

# Assessment of a UQ Approach for Handling Sparse Samples of Discrete Random Functions (Material Stress-Strain Curves)<sup>1</sup>

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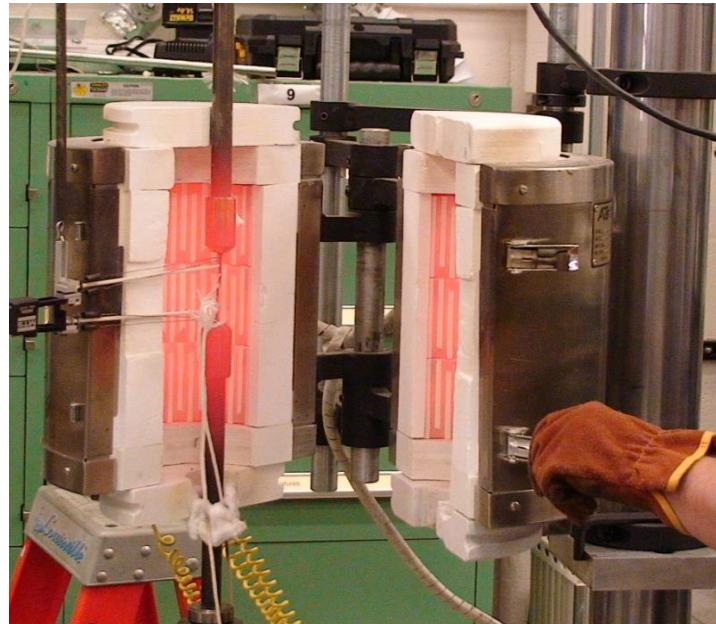
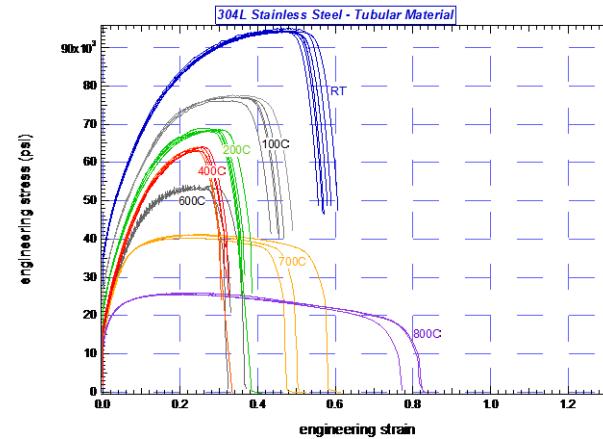


# The Issue:

# Material Response Variability in Stress-Strain Curves from replicate Tension Tests



- Results at various temperatures

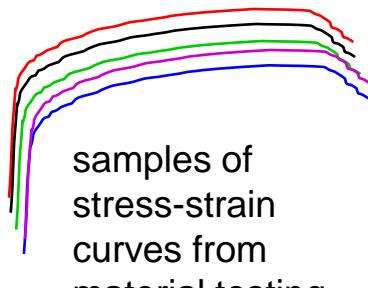


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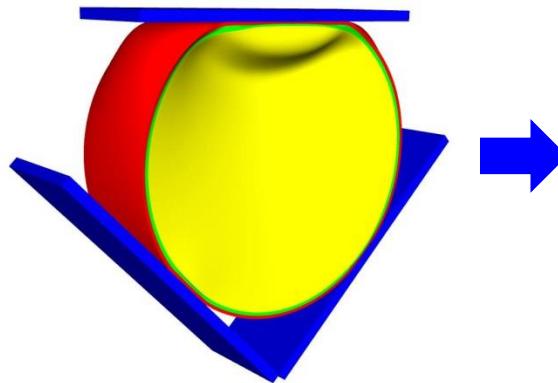


# The Issue:

## Variability of Predicted Response due to Material Curve Variability



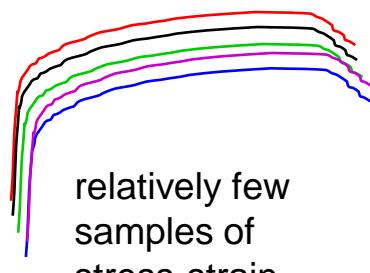
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variability of  
predicted response  
(e.g. displacement,  
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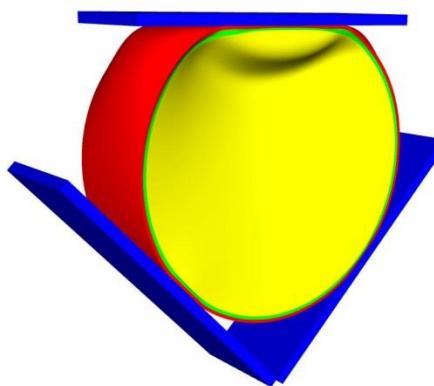
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## Error/Uncertainty of Inferred Population of Responses from propagating relatively few Material Curves

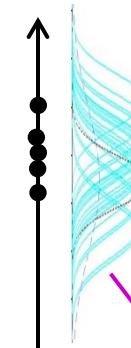


relatively few samples of stress-strain curves from material testing

run mode with the various material curves



predicted variability of response



uncertainty (figurative) of  $\infty$  population of responses inferred from 5 samples

How do we get a handle on the epistemic uncertainty due to sparseness of sampling of the aleatory variability (the random inputs and outputs) of the system?

# Simplified UQ Objective



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- A view is taken that:
  - One should not try to do the impossible (accurate estimation of the PDF from which the sparse samples come)
  - Rather, a *pragmatic goal* is that the uncertainty representation should be **conservative**, e.g. bound the .025 – 0.975 percentile range of the PDF from which the samples come
  - An *opposing goal* (making this a difficult **Minimax problem**) is that the uncertainty representation should **not be overly conservative**—i.e., should minimally over-estimate the desired percentile range of the true PDF.

# Related Problem previously studied:

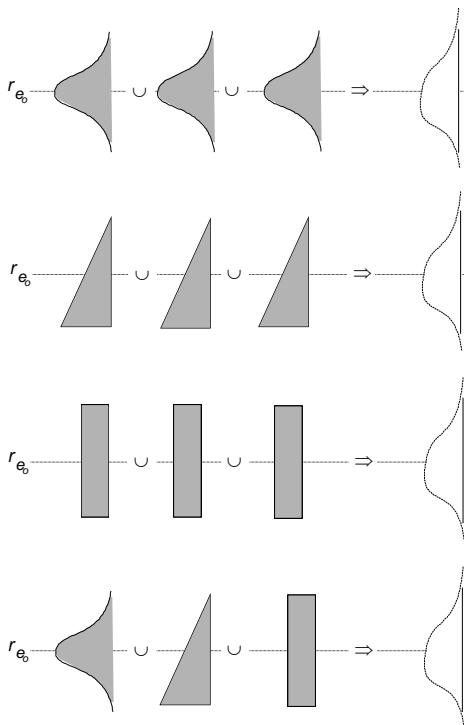
- Sparse Samples from popular PDF types,

## Assess Sparse-Data UQ Methods

- 5 methods  
assessed on  
21 test problems

- 1000 trials of each method for fitting sample data from each of:

- normal PDF
- right-triangular PDF
- uniform PDF
- 4 different convolutions of these PDF types (figure at left) acting as *three equally dominant* sources of random uncertainty in a linear system.



➤ Answer question: does the presence of multiple sources of uncertainty smooth or mitigate the errors in representing the individual PDFs?

- Fit the data for three sets of sample sizes:  
 $n = 2, 8, 32$  for each PDF

# A Comparison of Methods for Representing Sparsely Sampled Random Quantities – More Results

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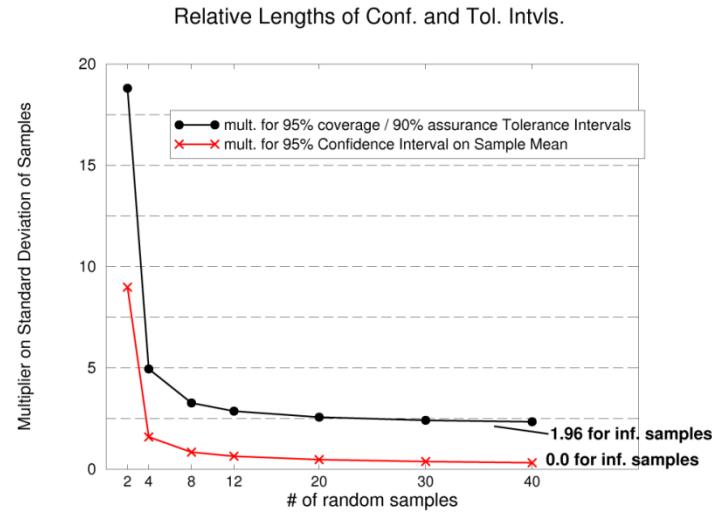
# Classical statistical Tolerance Intervals found to offer the best balance of ease and effectiveness



- **Tolerance Interval Approach**

- calculate the standard deviation  $\sigma_i$  of the data
- multiply  $\sigma_i$  by appropriate factor  $f$  from statistical tables
- create interval bars of extent  $f\sigma_i$  about the mean  $\mu_i$  of the data:  $\mu_i \pm f\sigma_i$
- 0.90/0.95 Tolerance Intervals — the factors  $f$  here correspond to approximate 90% reliability or odds that the produced tolerance interval encompasses the central 95-percentile range between the 0.025 and 0.975 percentiles of the true PDF

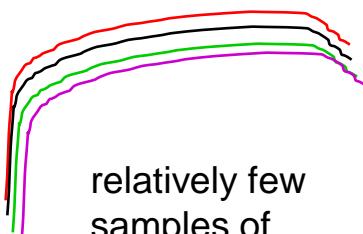
# samples	$f_{0.9/0.95}$
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4	4.94
8	3.26
12	2.86
20	2.56
30	2.41
40	2.33
$\infty$	1.96



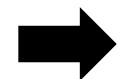
- **Very simple to use in practice**

## Current Question:

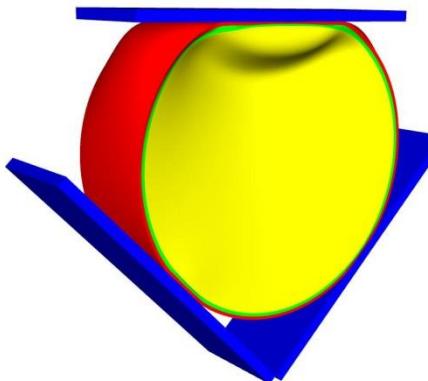
How well do Tolerance Intervals work for  
highly nonlinear Solid Mechanics and  
4 input Stress-Strain curves from mtl. tests?



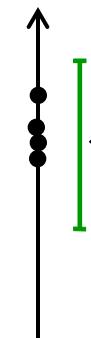
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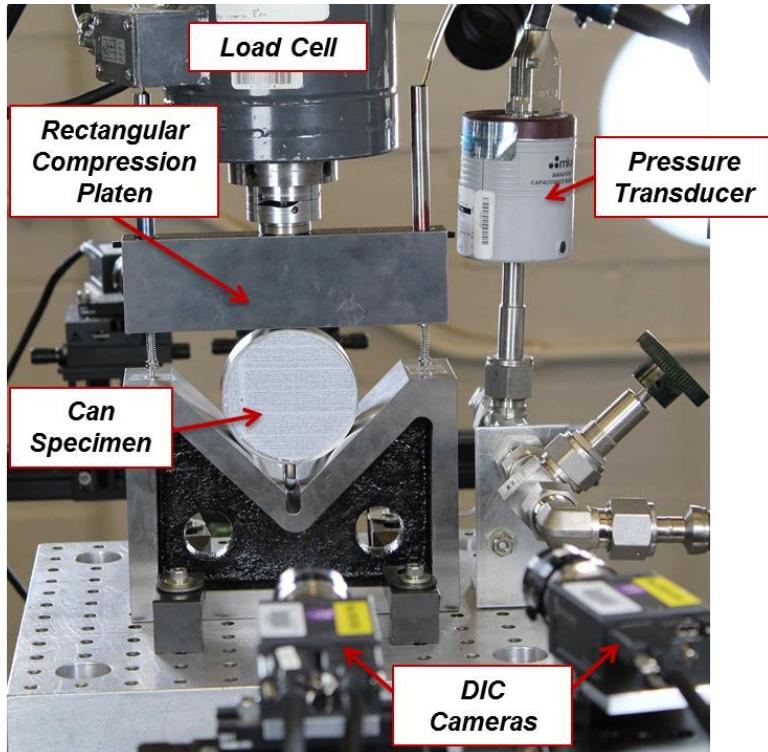


**predicted variability  
of response**



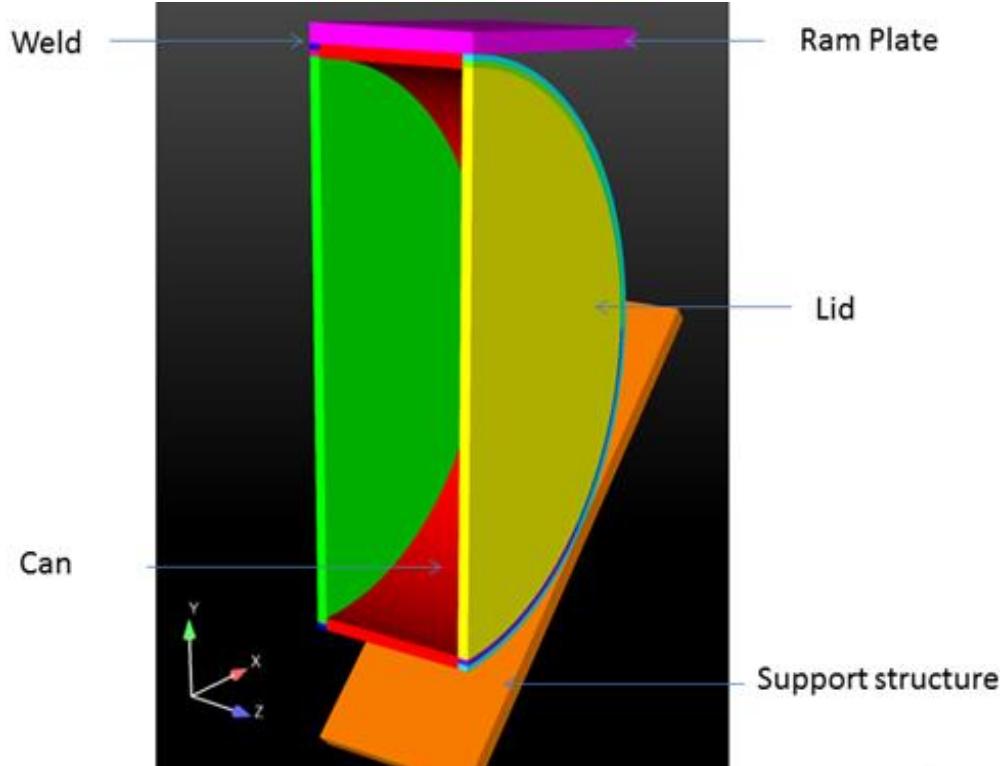
Tolerance Interval  
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# Can-Crush Model and Fixturing/Loading



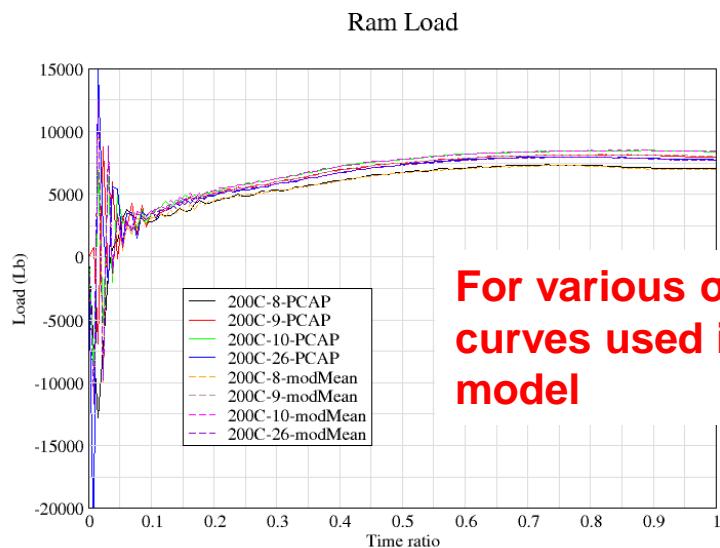
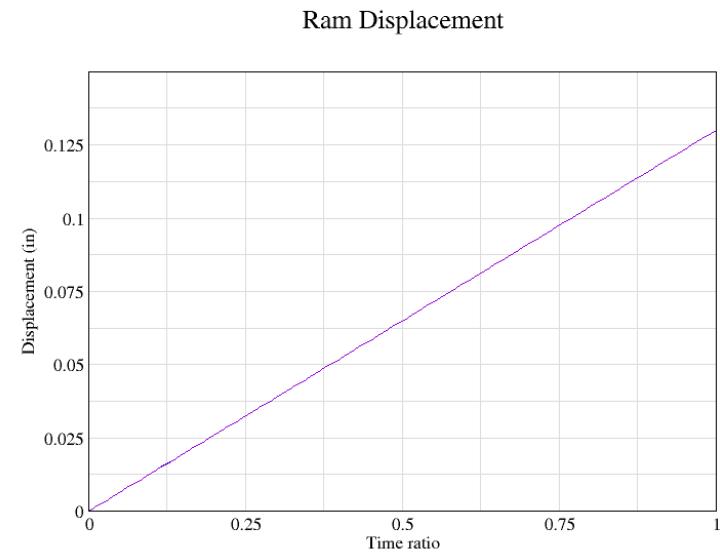
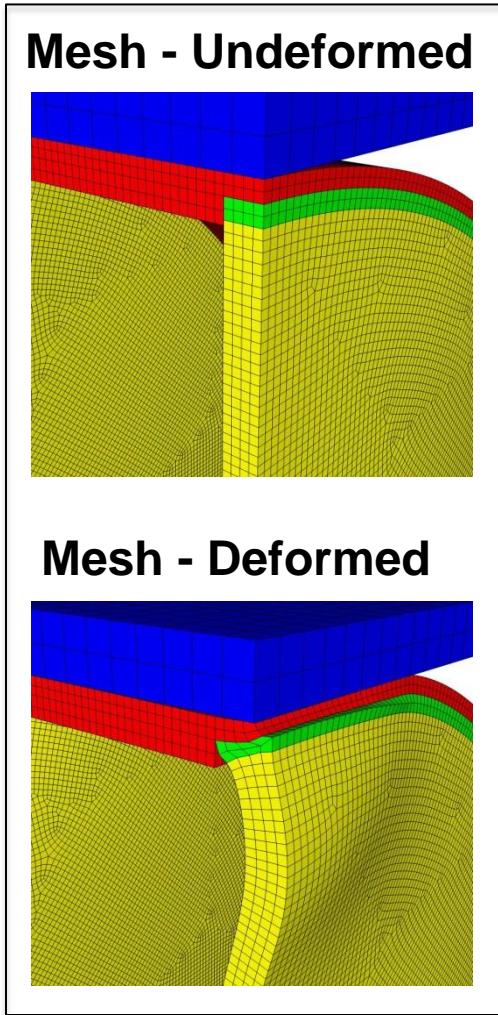
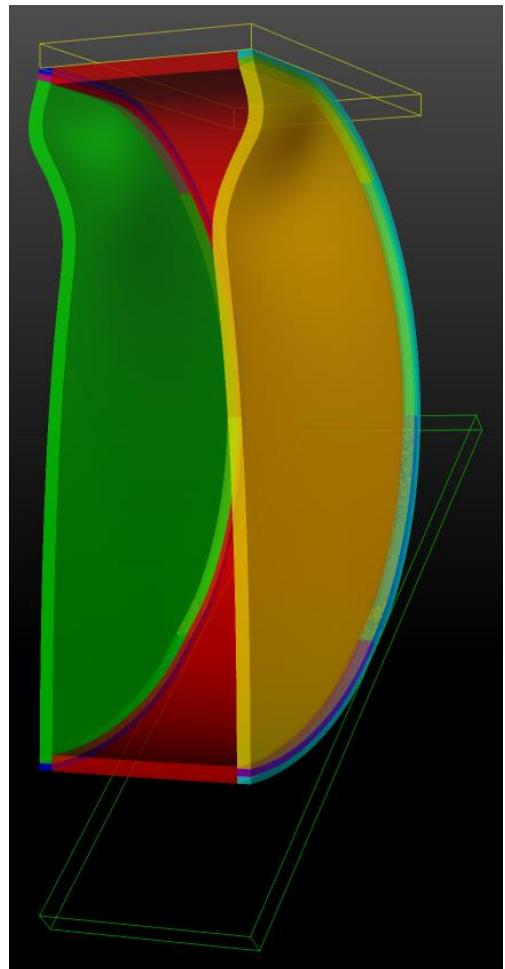
Modified Can Crush Test Setup

For present UQ study assign all parts the same steel material with synthetic  $\sigma$ - $\epsilon$  curves

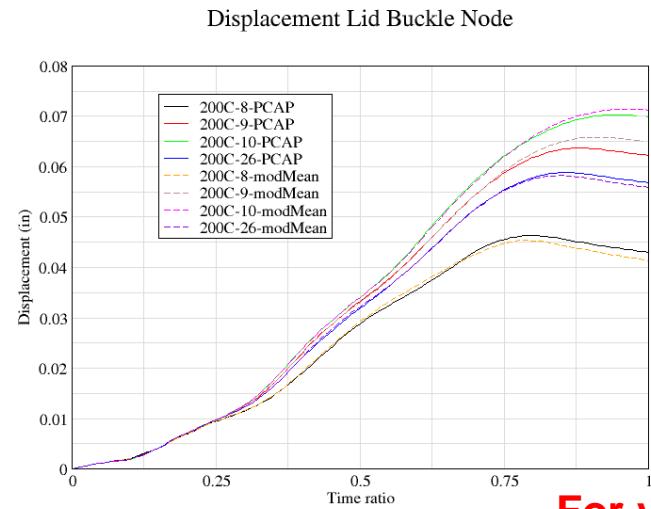
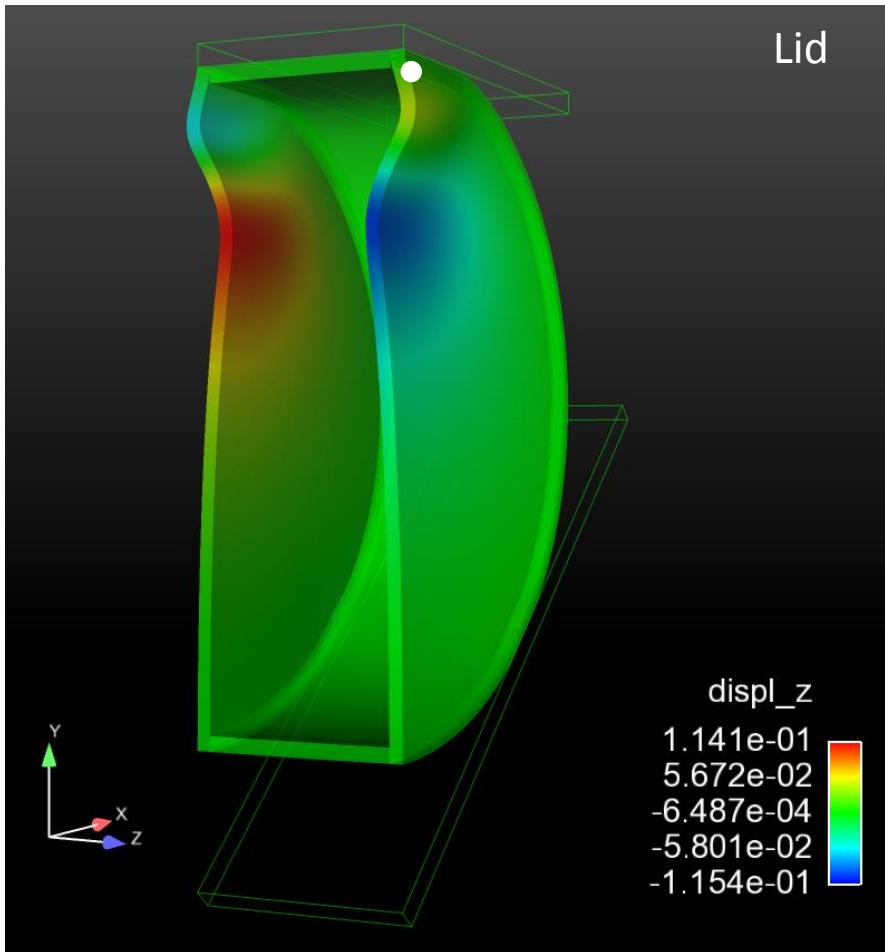


Component	Material	Dimensions	No. Elements	No. thru thickness
Ram Plate	Rigid	1" wide x 0.1" tk	1200	2
Wedge	Rigid	1" wide x 0.1" tk	2400	2
Lid	304L SSTL	3" dia x .062" tk	117264	4
Can	304L SSTL	3" dia x 1" wide x .067" tk	74400	4
Weld	304L SSTL	3" dia. x .03" wide x .062" tk	4800	2x4

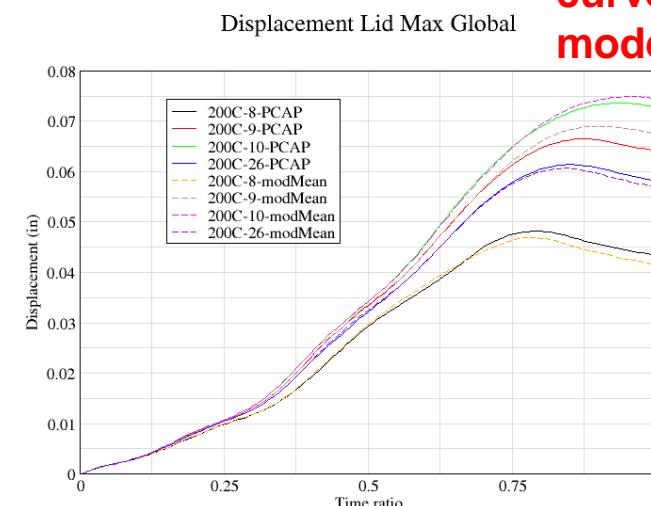
# Crushing-Ram Constant Advance Rate and Resulting Resistance from Can



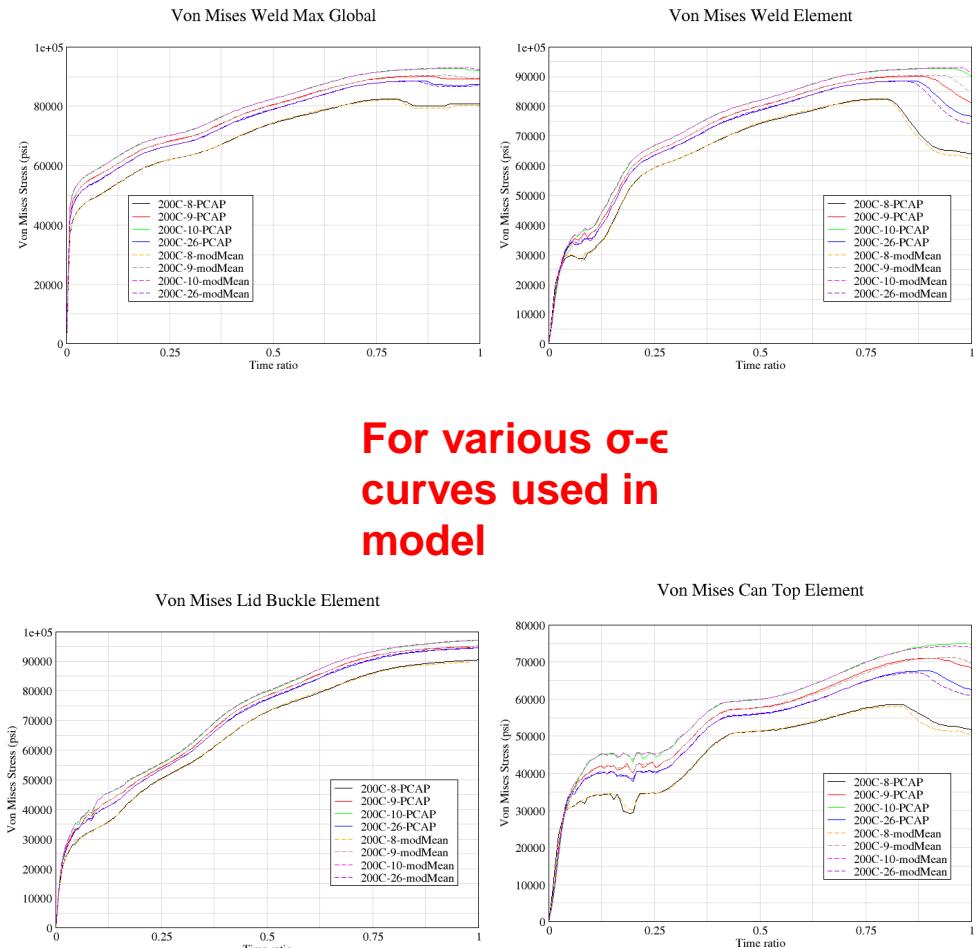
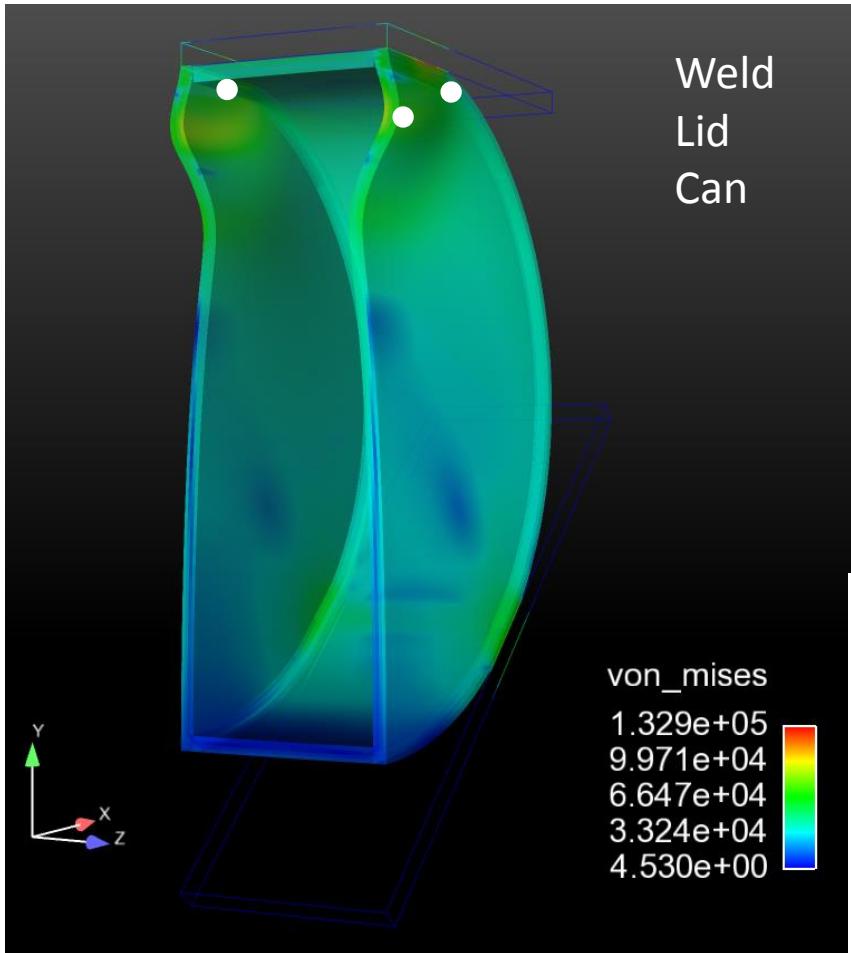
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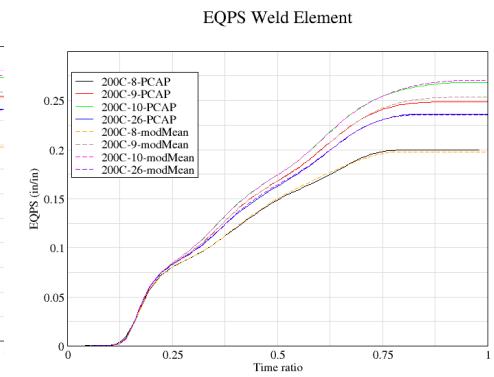
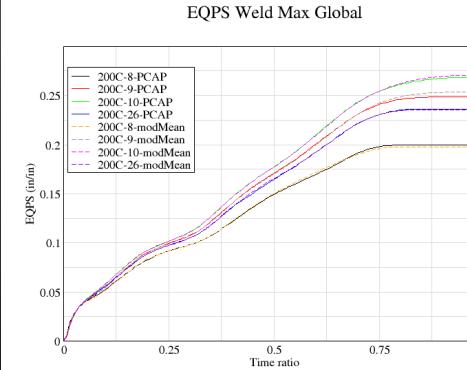
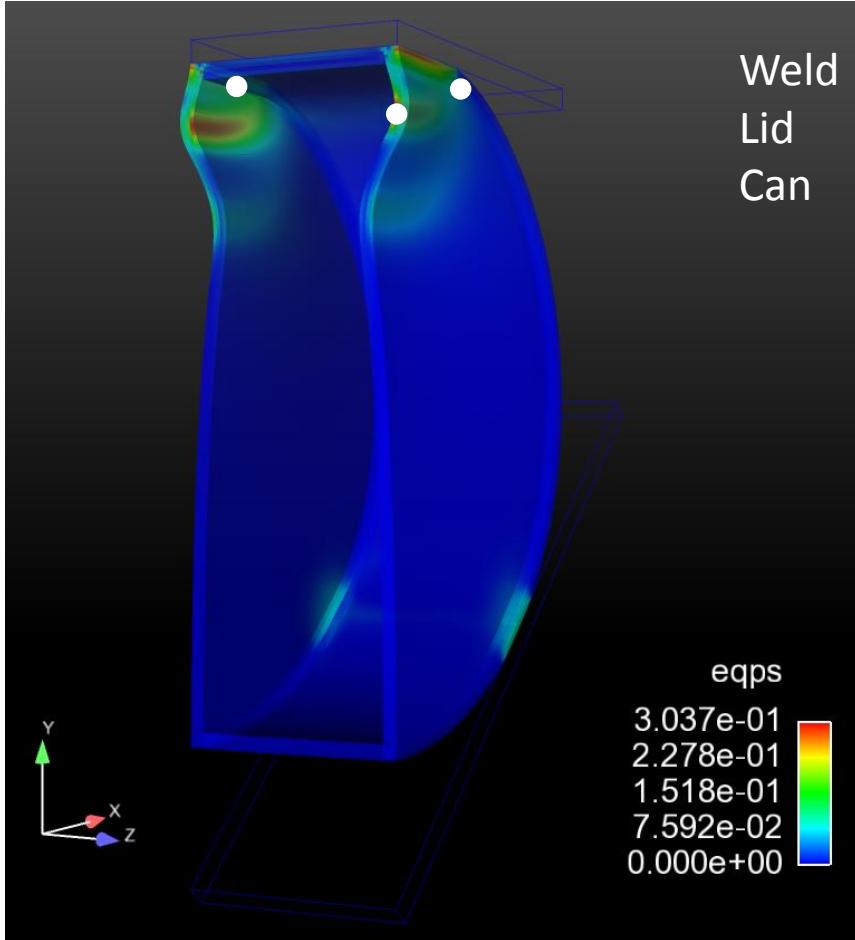
For various  $\sigma$ - $\epsilon$  curves used in model



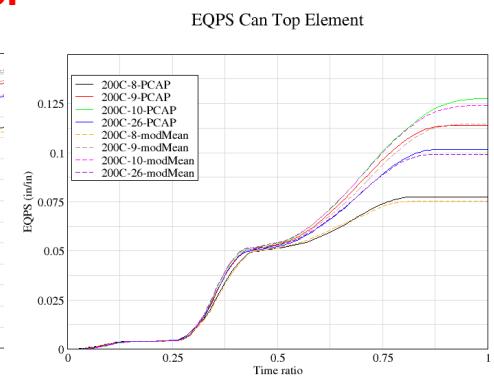
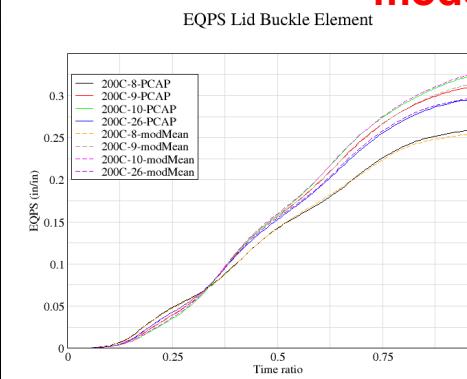
# Von Mises Stress output locations



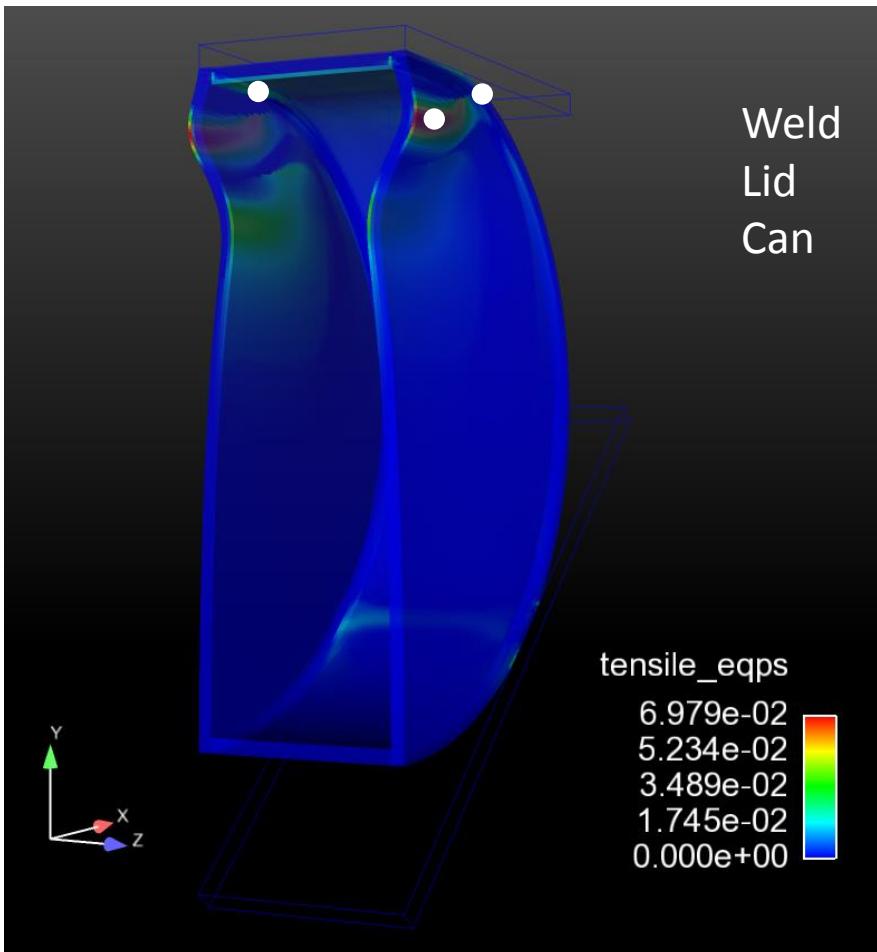
# Equivalent Plastic Strain (EQPS) Output Locations



For various  $\sigma$ - $\epsilon$   
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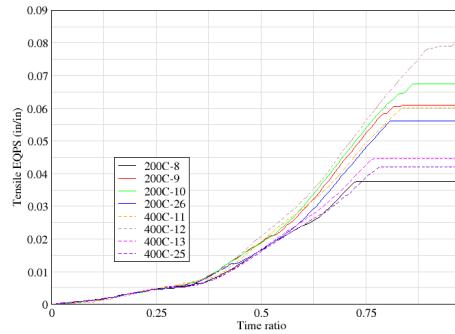
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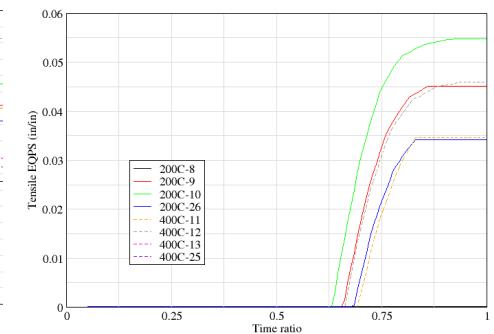
Weld  
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Can

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Tensile EQPS Weld Max Global

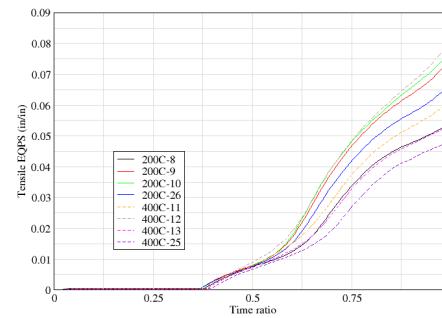


Tensile EQPS Weld Element

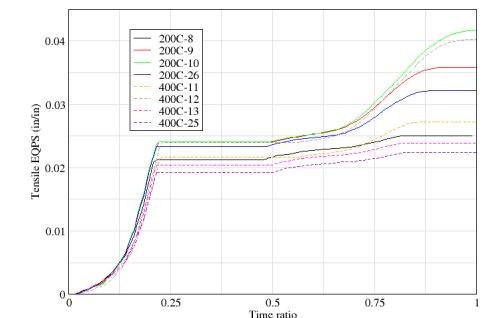


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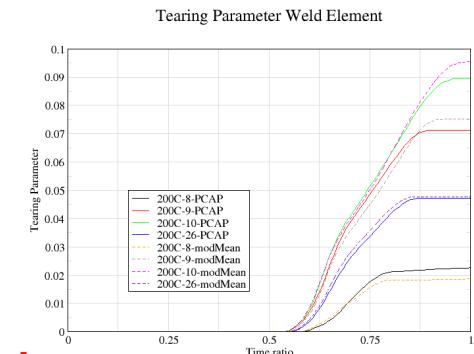
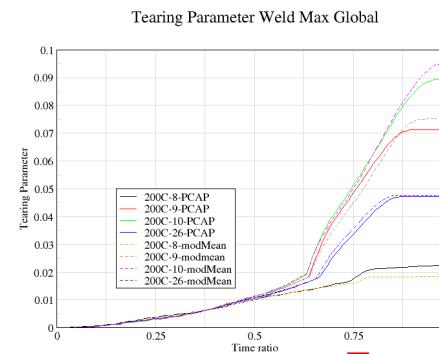
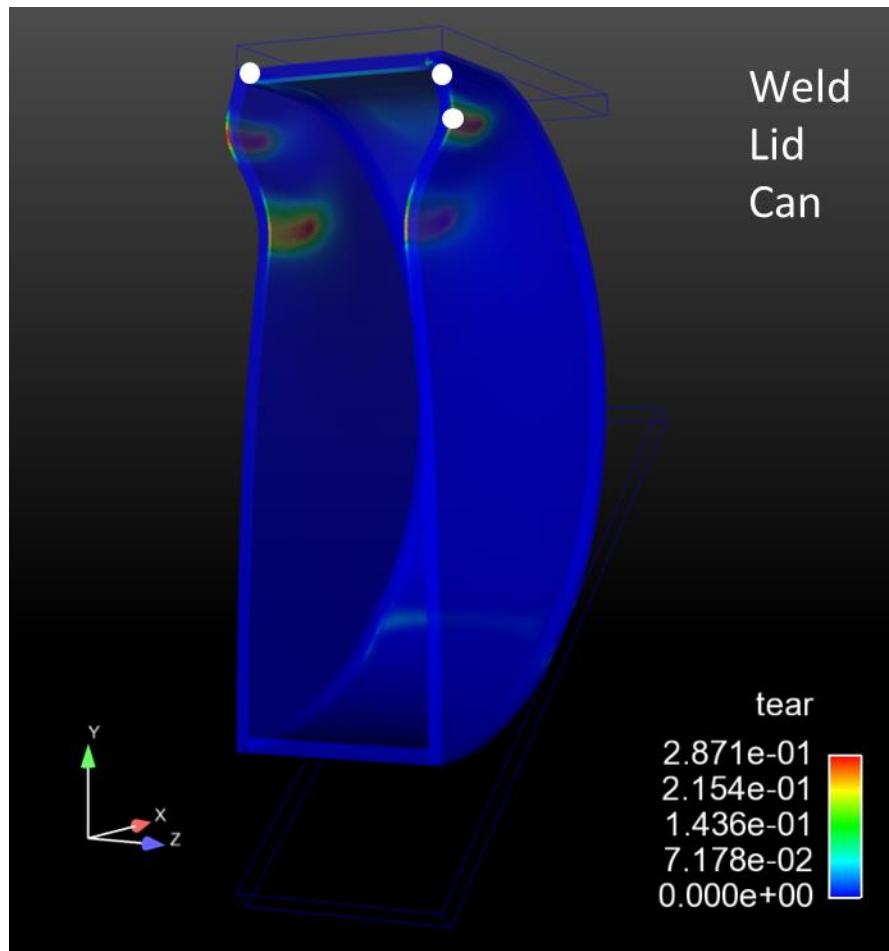
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Tensile EQPS Can Top Element

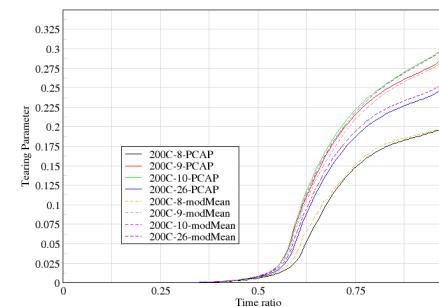


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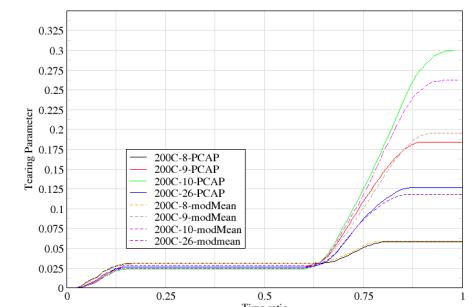


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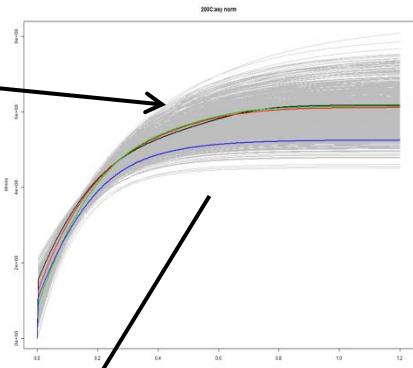


# Computational Experiments

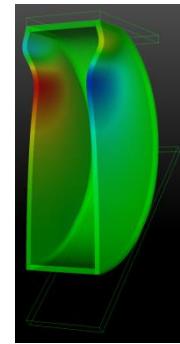
(PDFs of Response are Non-Standard and Unknown A-Priori)



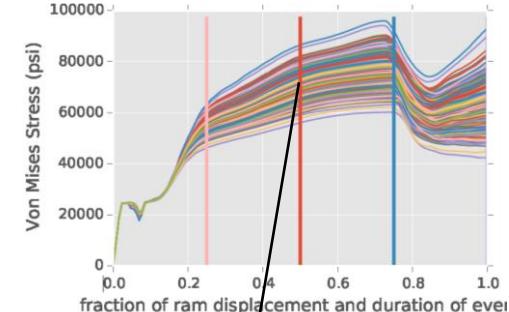
1) Generate 1000 synthetic stress-strain curves from Bayesian UQ on 2-parameter power-law fits to 4 actual stress-strain curves from tests



2) Run model for all 1000 synthetic stress-strain curves

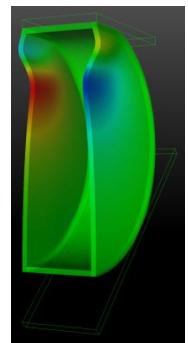


output Q.O.I. (1000 realizations)



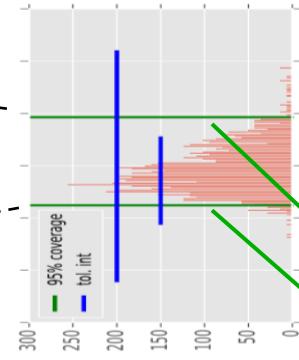
5) select four synthetic stress-strain curves at random

6) run model with the four synthetic curves



7) create 0.90/0.95 Tol. Intvl. from model output results

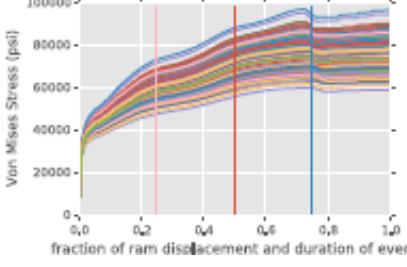
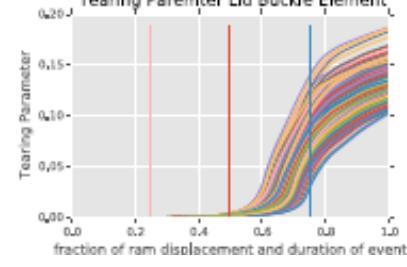
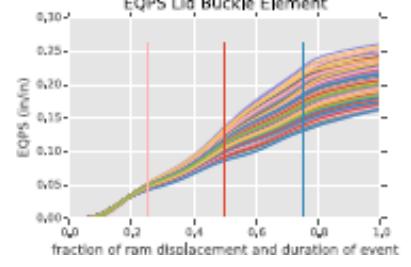
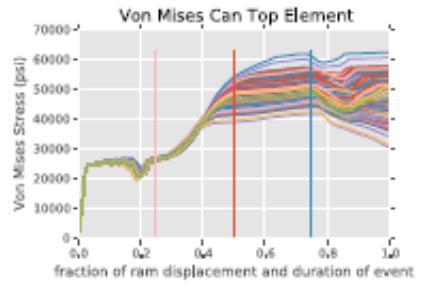
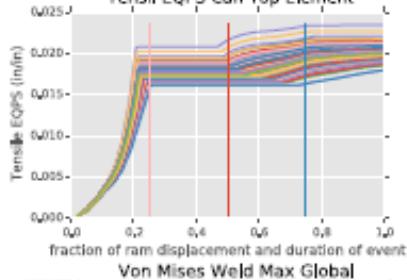
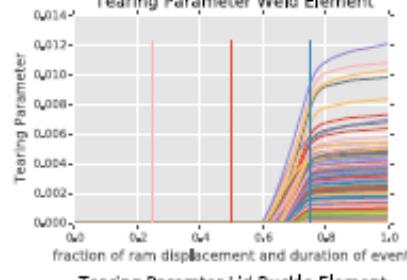
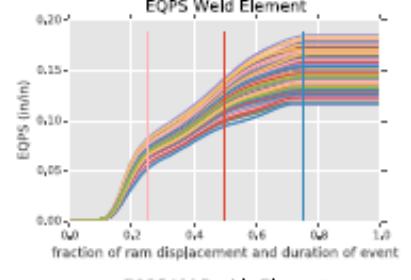
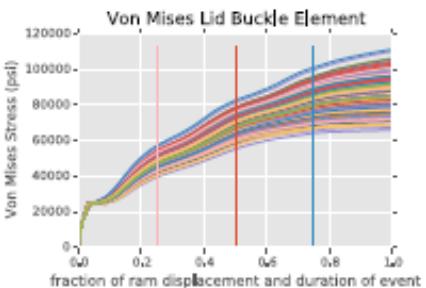
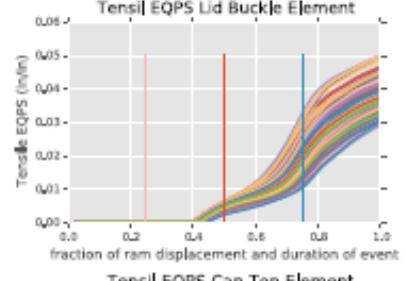
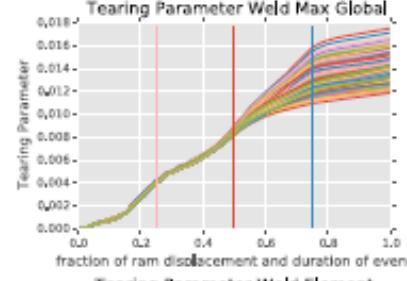
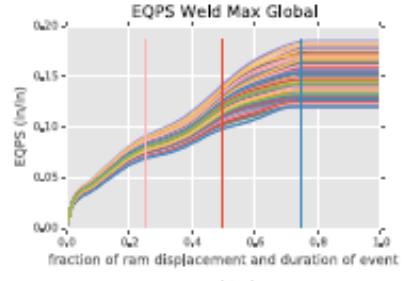
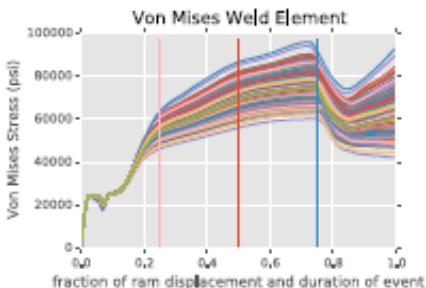
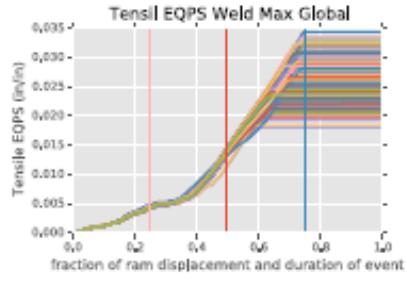
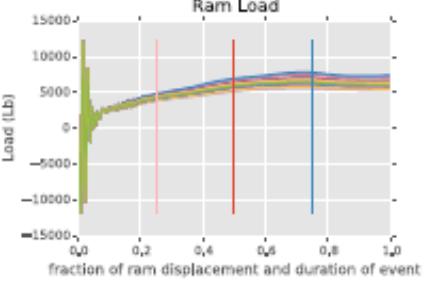
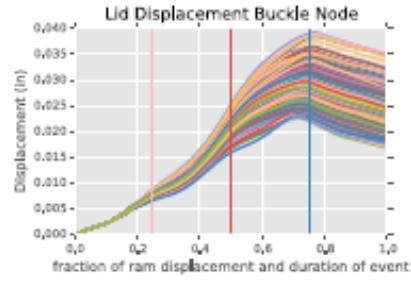
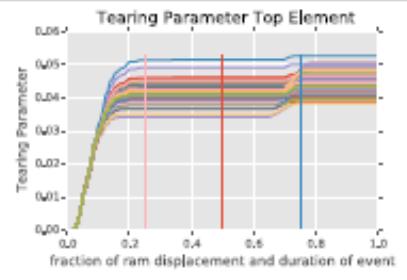
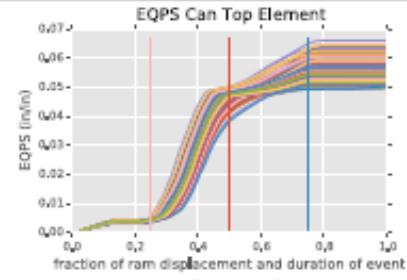
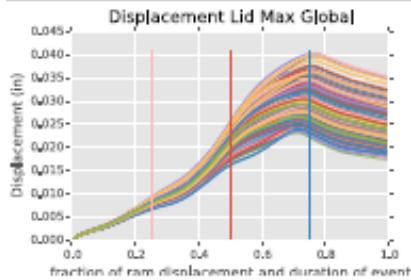
8) compare TI endpoints against exact percentiles



3) Histogram of 1000 results at time-fraction 0.5  
4) 0.025 and 0.975 "exact" percentiles of response from 1000 results

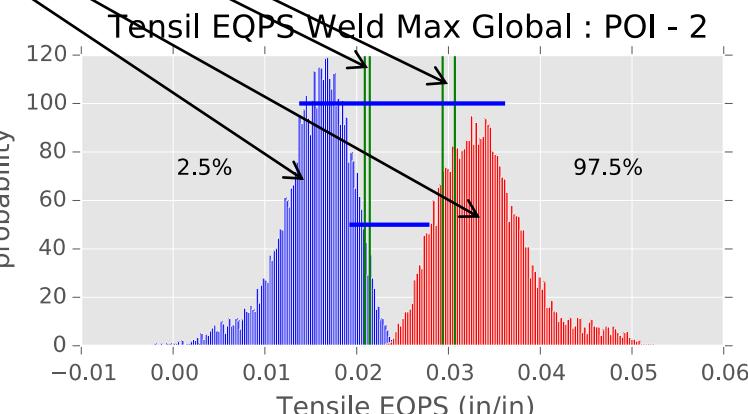
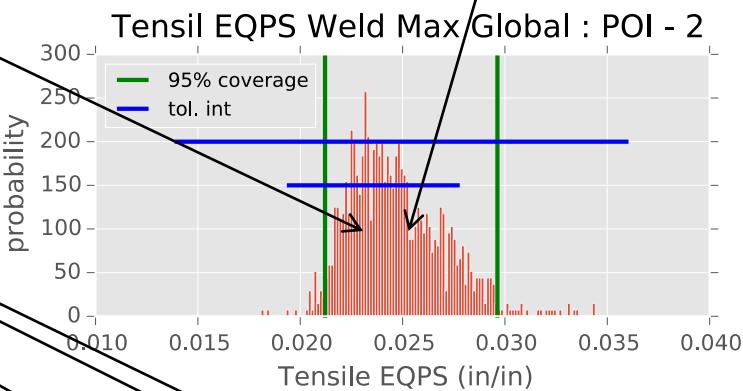
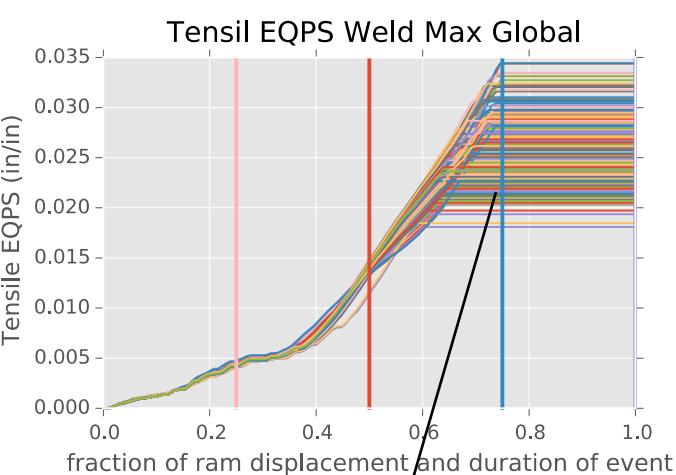
9) do steps 5 – 8 many times (10,000 random trials) to establish reliability rate of TI success in encompassing true 0.025 - 0.975 percentile range

- 18 output quantities
- 4 time stations each
- = 72 QOIs (quant. of int.)

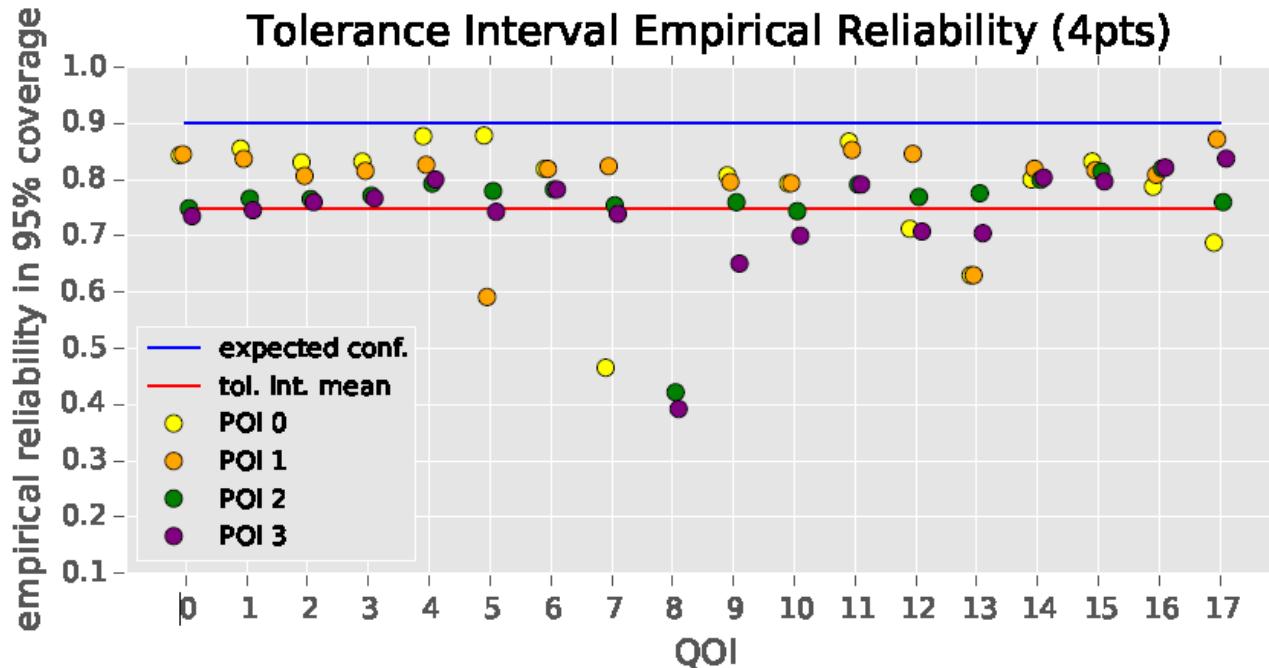


# Tol. Intvl. Performance Characterization

- For each QOI the 1,000 results are characterized as a histogram
- The 0.025 and 0.975 quantiles of the histogram are identified as reference “true” values (within small error, see last bullet)
- TI success rate determined from 10K trials of 4 randomly selected input  $\sigma$ - $\epsilon$  curves and their QOI results & corresponding 0.9/0.95 TIs. How often do the constructed TIs cover “true” 0.025 - 0.975 range?
- Uncertainty on 95% coverage for 1,000 instances comprising the ensemble determined with non-parametric interval estimates  $n p \pm z \sqrt{n p (1 - p)}$

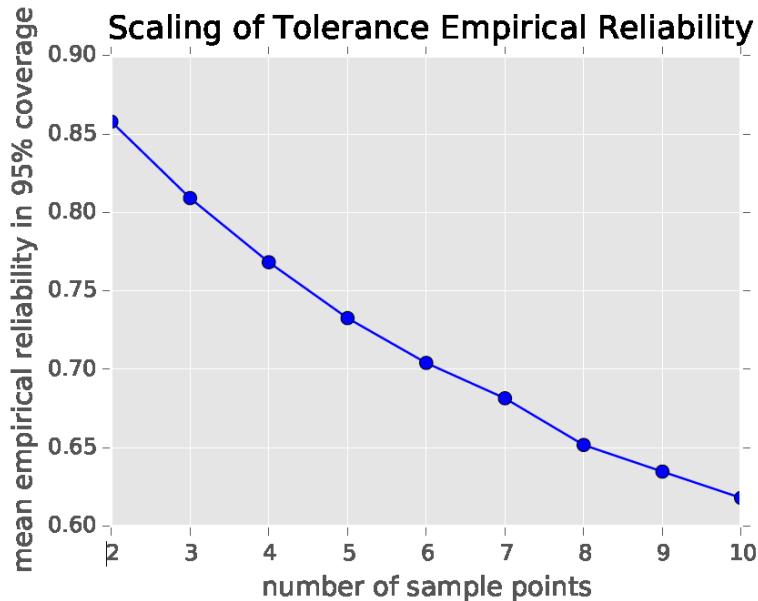


# Tolerance Interval Empirical Reliability (given four $\sigma$ - $\epsilon$ material curves randomly selected)



- Always less than the “advertised” 90% reliability or confidence that the TIs will successfully cover the 0.025 – 0.975 range of response
- 75% empirical average TI reliability for four  $\sigma$ - $\epsilon$  curves (averaged over ~70 highly nonlinear solid mechanics response quantities and >700,000 trials)
- 70% - 85% successful coverage rate for most QOIs

# 0.9/0.95 TI Empirical Reliability vs. # of $\sigma$ - $\epsilon$ curves



- TI reliability of successfully covering 0.025 – 0.975 range of response decreases significantly with # of  $\sigma$ - $\epsilon$  curves—but magnitudes of shortfall errors  $\Delta_U$  and  $\Delta_L$  decrease faster—more curves are better on average.
- >70% expected TI reliability in usual situation of  $\leq 6$   $\sigma$ - $\epsilon$  curves



# Conclusions

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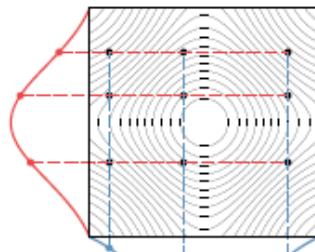


- The proposed TI methodology is a simple way to manage risk of underestimating material behavior variability when only a small number of material characterization tests are available or affordable.
- The methodology is relatively affordable even with computationally expensive models.
- The Can-Crush study and results provide evidence that the TI methodology is reasonably reliable (>70% for  $\leq 6$   $\sigma$ - $\epsilon$  curves) for providing conservative estimates of the true 0.025 – 0.975 range of response for a large variety of highly nonlinear solid mechanics QOI types, including:
  - Von Mises stresses
  - displacements and resisting load
  - material damage quantities EQPS, Tensile EQPS, and Tearing Parameter

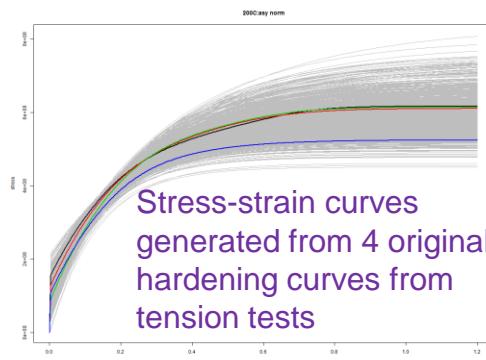
## Next Steps: Assess Sparse-Data UQ Approaches for Multi-Material

## Solid Mechanics Problems, where only a few $\sigma$ - $\epsilon$ curves exist for each material

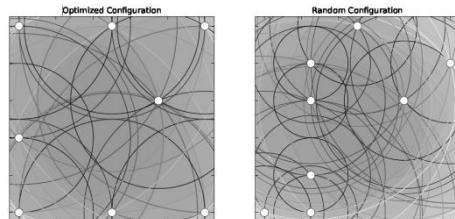
2D random-variable analogue of sparse random-function problem with all possible combinations of input realizations shown. Continuous-variable analogue problem helped determine a more efficient UQ approach than the all-combinations of stress-strain curves approach previously taken.



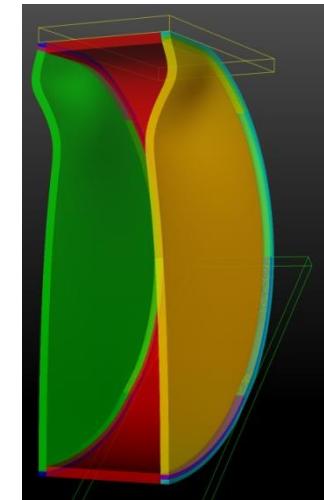
Simulated Annealing for Optimal Sampling Design



1 of 18 output quantities to be used to assess performance of sparse-data UQ method applied to can-crush test problem



Can-crush simulation results with nominal mtl. hardening curves (half-symmetry Presto model)



Tensile EQPS Can Top Element

