



What is LIFING



- FEM interfaces
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What is LIFING

- LIFING is a software for performing Fatigue and Damage Tolerance (F-DT) FEM based analysis of components
- LIFING includes a FEM Pre and Post-processor; it has interfaces for
 - NASTRAN™
 - ABAQUS™
- LIFING analysis and post-processing capabilities are tailored for F-DT analyses. Included modules are:
 - **LIFING** Multiaxial Fatigue analysis stress or strain based (also weldings, both seam welds and spot welds, are analyzed)
 - LIFING.Growth Crack Growth analysis in thin components
 - LIFING.History Spectrum files handling, counting, visualizing

User Interface and Post-processing capabilities



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Each Element can be interrogated to extract stress tensor time histories (like putting virual strain gauges and extracting stress sequences in user defined directions)



Max value: 5.99300 @ Element 435753 Min value: 3.02255 @ Element 442501

User Interface and Post-processing capabilities

Calculation and visualization of fatigue critical locations and calculated initial crack 5.99300 5.56865 5.14430 4.71995 4.29560 3.87125 Analysis result files dumped for traceability SQLite database generated with model and results





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 - SN curves based analysis
 - Goodman, Gerber, Soderberg, Haigh, ...





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 - SN curves based analysis (ASTM format)
 - MIL-HDBK material database available



- Multiaxial Fatigue based on Equivalent Stress
 - Maximum Principal Stress
 - Sines Stress
- Dang Van method for fatigue Reserve Factor calculation (endurance)



- Stress Based Fatigue
 - Weldings are analyzed:
 - Seam welds: International Institute of Weldings IIW-1823-07 method implemented





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 - Spot welds: LBF Rupp method implemented



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Strain Based Fatigue

- Elastic-Plastic stress tensors calculated from the elastic ones with Neuber rule or Equivalent Strain Energy Density (Glinka)
- Material Memory and Sequence effects captured



- Fatigue Parameters
 - Smith-Watson-Topper, Morrow's, Manson-Halford

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Strain Based Fatigue

- Multiaxial Fatigue:
 - Dowling and Hoffmann-Seeger methods can be used in case of multiaxial proportional loadings
 - Uniaxial Reduction with Critical Plane Search in case of multiaxial non-proportional loadings
- Critical plane approach with:
 - Smith-Watson-Topper
 - Fatemi-Socie
 - Brown-Miller



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- Other features
 - Time History of loads can be provided as
 - Sequence of Load Cases (Fatigue Design style)
 - Linear Combinations of unit Loads (Full Scale Fatigue Test style)
 - Residual stresses can be accounded in the calculation (Lawrence method)
 - Sensitivity analysis can be performed (influence of scaled stresses)
 - Multiaxiality Assessment, element-by-element, can be performed

LIFING.GROWTH

- LIFING.Growth is designed to perform crack growth analysis in a thin (shell elements) 2D structure
- The FEM is imported, one or more cracks are introduced at specific locations, the cracks are propagated





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- An internal mesher is in charge or rebuilding the FEM with the crack discontinuities
- An internal solver is in charge of calculating stress and deformations at each crack propagation step
- The Stress Intensity Factors are calculated step-by-step with J-Integral or displacement correlation
- Crack growth life curve is calculated
 - NASGRO Forman eqution solver
 - Generalized Willemborg Crack

Closure model implemented

Crack Growth material database
included (and customizable)



LIFING.HISTORY

- This modules has the following functions
 - Modify sequence files (scaling, offsetting, modulating, ...)
 - Filter sequence files (non-turning points, dead-band, truncation delta, clipping)
 - Range-Pair cycle counting
 - Exceedence charts and histograms plotting

