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## Lecture 6

## Rock Failure in compression, tension and shear (13, 20 April 2020)

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### Introduction Outline

- Importance
  - Understanding rock failure is the foundation for the reservoir geomechanics
  - Compression
  - Tension
  - Shear
- Different loading conditions
  - Hydrostatic
  - Uniaxial
  - Triaxial
  - Polyaxial (true triaxial)







### Introduction Loading condition in (reservoir) geomechanics





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### **Civil structural problems: Underground Geomechanics problems:** Mechanics of "Addition", "Uniaxial" Mechanics of "Removal", "polyaxial" Side view Monitoring points Before drilling/excavation stress 3 Start of drilling/excavation strain Further advance bf drilling/excavation

### **Nature of Underground Geomechanics**

### Rock strength in compression Friction on rock surface - Friction coefficient



- Friction
  - Phenomenon by which a tangential shearing force is required in order to displace two contacting surfaces along a direction parallel to their nominal contact plane
  - Importance: friction between grains, fracture and fault



Jaeger, Cook and Zimmerman, 2007, Fundamentals of Rock Mechanics, 4<sup>th</sup> ed., Blackwell Publishing

 $\mu_d$ : coefficient of dynamic friction

### **Rock strength in compression** Friction on rock surfaces - Friction coefficient



• Friction angle

DETERMING  $\mu_s$  EXPERIMENTALLY

 $\mu = \tan \phi$  $\phi = \text{friction angle}$ 



# A block with weight **W** is placed on an inclined plane. The plane is slowly tilted until the block just begins to slip.

The inclination,  $\theta_s$ , is noted. Analysis of the block just before it begins to move gives (using  $F_s = \mu_s N$ ):

$$\begin{array}{rcl} & \leftarrow & \sum F_{y} = N - W \cos \theta_{s} = 0 \\ \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{rcl} & \leftarrow & \sum F_{x} = \mu_{s} N - W \sin \theta_{s} = 0 \end{array} \end{array}$$

Using these two equations, we get  $\mu_s = (\mathbf{W} \sin \theta_s) / (\mathbf{W} \cos \theta_s) = \tan \theta_s$ This simple experiment allows us to find the  $\mu_s$  between two materials in contact.

### **Rock strength in compression** Friction on rock surface - cohesion



• Coulomb failure criterion (on fractures)



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### **Rock strength in compression**



• The failure of rock in compression

- Complex process: creation of small tensile crack and frictional sliding on grain boundaries
- We assume that are infinite number of fictitious fracture within intact rock

$$\tau_{\rm f} = 0.5(\sigma_1 - \sigma_3)\sin 2\beta \sigma_n = 0.5(\sigma_1 + \sigma_3) + 0.5(\sigma_1 - \sigma_3)\cos 2\beta$$

where  $\beta$  is the angle between the fault normal and  $\sigma_1$  (Figure 4.2a).

 $\tau = S_0 + \sigma_n \mu_i$ 

As cohesion is not a physically measurable parameter, it is more common to express rock strength in terms of  $C_0$ . The relationship between  $S_0$  and  $C_0$  is:

 $C_0 = 2S_0 \left[ \left( \mu_i^2 + 1 \right)^{1/2} + \mu_i \right]$ (4.4)

- $\mu_i$ : coefficient of internal friction
- UCS, C<sub>o</sub>: unconfined uniaxial compressive strength

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(4.1)

(4.2)

(4.3)



Figure 4.2. (a) In triaxial strength tests, at a finite effective confining pressure  $\sigma_3$  ( $S_3$ – $P_0$ ), samples typically fail in compression when a through-going fault develops. The angle at which the fault develops is described by  $\beta$ , the angle between the fault normal and the maximum compressive stress,  $\sigma_1$ . (b) A series of triaxial strength tests at different effective confining pressures defines the Mohr failure envelope which typically flattens as confining pressure increases. (c) The linear simplification of the Mohr failure envelope is usually referred to as Mohr–Coulomb failure.

### **Rock strength in compression**







### **Rock strength in compression**



- Cohesion (S<sub>o</sub>)
- Coefficient of Internal friction  $(\mu_i)$

 $\sigma_1 = C_0 + q\sigma_3 \tag{4.6}$ 

where  $C_0$  is solved-for as a fitting parameter,

$$q = \left[ \left( \mu_i^2 + 1 \right)^{1/2} + \mu_i \right]^2 = \tan^2(\pi/4 + \phi/2)$$
(4.7)

and

$$\phi = \tan^{-1}\left(\mu_{i}\right) \tag{4.8}$$



**Figure 4.4.** Cohesion and internal friction data for a variety of rocks (data replotted from the compilation of Carmichael 1982). Note that weak rocks with low cohesive strength still have a significant coefficient of internal friction.

### **Rock strength in compression** Importance for borehole stability



Application of failure criterion to borehole stability







### Rock strength in compression Various criteria



- Linearized Mohr-Coulomb  $\sigma_1 = C_0 + q\sigma_3$
- Hoek-brown criterion

$$\sigma_1 = \sigma_3 + C_0 \sqrt{m \frac{\sigma_3}{C_0} + s}$$

- Modified Lade criterion
- Modified Wiebols-Cook criterion
- Drucker-Pager criterion
- Linear vs. non-linear



 Consideration of the intermediate principal stress

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Figure 4.6. Yield envelopes projected in the  $\pi$ -plane for the Mohr–Coulomb criterion, the Hoek–Brown criterion, the modified Wiebols–Cook criterion and the circumscribed and inscribed Drucker–Prager criteria. After Colmenares and Zoback (2002). *Reprinted with permission of Elsevier*.



 $\pi\mbox{-plane: plane perpendicular to the straight line <math display="inline">\sigma_1\mbox{=}\sigma_2\mbox{=}\sigma_3$ 



## Linearized Mohr Coulomb Failure criterion

- Best fitting failure criteria (Colmenares and Zoback, 2002)
  - Dunham dolomite (백운석)
  - solenhofen limestone (석회암)
  - Shirahama sandstone (사암)
  - Yuubari shale (셰일)
  - KTB amphibolite (각섬암)
- Linear Mohr Coulomb

 $\sigma_1 = C_0 + q\sigma_3$ 







SE -

 $S_1$ 

POLYAXIAL



**Hoek-Brown failure criterion** 



• Non-linear form

Obtaining m is not straightforward from geophysical well logs

$$\sigma_1 = \sigma_3 + C_0 \sqrt{m \frac{\sigma_3}{C_0} + s}$$
(4.9)

where *m* and *s* are constants that depend on the properties of the rock and on the extent to which it had been broken before being tested. Note that this form of the failure law

- 5 < m < 8: carbonate rocks with well-developed crystal cleavage (dolomite, lime-stone, marble).
- 4 < m < 10: lithified argillaceous rocks (mudstone, siltstone, shale, slate).
- 15 < m < 24: arenaceous rocks with strong crystals and poorly developed crystal cleavage (sandstone, quartzite).
- 16 < *m* < 19: fine-grained polyminerallic igneous crystalline rocks (andesite, dolerite, diabase, rhyolite).
- 22 < *m* < 33: coarse-grained polyminerallic igneous and metamorphic rocks (amphibolite, gabbro, gneiss, granite, norite, quartz-diorite).



m = 14.3 $r^2 = 0.87$ 

5.0

4.0

Hudson & Harrison, 1997, Engineering Rock Mechanics – An introduction to the principles, Pergamon

### **Modified Lade criterion**



• The modified Lade criterion predicts a strengthening effect with increasing intermediate stress, followed by slight reduction

$$\frac{(I_1')^3}{I_3'} = 27 + \eta \tag{4.13}$$

where

$$I'_{1} = (\sigma_{1} + S) + (\sigma_{2} + S) + (\sigma_{3} + S)$$
(4.14)

and

$$I'_{3} = (\sigma_{1} + S)(\sigma_{2} + S)(\sigma_{3} + S)$$
(4.15)

*S* and  $\eta$  can be derived directly from the Mohr–Coulomb cohesion *S*<sub>0</sub> and internal friction angle  $\phi$  by

$$S = \frac{S_0}{\tan\phi} \tag{4.16}$$

$$\eta = \frac{4(\tan\phi)^2(9 - 7\sin\phi)}{(1 - \sin\phi)}$$
(4.17)

where  $\tan \phi = \mu_i$  and  $S_0 = C_0/(2 q^{1/2})$  with q as defined in equation (4.7).

### **Modified Lade criterion (Ewy, 1999)**



- Modified Lade criterion
- Consideration of intermediate principal stress



### Modified Wiebols-Cook criterion (Zhou, 1994)



The failure criterion proposed by Zhou predicts that a rock fails if

$$J_2^{1/2} = A + BJ_1 + CJ_1^2 \tag{4.18}$$

where

$$J_1 = \frac{1}{3}(\sigma_1 + \sigma_2 + \sigma_3) \tag{4.19}$$

and

$$J_2^{1/2} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{6} \left[ (\sigma_1 - \sigma_2)^2 + (\sigma_1 - \sigma_3)^2 + (\sigma_2 - \sigma_3)^2 \right]}$$
(4.20)

 $J_1$  is the mean effective confining stress and, for reference,  $J_2^{1/2}$  is equal to  $(3/2)^{1/2} \tau_{oct}$ , where  $\tau_{oct}$  is the octahedral shear stress

$$\tau_{\rm oct} = \frac{1}{3}\sqrt{(\sigma_1 - \sigma_2)^2 + (\sigma_2 - \sigma_3)^2 + (\sigma_2 - \sigma_1)^2}$$
(4.21)

The parameters *A*, *B*, and *C* are determined such that equation (4.18) is constrained by rock strengths under triaxial ( $\sigma_2 = \sigma_3$ ) and triaxial extension ( $\sigma_1 = \sigma_2$ ) conditions (Figure 4.1). Substituting the given conditions plus the uniaxial rock strength ( $\sigma_1 = C_0$ ,  $\sigma_2 = \sigma_3 = 0$ ) into equation (4.18), it is found that

$$C = \frac{\sqrt{27}}{2C_1 + (q-1)\sigma_3 - C_0} \left( \frac{C_1 + (q-1)\sigma_3 - C_0}{2C_1 + (2q+1)\sigma_3 - C_0} - \frac{q-1}{q+2} \right)$$
(4.22)

with  $C_1 = (1 + 0.6 \mu_i)C_0$  and q given by equation (4.7),

$$B = \frac{\sqrt{3}(q-1)}{q+2} - \frac{C}{3}[2C_0 + (q+2)\sigma_3]$$
(4.23)

and

$$A = \frac{C_0}{\sqrt{3}} - \frac{C_0}{3}B - \frac{C_0^2}{9}C \tag{4.24}$$

$$|\tau_{oct}| = \frac{1}{3} \left\{ \left(\sigma_1 - \sigma_2\right)^2 + \left(\sigma_2 - \sigma_3\right)^2 + \left(\sigma_3 - \sigma_1\right)^2 \right\}^{1/2} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3} \left\{ I_1^2 + 3I_2 \right\}^{1/2} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} J_2 \qquad \mathbf{J}_2$$

### J<sub>2</sub> is distortional energy

# Mogi-Coulomb failure criterion (Al-Ajmi & Zimmerman, 2005\*)



- Another form
  - Linear form



\*Jaeger, Cook and Zimmerman, 2007, Fundamentals of Rock Mechanics, 4<sup>th</sup> ed., Blackwell Publishing

### **Strength and Pore Pressure**



• Effective stress law has to be considered for evaluation of strength  $\sigma' = \sigma - p_p$ 

$$S_1 = C_0 + nS_3 \tag{4.31}$$

where  $C_0$ , *n* and  $\mu_i$  are 62.8 MPa, 2.82 and 0.54 for Berea sandstone and 40.8 MPa, 3.01 and 0.58 for Marianna limestone, respectively. Rearrangement of equation (4.31) yields the following

$$S_1 - S_3 = C_0 + (1 - n)P_p - (1 - n)S_3$$
(4.32)





**Figure 4.11.** (a) Dependence of rock strength on confining pressure in the absence of pore pressure for Berea sandstone. (b) Dependence of strength on confining pressure and pore pressure assuming the simple Terzaghi effective stress law (equation 3.8) is valid (straight diagonal lines). (c) and (d) show similar data for Marianna limestone. Data derived from Handin, Hager *et al.* (1963).

### **Brittle vs. Ductile** The stress-strain curve – Brittle vs. Ductile



- Brittle vs ductile
  - Ductile: rock support an increasing load as it deforms
  - Brittle: load decreases as the strain increases
- Brittle-ductile transition
  - Rock becomes more ductile with increasing confining pressure



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The maximum stress at which failure will occur,  $\sigma_1$ , will depend on  $\sigma_3$ ,  $S_w$ , and  $\sigma_w$  by

$$\sigma_1 = \sigma_3 \frac{2(S_w + \mu_w \sigma_3)}{(1 - \mu_w \cot \beta_w) \sin 2\beta}$$

$$\tag{4.33}$$

This is shown in Figure 4.12c. At high and low  $\beta$ , the intact rock strength (shown normalized by  $S_w$ ) is unaffected by the presence of the bedding planes. At  $\beta \sim 60^\circ$ , the strength is markedly lower. Using

 $\tan 2\beta_{\rm w} = \frac{1}{\mu_{\rm w}}$ 

it can be shown that the minimum strength is given by

$$\sigma_1^{\min} = \sigma_3 + 2(S_w + \mu_w \sigma_3) \left[ \left( \mu_w^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} + \mu_w \right]$$
(4.34)

**Figure 4.12.** Dependence of rock strength on the angle of weak bedding or foliation planes. (a) Rock samples can be tested with the orientation of weak planes at different angles,  $\beta$ , to the maximum principal stress,  $\sigma_1$ . (b) The strength can be defined in terms of the intact rock strength (when the weak planes do not affect failure) and the strength of the weak planes. (c) Prediction of rock strength (normalized by the cohesion of bedding planes) as function of  $\beta$ . Modified from Donath (1966) and Jaeger and Cook (1979).

Weak bedding planes can affect strength





### **Rock Strength Anisotropy**



• Examples





Figure 4.13. Fit of compressive strength tests to the theory illustrated in Figure 4.12 and defined by equation (4.33). Modified from Vernik, Lockner *et al.* (1992).



Cho JW, Kim H, Jeon S, Min KB, Deformation and strength anisotropy of Asan gneiss Boryeong shale, and Yeoncheon schist, IJRMMS, 2012;50:158-169.



• Why not directly measure?



**Rock cutting from Pohang** EGS site (4.3 km). ~few mm REALITY



One of the biggest rock core in the world at AECL URL in Canada (2002). ~ 1m



Obtaining rock core is a difficult and expensive job

### Estimating rock strength from geophysical log data (Chang et al., 2006)



- $V_p$  (or  $\Delta t = V_p^{-1}$ )
- Young's modulus (from Vp and density data)
- Porosity (from density log)



Limestone & dolomite

### **Table 4.1.** Empirical relationships between UCS and other physical properties in sandstones. After Chang, Zoback et al.(2006). Reprinted with permission of Elsevier

Equation No.	UCS, MPa	Region where developed	General comments	Reference
1	$0.035 V_{\rm p} - 31.5$	Thuringia, Germany	-	(Freyburg 1972)
2	$1200 \exp(-0.036\Delta t)$	Bowen Basin, Australia	Fine grained, both consolidated and unconsolidated sandstones with wide porosity range	(McNally 1987)
3	$1.4138 \times 10^7 \Delta t^{-3}$	Gulf Coast	Weak and unconsolidated sandstones	Unpublished
4	$3.3 \times 10^{-20} \rho^2 V_p^2 [(1+\nu)/(1-\nu)]^2 (1-2\nu)$ [1+0.78V <sub>clav</sub> ]	Gulf Coast	Applicable to sandstones with UCS >30 MPa	(Fjaer, Holt et al. 1992)
5	$1.745 \times 10^{-9} \rho V_{\rm p}^2 - 21$	Cook Inlet, Alaska	Coarse grained sands and conglomerates	(Moos, Zoback et al. 1999)
6	42.1 exp $(1.9 \times 10^{-11} \rho V_p^2)$	Australia	Consolidated sandstones with 0.05 $< \phi < 0.12$ and UCS $> 80$ MPa	Unpublished
7	$3.87 \exp(1.14 \times 10^{-10} \rho V_p^2)$	Gulf of Mexico	-	Unpublished
8	$46.2 \exp(0.000027E)$	-	-	Unpublished
9	$A (1 - B\phi)^2$	Sedimentary basins worldwide	Very clean, well consolidated sandstones with $\phi < 0.30$	(Vernik, Bruno et al. 1993)
10	$277 \exp(-10\phi)$	-	Sandstones with 2 < UCS < $360 \text{ MPa}$ and $0.002 < \phi < 0.33$	Unpublished

Units used:  $V_p$  (m/s),  $\Delta t$  ( $\mu$ s/ft),  $\rho$  (kg/m<sup>3</sup>),  $V_{clay}$  (fraction), E (MPa),  $\phi$  (fraction)



## **Table 4.2.** Empirical relationships between UCS and other physical properties in shale.After Chang, Zoback et al. (2006). Reprinted with permission of Elsevier

UCS, MPa		Region where developed	General comments	Reference	
11	$0.77 (304.8/\Delta t)^{2.93}$	North Sea	Mostly high porosity Tertiary shales	(Horsrud 2001)	
12	$0.43 (304.8/\Delta t)^{3.2}$	Gulf of Mexico	Pliocene and younger	Unpublished	
13	1.35 (304.8/\Delta t) <sup>2.6</sup>	Globally	-	Unpublished	
14	$0.5 (304.8/\Delta t)^3$	Gulf of Mexico	-	Unpublished	
15	$10(304.8/\Delta t - 1)$	North Sea	Mostly high porosity Tertiary shales	(Lal 1999)	
16	$0.0528E^{0.712}$	-	Strong and compacted shales	Unpublished	
17	$1.001\phi^{-1.143}$	-	Low porosity ( $\phi < 0.1$ ), high strength shales	(Lashkaripour and Dusseault 1993)	
18	$2.922\phi^{-0.96}$	North Sea	Mostly high porosity Tertiary shales	(Horsrud 2001)	
19	$0.286\phi^{-1.762}$	-	High porosity ( $\phi > 0.27$ ) shales	Unpublished	

Units used:  $\Delta t \ (\mu s/ft), E \ (MPa), \phi \ (fraction)$ 



	UCS, MPa	Region where developed	General comments	Reference
20	$(7682/\Delta t)^{1.82} / 145$	-	-	(Militzer 1973)
21	$10^{(2.44 + 109.14/(t))} / 145$	-	-	(Golubev and Rabinovich 1976)
22	$0.4067 E^{0.51}$	-	Limestone with 10 < UCS < 300 MPa	Unpublished
23	$2.4 E^{0.34}$	-	Dolomite with 60 < UCS < 100 MPa	Unpublished
24	$C (1-D\phi)^2$	Korobcheyev deposit, Russia	C is reference strength for zero porosity $(250 < C < 300$ MPa). <i>D</i> ranges between 2 and 5 depending on pore shape	(Rzhevsky and Novick 1971)
25	143.8 $\exp(-6.95\phi)$	Middle East	Low to moderate porosity (0.05 $< \phi < 0.2$ ) and high UCS (30 < UCS < 150 MPa)	Unpublished
26	$135.9 \exp(-4.8\phi)$	-	Representing low to moderate porosity ( $0 < \phi < 0.2$ ) and high UCS ( $10 < UCS < 300$ MPa)	Unpublished

**Table 4.3.** Empirical relationships between UCS and other physical properties in limestone anddolomite. After Chang, Zoback et al. (2006). Reprinted with permission of Elsevier

Units used:  $\Delta t (\mu s/ft)$ , E (MPa),  $\phi$  (fraction)



Angle of internal friction

**Table 4.4.** Empirical relationships between  $\Phi$  and other logged measurements. After Chang, Zoback et al. (2006). Reprinted with permission of Elsevier

	Φ degree	General comments	Reference
27 28	$\sin^{-1}((V_p - 1000) / (V_p + 1000))$ 70 - 0.417 <i>GR</i>	Applicable to shale Applicable to shaly sedimentary rocks with $60 < GR < 120$	(Lal 1999) Unpublished

Units used:  $V_p$  (m/s), GR (API)



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• Example at Gulf of Mexico



	UCS, MPa	Region where developed	General comments	Reference
11	$0.77 (304.8/\Delta t)^{2.93}$	North Sea	Mostly high porosity Tertiary shales	(Horsrud 2001)
12	$0.43 (304.8/\Delta t)^{3.2}$	Gulf of Mexico	Pliocene and younger	Unpublished
19	$0.286\phi^{-1.762}$	-	High porosity ( $\phi > 0.27$ )	Unpublished



Figure 4.18. Histogram of shale strengths for the log-derived values shown in Figure 4.17: (a), (b) and (c) correspond to equations (11), (12) and (18) in Table 4.2, respectively. Note that the mean strength varies considerably, depending on which empirical relation is chosen. After Chang Zoback *et al.* (2006). *Reprinted with permission of Elsevier*.

### **Shear enhanced compaction**



- Shear-enhanced compaction
  - Irreversible deformation by the loss of porosity due to increased confining pressure and/or shear stress
  - Cam-Clay (Cambridge-Clay) model

$$p = \frac{1}{3}J_{1} = \frac{1}{3}(\sigma_{1} + \sigma_{2} + \sigma_{3})$$

$$p = \frac{1}{3}(S_{1} + S_{2} + S_{3}) - P_{P}$$

$$\frac{q}{2} = \sqrt{3J_{2D}}$$

$$\frac{q^{2}}{2} = \frac{1}{2}[(S_{1} - S_{2})^{2} + (S_{2} - S_{3})^{2} + (S_{1} - S_{3})^{2}]$$
(4.)

$$M^2 p^2 - M^2 p_0 p + \underline{q}^2 = 0 \tag{4.37}$$

where *M* is known as the critical state line and can be expressed as M = q/p.



**Figure 4.19.** The Cam–Clay model of rock deformation is presented in  $p-\underline{q}$  space as modified by Chan and Zoback (2002) following Desai and Siriwardane (1984) which allows one to define how inelastic porosity loss accompanies deformation. The contours defined by different porosities are sometimes called *end-caps*. Loading paths consistent with hydrostatic compression, triaxial compression and triaxial extension tests are shown. © 2002 Society Petroleum Engineers

### **Shear enhanced compaction**



• Example at sandstone



**Figure 4.20.** Compilation rock strength data for a wide variety of sandstones (different symbols) define the overall trend of irreversible porosity loss and confirms the general curvature of the end-caps to be similar to that predicted by the Cam-Clay model. After Schutjens, Hanssen *et al.* (2001). © 2001 Society Petroleum Engineers

### StrengthTensile Rock Failure Tensile Strength



• Tensile strength (인장강도) : Maximum sustainable tensile stress

$$\sigma_t = \frac{T_{\text{max}}}{A} \qquad \qquad \textbf{Tensile loading}$$

• Measured by 'Brazilian Test' in case of rock (indirect tension,간접인장)





Tensile strength is 1/10 ~ 1/20 of UCS

### Tensile Rock Failure Tensile Strength



• The reason why Brazilian Test Works...



- Stress distribution along the x-axis

$$\rho = r / a$$

$$\tau_{rr} = \frac{2P}{\pi} \left\{ \frac{(1-\rho^2)\sin 2\theta_0}{(1-2\rho^2\cos 2\theta_0 + \rho^4)} + \arctan\left[\frac{(1+\rho^2)}{(1-\rho^2)}\tan \theta_0\right] \right\} \qquad \tau_{\theta\theta} = -\frac{2P}{\pi} \left\{ \frac{(1-\rho^2)\sin 2\theta_0}{(1-2\rho^2\cos 2\theta_0 + \rho^4)} - \arctan\left[\frac{(1+\rho^2)}{(1-\rho^2)}\tan \theta_0\right] \right\}$$

### **Tensile Rock Failure**



• Stress intensity at the tip

$$K_{\rm i} = (P_{\rm f} - S_3)\pi L^{1/2} \tag{4.38}$$

where  $K_i$  is the stress intensity factor,  $P_f$  is the pressure within the fracture (taken to be uniform for simplicity), L is the length of the fracture and  $S_3$  is the least principal stress. Fracture propagation will occur when the stress intensity factor  $K_i$  exceeds  $K_{ic}$ ,

- Fracture propagation  $K_i > K_{ic}$ 
  - $\approx K_{ic}$ : fracture toughness (=critical stress intensity), MPa m<sup>1/2</sup>

ন্থ Important for propagation

 Once fracture reaches a few tens of cm, small pressure in excess of S3 is required regardless of toughness.



**Figure 4.21.** The difference between internal fracture pressure and the least principal stress as a function of fracture length for a Mode I fracture (see inset) for rocks with extremely high fracture toughness (such as very strong sandstone or dolomite) and very low fracture toughness (weakly cemented sandstone).

### **Tensile Rock Failure** Fracture toughness



- Crack-tip deformation mode
  - Mode I: crack opening model mostly relevant to Hydraulic Fracturing
  - Mode II: sliding model
  - Mode III: tearing model



## Shear failure and the frictional strength of rocks

 $\frac{\tau}{-}=\mu$ 

 $\mu$ : Coefficient of friction



- Slip on fault (fracture)
  - Earthquake
  - Well casing failure
  - Induced seismicity
  - Fluid flow
- Coulomb Failure Function

 $CFF = \tau - \mu \sigma_n \qquad CFF = \tau - \mu (S_n - P_p)$ 

When the Coulomb failure function is negative, a fault is stable as the shear stress is insufficient to overcome the resistance to sliding,  $\mu\sigma_n$ . However, as CFF approaches zero, frictional sliding will occur on a pre-existing fault plane as there is sufficient shear stress to overcome the effective normal stress on the fault plane.



## Shear failure and the frictional strength of rocks



• Shear failure of a fault (fracture)



• Compressive (shear) failure of intact rock

$$\tau = S_0 + \sigma_n \mu_i$$

$$C_0 = 2S_0 \left[ \left( \mu_i^2 + 1 \right)^{1/2} + \mu_i \right]$$

$$\mu_i: \text{ Coefficient of internal friction}$$



# Shear failure and the frictional strength of rocks Role of pore pressure



- Denver Earthquake (Healy et al., 1968)
  - ~ Magnitude 5.0 (1967)
  - Disposal of waste fluid from chemicalmanufacturing operations
  - − ~3,671 m depth
  - Earthquake within ~ 8 km of injection wells, no EQ before injection

Vear	Magnitude *						Tetelt		
1 cal	1.5-1.9	2.0-2.4	2.5-2.9	3.0-3.4	3.5-3.9	4.0-4.4	4.5-4.9	5.0-5.4	Total
1962	72	29	4	2	1	1			189
1963	89	34	9	3	1	1			284
1964	26	8	6						72
1965	168	64	25	6	4				550
1966	61	18	3	2	1				186
1967	62	29	15	4	4	2		3	306
Total	478	182	62	17	11	4		3	1584
Average <sup>‡</sup>	83.2	30.5	9.4	2.6	1.4	0.4			

\* To the nearest 0.1-magnitude unit. † Total includes all earthquakes reported. ‡ Average yearly activity 1962-66.



Fig. 1. Observations on which David Evans in 1965 based his theory of the relation between fluid injection and earthquakes at the Rocky Mountain Arsenal, Denver, Colorado. (Left) Epicenters (solid circles) of earthquakes as calculated by Wang using data from the Bergen Park and Regis College stations and from temporary U.S. Geological Survey stations. (Right) Correlations, by Evans, between the number of earthquakes and the volume of fluid injected.

Healy, J. H., et al. (1968). "The Denver EarthquakeS." Science 161(3848): 1301-1310.

### Shear failure and the frictional strength of rocks Role of pore pressure



- Rocky Mountain Arsenal, Denver (Healy et al, 1968)
- Rangely Oil Field (Healy et al., 1976)
  - Weber sandstone, ~ 2,286 m
  - Fluid injection to improve productivity
  - Largest EQ magnitude: 3.1



Figure 4.22. (a) Correlation between downhole pressure and earthquake occurrence during periods of fluid injection and seismicity at the Rocky Mountain Arsenal. Modified from Healy, Rubey *et al.* (1968). (b) Correlation between downhole pressure and earthquake occurrence triggered by fluid injection at the Rangely oil field in Colorado. After Raleigh, Healy *et al.* (1976).

# Shear failure and the frictional strength of rocks Coefficient of friction



- Range of  $\mu$  (Byerlee's law)
  - At higher effective stress (10 MPa)

 $0.6 \le \mu \le 1.0$ 



- Coefficient of friction in genral lie in those ranges regardless of rock type and roughness
- John Jaeger

"There are only two things you need to know about friction. It is always 0.6 and it will always make a monkey out of you."

- Shaly rock  $\mu < 0.6$ 



**Figure 4.23.** Rock mechanics tests on wide range of rocks (and plaster in a rock joint) demonstrating that the coefficient of friction (the ratio of shear to effective normal stress) ranges between 0.6 and 1.0 at effective confining pressures of interest here. Modified after Byerlee (1978).

## The critically stressed crust



- Continental crust is generally in a state of incipient frictional failure
  - Widespread occurrence of EQ by reservoir impoundment
  - EQ triggered by small stress change
  - In situ stress measurement



**Figure 4.25.** Schematic illustration of how the forces acting on the lithosphere keep the brittle crust in frictional equilibrium through creep in the lower crust and upper mantle (after Zoback and Townend 2001). *Reprinted with permission of Elsevier*.

### The critically stressed crust



- · Widespread occurrence of EQ by reservoir impoundmen
  - Small pore pressure change trigger EQ



Zoback, M. D. and S. M. Gorelick (2012). "Earthquake triggering and large-scale geologic storage of carbon dioxide." Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences: 10164-10168.

### The critically stressed crust



- EQ triggered by small stress change
  - Experiment at KTB borehole in Germany



Figure 4.24. Stress measurements in the KTB scientific research well indicate a *strong* crust, in a state of failure equilibrium as predicted by Coulomb theory and laboratory-derived coefficients of friction of 0.6–0.7 (after Zoback and Harjes 1997). The arrow at 9.2 km depth indicates where the fluid injection experiment occurred.

- In situ stress measurement
  - · Byerlee's law seems to work
  - Earth crust appears to be in a state of (failure) equilibrium



**Figure 4.26.** *In situ* stress measurements in relatively deep wells in crystalline rock indicate that stress magnitudes seem to be controlled by the frictional strength of faults with coefficients of friction between 0.6 and 1.0. After Zoback and Townend (2001). *Reprinted with permission of Elsevier.* 



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Normal and shear stress at fractures

 $\tau_{\rm f} = 0.5(\sigma_1 - \sigma_3)\sin 2\beta$  $\sigma_n = 0.5(\sigma_1 + \sigma_3) + 0.5(\sigma_1 - \sigma_3)\cos 2\beta$ 

Optimally oriented fracture



 $\beta = 45^{\circ} + 1/2 \tan^{-1}\mu$ -  $\mu = 1$ ,  $\beta = 67.5^{\circ}$ -  $\mu = 0.6$ ,  $\beta \sim 60^{\circ}$ -  $\mu \sim 0$ ,  $\beta \sim 45^{\circ}$ 



**Figure 4.27.** (a) Frictional sliding on an optimally oriented fault in two dimensions. (b) One can consider the Earth's crust as containing many faults at various orientations, only some of which are optimally oriented for frictional sliding. (c) Mohr diagram corresponding to faults of different orientations. The faults shown by black lines in (b) are optimally oriented for failure (labeled 1 in b and c), those shown in light gray in (b) (and labeled 2 in b and c) in (b) trend more perpendicular to S<sub>Hmax</sub>, and have appreciable normal stress and little shear stress. The faults shown by heavy gray lines and labeled 3 in (b) are more parallel to S<sub>Hmax</sub> have significantly less shear stress and less normal stress than optimally oriented faults as shown in (c).



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Orientation of fault

- Normal faults are expected to form in conjugate pairs that dip  $\sim 60^{\circ}$  and strike parallel to the direction of  $S_{\text{Hmax}}$ .
- Strike-slip faults are expected to be vertical and form in conjugate pairs that strike  $\sim 30^{\circ}$  from the direction of  $S_{\text{Hmax}}$ .
- Reverse faults are expected to dip  $\sim 30^{\circ}$  and form in conjugate pairs that strike normal to the direction of  $S_{\text{Hmax}}$ .

Jaeger and Cook (1979) showed that the values of  $\sigma_1$  and  $\sigma_3$  (and hence  $S_1$  and  $S_3$ ) that corresponds to the situation where a critically oriented fault is at the frictional limit (*i.e.* equation 4.39 is satisfied) are given by:

- Effective stress ratio
  - At optimal orientation

$$\frac{\sigma_1}{\sigma_3} = \frac{S_1 - P_p}{S_3 - P_p} = [(\mu^2 + 1)^{1/2} + \mu]^2$$

such that for  $\mu = 0.6$  (see Figure 4.26),

$$\frac{\sigma_1}{\sigma_2} = 3.1$$











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Range of stress magnitude (hydrostatic pore pressure)



Zoback MD, 2007, Reservoir Geomechanics, Cambridge University Press

Normal faulting 
$$\frac{\sigma_1}{\sigma_3} = \frac{S_v - P_p}{S_{\text{hmin}} - P_p} \le [(\mu^2 + 1)^{1/2} + \mu]^2$$
  
Strik-slip faulting  $\frac{\sigma_1}{\sigma_3} = \frac{S_{\text{Hmax}} - P_p}{S_{\text{hmin}} - P_p} \le [(\mu^2 + 1)^{1/2} + \mu]^2$   
Reverse faulting  $\frac{\sigma_1}{\sigma_3} = \frac{S_{\text{Hmax}} - P_p}{S_v - P_p} \le [(\mu^2 + 1)^{1/2} + \mu]^2$ 



**Figure 4.28.** Limits on stress magnitudes defined by frictional faulting theory in normal (a), strike-slip and (b) reverse faulting (c) regimes assuming hydrostatic pore pressure. The heavy line in (a) shows the minimum value of the least principal stress,  $S_{\text{hmin}}$ , in normal faulting environments, in (b) the maximum value of  $S_{\text{Hmax}}$  for the values of  $S_{\text{hmin}}$  shown by the ticks and (c) the maximum value of  $S_{\text{Hmax}}$  for reverse faulting regimes where the least principal stress is the vertical stress  $S_v$ .



### Change of stress state due to the increase of pore pressure



### Normal faulting $\frac{\sigma_1}{\sigma_3} = \frac{S_v - P_p}{S_{\text{hmin}} - P_p} \le [(\mu^2 + 1)^{1/2} + \mu]^2$ Strik-slip faulting $\frac{\sigma_1}{\sigma_3} = \frac{S_{\text{Hmax}} - P_p}{S_{\text{hmin}} - P_p} \le [(\mu^2 + 1)^{1/2} + \mu]^2$ Reverse faulting $\frac{\sigma_1}{\sigma_3} = \frac{S_{\text{Hmax}} - P_p}{S_v - P_p} \le [(\mu^2 + 1)^{1/2} + \mu]^2$

**Figure 4.30.** In terms of frictional faulting theory, as pore pressure increases (and effective stress decreases), the difference between the maximum and minimum effective principal stress (which defines the size of the Mohr circle) decreases with increasing pore pressure at the same depth.



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• Range of stress magnitude (overpressure)



Normal faulting 
$$\frac{\sigma_1}{\sigma_3} = \frac{S_v - P_p}{S_{\text{hmin}} - P_p} \le [(\mu^2 + 1)^{1/2} + \mu]^2$$
  
Strik-slip faulting  $\frac{\sigma_1}{\sigma_3} = \frac{S_{\text{Hmax}} - P_p}{S_{\text{hmin}} - P_p} \le [(\mu^2 + 1)^{1/2} + \mu]^2$   
Reverse faulting  $\frac{\sigma_1}{\sigma_3} = \frac{S_{\text{Hmax}} - P_p}{S_v - P_p} \le [(\mu^2 + 1)^{1/2} + \mu]^2$ 





## Stress polygon



 Diagram showing the range of possible stress state at a given depth and pore pore pressure



Normal faulting 
$$\frac{\sigma_1}{\sigma_3} = \frac{S_v - P_p}{S_{\text{hmin}} - P_p} \le [(\mu^2 + 1)^{1/2} + \mu]^2$$
  
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