



# Efficient thermo-mechanical modelling of cyclic loading with Chaboche type constitutive law coupled with damage

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# Context: Solar power plant



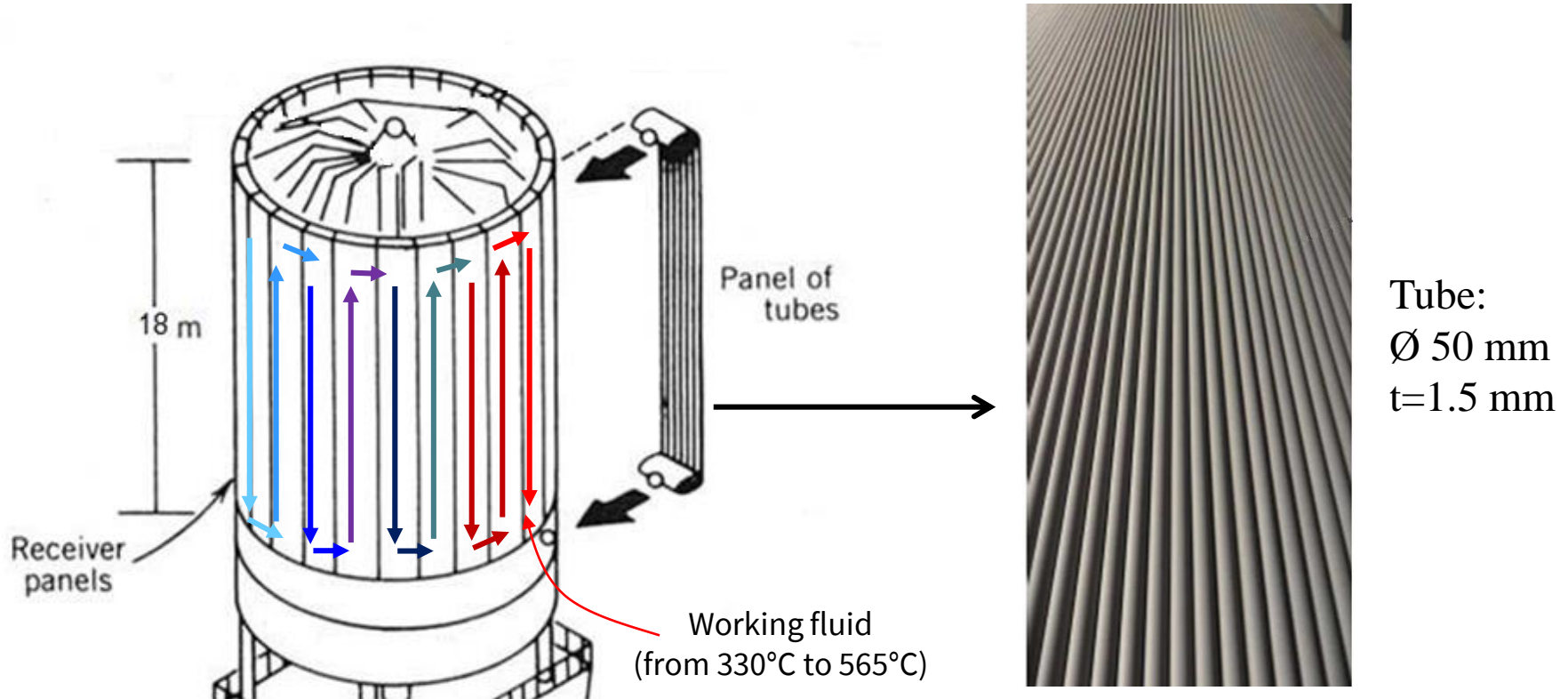
Solar receivers: extreme thermo-mechanical conditions



Khi Solar One power plant (South Africa)



# Context: Solar receiver



## Solar receiver

(source : *W.B.Stine, R.W.Harrigan, Solar Energy Systems Design*)

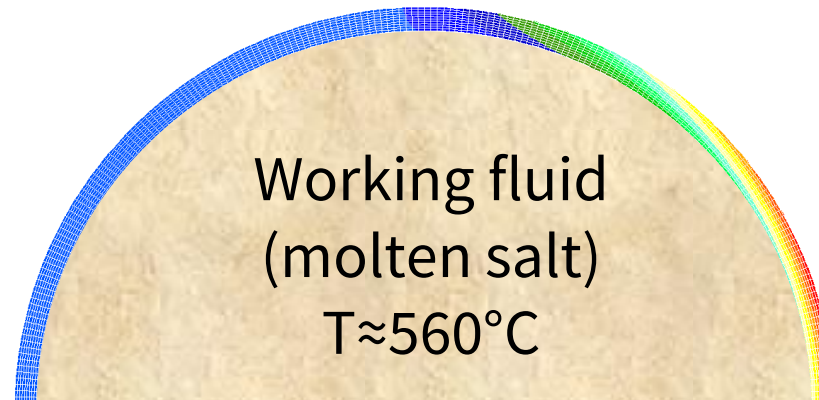
## Panel of tubes manufactured from nickel alloy sheet (Haynes 230)

(source : *CMI Solar*)

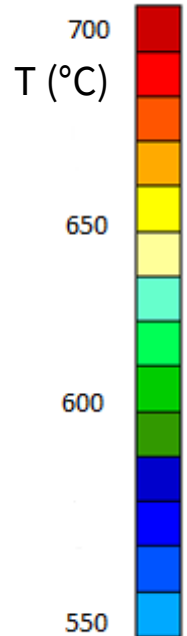


# Context: The tubes

Temperature distribution in a tube  
(Lagamine FE code)



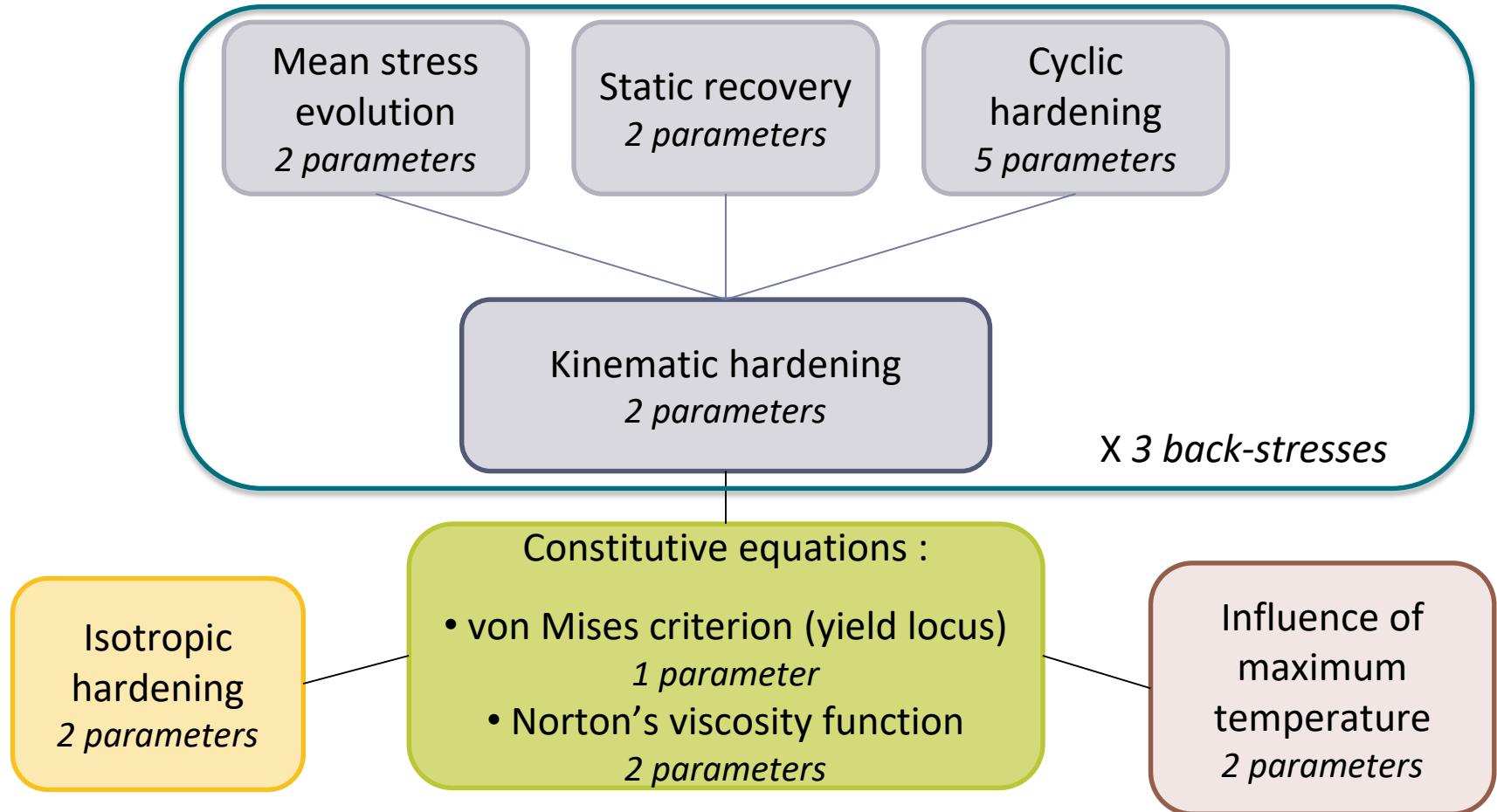
Solar radiation



- ▶ **Fatigue + creep + corrosion**
- ▶ **Extreme Thermo-mechanical loading**  
(Haynes 230)
- ▶ **Advanced constitutive model + Damage**



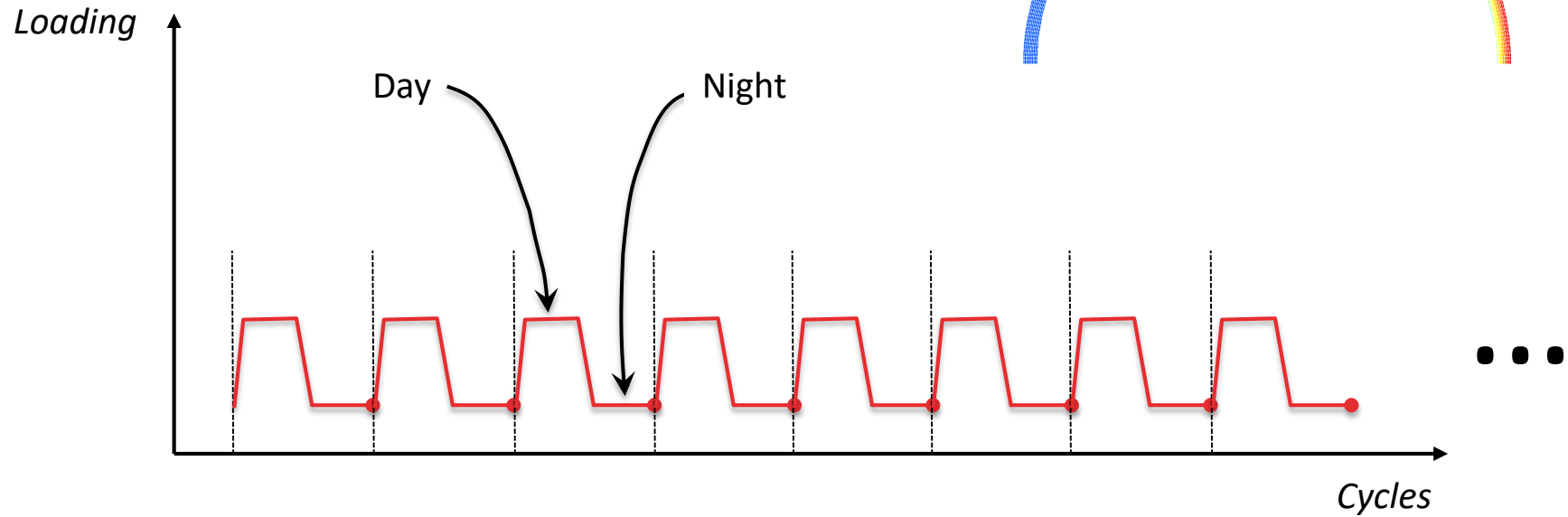
# Advanced Chaboche model



+ Lemaitre Damage (creep + fatigue + corrosion)



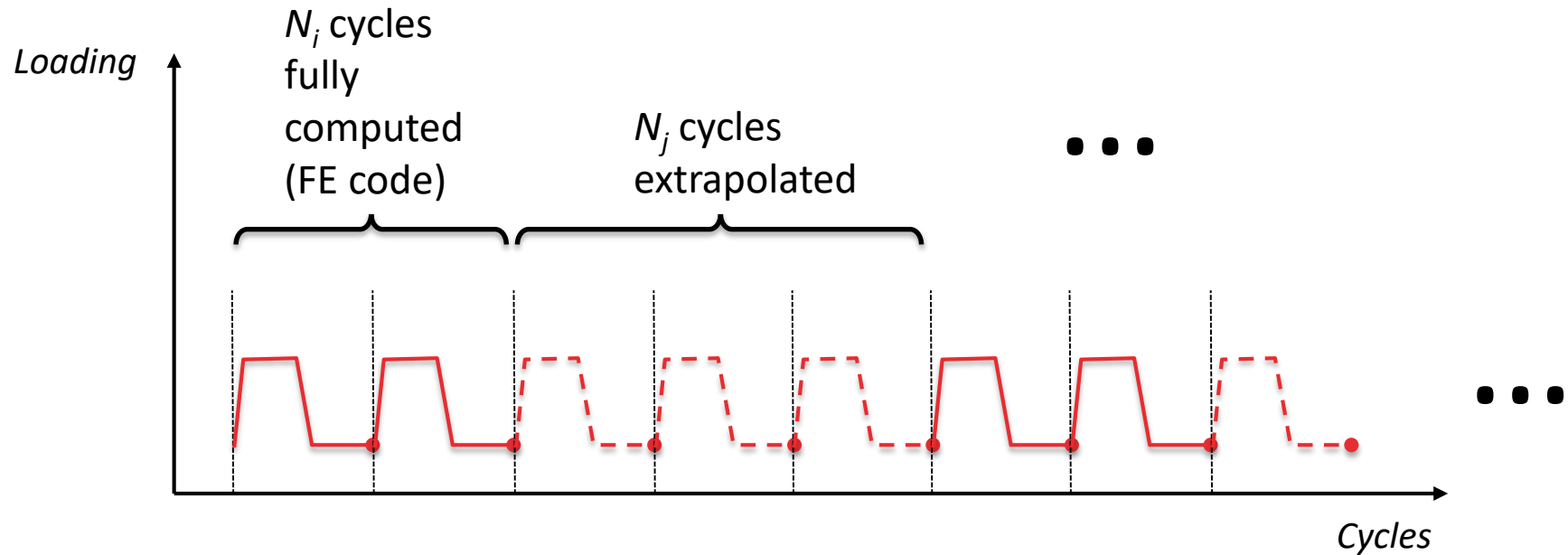
# Cycle jump approach



- Target:
- ▶ 10 000 cycles  
(~25 years)
  - ▶ 18m long tube  
(~200 000 FE,  $10^6$  DOFs)



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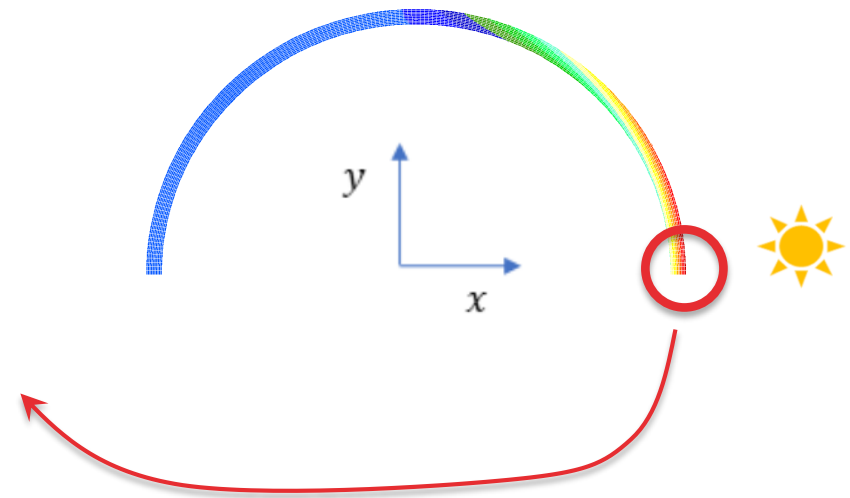
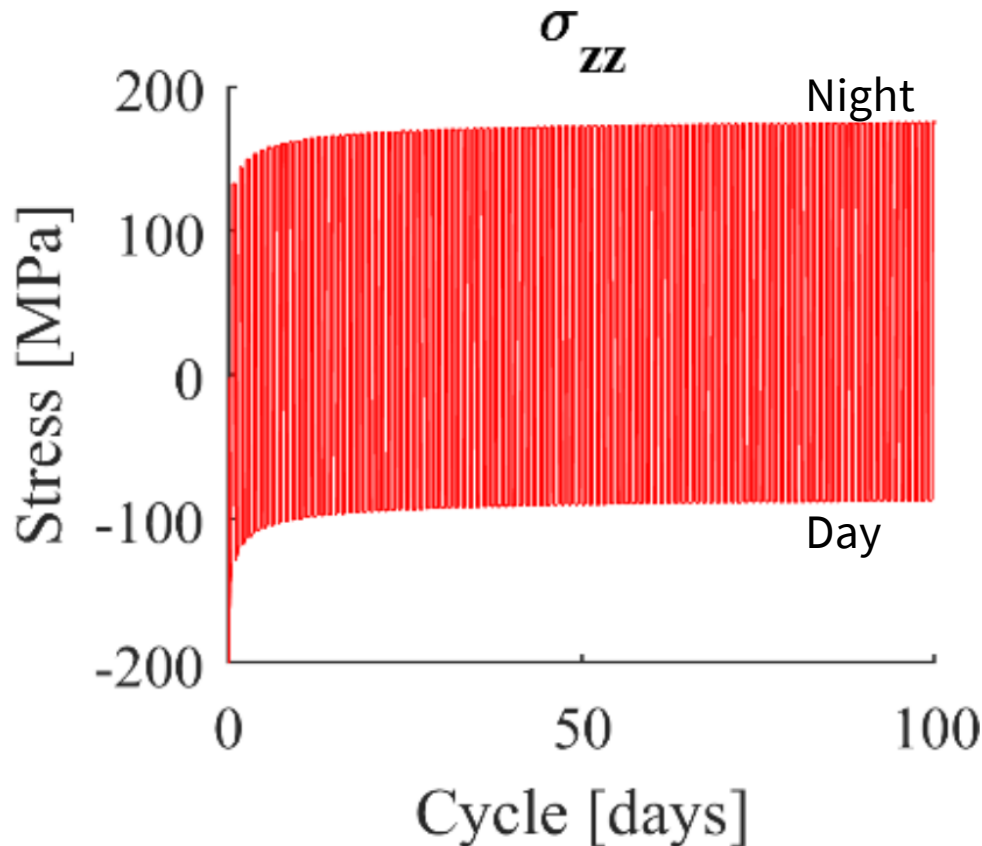


Target: ► 10 000 cycles  
(~25 years)  
► 18m long tube  
(~200 000 FE,  $10^6$  DOFs)

This study: ► 5 000 cycles  
► 1 slice of the tube  
(300 FE, ~3000 DOFs)



# Cycle jump: near-steady-state



➔ Full FE computation for the first 100 cycles





# Cycle jump: effects of $N_j$

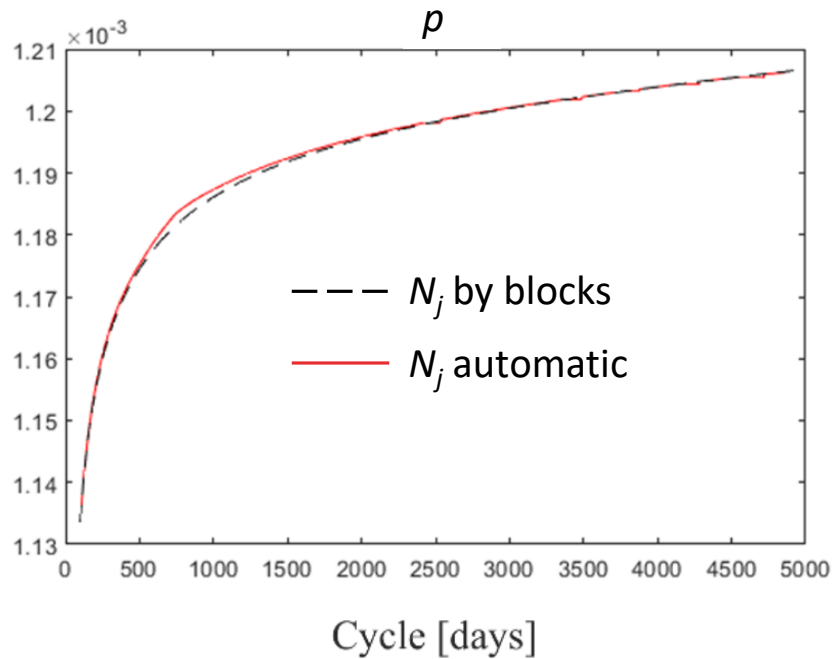
3 solutions implemented:

- **Constant:** user-defined value
- **Constant by blocks:** idem with predefined evolution (16...26...36)
- **Automatic:** adjusted by the code to limit  $\Delta D$  over the jumped cycles for all elements ( $\Delta D^{\max} = 5 \cdot 10^{-4}$ )

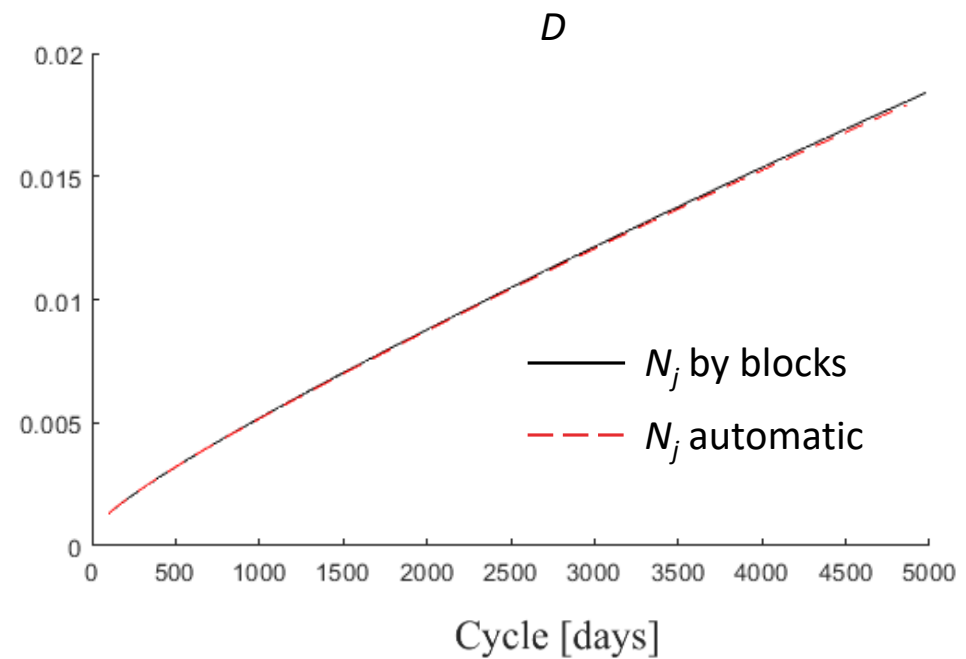


# Cycle jump: effects of $N_j$

Total plastic strain

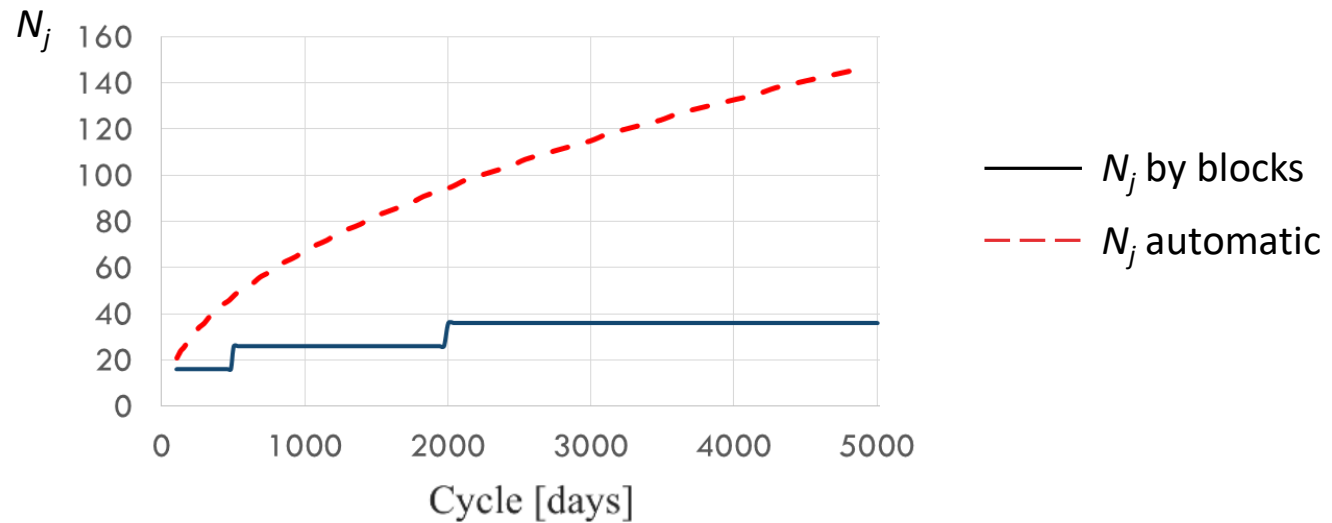


Total Damage





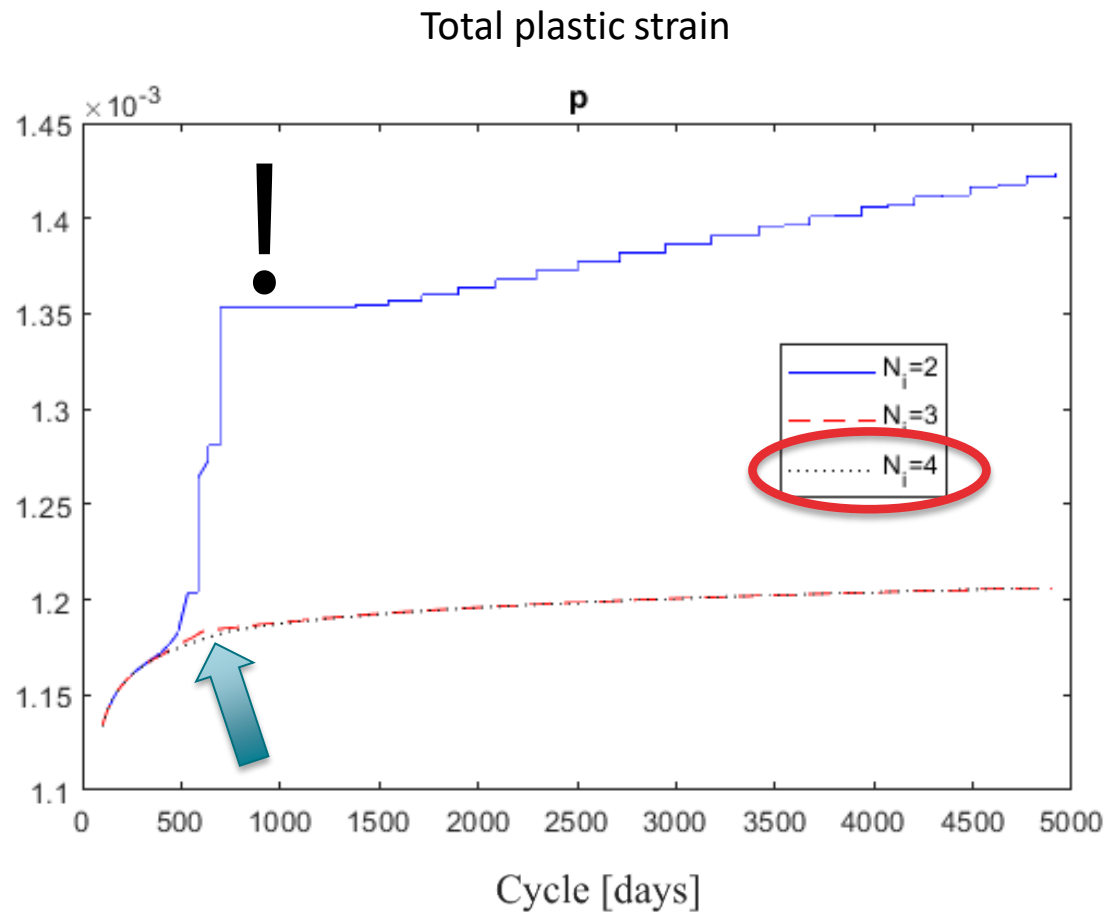
# Cycle jump: effects of $N_j$



|                 | <b>FE cycles</b> | <b>Jumped cycles</b> | <b>Total</b> | <b>Number of jumps</b> | <b>Mean <math>N_j</math></b> |
|-----------------|------------------|----------------------|--------------|------------------------|------------------------------|
| $N_j$ by blocks | 580              | 4420                 | 5000         | 145                    | 30                           |
| $N_j$ automatic | 220              | 4780                 | 5000         | 55                     | 87                           |



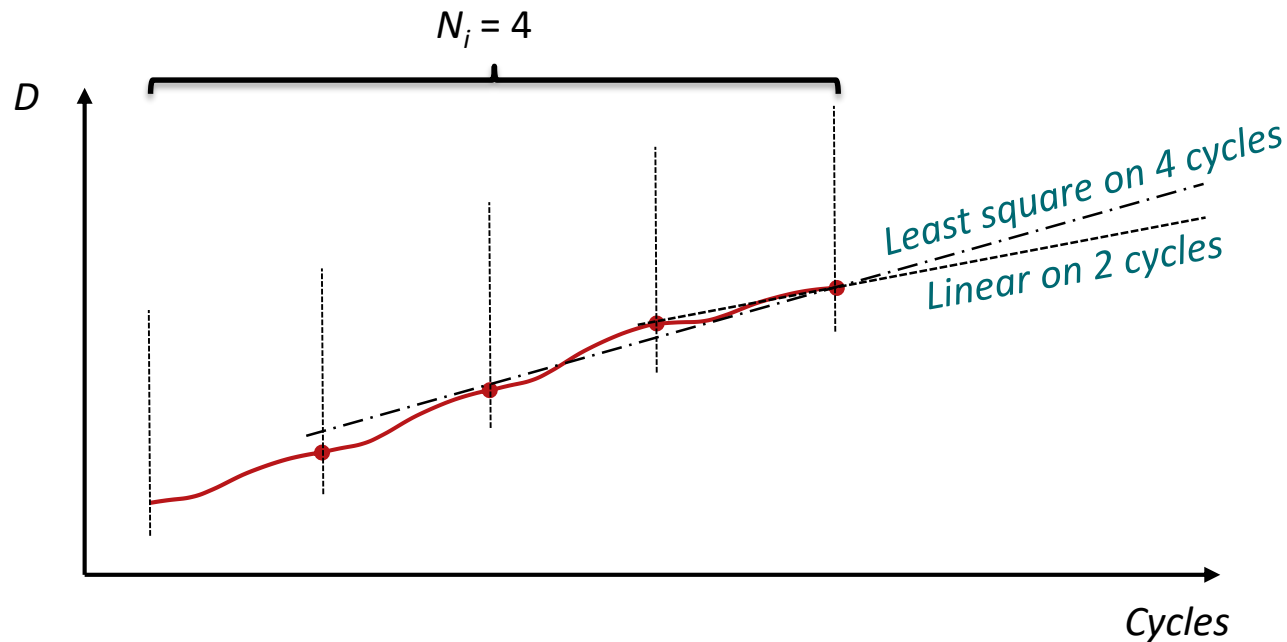
# Cycle jump: effects of $N_i$





# Cycle jump: extrapolation strategy

- Extrapolation scheme



➔ No significant effect

- Variables to extrapolate

All FE variables, only  $D$ ...



No significant effect

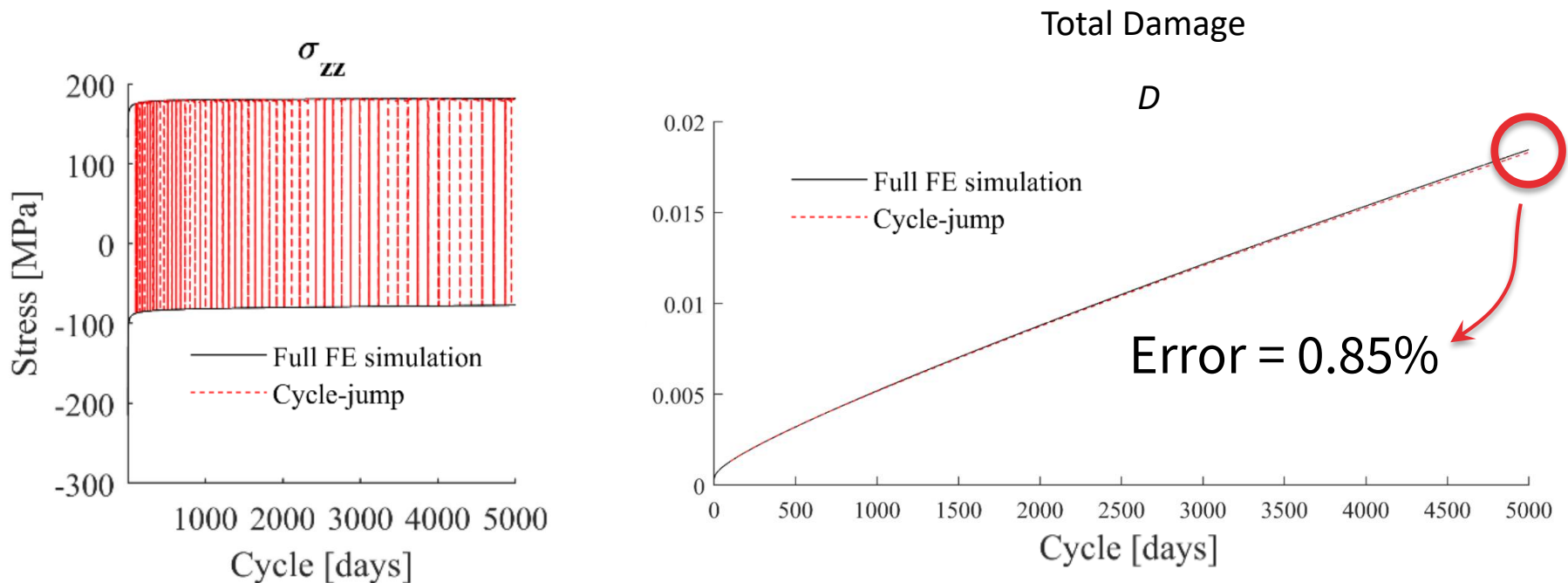


# Cycle jump: optimum parameters

- First 100 cycles → full FE computation
- $N_j = 4$
- $N_j$  automatic ( $\Delta D^{\max} = 5 \cdot 10^{-4}$ )
- Extrapolation scheme: linear on 2 cycles
- All FE variables extrapolated



# Cycle jump: optimum parameters



|                     | <b>CPU time<br/>(hours)</b> |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| Full FE computation | 104                         |
| Optimum Cycle jump  | 11                          |

- ▶ 5 000 cycles
- ▶ 1 slice of the tube (300 FE, ~3000 DOFs)





