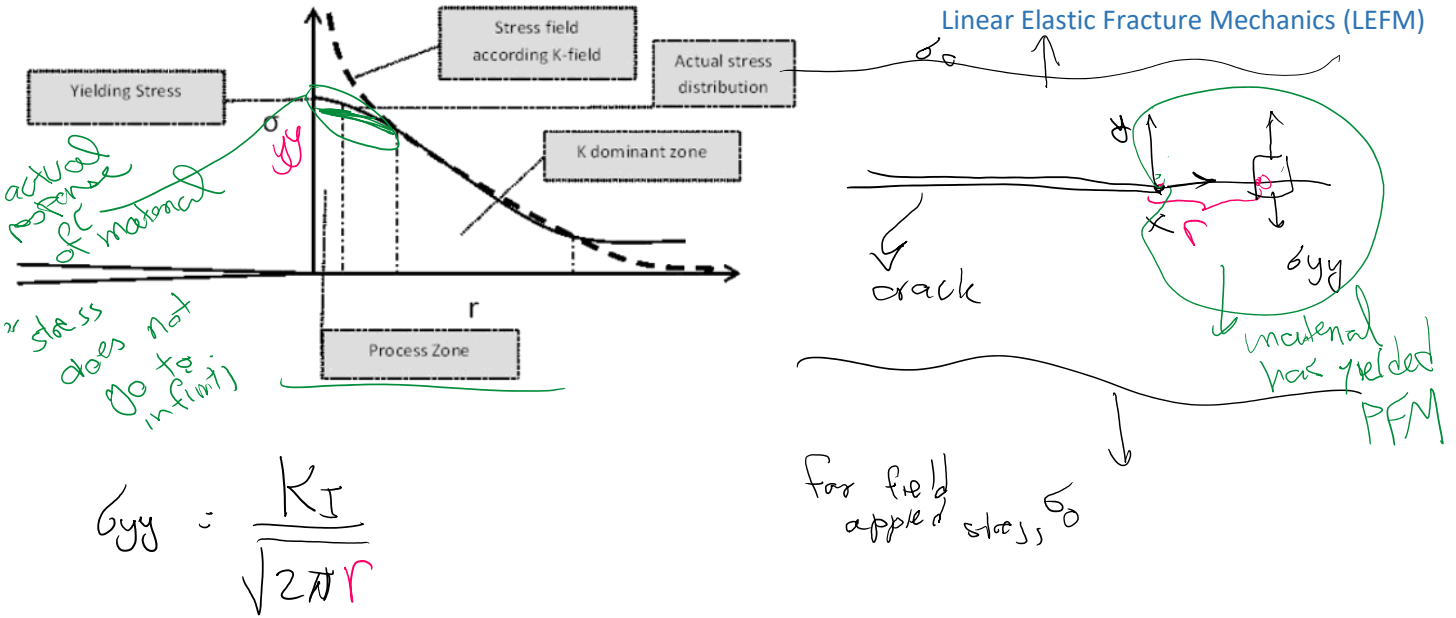


**Course requirements**

- Homework 34% + 5% (extra credit)
- Exams: Midterm + final: 34%
- Term project 16%: Use commercial software to evaluate stress intensity factor; Simple computations with cohesive and damage models.
- Report and presentation on a topic on fracture 16%: 4-page report and 10-12 minute presentation at the end of the semester. Individual topics and references will be chosen by the instructor and the student.

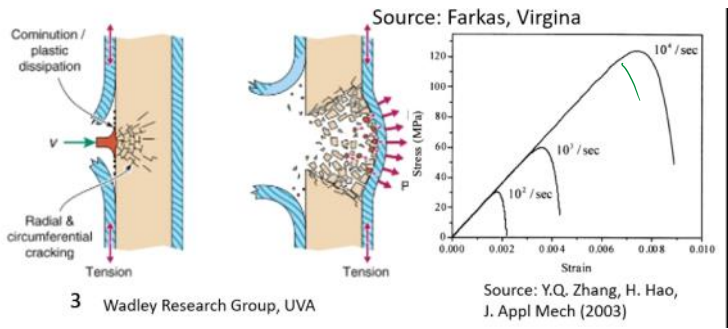
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**Course content:**



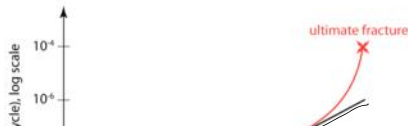
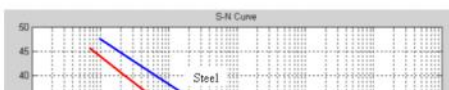
$$\sigma_{yy} = \frac{KI}{\sqrt{2\pi r}}$$

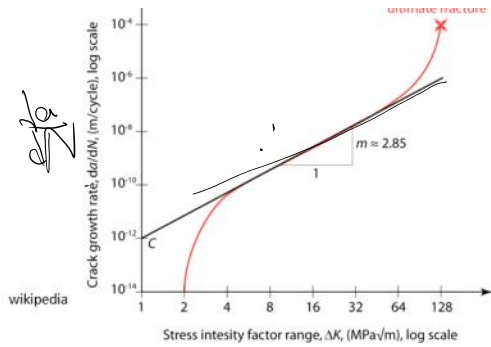
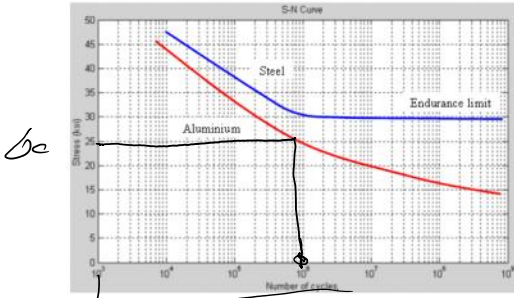
1. Intro to fracture mechanics
2. LEFM
3. Plastic Fracture Mechanics (PFM)
4. Dynamic Fracture Mechanics



**5. Fatigue**

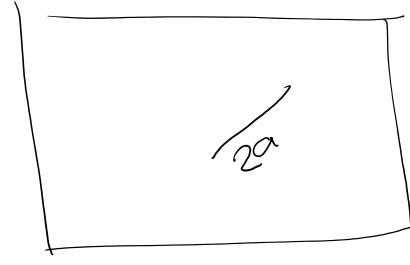
Fatigue  
 - Fatigue crack propagation & life prediction  
 - Paris law





Paris law

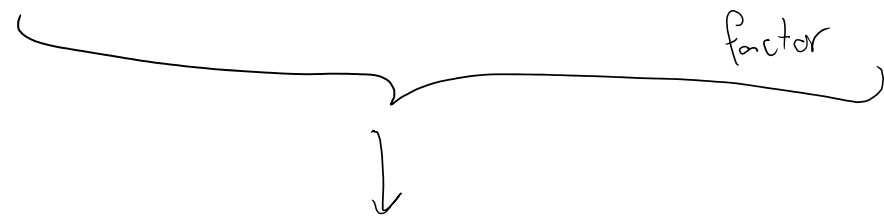
da/dN approach



crack length

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

# cycles change in stress intensity factor



New design philosophy: we consider defects in the material and design such that the cracks don't become critical

# Outline (cont.)

Computational fracture mechanics

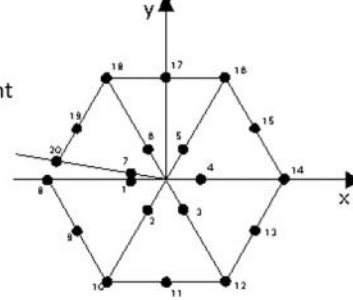
- FEM aspects:

- Isoparametric singular elements
- Calculation of LEFM/EPFM Integrals
- Adaptive meshing, XFEM

- Cohesive crack model (Hillerborg, 1976)

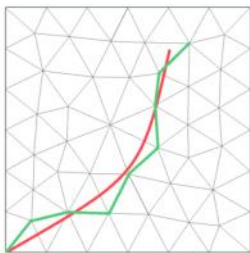
- Continuum Damage Mechanics
- size effect (Bazant)

Singular Element



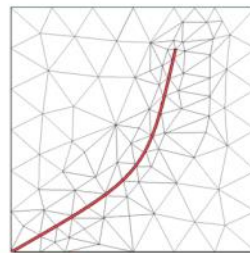
<http://www.fgg.uni-li.si/~pmoze/ESDEP/master/toc.htm>

Cracks in FEM

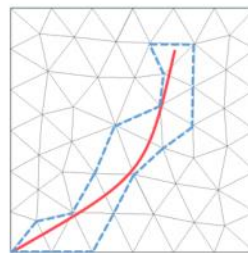


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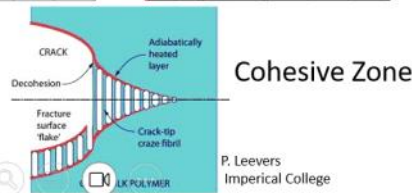
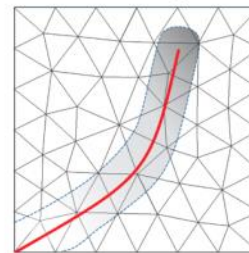
Adaptive mesh



XFEM

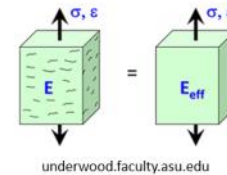


bulk damage



Cohesive Zone

P. Leevers  
Imperial College



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## Design philosophies

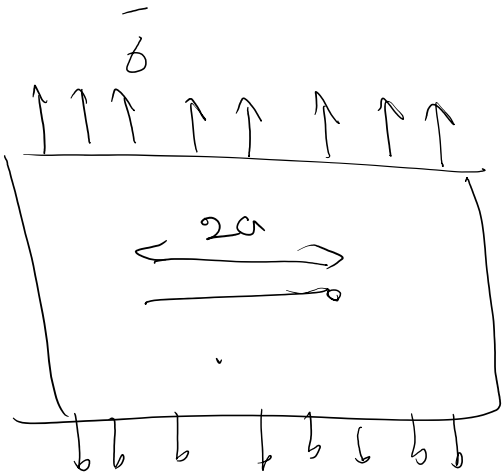
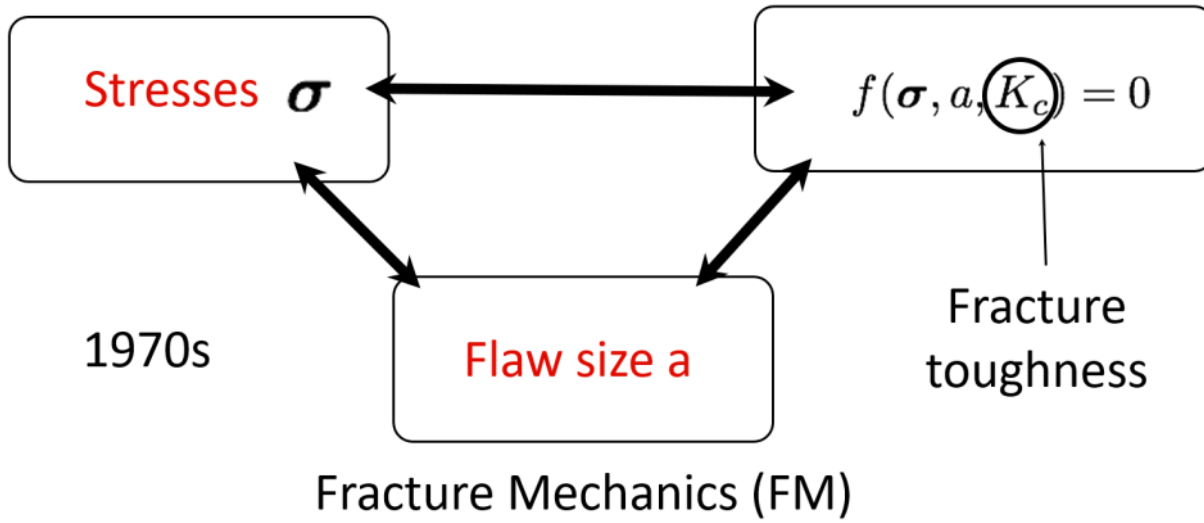
- Safe life

The component is considered to be free of defects after fabrication and is designed to remain defect-free during service and withstand the maximum static or dynamic working stresses for a certain period of time. If flaws, cracks, or similar damages are visited during service, the component should be discarded immediately.

- Damage tolerance

The component is designed to withstand the maximum static or dynamic working stresses for a certain period of time even in presence of flaws, cracks, or similar damages of certain geometry and size.

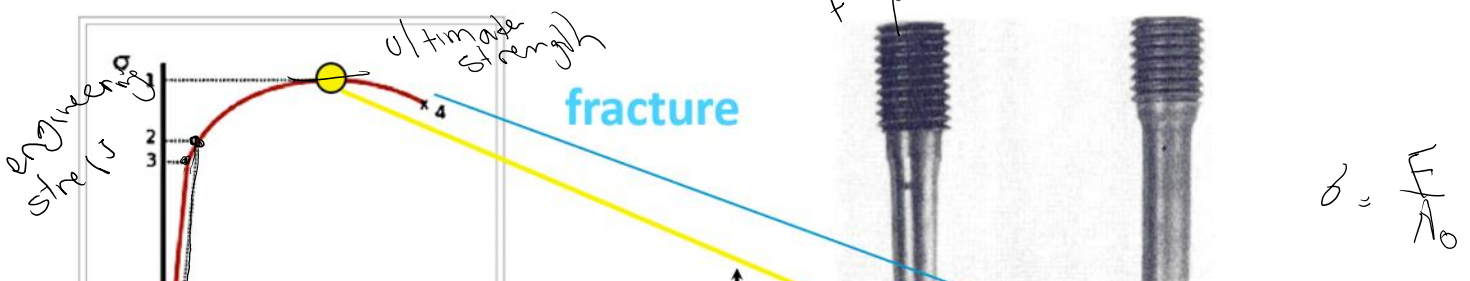
# New Failure analysis

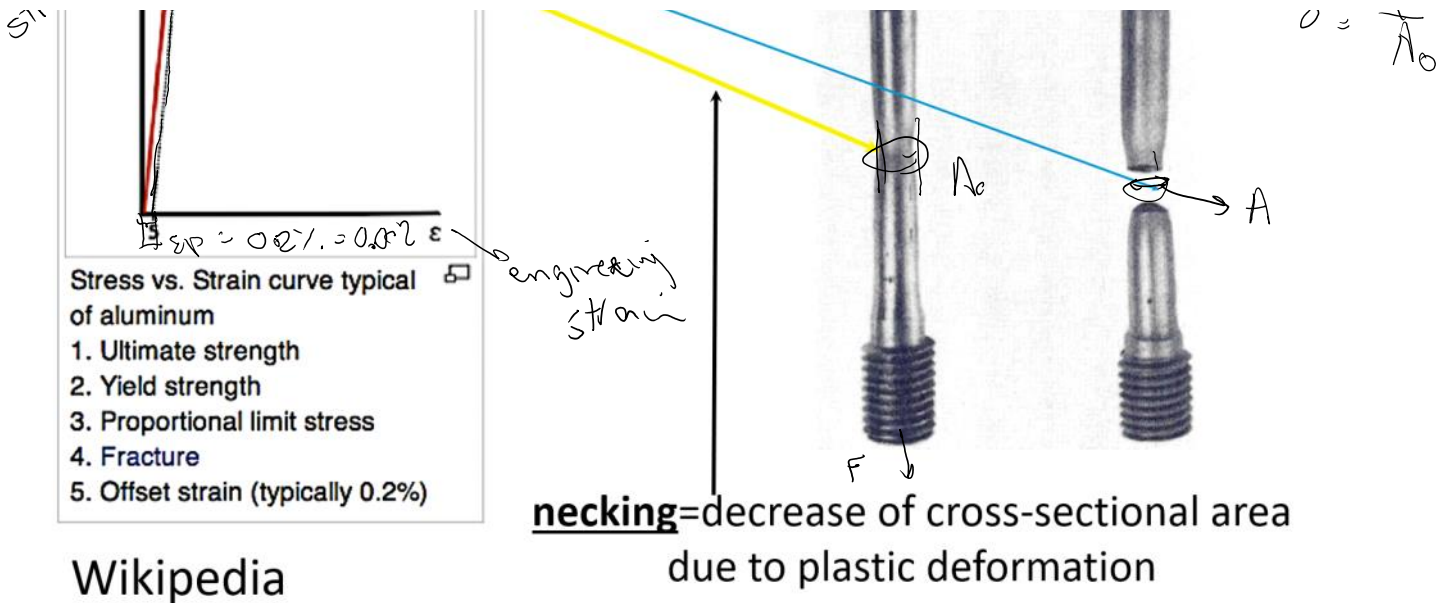


1. applied load  $\bar{\sigma}$
2. Material properties  
 $E, \nu, K_{Ic}$   
*critical stress intensity factor*
3. Defect geometry :  $a$

2 given  $a = ?$  for safe operation  
 2,3  $\rightarrow$  what's the safe load  $\bar{\sigma}$   
 1,3 load & crack length given  $\Rightarrow$  good material

## Stress/strain curve

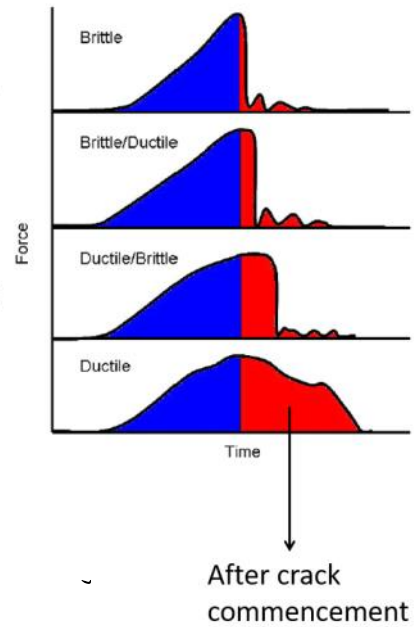




Ductile versus Brittle Fracture

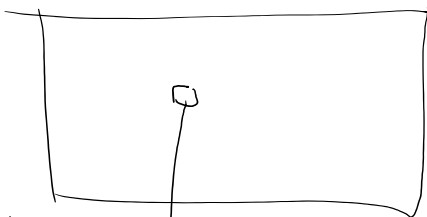
- **Ductile fracture** - most metals (not too cold):
  - Extensive plastic deformation ahead of crack
  - Crack is "stable": resists further extension unless applied stress is increased
- **Brittle fracture** - ceramics, ice, cold metals:
  - Relatively little plastic deformation
  - Crack is "unstable": propagates rapidly without increase in applied stress

**Ductile fracture is preferred in most applications**



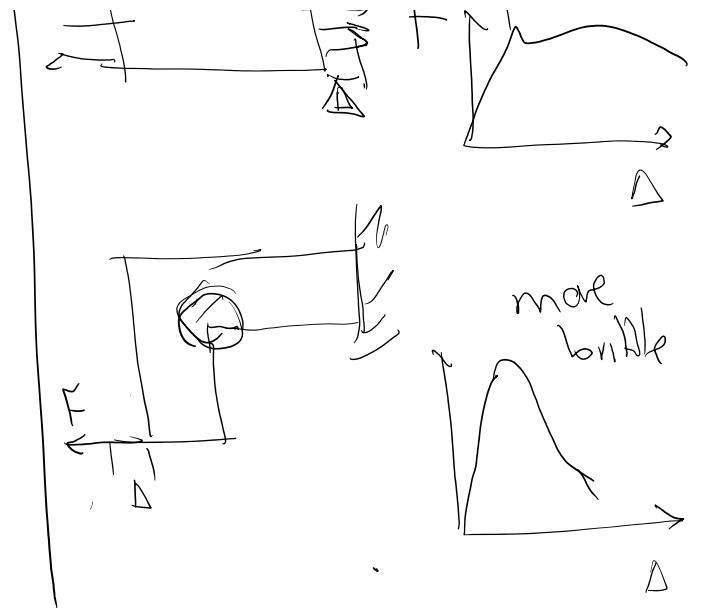
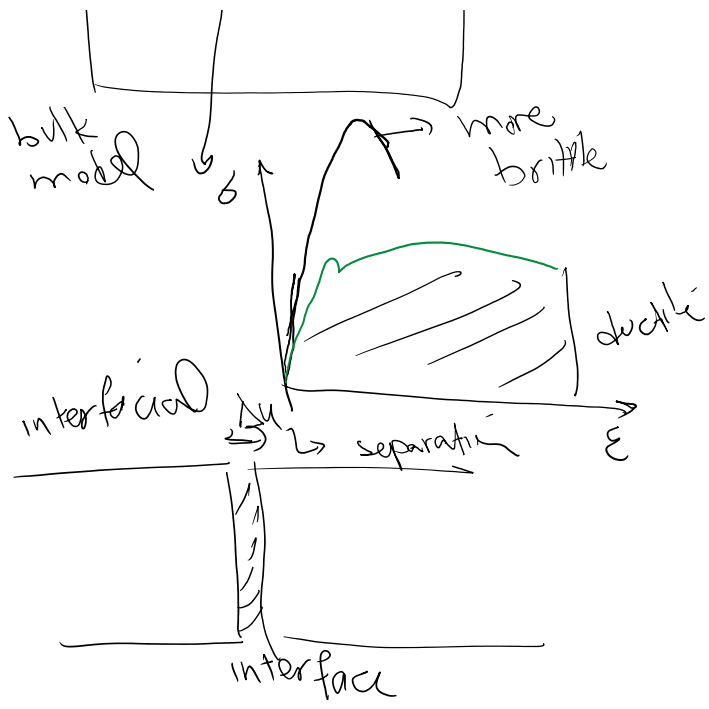
Ductile versus brittle response can be discussed from material model and structure perspectives

Material

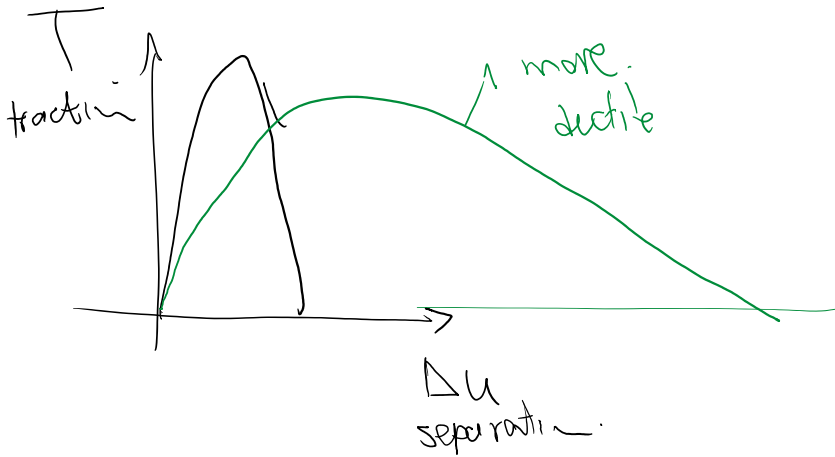


structure



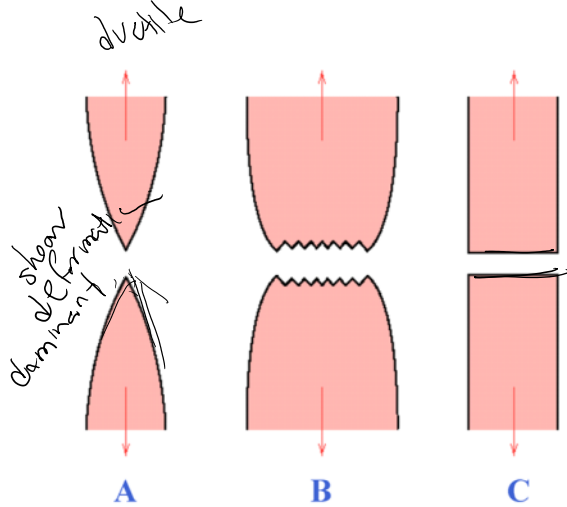


$\leftarrow \rightarrow T$  (traction)

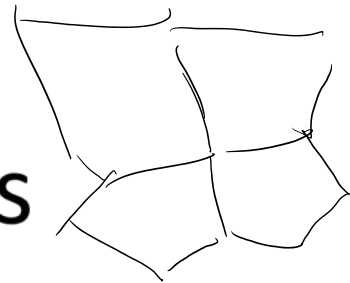


Traction separation law (TSL)  
relation (TSR)

## Brittle vs. Ductile Fracture



- A. **Very ductile**, soft metals (e.g. Pb, Au) at room temperature, other metals, polymers, glasses at high temperature.
- B. **Moderately ductile fracture**, typical for ductile metals
- C. **Brittle fracture**, cold metals, ceramics.

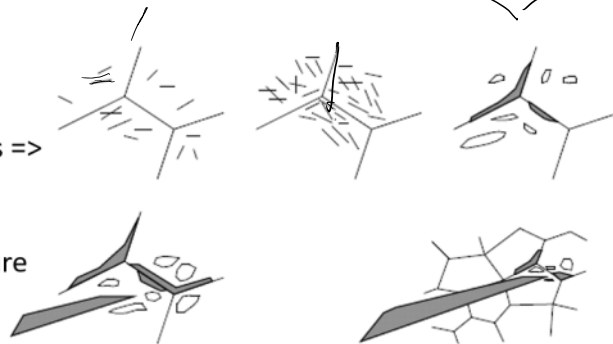


Why do we get necking for ductile materials?

# Fracture Types

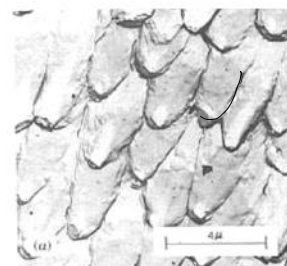
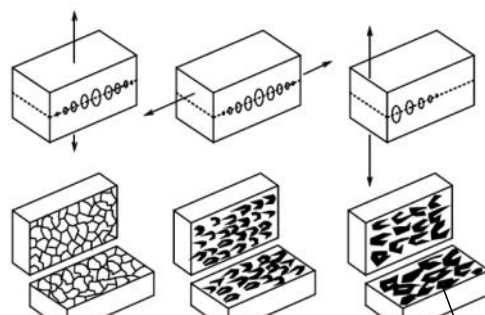
## Shearing

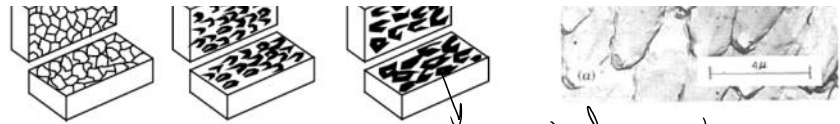
- Applied stress =>
- Dislocation generation and motion =>
- Dislocations coalesce at grain boundaries =>
- Forming voids =>
- Voids grow to form macroscopic cracks
- Macroscopic crack growth lead to fracture



Plastic deformation (ductile material)

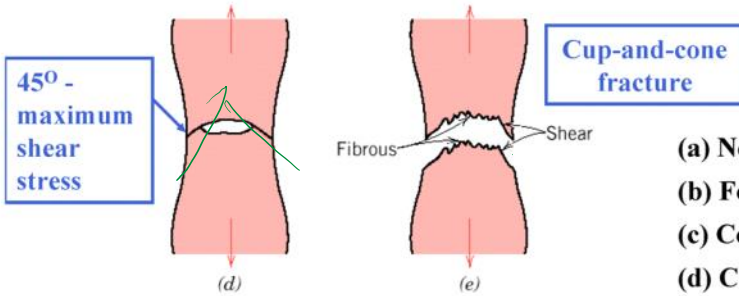
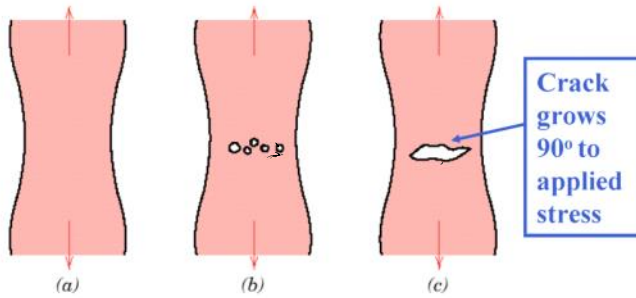
Dough-like or conical features



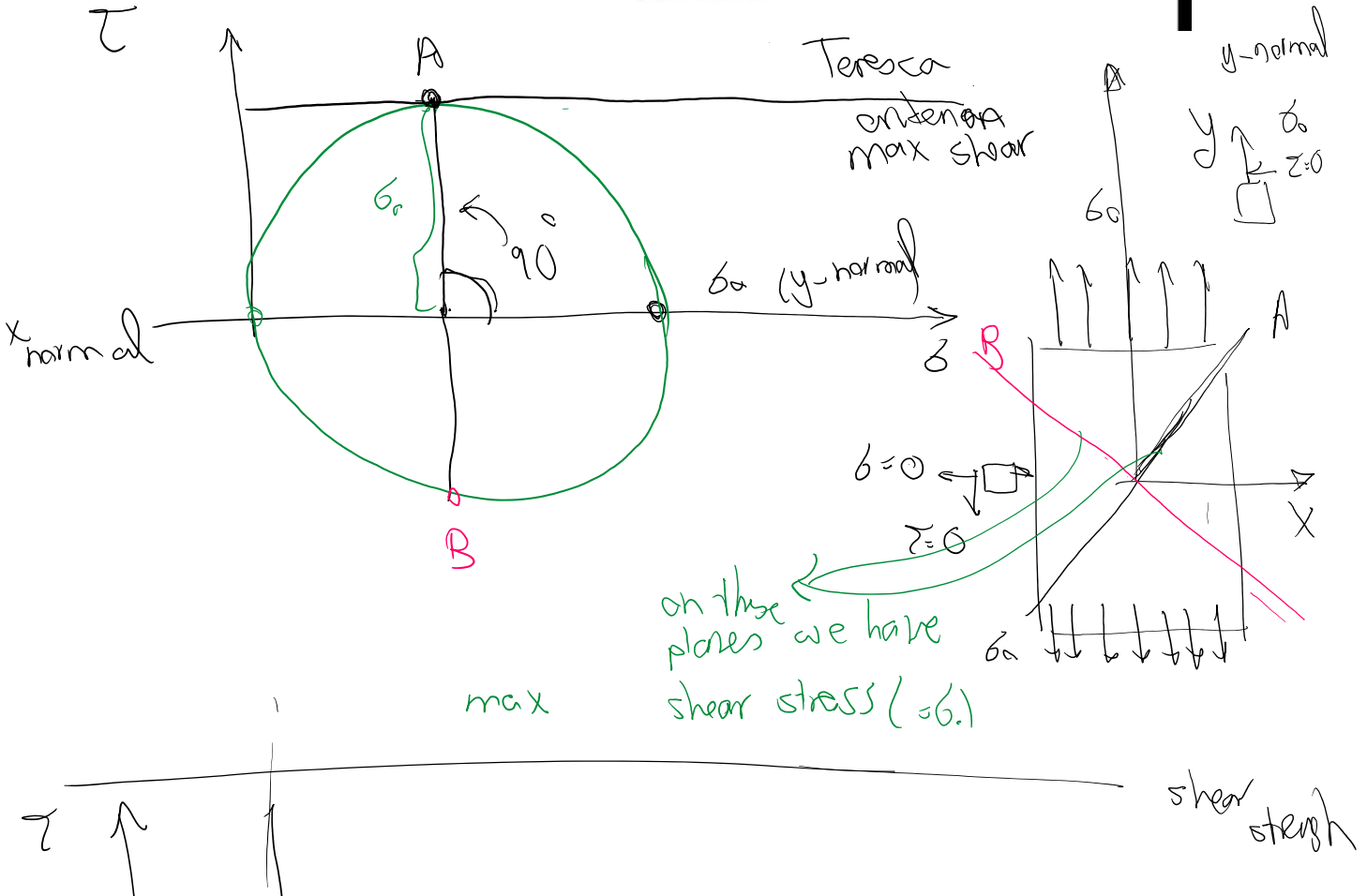


individual voids that grow

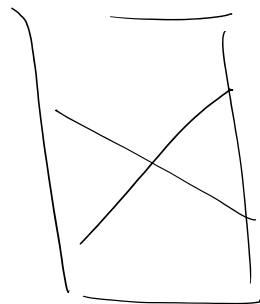
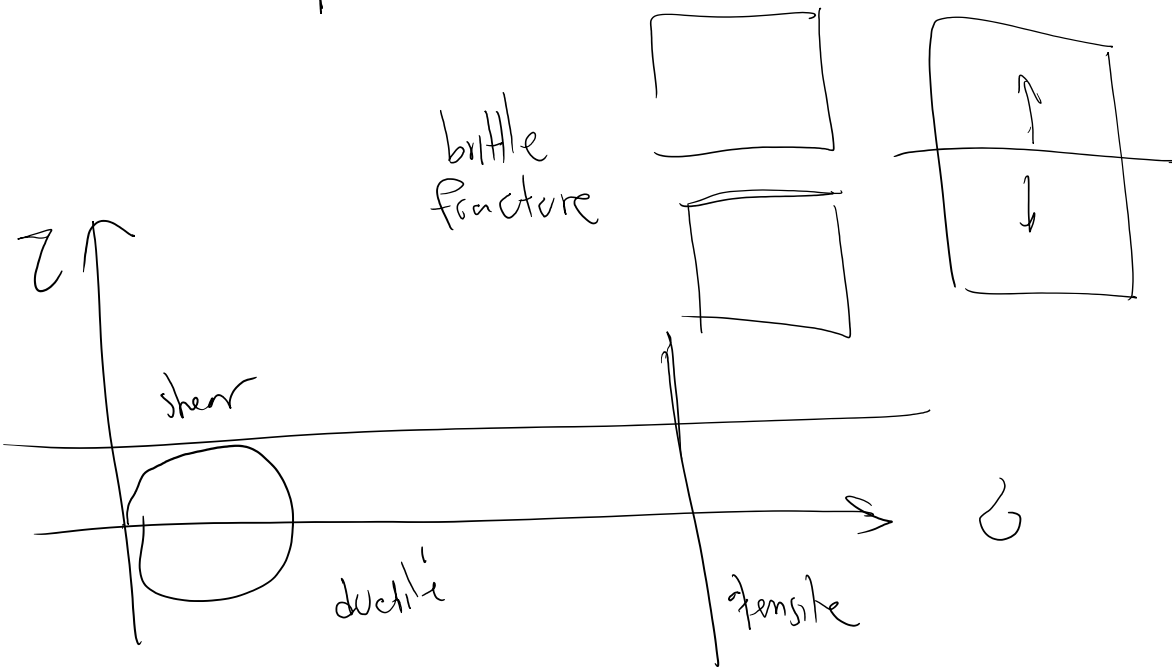
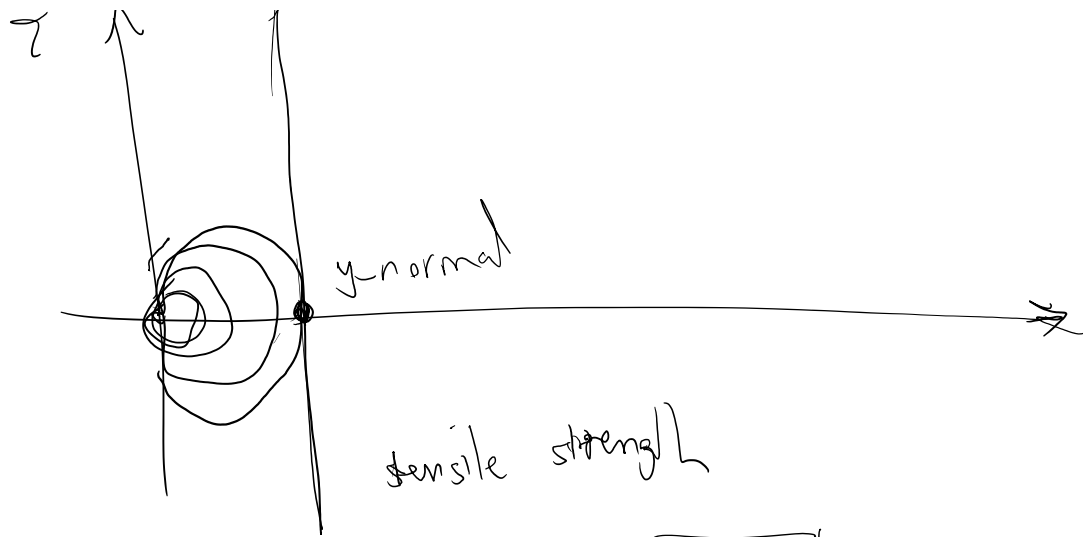
**Ductile Fracture (Dislocation Mediated)**



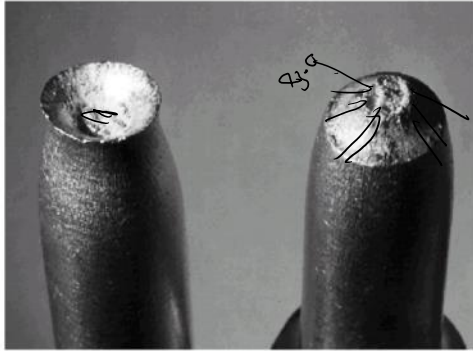
- (a) Necking
- (b) Formation of microvoids
- (c) Coalescence of microvoids to form a crack
- (d) Crack propagation by shear deformation
- (e) Fracture



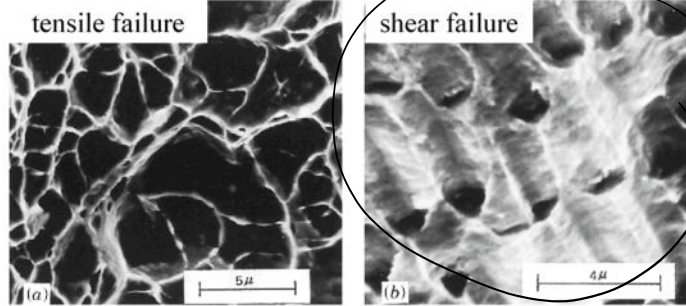




## Ductile Fracture



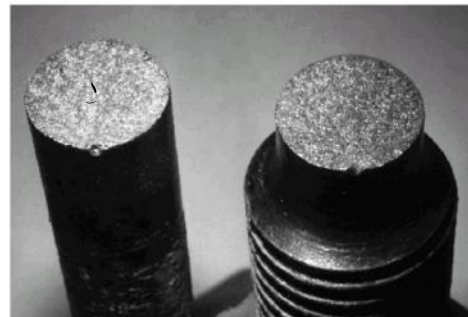
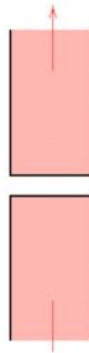
(Cup-and-cone fracture in Al)



Scanning Electron Microscopy: *Fractographic* studies at high resolution. Spherical “dimples” correspond to microvoids that initiate crack formation.

## Brittle Fracture (Limited Dislocation Mobility)

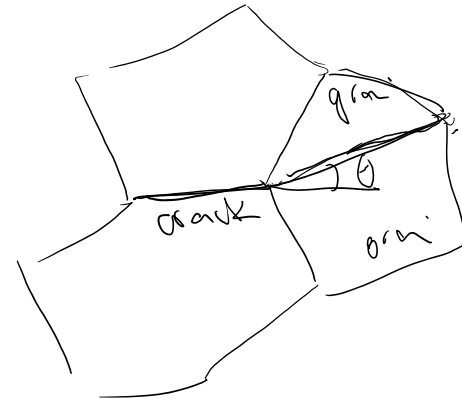
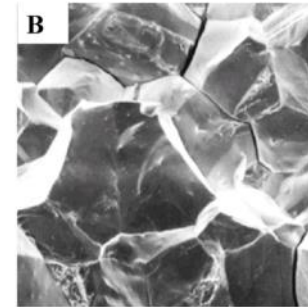
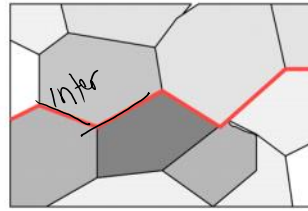
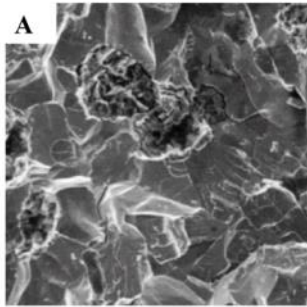
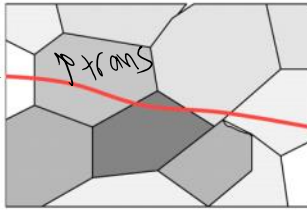
- No appreciable plastic deformation
- Crack propagation is very fast
- Crack propagates nearly perpendicular to the direction of the applied stress
- Crack often propagates by *cleavage* - breaking of atomic bonds along specific crystallographic planes (*cleavage planes*).



Brittle fracture in a mild steel

**A. Transgranular fracture:** Fracture cracks pass through grains. Fracture surface have faceted texture because of different orientation of cleavage planes in grains.

**B. Intergranular fracture:** Fracture crack propagation is along grain boundaries (grain boundaries are weakened or embrittled by impurities segregation etc.)



deflection angle  $\theta$  high  
or  
Grain boundary strength high  
make the crack more likely to  
go through grains