#### Partition of Mixed-Mode Fractures in 2D Elastic Beams with Through-Thickness Shear Forces

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## **Interfacial cracks**

- Cracks tend to propagate along interfaces in laminated materials because they represent a plane of weakness.
- They do not kink in order to propagate under pure mode I opening conditions, as they would tend to in an isotropic material.
- Interfacial cracks therefore propagate in a mixedmode with a combination of mode I opening, mode II shearing, and/or mode III tearing.





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100

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Partition  $G_I/G$  (%)

## **Fracture toughness**

- Fracture toughness depends on the • fracture mode partition.
- Predicting fracture toughness requires the knowledge of the partition of a mixed-mode fracture.
- Essential to have a correct analytical partition theory to predict the fracture toughness.

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Fracture

+ Mode III

#### **One-dimensional fractures**



▲ Delamination during drilling

Helicopter blade delamination  $\blacktriangle$ 



▲ Thermal barrier cracking



Needle puncture of red blood cell/IVF treatment  $\blacktriangle$ 



## **Mixed-mode interfacial fracture**

- 1D fracture of DCB is fundamental case for study
  - Bending moments  $M_1$  and  $M_2$
  - Axial forces  $N_1$  and  $N_2$
  - Shear forces  $P_1$  and  $P_2$

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$$-\eta = E_2/E_1$$
, N  $= \nu_2/\nu_1$ ,  $\gamma = h_2/h_1$ 

Double cantilever beam (DCB)





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# **Total energy release rate (ERR)**

- Quadratic form and nonnegative definite
- Partition total ERR G into its pure mode components,  $G_I$ and  $G_{II}$
- Use the orthogonal pure fractures modes

$$G = \begin{cases} M_{1B} \\ M_{2B} \\ N_{1B} \\ N_{2B} \end{cases}^{T} \begin{bmatrix} M_{1B} \\ M_{2B} \\ N_{1B} \\ N_{2B} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$C_{ij} = f(E_1, E_2, \nu_1, \nu_2, h_1, h_2, b)$$



Mixed Mode =

+ Mode II



#### **Pure fracture modes**

- The inner product matrix transforms the  $\{M_{1B} \ M_{2B}\}$  vectors into ERR space
- In ERR space, orthogonality between two  $\{M_{1B} \ M_{2B}\}$  vectors means

$$\{M_{1B} \ M_{2B}\}_1[C]\{M_{1B} \ M_{2B}\}_2^T = 0$$



- Orthogonal pairs of  $\{M_{1B} \ M_{2B}\}$  vectors exist that represent pure fracture modes
  - Denote pure mode I as  $\{1 \quad M_{2B}/M_{1B}\} = \{1 \quad \theta_1\}$
  - Denote pure mode II as  $\{1 \quad M_{2B}/M_{1B}\} = \{1 \quad \beta_1\}$ , etc.
  - With  $\theta_i$  and  $\beta_i = f(E_1, E_2, \nu_1, \nu_2, h_1, h_2, b)$

## **ERR partitions general theory**

• Euler beam partitions:  $G_{IE} = c_{IE} \left( M_{1B} - \frac{M_{2B}}{\beta_1} - \frac{N_{1B}}{\beta_2} - \frac{N_{2B}}{\beta_3} \right) \left( M_{1B} - \frac{M_{2B}}{\beta_1'} - \frac{N_{1B}}{\beta_2'} - \frac{N_{2B}}{\beta_3'} \right)$ 

$$G_{IIE} = c_{IIE} \left( M_{1B} - \frac{M_{2B}}{\theta_1} - \frac{N_{1B}}{\theta_2} - \frac{N_{2B}}{\theta_3} \right) \left( M_{1B} - \frac{M_{2B}}{\theta_{1'}} - \frac{N_{1B}}{\theta_{2'}} - \frac{N_{2B}}{\theta_{3'}} \right)$$

• Timoshenko beam partitions:

$$G_{IT} = c_{IT} \left( M_{1B} - \frac{M_{2B}}{\beta_1} - \frac{N_{1B}}{\beta_2} - \frac{N_{2B}}{\beta_3} - \frac{P_{1B}}{\beta_4} - \frac{P_{2B}}{\beta_5} \right)^2 \qquad G_{IIT} = c_{IIT} \left( M_{1B} - \frac{M_{2B}}{\theta_1} - \frac{N_{1B}}{\theta_2} - \frac{N_{2B}}{\theta_3} - \frac{P_{1B}}{\theta_4} - \frac{P_{2B}}{\theta_5} \right)^2$$
  
• 2D elasticity partitions:

$$G_{I-2D} = c_{I-2D} \left( M_{1B} - \frac{M_{2B}}{\beta_{1-2D}} - \frac{N_{1B}}{\beta_{2-2D}} - \frac{N_{2B}}{\beta_{3-2D}} - \frac{P_{1B}}{\beta_{4-2D}} - \frac{P_{2B}}{\beta_{5-2D}} \right)^2 \quad G_{II-2D} = c_{II-2D} \left( M_{1B} - \frac{M_{2B}}{\theta_{1-2D}} - \frac{N_{1B}}{\theta_{2-2D}} - \frac{N_{2B}}{\theta_{3-2D}} - \frac{P_{1B}}{\theta_{4-2D}} - \frac{P_{2B}}{\theta_{5-2D}} \right)^2$$

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#### **General 2D elasticity partition theory**

- Bending moments  $M_{1B}$  and  $M_{2B}$  and axial forces  $N_{1B}$  and  $N_{2B}$
- Revisit the orthogonal pure fracture modes  $(\theta_i, \beta_i)$ 
  - Condition using beam theories does not produce the same stress distribution in 2D elasticity theory
  - Apply a correction factor for 2D elasticity to the part of the condition that represents the intact portion of the beam
  - Calibrate correction factor for  $\theta_{1-2D}$  using  $\theta_1 \le \theta_{1-2D} \le \theta'_1$
  - Obtain other pure modes ( $\theta_{2-2D}$ ,  $\beta_{1-2D}$ ,  $\beta_{2-2D}$ , etc.) using orthogonality



#### **Timoshenko beam partition theory**

Crack tip through-thickness shear forces P<sub>1B</sub> and P<sub>2B</sub> only

$$- M_{1B} = M_{2B} = N_{1B} = N_{2B} = 0$$

$$G_{\theta_{P-T}} = \frac{1}{2b^2 h_1 \kappa \mu} \left( 1 + \frac{\theta_{P-T}^2}{\gamma} \right) \qquad \qquad G_{\beta_{P-T}} = \frac{1}{2b^2 h_1 \kappa \mu} \left( 1 + \frac{\beta_{P-T}^2}{\gamma} - \frac{(1 + \beta_{P-T})^2}{1 + \gamma} \right)$$

- $(\theta_{P-T}, \beta_{P-T}) = (-1, \gamma)$   $\therefore$   $G_{II} = 0$
- Shear correction factor  $\kappa = 5/6$



# **2D elasticity partition theory**

• Crack tip through-thickness shear forces  $P_{1B}$  and  $P_{2B}$  only

$$- M_{1B} = M_{2B} = N_{1B} = N_{2B} = 0$$

$$G_{\theta_{P-2D}} = \frac{1}{2b^2 h_1 \kappa(\gamma) \mu} \left( 1 + \frac{\theta_{P-2D}^2}{\gamma} \right), G_{\beta_{P-2D}} = \frac{1}{2b^2 h_1 \kappa(\gamma) \mu} \left( 1 + \frac{\beta_{P-2D}^2}{\gamma} - \frac{(1 + \beta_{P-2D})^2}{1 + \gamma} c(\gamma) \right)$$

- $(\theta_{P-2D}, \beta_{P-2D}) = (??, ??)$
- Shear correction factor now  $\gamma$  dependent  $\kappa(\gamma)$
- $G_{II} \neq 0$  and introduce pure-mode-II correction factor  $c(\gamma)$

## **Shear Force Pure Modes**

- $(\theta_{P-2D}, \beta_{P-2D})$
- FEM simulations
- $-1.7 \le \log_{10}(1/\gamma) \le 1.7$
- Pure mode |  $\theta_{P-2D}$ -  $G_{II} = 0, \ \theta_{P-2D} = -1$ -  $\therefore P_{2B} = -P_{1B}$
- Pure mode II  $\beta_{P-2D}$ 
  - $\quad G_I = 0$
  - $\beta_{P-2D} = \gamma \exp(-1.986060 \operatorname{atanh}(0.563483\gamma_i))$



#### **Shear & Pure Mode II Correction Factors**

- FEM Simulations
- $M_{1B} = M_{2B} = N_{1B} = N_{2B} = 0$
- $-1.7 \le \log_{10}(1/\gamma) \le 1.7$
- Shear Correction Factor -  $\kappa(\gamma)$ 
  - $P_{2B}/P_{1B} = \theta_{P-2D} = -1$
- Pure-mode-II ERR Correction Factor
  - $c(\gamma)$
  - $P_{2B}/P_{1B} = \beta_{P-2D}$





#### **Numerical Verification**





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### **Blister Test**

#### • Interface fracture toughness







#### Image from Koenig (2011)

#### Adhesion of graphene membranes

$$\gamma = h_2/h_1 \to \infty$$





$$G_{I} = \frac{6M_{Be}^{2}}{Eh^{3}} (1 - \nu^{2}) \left( 1 - \frac{N_{Be}h}{4.450M_{Be}} - \lambda \right)^{2} 0.6227$$
$$G_{II} = \frac{6M_{Be}^{2}}{Eh^{3}} (1 - \nu^{2}) \left( \frac{N_{Be}h}{2.697M_{Be}} \right)^{2} 0.3773$$

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#### **Adhesion of graphene membranes**

- Pressure loaded blister test
  - Linear failure critierion
  - $-G_{Ic} = 0.226 J/m^2$
  - $G_{IIc} = 0.683 J/m^2$





#### **Adhesion of graphene membranes**

- Pressure loaded blister test
  - Linear failure critierion
  - $-G_{Ic} = 0.226 J/m^2$
  - $G_{IIc} = 0.683 J/m^2$
  - $\rho_{mono} = G_I/G_{II} = 0.431$
  - $\rho_{multi} = G_I/G_{II} = 0.764$





## **Experimental validation**

- Pressure loaded blister test Koenig et al. (2011)
  - Linear failure critierion
  - $G_{Ic} = 0.226 J/m^2$  and  $G_{IIc} = 0.683 J/m^2$
- Point loaded blister Zong et al. (2012)
  - Experimental Results
  - $-\delta/R_B=0.2309$  ,  $E=1\mathrm{TPa}$  ,  $nt=1.7\mathrm{nm}$  and n=5.
  - $G_{exp} = 0.438 J/m^2$
  - Mode mixity  $\rho_{th} = G_I/G_{II} = 0.381$
  - Linear failure criterion  $G_{th} = 0.438 J/m^2$

## Conclusion

- 2D elasticity partition theory
  - Developed for general loading conditions (bending moments, axial forces and shear forces).
  - Numerically verified for a number of loading conditions
- Application to:
  - Adhesion of graphene membranes
  - Adhesion energy has been explained and well-predicted



#### Thank you very much for your attention

#### **Questions are now welcome**

- Submitted for publication at Composite Structures
  - Partition of mixed-mode fractures in 2D elastic orthotropic laminated beams under general loading (2016).

