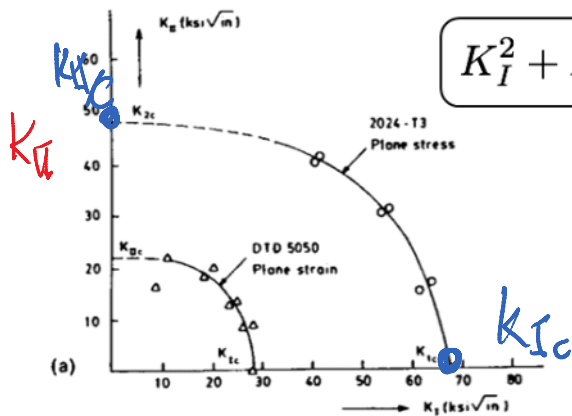


# Crack propagation criterion

1. If the crack propagates
2. What direction it propagates

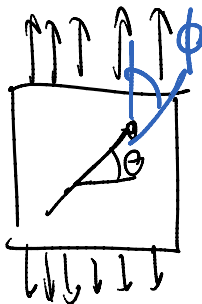
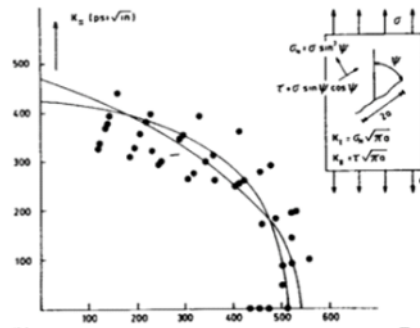
Question 1:

$$K_{Ic} = K_{IIc}$$



$$K_I^2 + K_{II}^2 = K_{Ic}^2$$

a circle in  $K_I, K_{II}$  plane



by changing  $\theta$  we can create Mode I & mixed mode loading

Mode II

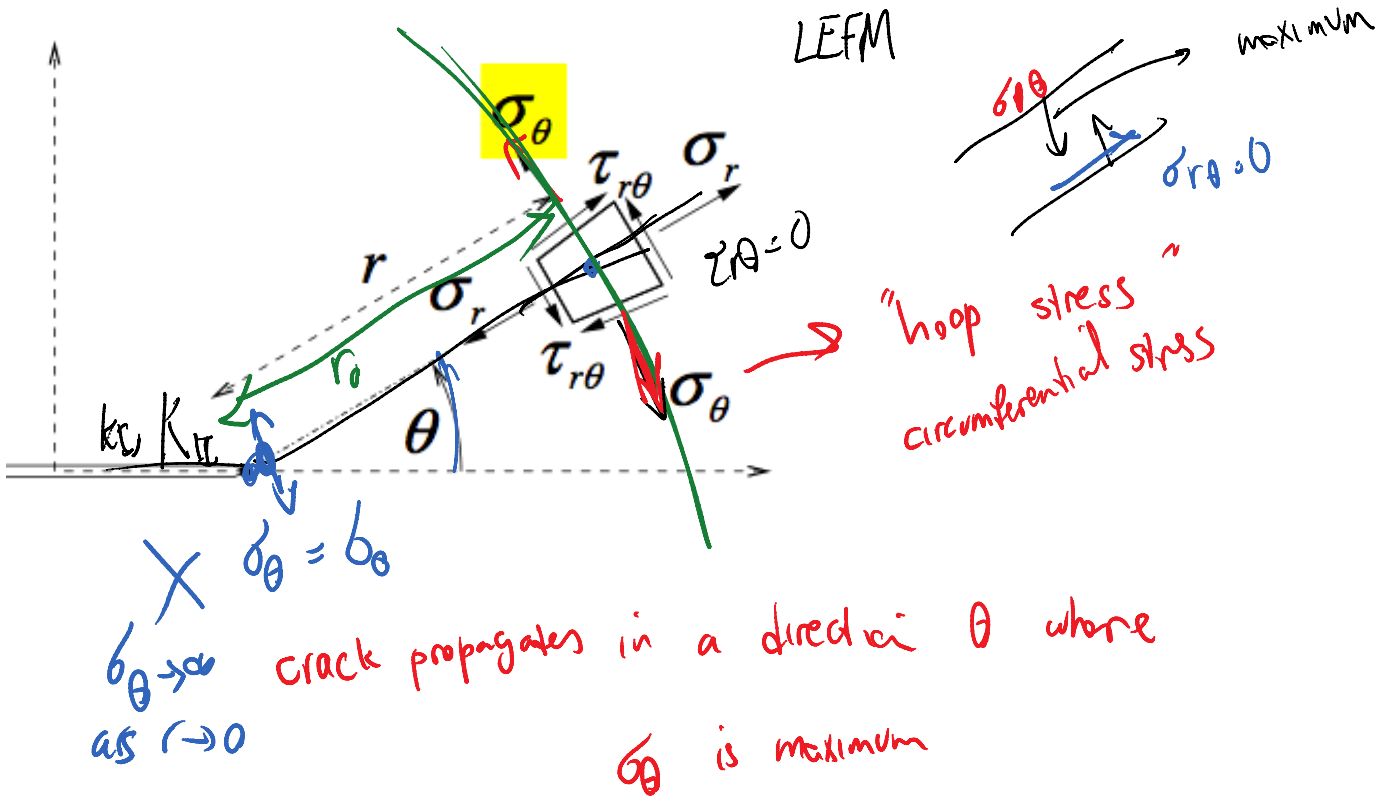


$\phi$  is the angle of propagation

Different criteria for answering questions 1 (if the crack propagates) and 2 (the direction of propagations)

# Maximum circumferential stress criterion

Erdogan and Sih



$$\sigma_r = \frac{K_I}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \left( \frac{5}{4} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} - \frac{1}{4} \cos \frac{3\theta}{2} \right) + \frac{K_{II}}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \left( -\frac{5}{4} \sin \frac{\theta}{2} + \frac{3}{4} \sin \frac{3\theta}{2} \right) \quad (7.35a)$$

$$\sigma_\theta = \frac{K_I}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \left( \frac{3}{4} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} + \frac{1}{4} \cos \frac{3\theta}{2} \right) + \frac{K_{II}}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \left( -\frac{3}{4} \sin \frac{\theta}{2} - \frac{3}{4} \sin \frac{3\theta}{2} \right) \quad (7.35b)$$

$$\tau_{r\theta} = \frac{K_I}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \left( \frac{1}{4} \sin \frac{\theta}{2} + \frac{1}{4} \sin \frac{3\theta}{2} \right) + \frac{K_{II}}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \left( \frac{1}{4} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} + \frac{3}{4} \cos \frac{3\theta}{2} \right) \quad (7.35c)$$

polar coordinate stress solutions

Maximize  $\theta$

Or  $\sum r\theta = 0$

$$\tau_{r\theta} = 0 \longrightarrow K_I \left( \sin \frac{\theta}{2} + \sin \frac{3\theta}{2} \right) + K_{II} \left( \cos \frac{\theta}{2} + 3 \cos \frac{3\theta}{2} \right) = 0 \quad \text{ⓐ}$$

$K_I$  &  $K_{II}$  are known

$\theta$  is unknown

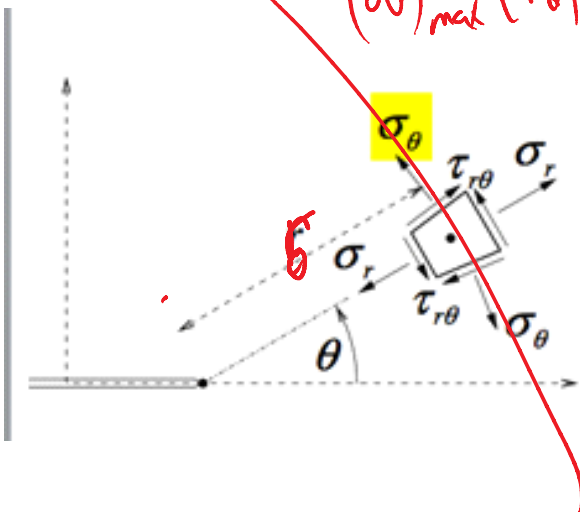
$$\theta_c = 2 \arctan \frac{1}{4} \left( K_I/K_{II} \pm \sqrt{(K_I/K_{II})^2 + 8} \right)$$

$\frac{K_{II}}{K_I}$  = ratio of mode II to mode I  $\propto \alpha$

$$\theta_c = 2 \arctan \left( \frac{1}{4} \left( \pm \sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^2 + 8} \right) \right)$$

$$(\sigma_\theta)_{\max}(r_0) = \sigma_0$$

Crack can propagate



$\sigma_0$   
↓  
strength

$r_0$   
↓  
length scale

P ⓐ

$$\sigma_{\theta_{max}} \sqrt{2\pi r_0} = K_{Ic} = \cos \frac{\theta_0}{2} \left[ K_I \cos^2 \frac{\theta_0}{2} - \frac{3}{2} K_{II} \sin \theta_0 \right]$$

from  $\theta$

$\sqrt{2\pi r_0}$

$$\sigma_{\theta_{max}} \sqrt{2\pi r_0} = K_{Ic} = \cos \frac{\theta_0}{2} \left[ K_I \cos^2 \frac{\theta_0}{2} - \frac{3}{2} K_{II} \sin \theta_0 \right]$$

why equal to  $K_{Ic}$ ?

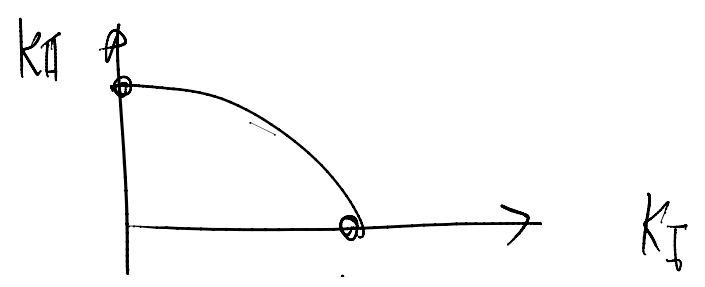
$$K_I, K_{II} = 0$$



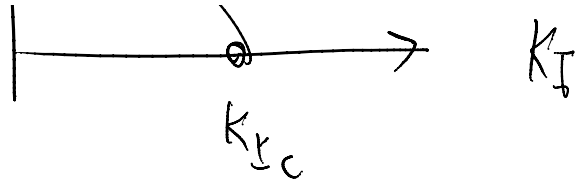
$$\sigma_{\theta_{max}} \sqrt{2\pi r_0} = K_I = K_{Ic} \quad \theta = 0$$

$$\sigma_{\theta_{max}} \sqrt{2\pi r_0} = K_{Ic} = \cos \frac{\theta_0}{2} \left[ K_I \cos^2 \frac{\theta_0}{2} - \frac{3}{2} K_{II} \sin \theta_0 \right]$$

$$\theta_0 = 2 \arctan \frac{1}{4} \left( K_I / K_{II} \pm \sqrt{(K_I / K_{II})^2 + 8} \right)$$

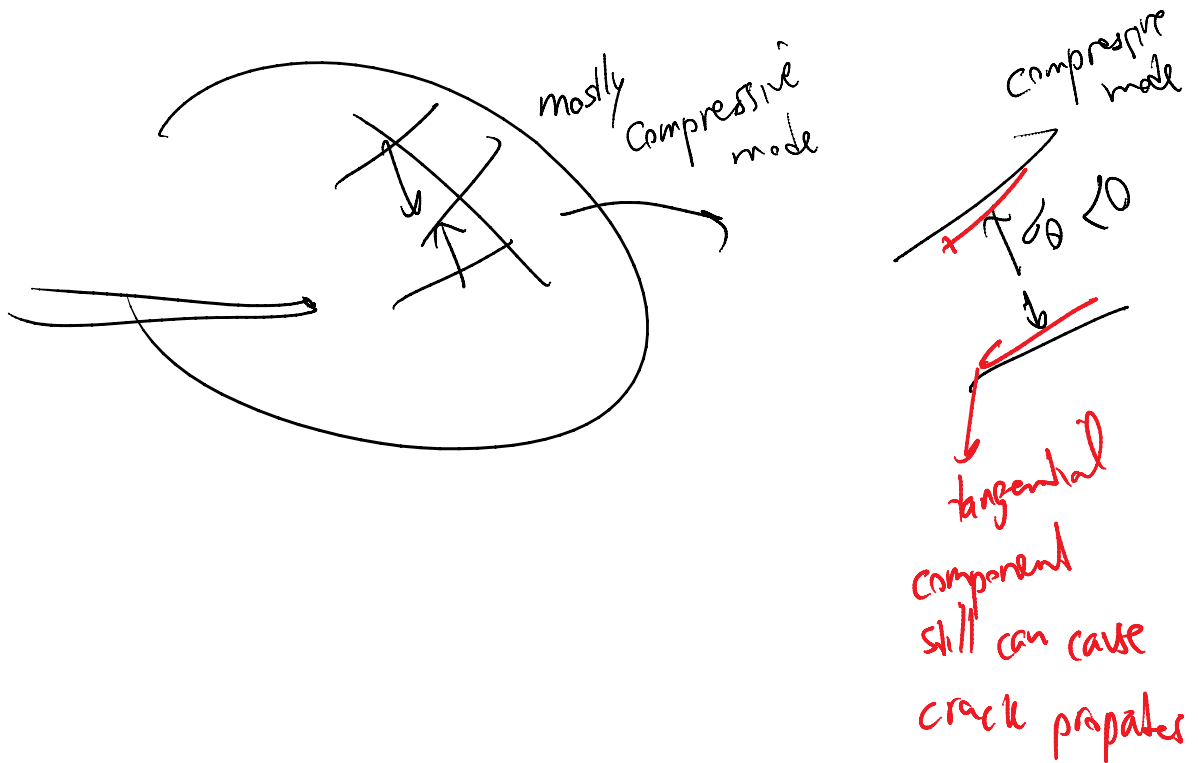






# Modifications to maximum circumferential stress criterion

A generalization that is relevant in many fracture applications where is a high value of confinement stress (e.g. rock fracture)



- **Effective traction** can be defined as a function of both normal  $\sigma_\theta$  and tangential  $\tau r\theta$  components of traction. For example:

$$\sigma_{\text{eff}} = \sqrt{\sigma_\theta^2 + (\alpha\tau_{r\theta})^2}$$

normal stress  $\rightarrow$  tangential stress

combines normal and tangential components through **mode mixity parameter**  $\alpha$ .

- Crack propagation direction  $\theta_c$  can be based on maximizing effective traction:

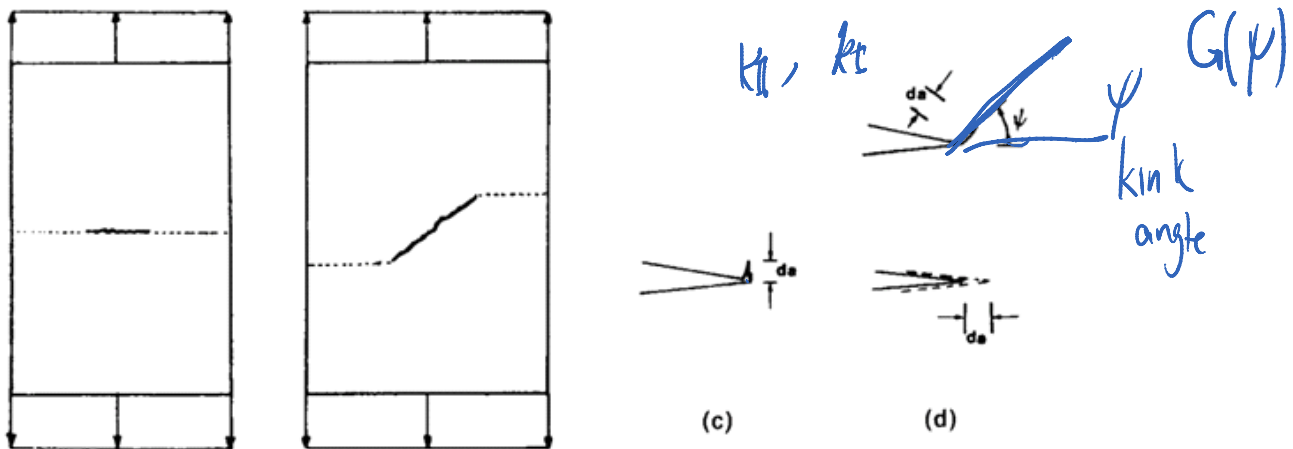
$$\sigma_{\text{eff}}(r, \theta_c) = \max_{-\pi < \theta < \pi} \sigma_{\text{eff}}(r, \theta)$$

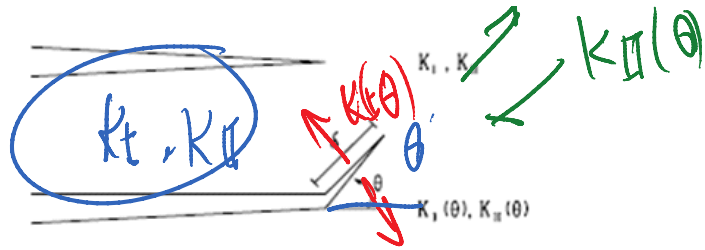
$\alpha > 0$   
 $\theta_{\text{eff}} = 6\theta$

- For example, in soil and rock applications normal tractions can be compressive for cracks that propagate under high shear tractions.

# 2 Maximum Energy Release Rate

## Rate





Stress intensity factors for **kinked crack extension**:  
 Hussain, Pu and Underwood (Hussain et al. 1974)

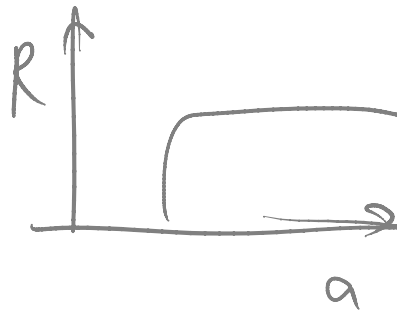
$$\begin{Bmatrix} K_I(\theta) \\ K_{II}(\theta) \end{Bmatrix} = \left( \frac{4}{3 + \cos^2 \theta} \right) \left( \frac{1 - \frac{\theta}{\pi}}{1 + \frac{\theta}{\pi}} \right)^{\frac{\theta}{2\pi}} \begin{Bmatrix} K_I \cos \theta + \frac{3}{2} K_{II} \sin \theta \\ K_{II} \cos \theta - \frac{1}{2} K_I \sin \theta \end{Bmatrix}$$

want to find  
 the optimal angle

energy release rate if the crack propagates in direction  $\theta$

$$G(\theta) = \frac{K_I^2(\theta) + K_{II}^2(\theta)}{E'}$$

$$\text{Max}_{\theta} G(\theta) = R \rightarrow \text{fracture resistance}$$



$$G(\theta) = \frac{4}{E'} \left( \frac{1}{3 + \cos^2 \theta} \right)^2 \left( \frac{1 - \frac{\theta}{\pi}}{1 + \frac{\theta}{\pi}} \right)^{\frac{\theta}{\pi}}$$

$$[(1 + 3 \cos^2 \theta) K_I^2 + 8 \sin \theta \cos \theta K_I K_{II} + (9 - 5 \cos^2 \theta) K_{II}^2]$$

$\Gamma(\theta) \rightarrow a \rightarrow a$

$$G(\theta) = 0 \Rightarrow \theta_0$$

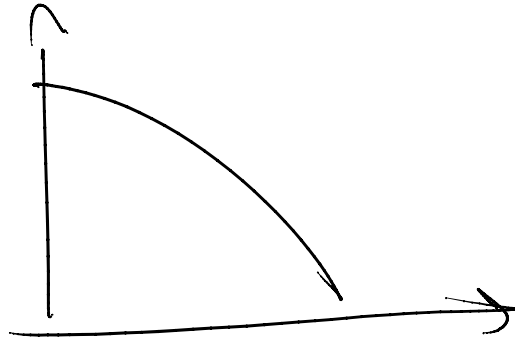
$$G(\theta) = \frac{4}{E'} \left( \frac{1}{3 + \cos^2 \theta} \right)^2 \left( \frac{1 - \frac{\theta}{\pi}}{1 + \frac{\theta}{\pi}} \right)^{\frac{\theta}{\pi}}$$

$$[(1 + 3 \cos^2 \theta) K_I^2 + 8 \sin \theta \cos \theta K_I K_{II} + (9 - 5 \cos^2 \theta) K_{II}^2]$$

$$4 \left( \frac{1}{3 + \cos^2 \theta_0} \right)^2 \left( \frac{1 - \frac{\theta_0}{\pi}}{1 + \frac{\theta_0}{\pi}} \right)^{\frac{\theta_0}{\pi}}$$

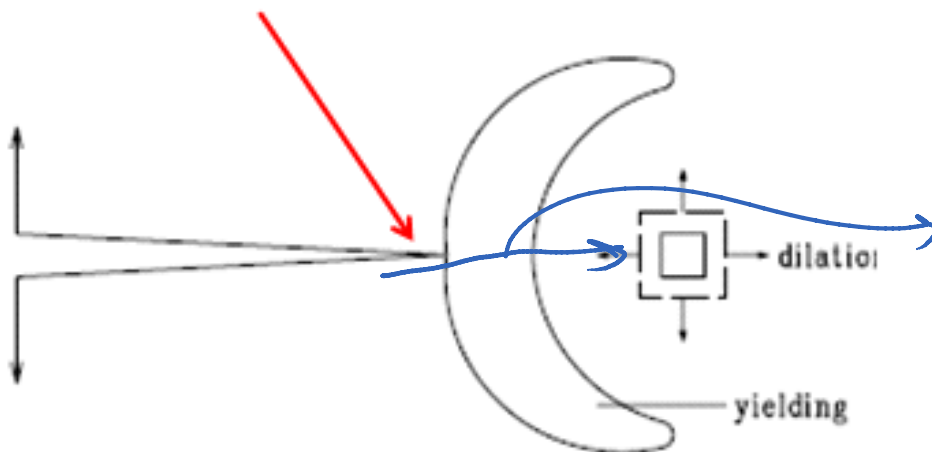
$$\left[ (1 + 3 \cos^2 \theta_0) \left( \frac{K_I}{K_{Ic}} \right)^2 + 8 \sin \theta_0 \cos \theta_0 \left( \frac{K_I K_{II}}{K_{Ic}^2} \right) + (9 - 5 \cos^2 \theta_0) \left( \frac{K_{II}}{K_{Ic}} \right)^2 \right] = 1$$

$K_I, K_{II}$  fracture locus

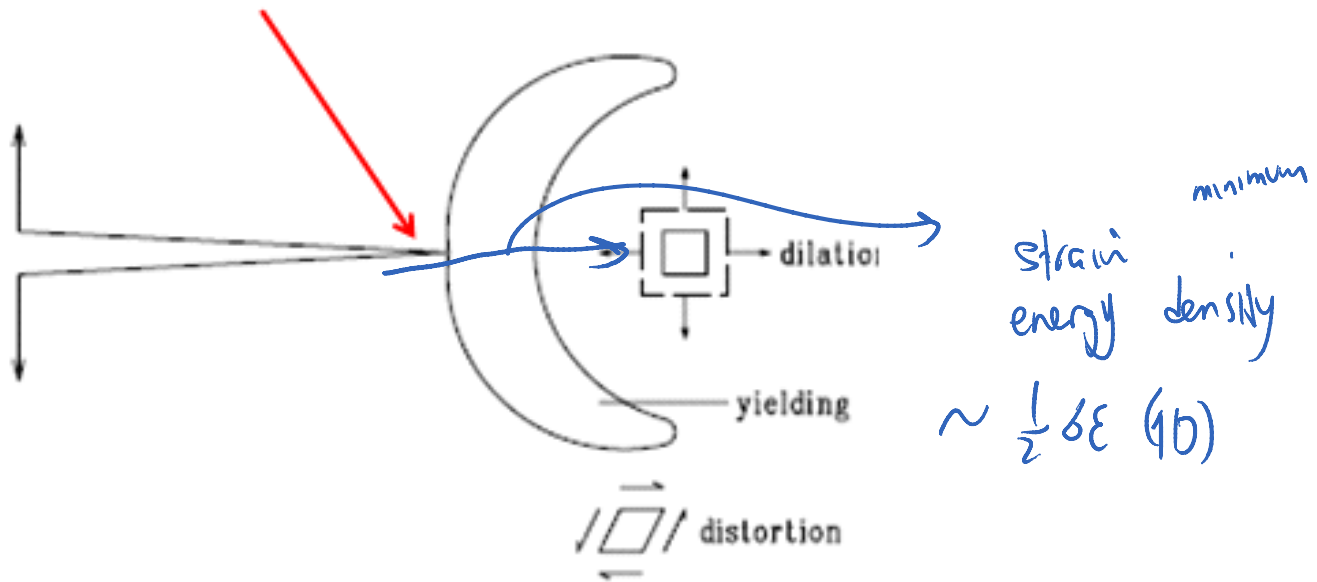


# Strain Energy Density (SED) criterion

Sih 1973



strain energy density minimum  
 $\sim \frac{1}{2} \delta \epsilon (b)$



$$U_i = \int_0^{\epsilon_{ij}} \sigma_{ij} d\epsilon_{ij} \quad U_i = \frac{1}{4\mu} \left[ \frac{\kappa + 1}{4} (\sigma_x^2 + \sigma_y^2) - 2(\sigma_x \sigma_y - \tau_{xy}^2) \right]$$

$$\sigma_x = \frac{K_I}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \left( 1 - \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \sin \frac{3\theta}{2} \right) - \frac{K_{II}}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \left( 2 + \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \cos \frac{3\theta}{2} \right)$$

$$\sigma_y = \frac{K_I}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \left( 1 + \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \sin \frac{3\theta}{2} \right) + \frac{K_{II}}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \cos \frac{3\theta}{2} \quad (7.13)$$

$$\tau_{xy} = \frac{K_I}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \cos \frac{3\theta}{2} + \frac{K_{II}}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \left( 1 - \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \sin \frac{3\theta}{2} \right)$$

$$\frac{8\mu}{(\kappa - 1)} \left[ a_{11} \left( \frac{K_I}{K_{Ic}} \right)^2 + 2a_{12} \left( \frac{K_I K_{II}}{K_{Ic}^2} \right) + a_{22} \left( \frac{K_{II}}{K_{Ic}} \right)^2 \right] = 1$$

$$a_{11} = \frac{1}{16\mu} [(1 + \cos \theta) (\kappa - \cos \theta)]$$

$$a_{12} = \frac{\sin \theta}{16\mu} [2 \cos \theta - (\kappa - 1)]$$

$$a_{22} = \frac{1}{16\mu} [(\kappa + 1) (1 - \cos \theta) + (1 + \cos \theta) (3 \cos \theta - 1)]$$

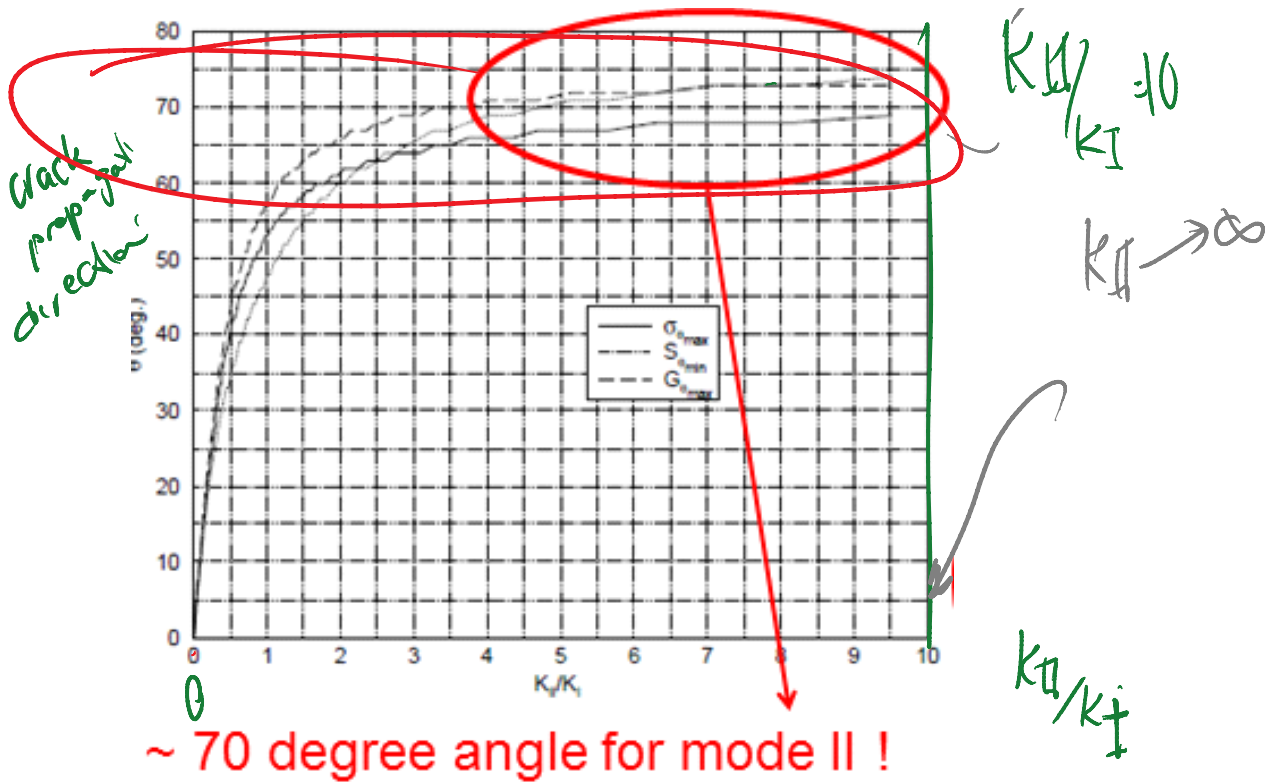
$$\kappa = \frac{3-\nu}{1+\nu} \quad (\text{plane stress})$$

$$\kappa = 3 - 4\nu \quad (\text{plane strain})$$

pure mode I



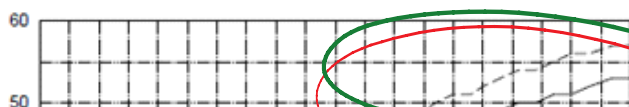
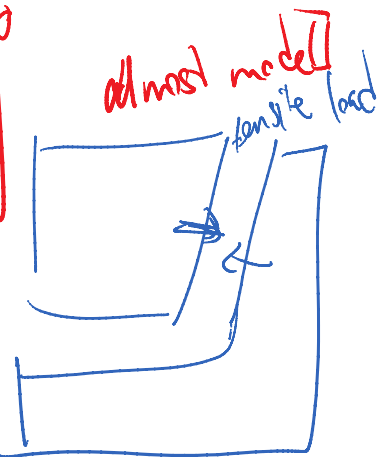
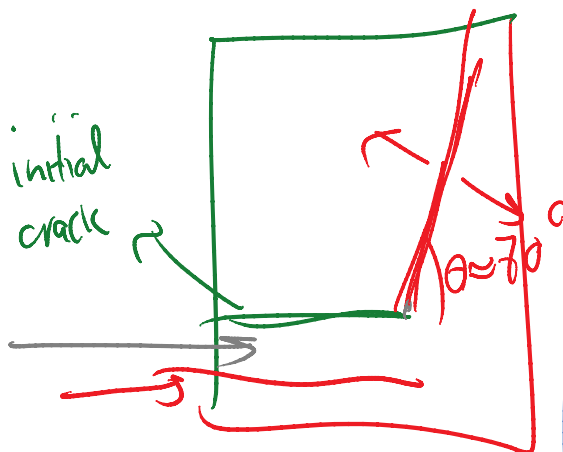
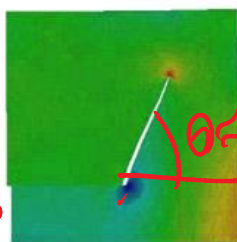
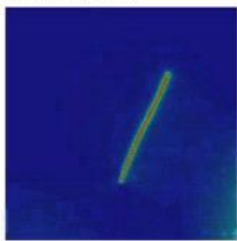
K<sub>II</sub>/10

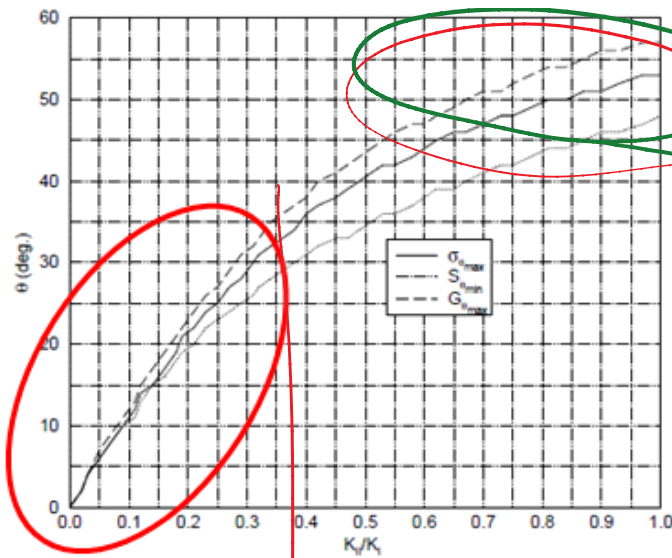


mode II dominant crack propagates in  $\theta \approx 70^\circ$

Kalthoff example:

Time: 0.000058 sec





$\theta = 50^\circ$

Zoom view (low  $K_{II}$  component)

mode II dominant mode I



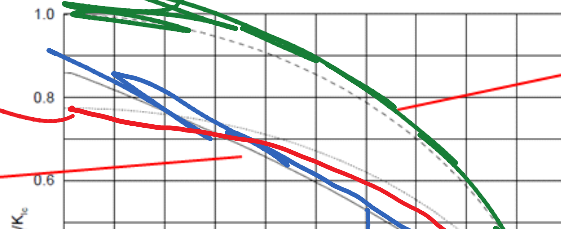
Cracks align themselves such that their subsequent loading is mostly in mode I

Question 1) when the crack propagates?

## b) Locus of crack propagation

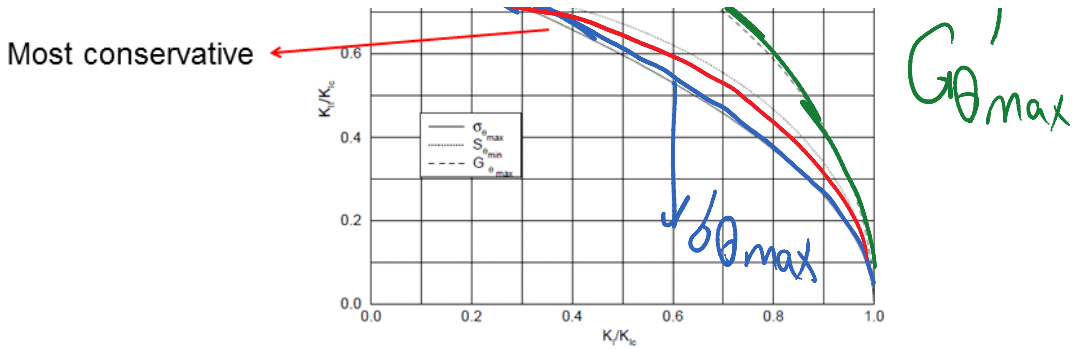
Maximum strain energy density

Most conservative



Least conservative

$G_{max}$



Nucleation:

Cracks nucleate from material microdefects (such as microcracks)

# Crack nucleation criterion

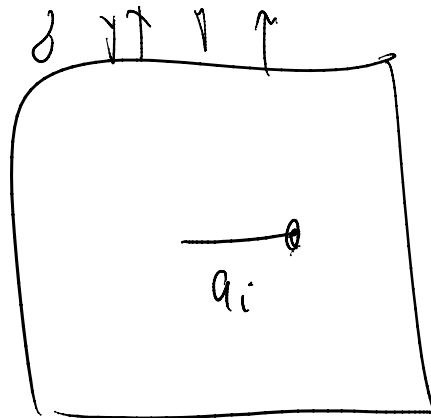
- For **Maximum Energy Release Rate Criterion** if we assume there are no defects, there will be no crack nucleation. However, assuming that local stress field generates a tensile maximum principal stress of  $\sigma_1$  a “microscopic” initial crack (defect) of length  $a_{ini}$  perpendicular to  $\sigma_1$  direction generates,

$$G = \frac{K_I^2 + K_{II}^2}{E'} = \pi a_{ini} \sigma_1^2$$

so the microcrack propagates (*i.e.*, a “macroscopic” crack nucleates) when,

$$G = G_c \Leftrightarrow \sigma_1 = \sqrt{\frac{G_c}{\pi a_{ini}}}$$

- Initial crack direction perpendicular to  $\sigma_1$  is chosen to maximize  $G$ .
- We have assumed the initial crack to be small enough to use the infinite domain SIF formula of  $K_I = \sqrt{\pi a} \sigma$ .



$$G = \frac{K_I^2}{E} = \frac{(\sqrt{\pi a_i} \sigma)^2}{E}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\pi a_i \sigma^2}{E} = R$$

$$\frac{\pi a_i \sigma^2}{E} = R$$

the larger material defects smaller  $\sigma$



✓ the larger material defects smaller  $\delta$   
is needed for crack nucleation

## Fatigue examples

**Key Idea:** Fluctuating loads are more dangerous than monotonic loads.

**Example:** *Comet Airliner* (case study). The actual cabin pressure differential when the plane was in flight was  $\approx 8.5$  pounds per square inch (psi). The design pressure was  $\approx 20$  psi (a factor of safety greater than 2). Thought to be safe! However, crack growth due to *cyclic* loading caused catastrophic failure of the aircraft.

## Fatigue fracture is prevalent!

- Deliberately applied load reversals (e.g. rotating systems)
- Vibrations (machine parts)
- Repeated pressurization and depressurization (airplanes)
- Thermal cycling (switching off electronic devices)
- Random forces (ships, vehicles, planes)

(source: Schreurs fracture notes 2012)

Flight / ground

Fatigue occurs occur always and everywhere and is a major source of mechanical failure

- Fatigue occurs when a material is subjected to repeated loading and unloading (cyclic loading).
- Under cyclic loadings, materials can fail (due to fatigue) at stress levels well below

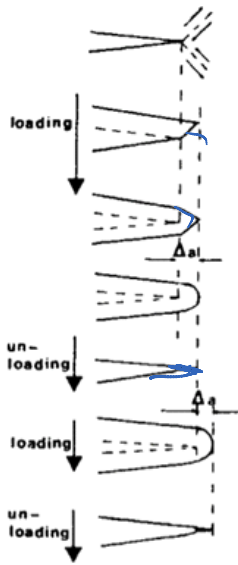
loading).

- Under cyclic loadings, materials can fail (due to fatigue) at stress levels well below their yield strength or crack propagation limit  $\rightarrow$  fatigue failure.

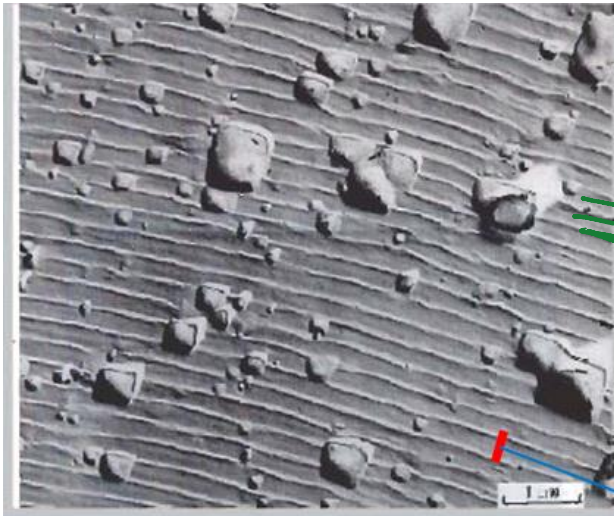
$$\sigma_{\text{fatigue failure}} < \sigma_{\text{yield}}$$

blunting

resharpening



fatigue :  
A sequence of  
very short crack propagation



Fracture surface of a 2024-T3 aluminum alloy (source S. Suresh MIT)

the amount  
that the  
crack propagates  
in each cycle  
of  $\sim$  every few cycles  
for very short  
... 0 loads

of 'energy' for very short initial defects

# Fatigue Regimes

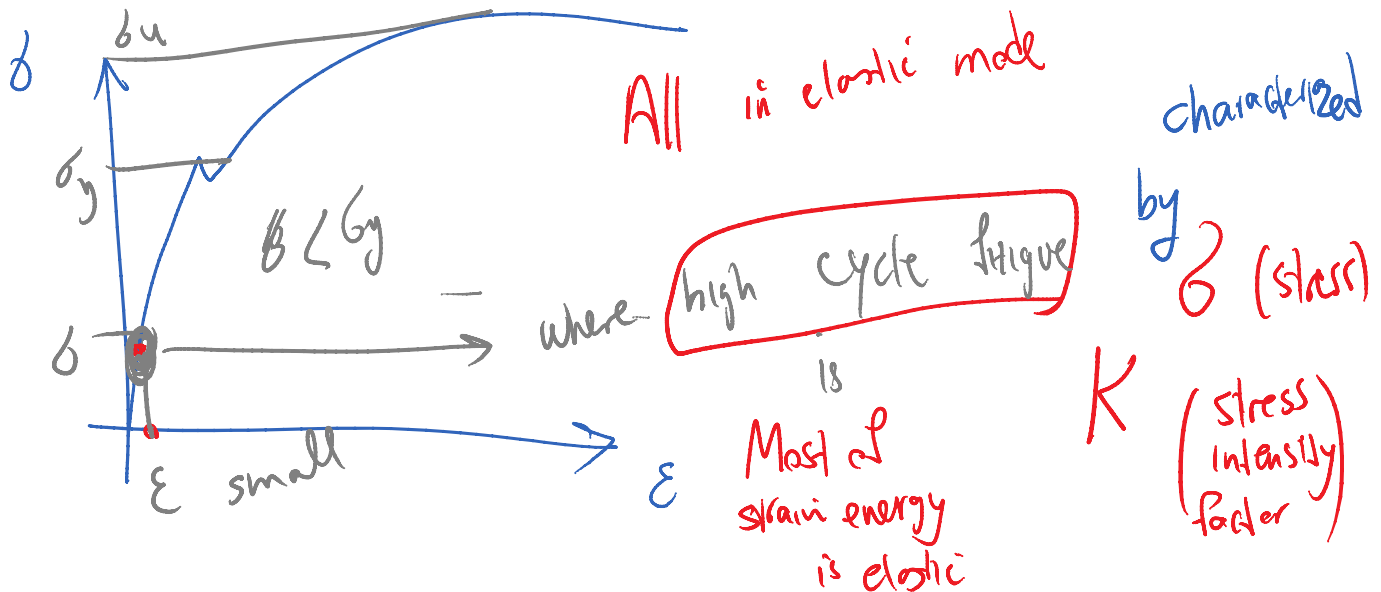
Table 7.1 Classification of fatigue damage

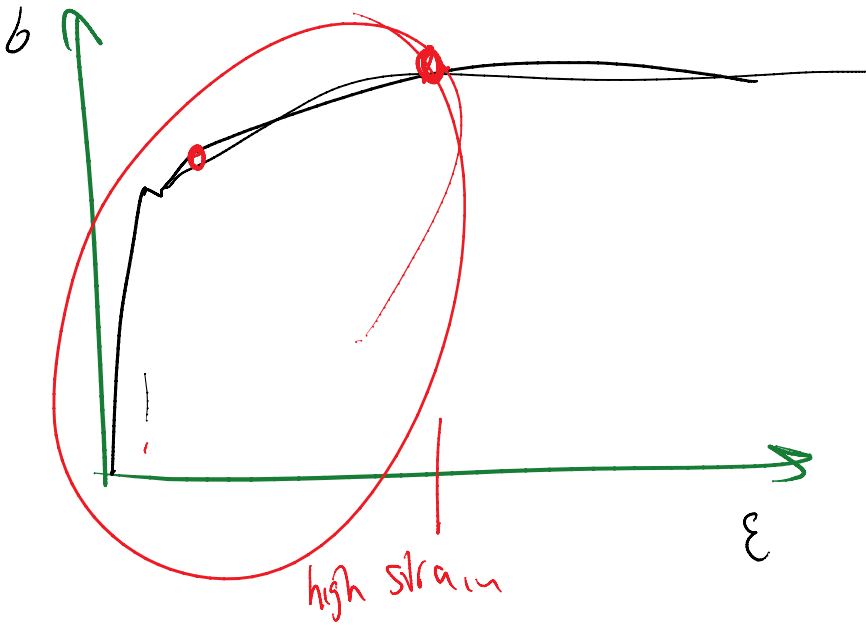
| Fatigue                 | Failure cycles $N_R$ | Pertinent stress         | Strain ratio $\Delta \epsilon^p / \Delta \epsilon^e$ | Energy ratio $\Delta W^p / \Delta W^e$ |
|-------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|--|--|
| Very high cycle fatigue | $> 10^7$             | $< \sigma_F$             | $\approx 0$  | $\approx 0$                            |
| High cycle fatigue      | $10^3$ to $10^6$     | $< \sigma_Y$             | $\approx 0$  | $\approx 0$                            |
| Low cycle fatigue       | $10^2$ to $10^4$     | $\sigma_Y$ to $\sigma_U$ | 1 to 10  | 1 to 10                                |
| Very low cycle fatigue  | 1 to 20              | $\approx \sigma_U$       | 10 to 100  | 10 to 100                              |

Source: Dufailly and Lemaître (1995)

- **Very high cycle and high cycle fatigue:**
  - Stresses are well below yield/ultimate strength.
  - There is almost no plastic deformation (in terms of strain and energy ratios)
  - Fatigue models based on **LEFM theory** (e.g. SIF  $K$ ) are applicable.
  - Stress-life approaches are used (**stress-centered criteria**)
- **Low cycle and very low cycle fatigue:**
  - Stresses are in the order of yield/ultimate strength.
  - There is considerable plastic deformation.
  - Fatigue models based on **PFM theory** (e.g. J integral) are applicable.
  - Strain-life approaches are used (**strain-centered criteria**)

our focus



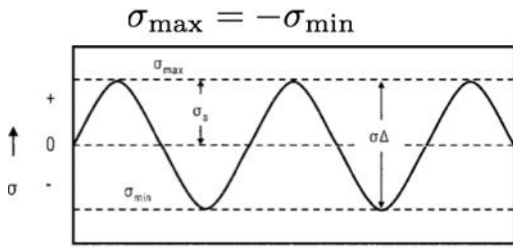


low cycle fatigue

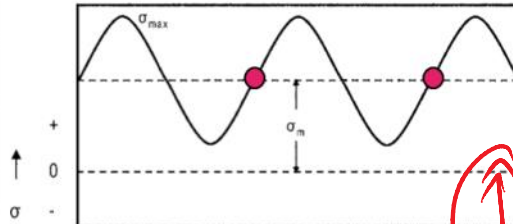
cyclic plastic deformation fatigue

~~ε~~ → ε

~~σ~~ → σ



Fully Reversed Loading

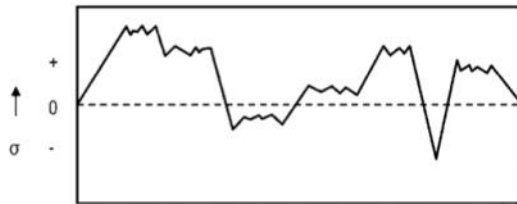


Tension-Tension with Applied Stress

what is important in fatigue?

$\Delta\sigma = \sigma_{max} - \sigma_{min}$

$\Delta\sigma = \sigma_{max} - \sigma_{min}$   
 $\sigma_a = 0.5(\sigma_{max} - \sigma_{min})$   
 $\sigma_m = 0.5(\sigma_{max} + \sigma_{min})$   
 $R = \frac{\sigma_{min}}{\sigma_{max}}$  load ratio



Random or Spectrum Loading

$\Delta\sigma$  by large part determines fatigue response

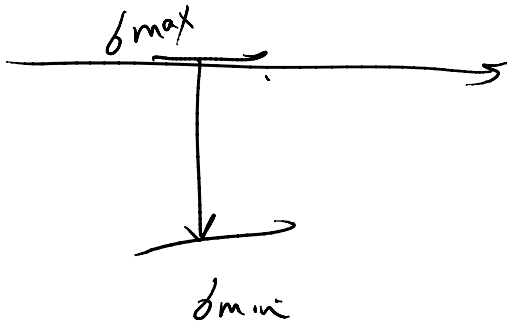
drives fatigue  $\leftarrow \sigma_a = \frac{1}{2}(\sigma_{max} - \sigma_{min})$

$\sigma_m = 0.5(\sigma_{max} + \sigma_{min})$  "average stress level"

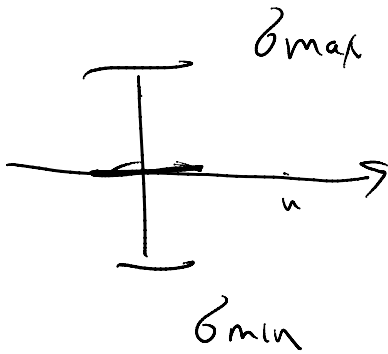
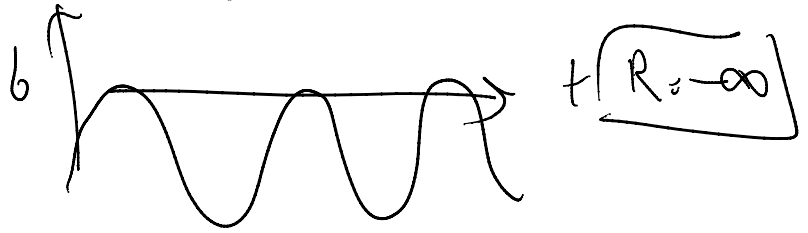
$\sigma_{max}$

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

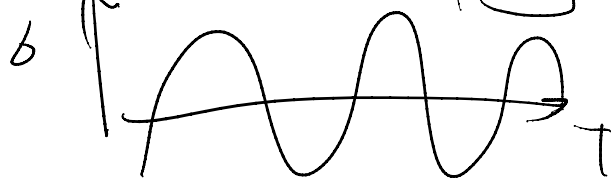
$$\frac{\sigma_{max}}{\sigma_{min}} \Delta \sigma \text{ fixed}$$



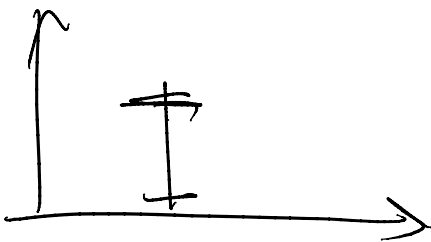
$$R = \frac{-\Delta \sigma}{\sigma^+} \rightarrow -\infty$$



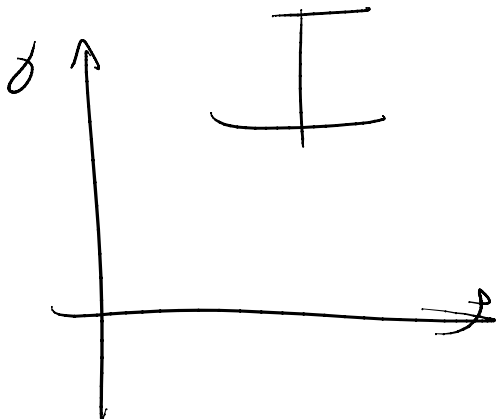
$$R = -\frac{\Delta \sigma / 2}{\sigma_{avg}} = -1$$



symmetric loading



all the load is tensile

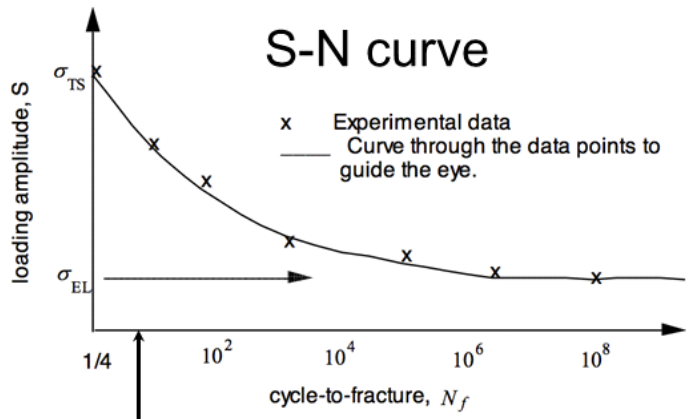
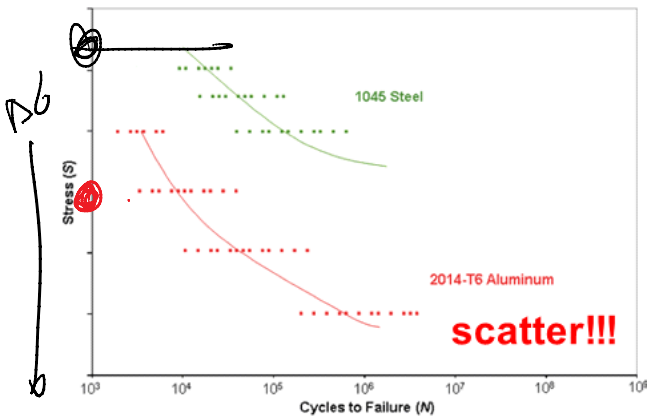


$R > \infty$

# S-N curve

Reminder: [ASTM](#) defines *fatigue life*,  $N_f$ , as the number of stress cycles of a specified character that a specimen sustains before [failure](#) of a specified nature occurs.

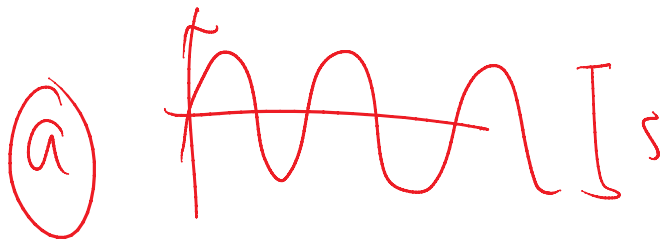
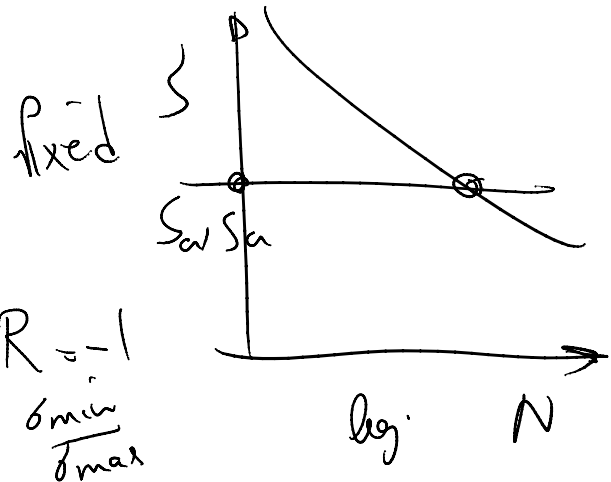
- \* Stress  $\rightarrow$   $N_f$
- \*  $N_f \rightarrow$  allowable S



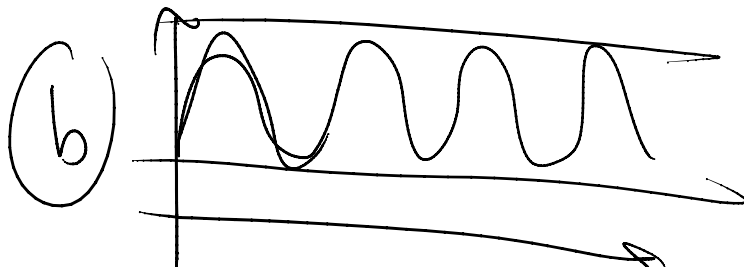
Handwritten notes: 'cyclic load' and '# of cycles'.

endurance limit (g.han keo dai)

$$S = \sigma_a = \sigma_{max} - \sigma_{min}$$



$$R = -1 = \frac{\sigma_{min}}{\sigma_{max}}$$



$$R = 0.2$$

more tensile