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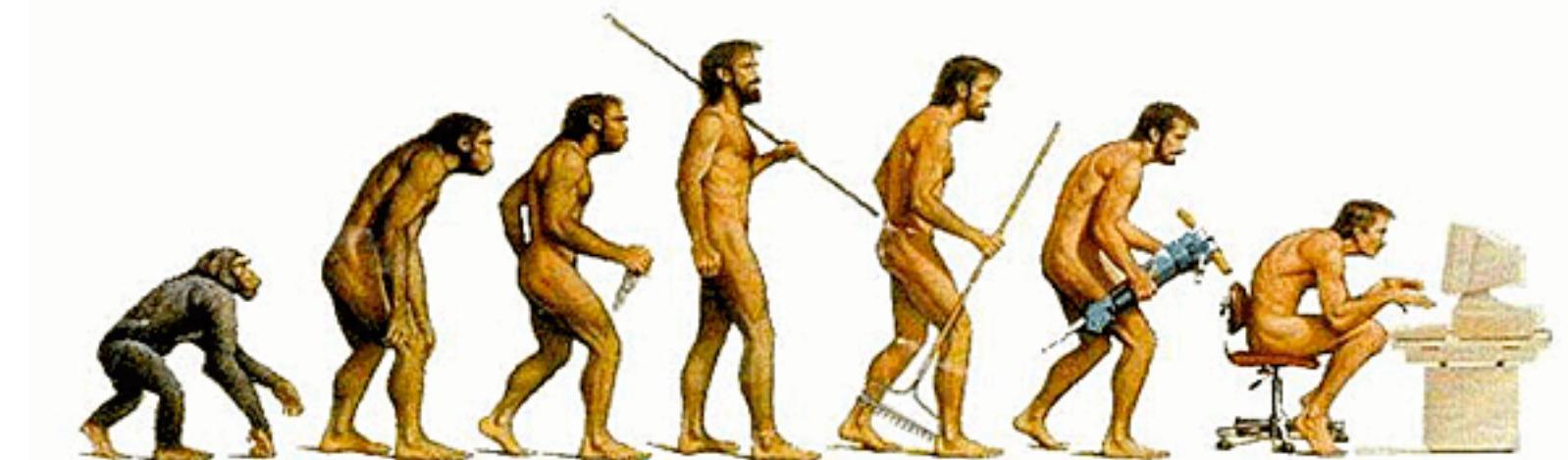
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# Background & Motivation

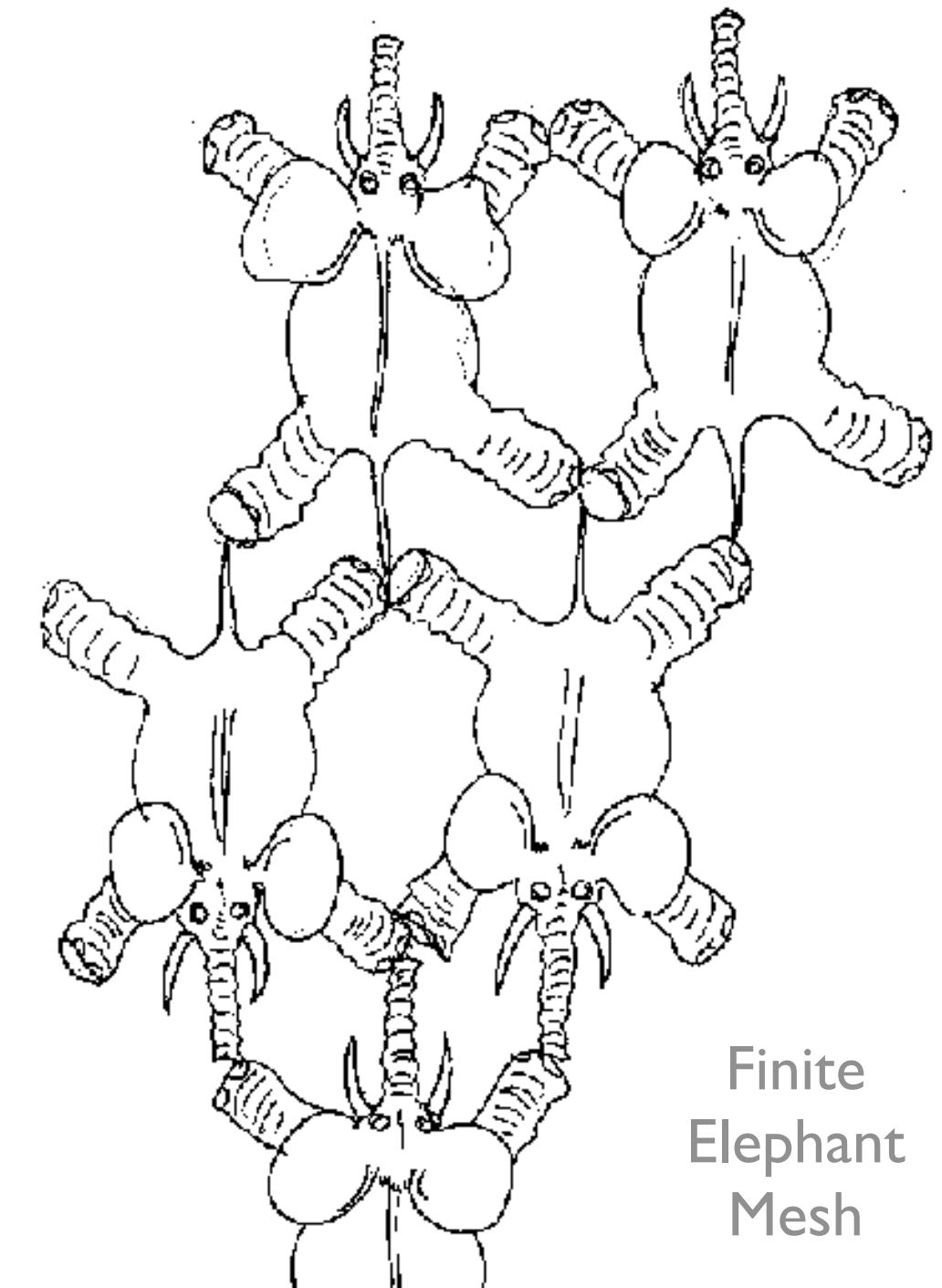


# Background

Finite Element method is **not** the only way!

Finite Volume method can be applied to solids;  
it has slowly been gaining momentum since  
early 90's.

FV method **developed for nonlinearity**, so it  
should be suitable!



$$\oint_{\Gamma} \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{D} \, d\Gamma - \int_{\Omega} Q \, d\Omega = 0$$

$$\rho \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = \nabla \cdot \sigma$$

$$\rho C \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = k \nabla^2 T$$

# Linear Finite Volume Solid Mechanics

# Governing Equations

Strong Form of Governing Equation

**Momentum**

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{\Omega} \rho \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} d\Omega = \int_{\Omega} \nabla \cdot \sigma d\Omega + \int_{\Omega} \rho f_b d\Omega$$

Finite Volume Method directly uses strong form

## Weak Form of Governing Equation

## Momentum

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{\Omega} \left( \rho \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} \right) \cdot \mathbf{w} \, d\Omega = \int_{\Omega} \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{w} \, d\Omega + \int_{\Omega} \rho \mathbf{f}_b \cdot \mathbf{w} \, d\Omega \\ + \int_{\Gamma_t} \mathbf{t} \cdot \mathbf{w} \, d\Gamma$$

## Weak Form of Governing Equation

## Momentum

weighting function

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{\Omega} \left( \rho \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} \right) \cdot \mathbf{w} \, d\Omega = \int_{\Omega} \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{w} \, d\Omega + \int_{\Omega} \rho \mathbf{f}_b \cdot \mathbf{w} \, d\Omega \\ + \int_{\Gamma_t} \mathbf{t} \cdot \mathbf{w} \, d\Gamma$$

Finite Element Method uses weak form

# Development of the Mathematical Model

Isotropic Hooke's law assuming small strains

$$\sigma = 2\mu\epsilon + \lambda \text{tr}(\epsilon)\mathbf{I}$$

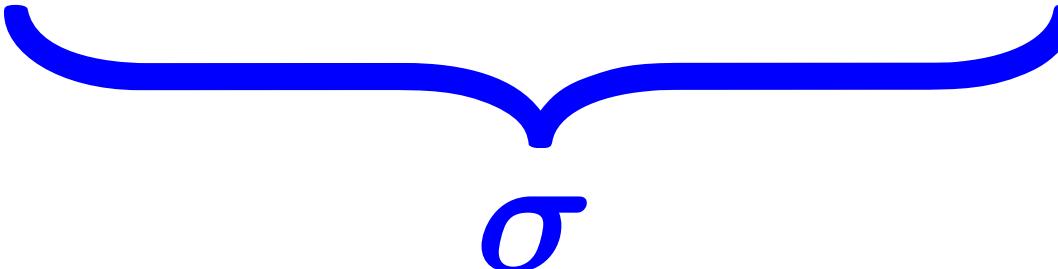
$$\epsilon = \frac{1}{2} (\nabla u + \nabla u^T)$$



$$\sigma = \mu \nabla u + \mu \nabla u^T + \lambda \text{tr}(u) \mathbf{I}$$

# Development of the Mathematical Model

**Insert constitutive relation into governing equation**

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{\Omega} \rho \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} \, d\Omega = \int_{\Omega} \nabla \cdot [\mu \nabla \mathbf{u} + \mu \nabla \mathbf{u}^T + \lambda \text{tr}(\nabla \mathbf{u}) \mathbf{I}] \, d\Omega + \int_{\Omega} \rho \mathbf{f}_b \, d\Omega$$

$$\sigma$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{\Omega} \rho \frac{\partial \boldsymbol{u}}{\partial t} \, d\Omega = \int_{\Omega} \mu \nabla^2 \boldsymbol{u} \, d\Omega + \int_{\Omega} \nabla \cdot [\mu \nabla \boldsymbol{u}^T + \lambda \text{tr}(\nabla \boldsymbol{u}) \mathbf{I}] \, d\Omega + \int_{\Omega} \rho \boldsymbol{f}_b \, d\Omega$$

laplacian term *implicitly* approximated  
using compact molecule

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{\Omega} \rho \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} \, d\Omega = \int_{\Omega} \mu \nabla^2 \mathbf{u} \, d\Omega + \int_{\Omega} \nabla \cdot [\mu \nabla \mathbf{u}^T + \lambda \text{tr}(\nabla \mathbf{u}) \mathbf{I}] \, d\Omega + \int_{\Omega} \rho f_b \, d\Omega$$

laplacian term *implicitly* approximated  
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$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{\Omega} \rho \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} d\Omega = \boxed{\int_{\Omega} \mu \nabla^2 \mathbf{u} d\Omega} + \int_{\Omega} \nabla \cdot [\mu \nabla \mathbf{u}^T + \lambda \text{tr}(\nabla \mathbf{u}) \mathbf{I}] d\Omega + \int_{\Omega} \rho f_b d\Omega$$

↓

$$\boxed{\int_{\Omega} (2\mu + \lambda) \nabla^2 \mathbf{u} d\Omega - \int_{\Omega} (\mu + \lambda) \nabla^2 \mathbf{u} d\Omega}$$

better convergence with  
*over-relaxed* approach

# FEM & FVM Comparison

for solids

## FVM

### Pros

- attractively simple
- strongly conservative
- memory efficient
- straight-forward nonlinearity
- suitable for FSI/cracks
- general polyhedral cells

### Cons

- segregated solution not always efficient
- higher order *elements* are more difficult
- less development

# FEM

## Pros

efficient for linear problems

higher order elements

plethora of development

inclusion of discontinuities

## Cons

weakly conservative

memory hungry

different shape functions  
for every shape element

FSI

$$\oint_{\Gamma} \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{D} \, d\Gamma - \int_{\Omega} Q \, d\Omega = 0$$

$$\rho \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = \nabla \cdot \sigma$$

$$\rho C \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = k \nabla^2 T$$

# Nonlinear Finite Volume Solid Mechanics

# Different Types of Nonlinearity

Three Types

Geometric

Material

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System of Linear Equations

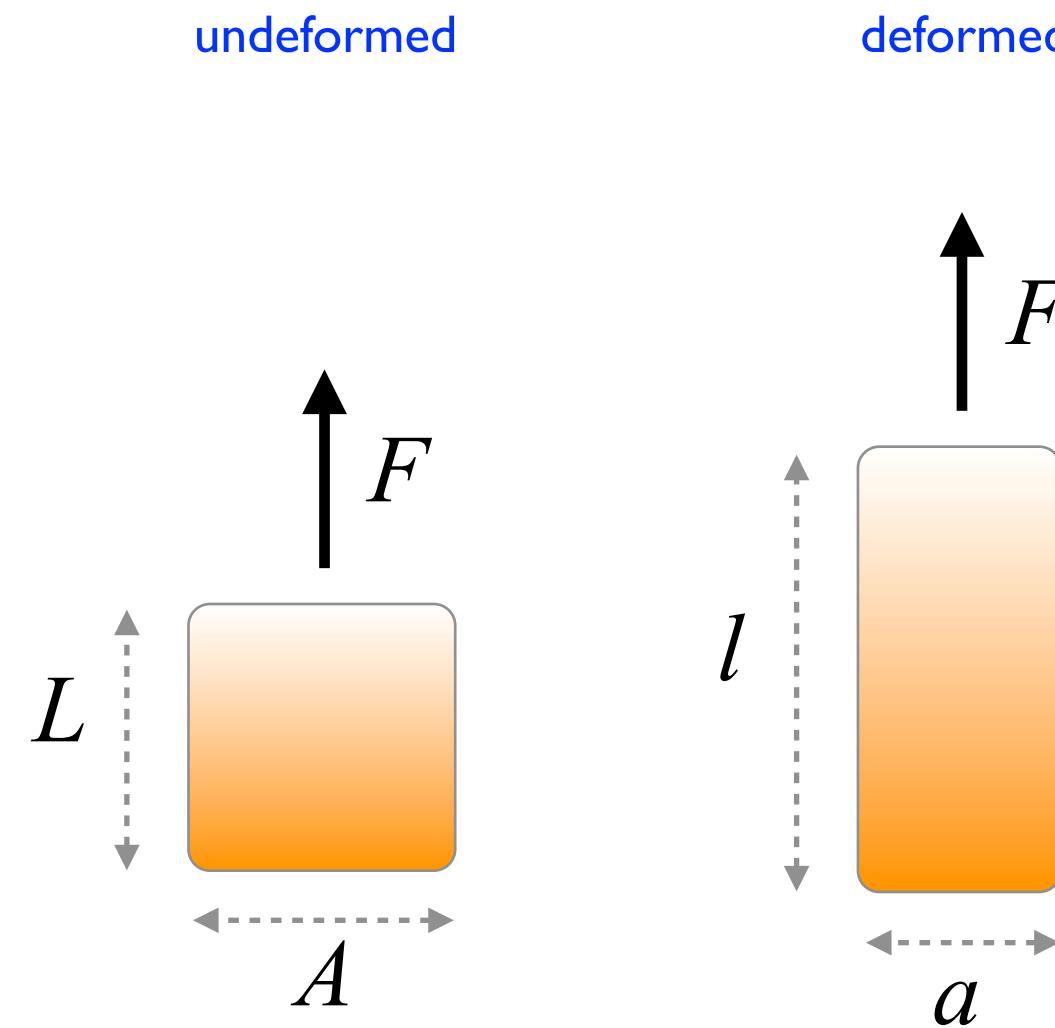
$$Ax = b$$

linear

$$A(x)x = b(x)$$

nonlinear

# Geometric large strains, changes in integration areas/volumes



engineering stress & strain

$$\sigma_s = \frac{F}{A} \quad \epsilon_s = \frac{l - L}{L}$$

2<sup>nd</sup> Piola-Kirchhoff stress & Green strain

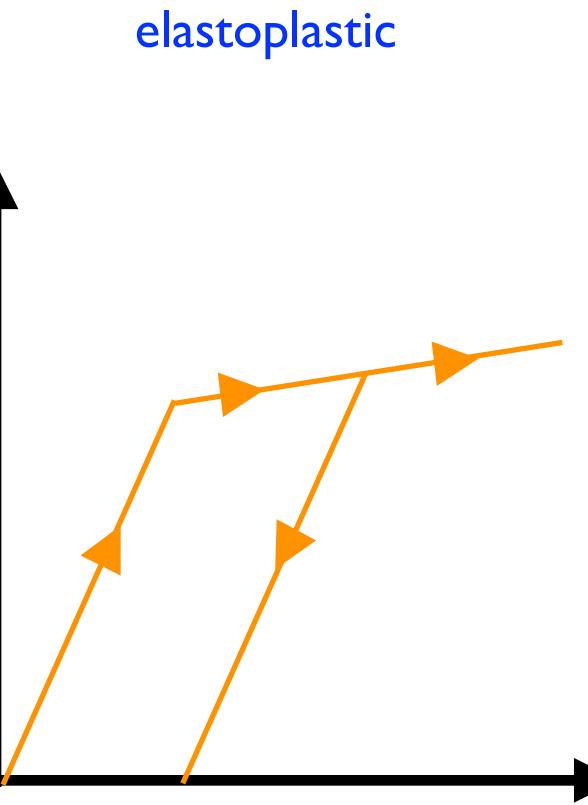
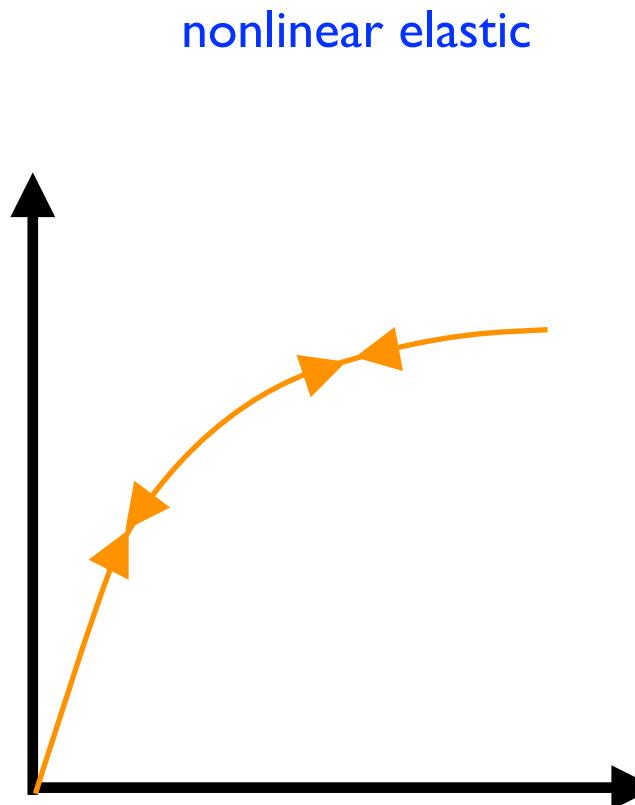
$$S = \frac{F}{A} \frac{L}{l} \quad \epsilon = \frac{l^2 - L^2}{2L}$$

true stress & strain

$$\sigma = \frac{F}{a} \quad \epsilon = \ln \frac{l}{L}$$

# Material

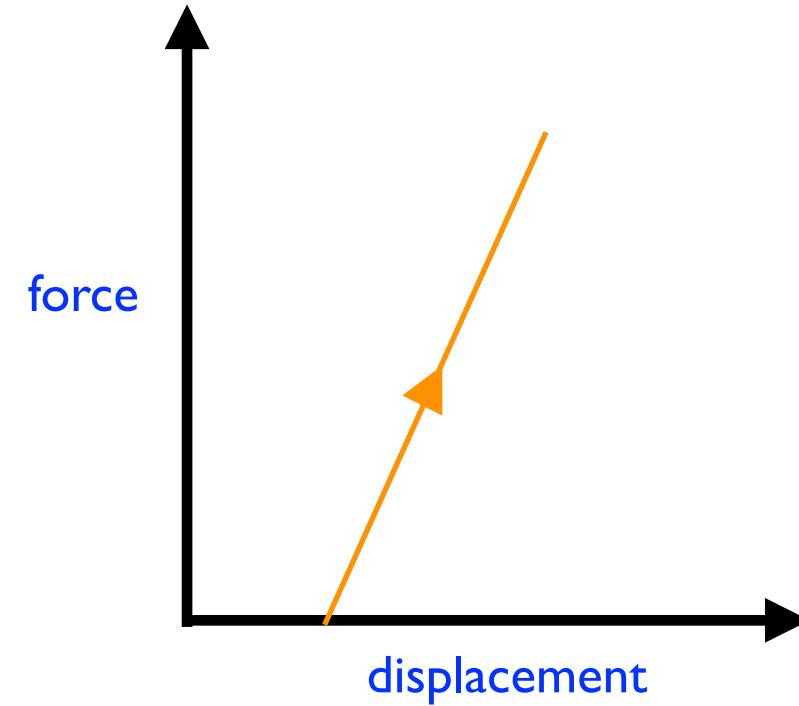
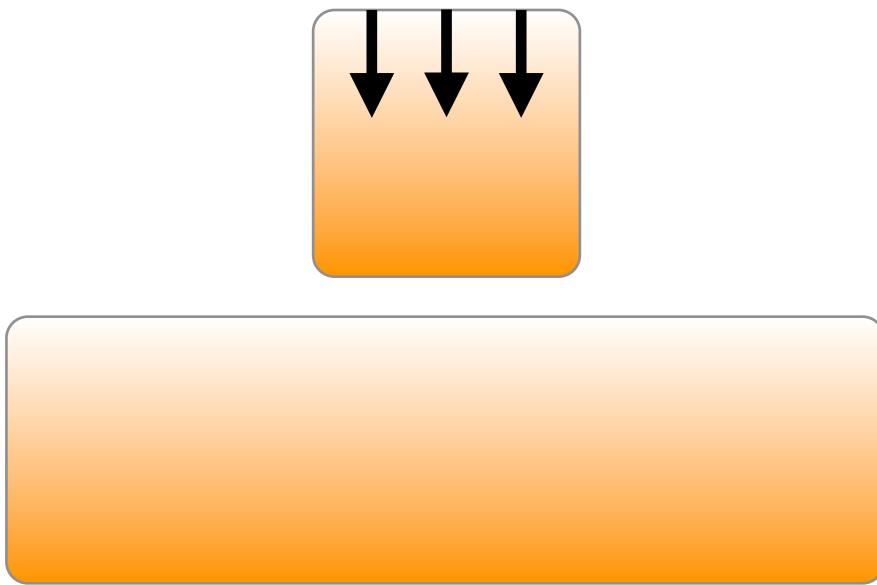
nonlinear stress strain curve e.g. plasticity



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e.g. contact

displace top of block



# Solution Procedure

Segregated Solution

do

    solve ( $Au_i = b$ ) for  $i=1:3$

    update  $A(u_i)$  and  $b(u_i)$

while  $A(u_i) \&& b(u_i)$  not converged

Update nonlinear terms

No change to solution procedure

# Example: elasticPlasticSolidFoam

```
do
    solve
    (
        rho*fvm::ddt(DU)
        ==
        fvm::laplacian(2*mu + lambda, DU)
        + fvc::div
        (
            mu*gradDU.T() + lambda*tr(gradDU)*I
            - (mu + lambda)*gradDU
            - DEpsilonP
        )
    );
    update gradDU
    update DEpsilonP // plastic strain increment
    while !converged
```

# Geometrically Nonlinear Mathematical Models

Two general methods to deal with geometric nonlinearity:

Total Lagrangian

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Updated Lagrangian

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Choice between the two approaches typically depends on  
the constitutive model

# Total Lagrangian Mathematical Model

Linear momentum equation

neglecting inertia and body forces

$$\nabla \cdot \sigma = 0$$

equivalent to

$$\oint_{\Gamma} n \cdot \sigma \, d|\Gamma| = 0$$

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma} = \frac{1}{J} \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{F}^T$$

Cauchy stress in terms of  
2<sup>nd</sup> Piola Kirchhoff stress

$$\boldsymbol{\Gamma} = J \mathbf{F}^{-T} \cdot \boldsymbol{\Gamma}_o$$

Nanson's formula

Linear momentum equation may be written in terms of Cauchy stress or 2<sup>nd</sup> Piola-Kirchhoff stress

$$\oint_{\Gamma} \mathbf{n} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} \, d|\Gamma| = \oint_{\Gamma_o} \mathbf{n}_o \cdot \left( \mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{F}^T \right) \, d|\Gamma_o| = 0$$

# Constitutive Law

St.Venant-Kirchhoff law i.e. Large strain/rotation form of Hooke's law

$$\boldsymbol{S} = 2\mu \boldsymbol{E} + \lambda \text{tr}(\boldsymbol{E}) \mathbf{I}$$

Green strain

$$\boldsymbol{E} = \frac{1}{2} (\nabla \boldsymbol{u} + \nabla \boldsymbol{u}^T)$$

## Total Lagrangian Mathematical Model

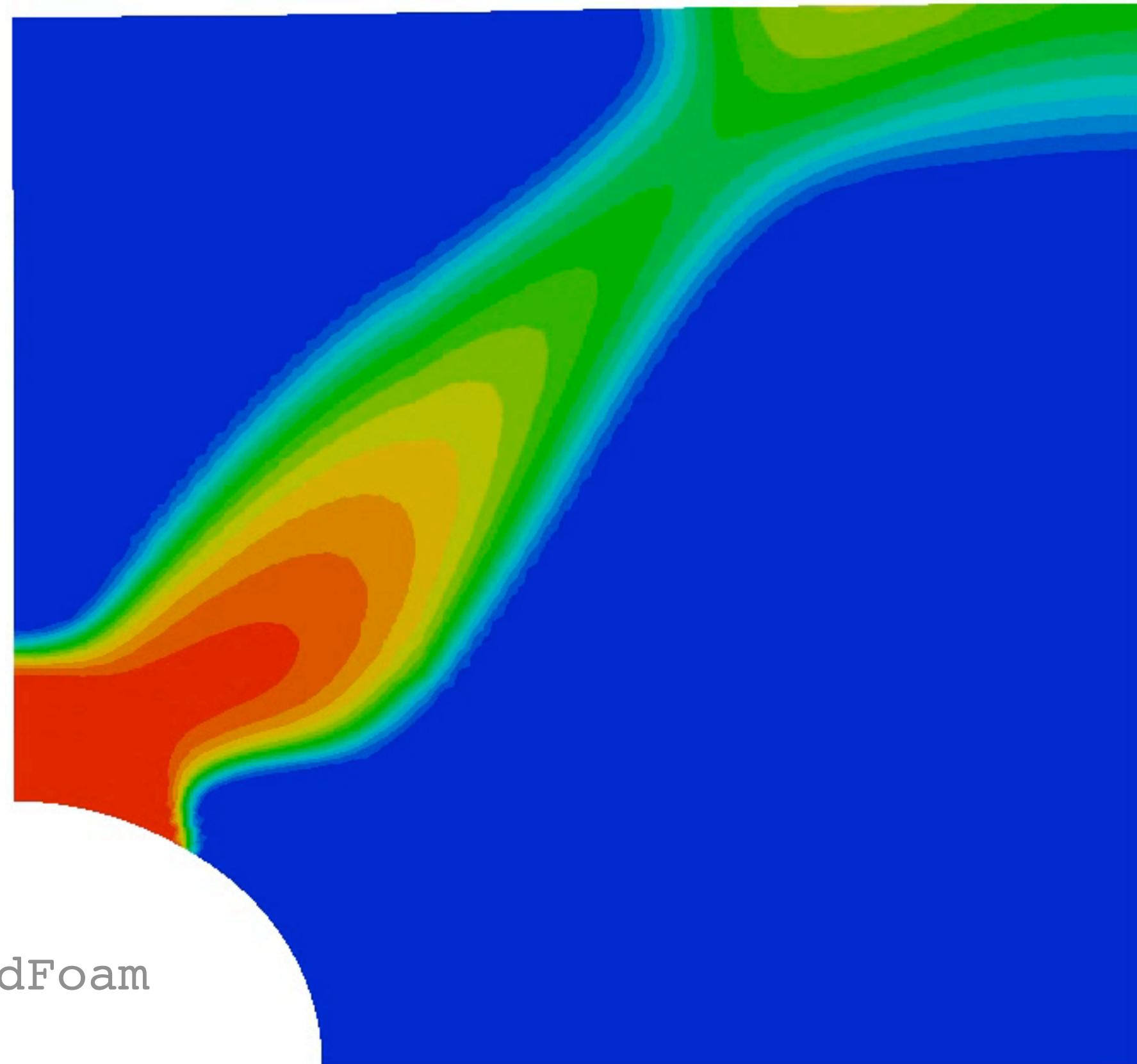
$$\begin{aligned}\rho \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{u}}{\partial t} = & (2\mu + \lambda) \nabla^2 \mathbf{u} \\ & + \nabla \cdot (\mu \nabla \mathbf{u}^T + \lambda \text{tr}(\nabla \mathbf{u}) \mathbf{I} - (\mu + \lambda) \nabla \mathbf{u}) \\ & + \nabla \cdot \left( \mu \nabla \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u}^T + \frac{1}{2} \lambda \text{tr}(\nabla \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u}^T) \mathbf{I} \right) \\ & + \nabla \cdot (S_{\text{old}} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u})\end{aligned}$$

# elasticNonLin<sub>TL</sub>SolidFoam

```
fvVectorMatrix UEqn
(
    rho*fvm::d2dt2(U)
    ==
    fvm::laplacian(2*mu + lambda, U)
    + fvc::div
    (
        - (mu + lambda)*gradU
        + mu*gradU.T()
        + mu*(gradU & gradU.T())
        + lambda*tr(gradU)*I
        + 0.5*lambda*tr(gradU & gradU.T())*I
        + (sigma & gradU)
    )
);
```

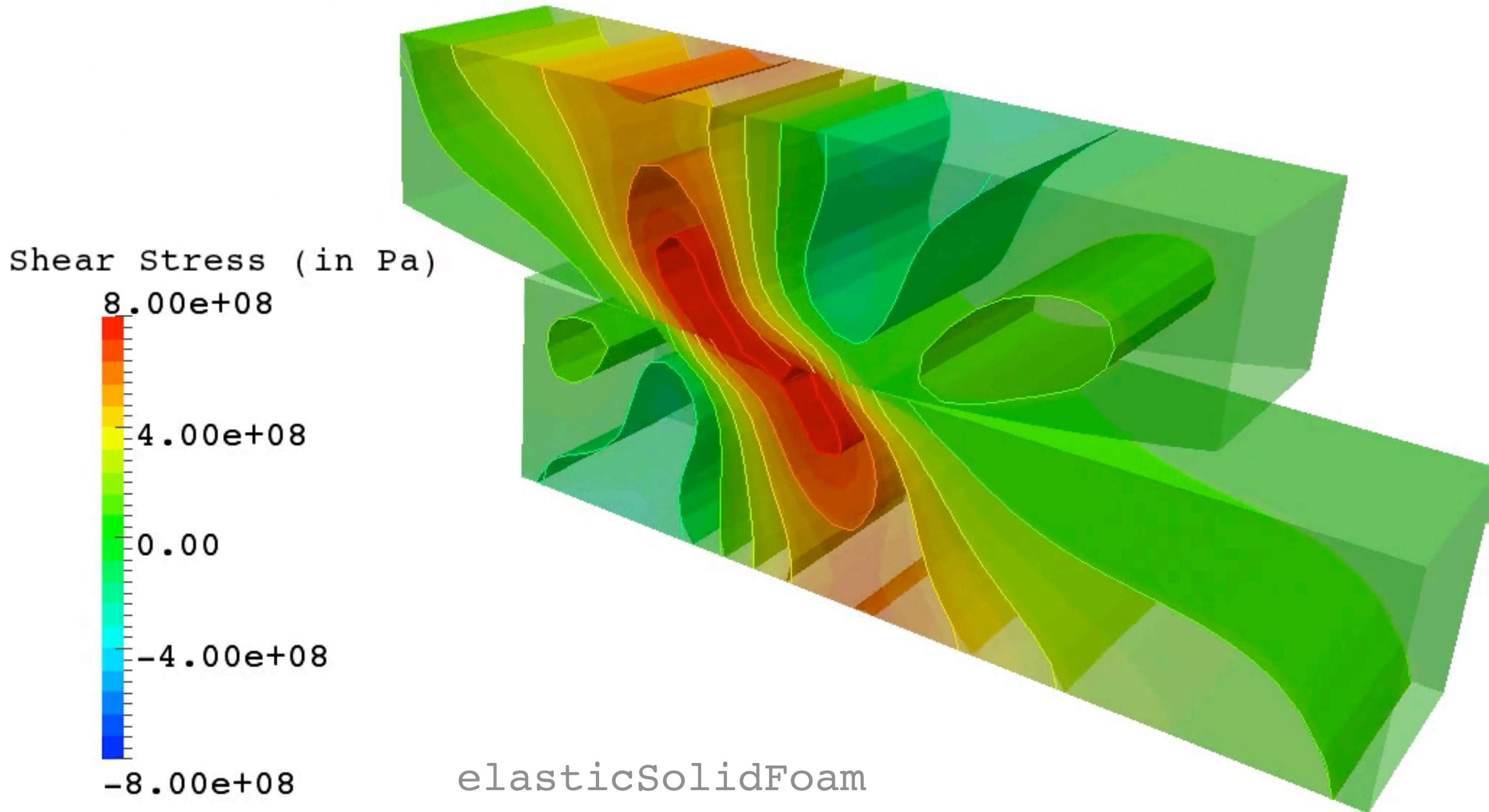
# Test Cases

# Plasticity

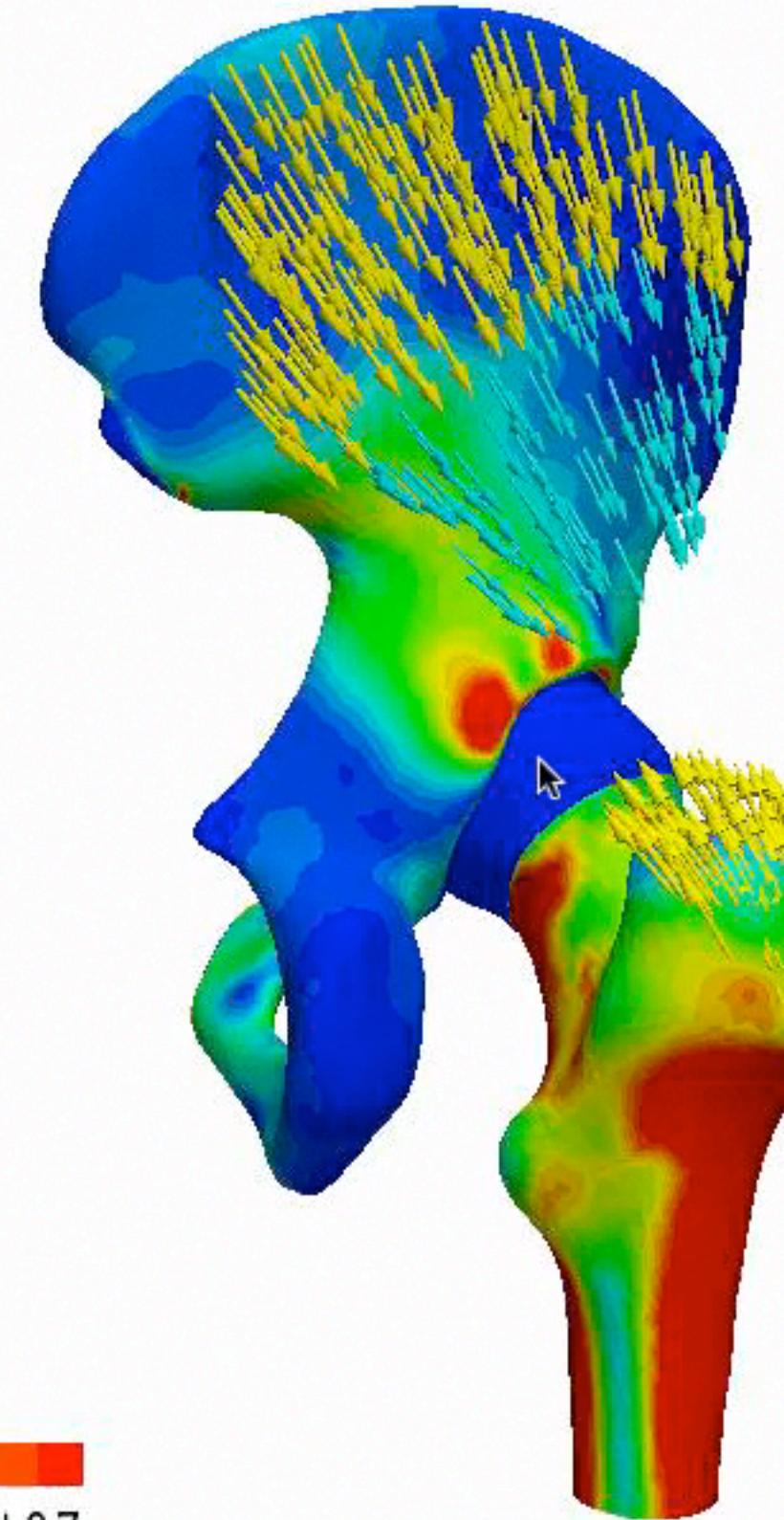


elasticPlasticSolidFoam

# Frictional Contact



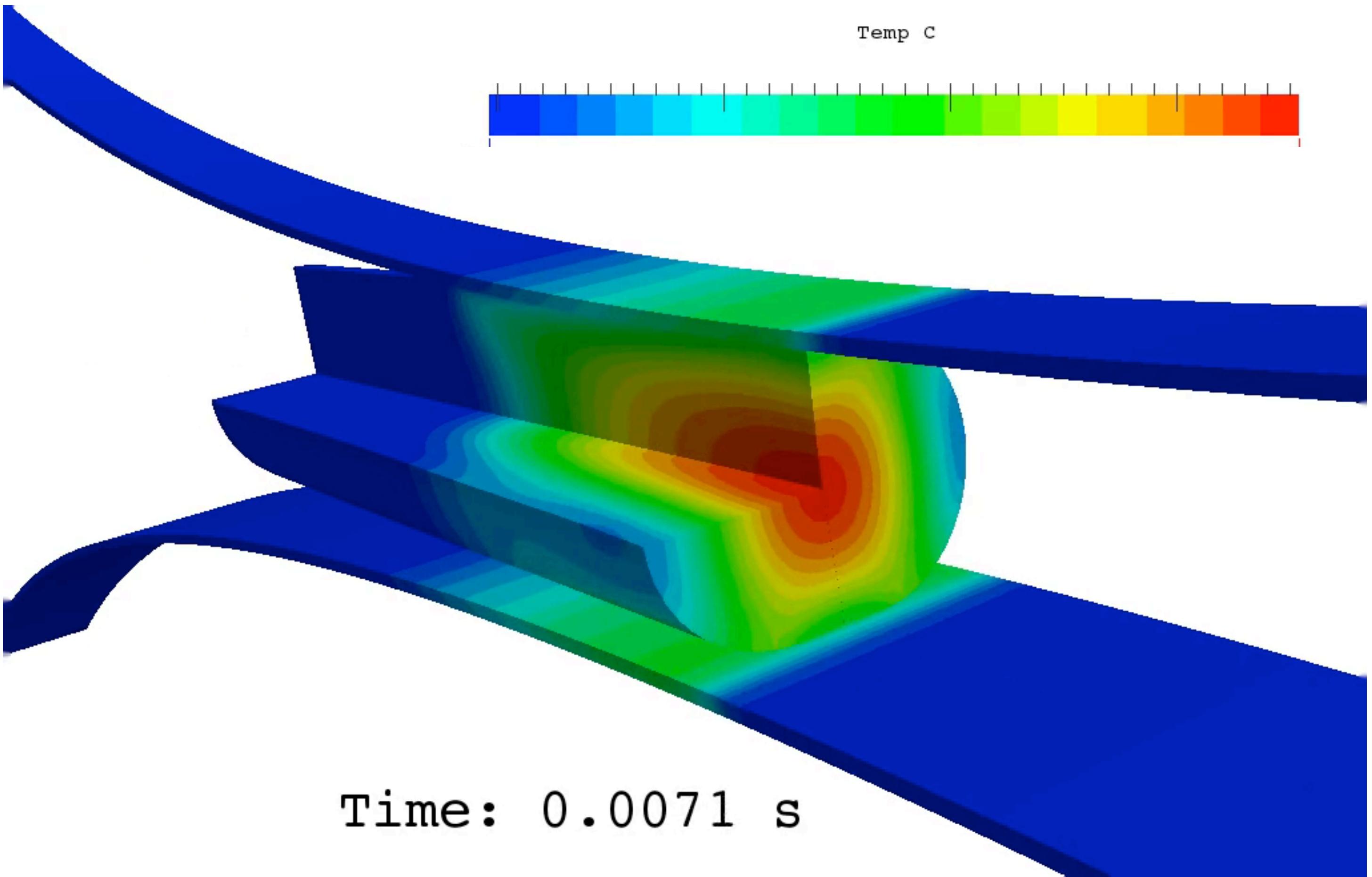
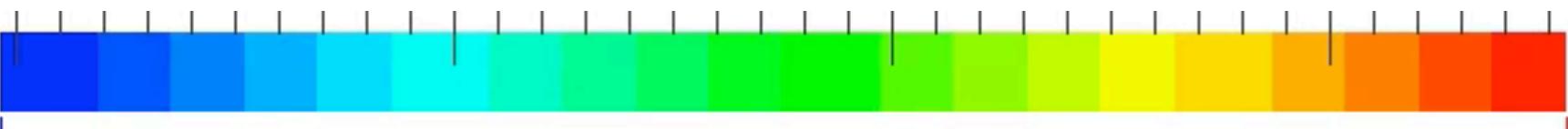
**Mid-Stance with Abductor Muscles**  
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**Sigma von Mises (Pa)**

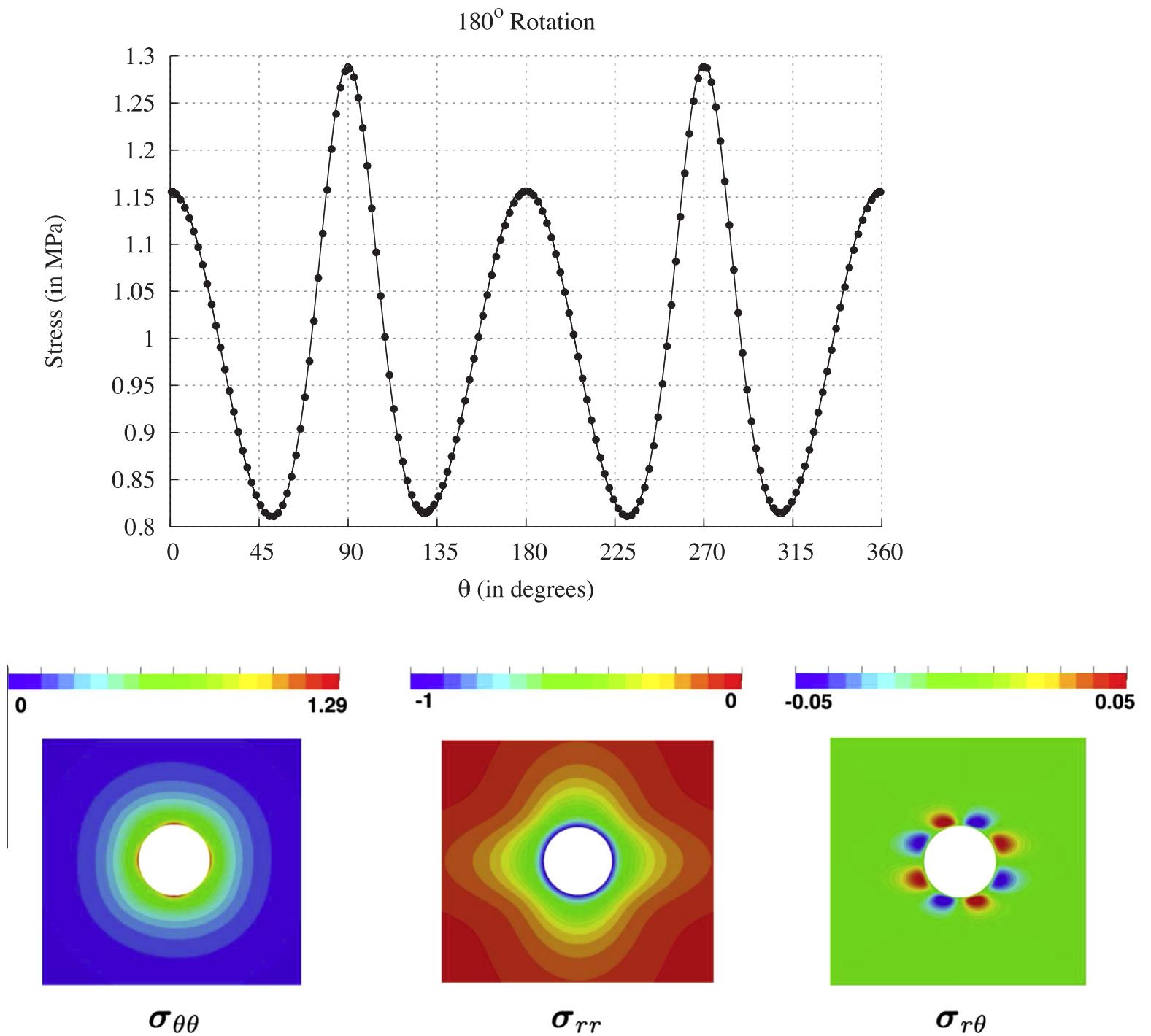
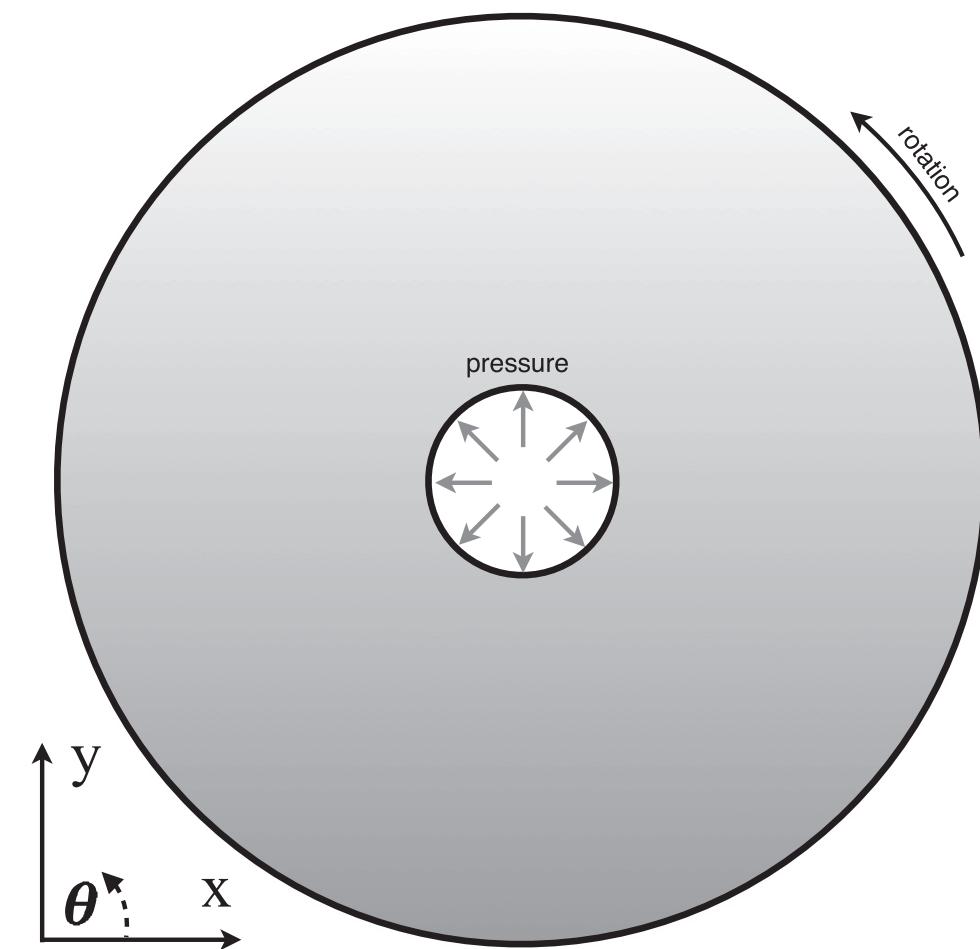


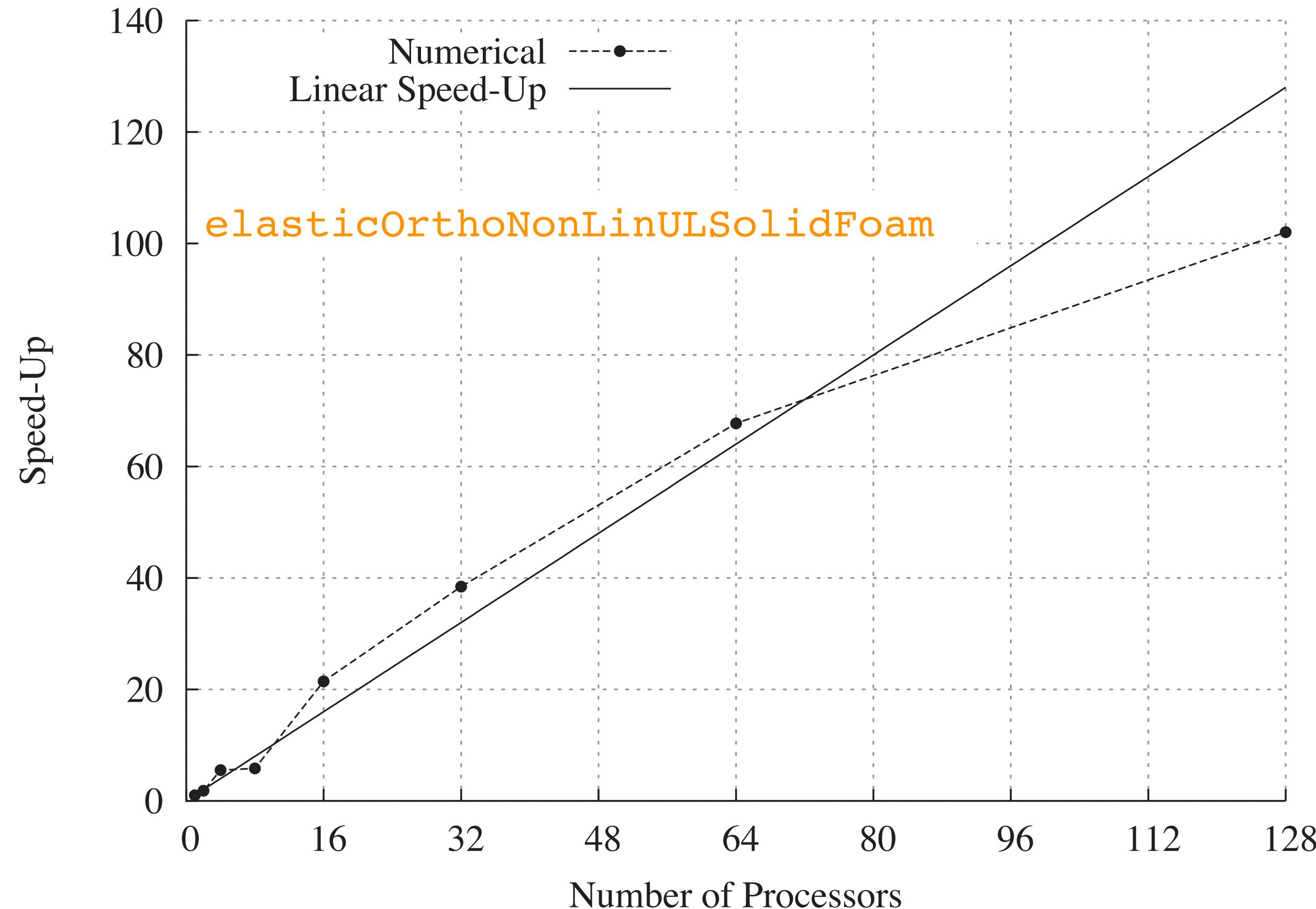
Temp C



# Large Rotations & Orthotropic Elasticity

# elasticOrthoNonLinULSolidFoam





# Summary & Conclusions

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OpenFOAM solidMechanics solvers capable of all forms of linearity with no change to underlying segregated solution procedure

Complex nonlinear problems treated in a implicit manner

Method is very memory efficient for large meshes, and shows good parallel speedup

## Future Steps

Consider the use of newly developed block-coupled solid solver for nonlinearity with Newton iterations, like in FE;

Clean integration of all methods into new FSI framework.

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