



# Peeling of heterogeneous adhesives

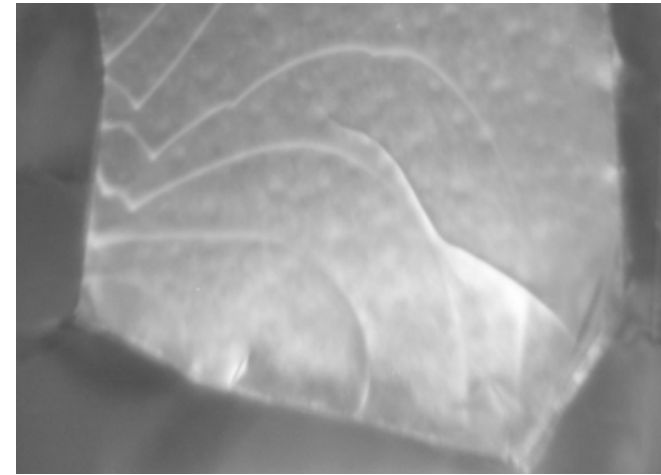
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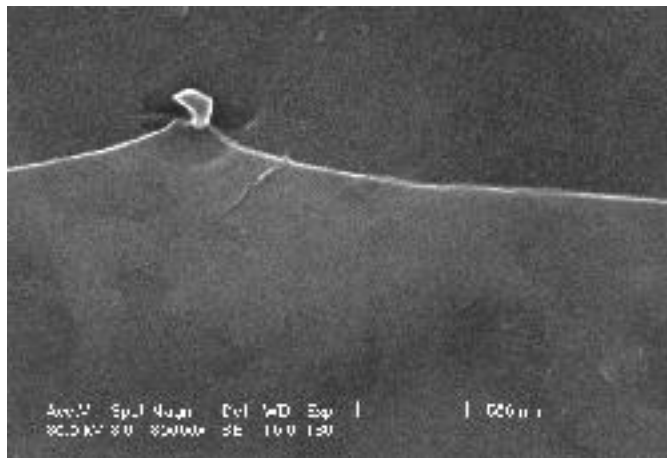
# Phenomena



Fracture (Tate)



Dislocations (Arzt)



Phase boundary (Moelans)



Adhesive film

# Theoretical Setting

- Free boundary coupled to a pde/ free discontinuity

$$v_n = F^\varepsilon(x) + c\kappa + N_u$$

- `Gradient flow`

$$\int_{\Gamma} v_n \xi dA = -\delta_{\Gamma} \mathcal{E}, \quad \mathcal{E} = \mathcal{E}^\varepsilon(u, \Gamma)$$

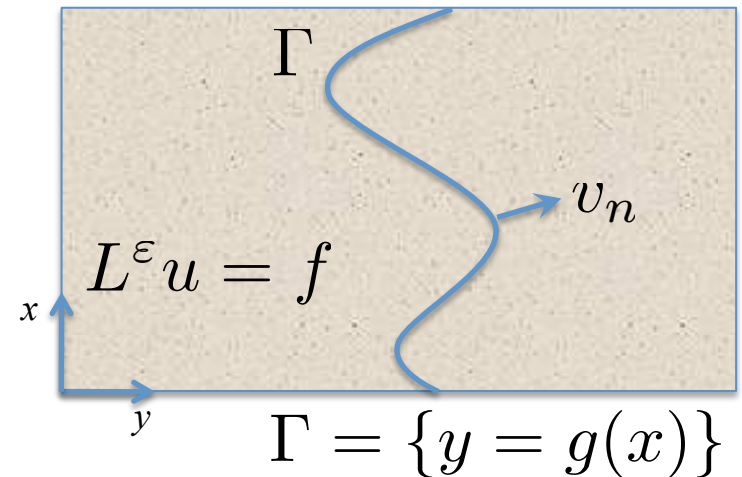
- Shallow interface

$$g_t = \eta(x, g) + c\Delta g + \mathbb{A}g$$

- Large literature in random setting

- Roughness, Pinning-depinning
- Macroscopic behavior

$$g_t = (F - F^*)^\beta$$



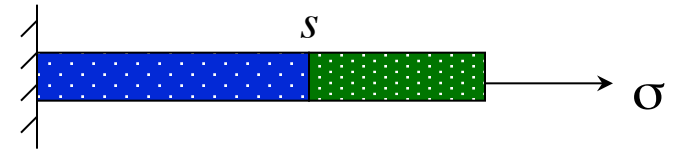
My motivation:

- Microstructure and  $F^*$ 
  - Not only random
  - Possibly high contrast

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# Example in one dimension

$$\frac{ds}{dt} = \sigma - \sigma^*(s)$$



Formally,

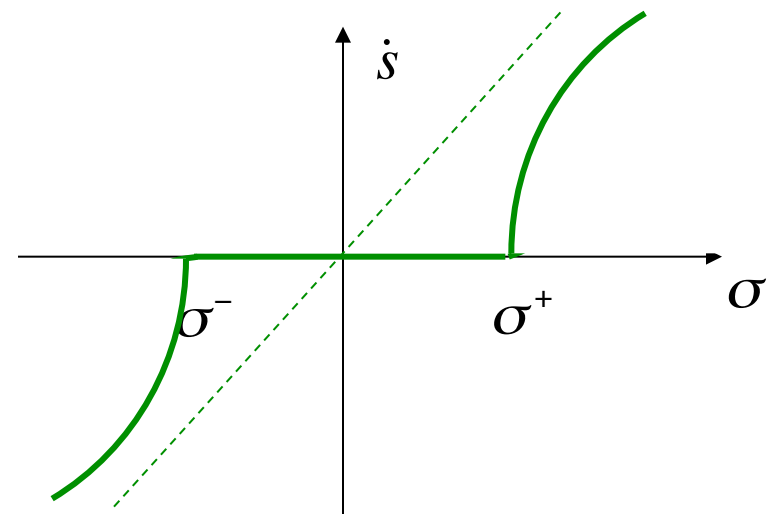
$$\int_0^L \frac{ds}{\sigma - \sigma^*(s)} ds = T, \quad \bar{v} = \frac{L}{T} = L \left( \int_0^L \frac{ds}{\sigma - \sigma^*(s)} ds \right)^{-1}$$

But, boundary may get stuck.

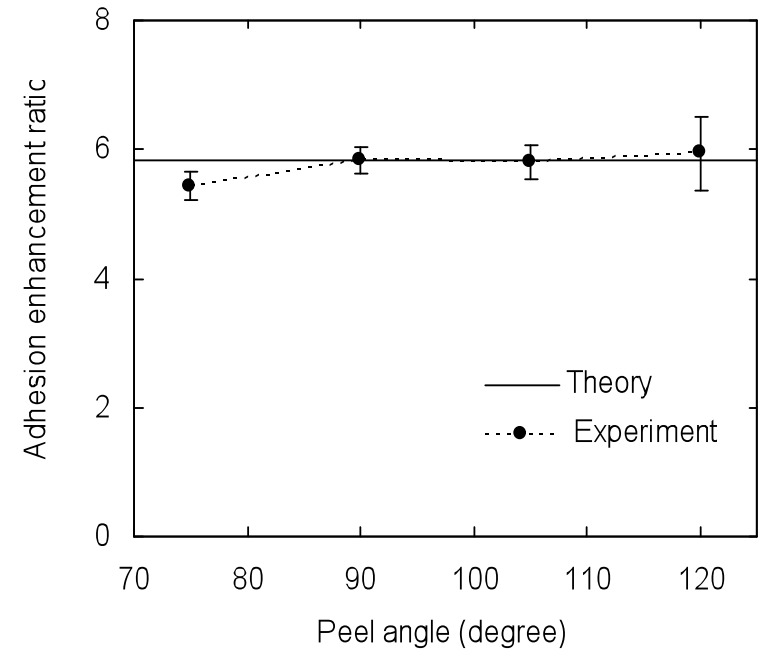
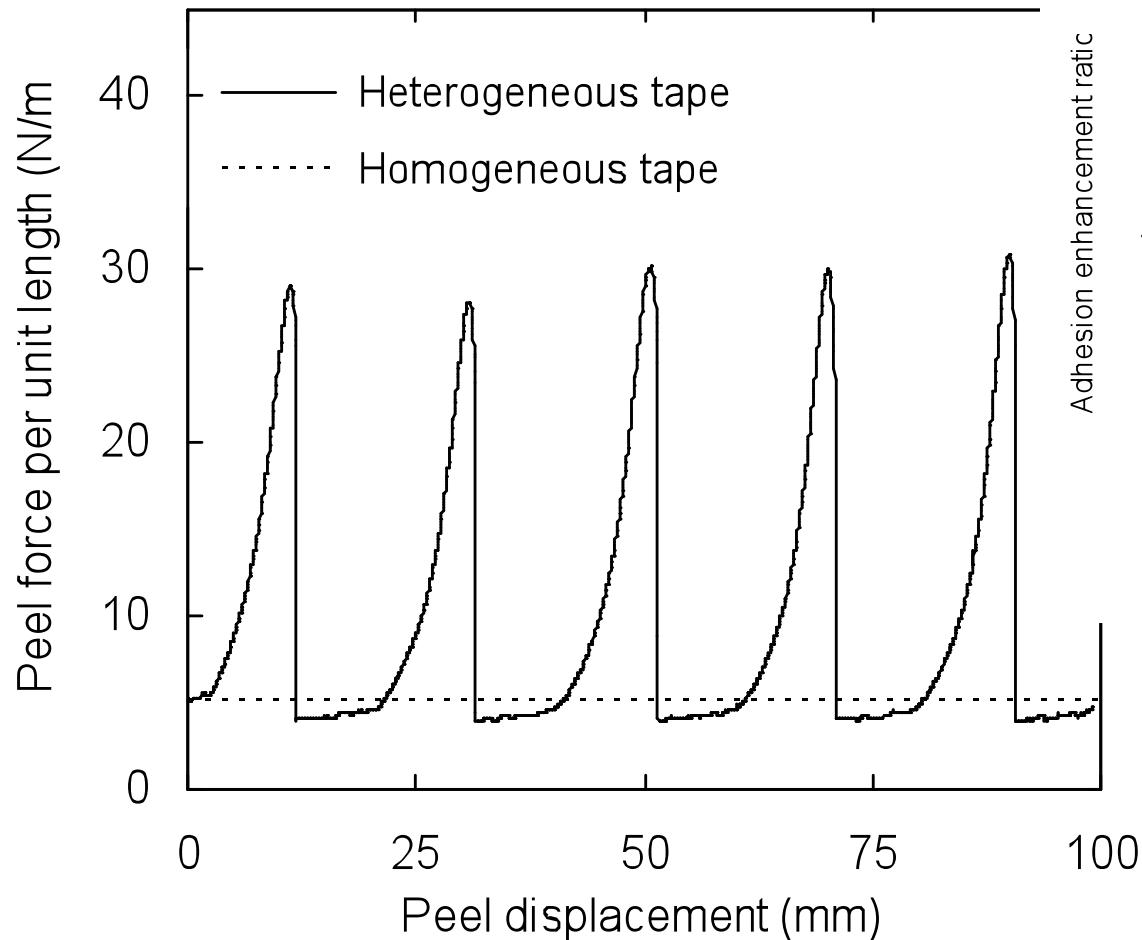
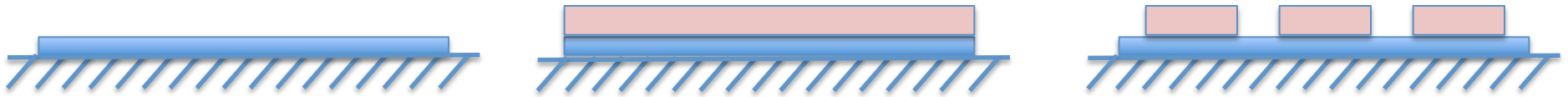
$$\bar{v} = \begin{cases} 0 & \sigma^- \leq \sigma \leq \sigma^+ \\ \bar{v}(\sigma) & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

Asymptotically near critical forces,

$$\bar{v} = (\sigma - \sigma^+)^{1/2}$$



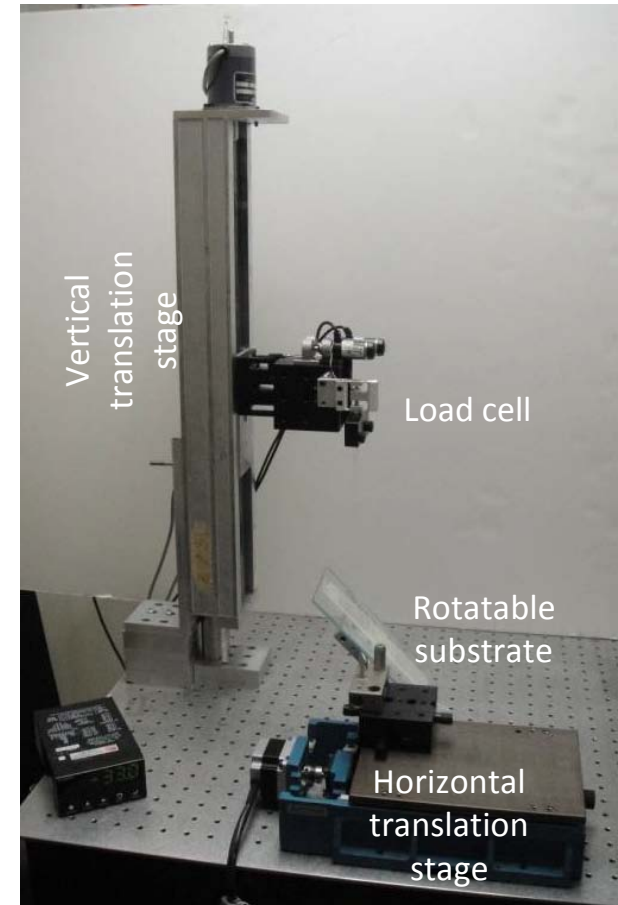
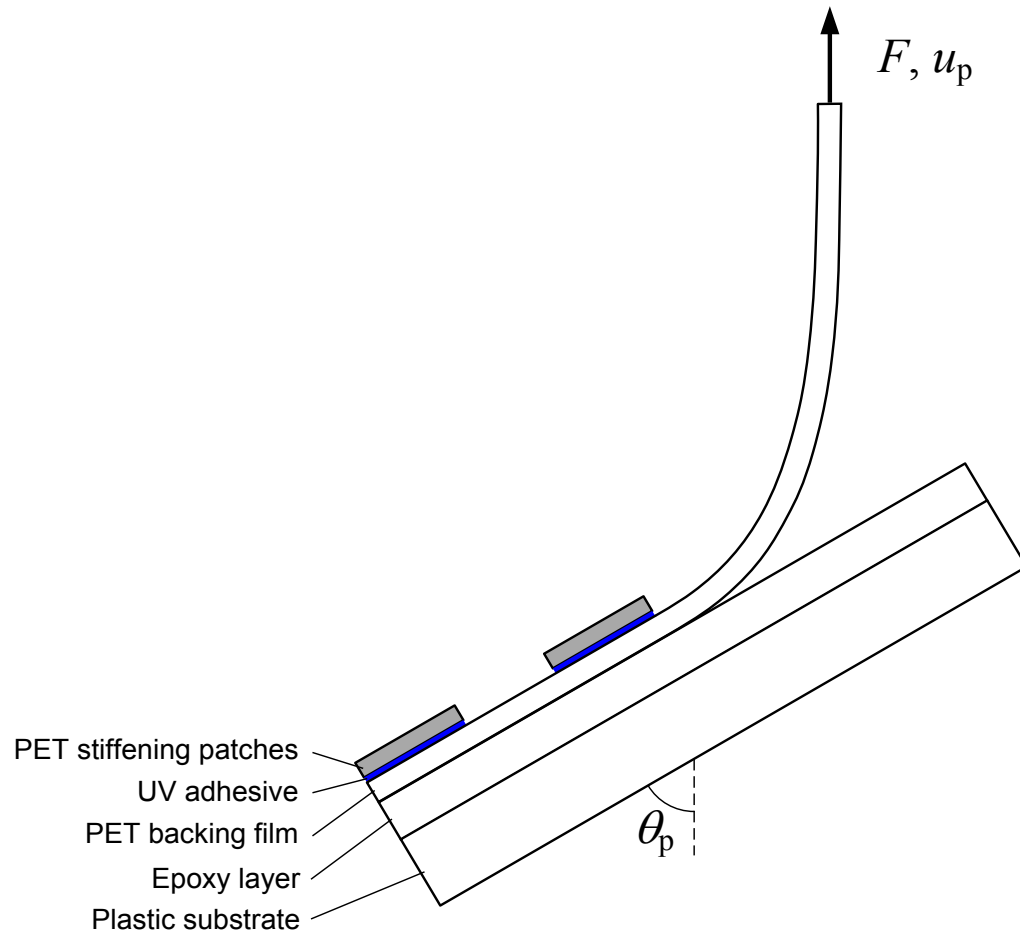
# Stiffness heterogeneity



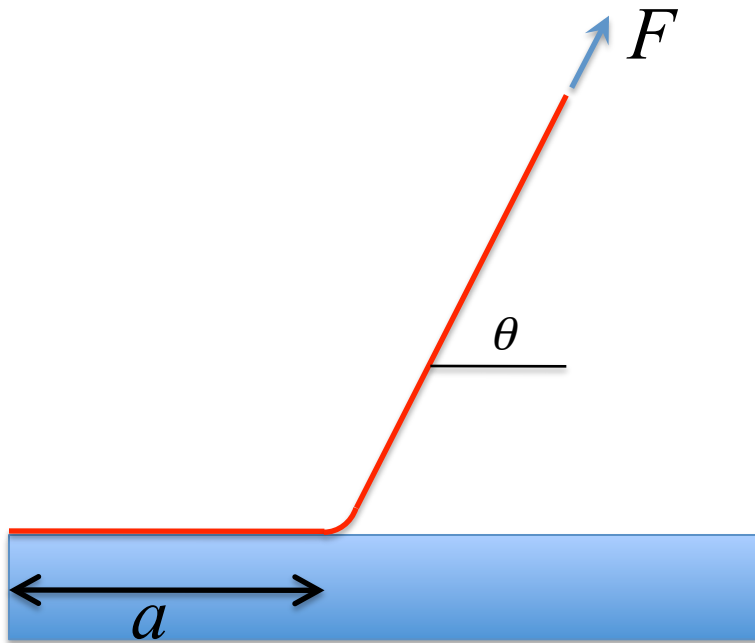
$$\frac{F_{het}}{F_{hom}} \approx 5.8$$

(independent of peel angle)

# Experimental set up



# Peeling



Rivlin (1944):

$$Fv = G\dot{a}$$

$$F = \frac{G}{1 - \cos \theta}$$

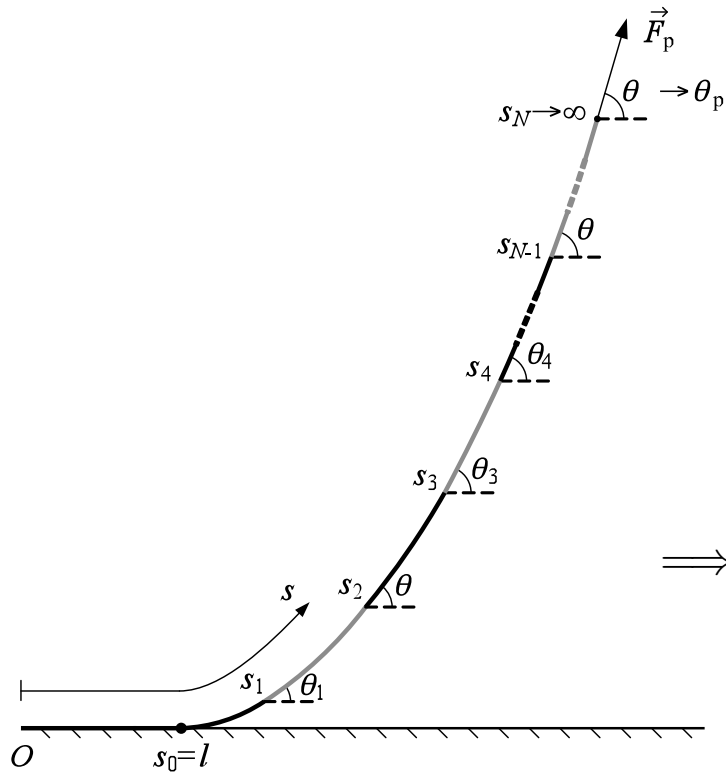
# Stiffness heterogeneity

$$\mathcal{E} = \int_l^{s_N} \frac{1}{2} D(s) (\theta'(s))^2 ds - F \cdot u - \int_0^l G ds$$

Propagation criteria:

$$(D\theta')' - F \sin(\theta - \theta_p) = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{2} D\theta'^2 \Big|_{l+} - G = 0$$



$\Rightarrow$

$$F = \frac{D_1 G}{\sum_{i=1}^N D_i (\cos(\theta_i - \theta_p) - \cos(\theta_{i-1} - \theta_p))}$$

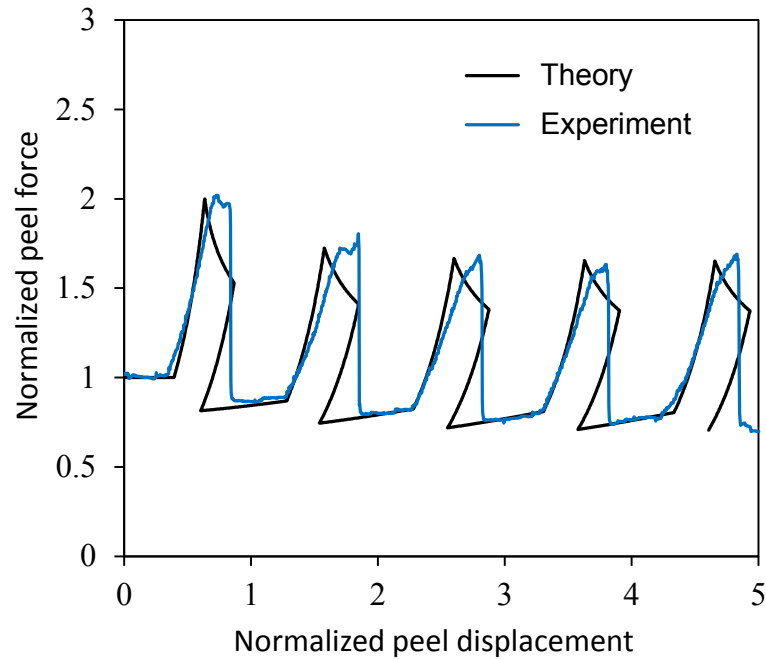
$$\int_{\theta_{k-1}}^{\theta_k} \left( D_1 G - F \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} D_i f(\theta_i, \theta_{i-1}) + D_k f(\theta, \theta_{k-1}) \right\} \right)^{-1/2} d\theta = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{D_k} (s_k - s_{k-1})$$

Uniform:  $F = \frac{G}{1 - \cos \theta}$

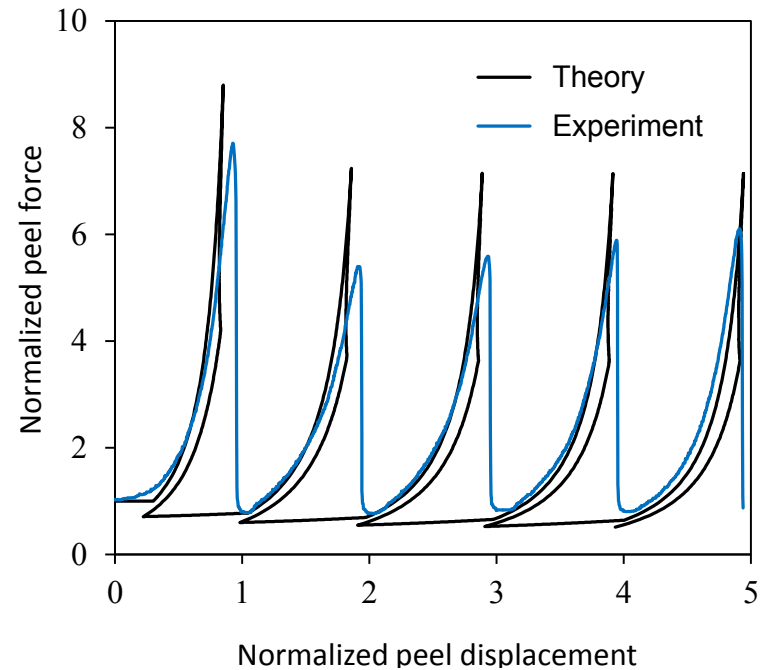
Interesting length-scale:  $\lambda = \sqrt{\frac{D}{2G}}$



# Stiffness heterogeneity



$$D_s/D_c = 2$$



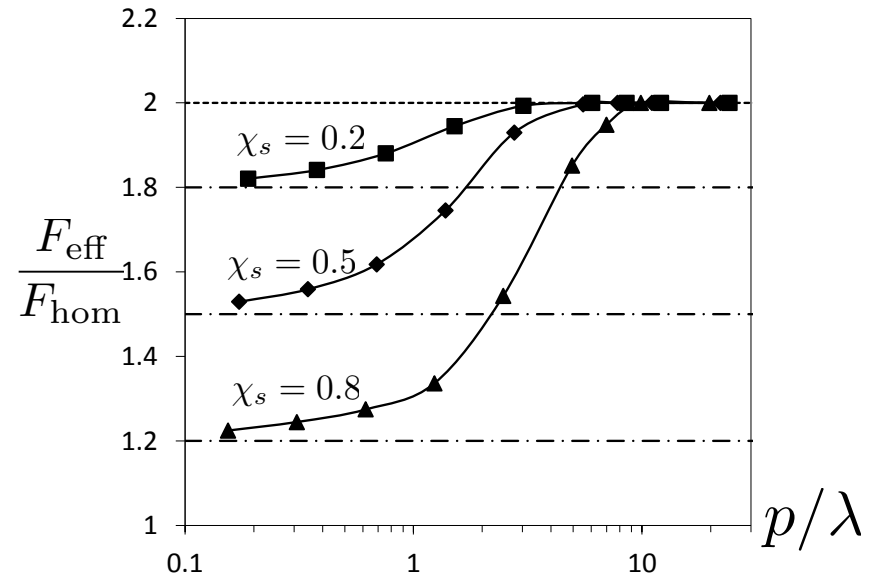
$$D_s/D_c = 8.8$$

# Stiffness heterogeneity

Two-segment strip:

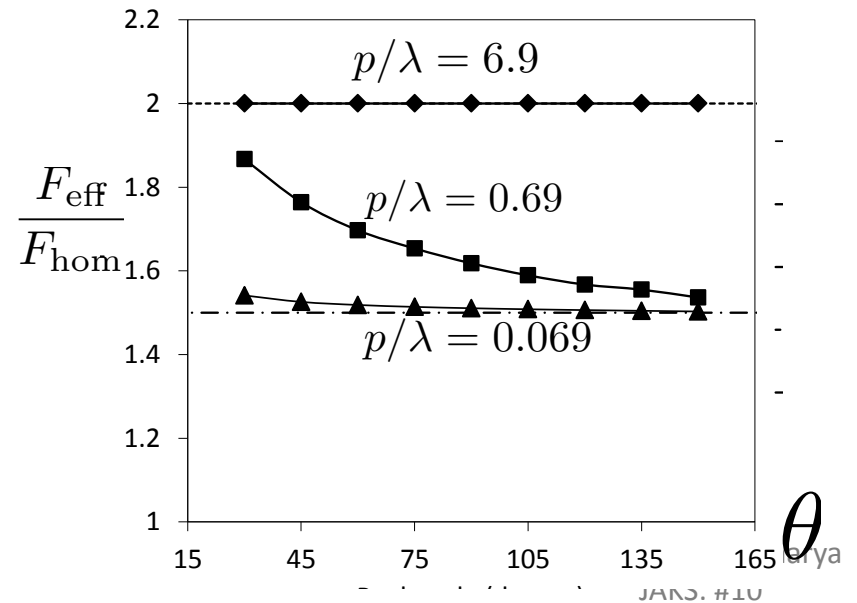
$$F = \frac{GD_1}{D_2 + (D_2 - D_1) \cos(\theta_1 - \theta_p) - \cos(\theta_p)}$$

$$\implies F_{\text{eff}} = \frac{D_s}{D_c} F_{\text{hom}}$$

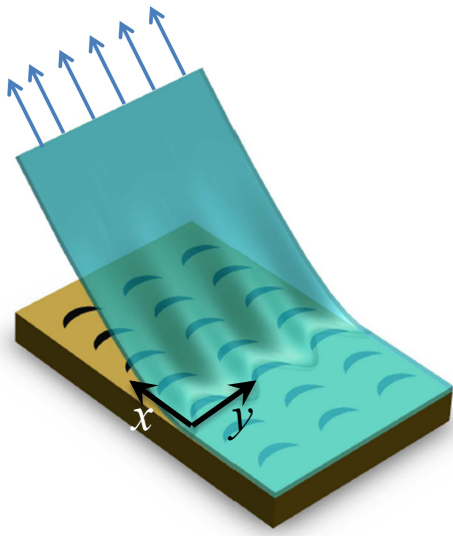


Periodic strip:

$$F_{\text{eff}} = \begin{cases} \frac{D_s}{D_e} F_{\text{hom}} & p \ll \lambda \\ \frac{D_s}{D_c} F_{\text{hom}} & p \gg \lambda \end{cases}$$



# Adhesive heterogeneity



$$\mathcal{E} = \frac{D}{2} \int_{\Omega_p} (\kappa_x^2 + \kappa_y^2 + 2\nu\kappa_x\kappa_y + (1 - \nu)\kappa_{xy}^2) dA - \int_{\Omega_b} G(x, y) dx dy - \lambda F_p \cdot u_p$$

Assume interface is almost straight;  
Linearize about singly-bent film

$$D\nabla^4 w - F_p \cos(\theta_x^0 - \theta_p) \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} + F_p \kappa_x^0 \sin(\theta_x^0 - \theta_p) \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} = 0$$

$$w|_{x=0} = 0, \quad \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \Big|_{x=0} = -\kappa_x^0 f, \quad \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \Big|_{x=\infty} = 0, \quad \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} \Big|_{x=\infty} = 0,$$

$$D\kappa_x^0 \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} (0, y) + \frac{F_p}{1 - \cos \theta} - G(f(y), y) = f_t(y)$$

$\Delta f$

$G_\infty$

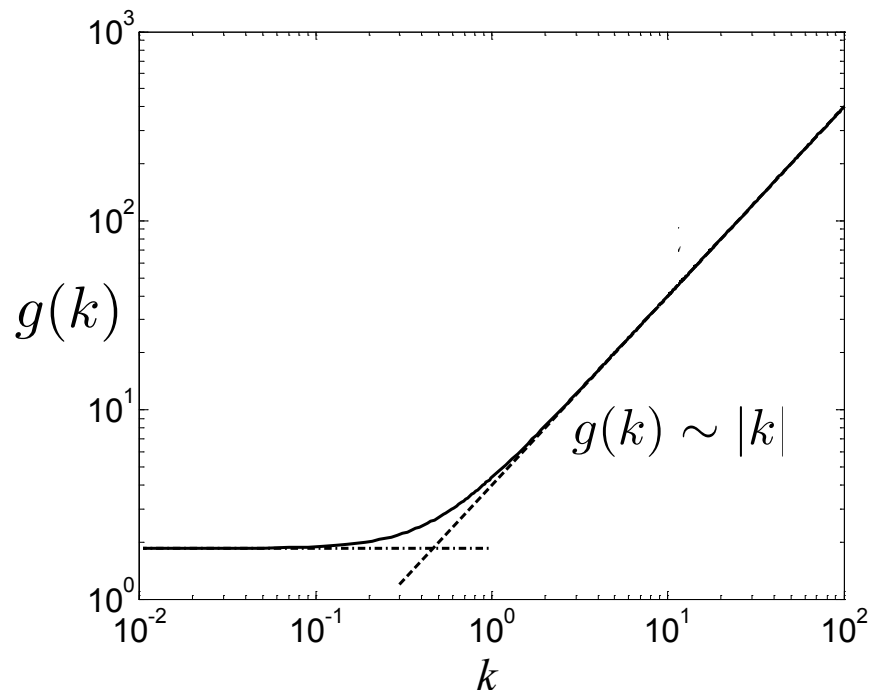
# Peel-front evolution

- **Evolution**  $f_t = \mathbb{A}f + G_\infty - G(f, y)$

$$\hat{f}_t(k) = -g(k)\hat{f}(k) + G_\infty - \widehat{G(f, y)}(k)$$

- **Bending**  $(\hat{W}_{,XXXX} - 2k^2\hat{W}_{,XX} + k^4\hat{W}) - \cos(\theta_X^0 - \theta_p)\hat{W}_{,XX} + K_X^0 \sin(\theta_X^0 - \theta_p)\hat{W}_{,X} = 0$

$$k \gg 1, \xi = kX, \quad W_{,\xi\xi\xi\xi} - 2W_{,\xi\xi} + W = 0 \implies W = A\xi e^{-\xi} \implies g(k) = |k|$$



# Overall evolution

- Local evolution  $\hat{f}_t(k) = -|k|\hat{f}(k) + G_\infty - \widehat{G(f, y)}(k)$

- Periodic setting

Theorem

There exist  $G^*$  such that there exist stationary solution for  $G_\infty \leq G^*$ .

There exist pulsating solutions for  $G_\infty > G^*$ . In fact, for each  $G_\infty > G^*$  there exists an unique  $T$  such that  $f(y, t) = f(y, t+T) - 1$ .

For  $G_\infty$  near  $G^*$ ,  $v \sim (G_\infty - G^*)^{1/2}$

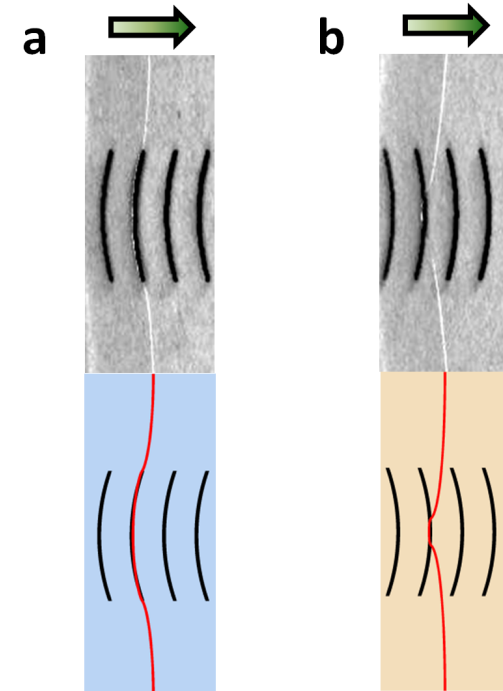
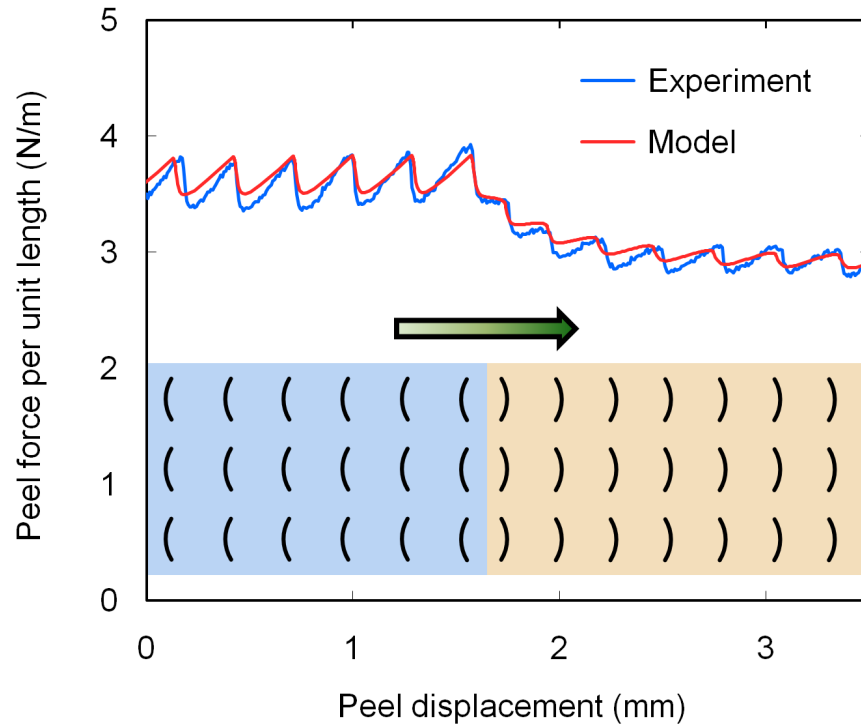


$f(y, t)$     $f(y, t + T)$

- Overall adhesive strength

$G^*(n)$  – Potentially anisotropic!

# Asymmetric adhesive strength



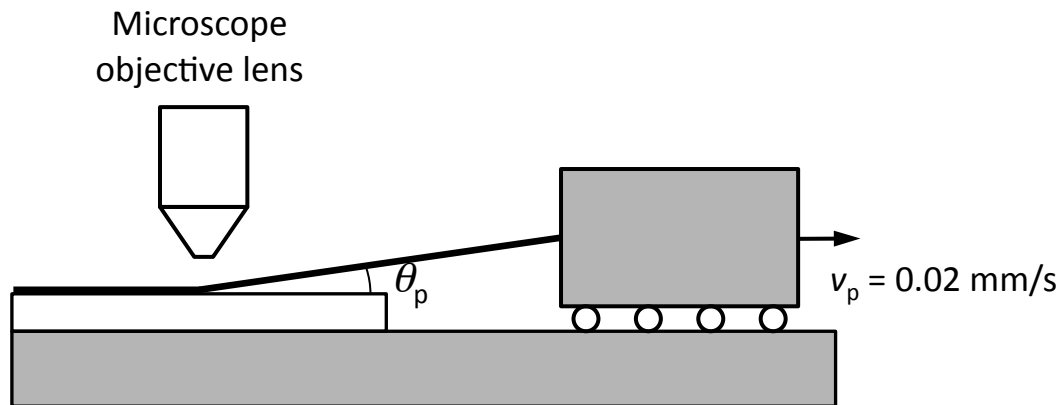
# Small peel angle

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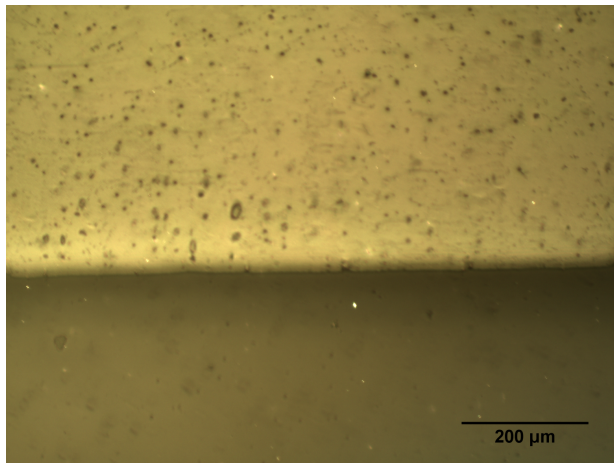
$$F = \frac{G}{1 - \cos \theta} \rightarrow \infty \text{ as } \theta \rightarrow 0$$

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- Elastic stretching of the tape becomes important; However, corrections for elasticity due to Kendall still predicts this singular behavior

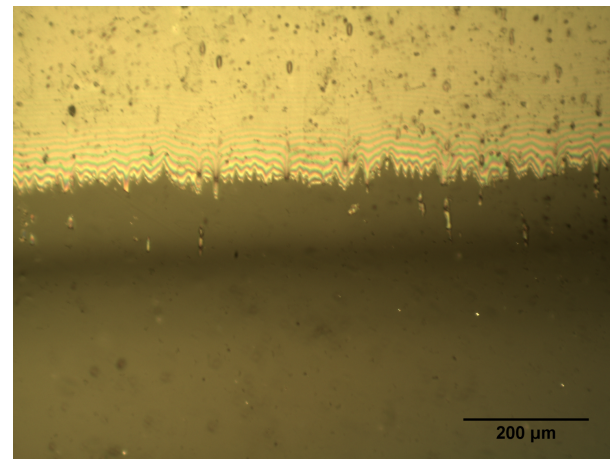
# Shallow angle peeling



Rough peel front at small angles



$$\theta_p = 11.5^\circ$$



$$\theta_p = 4.5^\circ$$



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- Peel front becomes rough
- Model the tape as Föppl-von Kármán plate and study linear stability of the peel front ... stable!
- Observed roughness seems to be related to a shear instability in the adhesive layer



# A few comments on fracture

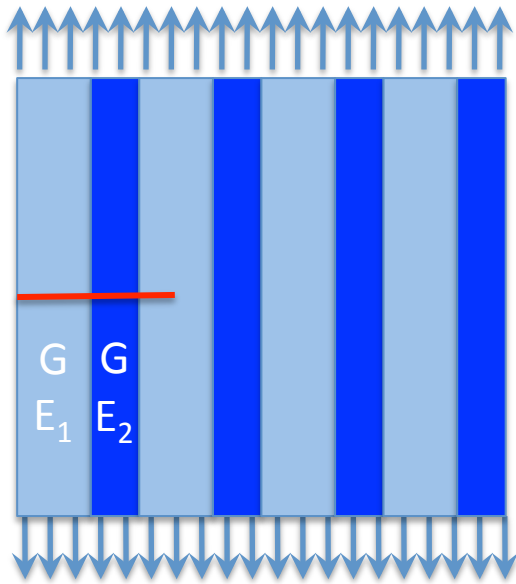
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# Layered media

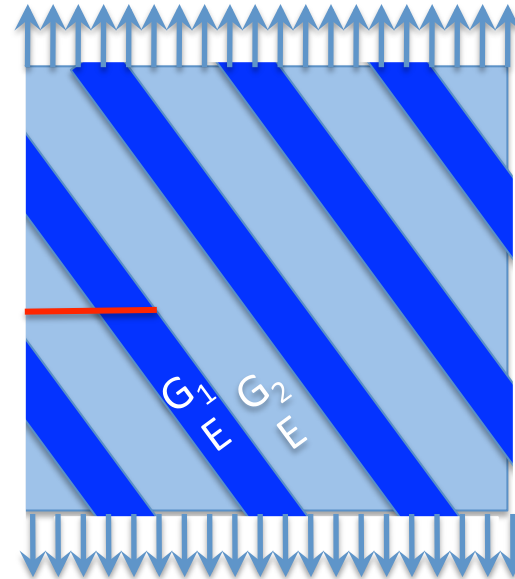
Example 1



Uniform toughness, different modulus

$$G_{\text{eff}} \begin{cases} = G & p \ll \sqrt{G/E} \\ > G & p \gg \sqrt{G/E} \end{cases}$$

Example 2



Different toughness, uniform modulus:  
Where will the crack go?

$$K_{\text{II}} = 0$$

$$\max J$$

$$\max(J - G)$$

# Variational Approach to Fracture

- Recast Griffith as criticality of a total energy

$$-\frac{\partial E_b}{\partial l} = G_c \leftrightarrow \text{criticality of } E_b(l) + G_c l$$

- Reformulate Griffith in terms of minimization of a total energy with respect to any compatible displacement field and any crack set (Francfort and Marigo, 1993)

$$\min_{u, \Gamma} E(u, \Gamma) := E_b(u, \Gamma) + G_c \mathcal{H}^{N-1}(\Gamma)$$

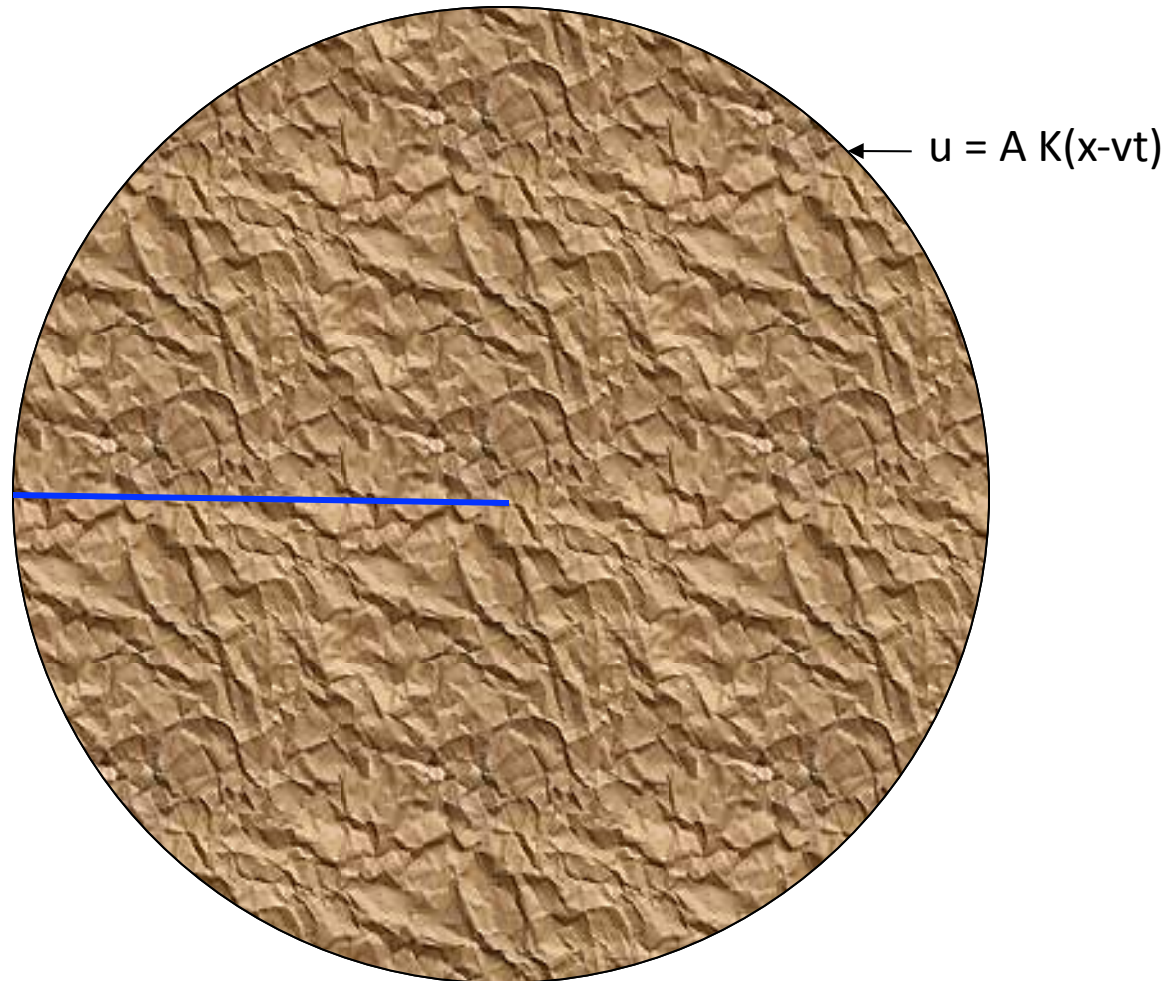
- Phase field approach

$$\mathcal{F}_\varepsilon(u, v) = \int_\Omega v^2 W(e(u), \theta) dx + G_c \int_\Omega \frac{(1-v)^2}{4\varepsilon} + \varepsilon |\nabla v|^2 dx.$$

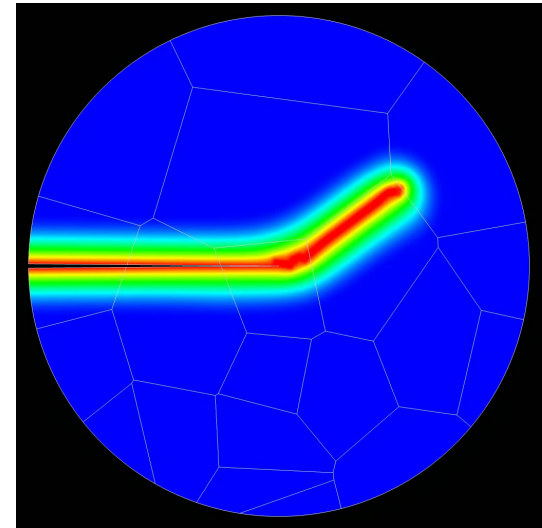
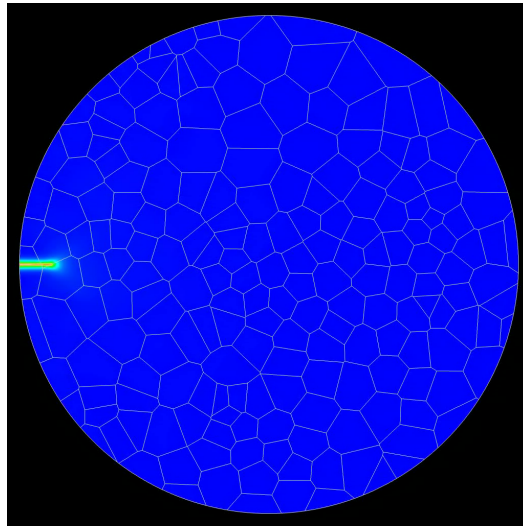
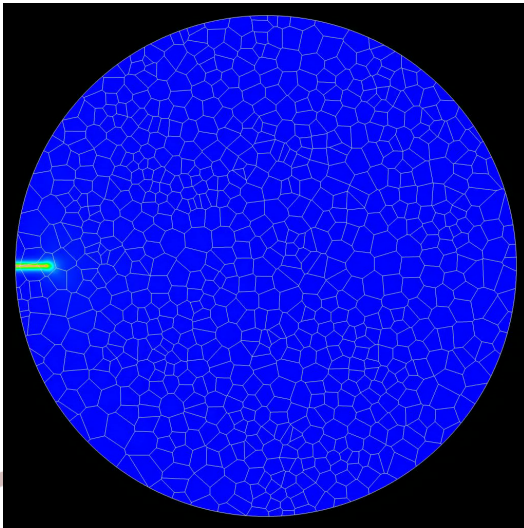
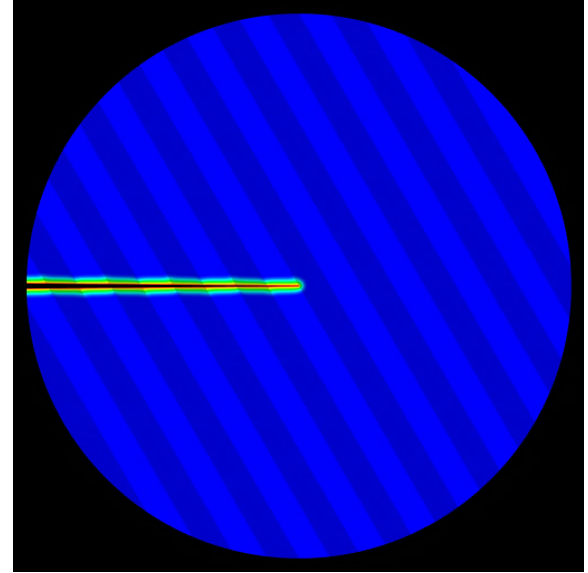
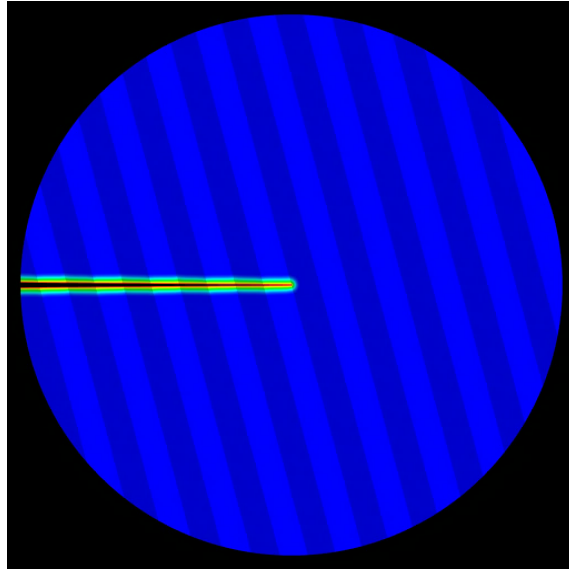
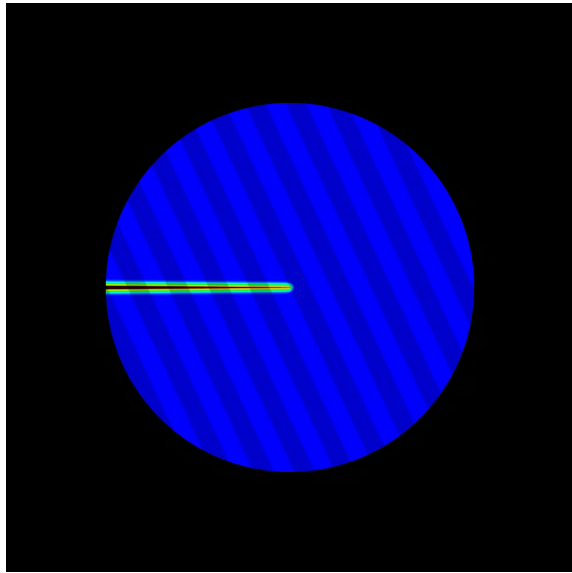
$\mathcal{F}_\varepsilon$  (and its FE approximation)  $\Gamma$ -converges to  $\mathcal{E}$

As  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ , the minimizers of  $\mathcal{F}_\varepsilon$  converge to that of  $\mathcal{E}$

# Surfing boundary conditions



# A few movies



# Concluding remarks

- Heterogeneities can give rise to significant enhancement, asymmetry and anisotropy in adhesive strength
- Current work:
  - Optimization
  - Free discontinuity problems
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