

Dynamic Interface Crack Propagating Along a Line Between Two Holes

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The effects of the interface and two holes located near the crack path in the hybrid specimen on the dynamic crack propagation behavior have been investigated using dynamic photoelasticity with the aid of Cranz-Shardin type high speed camera system. The dynamic stress field around the dynamically propagating interface crack tip in the three point bending specimens under a dynamic load applied by a hammer dropped from 0.6 m high without initial velocity are recorded. The complex stress intensity factors for the dynamically propagating interface crack are extracted by using a overdeterministic least square method. Theoretical dynamic interface isochromatic fringe loops generated by using the numerically determined complex stress intensity factors are compared with the experimental results. Furthermore, the influence of the hole to the dynamic interface crack velocities has been investigated experimentally.

Key Words : Dynamic Interface Crack, Rayleigh Wave, Dynamic Crack Propagating Velocity, Dynamic Isochromatic Fringe Loops, Dynamic Stress Intensity Factor, Two Holes

1. Introduction

During the last few decades many interesting problems pertaining to dynamic crack propagation and arrest phenomena have been investigated by many researchers throughout the world (Dally 1979, Durelli & Dally 1975, Freund 1976, Kobayashi 1978, Lee & Hong 1996, Lee et al. 1996, Lee & Kim 1999, Singh & Shukla 1996a, b). In recent years, there has been considerable interest in the study of dynamic bimaterial interface crack propagation from both theoretical, numerical and experimental viewpoints since joint structures have been widely used in aerospace, automobile, and electronic fields. (Anderson 1977, Comninou 1990, Deng 1992, Deng 1993, Rice et

al. 1965, Wang et al. 1998, Williams 1959, Xu & Needleman 1996, Yang et al. 1991). Even though the majority of these studies have been either analytical or numerical in nature, a few experimental studies on the dynamic interfacial fracture have been appeared in the Technical Journals from 1991. Rosakis group at California Institute of Technology and Shukla group at University of Rhode Island are the representatives among others.

In this study, we have attempted to experimentally investigate the effects of two holes located near the dynamically propagating interface crack path on the crack propagation behavior using the dynamic photoelasticity. The initial failure was obtained by subjecting the bimaterial three point bend specimen to mode I impact loading. The dynamic isochromatic fringe patterns surrounding a crack tip propagating along a bimaterial interface are photographed and characterized. The primary relevant fracture parameters such as the complex stress intensity factors, K_1 and K_2 , for the stress field surrounding the dynamic interface crack tip are extracted by using a hybrid experi-

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mental-theoretical technique.

2. Theoretical

2.1 Stress field and dynamic stress intensity factors at the dynamic interface crack tip

The stress field shown in Fig. 1 at the dynamic interface crack tip developed by Deng (Deng 1993) are rearranged to fit the photoelastic analysis conducted in this study as below in polar coordinate system.

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{xx}(r, \theta) = & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} [K_1 \cos(\epsilon \ln r) - K_2 \sin(\epsilon \ln r)] \hat{\sigma}_{xx0}^I(\theta) \\ & + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \eta [K_1 \sin(\epsilon \ln r) + K_2 \cos(\epsilon \ln r)] \hat{\sigma}_{xx0}^{II}(\theta) \\ & + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} K_3 \hat{\sigma}_{xx0}^{III}(\theta) + \text{Higher Order Terms} \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{yy}(r, \theta) = & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} [K_1 \cos(\epsilon \ln r) - K_2 \sin(\epsilon \ln r)] \hat{\sigma}_{yy0}^I(\theta) \\ & + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \eta [K_1 \sin(\epsilon \ln r) + K_2 \cos(\epsilon \ln r)] \hat{\sigma}_{yy0}^{II}(\theta) \\ & + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} K_3 \hat{\sigma}_{yy0}^{III}(\theta) + \text{Higher Order Terms} \quad (2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{xy}(r, \theta) = & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} [K_1 \cos(\epsilon \ln r) - K_2 \sin(\epsilon \ln r)] \hat{\sigma}_{xy0}^I(\theta) \\ & + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \eta [K_1 \sin(\epsilon \ln r) + K_2 \cos(\epsilon \ln r)] \hat{\sigma}_{xy0}^{II}(\theta) \\ & + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} K_3 \hat{\sigma}_{xy0}^{III}(\theta) + \text{Higher Order Terms} \quad (3) \end{aligned}$$

The constants and meaning of the sign appeared in Eqs. (1), (2) and (3) should be referred in a paper by Lee et al. (Lee & Kobayashi 2000, Lee &

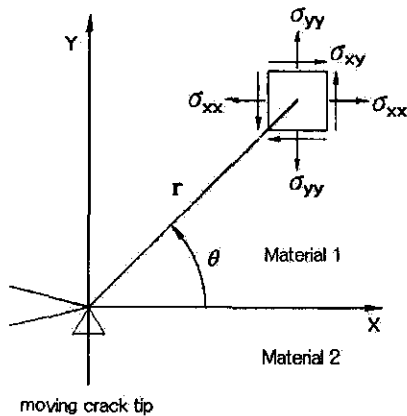


Fig. 1 A coordinate system and stress component for a small element at the dynamic interface crack tip

Park 2000). Combining the stress-optics law (Dally & Riley 1991) with $\tau_m = Nf_\sigma/2t$, we may relate the experimental results with the theoretical stress field as below.

$$\left(\frac{Nf_\sigma}{t}\right)^2 = (2\tau_m)^2 = (\sigma_{xx} - \sigma_{yy})^2 + (2\sigma_{xy})^2$$

where N is the experimental fringe order of the dynamic isochromatic pattern,

f_σ is the dynamic fringe constant of the photoelastic material (6.7 kN/m -fringe for polycarbonate),
 t is the specimen thickness.

3. Experimental

3.1 Multi-spark camera system

The dynamic photoelasticity method consists of the Cranz-Shardin camera system with a multi-spark camera set, a photoelastic apparatus, a loading equipment, field lens and controllers as shown in Fig. 2. A general view of the experimental setup is shown in Fig. 3.

The spark time delay can be controlled by using the start delay and horizontal-vertical delay in the range from 1 μ sec to 0.1sec for each frame. The pulse time to high speed camera frame is measured by using optical detector to check the reliability of the framing rate.

3.2 Specimen and loading

Revealing the dynamic interface crack propaga-

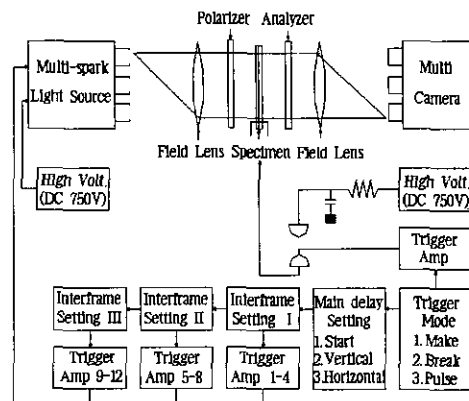
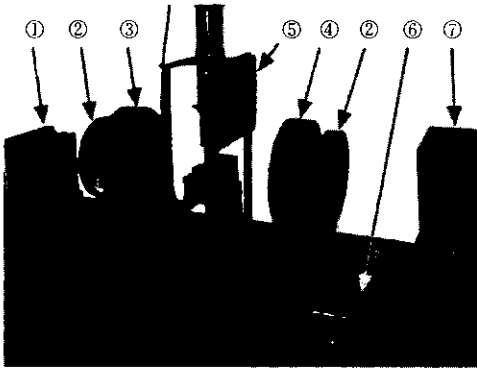


Fig. 2 Block diagram of photoelasticity experimental setup

Table 1 Material and physical properties of Polycarbonate and Aluminum

Properties	Materials	Polycarbonate	Aluminum
Young's modulus, E(GPa)		2.72	71.0
Poisson's ratio		0.38	0.33
Shear modulus (GPa)		0.98	...
Density (g/cm ³)		1.196	2.80
Material stress-optics fringe value (MPa-mm/fr)		6.7	...
Dilatational wave speed (m/s)		1960	6320
Distortional wave speed (m/s)		910	3100



1. Camera
2. Field lens
3. Polarizer
4. Analyser
5. Loading apparatus
6. Trigger controller
7. Multi-spark high speed light source

Fig. 3 A general view of dynamic photoelasticity experimental setup

tion phenomena and the dynamic stress field surrounding the dynamic interface crack propagating along a path near two holes, composite specimens with and without two holes are prepared using polycarbonate(PC) and aluminum(Al) as shown in Fig. 4. After we clean up the interface of PC and Al, the halves are bonded together by epoxy and utilizer with a ratio of 1:1. The thickness of the interface should be kept as about 0.09~0.1mm. The residual stress along the interface is measured to be negligible by using a photoelasticity setup. The specimen thick-

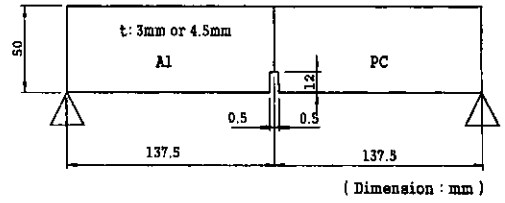


Fig. 4(a) Configuration of test specimen without holes

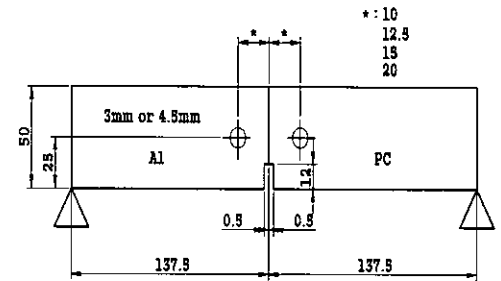


Fig. 4(b) Configuration of test specimen with holes

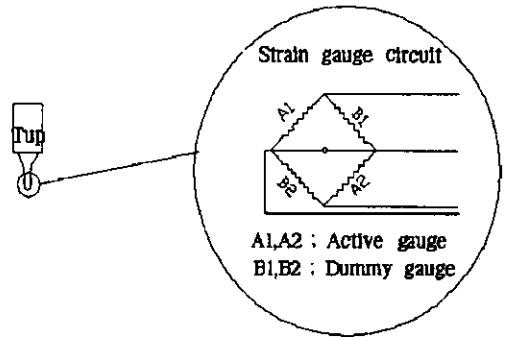


Fig. 5 Configuration of strain gauge circuit attached on impact tup

nesses are 3mm and 4.5mm. We use an electric signal activated at the moment when the impact tup contacts the lead wire on the specimen to trigger the dynamic-experimental system. The impact tup (44Newton) was designed to be free dropped vertically from a height of 80 mm. The trace of dynamic load activated by the impact tup was measured by using the Wheatstone circuit composed of strain gages attached on the tup shown in Fig. 5.

The mechanical and physical properties of PC and Al-7075 are listed in Table 1. Figure 4 shows specimen configurations with and without holes.

4. Results and Consideration

The impact load trace vs. time is shown in Fig. 6. The arrows indicates the crack initiation. It is interesting to note that the crack needs the incubation time of about 140 μ sec. And the crack initiation appear to be occurred at the moment far after a load reaches its maximum.

Figures 7 and 8 show the experimentally obtained isochromatic fringe loops at the vicinity of the dynamically propagating interface crack tip in the composite specimens of the thickness 4.5mm and 3mm, respectively. The stress fields have been used to determine the dynamic interface stress intensity factors with the help of the Overdeterministic Least Square(ODLS) methods(Sanford 1980). The extracted interface dynamic complex stress intensity factors have been employed to generate the theoretical fringe loops by using a hybrid experimental-theoretical process. The the-

oretically generated isochromatics are found to agree well with the experimental isochromatics especially near the crack tip as shown in Figs. 7 and 8. The far fields do not agree each other in two figures since we do not include higher order term in this study.

Figures 9 and 10 shows the variation of the

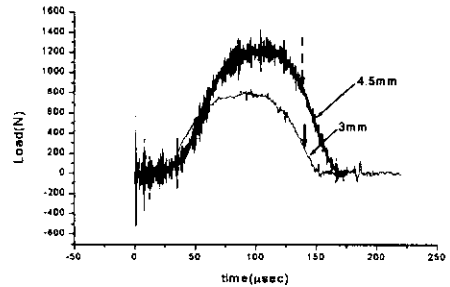


Fig. 6 Load history with respect to time(--- : crack initiation point for 4.5mm thick specimen — : crack initiation point for 3mm thick specimen)

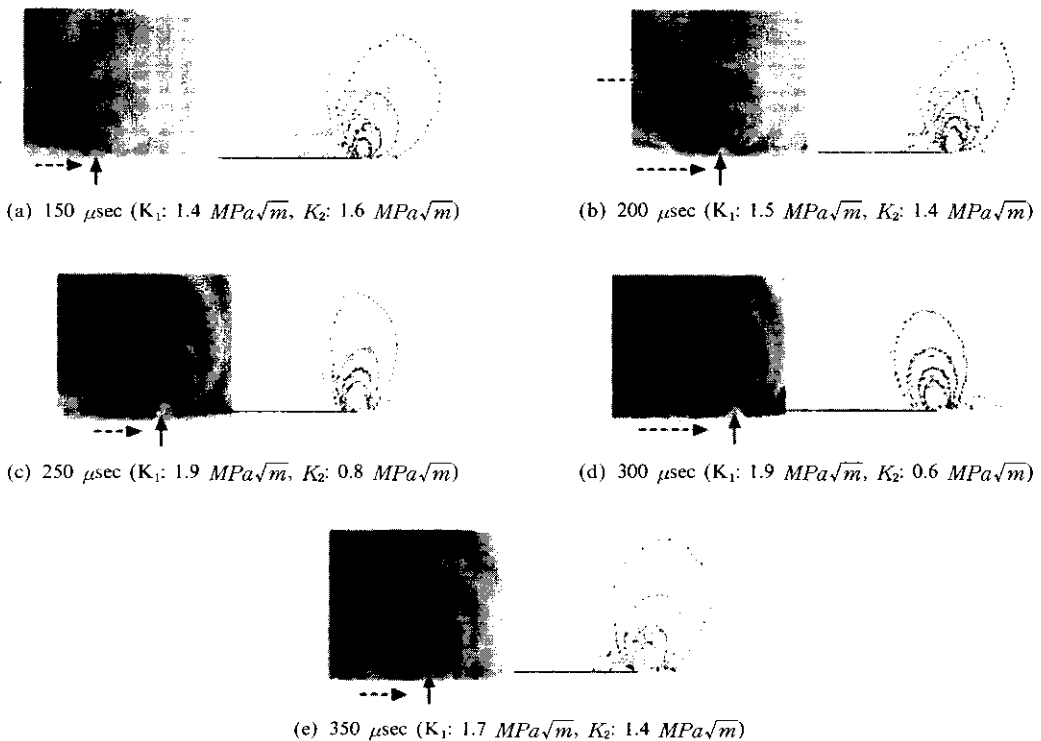


Fig. 7 Experimental and theoretical isochromatic fringe patterns for a crack propagating along the interface (t: 4.5mm) (time is period after impact)
(— : instantaneous crack tip position, --- : propagating direction)

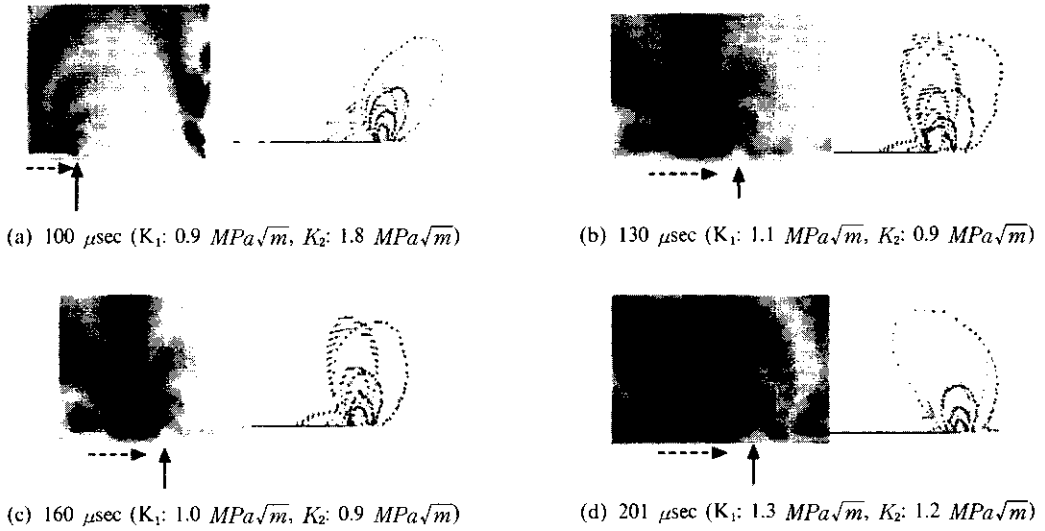


Fig. 8 Experimental and theoretical isochromatic fringe patterns for a crack propagating along the interface (t: 3mm) (time is period after impact)
 (—→ : instantaneous crack tip position, - - -→ : propagating direction)

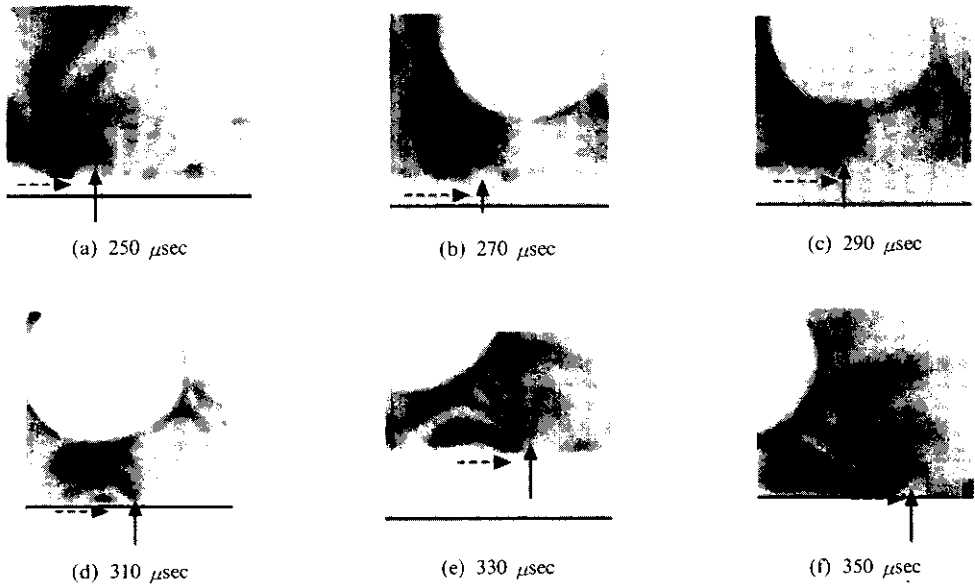


Fig. 9 Experimental isochromatic fringe patterns for a crack propagating along the interface with holes centered at 10mm from the interface(t: 4.5mm) (time is period after impact)
 (—→ : instantaneous crack tip position, - - -→ : propagating direction)

dynamic interface isochromatics and the locations of cracks which propagate along the path between two holes centered at 10mm and 20mm, from the interface respectively.

Figures 11 and 12 shows relationships between interface stress intensity factors and dynamic

crack tip velocities for two different thickness specimens. It is interesting to note from these experimental results that the initial K_1 is quite different from the arrest K_1 and K_2 's are the similar for both initiation and arrest phases. The physical meaning of these results should be fur-

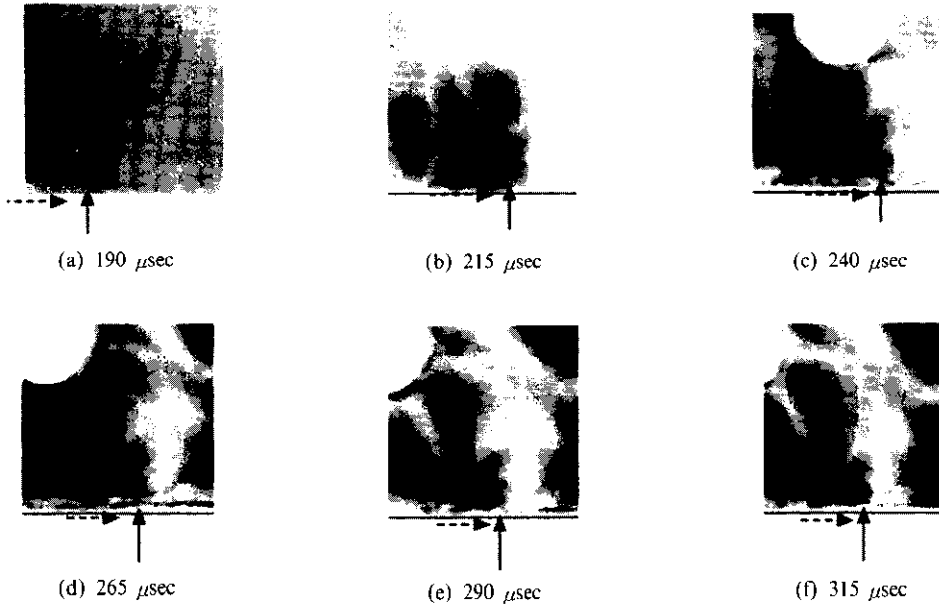


Fig. 10 Experimental isochromatic fringe patterns for a crack propagating along the interface with holes centered at 10mm from the interface($t: 4.5\text{mm}$) (time is period after impact)
 (—→ : instantaneous crack tip position, - - -→ : propagating direction)

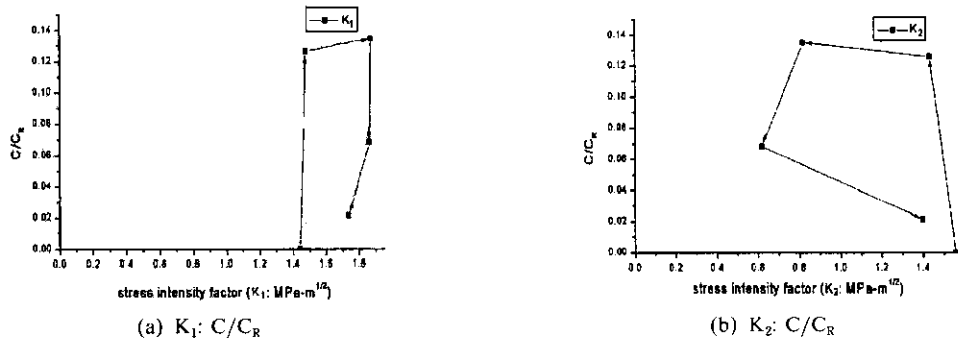


Fig. 11 Stress intensity factor vs. crack propagating (C/C_R) velocity($t=4.5\text{ mm}$)

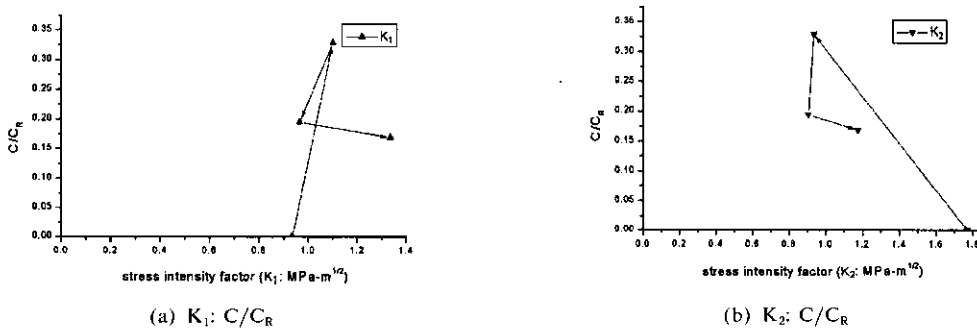


Fig. 12 Stress intensity factor vs. crack propagating (C/C_R) velocity($t=4.5\text{ mm}$)

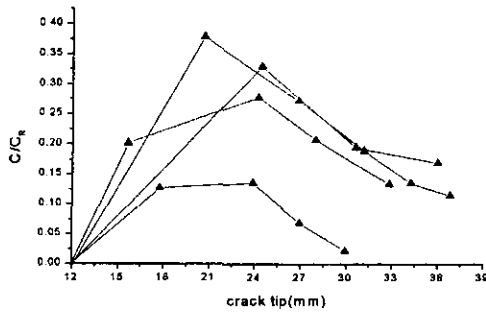


Fig. 13 Crack propagating (C/C_R) velocity vs. Crack tip location

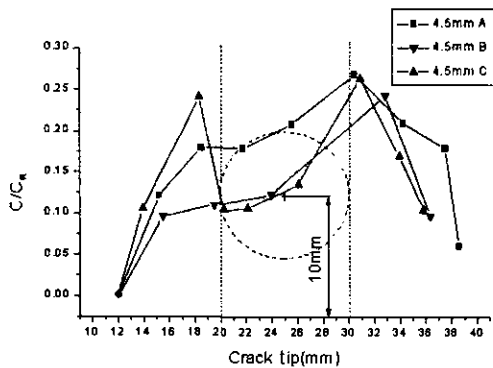


Fig. 14 Crack propagating (C/C_R) velocity vs. crack tip location (specimen having holes centered at 10mm from the interface)

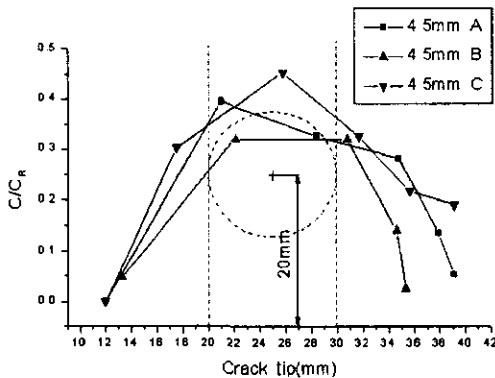


Fig. 15 Crack propagating (C/C_R) velocity vs. crack tip location (specimen having holes centered at 20mm from the interface)

ther investigated.

It is found that the interface dynamic cracks in three point bend specimens propagate with the velocities 15–50% of Rayleigh wave velocity of PC as shown in Fig. 13 and that it is a little bit

larger than the velocity in isotropic PC.

The effects of the holes located around the crack propagation path on the crack velocities are shown in Figs. 14 and 15. It is notable that the closer of the 10mm-diameter-hole to the interface, the slower the crack velocities.

5. Concluding Remarks

The interface crack propagation behavior in the three point bend specimen with and without holes under the mode I impact loading condition has been investigated by using the dynamic photoelasticity methods. The results obtained are as follows:

- (1) The interface crack velocities are somewhat larger than those in the isotropic PC specimen.
- (2) The holes located near the propagation path are found to affect the interface crack propagation speed significantly.
- (3) It is noted that the closer the location of 10mm-diameter-hole to the interface, the slower the crack velocities.
- (4) It is experimentally observed that the initial and arrest K_1 are quite different in magnitude and arrest K_2 converges to initiation value.

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