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## Influence of Finite Element Software on Energy Release Rates Computed Using the Virtual Crack Closure Technique

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