Failure Mechanisms - II

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Failures in High Speed Machines



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Fatigue



Fatigue testing apparatus for rotating bending test

Fatigue is a form of failure that occurs in structures subjected to dynamic stresses over an extended period.
 Under these conditions it is possible to fail at stress levels considerably lower than tensile or yield strength for a static load.

Common failure in bridges, aircraft and machine components.

Fatigue



Region of slow crack propagation

Fracture surface with crack initiation at top Surface shows predominantly dull fibrous texture where rapid failure occurred after crack achieved critical size.

- Fatigue failure
 - 1. Crack initiation
 - 2. Crack propagation
 - 3. Final failure



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- Striations are close together indicating low stress, many cycles.
- Widely spaced striations mean high stress few cycles.



Fatigue





- Fatigue failure is brittle in nature, even in normal ductile materials;
- There is very little plastic deformation associated with the failure.
- The image shows fatigue striations (microscopic).



- A specimen is subjected to stress cycling at a maximum stress amplitude; the number of cycles to failure is determined.
- This procedure is repeated on other specimens at progressively decreasing stress amplitudes.
- Typical S-N behavior: the higher the stress level, the fewer the number of cycles.

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Improving Fatigue Life

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1. Impose a compressive surface stress (to suppress surface cracks from growing)





2. Remove stress concentrators.





•Materials are often placed in service at elevated temperatures (>0.4 T_m) and exposed to static mechanical stresses.

Creep

- •Examples are turbine rotors in jet engines and steam generators that experience centrifugal stresses and high pressure steam lines.
- Creep is time dependent, permanent deformation of the material when subjected to a constant load or stress.





Creep



Sample deformation at a constant stress (s) vs. time

Primary Creep: slope (creep rate) decreases with time.
Secondary Creep: steady-state i.e., constant slope.
Tertiary Creep: slope (creep rate) increases with time, i.e. acceleration of rate.





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