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ABSTRACT

In this report material models were examined for hardening/softening and creep behavior based on available material data sources. Creep and multi-axial effects will be considered. Analytical studies will be explored for typical components using these models. Based on the results, recommendations for an approach to develop fatigue design rules and suitable design factors will be made. Investigation should include consideration of 1-1/4, 2-1/4 and 9 to 12 Cr alloys.

A recommendation was made for developing a technical program for extending the current ASME Section VIII fatigue rules to higher temperatures to address fatigue design aspects for components operating at temperatures approaching the creep range. Vessels where this is commonplace occur in the refining industry; therefore, this development work is of high interest to the petrochemical industry.