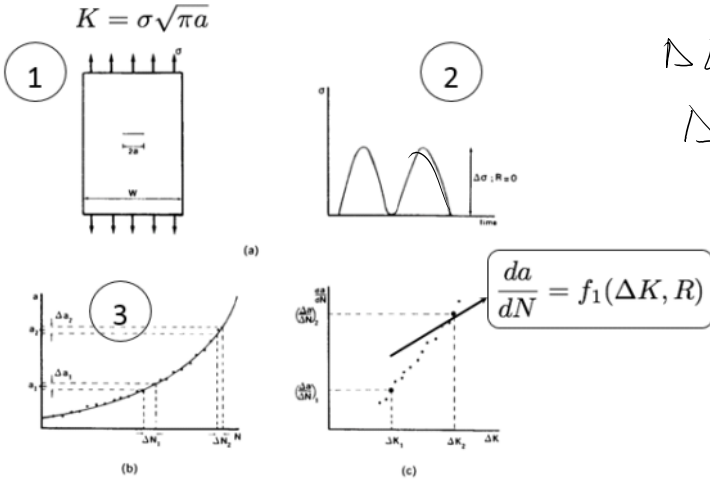
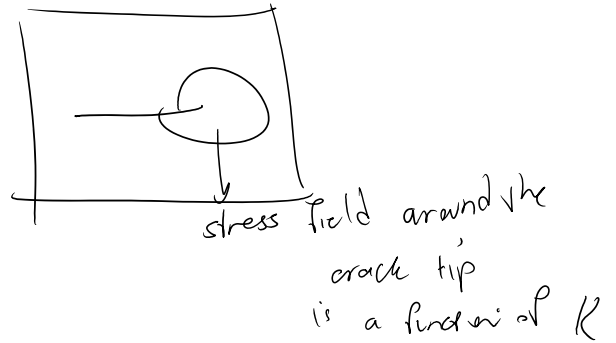


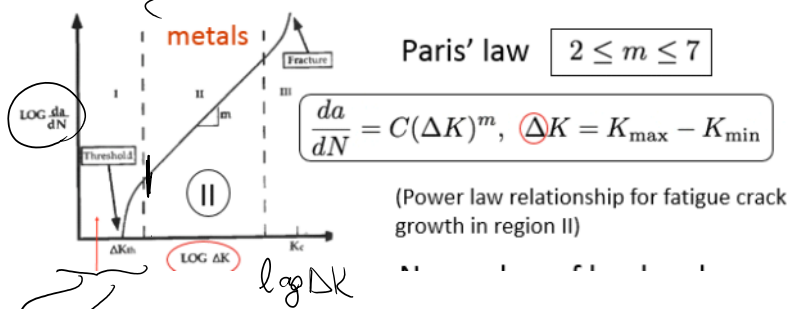
# Crack growth data



$\Delta b$  fixed  
 $\Delta K = \Delta \sigma \sqrt{\pi a}$   
 because crack grows



## Paris' law (fatigue)

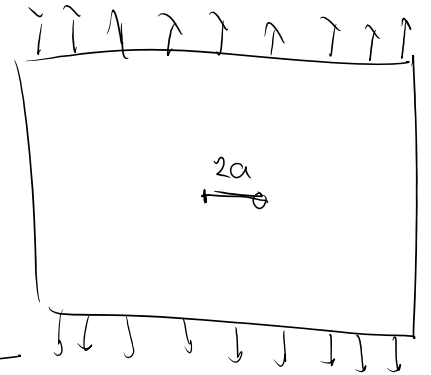


if  $\Delta K < \Delta K_{th}$  fatigue fracture does not occur  
 slow crack growth regime

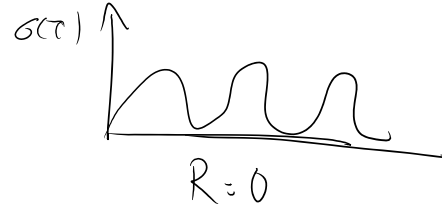
$$\frac{da}{dN} = C(\Delta K)^m$$

$\Delta$   $da$

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$$\Delta K = \Delta \sigma \sqrt{\pi a}$$



Paris law for medium crack growth regime (zone II)

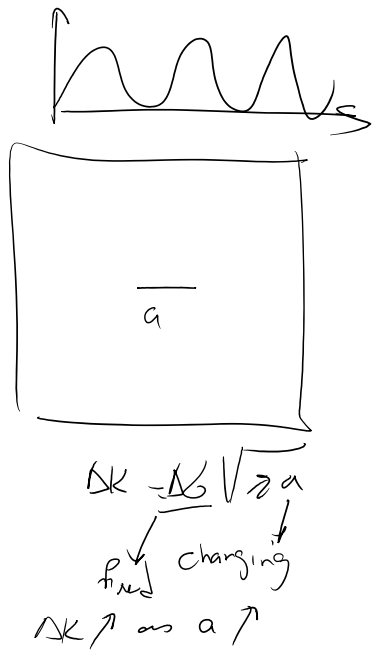
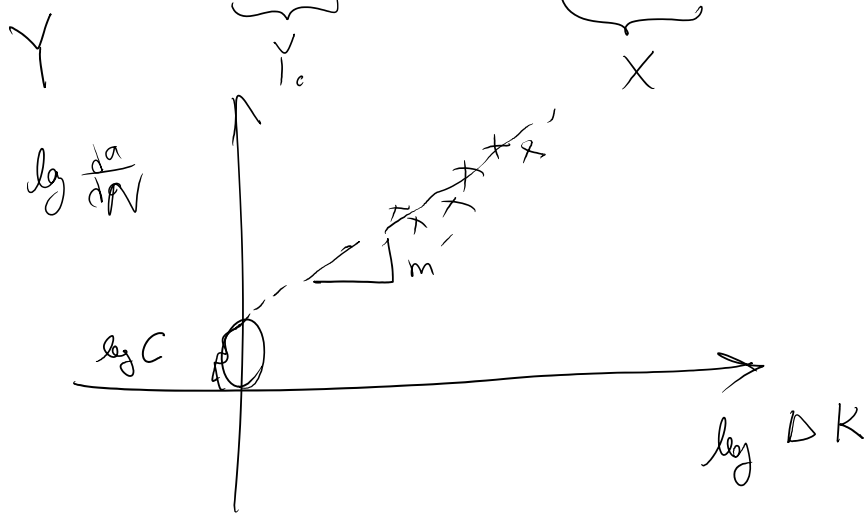
$$\log \frac{da}{dN} = \log C (\Delta K)^m$$

(zone II)

$$\log x y = \log x + \log y$$

$$\log x^m = m \log x$$

$$\log \frac{da}{dN} = \log C + m \log \Delta K$$

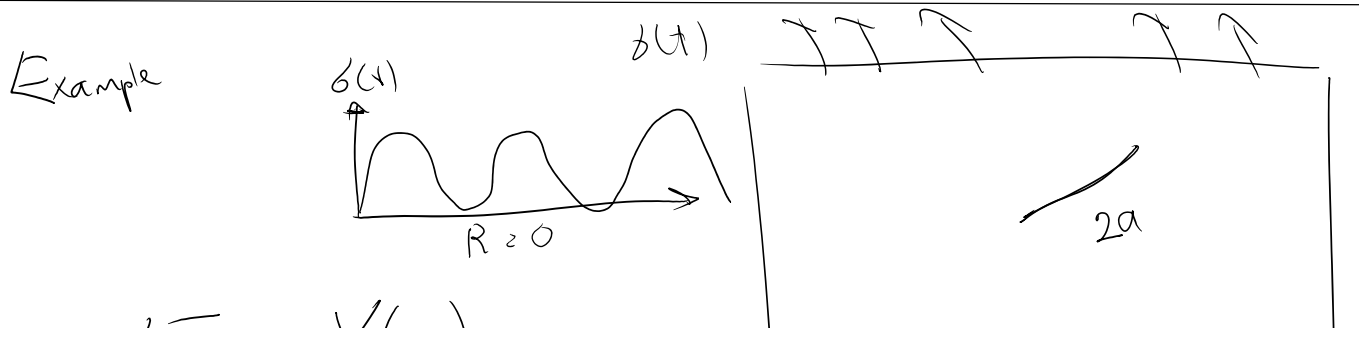


MUST be careful about their units

$$\frac{da}{dN} = C (\Delta K)^m$$

no a dimensionally consistent eqn.

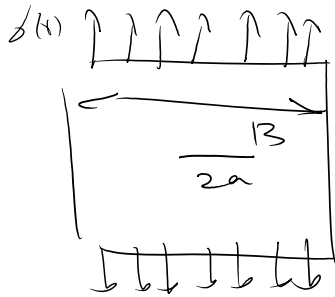
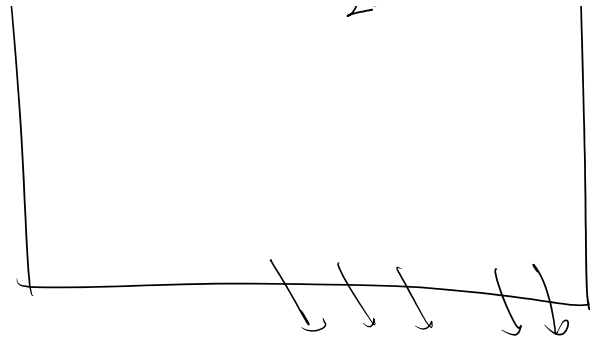
C, depends on units used for example in MPa√m is used of ΔK



$$K = 0$$

$$K = \sqrt{\pi a} \sigma Y(a)$$

} geometry factor



$$Y(a) = \sec\left(\frac{\pi a}{B}\right) = \frac{1}{\cos\left(\frac{\pi a}{B}\right)}$$

$\rightarrow \infty$   
 as  $a \rightarrow B$

$$\Delta K = \sqrt{\pi a} Y(a) \Delta \sigma$$

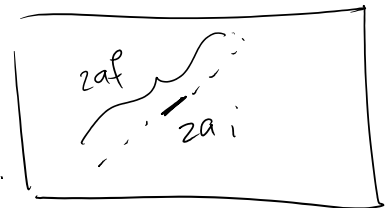
$$\frac{da}{dN} = C \Delta K^m$$

Differential equation on  $N$

for  $N=0$

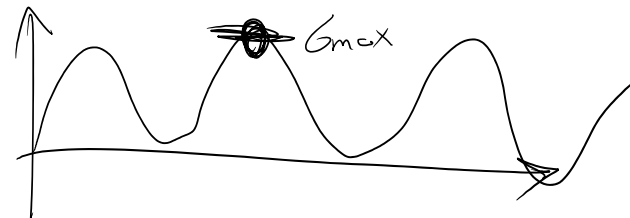
$a = a_i$

Initial Condition (IC)



we solve this equation, until crack length reaches the unstable length for which the crack can propagate under  $\sigma_{max}$

af:  $K(t) = \sqrt{\pi a} Y(a) \sigma(t)$



max in a cycle is for  $\sigma_{max}$

$$K_{max} = \sqrt{\pi a} Y(a) \sigma_{max}$$

$$K_{IC} = \sqrt{\pi a_f} Y(a_f) \sigma_{max}$$

for unstable crack growth

get  $a_f$  from here

Summary

$$\frac{dN}{da} = C \Delta K^m$$

$$\Delta K = \sqrt{\pi a} Y(a) \Delta \sigma$$

$$\text{IC } a = a_i$$

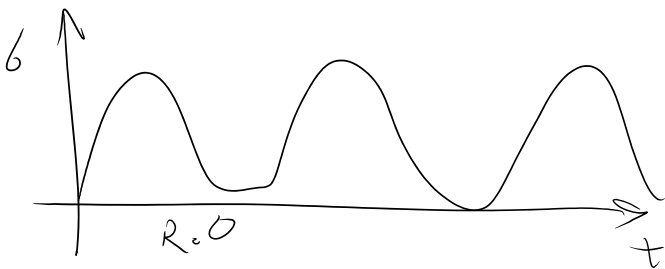
Final condition  $a = a_f$  found from

$$K_{IC} = \sqrt{\pi a_f} Y(a_f) \sigma_{max}$$

→  $N_f$  is the # cycles this specimen can take

In general, we need to solve this numerically because of  $Y(a)$

Do the case where  $Y(a)$  can be assumed to be constant:



constant assumption

$$Y = 1.12$$

$$\frac{Y}{2a}$$

$$\Delta K = \sqrt{\pi a} Y \Delta \sigma$$

$$\frac{da}{dN} = C (\Delta K)^m \Rightarrow \frac{da}{dN} = C (\sqrt{\pi a} Y \Delta \sigma)^m$$

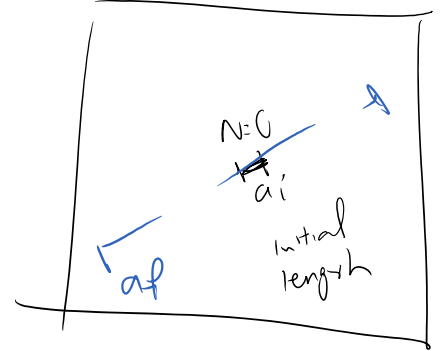
$$= \underbrace{C Y^m \pi^{\frac{m}{2}} \Delta \sigma^m}_{A} a^{\frac{m}{2}}$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{da}{dN} = A a^{\frac{m}{2}}, \quad A = C Y^m \pi^{\frac{m}{2}} \Delta \sigma^m$$

$$\rightarrow \left| \frac{da}{dN} = A a^2, A = C Y^m \pi^{\frac{m}{2}} \Delta \sigma^m \right|$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{da}{a^{\frac{m}{2}}} = A dN \rightarrow \text{integrate this}$$

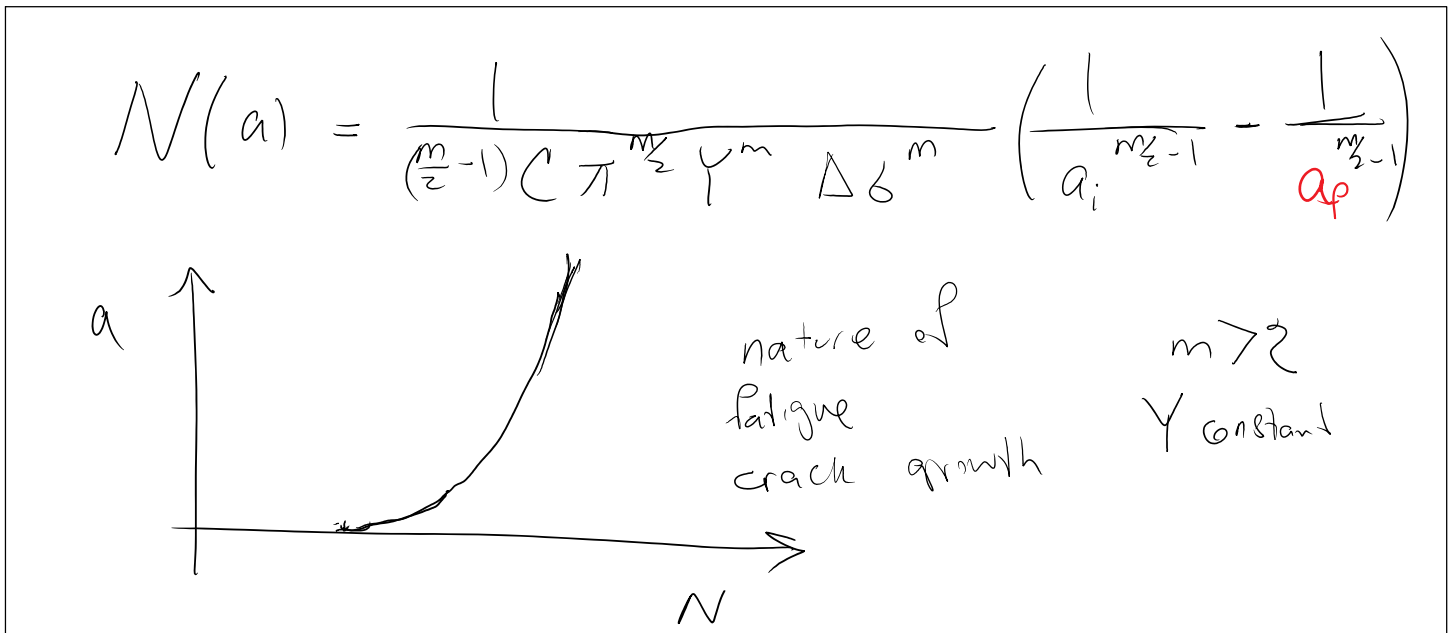
$$\int_{a_i}^a \frac{da}{a^{\frac{m}{2}}} = \int_0^N A dN$$



$m > 2$  assumed

$$\rightarrow \frac{1}{(1 - \frac{m}{2})} a^{1 - \frac{m}{2}} \Big|_{a_i}^a = AN \rightarrow$$

$$\frac{1}{(\frac{m}{2} - 1)} \left( \frac{1}{a^{\frac{m}{2} - 1}} - \frac{1}{a_i^{\frac{m}{2} - 1}} \right) = AN(a)$$



to get the life of specimen ( $N_f$ ) we plug  $a = a_f$

$$N_f = \frac{1}{(\frac{m}{2} - 1) C Y^m \pi^{\frac{m}{2}} \Delta \sigma^m} \left( \frac{1}{a_i^{\frac{m}{2} - 1}} - \frac{1}{a_f^{\frac{m}{2} - 1}} \right)$$

$$N_f = \frac{1}{(\frac{m}{2}-1) C Y^m (\Delta\sigma)^m \pi^{m/2}} \left( \frac{1}{a_i^{m/2}} - \frac{1}{a_f^{m/2}} \right)$$

$$K_{IC} = Y \sqrt{\pi} a_f \sigma_{max} \rightarrow a_f = \frac{1}{\pi} \left( \frac{K_{IC}}{Y \sigma_{max}} \right)^2$$

For  $m > 2$ :

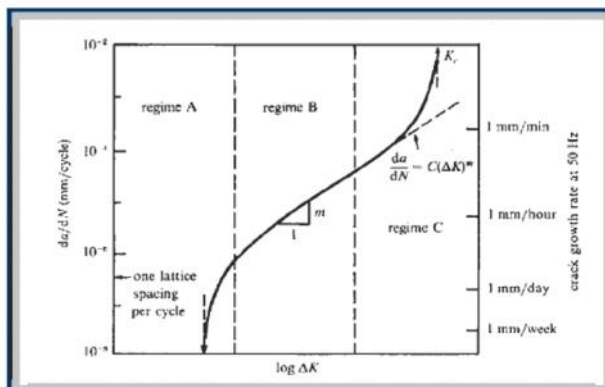
$$N_f = \frac{2}{(m-2) C Y^m (\Delta\sigma)^m \pi^{m/2}} \left[ \frac{1}{(a_0)^{(m-2)/2}} - \frac{1}{(a_f)^{(m-2)/2}} \right]$$

For  $m = 2$ :

$$N_f = \frac{1}{C Y^2 (\Delta\sigma)^2 \pi} \ln \frac{a_f}{a_0}$$

(source Course presentation S. Suresh MIT)

## Fatigue crack growth stages



Question:

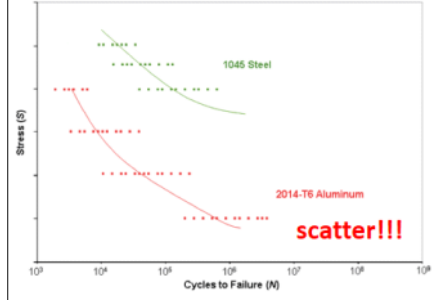
How do we do it?

$$N_f = \frac{1}{(\frac{m}{2}-1) C Y^m (\Delta\sigma)^m \pi^{m/2}} \left( \frac{1}{a_i^{m/2}} - \frac{1}{a_f^{m/2}} \right)$$

$$\sigma_f = \left(\frac{m}{2}-1\right) C \sigma^m \sum \psi^m \Delta \sigma^m \left( a_i \dots a_f^{m/2} \right)$$

$$K_{IC} = \sqrt{\pi} a_f \sigma_{max} \rightarrow a_f = \frac{1}{\pi} \left( \frac{K_{IC}}{\sigma_{max}} \right)^2$$

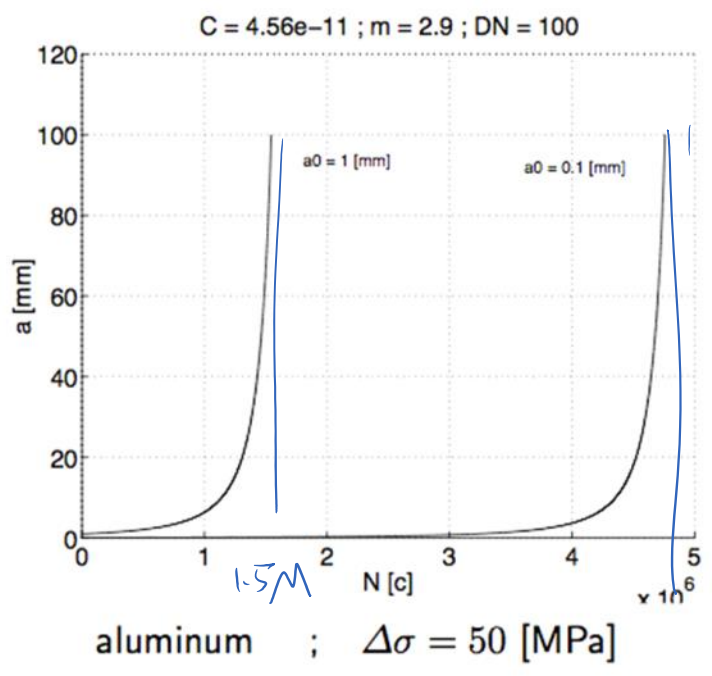
Dependency on  $a_i$  explains the scatter below:



$a_i =$  case 1: we know the initial crack length it's visible & we can measure it"

case 2: we cannot observe it  
 $a_i =$  TOLERANCE of Measurement (SHM, NDE)  
 "the worst case scenario"

Example of the sensitivity to the size of initial cracks:



factor of  $\sim 3$  difference in  $N$

How do we build factor of safety into our designs

$$N(a) = \frac{1}{(\frac{m}{2}-1) C \pi^{\frac{m}{2}} Y^m \Delta \sigma^m} \left( \frac{1}{a_i^{\frac{m}{2}-1}} - \frac{1}{a_f^{\frac{m}{2}-1}} \right)$$

Modify  $N \rightarrow \frac{N}{F \cdot S}$

Another way  $a_f \rightarrow$  modified use  $a_f$  (F.S.)  $\uparrow \cdot 6$   
 we only only allow the crack to grow to 60% of  $a_{FD}$

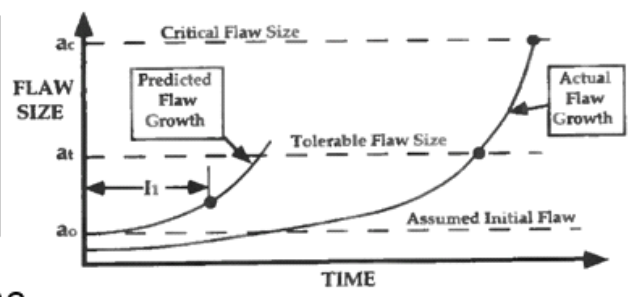
# Nondestructive testing (NDT)

Nondestructive Evaluation (NDE), nondestructive Inspection (NDI)

NDT is a wide group of analysis techniques used in science and industry to evaluate the properties of a material, component or system without causing damage

**NDT: provides input (e.g. crack size) to fracture analysis**

safety factor  $s$   
 $K(a, \sigma) = K_c \rightarrow a_c \rightarrow a_t \cdot s$   
 NDT  $\rightarrow a_o$   
 $t: a_o \rightarrow a_t$  (Paris)



$\rightarrow$  inspection time

374 (a) Determination of first inspection interval,  $I_1$ .

$m$  denotes the sensitivity of fatigue to  $\Delta K$ .

alloy	$m$	$A$
Steel	3	$10^{-11}$
Aluminum	3	$10^{-12}$
Nickel	3.3	$4 \times 10^{-12}$
Titanium	5	$10^{-11}$

$C, m$

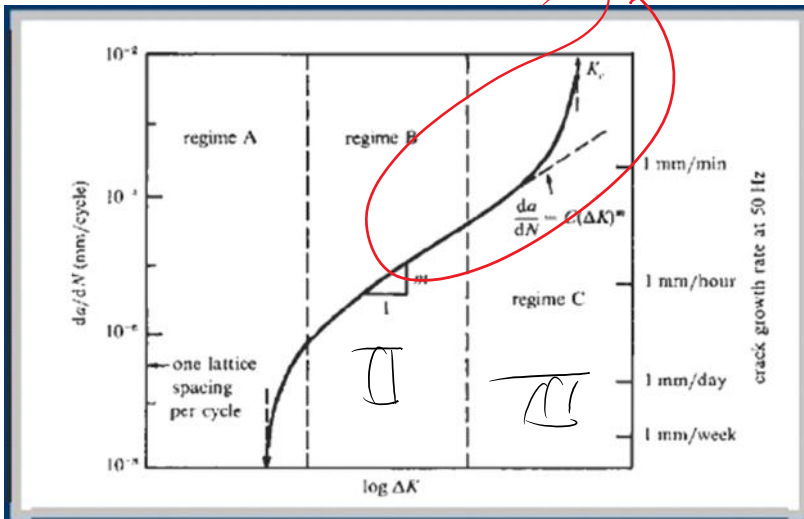
are material properties that must be determined experimentally from a  $\log(\Delta K) - \log(da/dN)$  plot.

$m$   
 2-4 metals  
 4-100 ceramics/ polymers



Some notes on fatigue crack growth:

- How to improve Paris law to better model transition between regimes II and III fatigue crack growth?



crack starts to grow even faster

there are models that unify responses in regimes II & III

Forman's model (stage II-III)

$$\frac{da}{dN} = \frac{C(\Delta K)^{m'}}{(1-R)K_{Ic} - \Delta K}$$

$$R = K_{min}/K_{max}$$

Paris' model

$$\frac{da}{dN} = C(\Delta K)^m$$

Forman's correction

Denominator =  $(1-R)K_{Ic} - \Delta K$

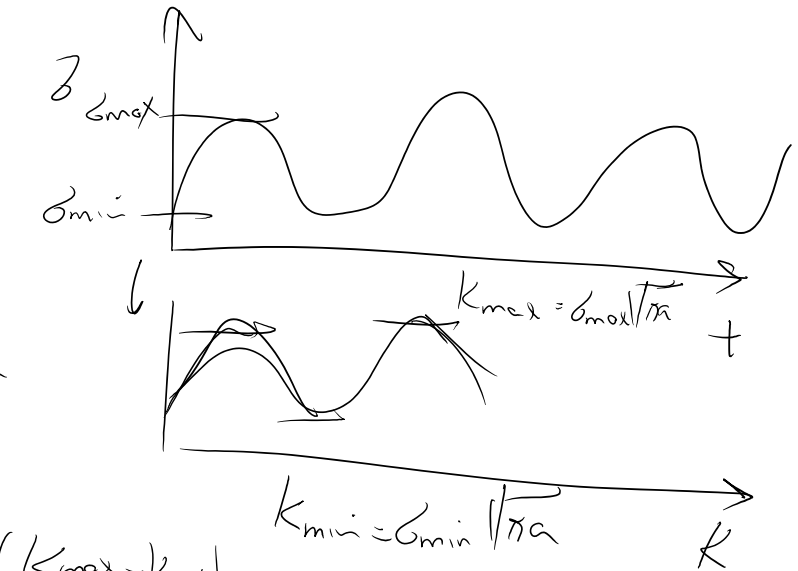
$$R = \frac{\sigma_{min}}{\sigma_{max}} = \frac{K_{min}}{K_{max}}$$

Denominator =  $(1 - \frac{K_{min}}{K_{max}}) K_{Ic} - (K_{max} - K_{min})$

$$= \underbrace{(K_{max} - K_{min})}_{\Delta K} \left( \frac{K_{Ic}}{K_{max}} - 1 \right)$$

Forman's correction

Basically smoothens



$$\frac{da}{dN} = \frac{C \Delta K^m}{\Delta K \left( \frac{K_{Ic}}{K_{max}} - 1 \right)}$$

Basically smoothens  
 transition of  $\frac{da}{dN} \sim \Delta K$   
 relation from zone II (Paris law)  
 to zone III (fast  
 growth rate)

$$\Delta K \left( \frac{K_{max}}{K_{max}} - 1 \right) \rightarrow 0$$

correct

$$K_{max} = \sigma_{max} \sqrt{\pi a} Y$$

$$a \rightarrow a_f \quad (K_{Ic} = \sigma_{max} \sqrt{\pi a_f} Y)$$

$$\frac{K_{Ic}}{K_{max}} \rightarrow 1$$

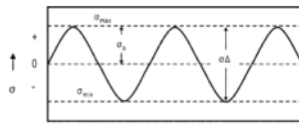
---- Do not consider negative K when using Paris law:

### Tension/compression cyclic loads

$$R = \frac{\sigma_{min}}{\sigma_{max}} < 0$$

$$\frac{da}{dN} = C(\Delta K)^m, \quad \Delta K = K_{max} - K_{min}$$

$$\frac{da}{dN} = C(K_{max})^m$$



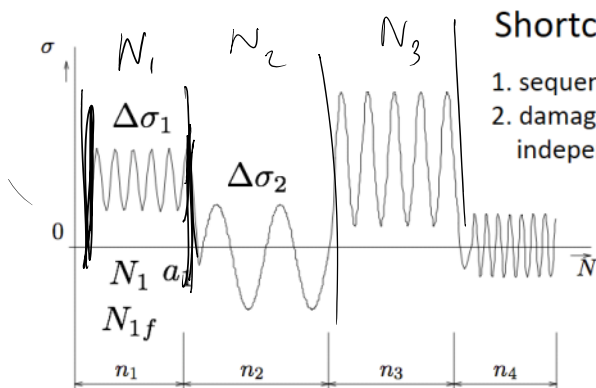
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$$\Delta K = K_{max} - \max(0, K_{min})$$

no negative value for  $K_{min}$

### Miner's rule for variable load amplitudes

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#### Shortcomings:

1. sequence effect not considered
2. damage accumulation is independent of stress level

$$N_i / N_{if} : \text{damage}$$

$$\text{Damage} = \frac{\# \text{Cycles}}{\# \text{ that it can take under that loading condition}}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{N_i}{N_{if}} = 1$$

$\Delta \sigma_i$      $N_i$     number of cycles  $a_0$  to  $a_i$   
                    $N_{if}$     number of cycles  $a_0$  to  $a_c$