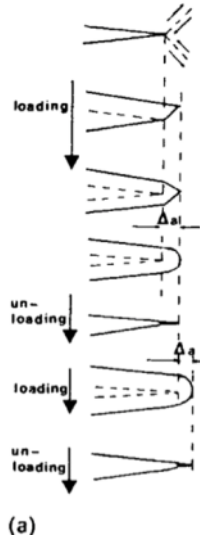
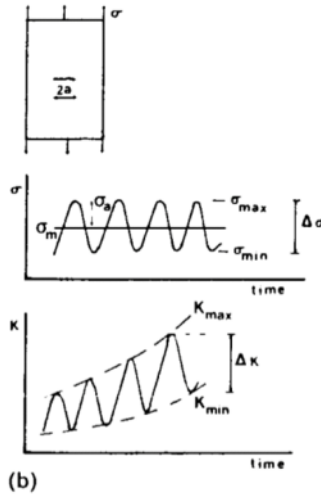
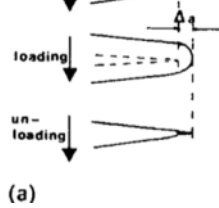


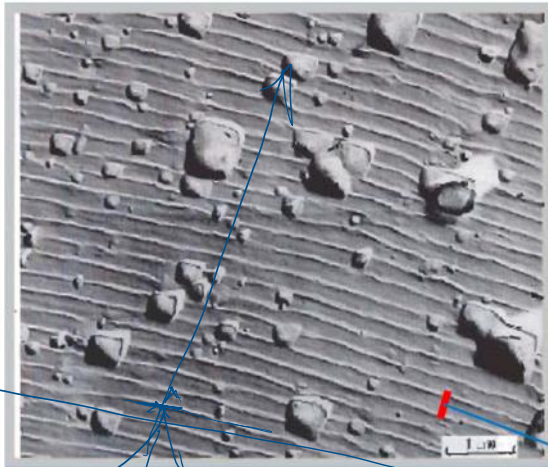
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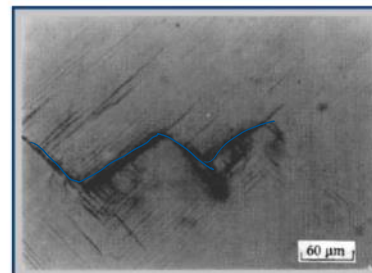
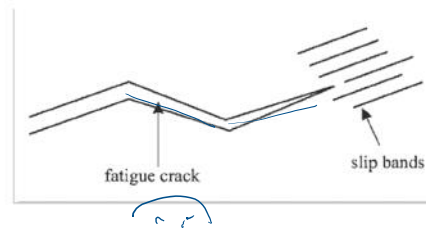
# Fatigue striations



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

Striation caused by individual microscale crack advance incidents

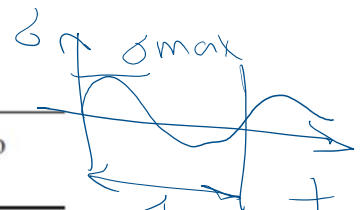
**Fatigue crack growth:**  
Microcrack formation in **accumulated slip bands** due to repeated loading



# Fatigue Regimes

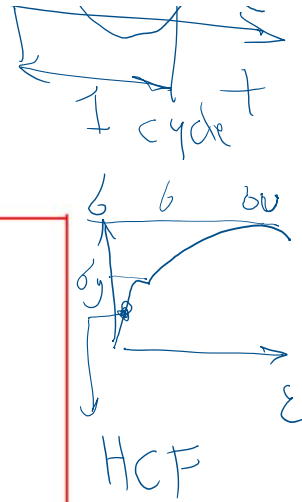
Table 7.1 Classification of fatigue damage

Fatigue	Failure cycles $N_R$	Pertinent stress	Strain ratio $\Delta \epsilon^p / \Delta \epsilon^e$	Energy ratio $\Delta W^p / \Delta W^e$
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Fatigue	Failure cycles $N_R$	Pertinent stress	Strain ratio $\Delta \epsilon^p / \Delta \epsilon^e$	Energy ratio $\Delta WP / \Delta W^e$
Very high cycle fatigue	$> 10^7$	$< \sigma_F$	$\approx 0$	$\approx 0$
High cycle fatigue	$10^5$ 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 Lemaitre (1995)



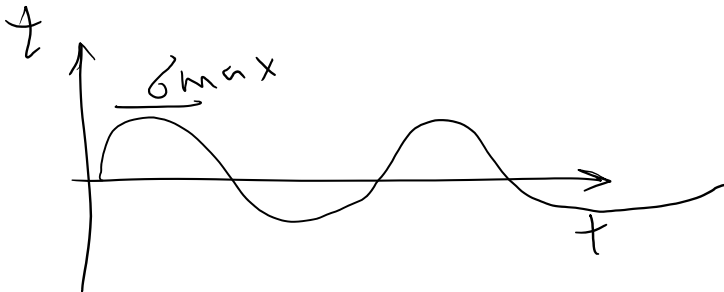
**Very high cycle and high cycle fatigue:**

- 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**)

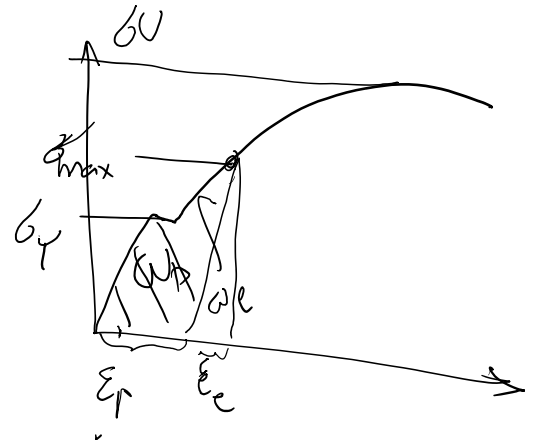
**Low cycle and very low cycle fatigue:**

- 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**)

LEFM ✓  
- stress based

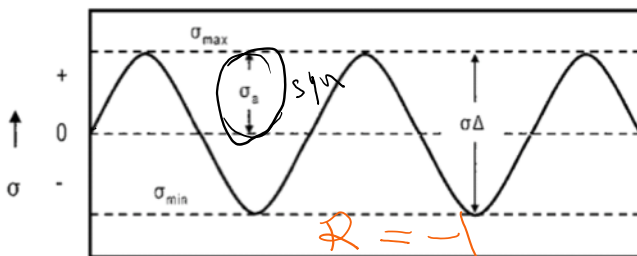


PFM, ...  
strain-driven

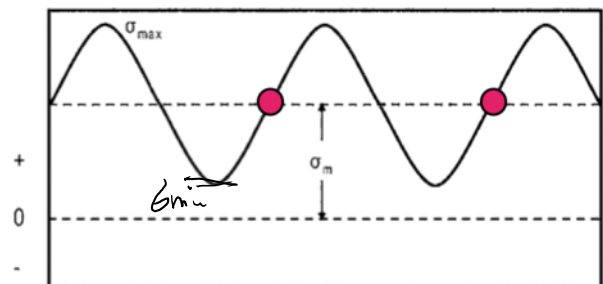


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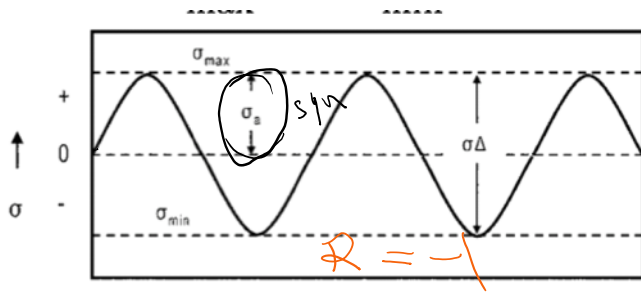
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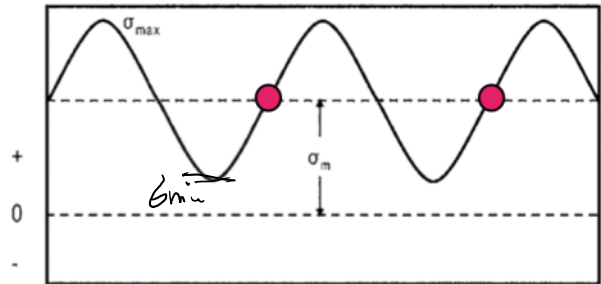
Fully Reversed Loading



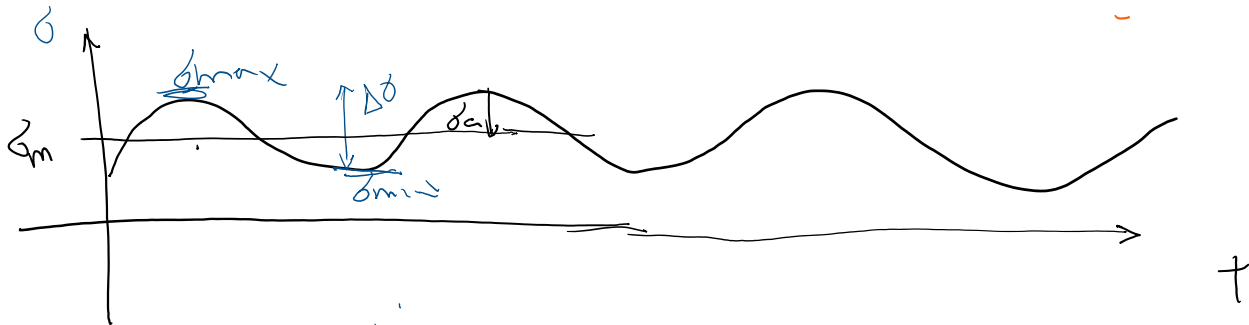
Tension-Tension with Applied Stress



Fully Reversed Loading



Tension-Tension with Applied Stress



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

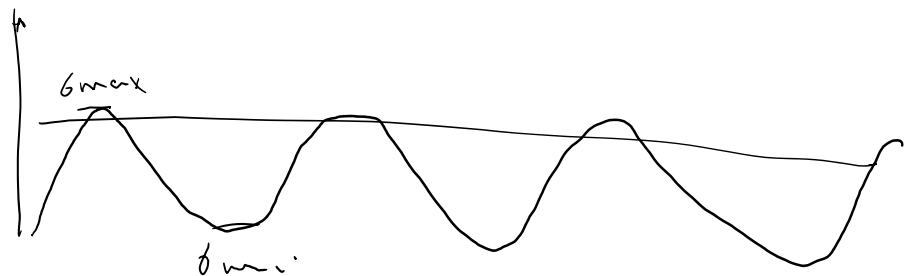
$$\sigma_a = \frac{\Delta \sigma}{2} = \frac{\sigma_{max} - \sigma_{min}}{2} \quad (\text{measure of span})$$

$$\sigma_m = \frac{\sigma_{max} + \sigma_{min}}{2} \quad \text{mean stress}$$

$$R = \frac{\sigma_{min}}{\sigma_{max}} \in (-\infty, 1) \quad \text{For fatigue simulations}$$

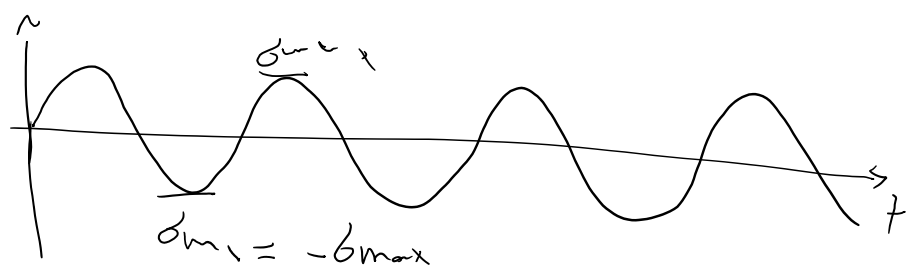
lowest R

$$R = \frac{\sigma_{min} \rightarrow 0}{\sigma_{max} \rightarrow \sigma^+}$$



best case

$$R \nearrow -\infty \rightarrow -1$$



$$R = -1$$

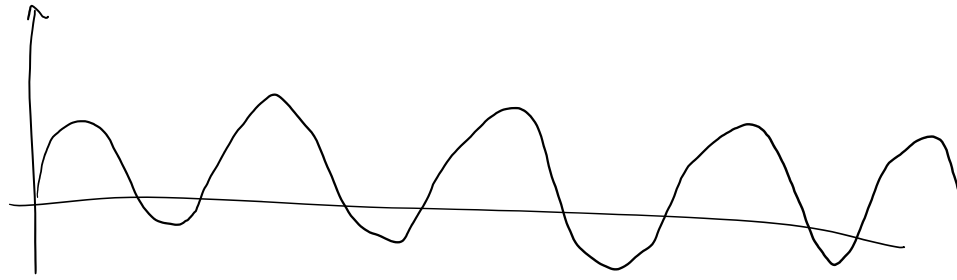
many experiments done

$$|R| = 1$$

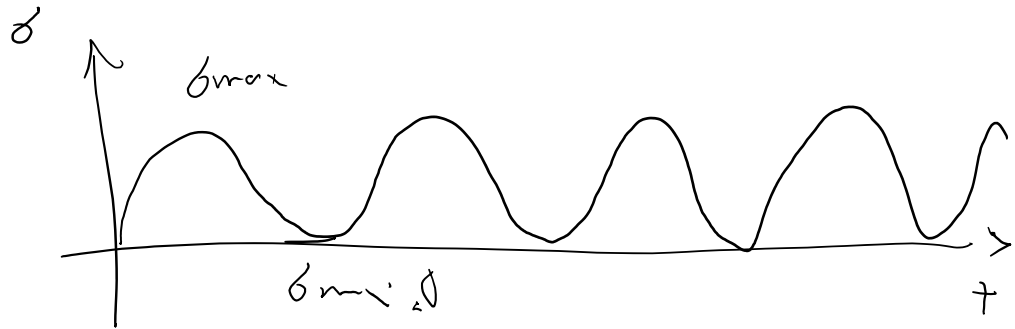
many experiments done like this

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

$$-1 < R < 0$$

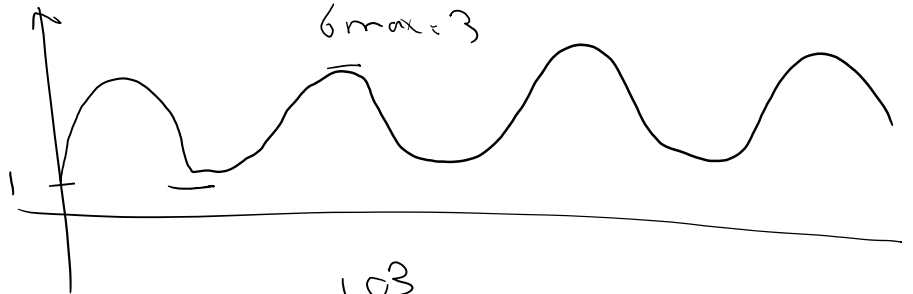


$$R = \frac{\sigma_{min}}{\sigma_{max}} = 0$$



$$R > 0$$

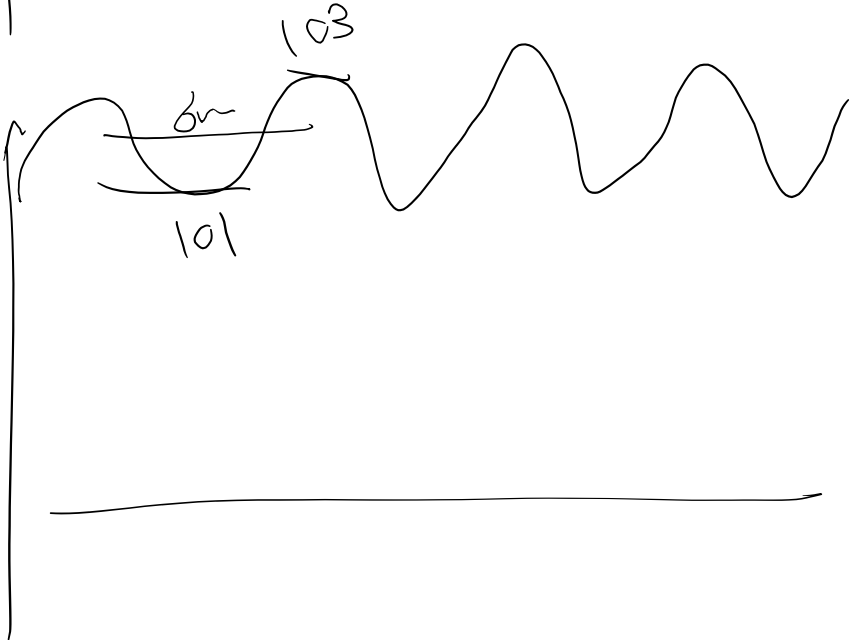
$$R = \frac{1}{3} > 0$$



$$R = \frac{101}{103} \approx 1$$

$$\text{as } \sigma_m \rightarrow \infty$$

$$R \rightarrow 1$$



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

$$\sigma_a = 0.5(\sigma_{\max} - \sigma_{\min})$$

$$\sigma_m = 0.5(\sigma_{\max} + \sigma_{\min})$$

$$R = \frac{\sigma_{\min}}{\sigma_{\max}} \text{ load ratio}$$

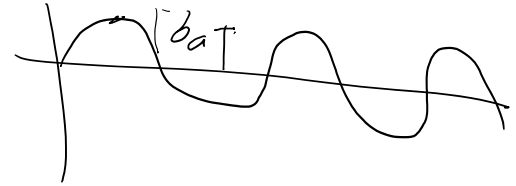
Two approaches for fatigue:

- 1) Older one: S-N plots
- 2) Paris-Erdogan relation

## 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.

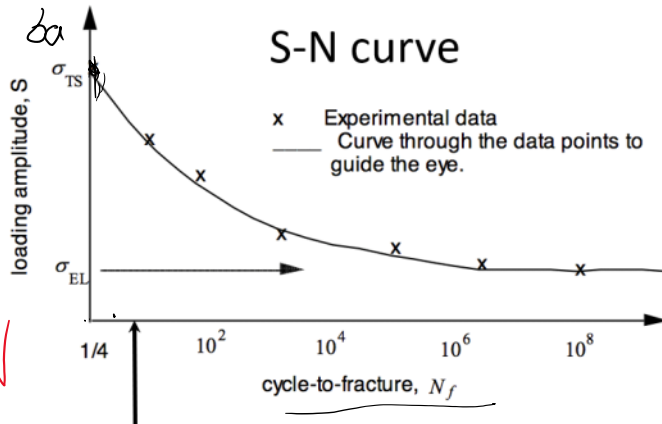
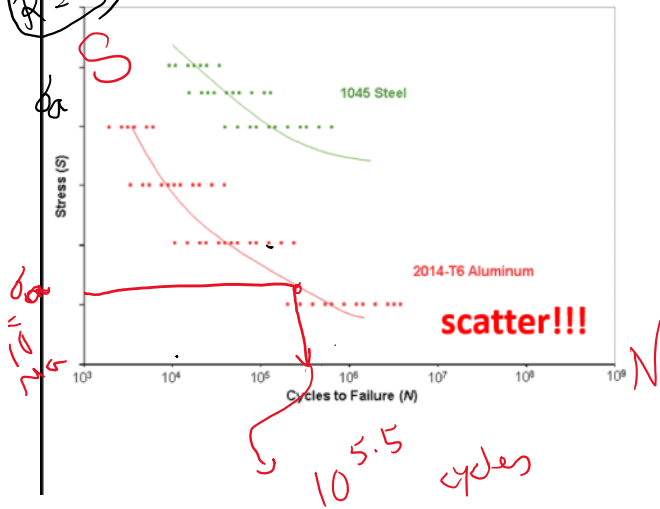
$$R = -1$$



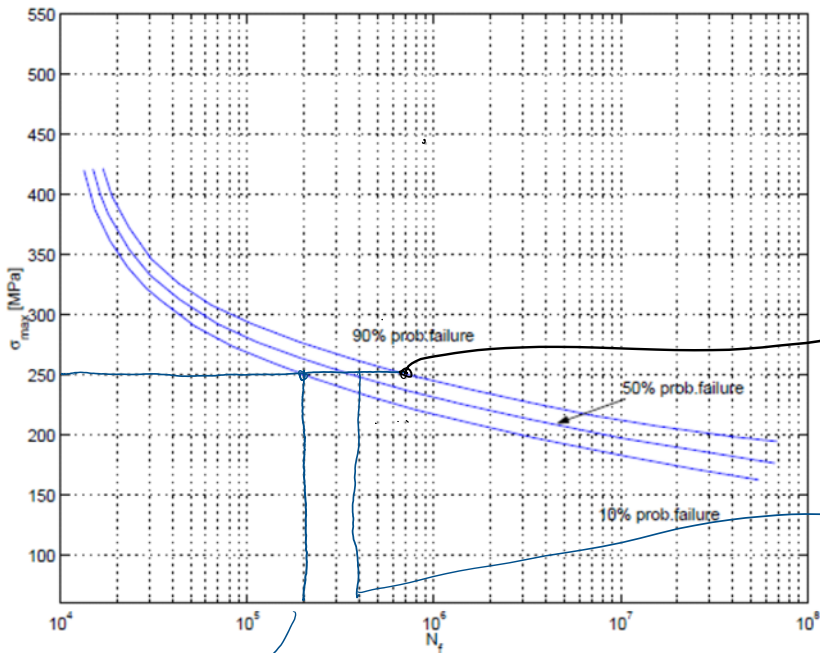
\* Stress  $\rightarrow$   $N_f$

\*  $N_f \rightarrow$  allowable S

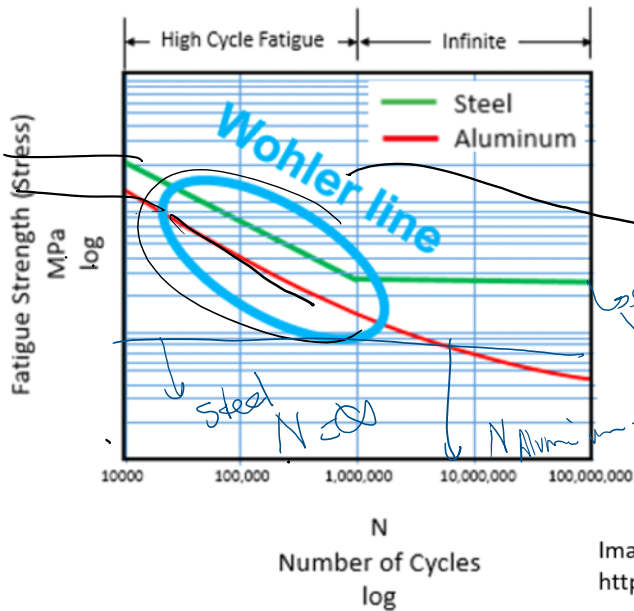
$R = -1$



# S-N-P curve: scatter effects



P-S-N-curves  
 $2 \times 10^5$  10% prob of failure  
 $7 \times 10^5$  90% failure  
 $4 \times 10^5$  50% prob failure



$$\log S = A + B \log N$$

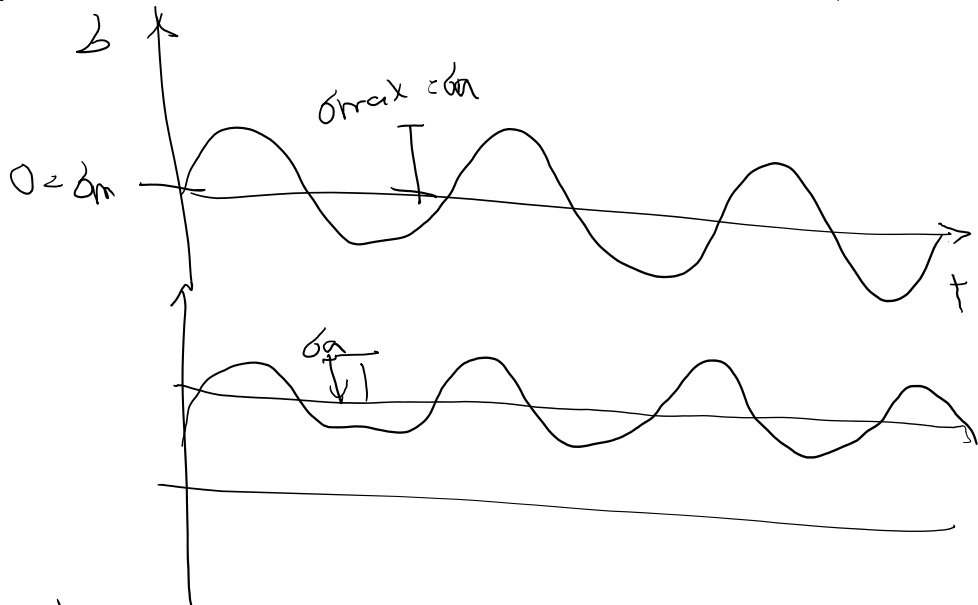
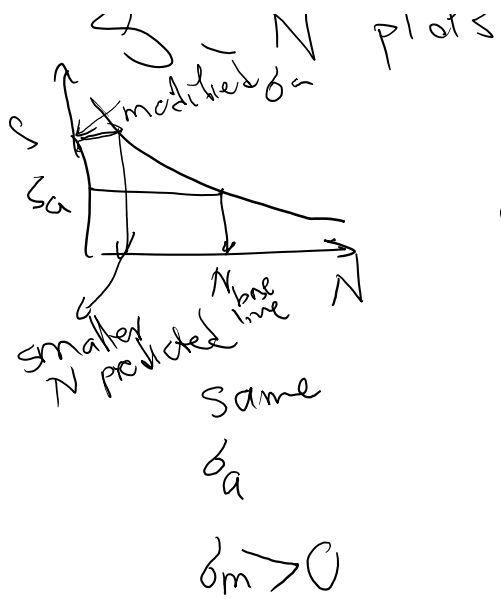
$$S = e^A N^B$$

$$(S \propto N^B)$$

$$N \propto S^{\frac{1}{B}}$$

Image modified from: <https://community.sw.siemens.com/s/article/what-is-a-sn-curve>

$\sigma - N$  plots are calibrated for  $R = -1$



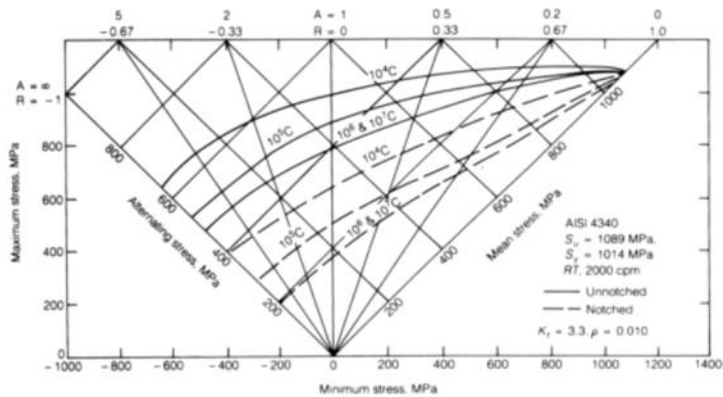
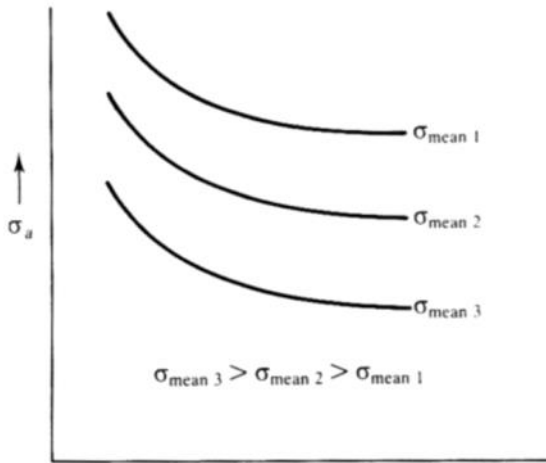
We get fewer cycles now

$\sigma_a$   
 we'll  
 take to  
 original S-N

$$\sigma_a = \sigma_{f0} \left[ 1 - \frac{\sigma_m}{\sigma_u} \right]$$



# Effect of mean stress



**Approach 2:**  
Correction-factor formulas

$$\sigma_a = \sigma_{f0} \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{\sigma_m}{\sigma_u} \right)^y \right]$$

**Approach 1:**  
Master diagram

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

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

where  $\sigma_a$  is the amplitude of allowable stress (alternating stress).

$\sigma_{f0}$  is the stress at fatigue fracture when the material under zero mean stress cycled loading

$\sigma_m$  is the mean stress of the actual loading.

$\sigma_u$  is the tensile strength of the material.

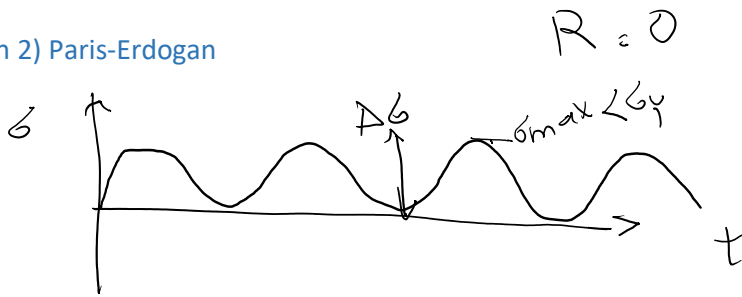
$r = 1$  is called Goodman line which is close to the results of notched specimens.

$r = 2$  is the Gerber parabola which better represents ductile metals.

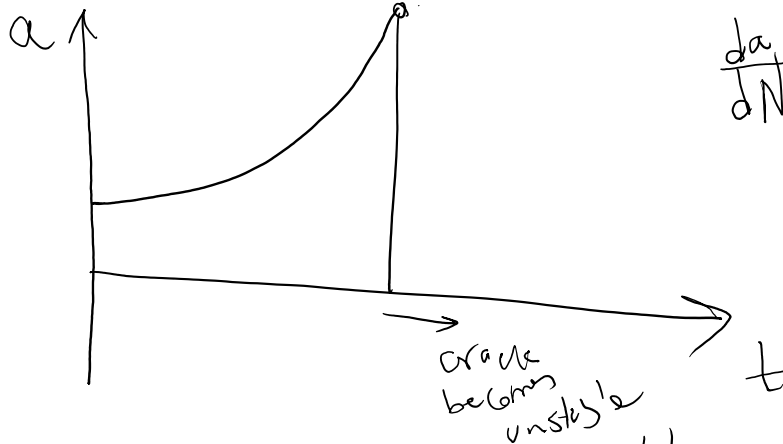
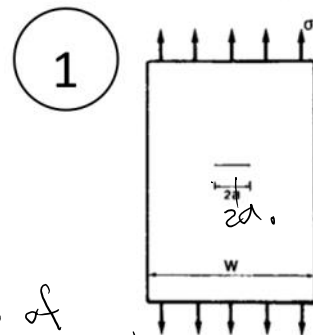
**Other correction factor**

Gerber (1874)	$\frac{\sigma_a^*}{\sigma_a} = 1 - \left( \frac{\sigma_m}{\sigma_u} \right)^2$
Goodman (1899)	$\frac{\sigma_a^*}{\sigma_a} = 1 - \frac{\sigma_m}{\sigma_u}$
Soderberg (1939)	$\frac{\sigma_a^*}{\sigma_a} = 1 - \frac{\sigma_m}{\sigma_{y0}}$

**Approach 2) Paris-Erdogan**



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



$$\frac{da}{dN}$$

rate of crack growth

$$\frac{da}{dH}$$

$$\propto \Delta \sigma$$



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crack  
begins  
unstable  
N t

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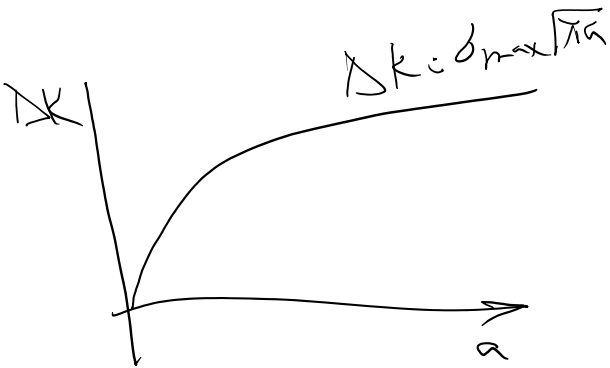
$$K_{max} = \sigma_{max} \sqrt{\pi a}$$

$$K_{mi} = \sigma_{mi} \sqrt{\pi a} = 0$$

assume an infinite  
domain

$$\Delta K = \sigma_{max} \sqrt{\pi a}$$

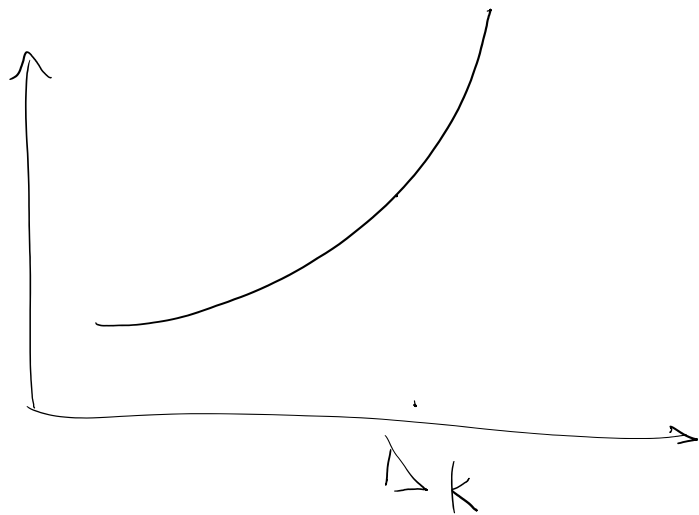
how does it behave versus  
a

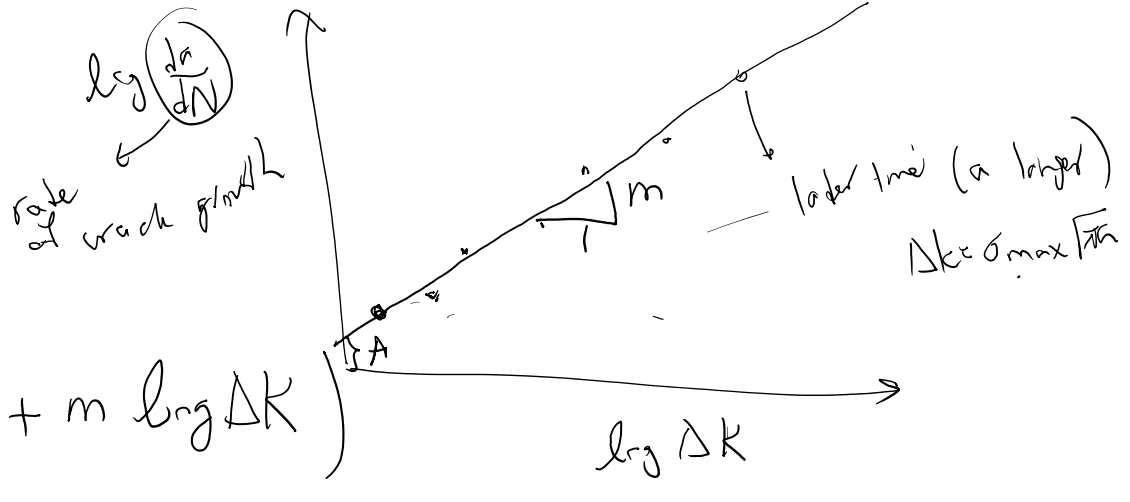


as the crack grows

$$\frac{da}{dN}$$

apply log on both axes





$$\left( \log \frac{da}{dN} = A + m \log \Delta K \right)$$

e

$$\frac{da}{dN} = \underbrace{(e^A)}_C \Delta K^m$$

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

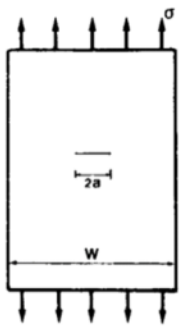
Paris - Erdogan Relation

needs an initial crack

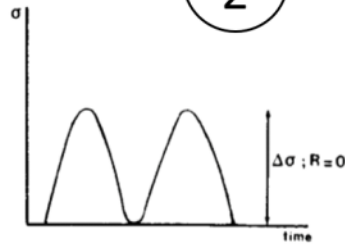
# Crack growth data

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

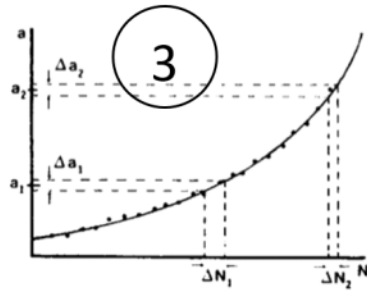
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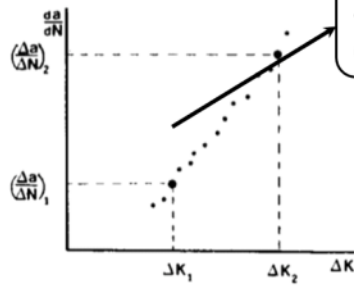
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(a)



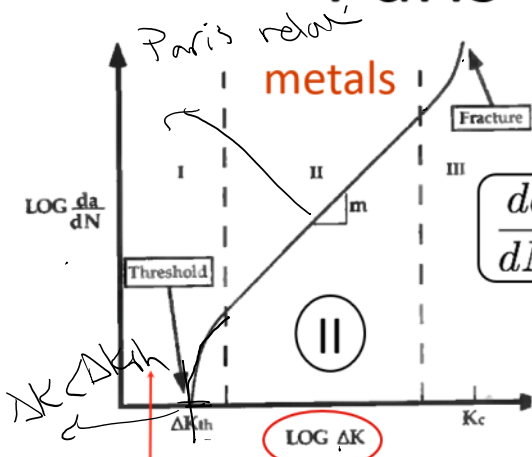
(b)



(c)

$$\frac{da}{dN} = f_1(\Delta K, R)$$

# Paris' law (fatigue)



Paris' law  $2 \leq m \leq 7$

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

(Power law relationship for fatigue crack growth in region II)

N: number of load cycles

base 10 logarithm

Fatigue crack growth behavior in metals

①

Paris' law is the most popular fatigue crack growth model

Paris' law can be used to quantify the residual life

(in terms of load cycles) of a specimen given a particular crack size.

$\Delta K \leq \Delta K_{th}$  : no crack growth (dormant period)  $10^{-8}$  mm/cycle

375

not depends on load ratio R

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

Table 1: Numerical parameters in the Paris equation.

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.

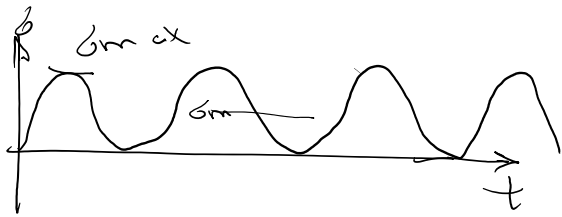
$m$

2-4 metals

4-100 ceramics/polymers

$\delta$   $\Delta K_{th}$

in finite domain



infinite domain

$$\Delta K = \sigma_{\max} \sqrt{\pi a}$$

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

$$= C (\sigma_{\max} \sqrt{\pi a})^m$$

$$\frac{da}{dN} = \underbrace{\left( C \sigma_{\max}^m \pi^{\frac{m}{2}} \right)}_{A} a^{\frac{m}{2}}$$

$$A = C \sigma_{\max}^m \pi^{\frac{m}{2}}$$

$2a = 2a_i$   
initially

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

$$a^{-\frac{m}{2}} da = A dN \quad \text{integrate}$$

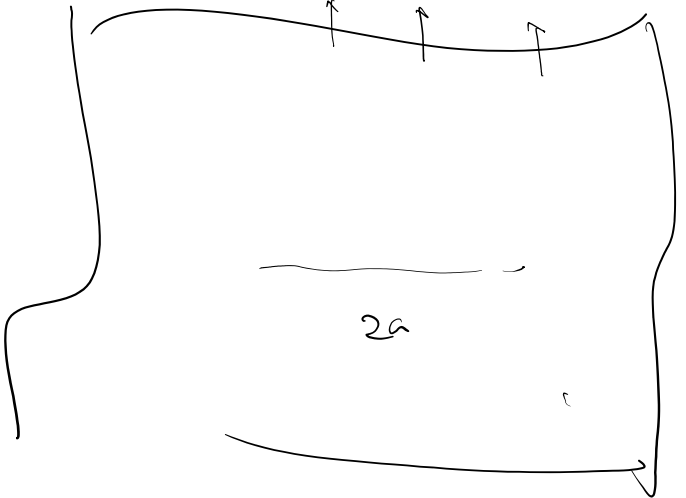
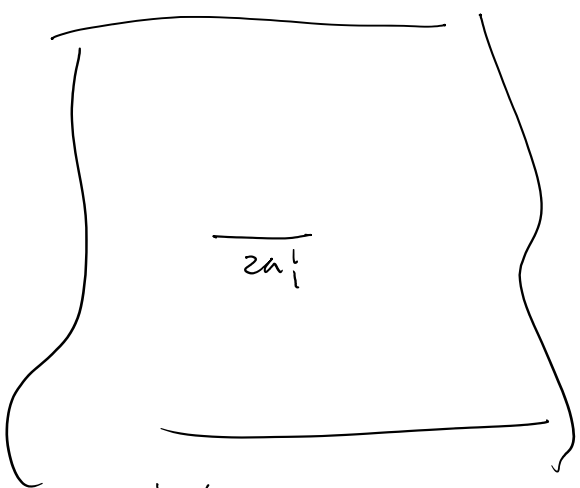
$$\int_{a_i}^a a^{-\frac{m}{2}} da = \int_0^N A dN \Rightarrow \frac{1}{1-\frac{m}{2}} a^{1-\frac{m}{2}} \Big|_{a_i}^a = AN(a)$$

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

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

$m > 2$

# cycles to reach crack length  $a$



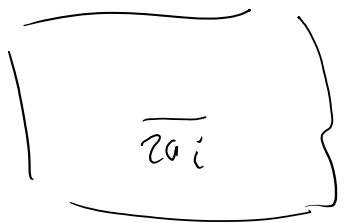
$K_{max} = \sigma_{max} \sqrt{\pi a}$   
sudden fracture when

we'll end up with

$$K_{max} = K_{IC}$$

$$\sigma_{max} \sqrt{\pi a_f} = K_{IC} \Rightarrow a_f = \frac{1}{\pi} \left( \frac{K_{IC}}{\sigma_{max}} \right)^2 \quad (3)$$

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



How long does it take to fail?

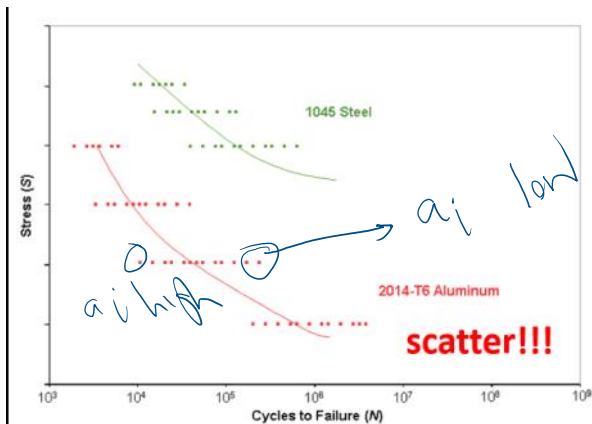
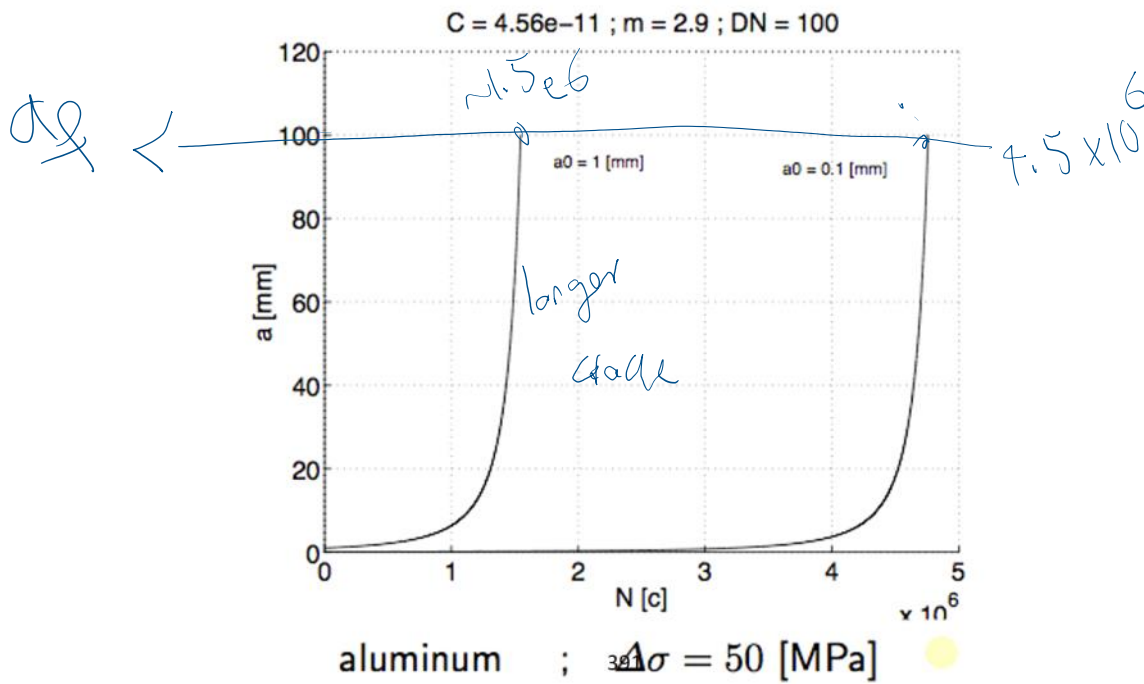
(4)

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

4

$$a_f = \frac{1}{\pi} \left( \frac{K_{Ic}}{\Delta\sigma} \right)^2$$

# Importance of initial crack length



worse



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$$a_i \geq$$

