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See Attached \_\_\_\_\_ Supplemental Information Sheet for Additional Requirements.

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- ☒ Final Invoice ~~and Closing Documents~~
- ☐ Final Fiscal Report
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Final Report  
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## STABLE CRACK GROWTH IN ELASTIC-PLASTIC MATERIALS

A two-dimensional finite element methodology is developed for studying stable crack growth and instability in ductile materials. The analysis is employed to compare and assess several crack growth parameters including the J-integral, crack opening angle (COA), crack-tip opening angle (CTOA), available energy rate ( $G^*$ ), and generalized energy release rate ( $G_T$ ).

An assumed displacement hybrid finite element model with the proper crack-tip singularity is employed in the numerical analysis. Crack growth is simulated by shifting the crack-tip core elements an arbitrary distance in the direction of crack growth. Although the geometry of the crack-tip elements is uniformly translated as the crack advances, stress and plastic strain variables are reinterpolated incrementally to account for history-dependent constitutive behavior. Thus, assuming an incremental theory of plasticity, the global stiffness of the cracked body is properly updated. Traction on the new crack surfaces are proportionally unloaded in several steps until they monotonically converge to zero. An iterative procedure is employed to assure that the (sequentially) reinterpolated stress field is equilibrated with respect to the far field state.

The computational procedure is employed to simulate stable crack growth experiments performed on A533B steel compact tension specimens. The crack growth parameters are examined and their utility is determined by investigating the dependence of the associated resistance curves on initial crack size and computational crack extension step size  $a$ .

A procedure for predicting the instability condition for various loading cases is demonstrated using the  $G^*$  crack growth parameter. Loading conditions examined include: (i) prescribed load, (ii) prescribed displacement, and (iii) a prescribed displacement condition in which a compliance is inserted in the load system.