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A technique consisting of a marriage between stress freezing photo-elasticity and a numerical method was used to obtain stress intensity factors for natural cracks emanating from the corner at which a hole intersects a plate surface. Geometries studied were: crack depth to thickness ratios of approximately 0.2, 0.5 and 0.75; crack depth to crack length ratios of approximately 1.0 to 2.0; and crack length to hole radius ratios of about 0.5 to 2.0. All final crack geometries were grown under monotonic loading and growth was not self similar, with most of the growth occurring through the thickness under remote extension. Stress intensity factors were determined at the intersection of the flaw border (i) with the plate surface \( K_I \) and (ii) with the edge of the hole \( K_H \). Results showed that for the relatively shallow flaws \( K_H = 1.5 K_I \), for the moderately deep flaws \( K_H = K_S \) and for the deep flaws \( K_H = 0.5 K_S \), revealing a severe sensitivity of \( K \) to flaw geometry. Results were compared with the Bowie Theory, and approximate criteria developed by Hall and Finger and Hsu and Liu. These comparisons showed that these theories significantly over-estimated the SIF for moderately deep flaws \( a/t = 0.5 \) at both the plate surface and the hole, but for shallow flaws, the Hall-Finger theory under-estimated the SIF at the hole and the Bowie theory under-estimated the SIF at the surface for deep flaws.
NOMENCLATURE

\( \sigma_{nn}, \sigma_{zz}, \tau_{nz} \) - Stress components in plane normal to crack border (psi)

\( \sigma_0 \) - Normal stress in direction of crack extension near crack tip (psi)

\( \bar{\sigma} \) - Remote stress (psi)

\( K_I \) - Mode I stress intensity factor (psi \( \times \) [in]\(^{1/2} \))

\( r, \theta \) - Polar coordinates (in, radians)

\( a \) - Flaw depth (in)

\( c \) - Flaw length (in)

\( r \) - Hole radius (in)

\( t \) - Plate thickness (in)

\( N \) - Fringe order

\( f \) - Material fringe value (lbs/in/order) (\( f_{AVG} = 1.46 \))

\( K_S \) - Mode I SIF at plate surface (psi \( \times \) [in]\(^{1/2} \))

\( K_H \) - Mode I SIF at hole surface (psi \( \times \) [in]\(^{1/2} \))

\( K_{EX} \) - Mode I SIF Experimental (psi \( \times \) [in]\(^{1/2} \))

\( K_{AP} \) - Mode I SIF Apparent (psi \( \times \) [in]\(^{1/2} \))
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INTRODUCTION

A common cracked body problem in the aerospace industry consists of a corner crack emanating from the intersection edge between a plate surface and a hole. No analytical solution exists for this problem even as a near field solution only. Yet the designer is forced to design against this type of crack using very approximate methods [1]. Apparently, the first study undertaken of the problem was an experimental study by Hall and Finger [2]. They inserted artificial flaws by EDM with depth/length less than unity and used fatigue loads to initiate cracks after which residual static strength tests were run. In evaluating their results, they assumed that a state of plane strain existed at the point of intersection of the flaw border and the boundary, but in their fracture criterion they had only one value for the stress intensity factor (SIF) and did not account for the variation of the SIF and constraint along the flaw border. As an alternate approach, they suggested modelling the corner flaw with an "equivalent" Bowie type [3] through crack. The latter approach was refined by Liu [4] but still required the selection of an arbitrary equivalent crack length for the Bowie model. This approach has recently been expanded by Hsu and Liu [5], and while this latter analysis contains some two dimensional approximations, and takes no account of back surface effects, it constitutes the most recent effort at quantifying the problem.

Because of the technological importance of the above problem, and the approximate nature of existing analytical approaches necessitated by the intractability of the mathematical model of the complete problem, one is led to consider experimental techniques as an alternate approach. Stress
freezing photoelasticity is a well known technique for evaluating three dimensional stress distributions in the vicinity of stress raisers. A method for extracting the stress intensity factor from photoelastic data for two dimensional problems was proposed by Irwin [6] in 1953, and the method has been modified and refined substantially since that time. Recent studies by Kobayashi and his associates [7]-[10] have applied the method to dynamic photoelasticity, and the senior author and his associates [11]-[21] have refined the method for three dimensional problems.

It was the purpose of the present study to determine stress intensity factors at the end points of flaws emanating from the corner formed by the intersection of a plate with a hole using stress freezing photoelasticity and to compare the results with the studies noted above. The authors used a numerical technique known as the Taylor Series Correction Method (TSCM) [20] in order to extract the SIF values from the photoelastic data. Before describing the experiments, a brief review of the analytical background appears to be desirable.

ANALYTICAL CONSIDERATIONS

Consider the Irwin two parameter near field equations for Mode I loading:

\[
\sigma_{nn} = \frac{K_I}{(2\pi r)^{1/2}} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \left( 1 - \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \sin \frac{3\theta}{2} \right) - \sigma_0
\]

\[
\sigma_{zz} = \frac{K_I}{(2\pi r)^{1/2}} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \left( 1 + \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \sin \frac{3\theta}{2} \right) \quad (1)
\]

\[
\tau_{nz} = \frac{K_I}{(2\pi r)^{1/2}} \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \cos \frac{3\theta}{2}
\]
where the notation, adapted to the problem at hand, is pictured in Figure 1. Here $\sigma_0$ is the part of the regular stress field which is independent of $r$. Although Equations (1) were originally proposed for two dimensional problems, the singular parts have been shown to be valid for stresses in planes perpendicular to elliptically shaped crack borders [22] and are generally applied to arbitrary shaped plane crack borders as well. By substituting Equations (1) into Equation (2):

$$\tau_{\text{max}} = \frac{1}{2} [(\sigma_{nn} - \sigma_{zz})^2 + 4\tau_{nz}^2]^{1/2}$$  \hspace{1cm} (2)

and evaluating $\tau_{\text{max}}$ along $\theta = \pi/2$, one obtains:

$$\tau_{\text{max}} = \frac{K_I^2}{8\pi r} + \frac{K_{Ia}^2}{4(\pi r)^{1/2}} + \frac{\sigma_0^2}{4} [1/2]$$  \hspace{1cm} (3)

which may be combined with the stress optic law:

$$\tau_{\text{max}} = \frac{Nf}{2\ell}$$  \hspace{1cm} (4)

in order to obtain an expression of the form:

$$K_I = f(\sigma_0, N_1, r_1)$$  \hspace{1cm} (5)

from which $K_I$ may be evaluated from experimental data $N_1, r_1$ along $\theta = \pi/2$ (See references [16] and [17]) The stresses are evaluated along $\theta = \pi/2$ since the fringes spread out in approximately this direction and can be most accurately discriminated along this line. An alternate form of Equation (3) may be written as:

$$\tau_{\text{max}} = \frac{A'}{r^{1/2}} + B_0' + B_1'r^{1/2}$$  \hspace{1cm} (6)
where

\[ A' = \frac{K_I}{\sqrt{\pi}} \quad \text{and} \quad B_1' = B_1'(A', B_0) \]

When one accumulates photoelastic data along \( \theta = \pi/2 \), if the foregoing theory is to hold, the stresses in the data zone must be dominated by the singular stresses as given in Equations (1). Experience with three dimensional problems has revealed that the singular zone is often severely constricted and a part of the data may lie outside that zone. In order to adequately account for this effect, the authors have used a Taylor Series Expansion of the regular part of the maximum in plane shearing stress in the form:

\[
\tau_{\text{max}} = \frac{A}{r^{\pi/2}} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_n r^{n/2} \tag{7}
\]

where \( A = K_I/\sqrt{\pi} \) as before.

If we ignore the dependence between the coefficients \( A', B_0', B_1' \) in Equation (6) we see that Equation (7) reduces to Equation (6) for a two degree of freedom system of equations to within truncation error. Moreover, Equation (7) corresponds to an application of the Williams Stress Function along \( \theta = \pi/2 \) for two dimensional problems.

In order to apply Equation (7), one determines the coefficients \( A, B_n \) from a least squares analysis of the experimental data using a truncated form of Equation (7). Normally the lowest order curve which best fits the experimental data is used. Details are described in references [17] and [21].
THE EXPERIMENTS

Models

A series of stress freezing photoelastic experiments were designed for the purpose of obtaining estimates of the SIF at points S and H along the flaw border. (Figure 1) The specimens were made from PLM-4B, a stress freezing material manufactured by Photolastic, Inc., Malvern, Pa. and Hysol 4290 made by Hysol Corp., Olean, N. Y. using the following procedure:

i) Mill 30 mils from both surfaces of the plates.

ii) Drill and ream holes.

iii) Mount a razor blade in a special jig and tap in a quarter circular crack.

iv) Mount test specimen in a stress freezing oven in a dead loading rig (Figure 2) and heat to critical temperature.

v) Load with enough load to slowly extend flaw to its desired depth. Remove the load.

Test geometries studied are found in the upper part of Table I. It was originally intended to attempt to duplicate the geometries of the Hall and Finger tests. However, since natural cracks were used, only one crack dimension could be controlled, and the other dimension grew to its "natural" companion value. This led to flaws for which a/c > 1.0 and self similar flaw extension did not occur. Instead, most of the growth occurred in the depth direction. In one test, (Test 9) a crack with a/c < 1.0 was produced by flexing the plate to enlarge the c dimension.

Test Procedure

After crack growth was completed, live loads below the threshold value
to cause crack growth were applied above the critical temperature, and specimens were cooled under load, thus freezing in the fringes and deformations. Slices were then taken i) parallel to the plate surface for use in determining the SIF at point S and ii) tangent to the hole for determining the SIF at point H. The latter slice was sanded on the hole surface to constant thickness. Slice locations are shown in Figure 3. These slices were placed in a tank of liquid of the same index of refraction as the model material and fringe patterns were obtained using partial mirror fringe multiplication and also by the Tardy method. A typical fringe pattern for the hole H is shown in Figure 4. Slices were 0.02 to 0.07 in. thick.

Results

A typical set of data for points S and H are shown in Figure 5 together with the TSCM curves generated from the data. These curves may be regarded as typical of all of the tests analyzed. That is, for all tests, the surface slices revealed linear data which indicates a two degree of freedom system of equations while the slices along the hole revealed non-linear data. For these cases, however, the Tardy method revealed that this data was also linear over a portion of the data zone nearer to the crack tip. Thus, instead of using a higher order curve to fit all of the data, the authors elected to use a two degree of freedom system on that portion of the data in the linear range as shown for the H curve in Figure 5. The authors interpret the linear part of the curve to represent the singular zone and believe that extrapolation of the linear curve results in much less error than would be the case for a higher order curve. In order to verify this technique, a test was run where the corner crack was allowed to grow through the thickness of the
plate so as to form a Bowie type crack on one side of the hole. The hole radius was 0.19 inches and the crack length was 1.15 inches. The resulting $K$ was 2% higher than the result predicted by the Bowie analysis. The authors estimate, however, that experimental results generally can vary by 5%. Even after Tardy analysis, the slopes of the curves of normalized $K_{Ap}$ vs. $(\frac{r}{a})^{1/2}$ or $(\frac{r}{c})^{1/2}$ were, in some cases, sufficiently large to cause the authors some concern as to the accuracy of the $K_{HEX}$ values. In general, the authors estimate that the values of $K_{SEX}$ identified as Experimental Values in Table I, are accurate to within 5% but values of $K_{HEX}$ are, on the average, probably not better than about 15%. Thus, the authors feel that the results for $K_{HEX}$ should be interpreted as trends rather than as exact values. In this context, the experimental results tabulated in Table I may be summarized as follows:

For $\begin{cases} a/t = 0.2 \\ a/c = 1.0 \text{ to } 1.5 \\ c/r = 0.5 \\ 2r/t = 0.5 \text{ to } 0.9 \end{cases}$  \hspace{1cm} K_{HEX} = 1.5 K_{SEX}$

For $\begin{cases} a/t = 0.5 \\ a/c = 1.0 \text{ to } 1.5 \\ c/r = 0.5 \text{ to } 2.0 \\ 2r/t = 0.5 \text{ to } 0.9 \end{cases}$  \hspace{1cm} K_{HEX} = K_{SEX}$

For $\begin{cases} a/t = 0.75 \\ a/c = 2.0 \\ c/r = 0.8 \text{ to } 1.6 \\ 2r/t = 0.5 \text{ to } 0.9 \end{cases}$  \hspace{1cm} K_{HEX} = 0.5 K_{SEX}$

Moreover, except for the shallow flaws, for $a/c > 1$, $K_{SEX} > K_{HEX}$. These results show that $K_{HEX}$ drops off and $K_{SEX}$ increases as the cracks grow deeper. This growth trend is believed to be due to a variation in constraint distribution with flaw depth. For the parametric ranges included in this study, $a/t$ seems to be the
the dominant parameter but $a/c$ is also seen to be important, especially for the larger values (i.e., $a/c \geq 2.0$). For this reason, the tests are grouped according to $a/t$ values, and within each group are ordered according to increasing values of $a/c$.

ANALYTICAL COMPARISONS

In the middle of Table I, values of the SIF are estimated for each case tested using the theories of Hall and Finger, Bowie, and Hsu and Liu. (See Appendix A) These results are summarized in abbreviated normalized form in the Sub-Table at the bottom of Table I for purposes of comparison.

In Group II ($a/t = 0.5, a/c = 0.9$ to $1.5$) all of the theories substantially overestimate the SIF both at the surface and at the hole. Although the overestimates range from $10\%$ to $220\%$, they seem to average about $30\%$ above the experimental result. These same trends are observed in Group I ($a/t = 0.2, a/c = 1$ to $1.5$) at the surface and in Group III ($a/t = 0.75, a/c = 2.0$) at the hole. However, for Group I at the hole, the Hall-Finger solution underestimates the SIF by about $20\%$.

As noted earlier, there are many reasons why agreement should not be expected between the several theories and experiments. The Bowie solution is two dimensional and applies to a very different geometry than the cases studied here which are found to be highly geometry dependent. The Hall-Finger approach assumes that fracture initiates at the hole boundary under a state of plane strain constraint and obtains empirical functions from experimental data only for cases where $a/c < 1.0$. The
Hsu-Liu Theory provides a highly empirical modification of the Bowie solution for obtaining the SIF both at the surface and at the hole and neglects the back surface of the plate altogether. As noted earlier, the effect of increasing \( a/t \) was to decrease \( K_H \) and to increase \( K_S \). The decrease of \( K_H \) with increase in \( a/t \) was also observed by Hall and Finger as an "unexpected result." The authors conjecture that this result may be due to the fact that, when the crack is deep, a substantial part of the load is transferred to the side of the hole opposite the crack due to the greater stiffness of this part of the plate. The remaining ligament between the crack and the back surface of the plate thus carries a reduced load and this effect is in evidence in the results shown here.

Values of \( a/c \) are low enough in tests 1, 3 and 4 that some correlation might be expected with the Hall-Finger Criterion. However, differences between that criterion and experimental results run as high as ±20%, indicating that substantial three dimensional effects may be averaged out in the Hall-Finger approach.

PROBLEM CHARACTERIZATION AND CONCLUSIONS

It is clear from the results of the Sub-Table under Table I that none of the theories studied here are (in their published form) suitable for dealing with deep flaws where \( a/c \Rightarrow 1.0 \). It is also clear that this problem is highly three dimensional and strongly geometry dependent. In order to assist the designer in converting these results into an interim design philosophy until further studies can be carried out, the following suggestions are made:

In Reference [1], the crack growth occurring in this type of problem through the thickness is estimated from the SIF for a quarter circular flaw emanating from the corner of a quarter infinite plate. It is clear from the value of \( K_{HEX}/\sigma c^{1/2} \) from the tests in Group I that such a solution should be corrected to account for the stress raiser effect.
due to the hole and that this correction should be of the order of 2.0 to 2.5. Although difficult to justify on purely analytical grounds, the correction obtained from the Bowie solution as c=0 by Hsu and Liu appears to be somewhat conservative but not unsuitable here. For Groups II and III, failure to correct for the presence of the hole is apparently more than offset by the load transfer mechanism mentioned earlier. A 20% or so decrease in the value of C in the Hall-Finger criterion would yield fairly accurate $K_I$ estimates for $K_H$.

Once the crack has grown through the plate thickness, it forms a Bowie Crack for which $K_I$ (or $K_S$) is accurately predicted by the Bowie Theory. In fact, the use of the Bowie Theory to predict $K_S$ before the crack breaks through to the far side of the plate could be used (if $K_B$ is decreased by about 40%) for Groups I and II. For Group III, the Hsu-Liu Correction would again be necessary.

The problem studied here is a complex, three dimensional problem and the present study can only be expected to identify trends and point the way for future research. The trends and conclusions from the present study may be summarized as follows:

1) Extension of a crack emanating from a corner of intersection of a hole with a plate under monotonically increasing load is not self-similar. (In this work, most of the growth was through the thickness*) As the flaw depth increases $K_H$ decreases and $K_S$ increases.

2) Existing theories and design criteria significantly overestimate the SIF at both the hole and the surface except for shallow flaws at the hole and deep flaws at the surface.

3) As an interim design criterion for $K_S$, the Bowie Theory with a coefficient of about 2/3 yields results to within 10% for Groups I and II, *Test results on fatigue crack growth at U. S. Air Force Materials Laboratory show that, in some cases, significant growth may occur in the plate surface.
and, for Group III, a coefficient of unity is recommended.

For $K_H$ estimates, a Hall-Finger approach with adjusted coefficients and relationships is suggested.

The authors are planning to extend the current study to other crack geometries with and without hole fasteners in the near future.

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APPENDIX A - Related Theoretical Solutions

Two approximate theories have been proposed for the problem described in the foregoing and the two dimensional theory of Bowie was also used. These theories will be briefly described here and their limitations noted.

I. The Bowie Solution [3] -- Bowie utilized conformal mapping in order to obtain a solution to the two dimensional problem of a through crack emanating from a hole under remote extension. The mapping function was constructed by considering separately the transformation between two upper half planes which carries the real axis of one into the real axis interrupted by branch cuts of finite length of the other, and the transformation which maps each of these half planes into circles and their exteriors. The mapping function used was the product transformation and it was approximated by a polynomial. The resulting SIF for a single crack normal to a field of remote uniaxial tension may be expressed as

\[ K_I = \bar{\sigma} \sqrt{\pi L} F\left(\frac{L}{r}\right) \]  

(A-1)

where

- \(\bar{\sigma}\) is the remote tension normal to the crack
- L is the crack length
- r is the hole radius
- \(F\left(\frac{L}{r}\right)\) is numerically evaluated.

II. Hall and Finger [2] -- These investigators prepared a series of test specimens in accordance with Table A-1. Notches were inserted using an EDM and specimens were fatigued to start the cracks. Residual
static strength tests were then conducted. Hall and Finger then postulated that catastrophic fracture would originate at the intersection of the flaw border with the hole and that this region would be under a plane strain type of constraint. On this basis they proposed, as a fracture criterion:

\[ \sqrt{\alpha} f(a,c,r,t) = K_{IC} \]  

(A-2)

Then, on the basis of parametric crossplots they refined Equation (A-2) into the form:

\[ C \sqrt{\alpha} F(Y_0^\alpha) \cdot G(\theta_0) \cdot H(\theta_0) = K_{IC} \]  

(A-3)

where \( C=1.1 \), \( H(\theta_0) = 2\sqrt{\pi/\theta_0} \), and \( F \) and \( G \) were obtained graphically from the test data. They obtained agreement with test data to within 10%. Two points however, should be noted:

1. Since \( C, F, G \) and \( H \) were obtained from the test data, Eq. A-3 is necessarily limited to the range of test data which includes no \( a/c > 1.0 \).

2. While the assumption that plane strain constraint exists at the point where the flaw intersects the boundary is certainly the safe, logical assumption to make for a design criterion, and seems to yield reasonable results in their work, the complex variation in \( K_I \) and the constraint along the flaw boundary is masked by this assumption so that one would not be surprised to see deviations from this criterion for other geometries. Nevertheless, this study should be useful in establishing trends due to variations in test geometry.

III. Hsu and Liu [5] -- These investigators modified the elliptic flaw solution to the form:

\[ K_I = \sqrt{\pi \beta} \cdot B \cdot \frac{M_1}{\phi} \]  

(A-4)
\[ M_1' = M_1 \left( \left( \frac{b_2}{b_1} \right)^2 \sin^2 \beta + \cos^2 \beta \right)^{1/4} \]

where \( M_1 \) is a front surface correction factor and \( \beta \) is measured from the minor axis to a point on the flaw border.

\[ \phi = \int_0^{\pi/2} \left\{ 1 - \left( \frac{b_2^2 - b_1^2}{b_1^2} \right)^2 \sin^2 \beta \right\}^{1/2} d\beta \]

\( B = \) factor which corrects crack solution for the presence of the hole. It consists of \( F(L/r) \) in \( I \).

\( b_1 = \) semi-major axis of ellipse

\( b = \) semi-minor axis of ellipse

Unfortunately, no attempt was made to account for the influence of the back surface of the plate upon the stress intensity factors. Moreover, the analytical basis for the \( B \) factor is two dimensional and its variation along the flaw border is quite arbitrary and empirical.
**TABLE A-1**

TEST PROGRAM FOR FLAWS ORIGINATING AT HOLES

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*From Reference [2]
Figure 1 - Problem Geometry and Stress Notation
Figure 2 - Test Setup

L \approx 3W
W \gg 3(2r+c)
Figure 3 - Slice Locations
Figure 4. Typical Fringe Patterns
(Dark Field, 15X)
Figure 5 - Typical Data and Results
TABLE I -- DATA AND RESULTS

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