

# A Goal-oriented Approach to Model Form Error for Constitutive Models

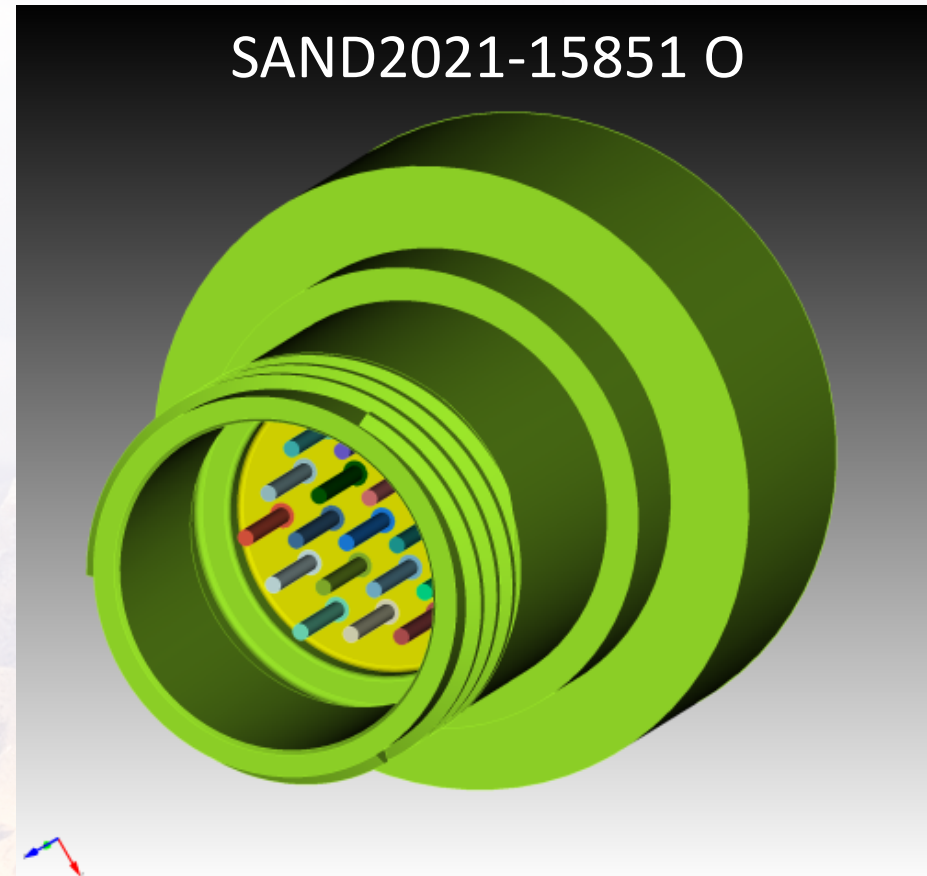
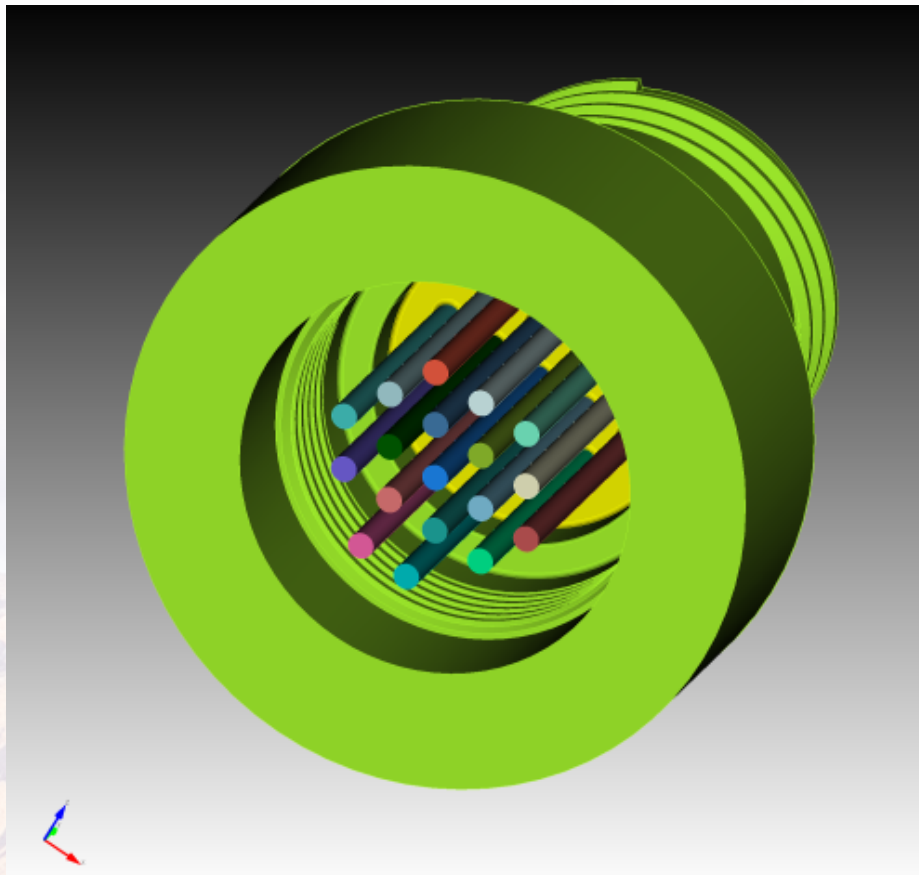
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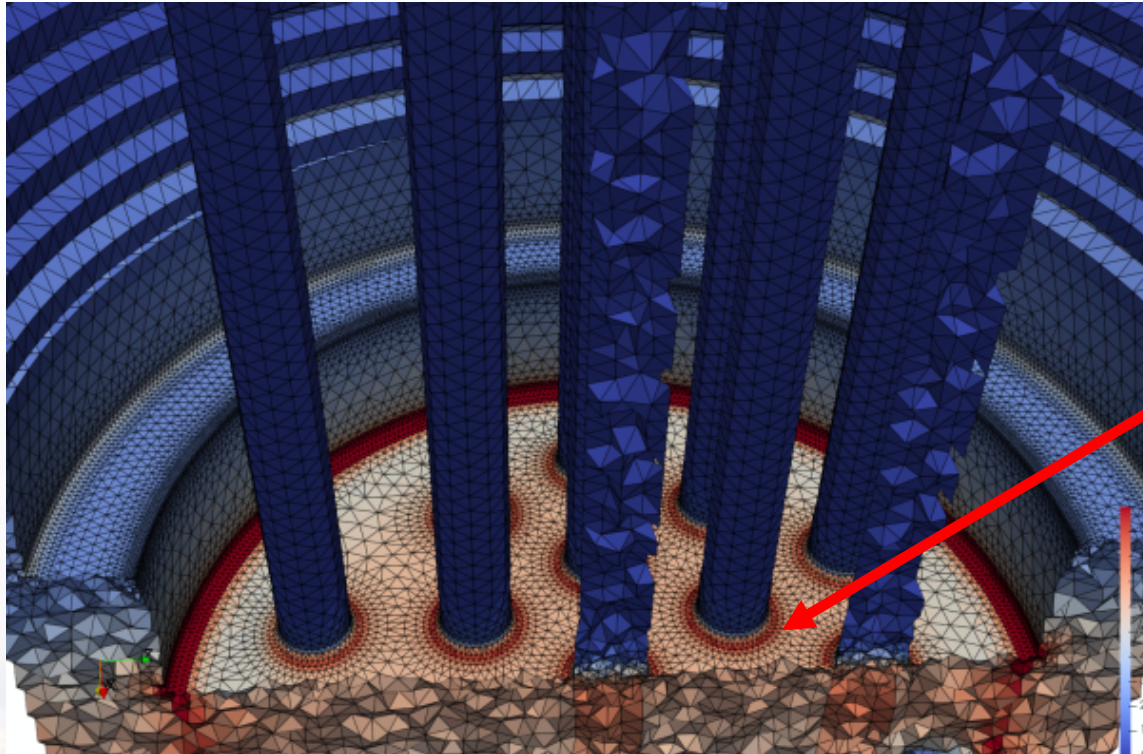
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“Interesting”  
phenomena at  
material  
interfaces

Several constitutive models with varying fidelities exist for the glass and metals.

How can we quantify the impact of this modeling choice?

# Goal-oriented Error Estimation I

- Classical, *a priori* FEM error estimates are given in terms of solution norms:

$$\|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}^h\| \leq c h^\alpha \|\mathbf{u}\|_r$$

- These are not computable because they require knowing the exact solution.
- Typically an analyst is interested in quantity of interest (QoI) that is some functional of the solution.



# Goal-oriented Error Estimation II

- Goal-oriented error estimation provides computable estimates of error in a quantity of interest (QoI) and has most often been studied for discretization errors.

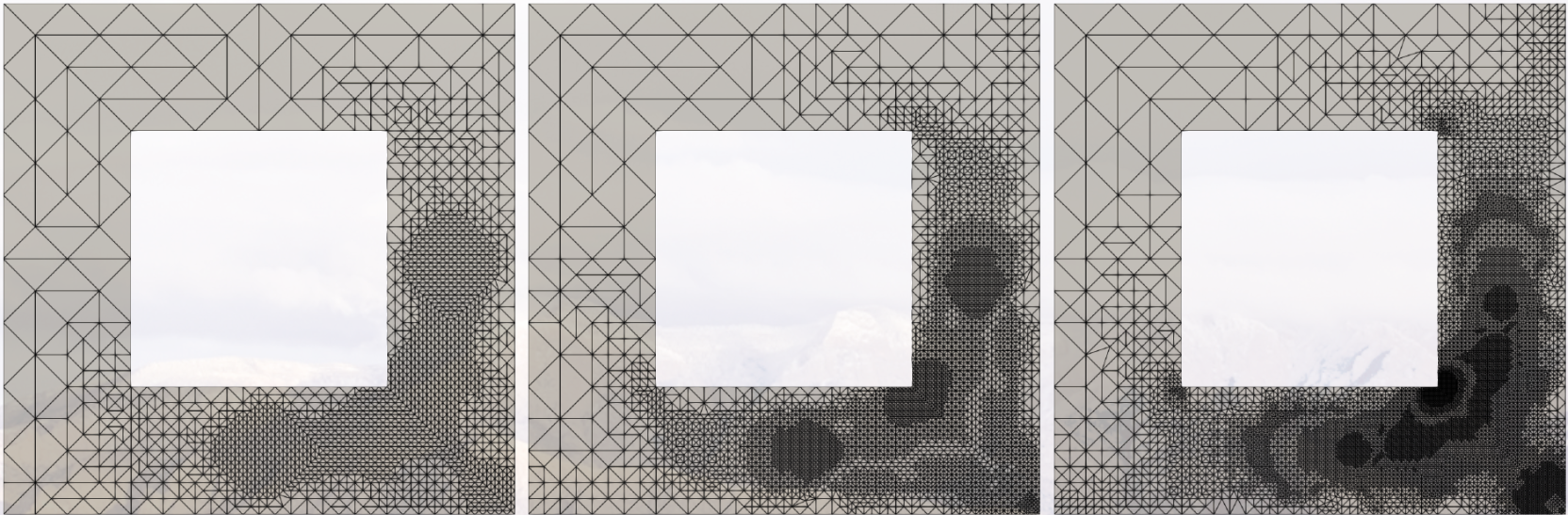


Figure 14: Sequence of meshes obtained for the example problem with gradient singularities for  $\mathcal{J}_2(u)$  using either the estimate  $\eta_1$  or  $\eta_2$  at the third (left), fourth (center), and fifth (right) adaptive iterations.

# Goal-oriented Model Form Error Estimation for Constitutive Models

- Key idea: express the two physical models in terms of **coupled residuals**:
  - Equilibrium PDE (nodes) and constitutive model evolution equations (quadrature points).
  - Coarse scale (M):

$$\begin{aligned} R_n^M(\mathbf{U}_n^M, \boldsymbol{\xi}_n^M) &= \mathbf{0}, & n = 1, 2, \dots, N_L, \\ C_n^M(\mathbf{U}_n^M, \boldsymbol{\xi}_n^M, \mathbf{U}_{n-1}^M, \boldsymbol{\xi}_{n-1}^M) &= \mathbf{0}, & n = 1, 2, \dots, N_L. \end{aligned}$$

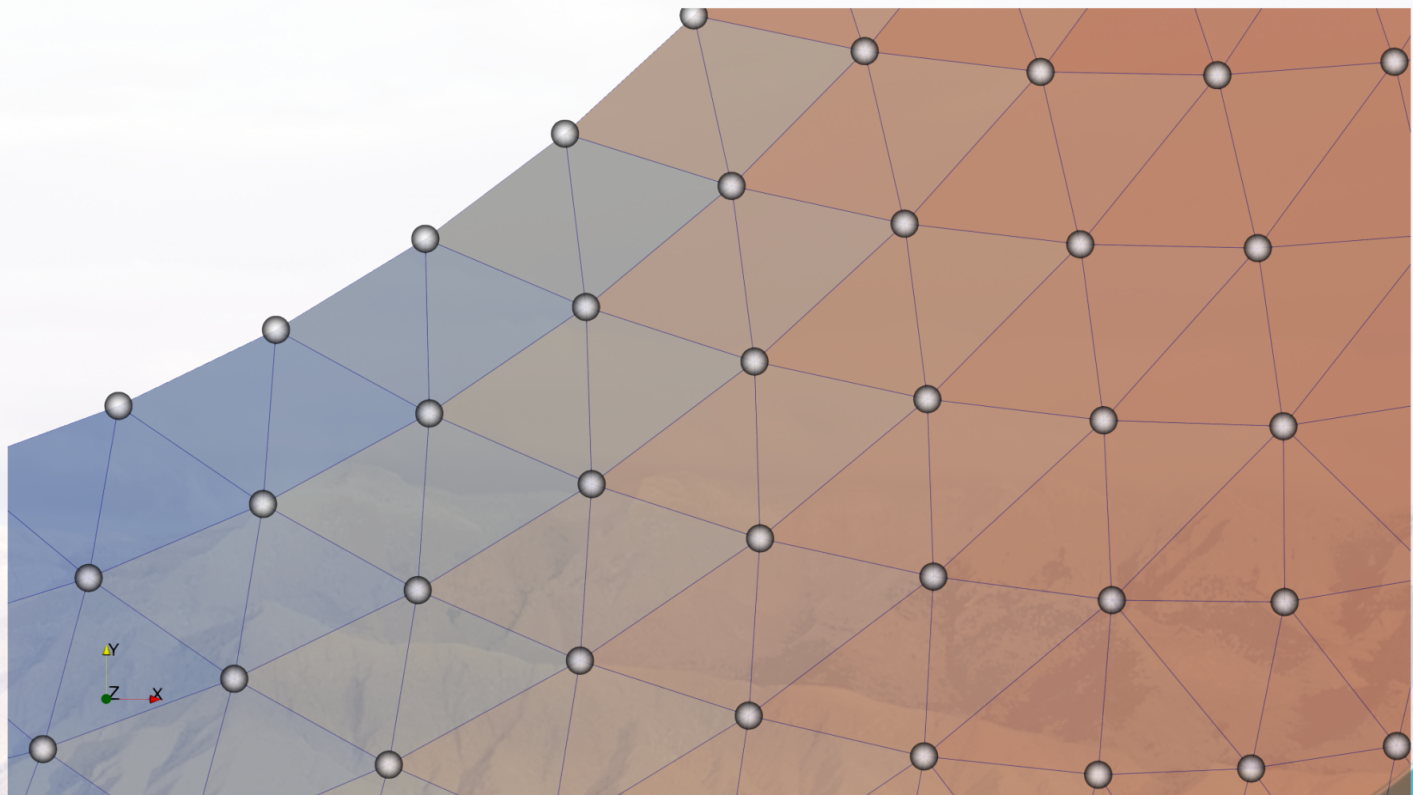
- Fine scale (m):

$$\begin{aligned} R_n^m(\mathbf{U}_n^m, \boldsymbol{\xi}_n^m) &= \mathbf{0}, & n = 1, 2, \dots, N_L, \\ C_n^m(\mathbf{U}_n^m, \boldsymbol{\xi}_n^m, \mathbf{U}_{n-1}^m, \boldsymbol{\xi}_{n-1}^m) &= \mathbf{0}, & n = 1, 2, \dots, N_L. \end{aligned}$$



# Goal-oriented Model Form Error Estimation for Constitutive Models

- Global state variables  $U$  live at nodes.
- Local state variables  $\xi$  live at quadrature points.



# Error Estimate Math I

- Define prolongation operators (**note the ':**

$$\mathbf{U}'_n := [\mathbf{I}_M^m]^U \mathbf{U}_n^M,$$

$$\boldsymbol{\xi}'_n := [\mathbf{I}_M^m]^\xi \boldsymbol{\xi}_n^M.$$

- Fine scale quantity of interest (QoI):

$$\mathcal{Q}' = \sum_{n=1}^{N_L} \mathcal{Q}_n^m(\mathbf{U}'_m, \boldsymbol{\xi}'_m).$$

- Expand  $\mathcal{Q}^m - \mathcal{Q}'$  in a Taylor series:

$$\mathcal{Q}^m - \mathcal{Q}' = \sum_{n=1}^{N_L} \left\{ \left( \frac{\partial \mathcal{Q}_n^m}{\partial \mathbf{U}_n^m} \right)' (\mathbf{U}_n^m - \mathbf{U}'_n) + \left( \frac{\partial \mathcal{Q}_n^m}{\partial \boldsymbol{\xi}_n^m} \right)' (\boldsymbol{\xi}_n^m - \boldsymbol{\xi}'_n) + E_L^{\mathcal{Q}_n} \right\}.$$



# Error Estimate Math II

- Expand the global and local constraints in Taylor series:

$$\mathbf{R}_n^m(\mathbf{U}_n^m, \boldsymbol{\xi}_n^m) = \mathbf{R}'_n + \left( \frac{\partial \mathbf{R}_n^m}{\partial \mathbf{U}_n^m} \right)' (\mathbf{U}_n^m - \mathbf{U}'_n) + \left( \frac{\partial \mathbf{R}_n^m}{\partial \boldsymbol{\xi}_n^m} \right)' (\boldsymbol{\xi}_n^m - \boldsymbol{\xi}'_n) + E_L^{\mathbf{R}_n},$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{C}_n^m(\mathbf{U}_n^m, \boldsymbol{\xi}_n^m, \mathbf{U}_{n-1}^m, \boldsymbol{\xi}_{n-1}^m) &= \mathbf{C}'_n + \left( \frac{\partial \mathbf{C}_n^m}{\partial \mathbf{U}_n^m} \right)' (\mathbf{U}_n^m - \mathbf{U}'_n) \\ &+ \left( \frac{\partial \mathbf{C}_n^m}{\partial \boldsymbol{\xi}_n^m} \right)' (\boldsymbol{\xi}_n^m - \boldsymbol{\xi}'_n) + \left( \frac{\partial \mathbf{C}_n^m}{\partial \mathbf{U}_{n-1}^m} \right)' (\mathbf{U}_{n-1}^m - \mathbf{U}'_{n-1}) \\ &+ \left( \frac{\partial \mathbf{C}_n^m}{\partial \boldsymbol{\xi}_{n-1}^m} \right)' (\boldsymbol{\xi}_{n-1}^m - \boldsymbol{\xi}'_{n-1}) + E_L^{\mathbf{C}_n}. \end{aligned}$$

# Error Estimate Math III

- Adjoint system for a single (non-terminal) loadstep:

$$\left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{R}_n^m}{\partial \mathbf{U}_n^m}\right)^{T'} \mathbf{Z}_n^m + \left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{C}_n^m}{\partial \mathbf{U}_n^m}\right)^{T'} \phi_n^m = - \left(\frac{\partial Q_n^m}{\partial \mathbf{U}_n^m}\right)' - \left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{C}_{n+1}^m}{\partial \mathbf{U}_n^m}\right)^{T'} \phi_{n+1}^m,$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{R}_n^m}{\partial \xi_n^m}\right)^{T'} \mathbf{Z}_n^m + \left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{C}_n^m}{\partial \xi_n^m}\right)^{T'} \phi_n^m = - \left(\frac{\partial Q_n^m}{\partial \xi_n^m}\right)' - \left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{C}_{n+1}^m}{\partial \xi_n^m}\right)^{T'} \phi_{n+1}^m.$$

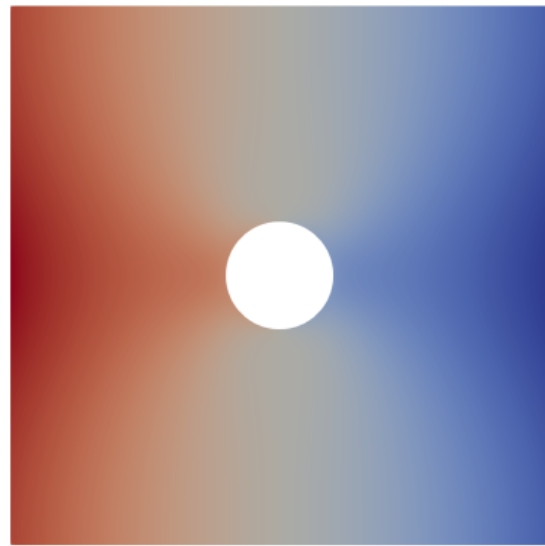
- Compute element-level error contributions  $\eta^e$ :

$$\eta^e = (\mathbf{Z}_n^e)^T \underbrace{(\mathbf{R}_n^e)'}_{=0} + (\phi_n^e)^T (\mathbf{C}_n^e)'.$$



# Proof-of-Concept Demonstration

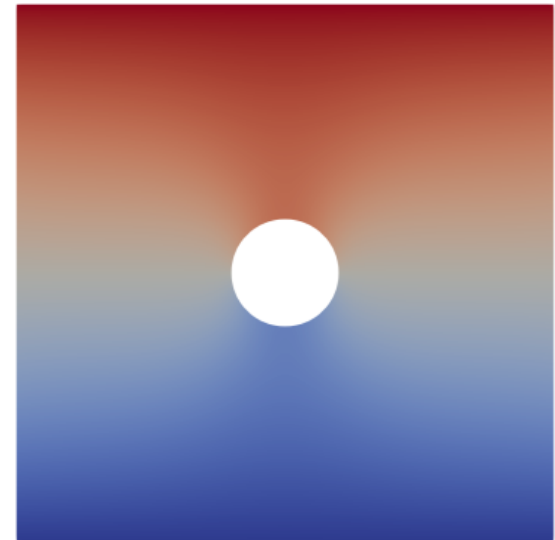
- “Hello world!” for goal-oriented MFE estimation:
  - Two linear elastic models (plane strain, quarter symmetry):
    - Coarse model:  $E = 200 \text{ GPa}$ ,  $\nu = 0.3$ .
    - Fine model:  $E = 150 \text{ GPa}$ ,  $\nu = 0.25$ .
  - Local state variable: Cauchy stress.
  - QoI: Average of displacement components (in quarter).



$u_X$

-4.8e-04

4.8e-04



$u_Y$

-1.0e-03

1.0e-03

# Verification Check

- Compute  $Q^m - Q^M$  two ways:
  1. Solve the forward problem twice ( $E_{\text{exact}}$ ).
  2. Compute the adjoint-based estimate ( $E_{\text{computed}}$ ):
    1. Solve the forward problem with the “M” model.
    2. Solve the adjoint problem with the “m” model (always linear).
    3. Compute the element-level error estimates  $\eta^e$  and sum.
- Code output:

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Q^M: 1.6118517806566819e-04
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Q^m: 1.8159857938902549e-04
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E_exact: 2.0413401323357300e-05
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E_computed: 2.0413401323357283e-05
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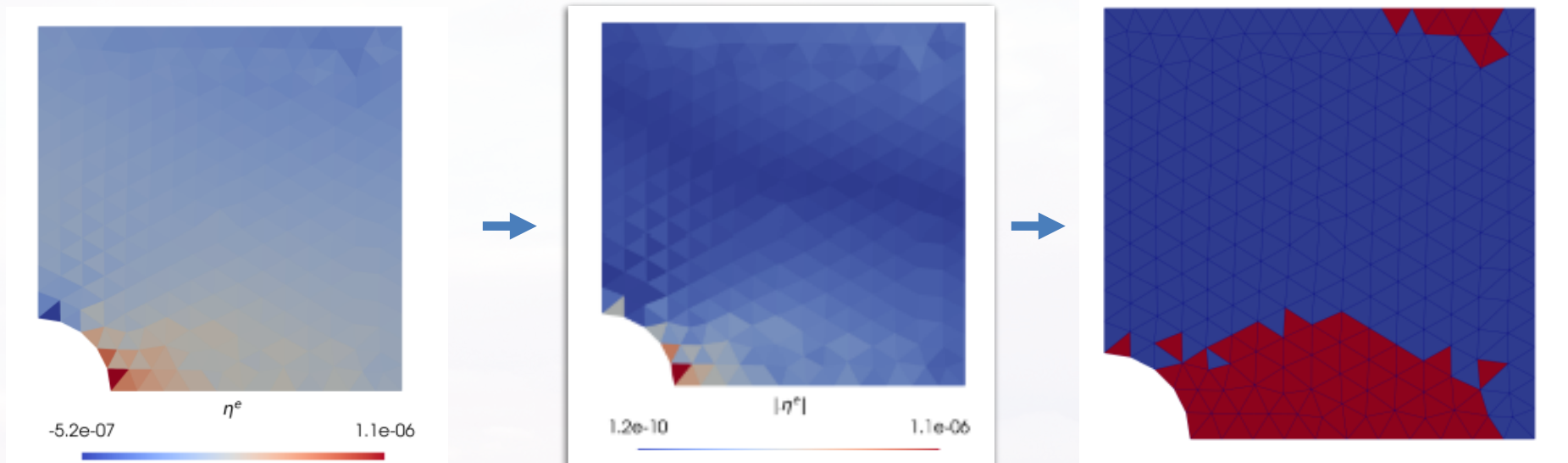
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E_computed - E_exact: 2.3716922523120409e-20
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E_computed / E_exact: 1.00000000000000011e+00
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# Error Localization and Adaptivity

- Estimate, localize, mark, and refine:



$Q^M$ : 1.8159857938902549e-04

First solve/estimate:

$Q^M$ : 1.6118517806566819e-04

error estimate: 2.0413401323357283e-05  
error bound: < 5.0339224699379316e-05

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Second solve/estimate:

$Q^M$ : 1.8205643929058302e-04

error estimate: -4.5785990155757729e-07  
error bound: < 2.3044739576808756e-05

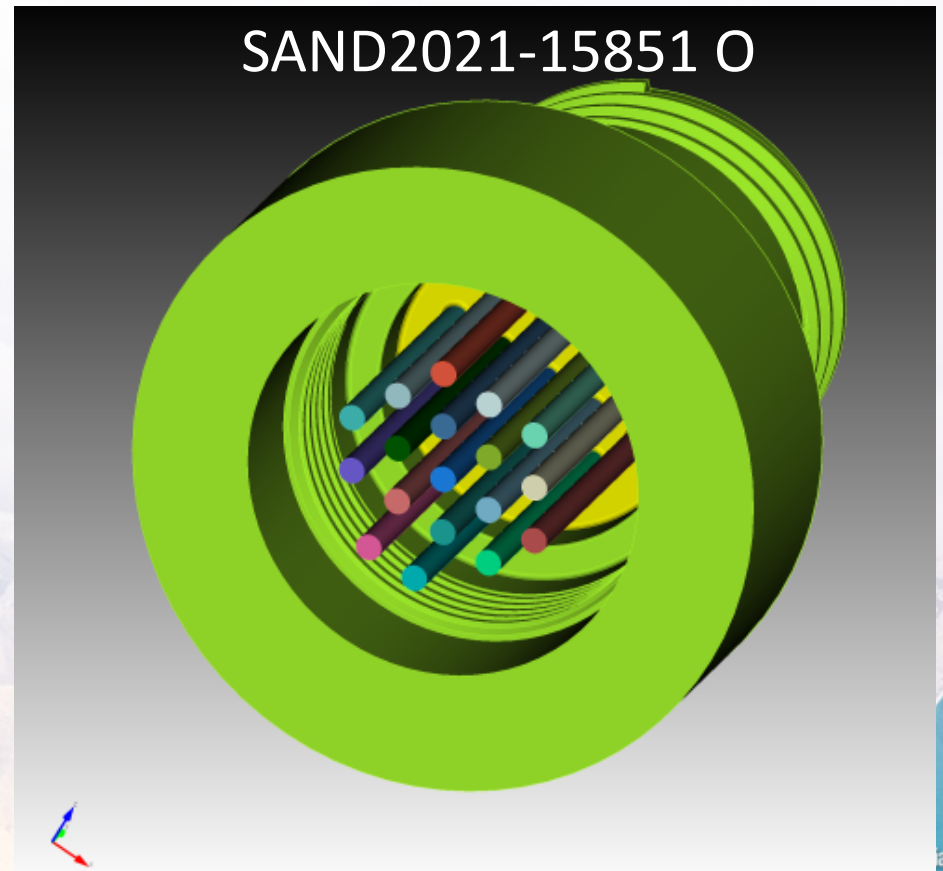
base model (M)  
fine model (m)

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## Adjoints required:

- Pins and shell: metal elastoplasticity — <https://doi.org/10.1002/nme.6843> .
- Glass: **thermoviscoelastic**.





# Thermoviscoelastic Materials I

- Time-varying, temperature-dependent material response.
- Important for modeling of aging components.
- Linear constitutive model:

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\sigma}_{ij} = & K^{\infty} \left( \dot{\varepsilon}_{kk} - 3\alpha^{\infty} \dot{T} \right) \delta_{ij} + 2\mu^{\infty} \dot{\varepsilon}'_{ij} \\ & + \Delta K J^1 \delta_{ij} - 3\Delta (\alpha K) J^3 \delta_{ij} + 2\Delta \mu J^2_{ij}.\end{aligned}$$

Lester and Long 2020, SAND2020-4973R .

- Hereditary integrals:

$$J^1 = \sum_{n=1}^{n_v} w_k^v J^{1(k)}, \quad J^{1(k)} = \int_0^t \exp\left(-\frac{t^* - s^*}{\tau_k^v}\right) \frac{\partial \varepsilon_{mm}}{\partial s} ds, \quad t^* = \int_0^t \frac{ds}{a(s)}$$

# Thermoviscoelastic Materials II

- Hereditary integral discrete evolution equation:

$$J_{n+1}^{1(k)} = \frac{a^{n+1} \tau_k^v}{a^{n+1} \tau_k^v + \Delta t} \left( J_n^{1(k)} + \Delta t \dot{\epsilon}_{mm}^{n+1} \right).$$

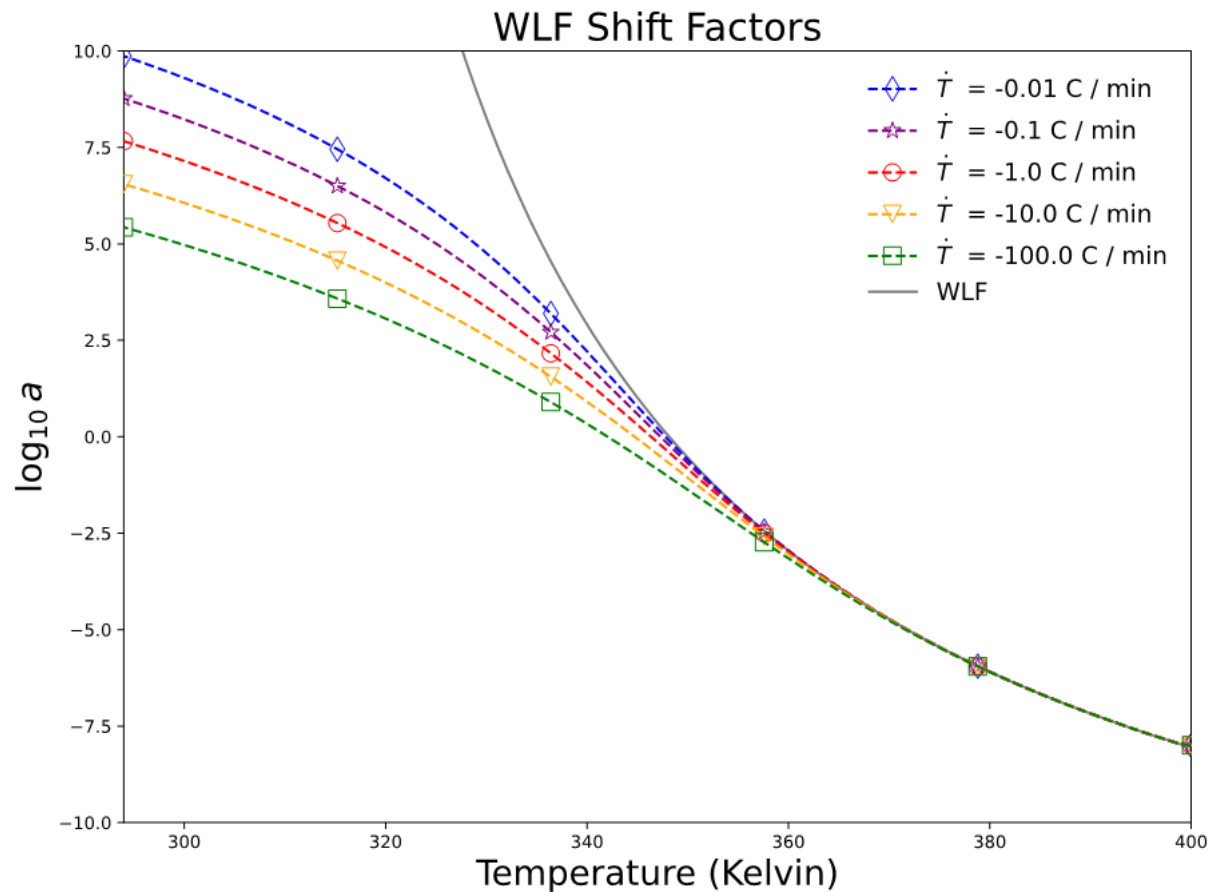
- Shift factor:

$$\log_{10} a^{\text{WLF-Lag}} = \frac{-C_1 \left( T - T_{\text{ref}} - \int_0^t f_v(t^* - s^*) \frac{\partial T}{\partial s} ds \right)}{C_2 + \left( T - T_{\text{ref}} - \int_0^t f_v(t^* - s^*) \frac{\partial T}{\partial s} ds \right)}.$$



# Thermoviscoelastic Materials III

- Shift factor temperature dependence:



# Thermoviscoelastic Materials IV

- Prony series:

Term	$\tau_k^v$ (s)	$w_k^v$ (-)	$\tau_k^s$ (s)	$w_k^s$ (-)
1	$1.0 \times 10^{-10}$	$1.06 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.0 \times 10^{-10}$	$4.96 \times 10^{-3}$
2	$1.0 \times 10^{-9}$	$1.14 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.0 \times 10^{-9}$	$6.85 \times 10^{-3}$
3	$1.0 \times 10^{-8}$	$1.64 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.0 \times 10^{-8}$	$1.14 \times 10^{-2}$
4	$1.0 \times 10^{-7}$	$2.27 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.0 \times 10^{-7}$	$1.97 \times 10^{-2}$
5	$1.0 \times 10^{-6}$	$2.63 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.0 \times 10^{-6}$	$2.64 \times 10^{-2}$
6	$3.16 \times 10^{-6}$	$8.85 \times 10^{-3}$	$3.16 \times 10^{-6}$	$1.13 \times 10^{-2}$
7	$1.0 \times 10^{-5}$	$2.52 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.0 \times 10^{-5}$	$2.98 \times 10^{-2}$
8	$3.16 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.94 \times 10^{-2}$	$3.16 \times 10^{-5}$	$2.75 \times 10^{-2}$
9	$1.0 \times 10^{-4}$	$2.80 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.0 \times 10^{-4}$	$4.02 \times 10^{-2}$
10	$3.16 \times 10^{-4}$	$2.83 \times 10^{-2}$	$3.16 \times 10^{-4}$	$4.58 \times 10^{-2}$
11	$1.0 \times 10^{-3}$	$3.41 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.0 \times 10^{-3}$	$5.76 \times 10^{-2}$
12	$3.16 \times 10^{-3}$	$3.70 \times 10^{-2}$	$3.16 \times 10^{-3}$	$6.74 \times 10^{-2}$
13	$1.0 \times 10^{-2}$	$4.19 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.0 \times 10^{-2}$	$7.90 \times 10^{-2}$
14	$3.16 \times 10^{-2}$	$4.58 \times 10^{-2}$	$3.16 \times 10^{-2}$	$8.85 \times 10^{-2}$
15	$1.0 \times 10^{-1}$	$5.02 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.0 \times 10^{-1}$	$9.56 \times 10^{-2}$
16	$3.16 \times 10^{-1}$	$5.39 \times 10^{-2}$	$3.16 \times 10^{-1}$	$9.72 \times 10^{-2}$
17	$1.0 \times 10^0$	$5.71 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.0 \times 10^0$	$9.17 \times 10^{-2}$
18	$3.16 \times 10^0$	$5.93 \times 10^{-2}$	$3.16 \times 10^0$	$7.79 \times 10^{-2}$
19	$1.0 \times 10^1$	$6.03 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.0 \times 10^1$	$5.75 \times 10^{-2}$
20	$3.16 \times 10^1$	$5.97 \times 10^{-2}$	$3.16 \times 10^1$	$3.49 \times 10^{-2}$
21	$1.0 \times 10^2$	$5.72 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.0 \times 10^2$	$1.63 \times 10^{-2}$
22	$3.16 \times 10^2$	$5.30 \times 10^{-2}$	$3.16 \times 10^2$	$5.26 \times 10^{-3}$
23	$1.0 \times 10^3$	$4.66 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.0 \times 10^3$	$1.05 \times 10^{-3}$
24	$3.16 \times 10^3$	$3.95 \times 10^{-2}$	$3.16 \times 10^3$	$8.72 \times 10^{-5}$
25	$1.0 \times 10^4$	$3.03 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.0 \times 10^4$	$1.29 \times 10^{-5}$
26	$3.16 \times 10^4$	$2.34 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.0 \times 10^5$	$2.67 \times 10^{-6}$
27	$1.0 \times 10^5$	$1.34 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.0 \times 10^{-6}$	$4.17 \times 10^{-7}$
28	$3.16 \times 10^5$	$1.12 \times 10^{-2}$	-	-
29	$1.0 \times 10^6$	$1.56 \times 10^{-2}$	-	-
30	$3.16 \times 10^6$	$4.84 \times 10^{-3}$	-	-

Table 2: Prony series fit of the volumetric and deviatoric spectra for verification parameters from fit in Kuether [27].



# Thermoviscoelastic Materials V

- Constitutive model:

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_{ij}^{n+1} = & \sigma_{ij}^n + \bar{K} d\varepsilon_{kk} \delta_{ij} + 2\bar{\mu} d\varepsilon'_{ij} - 3(\alpha\bar{K}) dT \delta_{ij} \\ & - \Delta K \Delta t \sum_{n=1}^{n_v} \frac{w_k^v}{a^{n+1} \tau_k^v + \Delta t} (J_n^{1(k)} + d\varepsilon_{kk}) \delta_{ij} + 3\Delta t \Delta (\alpha K) \sum_{n=1}^{n_v} \frac{w_k^v}{a^{n+1} \tau_k^v + \Delta t} (J_n^{3(k)} + dT) \delta_{ij} \\ & - 2\Delta \mu \Delta t \sum_{k=1}^{n_s} \frac{w_k^s}{a^{n+1} \tau_k^s + \Delta t} \left( \left( J_{ij}^{2(k)} \right)_n + d\varepsilon'_{ij} \right),\end{aligned}$$

- Leads to ~ 200 local state variables... not tractable!

- We have a solution.

# Thermoviscoelastic Coupled Formulation

- Original coupled approach:

$$\begin{aligned} R^n (U^n, \xi^n) &= 0, \quad n = 1, \dots, N_L, \\ C_e^n (U_e^n, U_e^{n-1}, \xi_e^n, \xi_e^{n-1}) &= 0, \quad e = 1, \dots, n_{el}, \quad n = 1, \dots, N_L. \end{aligned}$$

- New coupled approach:

$$\begin{aligned} R^n (U^n, \xi^n) &= 0, \quad n = 1, \dots, N_L, \\ C_e^n (U_e^n, U_e^{n-1}, \xi_e^n, \xi_e^{n-1}, \chi_e^{n-1}) &= 0, \quad e = 1, \dots, n_{el}, \quad n = 1, \dots, N_L, \\ D_e^n (U_e^n, U_e^{n-1}, \chi_e^n, \chi_e^{n-1}) &= 0, \quad e = 1, \dots, n_{el}, \quad n = 1, \dots, N_L. \end{aligned}$$

- Hereditary integral discrete evolution equation:

$$J_{n+1}^{1(k)} = \frac{a^{n+1} \tau_k^v}{a^{n+1} \tau_k^v + \Delta t} \left( J_n^{1(k)} + \Delta t \dot{\epsilon}_{mm}^{n+1} \right).$$



# Glass-to-Metal Seal Exemplar

- Two materials (low-fidelity / high-fidelity):
  - Glass: thermoelastic / thermoviscoelastic.
  - Metal shell: thermoelastic / thermoplastic.
- Qol: Average of  $\sigma_{rr}$  or  $\sigma_{\theta\theta}$  in the glass near the interface.

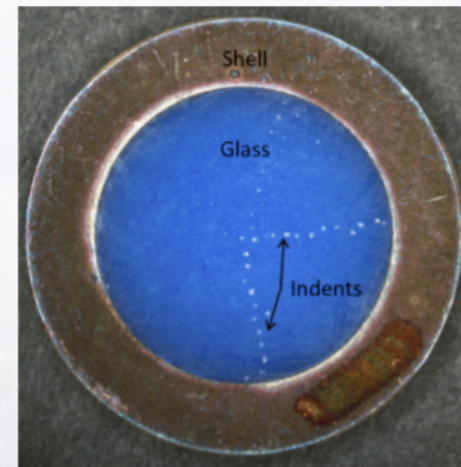
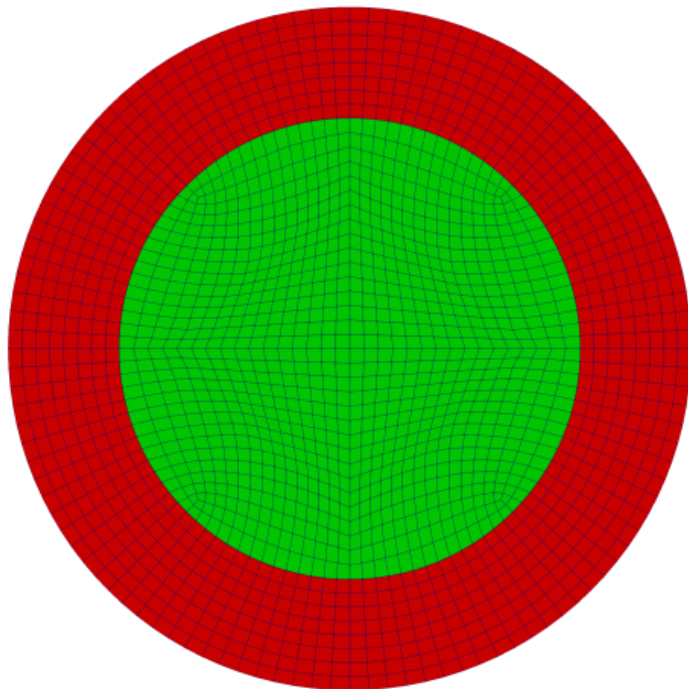
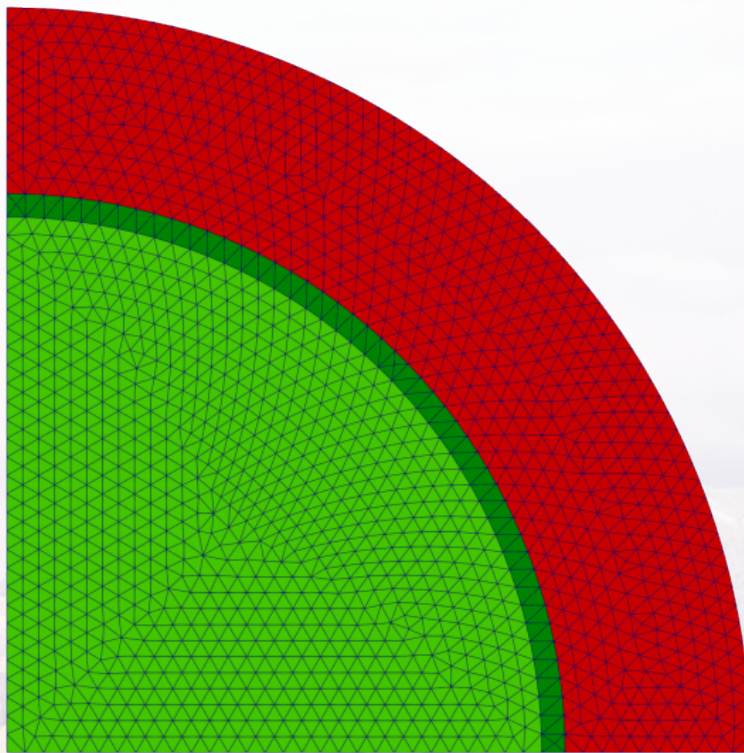


Figure 3. Photo of the Concentric Glass-to-Metal Seal Used for Validation Purposes.

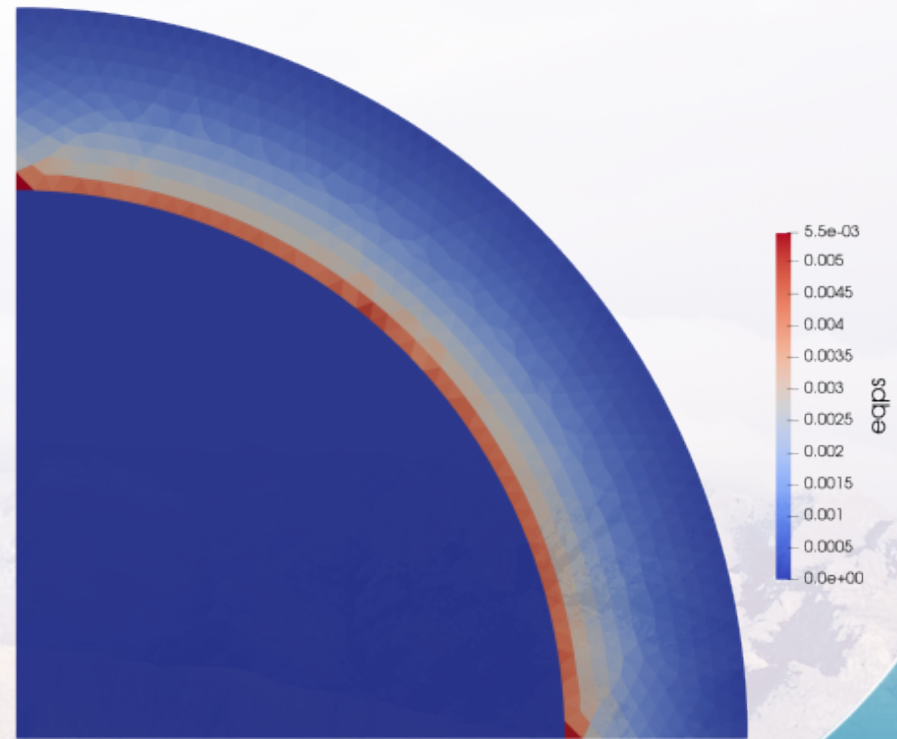
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Element blocks

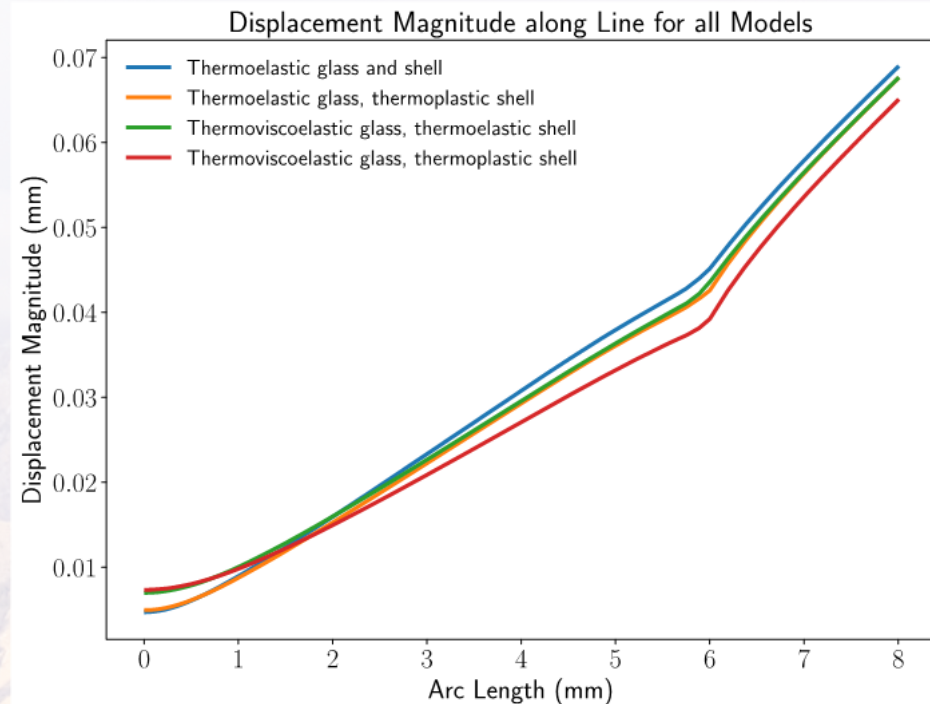
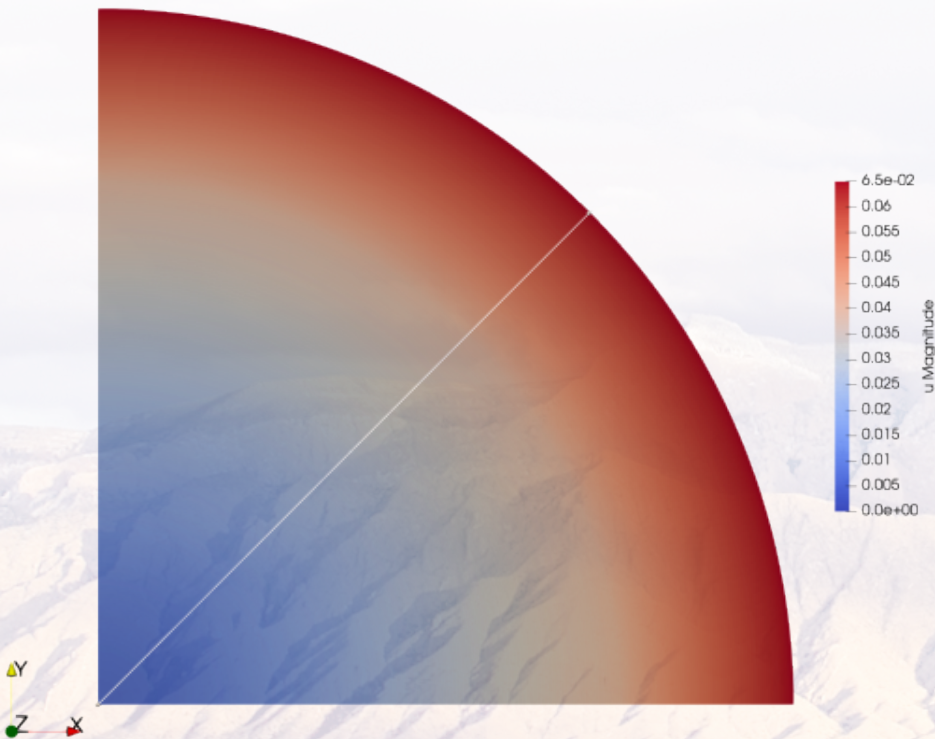


Compression from cooling (plastic)



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# Glass-to-Metal Seal Exemplar I

- Two materials (**low-fidelity** / **high-fidelity**):
  - **Glass**: thermoelastic .
  - **Metal shell**: thermoelastic / thermoplastic.
  - **Qol**: Average of  $\sigma_{rr}$  in the **glass near the interface**.
- Forward solves: coarse + fine times ~ **5.5 min** .
  - $Q^M = -157$  MPa .
  - $Q^m = -123$  MPa .
  - $E_{\text{exact}} = Q^m - Q^M = 34.04$  MPa .
- Adjoint-based error estimate: **2.5 min!**
  - $E_{\text{estimated}} \sim 33.95$  MPa .
  - Effectivity = **0.997** .
  - Close estimate at half the cost (46%).

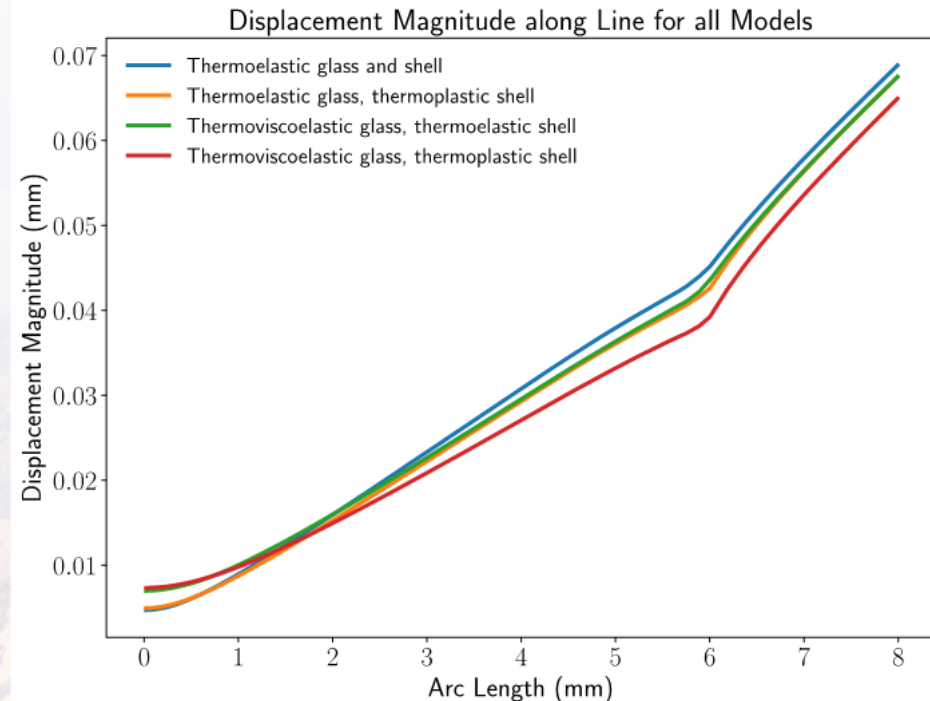
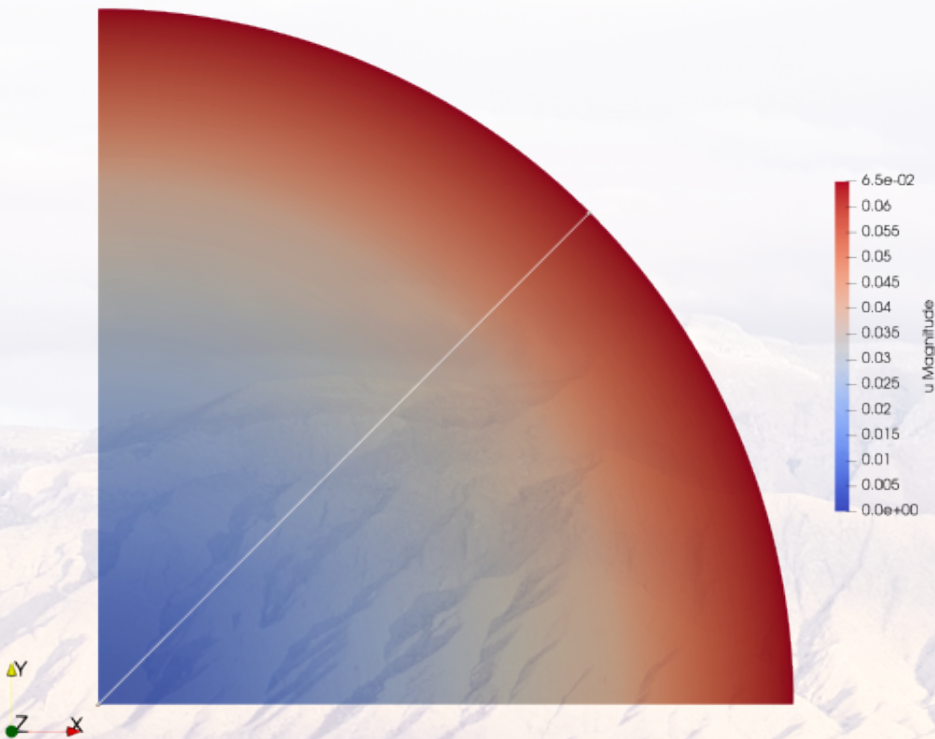


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  - **Glass**: thermoelastic .
  - **Metal shell**: thermoelastic / thermoplastic.
  - **Qol**: Average of  $\sigma_{\theta\theta}$  in the **glass near the interface**.
- Forward solves: coarse + fine times ~ **5.5 min** .
  - $Q^M = -204$  MPa .
  - $Q^m = -162$  MPa .
  - $E_{\text{exact}} = Q^m - Q^M = 42.24$  MPa .
- Adjoint-based error estimate: **2.5 min!**
  - $E_{\text{computed}} \sim 40.08$  MPa .
  - Effectivity = **0.949** .
  - Close estimate at half the cost (46%).

# Glass-to-Metal Seal Exemplar II

- Two materials (low-fidelity / high-fidelity):
  - **Glass:** thermoelastic / thermoviscoelastic.
  - **Metal shell:** thermoelastic / thermoplastic.
  - QoI: Average of  $\sigma_{rr}$  or  $\sigma_{\theta\theta}$  in the **glass near the interface**.





# Glass-to-Metal Seal Exemplar II

- Two materials (low-fidelity / high-fidelity):
  - Glass: thermoelastic / thermoviscoelastic.
  - Metal shell: thermoelastic / thermoplastic.
  - Qol: Average of  $\sigma_{rr}$  in the glass near the interface.
- Forward solves: coarse + fine times ~ 8.66 min .
  - $Q^M = -157$  MPa .
  - $Q^m = -124$  MPa .
  - $E_{\text{exact}} = Q^m - Q^M = 33.19$  MPa .
- Adjoint-based error estimate: 4.33 min!
  - $E_{\text{estimated}} \sim 34.10$  MPa .
  - Effectivity = 1.03 .
  - Close estimate at half the cost (50%).

# Glass-to-Metal Seal Exemplar II

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  - $Q^M = -204$  MPa .
  - $Q^m = -155$  MPa .
  - $E_{\text{exact}} = Q^m - Q^M = 49.63$  MPa .
- Adjoint-based error estimate: **4.33 min!**
  - $E_{\text{estimated}} \sim 61.88$  MPa .
  - Effectivity = 1.25 .
  - Close-ish estimate at half the cost (50%).



# Summary and Conclusions

- Goal-oriented constitutive model form error estimation:
  - Split equilibrium PDE and constitutive equations.
  - Solve coupled adjoint problem and use its solution in the error estimate.
  - Possibilities for constitutive model adaptivity.
- Adjoints for thermoviscoelasticity:
  - Hereditary integrals introduce many new local state variables.
  - Our formulation introduces new constraints to minimize storage costs.
- Application to nonlinear glass-to-metal seal problem:
  - Error estimate often close to exact error and costs less to obtain than the brute force approach.