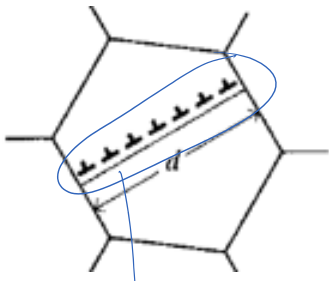


Ductile to brittle transition,
 Effect of the grain size:



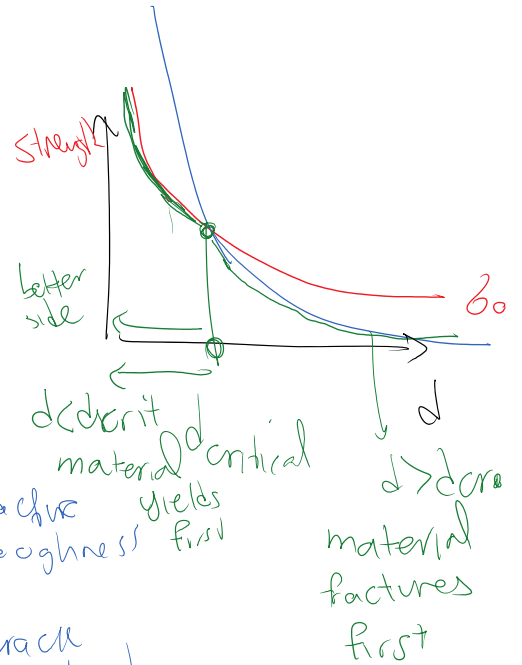
length scale of a crack d

Hall-Petch effect

yield strength $\sigma_y = \sigma_0 + \frac{K_y}{\sqrt{d}}$
 yielding

fracture strength

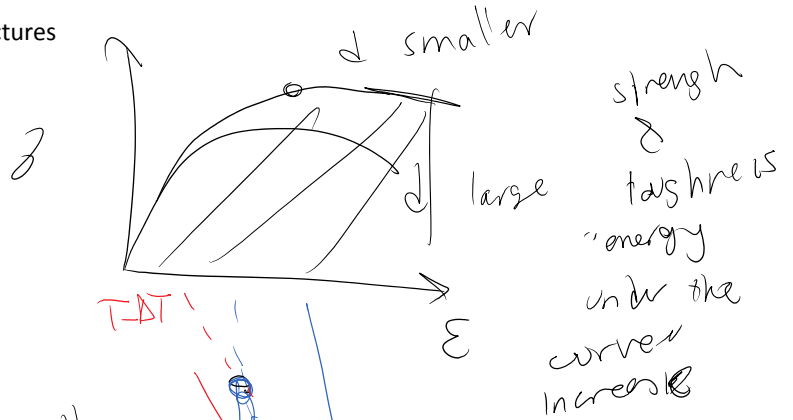
$\sigma = \frac{K_c}{\sqrt{d}}$
 fracture toughness \rightarrow crack length



For small enough grains material yields first and for large ones fractures

By decreasing the grain size two good things happen:

1. Strength increases
2. Toughness increases



Relating grain size to thermal sensitivity of toughness

What happens if $T \downarrow$

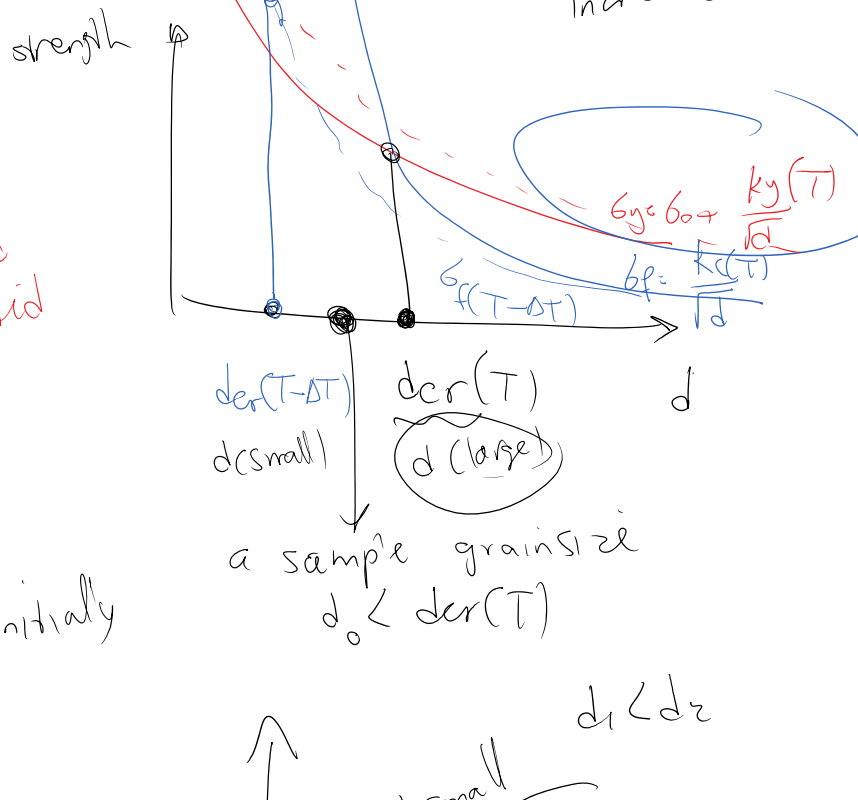
Shown by \rightarrow

$K_y \uparrow$ & $\sigma_y \uparrow$
 because dislocation motion inhibited

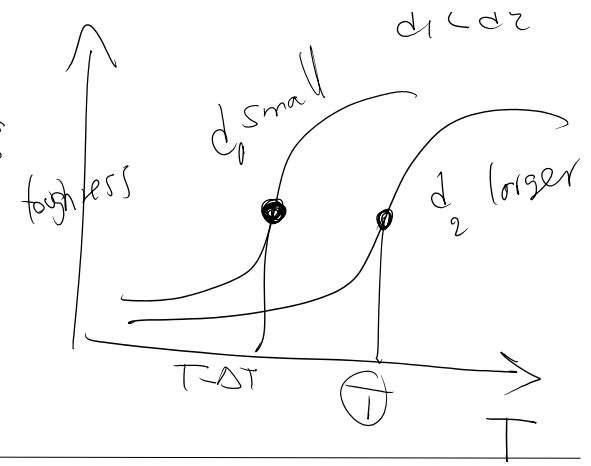
$\sigma_f(T-\Delta T) = \frac{K_c(T-\Delta T)}{\sqrt{d}}$

by decreasing T

d_0 grain size material was initially yielding first \smile



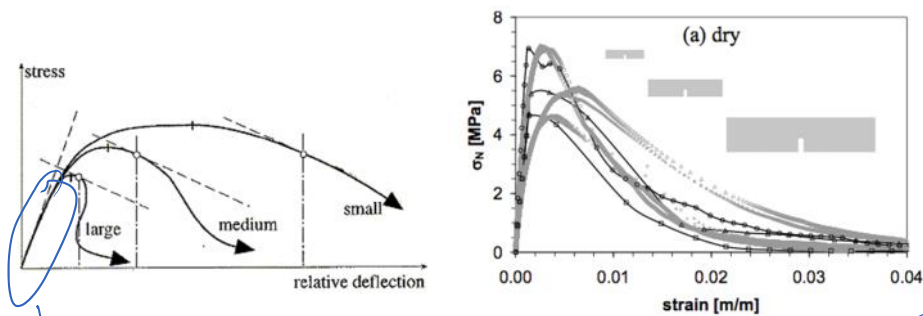
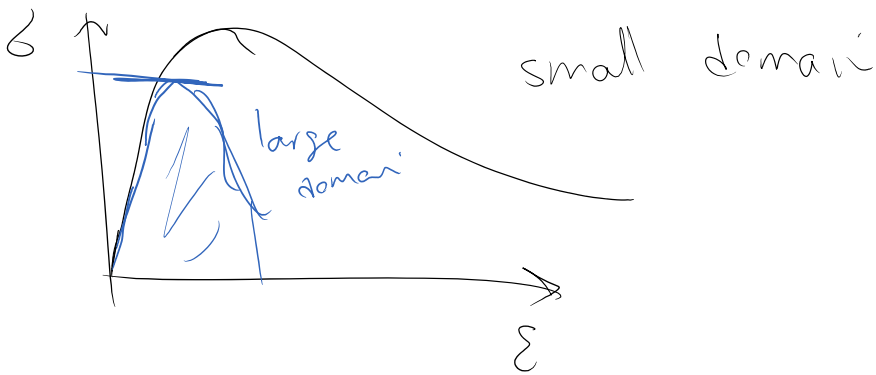
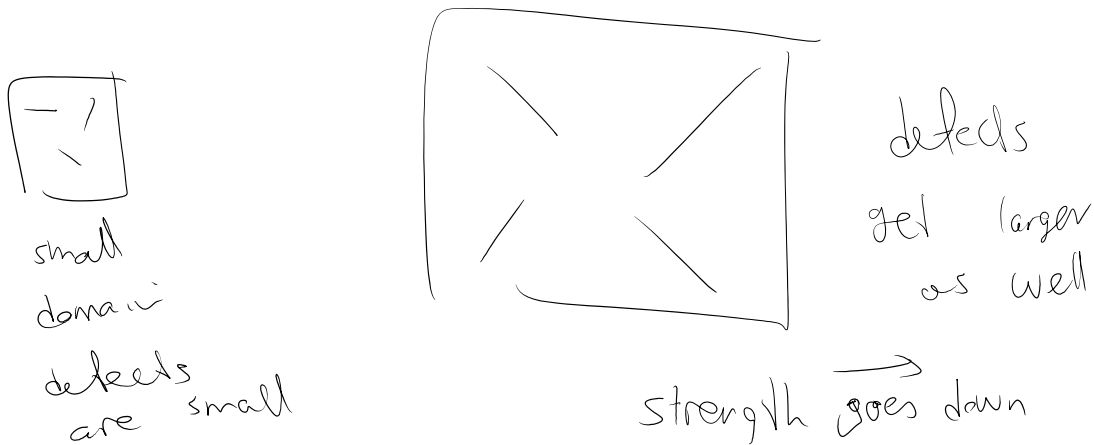
yielding first ☺
 Now it's in fracture zone ☹



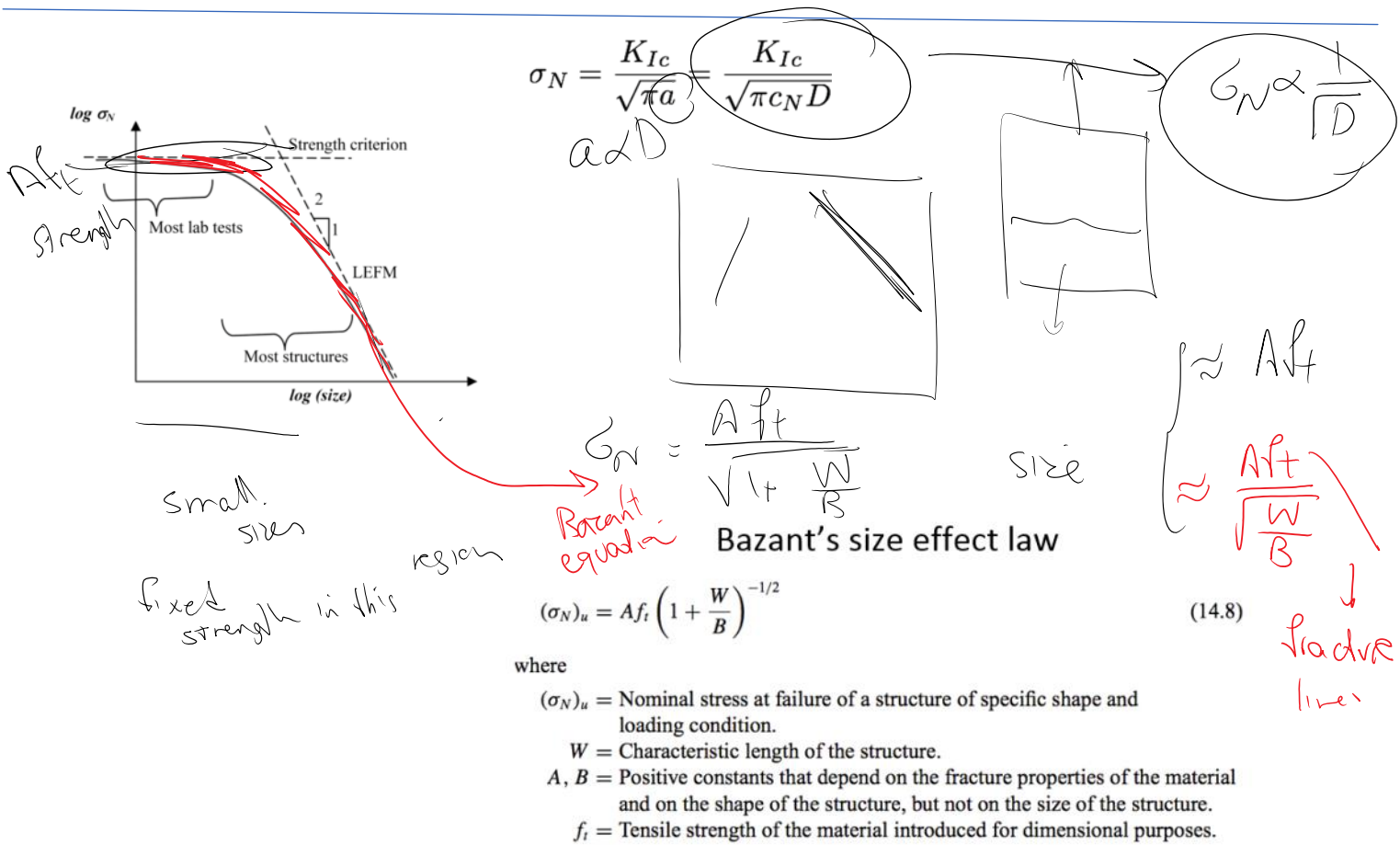
Larger grains -> material becomes less tough and less strong (lower strength)

Size effect:

As make the domain larger, the strength (load capacity divided by "area") decreases



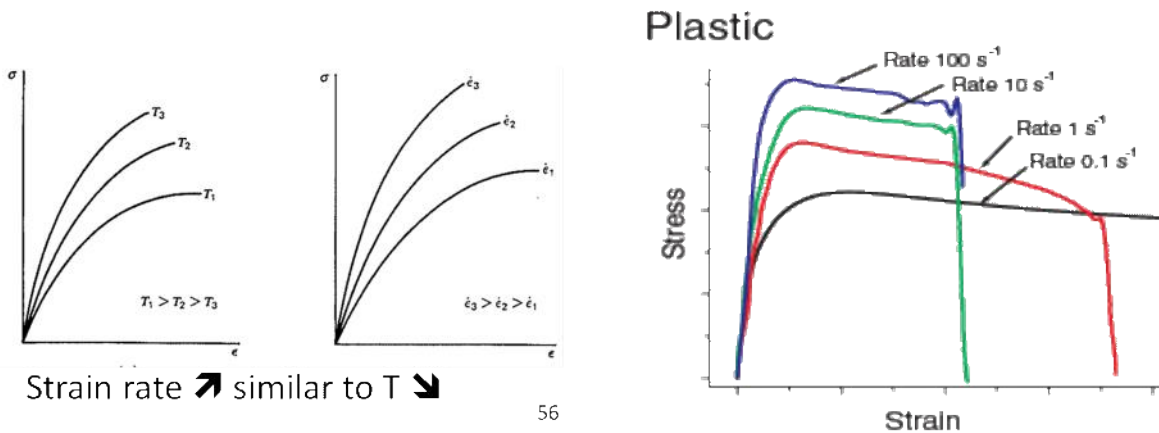
Elastic properties are almost insensitive to size



Every specimen becomes more brittle (lower fracture toughness) and even lower strength as larger specimens are considered, but this is mostly a brittle material (e.g. glasses, concrete, etc.) issue as unlike ductile materials (metal, ..) they don't have energy reserve and load balancing offered by plasticity.

7. Rate effect (how fast the load is applied)

By applying the load fast, we don't let dislocations to contribute much and often **strength goes up**



Whether or not toughness (energy) goes up or not is not clear

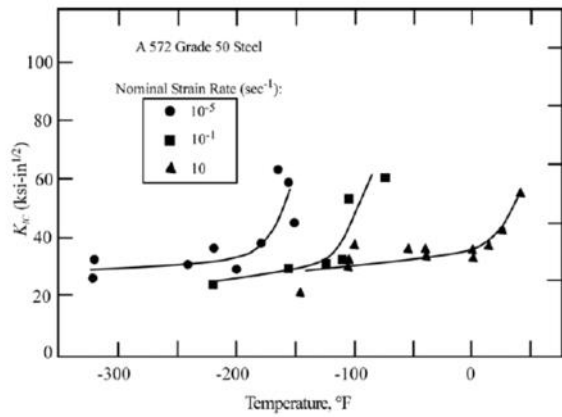
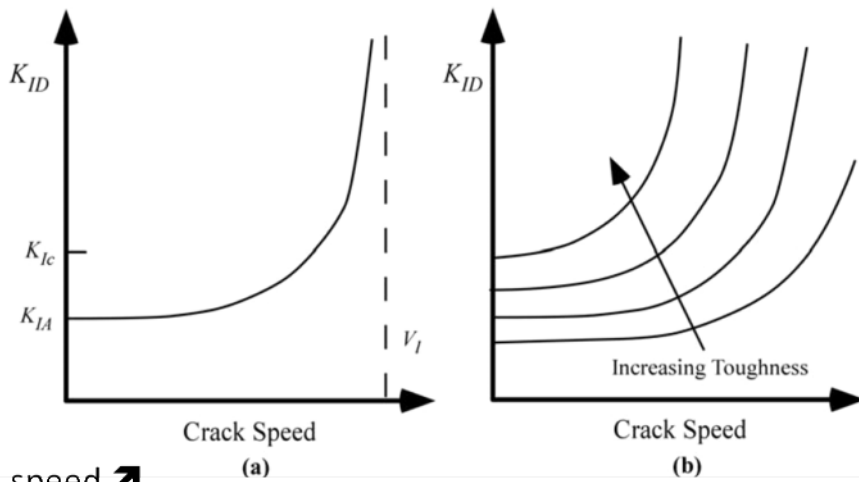
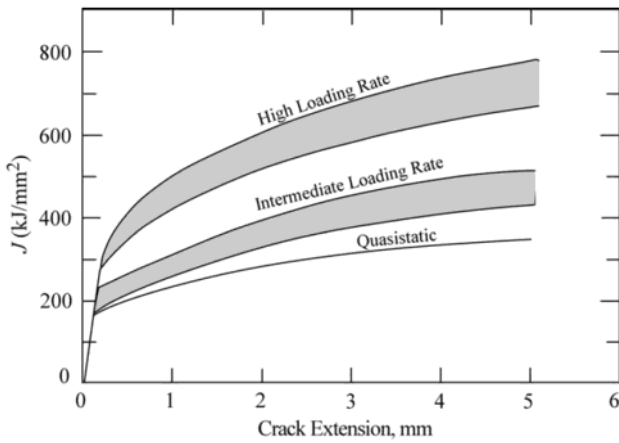


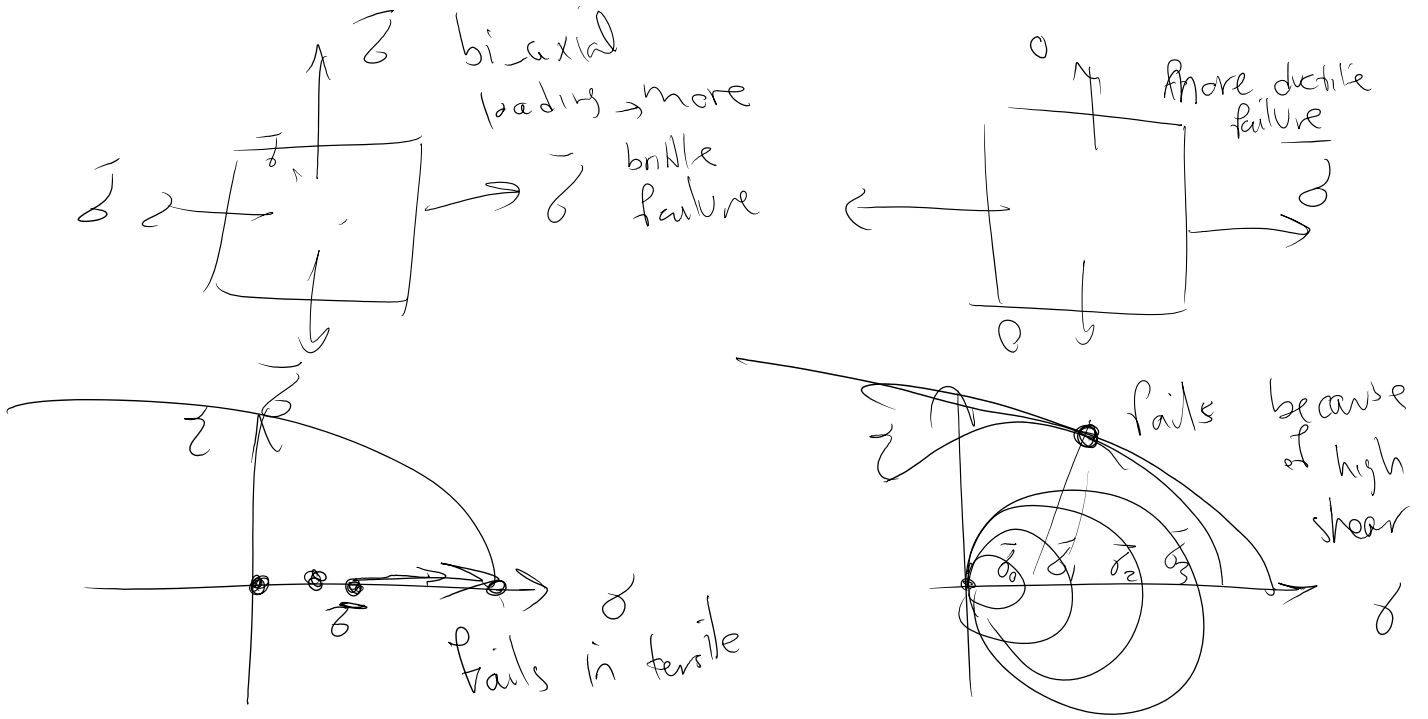
FIGURE 4.5 Effect of loading rate on the cleavage fracture toughness of a structural steel. Taken from Barsom, J.M., "Development of the AASHTO Fracture Toughness Requirements for Bridge Steels." *Engineering Fracture Mechanics*, Vol. 7, 1975, pp. 605-618.



- Strain speed ↗
- K_{ID} ↗ (Insensitive at low speeds, quick increase approaching V_I)
- Increasing toughness makes K_{ID} more sensitive and grow faster

$$K_{ID} = \frac{K_{IA}}{1 - \left(\frac{v}{V_I}\right)^m}$$

8. Triaxial stress and confinement



This can also be seen as larger specimens fail more in brittle mode (more triaxial stress state)

Why material strength is much lower than what theory predicts?!

