

# Numerical simulation of mechanically and moisture loaded wooden structures

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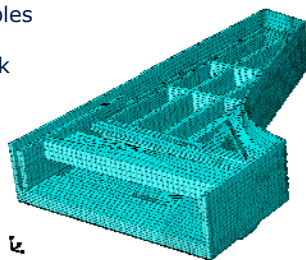
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## Outline

- motivation
- modeling of mechanical behavior
- modeling of moisture transfer
- hygro-mechanical coupling
- examples
- outlook



Motivation

restoration of historical music instruments

- conservation of original substance
- maintenance of original usage

large deformations of the structure, local damages

- caused by string loading
- enforced by climatic fluctuations

analysis of the load bearing behavior of historical keyboard instruments using the Finite Element Method

→ requirement: appropriate material models for simulation of mechanics, moisture transfer and coupling



Modeling of Cylindrical Anisotropy

potential at material coordinate system

$$\Psi = \frac{1}{2} \underline{\underline{\varepsilon}} : \underline{\underline{C}} : \underline{\underline{\varepsilon}}$$

linear-elastic stress-strain-dependency

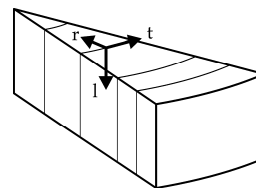
$$\underline{\underline{\sigma}} = \underline{\underline{C}} : \underline{\underline{\varepsilon}}$$

elasticity tensor in material coordinates

$$\underline{\underline{S}} = \underline{\underline{C}}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{E_r} & -\frac{\nu_{rt}}{E_t} & -\frac{\nu_{rl}}{E_l} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -\frac{\nu_{rt}}{E_t} & \frac{1}{E_t} & -\frac{\nu_{tl}}{E_l} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -\frac{\nu_{rl}}{E_l} & -\frac{\nu_{tl}}{E_l} & \frac{1}{E_l} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{G_{rt}} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{G_{tl}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{G_{rl}} \end{bmatrix}$$

with respect to

$$\frac{E_i}{E_j} = \frac{\nu_{ji}}{\nu_{ij}}$$



Modeling of Cylindrical Anisotropy

rotation between material coordinates and global coordinates

- rotation of global strains to material coordinates

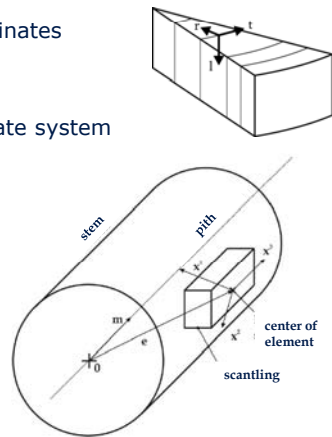
$${}^{t+\Delta t}\varepsilon_{kl}^{n+1} = M_{ik} \cdot M_{jt} \cdot {}^{t+\Delta t}\varepsilon_{ij}^{n+1}$$

- rotation of local stresses to global coordinate system

$${}^{t+\Delta t}\sigma_{ij}^{n+1} = M_{ki} \cdot M_{lj} \cdot {}^{t+\Delta t}\sigma_{kl}^{n+1}$$

- structural tensor

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{x_1^1}{|x^1|} & \frac{x_2^1}{|x^1|} & \frac{x_3^1}{|x^1|} \\ \frac{x_1^2}{|x^2|} & \frac{x_2^2}{|x^2|} & \frac{x_3^2}{|x^2|} \\ \frac{x_1^3}{|x^3|} & \frac{x_2^3}{|x^3|} & \frac{x_3^3}{|x^3|} \end{pmatrix}$$



Modeling of Compression Failure

multi-surface plasticity model with C<sub>1</sub>-continuous yield criterion

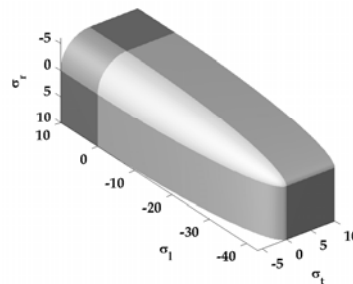
- failure due to compression loading
- ductile, nearly plastic behavior
- C<sub>1</sub>-continuous anisotropic yield criterion

$$f = \underline{\sigma} : \underline{b} : \underline{\sigma} + q - 1 \leq 0$$

- associated flow rule

$$\dot{\underline{\varepsilon}}^p = \gamma \frac{\partial f(\underline{\sigma}, q)}{\partial \underline{\sigma}}$$

- assumption of linear hardening



Resch, Kaliske [2010]

Modeling of Compression Failure

definition of the  $C_1$ -continuous yield criterion

• yield criterion:  $f = \underline{\sigma} : \underline{b} : \underline{\sigma} + q - 1 \leq 0$

• tensor of strength:  $\underline{b} = \underline{b}_s \otimes \underline{b}_f$

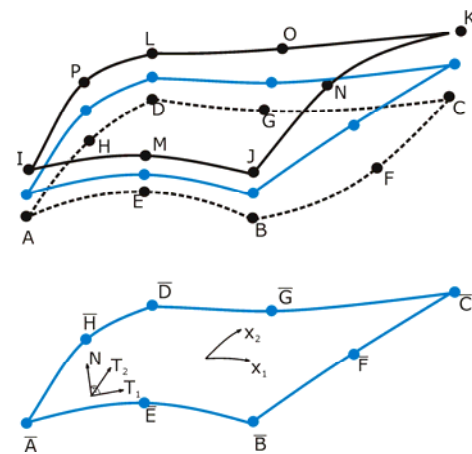
• activation of octant of stress domain:  $\underline{b}_s = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \underline{1} - \frac{1}{2} \cdot \text{sgn}(\underline{\sigma} \circ \underline{1})$

• strength information:  $\underline{b}_f = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{f_{cr}^2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{f_{ct}^2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{f_{ct}^2} \end{bmatrix}$

Resch, Kaliske [2010]

Modeling of Brittle Failure

interface-element formulation



Schmidt, Kaliske [2007]

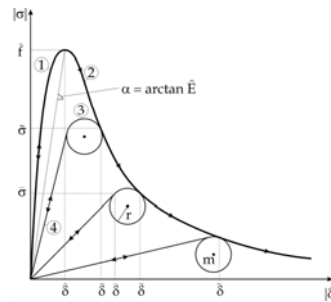
Modeling of Brittle Failure

interface-material approach

- direction dependent strength values  $f$  and fracture energies  $G$
- coupling of material directions
- $C_1$ -continuous material formulation

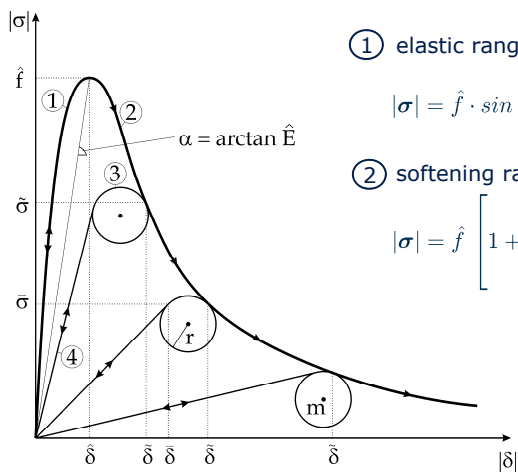
parameters of the model

- displacement at integration point  $\delta = [\delta_1 \ \delta_2 \ \delta_3]^T$
- elastic range  $\hat{\delta}$
- parameter of  $C_1$ -continuous damage path  $r$
- history variable  $h = \frac{\max(|\delta|)}{\hat{\delta}}$



Schmidt, Kaliske [2007]

Modeling of Brittle Failure



① elastic range

$$|\sigma| = \hat{f} \cdot \sin\left(\frac{\pi \cdot |\delta|}{2 \cdot \hat{\delta}}\right)$$

② softening range

$$|\sigma| = \hat{f} \left[ 1 + \left( \frac{\pi^2 \hat{f}}{2 (\pi \hat{G} - 2 \hat{f} \hat{\delta})} \right)^2 (|\delta| - \hat{\delta})^2 \right]^{-1}$$

③  $C_1$ -continuous transition

④ elastic range of damage

Schmidt, Kaliske [2007]

**Modeling of Moisture Diffusion**

moisture transport below fibre saturation point (diffusion)  
described by Fick's Law

- steady state form  $q = -D \cdot \rho_0 \cdot \nabla m$
- transient form  $\frac{\partial m}{\partial t} = \nabla \cdot (D \cdot \nabla m)$
- q: moisture flux [kg/(mm<sup>2</sup>s)]
- ρ<sub>0</sub>: density in absolute dry condition [kg/mm<sup>3</sup>]
- m: moisture content [-]
- D: diffusion coefficient subject to moisture content [mm<sup>2</sup>/s]

**Modeling of Moisture Diffusion**

anisotropic tensor of moisture conductivity

$$\underline{D} = \begin{bmatrix} D_r(m) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & D_t(m) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & D_l(m) \end{bmatrix}$$

- approach of *Hanhijärvi*

$$D_i(m) = a_i \cdot e^{b_i \cdot m}$$

$$a_r = a_t = 8 \cdot 10^{-5} \frac{mm}{s} \quad a_l = 2 \cdot 10^{-4} \frac{mm}{s} \quad b_r = b_t = b_l = 4$$

- nonlinearity of D(m) is considered within tangent matrix  
→ consistent linearization

$$\frac{\partial D}{\partial m} \neq const$$

### Modeling of Moisture Diffusion

Why Fick's Law?

- transient form of Fick's law merely approximation for simulation of moisture diffusion in wood
- resulting difference between model and experimental results often denoted as "Non-Fick'ian Behavior"
  - difference increases with increasing gradient of moisture content
- more appropriate models require many input parameters, hardly known for most wood types
- application on music instruments: most surfaces varnished
  - increase of surface resistance, decrease of moisture gradient
  - usage of Fick's Law, when diffusion coefficients determined by steady-state experiments

### Modeling of Surface Resistance

consideration of changes in ambient atmosphere:  
boundary conditions of *Neumann* type

$$q_n = S \cdot \rho_0 \cdot (m_{ecm} - m_s)$$

- $q_n$ : moisture flux across the boundary [kg/(mm<sup>2</sup>s)]
- $\rho_0$ : density in absolute dry condition [kg/mm<sup>3</sup>]
- $m_{ecm}$ : equilibrium moisture content [-]
- $m_s$ : moisture content at the surface
- $S$ : surface emissivity coefficient subject to moisture content [mm/s]

**Modeling of Surface Resistance**

- evaluation of equilibrium moisture content: approach of *Avramidis*

$$m_{ecm} = 0.01 \cdot \left[ \frac{-T \cdot \ln(1 - RH)}{0.13 \cdot \left(1 - \frac{T}{647.1}\right)^{-6.46}} \right]^{\frac{1}{110 \cdot T^{-0.75}}}$$

- surface emissivity coefficient: approach of *Hanhijärvi*

$$S(m) = a \cdot e^{b \cdot m}$$

$$a = 3.2 \cdot 10^{-5} \frac{mm}{s} \quad b = 4$$

- nonlinearity of  $S(m)$  is considered within tangent matrix  
→ consistent linearization

$$\frac{\partial S}{\partial m} \neq const$$

Avramidis [1989], Hanhijärvi [1997]

**Coupling of Mechanics and Moisture Diffusion**

coupling of anisotropic mechanics and anisotropic moisture transfer

- modeling of influence of moisture content on mechanical properties
- influence of loading state on moisture transport neglectable for small strains
- internal forces of solid-elements: mechanics extended by swelling/shrinkage

$$F = F_m + F_s$$

$$F = \int_V \left( \underline{\underline{B}}^T : \underline{\underline{\sigma}}(m, u) \right) dV$$

for linear elasticity

$$F = \int_V \left( \underline{\underline{B}}^T : \underline{\underline{C}}(m) : \underline{\underline{\epsilon}}(u) \right) dV - \int_V \left( \underline{\underline{B}}^T : \underline{\underline{C}}(m) : \underline{\underline{\epsilon}}(m) \right) dV$$



**Coupling of Mechanics and Moisture Diffusion**

- vector of shrinkage strains (stress-independent)

$$\underline{\epsilon}(m) = \underline{\beta} \cdot (m - m_{ref})$$

$\beta$ : shrinkage values [-]

$m$ : nodal moisture content [-]

$m_{ref}$ : reference moisture content [-]

$$\underline{\beta} = \begin{bmatrix} \beta_r & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \beta_t & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \beta_l \end{bmatrix}$$

- components of the tangent matrix for linear elastic range

$$K = \frac{\partial F}{\partial m} = \int_V \underline{B}^T : \left( \frac{\partial \underline{C}(m)}{\partial m} : (\underline{\epsilon}(u) - \underline{\epsilon}(m)) - \underline{C}(m) : \frac{\partial \underline{\epsilon}(m)}{\partial m} \right) dV$$

**Moisture-dependent Elastic Properties**

components of compliance tensor subject to moisture content

$$\underline{S} = \underline{C}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} S_{11}(m) & S_{12}(m) & S_{13}(m) & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ S_{21}(m) & S_{22}(m) & S_{23}(m) & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ S_{31}(m) & S_{32}(m) & S_{33}(m) & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & S_{44}(m) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & S_{55}(m) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & S_{66}(m) \end{bmatrix}$$

approximation of experimental results carried out by *Neuhaus* for spruce

$$S_{ij}(m) = a_{ij} \cdot \sin(b_{ij} \cdot m + c_{ij}) + d_{ij}$$

$$0.01 \leq m \leq 0.28$$

symmetry of elasticity tensor only partly  
validated by experimental results  
→ interpolation

$$\bar{S}_{ij}(m) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot (S_{ij}(m) + S_{ji}(m))$$

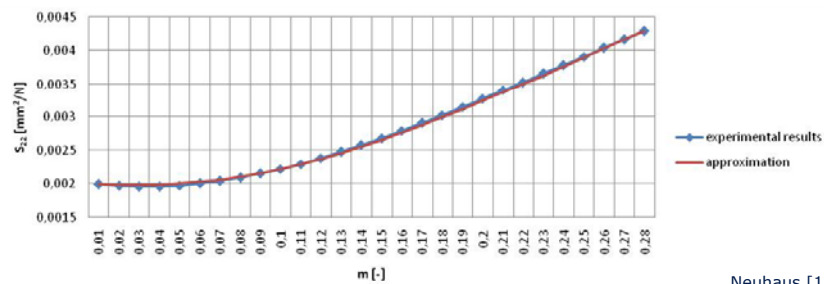
Neuhaus [1981]

Moisture-dependent Elastic Properties

example:  $S_{22}(m)$

$$S_{22}(m) = \frac{1}{550} \cdot \sin(7.38 \cdot m - 1.79) + 0.0038$$

$$a_{22} = \frac{1}{550} \frac{mm^2}{N} \quad b_{22} = 7.38[-] \quad c_{22} = -1.79[-] \quad d_{22} = 0.0038 \frac{mm^2}{N}$$



Neuhaus [1981]

Moisture-dependent Strength Properties

first simplifying approach:

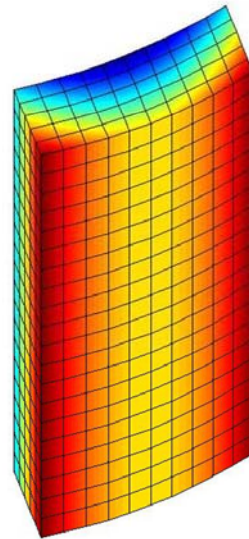
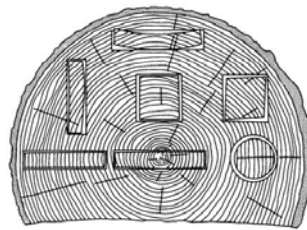
- linear dependence of each strength value on moisture content
- strength decreases with increasing moisture content
- approximate values from literature (mostly spruce)
- validity:  $0.06 \leq m \leq 0.3$
- example: compression strength in radial direction

$$f_{c,r}(m) = f_{c,r,12} \cdot \left( 1 + \frac{(-4.5 \cdot m + 54)}{100} \right)$$

Gerhards [1982], Kollmann [1982]

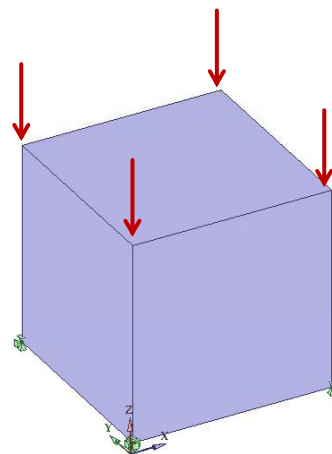
Elasticity: Shrinkage Deformations

- FE-model
  - material: linear elastic anisotropic mechanics and anisotropic moisture
  - consideration of cylindrical anisotropy
  - steady-state simulation
- loading
  - reduction of moisture content
- realistic simulation of shrinkage deformations

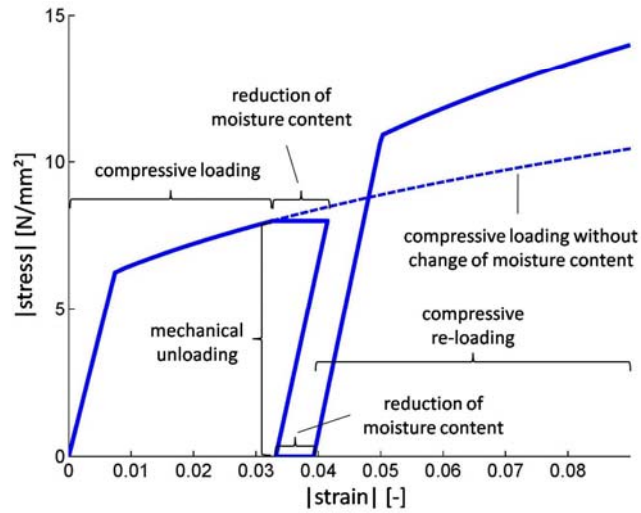


Plasticity: Model Problem

- FE-model
  - element with unit volume and statically determinate support
- loading: 5 load steps
  1. compressive load in radial direction (z-direction)
  2. reduction of moisture content
  3. mechanical unloading
  4. reduction of moisture content
  5. compressive re-loading

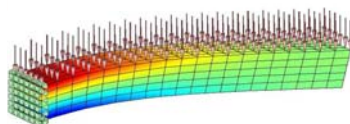
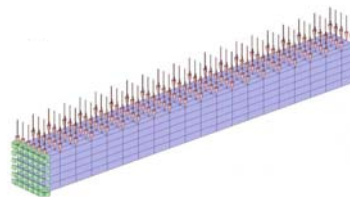


Plasticity: Model Problem

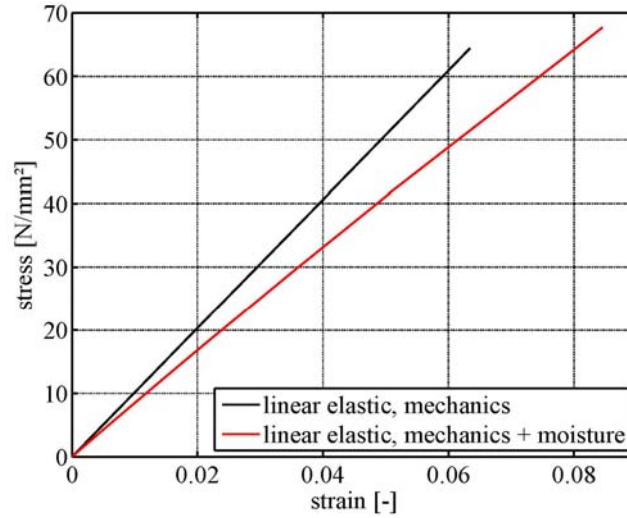


Cantilever Beam

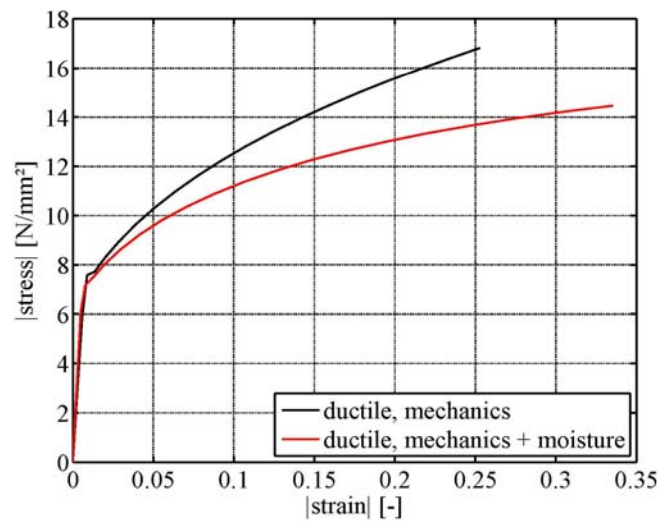
- FE-model
  - material 1: linear elastic anisotropic mechanics and anisotropic moisture
  - material 2: multi-surface plasticity and anisotropic moisture
  - steady-state simulation
- loading
  - constant surface loading
  - change of ambient atmosphere from  $T_1=10^\circ C, RH_1=0.4$  to  $T_2=28^\circ C, RH_2=0.7$



Cantilever Beam

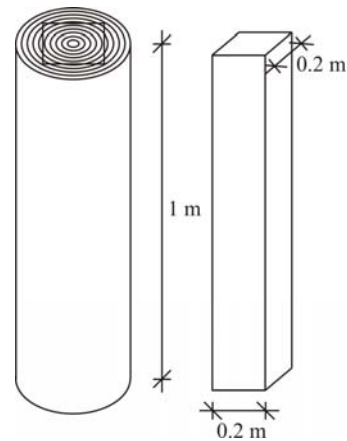


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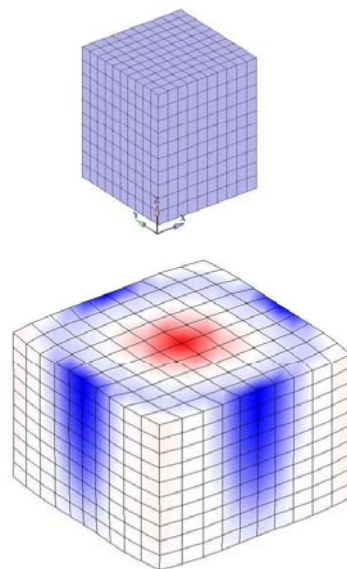
Swelling Beam

- FE-model
  - beam, virtually cut out of the middle of a stem
  - consideration of cylindrical anisotropy
  - material 1: linear elastic anisotropic mechanics and anisotropic moisture
  - material 2: multi-surface plasticity and anisotropic moisture
  - steady-state and transient simulation



Swelling Beam

- loading
  - increase of moisture content from absolutely dry state to equilibrium moisture content 0.237 (corresponding to ambient climate of  $T=22^{\circ}\text{C}$ ,  $\text{RH}=0.95$ )
  - transient simulation: increase of moisture content during 1 h, afterwards simulation continued for further 1.000.000 sec (11.57 days)
- study of lower part of beam



Swelling Beam

	linear elastic 3rd principal stress [N/mm <sup>2</sup> ]	ductile 3rd principal stress [N/mm <sup>2</sup> ]	ductile plastified parts
time			
1 min			
10 min			

Swelling Beam

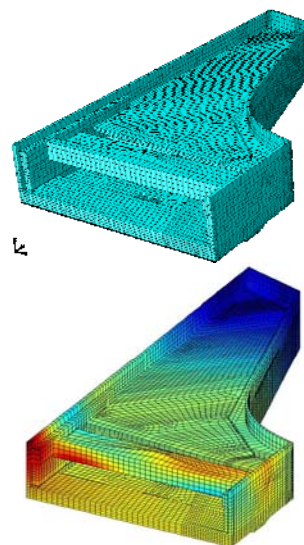
	linear elastic 3rd principal stress [N/mm <sup>2</sup> ]	ductile 3rd principal stress [N/mm <sup>2</sup> ]	ductile plastified parts
time			
30 min			
50 min			

Swelling Beam

	linear elastic 3rd principal stress [N/mm <sup>2</sup> ]	ductile 3rd principal stress [N/mm <sup>2</sup> ]	ductile plastified parts
time			
11,62 days			
steady state			

Outlook

- modeling of brittle failure subject to moisture content (fracture mechanics)
- consideration of time-dependent behavior (viscoelastic and mechano-sorptive creep)
- adaption of the material models to other wood types, used in instrument making
- if necessary, development and realisation of experimental studies to evaluate moisture-dependent mechanical properties
- completion, verification and iterative improvement of the FE models of historical pianofortes





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