



# On Fatigue Crack Growth Using Cohesive Zone Model

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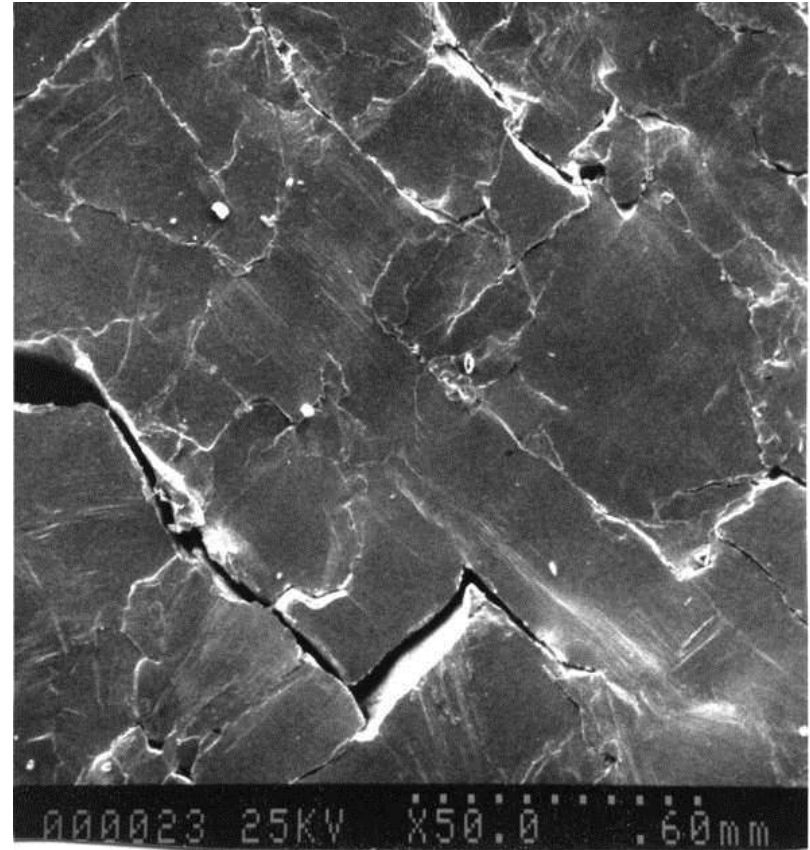
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# Motivation



Fatigue fracture along the interface between crystals in a metal

<http://www.larrylawson.net/fatigue.htm>

# Previous Fatigue Crack Growth Models

## □ Linear Elastic Fracture Mechanics

- Based on Paris type relations
- NASGRO, Southwest Research Institute ([www.swri.org](http://www.swri.org))
- AFGROW ([www.afgrow.net](http://www.afgrow.net)), LexTech, Inc.

## □ Nonlinear cohesive zone model

- Nguyen, Repetto, Ortiz, Radovitzky , 2001, A cohesive model of fatigue crack growth, IJF 110, 315-369
- Maiti, Geubelle, 2005, A cohesive model for fatigue failure of polymers , EFM 72, 691-708
- Roe, Siegmund, 2003, An irreversible cohesive zone model for interface fatigue crack growth simulation, EFM 70, 209-23
- Ural, Krishnan, Papoulia, 2009, A cohesive zone model for fatigue crack growth allowing for crack retardation, IJSS 46, 2453-2462

# Model by Ngyen et al (2001)

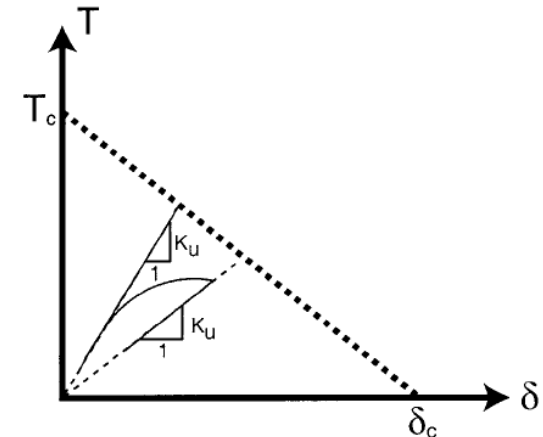
## □ Unloading/Reloading Relationship

$$\dot{T} = \begin{cases} K^- \dot{\Delta} & (\dot{\Delta} < 0) \\ K^+ \dot{\Delta} & (\dot{\Delta} > 0) \end{cases}$$

- Unloading:  $K^- = \frac{T_{\max}}{\Delta_{\max}}$

- Reloading:  $\dot{K}^+ = \begin{cases} -K^+ \dot{\Delta} / \delta_f & (\dot{\Delta} > 0) \\ (K^+ - K^-) \dot{\Delta} / \delta_f & (\dot{\Delta} < 0) \end{cases}$

- When the softening starts?



## □ Stiffness Decaying Factor, $K^+$

- Under uniform separation,  $\Delta_0$

$$K_N^+ = e^{-N\Delta_0/\delta_f} K_0^+$$

O Nguyen, EA Repetto, M Ortiz and RA Radovitzky , 2001, A cohesive model of fatigue crack growth, IJF 110, 315-369

# Model by Maiti and Geubelle (2005, 2006)

## □ Reduction of Cohesive Stiffness

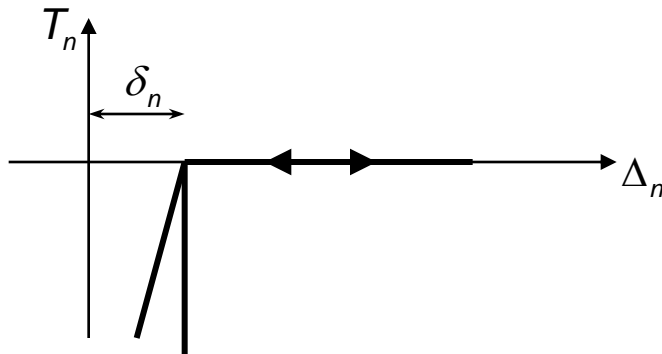
$$k_c = \frac{dT_n}{d\Delta_n} = F(N_f, T_n)$$

$$\dot{k}_c = -\frac{1}{\alpha} N_f^{-\beta} k_c \dot{\Delta}_n \quad \dot{\Delta}_n \geq 0$$

$$k_c^{j+1} - k_c^j = -\frac{1}{\alpha} (N_f^j)^{-\beta} k_c^j (\Delta_n^{j+1} - \Delta_n^j)$$

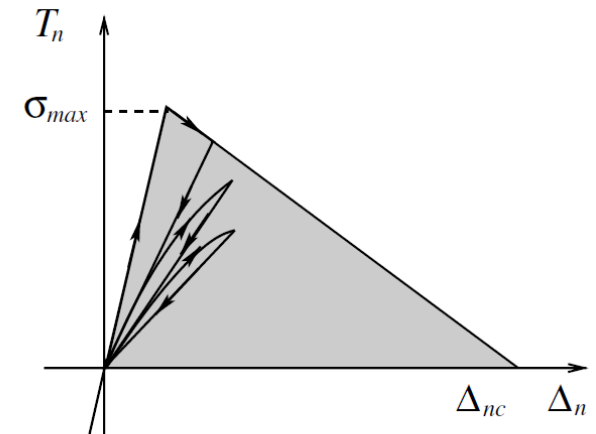
- What if we change the load frequency or magnitude?

## □ Crack Closure due to Wedge Effect



Maiti and Geubelle, 2006, Cohesive modeling of fatigue crack retardation in polymers: Crack closure effect, EFM 73, 22-41

Maiti and Geubelle, 2005, A cohesive model for fatigue failure of polymers, EFM 72, 691-708



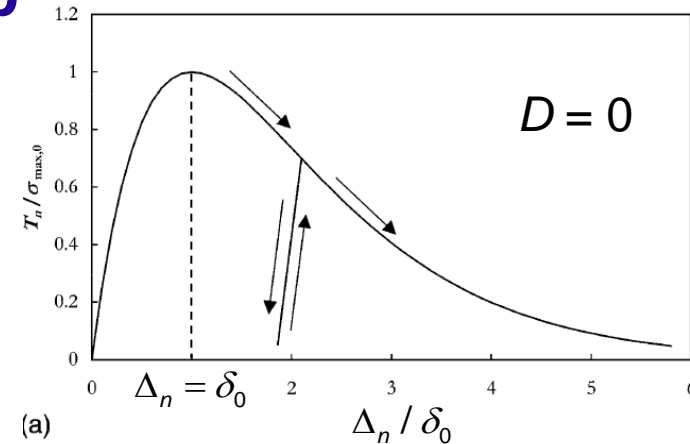
# Model by Roe and Siegmund (2003)

## □ Unloading/Reloading Relationship

$$T_n = T_{n,\max} + k_n(\Delta_n - \Delta_{n,\max})$$

$$k_n = \frac{\sigma_{\max} e}{\delta_0} (1 - D)$$

Initial slope in the exponential potential



- What if permanent deformation is negligible?
- What if the local cohesive traction does not reach the cohesive strength?

## □ Evolution of Damage Parameter

$$\dot{D} = \frac{|\dot{\Delta}|}{\delta_f} \left[ \frac{T}{\sigma_{\max} (1 - D)} - \frac{\sigma_f}{\sigma_{\max,0}} \right] H(\Delta - \delta_0) \quad \dot{D} \geq 0$$

Roe and Siegmund, 2003, An irreversible cohesive zone model for interface fatigue crack growth simulation, EFM 70, 209-232

# Model by Ural et al (2009)

## □ Traction-Separation Relationship

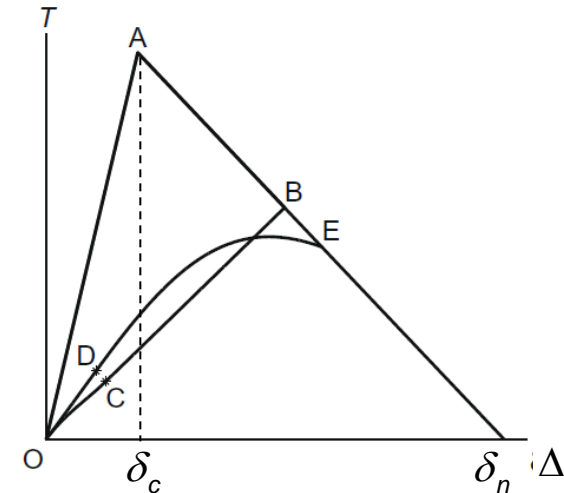
$$T = F(k)\Delta$$

$$F(k) = \frac{\sigma_c(1-k)}{k\delta_n + (1-k)\delta_c}$$

$$C(k) = \sigma_c(1-k)$$

## □ Damage Evolution

$$\dot{k} = \begin{cases} \alpha k(T - \beta C)\dot{\Delta} & T - \beta C > 0, \dot{\Delta} > 0 & DB \\ -\gamma k(T - \beta C)\dot{\Delta} & T - \beta C < 0, \dot{\Delta} < 0 & CO \\ 0 & (T - \beta C)\dot{\Delta} < 0 & OA, BC, OD \\ \dot{\lambda} & T = C, \dot{\Delta} > 0 & AB \end{cases}$$



## □ No Damage Before Cohesive Strength

- Relatively lower cohesive strength is used in computational simulation

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# Remarks

## □ Previous Models

- Boundary between reloading and softening is not clear
- Model parameters should be free from the number of cycles
- Damage may occur before the cohesive traction reaches cohesive strength
- Little explanation on how the model parameters relate to the Paris “Law”

## □ Goals

- Tackle the limitations in the previous models
- Provide a general fatigue crack growth model, which also captures Paris-type relations

# Proposed Fatigue Crack Growth Model

## □ Traction-Separation Relationship

$$T_n = \frac{\partial \varphi(\Delta_n, \Delta_t)}{\partial \Delta_n} (1 - D_T) \quad \text{Softening condition}$$

$$T_n = \left( C_c + \frac{1 - C_c}{1 - C_o} \left( \frac{\Delta_n}{D_n \delta_n} - C_o \right) \right) \frac{\partial \varphi(D_n \delta_n, \Delta_t)}{\partial \Delta_n} (1 - D_T) \quad \text{Unloading/Reloading}$$

$D_T$ : Damage associated with the rate of the cohesive traction

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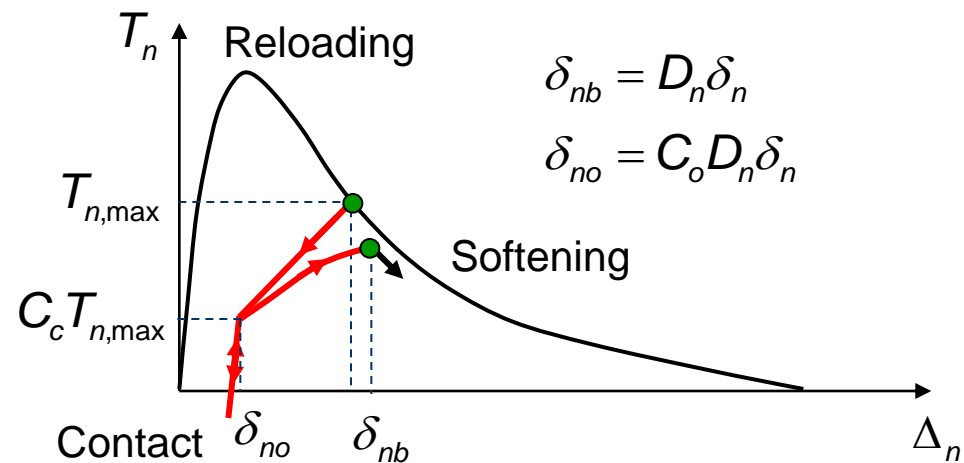
*Softening* :  $\delta_{nb} < \Delta_n < \delta_{nb}$

*Reloading* :  $\delta_{no} < \Delta_n < \delta_{nb}$ ,  $\dot{\Delta}_n > 0$

*Unloading* :  $\delta_{no} < \Delta_n < \delta_{nb}$ ,  $\dot{\Delta}_n < 0$

*Contact* :  $\Delta_n < \delta_{no}$

*Complete failure* :  $\Delta_n \geq \delta_n$



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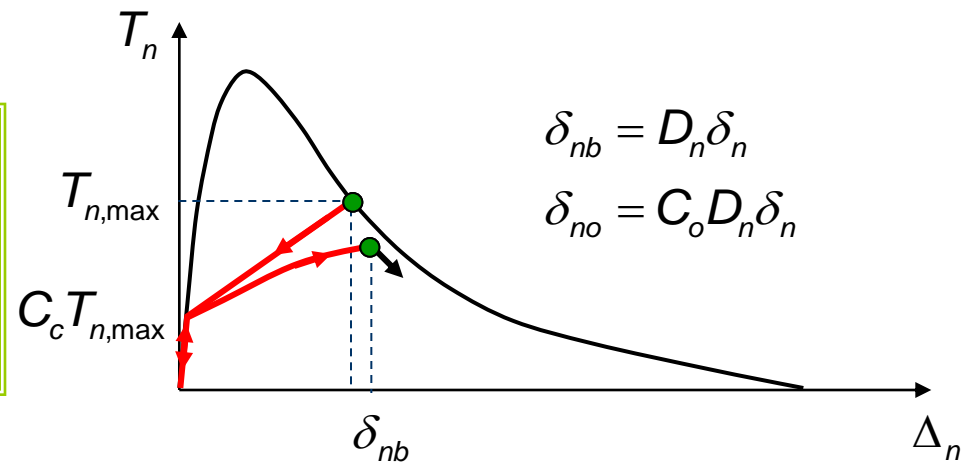
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$$C_o = 0 \rightarrow \delta_{no} = 0$$

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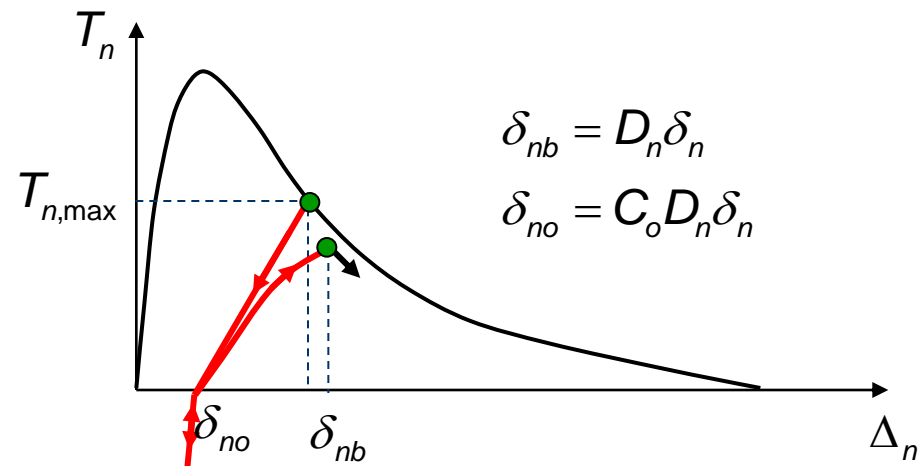
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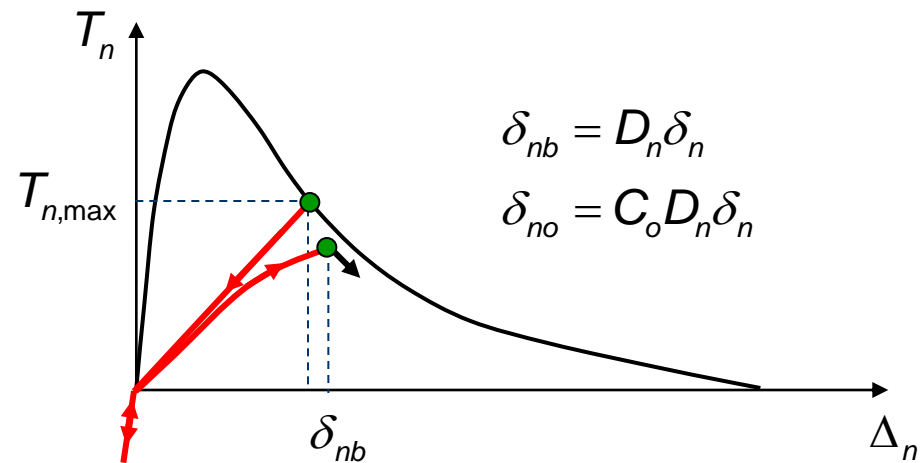
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# Evolution of Damage Parameters

## □ Damage Associated with Rate of Separation, $D_n$

$$\dot{D}_n = \begin{cases} \dot{\Delta}_n / \delta_n & \Delta_n \geq \delta_{nb} \text{ (Softening)} \\ \dot{\Delta}_n / \kappa_n \delta_n & \delta_{no} < \Delta_n < \delta_{nb}, \dot{\Delta}_n > 0 \text{ (Reloading)} \\ 0 & \delta_{no} < \Delta_n < \delta_{nb}, \dot{\Delta}_n < 0 \text{ (Unloading)} \\ 0 & \Delta_n < \delta_{no} \text{ (Contact)} \end{cases}$$

## □ Damage Associated with Rate of Traction, $D_T$

$$\dot{D}_T = \begin{cases} \dot{T} / \kappa_t \sigma_{\max} & \text{(Reloading)} \\ 0 & \text{(Unloading / Softening)} \end{cases}$$

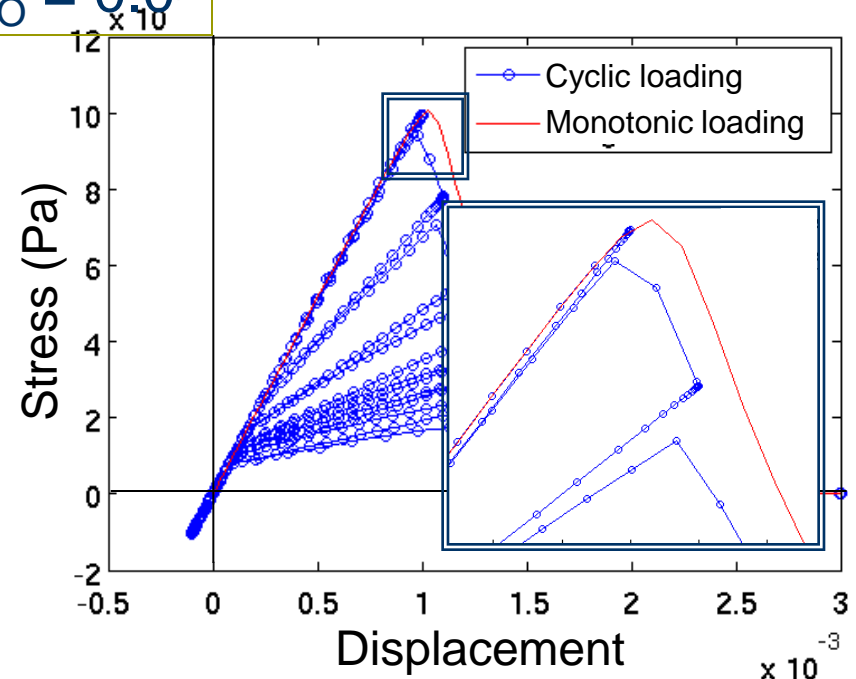
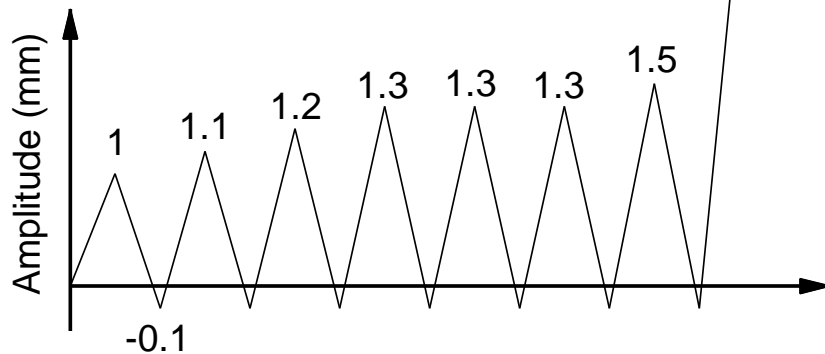
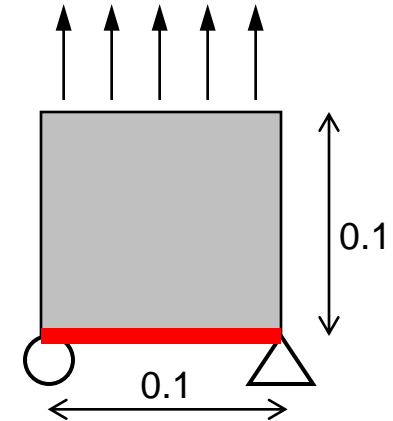
## □ Material Parameters

- Higher values of  $k_n$  and  $k_t$  (inversely proportional to damage), higher resistance in fatigue crack growth

# Simple Mode – I Problem

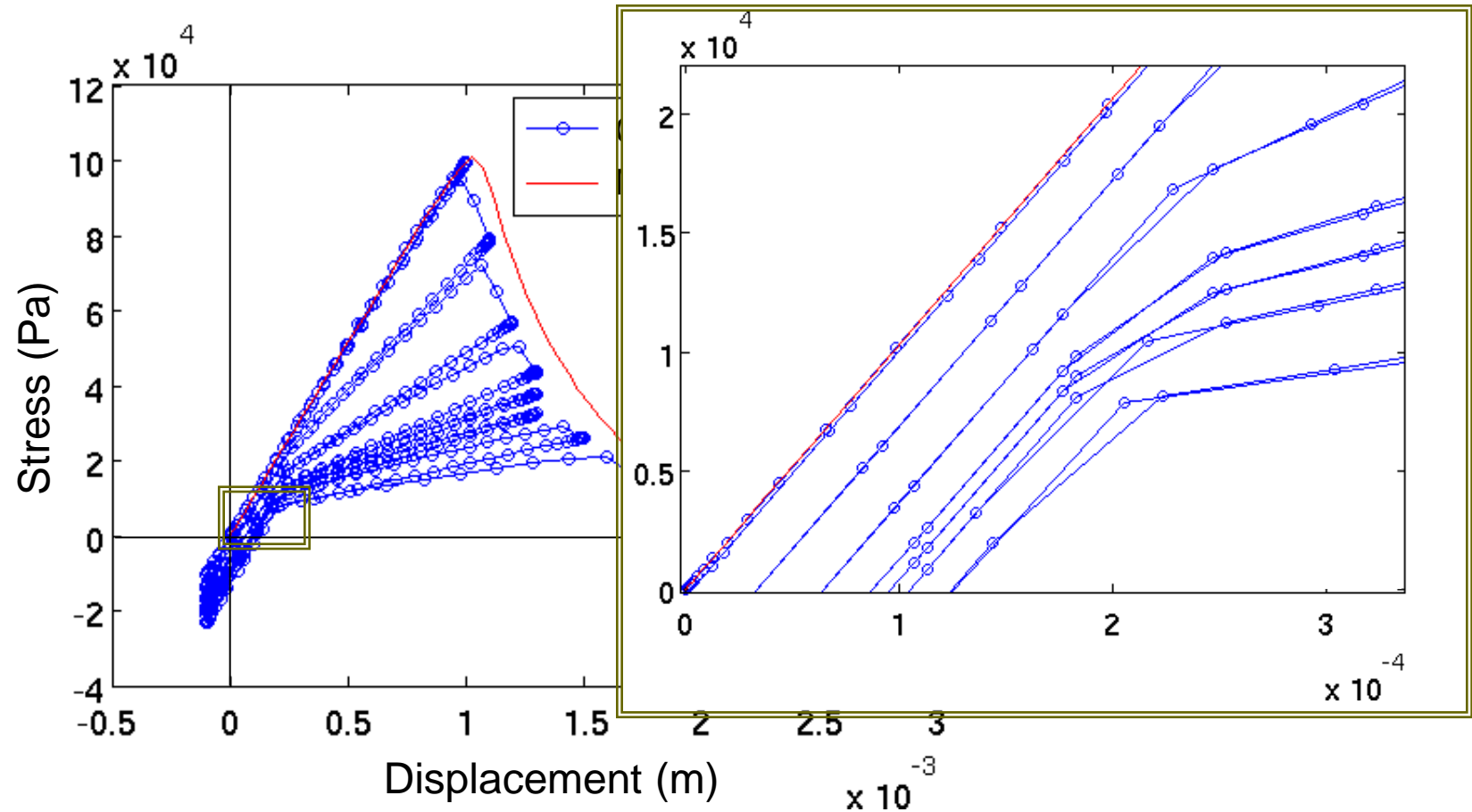
## □ Problem Description

- Displacement Control
- $E = 10.34 \text{ MPa}$ ,  $\nu = 0.3$ ,  $t=0.04$
- $G_I = 98.1 \text{ N/m}$ ,  $\sigma_{\max} = 0.1 \text{ MPa}$ ,  $\alpha=0.3$
- $k_n = 10$ ,  $k_t = 10$ ,  $C_C = 0.3$ ,  $C_O = 0.0$



# Effect of Crack Opening

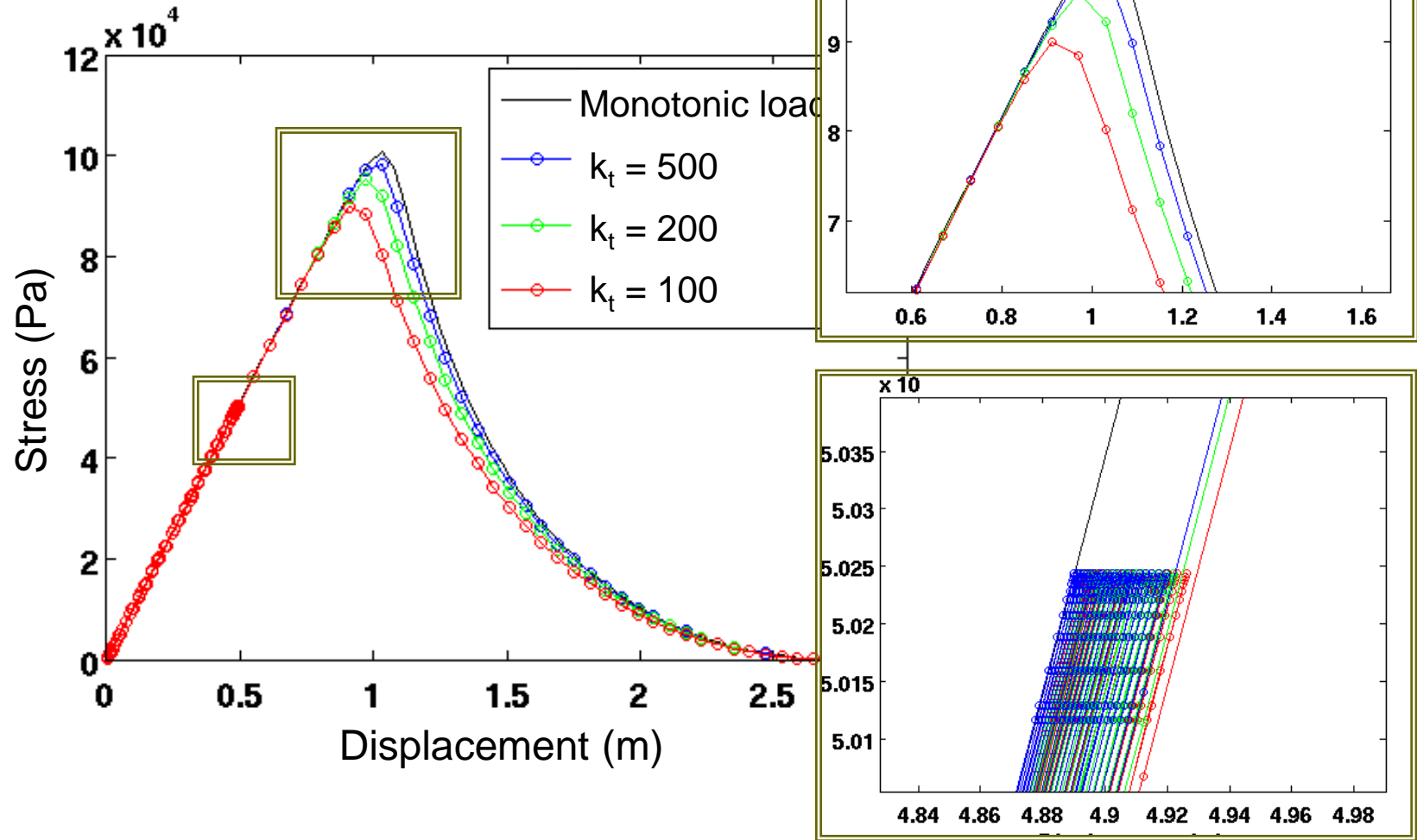
□ Parameters:  $k_n = 10$ ,  $k_t = 10$ ,  $C_C = 0.3$ ,  $C_O = 0.1$





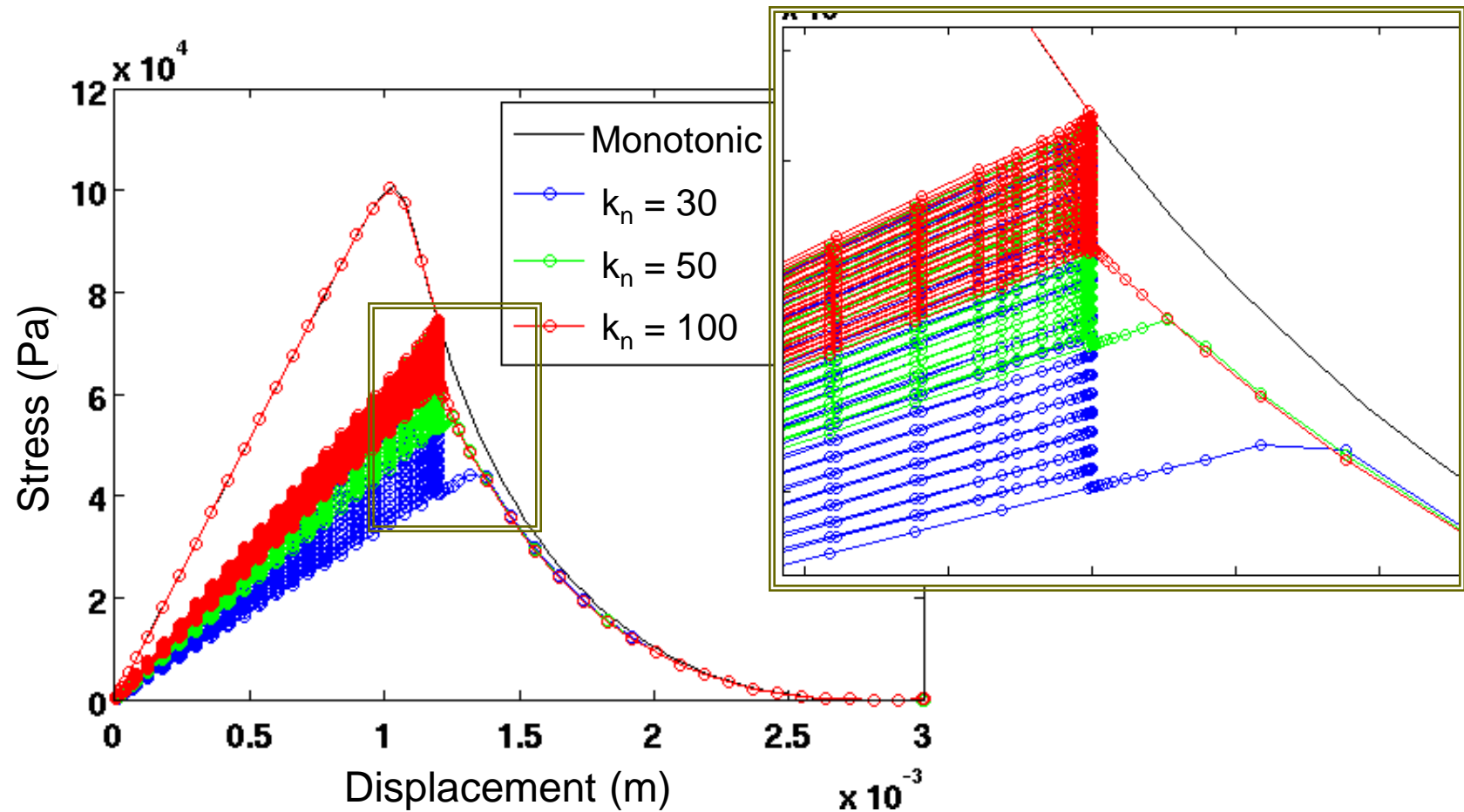
# Constant Loading Amplitude

## □ Effect of Damage Measure for the



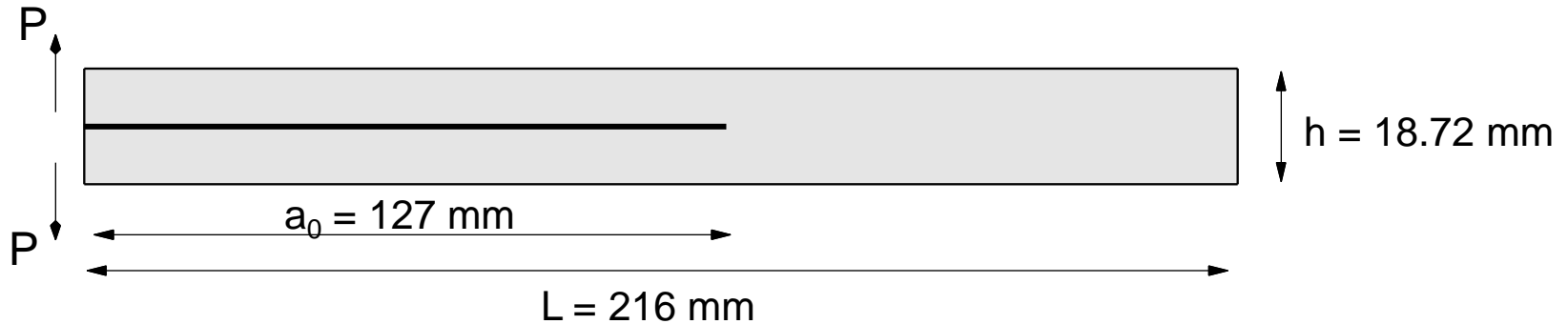
# Constant Displacement Amplitude

## □ Effect of Damage Measure for the Rate of Separation



# Double Cantilever Beam

## □ Problem Description

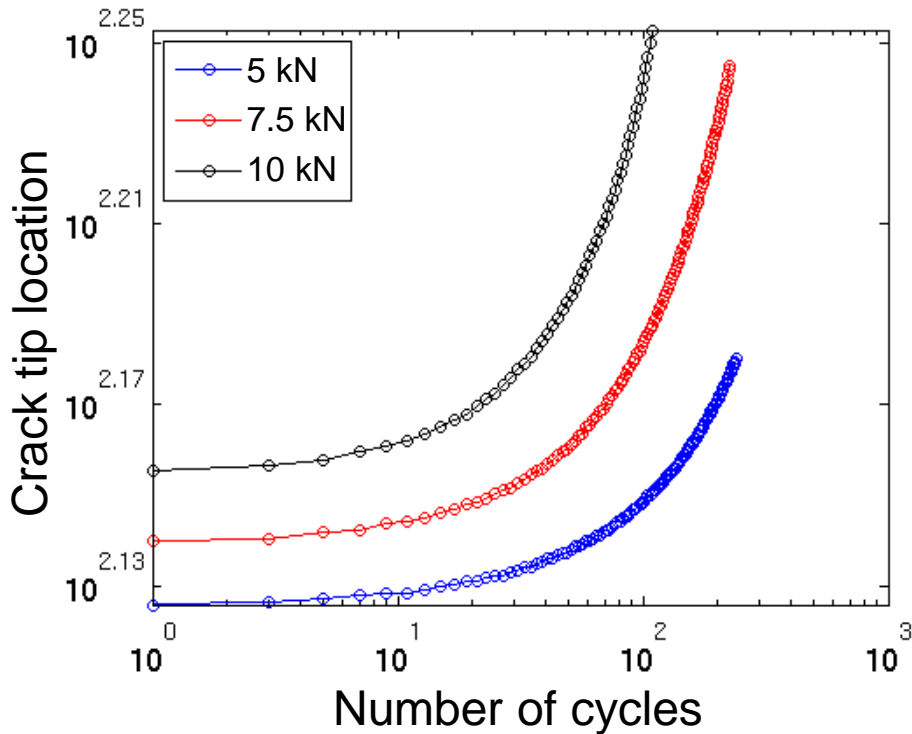


- Displacement Control
- $E = 70 \text{ GPa}$ ,  $\nu = 0.33$ ,  $\sigma_{\max} = 6.66 \text{ MPa}$
- $G_I = 675 \text{ N/m}$ ,  $\alpha = 0.3$
- $k_n = 5/10/20$ ,  $k_t = 40/80/\infty$ ,  $C_C = 0.3$ ,  $C_O = 0.0$
- Constant loading amplitude (5, 7.5, 10 kN)

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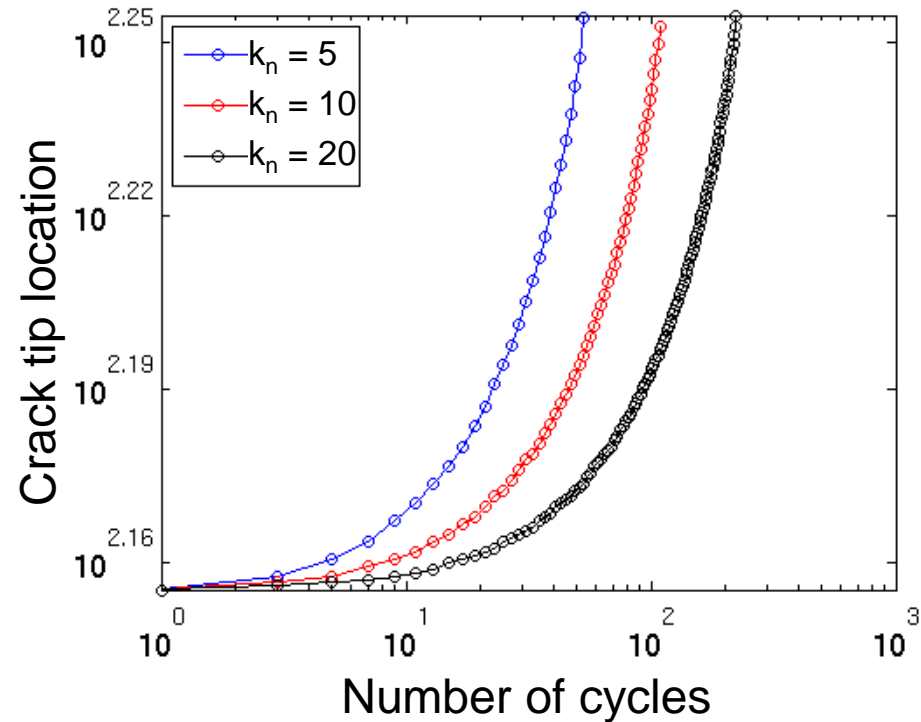
# Computational Results

## □ Load Magnitude



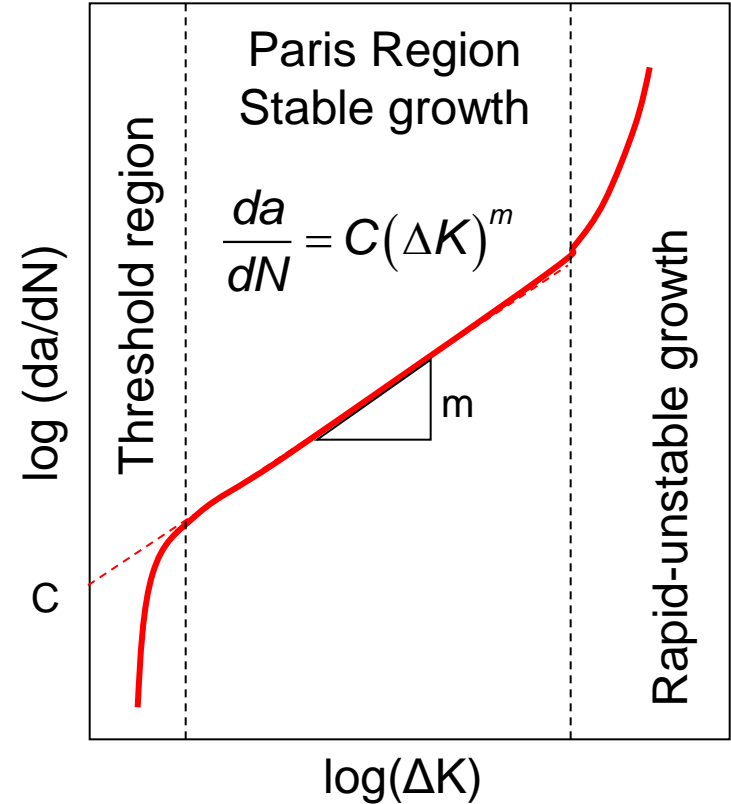
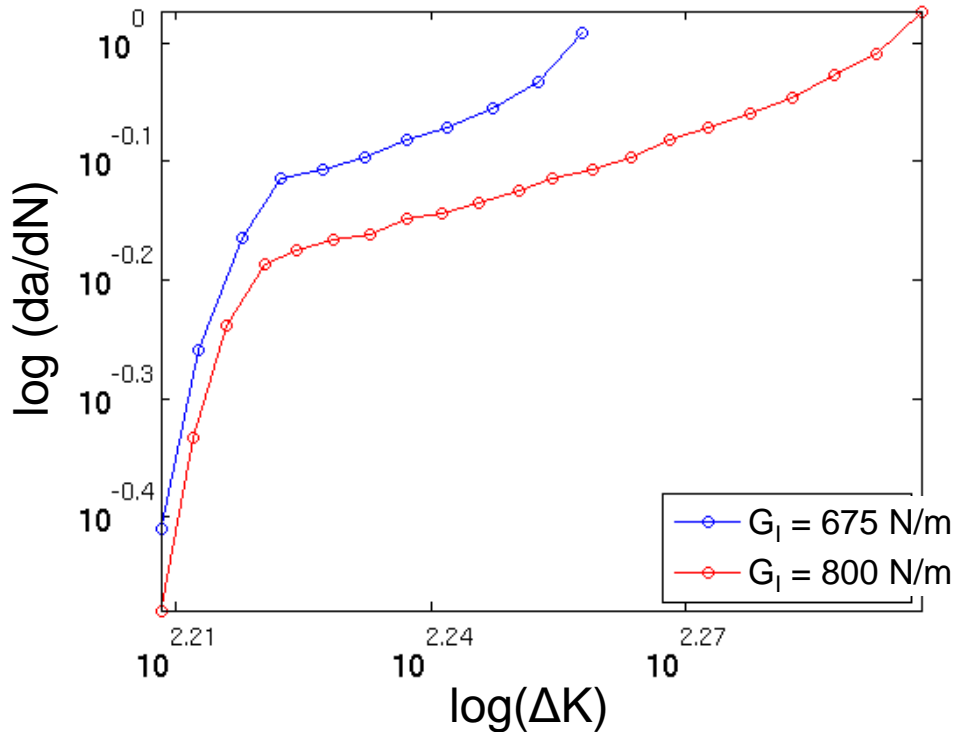
$k_n = 10, k_t = \infty$  (fixed)

## □ Rate of Separation



$P_{\max} = 10$  kN,  $k_t = \infty$  (fixed)

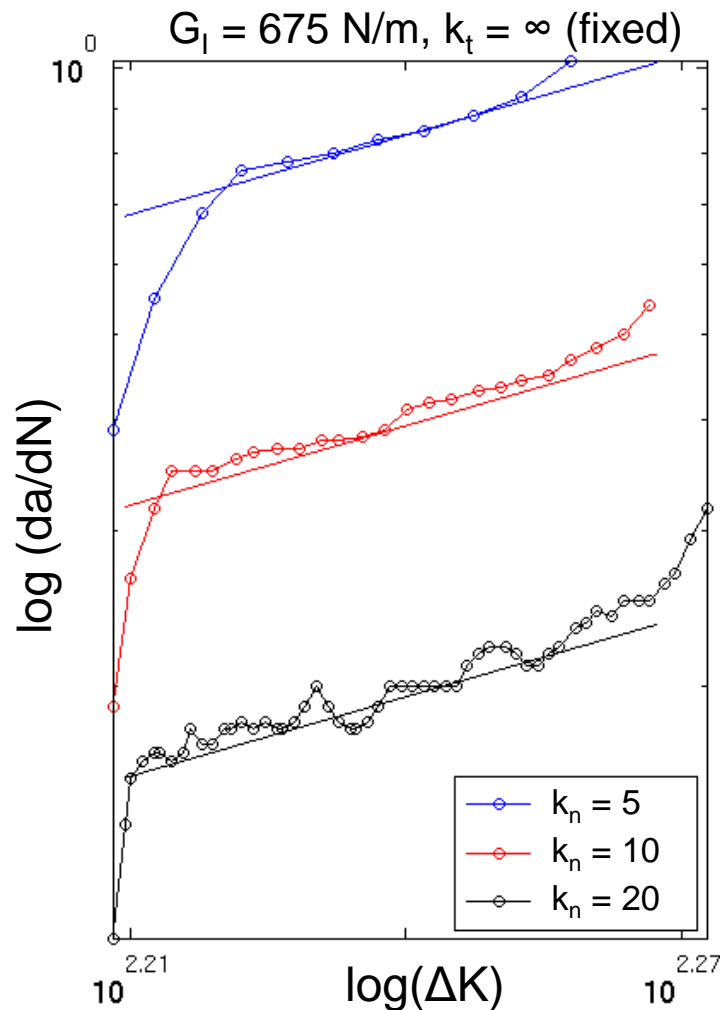
# Effect of Fracture Energy



$$K = P \sqrt{\frac{12}{h}} \left( \frac{a}{h} + 0.673 \right) + \sqrt{\frac{2h}{\pi a}} - \left( 0.815 \left( \frac{a}{h} \right)^{0.619} + 0.429 \right)^{-1}$$

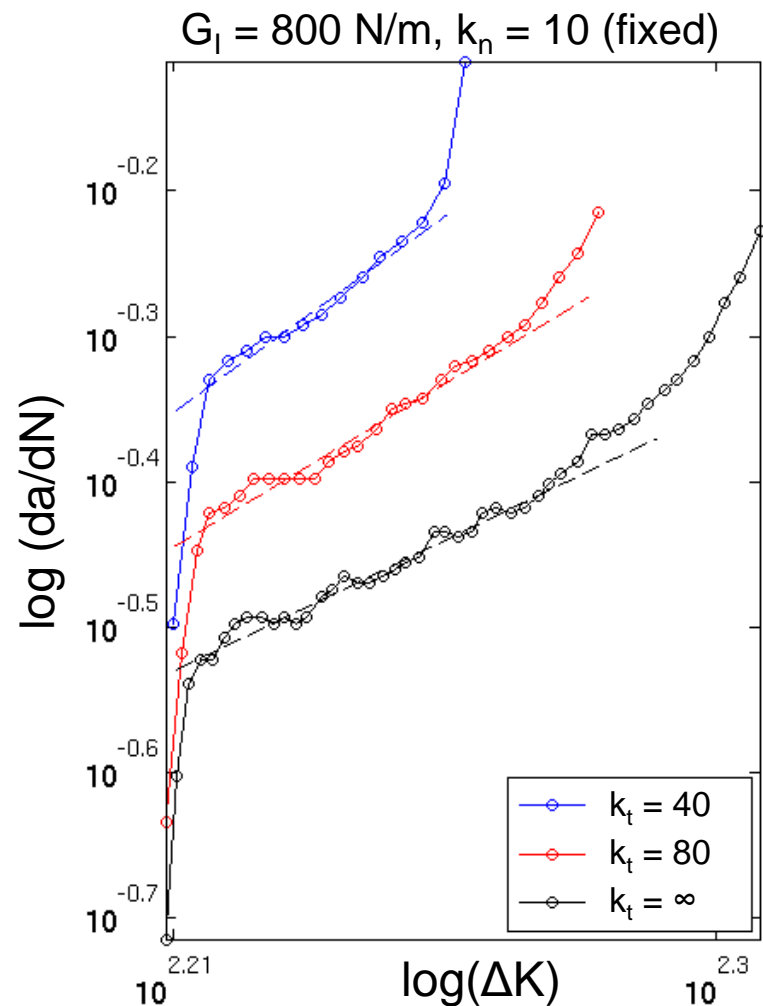
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# Comparison with Paris Equation



Paris' Parameters

- $m = 3 / C = 1.6 \times 10^{-7}, 0.75 \times 10^{-7}, 0.37 \times 10^{-7}$
- $k_n$  is related to  $C$



Paris' Parameters

- $m = 3, 2.5, 2$
- $C = 1.04 \times 10^{-7}, 10.7 \times 10^{-7}, 112 \times 10^{-7}$

# Summary and Future Research

- ❑ Previous fatigue crack models show several limitations
- ❑ Proposed model is based on two damage measures
- ❑ Define softening and unloading/reloading conditions
- ❑ Fatigue damage occurs before the cohesive traction reaches the cohesive strength
- ❑ Extension to mixed-mode problems
- ❑ Further research needed on crack closure, bulk plasticity and temperature effects

**Thank you for your attention !**