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Specific Accomplishments:

1. Developed a frequency-wave number (f-k) migration technique for an imaging the damage in a plate with the through-the-thickness crack.

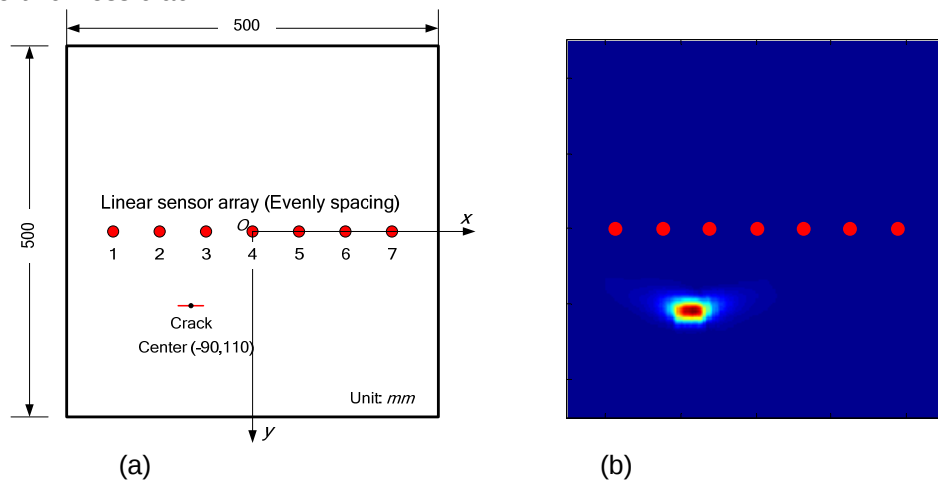


Figure 1(a) Geometry of f-k migration simulation and (b) damage image with a single crack

2. Developed an image segmentation technique for quantifying the damage size using Markov Random Field and Bayesian statistics.

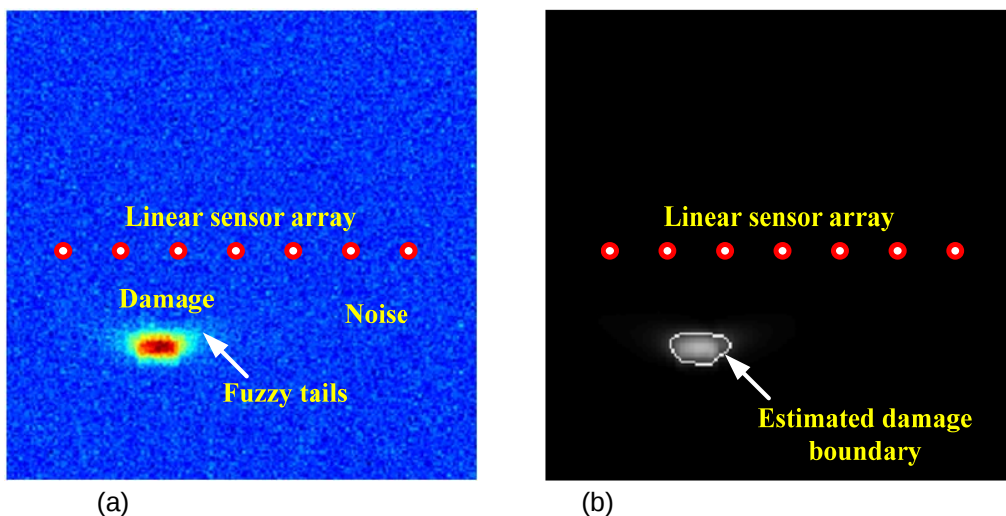


Figure 2 (a) An image by f-k migration and (b) the Bayesian based segmentation

3. Application of Bayesian updating for combining measurements from multiple actuator-sensor pairs for simple damage detection paradigm.

4. Develop Bayesian updating to progressively narrow the uncertainty in damage growth parameters in spite of noise and bias in sensor measurements. Figure 3(a)
5. Developed a probabilistic model for damage size distribution from the damage imaging and estimated the distribution of remaining useful life (RUL) using a combination of Bayesian updating and least squares fitting of damage growth parameters.

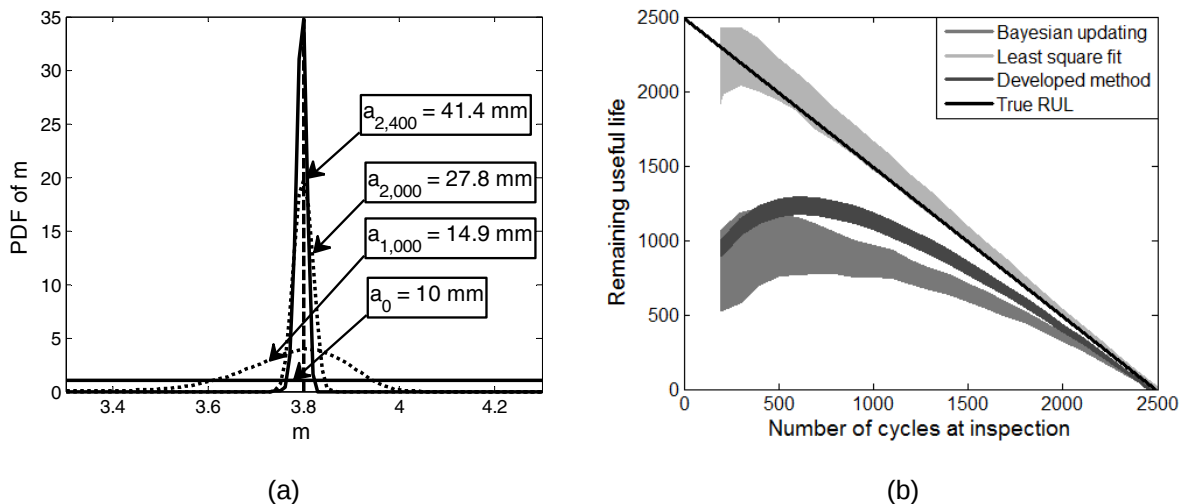


Figure 3 (a) A very wide initial distribution of the exponent in Paris law for crack growth is successively narrowed as crack measurements accumulate (b) By combining Bayesian updating and least squares identification of crack growth, the

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