

Implementation of a confinement dependent LITS model for concrete

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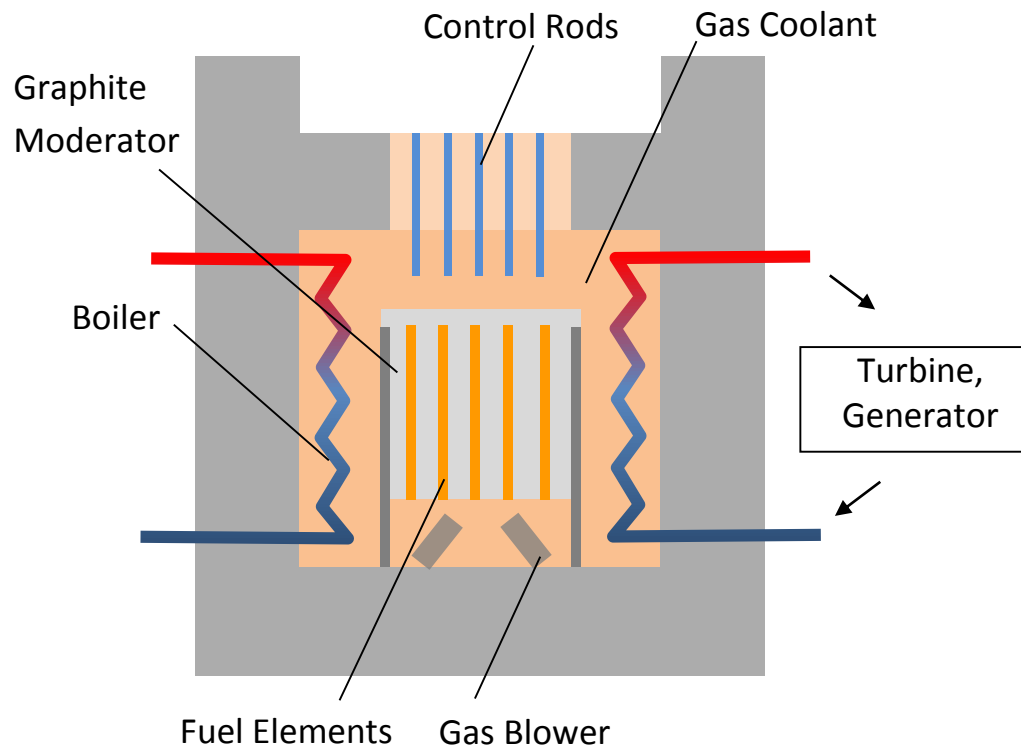
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1. Industrial context

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Assessment of the AGRs' Pre-stressed Concrete Pressure Vessels (PCPVs) under severe fault conditions



Service Conditions:

$$T_{\text{GAS}} \approx 600^{\circ}\text{C}$$

$$T_{\text{CONCRETE}} \approx 50^{\circ}\text{C}$$



Accidental Conditions:

$$T_{\text{GAS}} \approx 600^{\circ}\text{C}$$

$$T_{\text{CONCRETE}} > 50^{\circ}\text{C}$$

(Ex: fault of the cooling pipes system)

1. Industrial context

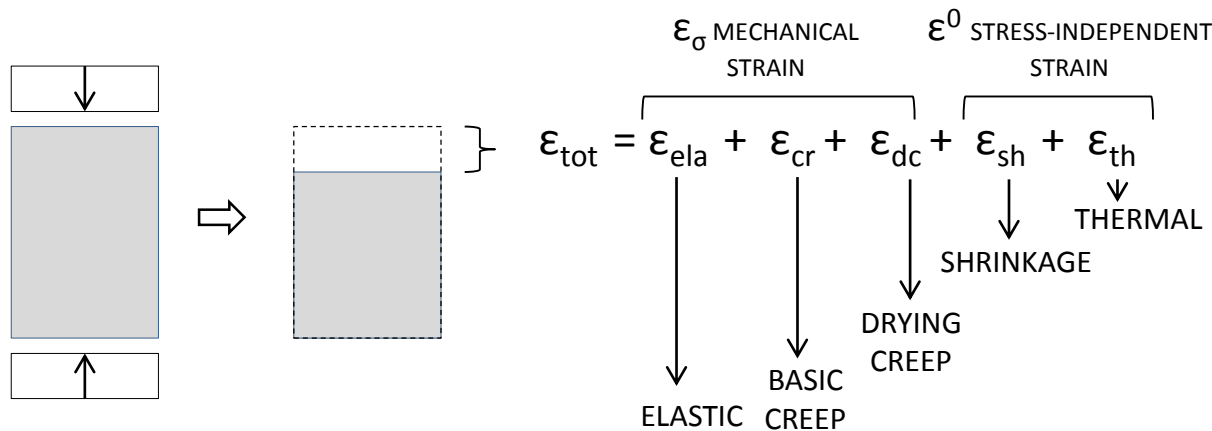
Objectives

- Implement, verify and validate a LITS model able to capture:
 - Triaxial behaviour
 - Irrecoverability
- Apply the implemented model to a hypothetical industrial case.

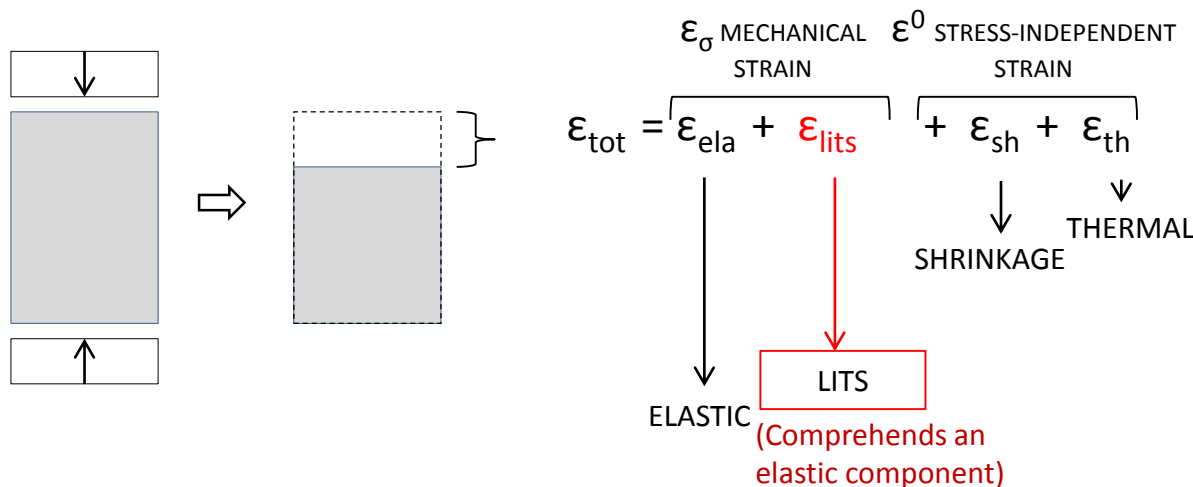
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Strain decomposition for ambient temperatures



Strain decomposition for high temperatures: introduction of LITS



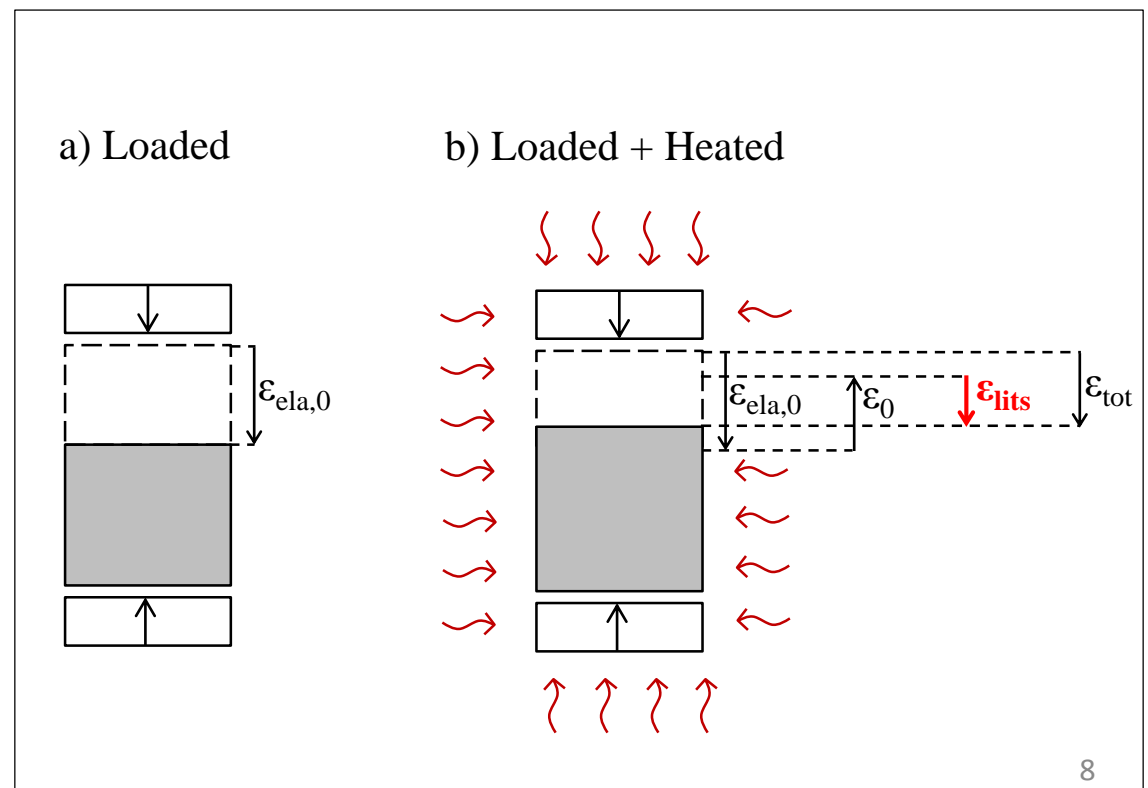
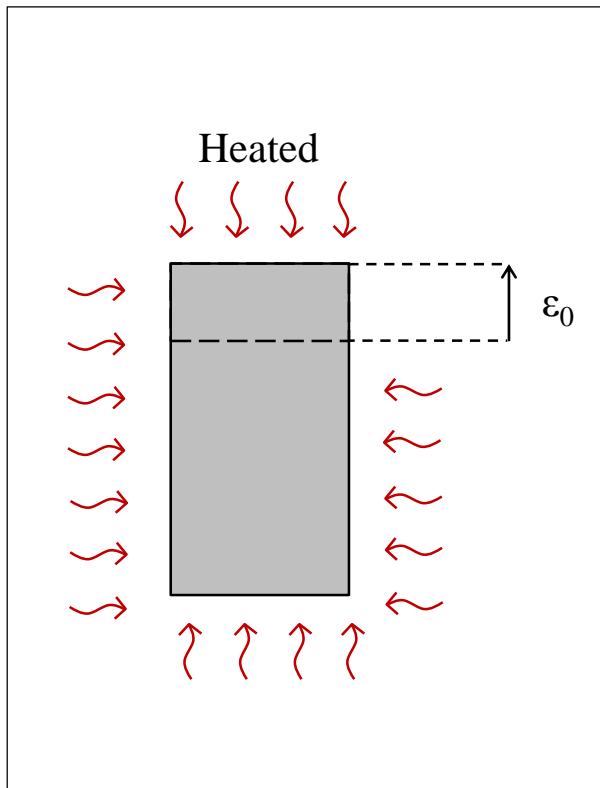
Note

Some authors consider the ϵ_{ela} independent on the temperature and take into account the stiffness variation in the ϵ_{lits} term.

2. Definition of LITS

Definition of LITS

- Thermal load
- Stress-free specimen
- Thermal load
- Constant compressive stress

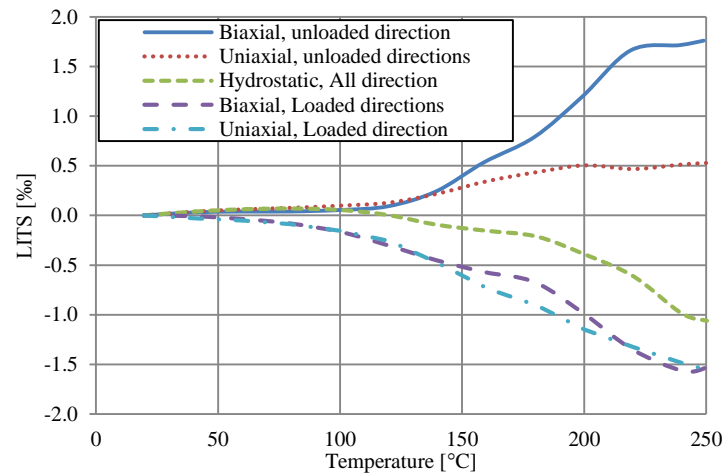


2. Definition of LITS

Gap in the existing LITS models

- LITS is commonly modelled as a confinement independent phenomenon (actually, it significantly depends on the confinement¹)

LITS during uniaxial and biaxial and hydrostatic LTH test [1].



[1] Petkovski M, Crouch RS (2008).

Strains under transient hygro-thermal states in concrete loaded in multiaxial compression and heated to 250 °C.
Cement and Concrete Research 2008; 38:586–96.

3. 3D confinement-dependent bilinear LITS model

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General strain decomposition

$$\dot{\varepsilon}_{ij}^{tot} = \underbrace{\frac{1+\nu}{E} \dot{\sigma}_{ij} - \frac{\nu}{E} \dot{\sigma}_{kk} \delta_{ij}}_{\dot{\varepsilon}_{ij}^{el}} + \underbrace{\eta \frac{\beta(T)}{\sigma_{u0}} (-\nu_{lits} \sigma_{kk}^- \delta_{ij} + (1 + \nu_{lits}) \sigma_{ij}^-) \dot{T}}_{\dot{\varepsilon}_{ij}^{lits}} + \underbrace{\alpha(T) \delta_{ij} \dot{T}}_{\dot{\varepsilon}_{ij}^{th}}$$

ELASTIC STRAIN
3D LITS
NON-LINEAR THERMAL STRAIN

3. 3D Confinement-dependent bilinear LITS model

Common approach for extending uniaxial LITS models to 3D [1-2]

CLASSIC APPROACH

$$\dot{\varepsilon}_{ij}^{lits} = \frac{\beta(T)}{\sigma_{u0}} \left(-v_{lits} \sigma_{kk}^- \delta_{ij} + (1 + v_{lits}) \sigma_{ij}^- \right) \dot{T}$$

Where:

- v_{lits} is a material property analogous to the elastic Poisson's modulus ν – LITS strain in the unloaded direction
- $\beta(T)$ is the LITS functions, i.e. a generic function of the temperature aimed at fitting the uniaxial temperature-LITS curve
- σ_{u0} the compressive strength of the material
- σ_{ij}^- is the i-th j-th component of the negative part of the stress tensor
- T is the temperature of the point

[1] Pearce CJ, Nielsen C V., Bićanić N. 1987

Gradient enhanced thermo-mechanical damage model for concrete at high temperatures including transient thermal creep. Int J Numer Anal Methods Geomech 2004

[2] Thelandersson S. 1987

Modeling of combined thermal and mechanical action in concrete. J Eng Mech

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Adopted approach for extending uniaxial LITS models to 3D

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ADOPTED APPROACH

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Where:

- η confinement coefficient – captures the triaxiality of the stress state

$$\eta = 1 + (C_m - 1)\gamma$$

$C_m = -\frac{\sigma_1^- + \sigma_2^- + \sigma_3^-}{\sqrt{(\sigma_1^-)^2 + (\sigma_2^-)^2 + (\sigma_3^-)^2}}$ Triaxiality index
 γ Triaxiality scaling factor (recommended $\gamma = 1.5$)

Note:

$\uparrow C_m \uparrow \eta$
 $\uparrow \gamma \uparrow \eta$

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According to the adopted modelling approach, LITS:

1. Develops only in compression (σ_{kk}^-)
2. Develops just during the first heating under compressive load – does not recover on cooling or unloading (T_{MAX})
3. Depends on the confinement of the stress state (η)

3. 3D Confinement-dependent bilinear LITS model

Dependency on the confinement - Confinement factor η

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Different uniaxial models, and consequently different $\beta(T)$, have been extended to 3D:

1. Anderberg & Thelandersson model ^[1]
2. Terro's model ^[2]
3. Bilinear model (T<250°C)

[1] Anderberg Y, Thelandersson S.

A Constitutive Law for Concrete at Transient High Temperature Conditions. J Am Concr Institute Spec Publ 1978

[2] Terro MJ.

Numerical modeling of the behavior of concrete structures in fire 1998

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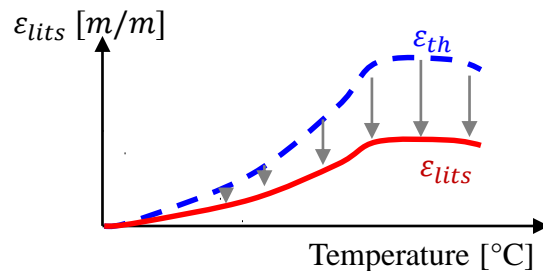
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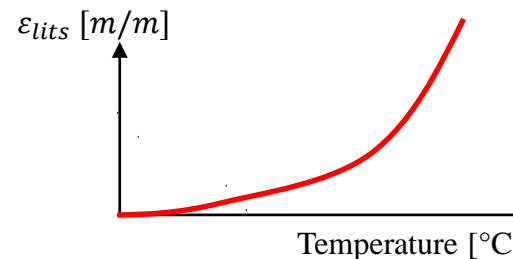
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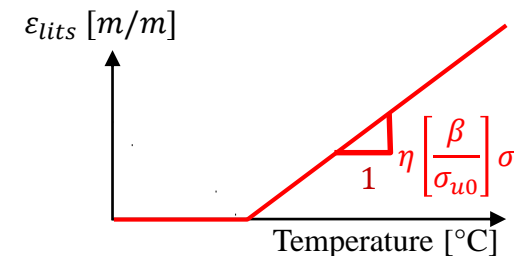
Anderberg & Thelandersson model ^[1]



Terro's model ^[2]



Bilinear model



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4. Implementation with MFront

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Key passages of the .mfront script

```
@Parser Implicit;
[...]
```

} Integration method

```
@Algorithm NewtonRaphson_NumericalJacobian
[...]
```

} Iterative method

```
@MaterialProperty stress young;
young.setGlossaryName("YoungModulus");
@MaterialProperty real nu;
nu.setGlossaryName("PoissonRatio");
```

} Material properties

```
@MaterialProperty real alpha;
@MaterialProperty real beta;
@MaterialProperty real gamma;
@MaterialProperty real sigmultimate;
@MaterialProperty real nulits;
@MaterialProperty real tcrit;
```

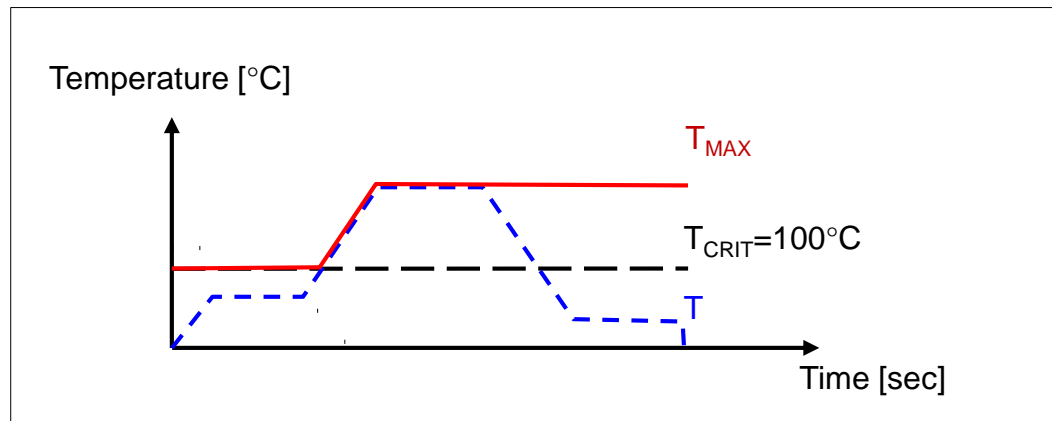
4. Implementation with MFront

Key passages of the .mfront script

```
@StateVariable Stensor ETTC;  
@StateVariable Stensor ETH;  
@AuxiliaryStateVariable real tmax;
```

State variables: LITS and FTS tensors

Auxiliary state variable: T_{MAX}



Schematic evolution of the internal variable T_{MAX} , for a given temperature history and a critical temperature T_{CRIT} .

4. Implementation with MFfront

Key passages of the .mfront script

```
@Integrator{  
  [...]  
  real cm=1.;  
  real eta=1.;  
  real s_den;  
  
  s_den=sqrt(pow(s1n,2)+pow(s2n,2)+pow(s3n,2));  
  
  if (s_den>1.e-6*young)  
    {cm=-(s1n+s2n+s3n)/(s_den);}  
    else {cm=1;}  
  eta=1+(cm-1)*gamma;  
}
```

Definition of the
confinement coefficient:

$$\eta = 1 + (C_m - 1)\gamma$$

4. Implementation with MFfront

Key passages of the .mfront script

```
[...]
// A)---- LITS increment ----
if ((T+dT>tmax) && (s1+s2+s3<0)) {

    incr_ttc=(beta/sigmultimate)*eta*((1.+nulits)
    *(sigma_n)-
    nulits*trace(sigma_n)*Stensor::Id())
    *(T+dT-tmax);
} else {
    incr_ttc=0.*Stensor::Id();}

[...]
// C)----TOTAL STRAIN DECOMPOSITION---
fETTC=dETTC-(incr_ttc);
fETH=dETH-(incr_eth);
feel=deel-(deto-dETTC-dETH);
```

LITS increment in the time step.

LITS develops:

- just on first heating
- under compressive load.

General strain

decomposition:

$$\varepsilon^{tot} = \varepsilon^{el} + \varepsilon^{th} + \varepsilon^{lits}$$

5. Verification studies

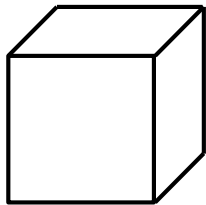
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Verification test cases

Verify that:

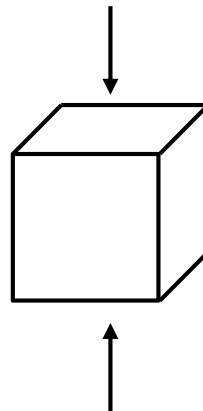
- Convergence is reached in a reasonable time
- Numerical results are consistent with implemented equations

1) FREE THERMAL STRAIN



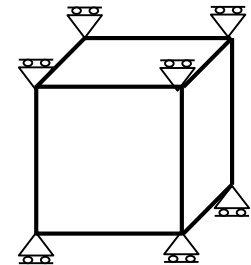
Stress-free specimen

2) LOAD-THEN-HEAT



Uniaxially loaded specimen

3) RESTRAINED THERMAL STRAIN



Uniaxially restrained specimen

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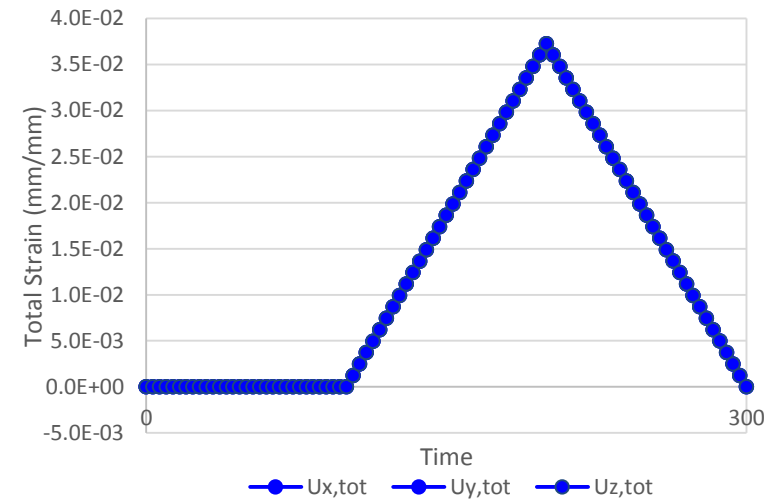
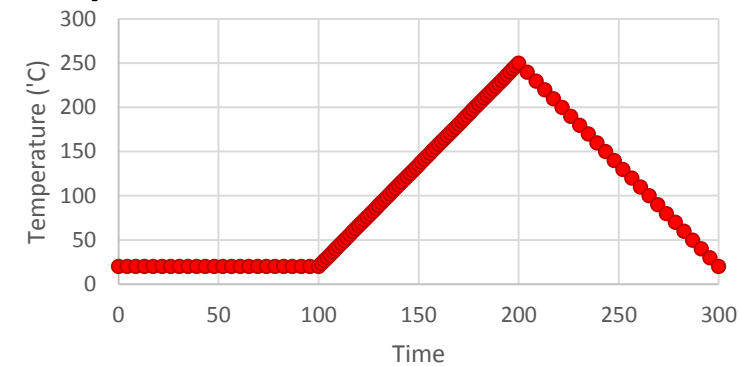
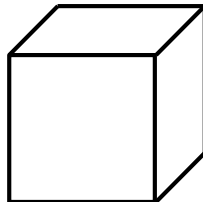
Verification example n.1

Specimen subjected to free thermal strain
(linear thermal expansion)

Constitutive equation (Anderberg and Thelandersson model)

$$\dot{\varepsilon}_{ij}^{el} = \underbrace{\frac{1+\nu}{E} \dot{\sigma}_{ij} - \frac{\nu}{E} \dot{\sigma}_{kk} \delta_{ij}}_{\dot{\varepsilon}_{ij}^{el}} + \underbrace{\frac{k_{tr}\alpha}{\sigma_{u0}} (-\nu_{lits} \sigma_{kk} \delta_{ij} + (1+\nu_{lits}) \sigma_{ij}) \dot{T}}_{\dot{\varepsilon}_{ij}^{lits}} + \underbrace{\alpha \delta_{ij} \dot{T}}_{\dot{\varepsilon}_{ij}^{th}}$$

Stress-free specimen



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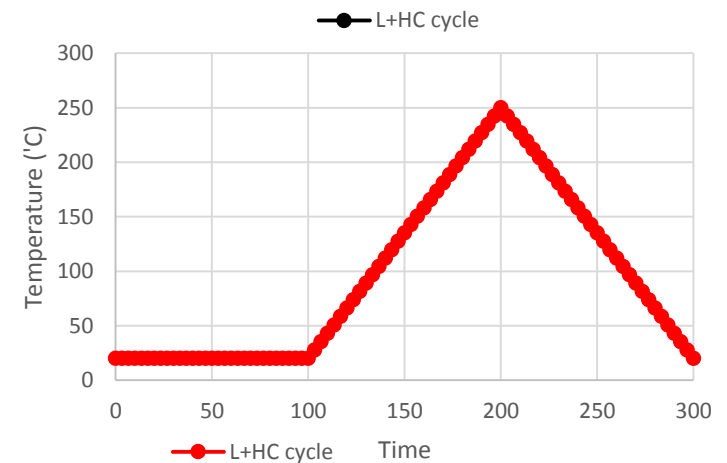
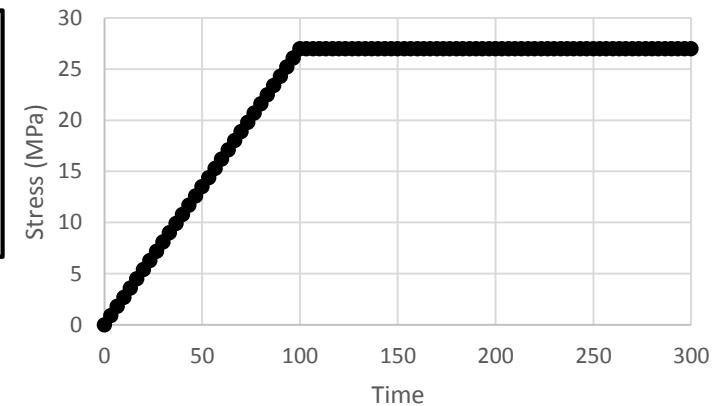
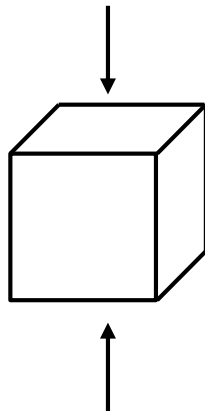
Verification example n.2

Specimen subjected to Load-Then-Heat regime (bilinear LITS model)

Constitutive equation (Anderberg and Thelandersson model)

$$\dot{\varepsilon}_{ij}^{el} = \underbrace{\frac{1+v}{E} \dot{\sigma}_{ij} - \frac{v}{E} \dot{\sigma}_{kk} \delta_{ij}}_{\dot{\varepsilon}_{ij}^{el}} + \underbrace{\frac{k_{tr} \alpha}{\sigma_{u0}} (-v_{lits} \sigma_{kk} \delta_{ij} + (1+v_{lits}) \sigma_{ij}) \dot{T}}_{\dot{\varepsilon}_{ij}^{lits}} + \underbrace{\alpha \delta_{ij} \dot{T}}_{\dot{\varepsilon}_{ij}^{th}}$$

Uniaxially loaded specimen



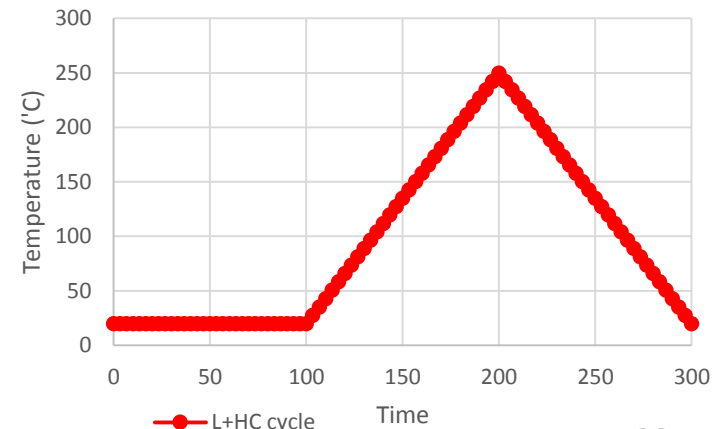
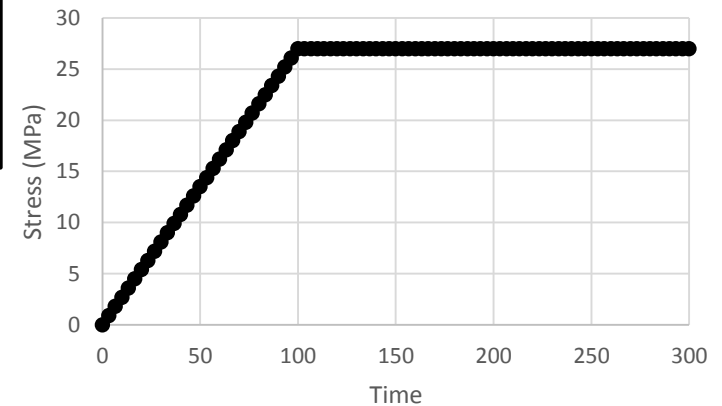
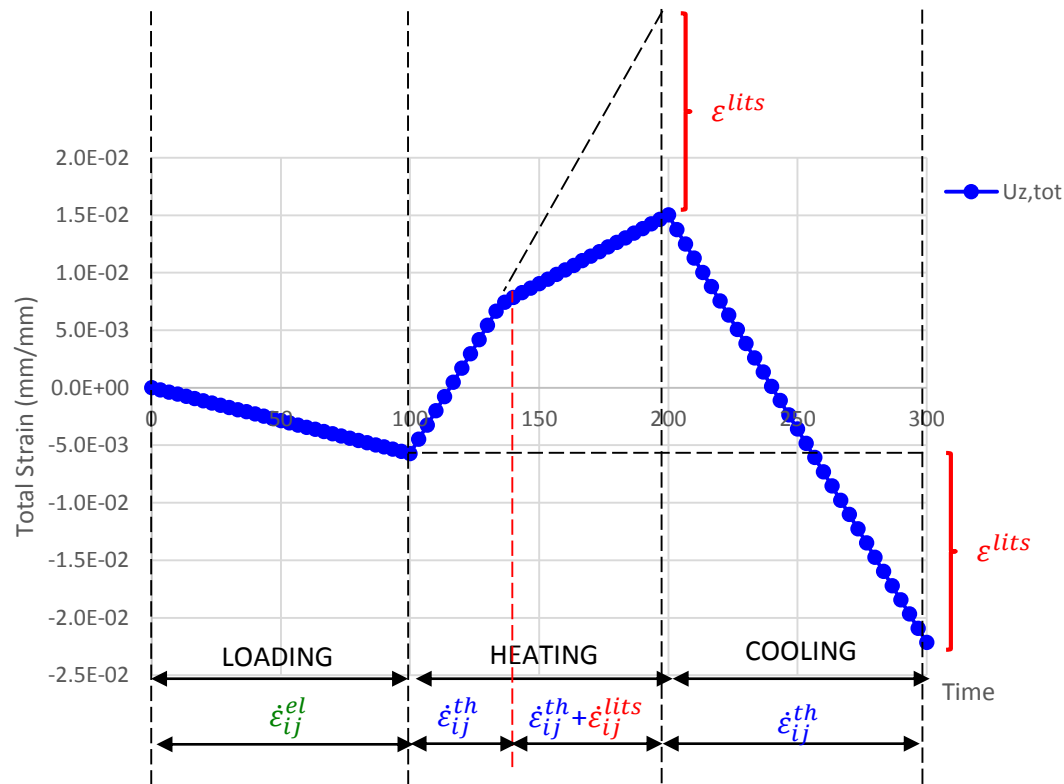
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5. Verification studies

Verification example n.3

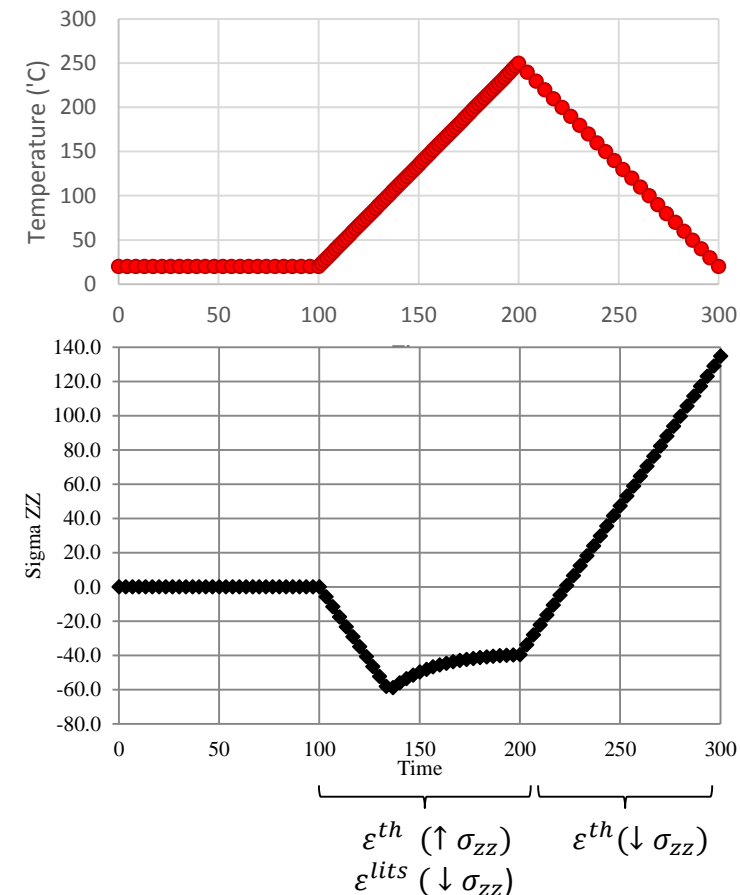
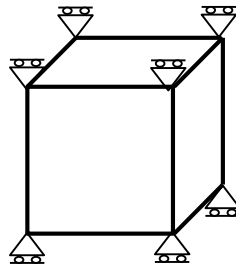
Specimen subjected to Restrained Thermal Strain (bilinear LITS model)

Constitutive equation (Anderberg and Thelandersson model)

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Note: $T_{boil}=100^{\circ}\text{C}$

Uniaxially restrained specimen



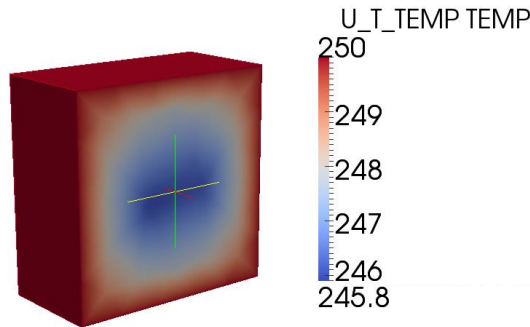
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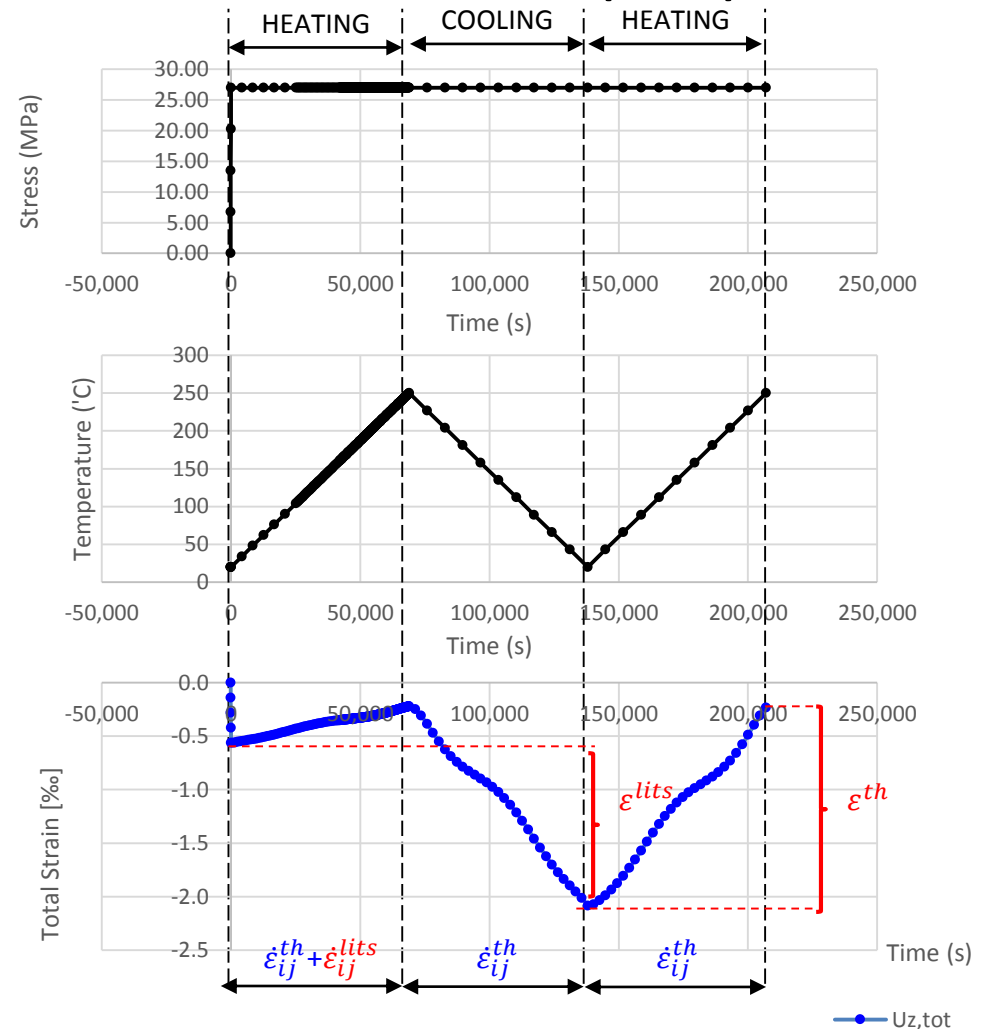
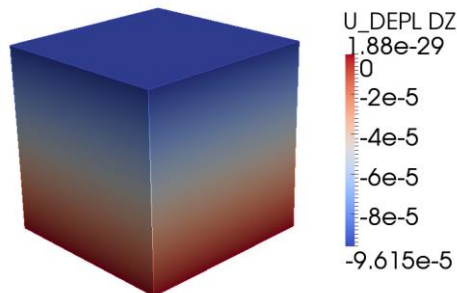
Multiaxial loading conditions

Modelling of experiments Petkovski, Crouch (2008)

1. THERMAL ANALYSIS



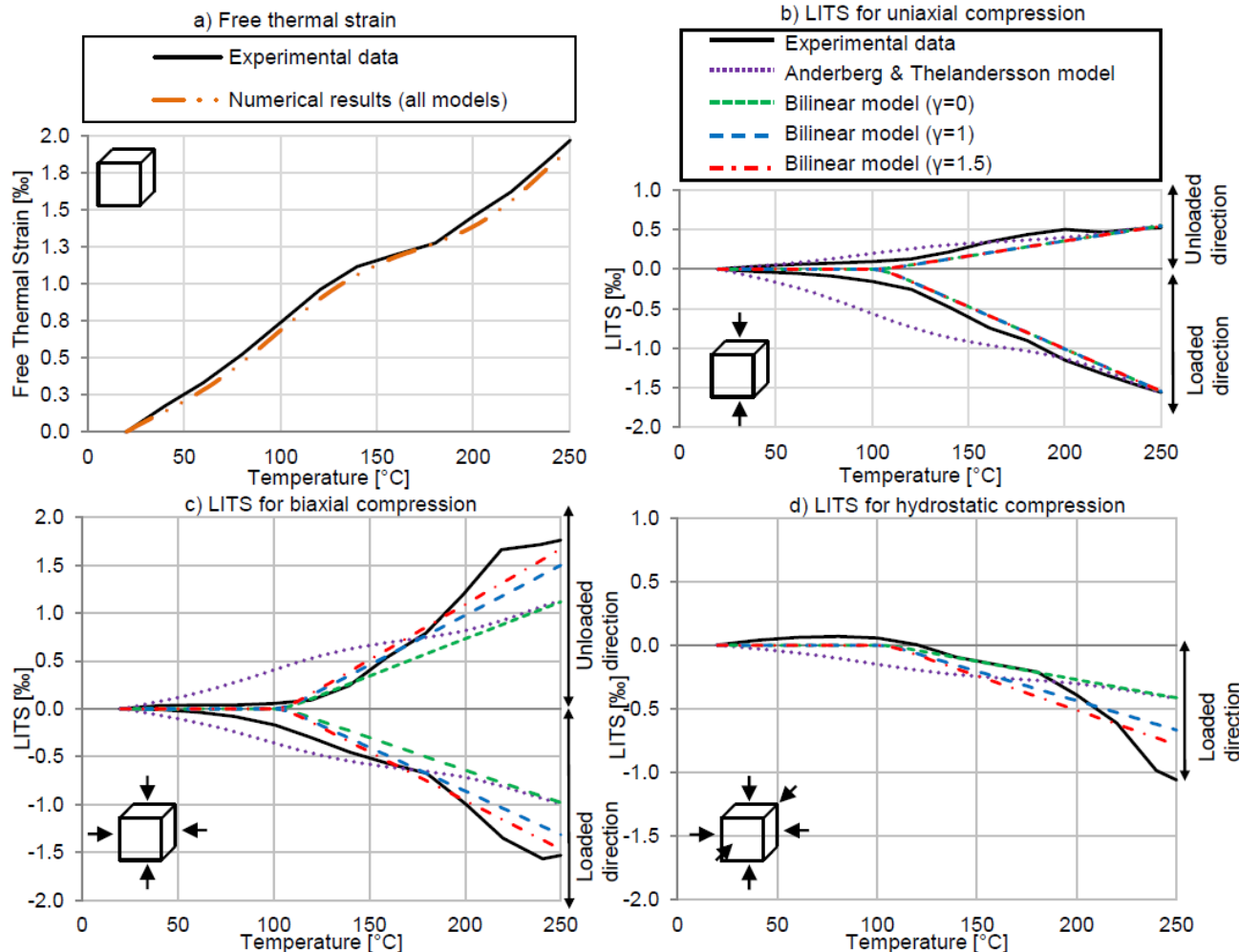
2. MECHANICAL ANALYSIS



6. Validation studies

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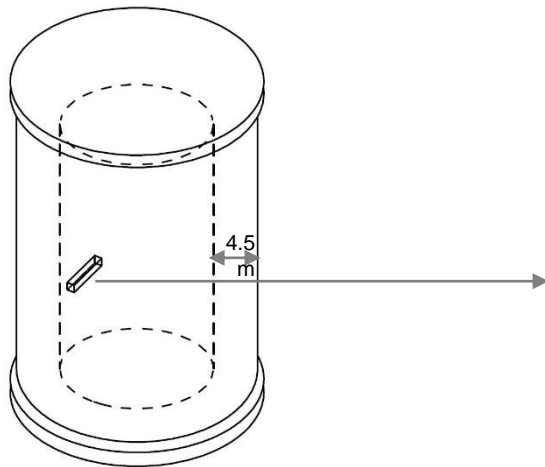


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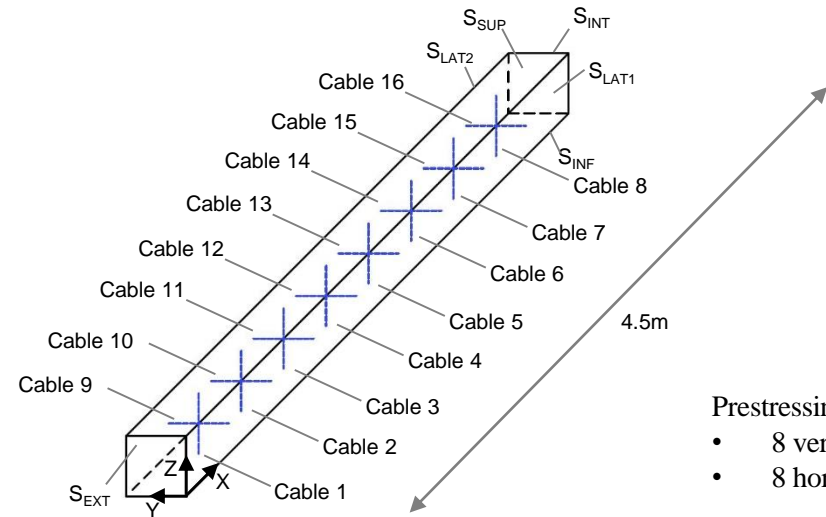
7. Application to a test case

Loss of prestress in Pressure Vessel subjected to HC cycle

Typical PCPV geometry



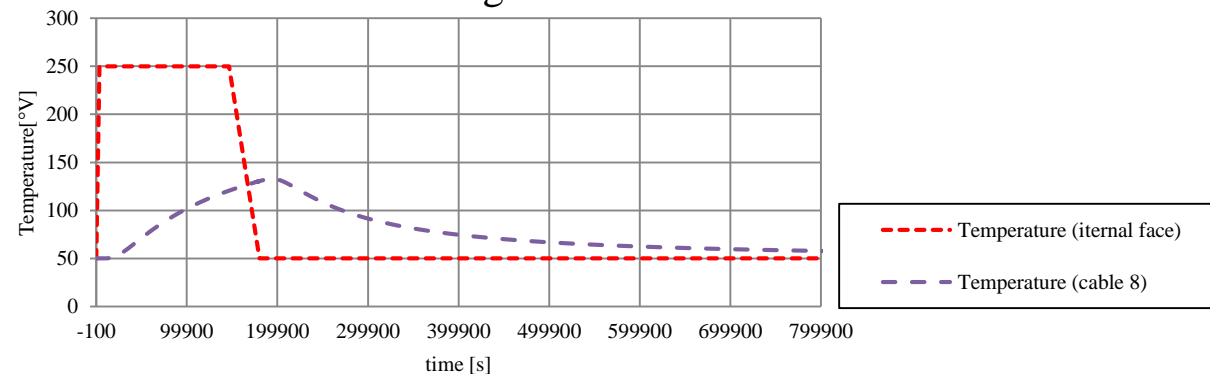
Studied representative portion



Prestressing system:

- 8 vertical tendons
- 8 horizontal tendons

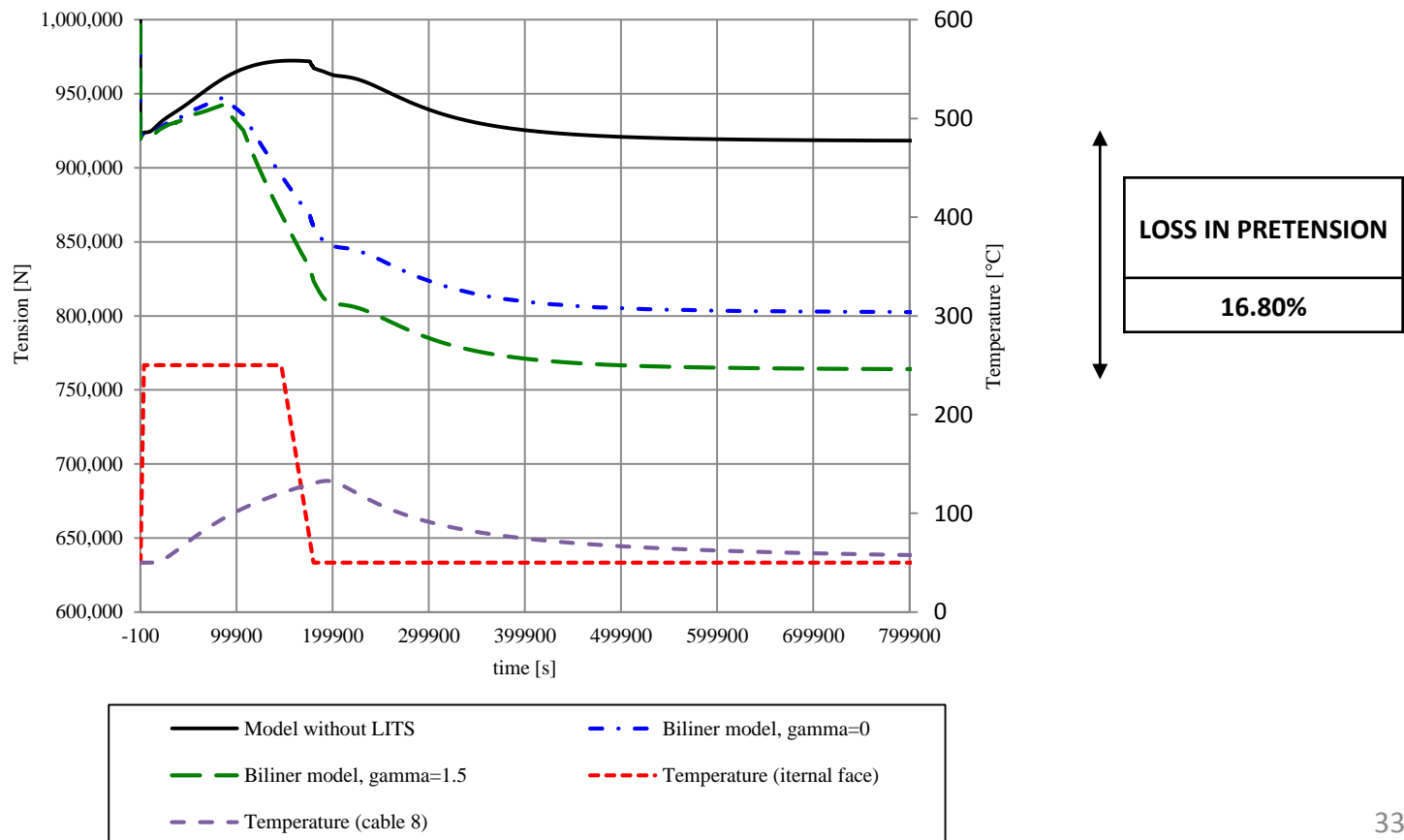
Considered design scenario



7. Application to a test case

Loss of prestress in Pressure Vessel subjected to HC cycle

Loss in pretension in cable n.8



7. Application to a test case

Conclusions

- The introduced **triaxiality coefficient** is crucial to capture the behaviour of structures working in biaxial compression
- In case of prestressed structures subjected to HC cycles, LITS can produce a loss in prestress of about 15-20%. Therefore, **it is essential to include a LITS model** for assessing the stress redistribution in case of fault condition of nuclear PCPV.

8. Questions

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