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### Abstract

Ductile fracture initiation models for predicting cracks or cavities nucleation in crack-free metals are vital to meet the rising requirements of lightweight and safety for engineering applications. In order to improve accuracy of the ductile fracture initiation models such as the Extended Mohr-Coulomb (EMC) type model and calibrate them easily, the Extended Unified Strength Theory (EUST) is proposed which can investigate the effects of hydrostatic pressure, the Lode angle, the intermediate principal stress, the independent principal shear stresses, and the corresponding normal stresses acting on the same planes on ductile fracture. By using the plasticity model, the EUST is transformed from stress space to the space of equivalent strain to fracture  $\bar{\varepsilon}_f$ , the stress triaxiality  $\eta$ , and the normalized Lode angle parameter  $\bar{\theta}$ . The parameters of the EUST fracture locus related to uniaxial tensile strength, uniaxial compressive strength, and shear strength possess intuitive physical meanings. Many other fracture loci including the EMC fracture locus are special cases of the EUST and the relations of the parameters between the present model and the existed models are established. The test data on 2024-T351 aluminum

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