

CIEM5110-2: FEM, lecture 5.2

Introduction to nonlinear material models

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Agenda for today

1. Nonlinear material models – solver interface
2. An overview of different strategies for modeling nonlinear materials
3. Illustration: 1D plasticity

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	(Theory)	SolidModel (1.2, 5.2)	FrameModel (4.1, 4.2)	TimoshenkoModel (2.1)
SolverModule	(2.2)	3.2	3.2	3.2
NonlinModule	(3.1, 5.2)	6.1	4.1 + 4.2 + 5.1	
ArclenModule	(4.2)		4.2	
LinBuckModule	(4.1)		4.1 + 5.1	
ModeShapeModule	(6.2)	7.1	8.2	
ExplicitTimeModule	(6.2)		7.2 + 8.2	

Recap – Linear FEM

This is the general discretized equilibrium equation:

$$\underbrace{\int_{\Omega} \mathbf{B}^T \boldsymbol{\sigma} \, d\Omega}_{\mathbf{f}_{\text{int}}} = \underbrace{\int_{\Omega} \mathbf{N}^T \mathbf{b} \, d\Omega + \int_{\Gamma_t} \mathbf{N}^T \mathbf{t} \, d\Gamma}_{\mathbf{f}_{\text{ext}}}$$

Assuming linear elasticity, we could substitute $\boldsymbol{\sigma} = \mathbf{D}\mathbf{B}\mathbf{a}$ to get

$$\int_{\Omega} \mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{D}\mathbf{B} \, d\Omega \mathbf{a} = \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{N}^T \mathbf{b} \, d\Omega + \int_{\Gamma_t} \mathbf{N}^T \mathbf{t} \, d\Gamma \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathbf{K}\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{f}_{\text{ext}}$$

Linearity is assumed twice there

$$\boldsymbol{\varepsilon} = \mathbf{B}\mathbf{a} \quad (\text{kinematic relation})$$

and

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma} = \mathbf{D}\boldsymbol{\varepsilon} \quad (\text{constitutive relation})$$

Recap – Elasticity

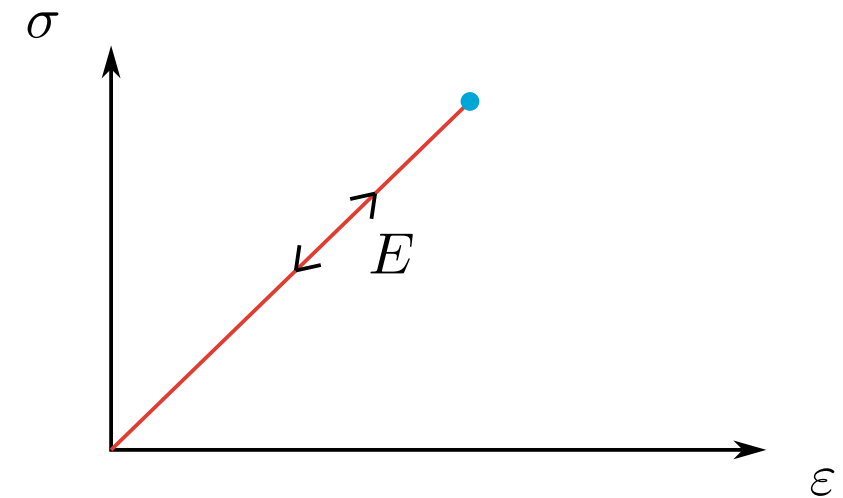
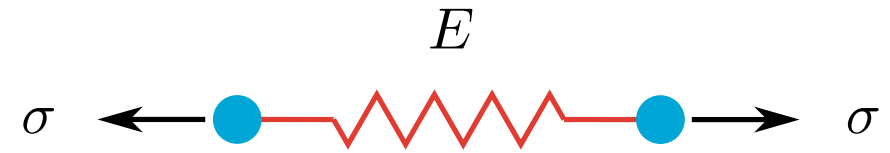
Constant stiffness, full reversibility

In Voigt notation in 2D plane stress:

$$\mathbf{D} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{E}{1-\nu^2} & \frac{E\nu}{1-\nu^2} & 0 \\ \frac{E\nu}{1-\nu^2} & \frac{E}{1-\nu^2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{E}{2(1+\nu)} \end{bmatrix}$$

In Voigt notation in 3D:

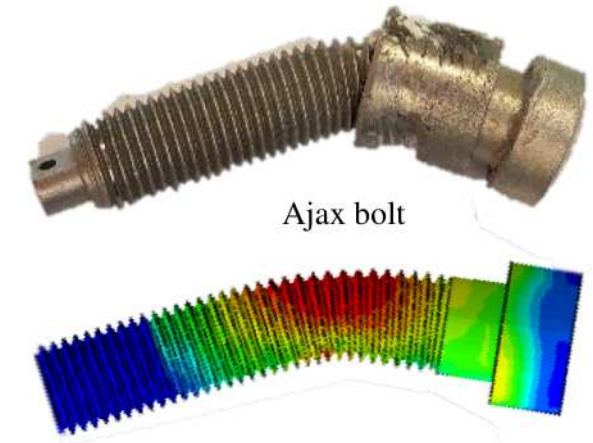
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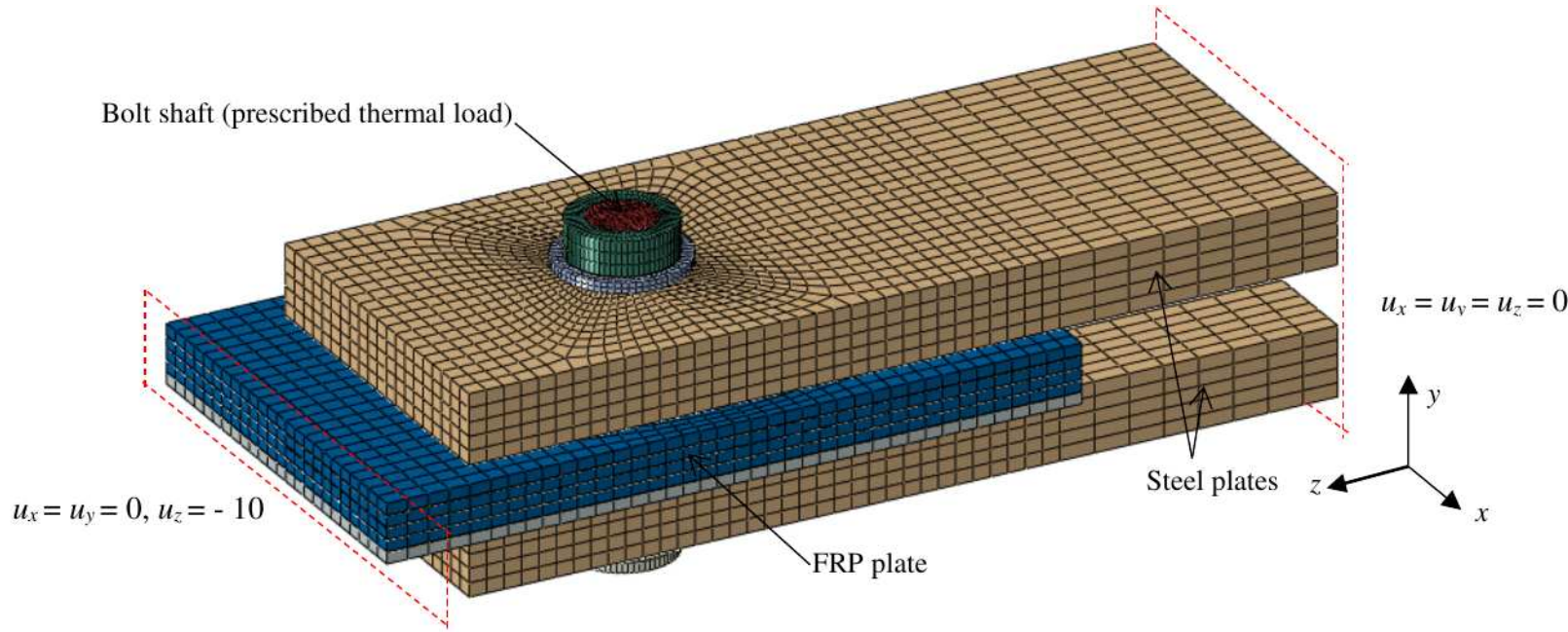
$$\sigma = \mathbf{D}\epsilon$$

Example: Bolted joints, Fruzsina Csillag (2018)

Objective: investigate the behavior of FRP-steel bolted connections

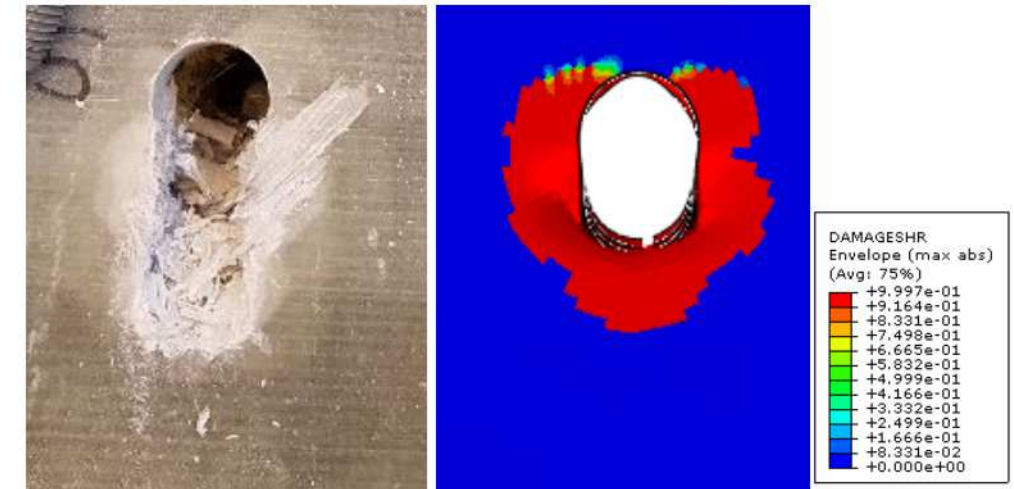


Deformation of the bolt



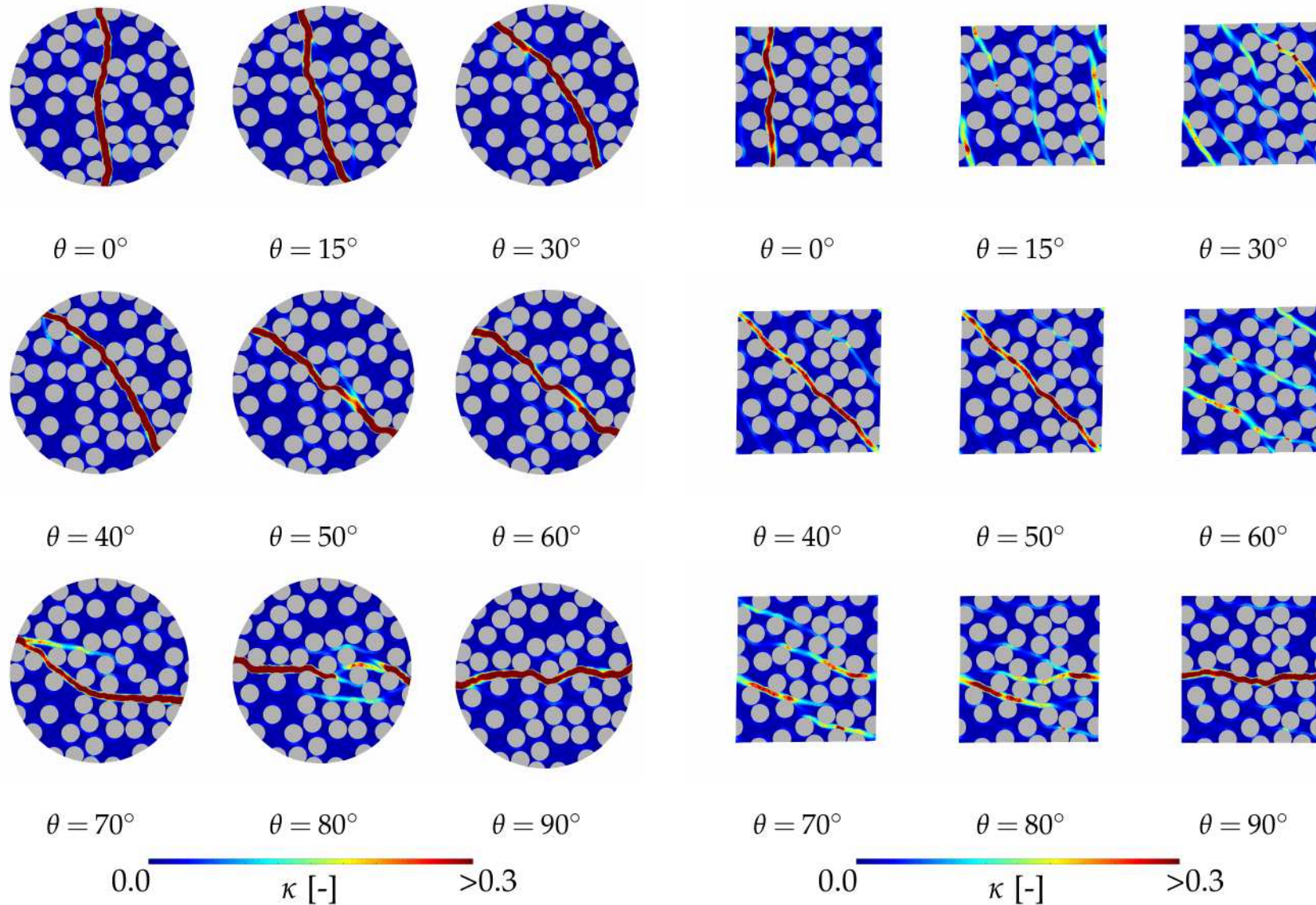
Setup

Analysis type: nonlinear analysis (plasticity, damage, contact)



Damage of the FRP plate

Example: Circular micromodels, Pieter Hofman (2021)

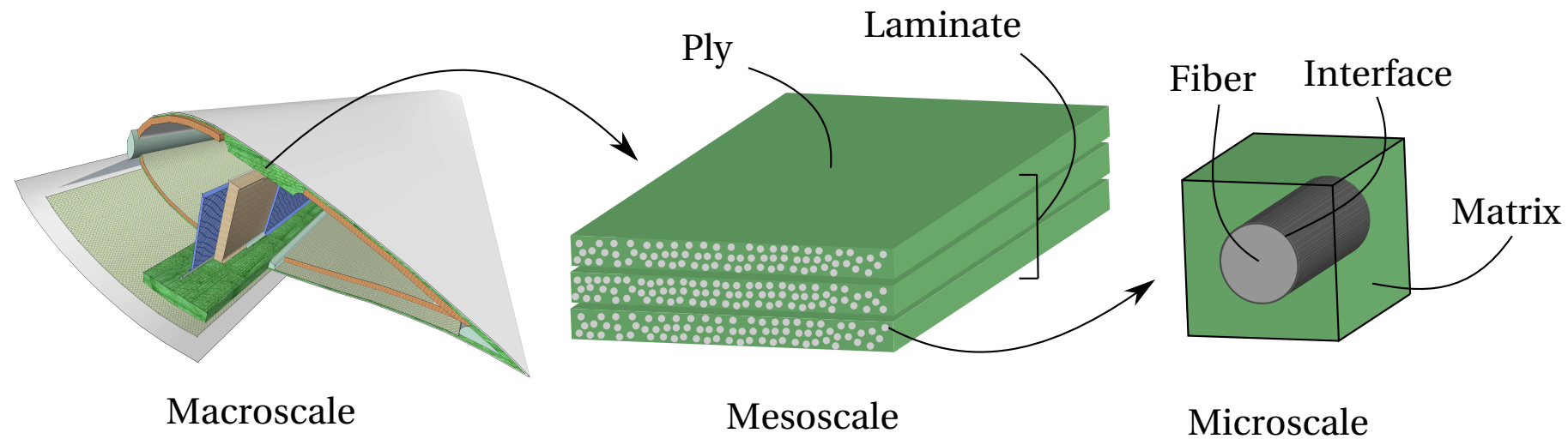


Objective:
make a micromodel that gives
the same failure response in all
directions

Analysis type:
material nonlinear analysis

Example: Aging of composites, Iuri Rocha (2014-2018)

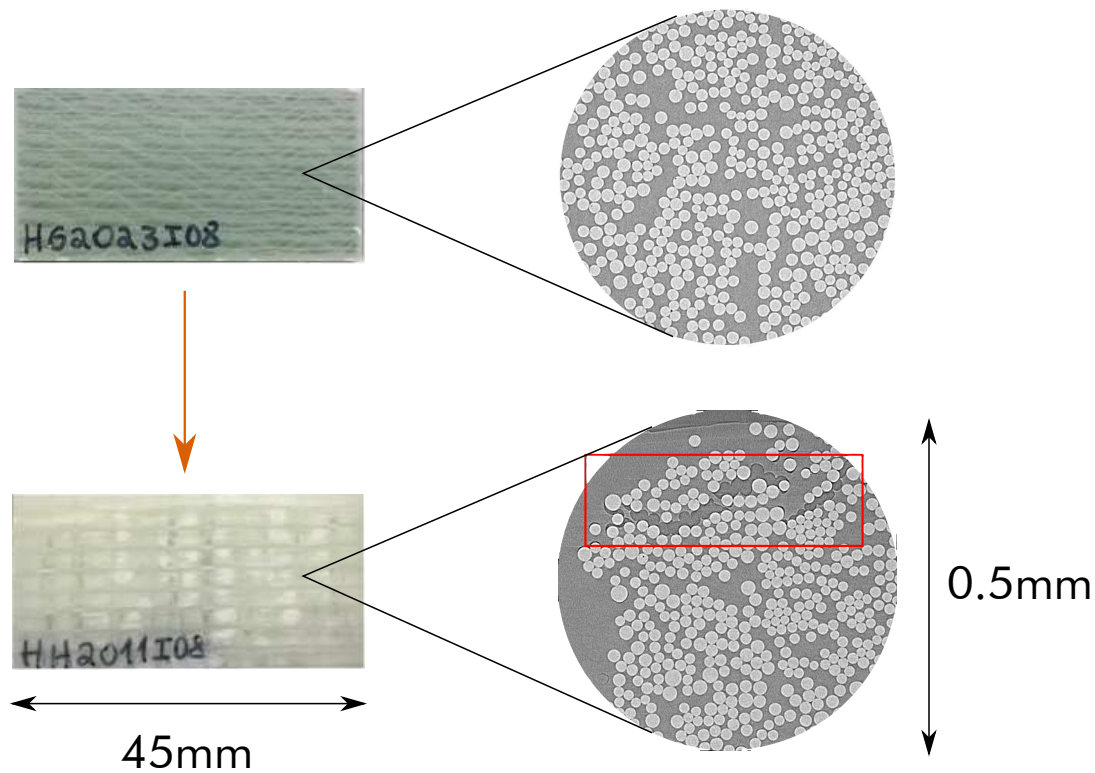
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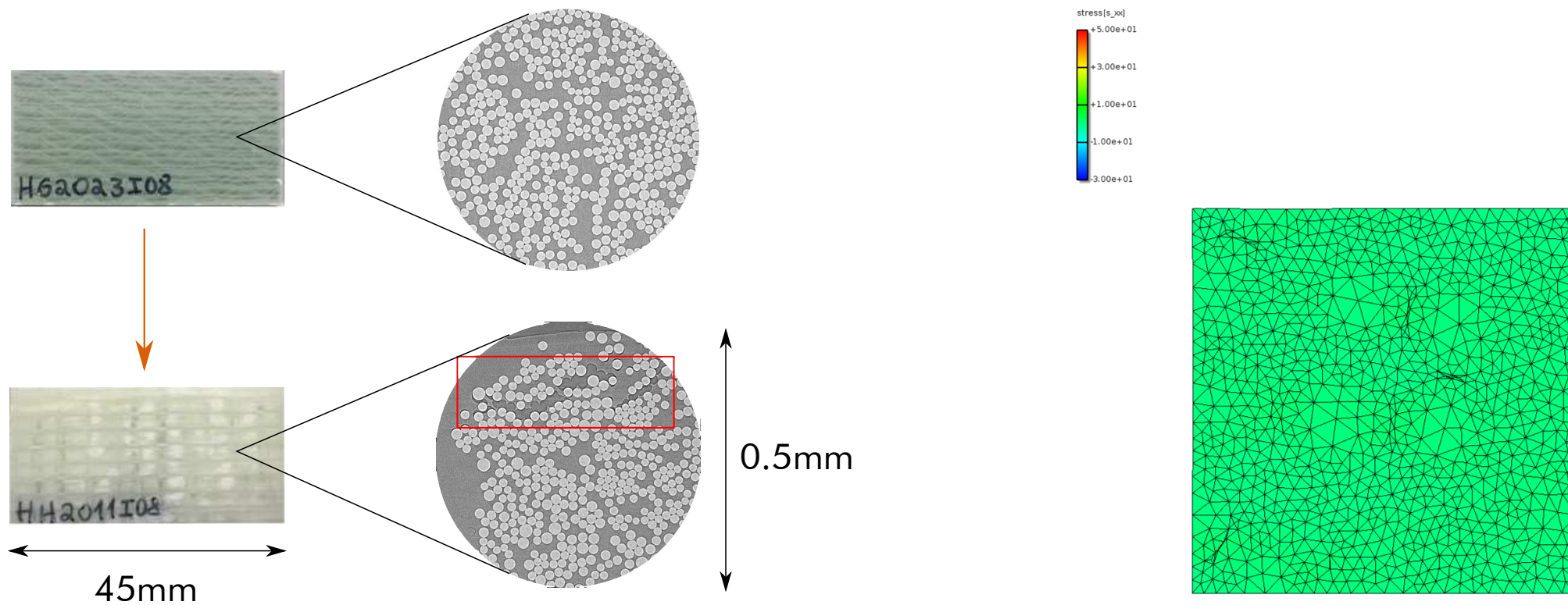
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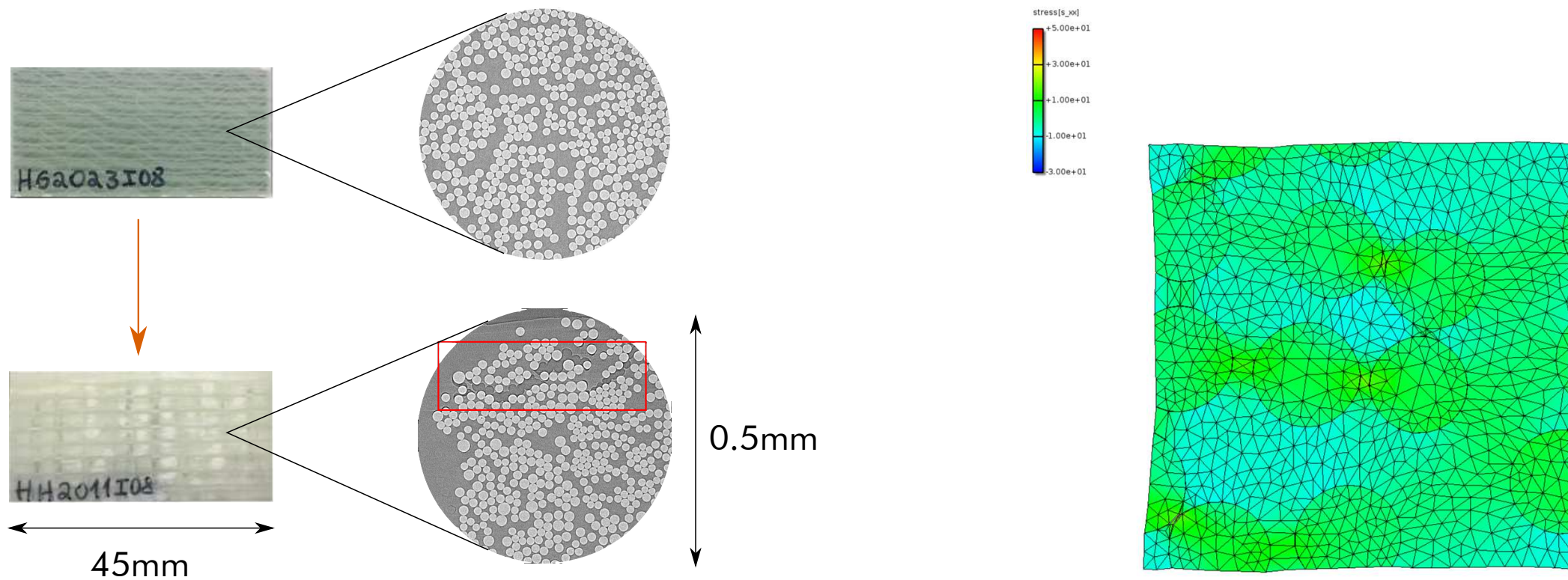
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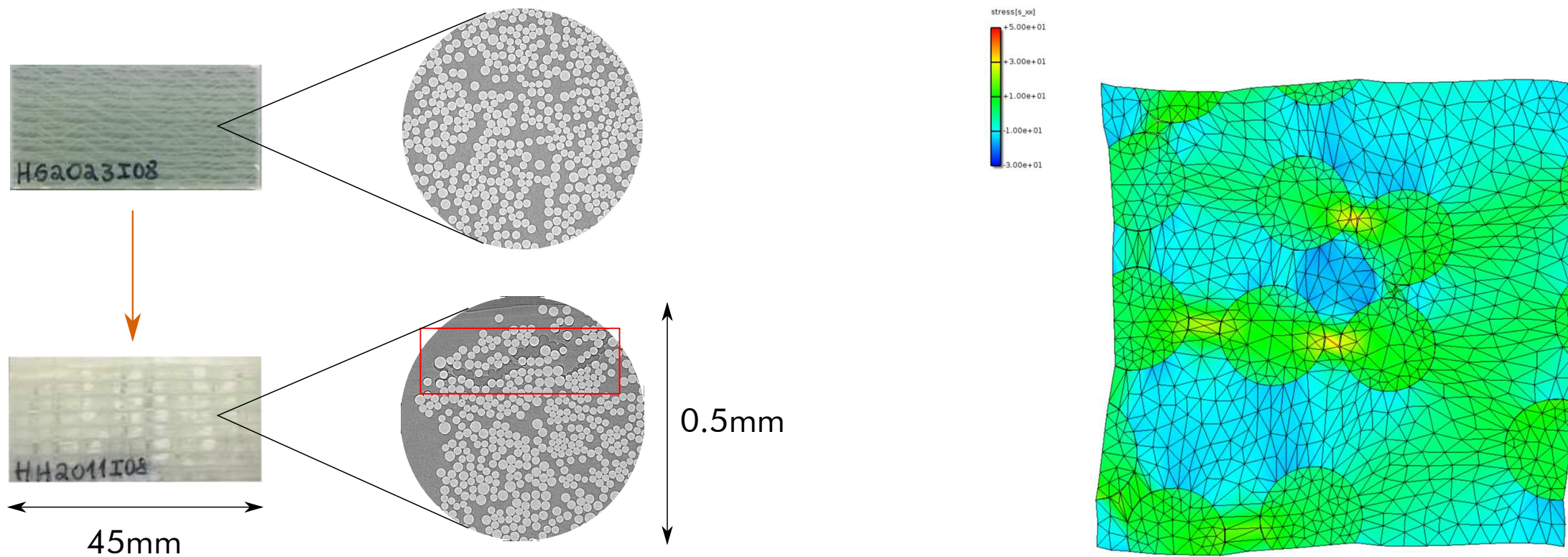
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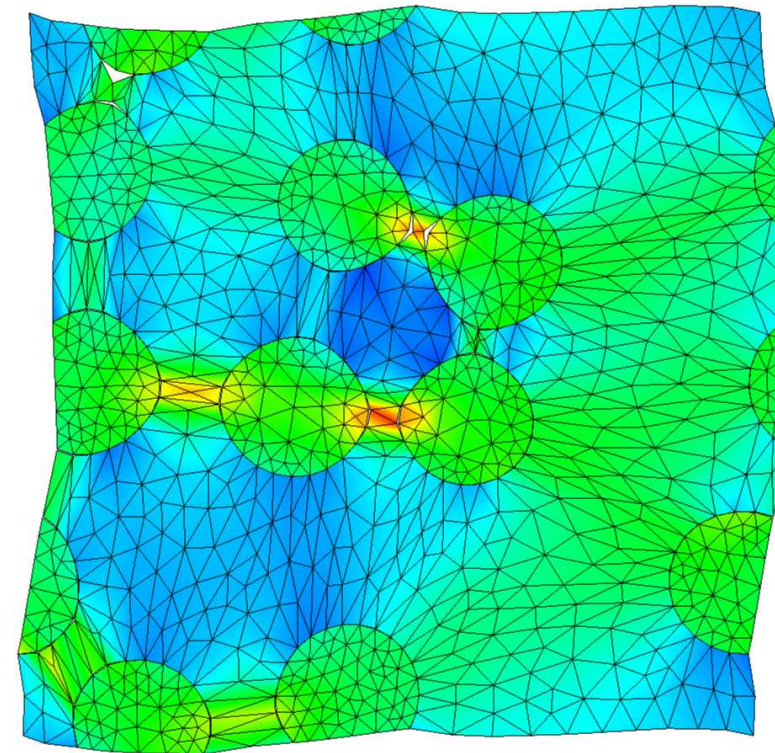
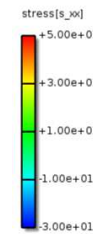
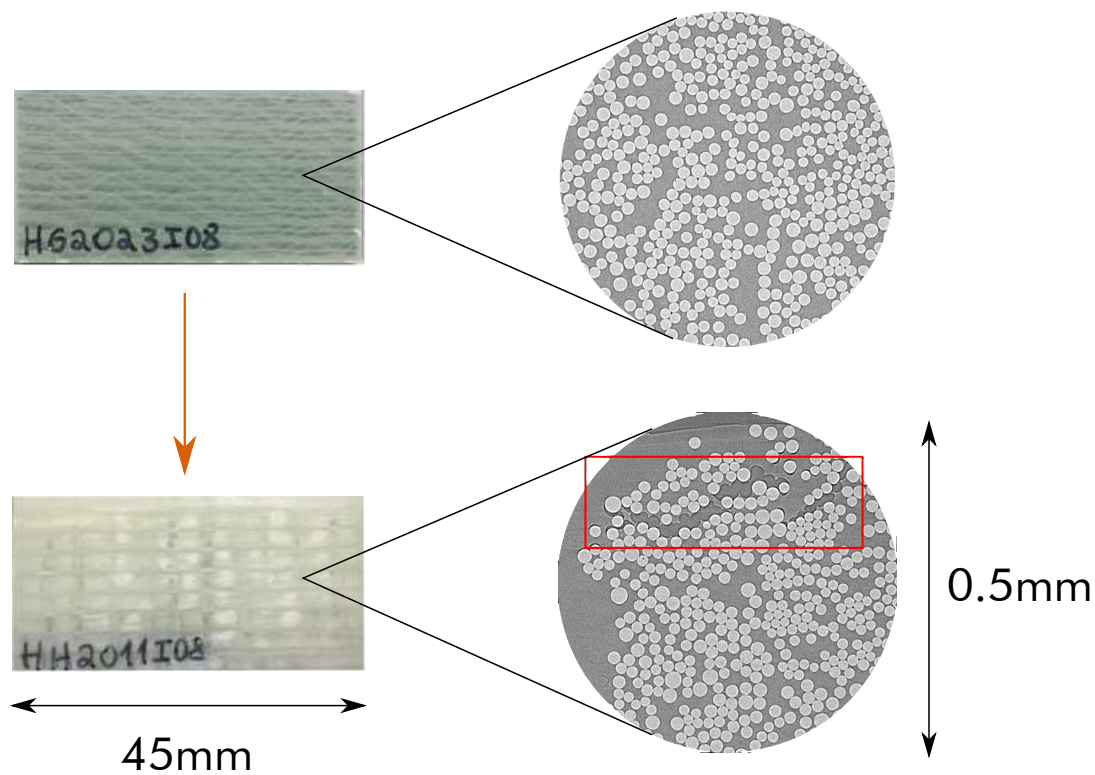
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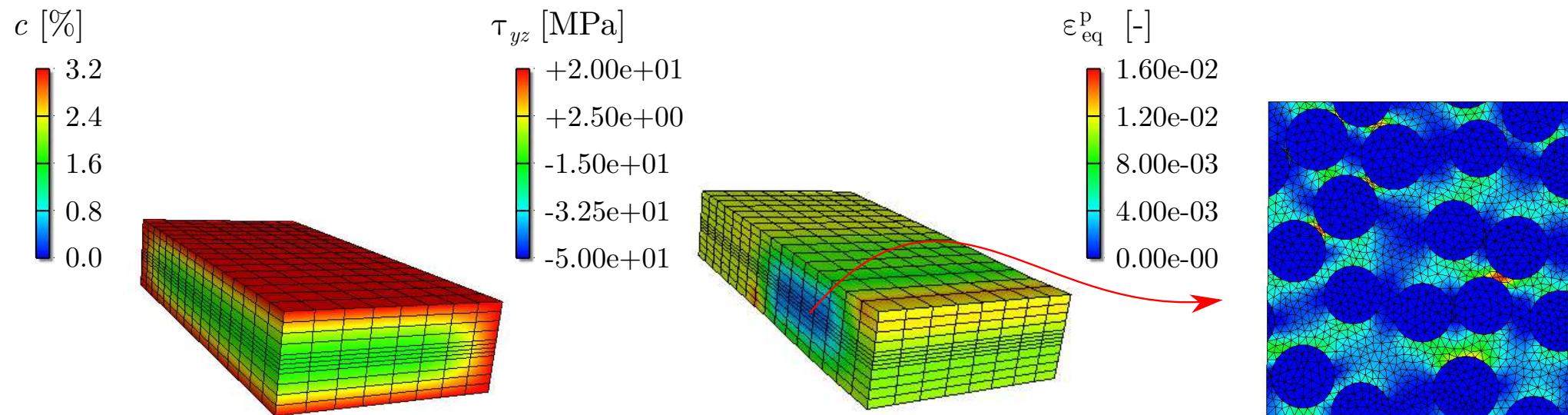
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Load control with a nonlinear material

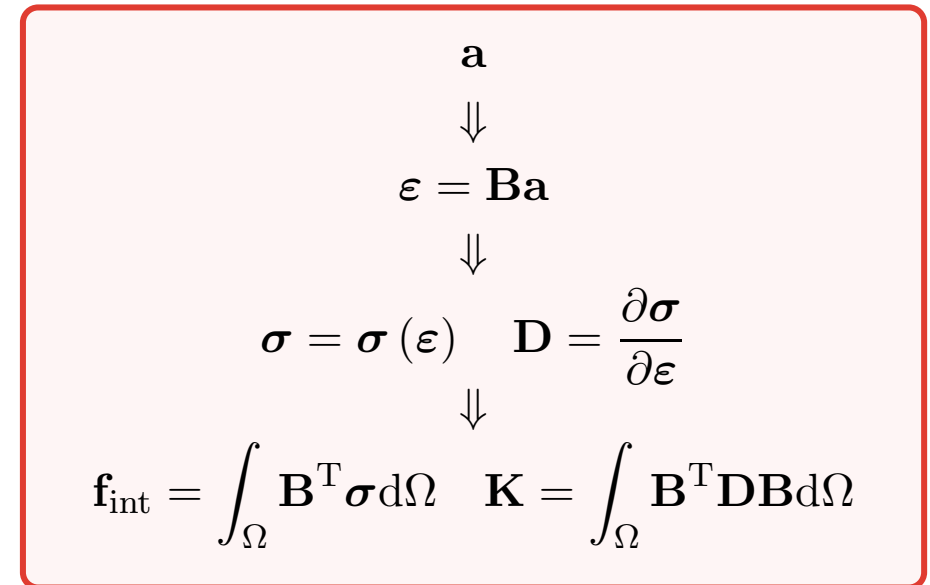
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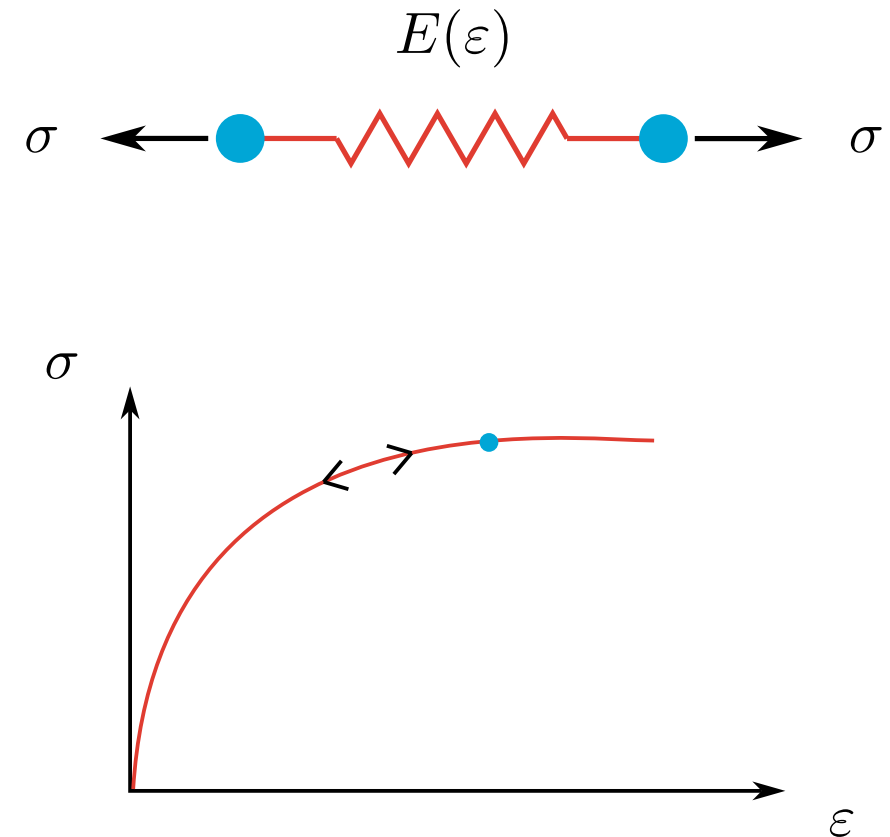
Hyperelasticity

Analogous to a nonlinear spring

Popular for modeling large strains

Still **fully reversible**

Usually derived from a single scalar potential W



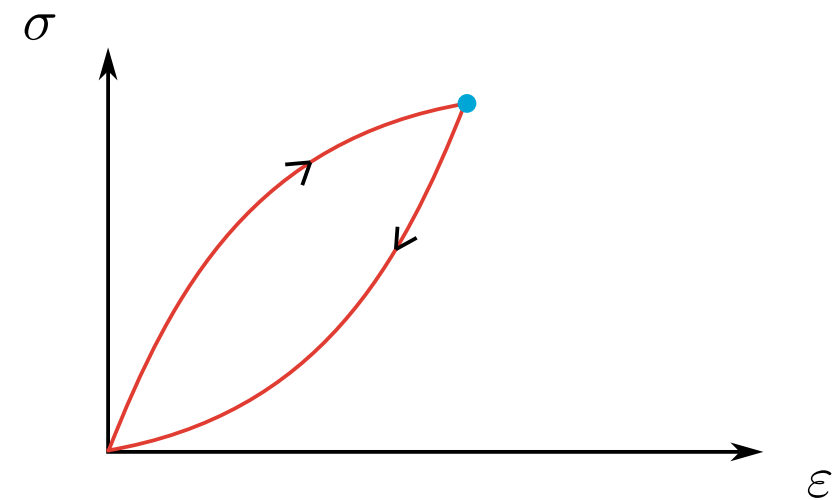
$$W(\varepsilon) \Rightarrow \sigma = \frac{\partial W}{\partial \varepsilon} \Rightarrow \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial \varepsilon} = \frac{\partial^2 W}{\partial \varepsilon^2}$$

Viscoelasticity

Stiffness is time-dependent

Fully reversible response, but stiffer if loaded faster

An **integral in time** appears

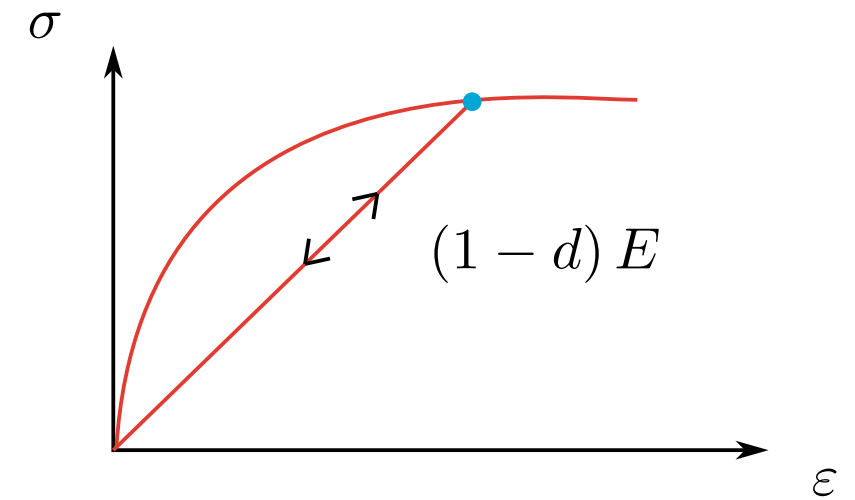
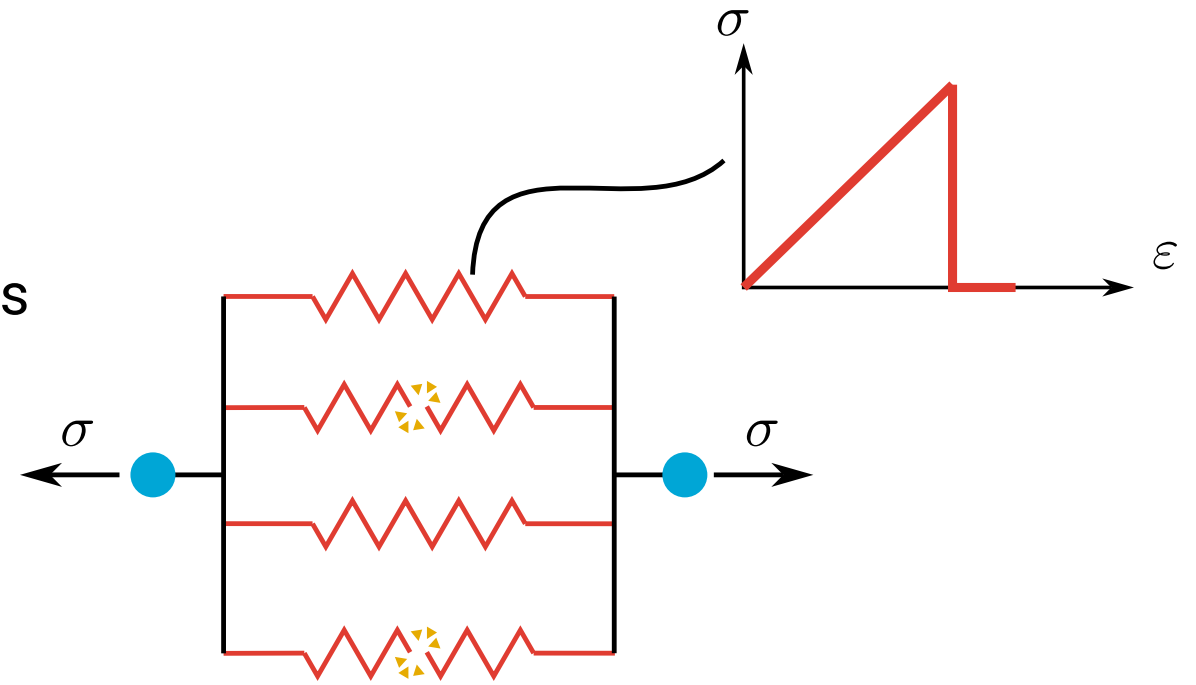


$$\sigma = \mathbf{D}_{\infty} \epsilon + \int_0^t \mathbf{D}_{ve}(t - \tilde{t}) \frac{\partial \epsilon(\tilde{t})}{\partial \tilde{t}} d\tilde{t}$$

Damage

Loss of load-carrying area modeled as loss of stiffness

$$A = (1 - d) A_0$$



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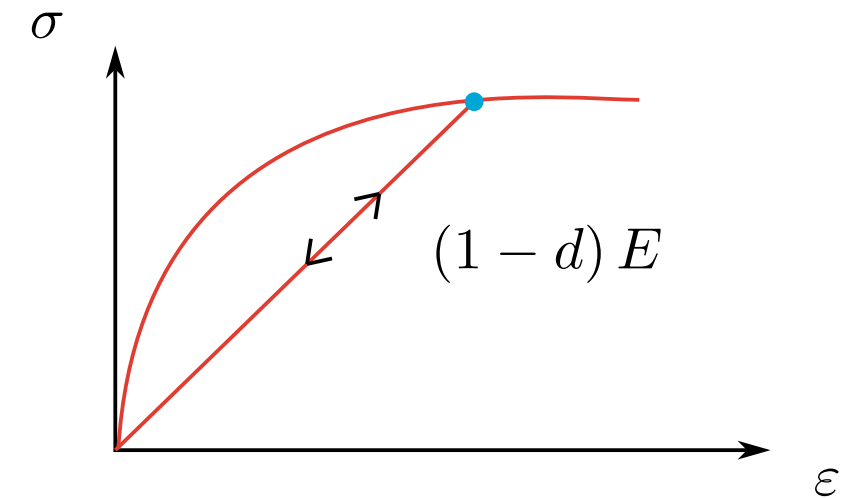
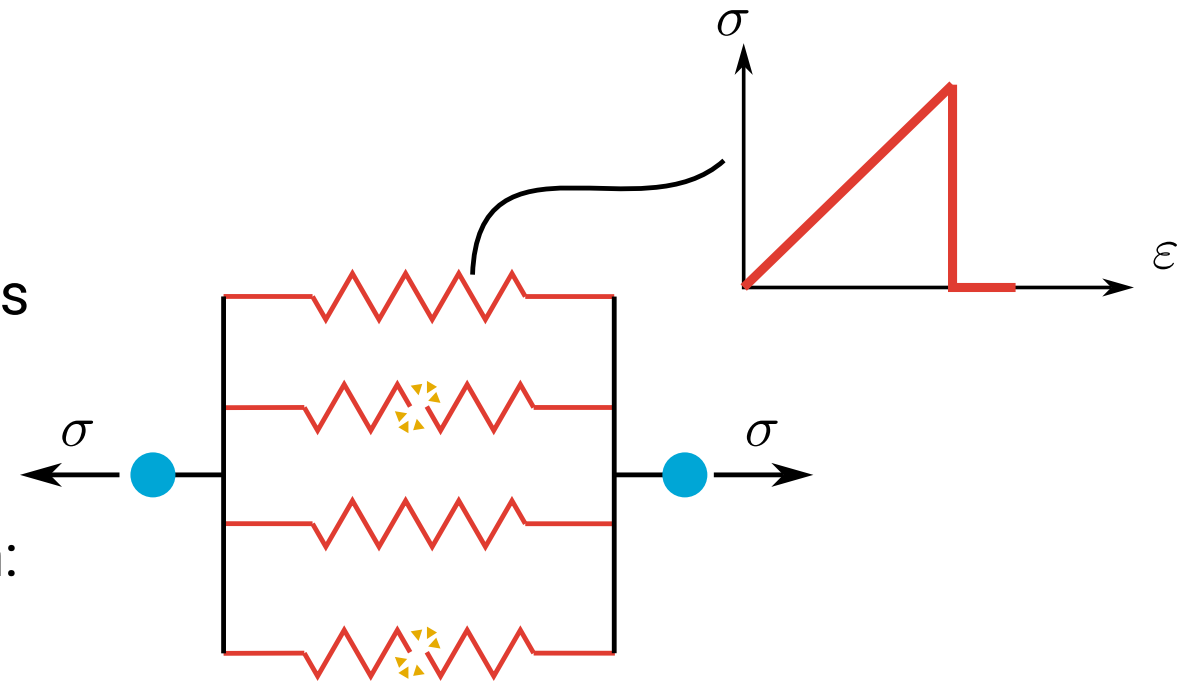
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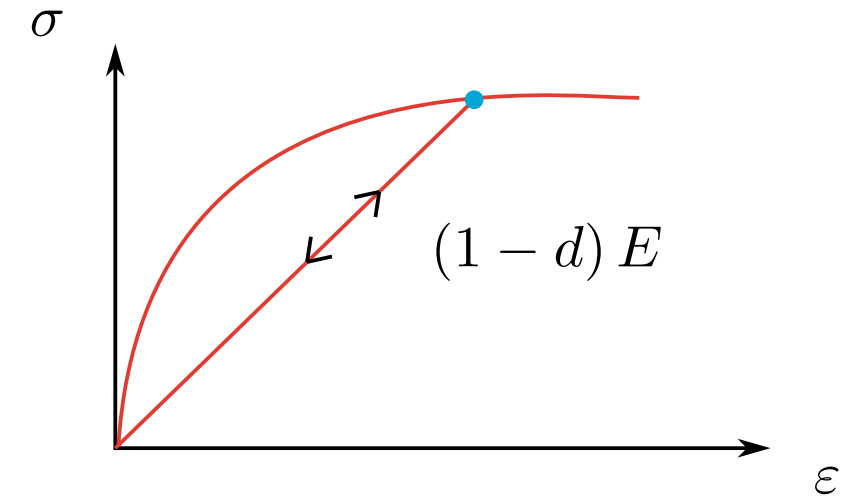
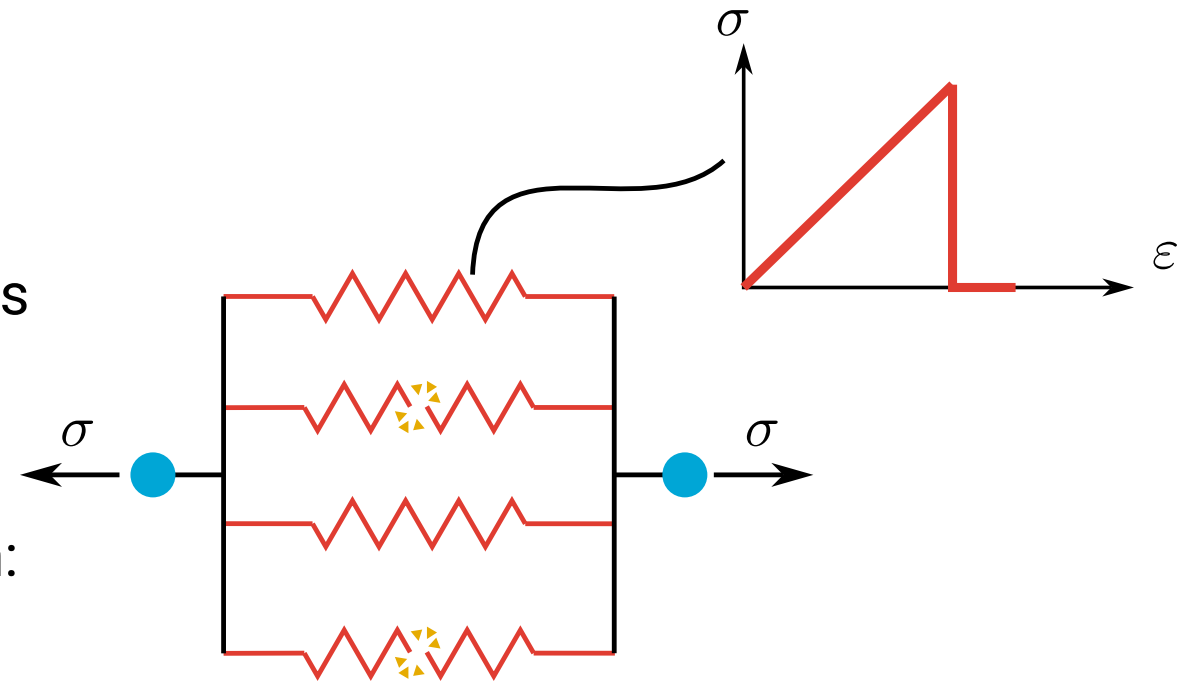
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and an evolution equation:

$$d = d(\alpha)$$



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Displacement control with a history-dependent material

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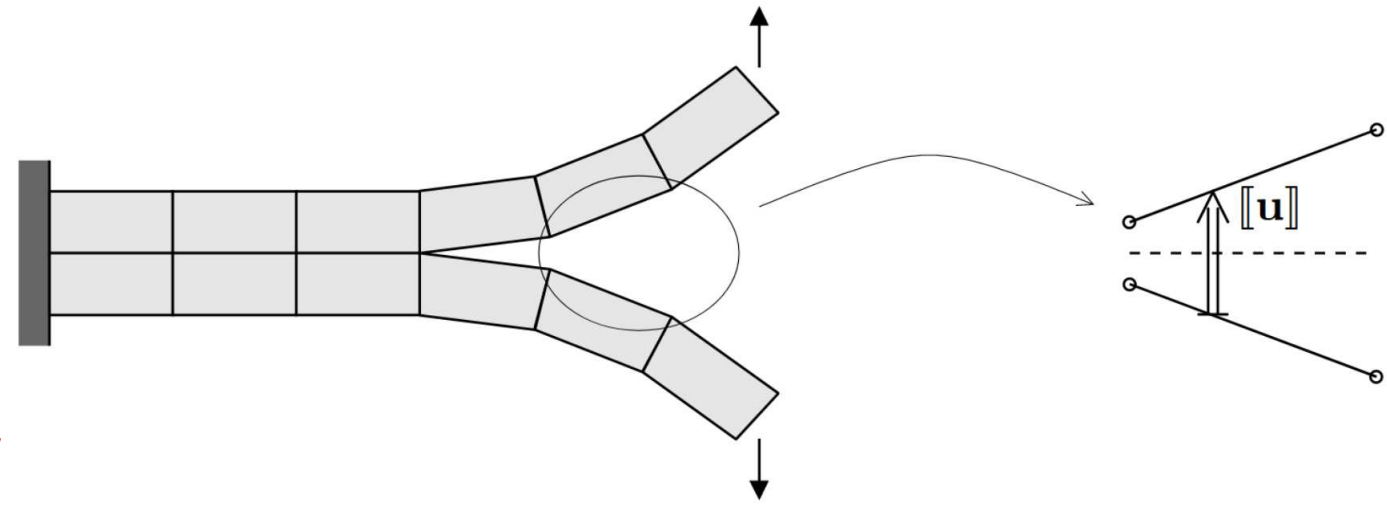
Discontinuous damage

Model an actual displacement discontinuity

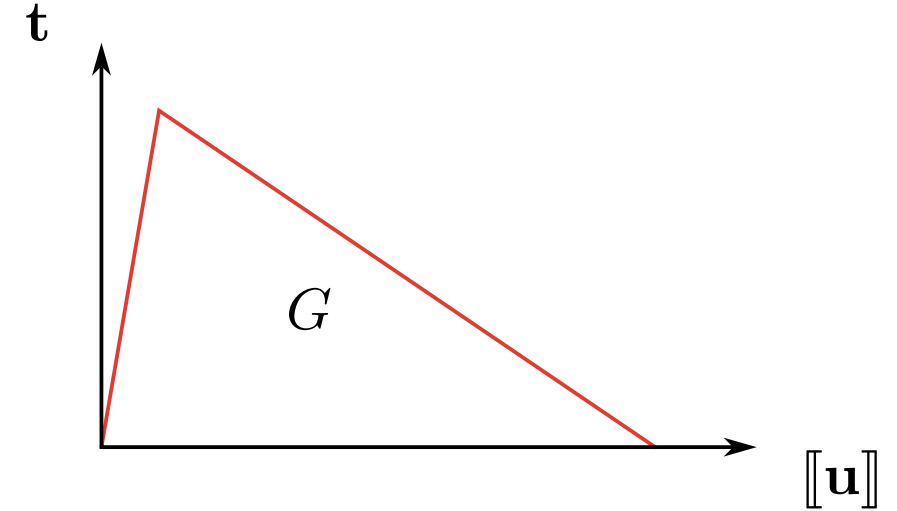
Traction-separation through a **cohesive zone law**

Special **interface elements** are needed

Similar to damage, but explicit link to energy dissipation



$$[[\mathbf{u}]] = \mathbf{u}^{\text{top}} - \mathbf{u}^{\text{bot}} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{N} & -\mathbf{N} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{a}^{\text{top}} \\ \mathbf{a}^{\text{bot}} \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow [[\mathbf{u}]] = \mathbf{N}_{\Gamma} \mathbf{a}_{\Gamma}$$

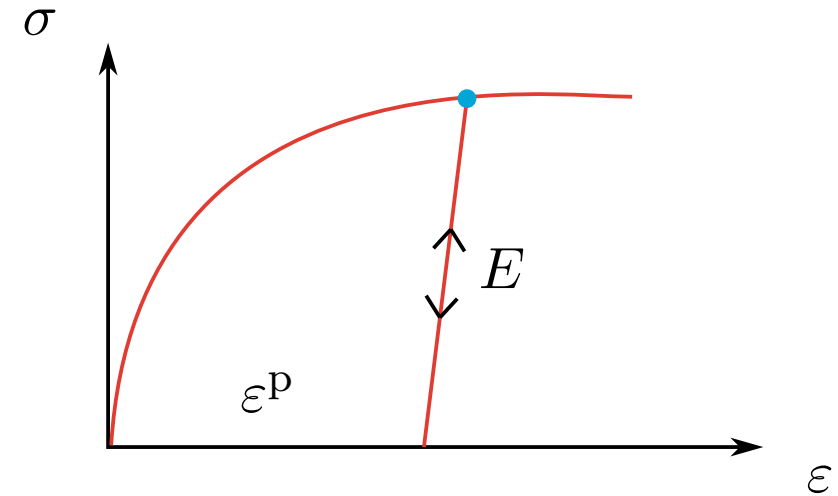


$$\mathbf{t} = \mathcal{T} ([[\mathbf{u}]]) \Rightarrow \mathbf{f}_{\text{int}}^{\Gamma} = \int_{\Gamma} \mathbf{N}_{\Gamma}^{\text{T}} \mathbf{t} d\Gamma$$

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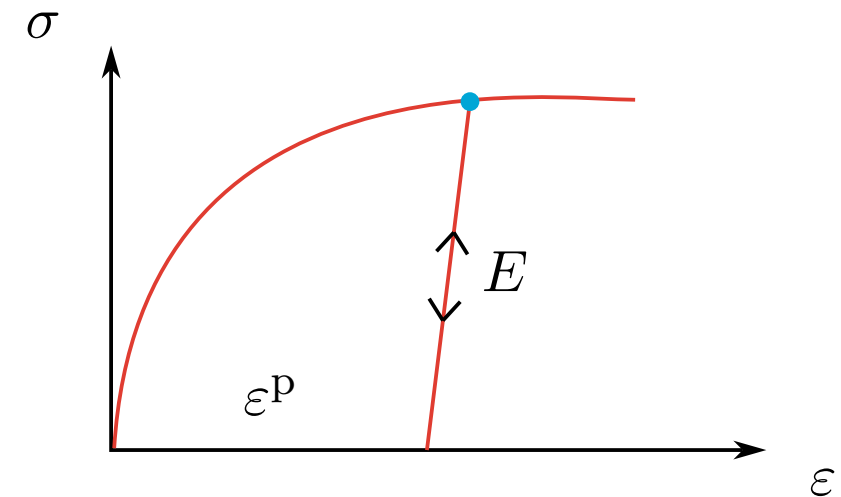
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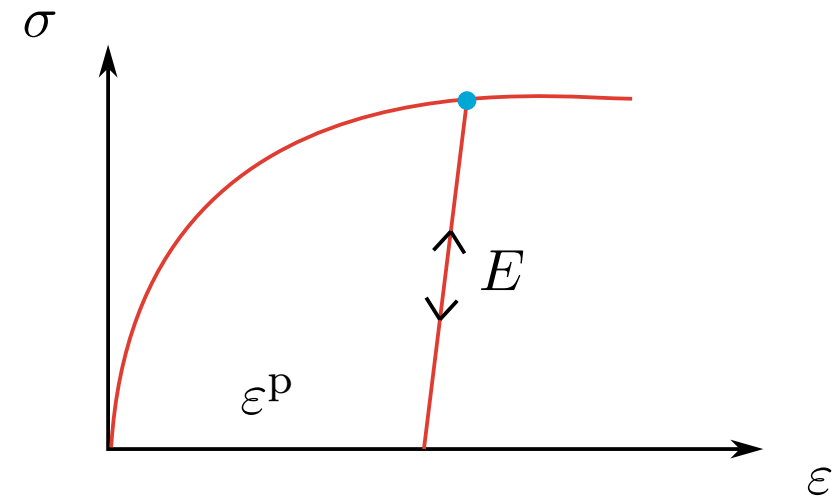
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We need to keep track of **history variables** $\boldsymbol{\alpha} = [\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^p, \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{acc}^p]$



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Hardening plasticity for bending moments

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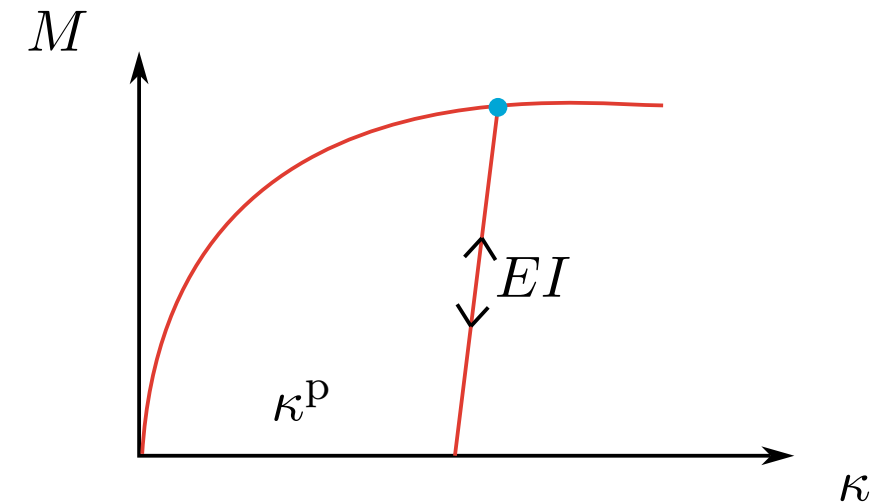
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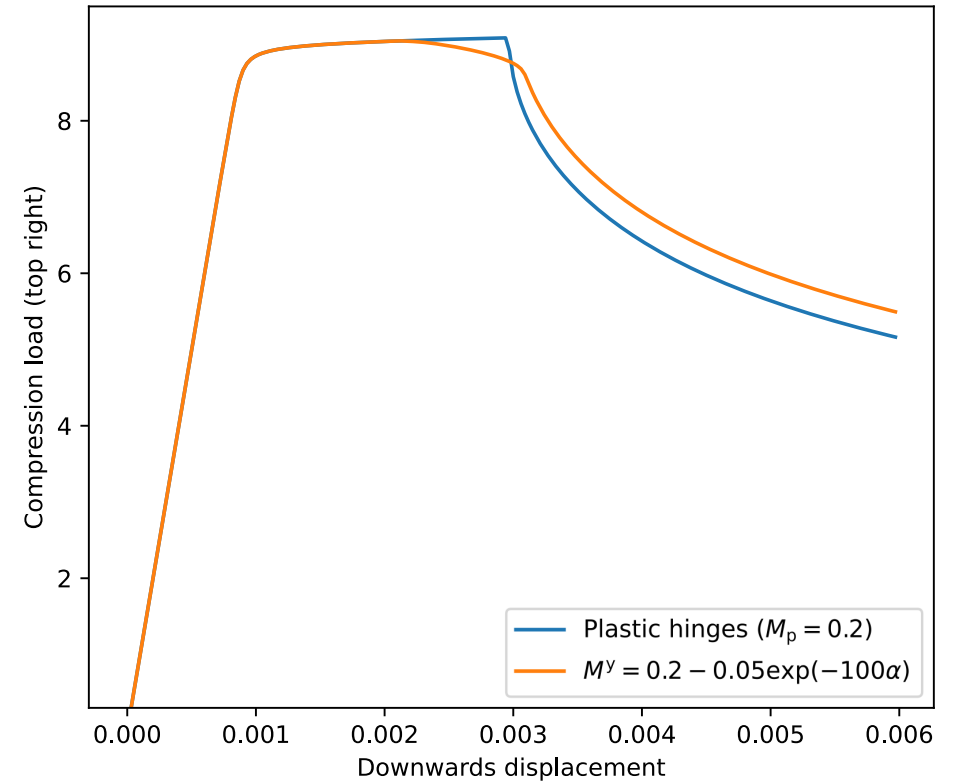
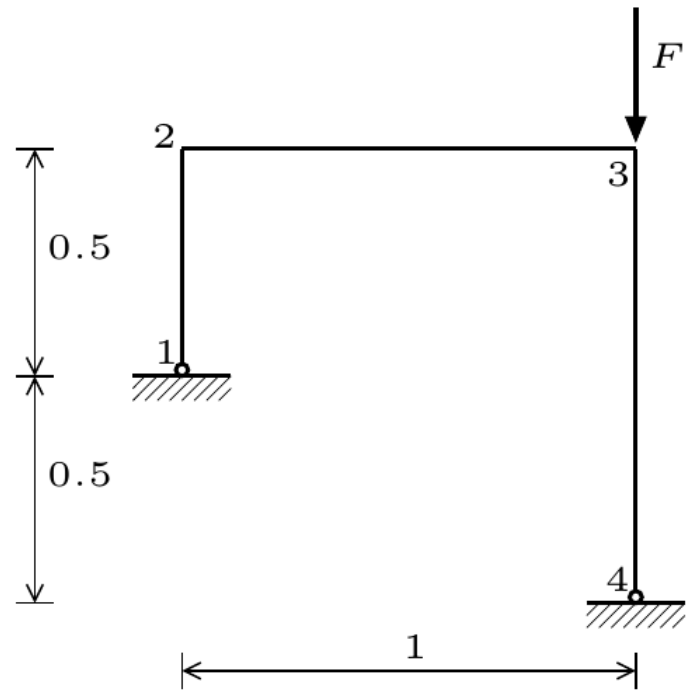
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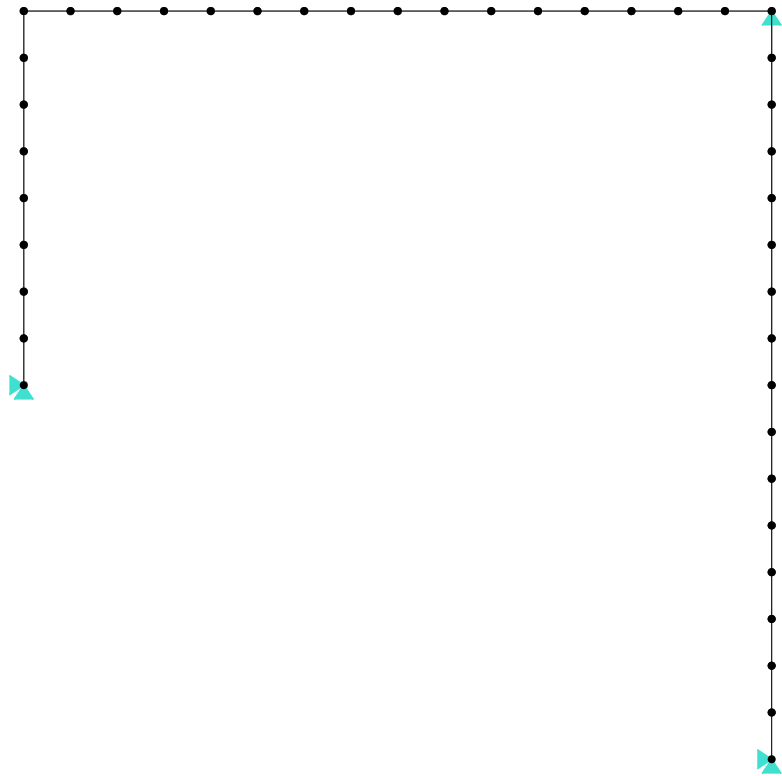


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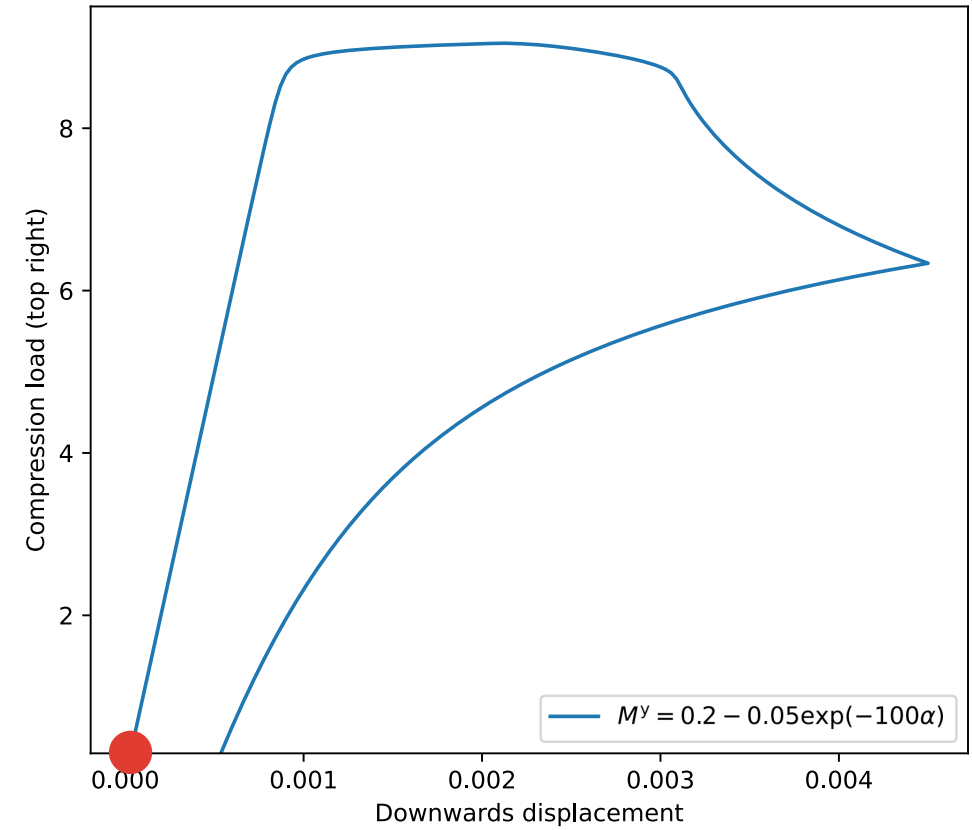
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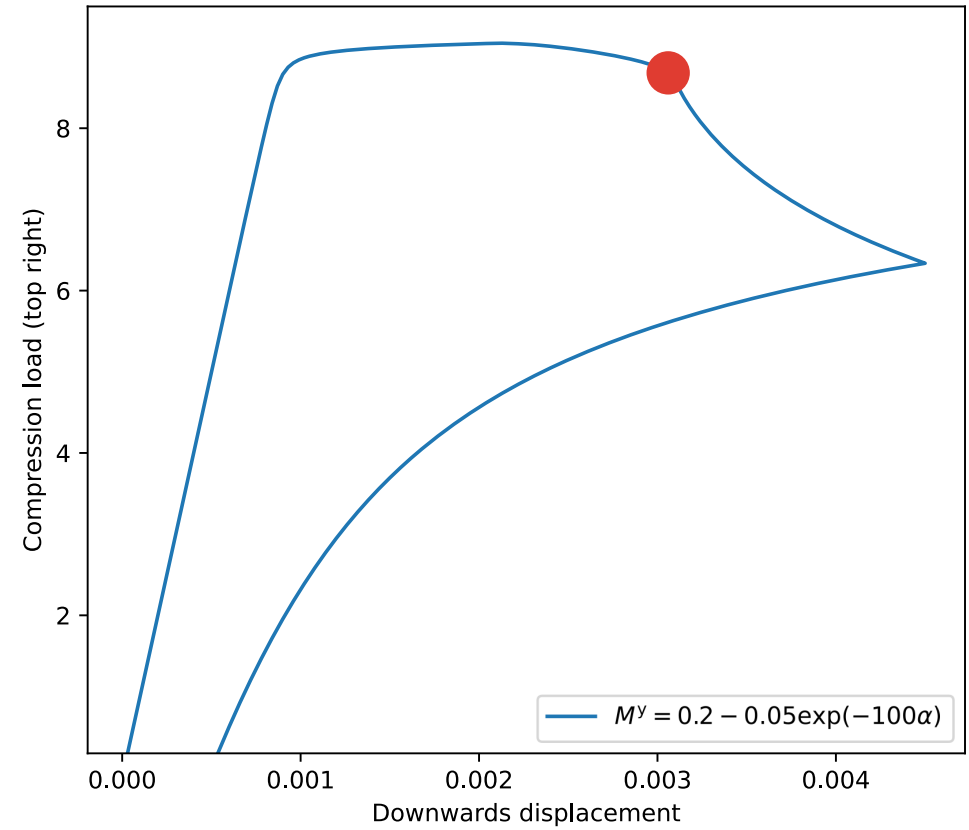
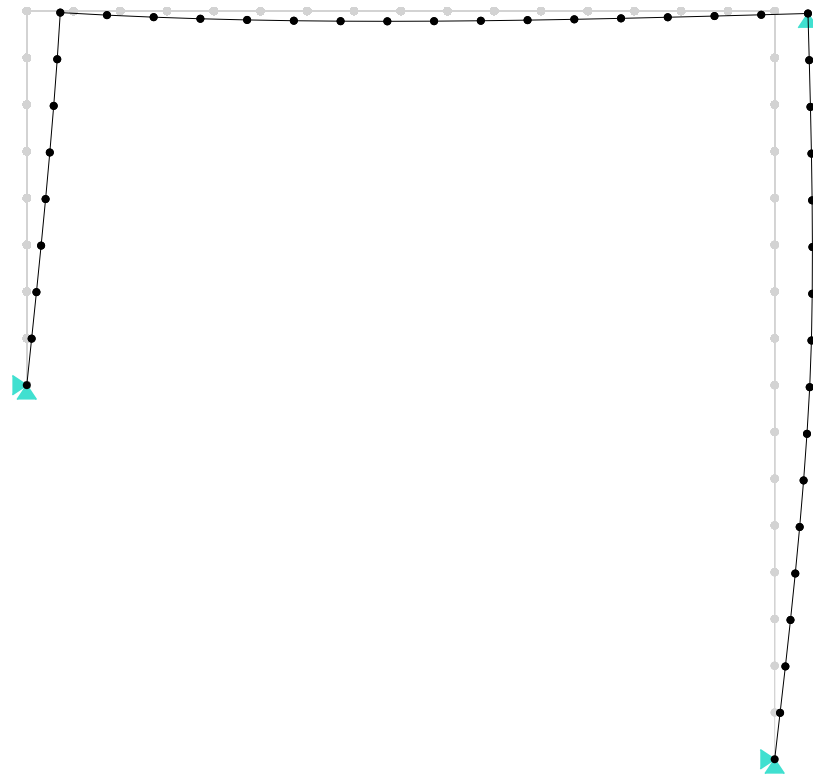
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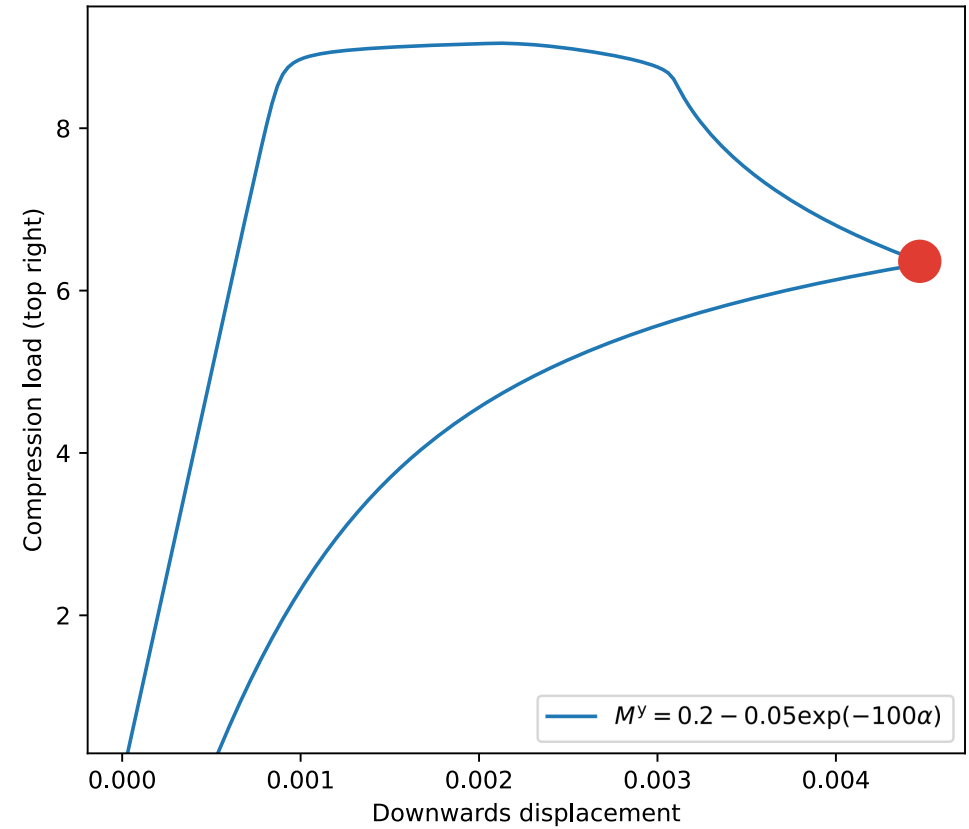
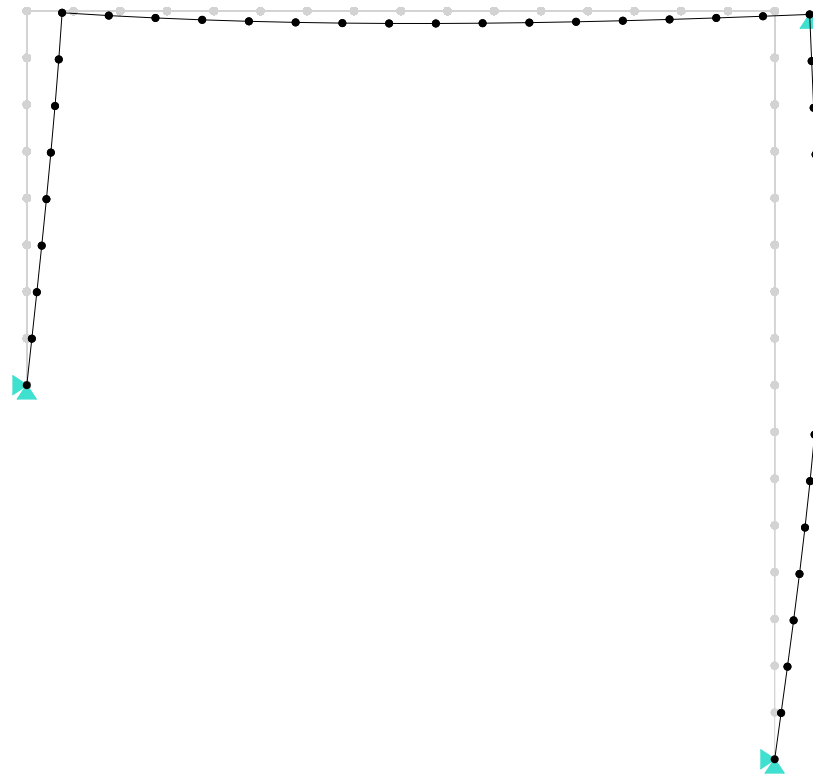


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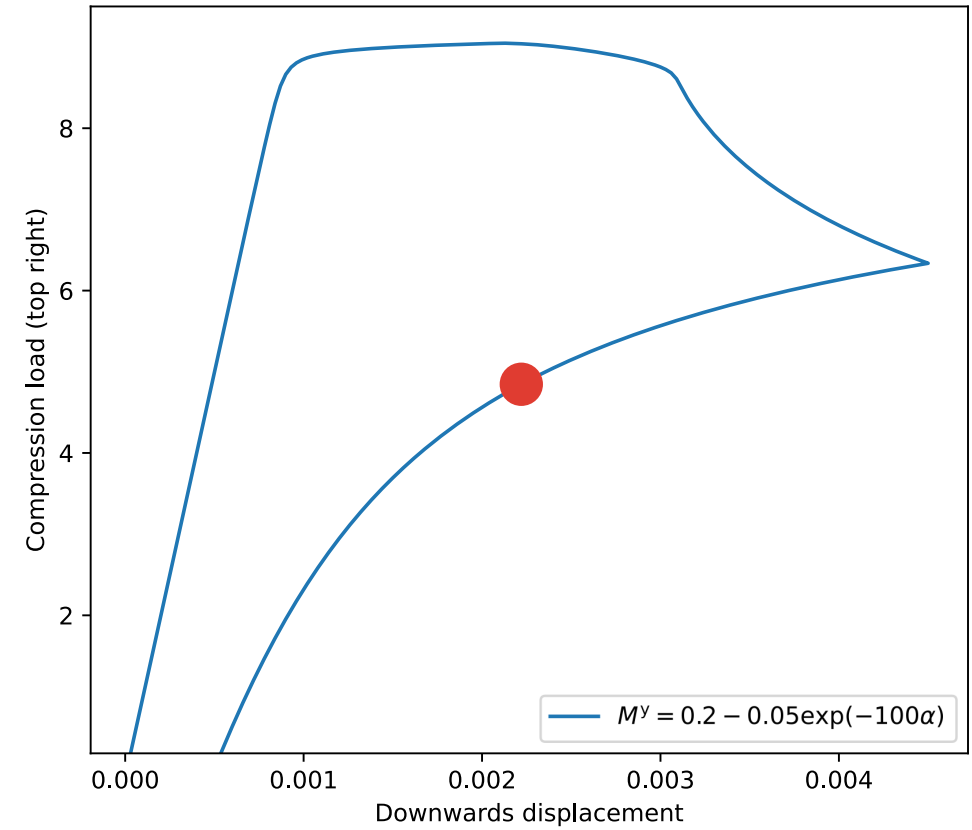
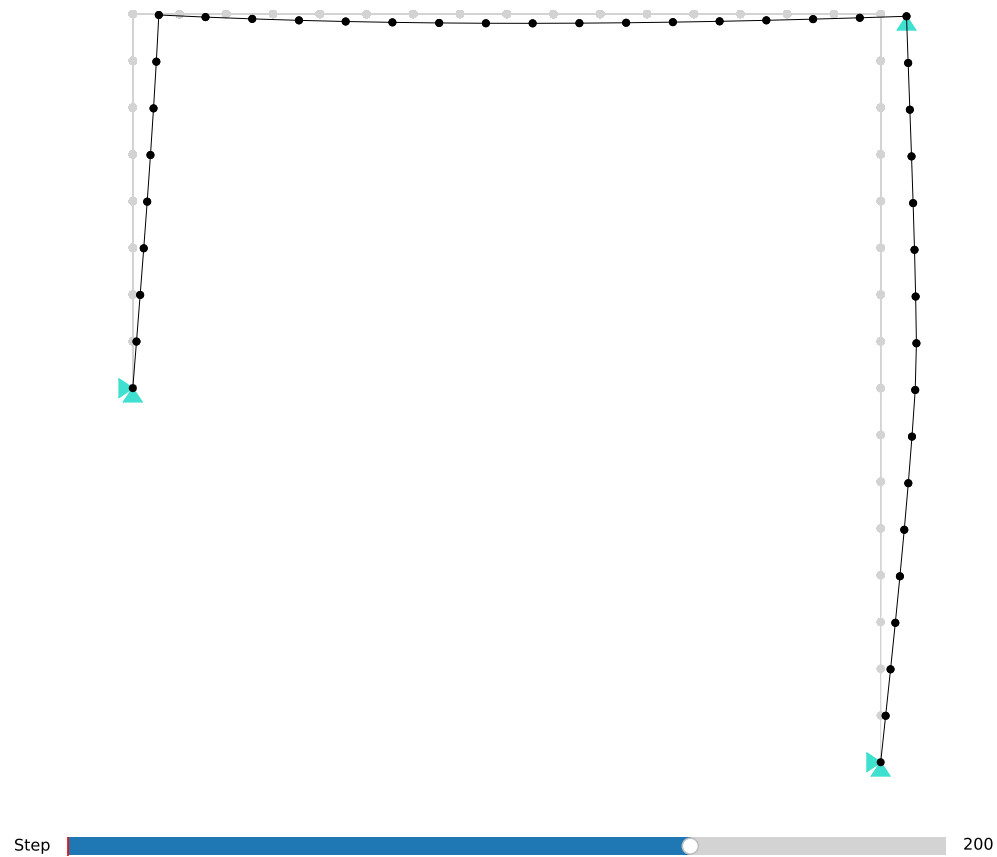


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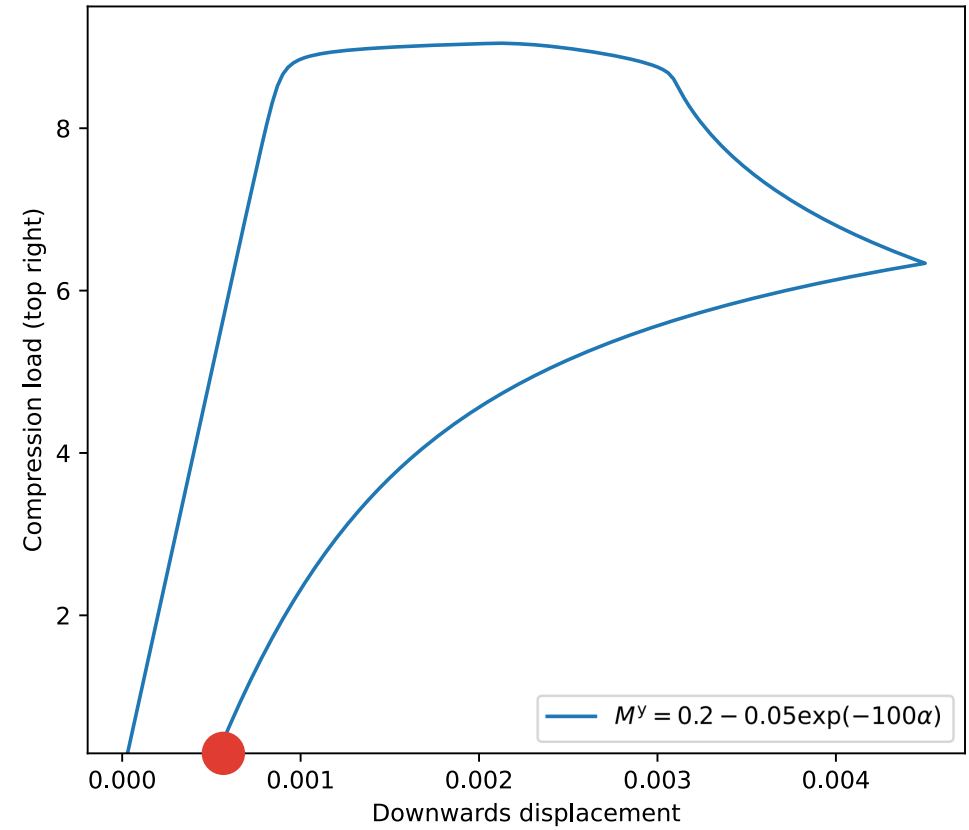
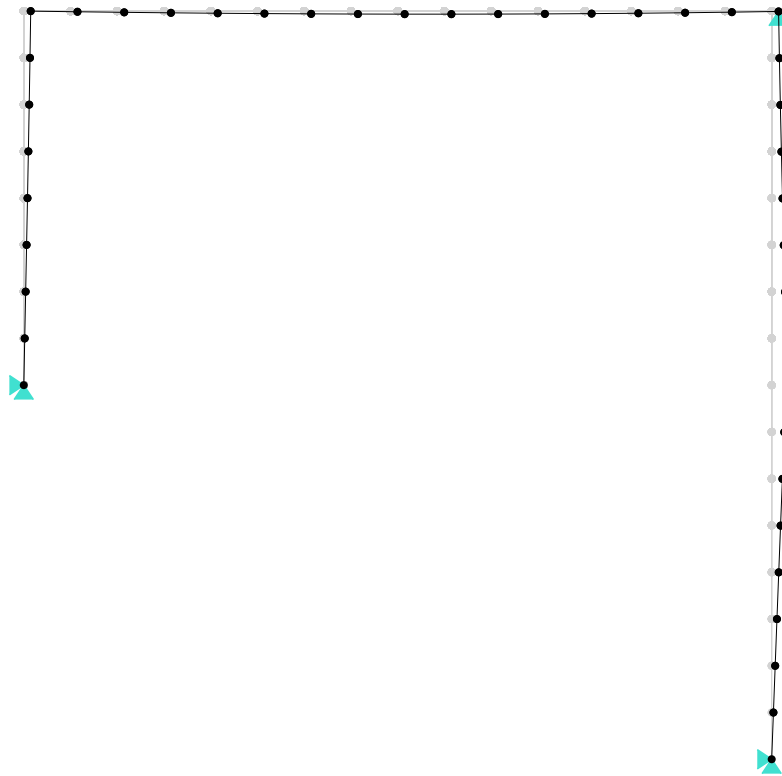
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Recap and outlook

This short story on nonlinear FEM is now round:

- Sources of nonlinearity
- Dealing with **geometric** nonlinearities
- Dealing with **material** nonlinearities
- Solver strategies for nonlinear FEM

If you want to keep digging, this is just the beginning:

- **CIEM5210-2**: Advanced constitutive modeling
 - Computational plasticity, continuum and discrete damage, advanced path following methods
- **CIEM1303** (upscaling techniques) and **CIEM1301** (advanced computational mechanics):
 - Multiscale/multiphysics modeling, recent advances in nonlinear FEM