# **Topics in Ship Structures**

## 02 Low Cycle Fatigue for Base Material

**Reference : Fundamentals of Metal Fatigue Analysis Ch. 2 Strain – Life** 

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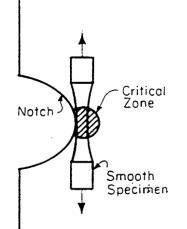


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### 2.1 INTRODUCTION

## High Cycle Fatigue vs Low Cycle Fatigue

- Each failure occurs by apparently different physical mechanisms
- High cycle fatigue
- Low cycle fatigue
  - Significant plastic strain occurs during at least some of the loading cycles.
  - ✓ Relatively short fatigue lives between 10~100,000 cycles
  - $\checkmark$  Ductility and resistance to plastic flow are important
  - Post welding treatment and high tensile material are not effective.
  - Engineering Structures are designed such that the nominal loads remain elastic.
  - ✓ However, stress concentrations often cause plastic strains to develop in the vicinity of notches.
  - ✓ Crack initiation life is estimated.





## **Basic Definitions**

- Engineering Stress and Strain
   S = engineering stress = \frac{P}{A\_0}
   e = engineering strain = \frac{l-l\_0}{l\_0} = \frac{\Delta l}{l\_0}
   The true stress is defined as the ratio of the
- applied load to the instantaneous cross sectional area

$$\sigma = true \, stress = \frac{P}{A}$$

• The true strain is defined as the sum of all the instantaneous engineering strains.

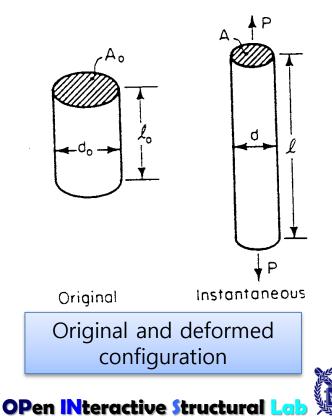
$$\varepsilon = true \ strain = \int_{l_0}^{l} \frac{dl}{l} = \ln \frac{l}{l_0}$$

Incase of engineering strain.

$$e = \text{engineering strain} = \int_{l_0}^{l} \frac{dl}{l_0} = \frac{l - l_0}{l_0}$$

P = applied load  $l_0 = original length$   $d_0 = original diameter$   $A_0 = original area$ l = instantaneous length

d =instantaneous diameter



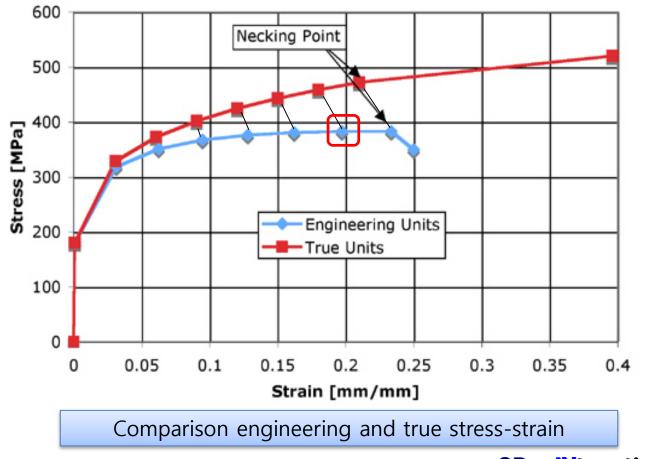
## True and engineering stress-strain

True and Engineering Stress-Strain Relationship (valid up to necking)

The instantaneous length : 
$$l = l_0 + \Delta l$$
  
The true strain :  $\varepsilon = \ln \frac{l_0 + \Delta l}{l_0} = \ln \left(1 + \frac{\Delta l}{l_0}\right) = \ln(1 + e)$   
The volume remains constant up to necking  
 $A_0 l_0 = Al \Rightarrow \frac{A_0}{A} = \frac{l}{l_0}$   
 $\varepsilon = \ln \frac{l}{l_0} = \ln \frac{A_0}{A}$   
 $P = SA_0 \quad \sigma = \frac{P}{A} \Rightarrow \sigma = S \frac{A_0}{A}$   
 $\varepsilon = \ln(1 + e) = \ln \frac{A_0}{A} \Rightarrow \frac{A_0}{A} = 1 + e$   
 $\sigma = S(1 + e) \quad \varepsilon = \ln(1 + e)$ 

## True and engineering stress-strain

$$(e,S) = (0.2,380)$$
  $\xrightarrow{\varepsilon = \ln(1+e)}$   $(\varepsilon, \sigma) = (0.182,456)$   
 $\sigma = S(1+e)$ 





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## **Stress-Strain relationship**

- Total true strain ( $\varepsilon_t$ ) = Linear elastic strain ( $\varepsilon_e$ )+ plastic strain ( $\varepsilon_p$ )  $\varepsilon_t = \varepsilon_e + \varepsilon_p$
- For most metals a log-log plot of true stress versus true plastic strain is modeled as a straight line.  $\sigma^{-1/2}$

$$\sigma = K(\varepsilon_p)^n \qquad \varepsilon_p = (\frac{\sigma}{K})^{\frac{1}{n}}$$

K : strength coefficient, n : strain hardening exponent.

• True fracture strength  $\sigma$ 

 $\sigma_f = \frac{P_f}{A_f}$ 

 $A_f$ : area at fracture,  $P_f$ : load at fracture.

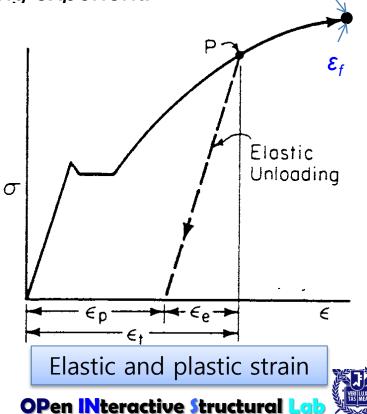
True fracture ductility, true strain at final fracture.

$$\varepsilon_{f} = \ln \frac{A_{0}}{A_{f}} = \ln \frac{1}{1 - RA}, RA = \frac{A_{0} - A_{f}}{A_{0}}$$

#### RA : Reduction in area

• K can be defined in terms of  $\sigma_f$  and  $\varepsilon_f$ .

$$\sigma_f = K(\varepsilon_f)^n \quad K = \frac{\sigma_f}{\varepsilon_f^n}$$



## 2.2 MATERIAL BEHAVIOR - 2.2.1 Monotonic Stress-Strain Behavior Stress-Strain relationship

Plastic strain can be defined in terms of these quantities.

$$\mathcal{E}_{p} = \left(\frac{\sigma}{K}\right)^{1/n} \quad K = \frac{\sigma_{f}}{\varepsilon_{f}^{n}} \quad \Longrightarrow \quad \varepsilon_{p} = \left(\frac{\sigma}{\sigma_{f}/\varepsilon_{f}^{n}}\right)^{1/n} = \left(\frac{\sigma\varepsilon_{f}^{n}}{\sigma_{f}}\right)^{1/n} = \varepsilon_{f}\left(\frac{\sigma}{\sigma_{f}}\right)^{1/n}$$

Total strain can be expresses as

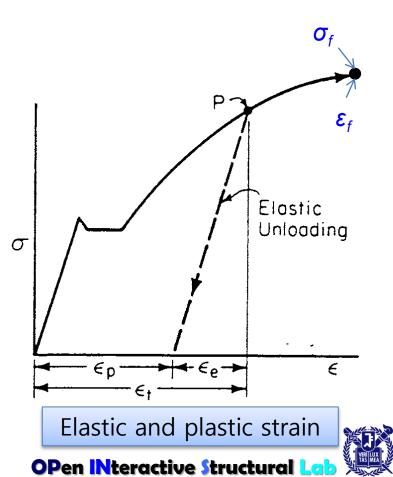
 $\mathcal{E}_t = \mathcal{E}_e + \mathcal{E}_p$ 

Elastic strain

$$\varepsilon_e = \frac{\sigma}{E}$$

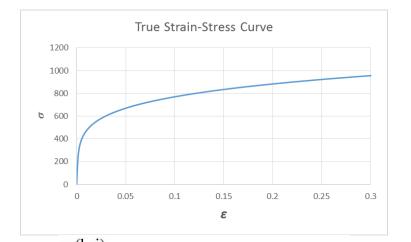
Total strain can be rewritten as

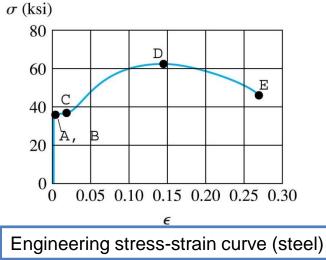
$$\varepsilon_t = \frac{\sigma}{E} + \left(\frac{\sigma}{K}\right)^{\frac{1}{n}}$$

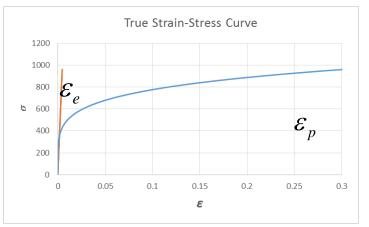


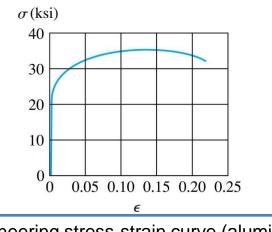
## True and engineering stress-strain

- Example of True Stress-Strain Curve
- E = modulus of elasticity = 20600 MPa
- n = cyclic strain hardening exponent = 0.193
- $K = cyclic \ strength \ coefficient = 1210 \ MPa$





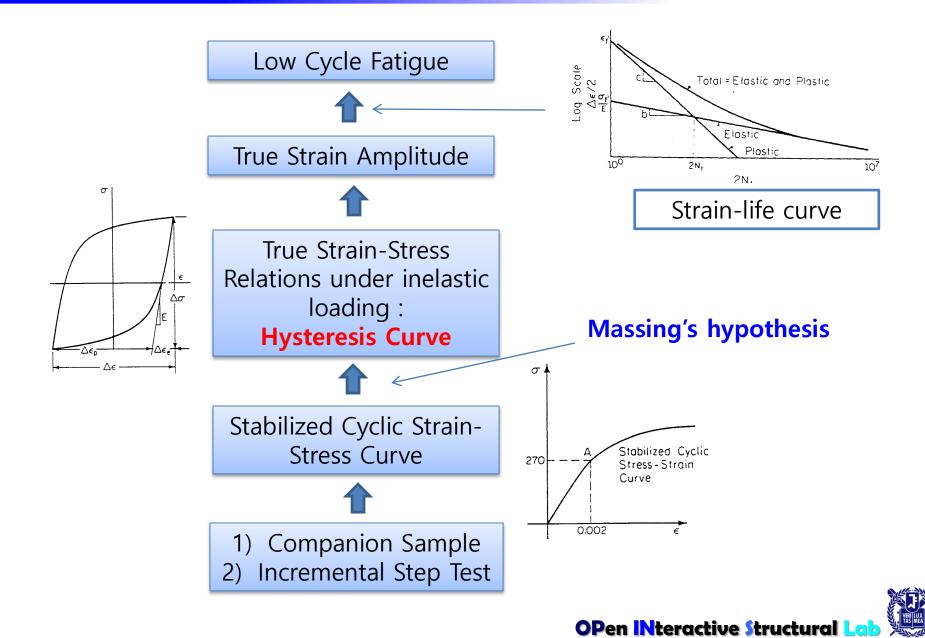




Engineering stress-strain curve (aluminum)

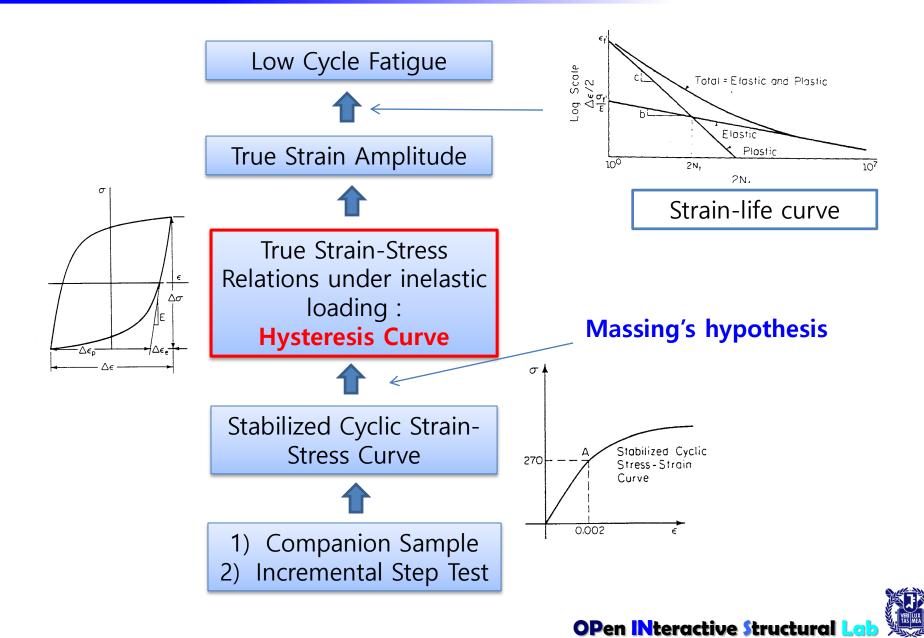
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## 2.2.2 Cyclic Stress-Strain Behavior – Hysteresis loop

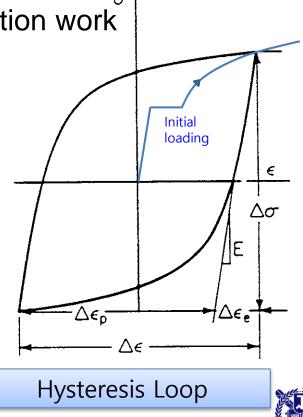
- Cyclic stress-strain curves are useful for assessing the durability of structures and components subjected to repeated loading.
- Hysteresis loop : the response of a material subjected to inelastic loading.
- The area within the loop : plastic deformation work done on the material
- Total strain range.

$$\Delta \varepsilon = \Delta \varepsilon_e + \Delta \varepsilon_p$$

• Total strain amplitude  $\frac{\Delta \varepsilon}{2} = \frac{\Delta \varepsilon_e}{2} + \frac{\Delta \varepsilon_p}{2}$ 

the elastic term may be replaced

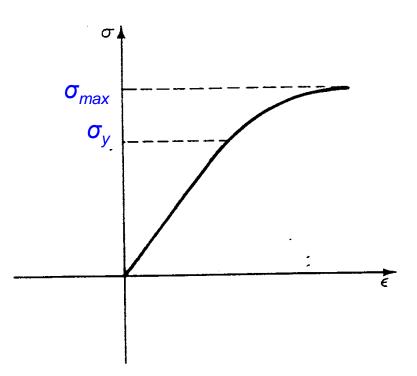
$$\frac{\Delta\varepsilon}{2} = \frac{\Delta\sigma}{2E} + \frac{\Delta\varepsilon_p}{2}$$



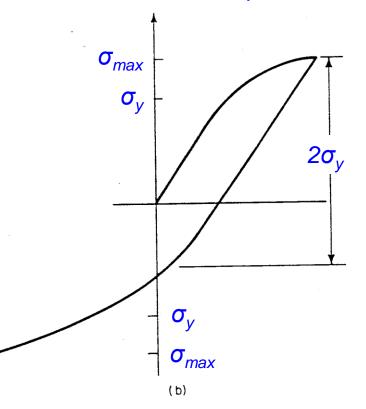
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## 2.2.2 Cyclic Stress-Strain Behavior – Baushinger effect

1. Tensional loading : past the yield strength,  $\sigma_{\rm y}$ , to some value  $\sigma_{\rm max}$ 



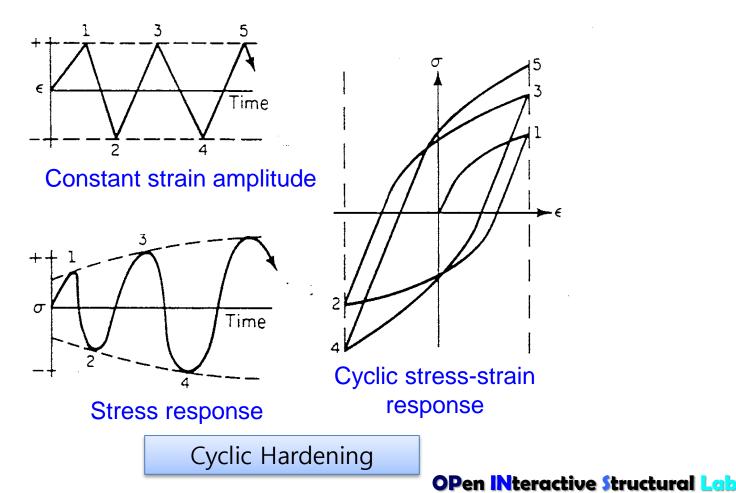
2. Compressive loading : inelastic (plastic) strains develop before  $-\sigma_y$  is reached. 12





## 2.2.3 Transient Behavior : Cyclic Strain Hardening

- The stress-strain response of metals is often drastically altered due to repeated loading.
  - 1. Cyclically harden : maximum stress increases with each cycle of strain.
    - $\rightarrow$  requires more load to keep imposing the constant strain.

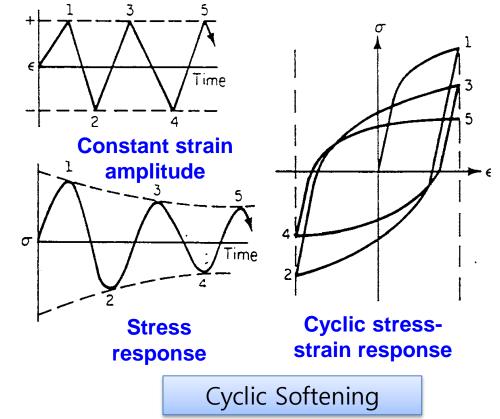




## 2.2.3 Transient Behavior : Cyclic Softening

2. Cyclically soften : maximum stress increases with each cycle of strain

 $\rightarrow$  requires less load to keep imposing the constant strain.



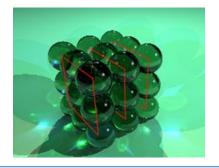
- 3. Be cyclically stable : requires the same load
- 4. Have mixed behavior(soften or harden depending on strain range)



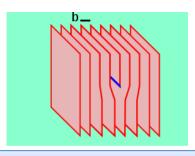
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## What is dislocation?

- Dislocation : a crystallographic(결정학상의) defect, or irregularity, within a crystal structure.
- A crystalline material : consists of a regular array of atoms, arranged into lattice planes.
- An edge dislocation : a defect where an extra half-plane of atoms is introduced mid way through the crystal, distorting nearby planes of atoms.
- A screw dislocation : Imagine cutting a crystal along a plane and slipping one half across the other.



Crystal lattice showing atoms and lattice planes







Screw dislocation

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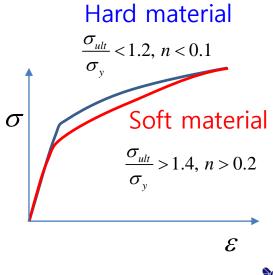


## 2.2.3 Transient Behavior : Cyclic Hardening and Softening

- The reason of materials soften or harden
- For soft material : initially the dislocation density is low. The density rapidly increases due to cyclic plastic straining contributing to significant cyclic strain hardening
- For hard material : subsequent strain cycling causes a rearrangement of dislocations which offers less resistance to deformation and the material cyclically softens.

## $\frac{\sigma_{\scriptscriptstyle ult}}{\sigma_{\scriptscriptstyle y}}\!>\!1.4\,$ : the material will cyclically harden

 $\frac{\sigma_{\scriptscriptstyle ult}}{\sigma_{\scriptscriptstyle y}}$  < 1.2 : the material will cyclically soften



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## 2.2.3 Transient Behavior : Cyclic Hardening and Softening<sup>7</sup>

- Between 1.2 and 1.4, small change in cyclic response.
- Monotonic strain hardening exponent, n, can be used to predict the material's cyclic behavior.
  - $\checkmark$  n> 0.20 the material will cyclically harden
  - $\checkmark$  n< 0.10 the material will cyclically soften

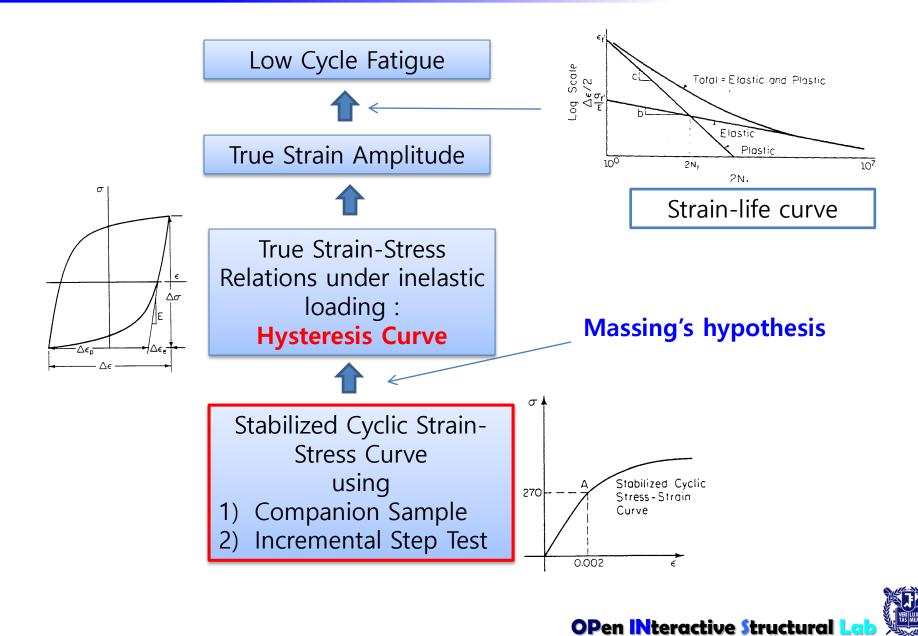
$$\sigma = K(\varepsilon_p)^n$$

- Cyclically stable condition reaches after 20~40% of the fatigue life.
- Fatigue properties are usually specified at 50% of fatigue life when the material response is stabilized.



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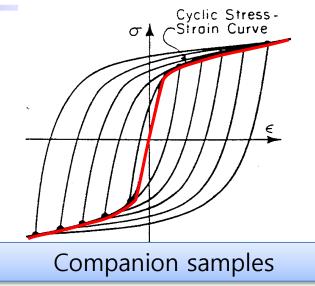


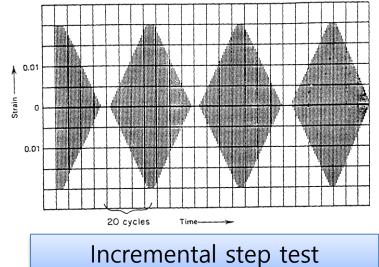
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## 2.2.4 Cyclic Stress-Strain Curve Determination

1. Companion samples : A series of samples are tested at various strain levels and the stabilized hysteresis loops are superimposed and the tips of the loops are connected. Time consuming.

2. Incremental step test : widely accepted since quick and good results. The response stabilizes after 3-4 blocks and fails after about 20 blocks. The tips of the stabilized hysteresis loops are connected → Cyclic Stress-Strain Curve

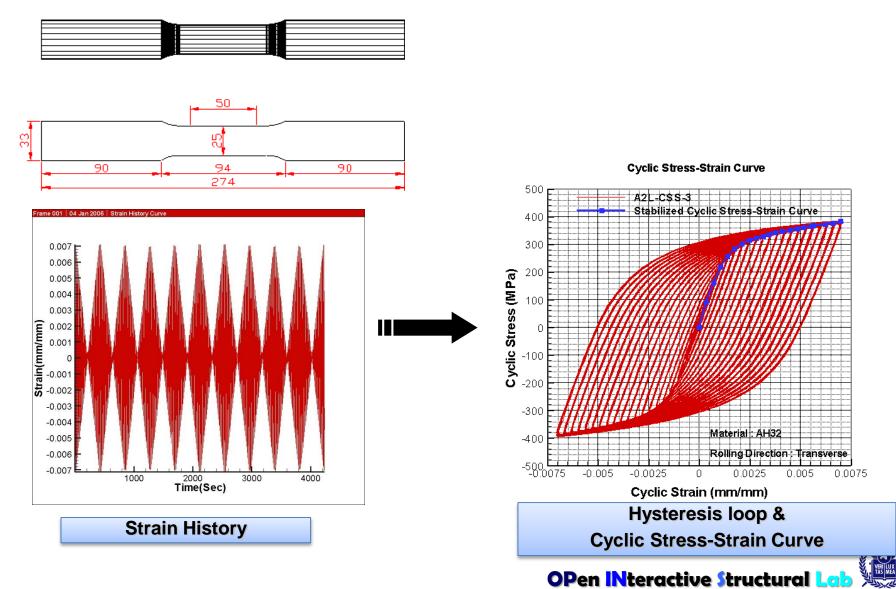






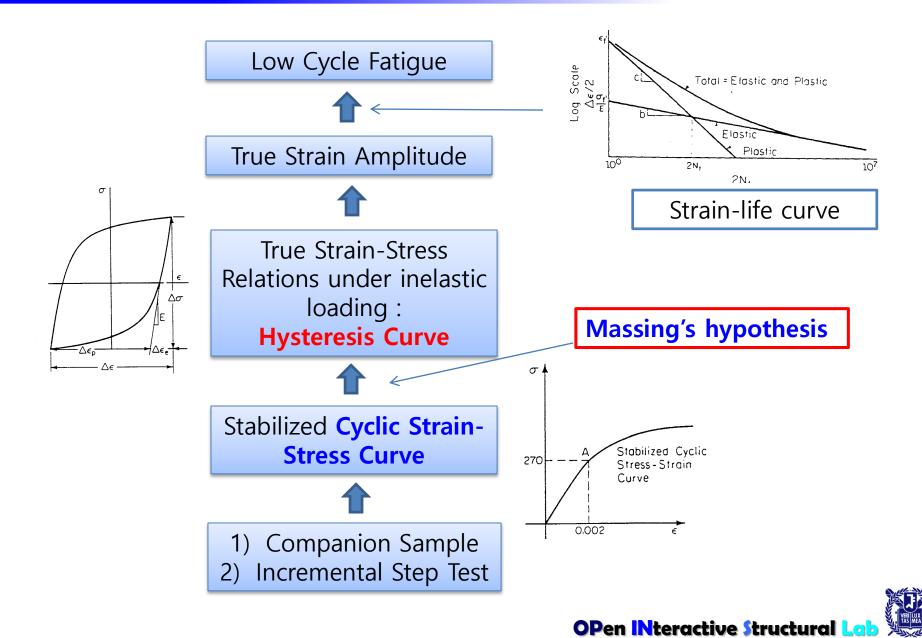
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An example of Incremental step test



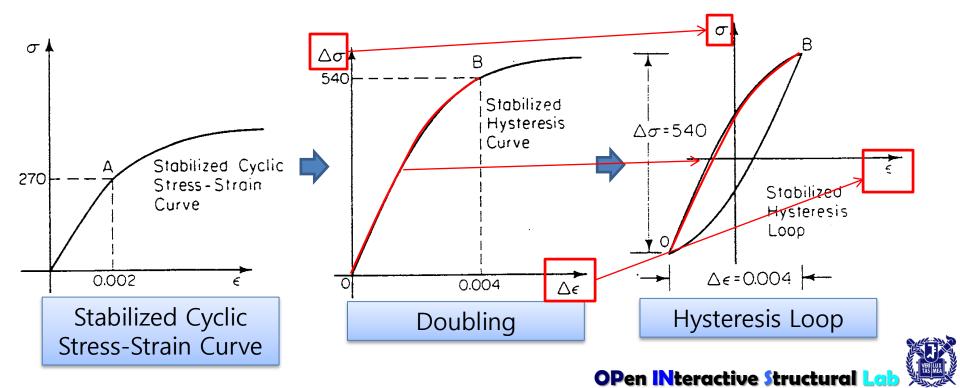
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## 2.2.4 Cyclic Stress-Strain Curve Determination

- After the incremental step test, if the specimen is pulled to failure, the stress-strain curve will be nearly identical to the one obtained by connecting the loop.
- Massing's hypothesis : the stabilized hysteresis loop may be obtained by doubling the cyclic stress-strain curve.



#### 2.3 STRESS-PLASTIC STRAIN POWER LAW RELATION

## Cyclic true stress versus plastic strain

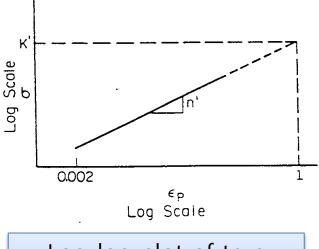
 Log-log plot of the completely reversed stabilized cyclic true stress versus true plastic strain

$$\sigma = K'(\varepsilon_p)^{n'} \implies \varepsilon_p = (\frac{\sigma}{K'})^{1/n}$$

Where,  $\sigma = cyclically$  stable stress amplitude  $\varepsilon = cyclically$  stable plastic strain amplitude K' = cyclic strength coefficient n' = cyclic strain hardening exponent (0.10 ~0.25, average 0.15)

Total strain is

$$\varepsilon = \frac{\sigma}{E} + \left(\frac{\sigma}{K'}\right)^{1/n'}$$



Log-log plot of true cyclic stress versus true cyclic plastic strain

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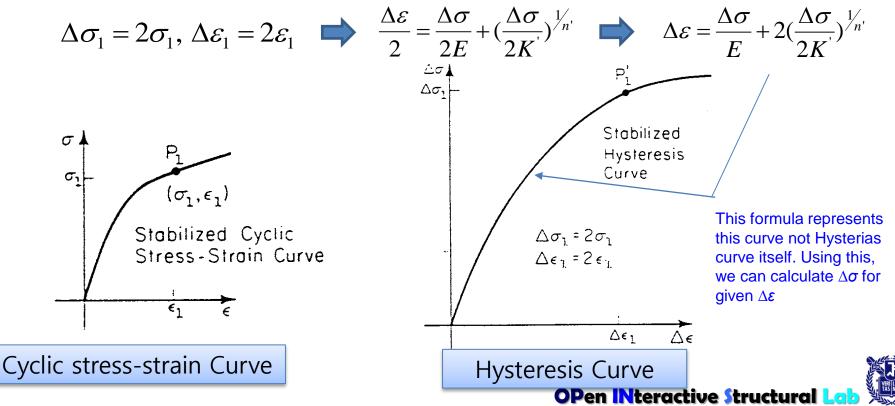
#### 2.3 STRESS-PLASTIC STRAIN POWER LAW RELATION

## Hysteresis loop by Massing's hypothesis

- Total strain is  $\varepsilon = \frac{\sigma}{E} + (\frac{\sigma}{K'})^{1/n'}$
- An arbitrary point P<sub>1</sub>(σ<sub>1</sub>,ε<sub>1</sub>) on Cyclic Stress-Strain Curve,

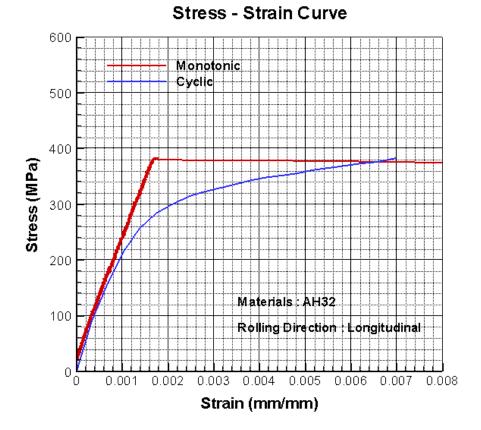
$$\varepsilon_1 = \frac{\sigma_1}{E} + \left(\frac{\sigma_1}{K'}\right)^{\frac{1}{n'}}$$

• From Massing's hypothesis,  $P_1$  can be located on hysteresis curve,  $P'_1(\Delta \sigma_1, \Delta \varepsilon_1)$ .



## **Example of Experiment data**

 Example of actual Monotonic and Cyclic Stress Strain Curve.





#### **2.3 STRESS-PLASTIC STRAIN POWER LAW RELATION**

## Example 2.1

Q : Consider a test specimen with the following material properties :

 $E = modulus of elasticity = 30 \times 10^3 ksi$ 

n' = cyclic strain hardening exponent = 0.202

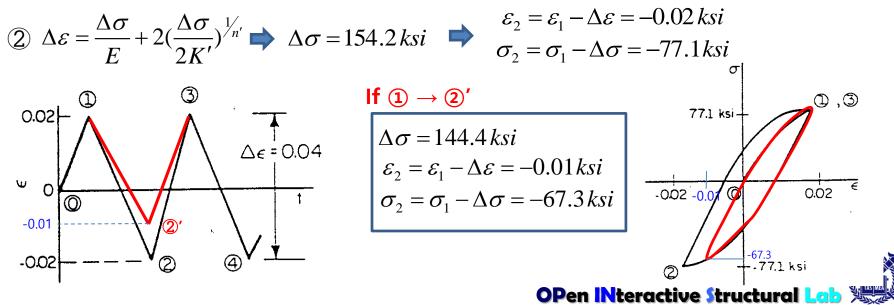
K' = cyclic strength coefficient = 174.6 ksi

Fully reversed cyclic strain with a strain range,  $\Delta \epsilon$ , of 0.04. Determine the stress-strain response of the material.

Initial application of strain follows stress- strain curve

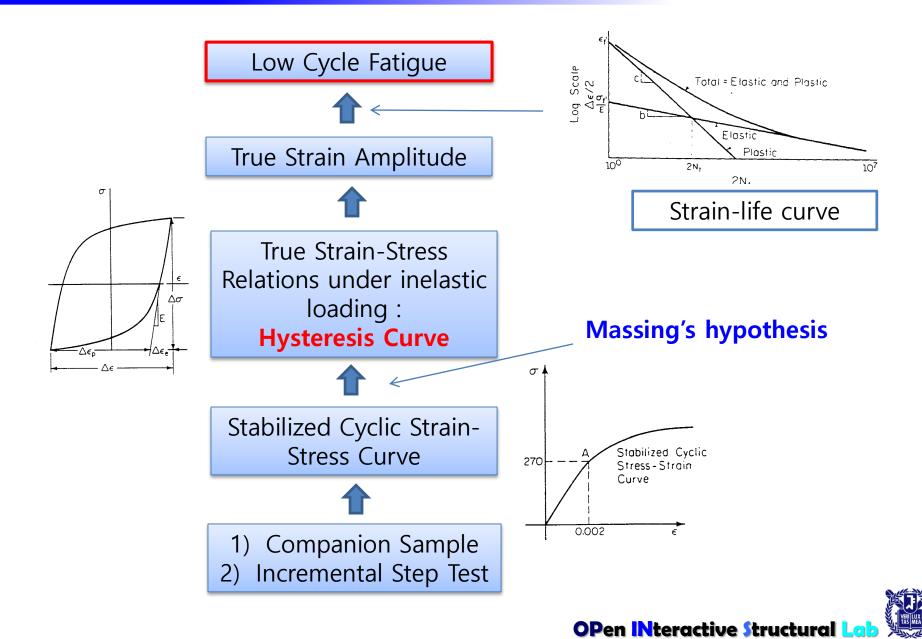
(1) 
$$\varepsilon_1 = \frac{\sigma_1}{E} + (\frac{\sigma_1}{K'})^{1/n'}$$
  $0.02 = \frac{\sigma_1}{30 \times 10^3 \, ksi} + (\frac{\sigma_1}{176.4 \, ksi})^{1/0.202}$   $\sigma_1 = 77.1 \, ks$ 

All successive strains follows hysteresiss curve.



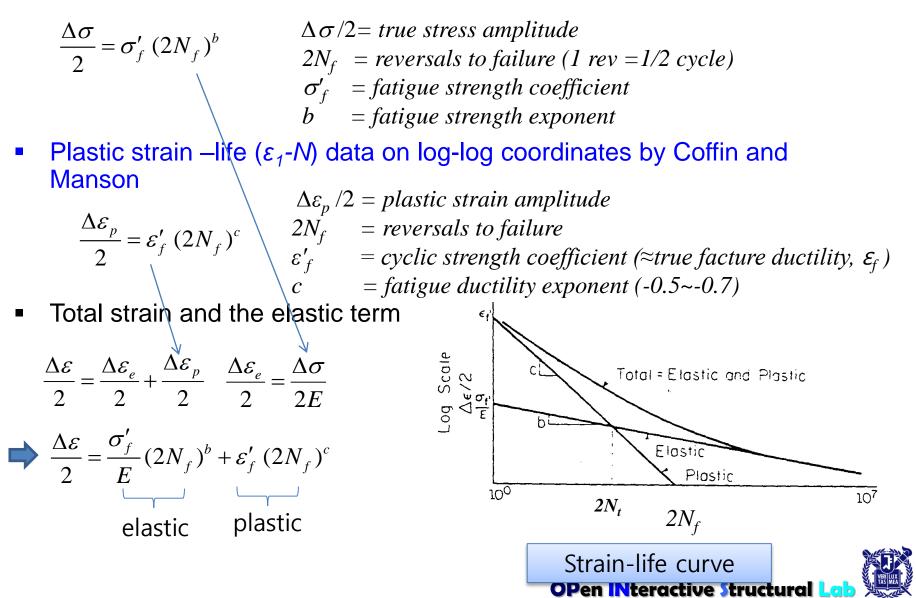
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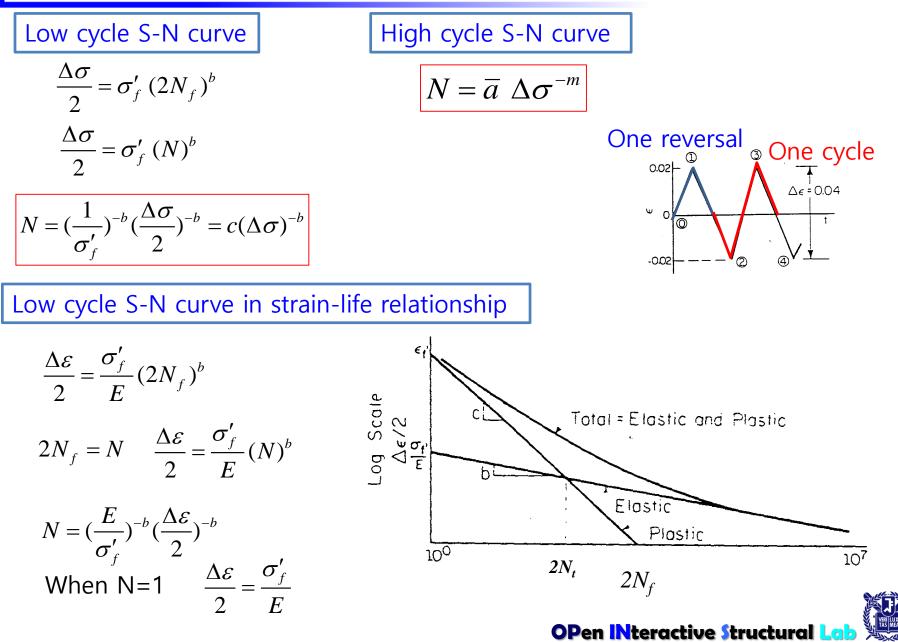


## **Strain Life Curve**

Stress life (S-N) data on a log-log scale.



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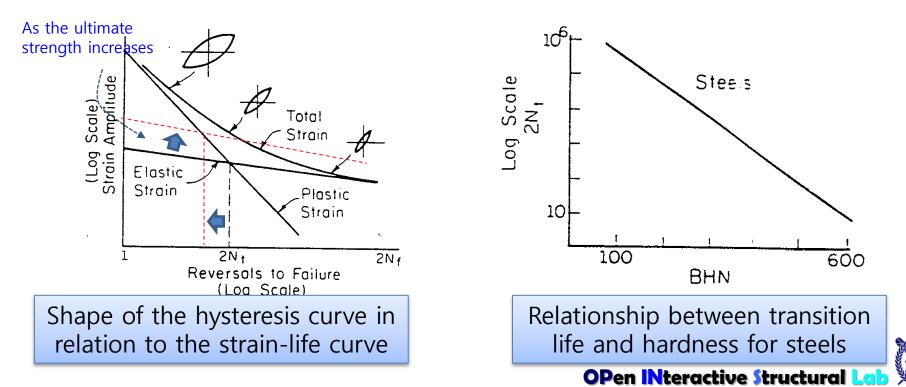
## **Strain Life Curve**

• Transition fatigue life,  $2N_t$ 

$$\frac{\Delta \varepsilon_e}{2} = \frac{\Delta \varepsilon_p}{2} \implies \frac{\sigma'_f}{E} (2N_f)^b = \varepsilon'_f (2N_f)^c \quad at \quad N_f = N_t \implies 2N_t = (\frac{\varepsilon'_f E}{\sigma'_f})^{1/(b-c)}$$

Short lives : more plastic strain, wider loop.
 Long lives : less plastic loop, narrower loop.

• As the ultimate strength increases, the transition life decreases and elastic strains dominate for a greater portion of the life range.



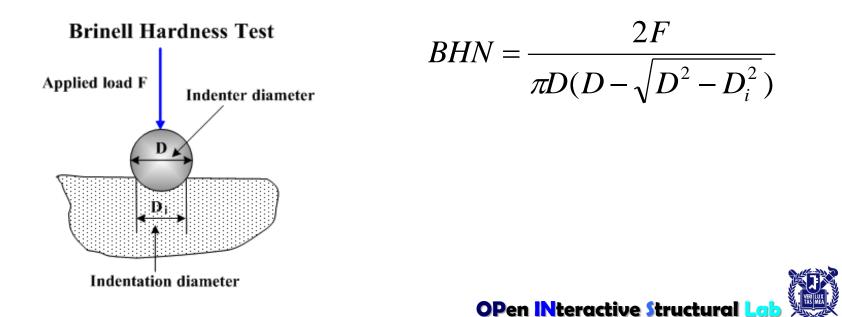
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## **Brinell Hardness number**

- A measure of the hardness of a material obtained by pressing a hard steel ball into its surface.
- the ratio of the load on the ball in kilograms to the area of the depression made by the ball in square millimeters
- Endurance limit (Fatigue Limit) of S-N Curve of base material is related to hardness

 $S_e(ksi) \approx 0.25 \text{ x BHN for BHN <400}$ 

100 ksi (=689MPa) for BHN > 400



## **Strain-Life Curve**

- Definition of failure
  - ✓ Separation of specimen : common for uniaxial loading
  - ✓ Development of given crack length (often 1.0mm)
  - ✓ Loss of specified load carrying capability (often 10 or 50% load drop)
  - $\rightarrow$  Not a large difference in life between these criteria
- Factor of 2
  - ✓ Strain-life approach measure life in terms of reversals (2N), the stress-life method Cycles (N)
  - ✓ Strain-life approach uses both strain range ( $\Delta \varepsilon$ ) and amplitude ( $\varepsilon_a$ ).
  - ✓ hysteresis curve can be modeled as twice the Cyclic  $\sigma$ - $\varepsilon$  curve versus



## **Methods to determine Properties**

• The strain-life equation requires four empirical constants ( $b, c, \varepsilon'_f, \sigma'_f$ ). These can be obtained from fatigue data.

$$\frac{\Delta \varepsilon_{p}}{2} = \varepsilon'_{f} (2N_{f})^{c} \implies 2N_{f} = \left(\frac{\Delta \varepsilon_{p}}{2\varepsilon'_{f}}\right)^{b/c}$$

$$\frac{\Delta \sigma}{2} = \sigma'_{f} (2N_{f})^{b} \implies \frac{\Delta \sigma}{2} = \sigma'_{f} \left(\frac{\Delta \varepsilon_{p}}{2\varepsilon'_{f}}\right)^{b/c} \frac{\Delta \sigma}{2} = \sigma \qquad \frac{\Delta \varepsilon}{2} = \varepsilon$$

$$\sigma = K'(\varepsilon_{p})^{n'} \implies \sigma'_{f} \left(\frac{\varepsilon_{p}}{\varepsilon'_{f}}\right)^{b/c} = K'(\varepsilon_{p})^{n'} \implies \sigma'_{f} \left(\frac{1}{\varepsilon'_{f}}\right)^{b/c} (\varepsilon_{p})^{b/c} = K'(\varepsilon_{p})^{n'}$$

$$n' = \frac{b}{c} \qquad K' = \frac{\sigma'_{f}}{(\varepsilon'_{f})^{n'}}$$

• Although these, relationships may be useful, *K'* and *n'* are usually obtained from a curve fit of the cyclic stress –strain data using  $\sigma = K(\varepsilon_n)^n$ 



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## **Methods to determine Properties**

- Approximate methods
  - ✓ Fatigue strength coefficient  $\sigma'_{f}$

 $\sigma'_{f} \approx \sigma_{f}$  (corrected for necking)

 $\sigma_f \approx S_u + 50$ ksi (steels with hardness below 500BHN)

✓ Fatigue strength exponent, b : -0.05~-0.12 for most metals, average of -0.085

✓ Fatigue ductility coefficient, 
$$\varepsilon'_f$$
 :  $\varepsilon'_f \approx \varepsilon_f$  where  $\varepsilon_f = \ln \frac{1}{1 - RA}$ 

RA: the reduction in area

✓ Fatigue ductility exponent c : not well defined, -0.5~-0.7



### Example 2.2

Q : From the monotonic and cyclic strain-life data for smooth steel specimens. Determine the cyclic stress-strain and strain-life constants Monotonic data  $S_y = 158$  ksi, E=2.84 X103 ksi  $S_u = 168$  ksi,  $\sigma_f = 228$  ksi %RA = 52  $\varepsilon_f = 0.734$ 

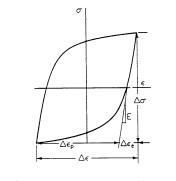
Total Strain Amplitude, $\Delta \epsilon/2$	Stress Amplitude. $\Delta\sigma/2$ (ksi)	Plastic Strain Amplitude, $\Delta \epsilon_p/2^a$	Reversals to Failure, 2N <sub>f</sub>		(			
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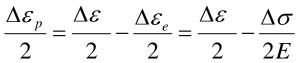
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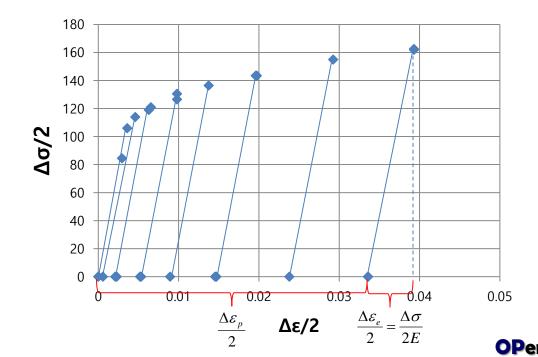
## Example 2.2

Smooth	Specimen-Cyclic	Data

Total Strain Amplitude, $\Delta \epsilon/2$	Stress Amplitude. $\Delta \sigma/2$ (ksi)	Plastic Strain Amplitude, $\Delta \epsilon_p/2^a$	Reversals to Failure, $2N_f$
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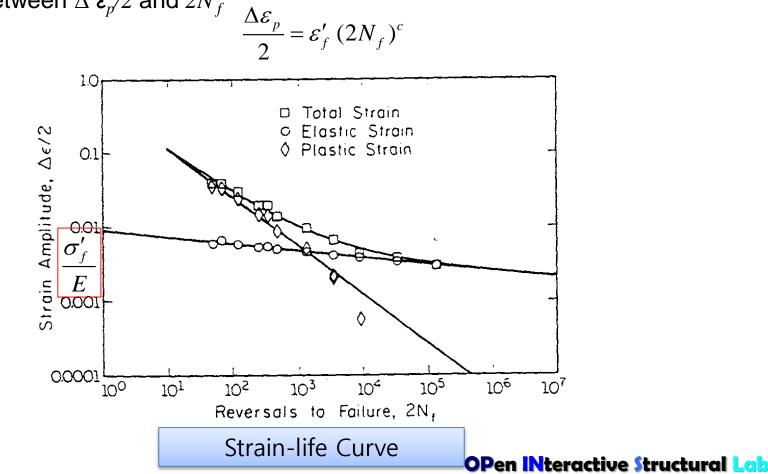






## Example 2.2

- Fatigue strength coefficients  $\sigma'_f$  and b by fitting a power law relationship between  $\Delta \sigma/2$  and  $2N_f$  $\frac{\Delta \sigma}{2} = \sigma'_f (2N_f)^b \Rightarrow \frac{\Delta \sigma}{2E} = \frac{\sigma'_f}{E} (2N_f)^b$
- Fatigue ductility coefficients  $\varepsilon'_f$  and c by fitting a power law relationship between  $\Delta \varepsilon_p/2$  and  $2N_f$





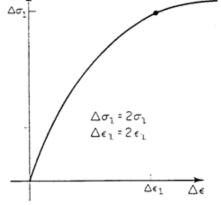
## Example 2.2

- The cyclic strength coefficient, K' and the cyclic strain hardening exponent, n'.
- 1) by fitting a power law relationship to stress amplitude  $\Delta \sigma/2$  versus plastic strain amplitude  $\Delta \varepsilon_p/2$ .  $\rightarrow$  Preferred

$$\sigma = K'(\varepsilon_p)^{n'} \qquad K' = 216 \, ksi, \ n' = 0.094$$

2) From the relationship

$$K' = \frac{\sigma'_f}{\left(\varepsilon'_f\right)^{n'}} \qquad n' = \frac{b}{c} \quad \Longrightarrow \quad K' = 227 \, ksi, \quad n' = 0.104$$



From strain-life data v.s. from approximations

Value	Determined from Strain-Life Data	Determined Using Approximations
$\sigma'_{f}$	222	228
Ь́	-0.076	-0.085
$\epsilon'_f$	0.811	0.734
c	-0.732	-0.6

$$\sigma'_f \approx \sigma_f$$
  
b : average of -0.085  
 $\varepsilon'_f \approx \varepsilon_f$   
c : -0.5~-0.7

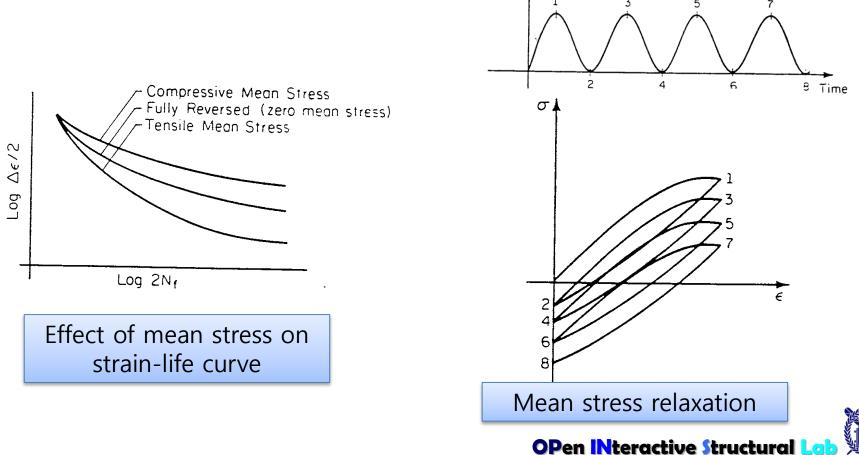


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#### 2.6 MEAN STRESS EFFECTS

## Mean stress effect

- Mean strain is negligible but mean stress has a significant effect on the fatigue life.
- At longer lives, mean compressive stress effect is valid.
- At high strain amplitudes (0.5% to 1% or above), mean stress tends toward zero.



#### **2.6 MEAN STRESS EFFECTS**

## Modification to strain-life equation I

• Morrow suggested. 
$$\frac{\Delta \varepsilon_{e}}{2} = \frac{\Delta \sigma}{2E} = \frac{\sigma'_{f} - \sigma_{0}}{E} (2N_{f})^{b} \implies 2N_{f} = \left(\frac{2(\sigma'_{f} - \sigma_{0})}{\Delta \varepsilon_{e}E}\right)^{-b}, here \ b < 0$$
"Fatigue life decreases as mean tensile  
stress  $\sigma_{0}$  increase."
• The strain-life equation,  

$$\frac{\Delta \varepsilon}{2} = \frac{\sigma'_{f} - \sigma_{0}}{E} (2N_{f})^{b} + \varepsilon'_{f} (2N_{f})^{c}$$
Ratio of elastic to plastic  
strain is dependent on mean  
stress?  

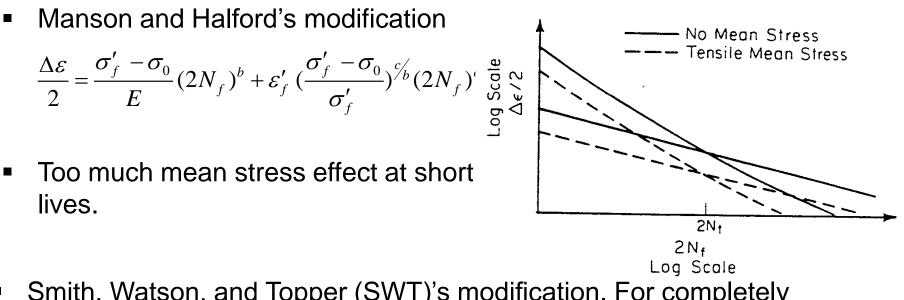
$$\frac{\Delta \varepsilon}{\Delta \varepsilon_{e}} = \frac{\sigma'_{f} - \sigma_{0}}{E} (2N_{f})^{b} + \varepsilon'_{f} (2N_{f})^{c}$$
Same ratio of elastic  
to plastic strain, but,  
vastly different mean  
stress  
Correction  
Norrow's mean stress  
correction

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#### 2.6 MEAN STRESS EFFECTS

## Modification to strain-life equation I



• Smith, Watson, and Topper (SWT)'s modification. For completely reversed loading  $\Delta \sigma$ 

$$\sigma_{\max} = \frac{\Delta \sigma}{2} = \sigma'_f (2N_f)^b$$

Multiplying the strain-life equation by this term, results in

$$\sigma_{\max} \frac{\Delta \varepsilon}{2} = \frac{(\sigma'_f)^2}{E} (2N_f)^{2b} + \sigma'_f \varepsilon'_f (2N_f)^{b-c}$$

The term σ<sub>max</sub>

$$\sigma_{\max} = \frac{\Delta \sigma}{2} + \sigma_0 \qquad \qquad \sqrt{\sigma_{\max} \Delta \varepsilon} \propto N_f$$

It becomes undefined when  $\sigma_{max}$  is negative. No fatigue damage occurs when  $\sigma_{max} < 0$  ?

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