



Numerical and experimental study on the high strain rate deformation of tubes for perforating gun applications

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The background of the slide is a photograph of an oil drilling rig silhouetted against a sunset sky. The sky is filled with soft, orange and yellow light, with scattered dark clouds. The rig's derrick is the central focus, extending vertically from the dark ground. Other smaller structures and lights are visible in the distance along the horizon.

Modelling the survivability tests:

Is steel characterization the *key factor* for reliable swelling predictions?

Modelling the survivability tests

FEM
Model

Unconventional
high strain rate
steel
characterization

Full scale
tests

Experimental
correlation

**Predictive
model**



Need for a tool able to predict the swelling of the gun carrier

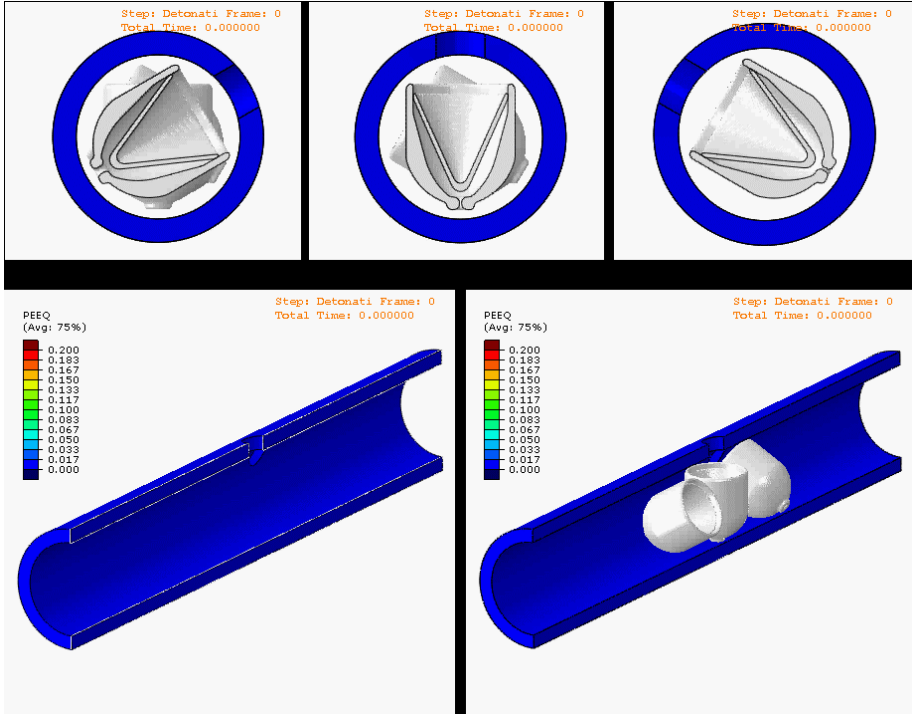
3D model of a gun carrier with 3 shaped charges

Each section modelled as follow:

- 1. Steel gun carrier:** Johnson-Cook (J-C) plasticity model, obtained from experimental tests at high strain rates;
- 2. SC: casing** and **liner:** J-C material/damage model*;
- 3. Explosive:** Jones-Wilkins-Lee (JWL) equation of state*.

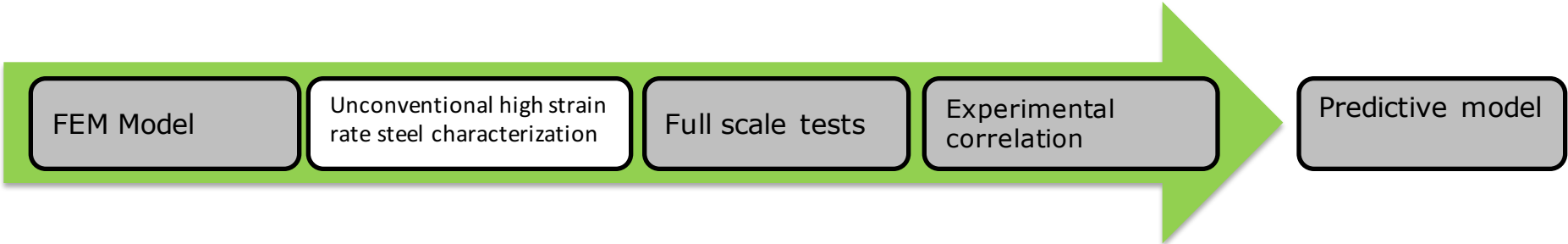
Sequential detonation of 3 charges (5 ms delay)

Swelling predicted as permanent plastic deformation on the steel carrier



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*literature data

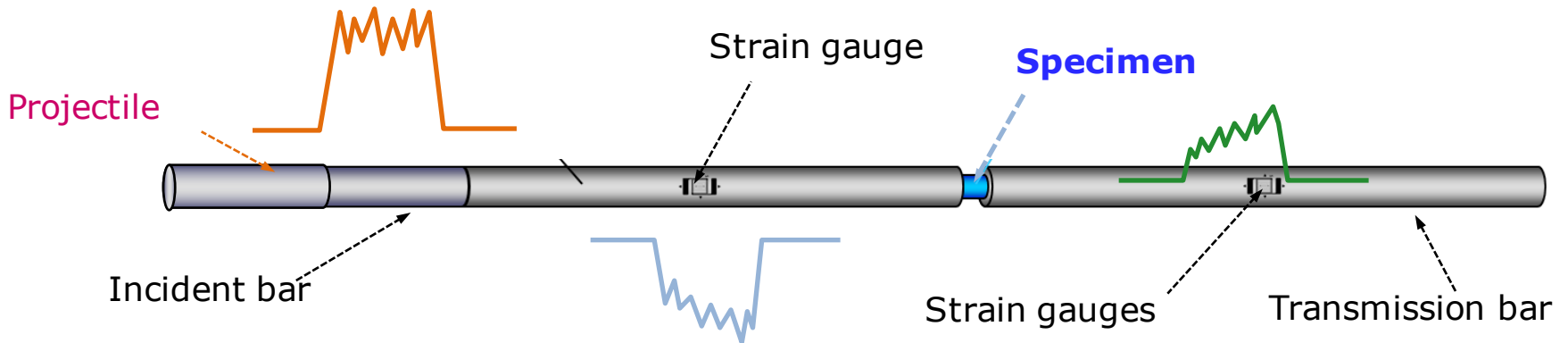


Need for experimental high strain rate tests for proper steel characterization

Tests methodology: Split Hopkinson bar test (SHBT)

The reflected and transmitted wave trains is partially reflected, speed of section based on the two

- The projectile hits the incident bar generating a compressive wave train
- Partly crosses the specimen and reaches the opposite bars



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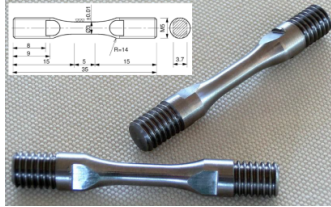
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Specimens machined from Perf Gun Carrier Material



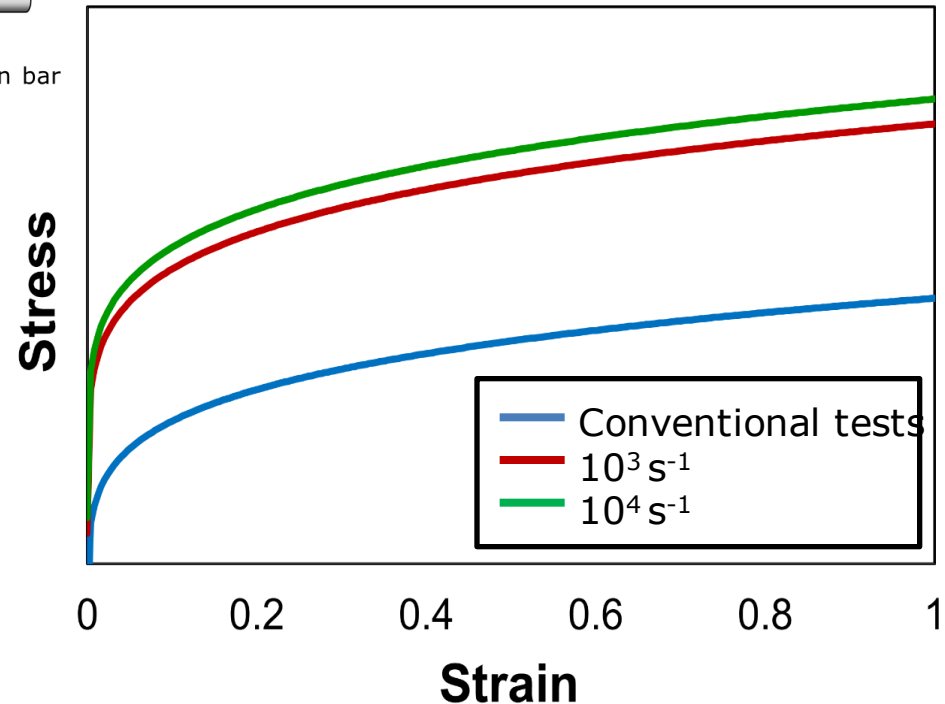
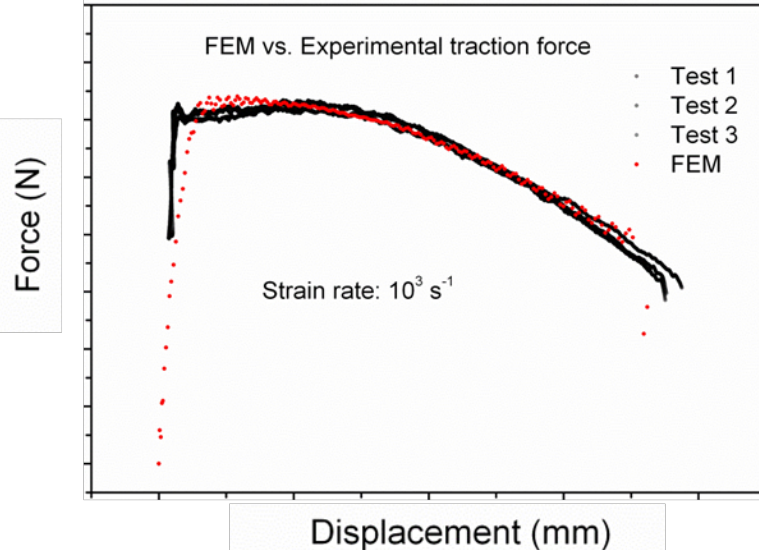
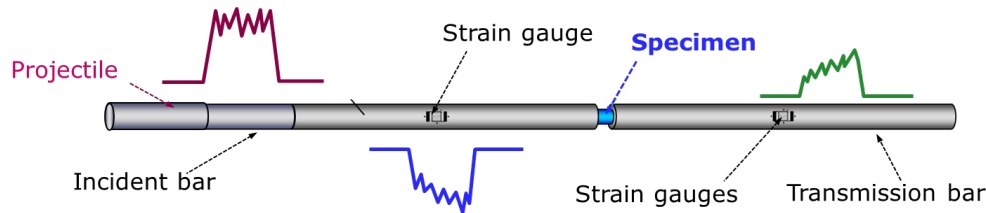
Johnson-Cook (J-C) constitutive model

$$\text{Stress} = (\text{Plasticity})(\text{Log. of strain rate})(\text{Temperature})$$

A, B, n

C, ϵ_0

m



In order to calibrate the J-C model's parameters, FEM inverse analysis onto the experimental curves up to a discrepancy within about 5% have been carried out.

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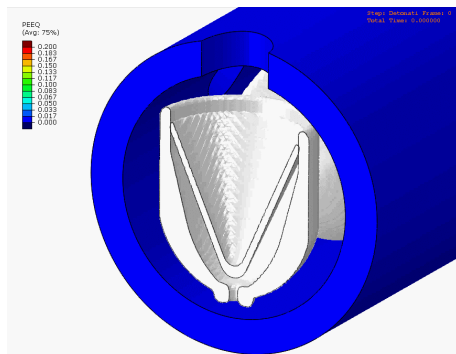
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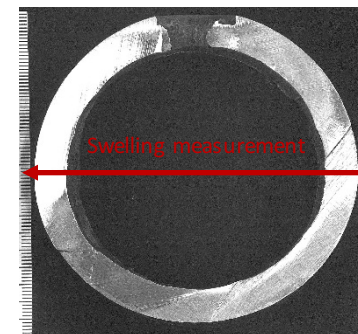
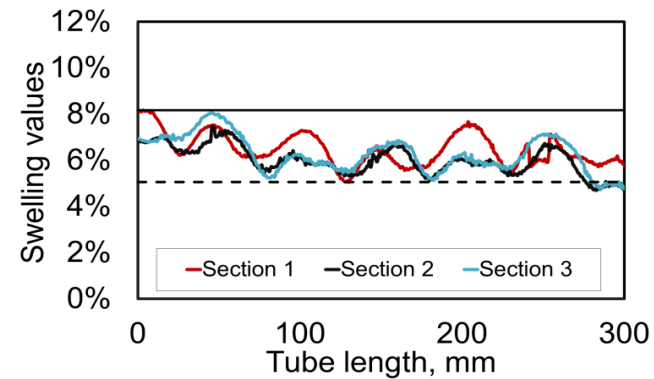
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Need for experimental measurements of local strain deformation and overall swelling

Local strain deformation measurement at the max. impact angle determined by FEM model



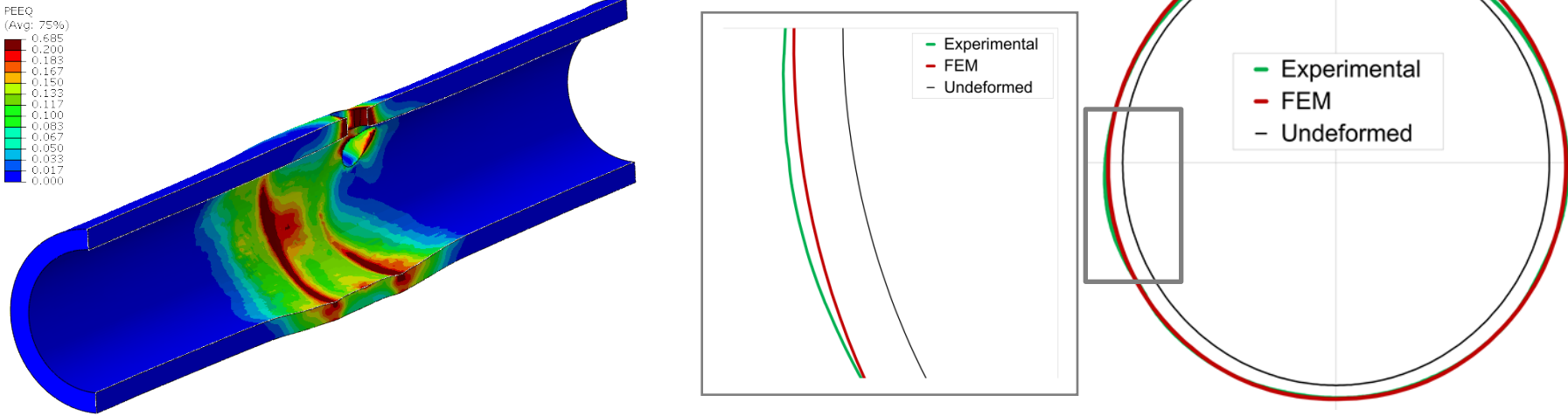
Overall swelling measurement sections



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Local and overall post mortem deformation vs numerical analysis results



	Measurement Position	Experimental value	FEM value
Overall swelling	Location with max. value	8.3%	8.0%
Local deformation	70°	10.3 %	10.2 %
	55°	5.1 %	6.5 %



More details

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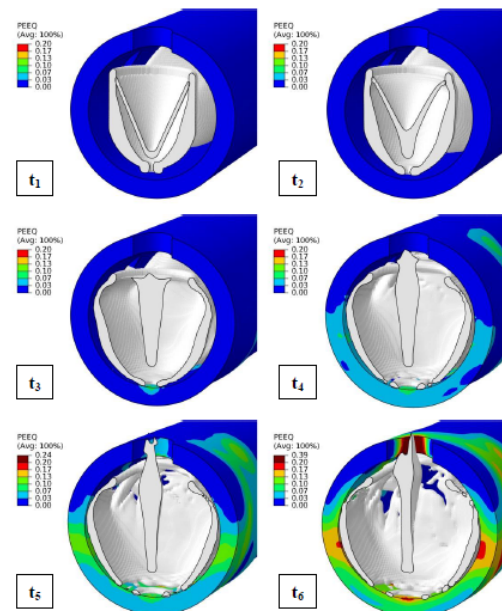
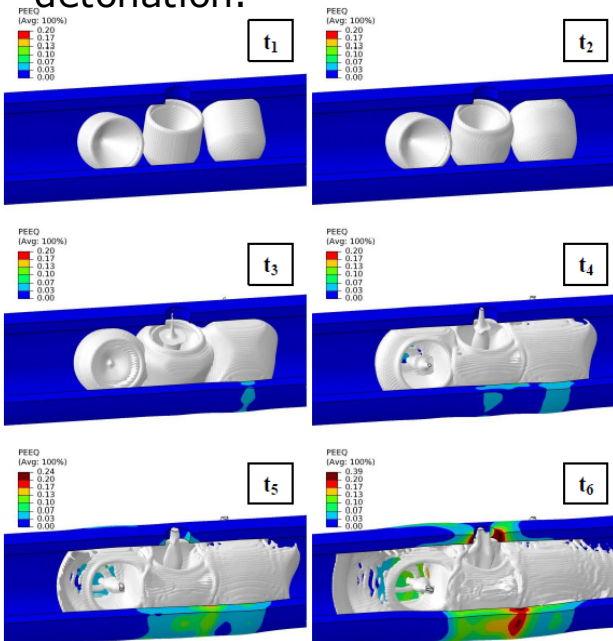
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To be able to take into account variables such as large deformations, mechanical impacts, fracture mechanics in solids and material thermal softening a coupled Eulerian-Lagrangian FE model has been developed.

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- 1. Gun carrier:** Lagrangian technique (good accuracy of the strain field and accurate damage criterion implementation).
- 2. SC:** Eulerian technique (by means of volume fraction tool implemented in Abaqus/CAE) is a suitable for very high deformation experienced during the detonation.



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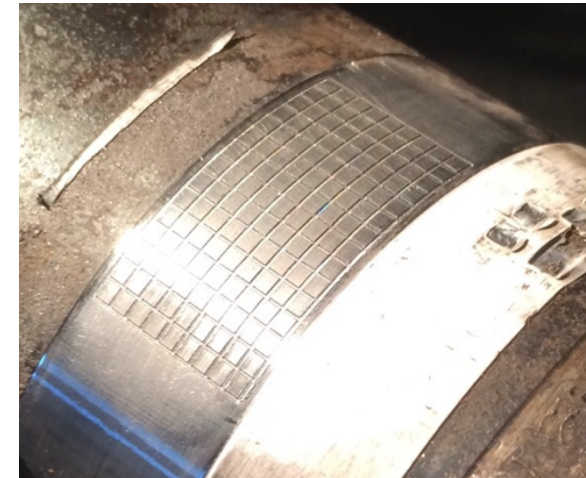
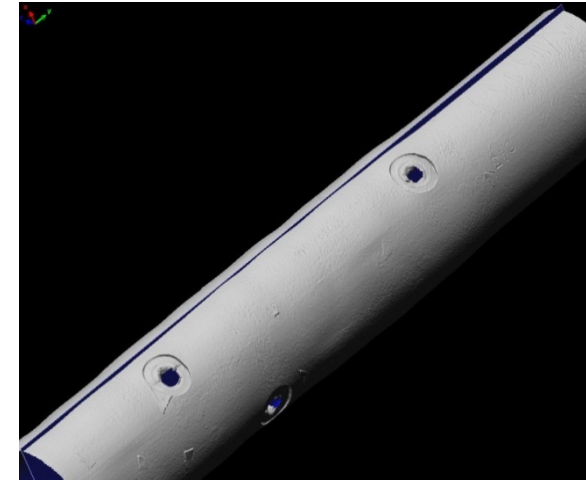
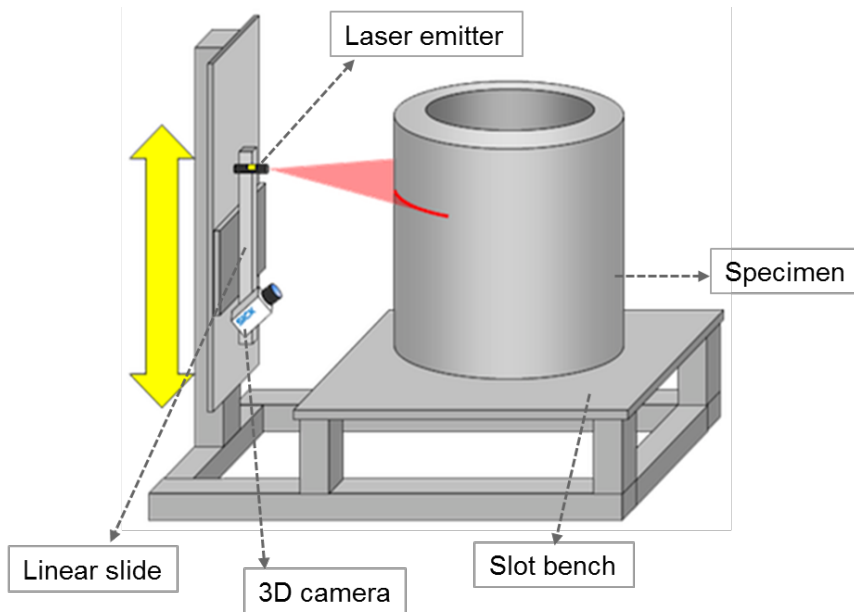
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Swelling measurements 3D Laser scan



Technical data used for the present analysis:

- Focus depth < 0,1 mm;
- Scan rate of 100 mm/s for a longitudinal resolution of 0,1 mm.

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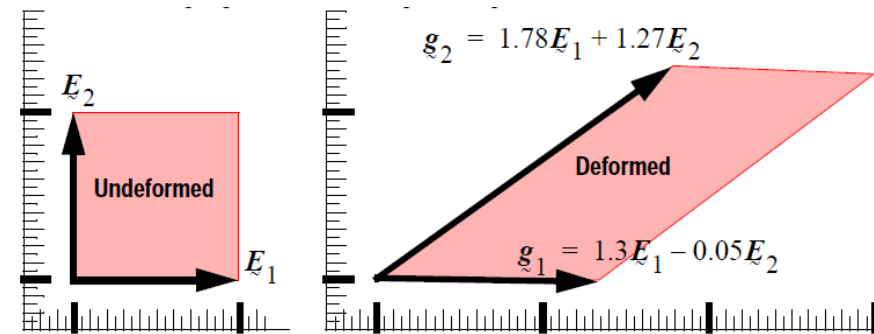
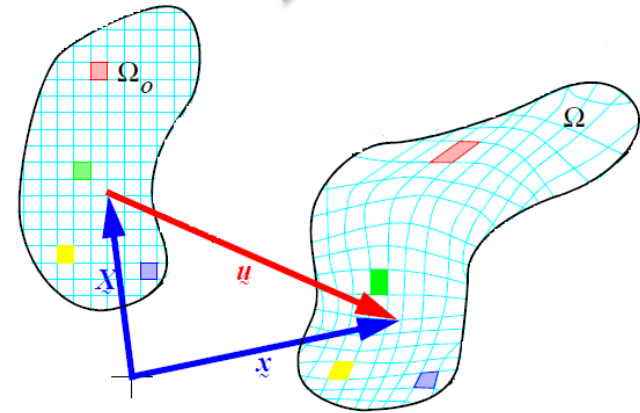
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Strain estimation by surface displacement measurement

A technique able to measure the maximum plastic strain in the metal (i.e. it is a complementary measure w.r.t. the strain gauges one) consists in laser embossing a grid on the polished surface of the tube at the area of interest **(1)**. After the test, the local displacement is measured using a laser scanning **(2)**. The outcome is the deformation gradient tensor \mathbf{F} **(3)**.

From \mathbf{F} it is possible to calculate the strain field to be compared with FEM.



$$[\mathbf{F}] = \begin{bmatrix} 1.3 & 1.78 \\ -0.05 & 1.27 \end{bmatrix}$$

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