MSE 4320/6320: Spring 2025

Origins of Mechanical Behavior of Materials: Deformation and Fracture of Structural Materials

Instructors:

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Logistics:

JH 171 T/Th: 1230-145

Office Hours Link

Sp25 – MSE 4320/6320 – Office Hours

- Meeting ID: 940 1560 5155
- Passcode: 43206320

Course website on UVa-Canvas

- Grades, homework, updates, recorded lectures, lecture notes, misc.

Objective and Approach:

The overarching objective of this course is to develop understanding of the phenomenology and fundamental principles describing the origins of material deformation and fracture in response to mechanical loading. Breadth of mechanical behavior and structural materials are emphasized over depth, which is covered in upper division courses. Engineering and scientific principles are integrated in an approach that includes: (a) governing continuum mechanics equations, (b) materials science principles at the atomic defect to microstructure scale, (c) examples of property phenomenology, (d) descriptions of test methods, and (e) problem solving to reinforce concepts and demonstrate applications. Each important mode of mechanical behavior is discussed in the context of a specific material; structure-property relationships are identified. After an introduction to elasticity, plastic deformation is considered based on dislocation concepts, leading to an understanding of strengthening mechanisms. Fracture is examined based on continuum fracture mechanics and microstructure damage leading to toughening mechanisms. Cycle-dependent (fatigue) and time-dependent (creep) plastic deformation processes are described and subcritical crack growth is discussed as the result of deformation-environment interactions. Modern predictive approaches are highlighted and the foundation for property modeling and component simulation is established.

Desired Outcomes:

- Course Objective 1: This course looks to provide the overarching outline to enable the students to distinguish and qualitatively explain a wide-range of macroscopic mechanical behavior by linking this behavior to the controlling microstructural features.
 - This requires the ability to identify and measure the material-mechanical attributes necessary for alloy performance and structural-design function.

- To understand how this behavior is influenced by strain rate, temperature and environment.
- Provide the fundamentals necessary to excel at next-level courses that build on the materials science and solid mechanics principles of mechanical behavior.
- Course Objective 2: The technical content and evaluation material will reinforce engineering problem solving strategies. Relevant to:
 - Microstructural basis and 3D nature of elasticity
 - Physical understanding of plastic deformation
- Course Objective 3: The technical content and evaluation material will reinforce engineering problem solving strategies. Relevant to:
 - Fundamentals of fracture mechanics
 - Fundamentals of the fatigue damage process
- Course Objective 4: Help students to refine and build writing and presentation-style communication skills.

Office Hours:

Burns: Wed, 10-11, Zoom (Sp25 - MSE 4320/6320 - Office Hours)

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If you need in-person discussions then please reach out directly to schedule with Burns.

Grading:

Course will be graded out of 550 (undergraduate) or 650 (graduate) total points

- **Ouizzes**: 50 points (10 assignments) _ 100 points (4 assignments) - Homework: - Exam 1: 100 points - Exam 2: 100 points 150 points - Final Exam: - Paper Critique: 50 points **Graduate Specific** - Extra HW: 20 points (EC for UG: up to 10)
 - Extra Exam: 40 points (EC for UG: up to 20)
 - Oral Final: 40 Points

Quizzes will be completed via Canvas and HW submission instructions will be provided. Exams are planned to be "take-home" assignments, further instructions will be provided. Any issues with grading should be addressed within 2 weeks of the return of the assignment.

Extra Credit:

All Students:

- Up to 20 Extra Credit Points will be assigned based upon the level of class participation, class attendance, office hours, etc.
- 10 points will be awarded if 100% of the class completes the Course Evaluation; 5 points will be awarded if >85% complete the Course Evaluations.

Undergraduates:

- Opportunities are available for completing the extra Graduate Specific HW/Exam questions.

Graduates:

- 25 points are available for completing a second paper critique

Late Assignments:

There is a zero tolerance for late submission of assignments; LATE ASSIGNMENTS WILL RECEIVE A ZERO. Individual cases will be subjectively evaluated, if mitigating circumstances are communicated to the instructor PRIOR to the deadline.

Course Text:

A complete set of course notes in PPT format will be incrementally provided via the UVa-Canvas website in the Resources section. These notes will provide a fully sufficient basis for learning, lecture note-taking, and open-notes exams; as such, a text book is not required.

However, the lecture notes are coordinated with sections of the following text books to (1) provide students with an alternate presentation of topics, or (2) serve as a future reference (recommended for those in the mechanics of materials field). These are not in-stock at the UVa bookstore but can be ordered via internet sources.

Deformation and Fracture Mechanics of Engineering Materials, Richard W. Hertzberg, Richard P. Vinci, and Jason L. Hertzberg, John Wiley and Sons, 5th edition, 755 pages (2013). This book provides an in-depth 6-credit undergraduate-graduate treatment of deformation and fracture mechanics from the materials science and fracture mechanics perspectives.

Mechanical Behavior of Materials Keith Bowman, John Wiley and Sons, 1st edition, 334 pages (2004). About 60% of the course follows the content of this text.

Mechanical Behavior of Materials, William F. Hosford, Cambridge University Press, 1st edition, 426 pages (2005). This book is strong in classic elasticity and plasticity descriptions applied to a wide range of materials.

Technical Outline:

- 1. Introduction
 - Course Logistics
 - Failure Modes
 - Great Failures
 - Misconceptions Regarding Materials Mechanical Behavior

- 2. Review of Stress/Strain
 - Definitions
 - Tensile test
- 3. Deformation: Elasticity
 - 3D Stress/strain states (tensors)
 - Atomic Considerations (basis, anisotropy)
 - Constitutive Laws
- 4. Yield/Failure Criteria
 - Tresca/von Mises
 - Brittle versus Ductile
- 5. Deformation: Plasticity
 - Phenomenological
 - Constitutive Laws
 - Plastic instabilities
 - Mechanistic
 - o Dislocation review
 - o Dislocation properties
 - Single Crystal Slip
 - Polycrystal Slip
- 6. Strengthening Mechanisms
 - Constraint based
 - Solid Solution
 - Grain size
 - Precipitation
- 7. High Temperature Deformation: Creep
 - Phenomenological
 - Trends, tests, empirical descriptions
 - Mechanisms
 - o Dislocation Creep
 - o Diffusion Creep
 - Deformation Map
- 8. Fracture Mechanics
 - Stress Concentration
 - Griffith Model
 - Stress Intensity
 - Similitude
 - Fracture Toughness
- 9. Fracture Modes
 - Phenomenological
 - Ductile Fracture (MVC)
 - Brittle Fracture (cleavage, intergranular)
 - Ductile to Brittle Transition
- 10. Fatigue

- High cycle fatigue
- Low cycle fatigue
- Fracture mechanics approach
- Engineering applications
- 11. Polymers (if time allows)
 - Polymer "terms"
 - Phenomenological
 - \circ Deformation
 - o Fracture
 - Overview of mechanisms
- 12. Special topics (if time allows)
 - Failure analysis example
 - Environmental cracking

Helpful Reading Resources:

Introduction:

Mechanical Tests; Failure Analysis Bowman Ch. 1: pp. 1, 10-17, 211, 272-273 Hertzberg: pp. 251-253; 645-652; 683-684; 702-703; 708-710.

Deformation: Elasticity

Stress/Strain Definitions; Elastic Stress Analyses; Tensile (uniaxial and bend) Test Bow Ch. 1: pp. 2-10, 17-26 Bow Ch. 3: pp. 103-104 Hertz: pp. 3-7; 17-34 Hosford Ch. 1: pp. 1-4, 9-12 Hosford Ch. 3, Ch. 4 (overview, do not consider details)

Atomic Effects in Elasticity; Rubber Elasticity; Physical Basis for Modulus Anisotropy Bow Ch.1: pp. 26-30 Hosford Ch. 2: 24-27 Hertz: pp. 8-17

Linear-Elastic and Elastic-Plastic Constitutive Behavior; 3-Dimensional Stress and Strain States, Isotropic and Anisotropic Behavior Bow Ch. 2: pp. 33-50, 51-67 (Overview; not responsible for tensor mathematics) Hertz: pp. 34-40; 90-98; 100-102 Hosford: Ch. 2: 21-23, 27-35; Ch. 5: pp. 70-77

Yield/Failure Criteria:

Yield Criteria; Failure Criteria--Broken Chalk vs. Surgical Tools; Bow Ch. 3: pp. 74-86 Hertz: pp. 88-90 Hosford Ch. 6: pp. 80-84, 86-87

Deformation: Plasticity

Stereographic Projection of Unit Cell; Shear Deformation of Crystalline Solids; Slip Geometry and Crystallography; Schmidt Factor for Single Crystals Bow Ch. 2: pp. 67-70 Bow Ch. 3: pp. 94-96, 87-95 Hosford Ch. 8: pp. 120-132 Hosford Appendix B: p. 418-420 Hertz: 63-75

Schmidt and Taylor Factors for Polycrystals; Deformation Twinning Bow Ch. 3: pp. 96-103 Hosford Ch. 11: pp. 170-181 Hertz: pp. 81-87; 102-105 Hosford Ch. 12: pp. 188-191

Definitions, Properties, and Characteristics of Dislocations in Crystalline Lattices Bow Ch. 4: pp. 117-149 Hosford Ch. 9: pp. 139-154 Hertz: pp. 75-81; 111-117 Hosford Ch. 10: pp. 158-162, 166

Crystalline Solids--Obstacles to Slip; Strengthening Mechanism by Work Hardening; Single Crystal Stress-Strain Curve; LEDS Bow Ch. 5: pp. 157-162 Hosford Ch. 10: pp. 158-162, 166 Hertz: pp. 143-155 Hosford Ch. 12: p. 194

Strengthening Mechanisms:

Stress Concentration; Strengthening Mechanism by Constraint; Examples: Notch Strengthening *vs* Notch Weakening for Strong Joints/Thin Films Bow Ch. 5: pp. 152-156 Hertz: pp. 260-265

Strengthening Mechanism by Solid Solution Hardening and Particle Strengthening; Strengthening Mechanism by Grain Size Hardening Bow Ch. 5: pp. 162-169 Hosford Ch. 12: pp. 195-199 Hertz: pp. 155-161; 164-172

Glassy Solids; Strengthening by Molecular Bonding and Orientation Bow Ch. 5: pp. 172-175 Hertz: pp. 177-183

High Temperature Deformation: Creep

Creep and Stress Rupture in Metals, Polymers and Ceramics; Engineering Life Prediction Bow Ch. 6: pp. 177-185 Hertz: pp. 189-195; 215-220; 291-294

Constitutive Behavior and Stress Relaxation Bow Ch. 6: pp. 185-192 Hertz: pp. 195-202

Creep Deformation Mechanisms; Dislocation and Diffusional Processes Bow Ch. 6: pp. 192-202 Hertz: pp. 202-205

Creep Deformation Mechanisms; Grain Boundary Sliding and Superplasticity Bow Ch. 6: pp. 202-207 Hertz: pp. 205-208

Mapping Methods in Mechanical Behavior: Deformation and Fracture Bow Ch. 8: pp. 248-266 Mapping Methods in Mechanical Behavior: Alloy Design and Selection Bow Ch. 8: pp. 266-269 Hertz: 208-215

Fracture:

Stress Concentration; Elastic Crack Problem: Griffith Strain Energy Theory and *G*; Irwin Crack Tip Stress Analysis and K Bow Ch. 7: pp. 211-224, 243-244 Hertz: pp. 299-307; 315-318

Crack tip plastic zone; Catastrophic Fracture and Stress State Constraint; Elastic Compliance and *G* to K Equivalence Bow Ch. 7: pp. 224-226 Hertz: pp. 330-334

Fracture Mechanics Similitude and Application; Stress Intensity Factors for Finite Bodies Bow Ch. 7: pp. 227-230 Hertz: pp. 318-326; 326-330; 339-340; 719-721 Fracture Toughness Test Methods and Materials Data Bow Ch. 7: pp. 230-237 Hertz: pp. 307-315; 336-355; 449-453

Fracture: Microscopic Damage Processes and Toughening

Macro-modes and Micro-mechanisms of Fracture; Brittle Fracture of Ceramics Bow Ch. 7: pp. 237-242, 244-245 Hertz: pp. 254-260; 266-278; 383-388; 416-422; 434-440

Ductile Fracture and Microvoid Mechanisms; Microstructure-Property Relations Hertz: pp. 278-282; 389-398; 402-404; 410-416

Brittle Fracture: Cleavage and Dislocation Mechanisms; Intergranular fracture; Microstructure-Property Relations Hertz: pp. 398-402; 404-405

Fatigue:

Multiple Stages of Cumulative Fatigue Damage; Important Variables; Cyclic Stress *vs.* Strain Constitutive Behavior Bow Ch. 9: pp. 272-280 Hertz: pp. 499-502; 529-538

Elastic SN Approach after Basquin; Plastic LCF Approach after Coffin-Manson; Method of Universal Slopes and Transition Fatigue Life Bow Ch. 9: pp. 280-285 Hertz: pp. 503-510; 538-541

Fracture Mechanics Approach after Paris; Cyclic Plastic Zone Bow Ch. 9: pp. 285-292 Hertz: pp. 559-563; 568-571; 578-590

Safe Life vs Damage Tolerance Prognosis; Example Problem in Component Fatigue and Fracture Hertz: pp. 563-568

Microscopic Fatigue Mechanisms; Example Problem in Failure Analysis; Microstructure-Property Relationships Hertz: pp. 572-577; 713-717

Polymers:

Coming soon...

Special topics:

Hydrogen Embrittlement; Property Relationships; Damage Mechanisms Hertz: pp. 463-472

Stress Corrosion (Environmental) Cracking; Property Relationships; Damage Mechanisms Hertz: pp. 472-487; 489-492; 661-664

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