

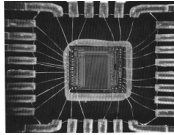
Chapter 9: Mechanical Failure

temperature, stress, cyclic and loading effect



Ship-cyclic loading from waves.

Chapter 9, Callister & Rethwisch 3e. (by Neil Boenzi, *The New York Times*.)



Computer chip-cyclic thermal loading.

Fig. 22.30(b), Callister 7e. (Fig. 22.30(b) is courtesy of National Semiconductor Corp.)



Hip implant-cyclic loading from walking.

Fig. 22.26(b), Callister 7e.

ISSUES TO ADDRESS...

- How do cracks that lead to failure form?
- How is fracture resistance quantified? How do the fracture resistances of the different material classes compare?
- How do we estimate the stress to fracture?
- How do *loading rate, loading history, and temperature* affect the failure behavior of materials?

Chapter 9 Mechanical Failure: Fracture, Fatigue and Creep

Ship-cyclic loading - waves and cargo.



photo by Neal Noenzi (NYTimes)

It is important to understand the mechanisms for failure, especially to prevent in-service failures via design.

This can be accomplished via **Materials selection, Processing (strengthening), Design Safety (combination).**

Objective: Understand how flaws in a material initiate failure.

- Describe crack propagation for ductile and brittle materials.
- Explain why brittle materials are much less strong than possible theoretically.
- Define and use Fracture Toughness.
- Define fatigue and creep and specify conditions in which they are operative.
- What is steady-state creep and fatigue lifetime? Identify from a plot.

Fracture mechanisms

- **Ductile fracture**
 - Accompanied by significant plastic deformation
- **Brittle fracture**
 - Little or no plastic deformation
 - Catastrophic
 - Usually strain is < 5%.

Ductile vs Brittle Failure

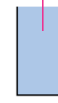
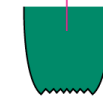
- Classification:

Fracture behavior:

Very Ductile

Moderately Ductile

Brittle



Adapted from Fig. 9.1, Callister & Rethwisch 3e.

%RA or %EL

Large

Moderate

Small

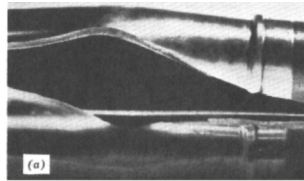
• Ductile fracture is usually more desirable than brittle fracture!

Ductile: Warning before fracture

Brittle: No warning

Example: Failure Of A Pipe

- **Ductile failure:**
 - one piece
 - large deformation
- **Brittle failure:**
 - many pieces
 - small deformation

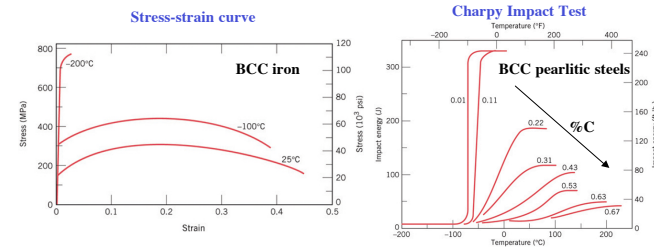


Figures from V.J. Colangelo and F.A. Heiser, *Analysis of Metallurgical Failures* (2nd ed.), Fig. 4.1(a) and (b), p. 66 John Wiley and Sons, Inc., 1987. Used with permission.



Stress-Strain Behavior versus Temperature

Ambient and operating T affects failure mode of materials.

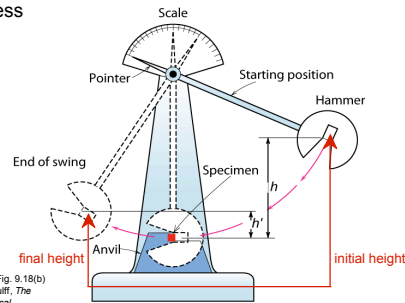
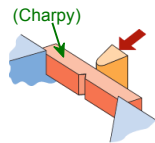


Shows **Ductile** to **Brittle** Transition with T reduction!
or increase in %C!

Energy to initiate crack propagation found via Charpy V-Notch (CVN) Test

Charpy Impact Testing

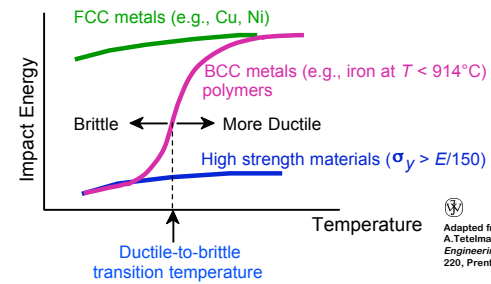
- Impact loading:
 - severe testing case
 - makes material more brittle
 - decreases toughness



Adapted from Fig. 9.18(b), Callister & Rethwisch 3e. (Fig. 9.18(b) is adapted from H.W. Hayden, W.G. Moffatt, and J. Wulff, *The Structure and Properties of Materials*, Vol. III, *Mechanical Behavior*, John Wiley and Sons, Inc. (1965) p. 13.)

Charpy V-Notch Impact Data: Energy vs Temperature

Notched sample is **hit** and **crack** propagates.



Adapted from C. Barrett, W. Nix, and A. Telleman, *The Principles of Engineering Materials*, Fig. 6-21, p. 220, Prentice-Hall, 1973.

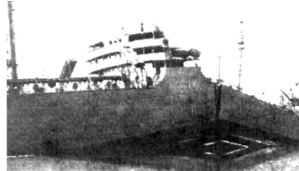
- Increasing Temperature increases %EL and K_{Ic} .
- Temperature effect clear from these materials test.
- A238 Steel has more dramatic dependence around ocean T.

Design Strategy: Stay above the DBTT

- Pre-WWII: The Titanic
- WWII: Liberty ships



From R.W. Hertzberg, "Deformation and Fracture Mechanics of Engineering Materials", (4th ed.) Fig. 7.1(a), p. 262, John Wiley and Sons, Inc., 1996. (Orig. source: Dr. Robert D. Ballard, *The Discovery of the Titanic*.)



From R.W. Hertzberg, "Deformation and Fracture Mechanics of Engineering Materials", (4th ed.) Fig. 7.1(b), p. 262, John Wiley and Sons, Inc., 1996.

- **Problem:** Used a steel with a DBTT ~ Room temp.
For Liberty Ships it was in the process of steel that was issue for they made up to 1 ship every 3 days at one point!

Famous example failures: Liberty ships

USS Esso Manhattan, 3/29/43



Fracture at entrance to NY harbor.

John P. Gaines, 11/43



Vessel broke in two off the Aleutians (10 killed).

USS Schenectady, 1/16/43



Liberty tanker split in two while moored in calm water at the outfitting dock at Swan Island, OR.

http://www.uh.edu/liberty/photos/liberty_summary.html

Coast Guard Report: USS Schenectady

Without warning and with a report which was heard for at least a mile, the deck and sides of the vessel fractured just aft of the bridge superstructure. The fracture extended almost instantaneously to the turn of the bilge port and starboard. The deck side shell, longitudinal bulkhead and bottom girders fractured. Only the bottom plating held. The vessel jack-knifed and the center portion rose so that no water entered. The bow and stern settled into the silt of the river bottom.

The ship was 24 hours old.

Official CG Report attributed **fracture to welds in critical seams that "were found to be defective"**.

Ductile Fracture: distinctive features on macro and micro levels

Ductility: **Very** Moderately **Brittle**

Soft metals at RT (Au, Pb)
Metals, polymers,
inorganic glasses at high T

crack + plastic Plastic region

A B C

Brittle: crack failure

Note: Remnant of microvoid formation and coalescence.

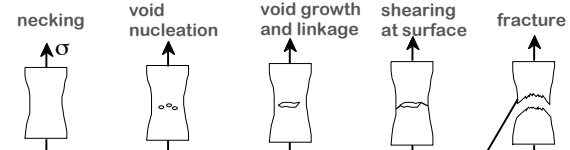
Cup-cone fracture in Al Brittle fracture: mild Steel

• B is most common mode.
• Ductile fracture is desired.
Why?

Brittle fracture: no warning.

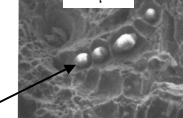
Moderately Ductile Failure

- Evolution to failure:



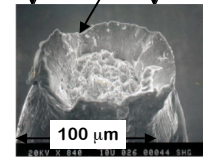
- fracture surfaces (steel)

50 μm



particles serve as void nucleation sites.

From V.J. Colangelo and F.A. Heiser, *Analysis of Metallurgical Failures* (2nd ed.), Fig. 11.28, p. 294, John Wiley and Sons, Inc., 1987. (Orig. source: P. Thornton, *J. Mater. Sci.*, Vol. 6, 1971, pp. 347-56.)



Fracture surface of tire cord wire loaded in tension. Courtesy of F. Roehrig, CC Technologies, Dublin, OH. Used with permission.

Fracture Surface under Tensile and Shear load

- Failure Evolution
necking + void coalescence
+ cracks propagate
- Final shear fracture with fibrous
pullout indicating plastic deformation

spherical dimples

Tensile loading

parabolic dimples

Shear loading

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Brittle Fracture Surface

- Intergranular (between grains)**
- Intragranular (within grains)**

304 S. Steel (metal)
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4 mm

316 S. Steel (metal)
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160 μm

Polypropylene (polymer)
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1 mm

Al Oxide (ceramic)
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3 μm

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Brittle Fracture Surface

Chevron marks
From brittle fracture

Origin of crack

Fan-shaped ridges
coming from crack

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Brittleness of Ceramics

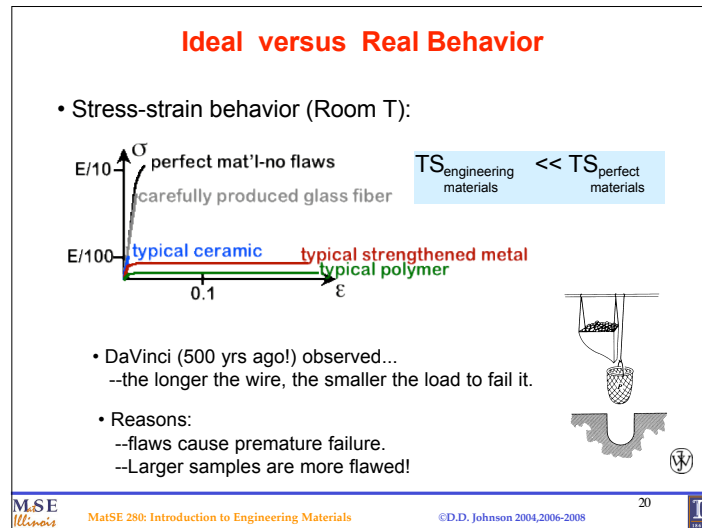
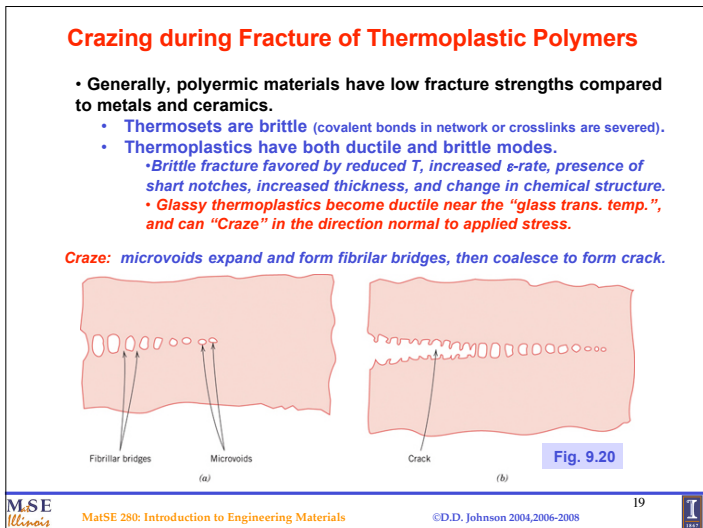
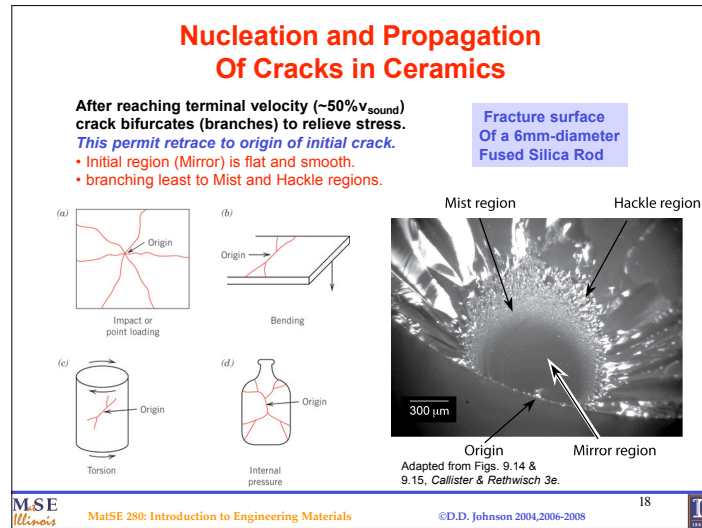
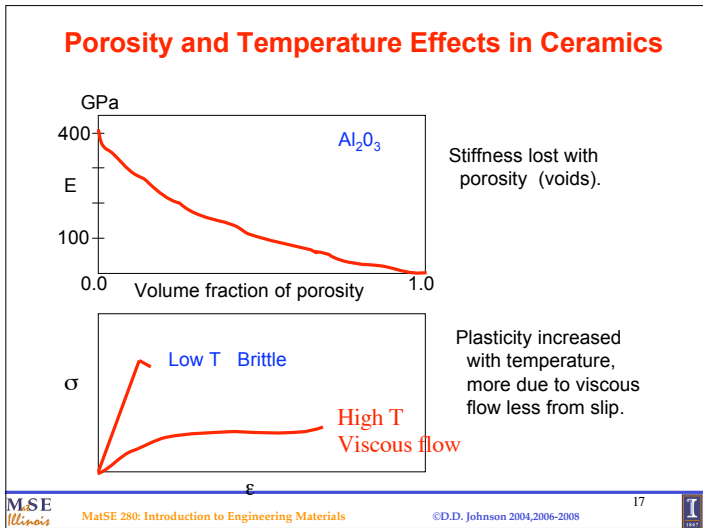
- Restricted slip planes (reduced plasticity)**
- Stress concentrators (voids, pores, cracks, oh, my!)**

e.g, MgO What are possible slip paths?

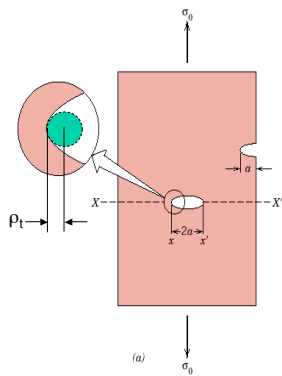
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O^{2-}	Mg^{2+}	O^{2-}	Mg^{2+}

What is restriction? Why is a metal different?

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Flaws are Stress Concentrators!



Results from crack propagation
 • Griffith Crack

$$\sigma_m = 2\sigma_o \left(\frac{a}{\rho_t} \right)^{1/2} = K_t \sigma_o$$

where

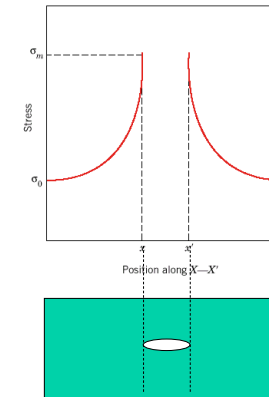
ρ_t = radius of curvature

σ_o = applied stress

σ_m = stress at crack tip

Concentration of Stress at Crack Tip

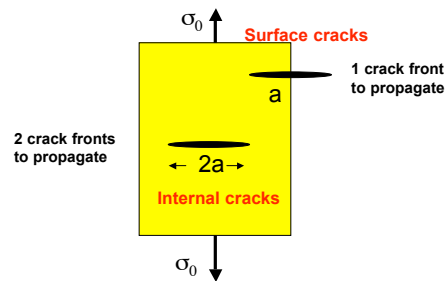
Starting from applied stress at surface, the stress rises to maximum value near the crack.



Adapted from Fig. 9.8(b),
Callister & Rethwisch 3e.

Flaws are Stress Concentrators

• Load cannot be carried over cracks



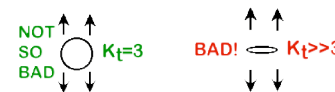
- Surface & internal cracks not the same size!
- Large surface cracks the worst.
- Long, thin cracks worse (lower radius curvature)!

Flaws are Stress Concentrators

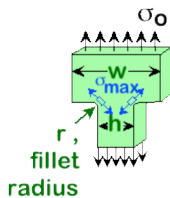
• Load cannot be carried over cracks

• Stress conc. factor: $K_t = \sigma_{max} / \sigma_o$

• Large K_t promotes failure:

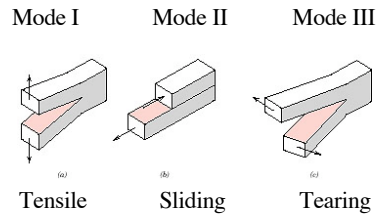


• Surface cracks are worse!



Avoid sharp corners!

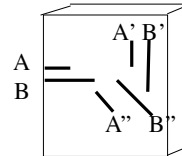
Modes of Fracture which Operate on Cracks



Mode I is most often encountered.

Griffith's Criteria for Fracture and Failure

$A=A'=A''$ etc.



Crack sizes, orientations and distributions

It should be almost intuitive that the relative lengths of cracks will control which crack will propagate under stress, such can be said of the orientation and distribution also. Let us examine and example.

*If cracks each act independently, then, if $A < B$, failure will not occur from A.

*Failure will not occur from A' and B' because they are parallel to applied stress.

*Thus, B-type crack is failure mode, as it has the highest stress concentration.

How could crack in Liberty Bell been stopped?

Theoretical cohesive strength is

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{2E(\gamma_s + \gamma_p)}{\pi a}} = \sqrt{\frac{EG_c}{\pi a}}$$

$G_c = \text{toughness} = \text{kJ/m}^2$ is the energy needed to generate a crack.

Griffith's Criteria (Tensile mode I)

Fast-Fracture Condition

$$K = \sigma\sqrt{\pi a} = \sqrt{EG_c} = \text{constant!!}$$

$G_c \propto 2\gamma_s$
Surface energy

Units of $\text{MPa}\sqrt{\text{m}}$
"stress intensity factor"

Hard to measure
Internal flaws

Measureable (fixed)
materials properties

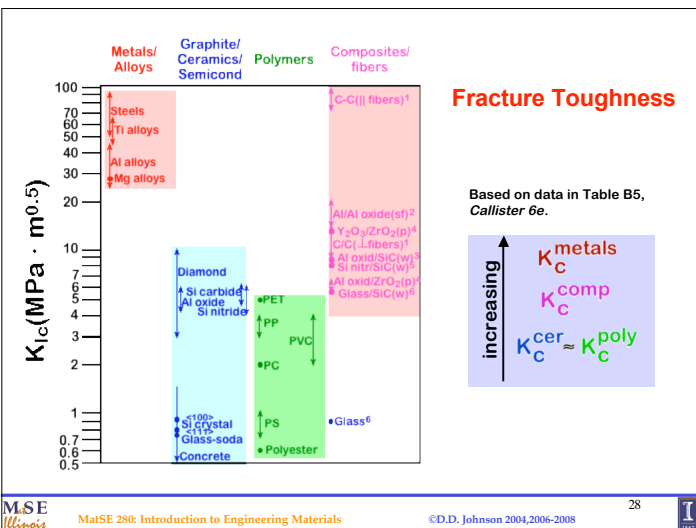
• LHS of equation => **fast fracture** will occur when (in a material subjected to stress s) a crack reaches some critical size "a"; or, when a material contains cracks of size "a" is subjected to some critical stress s .

• Point is that the critical combination of stress and crack length at which fast fracture occurs is a **MATERIAL CONSTANT!**

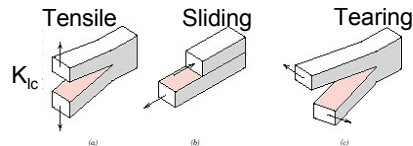
FAST Fracture will occur when

$$K \geq K_C = \sqrt{EG_c} = \text{constant}$$

Fracture Toughness, K_C



Griffith's Criteria is different for SLIDING and TEARING.



- **TENSILE condition** derived for an [elliptical crack in thin plate](#).

$$K = \sigma\sqrt{\pi a} \Rightarrow K_{Ic} = \sqrt{EG_c} = \text{constant}$$

- When $K = K_c$ fast fracture will occur:

$$K = K_{Ic} = \sigma\sqrt{\pi a}$$

Materials selection

Design stress

Allowable flaw size or NDT flaw detection

Griffith's Criteria for TENSILE: more generally

- More generally, for K_{Ic} case:

$$K = K_{Ic} = XY\sigma\sqrt{\pi c}$$

Materials selection

Design stress

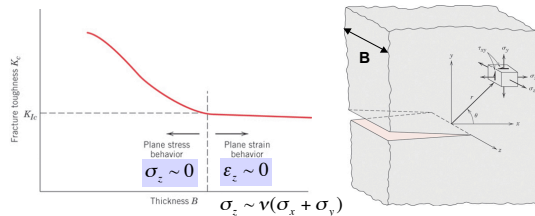
Geometric factor mostly $0.5 < Y < 2$

Allowable interior or surface flaw size or NDT flaw detection
 $c = 1/2 a_{\text{interior}}$
or $c = a_{\text{surface}}$

Factor designating type of crack
 $X=1$ for simple interior crack.
 $X=1.12$ for simple surface crack.

- **Y is a geometric factor** reflecting shape of crack and geometry of sample.
– Often **Y is not known**, but determined by K_c and s (e.g., HW)

Plane-Strain vs Plane-Stress State



- **Thinner plate:** *plane-stress state* as z-surface is free and stress cannot change appreciably over small distance.
- **Thicker plate:** *plane-strain state* as strain $\Delta l_z/l_z \sim 0$ and stress is established by the Poisson effect.
- **Experimentally, the plane-strain condition is found for** $B \geq 2.5 \left(\frac{K_{Ic}}{\sigma_{ys}} \right)^2$
- **Plane-strain fracture toughness is** $K_{Ic} = XY\sigma\sqrt{\pi c}$

Importance of Fast Fracture: Example

(From Hertzberg, 4th Ed.)

- On 15 January 1919 on Commercial Street in Boston a huge tank of molasses (diameter: 27 m, height: 15 m) fractured catastrophically:

"Without an instant's warning the top was blown into the air and the sides were burst apart. A city building nearby, where employees were at lunch, collapsed burying a number of victims and a firehouse was crushed in by a section of the tank, killing and injuring a number of firemen."¹

"On collapsing, a side of the tank was carried against one of the columns supporting the elevated structure [of the Boston Elevated Railway Co.] This column was completely sheared off...and forced back under the structure.... the track was pushed out of alignment and the superstructure dropped several feet ... Twelve persons lost their lives either by drowning in molasses, smothering, or by wreckage. Forty more were injured. Many horses belonging to the paving department were drowned, and others had to be shot."²

1. Scientific American 120 (1919) 99.
2. Engineering News-Record 82 (1919) 974.

Designing Against Crack Growth

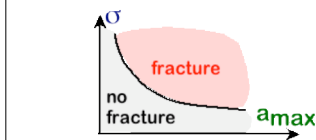
- Crack growth condition: $K \geq K_c$

$$XY\sigma\sqrt{\pi a}$$

- Largest, most stressed cracks grow first!

- Result 1: Max flaw size dictates design stress.

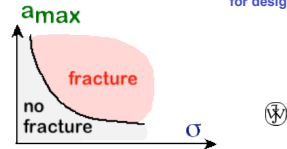
$$\sigma_{design} < \frac{K_c}{Y\sqrt{\pi a_{max}}}$$



- Result 2: Design stress dictates max. flaw size.

$$a_{max} < \frac{1}{\pi} \left(\frac{K_c}{Y\sigma_{design}} \right)^2$$

NOTE: only K_c/σ is critical for design!



Design Example: Aircraft Wing

Material has $K_c = 26 \text{ MPa}\cdot\text{m}^{0.5}$

- Two designs to consider...
Design A
--largest flaw is 9 mm
--failure stress = 112 MPa

- Design B
--use same material
--largest flaw is 4 mm
--What is failure stress?

$$\sigma_c = \frac{K_c}{Y\sqrt{\pi a_{max}}}$$

- Key point: Y and K_c are the same in both designs.

$$\left(\sigma_c \sqrt{\pi a_{max}} \right)_A = \left(\sigma_c \sqrt{\pi a_{max}} \right)_B$$

Answer: $(\sigma_c)_B = 168 \text{ MPa}$

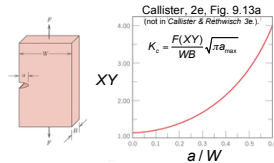
- Reducing flaw size pays off!

Design Example: Steel Plating

Material has $K_c = 60 \text{ MPa}\cdot\sqrt{\text{m}}$ and $Y_S = 1400 \text{ MPa}$

Steel plate has through-edge crack pictured. Width $W = 40 \text{ mm}$ and thickness $B = 6 \text{ mm}$. Plane-strain K_c and Y_S given.

If the plate is to be loaded to 200 MPa , would you expect failure to occur if $a = 16 \text{ mm}$? Why or why not?



- Two issues to consider...

- Does condition of plane-strain hold? If so, use *fast-fracture criterion*.
- Use *fast-fracture criterion* for the correct plate and crack geometry!

- Plane-strain? Plane-strain observed if $B \geq 2.5 \left(\frac{K_c}{\sigma_{ys}} \right)^2$

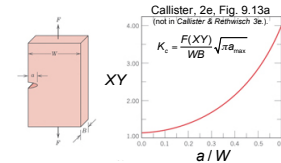
$$B \geq 2.5 \left(\frac{K_c}{\sigma_{ys}} \right)^2 = 4.6 \text{ mm, hence, } B = 6 \text{ mm} > 4.6 \text{ mm (Plane-strain holds!)}$$

- We may use *fast-fracture criterion*: $K = \sigma XY\sqrt{\pi a_{max}} > K_c$

Design Example: Steel Plating

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- From *fast-fracture criterion*: $K = \sigma XY\sqrt{\pi a_{max}} > K_c$

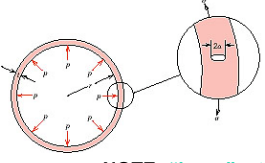
$$\text{With } \frac{a}{W} = \frac{16 \text{ mm}}{40 \text{ mm}} = 0.4 \text{ figure gives } XY = 2.12$$

$$\text{Thus, } K = (200 \text{ MPa})(2.12)\sqrt{\pi(16 \text{ mm})} = 95 \text{ MPa}\sqrt{\text{m}} > K_c (60 \text{ MPa}\sqrt{\text{m}})$$

With $K > K_c$, we must expect fracture to occur by fast-fracture in the plate.

What would be the largest surface crack in plate to prevent failure by this mode?

Simple Case Study: Compressed Air Tanks



Internal and surface flaws (cracks) are possible and typical under processing.

How can we design and check a pressure vessel to make sure it is safe?

NOTE: "hoop" stress in a sphere is $\sigma = \frac{pr}{2t}$ if $t \ll r$.
(See Review notes. Twice this for a cylinder.)

Thus,

- **For yielding**, $\sigma = \sigma_{ys}$. With safety factor, $\sigma = \sigma_{ys}/S$.
- **For fast fracture**, $Y\sigma\sqrt{\pi a} = K_{Ic}$ or $\sigma = \frac{K_{Ic}}{Y\sqrt{\pi a}}$

Hence: $a_c = \frac{S^2}{Y^2\pi} \left(\frac{K_{Ic}}{\sigma_{ys}}\right)^2$ Ratio $\frac{K_{Ic}}{\sigma_{ys}}$ is key!

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Simple Case Study: Compressed Air Tanks (extra safety by leak-before-break requirement)

- If the critical flaw size is less than the wall thickness, t , then fast fracture can occur without warning (*catastrophically*).
- If critical crack length is $a_c = t$, then the *gas will leak out through the crack before crack can run* (no catastrophic failure!).

With $K_{Ic} = Y\sigma\sqrt{\pi a_c}$ the permissible stress is $\sigma = \frac{K_{Ic}}{Y\sqrt{\pi t}}$

With σ set to σ_{ys}/S (i.e., contain pressure w/o yield) $t = \frac{pr}{2\sigma}$

We find that to have LEAK-BEFORE-YIELD $p = \frac{2}{Y^2\pi r} \left(\frac{K_{Ic}}{\sigma_{ys}}\right)^2$

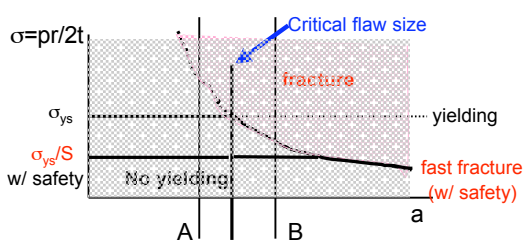
Now $\frac{K_{Ic}^2}{\sigma_{ys}^2}$ is now important!

(See Ex.9.1 Callister)

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Simple Case Study: Compressed Air Tanks

Yielding and Fracture Criteria, $\sigma = \sigma_{ys}/S$ and $\sigma = \frac{K_{Ic}}{Y\sqrt{\pi a}}$

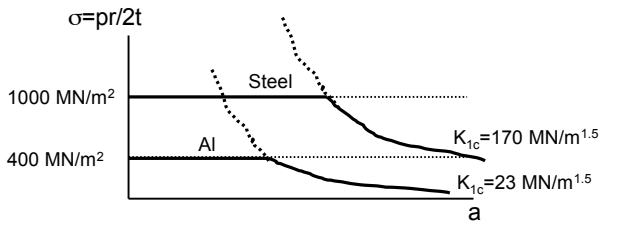


At some pressure p with flaw sizes given by A and B

- Pt A: flaw size causes yield before fracture.
- Pt B: flaw size causes fast fracture at less stress than Y_S , without warning and with catastrophic consequences!

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Critical Flaw Sizes: In steel: 9mm In Aluminum: 1mm

* Non-destructive testing can determine flaw sizes of ~5-9mm, e.g., by ultrasonic testing, but not for 1 mm (it's too small). Aluminum is therefore less safe to use

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Table 9.3 Ranking of Several Metal Alloys Relative to Critical Crack Length (Yielding Criterion) for a Thin-Walled Spherical Pressure Vessel

Material	$\left(\frac{K_{Ic}}{\sigma_Y}\right)^2$ (mm)
Medium carbon (1040) steel	43.1
AZ31B magnesium	19.6
2024 aluminum (T3)	16.3
Ti-5Al-2.5Sn titanium	6.6
4140 steel (tempered @ 482° C)	5.3
4340 steel (tempered @ 425° C)	3.8
Ti-6Al-4V titanium	3.7
17-7PH stainless steel	3.4
7075 aluminum (T651)	2.4
4140 steel (tempered @ 370° C)	1.6
4340 steel (tempered @ 260° C)	0.93

For given pressure and radius,
Yield-before-Break

$$a_c = \frac{S^2}{Y^2 \pi} \left(\frac{K_{Ic}}{\sigma_Y} \right)^2$$

Note: There is a critical crack length that must not be surpassed for safety. Either Y_S is lowered or K_{Ic} is increased!

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For given radius, Leak-before-Break $p = \frac{2}{Y^2 \pi r} \frac{K_{Ic}^2}{\sigma_Y}$

Table 9.4 Ranking of Several Metal Alloys Relative to Maximum Allowable Pressure (Leak-before-Break Criterion) for a Thin-Walled Spherical Pressure Vessel

Material	$\frac{K_{Ic}^2}{\sigma_Y}$ (MPa-m)
Medium carbon (1040) steel	11.2
4140 steel (tempered @ 482° C)	6.1
Ti-5Al-2.5Sn titanium	5.8
2024 aluminum (T3)	5.6
4340 steel (tempered @ 425° C)	5.4
17-7PH stainless steel	4.4
AZ31B magnesium	3.9
Ti-6Al-4V titanium	3.3
4140 steel (tempered @ 370° C)	2.4
4340 steel (tempered @ 260° C)	1.5
7075 aluminum (T651)	1.2

Note: For permissible stress, there is a penalty to be paid for extra safety. Either p is lowered or t is increased!

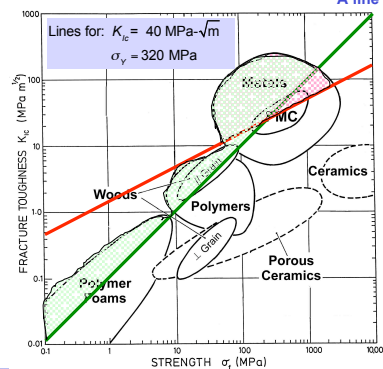
$$\sigma = \frac{K_{Ic}}{Y \sqrt{\pi t}}$$

Evaluation via Ashby Plots: Compressed Air Tanks

Materials Performance Index

$$M = \frac{K_{Ic}^m}{\sigma_Y^n} \rightarrow \log K_{Ic} = \frac{n}{m} \log \sigma_Y + \frac{1}{m} \log M$$

A line on log-log plot: $y = a x + b$



1. Yield-before-Break

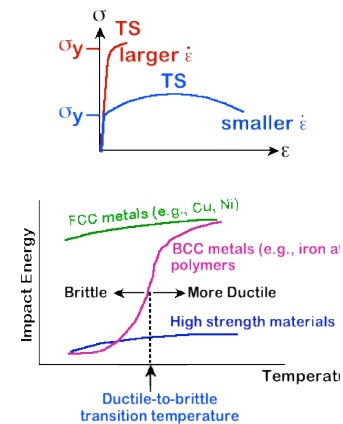
$$a_c = M \sim \left(\frac{K_{Ic}}{\sigma_Y} \right)^2 \quad \text{Slope} = 1$$

2. Leak-before-Break

$$p = M \sim \frac{K_{Ic}^2}{\sigma_Y} \quad \text{Slope} = 1/2$$

Recall: Failure from Ductile-to-Brittle Transitions

- Increased loading rate...
 - increases σ_Y and TS,
 - decreases %EL.
- Why? An increased rate gives less time for disl. to move past obstacles.
- Impact loading (Charpy tests):
 - severe testing case
 - more brittle
 - smaller toughness
- Increasing temperature...
 - increases %EL and K_{Ic}

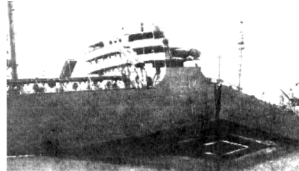


Design Strategy: Stay above the DBTT

- Pre-WWII: The Titanic
- WWII: Liberty ships



From R.W. Hertzberg, "Deformation and Fracture Mechanics of Engineering Materials", (4th ed.) Fig. 7.1(a), p. 262, John Wiley and Sons, Inc., 1996. (Orig. source: Dr. Robert D. Ballard, *The Discovery of the Titanic*.)



From R.W. Hertzberg, "Deformation and Fracture Mechanics of Engineering Materials", (4th ed.) Fig. 7.1(b), p. 262, John Wiley and Sons, Inc., 1996.

- **Problem:** Used a steel with a DBTT ~ Room temp.
For Liberty Ships it was in the process of steel that was issue for they made up to 1 ship every 3 days at one point!

Chapter 9: Failure from Fatigue

As we have seen, Defects lead to failure due to

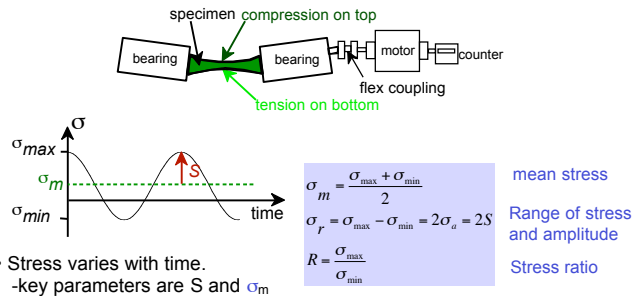
- Cracks (stress concentrators)
- Ductile-to-Brittle Transition Temperature

Another is Fatigue:

Failure from dynamic or fluctuating stresses from Lengthy period of repeated stress or strain cycles.

- What are the features of fatigue?
- How can we prevent it?

Fatigue: Failure from cyclic stress.

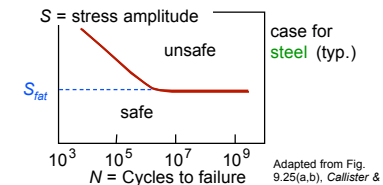


- Stress varies with time.
-key parameters are S and σ_m
- Key points: Fatigue...
- causes part failure, even though $\sigma_{max} < \sigma_c$.
- causes ~90% of mechanical engineering failures.

Stress Amplitude (S) vs Number of Cycles (N): S-N Curves

- Fatigue limit, S_{fat} :
-no fatigue if $S < S_{fat}$

low-cycle fatigue, 10^4 - 10^5
high-cycle fatigue $> 10^5$

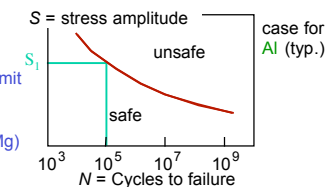


- Fatigue limit can be zero!

S-N behavior

- Fe- and Ti-based alloys, fatigue limit is 35-60% of TS.

- Non-ferrous alloys (e.g., Al, Cu, Mg) do not have fatigue limit!



Fatigue

S-N Curves

Failure

S = stress amplitude
N = Cycles to failure
case for Al (typ.)

- Fatigue can occur under axial, flexural, torsional stress/strain.
- Failure can occur:
 - at *stress less than YS or UTS for static load.*
 - suddenly, without warning, and catastrophic! (90% of metals)*
- Fatigue failure is brittle in nature, even in normally ductile metals, due to initiation of crack propagation.
- Fatigue Life N_f (total cycles to failure) is sum of number to initiate cracks and number to propagate cracks: $N_f = N_i + N_p$.
 - Low-stress levels (high-cycle fatigue) $N_i \gg N_p$.
 - High-stress levels (low-cycle fatigue) $N_i \ll N_p$.

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Fatigue Behavior of Polymers

- Fatigue limit:**
 - PMMA, PP, PE
- No fatigue limit:**
 - PET, Nylon (dry)

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Fatigue Mechanisms

- Crack grows *incrementally*

$$\frac{da}{dN} = (\Delta K)^m \sim (\Delta\sigma)\sqrt{a}$$

typ. 1 to 6
increase in crack length per loading cycle
- Failed rotating shaft
 - crack grew even though $K_{max} < K_C$
 - crack grows faster if
 - $\Delta\sigma$ increases
 - crack gets longer
 - loading freq. increases.

Fig. 9.34

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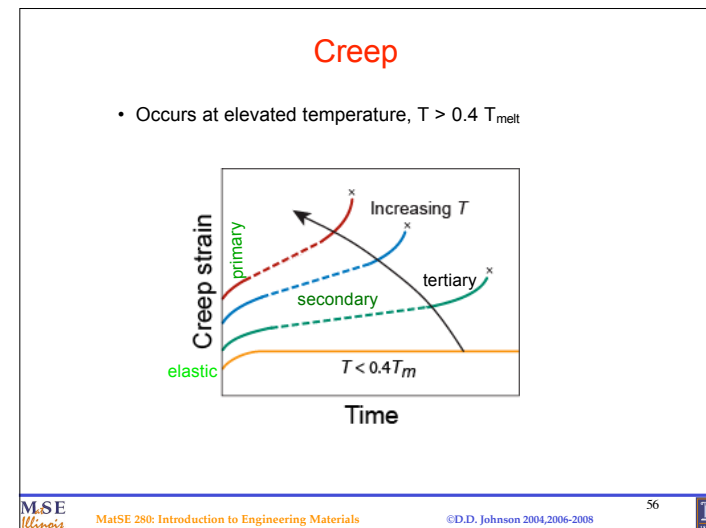
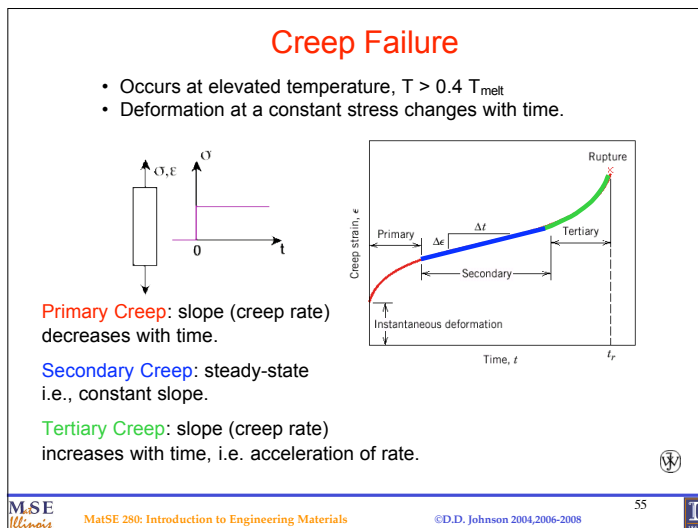
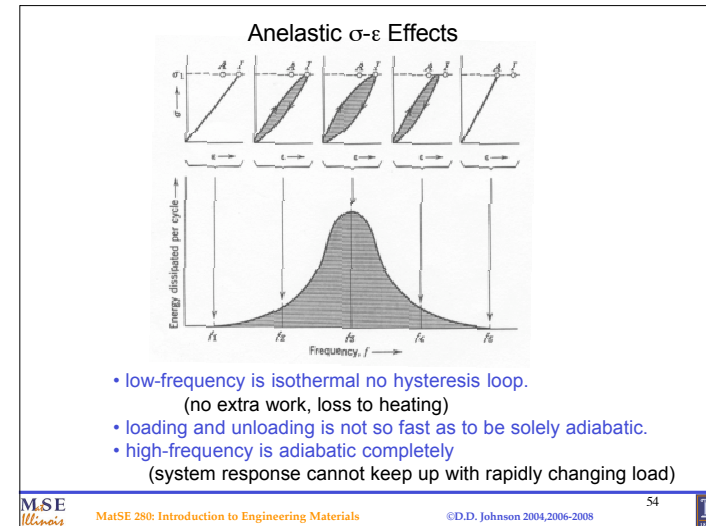
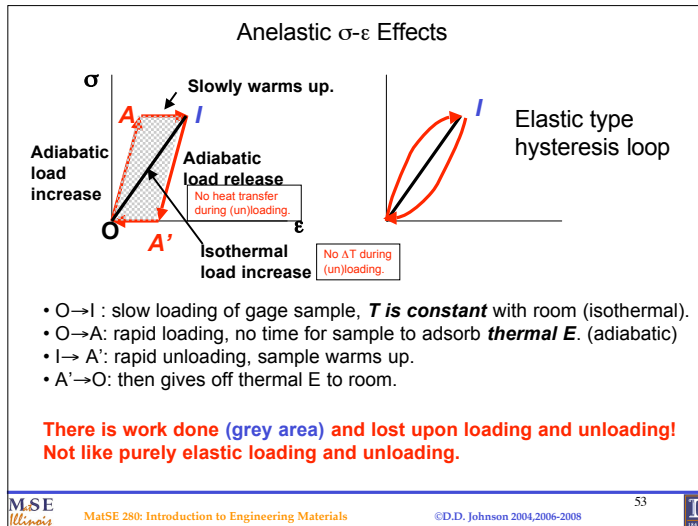
Improving Fatigue Life

- Impose a compressive surface stress (to suppress cracks from growing)
 - Method 1: shot peening
 - Method 2: carburizing
- Remove stress concentrators.
 - bad
 - better

Fig. 9.22, Callister & Rethwisch 3e.

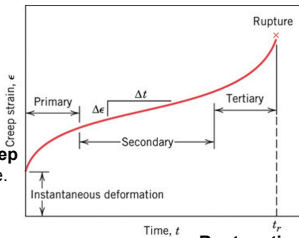
Fig. 9.23, Callister & Rethwisch 3e.

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Creep: deformation under elevated T and static stresses

Secondary creep
Steady-state creep rate $d\epsilon/dt \sim \text{constant}$
 Competition between strain-hardening and recovery



Primary or transient creep has decreasing creep rate.

Tertiary creep accelerated creep rate and failure!

Secondary creep important for long-life applications: Nuclear power plant.

Rupture time caused by GB separation, cracks, voids, cavities, etc., including necking.
 Short-life creep: turbine blades, rocket nozzles.

Secondary Creep

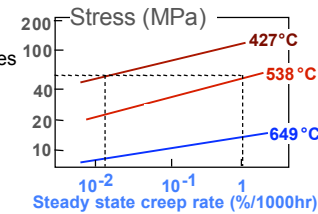
- Strain rate is constant at a given T, s
- strain hardening is balanced by recovery

$$\dot{\epsilon}_s = K_2 \sigma^n \exp\left(-\frac{Q_c}{RT}\right)$$

Annotations:

- $\dot{\epsilon}_s$: strain rate
- K_2 : material const.
- σ : applied stress
- n : stress exponent (material parameter)
- Q_c : activation energy for creep (material parameter)
- R : gas constant
- T : temperature

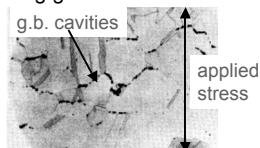
- Strain rate increases for higher T, s



Adapted from Fig. 9.38, Callister & Rethwisch 3e. (Fig. 9.38 is from Metals Handbook: Properties and Selection: Stainless Steels, Tool Materials, and Special Purpose Metals, Vol. 3, 9th ed., D. Benjamin (Senior Ed.), American Society for Metals, 1980, p. 131.)

Secondary Failure: Larson-Miller procedure

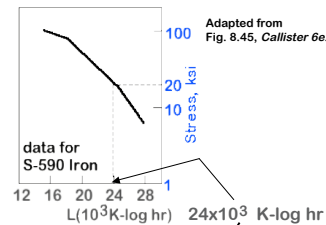
- Failure: along grain boundaries.



From V.J. Colangelo and F.A. Heiser, *Analysis of Metallurgical Failures* (2nd ed.), Fig. 4.32, p. 87, John Wiley and Sons, Inc., 1987. (Orig. source: Pergamon Press, Inc.)

- Time to rupture, t_r
 $T(20 + \log t_r) = L$
 temperature function of applied stress
 time to failure (rupture)

- Estimate rupture time
 S 590 Iron, $T = 800\text{C}$, $s = 20 \text{ ksi}$



$$T(20 + \log t_r) = L$$

Annotations:

- T : temperature (1073K)
- t_r : time to failure
- L : Larson-Miller parameter (24x10³ K-log hr)

 Ans: $t_r = 233\text{hr}$

Creep RECOVERY and Vacancy-assisted Climb

- Creep is an **anelastic** behavior of a material, i.e. the strain depends on **temperature and time** effects.
- Creep can be viewed as a manifestation of competitive work-hardening and recovery (or materials "softening") in Stage III response, where work-hardening involves dislocation glide.
- The main mechanism assumed to be important to the **recover for the creep process is non-conservative climb**.

- How does climb help "soften" a material?
- Why is temperature important?

Major recover mechanism is non-conservative climb.

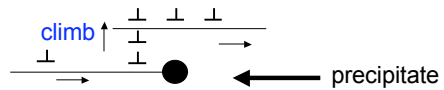
- Creep = Work-hardening + Recovery

(a) How does climb help "soften" a material?

Edge Dislocations will move out of one glide plane and into another via vacancy-assisted climb. By doing so, they can avoid "hard" obstacles (see diagram), rather than cut through them, making the system respond effectively "softer".

(b) Why is temperature important?

Climb requires mobile vacancies that can diffuse to the tensile side of the edge; hence, temperature is important as vacancies diffuse roughly when $T > 0.4 T_{\text{melting}}$.



Summary

- Engineering materials don't reach **theoretical strength**.
- **Flaws** produce **stress concentrations** that cause premature failure.
- Sharp corners produce large stress concentrations and premature failure.
- Failure type depends on T and stress:
 - for noncyclic σ and $T < 0.4T_m$, failure stress decreases with: **increased maximum flaw size** or **rate of loading**, or **decreased T**.
 - for cyclic σ : cycles to failure decreases as $\Delta\sigma$ increases.
 - for higher T ($T > 0.4T_m$): time to fail decreases as σ or T increases.