

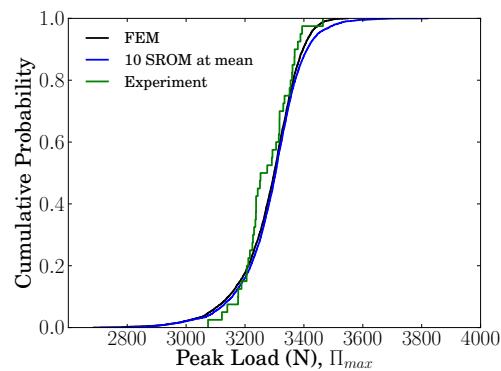
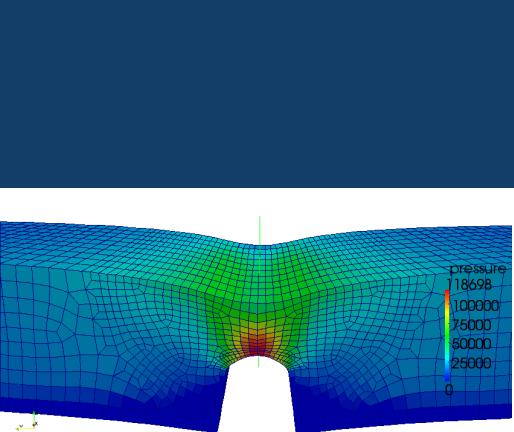
Reliability calculations for ductile laser welds with stochastic reduced-order models

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Laser welding – very briefly

what? / why?

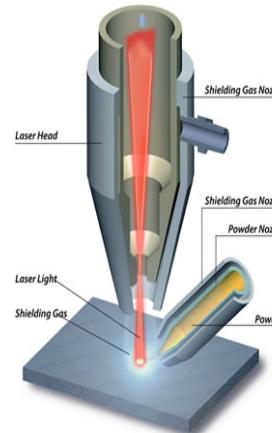
- a variety of tools/methods: fiber lasers; pulsed waves; etc.
- low heat input (a benefit for nearby heat-sensitive, parts)
- high automation
- high quality

but:

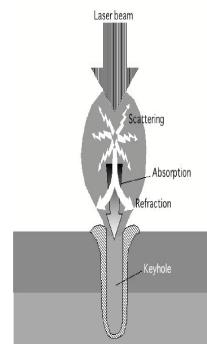
- beam power & quality affect solidification (upper right)
- can develop porosity due to off-gassing or key-hole collapse

consequences:

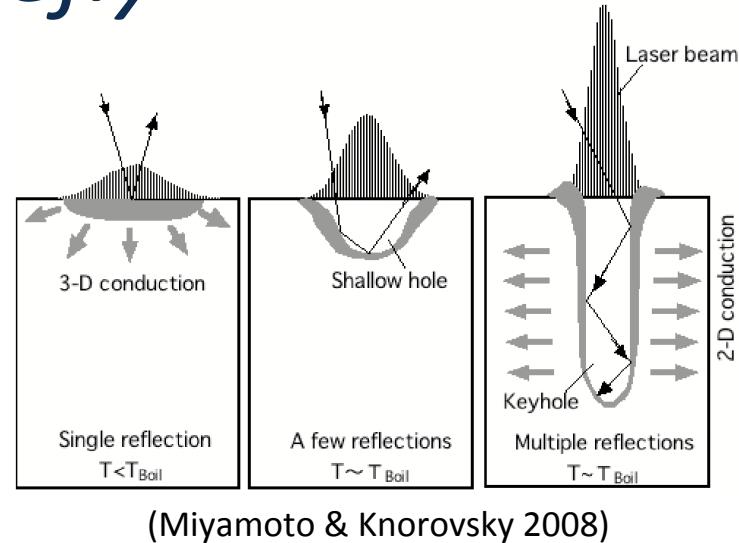
- wide range of variability in geometry
- wide range in response under mechanical loading (peak load / “strain” at peak load)



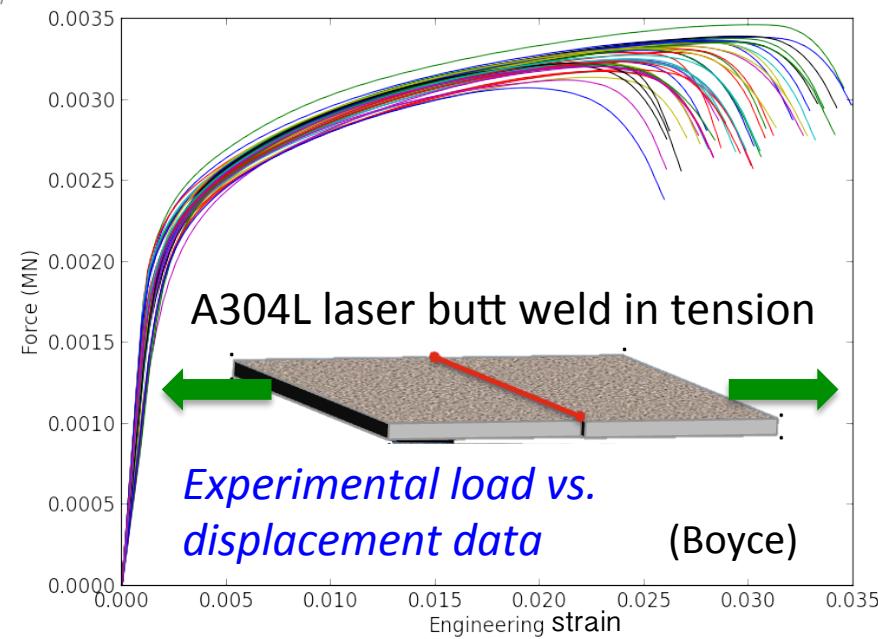
(Picture: non-coaxial powder feed)
(stellite.co.uk)



(Miyamoto & Knorovsky 2008)



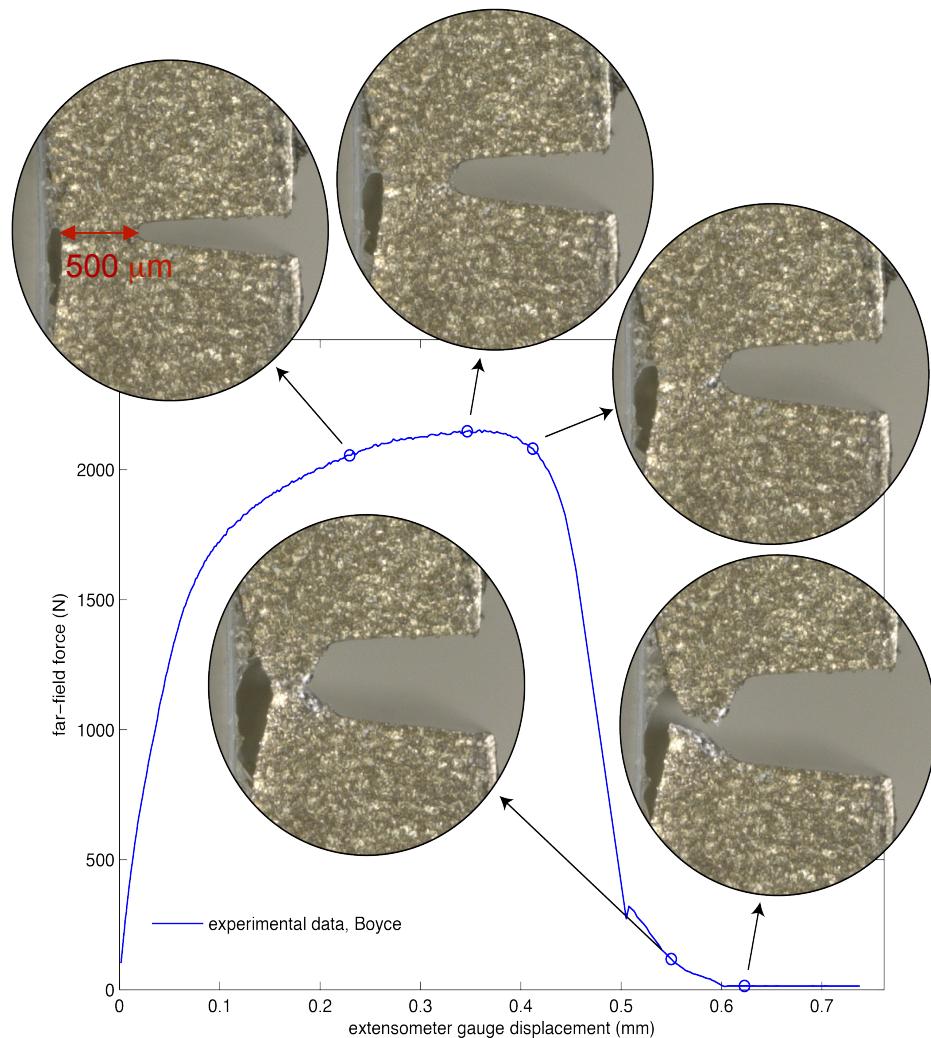
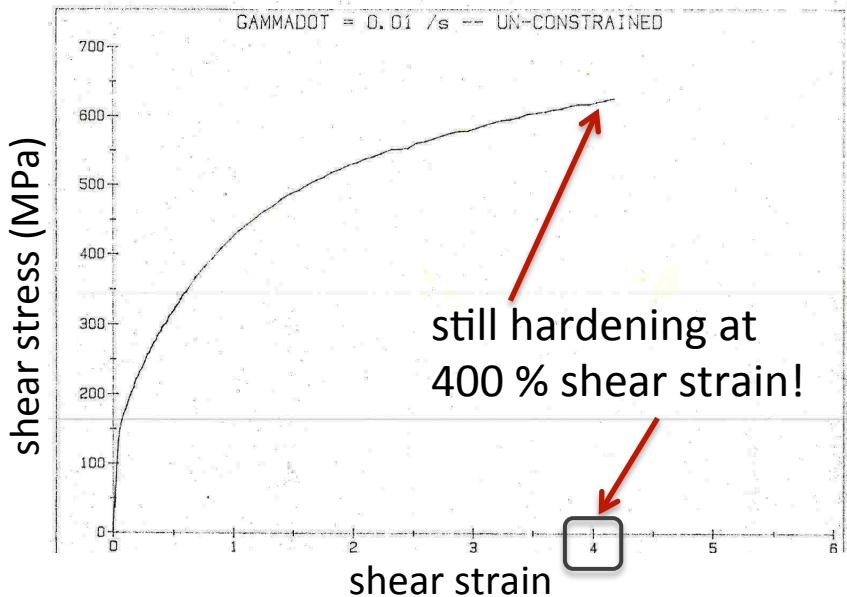
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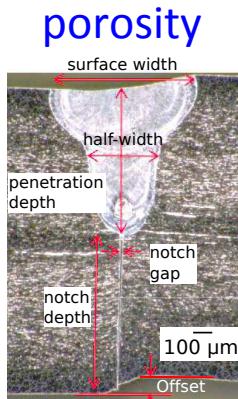
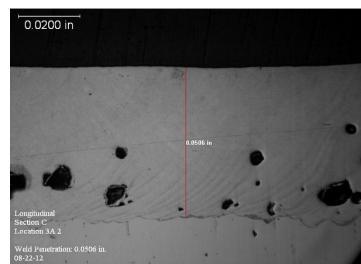
- A304L hardens to high plastic strains

Thin tubes in torsion (W. Kawahara, ~1980)

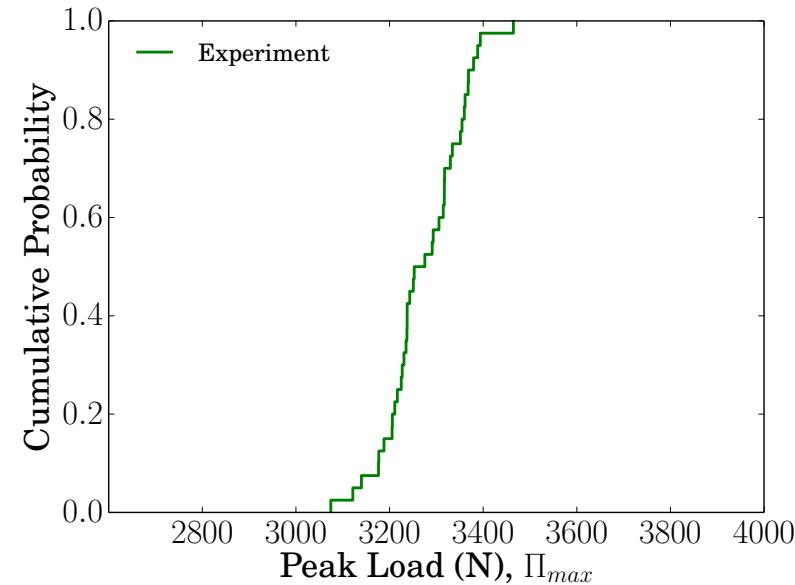
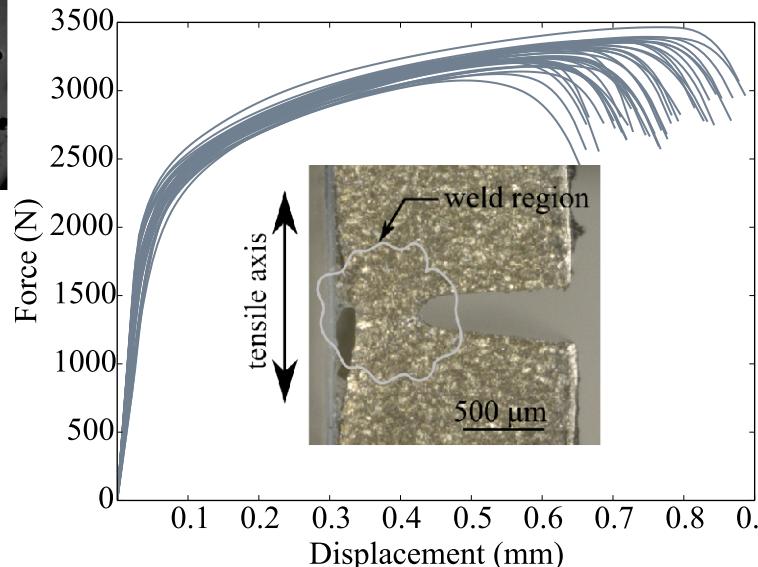


A304L SS laser-welded tensile coupon

Motivation – variability



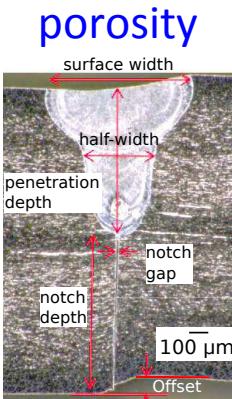
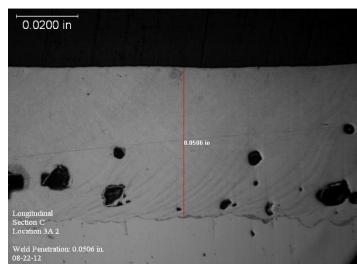
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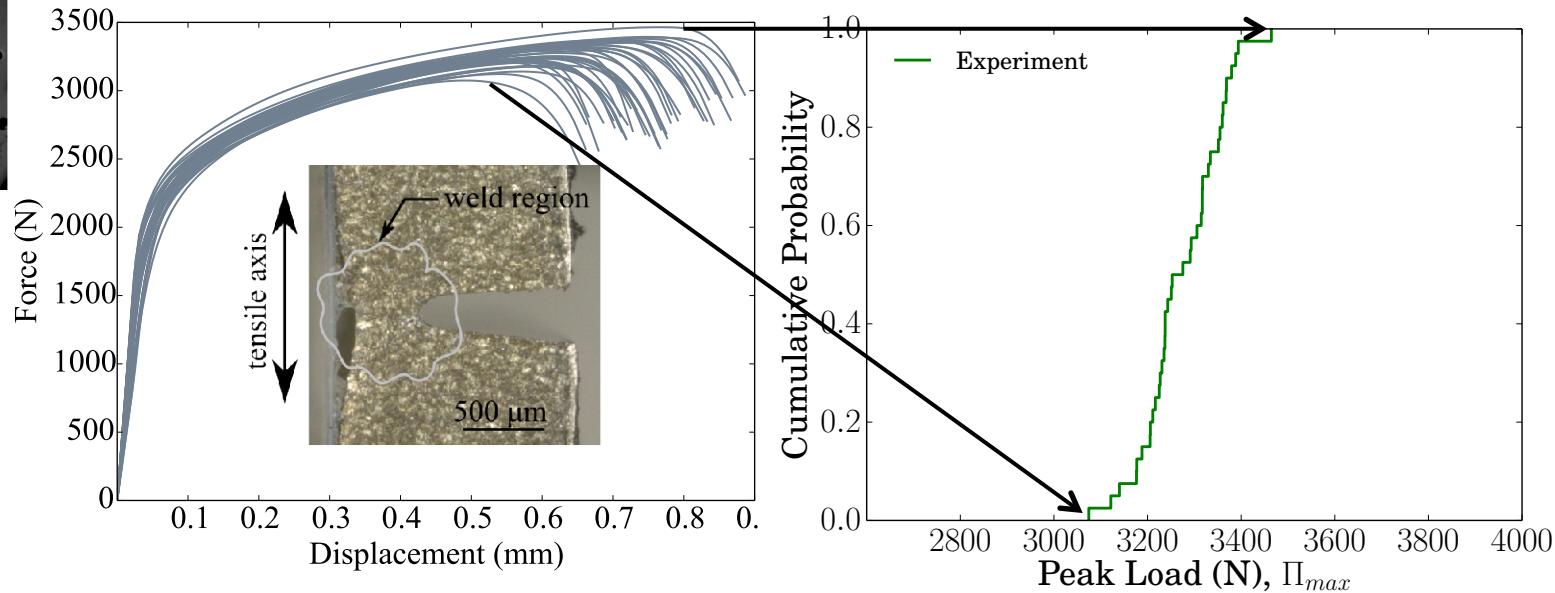
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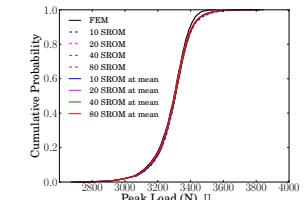
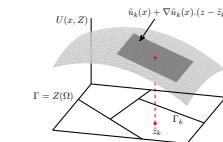
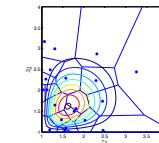
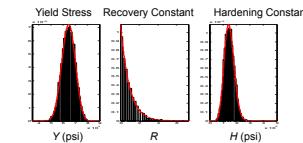
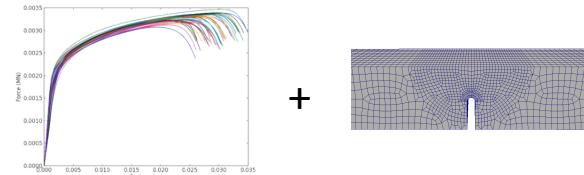
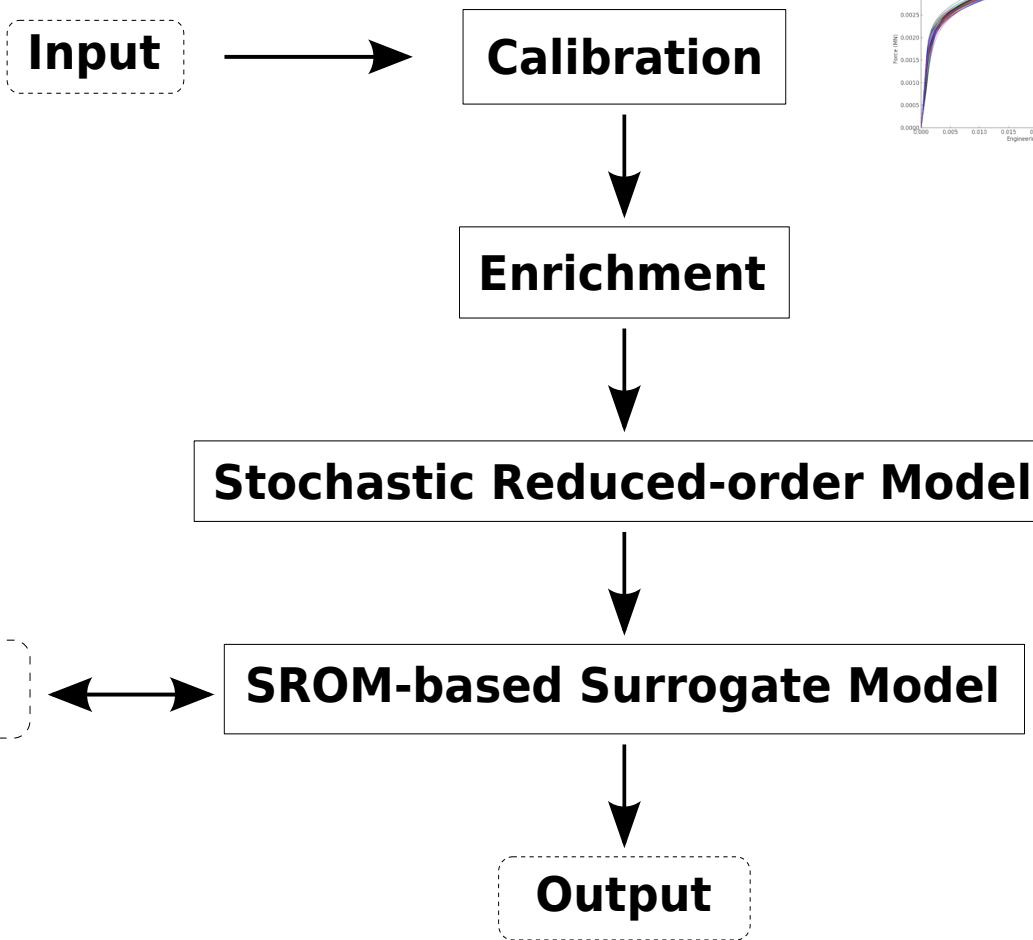


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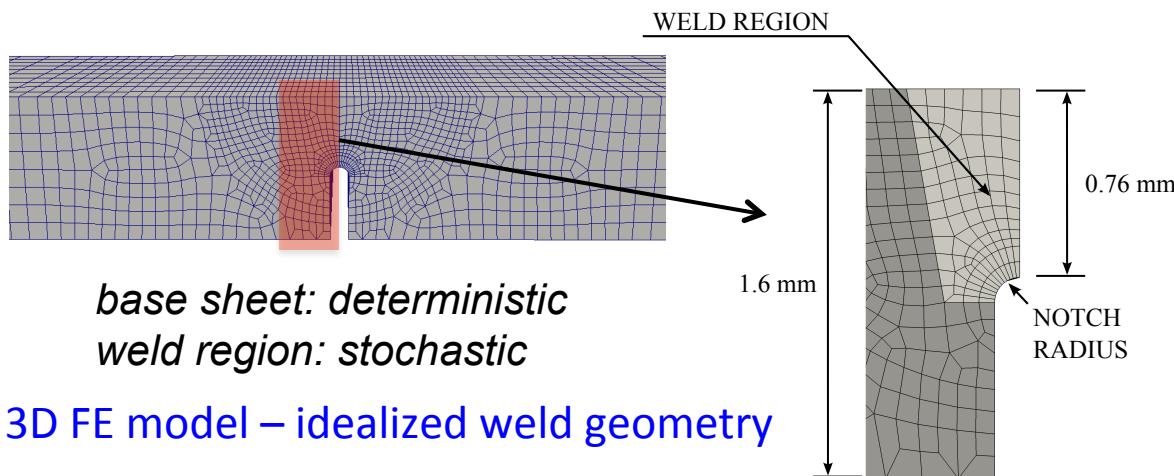
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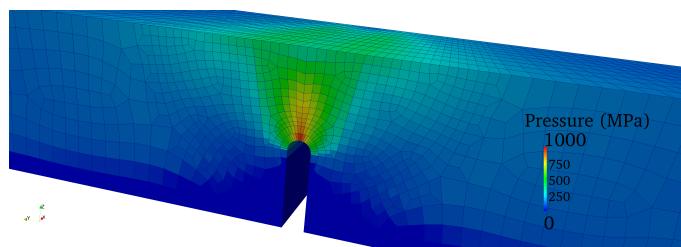
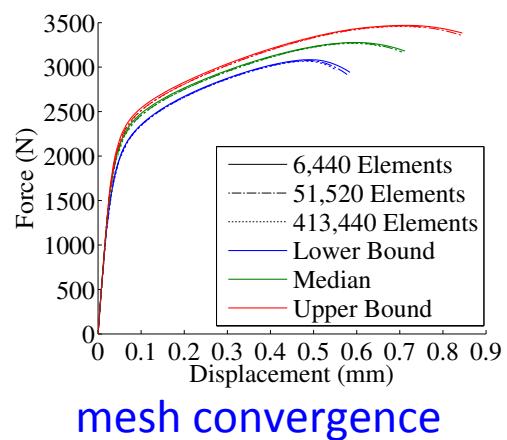
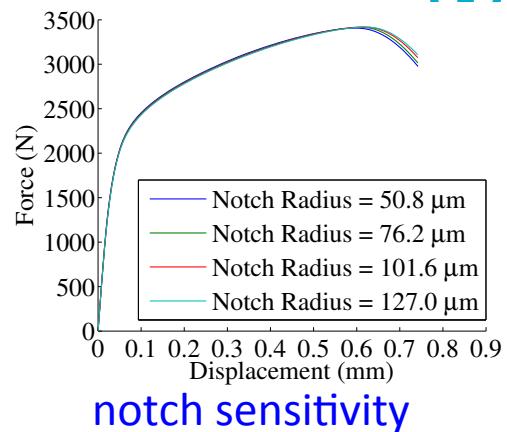


3D FE model – idealized weld geometry

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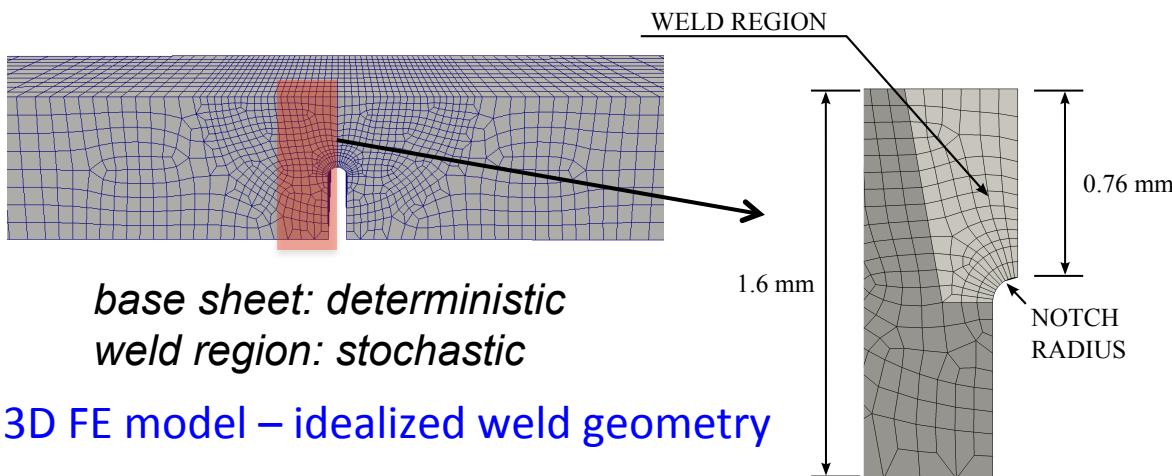
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$$\left. \begin{aligned} \sigma_y &= Y + \kappa & \dot{\kappa} &= [H - R\kappa] \dot{\epsilon}_p \\ \kappa(\epsilon_p) &= \frac{H}{R} [1 - \exp(-R\epsilon_p)] \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{aligned} Y &\text{ initial yield stress} \\ H &\text{ hardening (linear)} \\ R &\text{ recovery coefficient} \end{aligned}$$



smooth pressure – no locking

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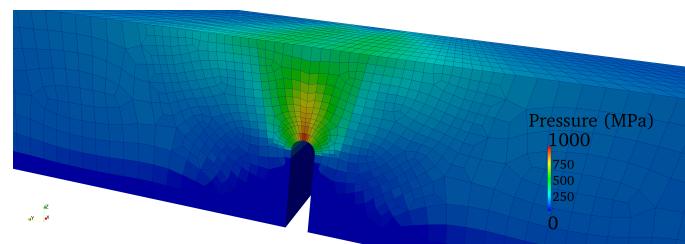
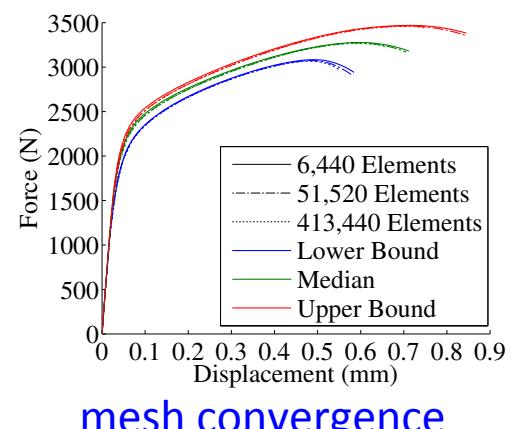
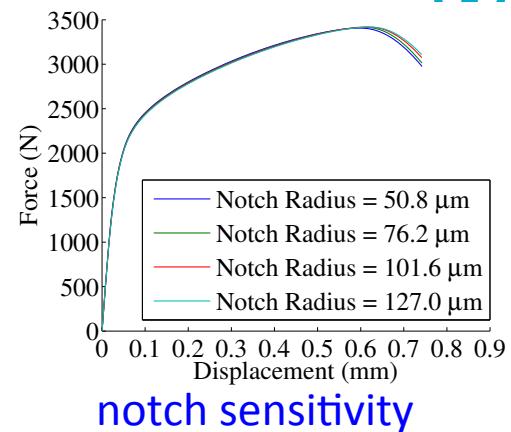
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stochastic dimension = 3

$$\Theta = \begin{bmatrix} Y \\ H \\ R \end{bmatrix}$$

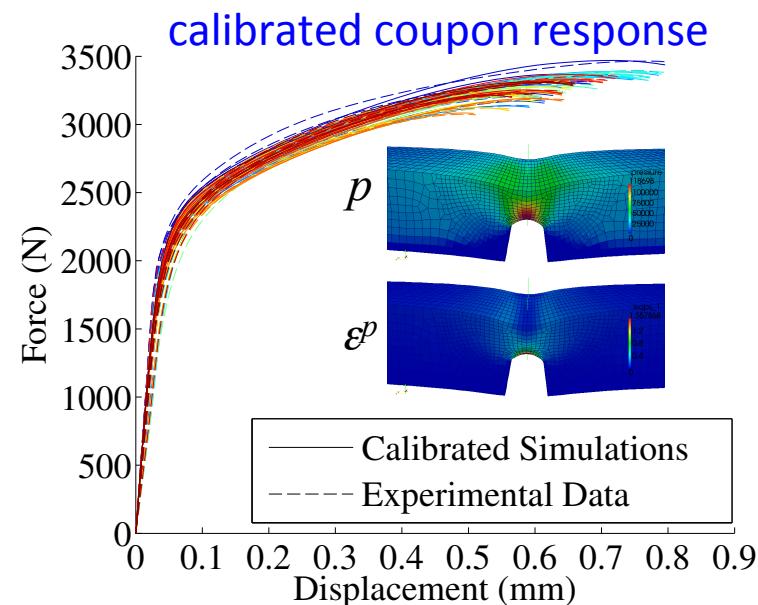
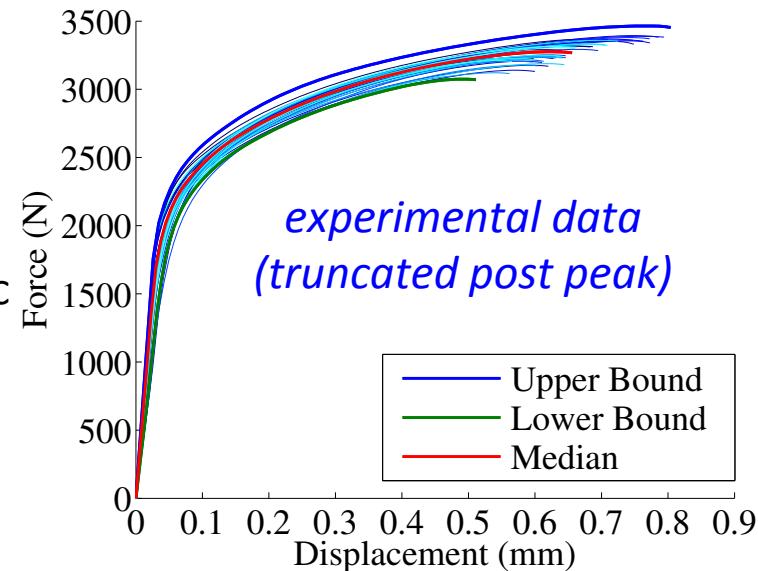
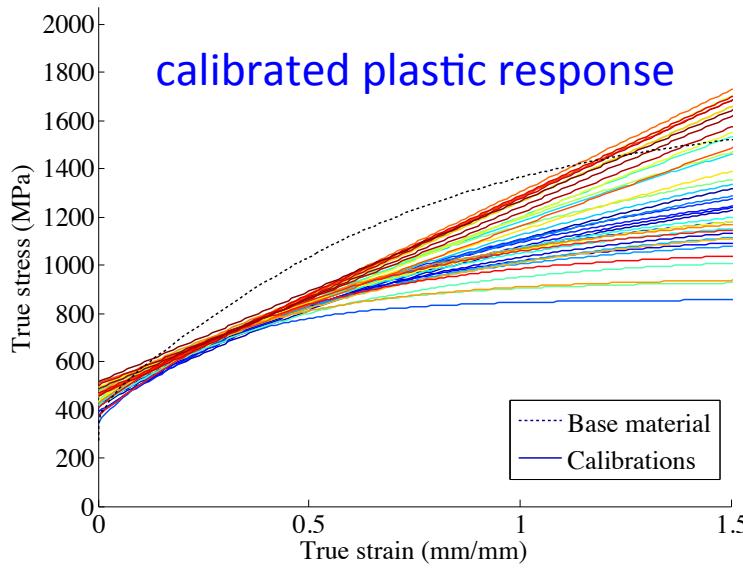
initial yield stress
hardening (linear)
recovery coefficient



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Calibration through optimization – MatCal wraps DAKOTA

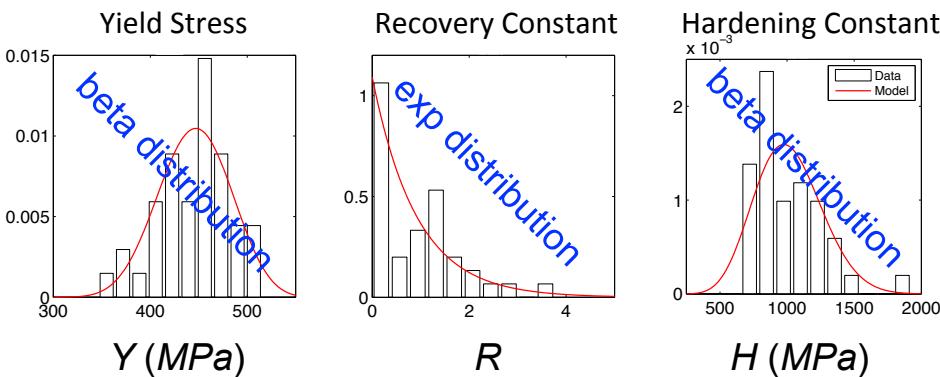
- First calibrated to the upper/lower bound & median of the experimental data using the global optimization routine *ncsu_direct* from DAKOTA.
 - weighted to favor data points between the elastic region and peak load.
 - large parameter bounds chosen for the optimizations.
- With parameters bounds from the global optimizations, the remaining 37 data were calibrated with the least-squares algorithm *n12sol*.



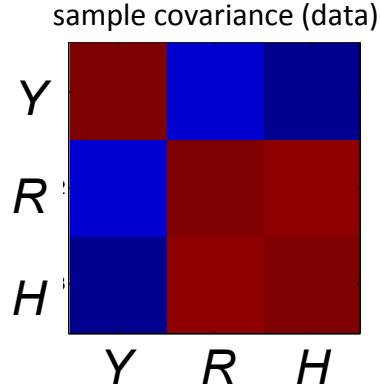
Enrichment

- Translation random vectors (S. Arwade. *Probabilistic Engineering Mechanics* 2005)
 - A probabilistic model with functional form based on physical arguments, calibrated to available data
 - Able to match second-moment properties (mean, covariance) and marginal distributions; these are quantities we can easily estimate from data
- Available information
 - 40 sets of model parameters calibrated to experimental measurements
 - Yield stress (Y), recovery constant (R), hardening constant (H)
 - Lower and upper bounds on each model parameter
 - Expert judgment, FE analysis to determine onset of unrealistic material behavior
 - Estimate covariance matrix based on 40 samples of model parameters
- Modeling assumptions
 - Yield stress and hardening constant follow a beta distribution
 - Recovery constant follows an exponential distribution
 - Consistent with bound information and some literature
 - Alternative distributions can be studied at a later date

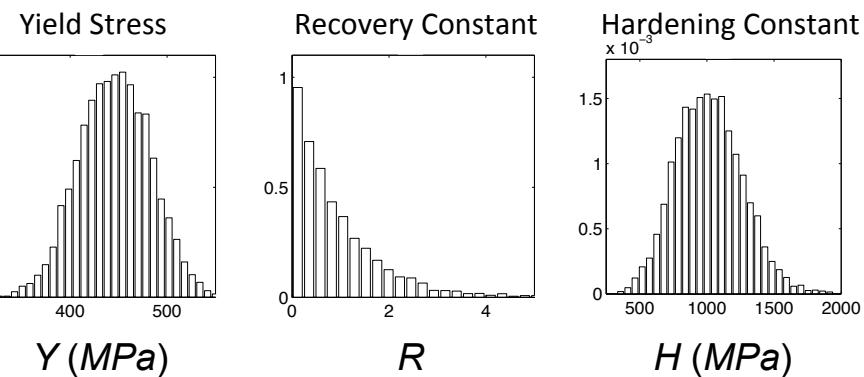
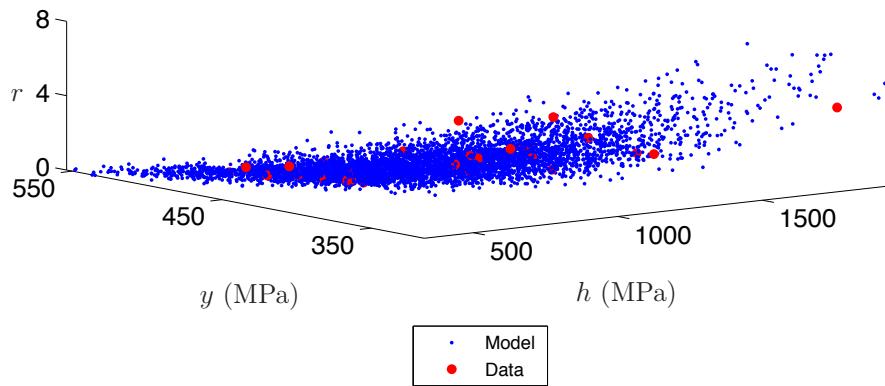
Enrichment results



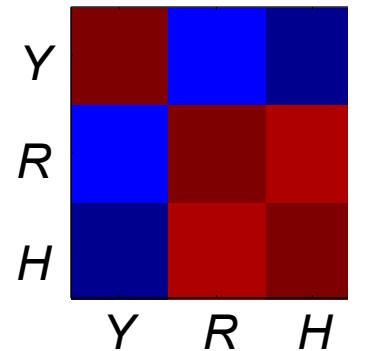
Experimental Data



3D scatter plot of the data (red dots) and 5,000 samples from the translation model (blue dots)



Translation Model



Stochastic reduced-order model (SROM)

To develop a model that optimally represents the uncertainty in the input we choose a discrete random variable $\tilde{\Theta}$. The SROM is then defined by the collection $(\tilde{\theta}_k, \tilde{p}_k)$ $k = 1, \dots, m$ that minimizes an objective function of the form:

$$\underbrace{\max_{1 \leq r \leq \bar{r}} \max_{1 \leq s \leq d} \alpha_{s,r} |\tilde{\mu}_s(r) - \hat{\mu}_s(r)|}_{\text{moments}} + \underbrace{\max_{1 \leq s \leq d} \beta_s |\tilde{F}_s(x) - \hat{F}_s(x)|}_{\text{cumulative distribution}} + \underbrace{\zeta_{s,t} \max_{s,t} |\tilde{c}(s,t) - \hat{c}(s,t)|}_{\text{correlation}}$$

SROM (solve for \tilde{p}_k given a set of m randomly chosen samples from V)

$$\tilde{\mu}_s(r) = \mathbb{E}[\tilde{\Theta}_s^r] = \sum_{k=1}^m p_k (\tilde{\theta}_{k,s})^r$$

$$\tilde{F}_s(x) = \Pr(\tilde{\Theta}_s \leq x) = \sum_{k=1}^m p_k \mathbf{1}(\tilde{\theta}_{k,s} \leq x)$$

$$\tilde{c}(s, t) = \mathbb{E}[\tilde{\Theta}_s \tilde{\Theta}_t] = \sum_{k=1}^m p_k \tilde{\theta}_{k,s} \tilde{\theta}_{k,t}$$

Estimates of uncertainty

$$\hat{\mu}_s(r) = \sum_{i=1}^n (1/n) (\theta_{i,s})^r,$$

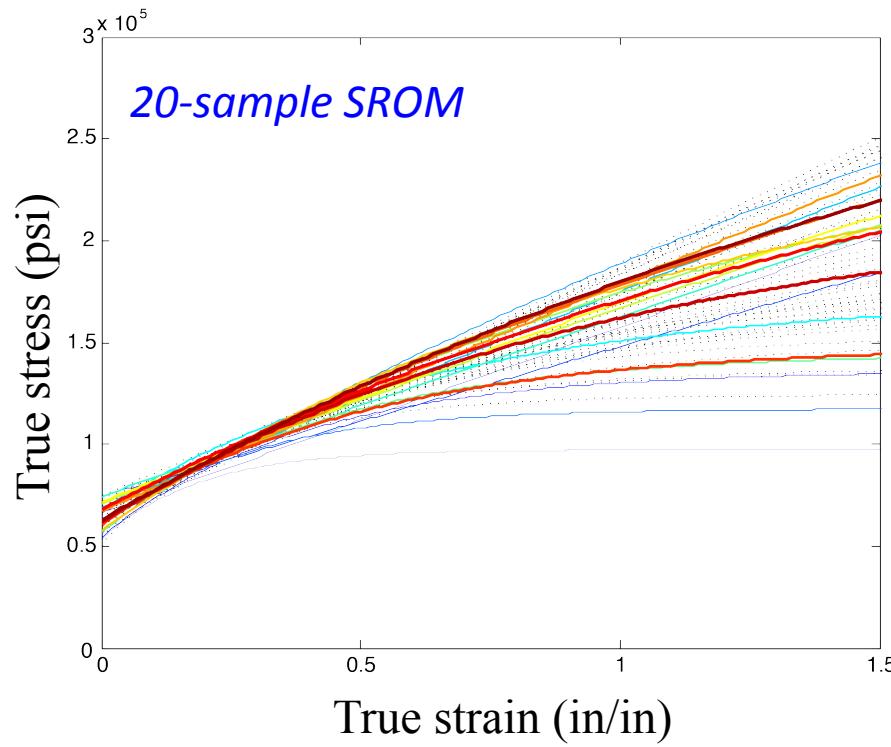
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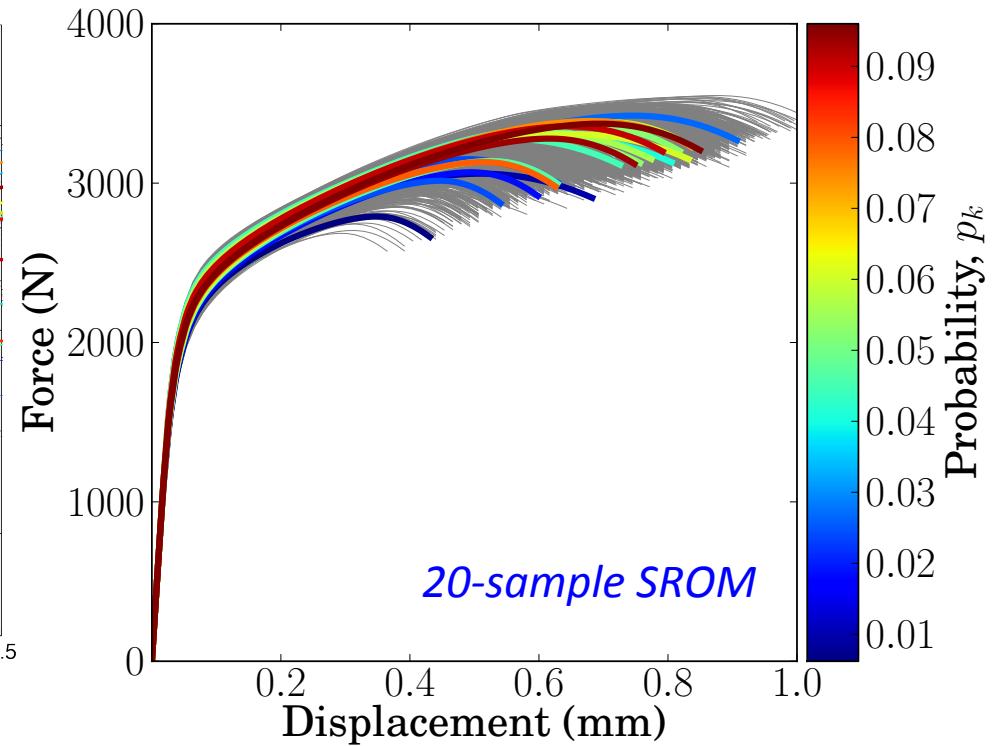
with $m \ll n$ and $\alpha, \beta, \zeta > 0$ are weights and subject to probabilities $\tilde{p}_k \geq 0$ and $\sum_k \tilde{p}_k = 1$.

Graphical representation of SROMs

This figure compares the SROMs (solid lines) to the calibrated fits (fine dotted lines). The SROMs are derived from the enriched samples. The SROMs are painted from least probable (blue, thin) to most probable (red, thick).



This figure compares the load versus displacement curves. The colored lines are the FE-computed results using the 20-sample SROMs (color indicates probability). The fine gray lines are FE-computed results using 5,000 samples from the enrichment process.



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Input → **Calibration**

Up to now, we have only discussed models for uncertain inputs

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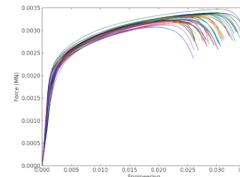
Enrichment

Stochastic Reduced-order Model

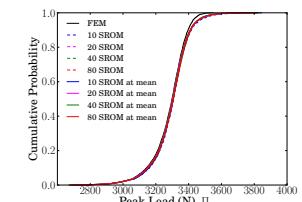
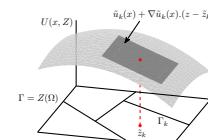
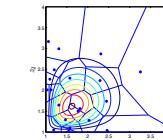
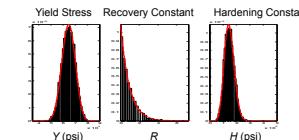
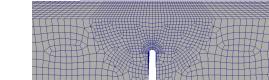
FE Analysis

SROM-based Surrogate Model

Output

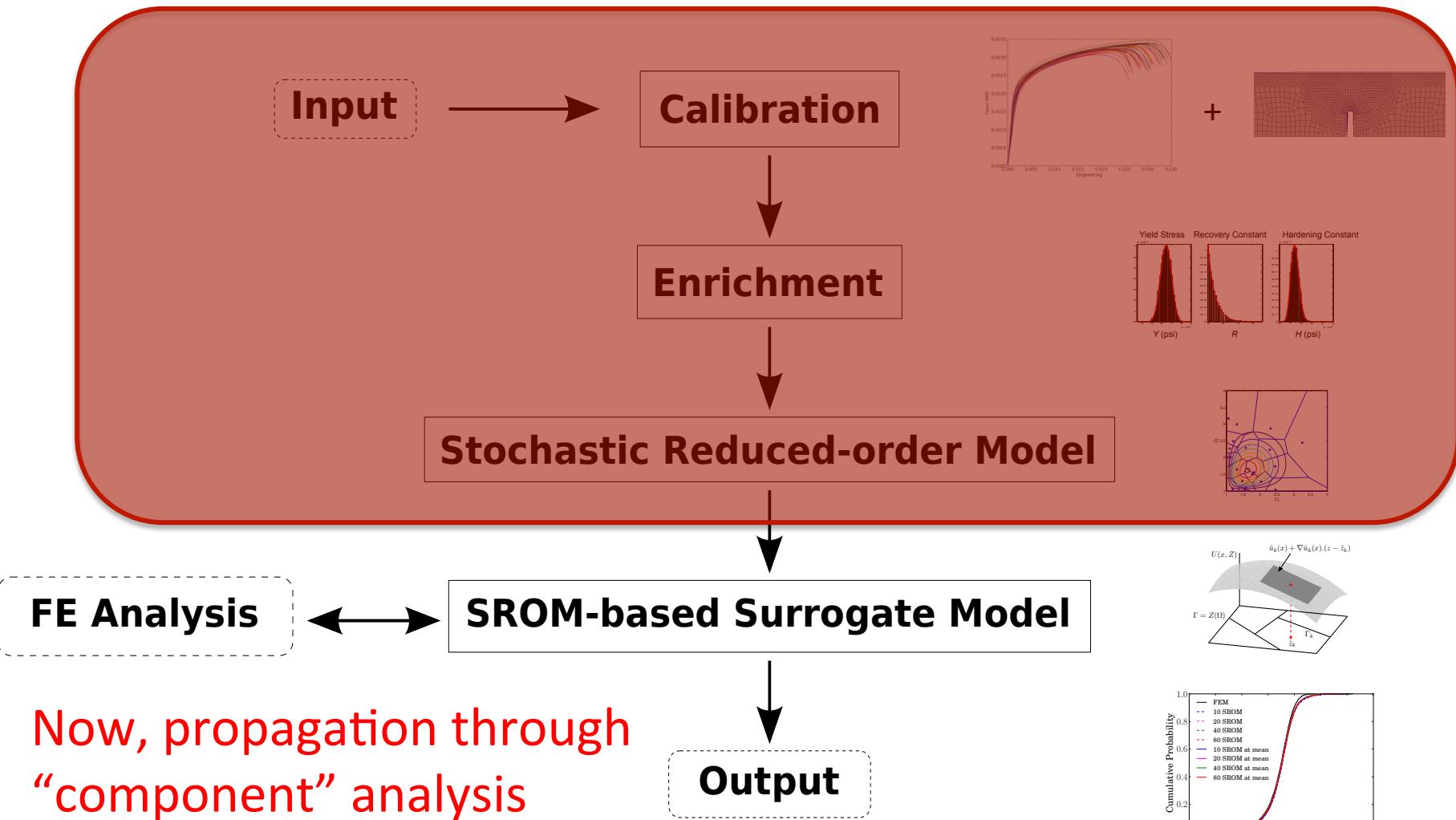


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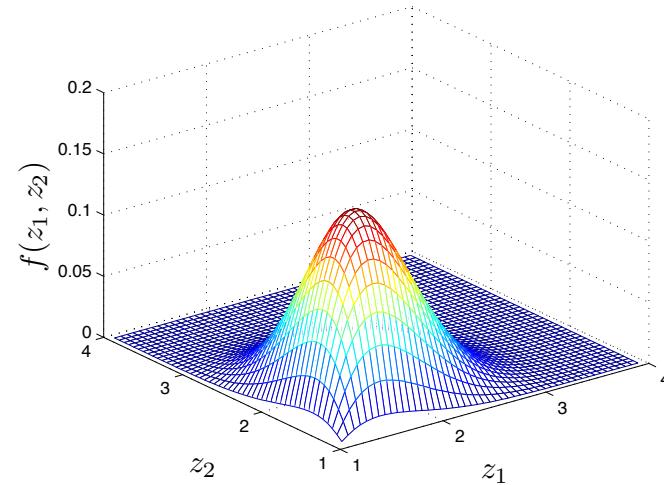
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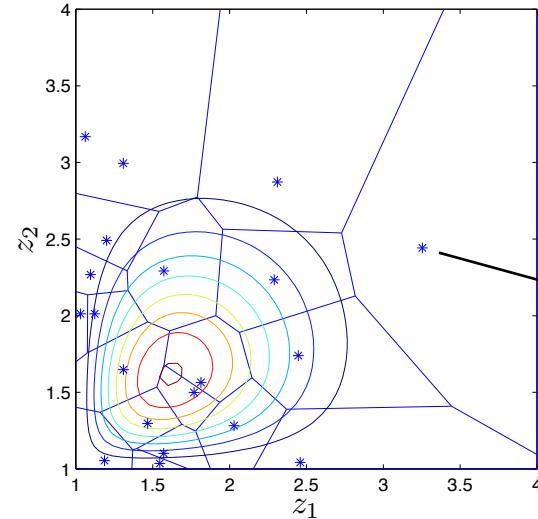


Construction of SRM-based surrogate

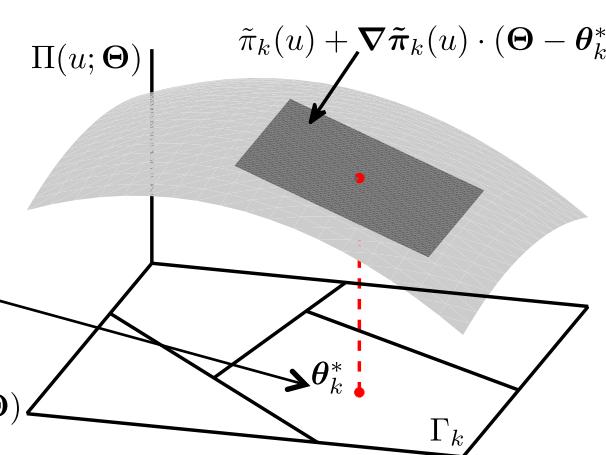
Example 2D probability density



* SROM points



Response surface



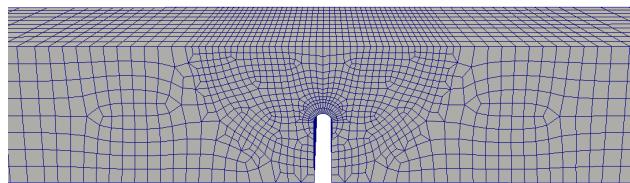
- A response surface is constructed for the structural response of the component, $\Pi(u; \Theta)$
- The surface is a series of hyper-planes described with a first-order Taylor approximate of the structural response

$$\tilde{\Pi}_L(u; \Theta) = \sum_{k=1}^m \mathbb{1}(\Theta \in \Gamma_k) [\tilde{\pi}_k(u) + \nabla \tilde{\pi}_k(u) \cdot (\Theta - \theta_k^*)]$$

- The SROM samples are used as the expansion points θ_k^* and the domain Γ_k are determined by the Voronoi tessellation of the uncertain parameters

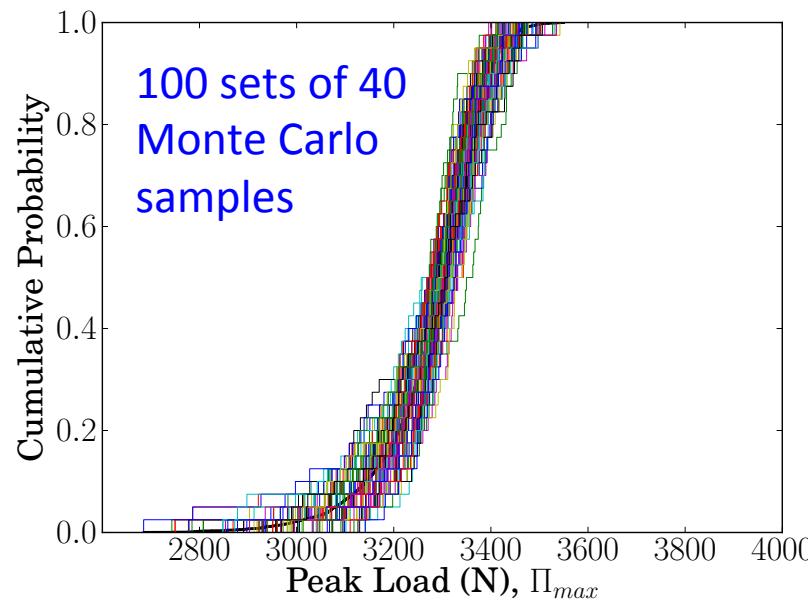
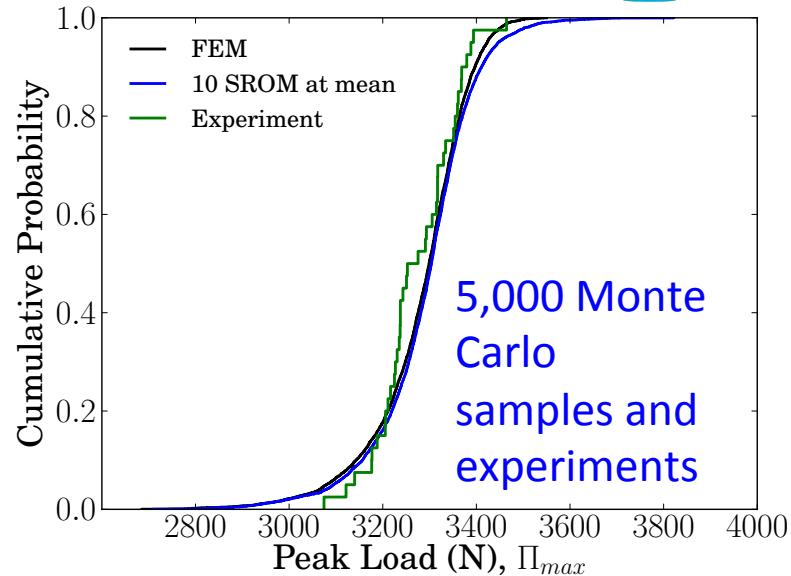
Assumption: The structural response is differentiable

Monte Carlo simulation for the weld coupon

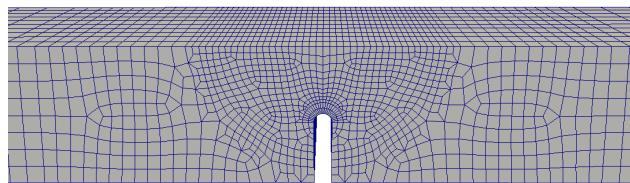


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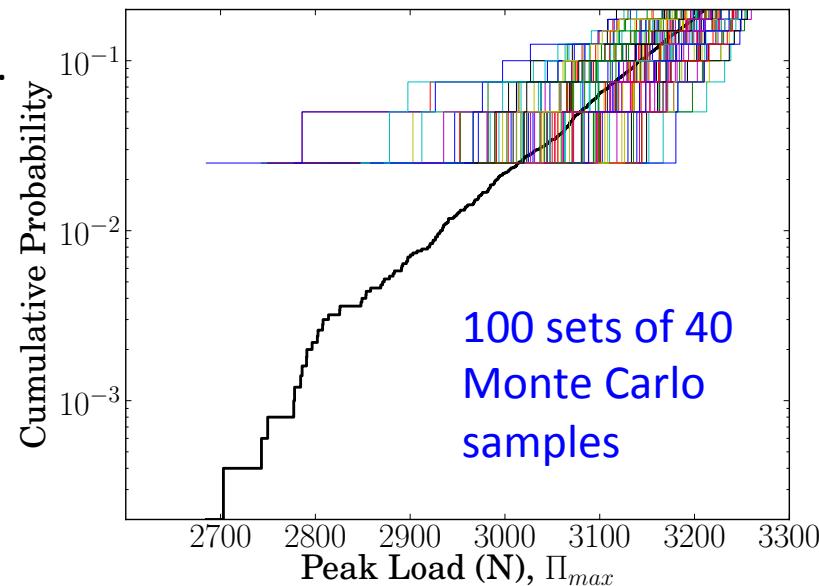
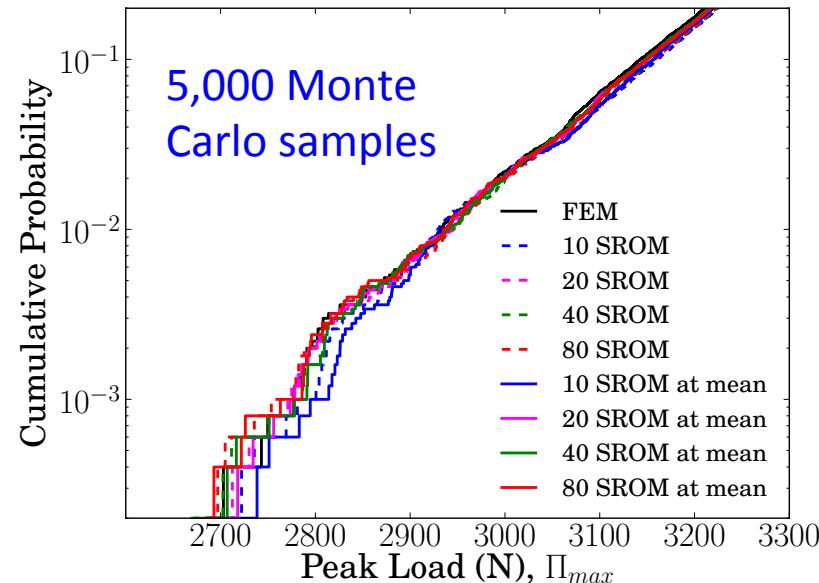


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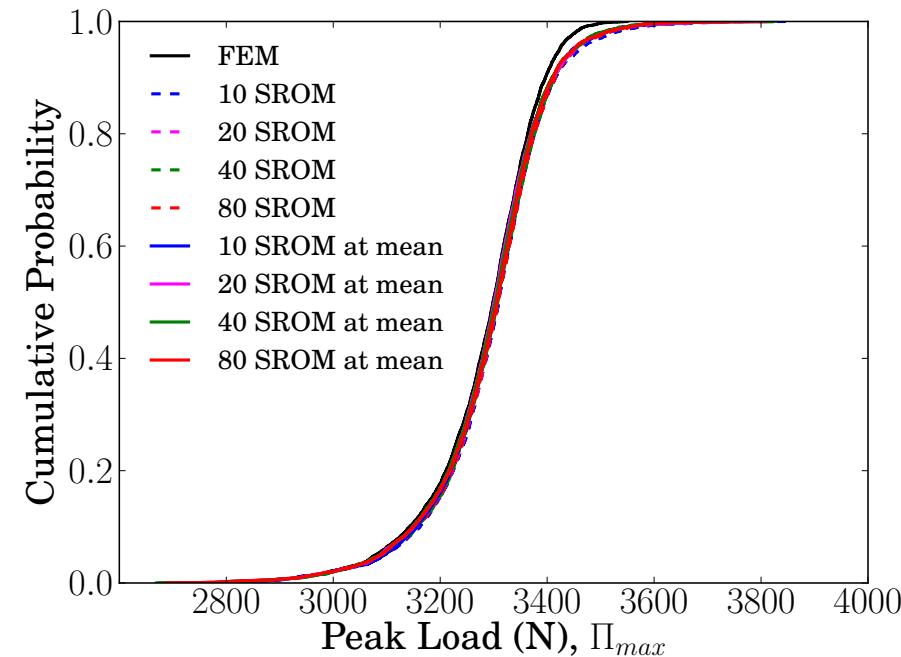
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- ... and when we zoom in, it can't capture probability below 1/40.



Cost savings with SROM-based surrogates

- SROM-based surrogate models replace component level FE models expediting Monte Carlo simulation while providing comparable accuracy.
- In practice, component level FE models cannot be run thousands of times. The SROM-based surrogate can.
- CPU time results are for the example shown here and compared with 5,000 FE calculations.



Computational expense in CPU seconds.

	Construct SROM*	FE calculations **	Evaluate surrogate*	Total
Brute force MCS	n.a.	33,400,000 (5,000 FE calculations)	n.a.	33,400,000
10 SROM at mean	948	511,000 (40 FE calculations)	6.69	512,000

* Intel ® Xeon ® x5675 CPU @ 3.07 GHz w/ 48GiB RAM

** Intel ® Nehalem ® x5570 CPU @ 2.93 GHz w/ 1.5GiB RAM

Conclusions

- Issues involving nuclear safety require high confidence
- We cannot afford “brute force” MCS. SROMs provide a path forward.
- Developed tools for calibration, enrichment, and the construction of SROMs
- Applied “brute force” Monte Carlo with 5000 finite element (FE) calculations to obtain the “truth”
- SROM-based surrogate accurately computed the cumulative distribution function, capturing the lower tail, at 0.8% of the computational cost (40 vs 5000 FEA)
- On an equal computational footing, the SROM-based surrogate is far more accurate.