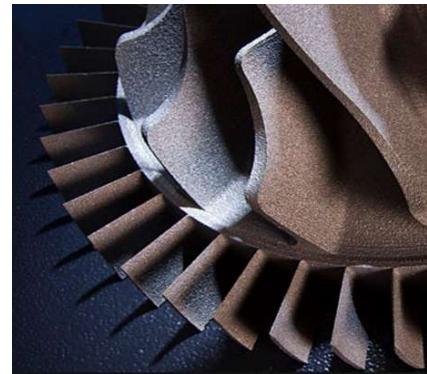
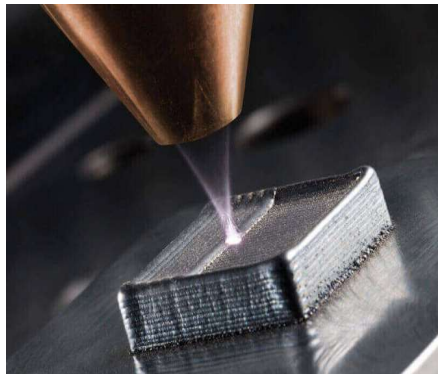


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## Local Approaches in Fatigue



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- Structural integrity of additively manufactured materials
- Local approaches for fatigue design
- Multiaxial fatigue
- Notch Effect
- Energy based methods, Data-driven approaches

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Local approaches  
3D effects  
Energy based criteria

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Leadership in research

Expanded national & international scientific network

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Stanford  
Harvard, MIT  
Berkeley  
CERN, NASA

Own research team

PhD student  
Postdoc,  
Permanent Pos.

# Fatigue and Fracture Lab



## Laboratory equipment

Universal testing machines:

- Zwick 250kN
- Multiaxial MTS 100kN and 2000 Nm
- MTS 50 kN
- Instron 100kN (Servohydr. with hydr. grips)
- Instron 50kN (Servohydr. with hydr. grips)
- Instron 40kN (Servohydr. with hydr. grips)
- MTS 5 kN

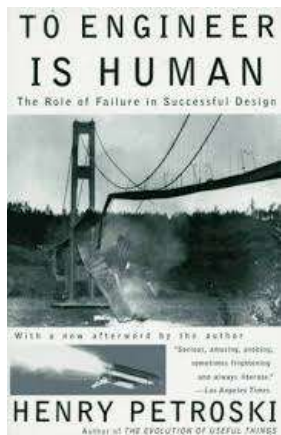
# Crack propagation in cyclically loaded metallic components

Part 1: Introduction to fatigue

# Learning Philosophy- Competence Orientation<sup>1</sup>

Have a good understanding of failure mechanisms

*“Failure is central to engineering. Every single calculation that an engineer makes is a failure calculation. Successful engineering is all about understanding how things break or fail.”*



Henry Petroski

American engineer in failure analysis

Professor of civil engineering and history Duke University

Industrial design history of common everyday objects

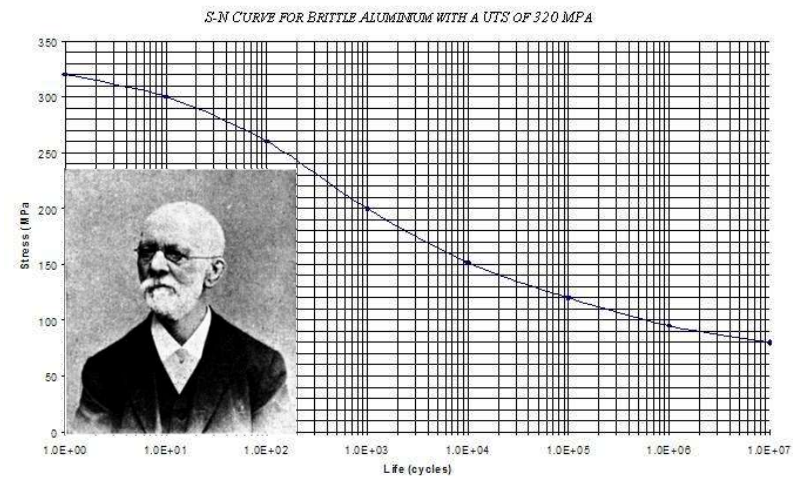
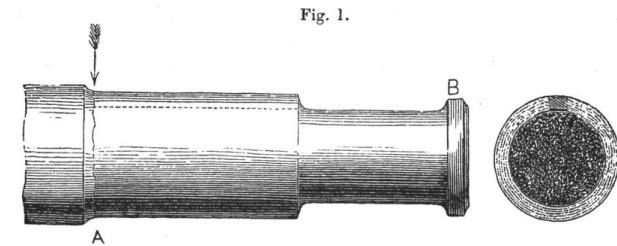
Frequent lecturer and a columnist for the magazines American Scientist and Prism.



# Fatigue- “Suddenly it happened”



Versailles rail accident 1842

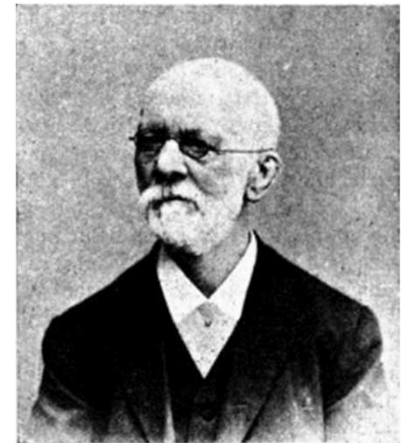
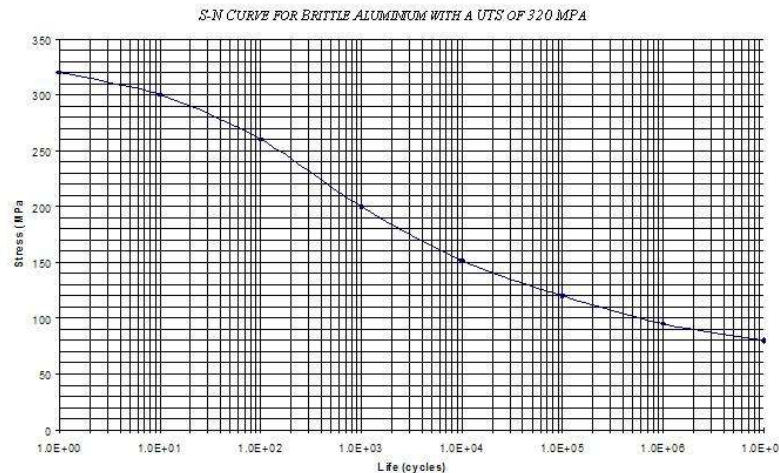


August Wohler, Railway engineer, 1819-1914

# Fatigue- “Suddenly it happened”

First systematic investigation of S-N curves.

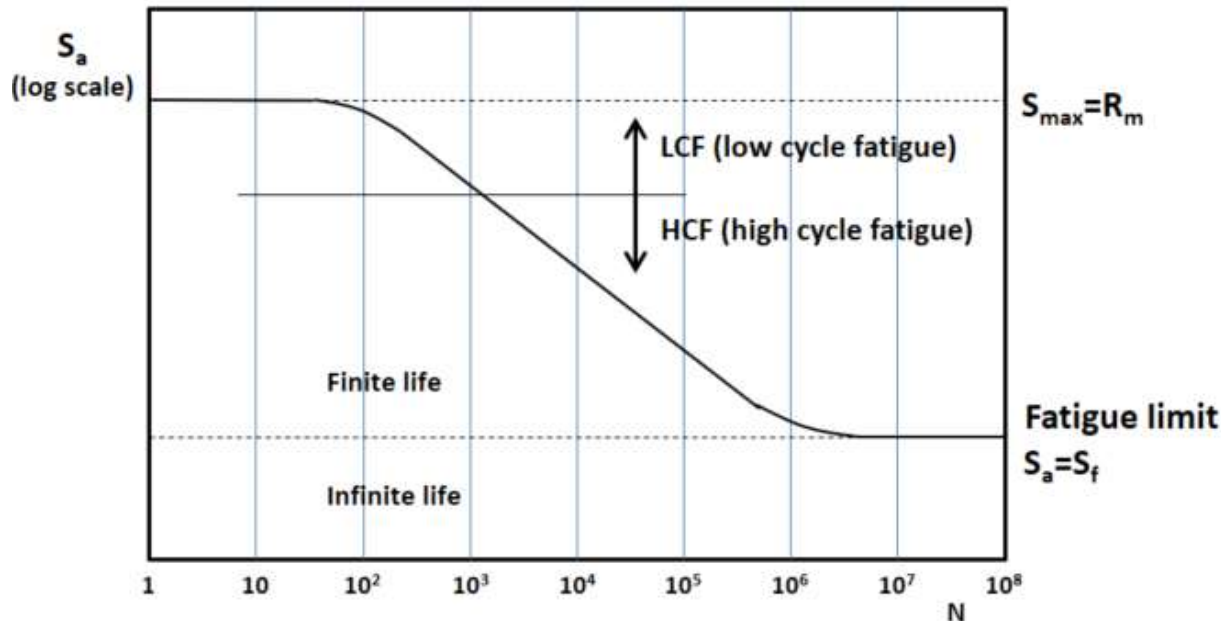
- Fatigue occurs suddenly, also in ductile materials
- Minimization of fatigue by lowering the stress at critical points of the component
- Fatigue occurs by crack growth from surface defects until product can no longer support the load



August Wohler  
Railway engineer  
1819-1914



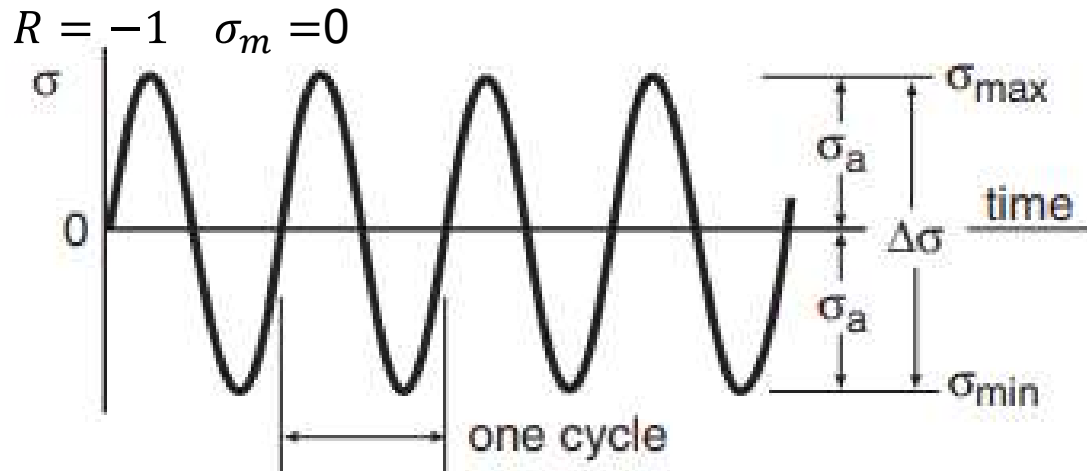
# Woehler Curves



- Relation between cyclic stress amplitude and number of cycles to failure.
- S-N curves are derived from fatigue tests (constant amplitude)
- $K_t=1$  unnotched

$$\sigma_a = A * N^b$$

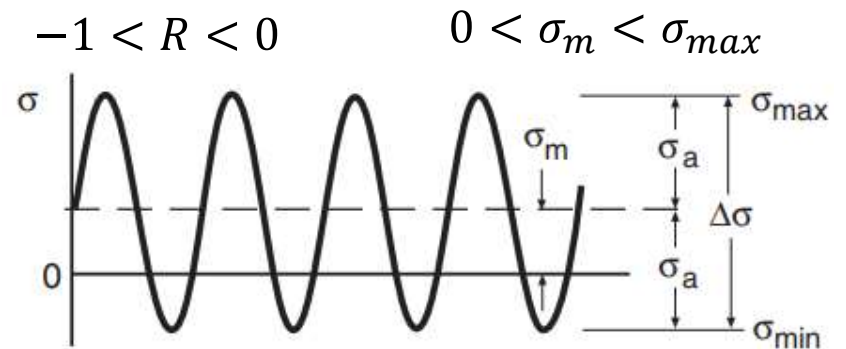
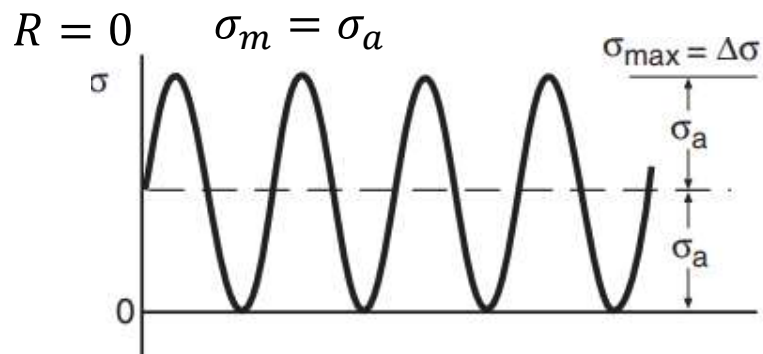
# Cyclic Loading



$$\Delta\sigma = \sigma_{\max} - \sigma_{\min} \quad \dots \text{Stress Range}$$

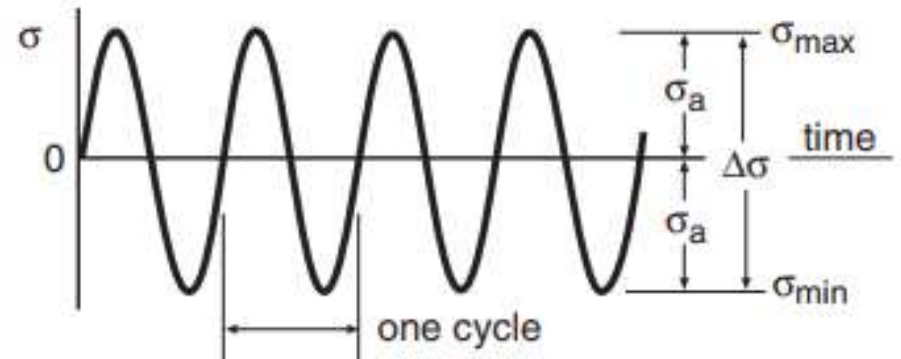
$$\sigma_m = \frac{\sigma_{\min} + \sigma_{\max}}{2} \quad \dots \text{Mean Stress}$$

$$R = \frac{\sigma_{\min}}{\sigma_{\max}} \quad \dots \text{Stress Ratio}$$



# Cyclic Loading

$$\sigma_a = \frac{\Delta\sigma}{2} = \frac{\sigma_{max} - \sigma_{min}}{2} \quad \dots \text{Amplitude}$$
$$A = \frac{\sigma_a}{\sigma_m} \quad \dots \text{Amplitude Ratio}$$



## Further Relations

$$\sigma_{max} = \sigma_m + \sigma_a$$

$$\sigma_{min} = \sigma_m - \sigma_a$$

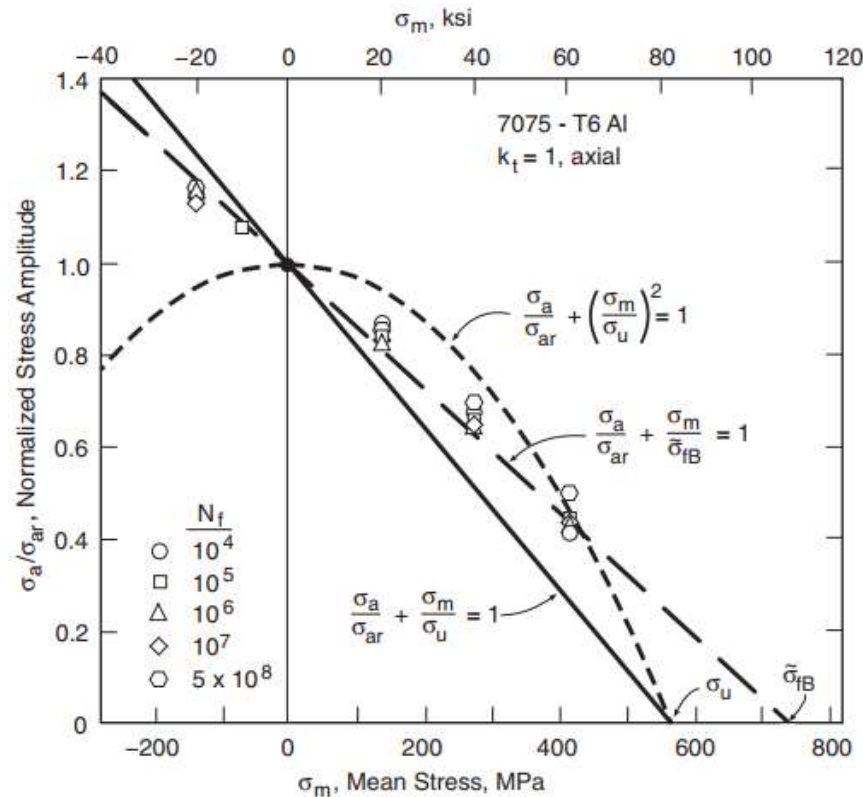
$$\sigma_a = \frac{\sigma_{max}}{2} (1 - R)$$

$$\sigma_m = \frac{\sigma_{max}}{2} (1 + R)$$

$$R = \frac{1 - A}{1 + A}$$

$$A = \frac{1 - R}{1 + R}$$

# Woehler Curves- Mean Stress



$$\frac{\sigma_a}{\sigma_{ar}} + \frac{\sigma_m}{\sigma_u} = 1$$

Goodman

$$\frac{\sigma_a}{\sigma_{ar}} + \left(\frac{\sigma_m}{\sigma_u}\right)^2 = 1$$

Gerber for  $\sigma_m \geq 0$

$$\frac{\sigma_a}{\sigma_{ar}} + \frac{\sigma_m}{\tilde{\sigma}_{fB}} = 1$$

Goodman correction with true fracture strength

$$\sigma_{ar} = \sqrt{\sigma_{\max} \sigma_a} \quad (\sigma_{\max} > 0)$$

Smith, Watson and Topper

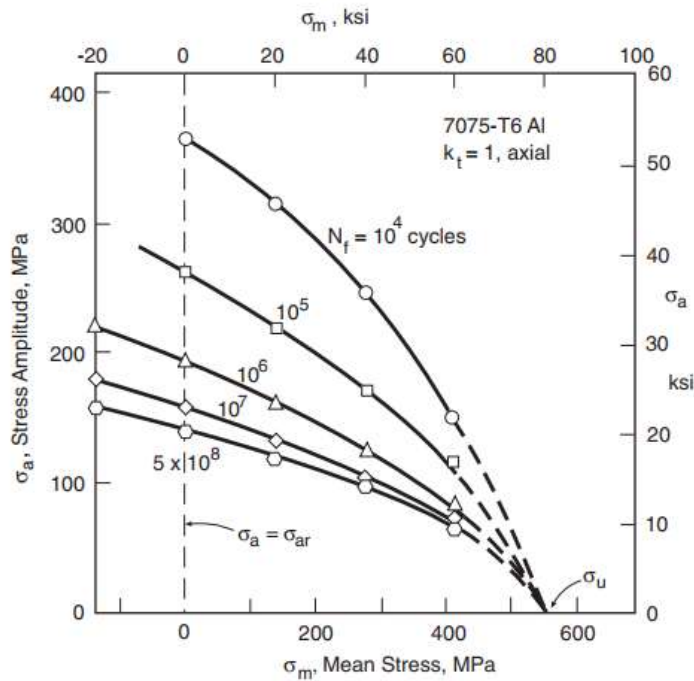
$$\sigma_{ar} = \sigma_{\max} \sqrt{\frac{1-R}{2}} \quad (\sigma_{\max} > 0)$$

$$\sigma_{ar} = \sigma_{\max}^{1-\gamma} \sigma_a^\gamma \quad (\sigma_{\max} > 0)$$

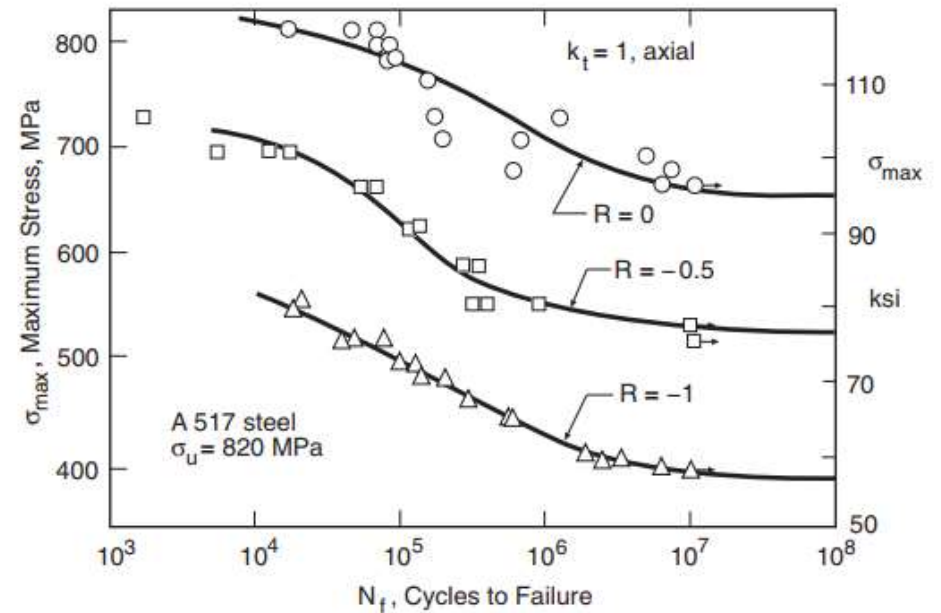
Walker

$$\sigma_{ar} = \sigma_{\max} \left(\frac{1-R}{2}\right)^\gamma \quad (\sigma_{\max} > 0)$$

# Woehler Curves- Mean Stress



Constant life diagram for 7075-T6 aluminum



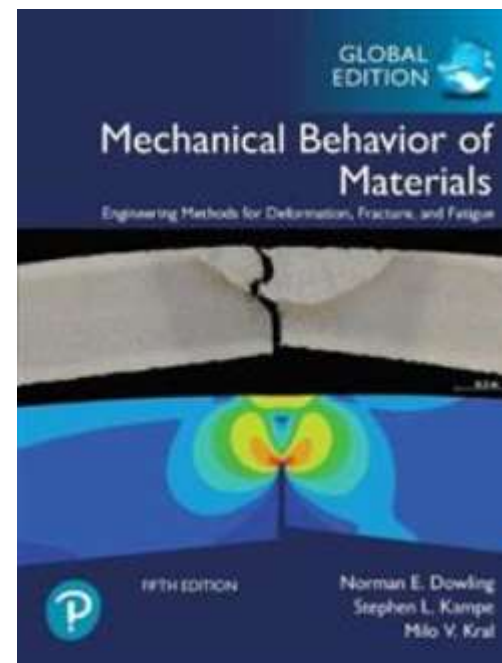
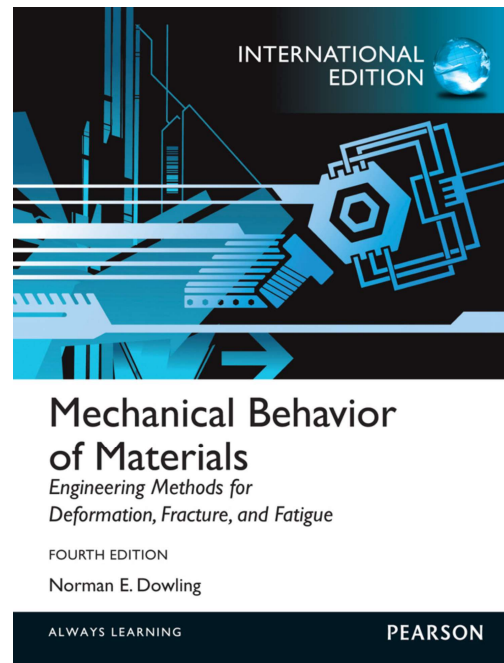
Stress-life curves for axial loading of unnotched A517 steel for constant values of the stress ratio R

# Learning Outcome

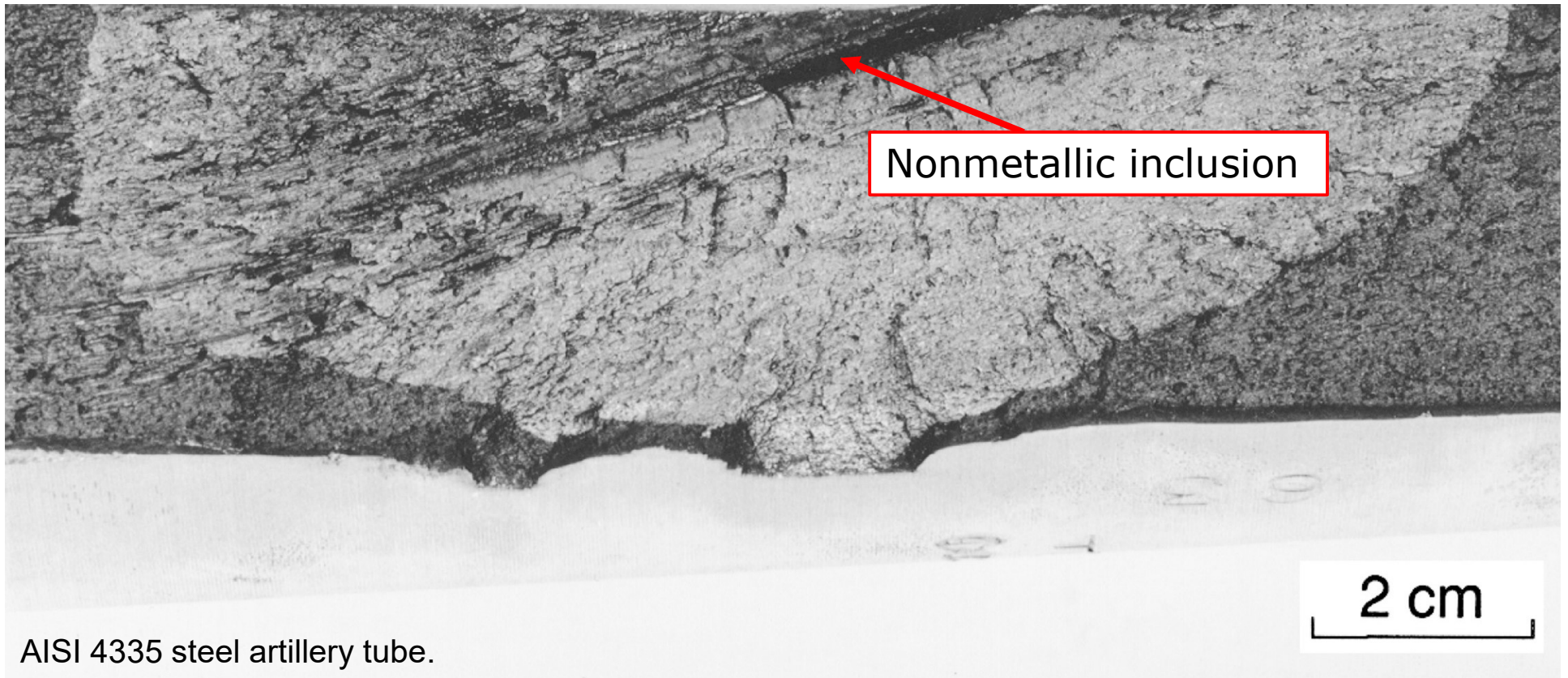
By the end of this course, you will know

- Material failure under cyclic loading
- The role of plasticity and applicability of LEFM under cyclic loading
- Crack initiation, propagation and final growth until rupture
- Life estimation on a pre-cracked component
- The crack growth rate  $da/dN$  and the role of the stress intensity factor  $K$  in the crack growth

# Pensum book



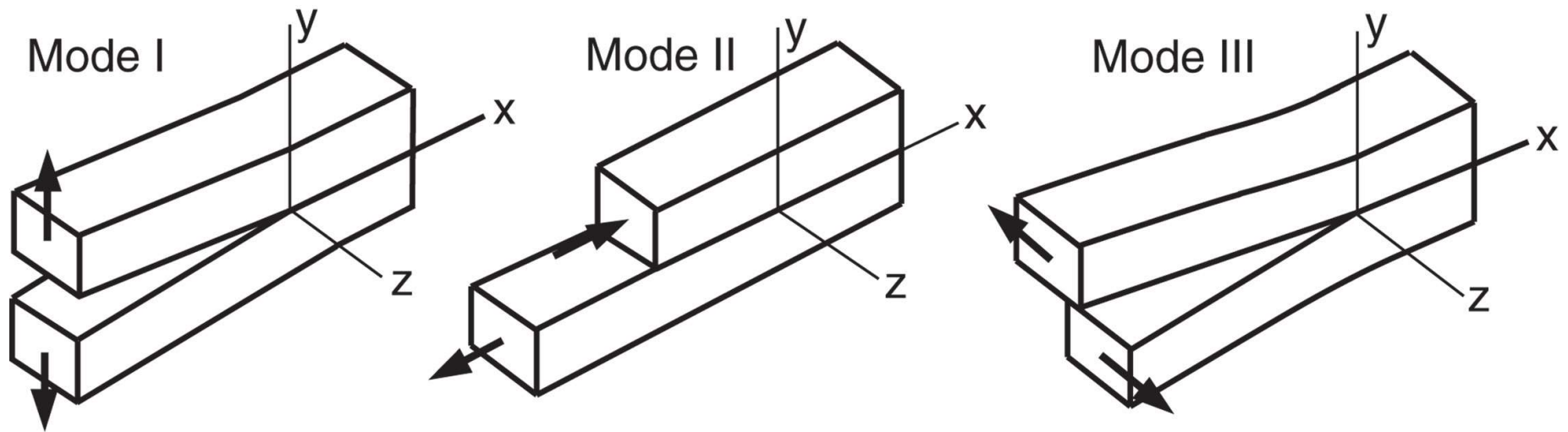
# What is a crack?



AISI 4335 steel artillery tube.



# Modes of Crack Surface Displacement



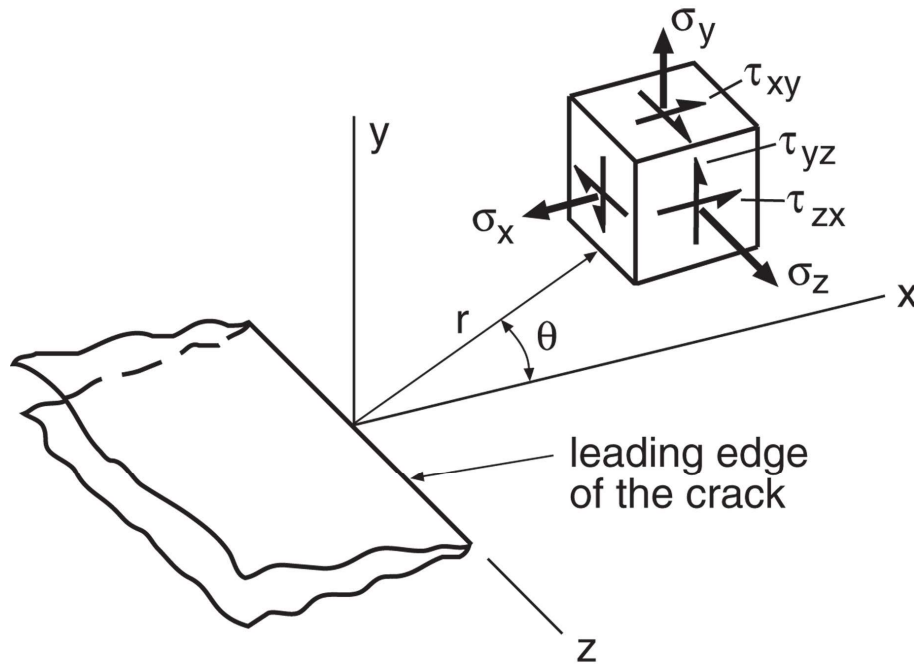
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Tension

In plane Shear

Out of plane Shear

# Local stresses at the crack tip



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K...magnitude (intensity) of the stresses in the vicinity of an ideally sharp crack tip

$$\sigma_x = \frac{K_I}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \left[ 1 - \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \sin \frac{3\theta}{2} \right] + \dots$$

$$\sigma_y = \frac{K_I}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \left[ 1 - \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \sin \frac{3\theta}{2} \right] + \dots$$

$$\tau_{xy} = \frac{K_I}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} + \dots$$

$$\sigma_z = 0 \quad (\text{plane stress})$$

$$\sigma_z = \nu(\sigma_x + \sigma_y) \quad (\text{plane strain; } \epsilon_z=0)$$

$$\tau_{yz} = \tau_{zx} = 0$$

Geometry factor

$$K_I = FS\sqrt{\pi a} \quad \text{--- Crack length}$$

Nominal remote applied stress

# Plasticity limitation

Plane stress

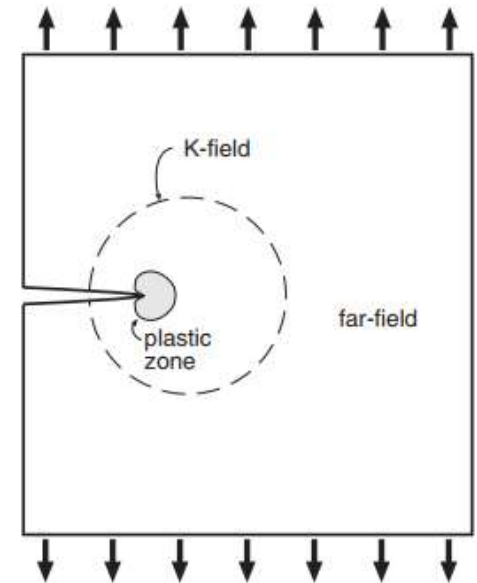
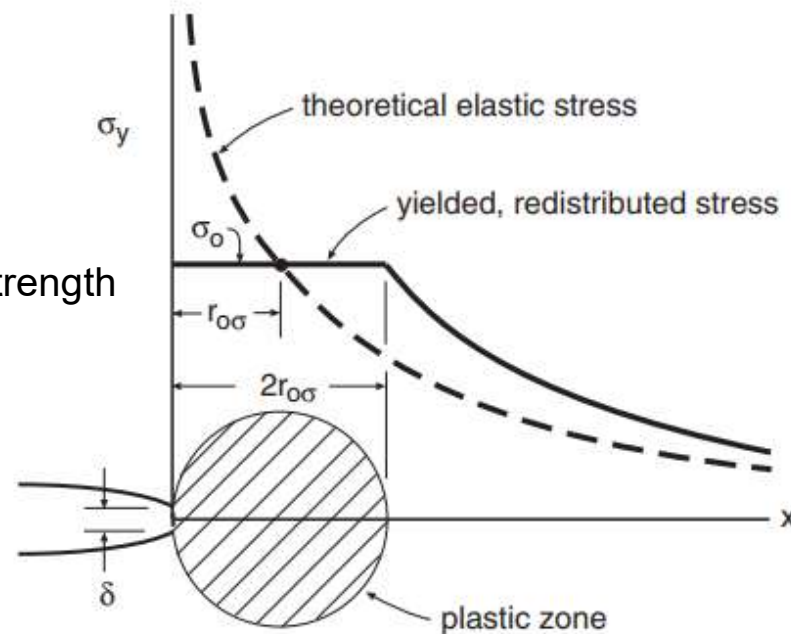
$$r_{p\sigma} = \frac{1}{\pi} \left( \frac{K}{\sigma_0} \right)^2$$

Yield strength

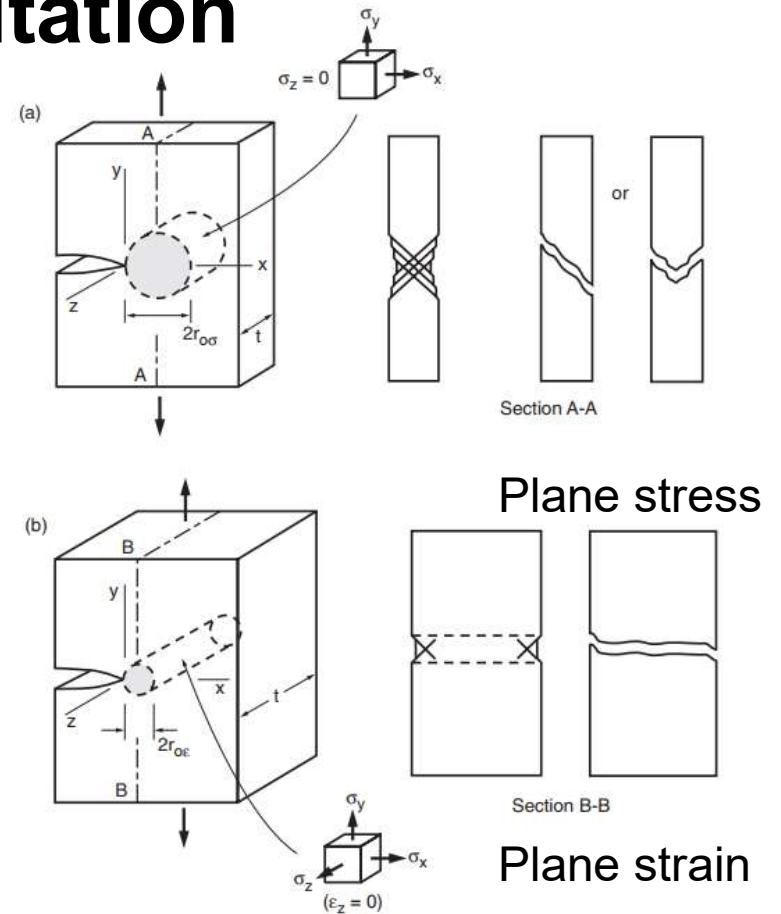
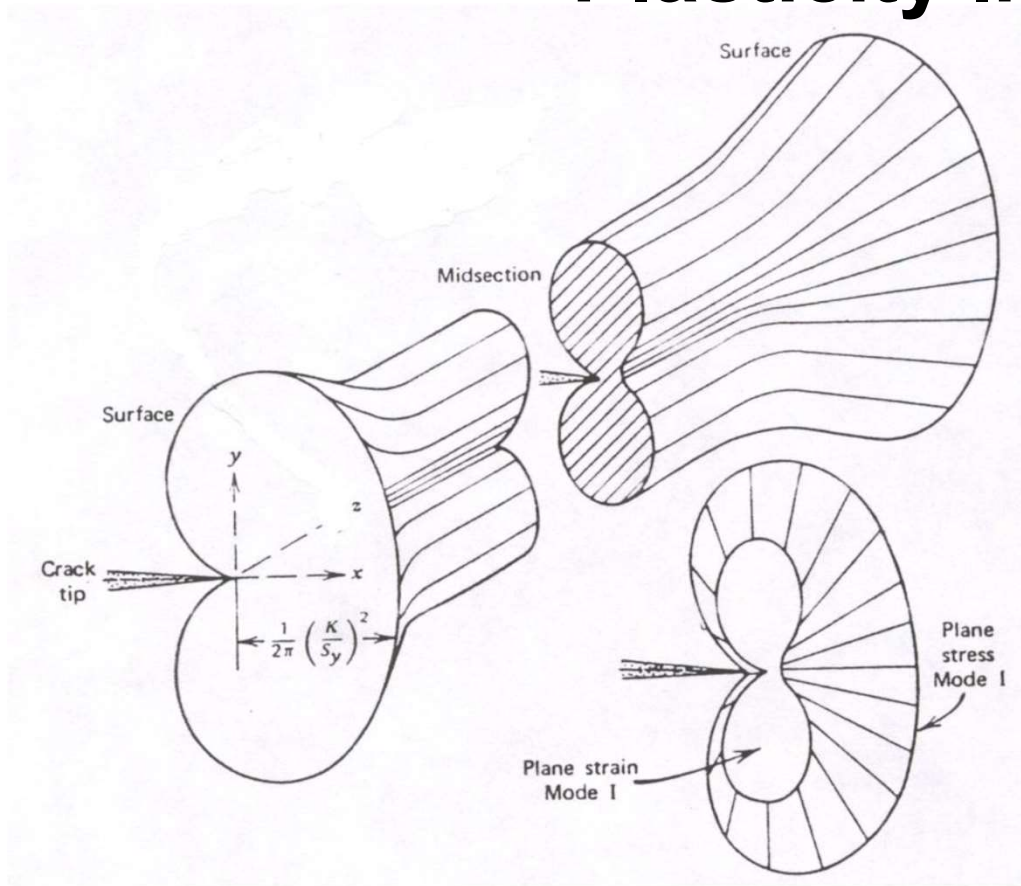
Plane strain

$$r_{p\varepsilon} = \frac{1}{3\pi} \left( \frac{K}{\sigma_0} \right)^2$$

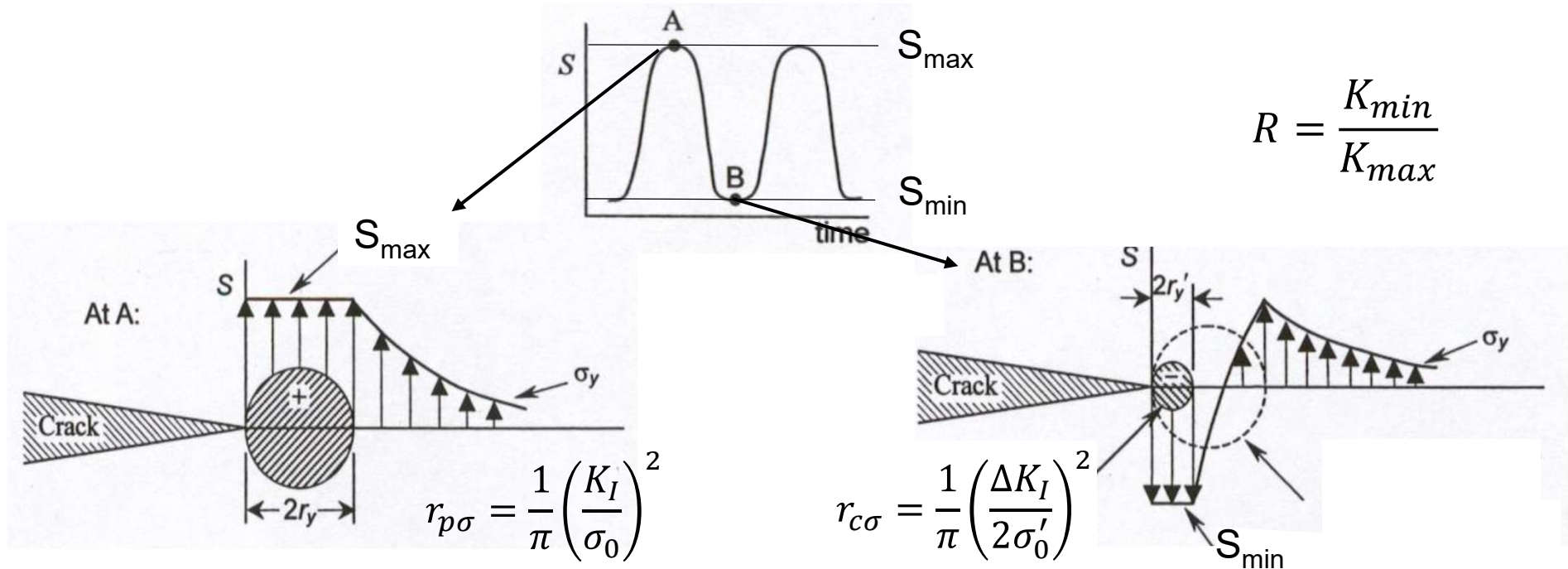
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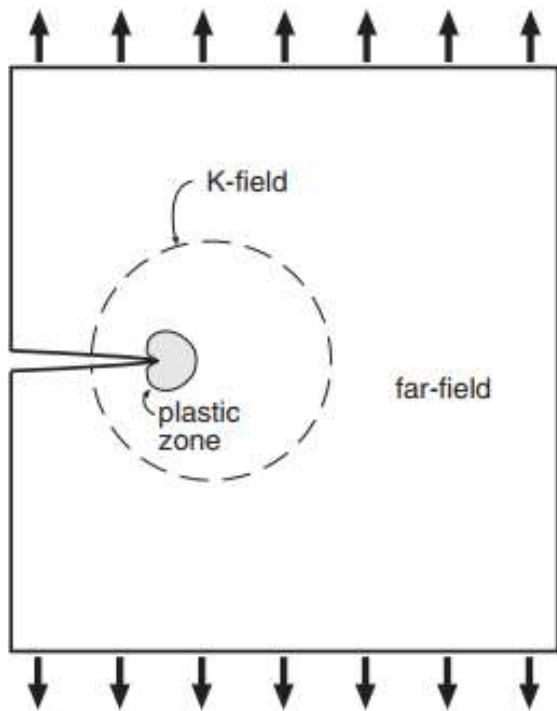


# Plasticity limitation- cyclic plastic zone



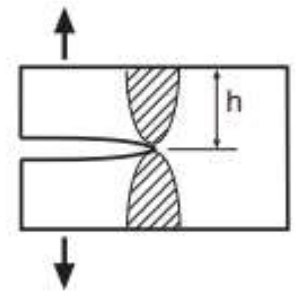
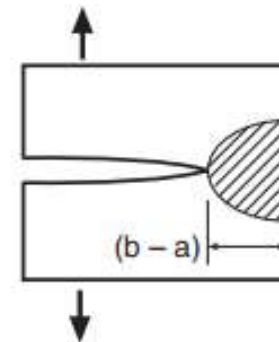
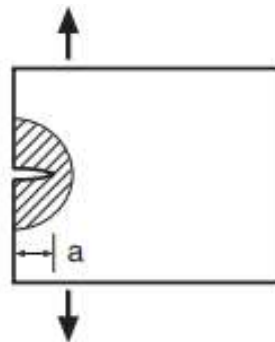
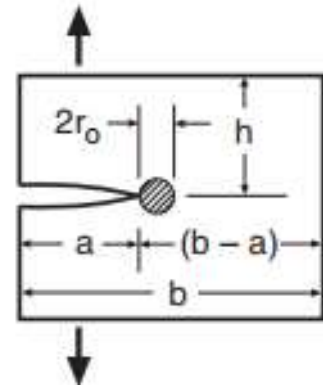
- Inelastic stress distribution in plastic zone of opposite sign of the applied stress
- The plastic zone is smaller (for  $R=0$ ,  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the monotonic zone)
- Fatigue cracks sharp, far field stresses small => LEFM is applied in fatigue crack growth.

# Plasticity limitation



$$a, (b - a), h \geq \frac{4}{\pi} \left( \frac{K}{\sigma_o} \right)^2$$

LEFM applicable



# Applicability of LEFM under cyclic loading

Monotonic Loading



Cyclic Loading

Stress Intensity Factor

$$K_I = FS\sqrt{\pi a}$$

$$K_{max} = FS_{max}\sqrt{\pi a} \quad K_{min} = FS_{min}\sqrt{\pi a}$$

$$\Delta K = K_{max} - K_{min} \quad R = \frac{K_{min}}{K_{max}}$$

Plastic zone size- Plane stress

$$2r_{0\sigma} = \frac{1}{\pi} \left( \frac{K_I}{\sigma_0} \right)^2$$

$$r_c = \frac{1}{\pi} \left( \frac{\Delta K_I}{2\sigma'_{YS}} \right)^2$$

Plastic zone size- Plane strain

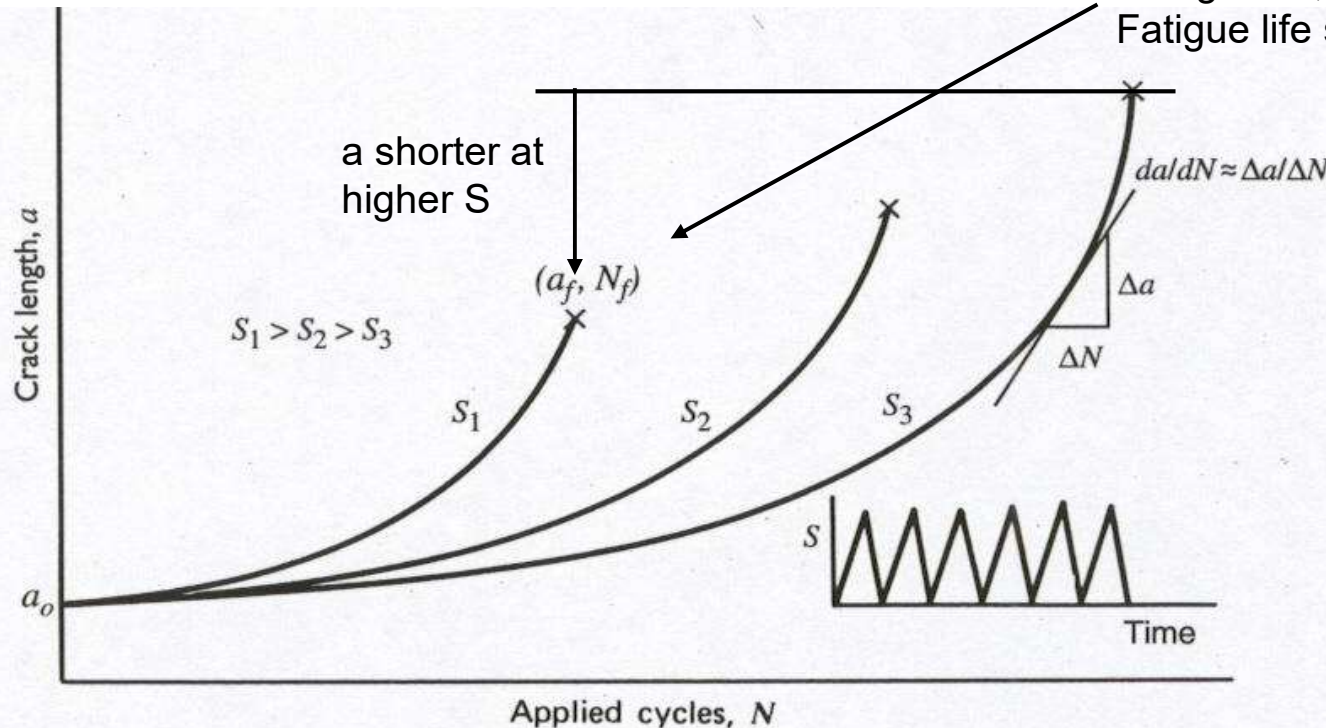
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Fatigue cracks sharp, far field stresses are small => LEFM is commonly applied in fatigue crack growth.

# Crack Growth under cyclic loading

At higher S, da/dN is higher  
Fatigue life shorter



$$K_{max} = FS_{max}\sqrt{\pi a}$$

$$K_{min} = FS_{min}\sqrt{\pi a}$$

$$\Delta K = K_{max} - K_{min}$$

$$R = \frac{K_{min}}{K_{max}}$$

Given and initial  $a$ , life to fracture depends on  $S$  and the final fracture resistance of the material (which dictates final crack length)



# Crack Growth under cyclic loading

## Monotonic Loading



## Cyclic Loading

Stress is constant

Fracture at

- crack length,  $a=a_c$ ,
- Giving  $K_I=K_{IC}$

For  $a < a_c$  ( $K_I < K_{IC}$ ) the crack will **not propagate**

Stress is dynamic

Fracture at

- $K_I=K_{IC}$  for a certain instant of time
- for  $K_I < K_{IC}$ , the crack may still propagate

**a grows until fracture at  $a=a_c$**

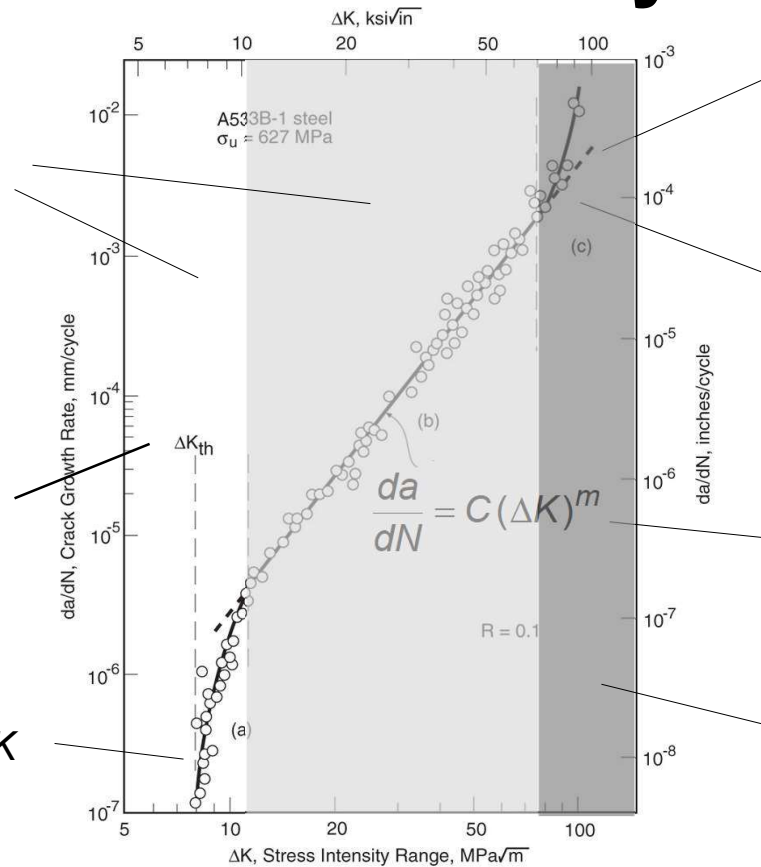
**Growth of fatigue cracks depends on the cyclic value of the Stress Intensity Factor!**

# Crack Growth under cyclic loading



Fatigue crack growth threshold

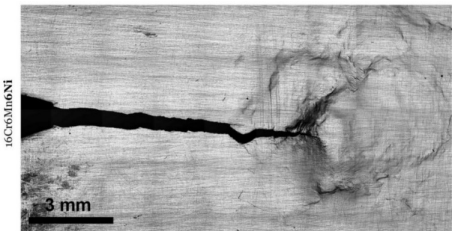
$da/dN$  slow at low  $\Delta K$



$da/dN$  unstable at high  $\Delta K$   
 Brittle fracture/ gross yielding

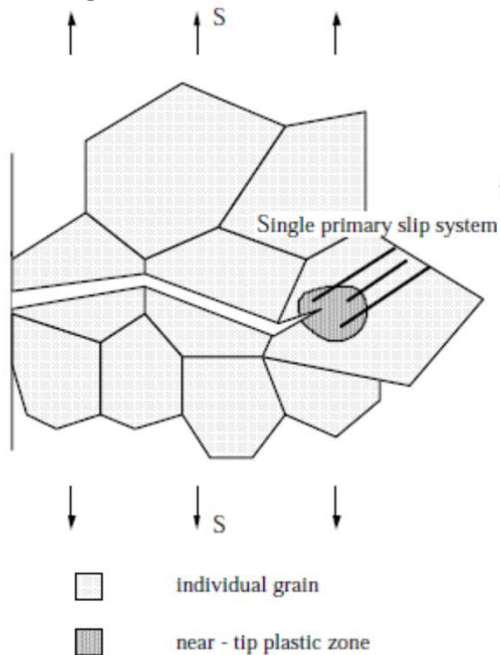
$K_{max} = K_c$  governed by fracture toughness of material and thickness

Power relationship between extremes for  $R \sim 0$ ,  $m \approx 2-4$  for metals



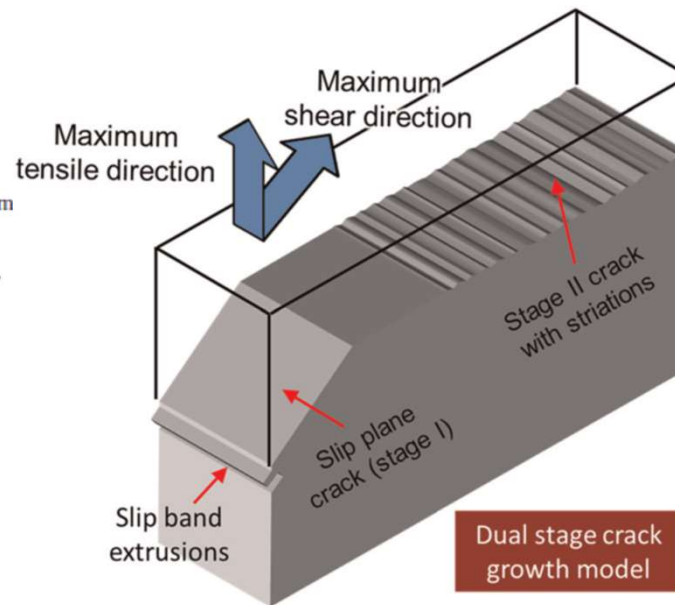
# Stages of Crack Evolution

Stage I: Initiation



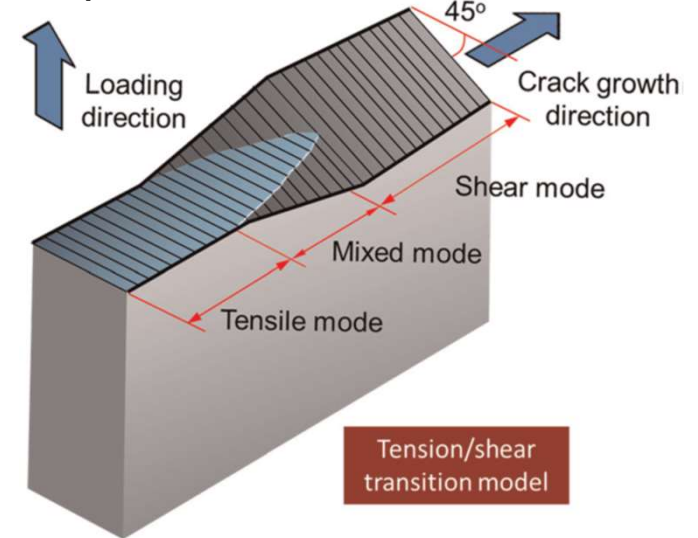
microstructure sensitive ,  
difficult to quantify and model

Stage II: Propagation



a large part of fatigue life  
approximated by Paris law

Stage III: Final Growth until rupture



high  $\Delta K$  with the development  
of 45deg inclined shear planes

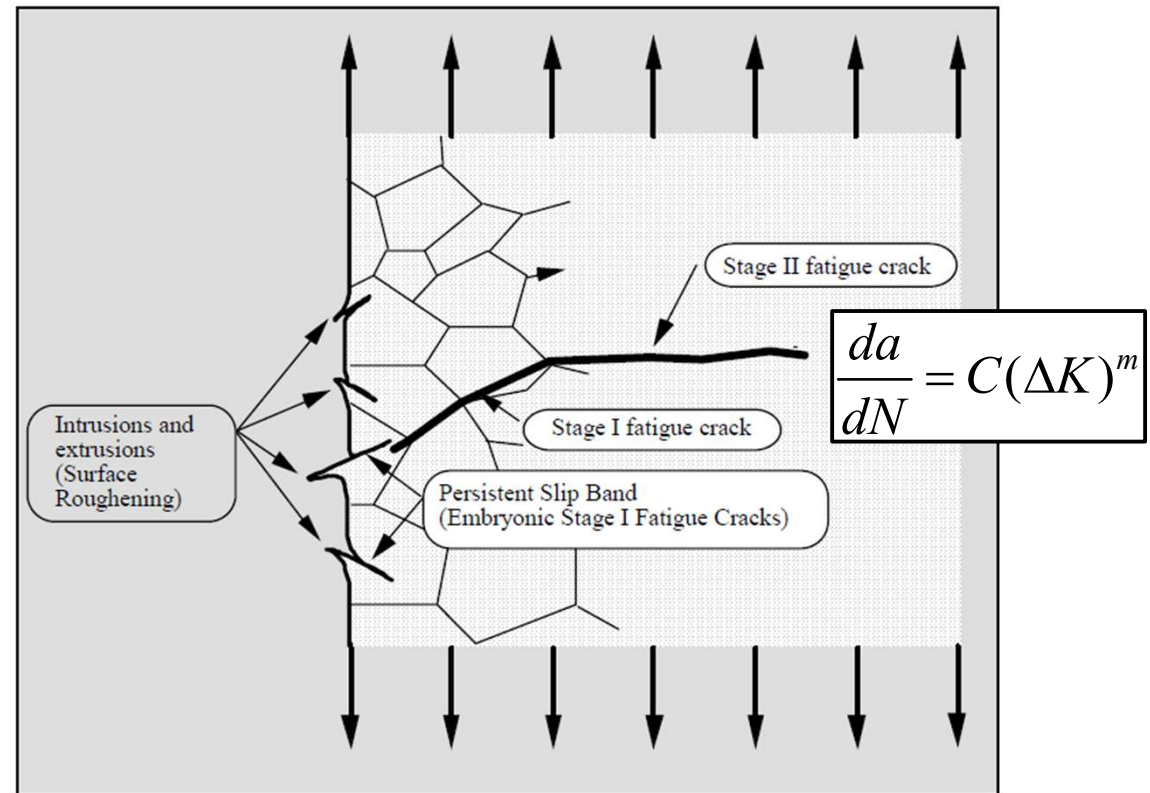
# Crack Growth under cyclic loading

- **Small cracks**

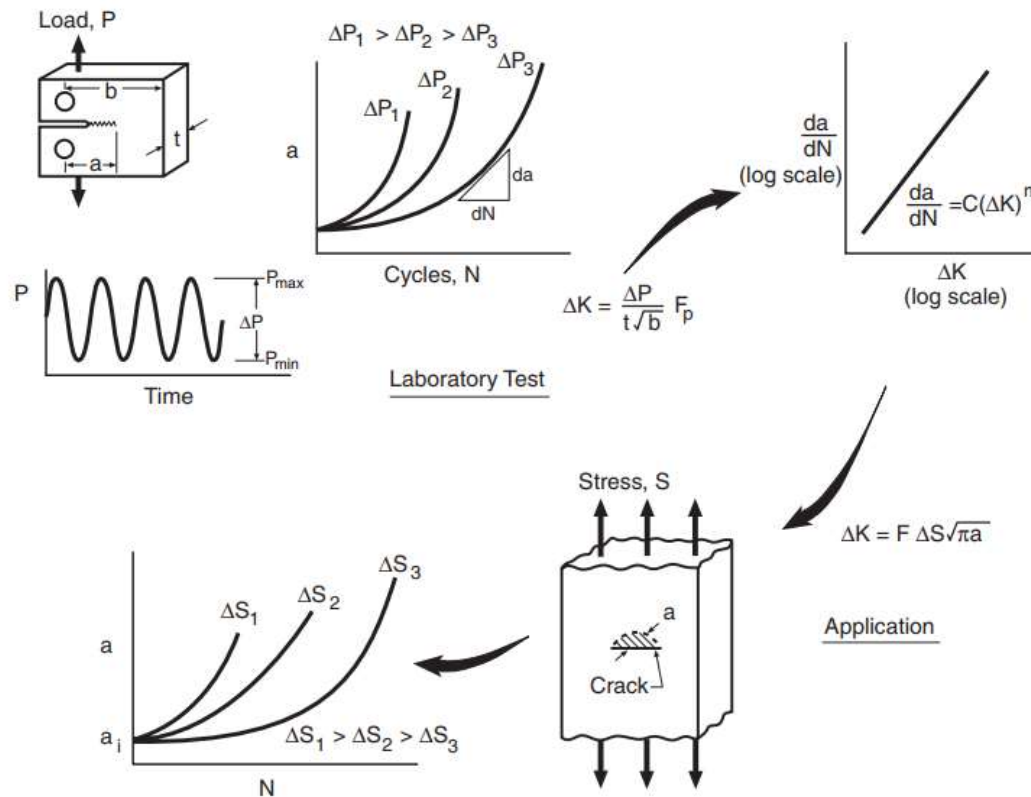
- Shear driven
- Interact with microstructure
- Mostly analysed by continuum mechanics + dislocation-based approaches

- **Large cracks**

- Tension driven
- Fairly insensitive to the microstructure
- Mostly analyzed by fracture mechanics models



# Crack Growth under cyclic loading



# Residual life under cyclic loading

- $da/dN$  increases with  $a$

Function including effects of environment, frequency,...

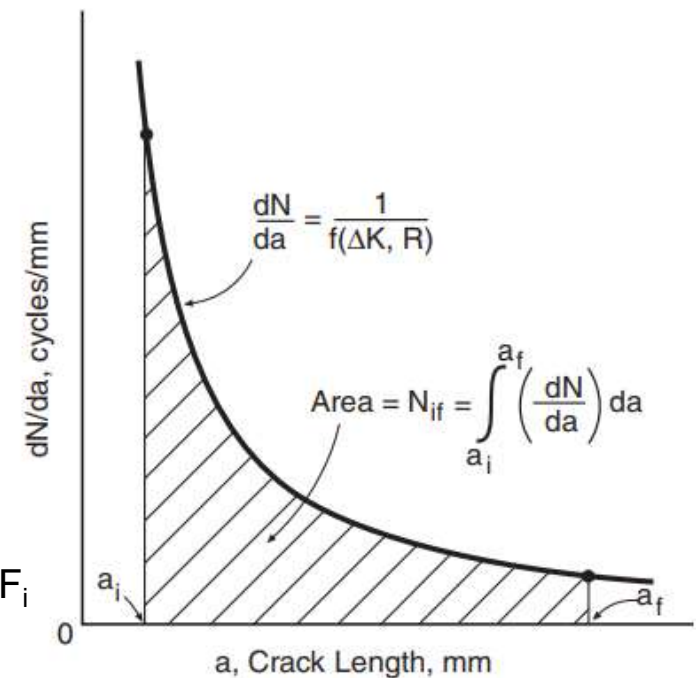
$$\int_{N_i}^{N_f} dN = N_f - N_i = N_{if} = \int_{a_i}^{a_f} \frac{da}{f(\Delta K, R)}$$

Number of cycles from initial  $a_i$  at  $N_i$  to final  $a_f$  at  $N_f$

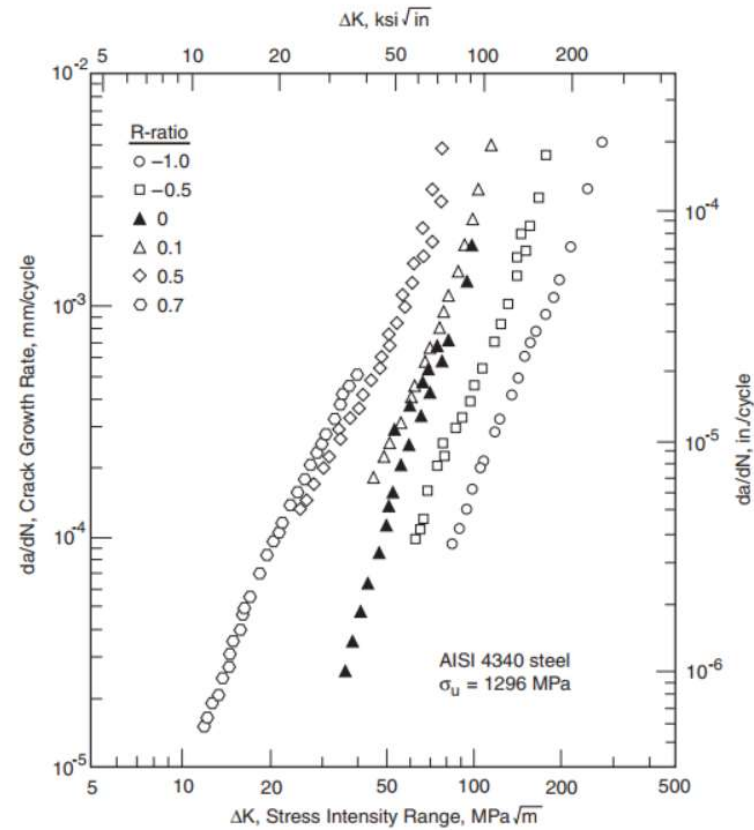
$$\frac{da}{dN} = f(\Delta K, R) = C(\Delta K)^m \quad \Delta K = F\Delta S\sqrt{a}$$

$$N_{if} = \int_{a_i}^{a_f} \frac{1}{C(F\Delta S\sqrt{a})^m} \frac{da}{a^2} = \frac{a_f^{1-\frac{m}{2}} - a_i^{1-\frac{m}{2}}}{C(F\Delta S\sqrt{\pi})^m(1-\frac{m}{2})}$$

- For  $m=3$ ,  $a_i$  dominates, life insensitive to  $a_f$
- Most of the cycles are accumulated at  $a_i \rightarrow$  choose  $F$  close to  $F_i$
- For  $m=2$  the equation is indeterminate
- Only under constant amplitude!



# Effects of Load Ratio R- Walker equation



How to compensate for load ratio?

# Effects of Load Ratio R- Walker equation

$$\Delta K = K_{\max} - K_{\min}$$

Equivalent zero-to-tension  
(R=0) stress intensity

$$\overline{\Delta K} = \frac{\Delta K}{(1 - R)^{1-\gamma}}$$

Material constant

Constant for R=0

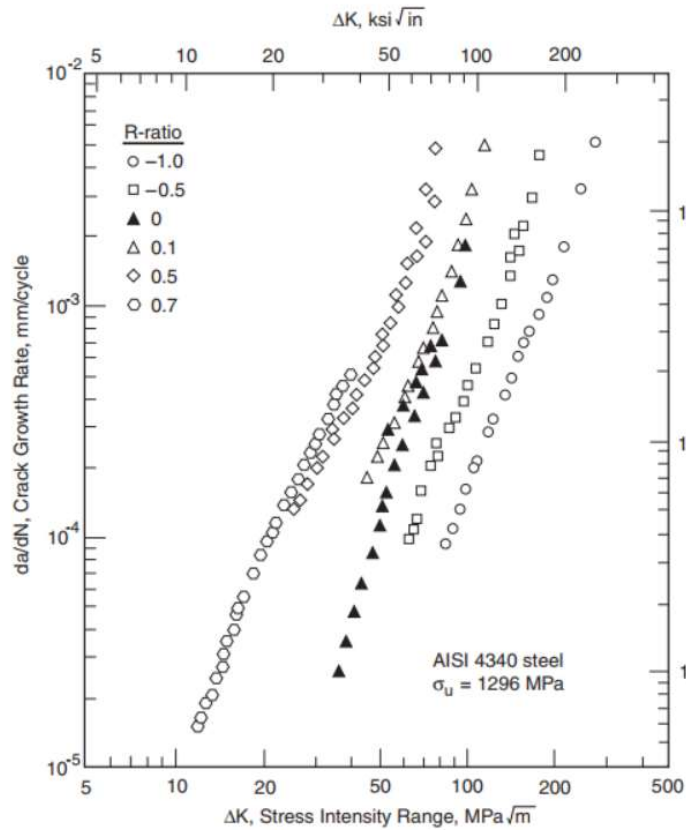
$$\frac{da}{dN} = C_0 \left[ \frac{\Delta K}{(1 - R)^{1-\gamma}} \right]^m$$

Paris Law for  
Walker  $\overline{\Delta K}$

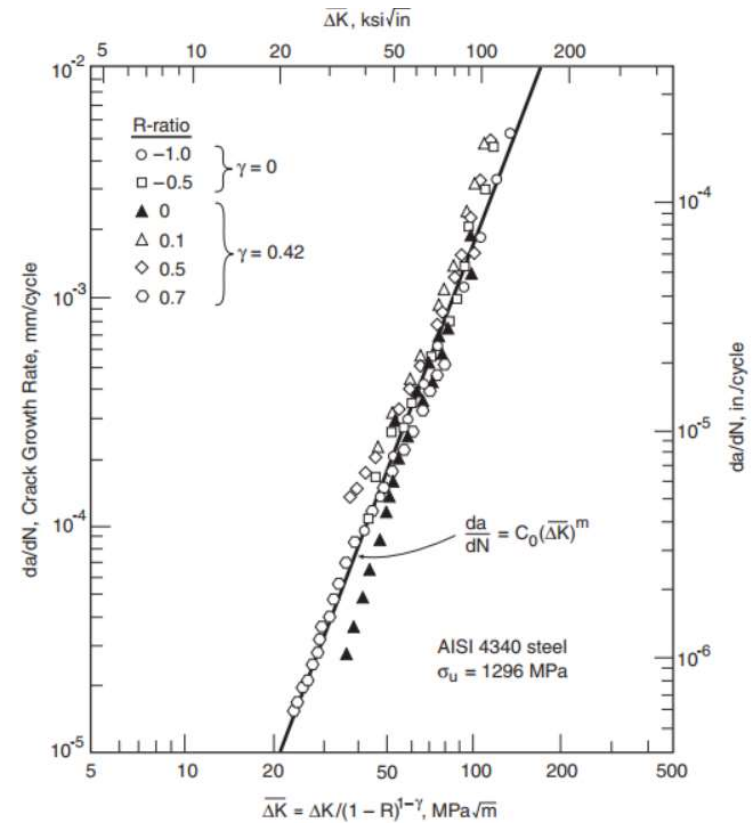
- $\gamma$  has to be found from a linear regression of specimen tested at different R
- $\gamma=0$  when R=0 such that  $\Delta K=K_{\max}$



# Effects of Load Ratio R- Walker equation



$$\frac{da}{dN} = C_0 \left[ \frac{\Delta K}{(1-R)^{1-\gamma}} \right]^m$$



# Summary

- Materials fracture brittle under cyclic loading. The load can be under the yield strength of the material
- A crack is a defect from which fatigue failure can be initiated
- As long as the plastic zone remains small, LEFM can be applied, which is generally the case under cyclic loading
- The crack growth behavior can be described by the crack growth rate  $da/dN$  and the stress intensity factor  $\Delta K$
- Fatigue crack growth can be divided into three regimes, initiation, stable growth and final growth until failure, they are characterized by typical fracture surfaces
- Between  $\Delta K_{th}$  and  $K_C$ , a linear power law describes the crack growth behavior
- The effect of the load ratio  $R$  can be compensated via the Walker equation

# Local Approaches for fatigue design

Part 2: Fatigue is local

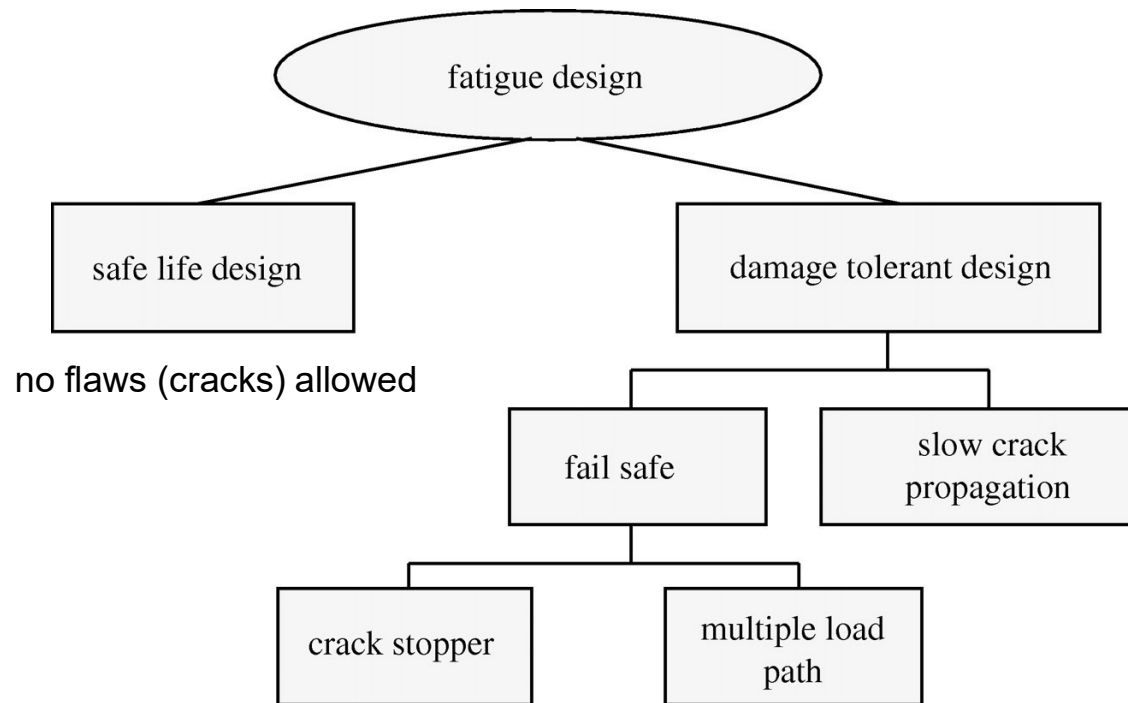
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- **Introduction**
- Notch and geometrical discontinuities
- Local approaches
- Defects and fatigue design
- Multiaxial loadings
- Additive materials: some examples

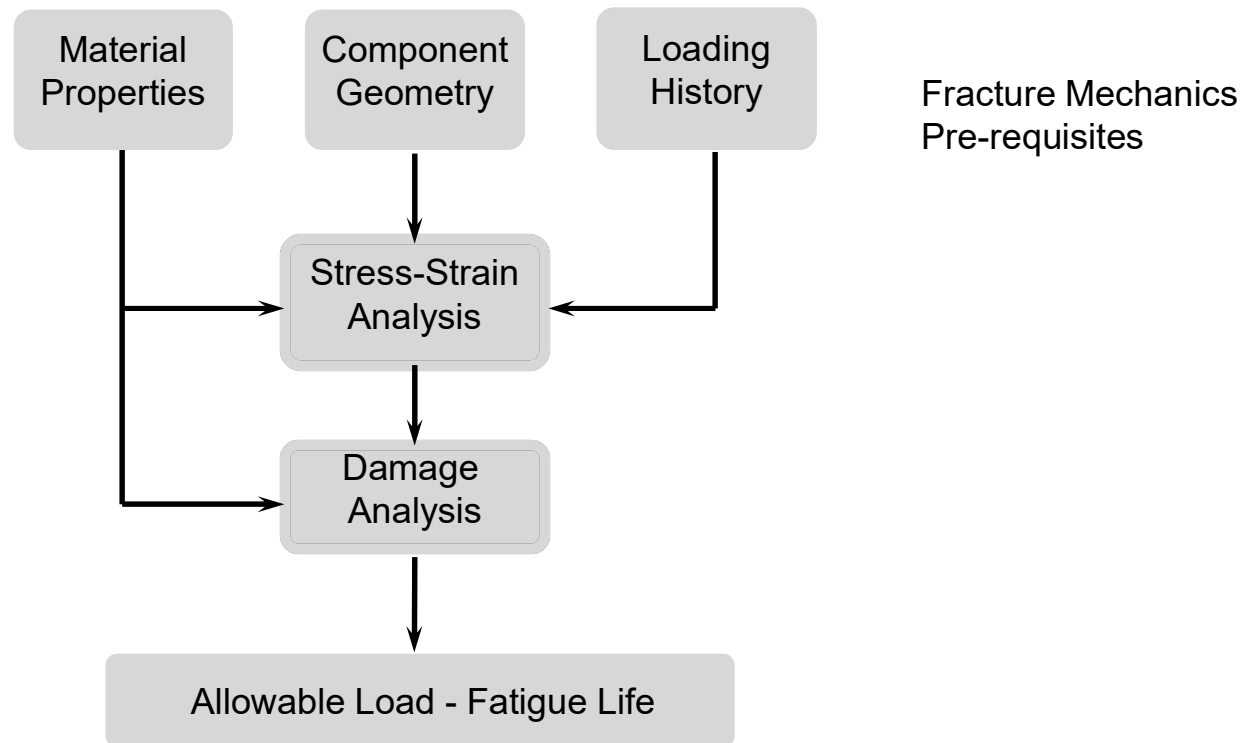
## Challenges in Design of AM components

- Design in presence of geometrical discontinuity
- Safety in presence of defects due to the process
- Assessment in presence of complex loadings

# Fatigue design



# Stress (strain)-based fatigue design

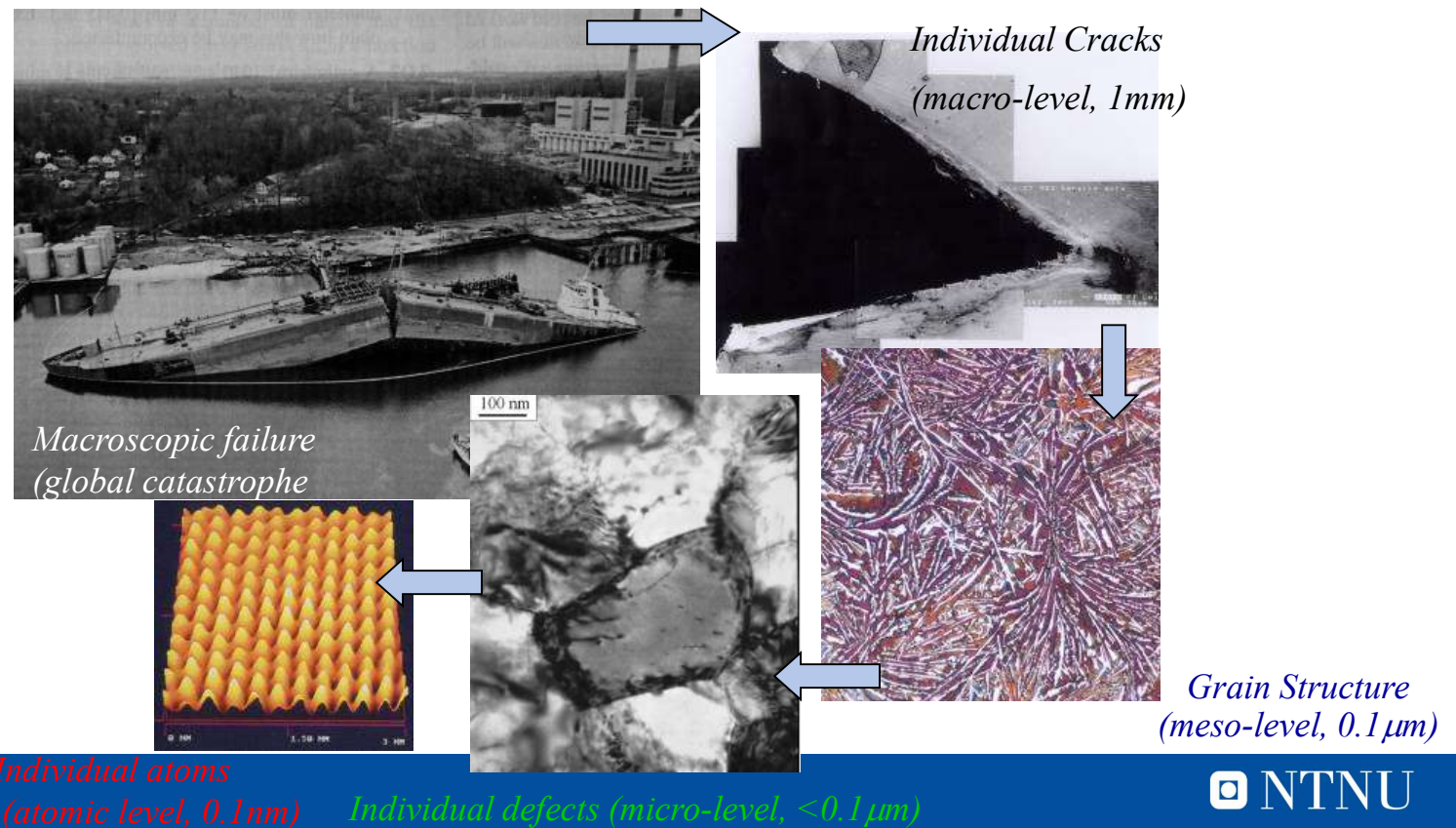




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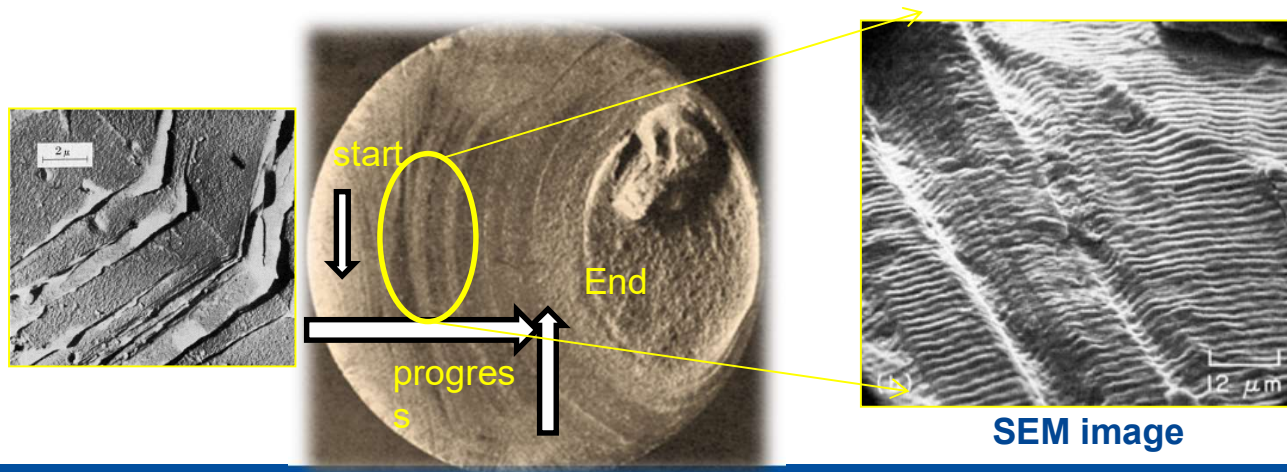
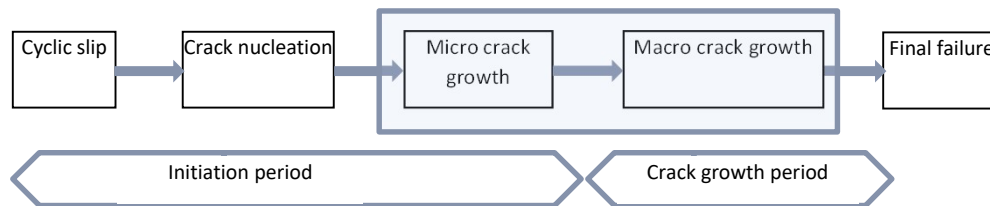


# Multi-Scale Nature of Fracture



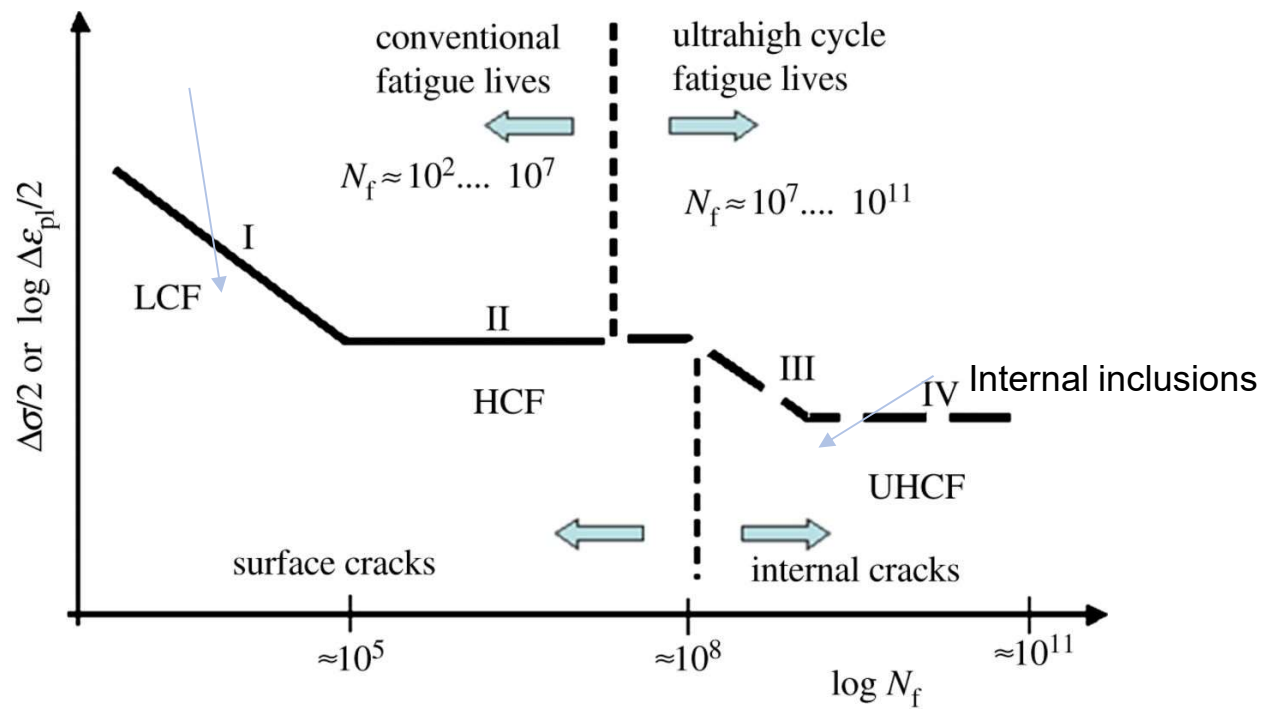
# Stages of Fatigue

- Crack initiation I
- Crack growth II
- Final rupture III

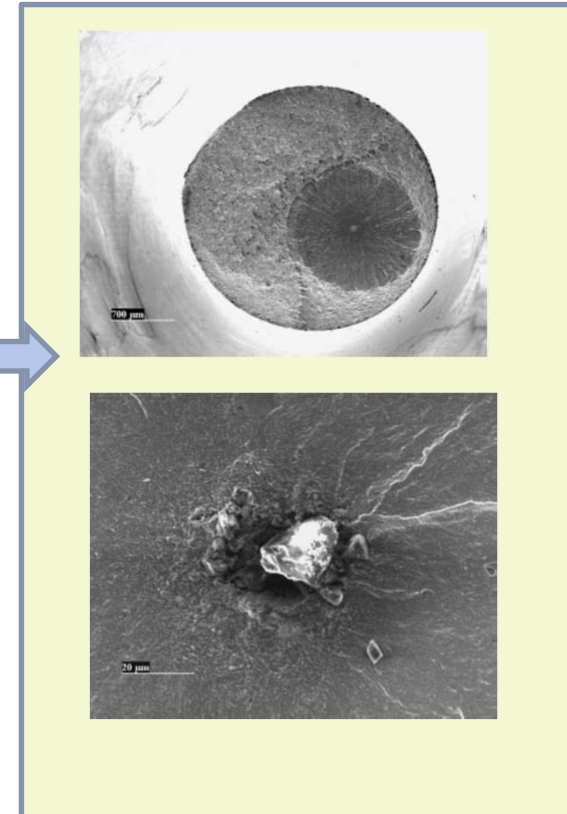
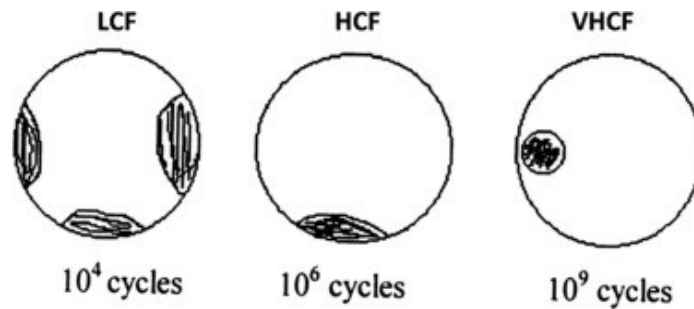


# Fatigue life diagram in Ultra High Cycle Fatigue (UHCF) Regime

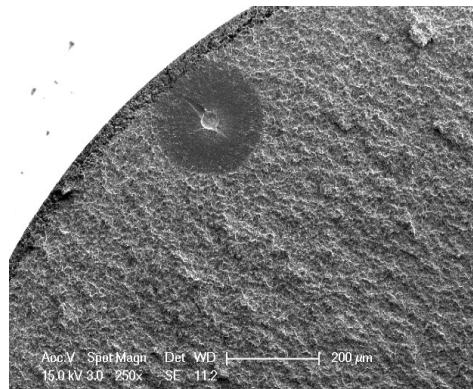
Predominant crack growth



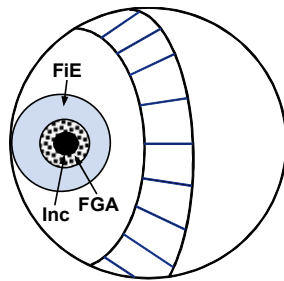
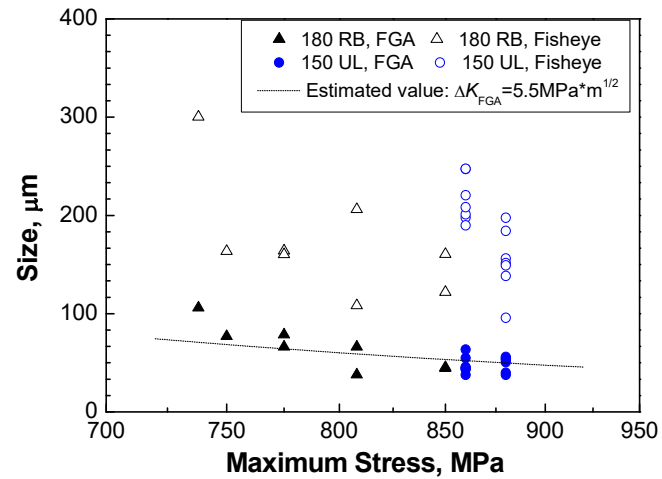
# Morphology of Fatigue Initiation



## Characteristic Size of Crack Initiation



(1% C, 1% Cr)

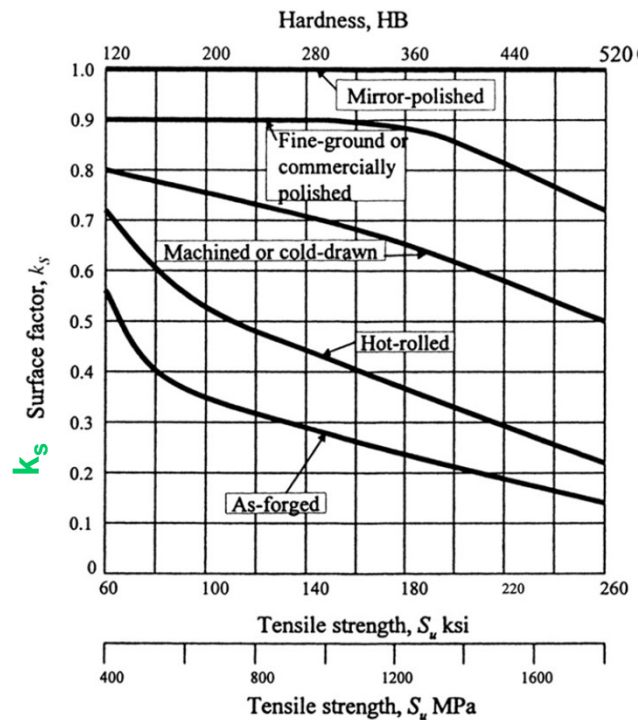


- FGA sizes within a relatively small range: 40 – 100 μm
- Fish-eye sizes distributed in a large range: 100 – 300 μm

• Hong Y, Lei Z, Sun C, Zhao A. *Int J Fatigue*, 2014, 58:144–151

# Surface Finish Effects on Fatigue Limit

The scratches, pits and machining marks on the surface of a material add stress concentrations to the ones already present due to component geometry. The correction factor for surface finish is sometimes presented on graphs that use a qualitative description of surface finish such as “polished” or “machined”



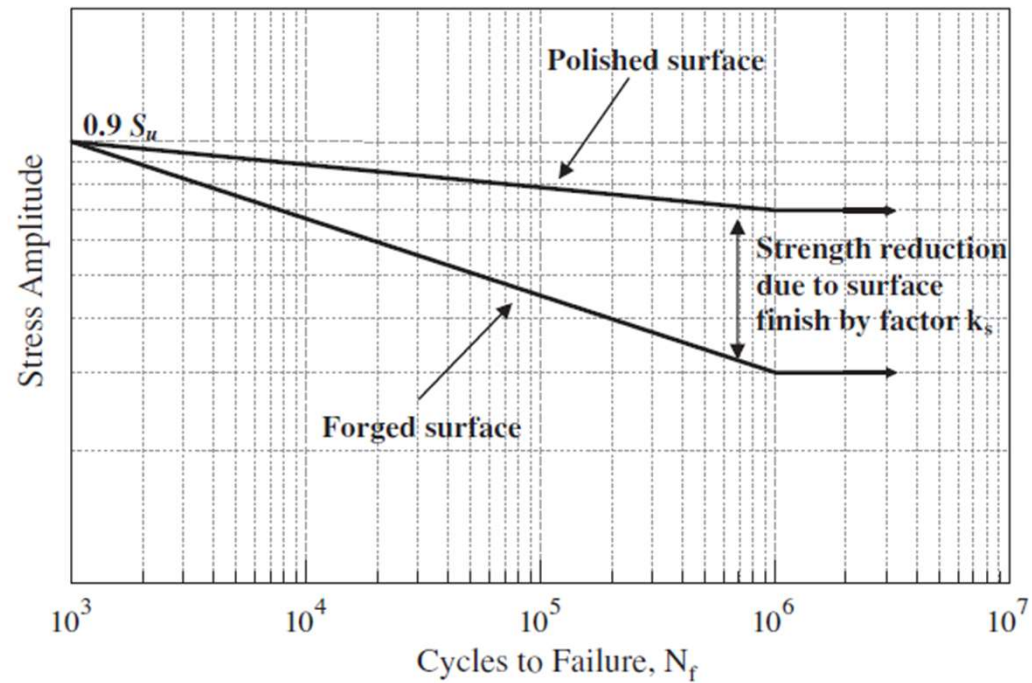
Below a generalized empirical graph is shown which can be used to estimate the effect of surface finish in comparison with mirror-polished specimens [Shigley].

*R. Budinas, J.K. Nisbett, Shigley's Mechanical Engineering Design, McGraw-Hill series, 2015*

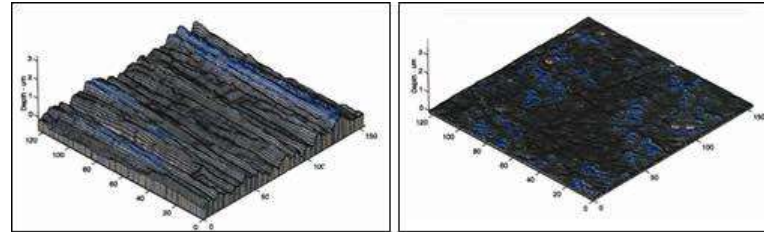
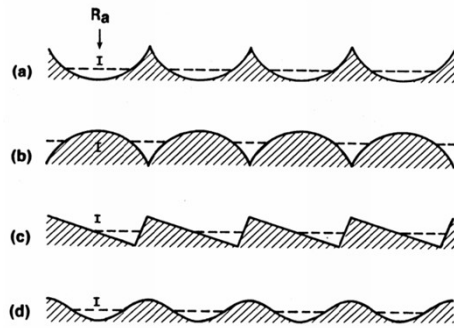
Effect of various surface finishes on the fatigue limit of steel. Shown are values of the  $k_s$ , the ratio of the fatigue limit to that for polished specimens.

(from R. Stephens, A. Fatemi, *Metal Fatigue in Engineering*, Wiley & Sons 2012)

# Surface Finish Effects on Fatigue Limit

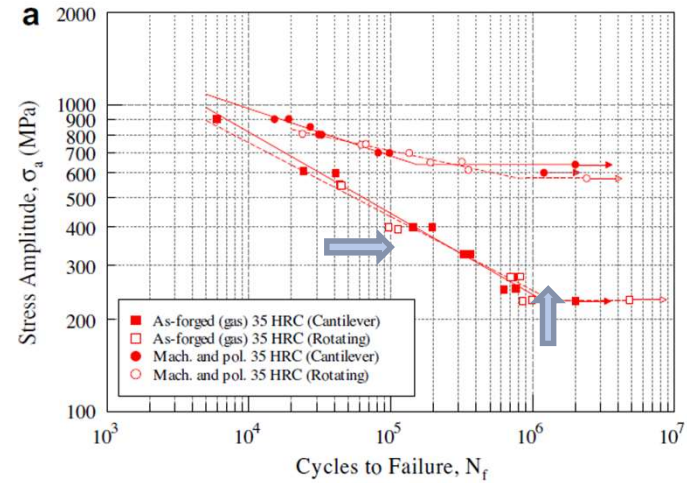
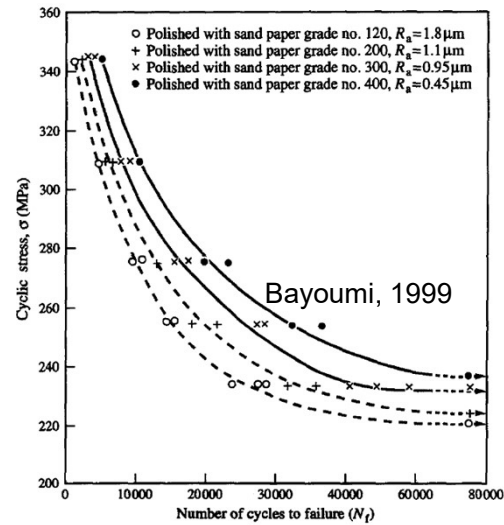


# Surface Finish Effects on Fatigue Limit



grinded

polished





# For AM materials

**Building direction**

**Surface finishing**

**Residual stresses**

**Post-treatments**

**Coatings**

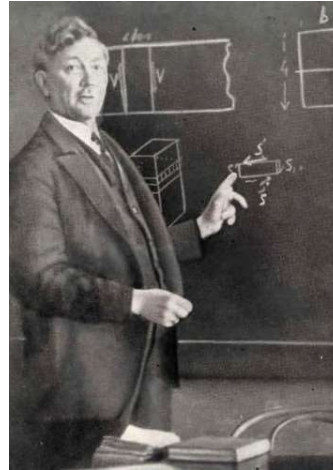


# Outlines

- Introduction
- **Notch and geometrical discontinuities**
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- Defects and fatigue design
- Multiaxial loadings
- Additive materials: some examples



**Gustav Ernest Kirsch**

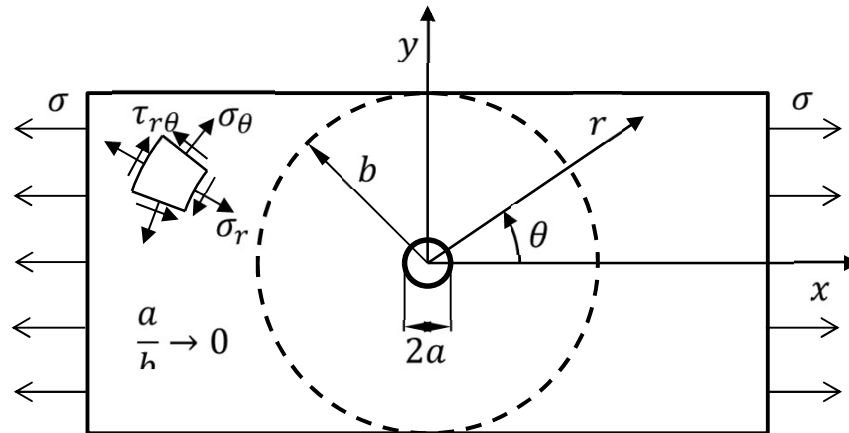


**Stephen Timoshenko**



**James Goodier**

## Small circular hole in a plate under uniaxial tension



Problem geometry for a small circular hole in a plate

Boundary conditions:

At  $r = a$ ,

$$\sigma_r = \tau_{r\theta} = 0.$$

At  $r = b$ ,

$$\sigma_x = \sigma, \sigma_y = \tau_{xy} = 0.$$

$$\text{SCF} = \frac{\text{maximum stress}}{\text{applied stress}} = ?$$

## Small circular hole in a plate under uniaxial tension

Assume Airy's stress function of the form  $\varphi(r, \theta) = \varphi_1(r, \theta) + \varphi_2(r, \theta)$

where  $\varphi_1(r, \theta) = A \ln r + Br^2$

and  $\varphi_2(r, \theta) = \{C_1 r^4 + C_2 + C_3 r^2 + C_4 r^{-2}\} \cos 2\theta$

The resulting stress distribution, which satisfies B.Cs is given by:

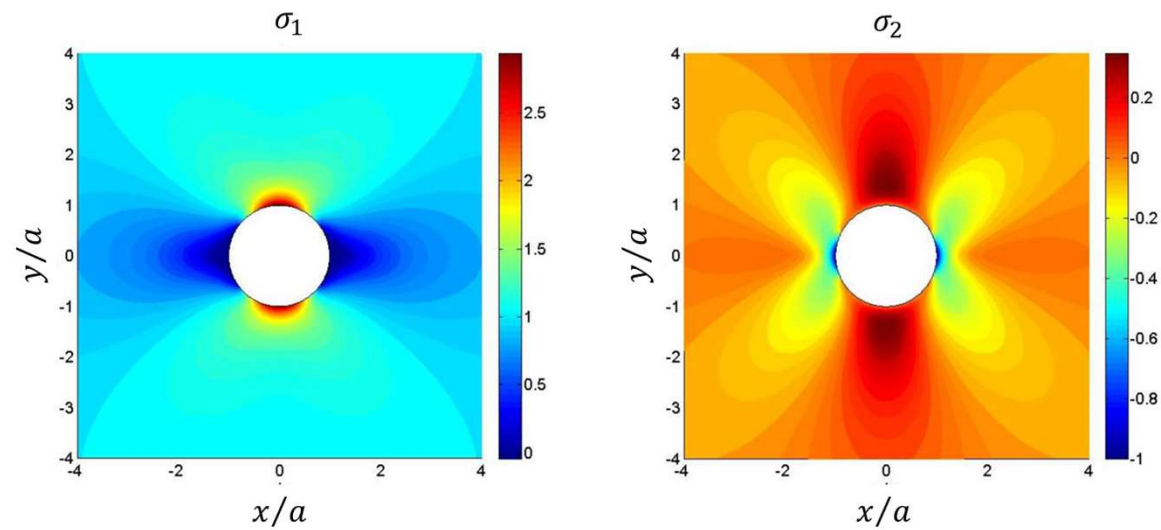
$$\sigma_r = \frac{\sigma}{2} \left( 1 - \frac{a^2}{r^2} \right) + \frac{\sigma}{2} \left( 1 + \frac{3a^4}{r^4} - \frac{4a^2}{r^2} \right) \cos 2\theta,$$

$$\sigma_\theta = \frac{\sigma}{2} \left( 1 + \frac{a^2}{r^2} \right) - \frac{\sigma}{2} \left( 1 + \frac{3a^4}{r^4} \right) \cos 2\theta,$$

$$\tau_{r\theta} = -\frac{\sigma}{2} \left( 1 - \frac{3a^4}{r^4} + \frac{2a^2}{r^2} \right) \sin 2\theta.$$

## Small circular hole in a plate under uniaxial tension

Visualize the in-plane principal stresses (using MATLAB)

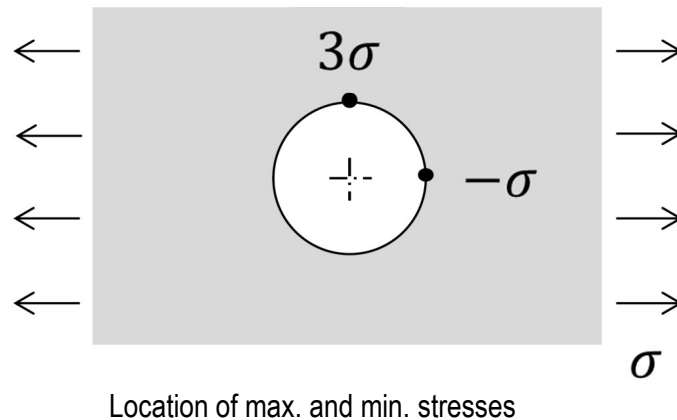


In-plane principal stresses for problem geometry shown before

## Small circular hole in a plate under uniaxial tension

The maximum and minimum stresses occur along the hole boundary

$$\sigma_{\max} = \sigma_{\theta}(r = a, \theta = \pm \pi/2) = 3\sigma \text{ and } \sigma_{\min} = \sigma_{\theta}(r = a, \theta = 0, \pi) = -\sigma.$$



$$\text{SCF} = \frac{\text{maximum stress}}{\text{applied stress}} = 3$$

What about a plate with a small circular hole under:

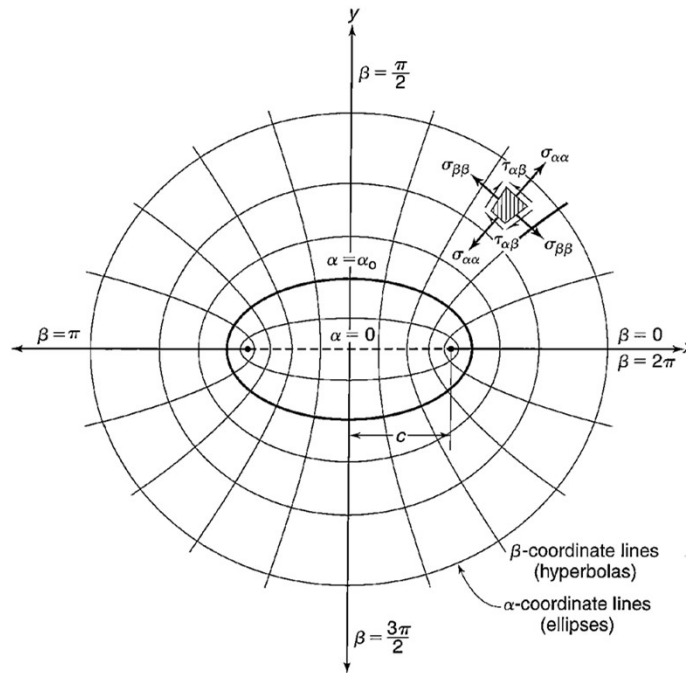
1. Bi-axial loading?
2. Pure shear loading?



Charles Inglis



## Problem of an elliptical hole



Problem geometry for an elliptical hole in a large plate

First solved by Inglis (1913).

Solution presented in an elliptical coordinate system.

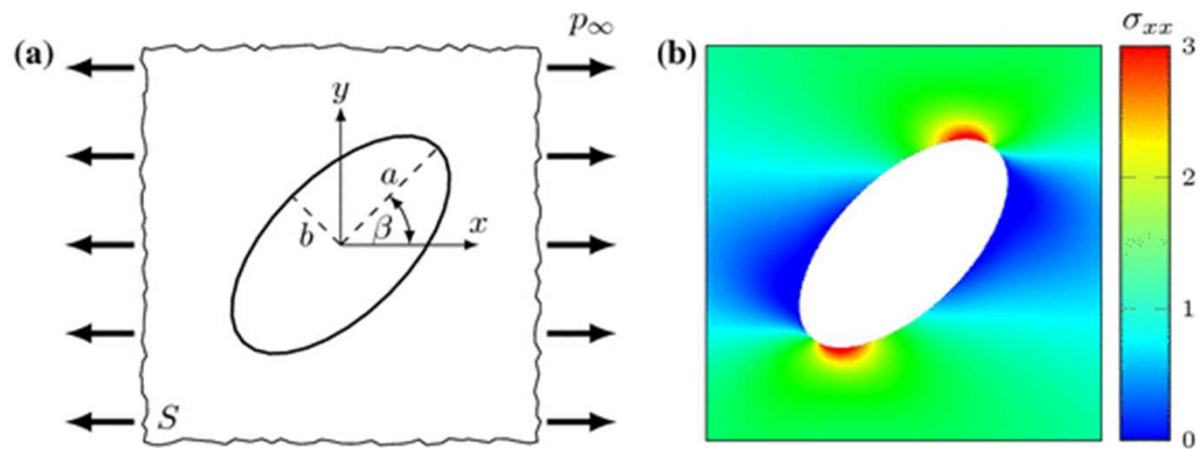
Major axis:  $a$

Minor axis:  $b$

Focal length:  $c = \sqrt{a^2 - b^2}$

And  $\alpha_0 = \operatorname{arctanh}(b/a)$

Boundary conditions at  $\alpha = \alpha_0$ ?



## Problem of an elliptical hole

$$\text{SCF} = \frac{\text{maximum stress}}{\text{applied stress}} = 1 + 2 \left( \frac{a}{b} \right)$$

For circular hole,  $a = b$  and  $\text{SCF} = 3$  as discussed previously.

The above formula can also be expressed as:

$$\text{SCF} = 1 + 2 \sqrt{\frac{a}{\rho}}$$

← Can be applied to a cavity of *any* shape with total length  $2a$  and tip radius  $\rho$

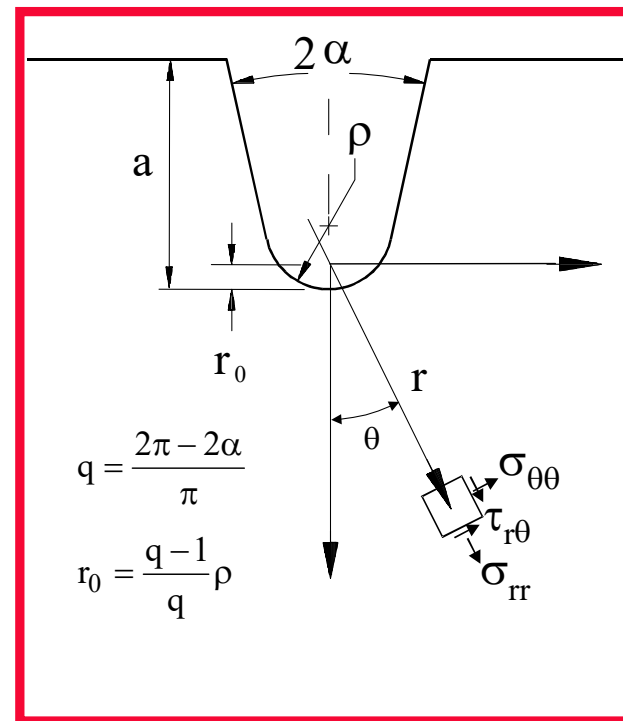
For elliptical hole,  $\rho$  is the radius of curvature at the ends of the major axis:

$$\rho = \frac{b^2}{a}$$

# Generalized notch solution



**Lazzarin-Tovo**



## Complex potentials

$$\varphi(z) = a z^\lambda + d z^\mu$$

$$\psi(z) = b z^\lambda + c z^\mu$$

- coefficients  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$  and  $d$  are complex,
- exponents  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  are real, with  $\lambda > 0$  and  $\lambda > \mu$

When  $c$  and  $d$  are null, the approach matches Williams' solution (Williams, 1952, Carpenter, 1984).

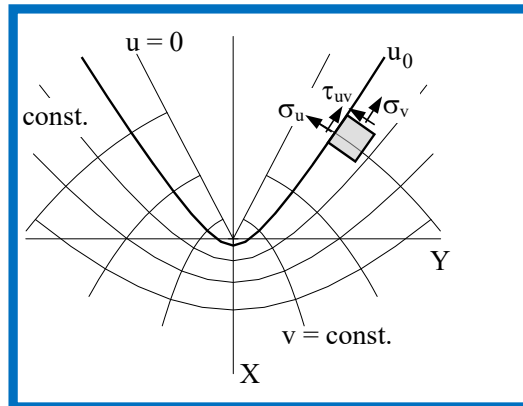
Then, the general expressions of stress components turn out to be:

$$\sigma_\theta = \lambda r^{\lambda-1} [a_1(1+\lambda)\cos(1-\lambda)\theta + b_1\cos(1+\lambda)\theta + a_2(1+\lambda)\sin(1-\lambda)\theta - b_2\sin(1+\lambda)\theta] + \mu r^{\mu-1} [d_1(1+\mu)\cos(1-\mu)\theta + c_1\cos(1+\mu)\theta + d_2(1+\mu)\sin(1-\mu)\theta - c_2\sin(1+\mu)\theta]$$

$$\sigma_r = \lambda r^{\lambda-1} [a_1(3-\lambda)\cos(1-\lambda)\theta - b_1\cos(1+\lambda)\theta + a_2(3-\lambda)\sin(1-\lambda)\theta + b_2\sin(1+\lambda)\theta] + \mu r^{\mu-1} [d_1(3-\mu)\cos(1-\mu)\theta - c_1\cos(1+\mu)\theta + d_2(3-\mu)\sin(1-\mu)\theta + c_2\sin(1+\mu)\theta]$$

$$\tau_{r\theta} = \lambda r^{\lambda-1} [a_1(1-\lambda)\sin(1-\lambda)\theta + b_1\sin(1+\lambda)\theta - a_2(1-\lambda)\cos(1-\lambda)\theta + b_2\cos(1+\lambda)\theta] + \mu r^{\mu-1} [d_1(1-\mu)\sin(1-\mu)\theta + c_1\sin(1+\mu)\theta - d_2(1-\mu)\cos(1-\mu)\theta + c_2\cos(1+\mu)\theta]$$

# Boundary conditions



Auxiliary system based on curvilinear coordinates  $(u, v)$

$$\left(\sigma_u\right)_{\substack{u=u_0 \\ v=0}} = \left(\sigma_r\right)_{\substack{r=r_0 \\ \theta=0}} = 0$$

$$\left(\tau_{uv}\right)_{\substack{u=u_0 \\ v=0}} = \left(\tau_{r\theta}\right)_{\substack{r=r_0 \\ \theta=0}} = 0$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial \sigma_u}{\partial v}\right)_{\substack{u=u_0 \\ v=0}} = \left(\frac{\partial \sigma_r}{\partial \theta} - \frac{2}{q} \tau_{r\theta}\right)_{\substack{r=r_0 \\ \theta=0}} = 0$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial \tau_{uv}}{\partial v}\right)_{\substack{u=u_0 \\ v=0}} = \left(\frac{\partial \tau_{r\theta}}{\partial \theta} - \frac{1}{q} \sigma_\theta\right)_{\substack{r=r_0 \\ \theta=0}} = 0$$

$$\left(\sigma_u\right)_{\substack{u=u_0 \\ v \gg v_0}} = 0 \Rightarrow \lim_{\substack{r \rightarrow \infty \\ \theta \rightarrow \pm q \frac{\pi}{2}}} \left(r^{1-\lambda} \sigma_\theta\right) = 0$$

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## Stresses due to Mode I loading

$$\begin{Bmatrix} \sigma_\theta \\ \sigma_r \\ \tau_{r\theta} \end{Bmatrix} = \lambda_1 r^{\lambda_1-1} a_1 \left[ \begin{Bmatrix} (1+\lambda_1)\cos(1-\lambda_1)\theta \\ (3-\lambda_1)\cos(1-\lambda_1)\theta \\ (1-\lambda_1)\sin(1-\lambda_1)\theta \end{Bmatrix} + \chi_{b_1} (1-\lambda_1) \begin{Bmatrix} \cos(1+\lambda_1)\theta \\ -\cos(1+\lambda_1)\theta \\ \sin(1+\lambda_1)\theta \end{Bmatrix} + \frac{q}{4(q-1)} \left(\frac{r}{r_0}\right)^{\mu_1-\lambda_1} \left( \chi_{d_1} \begin{Bmatrix} (1+\mu_1)\cos(1-\mu_1)\theta \\ (3-\mu_1)\cos(1-\mu_1)\theta \\ (1-\mu_1)\sin(1-\mu_1)\theta \end{Bmatrix} + \chi_{c_1} \begin{Bmatrix} \cos(1+\mu_1)\theta \\ -\cos(1+\mu_1)\theta \\ \sin(1+\mu_1)\theta \end{Bmatrix} \right) \right]$$

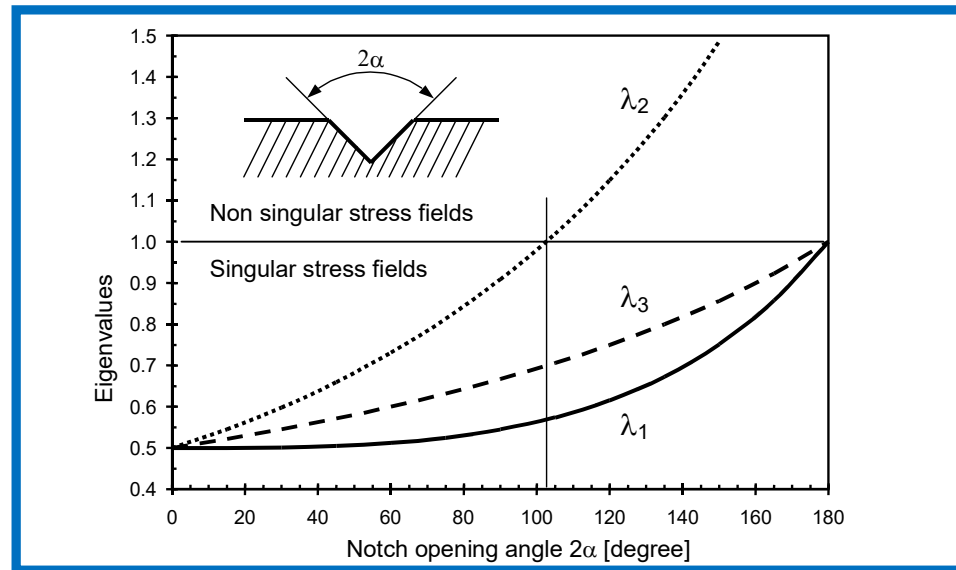
## Stresses due to Mode II loading

$$\begin{Bmatrix} \sigma_\theta \\ \sigma_r \\ \tau_{r\theta} \end{Bmatrix} = \lambda_2 r^{\lambda_2-1} a_2 \left[ \begin{Bmatrix} (1+\lambda_2)\sin(1-\lambda_2)\theta \\ (3-\lambda_2)\sin(1-\lambda_2)\theta \\ (1-\lambda_2)\cos(1-\lambda_2)\theta \end{Bmatrix} + \chi_{b_2} (1+\lambda_2) \begin{Bmatrix} \sin(1+\lambda_2)\theta \\ -\sin(1+\lambda_2)\theta \\ \cos(1+\lambda_2)\theta \end{Bmatrix} + \frac{1}{4(\mu_2-1)} \left(\frac{r}{r_0}\right)^{\mu_2-\lambda_2} \left( \chi_{d_2} \begin{Bmatrix} (1+\mu_2)\sin(1-\mu_2)\theta \\ (3-\mu_2)\sin(1-\mu_2)\theta \\ (1-\mu_2)\cos(1-\mu_2)\theta \end{Bmatrix} + \chi_{c_2} \begin{Bmatrix} -\sin(1+\mu_2)\theta \\ \sin(1+\mu_2)\theta \\ -\cos(1+\mu_2)\theta \end{Bmatrix} \right) \right]$$

$2\alpha$	$\lambda_1$	$\mu_1$	$\chi_{b1}$	$\chi_{c1}$	$\chi_{d1}$
0	0.5	-0.5	1	4	0
$\pi/4$	0.5050	-0.4319	1.1656	3.5721	0.0828
$\pi/3$	0.5122	-0.4057	1.3123	3.2832	0.0960
$\pi/2$	0.5448	-0.3449	1.8414	2.5057	0.1046
$2\pi/3$	0.6157	-0.2678	3.0027	1.5150	0.0871
$3\pi/4$	0.6736	-0.2198	4.1530	0.9933	0.0673
$5\pi/6$	0.7520	-0.1624	6.3617	0.5137	0.0413

$2\alpha$	$\lambda_2$	$\mu_2$	$\chi_{b2}$	$\chi_{c2}$	$\chi_{d2}$
0	0.5	-0.5	1	-12	0
$\pi/4$	0.6597	-0.4118	0.8140	-10.1876	-0.4510
$\pi/3$	0.7309	-0.3731	0.6584	-8.3946	-0.4788
$\pi/2$	0.9085	-0.2882	0.2189	-2.9382	-0.2436
$2\pi/3$	1.1489	-0.1980	-0.3139	4.5604	0.5133
$3\pi/4$	1.3021	-0.1514	-0.5695	8.7371	1.1362
$5\pi/6$	1.4858	-0.1034	-0.7869	12.9161	1.9376

Characteristic parameters for mode I loading. Characteristic parameters for mode II loading.



Eigenvalues  $\lambda_1$ ,  $\lambda_2$  and  $\lambda_3$  against the notch opening angle  $2\alpha$ .



## Notch stress intensity factor

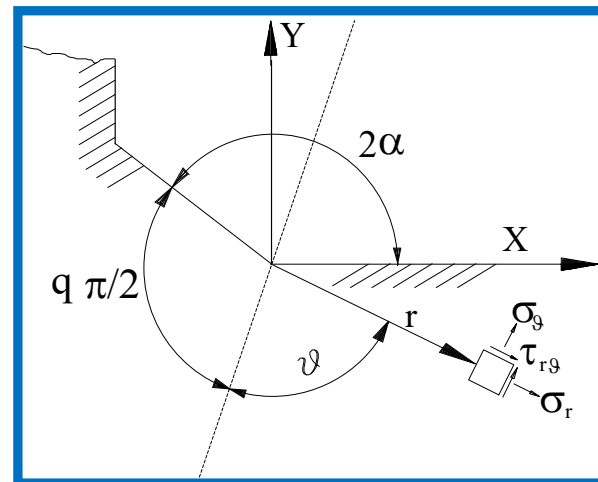
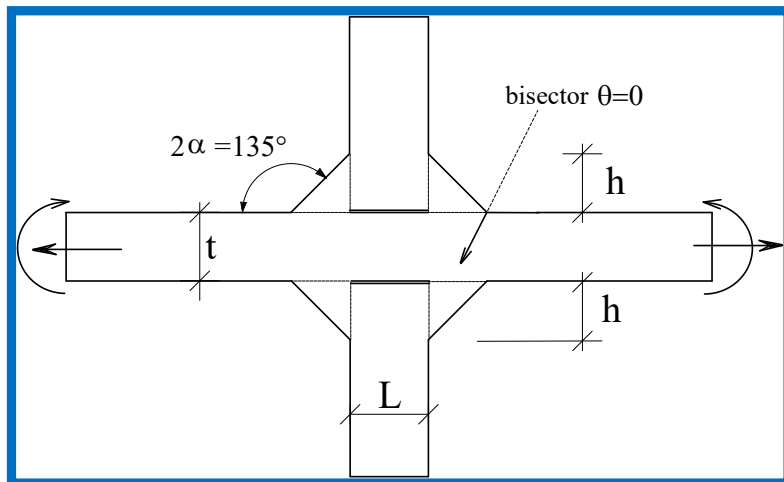
The stress field in the neighbourhood of the notch tip can be expressed as a function of a stress field parameter, mode I N-SIF. Its definition is consistent with the usual Stress Intensity Factor definition if the notch radius and opening angle are both null. **Gross and Mendelsson** (1972) definition:

$$K_I = \sqrt{2\pi} \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} (\sigma_\theta)_{\theta=0} r^{1-\lambda_1}$$

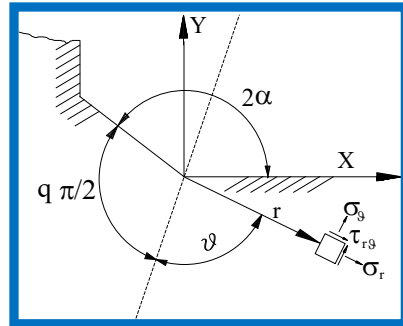
$$K_I = \lambda_1 \sqrt{2\pi} [1 + \lambda_1 + \chi_{b1} (1 - \lambda_1)] a_1$$

where the constant  $a_1$  has to be determined at a convenient distance from the notch tip, where the stress fields of the rounded and sharp notch practically coincide

# Special sharp notch case



# Stress field at the weld toe



In the direction normal  
to the main plate ( $\theta = 22.5^\circ$ )

$$\sigma_\theta = 0.361 \cdot r^{-0.326} \cdot K_1^N + 0.322 \cdot r^{0.302} \cdot K_2^N$$

Along the free edge ( $\vartheta = 112.5^\circ$ )

$$\sigma_r = K_1 \cdot 0.423 \cdot r^{-0.326} + K_2 \cdot 0.553 \cdot r^{0.302}$$

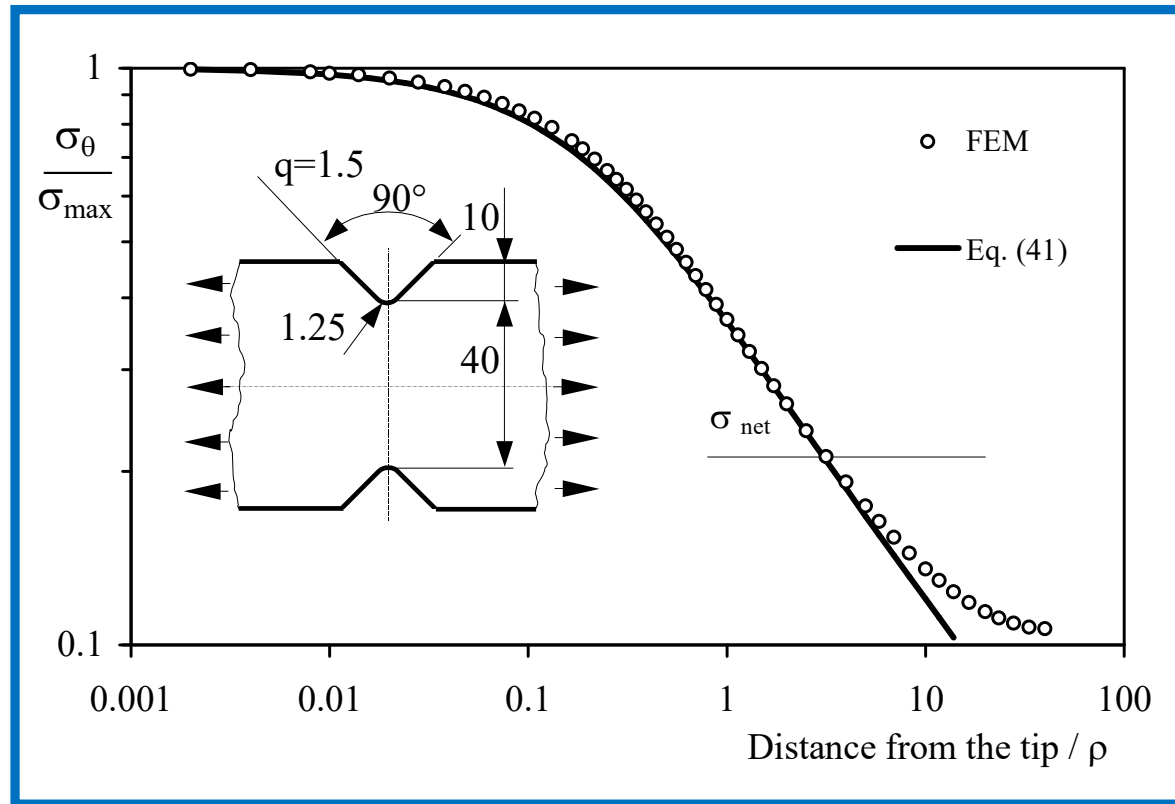
## For Mode I fracture

$$\begin{Bmatrix} \sigma_\vartheta \\ \sigma_r \\ \tau_{r\vartheta} \end{Bmatrix}_{\rho=0} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \frac{r^{\lambda_1-1} K_1}{(1+\lambda_1) + \chi_1(1-\lambda_1)} \left[ \begin{Bmatrix} (1+\lambda_1)\cos(1-\lambda_1)\vartheta \\ (3-\lambda_1)\cos(1-\lambda_1)\vartheta \\ (1-\lambda_1)\sin(1-\lambda_1)\vartheta \end{Bmatrix} + \chi_1(1-\lambda_1) \begin{Bmatrix} \cos(1+\lambda_1)\vartheta \\ -\cos(1+\lambda_1)\vartheta \\ \sin(1+\lambda_1)\vartheta \end{Bmatrix} \right]$$

## For Mode II fracture,

$$\begin{Bmatrix} \sigma_\vartheta \\ \sigma_r \\ \tau_{r\vartheta} \end{Bmatrix}_{\rho=0} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \frac{r^{\lambda_2-1} K_2}{(1-\lambda_2) + \chi_2(1+\lambda_2)} \left[ \begin{Bmatrix} -(1+\lambda_2)\sin(1-\lambda_2)\vartheta \\ -(3-\lambda_2)\sin(1-\lambda_2)\vartheta \\ (1-\lambda_2)\cos(1-\lambda_2)\vartheta \end{Bmatrix} + \chi_2(1+\lambda_2) \begin{Bmatrix} -\sin(1+\lambda_2)\vartheta \\ \sin(1+\lambda_2)\vartheta \\ \cos(1+\lambda_2)\vartheta \end{Bmatrix} \right]$$

# Validity of the equations



# Neuber's modified solution

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi = & C_1 \left\{ u^{t+q} - \binom{t+q}{2} u^{t+q-2} v^2 + \binom{t+q}{4} u^{t+q-4} v^4 \right. \\ & - \binom{t+q}{6} u^{t+q-6} v^6 + \binom{t+q}{8} u^{t+q-8} v^8 - \binom{t+q}{10} u^{t+q-10} v^{10} + \\ & + C_2 \left[ u^{2q} + \binom{q}{1} u^{2q-2} v^2 + \binom{q}{2} u^{2q-4} v^4 + \binom{q}{3} u^{2q-6} v^6 + \right. \\ & + \binom{q}{4} u^{2q-8} v^8 + \binom{q}{5} u^{2q-10} v^{10} \left. \left[ u^{t-q} - \binom{t-q}{2} u^{t-q-2} v^2 + \right. \right. \\ & + \binom{t-q}{4} u^{t-q-4} v^4 - \binom{t-q}{6} u^{t-q-6} v^6 + \binom{t-q}{8} u^{t-q-8} v^8 + \\ & \left. \left. - \binom{t-q}{10} u^{t-q-10} v^{10} \right] + C_3 u + C_4 \right\} \end{aligned}$$

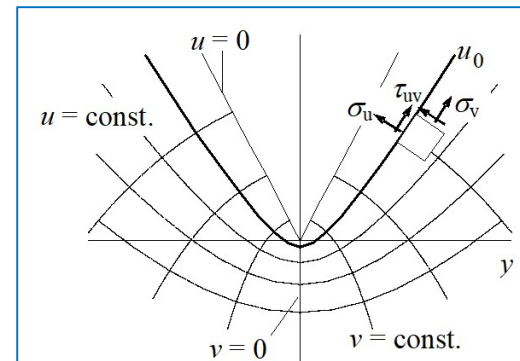
$$t = \frac{1}{2} + q - \sqrt{2q - \frac{7}{4}}$$

Stress field exponent

Stress field along the notch bisector line

$$(\sigma_\theta)_{\theta=0} = \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial x^2} = C_1 (1 + C_2) \frac{t+q}{q} \left[ \frac{t}{q} x^{\frac{t}{q}-1} - \frac{1-q}{q} x_0^{\frac{t+q-1}{q}} x^{\frac{1-2q}{q}} \right]$$

Airy stress function



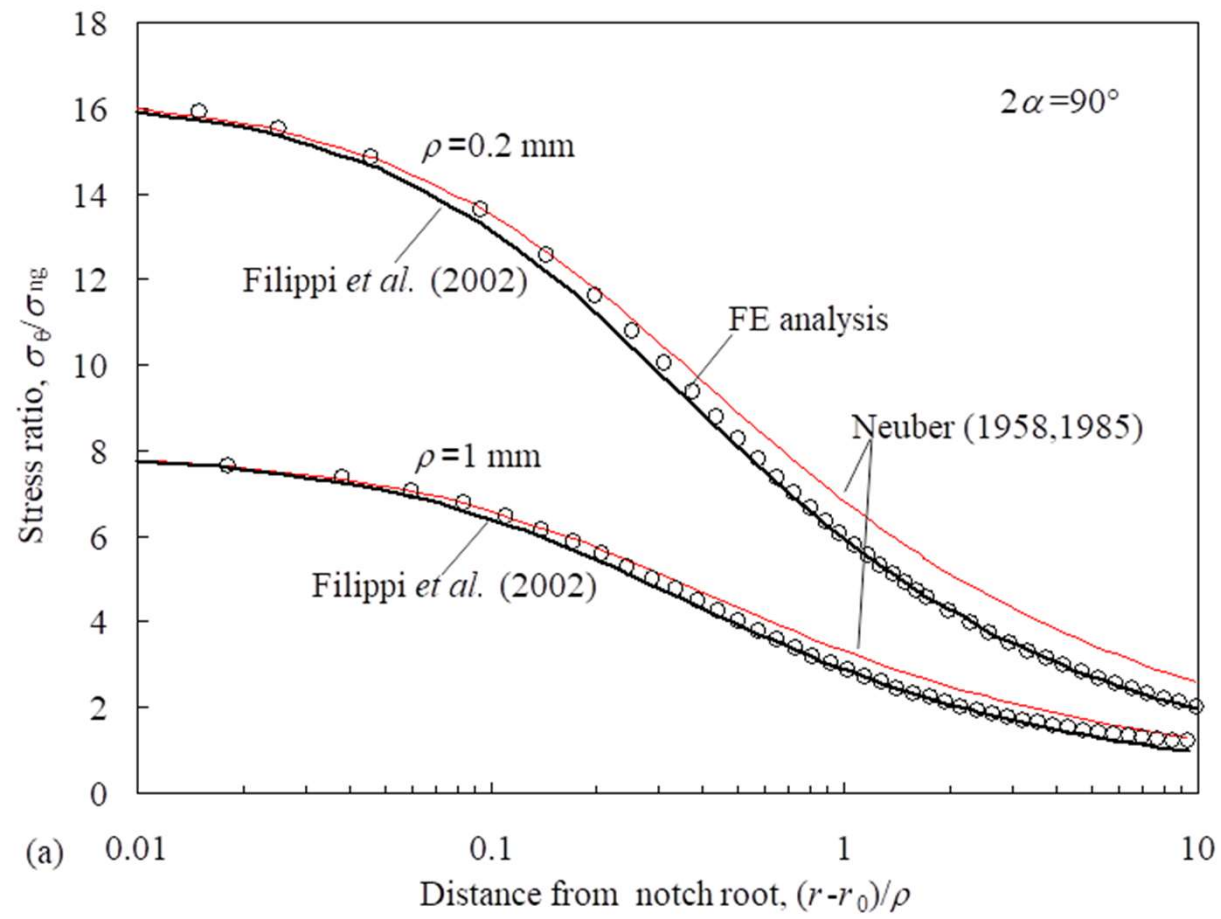
## Neuber's modified solution

$2\alpha$	$q$	$t$	$t/q$	$\lambda$	$\lambda q$	$\mu-1$	$(1-2q)/q$
0°	2.000	1.000	0.500	0.500	1.000	-1.500	-1.500
60°	1.667	0.908	0.545	0.512	0.854	-1.406	-1.400
90°	1.500	0.882	0.588	0.545	0.817	-1.345	-1.333
120°	1.333	0.876	0.657	0.616	0.821	-1.268	-1.250
135°	1.250	0.884	0.707	0.674	0.842	-1.220	-1.200
150°	1.167	0.903	0.774	0.752	0.878	-1.162	-1.143
180°	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	-1.000	-1.000

Neuber's exponents  $q$ ,  $t$  and Williams' mode I eigenvalue  $\lambda$  for tension-loaded V-notches; Neuber's exponent  $(1-2q)/q$  compared with Lazzarin's exponent  $\mu-1$ .



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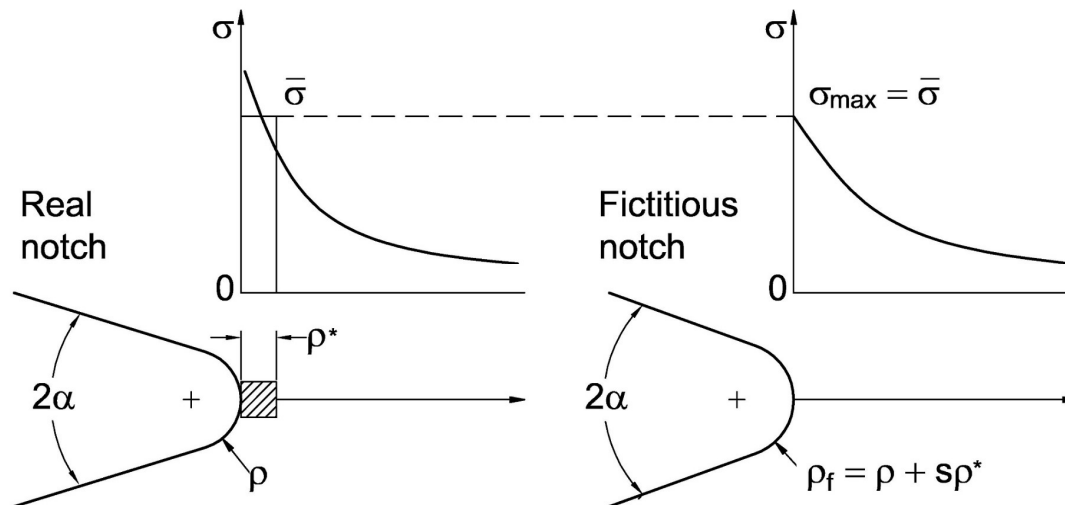
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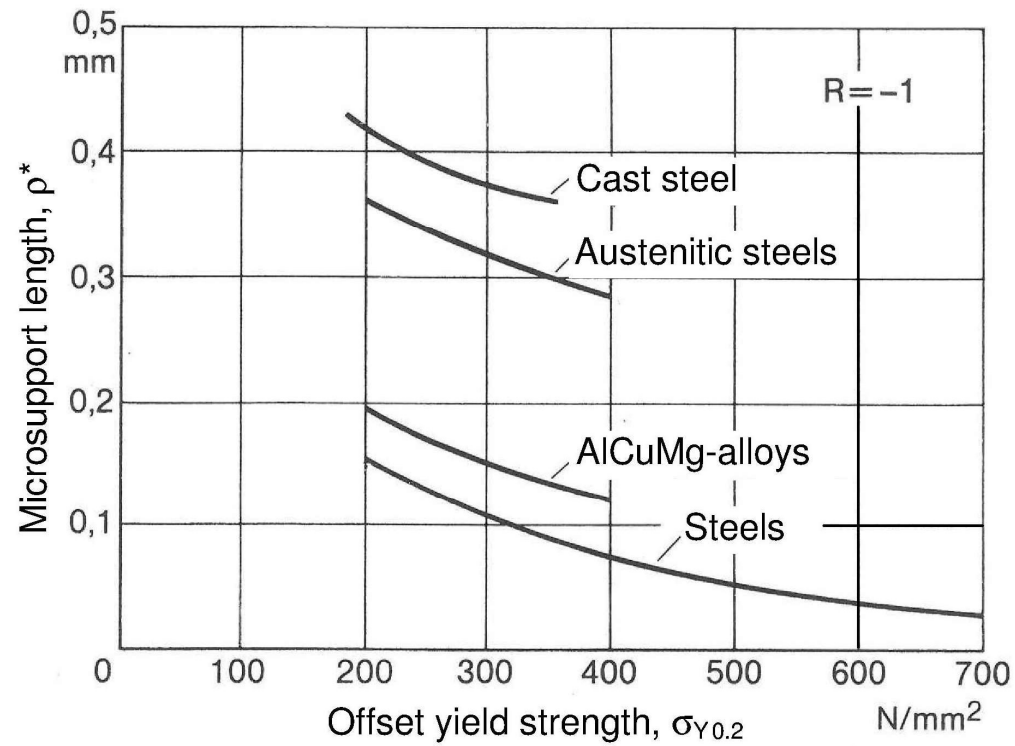
## Neuber's procedure of fictitious notch rounding

The averaged notch stresses  $\sigma$  at the real notch with radius  $\rho$  can directly be determined without an averaging procedure by analysing a substitute notch with fictitiously enlarged notch radius  $\rho_f$ :

$$\rho_f = \rho + s\rho^*$$

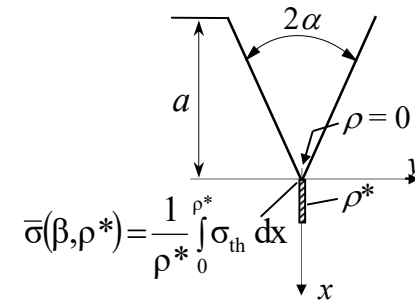
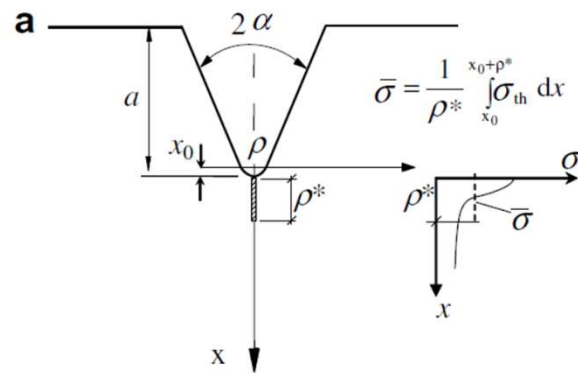


# Neuber's concept of microsupport

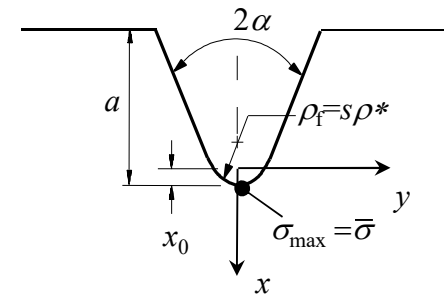
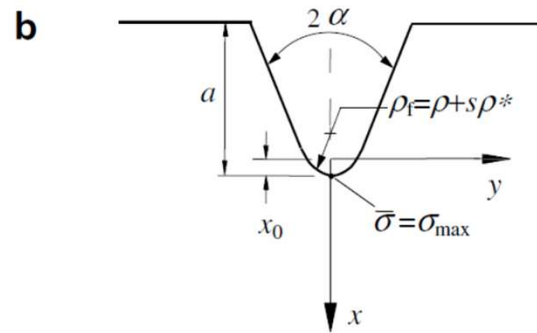


# Neuber's procedure of fictitious notch rounding

$$\rho_f = \rho + s\rho^*$$



**Worst case**



## Fictitious notch rounding concept for welded joints

Fictitious notch rounding simulating stress averaging over  $\rho^*$  in the direction of crack propagation has successfully been applied to the fatigue assessment of welded joints (Radaj 1969, 1975, 1990).

Within a worst case consideration, the parameter values:

- $\rho = 0$  (worst case),  $\rho^* \approx 0.4$  mm (welded steel),  $s \approx 2.5$

result in the fictitious notch radius:

- $\rho_f = \rho + s\rho^* = 1$  mm

This very rough estimate is applied to the cross-sectional model of welded joints in the form of a blunt circular notch at the weld toe and a keyhole at the weld root.

The SCFs at these notches are considered as theoretical fatigue notch factors characterising the endurance limit of the joints.

## IIW recommendations for fatigue design of welded joints and components

### 2.2.4.3 Measurement of Effective Notch Stress

Because the effective notch radius is an idealization, the effective notch stress cannot be measured directly in the welded component. In contrast, the simple definition of the effective notch can be used for photo-elastic stress measurements in resin models.

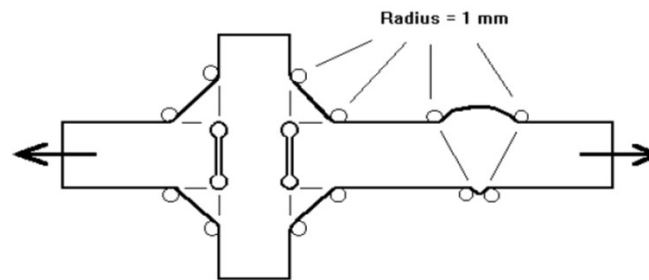


Fig. (2.2)-14 Fictitious rounding of weld toes and roots

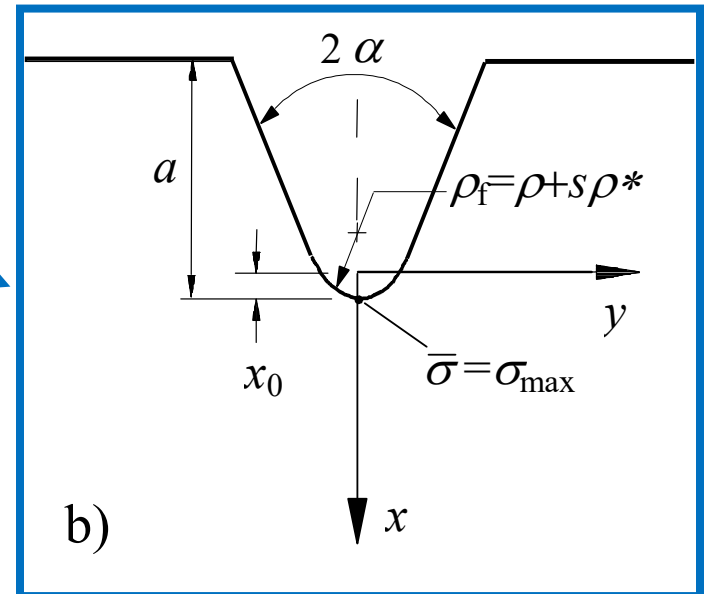
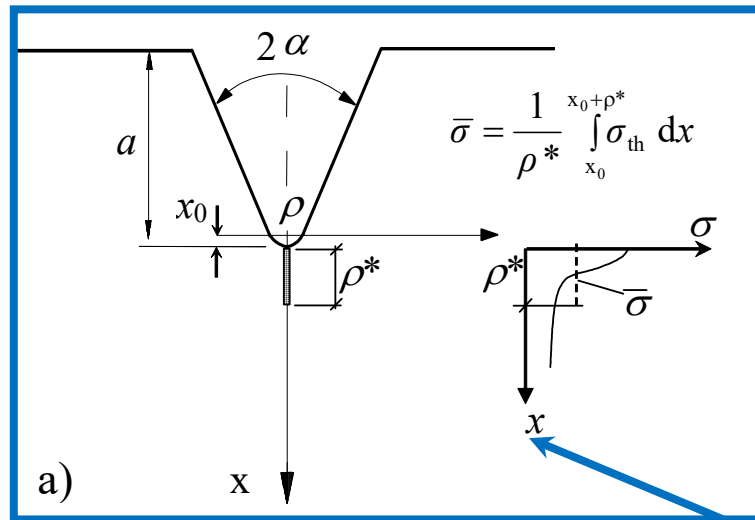
$\rho_f = 1 \text{ mm}$  independent of the notch opening angle

“s” is referred to the case of normal stress (under plane stress)

$$\rho_f = \rho + s \rho^* = 1.0 \text{ mm}$$

$$s = 2.5, \rho = 0, \rho^* = 0.4 \text{ mm}$$

## Notch rounding approach



## STEPS FOR THE APPLICATION OF THE FNR APPROACH

### STEP 1

Choice of the fracture criterion (normal stress, von Mises, Beltrami) and Write the equivalent stress accordingly to the selected criterion  $\sigma$  (or  $\tau$ ) along the bisector line by means of the expressions valid for V-notches



### STEP 2

Determine the effective stress as a function of  $\rho$  and  $\rho^*$

$$\bar{\sigma}(\rho, \rho^*) = \frac{1}{\rho^*} \int_{x_0}^{x_0 + \rho^*} \sigma_{th} dx$$



### STEP 3

Solve the limit

$$\bar{\sigma}_{\max}(\rho_f) = \lim_{\rho^* \rightarrow 0} \bar{\sigma}$$

Solve the equation: **STEP 4**

$$\bar{\sigma} \max(\rho_f) = \bar{\sigma}(\rho^*, \rho)$$



**STEP 5**

Determine  $\rho_f(\rho, \rho^*)$ :

$$\rho_f = f(\rho^*, \rho)$$

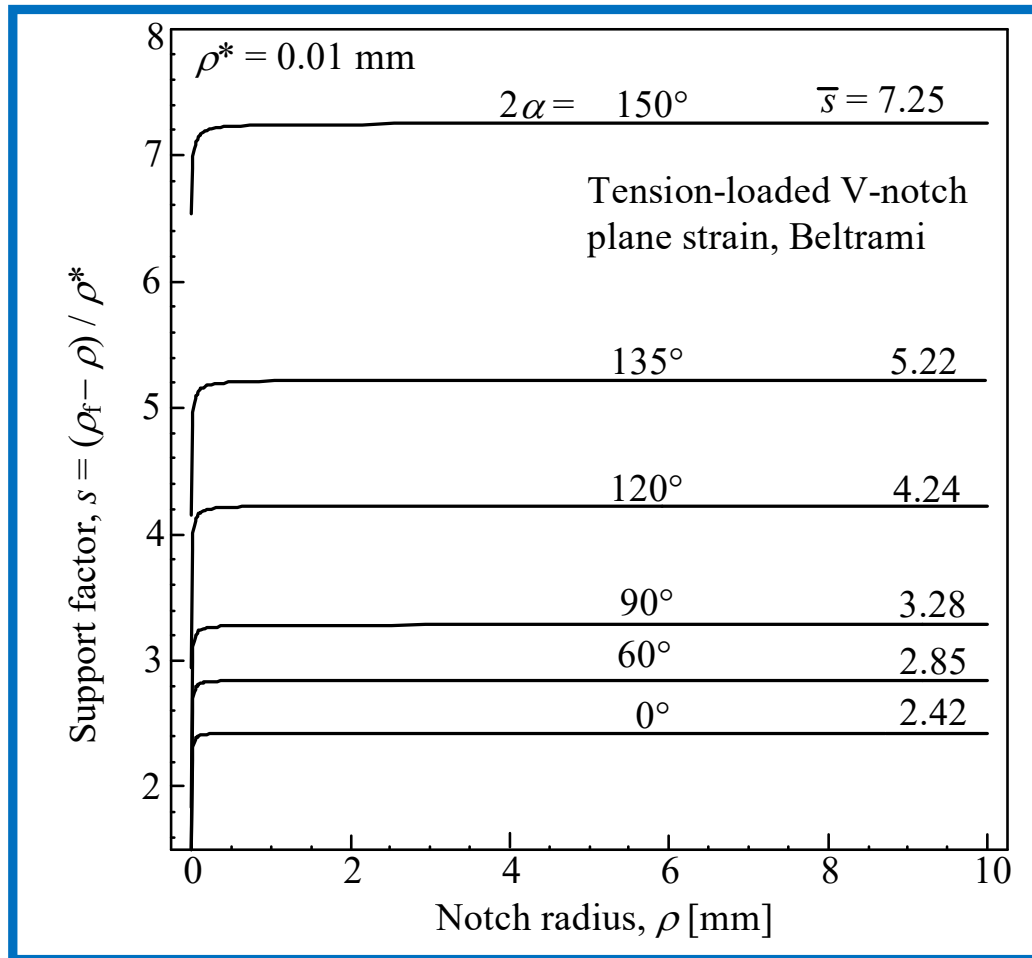


**STEP 6**

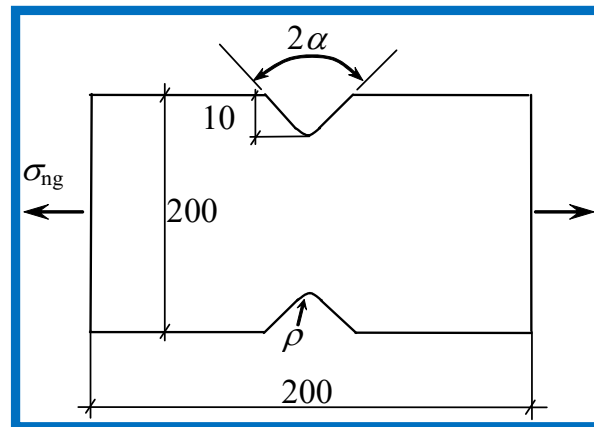
Evaluation of  $s$ :

$$s = (\rho_f - \rho) / \rho^*$$





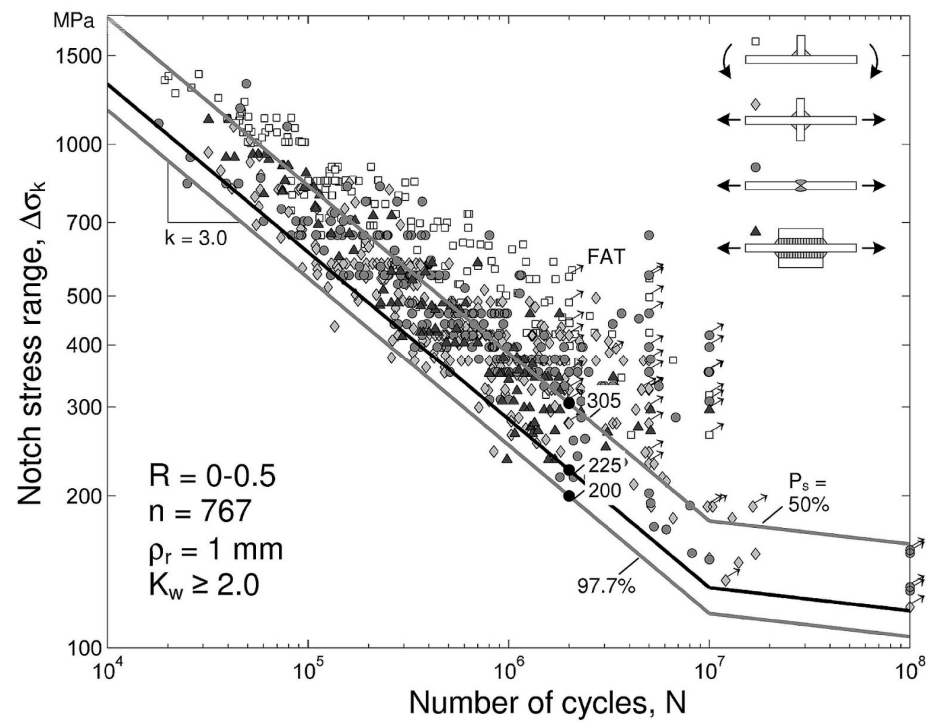
## Values of “s” for different notch angles



$2\alpha$	Neuber	Filippi, Lazzarin and Tovo				
	Normal stress	Normal stress	von Mises plane stress	von Mises plane strain	Beltrami plane stress	Beltrami plane strain
$0^\circ$	2.00	2.00	2.50	2.90	2.30	2.42
$60^\circ$	2.36	2.41	2.90	3.33	2.72	2.85
$90^\circ$	2.72	2.81	3.37	3.80	3.14	3.28
$120^\circ$	3.47	3.67	4.32	4.84	4.06	4.24
$135^\circ$	4.21	4.56	5.33	5.94	5.02	5.22
$150^\circ$	5.73	6.38	7.41	8.20	6.99	7.25

# Reference notch concept Pedersen's diagram

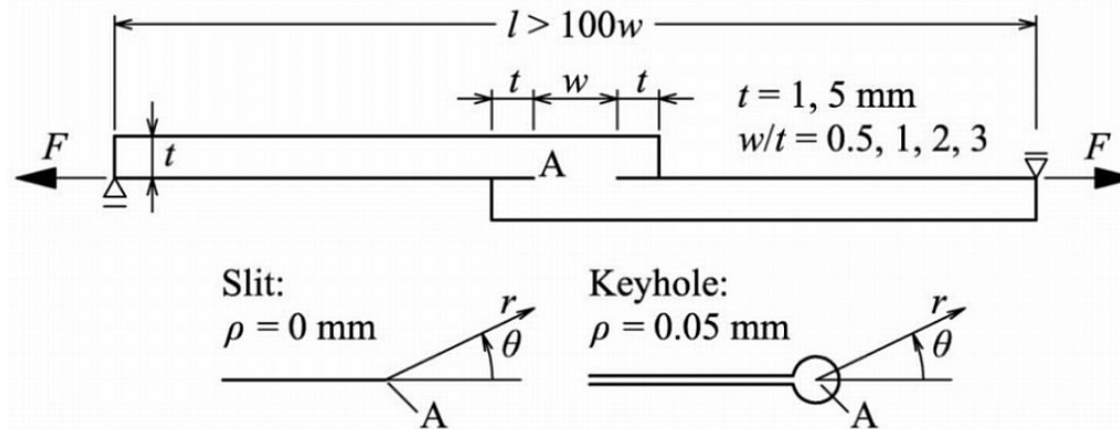
(Pedersen 2011)



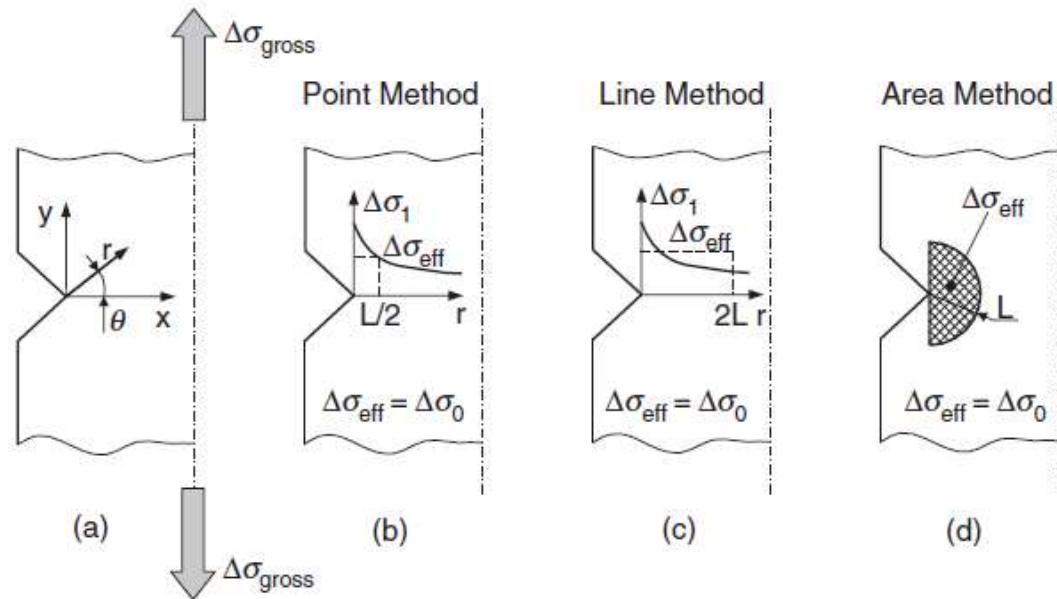
## Microhole at weld root of thin-sheet lap joint

Thin-sheet lap joints ( $t = 0.7\text{-}5\text{ mm}$ ), resistance spot-welded or laser beam seam-welded, require a special procedure because of increasing problems with cross-sectional weakening and slit-parallel loading.

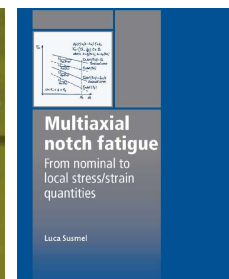
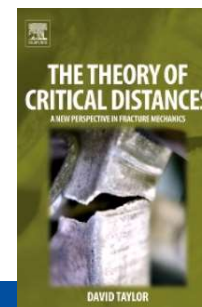
These peculiarities are overcome by application of a microhole at the weld root ( $\rho = 0.05\text{ mm}$ ) followed by notch stress averaging over  $\rho^*$ .



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ENGINEERING FORMULAE FOR FATIGUE STRENGTH REDUCTION DUE TO CRACK-LIKE NOTCHES

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Among fatigue engineers, it is well known that the fatigue strength reduction factor  $K_f$  is lower than the elastic stress concentration factor  $K_t$ . This discrepancy means that the highest stress alone is no longer appropriate for characterizing the microprocess of fatigue occurring in the microstructure at the notch tip. To rectify this microstructural size effect, Neuber [1-3] has hypothesized that the controlling fracture parameter is the mean stress over the structural size ahead of the notch tip. On the other hand, Ishibashi [4] and Peterson [5] postulated that the controlling factor is the stress at the distance of the structural size ahead of the notch tip. Both Neuber [1] and Peterson [5] started with the stress distribution for deep notches and derived the following approximate formulae of the  $K_f$ - $K_t$  relationship which were claimed to be applicable to various notches:

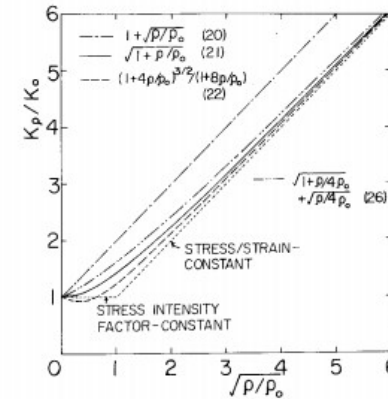
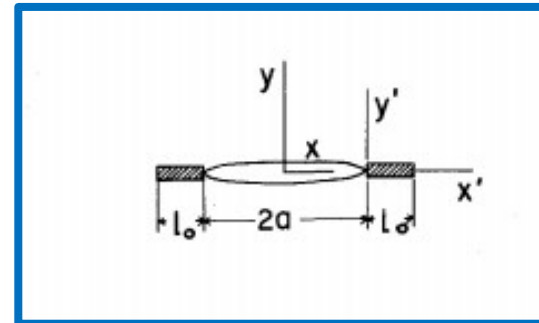


Figure 4. Effect of notch-tip radius on critical stress intensity.

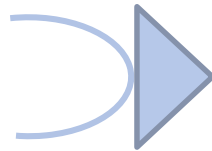
$$\sigma_0 = \frac{1}{l_0} \int_a^{a+l_0} \sigma_y dx = \frac{1}{l_0} \int_0^{l_0} \sigma_y dx'$$



# Volume method

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S. Sheppard



A semi-circular sector of radius  $M$  (then restricted to the inscribed triangle) was used, for example, by Sheppard who quantified the stress state near a notch by means of a single parameter, the average value of the principal stress





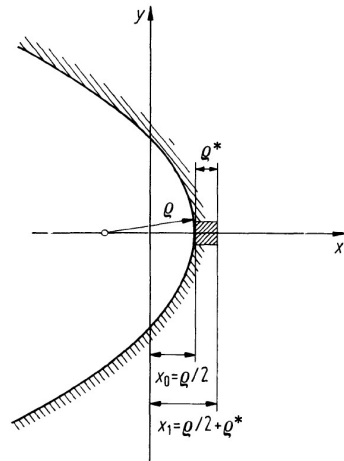


Bild 4.8. Zur Definition der Mikrostützwirkung

Die gemäß dem Konzept der Mikrostützwirkung gewonnenen Spannungen seien „fiktive Spannungen“ genannt und mit  $\sigma_F$  bezeichnet. Es gilt

$$\sigma_F = \frac{1}{\rho^*} \int_{x_0}^{x_1} \sigma_e dx = 4C_1 / \sqrt{\rho_F/2}. \quad (16)$$

Die fiktiven Spannungen können direkt auf (9) bezogen werden, wenn der Krümmungsradius  $\rho$  formal durch den „fiktiven“ Krümmungsradius  $\rho_F$  ersetzt wird, wie die rechte Seite von (16) zeigt. Damit ist das Verfahren der Mikrostützwirkung auf die Ermittlung von  $\rho_F$  zurückgeführt.

Bei Anwendung auf die  $0^\circ$ -Spitzkerbe bzw. den Riß ( $\rho = 0$ ) ergibt sich für die erste, zweite und dritte Hypothese der gemeinsame Wert

$$\rho_F = 2\rho^*. \quad (17)$$



# BRITTLE FRACTURE CRITERION FOR STRUCTURES WITH SHARP NOTCHES

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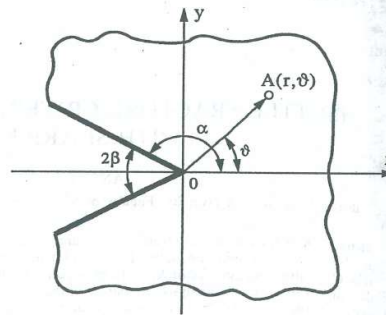


Fig. 1. Notch geometry in polar coordinate system.

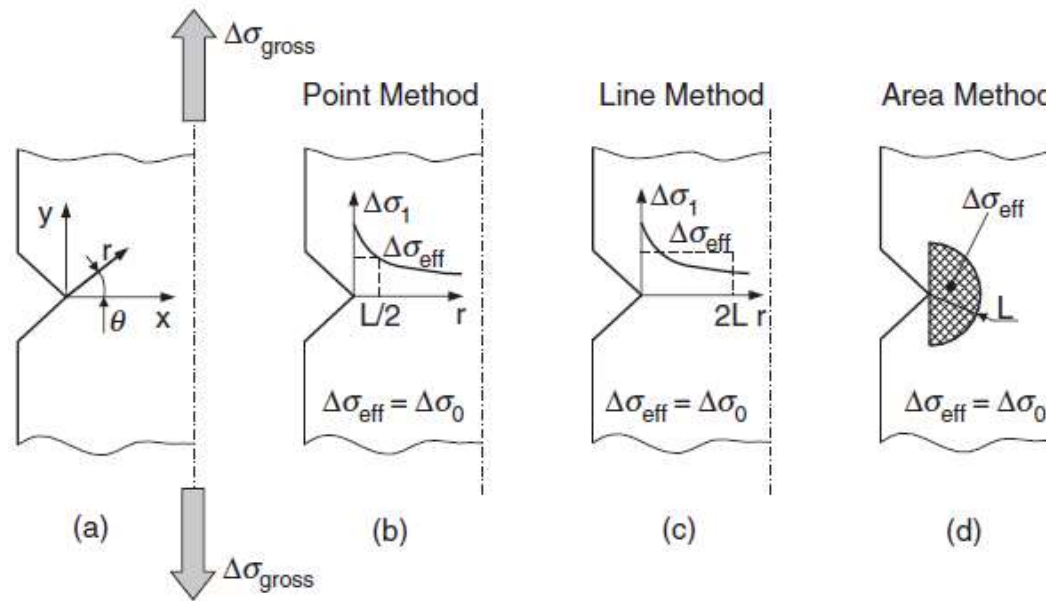
The Mode I stress intensity factor  $K_I$ , the Mode II stress intensity factor  $K_{II}$  and III stress intensity factor  $K_{III}$  for V-shaped notches may be defined in a manner similar to for cracks [5, 6]

$$K_I = \lim_{\beta \rightarrow 0^+} [(2\pi r)^{1/2} \sigma_{\theta}],$$

$$K_{II} = \lim_{\beta \rightarrow 0^+} [(2\pi r)^{1/2} \tau_{r\theta}],$$

$$K_{III} = \lim_{\beta \rightarrow 0^+} [(2\pi r)^{1/2} \tau_{r\phi}],$$

$$\max\left(\int_0^{d_0} \sigma_{\theta} dr\right) \geq d_0 \sigma_c,$$



$$\Delta\sigma_{\text{eff}} = \Delta\sigma_1 \left( \theta = 0, r = \frac{L}{2} \right) = \Delta\sigma_0$$

Point Method

$$\Delta\sigma_{\text{eff}} = \frac{1}{2L} \int_0^{2L} \Delta\sigma_1(\theta = 0, r) dr = \Delta\sigma_0$$

Line Method

$$\Delta\sigma_{\text{eff}} = \frac{4}{\pi L^2} \int_0^{\pi/2} \int_0^L \Delta\sigma_1(\theta, r) \cdot r \cdot dr \cdot d\theta \cong \Delta\sigma_0$$

Area Method

# Brittle Failure by TCD



Cylindrical Plain Specimen



Tubular Plain Torsional Specimen



V-Notched Cylindrical Specimen  
( $r_n=0.2$  mm)



V-Notched Cylindrical Specimen  
( $r_n=0.4$  mm)



V-Notched Cylindrical Specimen  
( $r_n=1.2$  mm)



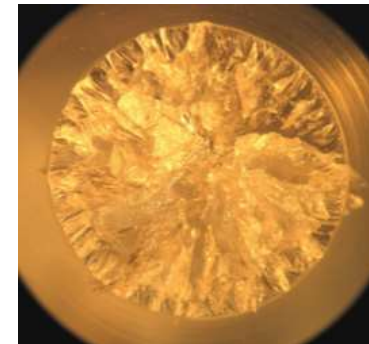
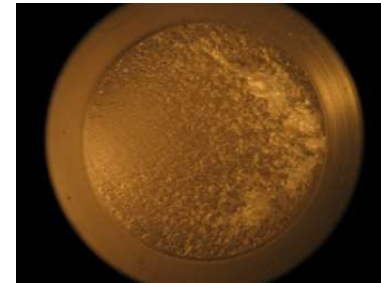
V-Notched Cylindrical Specimen  
( $r_n=4.0$  mm)

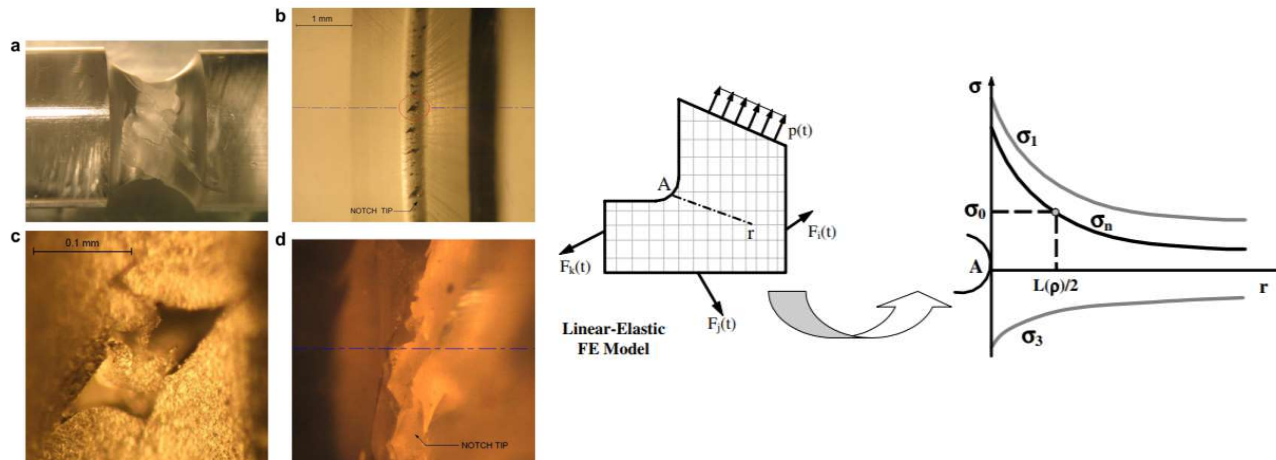


V-Notched Flat Specimen  
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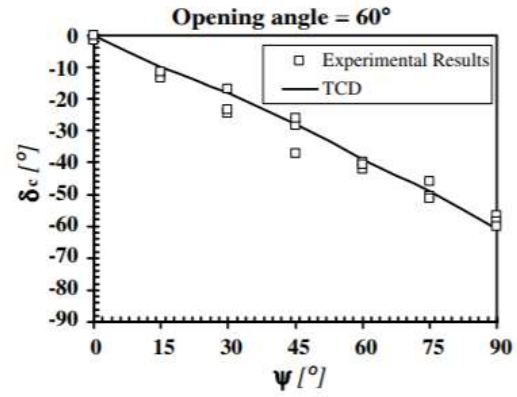
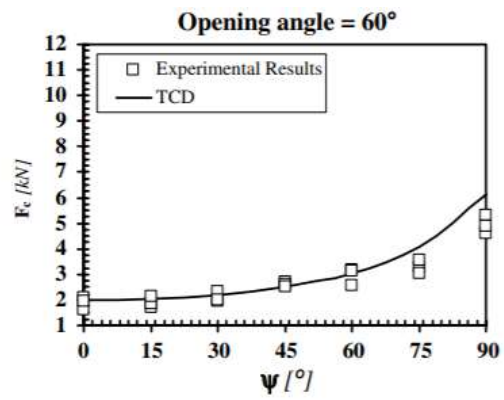
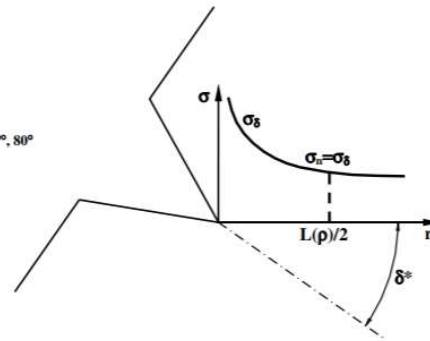
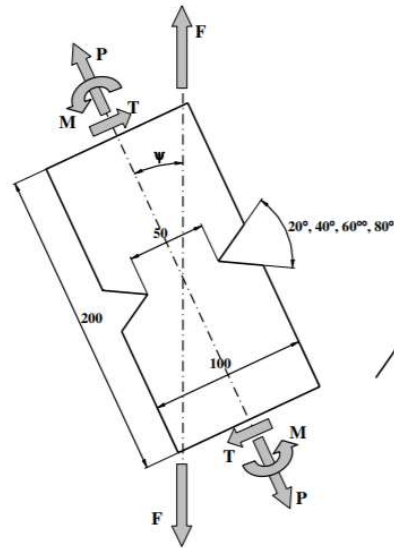
V-Notched Flat Specimen  
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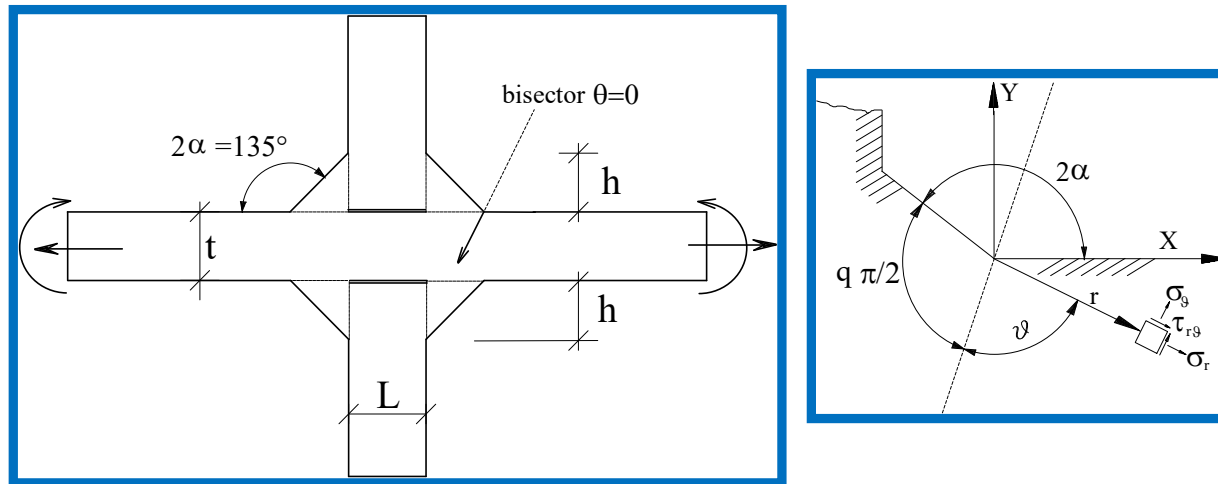


Multiaxial PM accuracy in predicting failures in the tested notched specimens

$\sigma_{\text{nom}}/\tau_{\text{nom}}$	$\sigma_{\text{eff}}$ [MPa]				Error [%]		
	$r_n = 0.2 \text{ mm}$	$r_n = 0.4 \text{ mm}$	$r_n = 1.2 \text{ mm}$	$r_n = 4.0 \text{ mm}$	$r_n = 0.2 \text{ mm}$	$r_n = 0.4 \text{ mm}$	$r_n = 1.2 \text{ mm}$
$\infty$	119.4	120.6	100.1	71.3	4.9	5.9	-12.1
1	127.8	128.2	125.3	109.9	12.2	12.6	10.0
0.55	134.5	126.1	105.7	91.3	18.1	10.7	-7.2
0.23	110.4	103.1	99.1	81.9	-3.1	-9.5	-13.0
0	113.7	117.5	115.1	65.2	-0.2	3.2	1.1



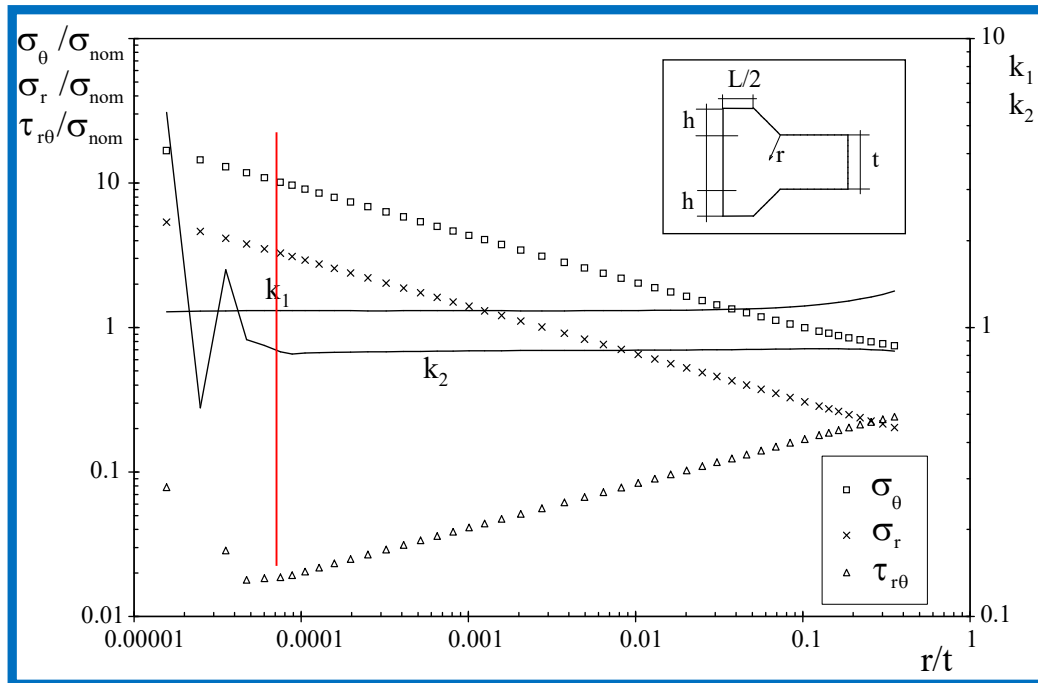
## Notch Stress Intensity Factor



According to Gross and Mendelson's definition (1972), the N-SIFs related to the mode I stress distribution are:

$$K_1^N = \sqrt{2\pi} \lim_{r \rightarrow 0^+} r^{1-\lambda_1} \sigma_{\theta\theta}(r)$$

$$K_2^N = \sqrt{2\pi} \lim_{r \rightarrow 0^+} r^{1-\lambda_2} \sigma_{r\theta}(r)$$



### Stress components along the bisector and $k_1$ and $k_2$ evaluation

Local NSIFs can be linked to nominal stress according to the expression

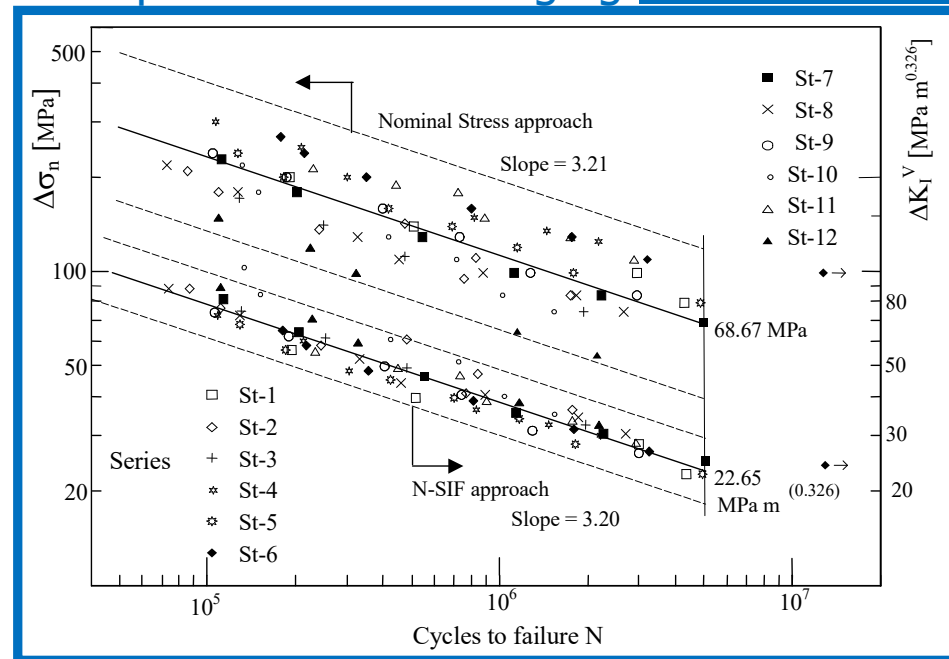
$$\Delta K_1^N = k_1 \cdot t^{1-\lambda_1} \cdot \Delta \sigma_{nom}$$

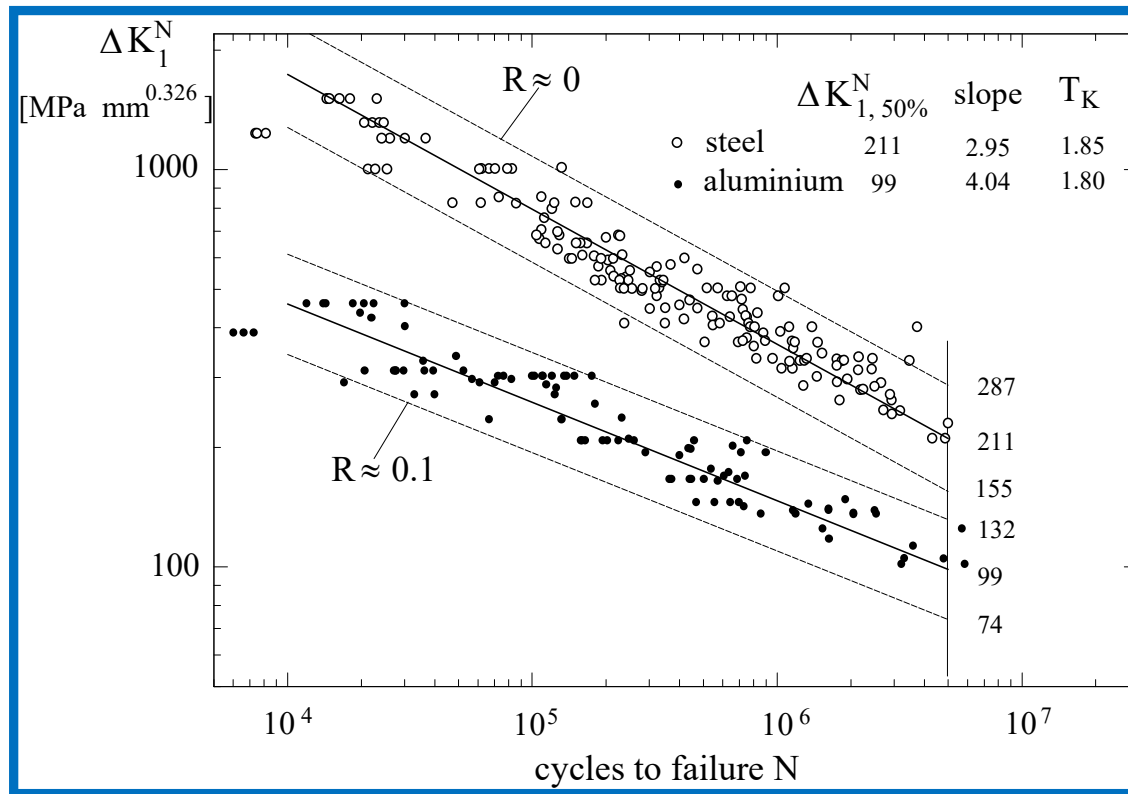


# Original data from Gurney (1991) and Maddox (1987)

Main Plate thickness ranging from 6 to 100 mm;

Transverse plate thickness ranging from 3.0 to 200 mm.





Fatigue strength of aluminium and steel welded joints as a function of Mode I Notch Stress Intensity Factor. Scatter band related to mean values plus/minus 2 standard deviations

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### **Eugenio Beltrami**

(16 November 1835 – 18 February 1900) was an Italian mathematician notable for his work concerning differential geometry and mathematical physics. His work was noted especially for clarity of exposition. He was the first to prove consistency of non-Euclidean geometry by modeling it on a surface of constant curvature, the pseudosphere, and in the interior of an  $n$ -dimensional unit sphere, the so-called Beltrami–Klein model. He also developed singular value decomposition for matrices, which has been subsequently rediscovered several times. Beltrami's use of differential calculus for problems of mathematical physics indirectly influenced development of tensor calculus by Gregorio Ricci-Curbastro and Tullio Levi-Civita.

## Advantages of a local-energy approach based on NSIFS

- Permits consideration of the scale effect.
- Permits consideration of the contribution of different Modes.
- Permits consideration of the cycle nominal load ratio.
- Overcomes the complex problem tied to the different NSIF units of measure in the case of crack initiation at the toe ( $2a=135^\circ$ ) or root ( $2a=0^\circ$ ).
- Overcomes the problem of multiple crack initiation and their interaction.
- SED can be evaluated with coarse meshes
- It directly takes into account the T-stress
- It directly includes three-dimensional effects

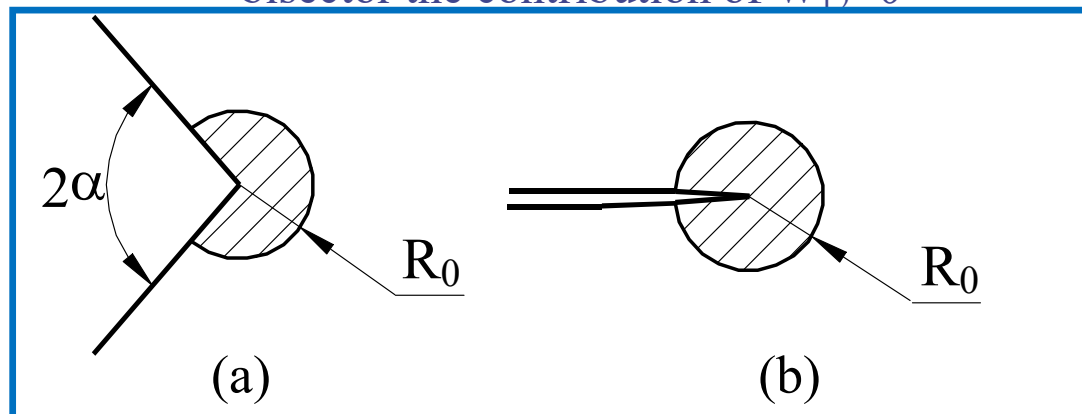
## Sharp notches and the SED approach

$$W(r, \theta) = W_1(r, \theta) + W_2(r, \theta) + W_{12}(r, \theta)$$

$$W_1(r, \theta) = \frac{1}{2E} r^{2(\lambda_1-1)} \cdot (K_1^N)^2 \left[ \tilde{\sigma}_{\theta\theta}^{(1)2} + \tilde{\sigma}_{rr}^{(1)2} + \tilde{\sigma}_{zz}^{(1)2} - 2\nu(\tilde{\sigma}_{\theta\theta}^{(1)}\tilde{\sigma}_{rr}^{(1)} + \tilde{\sigma}_{\theta\theta}^{(1)}\tilde{\sigma}_{zz}^{(1)} + \tilde{\sigma}_{rr}^{(1)}\tilde{\sigma}_{zz}^{(1)}) + 2(1+\nu)\tilde{\sigma}_{r\theta}^{(1)2} \right]$$

$$W_2(r, \theta) = \frac{1}{2E} r^{2(\lambda_2-1)} \cdot (K_2^N)^2 \left[ \tilde{\sigma}_{\theta\theta}^{(2)2} + \tilde{\sigma}_{rr}^{(2)2} + \tilde{\sigma}_{zz}^{(2)2} - 2\nu(\tilde{\sigma}_{\theta\theta}^{(2)}\tilde{\sigma}_{rr}^{(2)} + \tilde{\sigma}_{\theta\theta}^{(2)}\tilde{\sigma}_{zz}^{(2)} + \tilde{\sigma}_{rr}^{(2)}\tilde{\sigma}_{zz}^{(2)}) + 2(1+\nu)\tilde{\sigma}_{r\theta}^{(2)2} \right]$$

Since the integration field is symmetric with respect to the notch bisector the contribution of  $W_{12}=0$



## Sharp notches and the SED approach

$$E(R) = \int_A W \cdot dA = \int_0^R \int_{-\gamma}^{+\gamma} [W_1(r, \theta) + W_2(r, \theta)] \cdot r dr d\theta$$

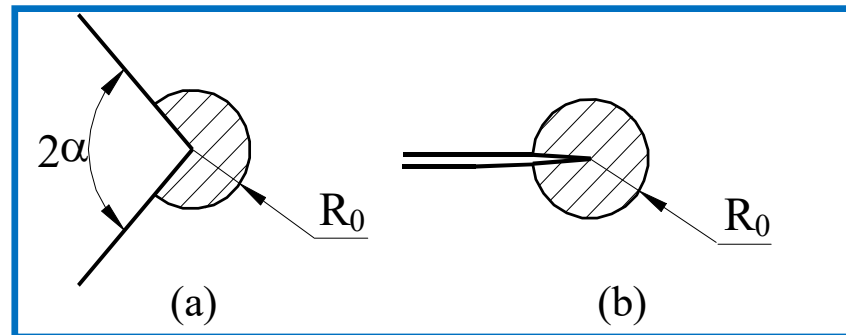
$$E(R) = E_1(R) + E_2(R)$$

$$= \frac{1}{E} \frac{I_1(\gamma)}{4\lambda_1} \cdot (K_1^N)^2 \cdot R^{2\lambda_1} + \frac{1}{E} \frac{I_2(\gamma)}{4\lambda_2} \cdot (K_2^N)^2 \cdot R^{2\lambda_2}$$

$$A(R) = \int_0^R \int_{-\gamma}^{+\gamma} r dr d\theta = R^{2\gamma}$$

$$\bar{W} = \frac{E(R)}{A(R)} = \frac{1}{E} \cdot e_1 \cdot (K_1^N)^2 \cdot R^{2(\lambda_1-1)} + \frac{1}{E} \cdot e_2 \cdot (K_2^N)^2 \cdot R^{2(\lambda_2-1)}$$

## Mean value of the Strain Energy Density V-sharp notches (mode I+ II)



$$\Delta\bar{W} = \frac{e_1}{E} \left[ \frac{\Delta K_1^N}{R_0^{1-\lambda_1}} \right]^2 + \frac{e_2}{E} \left[ \frac{\Delta K_2^N}{R_0^{1-\lambda_2}} \right]^2$$

$$e_1 = -5.373 \cdot 10^{-6} (2\alpha)^2 + 6.151 \cdot 10^{-4} (2\alpha) + 0.1330$$

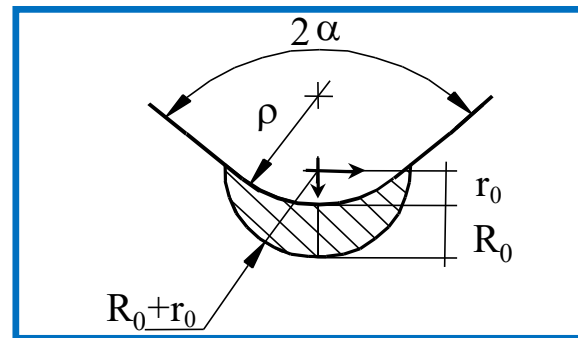
$R_0$ : control volume radius

$$e_2 = 4.809 \cdot 10^{-6} (2\alpha)^2 - 2.346 \cdot 10^{-3} (2\alpha) + 0.3400$$

$e_{1,2}$ : shape functions, which depend on the notch angle and Poisson's ratio



## Blunt notches and the Sed approach under mode I loading



The criterion based on the local energy and valid for brittle or quasi-brittle material considers that the strain energy averaged over a control volume is critical for notched components

$$\overline{W}_1^{(e)} = H(2\alpha, R_0 / \rho) \left( \frac{q-1}{q} \right)^{2(1-\lambda_1)} \left[ \frac{\sqrt{2\pi}}{1 + \tilde{\omega}_1} \right]^2 \frac{\sigma_{\max}^2}{E}$$

$$\overline{W}_1^{(e)} = H(2\alpha, R_0 / \rho) \frac{(K_{1\rho}^V)^2}{E} \frac{1}{\rho^{2(1-\lambda_1)}}$$

## Control volume definition under static loadig

$$\bar{W} = \frac{E(R)}{A(R)} = \frac{1}{E} \cdot e_1 \cdot (K_1^N)^2 \cdot R^{2(\lambda_1-1)} + \frac{1}{E} \cdot e_2 \cdot (K_2^N)^2 \cdot R^{2(\lambda_2-1)}$$

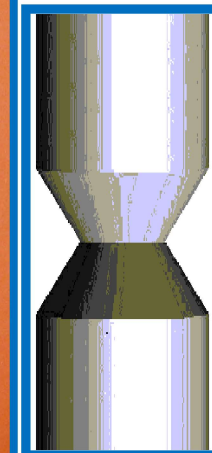
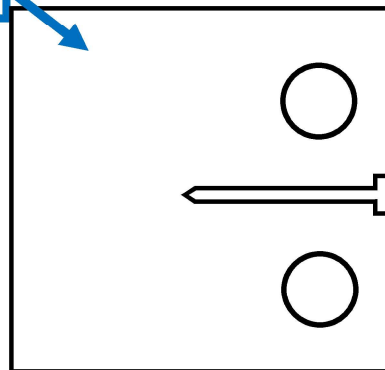
The critical energy

$$W_C = \sigma_t^2 / 2E \quad \text{Unnotched material} \quad \longrightarrow$$

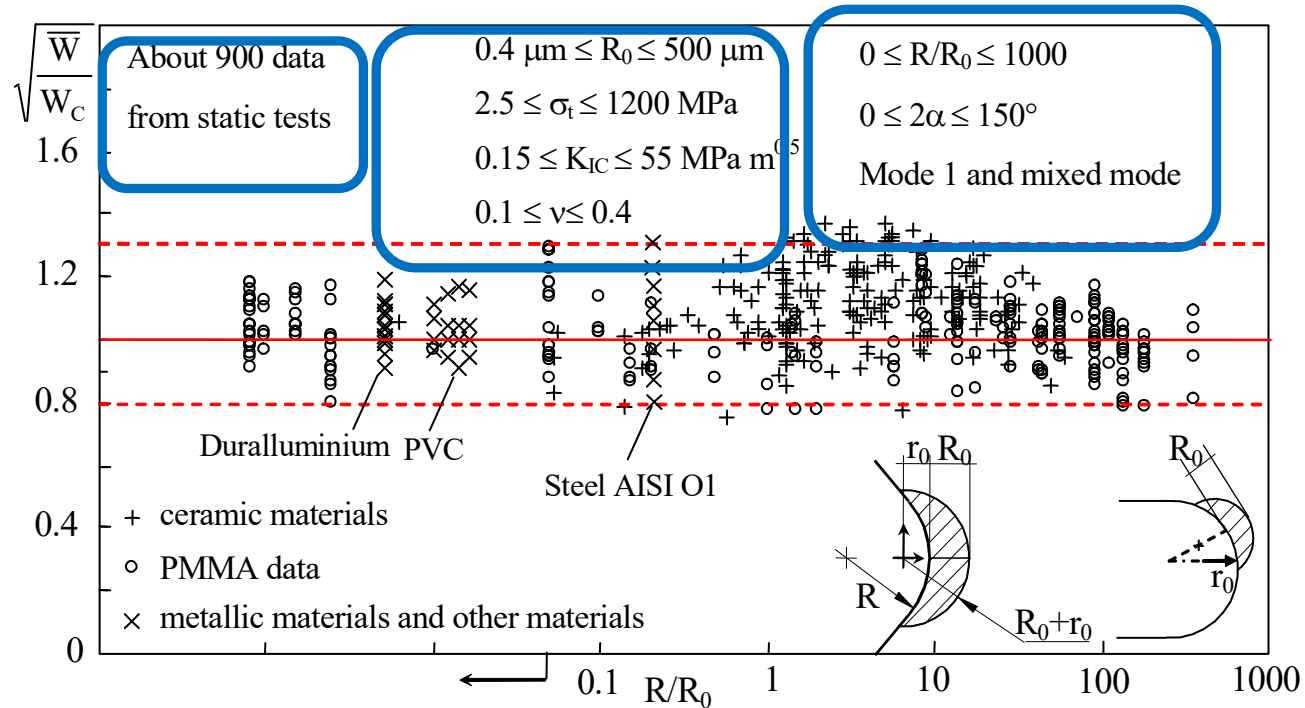
$$\bar{W}_1^{(e)} = \frac{E_1^{(e)}}{A} = \frac{I_1}{4 E \lambda_1 \pi} \left( \frac{K_{IC}}{R_0^{0.5}} \right)^2 \quad \text{cracked material}$$

$$\bar{W} = W_C$$

$$R_0 = \frac{(1+\nu)(5-8\nu)}{4\pi} \left( \frac{K_{IC}}{\sigma_t} \right)^2$$

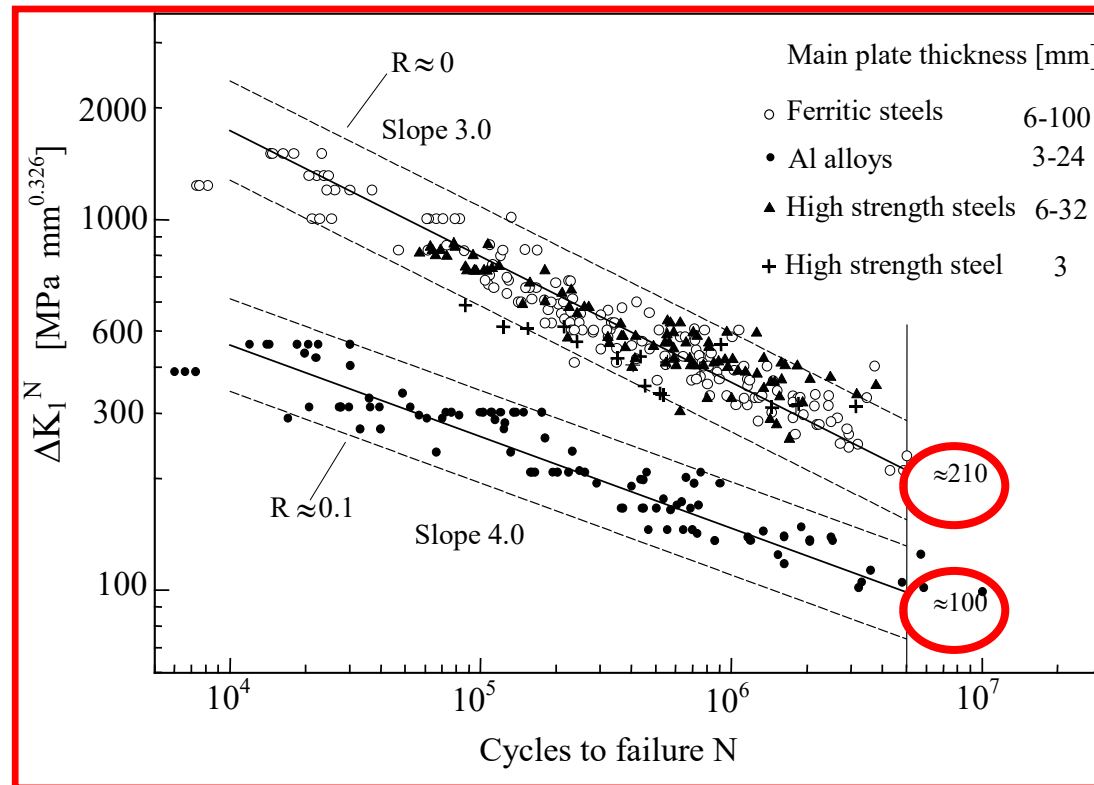


## Notched samples under static loading



Synthesis of data taken from the literature. Different materials are summarised, among the others AISI O1 and duralluminium

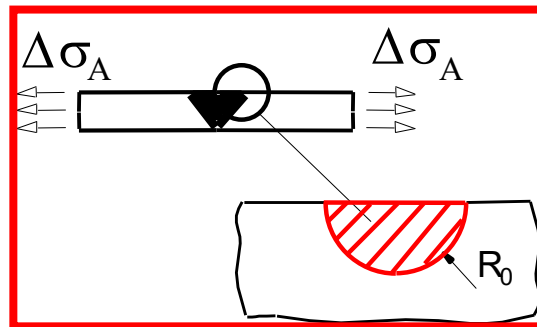
## Toe failures: NSIF approach



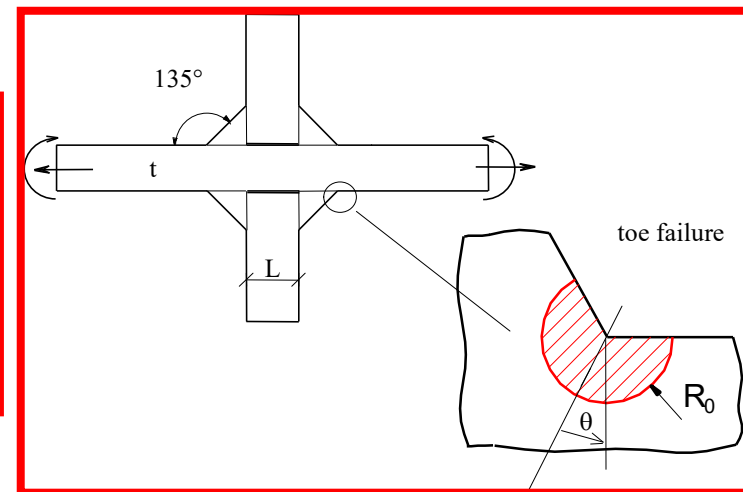
Fatigue strength of steel and aluminum fillet welded joints in terms of the Mode I NSIF (Lazzarin and Tovo 1998, Lazzarin and Livieri 2001). Scatter bands defined by mean values of  $\pm 2$  standard deviations.

# CRITICAL RADIUS EVALUATION

$2\alpha=180^\circ$   
ground butt welded joints

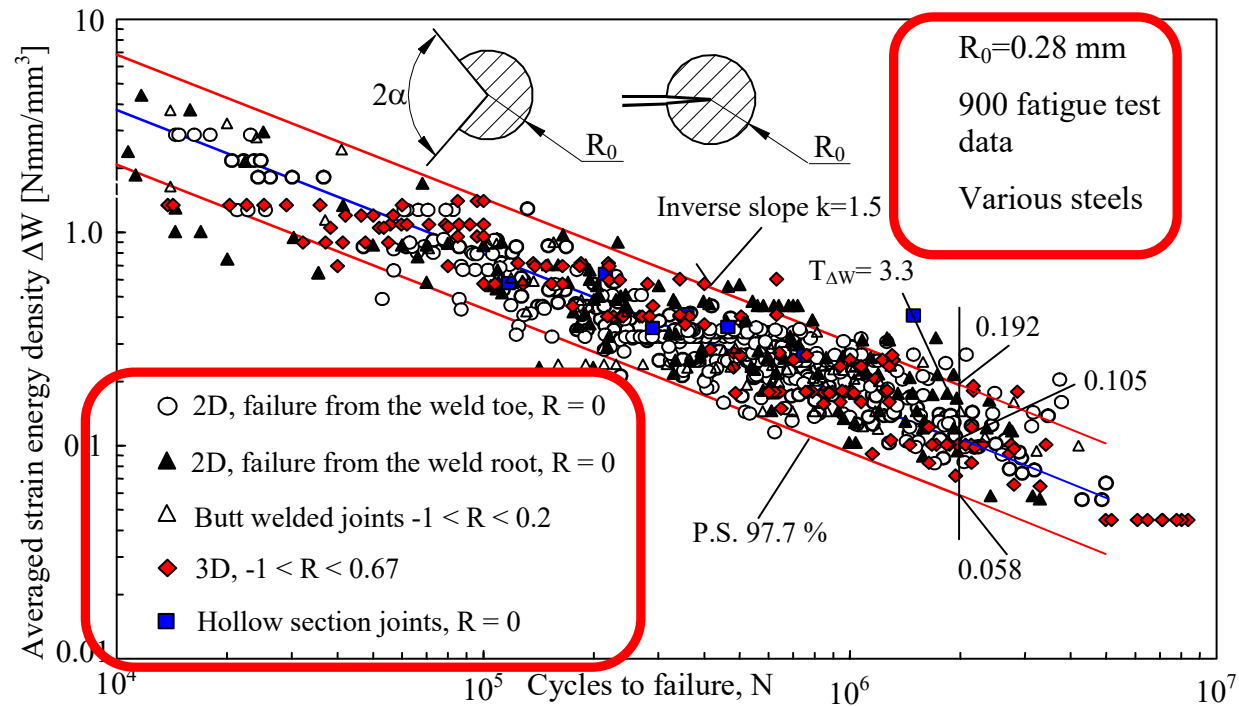


$2\alpha=135^\circ$



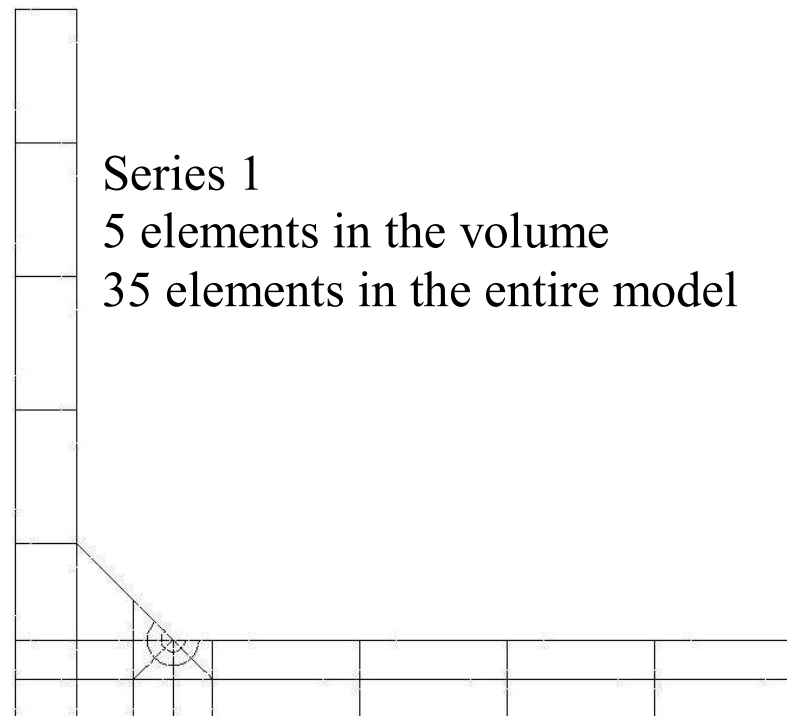
$$R_0 = \left( \frac{\sqrt{2e_1} \Delta K_{1A}^N}{\Delta \sigma_A} \right)^{\frac{1}{1-\lambda_1}} \quad \begin{matrix} \text{211 MPamm}^{0.326} \\ \text{155 MPa} \end{matrix}$$

## Averaged Sed as a fatigue parameter



Fatigue strength of welded joints as a function of the averaged local strain energy density;  $R$  is the nominal load ratio

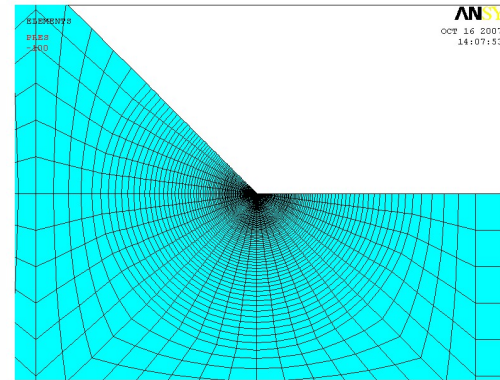
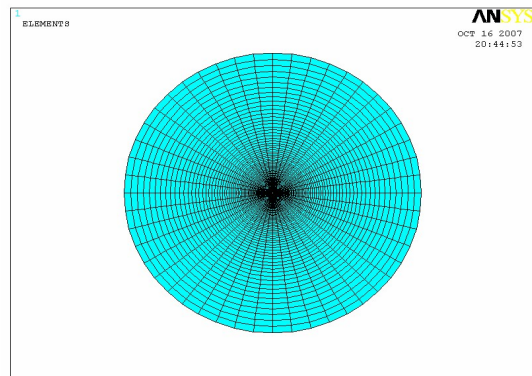
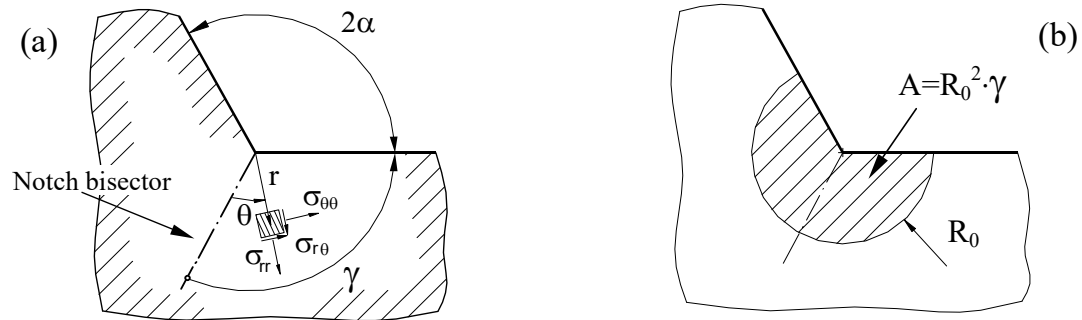
## Coarse mesh: example



The SED can be accurately evaluated by using coarse meshes.

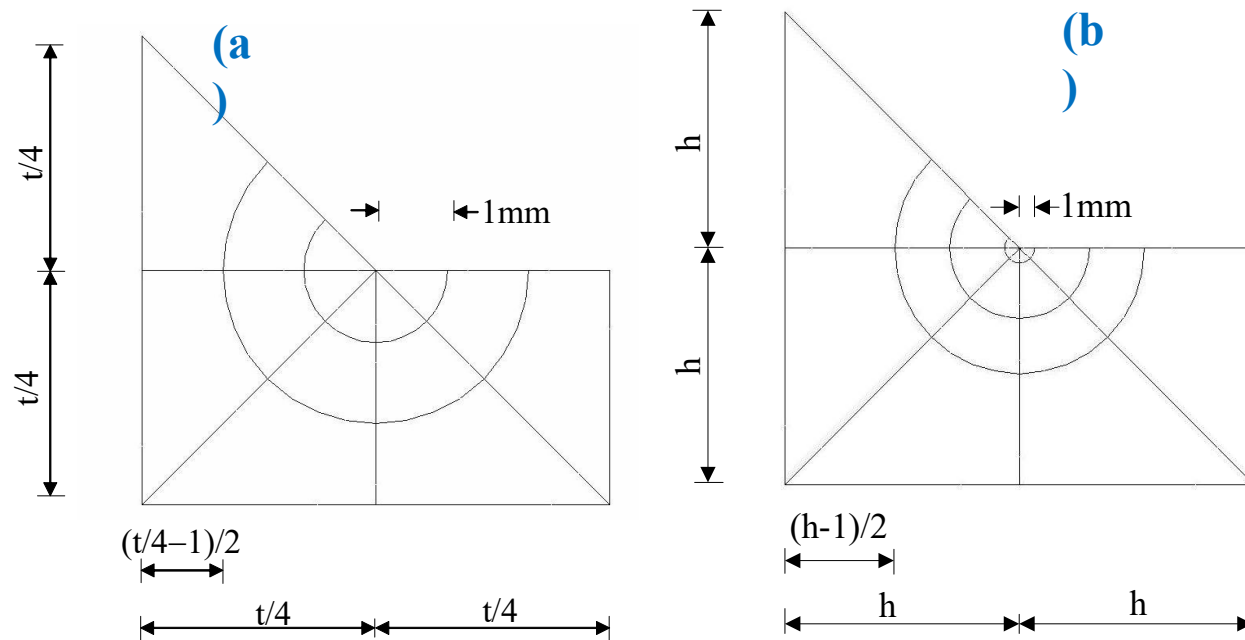
The NSIFs evaluation requires fine mesh with concentration keypoint.

## Fine meshes usually used for Nsifs evaluation





## COARSE MESHES

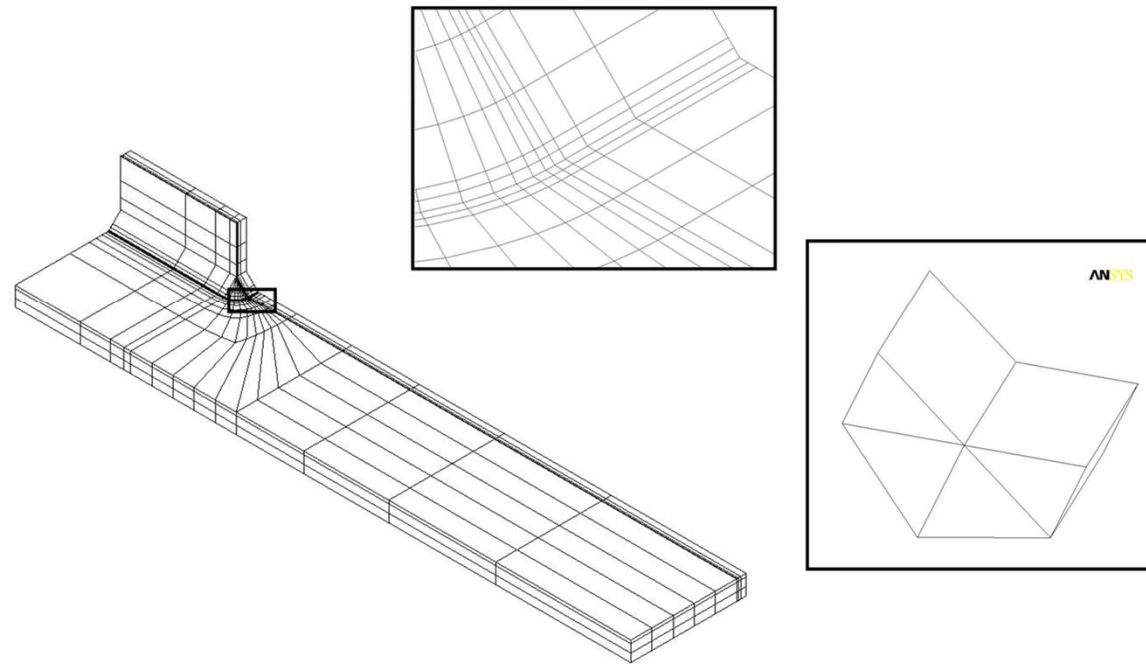


Modulus used for the geometries with  $h > t/2$  (a); modulus used when  $h < t/2$  (b)

## Comparison of $K_1$ obtained with fine and coarse meshes

Series	t [mm]	h [mm]	L [mm]	Fine mesh	Parabolic FE (Coarse mesh)		
				$K_1$ [MPa mm <sup>0.326</sup> ]	$\bar{W}$ [N mm/mm <sup>3</sup> ]	$K_1$ [MPa mm <sup>0.326</sup> ]	$\Delta$ %
1	13	8	10	265.0	$4.28 \times 10^{-2}$	274.3	3.5
2	50	16	50	396.	$9.07 \times 10^{-2}$	399.3	0.7
3	100	16	50	413.0	$9.94 \times 10^{-2}$	417.9	1.2
4	13	5	3	228.8	$3.25 \times 10^{-2}$	238.9	4.4
5	13	10	8	267.5	$4.23 \times 10^{-2}$	272.8	2.0
6	25	5	3	231.0	$3.32 \times 10^{-2}$	241.6	4.6
7	25	9	32	329.5	$6.11 \times 10^{-2}$	327.7	-0.5
8	25	15	220	405.0	$9.08 \times 10^{-2}$	399.4	-1.4
9	38	8	13	296.7	$5.21 \times 10^{-2}$	302.5	2.0
10	38	15	220	476.0	$1.25 \times 10^{-1}$	469.0	-1.5
11	100	5	3	228.1	$3.28 \times 10^{-2}$	240.2	5.3
12	100	15	220	589.5	$1.87 \times 10^{-1}$	573.0	-2.8

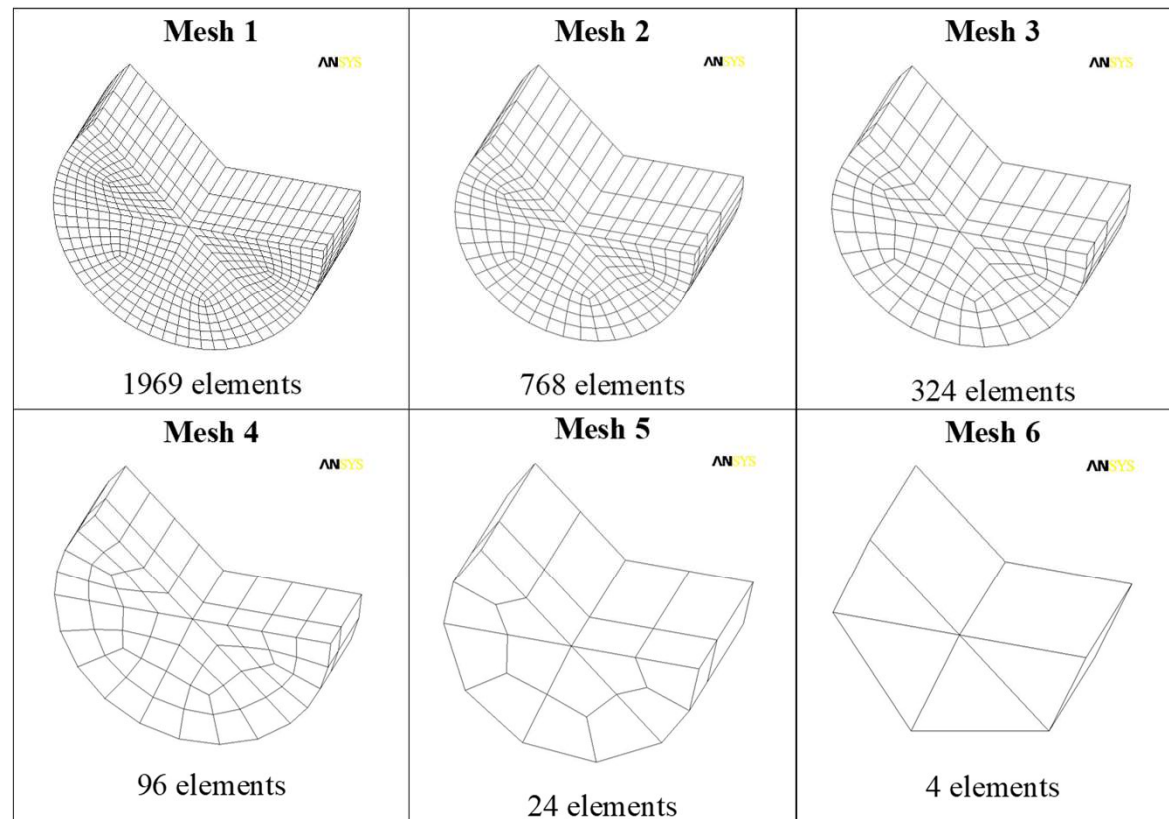
## Three dimensional models



### Geometry of the welded joints with a longitudinal stiffener tested by Maddox

*Maddox S.J. Influence of tensile residual stresses on the fatigue behavior of welded joints in steel. ASTM STP. 1982; 776: 63-96.*

## Different meshes for three dimensional models

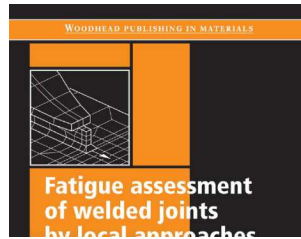


## Different meshes for three dimensional models

3D models	Number of FE in the volume	Degrees of freedom (complete model)	$\bar{W}$ Nmm/mm <sup>3</sup>	$K_1$ [MPa mm <sup>0.326</sup> ]	$\Delta\%$
1	1696	$8.6 \cdot 10^5$	0.07937	373.5	0
2	768	$4.6 \cdot 10^5$	0.07903	372.7	0.21
3	324	$2.5 \cdot 10^5$	0.07896	372.5	0.26
4	96	$1.7 \cdot 10^5$	0.07895	372.5	0.26
5	24	$4.5 \cdot 10^4$	0.07790	370.0	0.93
6	4	$1.1 \cdot 10^4$	0.07594	365.3	2.18

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## Local fatigue strength parameters for welded joints based on strain energy density with inclusion of small-size notches

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