

Towards Eliminating Element Size Dependence in Ductile Tearing

CFRAC 2011

06/06/2011

**Timothy R. Shelton
Computational Solid Mechanics
and Structural Dynamics Department
Sandia National Laboratories**

**Gerald W. Wellman
Computational Structural Mechanics
and Applications Department
Sandia National Laboratories**

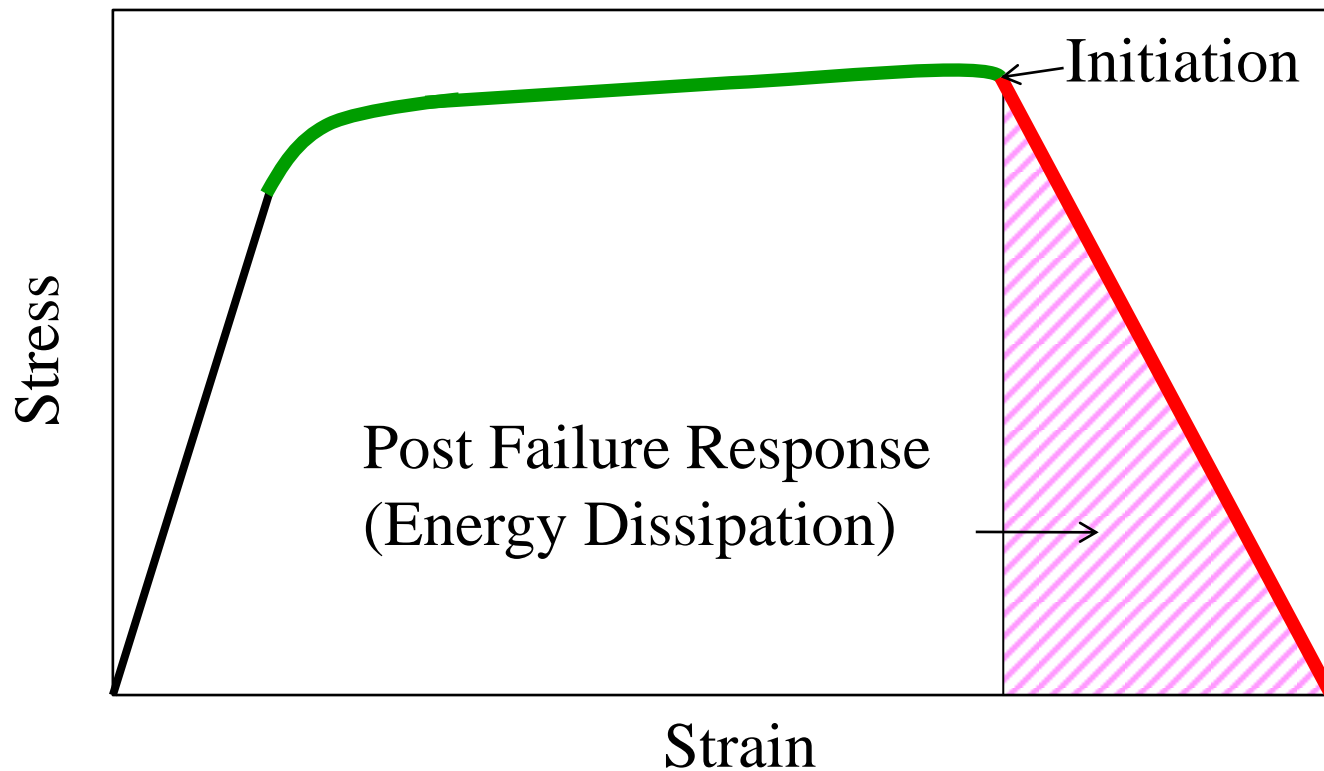


Outline

- **Multi-Linear Elastic-Plastic Failure (MLEPF) Material Model Basics**
- **Tearing Parameter and Initiation Criteria**
- **Critical Crack Opening Strain (CCOS)**
- **Motivating Analysis Results**
- **Setting CCOS to Eliminate Mesh Dependence**
- **Application to the Motivating Analysis**
- **3 Hole Test Results**
- **Questions for Future Work**
- **Conclusions**

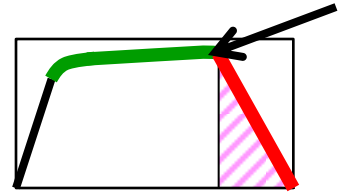
MLEPF Material Model Basics

Piece-wise Linear Elastic-Plastic Constitutive Model



Tearing Parameter an Initiation Criteria

$$TP = \int_0^{\varepsilon_f} \left\langle \frac{2\sigma_T}{3(\sigma_T - \sigma_m)} \right\rangle^N d\varepsilon_p$$



σ_T = maximum principal stress

ε_p = equivalent plastic strain

σ_m = mean or hydrostatic stress

ε_f = plastic strain at failure

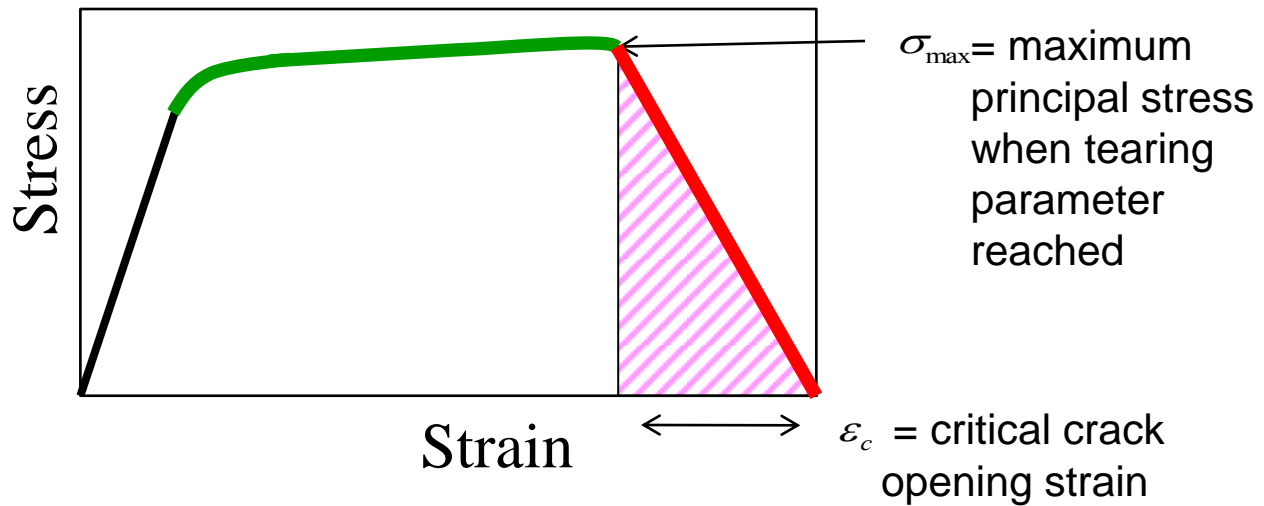
N = power fit

$\langle \rangle$ Macaulay Brackets, accumulates if quantity is positive

- Failure Criterion is Local Integral of Stress State over Plastic Strain¹
- The critical value of the tearing parameter can be determined from a tensile test.

¹ Brozzo, P., Deluca, B. And Rendina, R., *A New Method for the Prediction of the Formability Limits of Metal Sheets*, *Proceedings of the 7th Biennial Congress of International Deep Drawing Research Group*, 1972.

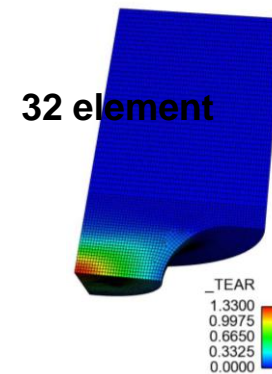
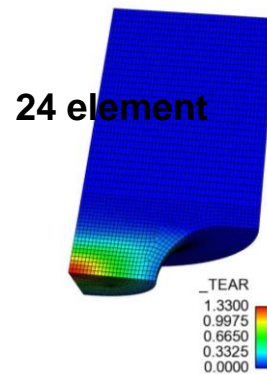
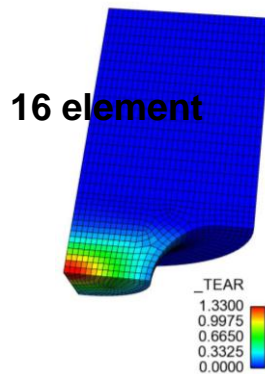
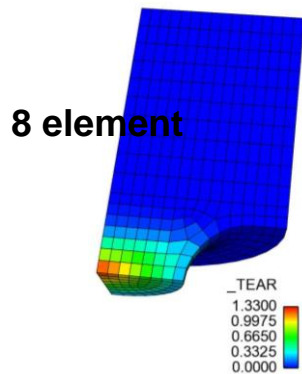
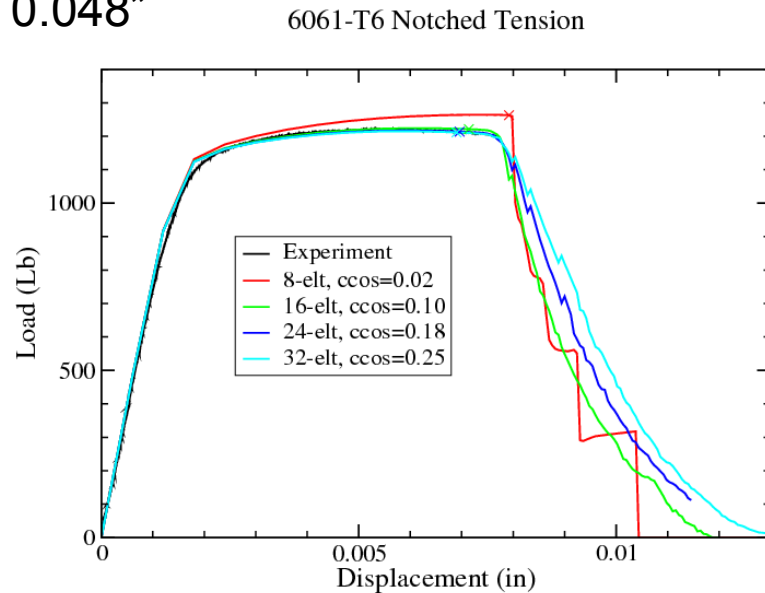
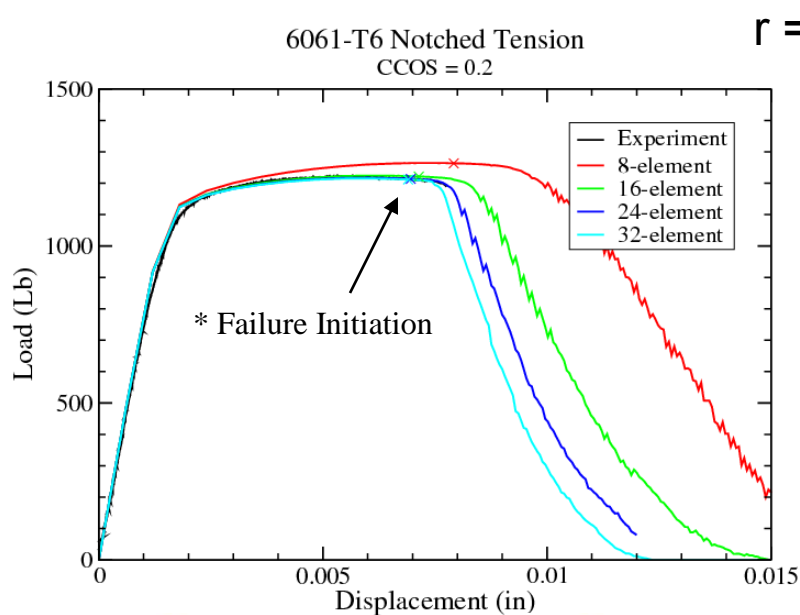
Critical Crack Opening Strain (CCOS)



- Critical crack opening strain set with material properties.
- Failure direction set with corresponding eigenvector to maximum principal stress at onset of failure.
- Decay behaves like cohesive surface model.
- Only decayed when strained in failure direction.
- Unloads along elastic modulus.

Motivating Analysis Results

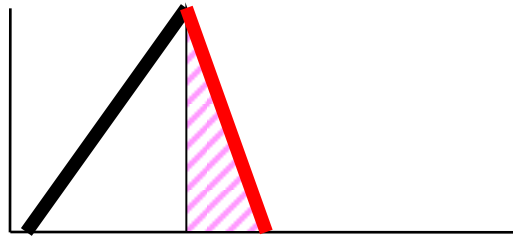
Mesh dependence and Critical Crack Opening Strain (CCOS)



Analysis original performed by Nicole L. Breivik.

Constant Decay Energy for Eliminating Mesh Size Dependence ?

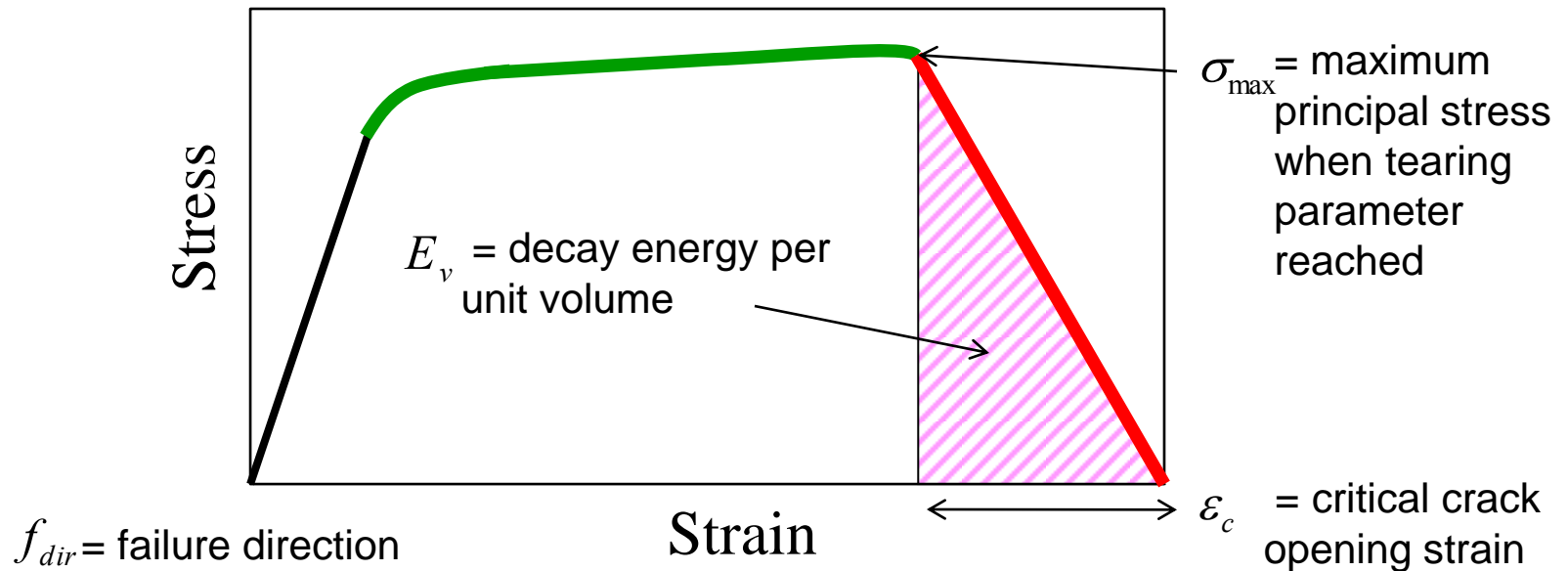
- Mesh size dependence shown to be eliminated in smeared crack approach where decay set with constant energy per unit surface.²
- Caveats: No plasticity. Decay energy is the only unrecoverable energy.



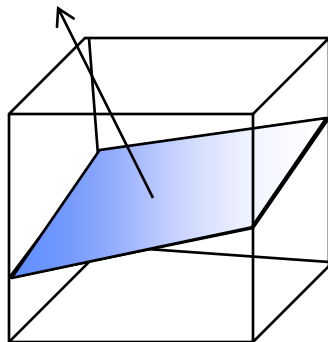
- Will this work in the presence of plasticity and with the tearing parameter criterion?

² Bazant, Zednek P. and Oh, B. H., *Crack Band Theory for Fracture of Concrete*, *Materials and Structures* 16, 1983.

Setting Critical Crack Opening Strain (CCOS) for Constant Decay Energy



f_{dir} = failure direction



Element

A = crack surface area

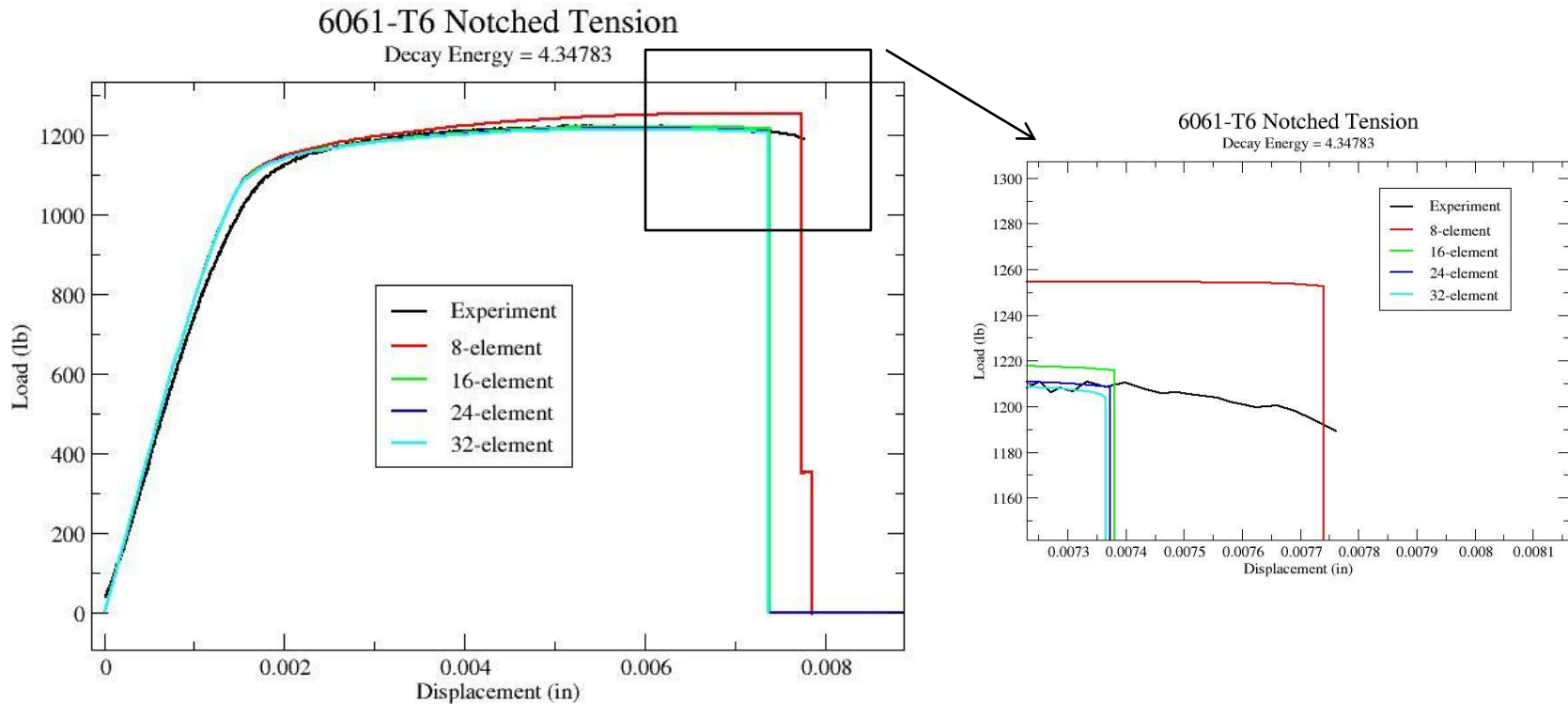
V = element volume

$$E_v = \frac{1}{2} \sigma_{\max} \varepsilon_c$$

E_A = energy per unit area

$$\varepsilon_c = \frac{2E_A A}{V\sigma_{\max}}$$

Constant Decay Energy Applied to Motivating Analysis



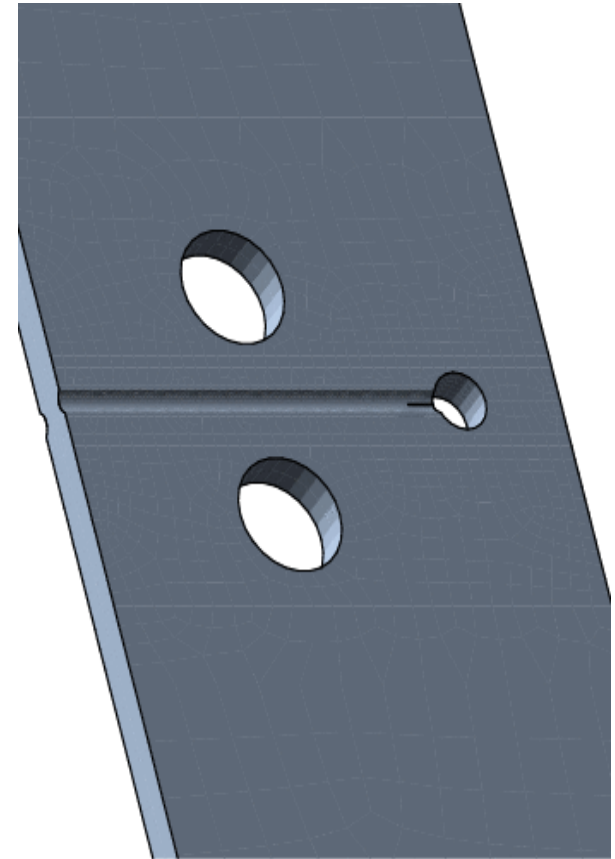
Decay portion not a major factor in this test.

Tearing Parameter and no decay may have been sufficient.

Newman's⁵ 3-Hole Tension Specimen

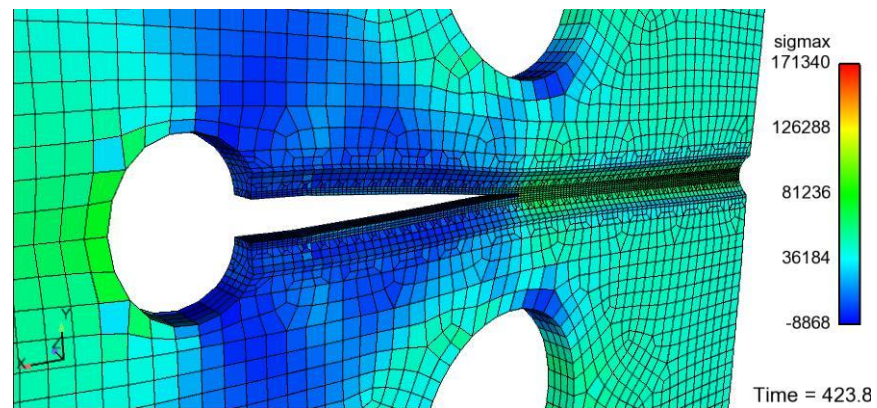
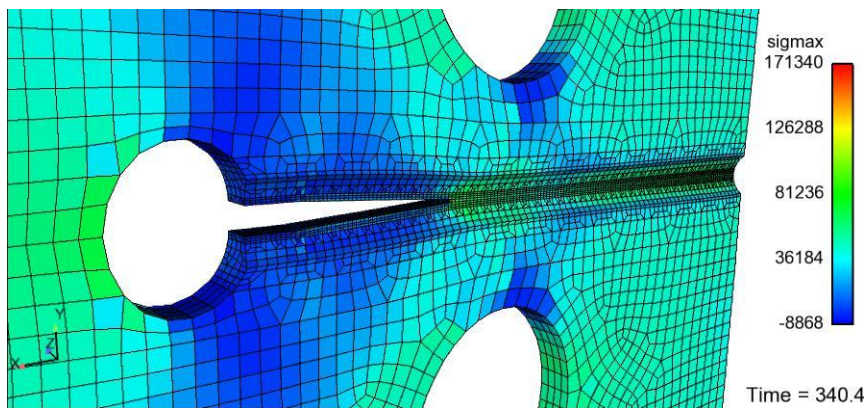
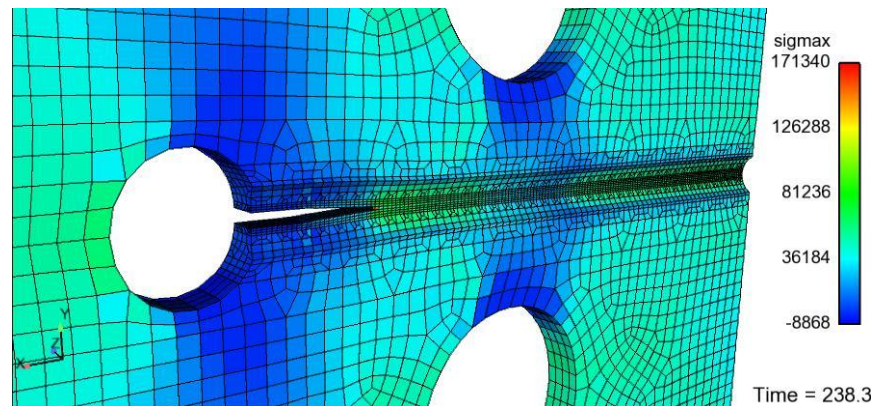
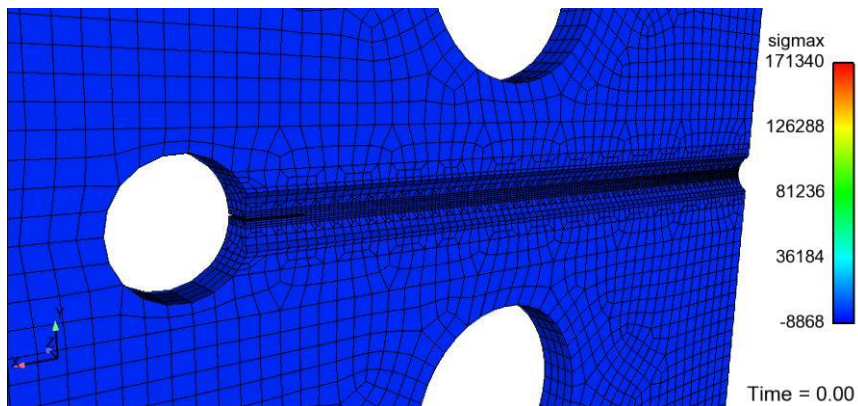
- Tension dominated – starter hole/notch precludes cracking to near free surface, minimizing bending.
- Two large holes provide a “shadow” for the tensile stress providing for extensive stable crack growth.
- Shallow side grooves provide for direction control of crack and reduce required load.

⁵Newman and Loss, 1985

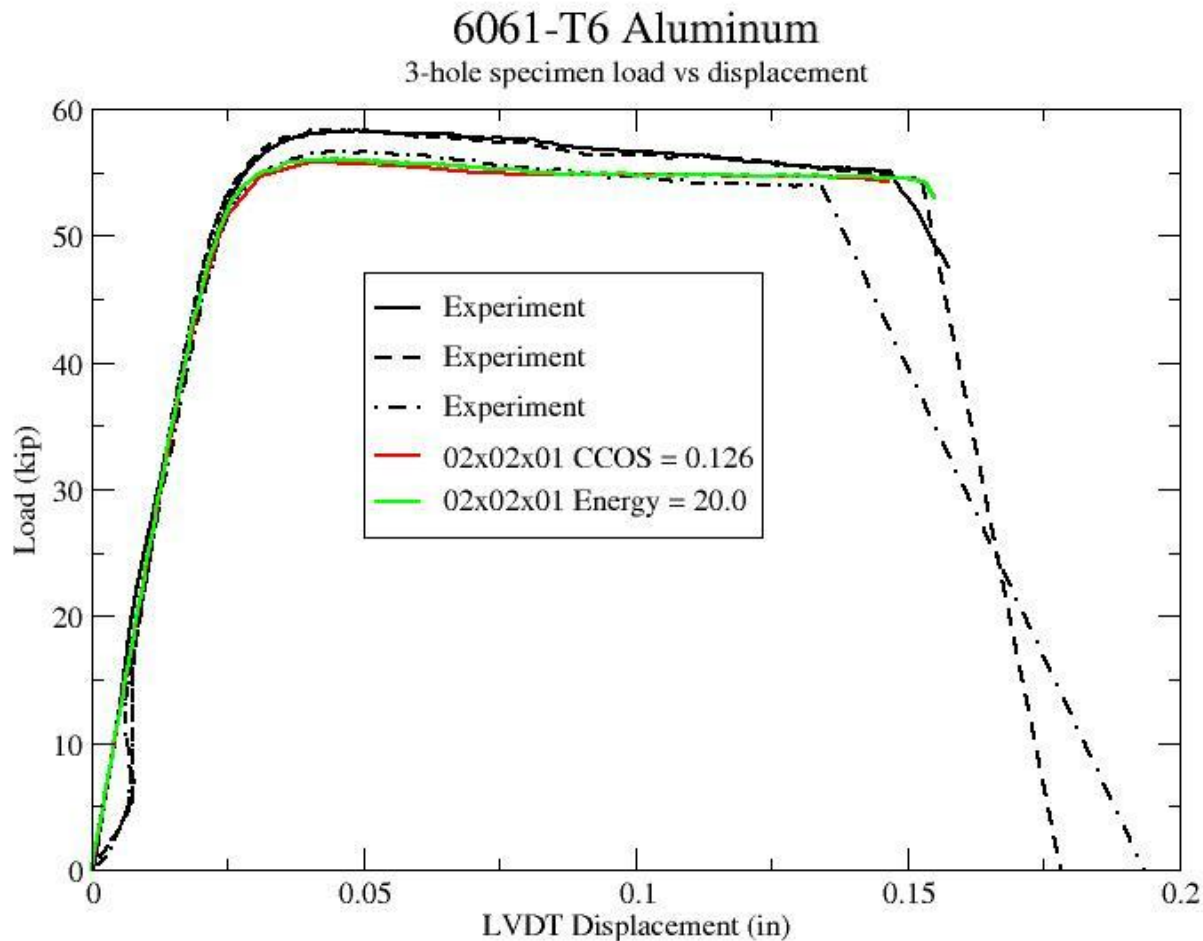




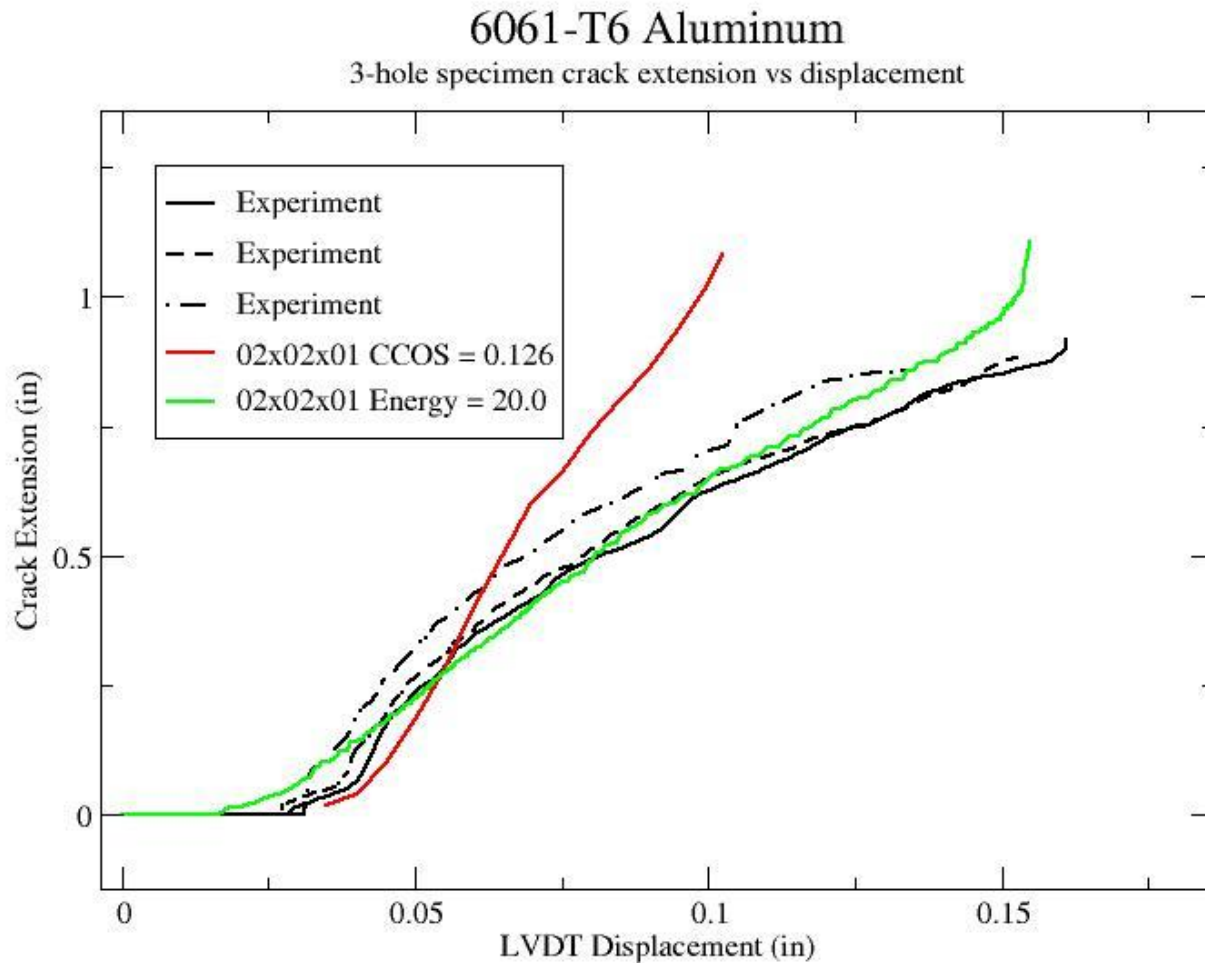
Stable Crack Growth



3-Hole Tension Specimen Load vs. Displacement



3-Hole Tension Specimen Crack Extension vs. Displacement



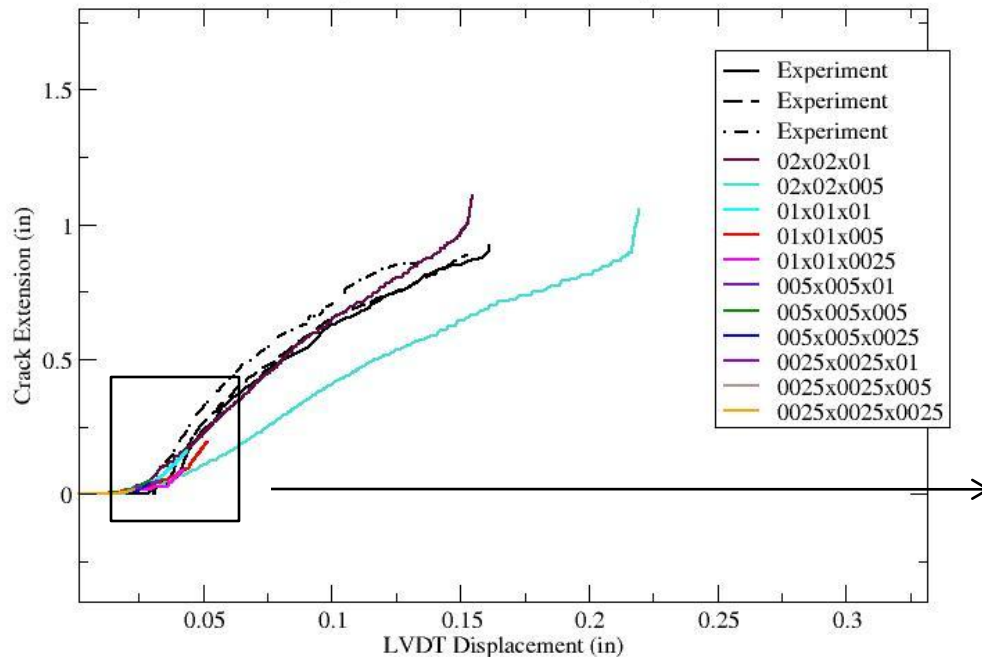
3-Hole Tension Specimen

Crack Extension vs. Displacement

Multiple Mesh Sizes

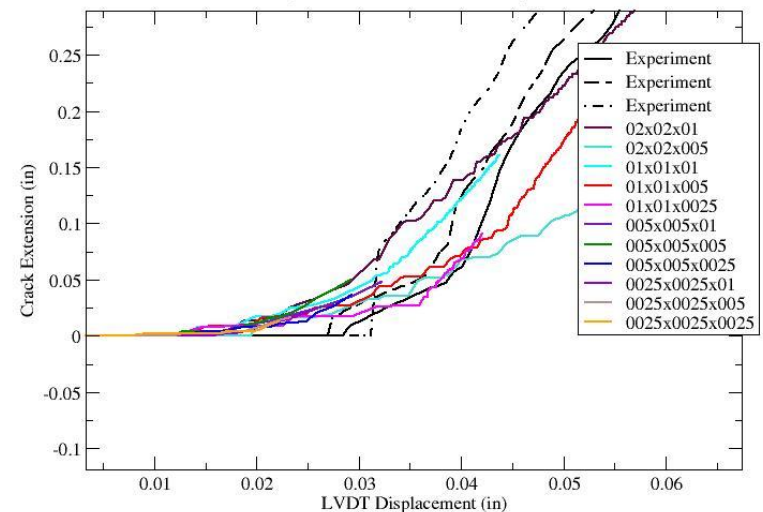
6061-T6 Aluminum

3-hole specimen crack extension vs displacement

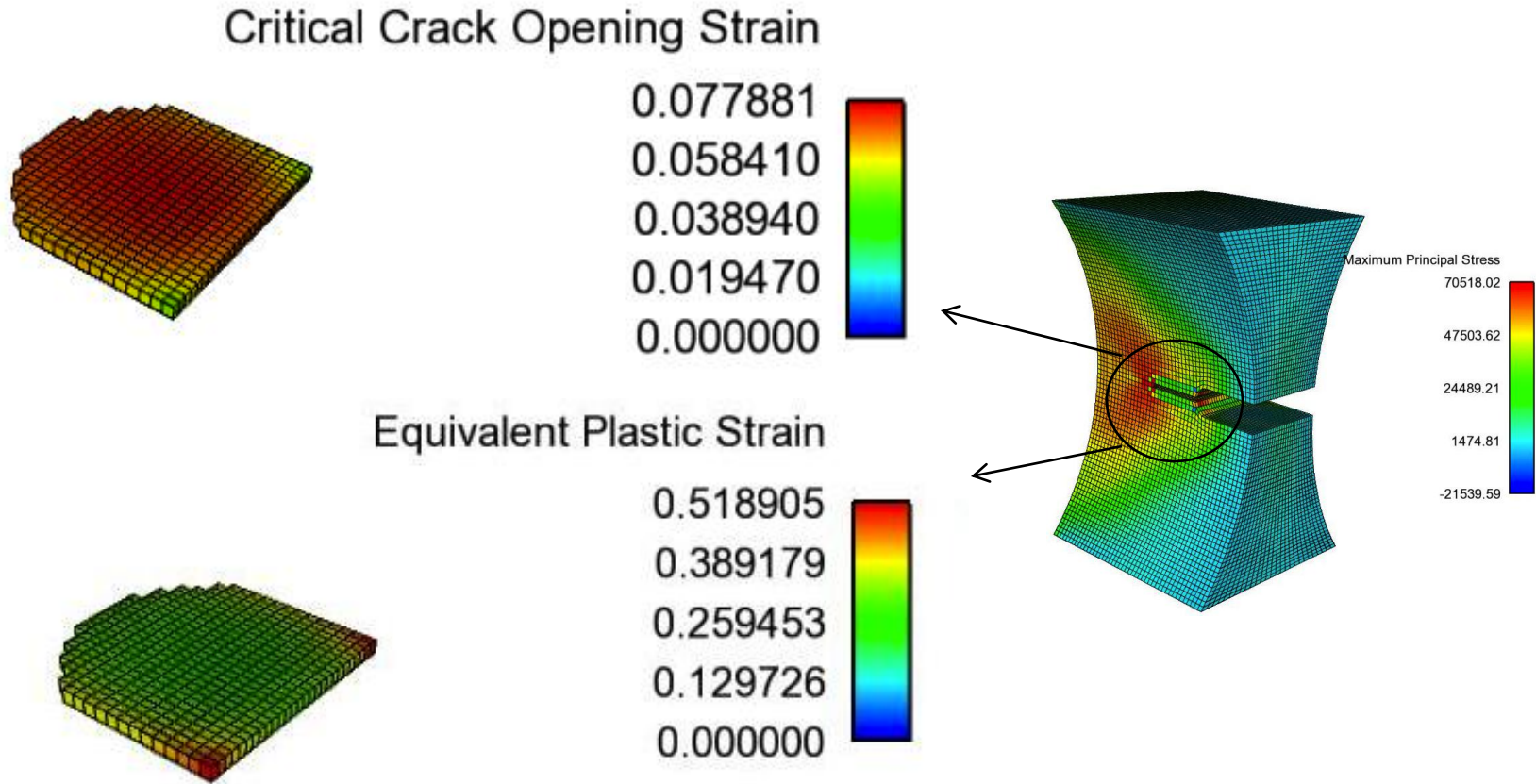


6061-T6 Aluminum

3-hole specimen crack extension vs displacement



Competing Energies: Possible Reason Mesh Dependence Still Exist in Stable Crack Growth



Un-deformed Cracked Elements



Questions for Future Exploration

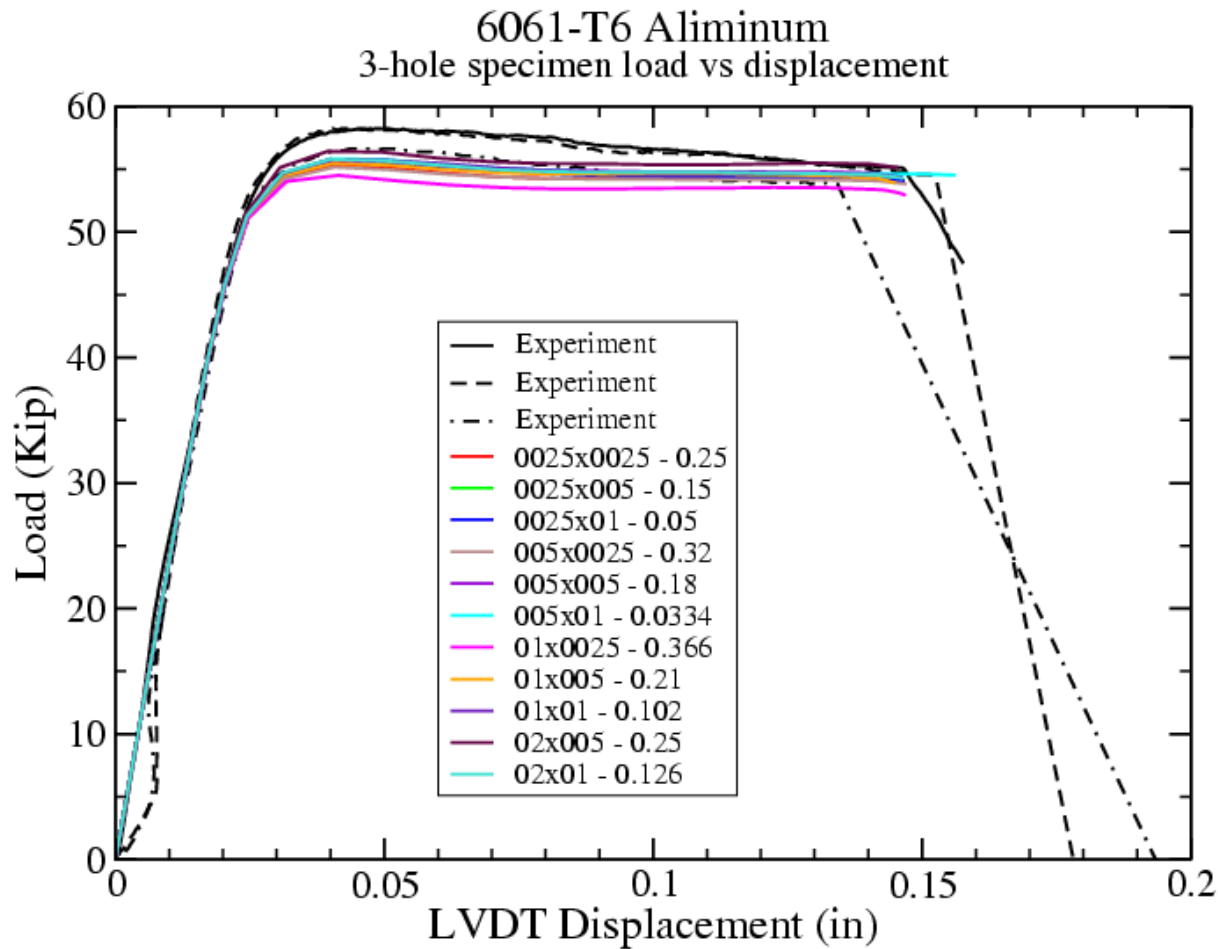
- **Should a crack band width be included in determining the critical crack opening strain (CCOS)?**
- **Should we consider the amount of plastic energy dissipated when setting the CCOS with the decay energy?**
- **Is this convergent in a problem that has stable crack growth?**
- **How do we determine the decay energy?**



Conclusions

- **We have a simple approach to crack initiation and propagation that shows promise**
- **We are making progress towards mesh independence**
- **A framework is in place for exploration in setting the CCOS with knowledge of the element dimensions**
- **We have existing experimental data to validate the model against**

Backup 1



Backup 2

