

Transformation et comportement des matériaux

Materials behaviour and processing

Creep of materials

Fluage des matériaux

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Outline

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- Creep Mechanism

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Creep (*Fluage*) | Phenomenology

Temperature Effect | Definition

Definitions

- Under **mechanical loading @ room temperature** which do not generate **permanente strain**, materials are starting to creep in **non reversible** way when the **temperature increases**
- Low temperature : $\epsilon_p = f(\underline{\sigma})$, strain is independent of time → **plasticity**
- High temperature : $\epsilon_v = f(\underline{\sigma}, t, T)$, strain is function of time and temperature → **visco-plasticity**
- Creep is a slow and continue deformation function of **time**, **temperature** and **applied stress**

What temperature ?

- The temperature when creep starts is linked to the **Melting temperature** T_m of material
- For organic polymers creep occurs when temperature is greater than the glass transition temperature T_g

Creep	Metals	Ceramics	Polymers
$T \geq$	$0,3-0,4 T_m$	$0,4-0,5 T_m$	T_g

Temperature in Kelvin (K)

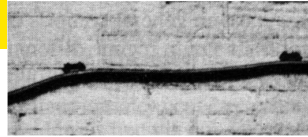
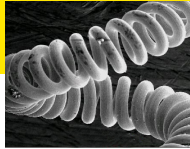


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Temperature Effect | Exemples

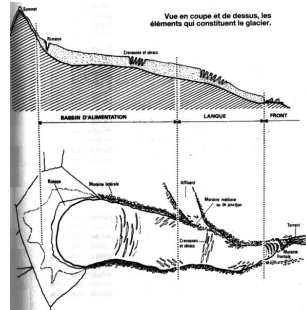


Tungsten

- ▶ $T_m > 3\,000\text{ K}$
 - ▶ Room temperature $T = 300\text{ K}$: very low temperature
 - ▶ Tungsten filament lamp $T = 2\,000\text{ K}$: high temperature
 - ▶ Creep of filament under this self-weight, light off is due to shortcircuit between the wires

Lead

- ▶ $T_m = 600 \text{ K}$
 - ▶ Room temperature $T = 300 \text{ K}$: hight temperature
 - ▶ Slow creep under this self-weight



Ice

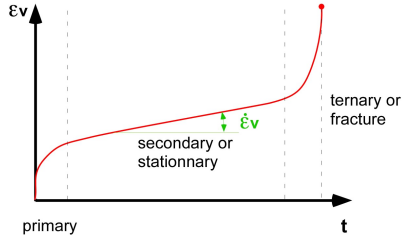
- ▶ T_m K
 - ▶ $T \lesssim T_m$: very high temperature
 - ▶ Creep of glaciers

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Phenomenologic Laws – Schematisation

Definition

- ▶ Tensile test with a constant loading @ temperature

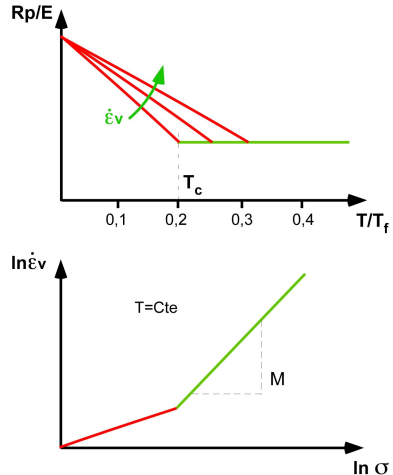


- ▶ $\dot{\epsilon}_v \nearrow$ – Primary creep
 - ▶ Observed @ low temperature ($T \leq 0.3T_m$)
 - ▶ Empiric law : $\epsilon_v = A \ln(1 + \frac{t}{t_0})$
- ▶ $\dot{\epsilon}_v \sim$ – Secondary or stationary creep
 - ▶ Important when $T > 0.3T_m$
 - ▶ Norton law : $\frac{d\epsilon_v}{dt} = \dot{\epsilon}_v = \left(\frac{\sigma - \sigma_s}{K}\right)^M$
- ▶ $\dot{\epsilon}_v \nearrow$ – Tertiary or crack creep
 - ▶ High increasing speed of strain, important damage (void, localized deformation) and failure (final crack)

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Phenomenologic Laws – Secondary Creep

- ▶ Athermic stage
 - ▶ Experimentally $\frac{R_p}{E} = f(T, \dot{\epsilon}_v)$ for $T > T_c \approx 0,2 - 0,3 T_m$
- ▶ Stress dependance
 - ▶ $0,3 T_m < T < T_m$: Norton law $\dot{\epsilon}_v = \left(\frac{\sigma - \sigma_s}{K} \right)^M$ with σ_s internal stress threshold
 - ▶ $T > 0,5 T_m$: $\sigma_s = 0$ $\dot{\epsilon}_v = \left(\frac{\sigma}{K} \right)^M$ with $M = 3 - 8$ function of material
 - ▶ $T > 0,7 T_m$ and low applied stress : $M = 1$ whatever material



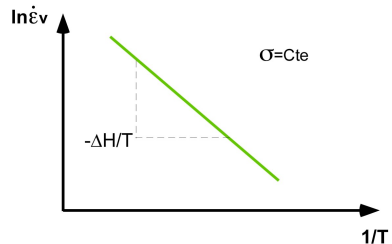
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Phenomenologic Law – Secondary Creep

► Temperature Dependence

- For a constant applied stress and $T > 0.5T_m$, $\dot{\epsilon}_v$ follows Arrhenius law $\dot{\epsilon}_v = C \exp \frac{-\Delta H}{RT}$
- R universal gaz constant, ΔH thermal activation enthalpy that can be equal to autodiffusion enthalpy ΔH_A in the case of pure metal

Metal	M	ΔH kJ.mol ⁻¹	ΔH_A
Al	4.4	142.1	142.1
Cu	4.8	202.3	196.9
Ni	4.6	278	279.2
Zn	6.1	90.3	101.6



► Time dependence

- Morgan-Grant law : $\dot{\epsilon}_v^q t_R = C$ with $q \approx 1$
- Failure time life : $t_F = C \left(\frac{\sigma}{K} \right)^M \exp \left(-\frac{\Delta H}{RT} \right)$

► Design of creep resistant workpiece

- For a choosen time life t and use conditions for temperature and applied stress :
 - Creep strain ϵ_v must be compatible with the use of workpiece (ex. engine blade)
 - Creep ductility ϵ_{vF} (failure deformation) must be grather than ϵ_v
 - Failure time life t_R must be grather than use time life t (with security factor)

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Creep Mechanism

A good creep behaviour must be obtain with high melting temperature T_m of material

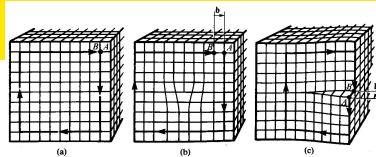
- ▶ Low temperature $T < 0,3T_m$: plasticity domain
 - ▶ Creep is negligible
 - ▶ Material can be permanently deformed if the applied stress σ is sufficient to activate the motion of dislocations in their slide planes to cross intrinsic defects (internal friction, Frank dislocations) or other defects (solute atoms, precipitates).
- ▶ Mean temperature $0,3T_m < T < 0,7T_m$: dislocation creep domain
 - ▶ Dislocation released by the atom diffusion can cross the defects by changing their sliding planes by climbing. Their movements generate a continue and permanent deformation of secondary creep that is produced under applied stress σ . This stress is less important than the stress that induces plasticity @ low temperature (with thermal activation)
- ▶ High temperature $T > 0,7T_m$: diffusion creep domain
 - ▶ Creation of permanent deformation by modifying the shape of the grain due to the high speed of atom diffusion in the grain, anisotropic diffusion in relation with the magnitude of applied stress σ

Summarize

- ▶ Dependence in temperature of creep is always controlled by the diffusion (thermal activated)
- ▶ Dependence in stress of creep is controlled by :
 - ▶ The crossing of defects for dislocation creep (Norton law with M exponent)
 - ▶ The control of atom diffusion flux by the stress σ for diffusion creep ($\dot{\epsilon} \approx \sigma^n$)

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Dislocation Creep – Principle



► Bypass of the defects

- Bypass of the defects by the dislocation is characterized by the energy gap q_0 and the range L

	q_0	L	Defect
Low	$< 0, 2\mu b^3$	$1 - 10b$	Internal friction, solid solution
Mean	$0, 2 - 1\mu b^3$	$100 - 1000b$	Frank network, cutted precipitates
High	$\leq \mu b^3$	$100 - 1000b$	Bypass precipitates

b Burgger vector molodus $\approx a$ lattice parameter, μ shear modulus $\frac{E}{2(1+\nu)}$

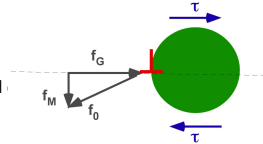
- For temperature $T > 0, 3T_m$, crossing defects
 - is low for short range and is reversible
 - is high for long range and is non reversible
- Creep is controlled by strong defects : precipitates and Frank network
- Internal stress
 - When the defects are crossing, sliding can not be start only if applied stress $\sigma > \sigma_s$ mean internal stress due to the high rage actions of the others dislocations
 - σ_s is function of temperature (by elastic modulus) and deformation rate $\dot{\epsilon}_v$ wich control the evolution the dislocation cells of Frank network

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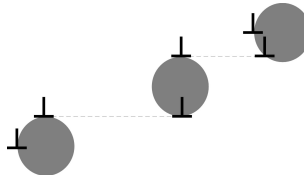
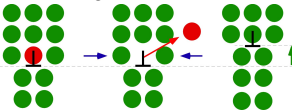
Dislocation Creep – Mechanism

Strong defects : precipitates

- The reaction f_0 of precipitate on dislocation anchored
 - The load $f_e = \tau b$ for dislocation sliding in their plane
 - The load f_M for dislocation climbing
- $T < 0,3T_m$: classical plasticity $\tau > \tau_{OR}$ crossing by bypass the defect in sliding plane
- $T > 0,3T_m$: thermal activation that produce the atomic diffusion and the climbing of dislocations under f_M load



Climbing mechanism



Sliding mechanism

- Sliding if $\sigma > \sigma_s$ mean internal stress due to the long range action of the others dislocations

Speed of macroscopic creep $\dot{\epsilon}_v$

- $\sigma \nearrow \rightarrow f_M \nearrow \rightarrow$ flux of unanchored dislocation $\nearrow \rightarrow$ sliding speed $\nearrow \rightarrow \dot{\epsilon}_v \nearrow$
- $M \gg 1 \rightarrow$ when $\sigma \nearrow$ and $\dot{\epsilon}_v \nearrow$ quickly

Dislocation Creep is Important for Stress σ Close to the Yield Stress σ_y

$$1. \vec{f}_0 = \vec{f}_e + \vec{f}_M$$

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Diffusion Creep – Principle

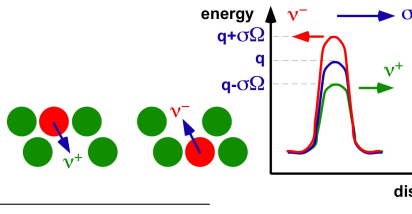
- Under the action of thermal activation energy, gap frequencies ν^+ et ν^- of energy barrier q are equal

$$\nu = \nu^+ = \nu^- = \nu_0 \exp \frac{-q}{kT} \rightarrow \langle \nu \rangle = \nu^+ - \nu^- = 0 \quad (k \text{ Boltzman constant})$$

- Action of stress σ give to the atome with the volume Ω , mechanical energy $\sigma\Omega$ producing diffusion flux facilitating the gap in the direction of applied stress

$$\nu^+ = \nu_0 \exp -\frac{q - \sigma\Omega}{kT} \quad \nu^- = \nu_0 \exp -\frac{q + \sigma\Omega}{kT} \quad \langle \nu \rangle = \nu^+ - \nu^- = 2\nu_0 \exp -\frac{q}{kT} \text{sh} \frac{\sigma\Omega}{kT}$$

- Applied stress σ control the diffusion flux $D = D_0 \exp -\frac{\Delta H}{kT} \text{sh} \frac{\sigma\Omega}{kT}$



$$2. \text{sh} x = (e^x - e^{-x})/2 \text{ hyperbolic sinus}$$

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Diffusion Creep – Mechanics

- Void diffusion
 - Void creation = Atome ejection
 - Diffusion of voids and atoms
 - Void flux is opposed to the atom flux
 - Creep speed : $\dot{\epsilon}_v = \Phi \frac{b^3}{d^3}$ with Φ void flux across S
- Volume diffusion $T > 0,7T_m$ (Herring-Nabarro)

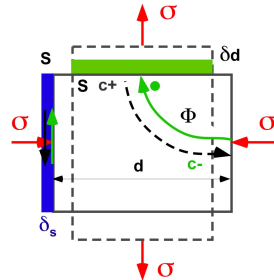
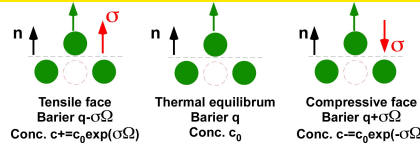
$$S = d^2 \dot{\epsilon}_v \approx \frac{D}{d^2} \frac{\sigma b^3}{kT}$$

- Grain boundaries diffusion $0,5T_m < T < 0,7T_m$ (Coble)

$$S = d\delta_s \dot{\epsilon}_v \approx \frac{D\delta_s}{d^3} \frac{\sigma b^3}{kT}$$

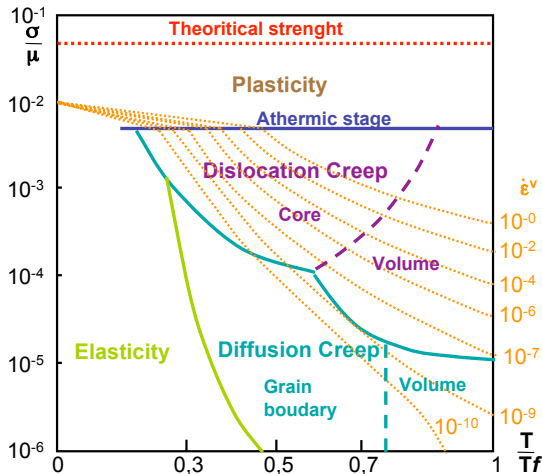
- Diffusion Creep

- $\dot{\epsilon}_v \approx \sigma$: newtonian viscous behavior (Norton $M = 1$)
- $\dot{\epsilon}_v \approx D = D_0 \exp -\frac{Q}{kT}$: creep speed \nearrow with T
- $\dot{\epsilon}_v \approx \frac{1}{d^2}$: creep speed \nearrow when grain size \searrow



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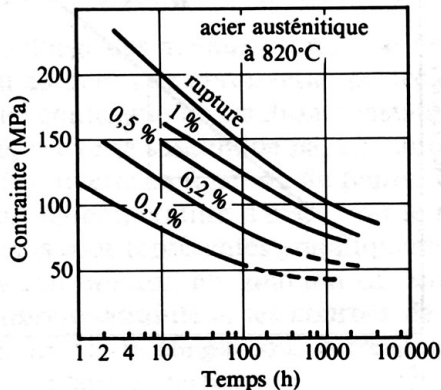
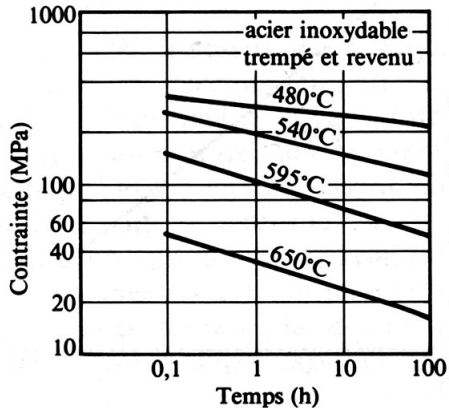
Creep Map



► avec $\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}(\underline{\sigma}_D^2)}$ et $\dot{\epsilon}^v = \sqrt{2 \text{Tr}(\underline{\dot{\epsilon}}^2)} \text{ (s}^{-1}\text{)}$

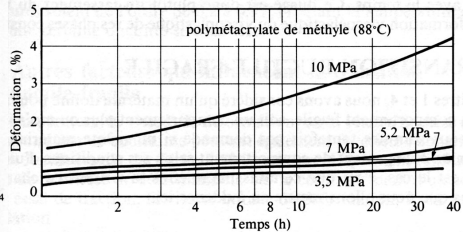
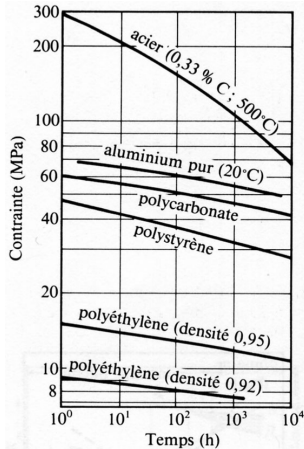
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Numerical data – Stainless Steels



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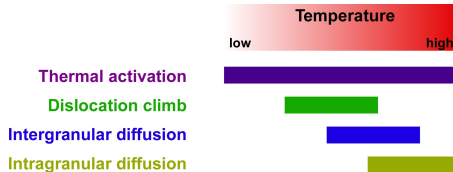
Numerical data – Organic polymers



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Sumarize

- ▶ Phenomenological aspects : 3 stages
 - ▶ Primary
 - ▶ Secondary or stationary
 - ▶ Tertiary or crack
- ▶ Temperature influence



- ▶ Influence of melting or transition temperature of the material
- ▶ Influence of the microstructure (defects against motion of dislocations)
 - ▶ Dislocation creep is important under high stress
 - ▶ Decreasing the motion of dislocation by increasing the defects (**stables** precipitates @ used temperature)
 - ▶ Materials with high intrinsic friction of crystalline network (covalent bonding – oxides, silicates, carbides and nitrates)
 - ▶ High diffusion creep (small grains, low stress @ high temperature)
 - ▶ Increase the size of grains using adapted heat treatments
 - ▶ Force intergranular diffusion to reduce grain boundaries sliding

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Creep exemple



Creep of a commemorative marble panel – Récollets abbey, Béthune, Pas-de-Calais, France - © André Lardon