



Aalto University  
School of Engineering

**MEC-E8006 Fatigue of Structures**

## **Lecture 3: Stress concentrations**

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# Learning outcomes

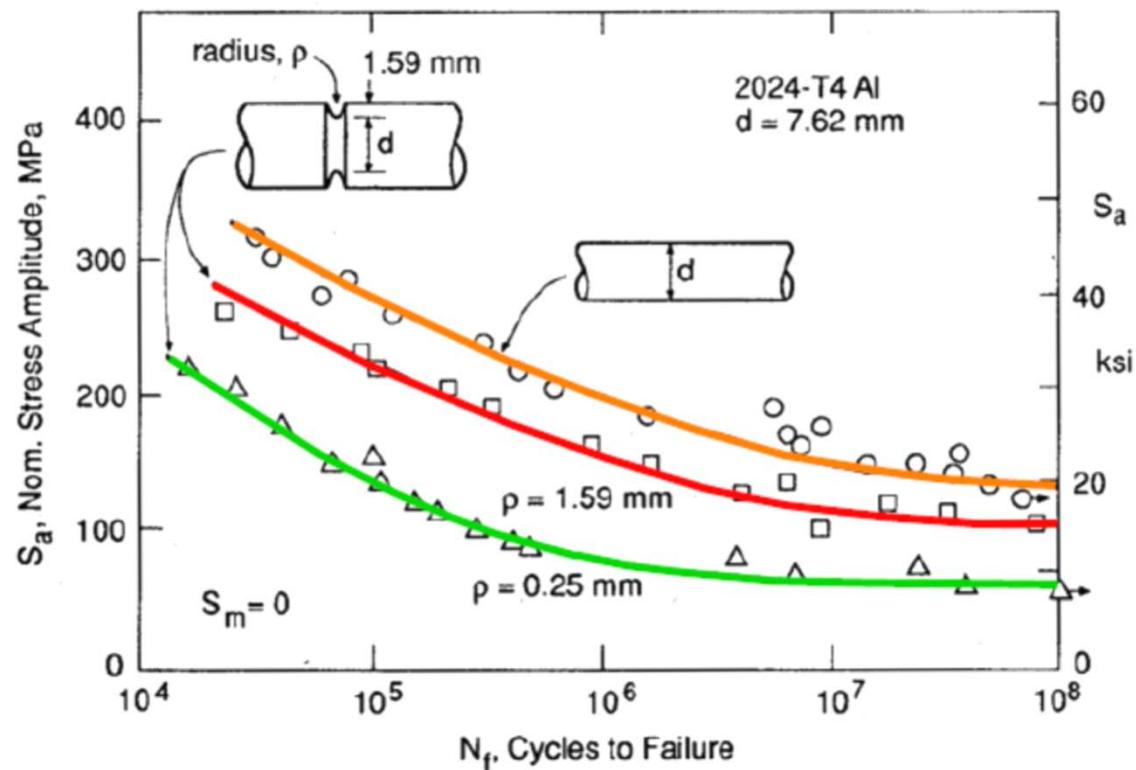
## After the lecture, you

- can define fatigue notch factor
- understand the influence of notches (stress raisers) on fatigue strength and life
- can estimate fatigue life of notched member

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- Stress concentration
- Notch sensitivity and fatigue notch factor
- Effect of stress concentration on fatigue strength
- S-N approach for notched members

# Stress Concentrations



# Stress Concentrations

**Ratio of maximum stress at hole, fillet, or notch (no crack) to remote stress.** For infinite plate, nom=applied.

Infinite sheet

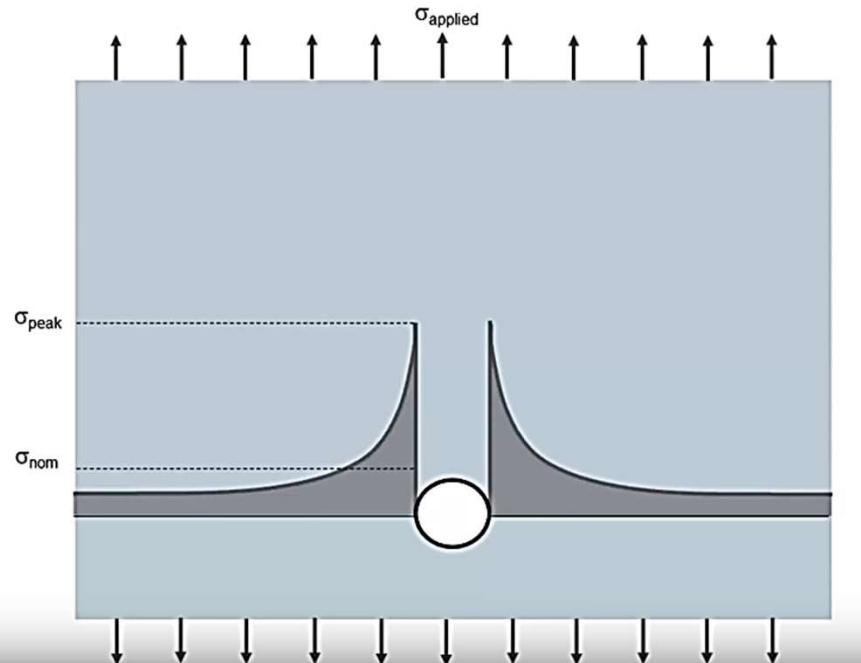
$$\bullet \quad K_t = 3$$

Nominal  $K_t$

$$K_t = \frac{\sigma_{peak}}{\sigma_{nom}}$$

Gross  $K_t$

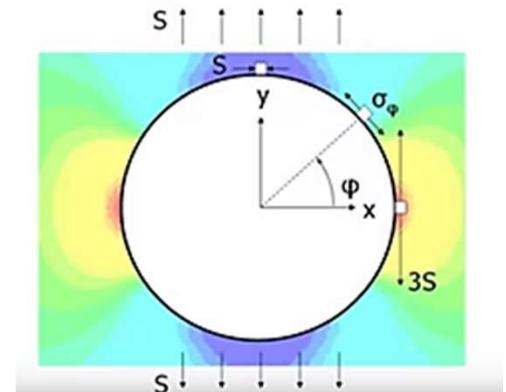
$$K_{tg} = \frac{\sigma_{peak}}{\sigma_{applied}}$$



## Remote stress

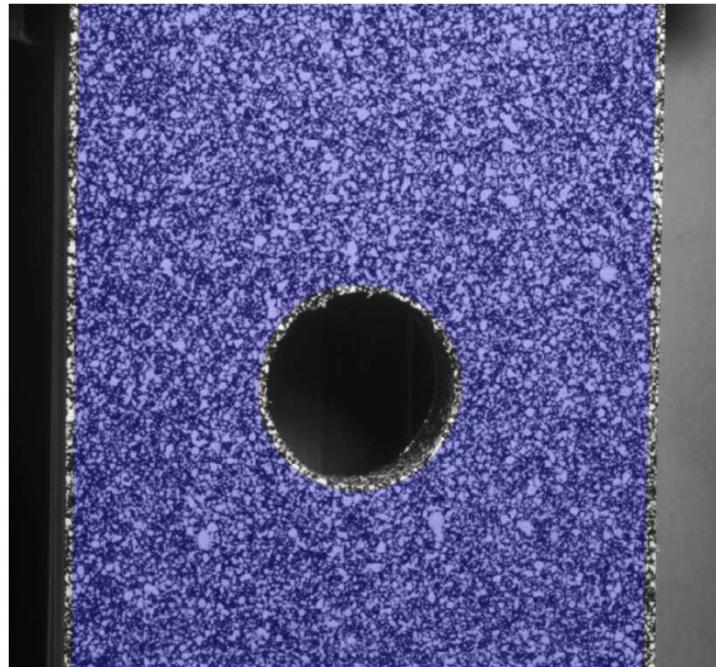
$$\sigma_{applied} = \frac{F}{A_g} \quad \sigma_{nom} = \frac{F}{A_n}$$

$$\frac{\sigma_{nom}}{\sigma_{applied}} = \frac{A_g}{A_n}$$

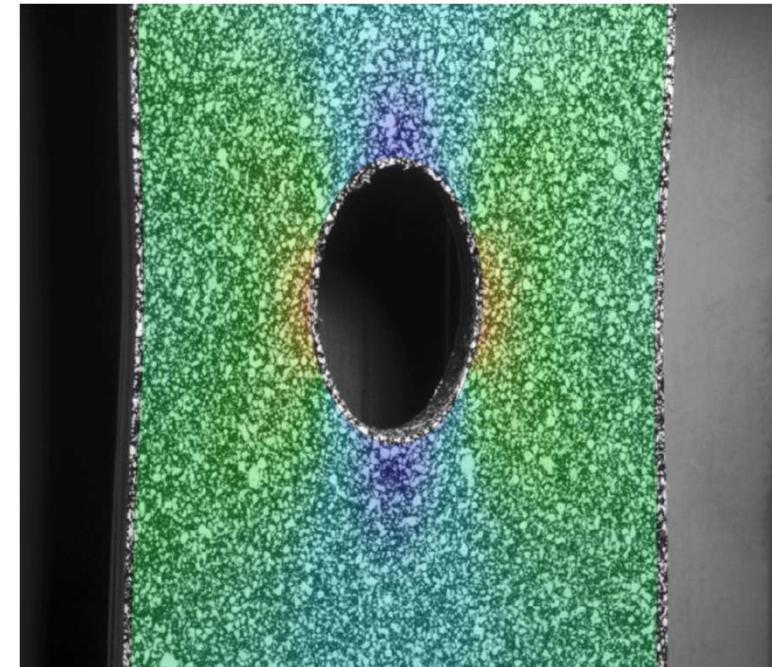


# Stress Concentrations

Research example: Digital image correlation DIC

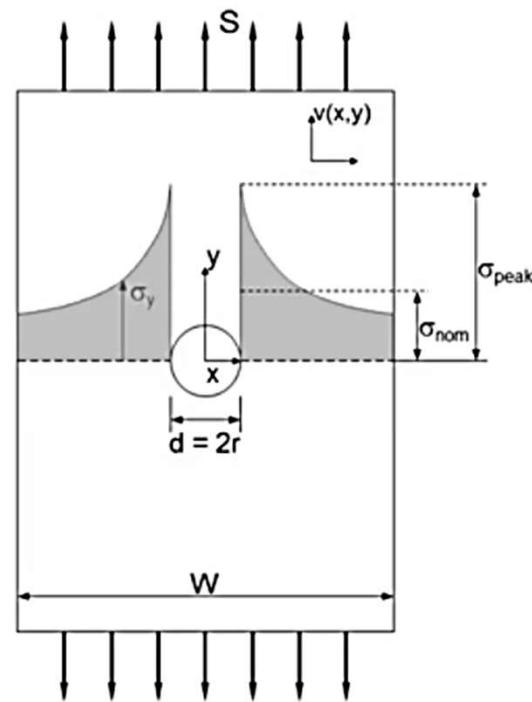
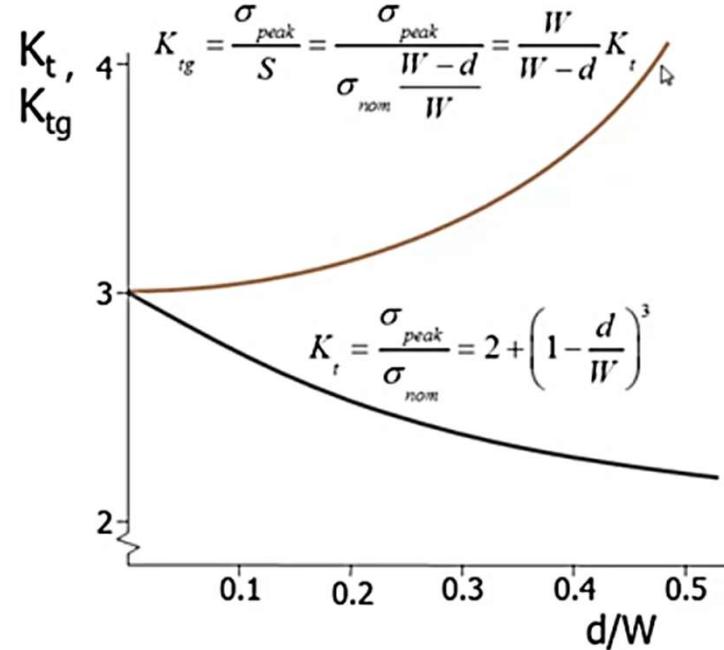


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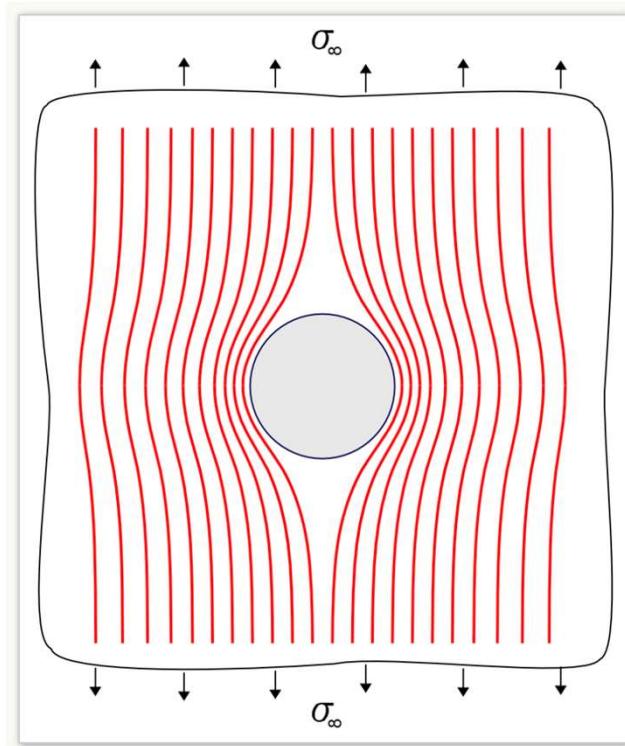


**Two components geometrically scaled have same concentration factors.**

R. E. Peterson, "Design Factors for Stress Concentration"

Yukitaka Murakami, " Theory of elasticity and stress concentration "

# Stress Concentrations



## Hole in infinite plate: Kirsch's solution (1989)

Increasing the hole diameter or decreasing the plate width in a finite width plate will always increase the maximum stress at the hole.

What if  $\sigma_{\text{peak}} > \sigma_Y$  (yield)?

*Physically is impossible, and the value is incorrect because of «linear elastic» solution. Indeed, we will have yield, and elasto-plastic quantities should be considered instead (W3-Strain-Based approach).*

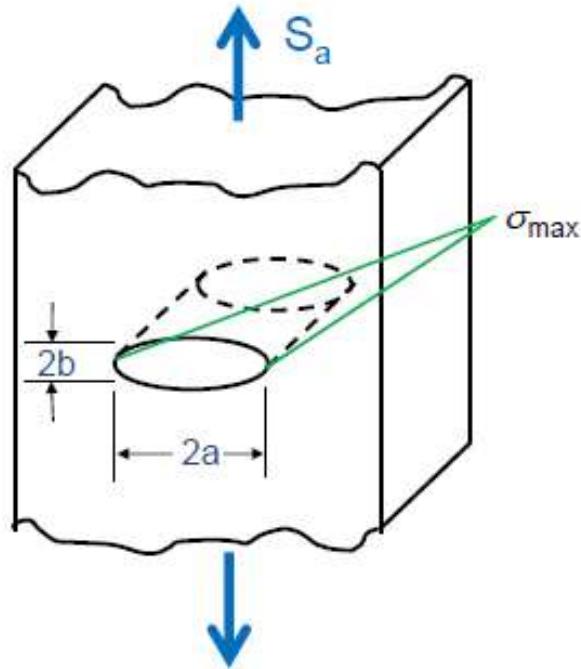
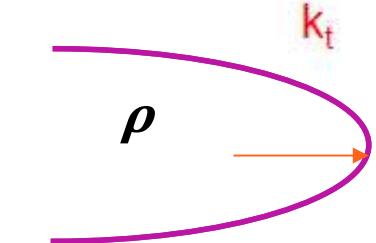
# Stress Concentrations

infinite plate with elliptic hole

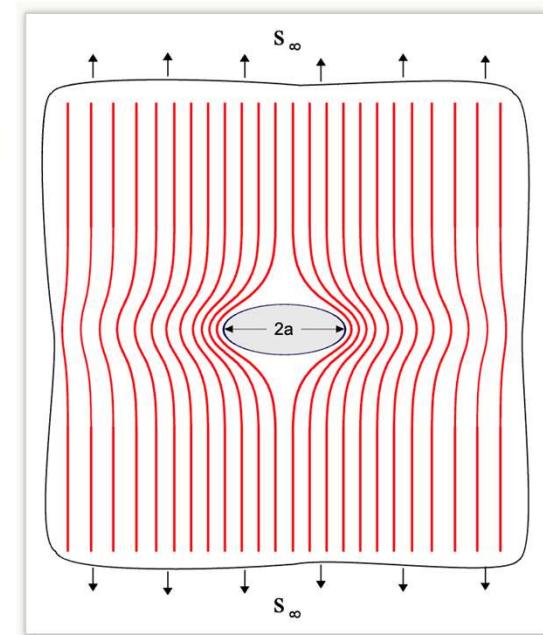
$$\sigma_{max}/S_a = 1 + 2a/b$$

$$\rho = b^2/a$$

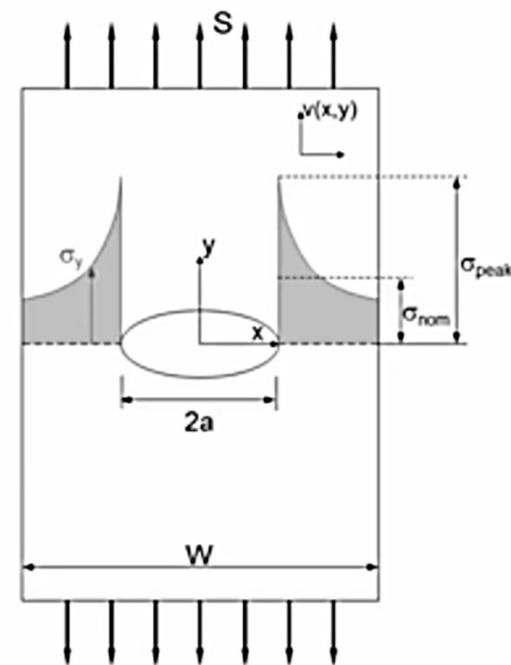
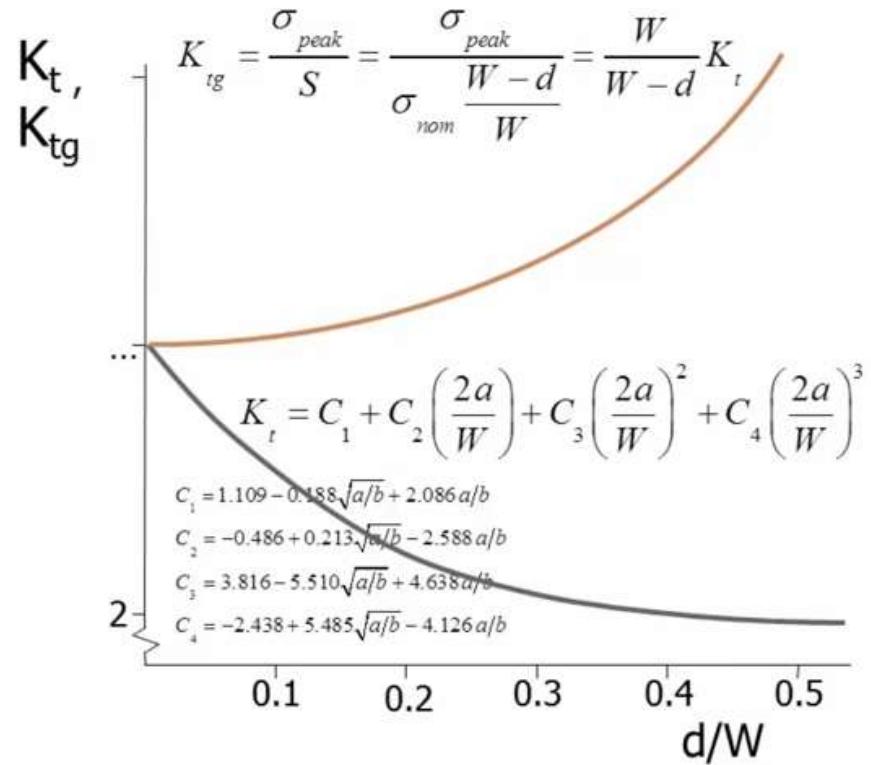
$$\sigma_{max} = S_a \left[ 1 + 2\sqrt{a/\rho} \right]$$



Charles E. Inglis's linear elastic solution (1913)

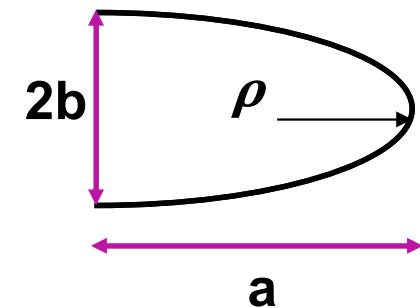
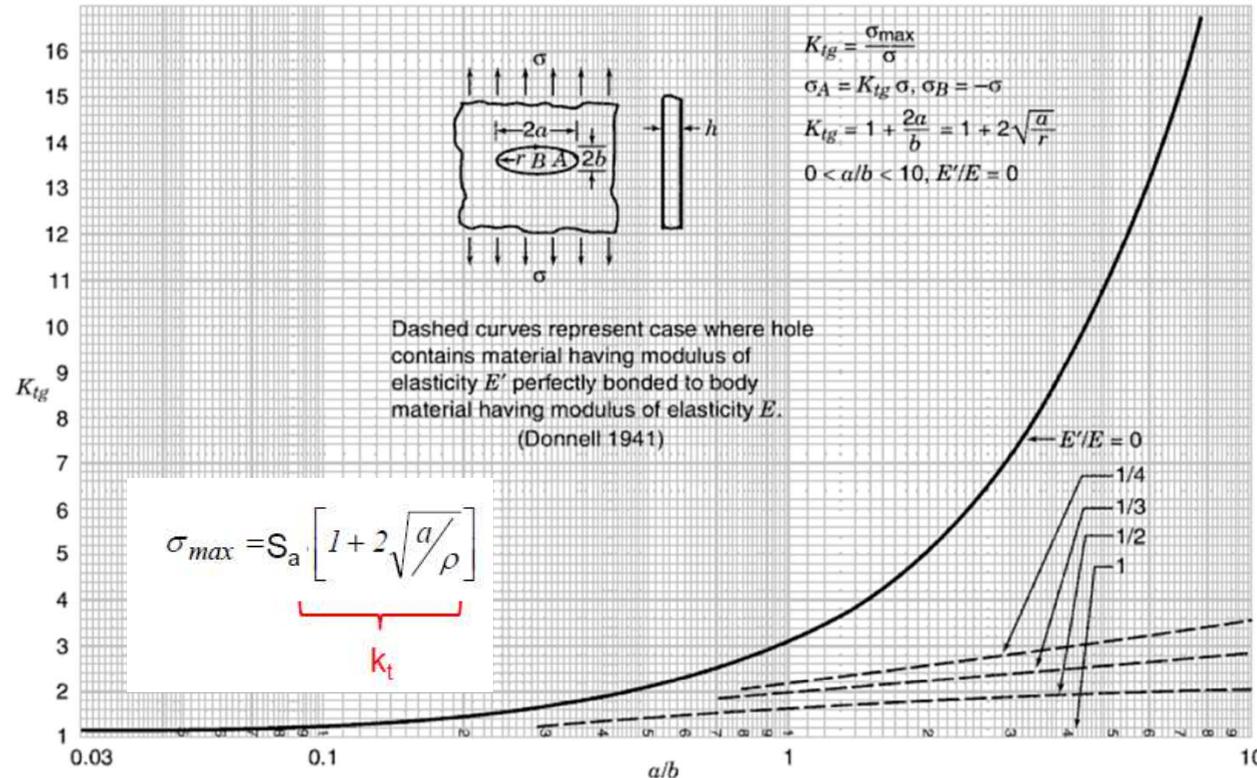


# Stress Concentrations



How does it compare to the hole presented earlier in slide 9?

# Stress Concentrations



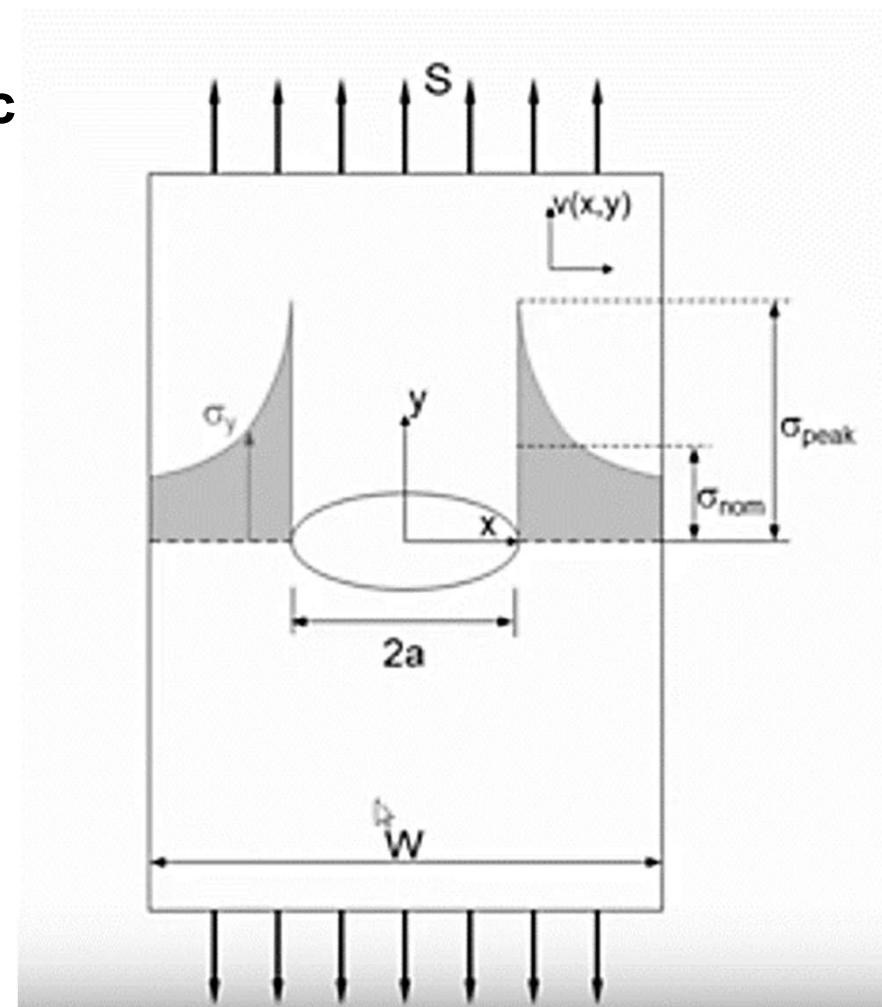
- Stress concentration is proportional to  $\sqrt{a}$  and it goes to infinity as the ellipse squashes down to form a crack (even in infinite plate).
- If the radius of curvature at the tip goes to zero (again, crack), stress goes to infinity.

# Example

Determine  $K_t$  for below notc

$W=100\text{mm}$ ,  $a=20\text{mm}$

$B=10\text{mm}$ ,  $r=5\text{mm}$



# Solution

Elliptical hole infinite sheet

$$K_t = 5$$

Circular hole infinite sheet

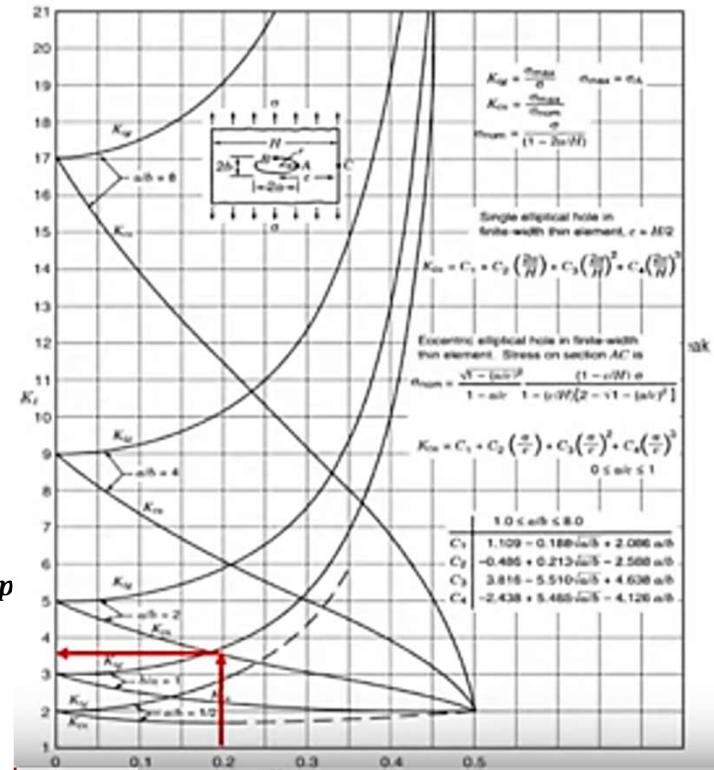
$$K_t = 3$$

Circular hole finite sheet (assume  $d=2a$ )

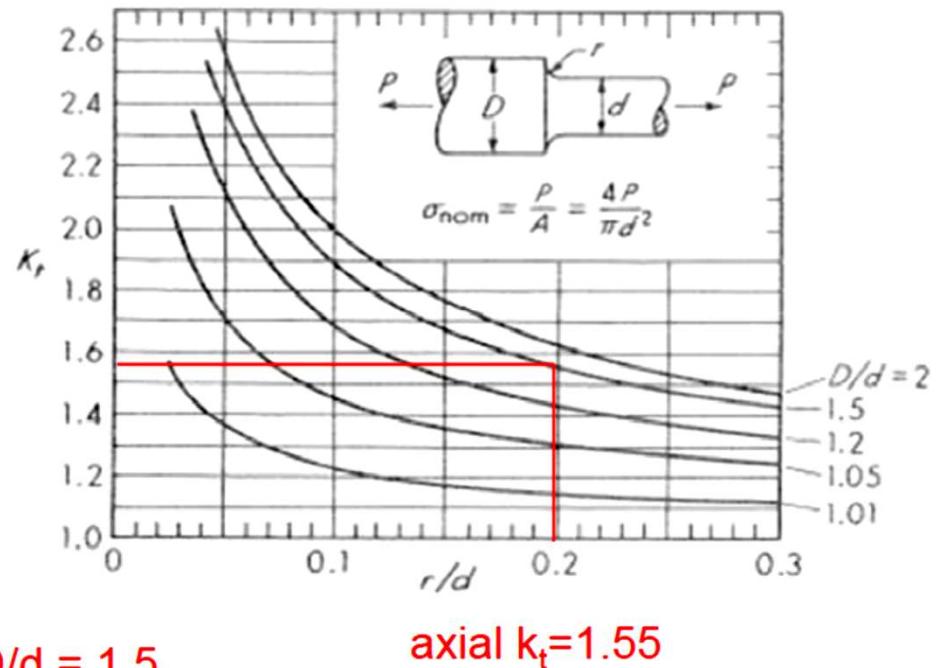
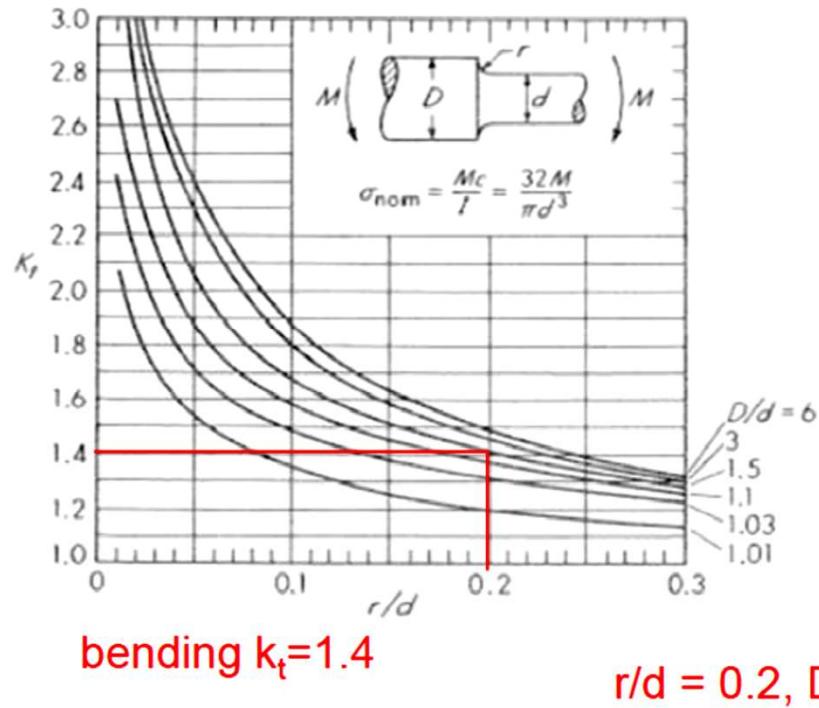
$$K_t = 2 + (1 - d/w)^3 = 2.216$$

Elliptical finite sheet

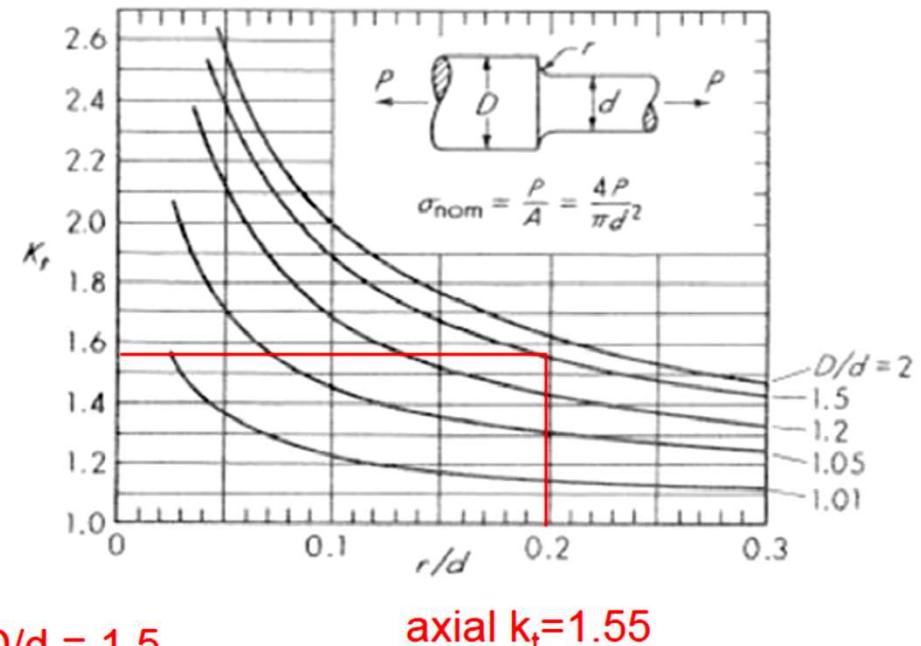
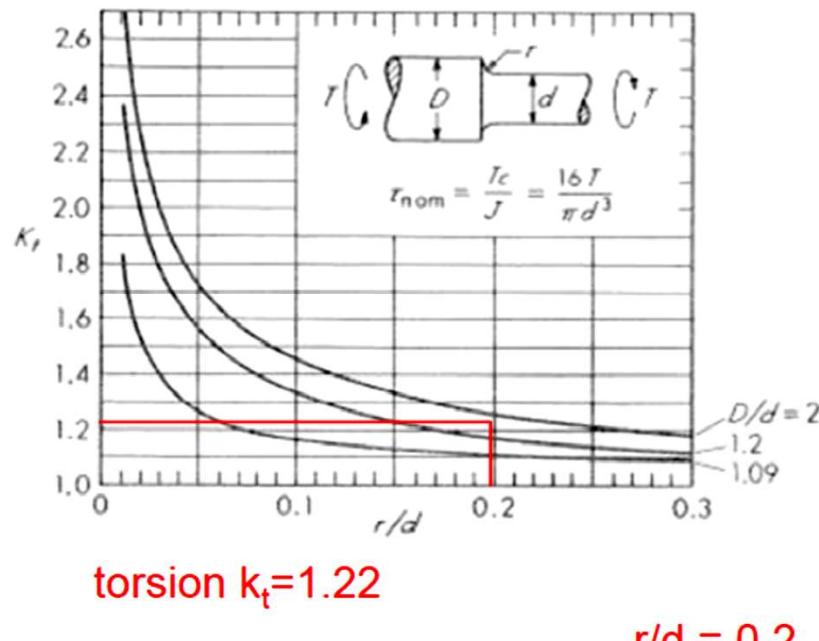
$$\begin{aligned} K_{t,finite\ ellip} &= \left( \frac{K_{t,finite}}{K_{t,infinite}} \right)_{circular} \times K_{t,infinite\ ellip} \\ &= \left( \frac{2.216}{3} \right) \times 5 = 3.7 \end{aligned}$$



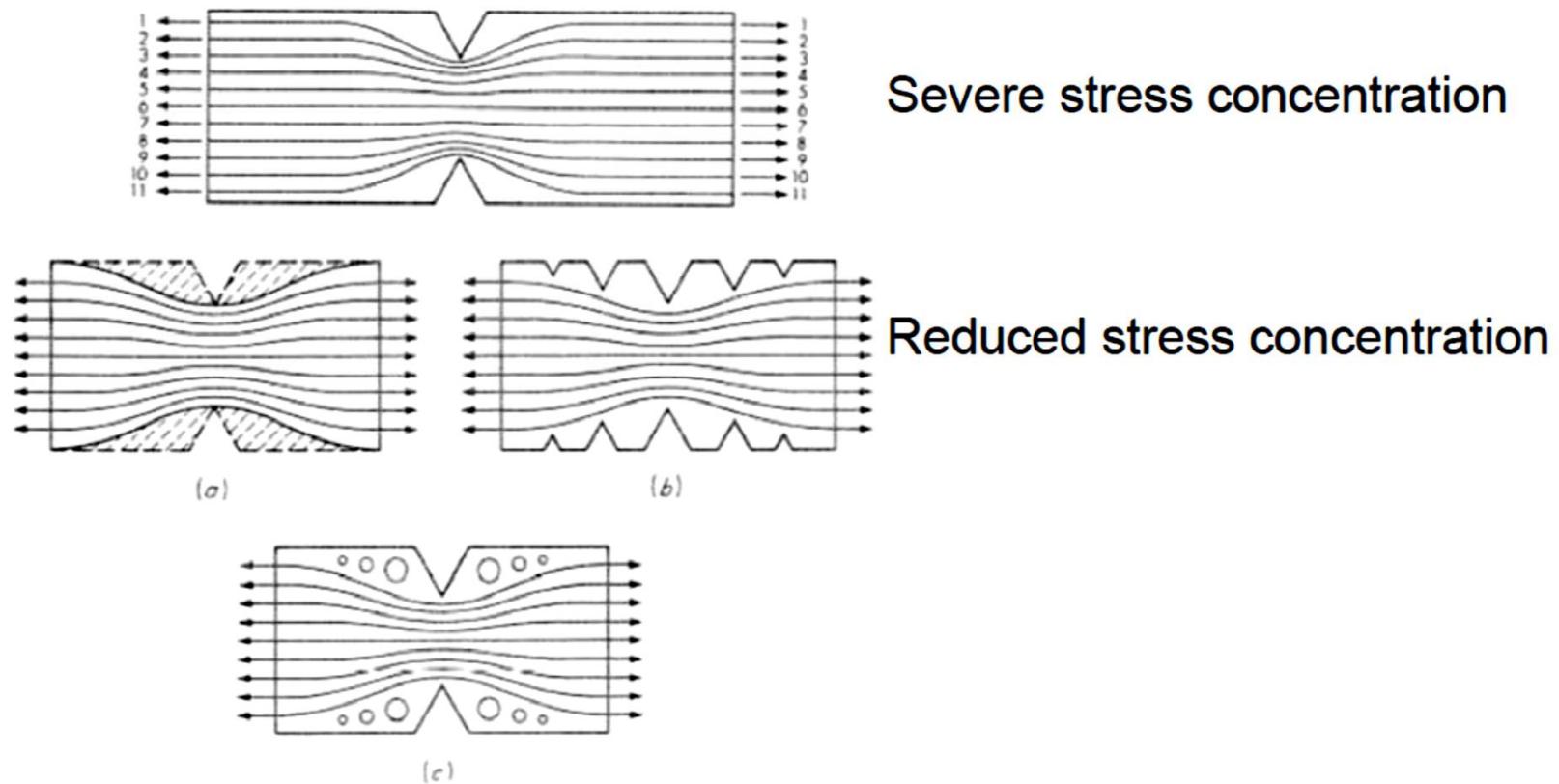
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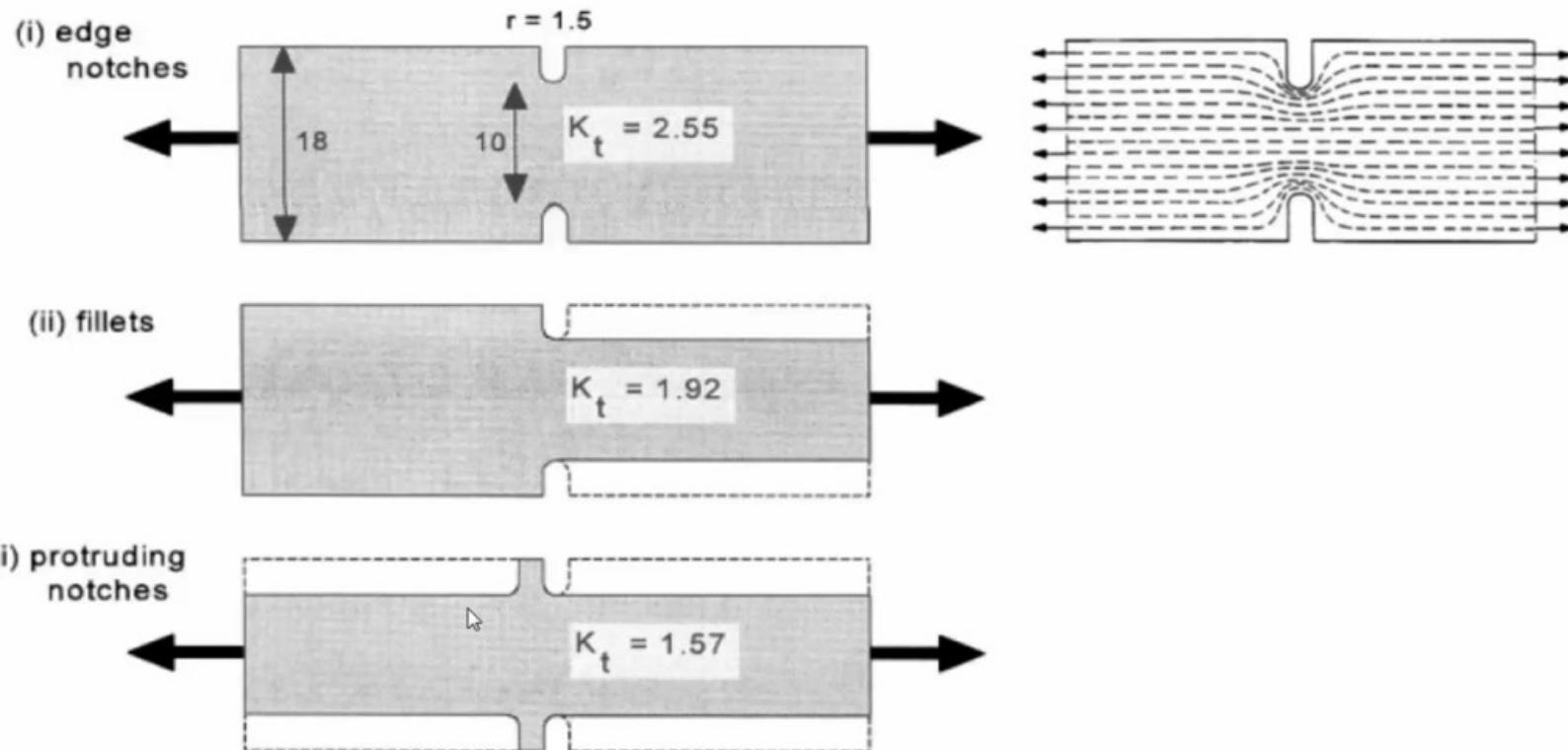
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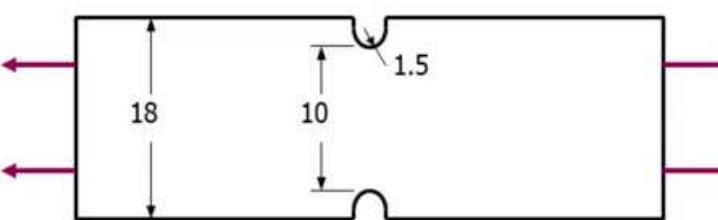
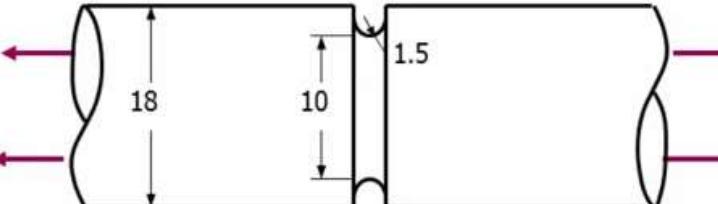
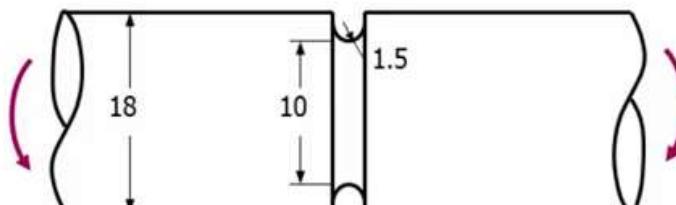
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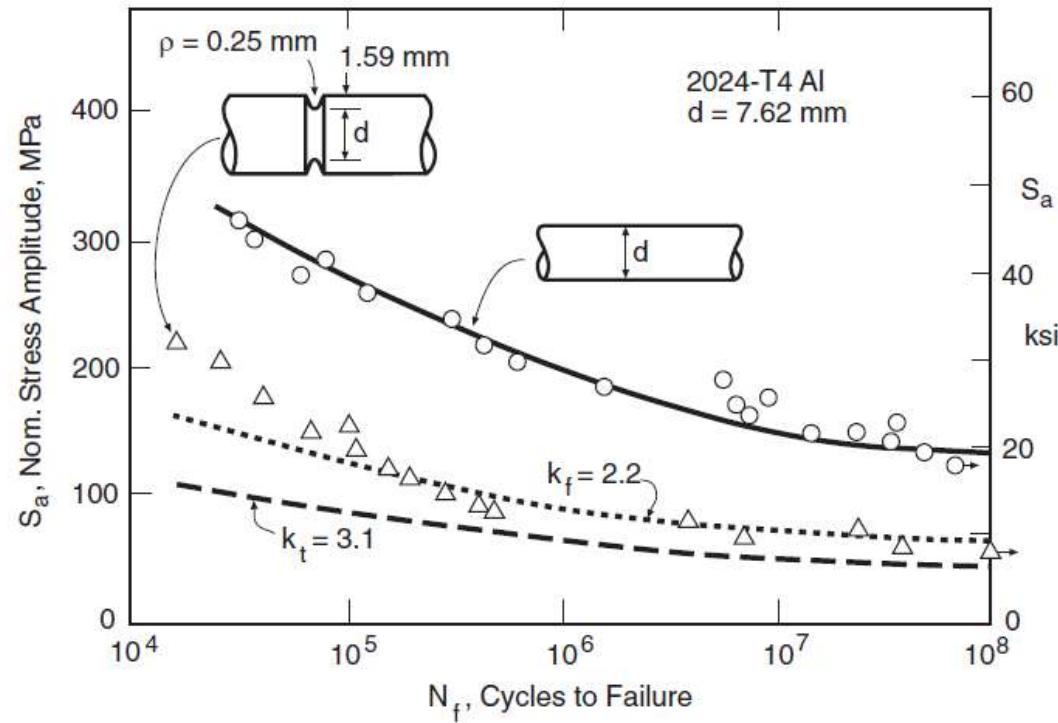
# Stress concentration



# Stress concentration

Material	Loading	Geometry	$K_t$
Sheet	Tension		2.55
Rod	Tension		2.23
Rod	Bending		1.83

# Stress Concentrations in Fatigue (fatigue notch factor $k_f$ )



$$k_f = (\sigma_{a, \text{SMOOTH}} / \sigma_{a, \text{NOTCHED}})$$

$R=-1; N=10^6-10^7 \text{ cycles}$

The fatigue stress concentration factor is defined as the effect of the notch at long lives

$$k_f = \sigma_{ar} / S_{ar}$$

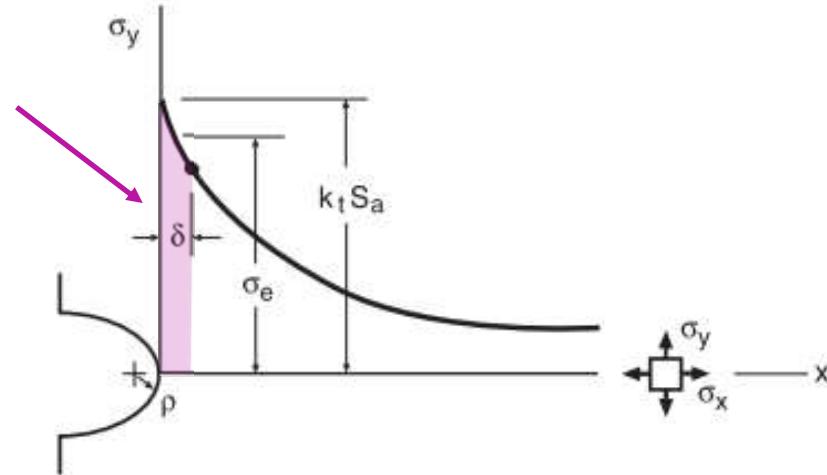
Measured reduction in fatigue strength

Reduction assuming notch fully effective

$$\sigma_{ar} = k_t S_{ar}$$

# Fatigue notch factor

Process zone of fatigue damage



The stress that controls the initiation of fatigue damage is not the highest stress at  $x = 0$ , but rather the somewhat lower value that is the average out to a distance  $x = \delta$

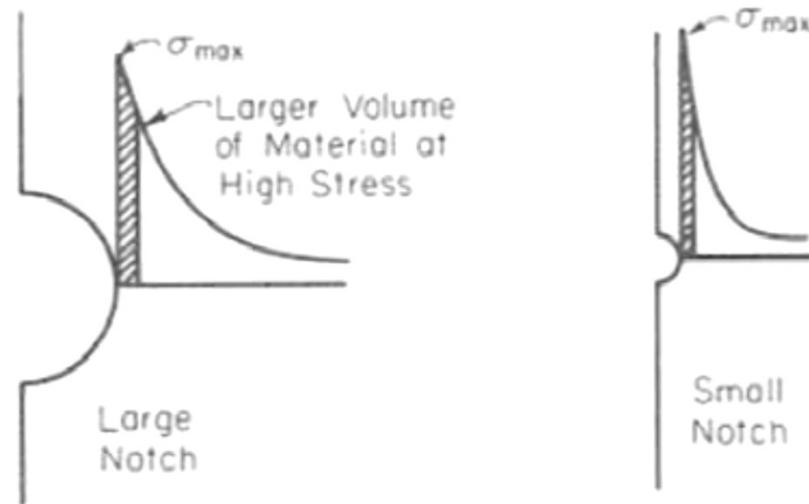
$$k_f = \frac{(\text{average } \sigma_y \text{ out to } x = \delta)}{S_a} = \frac{\sigma_e}{S_a}$$

In fatigue, the effect of a notch is normally less than what is predicted from elasticity.

$$1 \leq k_f \leq k_t$$

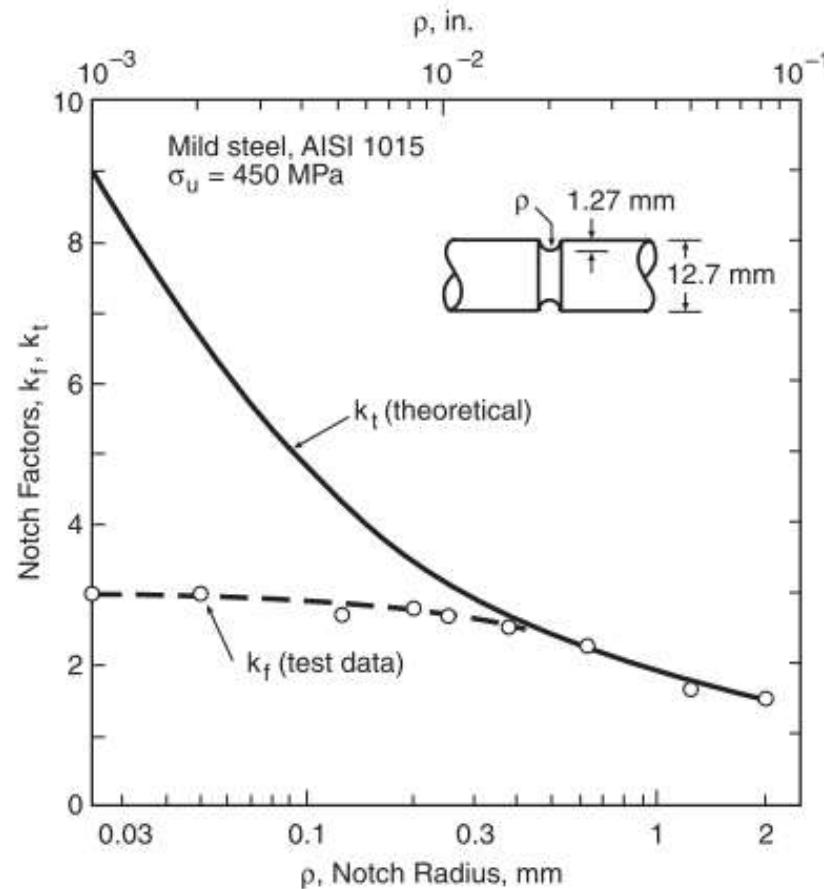
# Fatigue notch factor– geometry effect

## Size effect



The drop in stress with increasing distance  $x$  away from the notch is more abrupt if  $\rho$  is smaller and thus the discrepancy between  $k_f$  and  $k_t$  will increase.

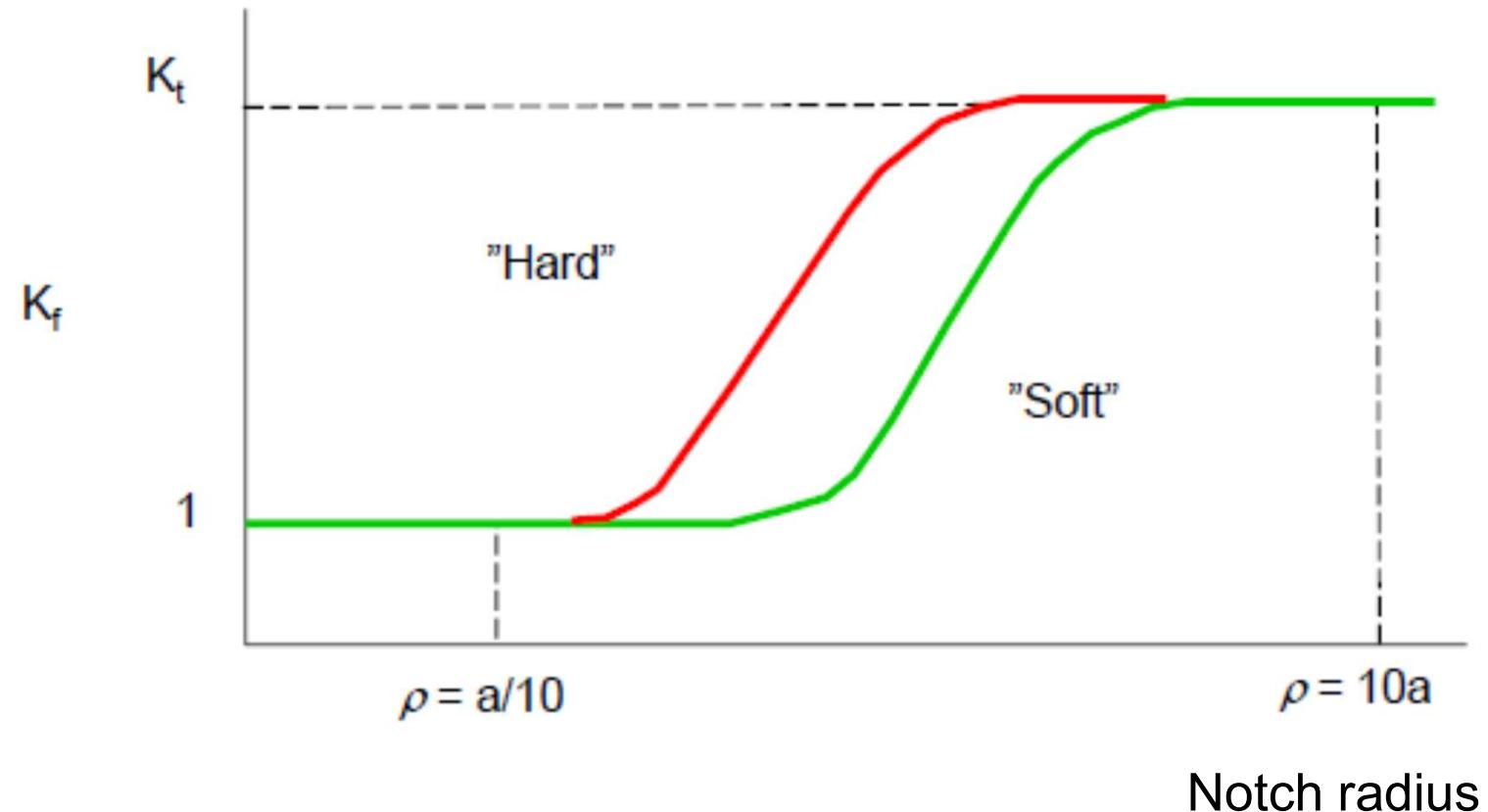
# Fatigue notch factor– geometry effect



relation between  $K_f$  and  $K_t$   
depends on  
•material  
•stress  
•geometry

If the notch has a large  
radius  $\rho$  at the tip,  $k_f$  may  
be essentially equal to  $k_t$ .

# Fatigue notch factor – material effect



# Fatigue notch factor

In fatigue, the effect of a notch is normally less than what is predicted from elasticity

$$1 \leq k_f \leq k_t$$

Notch sensitivity

$$q = \frac{k_f - 1}{k_t - 1}$$

relation between  $K_f$  and  $K_t$  depends on  
•material  
•stress  
•geometry

# Fatigue notch factor– material effect

## Peterson equation (R=-1 loading)

$$q = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{\alpha}{\rho}}$$

$\alpha$  = material constant  
 $\rho$  = notch radius

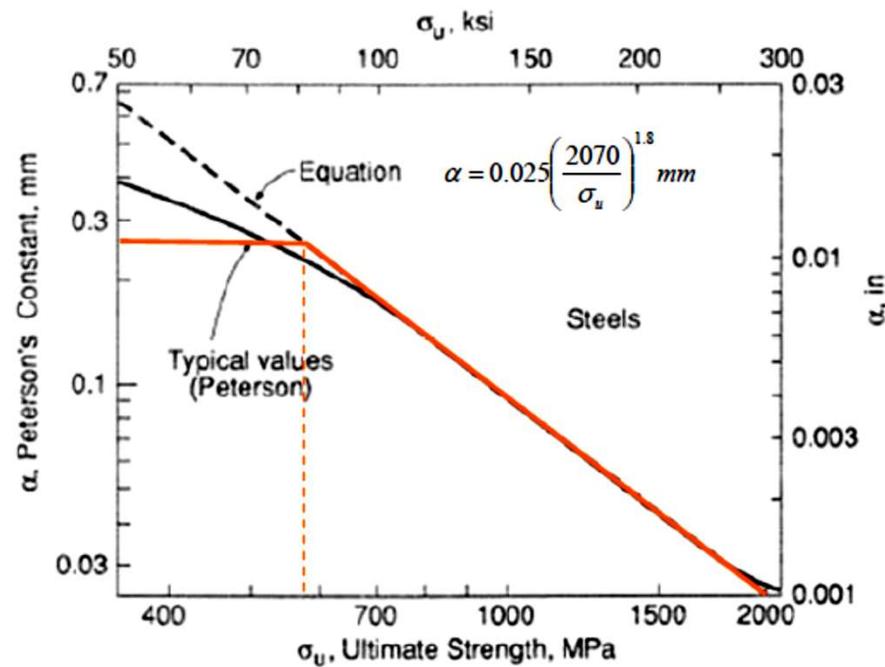
$\alpha = 0.25$  mm, for low carbon steel

$\alpha = 0.064$  mm, for QT steel

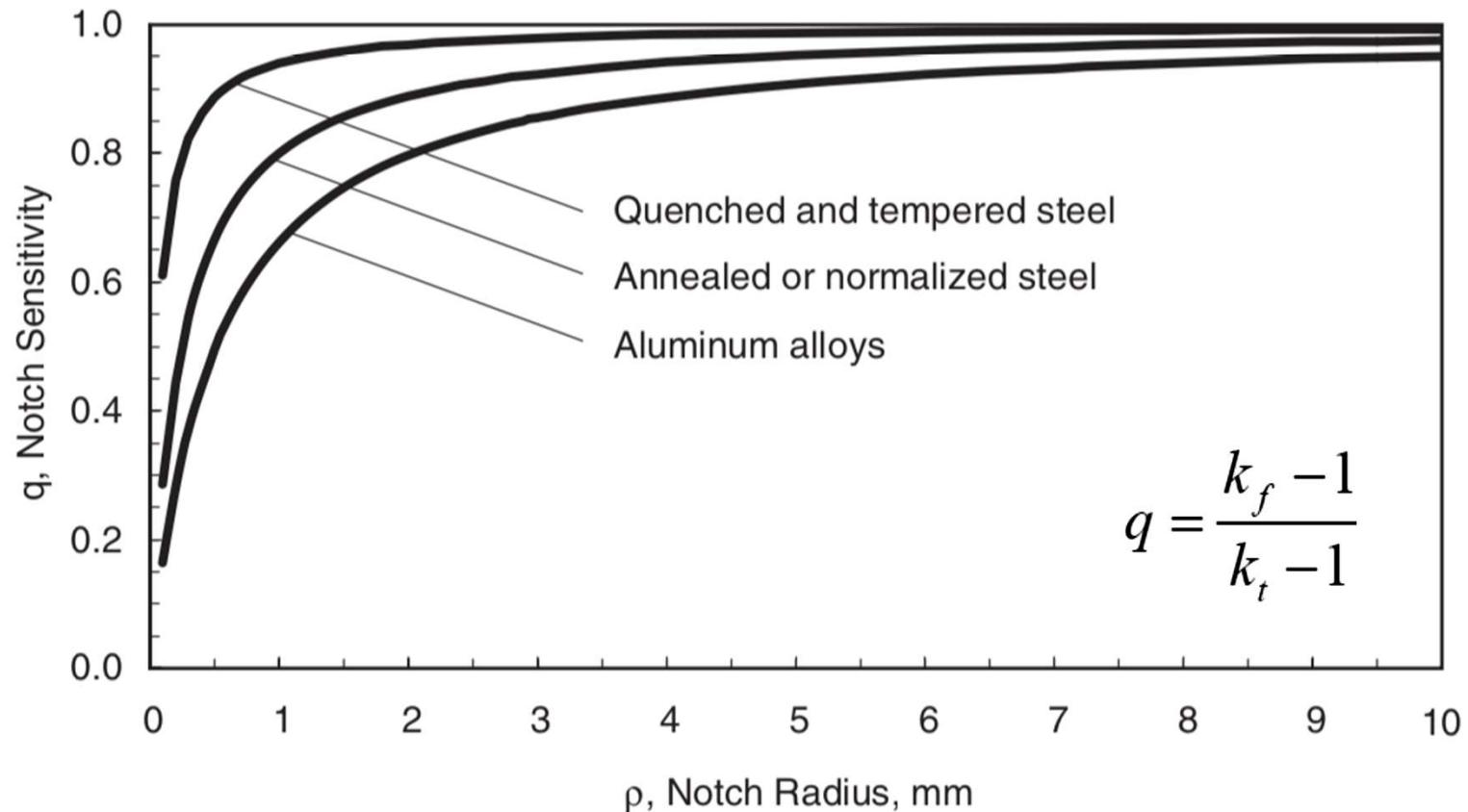
$$\alpha = 0.025 \left( \frac{2070}{\sigma_u} \right)^{1.8} \text{ mm}$$

High strength steel

$$K_f = 1 + \frac{K_t - 1}{1 + \alpha/\rho}$$

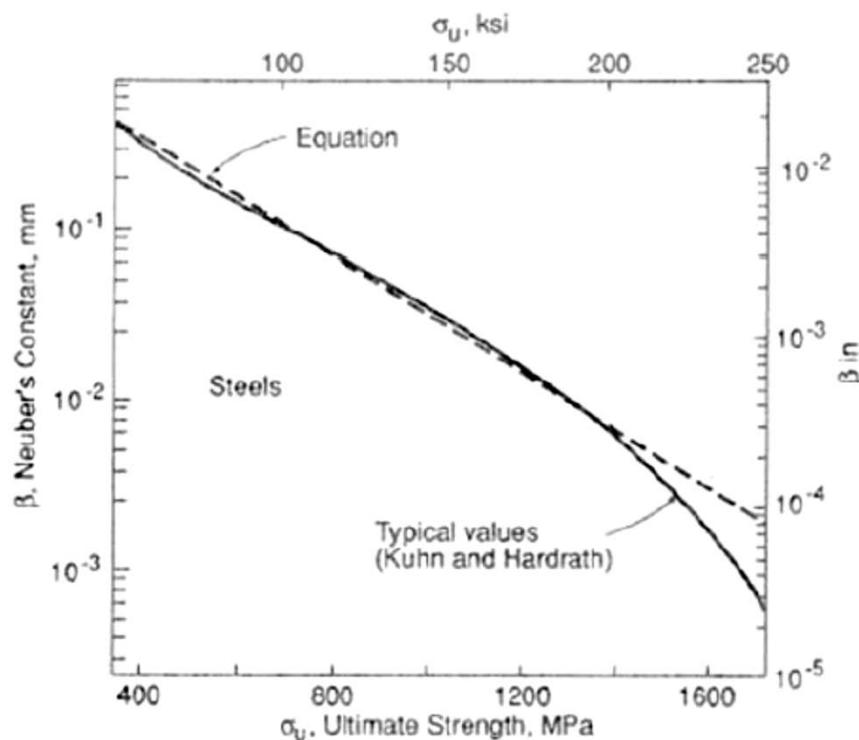


# Fatigue notch factor



# Fatigue notch factor– material effect

Neuber equation (R=-1 loading)

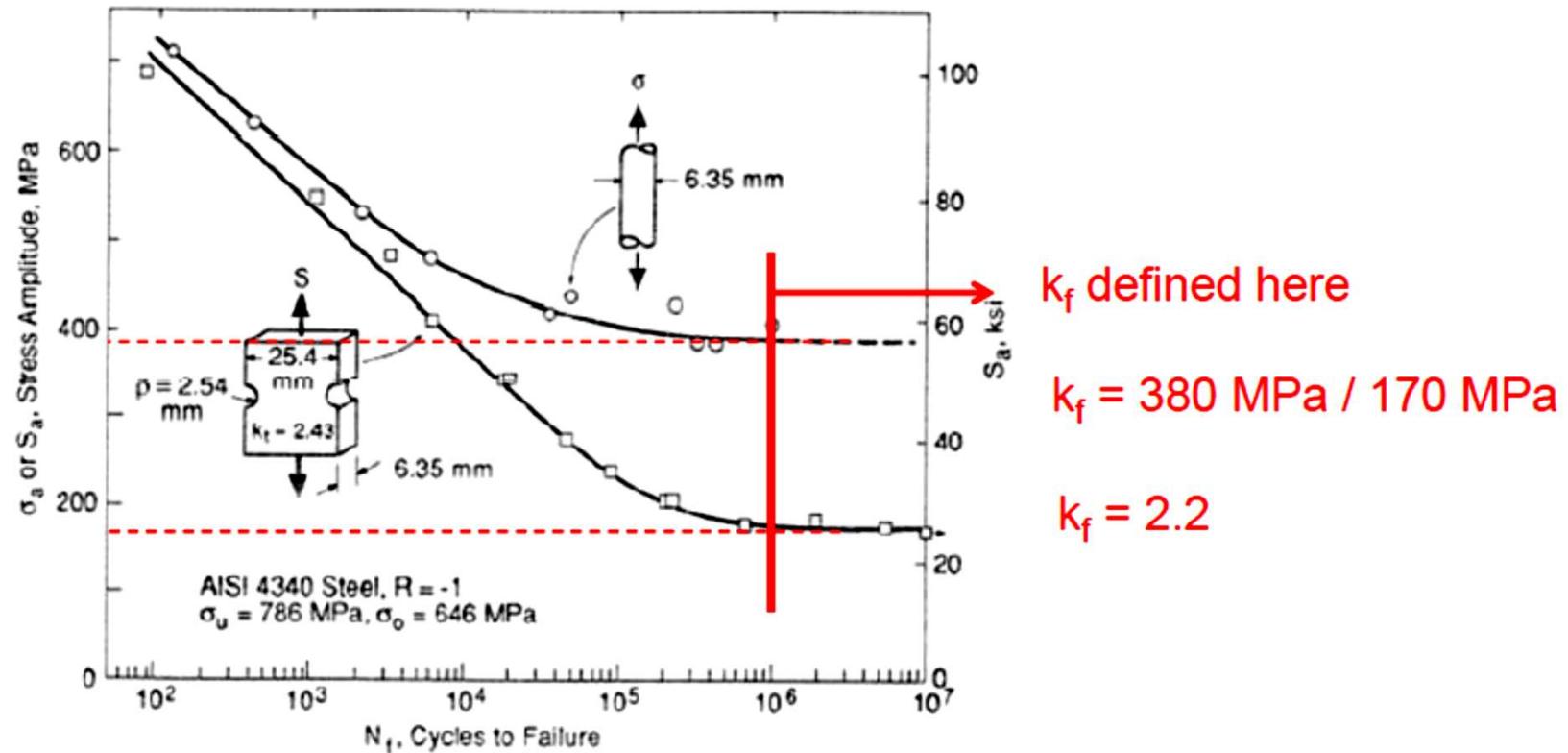


$$q = \frac{1}{1 + \sqrt{\frac{\beta}{\rho}}}$$

$$k_f = 1 + \frac{k_t - 1}{1 + \sqrt{\frac{\beta}{\rho}}}$$

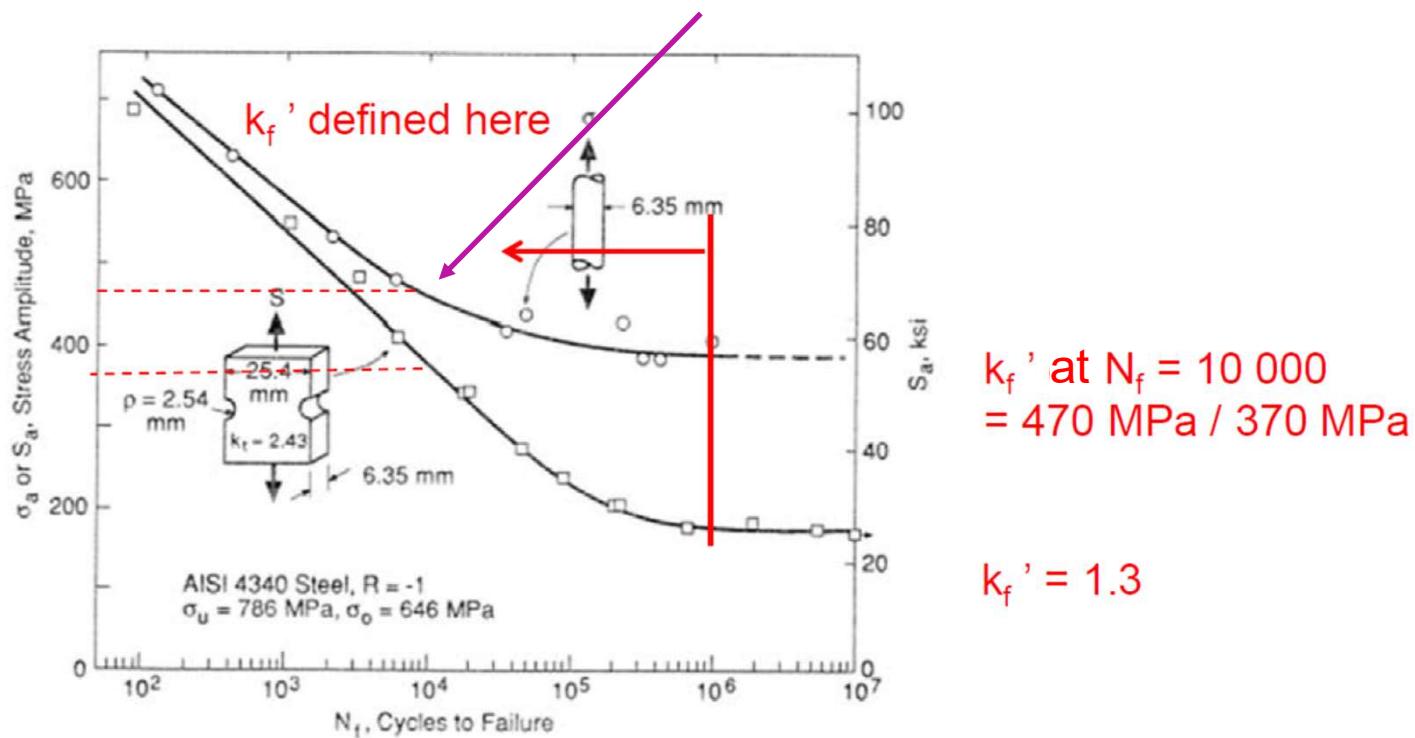
$$\log \beta = -\frac{\sigma_u - 134 \text{ MPa}}{586}$$

# Fatigue notch factor– stress effect



# Fatigue notch factor– stress effect

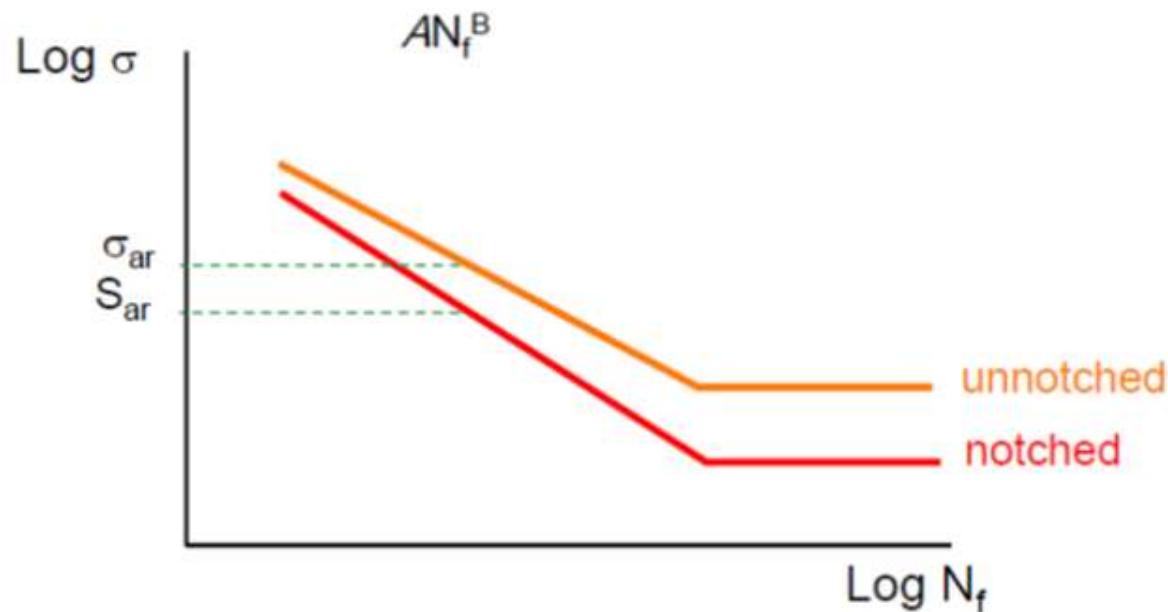
At intermediate and short fatigue lives in ductile materials, the reversed yielding effect becomes increasingly important at higher stresses.



# Fatigue notch factor– stress effect

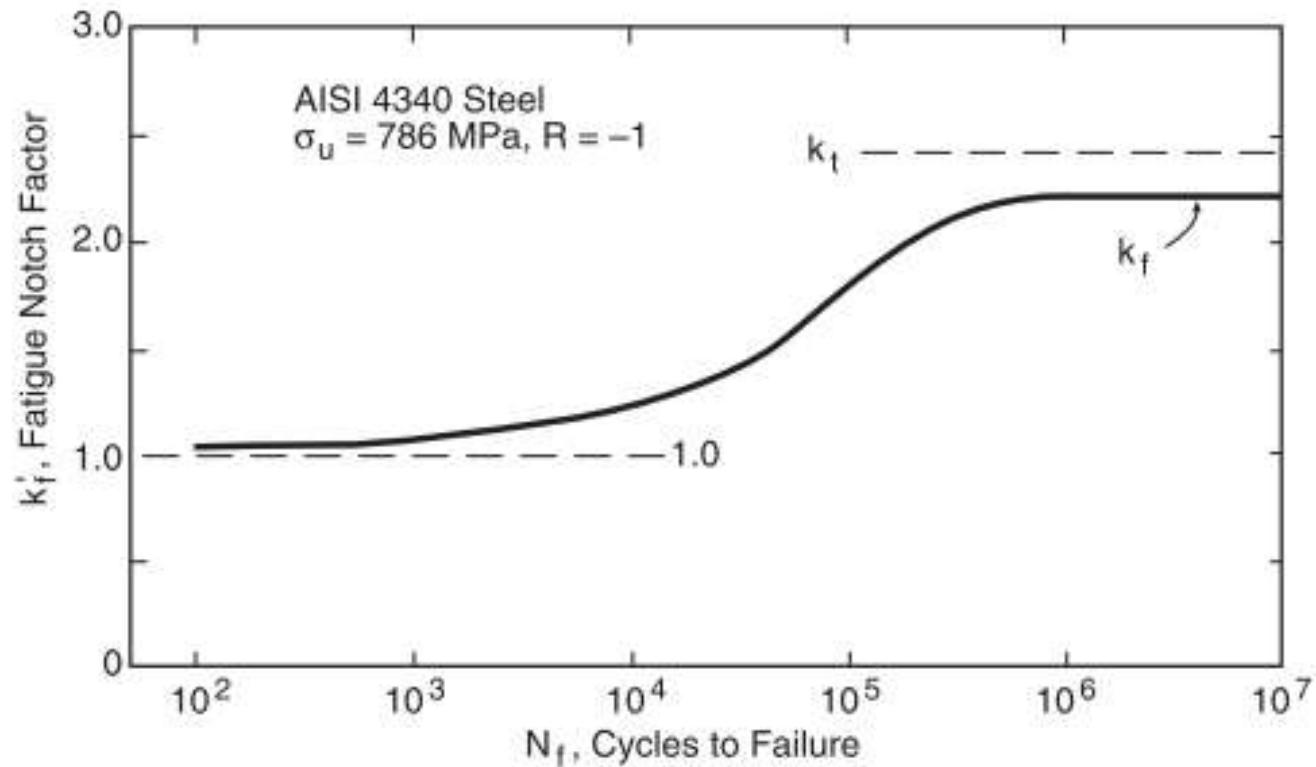
Fatigue notch factor  $k_f'$  that varies with life:

$$k_f' = f(N_f) = \frac{\sigma_{ar}}{S_{ar}}$$



$k_f$  is defined at long life  
at short life  $k_f' \leq k_f$

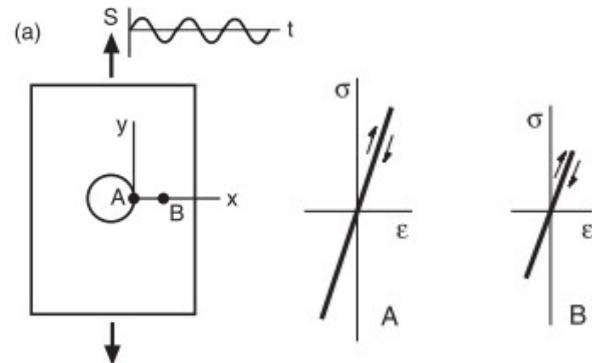
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# Fatigue notch factor– yielding

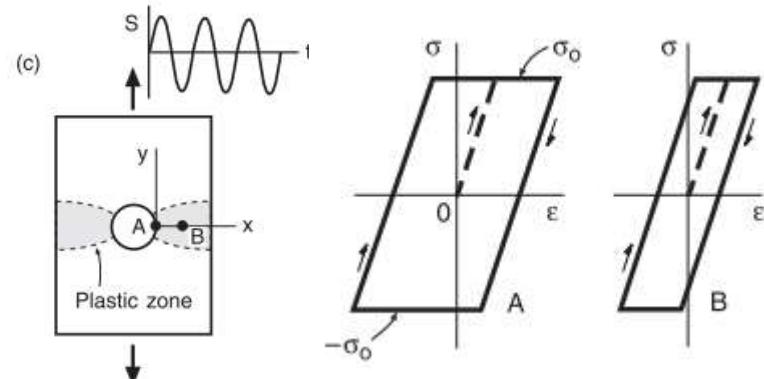
a) No yielding  $k'_f = k_t$

(no yielding;  $k_t S_a \leq \sigma_o$ )



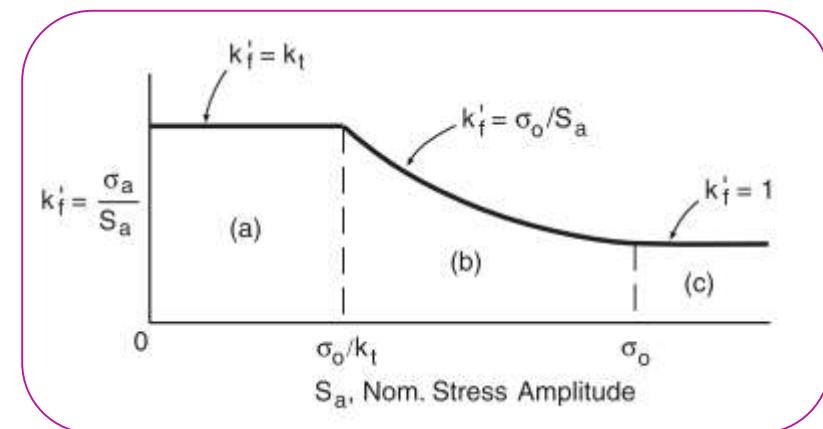
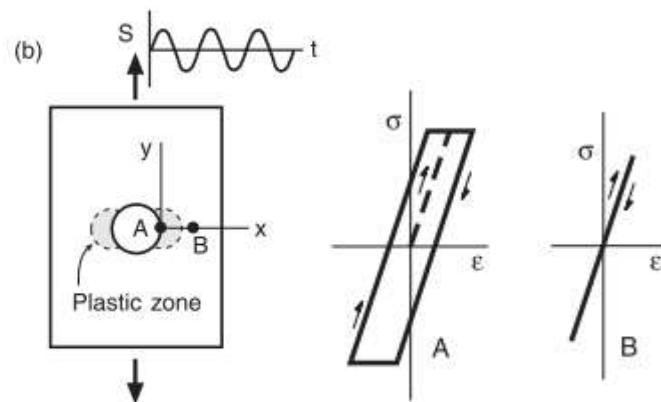
c) Net section yielding  $k'_f \approx 1$

(full yielding;  $S_a \approx \sigma_o$ )



b) Local yielding  $k'_f = \frac{\sigma_o}{S_a}$

(local yielding;  $k_t S_a > \sigma_o$ )



# Fatigue notch factor– yielding

$$k_f' = k_t \quad \text{No yielding}$$

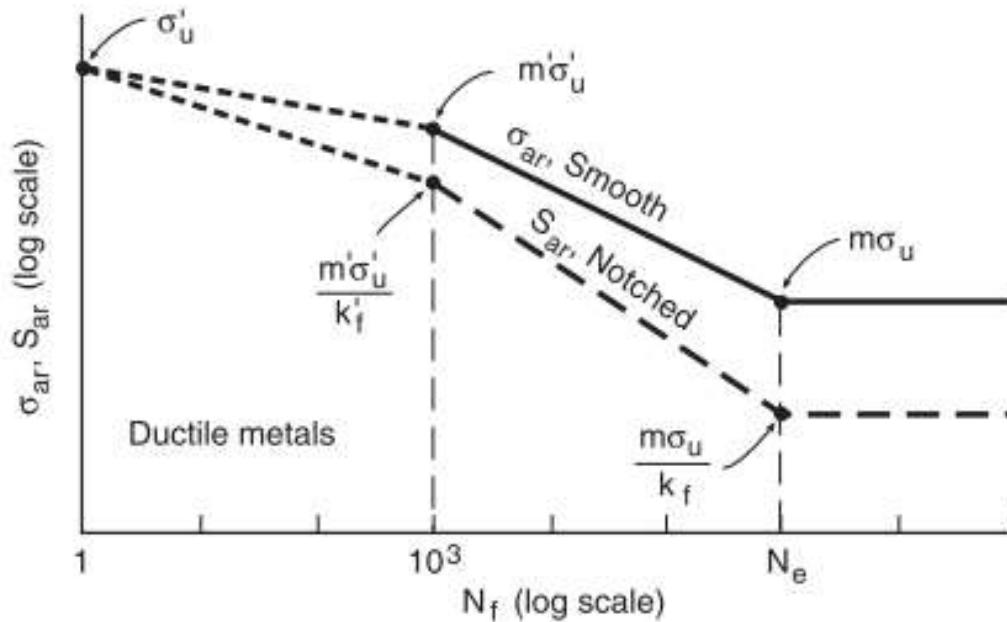
$$k_f' = \frac{\sigma_o}{S_a} \quad \text{Local yielding}$$

$$k_f' \approx 1 \quad \text{Full yielding}$$

- For high-strength steel it approaches  $k_f$  (at  $10^3$  cycles); for low-strength it is smaller than  $k_f$ ;

# S-N curve estimation

## Method of Juvinal / Budynas



**Smooth**

$$(\sigma'_u, 1) \quad (\sigma'_{ar}, N_f) = (m'\sigma'_u, 10^3) \quad (\sigma_{er}, N_f) = (m\sigma_u, N_e)$$

**Notched**

$$(\sigma'_u, 1) \quad (S'_{ar}, N_f) = \left( \frac{m'\sigma'_u}{k_f'}, 10^3 \right) \quad (S_{er}, N_f) = \left( \frac{m\sigma_u}{k_f}, N_e \right)$$

# Reduction Factors for the Fatigue Limit

$$\sigma_{er} = m_t m_d m_s m_o \sigma_{erb}$$

$$\sigma_{er} = m_t m_d m_s m_o m_e \sigma_u = m \sigma_u$$

$$\sigma_{erb} = \begin{cases} 0.5 S_{ut} & S_{ut} \leq 200 \text{ kpsi (1400 MPa)} \\ 100 \text{ kpsi} & S_{ut} > 200 \text{ kpsi} \\ 700 \text{ MPa} & S_{ut} > 1400 \text{ MPa} \end{cases}$$

$m_e$  is 0.5 for low and intermediate-strength steel

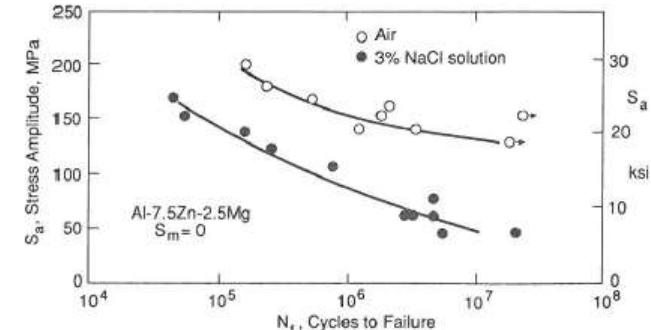
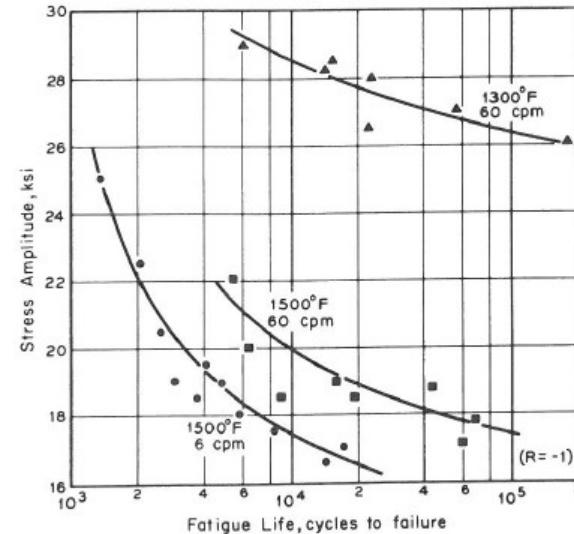
( $m_t$ ) Effect type of loading

( $m_d$ ) Effect of size

( $m_s$ ) Effect of surface finish

( $m_o$ ) Other effect (Temperature, Corrosion, etc.)

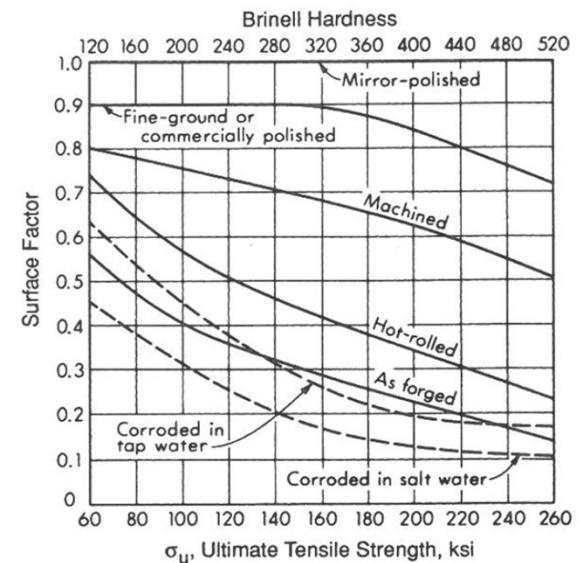
$$m = m_t m_d m_s m_o m_e$$



# Parameters for Estimating Fatigue Limits

Parameter	Applicability	Juvinal (2006)	Budynas (2011)
Bending fatigue limit factor: $m_e$	Steels, $\sigma_u \leq 1400$ MPa <sup>1</sup>	0.5	0.5
	High-strength steels	$\leq 0.5$	$\sigma_{erb} = 700$ MPa
	Cast irons; Al alloys if $\sigma_u \leq 328$ MPa	0.4	—
	Higher strength Al Magnesium alloys	$\sigma_{erb} = 131$ MPa 0.35	—
Load type factor: $m_t$	Bending	1.0	1.0
	Axial	1.0	0.85
	Torsion	0.58	0.59
Size (stress gradient) factor: $m_d$	Bending or torsion <sup>2,3,4</sup>	1.0 ( $d < 10$ mm) 0.9 ( $10 \leq d < 50$ )	$1.24d^{-0.107}$ ( $3 \leq d \leq 51$ mm)
	Axial <sup>2,3</sup>	0.7 to 0.9 ( $d < 50$ ) <sup>5</sup>	1.0
	Polished	1.0	1.0
Surface finish factor: $m_s$	Ground <sup>6</sup>	See Fig. 10.10	$1.58\sigma_u^{-0.085}$
	Machined <sup>6</sup>	See Fig. 10.10	$4.51\sigma_u^{-0.265}$
Life for fatigue limit point: $N_e$ , cycles	Steels, cast irons	$10^6$	$10^6$
	Aluminum alloys	$5 \times 10^8$	—
	Magnesium alloys	$10^8$	—

Notes:<sup>1</sup> Juvinal specifically gives a hardness limit,  $HB \leq 400$ . <sup>2</sup>Diameter  $d$  is in mm units. <sup>3</sup>For Juvinal, for  $50 \leq d < 100$  mm, decrease the values of  $m_d$  by 0.1 relative to the values for  $d < 50$  mm, and for  $100 \leq d < 150$  mm decrease by 0.2. <sup>4</sup>For Budynas, use  $1.51d^{-0.157}$  for  $51 < d \leq 254$  mm, and for nonrotating bending, replace  $d$  with  $d_e = 0.37d$  for round sections, and with  $d_e = 0.808\sqrt{ht}$  for rectangular sections (Fig. A.2). <sup>5</sup>Use 0.9 for accurately concentric loading, and a lower value otherwise. <sup>6</sup>For Budynas, substitute  $\sigma_u$  in MPa.



# Notch effect for short live

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Juvinal (2006) <sup>1</sup>	$m' = 0.9, k'_f = k_f$ (bending; torsion with $\tau_u$ replacing $\sigma_u$ )
	$m' = 0.75, k'_f = k_f$ (axial)
Budynas (2011) <sup>2</sup> (steel only)	$m' = 0.90 \quad (\sigma_u < 483 \text{ MPa})$
	$m' = 0.2824x^2 - 1.918x + 4.012, \quad x = \log \sigma_u \quad (\sigma_u \geq 483 \text{ MPa})$
	$k'_f = 1 \quad k'_f = k_f$

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Notes: <sup>1</sup>Use the estimate  $\tau_u \approx 0.8\sigma_u$  for steel, and  $\tau_u \approx 0.7\sigma_u$  for other ductile metals. <sup>2</sup> The equation for  $m'$  is a fit to the curve given in Budynas (2011).

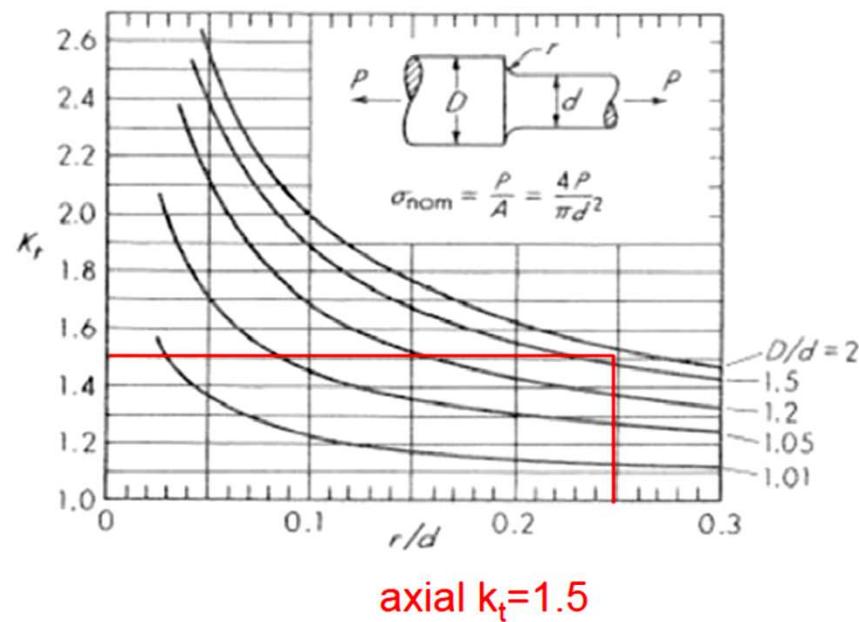
# S-N curve estimation

## Approximate method of Juvinal / Budynas

- Estimate  $k_t$  based on geometry
- Estimate  $k_f$  based on  $k_t$  and either Peterson's or Neuber's equation
- Estimate base material curve using  $\sigma_u$  and m factor
- Estimate  $k'_f$  at 1000 cycles to failure
- Calculate m and m'
- Construct straight line in log-log scale

# Example

$r = 1.2 \text{ mm}$ ,  $d = 5 \text{ mm}$ ,  $D = 9 \text{ mm}$



Machined component  
fabricated from 4130 QT steel  
with  $\sigma_u = 900 \text{ MPa}$

# Solution

Neuber equation

$$\log \beta = -\frac{\sigma_u - 134 MPa}{586}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\log \beta &= -(900-134)/586 \\ \beta &= 0.049 \text{ mm} \\ \rho &= 1.2 \text{ mm}\end{aligned}$$

$$k_f = 1 + \frac{k_t - 1}{1 + \sqrt{\frac{\beta}{\rho}}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}k_f &= 1 + (1.5 - 1) / (1 + 0.20) \\ k_f &= 1.4\end{aligned}$$

# Solution

Parameter	Applicability	Juvinal (2006)	Budynas (2011)
Bending fatigue limit factor: $m_e$	Steels, $\sigma_u \leq 1400$ MPa <sup>1</sup>	0.5	0.5
	High-strength steels	$\leq 0.5$	$\sigma_{erb} = 700$ MPa
	Cast irons; Al alloys if $\sigma_u \leq 328$ MPa	0.4	—
	Higher strength Al Magnesium alloys	$\sigma_{erb} = 131$ MPa 0.35	—
Load type factor: $m_f$	Bending	1.0	1.0
	Axial	1.0	0.85
	Torsion	0.58	0.59
Size (stress gradient) factor: $m_d$	Bending or torsion <sup>2,3,4</sup>	1.0 ( $d < 10$ mm) 0.9 ( $10 \leq d < 50$ )	$1.24d^{-0.107}$ ( $3 \leq d \leq 51$ mm)
	Axial <sup>2,3</sup>	0.7 to 0.9 ( $d < 50$ ) <sup>5</sup>	1.0
	Polished	1.0	1.0
Surface finish factor: $m_s$	Ground <sup>6</sup>	See Fig. 10.10	$1.58\sigma_u^{-0.085}$
	Machined <sup>6</sup>	See Fig. 10.10	$4.51\sigma_u^{-0.265}$
Life for fatigue limit point: $N_e$ , cycles	Steels, cast irons	$10^6$	10 <sup>6</sup>
	Aluminum alloys	$5 \times 10^8$	—
	Magnesium alloys	$10^8$	—
Juvinal (2006) <sup>1</sup>			
$m' = 0.9, k'_f = k_f$ (bending; torsion with $\tau_u$ replacing $\sigma_u$ )			
$m' = 0.75, k'_f = k_f$ (axial)			
Budynas (2011) <sup>2</sup>			
(steel only)			
$m' = 0.90$ ( $\sigma_u < 483$ MPa)			
$m' = 0.2824x^2 - 1.918x + 4.012, \quad x = \log \sigma_u \quad (\sigma_u \geq 483 \text{ MPa})$			
$k'_f = 1 \quad k'_f = k_f$			

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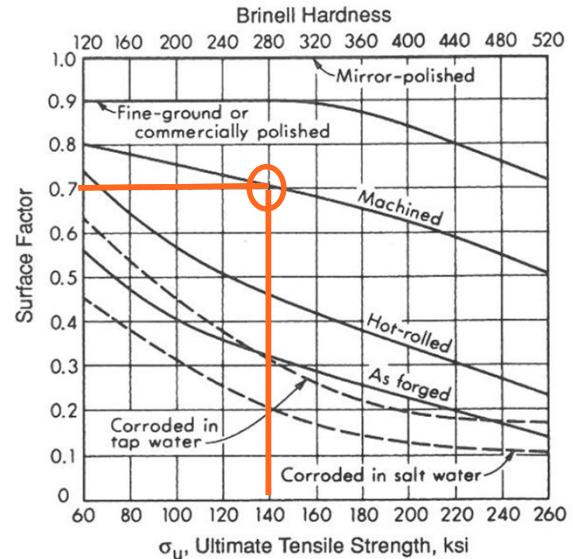
$$m = m_t m_d m_s m_o m_e$$

**Budynas**

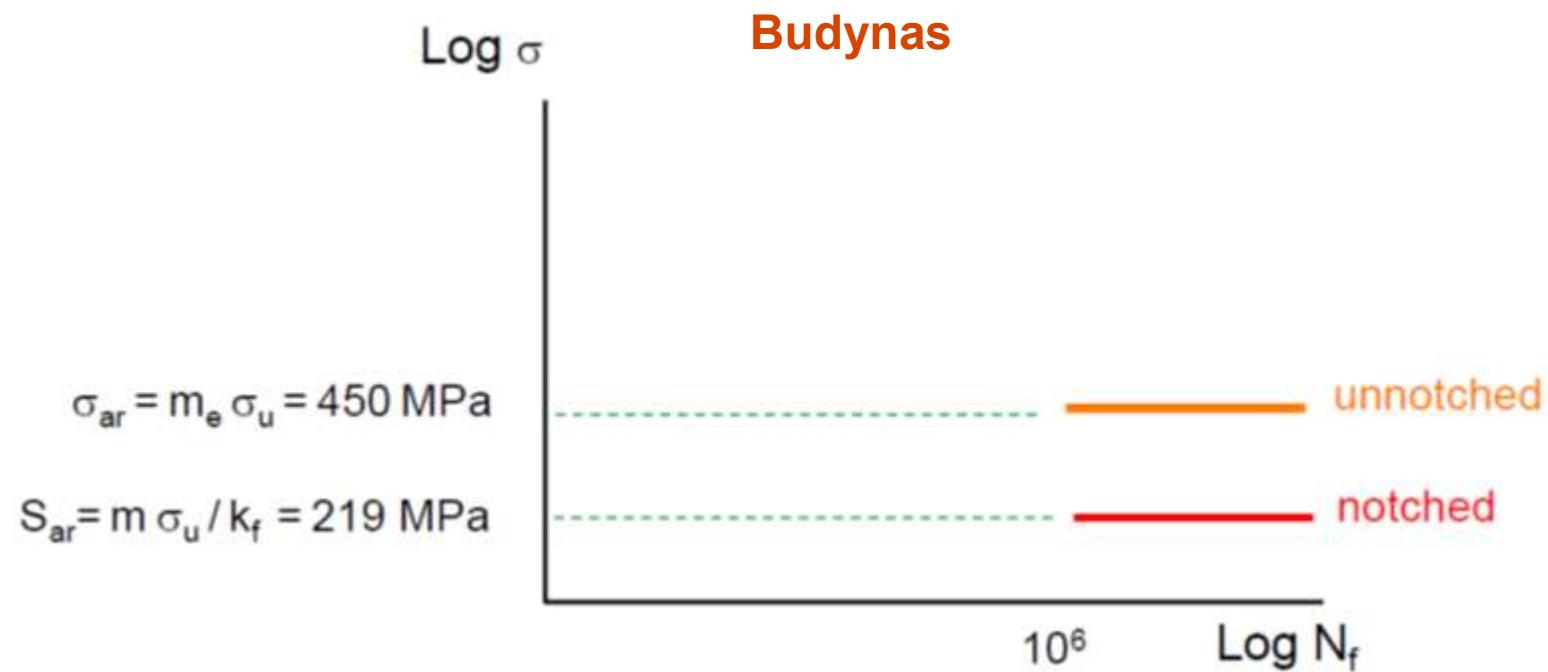
$$\begin{aligned}m &= 0.85 \times 1 \times 4.51 \times 900^{-0.265} \times 1 \times 0.5 \\&= 0.85 \times 0.74 \times 0.5 \\&= 0.3145\end{aligned}$$

**Juvinal**

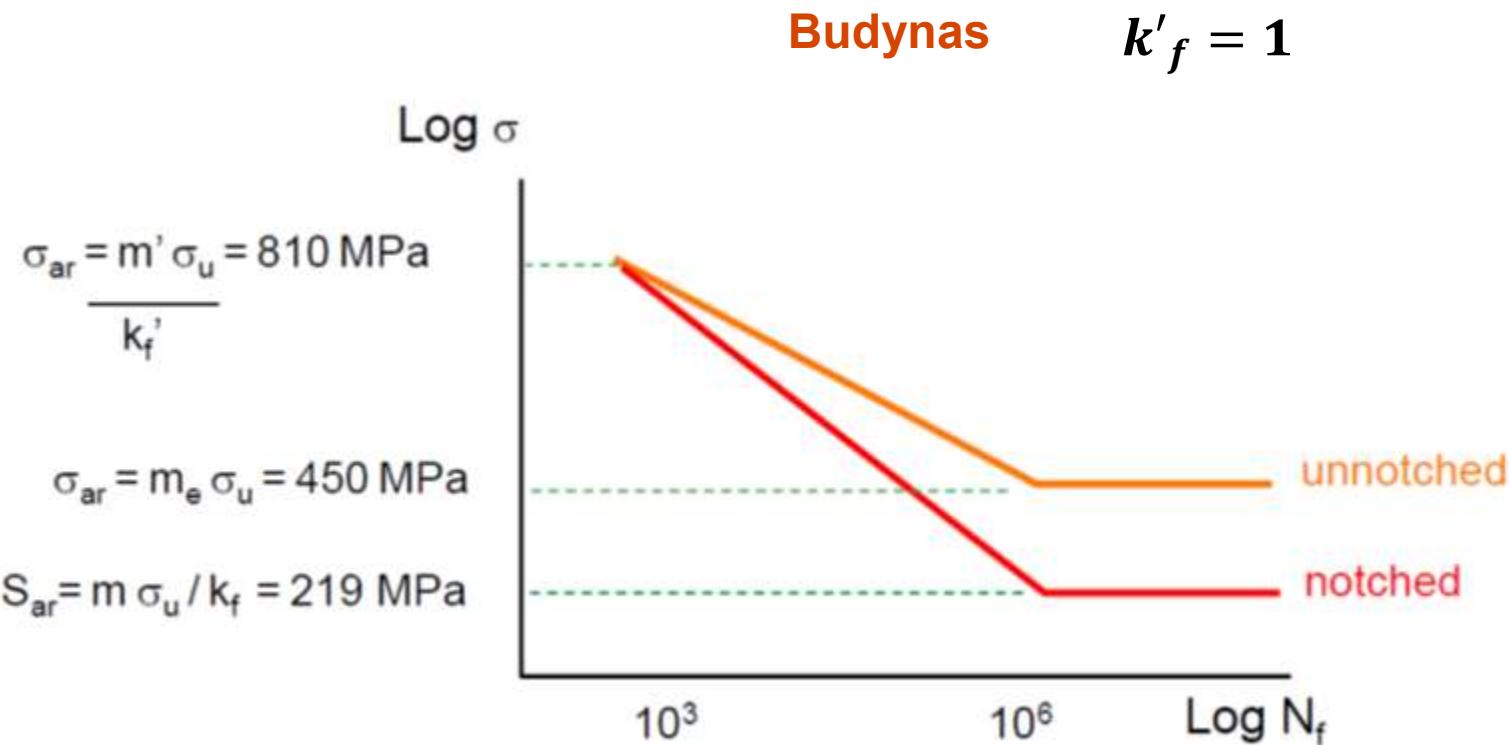
$$\begin{aligned}m &= 1 \times 0.7 \times 0.7 \times 0.5 \\&= 0.25\end{aligned}$$



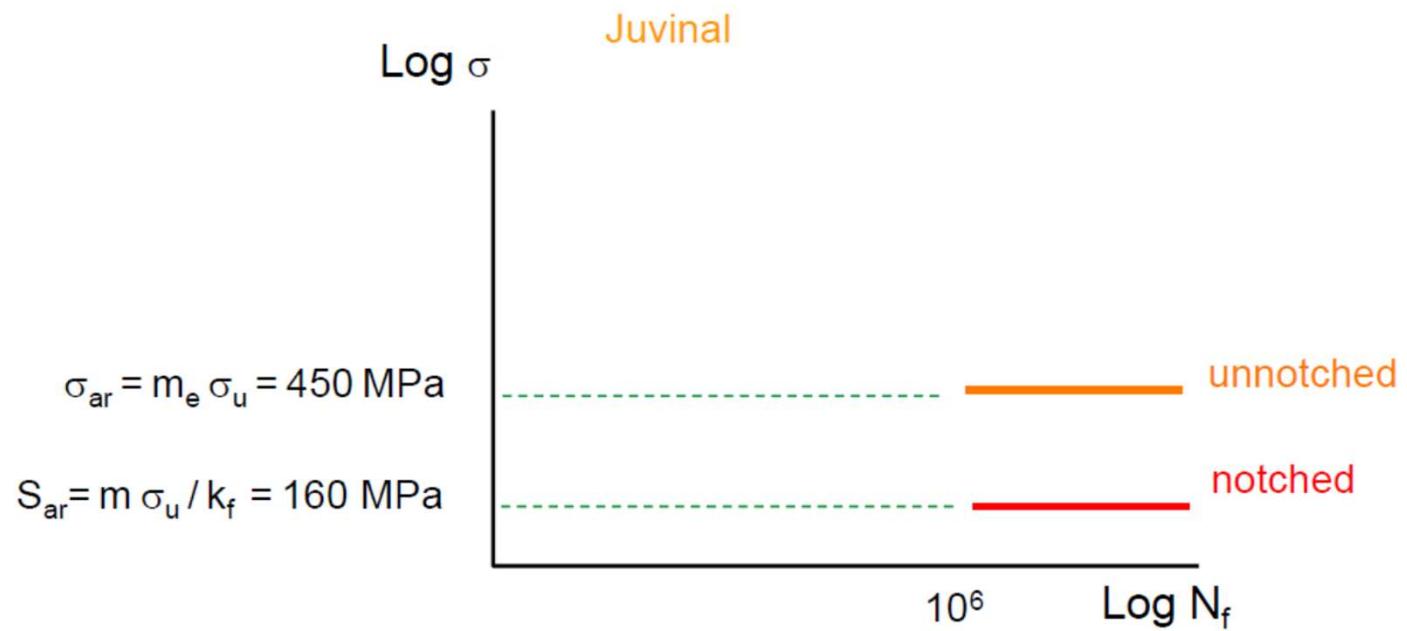
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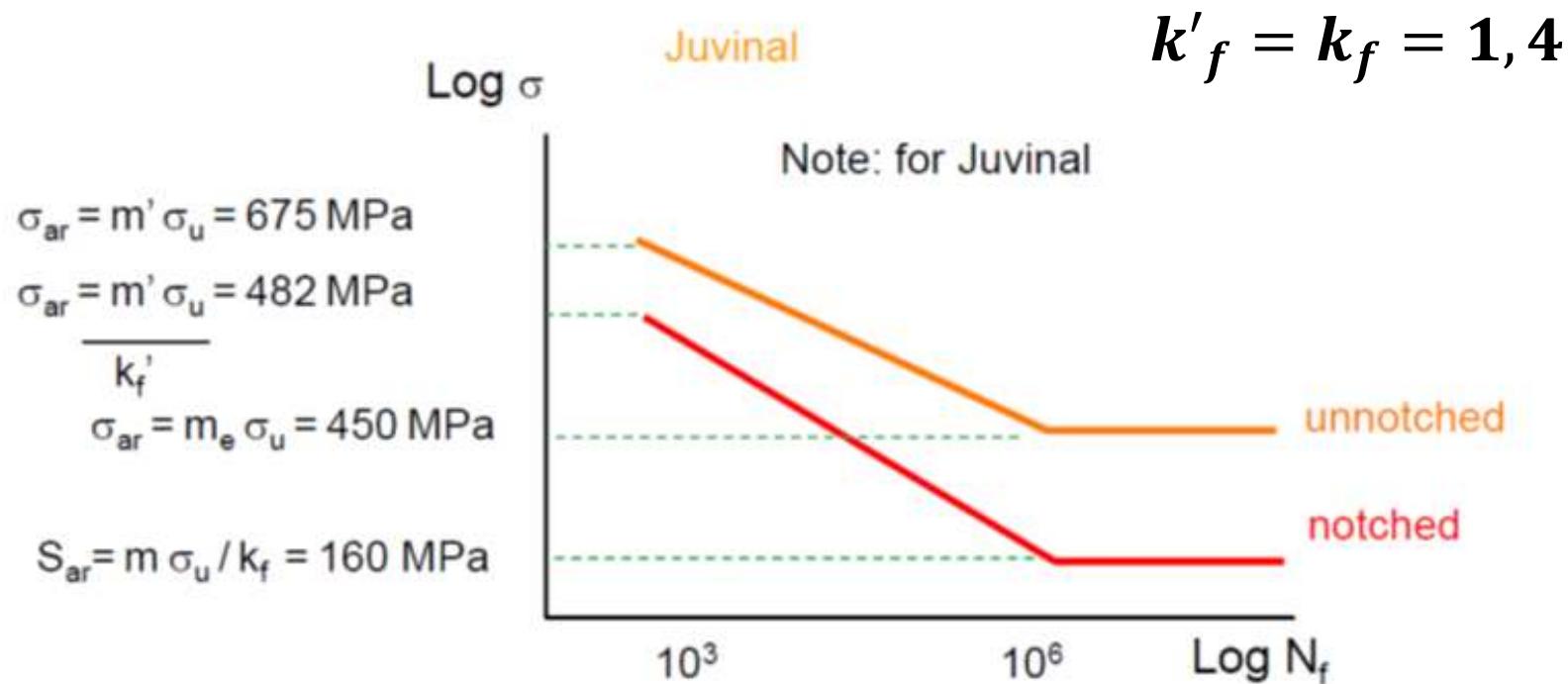
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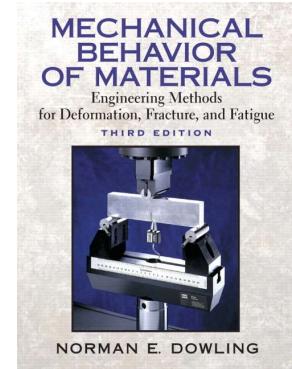


# Readings – Course material

## Course book

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