

# A continuum based macroscopic unified low- and high cycle fatigue model

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# Introduction - fatigue models

Problems in fatigue analyses:

- ▶ low-cycle- and high-cycle -fatigue regimes are treated separately,
- ▶ mostly based on well defined cycles,
- ▶ multiaxiality.

A more fundamental approach for HCF based on *evolution equations* proposed by Ottosen, Stenström and Ristinmaa in IJF 2008. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ijfatigue.2007.08.009>

**In this study this idea is combined with a plasticity model to obtain a unified model.**

# Evolution equation based HCF model

Key ingredients are:

## Endurance surface

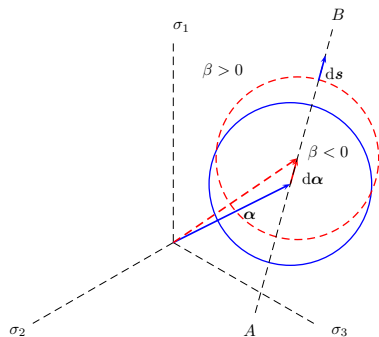
$$\beta(\boldsymbol{\sigma}, \{\boldsymbol{\alpha}\}; \text{parameters}) = 0$$

**evolution equations** for the fatigue damage  $D$

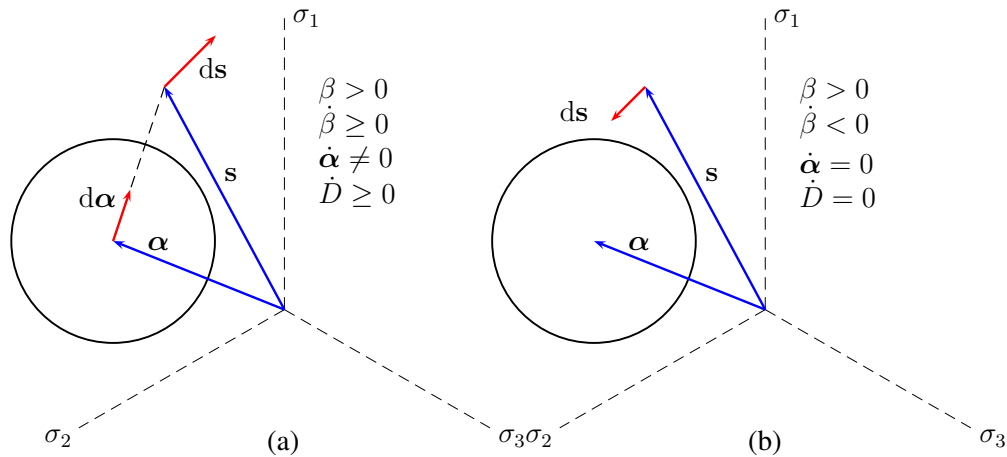
$$\dot{D} = g(\beta, D)\dot{\beta}$$

and the internal variables  $\{\boldsymbol{\alpha}\}$

$$\{\dot{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}\} = \{\mathbf{G}\}(\boldsymbol{\sigma}, \{\boldsymbol{\alpha}\})\dot{\beta}$$



## Conditions for evolution



# Original formulation for HCF

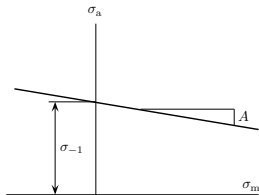
## Endurance surface:

$$\beta = \frac{1}{\sigma_{-1}} \left[ \sqrt{3\bar{J}_2} + AI_1 - \sigma_{-1} \right] = 0$$

where  $\bar{J}_2 = \frac{1}{2} \text{tr}(\mathbf{s} - \boldsymbol{\alpha})^2$ ,  $I_1 = \text{tr} \boldsymbol{\sigma}$ ,  $A = \sigma_{-1}/\sigma_0 - 1$  and

$$\sigma_{-1} = \sigma_{af, R=-1}$$

$$\sigma_0 = \sigma_{af, R=0}$$



## Evolution equations:

$$\dot{\boldsymbol{\alpha}} = C(\mathbf{s} - \boldsymbol{\alpha})\dot{\beta}, \quad \dot{D} = K \exp(L\beta)\dot{\beta}$$

# LCF-HCF approach

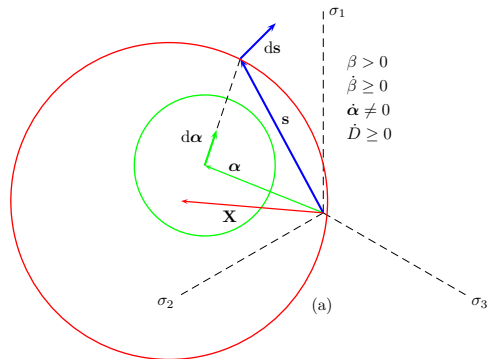
Couples with the plasticity model, **Chaboche type model adopted**:

$$f(\boldsymbol{\sigma}, \mathbf{X}, R) = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}(\mathbf{s} - \mathbf{X}) : (\mathbf{s} - \mathbf{X})} - (\sigma_y + R) = 0$$

$$\dot{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}}^p = \dot{\lambda} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \boldsymbol{\sigma}}, \quad \dot{\epsilon}_{\text{eff}}^p = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3} \dot{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}}^p : \dot{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}}^p}$$

$$R = \sum R_i, \quad \dot{R}_i = \gamma R_{\infty, i} (1 - R_i / R_{\infty, i}) \dot{\epsilon}_{\text{eff}}^p$$

$$\mathbf{X} = \sum \mathbf{X}_i, \quad \dot{\mathbf{X}}_i = \frac{2}{3} X_{\infty, i} \dot{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}}^p - \gamma_i \dot{\epsilon}_{\text{eff}}^p \mathbf{X}_i$$



## LCF-HCF approach - damage evolution

$$\frac{dD}{dt} = g(\beta) \frac{d\beta}{dt} + M \frac{d}{dt} (\exp(Q\beta) \varepsilon_{\text{eff}}^{\text{P}})$$

where the high cycle part is modified to

$$g(\beta) = K \left( 1 + \frac{1 - \exp(-\tilde{L}(\beta - b))}{a + \exp(-\tilde{L}(\beta - b))} \right) \approx K \exp L\beta \quad \text{when} \quad \beta \lesssim 1$$

Parameters  $M$  and  $Q$  from two standard cyclic tests with different amplitudes:

$$\frac{dD}{dN} \approx M \exp(Q\beta) \frac{d\varepsilon_{\text{eff}}^{\text{P}}}{dN} = 4M \exp(Q\beta) \varepsilon_{\text{a}}^{\text{P}}$$

$$Q = \frac{1}{\beta(N_1) - \beta(N_2)} \ln \frac{N_2 \varepsilon_{\text{a}2}^{\text{P}}}{N_1 \varepsilon_{\text{a}1}^{\text{P}}}, \quad M = \frac{1}{4N_i \exp(Q\beta(N_i)) \varepsilon_{\text{ai}}^{\text{P}}}$$

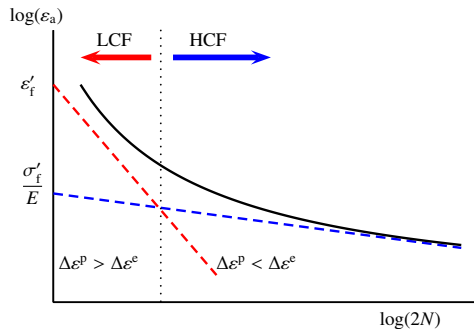
# LCF-parameters

Using the Coffin-Manson and Ramberg-Osgood relations:  $\varepsilon_a^p = \varepsilon_f' (2N)^{-c}$ ,  $\sigma_a = \sigma_c' (\varepsilon_a^p)^{n_c}$

$$Q = \frac{1 - c}{\beta(N_1) - \beta(N_2)} \ln \left( \frac{N_2}{N_1} \right)$$

$$M = \frac{1}{4N_i \exp(Q\beta(N_i)) \varepsilon_f' (2N_i)^{-c}}$$

$$\beta(N_i) = \frac{1}{\sigma_{-1}} \left[ (1 + A) \sigma_c' (\varepsilon_f')^{-c} (2N_i)^{-cn_c} - \sigma_{-1} \right]$$





# Preliminary results, S-N curve for AISI 4340

$$\sigma_{-1} = 315 \text{ MPa}, \quad A = 0.225, \quad C = 1.2,$$

$$K = 2.5 \cdot 10^{-6}, \quad \tilde{L} = 14.5, \quad a = 0.005, \quad b = 0.5,$$

$$M = 10^{-11}, \quad Q = 16.$$

$$\sigma_y = 331 \text{ MPa}, \quad X_{\infty,1} = 35921 \text{ MPa},$$

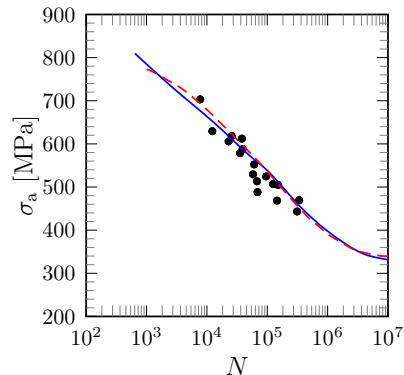
$$X_{\infty,2} = 6972 \text{ MPa}, \quad X_{\infty,3} = 4222 \text{ MPa},$$

$$\gamma_1 = 651, \quad \gamma_2 = 53.3, \quad \gamma_3 = 5.7, \quad \text{no isotr. hardening},$$

Chaboche model data from

Y. Gorash, D. MacKenzie, *Open Engineering*, **7**, 126 (2017)

<https://doi.org/10.1515/eng-2017-0019>



Present model fit with **blue solid line**. **Dashed red line** fit by Gorash, MacKenzie.

Experimental results (black dots) from N.E. Dowling: Mean stress effects in stress-life and strain-life fatigue.

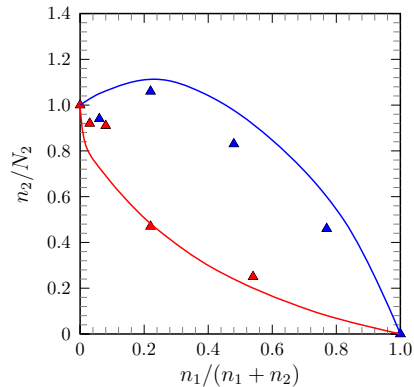
SAE Technical Paper 1 (2004), 1-14.

# Two-level test

Two-level loading 735  $\rightarrow$  810 MPa (blue), 810  $\rightarrow$  735 MPa (red).

Experimental data shown by triangles from  
W.H. Erickson, C.E. Work, A study of the accumulation of fatigue  
damage in steel, *64th Annual Meeting of ASTM*, 704-718 (1961).

Present model predictions by solid lines.



## Concluding remarks and *future work*

- ▶ Continuum based Unified LCF-HCF model.
- ▶ Multiaxial, applicable to arbitrary loading history.
- ▶ Applicable for post-processing.
- ▶ Can be easily extended to include anisotropic, gradient and stochastic effects.
- ▶ *Parameter estimation.*
- ▶ *Micromechanical motivation of the evolution equations.*



Human fatigue illustrated by  
Akseli Gallen-Kallela 1894

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