

Mathematical modelling of elastoplastic processes: past, present and future

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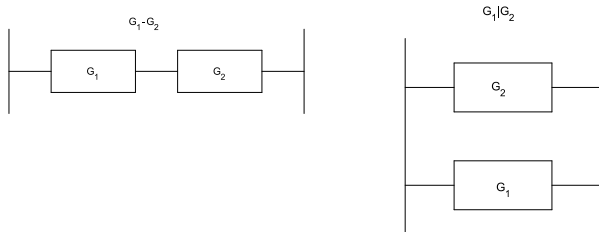
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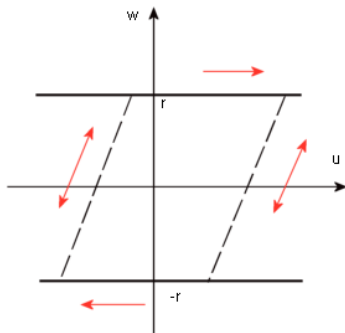


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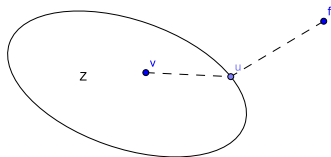
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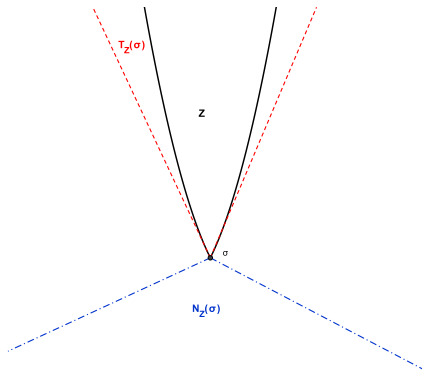
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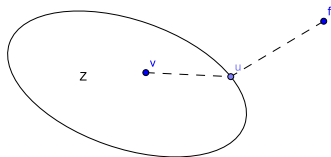
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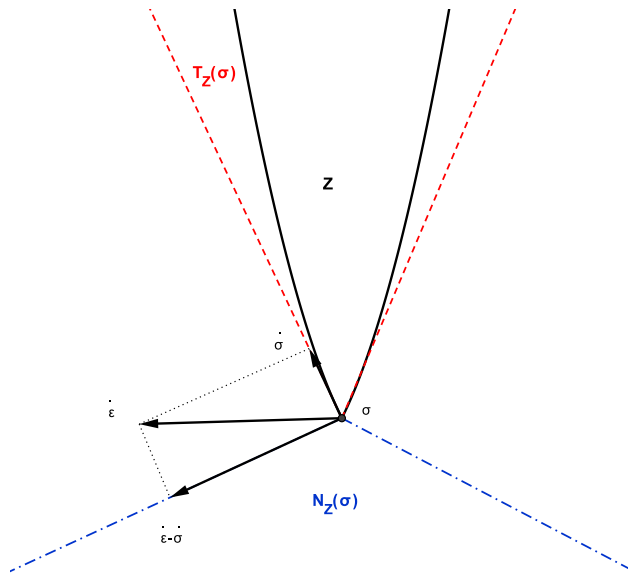
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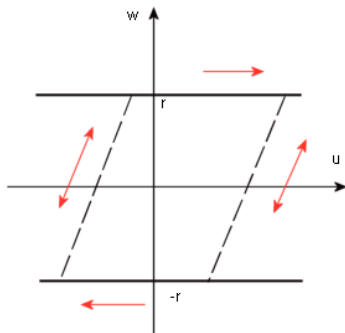


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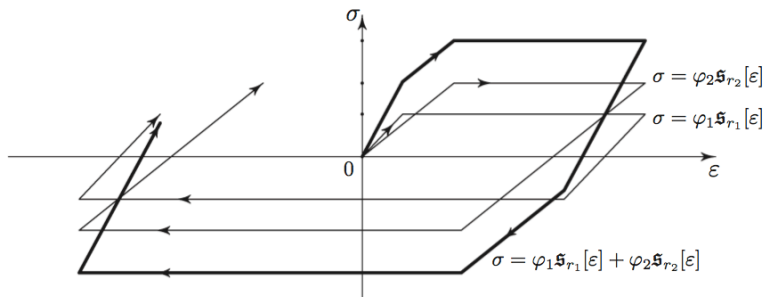


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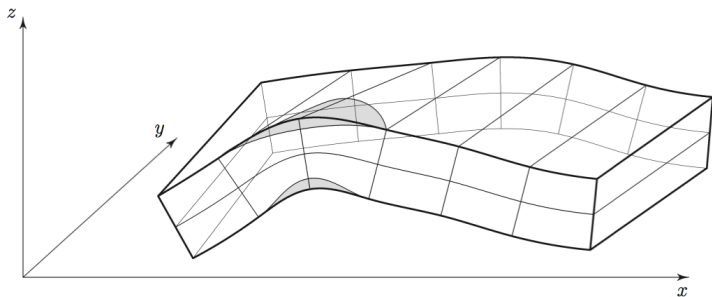


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The model with phase transition

● Motivation:

- possibility to account also for decreasing fatigue rate (in view of engineering applications)
- the material can be partially repaired by local melting

● How to achieve this goal:

- account for phase transition in the model
- m material fatigue and χ degree of melting
- the time of failure of the material can be shifted
- possibly considering a sufficiently large time interval of observation (usual engineering viewpoint) a global solution of the corresponding PDEs system can be found

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