


Material Properties

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27/29.613: Material strength properties and design values

- Material strength properties must be based on enough tests of material **meeting specifications** to establish **design values** on a **statistical basis**.
- The design values must be chosen to **minimise** the probability of **structural failure** due to **material variability**
- The design of structure must **minimise** the probability of **catastrophic fatigue failure**
- **Thermal effects** must be considered where **significant**

Values to be used / A- and B-Values

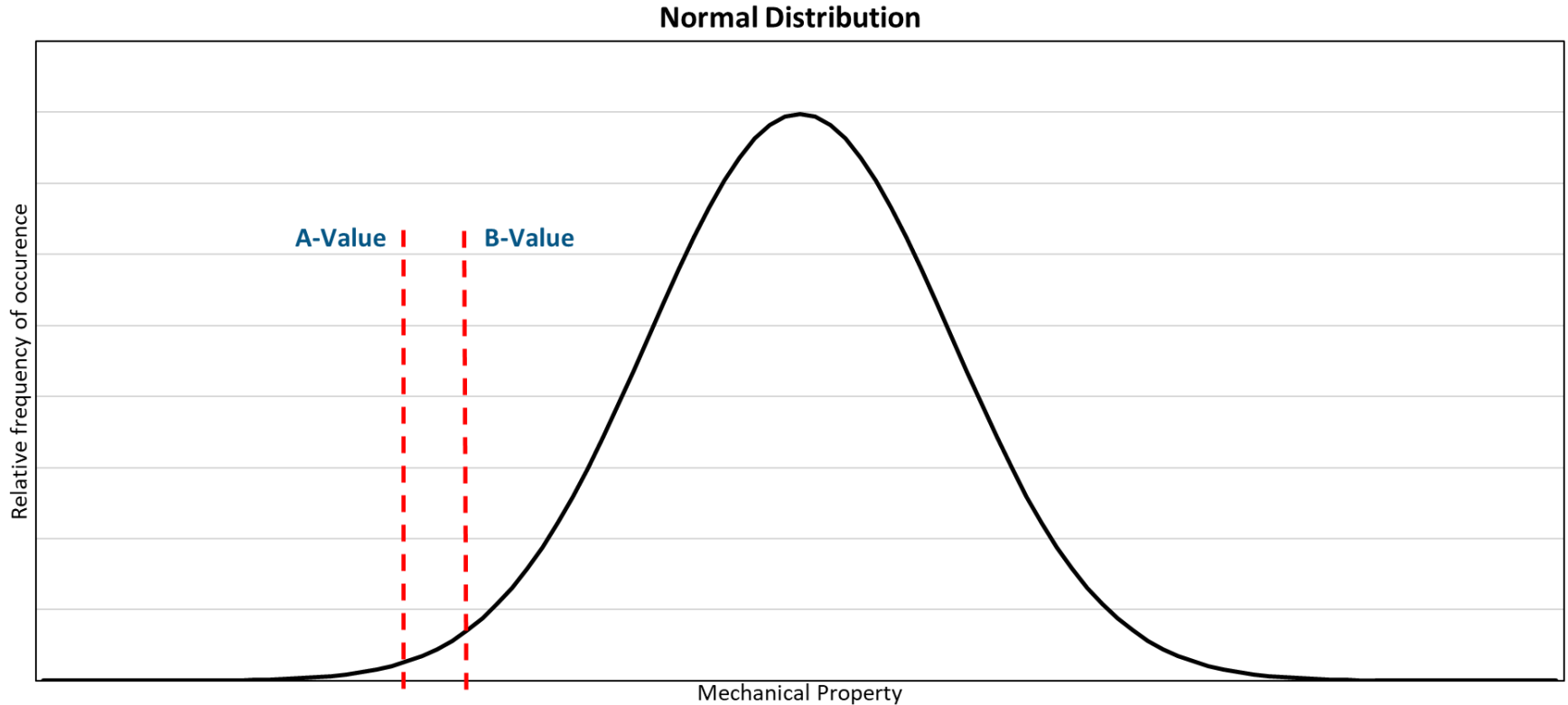
- “A-values”: Single load path
At least **99 percent** of the population of values are expected to equal or exceed the A-Value, with a confidence of **95 percent**.
- “B-values”: Multiple load path:
At least **90 percent** of the population of values are expected to equal or exceed the B-Value mechanical property allowable with a confidence of **95 percent**.



Values to be used for AM / C- and D-Values

- For additive manufacturing
- C-Values
 - Are essentially the same as A-Values (T99)
- D-Values
 - Are essentially the same as B-Values (T90)
- The data requirements for additive manufacturing focus more on the built-to-built variation

Values to be used – A- and B-Values



Values to be used – S-Values

- The S-value is based on the minimum property value
- Statistical assurance associated with S-Basis values are only established since 1975 within limitations
- Within these limitations values since 1975 can be considered as estimated A-values
- The use of S-Value should be done **carefully** and needs to be **agreed with EASA**
- Level of justification depends on the criticality of the part

Premium Selection

- Premium selection allows using design values greater than the guaranteed minimum
- A specimen of **each individual** item to be installed on the aircraft has to be tested to determine the **actual strength properties**
- Part has to have areas to obtain test specimen without destroying the part
- **Test procedures** and **acceptance** criteria must be specified on the design drawing

Fatigue Data

- Fatigue data plotted in e.g. MMPDS may not apply directly to the design of structures
 - Fatigue curves are mean curves, **not** A- or B-basis
 - Fatigue data is based on smooth specimen
 - Fatigue data may not take into account specific stress concentrations unique to any given structural design.
 - Localized high stresses may be induced during the fabrication
 - All fatigue data require modification into allowables for design use.



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