



# ASSESSMENT OF COMBINED DEFECTS

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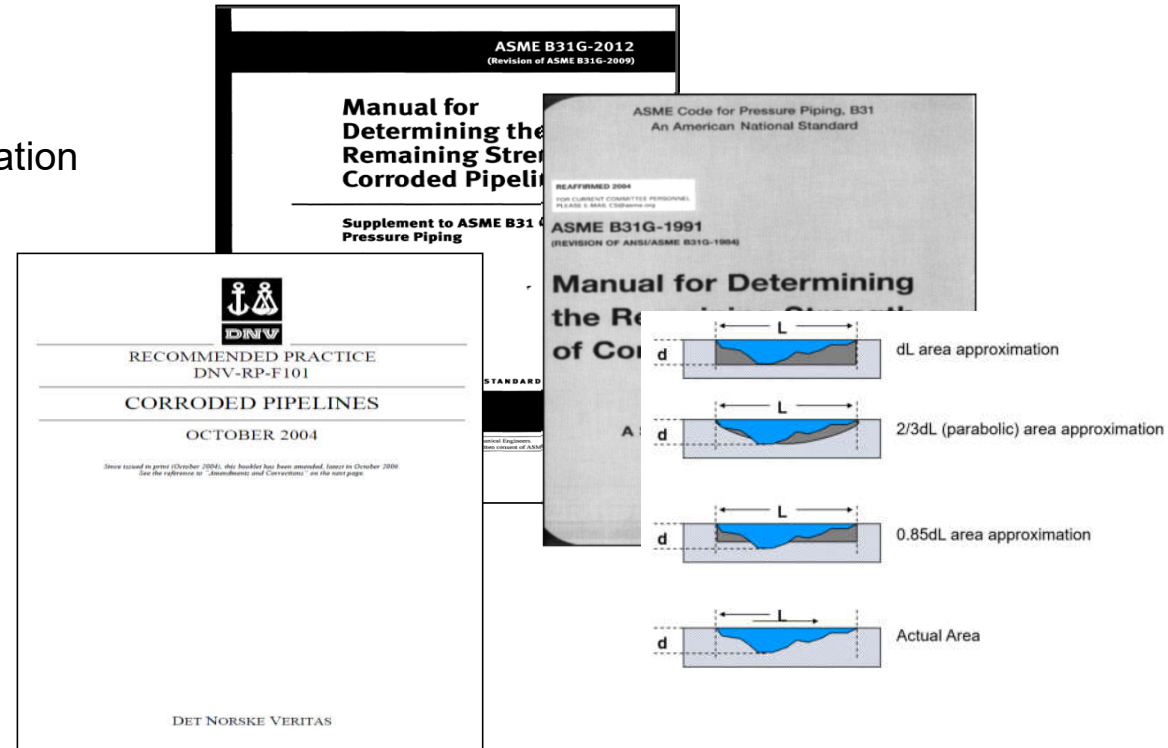
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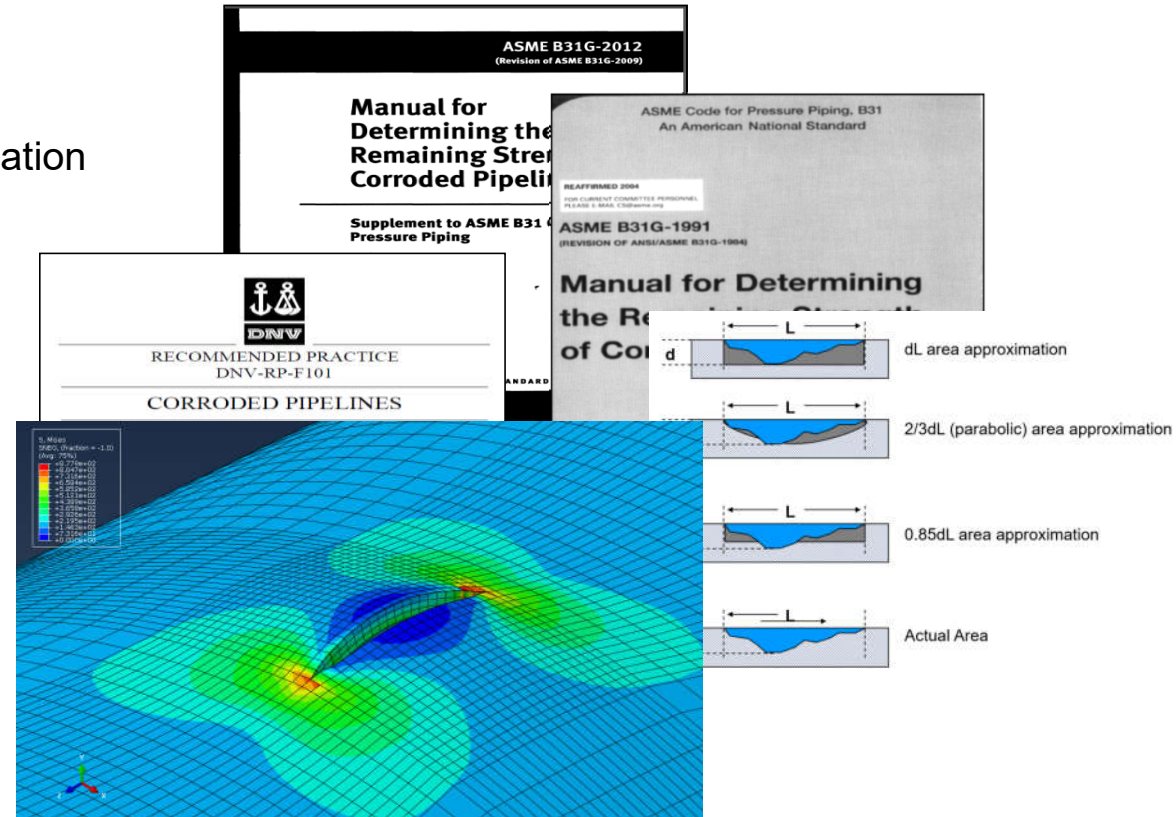
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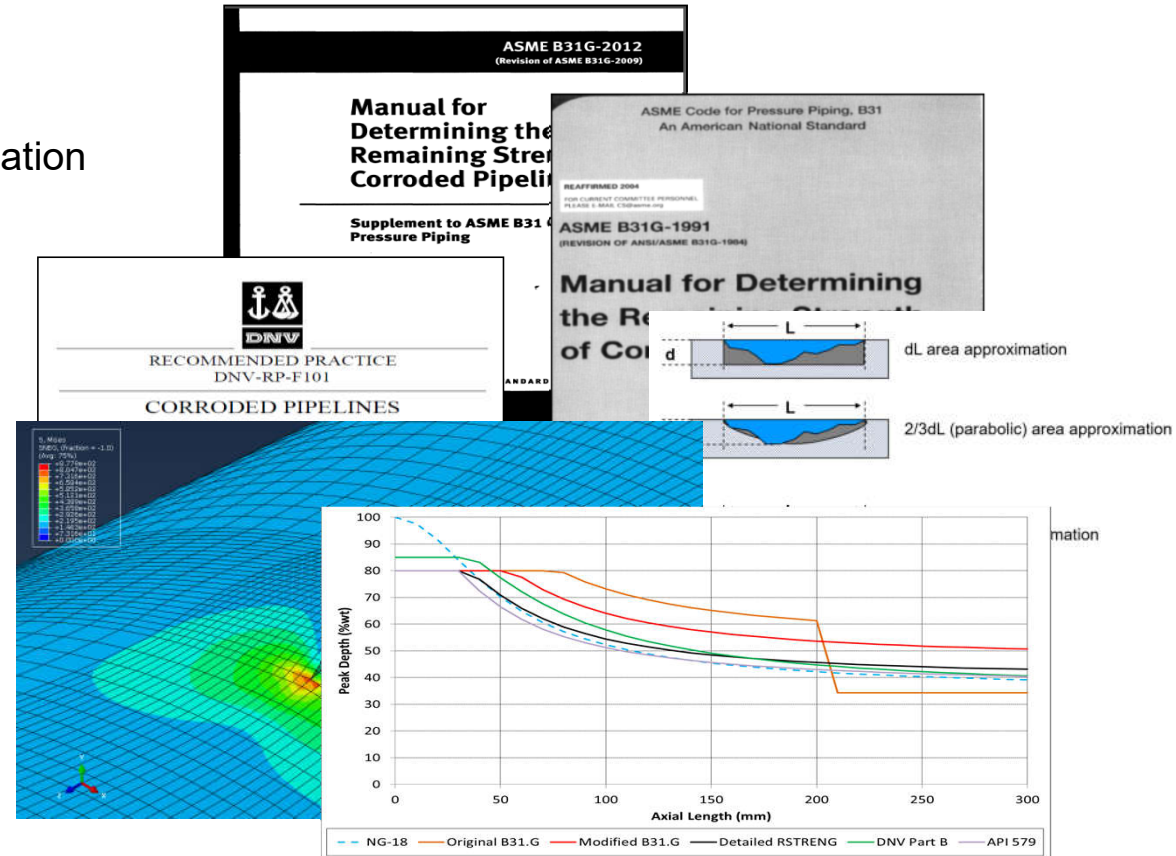
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- Can consider multiple loads (axial, bending etc.)





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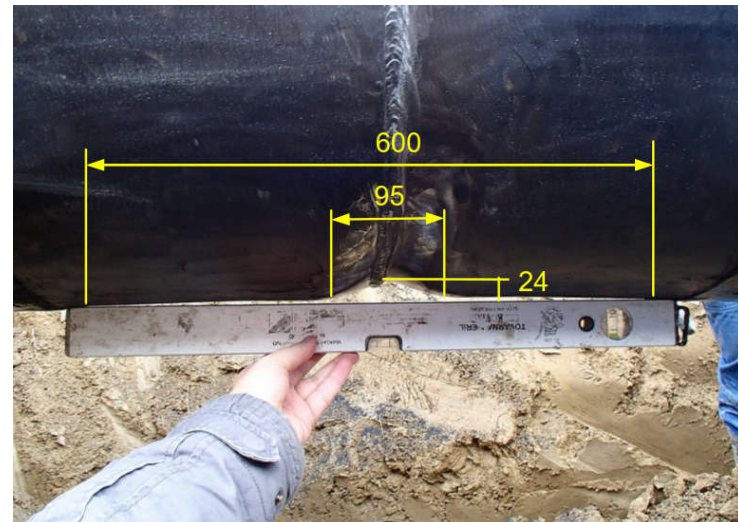
	Axial Stresses				
	Bending Strain - Construction	Bending Strain - Geo-hazards	Seismic Loading	Thermal Cycling	Freespans
Corrosion	<b>Increased Complexity</b>				
Milling					
Cracks					
Dents					
Laminations					

Must also consider possibility of additional axial loading

# COMBINED DEFECTS

## Dent Defect Combinations

- Limited Codified Guidance
  - Dent with Metal Loss
  - Dent on Weld
  
- Level 2 Guidance (e.g. API 579) conservative
  
- Options before detailed FEA?:
  - More detailed inputs (material certificates etc.)
  - Model geometry in (simple) FEA to obtain Stress Concentration Factor (SCF), and use in fracture/fatigue assessments
  
- Pending API Guidance API RP 1183
  
- **Not prescriptive**



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# ASSESSMENT OF COMBINED DEFECTS

## Key Considerations

Prescriptive guidance often not available – case by case

We have to understand the origin of the features, to develop the appropriate assessment

- Are the features interacting in terms of failure mechanism?
- Were the cracks caused by the dent? Or pre-existing (manufacture)

*Note: Cracks initiated by indentation at locations which challenge the best ILI technologies*

- Is there a mechanism for crack growth?
- Purpose of the assessment – deterministic or to prove a threat to be low?
- What is the location of the feature (internal or external crack)?
- Are there any other external loads present?

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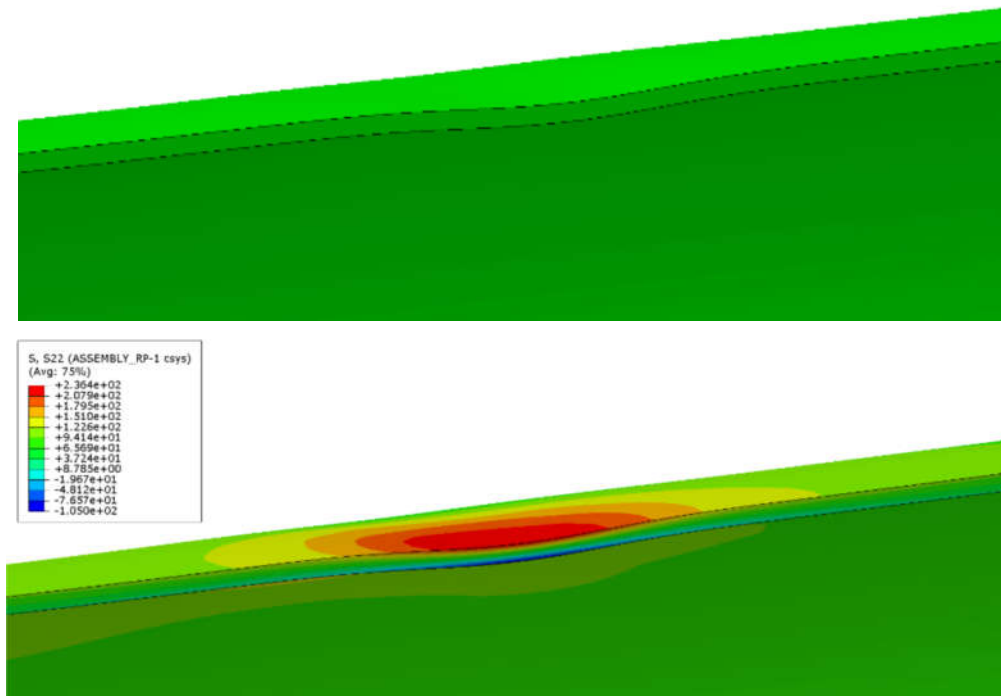
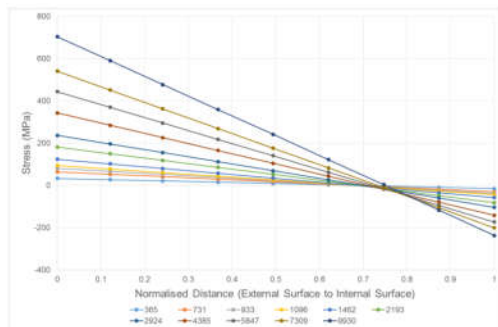
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- Dent on 10 inch oil pipeline
- Verified in-field, small axial crack indications (<1 mm) reported on internal surface
- Time limitations on repair work – 18 months (internal approval required for Type B sleeve)
- Two fatigue assessments performed
  - Fracture mechanics – internal crack fatigue growth
  - S-N curve – crack initiation and growth on external surface

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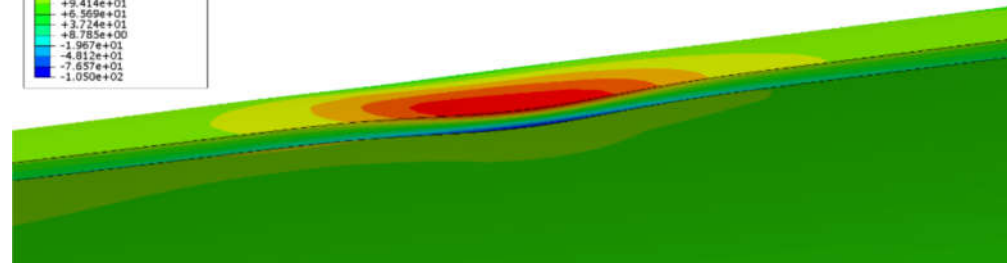
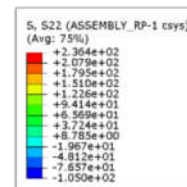
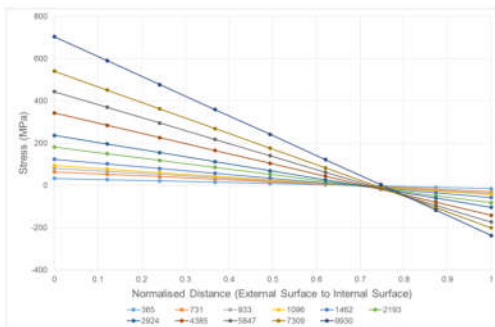
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Fatigue life (external crack) >50 years



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## Case Study 2

### Dent Gouge FEA

- 24” Oil pipeline operating at 100 bar
- In-field investigation identified dent gouge combination

Unable to weld onto live pipeline – next shut-down opportunity  
> 6 month

**Can the pipeline be operated until shut-down opportunity?**



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### Dent Gouge FEA

- No Caliper ILI
- Depth based measurements to model dent and gouge
- Account for grinding of gouge (up to 0.7 mm) to remove linear indications

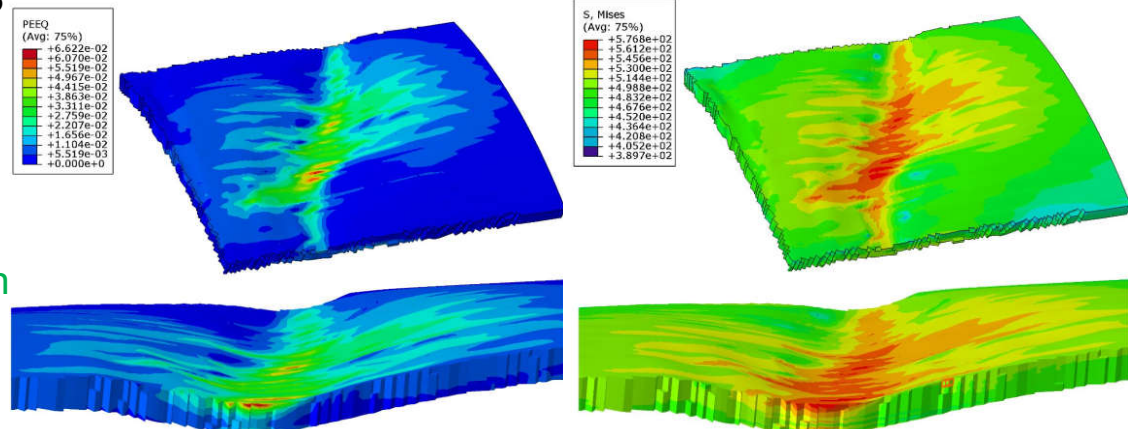
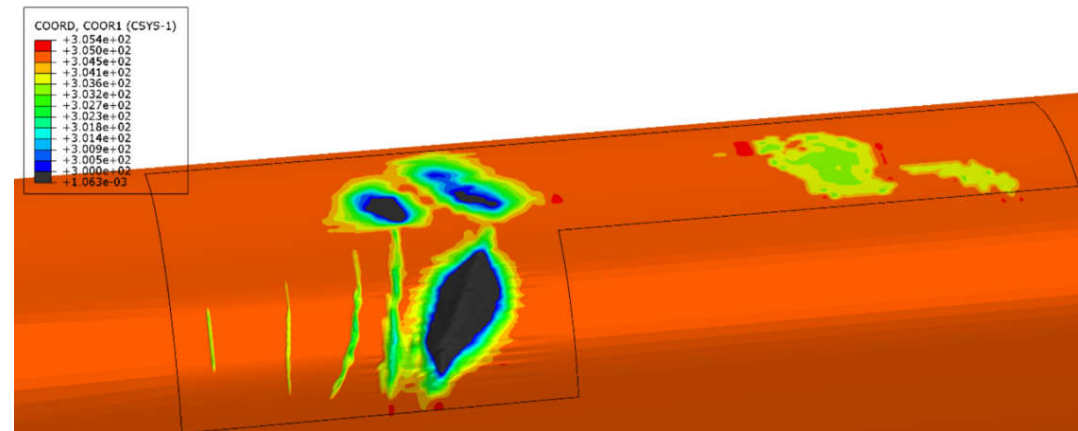


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#### Dent Gouge FEA

- Dent and gouge modelled in FEA
- Static strength acceptable when considering load  
Safety factor recommended by API 579 of 1.53
- Fatigue life in excess of 50yrs from 2008 construction
- Defect re-coated and backfilled until shut-down was feasible



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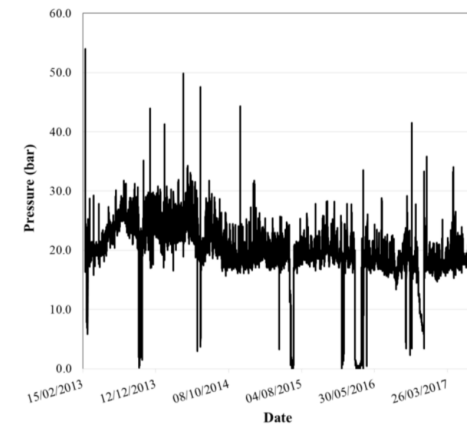
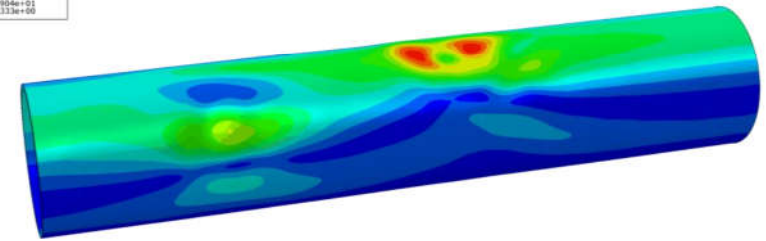
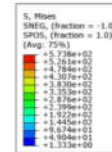
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## Case Study 3

Remaining Life Assessment of 10.2% OD Dent on Subsea Pipeline

- Unacceptable to conventional fatigue assessment
- Pipeline scheduled for decommissioning in 3 years....
- Pressure history indicated a large spike to 54 bar following detection of the dent
- Required bespoke pseudo-hydrotest type assessment

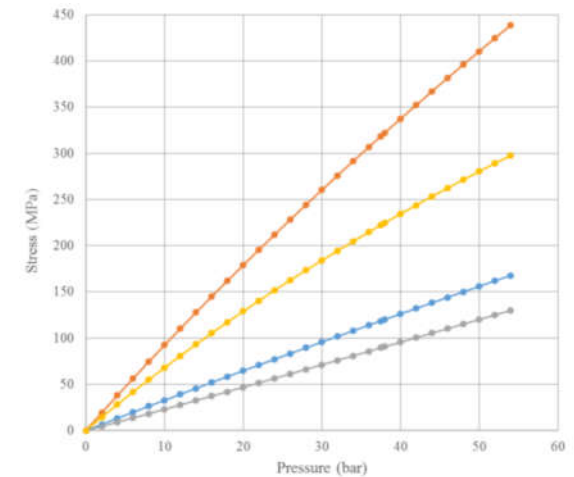
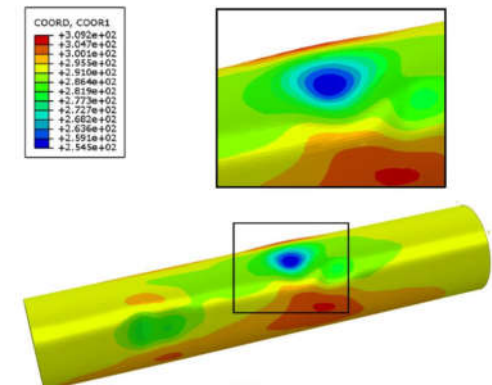


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- Dent modelled in FEA to review relationship between internal pressure and the axial and circumferential stresses
- Fracture assessments to determine maximum allowable crack sizes that could have survive 54 bar spike:
  - Semi-elliptical
  - Coincident with highest stress locations
  - Axial and circumferential cracks
  - Aspect ratios




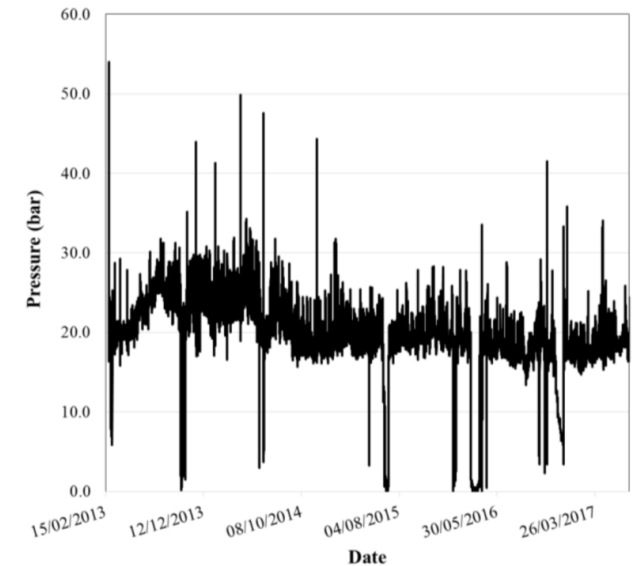


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- Pressure data converted to stress cycles to grow the allowable cracks that could have survived pressure spike
  - 54 bar pressure spike  decommissioning date
- Fracture assessments performed at fully grown dimensions – lowest failure pressure defines new Maximum Operating Pressure



Low risk of fracture due to fatigue growth if operating pressure <48 bar

New Maximum Operating Pressure acceptable to operator



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