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Hints:

- Get learning materials from MyCourses.
- Get some coffee. Let's watch a "movie".
- Active participation is very much appreciated.

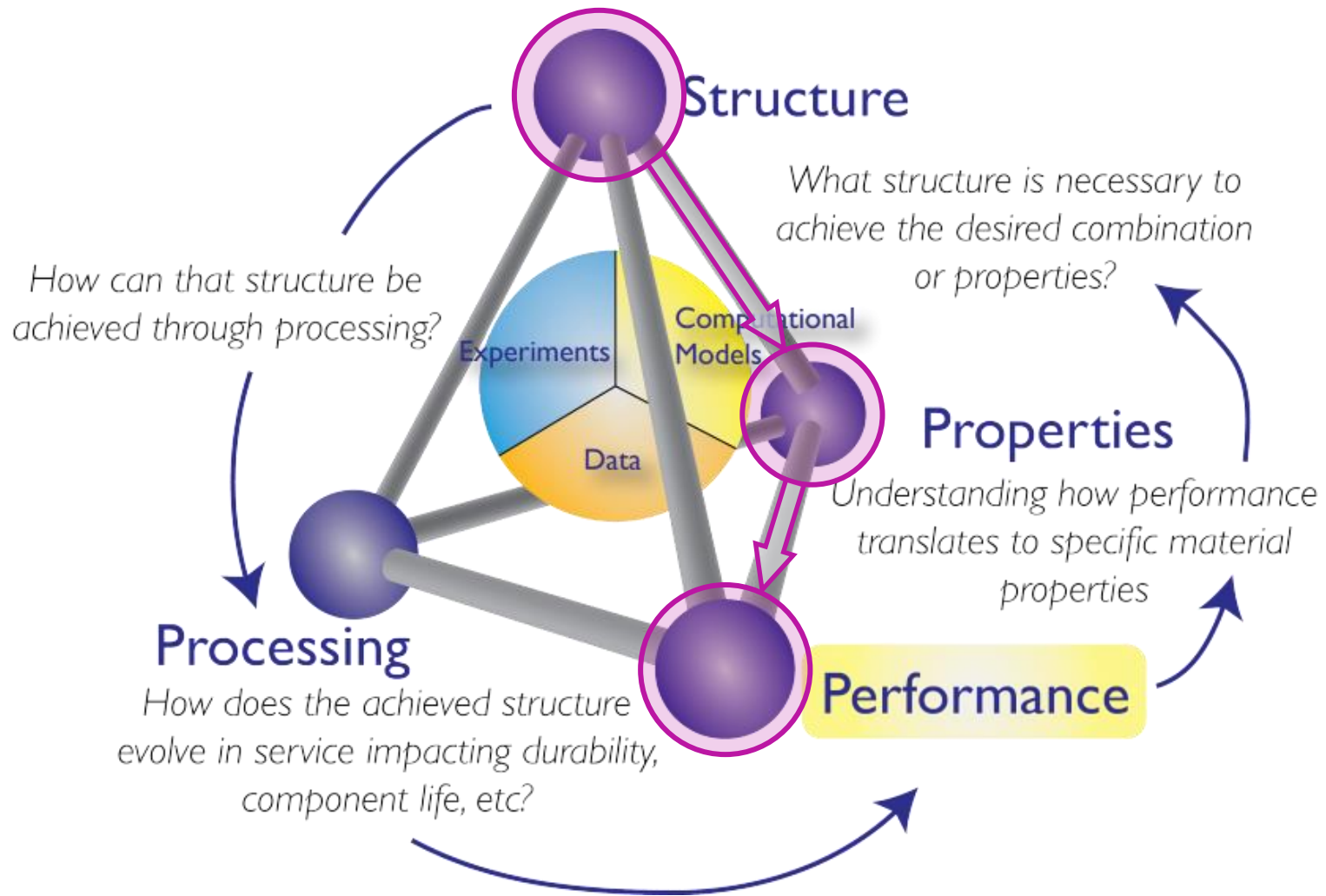
Ice Age



What have you learnt?

- ❑ Failure could be a catastrophe.
- ❑ Failure starts from “small” and runs “large”.
- ❑ “small” = crack; “large” = fracture
- ❑ We need a “Scrat” => Loading.
- ❑ We need an “Acorn” => Crack trigger.
- ❑ We also need time from crack to fracture => “running” rate
- ❑ ...
- ❑ When failure happens, forget your belongs.

Previously



Chapter 5: Failure

ISSUES TO ADDRESS...

- ❑ What is **failure** are what the different **types** of failure?
- ❑ What are the typical **characteristics** of each type of failure?
- ❑ What is the **mechanism** associated with each failure type?
- ❑ What parameter is used to quantify a material's **resistance to failure**?
- ❑ Under what **conditions/situation** does each type occur?
- ❑ What measures may be taken to **reduce the likelihood** of each failure type?

Failure



Fracture of pressure vessel

Failure: Material or component stops complying with the service requirement.

Failure types

The Titanic

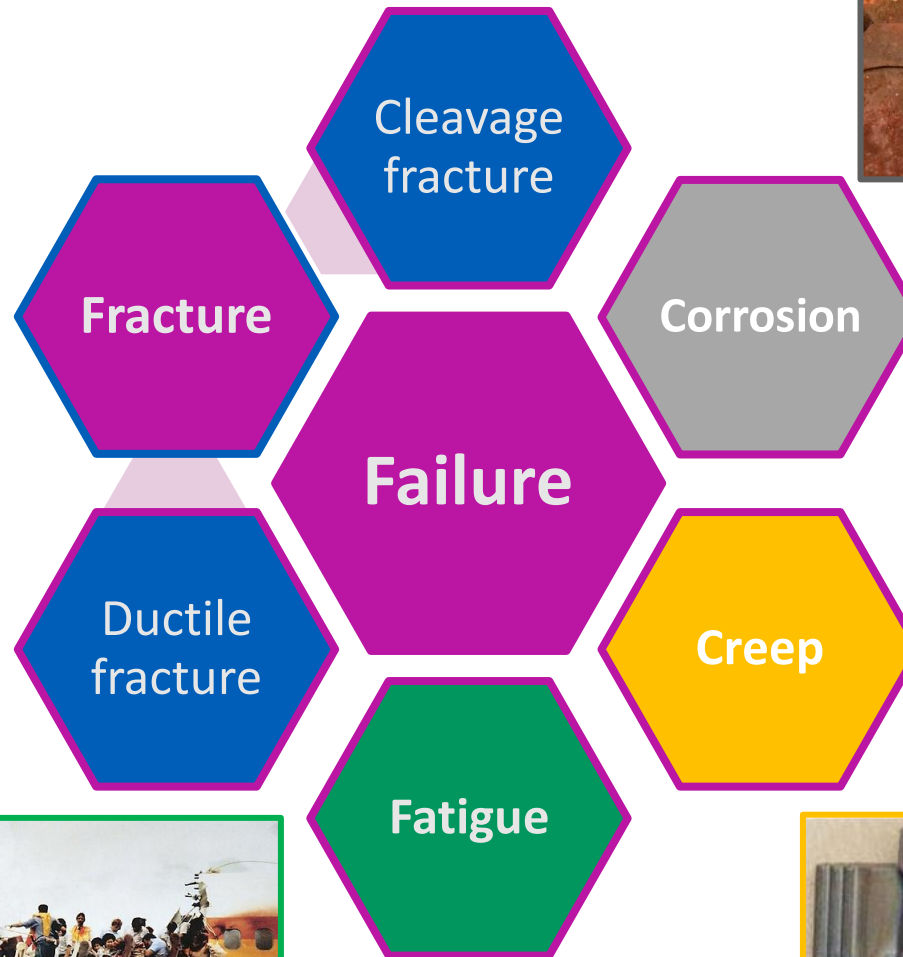


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<https://airwaysmag.com/airlines/32-years-aloft-flight-243-accident/>



Aloha Airlines Flight 243



Rusted Gears

<https://phys.org/news/2018-10-unmasking-corrosion-thin-metals.html>

Creep in Turbine Blade



https://www.researchgate.net/publication/259911455_Development_of_Non-Destructive_Small_Specimen_Creep_Testing_Techniques/figures?lo=1

Fracture



Fracture

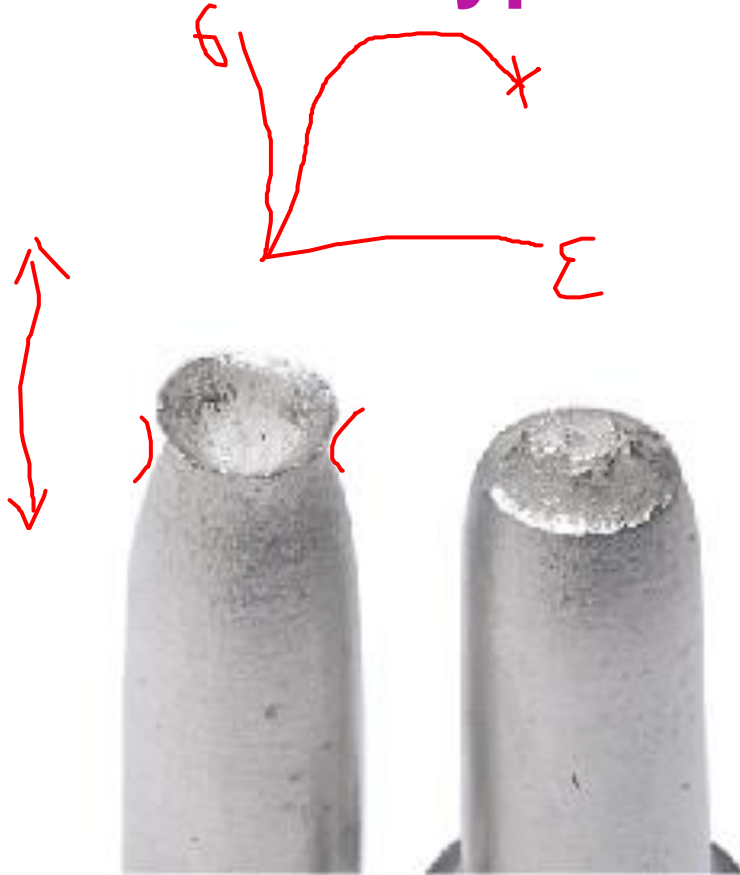
- ❑ **Fracture** – the separation of a body into two or more pieces in response to a **load**. => The final exhibition of failure
- ❑ Fracture starts from **crack initiation** and accompanied by **crack propagation**.



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Ice Age 1

Fracture Types – Surface Photographs



cup-and-cone fracture
- moderately ductile

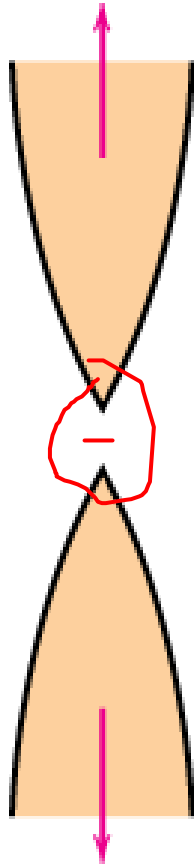


brittle fracture
- totally brittle
- flat surfaces

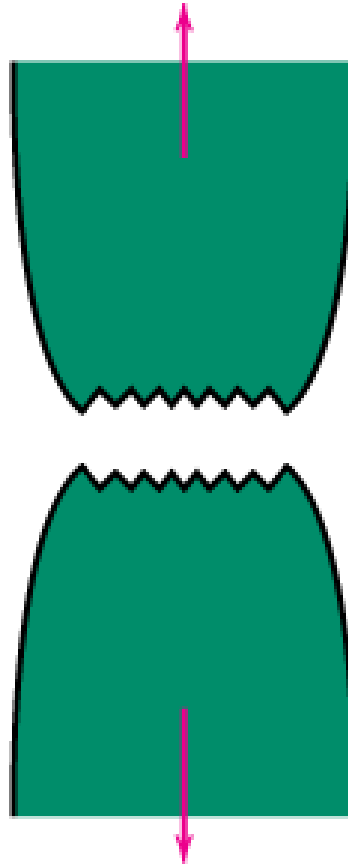
Fig. 8.3, Callister & Rethwisch 10e.

Fracture Profiles

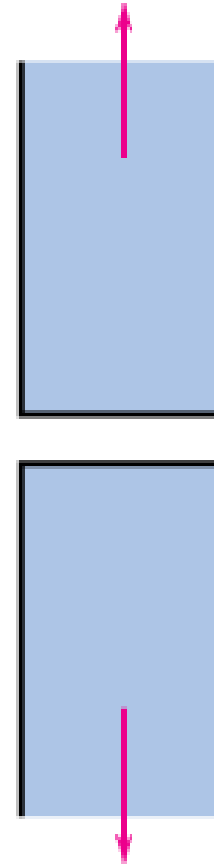
Very
Ductile



Moderately
Ductile



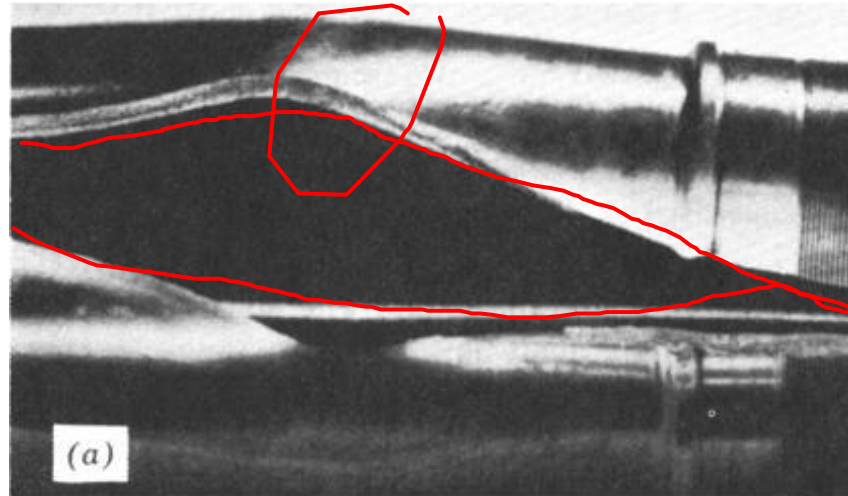
Brittle



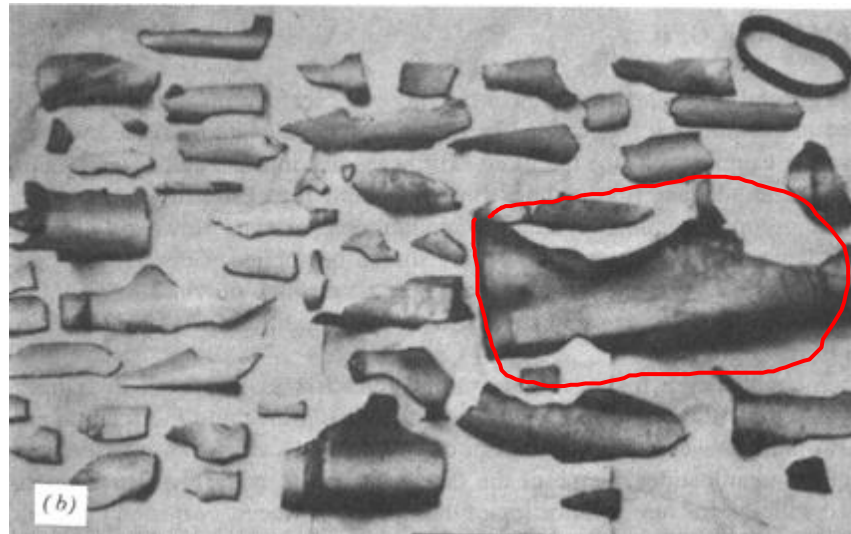
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Examples of Ductile and Brittle Fracture of Pipes

- **Ductile fracture:**
 - one piece
 - large deformation



- **Brittle fracture:**
 - many pieces
 - small deformations



Figures from V.J. Colangelo and F.A. Heiser, *Analysis of Metallurgical Failures* (2nd ed.), Fig. 4.1(a) and (b), p. 66 John Wiley and Sons, Inc., 1987. Used with permission.

Fracture types

- Two general types of fracture

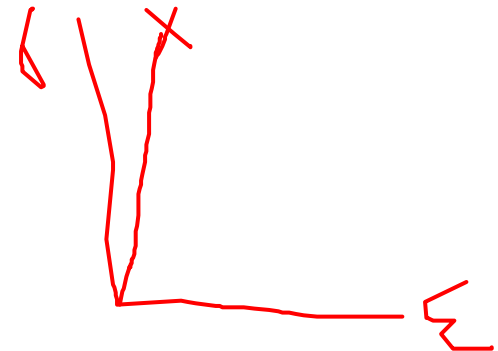
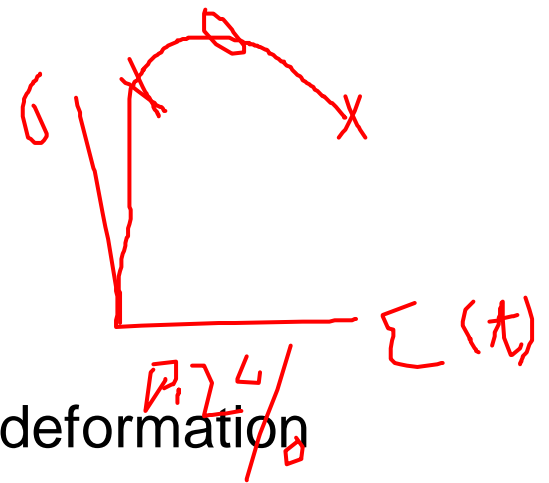
- Ductile

- Accompanied by significant plastic deformation
 - Slow crack propagation
 - Fails with warning

- Brittle

- Little or no plastic deformation
 - Rapid crack propagation
 - Fails without warning

- Ductile fracture generally more desirable than brittle fracture

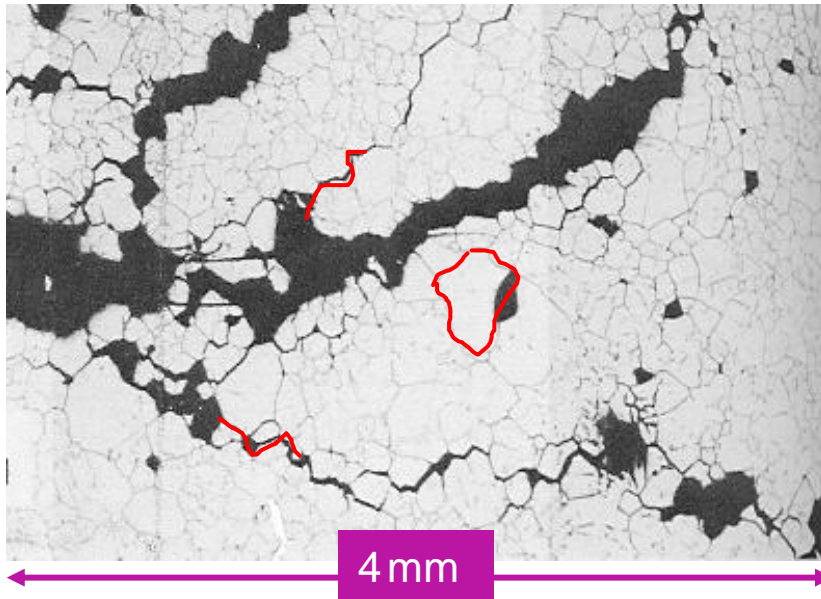


Brittle Fracture



Photographs of Brittle Fracture Surfaces

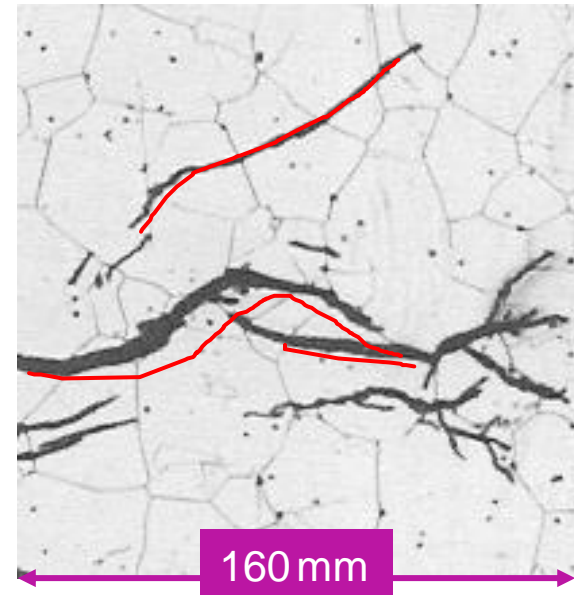
- **Inter**granular crack propagation (**between** grains)



304 S. Steel (metal)

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- **Trans**granular crack propagation (**through** grains)



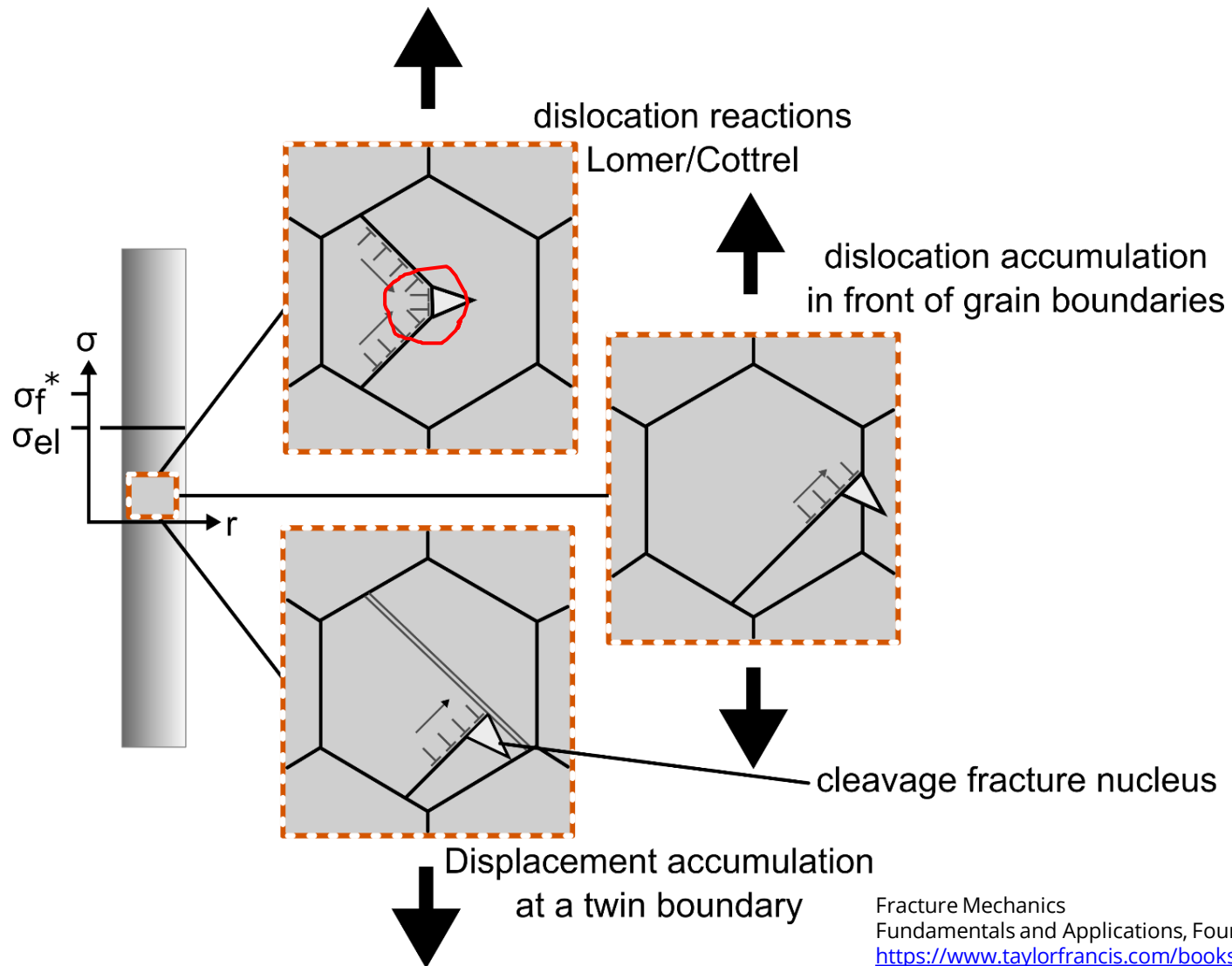
316 S. Steel (metal)

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Break back at 11:15

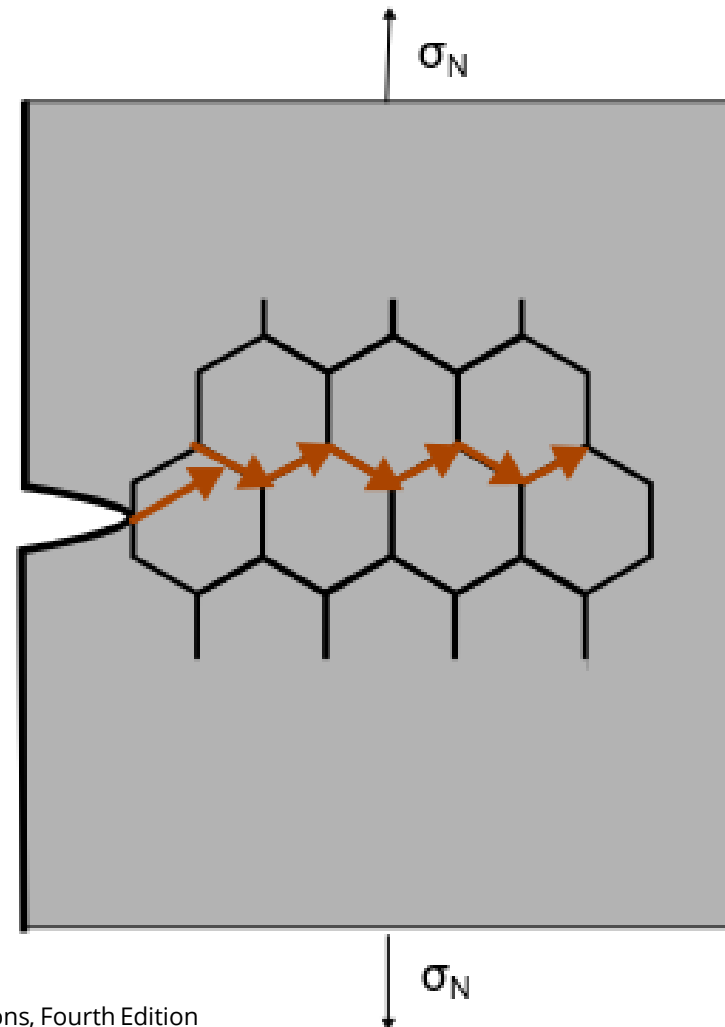
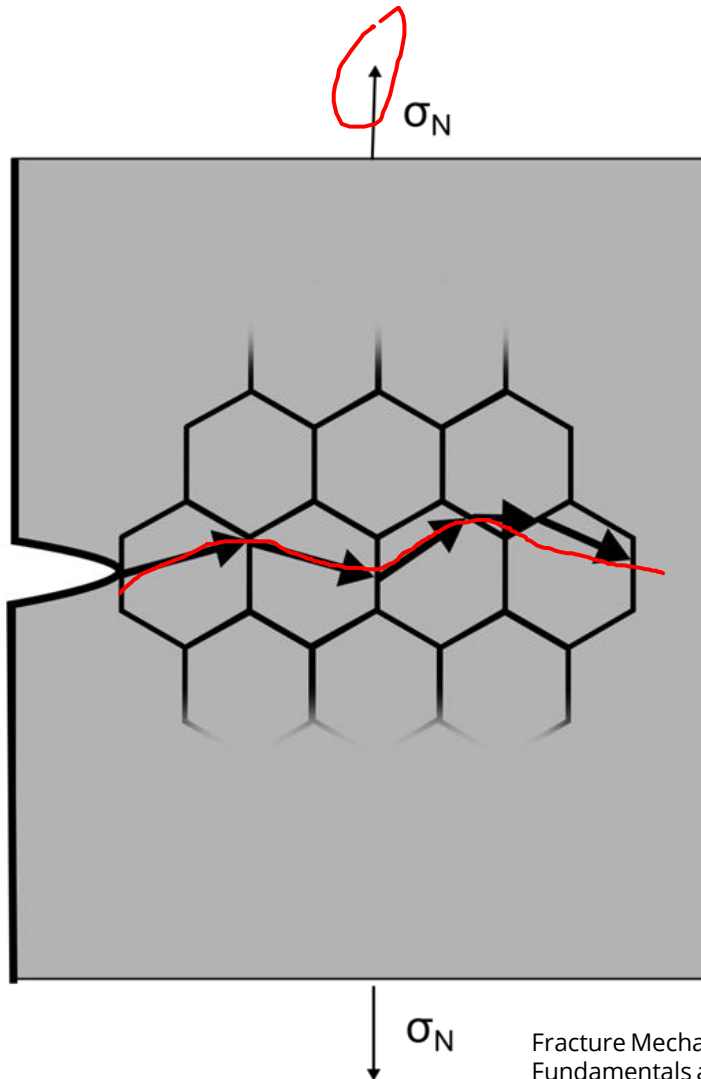


Brittle Fracture Mechanism



Fracture Mechanics
Fundamentals and Applications, Fourth Edition
<https://www.taylorfrancis.com/books/9781315370293>

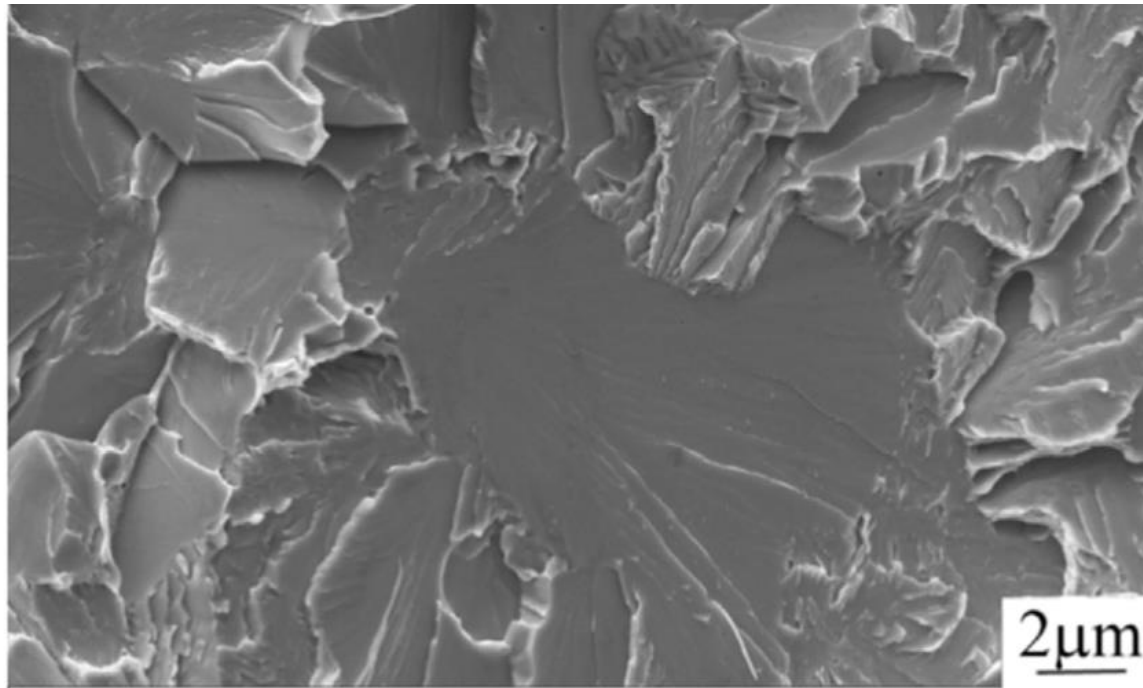
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Brittle Fracture Mechanism

- ❑ Dislocation accumulation at grain boundaries, precipitates or inclusion -> local very high stress concentration.
- ❑ Crack propagates orthogonal to the highest principal normal stress via transgranular or intergranular path.

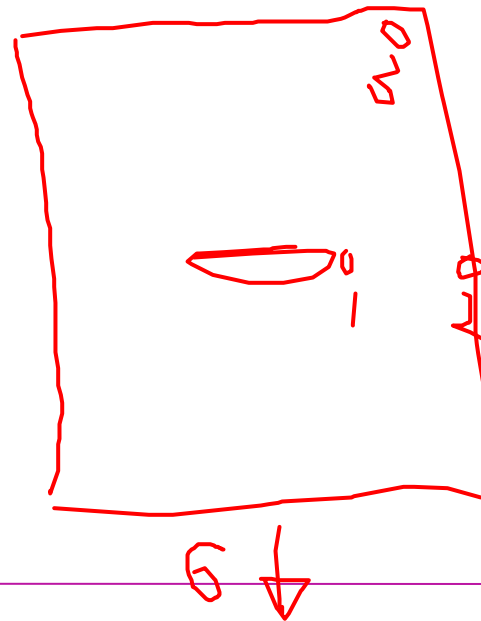
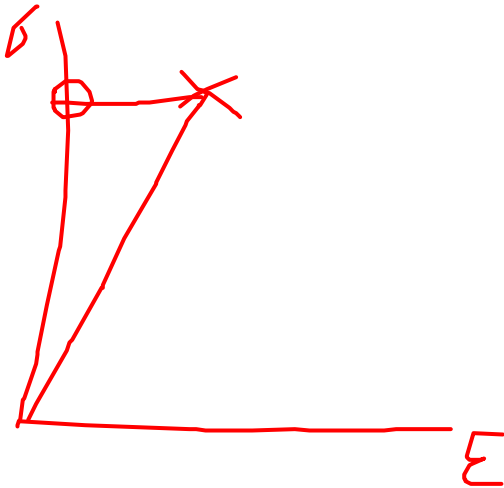


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Quantifying Brittle Fracture

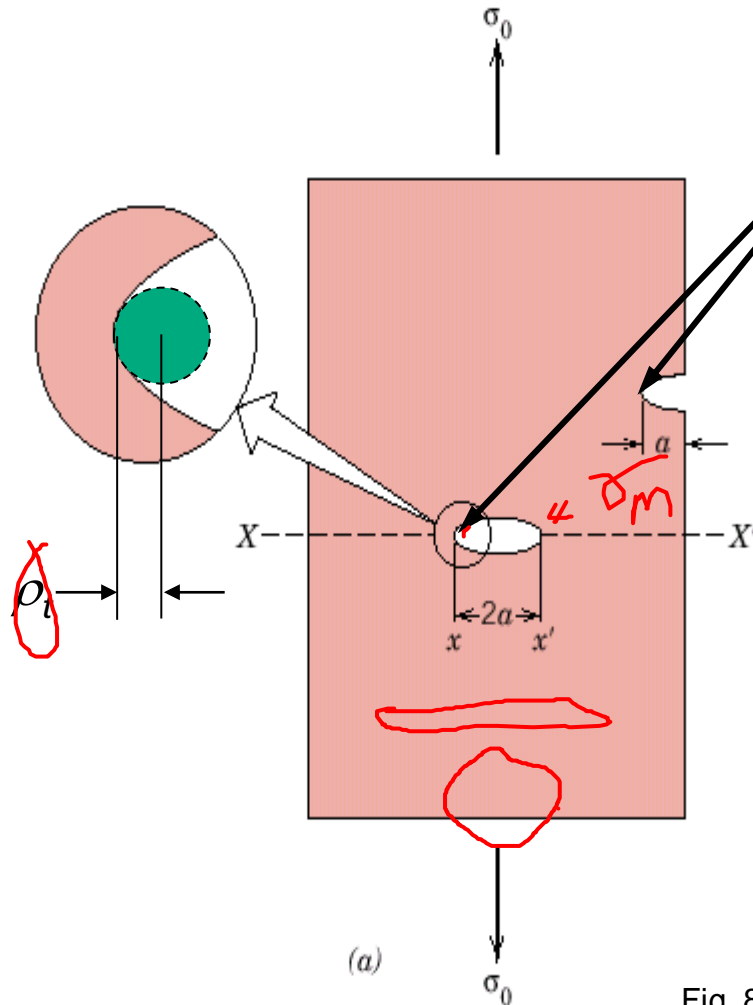
– Fracture Mechanics

- ❑ Fracture occurs as result of crack propagation.
- ❑ Crack initiation triggers (microscopic flaws, cracks) always exist in materials.
- ❑ Magnitude of applied tensile stress amplified at the tips of these cracks.



Fracture Mechanics

Flaws are Stress Concentrators!



$$\sigma_m = 2\sigma_o \left(\frac{a}{\rho_t} \right)^{1/2}$$

where

ρ_t = radius of curvature

σ_o = applied stress

σ_m = stress at crack tip

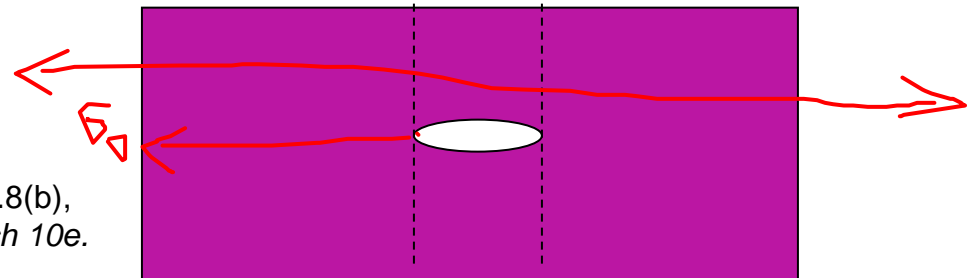
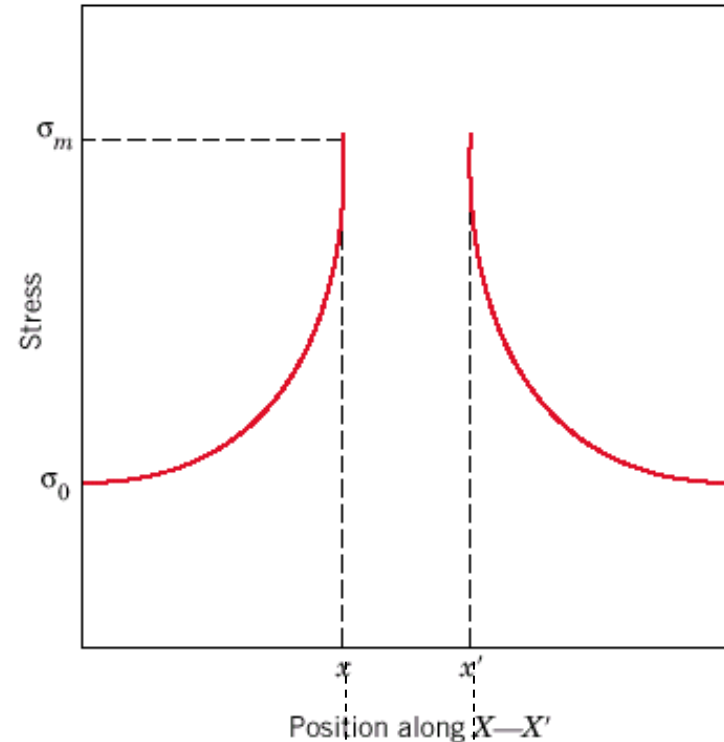
Fig. 8.8(a), Callister & Rethwisch 10e.

Fracture Mechanics (cont.)

Stress Concentration at Crack Tip

K_t = stress concentration factor

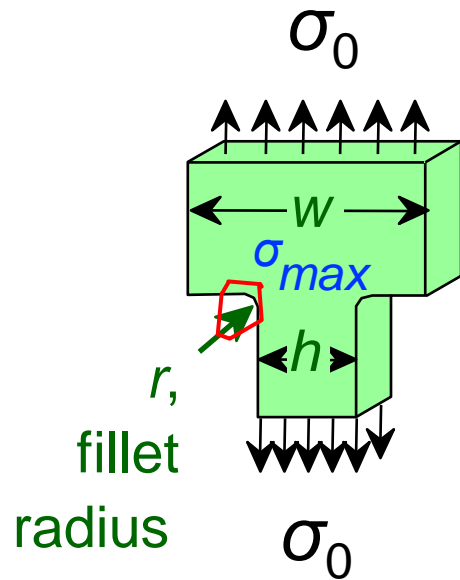
$$K_t = \frac{S_m}{S_o}$$



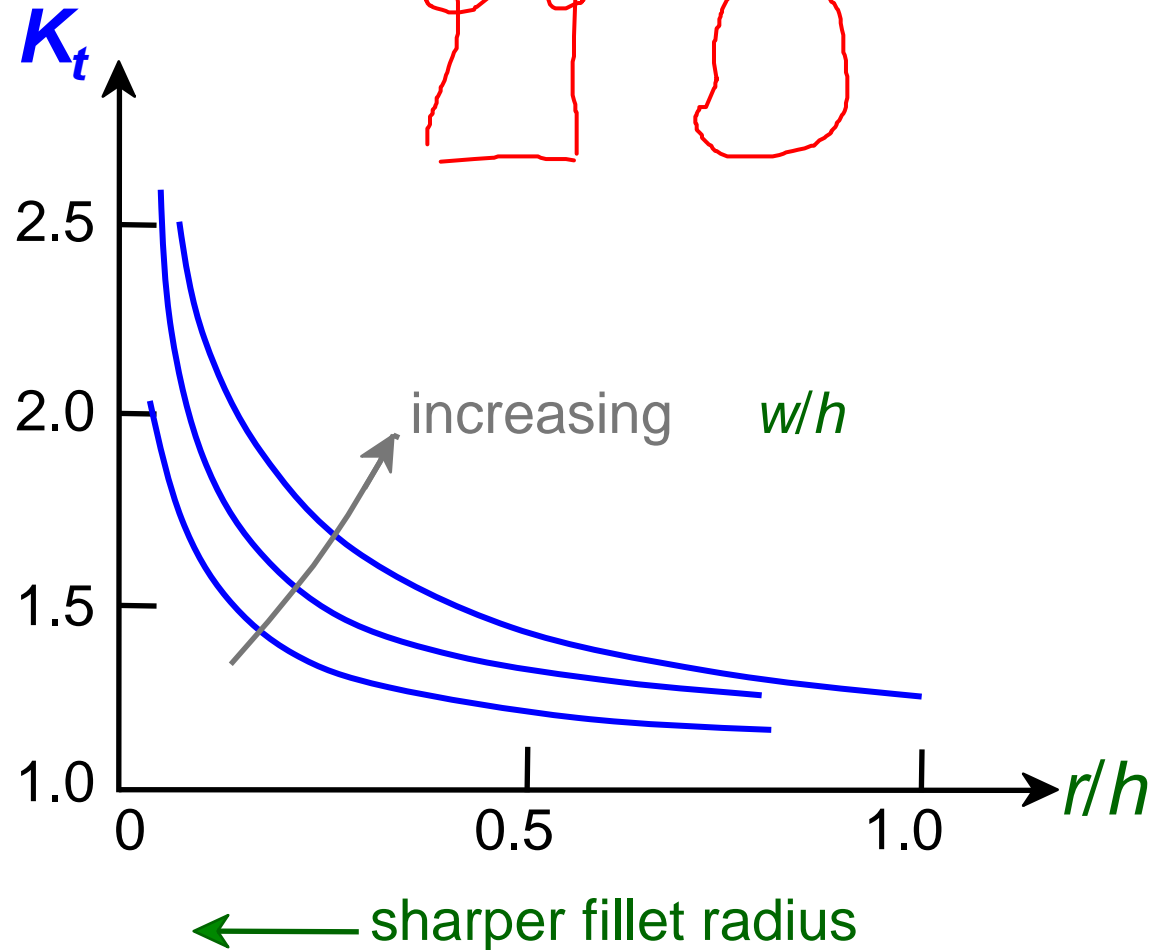
Adapted from Fig. 8.8(b),
Callister & Rethwisch 10e.

Fracture Mechanics (cont.)

Avoid sharp corners!



Adapted from Fig. 8.2W(c), *Callister 6e*.
(Fig. 8.2W(c) is from G.H. Neugebauer, *Prod. Eng.* (NY), Vol. 14, pp. 82-87 1943.)



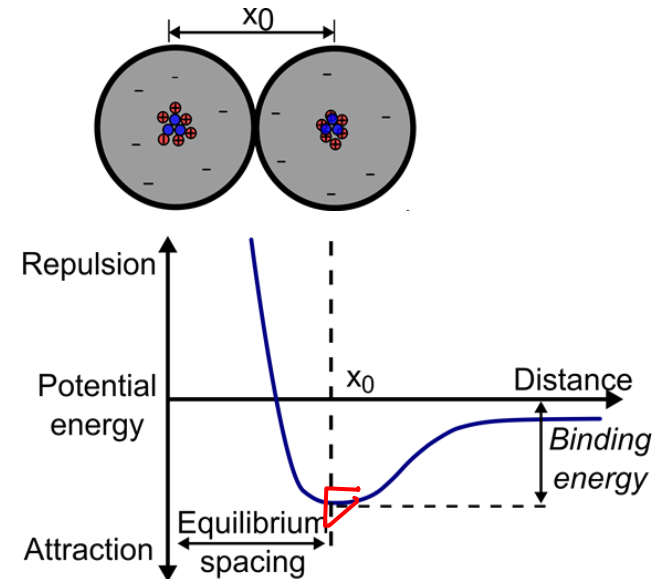
Criterion for Crack Propagation

Critical stress for crack propagation (σ_c) of brittle materials

$$\sigma_c = \left(\frac{2E\gamma_s}{\pi a} \right)^{1/2}$$

where

- σ_c = crack-tip stress
- E = modulus of elasticity
- γ_s = specific surface energy
- a = one half length of internal crack



- ❑ Materials have numerous cracks with different lengths and orientations
- ❑ Crack propagation (and fracture) occurs when $\sigma_m > \sigma_c$ for crack with lowest σ_c
- ❑ **Largest**, most highly **stressed** cracks grow first!

Fracture Toughness



- A measure of material's resistance to brittle fracture when a crack is present
- Defined as

$$K_C = Y \sigma_C \sqrt{\pi a}$$

$$\sigma_c = \left(\frac{2E\gamma_s}{\pi a} \right)^{1/2}$$

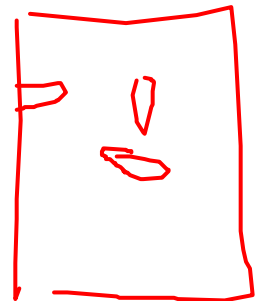
K_C = fracture toughness [$\text{MPa} \sqrt{\text{m}}$]

Y = dimensionless parameter

σ_C = critical stress for crack propagation [MPa]

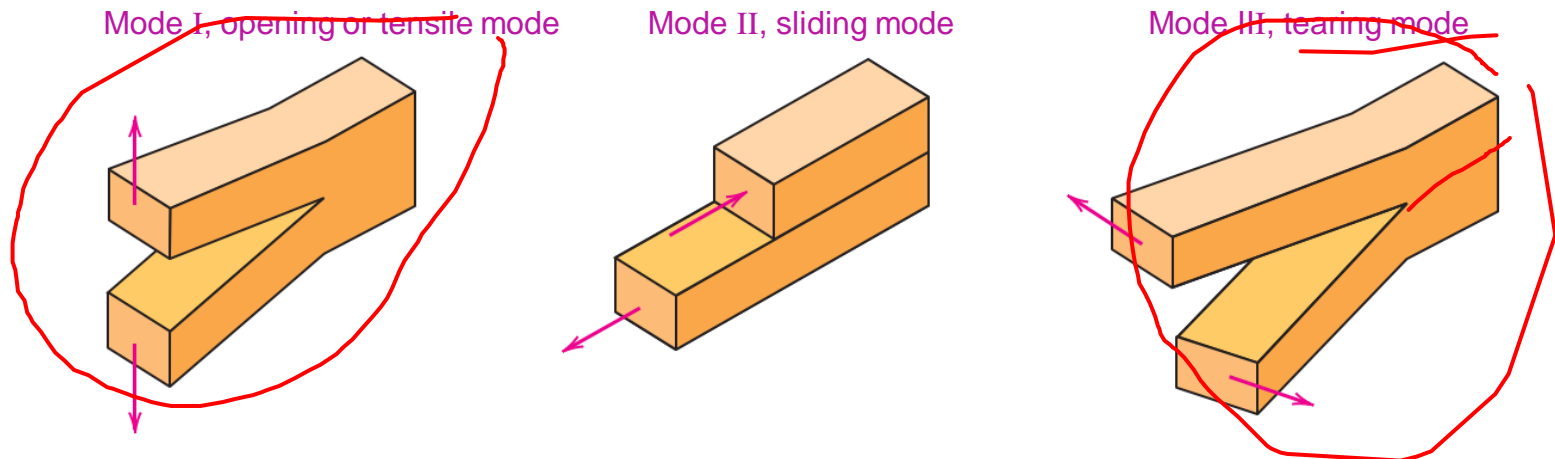
a = crack length [m]

- For planar specimens with cracks much shorter than specimen width, $Y \approx 1$



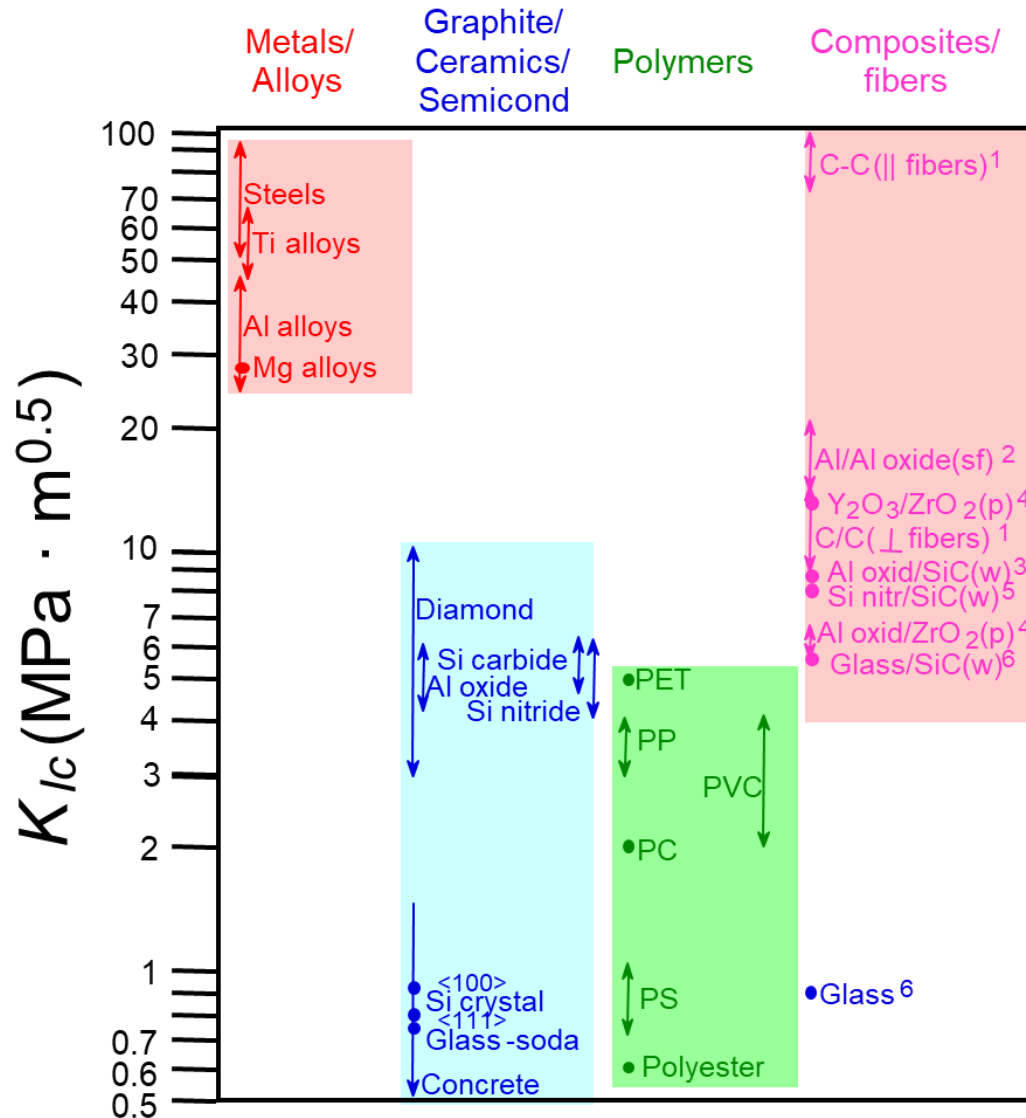
Plane Strain Fracture Toughness

- For specimen thickness much greater than crack dimension, K_{IC} independent of thickness
 - Condition of **plane strain** exists
 - Leads to **plane strain fracture toughness**, $\underline{K_{IC}}$, where I indicates mode I crack displacement



- Values of K_{IC} relatively high for ductile materials and low for brittle ones

Fracture Toughness Ranges



Based on data in Table B.5,
Callister & Rethwisch 10e.

Composite reinforcement geometry is:
f = fibers; sf = short fibers; w = whiskers;
p = particles. Addition data as noted
(vol. fraction of reinforcement):

1. (55vol%) ASM Handbook, Vol. 21, ASM Int., Materials Park, OH (2001) p. 606.
2. (55 vol%) Courtesy J. Cornie, MMC, Inc., Waltham, MA.
3. (30 vol%) P.F. Becher et al., *Fracture Mechanics of Ceramics*, Vol. 7, Plenum Press (1986). pp. 61-73.
4. Courtesy CoorsTek, Golden, CO.
5. (30 vol%) S.T. Buljan et al., "Development of Ceramic Matrix Composites for Application in Technology for Advanced Engines Program", ORNL/Sub/85-22011/2, ORNL, 1992.
6. (20vol%) F.D. Gace et al., *Ceram. Eng. Sci. Proc.*, Vol. 7 (1986) pp. 978-82.

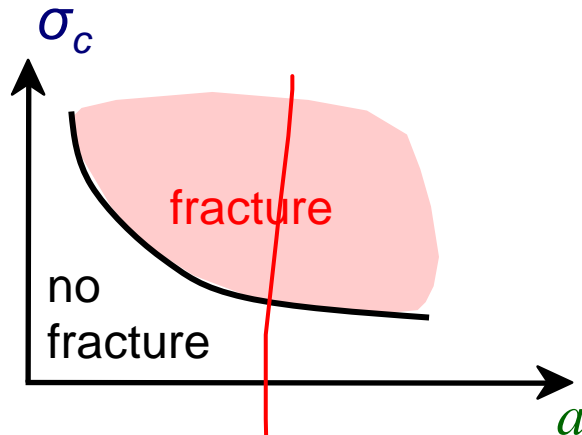
Design Against Fracture

- Crack growth condition:

$$K_{Ic} < Y \sigma_c \sqrt{\pi a}$$

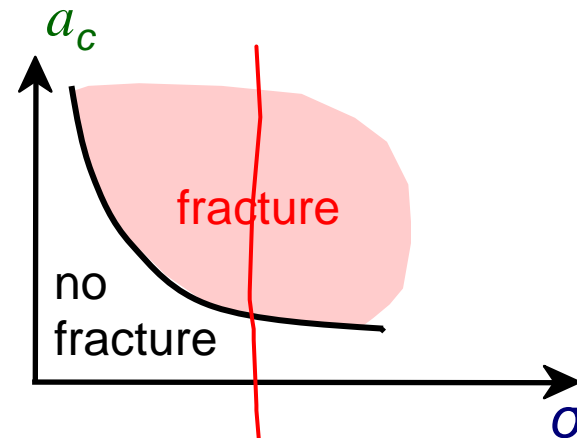
--Scenario 1: K_{Ic} and flaw size a specified - dictates max. design (critical) stress.

$$\sigma_c = \frac{K_{Ic}}{Y \sqrt{\pi a}}$$



--Scenario 2: K_{Ic} and stress level specified - dictates max. allowable flaw size.

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



Summary

- ❑ **Failure** and four common **types of failure**
- ❑ **Fracture** – one type of failure
 - ❑ Occurs by **crack propagation**
 - ❑ **Ductile** fracture: plastic deformation – slow crack propagation
 - ❑ **Brittle** fracture: no plastic deformation – fast crack propagation
 - ❑ Fracture surfaces – different for ductile and brittle
- ❑ Quantification of brittle fracture
 - ❑ Small cracks or flaws exist in all materials
 - ❑ Applied tensile stress amplified at tips of flaws
 - ❑ **Fracture toughness** – measurement of material's resistance to fracture

Questions?