# AE 737 - MECHANICS OF DAMAGE TOLERANCE

## LECTURE 19

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#### SCHEDULE

- 5 Apr Crack Growth, Homework 7 due, Homework 8 assigned
- · 7 Apr Crack Growth, Stress Spectrum
- · 12 Apr Retardation, Boeing Commercial Method
- · 14 Apr Exam Review, Homework 8 Due
- 19 Apr Exam 2
- · 21 Apr Exam Solutions, Damage Tolerance

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#### OUTLINE

- 1. mean stress effects
- 2. multiaxial loading
- 3. crack growth rate
- 4. crack growth rate equations

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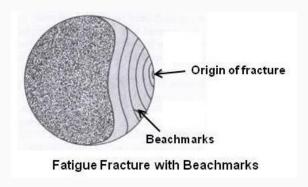
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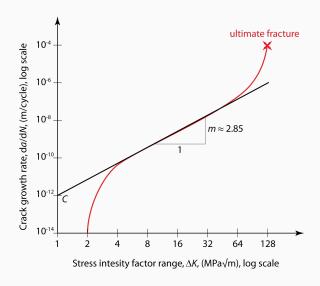
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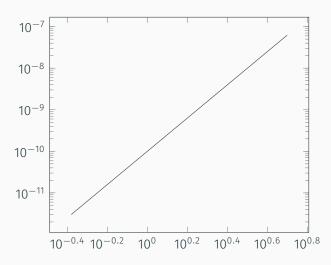
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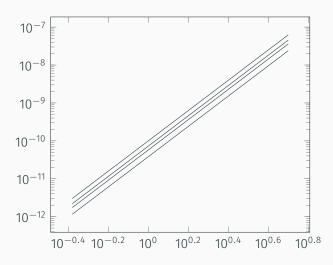
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