

# Advanced material modeling in FEniCSx

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### Applications:

- applied mathematics, fluid mechanics
- **solid mechanics, multiphysics** (heat transfer, transport, chemical reactions)
- electromagnetism, general relativity, ...

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Optimality conditions of the minimization problem:

$$\min_{\mathbf{u} \in V} \int_{\Omega} \psi(\mathbf{F}) \, d\Omega - \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{f} \cdot \mathbf{u} \, d\Omega - \int_{\partial\Omega_{\mathbf{N}}} \mathbf{T} \cdot \mathbf{u} \, dS$$

$$\text{residual} \quad R(\mathbf{u}) = \int_{\Omega} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \mathbf{F}} : \nabla \mathbf{v} \, d\Omega - \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{f} \cdot \mathbf{u} \, d\Omega - \int_{\partial\Omega_{\mathbf{N}}} \mathbf{T} \cdot \mathbf{u} \, dS = 0$$

$$\text{tangent operator} \quad K_{\text{tang}}(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) = \int_{\Omega} \nabla \mathbf{u} : \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial \mathbf{F} \partial \mathbf{F}} : \nabla \mathbf{v} \, d\Omega$$

**solvers:** built-in Newton or PETSc SNES

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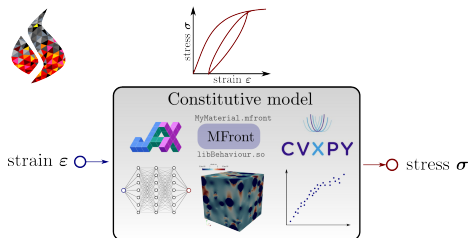
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**Concrete implementation** of the constitutive relation

- a user-defined Python function
- provided by an external library (e.g. behaviors compiled with MFront)
- a neural network inference
- solution to a FE computation on a RVE, etc.





## A Python elasto-plastic behaviour

**Material:** provides info at the quadrature point level e.g. dimension of gradient inputs/stress outputs, stored internal state variables, required external state variables

```
class ElastoPlasticIsotropicHardening(Material):
    @property
    def internal_state_variables(self):
        return {"p": 1} # cumulated plastic strain

    def constitutive_update(self, eps, state):
        eps_old = state["Strain"]
        deps = eps - eps_old
        p_old = state["p"]

        C = self.elastic_model.compute_C()
        sig_el = state["Stress"] + C @ deps # elastic predictor
        s_el = K() @ sig_el
        sig_Y_old = self.yield_stress(state["p"])
        sig_eq_el = np.sqrt(3 / 2.0) * np.linalg.norm(s_el)
        if sig_eq_el - sig_Y_old >= 0:
            dp = fsolve(lambda dp: sig_eq_el - 3*mu*dp - self.yield_stress(p_old + dp), 0.0)
        else:
            dp = 0
        state["Strain"] = eps_old + deps
        state["p"] += dp
        return sig_el - 3 * mu * s_el / sig_eq_el * dp
```

## Pseudo-code on the dolfinx side

QuadratureMap: storage of different quantities as Quadrature functions, evaluates UFL expression at quadrature points and material behavior for a set of cells

```
u = fem.Function(V)
qmap = QuadratureMap(u, deg_quad, material) # material = ["Strain"] --> ["Stress"]
qmap.register_gradient("Strain", eps(u))

sig = qmap.fluxes["Stress"] # a function defined on "Quadrature" space

Res = ufl.inner(sig, eps(v)) * qmap.dx - ufl.inner(f, u) * dx
Jac = ...

for i in Newton_loop: # custom Newton solver
    qmap.update() # update current stress estimate
    b = assemble_vector(Res)
    A = assemble_matrix(Jac)
    solve(A, b, du.vector) # compute displacement correction
    u.vector[:] += du.vector[:]

qmap.advance() # updates previous state with current one for next time step
```

Above code **independent from** the material, provided that gradients = ["Strain"] and fluxes = ["Stress"]

## About the Jacobian and non-linear solvers

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Here:  $qmap.derivative(Res, u, du) = ufl.derivative(Res, u, du) + ufl.inner(Ct * eps(du), eps(v)) * qmap.dx + \dots$  where Ct is a Quadrature function storing the values of  $\frac{d"Stress"}{d"Strain"}$ .

Available solvers: NewtonSolver, PETSc.SNES

## FEniCSx/MFront **integration**

**MFrontMaterial** class for loading a MFront library, calling the behaviour integration and giving access to fluxes, state variables and tangent operators

The **only** metadata not provided by **MGIS** is how the gradients (e.g. strain) are expressed as functions of the unknown fields  **$u$**  (e.g. displacement)

The user is required to provide this link with UFL expressions (**registration**):

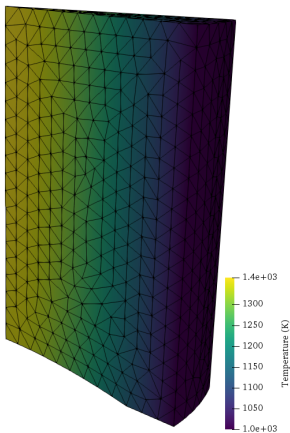
```
mat_prop = {"YoungModulus": E, "PoissonRatio": nu,
            "HardeningSlope": H, "YieldStrength": sig0}
material = MFrontMaterial("src/libBehaviour.so",
                          "IsotropicLinearHardeningPlasticity",
                          hypothesis="plane_strain",
                          material_properties=mat_prop)

qmap = QuadratureMap(domain, deg_quad, material)
qmap.register_gradient("Strain", strain(u))
sig = qmap.fluxes["Stress"]

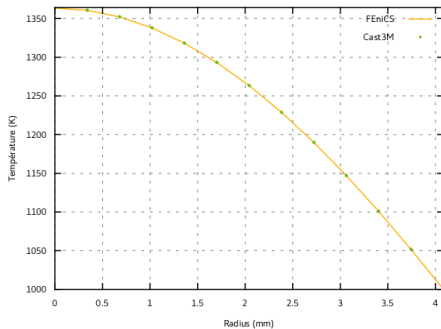
Res = ufl.dot(sig, strain(v)) * qmap.dx
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DEMO

## Examples - Stationary non-linear heat transfer



quad_deg	dolfinx/MFront	dolfinx
2	15.76 s	15.22 s
5	16.53 s	15.56 s



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[Image: XtreeE]

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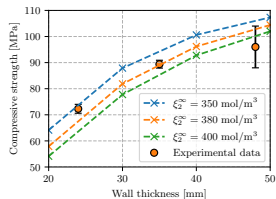
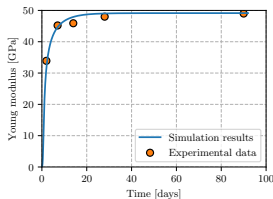
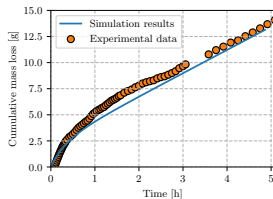
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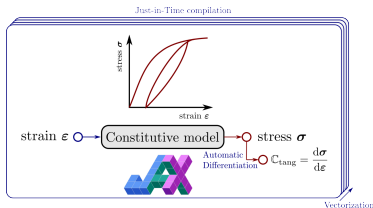
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[Maxime Pierre, Navier]: **Cam-Clay proplasticity** from fresh to hardened state

[Alice Gribonval, Navier]: influence of **environmental conditions** on compressive strength



# JAX for constitutive modeling



**JAX** = accelerated (GPU) array computation and program transformation, designed for HPC and large-scale **machine learning**

```
def constitutive_update(eps, state, dt):  
    [...]
```

- **JIT and automatic vectorization**

```
batch_constitutive_update = jax.jit(jax.vmap(constitutive_update, in_axes=(0, 0, None)))
```

- **Automatic Differentiation**

```
constitutive_update_tangent = jax.jacfwd(constitutive_update, argnums=0, has_aux=True)
```

Mohr-Coulomb plasticity with apex smoothing using JAX [Latyshev et al., 2024]

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