Biot number effect and non-Fourier effect on temperature field and stress intensity factor of a cracked strip under thermal shock loading

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ABSTRACT

In this paper, we considered a thermal shock problem of a strip with an inner crack parallel to the heated or cooled surface. The effect of the surface heat transfer properties and the non-Fourier effect, which are modified by effective Biot's number and the non-Fourier factor, were considered to investigate the transient temperature field and the dynamic stress intensity factors (SIFs). Fourier transform and Laplace transform were used to reduce this mixed boundary value problem to singular integral equations (SIEs). The Gauss-Chebyshev numerical integration method was applied to the SIEs and linear equations are obtained. Finally, numerical inverse Laplace transform was used to obtain the temperature field and SIFs. The numerical results showed that Biot's number not only affects the uniformity of the temperature field and the magnitude of the SIFs strongly, but also makes contributions to the non-Fourier effect. This finding can help better understanding the fracture behaviors of advanced materials and making a progress to determine the applicable conditions of the non-Fourier effect.

1. Introduction

The thermal shock problem is an important issue in improving the performance of advanced materials and high-temperature engineering structures, such as thermal barrier materials [1–9]. To solve this problem, the temperature field should be determined first. When the classical Fourier thermal conduction theory is applied on large temperature gradient, the assumption that thermal disturbance will be felt instantaneously at distances infinitely far from its source becomes unacceptable [10]. Researchers began to pay attention to this paradox science around 1950. Cattaneo [11,12] and Vernotte [13] modified the classical Fourier model by introducing thermal relaxation time to the thermal conduction equation. The modified non-Fourier model, known as the hyperbolic heat conduction model or the C-V model, results in a hyperbolic heat conduction equation and a finite heat wave propagation speed. Joseph et al [14] proposed the Jeffrey's type model for heat conduction, which would predict a smoother heat wave front. Özişik and Tzou [15–17] claimed that the relaxation of both heat flux and temperature gradient should be taken into account, which leads to the dual phase lagging model. Alvarez and Jou [18] elucidated that the in nanosystems, the phonon wave package can be assumed to a series of standing waves with the wavelength the fraction of characteristic size of systems.

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In recent years, a great amount of thermal elastic study of cracked materials has been carried out based on C-V model. Chen and Hu [19,20] studied the temperature and SIF behavior of a cracked plate under thermal shock loading with considering the non-Fourier effect. Guo et al [21] studied the similar problem with a model of a cracked cylinder. Atkinson et al [22] and Fu et al [23] introduced the coupled effect of the thermos-elasticity to the cylinder model and pointed out that taking the thermomechanical coupling effect into account does not bring too much difference in comparison with the uncoupled model. Moreover, Li et al [24] and Li [25] comprehensively studied the thermal barrier effect of the crack, the non-Fourier effect and the inertia effect in his research. The authors pointed out that the non-Fourier effect was not negligible when the study scale is very small or in some special materials, such as some non-homogeneous materials [26] or biological tissue materials [27], while the inertia effect was only considerable in small scale [25]. However, the thermal barrier effect of the crack, which is related to the heat conduction performance of crack gap, was significant to the distribution of both temperature and stress field in both small and large scales. In addition, the magnitude of the thermal barrier effect was influenced by many factors, such as the material properties, the filler of the crack gap, the temperature and so on. Therefore, the thermal barrier effect study would help better understanding the failure mechanisms of the materials and provide guidance for the design of new materials.

Apart from all these factors, another important factor in failure analysis of thermal shock is the surface heat transfer coefficient, which may depend on many factors such as the thermal properties of the solid and the liquid, their temperatures at thermal shock, the surface state of the solid etc. A high surface heat transfer performance leads to a high temperature gradient in the solid near the surface, and therefore to high thermal stresses. Basing on hollow cylinder model, Guo [21,28] and Fu [10] found the Biot’s numbers of the surfaces affect the temperature fields and the SIFs remarkably. However, the heat transfer study of the heated and free surfaces of the crack problem is rare.

In this article, the surface heat transfer effect and non-Fourier effect on a cracked plate under thermal shock loading were studied in a same framework. Newton’s law of cooling which describes the heat flux to or from a surface by convection heat transfer was applied to the entire boundary, including the crack surfaces. Three heat transfer coefficients, which correspond to three different effective Biot’s numbers in dimensionless form, were examined in this research. In addition, the hyperbolic heat conduction theory was adopted to analyze the thermal fracture characteristics of an isotropic plate containing a crack. By solving mixed boundary problem, the effect of effective Biot’s number and the non-Fourier effect on the thermal fracture response was analyzed.

2. Statement of the problem and basic equations

We consider a strip which contains a straight crack of half-length \( r \) parallel to the free surface, as shown in Fig. 1. The material is assumed to be homogeneous, isotropic and linearly elastic. A Cartesian coordinate system is established with the x-axis coincided with the crack plane and the origin at the crack center. The distance between the crack and the two boundaries are \( L_a \) and \( L_b \), respectively, as shown in Fig. 1. In this work, only thermal loading is considered in evaluating the temperature and stress fields. The initial temperature is assumed to be uniform and equals to \( T_0 \) in the plate. Then the free surface \( y = -L_a \) is suddenly exposed to a convective-medium of temperature \( T_{∞} \), while the ambient temperature in the range of \( y > L_b \) stays the initial temperature \( T_0 \). Convective heat transfer conditions are applied at all the boundaries and surfaces.

2.1. Temperature fields

The famous Fourier’s law of heat conduction presents a linear relationship between the heat flux \( \vec{q} \) through a material and the gradient of temperature \( T \), as \( \vec{q} = -k \nabla T \), where \( k \) is the material thermal conductivity and \( \nabla \) is the gradient operator. In principle, however, the Fourier’s law leads to an unphysical infinite heat propagation speed within a continuum for transient heat conduction processes because of its parabolic characteristics. To overcome this contradiction, a hyperbolic model, named the Cattaneo-Vernotte model, has been proposed by introducing a time-dependent term into the Fourier equation [26,29]. The introduced time-derivative term describes a wavy nature of heat propagation at a finite speed, which has been proved in both theory and experiments [29–31]. The governing equation of hyperbolic thermal conduction writes

\[
\frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial t^2} = \nabla \cdot (k \nabla T) - \alpha \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + \beta \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial t^2}
\]

where \( \alpha \) and \( \beta \) are the thermal diffusivity and relaxation time, respectively. The above equation can be rewritten in dimensionless form as

\[
\frac{\partial^2 \tilde{T}}{\partial \tilde{t}^2} = \nabla \cdot (\tilde{k} \nabla \tilde{T}) - \tilde{\alpha} \frac{\partial \tilde{T}}{\partial \tilde{t}} + \tilde{\beta} \frac{\partial^2 \tilde{T}}{\partial \tilde{t}^2}
\]

where \( \tilde{T} = \frac{T - T_{∞}}{T_0 - T_{∞}} \) and \( \tilde{t} = \frac{t}{\sqrt{\frac{T_0 - T_{∞}}{k}}} \).

Fig. 1. A finite strip with an inner crack and initial temperature \( T_0 \) suddenly exposed to a convective medium of temperature \( T_{∞} \).
\[
V^2 T_i = \frac{1}{a} \left( \frac{\partial^2 T_i}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 T_i}{\partial y^2} \right), \quad i = 1, 2 \tag{1}
\]

where the subscript 1 and 2 of \( T \) denote the temperature in the range of \(-l_a < y < 0\) and \(0 < y < l_b\), respectively; \( a = k/(\rho C_p) \) stands for thermal diffusivity; \( t \) is the time; \( \rho, C_p \) and \( \tau_0 \) are the mass density, the specific heat capacity the thermal relaxation time, respectively. Referring to Fig. 1, the hyperbolic heat Eq. (1) is subjected to the following boundary conditions:

\[
\begin{align*}
\frac{k}{\partial y} \frac{\partial T_i}{\partial y} &= h_1 (T_i - T_{\infty}) &|x| < \infty, \ y = -l_a, \ t > 0 &\quad (a) \\
\frac{k}{\partial y} \frac{\partial T_i}{\partial y} &= h_2 (T_i - T_2) &|x| < \infty, \ y = l_b, \ t > 0 &\quad (b) \\
k \frac{\partial T_i}{\partial y} &= k \frac{\partial T_i}{\partial y} = h_1 (T_i - T_1) &|x| < r, \ y = 0, \ t > 0 &\quad (c) \\
k \frac{\partial T_i}{\partial y} &= k \frac{\partial T_i}{\partial y} = h_1 (T_i - T_2) &|x| < r, \ y = 0, \ t > 0 &\quad (d) \\
T_1 &= T_2 &|x| > r, \ y = 0, \ t > 0 &\quad (e)
\end{align*}
\]

where \( h_i (i = 1, 2, 3) \), in unit W/(m²·K), denote the heat transfer coefficient of the lower surface, the upper surface and the crack surface, respectively. In the boundary conditions (2), equations (a) – (c) denote heat is transferred by convection in all the free surfaces; Equations (d) and (e) denote the heat flow and temperature are continuous at the extension line of the crack. The initial conditions of the thermal conduction problem are:

\[
\begin{align*}
T_1 &= T_2 = T_0 &|x| < \infty, \ -l_a < y < l_b, \ t = 0 &\quad (a) \\
\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} &= \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = 0 &|x| < \infty, \ -l_a < y < l_b, \ t = 0 &\quad (b)
\end{align*}
\]

2.2. Thermo-elastic field equations

The two-dimensional thermo-elastic theory provides formulations involving the solution of boundary-value problems. In this class of problems two special cases, namely the plane stress and the plane strain should be distinguished. In the frame of the plane elasticity theory, the solution of a plane stress problem can be converted to that of the corresponding plane strain problem and vice versa. The basic equations of the 2-dimension thermos-elasticity problem for a homogeneous isotropic body are:

(1) Equilibrium equations in absence of the body forces:

\[
\begin{align*}
\frac{\partial \sigma_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \tau_{xy}}{\partial y} &= 0 \\
\frac{\partial \sigma_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \tau_{xy}}{\partial x} &= 0
\end{align*}
\]

(4)

(2) Hooke’s law:

\[
\begin{align*}
\sigma_x &= \frac{\mu}{k} \left[ (1 + \kappa) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + (3 - \kappa) \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} - 4\alpha (T - T_0) \right] \\
\sigma_y &= \frac{\mu}{k} \left[ (3 - \kappa) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + (1 + \kappa) \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} - 4\alpha (T - T_0) \right] \\
\tau_{xy} &= \mu \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \right)
\end{align*}
\]

(5)

where \( u \) and \( v \) are the displacement components; \( \varepsilon_x, \varepsilon_y, \varepsilon_{xy} \), are the components of the strain tensor; \( \mu \) and \( \alpha \) are the shear modulus and the coefficient of linear thermal expansion, respectively, \( \kappa = 3 - 4\nu \) for plane strain and \( \kappa = (3 - \nu)/(1 + \nu) \) for generalized plane stress. By substituting the stress-displacement relationships (5) into the equilibrium equations (4) we obtain:

\[
\begin{align*}
(1 + \kappa) \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + (\kappa - 1) \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + 2 \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x \partial y} &= 4\alpha \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \\
(\kappa - 1) \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} + (1 + \kappa) \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial y^2} + 2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} &= 4\alpha \frac{\partial T}{\partial y}
\end{align*}
\]

(6)

The thermal shock problem should be solved under the following boundary conditions and initial conditions:
where the subscript 1 and 2 of the displacements and stresses denote the temperature in the range of \(-l_a < y < 0\) and \(0 < y < l_b\), respectively. In (7), \((a) - (d)\) translate the traction free conditions at the top and bottom surfaces of the plate; \((e)\) and \((f)\) denote the stress continuity across the ligaments which extend the crack while \((g)\) and \((h)\) describe the traction free conditions of the crack surfaces; \((i)\) and \((j)\) denote the displacements are continuous at the extension line of the crack. The initial conditions are written as follows:

\[
\begin{align*}
\sigma_{\xi_1} &= v_1 = 0 \quad |x| < \infty, \quad -l_a < y < l_b, \quad t = 0 \quad (a) \\
\sigma_{\eta_1} &= \tau_{\eta_1} = 0 \quad |x| < \infty, \quad -l_a < y < l_b, \quad t = 0 \quad (b)
\end{align*}
\]  

(8)

3. Solving process

In the following, we present the resolution procedure of the above-defined thermo-elastic equations. Globally speaking, the Laplace and the Fourier transform techniques and Gauss-Chebyshev numerical integration method are used in resolving the problem.

3.1. Temperature fields

As is discussed previously, the governing equations of the temperature fields and the displacements in the form of partial differential equations with the mixed boundary conditions are obtained. Obviously, the solution of the temperature fields and displacement fields can be written as:

\[
\begin{align*}
T &= T(x, y, t, a, k, \tau_0, h_1, h_2, h_3, \alpha, \mu, \kappa, l_a, l_b, r)
\end{align*}
\]

\[
\begin{align*}
u &= u(x, y, t, a, k, \tau_0, \alpha, \mu, \kappa, h_1, h_2, h_3, r, l_a, l_b)
\end{align*}
\]

\[
\begin{align*}
v &= v(x, y, t, a, k, \tau_0, \alpha, \mu, \kappa, h_1, h_2, h_3, r, l_a, l_b)
\end{align*}
\]

(9)

The form of solutions contains the coordinate variables \(x, y\); the time variable \(t\); the material parameters \(a, k, \tau_0, h_1, h_2, h_3, \alpha, \mu, \kappa\) and the geometrical parameters \(r, l_a, l_b\). The diversity of parameters makes the solving process and the expressions of the formulas very complex. In general, nondimensionalizing the governing equations and the boundary conditions would benefit the solution and analysis of engineering problems. This process often yields important dimensionless parameters and reduces the dependency of the solution on a potentially large number of dimensional parameters.

Since the numerical techniques are heavily based on the properties of the related Chebyshev and Jacobi polynomials, it would be useful to set the crack in the normalized coordinate interval \([-1, 1]\). Hence, we define the dimension-independent variables as follows:

\[
\begin{align*}
(x^* & , \quad y^* , \quad l_a^* , \quad l_b^* ) = \frac{(x, y, r, l_a, l_b)}{r} \\
T^* &= \frac{T - \tau_0}{T_m - \tau_0} \\
(u^* , \quad v^* ) &= \frac{(u, v)}{a(l_m - \tau_0)} \\
(\sigma^*_{\xi_1} , \quad \sigma^*_{\eta_1} , \quad \tau^*_{\eta_1} ) &= \frac{(\sigma_{\xi_1} , \quad \sigma_{\eta_1} , \quad \tau_{\eta_1} )}{\mu(a(l_m - \tau_0))}
\end{align*}
\]

(10)

The governing equation and the boundary conditions of the temperature fields have the following dimensionless forms:

\[
\begin{align*}
\nabla^2 T^* &= \frac{\partial^2 T^*}{\partial t^2} + \tau \frac{\partial^2 T^*}{\partial r^2}
\end{align*}
\]

(11)
are called a Laplace transform pair [33]. By substituting the Laplace transform (17) to Eqs. (11) and (12), and taking use of the initial conditions (13), we have the governing equations and boundary conditions in Laplace domain:}

\[
\begin{align*}
\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} &= B_i (T^*_i - 1) \quad |x'| < \infty, \ y' = -l^*_b \quad (a) \\
\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} &= -B_l T^*_2 \quad |x'| < \infty, \ y' = l^*_b \quad (b) \\
\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} &= \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} \quad |x'| > 1, \ y' = 0 \quad (c) \\
T^*_i &= T^*_2 \quad |x'| > 1, \ y' = 0 \quad (d) \\
\frac{\partial T}{\partial y} &= B_i (T^*_2 - T^*_i) \quad |x'| \leq 1, \ y' = 0 \quad (e)
\end{align*}
\]

\begin{align*}
\begin{cases}
T^*_i = 0 & |x'| < \infty, \ -l^*_b < y' < l^*_b, \ t' = 0 \quad (a) \\
\frac{\partial T}{\partial y} = 0 & |x'| < \infty, \ -l^*_b < y' < l^*_b, \ t' = 0 \quad (b)
\end{cases}
\end{align*}

\begin{align*}
\begin{cases}
T^*_i = T^*_2 = 0 & |x'| < \infty, \ -l^*_b < y' < l^*_b, \ t' = 0 \quad (a) \\
\frac{\partial T}{\partial y} &= 0 & |x'| < \infty, \ -l^*_b < y' < l^*_b, \ t' = 0 \quad (b)
\end{cases}
\end{align*}

where the gradient operator \( \nabla \) is related to the dimensionless coordinates \( x' \) and \( y' \). \( \tau_1 \) is the normalized thermal relaxation time which we named the “Non-Fourier factor” (NFF) [24,32] and is defined as:

\[ \tau_1 = \frac{\alpha_0}{r^2} \]

(14)

The coefficient \( B_i \) is defined as

\[ B_i = \frac{h_i r}{k} \quad (i = 1, 2, 3) \]

(15)

and named “Effective Biot’s number”. It is worthy to note that in this work \( B_i (i = 1, 2, 3) \) differs slightly from the conventional Biot’s number, which should be defined as \( Biot = \frac{h_i (l_i + b_i)}{k} (i = 1, 2, 3) \). In this study, the values of \( l_i \) and \( b_i \) are preset to be \( r \) and \( 4r \) therefore the relations between \( B_i \) and \( Biot_i \) is \( B_i = Biot_i / 5 \). In the following analysis, the superscript “\( i' \)” will be omitted for simplicity.

In heat conduction problems, the Laplace transform is generally applied to the time variable \( t \). The Laplace transform is defined as:

\[ \tilde{g}(x, y) = \int_0^\infty g(x, y, t)e^{-\gamma t}dt \]

(16)

By definition, \( g(x, y, t) \) can be expressed in term of \( \tilde{g}(x, y) \)

\[ g(x, y, t) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{-i\infty}^{i\infty} \tilde{g}(x, y)e^{\gamma t}d\gamma \]

(17)

where the parameter “\( i \)” is the imaginary unit. It should not be confounded with the italic letter “\( i \)”, which is used as a subscript order. \( \gamma \) is a real constant that exceeds the real part of all the singularities of \( \tilde{g}(x, y) \). The functions \( g(x, y, t) \) and \( \tilde{g}(x, y) \) are called a Laplace transform pair [33]. By substituting the Laplace transform (17) to Eqs. (11) and (12), and taking use of the initial conditions (13), we have the governing equations and boundary conditions in Laplace domain:

\[ \nabla^2 \tilde{T}_i = (p + \tau r^2) \tilde{T}_i \quad i = 1, 2, 3 \]

(18)

\[
\begin{align*}
\frac{\partial \tilde{T}_1}{\partial t} &= B_i \left( \tilde{T}_1 - \frac{1}{\tau} \right) \quad |x| < \infty, \ y = -l_b \quad (a) \\
\frac{\partial \tilde{T}_2}{\partial t} &= -B_l \tilde{T}_2 \quad |x| < \infty, \ y = l_b \quad (b) \\
\frac{\partial \tilde{T}_1}{\partial y} &= \frac{\partial \tilde{T}_2}{\partial y} \quad |x| > 1, \ y = 0 \quad (c) \\
\tilde{T}_1 &= \tilde{T}_2 \quad |x| > 1, \ y = 0 \quad (d) \\
\frac{\partial \tilde{T}_1}{\partial y} &= B_l (\tilde{T}_2 - \tilde{T}_1) \quad |x| \leq 1, \ y = 0 \quad (e)
\end{align*}
\]

\[
\begin{cases}
\tilde{T}_1 = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{-i\infty}^{i\infty} \left( C_{r,1}e^{-\gamma y} + C_{r,2}e^{\gamma y} \right) e^{\gamma x}d\gamma \\ \\
\tilde{T}_2 = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{-i\infty}^{i\infty} \left( C_{r,1}e^{-\gamma y} + C_{r,2}e^{\gamma y} \right) e^{2\gamma x}d\gamma
\end{cases} 
\]

(21)
where \( m = (\xi^2 + p + r_1 p^2)^{1/2} \), \( C_{T,i} \) \((i = 1, 2, 3, 4)\) are unknown functions and can be obtained by the boundary conditions. Introduce the density function as:

\[
\phi(x) = \frac{\partial \bar{T}_1}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial \bar{T}_2}{\partial x}, \quad |x| < \infty, \quad y = 0
\]  

(22)

It is clear that from the symmetry of the model that

\[
\int_{-1}^{1} \phi(x) dx = 0
\]  

(23)

and at the extension line of the crack, the density function satisfies:

\[
\phi(x) = 0, \quad |x| > 1
\]  

(24)

By substituting (21) into the boundary conditions (20) \((a) - (c)\) and the density function (22), \( C_{T,i} \) can be obtained and the temperature fields in Laplace space can be expressed as:

\[
\begin{align*}
\bar{T}_1 &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^\infty \bar{T}_1 \phi(x) \sin(\xi x) d\xi + \bar{T}_0 \\
\bar{T}_2 &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^\infty \bar{T}_2 \phi(x) \sin(\xi x) d\xi + \bar{T}_0
\end{align*}
\]  

(25)

where

\[
\begin{align*}
\bar{T}_1 &= e^{-m((B_2 + m^2) - m^2(1 + m^2)/B_2 - B_1 + m^2)/2(B_2 + m^2) - m^2(1 + m^2)/B_2 - B_1 + m^2)/2} \\
\bar{T}_2 &= e^{-m((m^2 - B_2 - m^2)(1 + m^2)/B_2 - B_1 + m^2)/2} \\
\bar{T}_0 &= \frac{e^{-(x - \xi)l_0} m_0 (B_2 (1 + m^2) - B_1 + m^2) B_2 + m^2)}{p(B_2 (1 + m^2) - B_1 + m^2) + (B_2 + m^2) p m_0 (B_2 + m^2)}
\end{align*}
\]  

(26)

where \( m_0 = (p + r_1 p^2)^{1/2} \). Noting that \( \phi \) is the only undetermined function in (25), therefore, the boundary condition \((e)\) in (20) is sufficient to determine the unknown. Substituting (25) into (20) \((e)\), we obtain the integral equation in which the only unknown is \( \Phi(\eta) \).

\[
\int_{-1}^{1} \phi(\eta) \left( \frac{1}{\eta - x} + k(x, \eta) \right) d\eta = g_i(x)
\]  

(27)

where \( k(x, \eta) \) is the Fredholm kernel and given by

\[
k(x, \eta) = \int_0^\infty \left( \frac{2 m (B_1 m^2 (m_0 + 1)(B_2 m^2 (m_0 + 1))}{\xi (B_1 + m^2) (B_1 B_2 + m^2 (m_0 + 1)) + (B_2 + m^2) m_0 (B_2 + m^2)} \right) \sin(\xi (x - \eta)) d\eta
\]  

(28)

and

\[
g_i(x) = \frac{2\pi B_1 m_0 (B_1 m_0 B_2 m_0 + m_0 \sinh(m_0 l_0))}{p(B_1 B_2 + m_0^2) \sinh(m_0 (l_0 + b_0)) + (B_1 + B_2) m_0 p \cosh(m_0 (l_0 + b_0))}
\]  

(29)

Eq. (27) is the singular integral equation of the first kind which arises from the formulation of the mixed boundary value conditions. According to the singular properties of the crack tip, the solution of (27) can be rewritten as

\[
\phi(x) = \frac{\Phi(x)}{\sqrt{1 - x^2}}
\]  

(30)

An effective numerical solution of (27) can be obtained by using a quadrature formula of the Gaussian type with appropriately selected orthogonal polynomial and values of \( \xi_j \) \((j = 1, 2, ..., n - 1)\). Thereby Eq. (27) and (23) can be reduced to the following system of linear algebraic equations of the unknown function \( \Phi(\eta) \), written as

\[
\begin{align*}
\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \Phi(\eta_j) \left( \frac{1}{\eta_j - x_j} + k(x_j, \eta_j) \right) &= g_i(x), \quad j = 1, \ldots, n - 1 \\
\sum_{i=1}^{n} \Phi(\eta_i) &= 0
\end{align*}
\]  

(31)

Once the function \( \Phi(\eta) \) is obtained, the temperature fields in Laplace space can be obtained by using the following numerical integration:

\[
\int_{-1}^{1} \phi(\xi x) dx = \frac{\pi}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \Phi(\eta_i) \sin(\eta_i x)
\]  

(32)

The temperature fields in time domain can be given by applying the Laplace inverse transform developed by Miller and Guy [34].
3.2. Displacement fields

Similarly, the dimensionless governing equations and boundary conditions of the displacement fields have the following form:

\[
\begin{align*}
(1 + \lambda) \rho \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} + (\kappa - 1) \rho \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + 2 \rho \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x \partial y} &= 4 \frac{\partial^2 \bar{u}}{\partial x^2}, \\
(\kappa - 1) \rho \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} + (1 + \lambda) \rho \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} + 2 \rho \frac{\partial^2 \bar{v}}{\partial x \partial y} &= 4 \frac{\partial^2 \bar{v}}{\partial y^2},
\end{align*}
\]

(33)

\[
\begin{align*}
\sigma_{y1} &= 0 \quad |x'| < \infty, \quad y' = -l_u, \quad (a) \\
\tau_{y1} &= 0 \quad |x'| < \infty, \quad y' = -l_u, \quad (b) \\
\sigma_{y2} &= 0 \quad |x'| < \infty, \quad y' = b, \quad (c) \\
\tau_{y2} &= 0 \quad |x'| < \infty, \quad y' = b, \quad (d) \\
\sigma_{y1} &= \sigma_{y2} \quad |x'| > 1, \quad y' = 0, \quad (e) \\
\tau_{y1} &= \tau_{y2} \quad |x'| > 1, \quad y' = 0, \quad (f) \\
\sigma_{y1} &= \sigma_{y2} \quad |x'| < 1, \quad y' = 0, \quad (g) \\
\tau_{y1} &= \tau_{y2} \quad |x'| < 1, \quad y' = 0, \quad (h) \\
u_1 &= u_2 \quad |x'| > 1, \quad y' = 0, \quad (i) \\
v_1 &= v_2 \quad |x'| > 1, \quad y' = 0, \quad (j)
\end{align*}
\]

(34)

In the following analysis, the superscript "*" will be omitted for simplicity. Applying the Laplace transform to (33) and (34),

\[
\begin{align*}
(1 + \lambda) \rho \frac{\partial^2 \bar{u}}{\partial t^2} + (\kappa - 1) \rho \frac{\partial^2 \bar{u}}{\partial x^2} + 2 \rho \frac{\partial^2 \bar{v}}{\partial x \partial y} &= 4 \frac{\partial^2 \bar{u}}{\partial x^2}, \quad i = 1, 2 \\
(\kappa - 1) \rho \frac{\partial^2 \bar{v}}{\partial x^2} + (1 + \lambda) \rho \frac{\partial^2 \bar{u}}{\partial x \partial y} + 2 \rho \frac{\partial^2 \bar{v}}{\partial x \partial y} &= 4 \frac{\partial^2 \bar{v}}{\partial y^2},
\end{align*}
\]

(36)

\[
\begin{align*}
\bar{y}_1 &= 0 \quad |x| < \infty, \quad y = -l_u, \quad (a) \\
\bar{\tau}_1 &= 0 \quad |x| < \infty, \quad y = -l_u, \quad (b) \\
\bar{y}_2 &= 0 \quad |x| < \infty, \quad y = b, \quad (c) \\
\bar{\tau}_2 &= 0 \quad |x| < \infty, \quad y = b, \quad (d) \\
\bar{y}_1 &= \bar{y}_2 \quad |x| > 1, \quad y = 0, \quad (e) \\
\bar{\tau}_1 &= \bar{\tau}_2 \quad |x| > 1, \quad y = 0, \quad (f) \\
\bar{y}_1 &= \bar{y}_2 \quad |x| < 1, \quad y = 0, \quad (g) \\
\bar{\tau}_1 &= \bar{\tau}_2 \quad |x| < 1, \quad y = 0, \quad (h) \\
\bar{u}_1 &= \bar{u}_2 \quad |x| > 1, \quad y = 0, \quad (i) \\
\bar{v}_1 &= \bar{v}_2 \quad |x| > 1, \quad y = 0, \quad (j)
\end{align*}
\]

(37)

The above PDEs have the following characteristic polynomial obtained by setting their general solutions of the form $e^{\lambda y}$:

\[
\lambda^4 - 2\lambda^2 + \xi^4 = 0
\]

(38)

The roots of the polynomial equation (38) are given by

\[
\lambda_1 = -\xi, \quad \lambda_2 = -\xi, \quad \lambda_3 = \xi, \quad \lambda_4 = \xi
\]

(39)

The displacement fields in Laplace domain satisfying the boundary condition and regularity condition can be expressed as

\[
\begin{align*}
\bar{u}(y) &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{L_1} [(C_1 + C_2) ye^{-\|y\|} + (C_3 + C_4) ye^{\|y\|} + \bar{a}_{i\delta} e^{\|y\|} + \bar{a}_{i\delta} e^{-\|y\|}] e^{\xi y} d\xi \\
\bar{v}(y) &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{L_1} [(C_5 + C_6) ye^{-\|y\|} + (C_7 + C_8) ye^{\|y\|} + \bar{a}_{i\delta} e^{\|y\|} + \bar{a}_{i\delta} e^{-\|y\|}] e^{\xi y} d\xi \\
\bar{\sigma}_1(y) &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{L_1} [(B_1 + B_2) ye^{-\|y\|} + (B_3 + B_4) ye^{\|y\|} + \bar{\sigma}_{i\delta} e^{\|y\|} + \bar{\sigma}_{i\delta} e^{-\|y\|}] e^{\xi y} d\xi \\
\bar{\tau}_1(y) &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{L_1} [(B_5 + B_6) ye^{-\|y\|} + (B_7 + B_8) ye^{\|y\|} + \bar{\tau}_{i\delta} e^{\|y\|} + \bar{\tau}_{i\delta} e^{-\|y\|}] e^{\xi y} d\xi
\end{align*}
\]

(40)

where $B_i^H$ and $C_i^H (i = 1, \ldots, 8)$ are unknown functions to be determined. The functions $B_i^H$ and $C_i^H (i = 1, \ldots, 8)$ are inter-dependent. Their relationships, obtained by substituting Eq. (40) into either one of Eq. (36), are given in (A.1). The expressions of $\bar{a}_{i\delta}, \bar{a}_{i\delta}, \bar{\sigma}_{i\delta}, \bar{\tau}_{i\delta} (i = 1, 2)$ are given in (A.2) – (A.9).

To solve the unknown functions $C_i^H (i = 1, \ldots, 8)$, the boundary conditions (a) – (f) in (37) can be used. This allows providing six
equations. The other two equations are found by considering the mixed boundary conditions \((g)\) and \((h)\) in \((37)\) which would give a pair of dual integral equations. Now we define two dimensionless dislocation functions \(f_i (i = 1, 2)\) along the crack lips \(y = 0\) as follows:
\[
\begin{align*}
\hat{f}_1 (x) &= \frac{\delta_0}{\delta_\alpha} - \frac{\delta_1}{\delta_\eta} y = 0 \\
\hat{f}_2 (x) &= \frac{\delta_0}{\delta_\alpha} - \frac{\delta_1}{\delta_\eta} y = 0
\end{align*}
\]

From the conditions \((i)\) and \((j)\) of \((37)\), we know that \(f_i (i = 1, 2)\) also satisfy the single-valued conditions:
\[
\int_{-1}^{1} f_i (x) dx = 0 \quad (i = 1, 2)
\]

and
\[
f_i (x) = 0 \quad (i = 1, 2) \quad |x| \geq 1
\]

Physically speaking, Eq. \((43)\) means that the displacements are single-valued for the non-cracked portion along \(y = 0\).

\(c_{ij}^H (i = 1, \ldots, 8)\) can expressed in terms of \(f_i (i = 1, 2)\) by applying the definition of the dislocation function \(f_i (i = 1, 2)\) in \((41)\) and the boundary conditions \((a) - (f)\) in \((37)\):
\[
c_{ij}^H = \sum_{j=1}^{n} A_{ij} \gamma_j + \frac{1}{\hbar} \sum_{j=1}^{n} A_{ij} \int_{-1}^{1} f_j e^{-i \eta x} dx \quad i = 1, 2, \ldots, 8
\]

where \(A\) is a square matrix and \(\gamma\) is a column vector and are given in \((A.10) - (A.12)\). The subscript \(i\) and \(j\) of \(A\) denote the \(i\)th row and \(j\)th column of \(A\). By applying the boundary conditions \((g - h)\) in \((37)\), it can be shown that \(f_i (x) (i = 1, 2)\) satisfy the following singular integral equations(SIEs):
\[
\sum_{j=1}^{n} f_j (\eta) \int_{0}^{\infty} \phi_0 (\xi, \eta) d\xi + \frac{\delta_{i,j}}{\eta - \xi} d\eta = \int_{0}^{\infty} \phi_0 (\xi, x) \phi_0 d\xi, \quad i = 1, 2
\]

where \(\phi_0 (i = 1, 2; j = 1, 2, 3)\) are given in \((37)\) and \(f_0 (i = 1\) is given by:
\[
\phi_0 = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sin \left( \frac{\pi (2\eta_i - 1)}{2\eta_i} \right) \Phi(\eta_i)
\]

According to the singularity of the crack tips, the solution of the SIEs can be rewritten as
\[
f_1 (x) = \frac{F_1 (x)}{\sqrt{1 - x^2}} \quad (i = 1, 2)
\]

where \(F_i (i = 1, 2)\) satisfies the Hölder condition on the closed interval of \([-1, 1]\) and \(F_1 (-1) = 0, F_1 (1) = 0\). An effective numerical solution can be obtained by using a quadrature formula of the Gaussian type with appropriately selected orthogonal polynomial and values of \(x_j (j = 1, \ldots, n - 1)\). Thereby the SIEs \((45)\) can be reduced to the following system of linear algebraic equations of the unknown function, written as
\[
\begin{align*}
&\sum_{j=1}^{n} \left[ \sum_{k=1}^{n} A_{kj} \left( \int_{0}^{\infty} K_{k,j} (\xi, x_j, \eta) d\xi + \frac{\delta_{i,j}}{\eta - \xi} \right) F_i (\eta) \right] = \int_{0}^{\infty} K_{k,j} (\xi, x) \phi_0 d\xi, \quad k = 1, 2 \\
&\sum_{i=1}^{n} A_{ij} F_i (\eta) = 0, \quad i = 1, 2
\end{align*}
\]

where \(K_{k,j} (k = 1, 2; l = 1, 2, 3)\) are given in \((A.14) - (A.19)\). The discrete points \(\eta_i (i = 1, \ldots, n)\) correspond to the zeros of the orthogonal polynomials which related to the particular Gaussian quadrature. The corresponding Gauss point are:
\[
\begin{align*}
\eta_i &= \cos \left( \frac{i-1}{2n} \pi \right), \quad i = 1, \ldots, n \\
x_j &= \cos \left( \frac{j}{n-1} \pi \right), \quad j = 1, \ldots, n - 1 \\
A_i &= \frac{\pi}{2(n-1)}, \quad i = 1, n \\
A_i &= \frac{\pi}{2(n-1)}, \quad i = 2, \ldots, n - 1
\end{align*}
\]

In this paper, the number of Gauss point is set to be 15.

3.3. Stress intensity factors

The dimensionless stress intensity factors (SIFs) at the right-side crack tip in Laplace space are defined as:
\[
B_1 = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \sqrt{2 \pi (x - 1)} \sigma_{y_1}(x, 0) \\
B_2 = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \sqrt{2 \pi (x - 1)} \varepsilon_{y_1}(x, 0)
\]

(50)

The stress components at the crack ligaments can be rewritten as

\[
\begin{align*}
2(x + 1)\sigma_{y_1}(x, 0) &= \int_{-1}^{1} \frac{f_2(\eta)}{\sqrt{2 \pi (1 + x)}} \, d\eta \\
\sum_{j=1}^{2} \int_{0}^{\infty} K_{ij}(\xi, x, \eta) \, d\xi - \int_{0}^{\infty} K_{ij}(\xi, x, \eta) \, d\xi \\
2(x + 1)\varepsilon_{y_1}(x, 0) &= \int_{-1}^{1} \frac{f_1(\eta)}{\sqrt{2 \pi (1 + x)}} \, d\eta \\
\sum_{j=1}^{2} \int_{0}^{\infty} \phi_{ij}(\xi, x, \eta) \, d\xi - \int_{0}^{\infty} \phi_{ij}(\xi, x, \eta) \, d\xi
\end{align*}
\]

(51)

The stresses are expected to be singular at the crack tip. It is clear from the definition of the stress intensity factors that no terms in (51) is more singular than the square root singularity. Regarding the behavior of Cauchy integral [35]:

\[
\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-1}^{1} \frac{f(\eta)}{\sqrt{2 \pi (1 + x)}} \, d\eta = \frac{F_1(-1)e^{\pi}}{\sqrt{2 \pi (1 + x)}} - \frac{F_1(1)e^{-\pi}}{\sqrt{2 \pi (1 - x)}} + F_0(x), \quad i = 1, 2; |x| \geq 1
\]

(52)

where \( F_0(x) \) is a bounded function. By omitting the less singular terms, we deduce the dimensionless stress intensity factors as follows:

\[
\begin{align*}
B_1(1) &= -\frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{\kappa_1} B_1(1) \\
B_2(1) &= -\frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{\kappa_2} B_2(1)
\end{align*}
\]

(53)

The stress intensity factors in the time domain can be obtained from (53) by using the numerical Laplace transform developed by Miller and Guy [34].

4. Numerical results

In this paper, the dimensionless geometrical parameters \( l_a \) and \( l_b \) are preset to be 1 and 4, respectively; the Poisson’s ratio \( \nu \) is assumed to be a constant because the effect of its variation on the SIFs was shown to be negligible [36,37]. Here we choose \( \kappa = 2 \), which corresponding to \( \nu = 0.33 \) in plane stress and \( \nu = 0.25 \) in plane strain. Therefore, the parameters that influence the distribution of the temperature field and the magnitude of the SIFs include the three effective Biot’s number \( B_{ij} (i = 1, 2, 3) \) and the non-Fourier Factor \( \tau_1 \). When \( B_{i1} = \infty \) and \( B_{i2} = 0 \), the model is similar with the study of Hu and Chen [38]. The numerical results in this paper corresponding well with the results given in previous literatures.

The coupling of the non-Fourier effect and the convection boundary conditions provides complex temperature and stress fields near the crack. In the following we will study the effect of these four factors in detail.

4.1. Temperature fields

The temperature at the mid-points of the crack surface\((TM)\) versus dimensionless time is shown in Fig. 2 for \( B_{i1} = B_{i2} = \infty \).

![Fig. 2](image-url)

**Fig. 2.** Effect of the non-Fourier factor \( \tau_1 \) on the normalized temperatures at the mid-points of the crack surfaces \((T_1 (0, 0^+, t) - T_0)/(T_{\infty} - T_0)\) and \((T_2 (0, 0^+, t) - T_0)/(T_{\infty} - T_0)\) when \( B_{i1} = B_{i2} = \infty \) and \( B_{i3} = 0 \).
Bi3 = 0. The solid red curve and the long-dashed curve denote the temperature at the mid-point of the lower crack surface while the dotted red curve and the short-dashed curve denote the temperature at the mid-point of the upper crack surface, which is the same in Fig. 3, Fig. 5 and Fig. 7.

As τ1 increases from 0 to 0.6, the magnitudes of the positive fluctuation on the lower face increase accordingly, while their steady state values converge to a same value as time is long enough. Because of the presence of the attenuation term ∂T/∂t in the hyperbolic heat conduction Eq. (1), the oscillation amplitude and frequency of the curves decrease with the dimensionless time and converge to 0 as t* goes to infinity. The general results for the hyperbolic model can be reduced to the Fourier heat conduction results when either τ1 = 0, or t* → ∞, as shown in Fig. 2. The effect of τ1 were more thoroughly studied by Li [24] and Fu and Chen [10, 20].

Fig. 3 shows the effect of Bi1 on the normalized temperatures at the mid-points of the crack surfaces (T(0, 0−, t) − T0)/(T∞ − T0) and (T(0, 0+, t) − T0)/(T∞ − T0) when τ1 = 0, Bi2 = ∞ and Bi3 = 0.

Fig. 4 shows the maximum temperature difference between the mid-points of the crack surfaces (MTD) versus Bi1 for different τ1. When Bi1 equals to 0, the lower surface is thermally insulated and the temperature of the plate remain unchanged after the thermal shock loading. Therefore, Bi1 = 0.01, a value that slightly larger than 0, is chosen as the smallest Bi1 for plotting the curves. As the increasing of Bi1, the heat transfer performance of the lower surface increases, and therefore, the temperature field and the MTD increase too. It is also shown in Fig. 4 that the MTD is not sensitive of the non-Fourier effect for small Bi1 value, but increases obviously with τ1 when Bi1 greater than 0.2.

Fig. 5 shows the effect of Bi2 on TM when τ1 = 0, Bi1 = ∞ and Bi3 = 0. Fig. 6 illustrates the MTD versus Bi2 for different τ1. When Bi2 equals to 0, the upper surface is thermally insulated. Therefor the heat accumulates over time in the plate and the temperature of the plate increases and can reach up to the dimensionless thermal shock temperature when the dimensionless time is long enough. The temperature field reaches a static equilibrium state and there is no heat flux in the plate. As the increasing of Bi2, the heat flow out of the upper surface is no longer zero. Therefore, the temperature field would reach a dynamic equilibrium state when the dimensionless time is long enough. In this case, the dimensionless temperature of the upper surface is less than 1 at the final state. It is shown from Fig. 6 that the MTD is not sensitive of Bi2 and slightly decreases with Bi2, but increases significantly with τ1.

Figs. 7 and 8 show the effect of Bi3 on TM when Bi1 = Bi2 = ∞ and τ1 = 0, respectively. Fig. 8 illustrates the MTD versus Bi3 for different values of τ1. When Bi3 equals to infinity, the crack surfaces have perfect thermal contact and the temperature field is the same as that obtained from the non-cracked plate model. Correspondingly, the temperature curves of the two mid-points coincide.

Fig. 3. Effect of Bi1 on the normalized temperatures at the mid-points of the crack surfaces (T(0, 0−, t) − T0)/(T∞ − T0) and (T(0, 0+, t) − T0)/(T∞ − T0) when τ1 = 0, Bi2 = ∞ and Bi3 = 0.

Fig. 4. Effect of Bi1 on the maximum temperature difference between the mid-points of the crack surfaces (T(0, 0−, t) − T2 (0, 0+, t))/(T∞ − T0) when Bi2 = ∞ and Bi3 = 0.
together (the orange curves in Fig. 7). The thermal insulation of crack gap increases with $B_{i3}$ and the temperature curves of the two mid-points get away from each other. Fig. 8 shows that the values of $MTD$ are not sensitive of the non-Fourier effect for big $B_{i3}$ values, but increase evidently with $\tau_1$ when $B_{i3} < 20$.

4.2. Stress intensity factors

The inertia effect of the stress wave and the coupled effect between the temperature and the stress are ignored in this study. Therefore, the temperature field is the only source which generates the thermal stress. Predictably, the SIFs have the similar properties to those of the temperature field. In the following we will analyze the properties of the SIFs by using the similar method to that described in the previous section.

Fig. 9 shows the effect of non-Fourier factor, $\tau_1$, on the normalized SIFs ($K_{1*}$, $K_{2*}$) = ($K_1$, $K_2$)/($\mu a r^{1/2} (T_\infty - T_0)$) when $\tau_1 = 0$, $B_{i1} = B_{i2} = \infty$, and $B_{i3} = 0$. The effect of $B_{i3}$ on the normalized temperatures at the mid-points of the crack surfaces ($T_1 (0, 0^-, t) - T_0$)/($T_\infty - T_0$) and ($T_2 (0, 0^+, t) - T_0$)/($T_\infty - T_0$) when $\tau_1 = 0$ and $B_{i1} = B_{i2} = \infty$.

The effect of $B_{i2}$ on the maximum temperature difference between the mid-points of the crack surfaces ($T_1 (0, 0^-, t) - T_2 (0, 0^+, t)$)/($T_\infty - T_0$) when $B_{i1} = \infty$ and $B_{i3} = 0$.

Fig. 5. Effect of $B_{i2}$ on the normalized temperatures at the mid-points of the crack surfaces ($T_1 (0, 0^-, t) - T_0$)/($T_\infty - T_0$) and ($T_2 (0, 0^+, t) - T_0$)/($T_\infty - T_0$) when $\tau_1 = 0$, $B_{i1} = \infty$ and $B_{i3} = 0$.

Fig. 6. Effect of $B_{i3}$ on the normalized temperatures at the mid-points of the crack surfaces ($T_1 (0, 0^-, t) - T_0$)/($T_\infty - T_0$) and ($T_2 (0, 0^+, t) - T_0$)/($T_\infty - T_0$) when $\tau_1 = 0$ and $B_{i1} = B_{i2} = \infty$. The thermal insulation of crack gap increases with $B_{i3}$ and the temperature curves of the two mid-points get away from each other. Fig. 8 shows that the values of $MTD$ are not sensitive of the non-Fourier effect for big $B_{i3}$ values, but increase evidently with $\tau_1$ when $B_{i3} < 20$. 

4.2. Stress intensity factors
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The curves SIFs versus dimensionless time for different $\text{Bi}_1$ and the curves maximum SIFs versus $\text{Bi}_1$ for different $\tau_1$ are shown in Figs. 10 and 11, respectively. There is no temperature change in the plate and no stress concentration at the crack tips when the lower surface is completely heat insulated. Similarly, when $\text{Bi}_1$ is small, the surface heat resistance is large and the variation of temperature field around the crack is small, which lead to small SIFs. The magnitude of SIFs increase as the effective Biot’s number $\text{Bi}_1$ increase and reach the peak value at $\text{Bi}_1 = \infty$. The orange curves in Fig. 10 correspond to the red curves in Fig. 9.

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Figs. 14 and 15 exhibit the variation of SIFs versus dimensionless time for different $B_i^3$ and the variation of peak-value of SIFs versus $B_i^3$ for different $\tau_1$, respectively. When $B_i^3$ equals to infinity, the temperature field is the same as that obtained from the non-cracked plate model and the temperature gradient has no singularity at the crack tips. Therefore the SIFs are almost 0. As the decrease of $B_i^3$, the thermal insulation of the crack gap increases and then the SIFs increase. The absolute value of $K_1$ and $K_2$ increase at the beginning and decrease after they reach the top value. The peak values increase as the effective Biot’s number $B_i^3$ decreases. This trend is directly related to the dependence of the temperature field on effective Biot’s number. As discussed above, the crack behaves as a thermal resistance: smaller effective Biot’s numbers signify bigger thermal resistance. Therefore, the smaller the effective Biot’s number is, the higher the temperature gradient is around the crack and consequently, the higher the SIFs will be.

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The curves in Figs. 4, 6, 8, 11, 13 and 15 are almost parallel to each other, which means the non-Fourier effect and the heat transfer condition of the surfaces are uncoupled. On the one hand, larger $\tau_1$ always leads to larger maximum values of the temperature difference between the two crack surfaces and therefore to the larger values of the SIFs for a given group of boundary conditions. On the other hand, the influence of Biot’s numbers on the temperature field and on the SIFs is quite similar for different $\tau_1$ values.

It is suggested that in designing engineering structures, decreasing $B_1$ and $B_3$ and increasing $B_2$ will help to increase the thermal shock resistance and the strength against thermal fatigue. In this spirit, trying to modify the effective Biot’s numbers remains an efficient way to improve the high temperature performance of structures without changing the physical properties of the material.

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Appendix

The relations between $B_i^H$ and $C_i^H$ ($i = 1, \ldots, 8$) in (40) are:

$$
\begin{bmatrix}
B_1^H = \frac{\varphi_1}{\xi} C_i^H + \varphi_2 \Sigma_i^H \text{sgn}(\xi),
\varepsilon_2^H = \frac{\varphi_2}{\xi} C_i^H + \varphi_1 \Sigma_i^H \text{sgn}(\xi),
B_3^H = \frac{\varphi_3}{\xi} C_i^H + \varphi_4 \Sigma_i^H \text{sgn}(\xi),
B_4^H = \frac{\varphi_4}{\xi} C_i^H + \varphi_3 \Sigma_i^H \text{sgn}(\xi),
\end{bmatrix}
$$

(A.1)

where \( \text{sgn}(\xi) \) is the signum function.

The functions $\bar{u}_{i,\phi}$, $\bar{v}_{i,\phi}$, $\bar{v}_{i,\delta}$ ($i = 1, 2$) in (40) are defined as:

$$
\bar{u}_{i,\phi} = -2e^{-\nu m}((B_i + m)\xi(B_i - m))B_i + m) - B_i + m)\xi(B_i - m)
\text{sgn}(\xi),
\bar{u}_{i,\phi} = 2e^{-\nu m}((B_i + m)\xi(B_i - m))B_i + m) - B_i + m)\xi(B_i - m)
\text{sgn}(\xi),
\bar{u}_{i,\delta} = 8e^{-m((B_i + m)\xi(B_i - m))B_i + m) - B_i + m)\xi(B_i - m)
\text{sgn}(\xi),
$$

(A.2)  
(A.3)  
(A.4)

and $\gamma$ are in (44) are defined as:

$$
A = \begin{bmatrix}
a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & a_{14} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & a_{24} & a_{25} & a_{26} & a_{27} & a_{28} \\
a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} & a_{34} & a_{35} & a_{36} & a_{37} & a_{38} \\
a_{41} & a_{42} & a_{43} & a_{44} & a_{45} & a_{46} & a_{47} & a_{48} \\
a_{51} & a_{52} & a_{53} & a_{54} & a_{55} & a_{56} & a_{57} & a_{58} \\
a_{61} & a_{62} & a_{63} & a_{64} & a_{65} & a_{66} & a_{67} & a_{68} \\
-1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\
-1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\
-1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\
B_1 & B_2 & B_3 & B_4 & B_5 & B_6 & B_7 & B_8
\end{bmatrix}^{-1}
$$

(A.10)

where

$$
\begin{align*}
a_{i,j} &= (i \xi B_i + B_j \lambda_j) e^{-\lambda_j \rho} \\
b_{i,j} &= (i \xi B_i + \lambda_j) e^{-\lambda_j \rho} \\
c_{i,j} &= (i \xi B_i + B_j \lambda_j) e^{-\lambda_j \rho} \\
d_{i,j} &= (i \xi B_i + \lambda_j) e^{-\lambda_j \rho} \\
e_{i,j} &= (i \xi B_i + B_j \lambda_j) e^{-\lambda_j \rho} \\
f_{i,j} &= (i \xi B_i + \lambda_j) e^{-\lambda_j \rho}
\end{align*}
$$

(A.11)
where $H(x)$ in (A.11) is the Heaviside step function. It is a discontinuous function whose value is zero for negative argument and one for positive argument:

$$H(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < 0 \\ 1 & x > 0 \end{cases}$$

(A.13)

$K_{kl}$ ($k = 1, 2; l = 1, 2, 3$) in (48) are written as:

$$K_{k1} = \frac{\sinh((x - n)\xi)}{2\sinh((l_a + b)\xi)} \left[ 14\mathcal{G}_l (\mathcal{G}_l (l_b - 1) - \sinh^2(\mathcal{G}_l)) + 2\xi (l_b (\sinh(2\mathcal{G}_l) - 1) - 2\sinh(\mathcal{G}_l) + \mathcal{G}_l^2 (2\mathcal{G}_l + \sinh(2\mathcal{G}_l) - 1) - \sinh(2\xi (l_a + l_b) + \cosh(2\xi (l_a + l_b)) + \sinh(2\mathcal{G}_l) + \sinh(2\mathcal{G}_l) - 1) \right]$$

(A.14)

$$K_{k2} = \frac{2\xi^2 (l_b^2 \sinh^2(\mathcal{G}_l) - l^2 \sinh^2(\mathcal{G}_l))}{\xi^2 (l_a + l_b)^2 - \sinh^2(\xi (l_a + l_b))} \cos((x - n)\xi)$$

(A.15)

$$K_{k3} = \frac{-2\xi \sin((x - n)\xi)}{n} \left[ 1 \frac{(x + 1)(2 \mathcal{G}_l (A_1 - A_3) \cdot B + (x - 1)(A_3 + A_1) \cdot B)}{A} + \frac{m((B_1 + m)^{2m_1} + B_1 - m))(B_1 + m)^{2m_1} + B_1 - m)}{(m - 1)(m + 1)(B_1 + m)^{2m_1} + B_1 - m)} \right]$$

(A.16)

$$K_{k4} = \frac{2\xi^2 (l_b^2 \sinh^2(\mathcal{G}_l) - l^2 \sinh^2(\mathcal{G}_l))}{\xi^2 (l_a + l_b)^2 - \sinh^2(\xi (l_a + l_b))} \cos((x - n)\xi)$$

(A.17)

$$K_{k5} = \frac{\sinh((x - n)\xi)}{2\sinh((l_a + b)\xi)} \left[ 2\mathcal{G}_l (2\sinh^2(\mathcal{G}_l) - 2\mathcal{G}_l (l_b - 1)) + 2\xi (l_b (\sinh(2\mathcal{G}_l) - 1) + 2\sinh(\mathcal{G}_l) + \mathcal{G}_l^2 (-2\mathcal{G}_l + \sinh(2\mathcal{G}_l) - 1)) - \sinh(2\xi (l_a + l_b) + \cosh(2\xi (l_a + l_b)) + \sinh(2\mathcal{G}_l) + \sinh(2\mathcal{G}_l) - 1) \right]$$

(A.18)

$$K_{k6} = \frac{1}{4\xi^4 \xi^2} \mathcal{G}_l (2 \mathcal{G}_l (A_1 + A_3) \cdot B + (x + 1)(A_3 + A_1) \cdot B) + \frac{4\xi \xi^2 (l_b^2 \sinh^2(\mathcal{G}_l) - l^2 \sinh^2(\mathcal{G}_l))}{(m - 1)(m + 1)(B_1 + m)^{2m_1} + B_1 - m)} \right]$$

(A.19)

where the subscript $i$ ($i = 1, 2, 3, 4$) of $A$ denotes the $i$th column of $A$ and the operator “$\cdot$” denotes dot product of vectors.

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