# Strength surface of various phase field models

See Lorenzis IJF paper

Basic assumptions: use AT-1,  $d_c = 0$ , homogenous damage field ( $\Delta d = 0$ )

## Standard phase field

Energy density

$$W(\varepsilon, d) = \varphi(\varepsilon, d) + G_c \gamma(d, \nabla d)$$

Stress and energy release rate

$$\sigma(\varepsilon,d) = \frac{\partial W}{\partial \varepsilon} = \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial \varepsilon},$$

$$G(\varepsilon, d) = -\frac{\partial W}{\partial d} = -\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial d} - G_c \gamma'(d).$$

Impose the damage criterion  $G \ge 0$ 

$$-\frac{\partial \varphi(\varepsilon, d)}{\partial d} \ge G_c \gamma'(d, \nabla d)$$

Consider 1D case, right  $\varphi$  in terms of  $\varepsilon$  and  $\sigma$ :

$$\varphi(\varepsilon,d) = \frac{1}{2}\sigma\varepsilon = \frac{1}{2}g(d)E\varepsilon^2 = g(d)\varphi_0(\varepsilon),$$

$$\varphi^*(\sigma, d) = \frac{1}{2}\sigma\varepsilon = \frac{1}{2}\frac{\sigma^2}{q(d)E} = \frac{\varphi_0^*(\sigma)}{q(d)}.$$

Actually, In Laura's paper,  $\varphi^*(\sigma)$  is defined as the **complementary** elastic energy

$$\varphi^*(\sigma, d) := \sup_{\varepsilon \in Sum} \sigma \cdot \varepsilon - \varphi(\varepsilon, d)$$

In general, we have:

$$\varphi(\varepsilon, d) = g(d)\varphi_0(\varepsilon),$$

$$\varphi^*(\sigma, d) = \frac{\varphi_0^*(\sigma)}{g(d)},$$

where

$$\varphi_0(\varepsilon) = \kappa \operatorname{tr}(\varepsilon)^2 / 2 + \mu ||\varepsilon_{dev}||^2,$$

$$\varphi_0^*(\sigma) = \operatorname{tr}(\sigma)^2 / 2n^2 \kappa + ||\sigma_{dev}||^2 / 4\mu,$$

where n is number of dim.

$$\frac{\partial \varphi^*(\sigma, d)}{\partial d} = -\frac{\partial \varphi(\varepsilon, d)}{\partial d}$$

We have damage criterion for stress

$$\frac{\partial \varphi^*(\sigma, d)}{\partial d} \ge G_c \gamma'(d, \nabla d)$$

Consider AT-1, isotropic (no split), quadratic degradation function:

$$\gamma(d) = \frac{3}{8} \left( \frac{d}{l} + l \nabla d \cdot \nabla d \right), g(d) = (1 - d)^2$$

We have

$$\frac{\partial \varphi^*(\sigma, d)}{\partial d} \ge \frac{3G_c}{8l}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{-\varphi_0^*(\sigma)g'(d)}{g^2(d)} \ge \frac{3G_c}{8l}$$

Consider g(0) = 1, g'(0) = -2,

$$\Rightarrow 2\varphi_0^*(\sigma) \ge \frac{3G_c}{8l}$$

$$\frac{\operatorname{tr}(\sigma)^2}{n^2\kappa} + \frac{||\sigma_{dev}||^2}{2\mu} - \frac{3G_c}{8l} \ge 0$$

Substitute  $\sigma_{ts} = \sqrt{\frac{3EG_c}{8l}}$ ,  $I_1 = \text{tr}(\sigma)$ ,  $J_2 = ||\sigma_{dev}||^2/2$ , n = 3,

$$\mathcal{F}(\sigma) = \frac{I_1}{9\kappa} + \frac{J_2}{\mu} - \frac{\sigma_{ts}}{E} = 0. \tag{1}$$

### Nucleation model

#### Nuc2020 and Nuc 2022

We dont have  $c_e$  in the energy density

$$W(\varepsilon, d) = \varphi(\varepsilon, d) + G_c \gamma(d, \nabla d) + f(c_e)$$

But at the driving force for d

$$\frac{\partial W}{\partial d} = g'(d)\varphi_0(\varepsilon) + G_c\gamma'(d,\nabla d) + c_e$$

We can write  $c_e = g(d)\hat{c_e}$ , and

$$f(c_e) = \int_0^1 c_e dd = \hat{c_e} \int_0^1 g(d) dd$$

Now we can come back to the damage criteria

$$G(\varepsilon,d) = -\frac{\partial W}{\partial d} = -\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial d} - G_c \gamma'(d) - g(d)\hat{c_e} \ge 0.$$

Change to stress  $\varphi^*(\sigma, d)$ , substitute  $\gamma(d)$  and  $\varphi_0$ , consider homogenous d, and d = 0 for g(d)

$$\frac{\operatorname{tr}(\sigma)^{2}}{n^{2}\kappa} + \frac{||\sigma_{dev}||^{2}}{2\mu} - \frac{3G_{c}}{8l} - g(d)\hat{c_{e}} \ge 0,$$

which correspond to

$$\mathcal{F}(\sigma) = \frac{I_1}{9\kappa} + \frac{J_2}{\mu} - \frac{3G_c}{8l} - \hat{c_e} = 0.$$
 (2)

Note that in Aditya's 2020 and 2022 paper they just use  $\hat{c_e}$  to represent the 'degraded'  $c_e$ , here I am being consistent with 2024 paper.

#### Nuc2024

Energy density

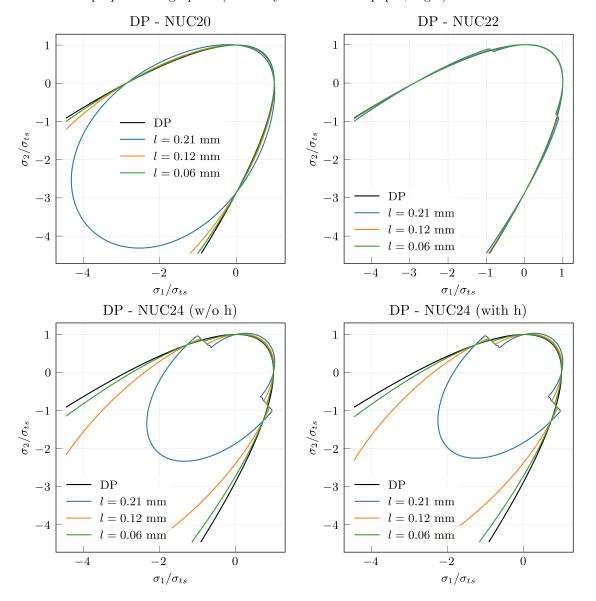
$$W(\varepsilon, d) = \varphi(\varepsilon, d) + \delta^l G_c \gamma(d, \nabla d) + \int_0^1 g(d) \hat{c_e} \, dd$$

Similarly, consider AT-1,  $g(d)=(1-d)^2, c_e=g(d)\hat{c_e}\Rightarrow c_e'(d)=g'(d)\hat{c_e}$ 

$$\mathcal{F}(\sigma) = \frac{I_1}{9\kappa} + \frac{J_2}{\mu} - \frac{3\delta G_c}{8l} - \hat{c_e} = 0.$$
(3)

## Comparison

Use material properties of graphite (see Aditya's 2020 JMPS paper, Fig 2)



Looking at l=0.12 mm, very  $h/l=\left[0.5,0.25,0.1,0.05,0.01\right]$  with h-correction,

