

A posteriori control of modeling and discretization errors in finite elastoplasticity

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The concept of adaptive error control for finite element Galerkin discretizations has more recently been extended from the pure treatment of the discretization errors [1], [4] also to the control of modeling errors [6]. These techniques can be employed for a rigorous justification of the local choice of the model out of a given hierarchy with increasing complexity. In the present paper the concept is exemplified by a hierarchy of elastoplasticity models [2], [3], [7]. Significant reduction of the computational complexity can be achieved by a proper choice of the model in different subdomains, automatically chosen by the error estimators. The method is applied to finite element simulations [5] of metal forming.

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