

## Lecture 17

### Precipitation Hardening:

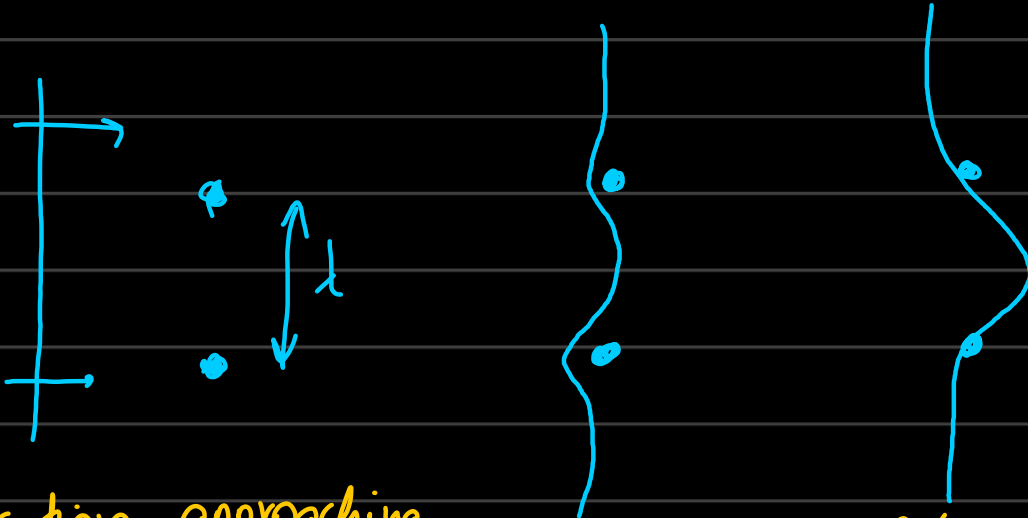
- ↳ precipitate shearing by dislocations.
  - ↳ in soft precipitates
    - ↳ coherent misfit b/w ppt & matrix.

↳ 
$$\lambda = \frac{4(1-f)r}{3f}$$

### Dispersion hardening

If lattice misfit is incoherent

- ↳ overaged hard precipitates
- ↳ dislocations cannot pass through.



dislocation approaching  
2 particles ( $\lambda > R$ )

dislocation  
starts to bend.

It reaches  
critical curvature.

$$R = \frac{Gb}{2\tau_0} \quad ; \quad \lambda = 2R$$

$$\therefore \tau_0 = \frac{Gb}{\lambda}$$

\*  $\tau_0$  is determined by shear stress required to bow a dislocation.

↳ The dislocations segment meet and annihilate each other leaving a loop behind.



\* dispersion of non-coherent particles cause matrix to strain hardening rapidly.

\* additional stress imparted on matrix.  $\Delta\sigma = \frac{0.13Gb}{\lambda} \ln\left(\frac{r}{b}\right)$

Orowan-Ashby equation.

dispersoids

→ eg: Oxide Dispersed Steel (ODS)  
 $\{Al_2O_3 + TiO_2 \text{ in steel matrix}\}$

\* Material merit charts: Ashby Charts.

# Phase Transformation Hardening:

↳ eg: Austenite  $\rightarrow$  Martensite ( $\alpha'$ )

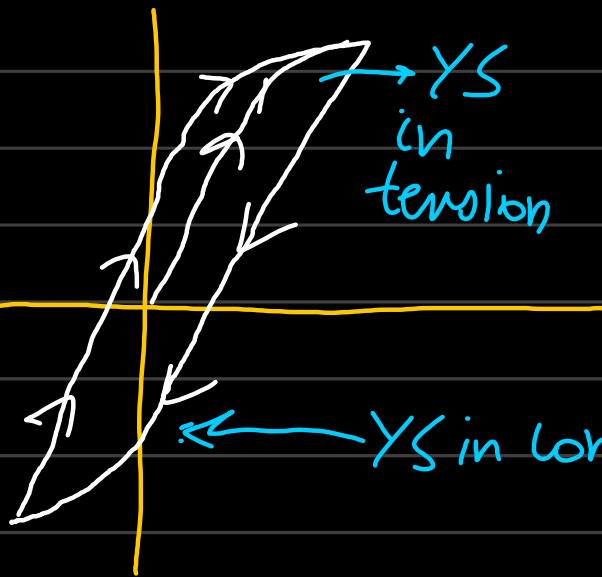
{dispersive/military transformation}

$\downarrow$   
much harder than equilibrium ferrite.

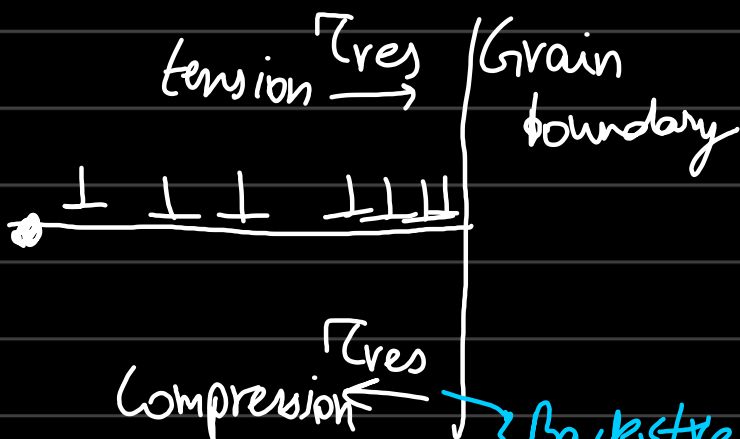
$\delta \rightarrow \alpha$  (ferrite)

{diffusive transformation}

## Bauschinger Effect:



YS is lower in compression than tension.



dislocation glide easy during compression as  $\sigma$  is lower.

Backstress imparted.

# Failure Mechanisms

## 1) Fracture

{What causes fracture failure in materials}

{What happens if a component in service has a defect/crack}

→ brittle fracture causes catastrophic failure

↳ refers to breaking of material into 2 or more pieces.

↳ Crack nucleation & crack propagation.

Brittle fracture: faceted fracture surface

Ductile fracture: cup & cone fracture surface.

↳ absence of gross plastic deformation before fracture.

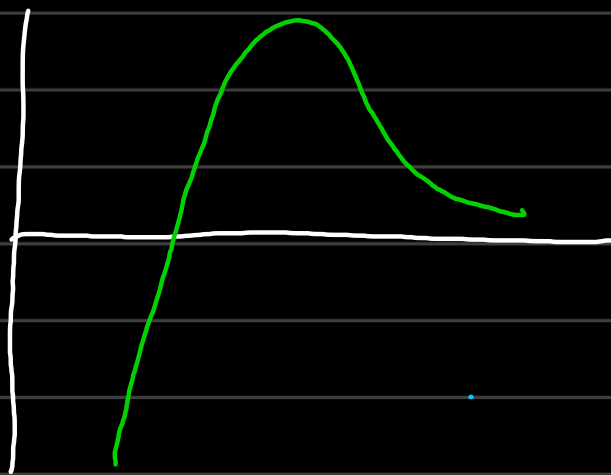
→ Transgranular fracture: cuts across the grains irrespective of orientation.

→ Intergranular fracture: cuts between the grains

↳ weakens GB {through grain boundary}

{grain > grain boundary} → interphase boundaries

# Mechanics of Fracture:



strength  
required to  
break bonds.

Theoretical cohesive  
strength:

$$\sigma_c = \sqrt{\frac{E\gamma}{r_0}}$$

surface energy

equilibrium  
dist-b/w  
atomic  
centers.

$$\sigma_c \approx \frac{E}{10}$$

- \* Theoretical strength of glass  $\sim 10 \text{ GPa}$   
Actual strength of glass  $\approx 50 \text{ MPa}$ .

↳ As size ↑, strength ↓.

- \* Griffith failure theory:

↳ fracture strength and crack length are related.

↳ glasses weak & brittle due to stress concentration