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## Analysis Tools for Fatigue & Durability

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# Analysis Tools for Fatigue & Durability

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nCode DesignLife 

nCode VibeSys 

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# Agenda

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1. Introduction to Durability
2. Measuring and Calculating Fatigue
3. Accelerating Durability Tests

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4. Fatigue from FEA
5. Validation, Verification and Correlation
6. Product Summary

# Introduction to nCode

## 1980s

- nCode established
- nSoft released
- First commercial fatigue calculation package released

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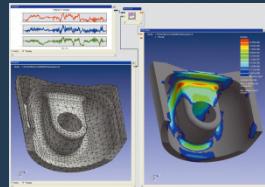
## 1990s

- ReliaSoft established
- Technology partnership formed with MSC Software

**ReliaSoft**

## 2000s

- Technology partnerships formed with Pro/Mechanica PTC, ANSYS, and Altair
- DesignLife introduced



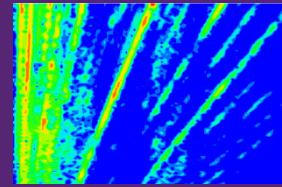
## 2010s

- Fatigue of composites
- Fatigue of welds
- Distributed Processing and HPC
- Synthesis Platform introduced



## 2016

- Prenscia Access and VibeSys launched
- Vibration fatigue enhanced



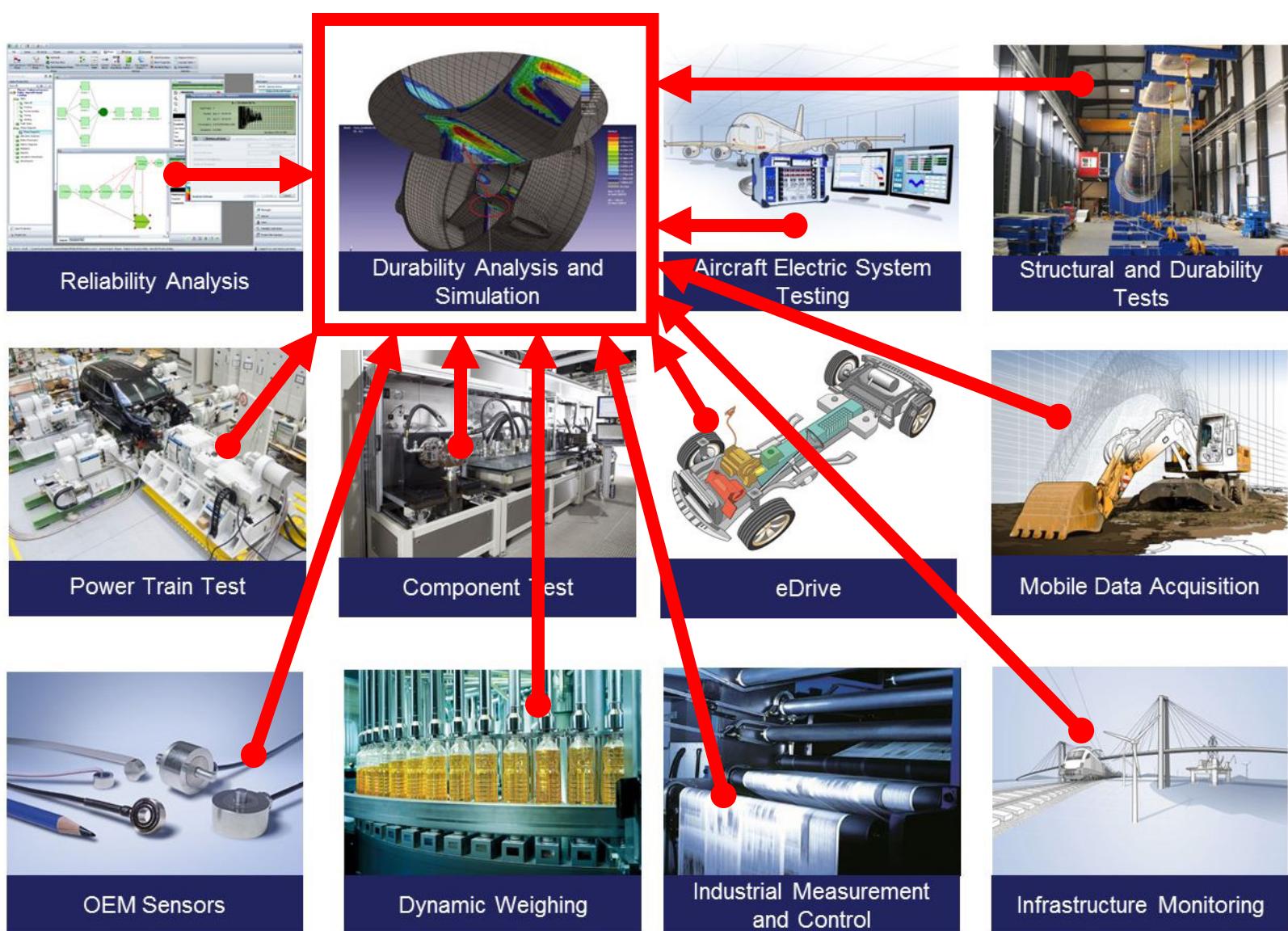
## 2017+

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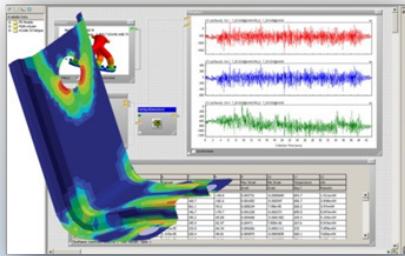
- New AMCT facility



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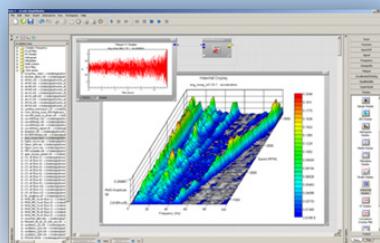
# nCode Product Range



## nCode DesignLife D

### CAE DURABILITY

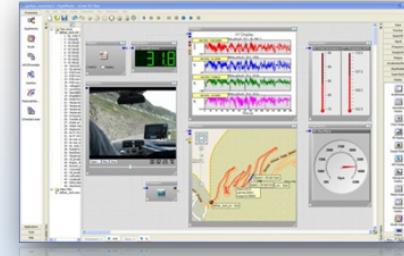
- Fatigue analysis technology for FEA
- Process encapsulation
- Fast, configurable, and scalable



## nCode VibeSys V

### ACOUSTIC & VIBRATION ANALYSIS

- Powerful and simple-to-use
- Noise and Vibration analyses including rotating machinery, structural dynamics and human perception

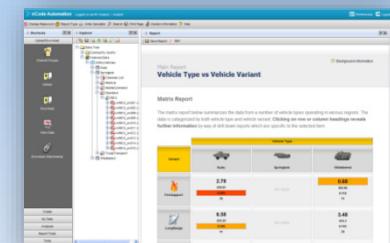


## nCode GlyphWorks G

### DATA PROCESSING FOR DURABILITY

- Complex analysis to report, simply done
- Graphical, interactive & powerful analysis
- World leading fatigue analysis capabilities

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## nCode Automation A

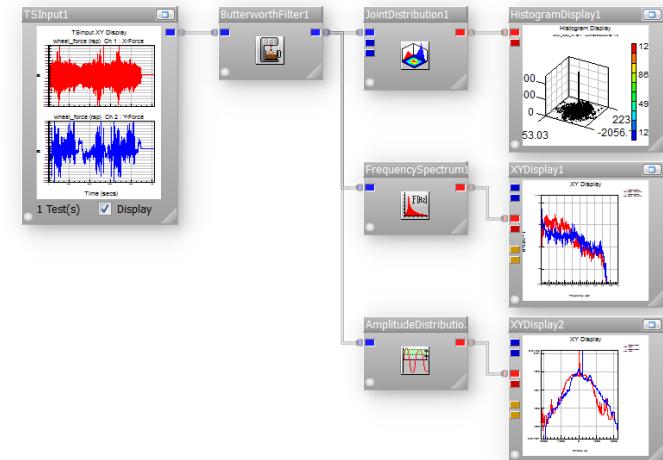
### MAXIMIZING ROI ON TEST & DURABILITY

- Enables collaboration, data management, and standardized analyses
- Search, query and reporting through secure web access.
- Data to decisions

# Test Data Processing and Durability Analysis

- **Intuitive and powerful** graphical interface to develop processes
- **Efficiently handles** multiple files, channels and formats
- **Pre-defined processes** for time, frequency and statistical analysis
- **Proven analysis methods** for durability and fatigue with specialized capabilities for damage calculation and test profile generation
- **User-defined processes** easily created with open source Python language and MATLAB®

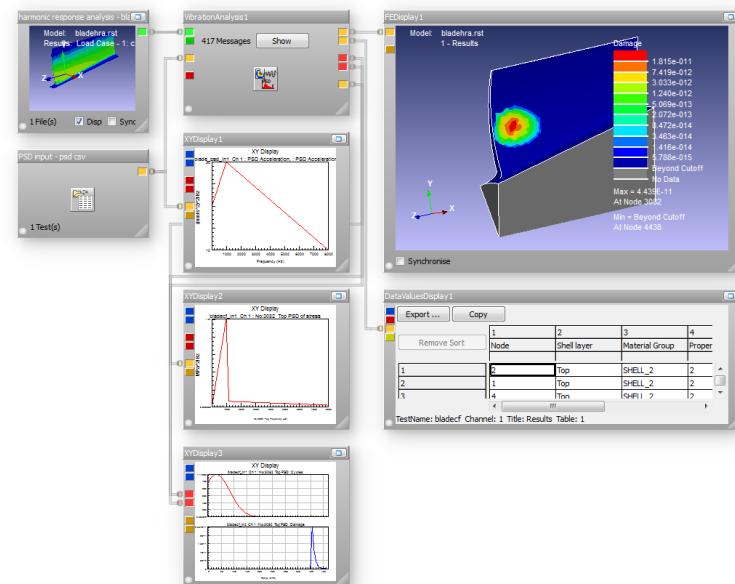
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# Predictive Fatigue for CAE Analysts

- **Intuitive and powerful** graphical interface to perform fatigue analysis from leading FEA results data
- **Efficiently analyze** large finite element models and complete usage schedules
- **Wide range of fatigue analysis capabilities** including stress-life, strain-life, multi-axial, weld analysis, virtual shaker table and more
- **Highly configurable** for the expert user
- **Single environment** for correlating CAE directly with physical test data
- **Enables automation** of complete analysis processes and reporting

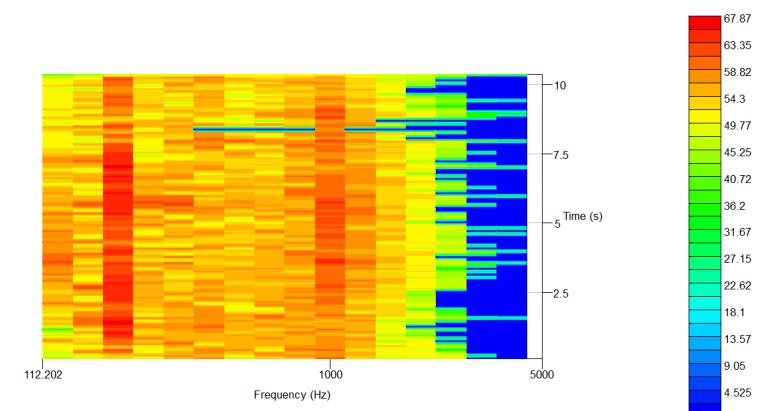
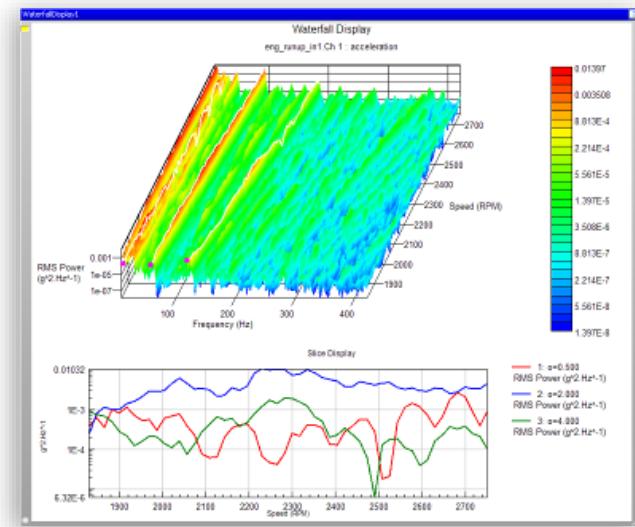
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# Data Processing System for Acoustic & Vibration Analysis

- **Proven analysis methods** for early fault detection in rotating machinery, understanding human perception of vibration and sound, and characterizing the dynamics of a structure
- **Basic signal processing tools** to visualize data, perform general signal processing and run reports
- **Pre-defined processes** for performing time, frequency and statistical analysis
- **User-defined processes easily created** with MATLAB® or Python Programming Language
- **Interactive displays** for characterizing modal properties to validate or enhance structure FE modelling

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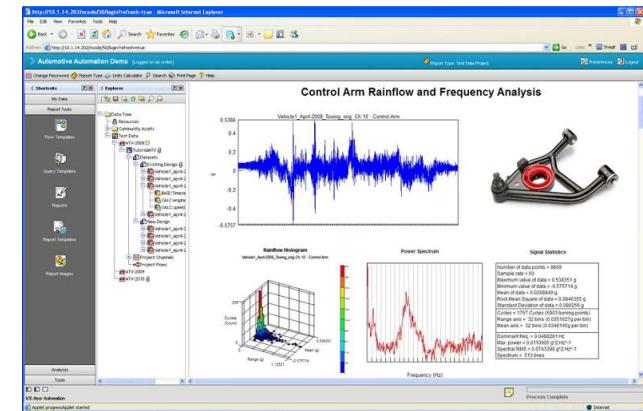


# Web-Based Processing of Engineering Data

- Search criteria include content of data and attachments
- **Data Processing** – Runs GlyphWorks processes to generate additional data
- **Characteristic Values** – Define values to describe the data
- **Query Templates** – Returns data, tables and/or charts
- **Report Flows** – Runs GlyphWorks processes for additional report content
- **Report Templates** – Combines Queries and Report Flows with text editor to create complete reports

nCode Automation 

| Mission type   | Region of operation                    |  |  |  | Row Summary                            |
|----------------|--|--|--|--|--|
|                | Region 1                               | Region 2                               | Region 3                               | Region 4                               |  |
| LongRange      | Distance travelled<br>30.97 km         | Distance travelled<br>25.16 km         | Distance travelled<br>32.3 km          | Distance travelled<br>47.95 km         | Distance travelled<br>136.38 km (Sum)  |
|                | Fuel consumption<br>13.76 litres       | Fuel consumption<br>13.55 litres       | Fuel consumption<br>7.73 litres        | Fuel consumption<br>21.64 litres       | Fuel consumption<br>56.67 litres (Sum) |
| Medical        | Distance travelled<br>8.18 km          | Distance travelled<br>9.75 km          | Distance travelled<br>6.41 km          | Distance travelled<br>5.3 km           | Distance travelled<br>29.63 km (Sum)   |
|                | Fuel consumption<br>9.1 litres         | Fuel consumption<br>21.01 litres       | Fuel consumption<br>17.48 litres       | Fuel consumption<br>10.38 litres       | Fuel consumption<br>57.97 litres (Sum) |
| Standard       | Distance travelled<br>2.52 km          | Distance travelled<br>12.41 km         | Distance travelled<br>3.26 km          | Distance travelled<br>0.29 km          | Distance travelled<br>18.48 km (Sum)   |
|                | Fuel consumption<br>3.7 litres         | Fuel consumption<br>16 litres          | Fuel consumption<br>1.05 litres        | Fuel consumption<br>0.52 litres        | Fuel consumption<br>21.28 litres (Sum) |
| Column Summary | Distance travelled<br>41.66 km (Sum)   | Distance travelled<br>47.32 km (Sum)   | Distance travelled<br>41.96 km (Sum)   | Distance travelled<br>53.55 km (Sum)   |  |
|                | Fuel consumption<br>13.76 litres (Max) | Fuel consumption<br>21.01 litres (Max) | Fuel consumption<br>17.48 litres (Max) | Fuel consumption<br>21.64 litres (Max) |  |



# Introduction to Durability



# Design for Durability

- Designing a part to
  - Last
  - Resist damage
  - Resist wear
- Durability can be described as reliability in relation to certain progressive failure modes
  - Fatigue
  - Creep
  - Wear
  - Fretting
  - Corrosion

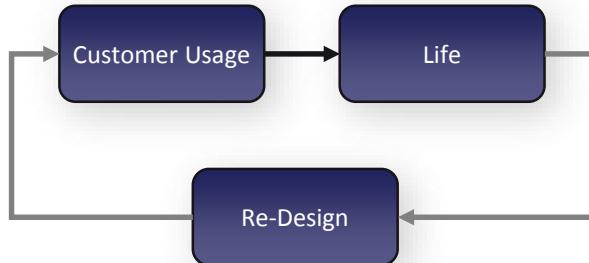


*“Anyone who lacks knowledge of fatigue can double or triple design factors and formulate a design that will not fail. However, such designs cannot compete in the marketplace. Neither can the engineers who produce them.”*

J. E. Shigley and C. R. Mischke, *Mechanical Engineering Design*, 1989

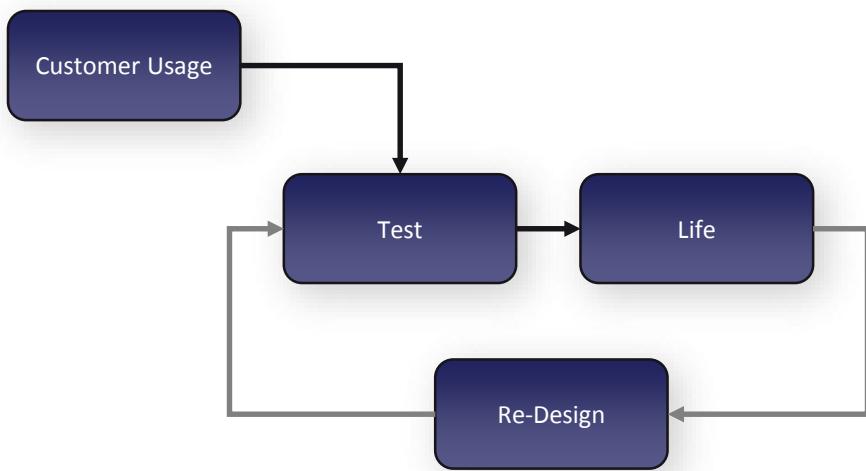
# Design for Durability: The Early Years

- Early fatigue analysis was done after an in-service failure, if at all!
- Engineers in the automotive industry were even known to inspect old vehicles in scrap yards for failures



# Design for Durability: Later Development

- Data collection allows engineers to build a definition of who is the “typical” or “severe” customer
- These customer definitions allow engineers to design and validate fatigue test schedules



# Shortfalls of Physical Testing

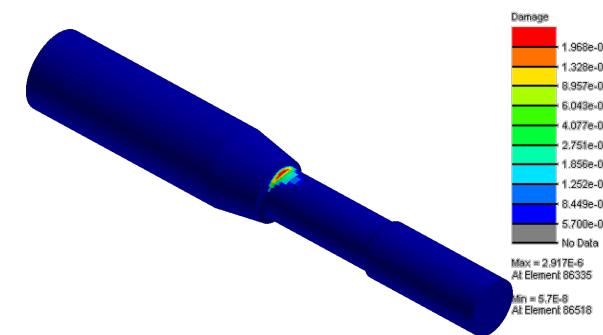
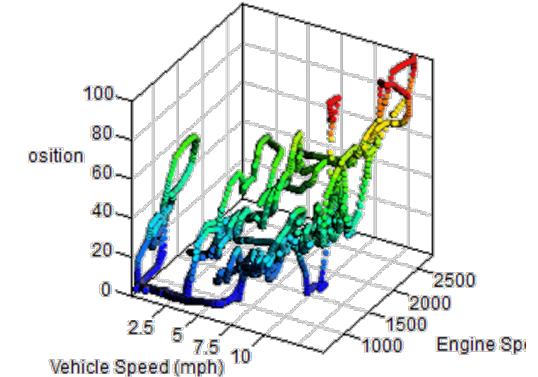
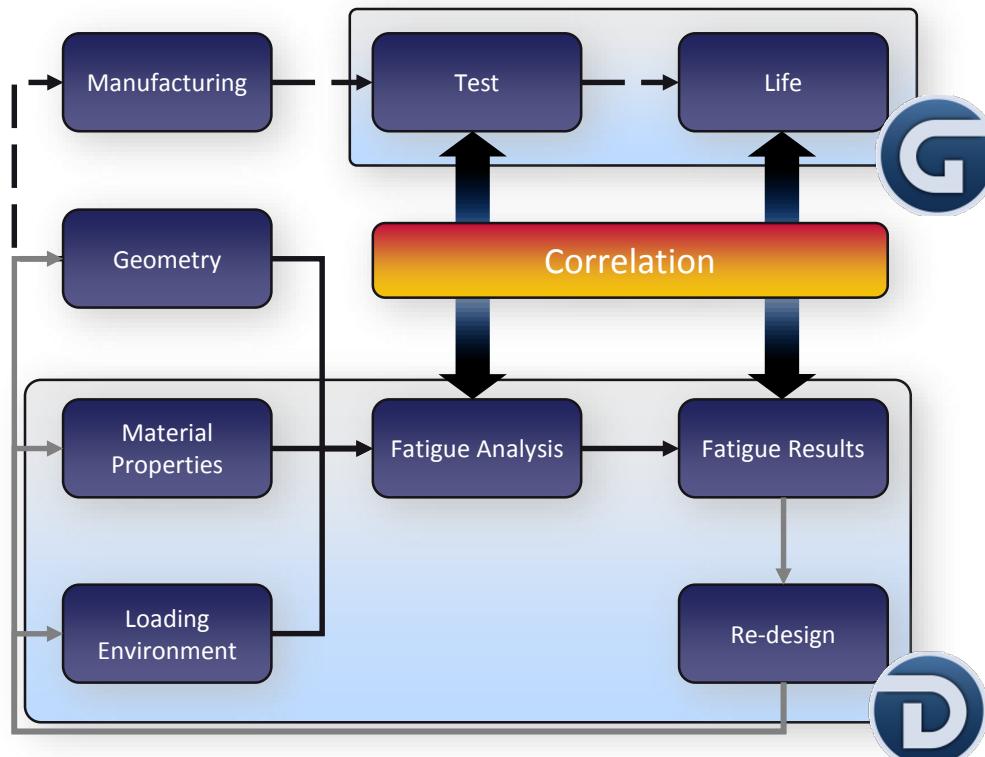
- Requires many physical prototypes
- Realistic tests difficult or impossible to achieve
- Too slow
- Too expensive
- Fails to deal with over-design
- Difficult to handle late changes and design variations



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# Design for Durability: Present Time

- **GlyphWorks** provides data processing capabilities to understand customers and loading, and test results
- **DesignLife** provides the capability of predicting fatigue in a virtual environment
- Fatigue failures can be addressed before parts are manufactured

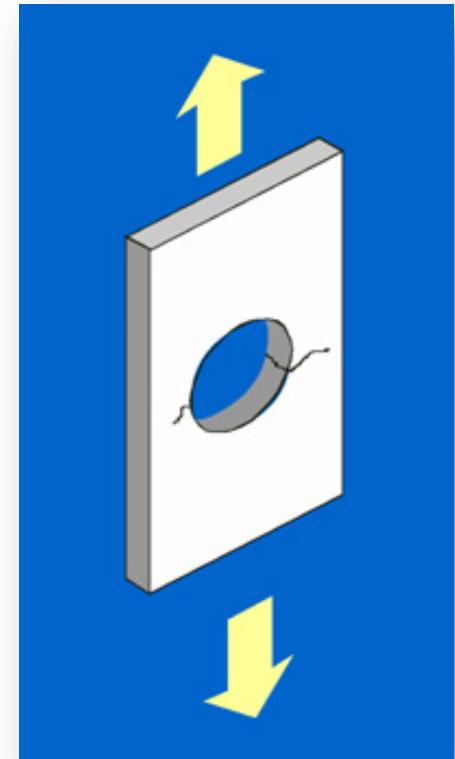


# What is Fatigue?

- Weakness in metal or other materials caused by repeated variations of stress: *metal fatigue*

*The New Little Oxford Dictionary*

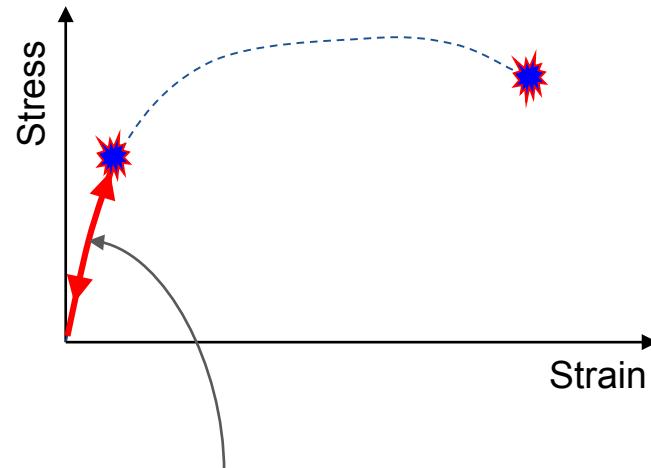
- The initiation and subsequent growth of a crack, or growth from a pre-existing defect, until it reaches a critical size
  - Fatigue cracks are caused by cyclic loading
  - The part can fail even though stresses are not that high
  - Over time, fatigue cracks can start and then grow large enough to cause sudden failure



# Two Failure Modes

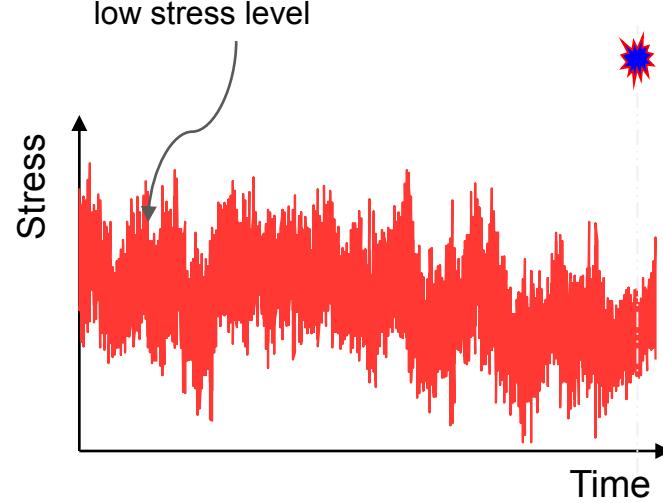
- **Static Failure**

- Failure when stress exceeds tensile strength in a single pass



- **Fatigue Failure**

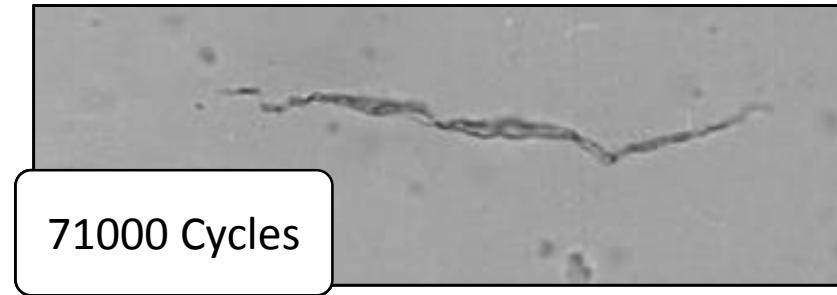
- Failure occurs after a period of time even in cases of low stress
- The component appears to get tired, hence the name *fatigue*



# What is Fatigue?

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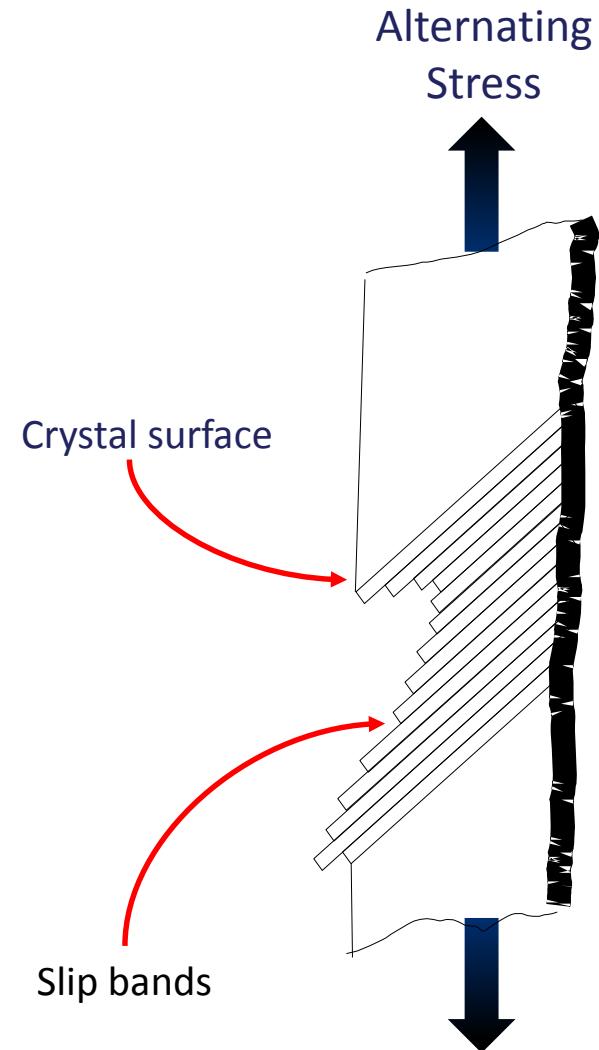
- Failure under a repeated or otherwise varying load which never reaches a level sufficient to cause failure in a single application
- Fatigue cracks in metals initiate and grow as a result of cyclic loads that cause highly localized plastic deformation



- Fatigue can be modeled in two stages
  - Stage 1: Crack Initiation
  - Stage 2: Crack Growth

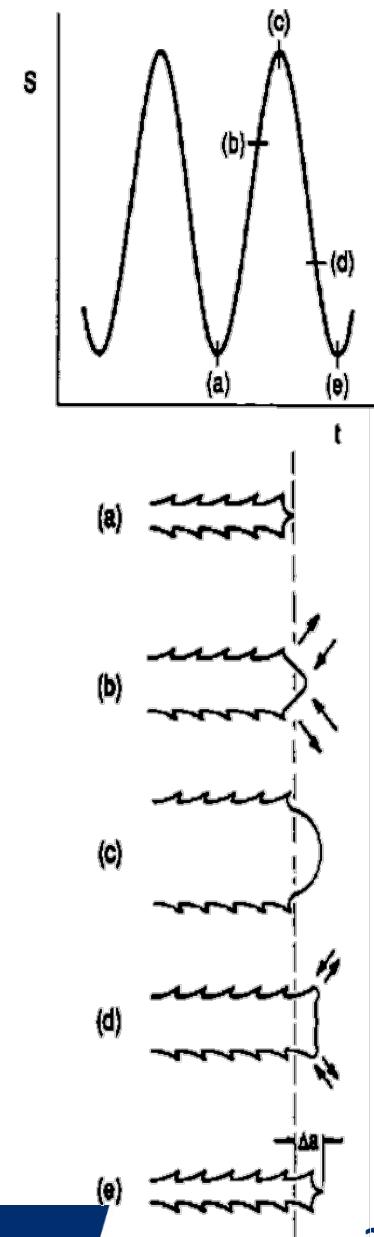
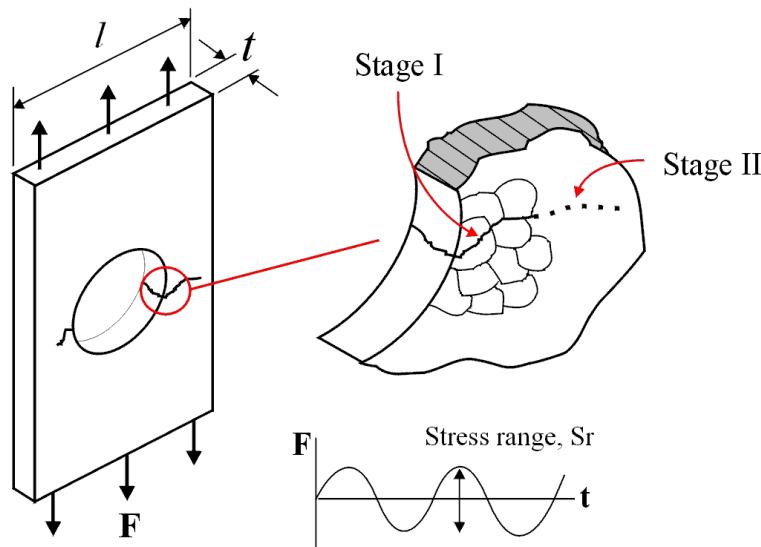
# Crack Initiation

- Cracks usually initiate from microscopic defects
- Defects then create persistent slip bands that propagate along the maximum shear plane
- Material behavior is like a shifting deck of cards



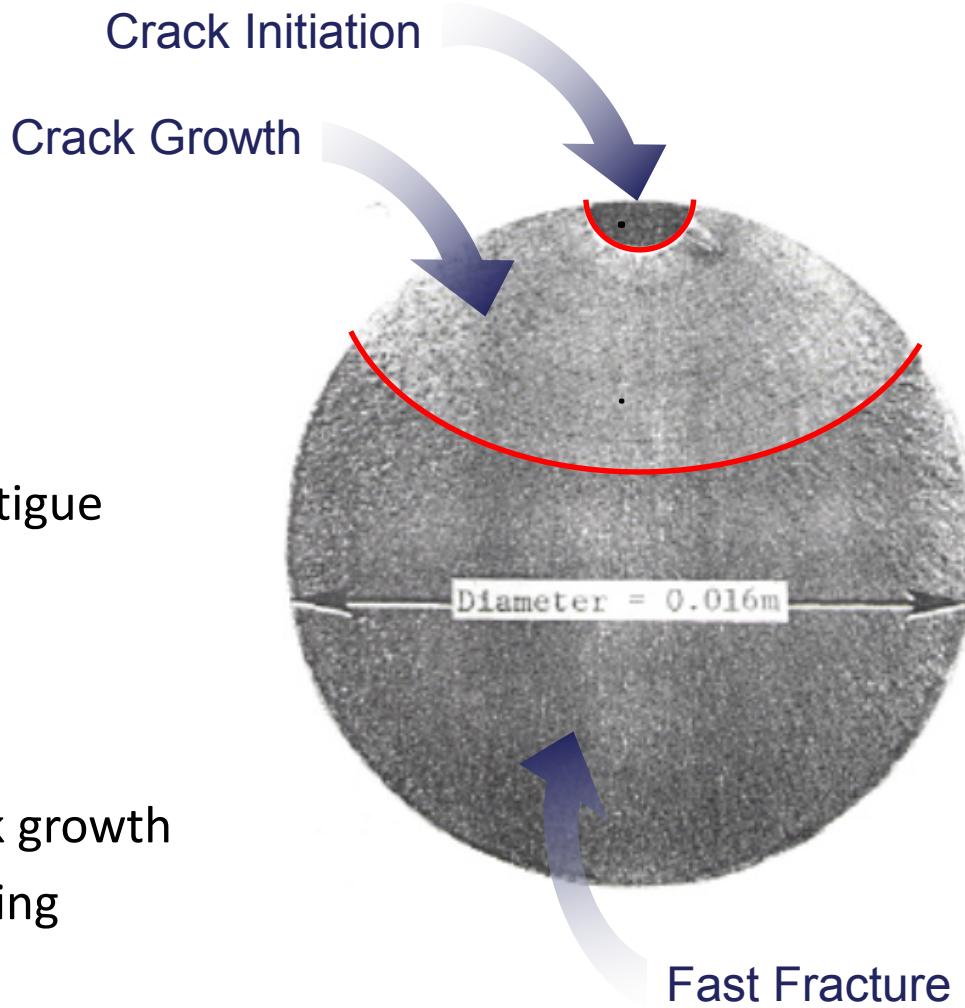
# Crack Growth

- The crack becomes physically large relative to the microstructure of the material
- This causes an interruption to the flow of stress and results in a large tensile stress concentration at the crack tip
- The crack now propagates along the plane of maximum tensile stress

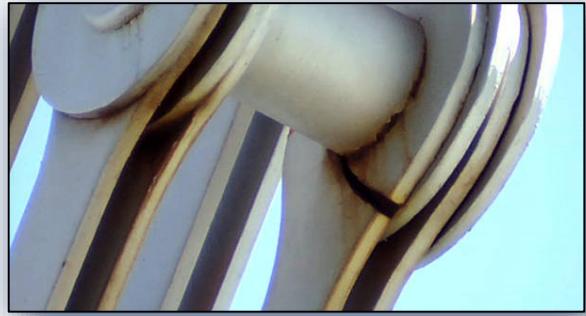


# Fatigue Analysis Methods

- Stress-Life (SN)
  - Stress drives crack initiation
  - Works best for high cycle fatigue
- Strain-Life (EN)
  - Strain drives crack initiation
  - Models plasticity and low cycle fatigue
- Crack Growth
  - Stress intensity factor drives crack growth
  - Assumes the existence of an existing crack or flaw



# Historically Significant Fatigue Failures

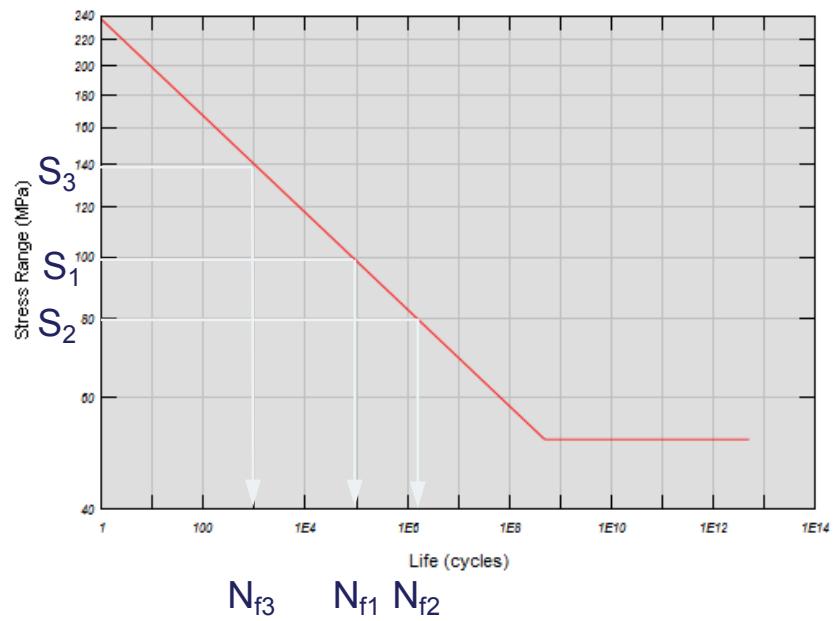


# Design for Durability: Summary

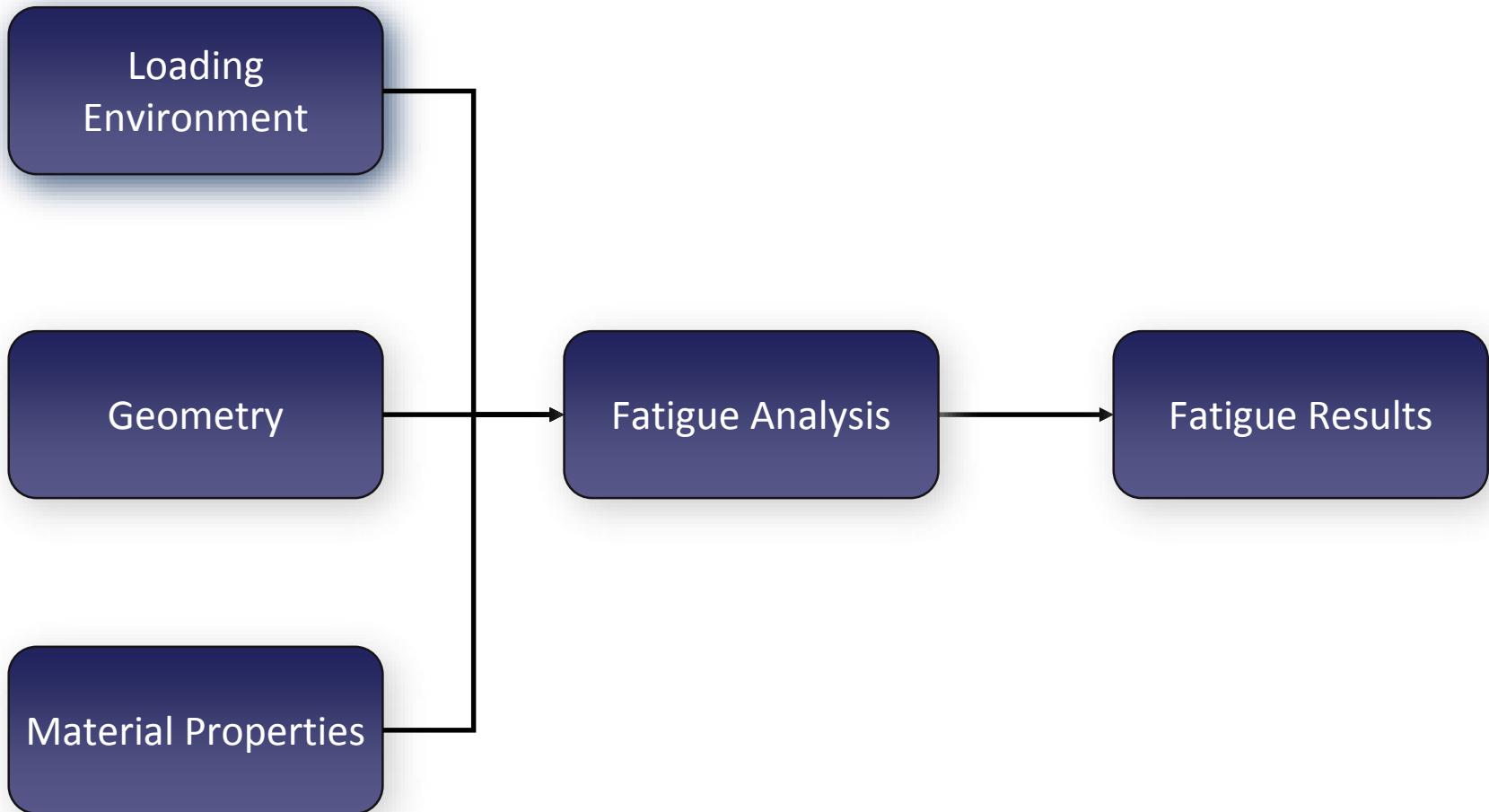
- Fatigue is a progressive failure under repetitive stress cycling
- Fatigue has been investigated as a failure mode for over 150 years
- Fatigue failures still occur today
- A properly designed structure can resist fatigue failure



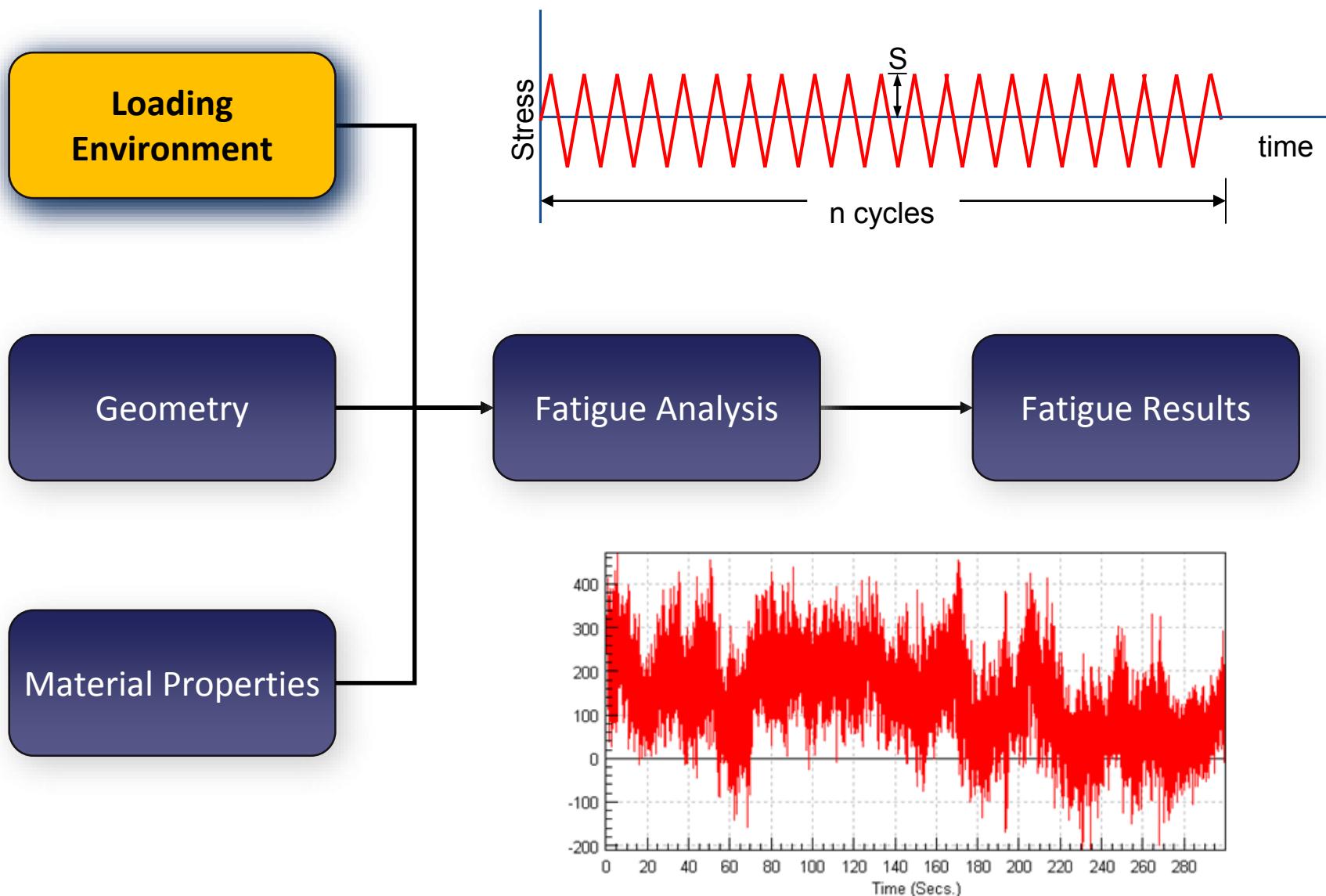
# Calculating Fatigue



# Fatigue Analysis Roadmap

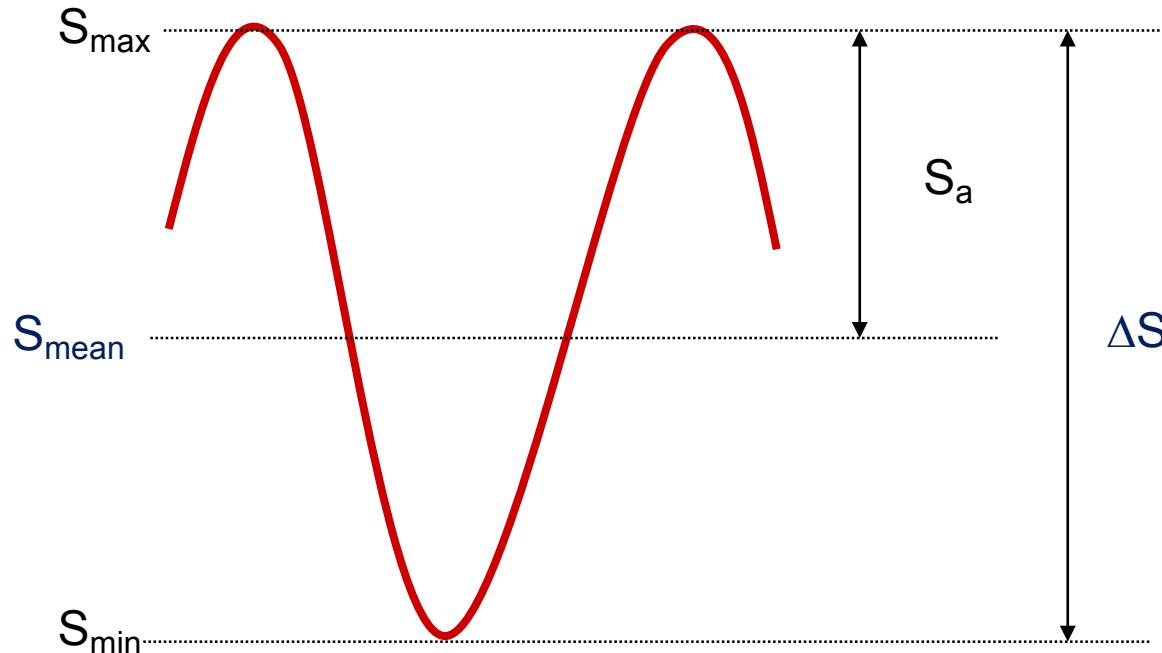


# Fatigue Analysis Roadmap



# Loading Environment

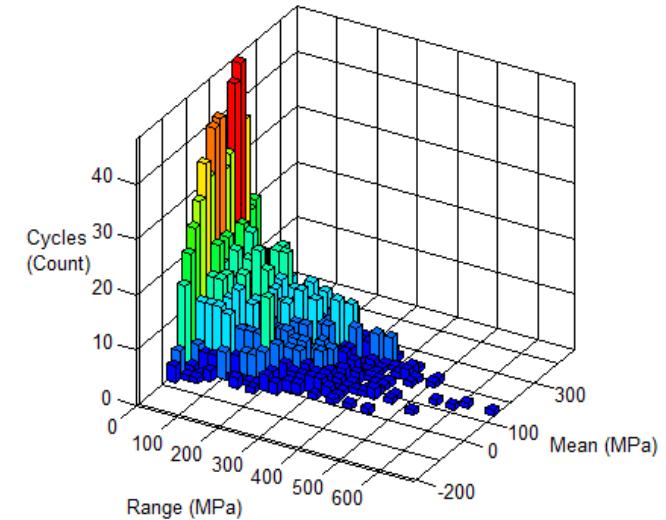
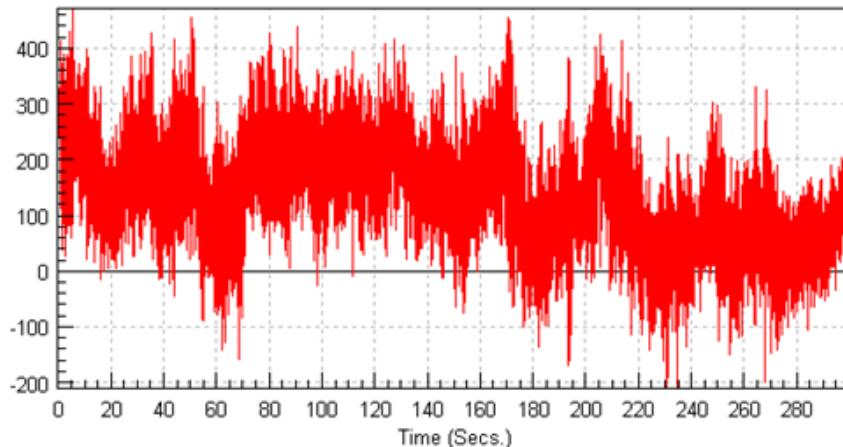
- Fatigue and crack growth are driven by cyclic loading
- Constant stress will not cause crack initiation or growth



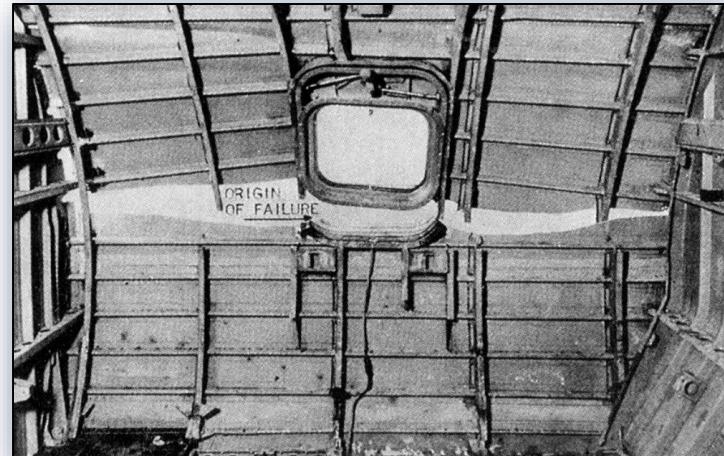
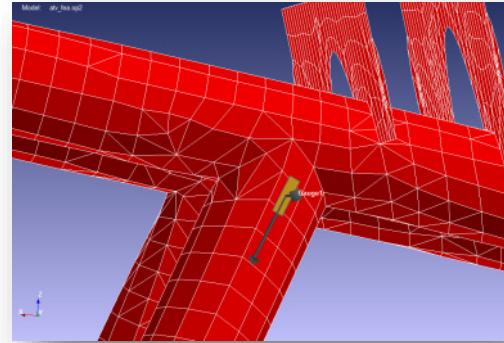
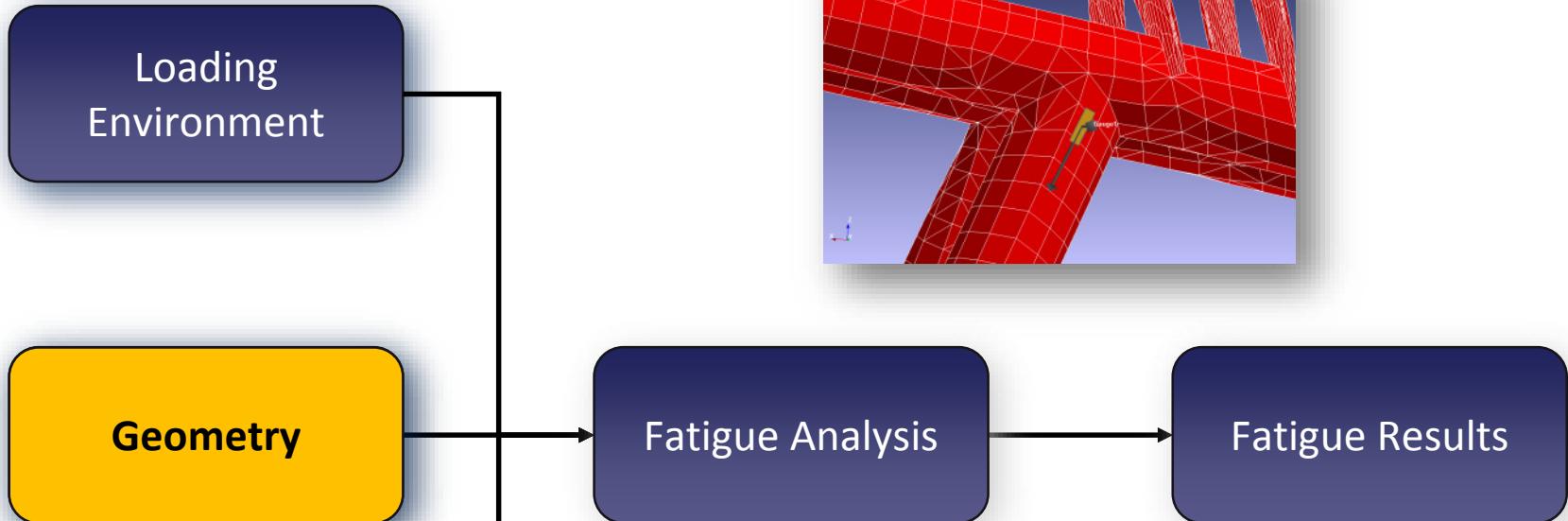
- Change of stress ( $\Delta S$  or  $S_a$ ) is really important – called *cyclic range*
  - Larger stress range = shorter life
- Mean stress ( $S_{\text{mean}}$ ) is also important
  - Tensile mean stress = shorter life
  - Compressive mean stress = longer life

# Loading Environment

- Real loading is often fairly random
- We need a method of finding fatigue cycles in a varying waveform
- **Rainflow** is the most common cycle counting method for fatigue analysis
  - Applicable to SN, EN and crack growth analysis



# Fatigue Analysis Roadmap

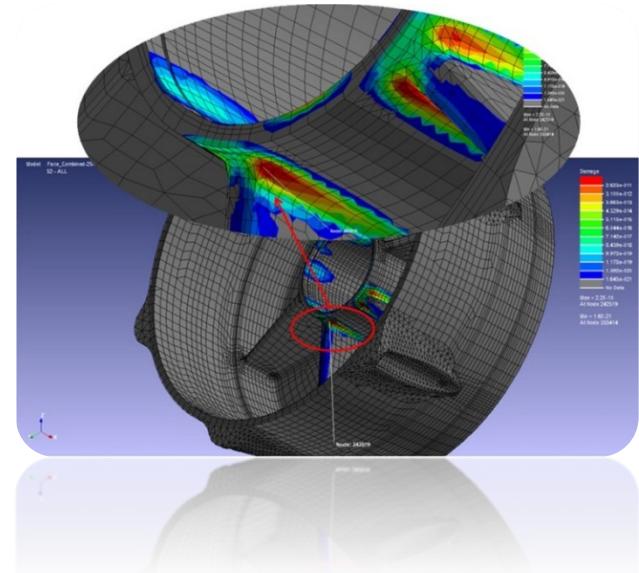


# Local Stress from Geometry and Loading

Geometry plus loading gives us the stress history of a component

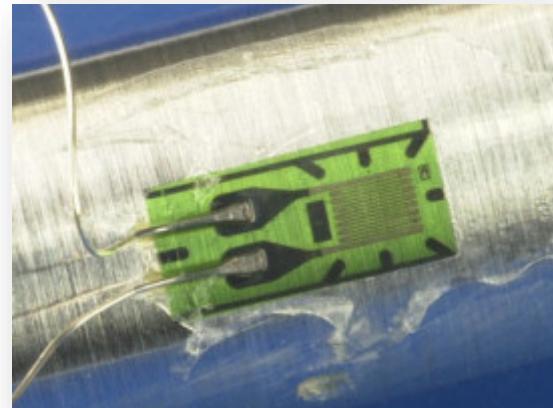


Finite Element Analysis (FEA) results can be used in a CAE environment to perform a fatigue analysis

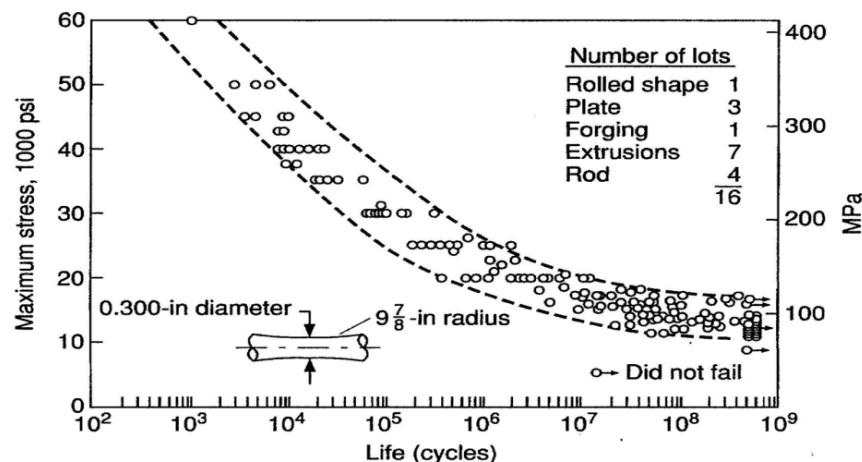
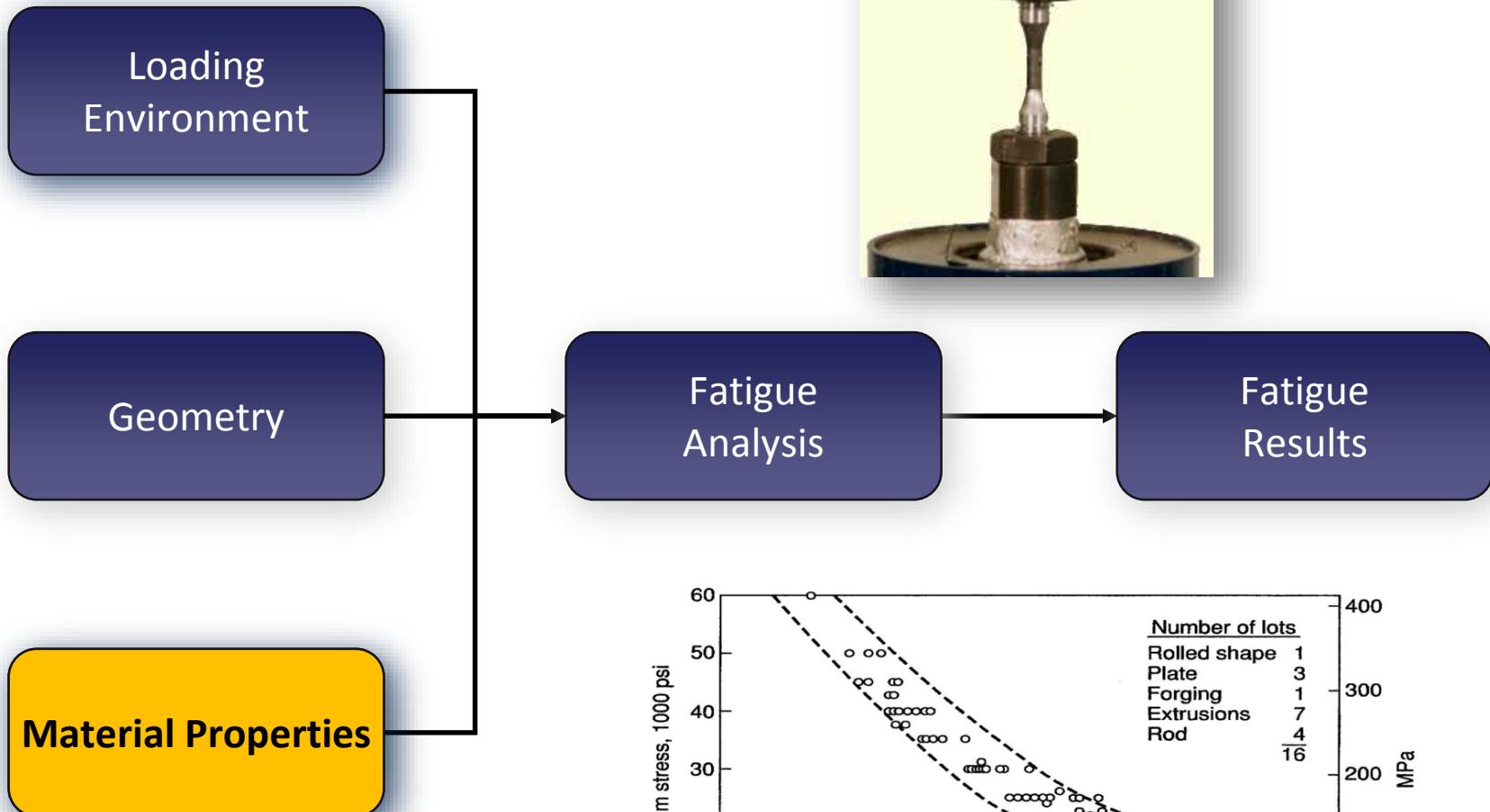


Measurements taken using a strain gauge can be used for fatigue analysis

- This “includes” geometric effects at the point where the measurement is taken
- A scale factor ( $K_t$ ) may be required to compensate for strain gauge location near hot-spots



# Fatigue Analysis Roadmap



# Material Properties

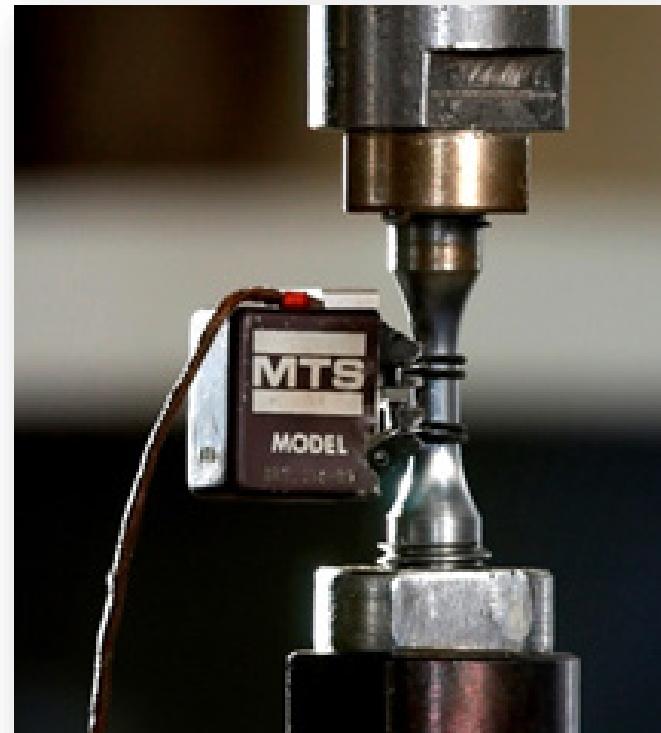
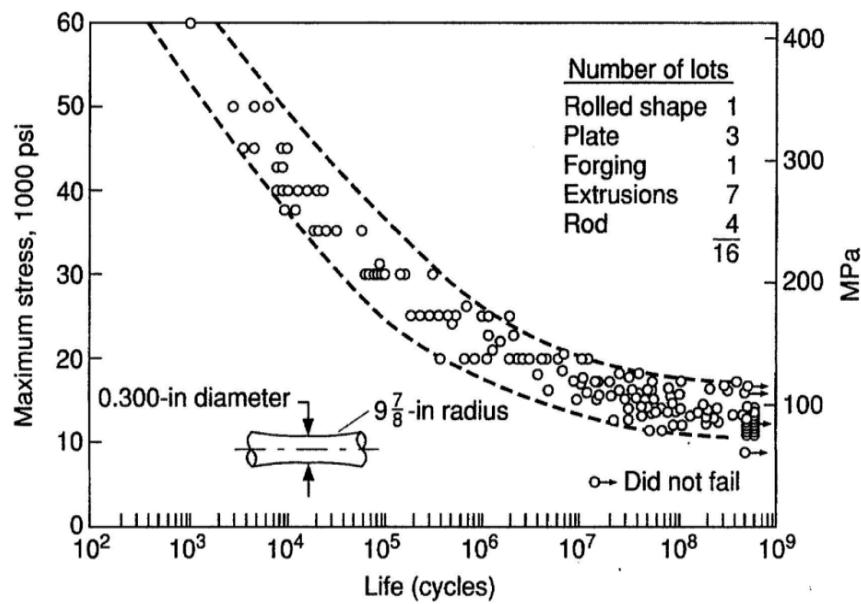
- Component durability is directly influenced by how the material responds to loading
- Thus, the accuracy of any fatigue calculation is dependent on the quality of the material properties
- Material fatigue properties are characterized experimentally



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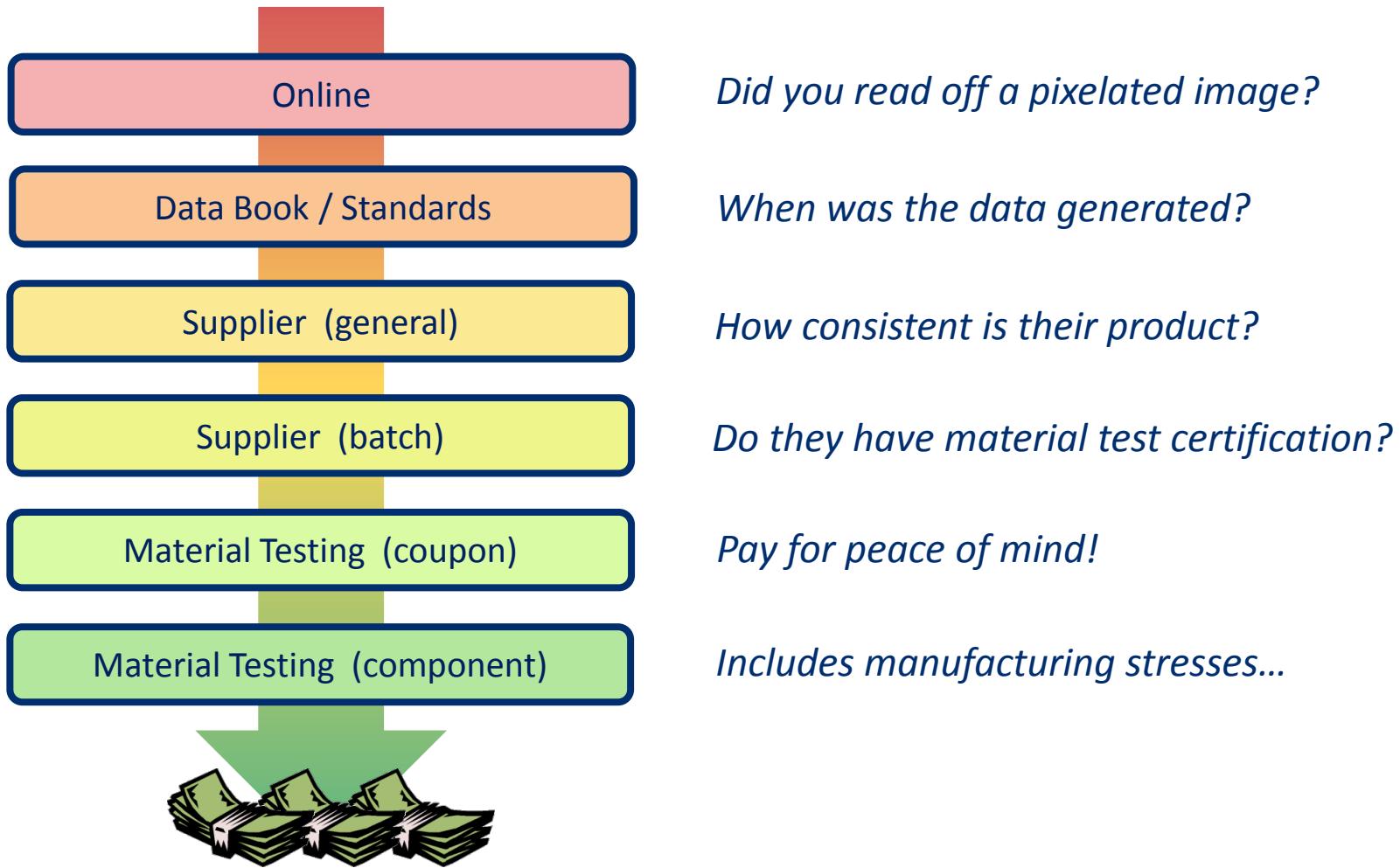
# Material Properties

- Material characteristics
  - Test and break machined material coupons
  - Plot applied stress or strain versus life
  - Captures material effects
  - Generic to this material but needs corrections to model geometry etc.



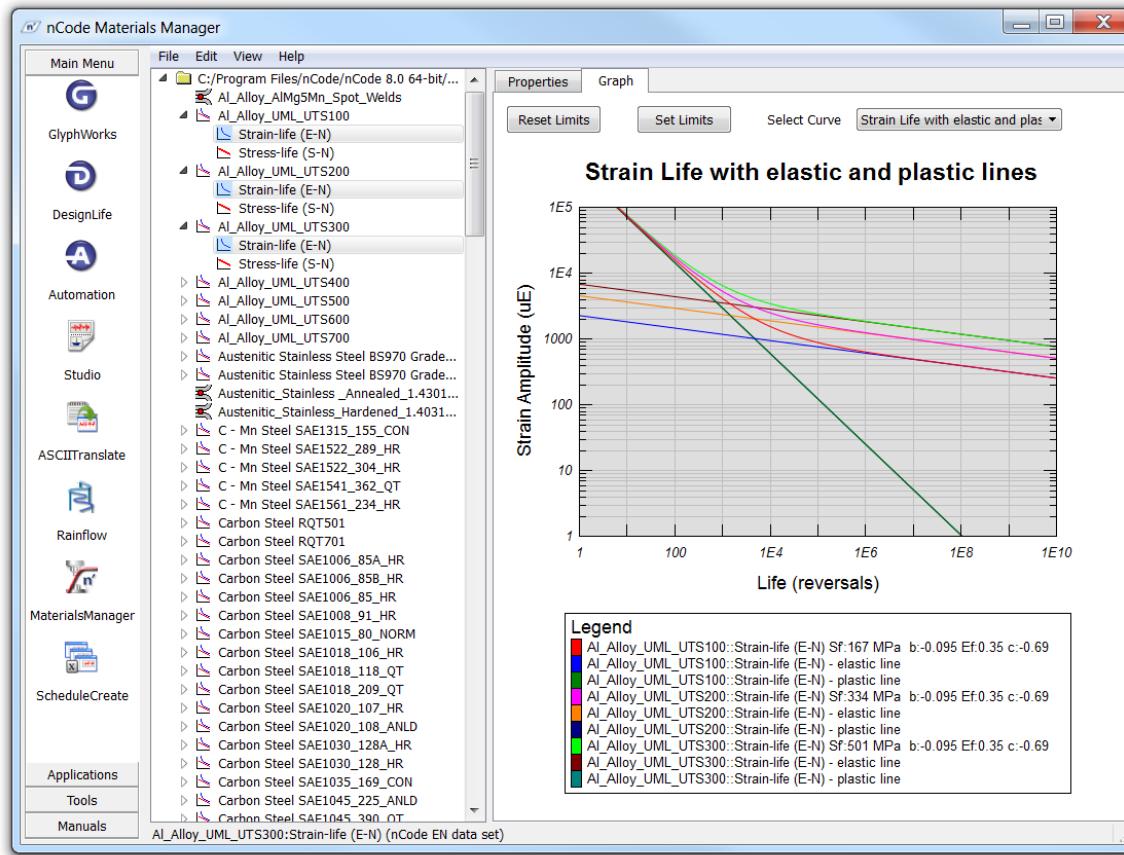
# Material Properties

Often overlooked and expensive to obtain; good materials data is vital for performing an accurate fatigue analysis...



# nCode Materials Manager

- Many different material types and compositions:
  - Steel, Aluminium, Titanium, Cast Iron, Welds (etc.)
- Many different international standards
  - MIL-HDBK-5, Eurocodes (etc.)

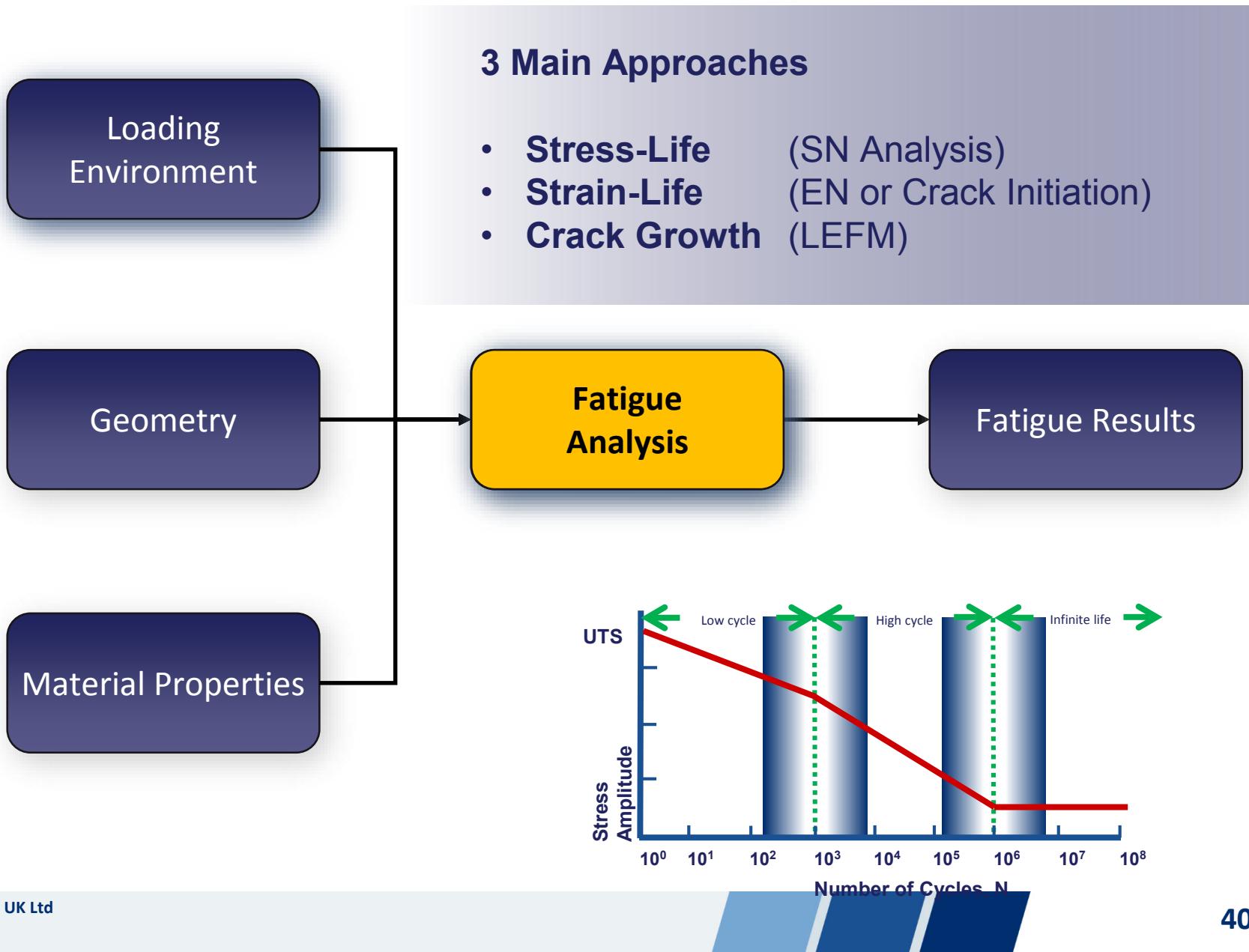


# nCode Premium Materials Database

- All materials tested in-house by nCode AMCT engineers
- Fully certified testing facility ISO9001
- Over 100 materials!
- Corresponding International standards

| Material                            | ISO                              | WNR     | EN                                | UNS        | BS   | US                    | DIN                                  | NF   | JIS                       | Trade Name                            |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------|-----------------------------------|------------|--|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|--|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 100Cr6 Steel                        | ISO 4957 (12/1999)<br>102Cr8     | 1.2067  | EN 10132-4 (02/2000 + AC 12/2002) | T61203     | BS EN 10132-4 (02/2000 + AC 12/2002)<br>102Cr6 |                       | 102Cr6 and<br>100Cr6                 | AFNOR NF EN 10132-4 (02/2000 + AC 12/2002)<br>102Cr6 and AFNOR NFA 35-590 (1992)<br>100Cr6 | JIS G 4805 (2008) SUJ 2   |                                       |
| 13-8 PH Stainless Steel             |                                  |         |                                   | S13800     |  | AMS 5629 & ASTM A564  |                                      |  |                           |                                       |
| 2024 - T851 Aluminium Alloy - Longl |                                  |         | AW-2024                           | A92024     |  | AMS QQ-A-250/4A T851  |                                      |  |                           |                                       |
| 2024 - T851 Aluminium Alloy - Trans |                                  |         | AW-2024                           | A92024     |  | AMS QQ-A-250/4A T851  |                                      |  |                           |                                       |
| 21CrMoV5-7 Steel                    |                                  | 1.7709  | EN 10269 (04/2006)<br>21CrMoV5-7  | 21CrMoV5-7 | BS EN 10269 (04/2006)<br>21CrMoV5-7            |                       | DIN EN 10269 (04/2006)<br>21CrMoV5-7 | AFNOR NF EN 10269 (04/2006)<br>21CrMoV5-7  |                           | 56 TG, BGH 7709, DE 7709, Remy 1.7709 |
| 2205 Duplex Stainless Steel         |                                  | 1.4462  | EN 10083:part3:2005 1.4462        | S32205     | BS 970 318513                                  | ASTM S31803 or S32205 | X2CrNiMoN 22 5 3                     | Z3 CND 22-05 Az  |                           |                                       |
| 40CrNiMo Steel                      | ISO 14737 (2003)<br>G35CrNiMo6-6 | 1.6562* |                                   | G43370     | BS970 817M40                                   | ASTM E 4340           |                                      |  | G4053:2003 Grade SNCM 439 |                                       |

- Requires *Prenscia Access* licensing



# Common Philosophies in Different Industries

- Ground Vehicles
  - Considerable time is spent initiating a crack
  - Inspections are not economically viable
  - Crack growth, if allowed, can lead to surprises
  - Noticeable cracks are considered failure

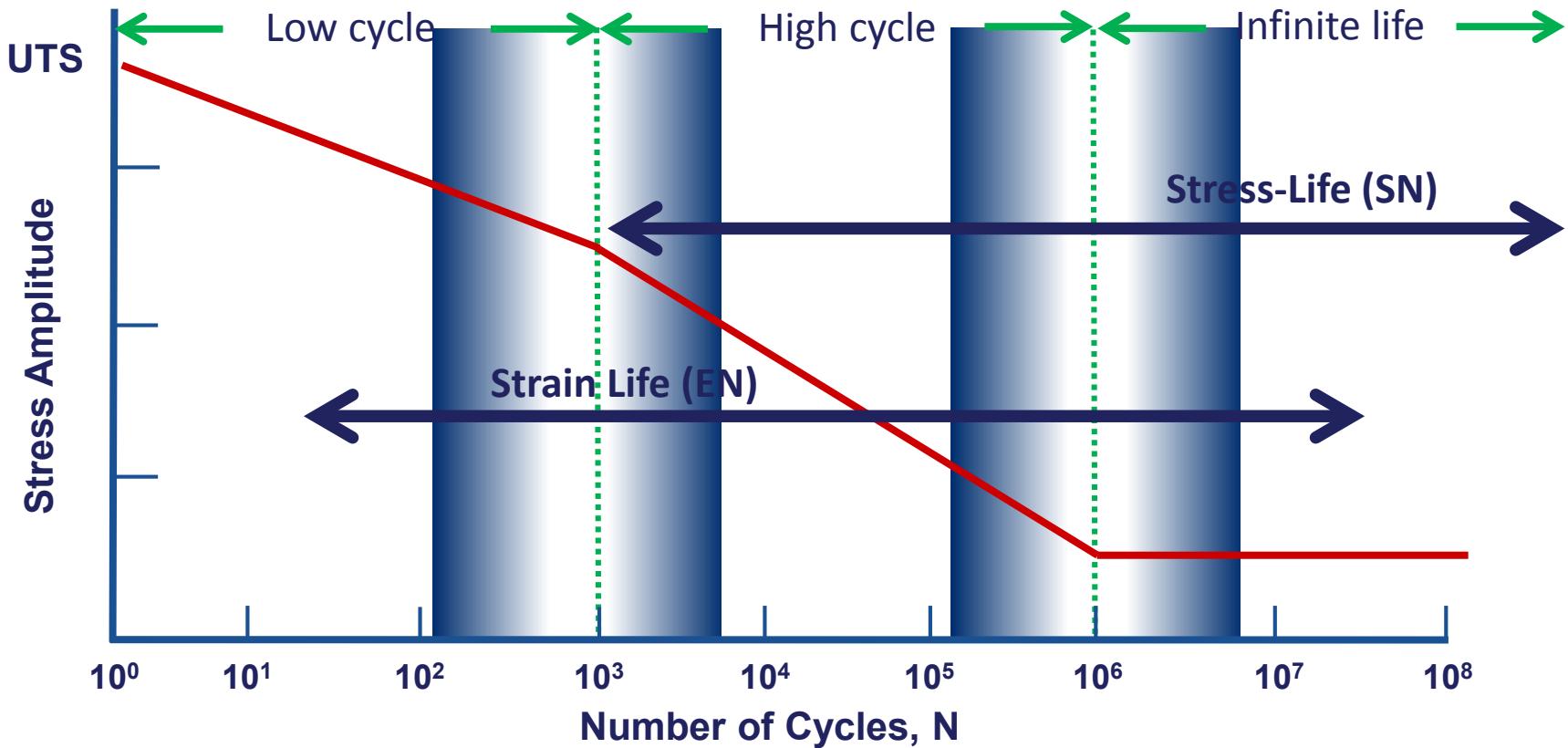


- Aerospace
  - Many components use tough, crack tolerant materials
  - Industry conservatively assumes that cracks are present
  - Growth is designed to be slow and predictable
  - Frequent inspections are conducted



# Fatigue Regimes

- Some parts are designed to last a long time
- Others are designed for shorter lives due to cost or weight
- The analysis type (EN/SN) depends on the application



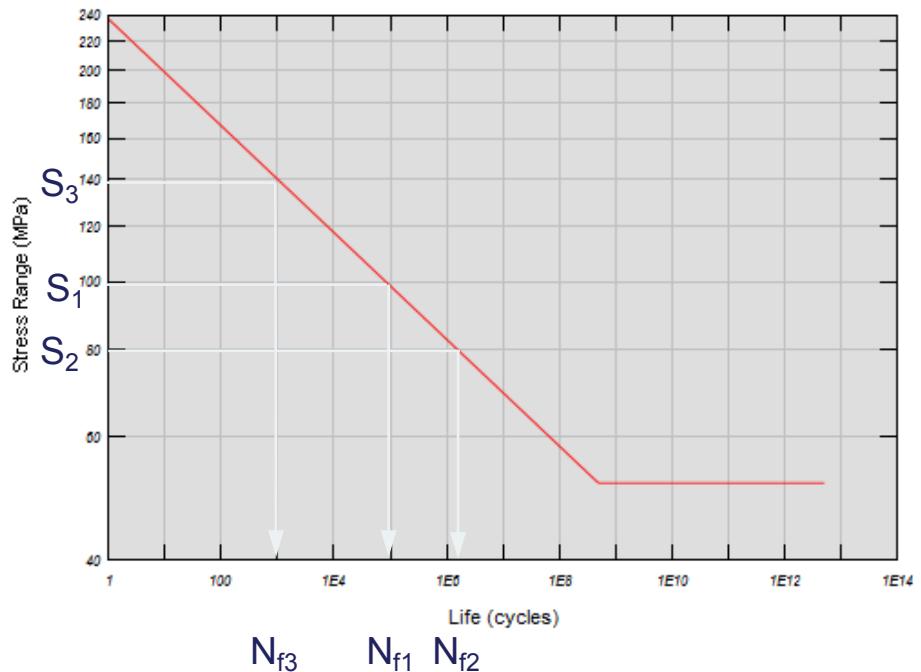
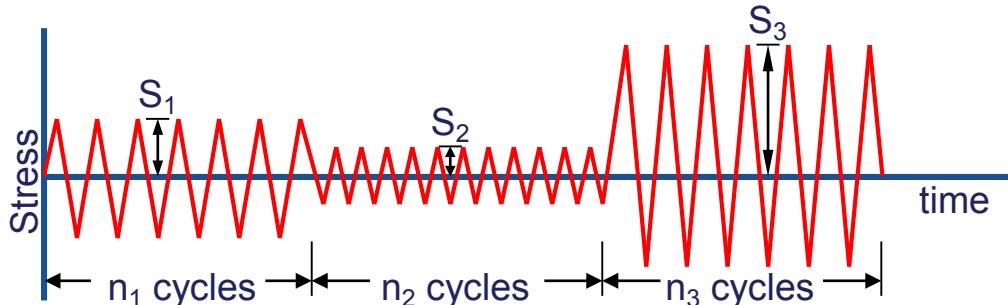
# Damage Accumulation with Palgrem-Miner's Rule

- Failure is said to occur when the sum of all partial damages equals one
- Expect failure when:

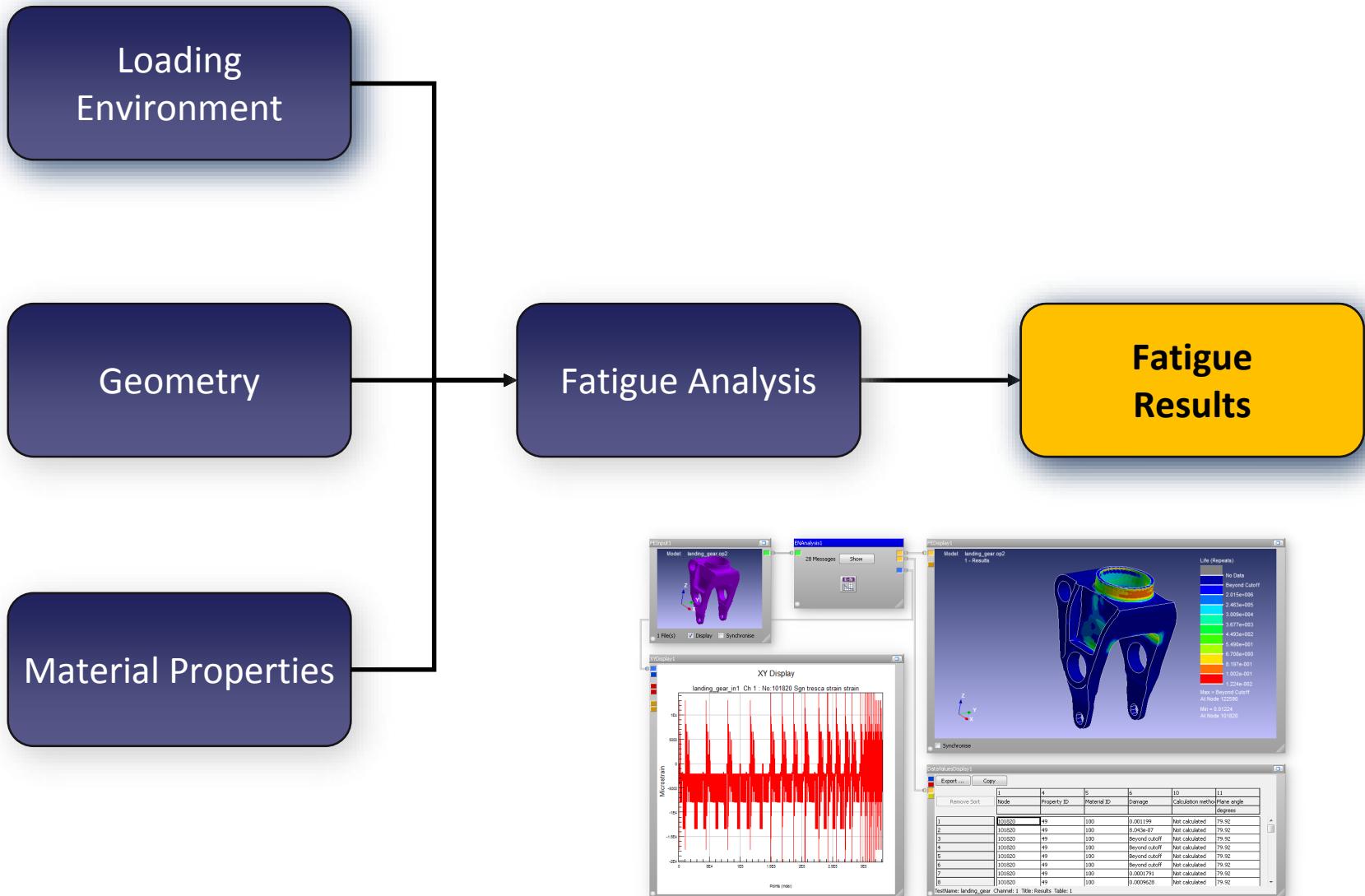
$$\sum_{i=1}^m \frac{n_i}{N_i} \geq 1 \quad \text{Miner's constant}$$

$$\text{Partial damage} = \frac{n_i}{N_i}$$

$$\frac{n_1}{N_{f1}} + \frac{n_2}{N_{f2}} + \frac{n_3}{N_{f3}} + \dots = 1$$

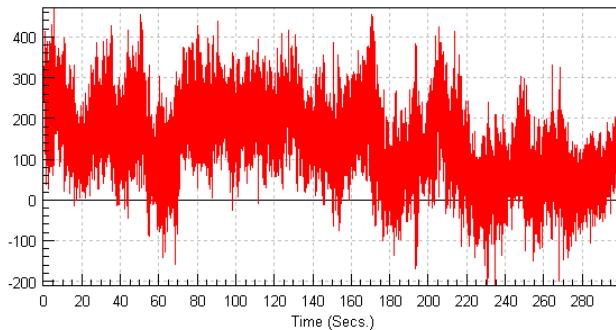


# Fatigue Analysis Roadmap

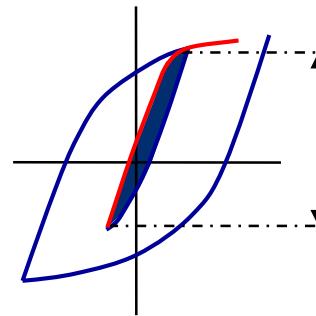


# Fatigue Analysis Route – An Overview

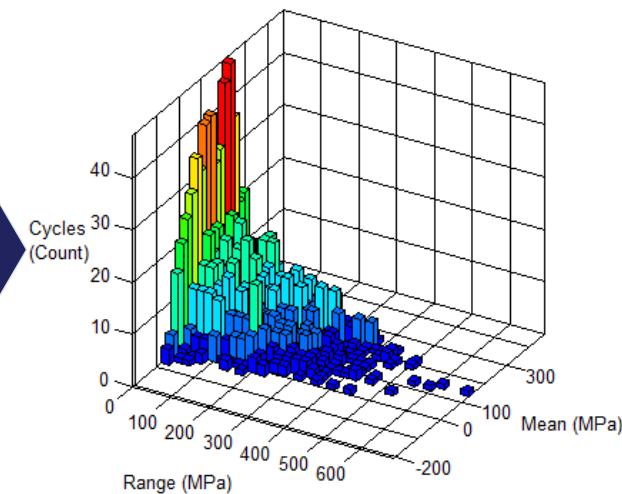
Time Signal



Rainflow Cycle Counting

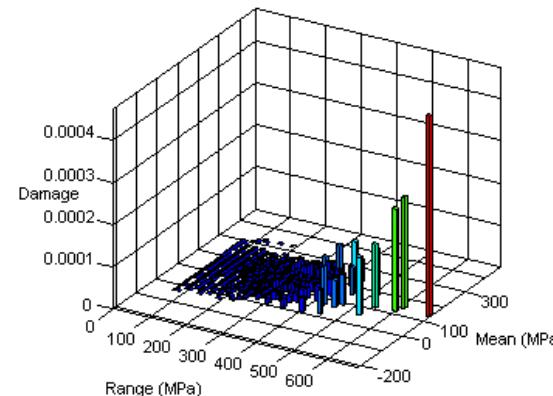


Rainflow Histogram

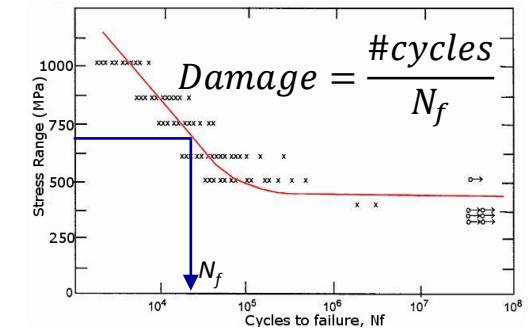


$$Life = \frac{1}{\sum Damage}$$

Palmgren-Miner's  
damage summation

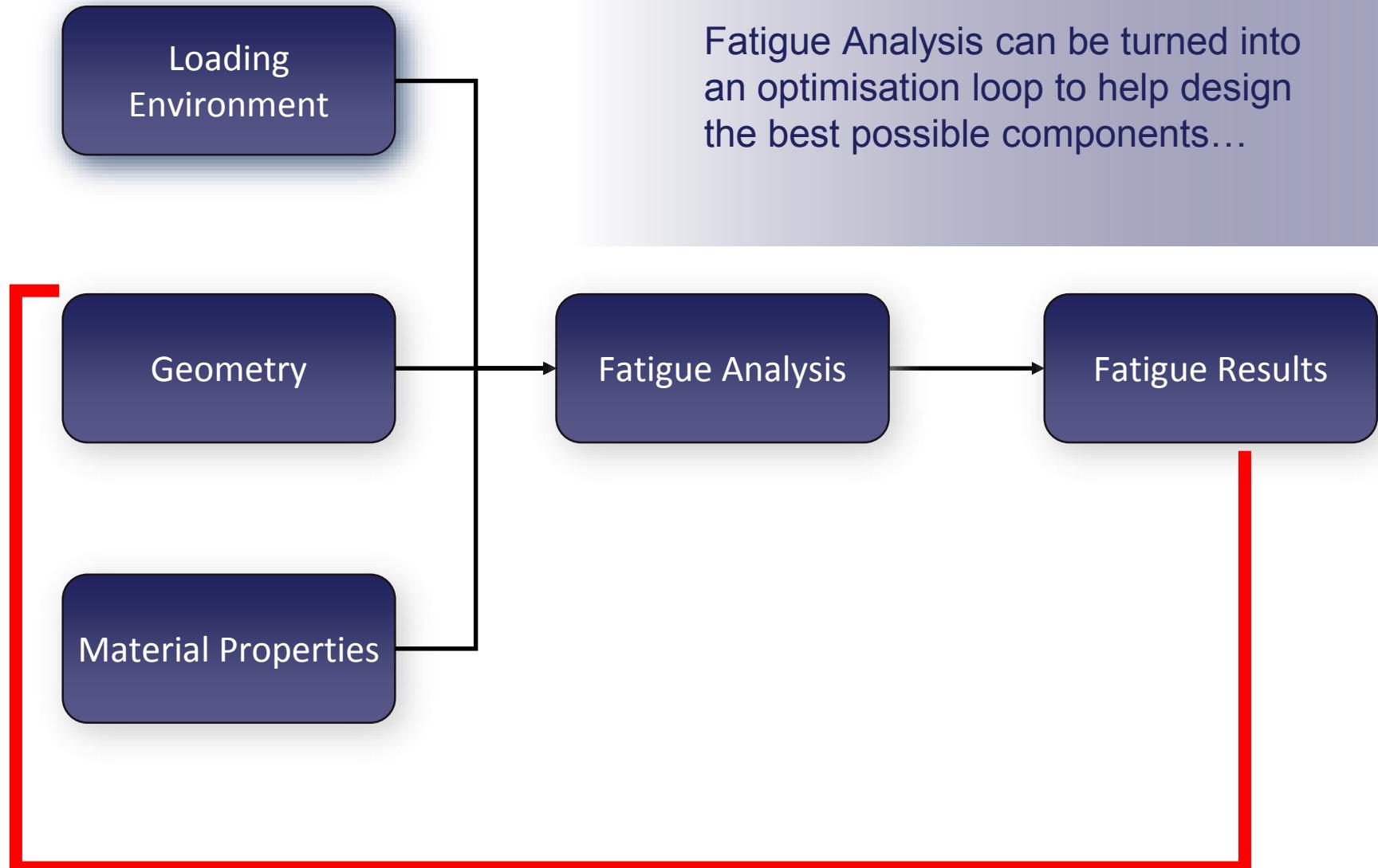


Damage Histogram



SN Analysis

# Fatigue Analysis Roadmap

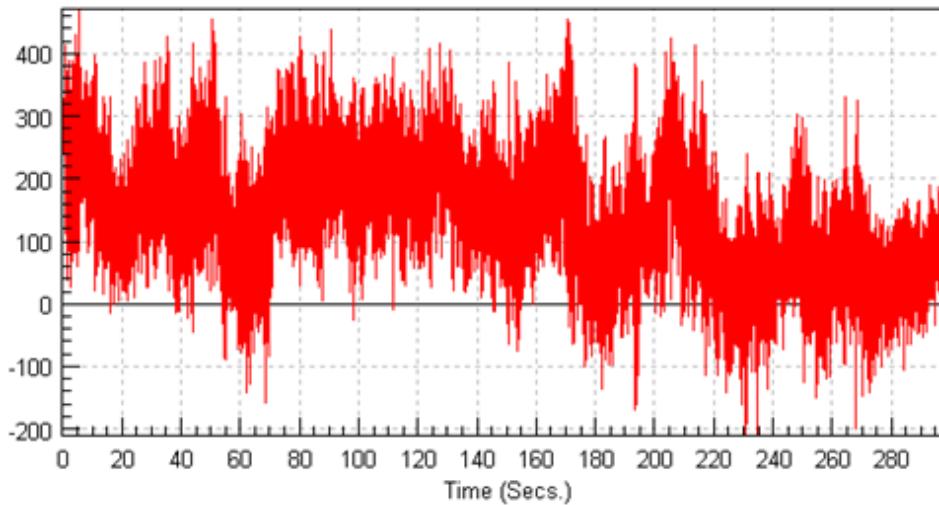


# Fatigue from Measured Data

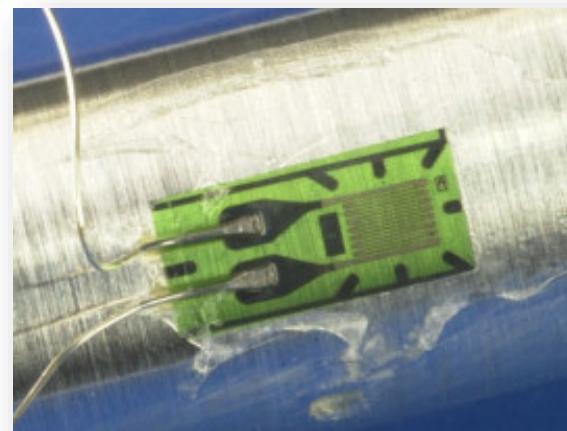
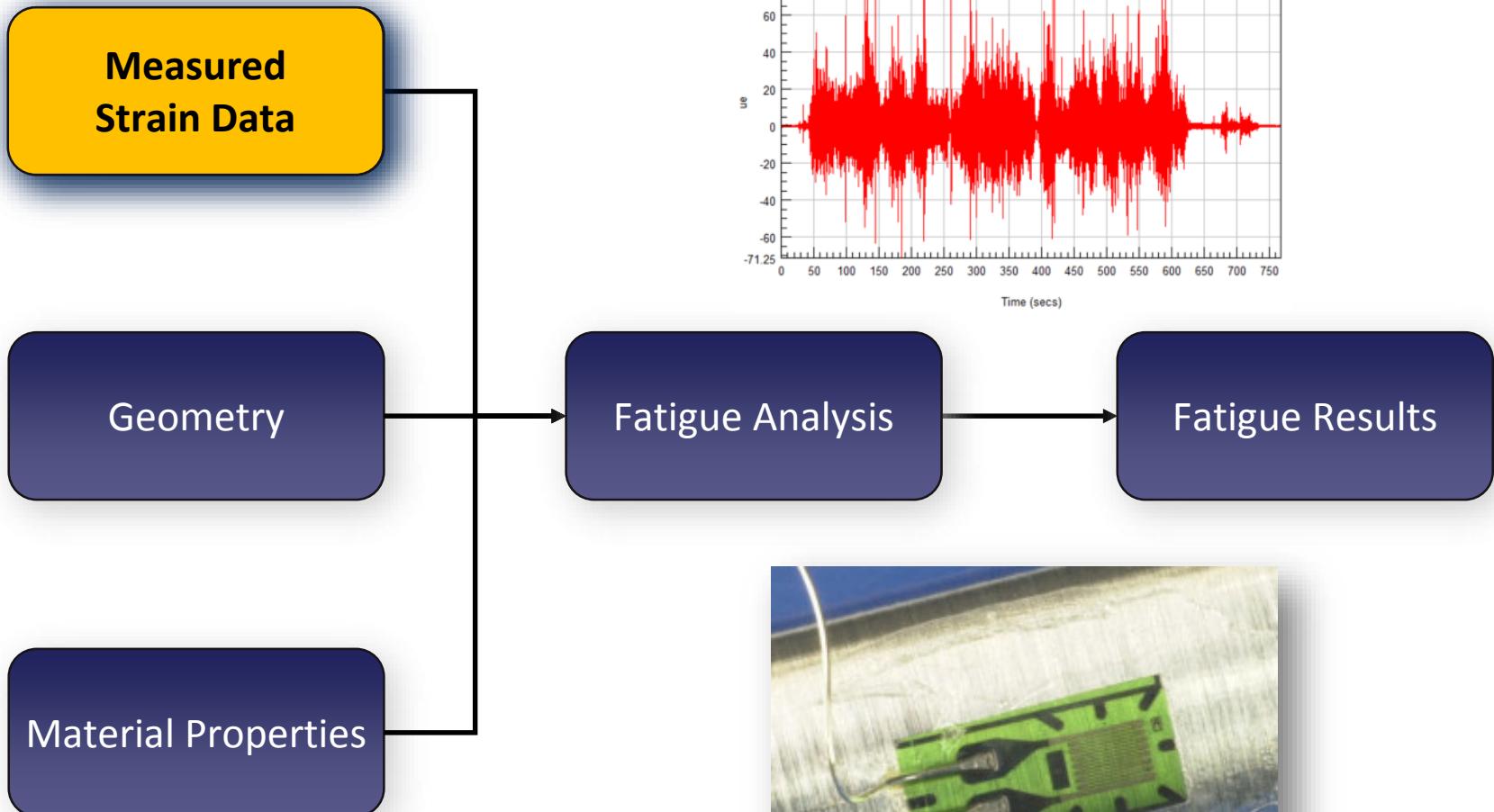
# Fatigue from Measured Data

Measurements from a strain gauge can be used directly for fatigue analysis:

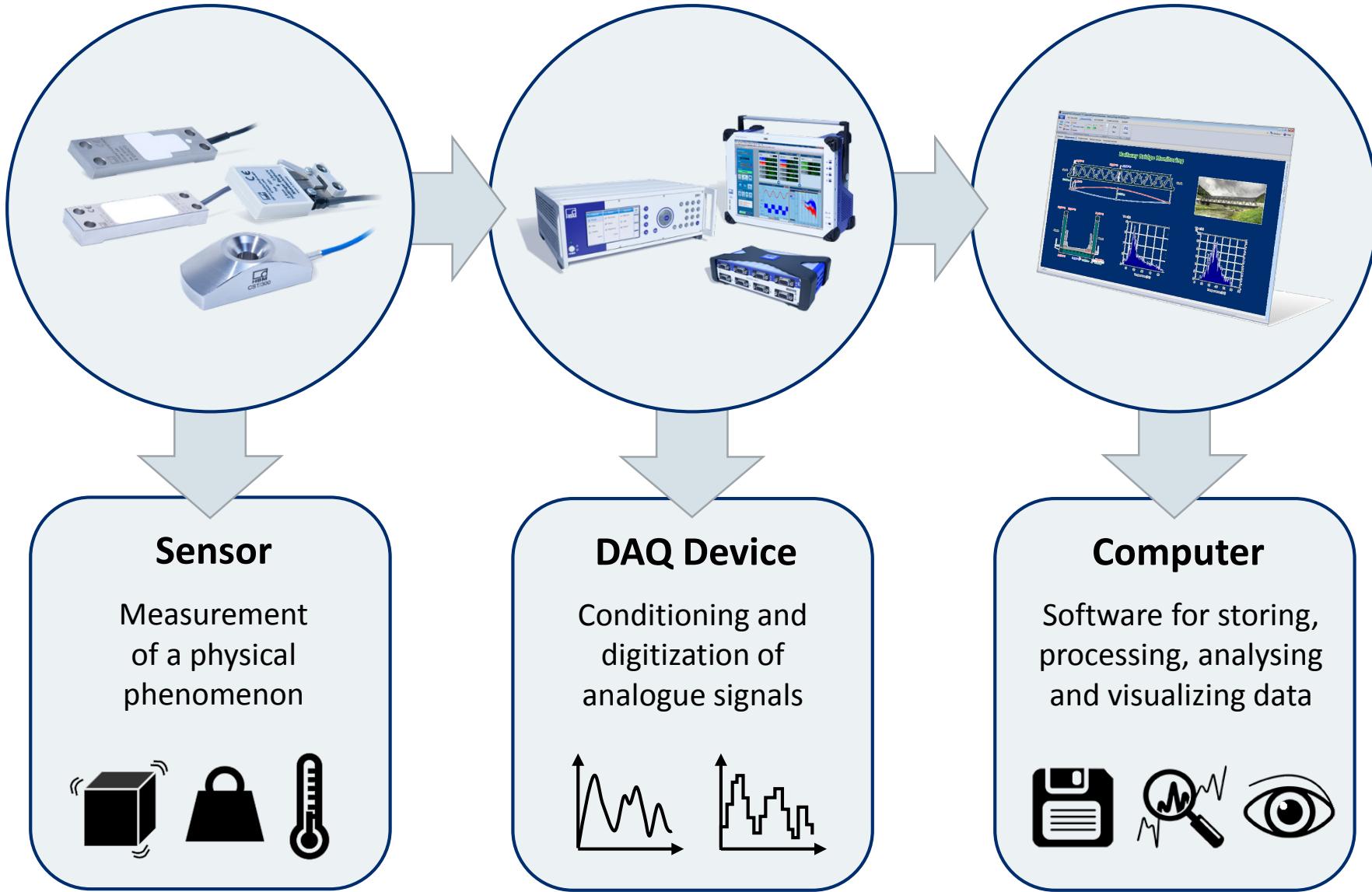
- Data needs to be cleaned and anomalies need to be removed
  - Spikes, Drift, Drop-out, Clipping, Flat-line, etc.
- A scale factor ( $K_t$ ) may also be applied to compensate for strain gauge location near hot-spots
- Lots of additional factors need to be considered:
  - Material, Temperature, Mean Stress Correction

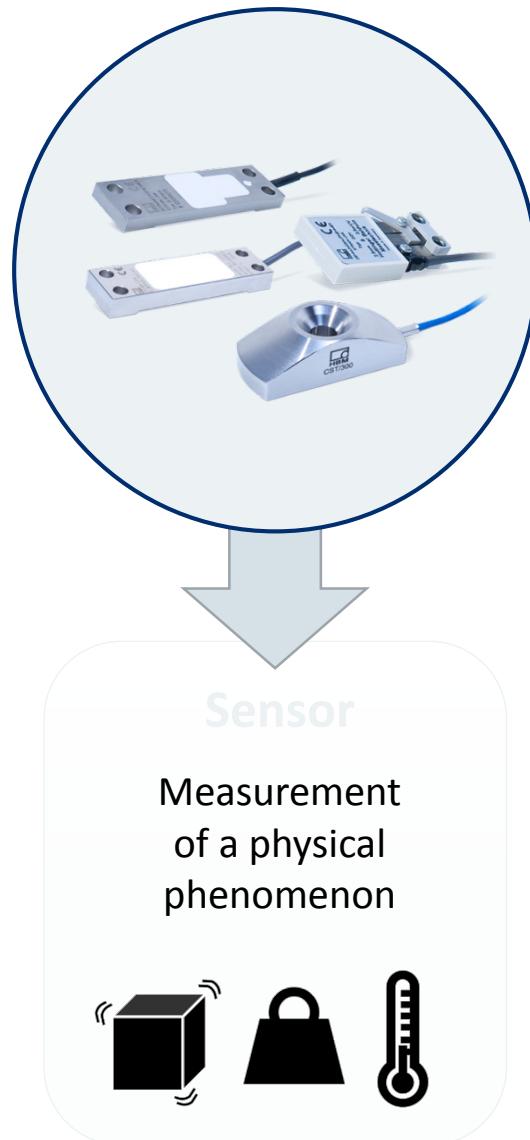


# Fatigue Analysis Roadmap



# Measuring Test Data





## Choosing the correct sensor...

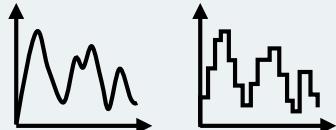
- What phenomenon is being measured?
- What range of values are expected?
- How sensitive does the sensor need to be?
- What environment will the sensor be exposed to?
- Where/how can the sensor be mounted?
- What are the electrical properties of the sensor?

| Sensor              | Units         |
|---------------------|---------------|
| Accelerometer       | g             |
| Strain Gauges       | $\mu\epsilon$ |
| Force Transducer    | N             |
| Temperature         | K             |
| Rotational Velocity | rpm           |
| Sound               | dB            |

# DAQ Device

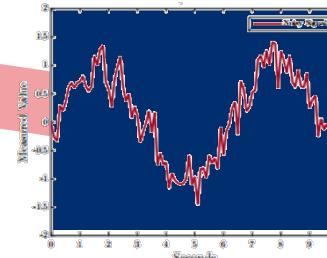
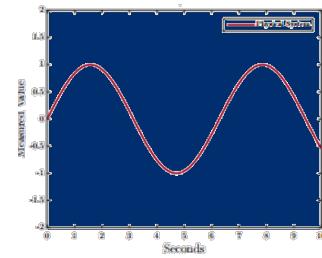


Conditioning and digitization of analogue signals

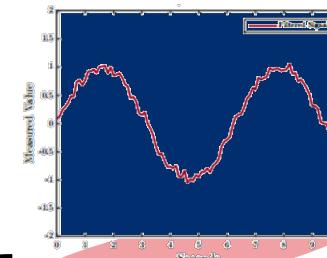


Analogue-to-Digital Converter (ADC)

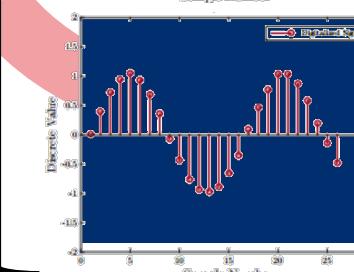
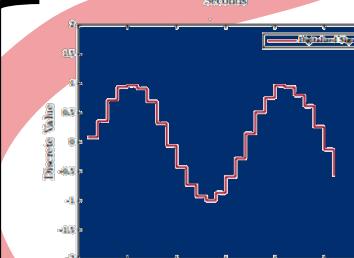
Physical Property



Noisy Electrical Signal

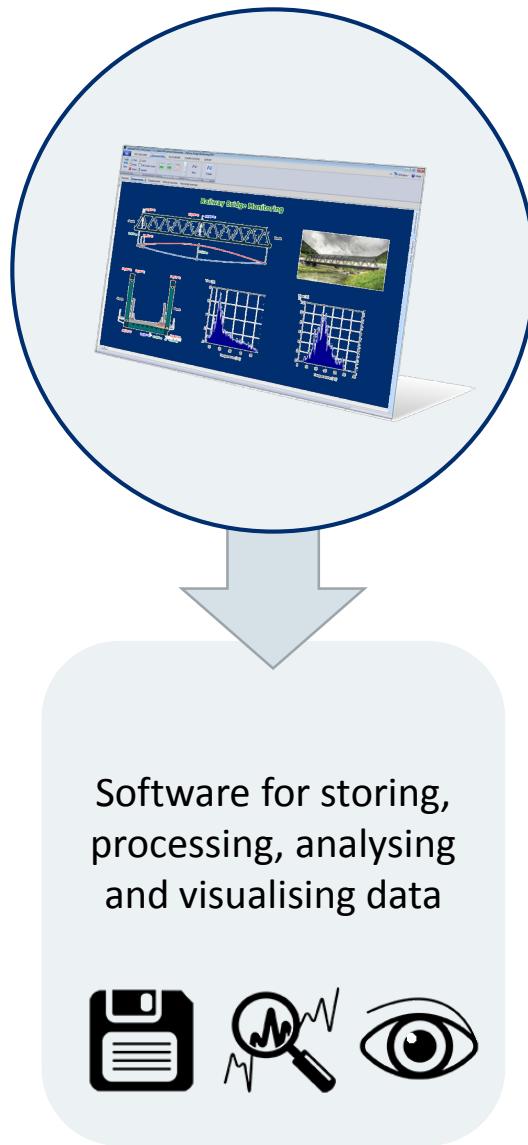


Conditioned Signal



Binary Data

|   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |



Raw data cannot achieve anything by itself...

## Processing & Analysing

Computers can carry out automatic processes and operations on data, such as classification and organisation.

Analysis of the collected data should reveal useful information in order to support decision-making.

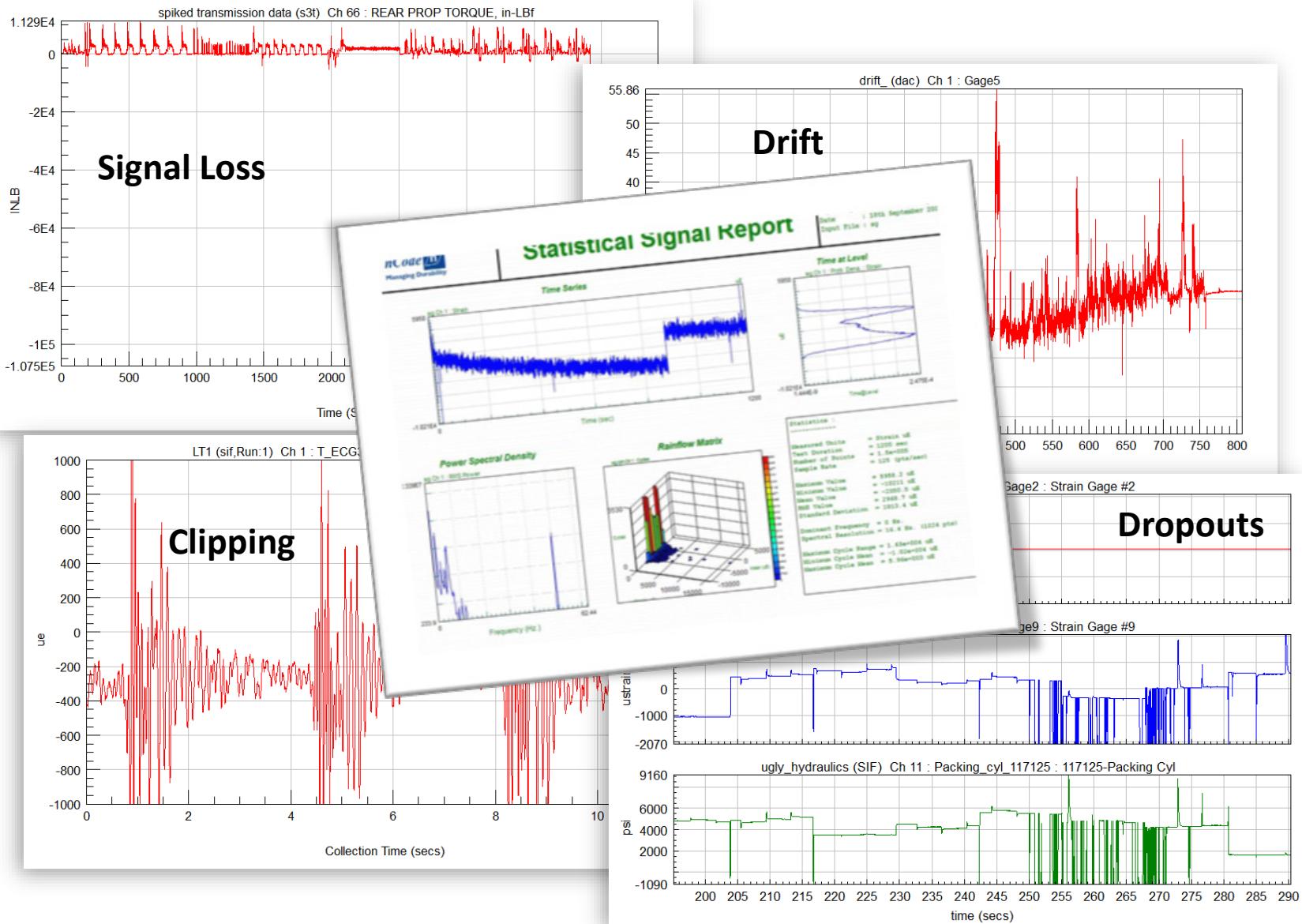
## Visualising

Data can be plotted and viewed in a variety of ways in order to gain new insights and support decisions.

## Storage

It should be possible to efficiently search and retrieve archived data quickly and efficiently.

# Measured Data Anomalies

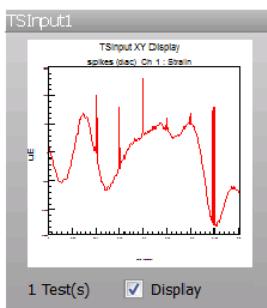


# GlyphWorks Demonstration

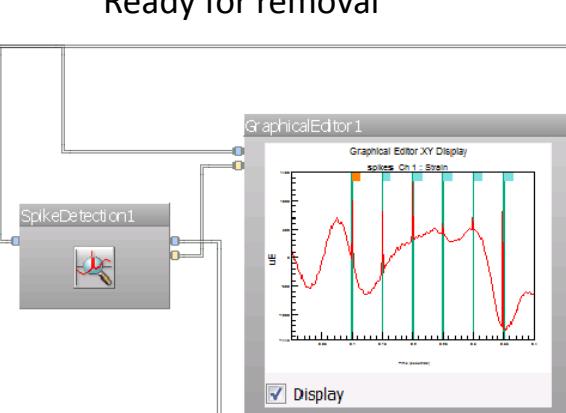


GlyphWorks has many tools for automatically identifying anomalies and removing them from measured test data...

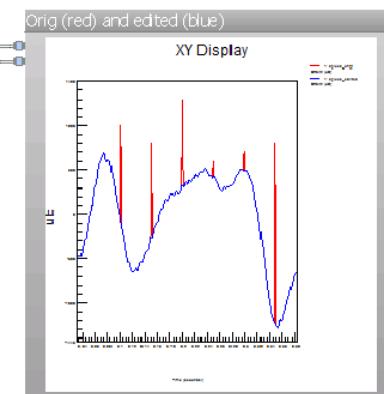
1 - Input Glyph  
data with spikes



3 – Graphical Editor Glyph  
Original data with spike location  
Ready for removal



4 – Display Glyph  
Original and 'clean' overlaid



2 – Spike detecting Glyph

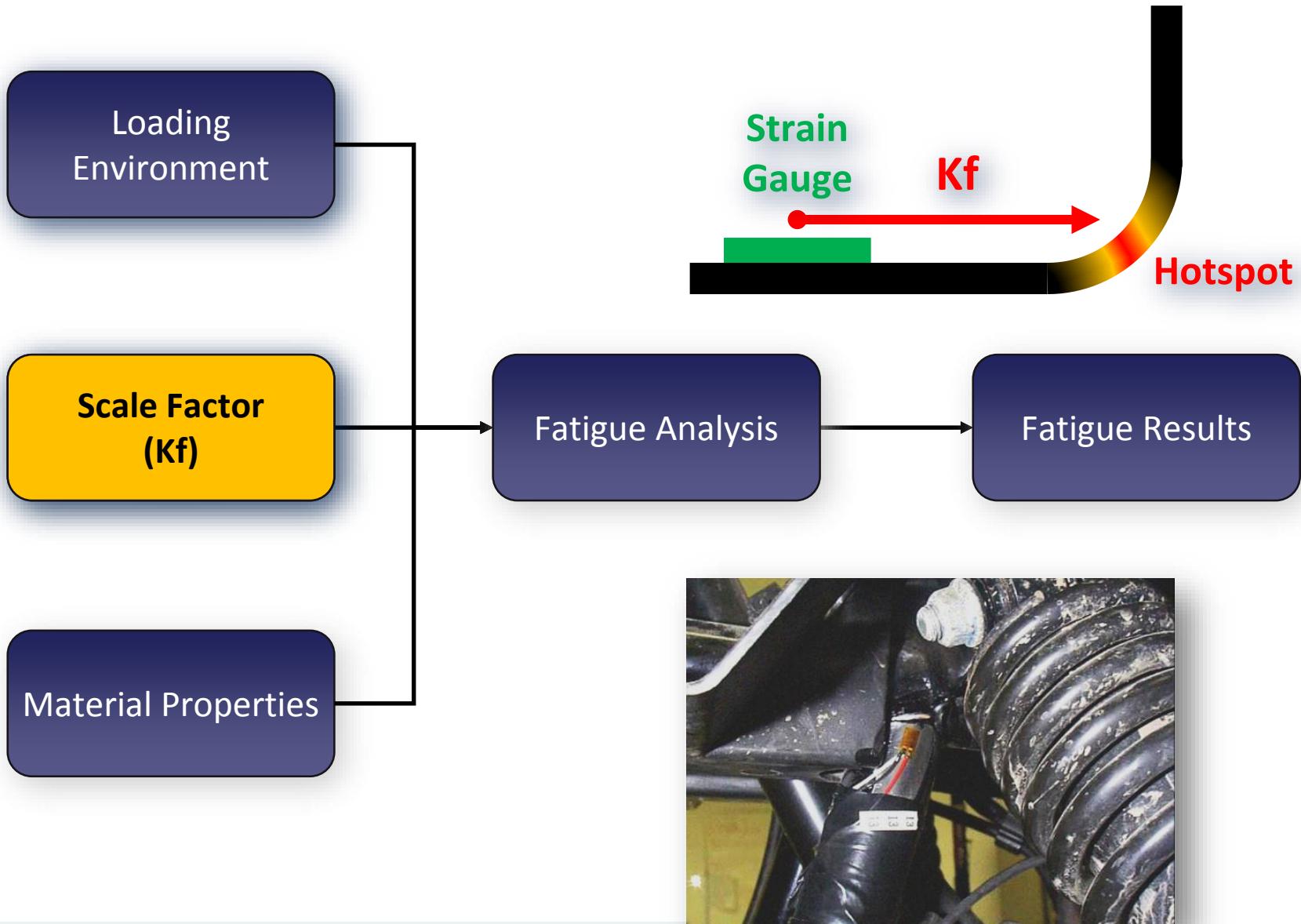
Glyph uses a number of methods to detect spikes and identifies that start and end times

| MetaDataDisplay1 |      |            |         |                  |                           |
|------------------|------|------------|---------|------------------|---------------------------|
| Test Name        | Chan | Chan Title | Y Units | Number of spikes | Spike target differential |
| 1 spikes         | 1    | Strain     | uE      | 19               | 0                         |

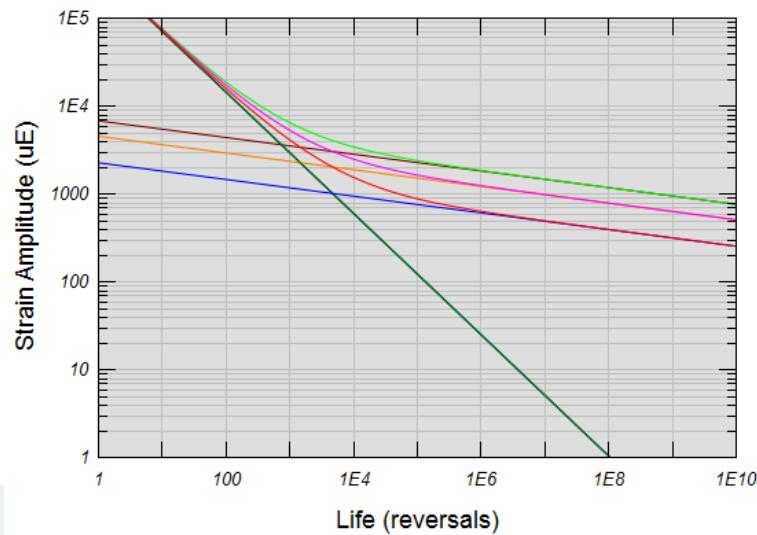
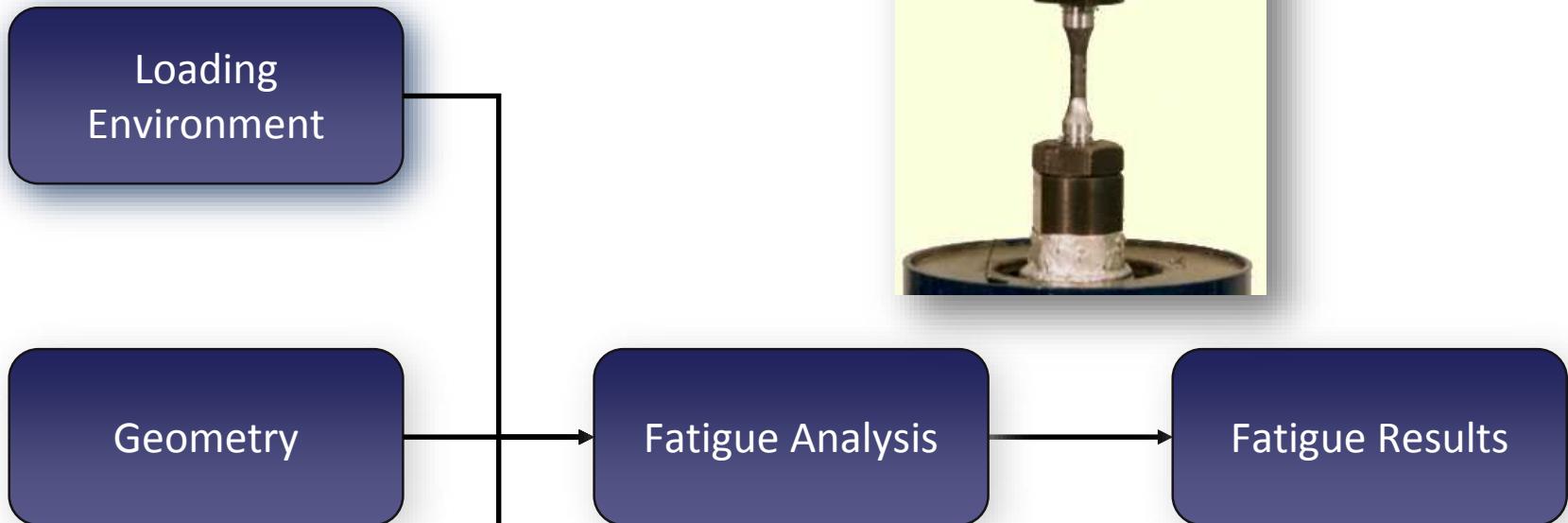
4 – Summary table of spike detection results

See GlyphWorks Worked Example #6

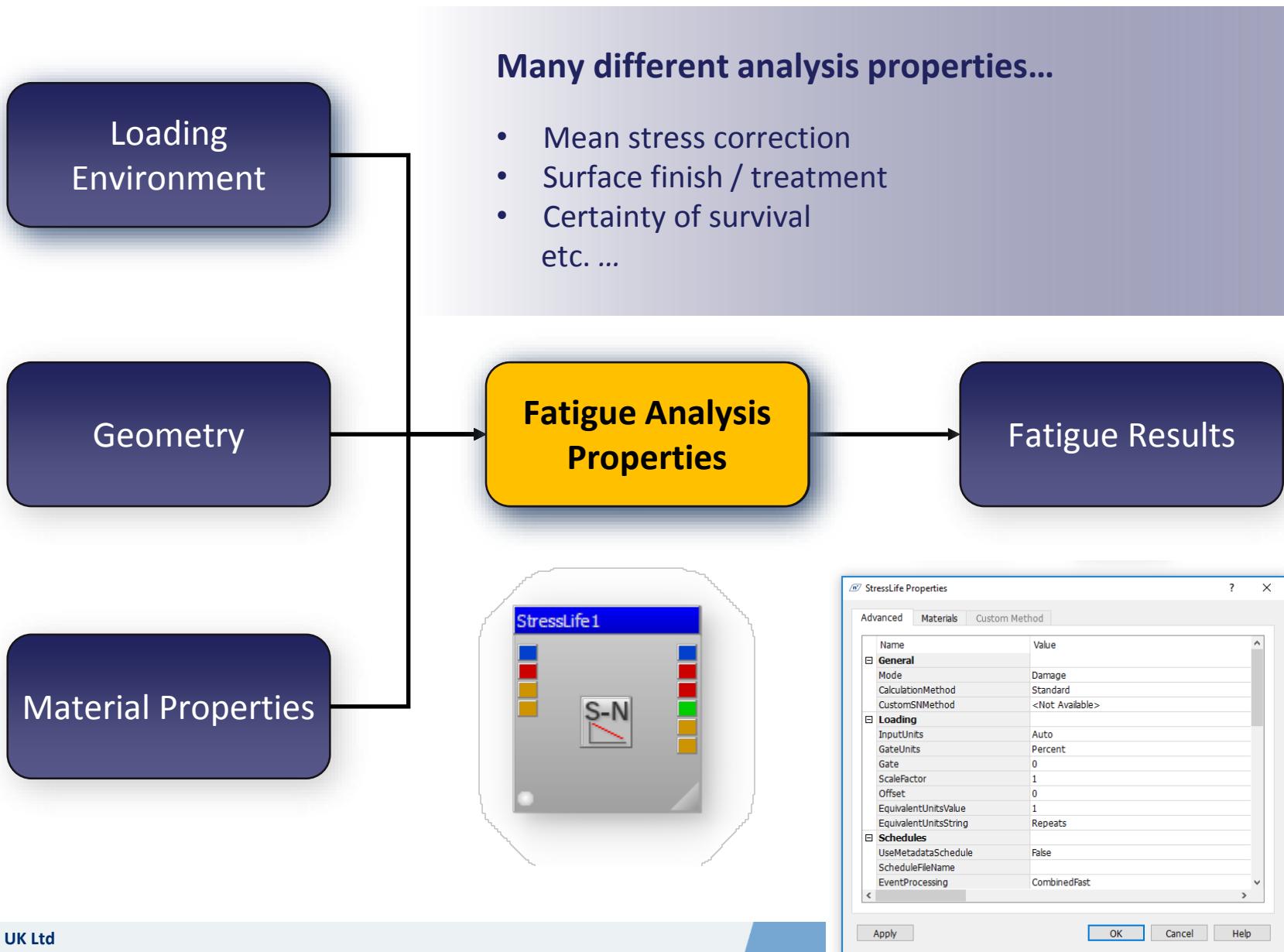
# Fatigue Analysis Roadmap



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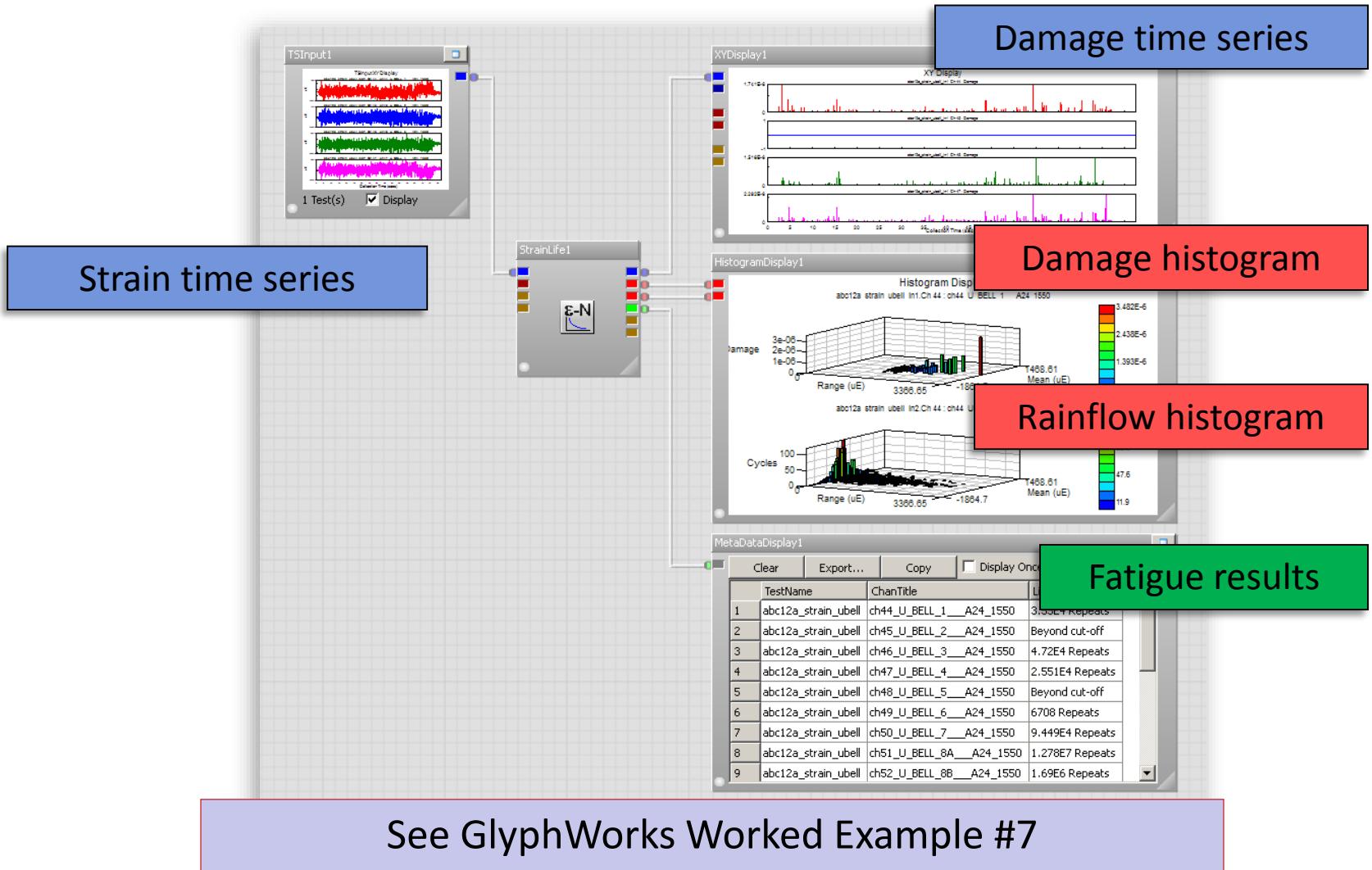
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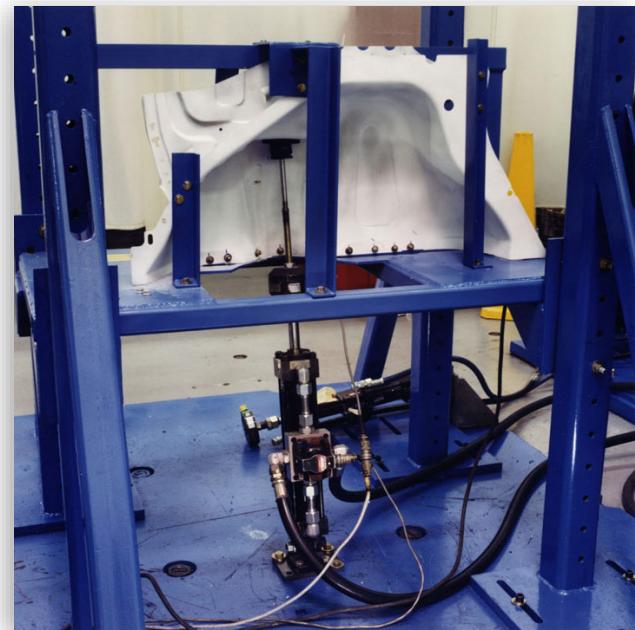
# GlyphWorks Demonstration



GlyphWorks makes fatigue analysis from measured strain data simple



## Accelerating Durability Tests



# Is This Your Durability Test?

- A black box...
- We don't have a test
- We have a test specification but no-one knows how/why it was derived
- We have used our test specification for >30 years and if it passes we never have any failures
- We use the test specification our customer tells us to use
- 1000 miles of pavé, 1000 miles of pot holes and 5000 miles of a high speed circuit
- 4 hours on the shaker with a specific random PSD

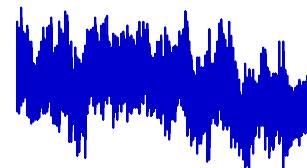
# Customer Usage and the Duty Cycle



## Duty Cycle

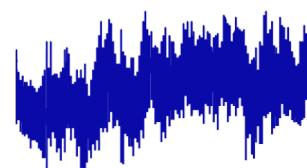
- Set of loading events representative of the real usage environment
- Also known as mission profile, durability schedule or composite
- Critical to understanding durability

## Duty Cycle



Belgian block  
x 1000 repeats

+



Cross country  
x 2000 repeats

+



Engine vibration  
x 10,000 hrs

etc. . .

# Constraints on a Durability Test

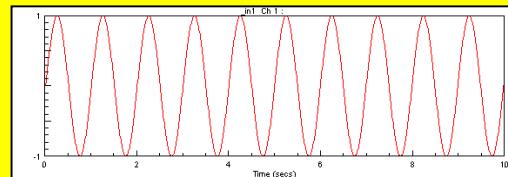
- Test must be suitable for:
  - component
  - sub-assembly
  - whole vehicle
- Test must replicate real failure mechanisms
- Test should be representative of real loading environment
- Test should be accelerated to reduce duration
- Different parts are tested in different ways
  - time domain
  - frequency domain



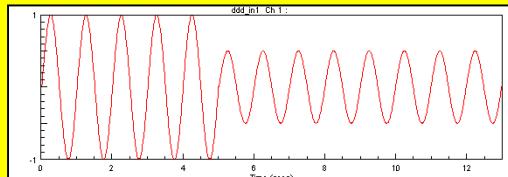
# Ways to Accelerate a Durability Test

## Test Rig Input

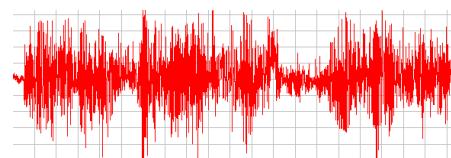
Constant amplitude



Block cycle



Time domain (RPC)



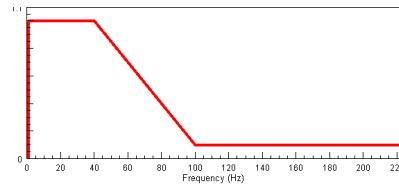
## nCode Software

GlyphWorks

GlyphWorks

GlyphWorks  
Fatigue Edit

Frequency domain (PSD)

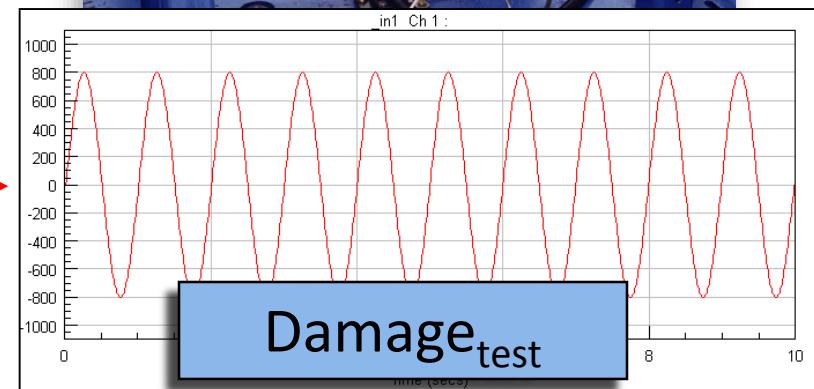
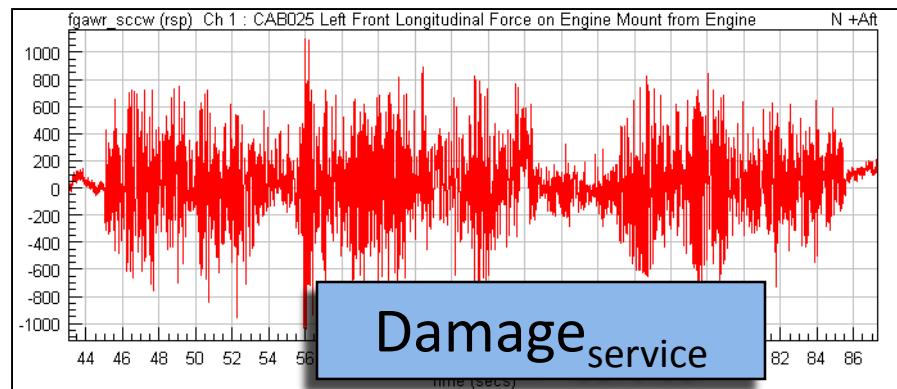
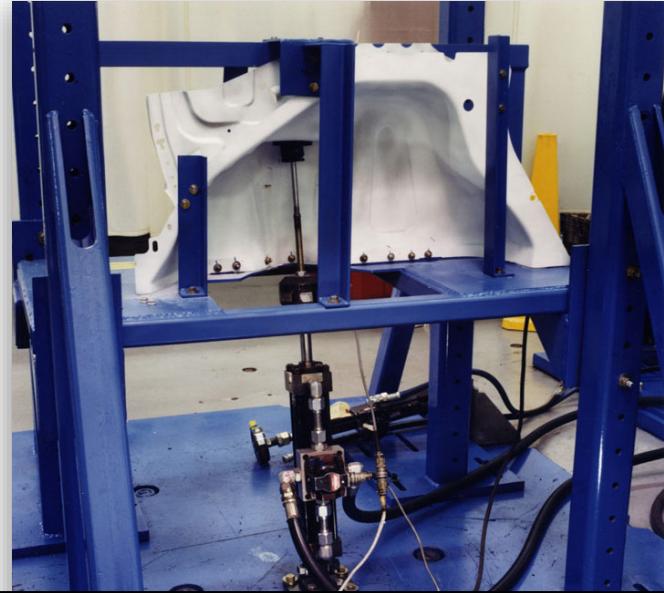


GlyphWorks  
Accelerated Testing

# Constant Amplitude and Block Cycle Tests

Cyclic component tests....

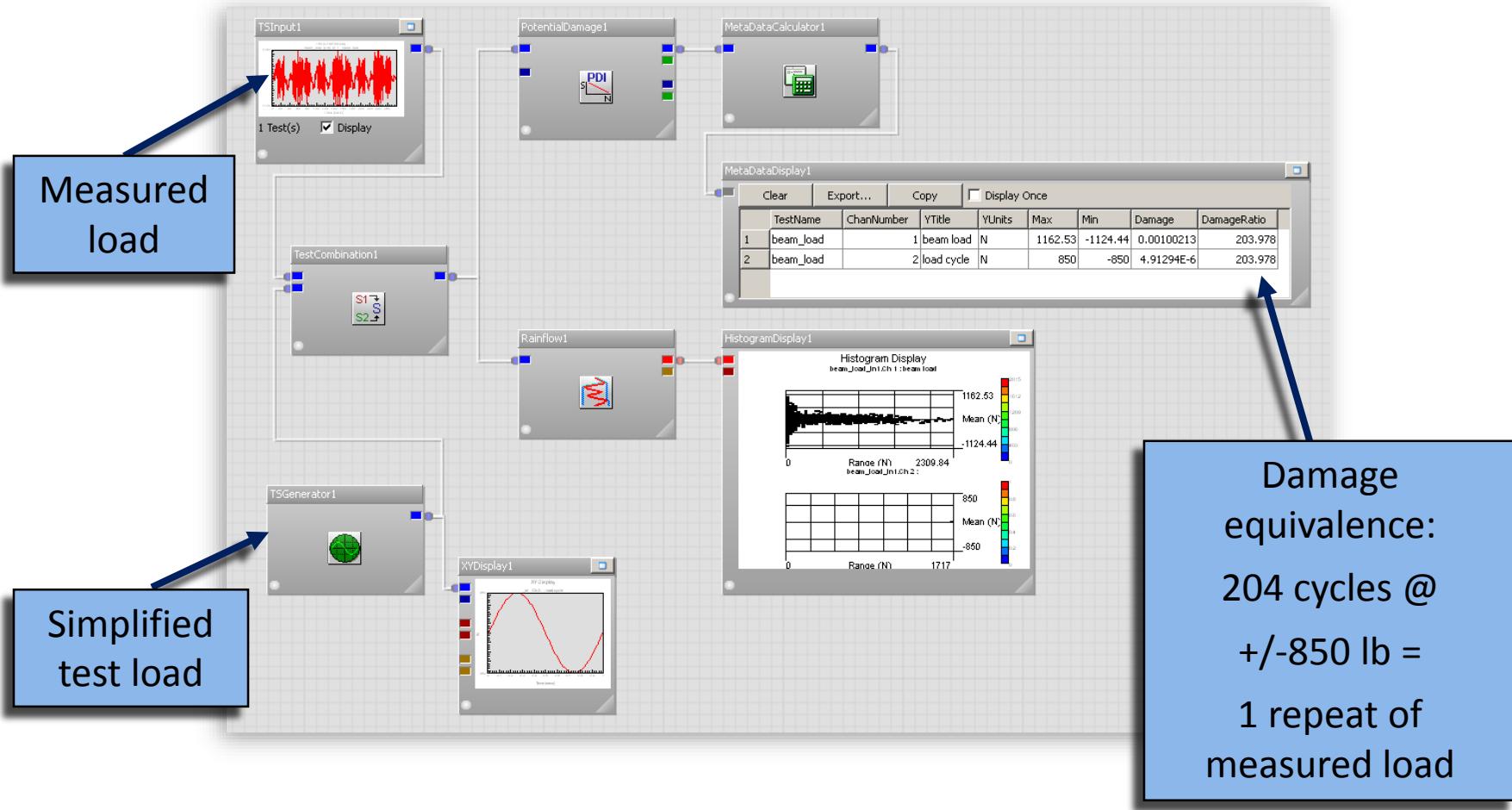
- Are simple, quick, inexpensive and used everywhere
- Requires **damage correlation**



# GlyphWorks Demonstration



GlyphWorks makes **Potential Damage Correlation** a simple process...

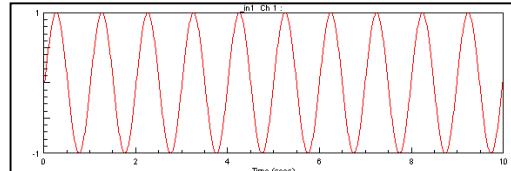


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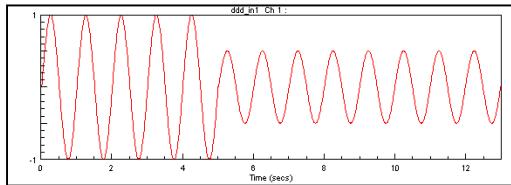
Constant amplitude



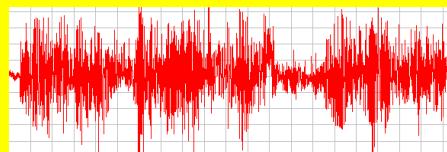
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Block cycle



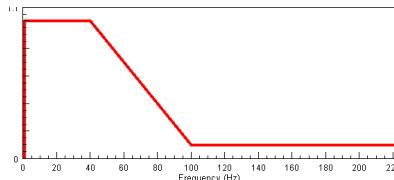
Time domain (RPC)



GlyphWorks

Fatigue Edit

Frequency domain (PSD)



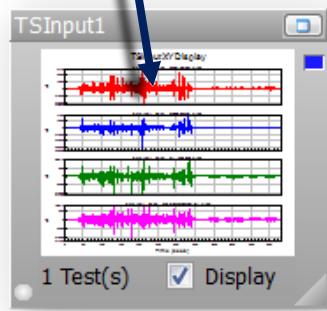
GlyphWorks  
Accelerated Testing

# GlyphWorks Demonstration



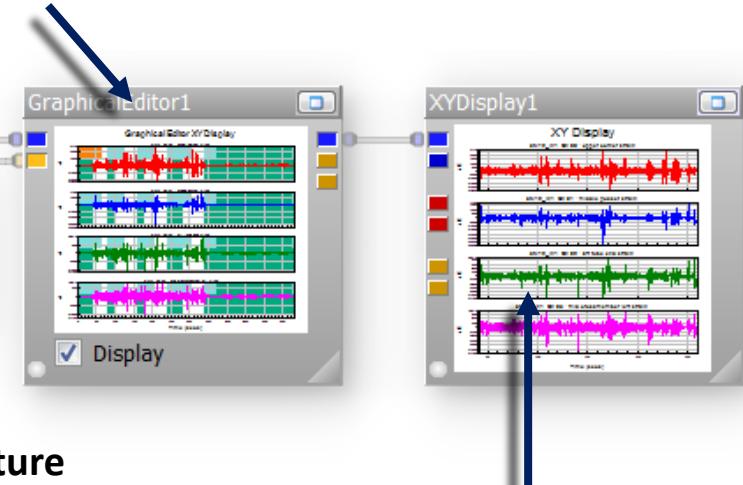
GlyphWorks' **Damage Editing** glyph identifies non-damaging sections of time that can be removed for time-domain accelerated test profiles

Unedited data  
for rig test



Graphically displays fatigue edits and  
deletes marked sections

Damage time  
histories



Edit feature  
list

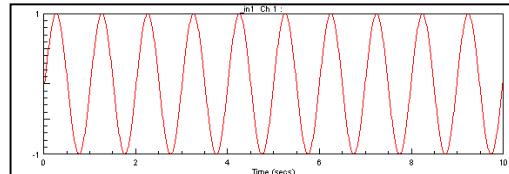
Edited data for  
shorter rig test

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# Ways to Accelerate a Durability Test

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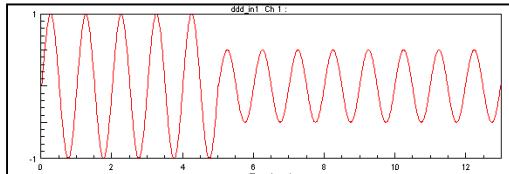
Constant amplitude



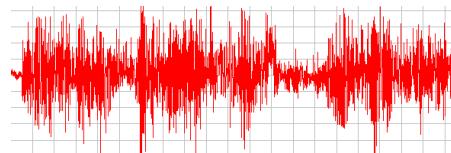
## nCode Software

GlyphWorks

Block cycle



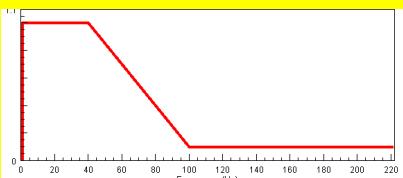
Time domain (RPC)



GlyphWorks

GlyphWorks  
Fatigue Edit

Frequency domain (PSD)



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Accelerated Testing

# Why working in the frequency domain?

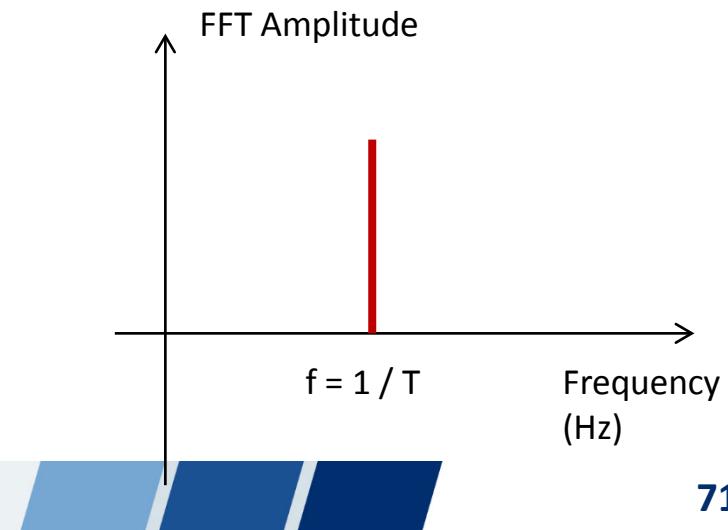
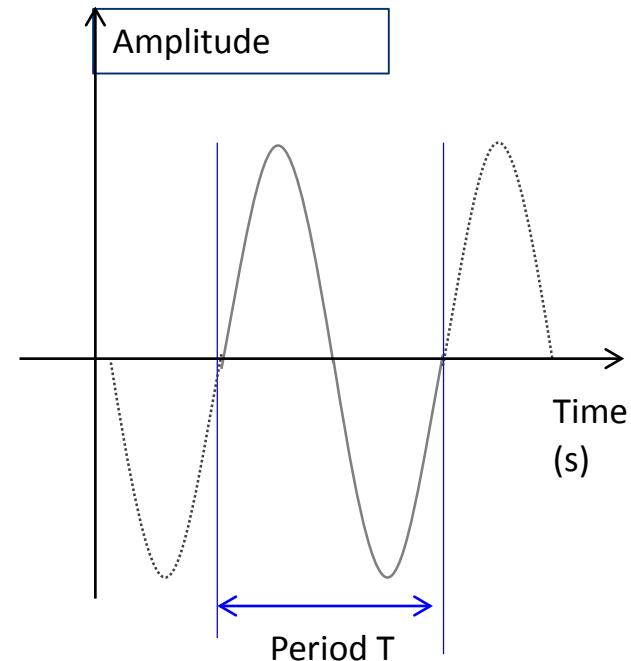
We are surrounded by periodic phenomena:

- Movement of planets
- Music/ rhythm,
- Alternating current,
- Our sleeping cycles
- Seasons
- etc. ...

Vibration is defined as:

*the oscillating motion of a rigid or elastic body or medium forced from a position or state of equilibrium.*

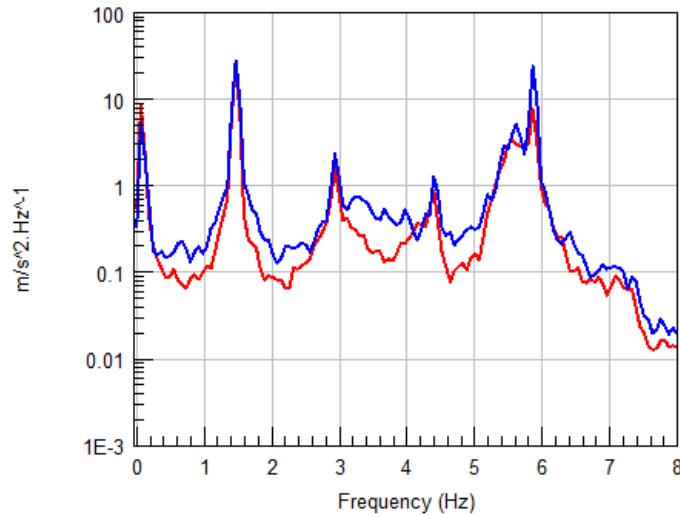
If a phenomenon is periodic, one is interested in the frequency of its occurrence.



# Accelerated Testing in the Frequency Domain

Some components and durability tests are best analysed using the *Frequency Domain* to quantify the vibration experienced:

- Random vibration
- Engine-mounted
- Vehicle-mounted
- Electrical components
- Wind & Wave loading



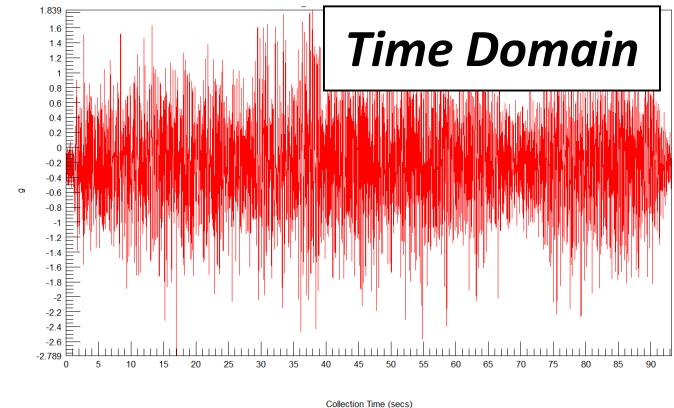
These are often tested using an Electrodynamic Shaker Table:

- PSD
- Swept Sine
- Sine-on-Random



# What is the Fourier Transform?

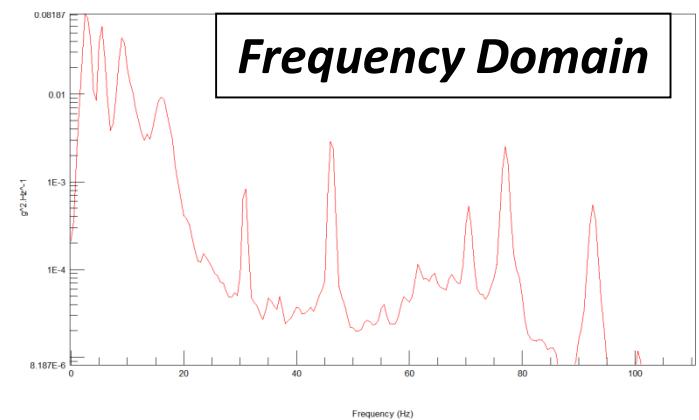
The Fourier transform is a way of converting from time domain to frequency domain



VibeSys uses the Fast Fourier Transform (FFT) algorithm to compute the Discrete Fourier Transform (DFT)

Fourier  
Transform

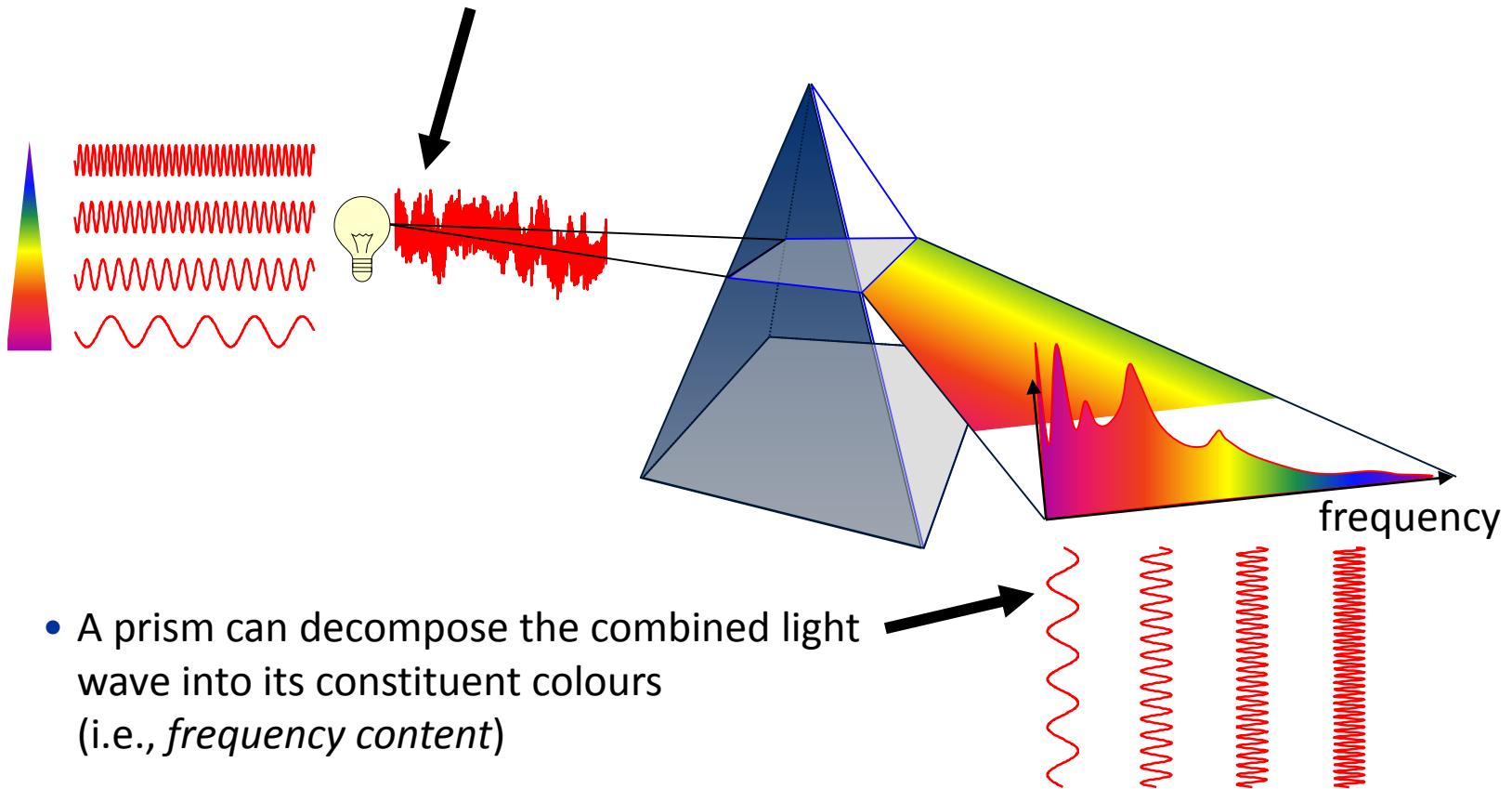
Inverse  
Fourier  
Transform



# Introduction to the Frequency Domain

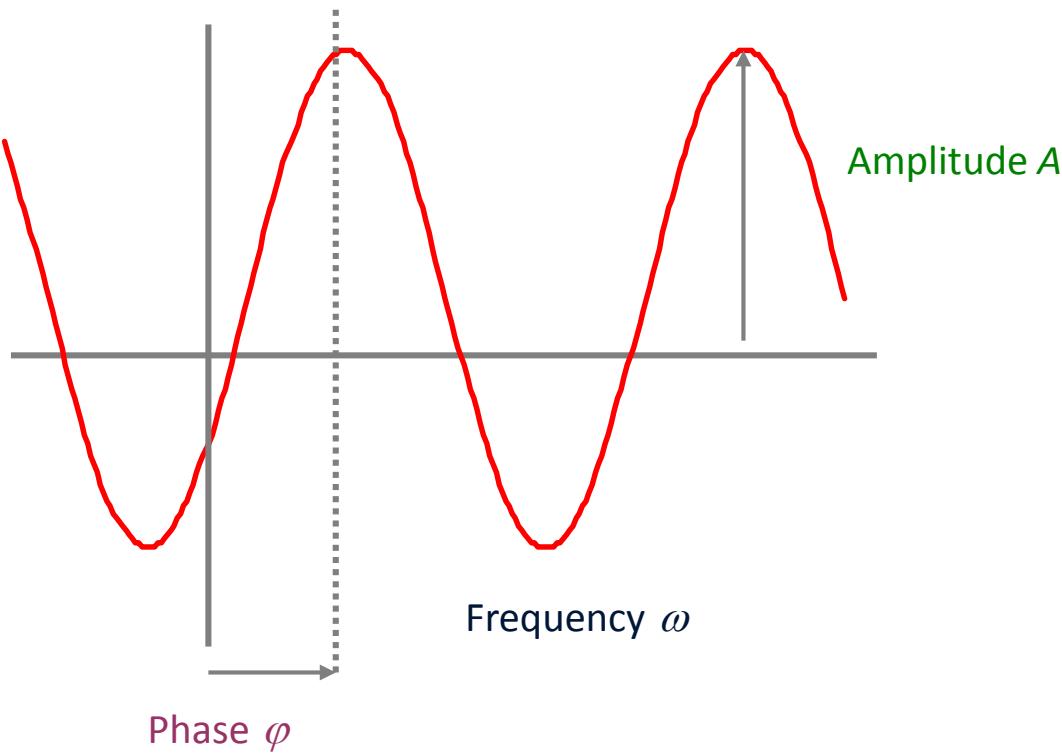
## Nature's Frequency Analysis

- Light source consisting of a number of colours.
- Each colour has its own frequency (*or wavelength*).
- Individual colours added together to produce the light wave.



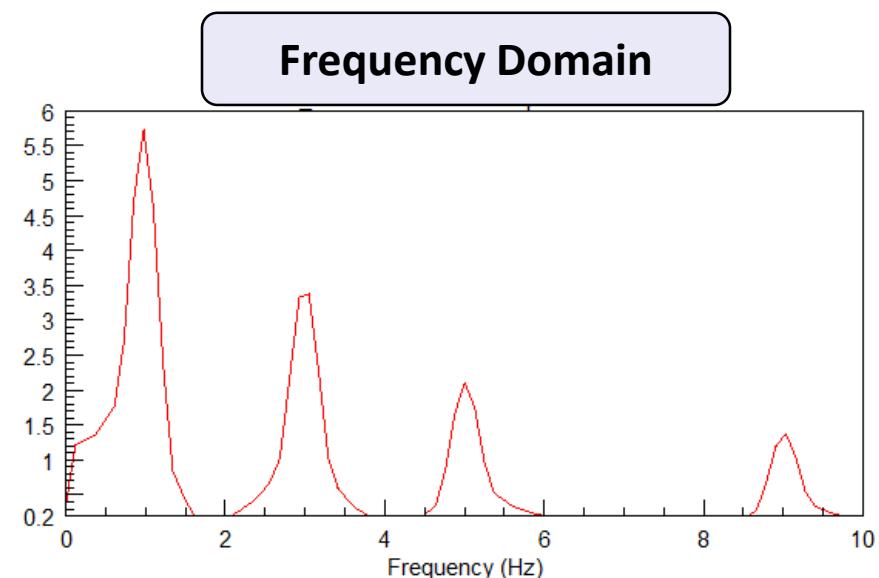
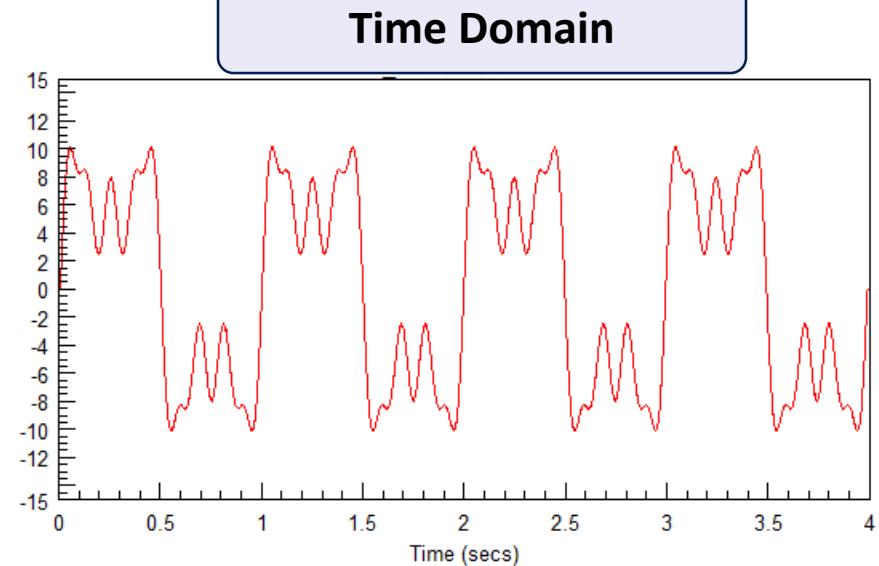
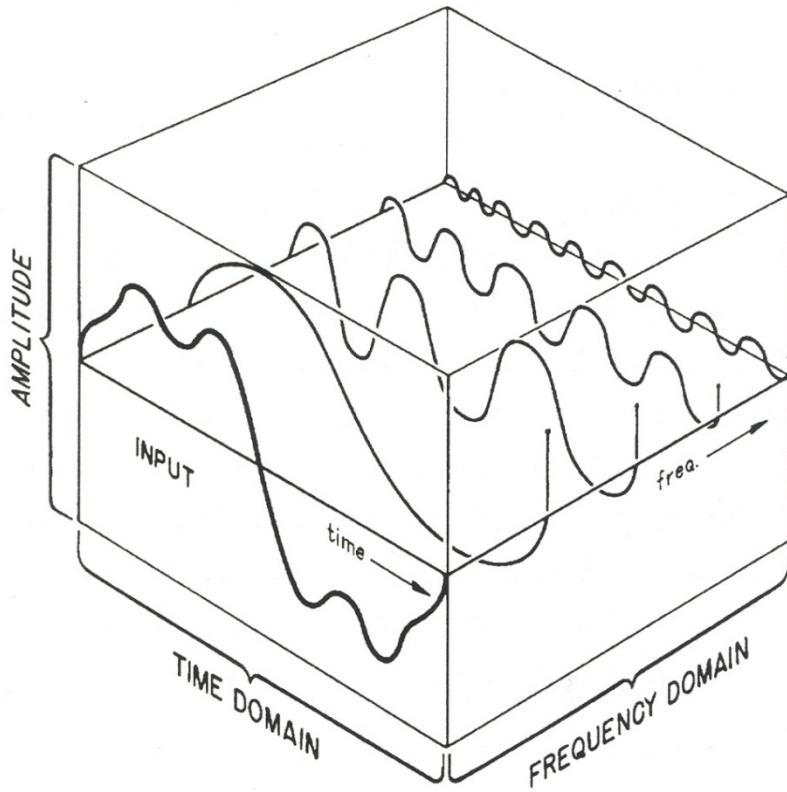
# The Fourier Transform and the Frequency Domain

- The Fourier transform decomposes a signal into individual sinusoidal waves
- Each sinusoidal wave is described by 3 properties:
  - Amplitude
  - Frequency
  - Phase



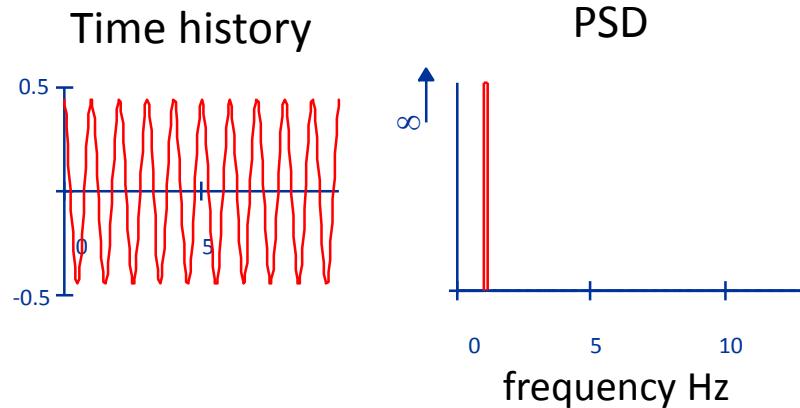
# Fourier Transform

$$X(t) = \sum_k a_k [\cos(k\omega t) + i \sin(k\omega t)] = \sum_k a_k e^{ik\omega t}$$

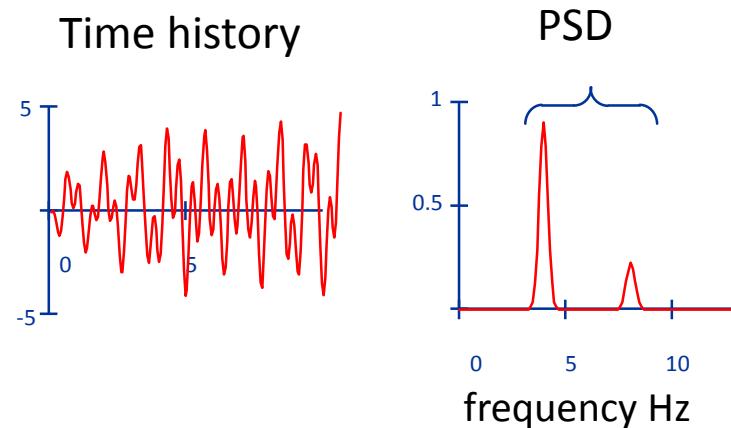


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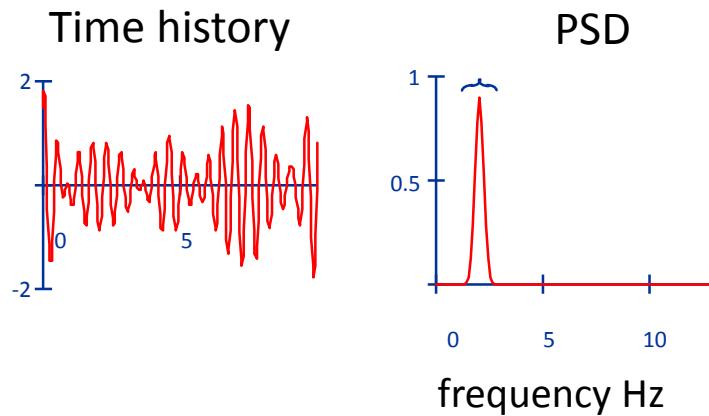
Sine wave



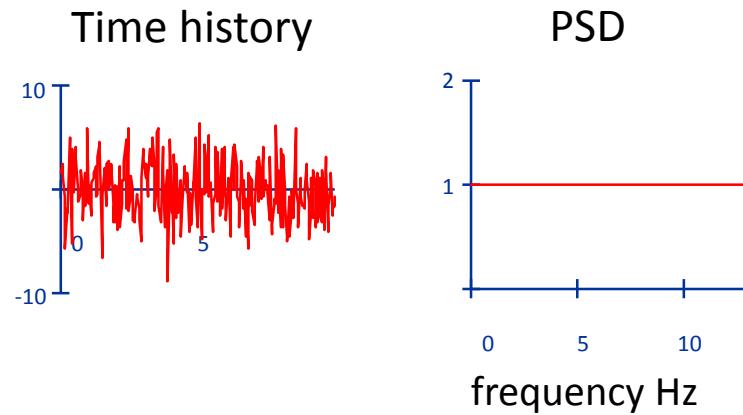
Broad band process



Narrow band process

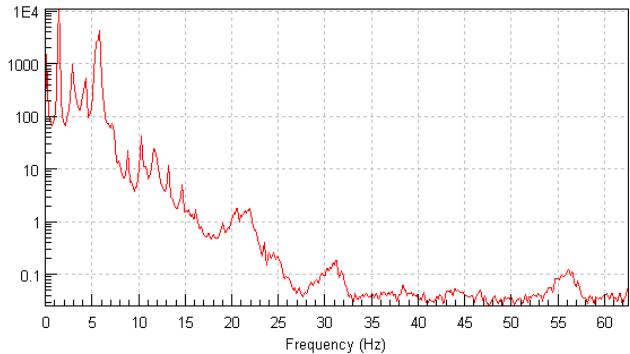


White noise process



# Fatigue Analysis from PSD

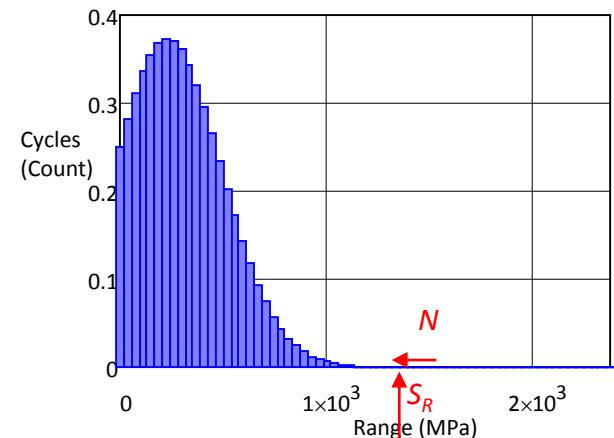
PSD



## Rainflow Cycle Counting

- Number of cycles
- Rice
  - Bendat/Rice
  - Steinberg
  - Dirlitk
  - Lalanne/Rice

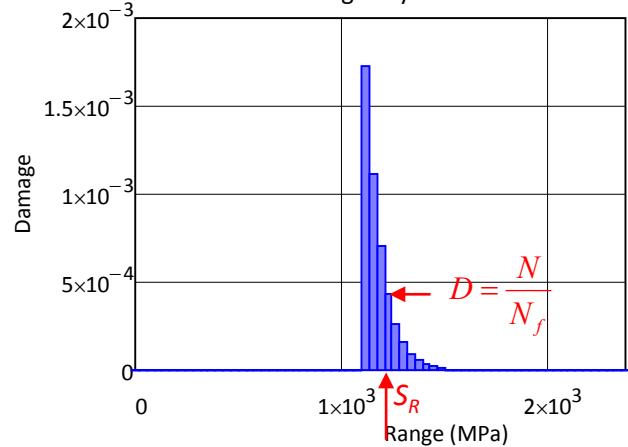
## Rainflow Histogram



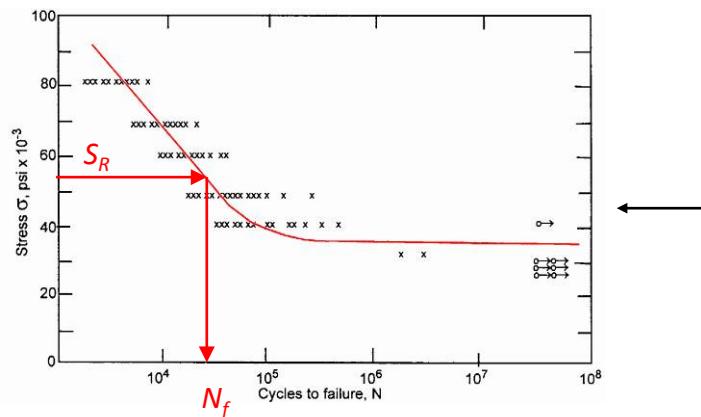
LIFE

Palmgren-  
Miner's  
damage  
summation

## Fatigue cycles



## Damage Histogram

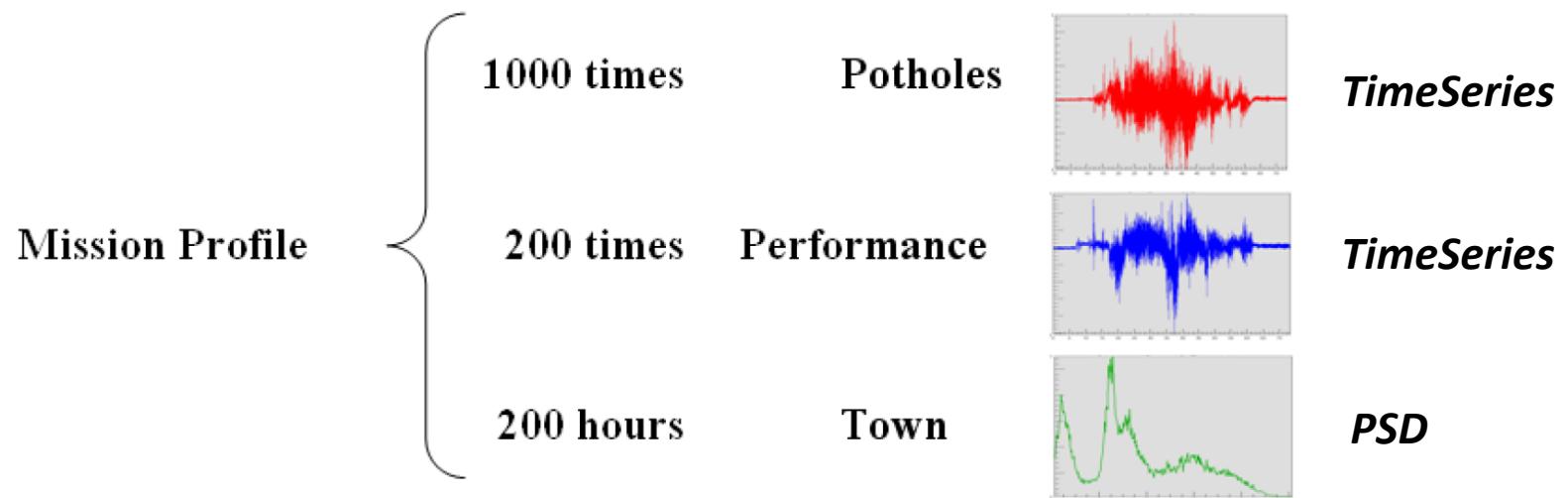


## SN Analysis

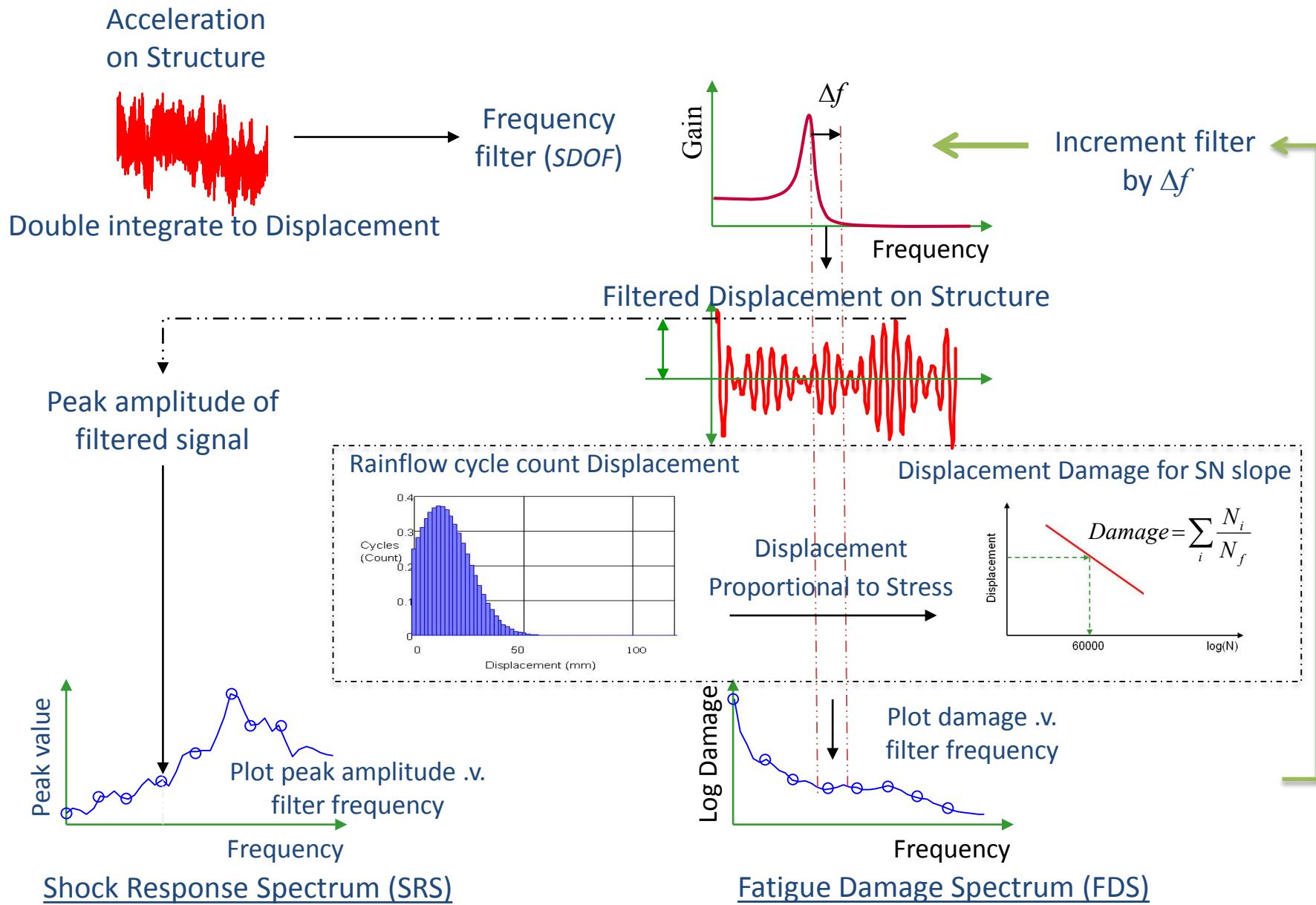
# Accelerated Testing

The GlyphWorks Accelerated Testing module allows you to generate a mission profile for your ED shaker table.

- Multiple profiles can be combined
- PSDs and TimeSeries data can be used
- Number of repeats (or duration) can be specified



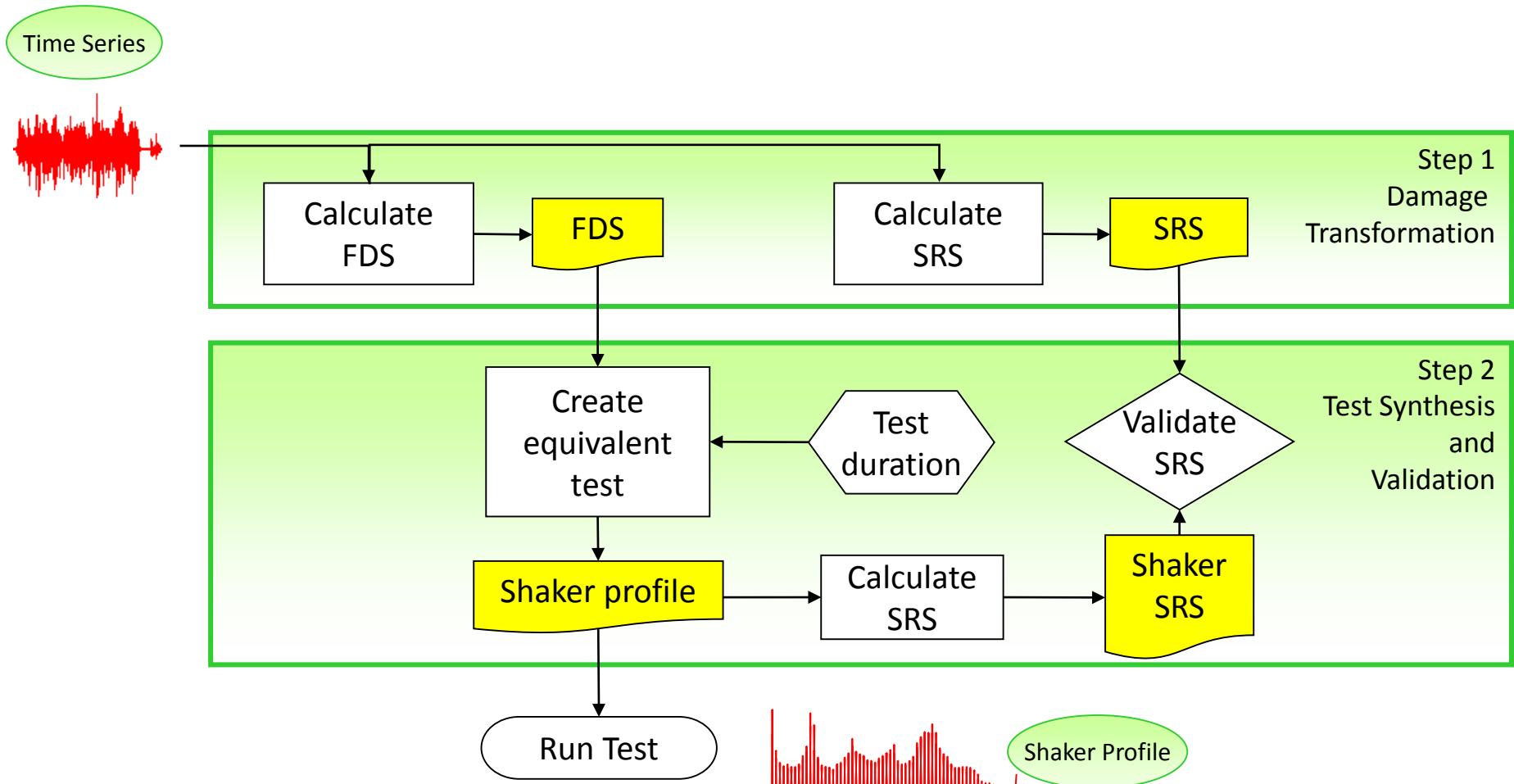
# Shock Response Spectrum and Fatigue Damage Spectrum



# Analysis Roadmap: Single Time Series Event

FDS = ***Fatigue Damage Spectrum***, represents fatigue damage content of input signal

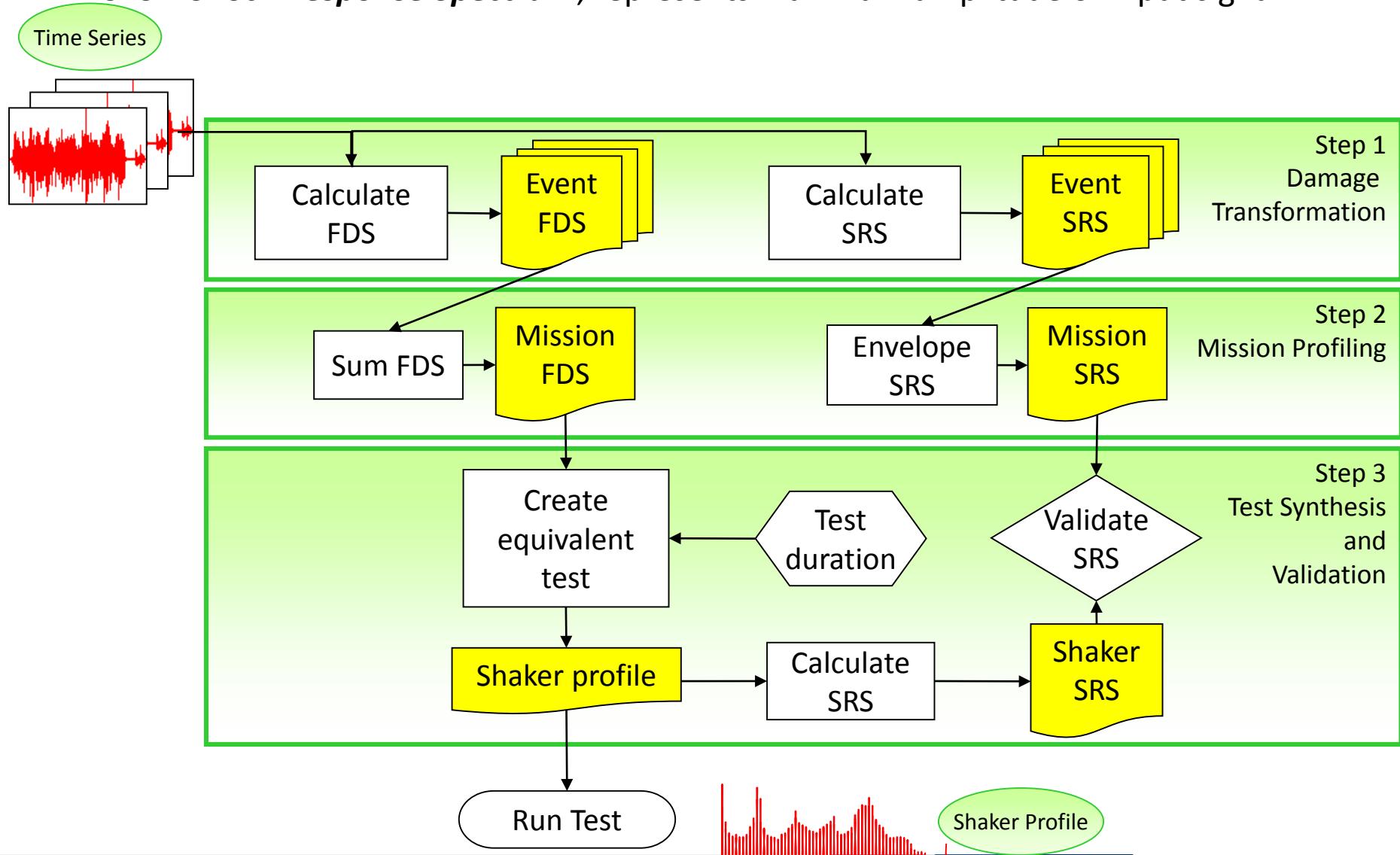
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# Analysis Roadmap: Multiple Time Series Events

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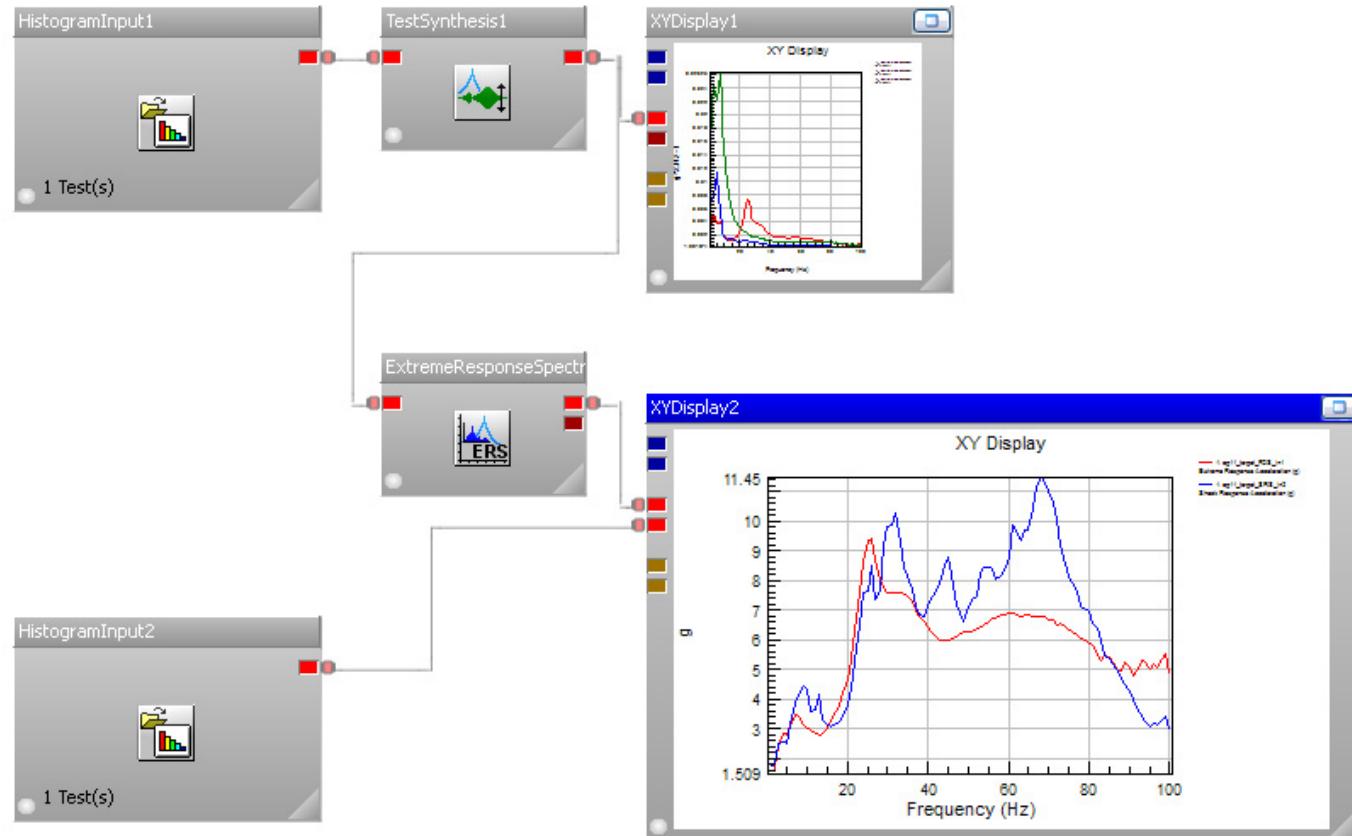
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# GlyphWorks Demonstration



GlyphWorks Accelerated Testing module allows efficient PSD profiles to be generated for vibration testing and durability analysis

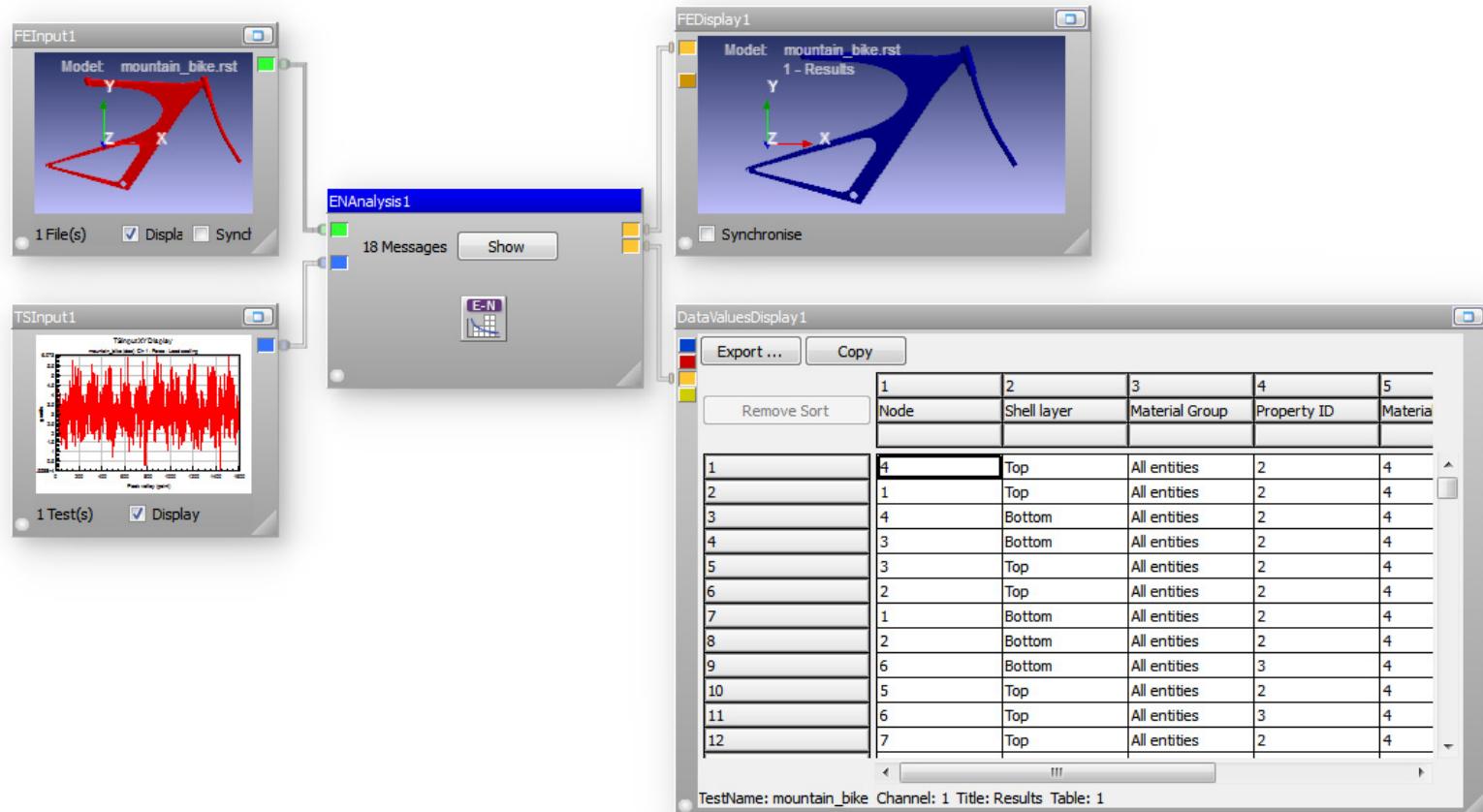


See GlyphWorks Worked Example #11

# Fatigue from CAE



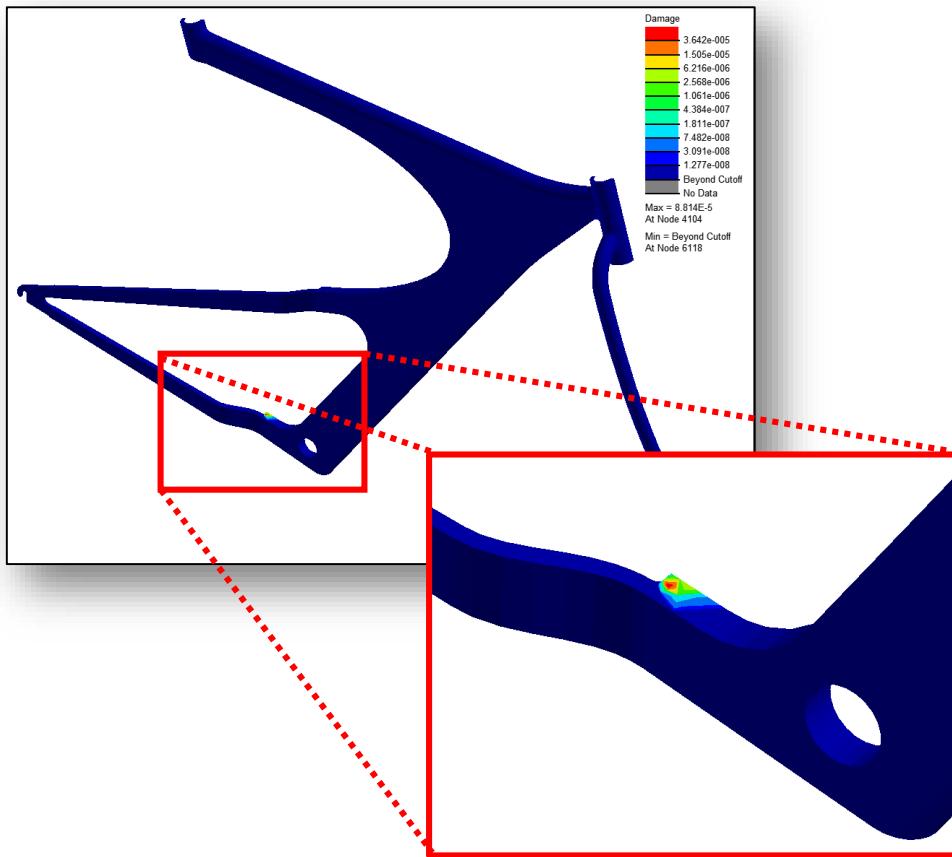
DesignLife fatigue analysis of a mountain bike can be used to demonstrate these principles



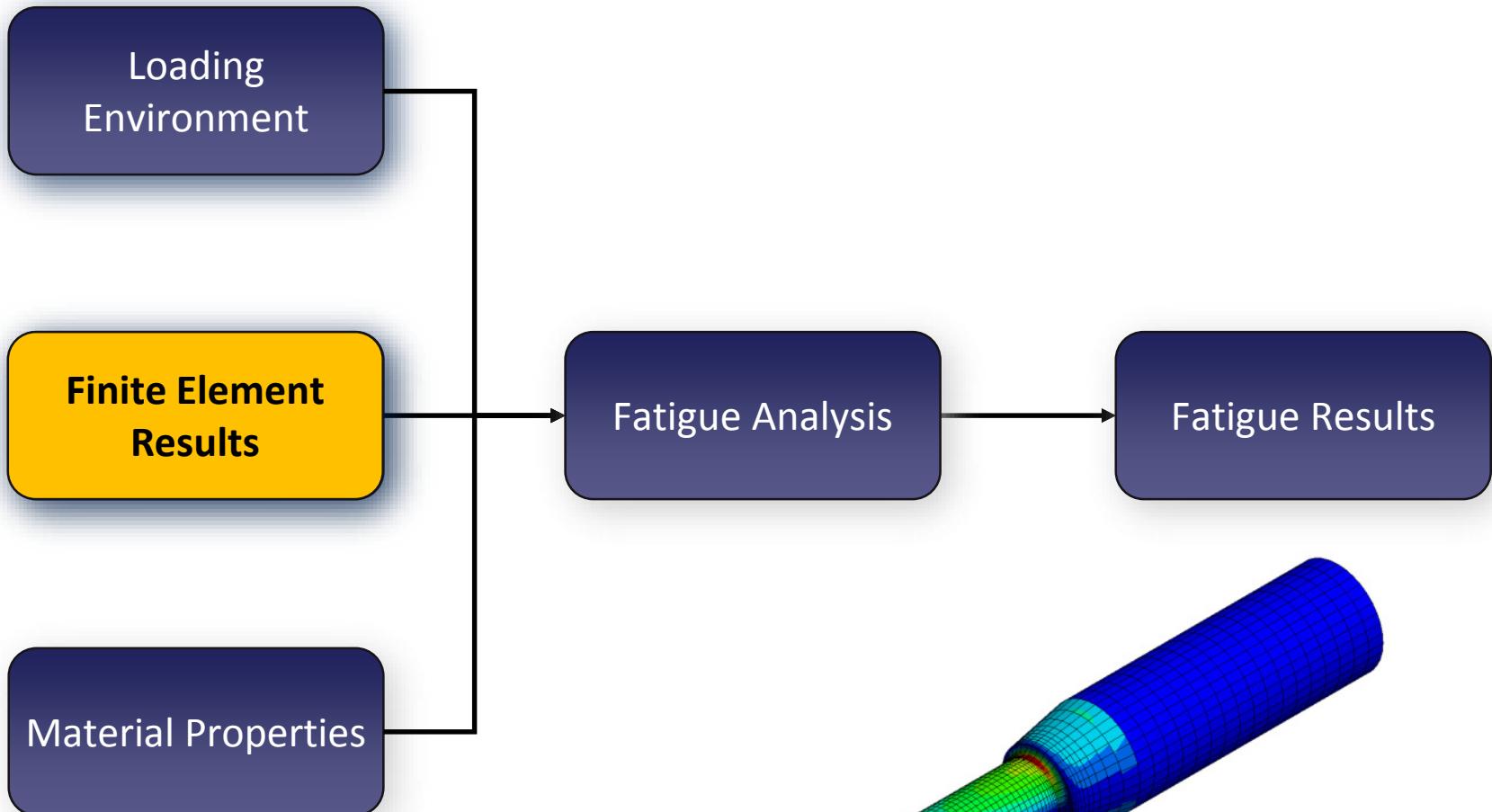
See GlyphWorks Worked Example #11

# Comparison with Reality

Although the DesignLife example is a simplified FE model,  
the location of the hotspot corresponds with real-life failures!

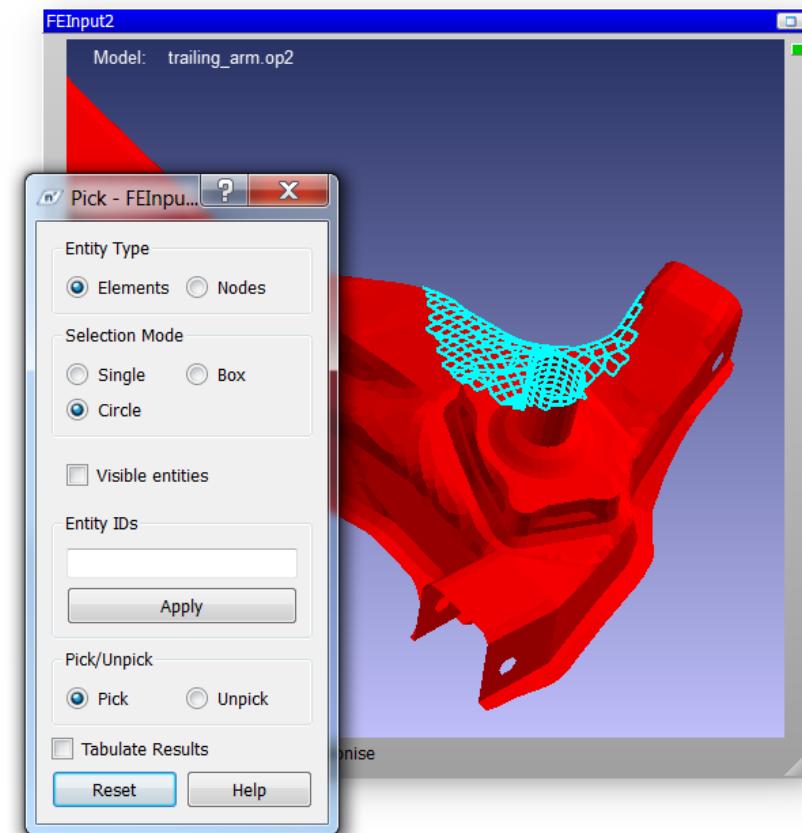


# Fatigue Analysis Roadmap



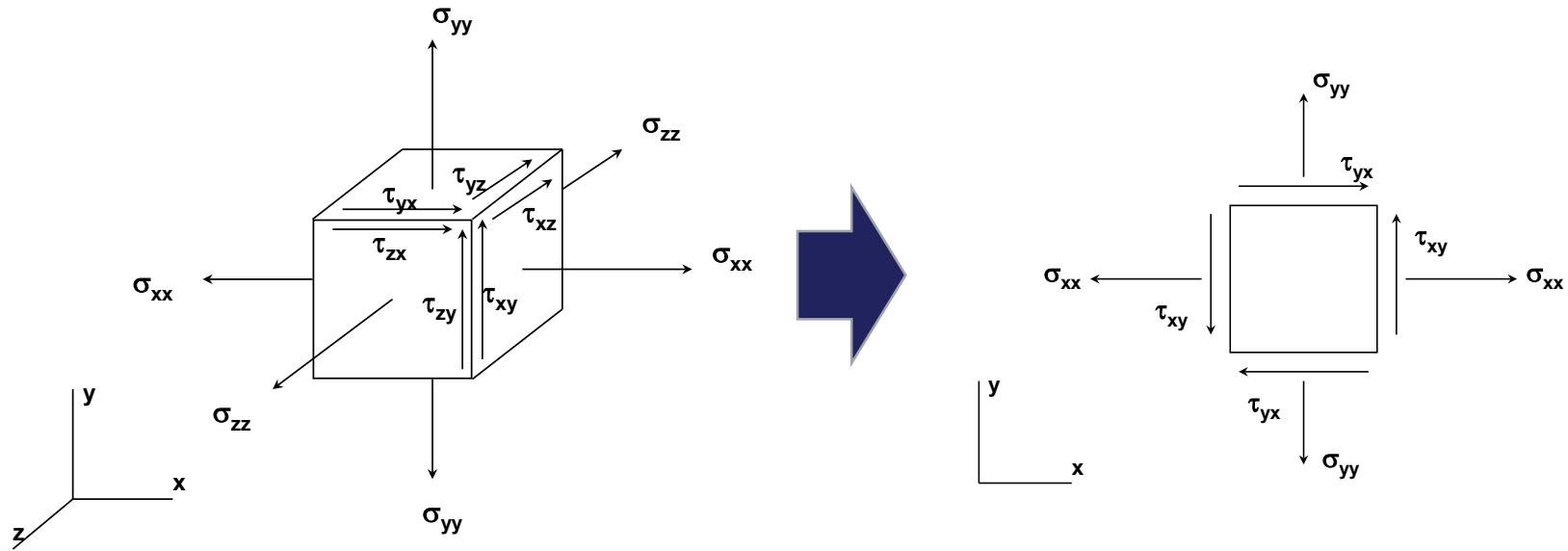
# FEInput – File Formats

- The following file types are supported in the FEInput glyph
  - MSC.NASTRAN      *.bdf, .dat and .op2*
  - NX NASTRAN          *.bdf and .op2*
  - ABAQUS                *.odb and .fil*
  - ANSYS                 *.rst and .rth*
  - LS-Dyna               *.d3plot*
  - IDEAS                 *.unv*
  - Mechanica/Creo      *.neu*
- The FEInput glyph can be configured to display a subset of the model in the following ways:
  - Element Type
  - Property
  - Material
  - Element Set
  - User defined groups



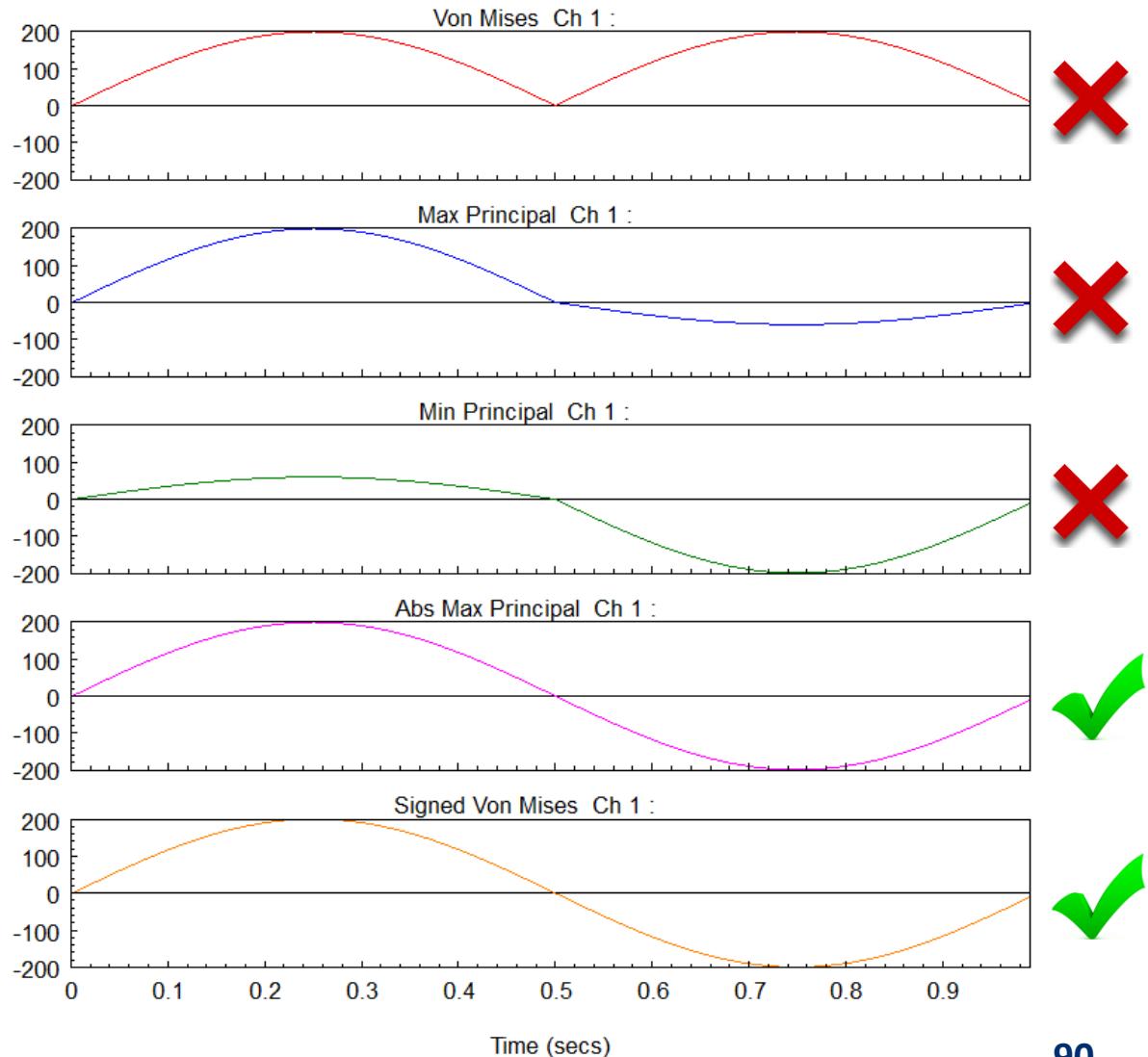
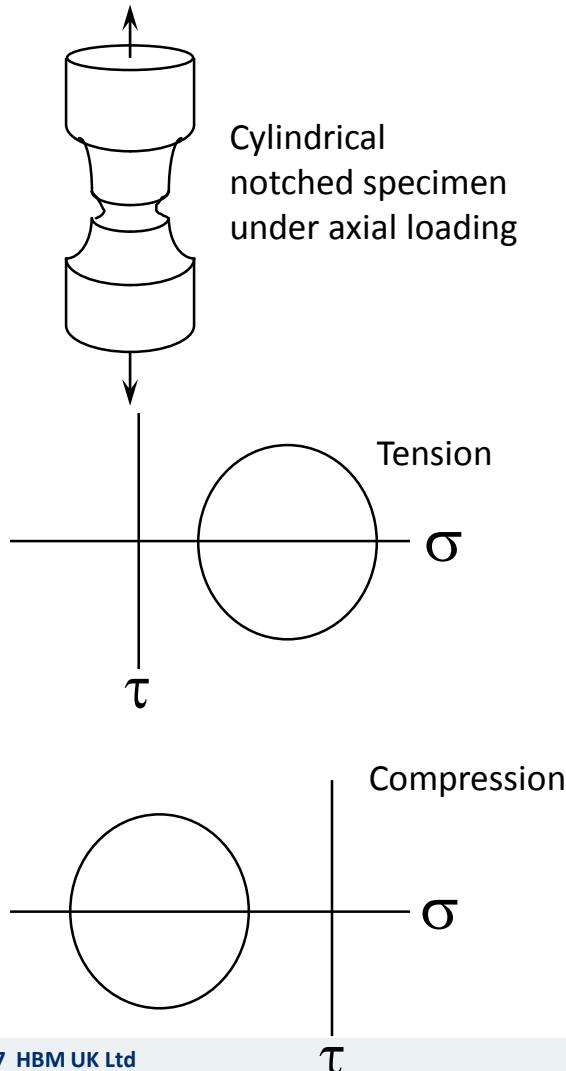
# Stress State

- In general, FE stresses are tensors
- Stress tensors have 9 components
- This can be reduced to 6 components through symmetry
- Assuming cracks only initiate on the surface allows reduction to 3 components
- This allows for efficient fatigue calculations using 2D stress states on the surface of the FE model

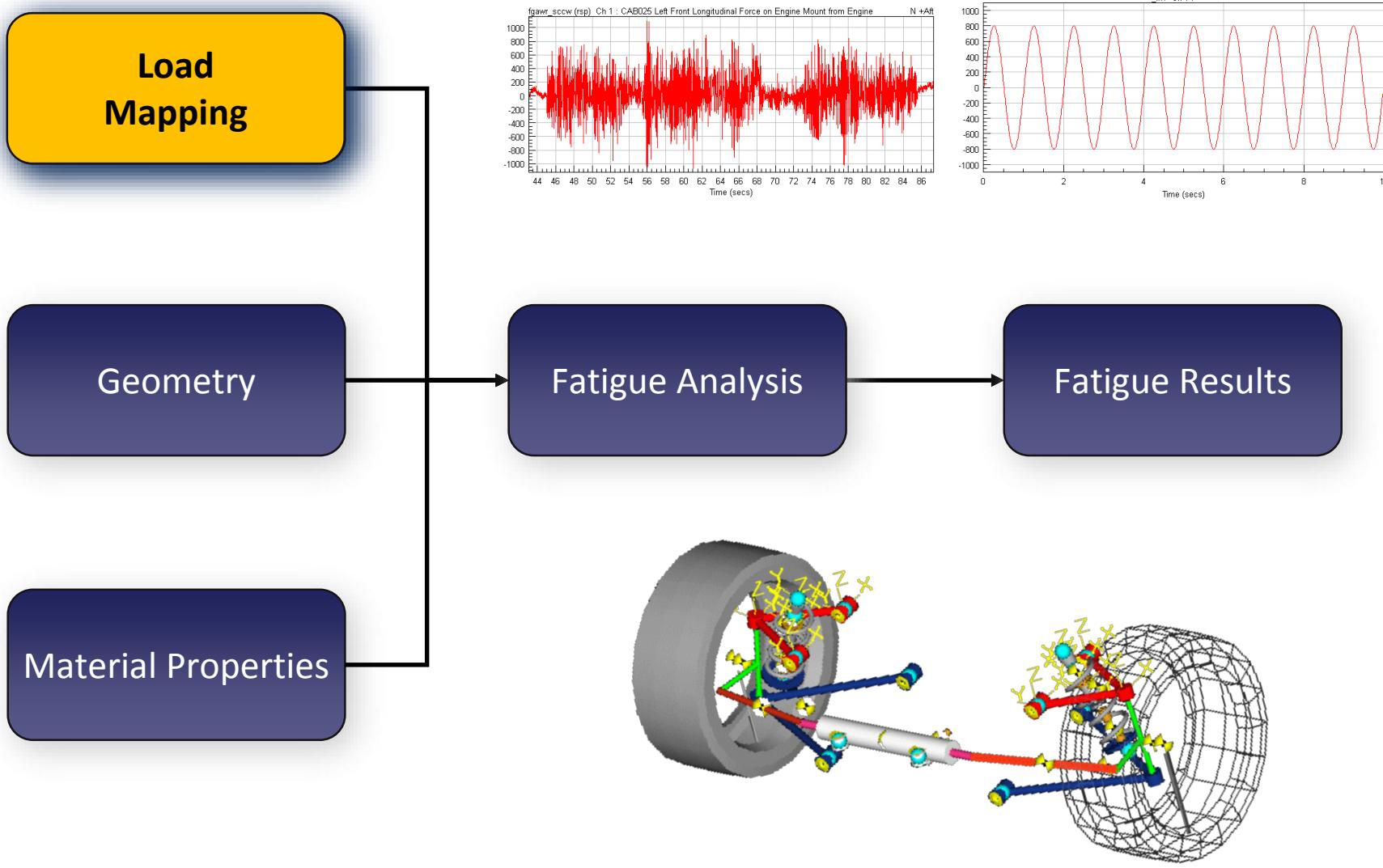


# Fatigue Needs Signed Stresses

- Fatigue cycles are driven by *changes of stress*
- Von Mises stress cannot describe the full tension-compression cycle

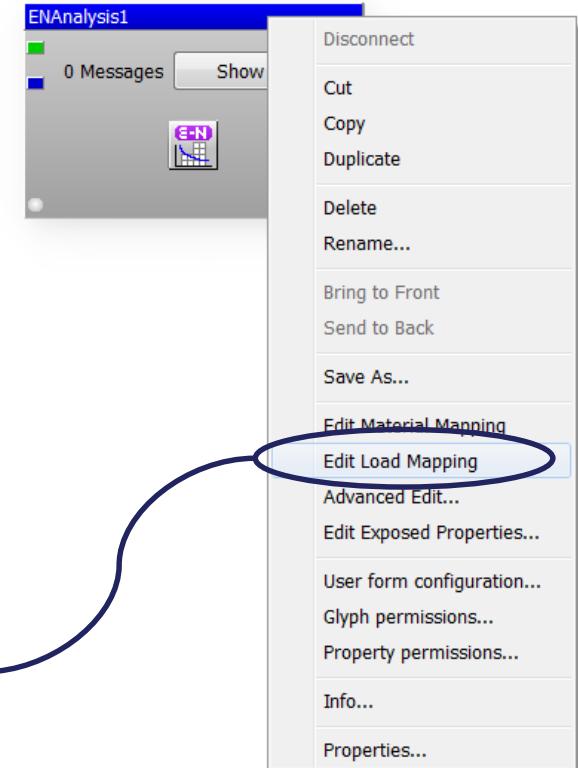
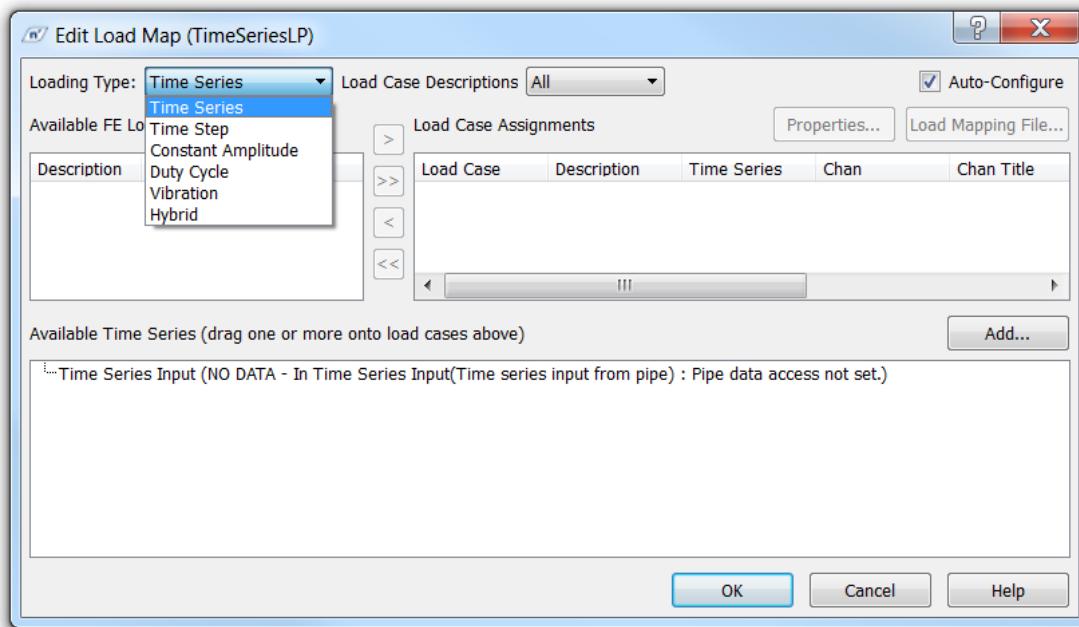


# Fatigue Analysis Roadmap



# Load Mapping

- The Load Mapping interface allows the user to define the type of loading that will be used in the fatigue calculations



# Types of Loads

- The following Loading Types are available:

- Constant Amplitude
- Time Series

Calculates stress histories by linear superposition of loadcase(s)

- Time Step

Uses stress histories solved for in the FE Model

- Duty Cycle

Constructs sequences and repeats of other Loading Types

- Vibration

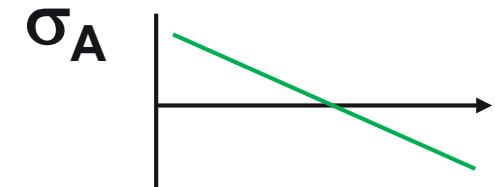
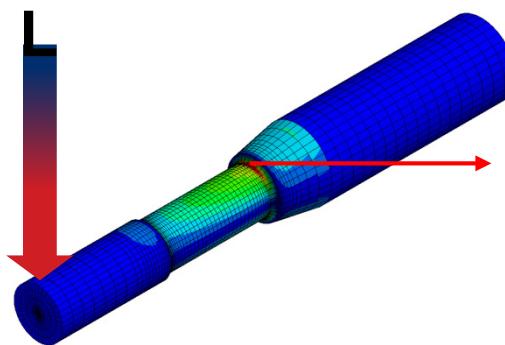
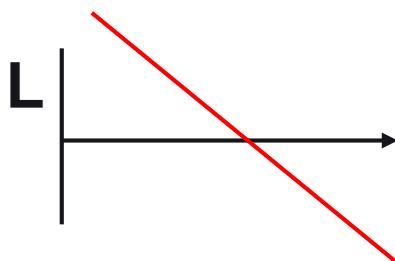
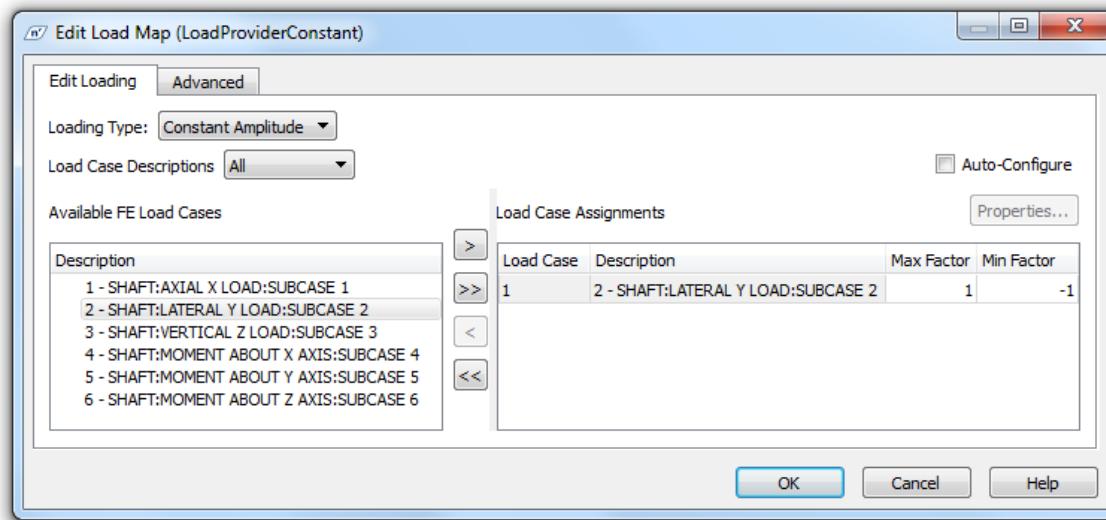
Simulates vibration shaker table test

- Hybrid

Calculates stress histories through a combination of Loading Types

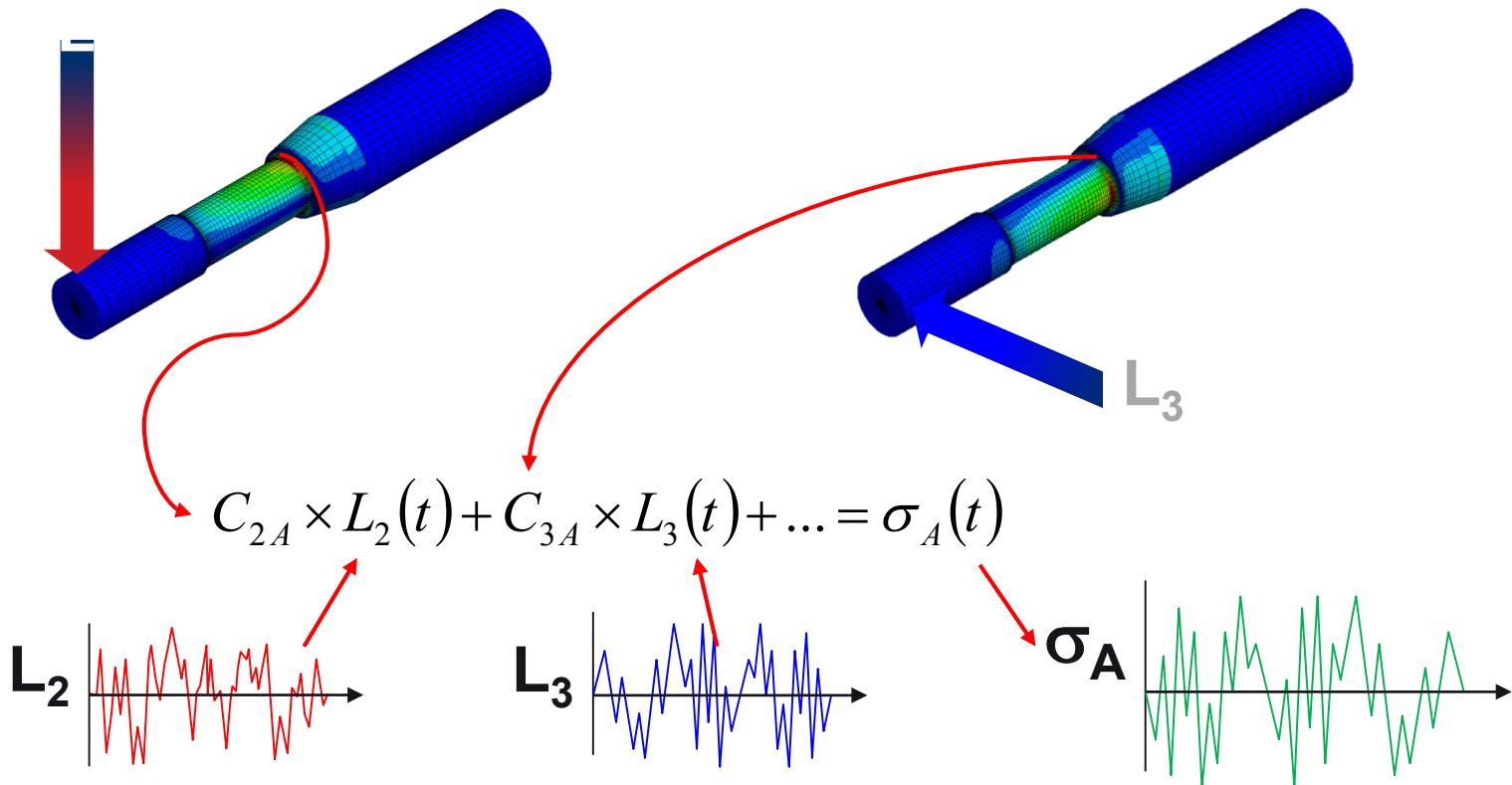
# Loading Type: Constant Amplitude

- Available FE load cases are scaled in sequence to create simple loading cycles
  - Max and min factors can be controlled independently
  - The selected load case is scaled by these factors



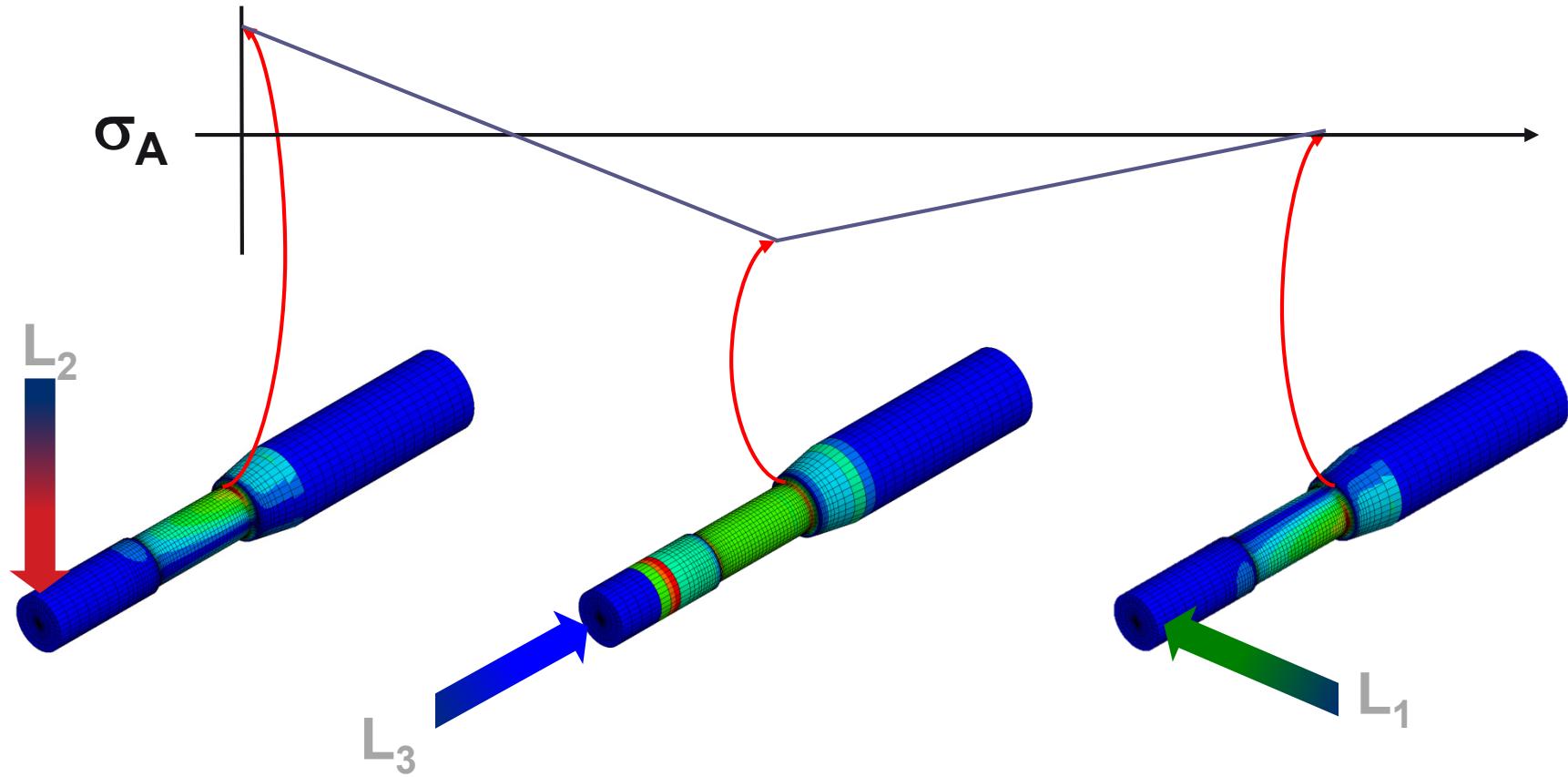
## Loading Type: Time Series

- Use time domain loading data to drive fatigue cycles
- Individual FE load cases for each DOF can be paired with measured time series load channels to generate stress or strain histories
- Uses linear superposition of stress tensors for multiple load cases



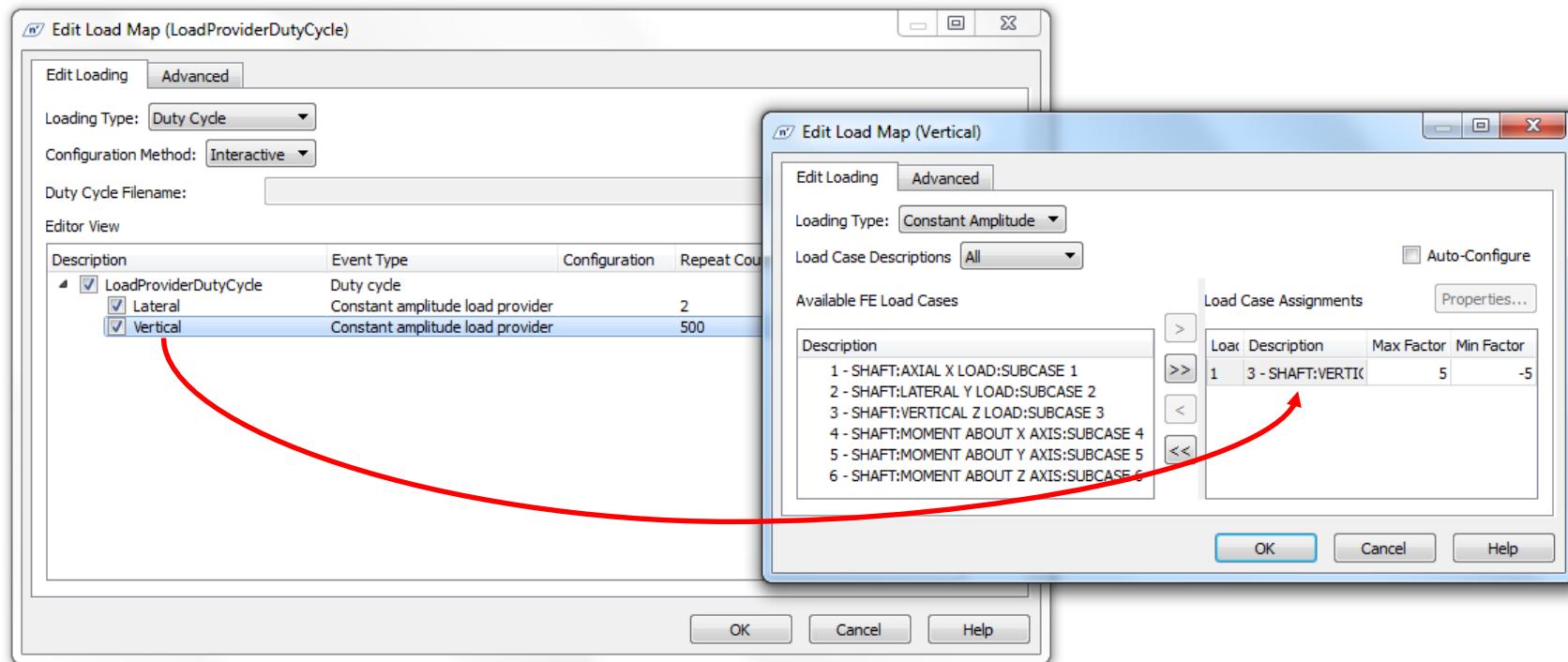
## Loading Type: Time Step

- Time step can also be used to sequence separate load cases into cycles
  - Example cycle = Vertical, (L1) → Axial, (L2) → Lateral, (L3)
  - The sequential order can be user defined



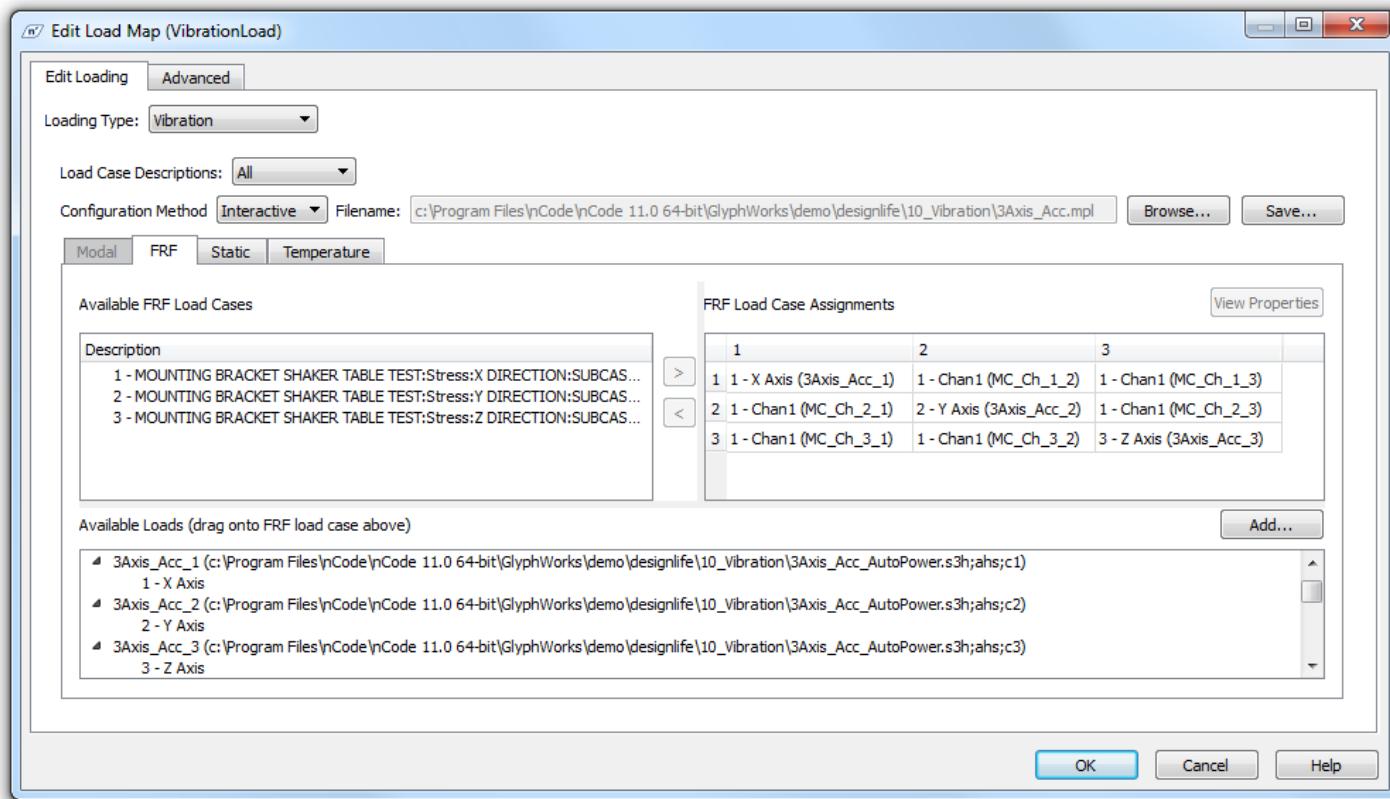
# Loading Type: Duty Cycle

- Duty cycles allow sequences and repeats of other loading types
  - Damage is calculated per event
  - User provides repeats for each event in the duty cycle
  - Damage is added cumulatively per Miner's Rule
  - Events in a duty cycle can be a variety of loading types

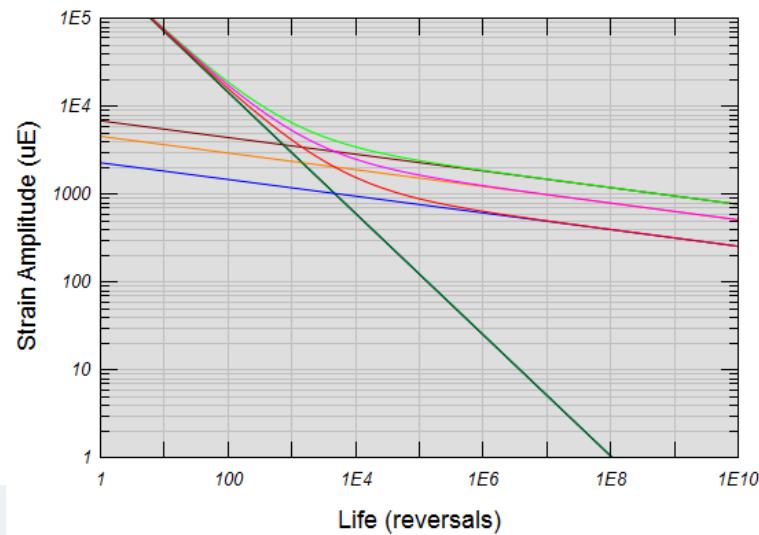
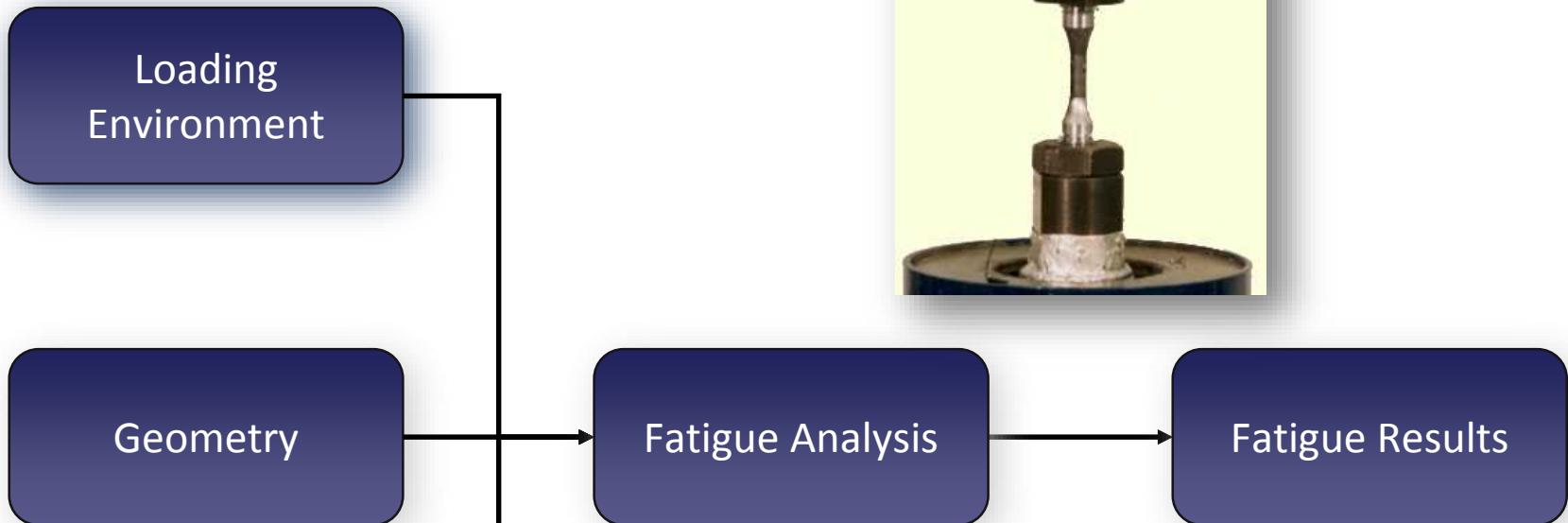


# Loading Type: Vibration

- Algorithms are used to count cycles in the frequency domain
- The FE stress solution is scaled by loading described as a PSD, sine sweep, sine dwell or sine on random loading profile

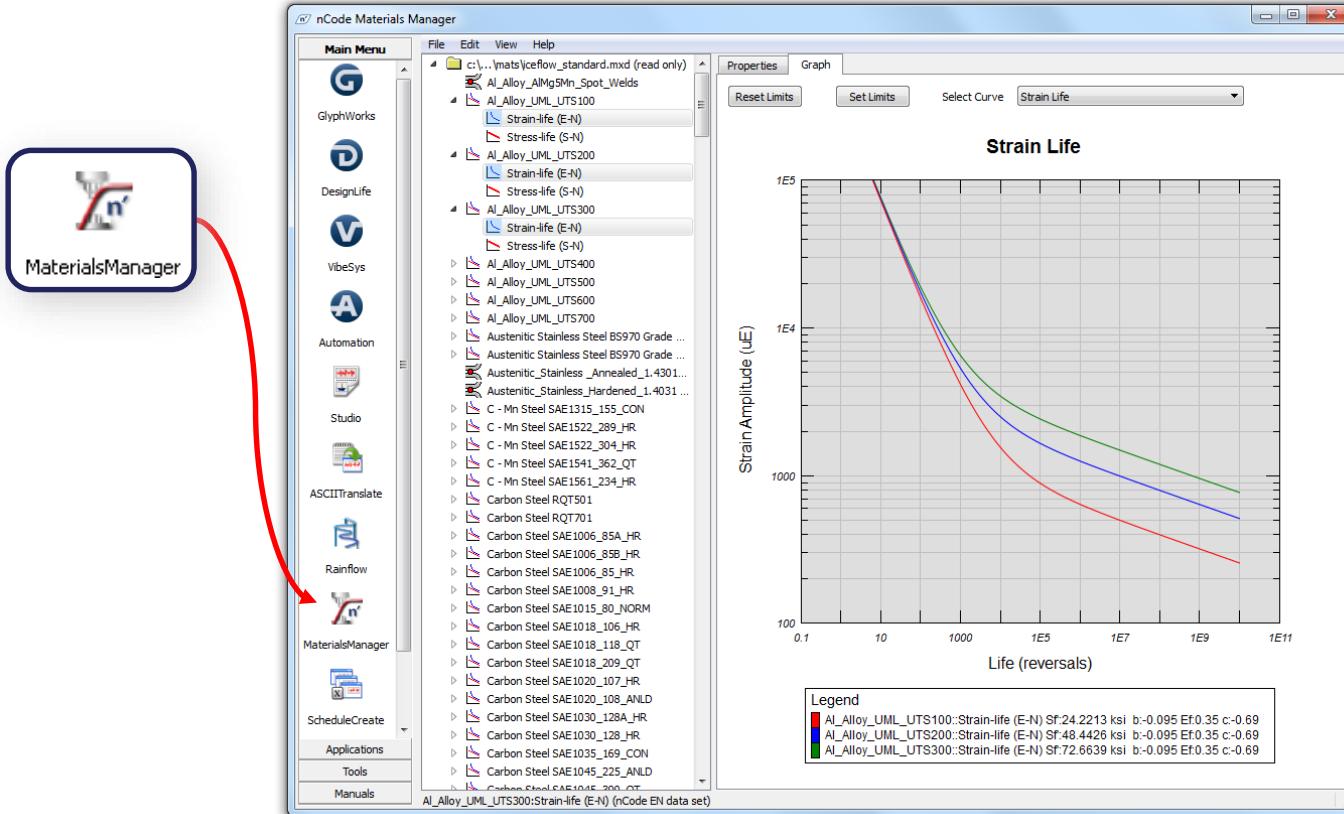


# Fatigue Analysis Roadmap



# Material Manager

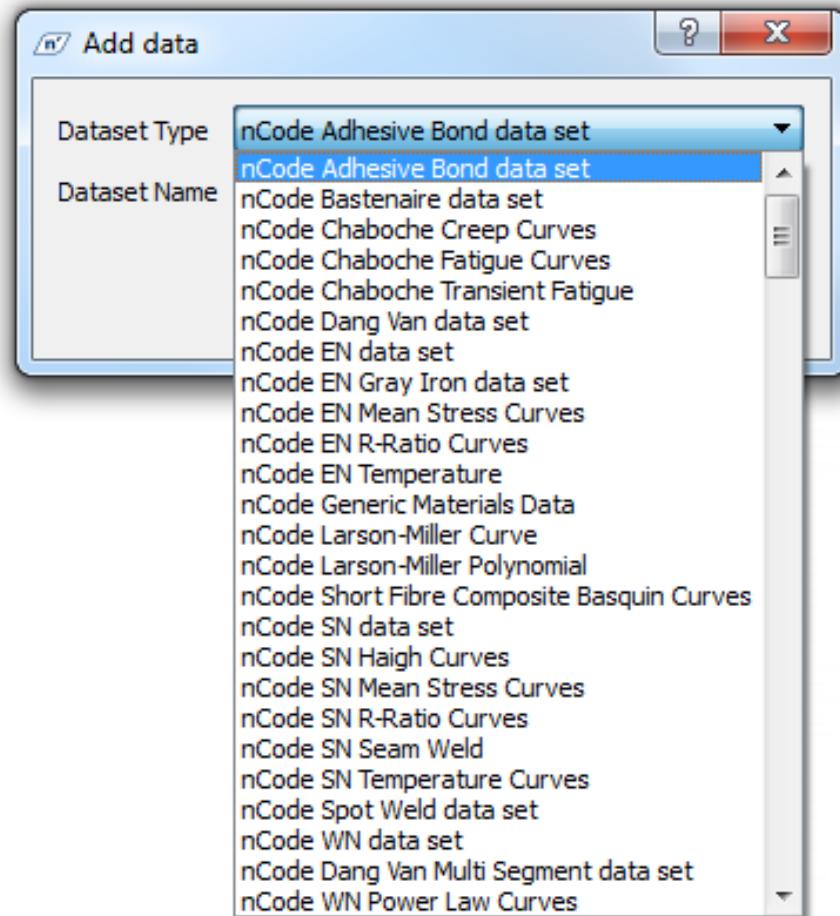
- nCode includes a standard library of material fatigue curves which can be accessed through the *MaterialsManager*

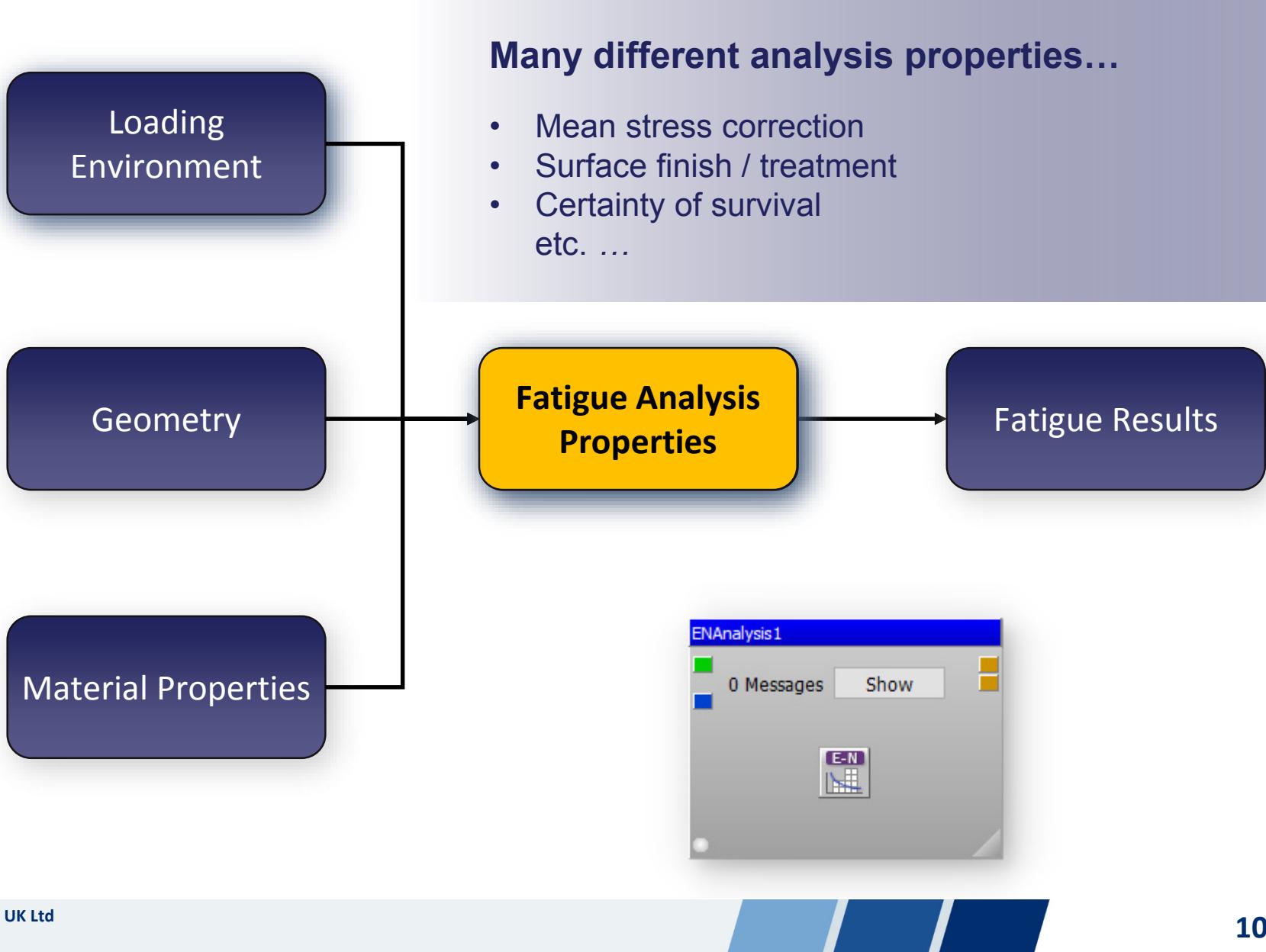


- nCode Premium Materials Database requires *Prenscia Access* licensing

# Fatigue Curve Formulations

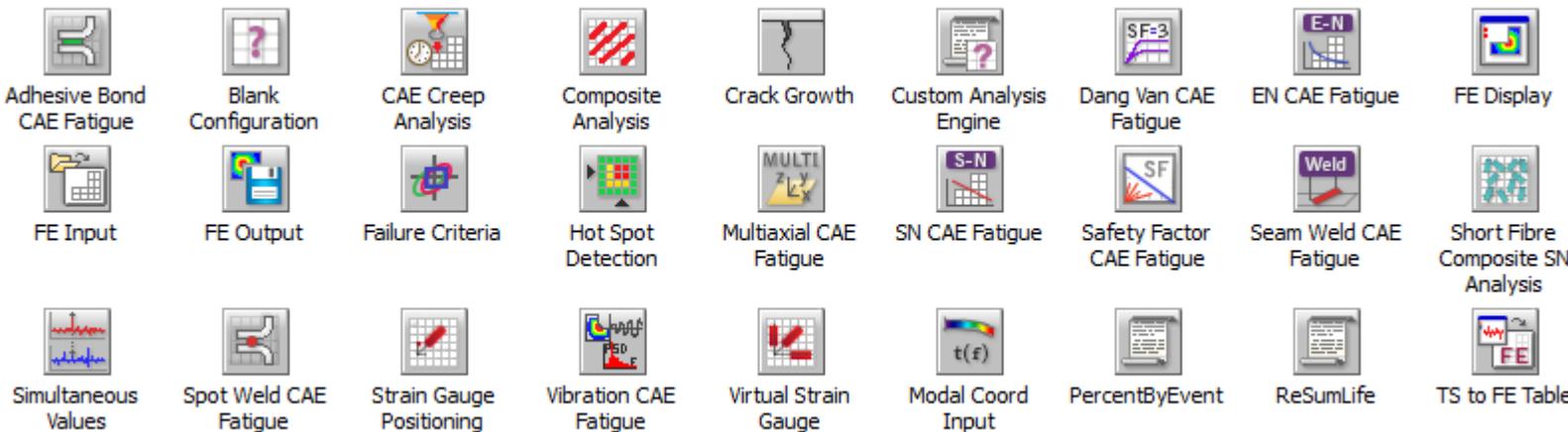
- Standard SN and EN data sets describe fatigue properties with coefficients
  - SN: UTS, E, sf, b, etc.
  - EN: UTS, E, sf, b, c, ef, n', K', etc.
- Other common data sets include
  - SN Mean Stress Curves
    - Family of SN curves separated by mean stress values
  - SN R-Ratio Curves
    - Family of SN curves separated by R ratios
  - SN Temperature Curves
    - Family of SN curves characterized at different temperatures
  - EN Mean Stress Curves
    - Family of EN curves separated by mean stress values
  - EN R-Ratio Curves
    - Family of EN curves separated by R ratios





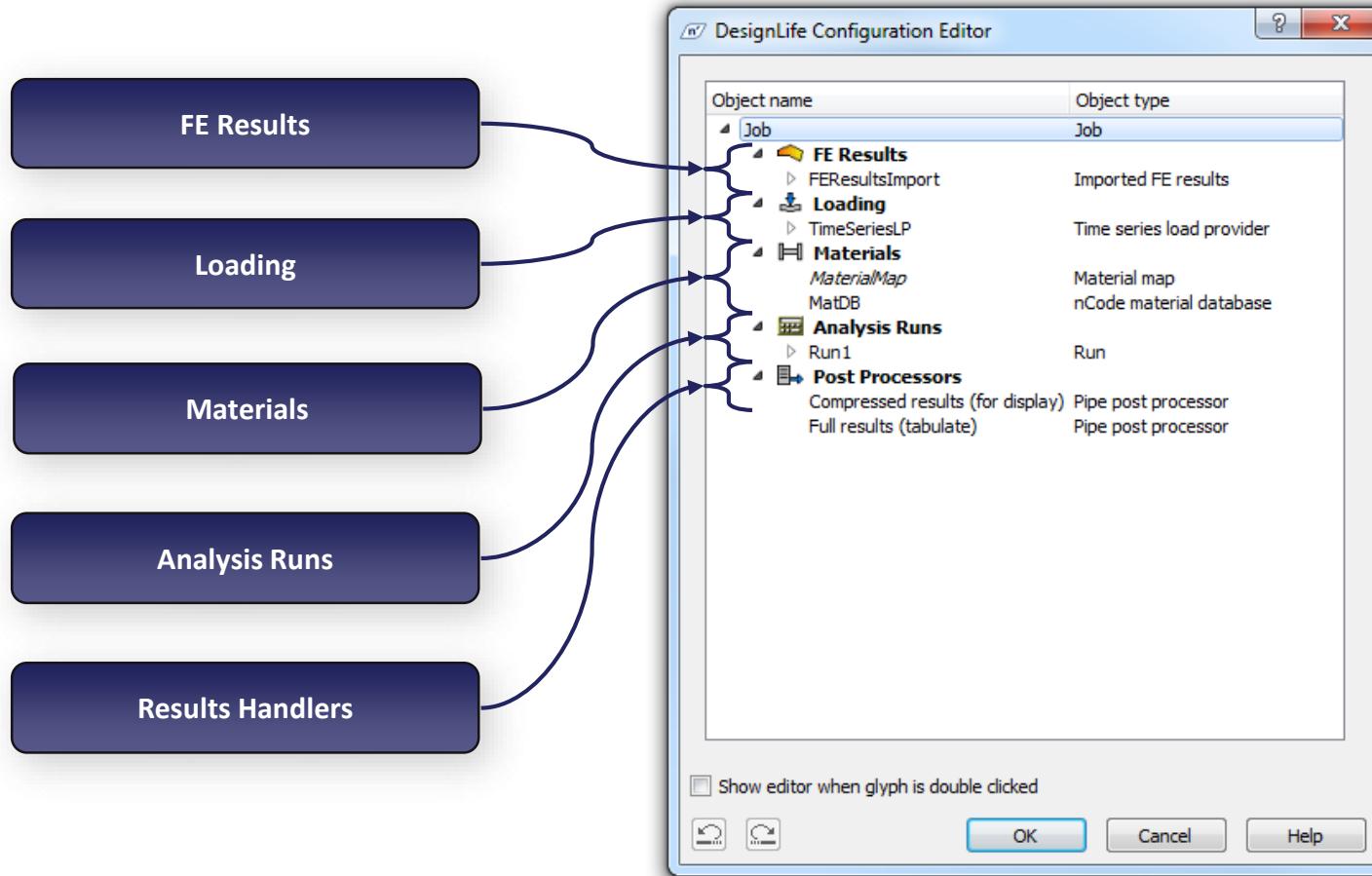
# DesignLife Glyph Palette

- Below is a list of notable pre-configured analysis glyphs that can be found on the DesignLife Glyph Palette
  - SN CAE Fatigue
  - EN CAE Fatigue
  - Spot Weld CAE Fatigue
  - Seam Weld CAE Fatigue
  - Virtual Strain Gauge
  - Vibration CAE Fatigue

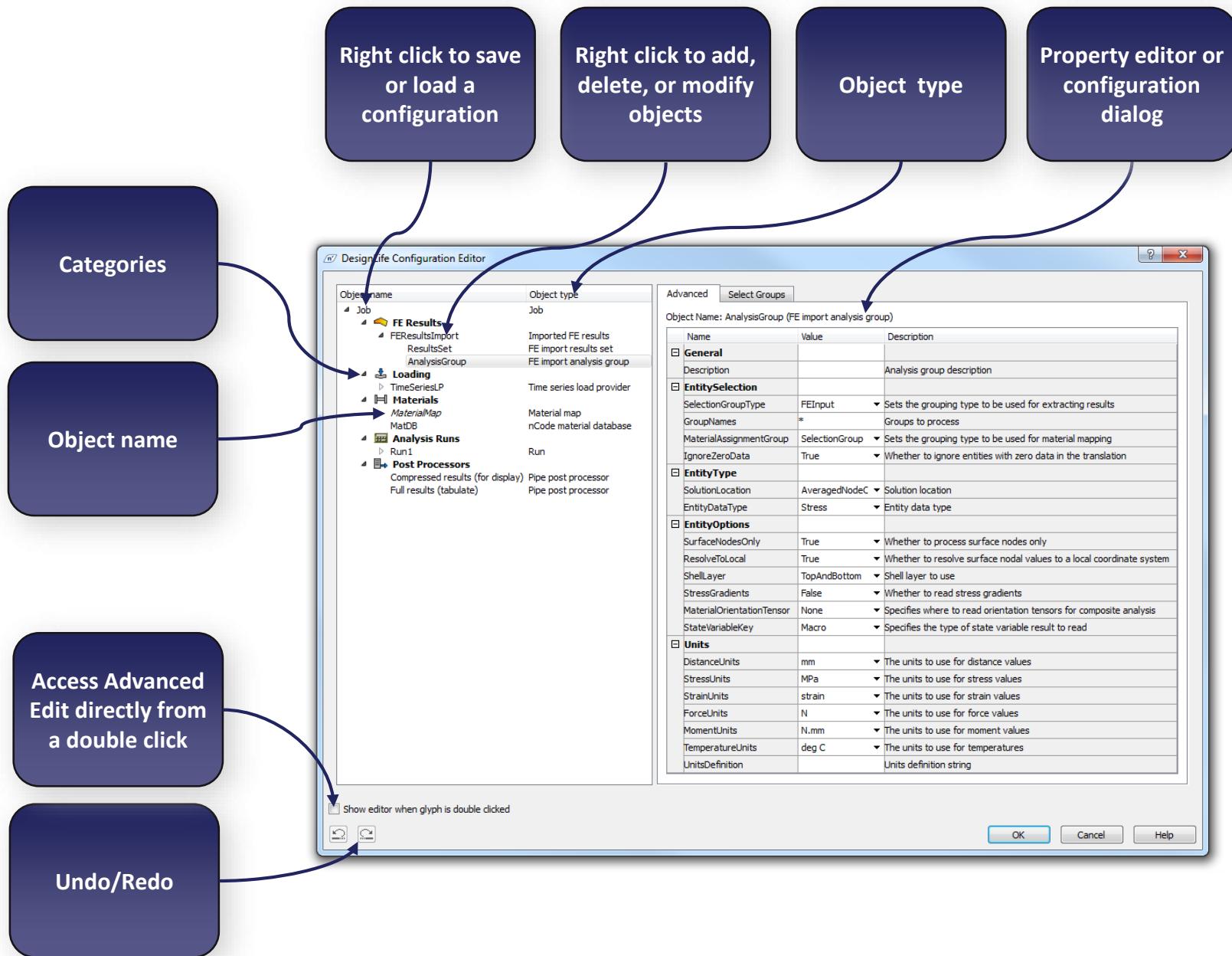


# Advanced Edit Structure

- A CAE Analysis glyph requires at least one of each item below:



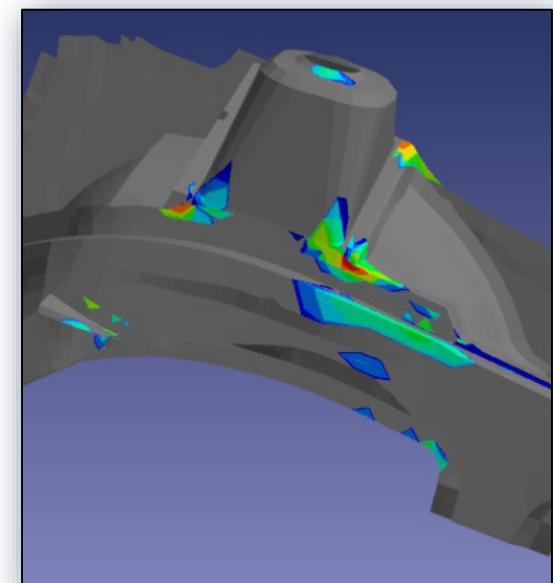
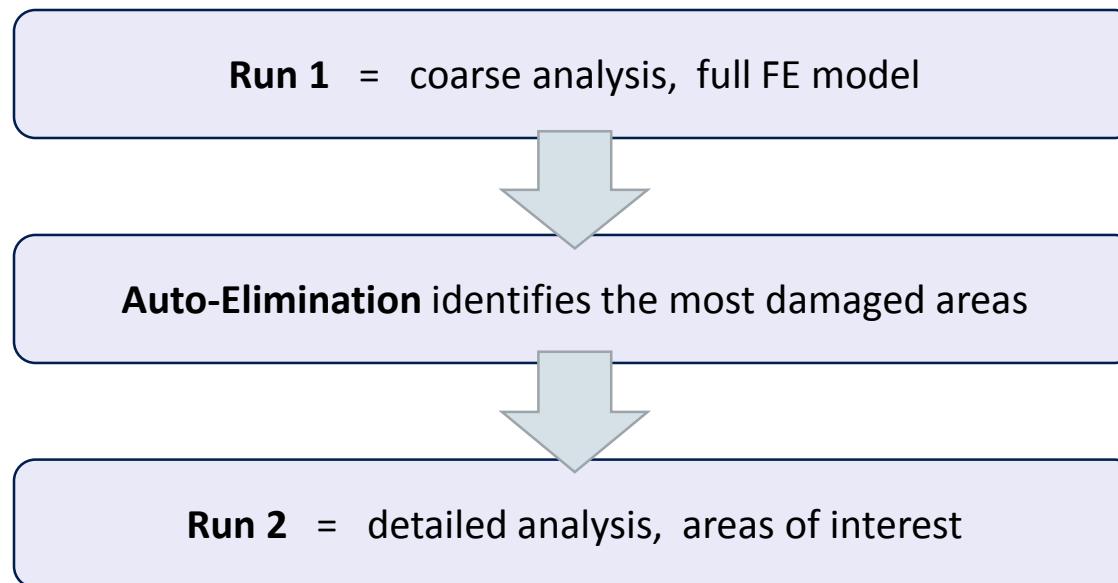
# Advanced Edit Structure



# Advanced Edit Benefits

Completely customise your fatigue analysis, such as...

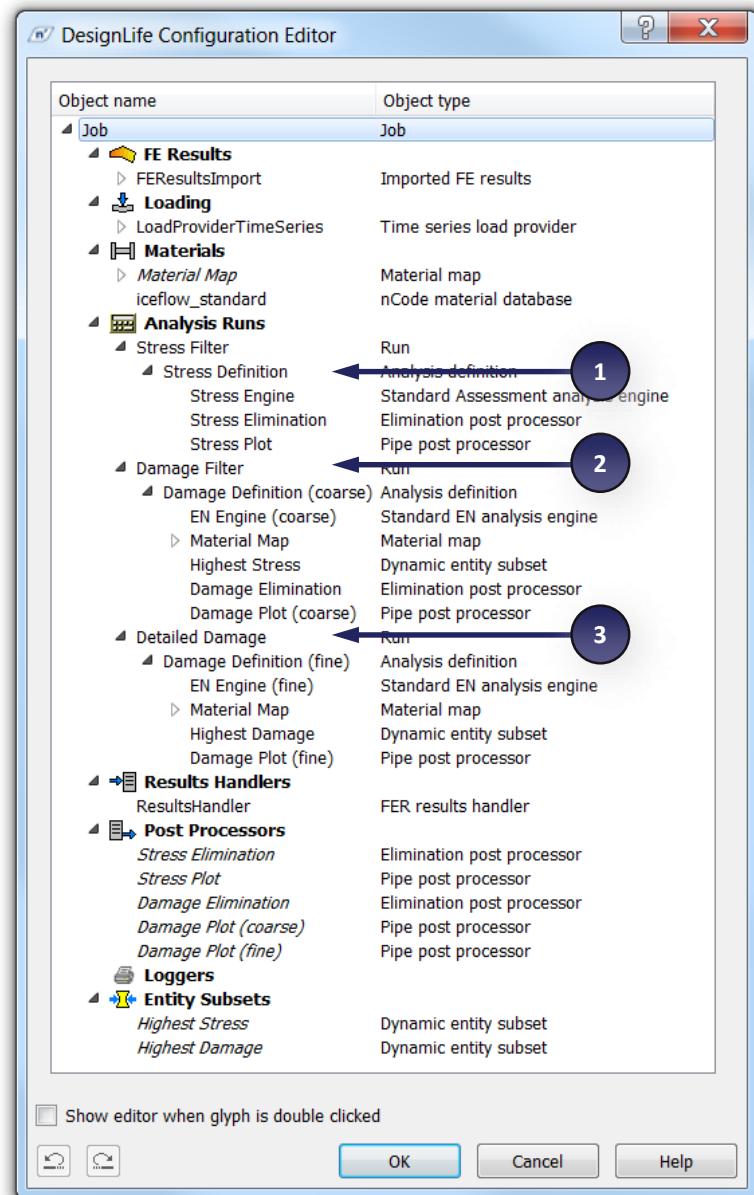
- Analyse sub-groups and individual parts of a component without having to display the FE model
- Output node/element load histories and responses as TimeSeries data
- Perform an optimised analysis using the “***Auto-Elimination***” tool



# Multiple Run with 3 Passes

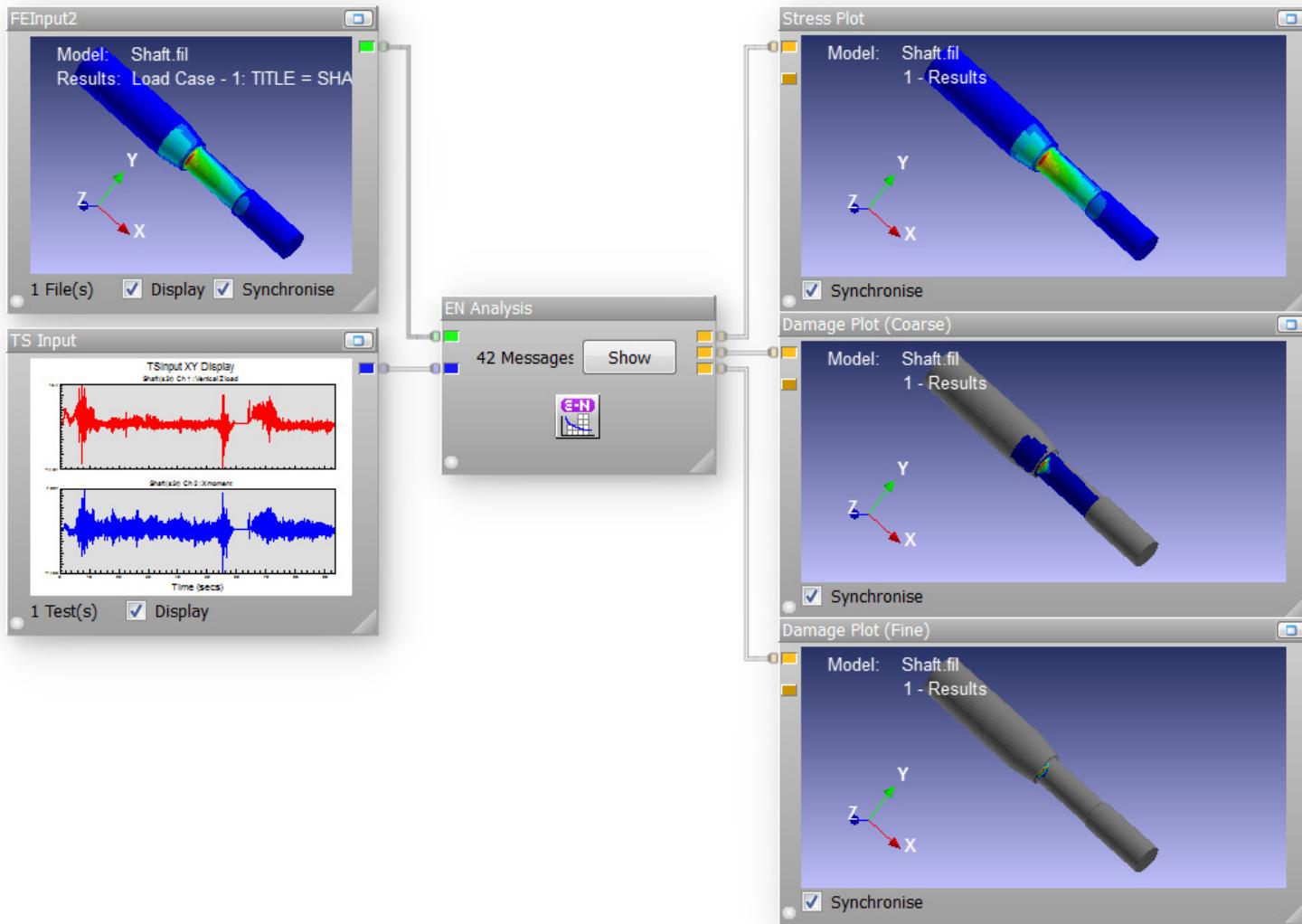
The example to the right has 3 runs that filter elements by:

- 1 A simple stress assessment to find high stress elements
- 2 A simple fatigue damage assessment with time history compression to find high damage elements
- 3 A detailed fatigue damage assessment with no time history compression to get the right answer in the critical areas



# Multiple Run with 3 Passes

- These are the graphical results of the 3 runs

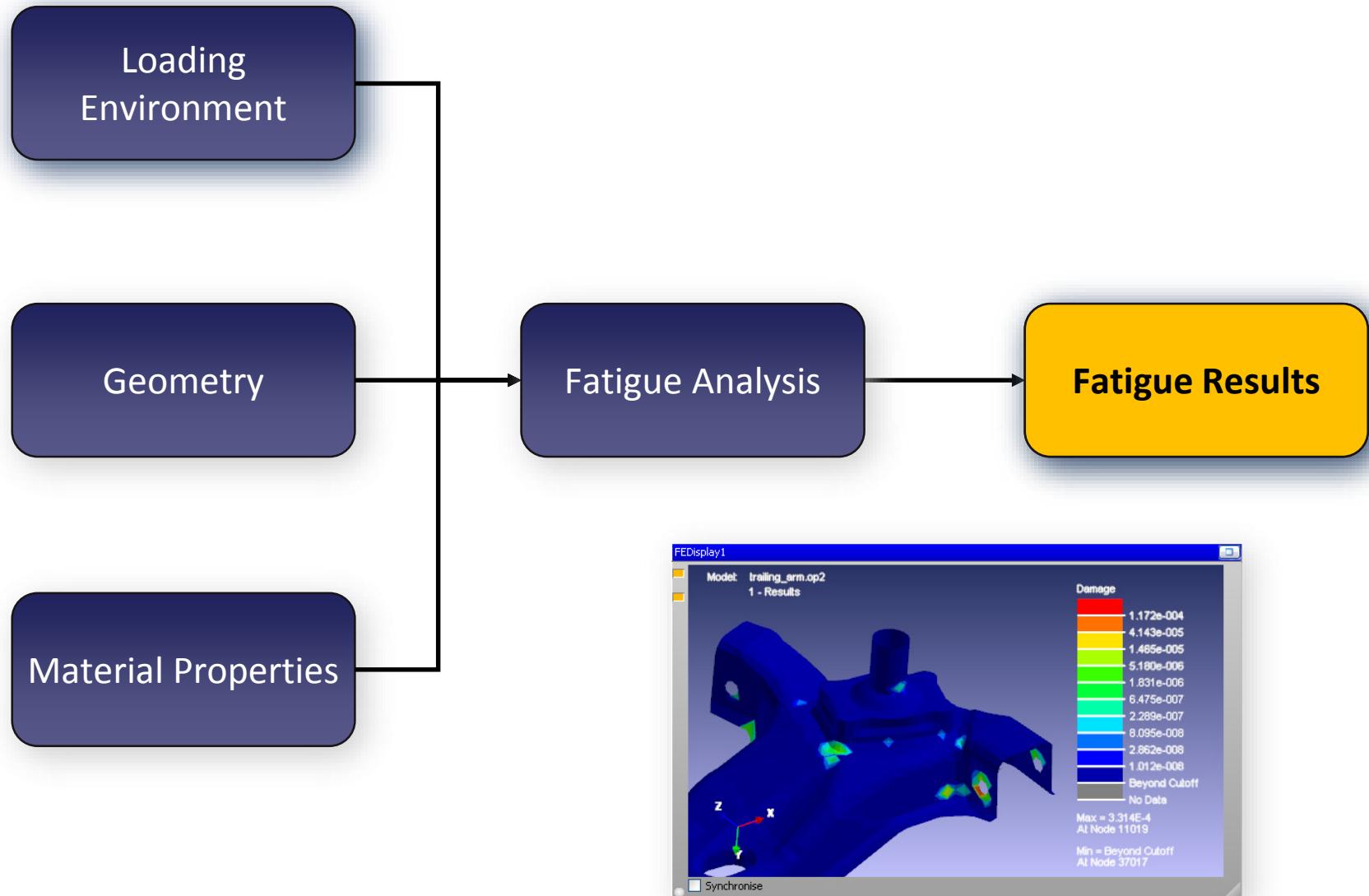


# Computational Improvements with Multiple Runs

- The computation time for three sample processes with different run scenarios was evaluated
- In all three scenarios, the *Detailed Damage* mode produced the same results for the 122 elements that have the highest damage
- The *Damage Filter* mode also produced results for the elements it evaluated
  - This is not always necessary and was used here for comparison purposes
  - These results are less precise than the *Detailed Damage* results

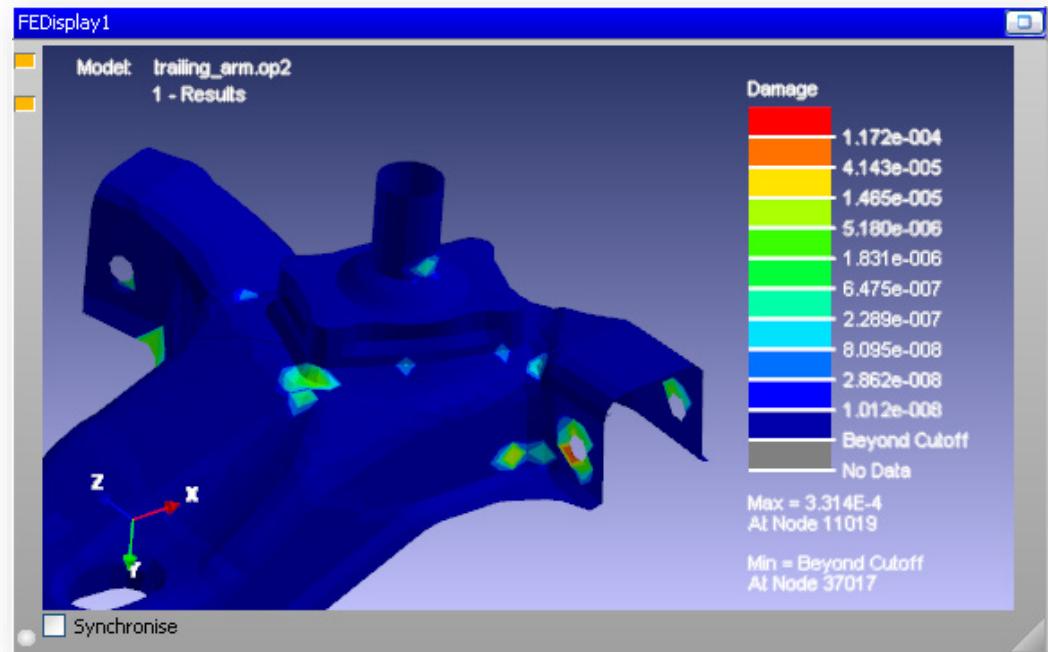
| Scenario   | Run | Elements | Analysis Mode   | Computation Time | Reduction in Time | Worst Case Element | ElementID | Damage |
|------------|-----|----------|-----------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-----------|--------|
| One Run    | 1   | 18252    | Detailed Damage | 11:58.35         | 0%                | 86335              | 2.92E-06  |        |
| Two Runs   | 1   | 18252    | Damage Filter   | 00:08.50         |                   | 86335              | 2.16E-06  |        |
|            | 2   | 122      | Detailed Damage | 00:06.31         |                   | 86335              | 2.92E-06  |        |
|            |     |          |                 | 00:14.81         | 97.9%             |                    |           |        |
| Three Runs | 1   | 18252    | Stress Filter   | 00:01.50         |                   |                    |           |        |
|            | 2   | 5476     | Damage Filter   | 00:02.79         |                   | 86335              | 2.16E-06  |        |
|            | 3   | 122      | Detailed Damage | 00:06.31         |                   | 86335              | 2.92E-06  |        |
|            |     |          |                 | 00:10.60         | 98.5%             |                    |           |        |

# Fatigue Analysis Roadmap



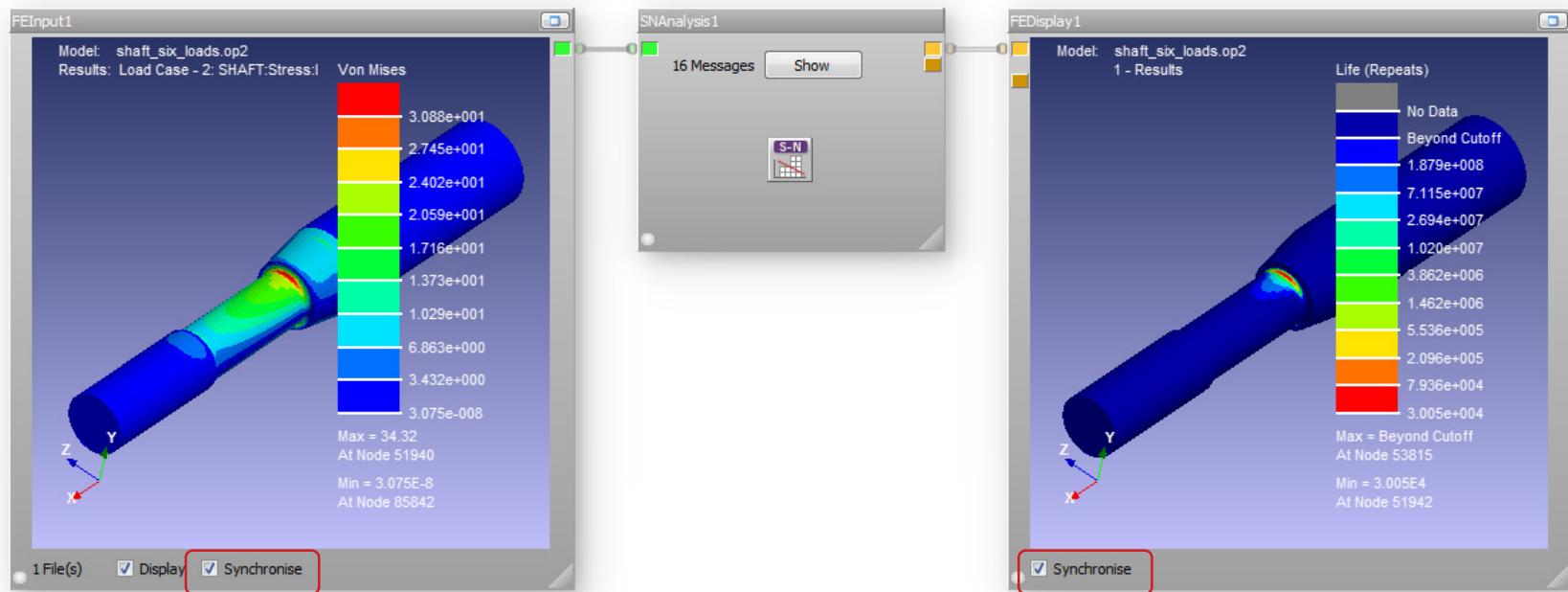
# FEDisplay Glyph

- This glyph has features similar to the FEInput glyph
- It has two input pads
  - *FE Results*
  - *Feature List*
- These are common results
  - Life
  - Damage
  - Max/Min Stress
  - etc.



# Synchronizing Displays

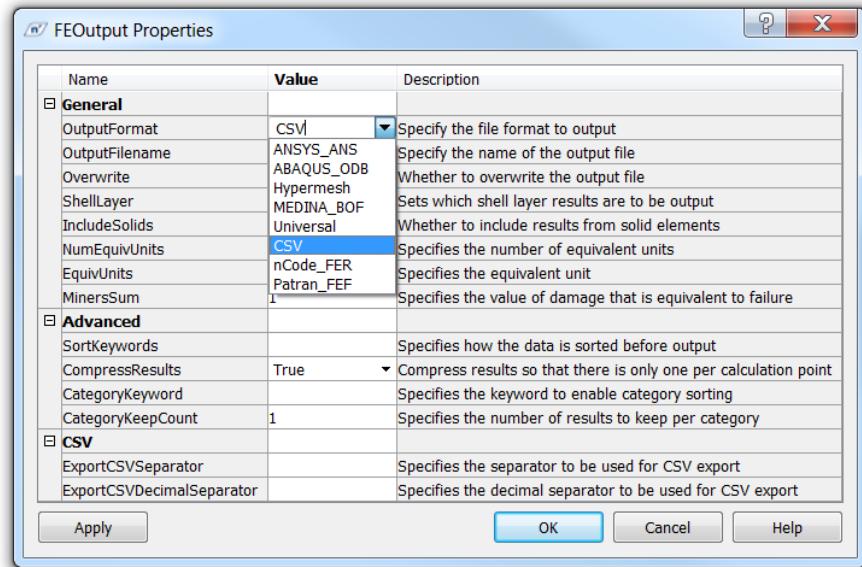
- Allows you to view any number of displays on the workspace from the same angle
- As you manipulate one display, the others follow



# FE Output

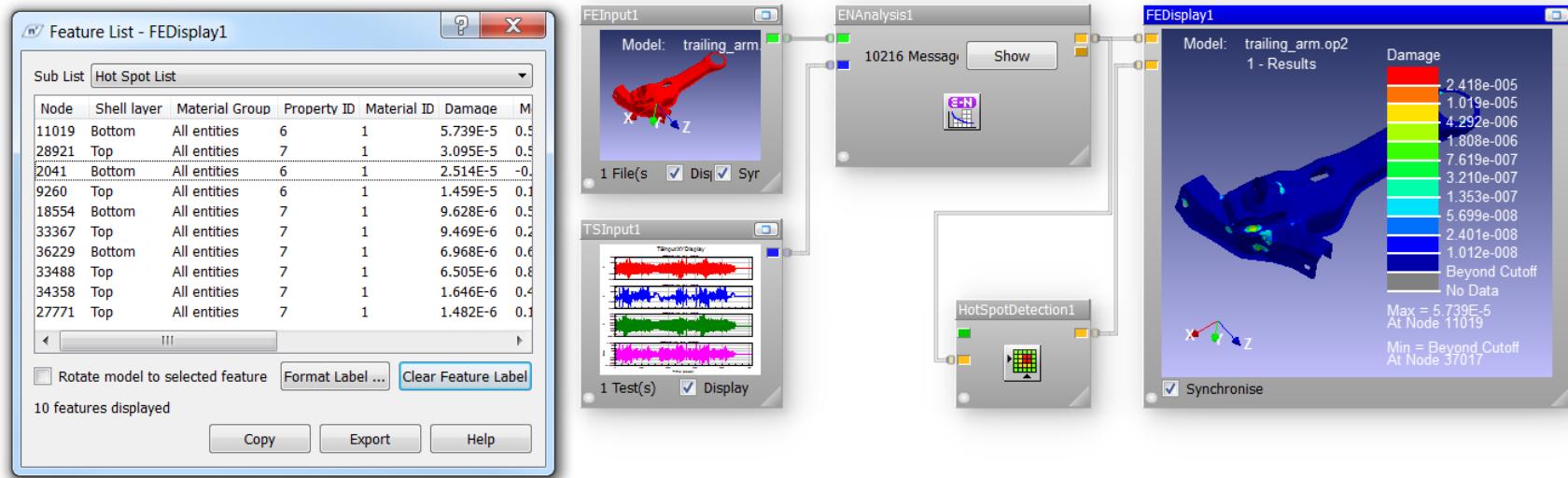
- Write out FE results for different postprocessors including:

- ANSYS                           *.ans*
- ABAQUS                         *.odb*
- Hypermesh                      *.hyp*
- Medina                         *.bof*
- I-DEAS                         *.unv*
- ASCII                          *.csv*
- nCode                          *.fer*
- PATRAN                         *.fef*



# Hot Spot Detection Glyph

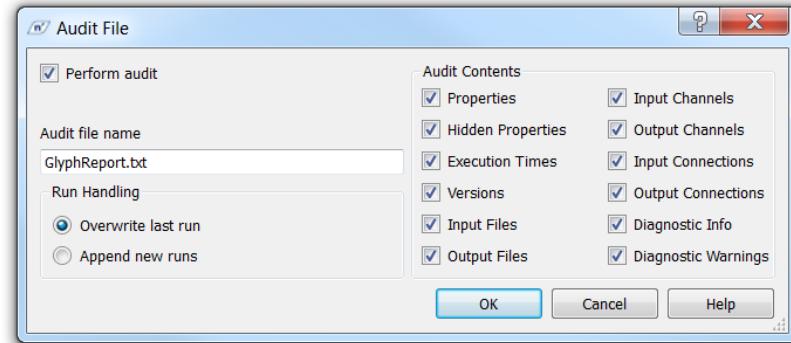
- Provides the FEDisplay glyph with a list of critical locations
- Locations are maxima in the distribution of damage and may exclude adjacent entity results



- Check boxes are available to select which hotspots are displayed

# Other Important Glyphs

- *Audit Display*
  - Record properties used by all the glyphs in the executed process



- *DataValues Display*
  - Tabulated results
- *Studio Display*
  - Make professional reports

The screenshot shows a window titled 'DataValuesDisplay1' with a grid of numerical data. The grid has columns labeled 7, 8, 9, and 10. The first row contains headers: 'Mean biaxiality', 'Non-proportion', 'Dominant stress', and 'Life'. The second row contains sub-headers: 'degrees' and 'Repeats'. Below these are 11 rows of data corresponding to values 4 through 14. The window also includes 'Export ...' and 'Copy' buttons at the top and a status bar at the bottom with the text 'TestName: trailing\_arm Channel: 1 Title: Results Table: 1'.

|                 | 7       | 8        | 9      | 10        |
|-----------------|---------|----------|--------|-----------|
| Mean biaxiality |         |          |        |           |
| 4               | -0.8493 | 0.2783   | -84.79 | 3.977e+04 |
| 5               | 0.1925  | 0.01638  | 73.86  | 6.855e+04 |
| 6               | 0.3462  | 0.005432 | 27.39  | 1.02e+05  |
| 7               | 0.581   | 0.01057  | 89.08  | 1.039e+05 |
| 8               | 0.2388  | 0.01678  | 70.68  | 1.056e+05 |
| 9               | 0.6961  | 0.007756 | 37.78  | 1.435e+05 |
| 10              | 0.8487  | 0.009741 | 24.02  | 1.537e+05 |
| 11              | 0.3384  | 0.04934  | 66.86  | 1.678e+05 |

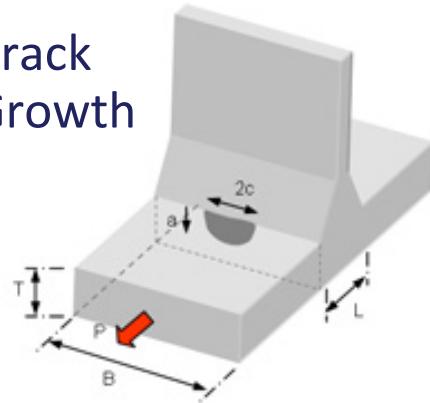
# Problematic Welds



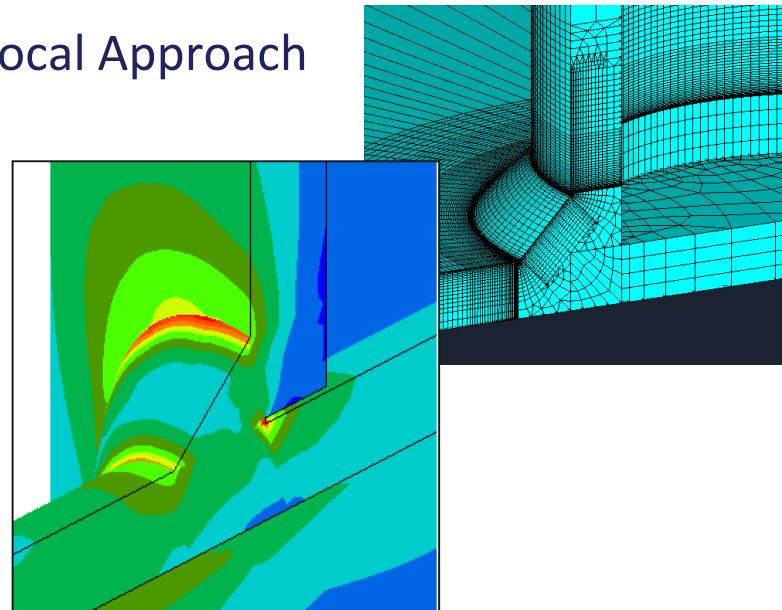
- 2,751 'Liberty Ships' were built between 1941 – 1945.
- First mass production of ships with welded hulls.
- Low temperatures of the North Atlantic result in embrittlement of the steel.
- The hulls broke without any warning.
- Crack initiation and propagation in 400 ships; catastrophic failure in 145.

# Weld Fatigue Calculation Strategies

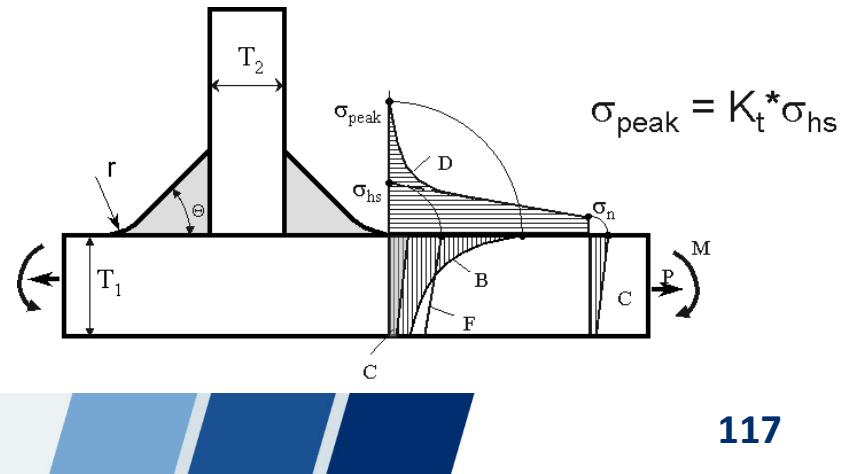
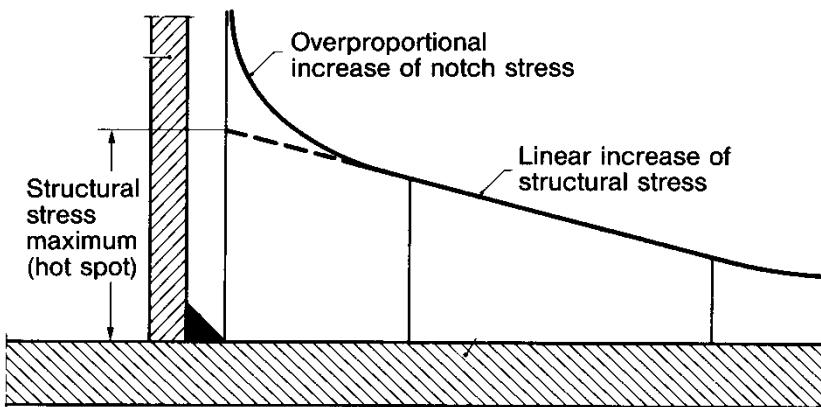
Crack Growth



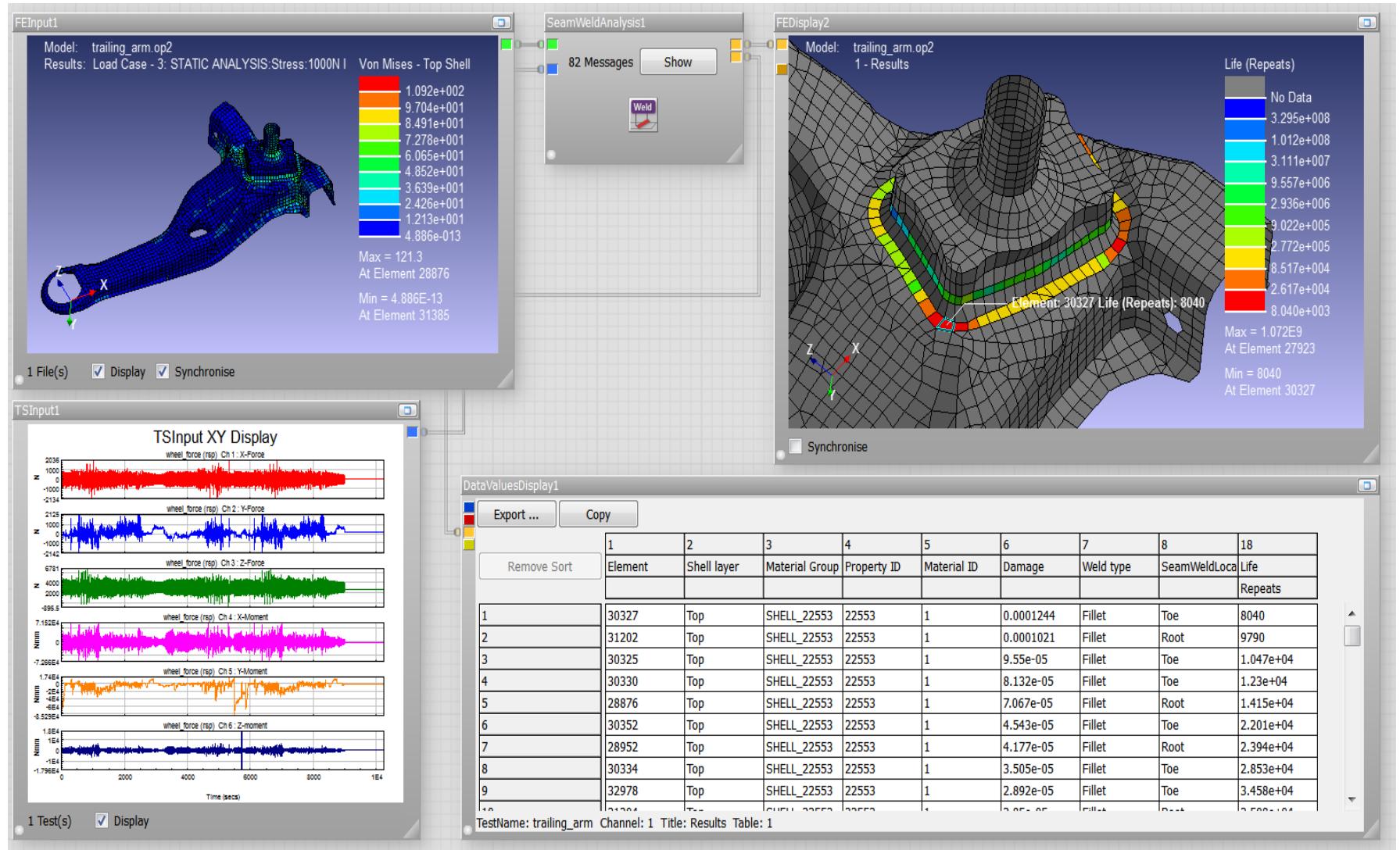
Local Approach



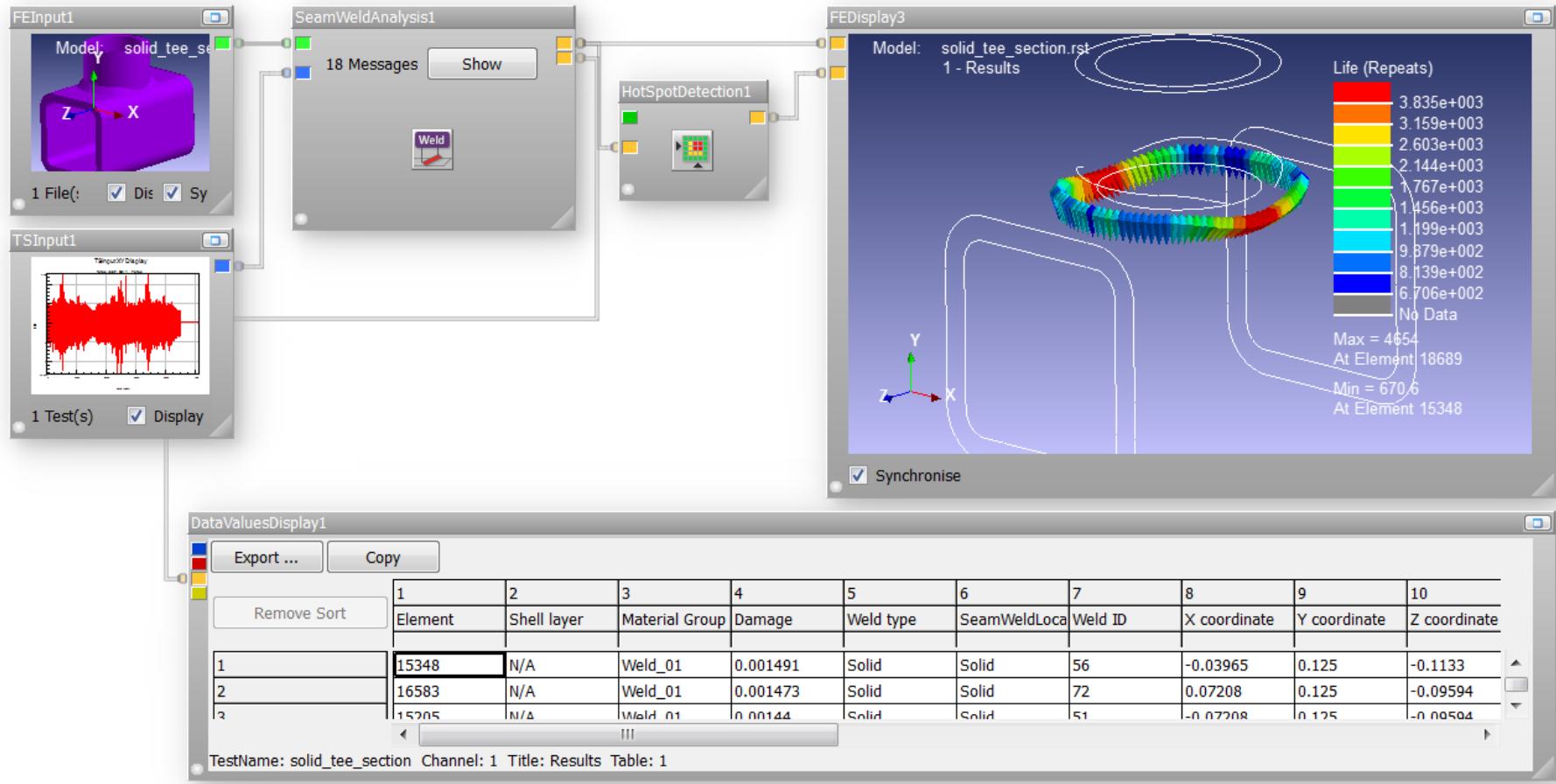
Structural Stress



# nCode DesignLife Process of welded sheet structures

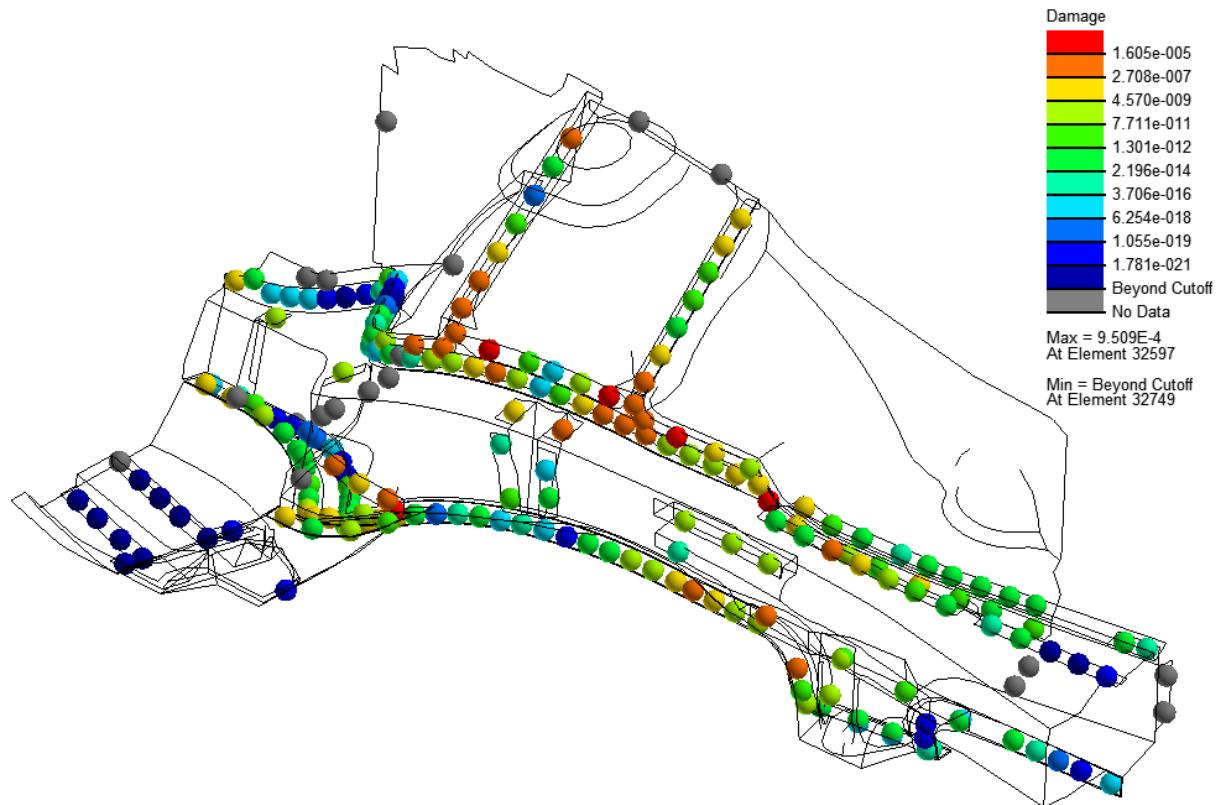


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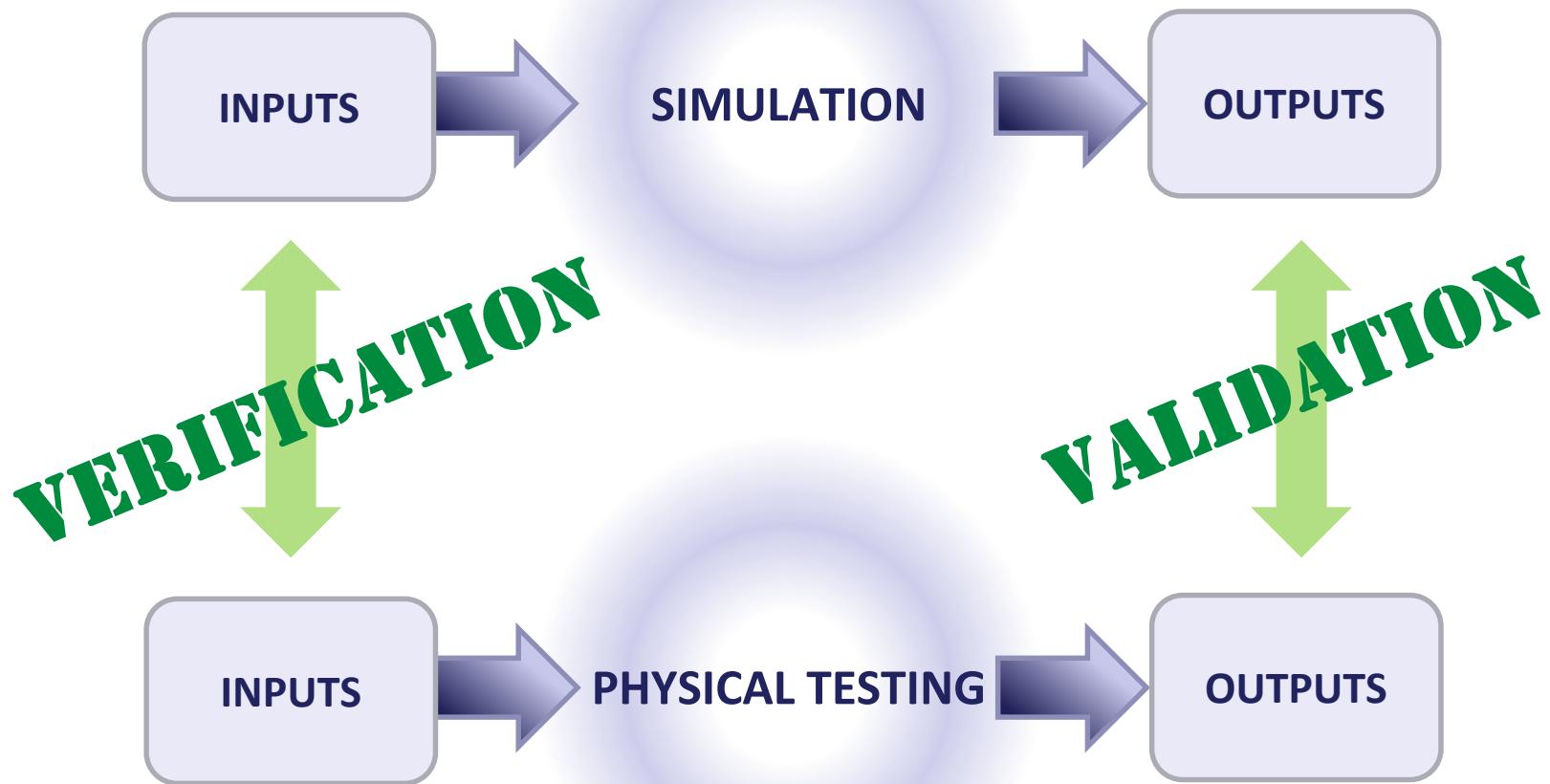
# CAE Analysis Engine Inputs

- *Spot Weld Analysis* engine
  - Input: global forces and moments
  - Material models: spot weld SN



# FE Correlation using Virtual Strain Gauge

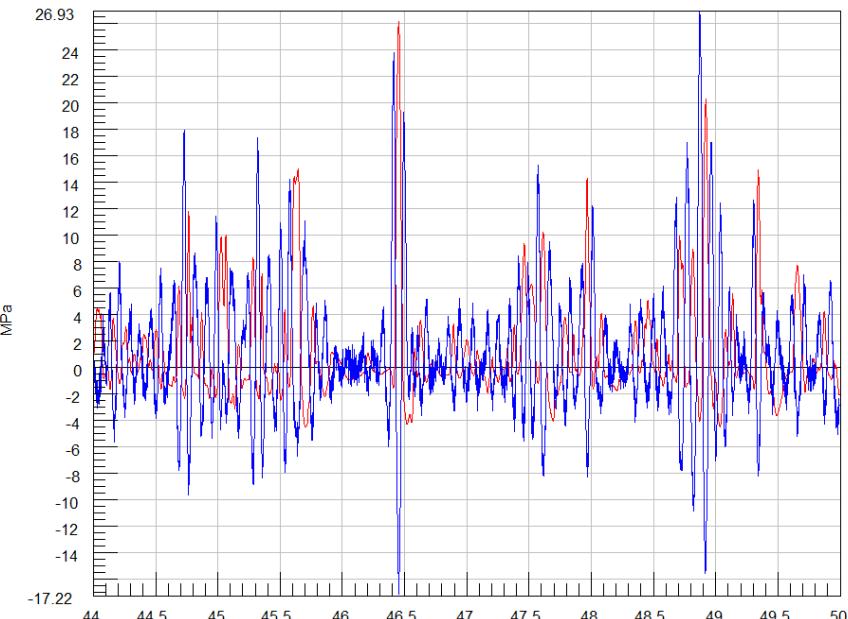
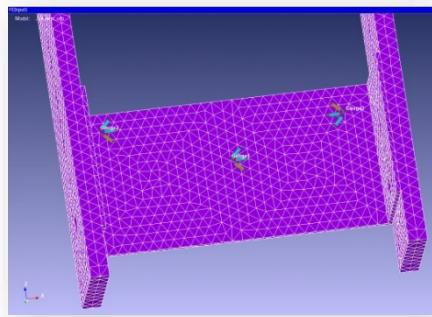
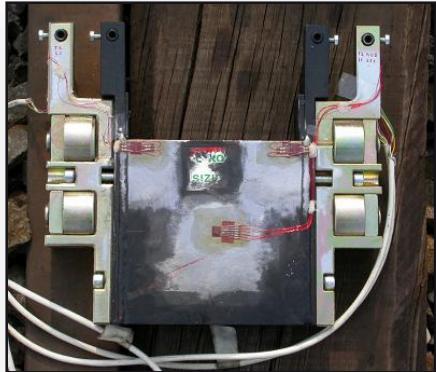
# Verification & Validation



# Virtual Strain Gauge

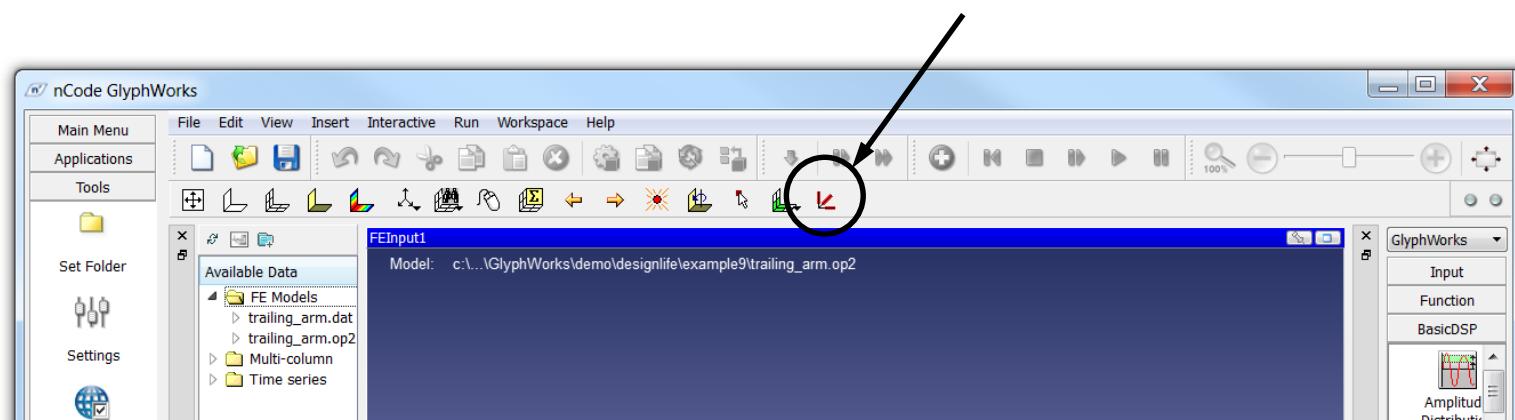
Correlating the FE Model with Reality:

- Does the FE model predict stress or strain correctly?
- The virtual strain gauge outputs strain time series
- These may then be correlated to real measured strain gauge data



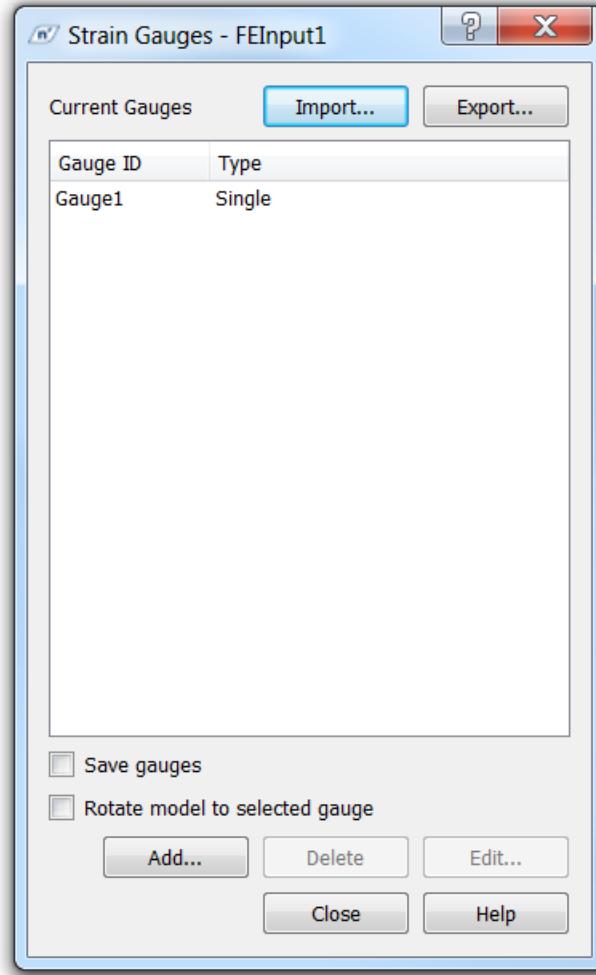
# Virtual Strain Gauge

- The **Virtual Strain Gauge** provides a unique, powerful way to correlate physical tests with FE models
- This tool is available in the FEInput glyph via a toolbar icon
- Once activated, the user can place the gauge with one of the following options
  - Manually keyed IDs
  - Coordinates
  - Pick tool



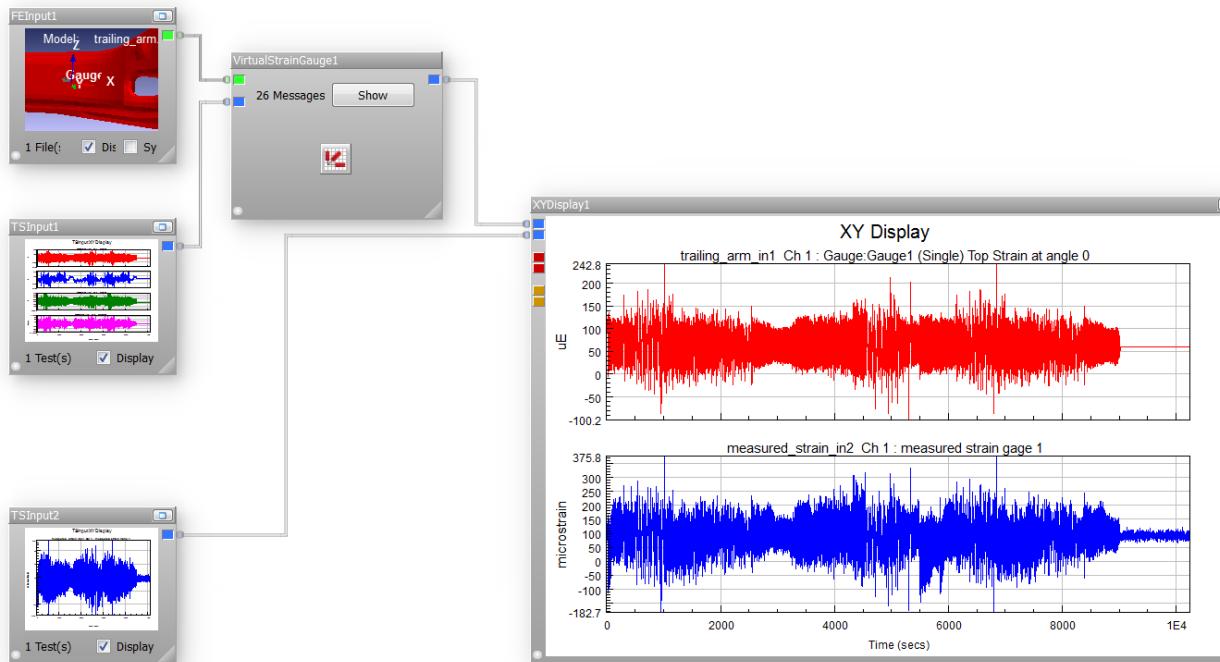
# Virtual Strain Gauge

- Multiple virtual strain gauges can be placed on a model
- Gauges can be imported/exported
- Gauges can be saved in a process



# Strain Gage Correlation

- Comparison of virtual strain and measured strain
  - Are they similar in shape?
  - If one goes up, does the other?
  - If one is active, is the other?



See DesignLife Worked Examples #12

# Correlation and Hotspot Strains

| Engineering Task     | Details   | Gage Location        | Advantage                               | Disadvantage                               |
|----------------------|---|----------------------|---|--|
| Structural analysis  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Measure peak strain</li><li>Predict strength and durability</li></ul> | Local hotspots       | Measures peak strain                    | Very sensitive to location and orientation |
| Correlation with FEA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Compare with FE strains</li><li>Validate FE model</li></ul>           | Nominal stress areas | Insensitive to location and orientation | Doesn't measure peak strain                |

Don't try to correlate virtual and measured strains in areas of high stress concentration.

Focus on areas with low stress gradients.

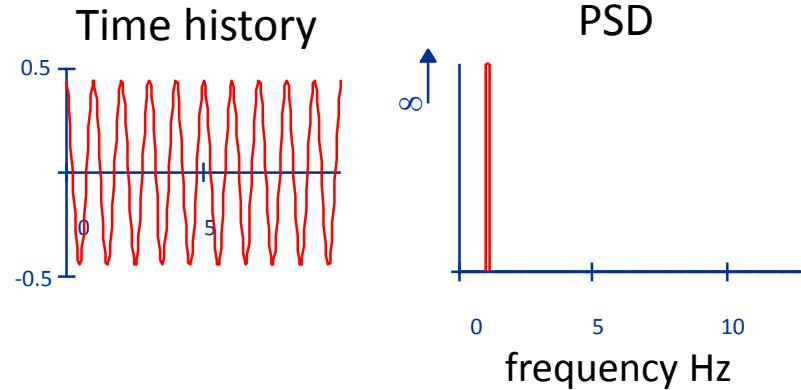


# FE Correlation using Experimental Modal Analysis

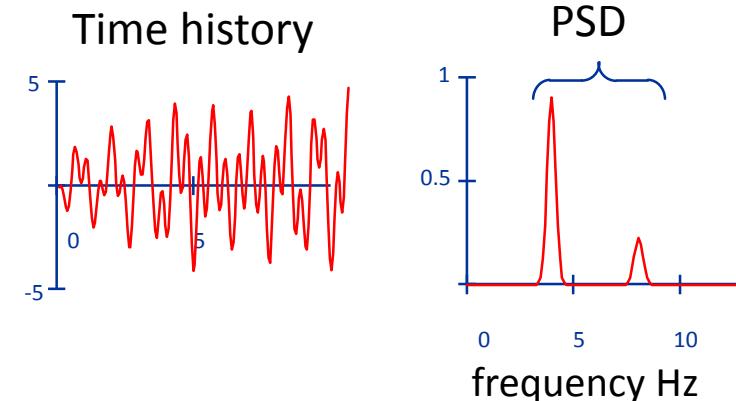
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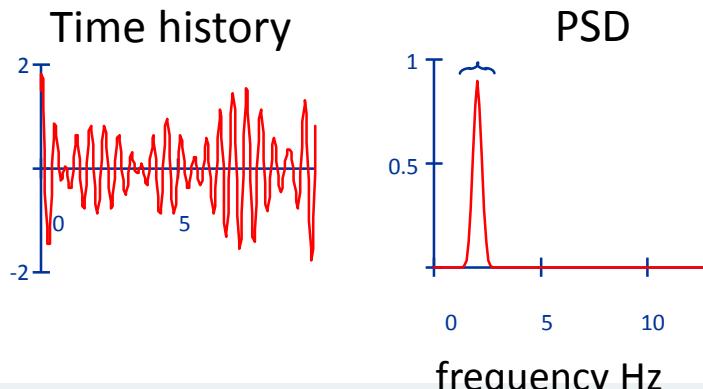
**Sine wave**



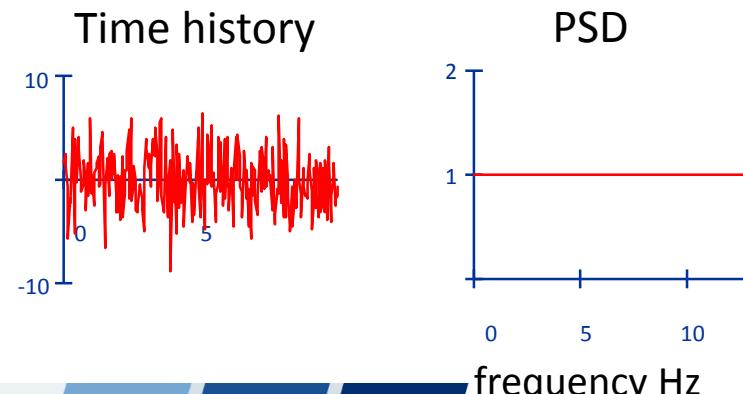
**Broad band process**



**Narrow band process**

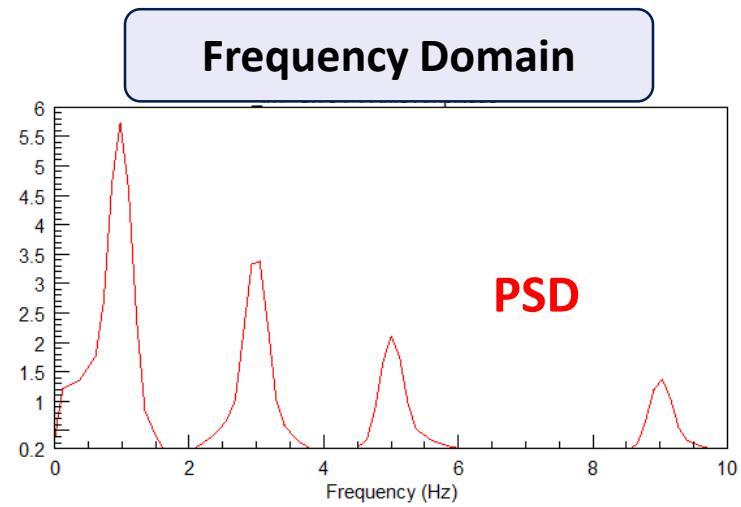
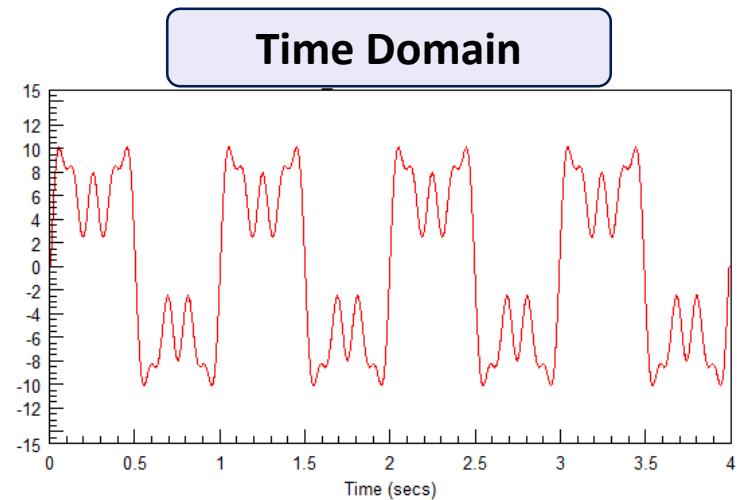
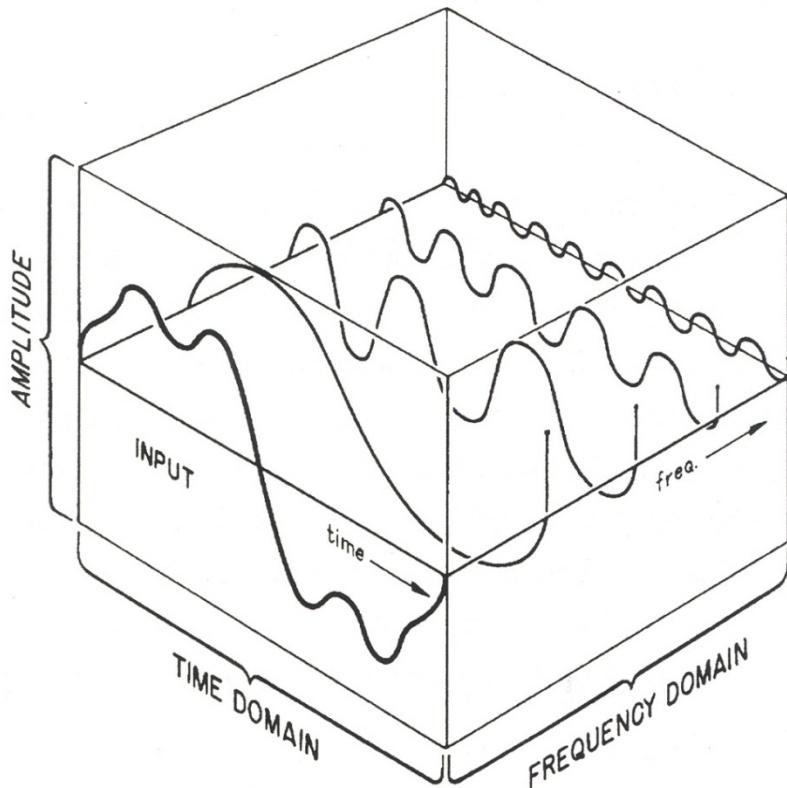


**White noise process**



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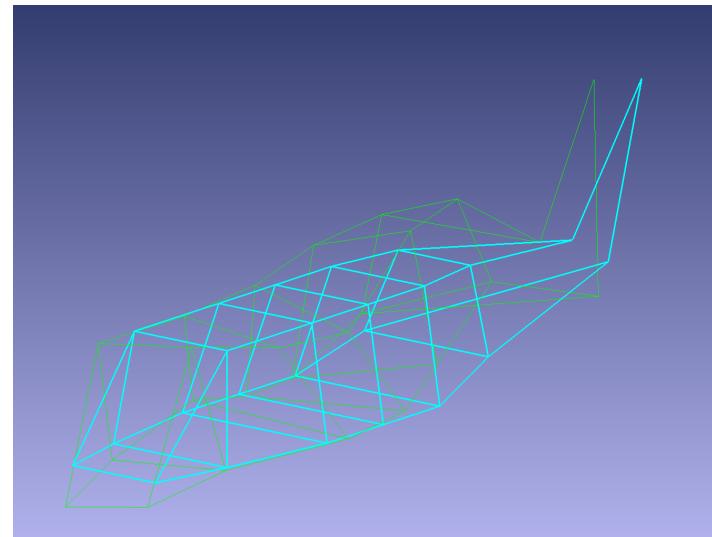
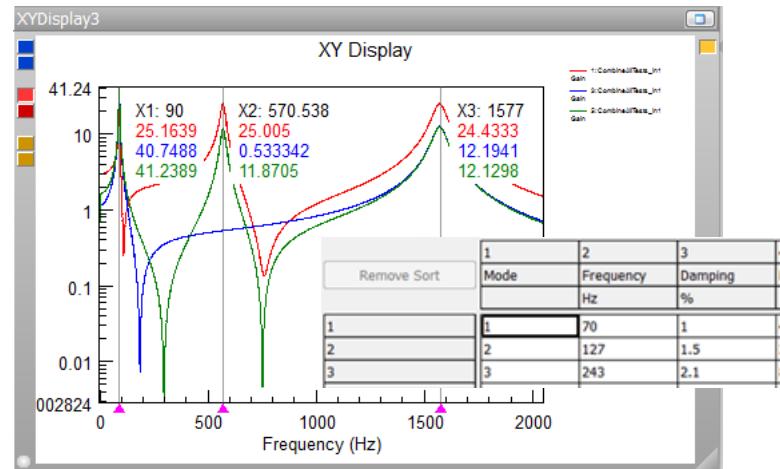


# What is modal analysis?

Modal Analysis is the process of characterizing the dynamics of a machine or structure in terms of its dynamic properties.

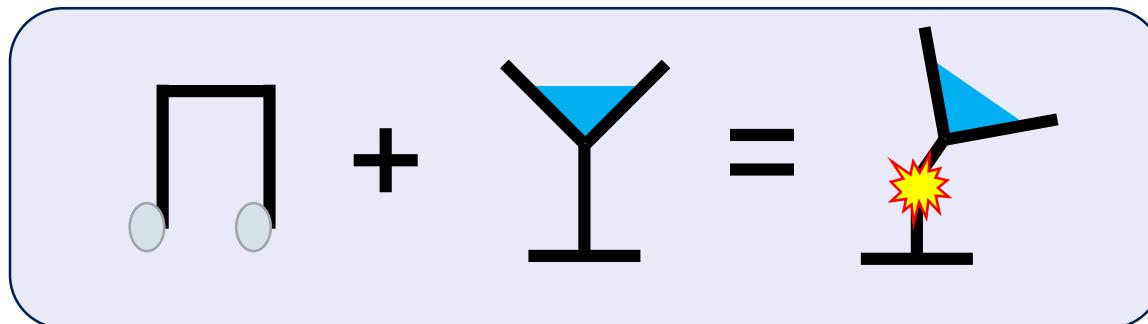
The dynamic characteristics include:

- Modal **Frequency**
- Modal **Damping**
- Mode **Shape**



# Frequency Response Analysis

- Objects have a frequency at which they will oscillate at when disturbed
- If a forcing function is applied to an object, energy transfer reinforces the oscillation of the natural frequency, and causes energy build up in the object
- Incorrect damping at this point can have catastrophic results



- Chinook helicopter ground resonance video on YouTube;
  - - back: [https://www.google.co.uk/?gws\\_rd=ssl#q=chinook+ground+resonance](https://www.google.co.uk/?gws_rd=ssl#q=chinook+ground+resonance)
  - - side: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RihcJR0zvfM>
- The videos are from ground ballistics testing at the Aberdeen proving ground. They were setting up to shoot something at the aircraft while it was running and instead the chained down aircraft tore itself apart when it went into ground resonance

# Helicopter Ground Resonance

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- Rotor imbalance tends to cause motion in the surrounding structure
- This imbalance frequency can align with the helicopter's rigid body roll mode
- Unless damped, results can be catastrophic!



# Frequency Response Analysis

This analysis characterises the dynamic properties of a structure:

- Frequencies of Resonance
- Mode shapes
- Modal parameters (damping)

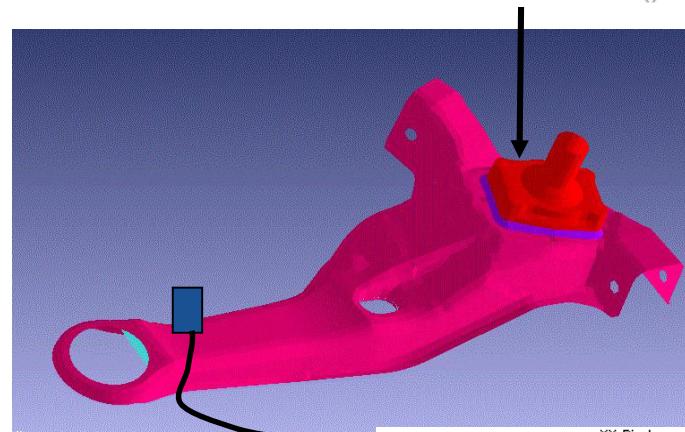
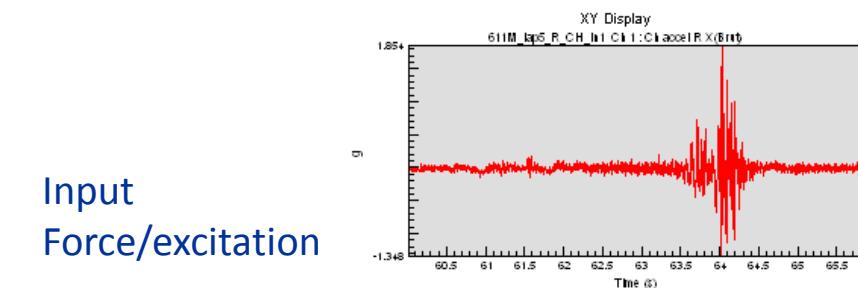
Relationships between Input and Response can be described in:

- Time domain: Impulse Response
- Frequency domain: Frequency Response Function (FRF)

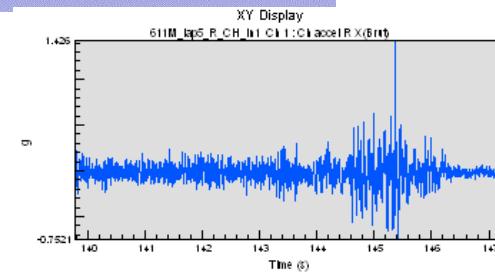
Typical outputs are:

- Gain
- Phase
- Coherence
- Auto-Spectrum and Cross-Spectrum

Input  
Force/excitation

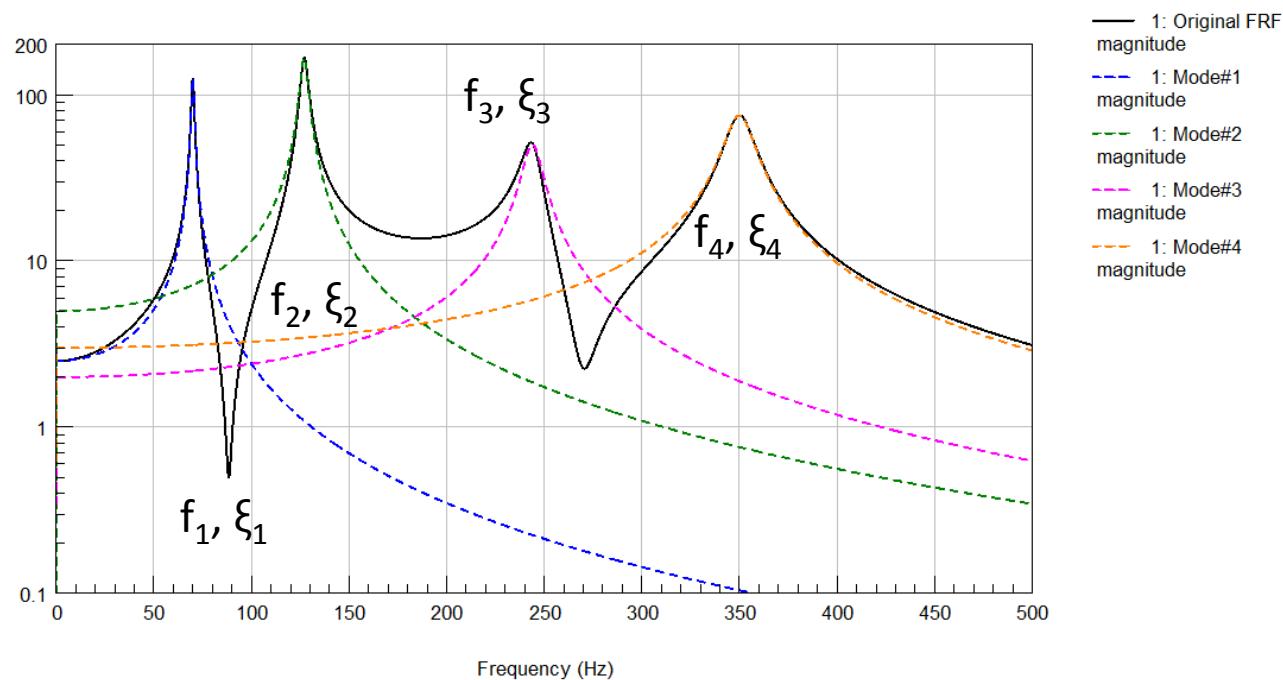


Output Vibration



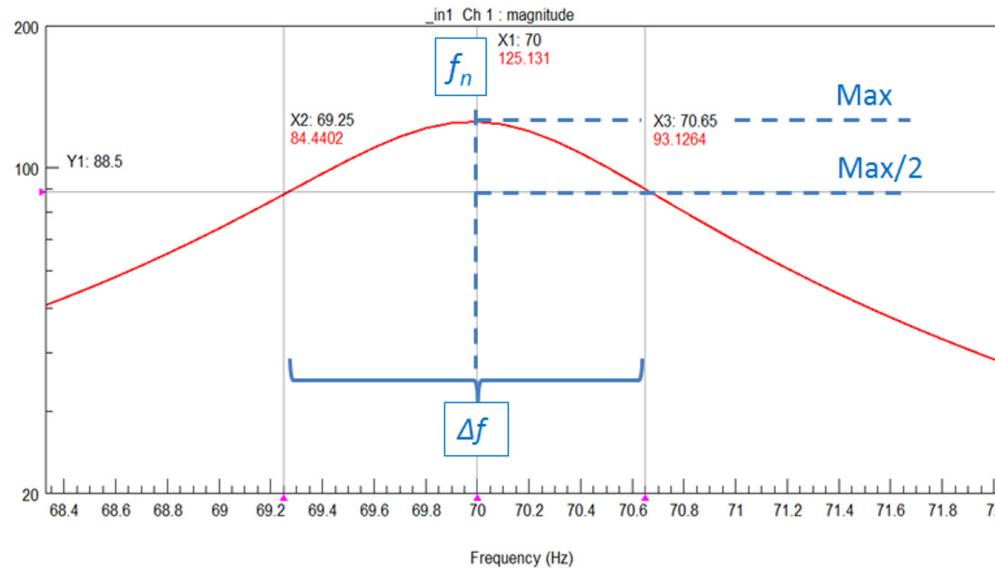
# Modal Analysis: concept

- Also known as Curve fitting or modal parameter estimation
- The measured FRF is basically broken down into the principal components that make up the measured data – into many single degree of freedom (SDOF) systems
- Obtain frequency, damping and mode shapes



# The PeakPick Approach for Modal Analysis

It is a SDOF approach, well-known, fast and robust



For a particular mode at frequency  $f_n$ , the damping ratio  $\xi$  can be found from the following equation:

$$\xi = \frac{\Delta f}{2f_n}$$

So each mode is defined by a frequency and a damping ratio

# Experimental Modal Analysis glyph

The EMA glyph expects FRFs in:

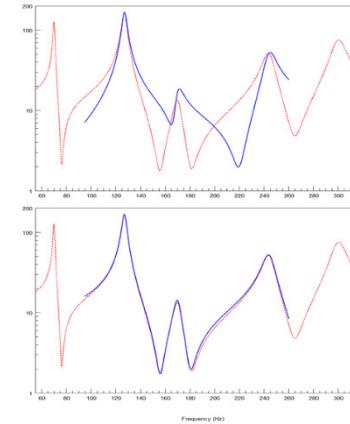
- Gain
- Phase

Analysis properties include:

- Frequency range
- List of natural frequencies
- Whether to account for residual modes

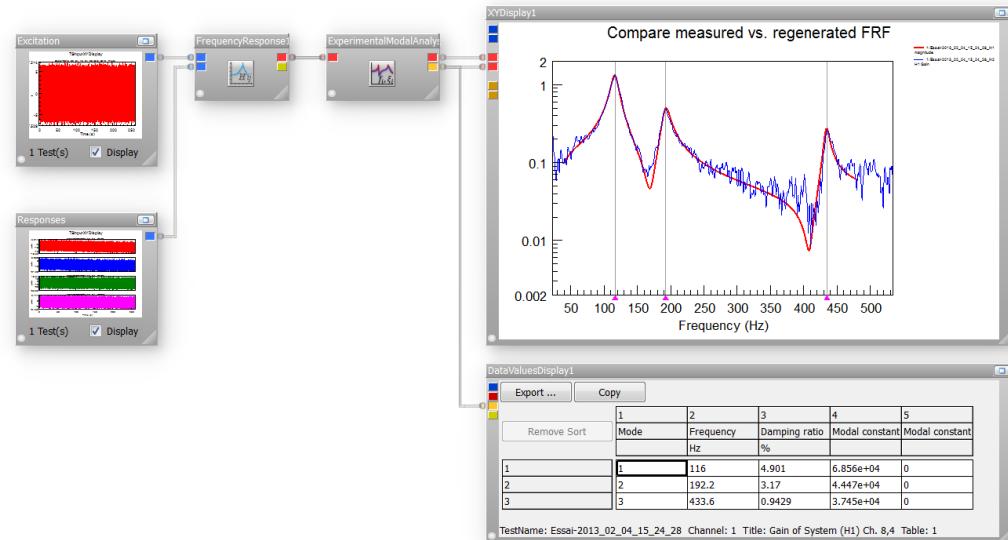
Results are:

- The Regenerated FRFs in Gain and Phase
- A multichannel modal table containing the damping ratios



FRF regenerated w/o residuals

FRF regenerated with residuals



# Experimental vs. FEA-based Modal Analysis

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**Experimental Modal Analysis** uses experimental data taken from a test structure. Parameter estimation (curve fitting) is used to obtain modal parameters from the experimental data.

**FEA-based Modal Analysis** synthesizes equations of motion for a structure using Finite Element Method (FEM). Modal parameters are solutions of the equations of motion.

## Advantages

- The analytical model can be built **before** the prototype hardware.
- “**What If ?**” investigations are cheaper, faster and easier than modifying real hardware.

## Disadvantages

- The analytical model can be **inaccurate**.
- Some aspects are still **difficult to model** such as contact, damping, nonlinearities, etc.

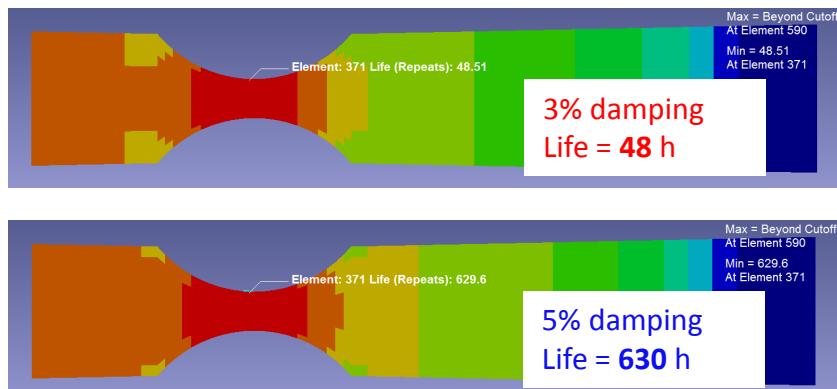


# On the influence of the damping ratio on fatigue Life

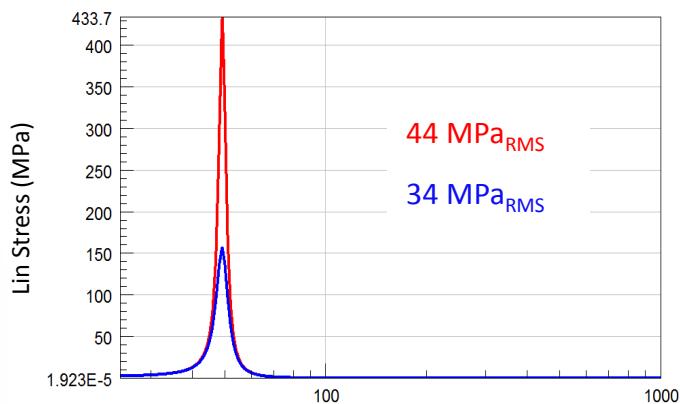
- Damping is an important property to set up when performing a dynamic simulation
- It is often overlooked and a default value (typ. 5%) is used for all modes
- A small error in damping can lead to a large error in the fatigue life estimate.
- Example: 3% versus 5% damping ratio can lead to fatigue life estimates of **an order of magnitude** apart
- This is due to the calculated RMS value which is higher with low damping

Good fatigue life predictions rely heavily on using realistic damping ratios

Compare contour plots of fatigue Life ( $b=10$ )

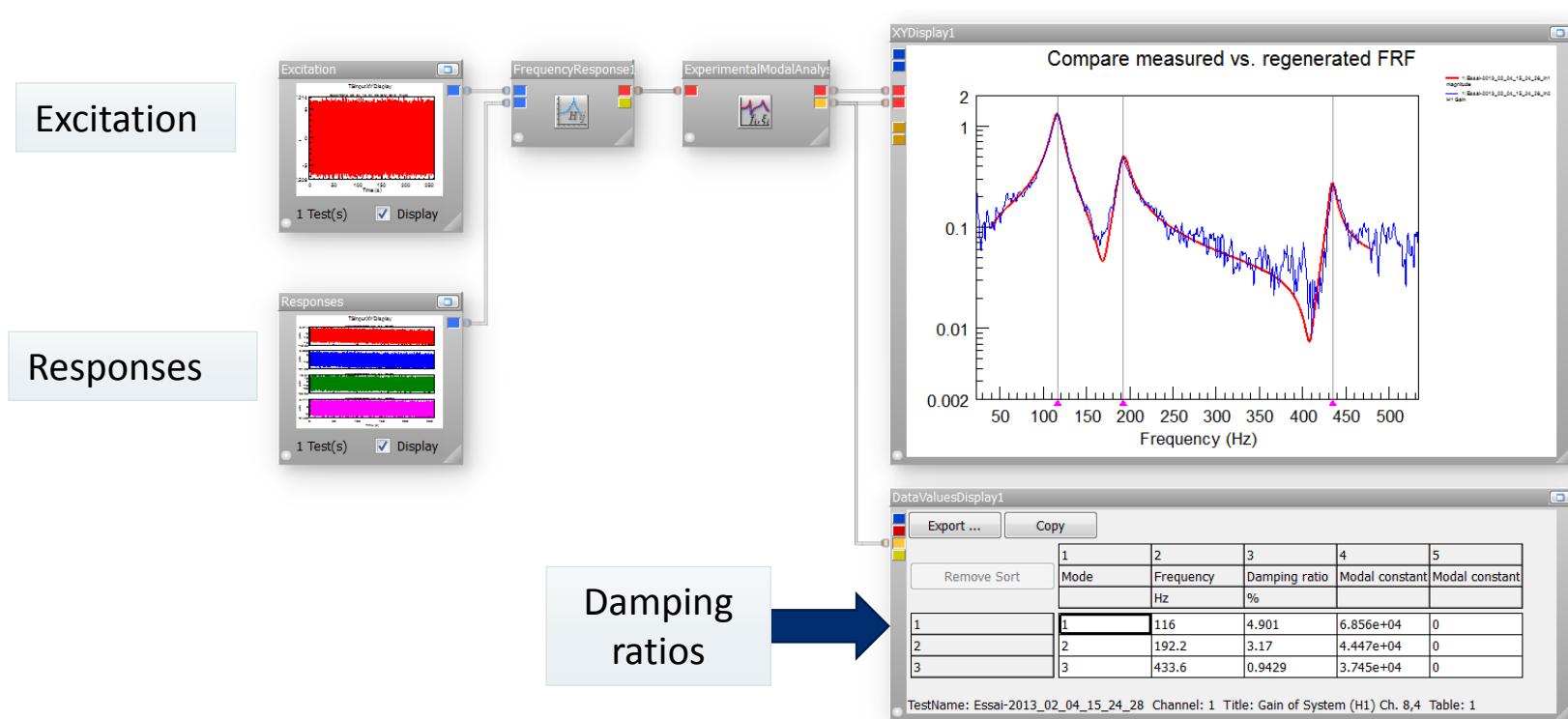


Stress PSD at critical element





VibeSys includes the Experimental Modal Analysis glyph for determining accurate damping ratios using the frequency domain

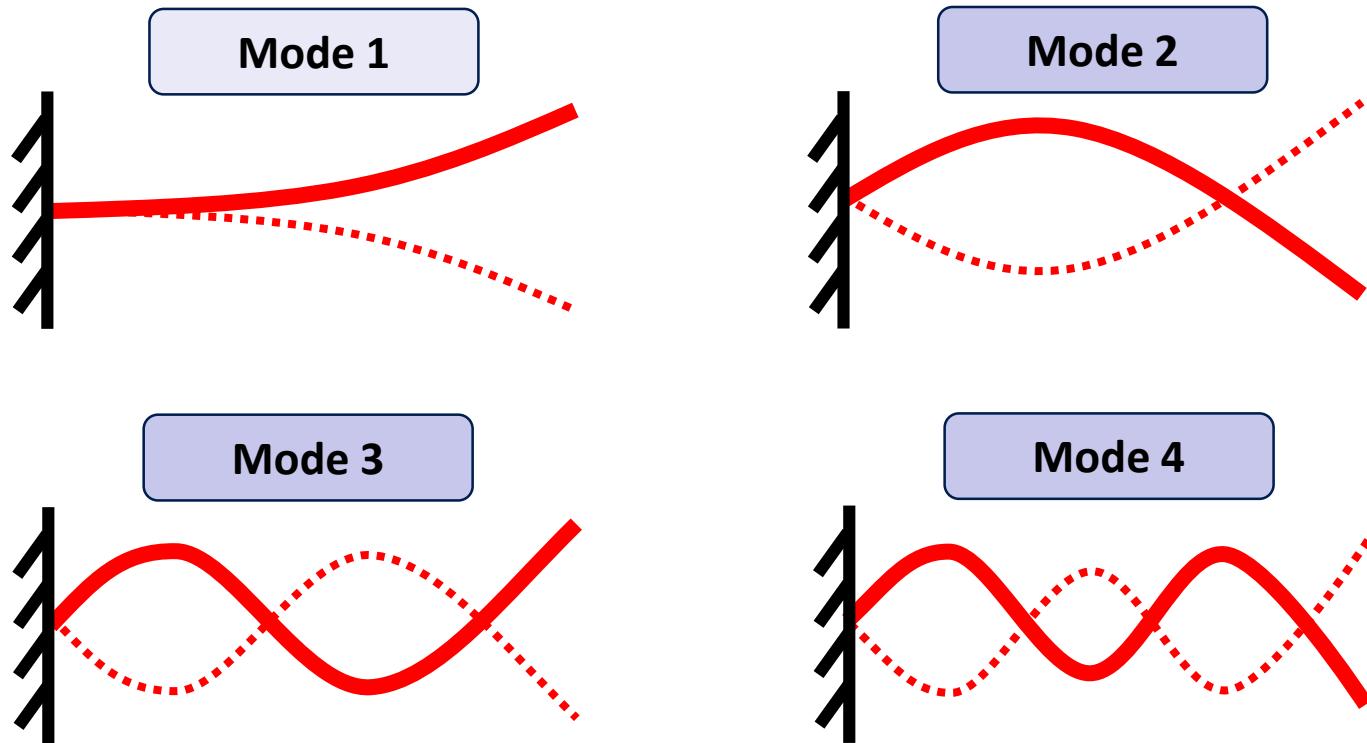


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# Correlation using Operational Deflection Shapes

# Operational Deflection Shapes

When a mode shape is excited, a structure will resonate with a particular shaped response. For a cantilever beam, the first 4 mode shapes are:

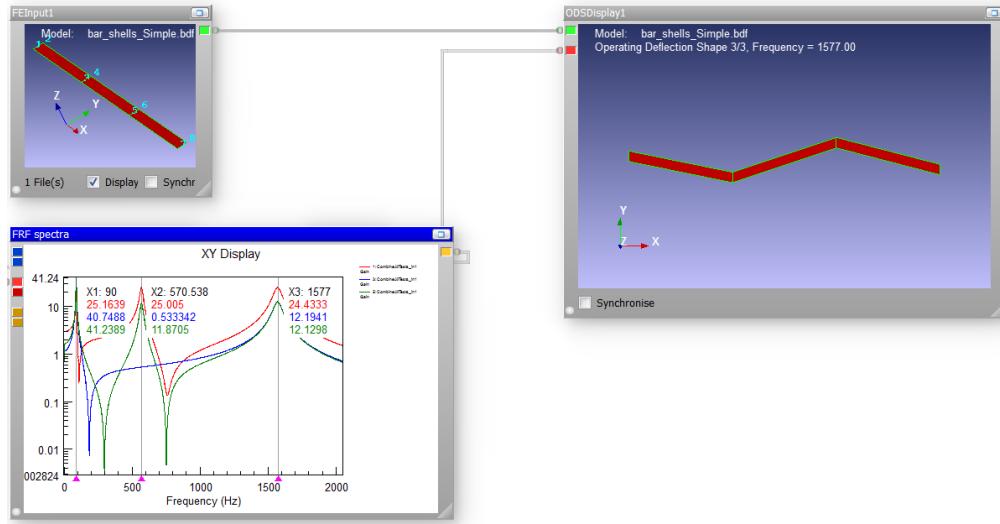


By comparing the frequencies and shape of each mode (from experiments) with the modal frequencies found during FEA, the accuracy of your simulation can be evaluated, and validated

# Operating Deflection Shapes glyph

The ODS glyph expects :

- A geometry
  - UNV, BDF/DAT, INP
  - FE results files
- Nodal Displacements
  - Time series
  - FRF spectra
  - Modal Table (from EMA)



The mapping between nodes and measurements can be done via:

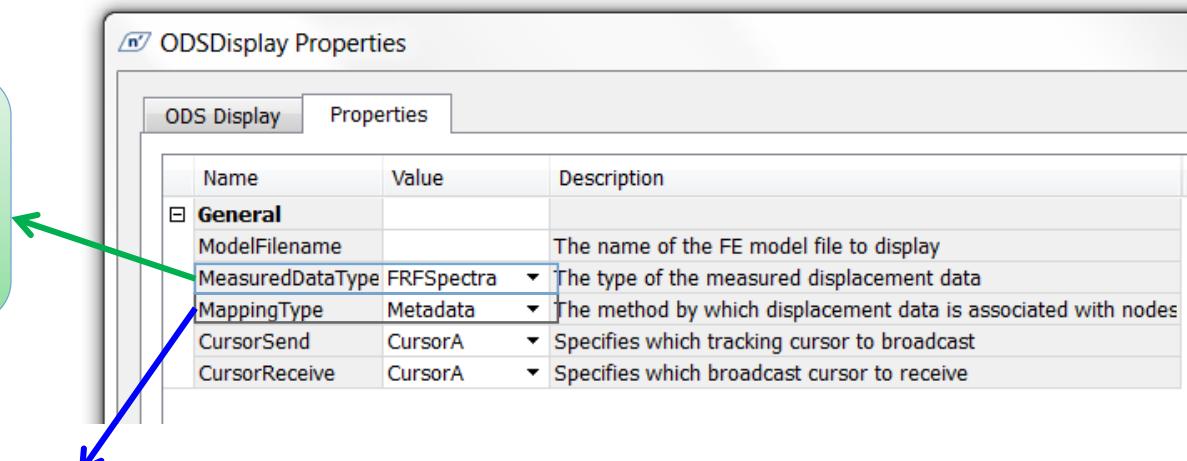
- The ODS Mapping Editor
- A text file
- Some Metadata  
#DOFIdentification.Node# and  
#DOFIdentification.Direction#

The screenshot shows the "ODS Mapping Editor" window with a table titled "Mapping Filename:".

| Channel Number | Gain DOF    | Channel Number | Phase DOF    | Node | Direction |
|----------------|-------------|----------------|--------------|------|-----------|
| 1 1            | Ch 1: Gain  | 2              | Ch 2: phase  | 3    | y         |
| 2 3            | Ch 3: Gain  | 4              | Ch 4: Phase  | 5    | y         |
| 3 5            | Ch 5: Gain  | 6              | Ch 6: Phase  | 7    | y         |
| 4 7            | Ch 7: Gain  | 8              | Ch 8: phase  | 4    | y         |
| 5 9            | Ch 9: Gain  | 10             | Ch 10: Phase | 6    | y         |
| 6 11           | Ch 11: Gain | 12             | Ch 12: Phase | 8    | y         |

# ODS Glyph: properties

Select the nature of the nodal displacements here



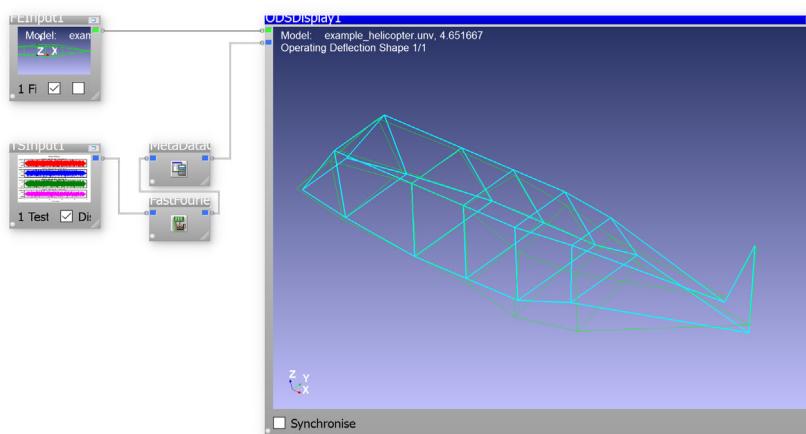
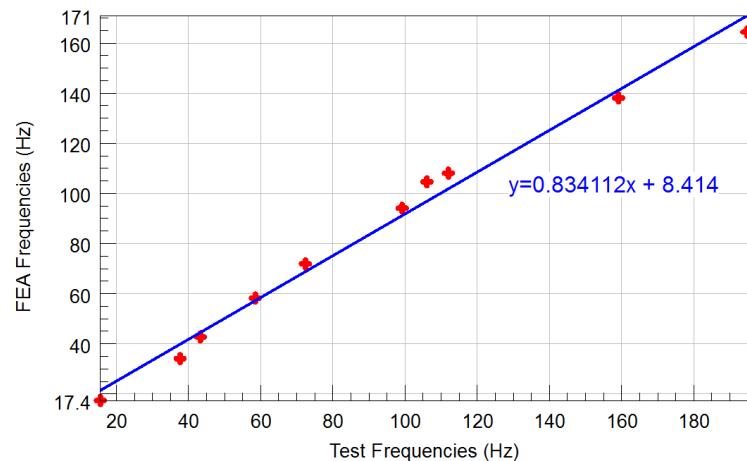
Select how to map nodes with displacements

| Metadata   | File  | User   |
|--|---|--|
| Metadata are looked for in the input pipe containing the displacements | A file is expected to contain the mapping information | A dedicated GUI appears to map nodes and displacements |

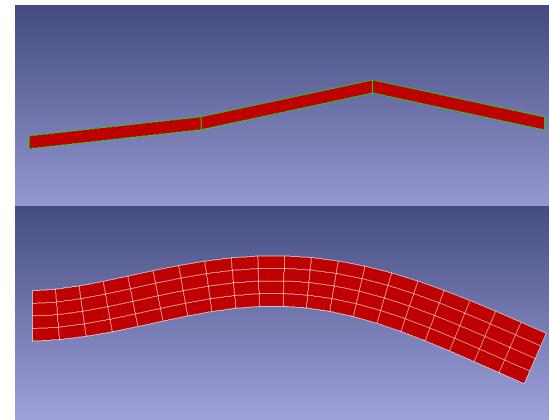
# How to check my FE simulation is realistic?

- Compare the calculated vs measured modal frequencies
- Use the ODS glyph to compare the mode shapes

Compare modal frequencies



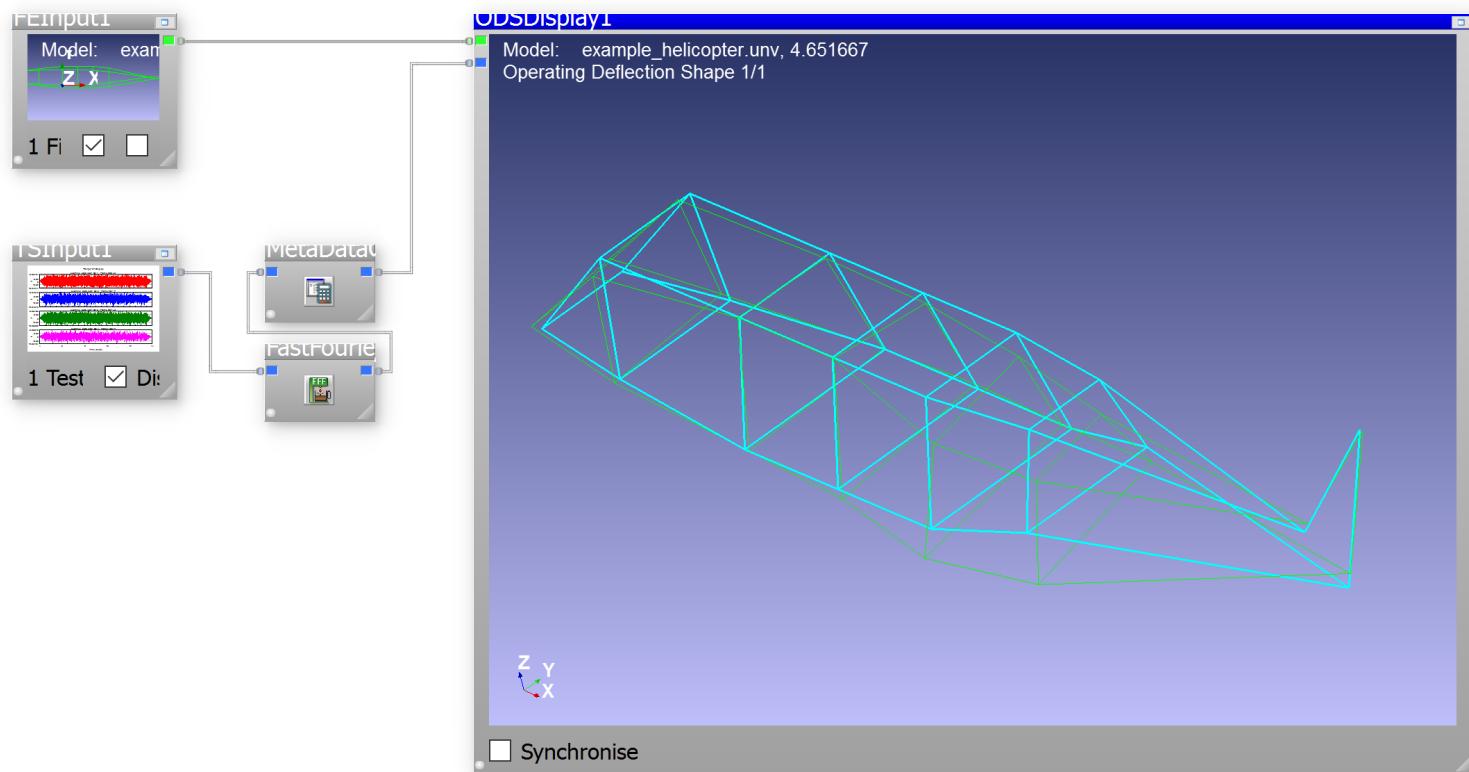
Compare mode shapes



# VibeSys Demonstration



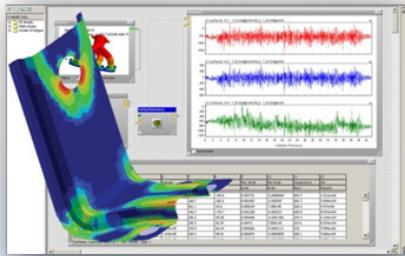
VibeSys includes the Operational Deflection Shape glyph allowing you to compare experimental and simulated mode shapes



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# Summary

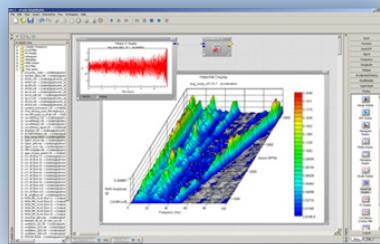
# nCode Product Range



## nCode DesignLife D

### CAE DURABILITY

- Fatigue analysis technology for FEA
- Process encapsulation
- Fast, configurable, and scalable



## nCode VibeSys V

### ACOUSTIC & VIBRATION ANALYSIS

- Powerful and simple-to-use
- Noise and Vibration analyses including rotating machinery, structural dynamics and human perception

## nCode CDS Licensing



## nCode GlyphWorks G

### DATA PROCESSING FOR DURABILITY

- Complex analysis to report, simply done
- Graphical, interactive & powerful analysis
- World leading fatigue analysis capabilities



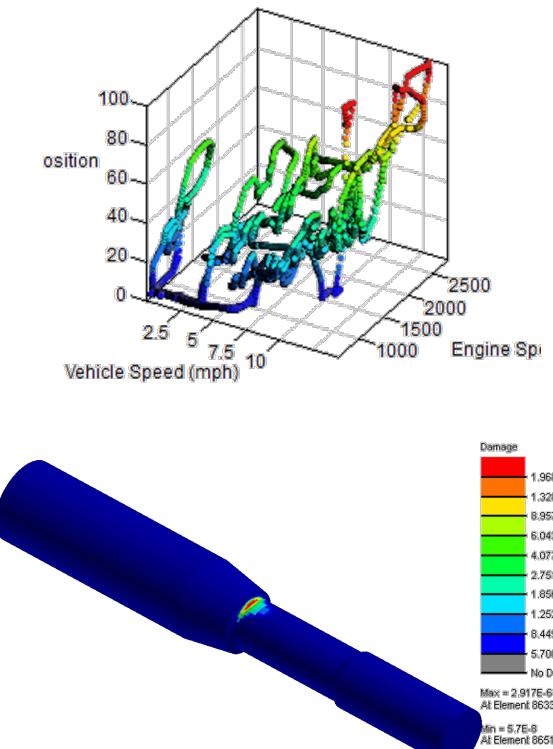
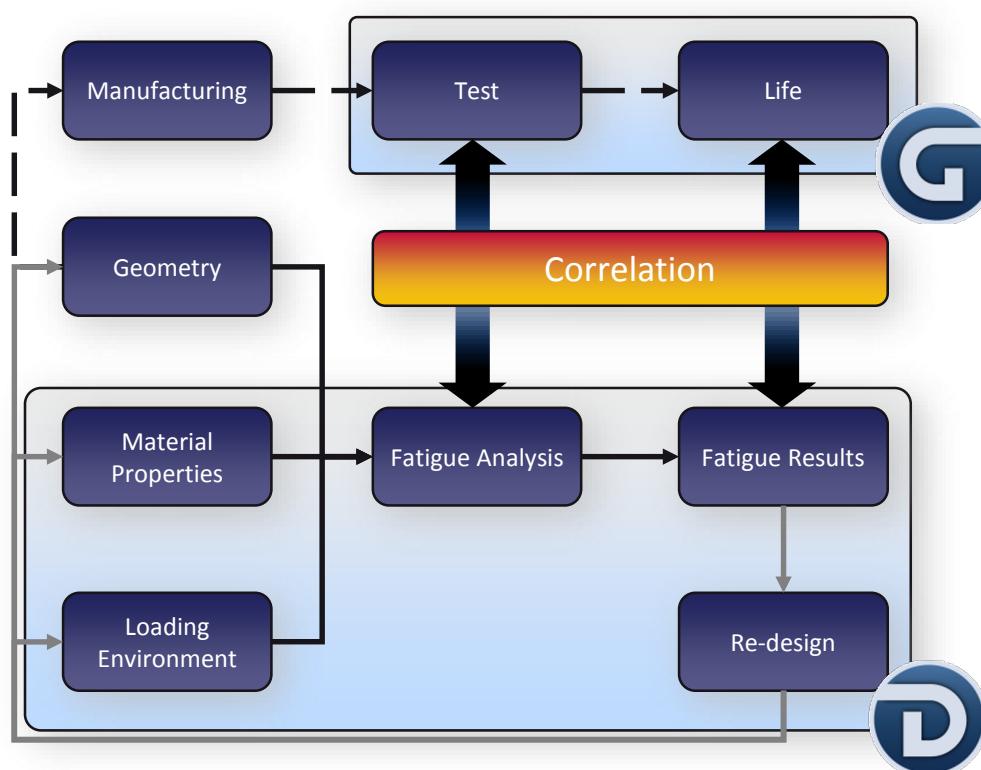
## nCode Automation A

### MAXIMIZING ROI ON TEST & DURABILITY

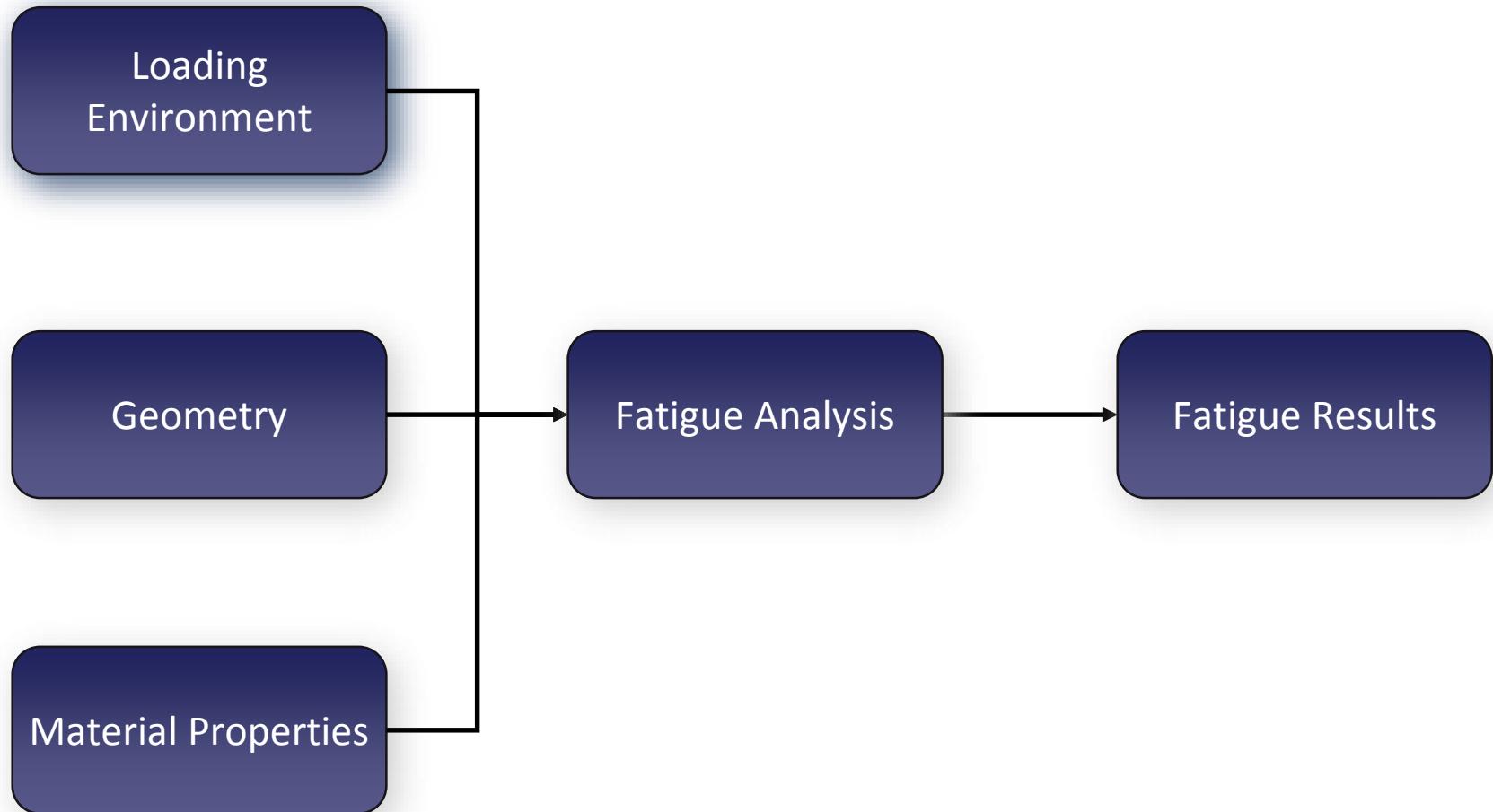
- Enables collaboration, data management, and standardized analyses
- Search, query and reporting through secure web access.
- Data to decisions

# Design for Durability: Present Time

- **GlyphWorks** provides data processing capabilities to understand customers and loading, and test results
- **DesignLife** provides the capability of predicting fatigue in a virtual environment
- Fatigue failures can be addressed before parts are manufactured



# Fatigue Analysis Roadmap



# Thank you!

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