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Stress Corrosion Using Phase Field Modelling

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Corroding environment leads to:



- 4. Evolving pits
 5. Formation of cracks
 6. Crack growth
- 7. Crack branching



Growing crack in a polycarbonate exposed to acetone (Hejman 2011)



Cr/zone six charge related of land and groove substrate erosion through a micro-crack at the 12:00 bore origin. (Sopok *et al.* 2005)

Corrosion Crack crossing a bi-material interface



Corrosion crack penetrating a bimaterial interface between austenitic and pressure vessel steel of type SA533C11. The tip of one of the crack branches. Crack length 7 mm, notch width 10 µm. *Reproduced with permission from Vattenfall AB.*

Biocorrosion

Known to cause SC Anaerobic Bacteria: Desulfovibrio, -maculum, -monas, Gallionella Aerobic Bacteria: Thiobacillus Fungi, Algae, Protozoans



Corrosion in stainless cased by Gallionella Bacillus. ASTM.



SEM image Gallionella ferruginea in a biofilm network. Halbach, *et al*, 2001.

Energies contributing to the body evolution

Contributions to the free energy (Ginzburg & Landau, 1950)

$$\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{F}_{el} + \mathcal{F}_{ch} + \mathcal{F}_{gr}$$

Volume totals:

Elastic energy
$$\mathcal{F}_{el} = \int \frac{G(\psi)}{2} (\nabla w)^2 dV$$

Chemical energy $\mathcal{F}_{ch} = \int U(\psi) dV$

Gradient energy
$$\mathcal{F}_{gr} = \int \frac{g_b}{2} (\nabla \psi)^2 dV$$

Antiplane deformation => Two free variables

Displacements w and phase (density) ψ

$$\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} = -L_{\psi} \frac{\delta \mathcal{F}}{\delta \psi} \quad , \quad \frac{\partial w}{\partial t} = -L_{w} \frac{\delta \mathcal{F}}{\delta w}$$

Ginzburg, Landau (50)

Double-well chemical potential $U(\psi) = p \psi^2 (1 - \psi)^2$





Gradient Energy

 $rac{g_b}{2} (
abla \psi)^2$

Variation with respect to ψ : $g_b \triangle \psi$

Fickean diffusion

$$\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} = L_{\psi} g_b \triangle \psi]$$

Evolution of the phase

$$\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} = -L_{\psi} \left[\frac{1}{2} G'(\psi) (\nabla w)^2 + p \psi(\psi^2 - 1) - g_b \Delta \psi \right]$$

Evolution of the displacements

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial t} = L_w \nabla \cdot [G(\psi) \nabla w]$$

At equilibrium: $\nabla \cdot [G(\psi)\nabla w] = 0$

Surface Morphology: Surface Wave Spectrum

Crack Initiation: Pit, Cusp and Crack

Crack Growth: Crack Growth, Blunting and Branching

Evolving Surface Morphology

Asaro-Tiller (1972), Grinfeld (1986, 1993), Srolovitz (1989), Freund (1995), Kim (2000)

Gibb's free energy

$$\Phi = U_c + U_e$$

where

 U_c is the free chemical energy and U_e is the free elastic energy

Evaporation-condensation



 $\frac{\partial h}{\partial t} = -L_1 \Phi$

Surface diffusion



 $\frac{\partial h}{\partial t} = L_2 \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial x^2}$

Nearly Plane Surface:



Relative Growth Rate



















$$\left(\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}x_2} - 2\beta\right)(f' + f^2 - 1) = 0$$

$$\psi = -\tanh(\sqrt{\frac{p}{2g_b}}x_2 + \frac{3}{4}L_{\psi}G_o(\nabla w)^2\sqrt{\frac{2g_b}{p}}t)$$





Red is remaining material

Effective Stress

Effective Stress

Steady state solution

$$\psi = -\tanh(\sqrt{\frac{p}{2g_b}}x_2 + \frac{3}{4}L_{\psi}G_o(\nabla w)^2\sqrt{\frac{2g_b}{p}}t)$$



Dissolution Rate vs. Tensile Stress





Red is remaining material

Effective stress



Without general corrosion

with general corrosion



Corroding Surface



Corroding Surface



Corroding Surface


Corroding Surface



Corroding Surface



Corroding Surface






































































































Branching



Missing lengthparameter => Selfsimilar growth





From Cladding to Grey Material







FEM simulation of material dissolution coating (Bjerkén and Ortiz, 2010) SEM observation of corrosionerosion crack in a canon bore (Sopok et al. 2005)

Steady State Crack-tip Shape



Summary

Stress corrosion can be modelled as a moving bondary problem

Surface instability, formation cracks and crack growth are captured

Branching occurs as the blunted crack front become unstable

Phase field modelling simplifies the analysis

Time dependent solution to the Ginzburg-Landau equation found