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Optimization of fatigue life in laminated composite plates

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Abstract: With the development of fiber technology on which the composite materials depend mainly was necessary to improve the rigidity, durability, and heat transfer in the areas of heating and cooling technologies. The effect of the fatigue phenomenon on composite materials using carbon fibers is studied. In this research paper, work was performed to study the improvement in the bearing capacity of the stress test sample with the addition of carbon fibers at different angles. The stresses affecting the test specimen are cylindrical with a length of 10 cm. The results proved that the best arrangement of the carbon fibers in the form of triple layers starting from the center of the cylinder circle to the outside was the share of the arrangement layer 45, 0, 0, where the lowest value was the number of fatigue life cycles, 2349 cycles in the bending test, as the amount of stress that this case reached was $6.1{\times}10^8$ Pa compared to the rest of the studied cases.

Keywords: Fatigue, composite material, ACP, life prediction, FEM, mechanical properties, carbon fibers

1 Introduction

Through continuous strength and solidness corruption calculations combined with a mean pressure adjustment and a multiaxial weakness disappointment model check, a mathematical exhaustion assessment technique for gauging the life cycle of composite plates is provided in this study. The contemporaneous testing of the mean pressure subordinate strength and solidity throughout progressive cycles using experimental communication type debasement rules [1] is one of the most significant features of this approach. A lingering strength model updated with the use of stepwise tiredness testing is used in another method of predicting the weakness life for scored composite plates. TVR 380M12/26 percent /R-glass/epoxy composite plates with round and circular patterns were subjected to different stacking circumstances during the trial testing. The impact of testing frequency, stress percentage, maximum weakness load, and cut-out calculation on the pace of damage development and tiredness life has been investigated [2]. The effect of the stacking rate and fiber orientation on the weakening conductivity of unidirectional glass-fiber supported plastic/aluminum (CFRP/Al) half and half covered (GLARE-2) plates is investigated in this paper. According to the results, the samples have the best fatigue life in the fiber direction bearing at the R = 0.3 stacking rate. As the stacking rate decreases, the fatigue life decreases as well. All of the exhaustion data presented in this research were obtained with the pressure strain and pressure ratios of 0.3, 0.1, and 0.1 [3]. The weakening behavior of the composites made up of shattered aluminum plates is cautiously and quantitatively investigated in this study using a three-layered restricted component investigation. In comparison to non-fixed samples, the weakness life was shown to be increased by around 2000% and 4800% for two-side fix tests in the pressure proportions R140 and 0.5 Pa, respectively. There was a good correlation between the restricted component findings and the trial data [4]. This research aims to provide a deeper comprehension of the components in short-fiber composites with large fiber volume sections made use of composite plates made by pressing and combining short carbon fiber reinforcements (0.5 mm in length with 5–20% volume fiber division) into an epoxy resin [5]. The Weariness Break Development Examination utilizing the Broadened Limited Component Technique (XFEM) is an effective method for foreseeing. In any case, when the design boundaries shift stochastically, making exact predictions will be exceptionally hard. This work proposed an information-driven learning calculation to further develop the expectation limit of the fatigue life [6]. An exploratory review examined the viability of carbon fiber built-up polymer (CFRP) overlays in the expanding exhaustion life of old broken metallic constructions. Breaks were demonstrated on genuinely bolted components, with one single break radiating from a bolt opening. CFRP plates with a high modulus were

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viewed as more productive at reducing the break development rate and broadening the wear life [7]. Carbon fiber reinforced polymer (CFRP) composites are quickly gaining popularity in a variety of high-performance underlying applications. The undesirable fatigue of these materials induced by the emergence and growth of limited scope fractures in the epoxy network is a crucial restriction. We demonstrate here that incorporating nano-silica into CFRP resulted in a nano-altered CFRP with a 6×10^7 overlay that has a longer fatigue life in the high cycle fatigue regime [8]. In comparison to traditional welding or blasting procedures for extending the wear life of fractured steel structures, prestressed CFRP patches are regarded as appealing solutions. Prestressing frequently requires water-powered actuators as well as sophisticated arrangements and setups, limiting the applicability of this method. This study looks at how shape memory amalgams (SMAs) may be used in conjunction with CFRP composites to create self-prestressing CFRP/SMA half-breed patches [9]. Because of the large number of possible structures, determining the fatigue strength of structures composed of composite materials may be difficult. Structural Health Monitoring (SHM) frameworks are created and employed in the construction of exceptionally long-lasting structures as well as the monitoring of their status. Both the Lamb wave propagation technique and infrared thermography were used in this research to detect depletion damage progression in various composite plates with a circular aperture in the center [10]. Static strength, weakness, and toughness of composite materials and designs exhibit a larger dissipation variable of outcomes than isotropic materials and the fluffy set technique is offered to explain that To show the susceptibility and haphazardness of the limits, two separate pictures of the fatigue life are presented, illustrating the fatigue eventually injured by the fatigue of strength [11]. Under monotonic and exhaustion stacking, a total of 20 single-shear reinforced joints were tested. The energy dispersion that occurred at the connecting points under each cycle was seen in the hysteresis in the heap slip bend. As the heap percentage rose, the fatigue life reduced dramatically. When the heap range was equivalent, the tiredness life increased in tandem with an increase in the cement thickness [12]. To determine the residual strength of a plain weave C/Sic composite plate subjected to acoustic stacking, an acoustic fatigue model is presented. Another model considers the possibility of the stress top thickness capacity when assessing the influence of random loading on the corruption of the residual strength. The models predicted by the proposed model are quite similar to the test findings [13]. Exhaustion tests were performed on broken 2024-T3 aluminum combination samples fixed utilizing carbon/epoxy fixes that have fake disbands. The pressure force factor increases with an expansion in the disband width. The trial results show that the glue disband and warm lingering strains significantly reduce the exhaustion life [14]. Many studies have been conducted on carbon fiber reinforced polymer (CFRP) fortification of broken steel subtleties (for example, breaks in bolted or welded span associations). Most of these investigations utilized CFRP sheets without prestressing. This composite fix offers both the advantages of prestressing and the high elastic modulus of CFRP. The proposed fix is moderately small (45-300 mm) and can be prestressed, which makes it a decent solution for the strengthening of broken span associations [15]. Based on the meso-structure of two-dimensional braided C/SiC composites, a fiber bundle unit cell model and a braided unit cell model were developed in order to predict the fatigue life of plain-braided C/SiC composites [16]. A progressive fatigue model of the two-dimensional braided C/SiC composite was first constructed after various failure mechanisms were taken into account. The damage process of the unit cell model under off-axis tension was examined in light of the findings from on-axis uniaxial tensile tests. Weakness life is a fundamental mechanical attribute, especially in contemporary applications where light weight and consistent quality are desired. The impact of fast penetrating boundaries on delamination around the aperture and, hence, on the static strength and fatigue life of GFRP composite overlays is investigated in this work. Under varied feed rates and cutting velocity boundary condition, the degree of delamination following high-speed piercing was determined in both unidirectional and weaved instances. After that, semi-static three-point bending tests were conducted to investigate the influence of delamination on the strength and to aid in the selection of appropriate tiredness load sizes [17]. Air/hypersonic vehicles can encounter warm clasping due to air temperature primary coupling. These clasped structures are defenseless against dynamic snap-through, which might actually speed up harmful movement. This paper is essential for a drawn-out project exploring underlying elements and motion for composite constructions under these outrageous conditions. The possible effect of this peculiarity on weakness is likewise talked about [18]. Indent and size effects have a significant influence on the tiredness experienced when developing structures. The effect of indent size on fatigue life and basic distance values was investigated in this review. In light of the Weibull model and the critical distance theory, an innovative approach for evaluating the tiredness life conveyance of indented instances was provided. All predicted existences of Al 2024-T351 CHP instances are inside the trial one existence dissipate groups, according to the findings [19]. Overlays made of CFRP may extend the life of steel structures significantly. Only a few studies have looked at the effects of break-activated debonding in the CFRP-steel interface. When considering debonding, the CFRP strain angle estimates were quite close to the trial data, but they underestimated the particular weakness life by more than half [20]. The most noteworthy prestressing level prompts an over eightfold increase in the exhaustion life of the samples. The exploratory review incorporated a few huge, edge-indented steel that were fortified by unbonded CFRP plates. The outcomes showed that the proposed jetty is possible and solid to prestress [21]. CFRP composites in an abundant conditions model were additionally proposed to foresee the exhaustion life of CFRP composites as far as possible. The proposed models show good concurrence with the test results and with the current models in writing [22]. Streamlining acoustic emanation (AE) is useful for understanding the exhaustion break development in metal structures. The AE source area method was effectively carried out for the screen break development. Recurrence content connects with the method of break development. Non-destructive techniques such as Direct Current Potential Drop (DCPD) and Digital Image Correlation (DIC) were also used for examination [23]. Flaws have evolved because of the fast evolution of the scaffold design. One of the most fundamental concerns for the span deck has emerged. On the damage growth and disappointment technique of the steel-plate-substantial composite chunk, the consequences of stud design, steel plate course of action with apertures, shear proportion, and the abundance of weakness load were researched and analyzed. The fatigue life of the composite component was found to be impacted by the stress adequacy of the foundation steel plate [24]. The extent of the internal and surface damage, as well as the size of the fundamental delamination, are described. Multifaceted plates with a roundabout aperture and a roundabout delamination were subjected to static and exhaustion ductile testing. The suggested approach for detecting and investigating injury is important to the overall well-being of composite designs [25].

2 Originality

In terms of studying previous research on the subject of carbon fibers or composite materials and arranging them at an angle or in terms of studying the phenomenon of fatigue that takes place in stress tests find the previous studies were limited to studying either composite materials or the phenomenon of fatigue. In addition, there are no previous studies that studied both cases together, as it is difficult to study the two cases together numerically. However, in this research paper, the two cases were studied together, i.e., the study of the phenomenon of fatigue on composite materials with simulation programs and correct hypotheses.

3 Methodology

Carbon fiber angles were designed using an engineering program. The model was designed using the SolidWorks program. The model dimensions were a length of 100 mm and a circular cross-section with a diameter of 10 mm. There were three layers of carbon fibers, with each layer having a thickness of 1 mm, as can be seen in Figure 1.

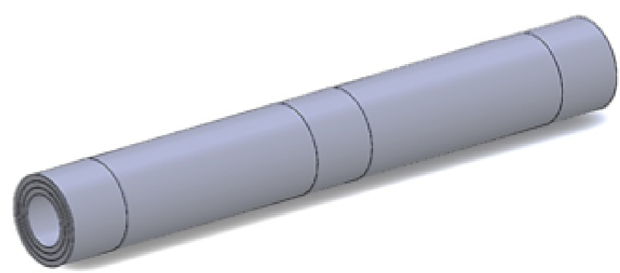
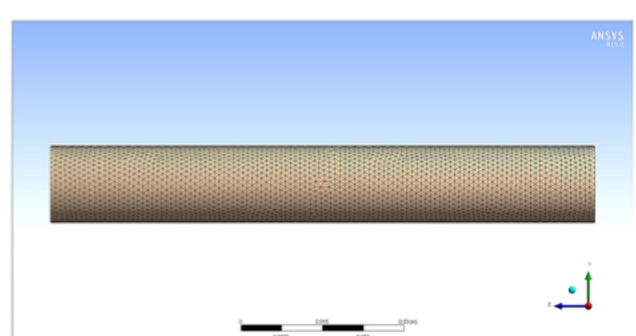


Figure 1: Geometry dimensions

After the process of designing the model and starting the simulation using the SolidWorks program, which is an engineering program that simulates stress and fatigue, a suitable mesh must be made for obtaining accurate results that can be compared with practical applications. Where the reliability of the mesh and the increase of the mesh to reach to stable result. The trihedral grid was used with a number of elements that reached 35767. The value of the bone deformation in this case was stable, and its value was 0.0002518 m. The element type was a tetrahedron.



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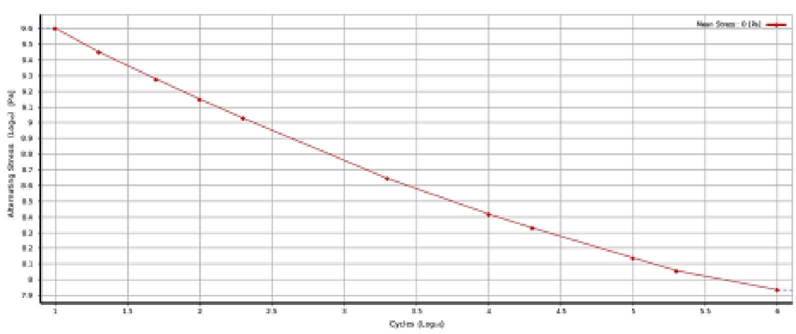

Figure 3: S-N curve

	A	B	C
1	Property	Value	Unit
2	Density	1.451E-09	mm^-3 t
3	Orthotropic Secant Coefficient of Thermal Expansion		
4	Coefficient of Thermal Expansion		
5	Coefficient of Thermal Expansion X direction	2.2E-06	C^-1
6	Coefficient of Thermal Expansion Y direction	2.2E-06	C^-1
7	Coefficient of Thermal Expansion Z direction	1E-05	C^-1
8	Orthotropic Elasticity		
9	Young's Modulus X direction	59160	MPa
10	Young's Modulus Y direction	59160	MPa
11	Young's Modulus Z direction	7500	MPa
12	Poisson's Ratio XY	0.04	
13	Poisson's Ratio YZ	0.3	
14	Poisson's Ratio XZ	0.3	
15	Shear Modulus XY	17500	MPa
16	Shear Modulus YZ	2700	MPa
17	Shear Modulus XZ	2700	MPa

Figure 4: Mechanical properties of carbon fiber

The process of simulating the phenomenon of fatigue requires the material to have certain properties. These properties are the s-n curve, which knowing the specific life of the material and the effect of stresses until reaching the state of failure, as in Figure 3. As for composite materials, they need Young's module values in three axes to know the angle that the load applied, as in Figure 4. The process of integrating the phenomenon of fatigue and knowing its effect on composite materials does not work in the ANSYS program, as hypotheses were made for this case to simulate and apply the phenomenon of fatigue to composite materials. Where these hypotheses were to transform fibers with their properties in three axes into three materials for each material that has the mechanical properties in a specific direction and apply them according to the angle to be placed in the test cylinder.

After the process of adding the mechanical properties of the carbon fibers, the layers were arranged into three angles of 0, 45, and 90°, and these angles were divided over a group of cases that were studied as in the following figures:

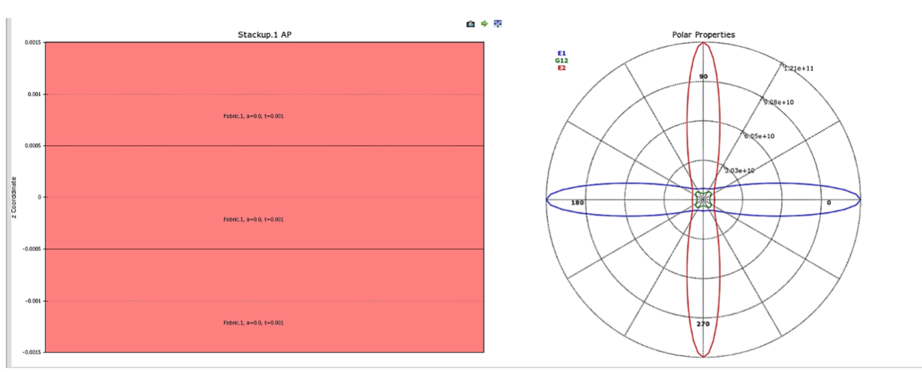

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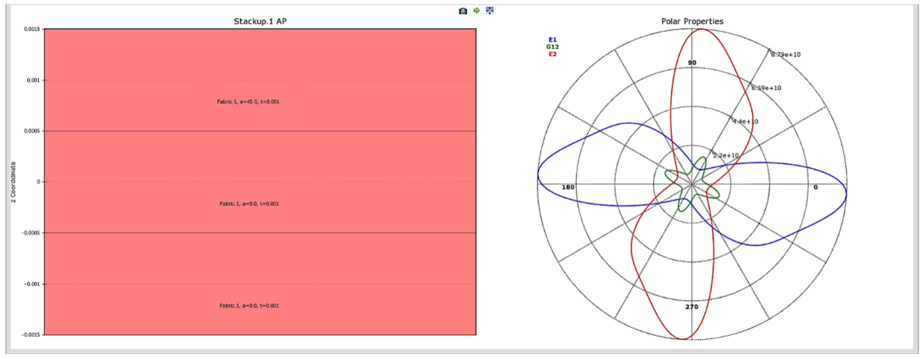
Figure 5: Polar properties. (a) 0 0 0, (b) 0 0 45, (c) 0 0 90, (d) 0 45 0, (e) 0 45 90, (f) 0 90 0, (g) 45 0 0, (h) 45 45 45, (i) 90 0 0, (j) 90 45 0, (k) 90 90 90



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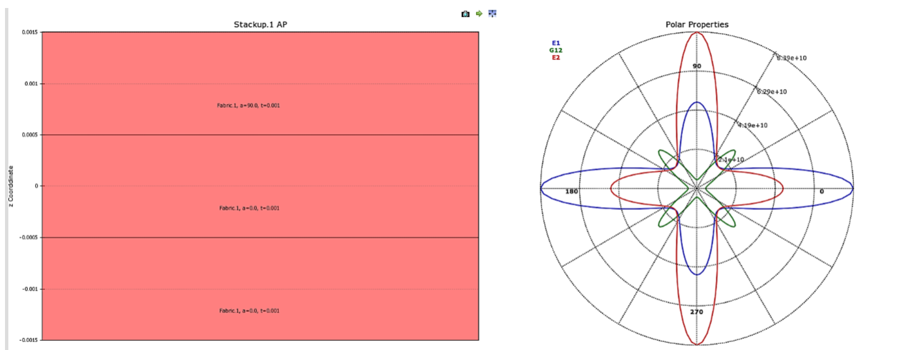

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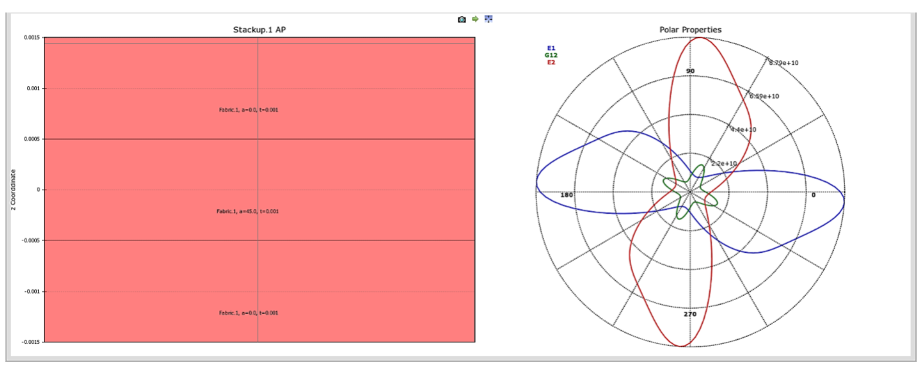

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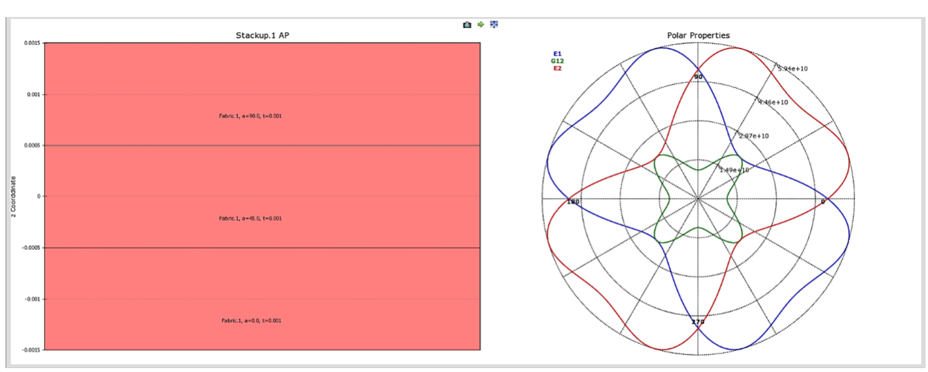

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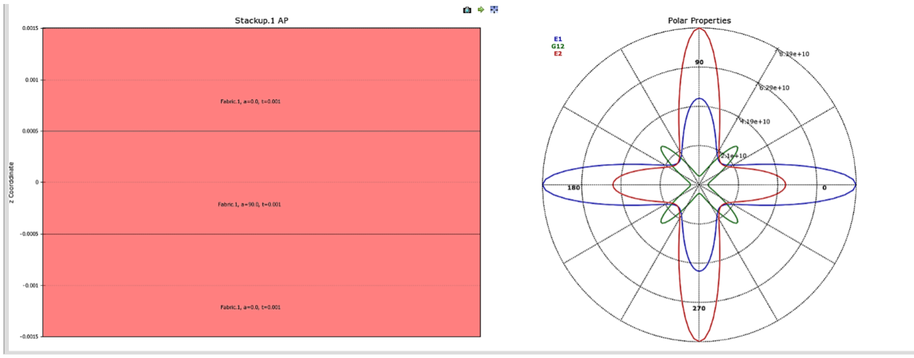

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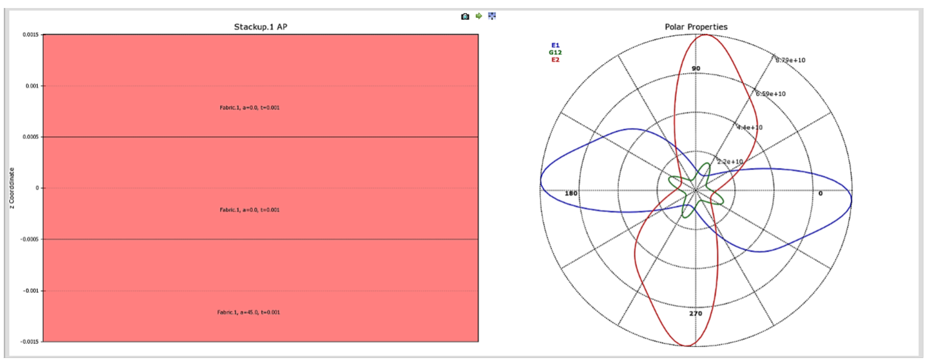

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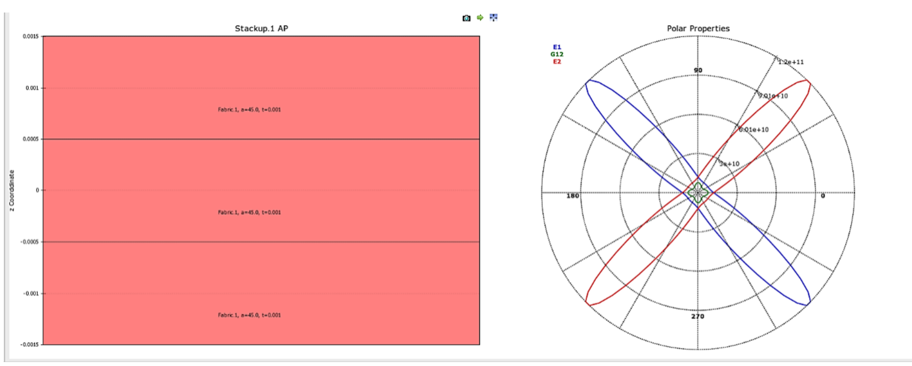

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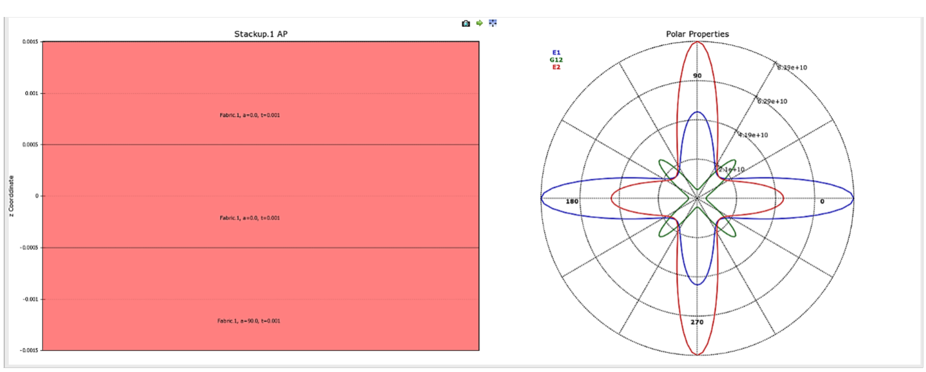

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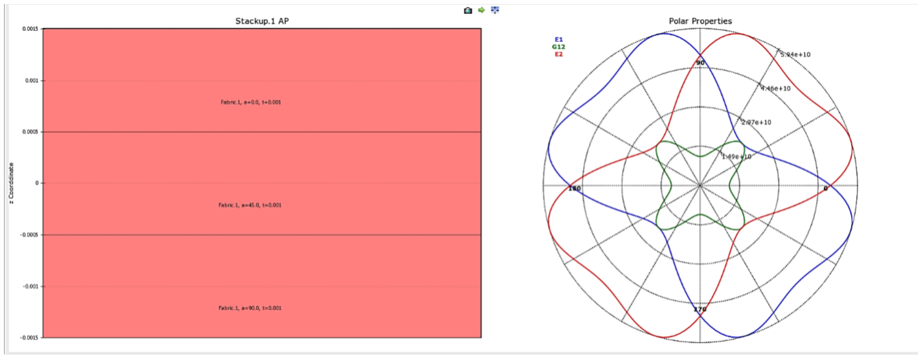

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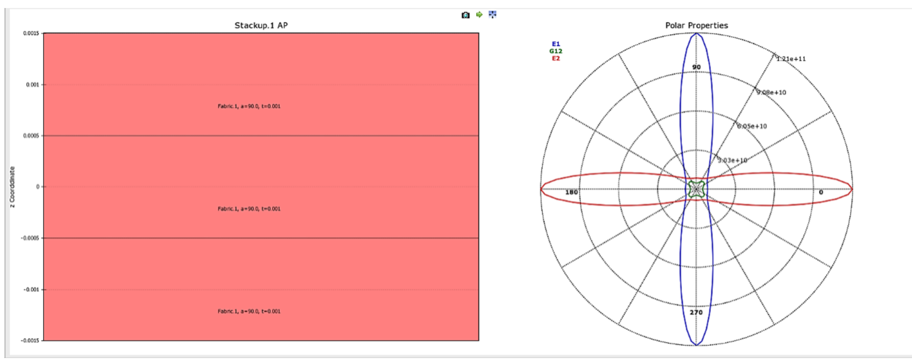

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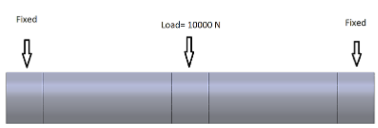


Figure 6: Boundary condition

Through the previous forms of polar properties, the difference in the value of the stress coefficient is observed according to the angle studied. A force of 10,000 N will be applied to the middle of the model with a thickness of 10 mm, and the sides of the model with a thickness of 10 mm will be fixed to both ends to study the effect of the phenomenon of fatigue, as in Figure 6.

4 Governing equations

The overall equilibrium equations for linear structural static analysis are:

$$[K]\{u\} = \{F\} \tag{1}$$

or

$$[K]\{u\} = \left\{F^a\right\} + \left\{F^r\right\} \tag{2}$$

where:
$[K] - \sum_{m=1}^{N} [K_e]$ = total stiffness matrix
$\{u\}$ – nodal displacement vector
N – number of elements
$[K_e]$ – element stiffness matrix (described in Element Library) (may include the element stress stiffness matrix (described in Stress Stiffening))
$\{F^r\}$ – reaction load vector

$\{F^a\}$, the total applied load vector, is defined by:

$$\left\{F^a\right\} = \left\{F^{nd}\right\} + \left\{F^{ac}\right\} + \sum_{m=1}^{N}\left(\left\{F_e^{th}\right\} + \left\{F_e^{pr}\right\}\right) \tag{3}$$

where:
$\{F^{nd}\}$ – applied nodal load vector
$\{F^{ac}\} = -[M]\{a_c\}$ = acceleration load vector
$[M] = \sum_{m=1}^{N} [M_e]$ – total mass matrix
$[M_e]$ – element mass matrix (described in Derivation of Structural Matrices)
$\{a_c\}$ – total acceleration vector (defined in Acceleration Effect)
$\{F_e^{th}\}$ – element thermal load vector (described in Derivation of Structural Matrices)

$\{F_e^{pr}\}$ – element pressure load vector (described in Derivation of Structural Matrices)

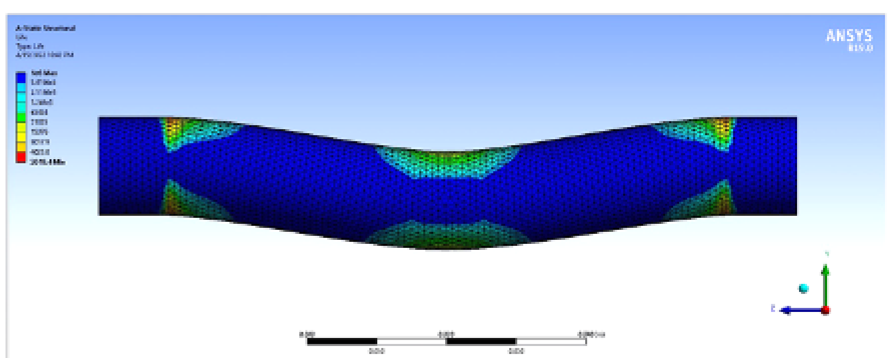
Consider a one-element column model that is solely loaded by its own weight to demonstrate the load vectors. Reaction Load Vectors and Applied Load Vectors Although the lower applied gravity load is applied directly to the imposed displacement and so does not create strain, it contributes just as much to the reaction load vector as the higher applied gravity load. In addition, any applied loads on a particular DOF are disregarded if the stiffness for that DOF is 0.

5 Results and discussion

The process of simulating composite materials with the presence of the fatigue phenomenon requires certain mechanical properties that are able to solve the equations for the fatigue phenomenon and composite materials. The figures show that the best case for arranging the angles of the layers of composite materials is at 45, 0, 0, where the weakest area in the model was able to withstand 2349 cycles without reaching the failure state, which is the best condition reached by arranging the angles of the composite materials compared to the rest, Figure 7.

In studying the phenomenon of fatigue, it is necessary to study the values of deformations that result from the composite materials and see their value, which also determines the effect of the force applied to the test sample in the case of constant load with time. It was found that the best case or least distortion was obtained when arranging the angles in the form of arrangement layer 0, 0, 0, where the distortion value was 0.2078 mm or at least the case of arrangement layer 45, 0, 0, which is considered the best case in terms of bearing the phenomenon of fatigue. The value of the deformation was 0.263 mm (Figure 8).

After studying the phenomenon of fatigue, it is necessary to know the values of the stresses that were affected by the sample because it is necessary to know the amount of stress accumulated on the sample to reach the state of failure. The stresses were reached, where the value of the stresses in this case was 8.68×10^8 Pa as compared to the case in which the lowest value for the stress was 45, 0, 0. Where the value of the stresses was 6.108×10^8 Pa, which is the lowest value reached compared to the arrangement of composite materials in Figure 9.



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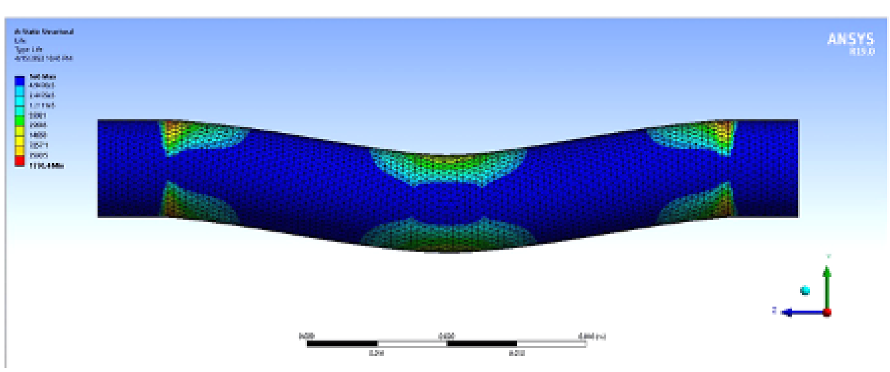

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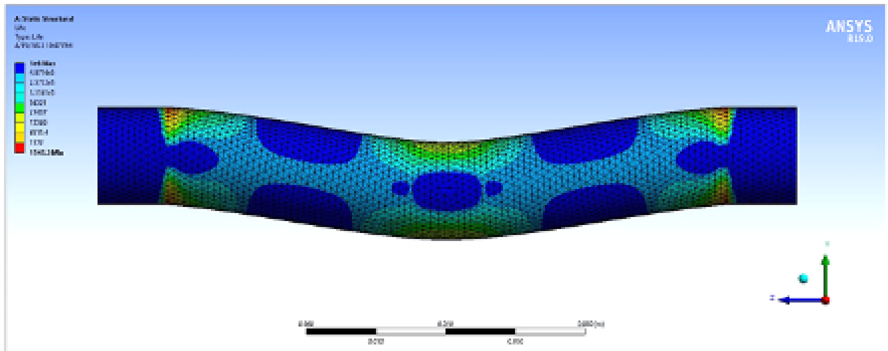

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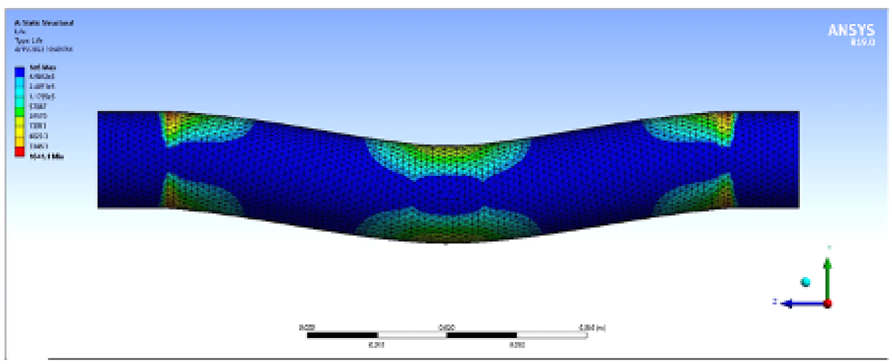

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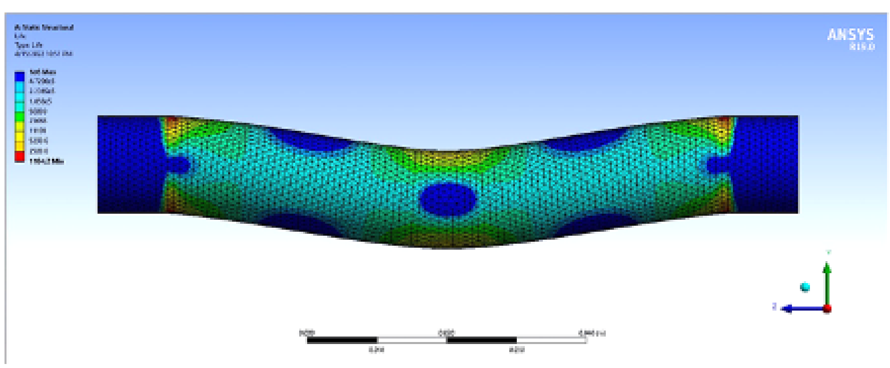

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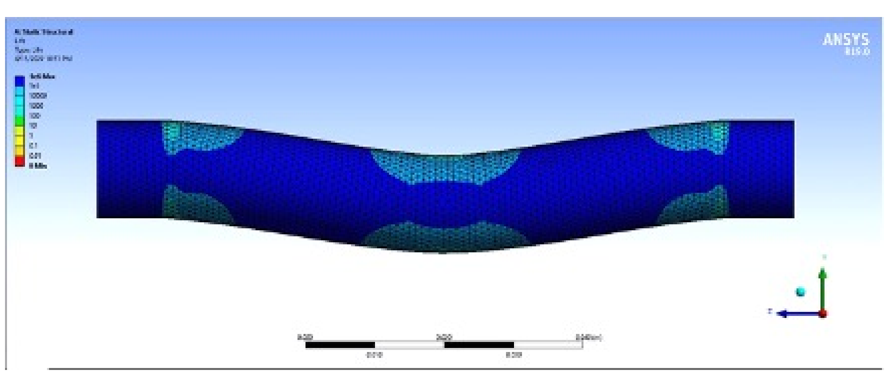

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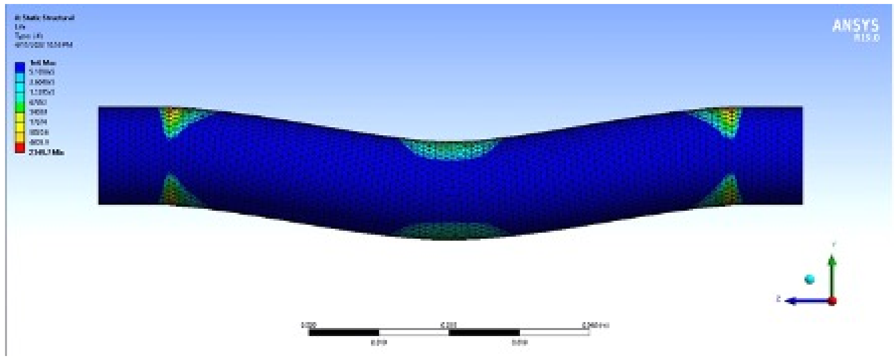

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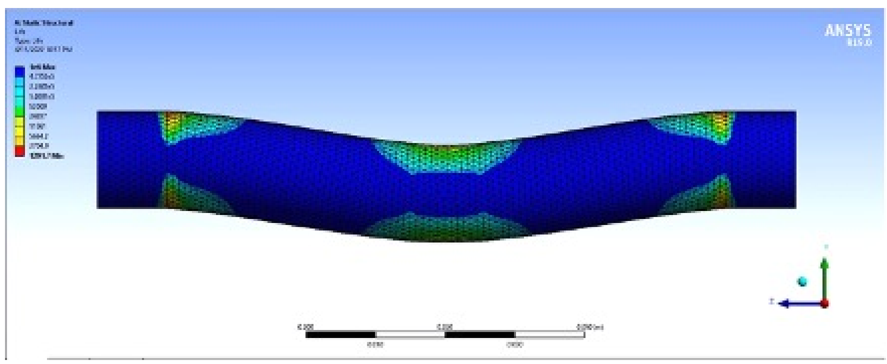

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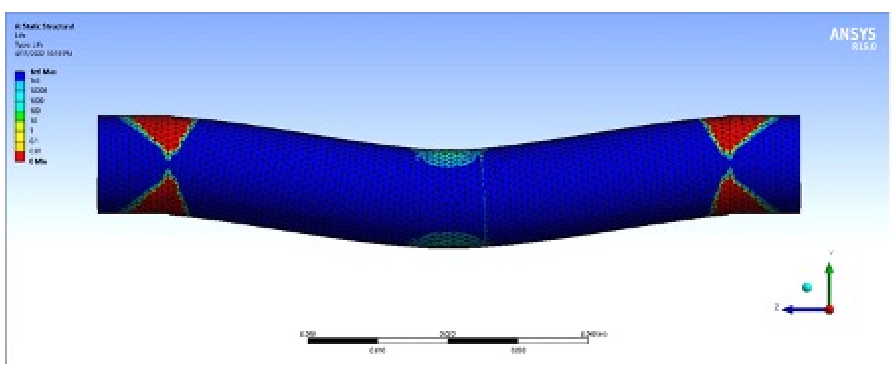

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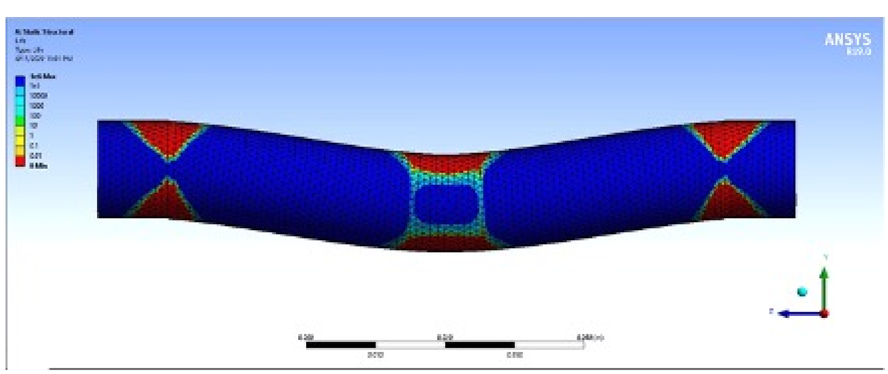

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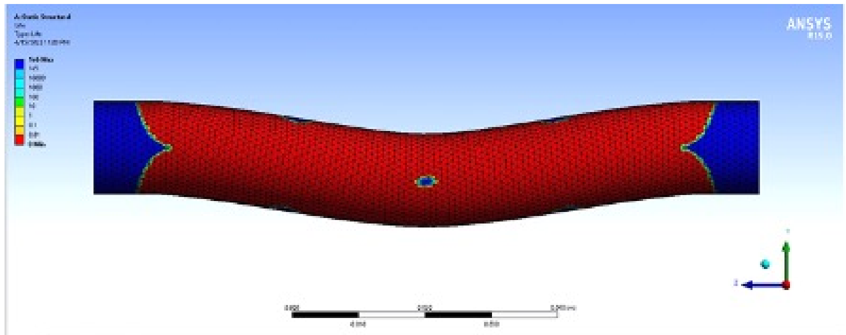

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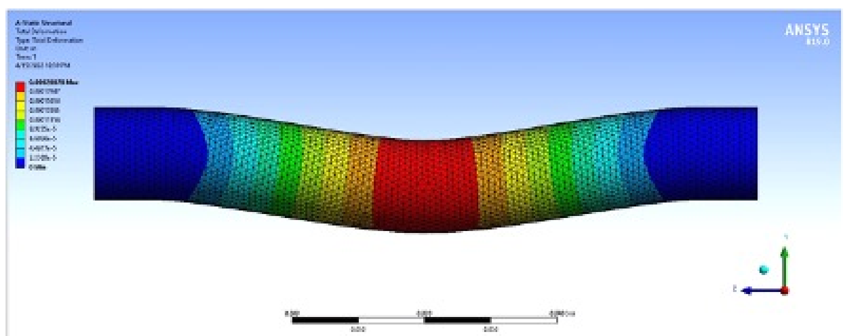

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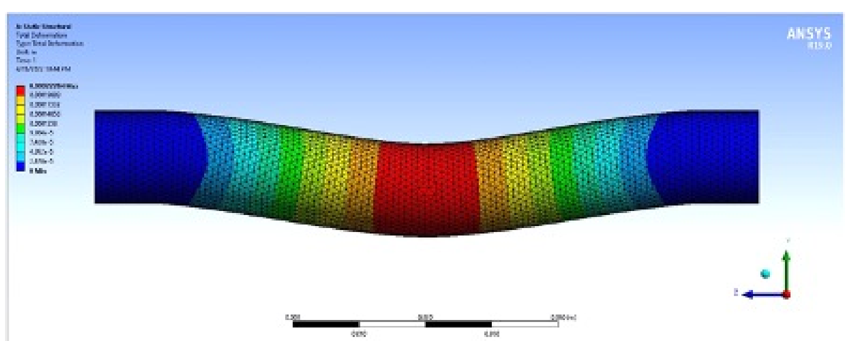

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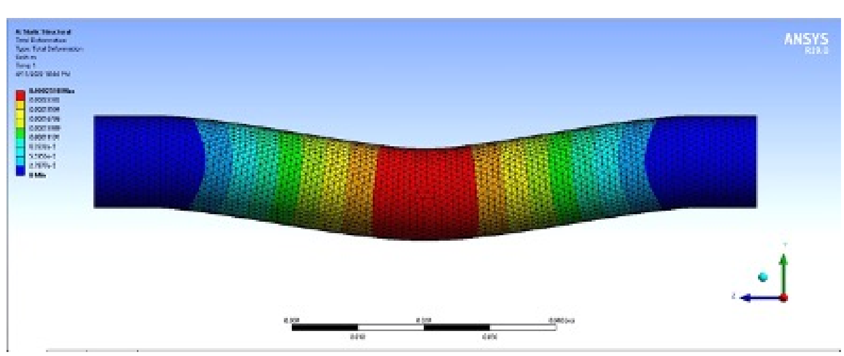

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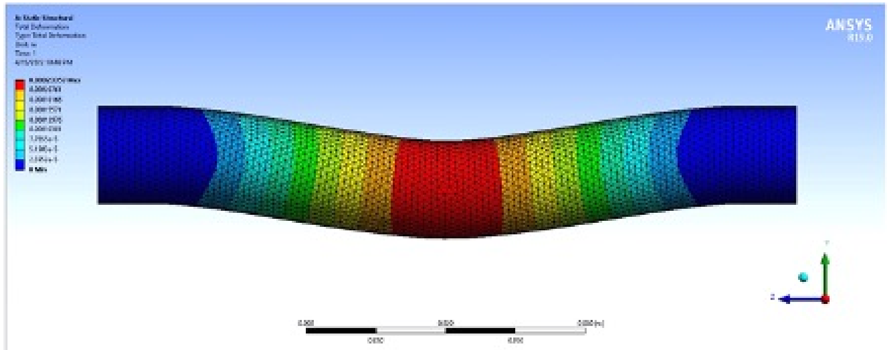

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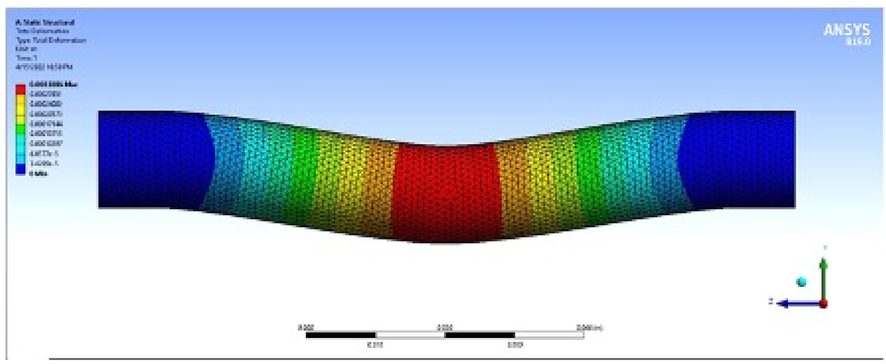

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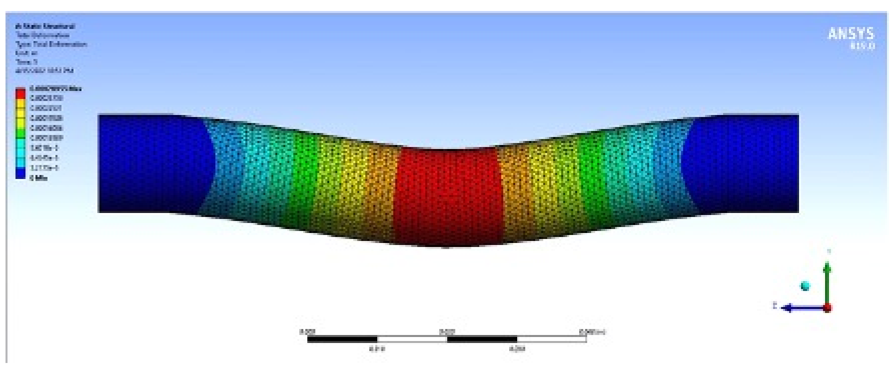

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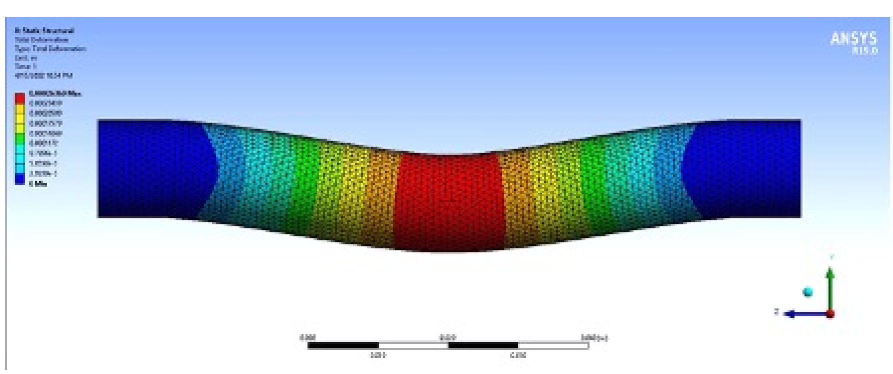

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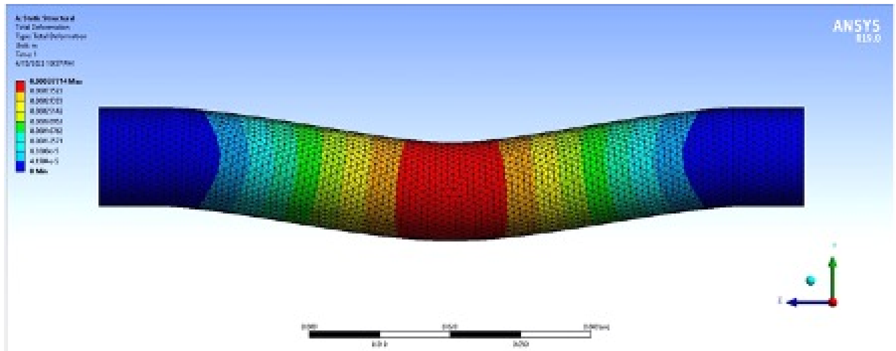

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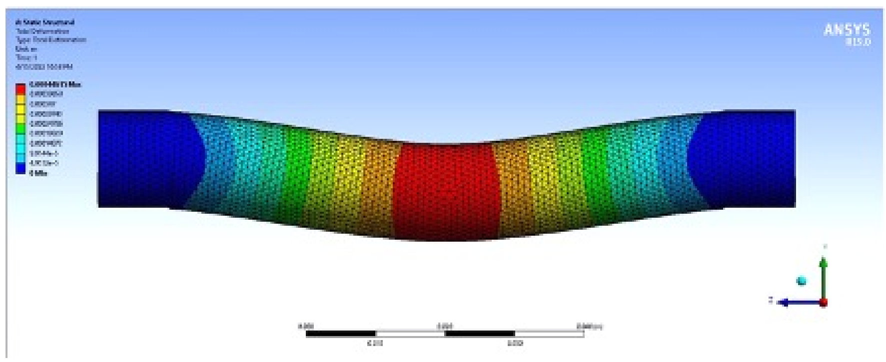

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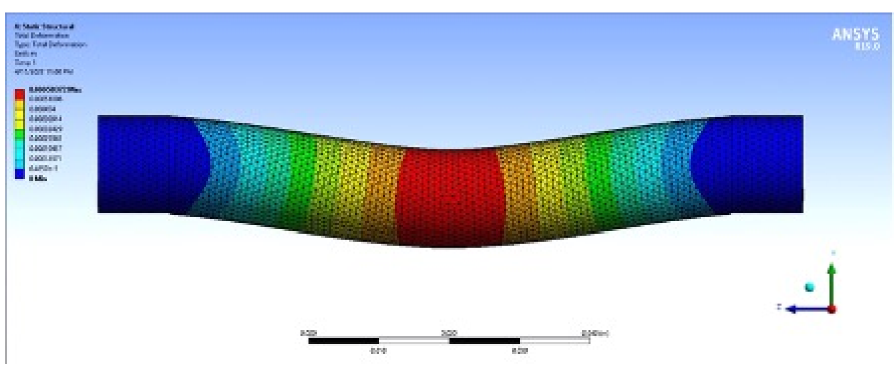

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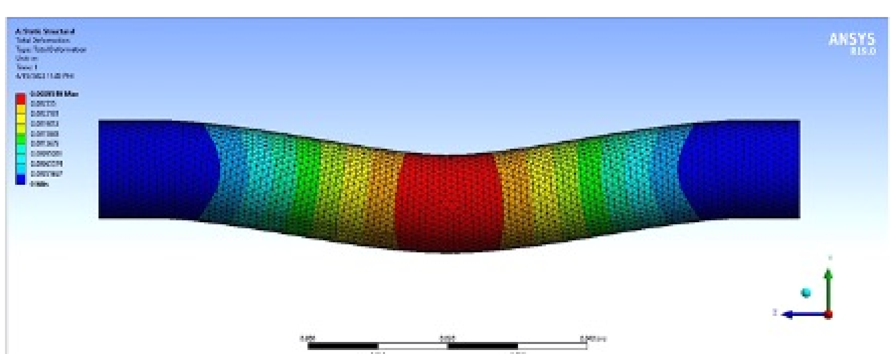

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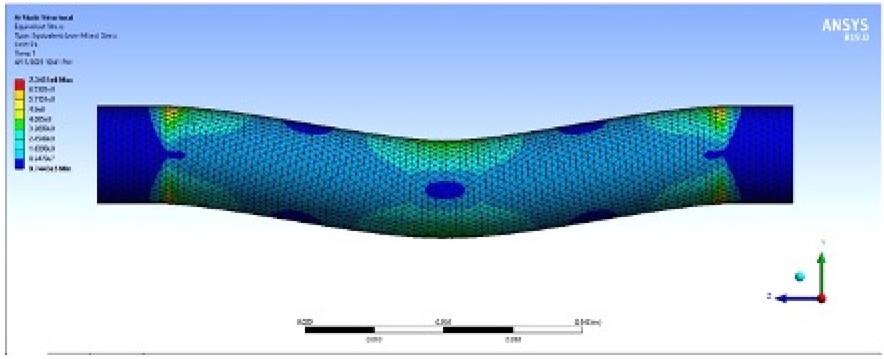

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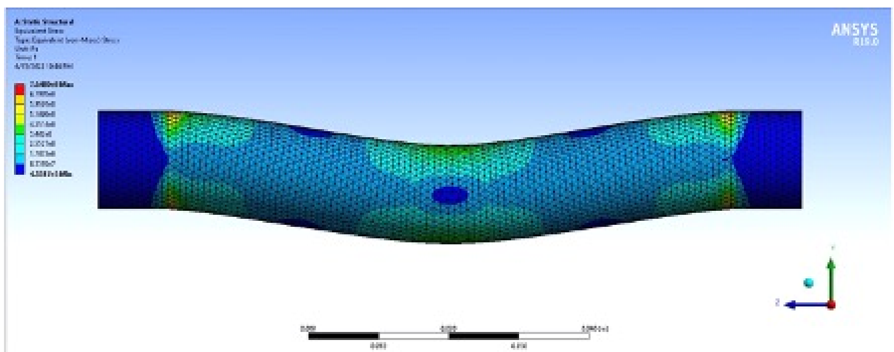

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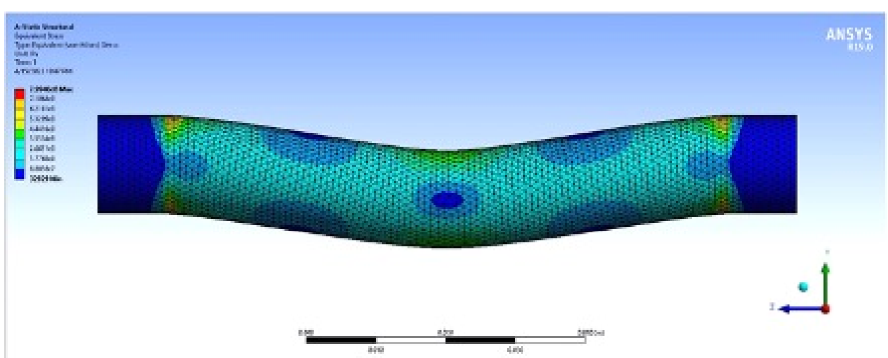

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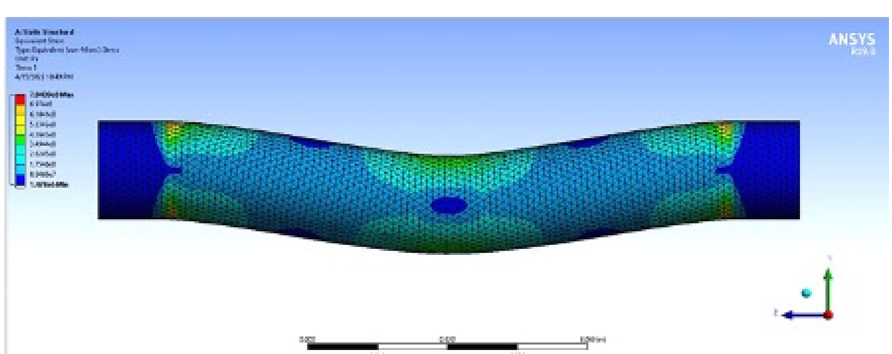

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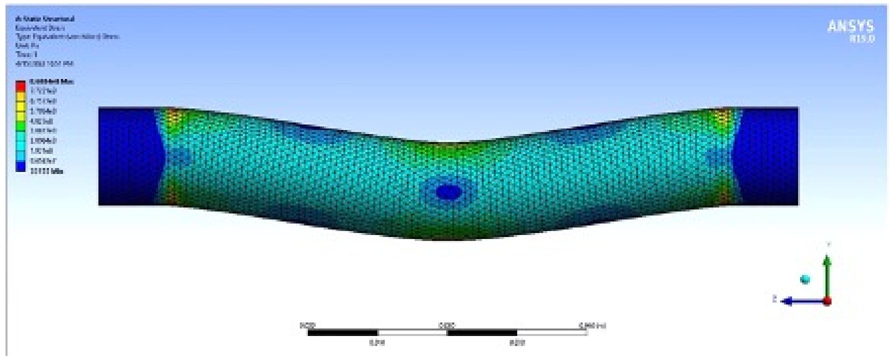
Figure 9: Stirs contour. (a) 0 0 0, (b) 0 0 45, (c) 0 0 90, (d) 0 45 0, (e) 0 45 90, (f) 0 90 0, (g) 45 0 0, (h) 45 45 45, (i) 90 0 0, (j) 90 45 0, (k) 90 90 90



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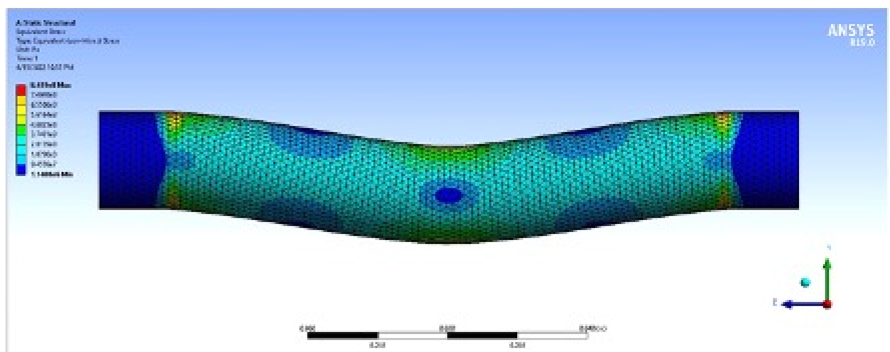

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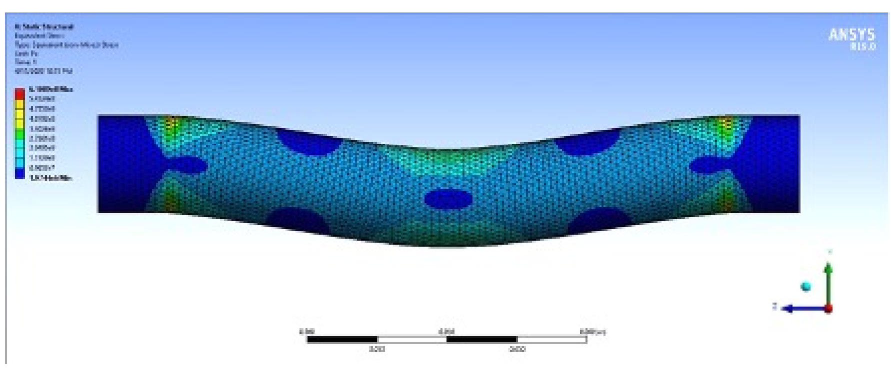

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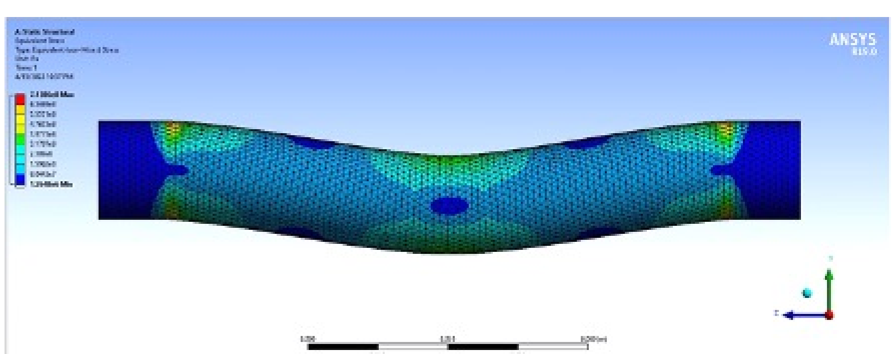

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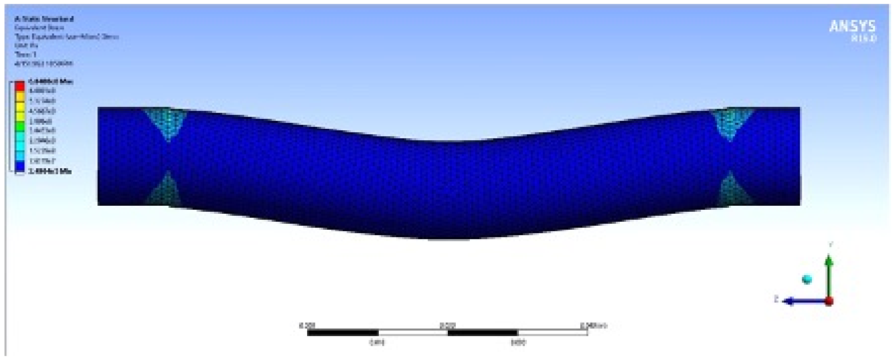

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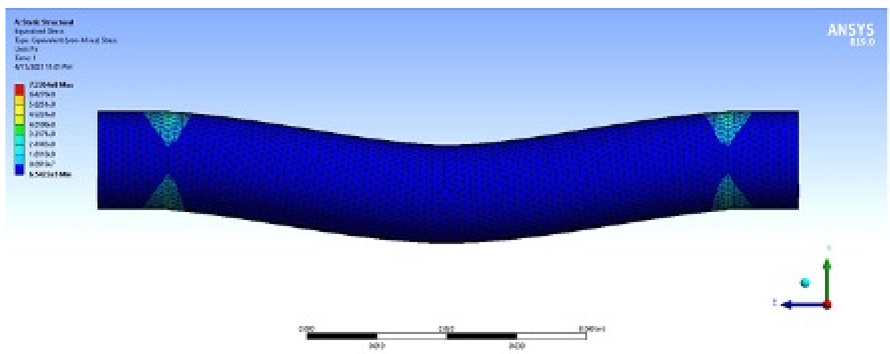

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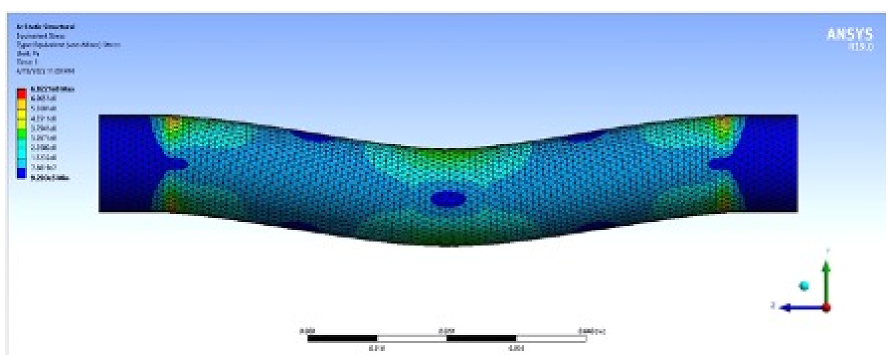

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6 Conclusion

The results are summarized as follows:

1. The process of simulating composite materials with the presence of the fatigue phenomenon requires certain mechanical properties. The best case for arranging the angles of the layers of composite materials is at 45, 0, 0. This is where the weakest area was able to withstand 2349 cycles without reaching the failure state.
2. The best case or least distortion was obtained when arranging the angles in the form of arrangement layer 0, 0, 0 where the distortion value was 0.2078 mm. Which is considered the best case in terms of bearing the phenomenon of fatigue.
3. After studying the phenomenon of fatigue, it is necessary to know the values of stresses that were affected by the sample. The stresses in this case were 8.68×10^{8} Pa, as compared to the case in which the lowest value for the stress was 45, 0, 0.

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