

FAILURE ANALYSIS IN THE OIL & GAS INDUSTRY: THE IMPORTANCE OF EXPERIMENTAL TESTING IN FATIGUE DIAGNOSIS.

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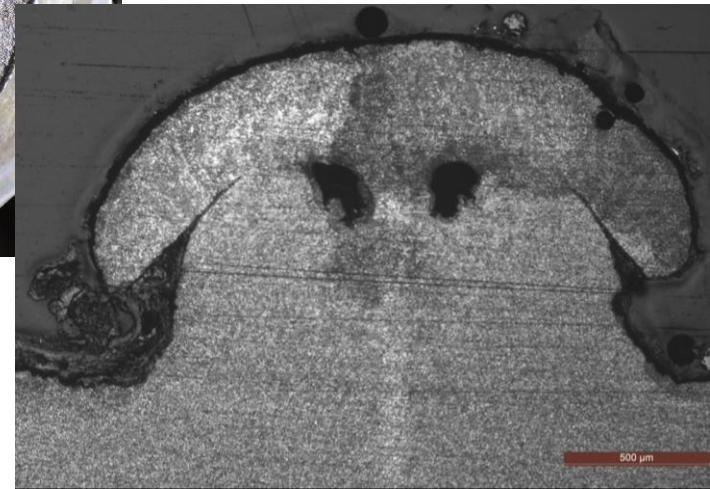
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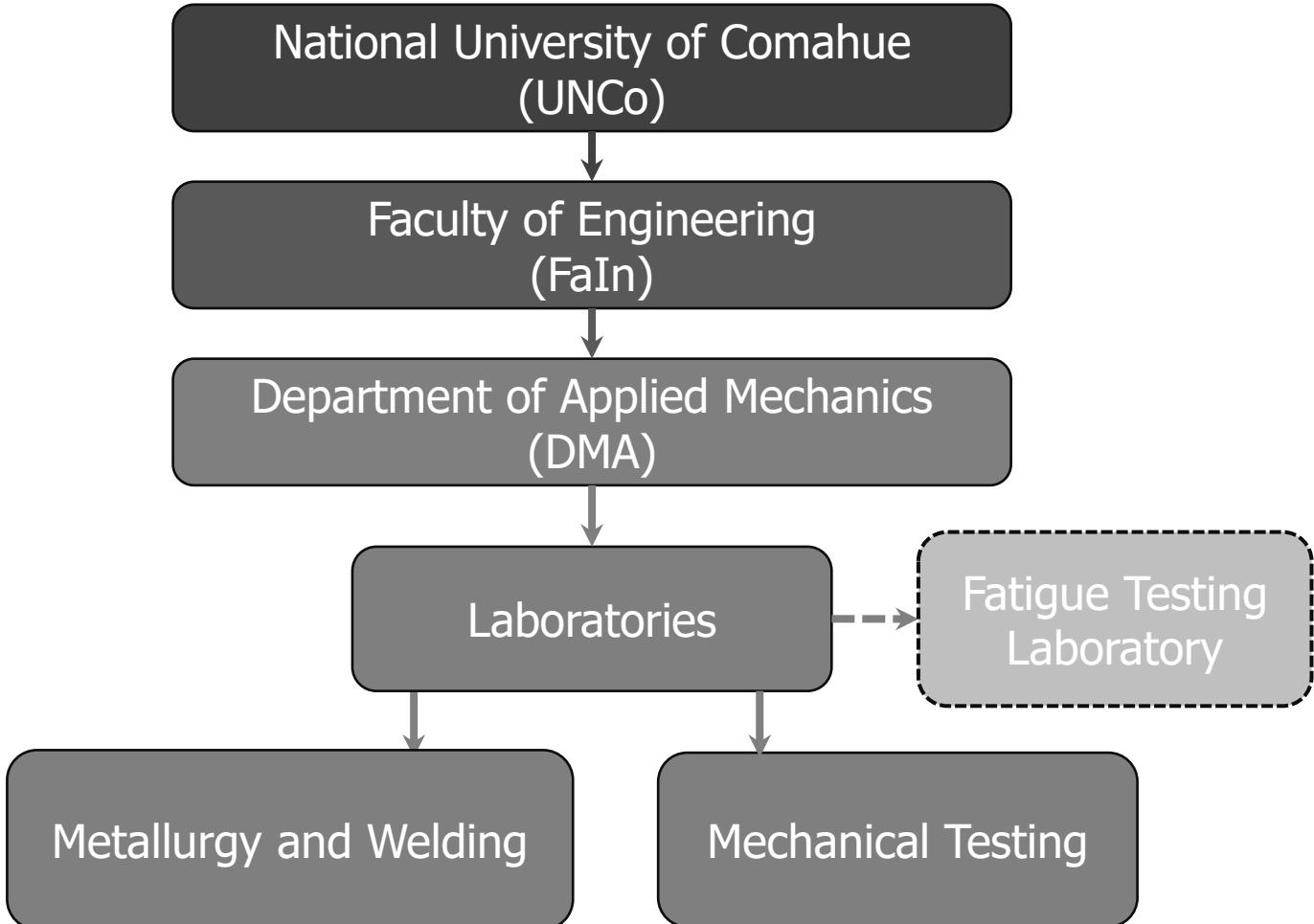
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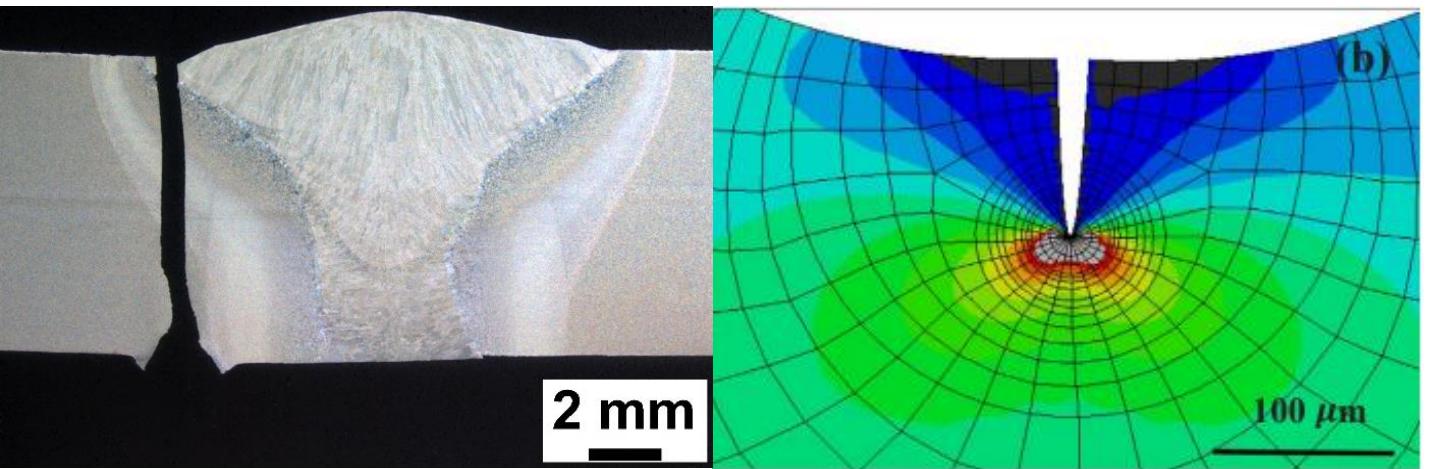
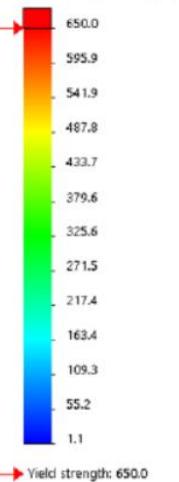
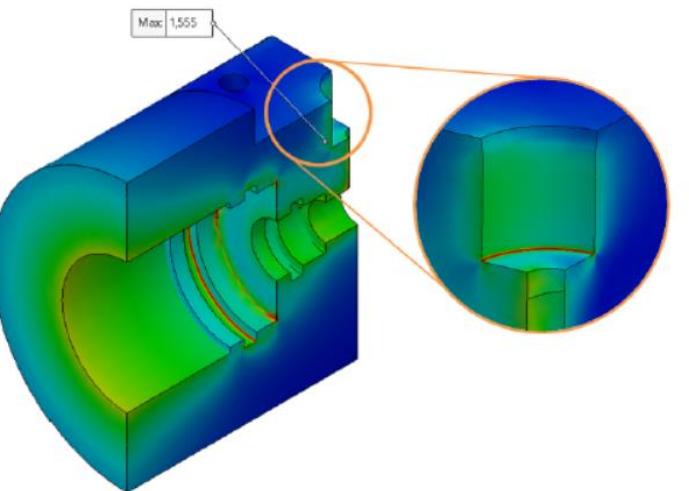
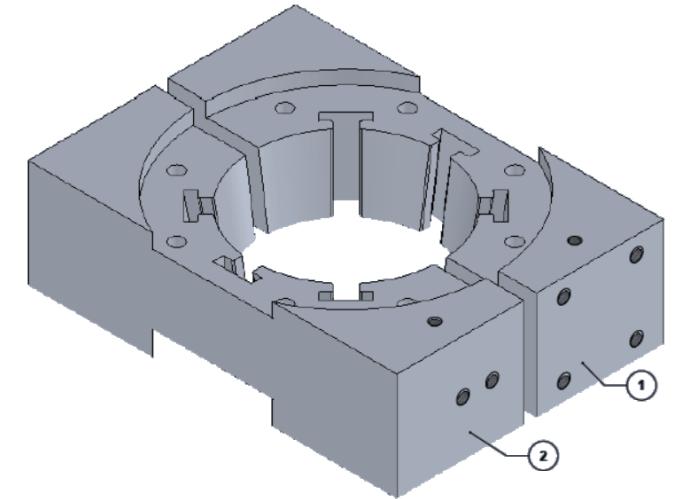
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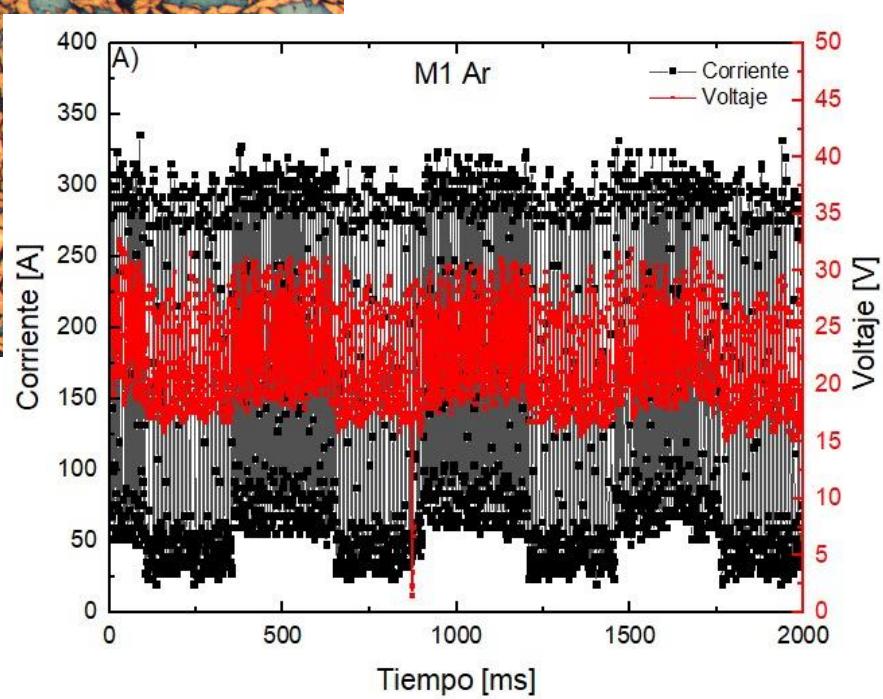
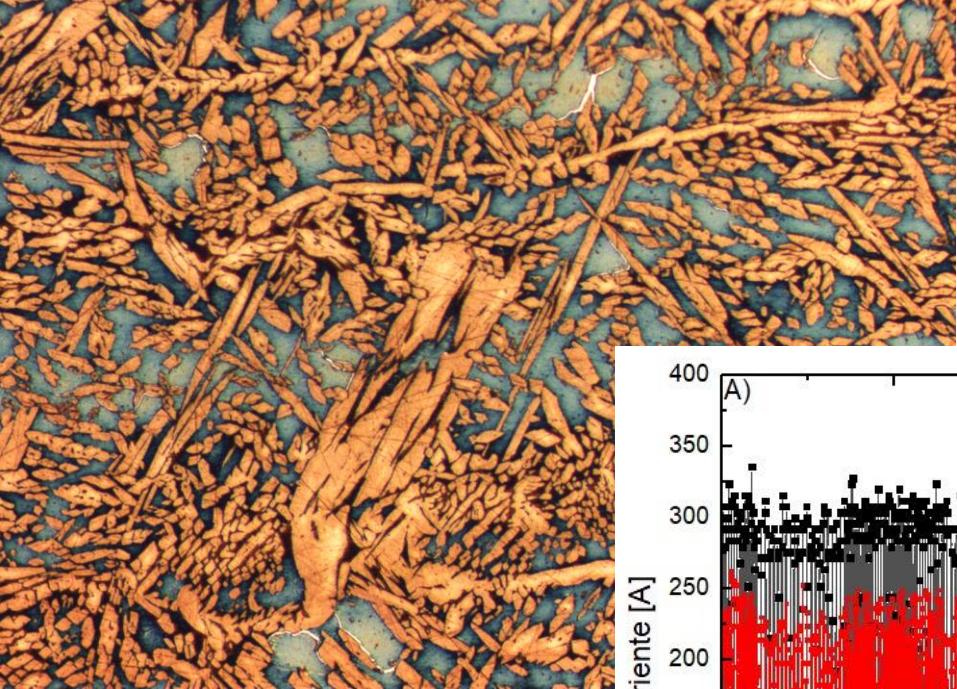
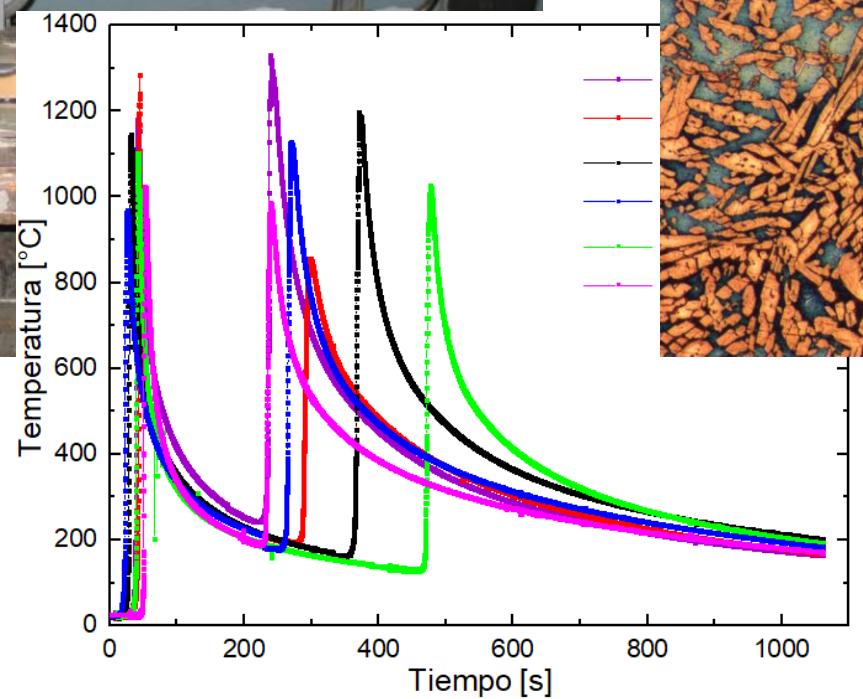
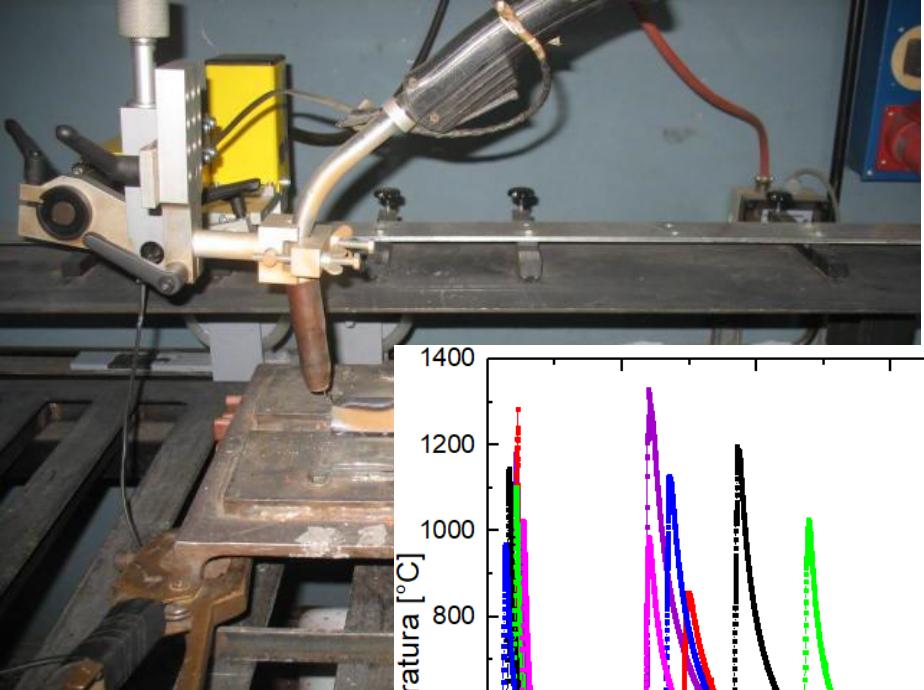
Who we are?



What do we do?



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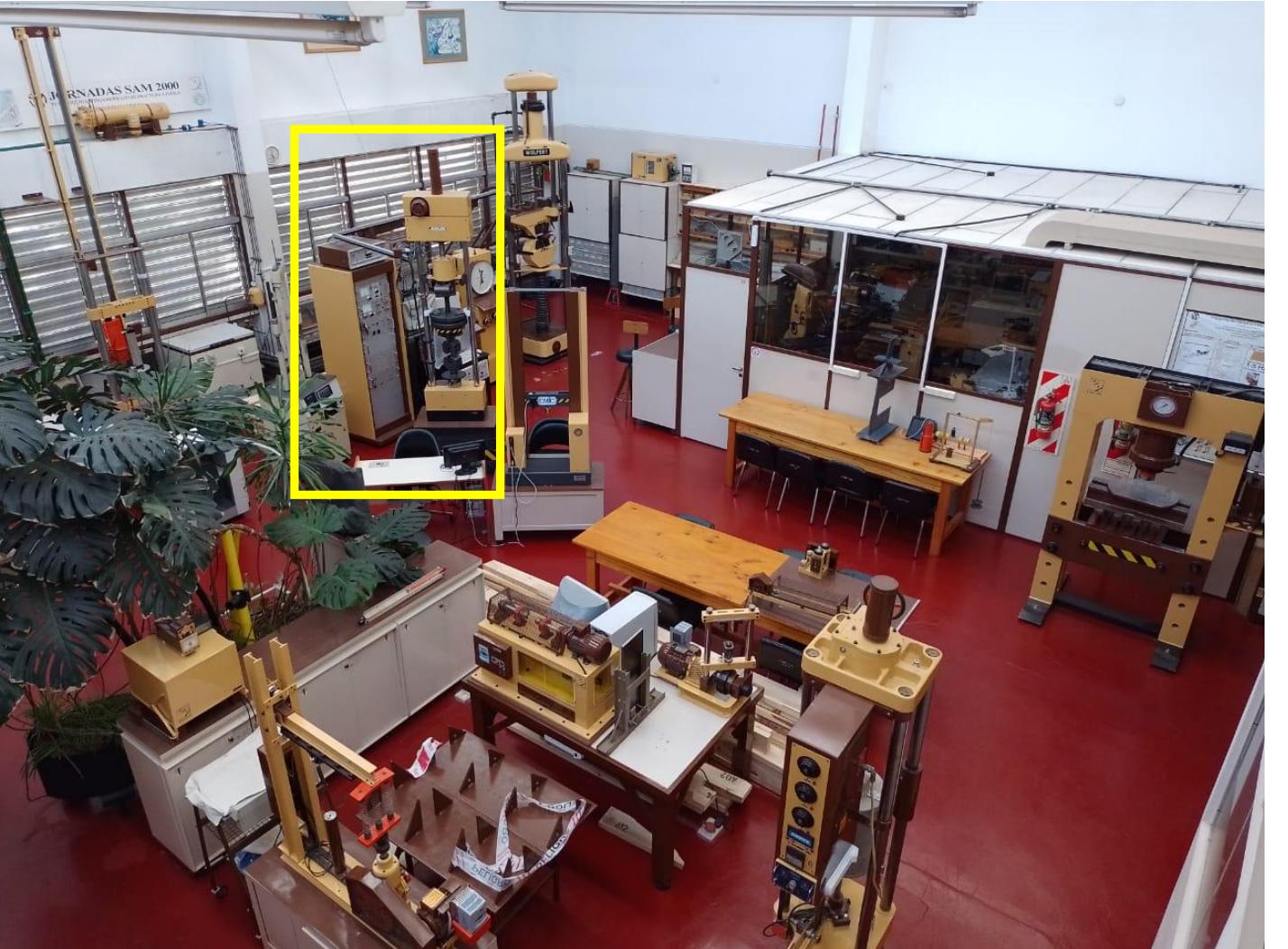
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Laboratory of Mechanical Testing



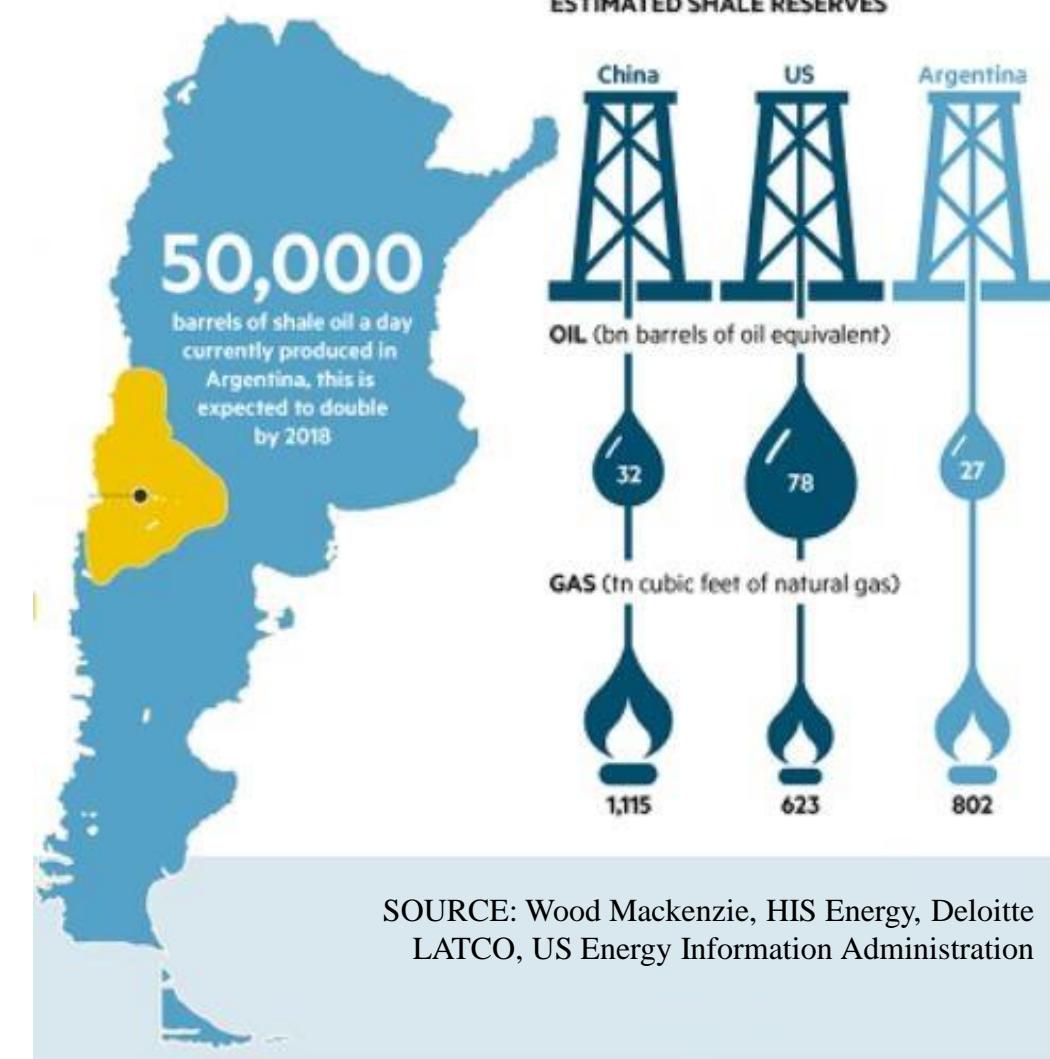
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Fatigue Testing Laboratory



The O&G Industry



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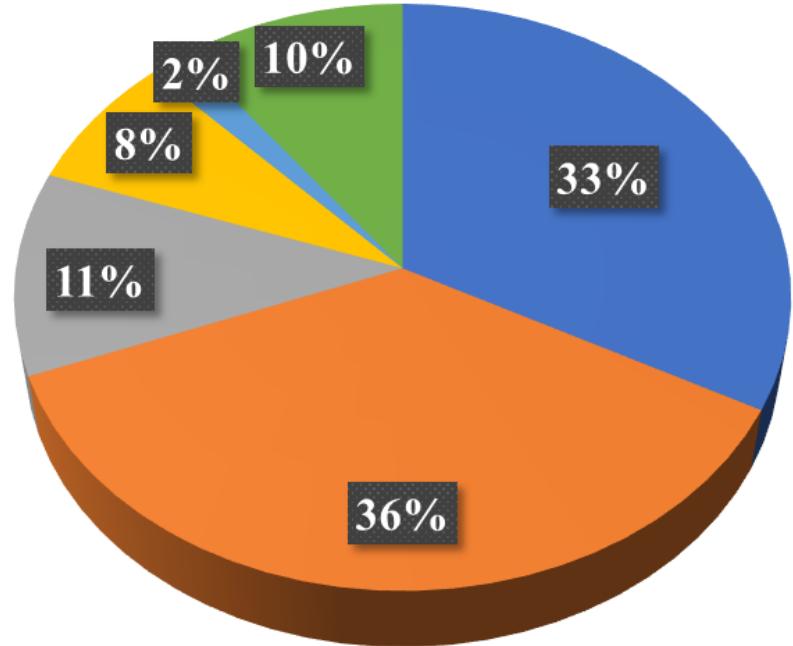


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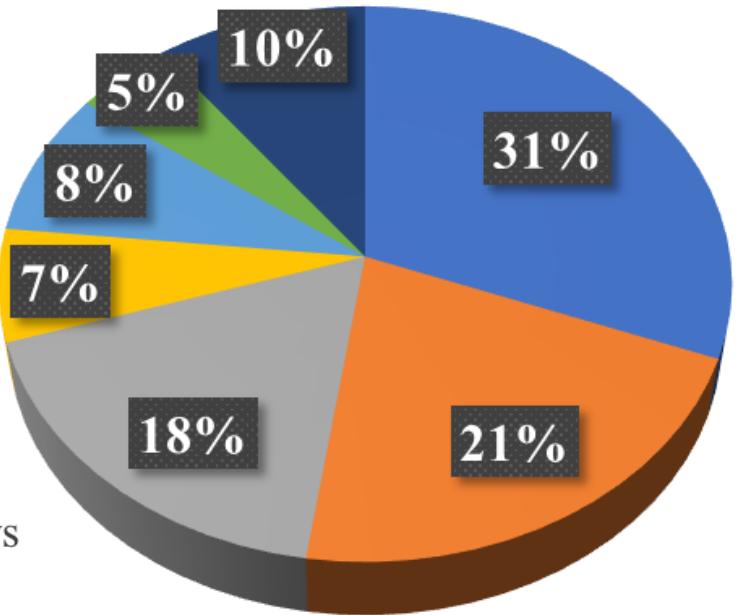


Failure analysis

Material



Failure mechanism



- Fatigue
- Dynamic overload
- Corrosion
- Erosion
- Wear
- Creep
- Others

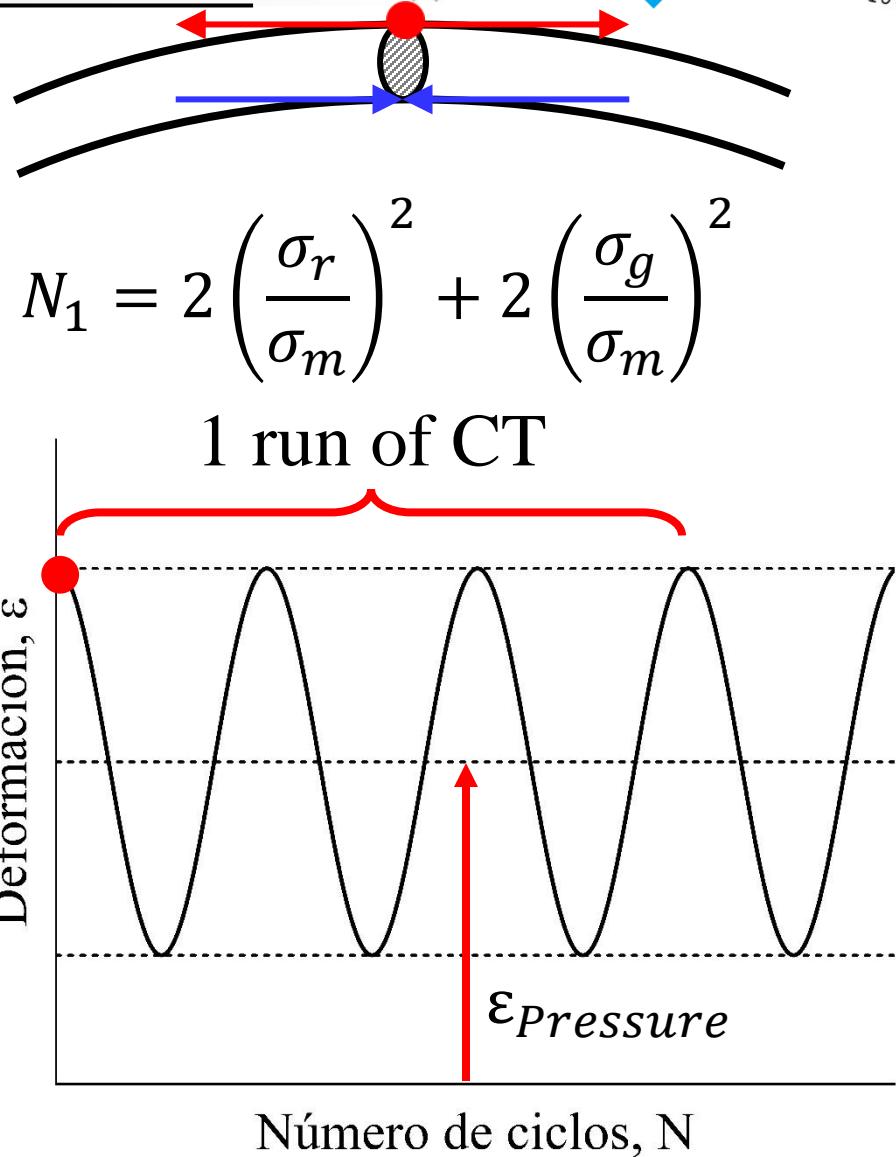
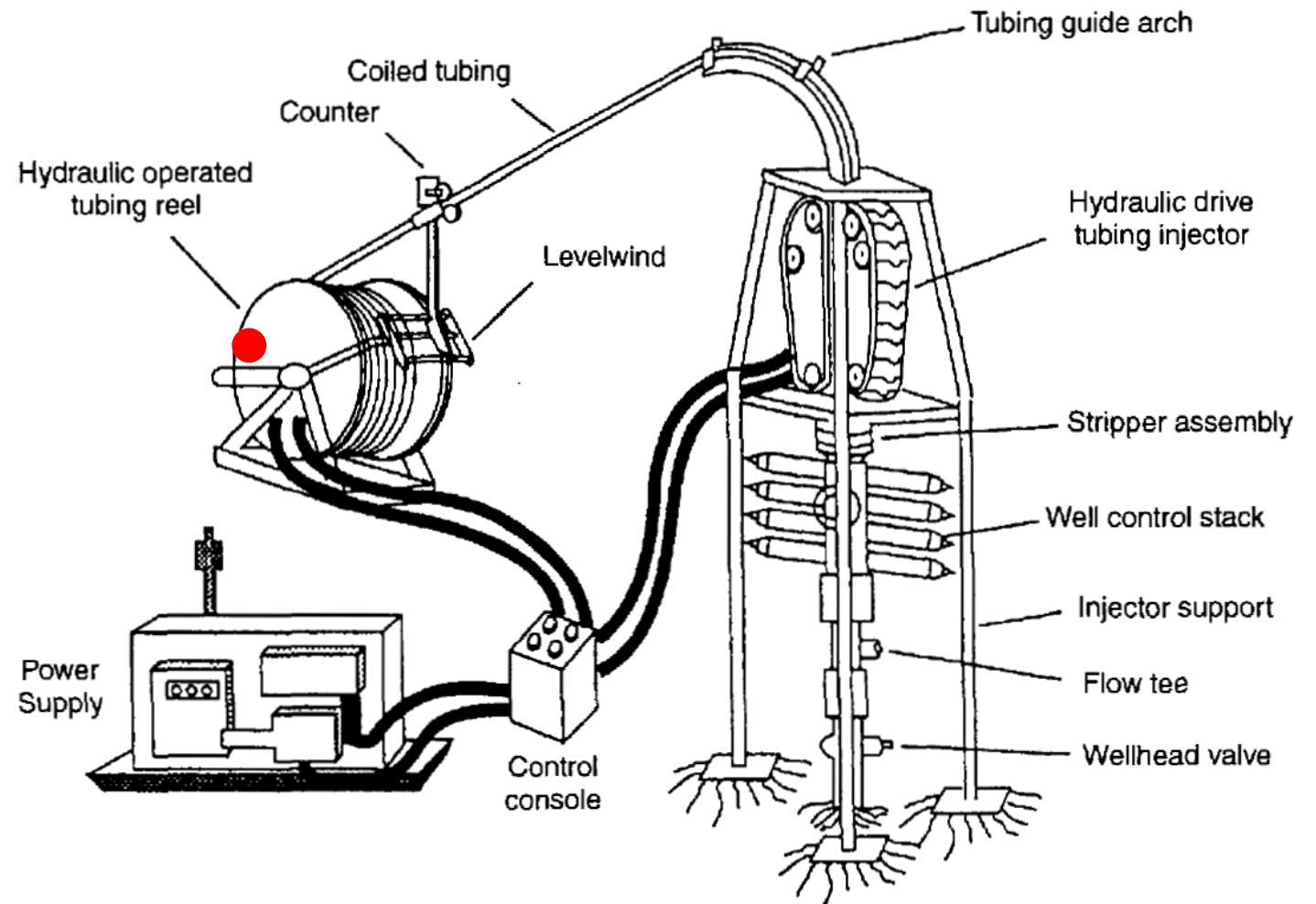
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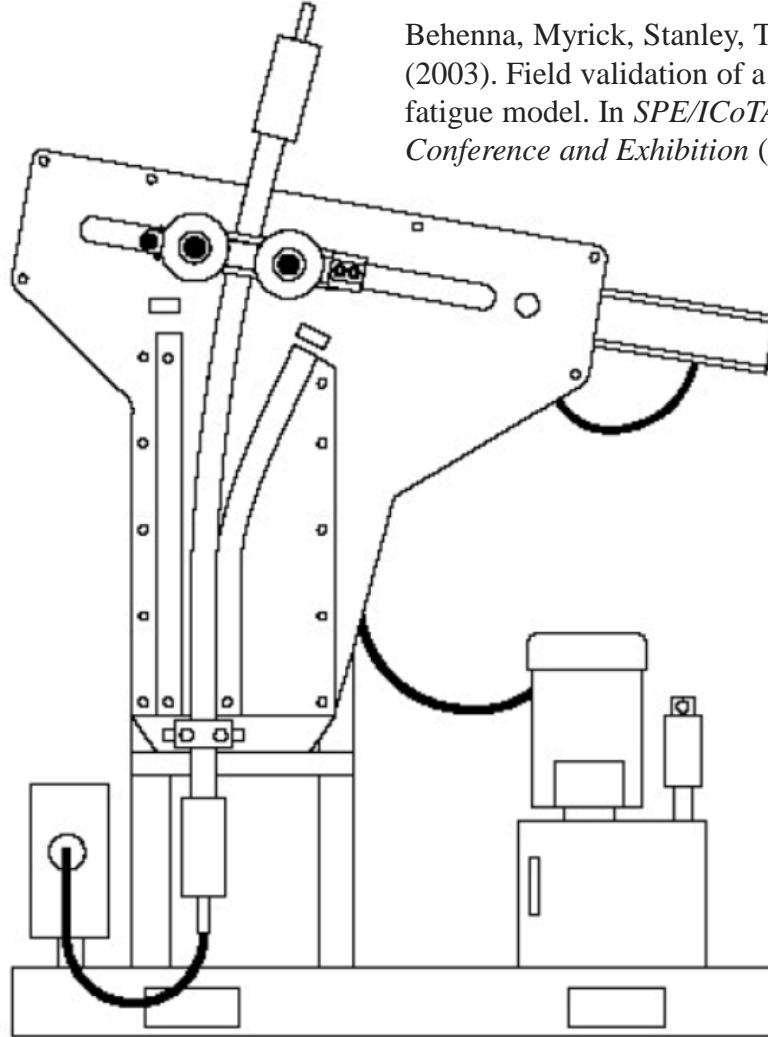
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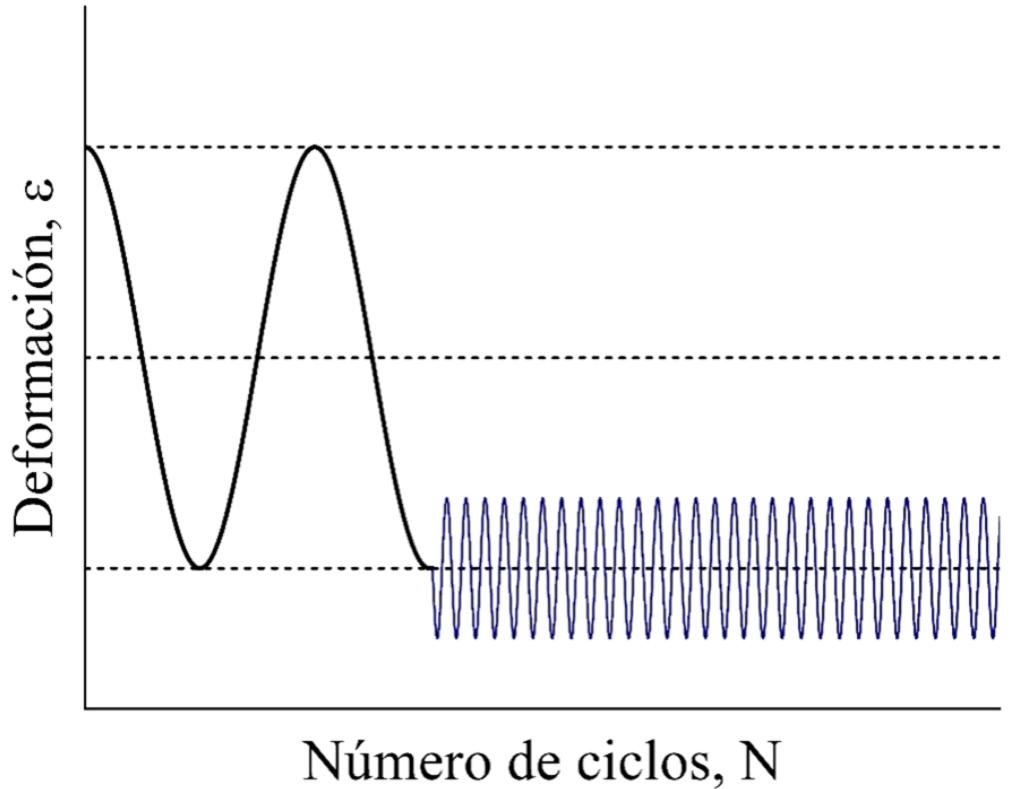
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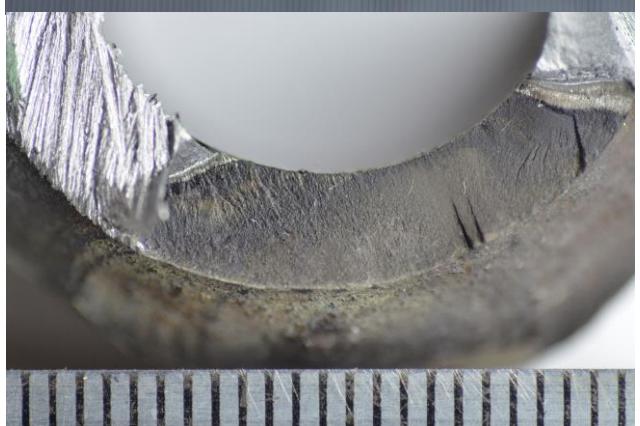
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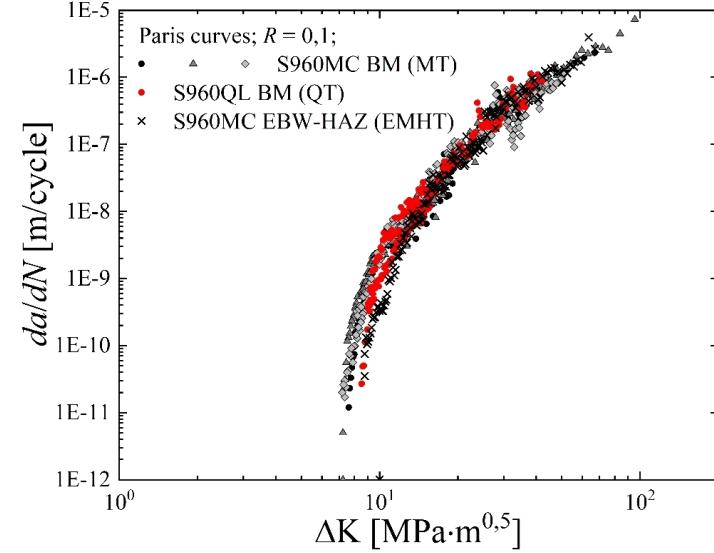
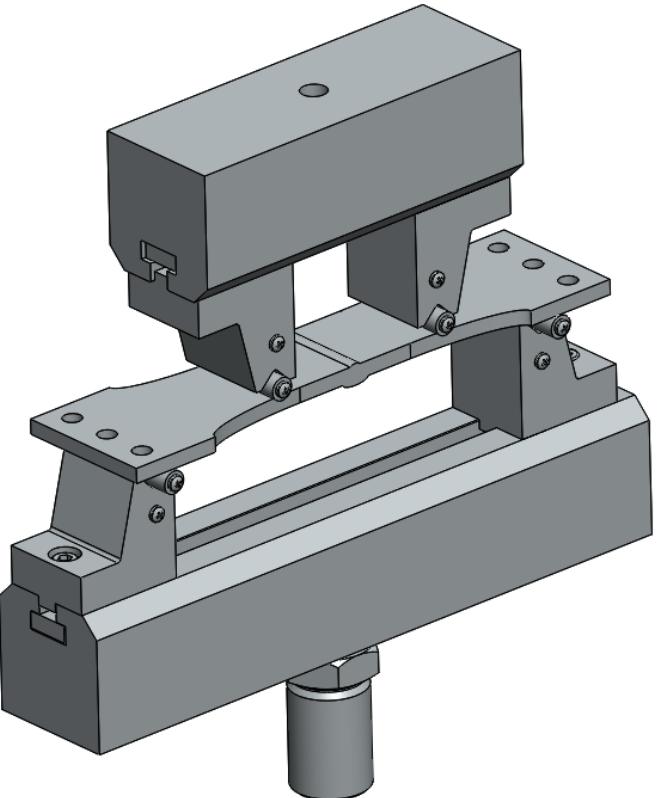
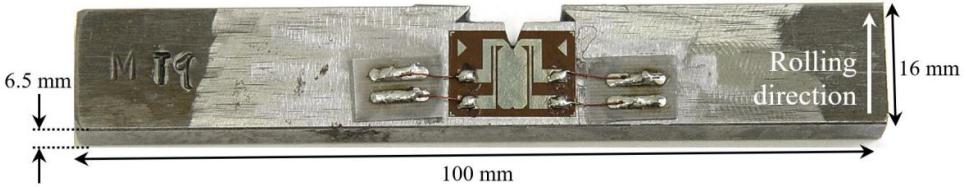
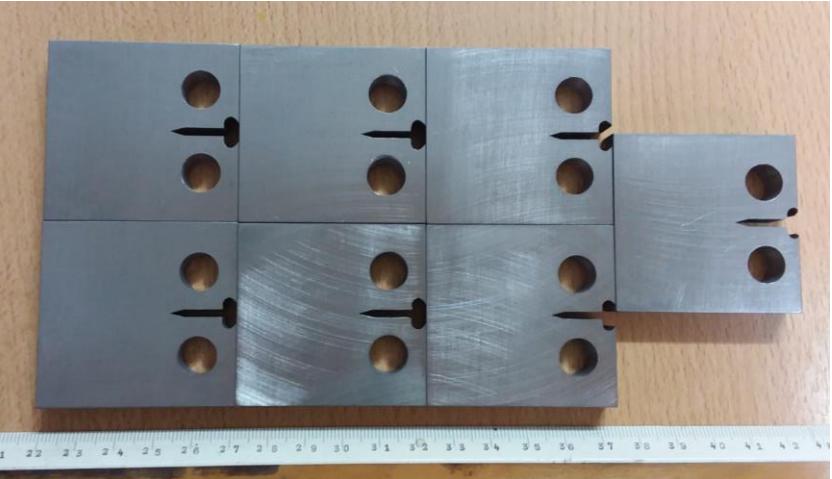
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Fatigue failures: high cycle fatigue

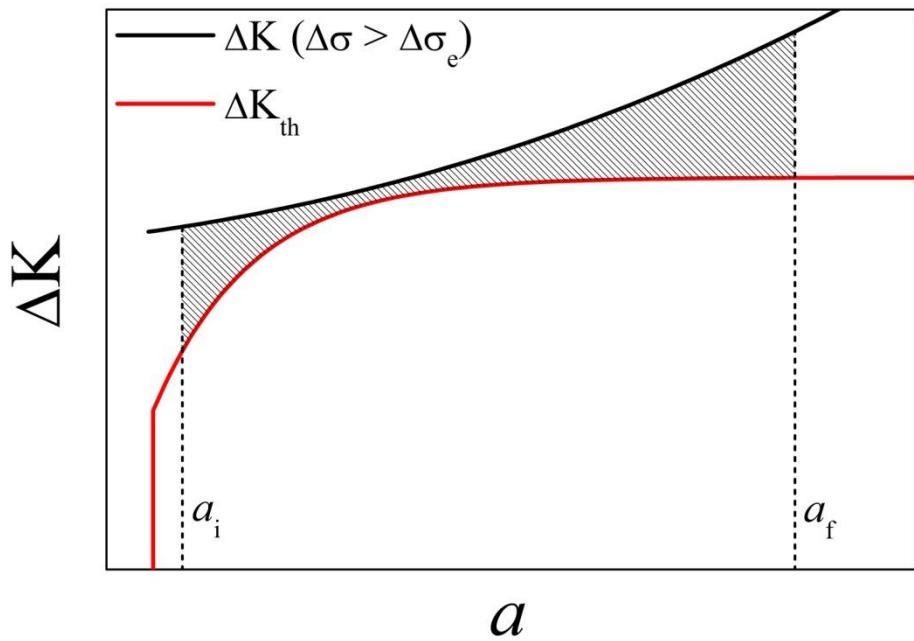
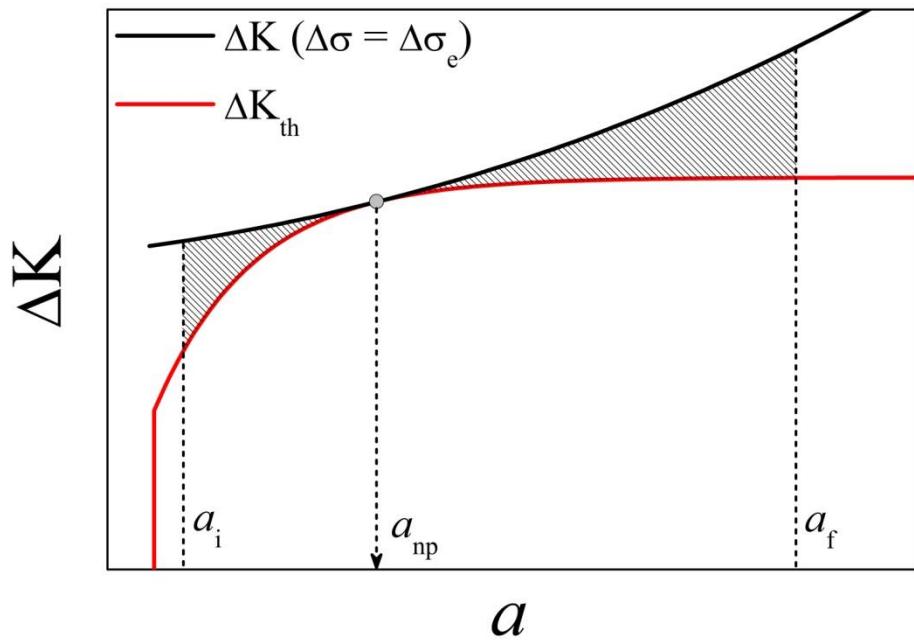


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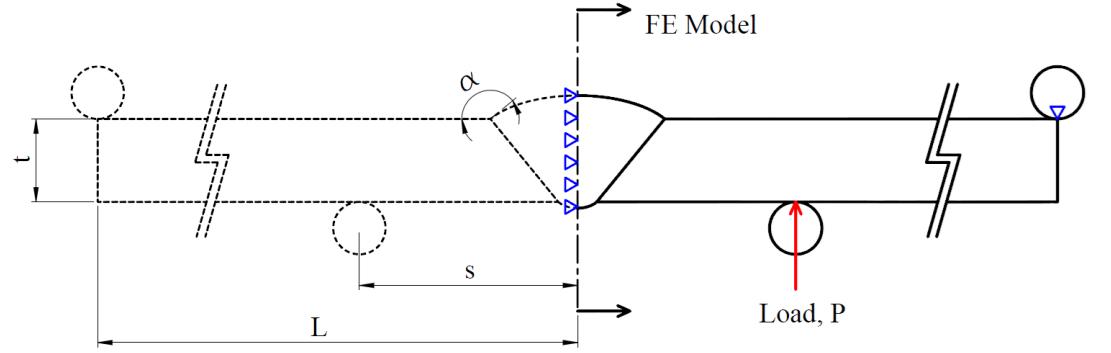


Fracture mechanics assessment

$$\frac{da}{dN} = C(\Delta K - \Delta K_{th})^m$$
$$\Delta K = \Delta K_{th}$$
$$N_f = \int_{a_i}^{a_f} \frac{da}{C(\Delta K - \Delta K_{th})^m}$$

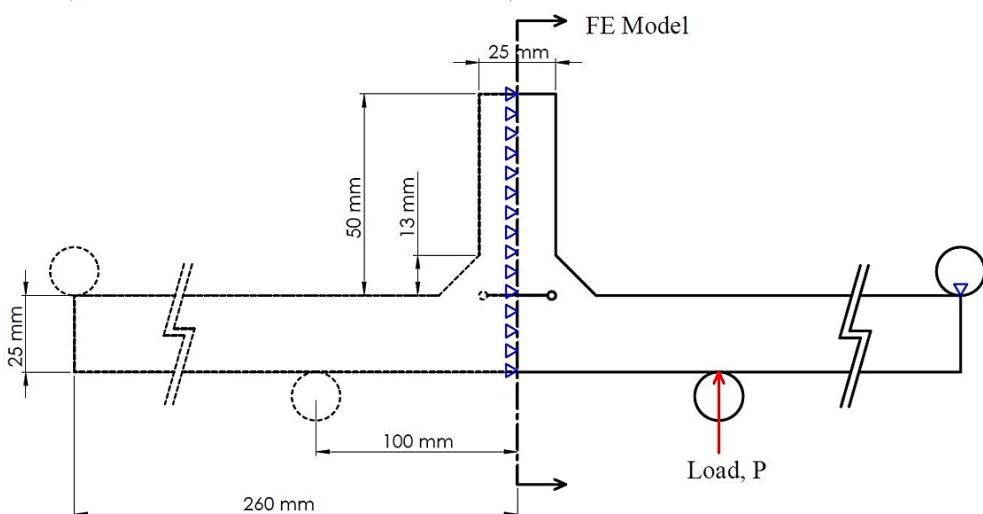
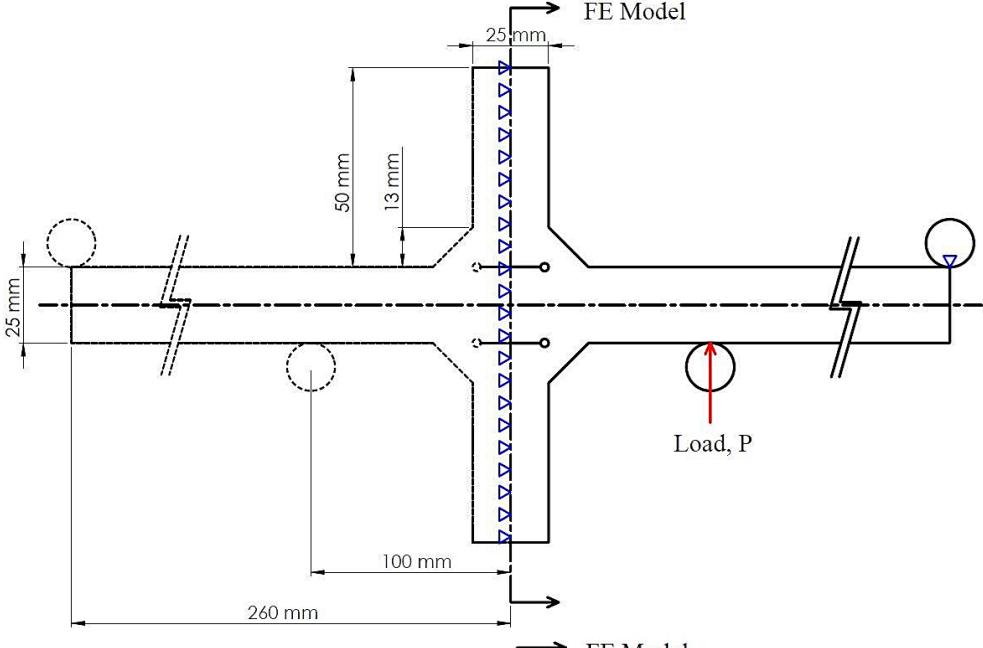
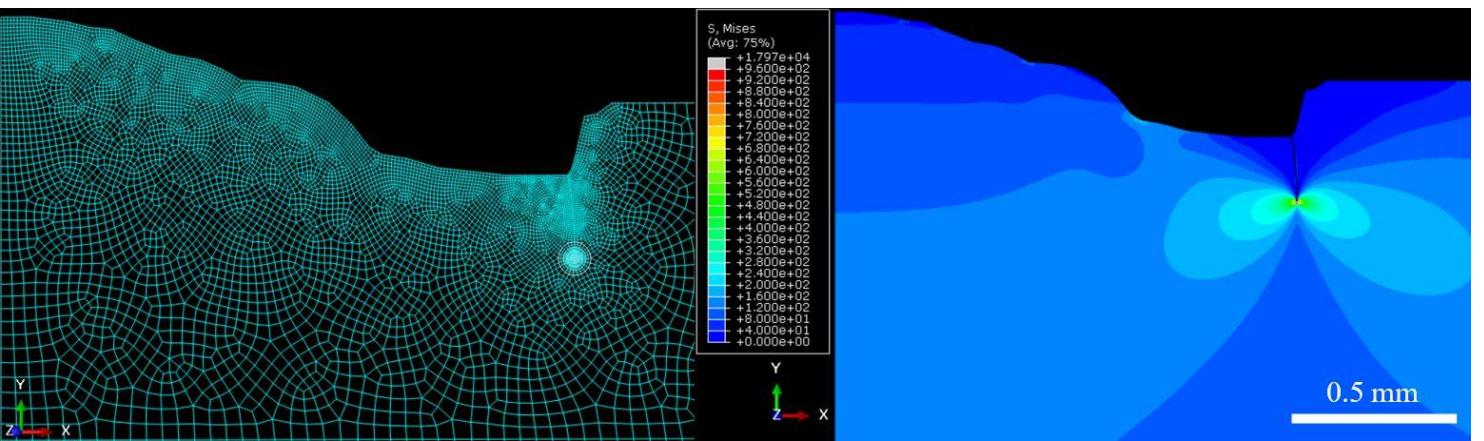


ΔK calculation



FEA

ΔK vs a



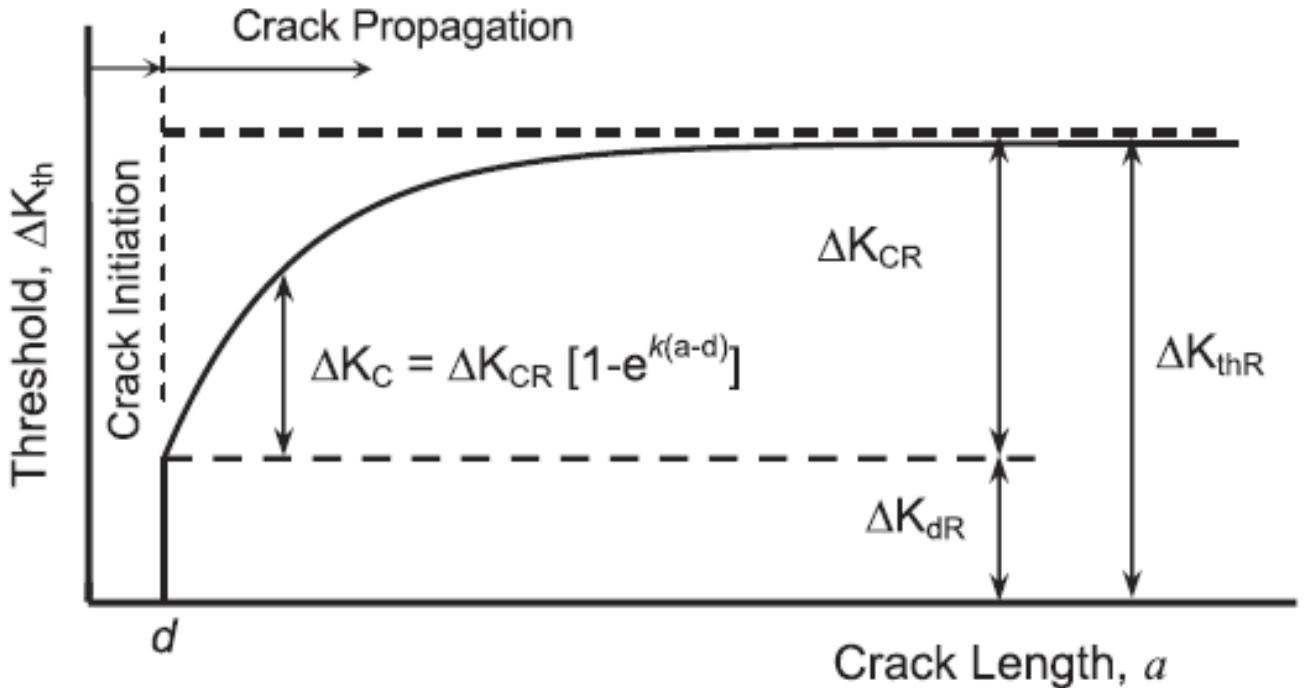
Propagation threshold, ΔK_{th}

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$$\begin{aligned}\Delta K_{th} &= \Delta K_{dR} + (\Delta K_{thR} - \Delta K_{dR})[1 - e^{-k(a-d)}] \\ &= Y\Delta\sigma_{th}\sqrt{\pi a} \quad a \geq d\end{aligned}$$

$$\Delta K_{dR} = Y\Delta\sigma_{eR}\sqrt{\pi d}$$

$$k = \frac{1}{4d} \frac{\Delta K_{dR}}{(\Delta K_{thR} - \Delta K_{dR})}$$

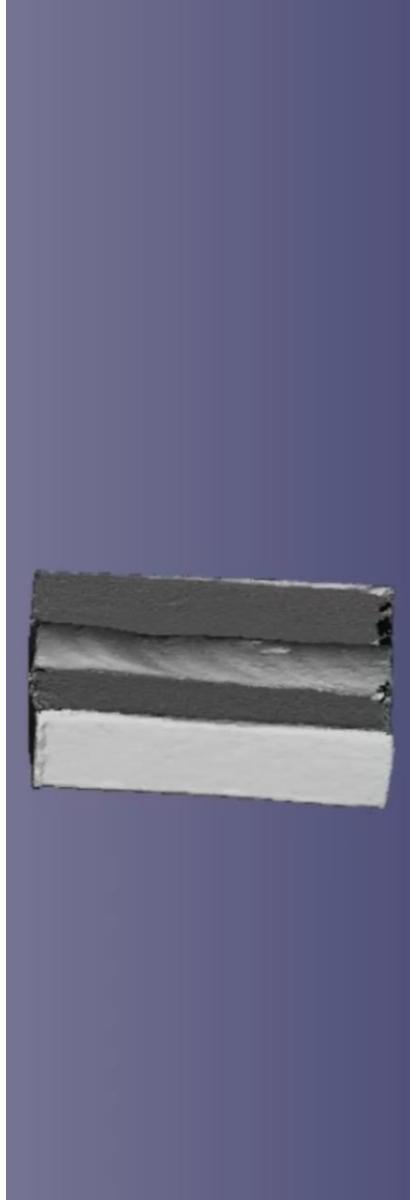
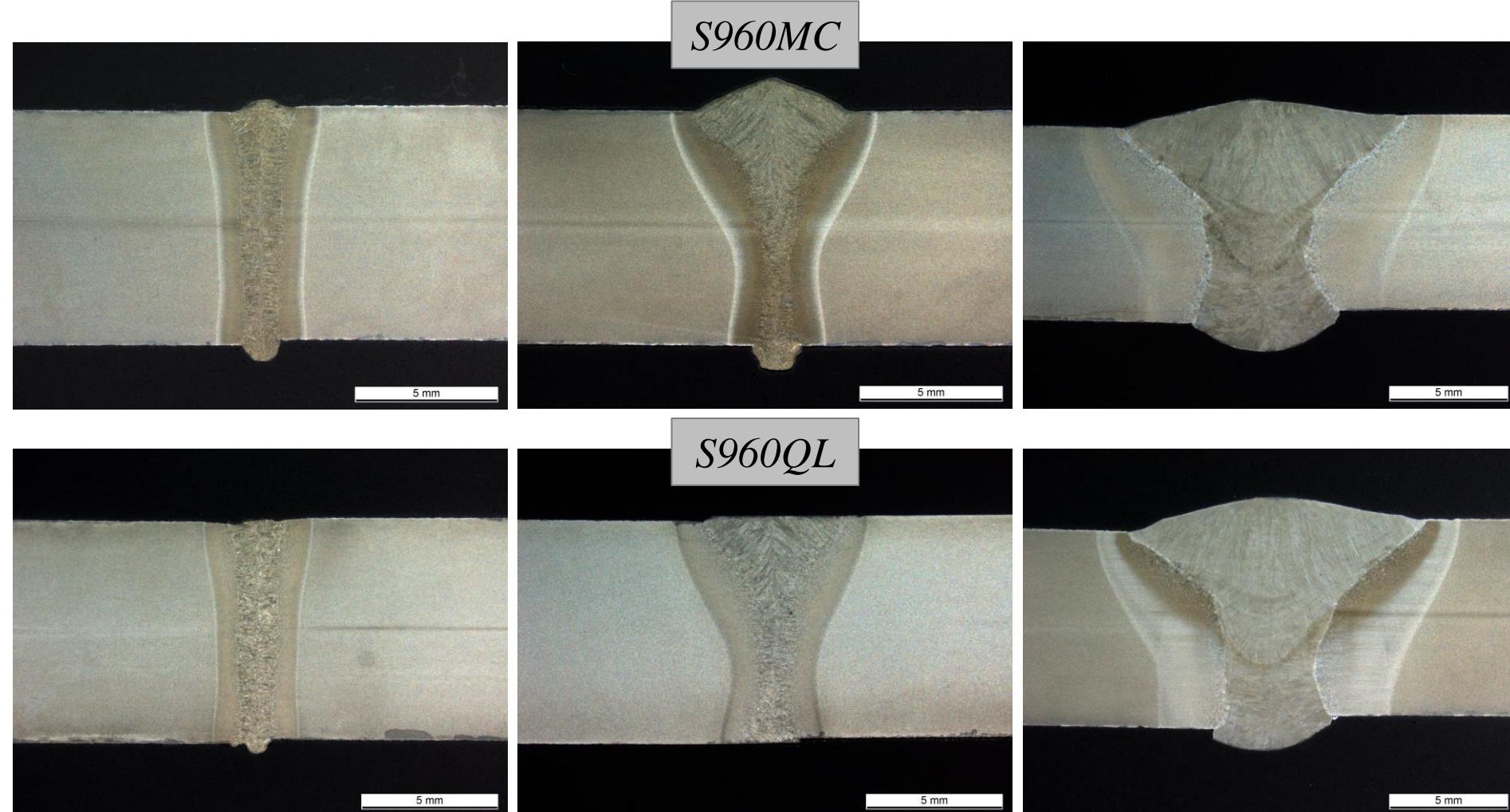


- ΔK_{thR} : Long crack propagation threshold
- $\Delta\sigma_{eR}$: Plain fatigue limit
- d : Microstructural barrier (grain size, martensite lath, etc)

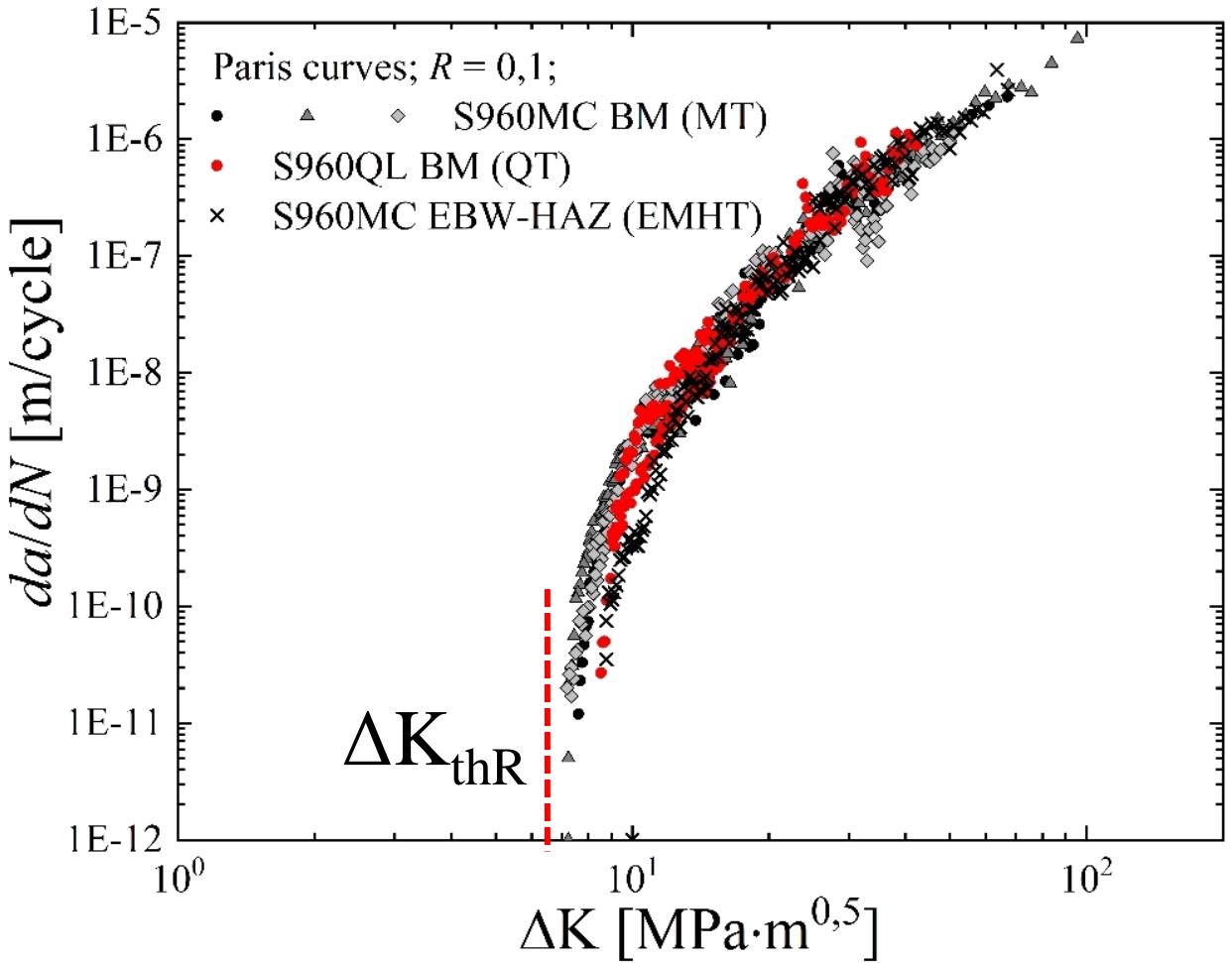
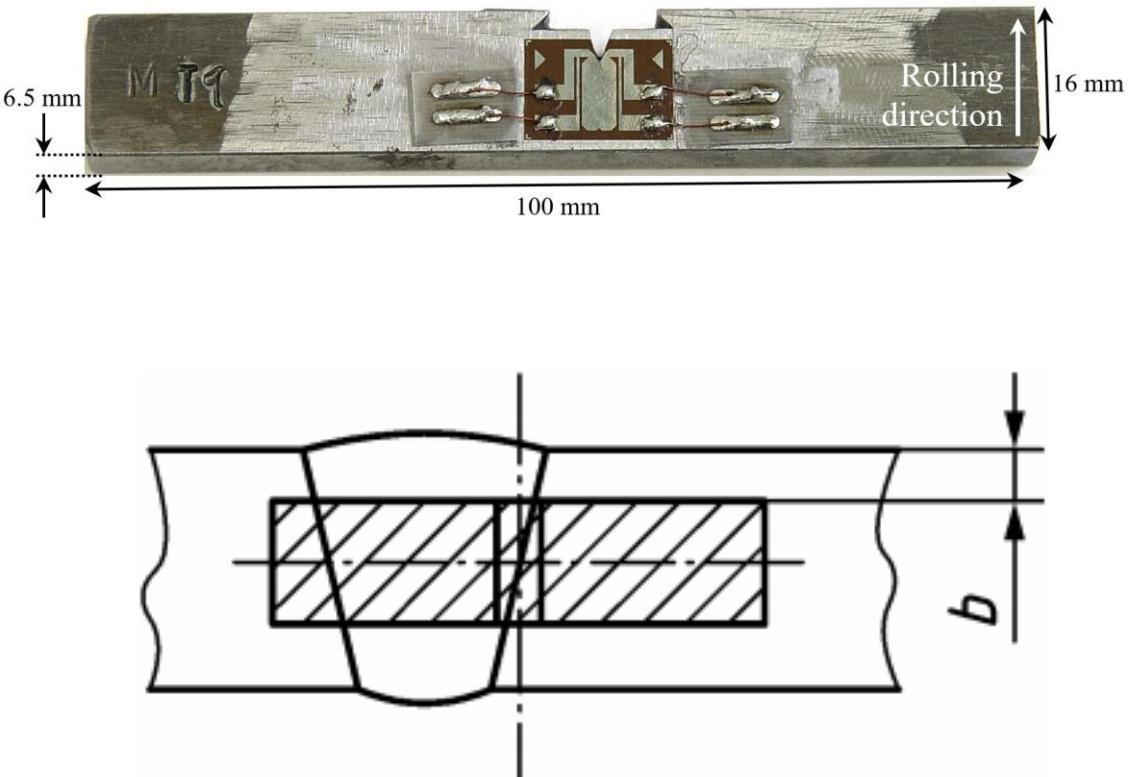
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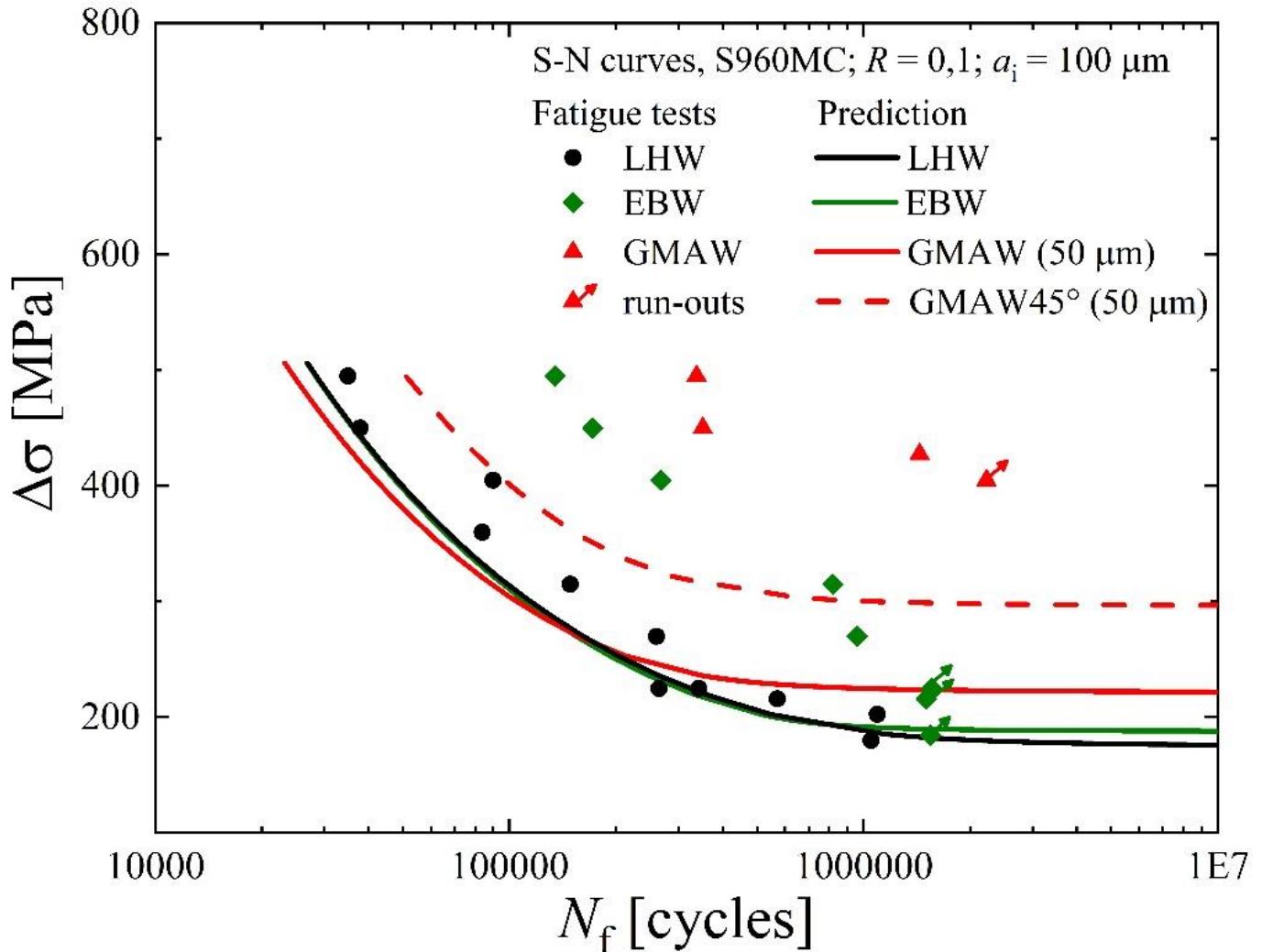
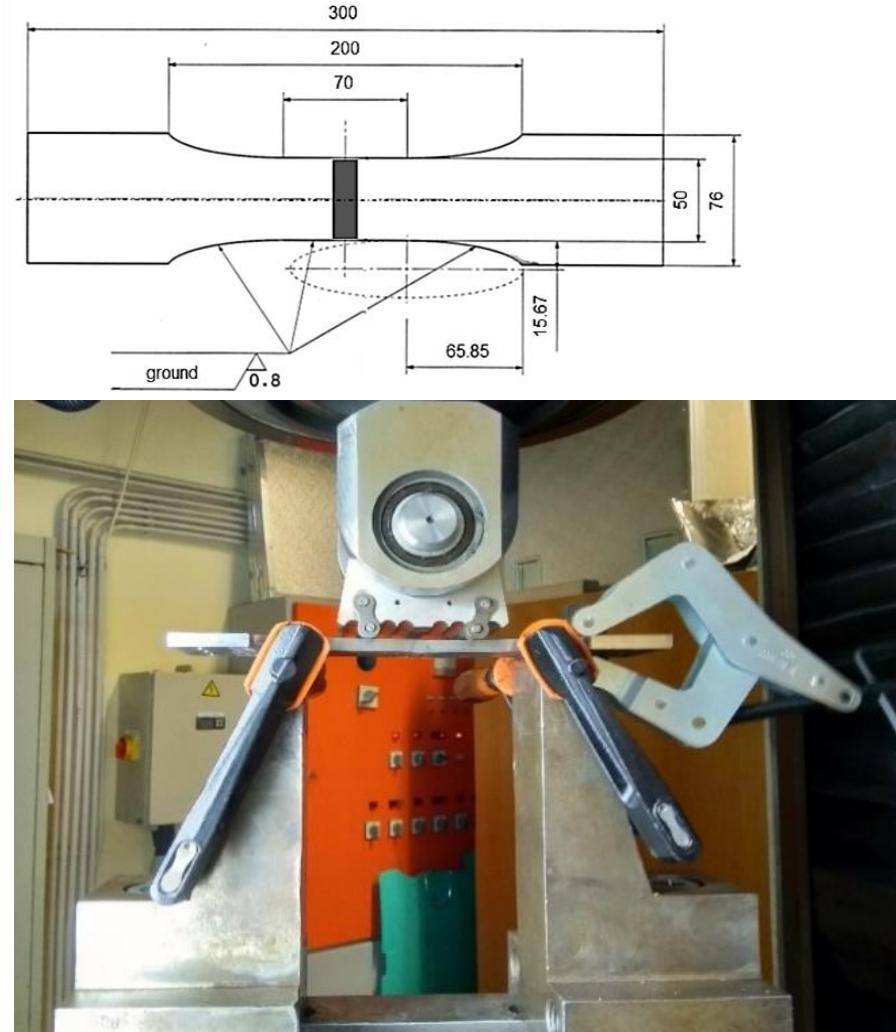
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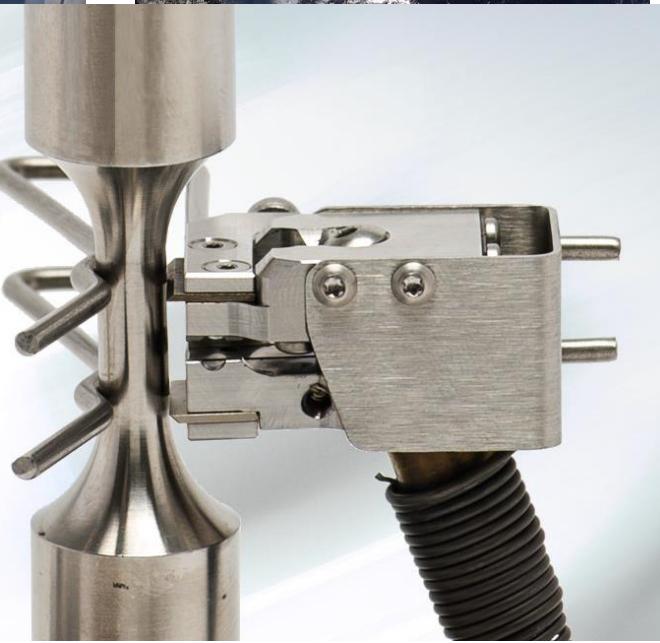
Application in HSS



Fatigue test



Projects: Fire tubes



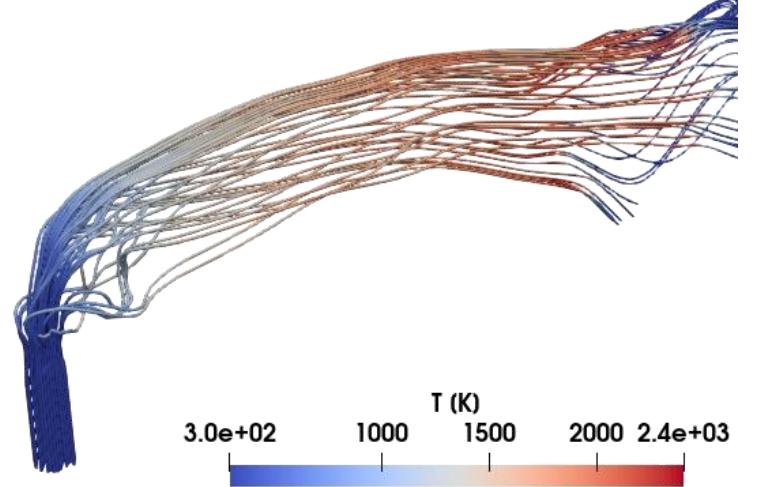
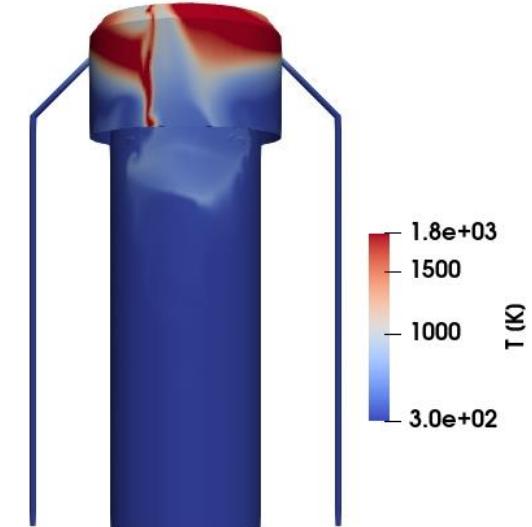
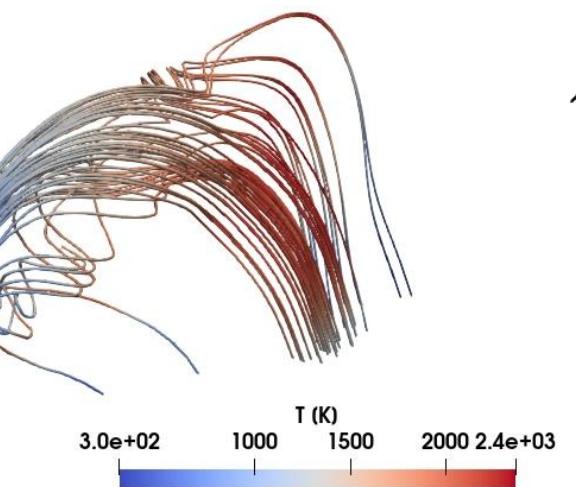
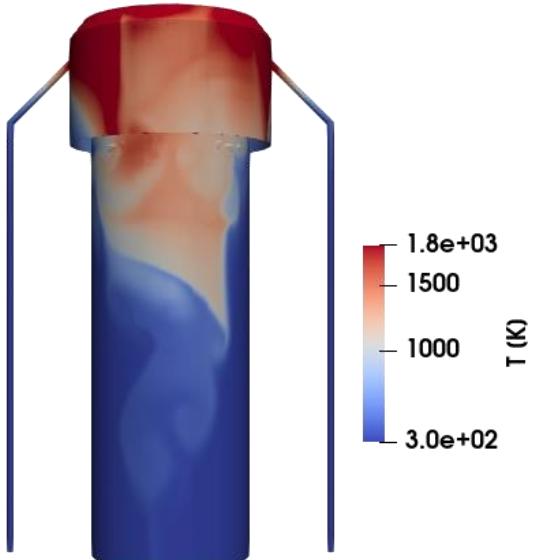
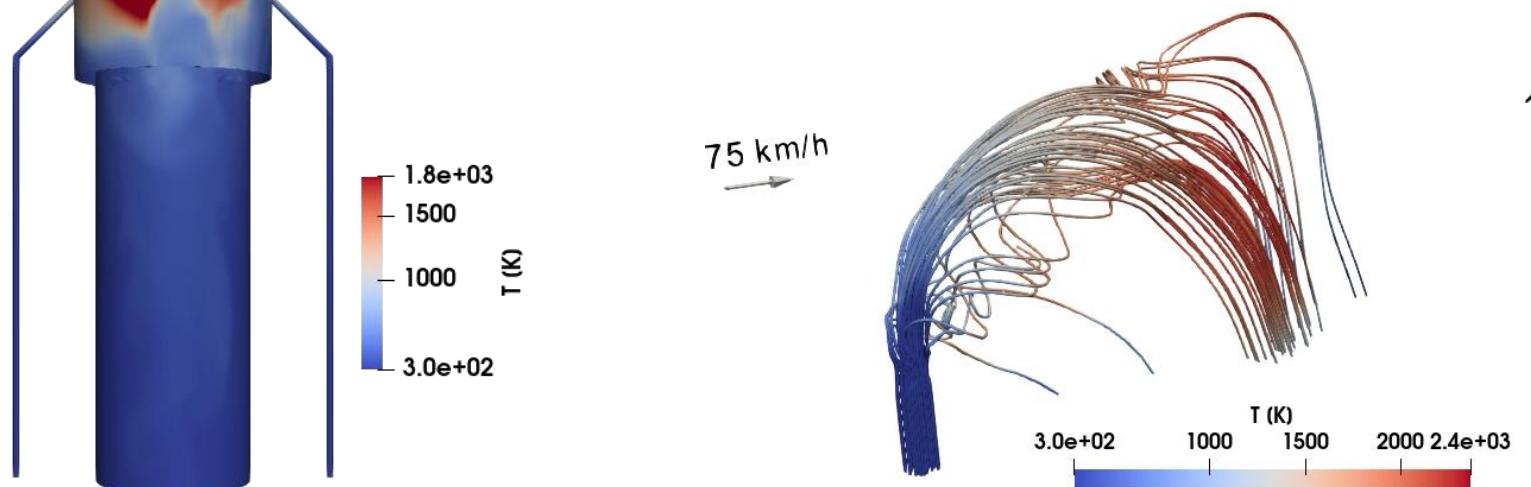
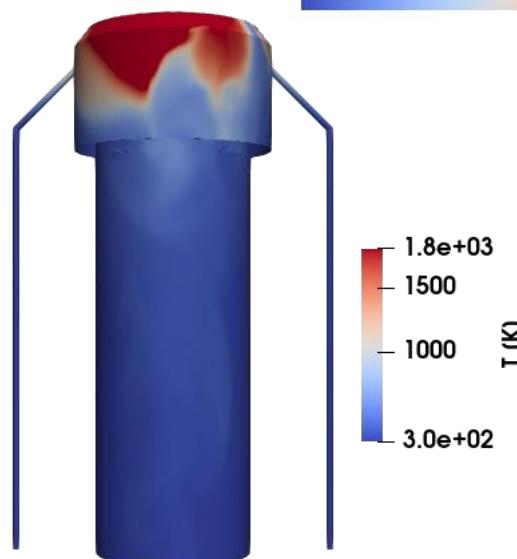
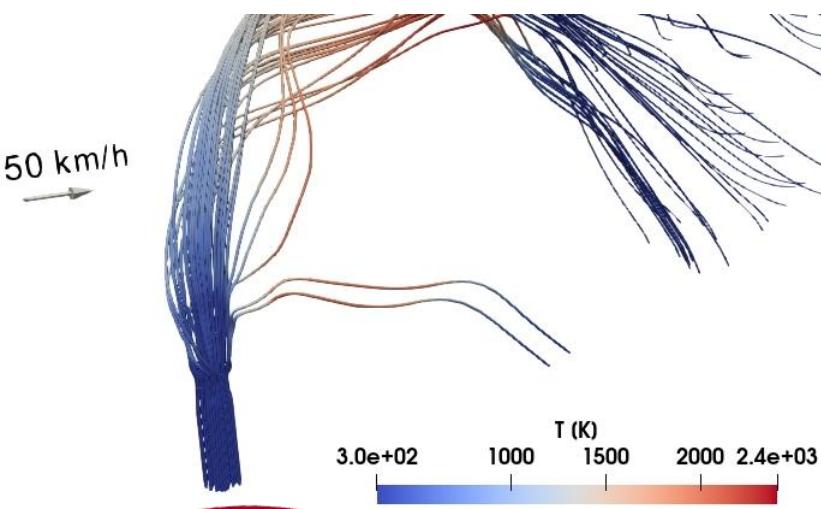
Projects: Flares



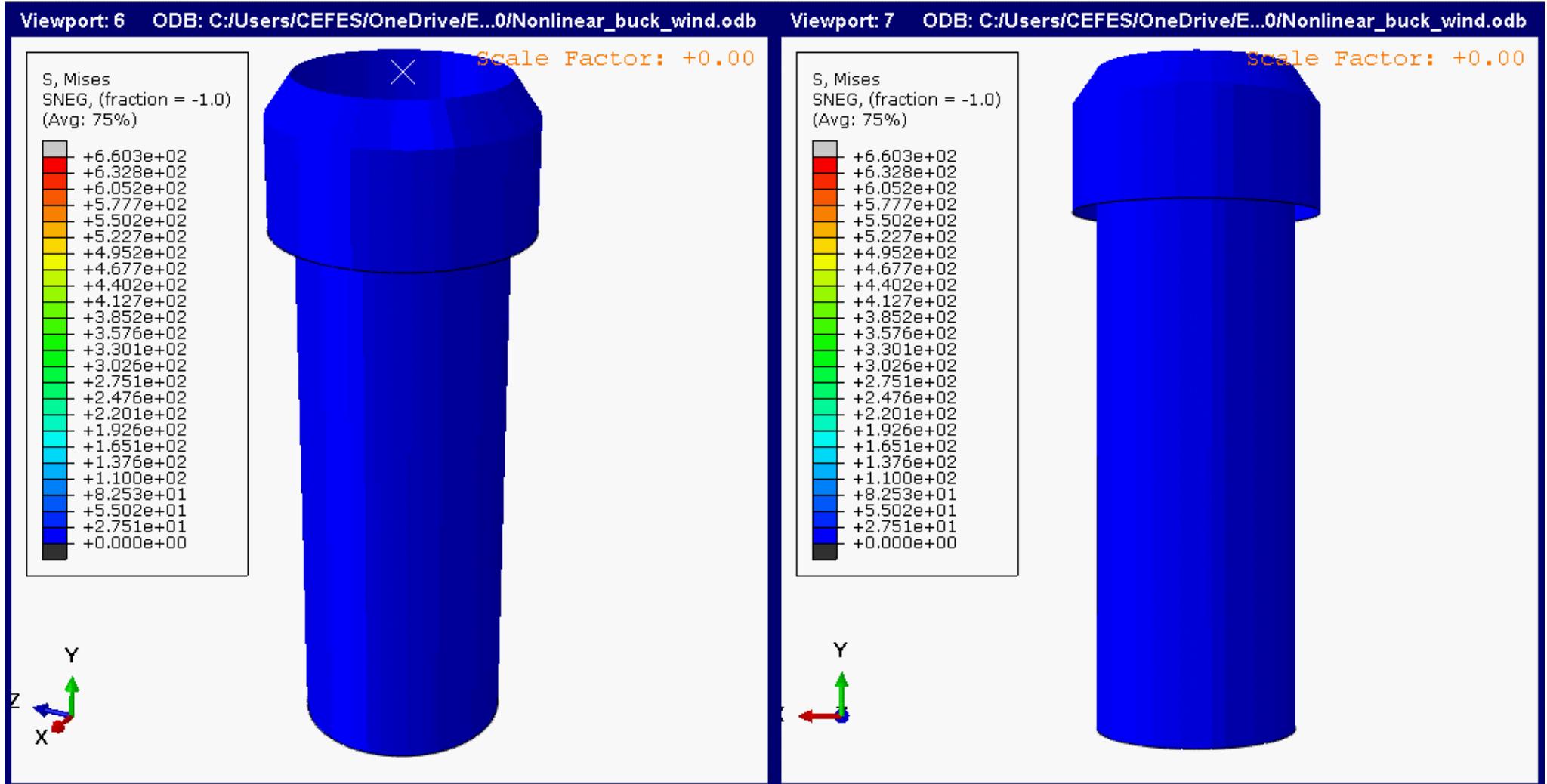
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Projects



Projects



Conclusions

- Experimental testing is an important part of failure analysis.
- There is a huge demand for experimental tests designed *ad-hoc*.
- Fatigue is one of the most common damaging mechanism in the O&G industry
- Fracture mechanics tests can help to estimate fatigue lives of different components, by applying the Resistance curve method.
- There is a need to reduce time of the tests, and this can be achieved with resonant testing.
- Statistical nature of input variables is very important for fatigue analysis

Thank you very much for your attention
Some cracks are not dangerous...

问题

¿Preguntas?

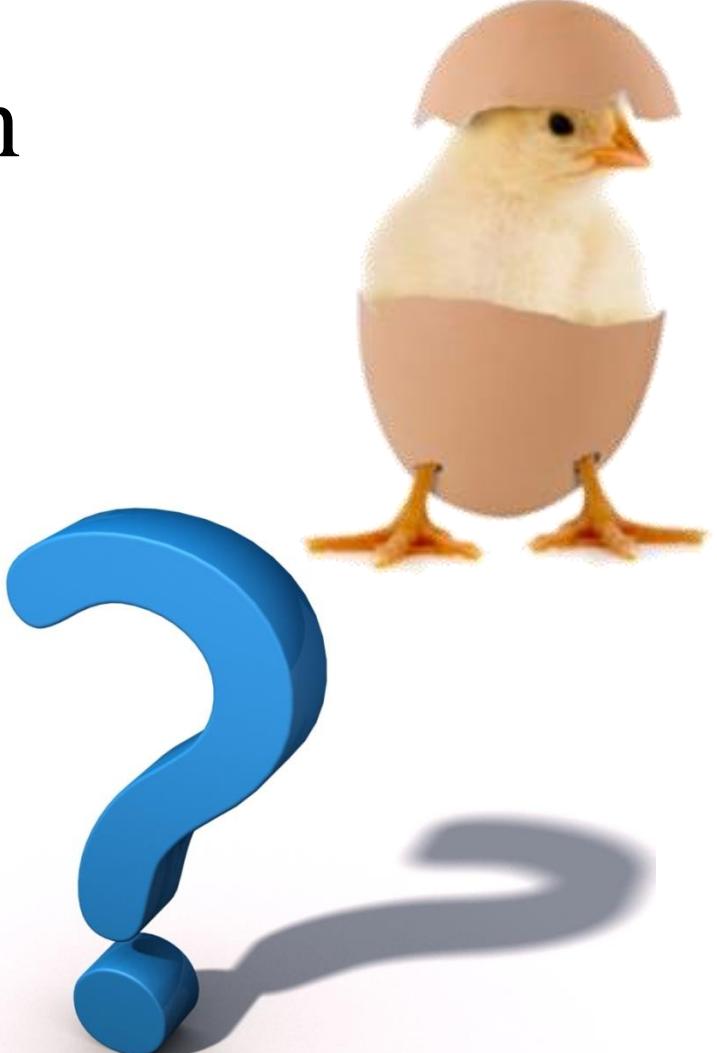
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