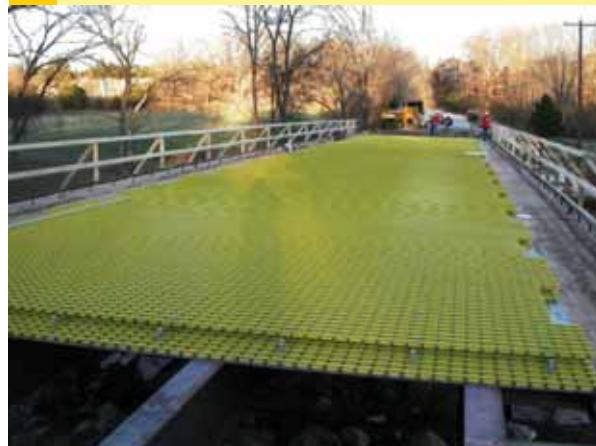
## What is an ideal composite?

It should be comprised of readily available and inexpensive materials.

It should be strong, tough and light.

It should be capable of self-healing.

It should not require prohibitive manufacturing processes.



Boeing 787 Dreamliner

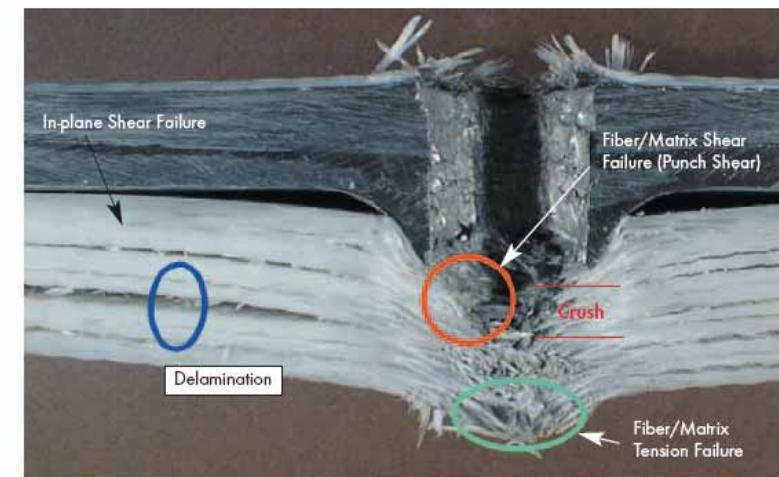
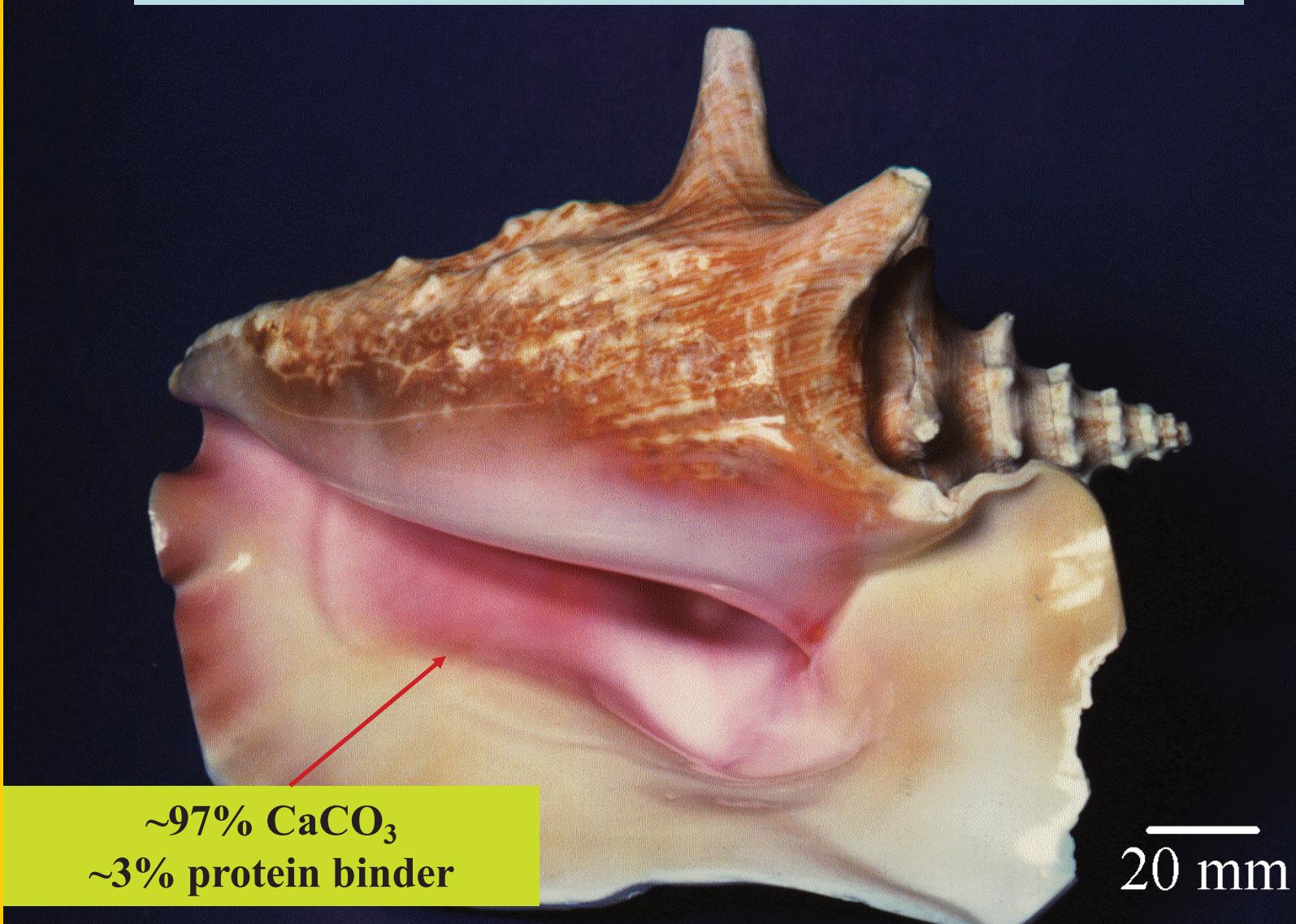


Figure 6. Damage Mechanisms Observed During the Impact and Penetration of a Composite.

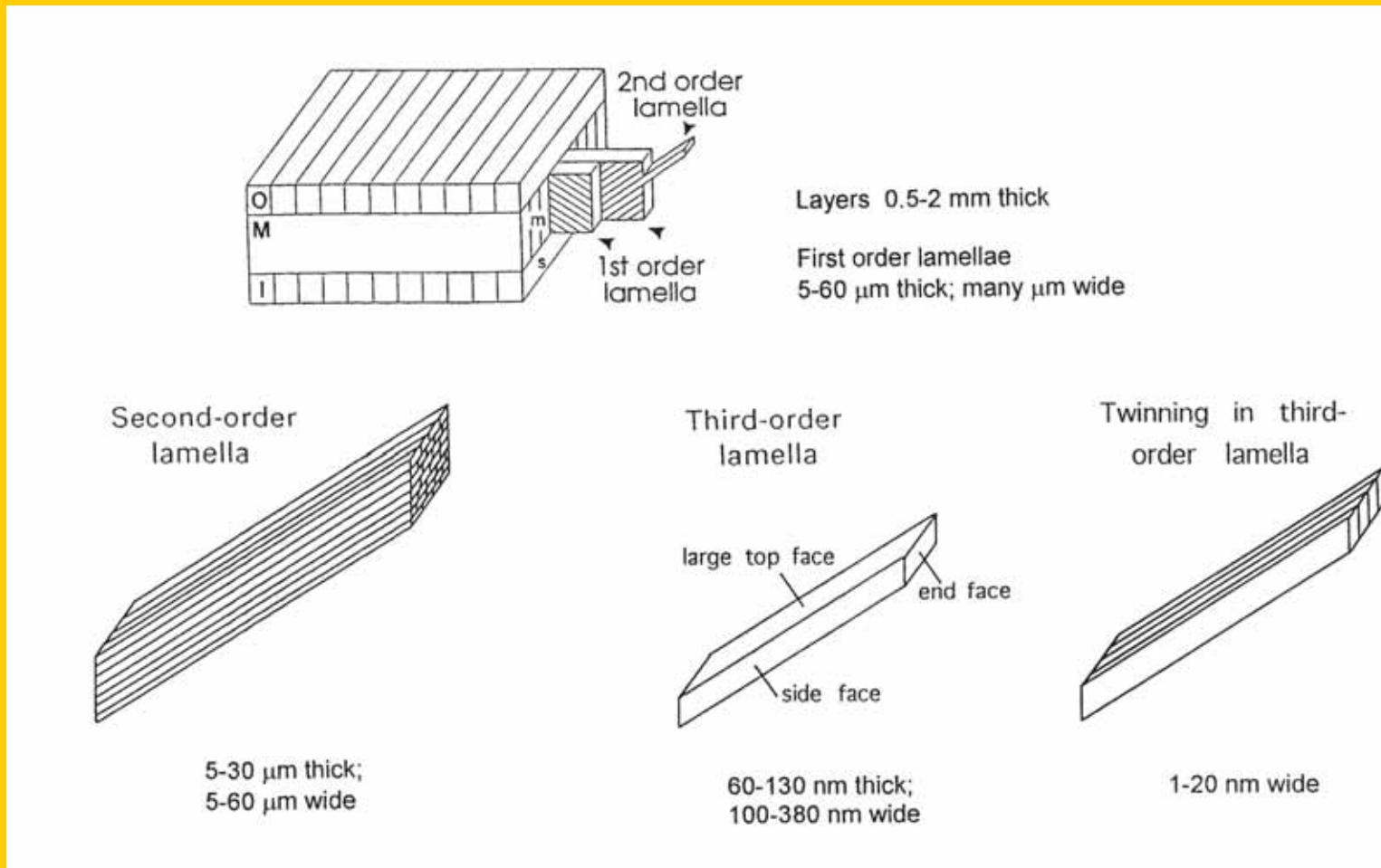
Let's turn to *Nature* for inspiration.

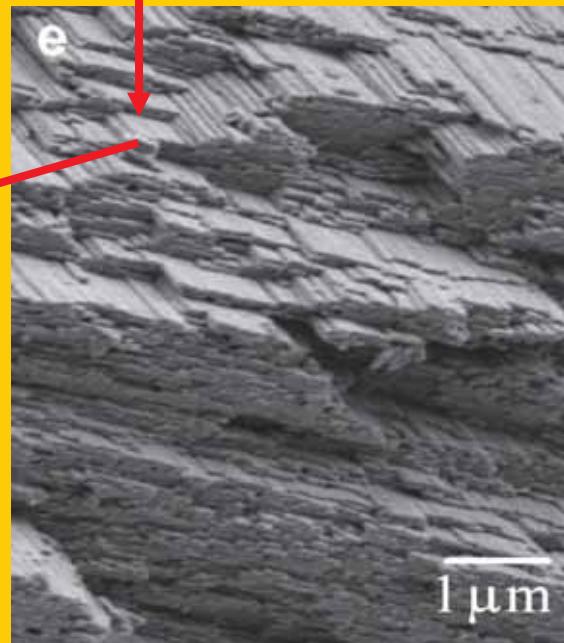
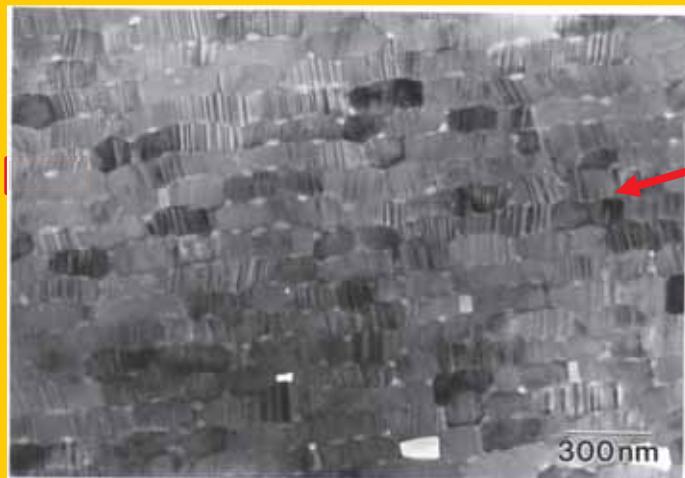
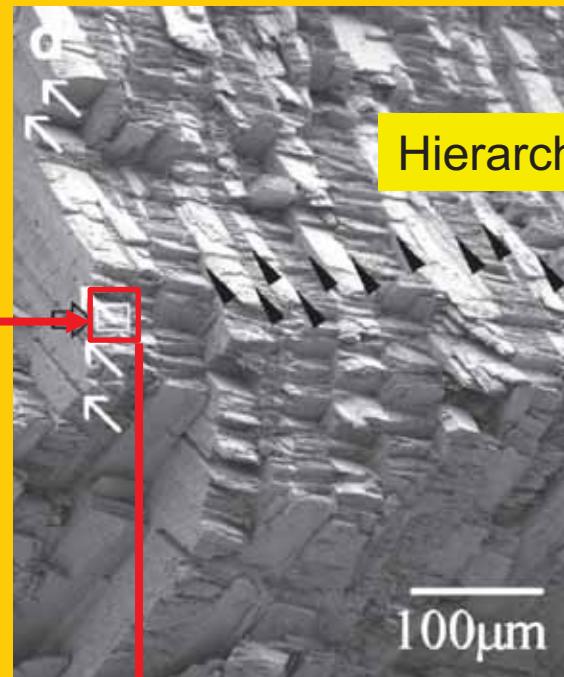
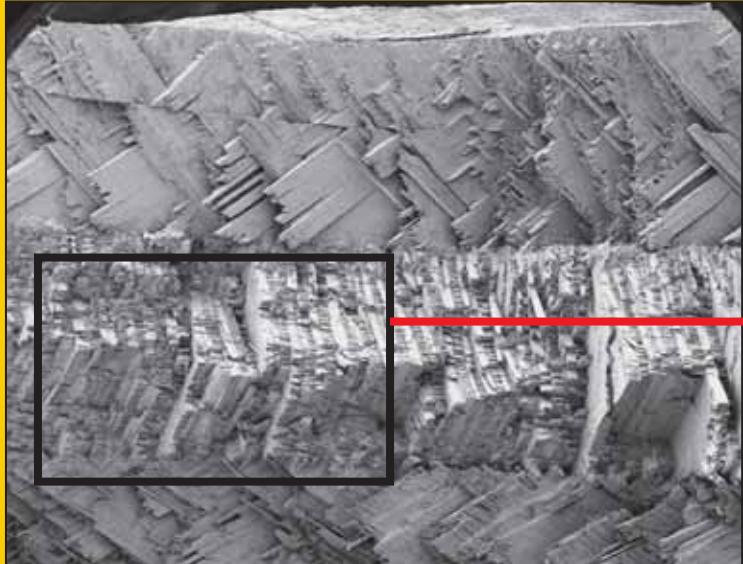
Example: Bioinspired design of ceramic composites  
with high toughness (reverse-engineering)

## STROMBUS GIGAS: WHY IS IT SO TOUGH?



# CROSSED-LAMELLAR MICROARCHITECTURE

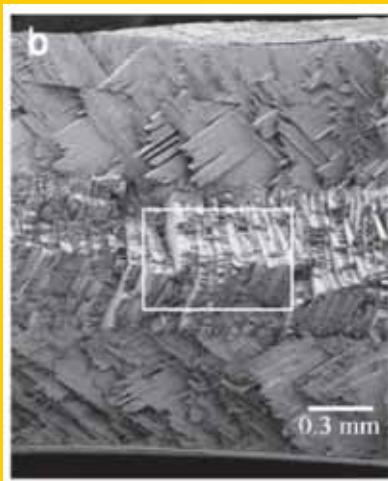




Fracture surface showing crossed lamellar microstructure

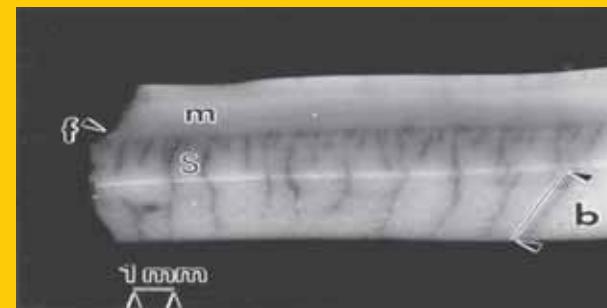
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## Microstructure



## Dominant fracture mechanisms

### Tunnel cracking

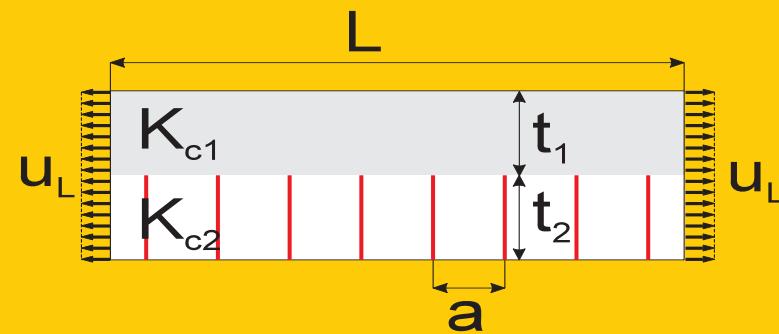


### Crack bridging

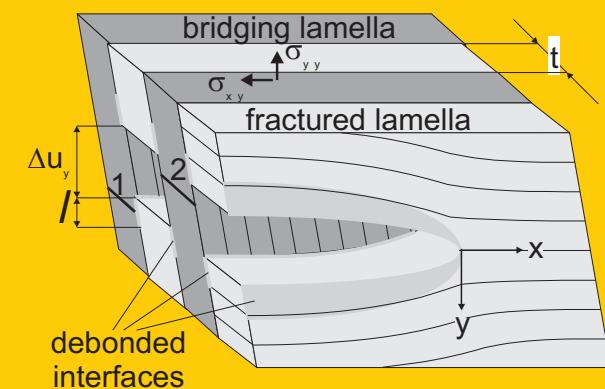


## Modeling

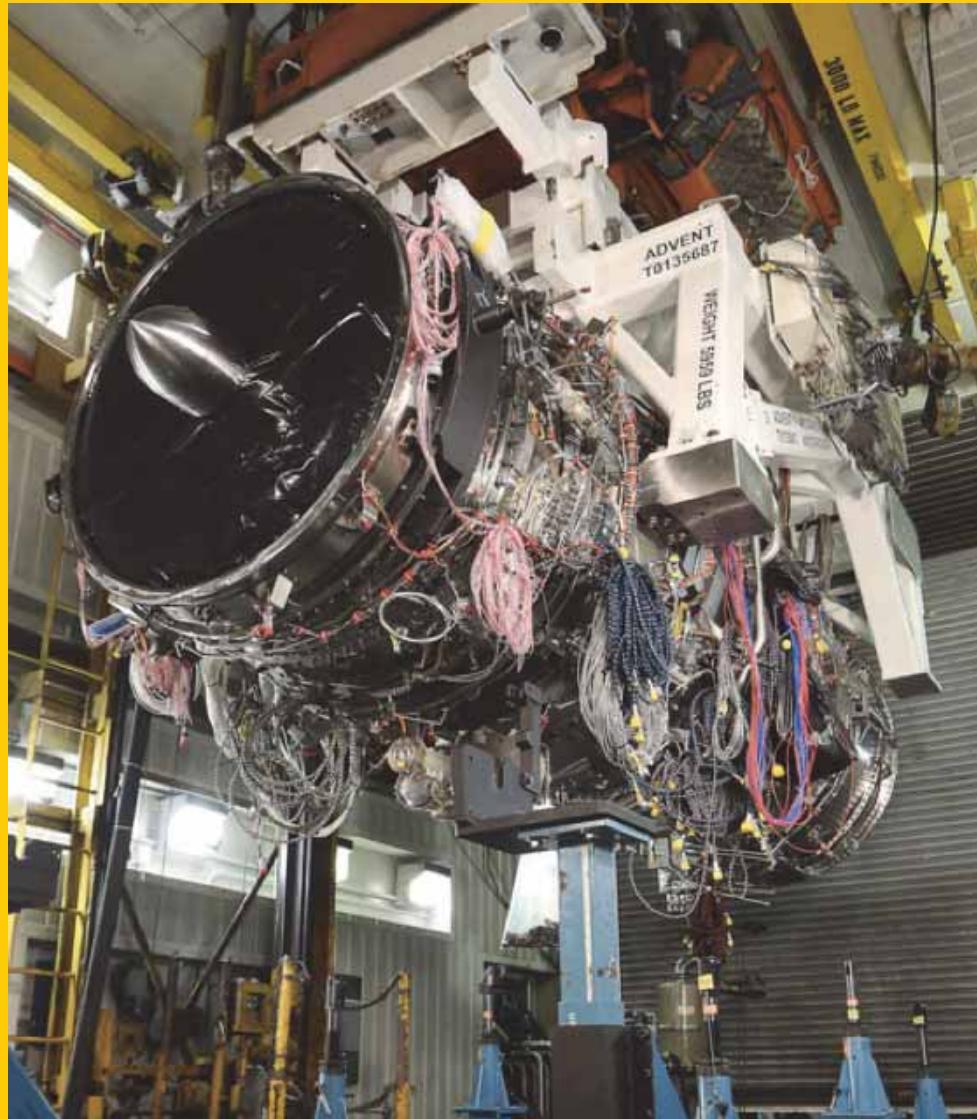
### Steady-state tunneling



### Crack bridging



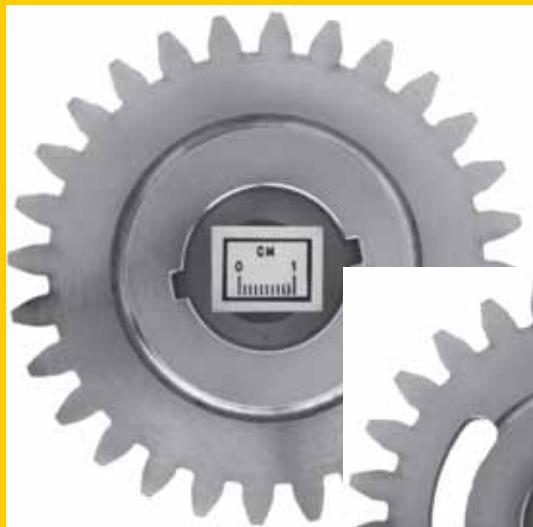
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**GE CMC Engine**

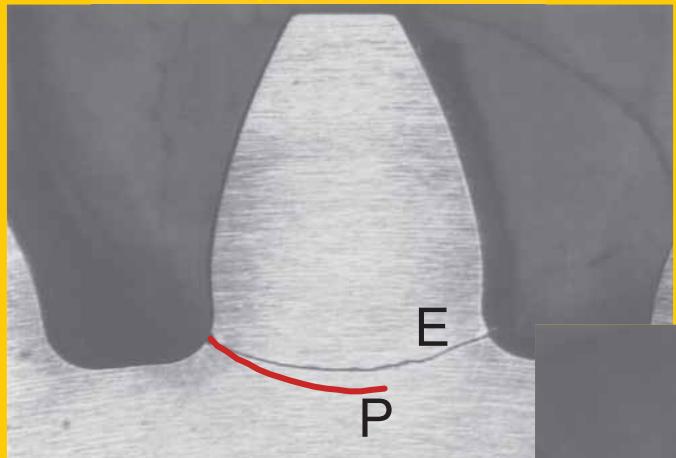


# Gears Used in Rotorcraft Transmission and Drive Systems

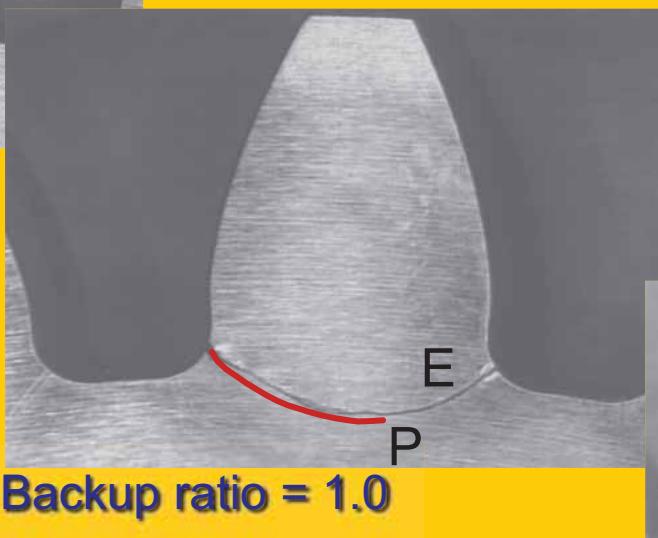


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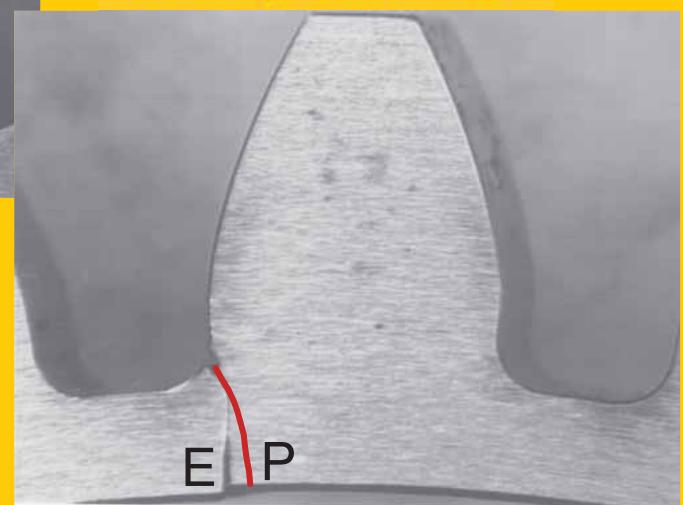
**Backup ratio = 3.3**



E = Experiment  
P = Predicted



**Backup ratio = 0.5**



# Cracking in Semiconductor Devices

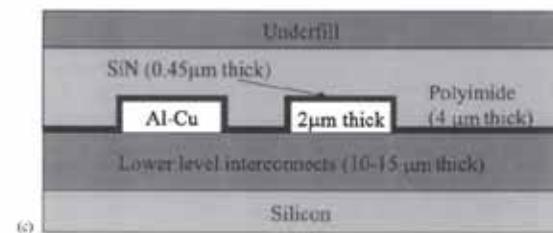
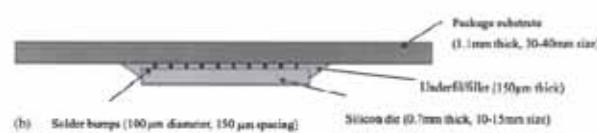
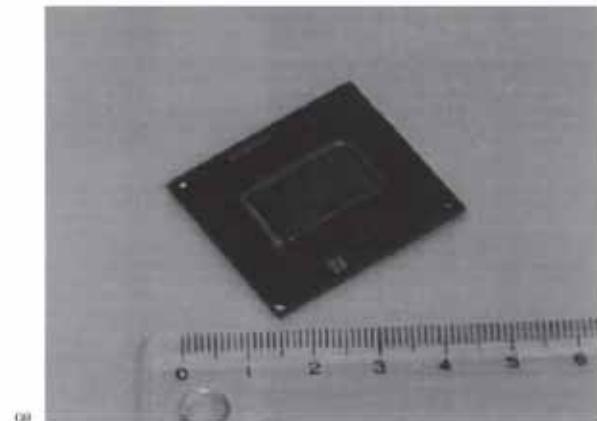


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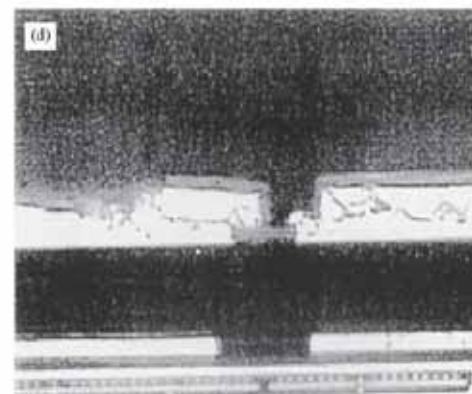
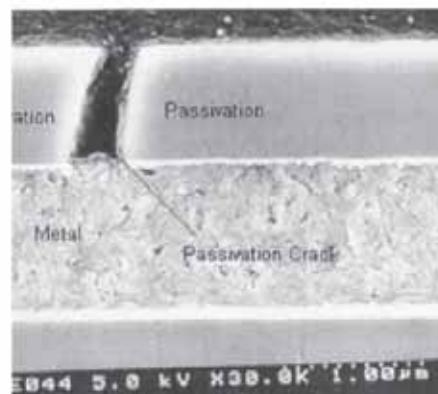
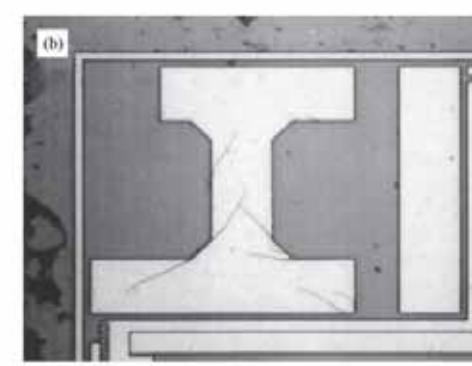
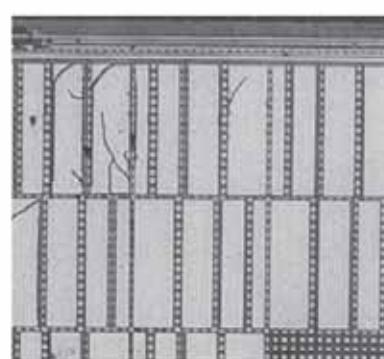
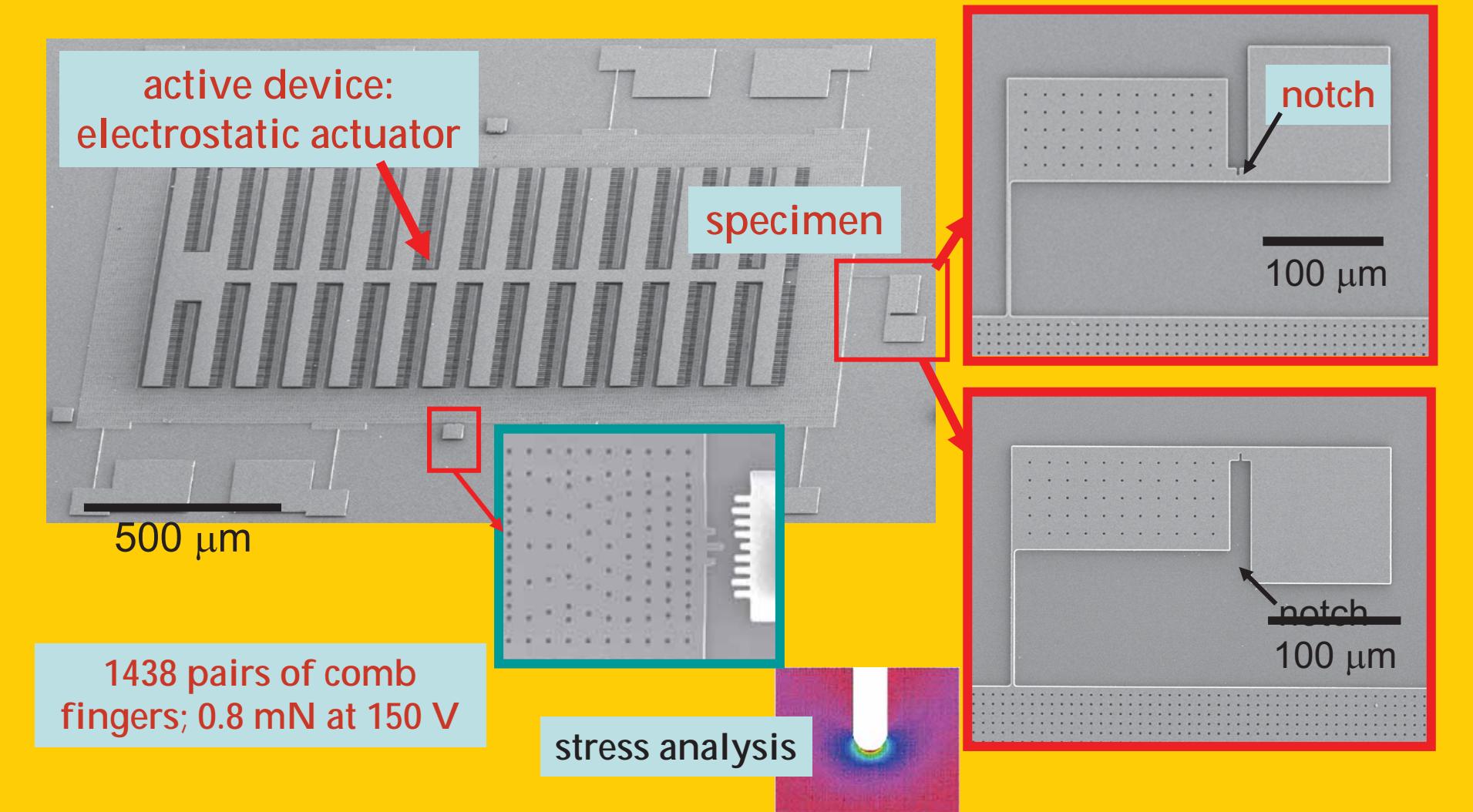


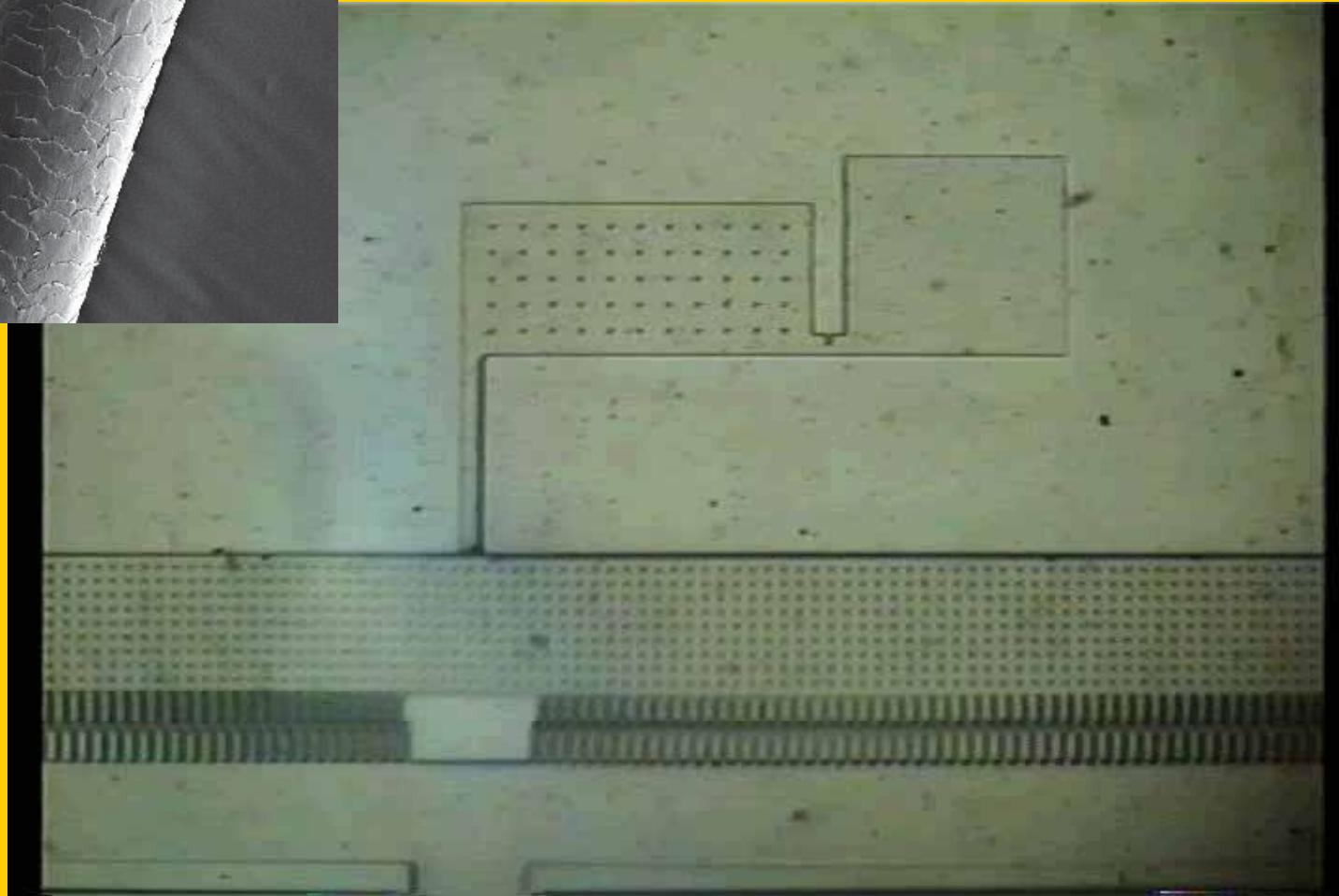
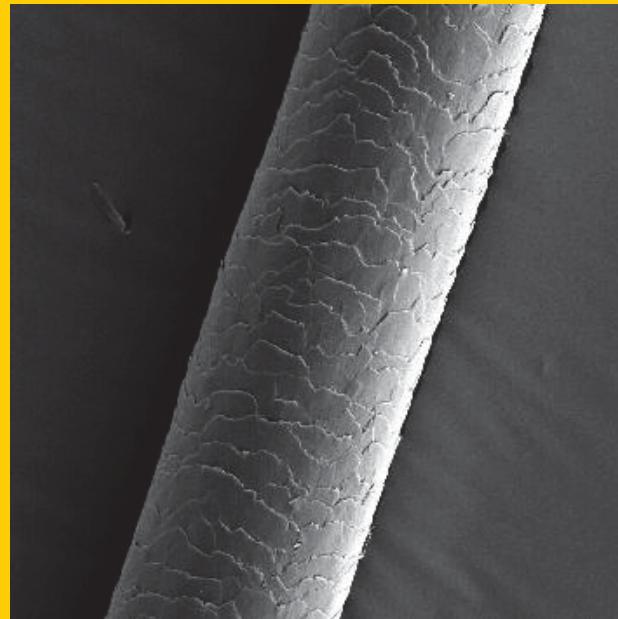
Figure 26 (a) The plan view of the surface of a die, near a die corner (source bib57 Huang *et al.*, 2000). (b) Patterned aluminum pads. Cracks form in SiN over aluminum, but not in SiN over silica (source bib56 Huang *et al.*, 2002). (c) A cross-section shows a crack in SiN (courtesy of Dr. J. B. Han). (d) A cross-section shows shifted aluminum pads (source bib55 Huang *et al.*, 2001).

## Fracture, fatigue and strength of MEMS materials



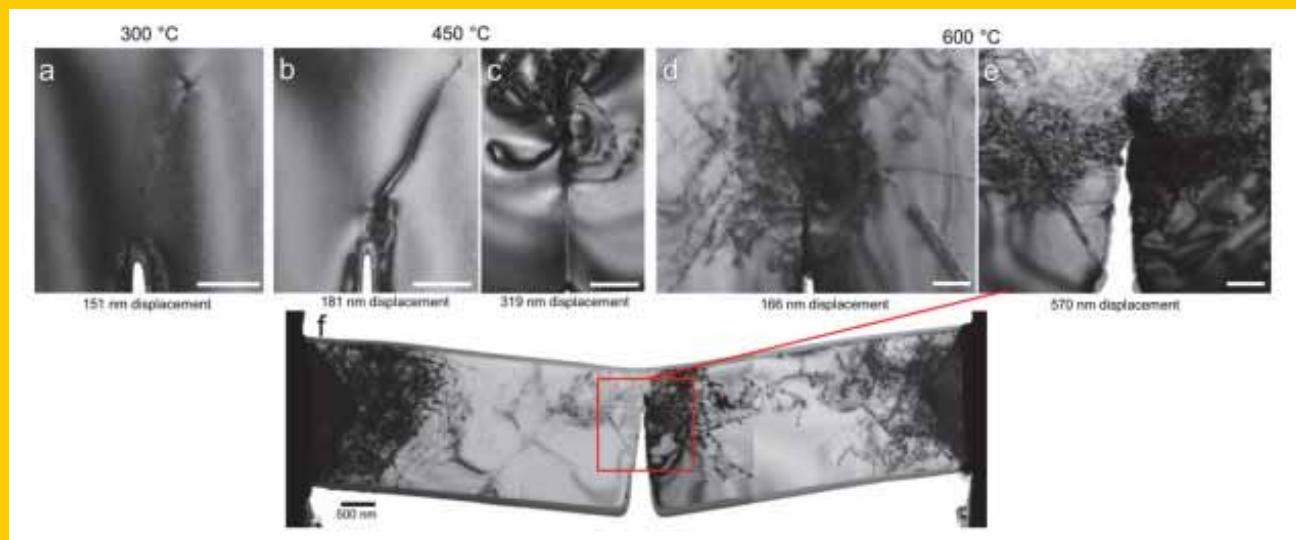
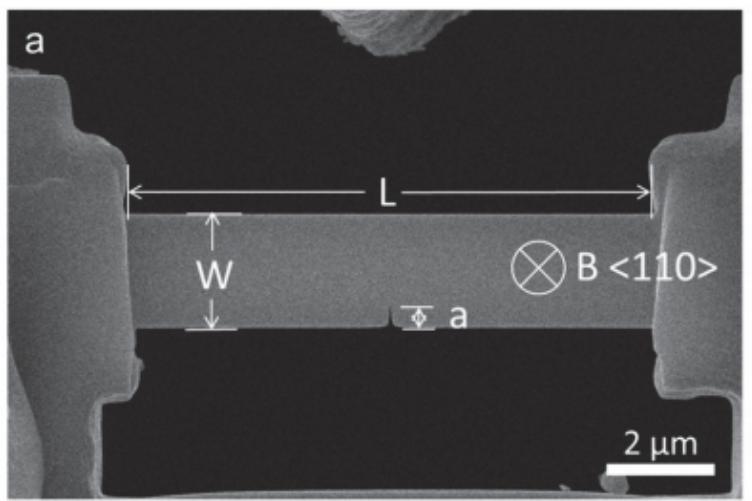
Developing models and experimental techniques  
for fracture and fatigue at small scales

Fatigue of polycrystalline silicon for MEMS



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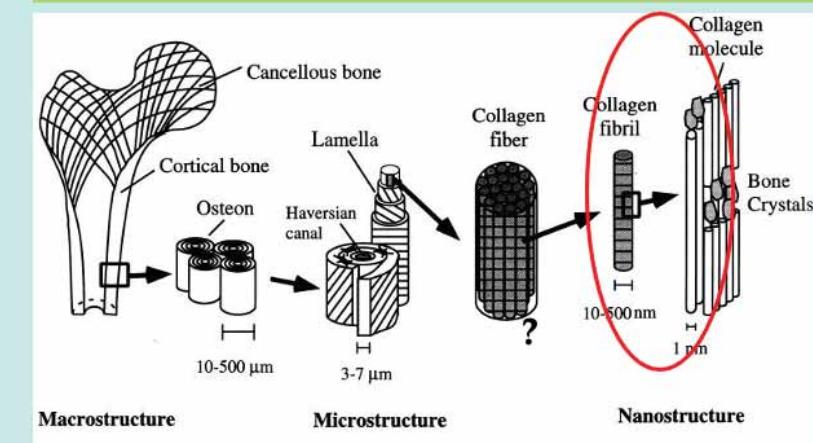
## Submicrometer high-temperature fracture experiments on silicon.



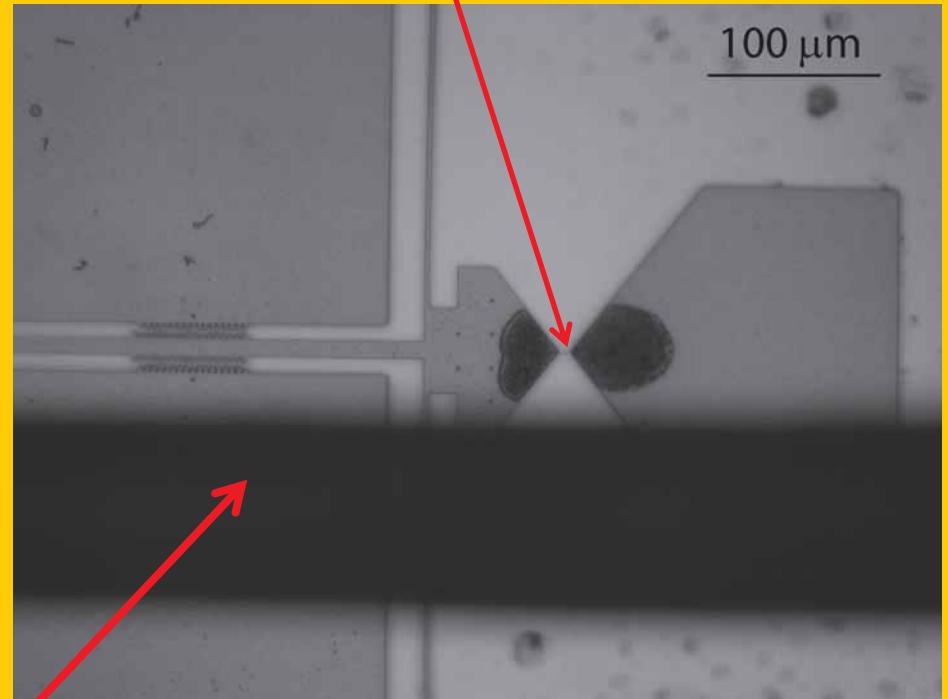
Why?

1. What are the origins of the toughness of bone and other tissues?

2. Development of multiscale models



## Fracture of Individual Collagen Fibrils



Human hair

## Strength Theories vs. Fracture Theories

Strength:

A diagram of a cylindrical specimen of length  $L_0$  and initial radius  $r_0$ . A tensile force  $F$  is applied at the top, causing a displacement  $\Delta$  and a new length  $L_0 + \Delta$ . The area of the cross-section is  $A_0$ .

$$\sigma_N \equiv F/A_0$$
$$\epsilon_N \equiv \Delta/L_0$$

$\sigma_N$  or  
yielding at  $\sigma_N = \sigma_Y$

A stress-strain curve showing yielding at  $\sigma_N = \sigma_Y$ . The yield stress  $\sigma_Y$  is indicated by a vertical arrow. The area under the curve up to the yield point is labeled  $E$ , representing strain energy density.

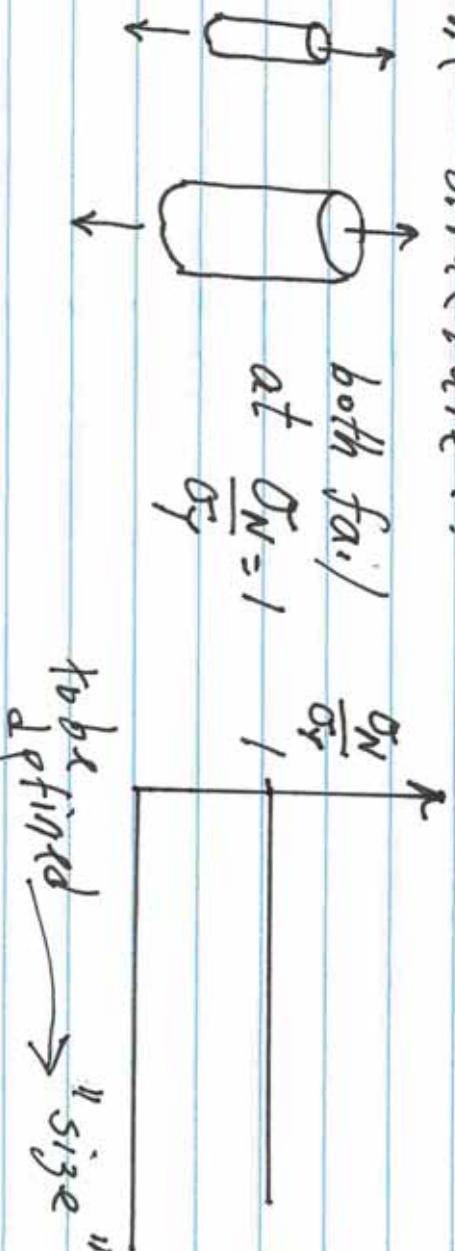
$$\frac{\sigma_N}{\sigma_Y} = 1$$

To prevent yielding:  
 $F_{max} = \sigma_Y A_0 / S_f$  safety factor

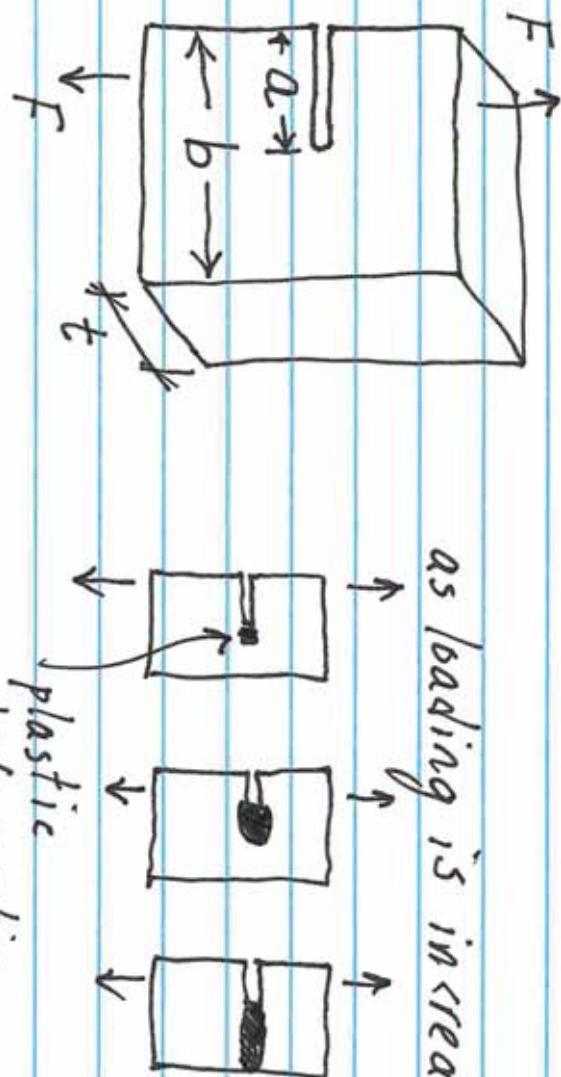
We can generalize one-dimensional plasticity initiation using a yield criterion such as von Mises:

$$\begin{cases} \sigma_{ij} \\ \epsilon_{ij} \end{cases} \quad F(\sigma_{ij}) - K = 0 \\ \text{or} \\ (\sigma_1 - \sigma_2)^2 + (\sigma_2 - \sigma_3)^2 + (\sigma_3 - \sigma_1)^2 \end{cases}$$

The important result for our discussion is that in plasticity theories, the stress level required to initiate yielding (the failure stress) is independent of the scale of the structure !!



Consider how plasticity would deal with  
a cracked structure:



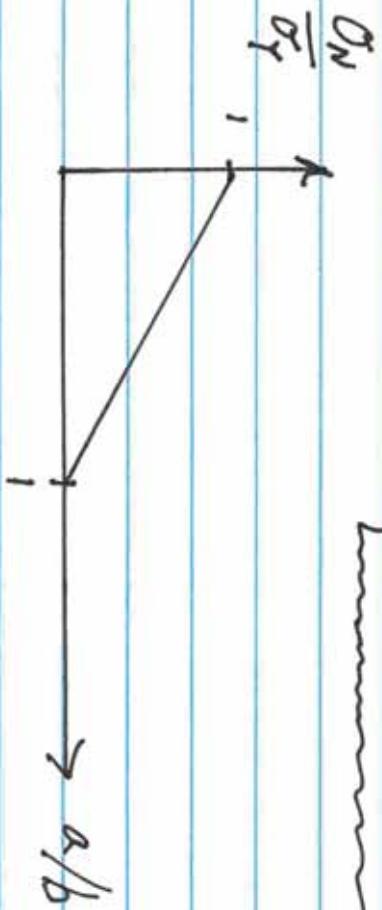
as loading is increased:

increases with load

The "limit" load according to a statically admissible solution is:

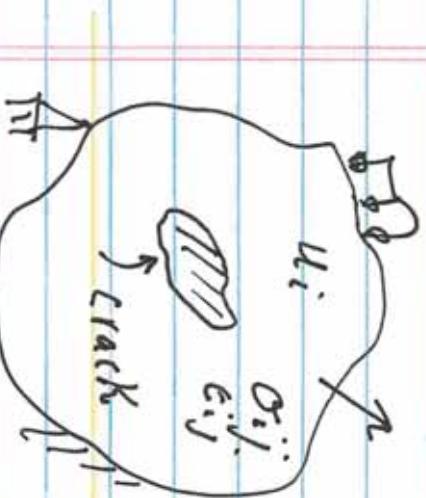
$$F_{\max} = \sigma_y t (b-a)$$

$$\frac{F_{\max}}{\sigma_y t b} = 1 - \frac{a}{b} = \frac{\sigma_N}{\sigma_y}$$



## Influence of a Crack

We will limit our discussion to linear elastic, isotropic materials experiencing small strains.



Unknowns:

$$\sigma_{ij}, \epsilon_{ij}, u_i$$

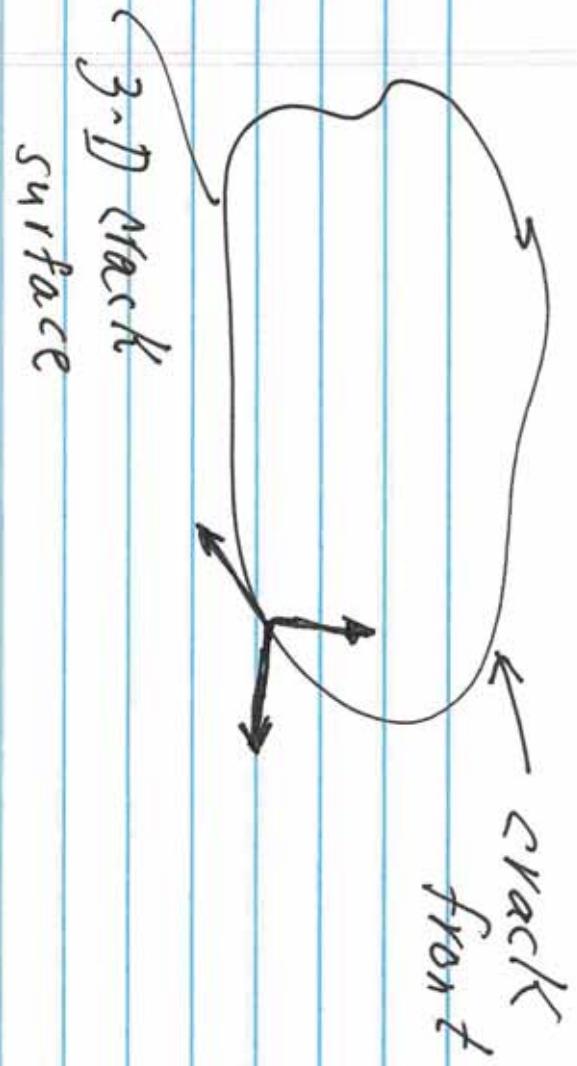
$$\text{equilibrium: } \frac{\partial \sigma_{ij}}{\partial x_j} + f_i = 0, \quad \sigma_{ij} = \sigma_{ji}$$

$$\text{strain-displacement: } \epsilon_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial u_j}{\partial x_i} \right)$$

$$\text{Hooke's law: } \sigma_{ij} = 2G(\epsilon_{ij} + \nu \epsilon_{kk} \delta_{ij})$$

$$\text{Compatibility: } R_{ij} = \epsilon_{ipq} \epsilon_{jrs} \epsilon_{qsr,pr} = 0$$

+ Boundary conditions



3-D crack  
surface

It can be shown that near the front, the elastic fields are a combination of three independent modes:

Mode I - "opening" or "tension"

Mode II - "sliding" or "in-plane shear"

Mode III - "tearing" or "anti-plane shear"

However, experimental data shows that the validity of strength theories

as applied to cracked structures is severely limited. Plasticity does not

account for "flaw sensitivity." In

general the nominal strength of a

cracked structure depends on the

combination of characteristic

dimensions of the structure, and a

material length scale.

We will show that the strength plot

looks like this:

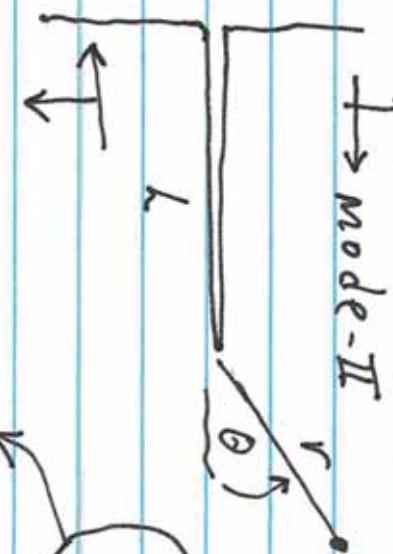
$$\frac{\sigma_N}{\sigma_f} \uparrow$$

(← linear elastic  
fracture mechanics)



Let us consider plane strain/stress

↑ mode-I  
↓ mode-II



if  $r \neq L$

$$\sigma_{ij} = \frac{K_I}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} f_{ij}(\theta) + \text{Bounded terms}$$

$$+ \frac{K_{II}}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} g_{ij}(\theta) + \text{Bounded terms}$$

$f_{ij}, g_{ij}$  are universal functions

$K_I, K_{II}$  depend on geometry of the structure and the boundary conditions. Note  $K_{I,II} = \left[ F \right]$

Since  $\sigma_{ij} \rightarrow 0$  as  $r \rightarrow 0$ , we  
must abandon the idea that  
failure initiates at a critical  
stress level.

Examples of  $K_I$ :

$$\begin{array}{c} \uparrow \uparrow \uparrow \uparrow \\ \text{---} \\ 2a \\ \text{---} \\ 2w \\ \downarrow \downarrow \downarrow \downarrow \end{array}$$
$$\frac{a \rightarrow 0}{W}$$
$$K_I = \sigma^* \sqrt{\pi a}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} M \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \uparrow \uparrow \\ a \uparrow \uparrow b \\ \text{---} \\ t \end{array}$$
$$\sigma^N \equiv \frac{M \frac{b}{2}}{\frac{t}{12} b^3} = \frac{6M}{tb^2}$$
$$K_I = \frac{6M}{tb^2} \sqrt{\pi a} F\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)$$

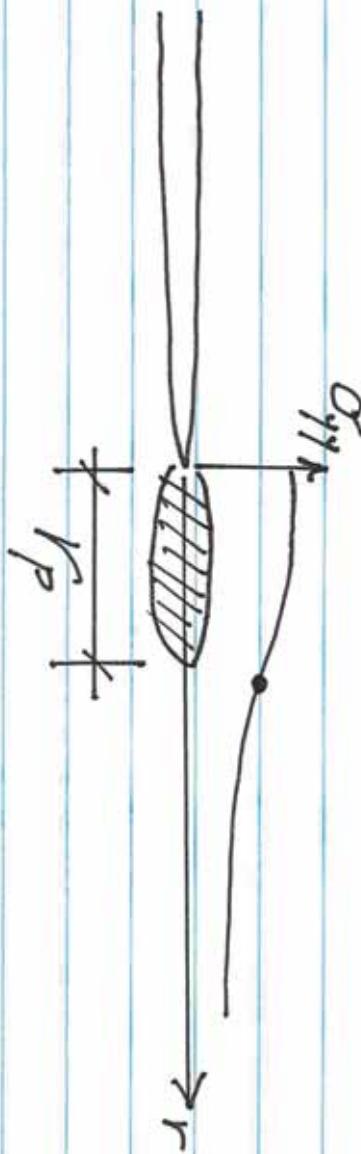
How can we use the elastic singular fields to predict crack extension?

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First, we note that the stress

concentration produces a damage

zone (process zone):



"Quick and dirty estimate" of  $r_p$

$$\sigma_{yy}(r=r_p) = \sigma_y = K_I / \sqrt{2\pi r_p}$$

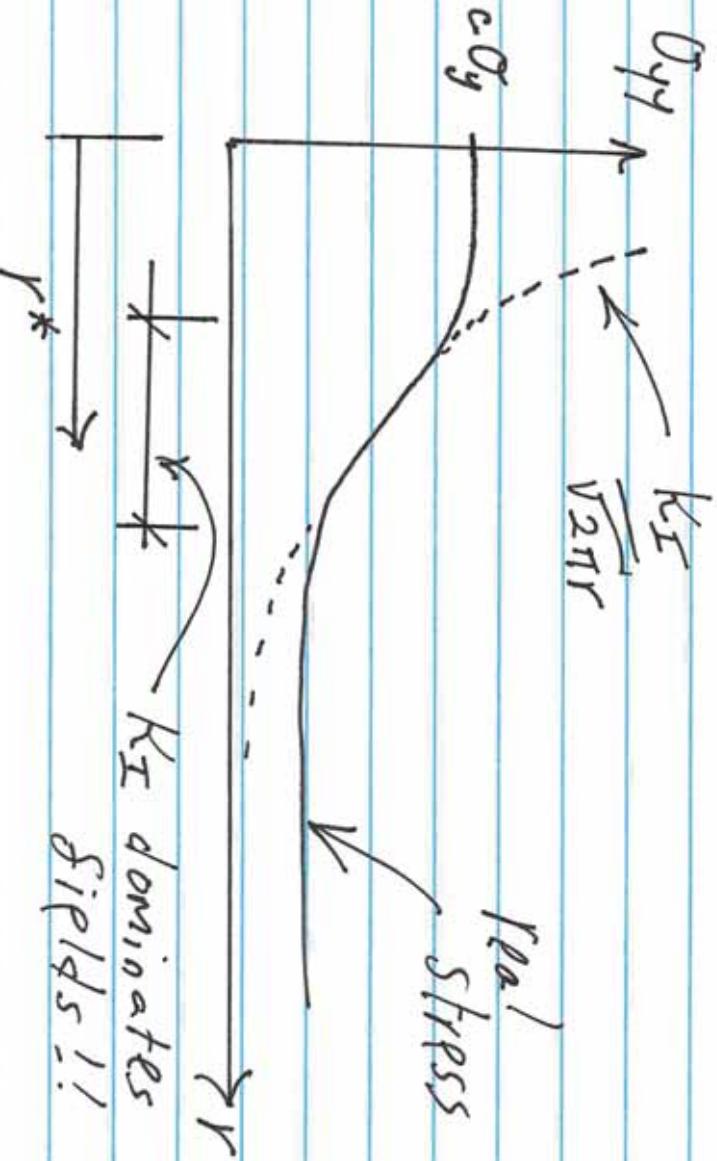
$$r_p \sim \left( \frac{K_I}{\sigma_y} \right)^2$$

An example of the “process zone” that develops at crack tips

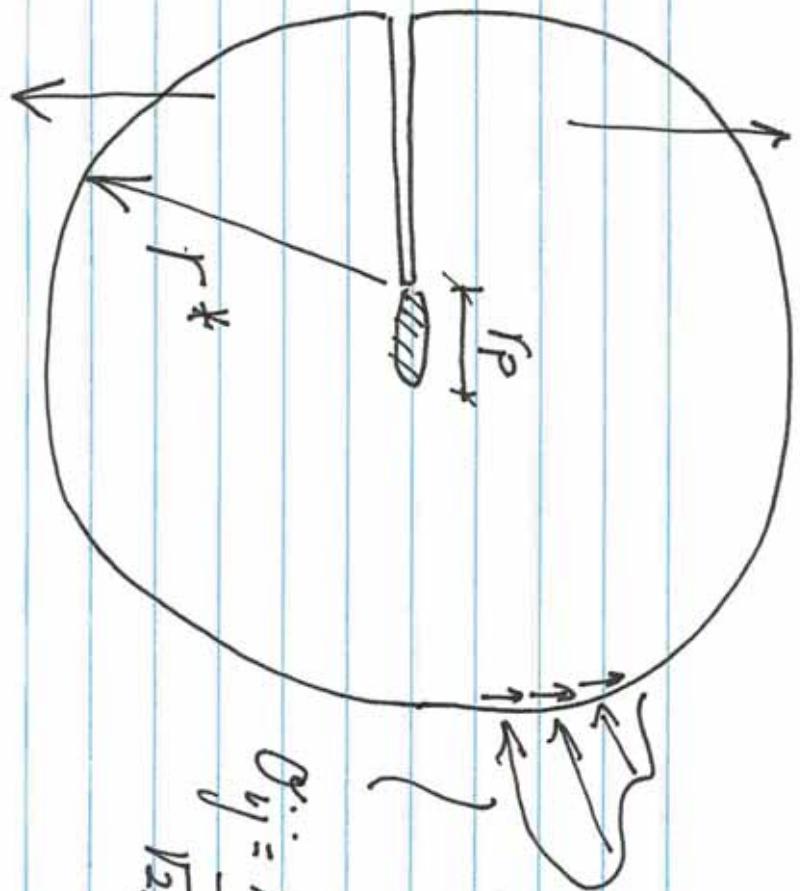


Moreover, it has been determined theoretically, computationally, and experimentally that if  $\frac{r_p}{L} \ll 1$ ,

there exists a  $K_I$ -dominated zone



Let's visualize the  $K_I$ -dominated zone through a free body diagram.



$$\sigma_{ij} = \frac{K_I}{\sqrt{2\pi r^*}} f_{ij}(\theta)$$

$K_I$  is the only parameter required to characterize how the near-tip region responds to the applied loads and specimen geometry!.

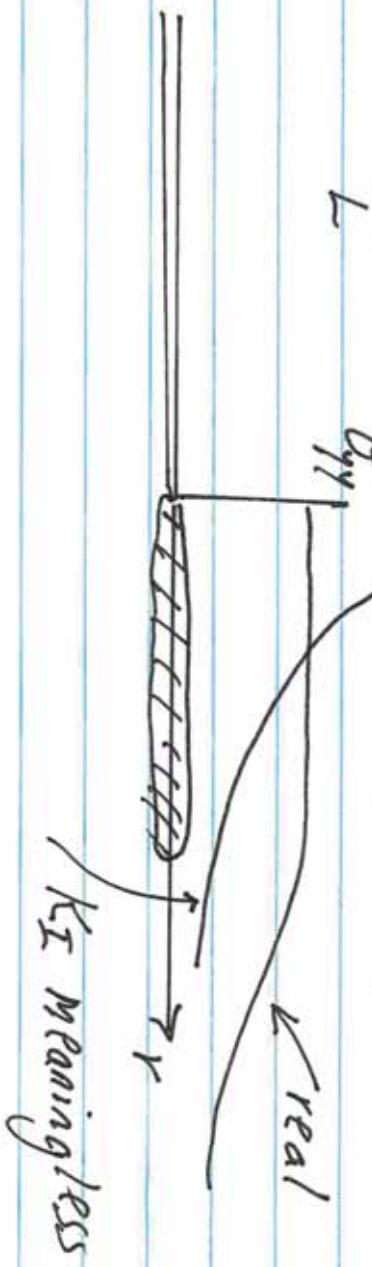
Therefore we postulate:

$K_I = K_I^{CRITICAL}$  as the crack extension criterion

$$K_I = K_I^{\text{CRITICAL}}$$

instead of  $f(\sigma_{ij}) = f^{\text{CRITICAL}}$

If  $\frac{r_p}{L}$  is relatively large:



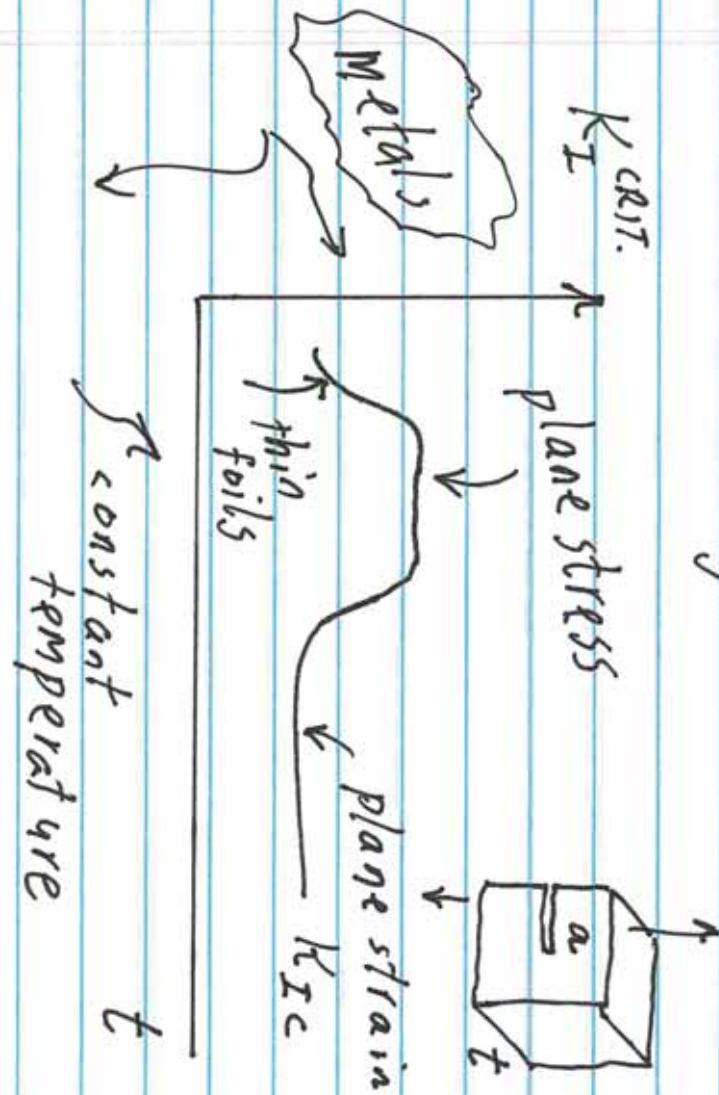
Illustrative values of  $r_p$ :

$$r_p = \frac{1}{2\pi} \left( \frac{K_I c}{\sigma_r} \right)^2$$

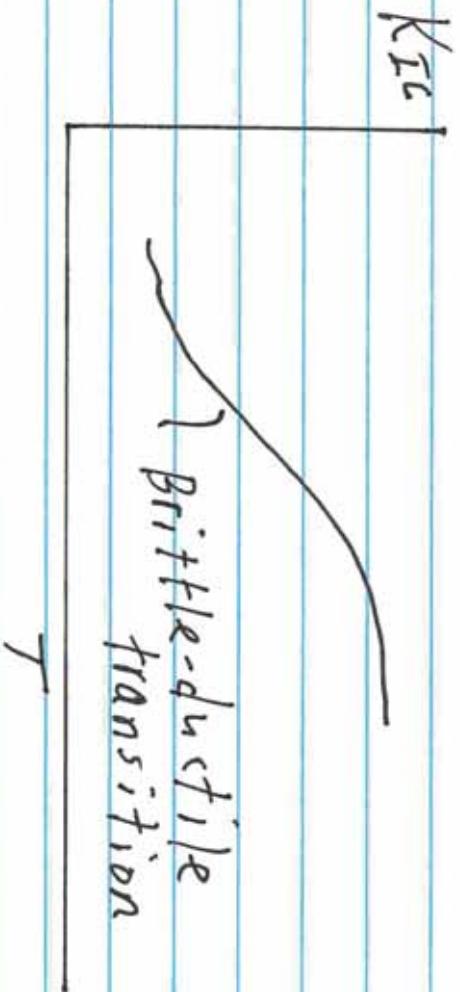
Material	$K_I c$	$\sigma_r$	$r_p = \frac{1}{2\pi} \left( \frac{K_I c}{\sigma_r} \right)^2$
7075-T6 Al	25 ksi $\sqrt{in}$	75 ksi	0.02 in
PMMA	750 psi $\sqrt{in}$	7500 psi	0.002 in
A333B	170 ksi $\sqrt{in}$	100 ksi	0.5 in

↑  
pressure  
vessel  
stress

Note that  $K_I^{CRITICAL}$  is dependent  
on specimen thickness, temperature,  
and other things :



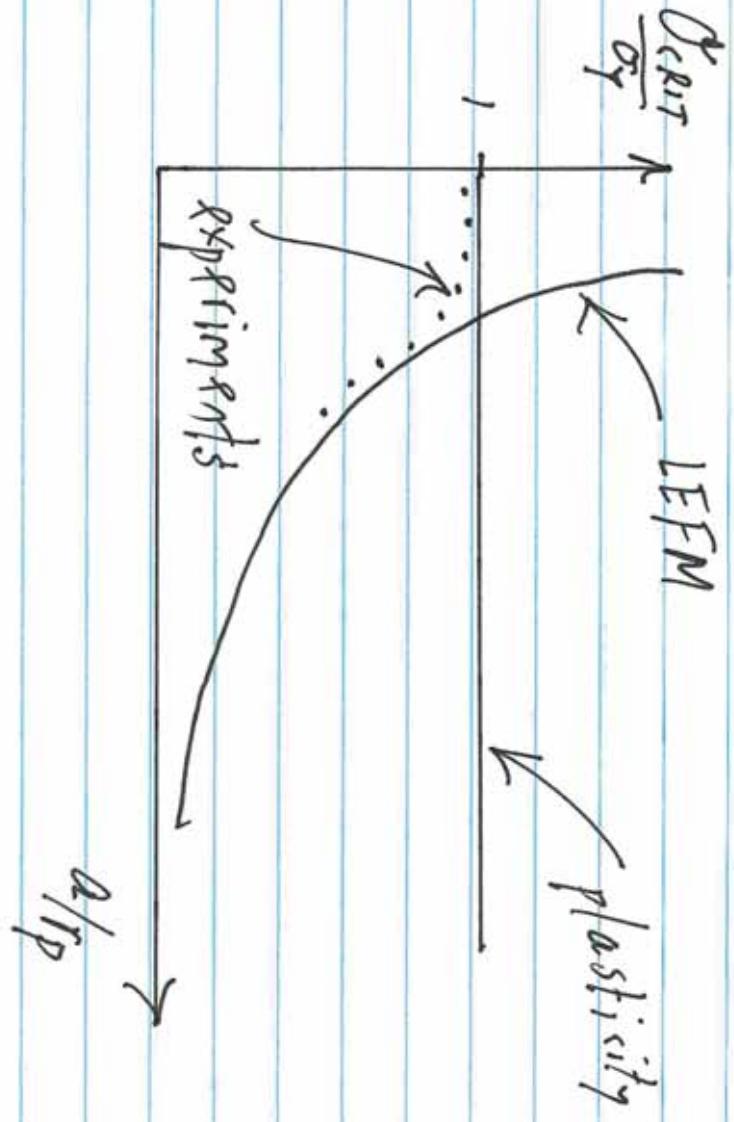
when  $a, t > 2.5 \left( \frac{K_I^c}{\sigma_y} \right)^2$ , plane strain  
prevails



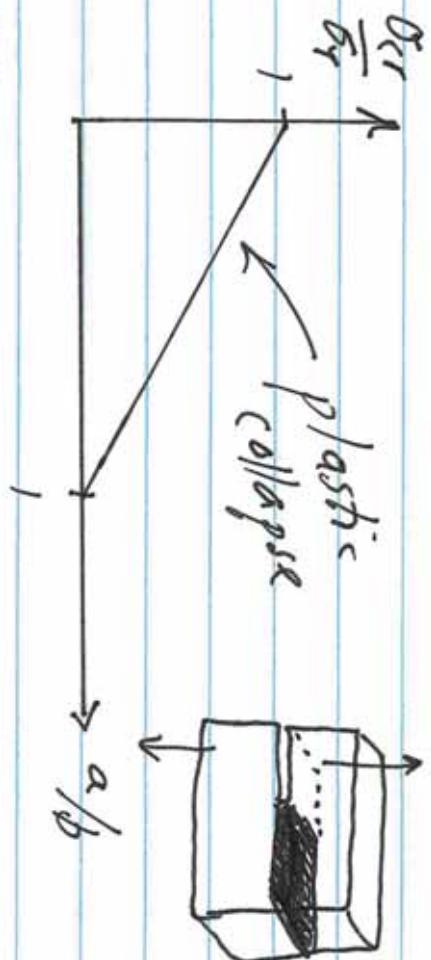
Let's complete the strength - "size" plot:

$$\sigma_{crit} \sim \frac{K_{Ic}}{\sqrt{a}} \quad r_p \sim \left( \frac{K_{Ic}}{\sigma_y} \right)^2$$

$$\sigma_{crit} \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{a/r_p}}$$



Let's return to the cracked beam

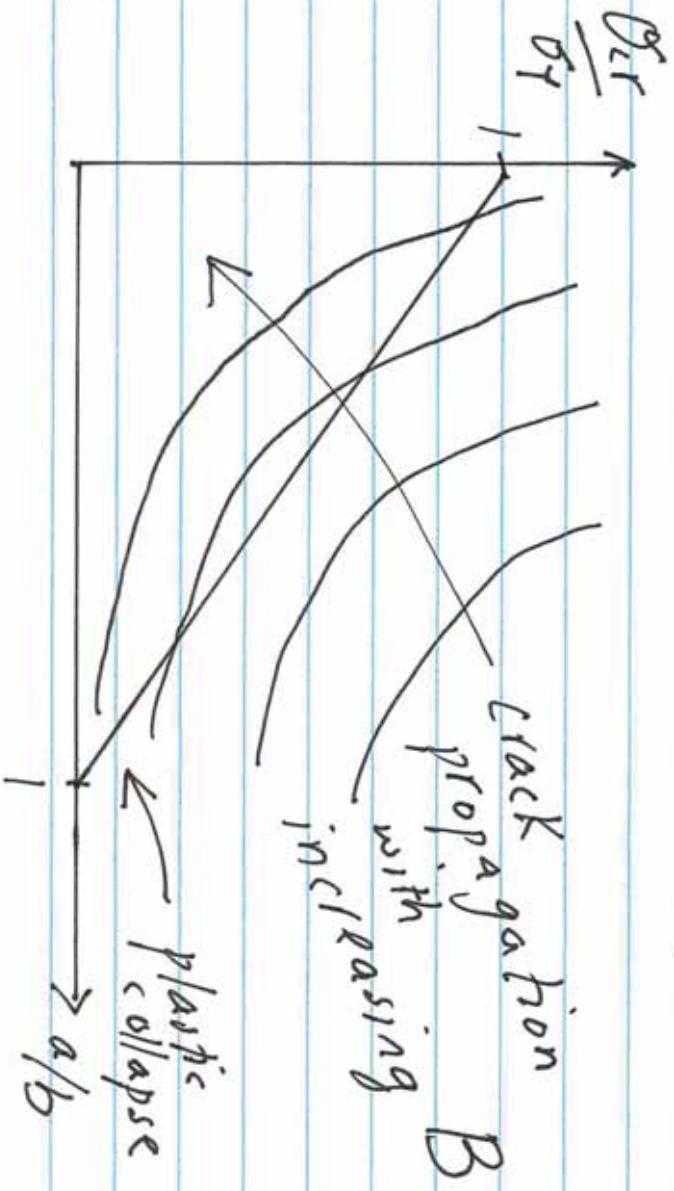


$$\frac{\sigma_{cr}}{\sigma_f} = \frac{K_Ic}{\sqrt{\pi a} f(\frac{a}{b})} = \frac{K_Ic}{\sigma_f \sqrt{b} \sqrt{\pi a/b} F}$$

$$\sigma_{cr}^{LEFM} = \frac{1}{B G(\frac{a}{b})}$$

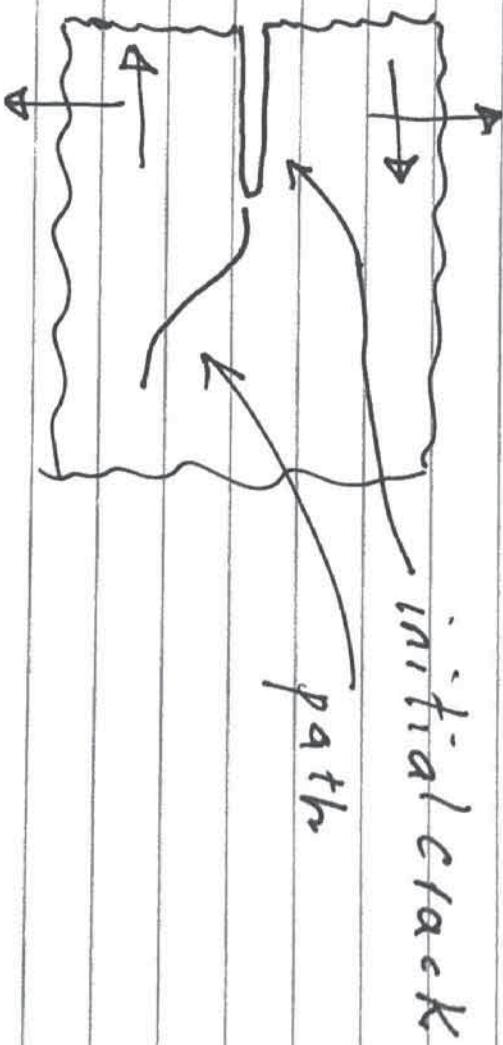
$$B = \frac{\sigma_f \sqrt{b}}{K_Ic}$$

$$G = \sqrt{\pi a/b} F$$



# Mixed-mode Propagation in Tension-weak (brittle) solids

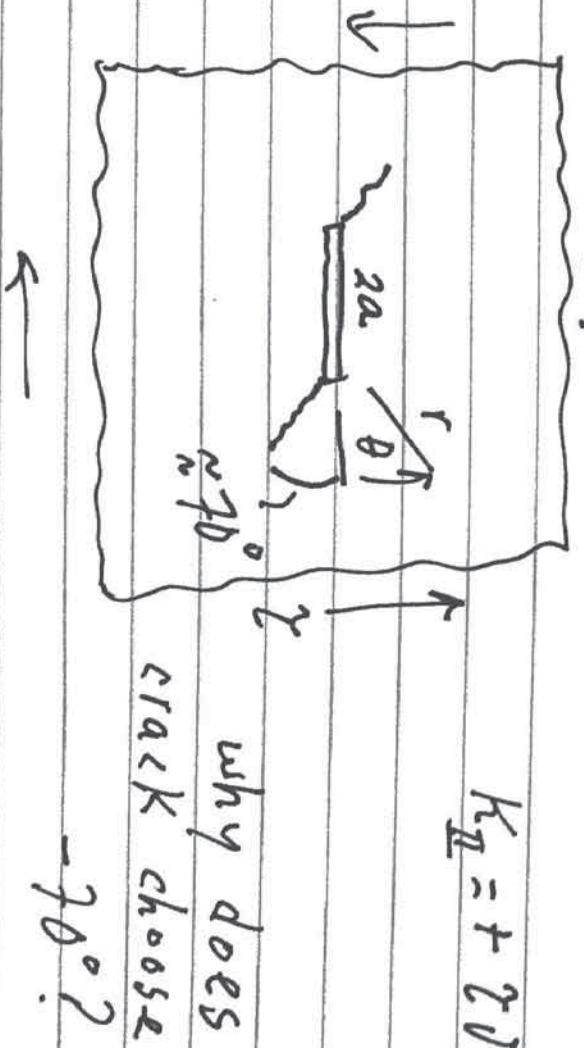
We want to predict the load required to extend the crack and the direction of extension.



Let's start with pure Mode-II ( $K_I = 0$ )

$$K_{II} = + \sigma \sqrt{\pi a}$$

$\approx 70^\circ$  why does crack choose  $-70^\circ$ ?



$\rightarrow \square \leftarrow$  high compression



$\leftarrow \square \rightarrow$  high tension

$$\sigma_{\theta\theta} = \frac{k\pi}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} f_{\theta\theta}(\theta) \quad \leftarrow \text{Known}$$

$$\sigma_{rr} = -\frac{k\pi}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \frac{3}{4} \left( \sin \frac{\theta}{2} + \sin \frac{3\theta}{2} \right)$$

$$\sigma_{r\theta} = \frac{k\pi}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \frac{1}{4} \left( \cos \frac{\theta}{2} + 3 \cos \frac{3\theta}{2} \right)$$

Assume crack extends in the direction perpendicular to maximum tension:

$$\frac{d\sigma_{\theta\theta}}{d\theta} = 0 \quad (\sigma_{r\theta} = 0)$$

$$\hookrightarrow \theta = \pm 70.6^\circ$$

(choose  $-70.6^\circ$  for tension)

$\ll 70.6^\circ$  is compression

Note that for  $\theta = -70.6^\circ$

$$\sigma_{\theta\theta} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \frac{k_{II}}{\sqrt{2\pi r}}$$

it looks like the stress field

ahead of a Mode-I crack

$$\text{with } K_I = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} k_{II}$$

Therefore  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{critical} \\ K_{II} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} K_I \text{ critical} \end{array} \right.$

Generalizing to  $K_2, \xi' K_2$

$$\sigma_{\theta} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \left\{ K_2 f_1(\theta) + K_2 f_2(\theta) \right\}$$

$$\sigma_{\phi} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \left\{ K_2 f_3(\theta) + K_2 f_4(\theta) \right\}$$

Set  $\sigma_{\theta} = 0$ :

$$\sum \sigma_{\theta m}$$

$$\tan(\theta_m) = \frac{1}{4} \left\{ \frac{K_2}{K_2} + \sqrt{\left( \frac{K_2}{K_2} \right)^2 + 8} \right\}$$

$$\text{set } \sigma_{\phi} = \frac{K_{2c}}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \quad \begin{matrix} \uparrow \\ \text{DIRECTION} \end{matrix}$$

$$\frac{K_2}{K_{2c}} \cos^3 \theta_m - \frac{3}{2} \frac{K_{2c}}{K_{2c}} \cos^2 \theta_m \sin \theta_m = 1$$

$\uparrow$   
EXTENSION  
LOAD

## **Examples of Fracture Mechanics-Based Design:**

- 1. Break-out strength of anchors embedded in concrete.**
  
- 2. Design of gears in rotorcraft transmission and drive systems.**

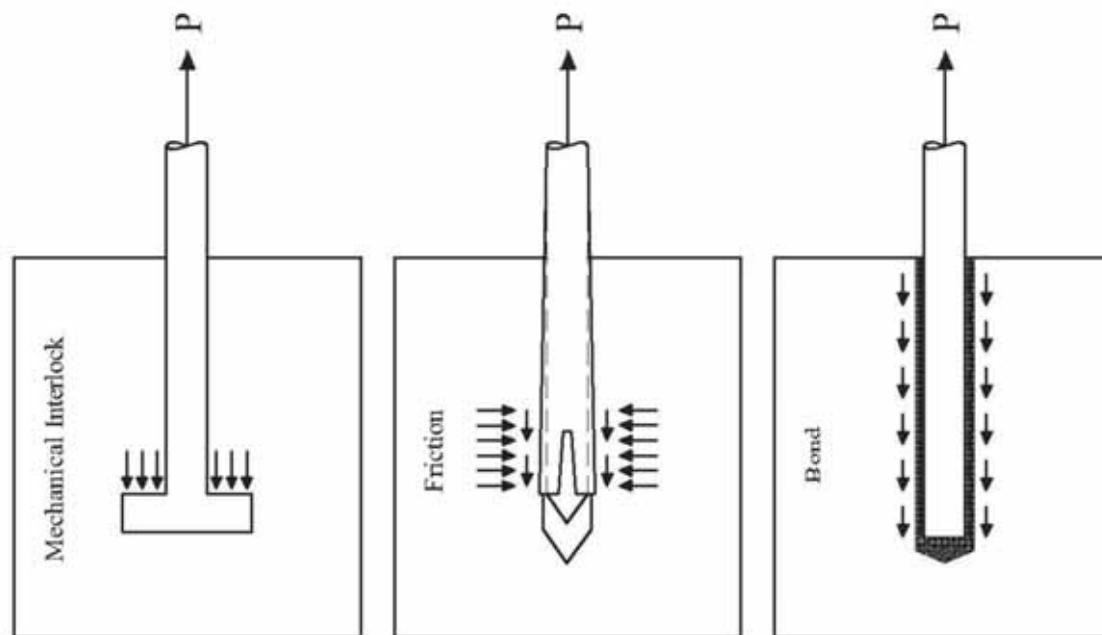
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University of Houston**

**Tongji University**

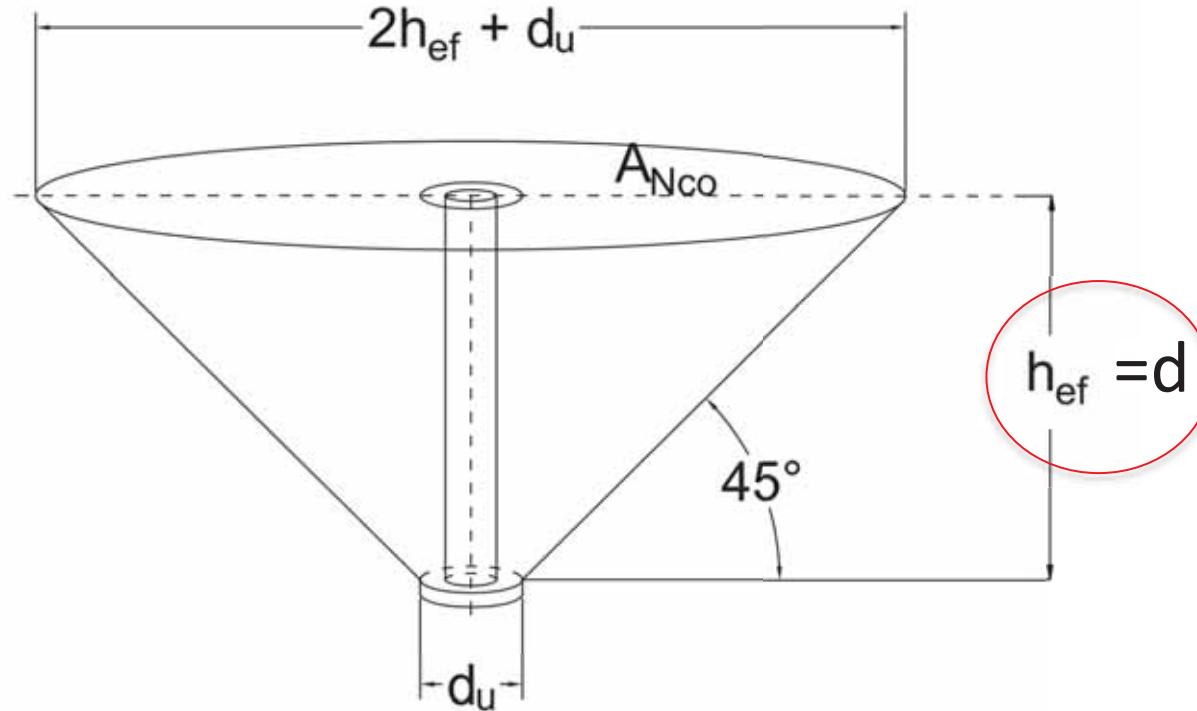
# Fracture Mechanics Model of Anchor Group Breakout: A Classroom Example

or

**ACI/RILEM have learned a lot, but not enough**



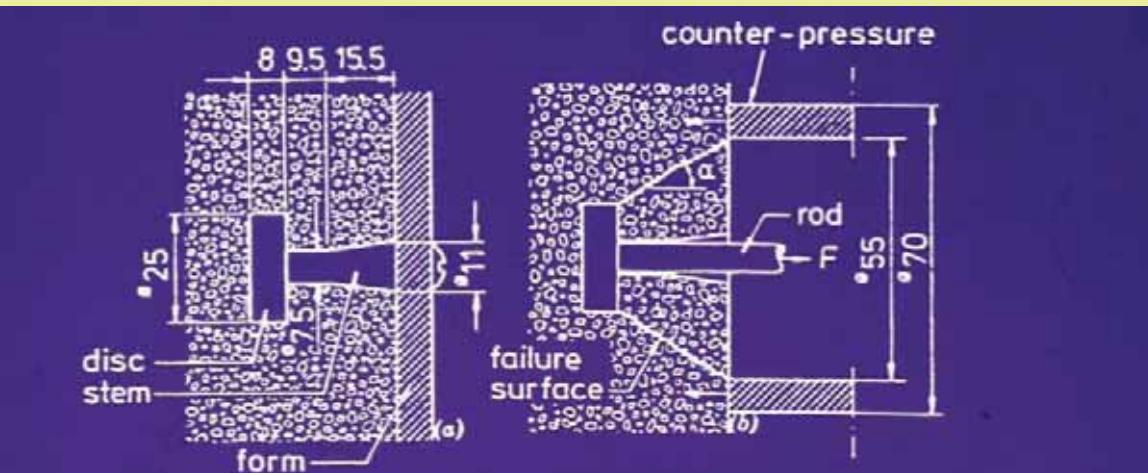
# The codes up to the early 1990's



$$P_{u,ACI} = f_t \pi d^2 \left(1 + \frac{c}{d}\right) = 4\phi \sqrt{f'_c} \pi d^2 \left(1 + \frac{c}{d}\right) \approx \boxed{f_t d^2}$$

$$\phi (f_t = 4\phi \sqrt{f'_c}).$$

Does not agree with experimental data!  
Overpredicts capacity!



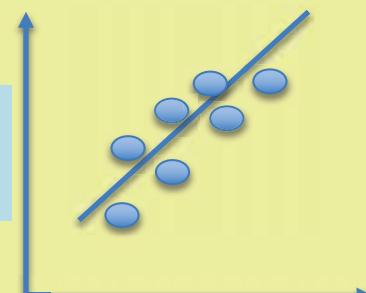
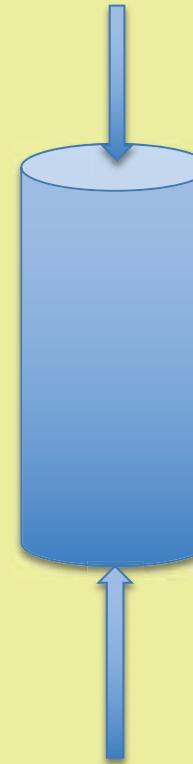
-Application and Configuration of Lok-Test (All Dimensions Are in millimeters)

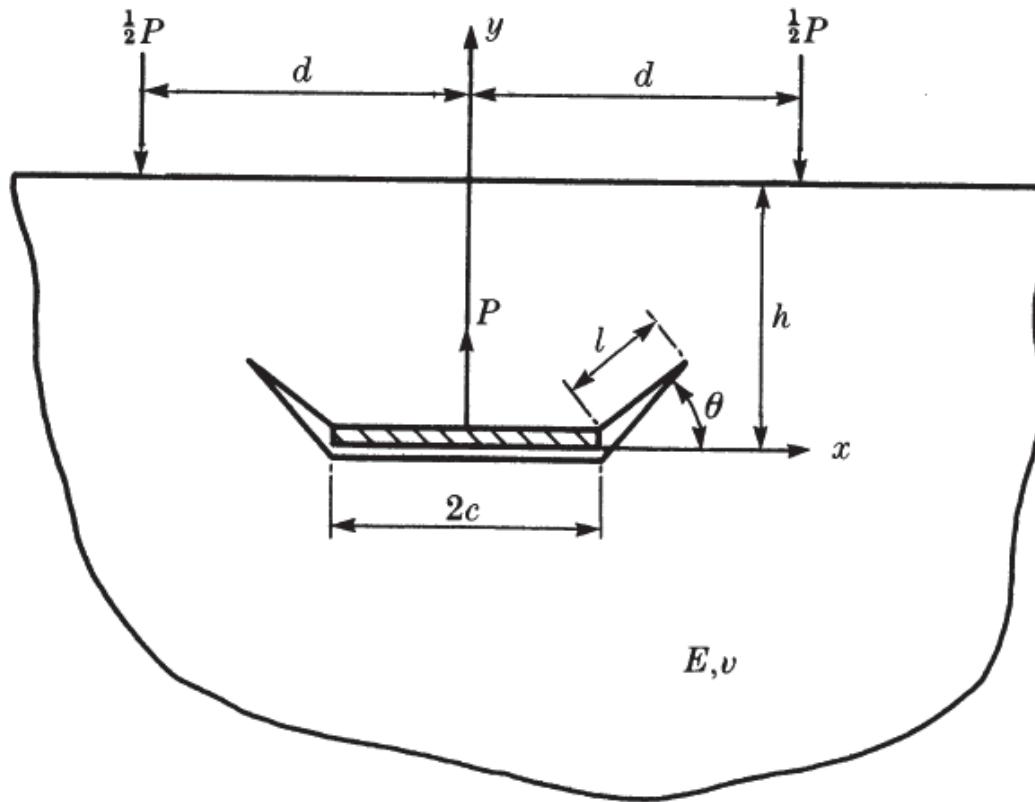
## FIG. 5– LOK-TEST

What material property is this test measuring?  
The compressive strength is correlated with the force required to pull out the anchor.

Compressive strength

Pull-out force

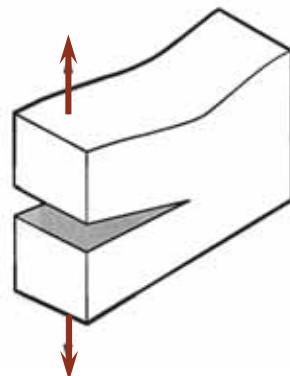




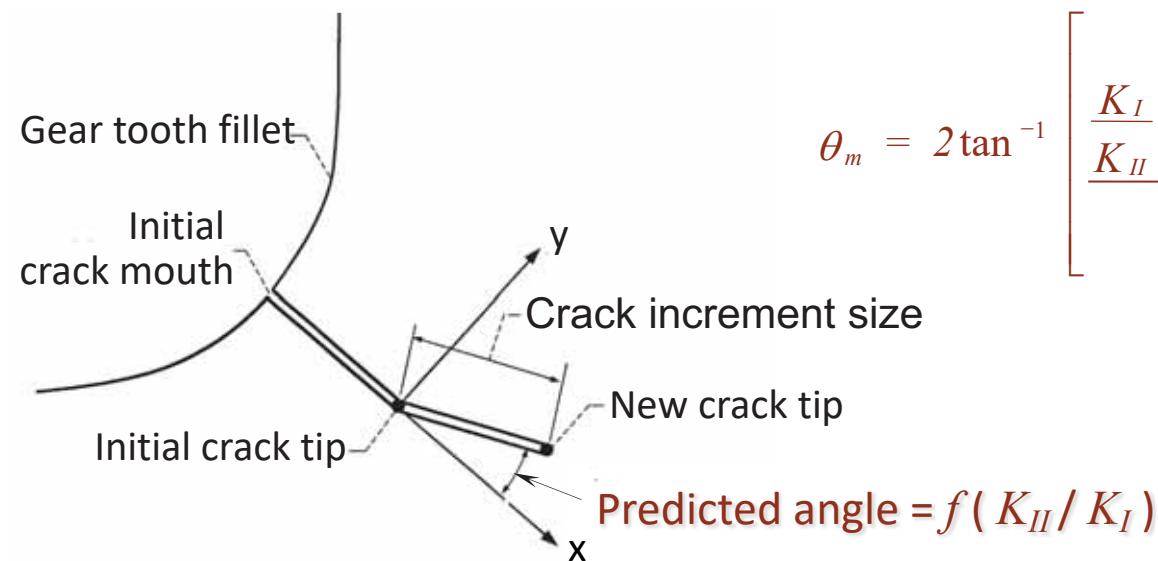
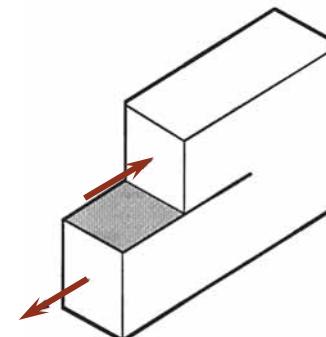
- Failure of headed anchors reflects a progressive crack propagation process; (Ballarini *et al.*, 1985) **Two-dimensional configuration**
- Experimental and analytical investigation of LOK test and pullout problem by changing the position of the support reactions;

# Stress Intensity Factors

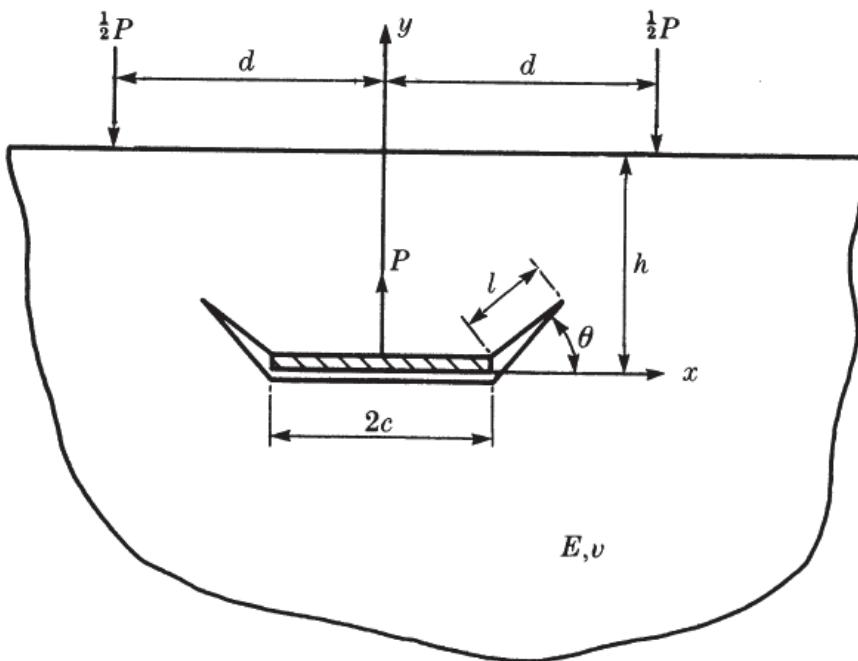
$K_I$  = mode I  
stress intensity  
factor



$K_{II}$  = mode II  
stress intensity  
factor



$$\theta_m = 2 \tan^{-1} \left[ \frac{\frac{K_I}{K_{II}} \pm \sqrt{\left( \frac{K_I}{K_{II}} \right)^2 + 8}}{4} \right]$$

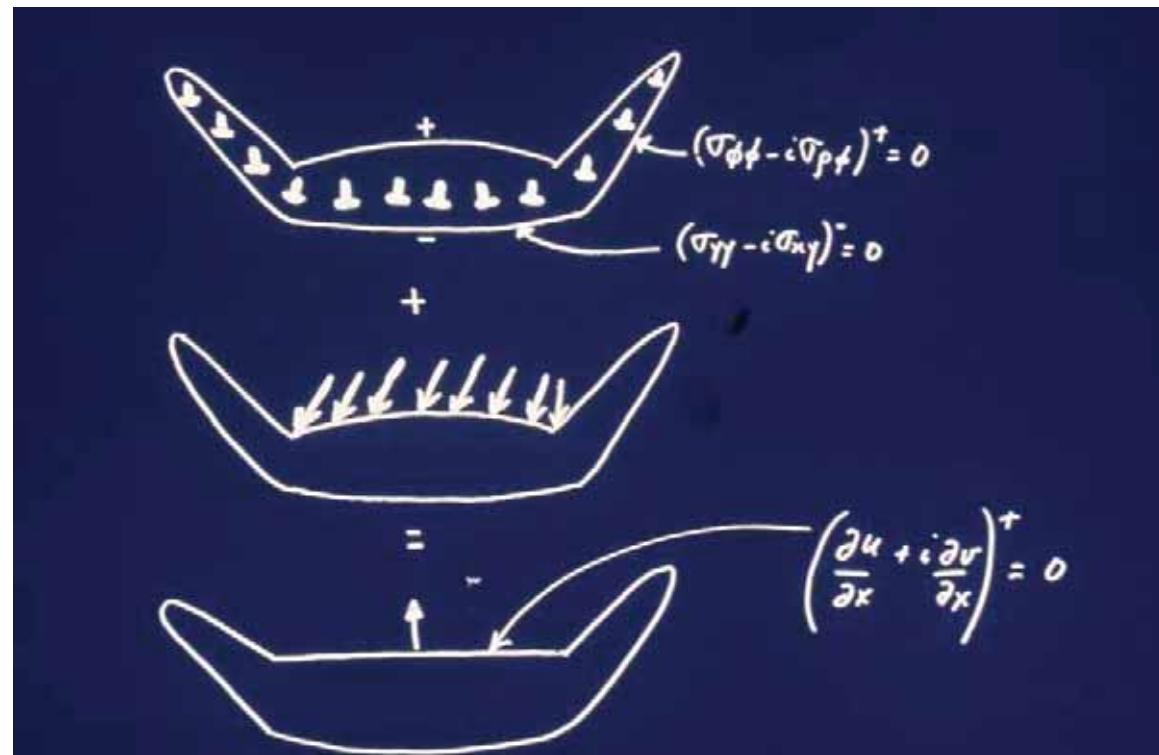


$$2\mu \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + i \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \right)^+ = 0 \quad (\text{bonded upper portion})$$

$$(\sigma_{yy} - i\sigma_{xy})^- = 0 \quad (\text{unbonded lower portion})$$

$$\sigma_{\phi\phi} - i\sigma_{\rho\phi} = 0 \quad (\text{stress free crack surface})$$

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha(\xi) &= \frac{-1}{2\pi(\kappa+1)}\frac{\partial}{\partial\xi}\left(F_x+\mathrm{i}F_y\right),\\ \beta(\xi) &= \frac{\mu\mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{i}\theta}}{\pi\mathrm{i}(\kappa+1)}\frac{\partial}{\partial\xi}\left\{[u_r]+\mathrm{i}[v_\theta]\right\},\\ \psi(\tau) &= \frac{\mu\mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{i}\theta}}{\pi\mathrm{i}(\kappa+1)}\frac{\partial}{\partial\tau}\left\{[u_r]+\mathrm{i}[v_\theta]\right\},\end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_0^c \alpha(\xi) \left[ \frac{\xi-1}{\xi-x} + K_1(x, \xi) - K_2(x, -\xi) \right] d\xi + \int_0^c \overline{\alpha(\xi)} \left[ K_2(x, \xi) - K_1(x, -\xi) \right] d\xi \\
& + \pi i (\kappa+1) \alpha(x) + \int_0^c \beta(\rho) \left[ \frac{-2}{\rho-x} + K_3(x, \rho) - K_4(x, -\rho) \right] d\rho \\
& + \int_0^c \overline{\beta(\rho)} \left[ K_4(x, \rho) - K_3(x, -\rho) \right] d\rho \\
& + \int_0^L \psi(\tau) K_9(x, \tau) d\tau + \int_0^L \overline{\psi(\tau)} K_{10}(x, \tau) d\tau + f_1(x) = 0 \quad -c \leq x \leq c
\end{aligned}$$

$$\int_0^c [\alpha(\xi) - \overline{\alpha(\xi)}] d\xi = \frac{p}{2\pi i(\kappa+1)}$$

$$\int_0^c [\beta(\xi) - \overline{\beta(\xi)}] d\xi + \int_0^L [\psi(\tau) - \overline{\psi(\tau)}] d\tau = 0$$

All physical quantities can be obtained after solving numerically the equations (3.4)–(3.8). In particular, the stress intensity factor, defined by

$$K_1 - iK_{II} = \lim_{\tau \rightarrow l^+} \sqrt{[2\pi(\tau - l)]} (\sigma_{\phi\phi} - i\sigma_{\phi\theta}) \quad (3.10)$$

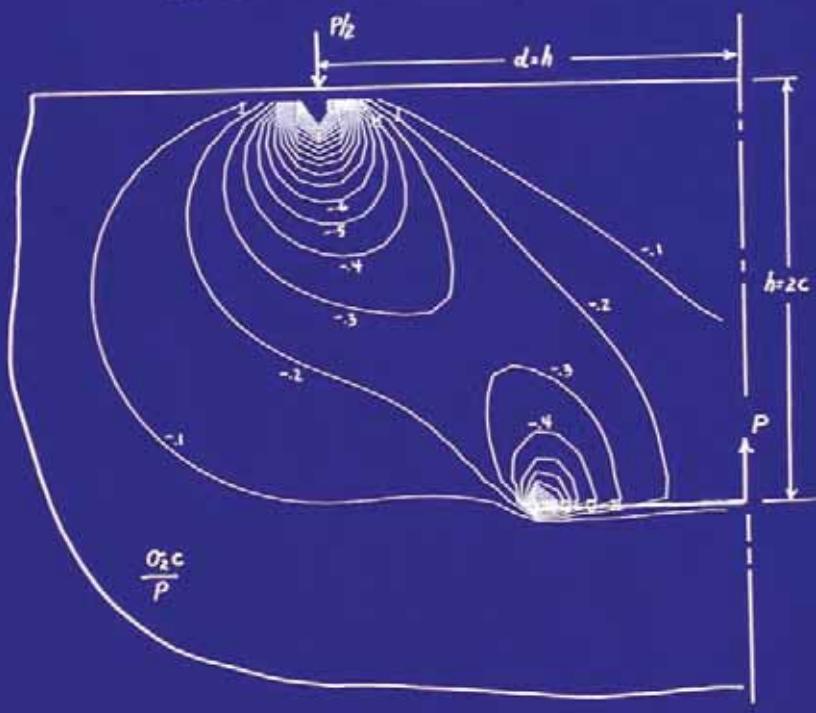
can be directly related to the dislocation density  $\psi(\tau)$  by taking the asymptotic form of (3.6). In terms of dimensionless quantities arising from the numerical scheme, the result is

$$(K_1 - iK_{II})(c^{\frac{1}{2}}/P) = 2i\pi^{\frac{1}{2}} e^{-i\theta} \sqrt{(l/c)} \overset{*}{\psi}(1), \quad (3.11)$$

where

$$\overset{*}{\psi}(\tau) = \frac{\overset{*}{\psi}(s)}{(1-s^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \frac{P}{c}; \quad s = \frac{2\tau}{l} - 1. \quad (3.12)$$

FIG. 13—MINIMUM PRINCIPAL STRESSES



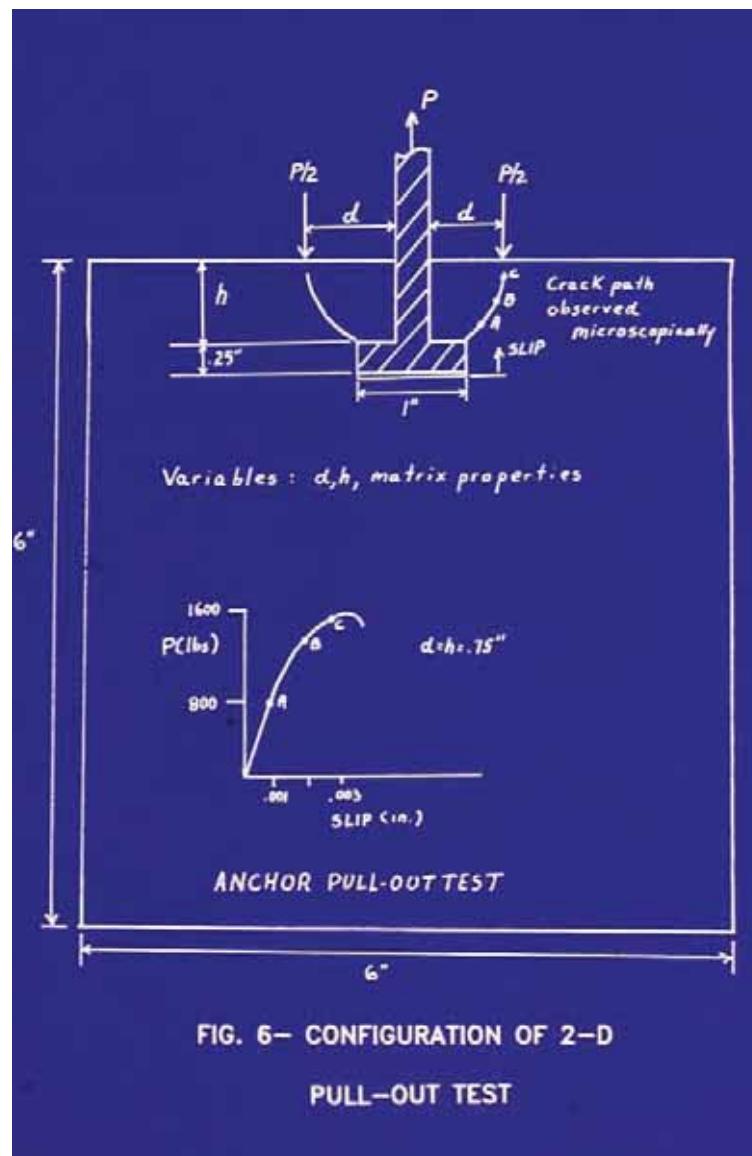
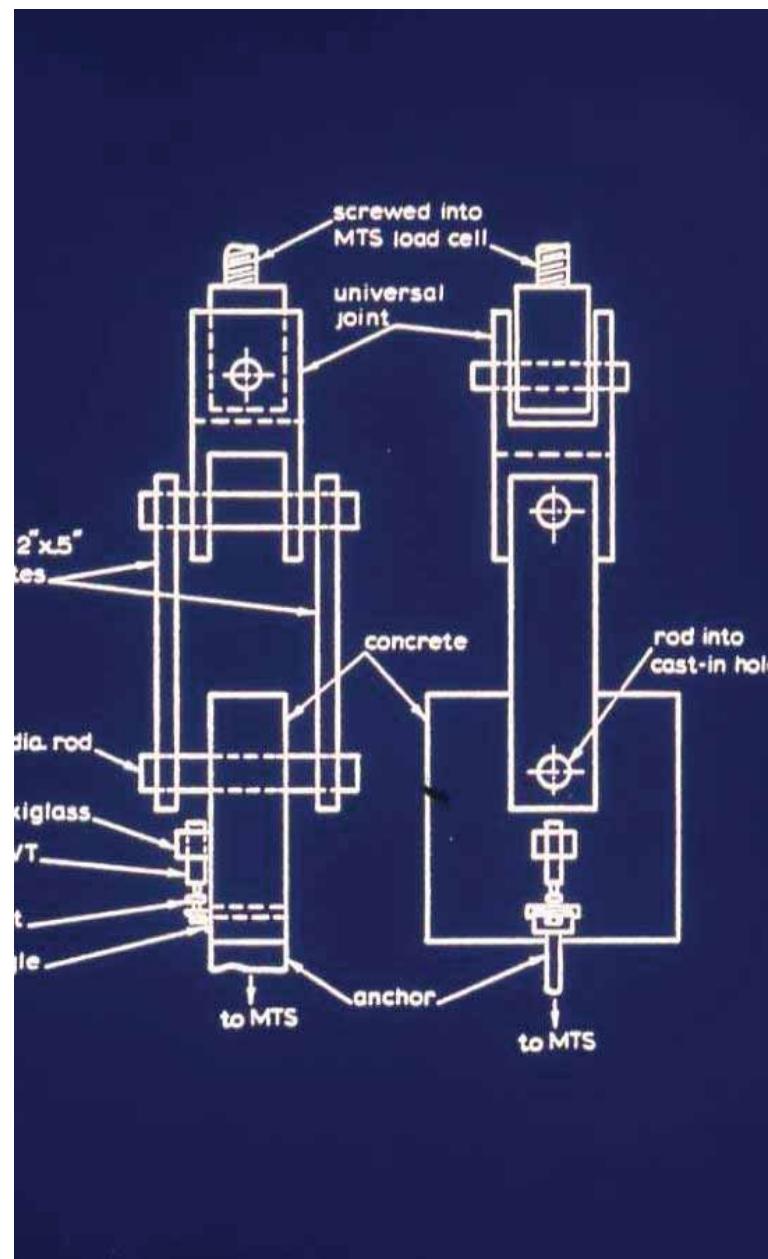
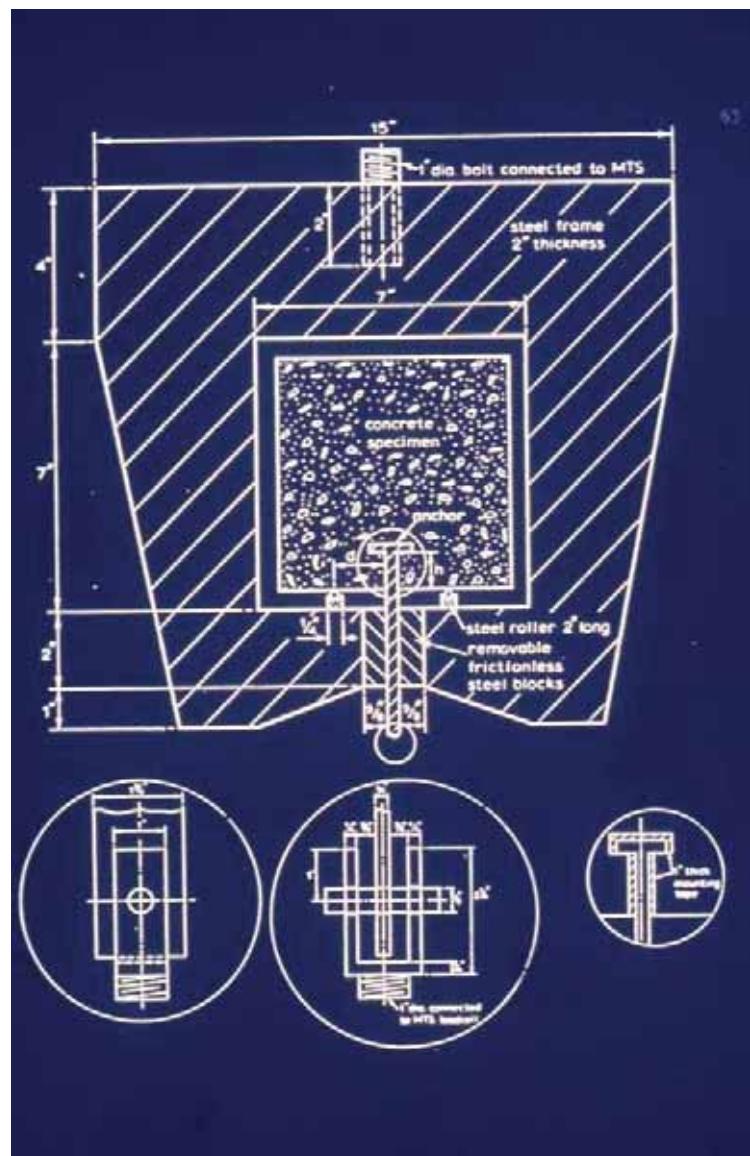
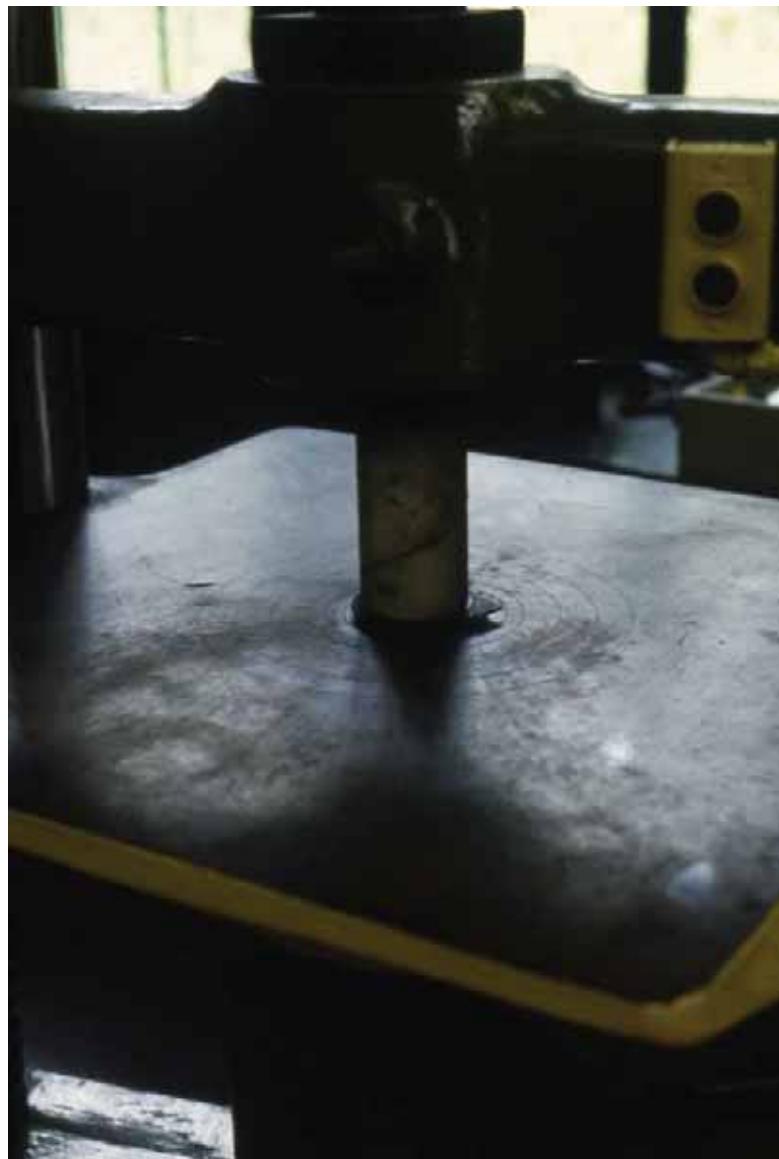


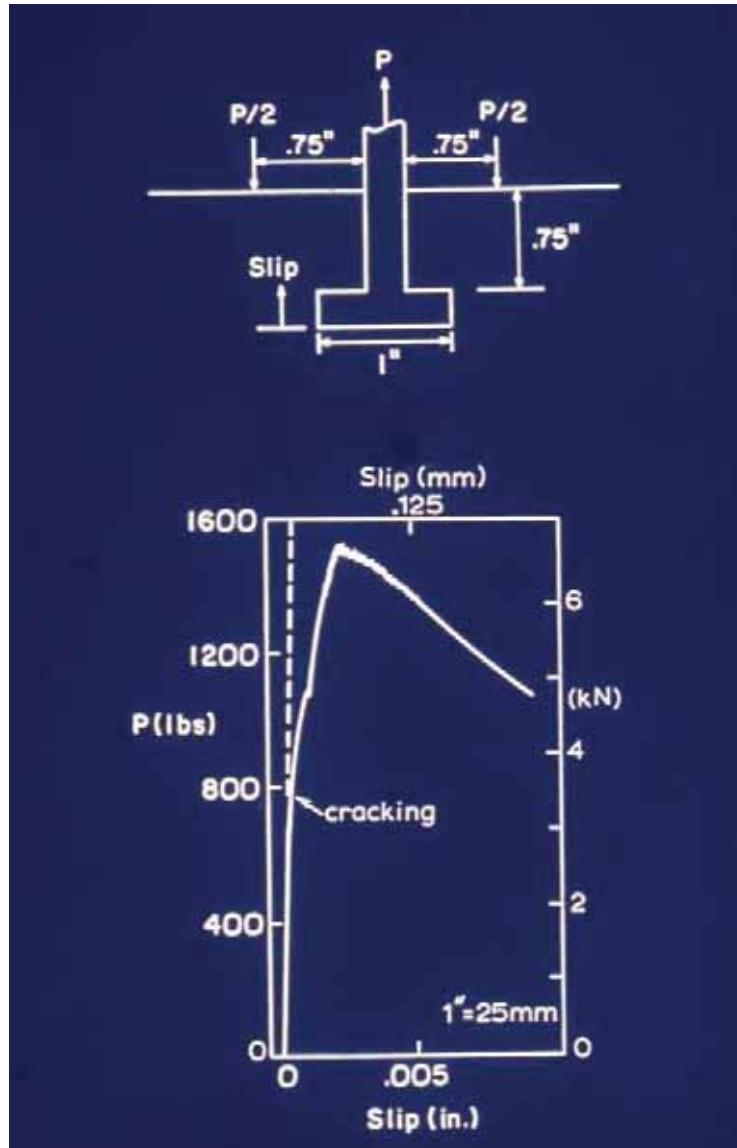
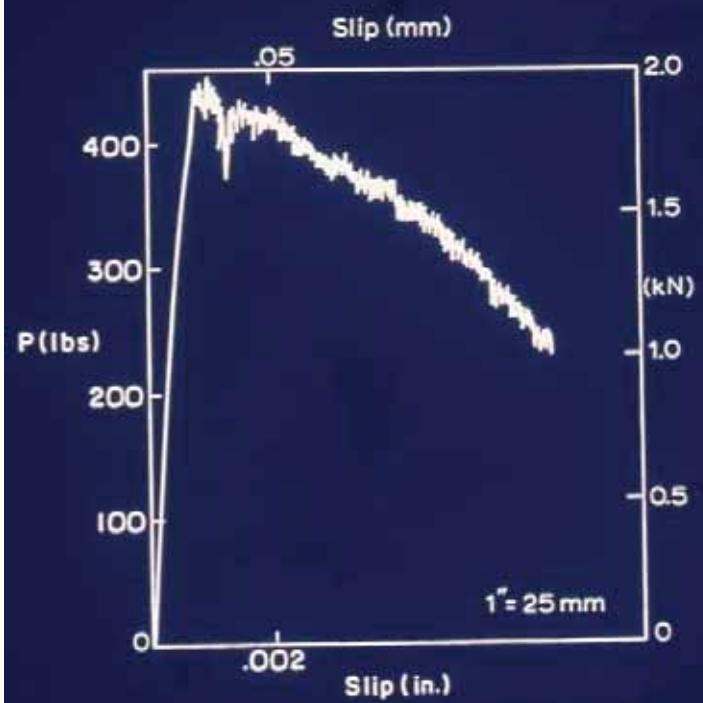
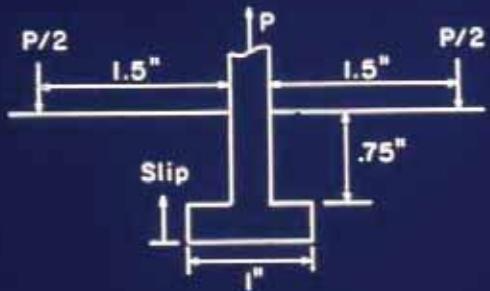
FIG. 6—CONFIGURATION OF 2-D  
PULL-OUT TEST

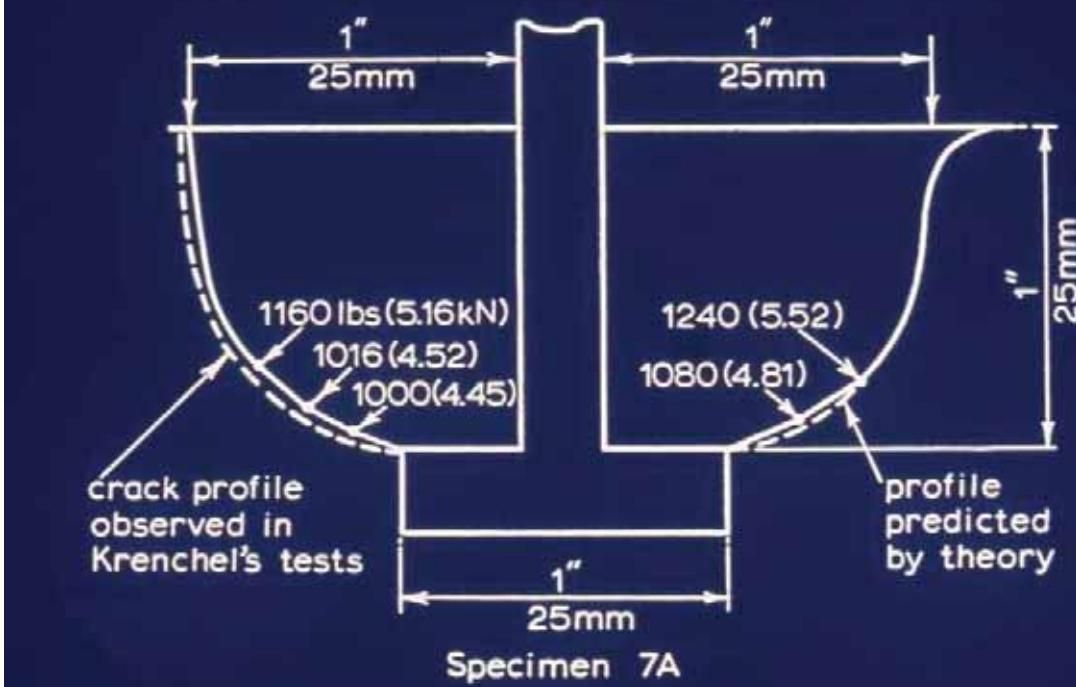
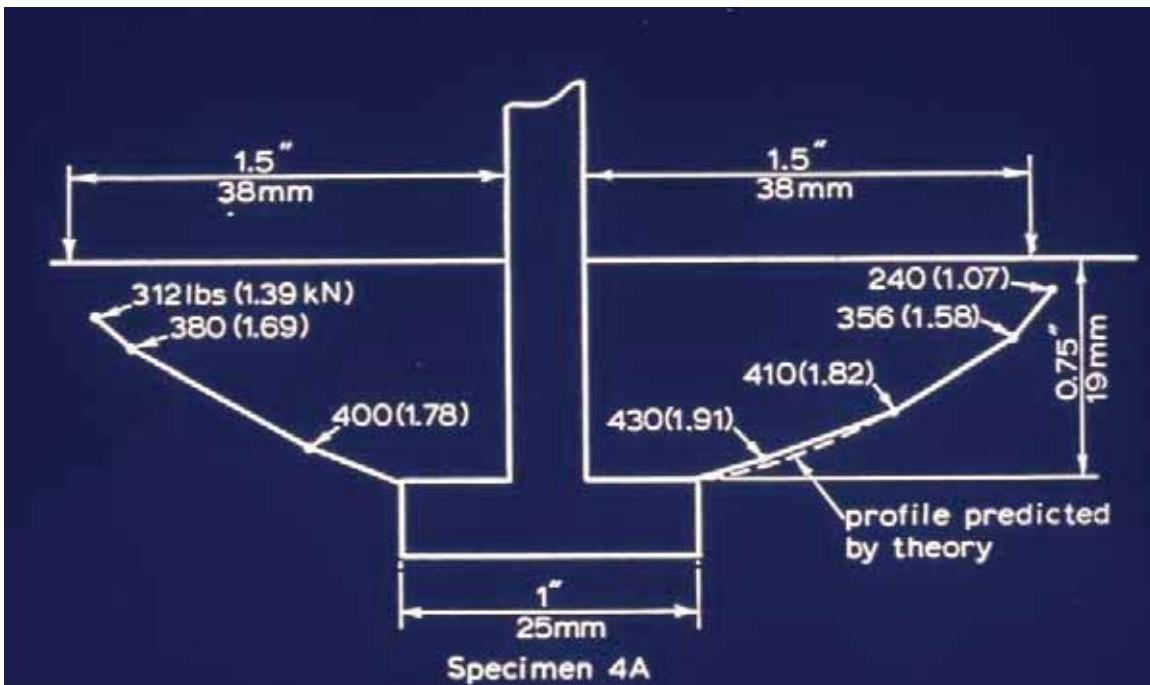


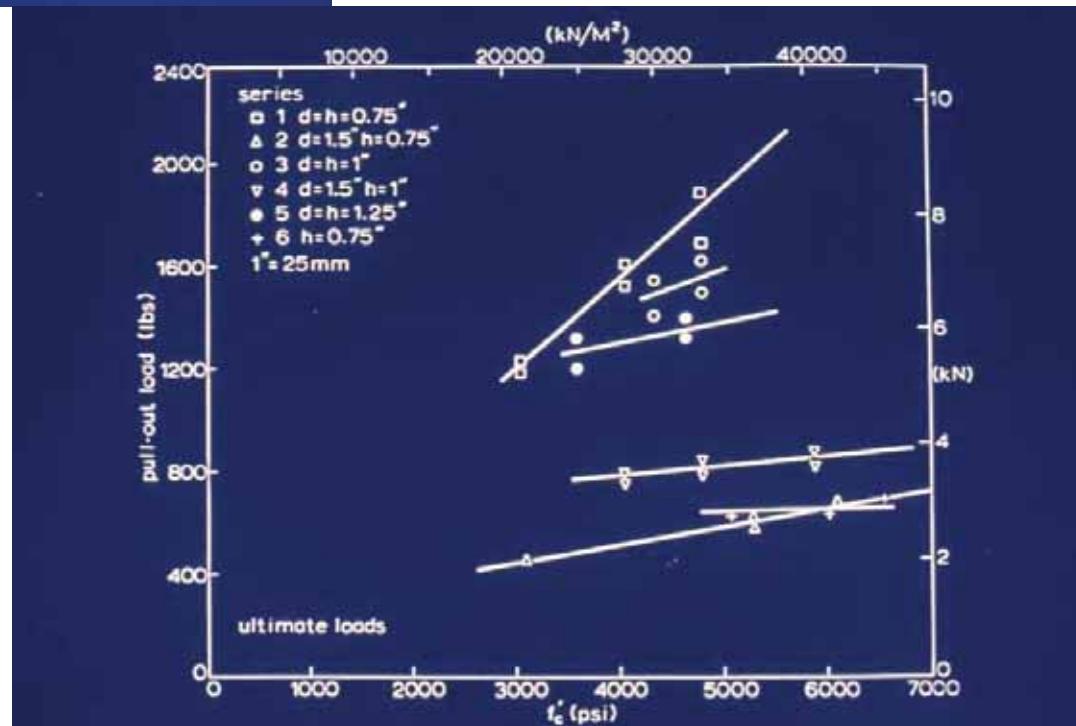
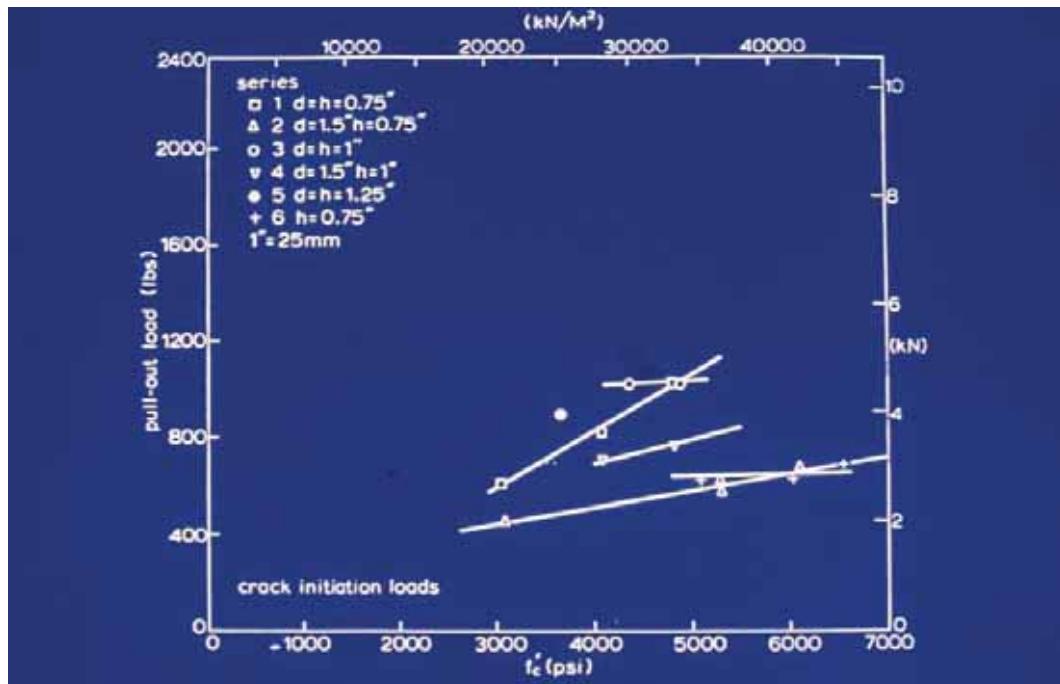


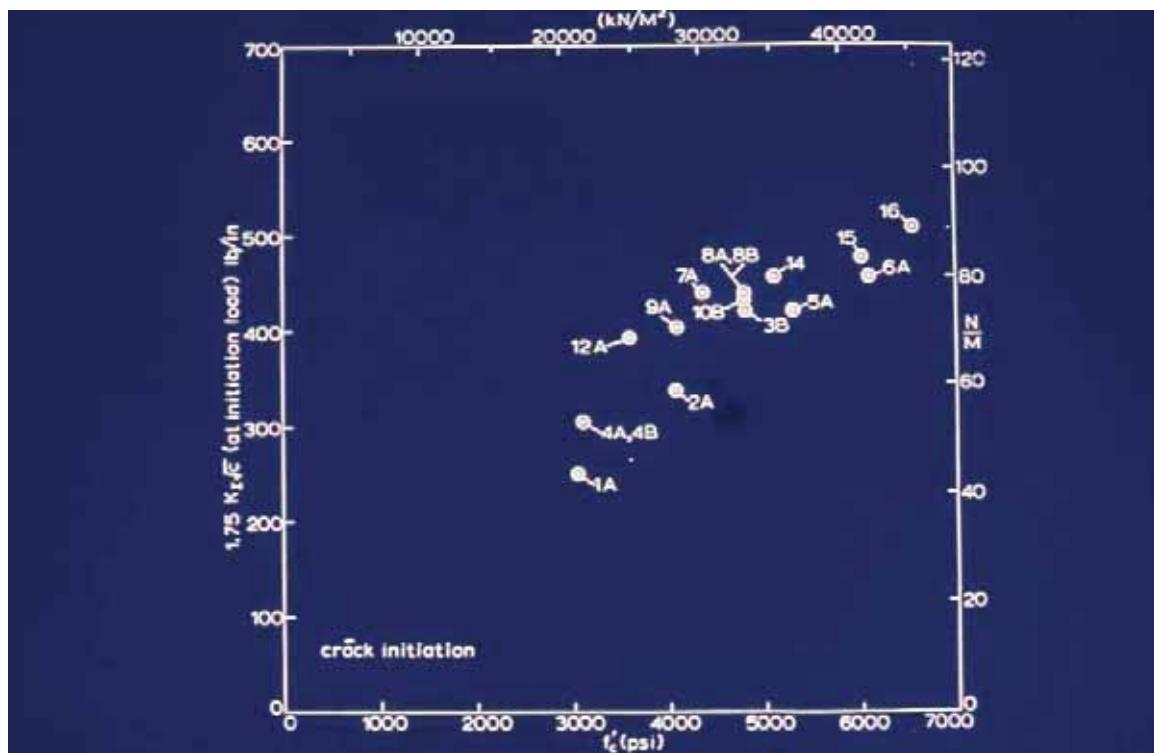




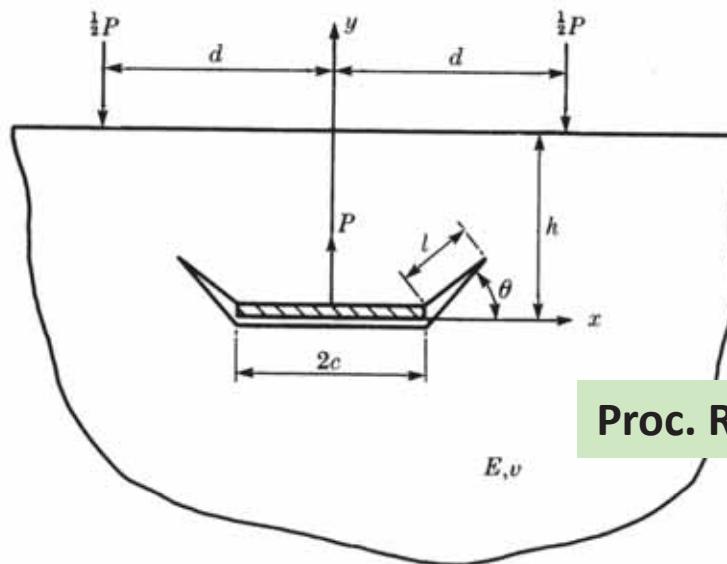








## The new code formulas are based on LEFM

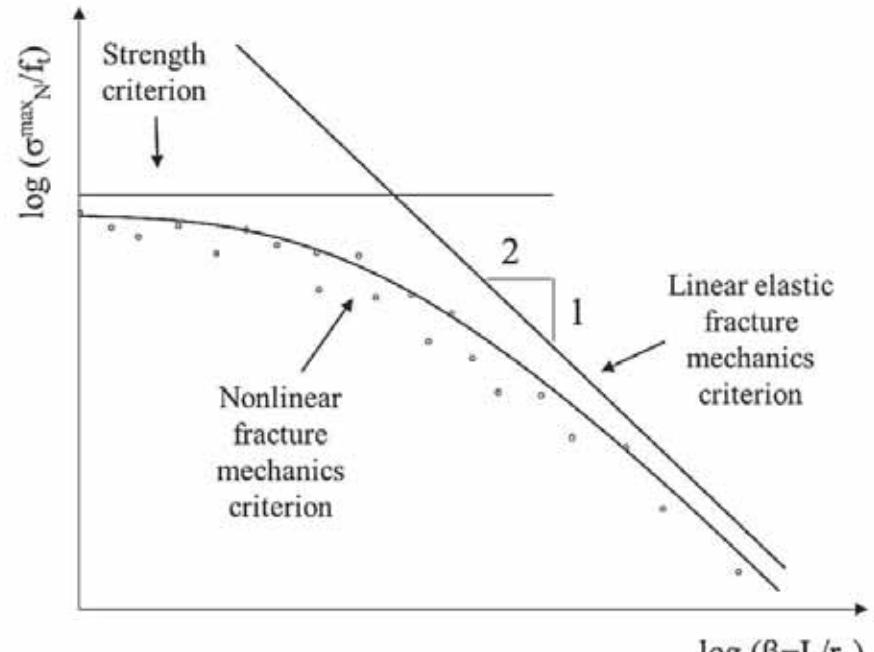


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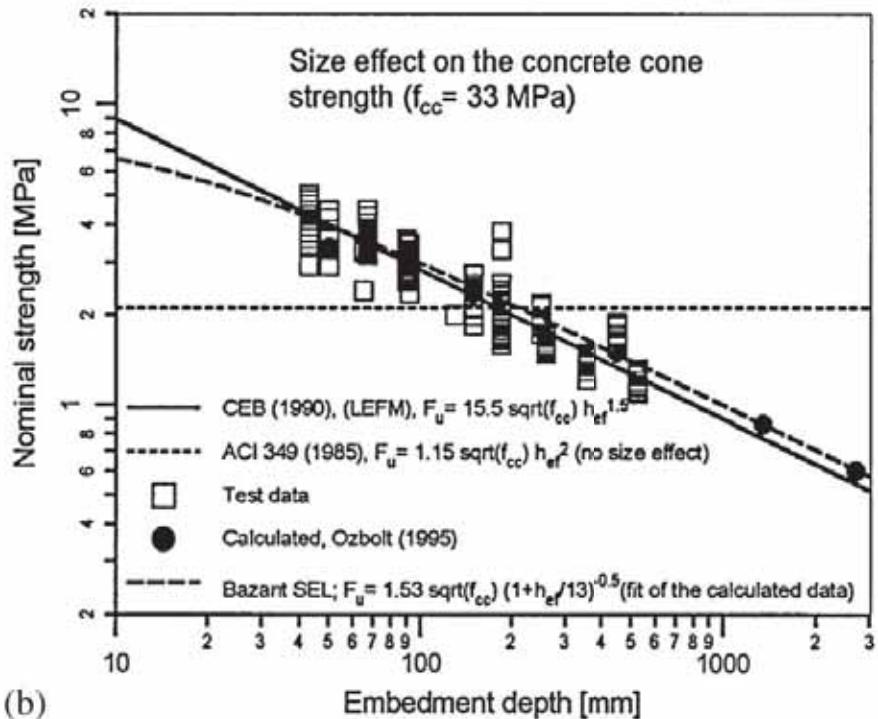
$$P_{LEFM} \approx K_c d^{3/2} \approx k_c \sqrt{f'_c} d^{3/2}$$

Ballarini *et al.* 1986,1987; Elfgren 1998; Elfgren and Ohlsoon 1992; Eligehausen and Sawade 1989; Eligehausen and Balogh 1995; Eligehausen *et al.* 2006; Fuchs *et al.* 1995; Karihaloo 1996; Krenchel and Shah 1985; Ozbolt *et al.* 1992,1999; Vogel and Ballarini 1999; Piccinin *et al.* 2010,2012

The pullout test is basically a fracture toughness test; it obeys  
The strongest size effect (-1/2)



(a)



(b)



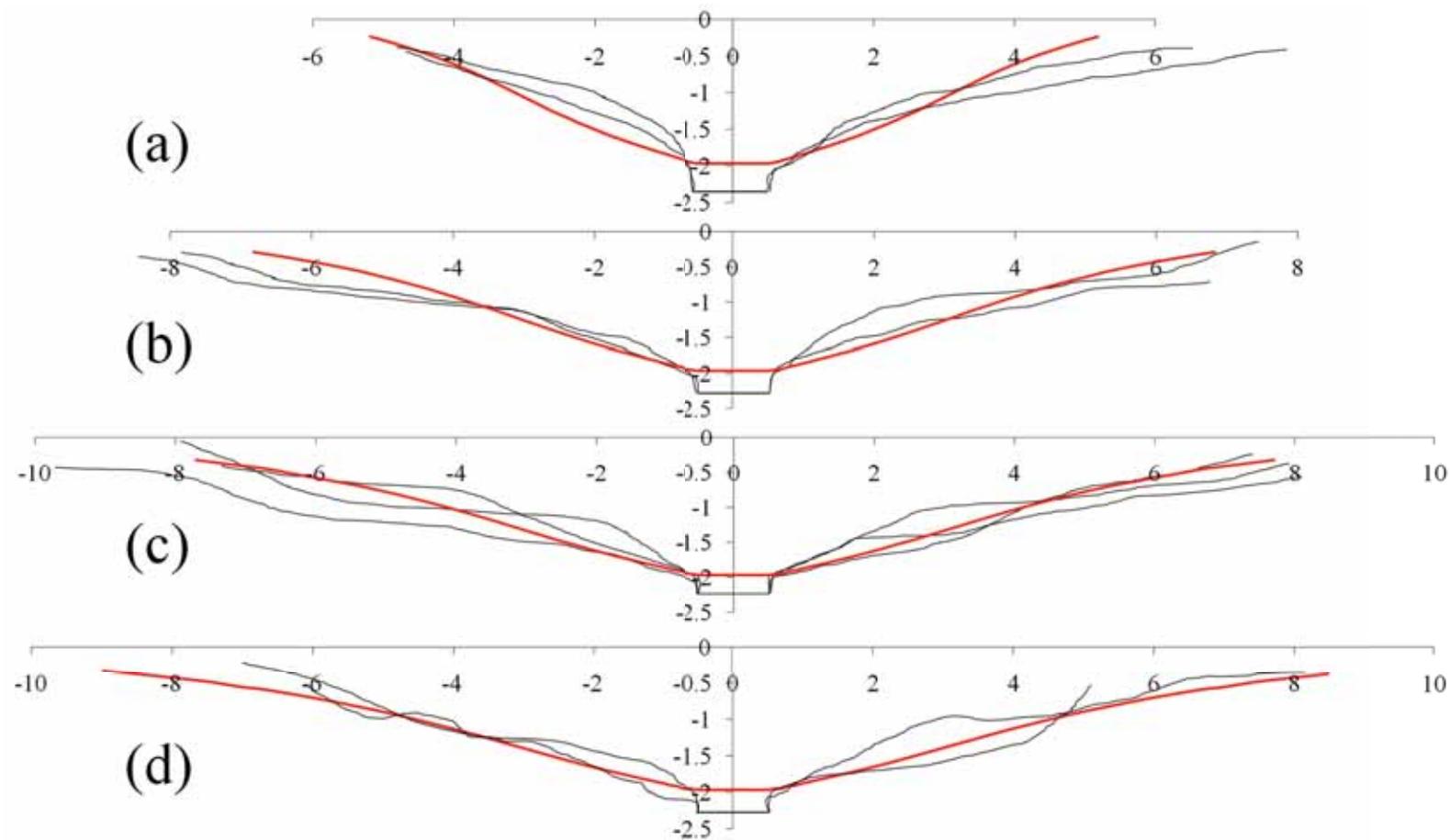
Roberto Piccinin  
Now at Hilti, Liechtenstein

Very shallow embedments and  
with prestress

## Experiments

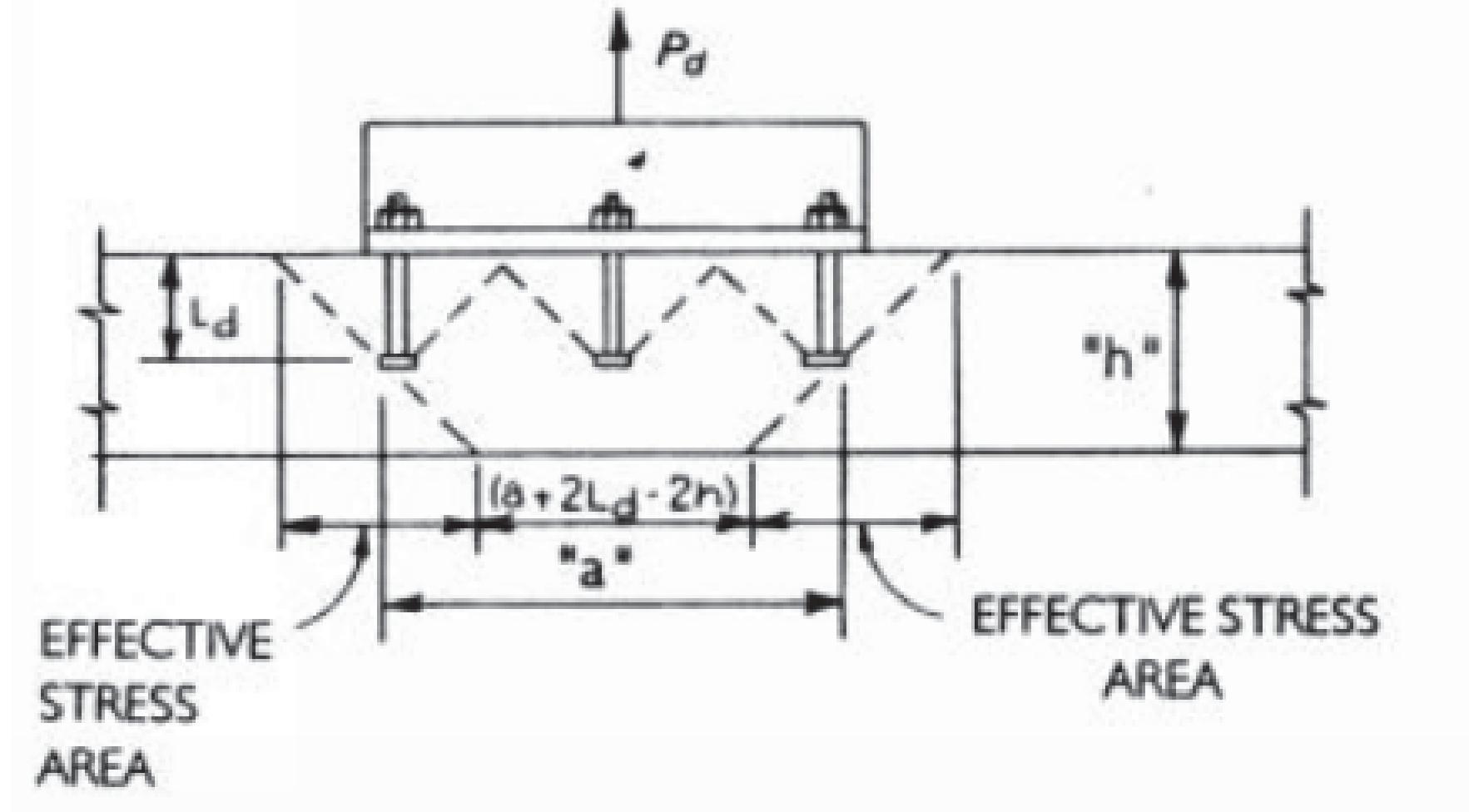


## Crack Profiles: $d/c=2$



- Crack profiles obtained from visual inspection;
- LEFM captures inclination and shape;

# Group anchors and anchors near free edges



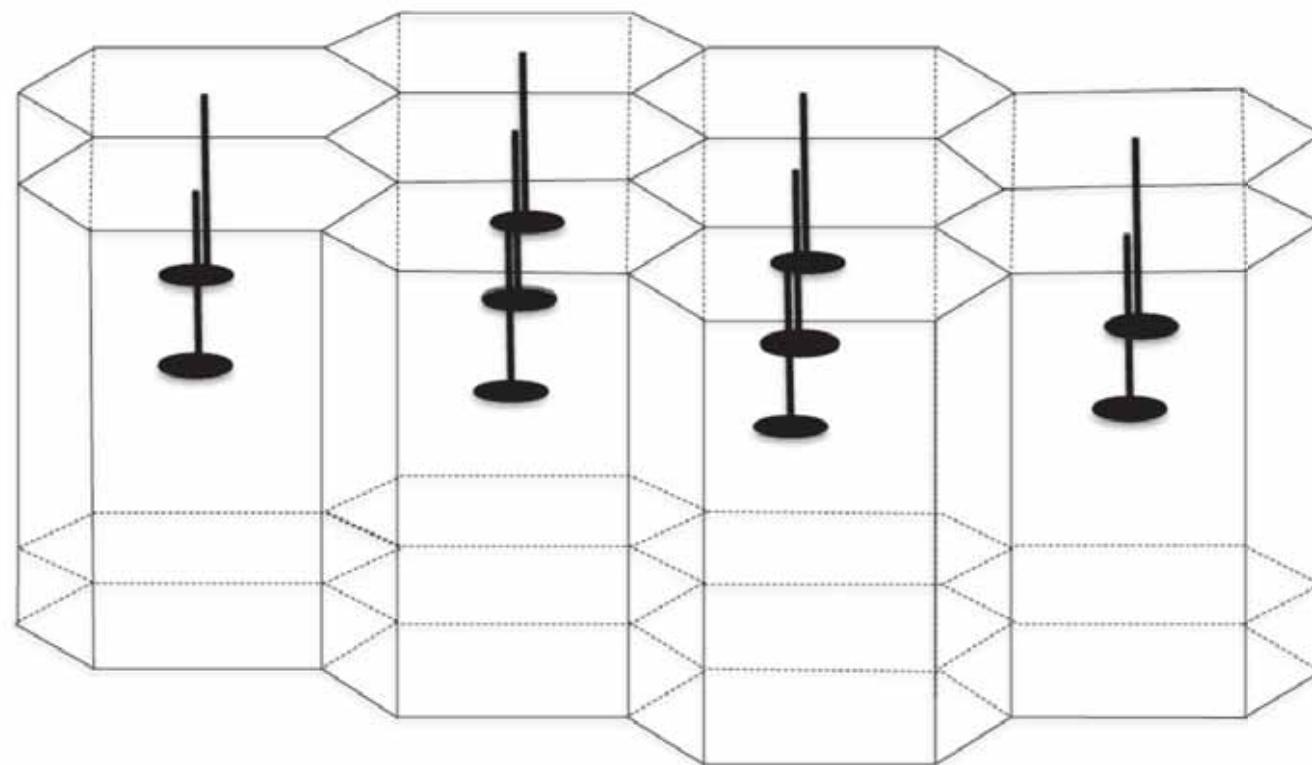
The codes still maintain some of the old approach: for a group, multiply the LEFM formula by:

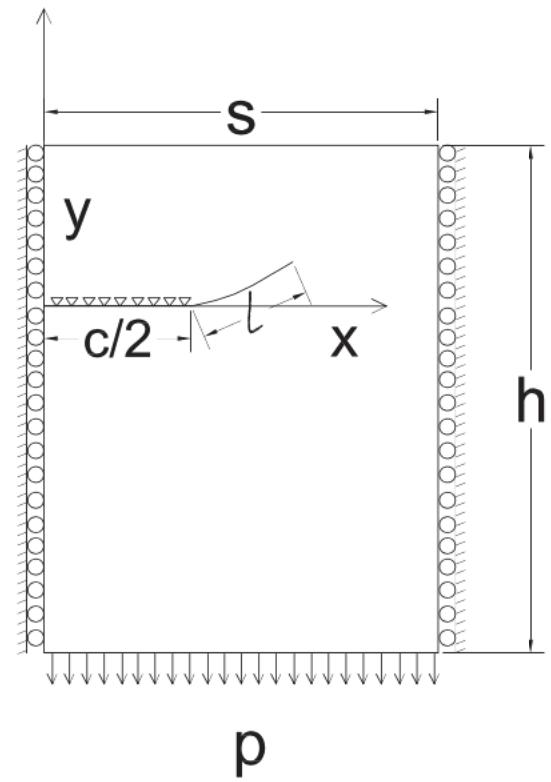
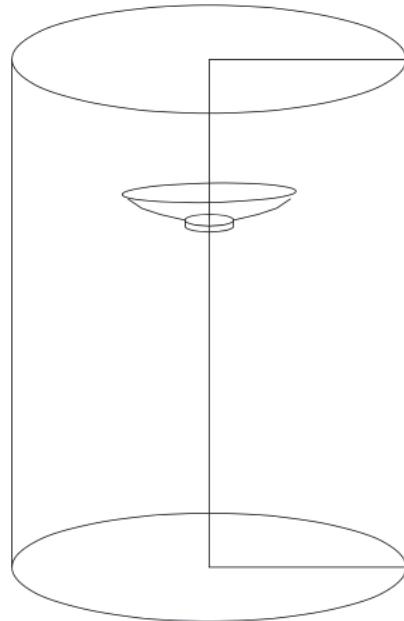
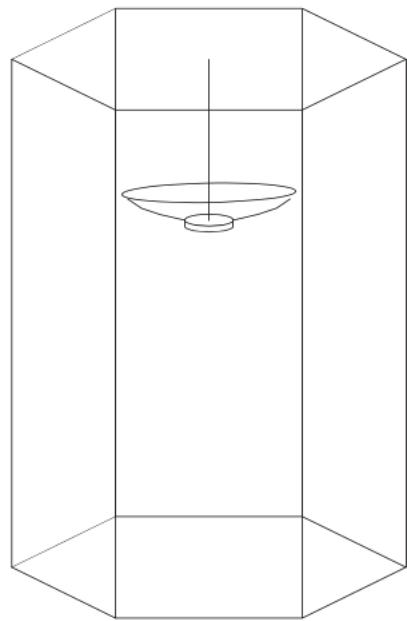
$$\frac{A_{Nc}}{A_{Nco}}$$

The ratio of the projected areas of the break out cone associated with a group of  $N$  anchors and an isolated anchor, respectively does not correctly reflect the edge effects. It is overly conservative.

The Commentary then continues with modifications to the design formulas that reduce the conservatism in the design, with certain restrictions.

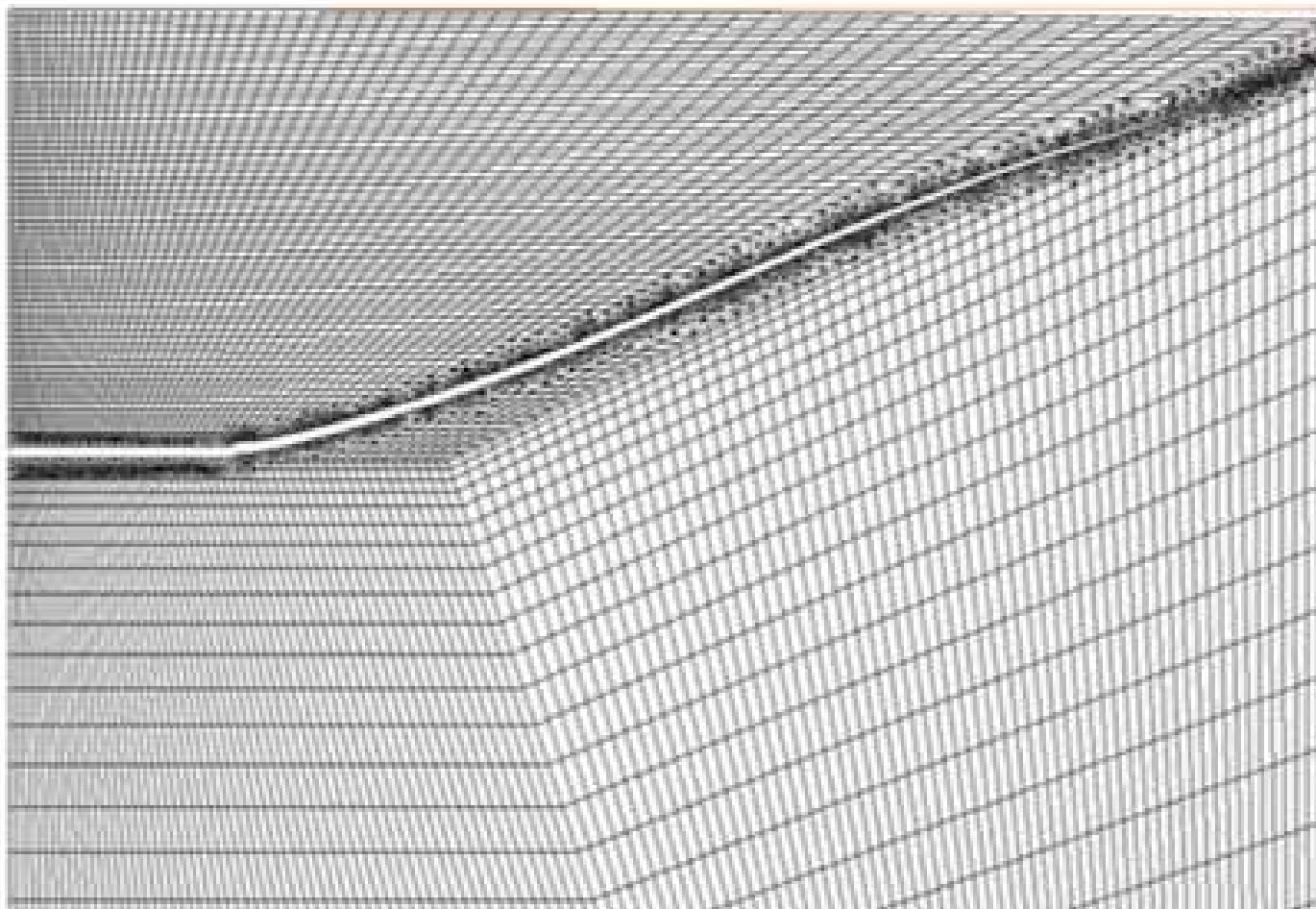
# Toy problem showing this is incorrect

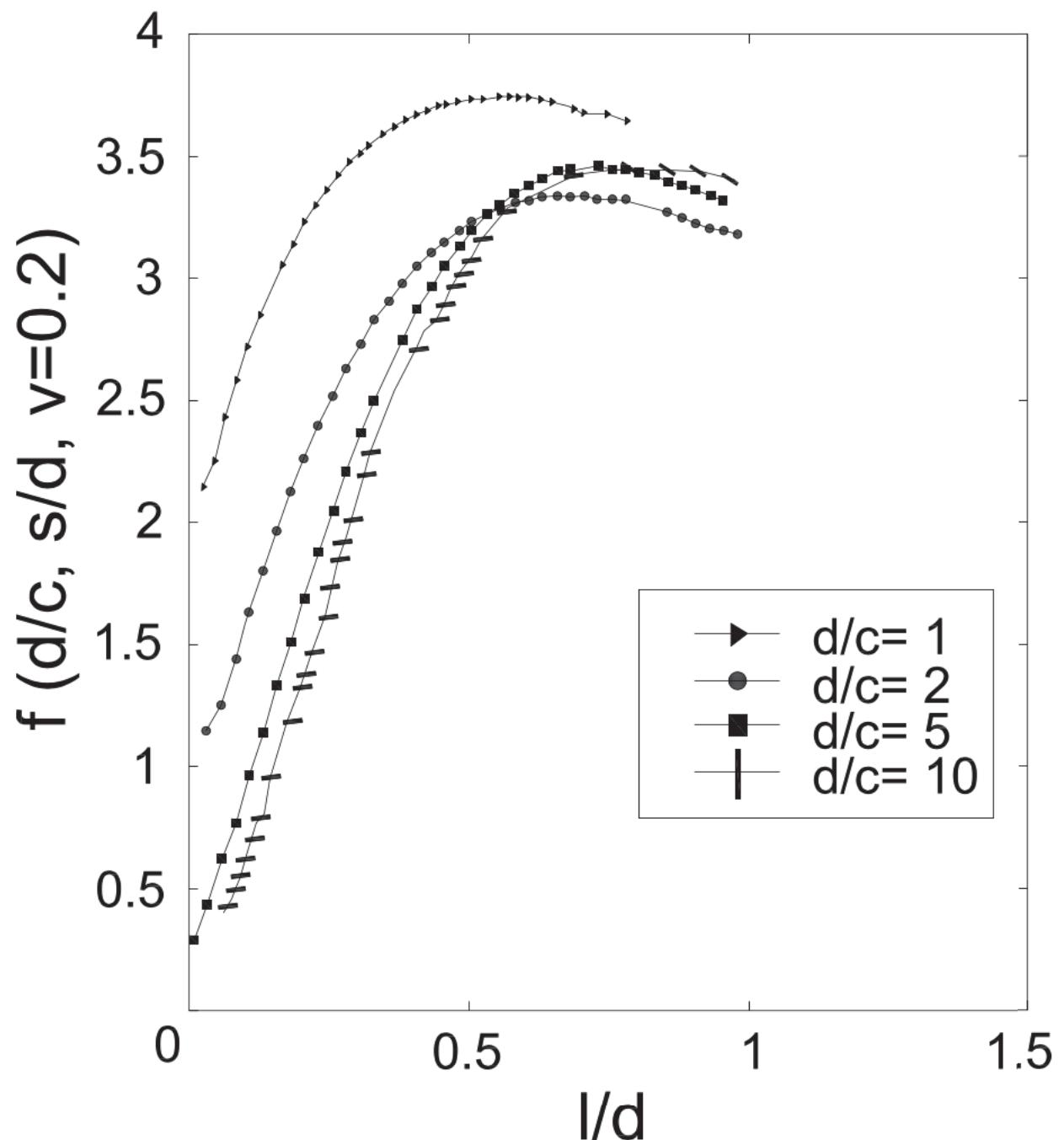


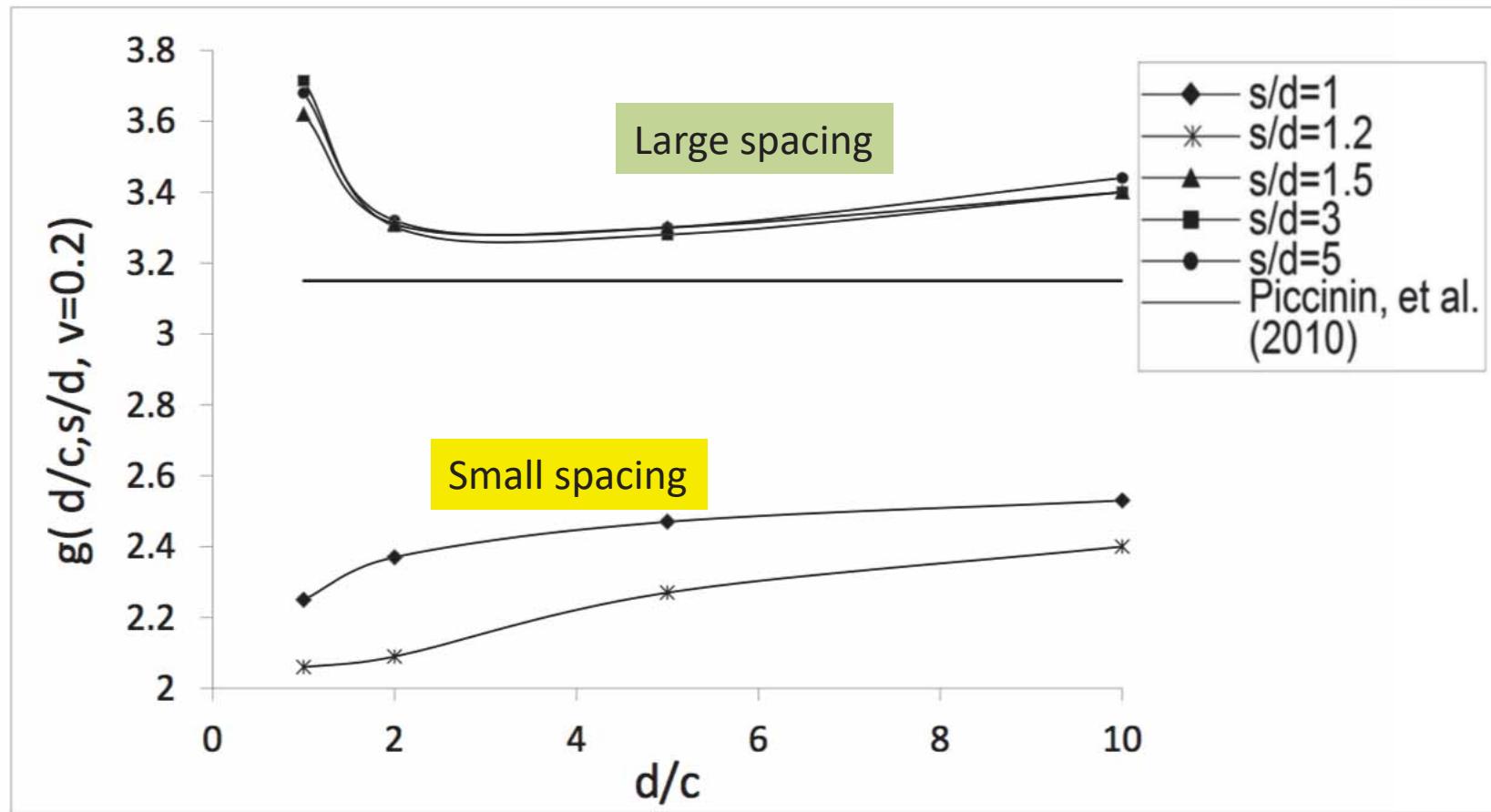


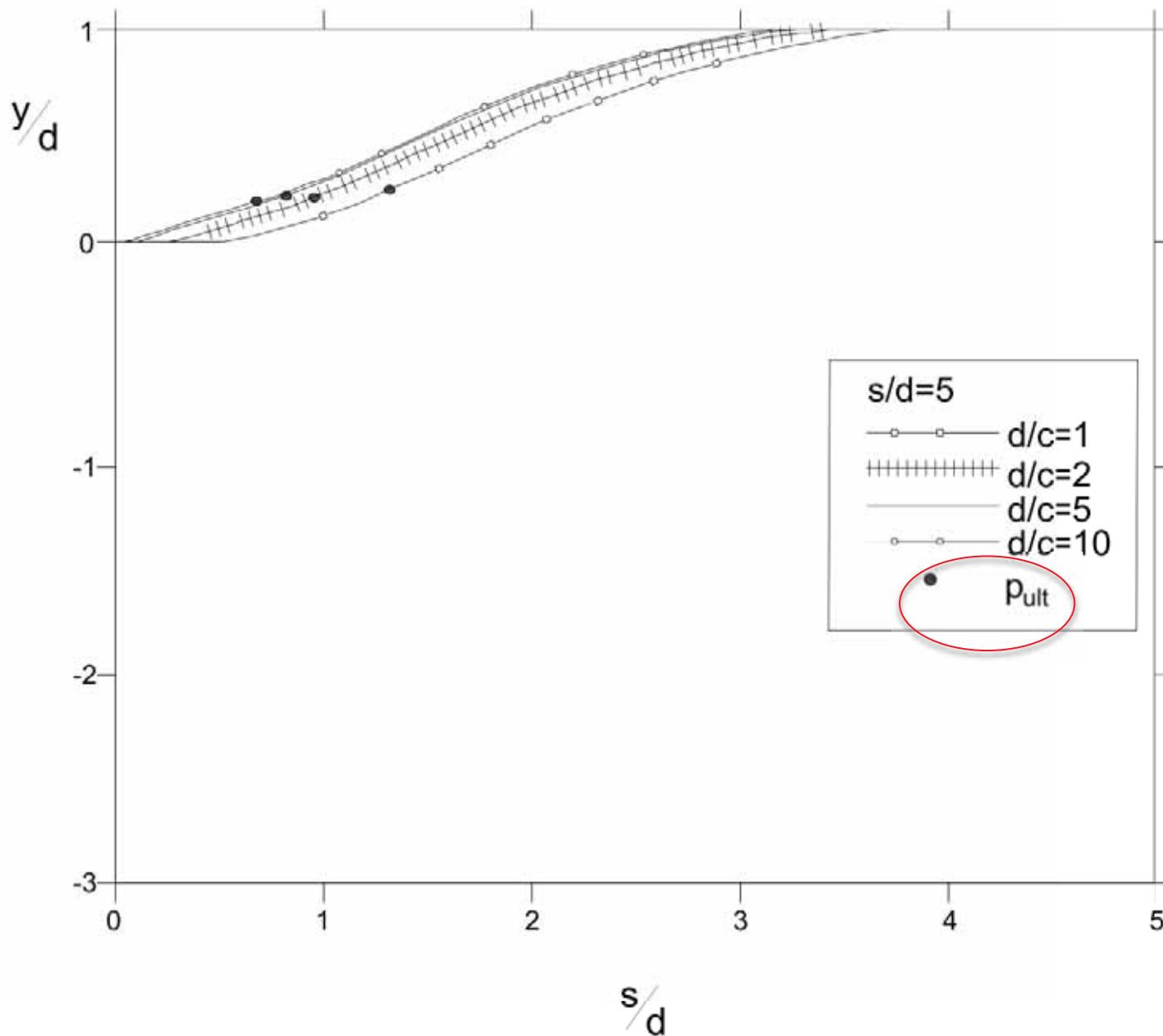
$$K_{Ic}=P_cd^{-3/2}f\left(\frac{l}{c},\frac{d}{c},\frac{s}{d},v\right)$$

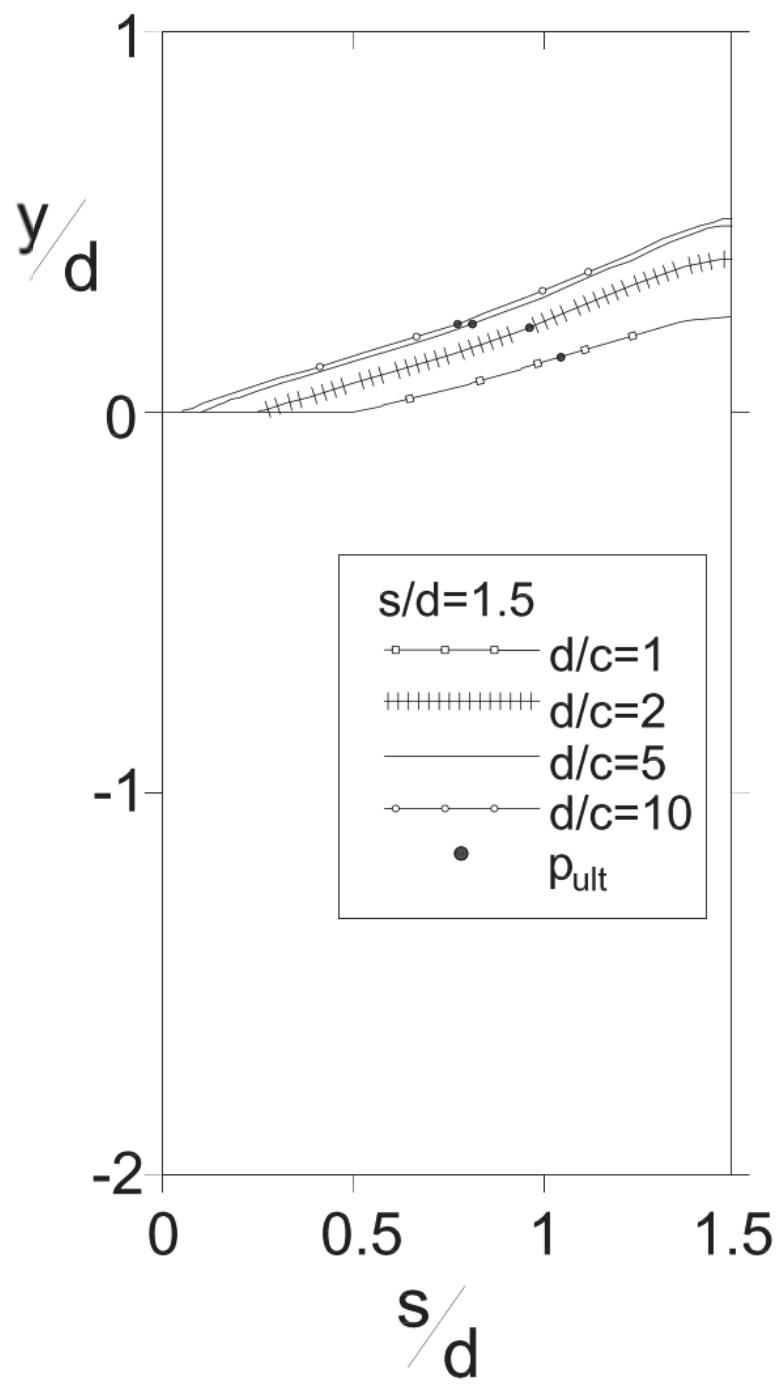
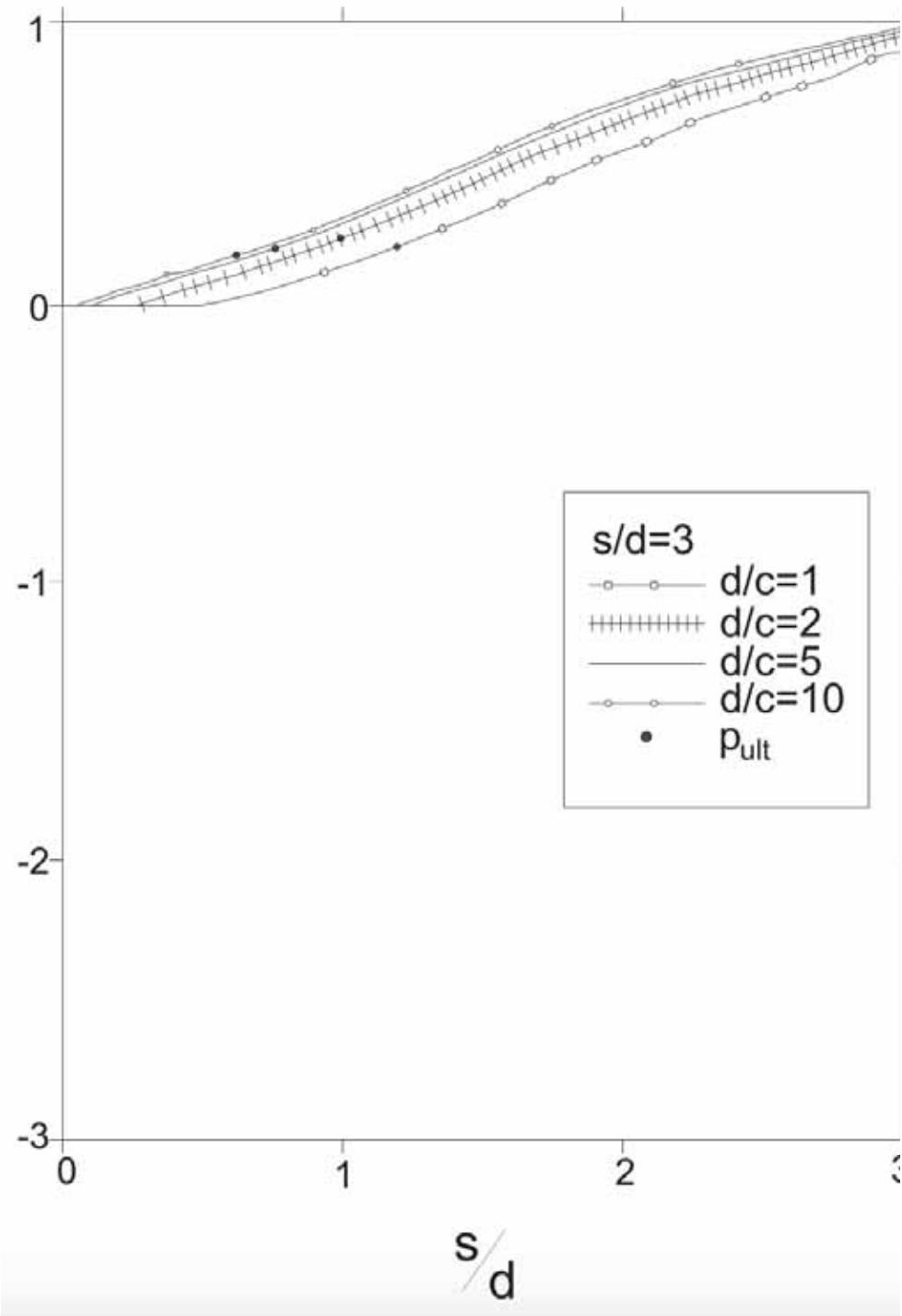
$$\frac{P_c}{K_{Ic}d^{3/2}} \equiv g = \min\left[1/f\right]$$











$$A_{Nc} = [(\sqrt{N} - 1)s + 3h_{ef}]^2$$

$$\frac{P_{ult,N}}{NP_{ult,o}} = \frac{\left[(\sqrt{N-1})\frac{s}{3h_{ef}} + 1\right]^2}{N}$$

setting  $N = \infty$

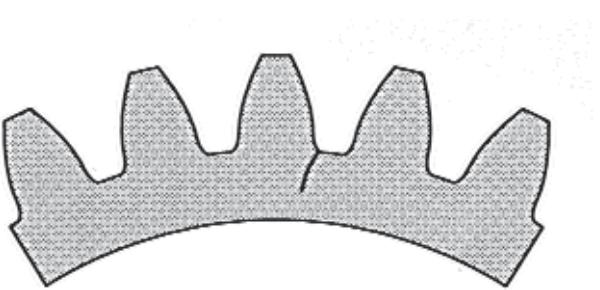
$$\frac{P_{ult,N=\infty}}{NP_{ult,o}} = \left(\frac{s}{3d}\right)^2 |$$

$s/d=5, 3, 1.5, 1.2, 1.0$  the capacity ratios are 1.0, 1.0, 0.25, 0.16 and 0.11, respectively (for  $s/d=5$  and  $s/d=1$  the Code considers the anchors as non-interacting). The 75-90% range of the reduction prescribed by the Code is significantly larger than the ~20-30% reduction predicted by the simulations.

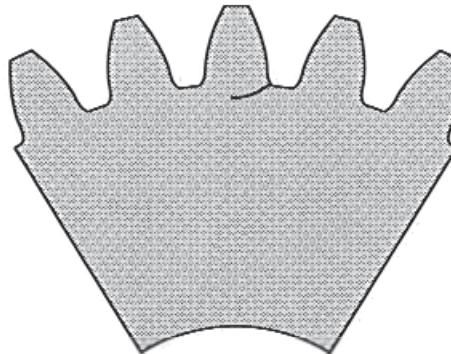
## **Suggestion**

**With the advent of powerful and sophisticated computational approaches to fracture simulation, derive capacity formulas through simulation.**

# Background



Thin rim -  
catastrophic rim fracture

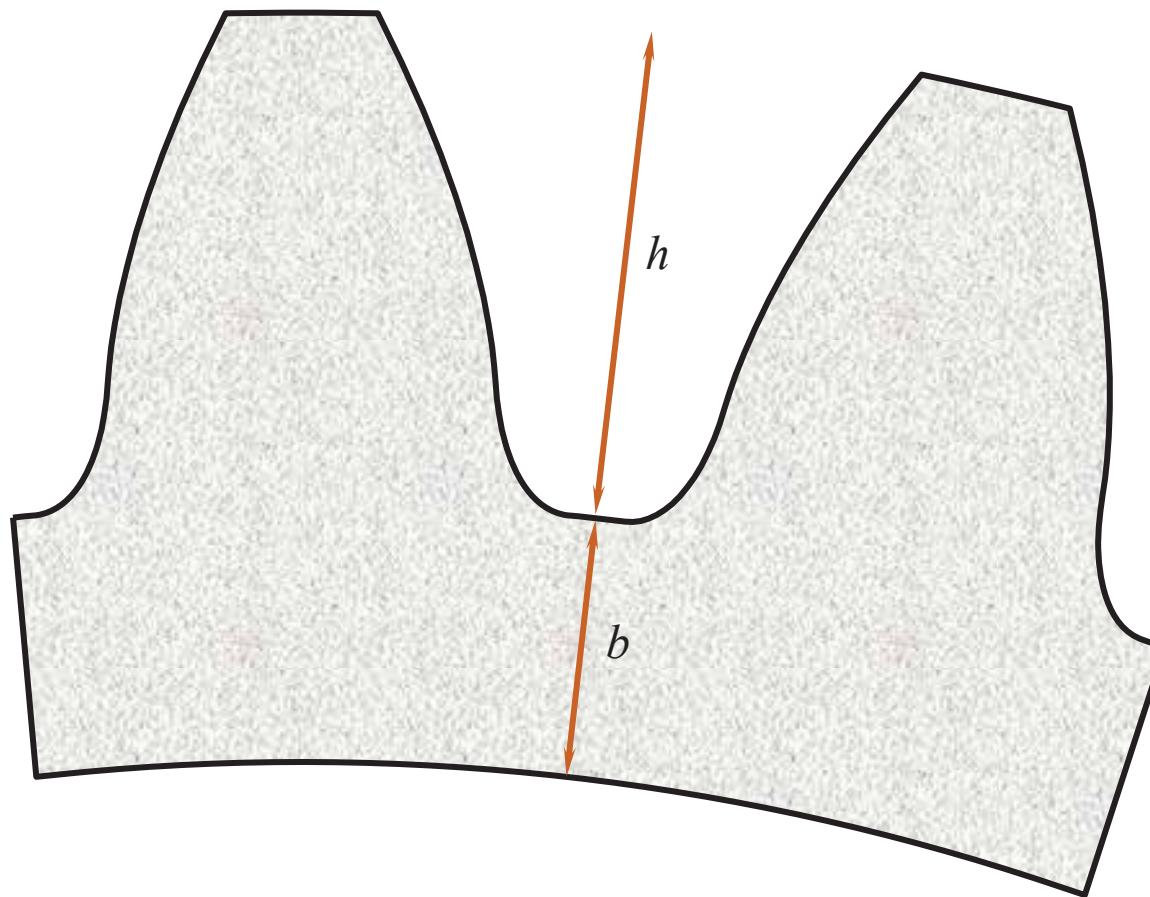


Thick rim -  
“benign” tooth fracture

- Thin-rim gears desired for reduced weight.
- Stress fields and failure characteristics significantly different for thin-rim gears compared to conventional gears.
- Catastrophic failures have occurred in thin-rim gears.
- Safety and reliability can not be sacrificed.

# Definition of Backup Ratio ( $m_B$ )

$$m_B = \frac{b}{h}$$



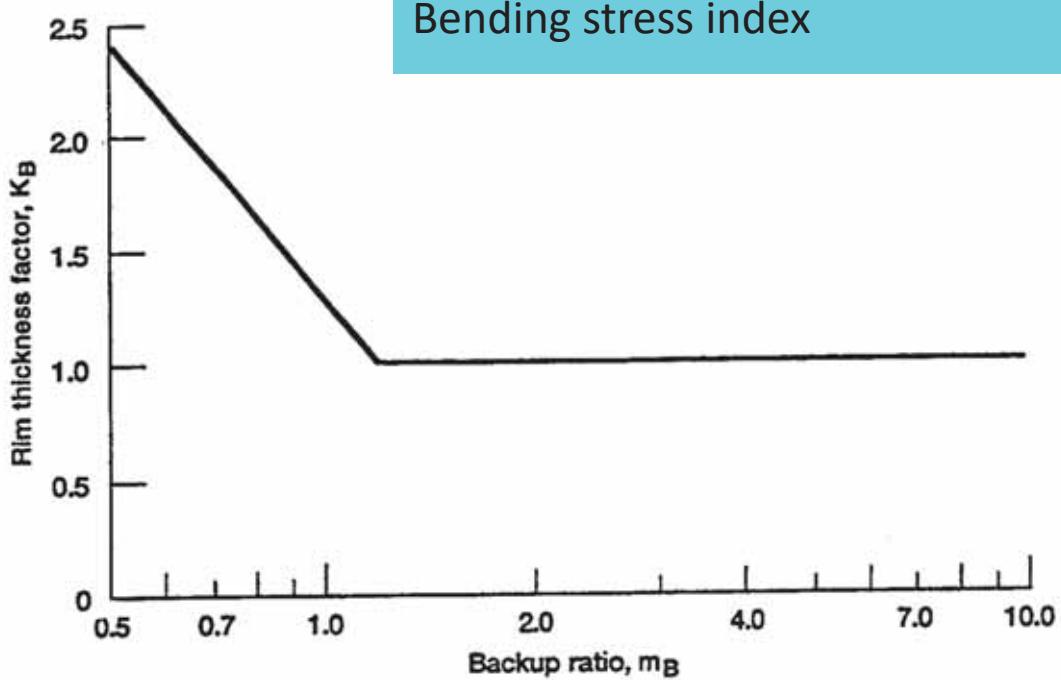
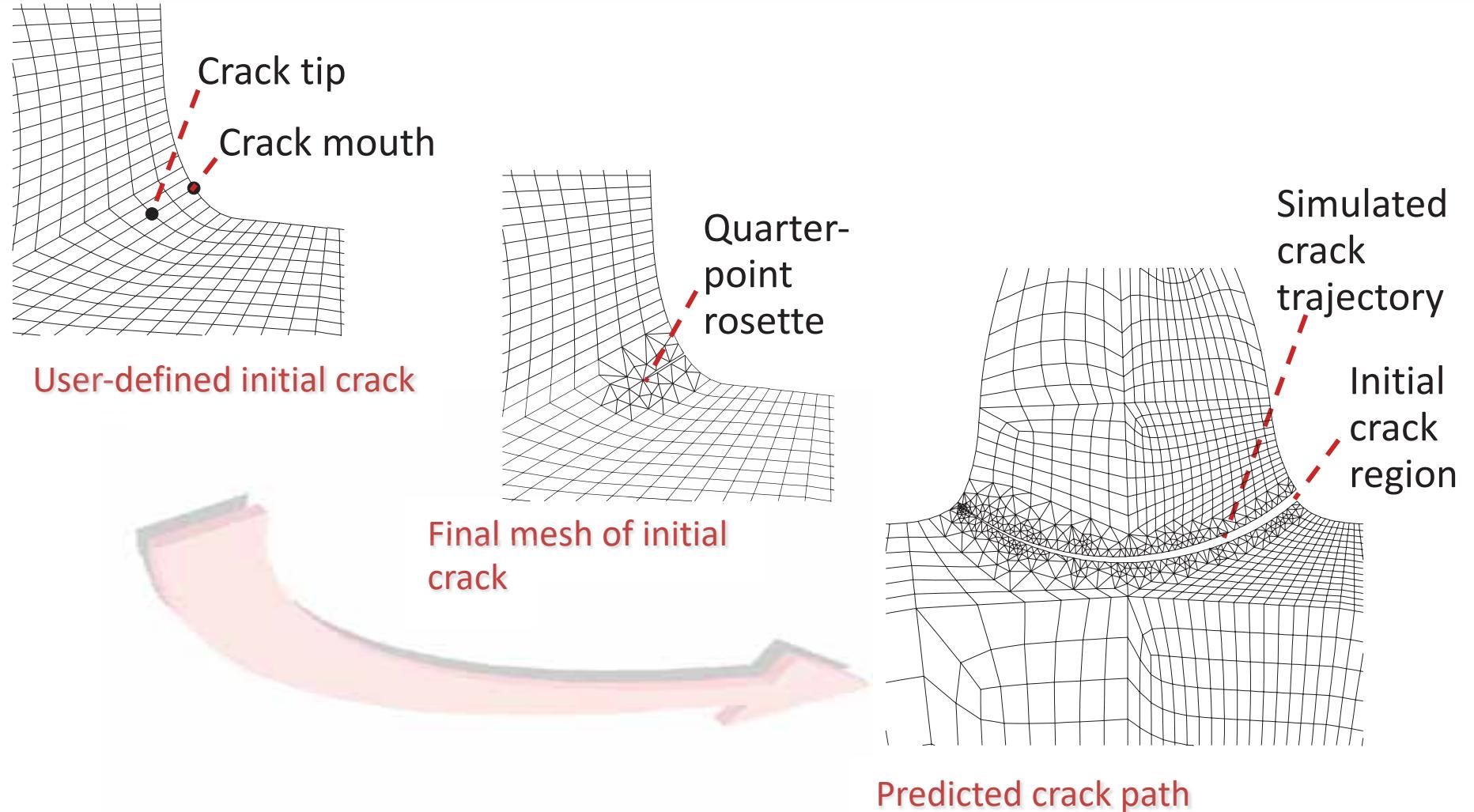


Figure 1.2.1.—Gear tooth bending stress index rim thickness correction factor (AGMA, 1990).

# Objectives

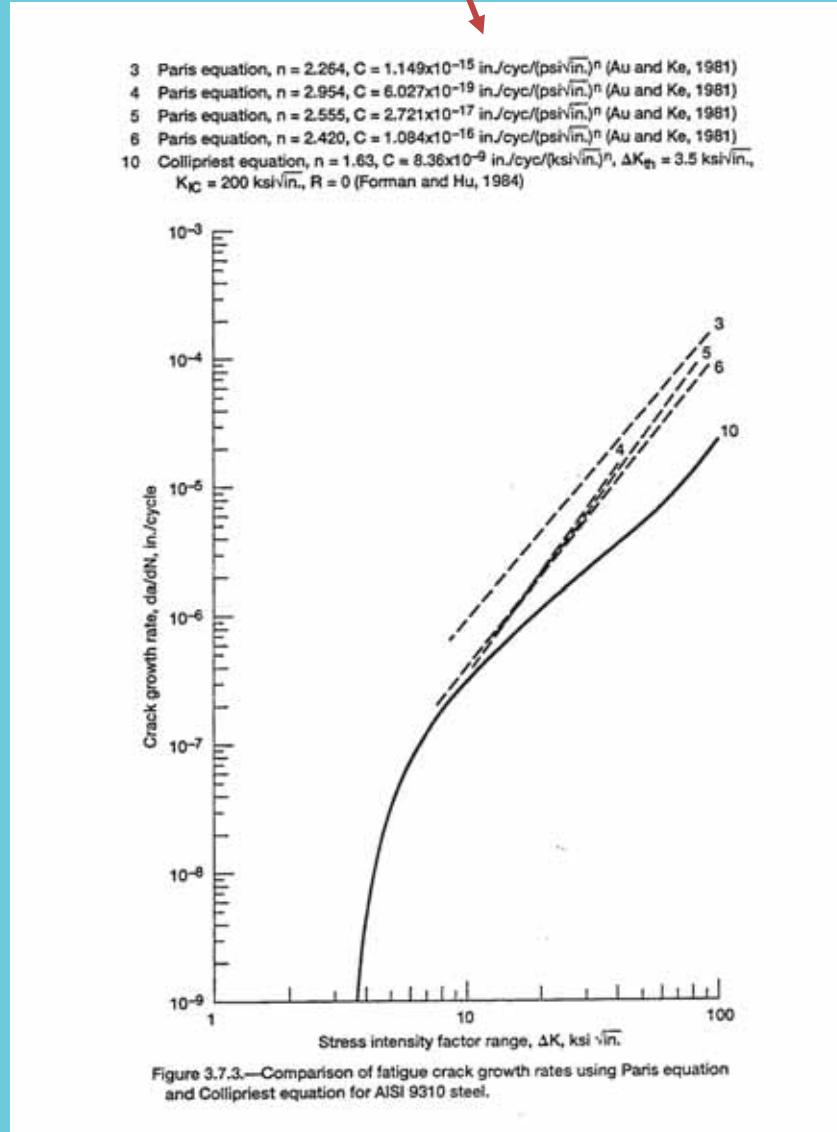
Develop design guidelines to prevent  
rim fracture failure modes in gear tooth  
bending fatigue.

# Crack Modeling Using Finite Element Method

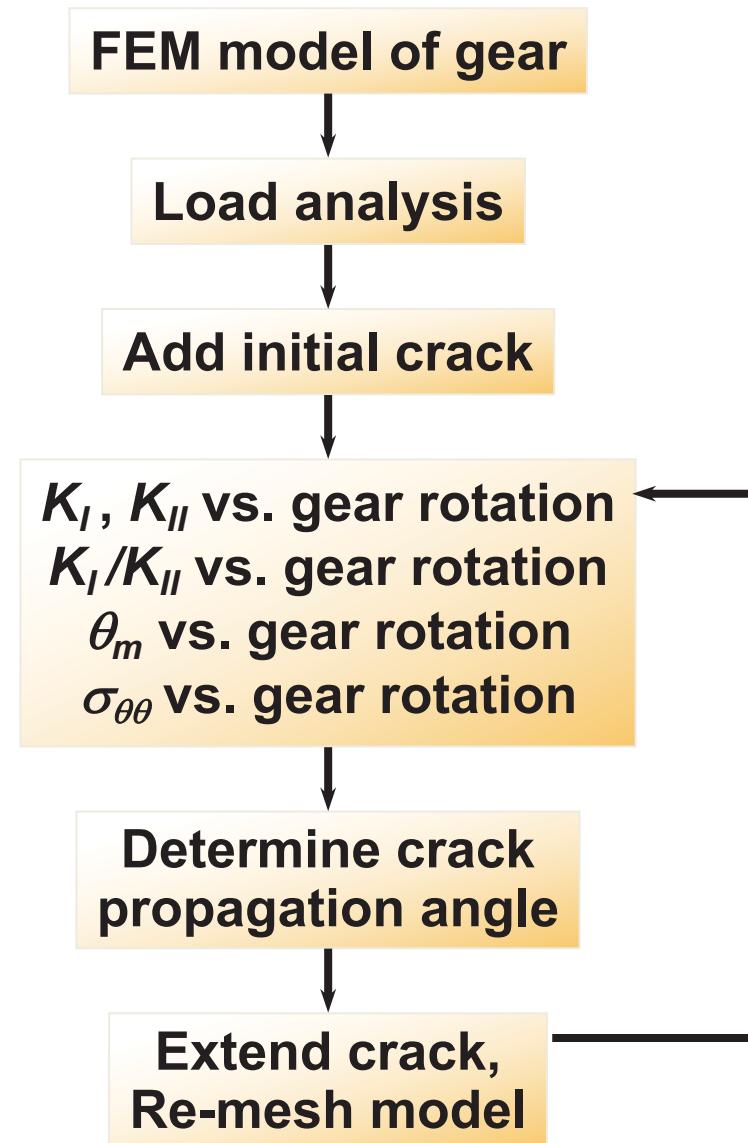


## Crack Propagation Angle and Growth Rate

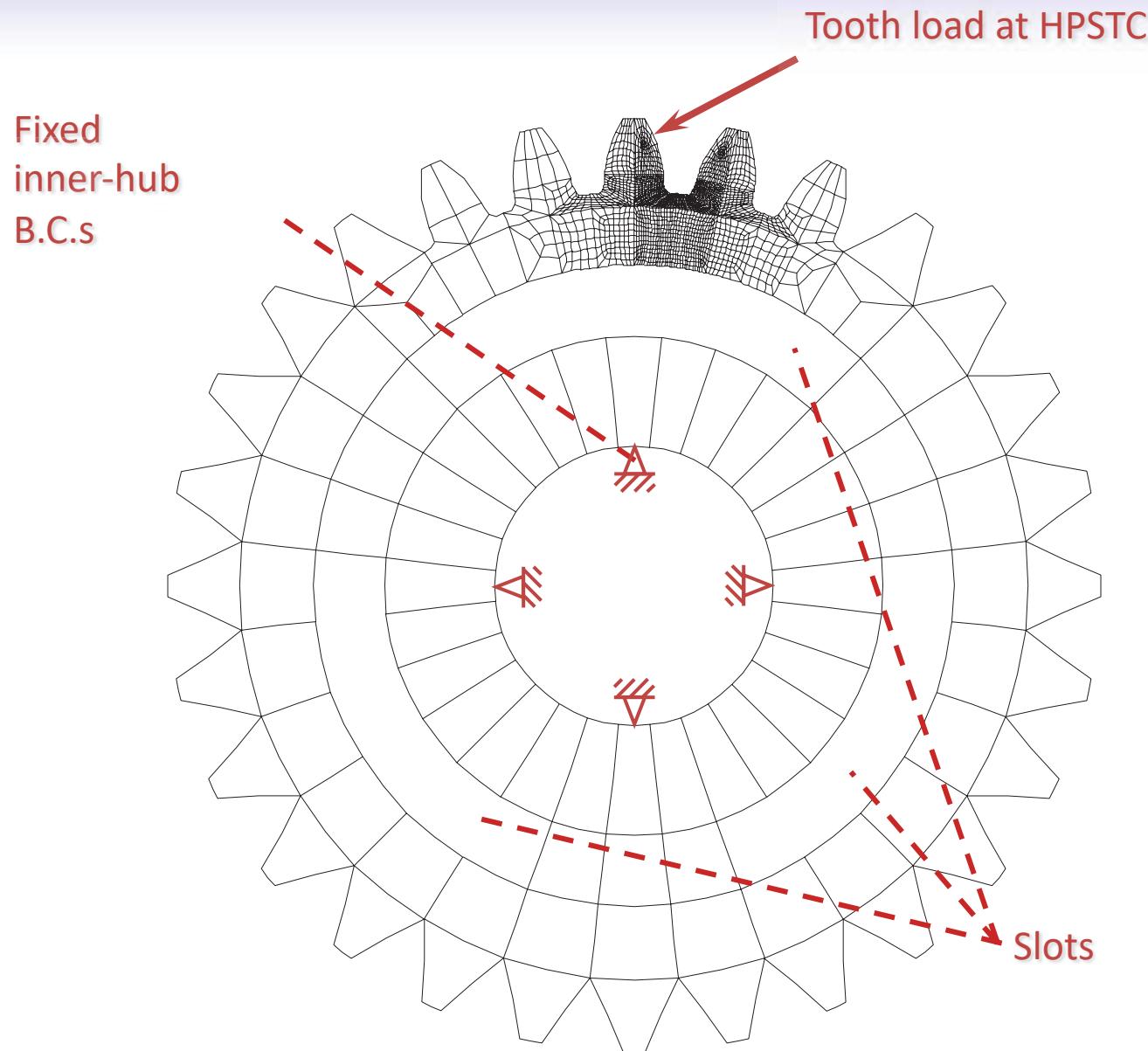
$$\theta_m = 2 \tan^{-1} \left[ \frac{\frac{K_I}{K_H} \pm \sqrt{\left( \frac{K_I}{K_H} \right)^2 + 8}}{4} \right]$$



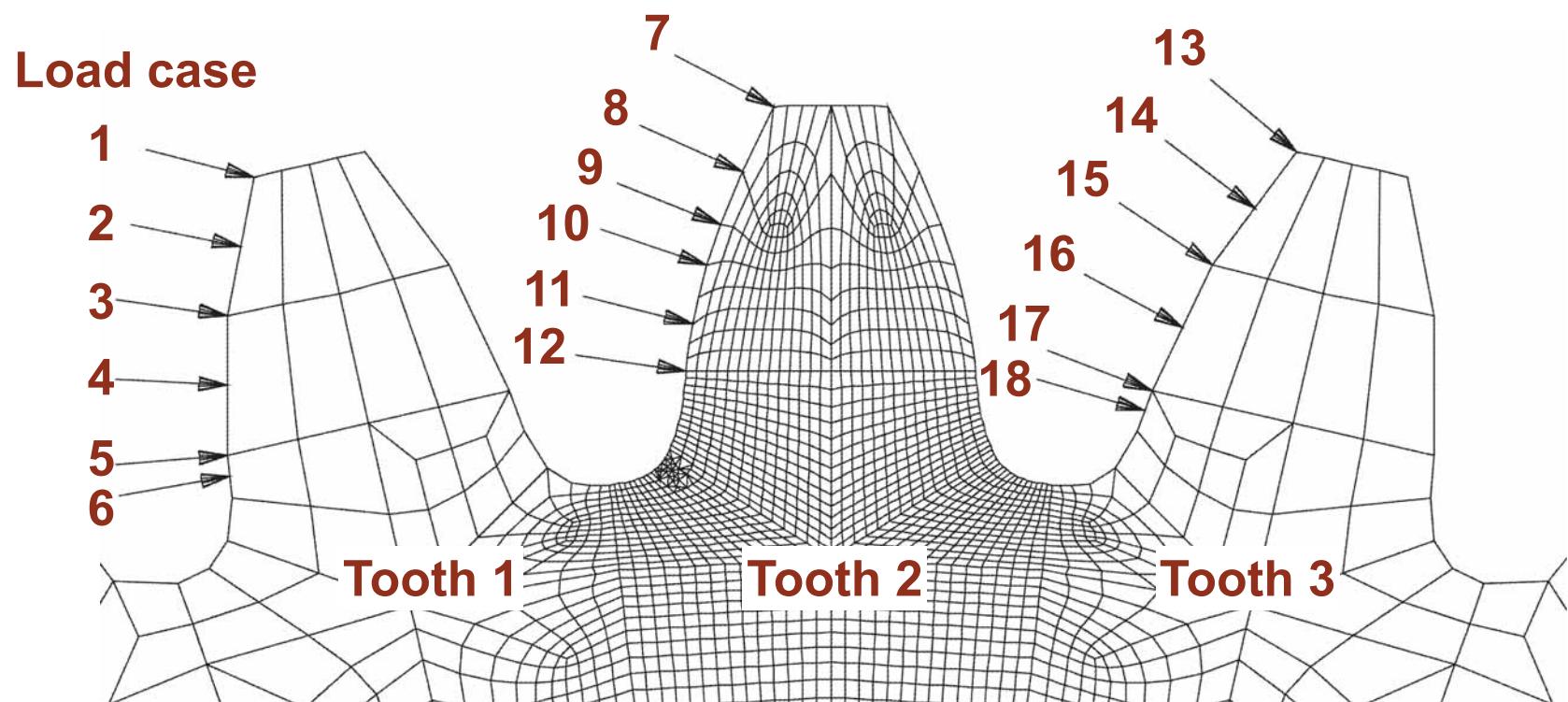
# Analysis Procedure



# Typical Finite Element Gear Model

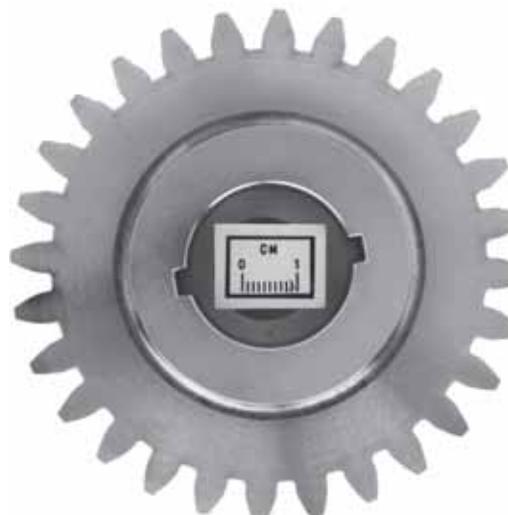


# Load Case Locations for FEM

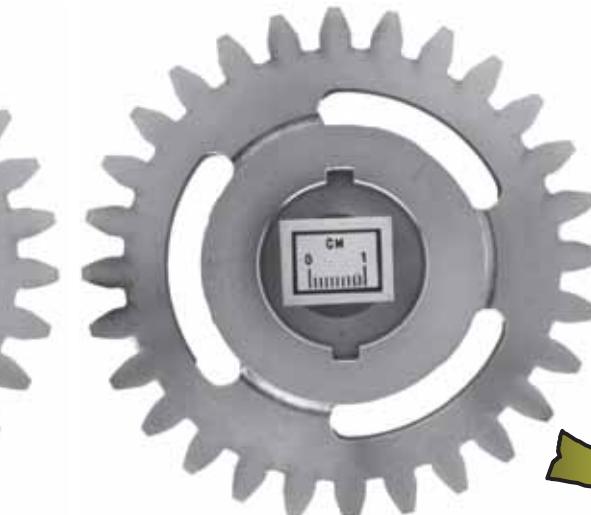


0.26-mm crack size, 68 N·m driver gear torque.

# Test Gears



Backup ratio = 3.3

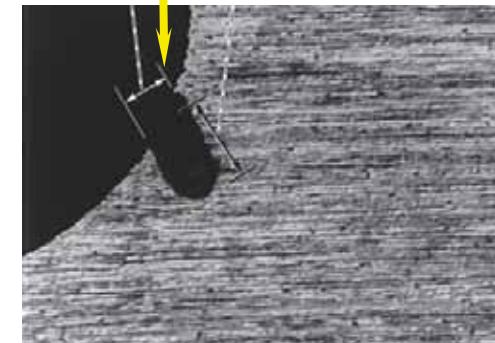
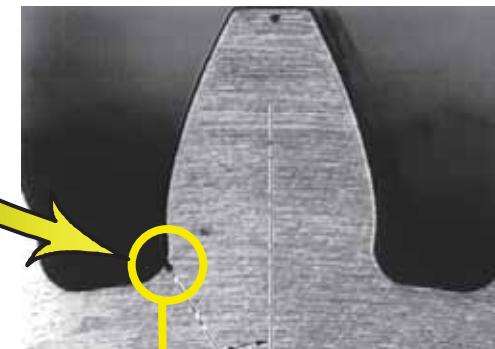


Backup ratio = 1.0



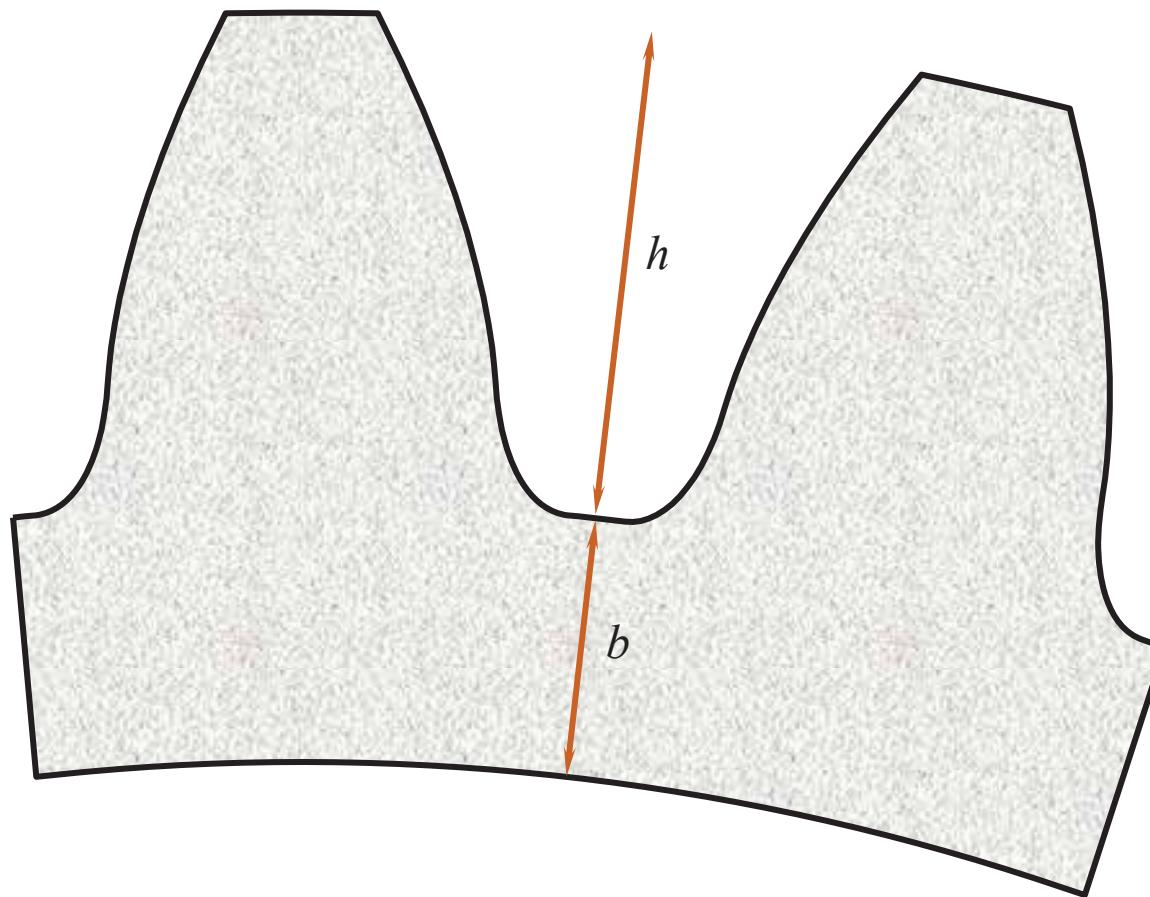
Backup ratio = 0.3

Notch inserted  
in tooth fillet

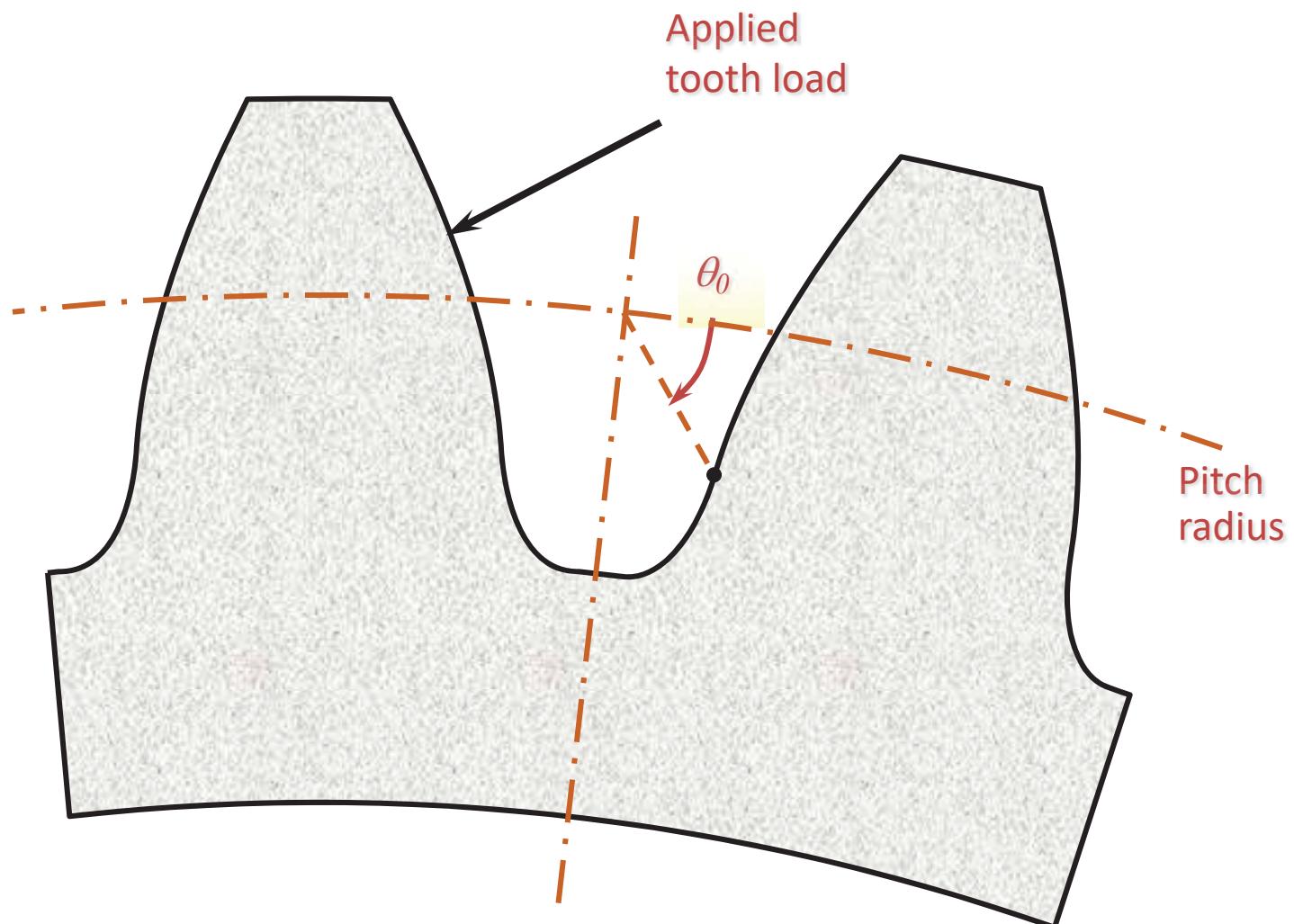


# Definition of Backup Ratio ( $m_B$ )

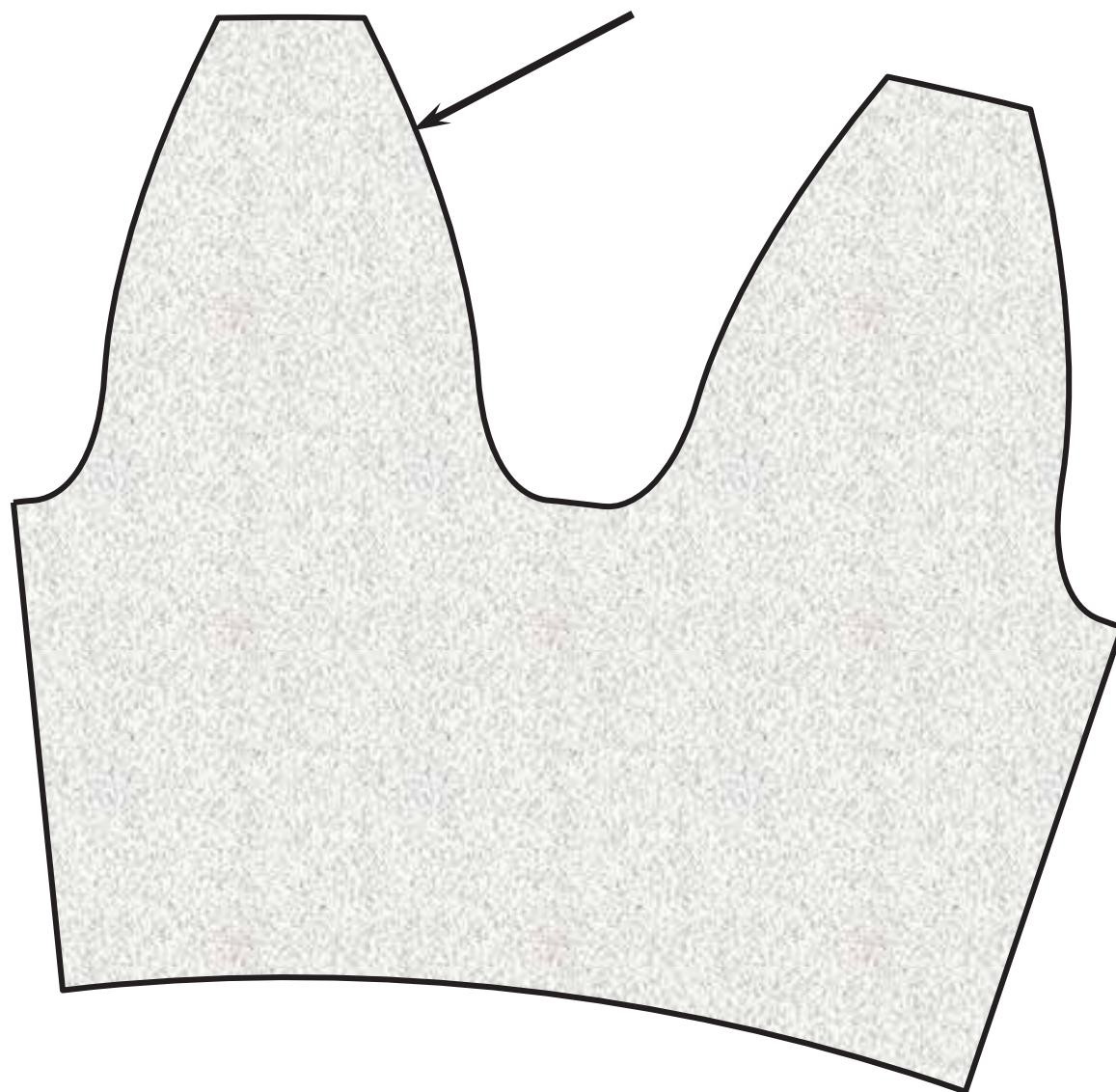
$$m_B = \frac{b}{h}$$



# Definition of Initial Crack Location ( $\theta_0$ )



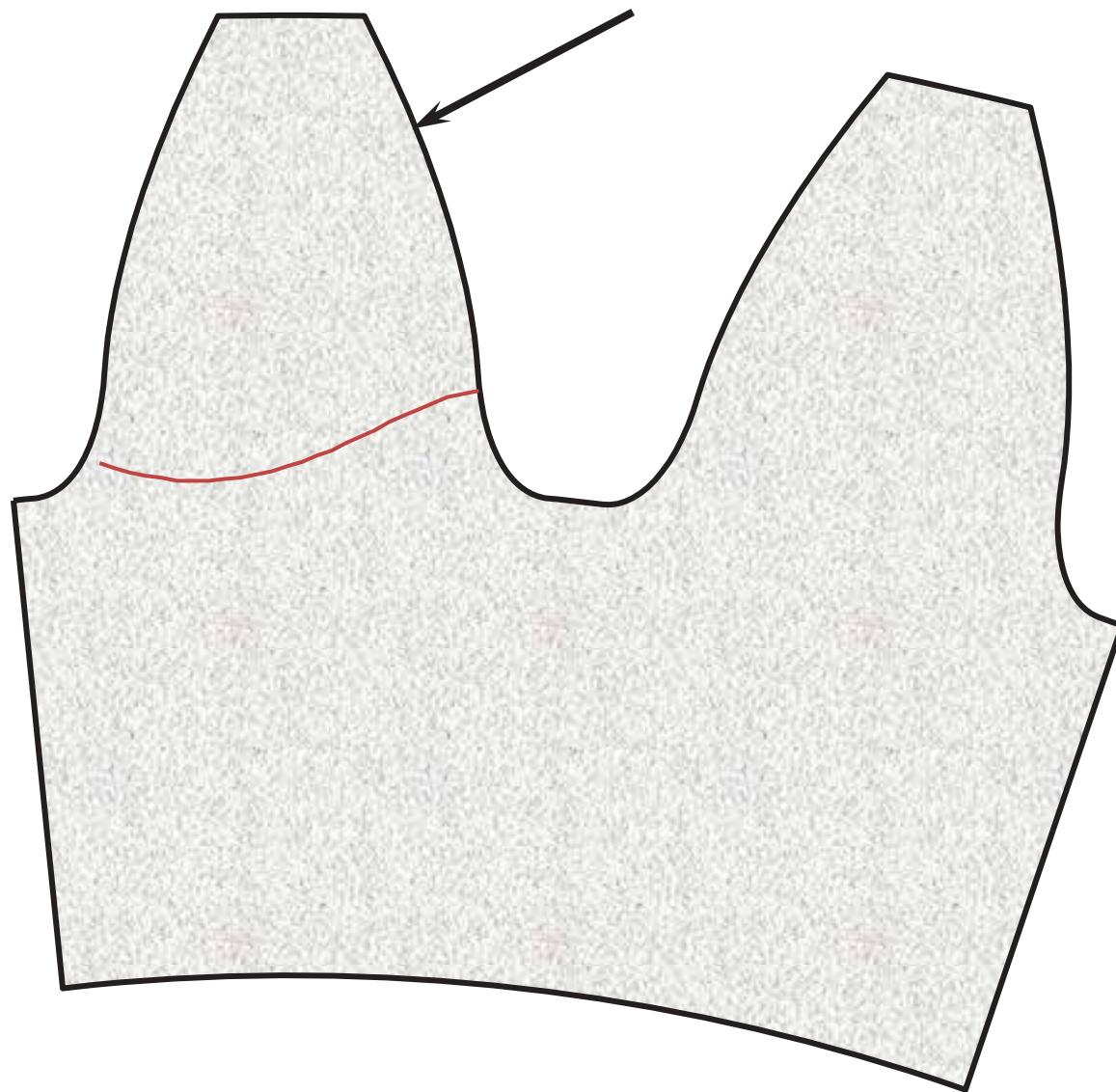
# Effect of Initial Crack Location on Crack Path



## Gear Parameters:

- 28 teeth
- 8 pitch
- 1.75" pitch rad
- 20° press angle
- $m_B = 1.0$

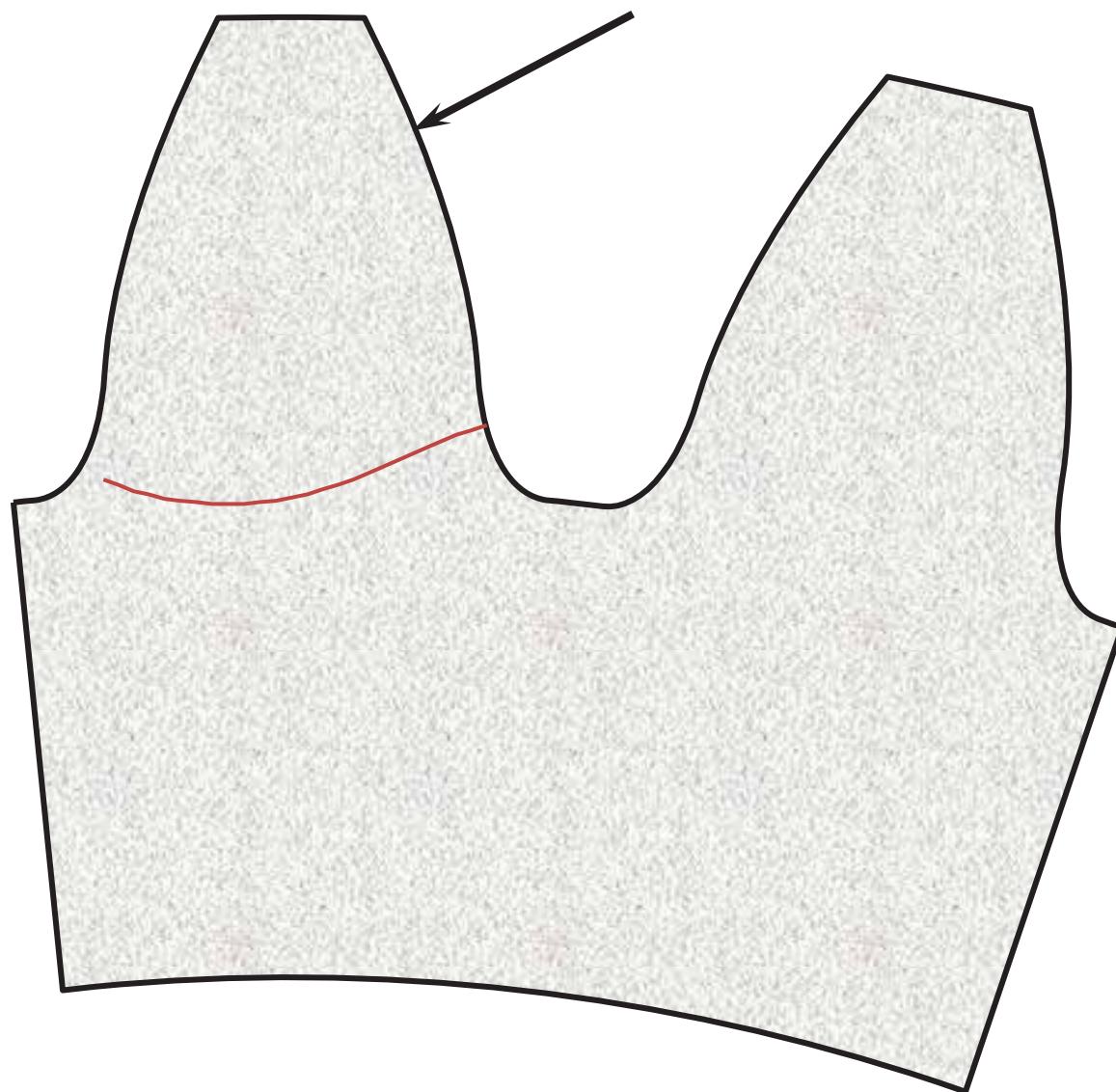
# Effect of Initial Crack Location on Crack Path



Initial crack  
location:  
 $\theta_0 = 120^\circ$

Failure mode:  
Tooth fracture

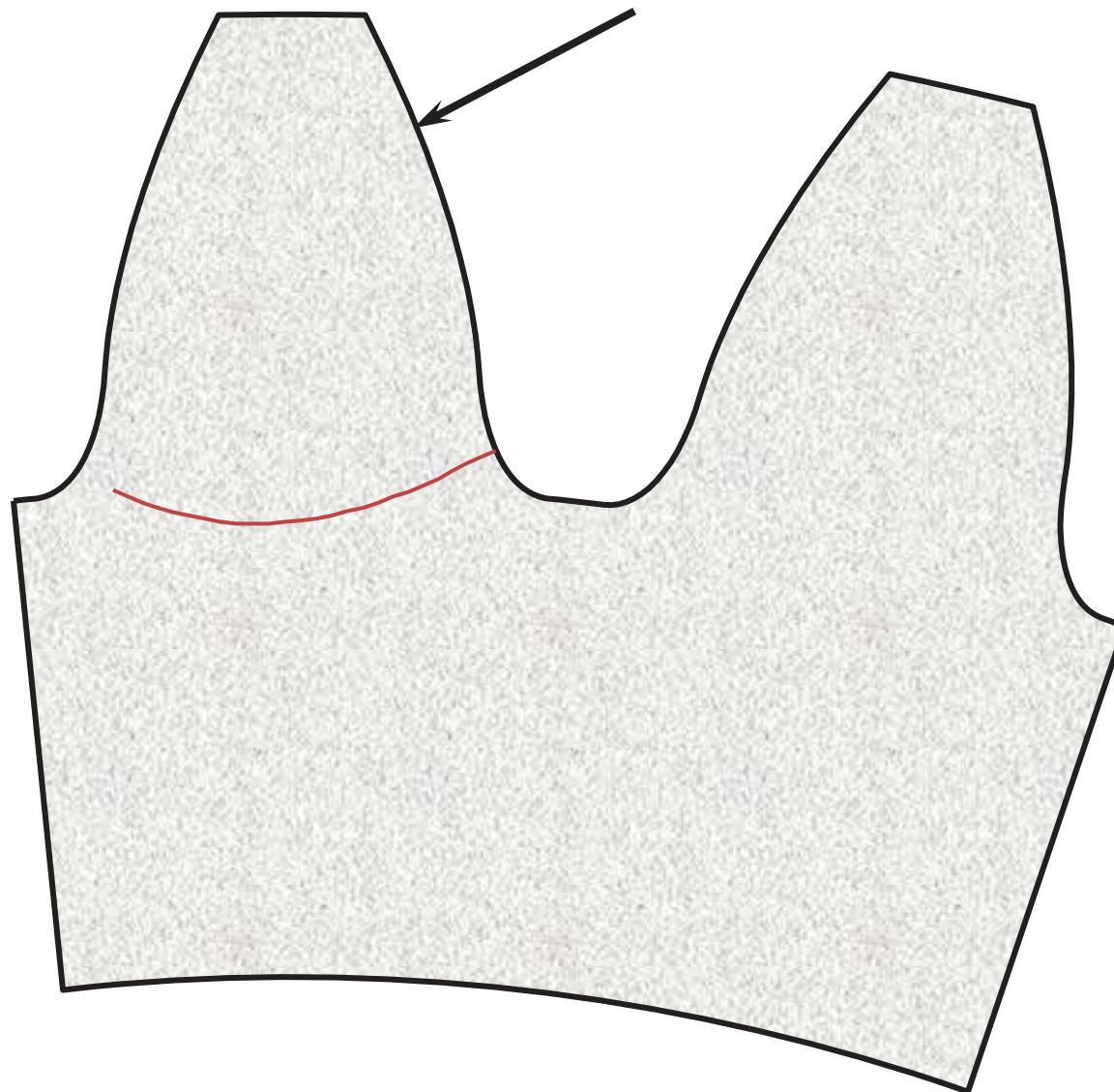
# Effect of Initial Crack Location on Crack Path



Initial crack  
location:  
 $\theta_0 = 114^\circ$

Failure mode:  
Tooth fracture

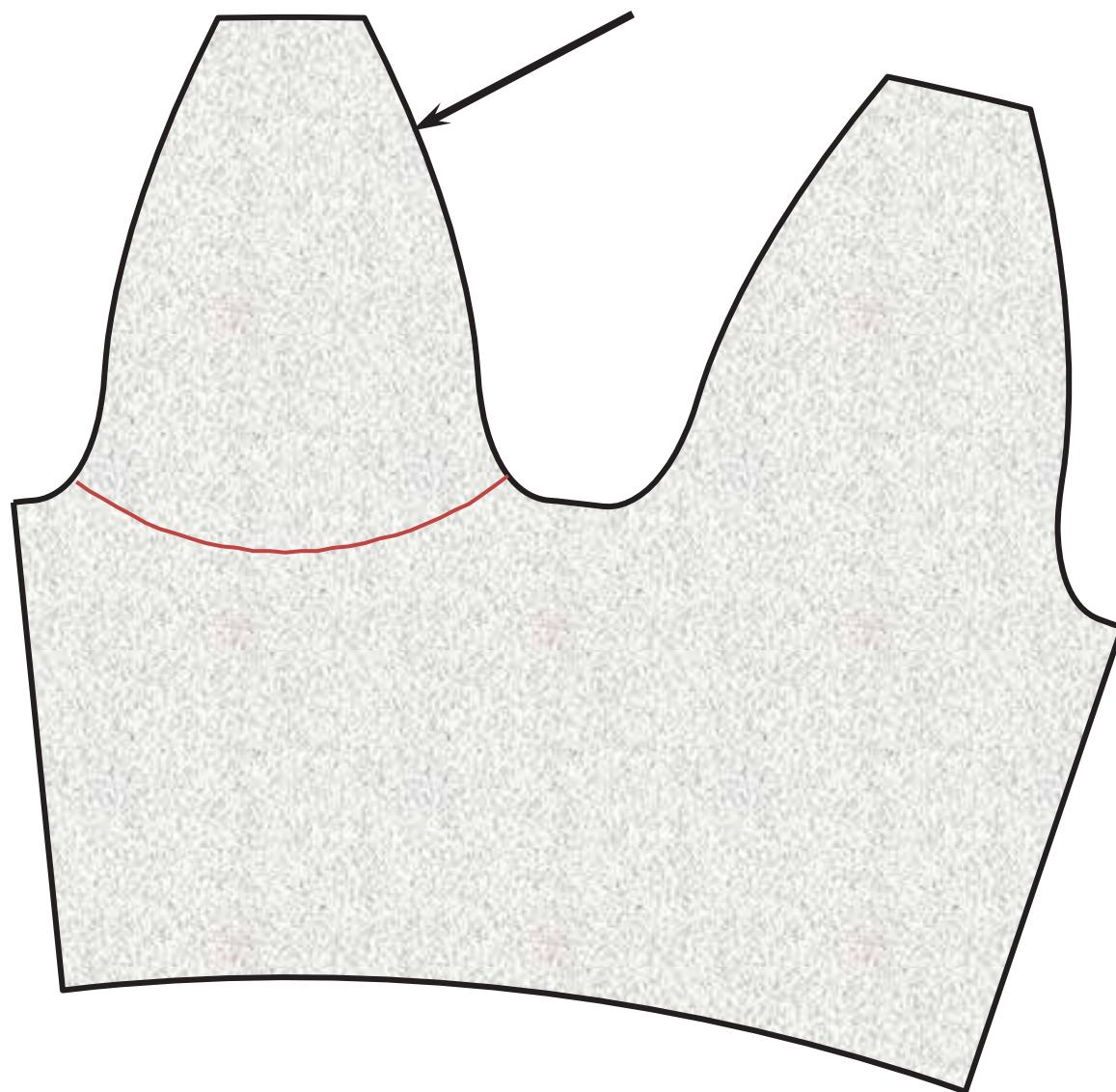
# Effect of Initial Crack Location on Crack Path



Initial crack  
location:  
 $\theta_0 = 109^\circ$

Failure mode:  
Tooth fracture

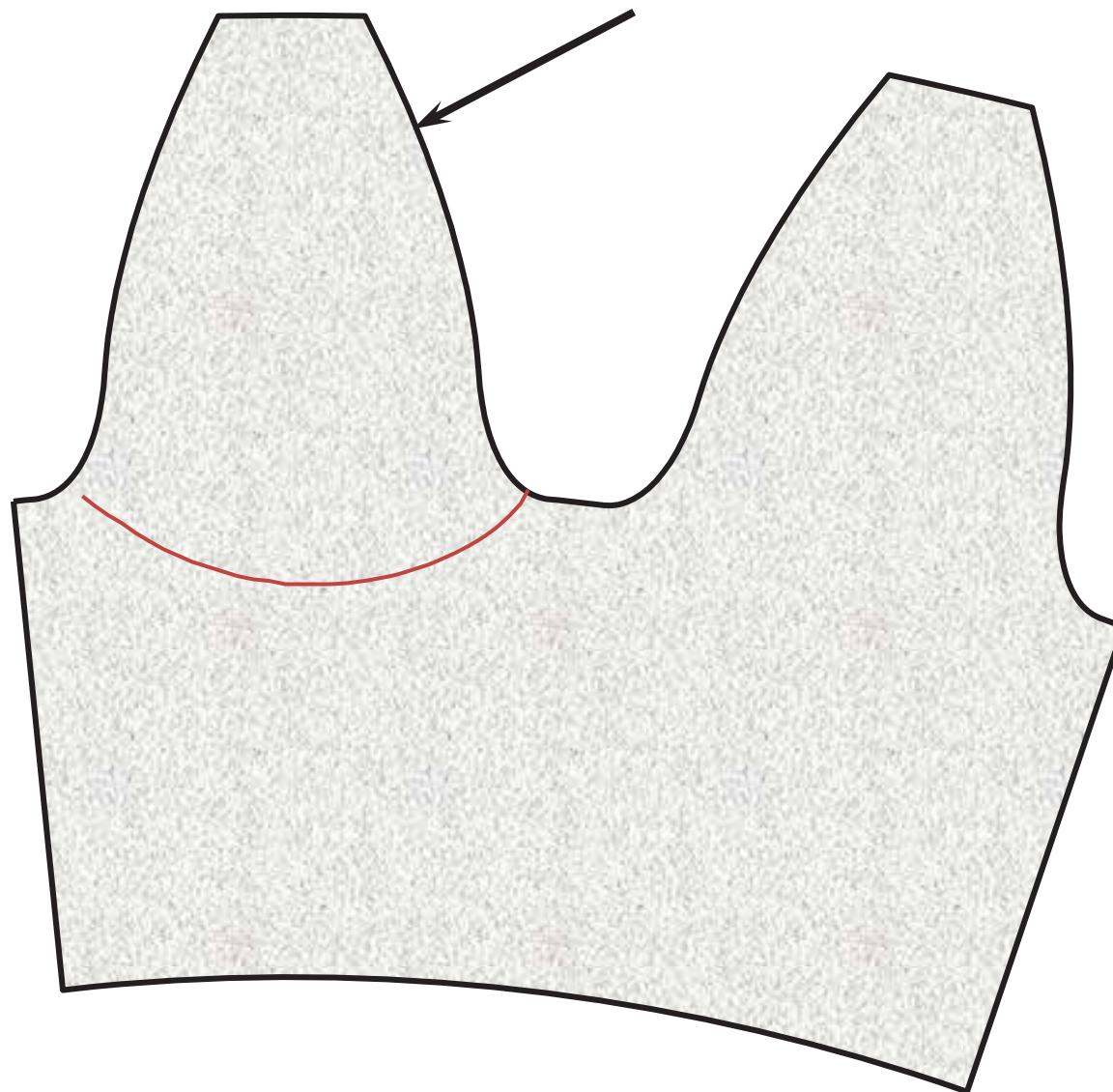
# Effect of Initial Crack Location on Crack Path



Initial crack  
location:  
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(max tensile)

Failure mode:  
Tooth fracture

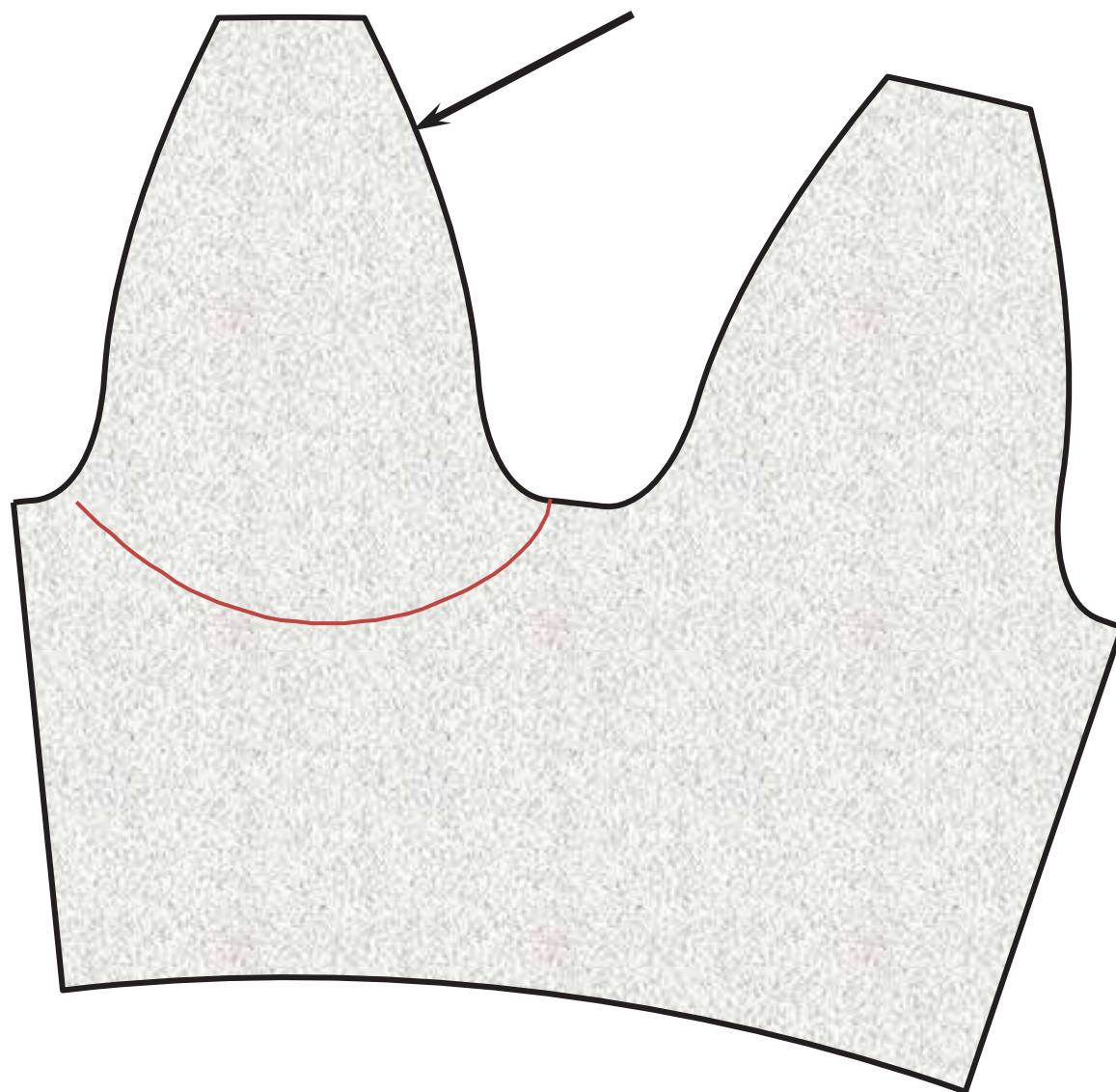
# Effect of Initial Crack Location on Crack Path



Initial crack  
location:  
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Failure mode:  
Tooth fracture

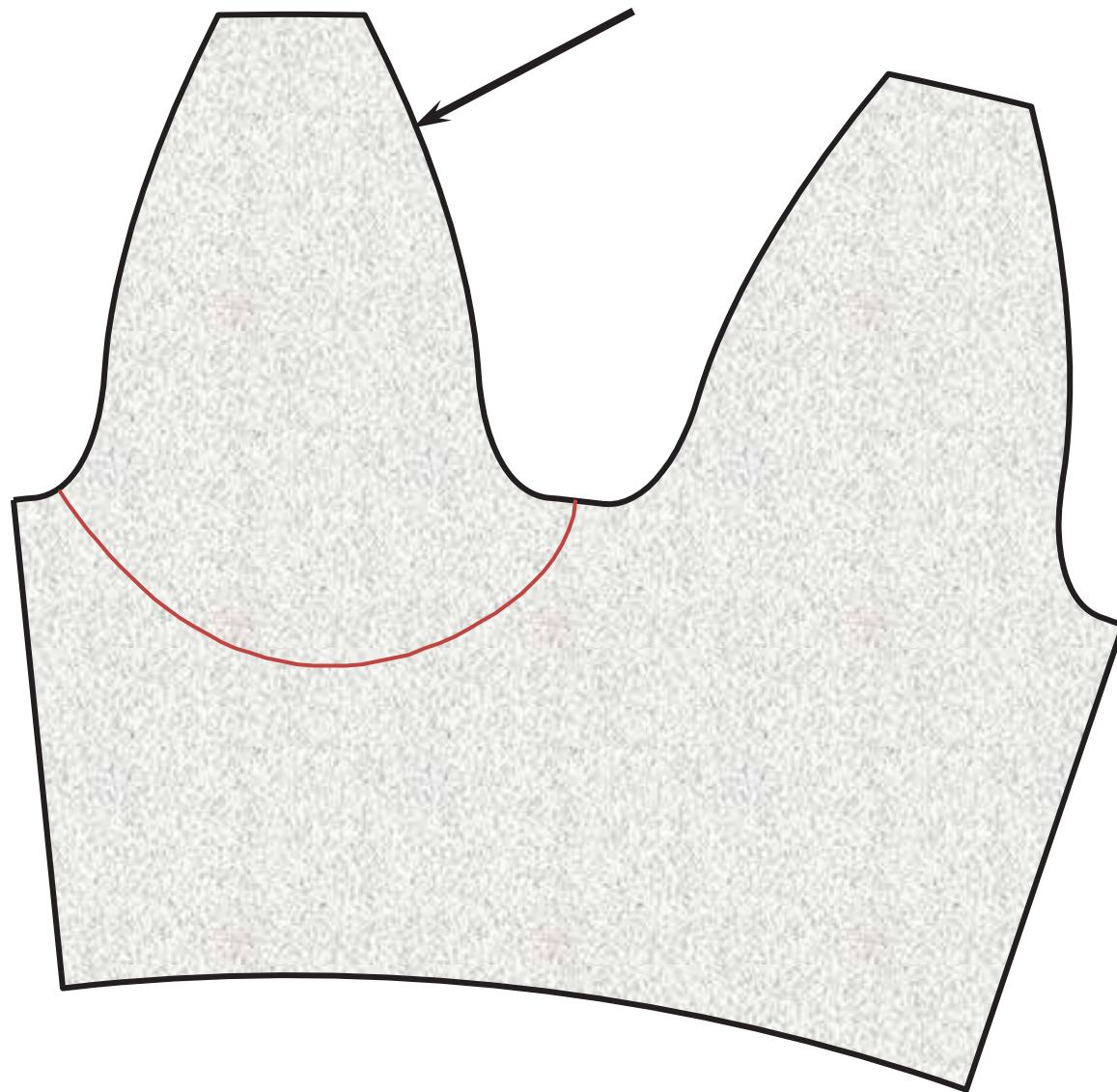
# Effect of Initial Crack Location on Crack Path



Initial crack  
location:  
 $\theta_0 = 94^\circ$

Failure mode:  
Tooth fracture

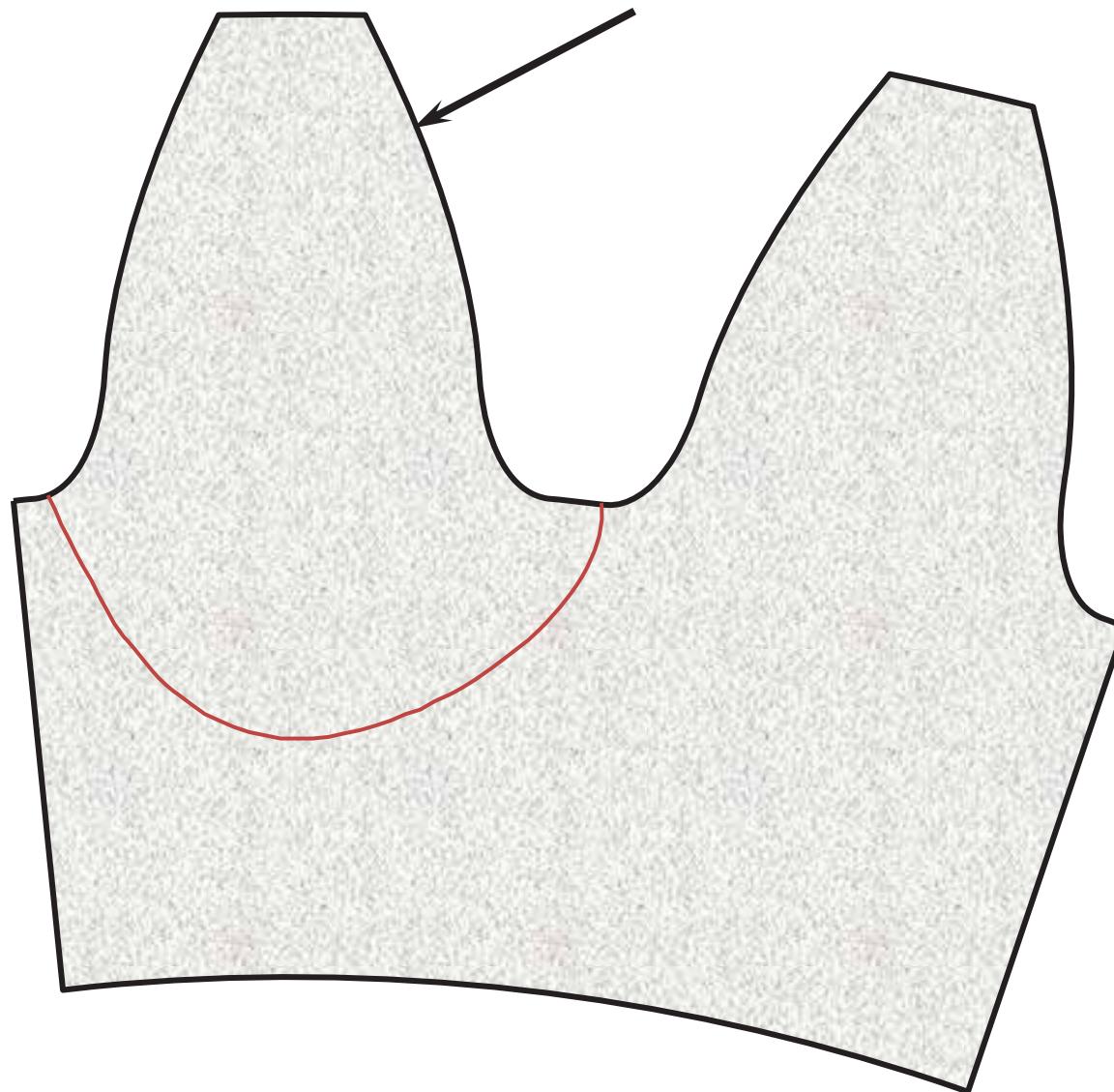
# Effect of Initial Crack Location on Crack Path



Initial crack  
location:  
 $\theta_0 = 88^\circ$   
(root centerline)

Failure mode:  
Tooth fracture

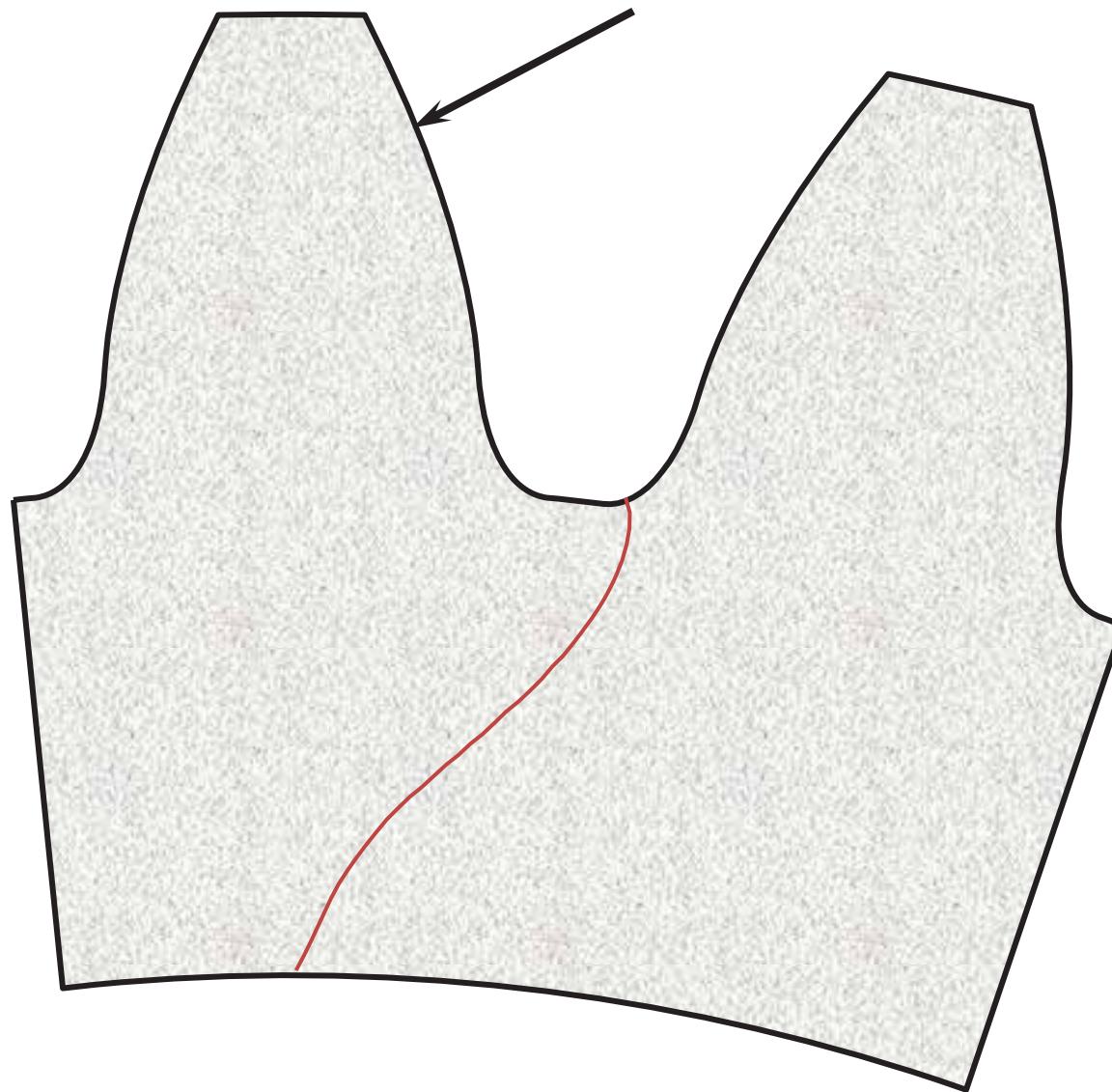
# Effect of Initial Crack Location on Crack Path



Initial crack  
location:  
 $\theta_0 = 83^\circ$

Failure mode:  
Tooth fracture

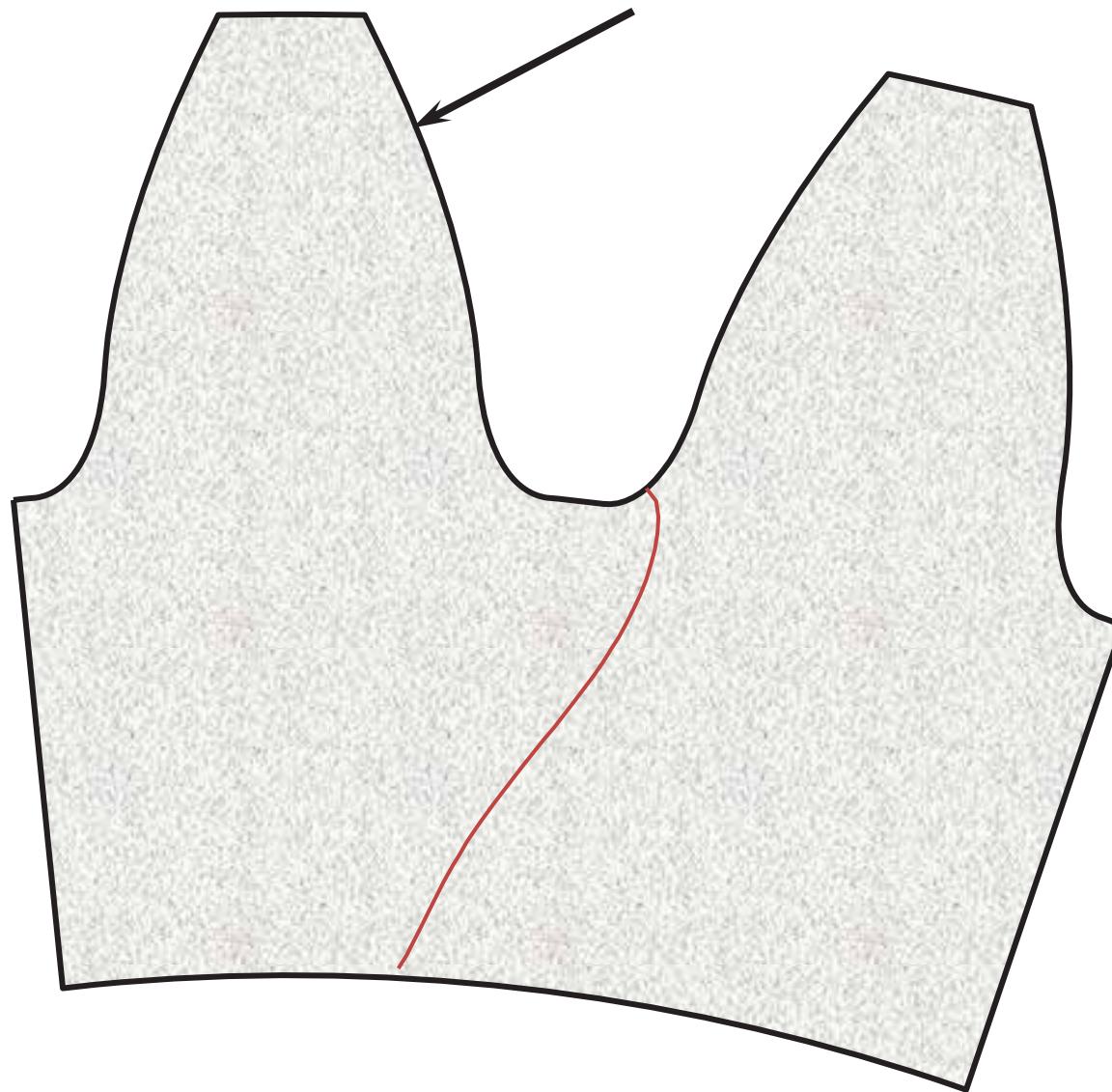
# Effect of Initial Crack Location on Crack Path



Initial crack  
location:  
 $\theta_0 = 78^\circ$

Failure mode:  
Rim fracture

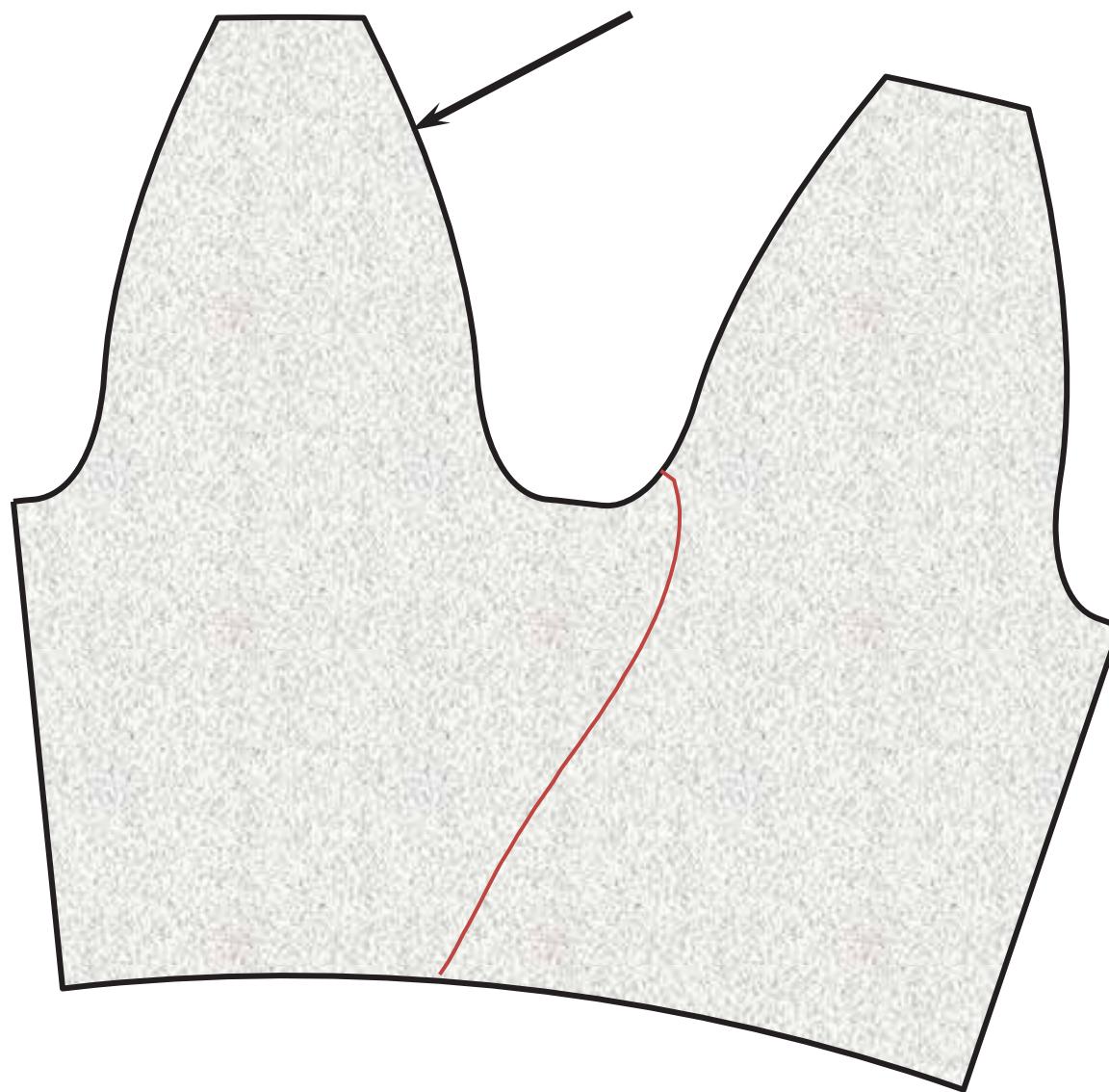
# Effect of Initial Crack Location on Crack Path



Initial crack  
location:  
 $\theta_0 = 73^\circ$

Failure mode:  
Rim fracture

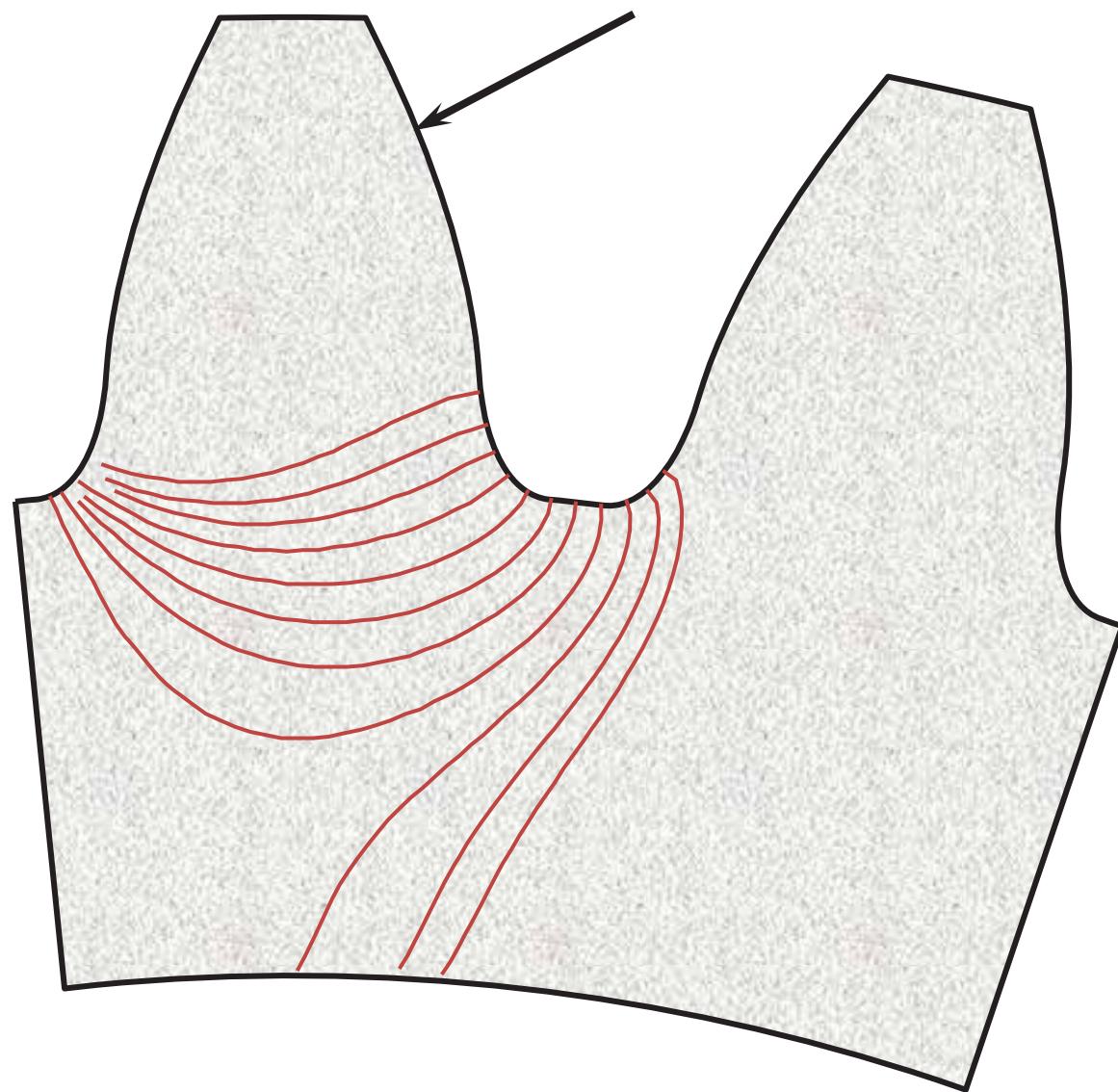
# Effect of Initial Crack Location on Crack Path



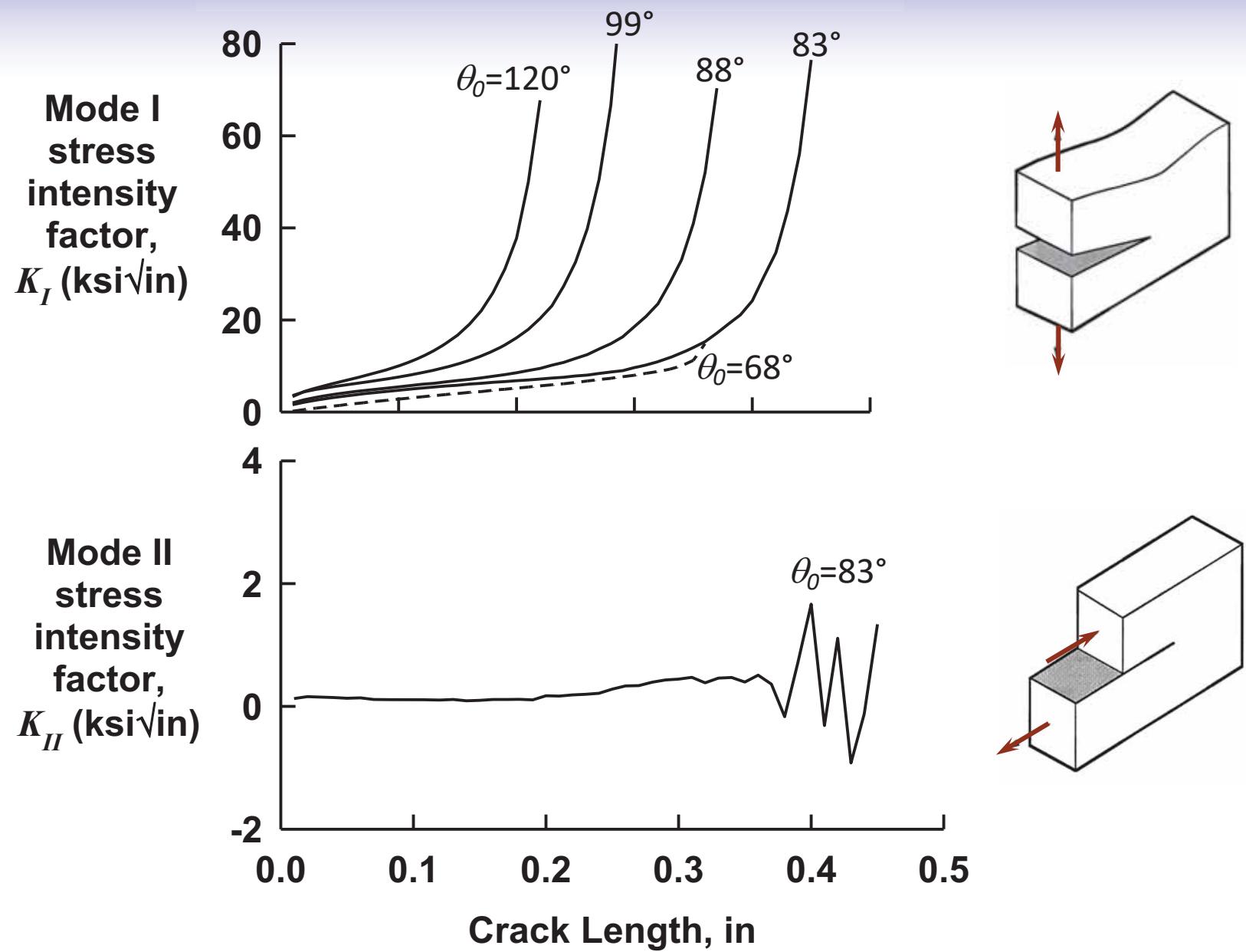
Initial crack  
location:  
 $\theta_0 = 68^\circ$

Failure mode:  
Rim fracture

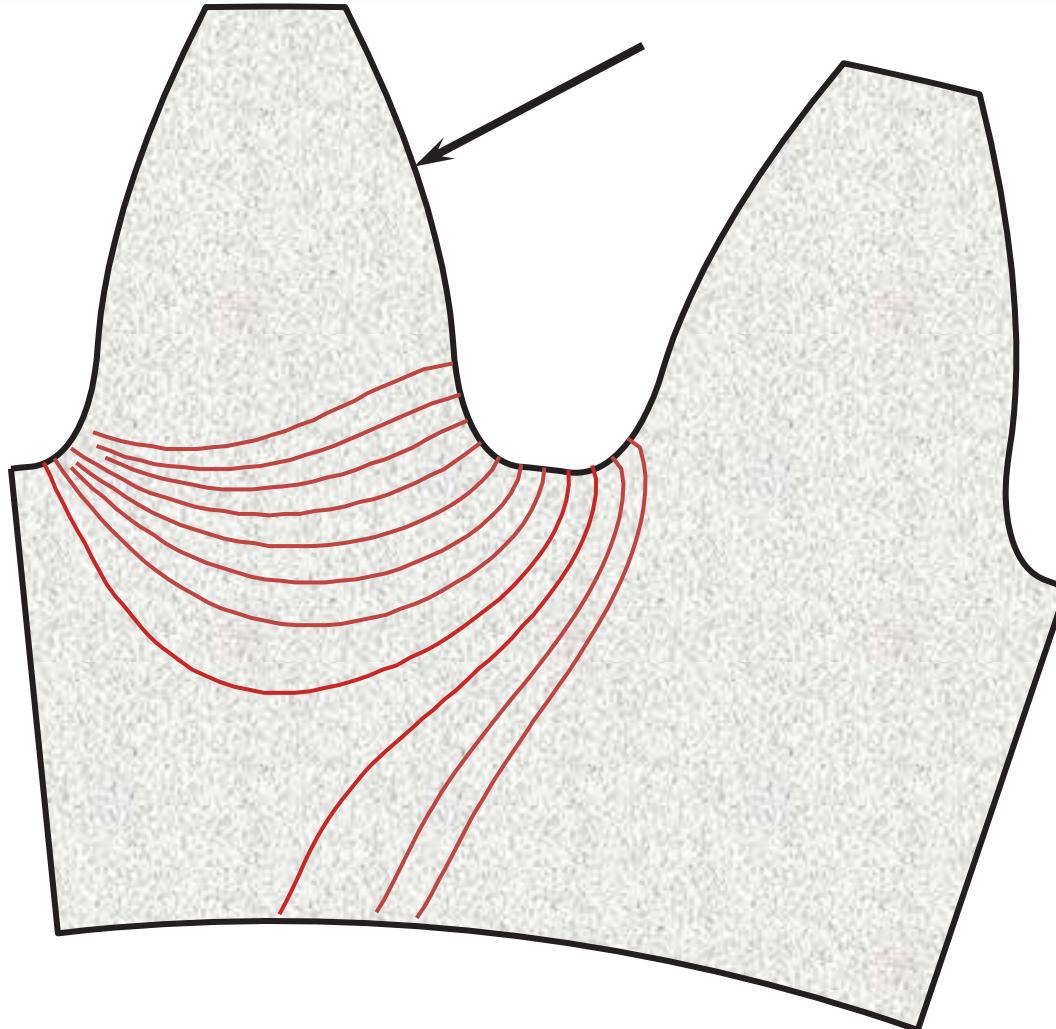
# Effect of Initial Crack Location on Crack Path



# Stress Intensity Factors



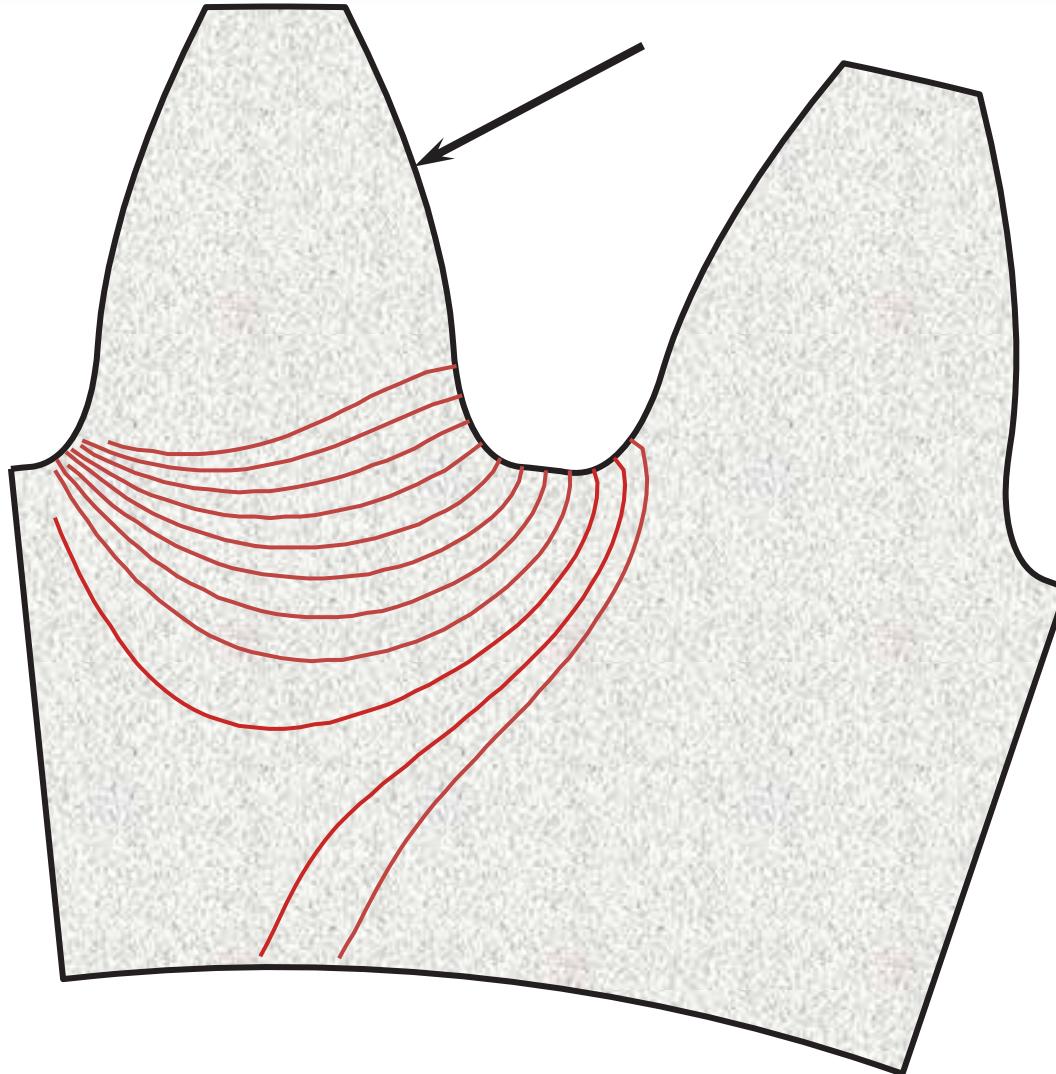
# Effect of Backup Ratio on Crack Path



Backup ratio:  
 $m_B = 1.0$

Tooth/rim fracture  
transition:  
 $\theta_0 = 81^\circ$

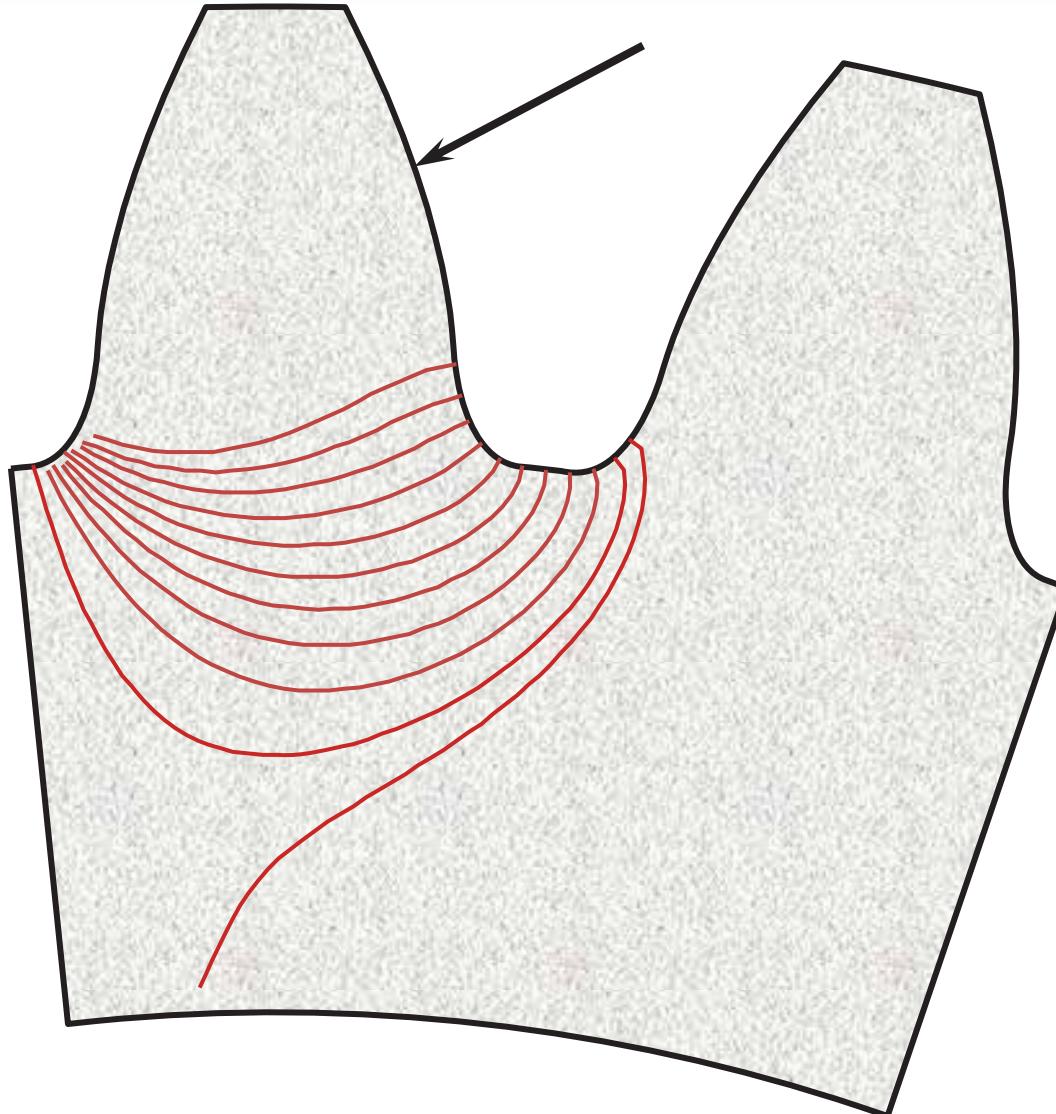
# Effect of Backup Ratio on Crack Path



Backup ratio:  
 $m_B = 1.1$

Tooth/rim fracture  
transition:  
 $\theta_0 = 76^\circ$

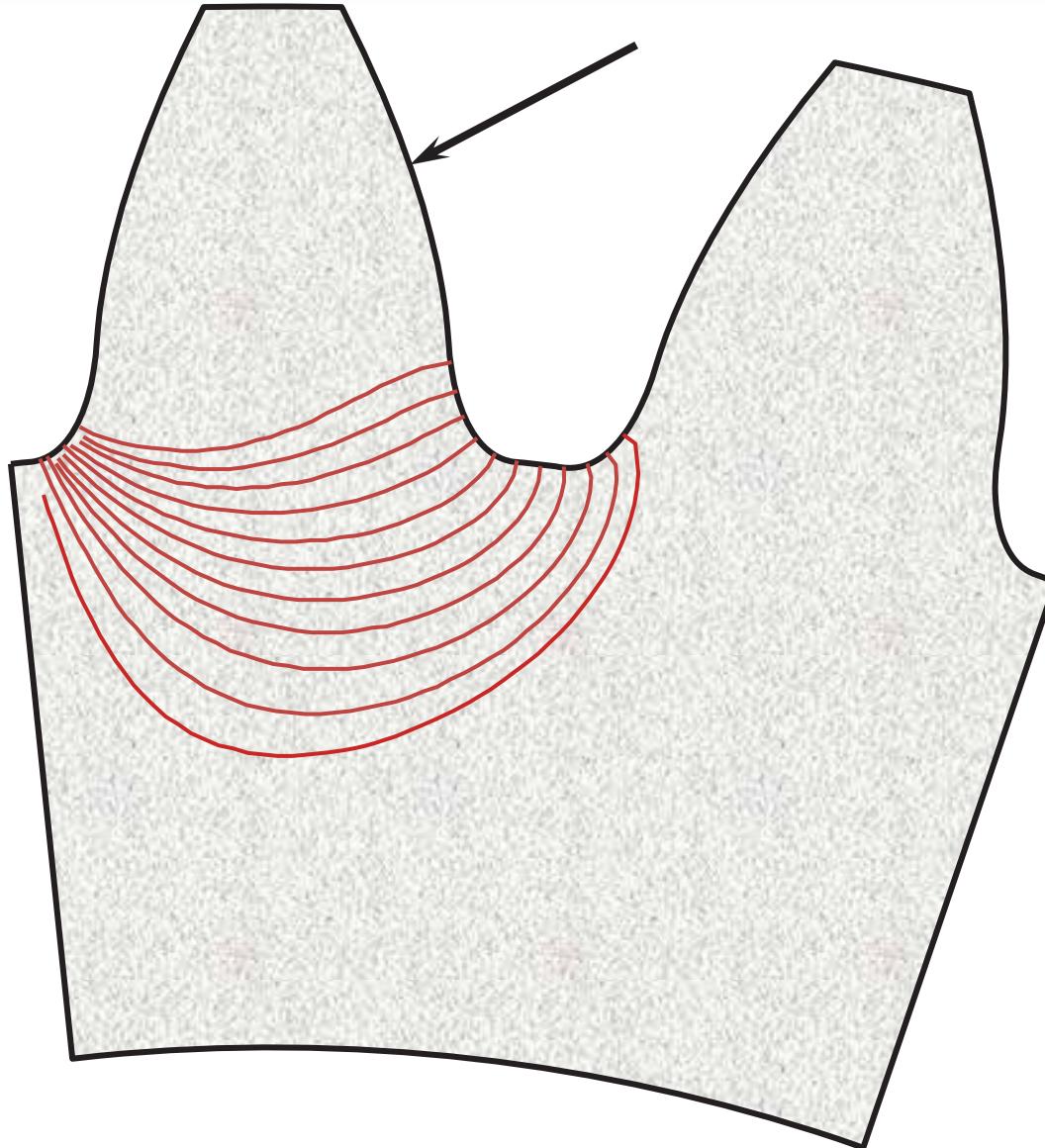
# Effect of Backup Ratio on Crack Path



Backup ratio:  
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Tooth/rim fracture  
transition:  
 $\theta_0 = 71^\circ$

# Effect of Backup Ratio on Crack Path



Backup ratio:

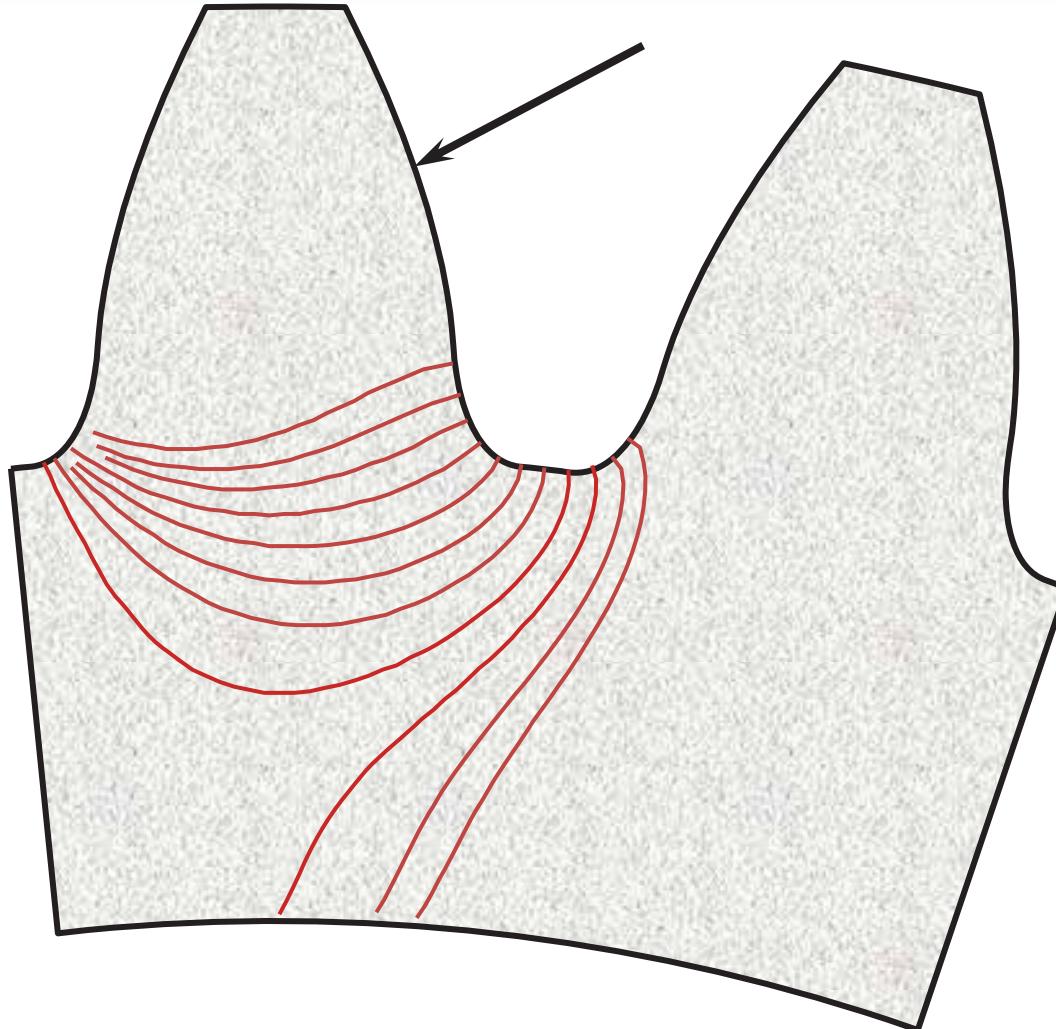
$$m_B = 1.3$$

Tooth/rim fracture

transition:

All tooth fractures

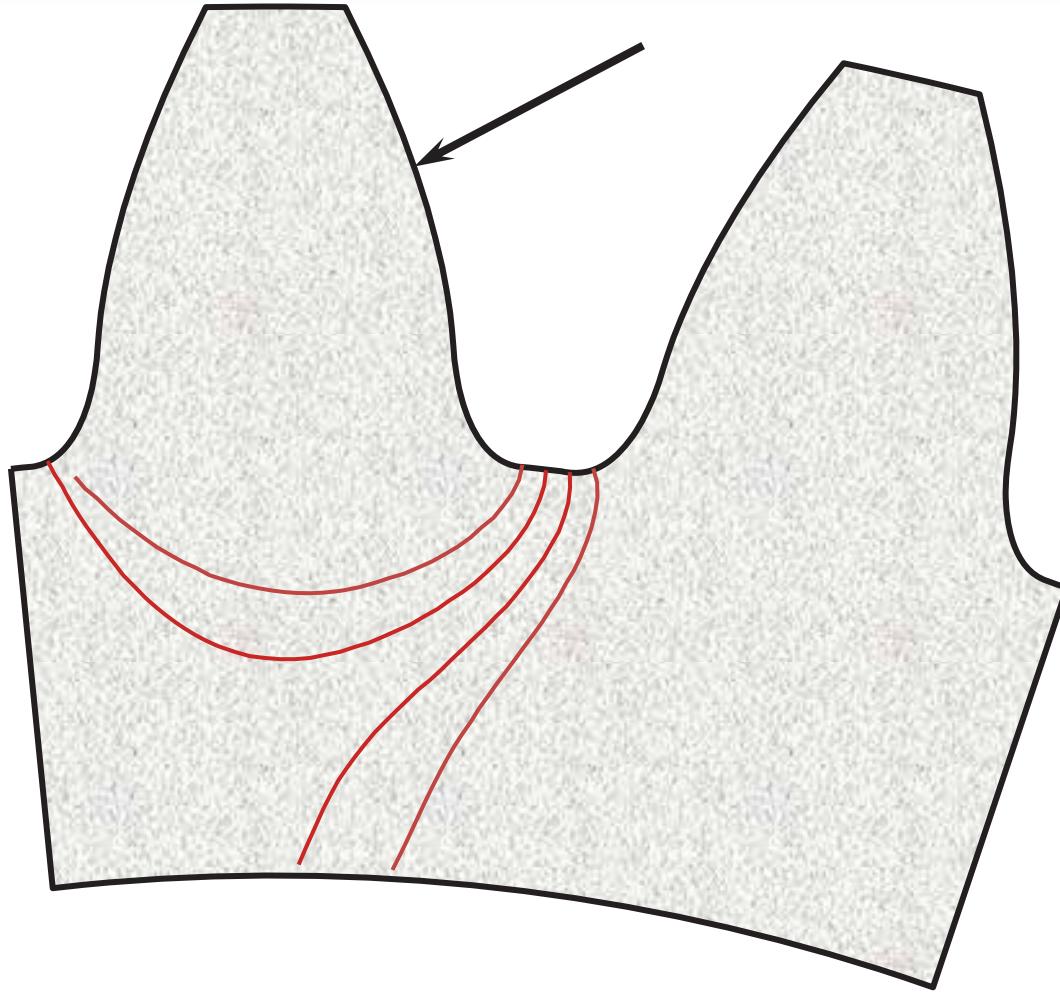
# Effect of Backup Ratio on Crack Path



Backup ratio:  
 $m_B = 1.0$

Tooth/rim fracture  
transition:  
 $\theta_0 = 81^\circ$

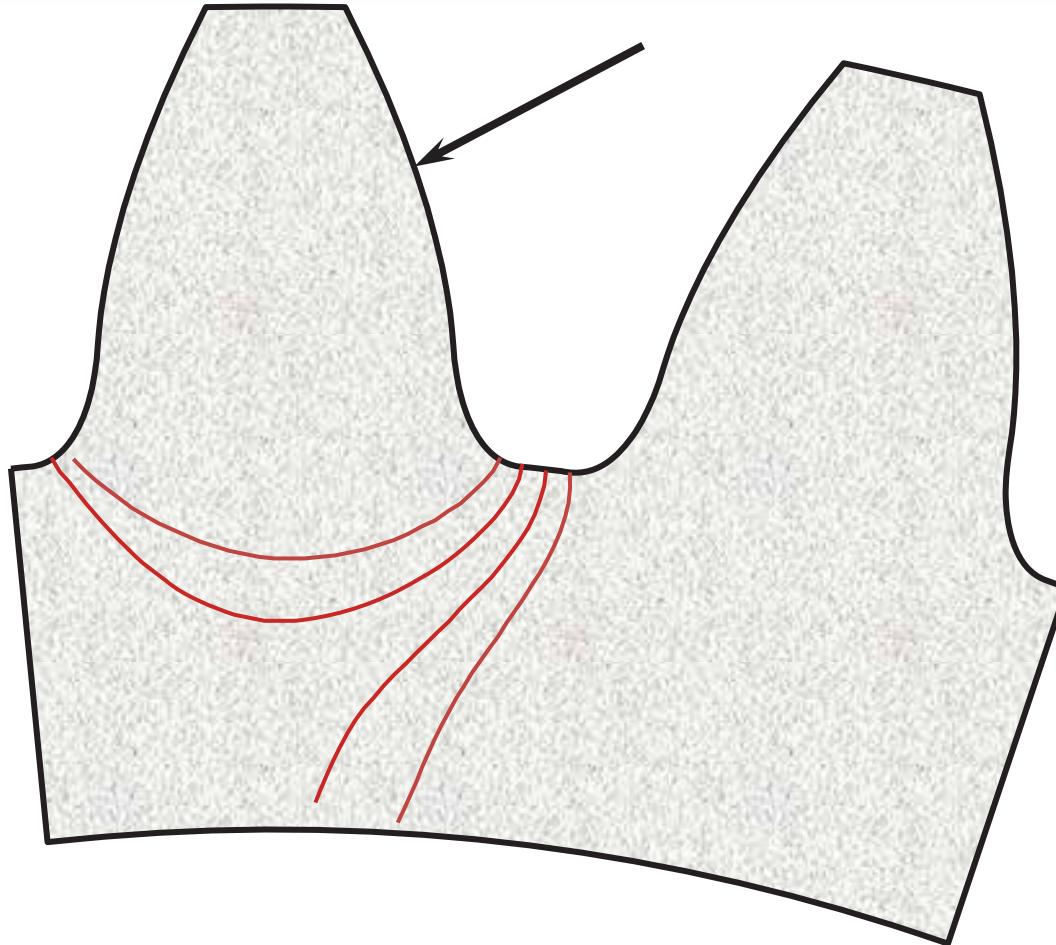
# Effect of Backup Ratio on Crack Path



Backup ratio:  
 $m_B = 0.9$

Tooth/rim fracture  
transition:  
 $\theta_0 = 86^\circ$

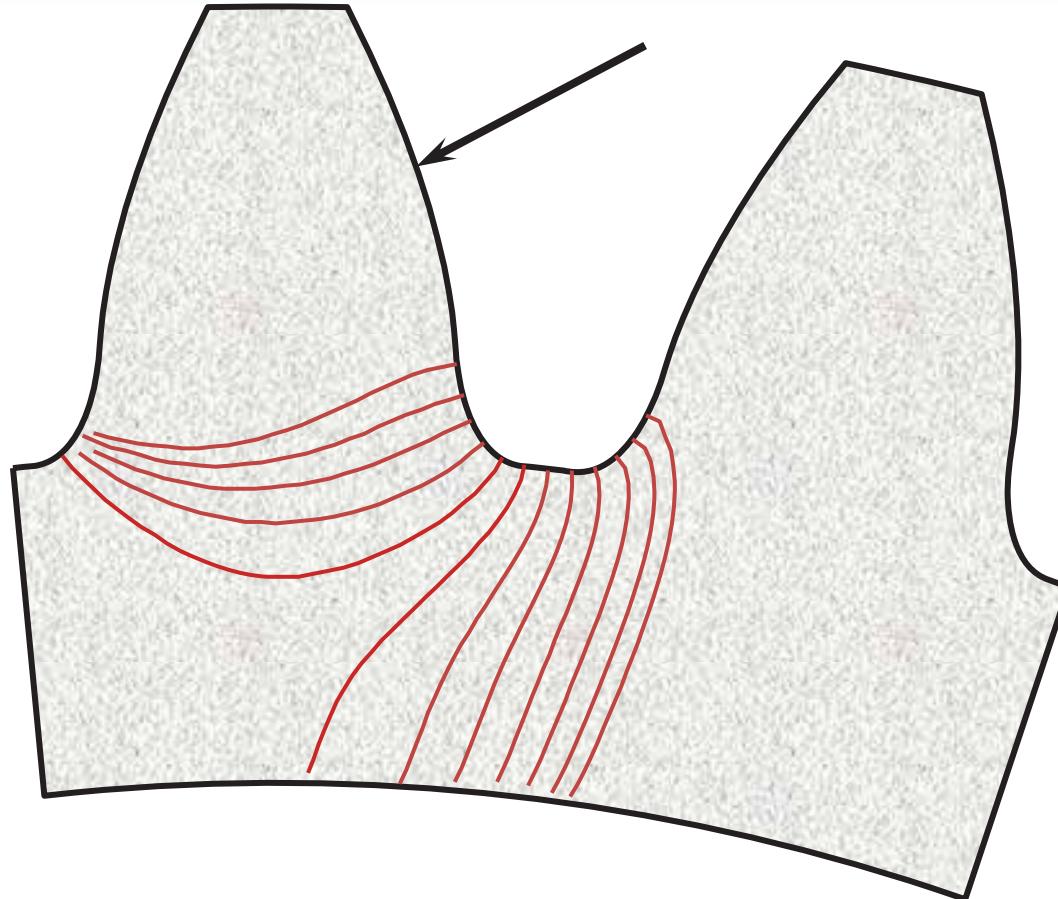
# Effect of Backup Ratio on Crack Path



Backup ratio:  
 $m_B = 0.8$

Tooth/rim fracture  
transition:  
 $\theta_0 = 91^\circ$

# Effect of Backup Ratio on Crack Path



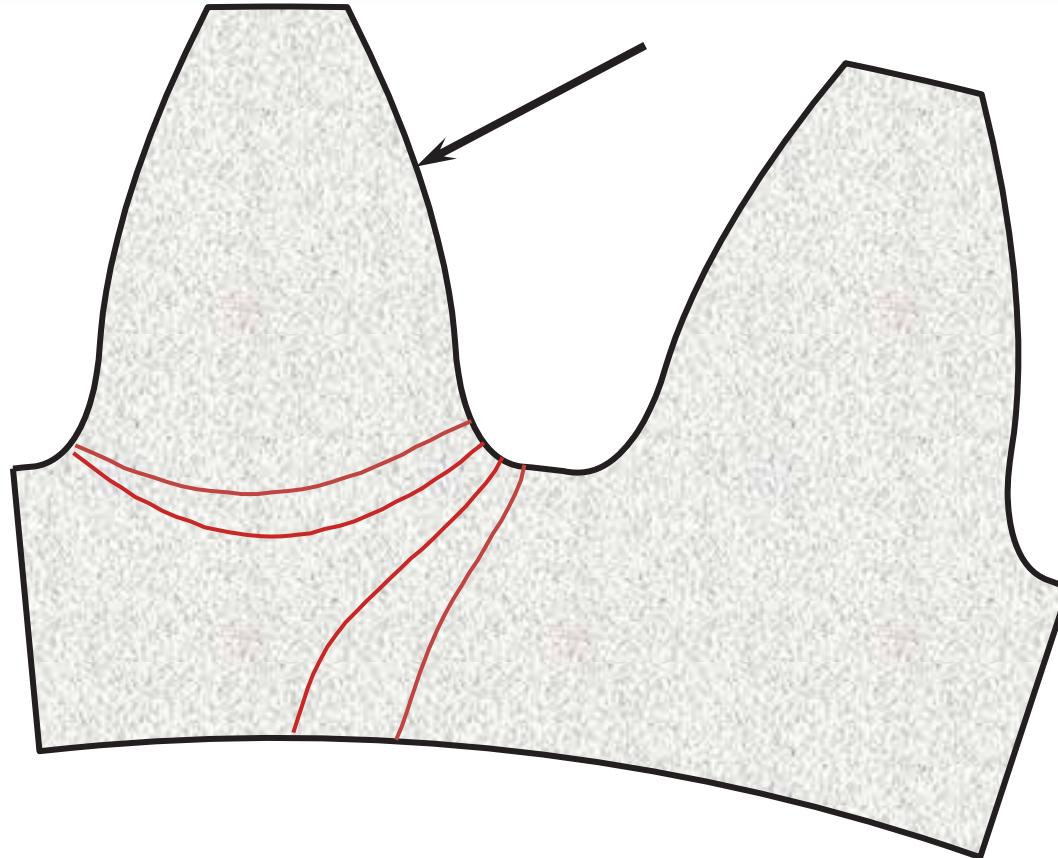
Backup ratio:

$$m_B = 0.7$$

Tooth/rim fracture  
transition:

$$\theta_0 = 97^\circ$$

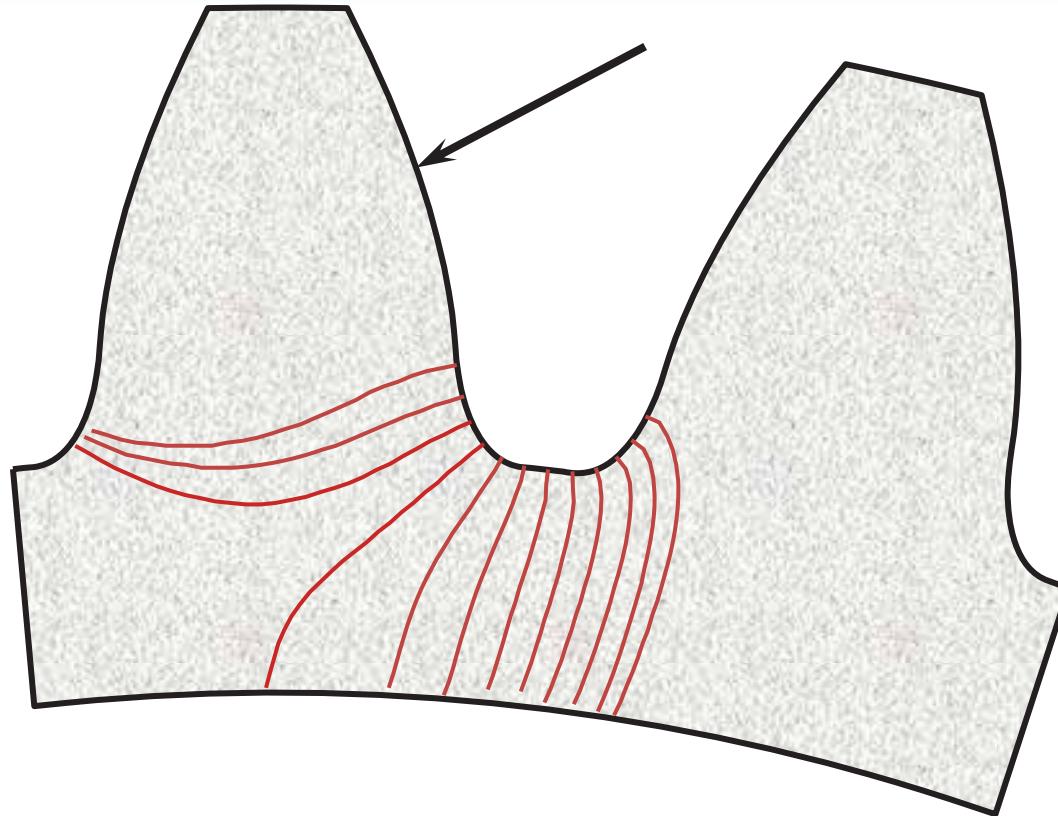
# Effect of Backup Ratio on Crack Path



Backup ratio:  
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Tooth/rim fracture  
transition:  
 $\theta_0 = 102^\circ$

# Effect of Backup Ratio on Crack Path

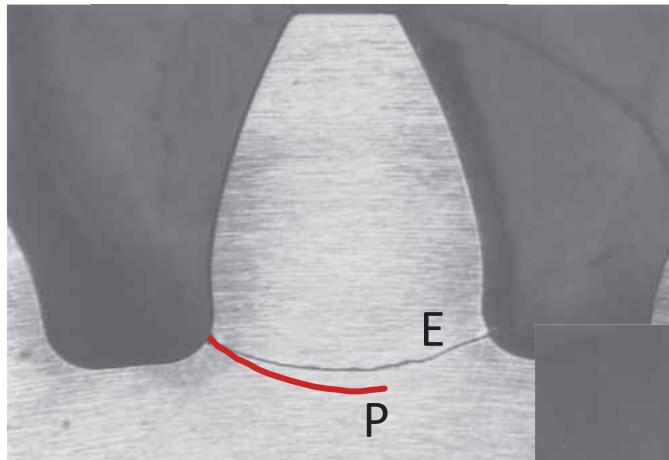


Backup ratio:  
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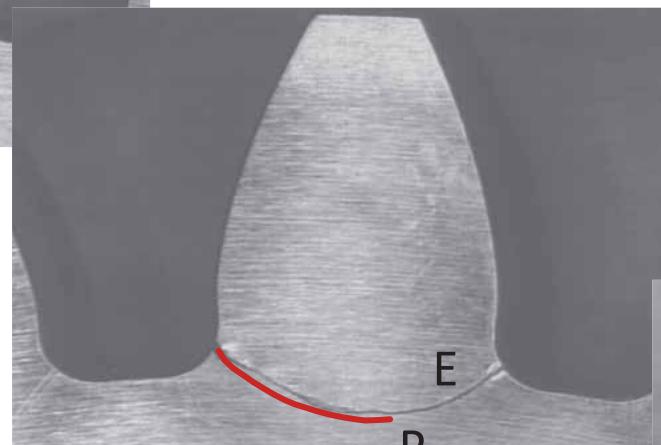
Tooth/rim fracture  
transition:  
 $\theta_0 = 107^\circ$

# Validation of Finite Element Modeling

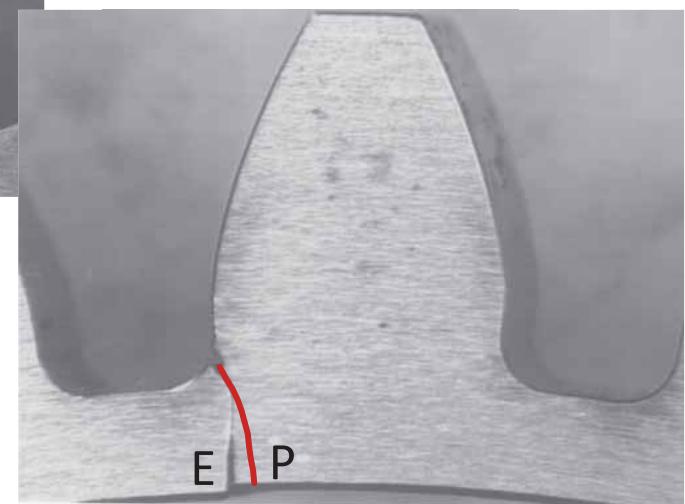
Backup ratio = 3.3



E = Experiment  
P = Predicted



Backup ratio = 0.5



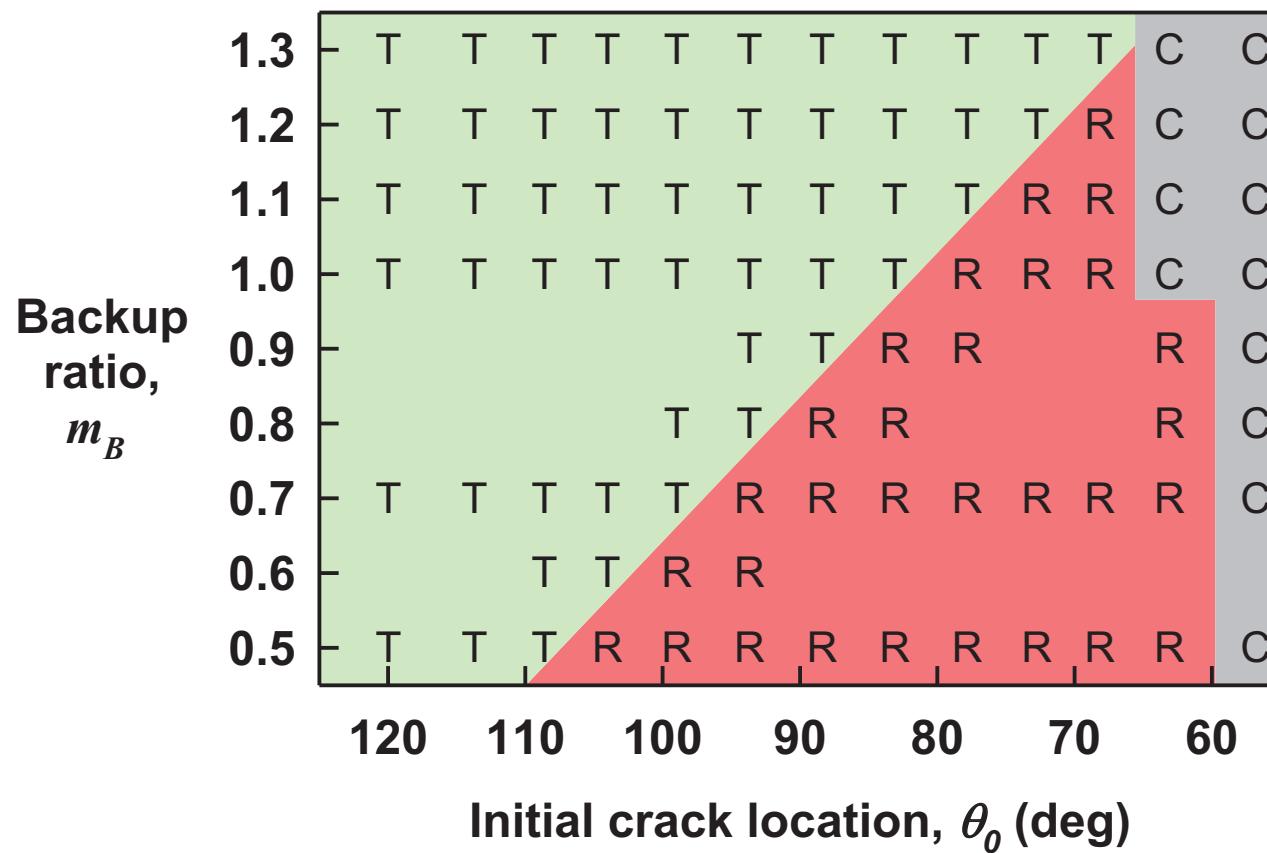
Backup ratio = 1.0

# Design Map

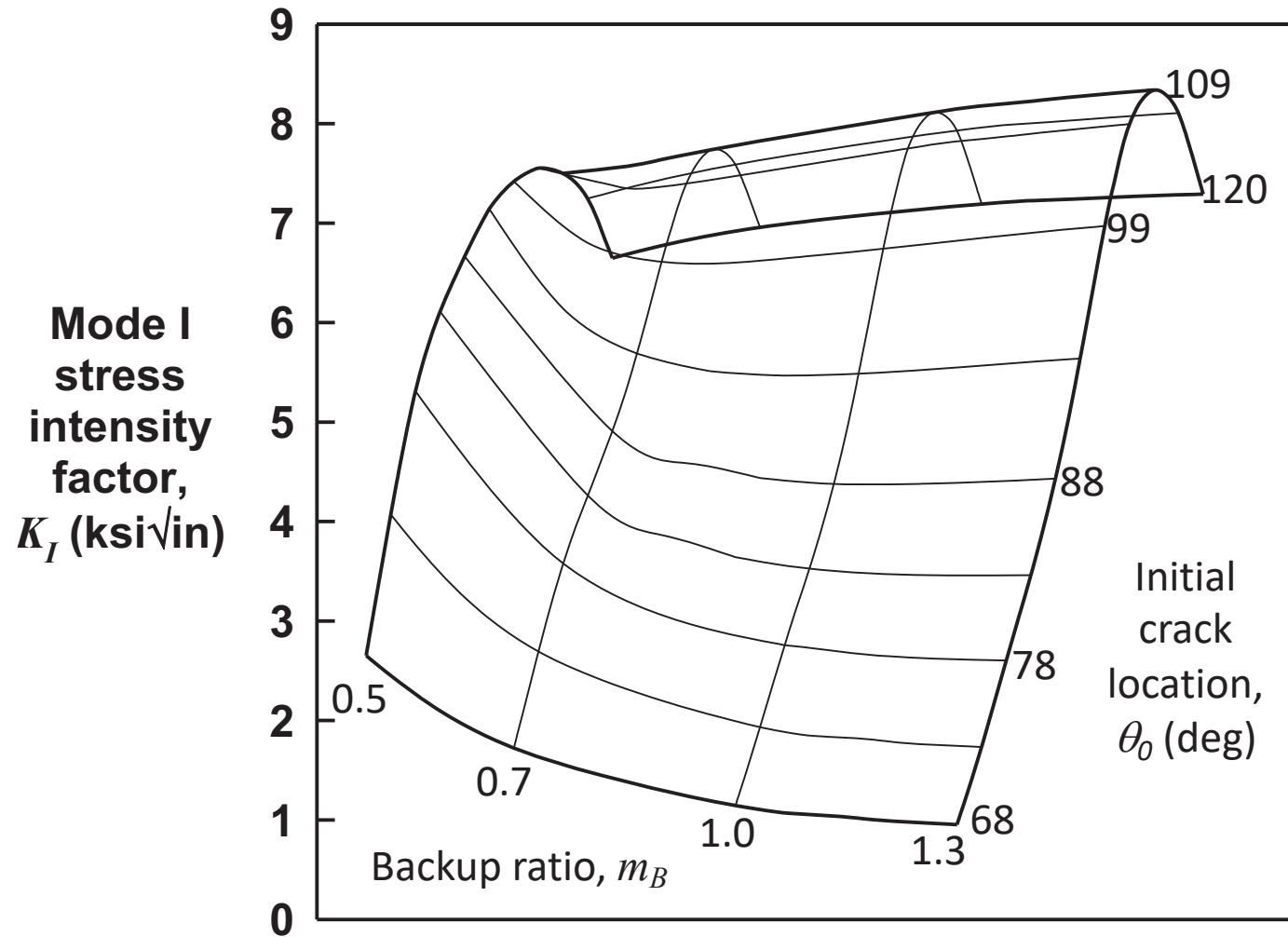
T = tooth fractures

R = rim fractures

C = compression



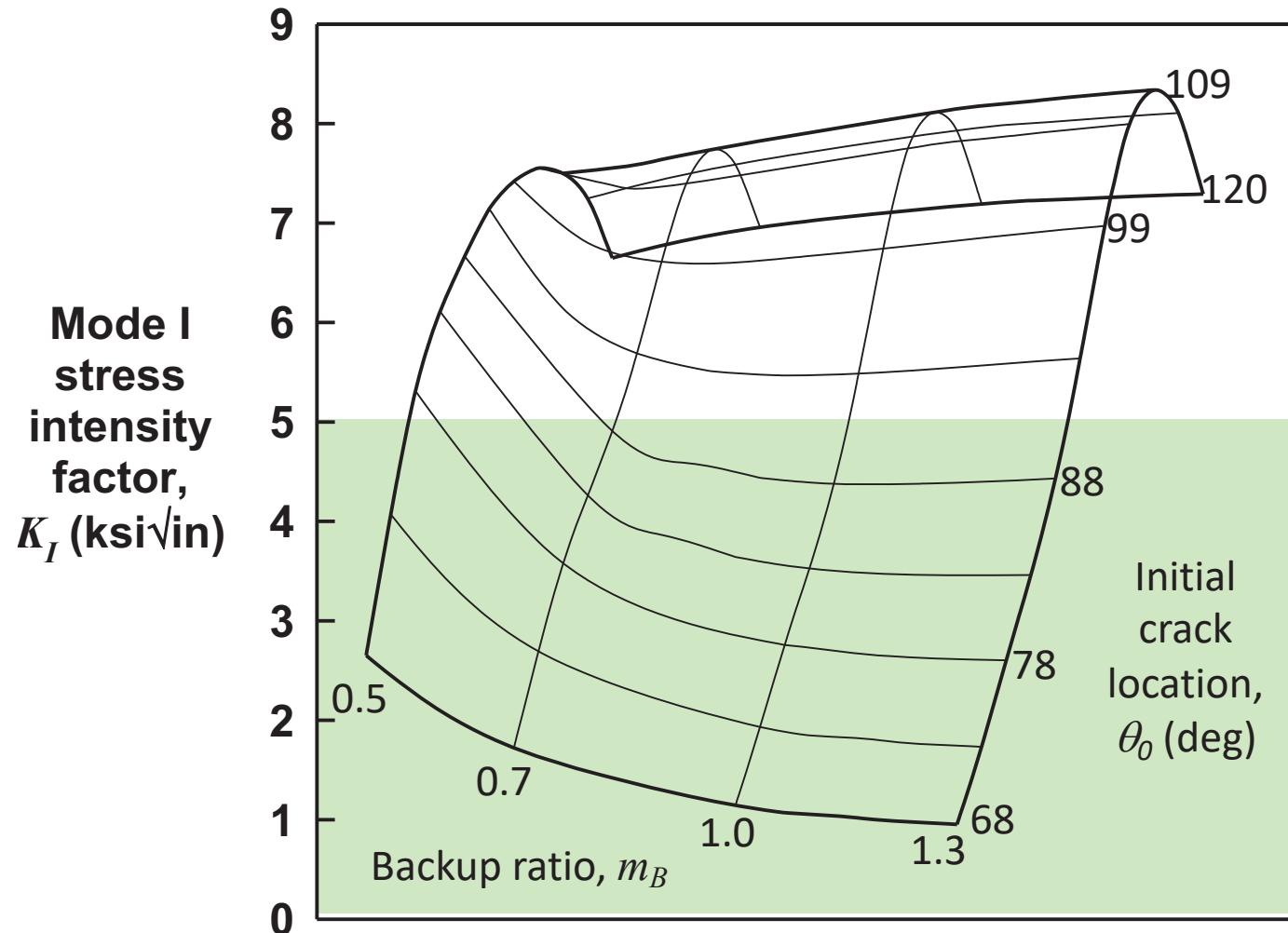
# Mode I Stress Intensity Factors



## Gear Parameters:

- 28 teeth
- 8 pitch
- 1.75" pitch rad
- 20° press angle
- 500 lb tooth load
- 0.030" crack size

# Mode I Stress Intensity Factors

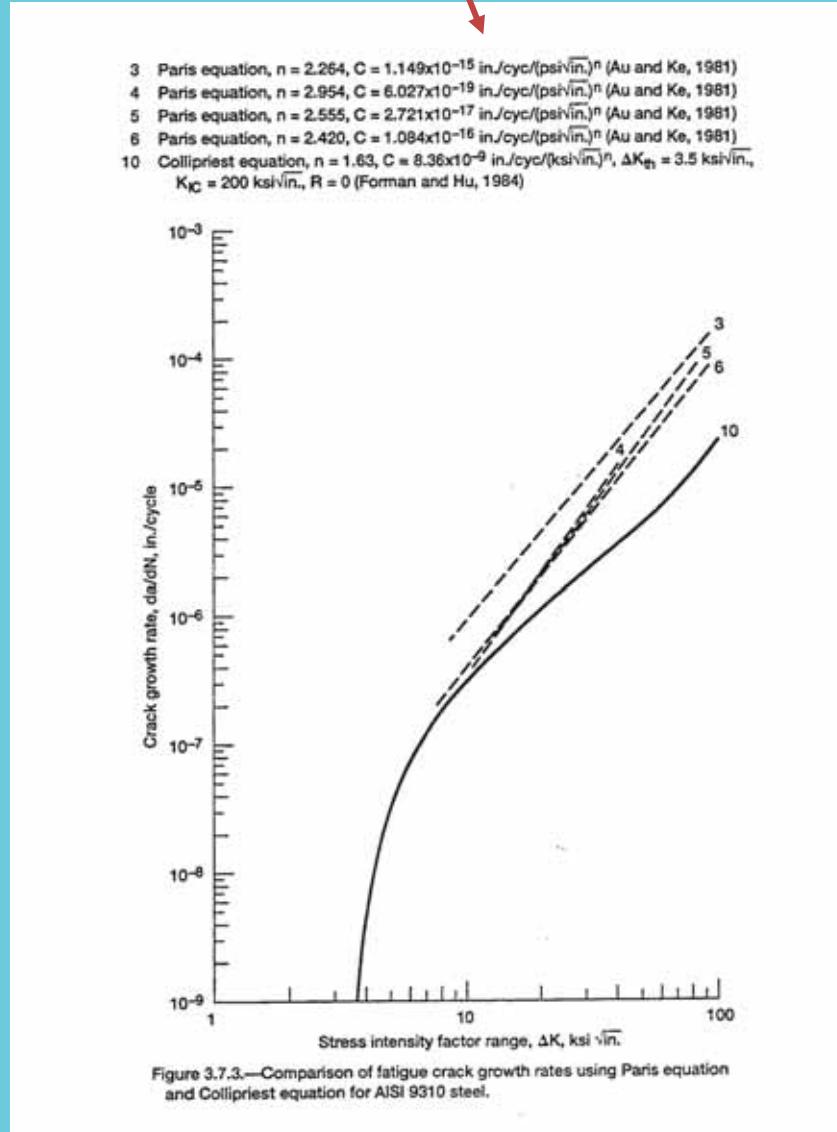


## Gear Parameters:

- 28 teeth
- 8 pitch
- 1.75" pitch rad
- 20° press angle
- 500 lb tooth load
- 0.030" crack size
- AISI 9310 steel
- $\Delta K_{th} = 5 \text{ ksi/in}$

## Crack Propagation Angle and Growth Rate

$$\theta_m = 2 \tan^{-1} \left[ \frac{\frac{K_I}{K_H} \pm \sqrt{\left( \frac{K_I}{K_H} \right)^2 + 8}}{4} \right]$$



# Design Map

T = tooth fractures

R = rim fractures

N = no fracture

