

# Advanced nonlinear structural analysis



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## Outline

- Sources of Nonlinearities
- Introduction to Nonlinear Structural Analysis
- Finite element formulation for nonlinear dynamic analysis
- Advanced topics





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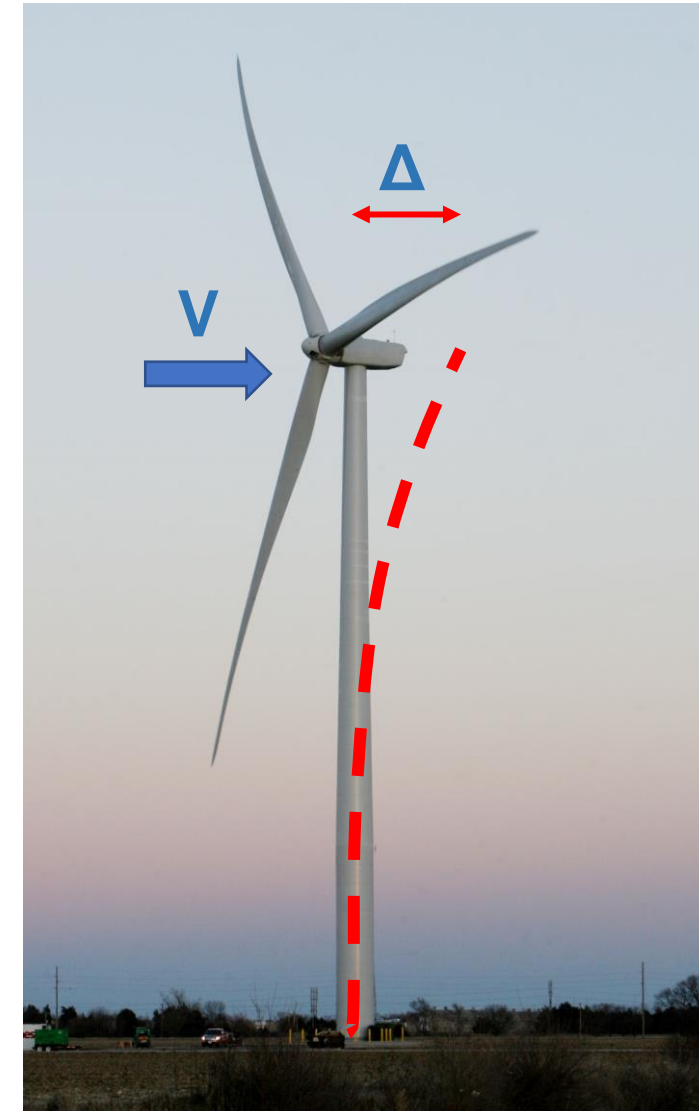
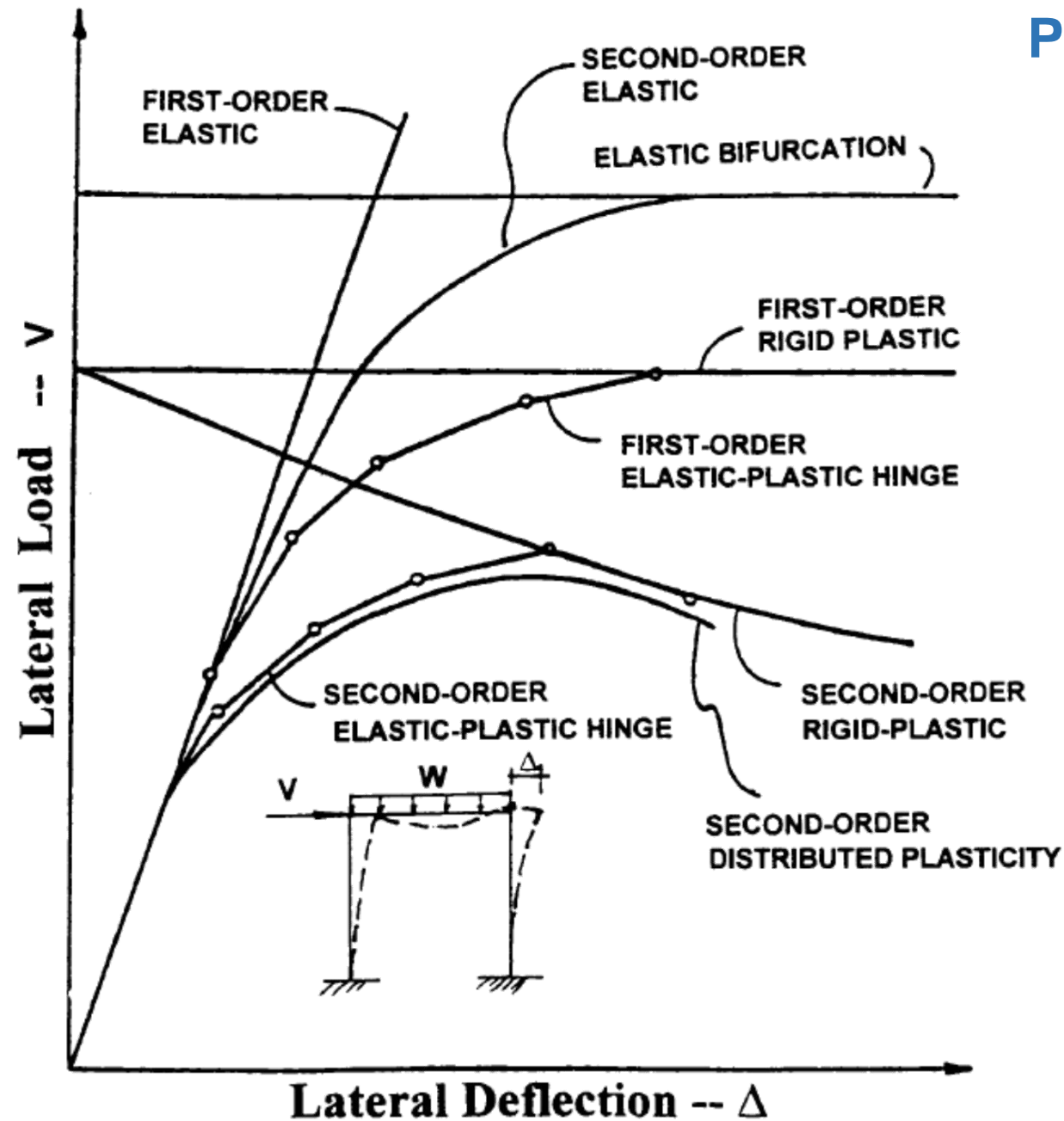
Nonlinear



# Sources of nonlinearity

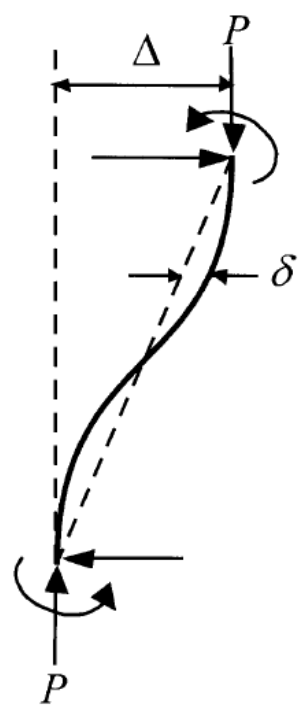
- Geometric
- Material
- Force Boundary Conditions
- Displacement Boundary Conditions

## Pushover analysis of wind turbine towers



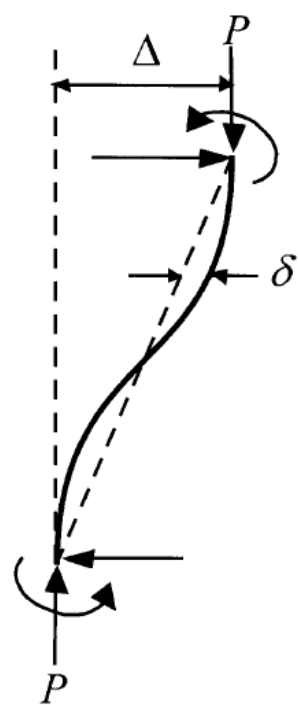
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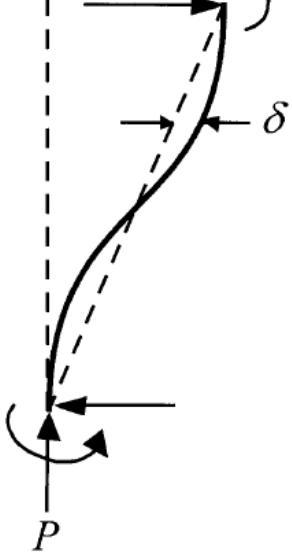
## Structural Analysis Methods



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## Structural Analysis Methods



# General Guidelines

First-order analysis VS. second-order analysis

True large displacement analysis

Elastic analysis VS. Inelastic analysis

Bowing effect / Wagner effect / Other effects

Steel nonlinearity

Concrete nonlinearity

Composite materials nonlinearity

Other nonlinearities



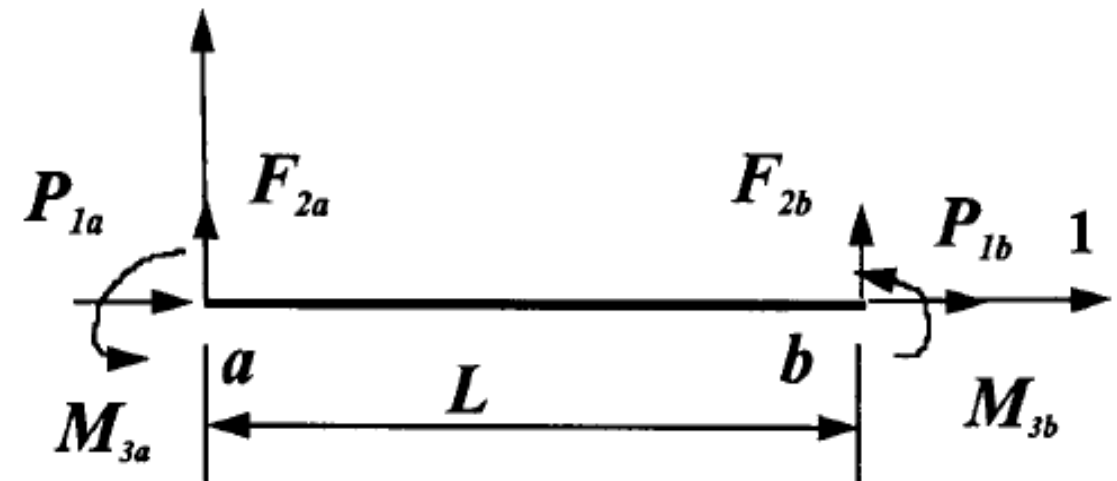
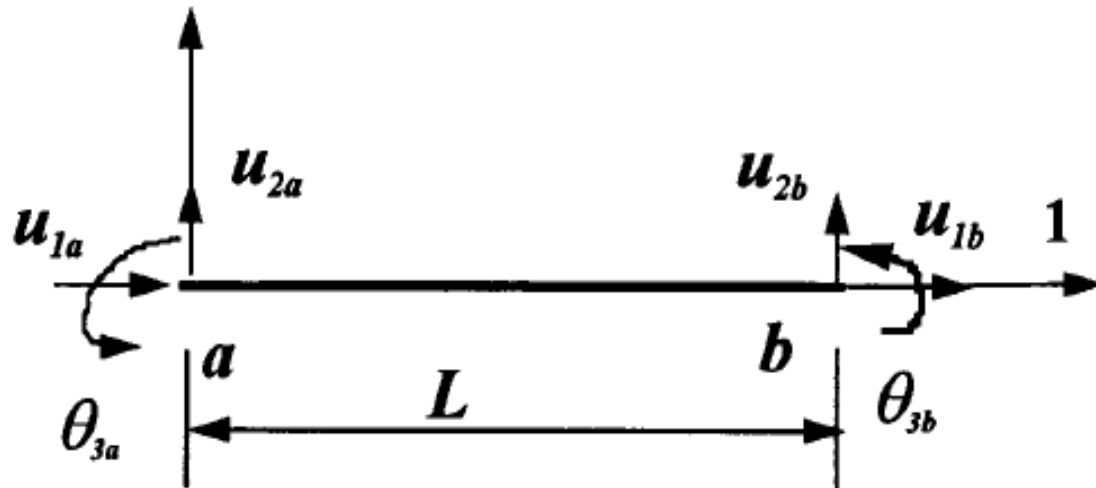
# Geometric Nonlinearity Formulation

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2-D

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# Geometric Nonlinearity Formulation

$$\{F\} = [K]\{D\}$$

$$[K] = [K_e] + [K_g]$$

$$[K] = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{AE}{L} & 0 & 0 & -\frac{AE}{L} & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{12EI}{L^3}\phi_1 & \frac{-6EI}{L^2}\phi_2 & 0 & \frac{-12EI}{L^3}\phi & \frac{-6EI}{L^2}\phi_2 & \\ & 4\phi_3 & 0 & \frac{6EI}{L^2}\phi_2 & 2\phi_4 & \\ & & \frac{AE}{L} & 0 & 0 & \\ & & & \frac{12EI}{L^3}\phi & \frac{6EI}{L^2}\phi_2 & \\ & & & & 4\phi_3 & \end{bmatrix}$$

 $\phi_1$ 

$$\frac{1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2n+1)!} [\mp(kL)^2]^n}{12\phi}$$

 $\phi_2$ 

$$\frac{\frac{1}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2n+2)!} [\mp(kL)^2]^n}{6\phi}$$

 $\phi_3$ 

$$\frac{\frac{1}{3} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2(n+1)}{(2n+3)!} [\mp(kL)^2]^n}{4\phi}$$

 $\phi_4$ 

$$\frac{\frac{1}{6} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2n+3)!} [\mp(kL)^2]^n}{2\phi}$$

 $\phi$ 

$$\frac{1}{12} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2(n+1)}{(2n+4)!} [\mp(kL)^2]^n$$



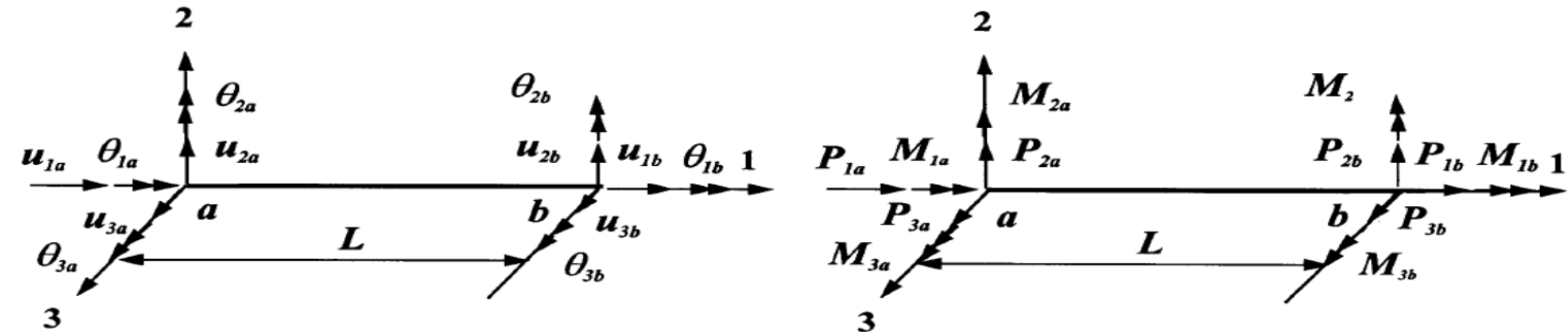
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$$[K] = \begin{bmatrix} \phi_{s1} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\phi_{s1} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ & \phi_{s7} & 0 & 0 & 0 & \phi_{s6} & 0 & -\phi_{s7} & 0 & 0 & 0 & \phi_{s6} \\ & & \phi_{s9} & 0 & -\phi_{s8} & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\phi_{s9} & 0 & -\phi_{s8} & 0 \\ & & & \frac{GJ}{L} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{GJ}{L} & 0 & 0 \\ & & & & \phi_{s4} & 0 & 0 & 0 & \phi_{s8} & 0 & \phi_{s5} & 0 \\ & & & & & \phi_{s2} & 0 & -\phi_{s6} & 0 & 0 & 0 & \phi_{s3} \\ & & & & & & \phi_{s1} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ & & & & & & & \phi_{s7} & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\phi_{s6} \\ & & & & & & & & \phi_{s9} & 0 & \phi_{s8} & 0 \\ & & & & & & & & & \frac{GJ}{L} & 0 & 0 \\ & & & & & & & & & & \phi_{s4} & 0 \\ & & & & & & & & & & & \phi_{s2} \end{bmatrix}$$

Sym.

## 3-D Stiffness matrix

$\phi_{si}$		Compression	Tension
$\phi_{s1} = S_1 \frac{EA}{L}$	$S_1$	$\frac{1}{1 - \frac{EA}{4P^3 L^2} [H_y + H_z]}$	$\frac{1}{1 - \frac{EA}{4P^3 L^2} [H'_y + H'_z]}$
$\phi_{s2} = S_2 \frac{(4 + \phi_y)EI_z}{(1 + \phi_y)L}$	$S_2$	$\frac{(\alpha L)(\sin \alpha L - \alpha L \cos \alpha L)}{4\phi_\alpha}$	$\frac{(\alpha L)(\alpha L \cosh \alpha L - \sinh \alpha L)}{4\phi_\alpha}$
$\phi_{s3} = S_2 \frac{(2 - \phi_y)EI_z}{(1 + \phi_y)L}$	$S_3$	$\frac{(\alpha L)(\alpha L - \sin \alpha L)}{2\phi_\alpha}$	$\frac{(\alpha L)(\sinh \alpha L - \alpha L)}{2\phi_\alpha}$
$\phi_{s4} = S_4 \frac{(4 + \phi_z)EI_y}{(1 + \phi_z)L}$	$S_4$	$\frac{(\beta L)(\sin \beta L - \beta L \cos \beta L)}{4\phi_\beta}$	$\frac{(\beta L)(\beta L \cosh \beta L - \sinh \beta L)}{4\phi_\beta}$
$\phi_{s5} = S_2 \frac{(2 - \phi_z)EI_y}{(1 + \phi_z)L}$	$S_5$	$\frac{(\beta L)(\beta L - \sin \beta L)}{2\phi_\beta}$	$\frac{(\beta L)(\sinh \beta L - \beta L)}{2\phi_\beta}$
$\phi_{s6} = S_6 \frac{6EI_z}{(1 + \phi_y)L^2}$	$S_6$	$\frac{(\alpha L)^2(1 - \cos \alpha L)}{6\phi_\alpha}$	$\frac{(\alpha L)^2(\cosh \alpha L - 1)}{6\phi_\alpha}$
$\phi_{s7} = S_7 \frac{12EI_z}{(1 + \phi_y)L^3}$	$S_7$	$\frac{(\alpha L)^3 \sin \alpha L}{12\phi_\alpha}$	$\frac{(\alpha L)^3 \sinh \alpha L}{12\phi_\alpha}$
$\phi_{s8} = S_8 \frac{6EI_y}{(1 + \phi_z)L^2}$	$S_8$	$\frac{(\beta L)^2(1 - \cos \beta L)}{6\phi_\beta}$	$\frac{(\beta L)^2(\cosh \beta L - 1)}{6\phi_\beta}$
$\phi_{s9} = S_9 \frac{12EI_y}{(1 + \phi_z)L^3}$	$S_9$	$\frac{(\beta L)^3 \sin \beta L}{12\phi_\beta}$	$\frac{(\beta L)^3 \sinh \beta L}{12\phi_\beta}$
$\alpha = \sqrt{P / EI_z}$	$\phi_\alpha$	$2 - 2 \cos \alpha L - \alpha L \sin \alpha L$	$2 - 2 \cosh \alpha L + \alpha L \sinh \alpha L$
$\beta = \sqrt{P / EI_y}$	$\phi_\beta$	$2 - 2 \cos \beta L - \beta L \sin \beta L$	$2 - 2 \cosh \beta L + \beta L \sinh \beta L$

## Linear Elastic Matrix

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_{e1} &= \frac{AE}{L} ; & \phi_{e2} &= \frac{4EI_z}{L} \\ \phi_{e3} &= \frac{2EI_z}{L} ; & \phi_{e4} &= \frac{4EI_y}{L} \\ \phi_{e5} &= \frac{2EI_y}{L} ; & \phi_{e6} &= \frac{6EI_z}{L^2} \\ \phi_{e7} &= \frac{12EI_z}{L^3} ; & \phi_{e8} &= \frac{6EI_y}{L^2} \\ \phi_{e9} &= \frac{12EI_y}{L^3} \end{aligned}$$

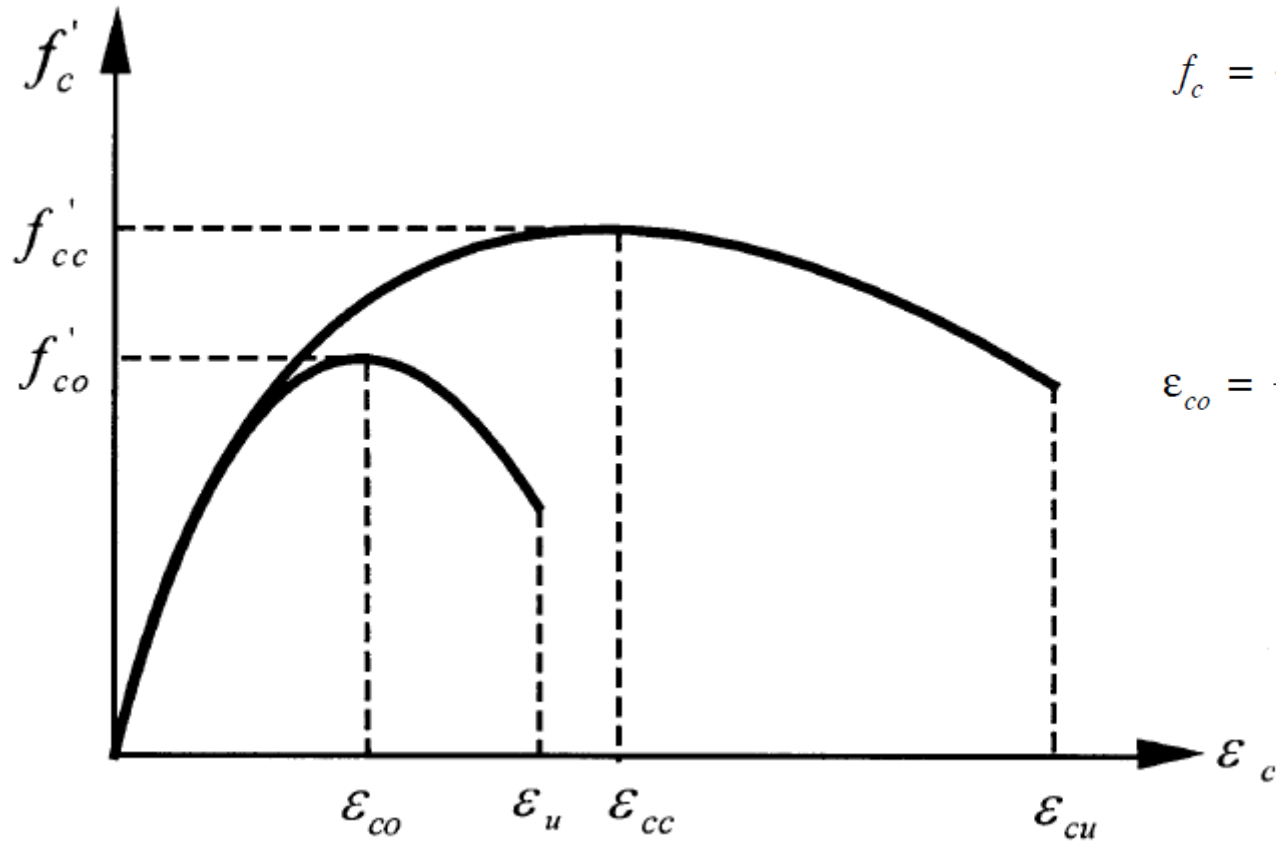
## Geometric Nonlinear Matrix

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_{g1} &= 0 ; & \phi_{g2} &= \phi_{g4} = \frac{2F_{xb}L}{15} ; & \phi_{g3} &= \phi_{g5} = \frac{F_{xb}L}{30} \\ \phi_{g7} &= \phi_{g9} = \frac{6F_{xb}}{5L} ; & \phi_{g6} &= \phi_{g8} = \frac{F_{xb}}{10} ; & \phi_{g10} &= \frac{M_{za} + M_{zb}}{L^2} \\ \phi_{g11} &= \frac{M_{ya} + M_{yb}}{L^2} ; & \phi_{g12} &= \frac{M_{ya}}{L} ; & \phi_{g13} &= \frac{M_{xb}}{L} \\ \phi_{g14} &= \frac{M_{yb}}{L} ; & \phi_{g15} &= \frac{M_{za}}{L} ; & \phi_{g16} &= \frac{M_{zb}}{L} \\ \phi_{g17} &= \frac{F_{xb}I_p}{AL} ; & \phi_{g18} &= \frac{M_{zb}}{6} - \frac{M_{za}}{3} ; & \phi_{g19} &= \frac{M_{ya}}{3} - \frac{M_{yb}}{6} \\ \phi_{g20} &= \frac{M_{za} + M_{zyb}}{6} ; & \phi_{g21} &= \frac{M_{ya} + M_{yb}}{6} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} H_y &= \beta L(M_{ya}^2 + M_{yb}^2)(\cot \beta L + \beta L \operatorname{cosec}^2 \beta L) - 2(M_{ya} + M_{yb})^2 + 2\beta L M_{ya} M_{yb} (\operatorname{cosec} \beta L)(1 + \beta L \cot \beta L) \\ H_z &= \alpha L(M_{za}^2 + M_{zb}^2)(\cot \alpha L + \alpha L \operatorname{cosec}^2 \alpha L) - 2(M_{za} + M_{zb})^2 + 2\alpha L M_{za} M_{zb} (\operatorname{cosec} \alpha L)(1 + \alpha L \cot \alpha L) \\ H'_y &= \beta L(M_{ya}^2 + M_{yb}^2)(\coth \beta L + \beta L \operatorname{cosech}^2 \beta L) - 2(M_{ya} + M_{yb})^2 + 2\beta L M_{ya} M_{yb} (\operatorname{cosech} \beta L)(1 + \beta L \coth \beta L) \\ H'_z &= \alpha L(M_{za}^2 + M_{zb}^2)(\coth \alpha L + \alpha L \operatorname{cosech}^2 \alpha L) - 2(M_{za} + M_{zb})^2 + 2\alpha L M_{za} M_{zb} (\operatorname{cosech} \alpha L)(1 + \alpha L \coth \alpha L) \end{aligned}$$



# Material Nonlinearity Formulations



$$f_c = \begin{cases} f'_{co} \left[ \frac{2\epsilon_c}{\epsilon_{co}} - \left( \frac{\epsilon_c}{\epsilon_{co}} \right)^2 \right] & \epsilon_c \leq \epsilon_{co} \\ f'_{co} \left[ 1 - \beta \left( \frac{\epsilon_c - \epsilon_o}{\epsilon_u - \epsilon_{co}} \right) \right] & \epsilon_{co} < \epsilon_c \leq \epsilon_u \end{cases}$$

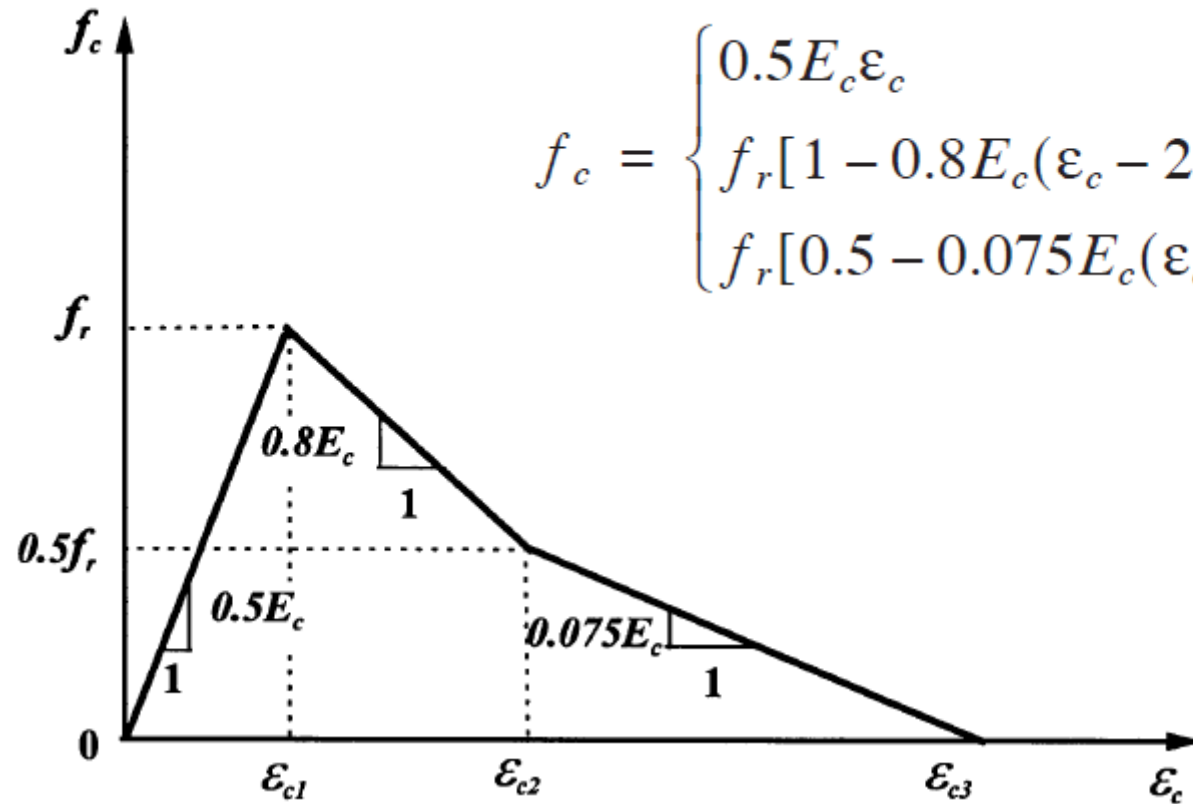
$$\epsilon_{co} = \frac{2f'_{co}}{E_c}$$



Idealized stress–strain curves for concrete in uniaxial compression

**Concrete: towers / foundation / piles**

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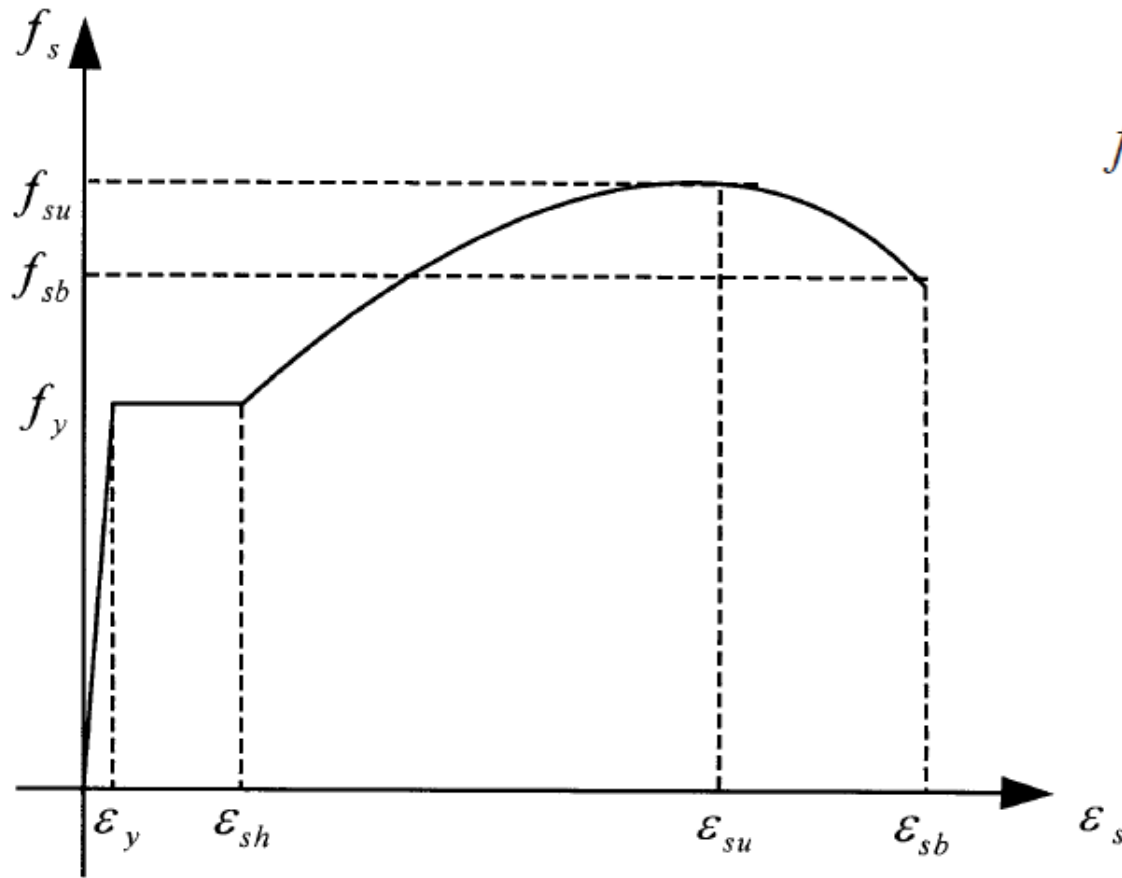
$$f_c = \begin{cases} 0.5E_c\epsilon_c & \epsilon_c \leq \epsilon_{c1} = 2f_r/E_c \\ f_r[1 - 0.8E_c(\epsilon_c - 2f_r/E_c)] & \epsilon_{c1} < \epsilon_c \leq \epsilon_{c2} = 2.625f_r/E_c \\ f_r[0.5 - 0.075E_c(\epsilon_c - 2.625f_r/4E_c)] & \epsilon_c < \epsilon_{c3} = 9.292f_r/E_c \end{cases}$$



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# Material Nonlinearity Formulations



$$f_s = \begin{cases} E_s \varepsilon_s & 0 \leq \varepsilon_s \leq \varepsilon_y \\ f_y & \varepsilon_{sy} < \varepsilon_s \leq \varepsilon_{sh} \\ f_y + \frac{\varepsilon_s - \varepsilon_{sh}}{\varepsilon_{su} - \varepsilon_{sh}} (f_{su} - f_y) & \varepsilon_{sh} < \varepsilon_s \leq \varepsilon_{su} \\ f_u - \frac{\varepsilon_s - \varepsilon_{su}}{\varepsilon_{sb} - \varepsilon_{su}} (f_{su} - f_{sb}) & \varepsilon_{cu} < \varepsilon_s \leq \varepsilon_{sb} \end{cases}$$

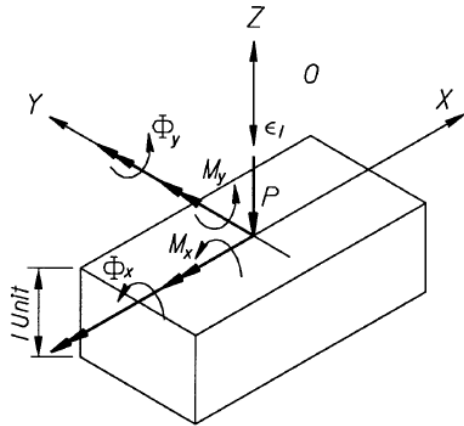


Idealized stress–strain curves for steel in uniaxial tension & compression

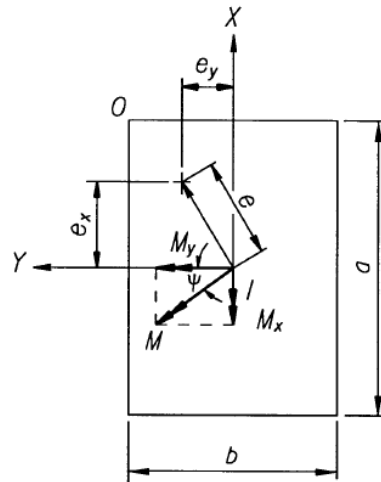
**Steel: towers / reinforcement / shaft / hub etc.**



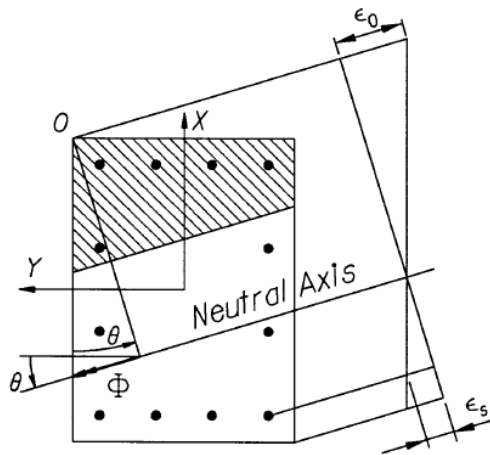
# Nonlinear Section Analysis



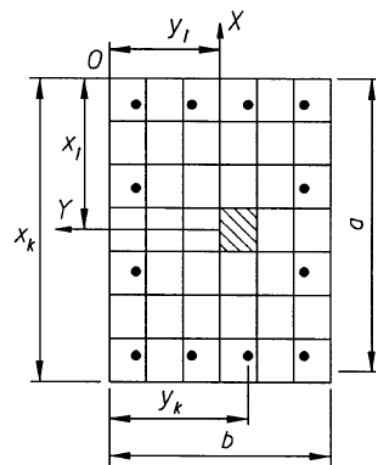
(a)



(b)



(c)



(d)

## Compatibility equations

$$\phi_x = \epsilon / y$$

$$\phi_y = \epsilon / x$$

$$P = \int_A \sigma dA = \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i A_i$$

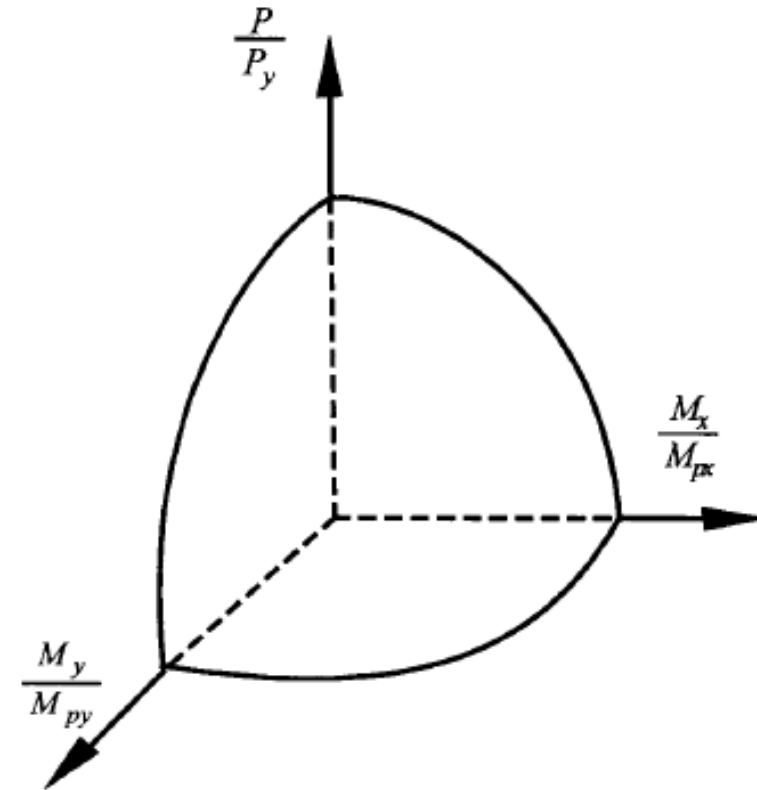
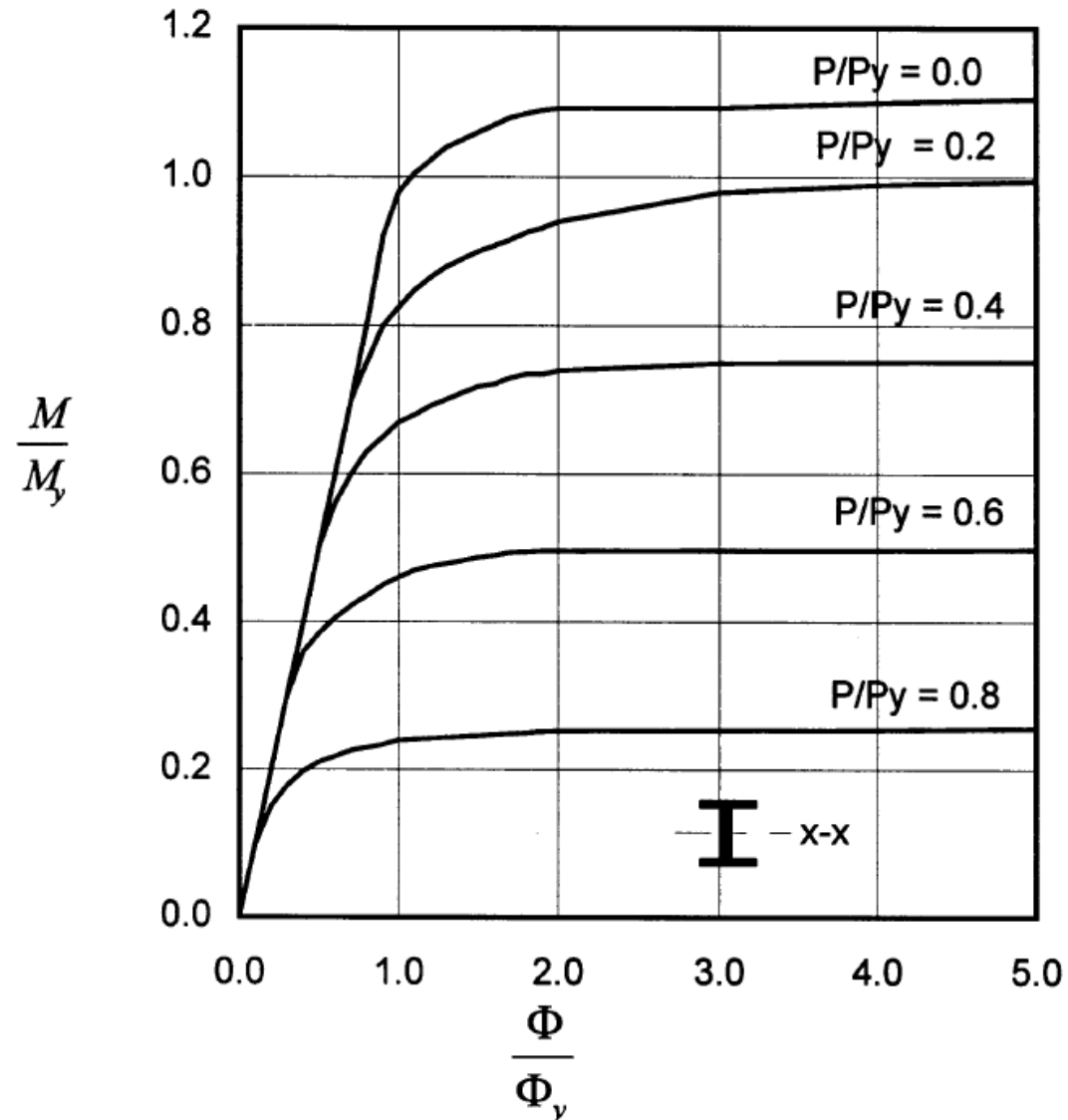
## Equilibrium equations

$$M_x = \int_A \sigma y dA = \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i y_i A_i$$

$$M_y = \int_A \sigma x dA = \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i x_i A_i$$

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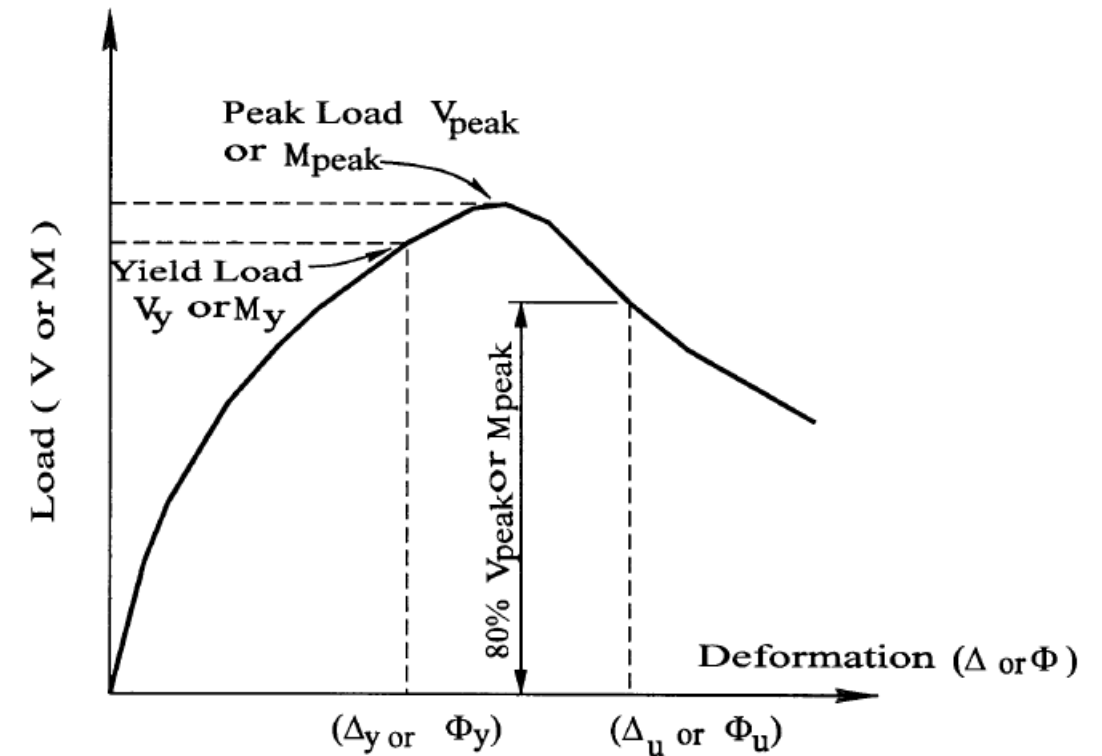
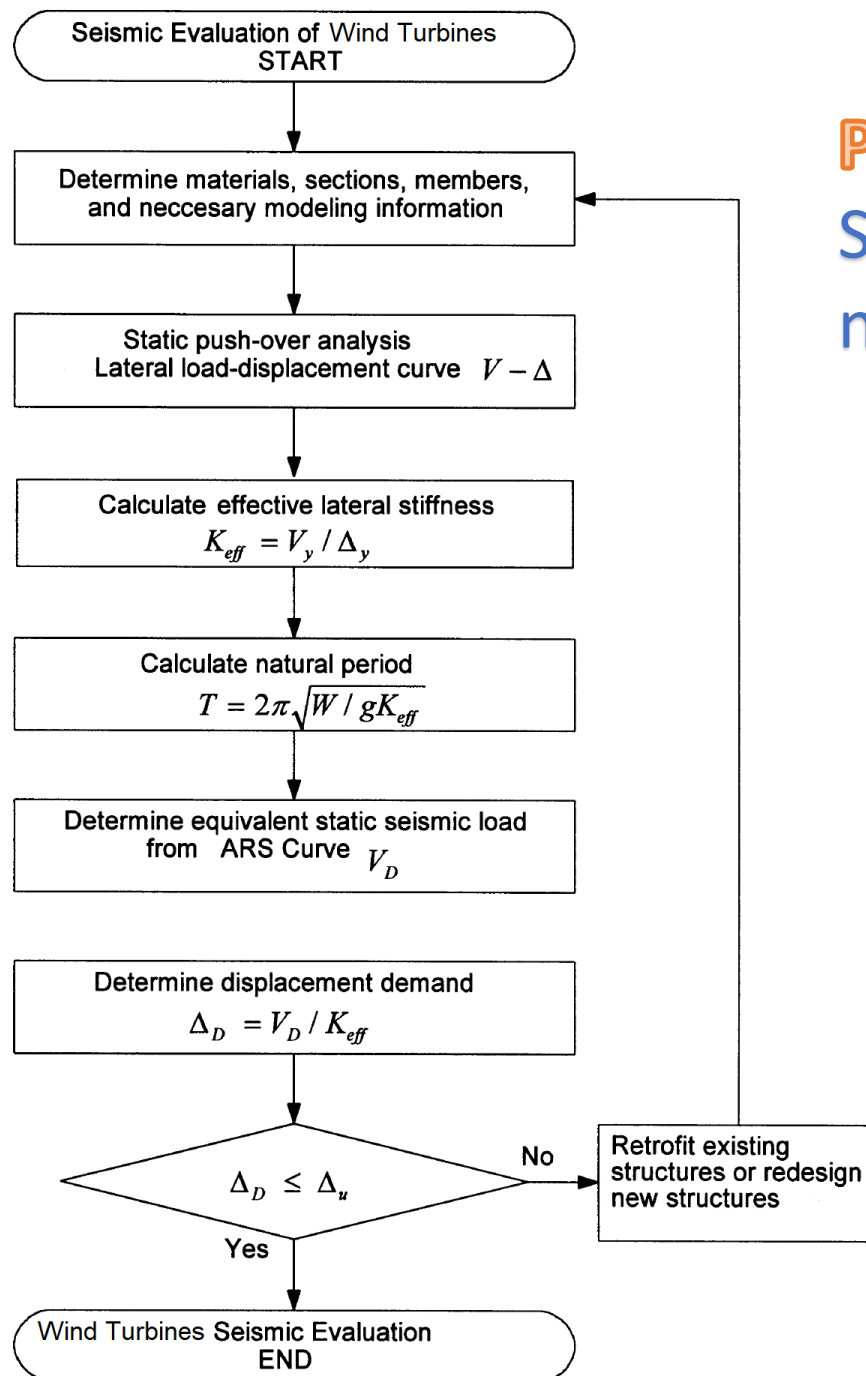
Moment–thrust–curvature curve for a steel I-section (2-D loads)



General yield surface for a steel I-section (3-D loads)

## Practical Applications

### Seismic evaluation of wind turbines with nonlinear behavior





## Practical Applications

### Linear and Nonlinear Dynamic Analysis

$$[M] \cdot \ddot{u} + [C] \cdot \dot{u} + [K] \cdot u = R(t)$$

$[M]$

Mass matrix

$[C]$

Damping matrix

$[K]$

Stiffness matrix (constant)

$R(t)$

Vector of external loads

$u, \dot{u}, \ddot{u}$

Displacement, velocity and acceleration vectors

$[M], [C], [K]$  symmetrical

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$[K(t)]$

Stiffness matrix (time depended)

$R(t)$

Vector of external loads

$u, \dot{u}, \ddot{u}$

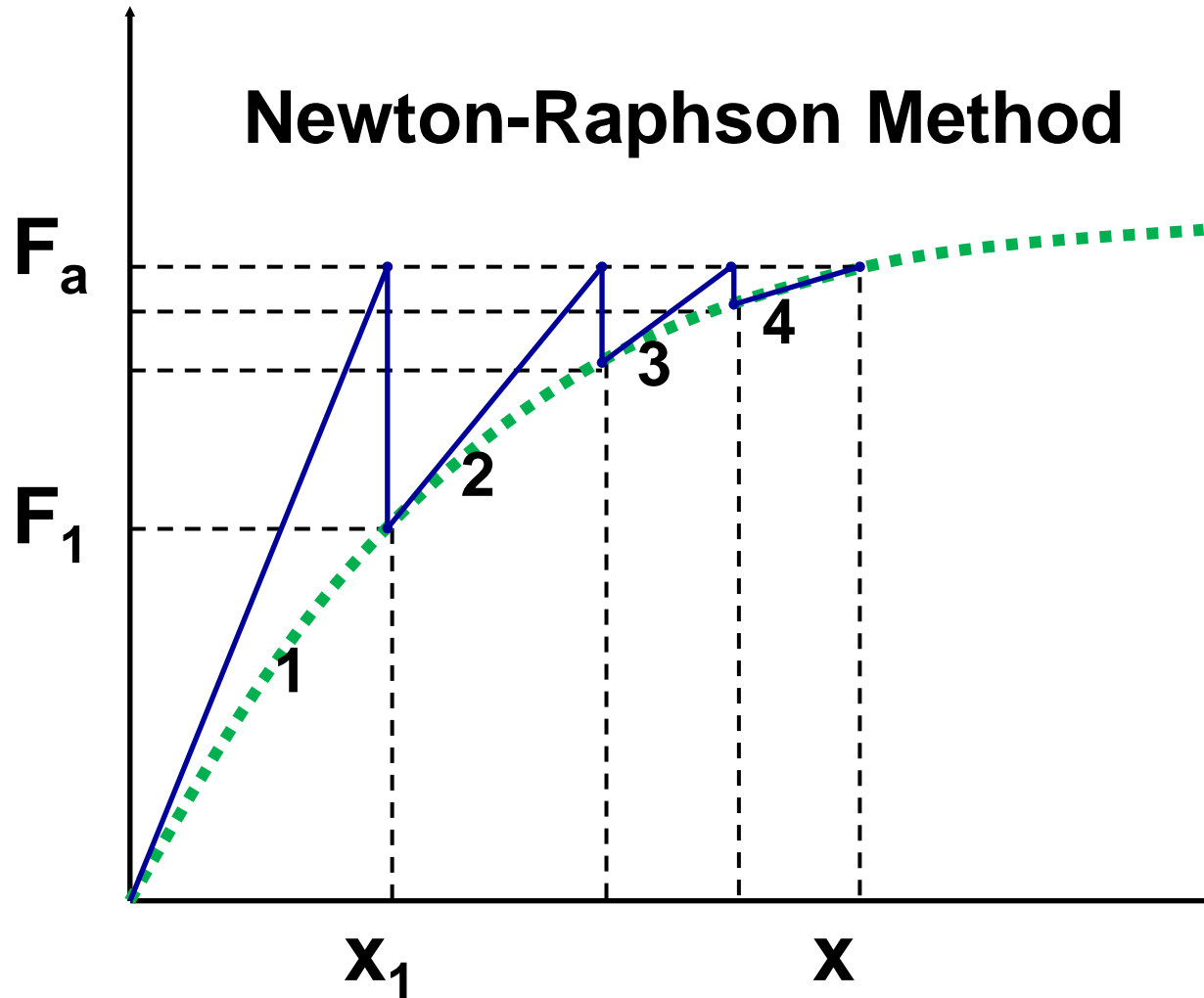
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### Linear and Nonlinear Dynamic Analysis

#### Newton-Raphson Method

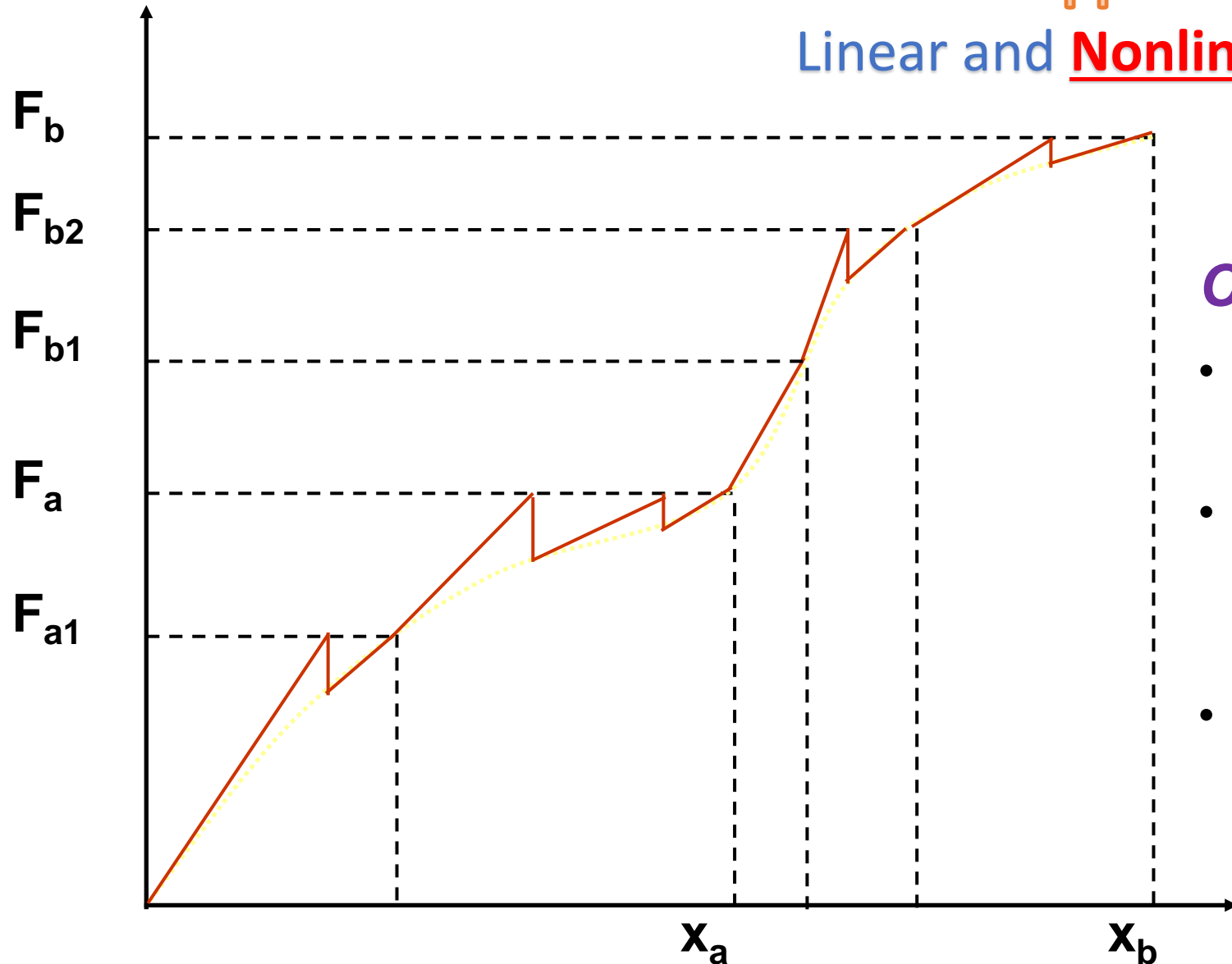


- The actual relationship between load and displacement is not known beforehand.
- Consequently, a series of linear approximations with corrections is performed. This is a simplified explanation of the Newton-Raphson method.



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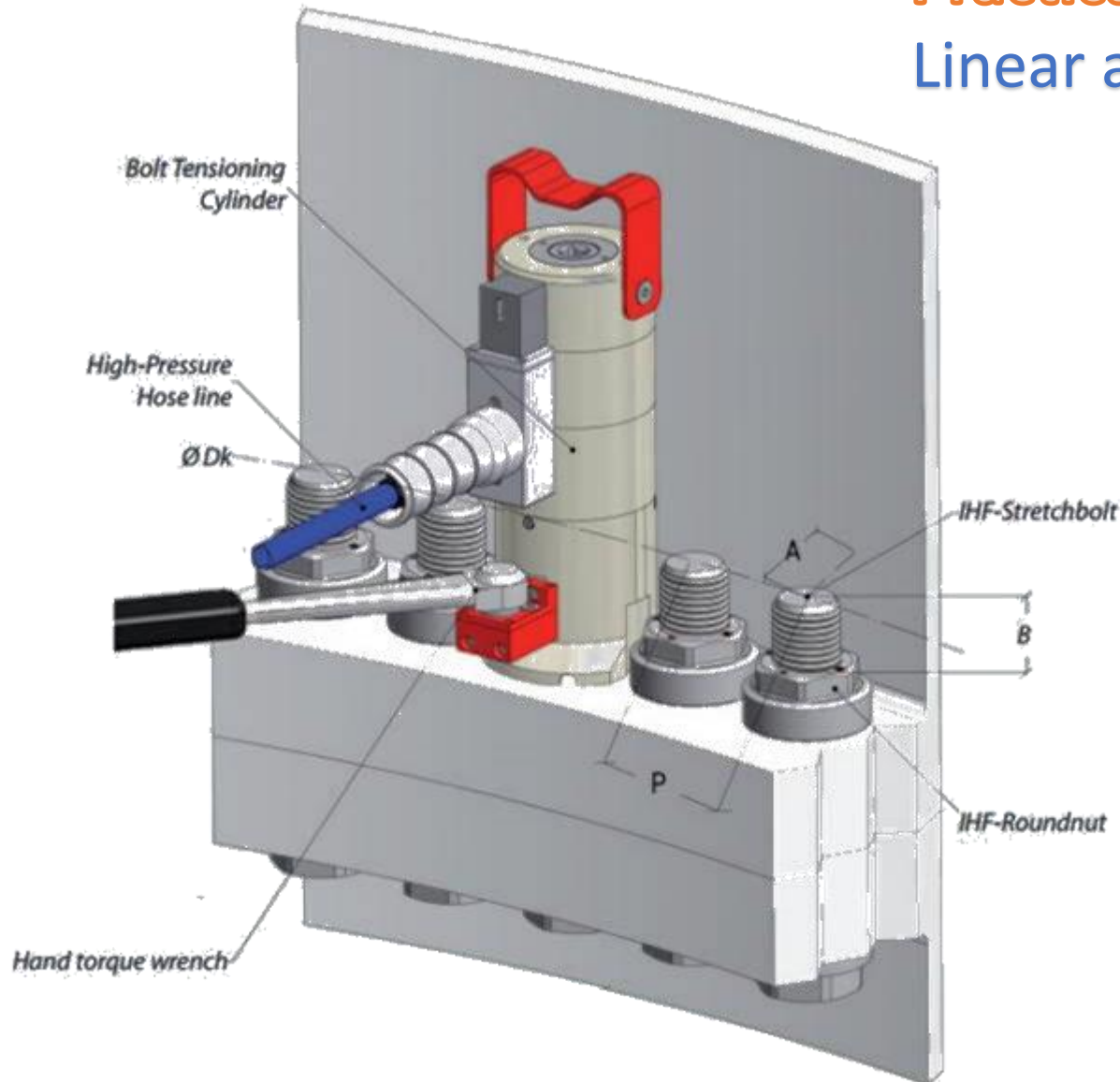


### *Critical facts*

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The complete nonlinear dynamic aeroelastic  
(or aeroinelastic) problem

$$[M] \cdot \ddot{u} + [C + G] \cdot \dot{u} + [K(t) + Z(t) + H(t)] \cdot u = R(t)$$

$[M]$

Mass matrix

$[C]$

Damping matrix

$[G]$

Coriolis matrix

$[K(t)]$

Stiffness matrix

$[M]$ ,  $[C]$ ,  $[K]$  and  $[Z]$  symmetrical

$[Z(t)]$

Centrifugal stiffness matrix

$[G]$  and  $[H]$  anti-symmetrical

$[H(t)]$

Acceleration stiffness matrix

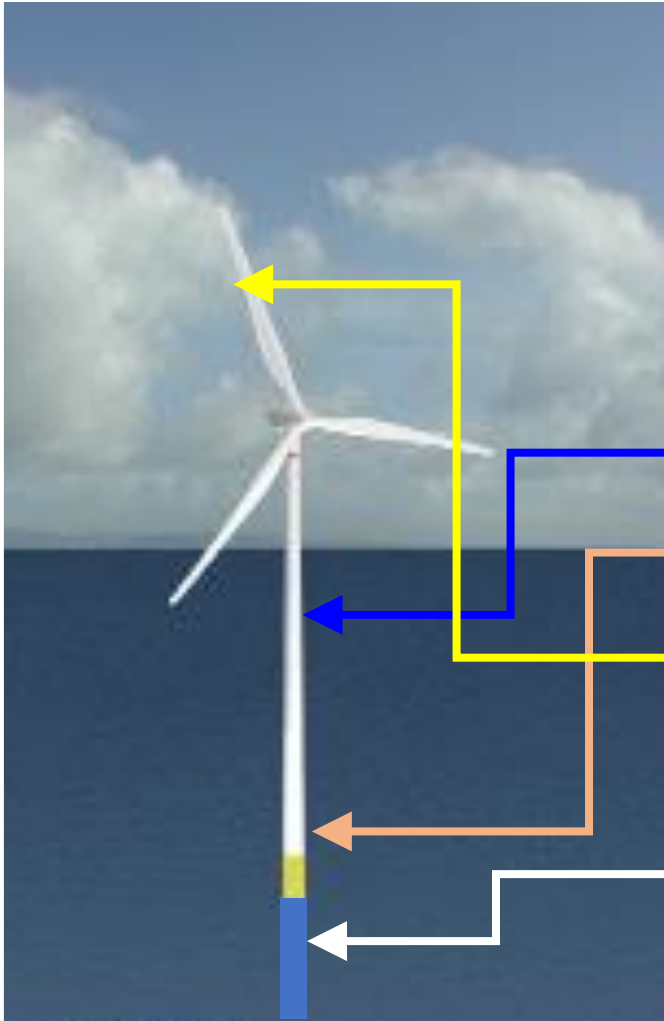
$R(t)$

Vector of external loads

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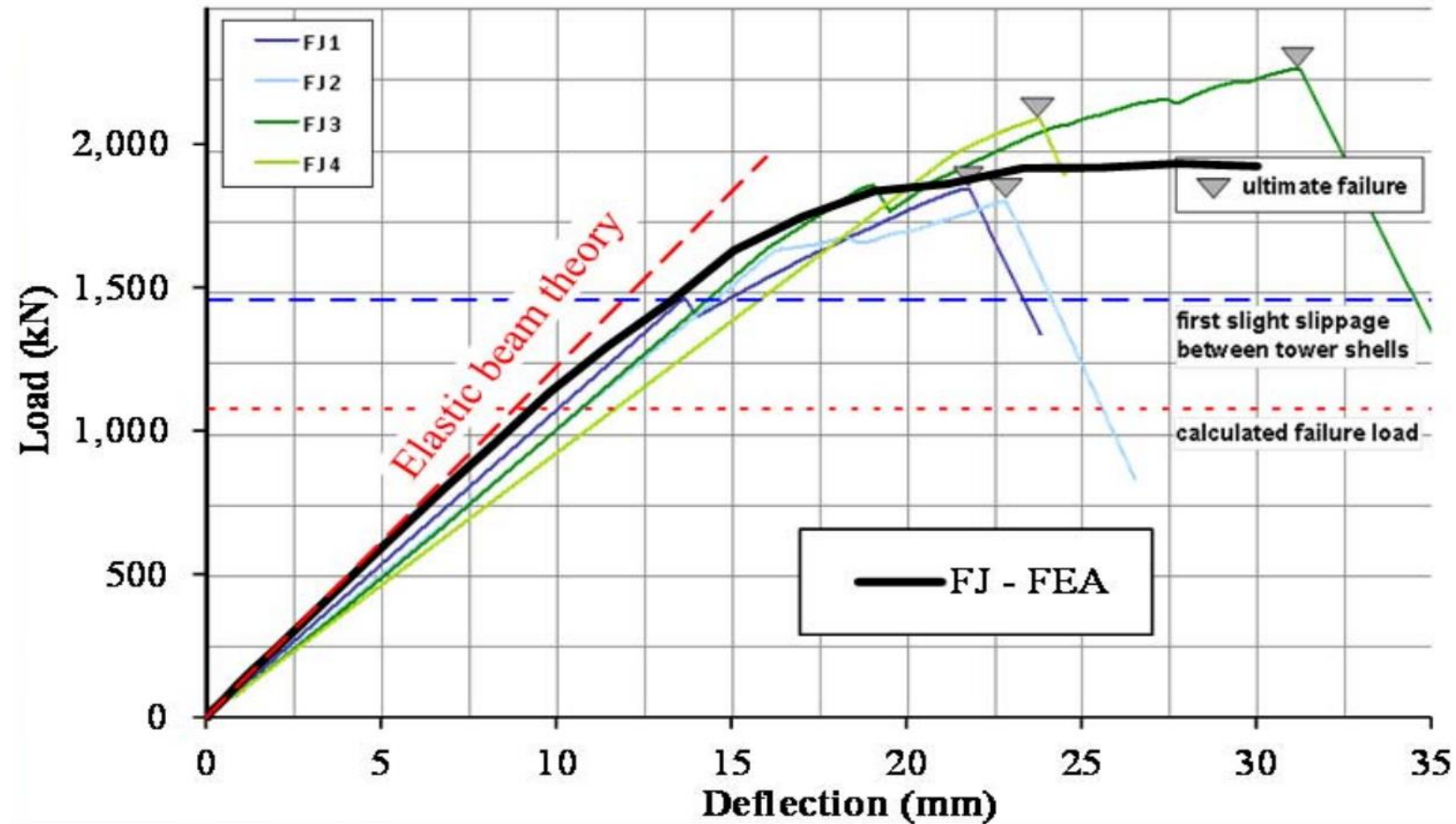
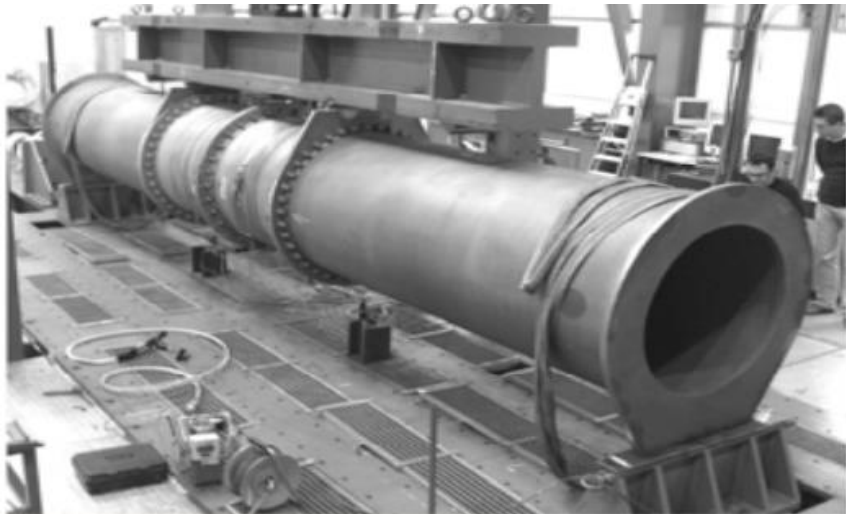
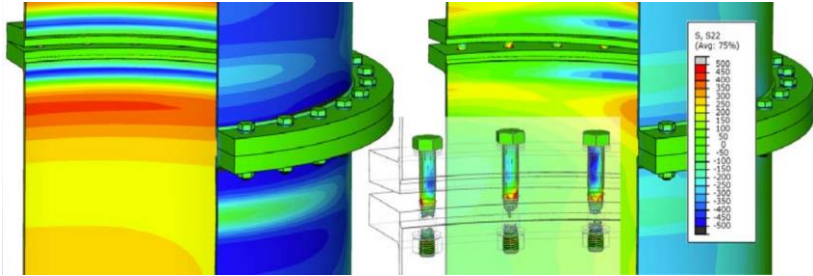
# NONLINEAR STRUCTURAL BEHAVIOR OF WIND TURBINE COMPONENTS

## CASE STUDIES

- 1) Ring flange connections
- 2) Stability of tower (opening/stiffening)
- 3) Delamination & local buckling in blades
- 4) Nonlinear behavior of monopile

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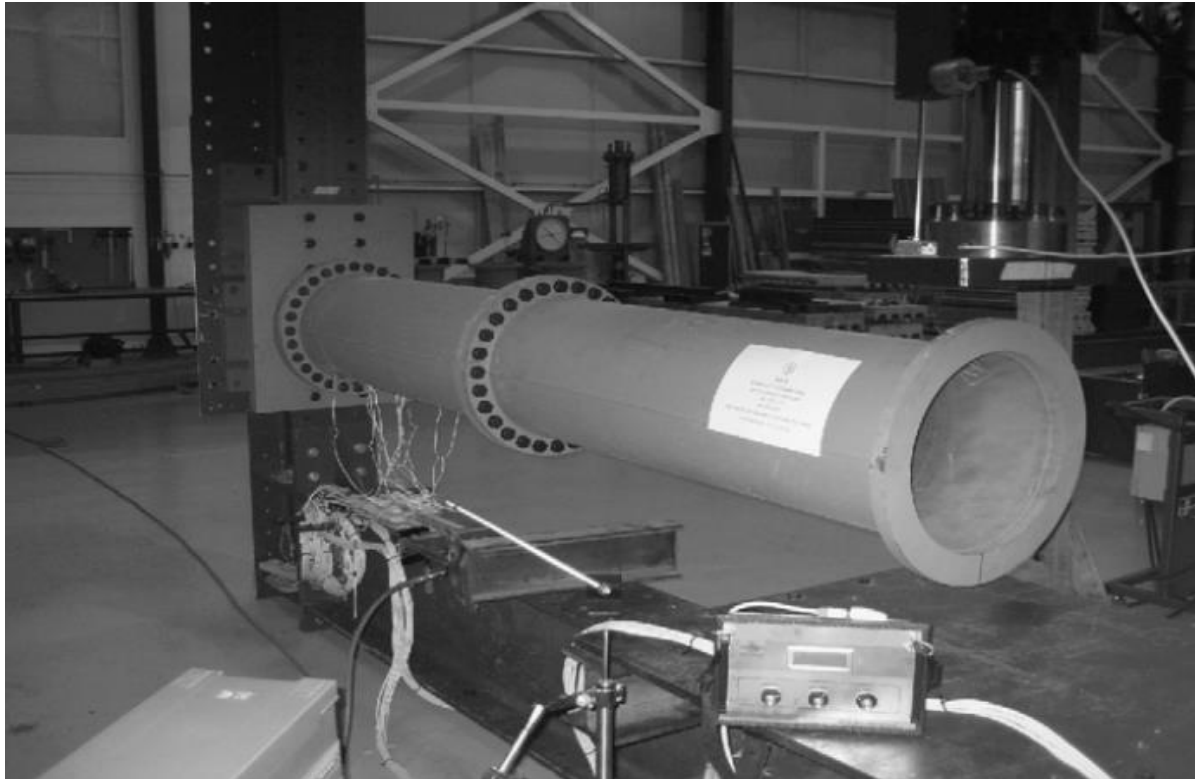
## Case study 1: Ring flange connection



Veljkovic, M. et al (2010), 'High-strength steel tower for wind turbine, HISTWIN' Final Report RFSR-CT-2006-00031, Brussels: RFCS Publications, European Commission

# Nonlinear structural engineering and wind turbines

## Case study 2: Nonlinear behavior of wind turbine towers



C.A. Dimopoulos, C.J. Gantes, Experimental investigation of buckling of wind turbine tower cylindrical shells with opening and stiffening under bending, *Thin-Walled Structures*, vol. 54, pp. 140-155, 2012.



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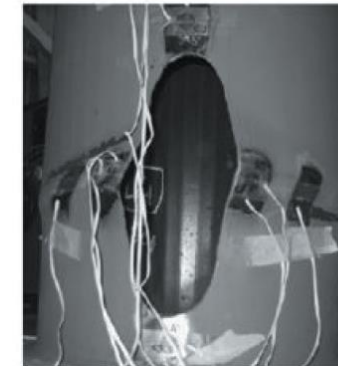
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Block 16-1



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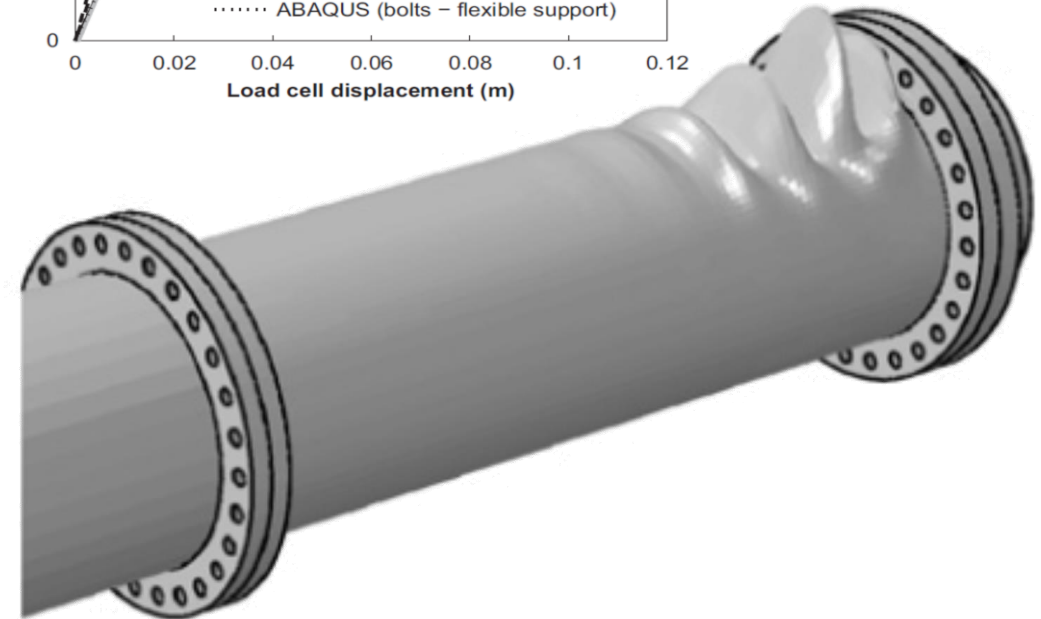
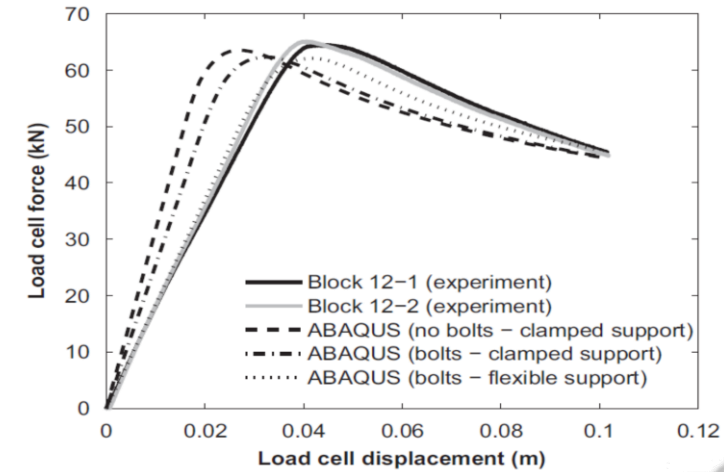
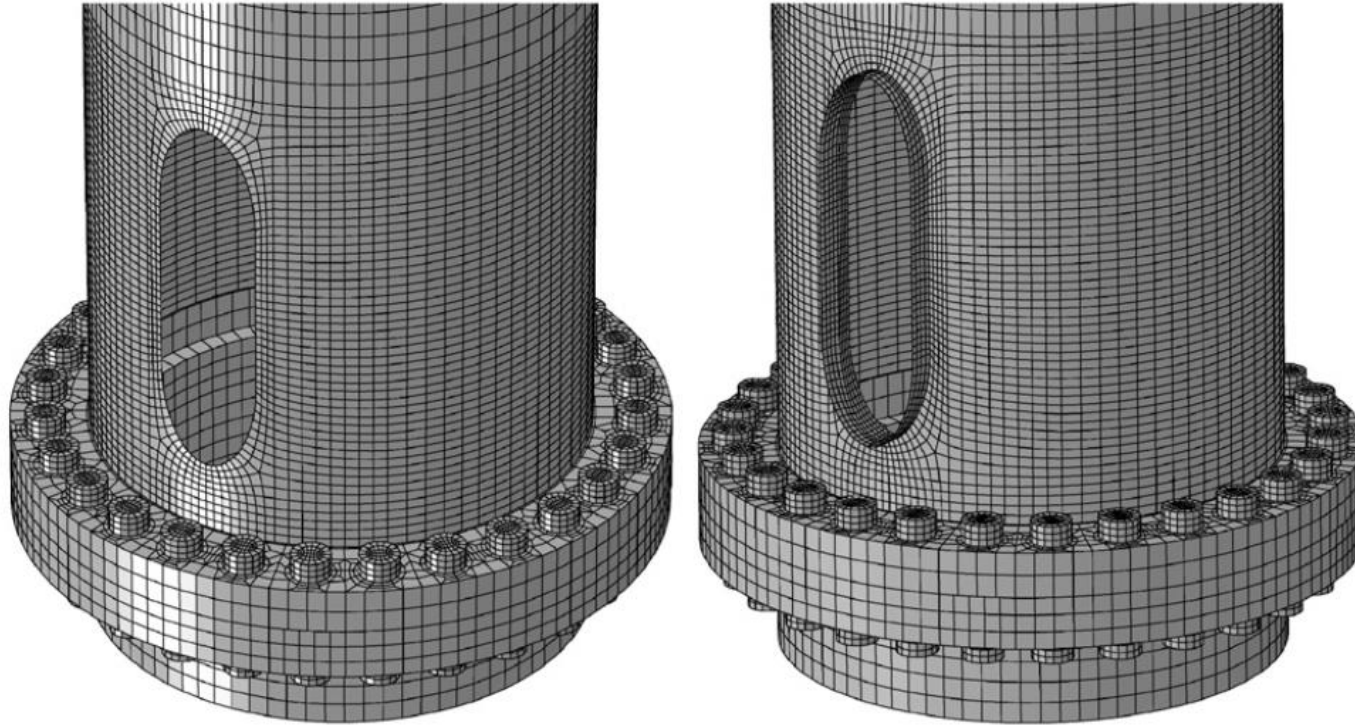


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## Case study 2: Nonlinear behavior of wind turbine towers

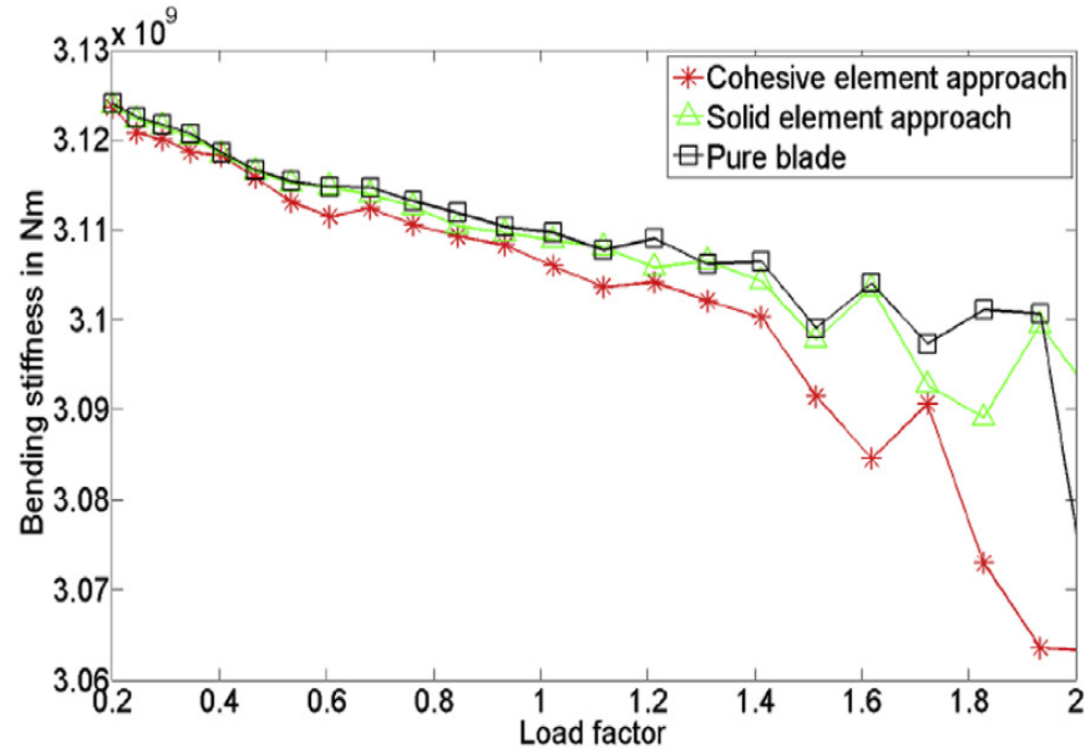


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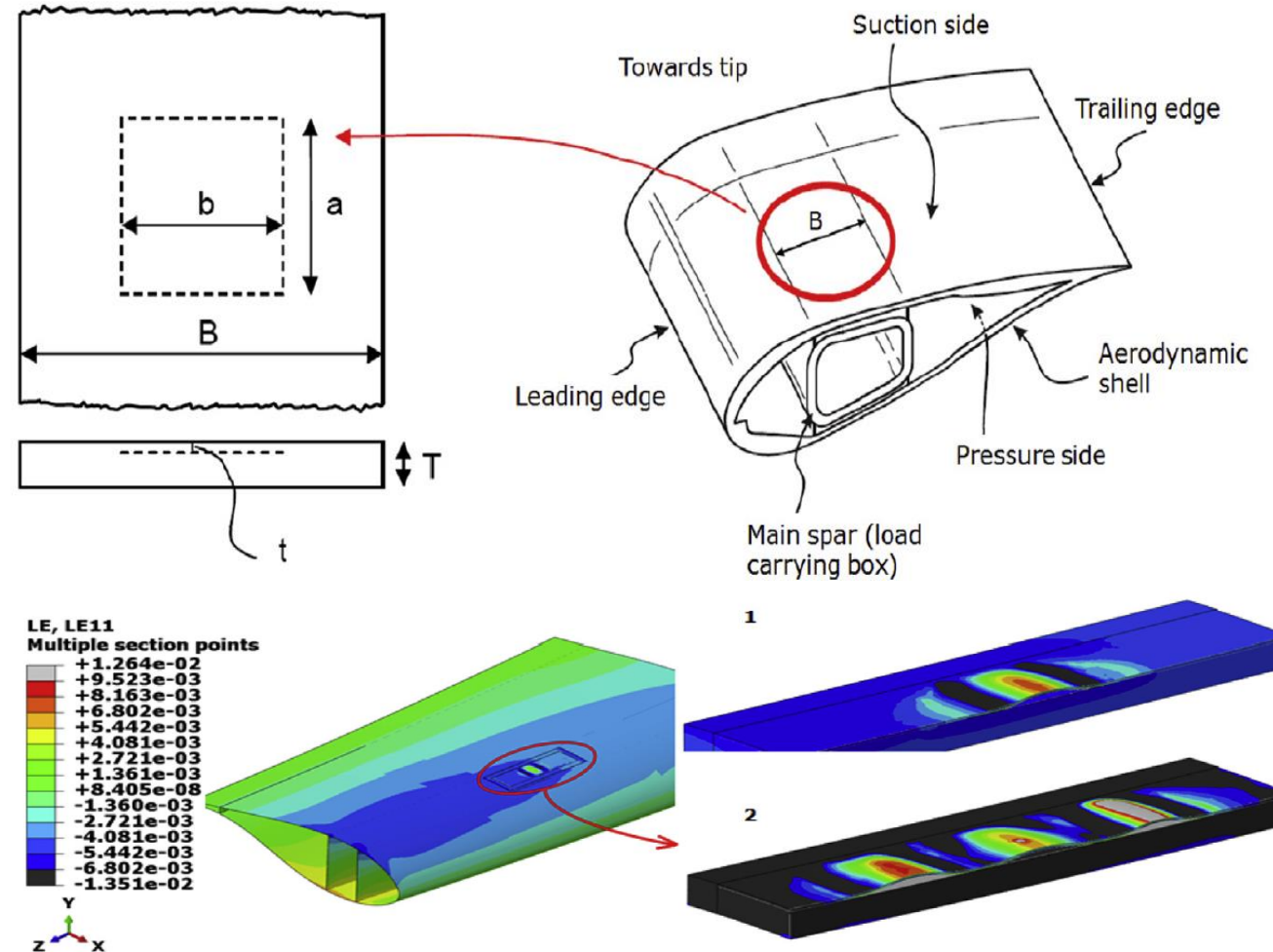


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## Case study 3: Nonlinear behavior of wind turbine blades

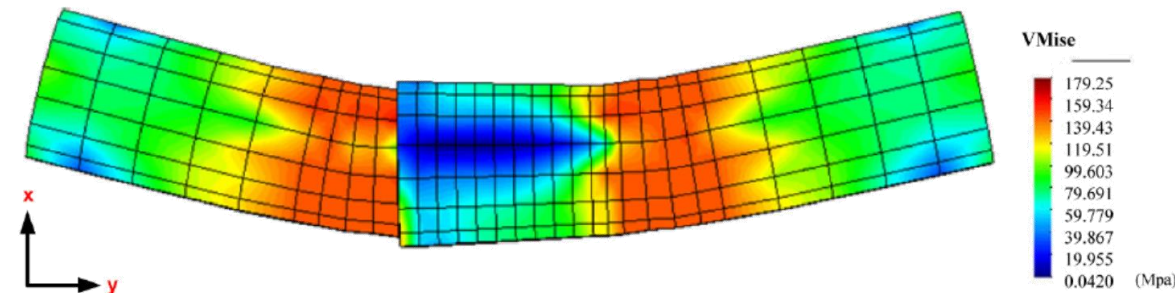
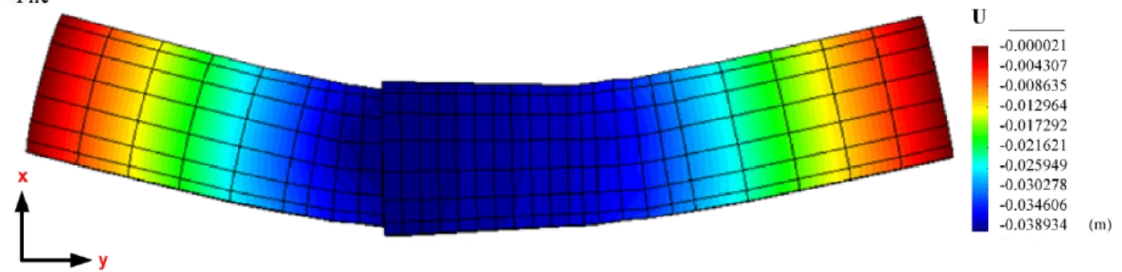
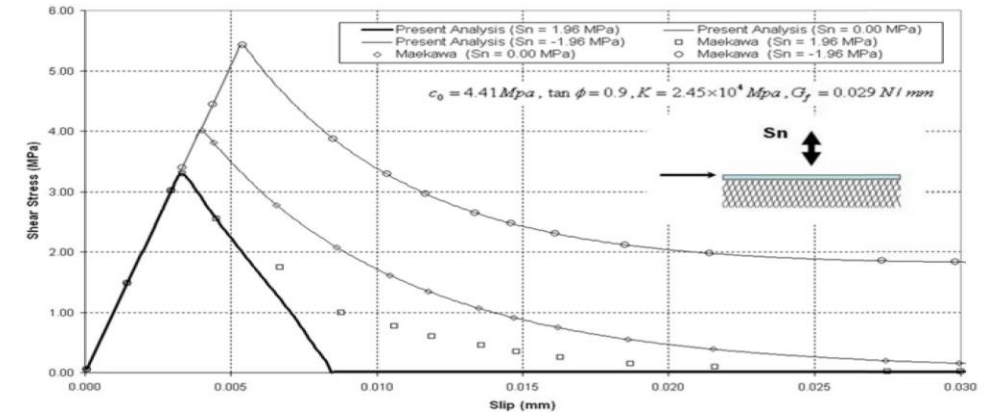
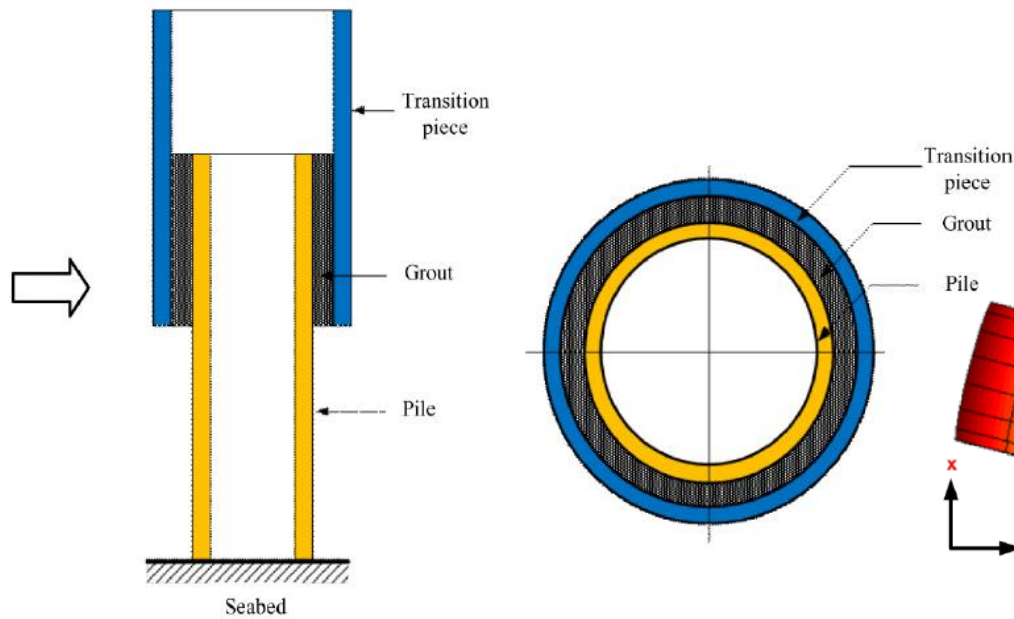


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## Case study 4: Nonlinear behavior of monopile grouted connection



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