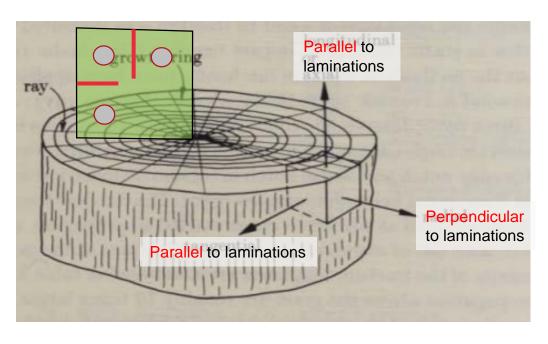
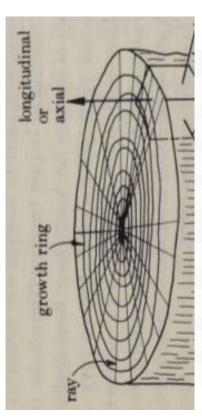


## Tree Rings-to-Rock Layers Analogy

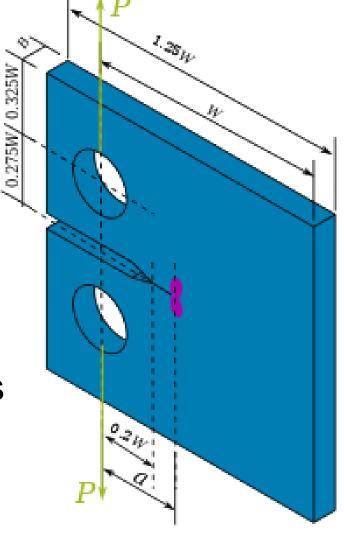




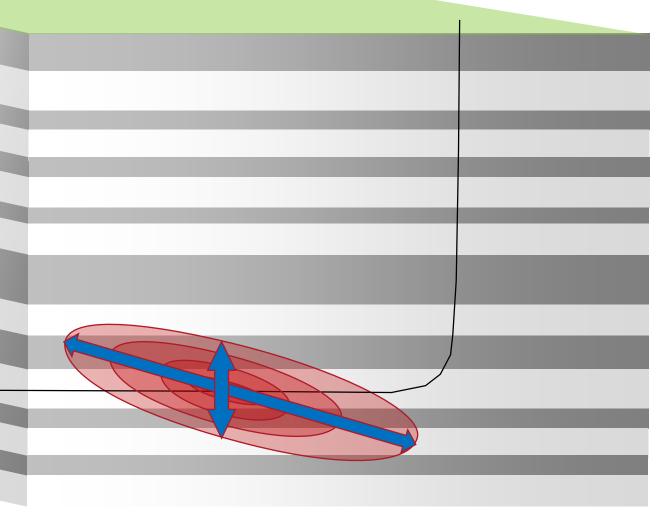
## "Compact Tension Specimen" (Side View)

- Test to measure fracture toughness
- All sizes are standardized and scaled to the size of the sample
  - o 12x12 inches; ¼ to ¾ inch thick
- Measure the pulling force by stepping on a scale and measure max weight beyond my body weight
- The force multiple through leverage on the 2x4 is a factor of about 17, and measured before every test

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stress\_intensity\_factor https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Compact\_tension\_specimen



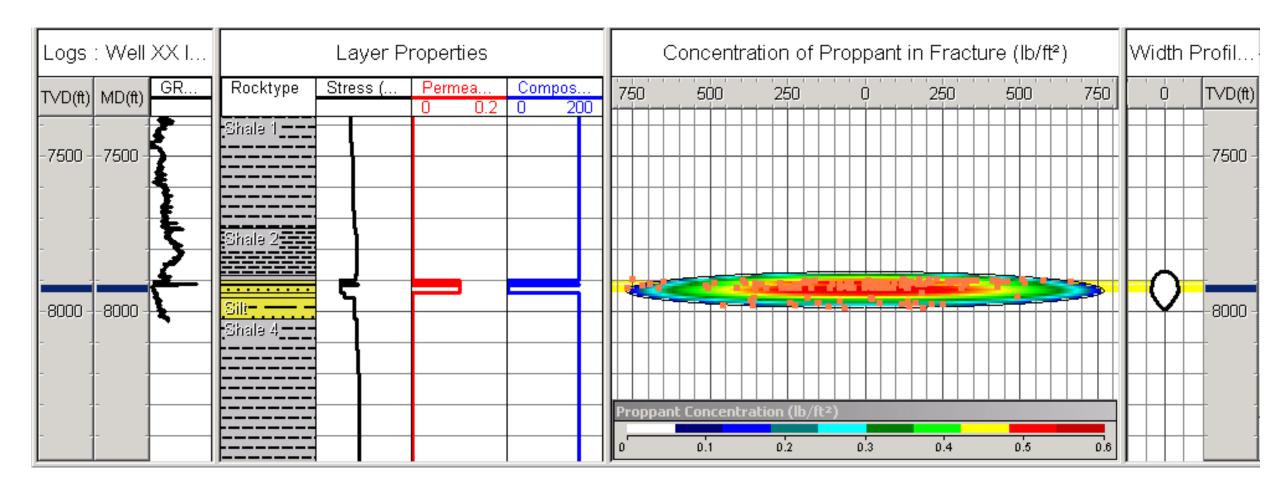
## Fracture Growth near Laminations







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