

Fig. 1 At the end of cyclic loading (143  $^{th}$  cycles), the crack reached 1.4  $\mu m.$ 

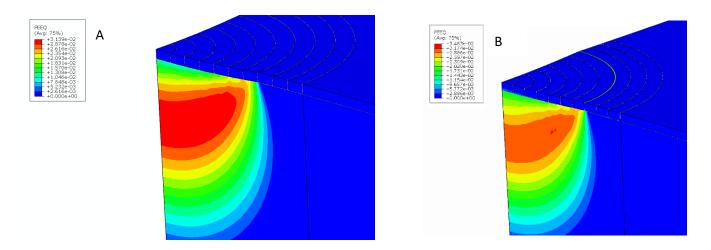


Fig. 2 The plastic deformation at the first loading cycle (A) and at the end of cyclic loading 143<sup>th</sup> cycles) (B).