

## Measurement of Cohesive Laws for Delamination of Composites

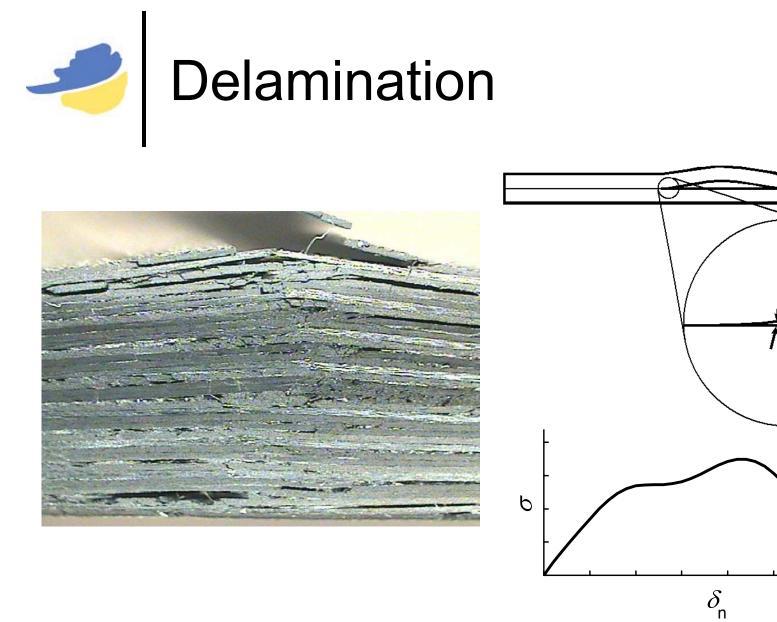
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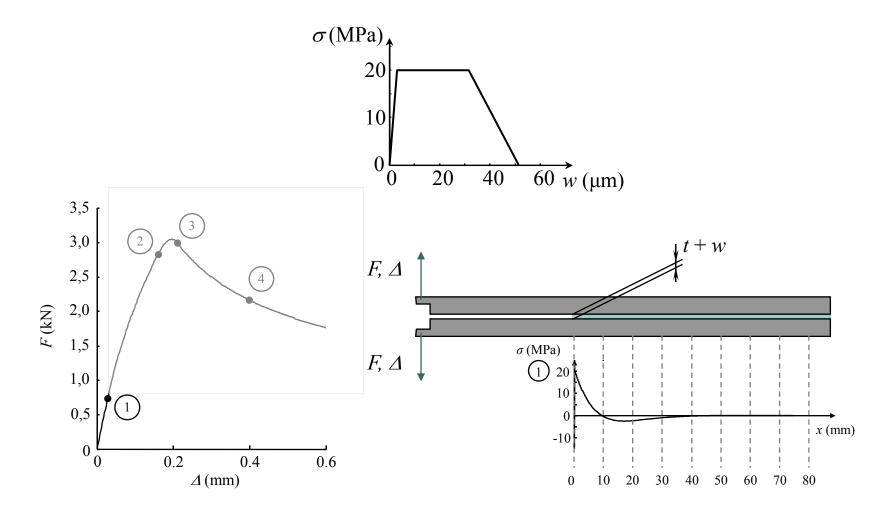
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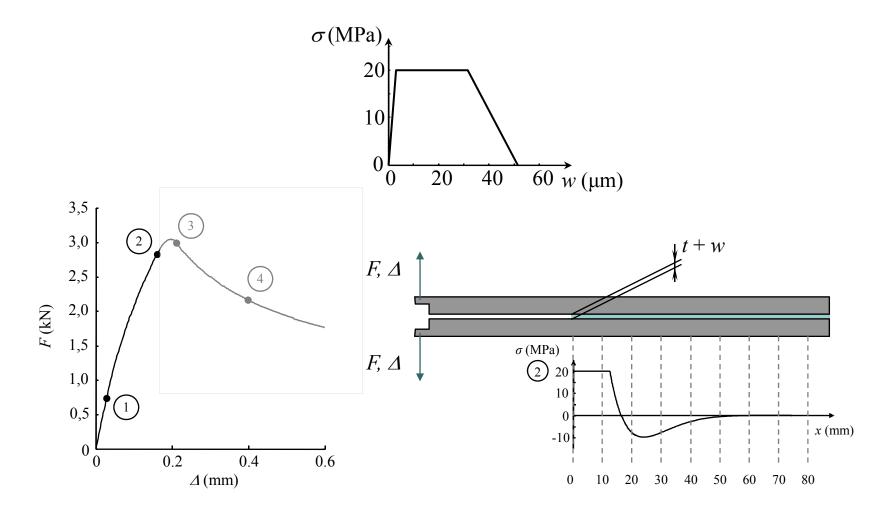


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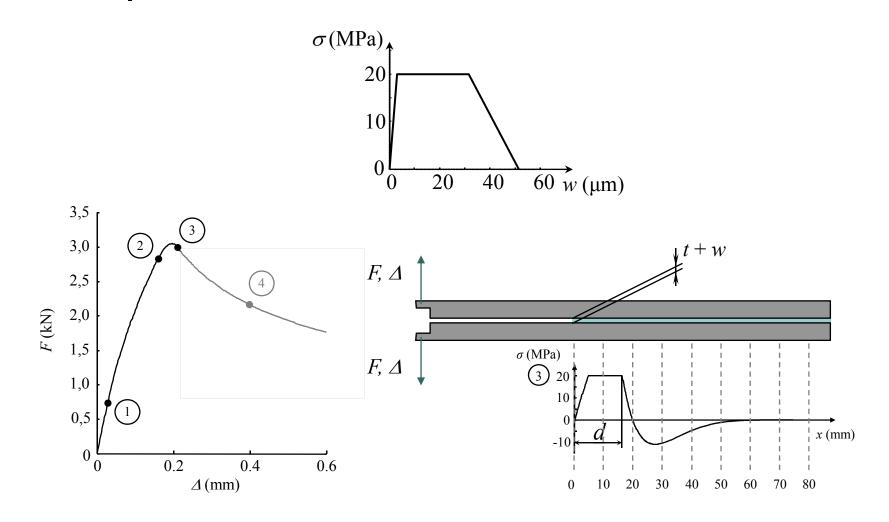








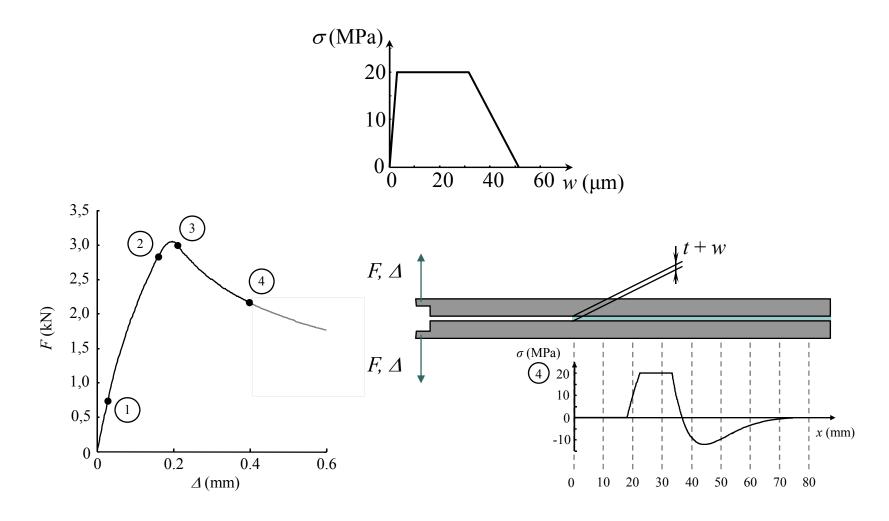




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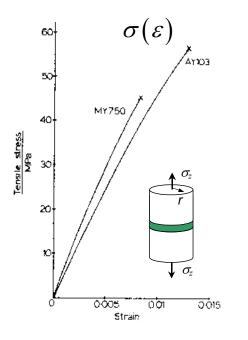




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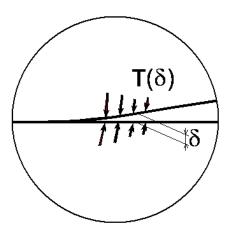


## Measure/Deduce Cohesive laws



### First method

- Loses stability when softening
- Difficult to capture complete cohesive law

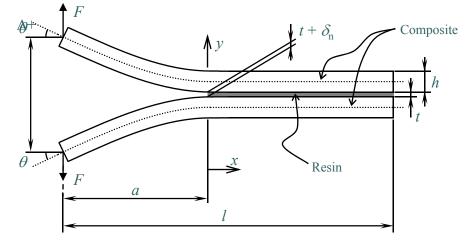


Second method, idea:

- 1. Measure  $\delta(x)$ ,
- 2. Compare with analysis based on assumed cohesive law
- 3. Adapt cohesive law to get good correspondence
- Often insensitive to details of cohesive law



### Measure/Deduce Cohesive laws



Third method, idea:

- 1. Measure load vs. displacement
- 2. Compare with analysis based on assumed cohesive law
- 3. Adapt cohesive law to get good correspondence
- Sometime insensitive to details
  of cohesive law

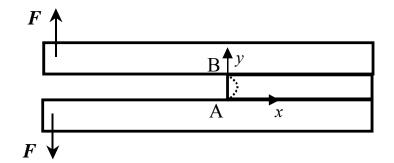
Forth method, idea:

- 1. Use J-integral
- 2. Measure *J* from applied load using an exterior integration path
- 3. Use an interior integration path to get  $J \sim$  cohesive law
- 4. Use path independence of *J* to get cohesive law
- Not so intuitive difficult to 9 understand?



The J-integral

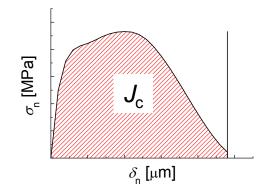
$$J \equiv \int_{S} \left( W \mathrm{d}y - T_{i} u_{i,x} \mathrm{d}S \right)$$



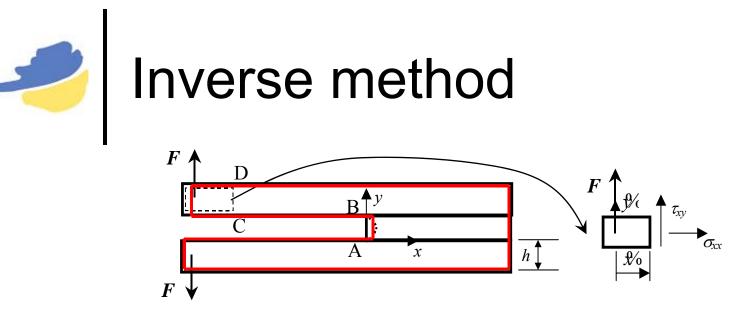
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Chose path A to B:

$$J \equiv \int_0^t W dy = \int_0^t \left( \int_0^{\delta_n} \sigma(\widehat{\delta}_n) \frac{d\widehat{\delta}_n}{t} \right) = \int_0^{\delta_n} \sigma(\widehat{\delta}_n) d\widehat{\delta}_n$$



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 $J_{CD} = -F\theta/b$ 

If *J* is evaluated along the closed red path *S* we get  $J_{closed} = 0$ 

$$J_{\text{closed}} = J_{\text{AB}} + 2J_{\text{CD}} = 0$$
$$J_{\text{AB}} = \int_0^{\delta_n} \sigma(\hat{\delta}_n) d\hat{\delta}_n$$
$$\Rightarrow \sigma(\hat{\delta}_n) - \frac{2d(F\theta)}{2d(F\theta)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sigma(\delta_n) = \frac{2}{b} \frac{\mathsf{d}(F\theta)}{\mathsf{d}\delta_n}$$

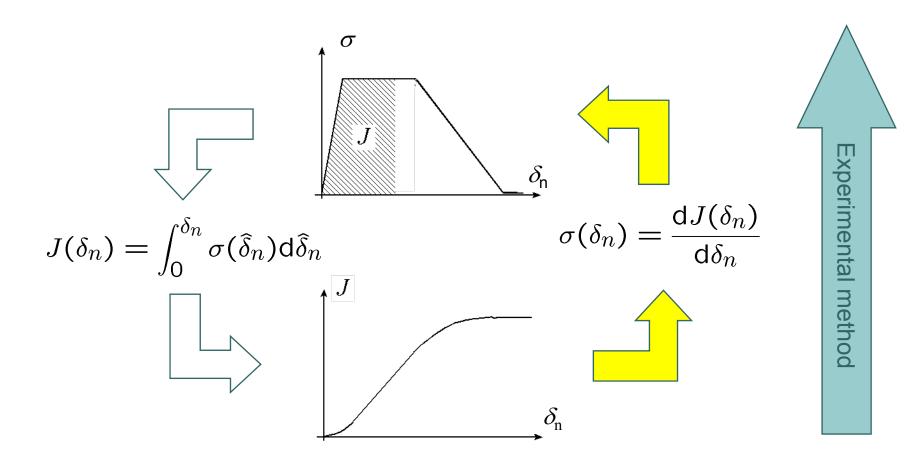
Olsson and Stigh, 1989, IJF

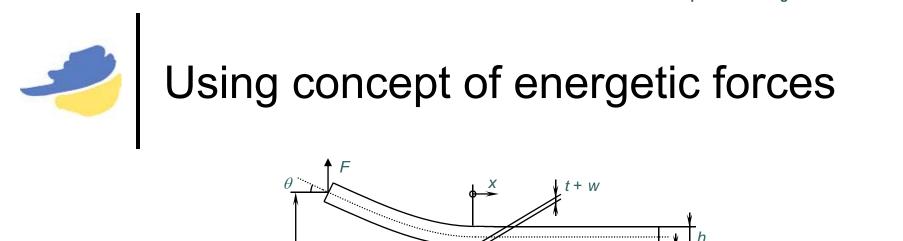
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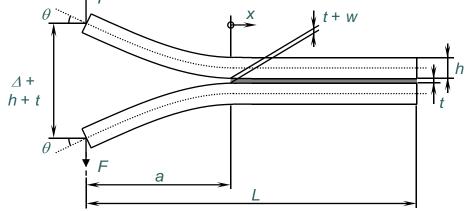
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## Method to measure cohesive law



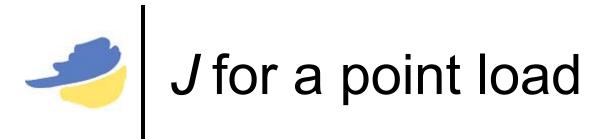


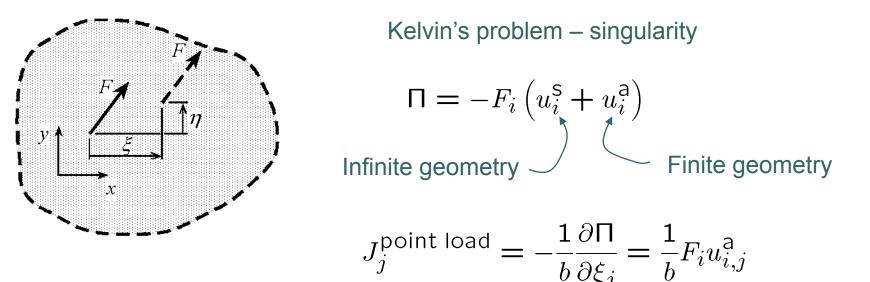


J = energetic force acting on an object in an elastic field (Eshelby)

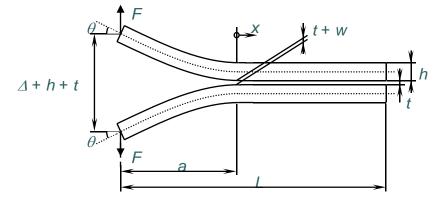
$$J_i \delta \xi_i \equiv -\frac{1}{b} \frac{\partial \Pi}{\partial \xi_i} \delta \xi_i$$

Three objects identified for the DCB-specimen: the crack tip and the two acting loads





# Equilibrium of energetic forces



### Imagine a sequence of events:

- 1. Move crack tip  $\Delta \xi$  to the right  $\rightarrow \Delta \Pi_1$
- 2. Move forces  $\Delta \xi$  to the right  $\rightarrow \Delta \Pi_2$

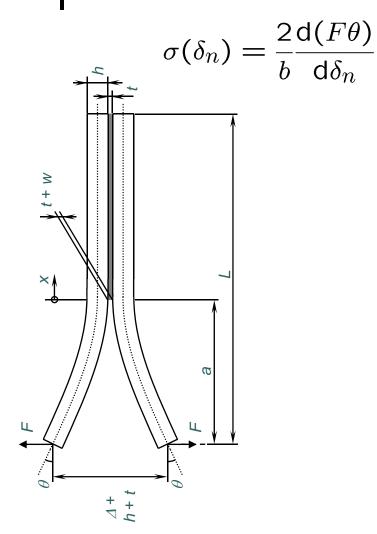
$$J^{\text{crack tip}} = \int_0^w \sigma(\hat{w}) d\hat{w}$$
$$J^{\text{forces}} = \frac{2}{b} F \theta$$

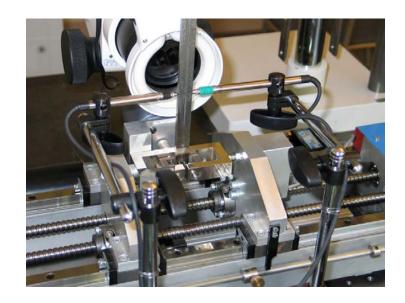
3. Back to original configuration  $\rightarrow \Delta \Pi_1 = \Delta \Pi_2$   $J^{\text{crack tip}} = J^{\text{forces}}$ 

$$\int_0^w \sigma(\hat{w}) d\hat{w} = \frac{2}{b} F\theta \qquad \qquad \sigma(w) = \frac{2}{b} \frac{d(F\theta)}{dw}$$

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## Experimental technique

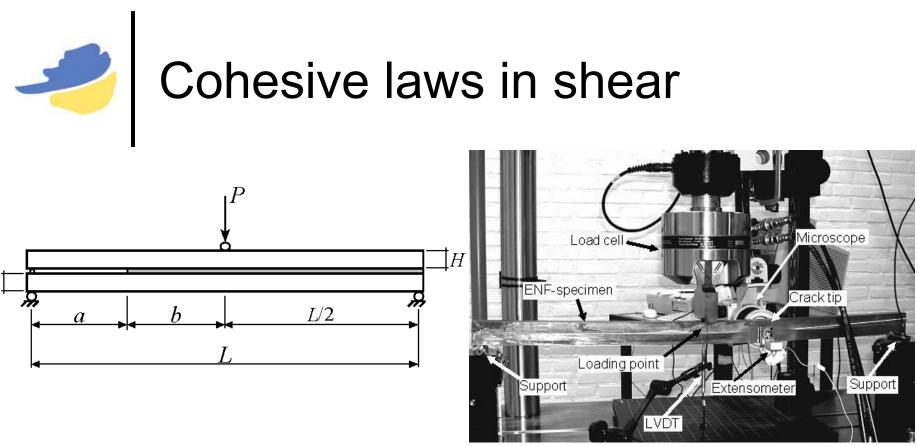




### Measured:

- 1. Force F
- 2. Rotation  $\theta$
- 3. Elongation of adhesive  $\delta_n$

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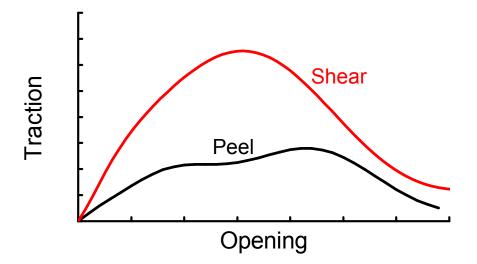


$$\tau(\delta_t) = \frac{\mathsf{d}}{\mathsf{d}\delta_t} \left[ \frac{9}{16} \frac{P^2 a^2}{EW^2 H^3} + \frac{3}{8} \frac{P\delta_t}{WH} \right]$$

#### Measured:

- 1. Force P
- 2. Shear deformation  $\delta_t$







- Cohesive laws provide convenient methods to calculate the behaviour of structures using the FE-method
- o Experimentally
  - *J* is viewed as a function of the opening of the cohesive zone at the tip of a blunted crack
  - *J* is measured continuously during an experiment
  - Path independence gives evolution of cohesive law during experiment
- Cohesive law gives fracture energy in "small scale damage" fracture energy determines structural behaviour
- Fracture energy for resin ~ 1/10 of fracture energy of modern epoxy adhesives