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## Fracture as a Moving Boundary Problem

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# Corroding environment leads to:

1. Continuous loss of mass

2. Pitting

- ... and with mechanical stress present
- 3. Surface roughening







- Evolving pits
  Formation of cracks
  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



Corrosion in stainless steel in the presence of Gallionella Bacillus

Known to cause SC

Anaerobic Bacteria: Desulfovibrio, -maculum, -monas

Aerobic Bacteria: Thiobacillus

Fungi, Algae, Protozoans

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

The free chemical energy 
$$U_c = -\gamma \frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial x^2}$$

where

 $h(x)\,$  gives the position of the surface  $\gamma\,$  is the surface energy density

The free elastic energy (Cerutti)  
$$U_e = \frac{1}{2} \sigma_{ij} \epsilon_{ij} \sim \frac{1}{2} \mu \frac{\partial h}{\partial x}$$

### **Evaporation-condensation**



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

### Surface diffusion



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

Governing equations:

Evaporation-condensation  $\frac{\partial h}{\partial t} = L_1 \left( \gamma \frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial t^2} - \frac{k}{\partial t} \frac{\partial h}{\partial t} \right)$ 

$$\overline{\partial t} = L_1 \left( \gamma \frac{1}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\kappa}{2} \mu \frac{\partial n}{\partial x} \right)$$

or surface diffusion

$$\frac{\partial h}{\partial t} = L_2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \left( -\gamma \frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial x^2} + \frac{k}{2} \mu \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} \right)$$

### **1. Nearly Plane Surface:**

Fouriertransform, put  $h = A \sin \omega x$   $|A| \ll x$ 





AFM image of shallow etched aluminium (Kim et al. 2000)

#### **Surface Roughness**





#### **FEM** calculation of an evolving surface

### 2. Cusp solutions

Spencer and Meiron(94), Chiu and Gao (95), Yang Xiang and Weinan (02)







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

## Strain driven material dissolution



Cyclic load damaging the oxide film

$$U = k (\sigma - \sigma_f)^n$$

### Stress in a half circle notch



### 2. Cusp solutions

Spencer and Meiron(94), Chiu and Gao (95), Yang Xiang and Weinan (02)



### **Steady State Crack-tip Shape**





















































































































## Branching



# Crack-tip load



### effective stress



Before branching  $K_{\rm I} = K_{\rm I}$ ,  $\rho = \rho$ 

After branching  $K_{\rm I} \approx 0.7 K_{\rm I}$ ,  $\rho = \rho$ '/2

# Crack-tip Load





### From Cladding to Grey Material



### Missing lengthparameter => Selfsimilar growth



$$\varepsilon_{f}/\varepsilon_{\infty} = 0.3, \ \sigma_{x}/\sigma_{y} = 0$$
  $\varepsilon_{f}/\varepsilon_{\infty} = 0.3, \ \sigma_{x}/\sigma_{y} = 1.1$ 

$$\varepsilon_{f}/\varepsilon_{\infty} = 0.6, \ \sigma_{x}/\sigma_{y} = 0.9$$
  $\varepsilon_{f}/\varepsilon_{\infty} = 1.5, \ \sigma_{x}/\sigma_{y} = 0.7$ 

	$\varepsilon_{f}/\varepsilon_{\infty}=0$	0.3	0.5	0.75	1	1.2
$\sigma_x/\sigma_y$ = 0				$\left  \right\rangle$		
0.5		$\leq$				
0.7	4	$\leq$		$\leq$	$\left \right $	
0.9	$\langle$		4			$\langle$

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)  $\psi$ 

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

Ginzburg, Landau (50)

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





## Evolution of the phase

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

## Evolution of the displacements

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

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

One dimension (Ginzburg, Landau)

$$g_b \psi_o'' - p \psi_o (\psi_o^2 - 1) = 0$$

#### solution

$$\psi_o = \tanh(x/\sqrt{2g_b})$$

With mechanical loading

$$g_b \psi'' - p \psi(\psi^2 - 1) + \kappa p(\psi^2 - 1) - \frac{c}{L_\psi} \psi' = 0$$

Seek perturbation solution:

$$\psi(x) = \psi_o(x) + \omega f(x)$$
 as  $\omega = c/L_{\psi}G_o(\nabla w)^2 \sqrt{pg_b} \to 0$ 

The result

$$\psi'_o = \psi_o^2 - 1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2g_b}} \operatorname{sech}^2(x/\sqrt{2g_b}) ,$$

gives

$$(\kappa - \frac{c}{L_{\psi}}) \frac{p}{\sqrt{2g_b}} \operatorname{sech}^2(x/\sqrt{2g_b}) = 0 \quad ,$$

i.e. the speed of the corroding edge

$$c = L_{\psi}\kappa = \frac{3}{4}pL_{\psi}G_o(\nabla w)^2\sqrt{\frac{2g_b}{p}}$$

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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





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

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





Red is remaining material

Effective Stress

**Effective Stress** 



Red is remaining material

Effective stress



Without general corrosion

with general corrosion

## 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