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An Analytical Elastic Plastic Contact Model with Strain Hardening

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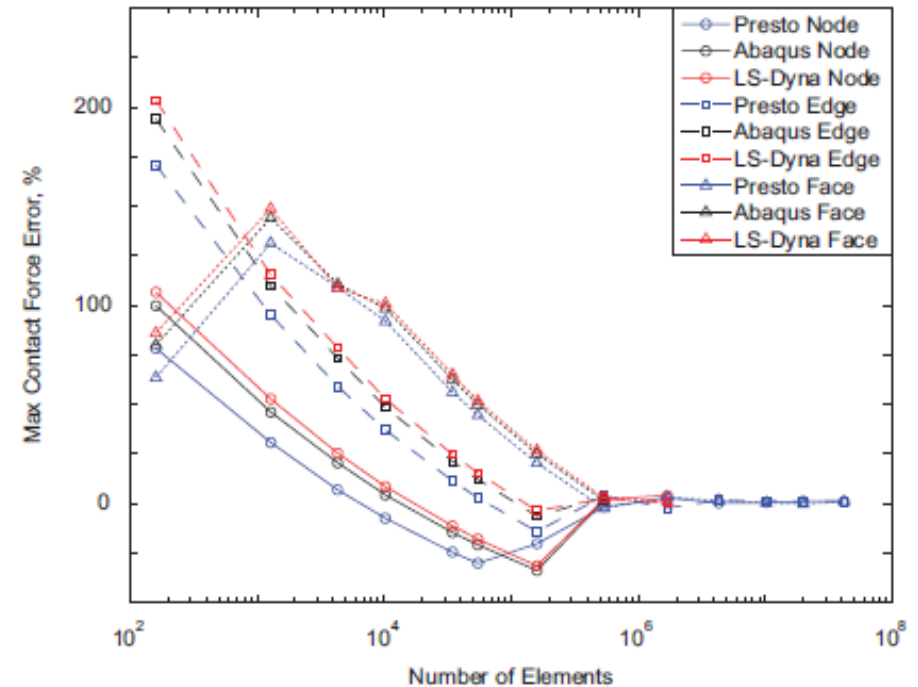
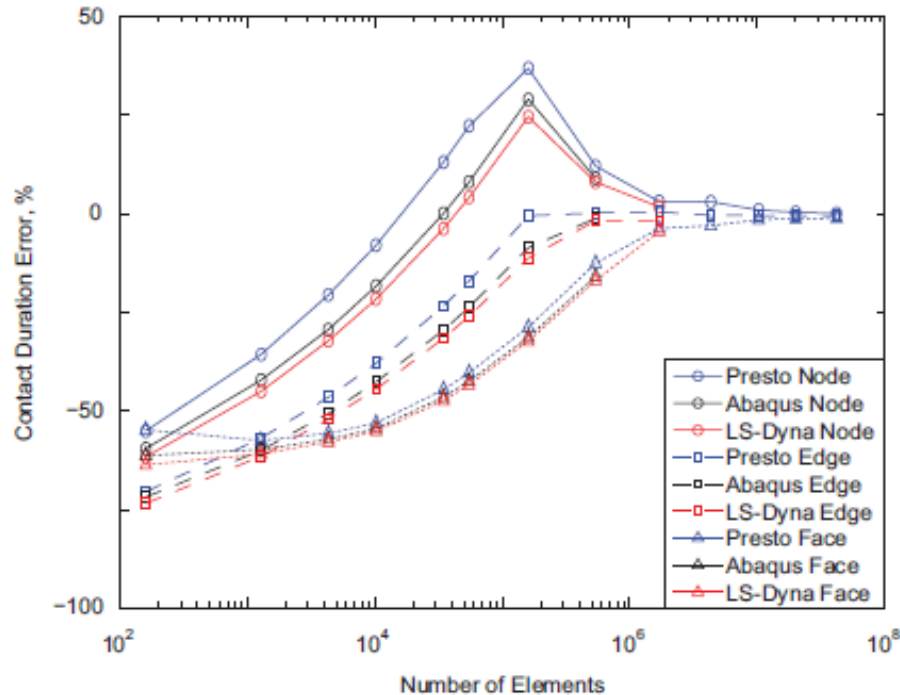
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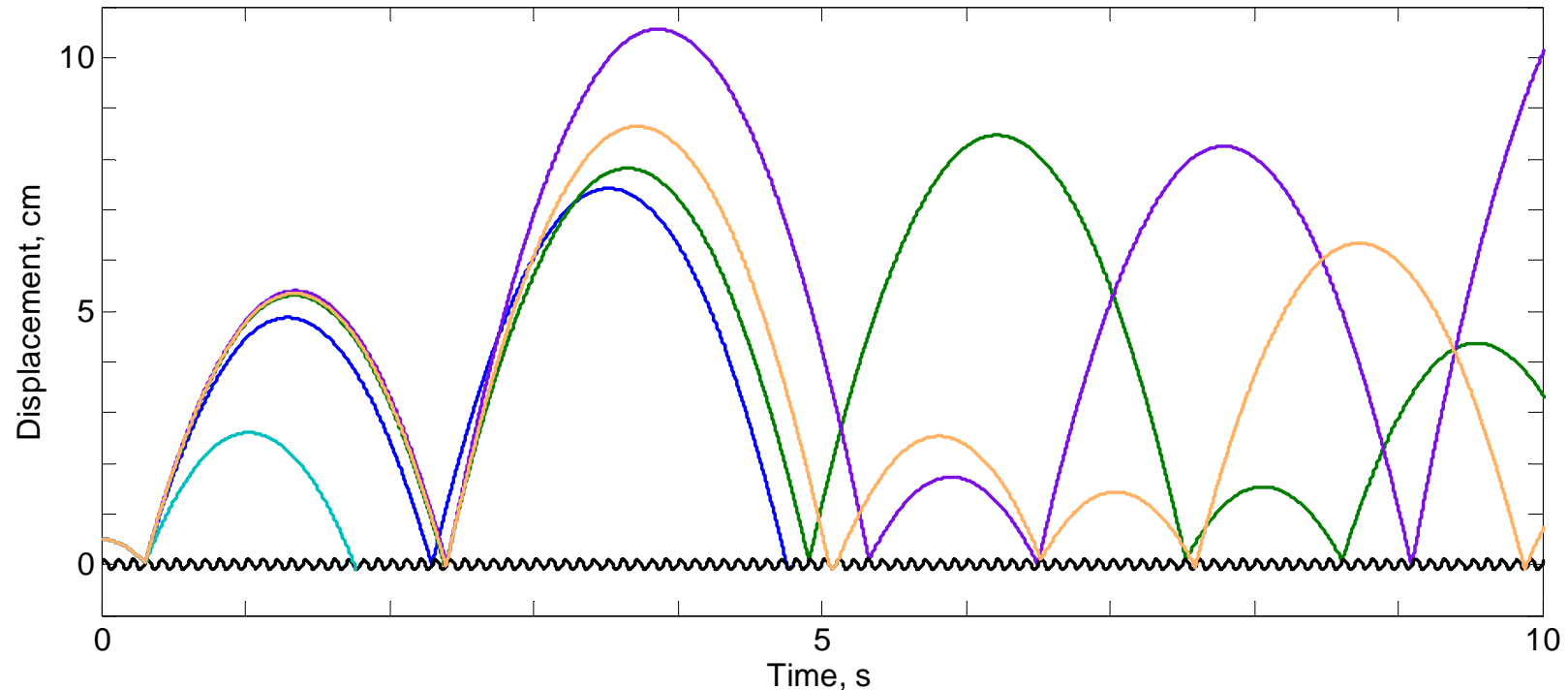
High Fidelity Numerical Modeling Is Impractical For General Problems



- Numerical solutions compared to analytical (Hertzian) solution for elastic contact
- An impractical number of elements is required to accurately model contact in just the elastic regime

Nonlinearities Can Lead to Significantly Different System Responses

- Small changes in the input parameters can lead to large changes in the response
- High fidelity modeling can only take us so far...to probabilistically explore the design spaces of complex mechanisms, we need efficient models
- Imperative that we have accurate and efficient contact and dissipation laws

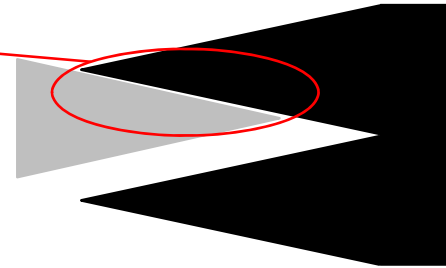


Shown: coefficient of restitution (green), Piecewise-Linear (purple), the present elastic-plastic (blue), a similar elastic plastic (orange), and a dissimilar elastic plastic (cyan)

Considerations for Constitutive Modeling

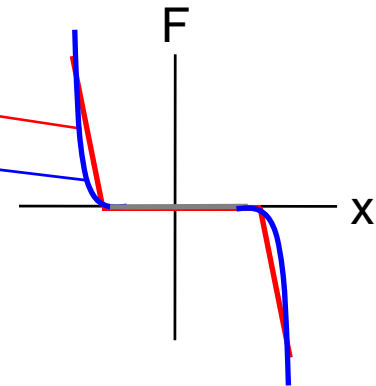
- Physical process

- Plasticity
- Localized yielding
- Asperities
- etc.



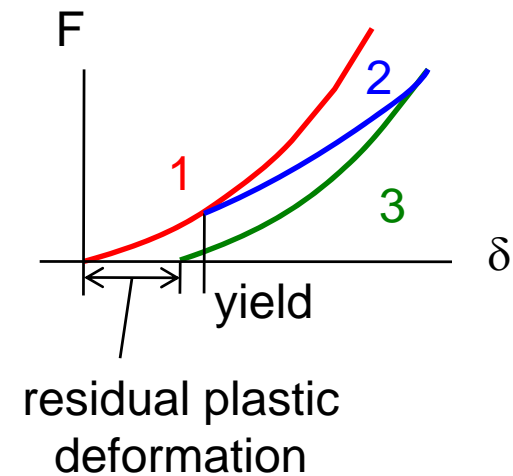
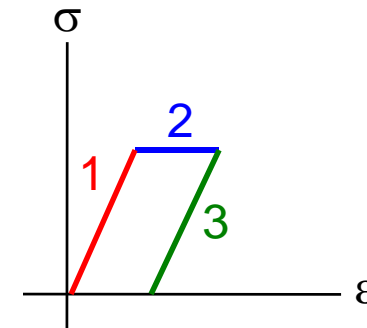
- Methods of simplified impact dynamics modeling

- Iwan-type models (bolts, joints, frictional interfaces)
- Penalty stiffness
- Hertzian contact
- Coefficient of restitution
- Elastic-Plastic models



Simplified Elastic Plastic Impact Modeling

- Deflection divided into three phases:
 - Elastic loading (1)
 - Hertzian force-deflection relationship
 - Spans from the initial contact until the onset of yielding
 - Mixed Elastic-Plastic loading (2)
 - Elastic forces hypothesized to decrease smoothly
 - Plastic forces hypothesized to increase smoothly
 - Elastic unloading (3)
 - Hertzian, but with a different contact radius than for loading
 - A portion of the plastic deflection is unrecoverable



Elastic Regime

- Hertzian Loading

$$F = \frac{4}{3}E\sqrt{r}\delta^{3/2} \quad a = \sqrt{r\delta}$$

- With effective properties

$$E = \left(\frac{1-\nu_1^2}{E_1} + \frac{1-\nu_2^2}{E_2} \right)^{-1}$$

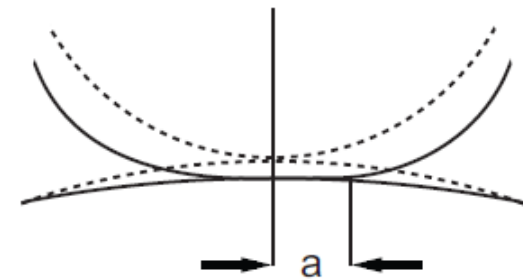
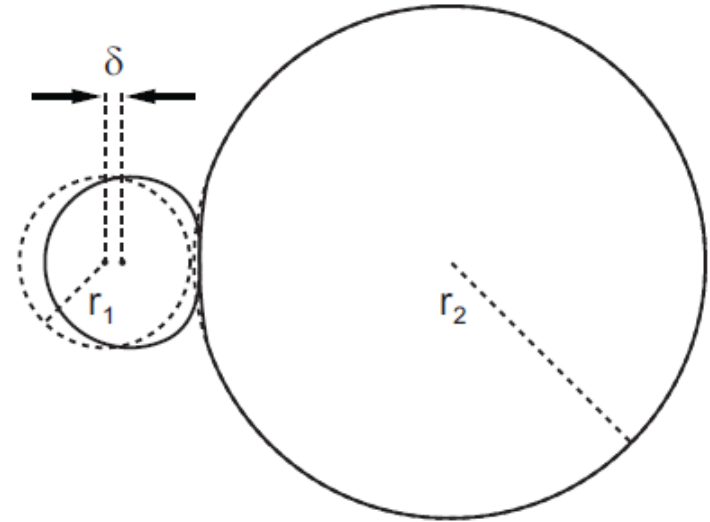
$$H = \left(\frac{2}{H_1} + \frac{2}{H_2} \right)^{-1}$$

$$r = \left(\frac{1}{r_1} + \frac{1}{r_2} \right)^{-1}$$

- Inception of yield based on stress field and the von Mises criterion

$$f(\nu) = \max_{u \in \mathbb{R}} \left(-(1+\nu) \left(1 - u \operatorname{atan} \left(\frac{1}{u} \right) \right) + \frac{3}{2} \frac{1}{1+u^2} \right)^2$$

$$\delta_y = \frac{r}{f(\nu)} \left(\frac{\pi \sigma_y}{2E} \right)^2$$

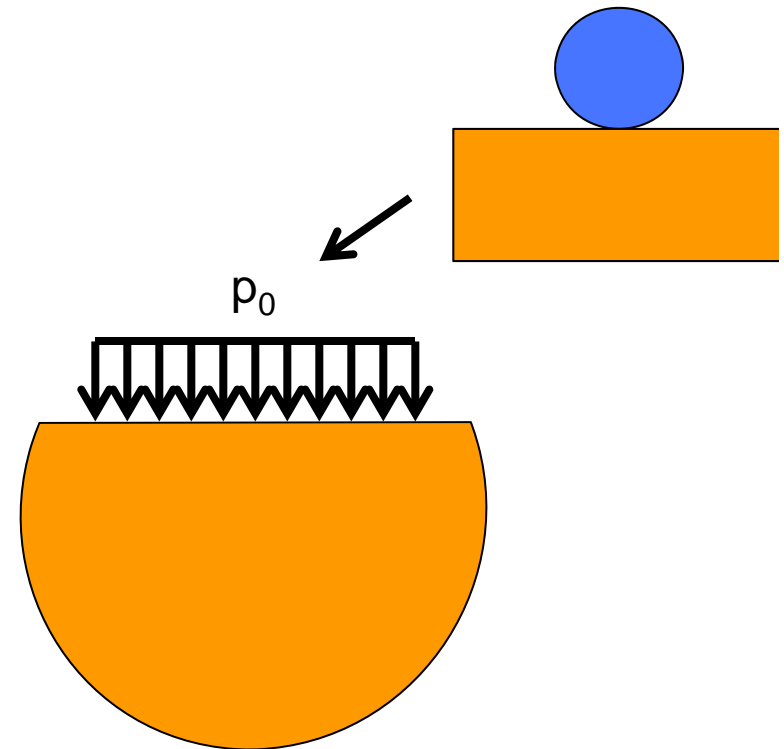
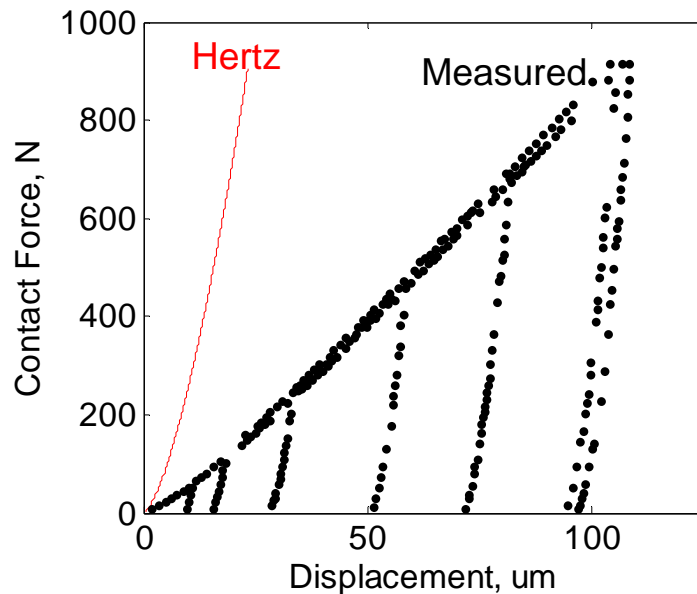


Plastic Forces

- Assumes uniform pressure distribution and conservation of volume

$$F = p_0 \pi \frac{a^n}{a_p^{n-2}} \quad a^2 = 2r\delta \quad p_0 = Hg10^6$$

- Strain hardening incorporated with Meyer's hardness exponent n .



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Elastic Plastic Transitional Behavior

$$F_{EP} = \phi_1(\delta)F_E(\delta) + \phi_2(\delta)F_P(\delta)$$

1. The transitional functions must recover the elastic force at the onset of yield

$$\phi_1(\delta_y) = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \phi_2(\delta_y) = 0.$$

2. The contact force must always increase with displacement

$$\frac{dF_{EP}}{d\delta} > 0 \quad \text{for} \quad \delta \geq \delta_y.$$

3. The rate at which the contact force increases with displacement cannot decrease

$$\frac{d^2F_{EP}}{d\delta^2} \geq 0 \quad \text{for} \quad \delta \geq \delta_y.$$

4. The Hertzian contact force (F_E) is greater than the elastic plastic contact force after yield occurs

$$F_E \geq F_{EP} \quad \text{for} \quad \delta \geq \delta_y.$$

5. The elastic plastic contact force is greater than the plastic contact force due to the contribution of the elastic contact force

$$F_{EP} \geq F_P \quad \text{for} \quad \delta \geq \delta_y.$$

6. The elastic plastic contact force approaches the value of the plastic contact force for large displacements

$$\lim_{\delta \rightarrow \infty} \phi_1(\delta) \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{\delta \rightarrow \infty} \phi_2(\delta) \rightarrow 1.$$

7. The contact force must be smooth across the inception of yield

$$\frac{d\phi_1(\delta_y)}{d\delta} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{d\phi_2(\delta_y)}{d\delta} = 0.$$

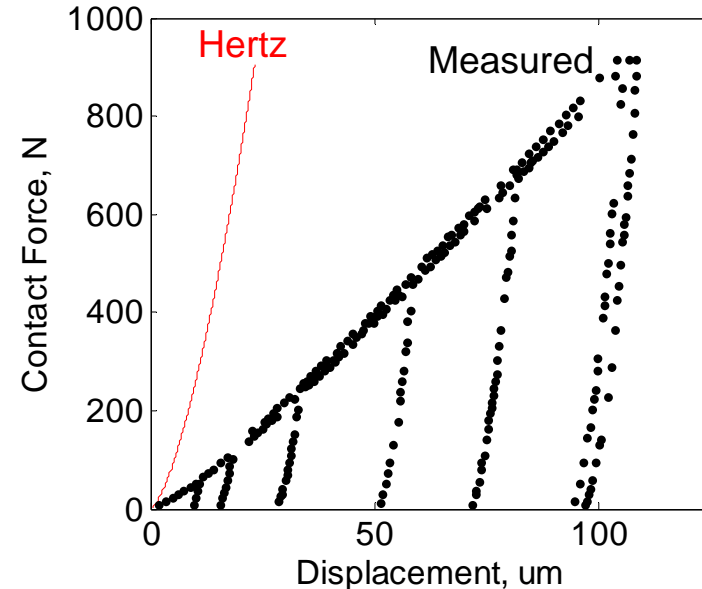
8. The transitional functions are bounded

$$0 \leq \phi_1(\delta) \leq 1 \quad \text{and} \quad 0 \leq \phi_2(\delta) \leq 1 \quad \text{for} \quad \delta \geq \delta_y.$$

9. The derivative of the contact force must be smooth across the inception of yield

$$\frac{dF_E(\delta_y)}{d\delta} = \frac{dF_{EP}(\delta_y)}{d\delta}.$$

These assumptions are to enforce smoothness in the compliance curve...



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Elastic Plastic Transitional Behavior

- From the previous assumptions, the transitional behavior is derived

$$a_p = \left(\frac{3p_0}{4E} 2^{n/2} \pi r^{n/2-1/2} \delta_y^{n/2-3/2} \right)^{1/(n-2)}$$

$$\phi_1(\delta) = \text{sech} \left((1 + \xi) \frac{\delta - \delta_y}{\delta_p - \delta_y} \right)$$

$$\xi = n - 2$$

$$\phi_2(\delta) = 1 - \text{sech} \left((1 - \xi) \frac{\delta - \delta_y}{\delta_p - \delta_y} \right)$$

$$F(\delta) = \text{sech} \left((1 + \xi) \frac{\delta - \delta_y}{\delta_p - \delta_y} \right) \frac{4}{3} E \sqrt{r} \delta^{3/2} + \text{sech} \left((1 - \xi) \frac{\delta - \delta_y}{\delta_p - \delta_y} \right) p_0 \pi \frac{a^n}{a_p^{n-2}}$$

$$a = \sqrt{r \delta \left(2 - \text{sech} \left(\xi \frac{\delta - \delta_y}{\delta_p - \delta_y} \right) \right)}$$

Restitution Model

- Unloading is elastic

$$F = \frac{4}{3}E\sqrt{\bar{r}}(\delta - \bar{\delta})^{3/2}$$

- Assumption: the residual plastic deformation is proportional to the elastic plastic force/equivalent elastic force

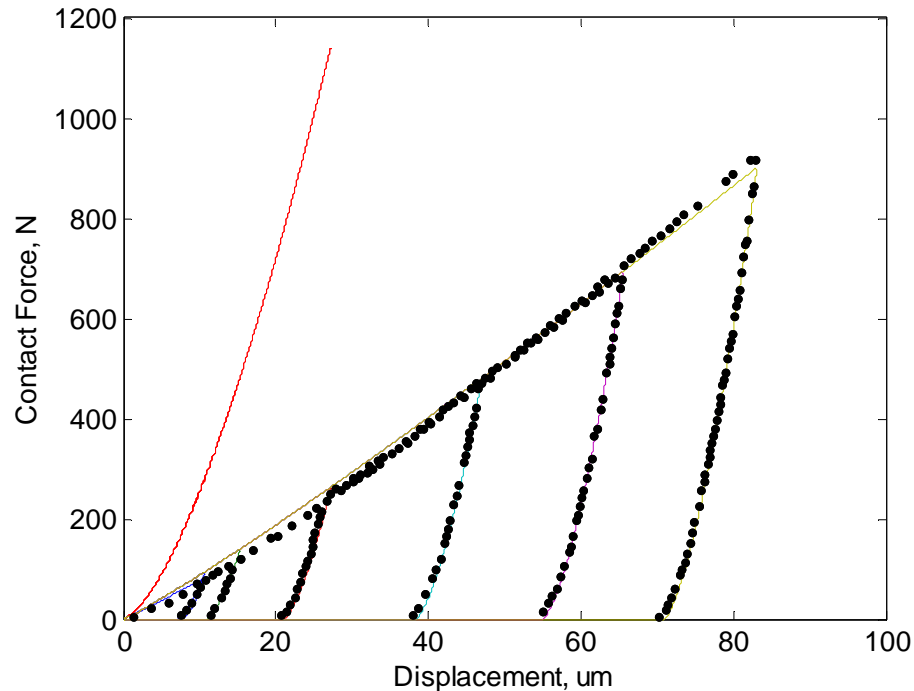
$$\bar{\delta} = \delta_m \left(1 - \frac{F_m}{4/3E\sqrt{\bar{r}}\delta_m^{3/2}} \right)$$

- Modified contact radius based off of compatibility

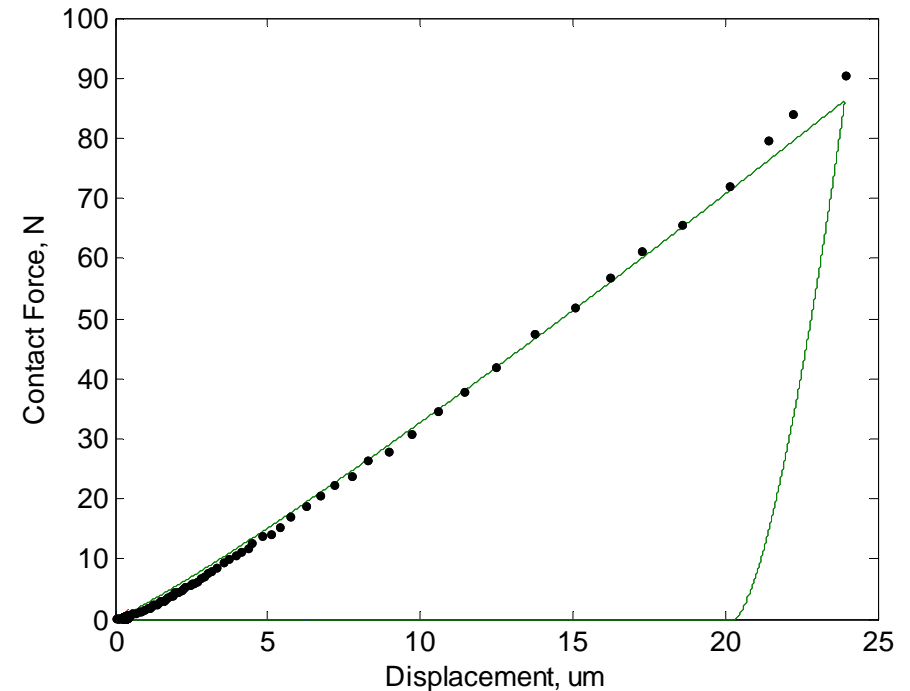
$$\bar{r} = \frac{F_m^2}{(4/3E)^2 (\delta_m - \bar{\delta})^3}$$

- Fully prescribes contact model in terms of material properties
- No tuning or calibration parameters

Direct Validation

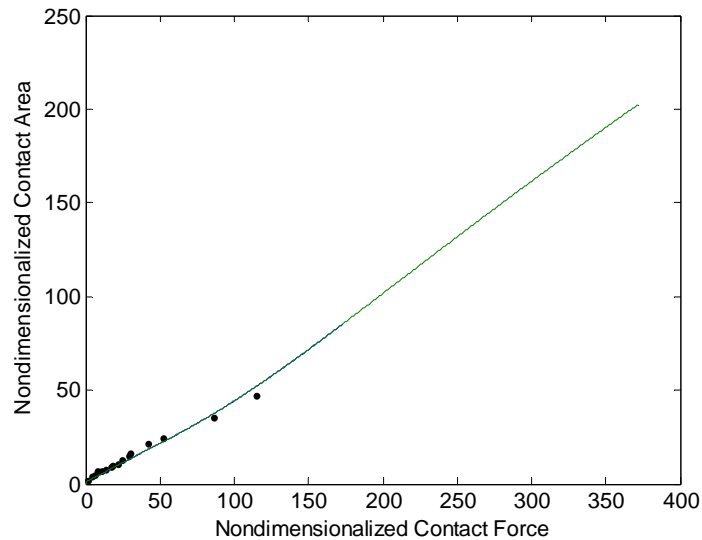


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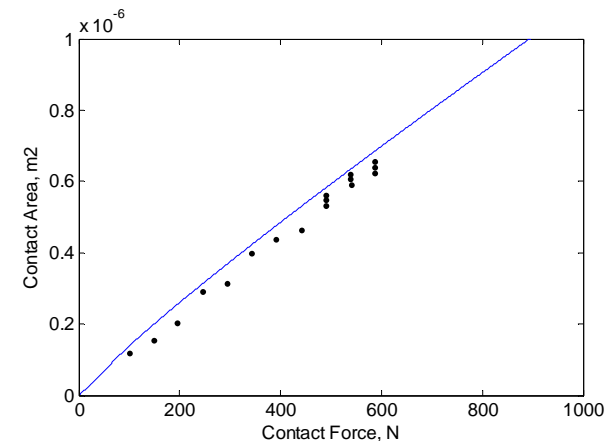
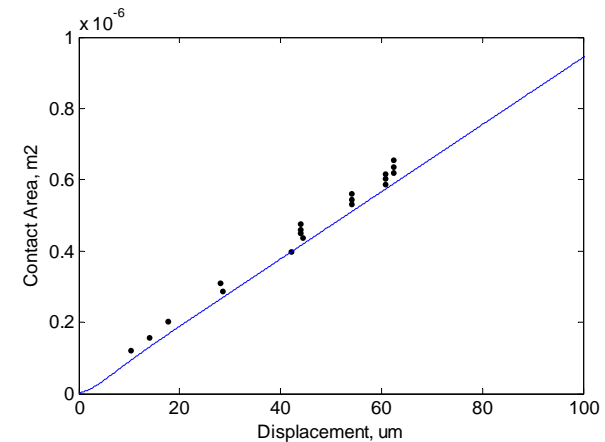


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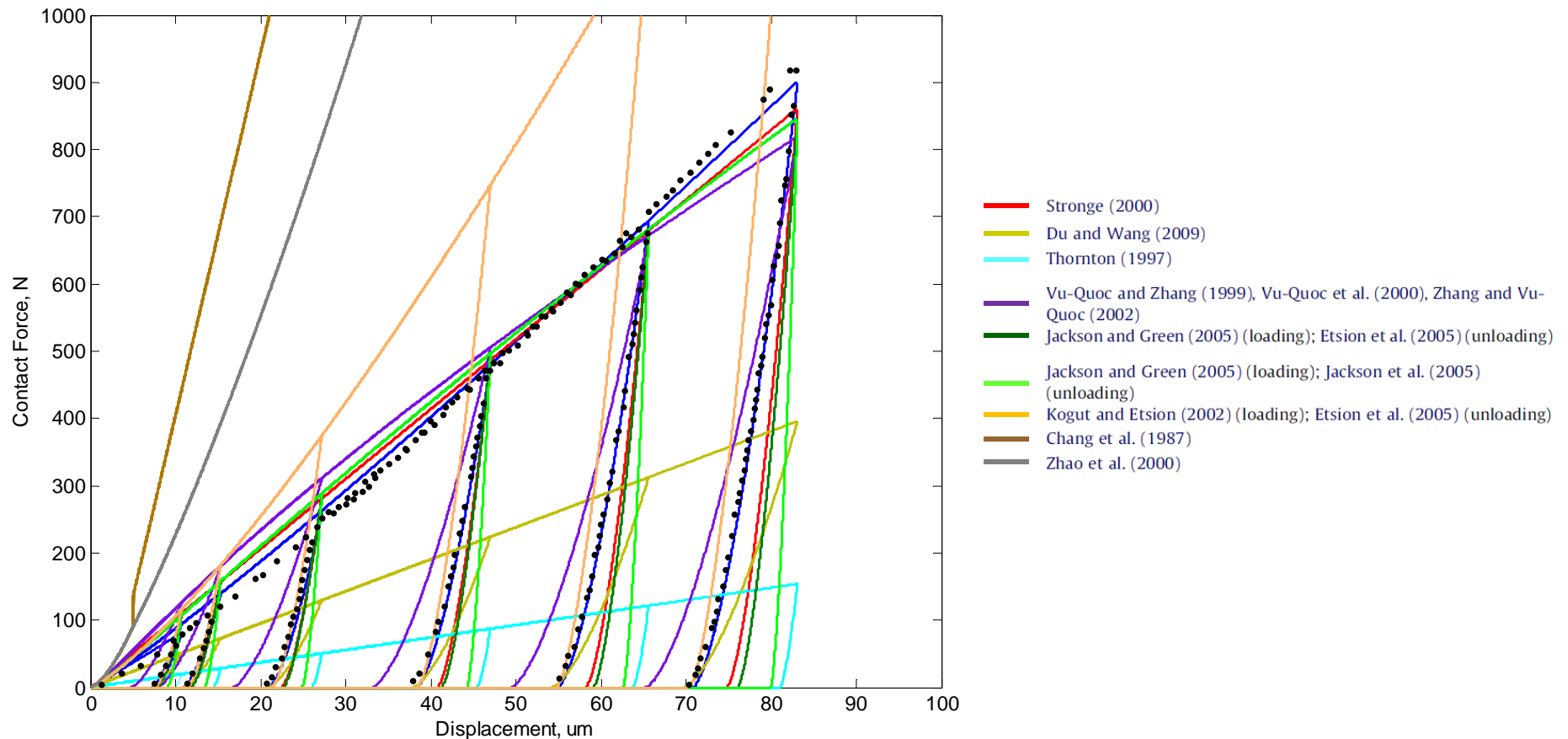


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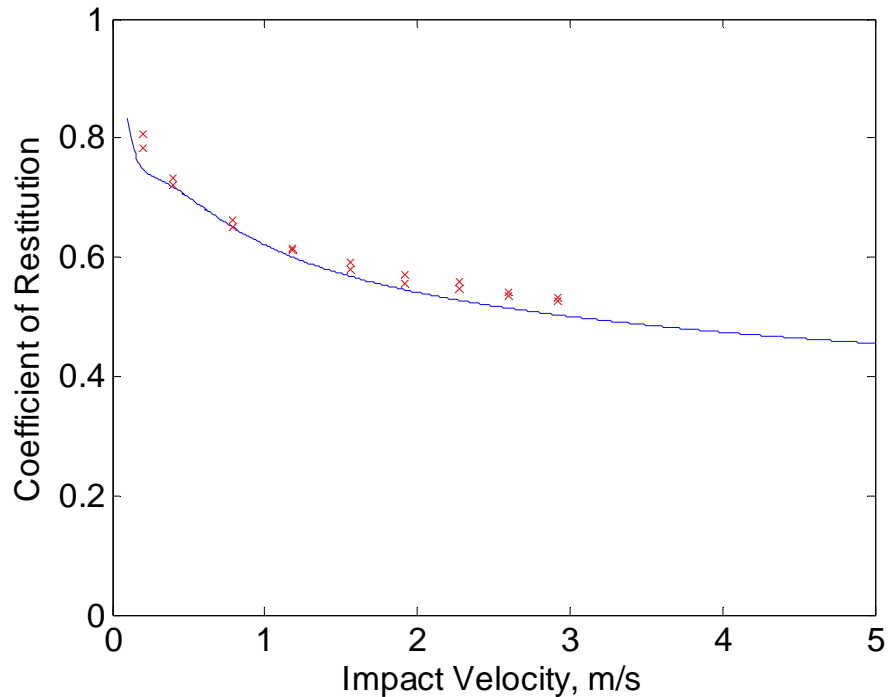
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Comparison to Other Models

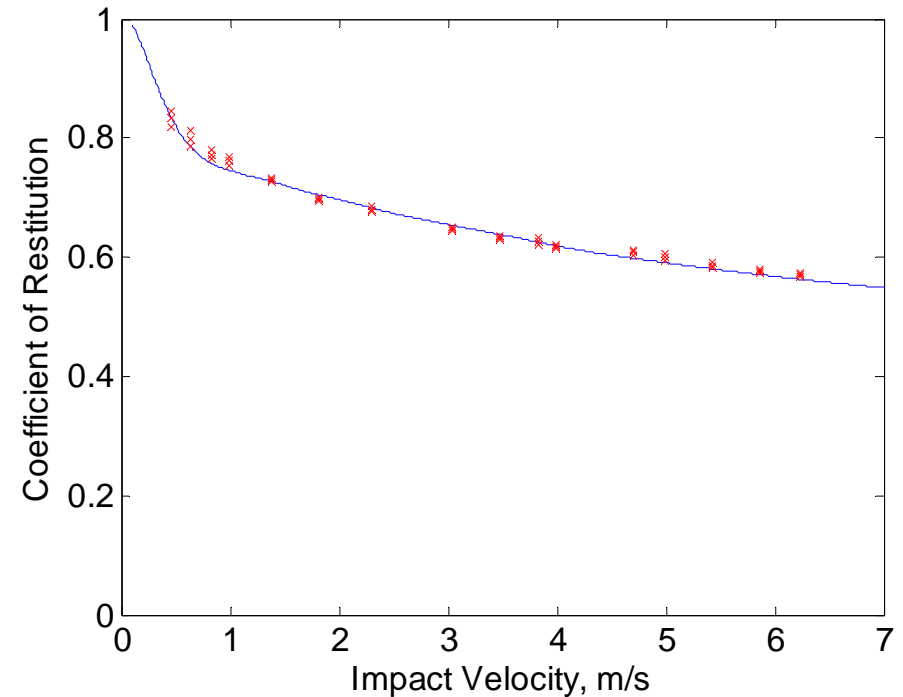


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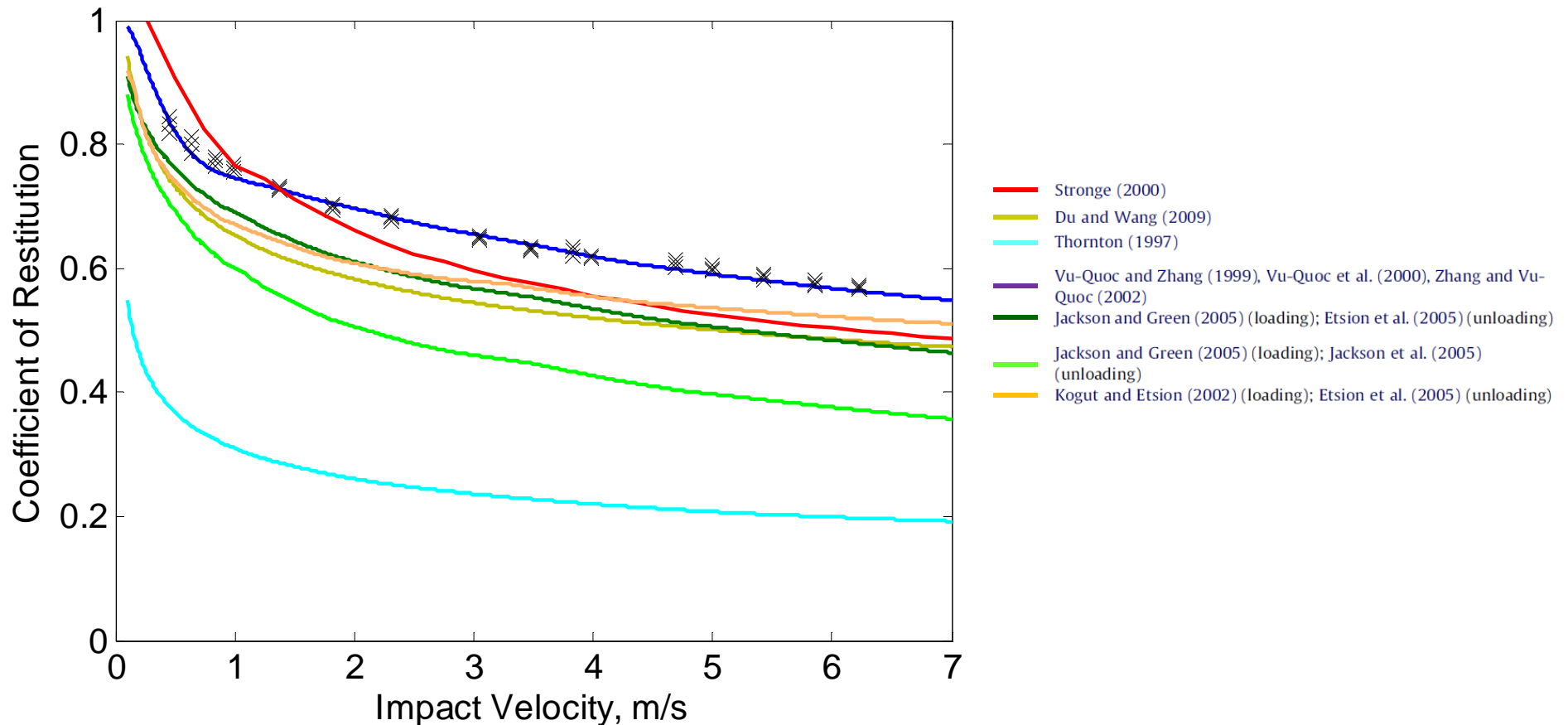


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Summary and Conclusions

- A new analytical elastic plastic model that includes strain hardening has been developed
- No tuning or calibration parameters – entirely based on material properties, and several well supported assumptions
- Compliance after yield modeled as the contribution from elastic forces decreasing and the contribution from plastic forces increasing as the interference increases
- Very high agreement with available data; much more so than existing models in the literature