AE 737 - MECHANICS OF DAMAGE TOLERANCE

LECTURE 22

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SCHEDULE

- 14 Apr Exam Review
- · 19 Apr Damage Tolerance, Homework 8 Due
- 21 Apr Exam 2
- · 26 Apr Exam Solutions, Damage Tolerance
- · 28 Apr SPTE, AFGROW, Finite Elements

OUTLINE

- 1. crack growth retardation
- 2. exam 2
- 3. stress based fatigue
- 4. strain based fatigue
- 5. fracture based fatigue

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- If the model we are using is in terms of ΔK we will also need to use $\Delta K = (1-C_f)K_{max}$

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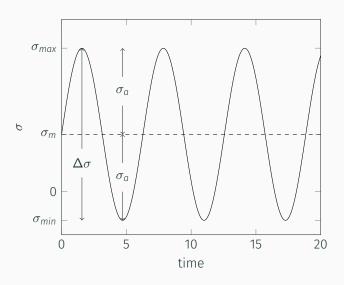
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$$\Delta \sigma = \sigma_{max} - \sigma_{min} \tag{22.8}$$

$$\sigma_m = \frac{\sigma_{max} + \sigma_{min}}{2} \tag{22.9}$$

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USEFUL RELATIONS

 There are some useful relationships between the above equations

$$\Delta \sigma = 2\sigma_a = \sigma_{max}(1 - R) \tag{22.13a}$$

$$\sigma_m = \frac{\sigma_{max}}{2} (1 + R) \tag{22.13b}$$

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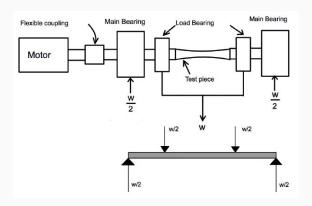


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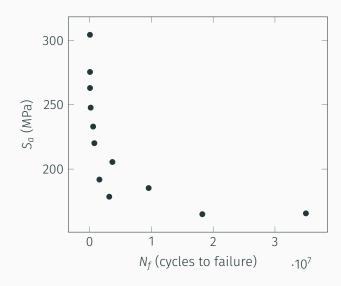
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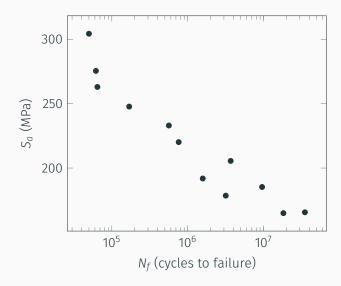
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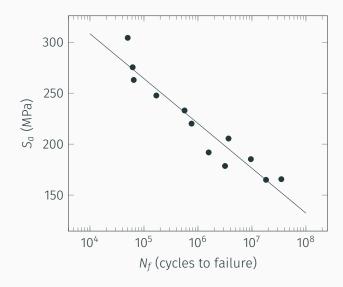
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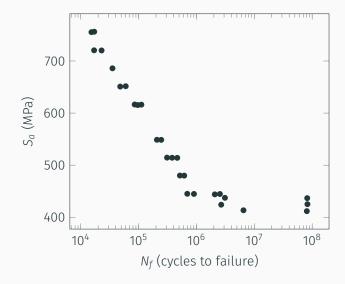
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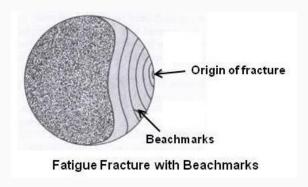
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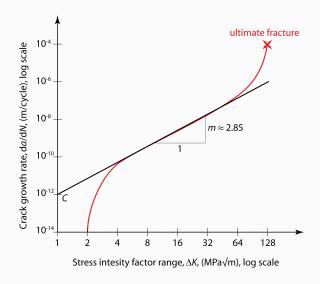
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