

# Elastic Deformation

Hooke's Law  $F = kd$

Tensile Engineering Stress  $\sigma = \frac{F}{A_0}$

Normal Tensile Strain  $\varepsilon_z = \frac{\Delta l}{l_0}$

Lateral Tensile Strain  $\varepsilon_x = \frac{\Delta d}{d_0}$

Rigidity  $E = \frac{\sigma}{\varepsilon}$

Poisson's Ratio  $\nu = -\frac{\varepsilon_x}{\varepsilon_z} = -\frac{\varepsilon_y}{\varepsilon_z}$

Shear Engineering Stress  $\tau = \frac{F}{A_0}$

Shear Strain  $\gamma = \frac{\Delta x}{y} = \tan(\theta) \approx \theta \text{ RAD}$

Shear Modulus  $G = \frac{\tau}{\gamma}$

Shear Modulus given Poisson's Ratio  $G = \frac{E}{2 \times (1 + \nu)}$

Angle of twist due to two moments  $\alpha = \frac{32 \times M \times l_0}{\pi \times d_0^4 \times G}$

Bulk Modulus  $P = -K \frac{\Delta V}{V_0}$

Bulk Modulus given Poisson's Ratio  $K = \frac{E}{3 \times (1 - (2 \times \nu))}$

UTS  $UTS = \frac{P_{max}}{A_i}$

Fracture Strength  $\sigma_f = \frac{P_f}{A_i}$

Strain Hardening Ratio  $r_{SH} = \frac{\sigma_u}{\sigma_o}$

Resilience Modulus  $U_r \approx \frac{1}{2} \sigma_y \varepsilon_y$

Toughness  $U_t = \frac{\text{Energy}}{\text{Volume}} = \int_0^{\varepsilon_f} \sigma dx \varepsilon$

Toughness Approximations  $U_t \approx \left( \frac{\sigma_0 + \sigma_u}{2} \right) \left( \varepsilon_u - \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon_0 \right), \quad U_t \approx$

True Stress  $\sigma_t = \sigma_n (1 + \varepsilon_n)$

True Strain  $\varepsilon_t = \ln(1 + \varepsilon_n)$

Percent Elongation  $\varepsilon_{pf} = \frac{L_f - L_i}{L_i} \quad U_t \approx \left( \frac{\sigma_0 + \sigma_u}{2} \right) \varepsilon_f$

Area Reduction  $\%RA = 100 \frac{A_i - A_f}{A_i}$

Buckling formula:  
I think for a cylinder?

$$\sigma_c = \frac{\pi^2 E d^3}{(16 L^2)}$$

## Atomic Structure

Atomic Packing Factor  $APF = \frac{\text{no. atoms/unit cell} \times \text{volume of atom}}{\text{volume of unit cell}}$

$R$  of SC, BCC, FCC and HCP  $R = \frac{a}{2}, \quad R = \frac{\sqrt{3}a}{4}, \quad R = \frac{\sqrt{2}a}{4}, \quad R = \frac{a}{2}$  and  $c = \sqrt{\frac{8}{3}}a$

$V$  for HCP  $V = 3\sqrt{2}a^3$

Crystalline Material Density  $\rho = \frac{\text{Atomic mass of unit cell}}{\text{Volume of unit cell}} = \frac{nA}{V_c N_A}$

Mole Calculation Formula  $n = \frac{m}{M}$

Lattice Vacancies Equilibrium Equation  $N_v = N e^{\frac{-Q_v}{kT}}$

## Material Properties

Hall-Petch Equation  $\sigma_o = \sigma_0 + k_y d^{-\frac{1}{2}}$

Degree of cold working  $\%CW = \frac{\Delta \sigma_o - \Delta d}{\Delta \sigma_o} \times 100$

Need to know crystalline lattice structures:

SCS:

- Polonium

FCC:

- Aluminium
- Copper
- Gold
- Lead
- Platinum
- Gamma Iron

BCC:

- Chromium
- Alpha Iron
- Beta Iron
- Delta Iron
- Tantalum
- Tungsten

Iron Transition temperatures:

- Beta: 912°C
- Melting point: 1532°C
- Delta: 1532°C, then cooled

Approx metal shear : elastic modulus  $G = 0.4E$

- Engineering Stress:  $\sigma = \frac{F}{A_0}$ ,  $\sigma$ : stress (Pa),  $F$ : force (N),  $A_0$ : original cross-sectional area (m<sup>2</sup>)
- Engineering Strain:  $\varepsilon = \frac{\Delta L}{L_0}$ ,  $\varepsilon$ : strain (unitless),  $\Delta L$ : elongation (m),  $L_0$ : original length (m)
- Hooke's Law:  $\sigma = E\varepsilon$ ,  $E$ : Young's modulus (Pa),  $\varepsilon$ : strain
- Elastic Elongation:  $\Delta L = \frac{FL_0}{EA_0}$ ,  $\Delta L$ : elongation (m),  $F$ : force (N),  $L_0$ : length (m),  $E$ : modulus,  $A_0$ : area (m<sup>2</sup>)
- Shear Stress:  $\tau = \frac{F}{A}$ ,  $\tau$ : shear stress (Pa),  $F$ : shear force (N),  $A$ : sheared area (m<sup>2</sup>)
- Shear Strain:  $\gamma = \frac{x}{y}$ ,  $\gamma$ : shear strain,  $x$ : displacement (m),  $y$ : height (m)
- Shear Modulus:  $G = \frac{\tau}{\gamma}$ ,  $G$ : shear modulus (Pa),  $\tau$ : shear stress,  $\gamma$ : shear strain
- Relation Between E and G:  $G = \frac{E}{2(1+\nu)}$ ,  $\nu$ : Poisson's ratio (unitless)
- Bulk Modulus:  $K = -V \frac{\Delta P}{\Delta V}$ ,  $K$ : bulk modulus (Pa),  $\Delta P$ : pressure change,  $\Delta V$ : volume change
- Poisson's Ratio:  $\nu = -\frac{\varepsilon_{trans}}{\varepsilon_{axial}}$ ,  $\varepsilon_{trans}$ : transverse strain,  $\varepsilon_{axial}$ : axial strain
- True Strain:  $\varepsilon_t = \ln(1 + \varepsilon_n)$ ,  $\varepsilon_t$ : true strain,  $\varepsilon_n$ : engineering strain
- True Stress:  $\sigma_t = \sigma_n(1 + \varepsilon_n)$ ,  $\sigma_t$ : true stress,  $\sigma_n$ : engineering stress
- Ultimate Tensile Strength:  $\sigma_u = \frac{P_{max}}{A_0}$ ,  $\sigma_u$ : ultimate stress,  $P_{max}$ : max load (N),  $A_0$ : original area (m<sup>2</sup>)
- Fracture Stress:  $\sigma_f = \frac{P_{fracture}}{A_0}$ ,  $\sigma_f$ : stress at fracture,  $P_{fracture}$ : final load
- Strengthening Ratio:  $r_{SH} = \frac{\sigma_u}{\sigma_y}$ ,  $\sigma_y$ : yield strength (Pa)
- Fracture Toughness:  $K = F\sigma\sqrt{\pi a}$ ,  $K$ : stress intensity factor (MPa√m),  $F$ : geometry factor,  $\sigma$ : stress,  $a$ : crack length
- Max Allowable Stress:  $\sigma = \frac{K_{IC}}{F\sqrt{\pi a}}$
- Max Crack Size:  $a_c = \frac{1}{\pi} \left( \frac{K_{IC}}{F\sigma} \right)^2$
- Theoretical Density:  $\rho = \frac{nA}{V_c N_A}$ ,  $\rho$ : density (kg/m<sup>3</sup>),  $n$ : atoms/unit cell,  $A$ : atomic mass (g/mol),  $V_c$ : unit cell volume (m<sup>3</sup>),  $N_A$ : Avogadro's number
- Unit Cell Volume (Cubic):  $V_c = a^3$ ,  $a$ : lattice parameter (m)
- Hall-Petch Equation:  $\sigma_y = \sigma_0 + k_y d^{-1/2}$ ,  $\sigma_0$ : friction stress,  $k_y$ : constant,  $d$ : grain diameter (mm)
- Percent Reduction in Area:  $\%RA = \frac{A_0 - A_f}{A_0} \times 100$ ,  $A_f$ : final cross-sectional area
- Elastic and Plastic Strain:  $\varepsilon_e = \frac{\sigma}{E}$ ,  $\varepsilon_p = \varepsilon - \varepsilon_e$ ,  $\varepsilon$ : total strain
- Percent Cold Work:  $\%CW = \left( \frac{A_0 - A_f}{A_0} \right) \times 100$
- Modulus of Resilience:  $U_r = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\sigma_y^2}{E}$ ,  $U_r$ : elastic energy per unit volume (J/m<sup>3</sup>)
- Toughness (approx.): Area under stress-strain curve =  $\int \sigma d\varepsilon$
- Axial Stress (Thin-Walled Pressure Vessel):  $\sigma_{axial} = \frac{Pr}{2t}$ ,  $P$ : internal pressure,  $r$ : radius,  $t$ : wall thickness
- Vacancy Concentration:  $n_v = N \exp\left(\frac{-Q_v}{kT}\right)$ ,  $Q_v$ : activation energy,  $k$ : Boltzmann constant,  $T$ : temp (K)
- Volume Change in Phase Transition:  $\%\Delta V = \frac{V_{new} - V_{old}}{V_{old}} \times 100$
- Dislocation Density:  $\rho_d = \frac{L}{V}$ ,  $L$ : total dislocation length,  $V$ : volume
- Fatigue Load Ratio:  $R = \frac{\sigma_{min}}{\sigma_{max}}$
- Fatigue Mean Stress:  $\sigma_{max} = \sigma_{mean} + \sigma_a$ ,  $\sigma_a$ : stress amplitude
- Weight Percent:  $wt\%_1 = \frac{m_1}{m_1 + m_2} \times 100$ ,  $m$ : mass
- Atomic Percent:  $at\%_1 = \frac{(m_1/A_1)}{(m_1/A_1 + m_2/A_2)} \times 100$ ,  $A$ : atomic mass
- Percent Elongation:  $\%Elongation = \left( \frac{L_f - L_0}{L_0} \right) \times 100$ ,  $L_f$ : length after fracture,  $L_0$ : original length
- Geometry Factor (center crack):  $F \approx 1$ , when  $a/b < 0.4$
- Geometry Factor (double edge crack):  $F \approx 1.12$ , when  $a/b < 0.6$
- Geometry Factor (single edge crack):  $F \approx 1.12$ , when  $a/b < 0.13$
- Elliptical Crack Tip Stress:  $\sigma_{max} = S \left( 1 + 2\sqrt{\frac{c}{\rho}} \right)$ ,  $S$ : nominal stress,  $c$ : crack half-length,  $\rho$ : crack tip radius
- 0.2% Offset Yield (Graphical): Line with slope  $E$  through  $\varepsilon = 0.002$ , intersects stress-strain curve →  $\sigma_y$

# AM Manufacturing

More commonly referred too as **3D Printing** is where you create new objects by adding material.

## Process:

- 1) Design
- 2) File preparation
- 3) Machine Setup
- 4) Fabrication
- 5) Post-Processing
- 6) Quality check

## Advantages

- Design Freedom
- Material Efficiency (sustainability)
- Customisation
- Rapid prototyping

## Seven AM technologies:

- **Vat Photopolymerization:** Utilises a liquid photopolymer resin that is selectively cured by ultraviolet (UV) light to create solid objects
- **Material Extrusion:** This method entails the forcing of **Thermoplastic** or **Composite** materials through a heated nozzle, allowing for the continuous deposition of material
- **Powder Bed Fusion:** This category employs **Thermal Energy** to selectively fuse designated regions of a powder bed, resulting in the creation of solid parts.
- **Material Jetting:** The deposition of fine droplets of liquid photopolymer or wax materials through a printhead, allowing for the creation of high-resolution parts
- **Binder Jetting:** deposition of a liquid binding agent onto a powder bed, effectively binding the particles together layer-by-layer to form solid structures
- **Directed Energy Deposition:** Focused thermal energy is utilised to melt and deposit material onto a **Substrate**, enabling the creation of complex geometries and repairs of existing components
- **Sheet Lamination:** Bonding sheets of material together using various techniques, followed by cutting them to shape to create the final product.

## Downsides:

- Material Constraints
- Scalability
- Cost

## Emerging innovations:

- Bioprinting
- AI Integration
- Sustainable materials

## Metal AM key points:

- **Metal AM** gives benefits over conventional manufacturing processes, including fabrication capabilities of internal features and complex geometries, fabrication of small-volume customised products, and lower material wastage.
- Layer-by-layer manufacturing has limitations, such as **Porosity**, residual **Stresses** due to repetitive **Heating** and **Cooling**, and surface roughness.
- **PBF** and **DED** are the most common melting-based **Metal AM** processes.
- In **BJT**, binding agents are used to form the bonds among the powder particles. The **Density** of the binder jet component is improved using high-**Temperature** sintering.
- **MEX** is easier to operate and 60–80 % more economical than **PBF**.
- **SLM** combines **Additive** and **Subtractive** processes, where sheets are cut and stacked using **Ultrasonic** consolidation, **Diffusion Bonds**, or **Resistance Welding**.
- In the melting-based **AM** process, input **Energy** density is one of the crucial parameters for controlling defects.
- The quality of binder jetting components is governed by the powder properties, selection of binders, and process parameters, including print orientation and curing time. The size distribution and surface morphology of powder particles are the primary reasons for defect formation.
- The immense research in **Metal AM** applications in the biomedical and aerospace industries, etc.

## Polymer AM materials used:

- Polylactic Acid
- ABS
- HIPS
- PLA+
- HDPE
- Polyamide 12
- Photopolymer Resins

# Creep Failure

**Creep Failure** is the slow **Deformation** of a material due to constant **Load** being applied.

- **Stress** is constant
- **Deformation** (or **Strain**) increases gradually over time

It is often seen in **Metals** that are exposed to constant **Load** over an extended period of time. **Temperature** can have a significant impact on **Creep Failure**, often being the cause of such failure.

If the **Creep** is very small, and the total **Deformation** is exclusively in the **Elastic Region** then the material will be able to fully recover from the **Deformation**.

If driven by a **Tensile** load, then **Necking** may occur.

## Temperature:

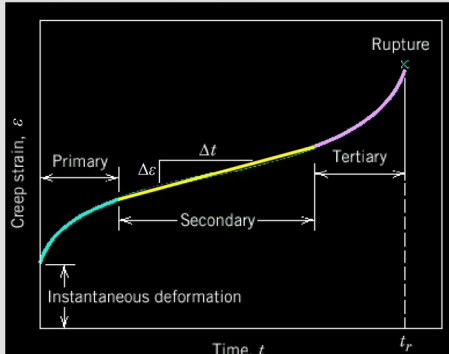
Temperature plays an important factor in **Creep Failure**, often being the cause of such **Failure**. For most **Metals** it only becomes an important consideration at 0.4T<sub>m</sub>. With T<sub>m</sub> being the Absolute Melting Point of the Metal.

**Amorphous** polymers are especially vulnerable to **Creep**.

## The three Phases

**Creep Failure** is composed of three distinct **Phases**, listed below:

- **Primary Phase:** Characterised by a slowly decreasing rate of **Creep**.
- **Secondary Phase:** Characterised by a constant level of **Creep**, the graph becomes **Linear**. This balance is achieved by the balancing of the competing processes of **Strain Hardening** and **Recovery**. This rate is called the **Steady State Strain Rate**
- **Tertiary Phase:** The rate of **Creep** increases until **Rupture**, driven by internal fissures from **Grain Boundary** separation, internal **Cracks** and cavities



## Design Considerations:

- The most important factor in **Creep** is the slope of the **Secondary Phase**. This is important for long-term applications.
- For relatively short-life creep situations, such as **Turbines** we may accept a short part lifespan, and look at the time to **Rupture** quality of a material. (**Rupture Lifetime**, t<sub>r</sub>)
- With increasing **Stress** or **Temperature**, we will see the following effects:
  - 1) The instantaneous **Strain** at the time of **Stress** application increases
  - 2) The steady-state (**Secondary Phase**) **Creep** rate increases
  - 3) **Rupture Lifetime** decreases

# AM techniques

**BJT** is a powder-bed **AM** process that uses a binding agent to join powder particles

## Key Features:

- Rapid production of complex structures
- Isotropic properties in 3D-printed samples
- Room **Temperature** printing process
- Suitable for various powder **Metals**
- Lower distortions due to less residual stress

## Process Steps:

- 1) Printing
- 2) Curing
- 3) Sintering (to improve density and mechanical properties)

## Critical Parameters:

- Powder properties (size, morphology, distribution)
- Binder characteristics (wettability, penetration, binding strength)
- Print orientation
- Curing time

## Advantages of BJT:

- Low capital cost and high scalability
- No support structures required
- Higher production rate
- Better surface **Finish** compared to PBF
- Low residual stress

## Disadvantages of BJT:

- **Porosity** issues
- Difficult to predict and control **Shrinkage**
- Complex binder-particle relationship

**DED** simultaneously supplies **Energy** input and feedstock material to generate 3D objects

## Key Features:

- Feedstock (powder or wire) is injected directly onto the **Substrate**
- **Heat** sources: **Laser** beam, **Electron** beam, or **Electric** arc
- Faster production rate and larger build volume compared to **PBF**
- Suitable for repairing functional parts

## Advantages of DED:

- Can manufacture large components
- Ability to add material to existing surfaces (repair)
- High deposition and build rates
- Can produce fully dense parts
- Flexibility to change materials during build

## Disadvantages of DED:

- High residual **Stress** and distortion
- High surface roughness (for blown powder machines)
- Requires post-processing
- Challenging process control

**MEX** creates 3D parts by extruding material through a nozzle

## Key Features:

- No high-**Energy** **Lasers** required
- More economical than **PBF** (60–80% cheaper)
- Originally developed as **Fused Deposition Modelling (FDM)** for polymers

## Process Steps:

- 1) Printing
- 2) Debinding (thermal decomposition of binder)
- 3) Sintering (thermal densification of metal particles)

## Polymer MEX:

## Polymer FDM Process:

- 1) Filament (PLA, ABS) is fed into a heated nozzle (180–260°C)
- 2) Molten Polymer is extruded onto a build platform
- 3) Layers solidify as the nozzle moves in X-Y axes; platform lowers for subsequent layers.

## Key Components:

- Nozzle: Diameter (0.2–1.0 mm) controls extrusion width and resolution.
- Build Platform: Heated (50–110°C) to prevent warping.

## Critical Parameters:

- Nozzle **Temperature:** Affects layer adhesion and flow.
- Layer Thickness: 0.1–0.4 mm; thinner layers improve resolution but increase print time.
- Raster Angle: Orientation of deposited strands (e.g., ±45° for isotropic strength).
- Challenges: a) Warping: Caused by uneven cooling; mitigated by bed adhesion (glue, rafts).
- Buckling: Filament buckling due to insufficient **Stiffness**; Euler's formula:

$$\sigma_c = \frac{\pi^2 EI}{(16L^2)} \quad </>$$

## Advantages of MEX:

- Safer feedstock handling
- Economical and easy to use
- High geometrical accuracy

## Disadvantages of MEX:

- High **Porosity**
- Poor surface **Finish** due to stair-step effect
- Requires debinding stage
- Anisotropic properties

**PBF** is a process where thermal energy selectively melts or sinters regions of a powder bed. It is further classified based on heat sources:

## Variants

## Laser Powder Bed Fusion

- Uses a **Laser** beam to melt or sinter **Metal** powders
- Key parameters: **Laser** power, spot diameter, scanning speed, powder layer thickness, shielding gas, and gas **Flow** rate
- Suitable for small components with complex geometries
- Limitations: small build size, longer production time for larger parts

## Electron Beam Powder Bed Fusion

- Uses an **Electron** beam as the **Energy** source
- Employs electromagnetic coils to focus the beam
- Features semi-sintering of powder particles, unlike **L-PBF**

## Polymer PBF

**Selective Laser sintering (SLS)**, a variant of **PBF** and widely used **AM** technique, is a process used to produce objects from powdered materials using one or more lasers to selectively fuse the particles at the surface, layer upon layer, in an enclosed chamber.

## Polymer SLS Process:

- 1) Powder (PA12) is spread in a thin layer (~0.1 mm) by a roller
- 2) CO<sub>2</sub> **Laser** (10–100W) selectively sinters powder particles
- 3) Platform lowers; the process repeats until part completion
- 4) Un-sintered powder is recycled (50–70% reuse)

## Key Parameters:

- **Laser Power:** Higher **Power** increases **Fusion** but risks overheating
- **Hatch Spacing:** Distance between **Laser** scans (0.1–0.2 mm); affects **Density**
- **Preheat Temperature:** Reduces **Thermal** gradient (e.g., 170°C for PA12)

## Advantages:

- No support structures (powder acts as support)
- High-**Density** parts with good mechanical properties

## Limitations:

- Rough surface **Finish** (grainy texture)
- Limited material options (primarily **Thermoplastics**)

## Advantages of PBF

- High accuracy and material utilisation
- Near net-shaped production
- Ability to recycle powder
- High geometrical complexity

## Disadvantages of PBF

- Poor surface **Finish**
- High **Porosity** and residual **Stress**
- Requires post-processing and support structures
- Health and safety issues with powder handling
- Low productivity and limited build envelope

**Sheet Lamination** involves stacking and bonding sheets of material (often using adhesive, **Ultrasonic Welding**, or **Laser** cutting) to build a 3D part. It combines **Additive** (layer stacking) and **Subtractive** (material removal by cutting/**Milling**) approaches.

## Its variants include:

- **Laminated Object Manufacturing (LOM):** Sheets are cut to shape and then bonded; may require sintering to improve **Density**.
- **Ultrasonic Additive Manufacturing (UAM):** Sheets are joined via **Ultrasonic Welding**; subsequent machining can create complex internal geometries.
- **Selective Deposition Lamination (SDL):** Uses paper or similar materials as feedstock. Considerations of using this method: **Porosity** and distortion due to shrinkage during sintering or bonding are key concerns. **LOM** is less suitable for highly complex shapes because excess material removal can be challenging.

**SLA**, a vat-based and the early adopted **AM** technique, works on the process of 3D printing by using **Photopolymerization** in which the **Photocurable Resin** is solidified through **Photopolymerization** initiated by absorbing **Light**.

## Polymer SLA Process:

1. UV **Laser** (355–405 nm) scans a vat of liquid **Resin**.
2. **Resin** solidifies layer by layer on a build platform.
3. Post-curing under UV **Light** enhances mechanical **Properties**.

## Key Parameters:

- Cure Depth: Determined by **Laser Energy** ( $E = P \times t$ ).
- Layer Thickness: 25–100 µm; thinner layers improve resolution.

## Resin Types:

- Standard **Resins:** High detail for prototypes.
- Engineering **Resins:** **Heat**-resistant, flexible (e.g., **ABS**-like, **Silicone**-like).
- **Biocompatible** **Resins:** For **Dental/Medical** applications.

## Challenges:

- Support Structures: Required for overhangs; removal causes surface defects.
- **Resin** Handling: Toxicity requires gloves/ventilation.

# Fatigue

## Types of Fatigue

Applied **Stress** can come in three forms:

- 1) **Axial** (**Tension-Compression**)
- 2) **Flexural** (**Bending**)
- 3) **Torsional** (**Twisting**)

And there are three ways to apply this **Stress**:

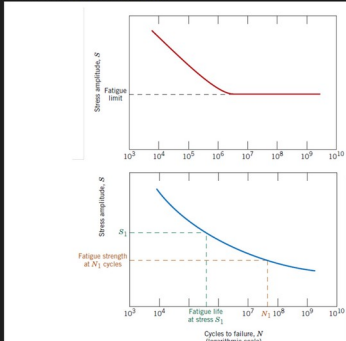
- 1) **Reversed Stress Cycle:** Where the **Stress** follows a regular and symmetrical **Sinusoidal** curve (a)
- 2) **Repeated Stress Cycle:** Same as the **Reversed Stress Cycle**, except it is not symmetrical (b)
- 3) The last one is **Irregular** (c)

## Load parameters

- **Mean Stress:** The **Mean Stress** experienced by the component. For **Reversed Stress Cycle** this is 0
- **Stress Range:** The Range of **Stress** experienced by the component. **Stress Amplitude** is half of **Stress Range**
- **Stress Ratio (R)** is the Ratio of minimum and maximum **Stress**

Plotting a graph of **S** against  $\log N_f$ , we see two distinct types of **S-N** behaviour.

- We have a **Fatigue Limit**, where the graph levels off, typically seen in some **Ferrous** and **Titanium Alloys**. In general, the material will not fail below the **Fatigue Limit**. Typically, **Fatigue Limits** range between 35% and 60% of their Tensile Strength.
- For most **Alloys**, we have a gentle curve, meaning **Failure** will occur eventually, regardless of **Load**. Sometimes a quantity called **Fatigue Life** will be used, which is the number of **Cycles** until **Failure**.



# Improve Fatigue Behaviours of Materials

- Decrease **Load**
- Surface treatment
- **Shot Peening**
- **Case Hardening** (For **Steel** and other **Alloys**)
- Engineering design

# Linear Elastic Fracture Mechanics

There is a limit to the overarching assumption for **Linear Elastic Fracture Mechanics**: "brittle fractures occur at the stress levels at the yielding stress of materials"

We can calculate the limit for when this is true:

$$a_I = \frac{1}{\pi} \left( \frac{K_{IC}}{\sigma_y} \right)^2$$

Where **K<sub>IC</sub>** is the **Fracture Toughness** and **σ<sub>y</sub>** is the **Yield Stress**.

For **Cracks** shorter than **a<sub>I</sub>**, we cannot use **Linear Elastic Fracture Mechanics** in order to describe when the **Crack** will propagate, as the material will **Yield** under the **Stress**.