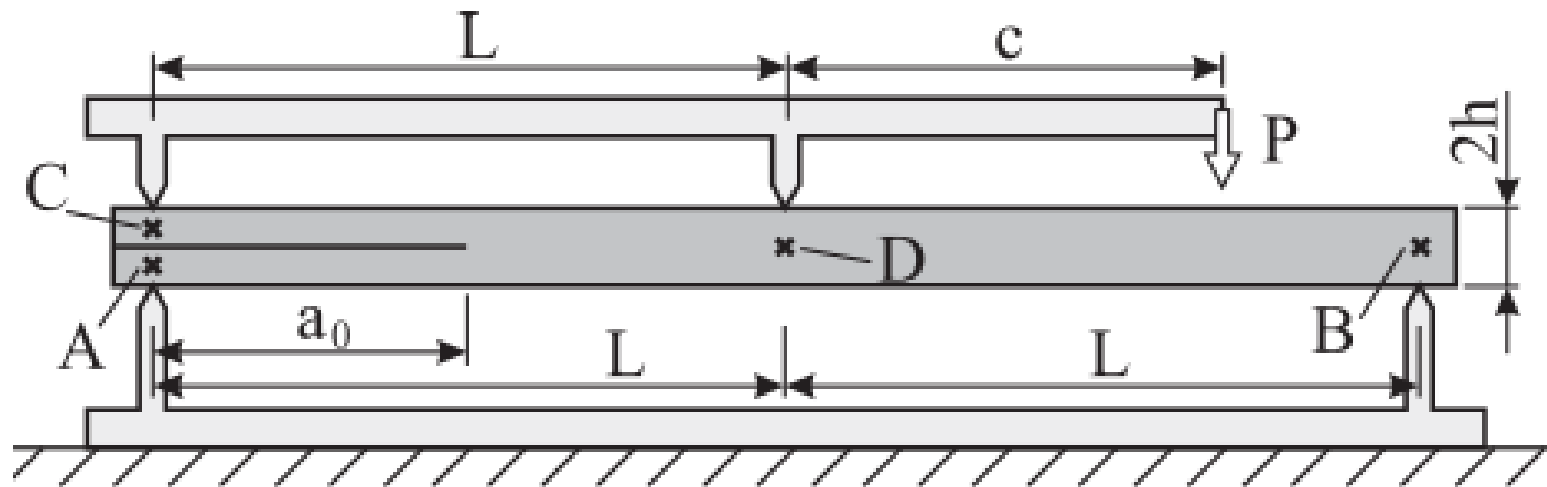


Mixed mode test setup design & in-situ durability test



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Source: Sarrado, et al. 2015

In-situ durability test

- Why in-situ durability testing for bonded joints?
 - Adhesives degrade over time due to environmental attack. To improve the durability and reliability of a structure containing bonded joints, the degradation properties of the bonded joints are required.
- What are the needs?
 - Knowing the crack growth rate in an adhesive, when a bonded joint is subjected to a certain energy release rate and harsh environment.
- What is the gap in literature?
 - A test method that applies a constant energy release rate to a bonded joint, providing the possibility to measure stable crack growth over time under influence of a harsh environment.
- Why are the existing test methods not optimal?

Mixed mode test setup

- Why testing a bonded joint in mixed mode?
 - If bonded joints in a structure is loaded in mixed mode, it is valuable to know what the properties are of that bonded joint loaded in mixed mode.
- What are the needs?
 - To be able to test a specimen in mixed mode over a wide range of mixed mode ratios, in which during the whole test, the mixed mode ratio and energy release rate remain constant.
- What is the gap in literature?
 - A relatively simple and accurate test method able to apply a constant energy release rate to a bonded joint for different mixed mode ratios.
- Why are the existing mixed mode test setups not optimal?

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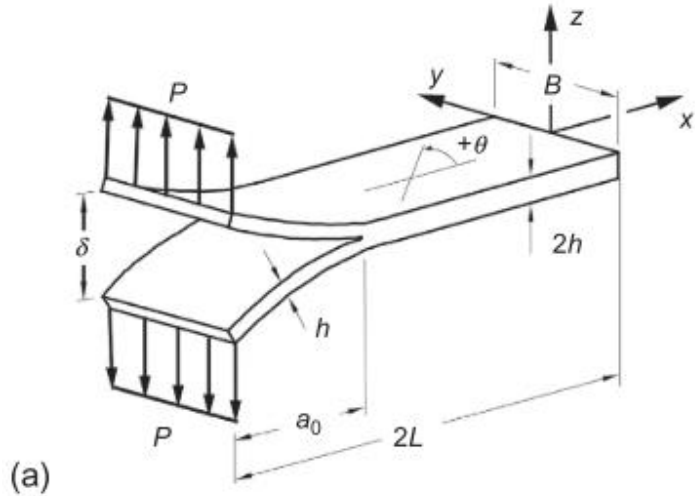
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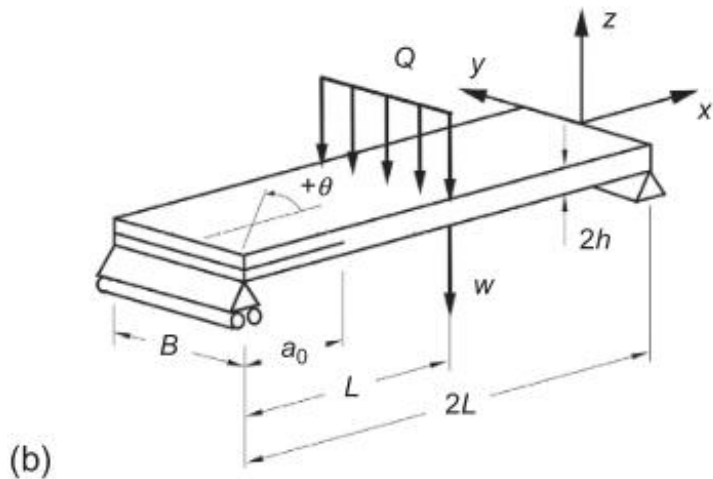


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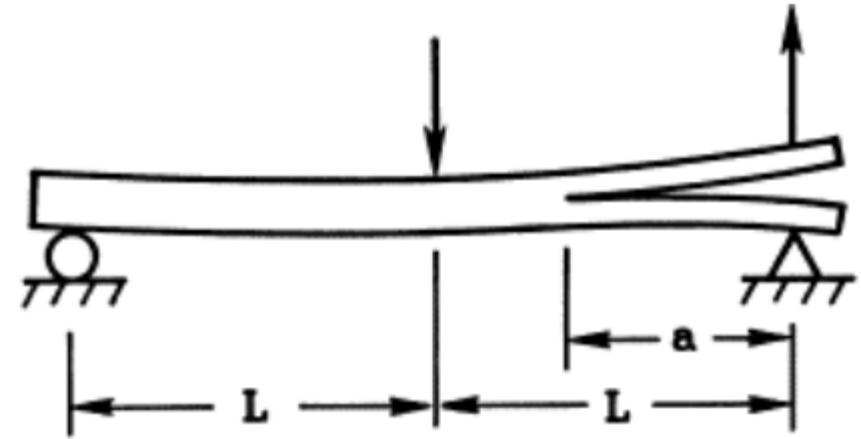
Mixed mode test setup



DCB – mode I



ENF – mode II



MMB – mixed mode

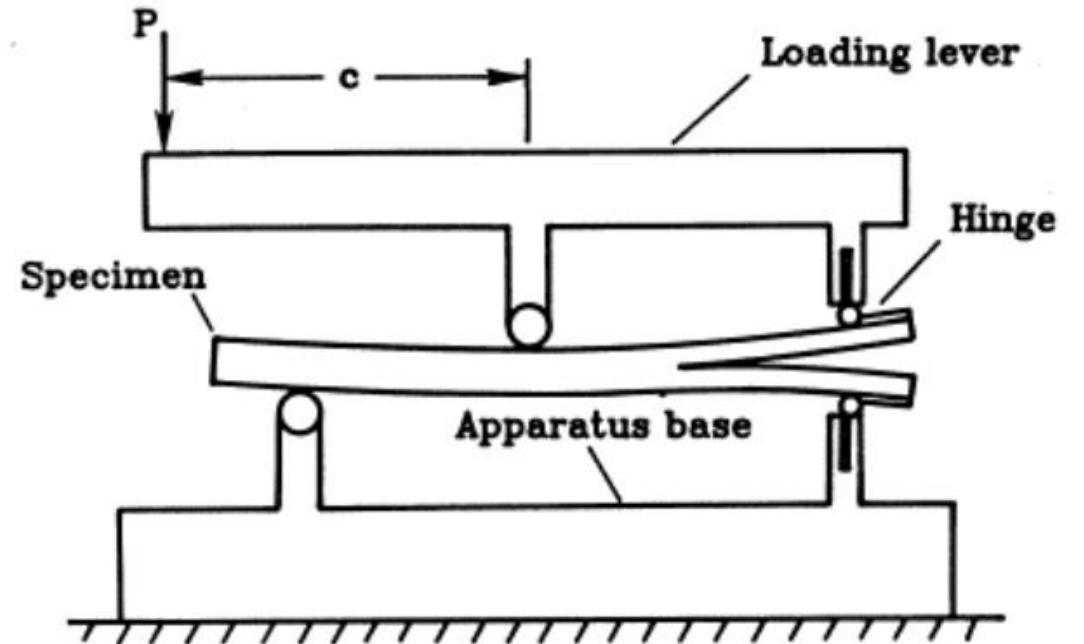
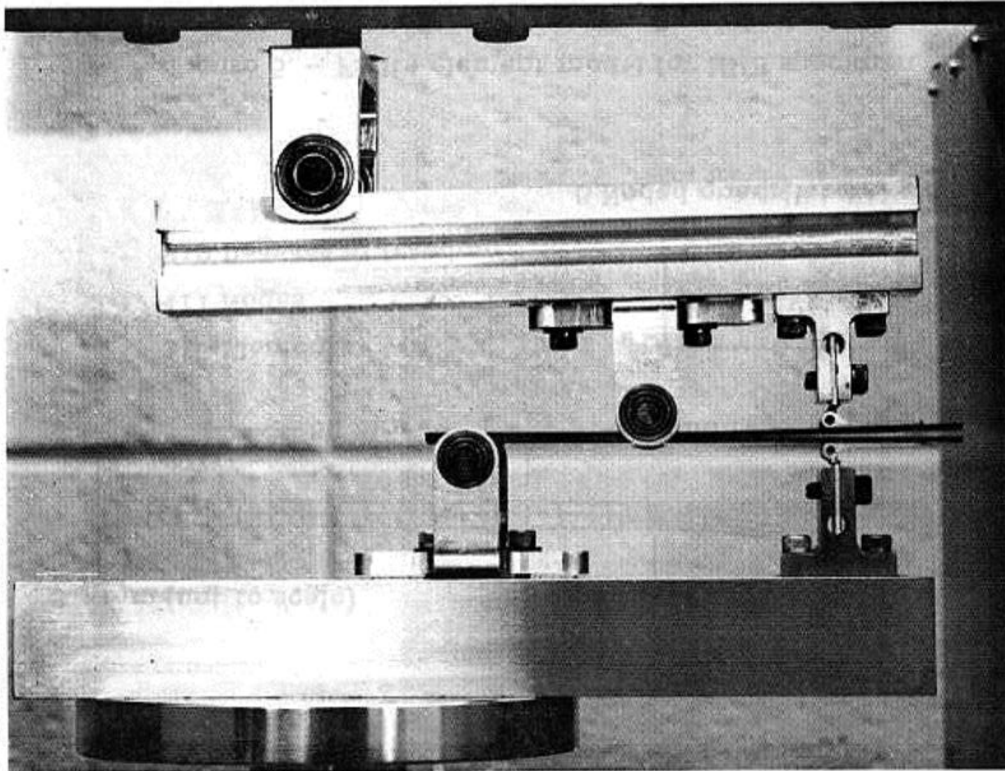
(Krueger, 2015)

DCB = Double cantilever beam / ISO 25217
ENF = End-notched flexure / ASTM D7905
MMB = Mixed-mode bending / ASTM D6671

(Crews and Reeder, 1988)

Mixed mode test setup

The mixed-mode bending (MMB) test setup



(Crews and Reeder, 1988)

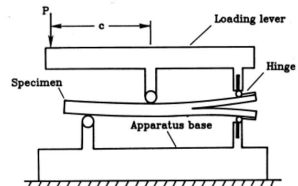
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Comparison – main disadvantages

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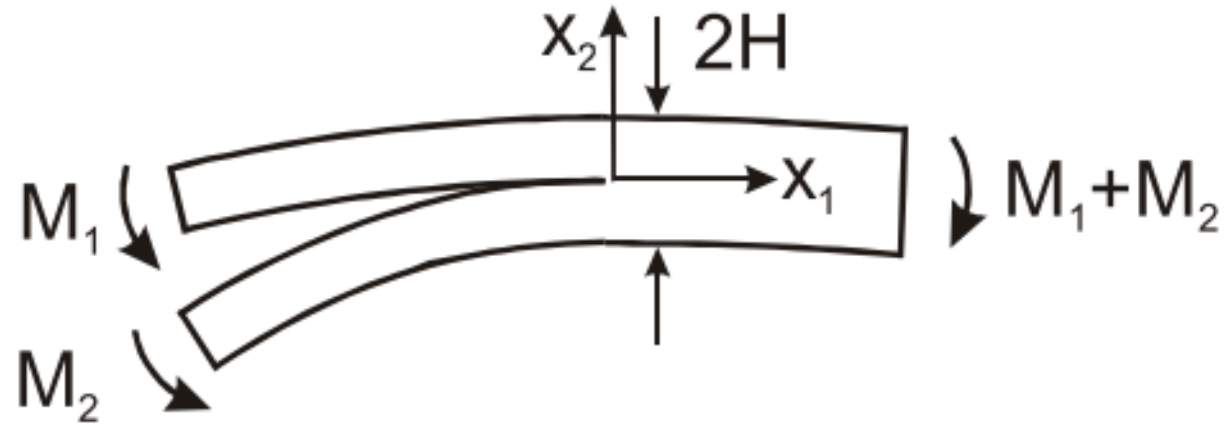


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Uneven bending moments

Test setup with uneven bending moments

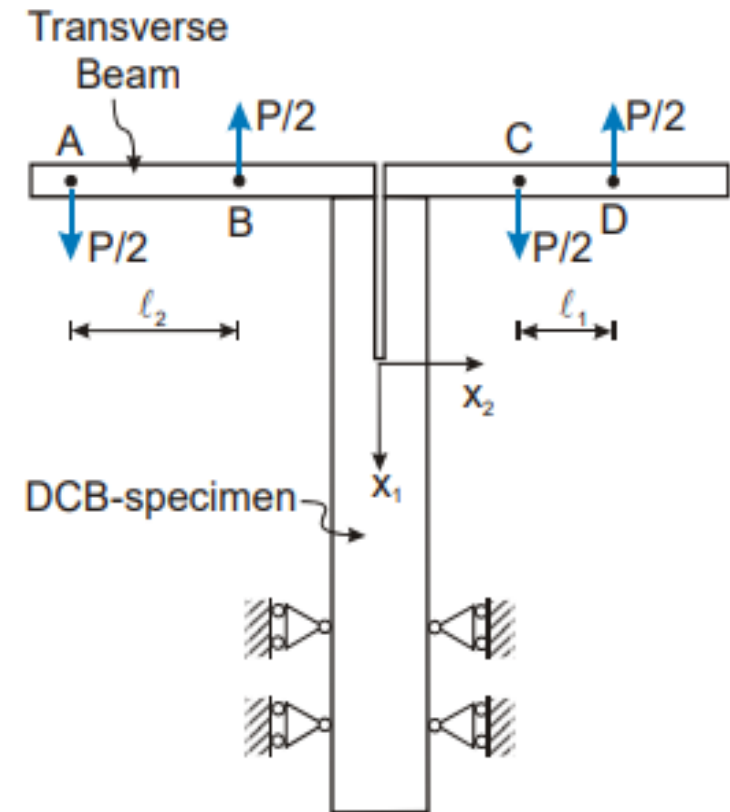
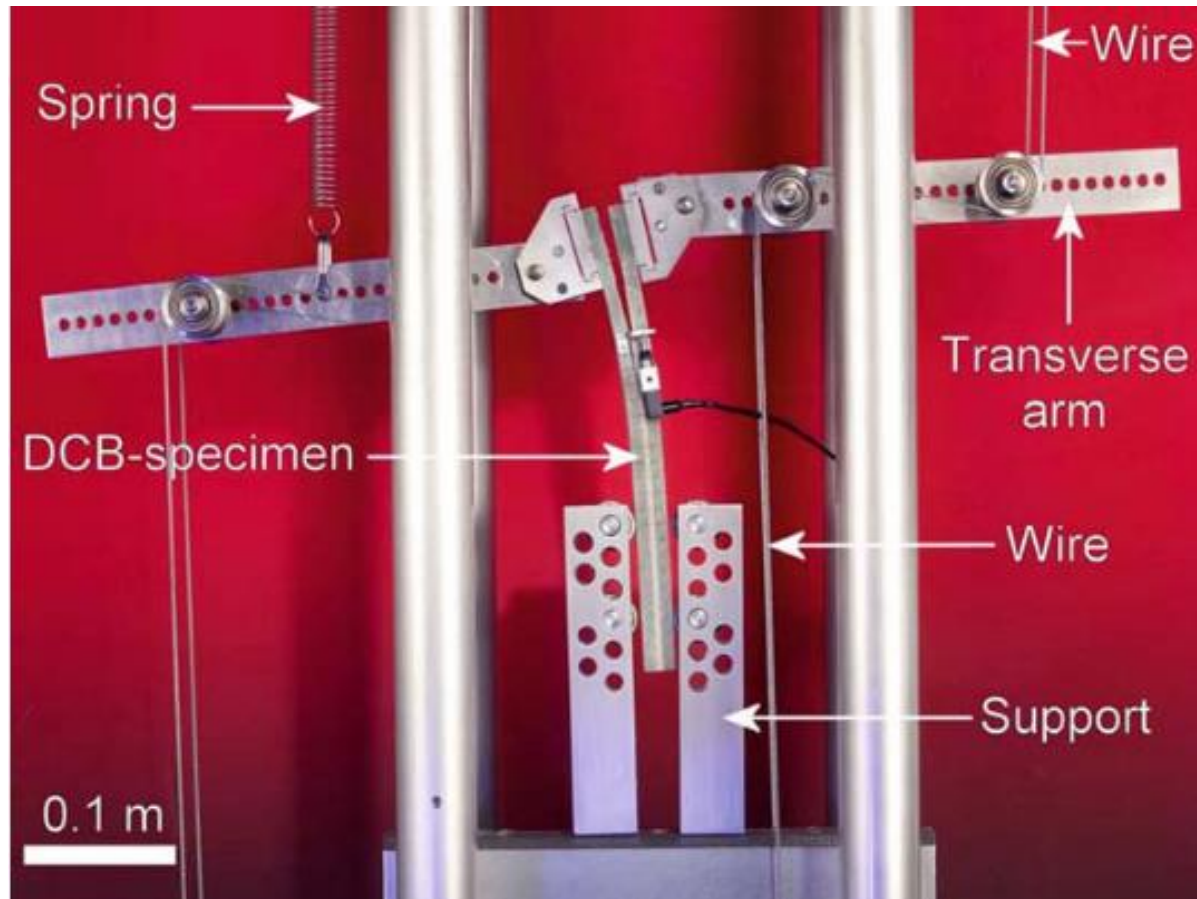
A DCB-specimen loaded with bending moments



$\downarrow M_1 \neq \downarrow M_2$ *Mixed mode* ($M_2 > M_1$)

Test setup with uneven bending moments

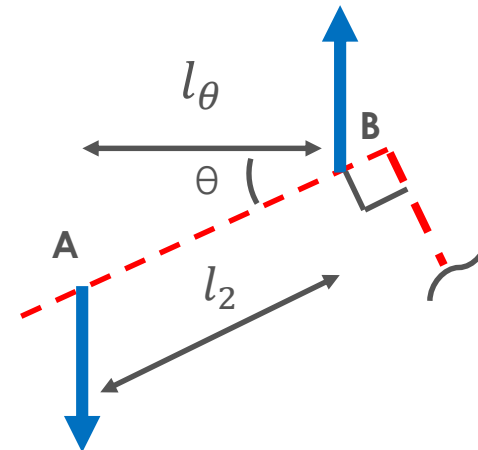
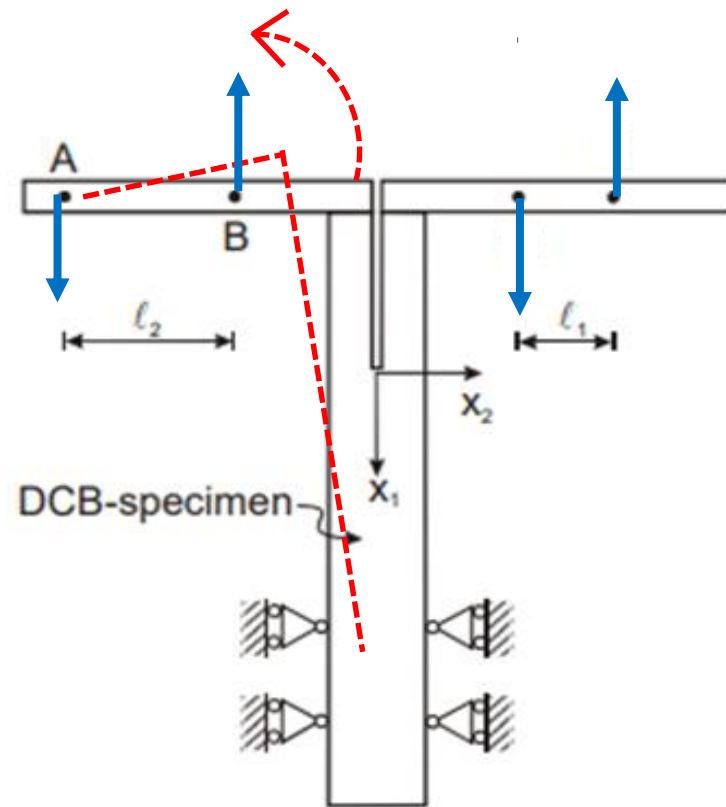
Wire & Lever arm (W&L)



(Sørensen et al. 2006)

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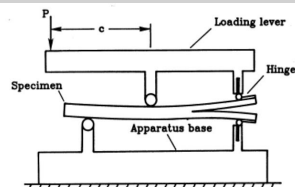
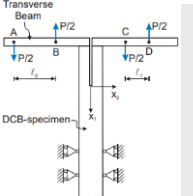
Wire & Lever arm (W&L) – effect of lever arm rotation on applied moment



At an angle (θ) range from 0° to 15° rotation, the error in applied moment M increases up to about 3%. As a result the error in energy release rate goes up to about 7%.

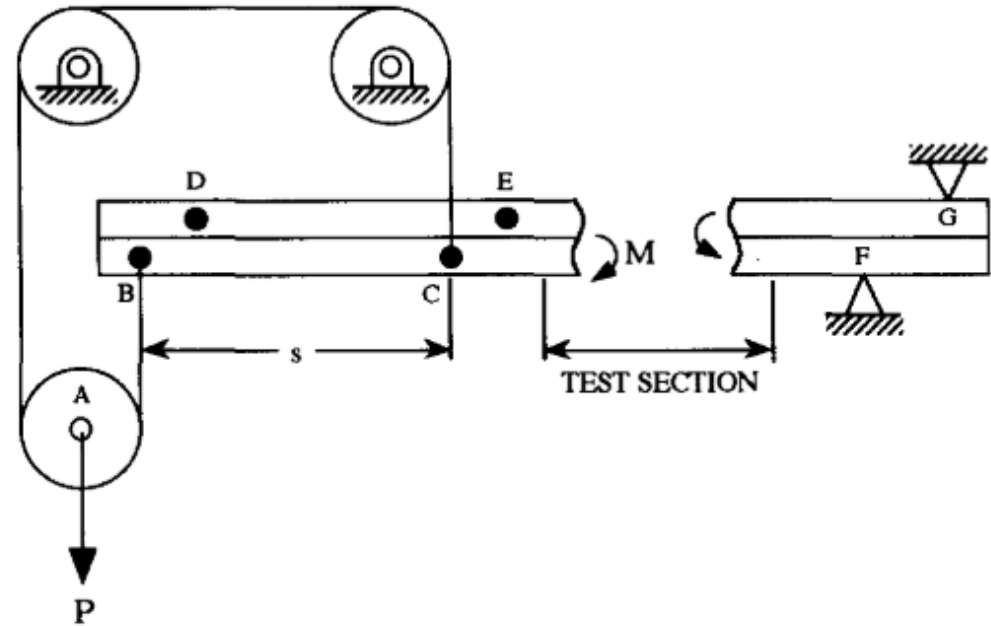
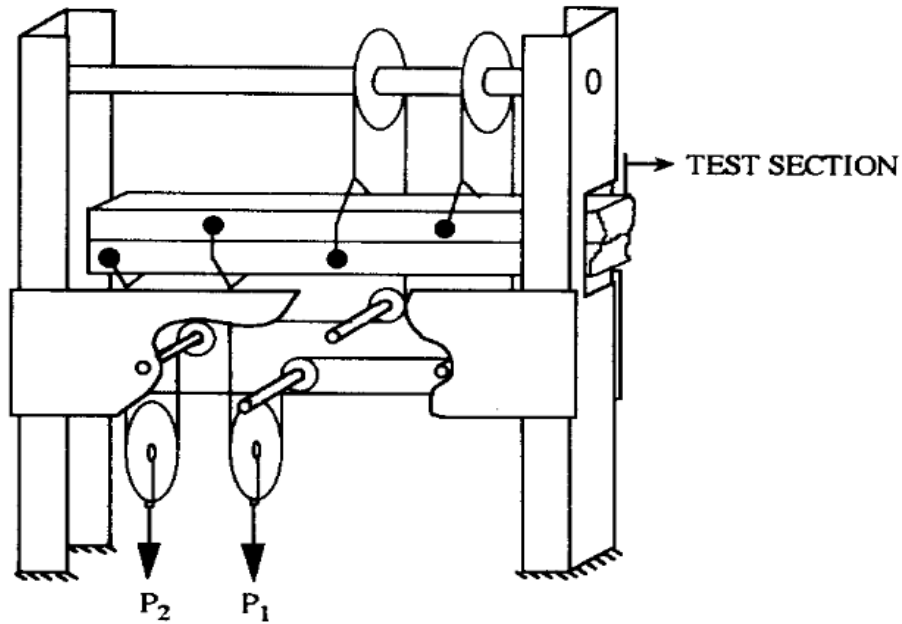
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Test setup with uneven bending moments

Wire & Weight (W&W)



(Plausinis et al. 1995)

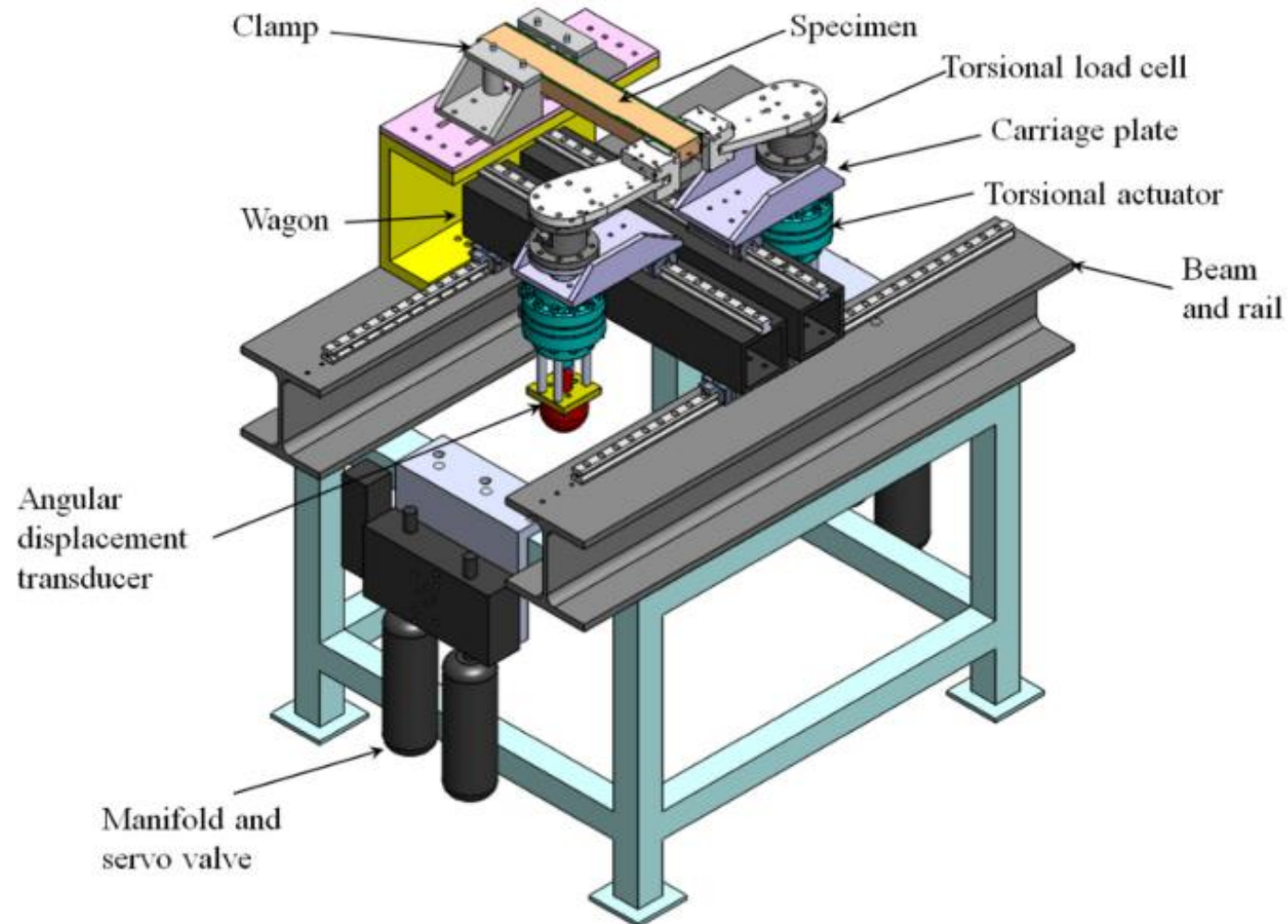
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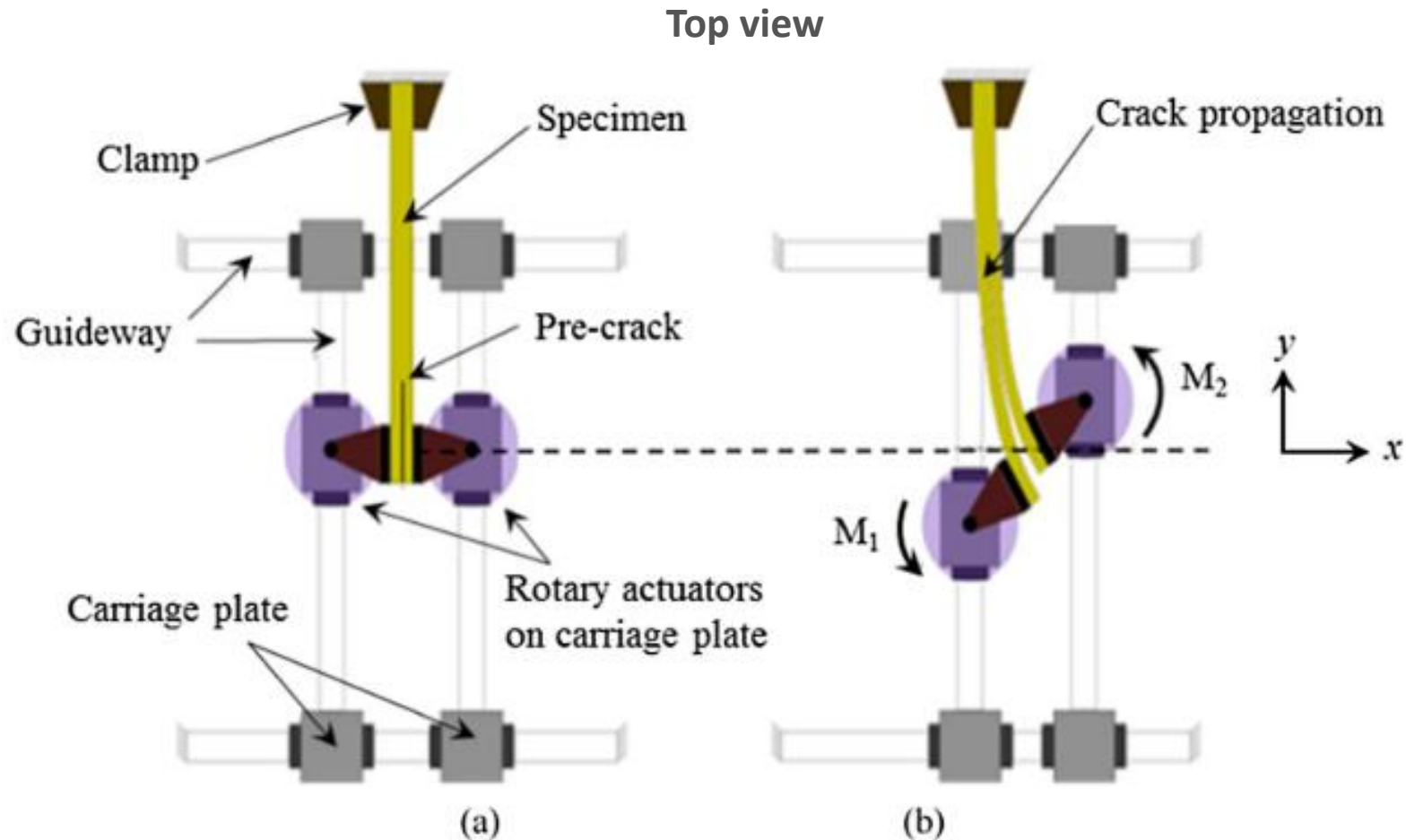
Torsional Actuator (TA)



(Berggreen et al. 2018)

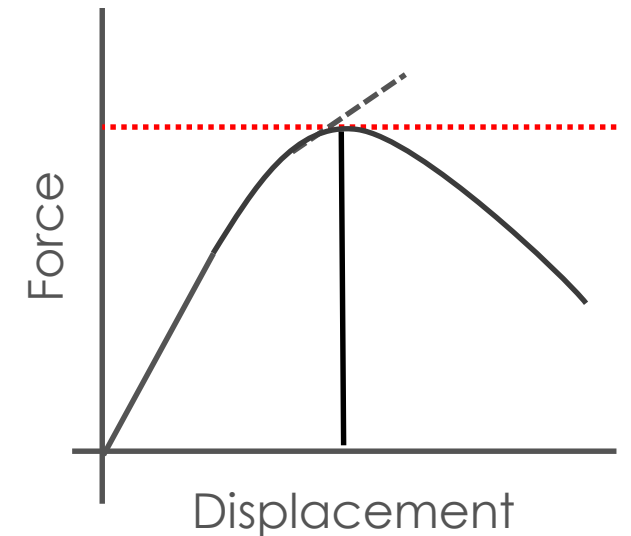
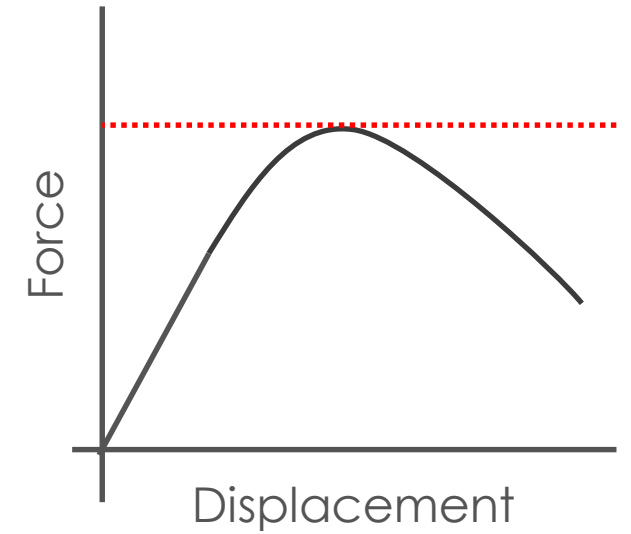
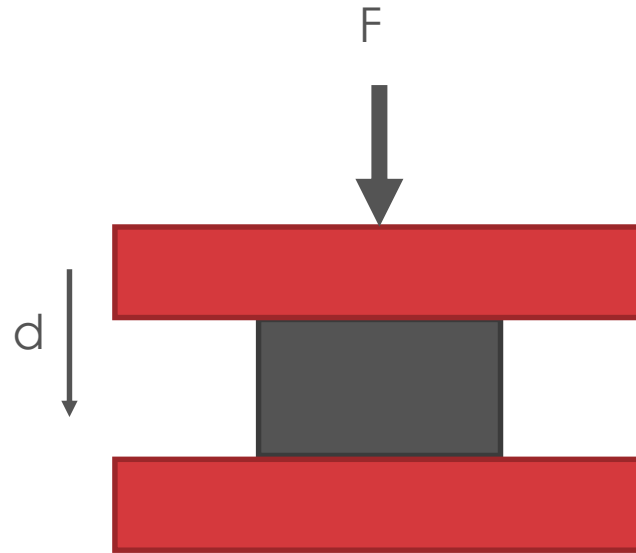
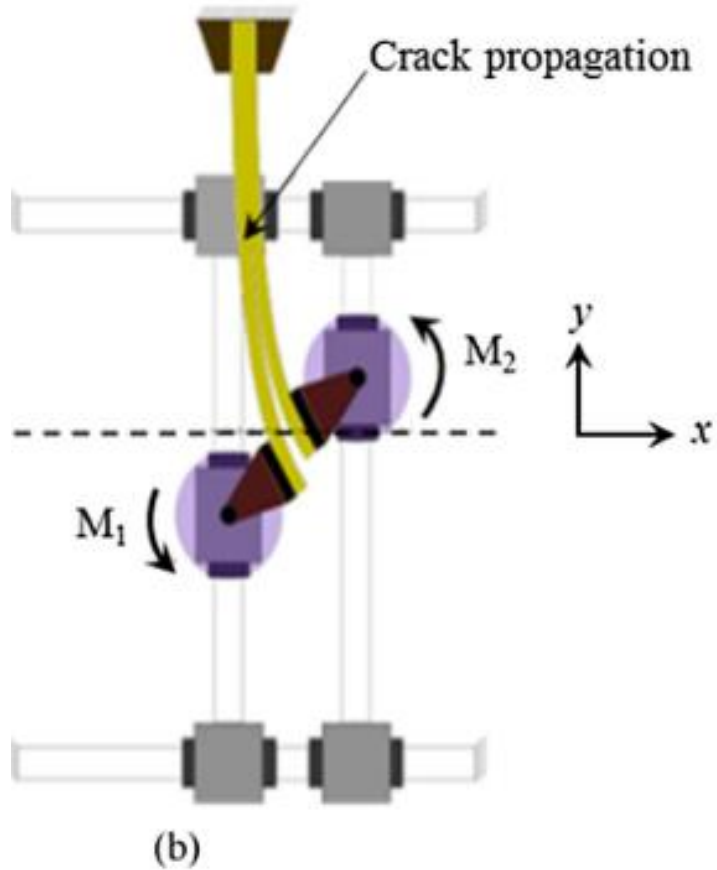
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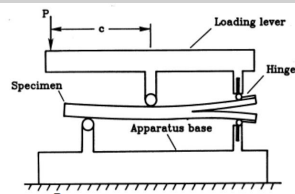
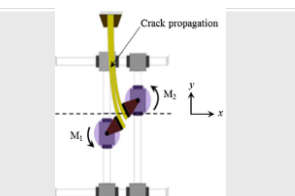
Torsional Actuator (TA) – Moment/Force control



(Berggreen et al. 2018)

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TA				X	X



In-situ durability test

In-situ durability test

Durability test for adhesively bonded joints, also known as the Boeing wedge test

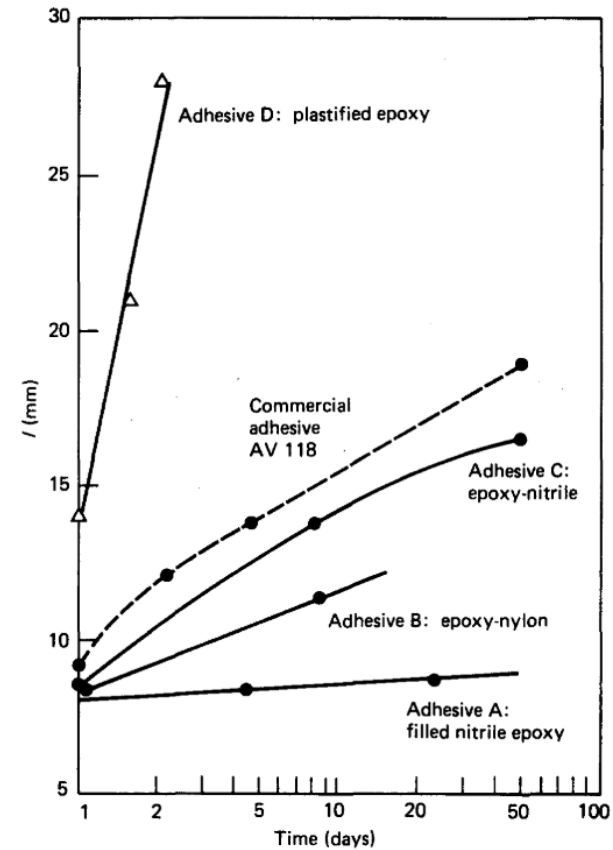
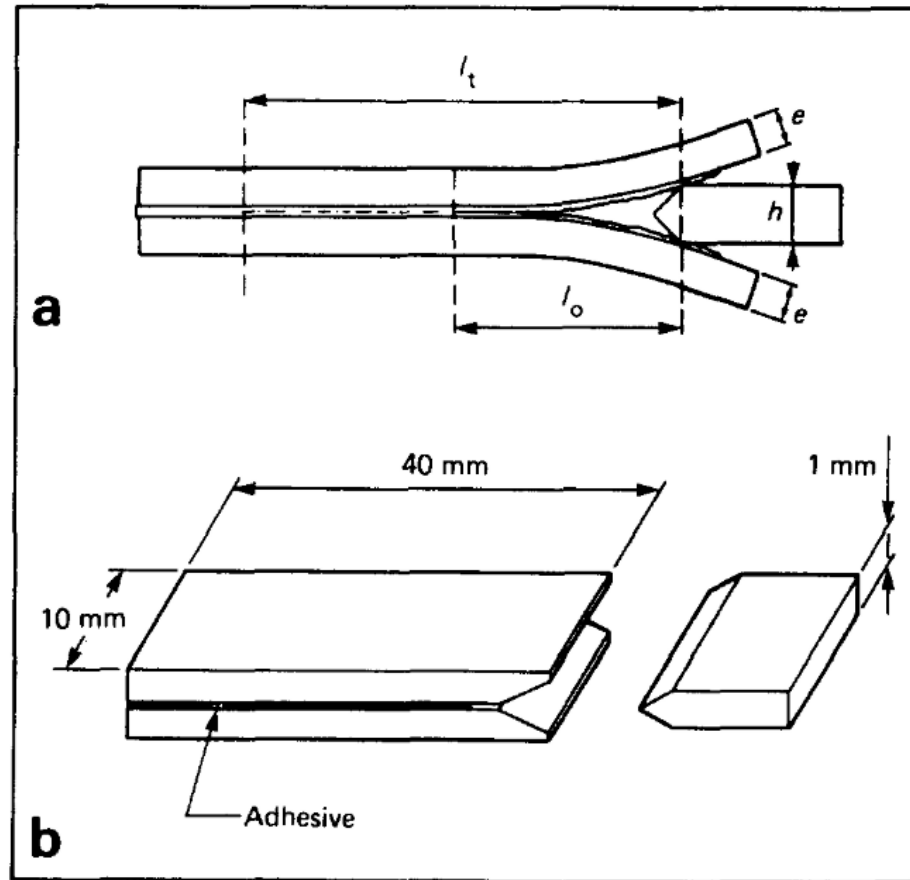
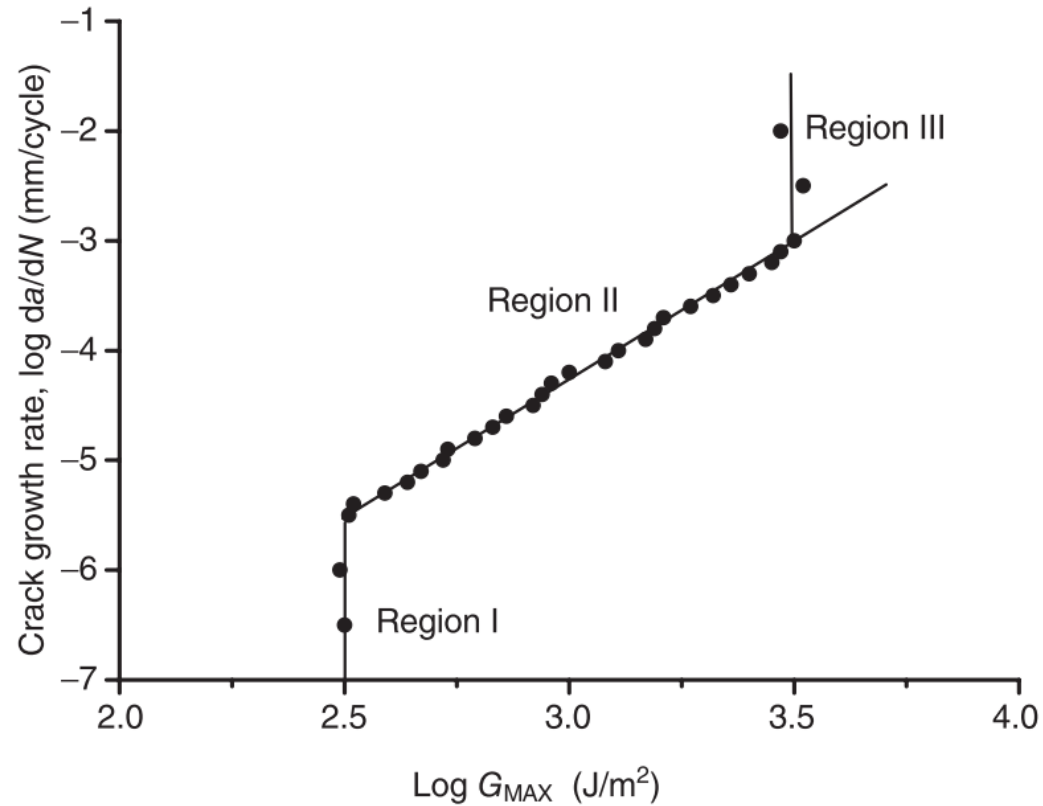


Fig. 5 Fracture length increase with time of exposure in tropical environment (40°C/90% RH)

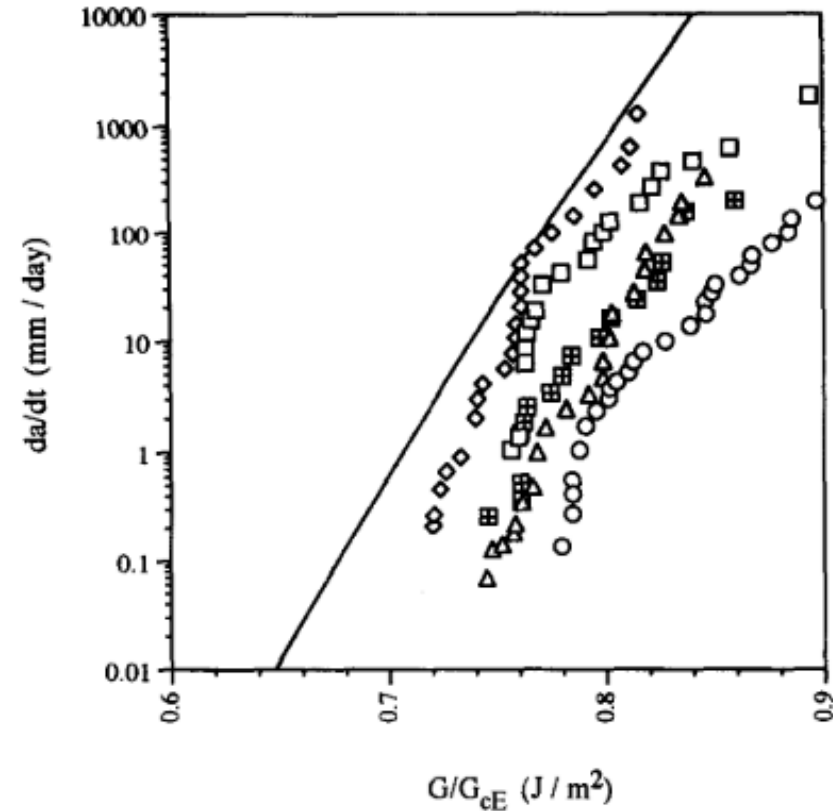
(Cognard et. al. 1986)

In-situ durability test - Constant energy release rate

Durability test for adhesively bonded joints – crack growth rate



(Broughton et. al. 2012)



(Spelt et. al. 1995)

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Questions & Discussion

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