



## **Investigation on Feature Guided Waves**

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## Motivation

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• Large area inspection by guided wave





# **RODE** Discovery of feature guiding

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• Inspection of plate with weld



**Feature Guided Wave** 

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## **FONDE** Finite element modelling



Semi-Analytical Finite Element (SAFE) method:



## **RONDE** SAFE results – compression mode

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#### Discovery of a new mode – shear mode RONDE









## **RONDE** Why the waves are trapped?



• Condition 2: Lower velocity in the weld





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## **RODE** Defect scattering study

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## **RONDE** Typical results from Experiment

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### **RONDE** Discussion - crack parallel to the weld

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Different length of the crack:



### **RONDE** Discussion - crack parallel to the weld





Possible reason: difference between the milled slot (experiment) and the FE crack

### **RONDE** Discussion - crack normal to the weld





Possible reason: un-uniform of the weld geometry

## Discussion: Flat-bottom hole



Different depth of the hole:

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## Summary



- The feature guided wave has been studied by the SAFE method. Both the compression mode and the shear mode have been investigated and compared.
- The reason for the trapping effect has been discussed and summarized.
- Experiments have been taken to validate the existence of the trapping mode and its sensitivity to certain defects