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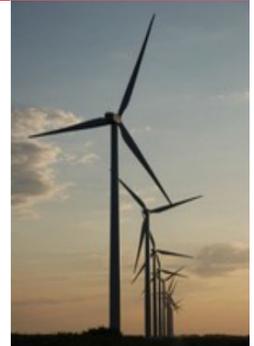
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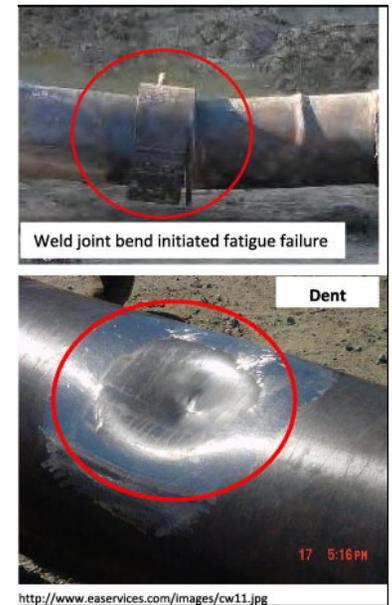
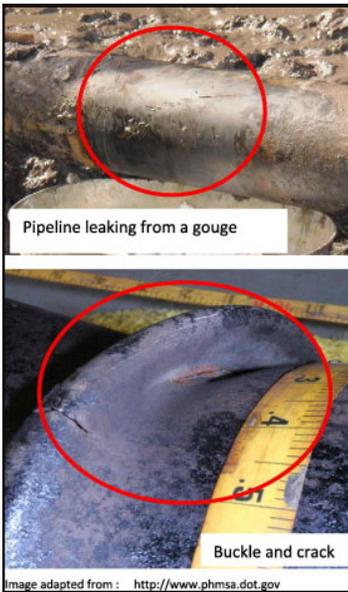
Objective

Electrochemistry

Kurt Hebert

Enhance Pipeline Safety

Evaluate interactive threats of external mechanical dents and secondary features, through integrated **lab-scale experimental** and **numerical framework** to **characterize** and **better predict** the remaining safe life and operating pressures, while projecting the needs for mitigation measures.



Pipeline failures in corrosive environments – A conceptual analysis of trends and effects <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.engfailanal.2015.03.004>

Motivation: Service Gauges and Dents

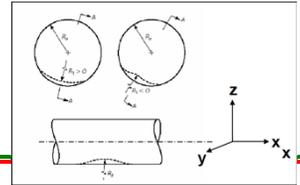
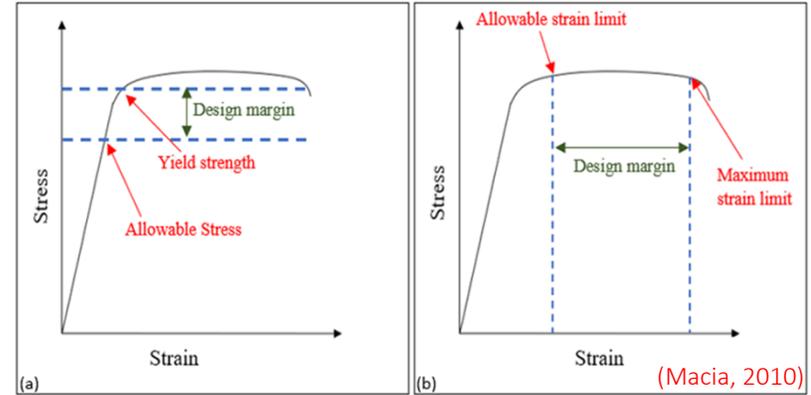


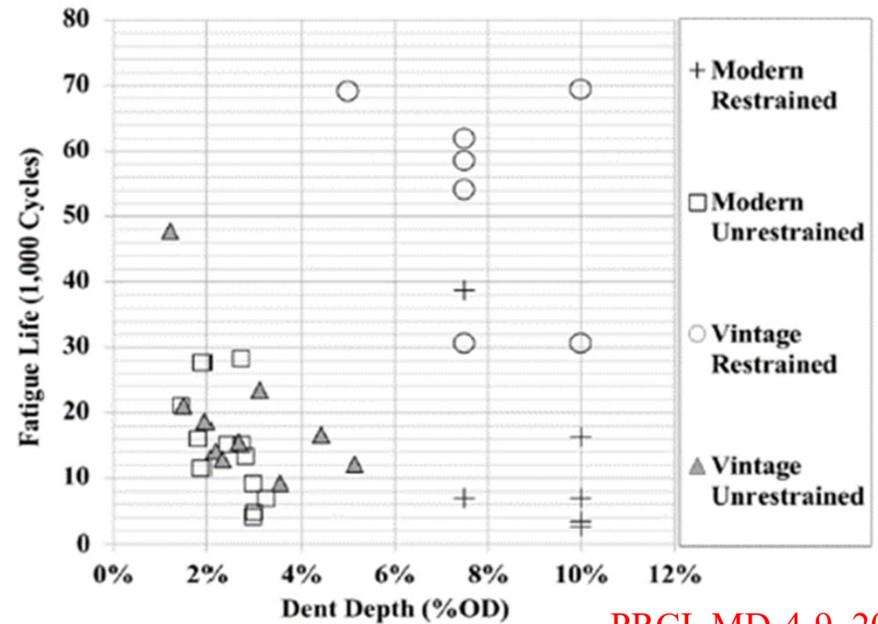
Figure 1 Picture of pipeline dent (Source: <https://www.google.com/imghp?hl=en>)



Failure Investigation Report – Northern Natural Gas Co (NNG) – Natural Force Damage



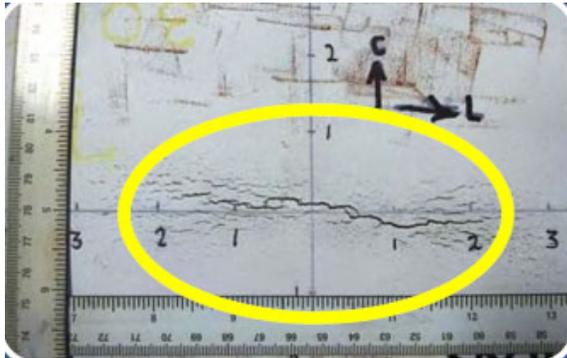
(a) Allowable stress-based design (b) Strain based design (Macia, 2010)



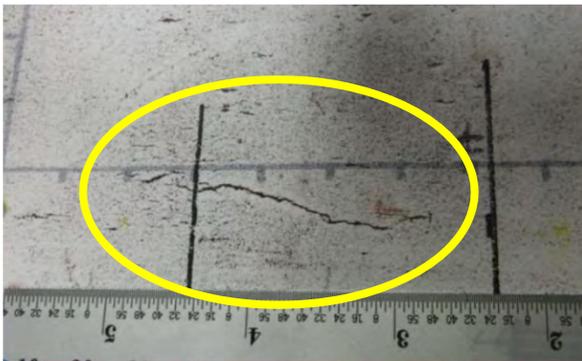
PRCI, MD-4-9, 2014

Large scatter of Fatigue Life vs. dent depth

Motivation: Interactive Threats



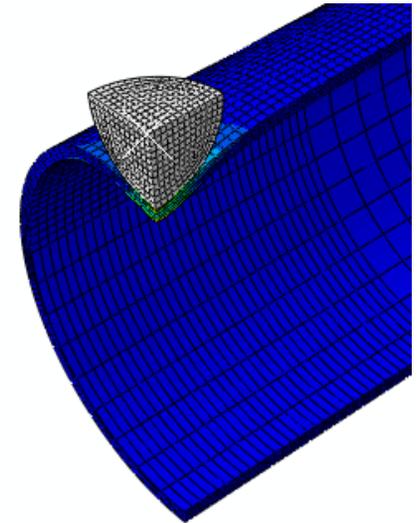
(a) Dented to 1.1% deep, unrestrained, fatigued (90-540psi), failed at [455k cycle](#).



(b) In-service dent @1.6% deep, **smooth profile**, restrained/unrestrained fatigued (90-365psi), failed at [108k cycle](#).



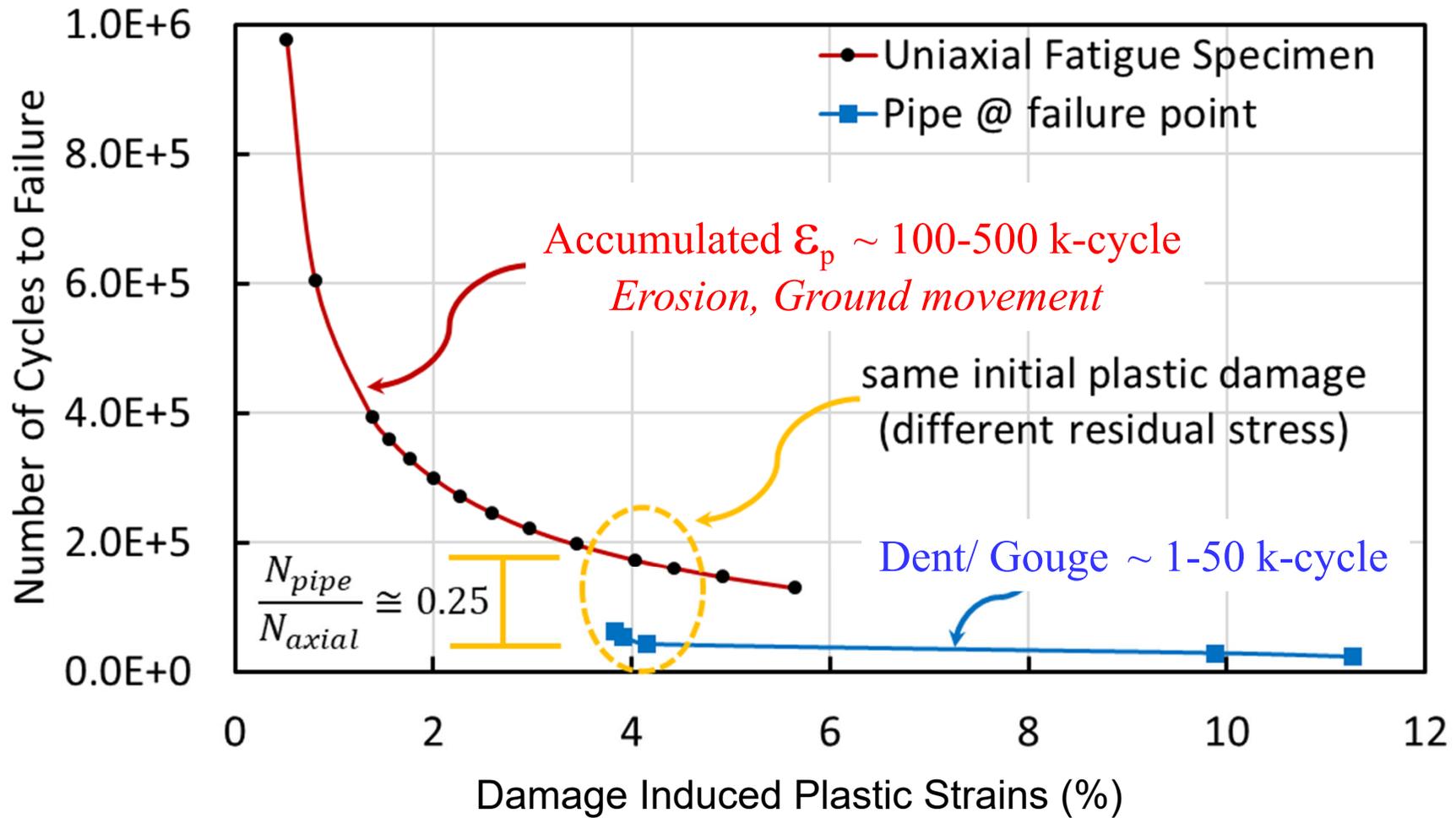
(c) In-service failure, dent @1.6% deep, **very rough, corroded profile**, restrained/unrestrained, (365psi max), failed at [12k cycle](#).



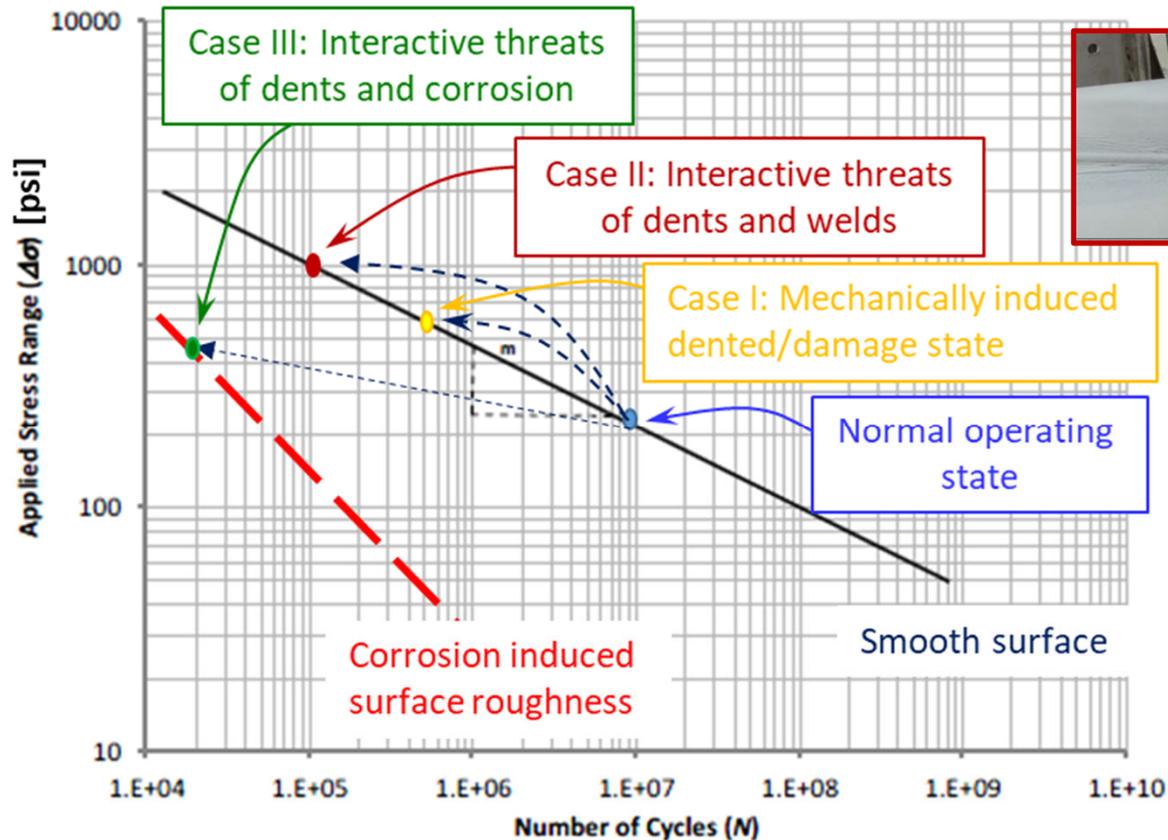
Summary of Findings: Synergistic Interactions

Accumulated ϵ_p
Residual Stress
Geometric Effects

Pristine Pipeline ($\epsilon_p=0\%$) \sim 5 M-cycle

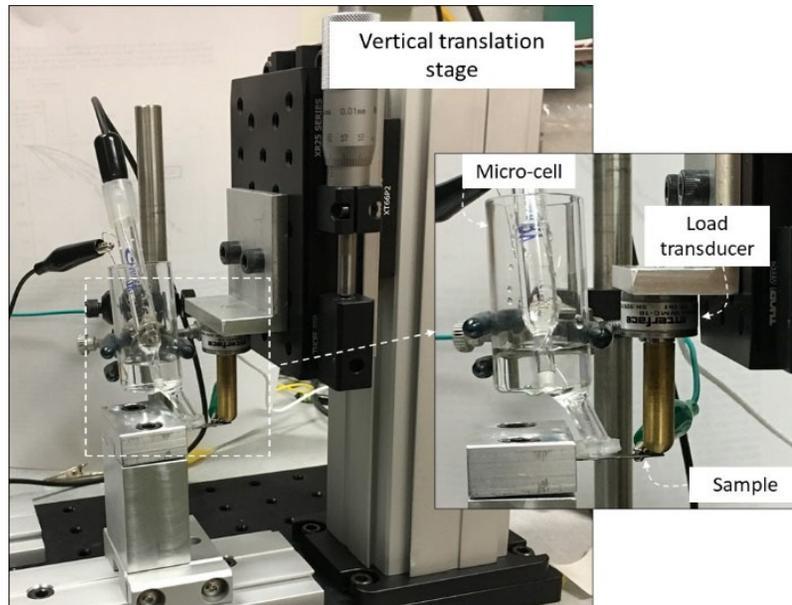


What could be the issue(s)?

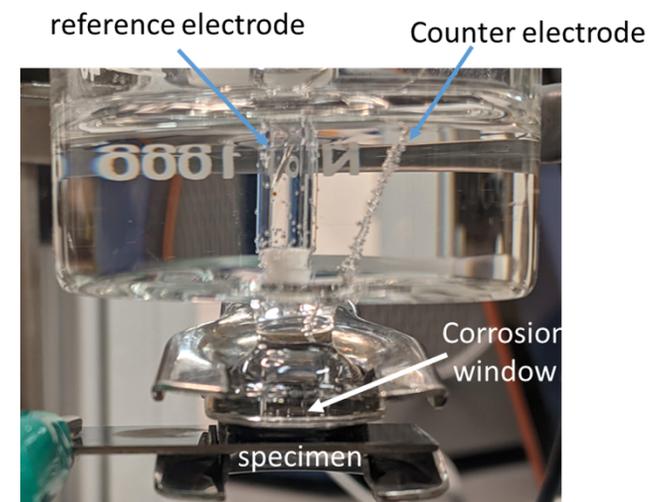
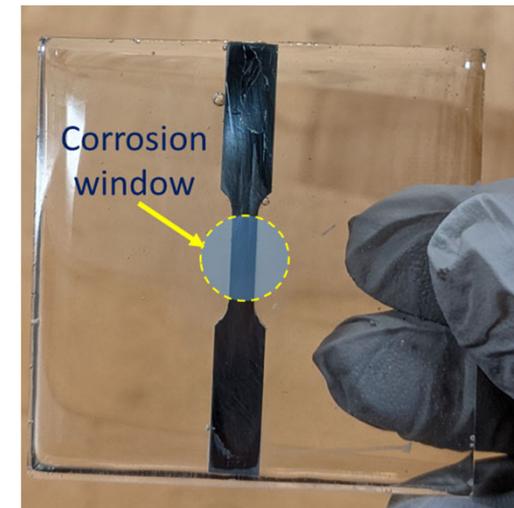


- I. Initial Plastic Damage
- II. Progressive Corrosion Damage
- III. Interactive Chemo-mechanical Damage

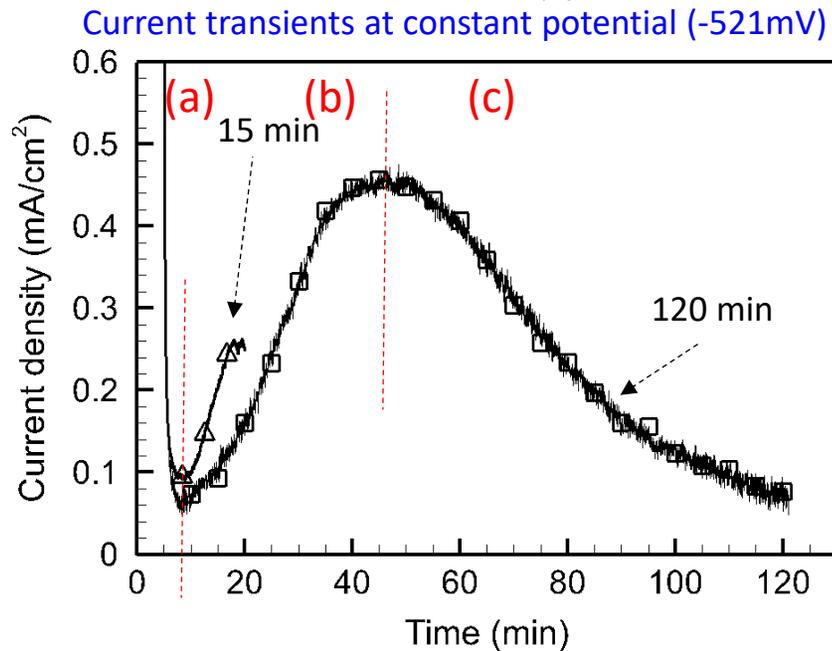
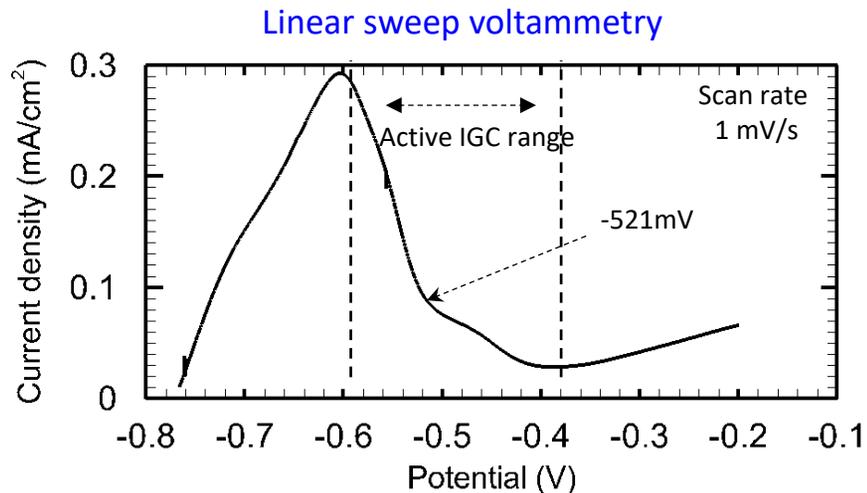
Task-1: Lab Scale Interactive Threat Screening



The micro-cell corrosion setup with the loading mechanism to mimic IGSCC conditions with variable stress levels.



Task-2: Electrochemical Effects: Experiments/electrochem. measurement



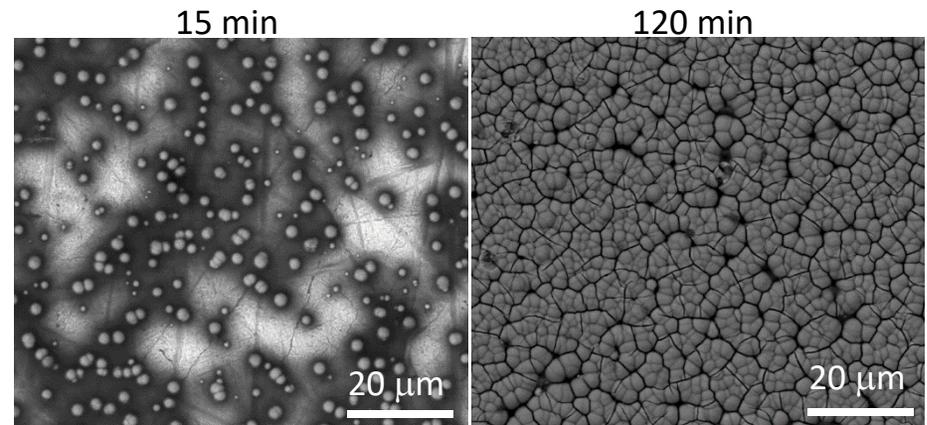
- Sodium bicarbonate solution at pH 8.2.
- Susceptible potential range for IGC (IGSCC) determined by linear sweep voltammetry.
- Potentiostatic experiments, there regimes in the current transients:

(a) Passivation of surface

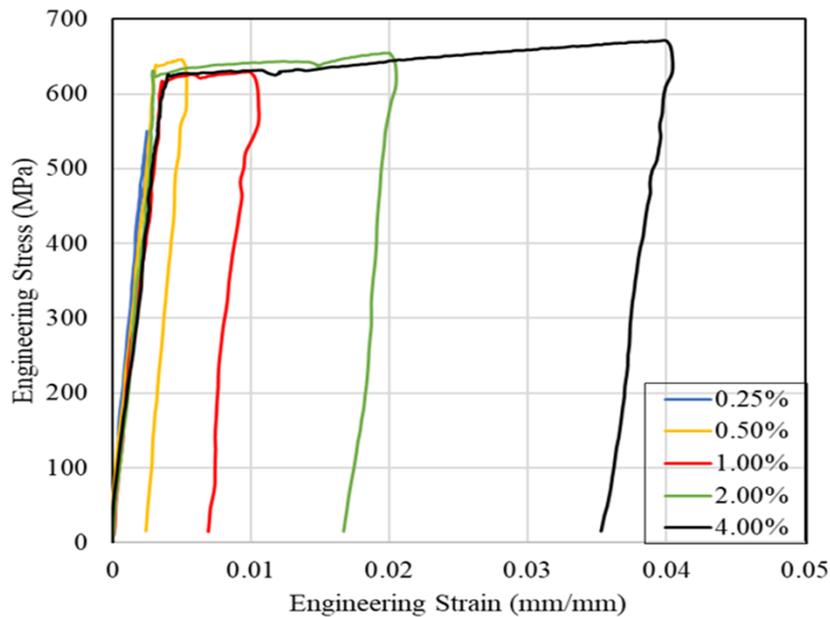
(b) Metal dissolution & oxide formation

(c) Thickening of corrosion product layer

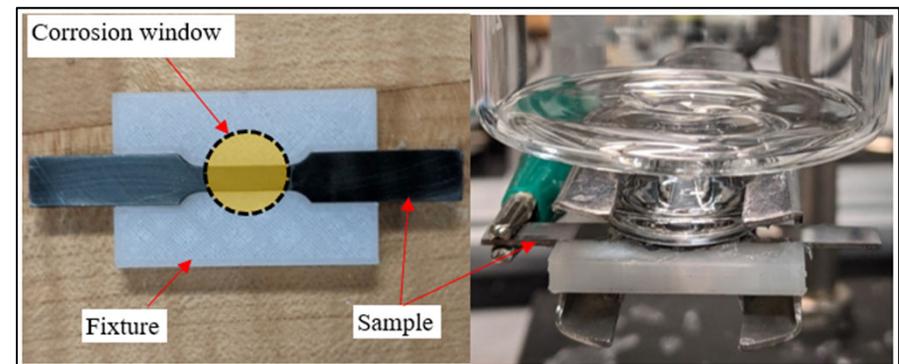
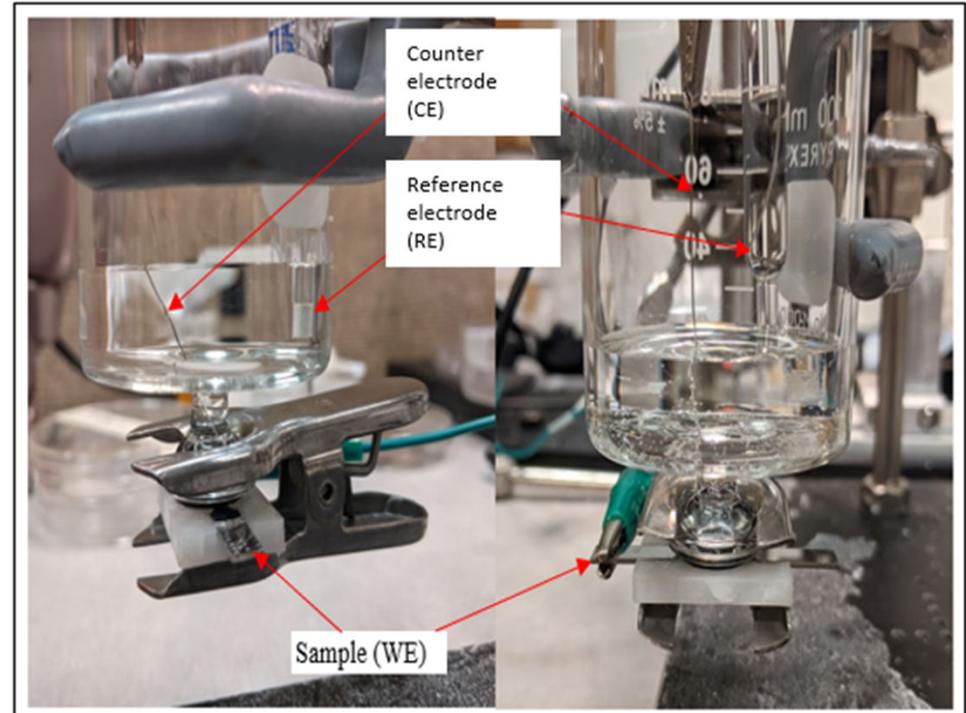
Surface morphology after potentiostatic experiments



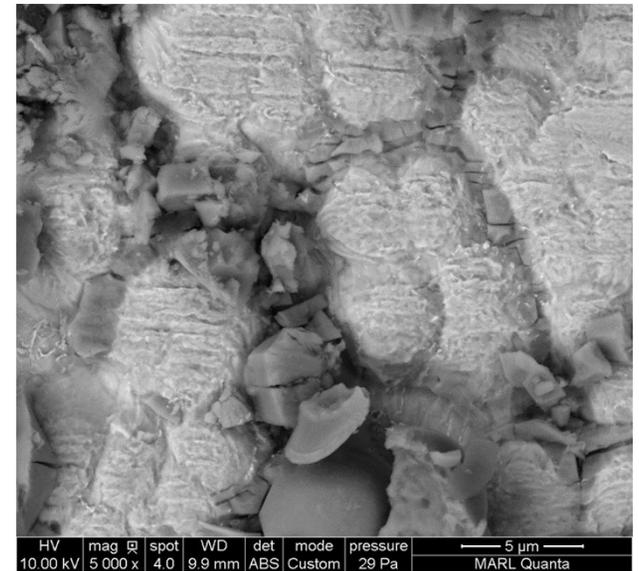
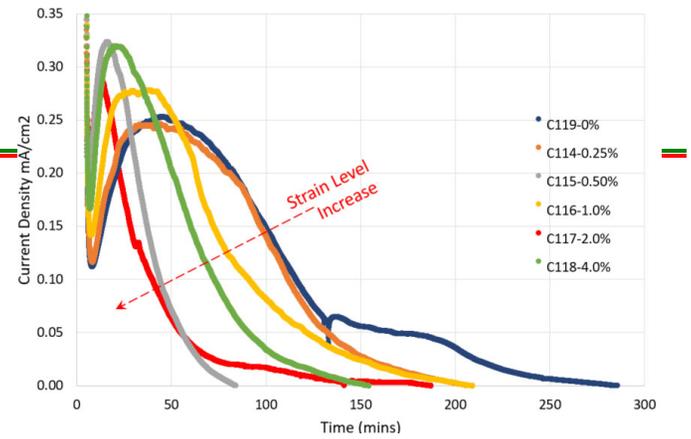
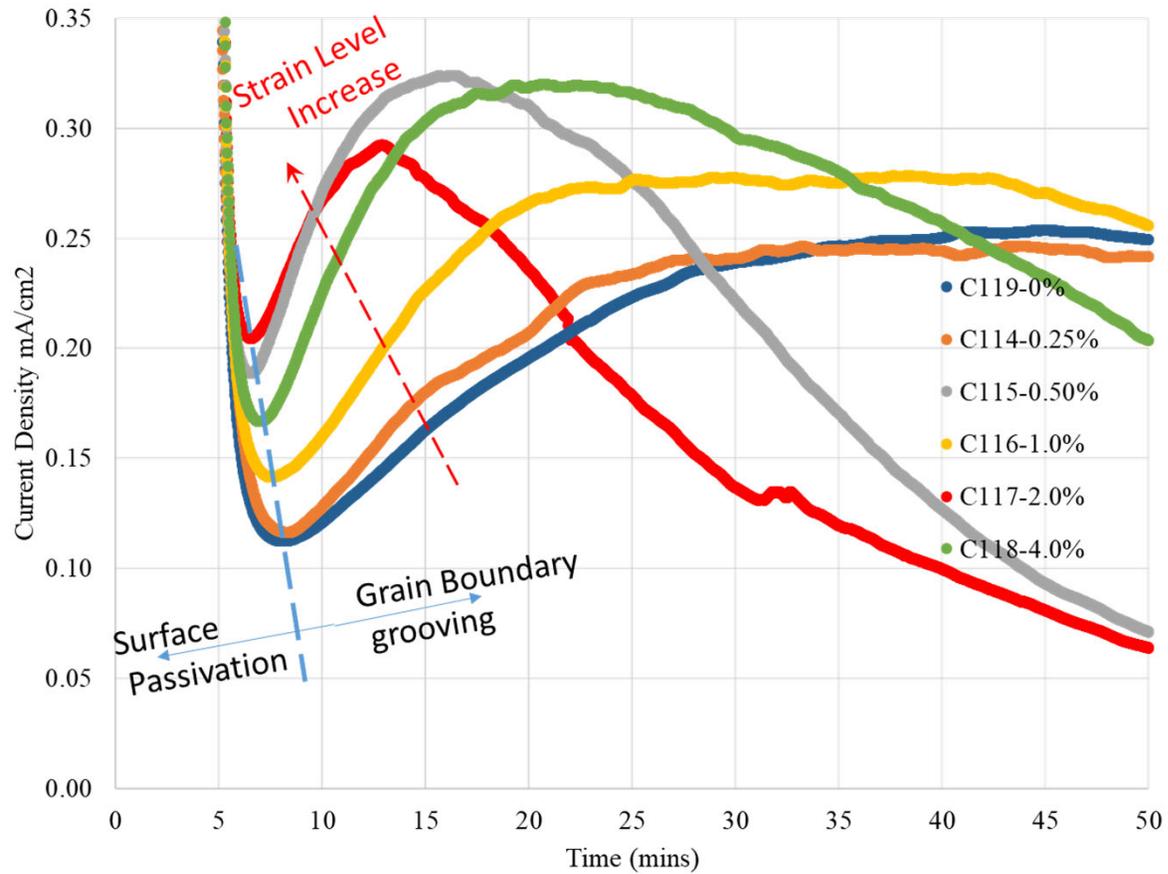
Task-2.1 Electrochemical Effects: Role of Plastic Strains



Loading to predetermined strain levels of 0.25-4%, representing the residual plastic strain level within a shallow dent.

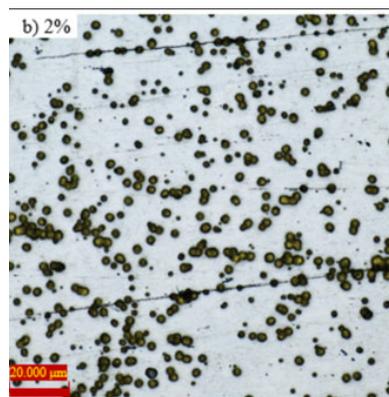
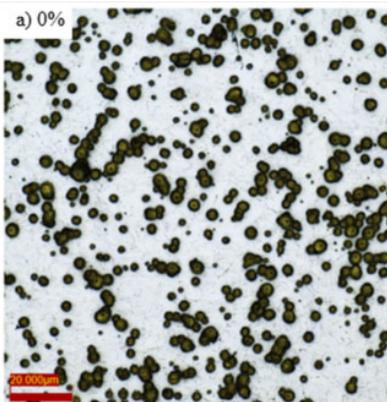
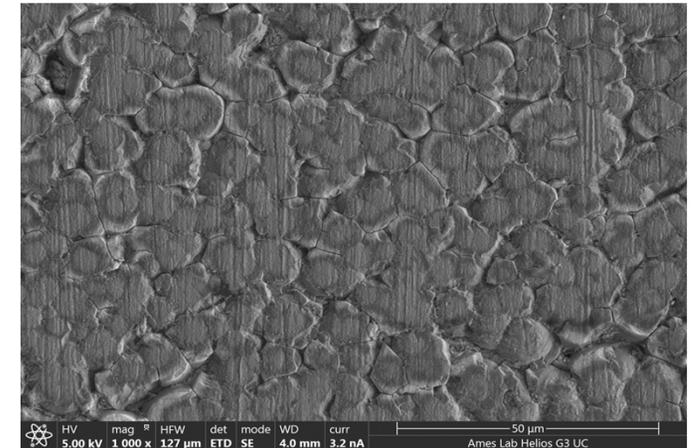
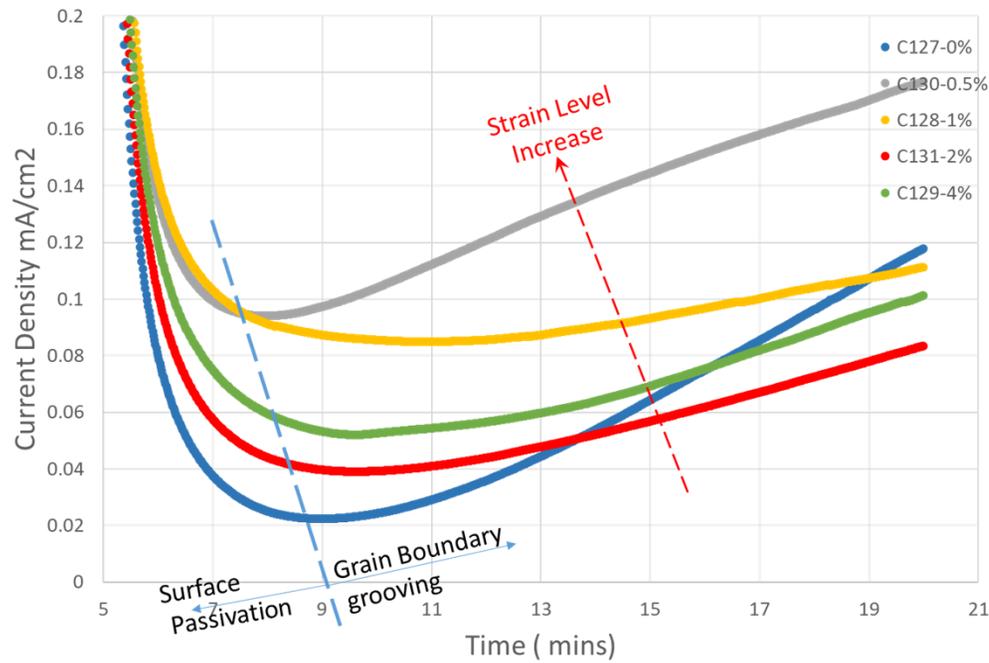


Coupled Chemo-mechanical corrosion (5hrs)

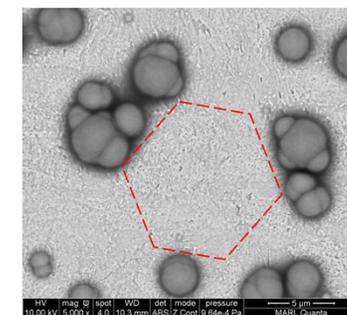


Corrosion at triple junction & GB (5hrs, 0% pre strained)

Coupled Chemo-mechanical corrosion (15min)

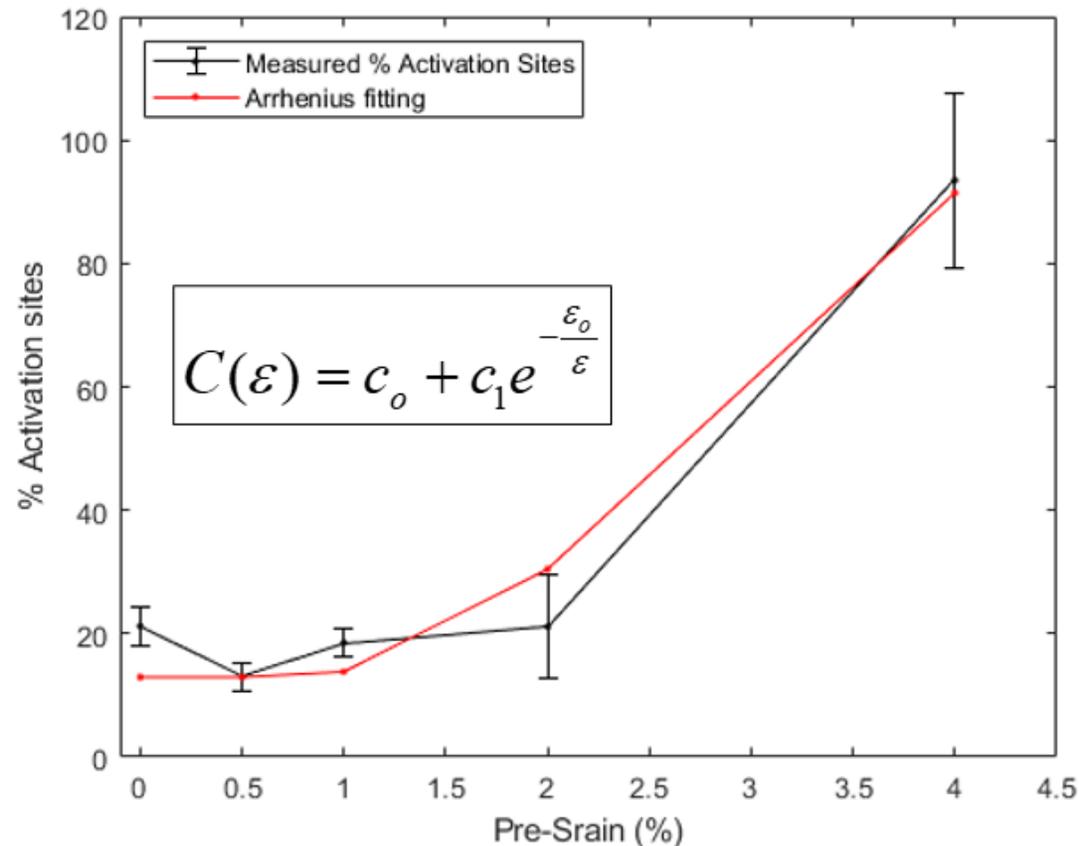


Strain Level Increase →



$$\% \text{ activation site} = \frac{\text{No active sites}}{N_{TJ}}$$

Variation of Activation Site Density with pre-Strain Level



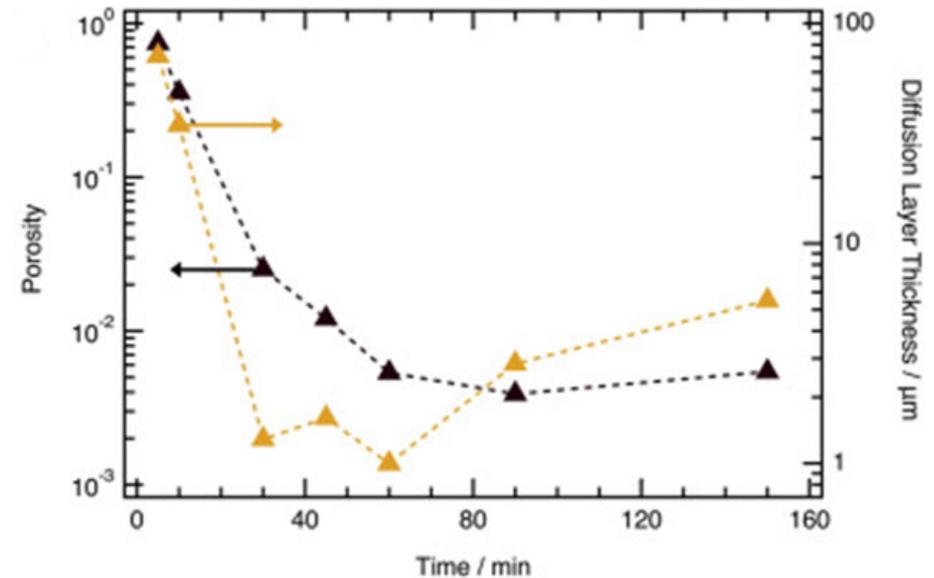
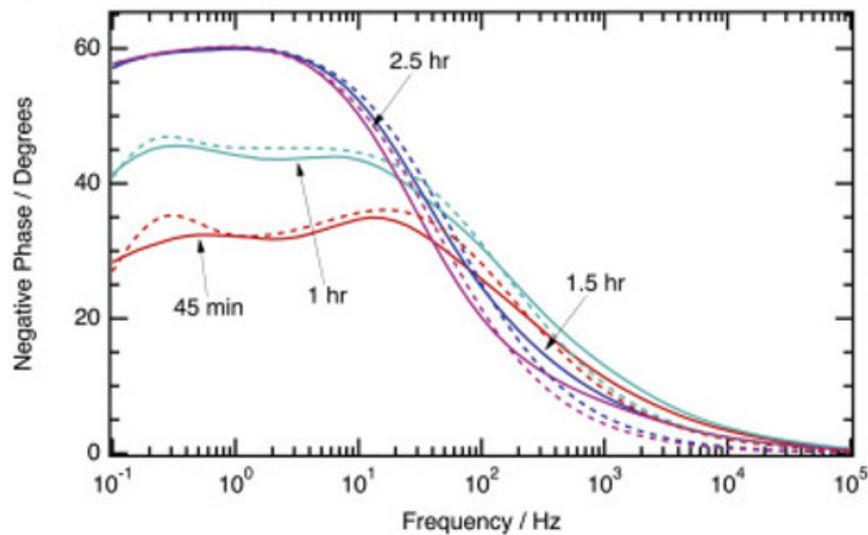
$C(\varepsilon)$ is the percentage activation sites as a function of the prestrain level

C_0 = reference site densities (0.13) ε_0 = reference strain (0.06) C_1 = const. (3.51)

Arrhenius dependence of density of the triple junction corrosion site on the strain level.

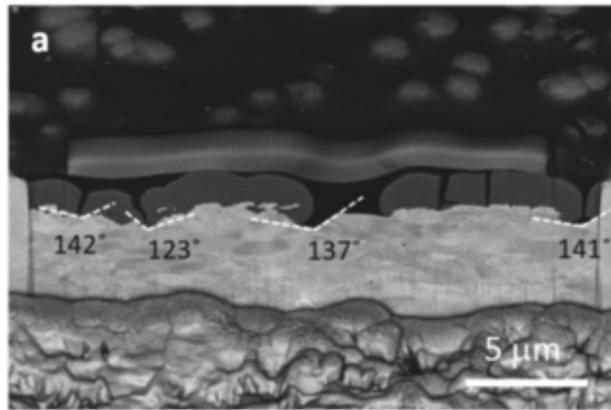
Task-3: Electrochemical Impedance Spectroscopy (EIS)

(3.1) EIS Analysis: Corrosion Product Layer

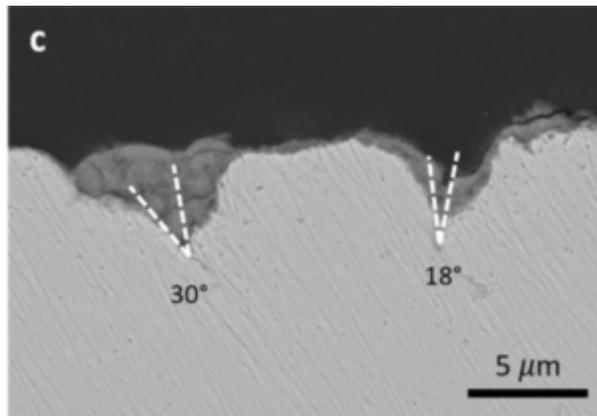


Dependence on corrosion time of porosity ϕ and diffusion layer thickness δ

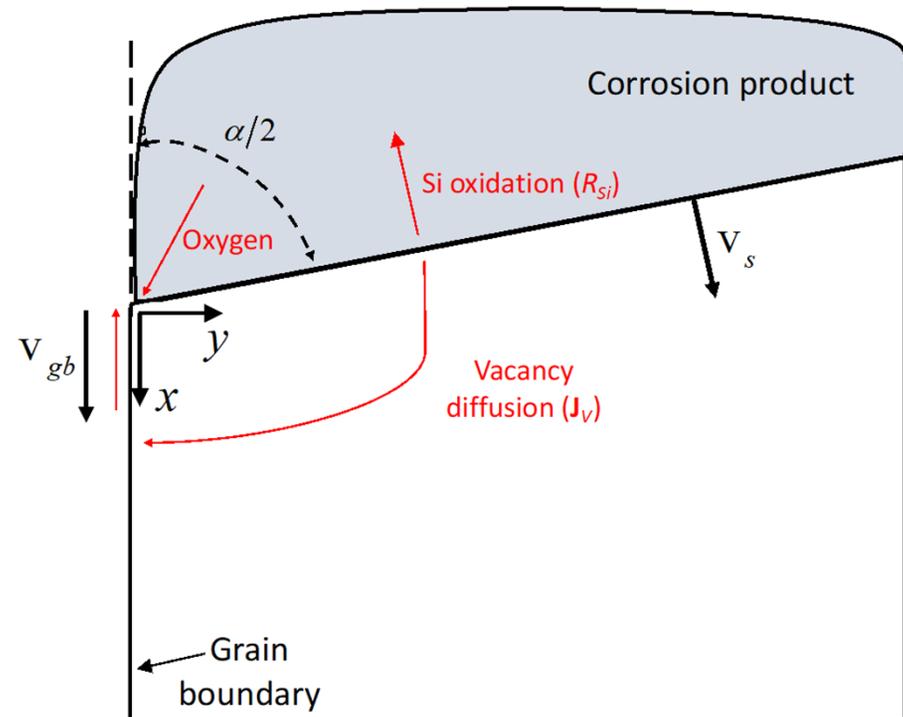
Task-3.2 Electrochemical Analysis: (a) Grain Boundary Grooving



2hrs exposure



5hrs exposure

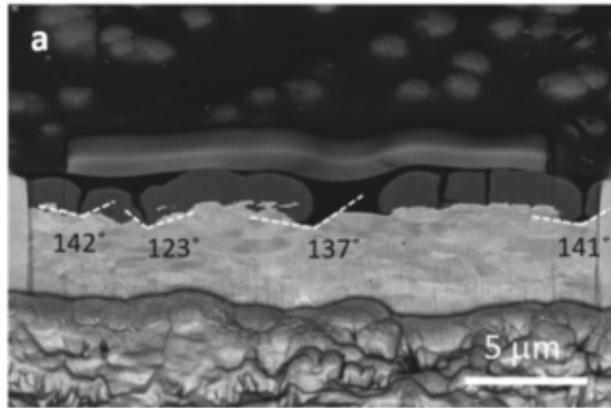


Solving diffusion eqn. by multigrid finite difference

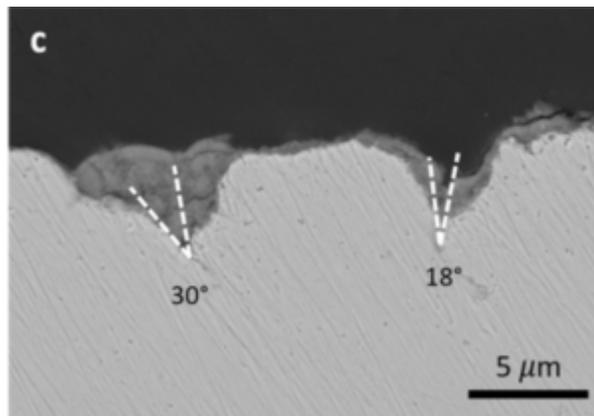
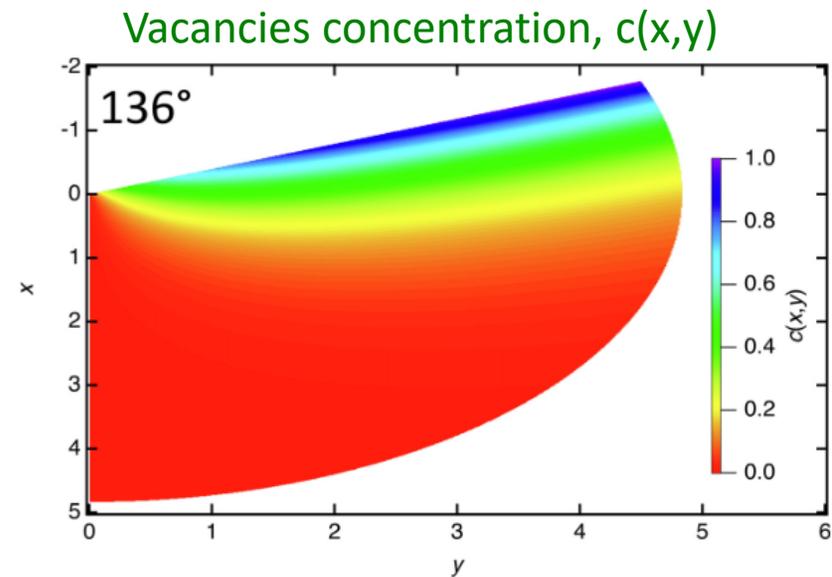
- Shape evolution
- Vacancy Concentration

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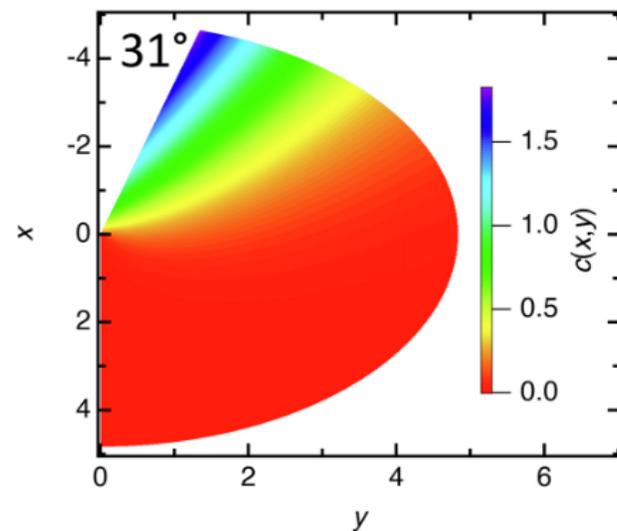
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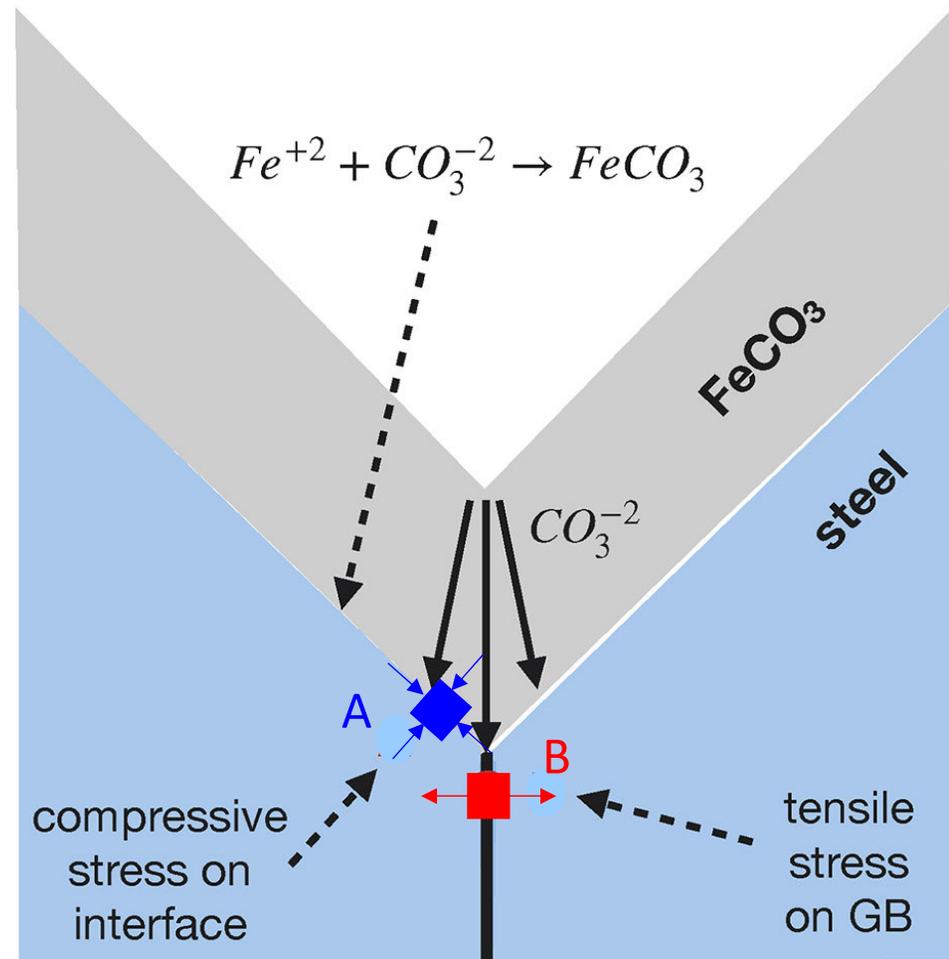
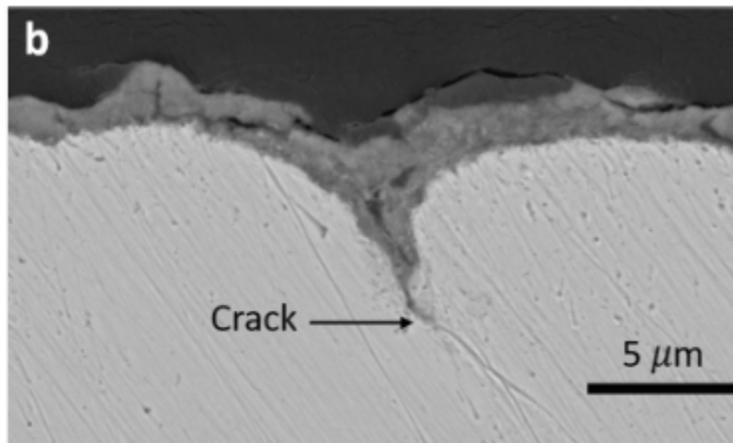
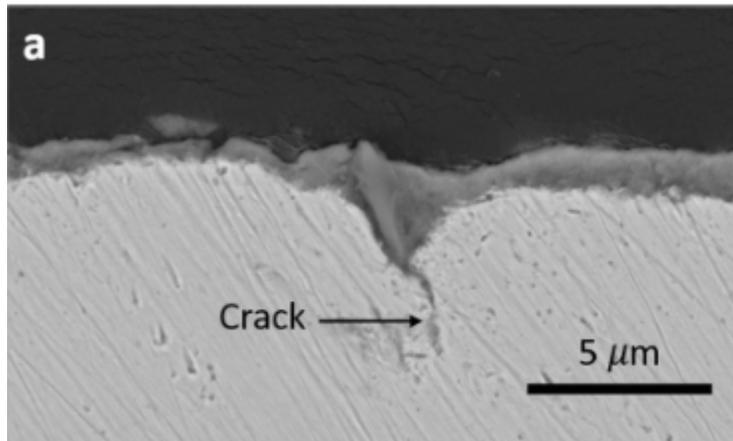
5hrs exposure



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Task-3.2 Electrochemical Analysis: (b) Evolution of GB Cracking

5hrs exposure



FeCO₃ corrosion product layer grows at the metal interface by inward diffusion of CO₃⁻² ions.

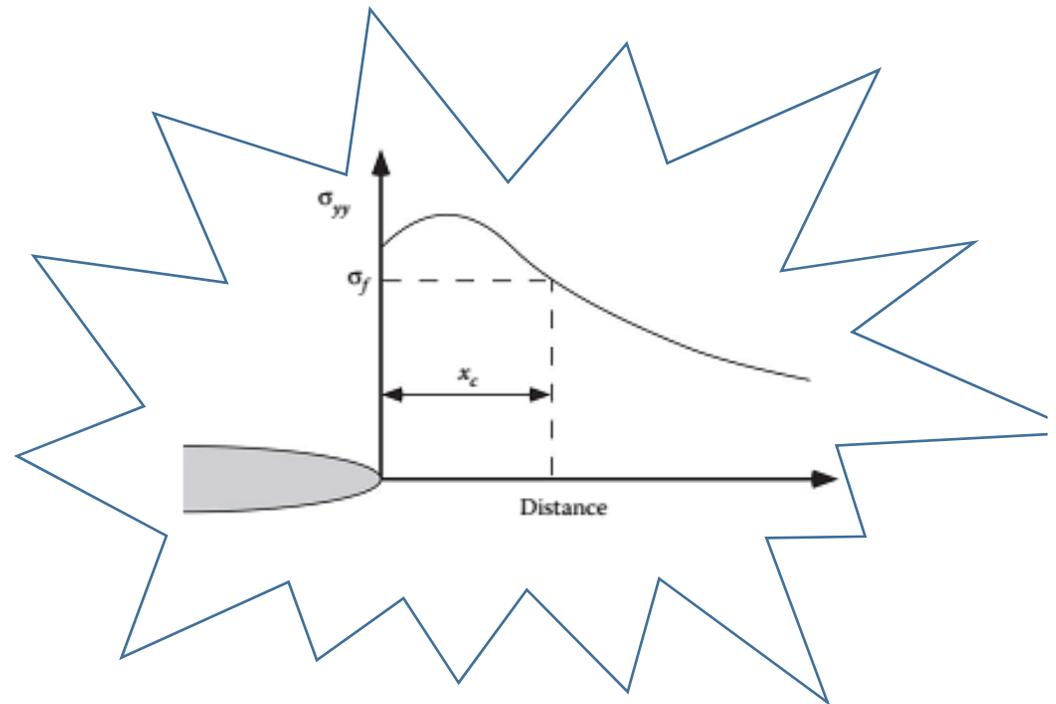
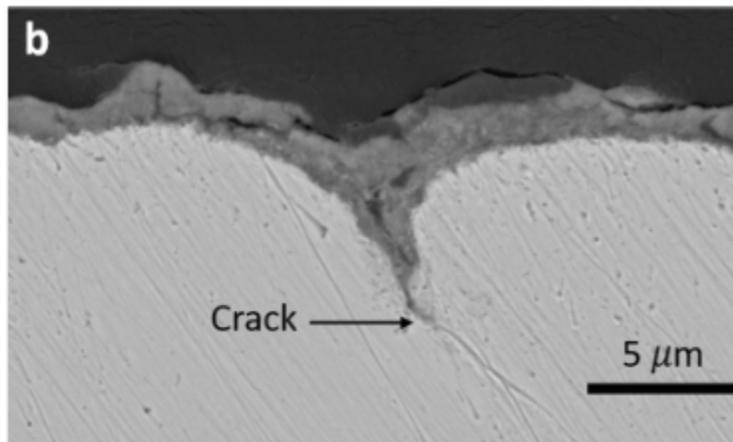
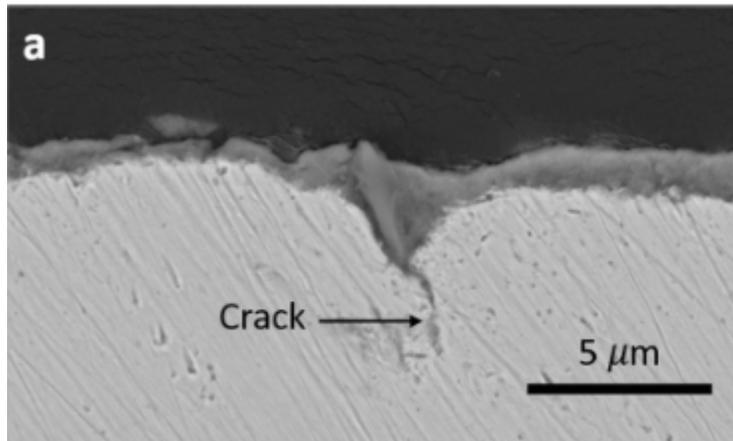
Point A: volume expansion, **compressive** out-of-plane stress in the steel,

Point B: **tensile** stress concentration at the GB ahead of the wedge

Misra et al. 2020

Task-3.2 Electrochemical Analysis: (c) Fatigue Life

5hrs exposure



The RKR model for cleavage fracture.
(Ritchie, Knott, Rice, 1973.)

- Additional efforts required to couple electrochemical driven GB cracking to Fatigue life

Task-4: Numerical Analysis of Interactive Threats



Figure 1 Picture of pipeline dent (Source: <https://www.google.com/imghp/3b/en>)

(4.1) Elasto-plastic cyclic damage constitutive model

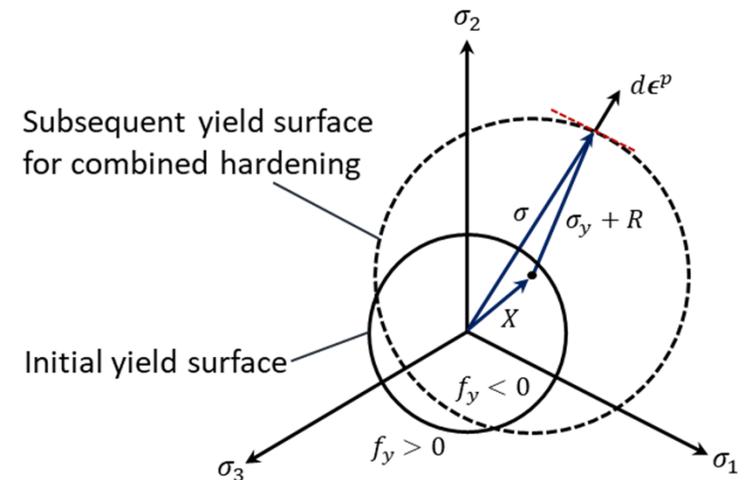
Framework proposed by LeMaitre and Chaboche

$$\epsilon_{ij}^t = \epsilon_{ij}^e + \epsilon_{ij}^p$$

$$\epsilon_{ij}^e = \frac{1 + \nu}{E} \left(\frac{\sigma_{ij}}{1 - D} \right) - \frac{\nu}{E} \left(\frac{\sigma_{kk} \delta_{ij}}{1 - D} \right)$$

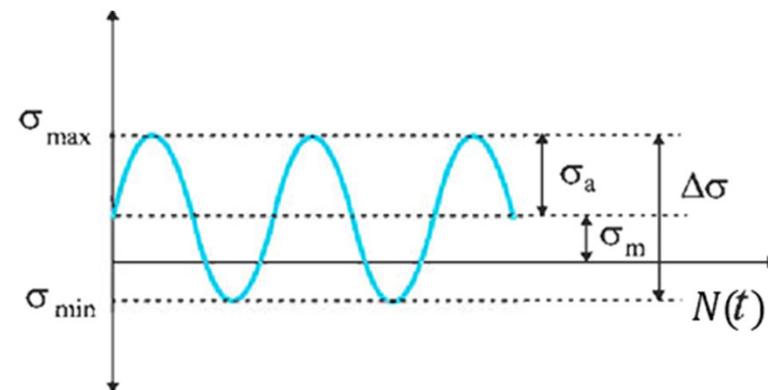
$$f_y = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2} \left(\frac{\sigma_{ij}}{1 - D} - \alpha_{ij} \right) \left(\frac{\sigma_{ij}}{1 - D} - \alpha_{ij} \right)} - R(\bar{\epsilon}_p)$$

$$\dot{\epsilon}_{ij}^p = \dot{\lambda} \left(\frac{\partial f_y}{\partial \sigma_{ij}} \right)$$



Accumulated damage per cycle block

$$D^{i+1} = D^i + \left(\frac{dD_e}{dN} + \frac{dD_p}{dN} \right) \Delta N$$



Task-4.2 Fatigue Damage Model

Elastic Damage Evolution

elastic damage per cycle

$$\frac{dD_e}{dN} = [1 - (1 - D)^{\beta+1}]^\alpha \left[\frac{\tau_a}{M_o(1 - 3b_3\sigma_{H,mean})(1 - D)} \right]^\beta$$

$$\tau_a = \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{3}{2} (S_{ij,max} - S_{ij,min})(S_{ij,max} - S_{ij,min}) \right]^{1/2}$$

$$\alpha = 1 - a \left\langle \frac{\tau_a - \tau_a^*}{\sigma_u - \sigma_{eqv,max}} \right\rangle$$

$$\tau_a^* = \sigma_{lo} \left(1 - b_1(3\sigma_{H,mean}/\sigma_u) \right)$$

Plastic Damage Evolution

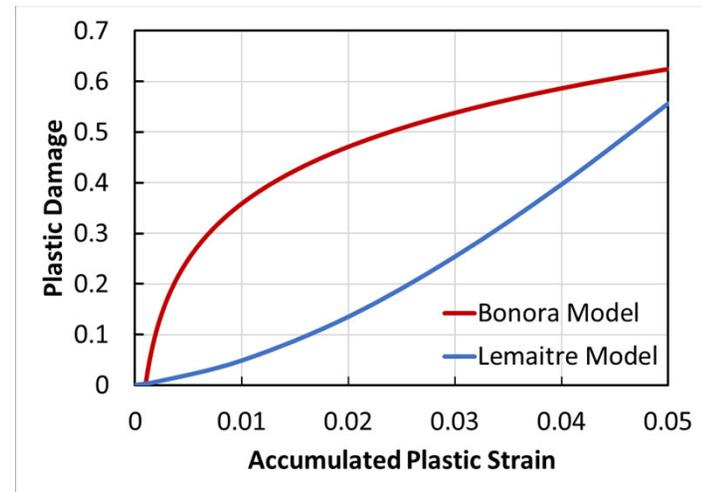
Lemaitre plastic damage formula

$$\frac{dD^p}{dN} = \left[\frac{(\sigma_{eq})^2 R_v}{2ES(1 - D)^2} \right]^m \Delta\bar{\epsilon}_p$$

Bonora plastic damage formula

$$\frac{dD^p}{dN} = D_o + (D_{cr} - D_o) \left(1 - \left(1 - \frac{\ln(\Delta\bar{\epsilon}_p/\epsilon_{th})}{\ln(\epsilon_{cr}/\epsilon_{th})} R_v \right)^\eta \right)$$

$$R_v = 2(1 + \nu)/3 + 3(1 - 2\nu)(\sigma_H/\sigma_{eq})^2 \quad \text{triaxiality function}$$



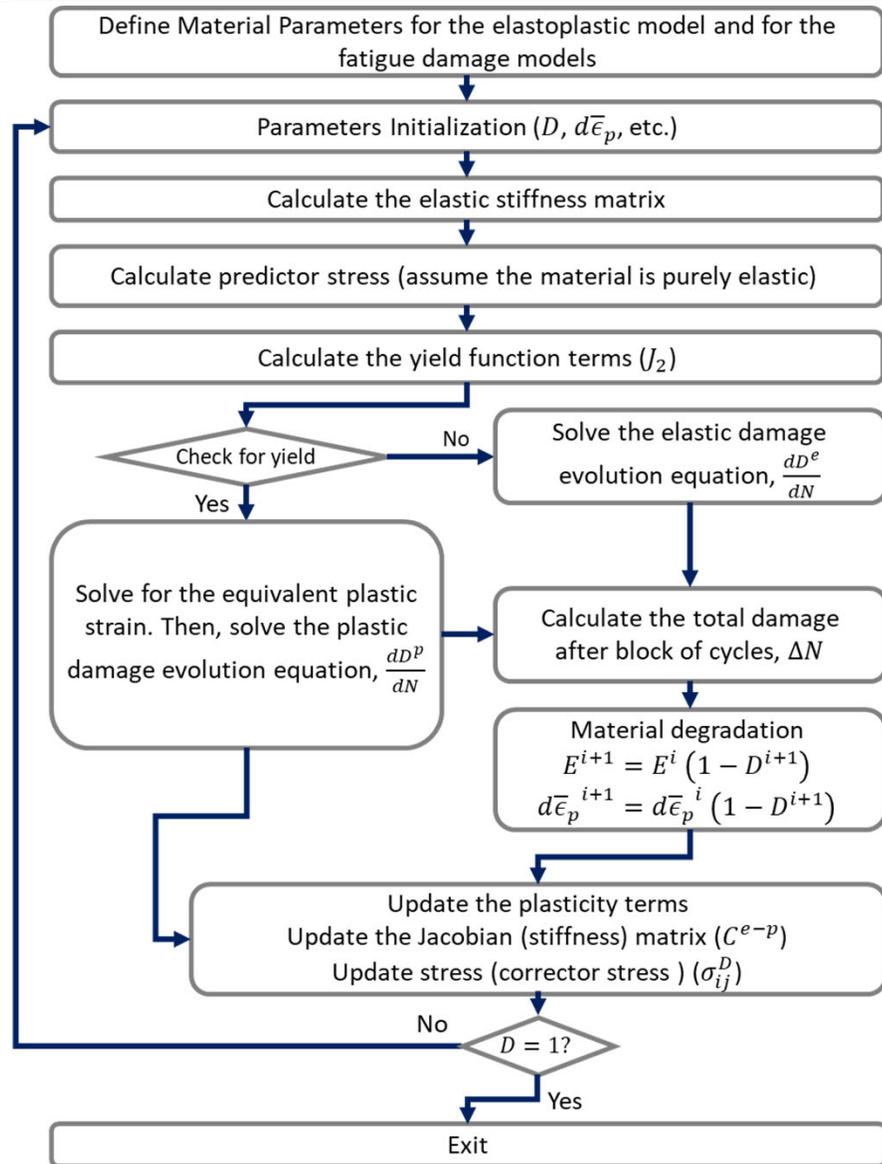
$\Delta\bar{\epsilon}_p$: depends on the initial dent damage

Task-4.3 Implementation of a User-material Subroutine in Abaqus

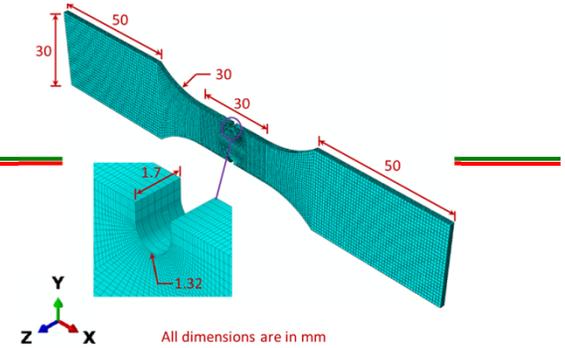
- ✓ The model implemented into a user-material subroutine (UMAT) in ABQUS FEA

Model calculates stress and strain fields, then estimate damage

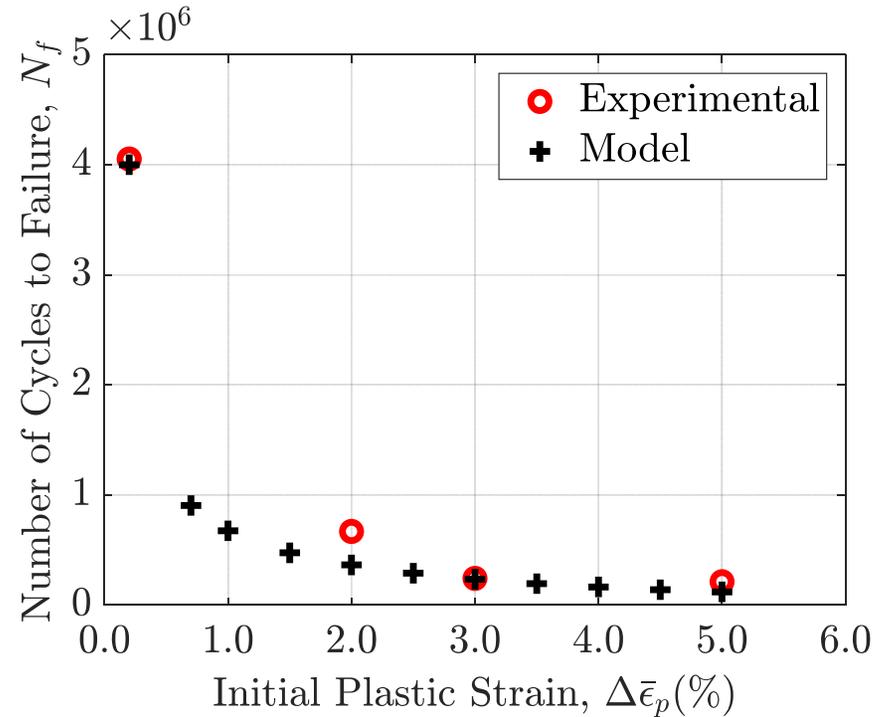
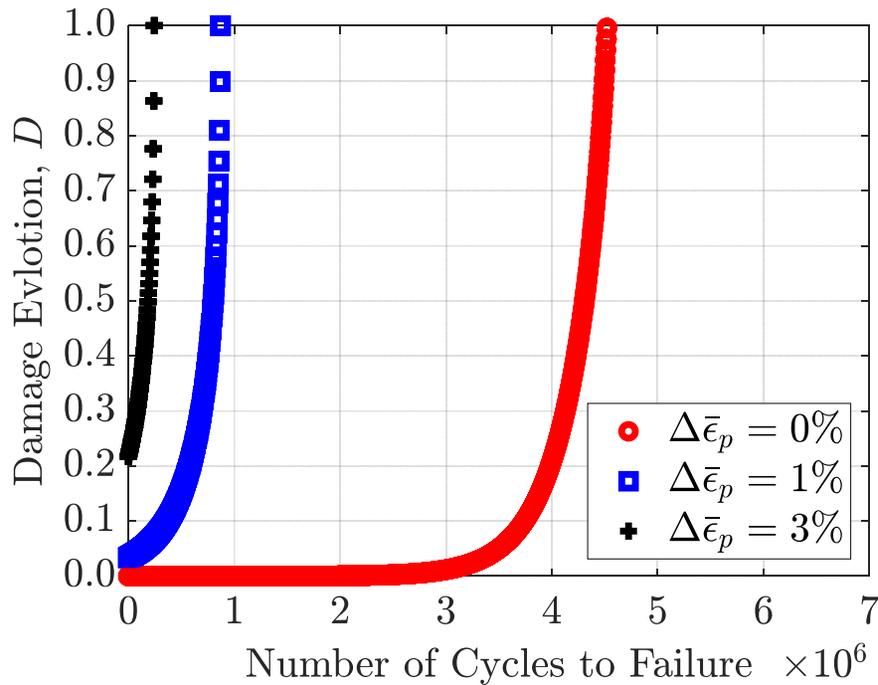
Damage controls stiffness degradation



Task-4.4 Model Calibration/Verification



$$D = D_p + D_e$$



Conditions: $\sigma_{max} = 0.6\sigma_y$ MPa and $R = 0$

Experimental data: G. Xi, et. al, Materials & Design, 194, 2020.

Task-4.5 HC Fatigue Model Implementation

To save the computational time, two different techniques are employed

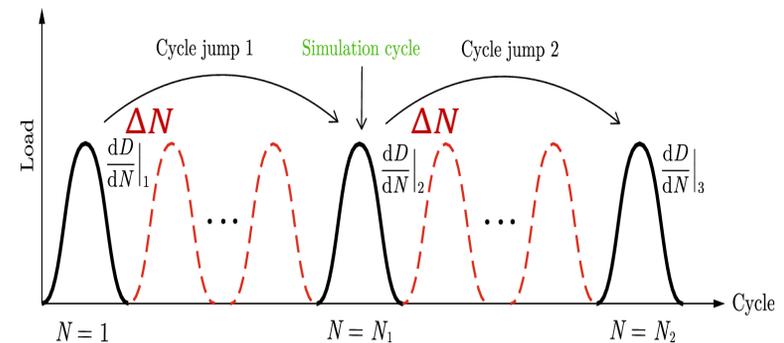
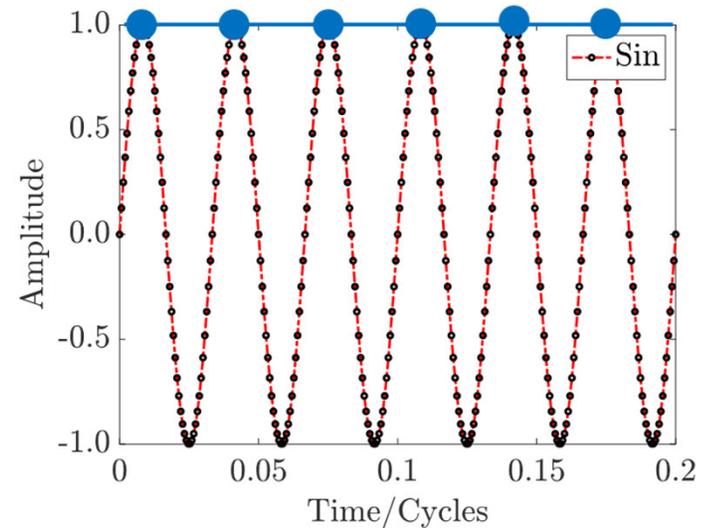
1. Simplified solution algorithm

- ✓ Compute the stress state at the maximum point in cycle.

2. Cycle jumping technique

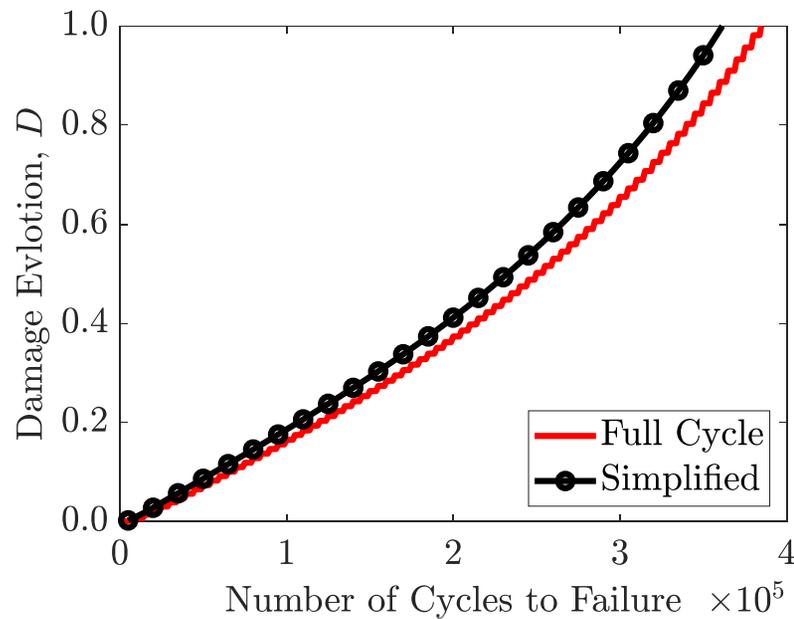
- ✓ Assume the stress and the damage will be constant over a block of cycles

$$D^{i+1} = D^i + \left(\frac{dD_e}{dN} + \frac{dD_p}{dN} \right) \Delta N$$

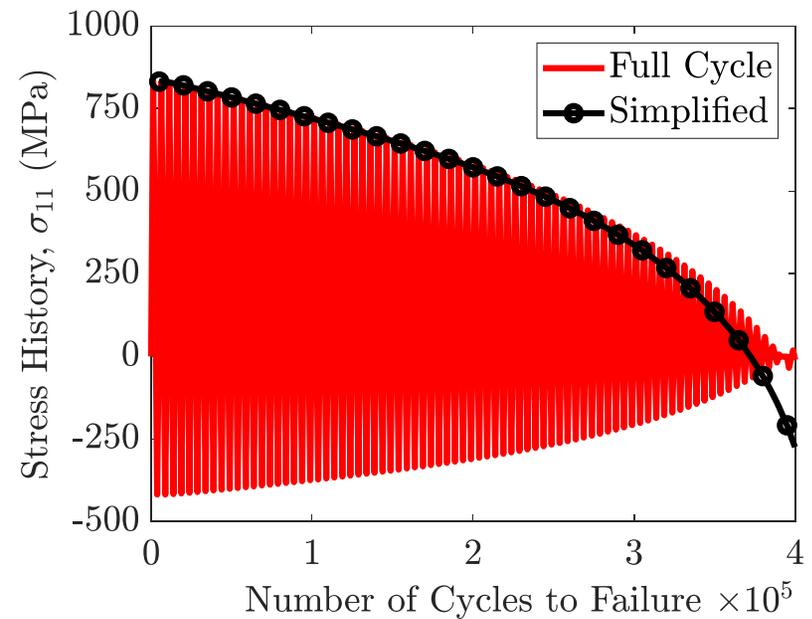


Task-4.5 Validation: (a) Simplified Solution with Cycle Jumps

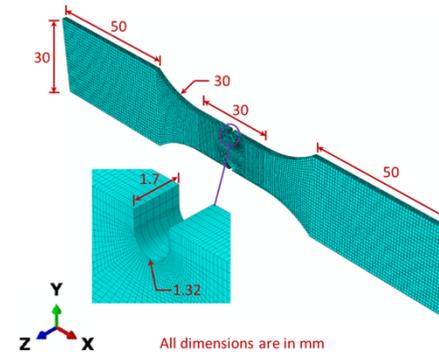
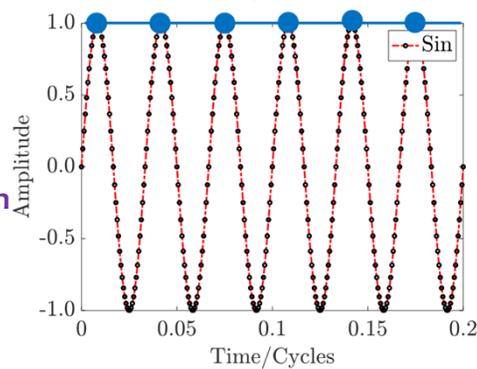
damage progression



stress history



Simplified solution

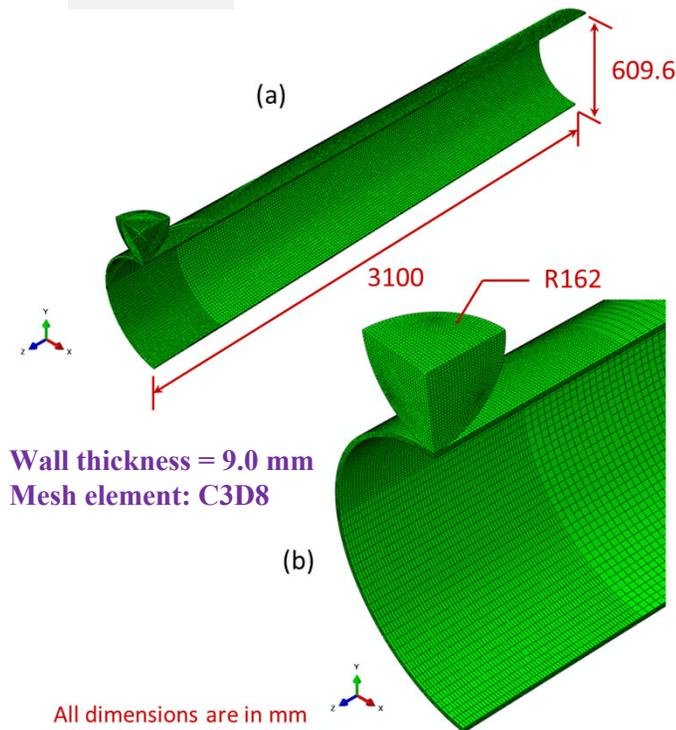


$\sigma_{max} = 800 \text{ MPa}$
 $R = -0.5$

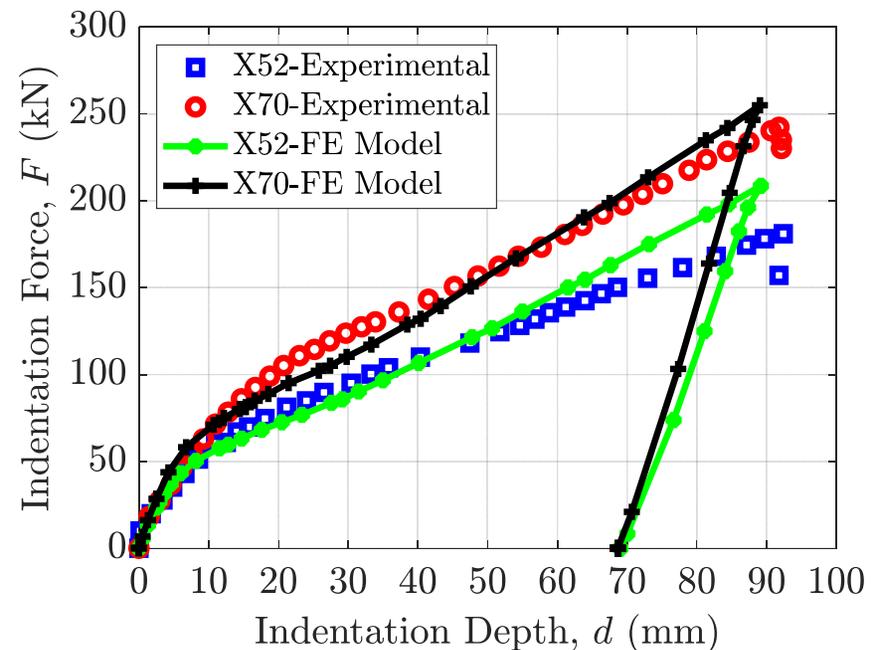
Task-4.5 Validation: (b) Monotonic Dent Loading

material parameters for the pipeline steels

	Parameter	E (GPa)	σ_y (MPa)	σ_u (MPa)
Legacy	X52	200	400	567
Modern	X70	200	500	620



Pipe indentation model



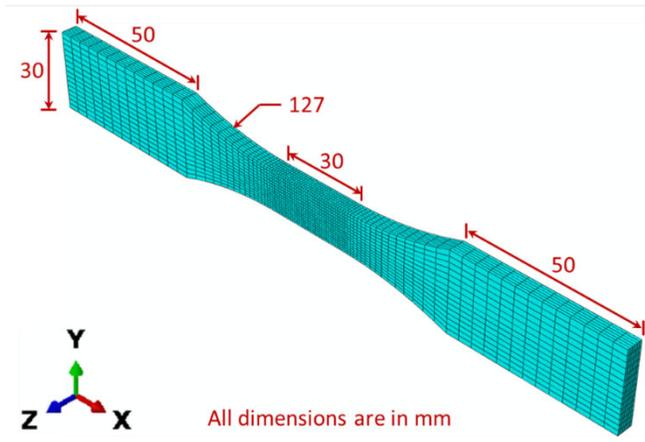
Monotonic load-indentation depth

Experimental data: Bolton et al., IPC 44205, 2010

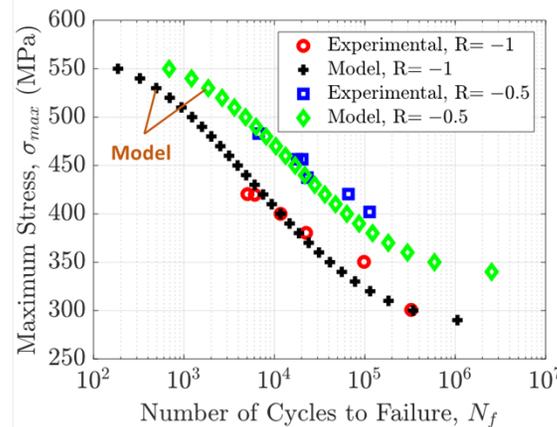
Task-4.5 Validation: (c) Elastic Fatigue Damage model (uniform ϵ_e)

fatigue parameters for the tested materials

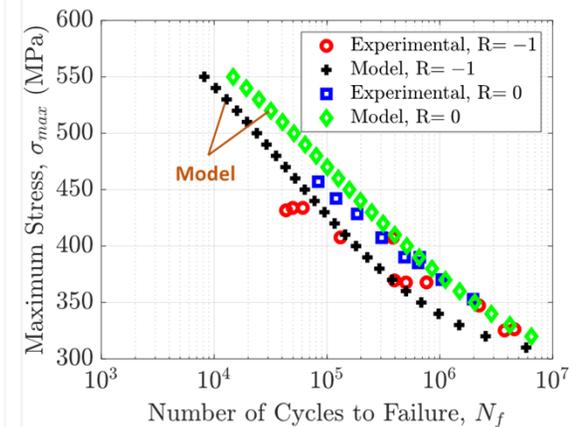
Parameter	a	b_1	b_2	β	M_o (MPa)	σ_{lo} (MPa)
X52	0.75	1.32	1.76	3.22	9341	284
X70	0.72	1.28	1.15	3.25	18357	300



Tensile fatigue specimen



SN curve for X52



SN curve for X70

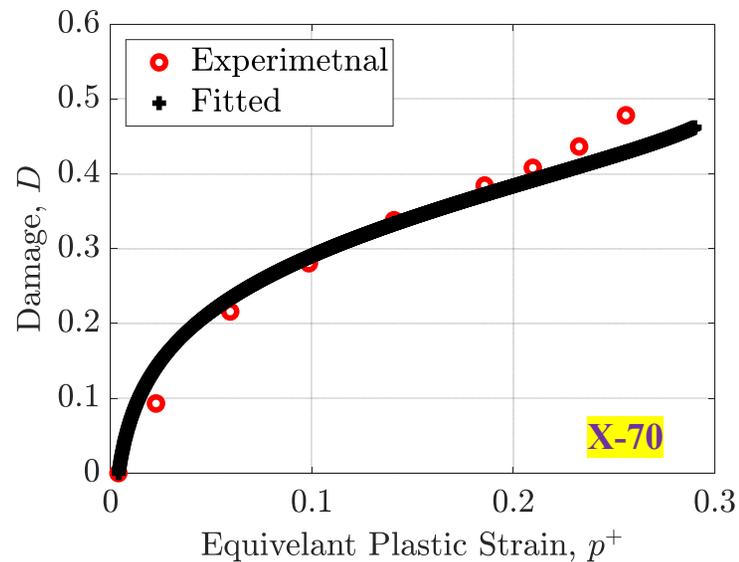
Experimental data: Md Liakat Ali, PhD Thesis, LSU, 2015.
Turhan, et al., Journal of Failure Analysis and Prevention, 20, 2020.

Task-4.5 Validation: (d) Plastic Fatigue Damage model (uniform ϵ_p)

Bonora plastic damage formula

$$\frac{dD^p}{dN} = D_o + (D_{cr} - D_o) \left(1 - \left(1 - \frac{\ln(\Delta\bar{\epsilon}_p / \epsilon_{th})}{\ln(\epsilon_{cr} / \epsilon_{th})} R_v \right)^\eta \right)$$

Parameter	D_o	D_{cr}	ϵ_{th}	ϵ_{cr}	η
X70	0	0.48	0.004	0.30	0.680



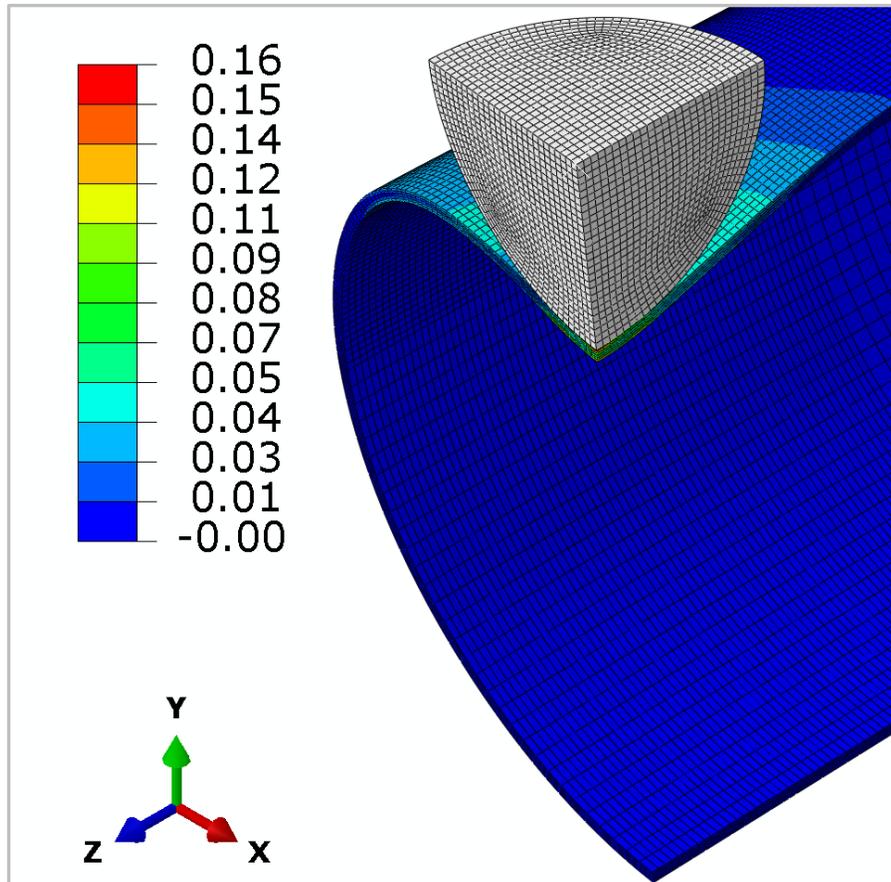
Experimental data: Lee et al., Acta materialia, 54(4), 2006

Task-4.6 Simulation Sequence: (a) Indentation

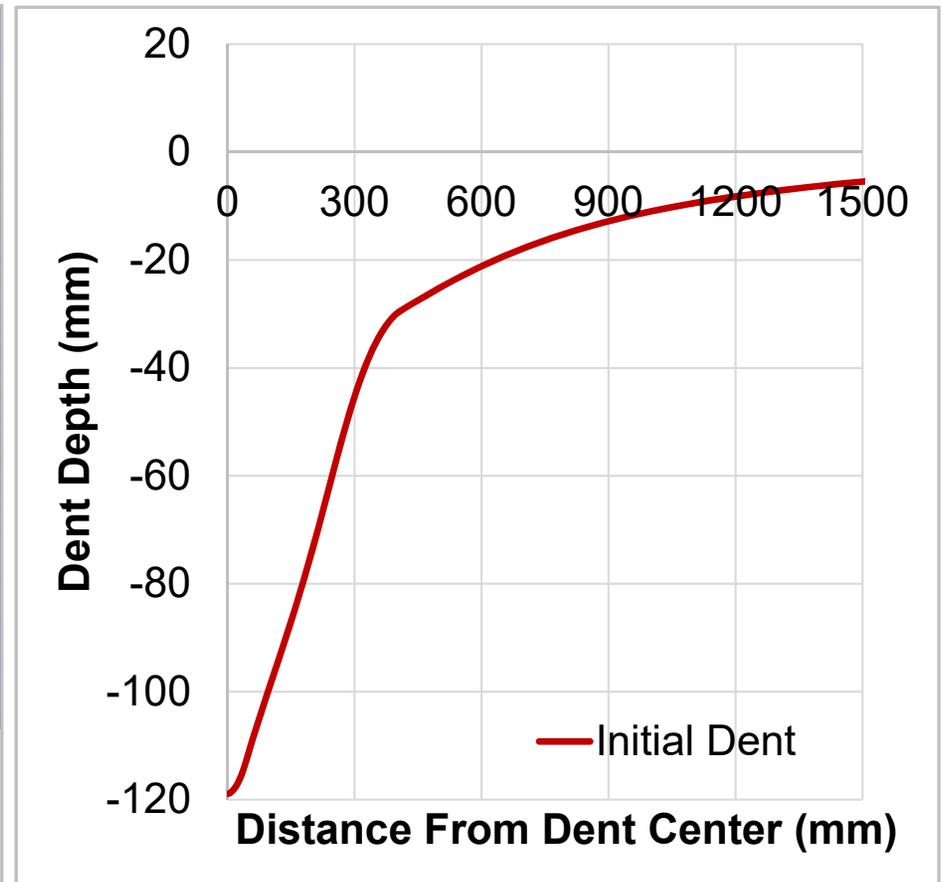


Figure 1 Picture of pipeline dent (Source: <https://www.google.com/imghp/3b/en>)

❖ Indentation (step-1)



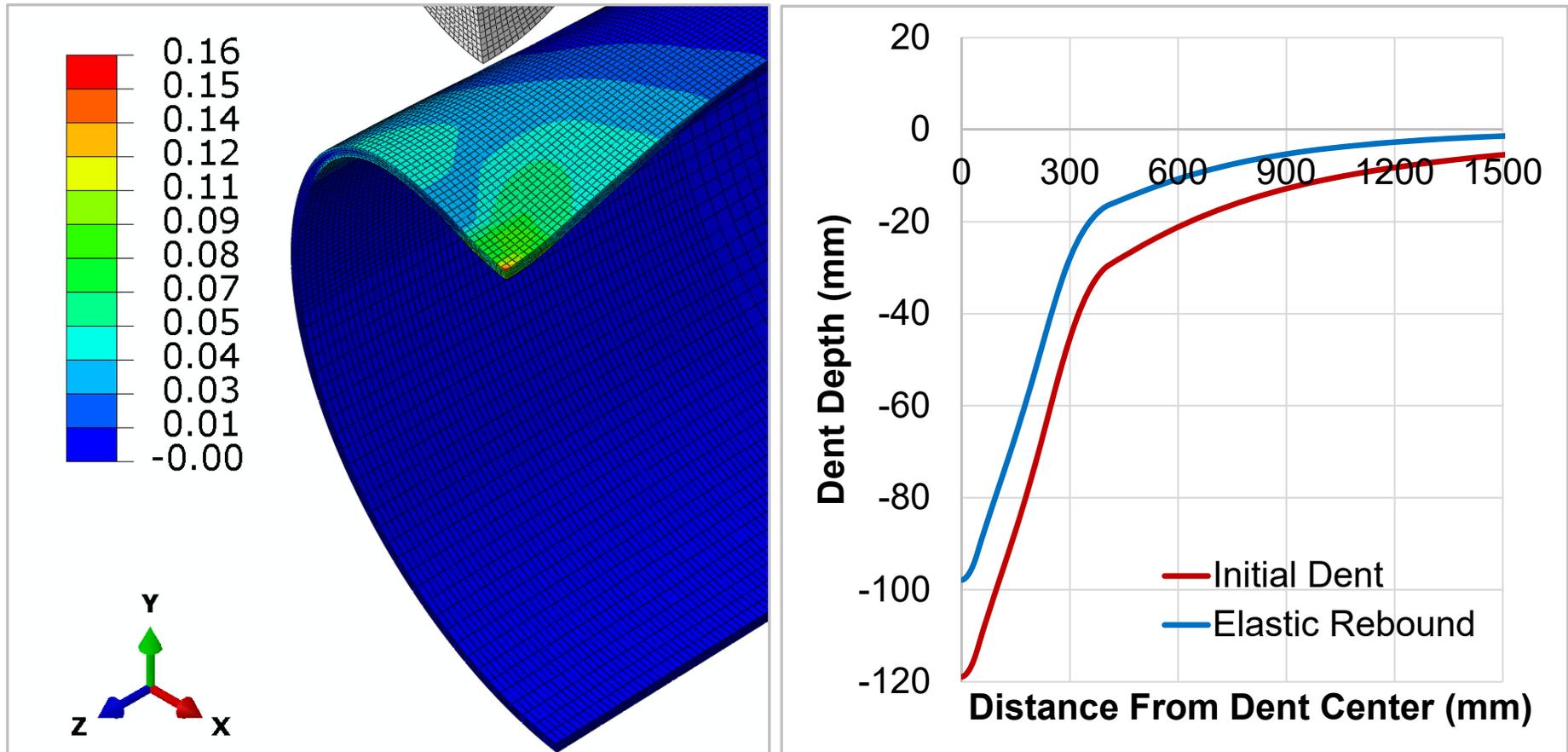
Contours of equivalent plastic strain



Axial dent profile

Task-4.6 Simulation Sequence: (b) Indentation Elastic Unloading

❖ Elastic recovery or indenter removal (step-2)



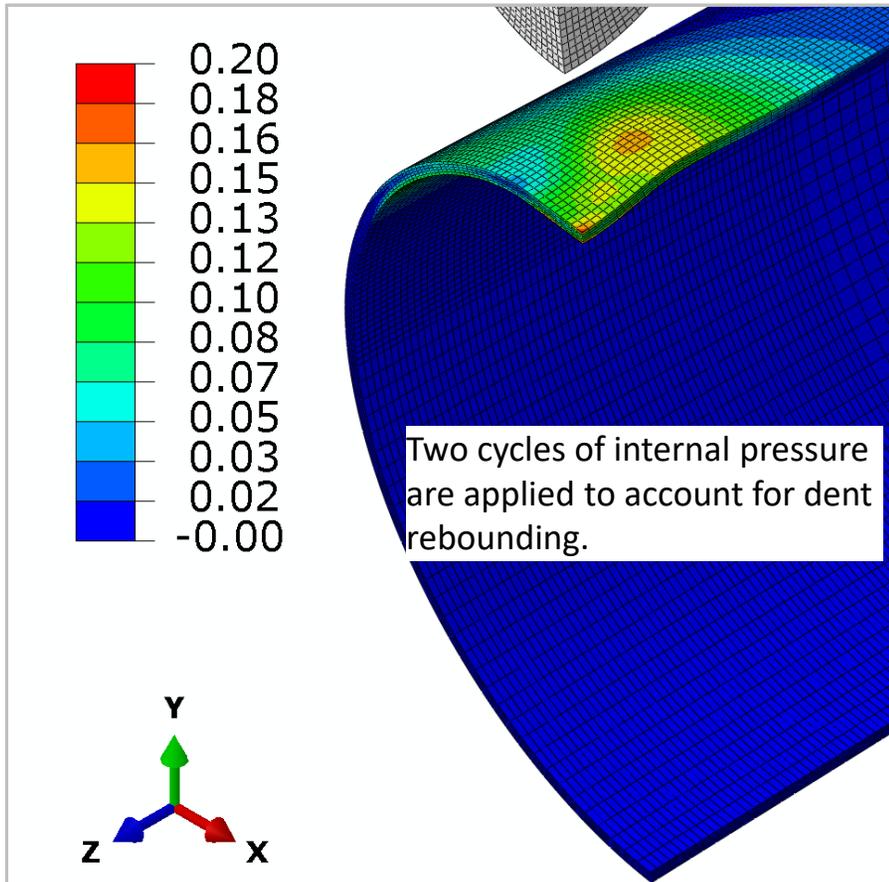
Contours of equivalent plastic strain

Axial dent profile

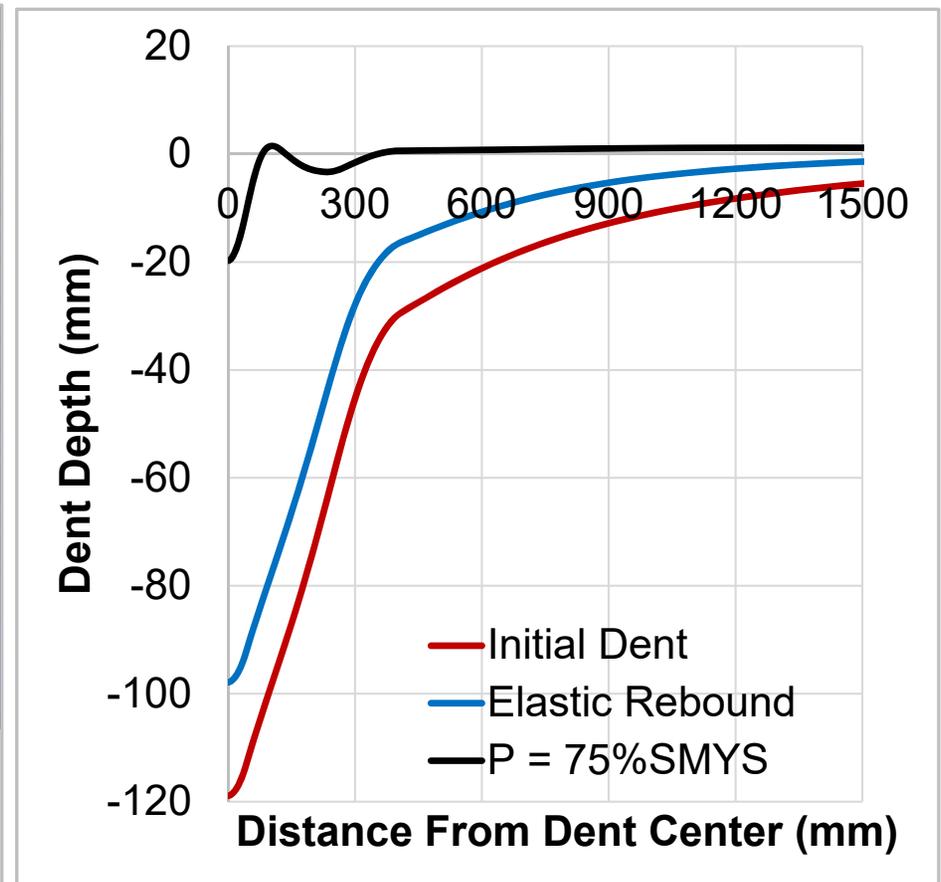
Task-4.6 Simulation Sequence: (c) Pressure Rebounds

❖ Pressure rebounding (step-3)

$$\frac{dD^p}{dN} = D_o + (D_{cr} - D_o) \left(1 - \left(1 - \frac{\ln(\Delta\bar{\epsilon}_p/\epsilon_{th})}{\ln(\epsilon_{cr}/\epsilon_{th})} R_v \right)^\eta \right)$$



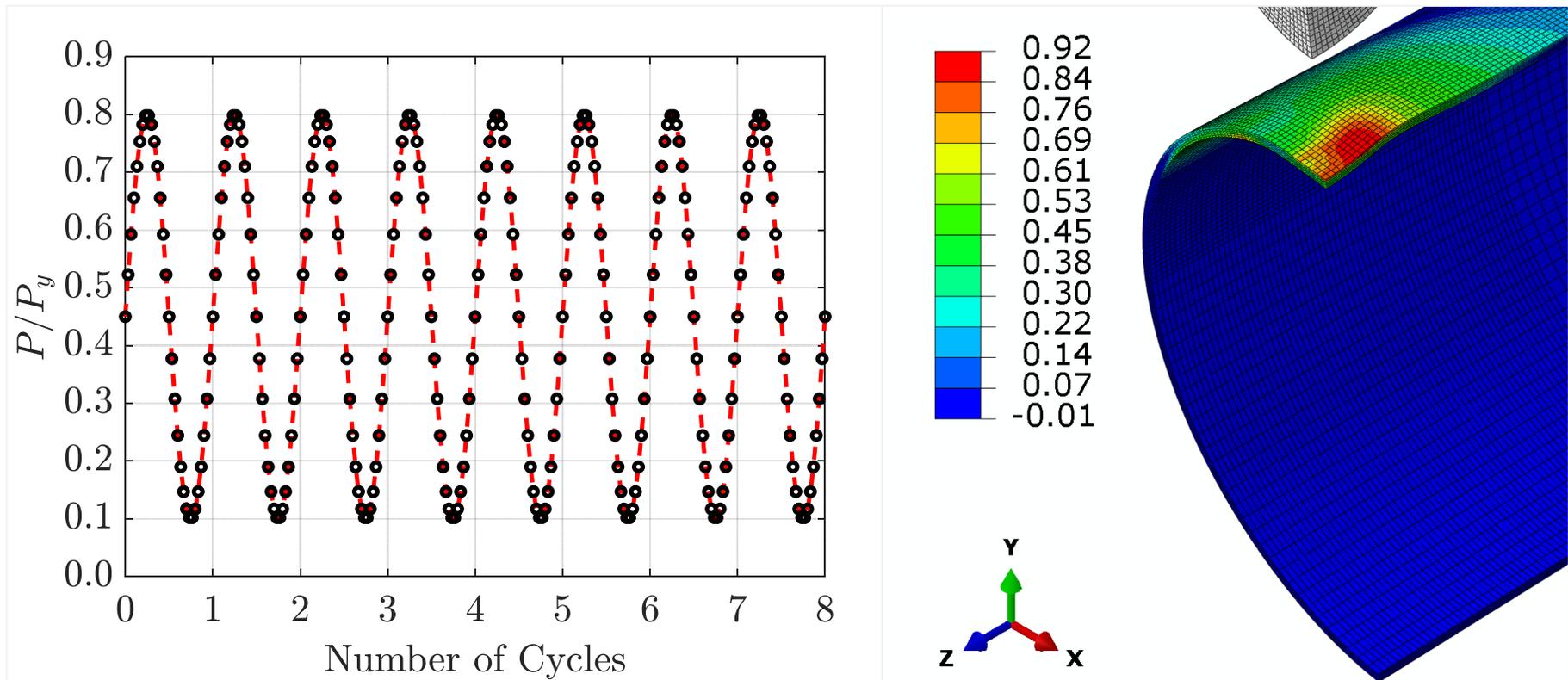
Contours of equivalent plastic strain



Axial dent profile

Task-4.6 Simulation Sequence: (d) Cyclic Pressure Loading

❖ Cyclic pressure or fatigue loading (step-4)

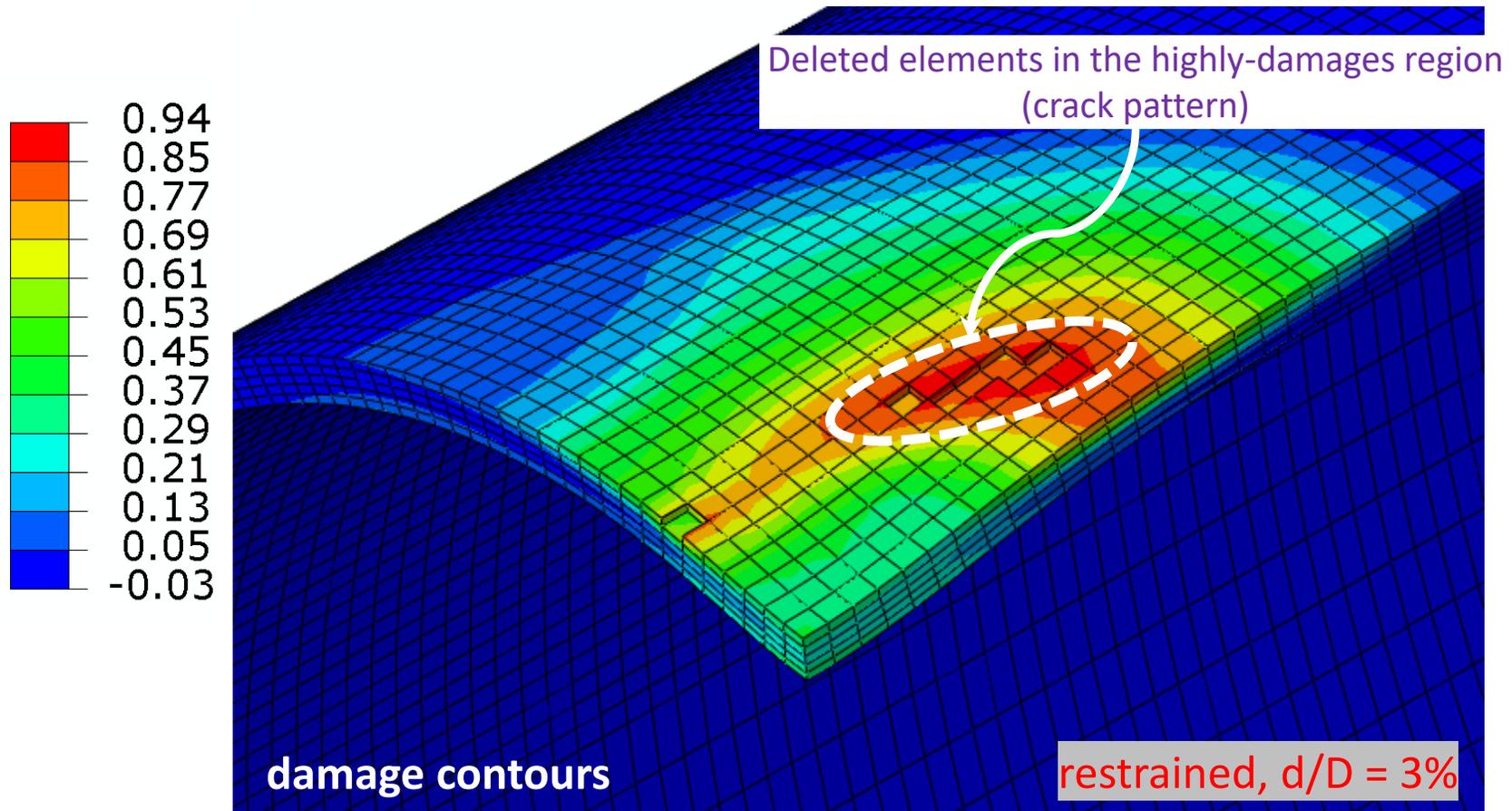


The applied cyclic fatigue loading ($R = 0.125$)
 $P = 10\% - 80\%$ SMYS

The computed fatigue damage
after load application

Task-4.6 Simulation Sequence: (f) Identify Failure/Cracking Patterns

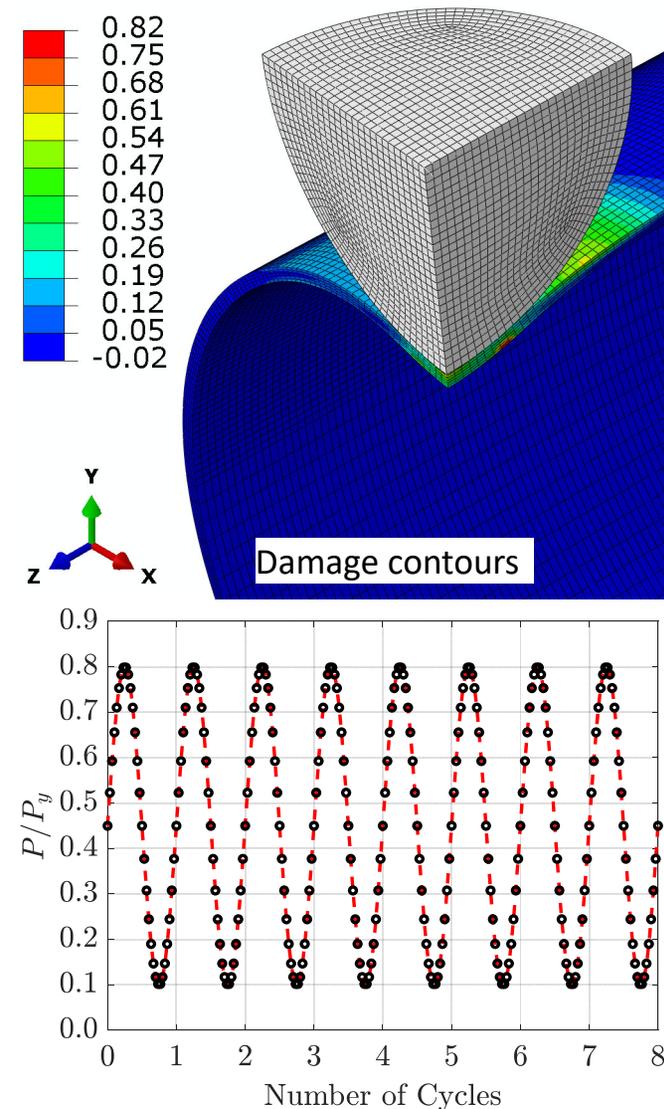
❖ Crack pattern by element deletion



Task-4.6 Simulation Sequence: (e) restrained Pipe

- ✓ For a restrained pipe, the indenter was kept in place after the elastic recovery step
- ✓ dent rebounding
- ✓ fatigue loading is applied
- ✓ damage is computed

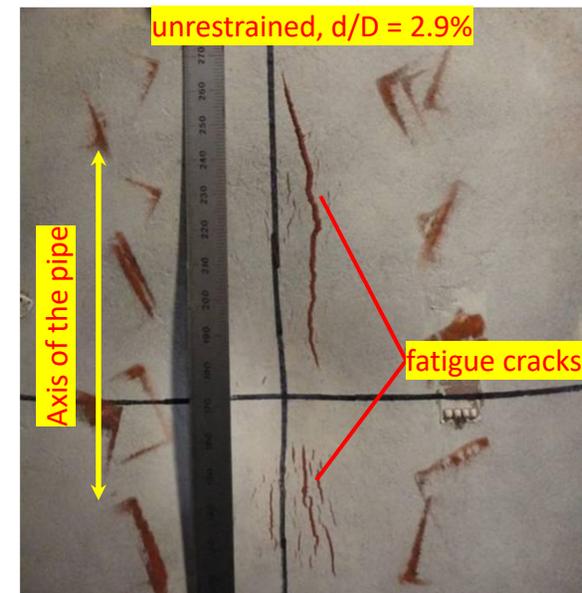
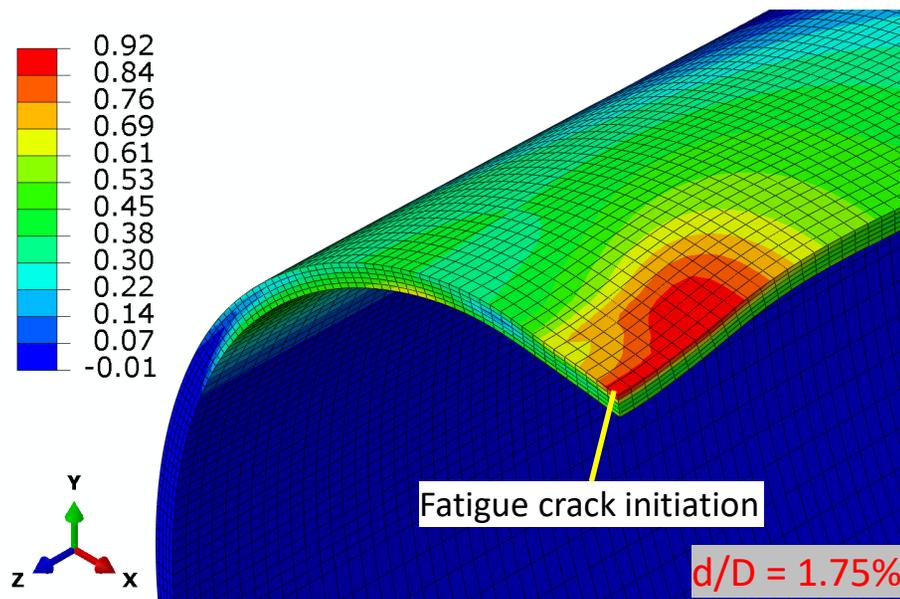
The applied cyclic fatigue loading ($R = 0.125$)
 $P = 10\% - 80\% \text{ SMYS}$



Results: (a) Shallow **Unrestrained Dent**— outer, axial

❖ Unrestrained dents

- ✓ Fatigue cracks are initiated axially on the outer surface of the pipe
- ✓ The crack appears on the shoulder of the dent and propagates closer to center of the dent

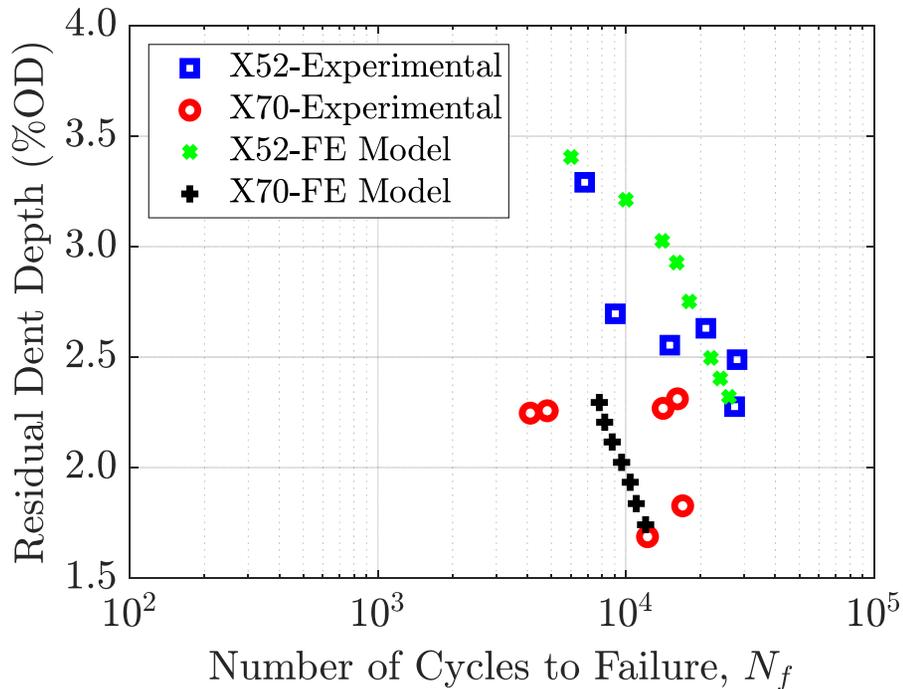


X52, OD = 457 mm and $t = 7.9$ mm

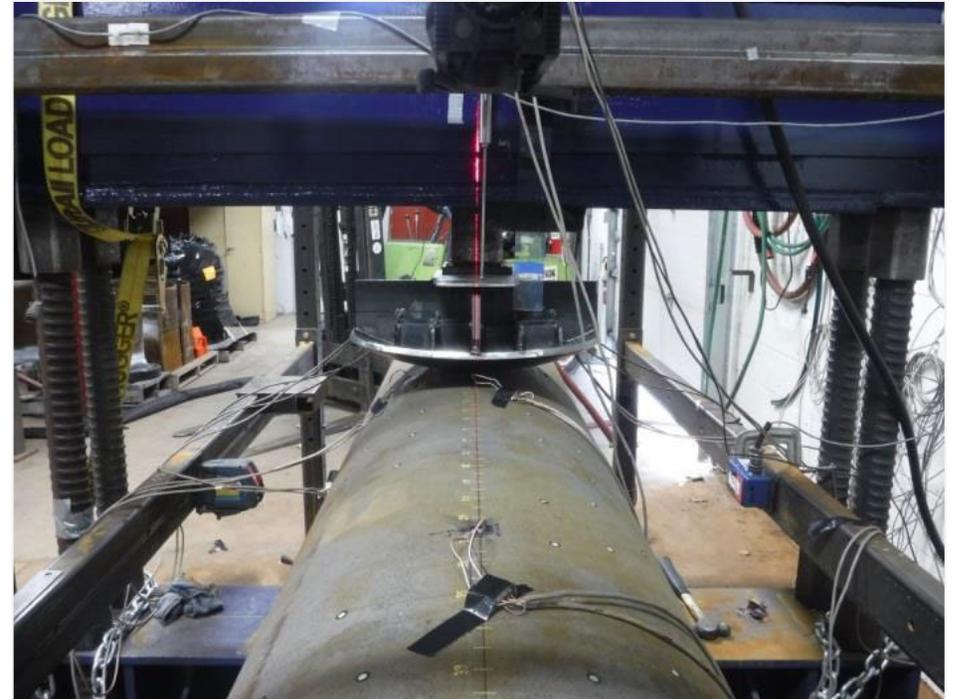
Experimental data: Tiku, et al., IPC 45134, 2012

Results: (b) Shallow Unrestrained Dent-Comparison with Full-Scale

❖ Fatigue response of full-scale pipe



Fatigue life at different dent depths



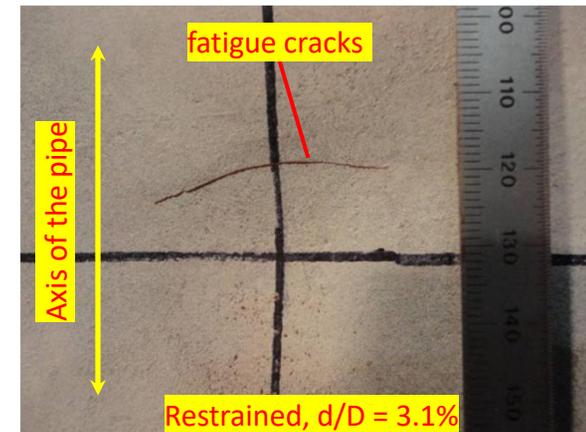
Full-scale experimental testing setup

Experimental data: Bolton, et al., IPC 44205, 2010

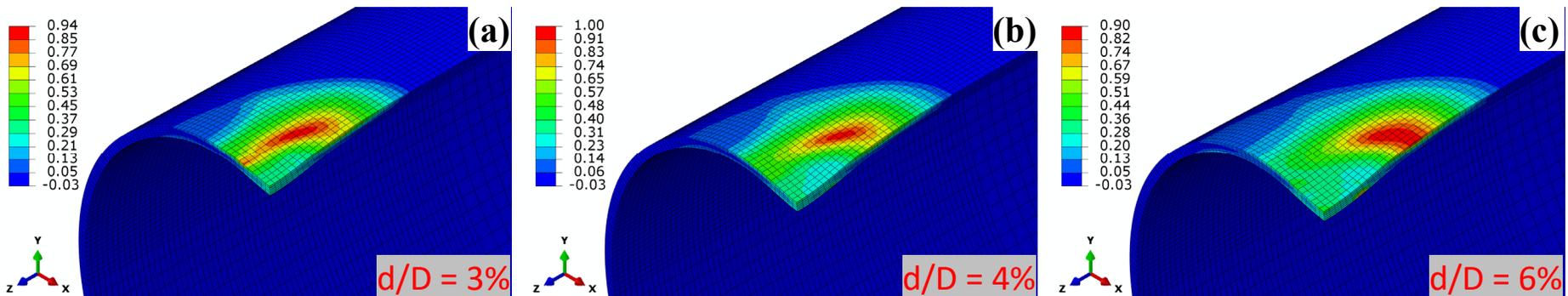
Results: (c) Shallow **restrained** Dent — outer, radial

❖ Shallow restrained dents

- ✓ Fatigue cracks appear on the shoulder of the dent, which are circumferentially initiated on the outer surface of the pipe
- ✓ The azimuthal orientation of the crack is modulated by the depth of the dent such that the crack becomes closer to the axial center of the pipe as the depth increases.



X52, OD = 457 mm and t = 7.9 mm



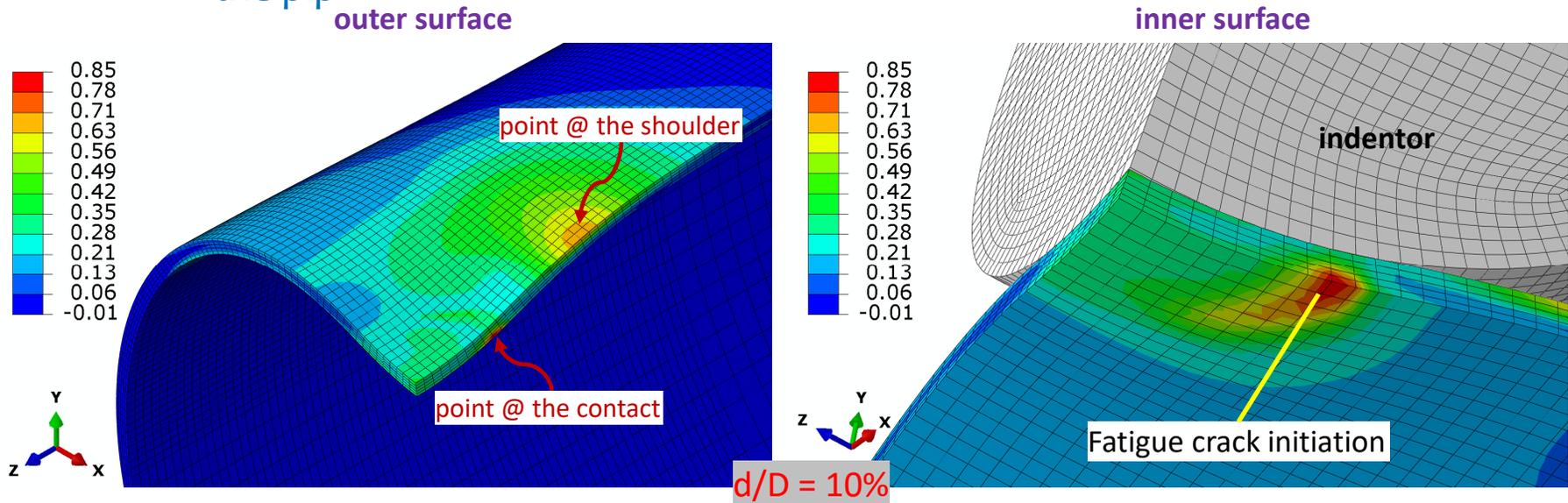
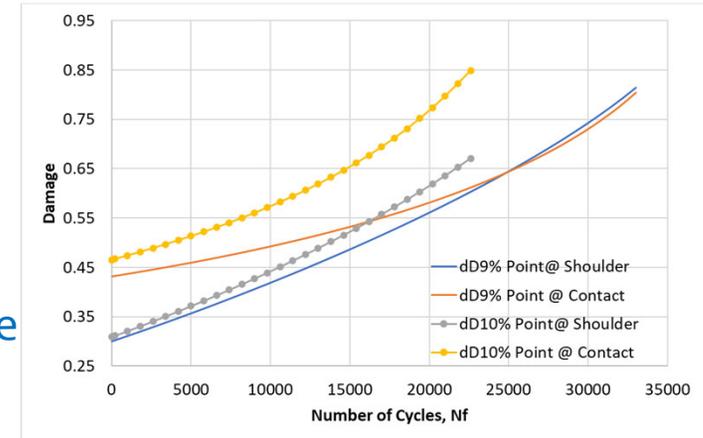
Contours of the damage index

Experimental data: Tiku, et al., IPC 45134, 2012

Results: (d) Deep **restrained** Dent — inner, radial

❖ Deep restrained dents

- ✓ Fatigue are circumferentially initiated on the inner surface of the pipe
- ✓ The initiation point is observed to be at the contact point between the indenter and the pipe

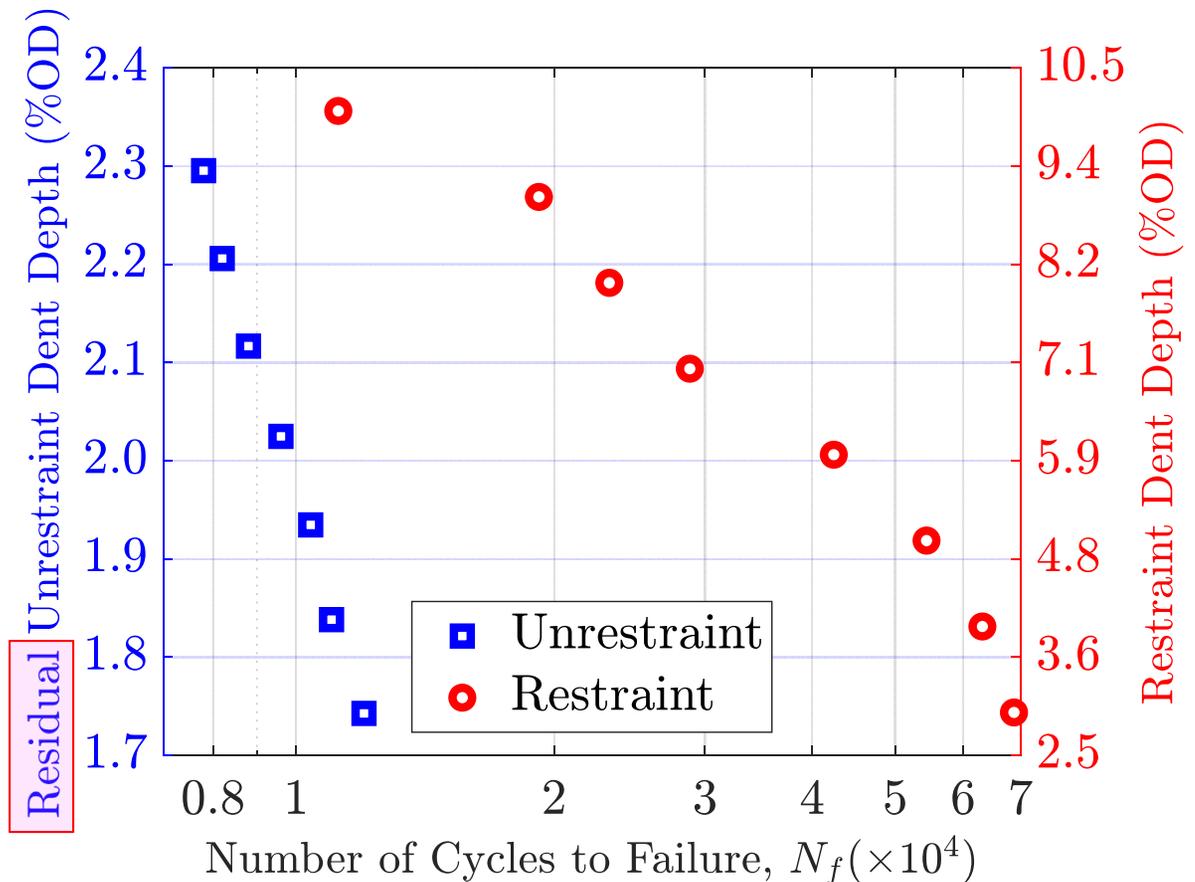


Contours of the damage index

Results: (e) Fatigue Life X-70 Steel **restrained vs Unrestrained Dent**

❖ Model Derived Fatigue Response

- ✓ Fatigue life of a defect-free pipe is ~ 5 M-cycle.
- ✓ For $h/D = 3\%$, fatigue life is reduced to just **1.5%** of the undamaged life.
- ✓ Unrestrained residual depth after pressure rebound from dent of $h/D = 15\%$.

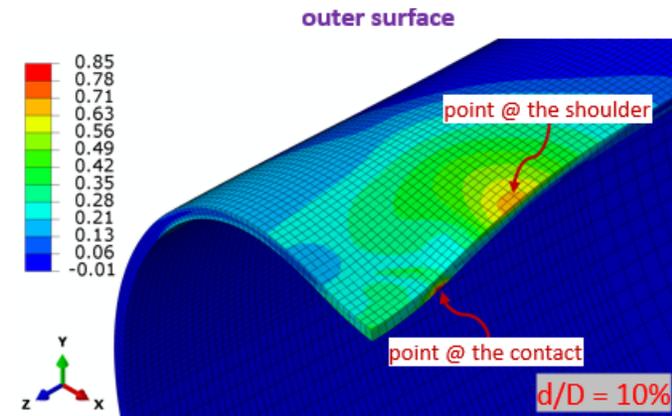


- restrained dents show higher fatigue lives compared to unrestrained dents

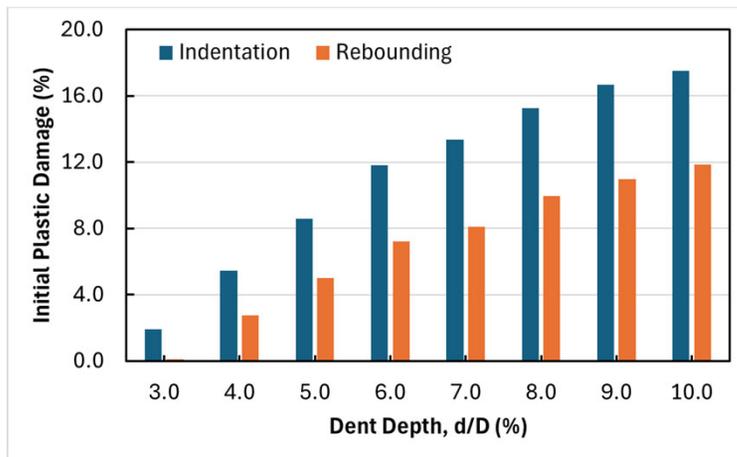
Results: (f) Synergistic Plastic Damage **restrained/Unrestrained Dent**

❖ Initial plastic damage

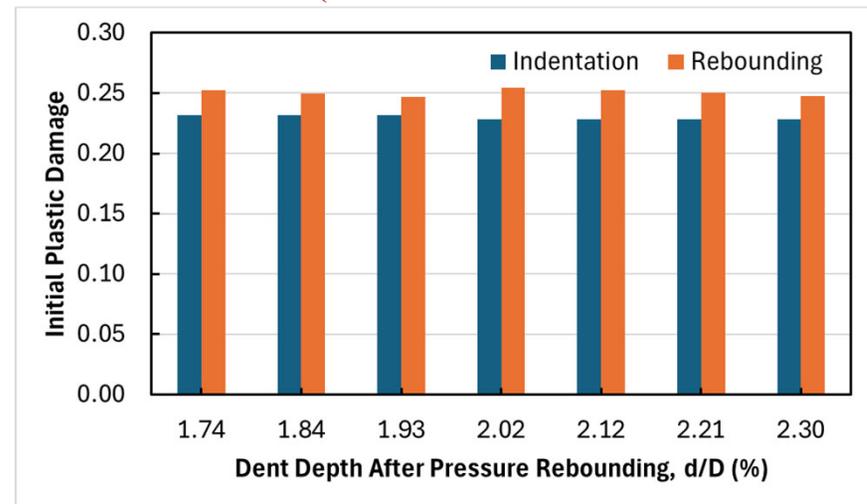
- ✓ Excessive initial damage due to pressure-driven rebounding leading to shorter fatigue life in the unrestrained cases.



Restrained @ fixed spatial point in the axial path



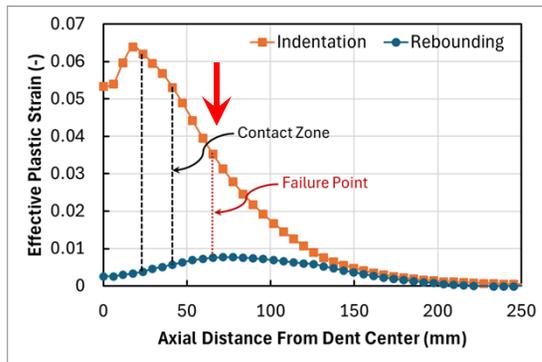
Unrestrained (15% OD initial indentation)



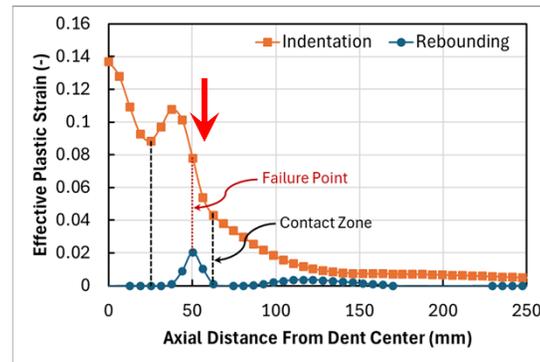
Results: (g) Synergistic Dent/Rebound Accumulated Plastic Strains

❖ Location of the failure point (strain profile along the axial path)

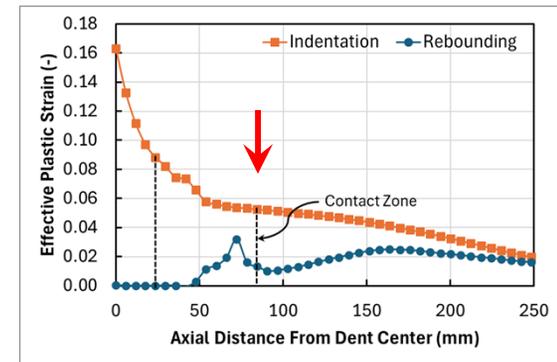
Restrained ($d/D = 3\%$)



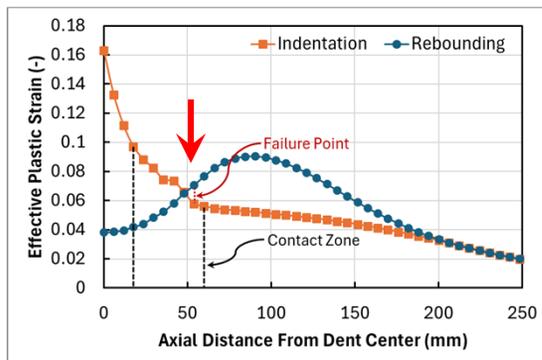
Restrained ($d/D = 7\%$)



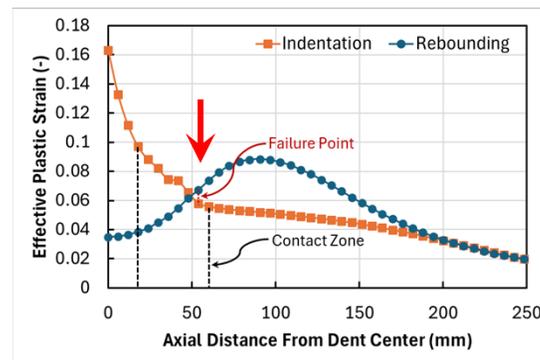
Restrained ($d/D = 15\%$)



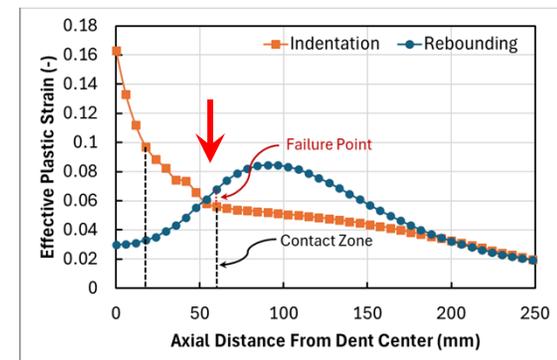
Unrestrained ($d/D = 1.74\%$) (15% OD initial indentation depth)



Unrestrained ($d/D = 1.93\%$) (15% OD initial indentation depth)



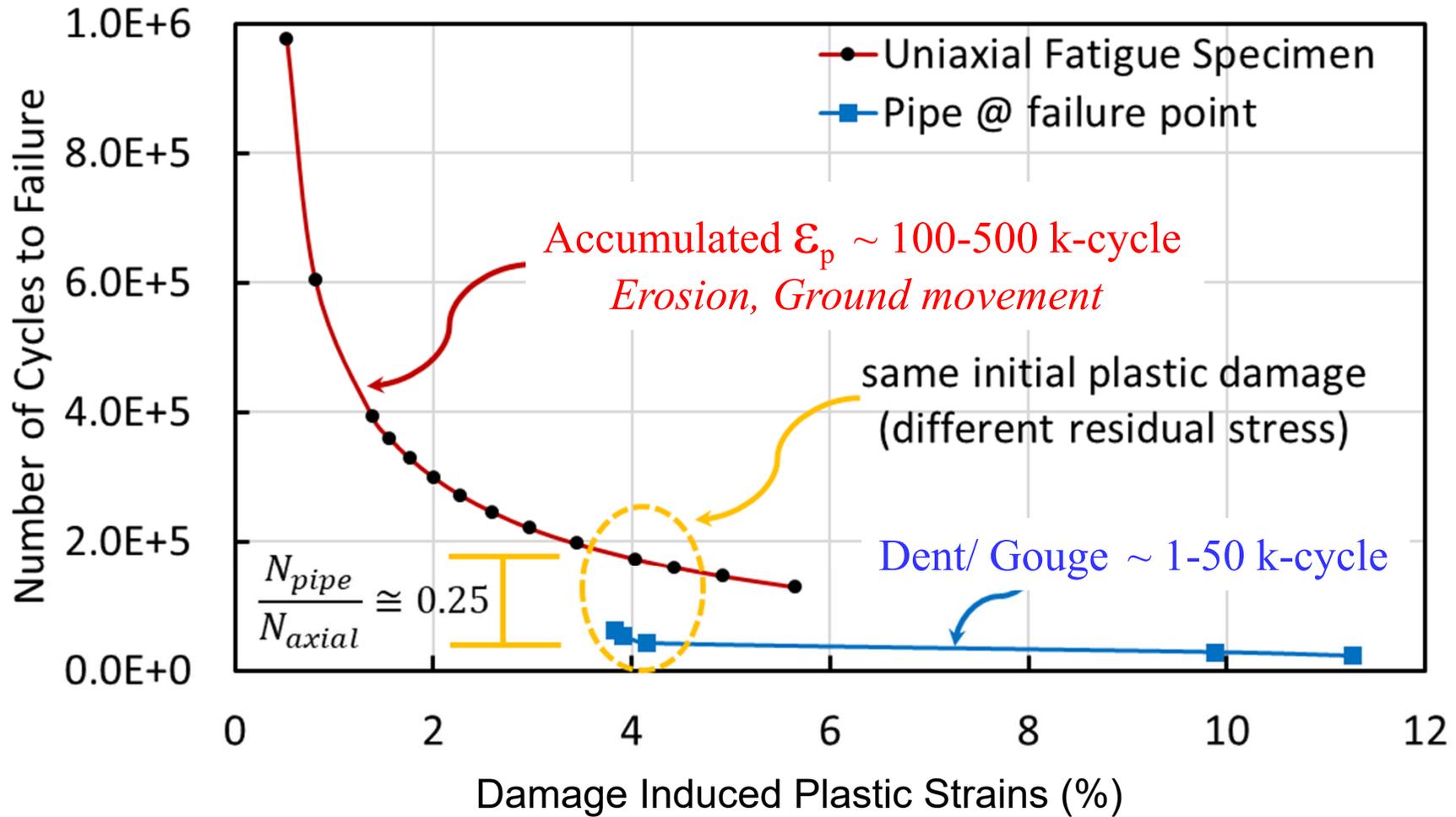
Unrestrained ($d/D = 2.3\%$) (15% OD initial indentation depth)



Summary of Findings: Synergistic Interactions

- ✓ Accumulated ϵ_p
- ? Residual Stress
- ? Geometric Effects

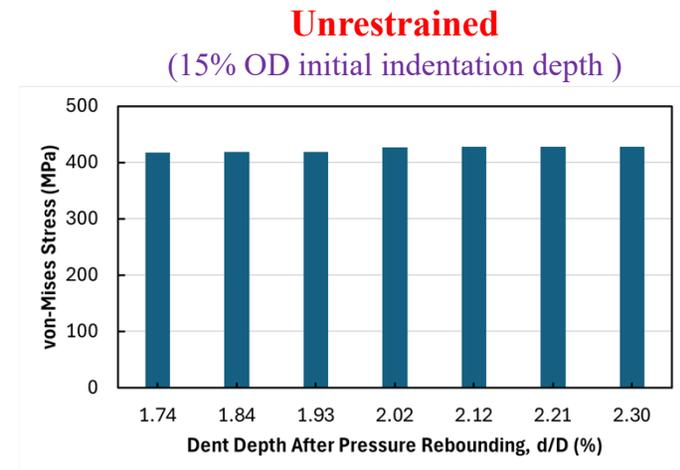
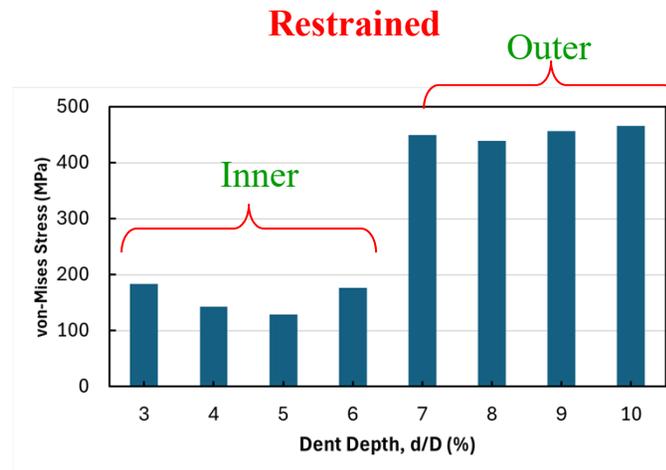
Pristine Pipeline ($\epsilon_p=0\%$) ~ 5 M-cycle



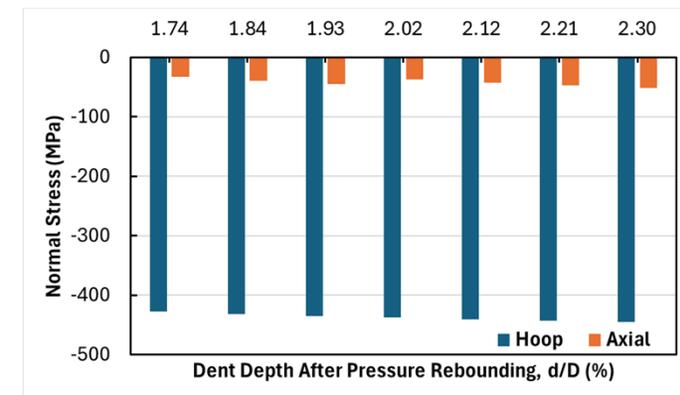
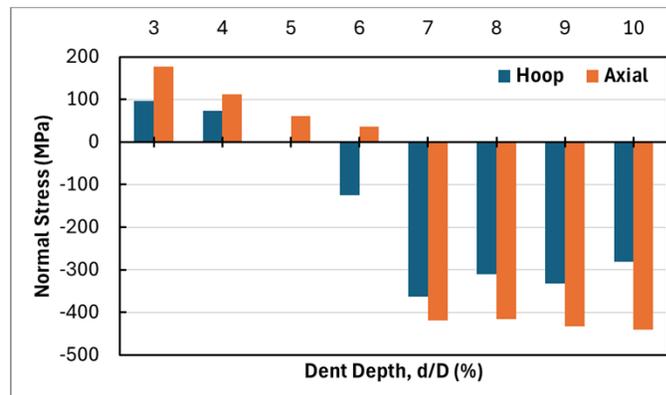
Results: (h) Synergistic Dent/Rebound Accumulated Residual Stresses

- ❖ Residual stress after pressure rebounding, shifted the mean stress amplitude

Von-Mises Stress
(@ the failure points)



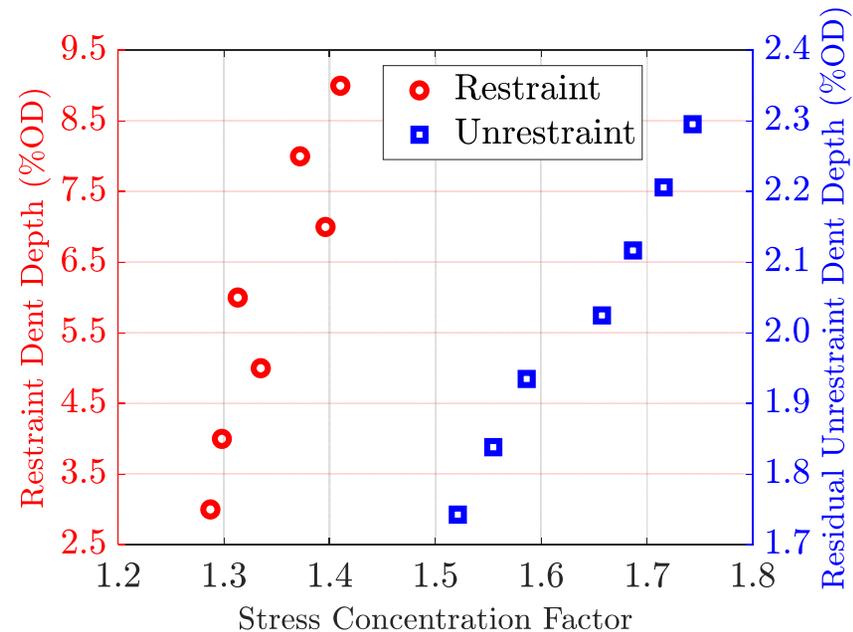
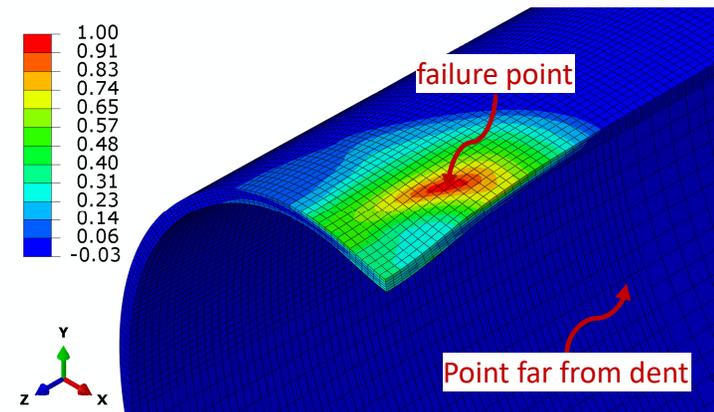
Principal Stresses
(@ the failure points)



Results: (g) Synergistic Geometry induced Stress Amplitude Riser, SCF

❖ Stress Concentration Factor

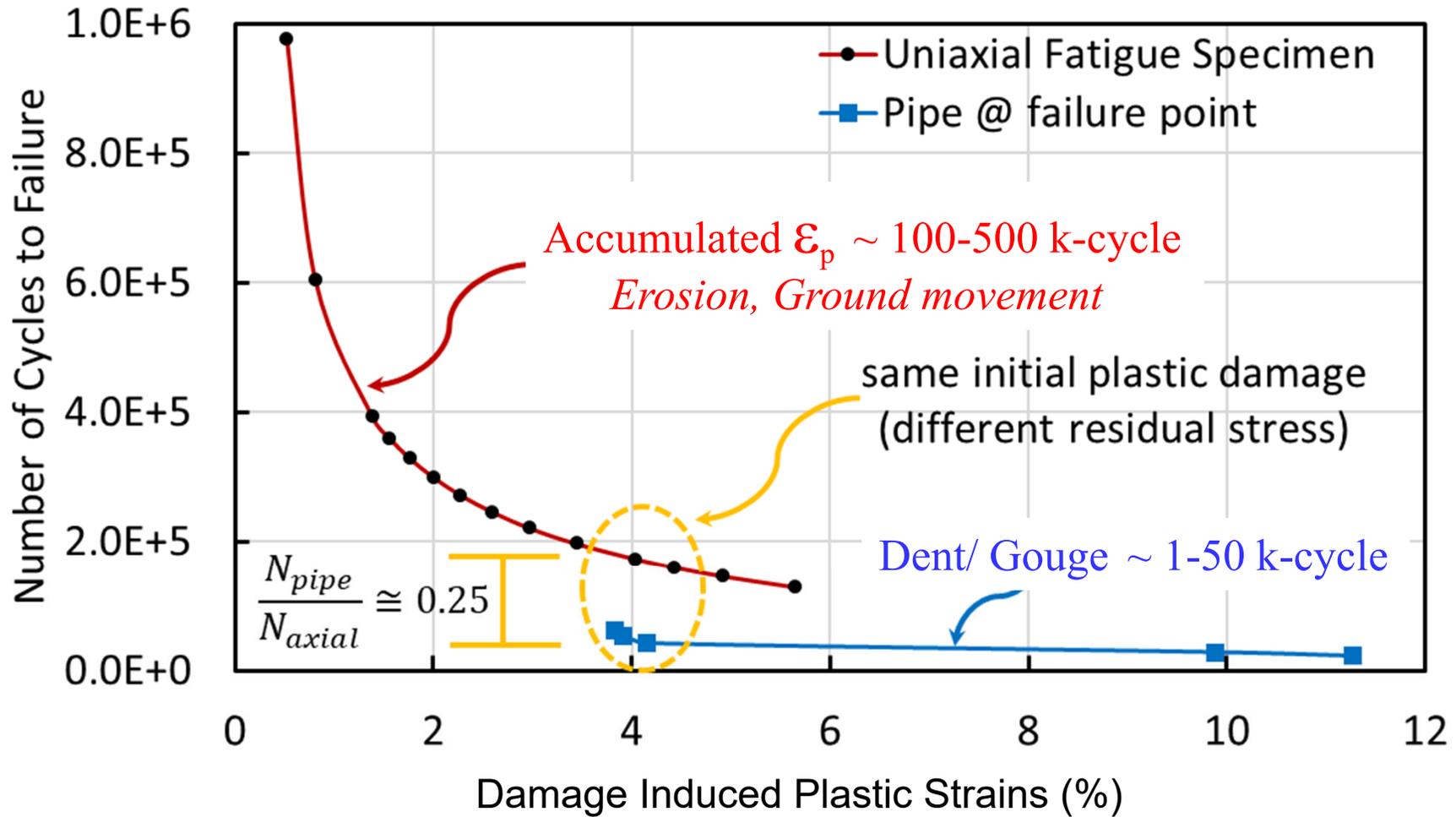
- ✓ SCF is obtained by dividing the stress amplitude at the failure point over the remote stress amplitude (at a point far from the dent).
- ✓ Higher SCF (~20% on average) in the unrestrained conditions because of pressure-driven rebounding.
- ✓ The stress magnification in the dented area reduce the fatigue life by ~28% at the same level of initial plastic damage.



Summary of Findings: Synergistic Interactions

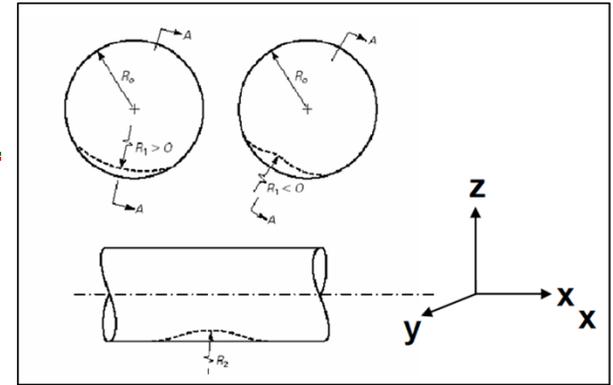
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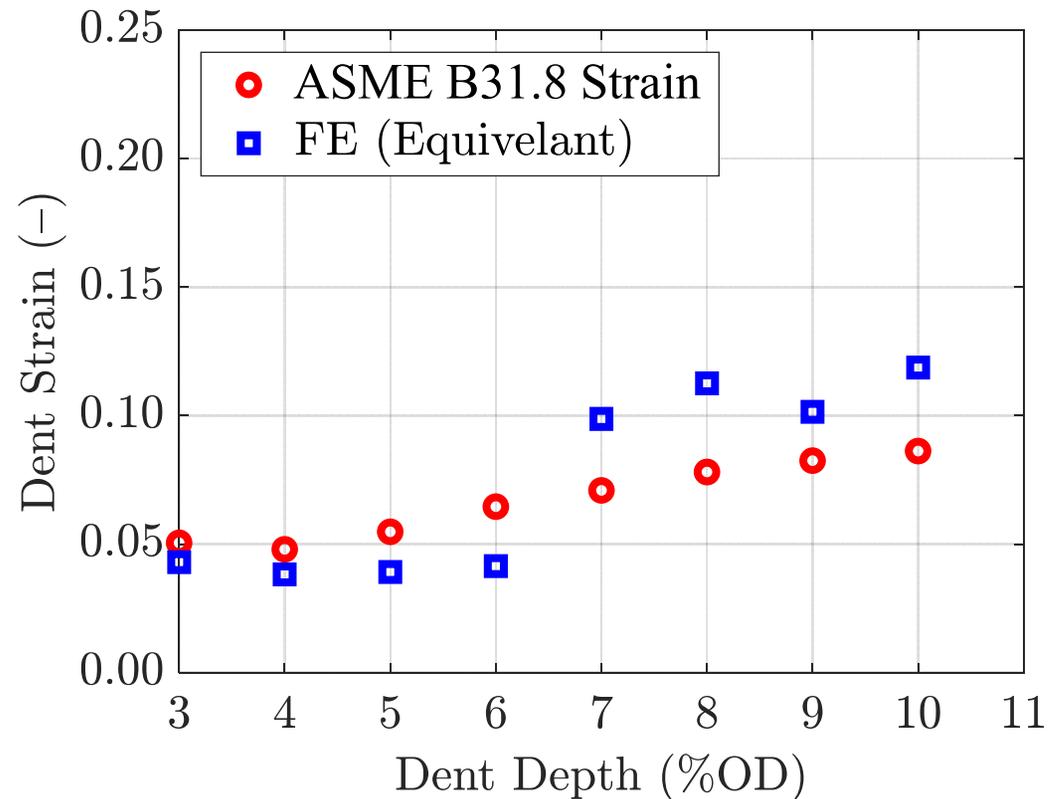


Needs to Revisit ASME B31.8

❖ Fatigue response of restrained dents (FE)



- ✓ ASME B31.8 is a profile based approach. It does not account for deformation histories or stress concentration.
- ✓ At higher dent depth, ASME B31.8 predictions are **~30%** (on average) less than the localized FE results.
- ✓ This difference in strain yields in **~35% in life**.



Concluding Remarks

- Developed an integrated computational tool to predict fatigue life of dented and gouged pipelines of different geometry and orientations.
- Identified different factors controlling Fatigue life of dented pipes (Residual plastic strain, residual stresses, Stress risers)
- The position and orientation of the fatigue crack are dictated by both dent conditions (restrained or unrestrained) and the depth of the dent
- Naïve assessment of chemical and mechanical coupling influence on IGC
- Level of prestrain increased the density of nucleation sites and accelerated the corrosion process.
- Progress to link GB cohesion strength with corrosion and prestrain levels.

Next Step/ Opportunities

- Extended Lab-scale investigation of coupling between residual stress, plastic strains and SCC
- Numerical Assessments of fatigue life for wide range of interactive threats
 - Different critical gouge geometries and orientations
 - Corrosion induced wall thinning
 - Geohazard impact
 - Assessment of rehabilitation methods
- Reexamine ASME B31.8 regarding pressurized and unpressurized characterization of dents and gouges.

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