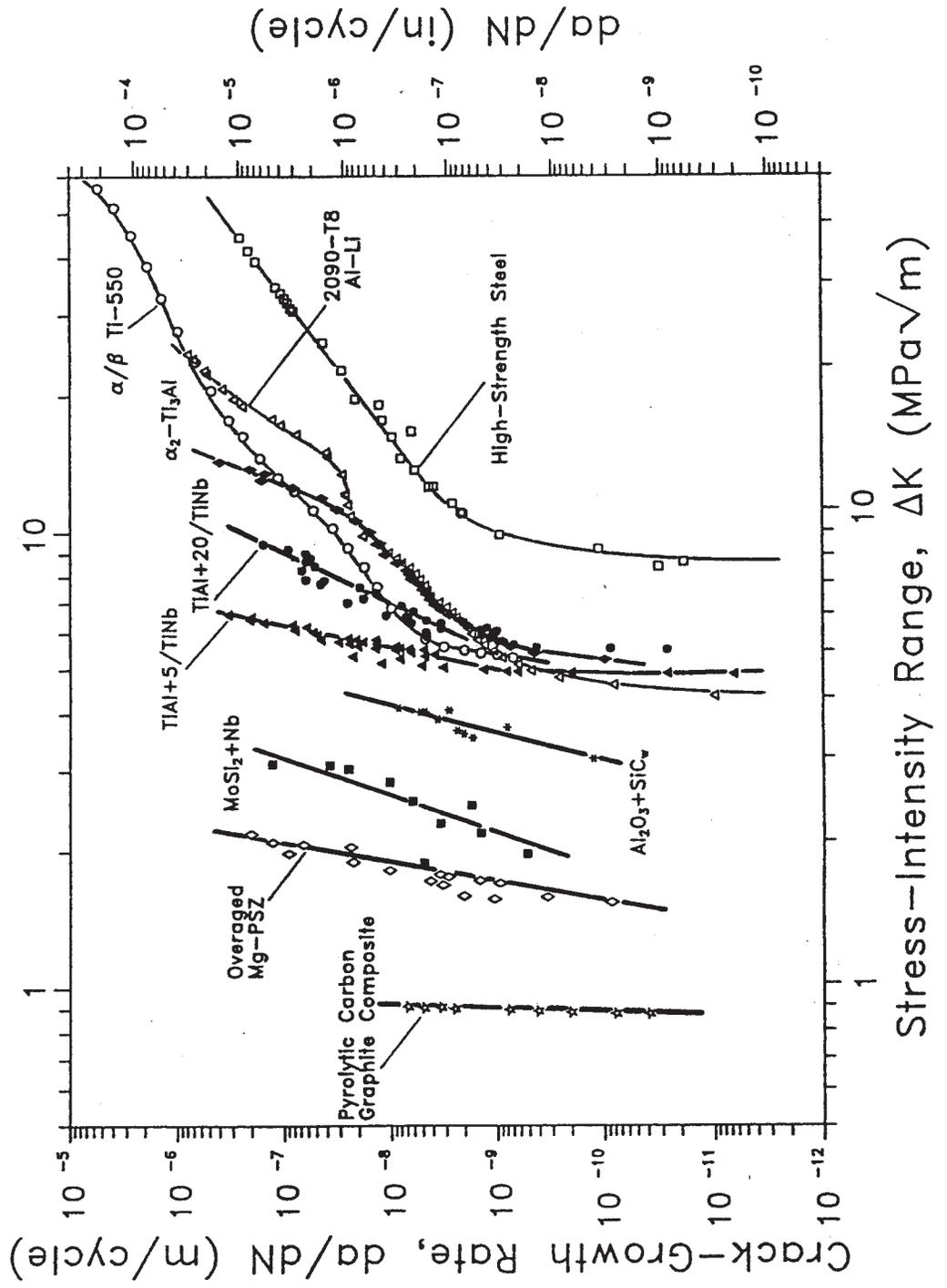


Effect of strain rate on flow curve at room temperature for a material susceptible to Stage I creep, Ti-6 Al-4 V. Note suppressed zero on ordinate.

Metals, Intermetallics & Ceramics: Fatigue

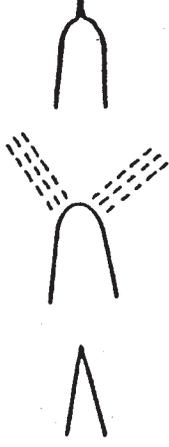


Mechanisms of Fatigue in Ceramics

- Intrinsic Mechanisms (metals)
 - microstructural damage and crack advance mechanisms unique to cyclic fatigue loads

Crack Tip Blunting/Resharpening

Continuum

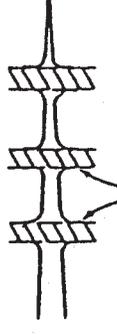


- Extrinsic Mechanisms (ceramics)
 - crack advance mechanism identical to that under monotonic loads
 - fatigue-crack growth promoted by suppression of shielding in crack wake

Damage to Bridging Zone
– friction and wear degradation of:

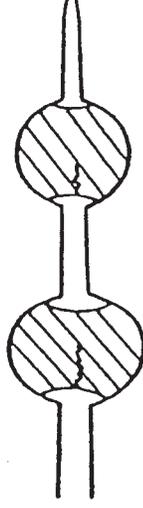


unbroken ligaments



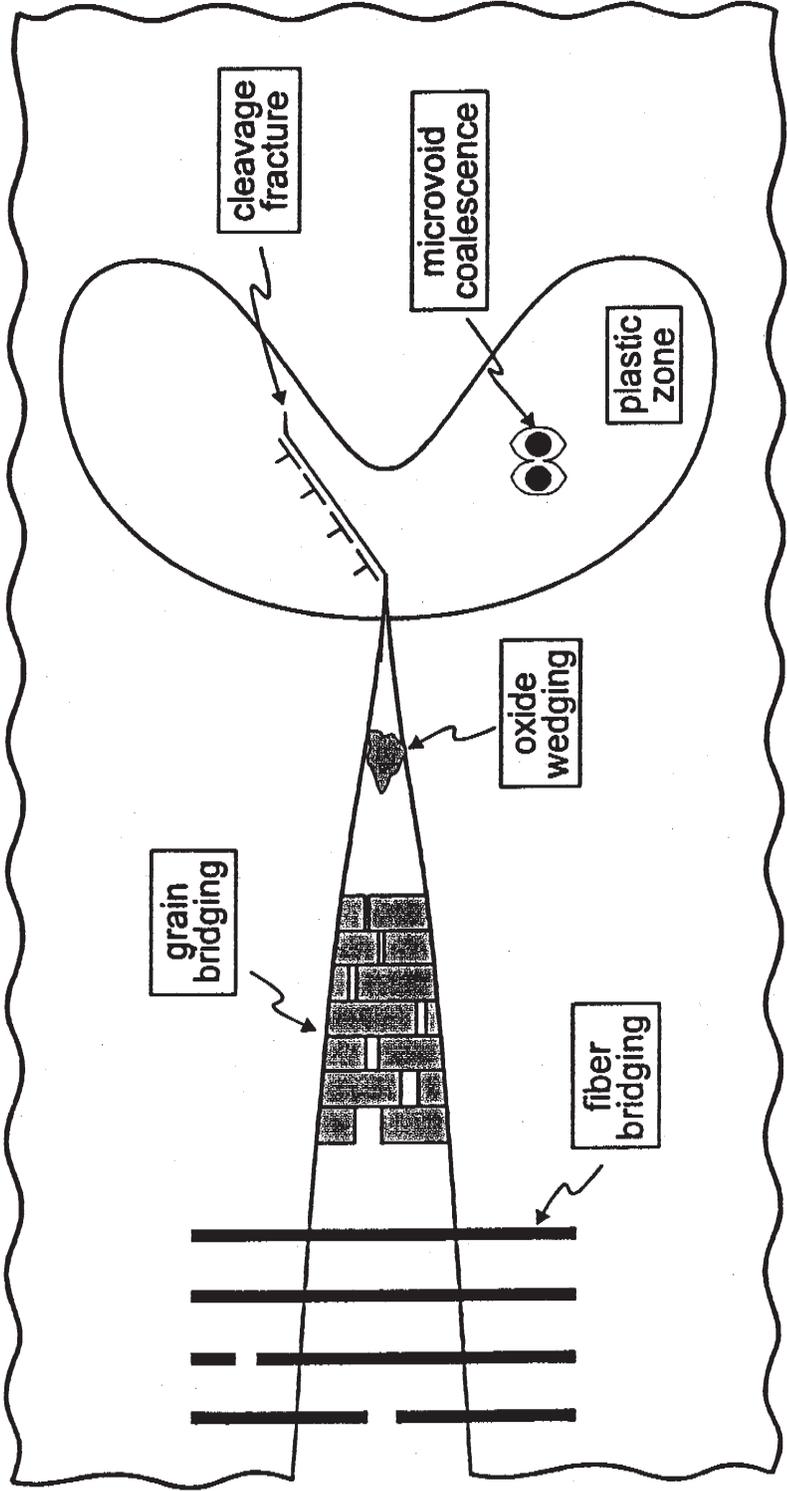
whisker/fiber reinforcements

Fatigue of Ductile Reinforcing Phase



Extrinsic Toughening

Intrinsic Toughening



behind crack tip

ahead of crack tip

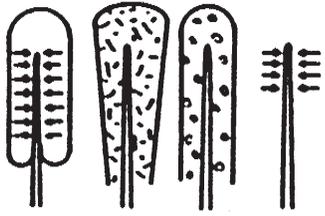
EXTRINSIC TOUGHENING MECHANISMS

1. CRACK DEFLECTION AND MEANDERING



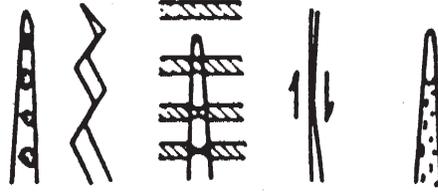
2. ZONE SHIELDING

- transformation toughening
- microcrack toughening
- crack wake plasticity
- crack field void formation
- residual stress fields
- crack tip dislocation shielding



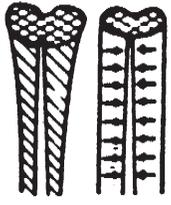
3. CONTACT SHIELDING

- wedging:
 - corrosion debris-induced crack closure
 - crack surface roughness-induced closure
- bridging:
 - ligament or fiber toughening
- sliding:
 - sliding crack surface interference
- wedging + bridging:
 - fluid pressure-induced crack closure

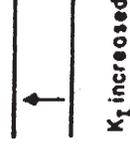
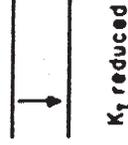
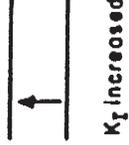
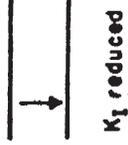
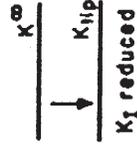


4. COMBINED ZONE AND CONTACT SHIELDING

- plasticity-induced crack closure
- phase transformation-induced closure



**MONOTONIC
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