



# Estimating Uncertainty of Neural Network Predictions for Inelastic Mechanical Deformation using Coupled FEM-NN Approach



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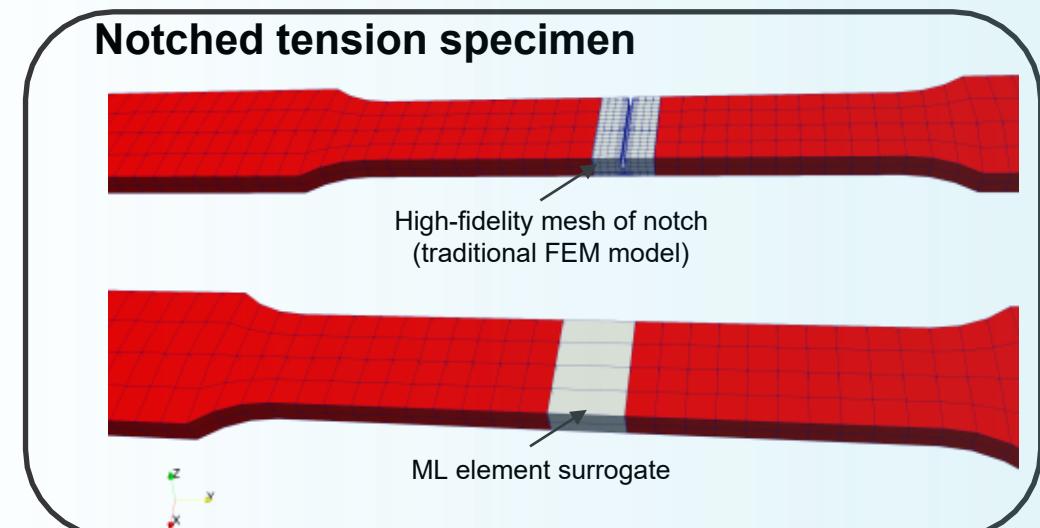
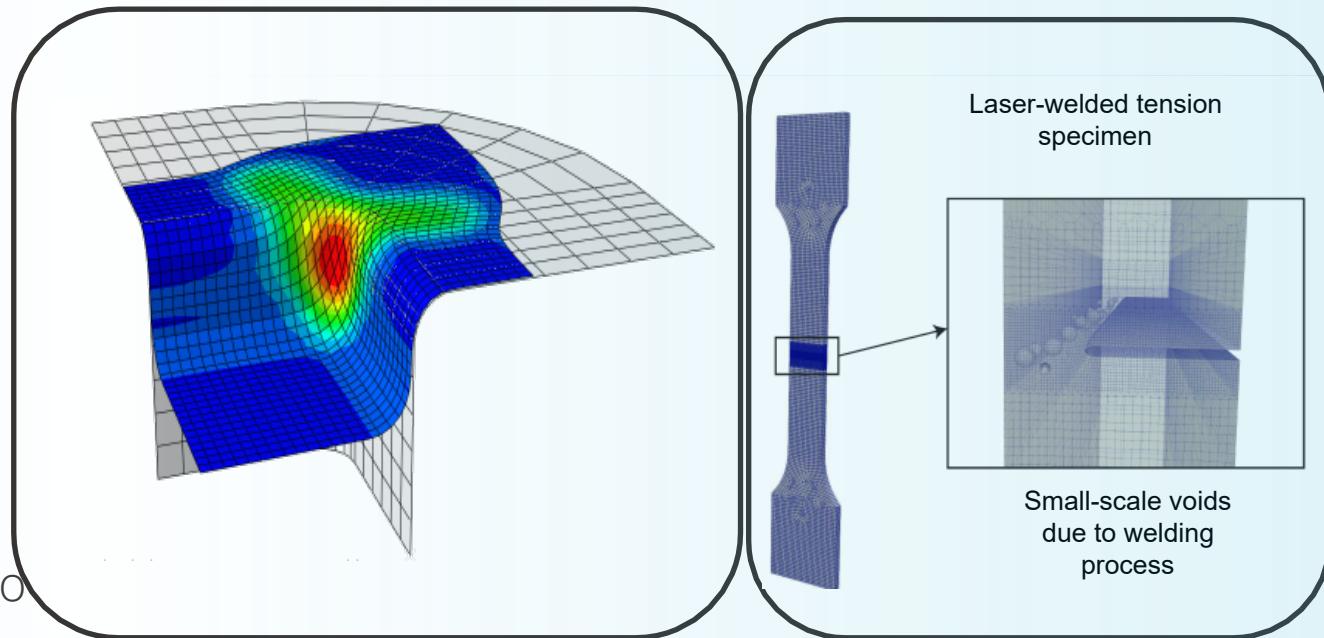


## Accelerated and Accurate Results: The need for a coupled FEM-NN Approach

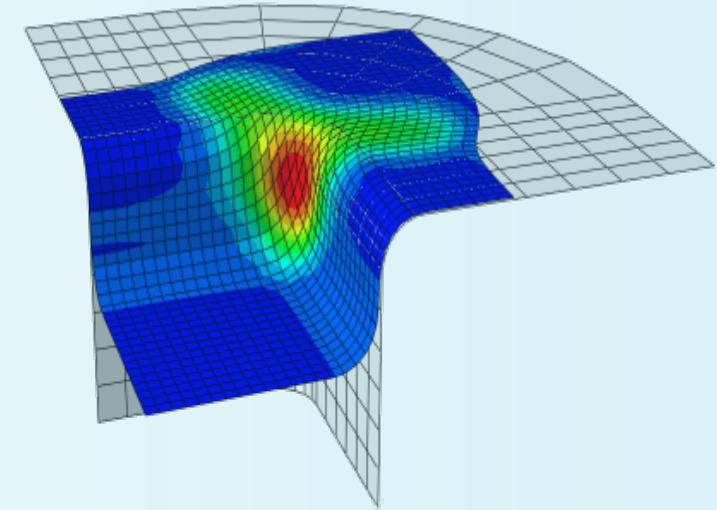
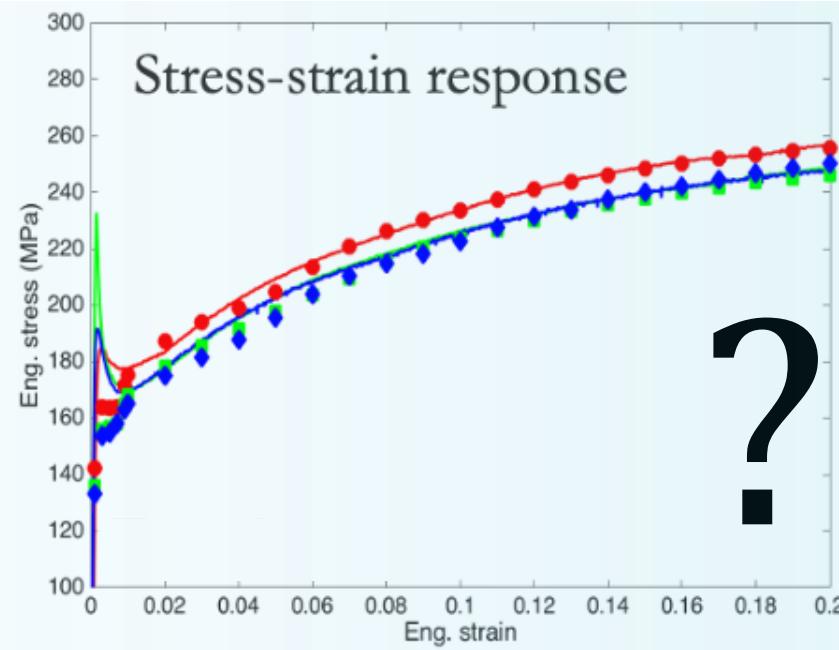
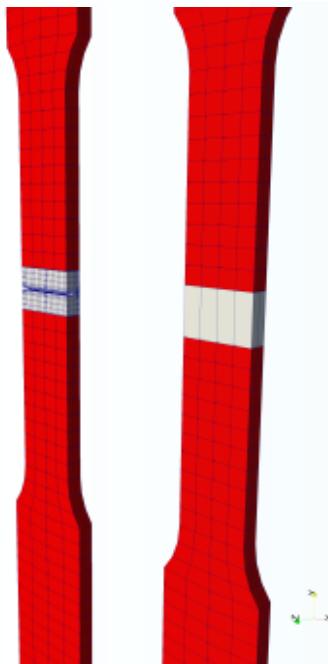
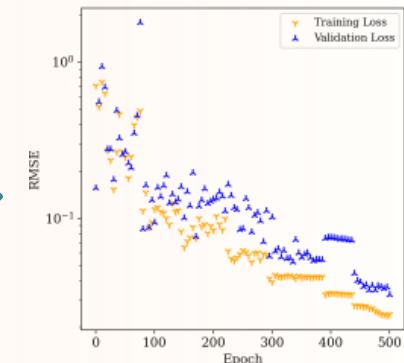
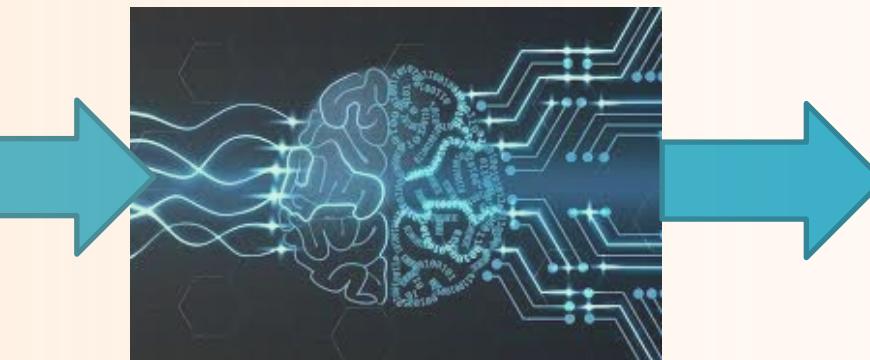
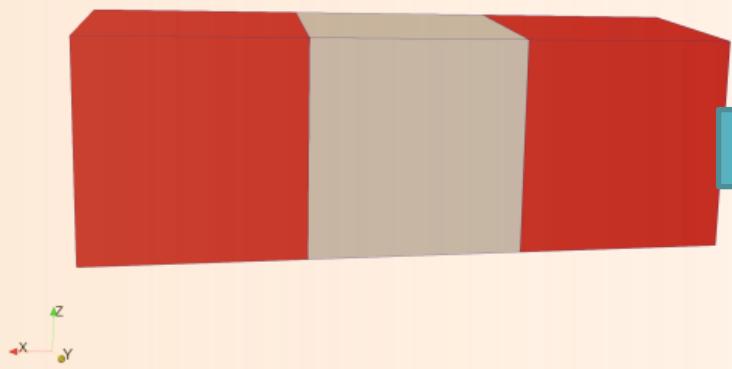


1. FEM iterative nature and need to solve complex non-linear equations require significant computational power and time.
2. System wide and large component simulations have complex/intricate geometry that is not easily meshed/discretized (memory constraints) and requires significant time to obtain a response.

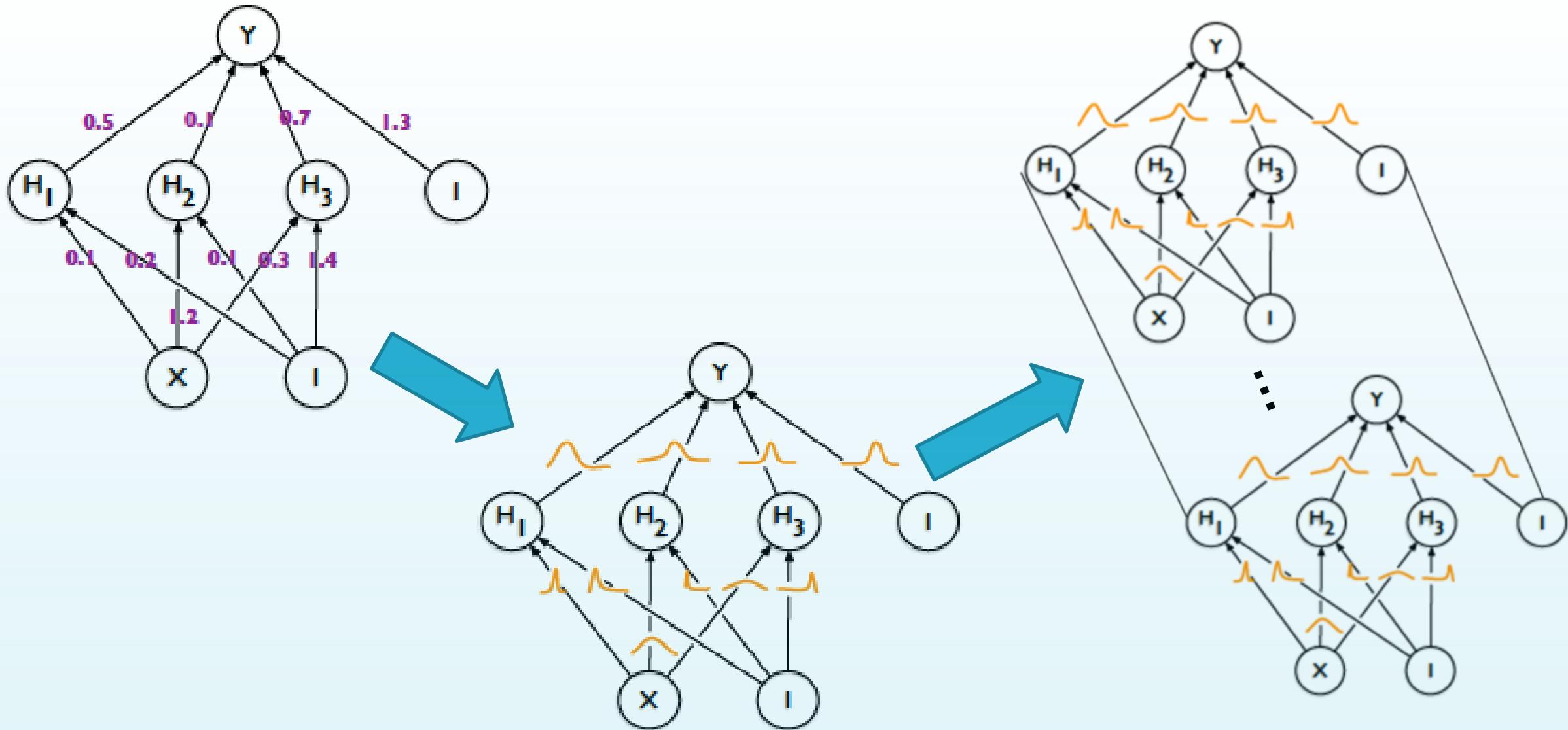
- There is a critical need for a data-driven approach to account for fine-scale features without directly incorporating them in a simulation.
- Neural networks are a viable surrogate to approximate the forces/deformations that occur at these fine scale features and the rest of the model.
- NN-FEM elements are trained to set of training data and can be used to provide accurate predictions for new/unseen geometries and loadings.



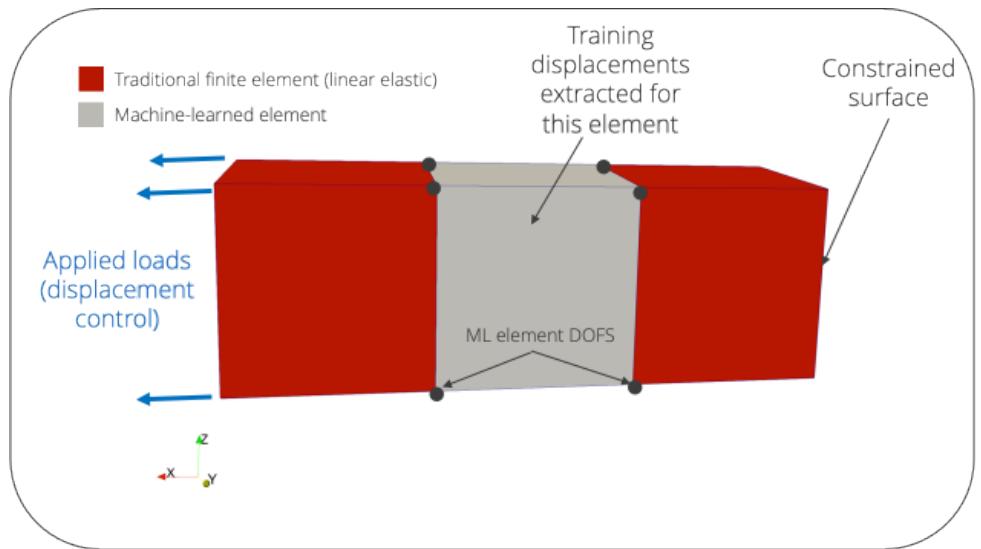
# How can you trust the answer of the model?



# Make a model say “I don't know”: Uncertainty Quantification in Deep Learning Models



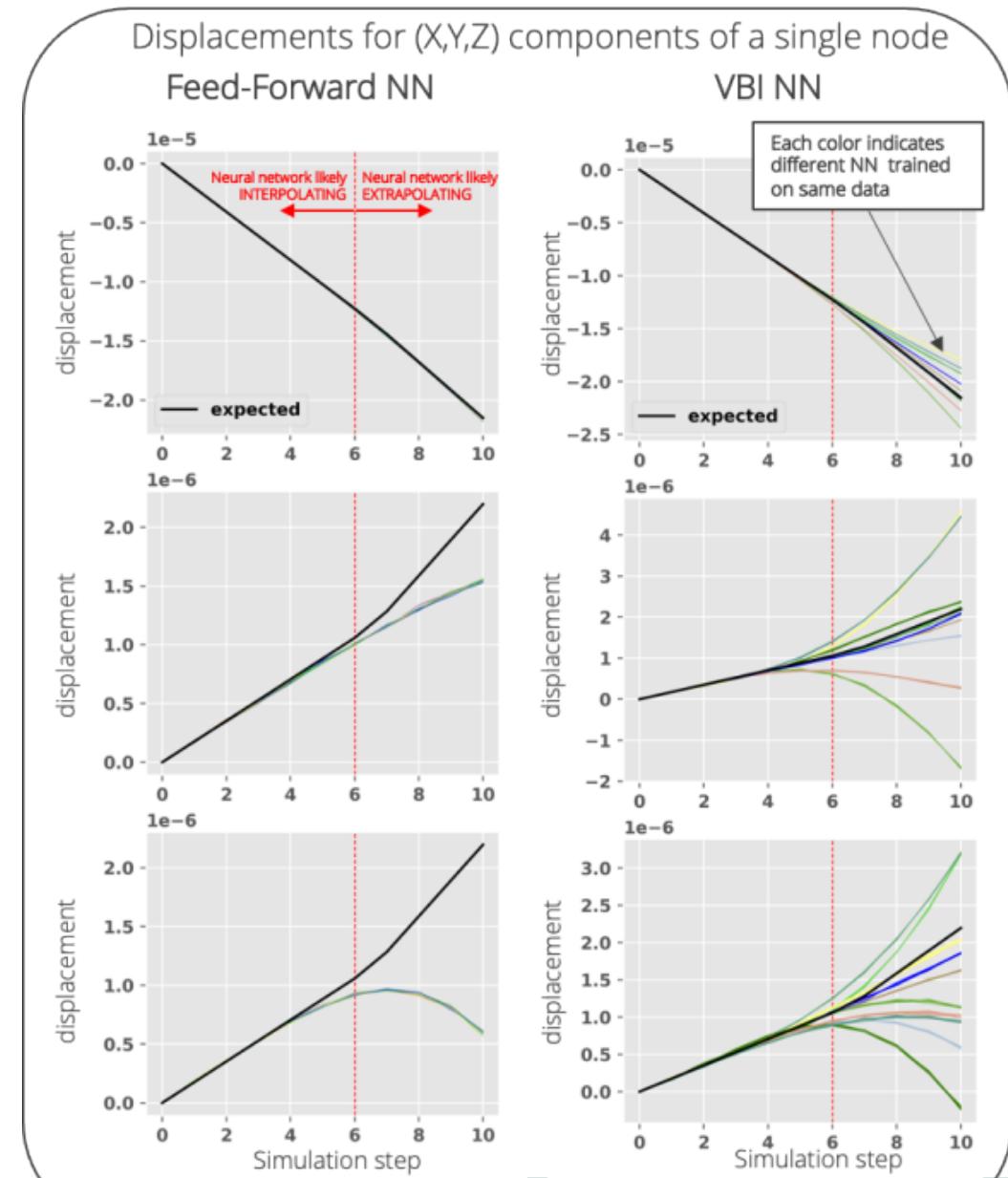
# Make a model say “I don’t know”: Example in Coupled FEM-NN Model



- Three element example being deformed axially to a small amount of plasticity.
- Using a traditional Feed-Forward NNs one obtains consistent (biased) responses but using an ensemble of VBI-NNs we obtain a distribution of responses.

## Goal:

Use the variability in the responses from the ensemble of VBI-NNs to establish a robust protocol for quantifying the uncertainty from FEM-NN models.



# Incorporating UQ into FEM-NN Models: General Approach



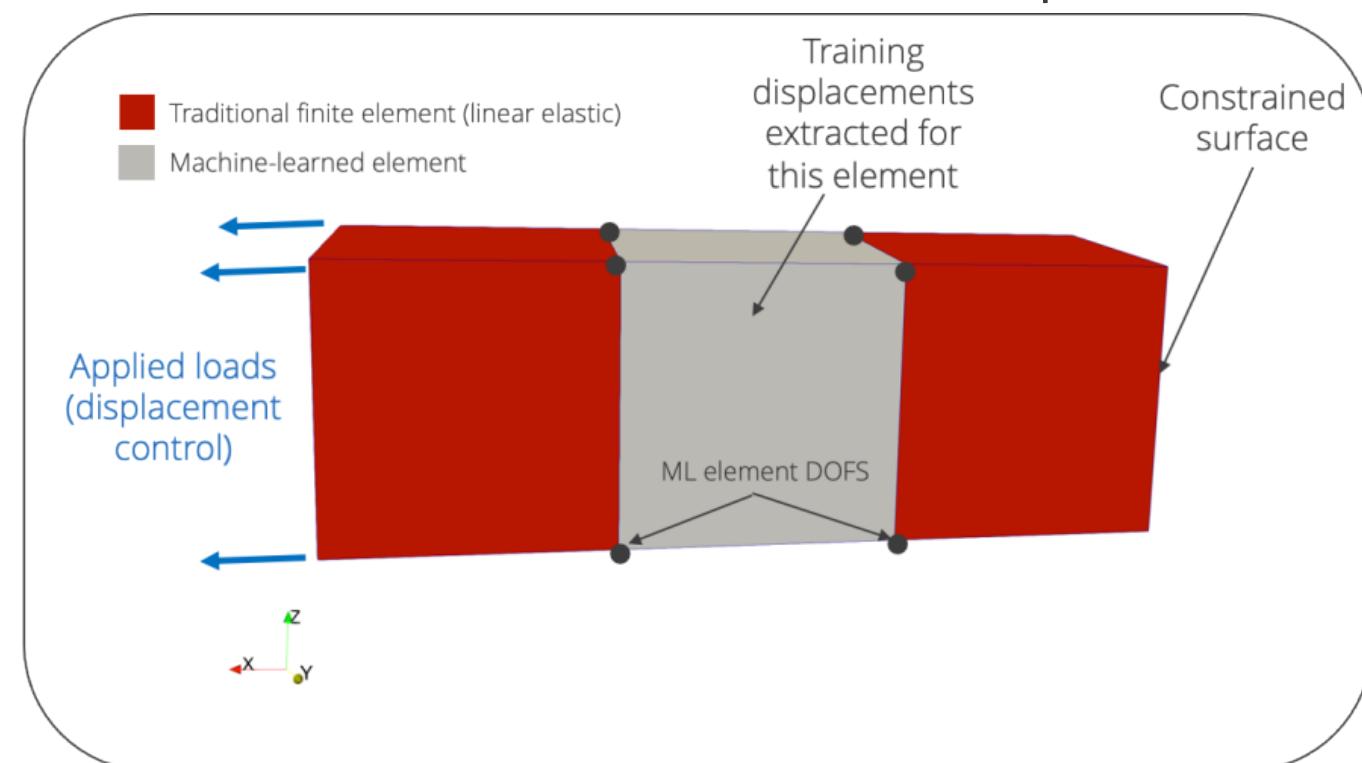
1. Generate training data from relevant BCs/loads

2. Train multiple neural networks (ensemble)

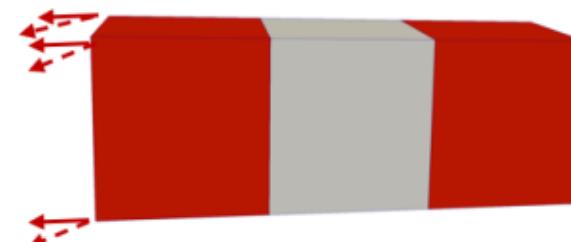
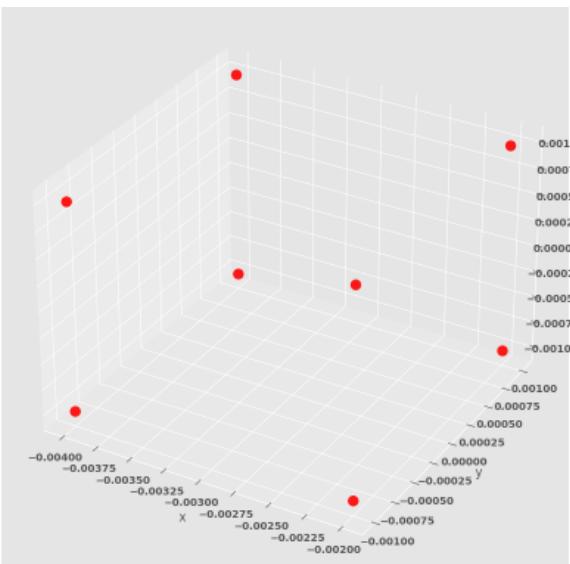
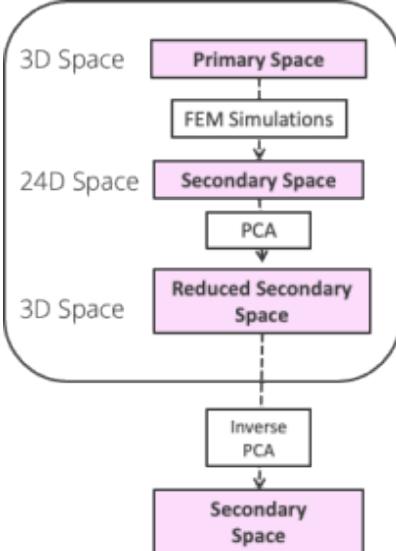
3. Test relevant BCs/loads in FEM-NN simulations

4. Extract QOIs and compute uncertainty metrics

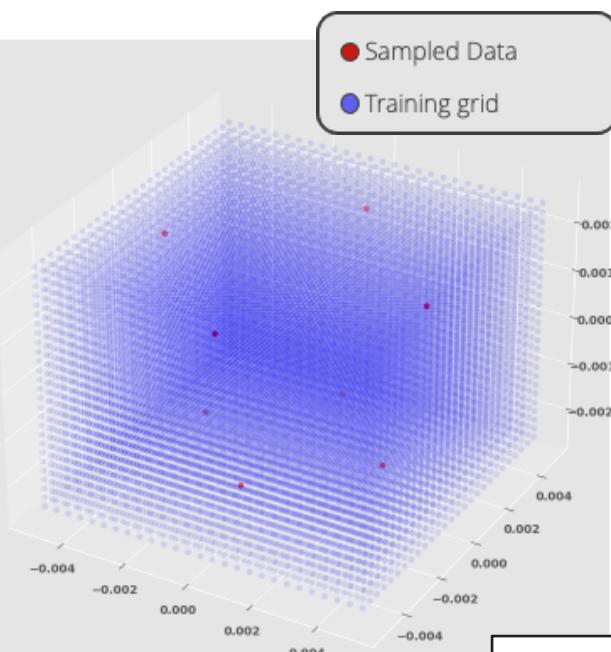
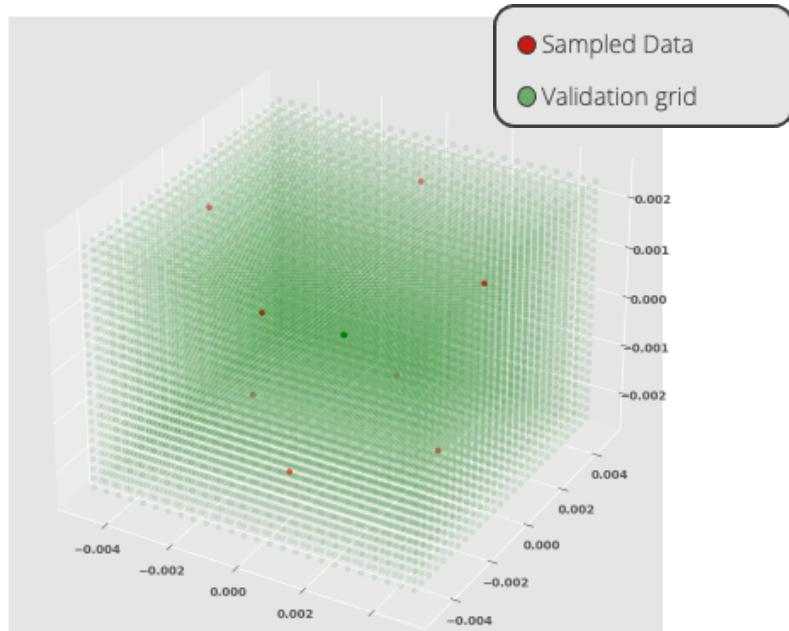
## Three Element Model Set-Up



# Incorporating UQ into FEM-NN Models: Generating a diverse dataset.



- The primary space is 3D cartesian space where we define a  $2 \times 2 \times 2$  grid (8 load cases).
- After running the FEM simulations of our initial grid we extract the nodal values which are in a 24D space (8 nodes with 3 DOF each) which we denote as Secondary Space.
- This is the space we need to adequately sample (not trivial).
- Therefore, we use PCA to sample a set of training and testing data in a reduced dimensionality space.
- Using the inverse PCA transformation we transform the sampled points back in Secondary Space and compute the output forces.



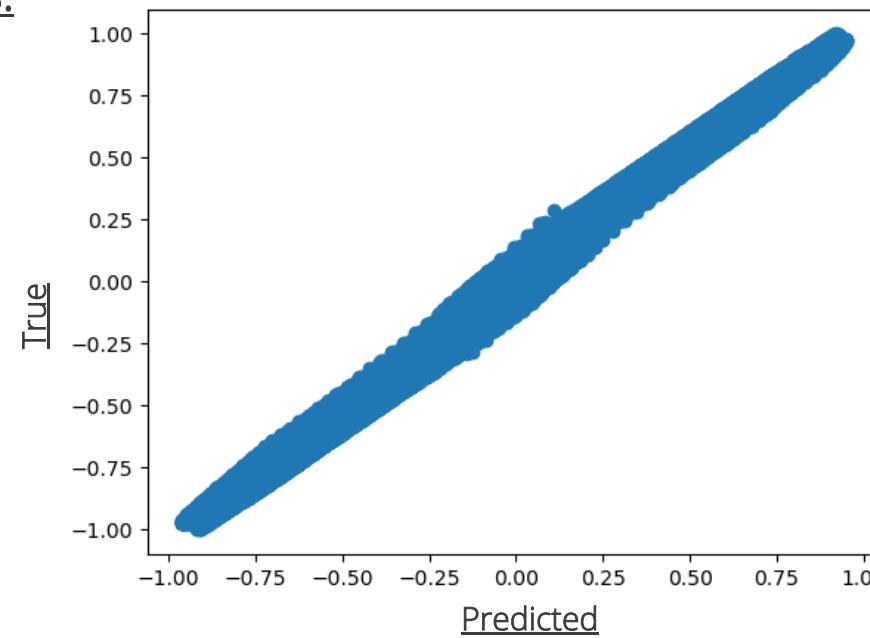
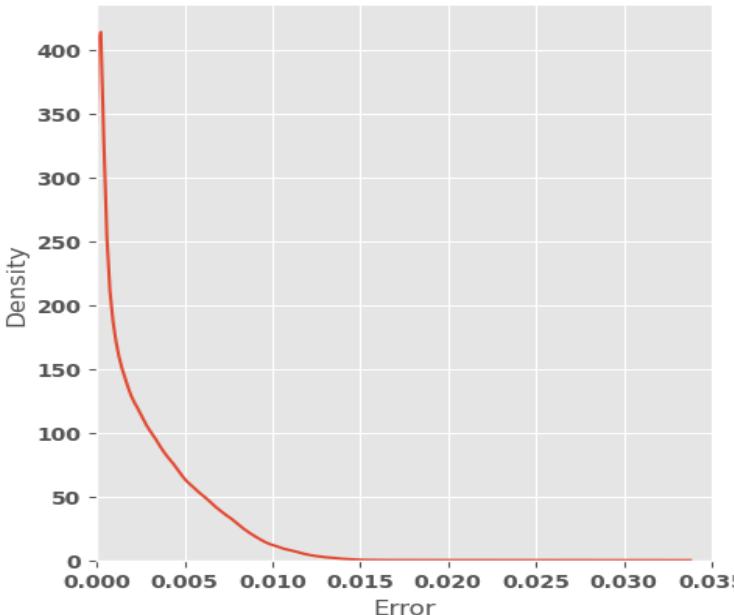
Grid ~20k validation points in PCA space

Grid ~20k training points in PCA space

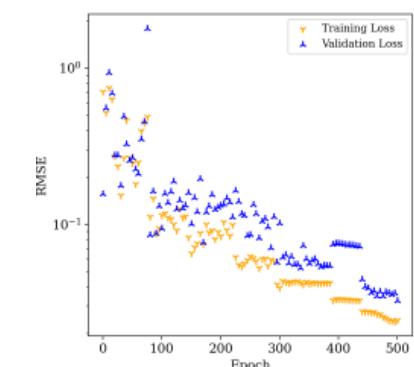
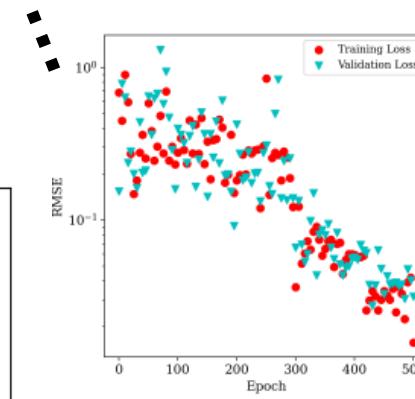
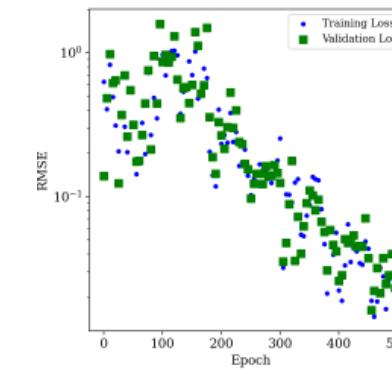
## Incorporating UQ into FEM-NN Models: Training the Ensemble.



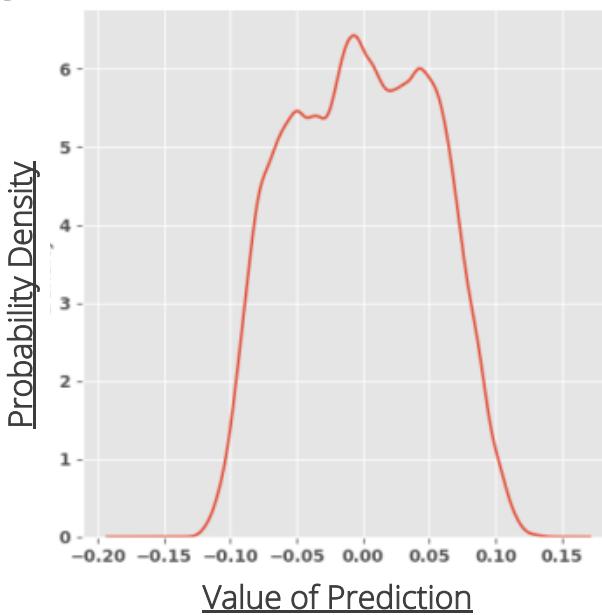
- Train 20 VBI-NN to the training data, each one with unique initialization of weights.
- Architecture uses 1 hidden layer with 100 nodes to predict the output.
- Network was trained with an initial learning rate of .1 and the ADAM optimizer.
- Monte Carlo sampling of 10 samples was used to sample the distribution of the weights and thus the distribution of outputs.
- Architecture was trained for 500 epochs.



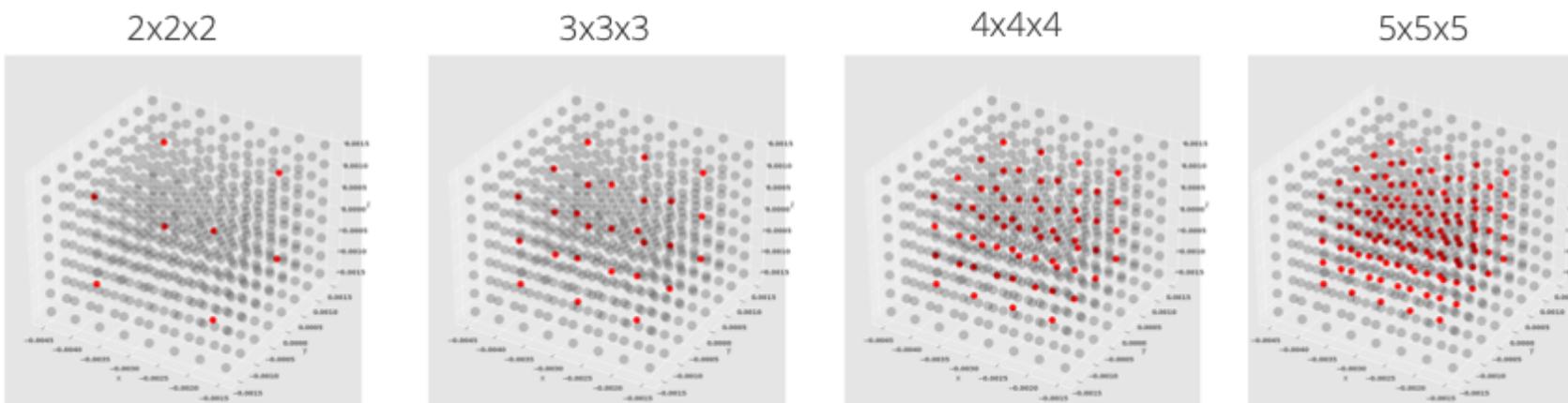
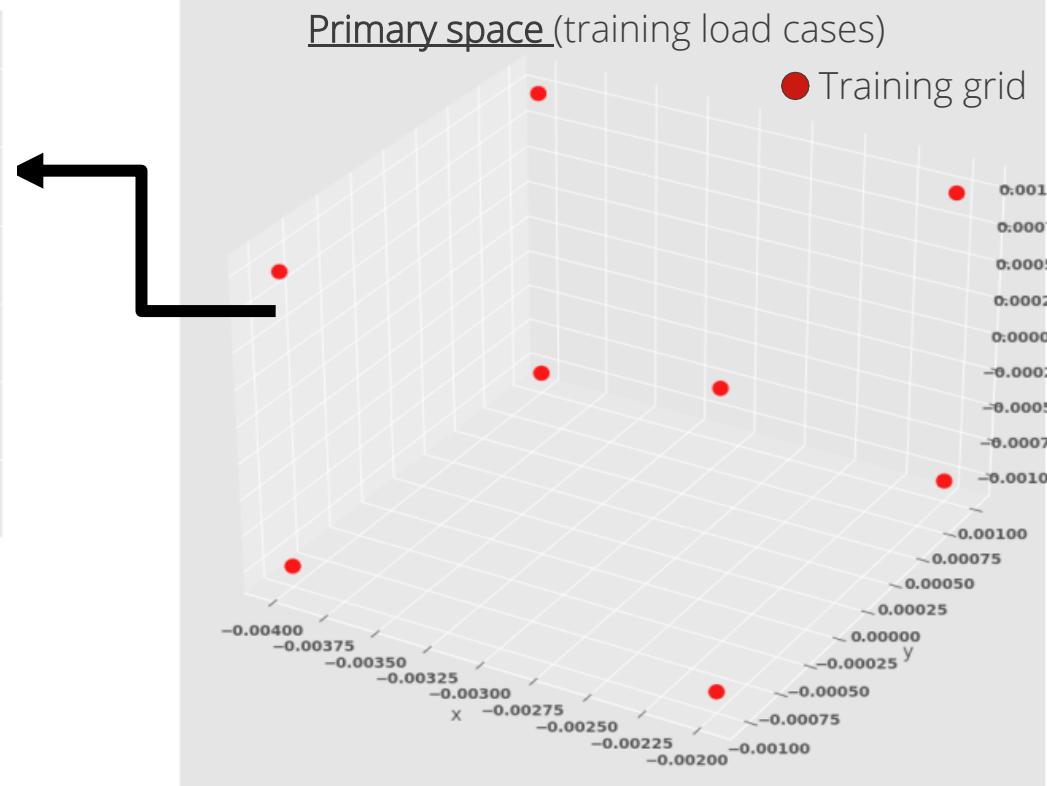
Loss evolution Curves



# Incorporating UQ into FEM-NN Models: Using the Uncertainty Values.

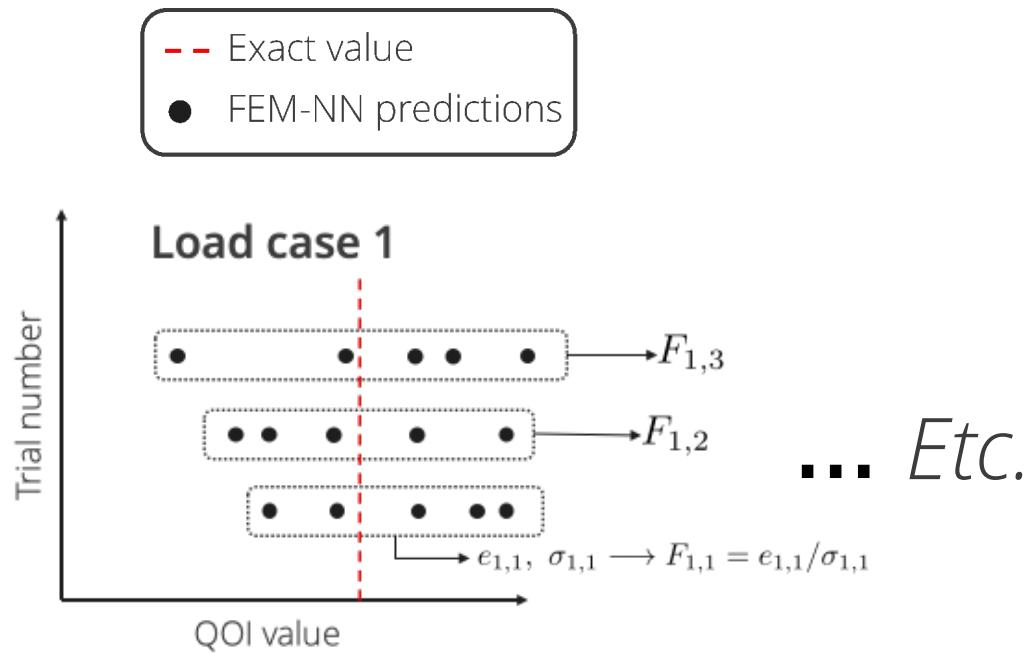


- Training grid
- Testing grid (8x8x8)

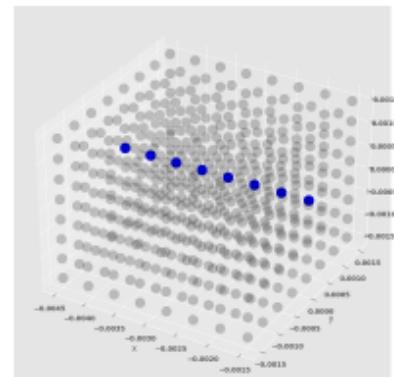
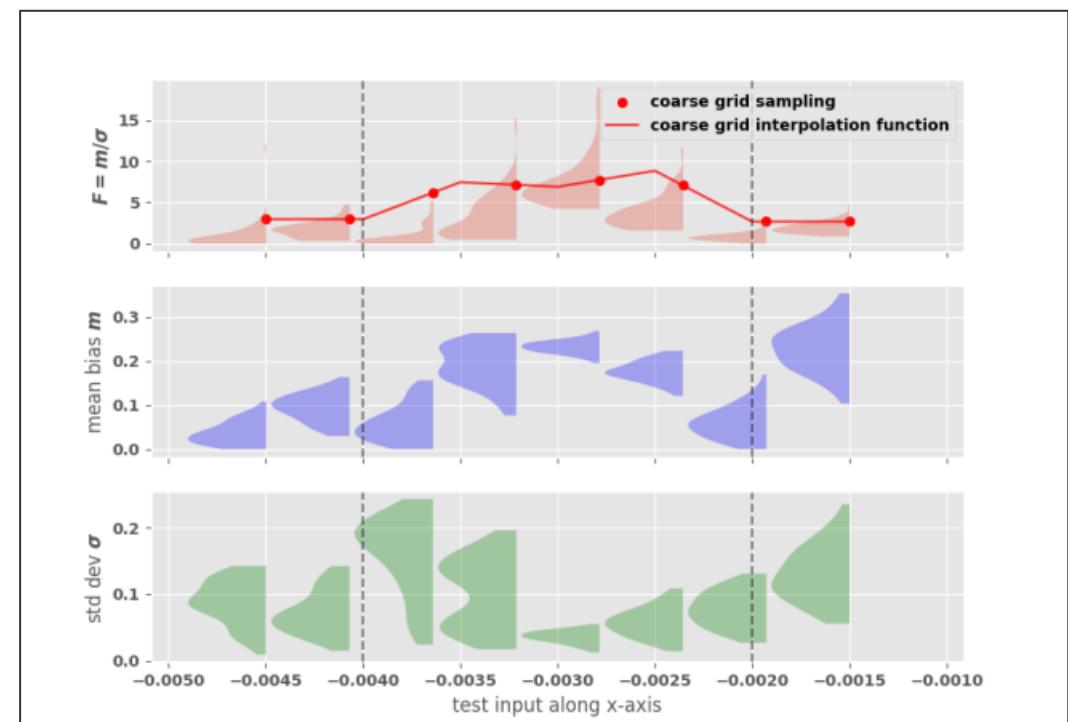


- For each one of the training cases you have distribution of predicted values, a true value to compare and an uncertainty metric.
- Calibrate the uncertainty using the training points to obtain an empirical value of the uncertainty at new/unseen loads.
- In order to calibrate our uncertainty we systematically increase the discretization of the training grid.
- Then we evaluate the uncertainty in a new testing grid in primary space.

# Incorporating UQ into FEM-NN Models: QOI and uncertainty metric.



- QOI is element-averaged von Mises stress of top element.
- Randomly subsample 100 combinations of 20-choose-5 neural networks for each load case.
- Generate pseudo-tolerance intervals (pTIs) based on distribution of 100 samples.
- Calculate the F's at the training grid (all 4 of them) and the testing grid.



Blue points

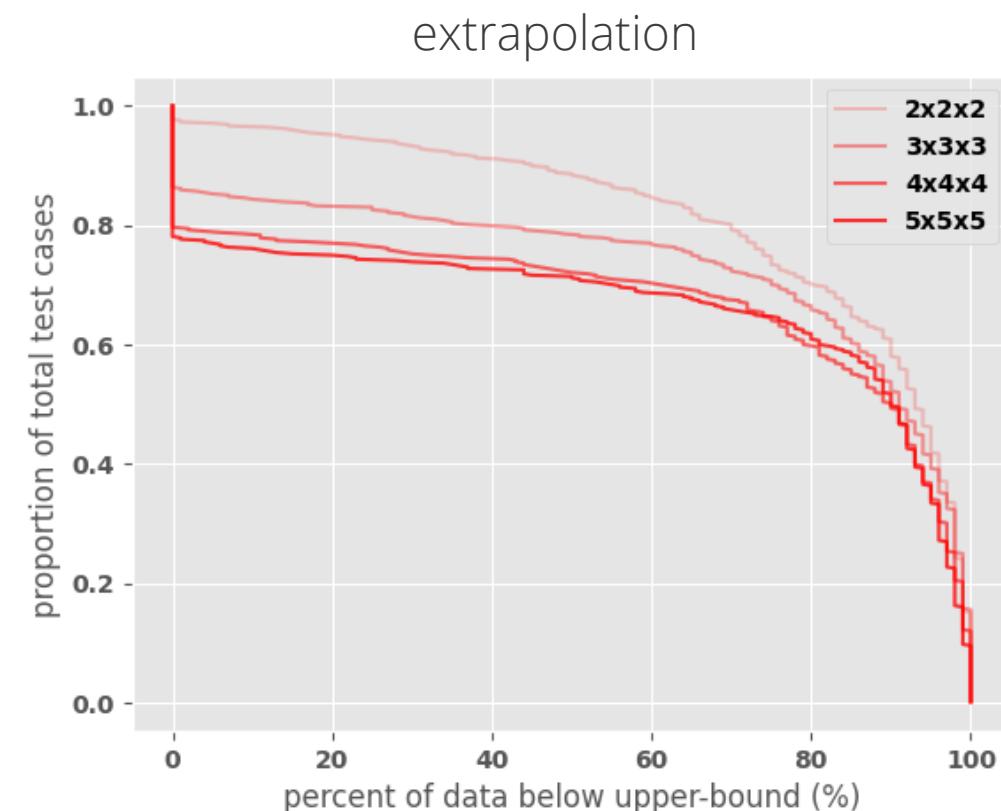
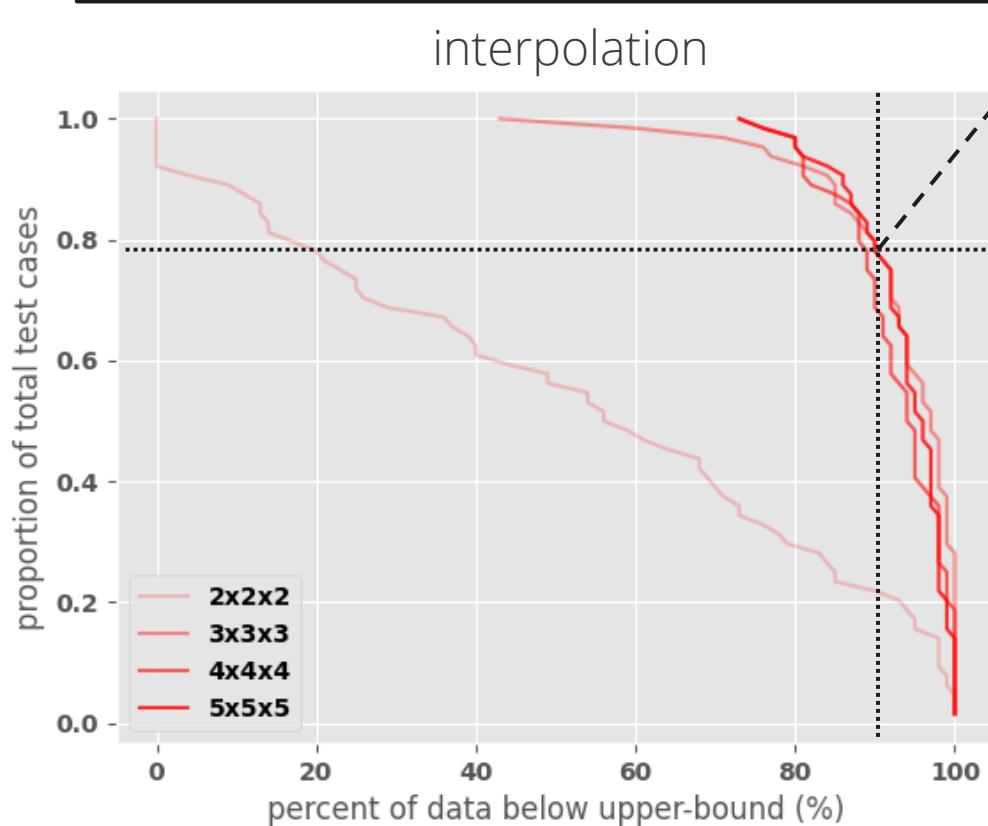
pTI distribution for loads associated with blue points shown on the right

# Incorporating UQ into FEM-NN Models: Using the calibrated uncertainty.

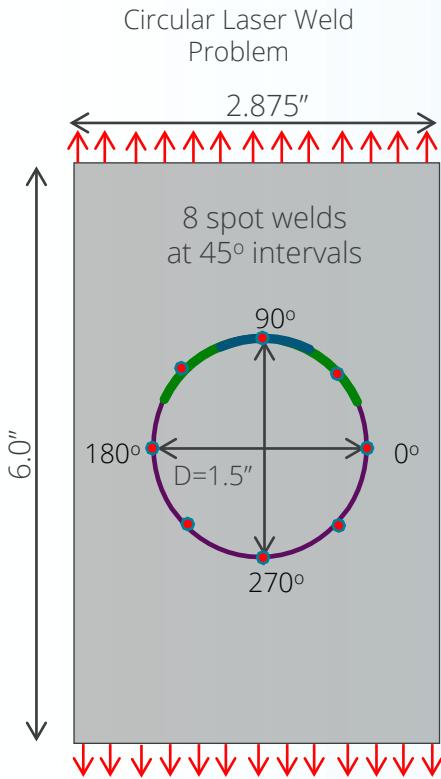


- Compare the estimated uncertainty (obtained by interpolating the F from the training grid) to the true uncertainty (obtained with the ensemble and comparing it to the true values).

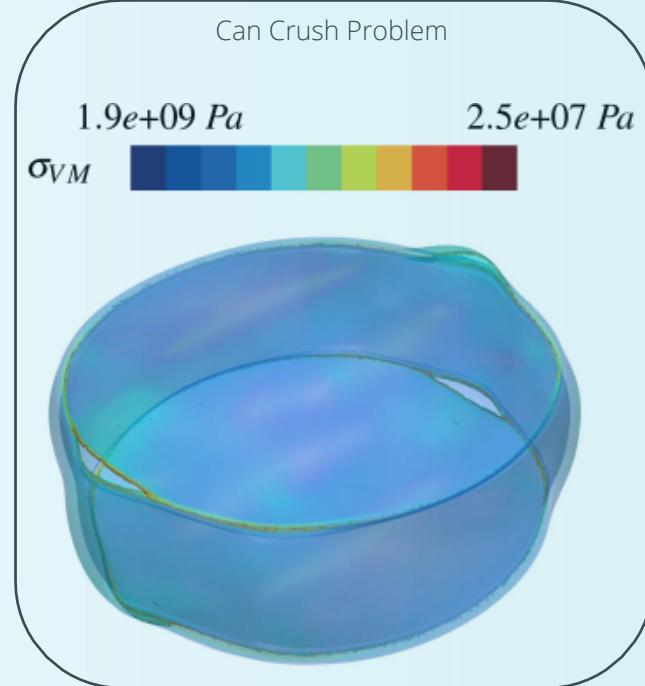
For interpolation, the upper-bound approximation (95<sup>th</sup> percentile) of pTIs on a 5x5x5 grid will be conservative for approximately 80% of test load cases with 90% empirical confidence.



## Conclusions:



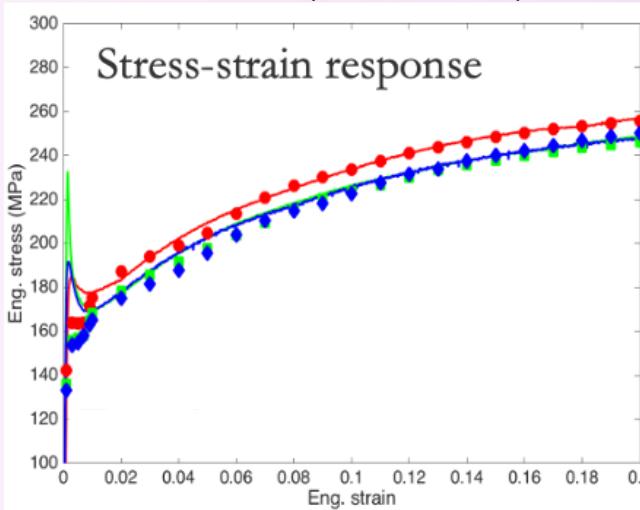
- Established a metric of the uncertainty in the prediction from the surrogate model and calibrated that value order to distill actionable knowledge from it.
- As a result, we successfully established a protocol for quantifying the uncertainty in the predictions from a FEM-NN model.



## Next Steps:



- Develop frame invariant metrics to evaluate as inputs/outputs of NNs.



- Apply physics-based constraints to the NN-surrogate model to ensure physics grounded responses.

$$\text{dev}(\sigma) = \sigma - \frac{1}{3} \text{trace}(\sigma)I$$

$$J_1(\sigma) = \text{trace}(\text{dev}(\sigma)) = 0$$

$$J_2(\sigma) = \frac{1}{2} \text{dev}(\sigma) : \text{dev}(\sigma) = \frac{1}{3} I_1(\sigma)^2 - I_2(\sigma)$$

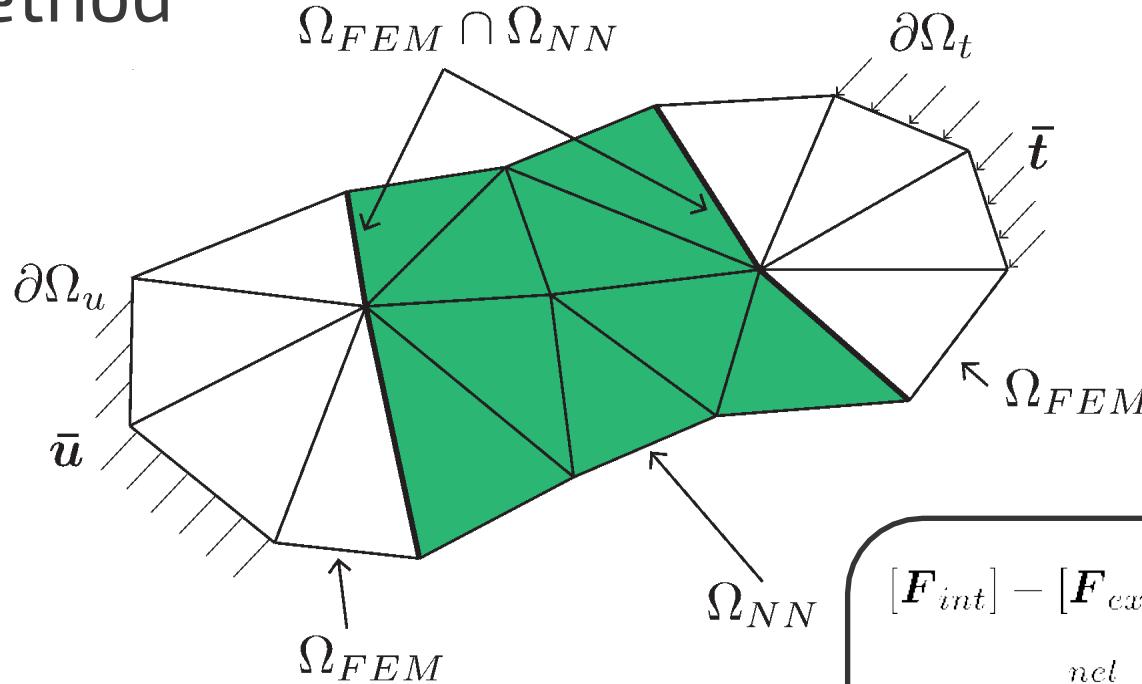
$$J_3(\sigma) = \det(\text{dev}(\sigma)) = \frac{2}{27} I_1(\sigma)^3 - \frac{1}{3} I_1(\sigma) I_2(\sigma) + I_3(\sigma)$$



Questions?

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# FEM-NN Method



Equilibrium  
equation (local  
form)

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{div} \mathbf{T} &= \mathbf{0} \text{ in } \Omega \\ \mathbf{T} \mathbf{n} &= \bar{\mathbf{t}} \text{ on } \partial\Omega_t \\ \mathbf{u} &= \bar{\mathbf{u}} \text{ on } \partial\Omega_u \end{aligned}$$

FEM (global form)

$$[\mathbf{F}_{int}] - [\mathbf{F}_{ext}] = \mathbf{0}$$

$$[\mathbf{F}_{int}] = \bigwedge_{e=1}^{nel} \int_{\Omega^e} [\mathbf{B}^e]^T \hat{\mathbf{T}} dv$$

$$[\mathbf{F}_{ext}] = \bigwedge_{e=1}^{nel} \int_{\partial\Omega^e \cap \partial\Omega_t} [\mathbf{N}^e]^T \bar{\mathbf{t}} dv$$

FEM-NN  
Approach

$$\begin{aligned} [\mathbf{F}_{int}] - [\mathbf{F}_{ext}] &= \mathbf{0} \\ [\mathbf{F}_{int}^{e,FEM}] &= \int_{\Omega^e} [\mathbf{B}^e]^T \hat{\mathbf{T}} dv \end{aligned}$$

$$[\mathbf{F}_{int}^{e,NN}] = \mathbf{f}_w(\mathbf{u})$$

Variational Bayesian Inference  
 $w \sim N(\mu, \sigma)$  Distribution for  
each weight

# Schematic of training data generation

