As SSY is about to be violated, for example, as higher far field load is being applied, we want to still use LEFM as much as possible (we want to extend the applicability of LEFM)



- This is a coupled system for a_eff and K_ff.
- In general, we need to use an iterative process. For example, start with a_eff = a -> K -> update a_eff = a + rp(K_eff), ..., continue the process until a_eff is not changing much
- For an infinite domain, we can solve this.



Recall from lost time
$$\frac{\Gamma_s}{\Gamma_p} \propto \left(\frac{\delta}{\delta_{y_s}}\right)^2$$

Effective crack length



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Example:

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LEFM crack length is longer (not conservative), so we must do the correction or use more advanced models as SSY is about to be violated.

2D models for plastic zone around the crack tip

Plastic yield criteria





This approach does not have the stress redistribution

needed from material yielding and it suffers from the same problem we had here



To get a better solution, we need to solve the problem with plastic limit from the very beginning. We did this with strip yield model









Effect of definition of yield (some level of ambiguity)



- Low n: High strain-hardening.
- $n \to \infty$: Similar to elastic perfectly plastic.



×Effect of strain-hardening: Higher hardening (lower n) => 197 smaller zone







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 Prediction of failure in real-world applications: need the value of fracture toughness

Tests on cracked samples: PLANE STRAIN condition!!!

