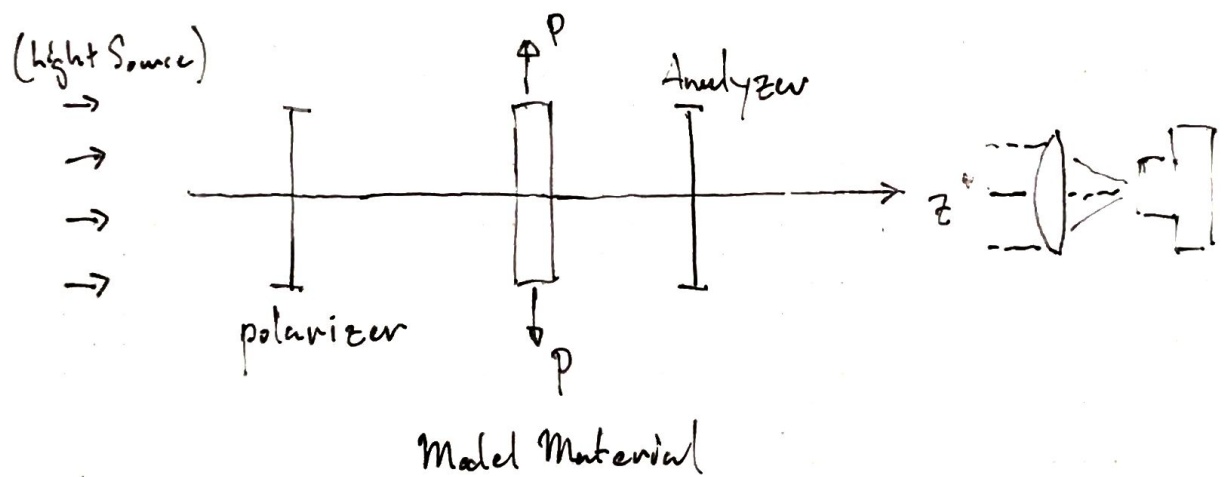


Experimental Mechanics: 9 October 2018

- Lecture #11: Photoelasticity; Fringes (Isoclinic vs. Isochromatic)
  - Photoelastic Materials
  - Analysis of Fringe Patterns
- Linear Polariscopes



$$I = K \underbrace{\sin^2\left(\frac{\Delta}{2}\right)}_0 \underbrace{\sin^2(2\alpha)}_0 = 0$$

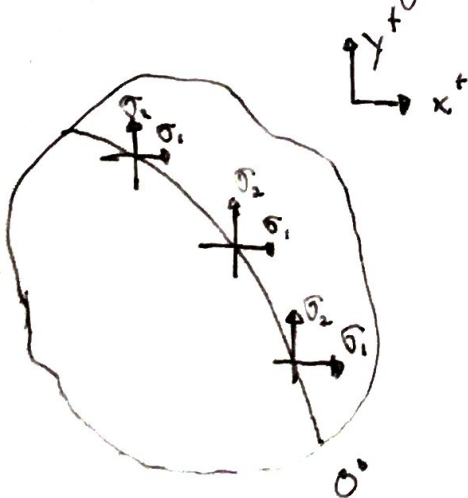
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- if  $\sin^2 2\alpha$ : Isoclinic; or principal stress inline w/pol.
- "  $\sin^2 \frac{\Delta}{2}$ : Isochromatic;  $\frac{\Delta}{2}$

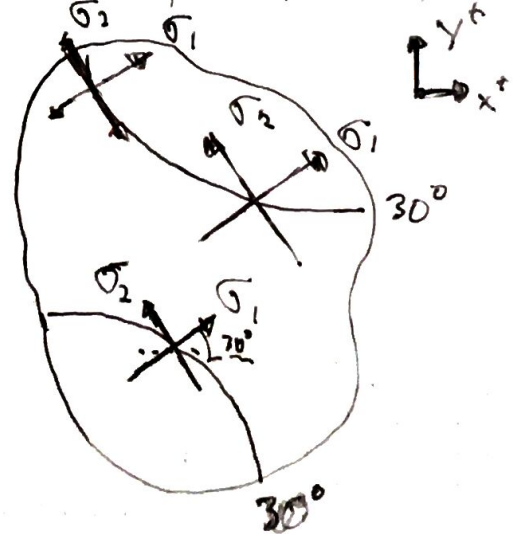
- Isoclinic:  $I = 0$  because  $\sin^2 2\alpha = 0$

$$2\alpha = n\pi, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

- Principal stress in axis of polarizer
- Isoclinic parameter: rotate polarizer to varied orientation to create a full field map of stress
- Overlay of outline of isoclinic fringe create 2D stress direction
- Isoclinics must pass through isotropic or singular point;  $\sigma_1 = \sigma_2$
- Isoclinic of atleast one parameter will have coincided with axis of symmetry.
- Stress/hatched as singular:  $\therefore$  isoclinic of all parameters



a) Polarizer set to  $0^\circ$



b) Polarizer set to  $30^\circ$

- Trichromatic:  $I > 0$  because  $\sin^2 \frac{\Delta}{2} \geq 0$

$$\Delta/2 = n\pi; n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$n = \frac{\Delta}{2\pi} = \frac{hc}{\lambda} (\sigma_1 - \sigma_2)$$

•  $n$  = fringe order

•  $\Delta$  = relative retardation ( $\propto [\sigma_1 - \sigma_2]$ )  $\frac{1}{2}$  is an integer multiple of  $\lambda$  of light

• Give lines of principal stress difference  $\sigma_1 - \sigma_2$ , we

know  $\tau_{\max} = \frac{\sigma_1 - \sigma_2}{2}$  by Mohr's circle

Quarter Wave Plates before  $\frac{1}{2}$  after model mounted @  $\pm 45^\circ$

isoclinics will be removed

• Ultimately, want to know  $n^{\text{th}}$  order of fringe order

• Might be done by tracking boundary lines

• Through movement of line under loading.

• With white light,  $0^{\text{th}}$  order is black with successive are  $\lambda$

• Isotropic ( $\sigma_1 = \sigma_2$ ) will always be black

- Sample Pieces has been "model material", as few materials are isotropic and stress induced birefringence.
- Still, can be loaded to see a full field stress distribution by applying stressed geometries.

Generally a polycarbonate:

+ Homolite WC  
+ Polycarbonate

} Older Creep

+ Epoxy Resin  
+ Urethane Rubber

} Older Materials