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Finite Element Method Simulations

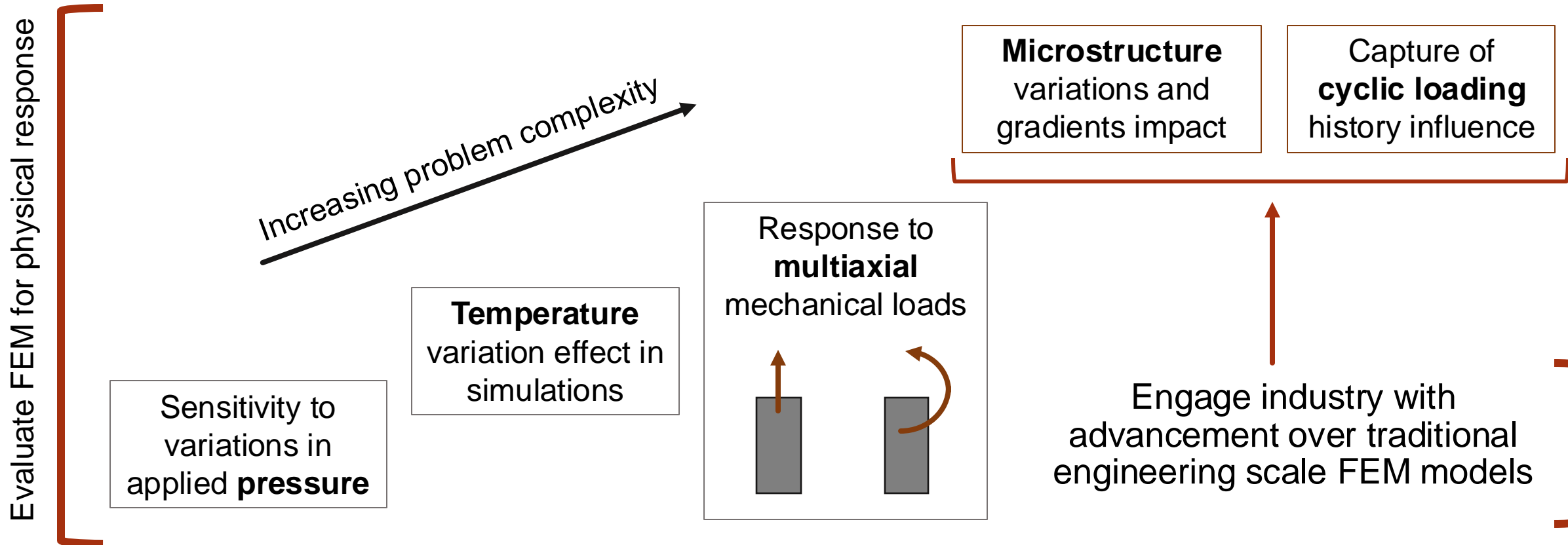
Develop and prototype implementations of component level FEM element simulations:

1. Successfully **integrated** the surrogate model into FEM solvers
2. **Demonstrated** capture of transient loading response of a component part enabled through the preserved connection to microstructure, where driving physics occur
3. Rapidly **responded** to stakeholder interest in specific simulation capabilities with prototype demonstrations

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Verifies FEM Infrastructure

- Develop and verify the FEM implementation and infrastructure with a staggered approach
- Microstructure connection from surrogate model results in component level sensitivity

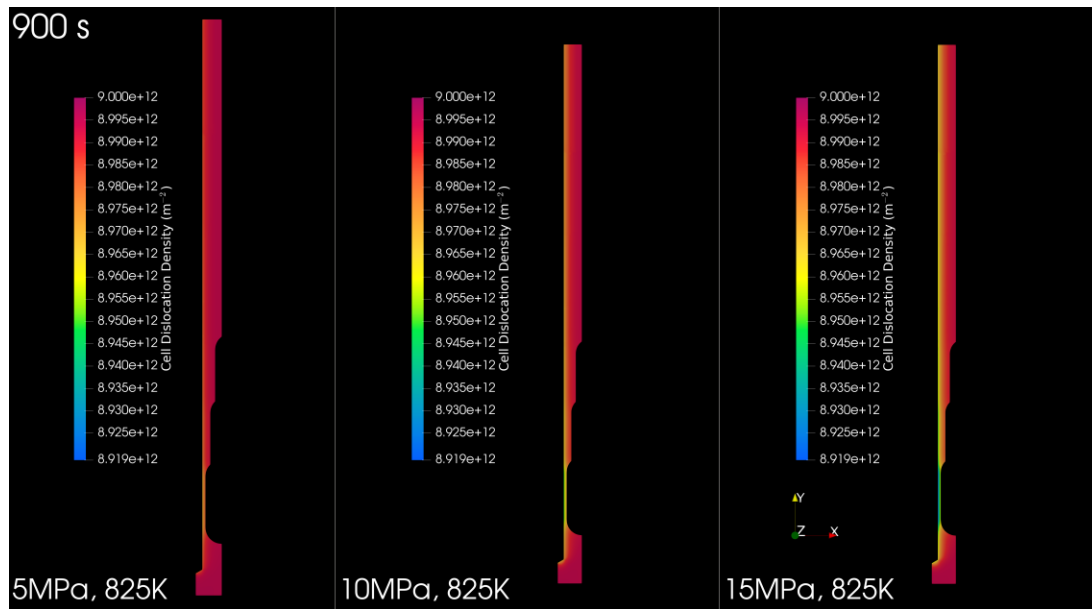


Performs with Multiaxial Loads

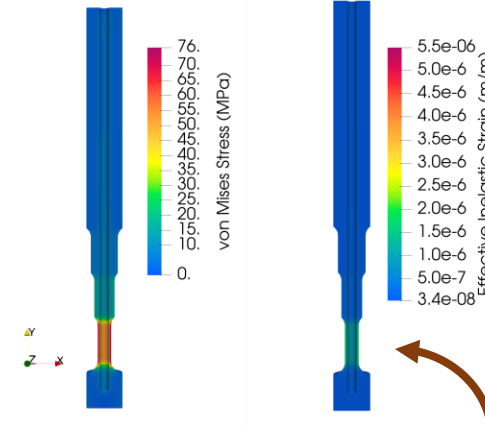
Demonstrate initial implementation of the 316H surrogate model into an FEM solver with a series of simulations of the stepped pressurized tube geometry designed by ORNL

- Identify and correct initial robustness issues with integration, in cooperation with LANL
- Verification will be performed with the complex geometry and loading, and will freeze parameters

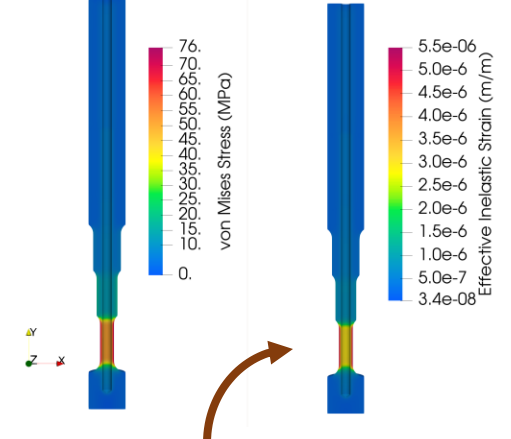
Initial Cell Density 9e12, Various Constant Pressure Loads



Initial Cell Density 8e12, Torsion Load

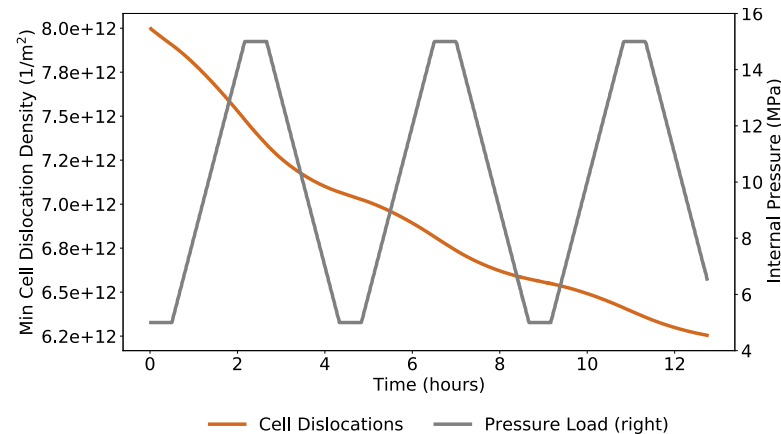
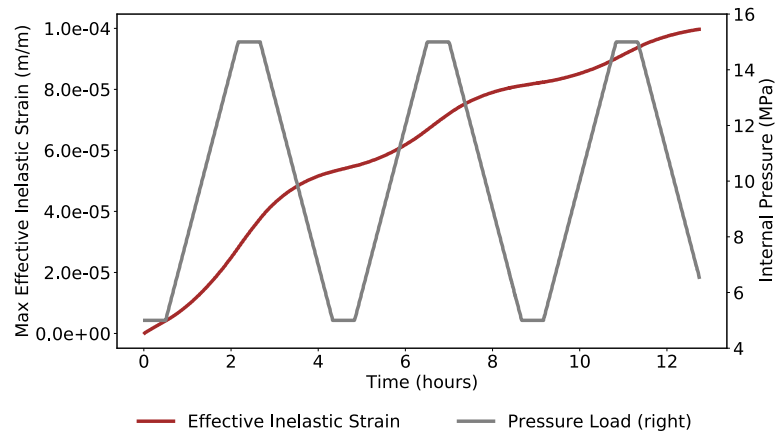


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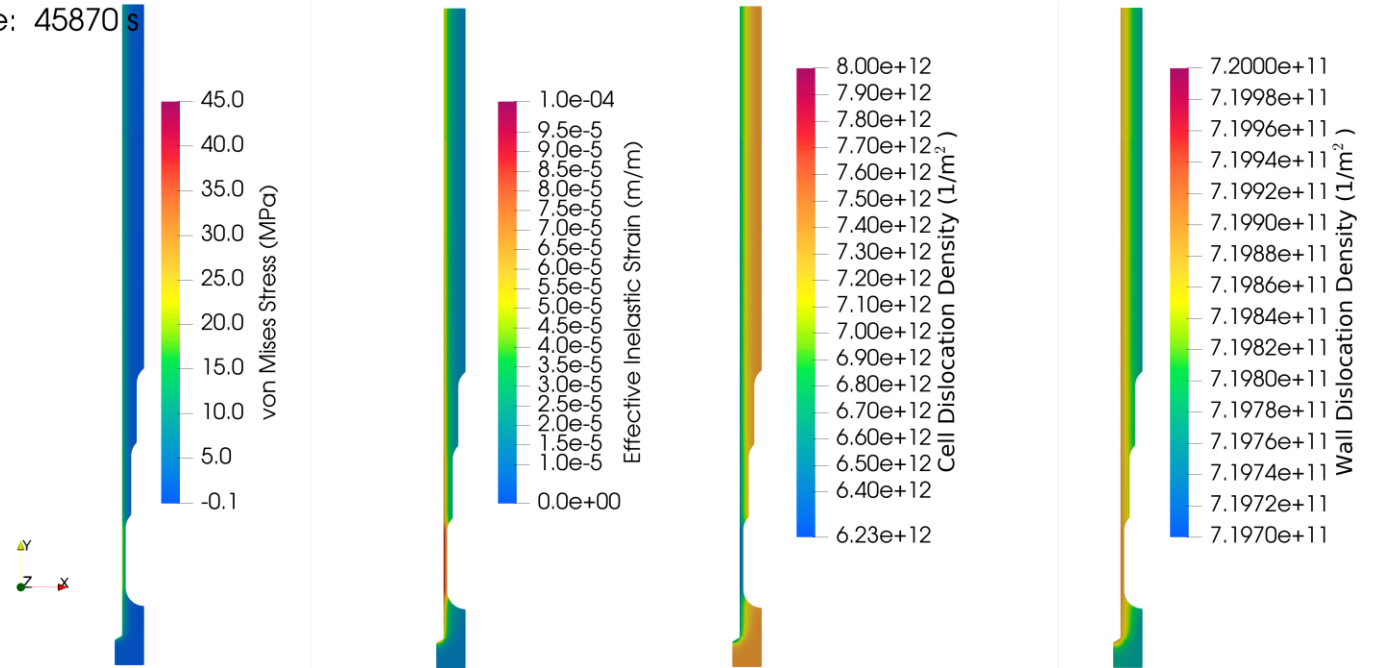


Impact of the initial microstructure is propagated to the component level simulation by the surrogate model, consistent with expected physics

Captures Cyclic Pressure Effect



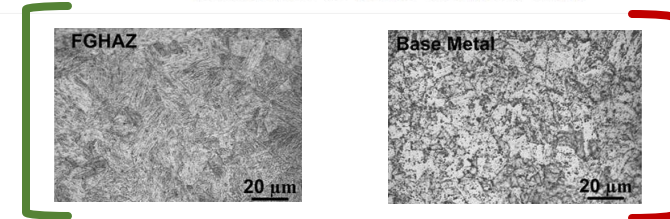
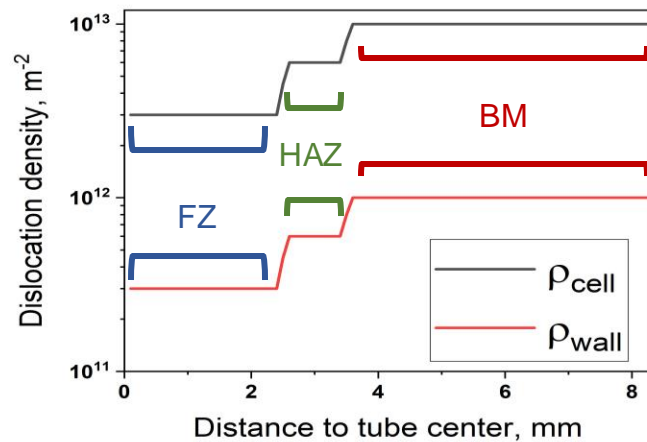
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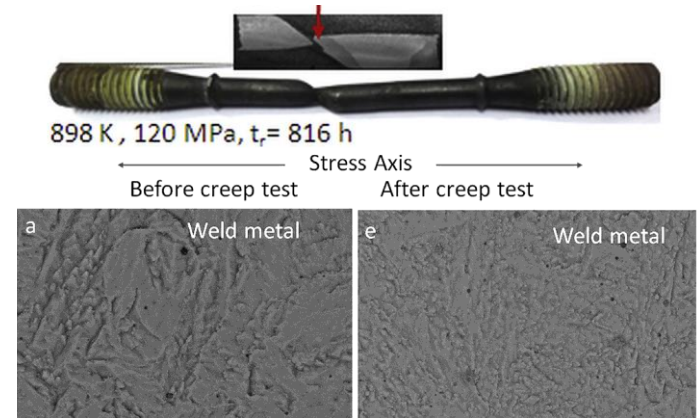
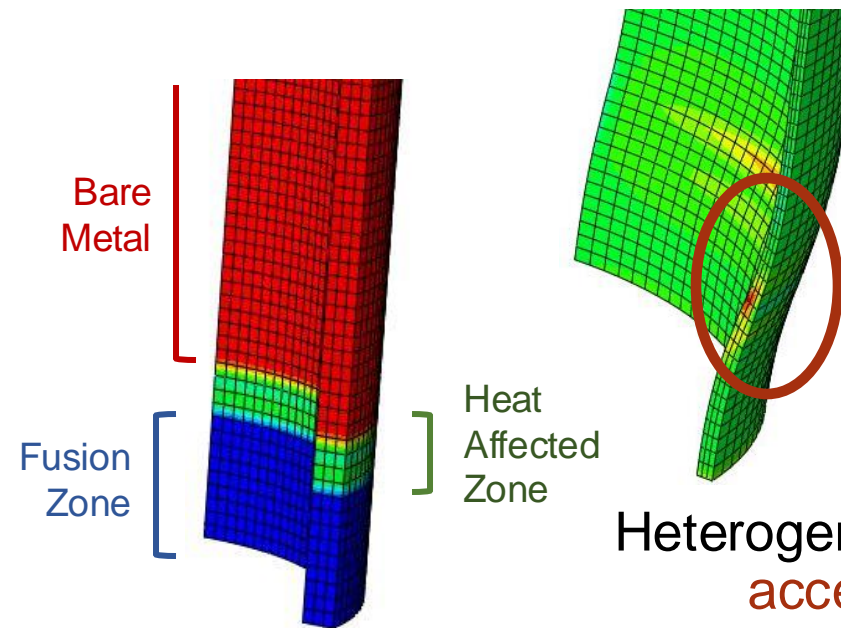
Successful capture of loading history and rate on the component part behavior is enabled by the **inclusion of microstructure characteristics** such as the dislocation evolution

Stakeholder Interest Focused

- Idealized weld problem to demonstrate the influence of microstructure gradients on the component level strain behavior in rapid response to stakeholder inquiry
 - Lessons learned with the MOOSE development efforts aid integration into additional FEM solvers
- Two cases: a) constant internal pressure and temperature, b) cyclic loads (1day cycles), for a year
 - Simulations performed with two different surrogate models: 316H (austenitic steel) and P91 (ferritic steel)



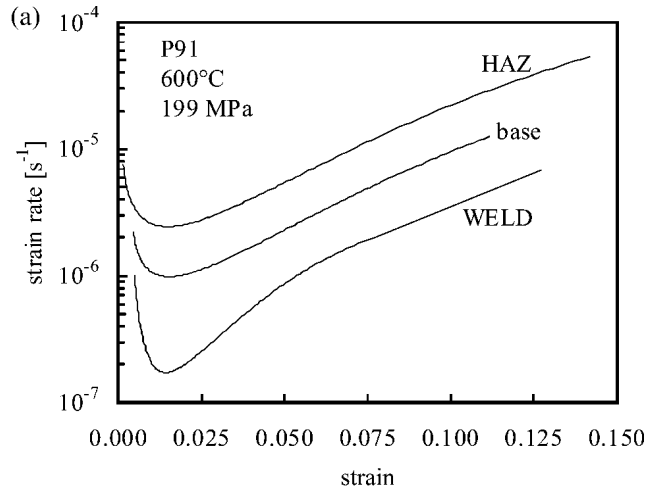
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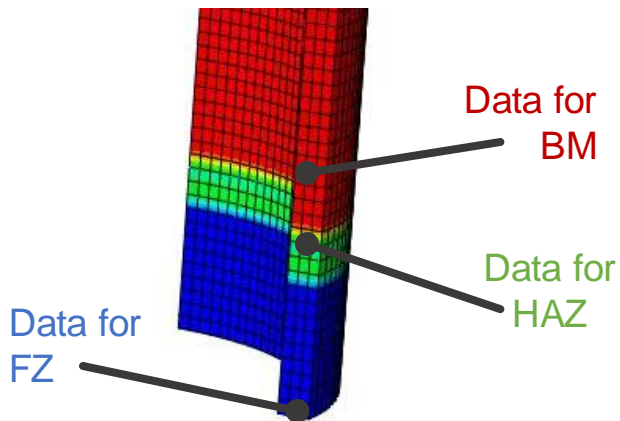
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Heterogeneous microstructure demonstrates
accelerated deformation near the weld,
consistent with experiments

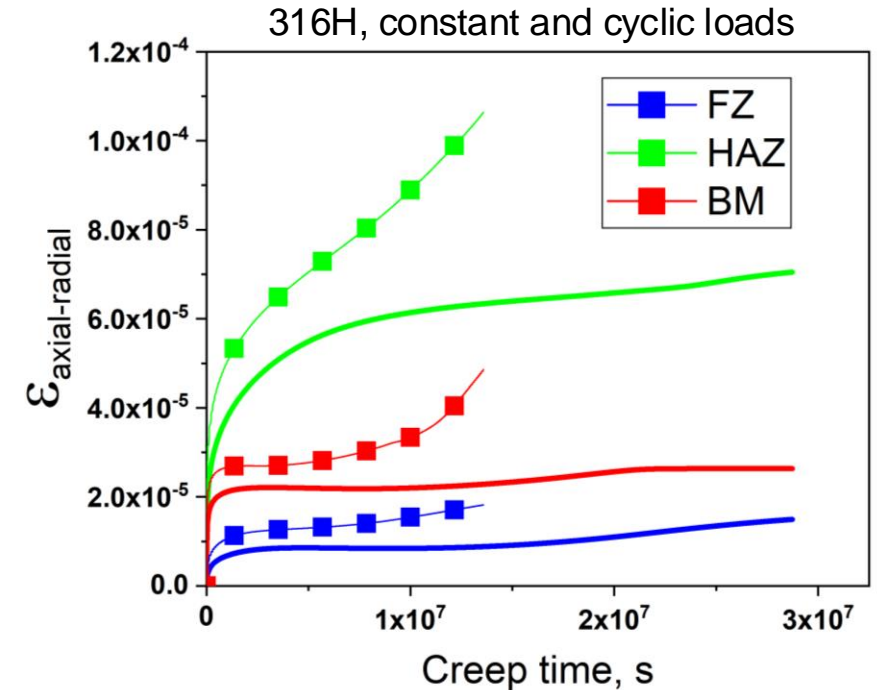
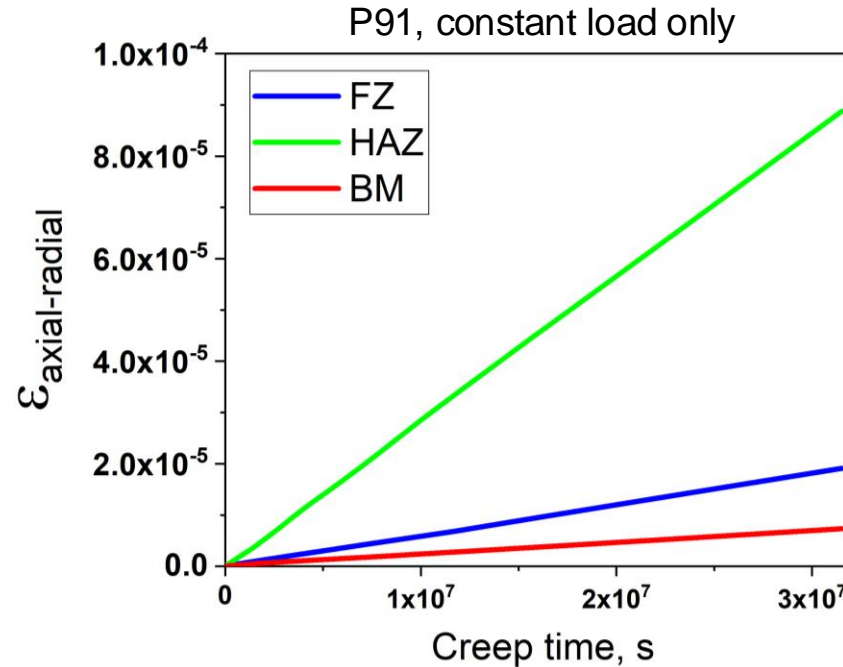
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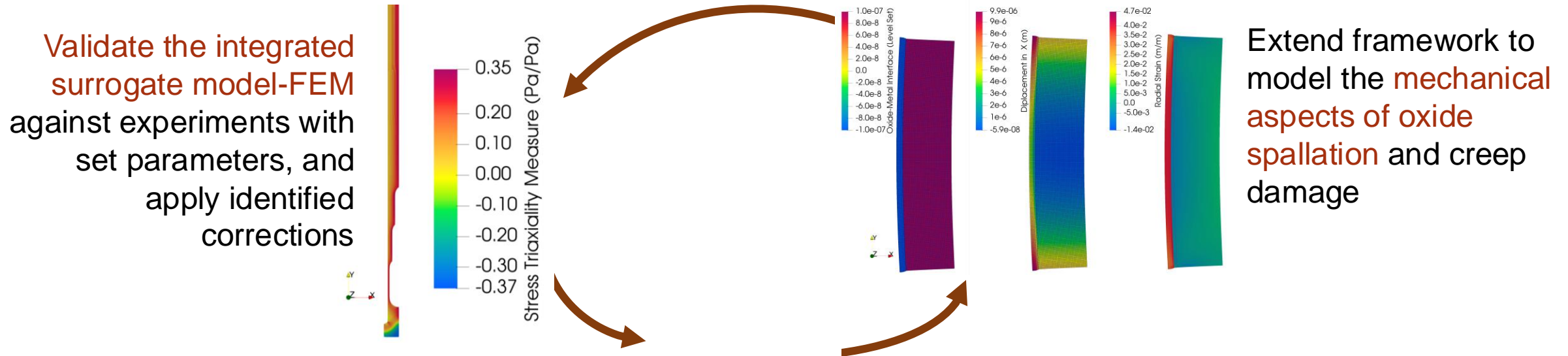
- Prediction of the HAZ as the region experiencing the highest strain is consistent with experimental data despite short timeframe



Dynamic recovery and the availability of cell dislocations, captured by the surrogate model, enable transient response simulations

Summary and Next Steps

- Demonstrated the FEM implementation through multiple problems, with rapid response to industry
- Successfully integrated surrogate model-FEM framework results for transient loading conditions qualitatively agree with physical observations



Engage industry with a vision of **tailor-made lifetime predictions** for components and structures, validated with carefully designed experiments