

# Package Reliability

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## Package Reliability

- A. Reliability Theory
  - Reliability (bathtub curve), PDF, cumulative failure function
  - Hazard rate, mean time to failure
  - Exponential distribution
  - Weibull distribution
  - System reliability
  - Accelerated testing
  - Plotting failure distributions
- B. Package Failure Mechanisms

## Potential consequences of poor reliability

| Customer                    | Supplier/Vendor                 |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Loss of Product             | Warranty claims                 |
| Loss of product capability  | Production downtime             |
| Production downtime         | Test and repair cost            |
| Spare parts and maintenance | Diminished confidence and image |
| Loss opportunities          | Loss of future business         |

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## Reliability & Failure

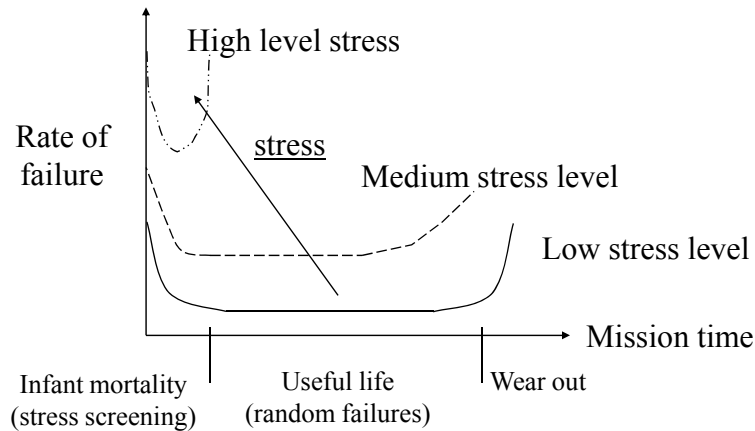
- Reliability: The reliability of a product is the probability that the product will perform satisfactorily for a given time at a desired confidence level under specified operating and environmental conditions.
- Failure is defined as the loss of the ability of the product to perform a required operation in a specific environment.
- Three types of failure according to when a failure occurred during a product's operating life:
  - **Infant mortality**
  - **"Useful" life**
  - **Wear-out failure**

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## The Bathtub Curve

- If a plot of the rate failure of a product versus its operating life is constructed from data taken a large sample of identical products placed in operation at  $t=0$



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## Reliability Theory

- Sample size =  $n_o$
  - Number failed at time  $t = n_f(t)$
  - Number still operating satisfactorily =  $n_s(t)$
- $$n_f(t) + n_s(t) = n_o$$
- Reliability =  $R(t)$  and “Unreliability” =  $Q(t)$
  - Probability device "ok"

$$\begin{aligned} R(t) &= n_s(t)/n_o \\ &= 1 - n_f(t)/n_o \\ &= 1 - Q(t) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} Q(t) &= n_f(t)/n_o \\ &= 1 - n_s(t)/n_o \\ &= 1 - R(t) \end{aligned}$$

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## Failure Probability Density Function (PDF)

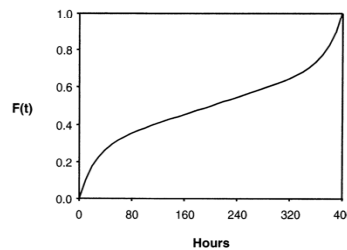
- Failure probability function  $f(t)$

$$f(t) = (1/n_o) \frac{d}{dt} n_f(t) = \frac{dQ(t)}{dt} = - \frac{dR(t)}{dt}$$

- Cumulative failure function  $\therefore Q(t) = \int_0^t f(\tau) d\tau = \frac{n_f(t)}{n_o} = F(t)$

- Similarly  $R(t) = \frac{n_s(t)}{n_o} = \int_t^{\infty} f(\tau) d\tau$  and  $\int_0^{\infty} f(\tau) d\tau = 1$

FIGURE 22.3 A Typical cumulative failure function,  $F(t)$ .



$F(t)$  here corresponds to the three regions of the bathtub curve

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## Hazard Rate (“force of mortality”)

- The Hazard Rate is defined as the number of failures per unit time per number of operational parts left.

$$\lambda(t) = \frac{1}{n_s(t)} \frac{dn_f(t)}{dt} = \frac{1}{R(t)} \frac{dQ(t)}{dt} = \frac{-1}{R(t)} \frac{d[R(t)]}{dt} = \frac{f(t)}{R(t)}$$

Note  $\lambda(t) = [dn_f(t)/dt]/n_s \approx f(t) = [dn_f(t)/dt]/n_o$  if  $n_s \approx n_o$   
i.e. if few failures yet

- Cumulative Hazard Rate:  $H(t) = \int_0^t \lambda(t) dt = -\ln R(t)$   
since  $R(0)=1$

- Mean Time to Failure (MTTF):

$$MTTF = \int_0^{\infty} t \cdot f(t) dt \Rightarrow \int_0^{\infty} R(t) dt \quad \text{if } R(t) \rightarrow 0 \text{ for } t \ll \infty.$$

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| Reliability relationships, for $n_f(t)$ failed and $n_s(t)$ surviving at time $t$ of an initial sample of $n_0$ . |                                       |  |   |                                   |                                    |
|---|---------------------------------------|--|---|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Function  | Definition                            | General  | 2-parameter Weibull ( $\gamma=0$ )  | Exponential ( $\eta=1, \beta=1$ ) | Rayleigh ( $\beta=2, k=2/\eta^2$ ) |
| Probability density function $f(t)$   | $\frac{1}{n_0} \frac{dn_f(t)}{dt}$    | $\frac{dQ(t)}{dt} = -\frac{dR(t)}{dt}$                 | $\frac{\beta}{\eta} \left[\frac{t}{\eta}\right]^{\beta-1} \exp - \left[\frac{t}{\eta}\right]^\beta$ | $\lambda_0 \exp(-\lambda_0 t)$    | $kt \exp - 1/2 kt^2$               |
| Survivor function (reliability) $R(t)$  | $\frac{n_s(t)}{n_0}$                  | $\int_t^\infty f(\tau) d\tau$                          | $\exp - \left[\frac{t}{\eta}\right]^\beta$  | $e^{-\lambda_0 t}$                | $\exp - 1/2 kt^2$                  |
| Cumulative failure function (unreliability) $Q(t)=1-R(t)=F(t)$  | $\frac{n_f(t)}{n_0}$                  | $\int_0^t f(\tau) d\tau$                               | $1 - \exp - \left[\frac{t}{\eta}\right]^\beta$  | $1 - e^{-\lambda_0 t}$            | $1 - \exp - 1/2 kt^2$              |
| Hazard rate $\lambda(t)$  | $\frac{1}{n_s(t)} \frac{dn_f(t)}{dt}$ | $\frac{-1}{R(t)} \frac{dR(t)}{dt} = \frac{f(t)}{R(t)}$ | $\frac{\beta}{\eta} \left[\frac{t}{\eta}\right]^{\beta-1}$  | $\lambda_0$                       | $kt$                               |
| Cumulative hazard rate $H(t)$   | $\int_0^t \lambda(\tau) d\tau$        | $-\ln R(t)$  | $\left[\frac{t}{\eta}\right]^\beta$   | $\lambda_0 t$                     | $kt^2$                             |
| Mean time to failure MTF  | $\int_0^\infty t \cdot f(t) dt$       | $\int_0^\infty R(t) dt$                                |   | $1/\lambda_0$                     |                                    |

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### Example: Exponential Distribution

- Most commonly used with wide application in electronic systems. It is a single parameter distribution.

$$f(t) = \lambda_0 \exp(-\lambda_0 t) \cdot u(t)$$

- where  $u(t)$  is the Heavyside step function and  $\lambda_0$  is called the chance hazard rate.

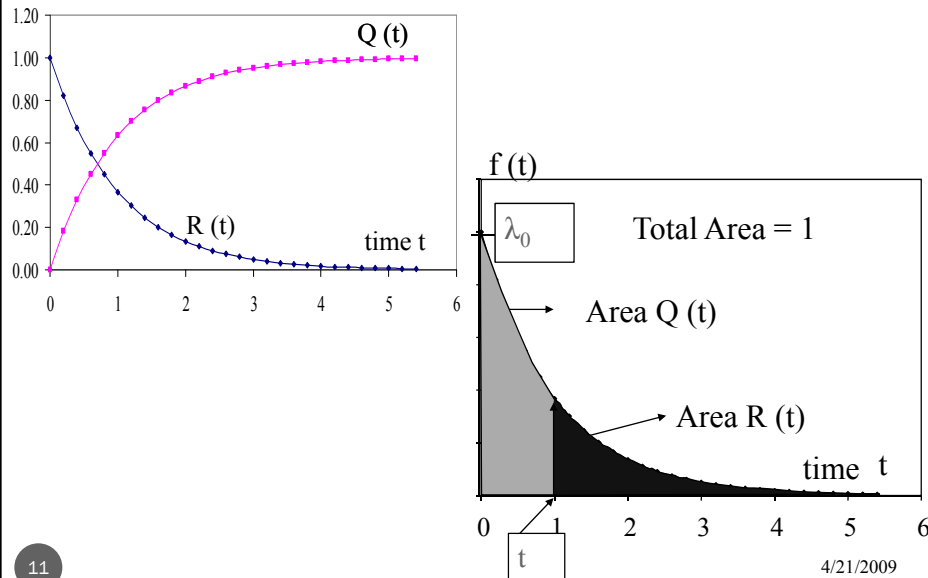
$$\bullet R(t) = \int_t^\infty f(\tau) d\tau = \int_t^\infty \lambda_0 \exp(-\lambda_0 \tau) \cdot d\tau = -\exp(-\lambda_0 \tau) \Big|_t^\infty = \exp(-\lambda_0 t)$$

- $Q(t) = 1 - R(t)$  and  $\int_0^\infty f(\tau) d\tau = 1$

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## Exponential Distribution



### Hazard Rate ("force of mortality")

$$\lambda(t) = \frac{1}{n_s(t)} \frac{dn_f(t)}{dt} \xrightarrow{(\div n_0)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{R(t)} \frac{dQ(t)}{dt} = - \frac{dR(t)}{dt} / R(t) \Rightarrow - \frac{(-\lambda_0 \exp^{-\lambda_0 t})}{\exp^{-\lambda_0 t}} = \lambda_0$$

for exponential (Failure frequency at time t)

### Mean Time to Failure MTTF

$$MTTF = \int_0^{\infty} t \cdot f(t) dt \Rightarrow \int_0^{\infty} R(t) dt$$

$$= \frac{1}{\lambda_0} \exp\left(\frac{-\lambda_0}{t}\right) \Big|_0^{\infty} = \frac{1}{\lambda_0}$$

for exponential distribution

i.e. interpret Reliability  $R(t) = \exp\left(\frac{-t}{MTTF}\right)$

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## Weibull Distribution

$f_w(t)$  is Weibull probability distribution function, where

$$f_w(t) = \frac{\beta}{\eta} \left( \frac{t-\gamma}{\eta} \right)^{\beta-1} \exp\left(-\left(\frac{t-\gamma}{\eta}\right)^\beta\right) \longrightarrow \text{"3-parameter distribution"}$$

$$R(t) = \exp\left(-\frac{(t-\gamma)^\beta}{\eta}\right)$$

$\gamma = 0 \longrightarrow$  "2-parameter Weibull"

$\beta=1, \gamma=0, \eta=\lambda_o^{-1} \longrightarrow$  exponential

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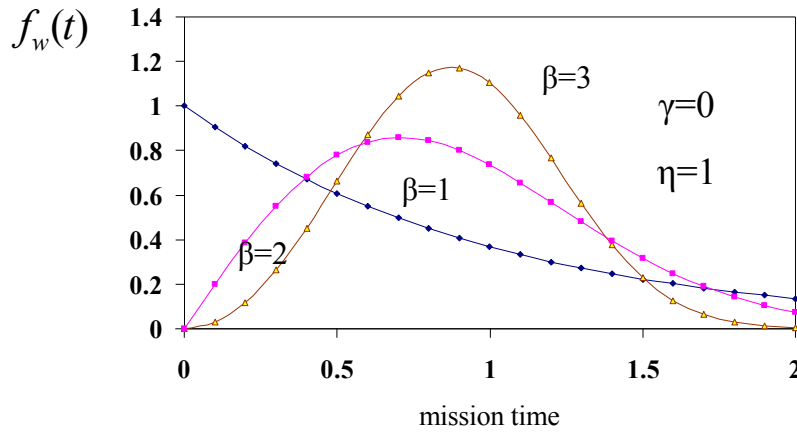
## Weibull Distribution

- $\beta > 0$  is "shape factor"
  - $0 < \beta < 1$     early failure
  - $\beta = 1$         constant rate
  - $\beta > 1$         wear out
- $\eta > 0$  is "scale factor"
- $\gamma$  is location parameter
  - $\gamma < 0$     pre-existing failure (storage, transport)
  - $\gamma = 0$     failure begins  $t = 0$
  - $\gamma > 0$     failure free period  $t = 0$

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## Weibull Distribution

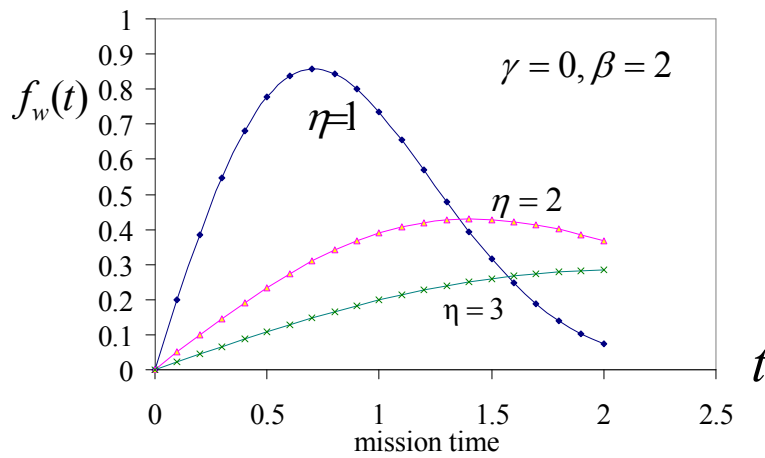


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Effect of shape parameter

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## Weibull Distribution



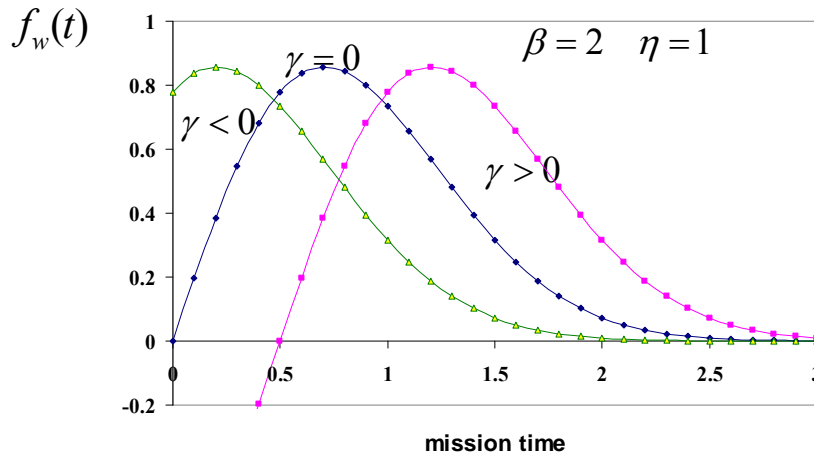
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Effect of scale parameter

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# Weibull Distribution



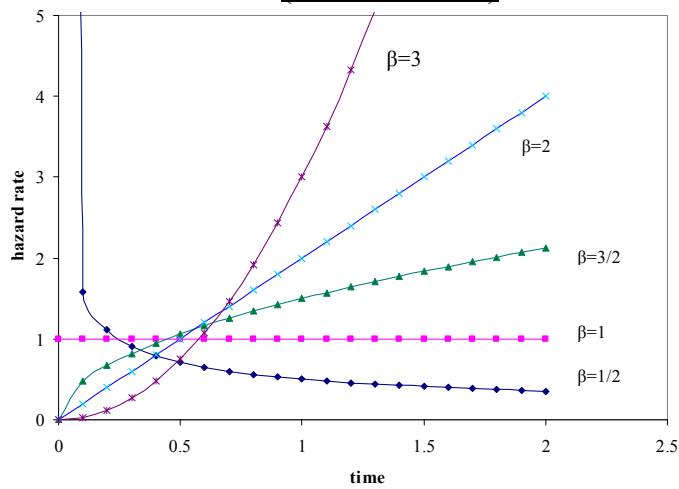
Effect of location parameter

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# Weibull Distribution: Hazard Rate

(Bathtub Curve)



Effects of shape parameter  $\beta$

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## Series Reliability

- Failure of a system if any components fails. It is function of the weakest link in the system.

$$R_{ss} = \prod_{i=1}^n R_i = R_1 \cdot R_2 \cdot R_3 \dots R_n,$$

$$\lambda_{ss} = \sum_1^n \lambda_i$$

$$MTTF_{ss} = \frac{1}{\lambda_{ss}}$$

## Parallel Reliability

- If there are  $n$  redundant components  $R_{ps} = 1 - Q_{ps} = 1 - \prod_{i=1}^n (1 - R_i)$

note: for  $n=2$

$$\lambda_{ps} = \frac{\lambda_1 e^{-\lambda_1 t} + \lambda_2 e^{-\lambda_2 t} - (\lambda_1 + \lambda_2) e^{-(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2) t}}{e^{-\lambda_1 t} + e^{-\lambda_2 t} - e^{-(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2) t}}$$

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## Effect of series complexity on system reliability

| No. of Components in series | System reliability for individual component reliability of |         |         |        |
|-----------------------------|--|---------|---------|--------|
|                             | 99.999%  | 99.99%  | 99.90%  | 99.00% |
| 10                          | 99.99%   | 99.90%  | 99.004% | 90.44% |
| 100                         | 99.90%   | 99.01%  | 90.48%  | 36.60% |
| 250                         | 99.50%   | 99.531% | 77.87%  | 8.1%   |
| 500                         | 99.50%   | 99.12%  | 60.64%  | 0.66%  |
| 1000                        | 99.01%   | 99.48%  | 36.77%  | 0.004% |

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## Accelerated Testing

- Failure Mechanism (diffusion, corrosion, etc)

$$r = r_0 \exp^{-E_0/kT}$$

So, accelerated at higher temperature

$$\text{time to failure} \propto 1/r$$

So, Times to failure  $t_1$  at  $T_1$ ,  $t_2$  at  $T_2$

$$\frac{t_1}{t_2} = \exp \frac{E_0}{k} \left( \frac{1}{T_1} - \frac{1}{T_2} \right)$$

Acceleration factor  
 $t_1 / t_2 > 1 \quad T_1 < T_2$   
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## Plotting : Weibull Distribution

$$Q(t) = 1 - \exp^{-(t/\alpha)^\beta}$$

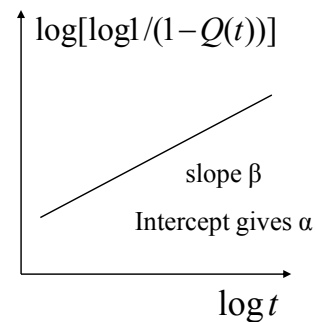
$$\ln\{1 - Q(t)\} = -(t/\alpha)^\beta$$

$$\ln\{-\ln[1 - Q(t)]\} = \beta \ln t - \beta \ln \alpha$$

or use Cumulative Hazard rate

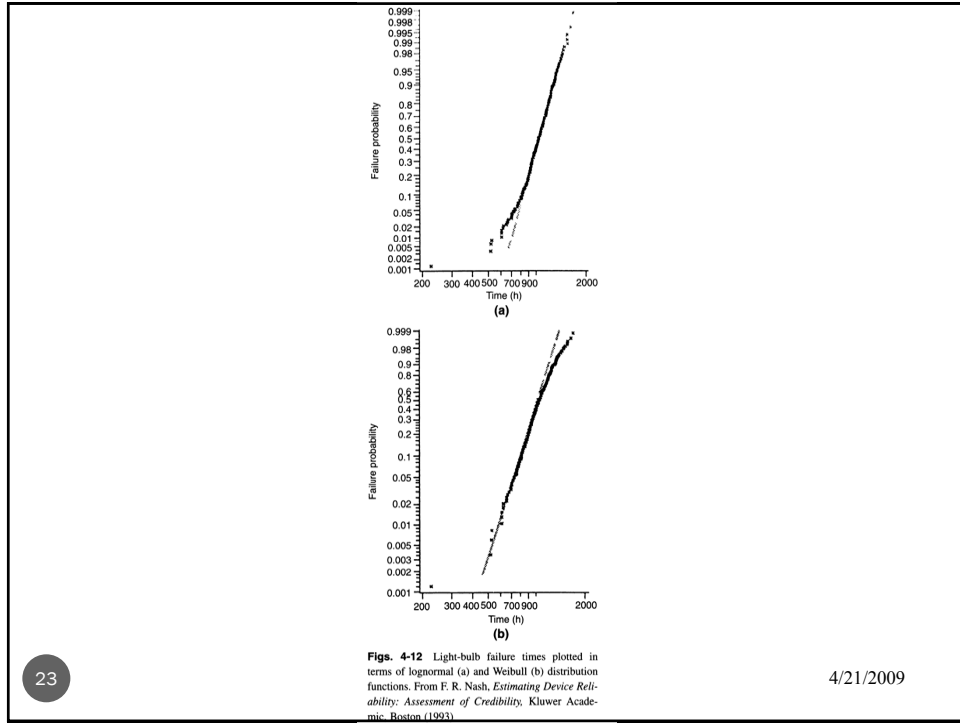
$$H(t) = \int_0^t \lambda(t) dt = -\ln[R(t)] = -\ln[1 - Q(t)]$$

$\therefore$  plot  $\log H(t)$  vs  $\log t$



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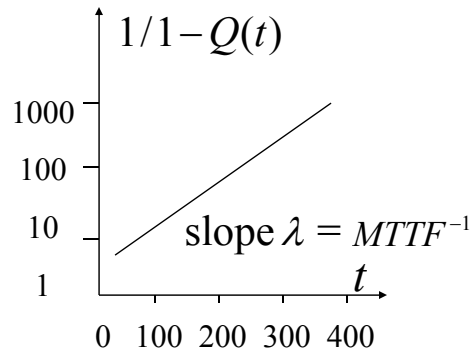
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## Plotting: Exponential Distribution

$$Q(t) = 1 - \exp^{-\lambda t}$$

$$\therefore H(t) = \ln \frac{1}{1 - Q(t)} = \lambda t$$



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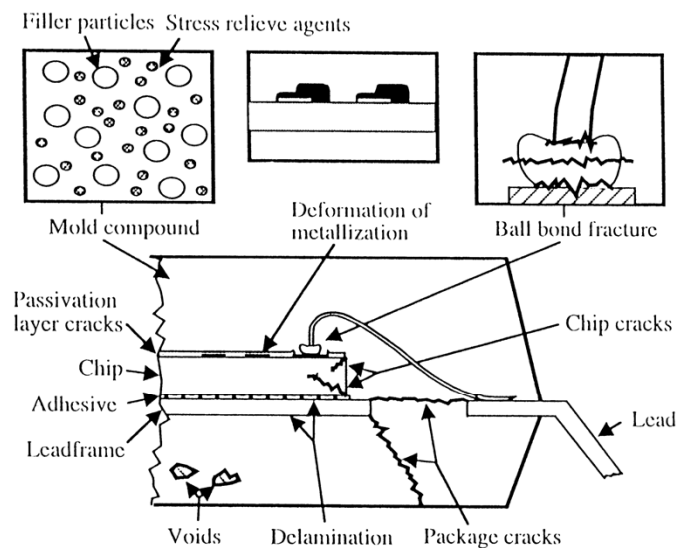
## B. Failure Mechanisms and Modeling

1. Mechanical and Thermomechanical Degradation mechanisms
  - a. Fatigue (Fracture Mechanics)
  - b. Creep
  - c. Stress corrosion cracking
2. Thermo- and Electrotransport Fail Mechanisms
  - a. Electromigration
  - b. Thermomigration
3. Electrical and Thermal Degradation Mechanisms
  - a. Dielectric degradation & breakdown
  - b. Contact resistance degradation due to oxidation
4. MIL-HDBK-217 and Physics of Failure
5. Chemical and electrochemical failure mechanisms
  - a. Corrosion
  - b. Wet and Dry Migration
6. Plastic Package Failures
  - a. Popcorning
  - b. Dry Packing
7. Distributions of Failures

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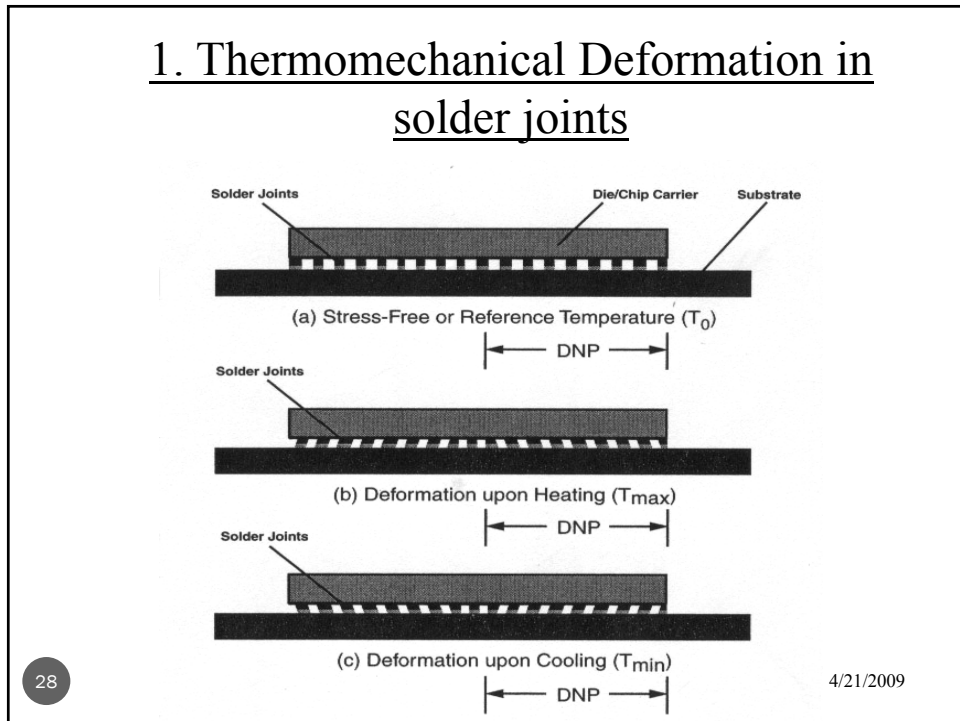
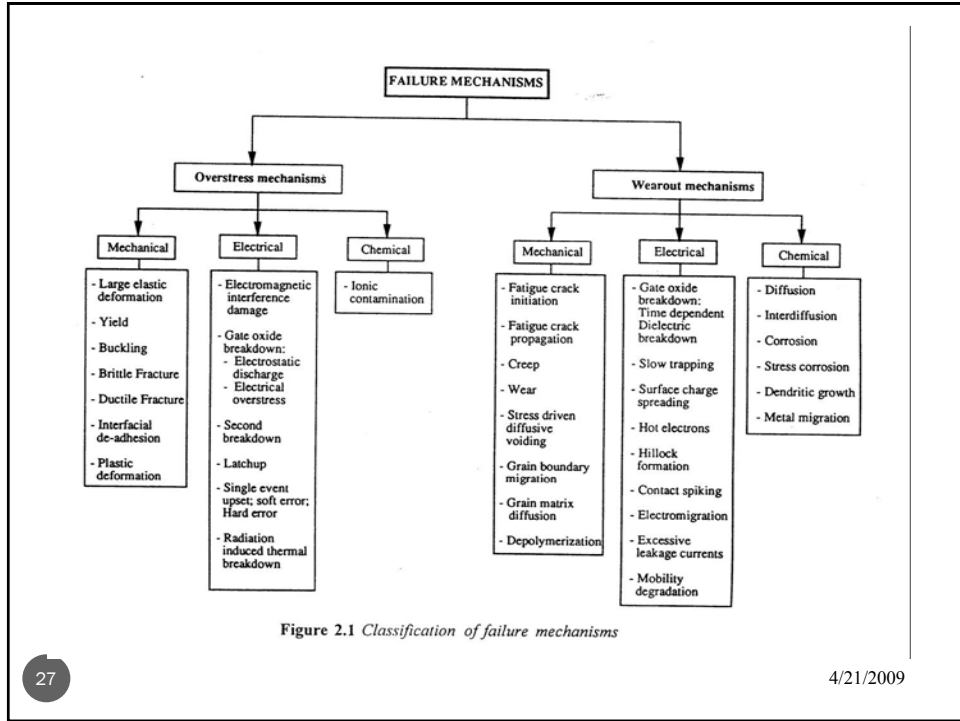
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## Plastic Package Failure Mechanisms

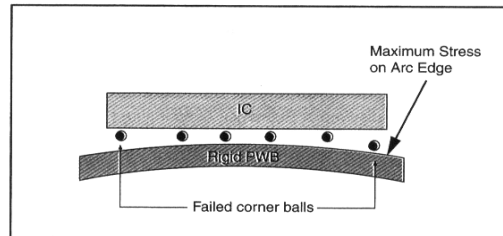


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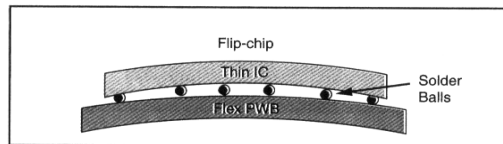
**Figure 6.1** Typical failure mechanisms, sites, and modes in plastic-encapsulated devices



## Maximum stress at the edge due to a large DNP (distance from neutral point)



a) Rigid

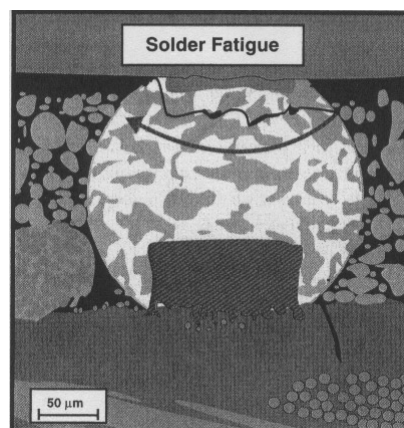


b) Thin or Compliant

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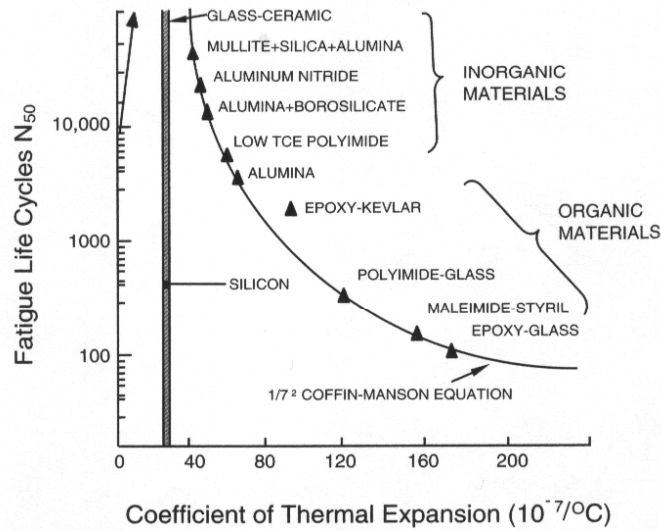
## Nucleation and propagation of fatigue crack in solder joints



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### Fatigue life for MCM solder joints on the various substrate materials vs. material's CTE

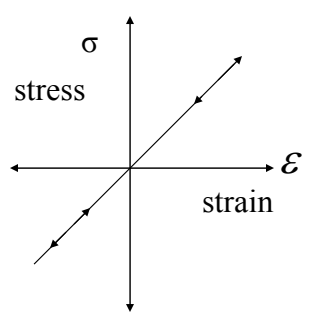


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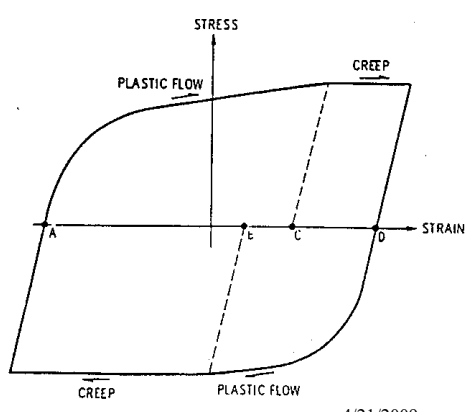
### Mechanical and Thermo-mechanical Degradation Mechanisms

- Mechanical



Ideal elastic material

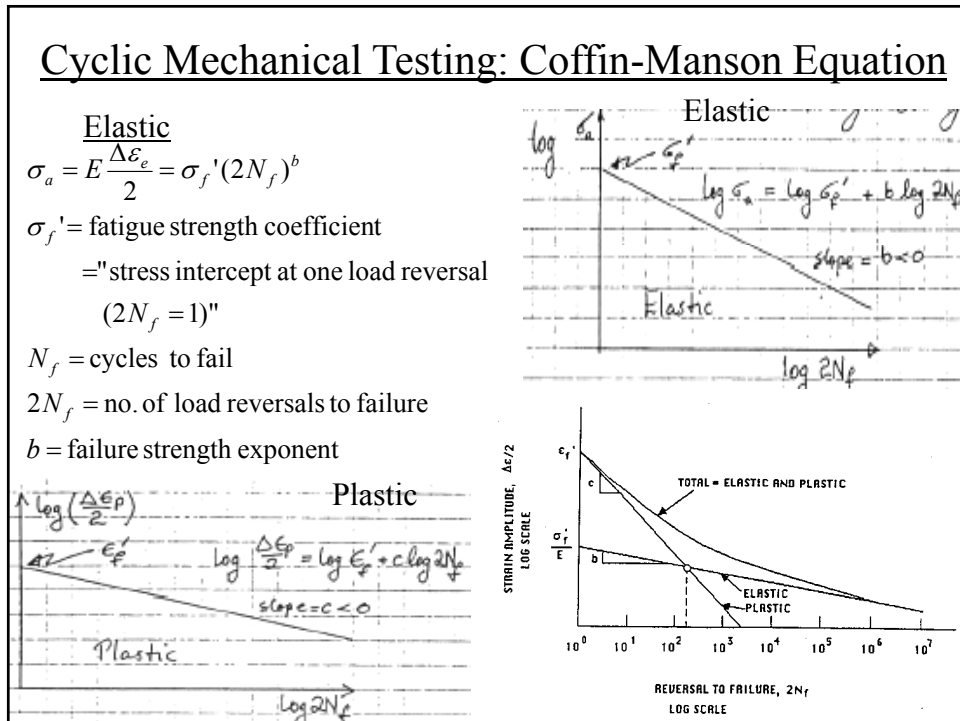
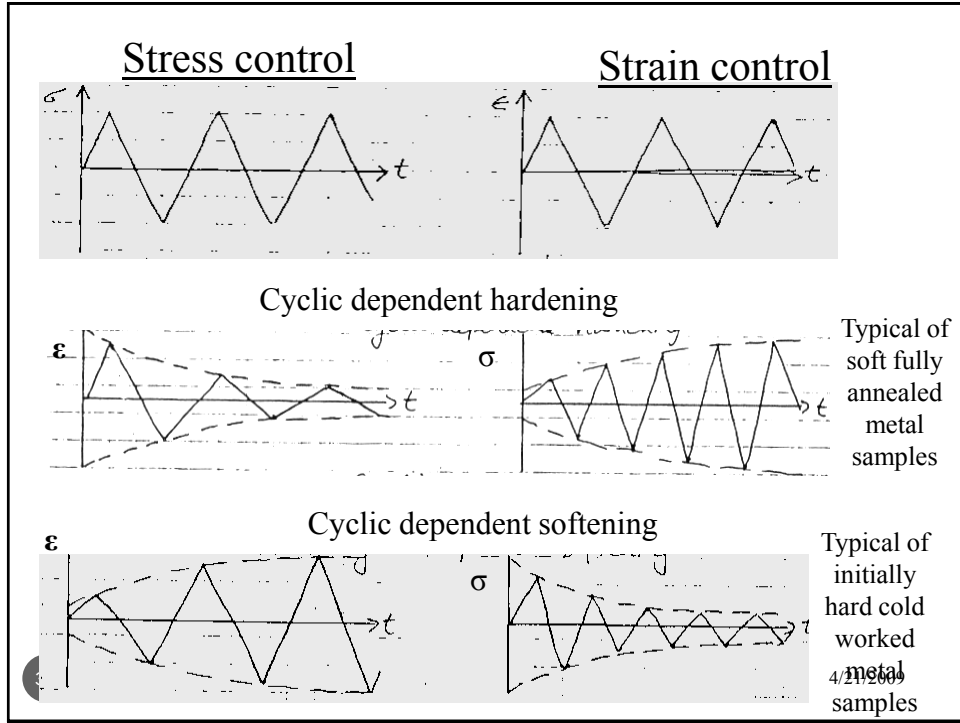
Elastic and plastic deformation



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## Palmer-Miner Cumulative Damage Law

- If number of cycle  $n_i$  at stress  $a_i$  which would cause failure  $N_i$  cycles, etc

Failure predicted at point where

$$\sum_{i=1}^k \frac{n_i}{N_i} = 1$$

where  $k$  = no. of different stress levels

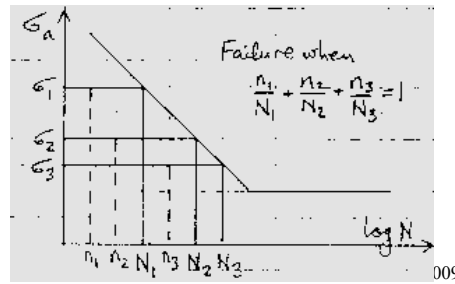
$\sigma_i$  =  $i$  th stress level

$n_i$  = no. of cycles at  $\sigma_i$

$N_i$  = fatigue life at  $\sigma_i$

Failure when

$$\frac{n_1}{N_1} + \frac{n_2}{N_2} + \frac{n_3}{N_3} = 1$$



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