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**Verification and Validation of XFEM Toolkit for Fracture and
Fatigue Assessment of Metallic Structures**

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- Introduction
 - GEM (www.GEM-INNOVATION.com)
 - Fracture and Fatigue Prediction Toolkits for Metallic Structures (XFA3D & XSHELL)
- Background and Problem Challenges
- Summary of Toolkits Methodology and Their Modeling Capabilities
- Toolkits Demonstration and V&V Study
- Summary and Future Plan

Collaborators and Sponsors for Metallic Fracture Toolkit Development

- **XFA3D** – 3D X-FEM Toolkit for Abaqus Implicit Solver

- Residual strength and life prediction under static and cyclic loading
- Mesh independent crack insertion and simulation of crack growth without remeshing

- **XSHELL** - Mesh Independent Crack Growth Prediction for Abaqus Explicit Solver

- Crack path and load deflection prediction for large scale thin-walled structure
- Element stepwise crack propagation and cohesive zone for nonlinear fracture

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- **Immediate Needs**

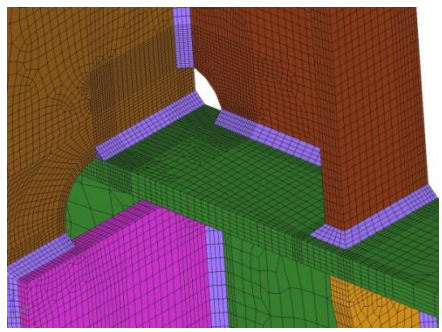
- a verified computational tool to efficiently perform
 - Structural integrity and residual strength assessment;
 - Durability assessment for a given cyclic loading; and
 - Reliability based performance evaluation with in-service structural healthy monitoring

- a high-fidelity virtual testing tool to address
 - What is the critical damage size at onset and growth phase?
 - When should the structure be repaired?
 - Is the damage critical to the structure?
 - What are the residual strength and design allowables under monotonic and cyclic loading

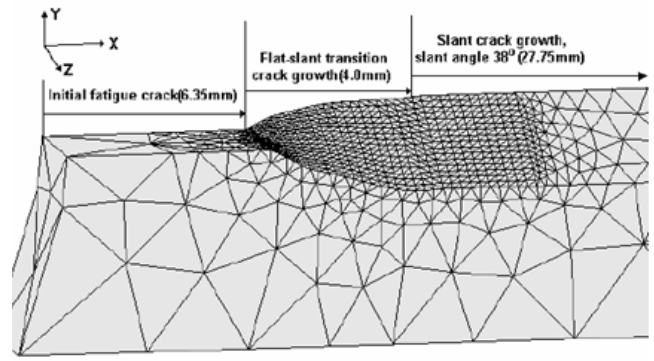


Summary of Problem Challenges (Metallic)

- Large scale airframe structural components with material nonlinearity and mode mixity
- Curvilinear crack growth in a multi-bay stiffened panel under cyclic loading
- Process zone dependent fracture failure
- Unknown initial defect and crack growth pattern
- Prohibitively large computational effort based on a mesh dependent FEM model for probabilistic analysis

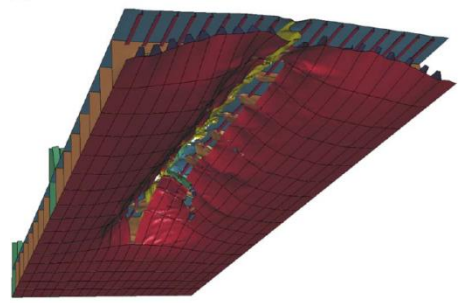
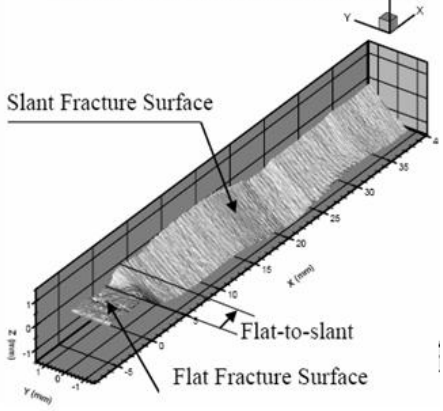


Laborious Remeshing in Conventional Finite Element Method



Computational intensive to characterize arbitrary multiple initial defects and their growth

Non-Planar Crack Growth

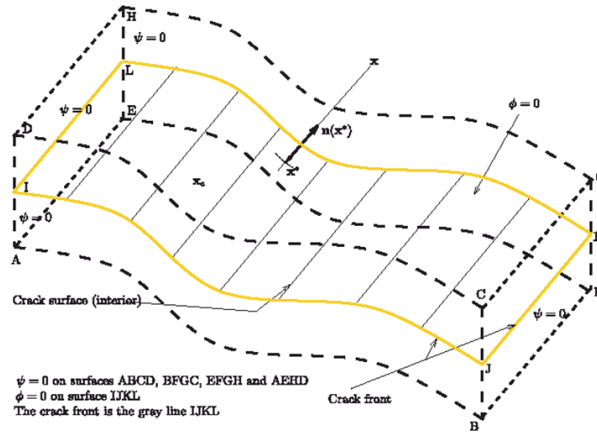


ϕ - Crack Surface Function

Ψ - Crack Front Function

$$\Psi(\mathbf{x}, t) = \sum_I N_I(\mathbf{x}) \Psi_I(t)$$

$$\Phi(\mathbf{x}, t) = \sum_I N_I(\mathbf{x}) \Phi_I(t)$$



$$u(\xi, \eta, \zeta) = \sum_i N_i(\xi, \eta, \zeta) U_i + \sum_i N_i(\xi, \eta, \zeta) H(\xi, \eta, \zeta) b_i + \sum_i N_i(\xi, \eta, \zeta) \left(\sum_j \Psi_j(r, \theta) c_{ji} \right)$$

$$H(\xi, \eta, \zeta) = \begin{cases} +1: \varphi(\xi, \eta, \zeta) > 0 \\ -1: \varphi(\xi, \eta, \zeta) < 0 \\ \pm 1: \varphi(\xi, \eta, \zeta) = 0 \end{cases}$$

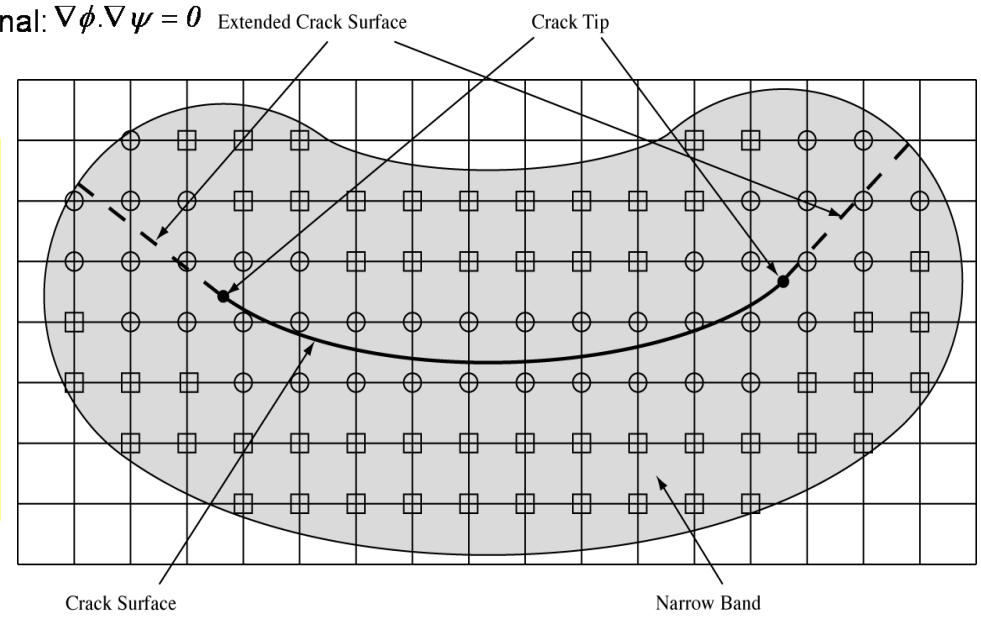
$$\Psi_j = \left\{ \sqrt{r} \sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right), \sqrt{r} \cos\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right), \sqrt{r} \sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) \sin(\theta), \sqrt{r} \cos\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) \sin(\theta) \right\}$$

The crack surface is given by

- $\phi(\mathbf{x}, t) = 0 \quad \psi(\mathbf{x}, t) < 0$ on Γ_{cr}
- $\phi(\mathbf{x}, t) = 0 \quad \psi(\mathbf{x}, t) = 0$ is crack front
- $\psi(\mathbf{x}, t) > 0$ does not intersect the crack

Representation of a general crack

For convenience $\phi(\mathbf{x}, t)$ and $\psi(\mathbf{x}, t)$ are constructed to be orthogonal: $\nabla \phi \cdot \nabla \psi = 0$

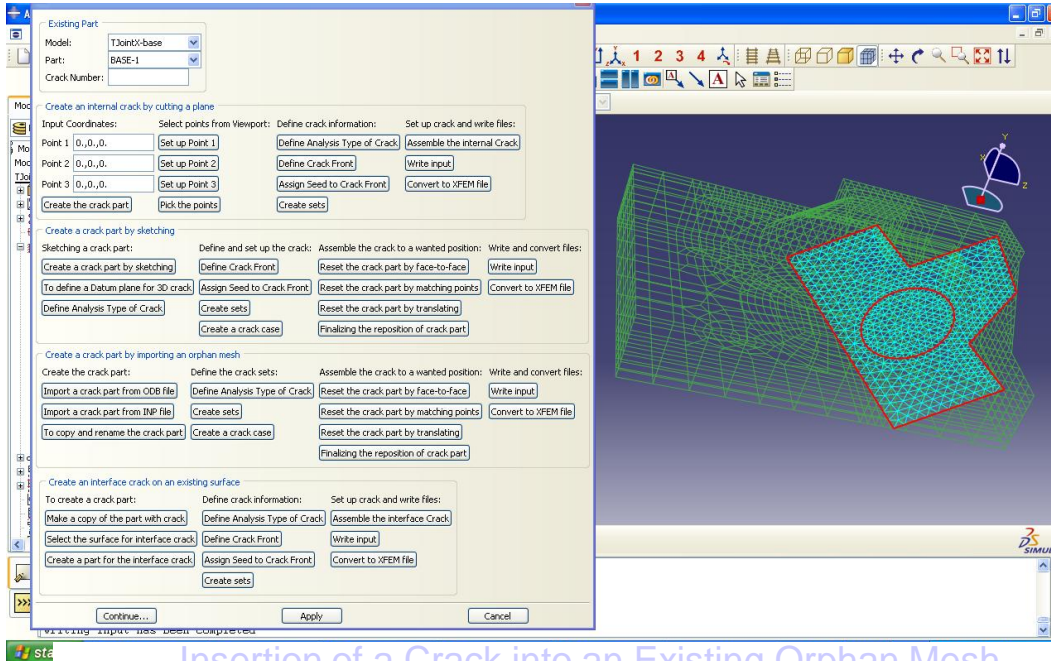


Narrow-band, in gray, of points around the crack surface, in cross-section, where the FMM mesh maintains signed values.

Circles: computed directly from signed distance function

Squares: computed using the FMM.

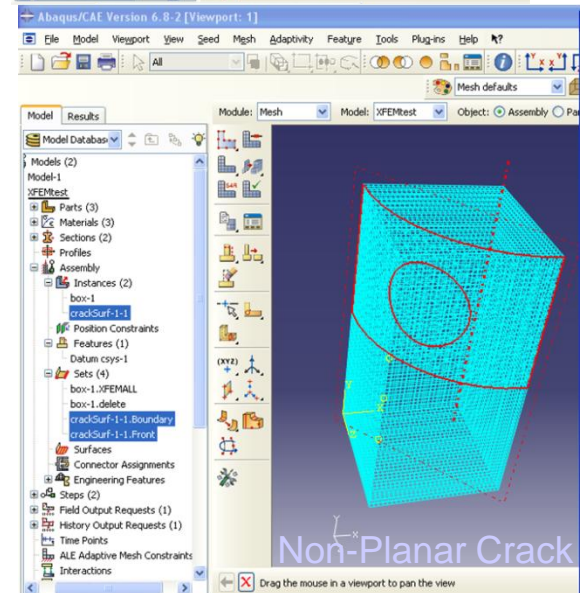
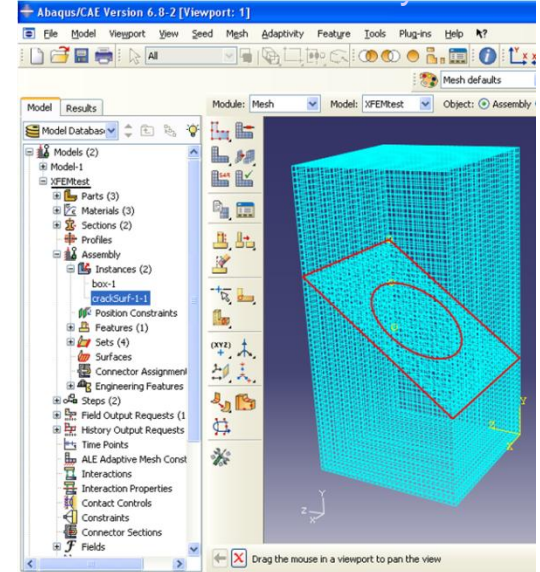
Customized ABAQUS' CAE for Crack Insertion



Insertion of a Crack into an Existing Orphan Mesh

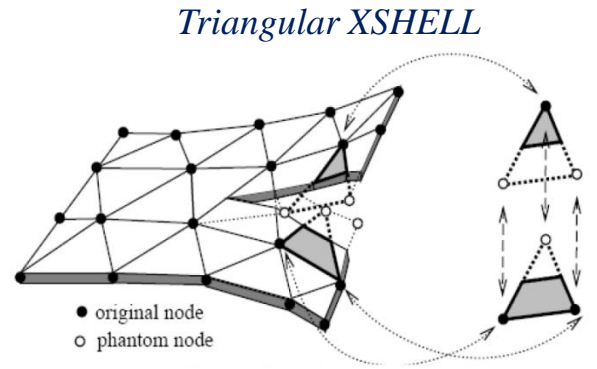
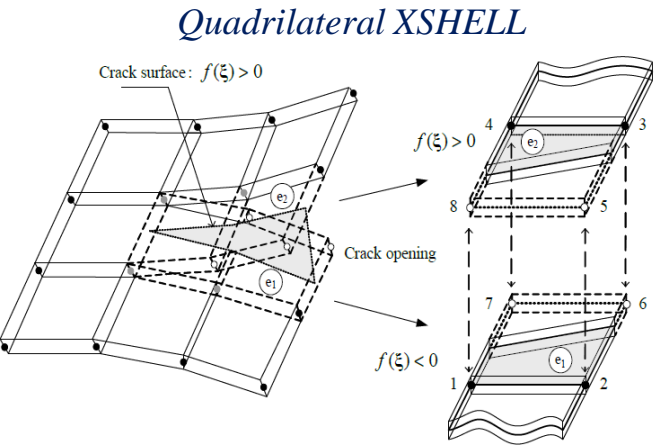
- Importation of base mesh without crack
- Definition of user-defined crack plane and front
- Model assembly and Levelset initialization
- Generation of X-FEM input files

Planar with an Arbitrary Front

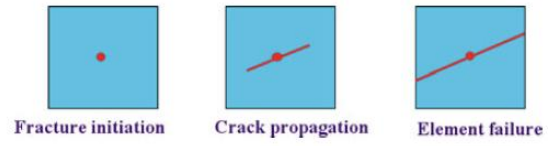


Non-Planar Crack

Crack Representation via a Pair of Phantom Element

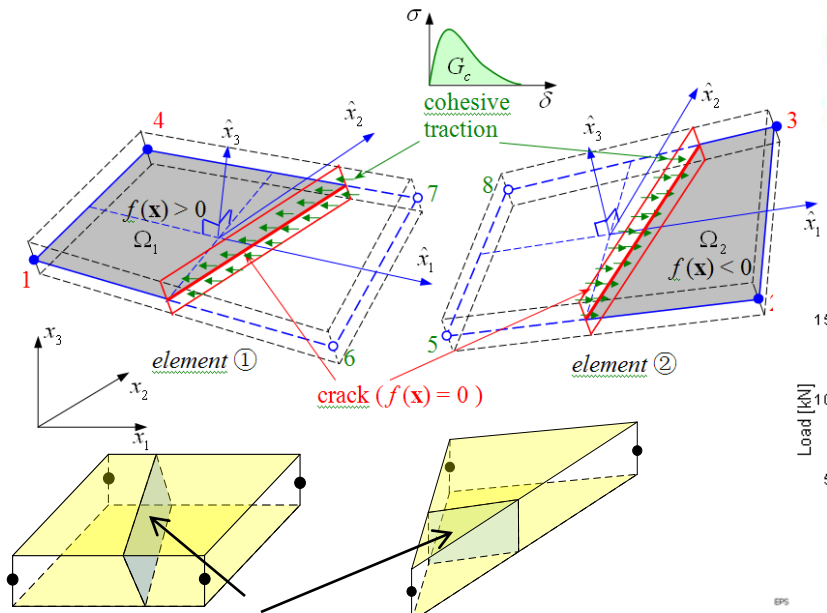


Crack Initiation, Growth Direction, Cohesive Insertion, and Energy Dissipation



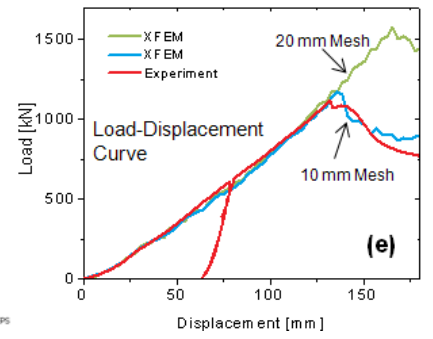
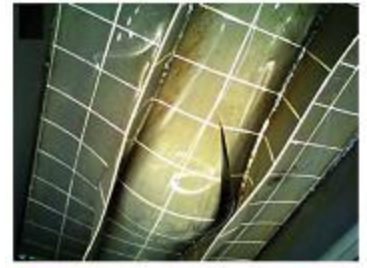
$$D = \int_0^{\bar{\epsilon} f} \frac{d\bar{\epsilon} p}{f(\eta, \bar{\theta})} \quad (\text{Crack Initiation})$$

Crack Growth Direction Law: $\epsilon_{\max}^I / \sigma_{\max}^I$

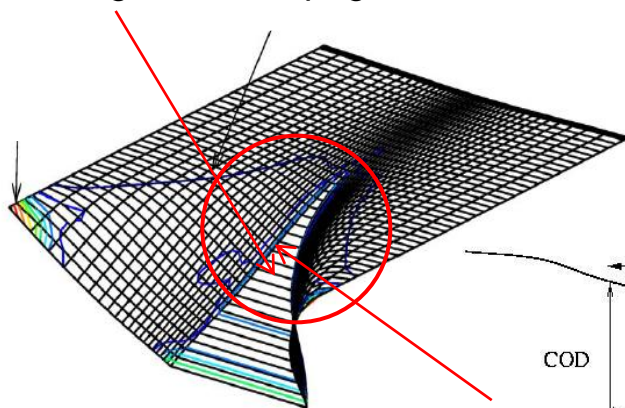


Cohesive Interaction on a Crack Plane

Response and Failure Prediction

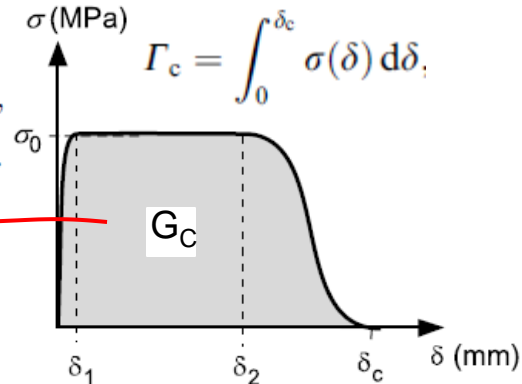
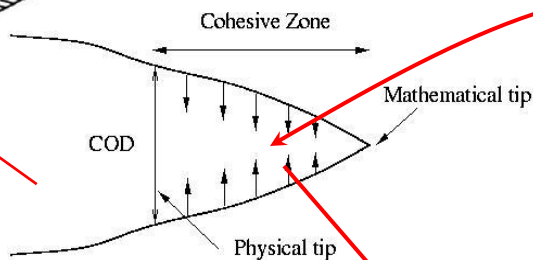


Energy Dissipation During Crack Propagation



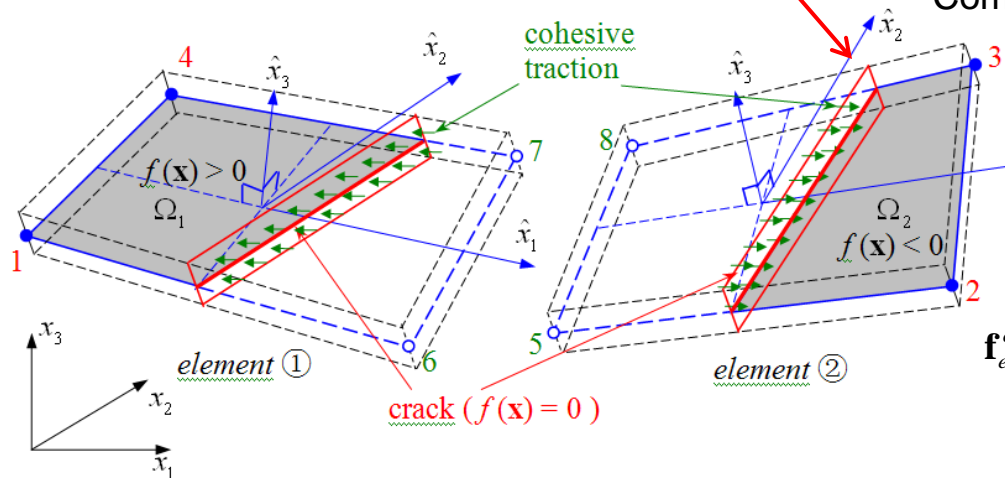
$$\sigma = \sigma_c f(\delta)$$

$$= \sigma_c \begin{cases} 2\left(\frac{\delta}{\delta_1}\right) - \left(\frac{\delta}{\delta_1}\right)^2 & \text{for } \delta \leq \delta_1, \\ 1 & \text{for } \delta_1 \leq \delta \leq \delta_2, \\ 2\left(\frac{\delta - \delta_2}{\delta_c - \delta_2}\right)^3 - 3\left(\frac{\delta - \delta_2}{\delta_c - \delta_2}\right)^2 + 1 & \text{for } \delta_2 \leq \delta \leq \delta_c. \end{cases}$$



Mode I Correction Due to Mixed Mode Interaction $\sigma_I = \sigma_{Ic} f(\delta_I) \sqrt{g(\delta_{II})g(\delta_{III})}$
 $g(\delta_i) = 2(\delta_i/\delta_{ic})^3 - 3(\delta_i/\delta_{ic})^2 + 1, \quad i = II, III$

Insertion of Cohesive Interaction in XSHELL



Computation of d_n via a Pair of Phantom Elements

Crack Opening Displacement (d_n)

$$\delta_n = \hat{\mathbf{n}} \cdot (\hat{\mathbf{u}}^{e2}(\xi, t) - \hat{\mathbf{u}}^{e1}(\xi, t))_{\xi \in \Gamma_c}$$

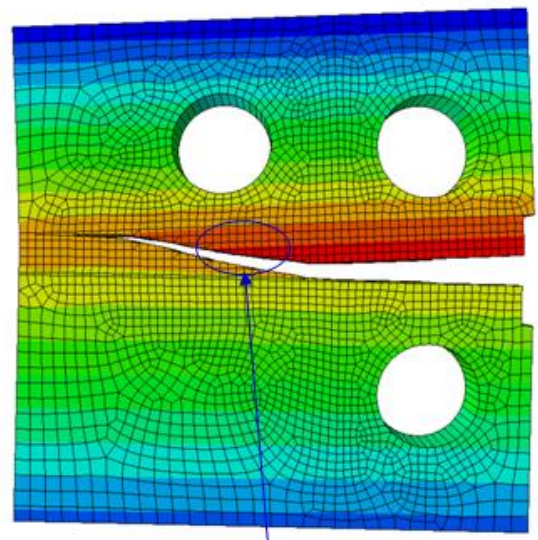
Cohesive Force Vector at Nodal Points

$$\mathbf{f}_e^{coh} = \mathbf{R}_{e1}^T \int_{\Gamma_c} -N^T \tau_c(\delta_n) \hat{\mathbf{n}} d\Gamma + \mathbf{R}_{e2}^T \int_{\Gamma_c} N^T \tau_c(\delta_n) \hat{\mathbf{n}} d\Gamma$$

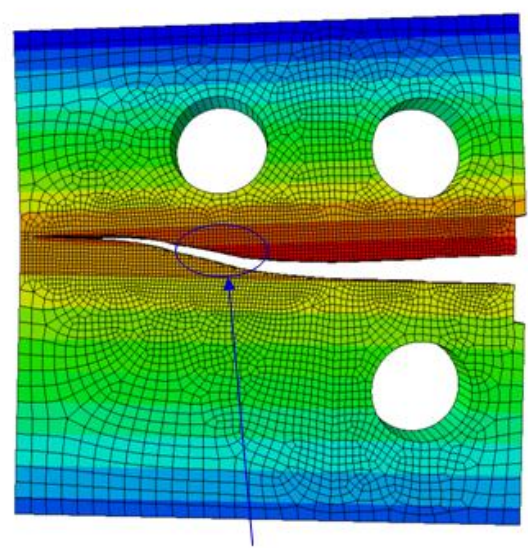
Discretized FEM Equations

$$\mathbf{f}^{kin} = \mathbf{f}^{ext} - \mathbf{f}^{int} + \mathbf{f}^{coh}$$

Comparison of Crack Path Predictions (Miss Hole Case)

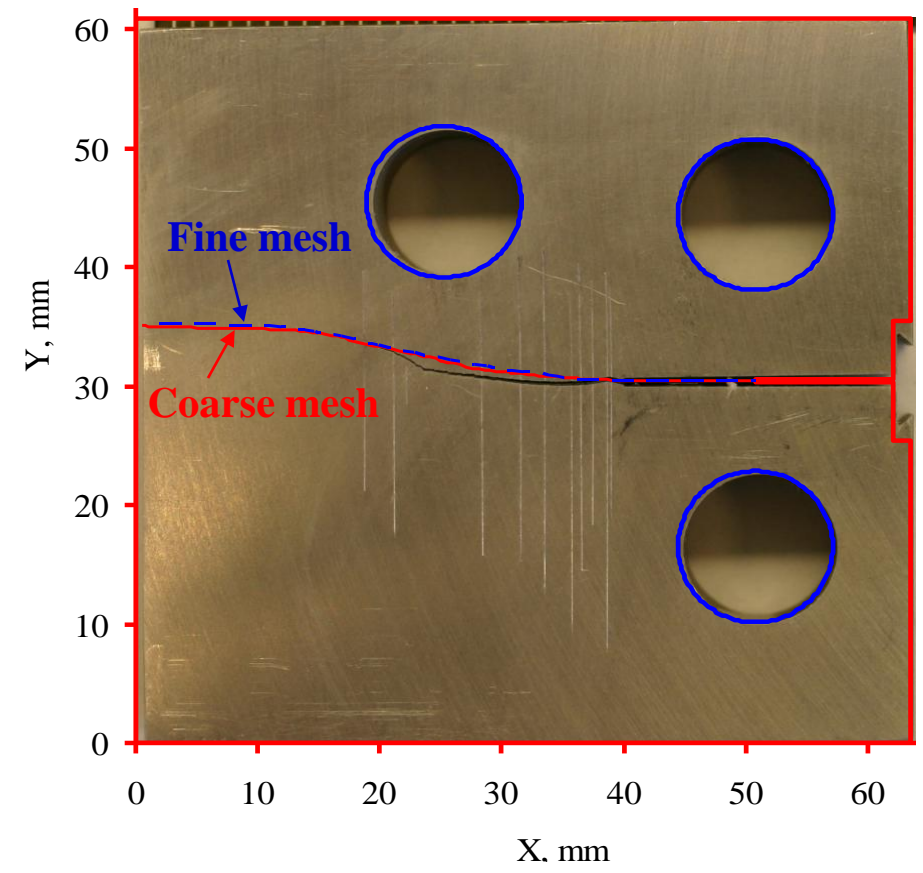


Mesh size 1mm*1mm

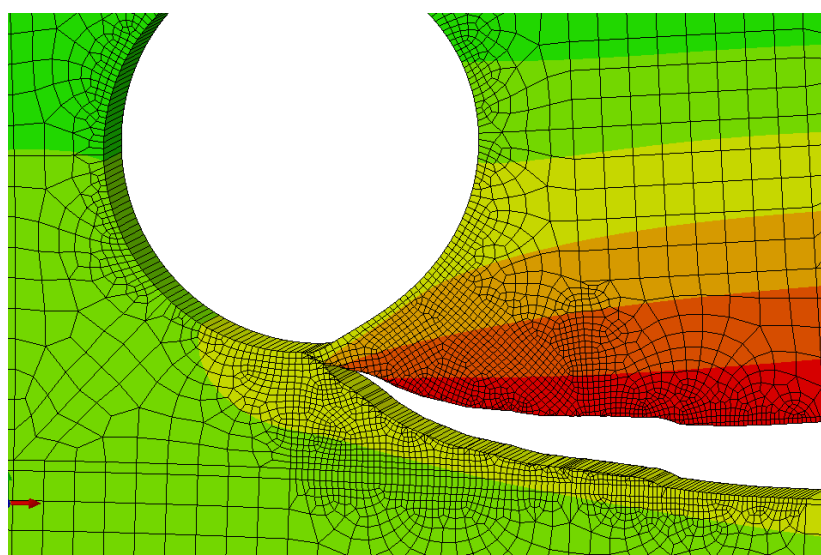
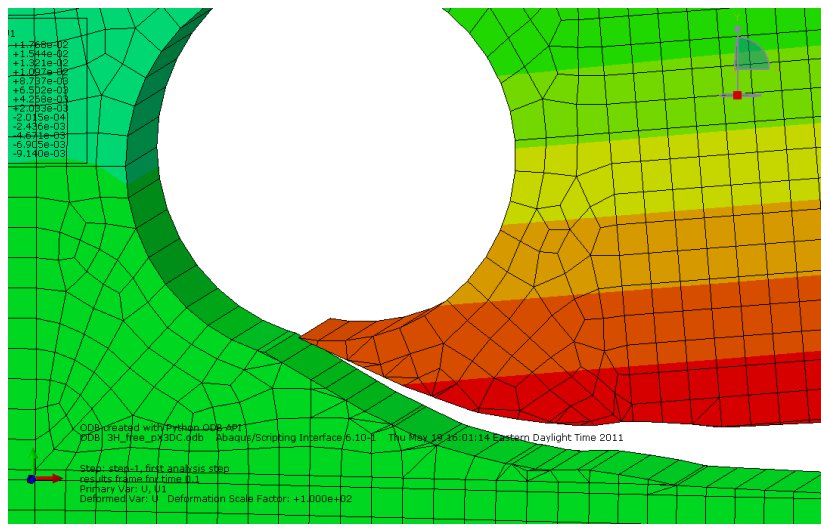


Mesh size 0.5 mm*0.5 mm

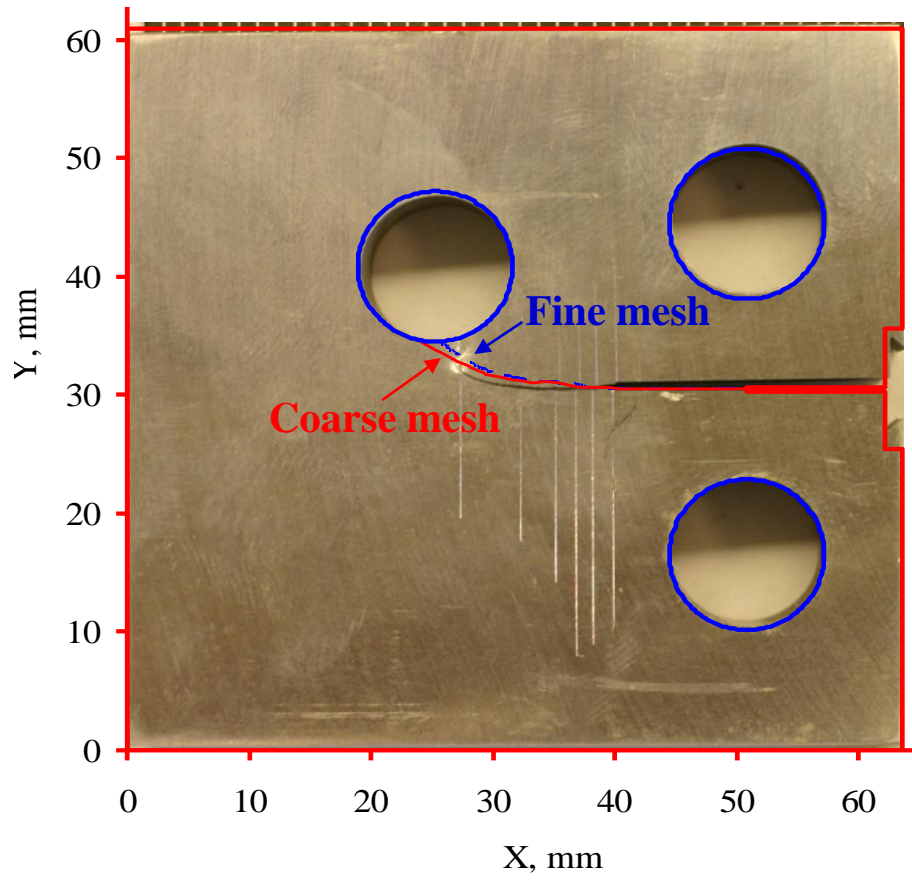
Test MLT-2 (Miss)



Comparison of Crack Path Predictions (Sink Hole Case)



Test STL-1 (Sink)





Life Prediction Results on Miss Specimen

Cycles	Crack Length* (in) Side A	Crack Length* (in) Side B	Average Crack Length from Load Line (in)
5,000	0.20	0.18	0.4405
10,000	0.23	0.21	0.4705
15,000	0.24	0.26	0.5005
20,000	0.27	0.3	0.5355
25,000	0.31	0.32	0.5655
30,000	0.36	0.37	0.6155
35,000	0.43	0.43	0.6805
40,000	0.51	0.55	0.7805
45,000	0.64	0.67	0.9055
50,000	0.93	0.97	1.2005
50,389	1.02	1.08	1.3005

*Length from diameter of 3rd hole

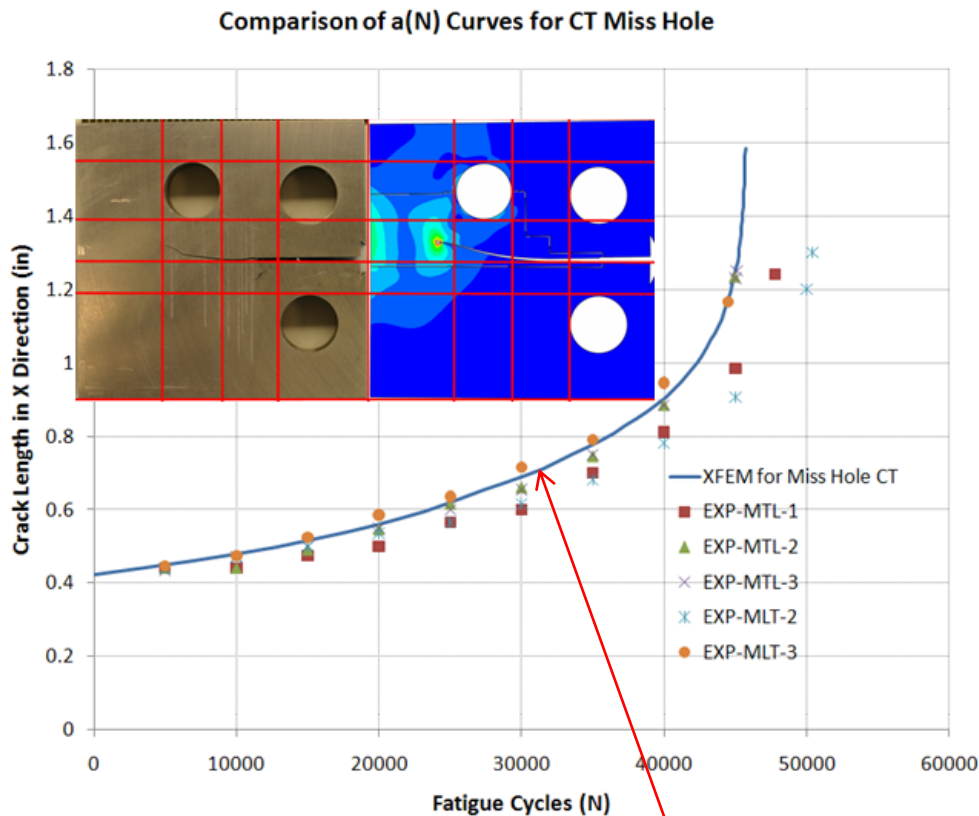
Material: AL-5085-H116

$E=1.02E+04 \text{ ksi}$

$n=0.33$

Yield Strength = 31 ksi

Crack Path and Life Prediction a(N) Using Both TL and LT Test Data for Miss Hole CT Specimen



Using Both TL and LT Test Data for Sink Hole CT Specimen

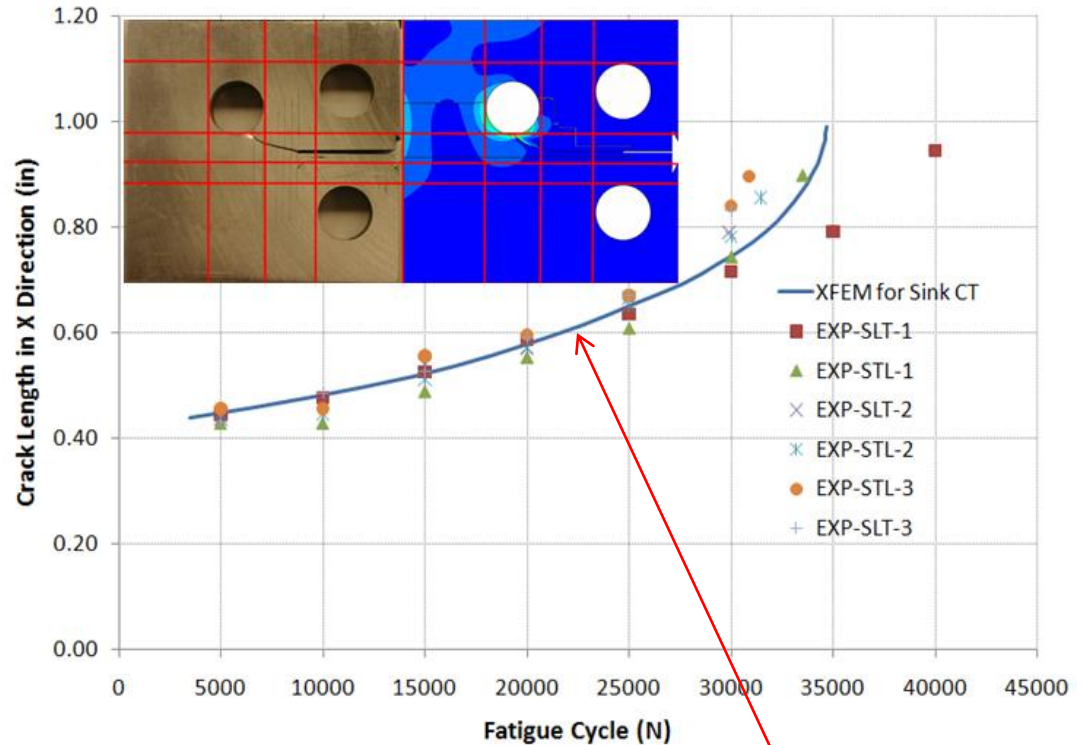
Life Prediction Results on Sink Specimen

Cycles	Crack Length* (in) Side A	Crack Length* (in) Side B	Average Crack Length from load line (in)
5,000	0.19	0.2	0.446
10,000	0.19	0.2	0.446
15,000	0.25	0.27	0.511
20,000	0.32	0.32	0.571
25,000	0.38	0.42	0.651
30,000	0.51	0.55	0.781
31,440	0.61	0.6	0.856

*Length from diameter of 3rd hole

Material: AL-5085-H116
 $E=1.02E+04 \text{ ksi}$
 $n=0.33$
 Yield Strength = 31 *ksi*

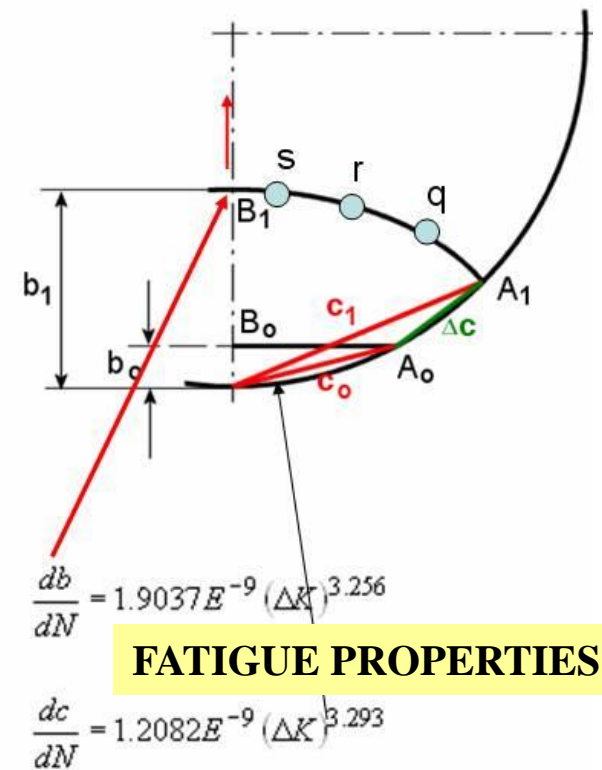
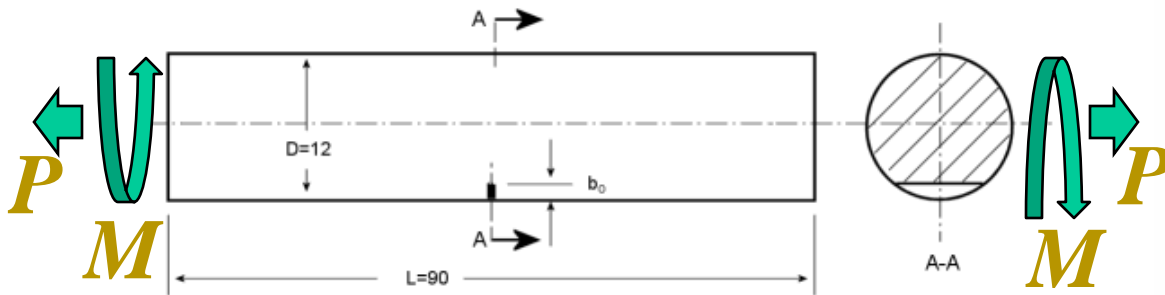
Comparison of a(N) Curves for CT Sink Hole



Using Both TL and LT Test Data for Sink Hole CT Specimen

Crack Path and Life Prediction of a Notched Round Bar under Mixed Loading

Life Prediction for an Initial Straight-Fronted Edge Crack in Elastic Round Bar Under Cyclic Axial ($P=25\text{kN}$) & Constant Torque ($M=40\text{Nm}$) Loading



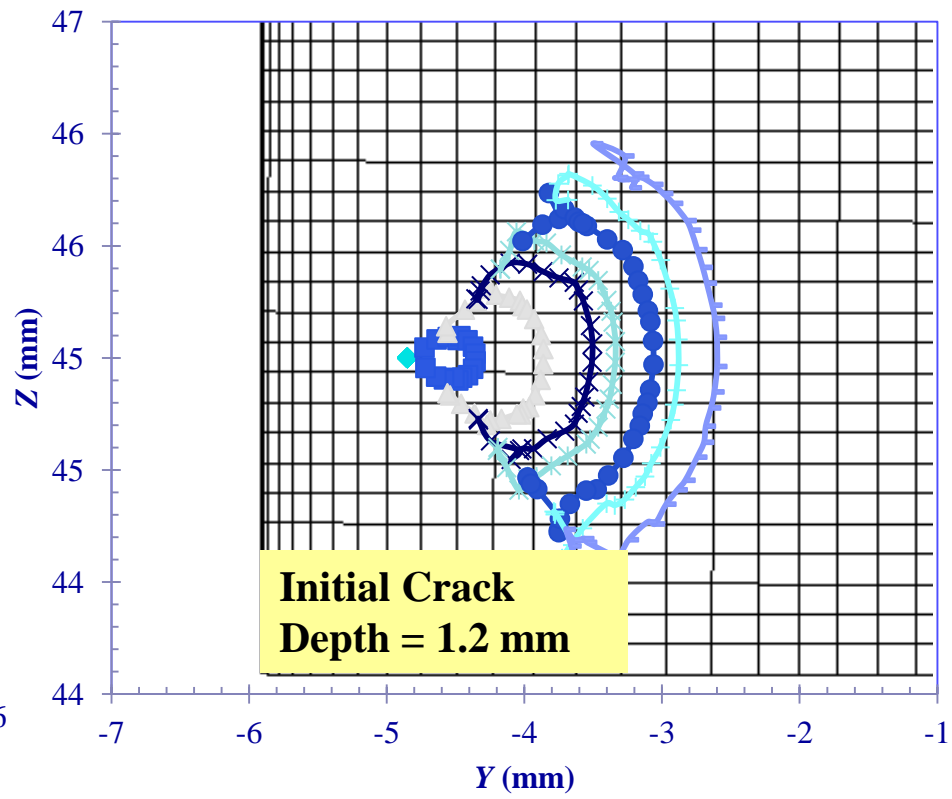
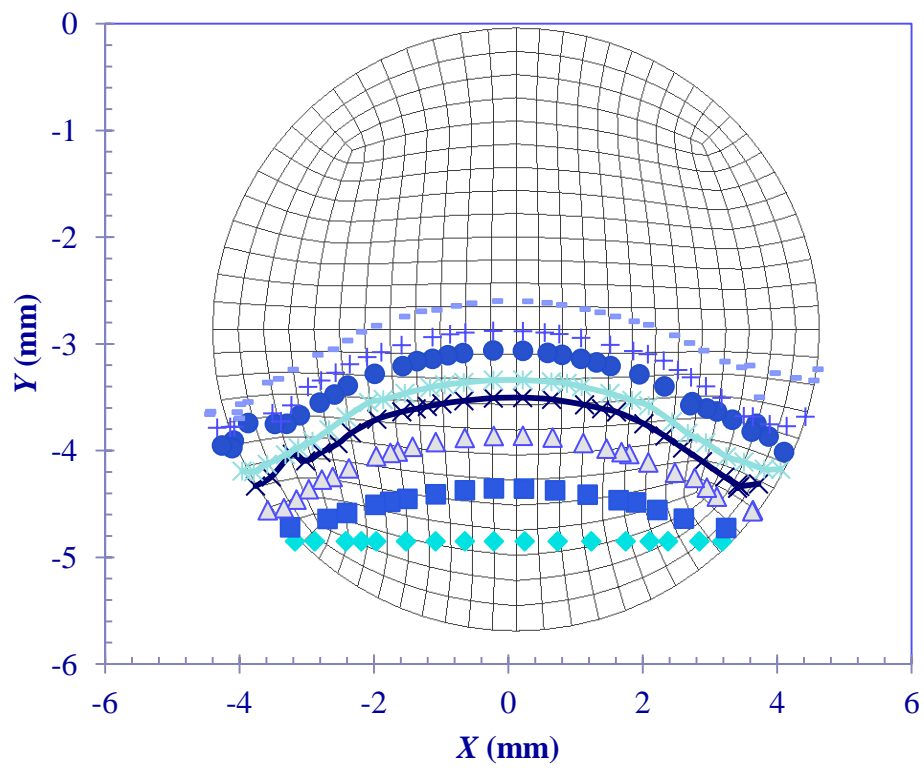
MATERIAL PROPERTIES (S45 Steel)

tensile yield strength $\sigma_o=635$ MPa
 nominal ultimate tensile strength $\sigma_m=776$ MPa
 true ultimate tensile strength $\sigma_t=2102$ MPa
 reduction of area $\phi=62.87\%$
 Young's modulus $E=205$ GPa
 true fracture logarithmic strain $\epsilon_f=0.99$

FATIGUE PROPERTIES

- Yang FP, Kuang ZB, Shlyannikov VN. Fatigue crack growth for straight-fronted edge crack in a round bar. Int J Fat. 28:431-437, 2006.
- Yang FP, Kuang ZB. Stress intensity factors for surface fatigue crack in a round bar under cyclic axial loading. Fat Fract Eng Mat Struct. 30: 621-628, 2007.

Projection of Crack Front for the Non Planar Crack Growth

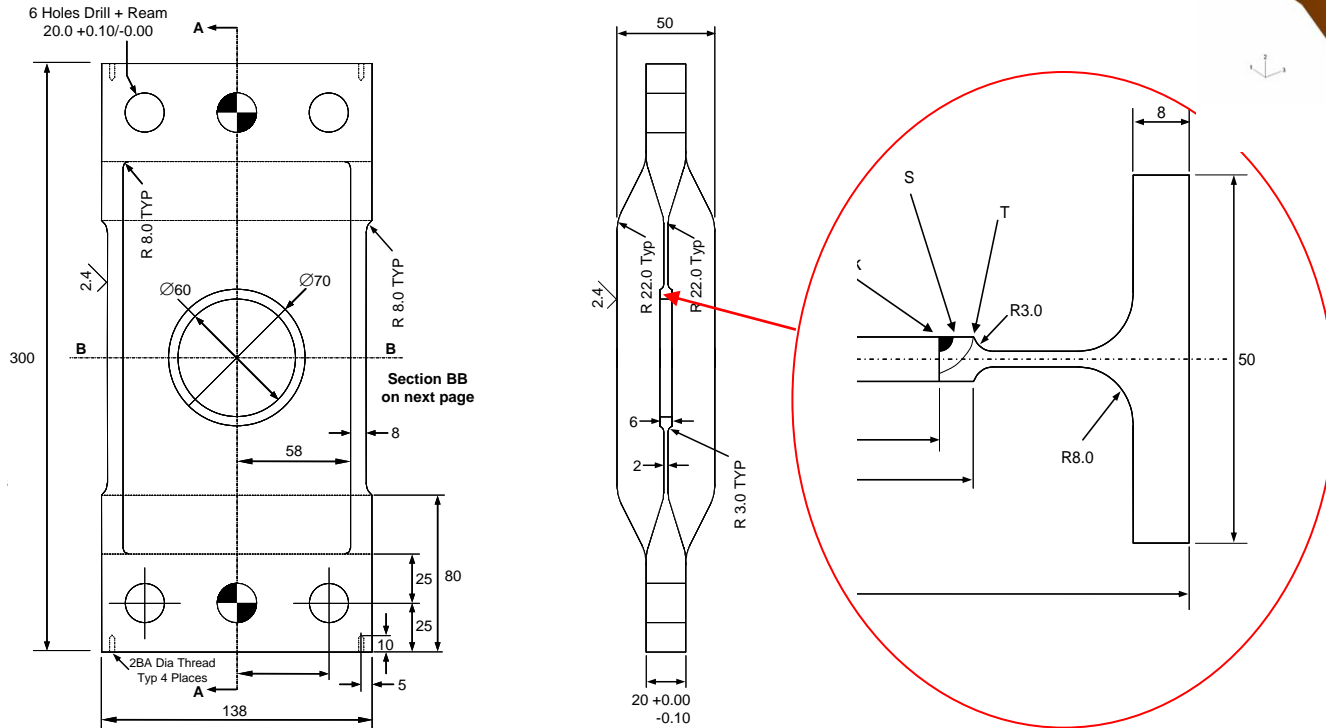
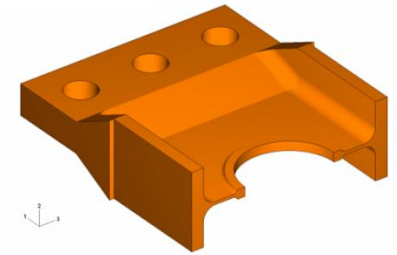


Predictions of Life of Rod Specimen and Its Comparison with Test Data

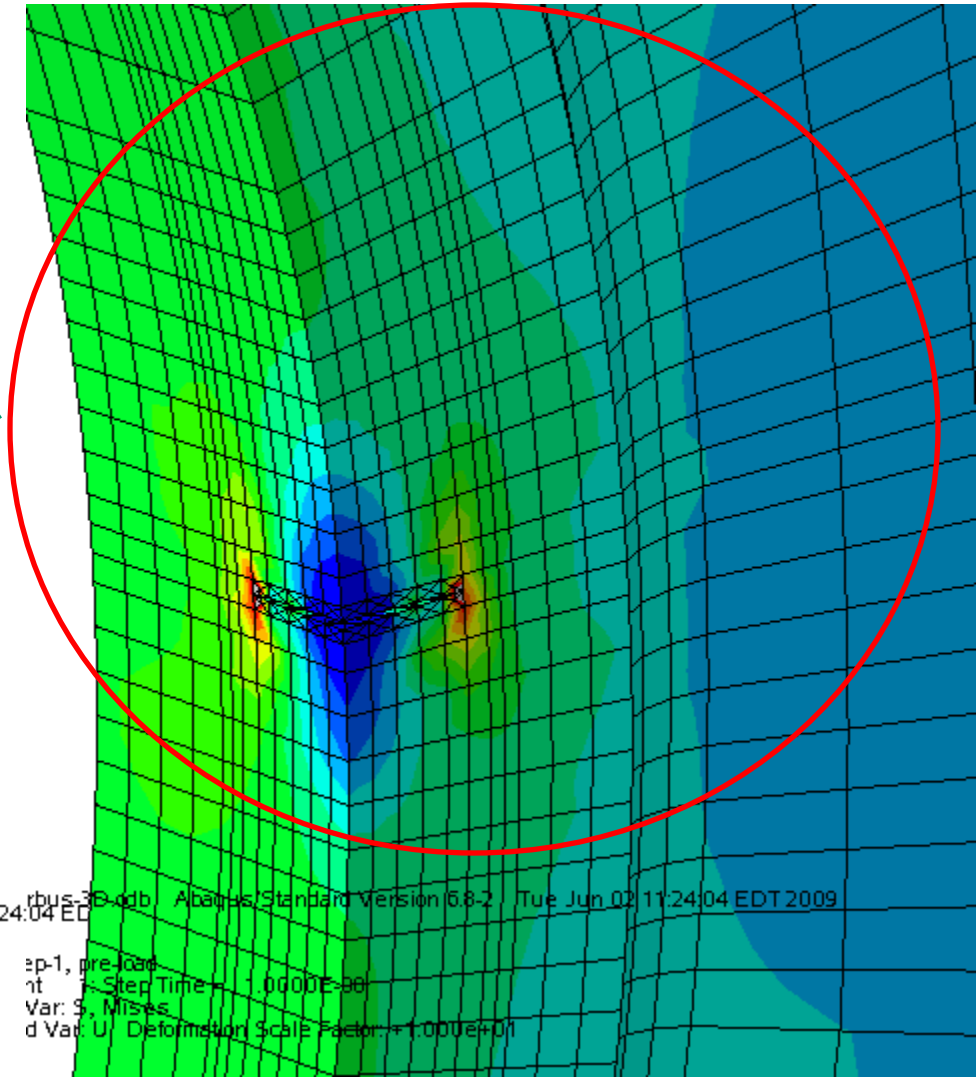
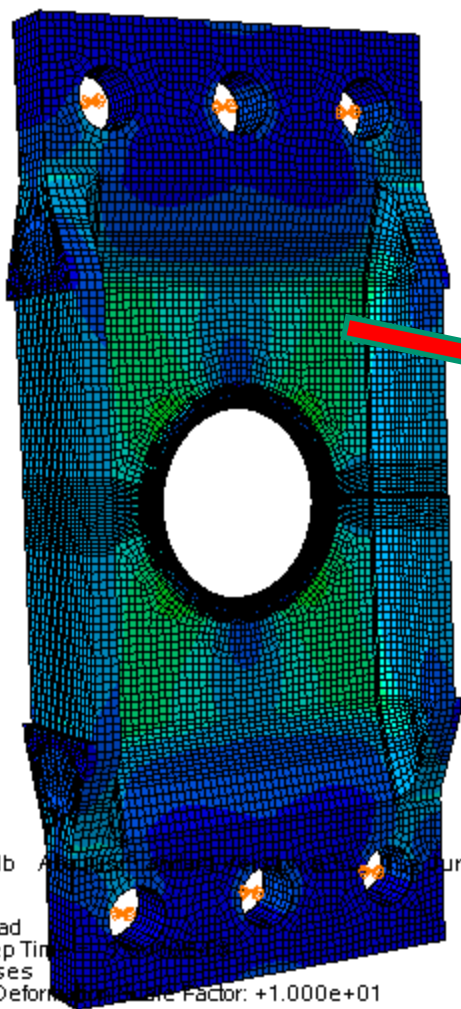
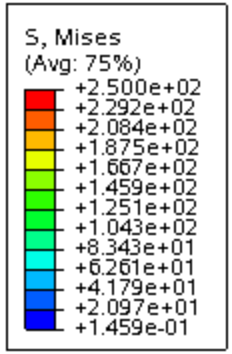
Case number	Diameter D, [mm]	Initial depth b ₀ , [mm]	Max force F, [kN]	Stress ratio $\sigma_{\min}/\sigma_{\max}$	Fracture cycles N _f , predicted by XFA3D	Actual fracture cycles N _f , from experiments	Actual diameter D, [mm]	Actual initial depth b ₀ , [mm]
1	12.00	1.00	22	0.1	542,400	778,542	11.94	1.004
2	-	-	25	-	348,933	323,627	11.92	0.918
3	-	-	25	-	348,933	378,216	12.00	0.906
4	-	-	28	-	234,446	186,689	11.94	0.958
5	-	2.00	17	-	386,529	380,934	11.94	1.900
6	-	-	20	-	220,528	184,103	11.96	1.890
7	-	-	25	-	102,990	72,521	11.98	1.916
8	-	-	28	-	70,007	59,025	11.98	1.914
9	-	3.00	12	-	472,727	1,064,689	11.88	2.900
10	-	-	13	-	357,730	344,836	11.88	2.860
11	-	-	15	-	217,366	141,303	11.96	2.962
12	-	-	17	-	141,660	112,488	11.88	2.900
1	-	1.20	25 (Toq=40Nm)	-	113,299	92,362	11.98	1.189

Life Prediction of Fatigue Crack Growth under Variable Loading

Example: Round-Robin Fatigue Life Prediction under Spectrum Loading, J. C. NEWMAN Jr., P. E. IRVING, J. LIN and D. D. LE, *Crack growth predictions in a complex helicopter component under spectrum loading, Fatigue Fract Engng Mater Struct* 29, 949–958.



Initial Crack under Nominal Load (Maximum Far-Field Stress 130MPa at Raised Hole Flange)



ODB: Airbus-3D.odb

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Step: Step-1, pre-load
 Increment: 1: Step Time
 Primary Var: S, Mises
 Deformed Var: U Deformation Scale Factor: +1.000e+01

Step-1, pre-load
 Step Time: 1.0000E-08
 Var: S, Mises
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Movie Showing Crack Growth

Movie files: *Airbus-3D-50mm-LSET1.wmv*
Airbus-3D-50mm.wmv

Evolution of Crack Front

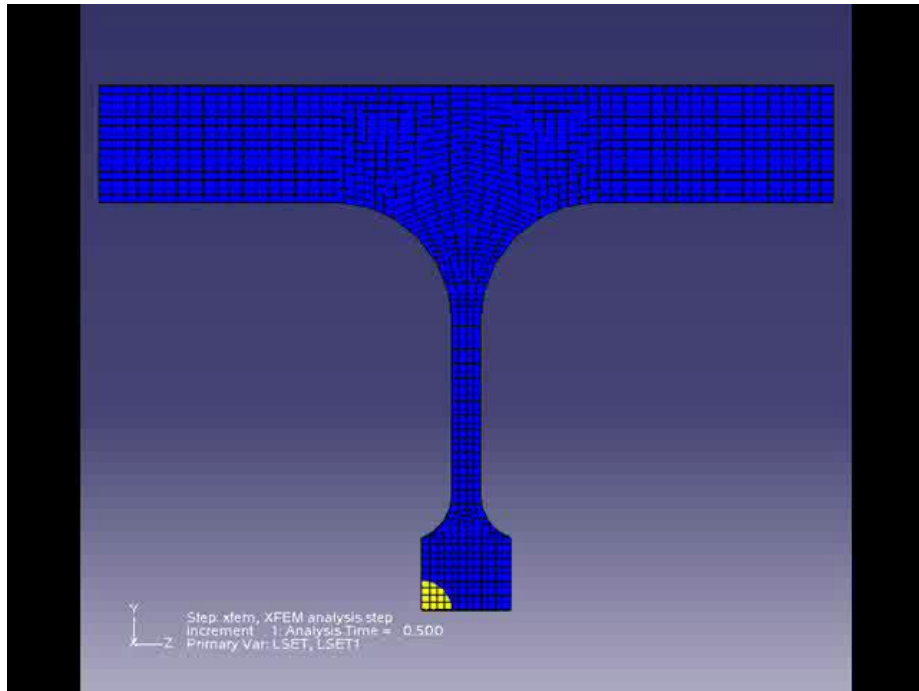
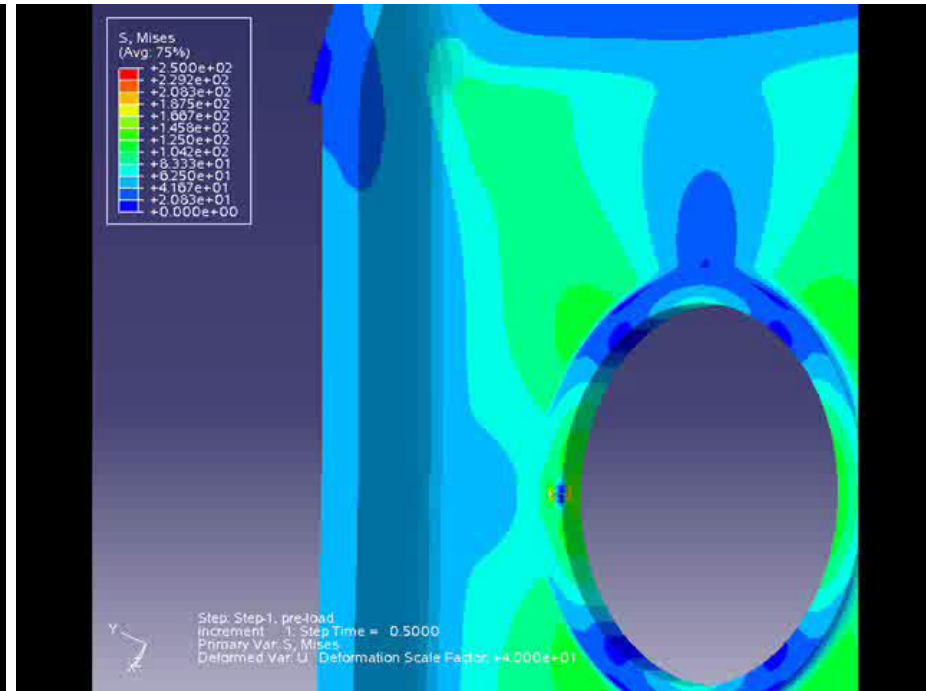
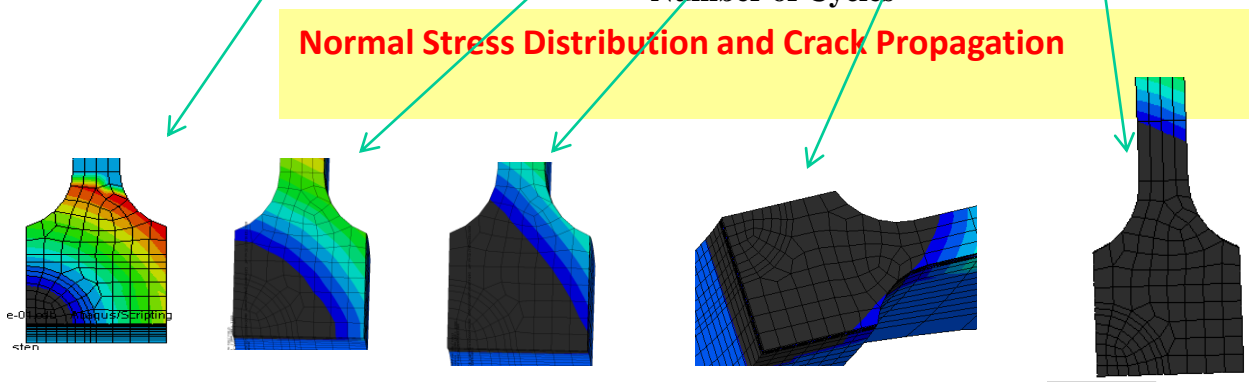
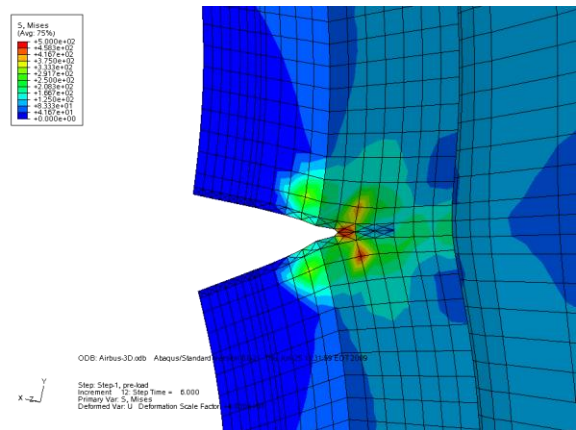
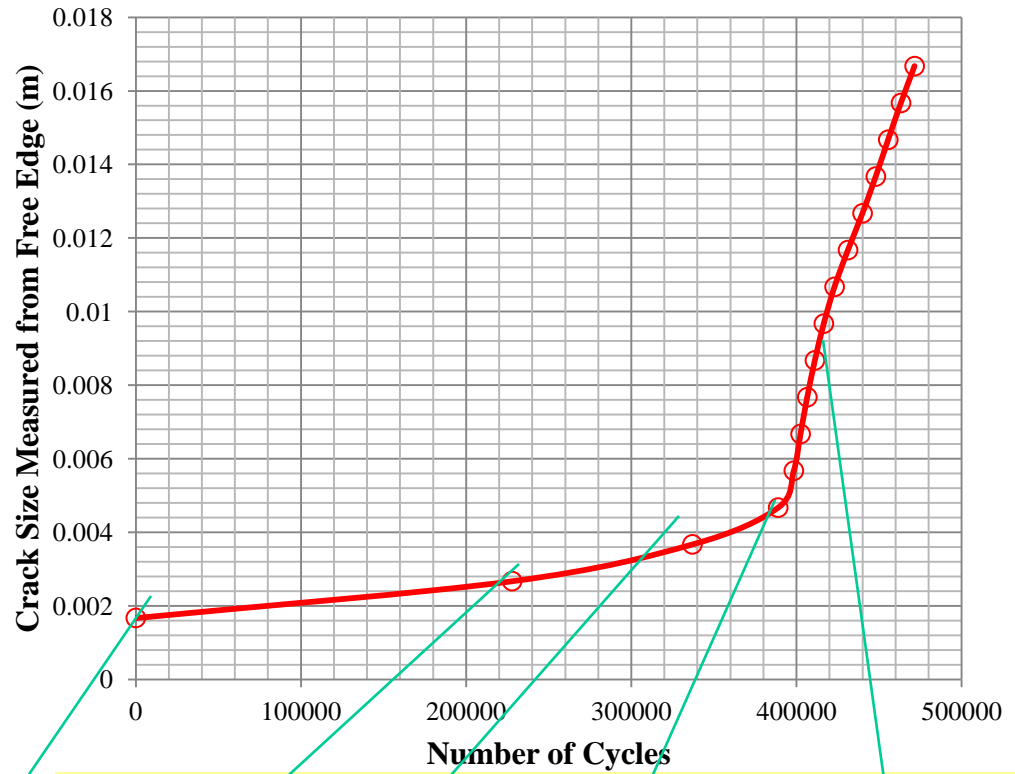
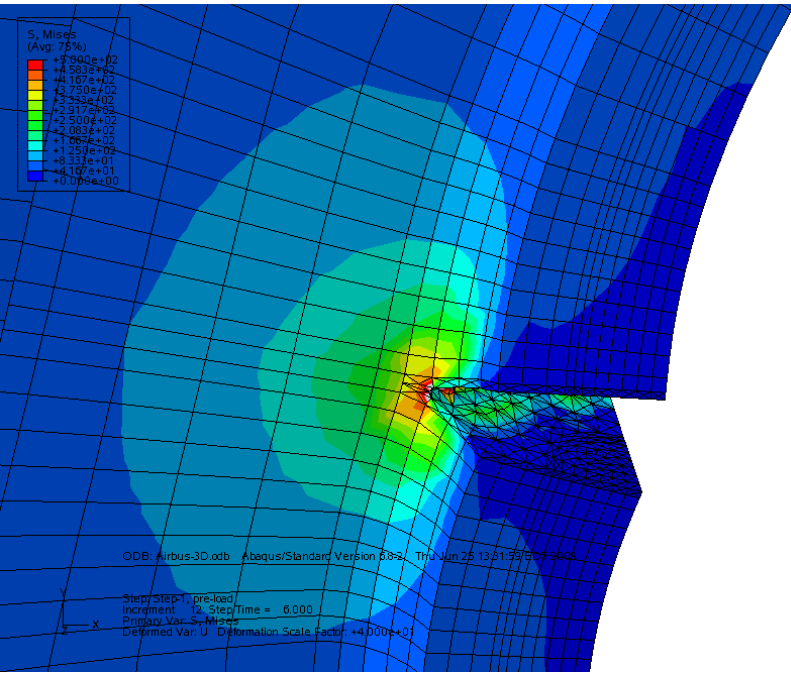


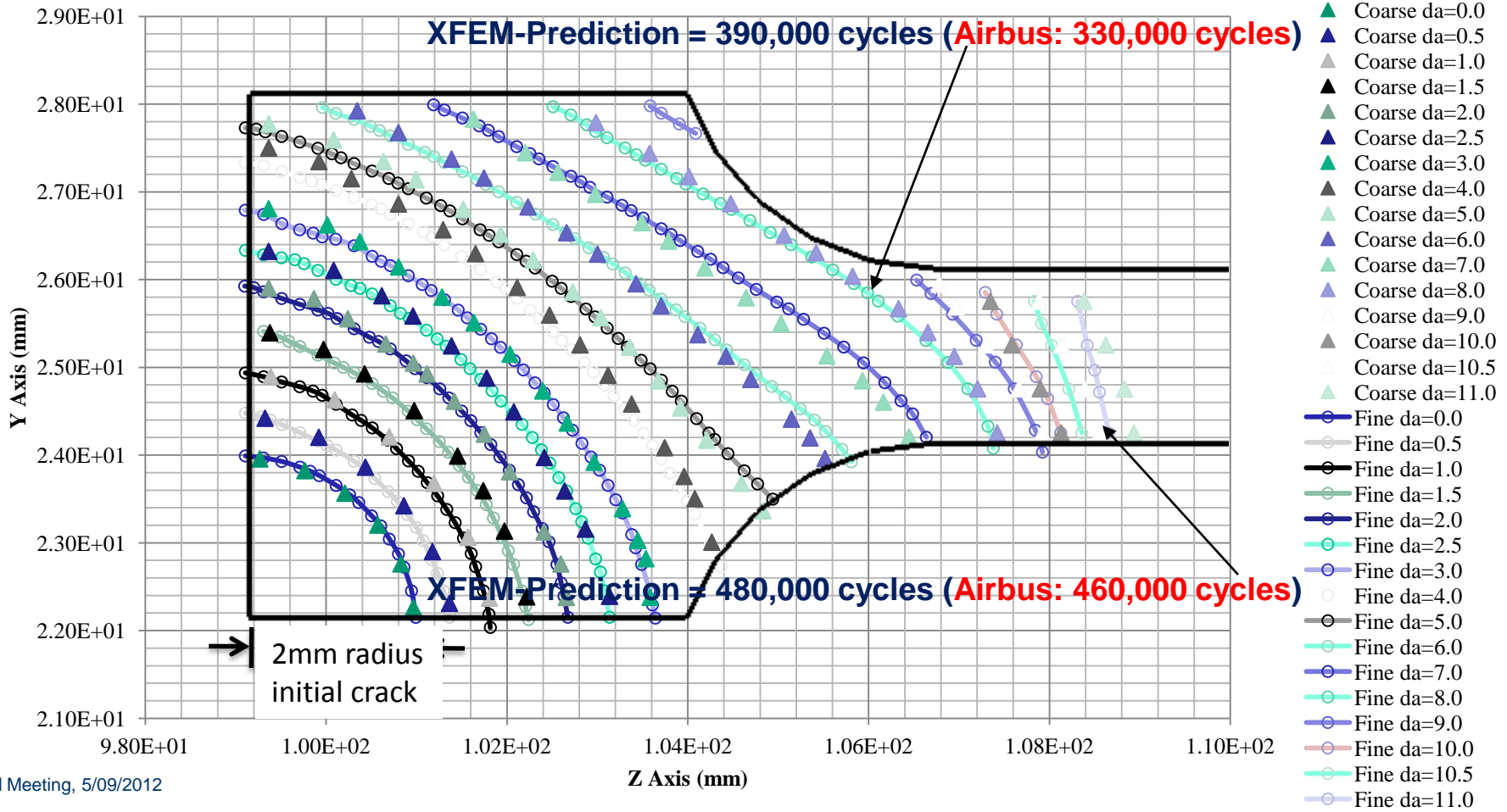
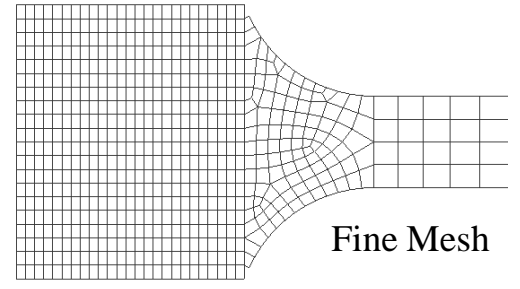
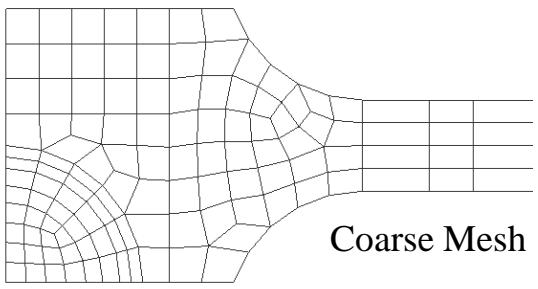
Illustration of Crack Propagation



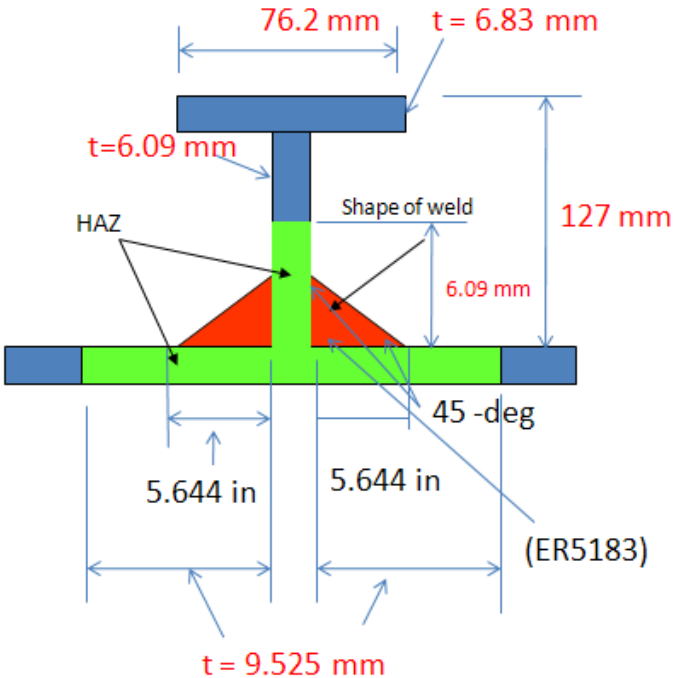
Crack Length and Life Prediction of a(N)



Comparison of Crack Growth Profile Using Different Mesh Designs



XFA Application for a Single Stiffened Panel with an Edge Crack



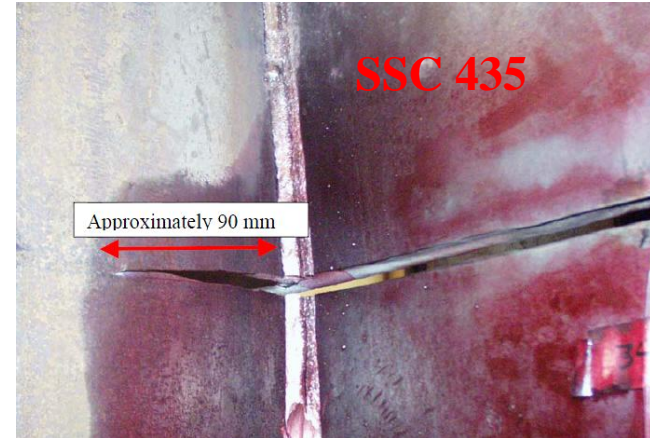
Material: AL5083-H116
 $E=70.3 \text{ MPa} = 10.2 \text{ msi}$
 Yield Strength = 27.5 ksi

Weld Material: ER5183
 $E=70.3 \text{ MPa} = 10.2 \text{ msi}$
 Yield Strength = 19 ksi

HAZ Material = Weld Material

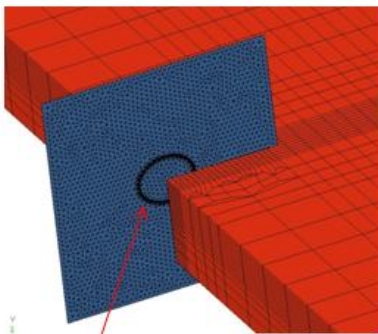
Fatigue Properties
 5083-H116: $C=3.2976e-09$, $n=3.4073$
 Weld/HAZ: $C=3.8958e-08$, $n=2.6057$

ΔK : ksi in^{1/2}; da/dN: in/cycle

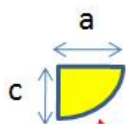


Two Initial Crack Configurations

Initial Edge Crack



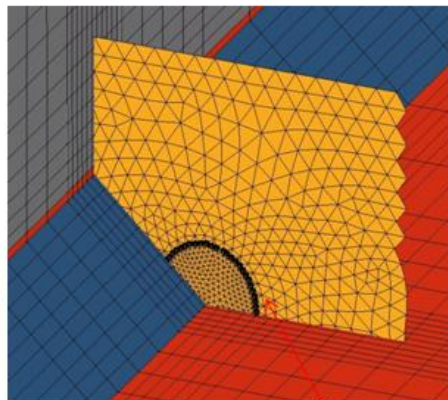
Crack front



Initial Crack profile

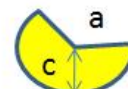
Crack Configuration elliptical Crack
 $a = 0.125$ in
 $c = 0.8a = 0.1$ in

Initial Welding Crack



Fixed BC

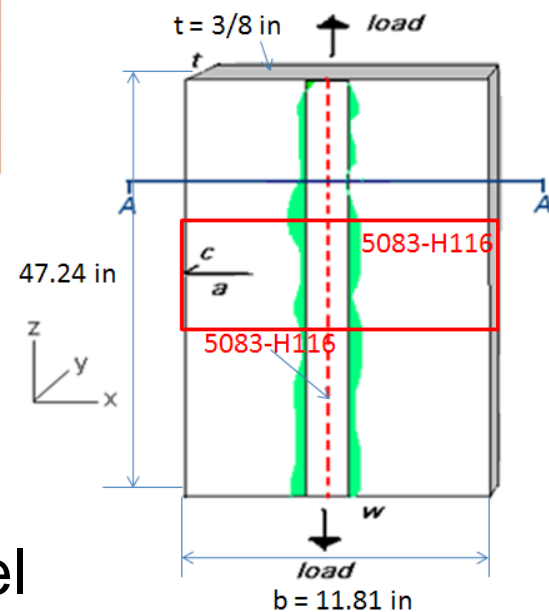
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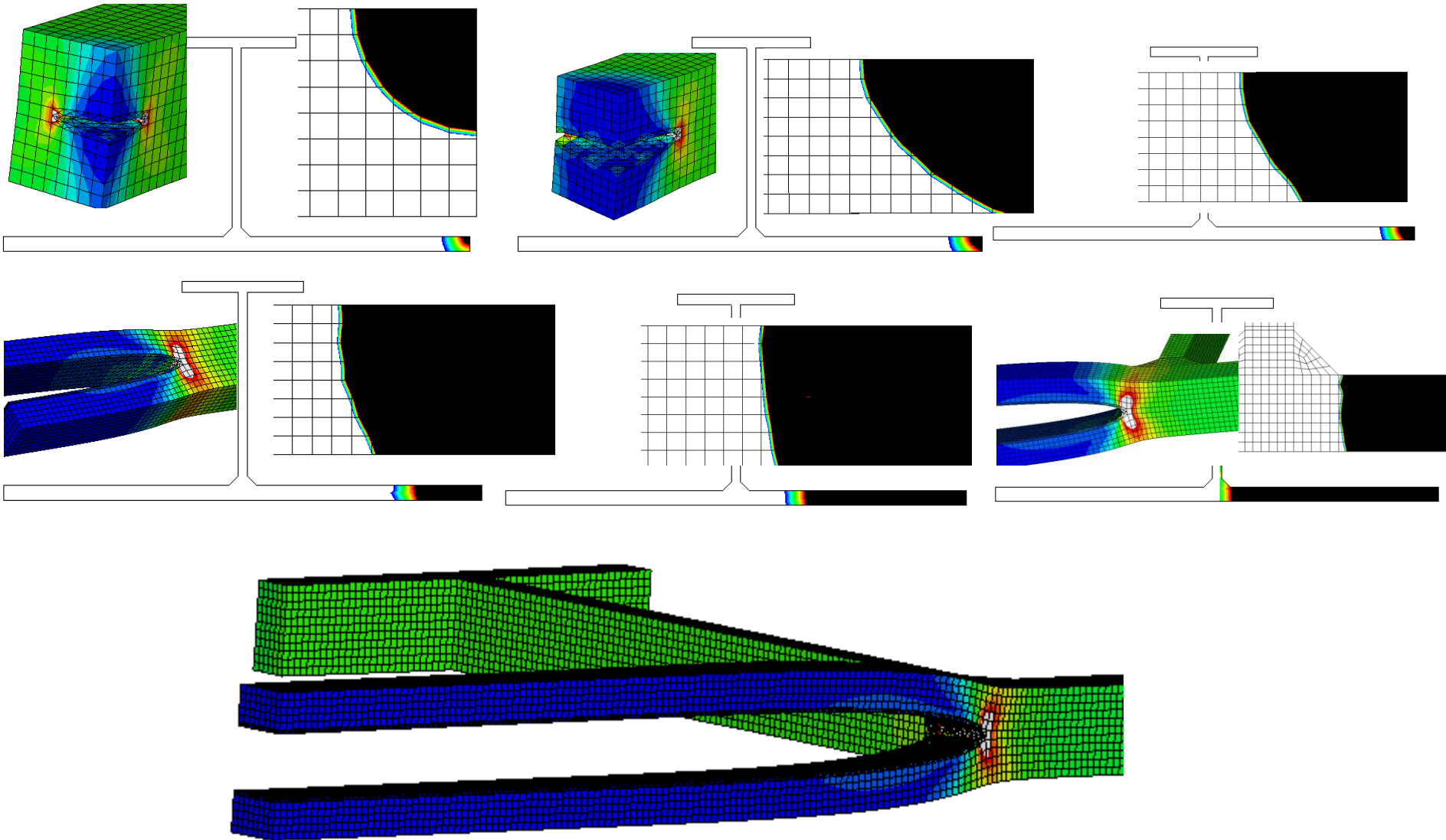
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Applied Stress = 13.5 ksi with $R=0.1$

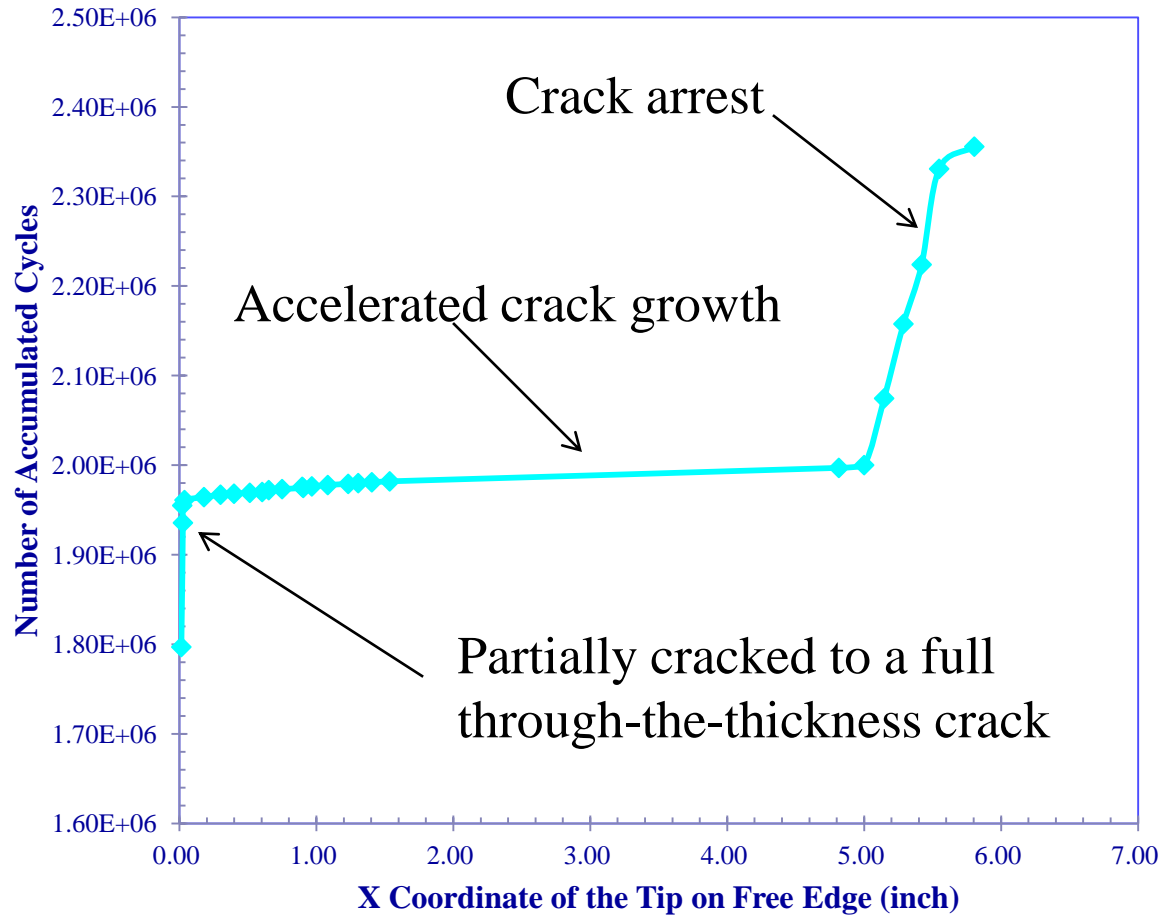
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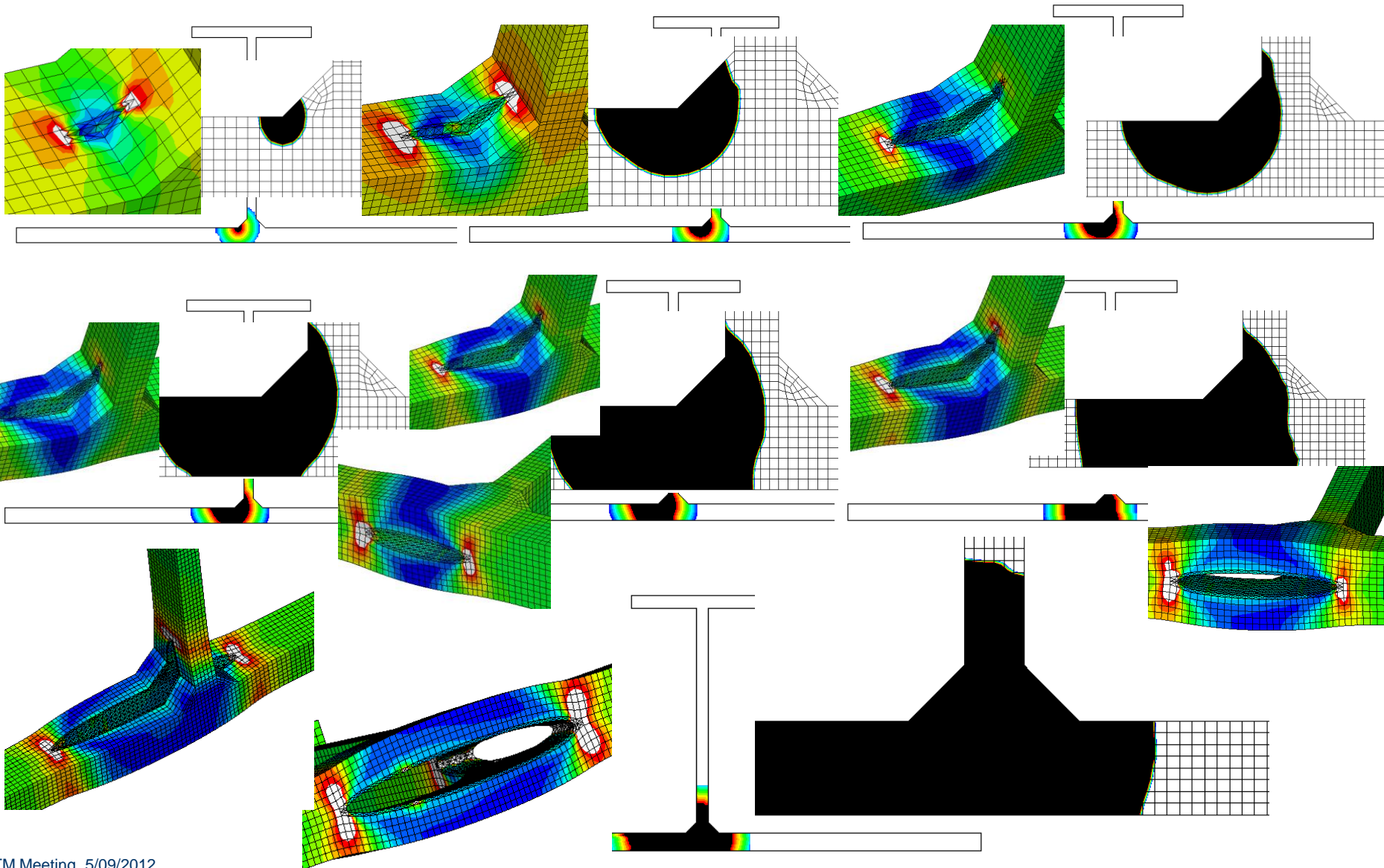
Snapshots of Crack Growth and Its Moving Front(Edge Crack)



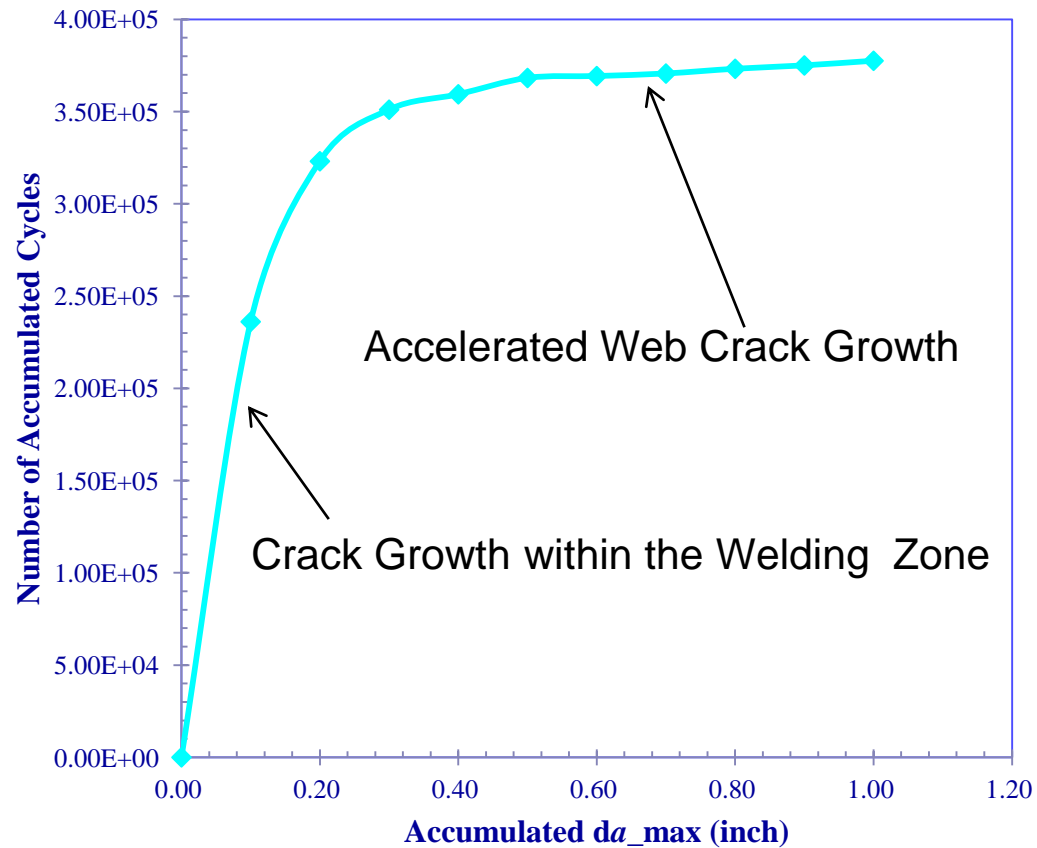
Display of a(N) Curve for an Edge Cracked Single Stiffener Plate



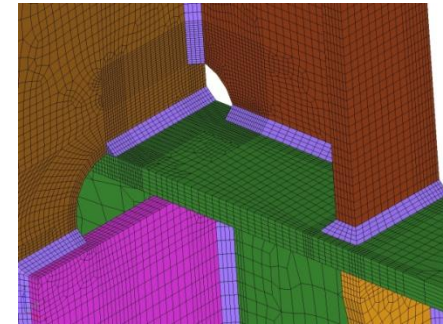
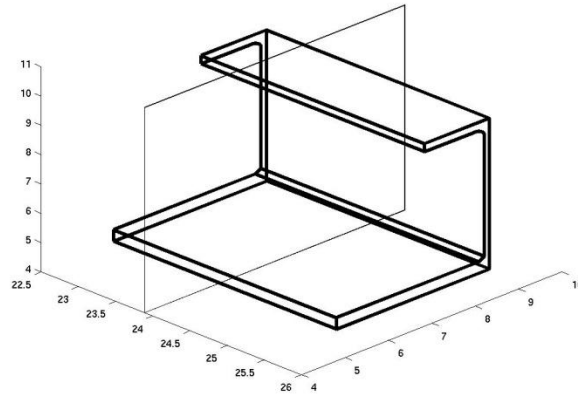
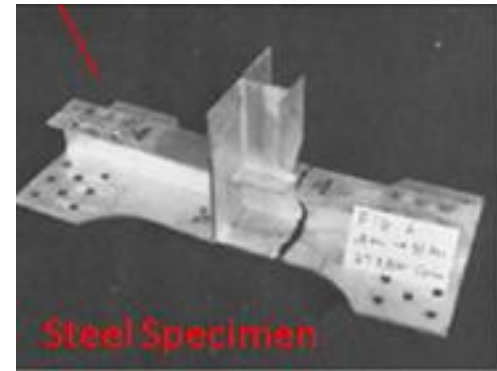
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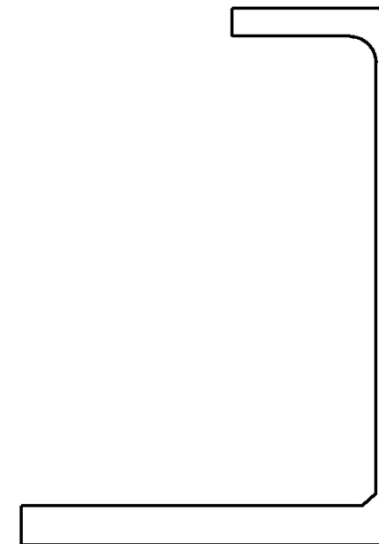
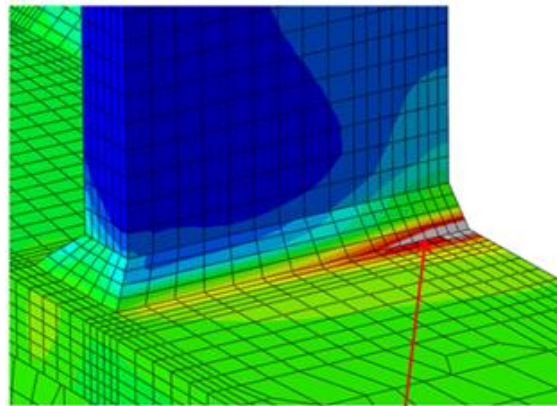
Display of a(N) Curve for a Single Stiffener Plate with a Welding Toe Crack



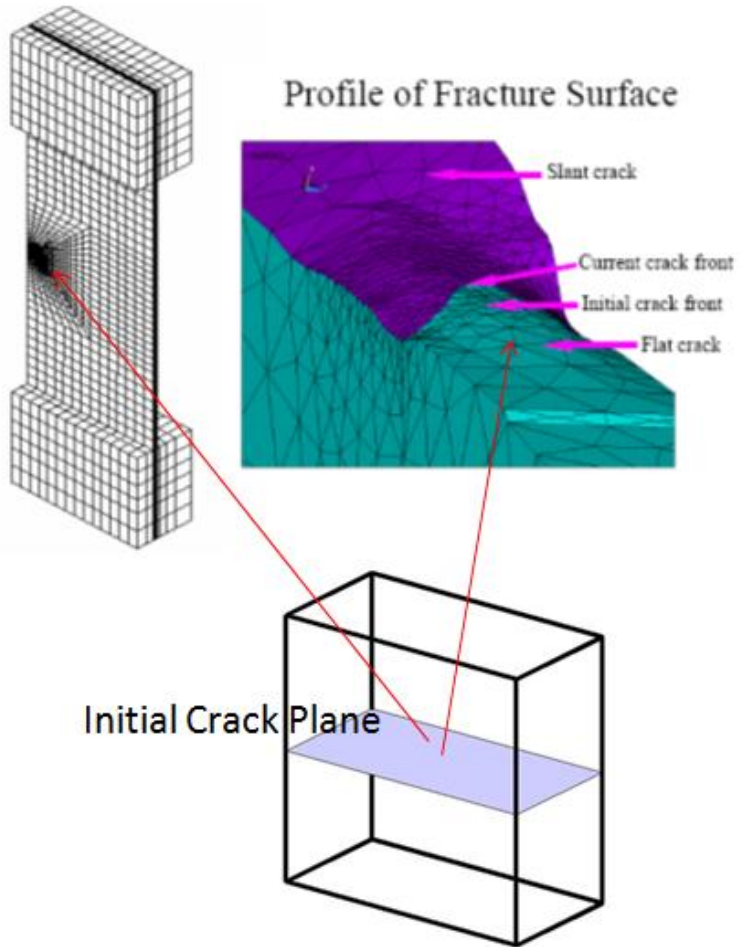
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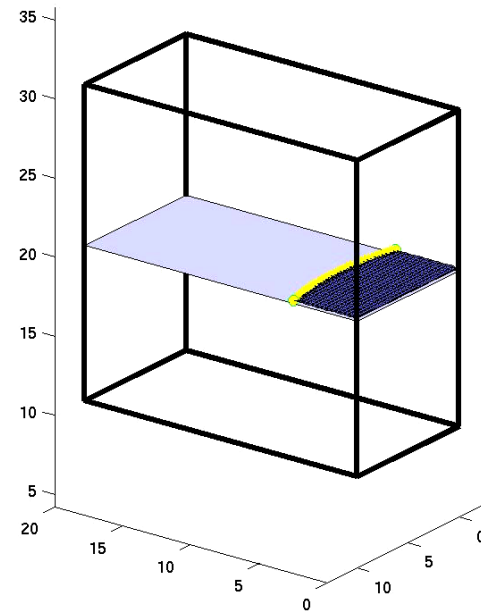
Crack Propagation Movie



Nonplanar Crack Validation

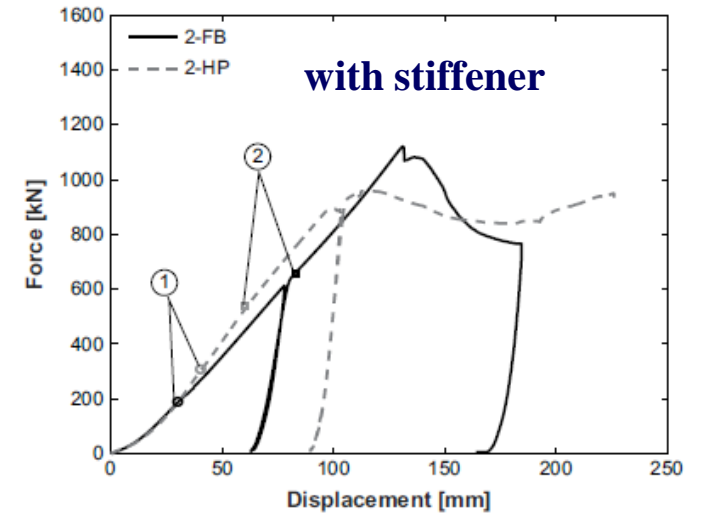
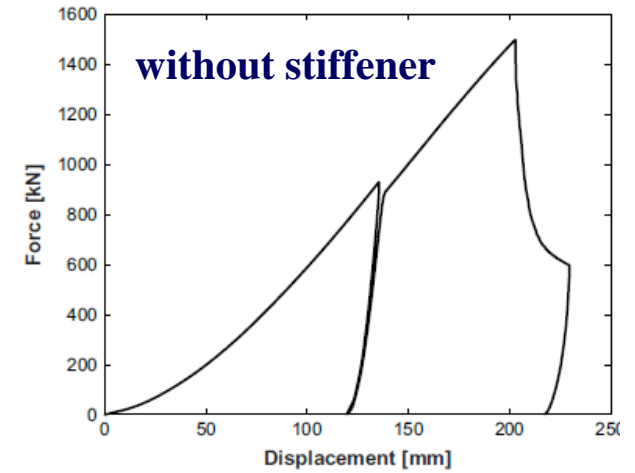
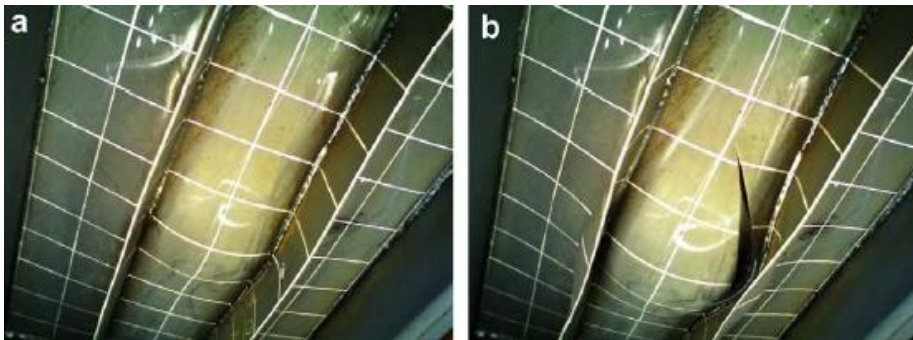
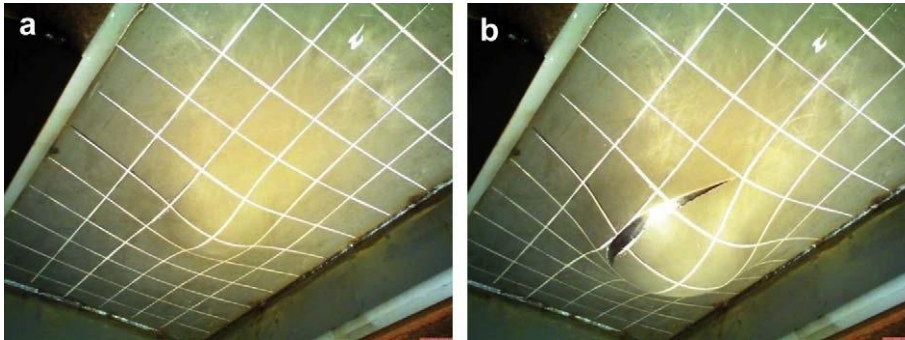
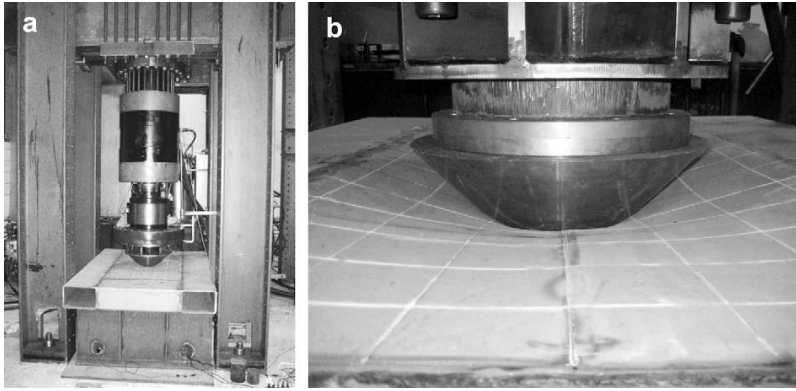


(Non-Planar Crack Growth Movie)



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Validation of XSELL's Package Using Indentation Test Data

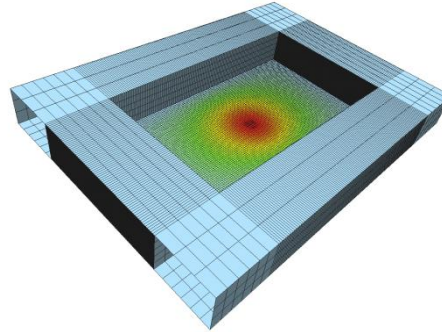
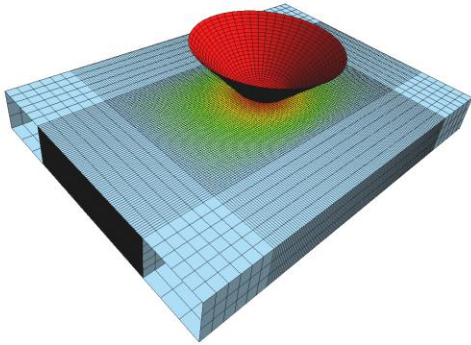


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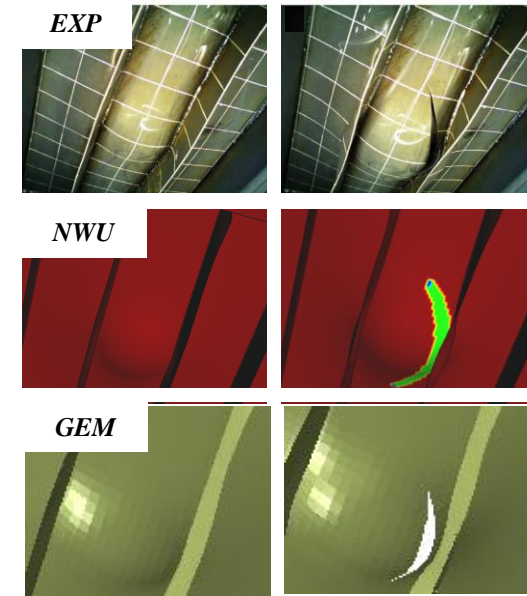
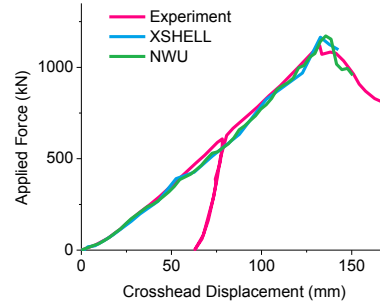
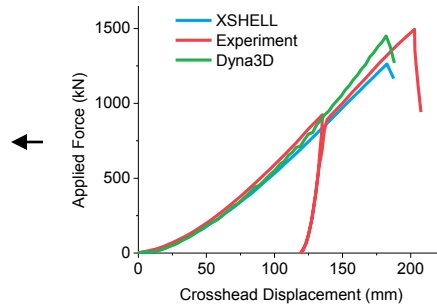
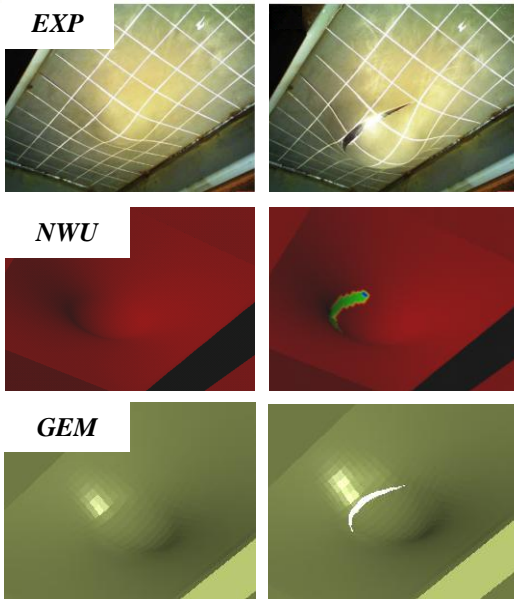
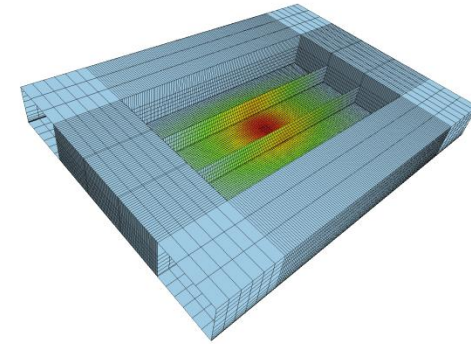
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Summary of XSHELL Predictions for Unstiffened and Stiffened Panels

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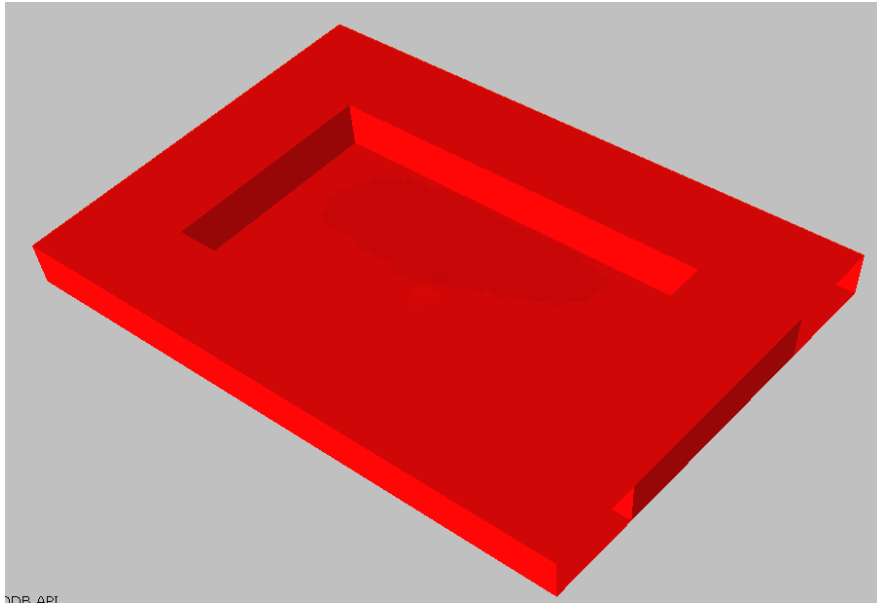


Grounding with Stiffener



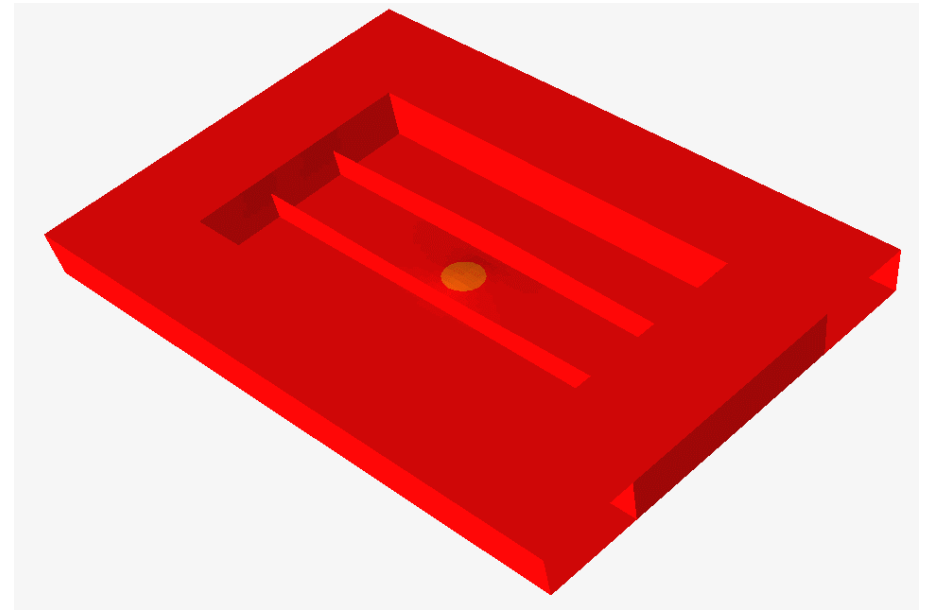
Crack Propagation Movies

Unstiffened Panel



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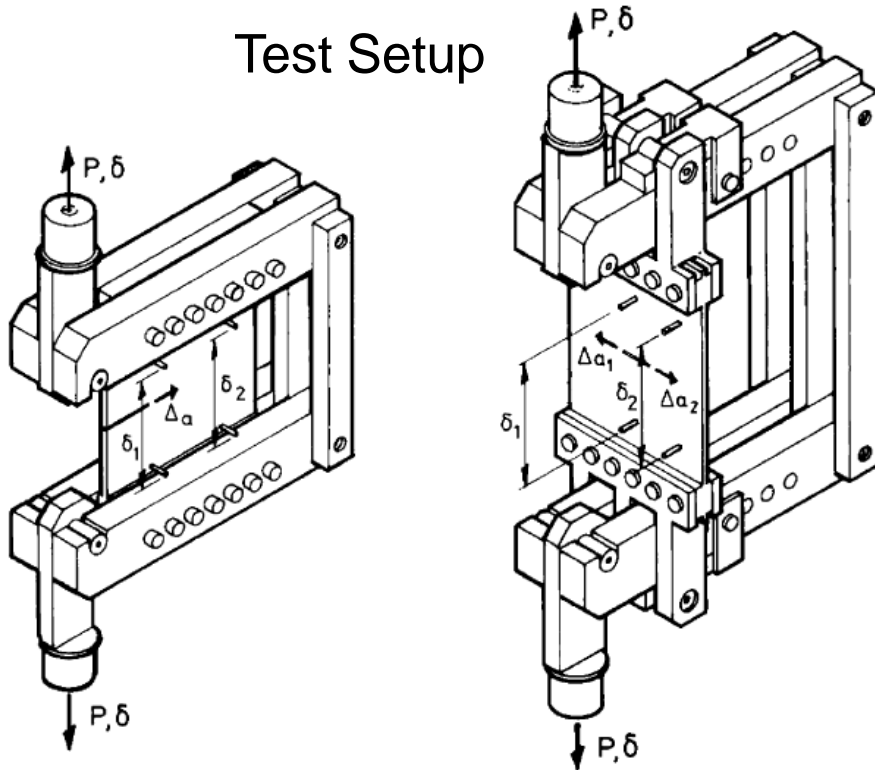
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Ductile Crack Growth in Large-Scale Shell under Mode I Loading (XSHELL Verification)

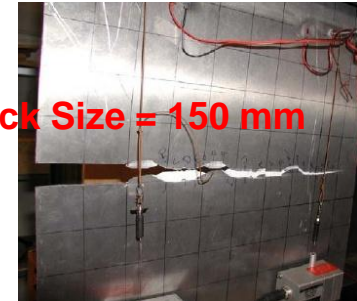
- Edge and Centre Cracked Specimens

Test Setup



580 x 820
 Al 5083-H116

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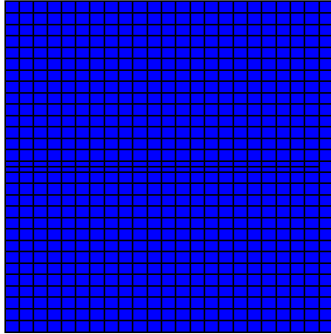
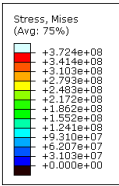
806 x 500
 Normal Steel (NS)

Initial Crack Size = 100 mm





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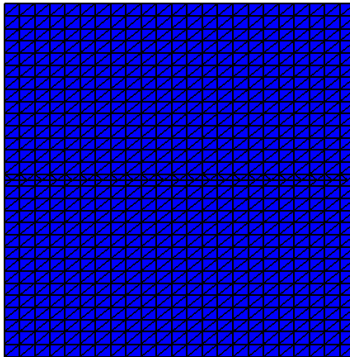
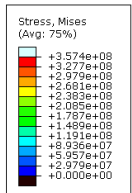
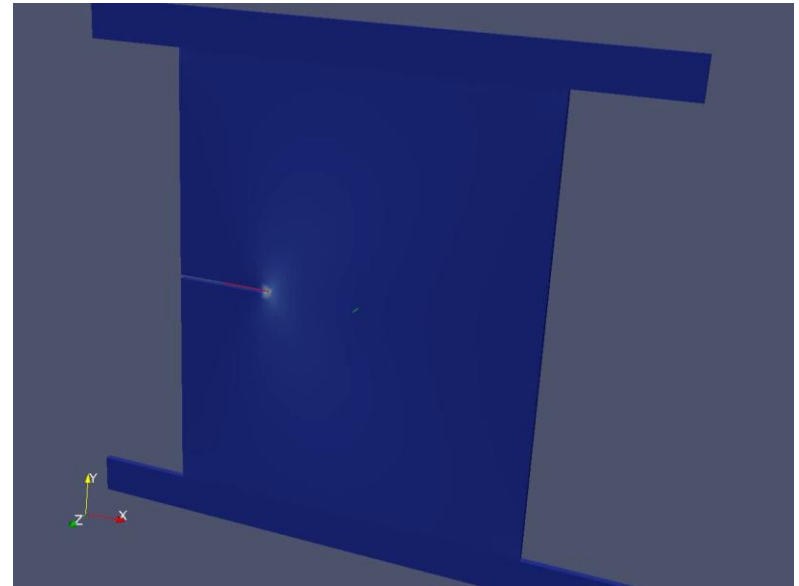


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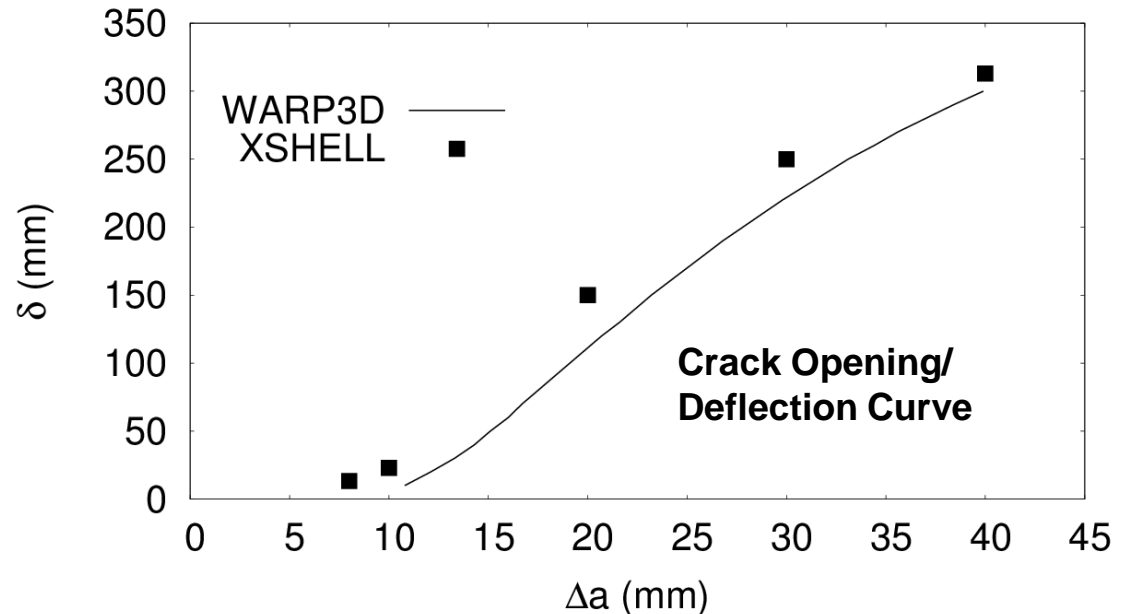
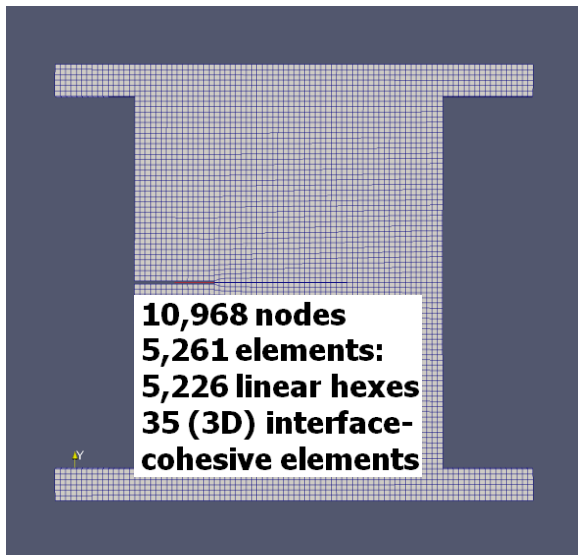
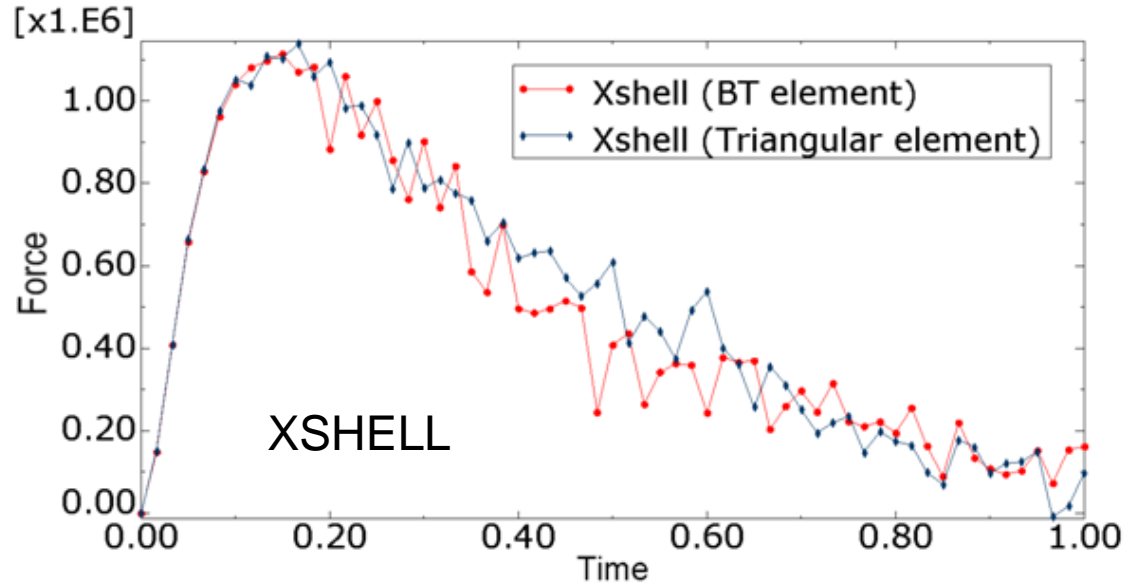
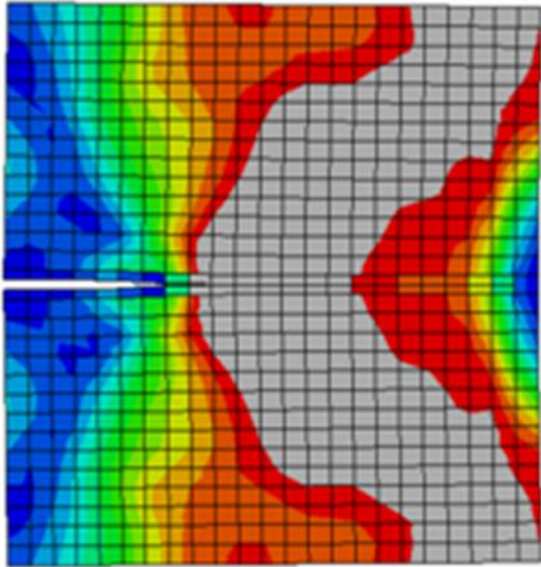
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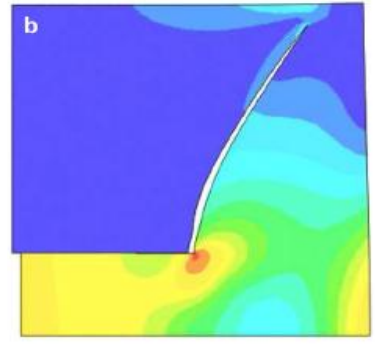
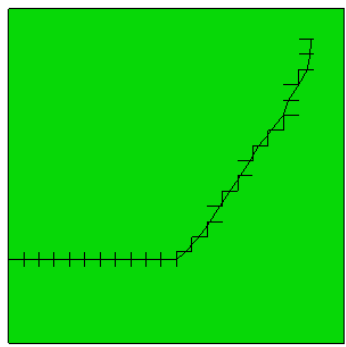
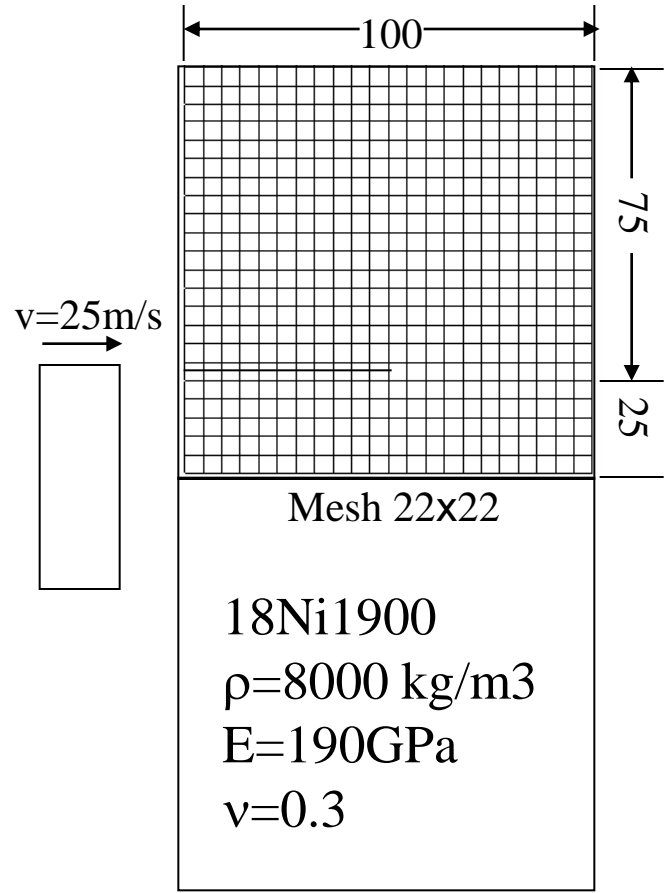
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Comparison of Force/Deflection Curves

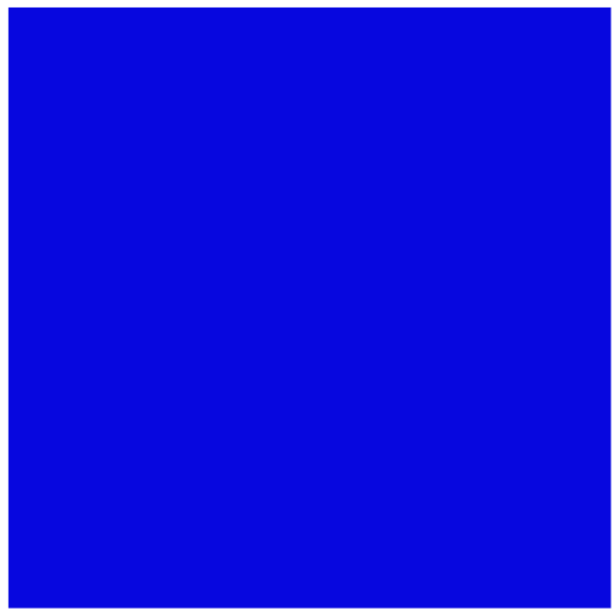
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Kalthoff Impact Test



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Summary and Future Plan

- High fidelity, add-on software toolkit to work with commercial, off-the-shelf Abaqus and Abaqus CAE for
 - Static and fatigue failure prediction using 3D solid element via Abaqus' implicit solver (XFA3D)
 - Dynamic crack path and load-deflection prediction using shell element via Abaqus explicit solver (XSHELL)
- Use of two mesh independent formulations for kinematic representation of a cracked body
 - Nodal enrichment (tip and wake) for XFA3D
 - Additional phantom nodes for XSHELL
- Use of LEFM with K extraction along an arbitrary moving crack front in XFA3D
- Use of nonlinear fracture mechanics with cohesive injection to dissipate the energy during the crack growth in XSHELL

Capability Extension in Metallic Fatigue/Fracture Analysis Toolkit

- Shell-solid coupling for large scale welded aluminum structures
- Advanced nonlinear crack initiation and propagation models to capture i) rate dependence; ii) lode angle and triaxiality dependent plasticity; and iii) anisotropic plastic flow
- Material characterization of environment induced aging (sensitization)
- Verification and validation at structure level using available test data