



# Efficient Multi-Linear Elastic-Plastic Model Calibration for Accurate Reduced-Order Fastener Models



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# Motivation

Complex components and structures cannot always be calibrated at the material level.

- Material isn't homogenous in structure
- Complex mechanics not captured

## Structural Calibration

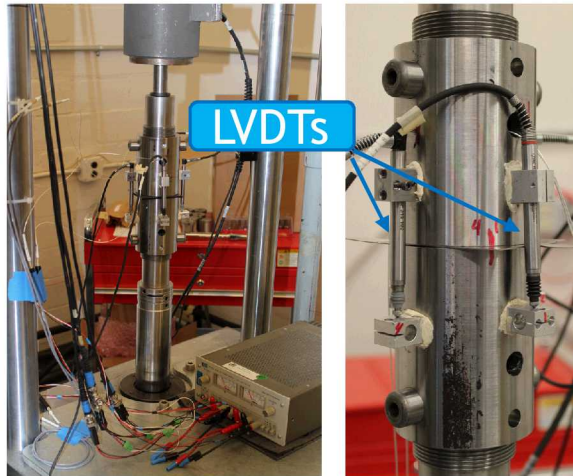
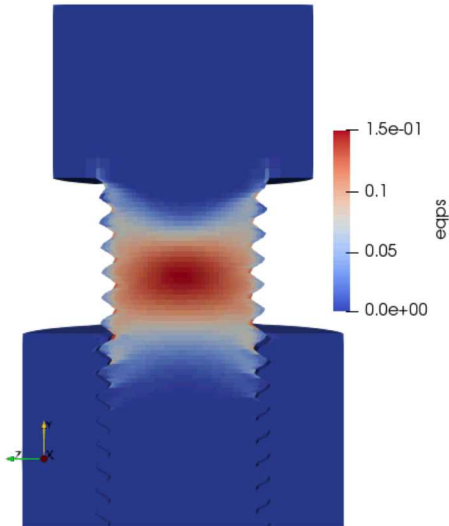
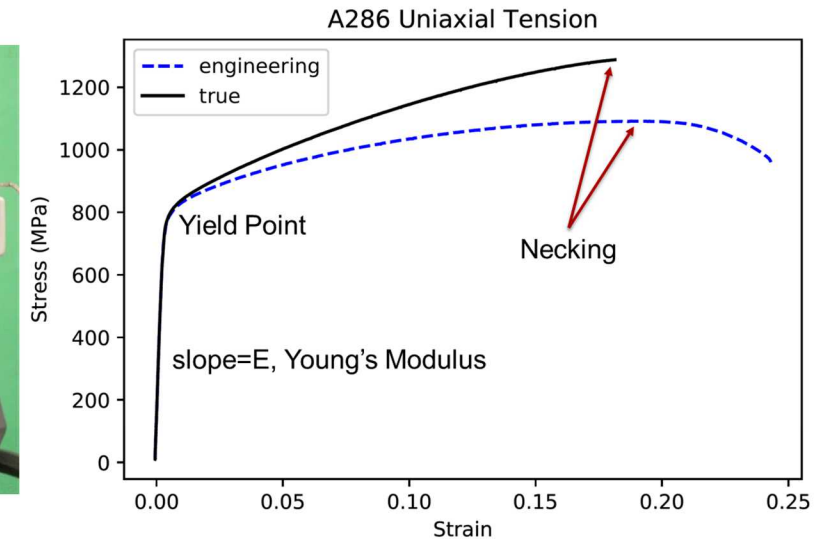
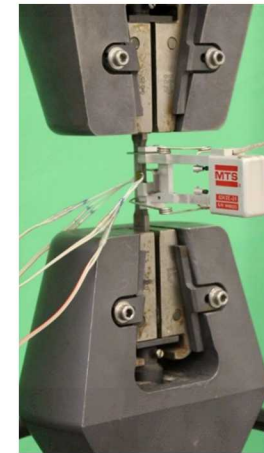


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## Material Calibration



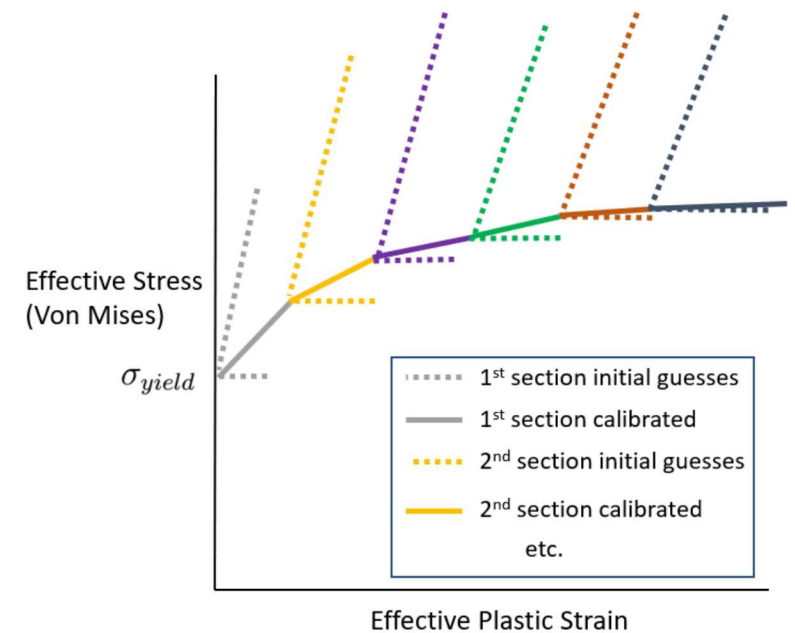
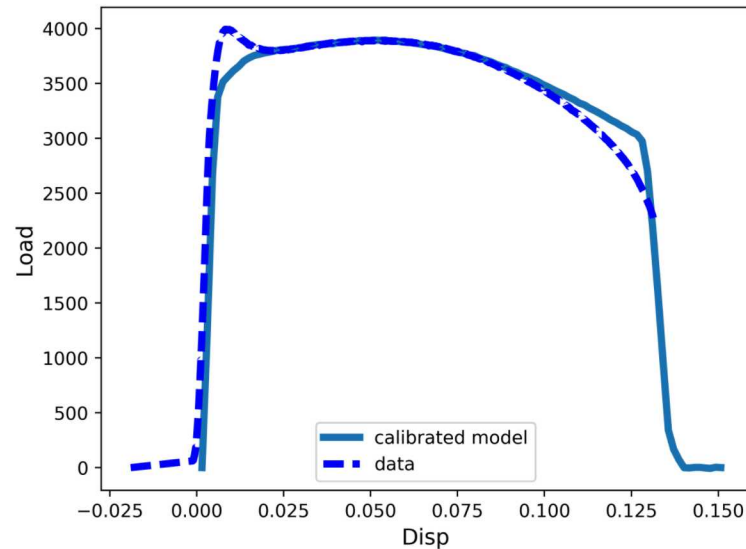
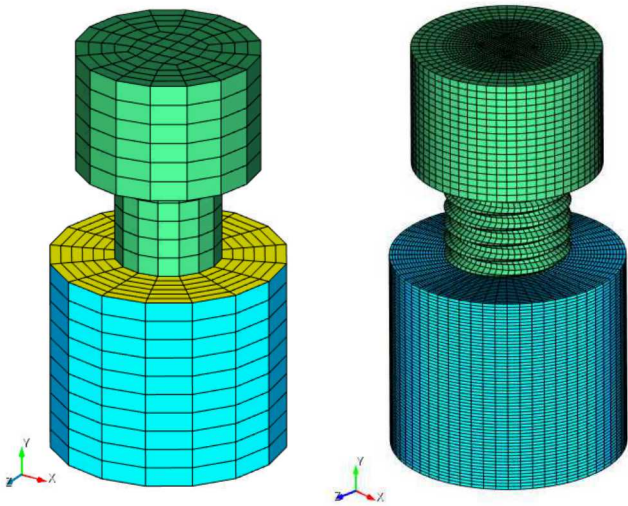
Sometimes, calibration at the structural level is necessary to obtain best performance for components.

- Cannot directly obtain true stress-strain behavior
- Measurements are non-local so more complex models are necessary to calibrate effectively

**Need a tool that can perform structural calibrations**

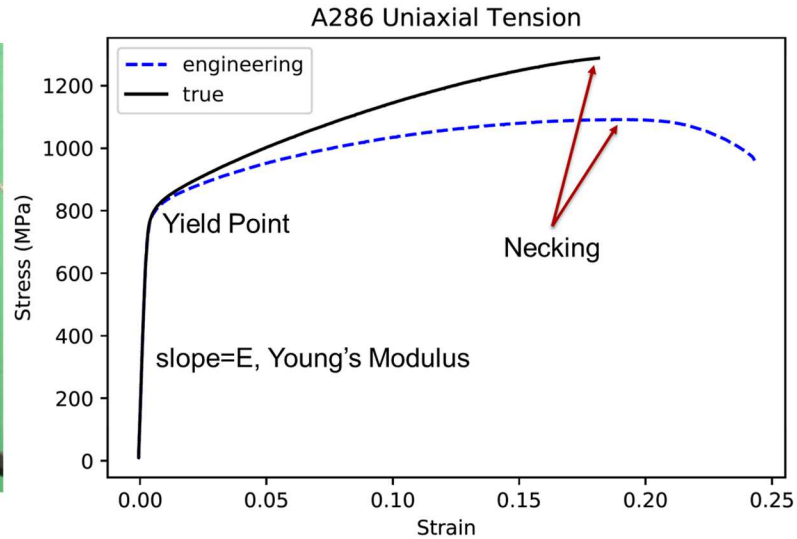
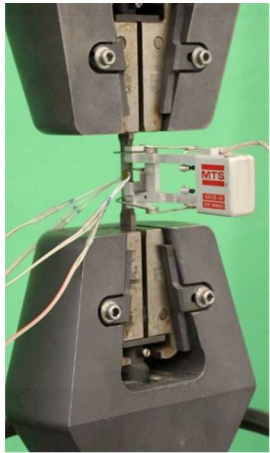
# Outline

- Conventional Hardening Curve Calibration Methods
- Incremental Calibration Method
- Considerations for Structural Calibration
- Examples

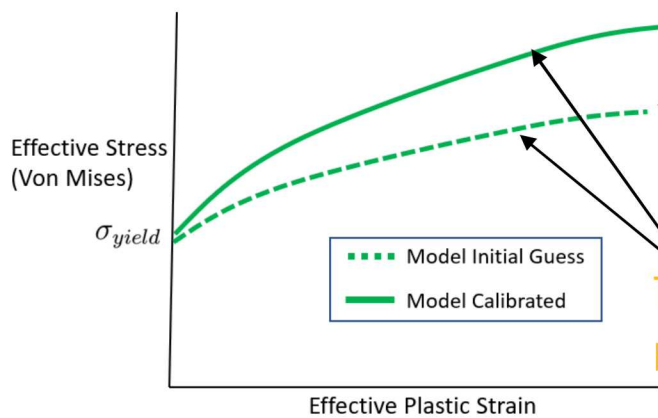
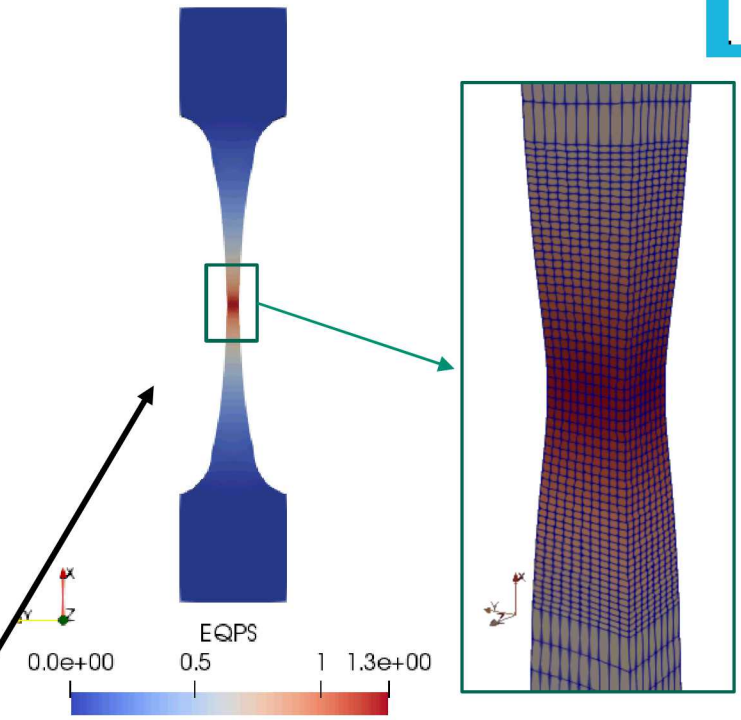




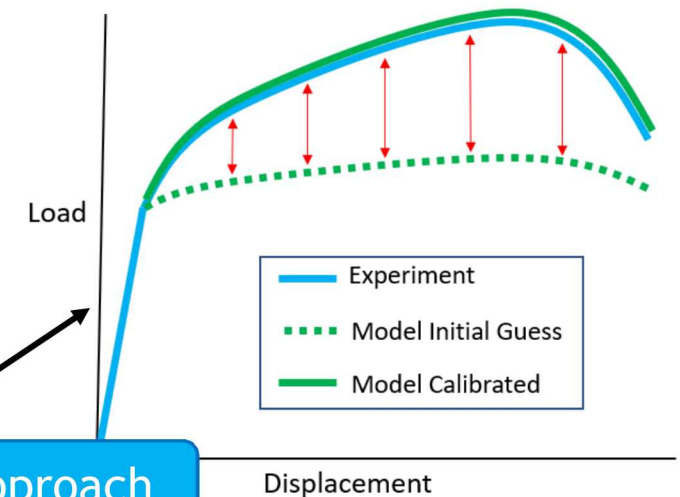
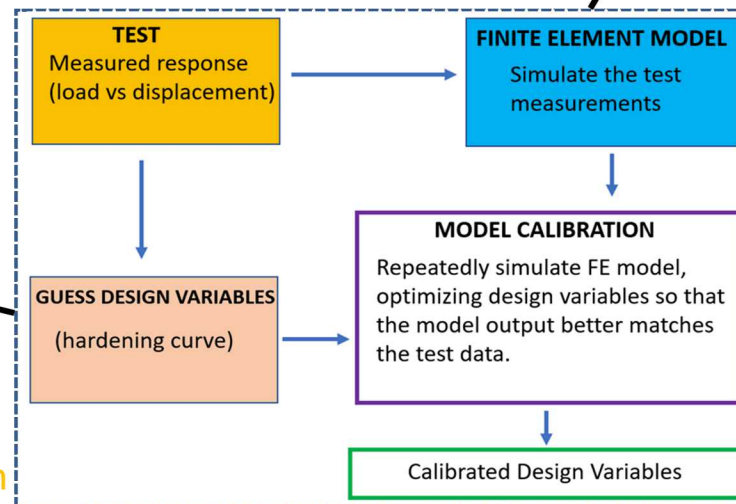
# Hardening Curve Calibration: Conventional Methods



Method #1: Construct equivalent stress-strain curve by hand up to necking



Typically described  
by analytical function



Method #2: General Inverse FEA Optimization Approach

# Hardening Curve Calibration: Incremental Method

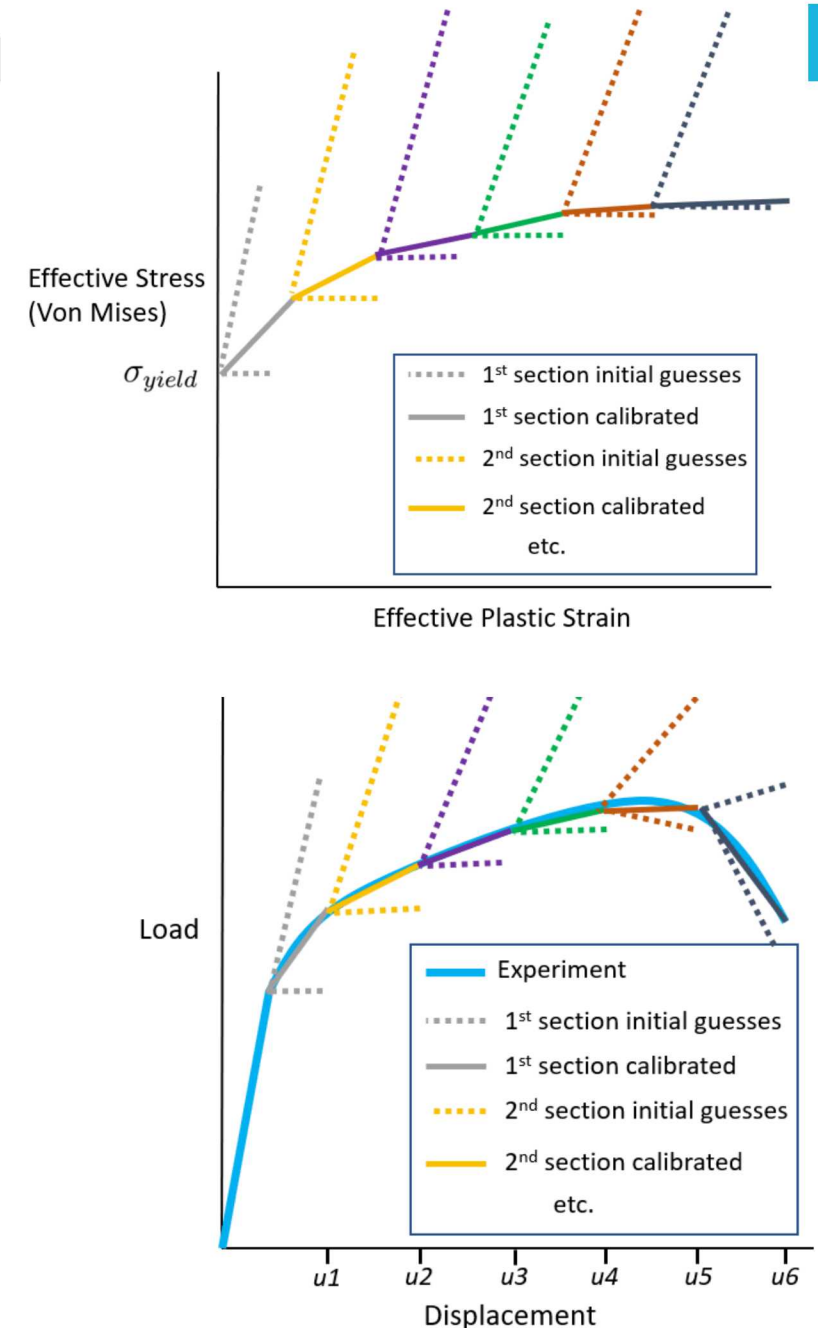
Alternative approach is to use an incremental solution strategy, calibrating each individual segment of the piecewise linear hardening curve

- Increased flexibility – not as limited by model form
- Now can use a root finding algorithm rather than cost function minimization

Still performing an inverse problem, so post-peak stress behavior can be calibrated.

- Calculating equivalent stress-strain from a uniaxial tension test only valid to ultimate load
- Incremental method is faster – not running full simulation each time.

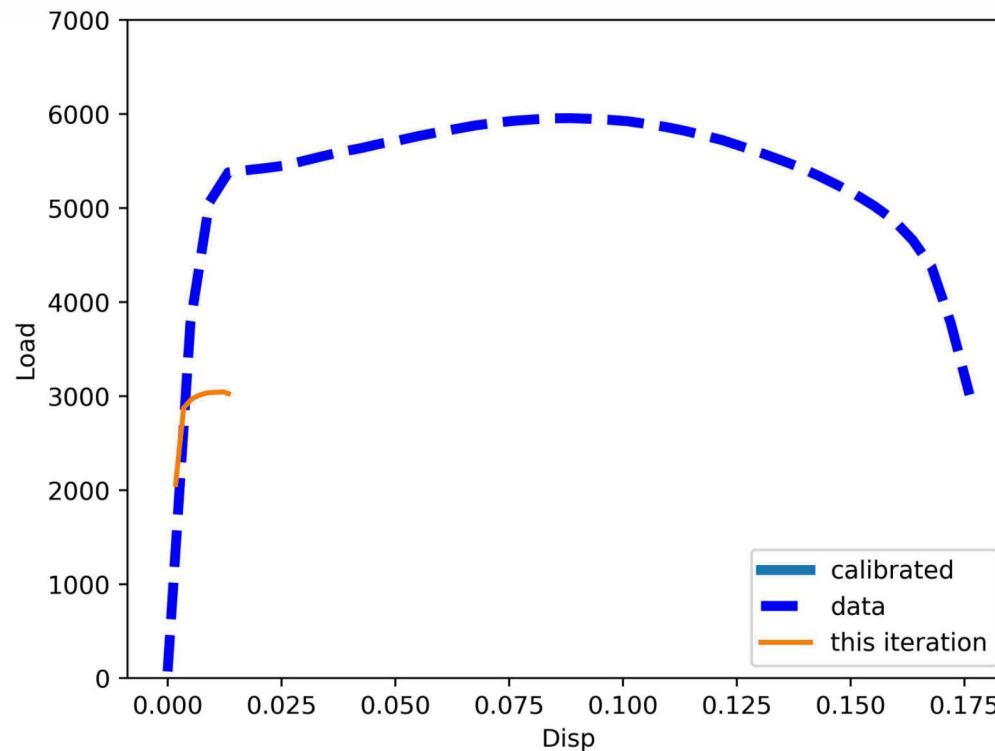
The incremental method provides an efficient approach for material parameter calibration



# Considerations for Calibrating Structural Models

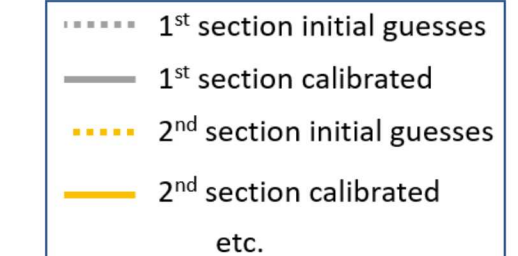
Complex strain gradients complicate material calibration, especially incremental approaches

- Load values are sensitive to multiple points on the hardening curve
- Don't want to calibrate all the way out to the maximum plastic strain seen in the model
- **Solution: cut back the applied displacement for the next iteration, and cutback the point on the hardening curve you calibrate to accordingly.**



Effective Stress  
(Von Mises)

$\sigma_{yield}$



Effective Plastic Strain

This method facilitates structural models to be more effectively calibrated to arbitrary load-displacement responses

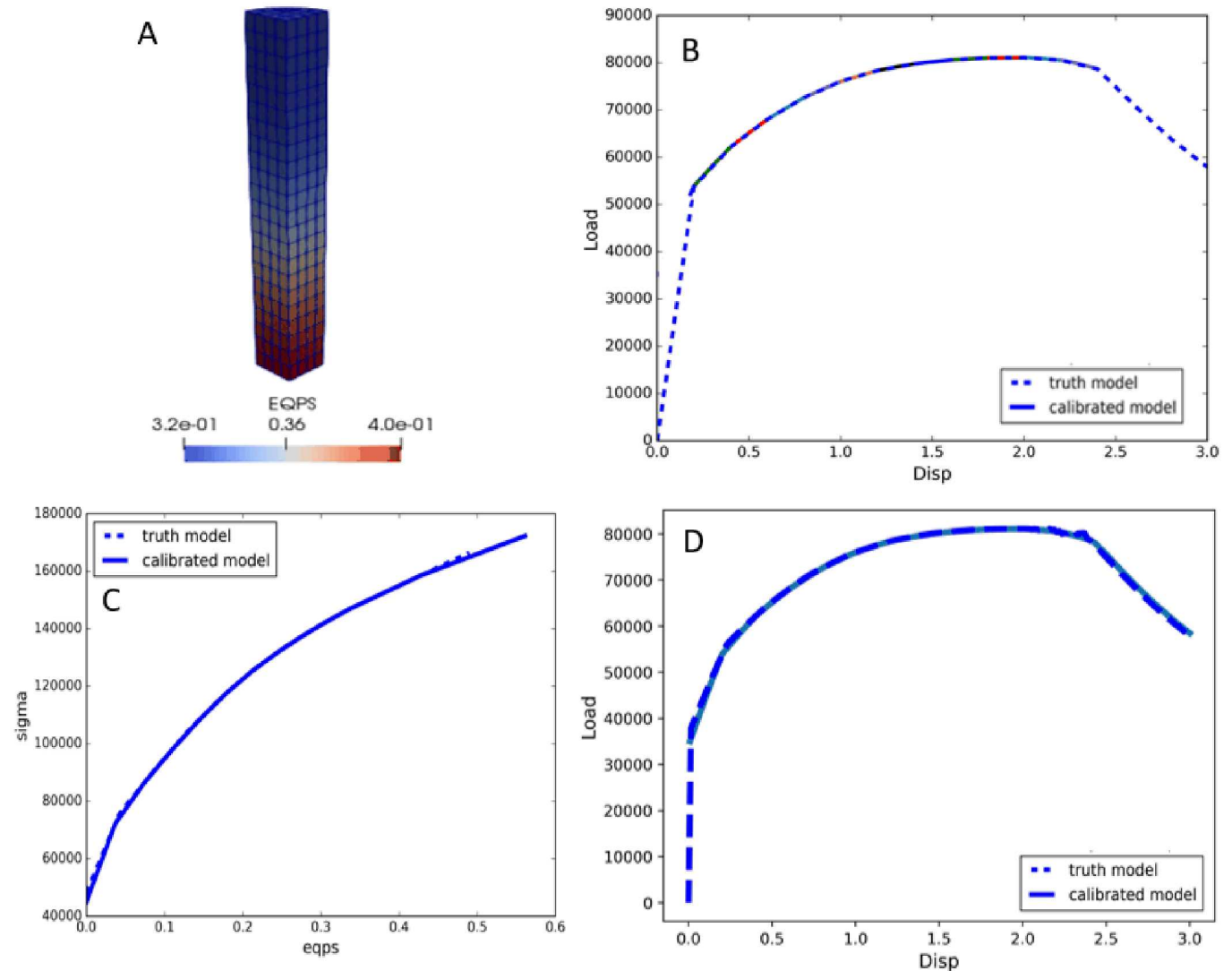
# Example: Uniaxial Tension – Capturing Post-Peak Behavior

**A.)** FE model--symmetry BC's used to represent full cylinder.

**B.)** Load vs Displacement Incremental Calibration Results

**C.)** “Truth” hardening curve compared to the calibrated hardening curve

**D.)** Model re-ran once with calibrated hardening curve to verify the incremental approach matches the final model





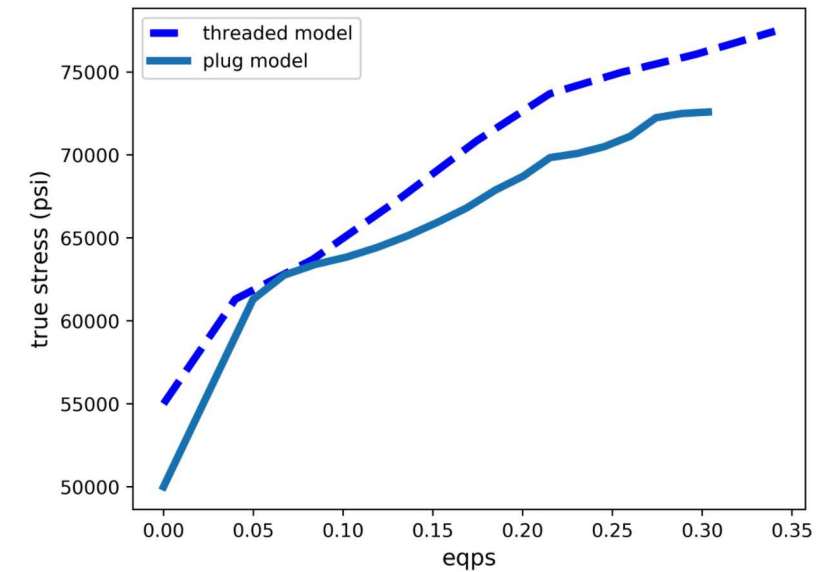
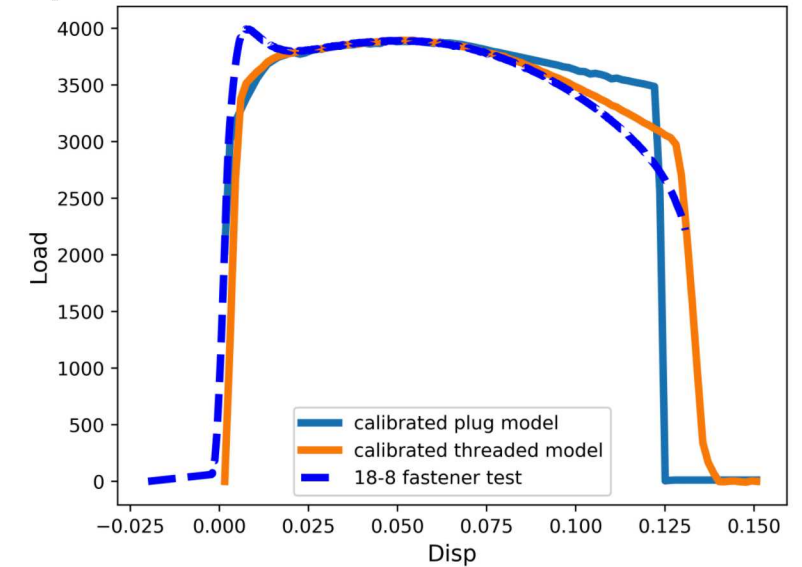
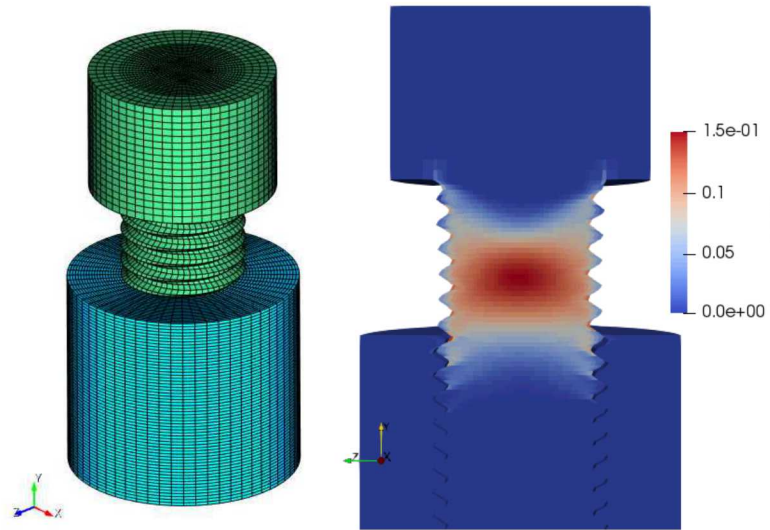
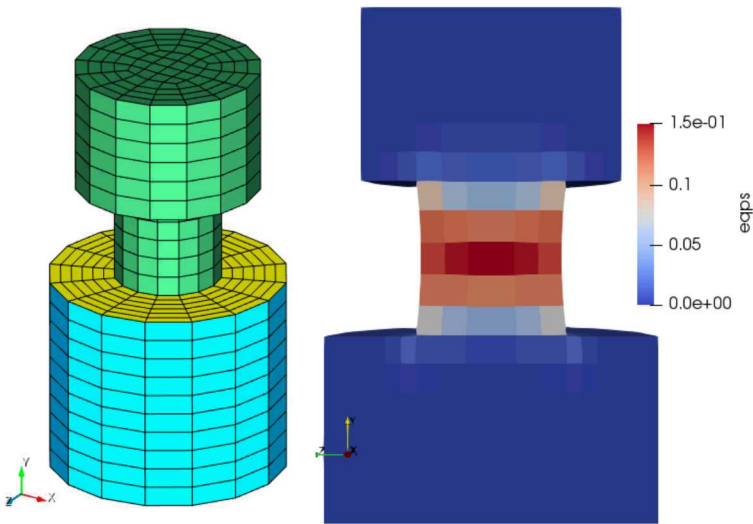
# Example: Fastener Models – Calibrating Structural Response

Calibrating two different fastener models to tension load-displacement test data

Hardening curves not the same - different mechanics are captured in the model and the structures material properties must change accordingly.

Plug model

Threaded model

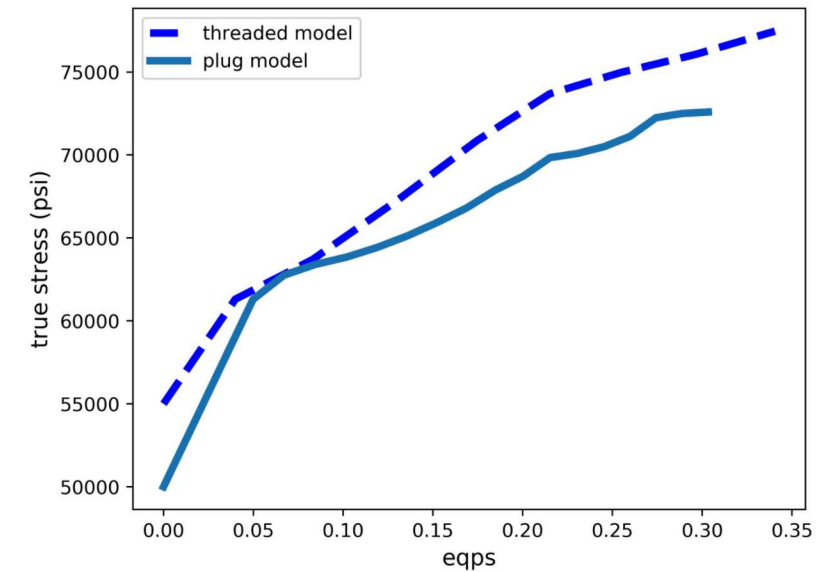
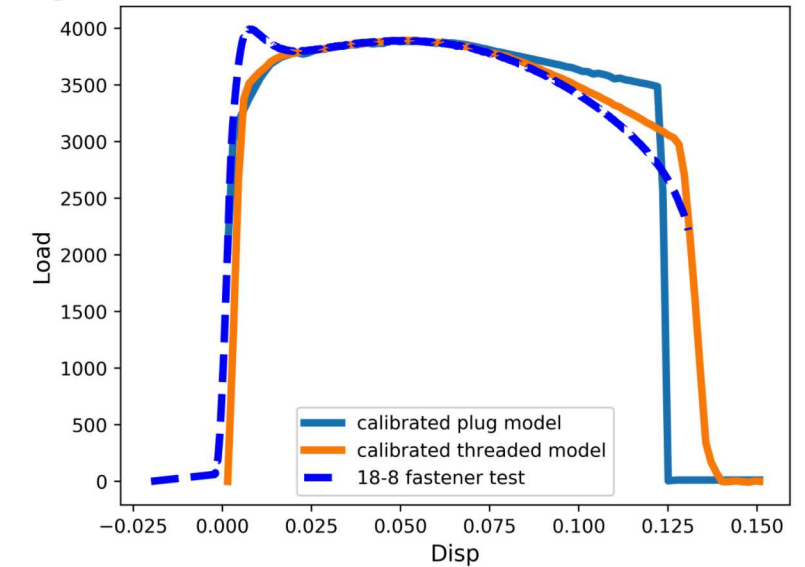
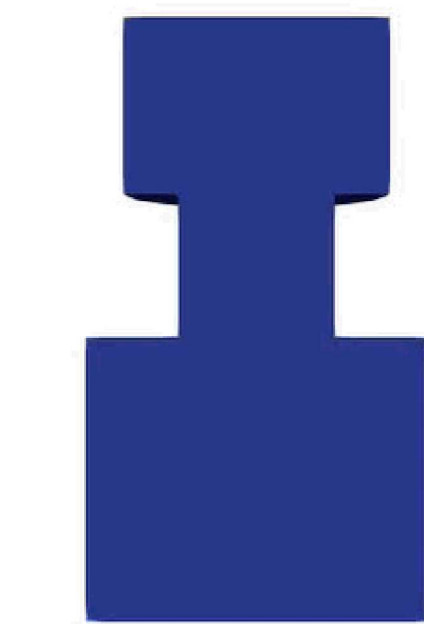
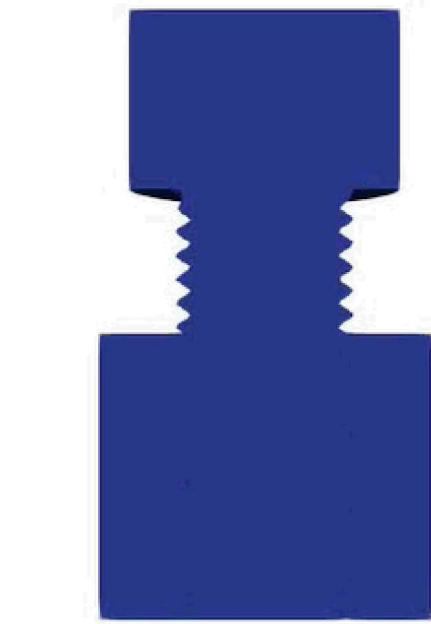




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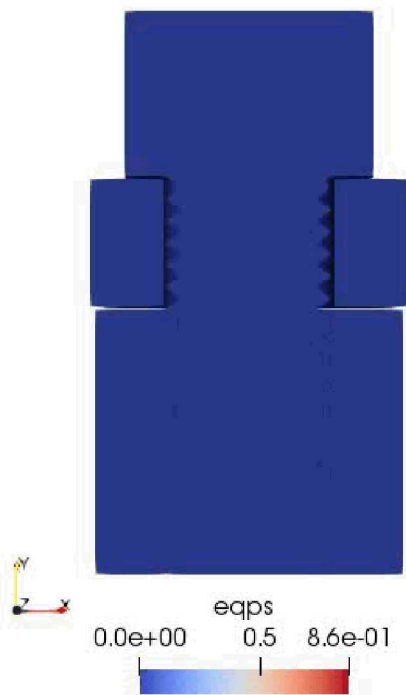
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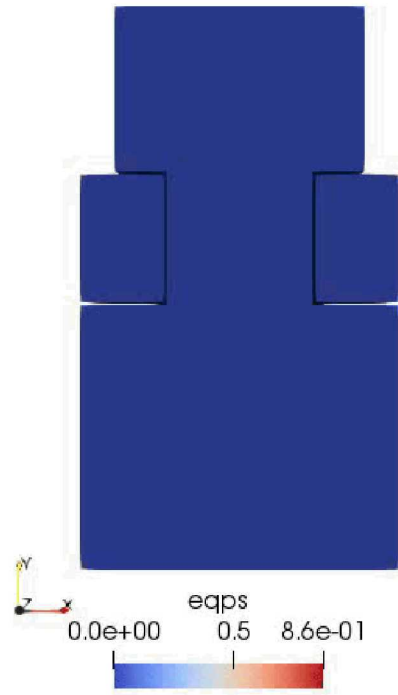
## Example: Fastener Models

- Why calibrate multiple levels of fidelity?
  - While they give the same response in tension, the higher fidelity threaded model gives more reasonable results in shear
  - More geometric and mesh fidelity allows for more generally accurate model

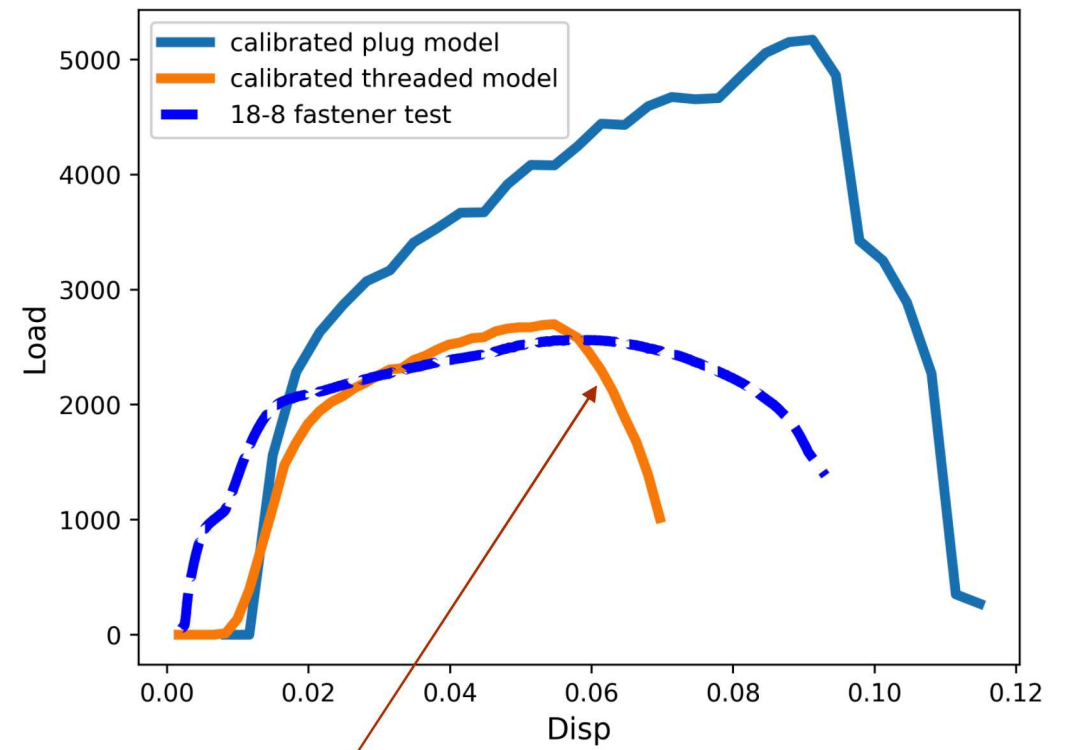
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Shear Results



Improving the ultimate failure prediction would be possible with a better material failure model

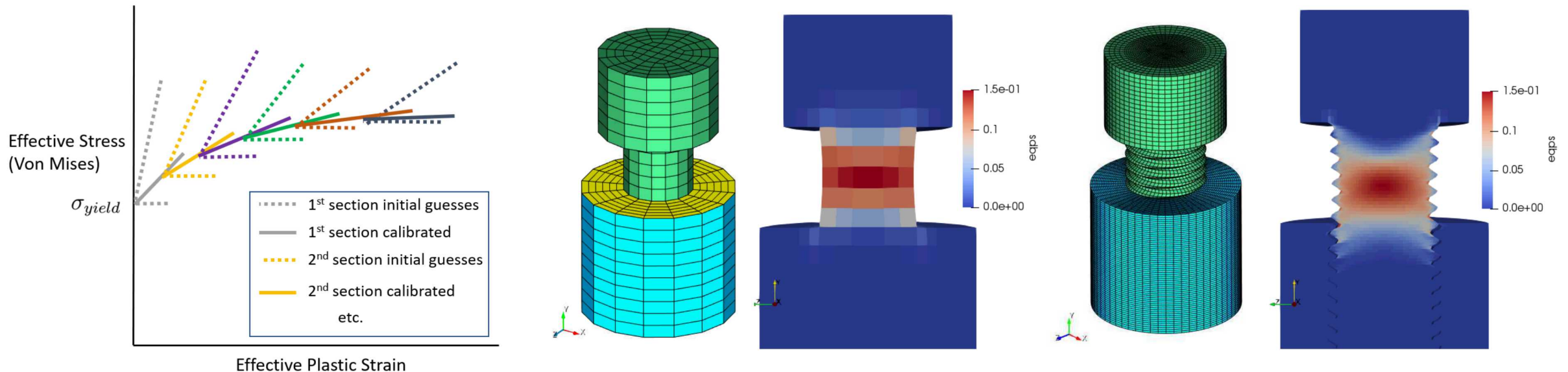
# Conclusions

Developed tool that can efficiently calibrate models at a structural level.

- Enables the calibration of complex components such as fasteners
- Can perform calibrations for unique loadings and loading conditions

Still utilizing an incremental approach

- Not running full simulation – time saved in calibration
- Maintaining model flexibility – not limited by model form

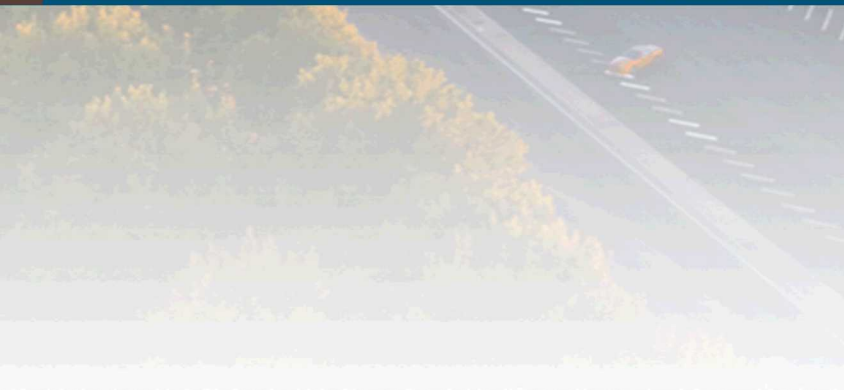






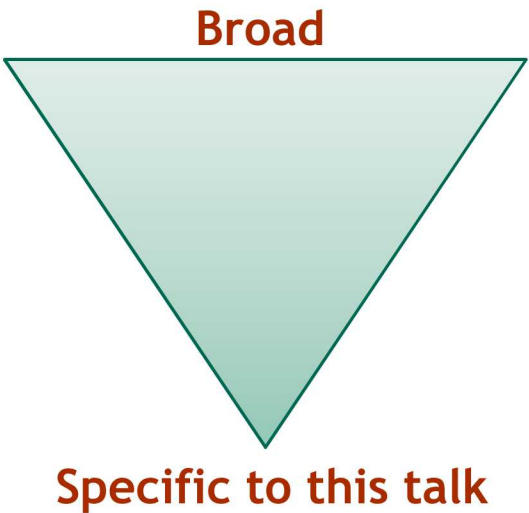
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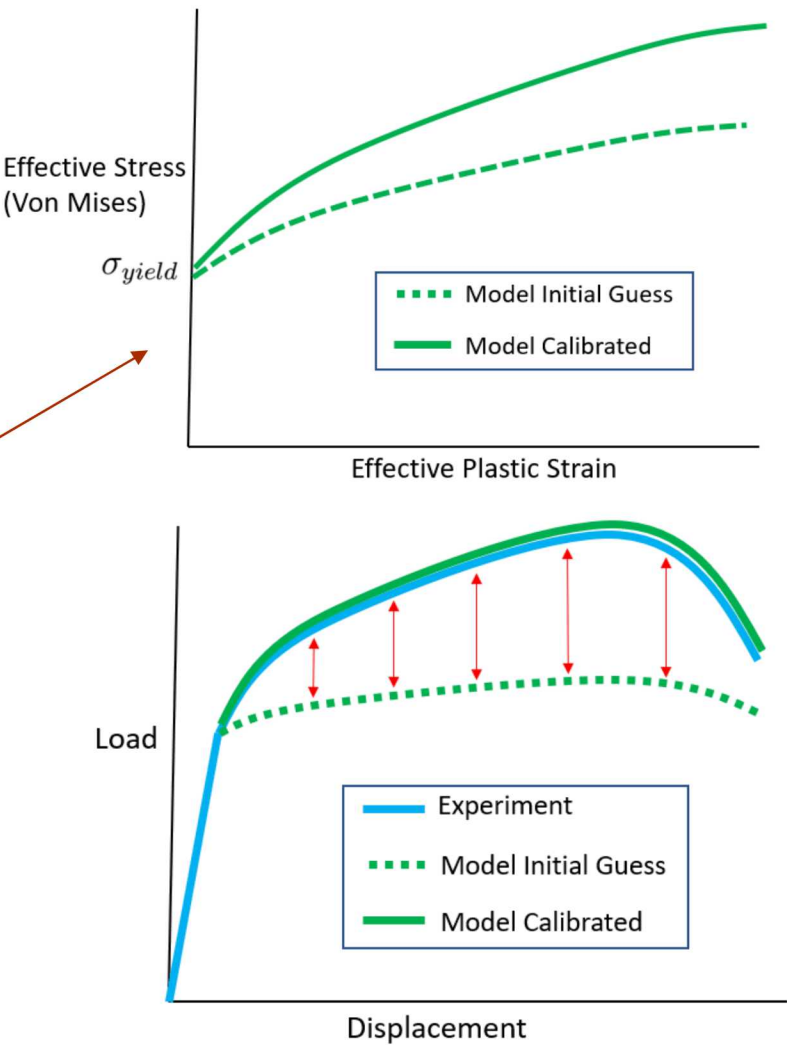


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Background: what is being calibrated?



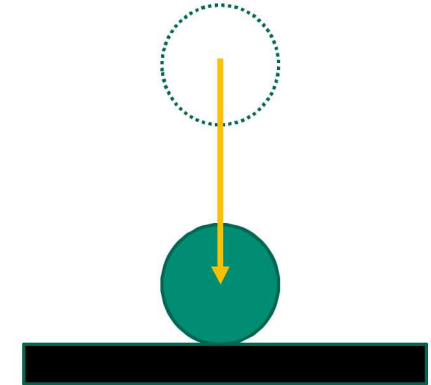
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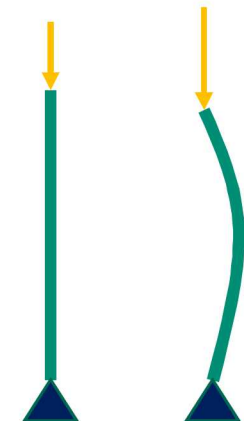
# Nonlinear Solid Mechanics

- At Sandia we perform nonlinear solid mechanics simulations of various systems
- *Nonlinear*: the solution doesn't scale proportionally to the applied loading
  - In general the solution must be solved incrementally
  - Types of nonlinearity in solid mechanics simulations
    - Contact
    - Geometric (large deformations)
    - **Material**
      - This is the aspect that usually needs to be calibrated

**Contact:** initially, the two bodies do not exert force on each other, but after some displacement they abruptly do



**Geometric:** the initially straight beam buckles after some loading, leading to a reduction in load carrying capacity

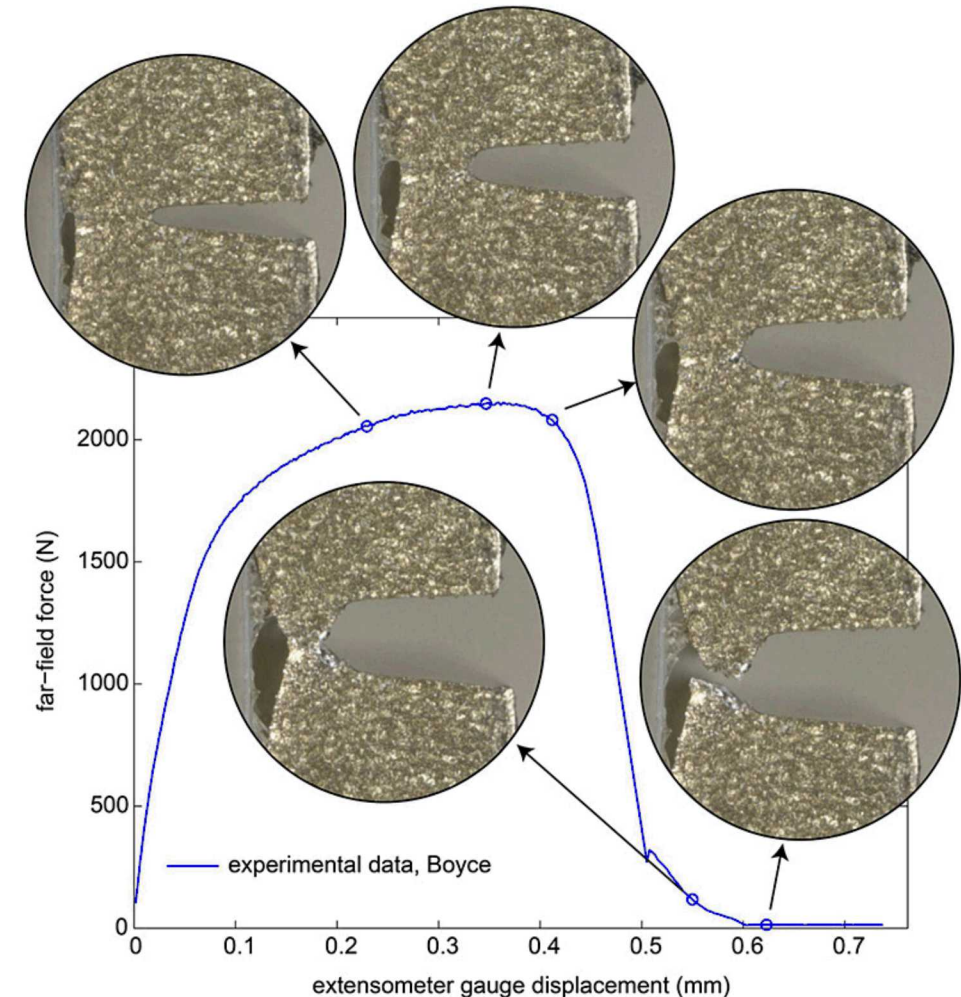


While we rely on our FEA codes to accurately simulate contact and geometric nonlinearities, material nonlinearity is largely modeled phenomenologically, dictated by user-defined parameters



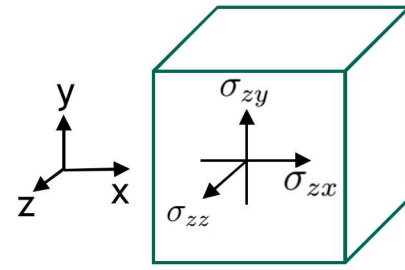
- For solid mechanics, materials are often classified according to their:
  - Homogeneity: spatial variation
  - Anisotropy: directional dependence
  - Nonlinearity: how does stiffness change with strain?
  - Inelasticity: if unloaded, does material return to original state?
- Whether a material can be considered homogeneous or isotropic depends on the length-scales of interest.
  - For most practical engineering calculations for metal structures, we assume isotropic and homogeneous materials.
- Beyond very small strains, metals yield and have **inelastic, nonlinear** deformations (plasticity).
  - FEA of components for design evaluation can assume linear elasticity and still be extremely valuable
  - However, if you want to accurately simulate the response of metal components under large deformations, must account for their plasticity
    - If extreme loading is involved, material failure may also need to be modeled

Tension test of a notched stainless steel 304L specimen [1]



## J2 Metal Plasticity

- Stress tensor can be decomposed into:
  - Volume changing (volumetric) deformation
    - Related to normal stresses
  - Shape changing (deviatoric) portion
    - Related to shear stresses
- Metals generally plastically deform due to deviatoric stresses **S**
  - The “second invariant” of the deviatoric stress tensor is called  $J_2$ .
  - Von Mises stress comes from  $J_2$ 
    - Conveniently, Von Mises stress is equal to applied stress in uniaxial tension
  - Von Mises is a common “yield criterion” for metals
    - Von Mises stress defines a cylindrical 3D **yield surface** in “principal stress space”, with its axis along hydrostatic stress states
    - If a given material element’s principal stresses give a Von Mises stress that is higher than the yield stress, the element will deform plastically



$$\begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{xx} & \sigma_{xy} & \sigma_{xz} \\ \sigma_{yx} & \sigma_{yy} & \sigma_{yz} \\ \sigma_{zx} & \sigma_{zy} & \sigma_{zz} \end{bmatrix} = \sigma_{ij}$$

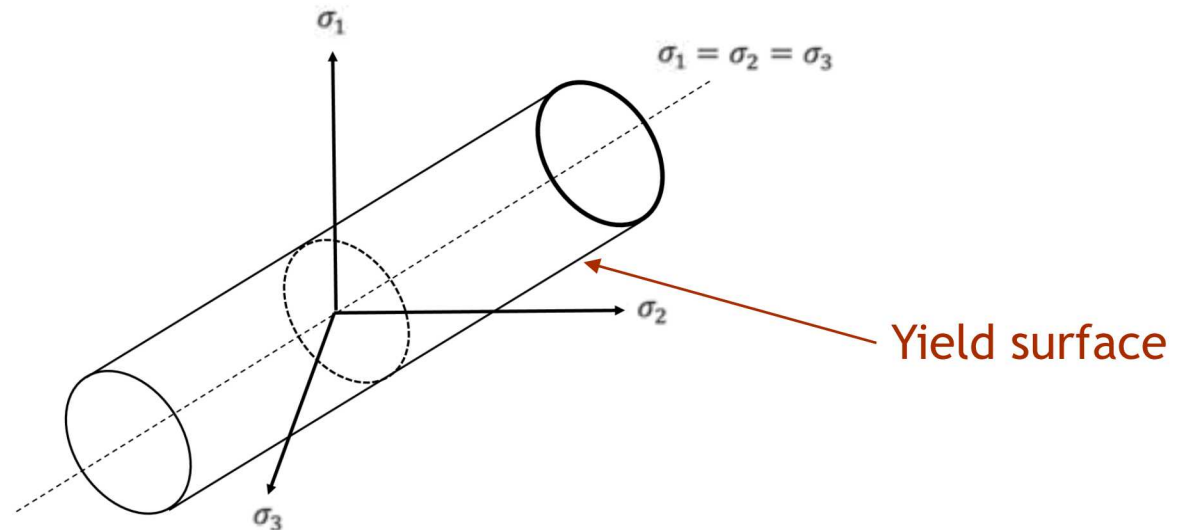
$$\sigma_{ij} = S_{ij} + \frac{1}{3}\sigma_{kk}\delta_{ij}$$

$$J_2 = \frac{1}{2}S_{ij}S_{ij}$$

$$\sigma_{vm} = \sqrt{3J_2}$$

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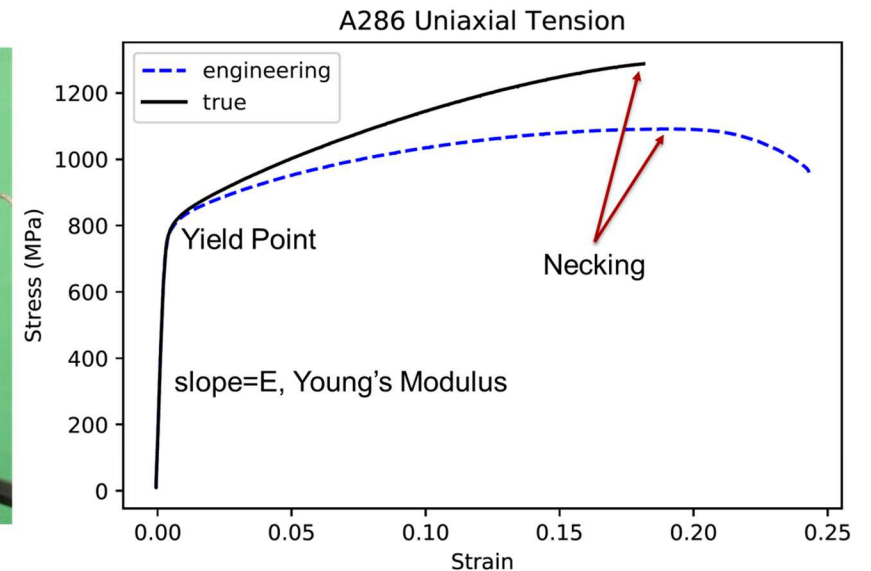
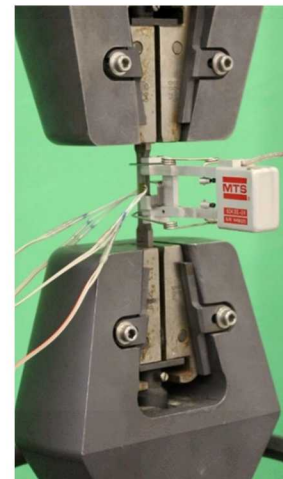
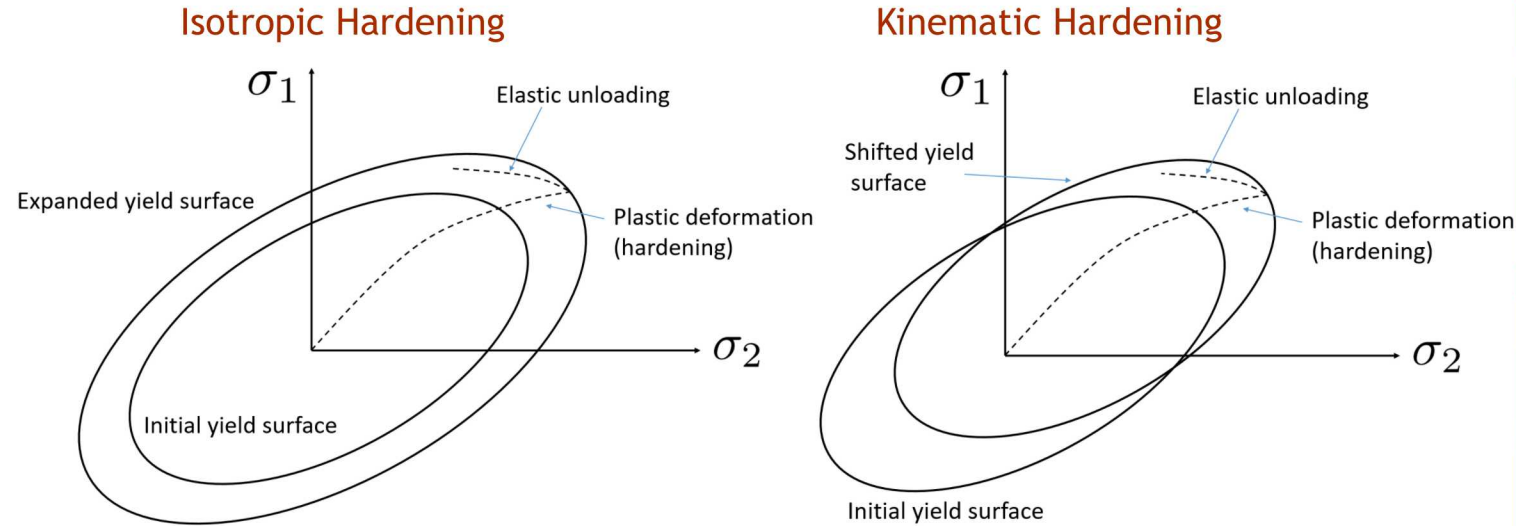

$$\sigma_{vm} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}[(\sigma_1 - \sigma_2)^2 + (\sigma_2 - \sigma_3)^2 + (\sigma_3 - \sigma_1)^2]}$$





# Strain Hardening

- If a metal continues to be loaded past yield, it begins “hardening”
  - Complicated microstructural causes that can’t be practically modeled, so phenomenological models are used
- This can be understood as the yield surface expanding (isotropic hardening) or translating (kinematic hardening) to accommodate the increasing Von Mises stress
- Very ductile alloys (e.g. 304L stainless steel) can accommodate a lot of plastic strain/hardening before fracture
- For J2 plasticity, the hardening behavior can be described with a “hardening curve”
  - This can be obtained from a uniaxial tension test, up until necking
- In general, a hardening curve can only be directly obtained from a test if the test has a uniform state of strain (or if one can reasonably be assumed)
  - If not, an inverse calibration procedure must be used



**We often need to calibrate the hardening curve for a given material model so that it gives the correct response in a system model**