



Fracture Modeling of Nuclear Components using FE Damage Analysis

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Research Definition

- ❖ Predict failure (ductile, brittle, creep) of large-scale nuclear components (piping, vessel) using FE analysis
- ❖ Use meso-scale phenomenological damage model (based either on inelastic strain or inelastic strain energy)
- ❖ Input: Tensile and fracture test data (minimum)
- ❖ Output: Fracture prediction of nuclear components under harsh loading / aging conditions

Requirements

- ❖ For industrial/practical use, the method should be simple, clear and transparent
- ❖ Input for the analysis should be readily available
- ❖ The method can treat complex problems in nuclear plant problems such as multiple cracks, aging and embrittlement, seismic loading, severe accident etc

Contents

1. Monotonic loading - Ductile fracture modeling
 2. (Very low) Cyclic loading (Earthquake seismic event)
 - Ductile fracture modeling
 3. Thermo-mechanical monotonic loading (Severe accident)
 - Ductile fracture modeling
 4. Impact loading (Collision / Penetration)
 - Ductile fracture modeling
 5. Combined ductile/cleavage fracture modeling for ductile-brittle transition temperature (not today)
- Ductile Fracture Simulation**

Monotonic Loading – Ductile Fracture Modeling Examples

Input

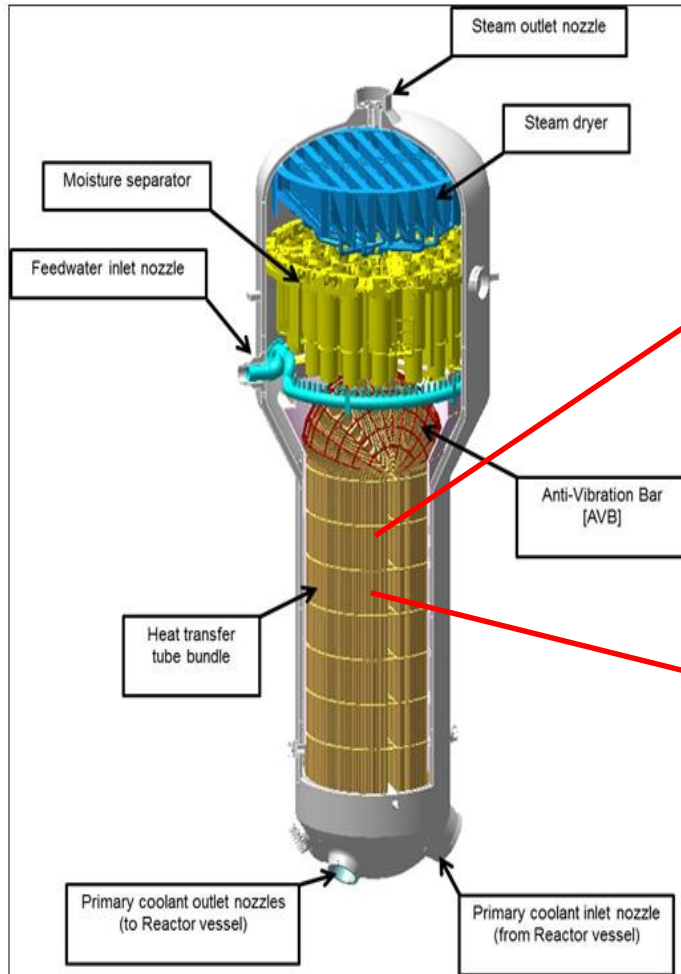
Model	Required data
Constitutive model	Monotonic tensile test data
Damage model	Monotonic fracture toughness data

Output

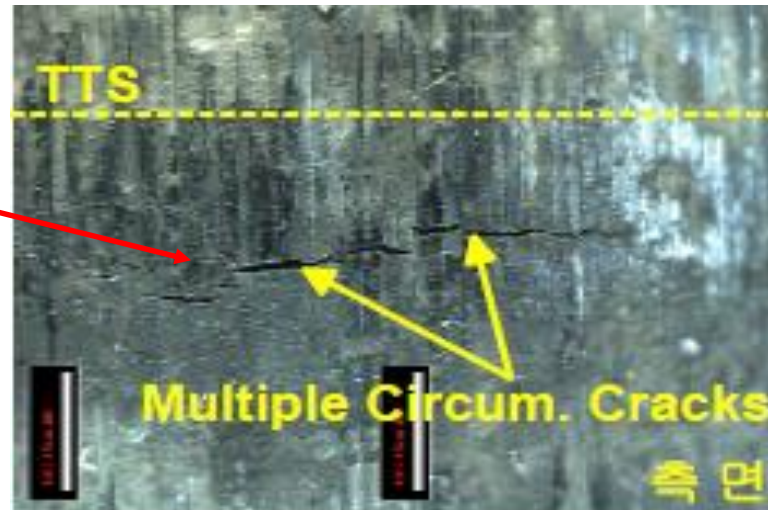
Crack initiation/growth, maximum load and unstable fracture of nuclear components

Multiple Cracks in Steam Generator Tubes

- Due to SCC, multiple cracks often found
 - assessment of multiple surface cracks

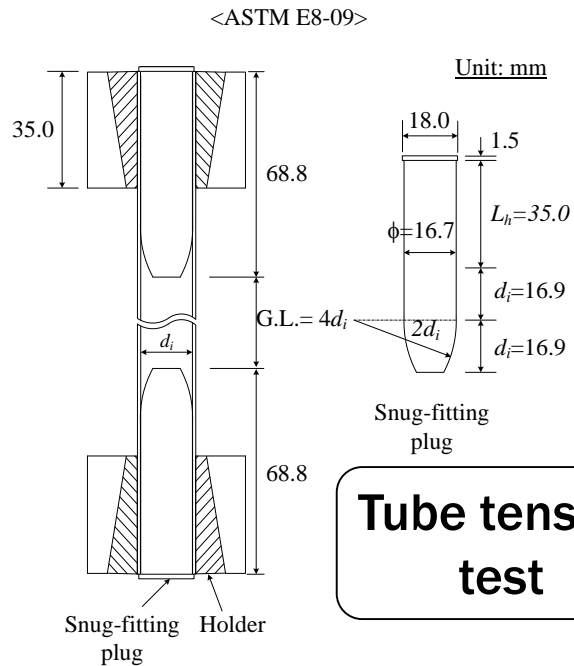


[SCC and Rupture of U-4 SG Tube]

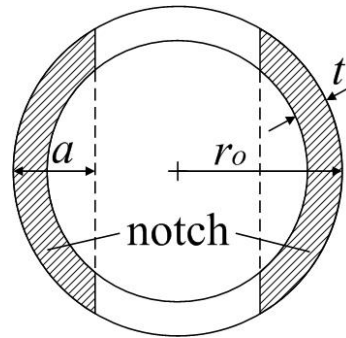


[Multiple SCCs in K-1 SG Tube]

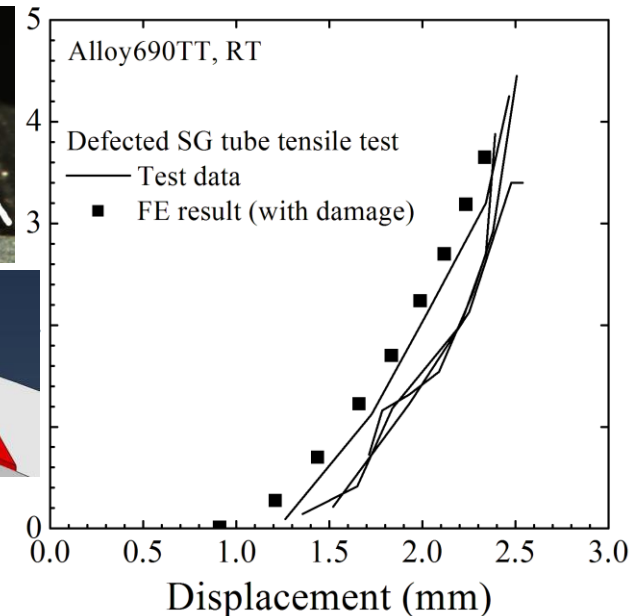
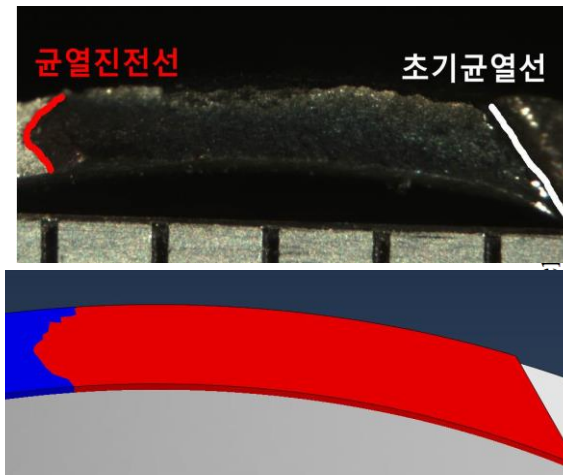
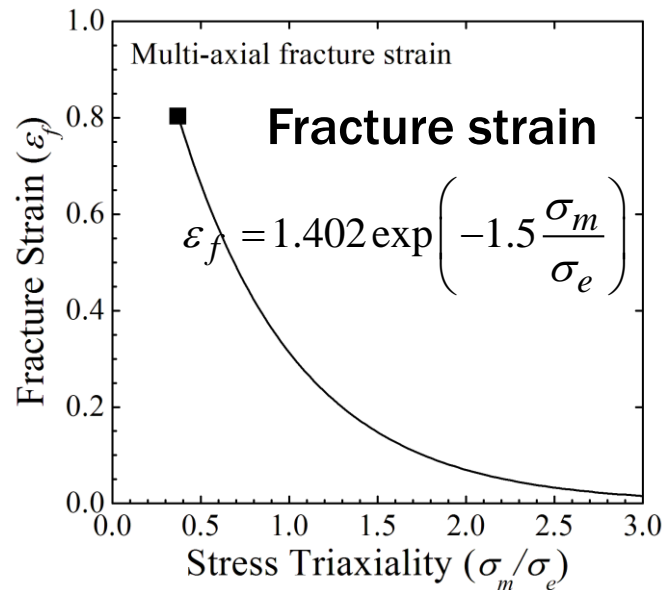
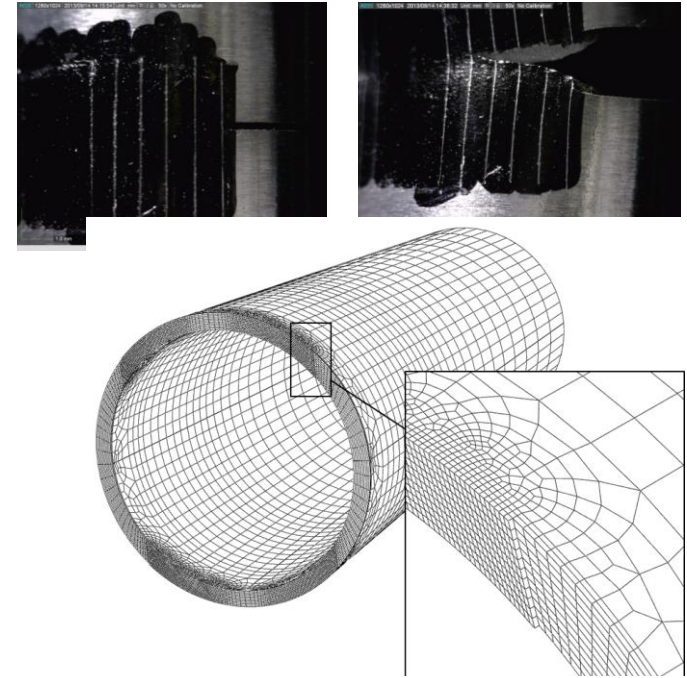
Test to Determine the Damage Model



Tube tensile test



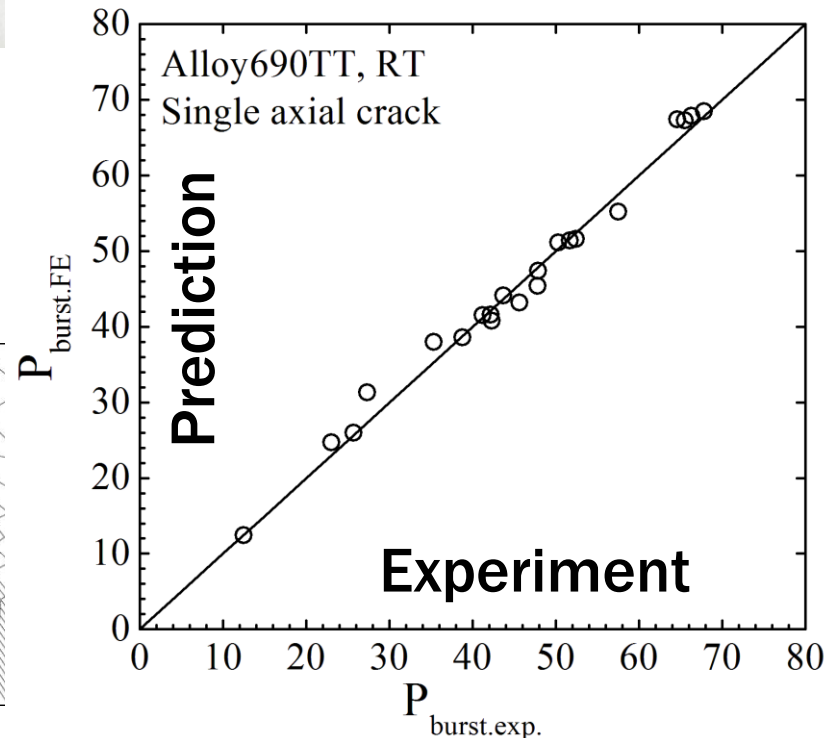
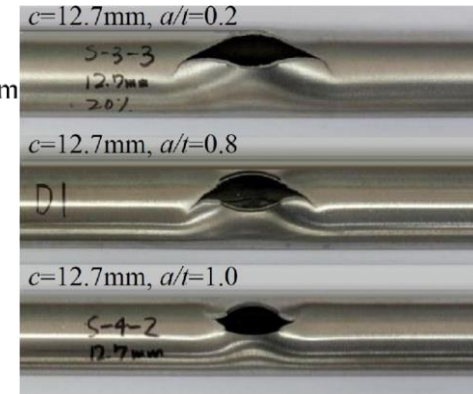
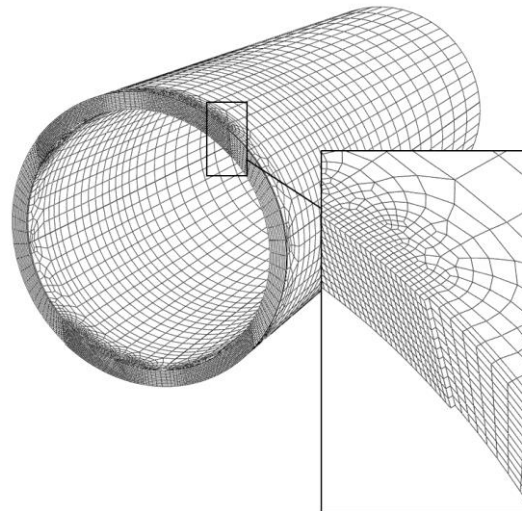
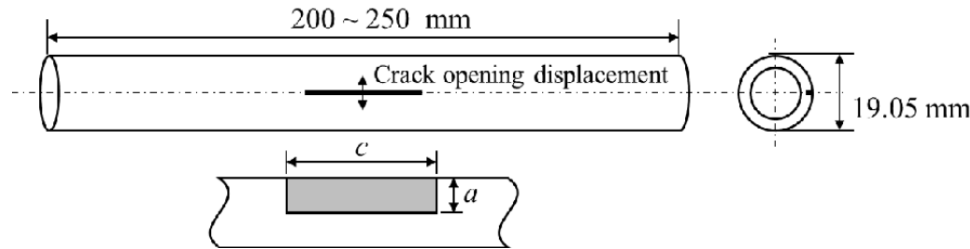
Notched Tube Fracture test



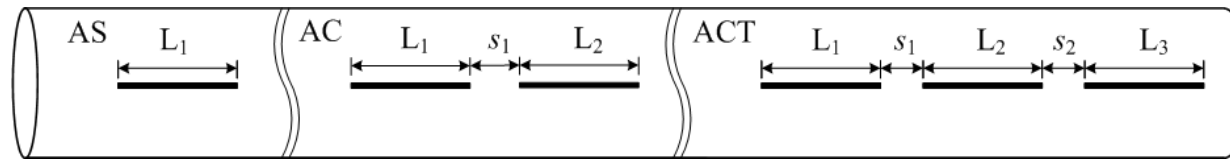
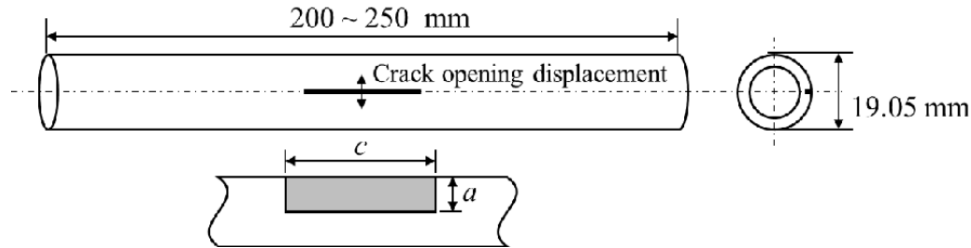
Comparison with Experimental data:

Single Surface Cracks (KHNP)

c (mm)	a/t	P_b^{test} (MPa)
6.0	0.2	67.8
	0.4	57.5
	0.6	47.9
	0.8	42.3
	1.0	42.2
12.7	0.2	66.3
	0.4	52.4
	0.5	47.8
	0.6	41.2
	0.8	27.3
	1.0	25.7
25.4	0.2	65.5
		66.0
	0.4	51.7
	0.5	43.7
	0.6	38.8
	0.8	23.0
		23.0
	1.0	12.5
50.8	0.2	64.6
	0.4	50.3
	0.5	45.6
	0.6	35.3



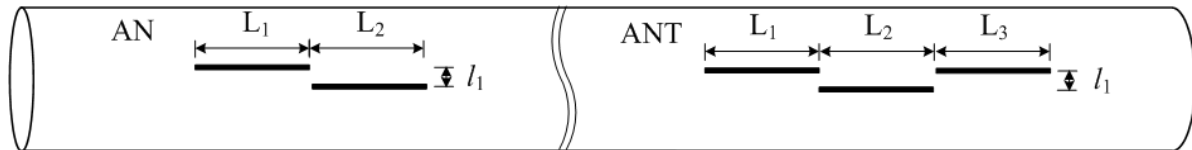
Test: Multiple-Cracked SG Tubes (Chosun Univ)



**Collinear
(12 cases)**



**Parallel
(8 cases)**



**Non aligned
(9 cases)**

**High Temp
Room Temp
80 cases**

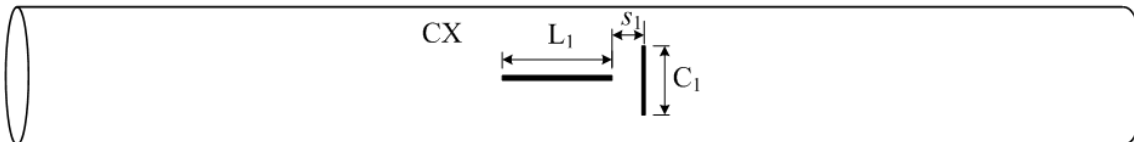


**Aligned
(3 cases)**



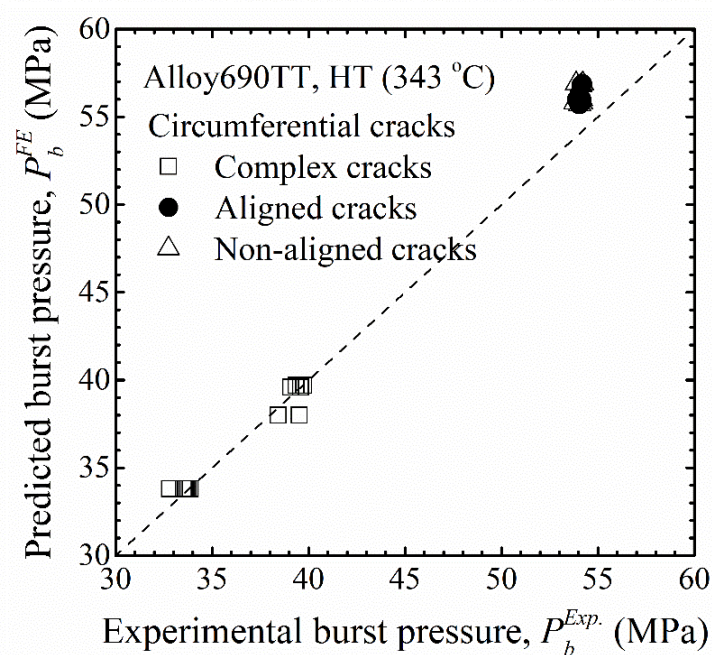
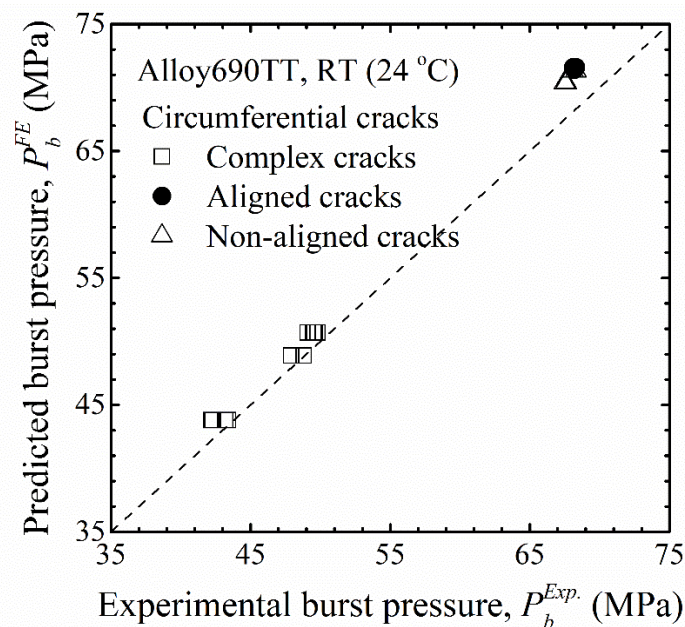
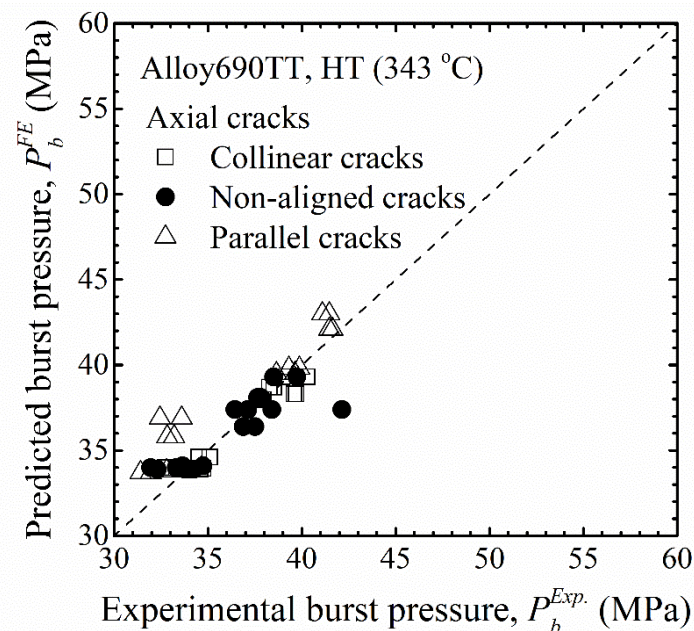
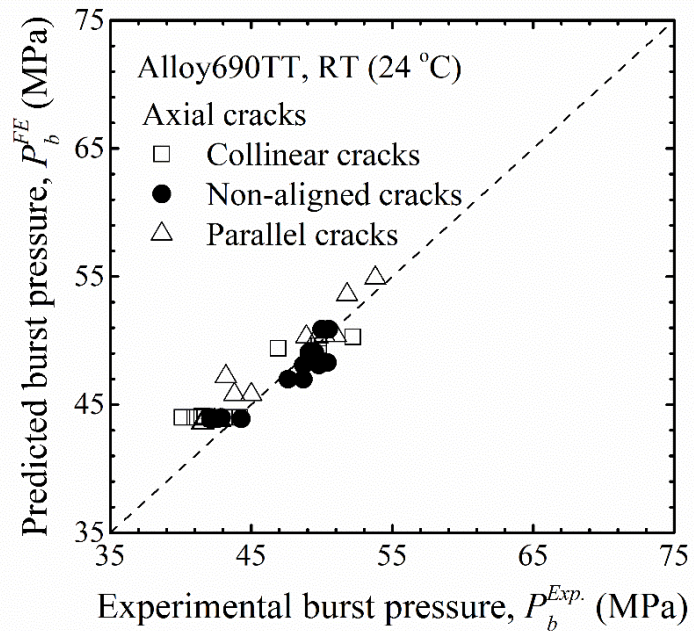
**Non aligned
(2 cases)**

**$a/t=0.5$
For all cases**



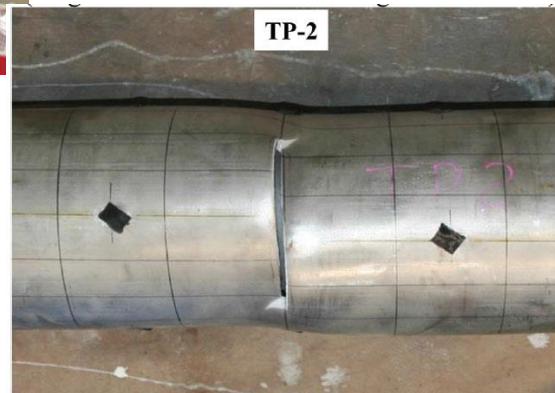
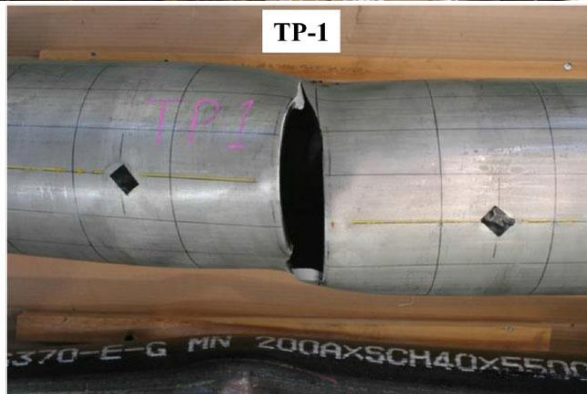
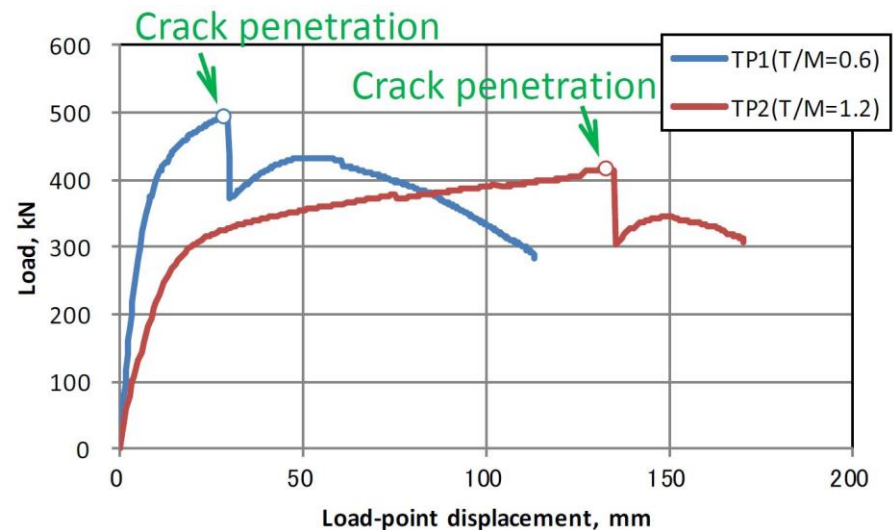
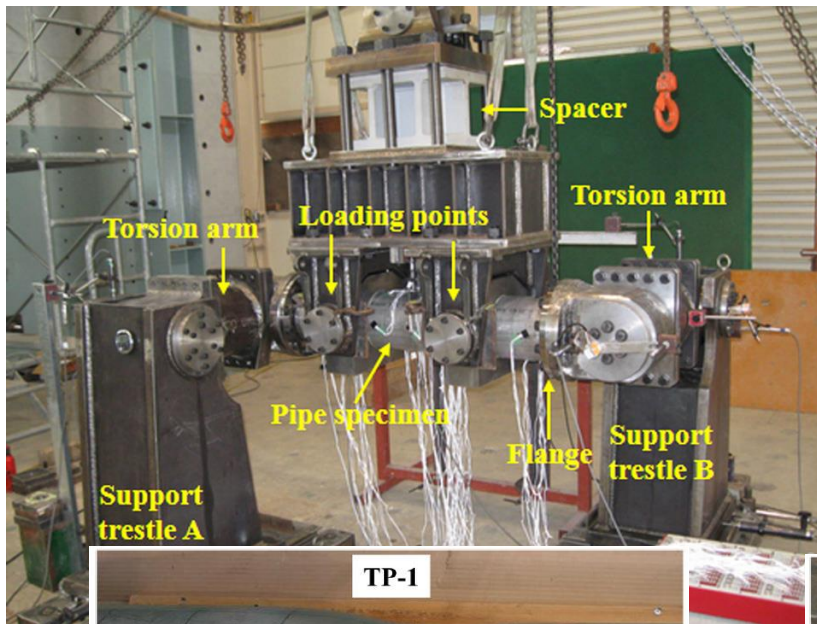
**Composite
(6 cases)**

Comparison with Predictions



On-Going Works

- ❖ Crack growth modeling of cracked pipes under combined bending (tension) and torsion



Very Low Cyclic Loading – Ductile Fracture Modeling Examples

Input	Model	Required data
	Constitutive model	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monotonic tensile test data • ϵ-N data (Code / Report) • Cyclic tensile test data (optional)
	Damage model	Monotonic fracture toughness data

Fracture toughness under cyclic loading

Output Crack initiation/growth, maximum load and unstable fracture of nuclear components under cyclic (seismic) loading

Energy-based Damage Model

- Monotonic fracture strain energy, $(W_f)_M$

$$(W_f)_M = A \cdot \exp\left(1.5(n+1) \cdot \frac{\sigma_m}{\sigma_e}\right) + B$$

A, B : material constants

n : monotonic strain hardening exponent

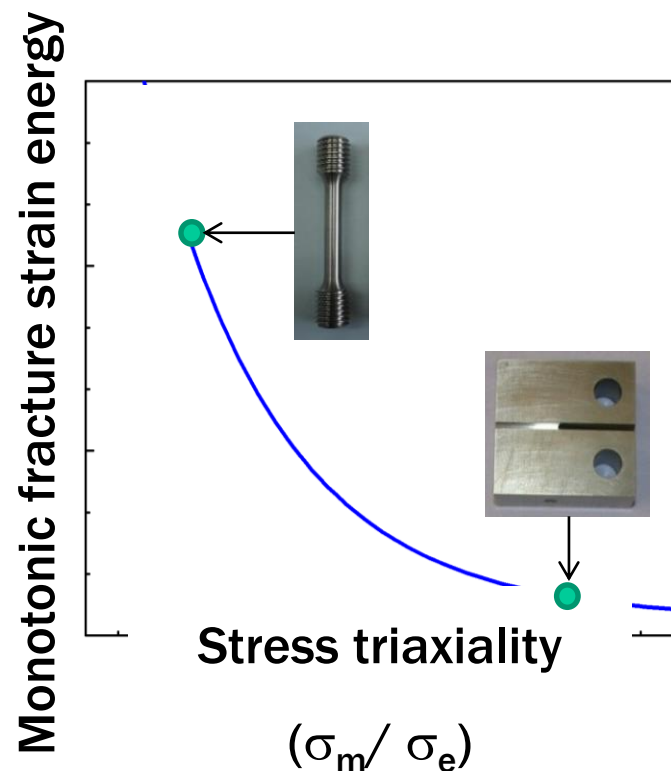
**Determined from
tensile and fracture toughness test**

- Cyclic fracture strain energy, $(W_f)_C$

$$(W_f)_C = (W_f)_M \cdot [2N]^{\alpha+1} \cdot \left[\frac{1-R}{2}\right]^{-\frac{0.5\alpha}{\beta}}$$

α, β : material constants

R : load ratio ($=P_{\min}/P_{\max}$)



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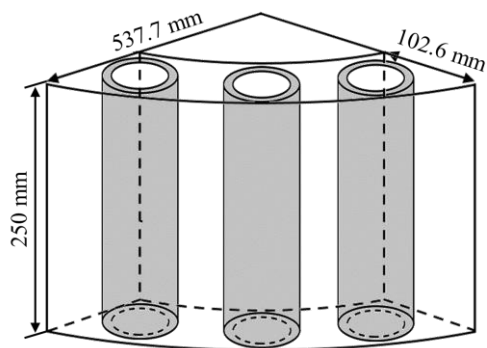
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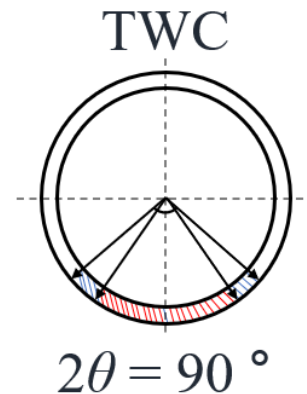
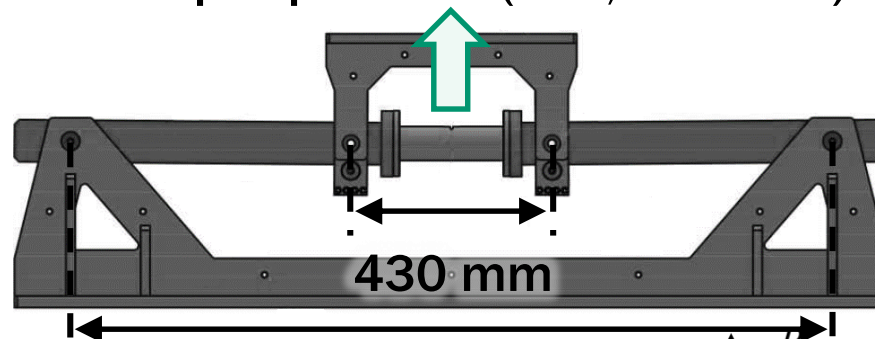
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Monotonic/Cyclic Through-Wall Cracked Pipe Test

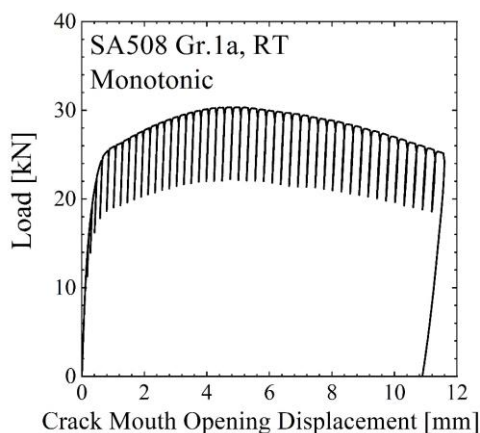


$D_{out} = 72.5 \text{ mm}$, $t = 8.5 \text{ mm}$

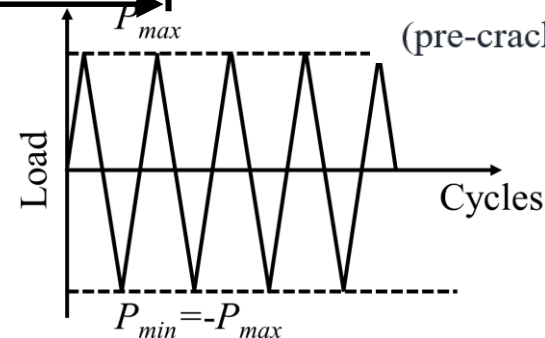
Pipe specimen (90° , 250 mm)



(pre-crack: 20°)



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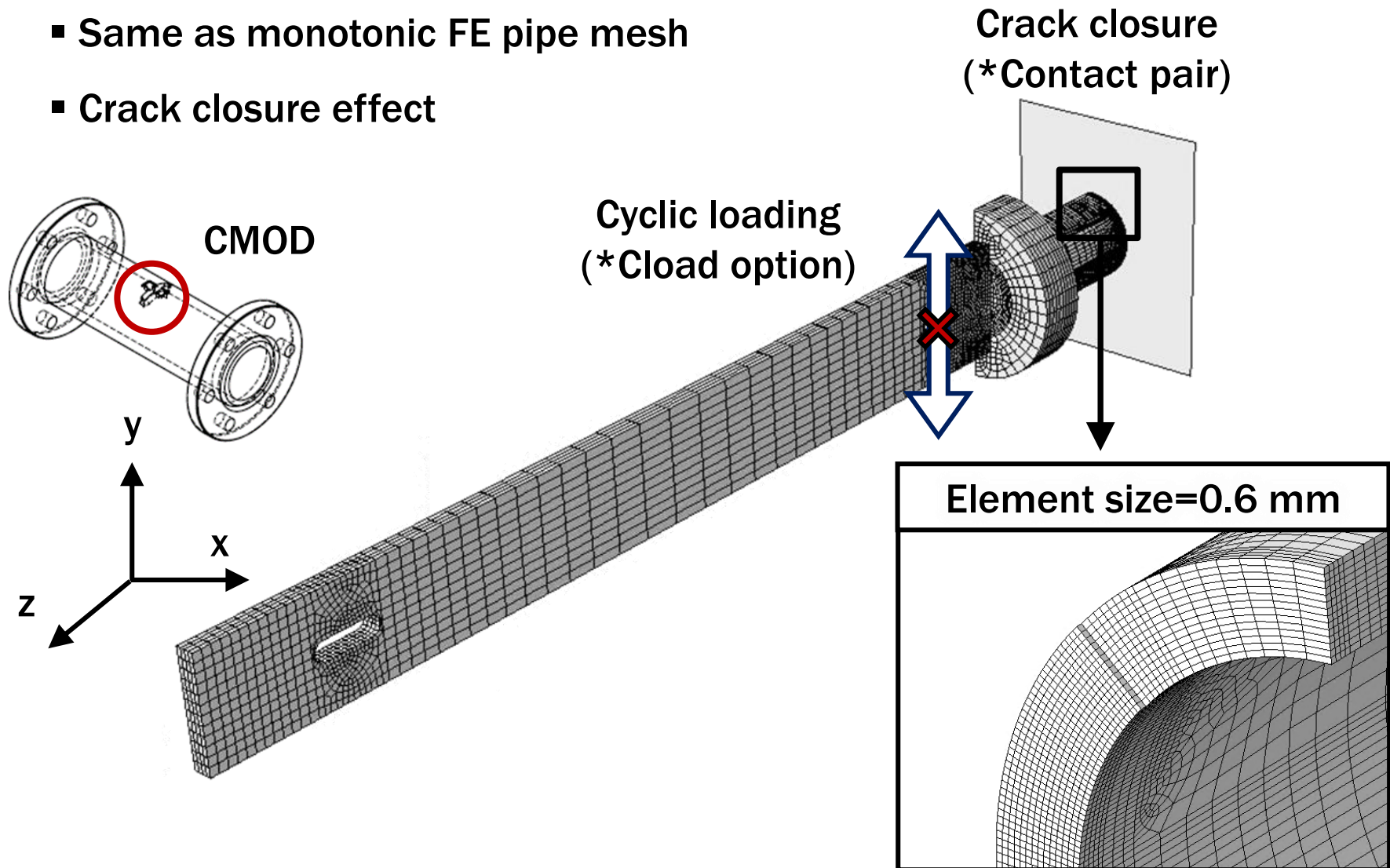
▪ Load-controlled very low cycle fatigue loading

Load [kN]	Load ratio R	P_{max}/P_M	Failure cycle
± 25.8	-1	0.85	21
± 22.8		0.75	76
25.8/-12.9	-0.5	0.75	74

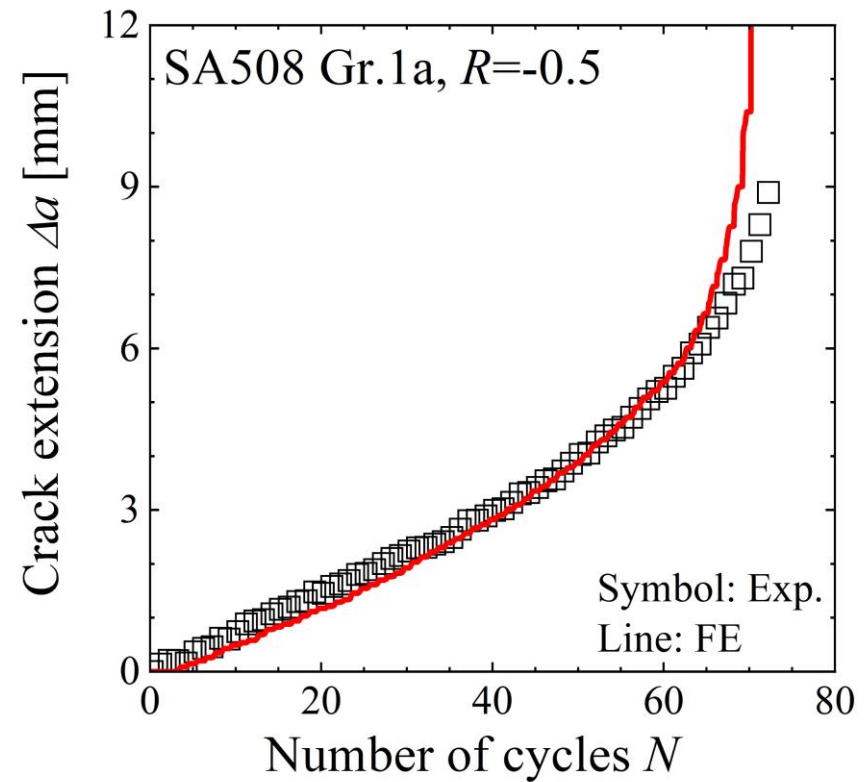
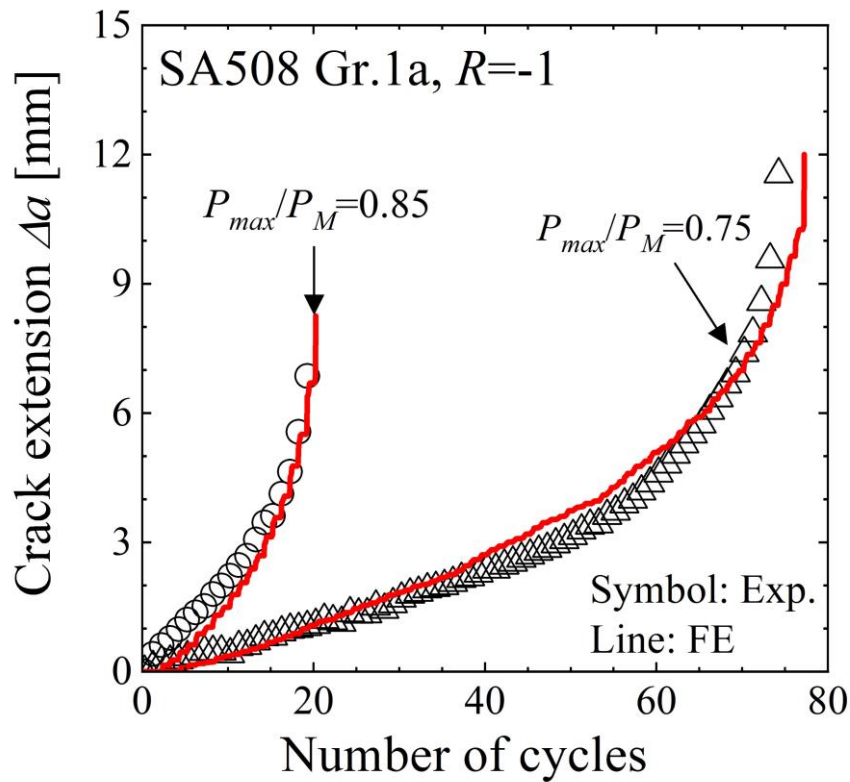
Maximum load in monotonic pipe test data ($P_M = 30 \text{ kN}$)

Cyclic FE Pipe Fracture Analysis Model

- Load controlled VLCF → Cload in ABAQUS option
- Same as monotonic FE pipe mesh
- Crack closure effect

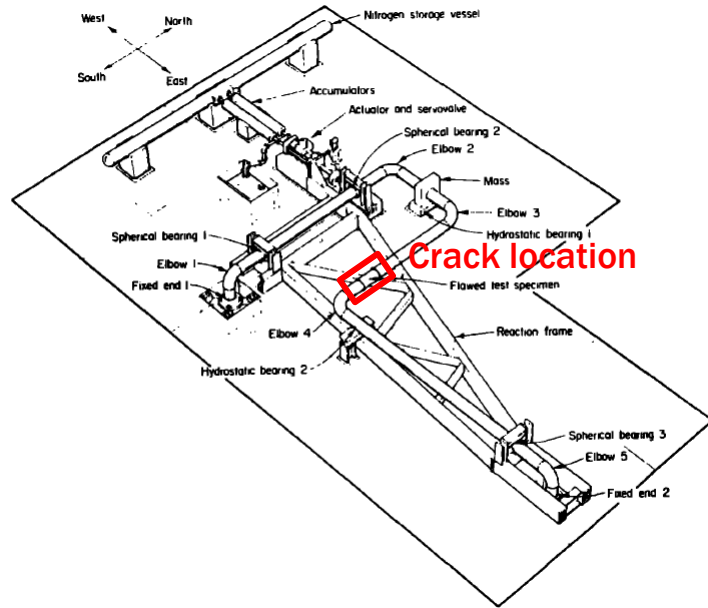


Pipe Crack Growth and Fracture Prediction

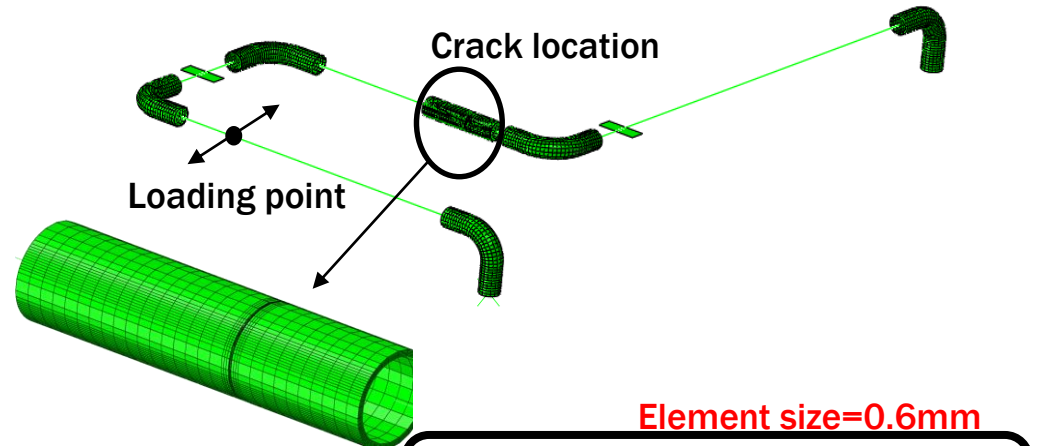


P_{max}/P_M	Load ratio R	Failure cycle (Exp.)	Failure cycle (FE)
0.85	-1	21	21
0.75		76	77
0.75	-0.5	74	70

FE Mesh (Solid + Beam Hybrid FE Model)

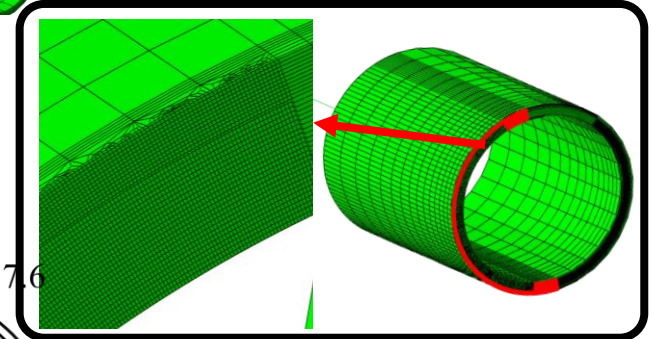


- FE analysis model

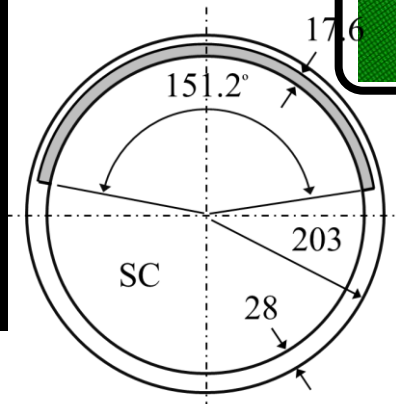


Element size=0.6mm

Crack plane

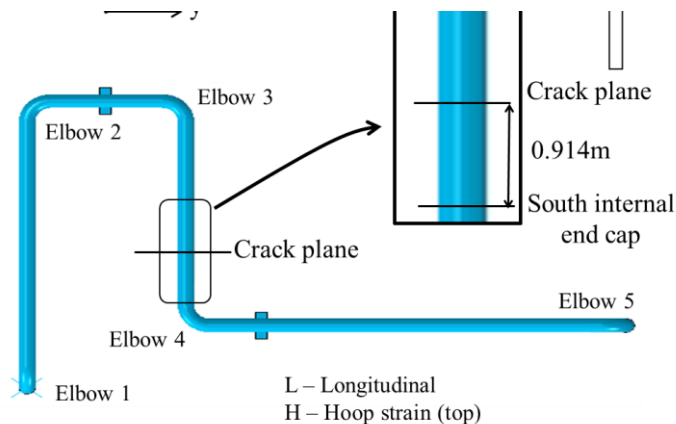
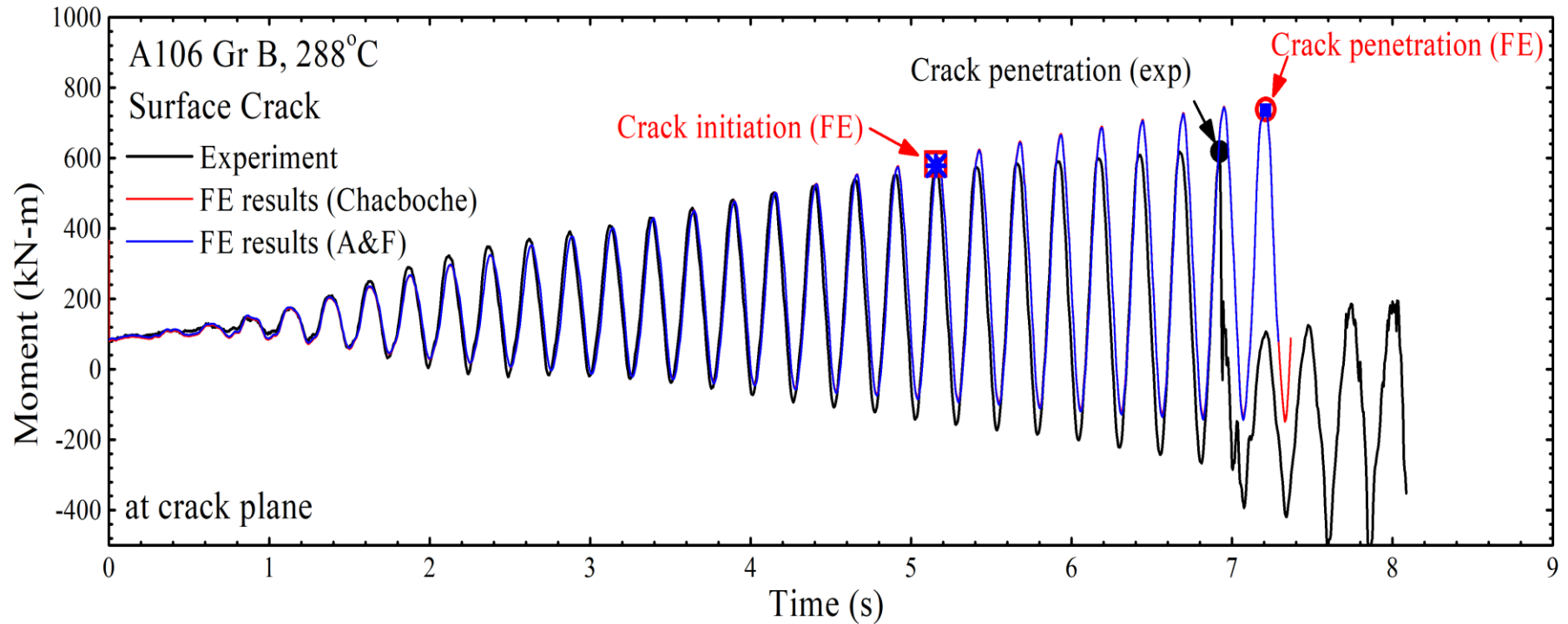


Surface crack



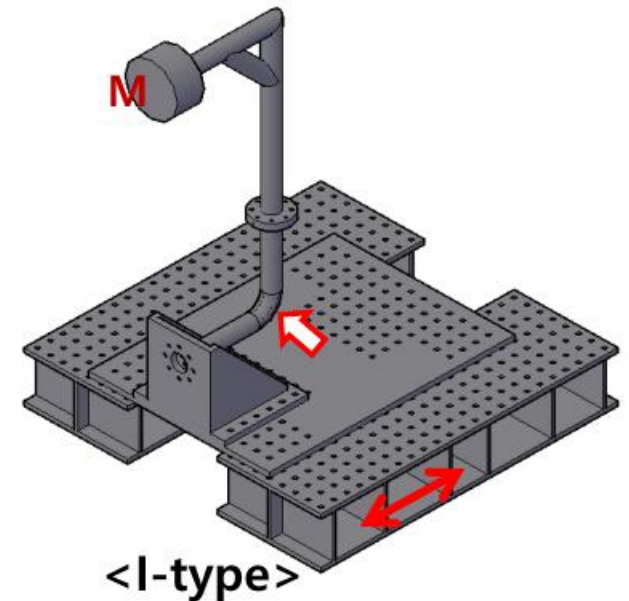
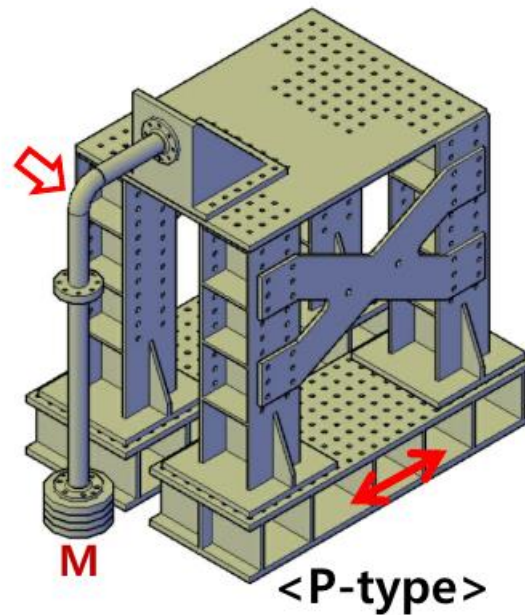
FE Results

- Comparison of FE results with experiment results (Moment at crack plane)



On-Going Works

- ❖ Application to fracture assessment of un-cracked elbows under quasi-static and dynamic cyclic loading



Thermo-Mechanical Mechanical Loading – Ductile Fracture Modeling Examples (Severe Accident)

Input

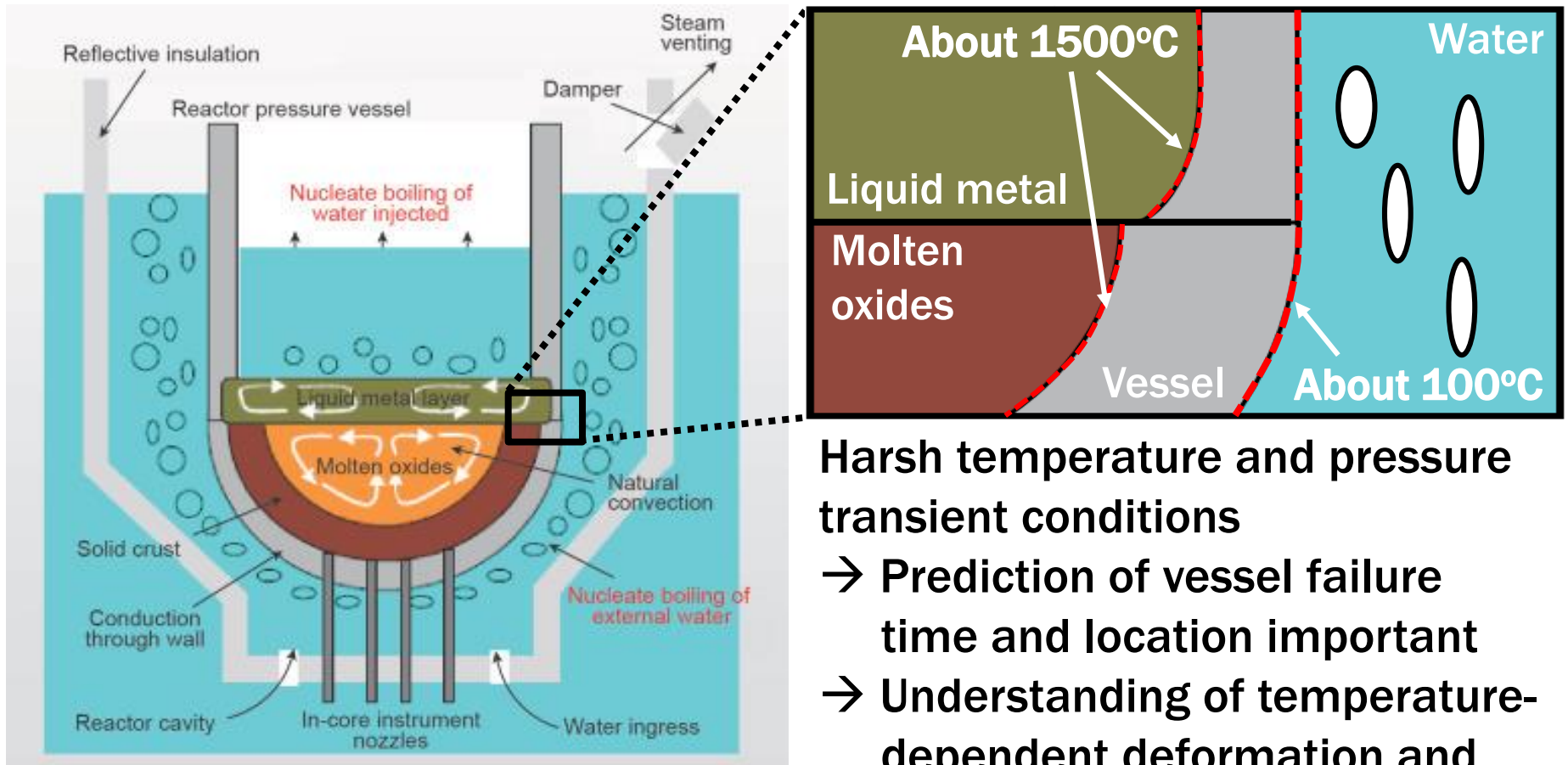
Model	Required data
Constitutive model	Temperature-dependent monotonic tensile test data
Damage model	Temperature-dependent uni-axial fracture strain data

Output

Under severe accident condition,
Deformation, failure time and size of vessel
components

IVR-ERVC (In-Vessel Corium Retention – External Reactor Vessel Cooling)

➤ Severe Accident Management strategy



Harsh temperature and pressure transient conditions

- Prediction of vessel failure time and location important
- Understanding of temperature-dependent deformation and fracture behavior

Visco-plastic constitutive law

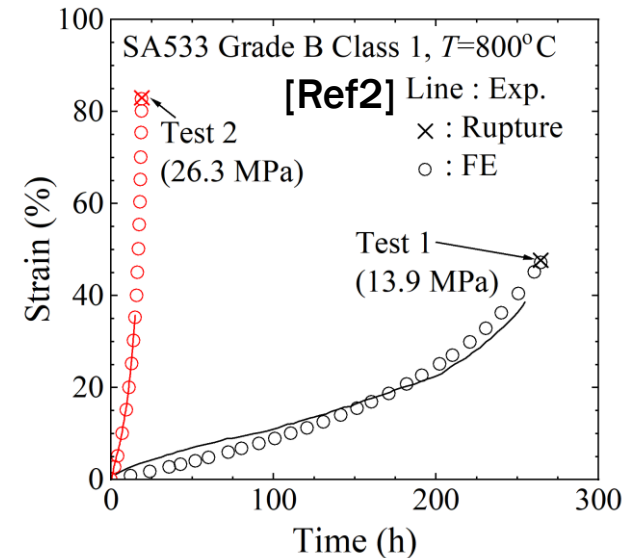
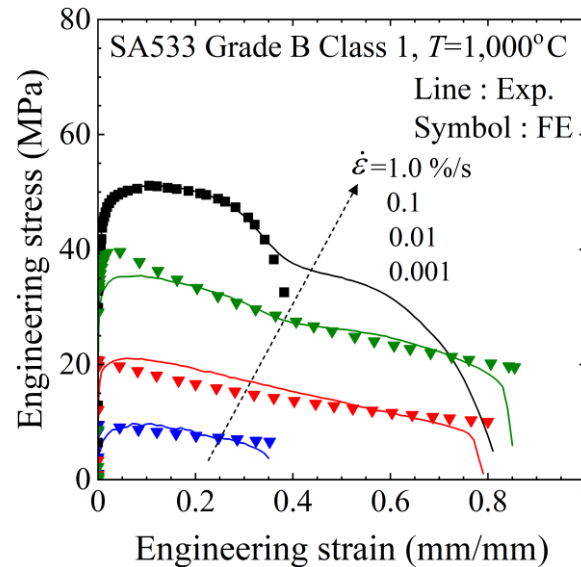
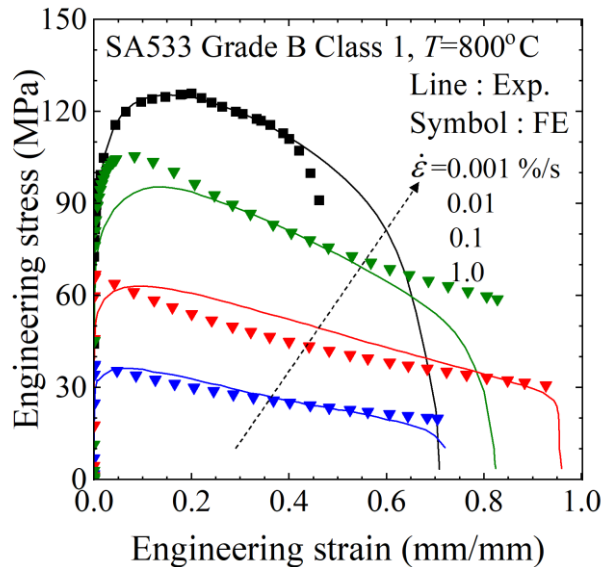
➤ Plastic deformation model^[Ref1]

$$\sigma = \sigma_y + \int \frac{d\sigma}{d\varepsilon_{in}} d\varepsilon_{in} \quad \leftarrow \quad \frac{d\sigma}{d\varepsilon_{in}} = \sigma_0^m \left[\frac{1}{m\sigma^{m-1}} - \frac{\{(1 + A\varepsilon_{in})\sigma\}^p}{\sigma_r^{m+p-1}} \right]$$

- σ_y : yielding strength
- σ_0 : strain hardening parameter dependent on Temperature & Strain rate
- σ_r : strain softening parameter dependent on Temperature & Strain rate
- m, p, A : material constant

➤ Creep model

$$\dot{\varepsilon} = K(T)\sigma^{n(T)}$$



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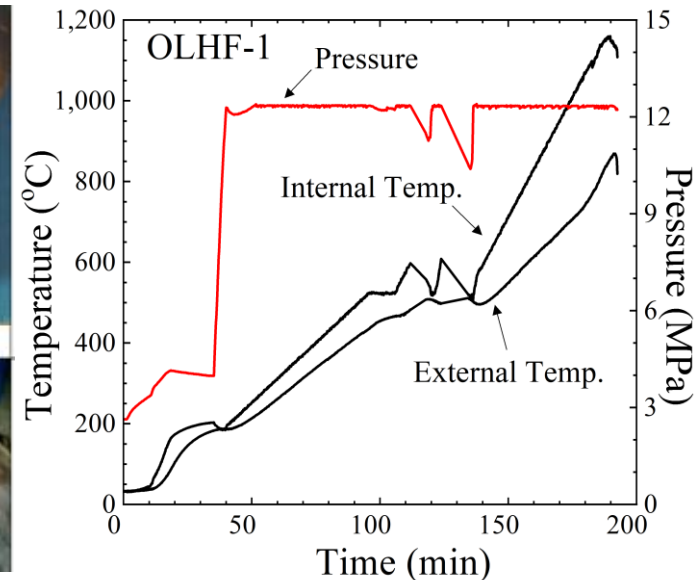
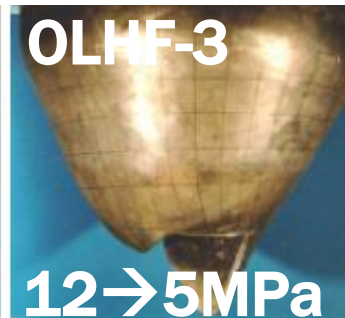
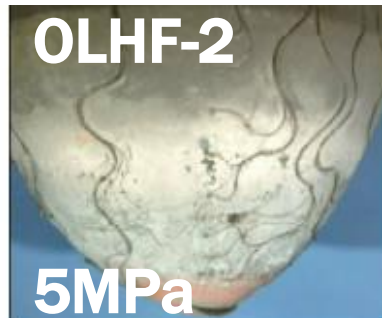
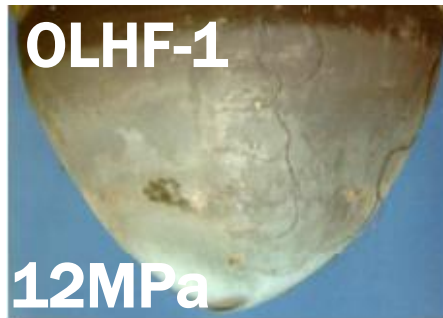
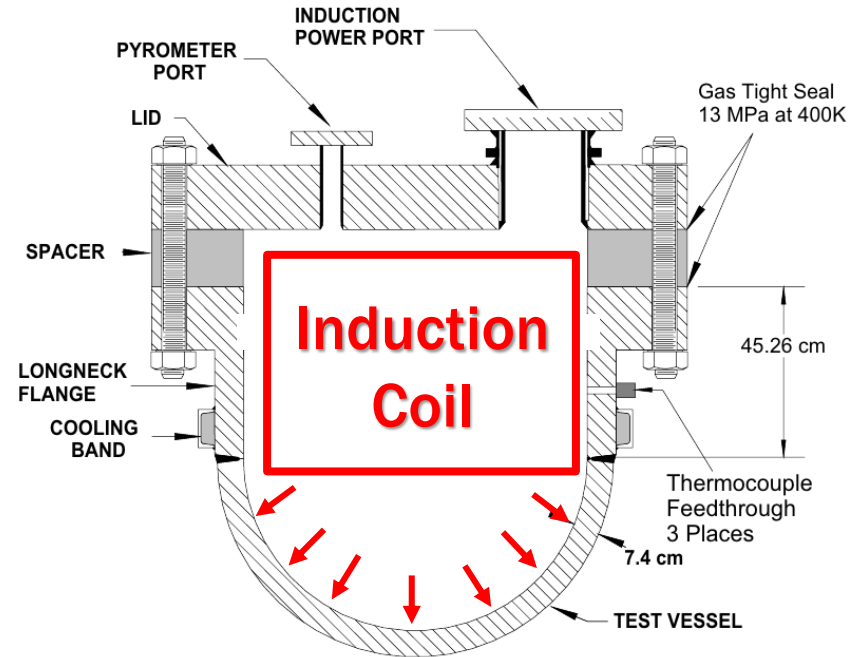
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OLHF (OECD Lower Head Failure)

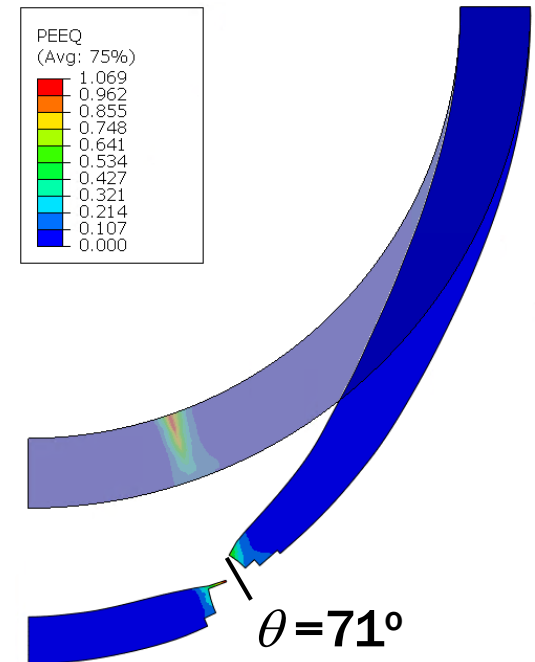
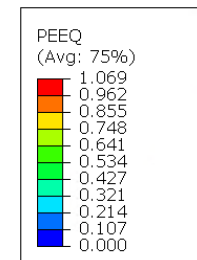
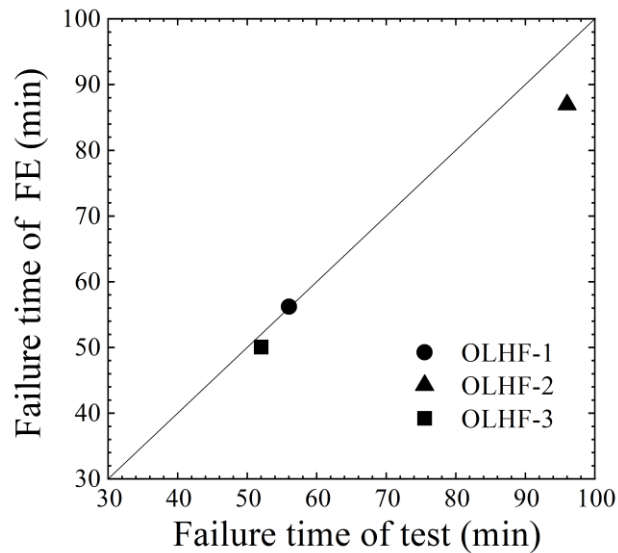
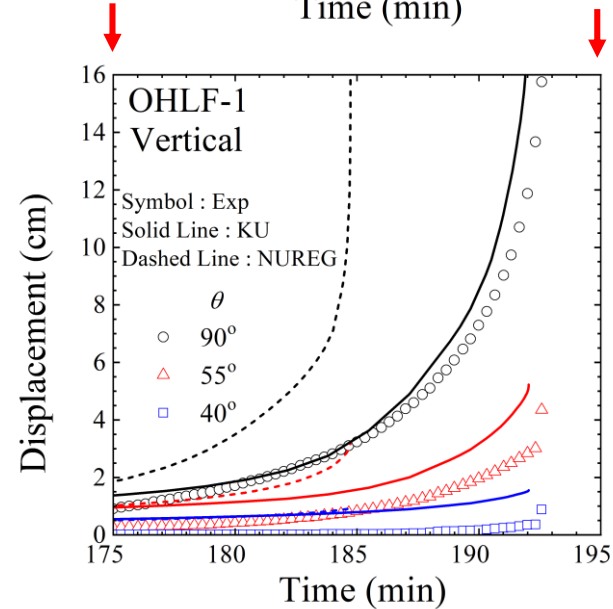
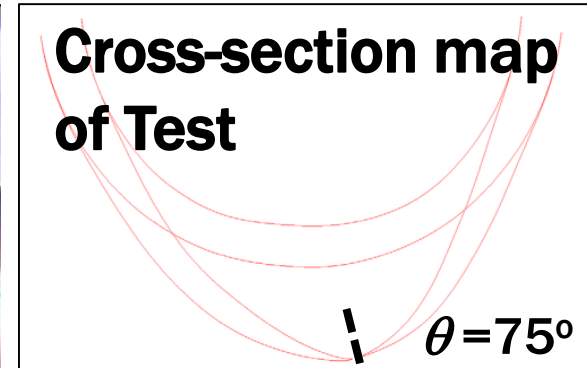
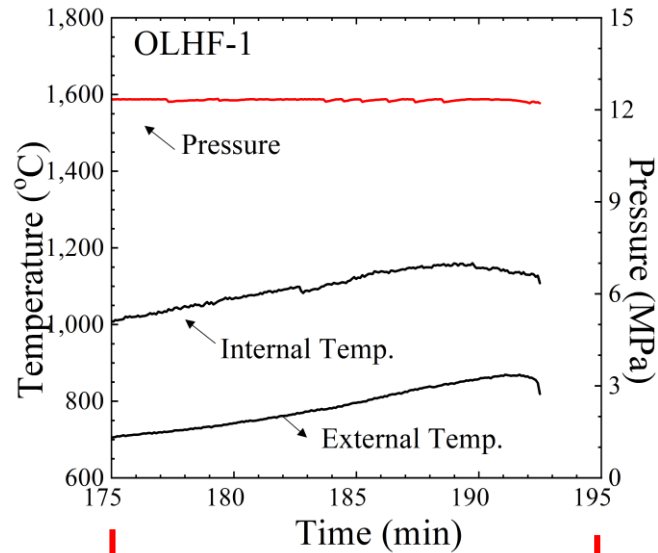
Vessel Material : SA533B1



Figure 2.9 Assembled vessel on test stand

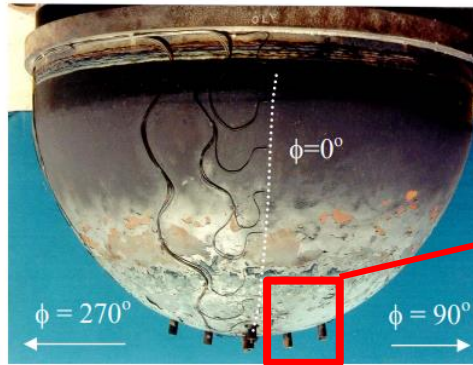


OLHF Simulation



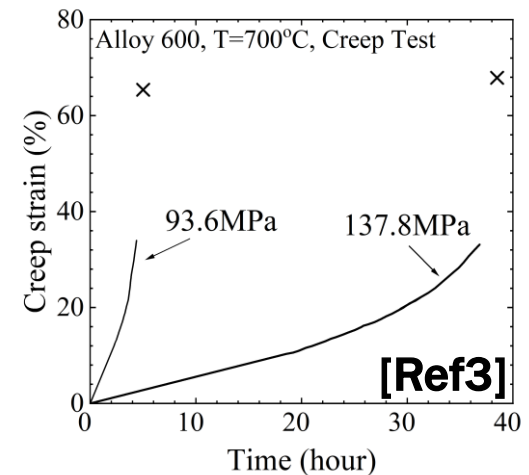
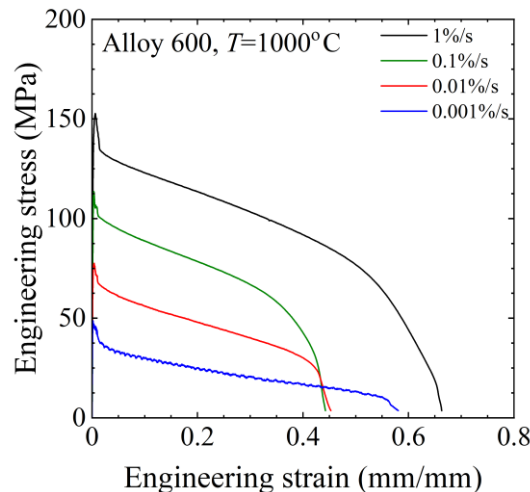
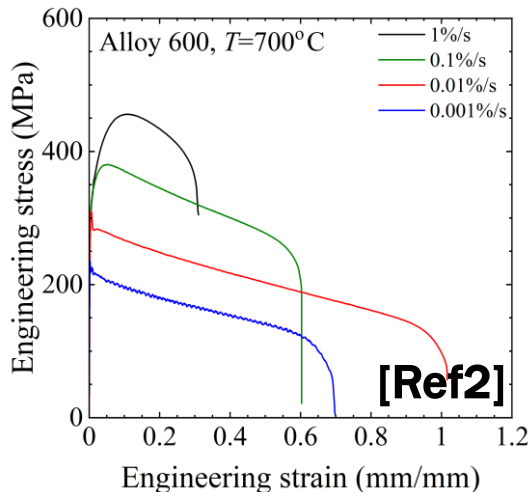
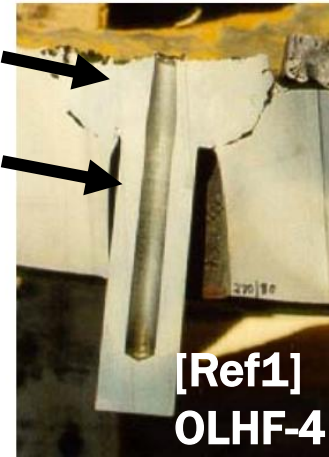
On-Going Works

- ❖ Development of temperature-dependent visco-plastic deformation and fracture strain models for Alloy 600 / SUS 316 / Alloy 82/182



Alloy182

Alloy600



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Impact Loading (Collision/Penetration) – Ductile Fracture Modeling Examples

Input

Model	Required data
Constitutive model	Temperature dependent monotonic tensile test data
	Strain rate dependent monotonic tensile test data
Damage model	Temperature dependent uni-axial fracture strain data
	Strain rate dependent uni-axial fracture strain data

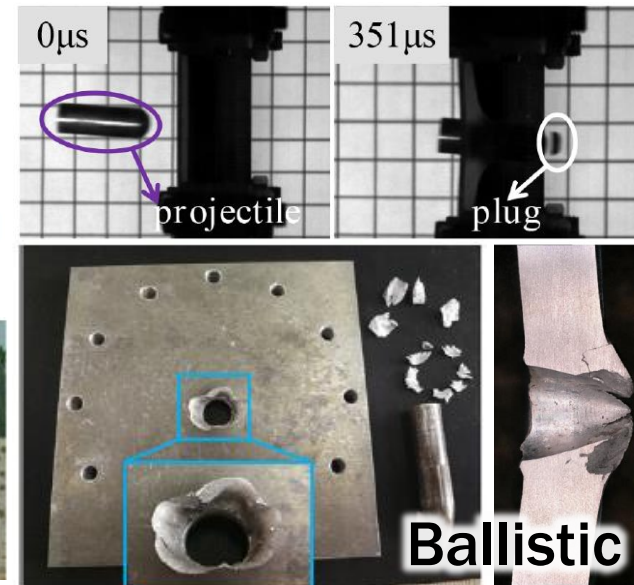
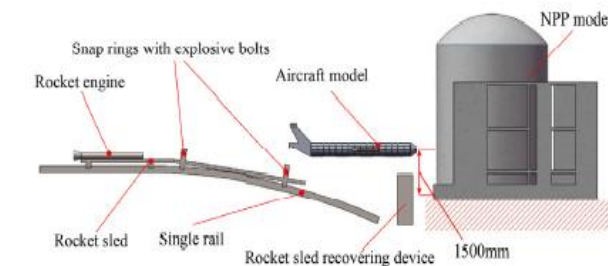
Output

Under collision/drop accident condition,
Deformation, fracture or penetration

Impact Loading (Collision/Penetration) – Problems in Nuclear Power Plant

❖ Spent-fuel storage cask, Small modular reactors

→ Risk assessment against drop, crash and attack



❖ High strain rate and temperature, mixed stress state

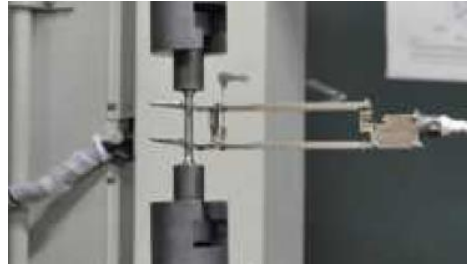
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[x] Y Wang, Effect of Lode angle incorporation into a fracture criterion in predicting the ballistic resistance of 2024-T351 aluminum alloy plates struck by cylindrical projectiles with different nose shapes. *Int J Impact Eng*, 2020.

Deformation Properties for Impact Loading

Strain rate / Temperature

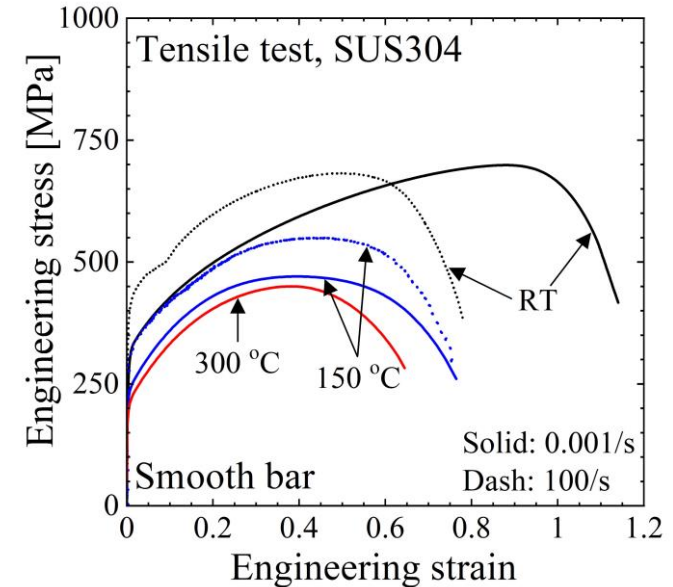
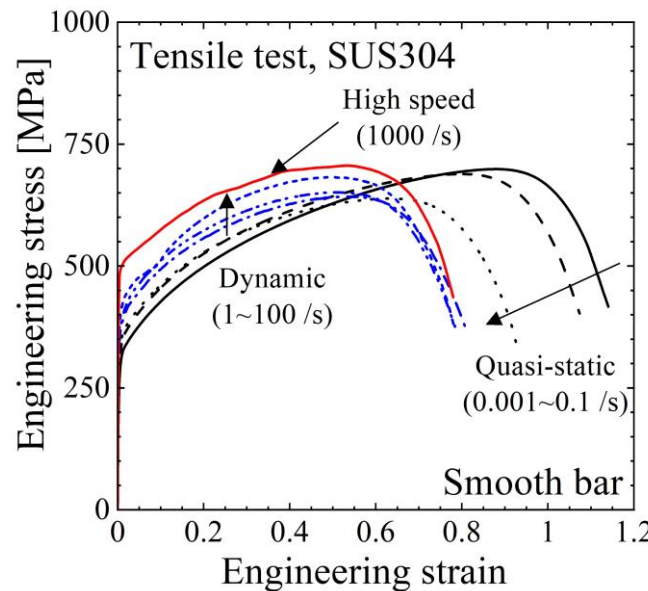


Tensile test
(Quasi-static, dynamic)



Split-Hopkinson Bar
(High speed: >1000/s)

- Temperature: RT, 150 °C, 300 °C
- Strain rate: Quasi-static, dynamic, high speed

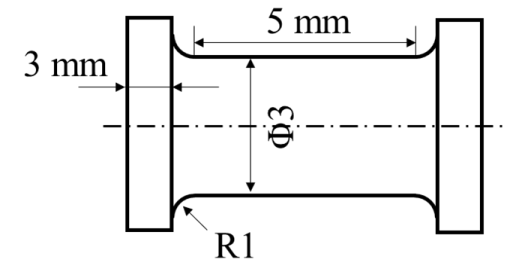


Johns-Cook (J-C)
constitutive model:

$$\sigma_{eq} = \left[A + B \varepsilon_{eq}^n \right] \left[1 + C_1 \ln \dot{\varepsilon}^* \right] \left[1 - T^{*m} \right]$$

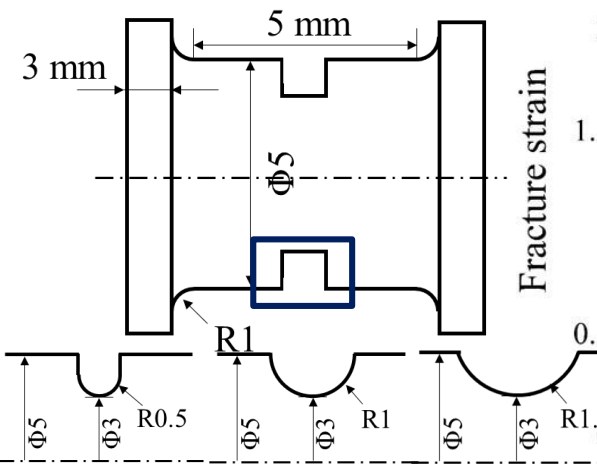
Fracture Properties for Impact Loading

Strain rate / Temperature

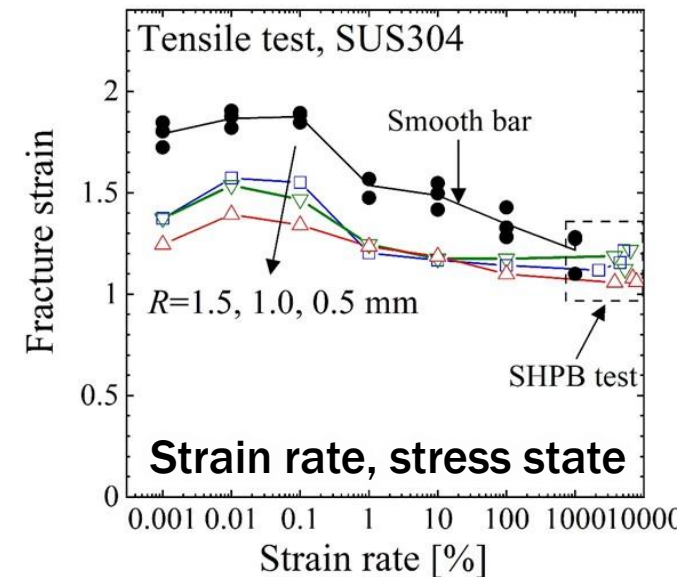
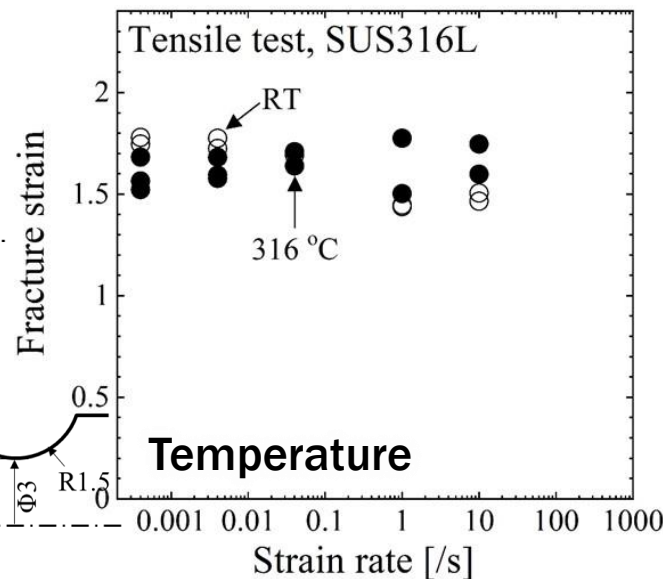


Smooth bar

- Temperature: RT, 310 °C
- Strain rate: Quasi-static, dynamic, high speed
- Stress state: Smooth bar, notched bare



Notched bar
(R=0.5, 1, 1.5 mm)

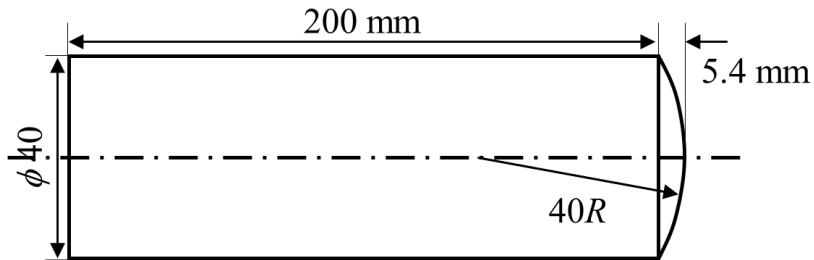


**Johns-Cook (J-C)
damage model:**

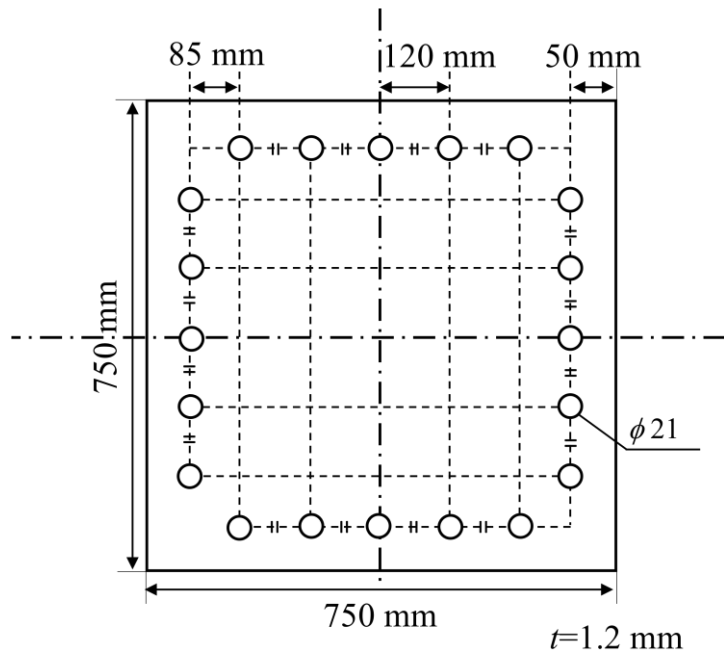
$$\varepsilon_f = \left[D_1 + D_2 \exp(D_3 \eta) \right] \left[1 + \dot{\varepsilon}^* \right]^{D_4} \left[1 - D_5 T^* \right]$$

Penetration Test for SUS316L (CRIEPI, Japan)

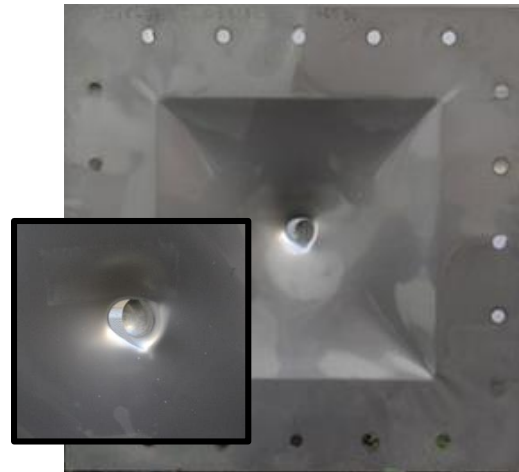
- Bullet ($D=40$ mm)



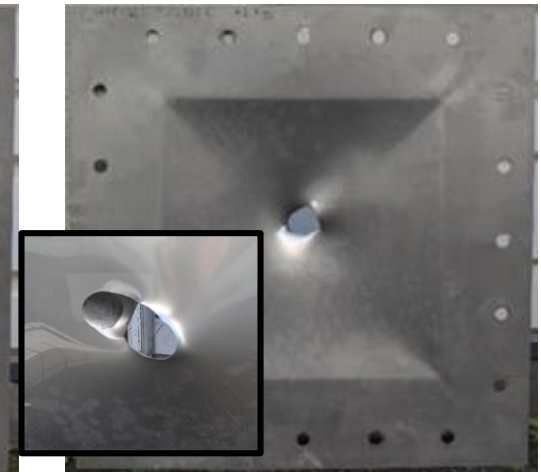
- Thin plate ($t=1.2$ mm)



- Impact velocity:
33 ~ 50 m/s
- Ballistic limit:
~ 45 m/s

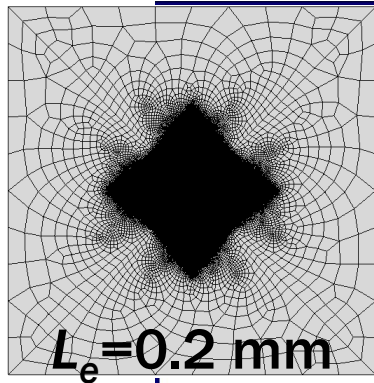


No penetration / Crack
(44 m/s)

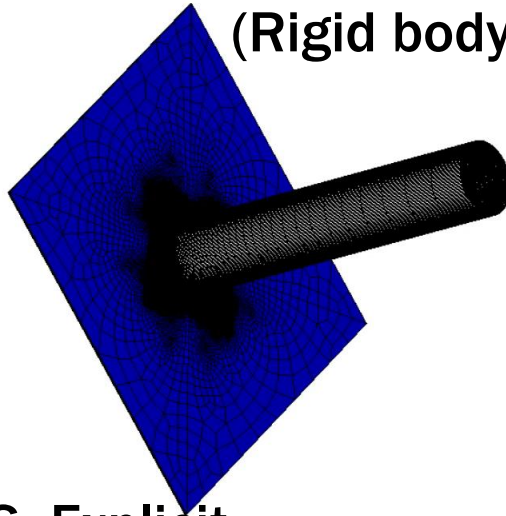


Penetration
(47 m/s)

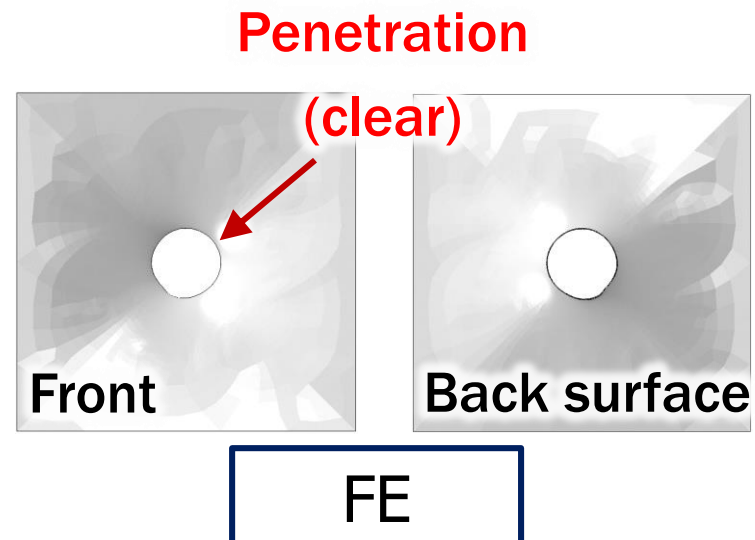
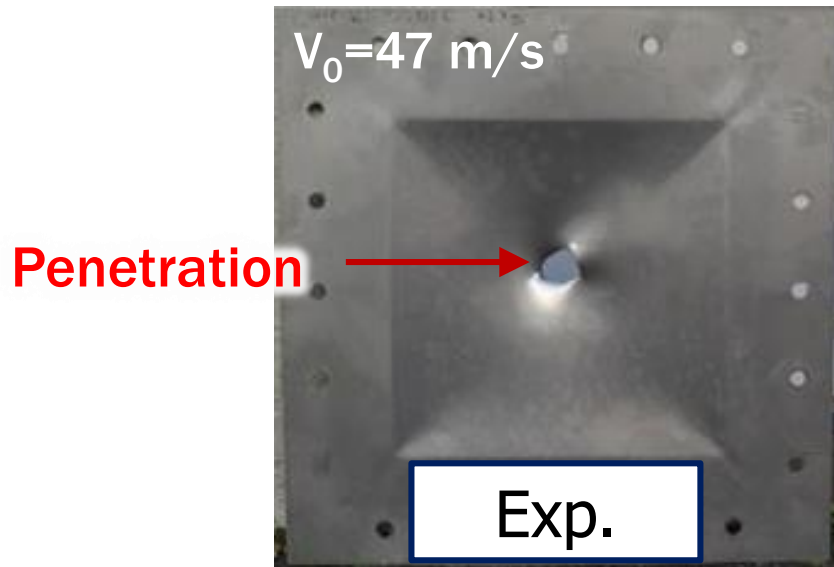
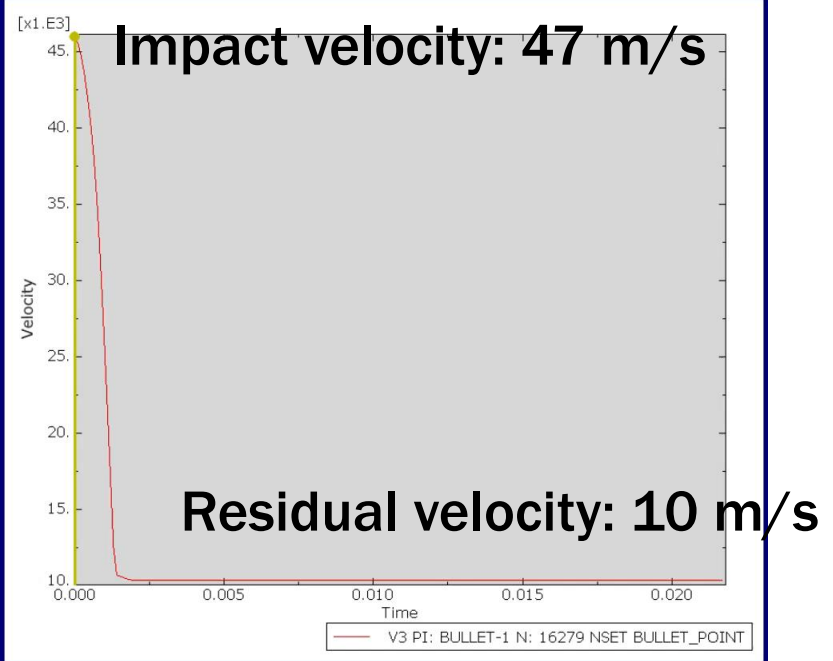
Penetration Simulation (Penetration: 47 m/s)



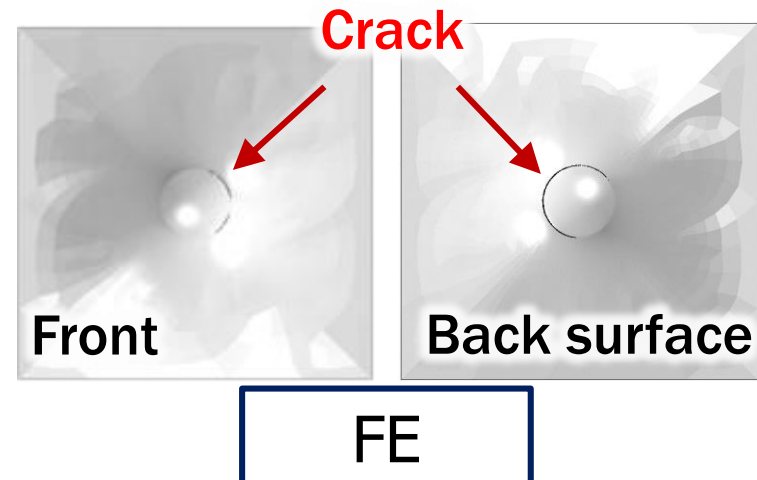
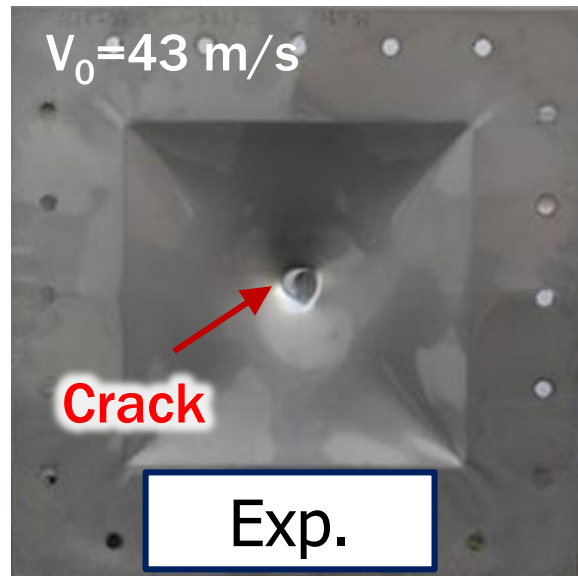
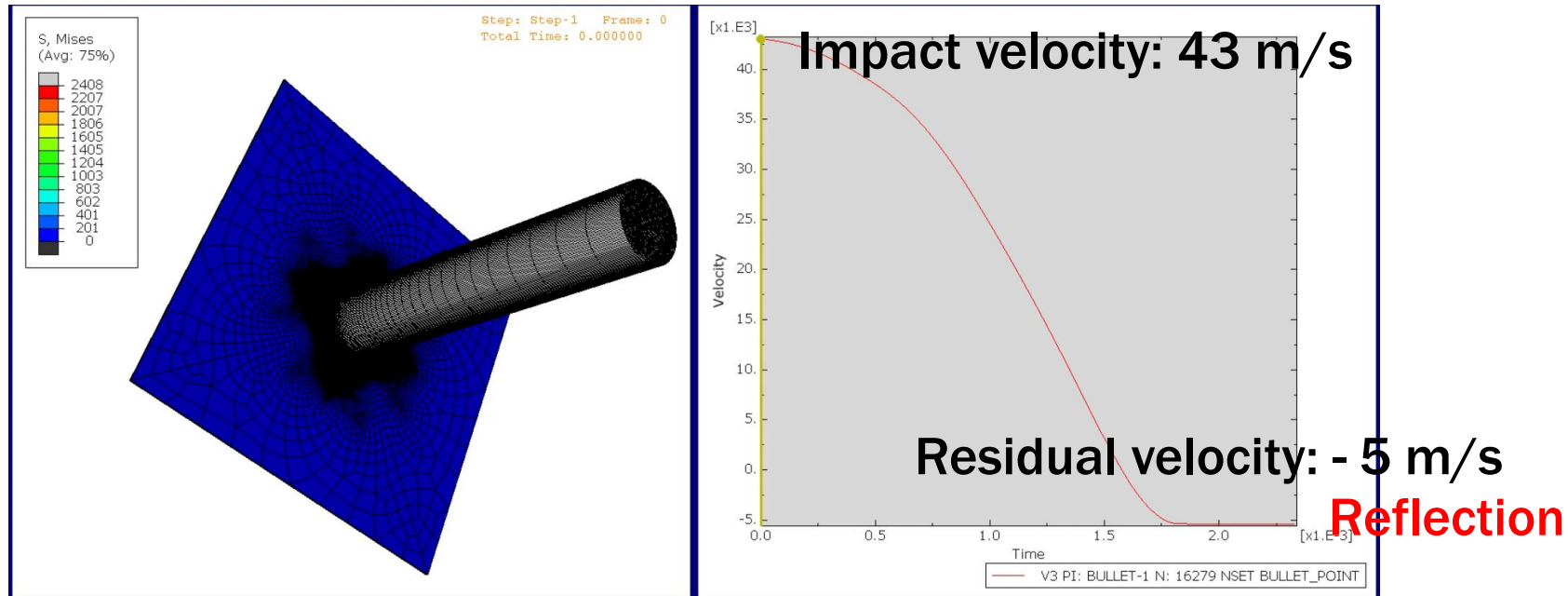
Bullet
(Rigid body)



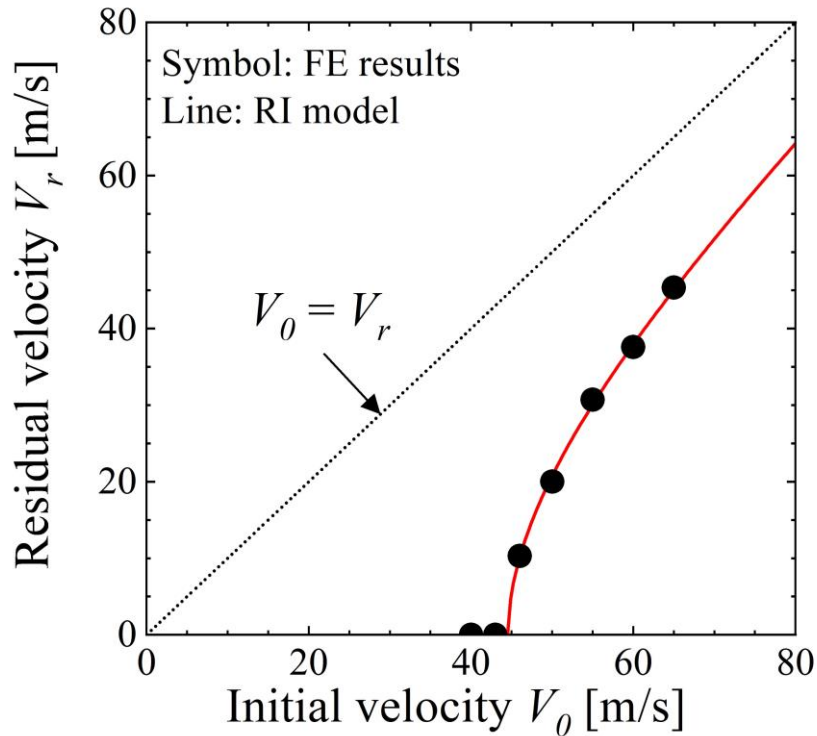
ABAQUS, Explicit



Penetration Simulation (No penetration: 43 m/s)



Penetration Simulation Results (RI model)



- Recht and Ipson (RI) model
→ Proven model to predict residual velocity

$$V_r = a \left(V_0^p - V_{bl}^p \right)^{1/p} \quad a = \frac{m_p}{m_p + m_{pl}} \approx 1$$

- V_{bl} : ballistic limit ($V_r=0$, max. V_0)
- p : material constant

Experimental ballistic limit is expected to be about 44~46 m/s

**Residual velocity can be well predicted
using FE penetration simulation**

On-Going Works

- ❖ Penetration experiments : Effects of the thickness and nose shape for carbon steel / SUS304 / SUS304L / SUS316L



- ❖ Further development of temperature, strain-dependent viscoplastic deformation and fracture strain damage model for penetration simulation

**Thank you
Very much**

