

Modeling of Plastic Matrix-Fiber Interaction in Fiber Reinforced Concrete

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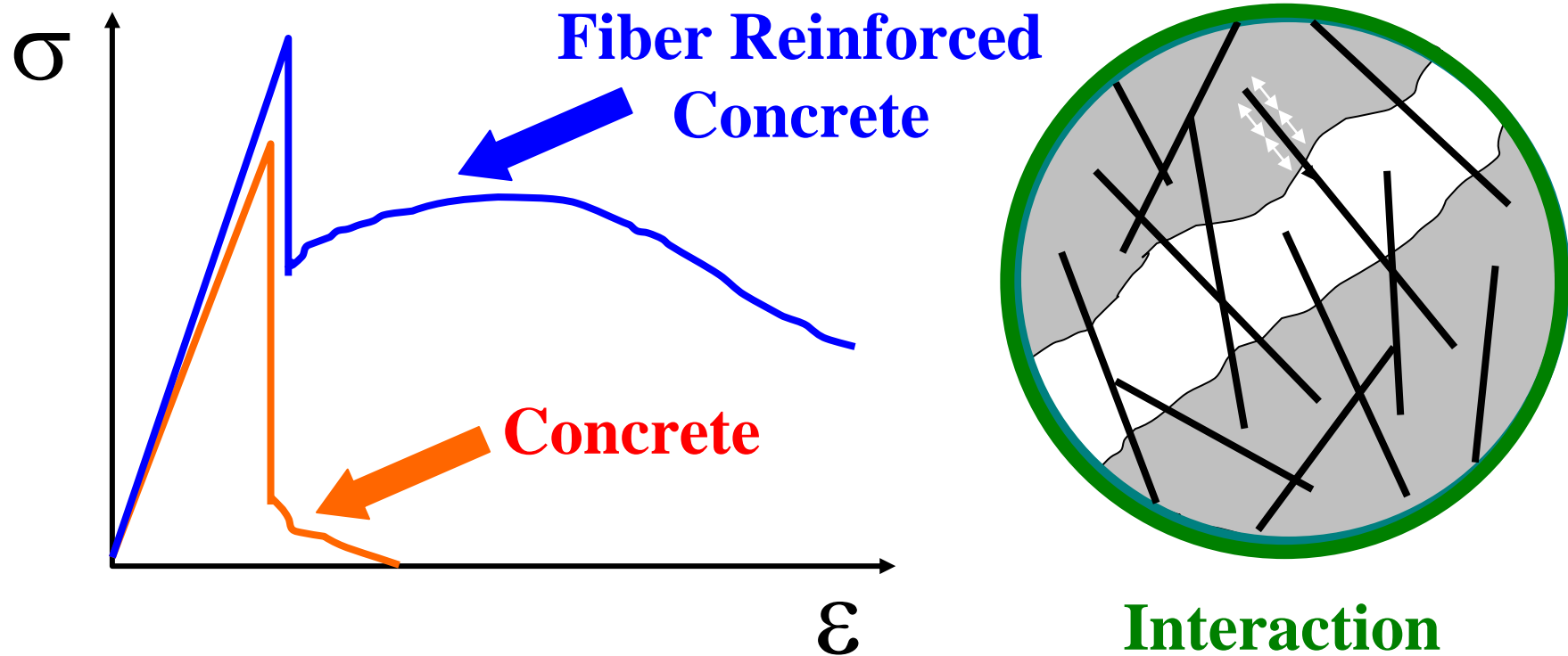
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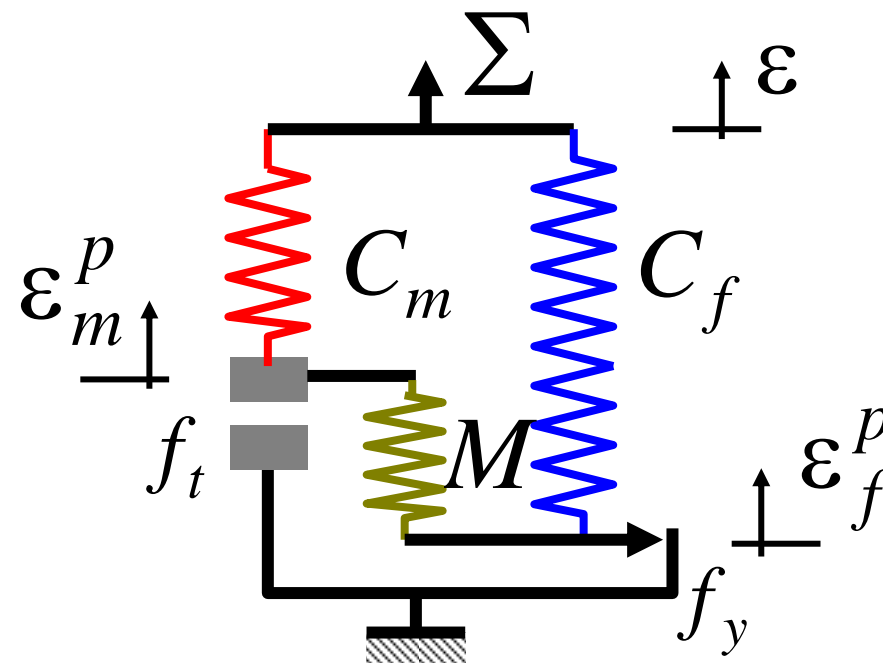
Plan

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- ◆ **Application to RPC 200**
(Reactive Powder Concrete)
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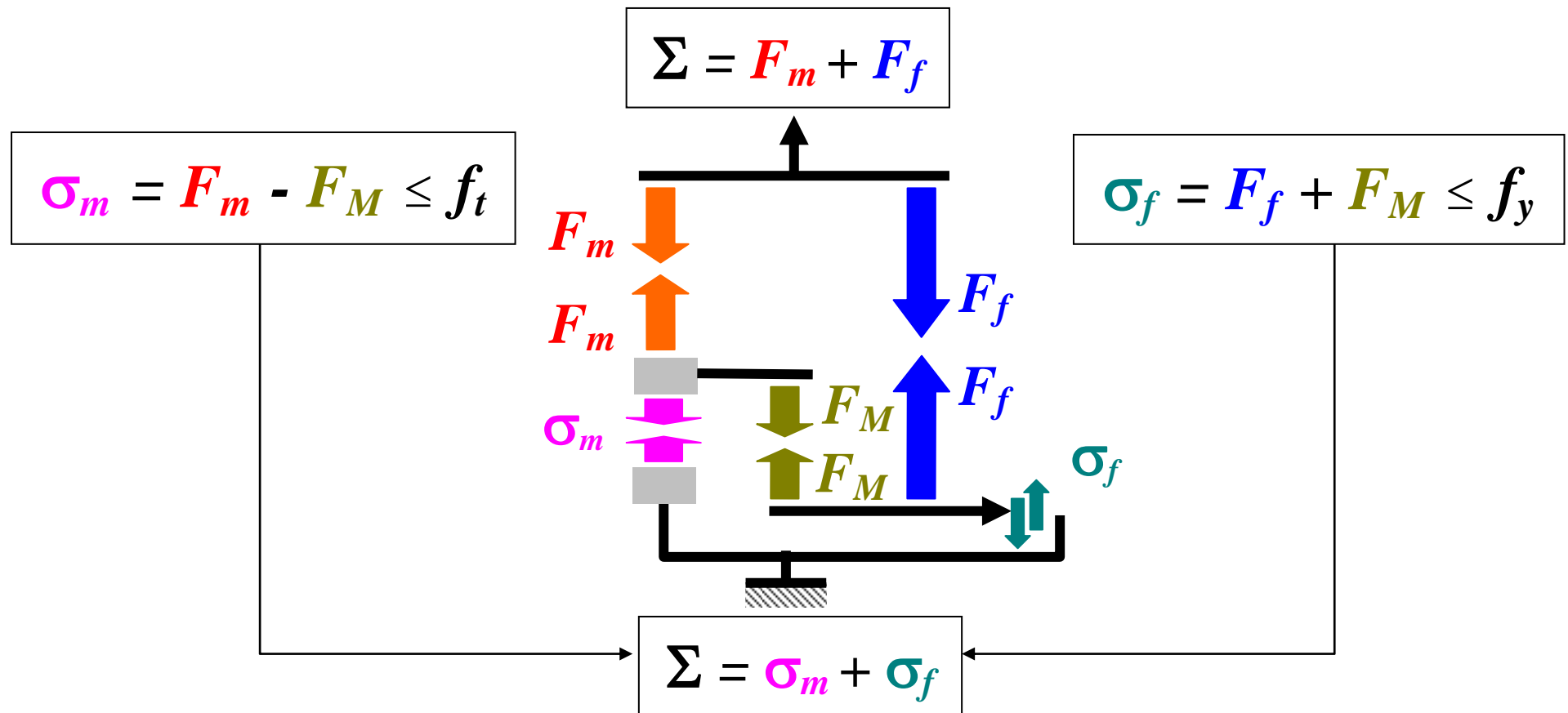
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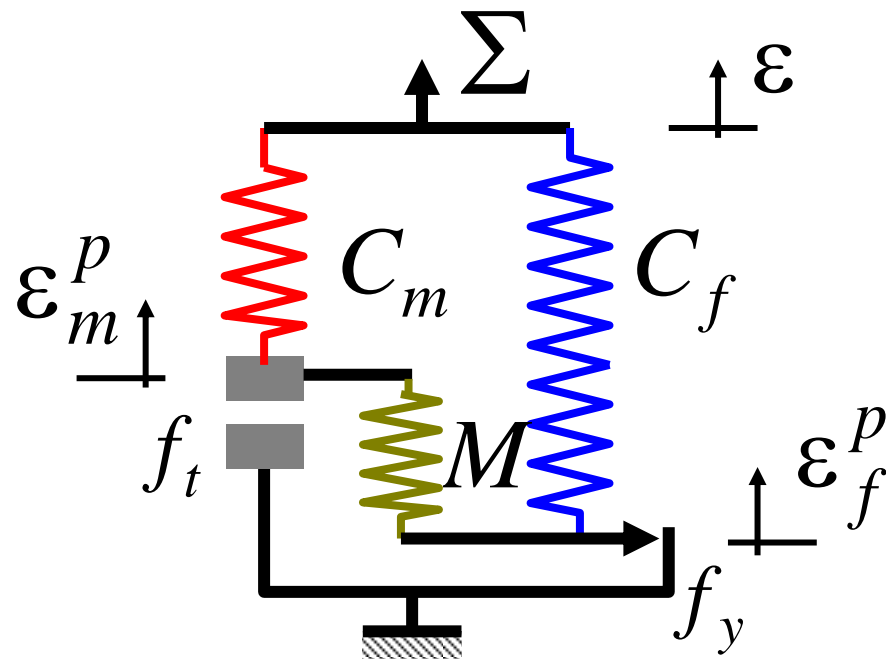
1-D Rheological model



Force-flow



Stress-strain relation



$$\Sigma = (C_m + C_f)\varepsilon - C_m \varepsilon_m^p - C_f \varepsilon_f^p$$

$$\sigma_m = C_m (\varepsilon - \varepsilon_m^p) - M (\varepsilon_m^p - \varepsilon_f^p)$$

$$\sigma_f = C_f (\varepsilon - \varepsilon_f^p) + M (\varepsilon_m^p - \varepsilon_f^p)$$

Admissible stress states

Elastic state:

$$f = \max \{ f_m, f_f \} < 0$$

**Matrix cracking
loading function:**

$$f_m = \sigma_m - f_t \leq 0$$

if:

$$f_t / f_y > C_m / C_f$$

**Fiber yielding
loading function:**

$$f_f = \sigma_f - f_y \leq 0$$

if:

$$f_t / f_y < C_m / C_f$$

Matrix cracking

Plastic Evolution Law:

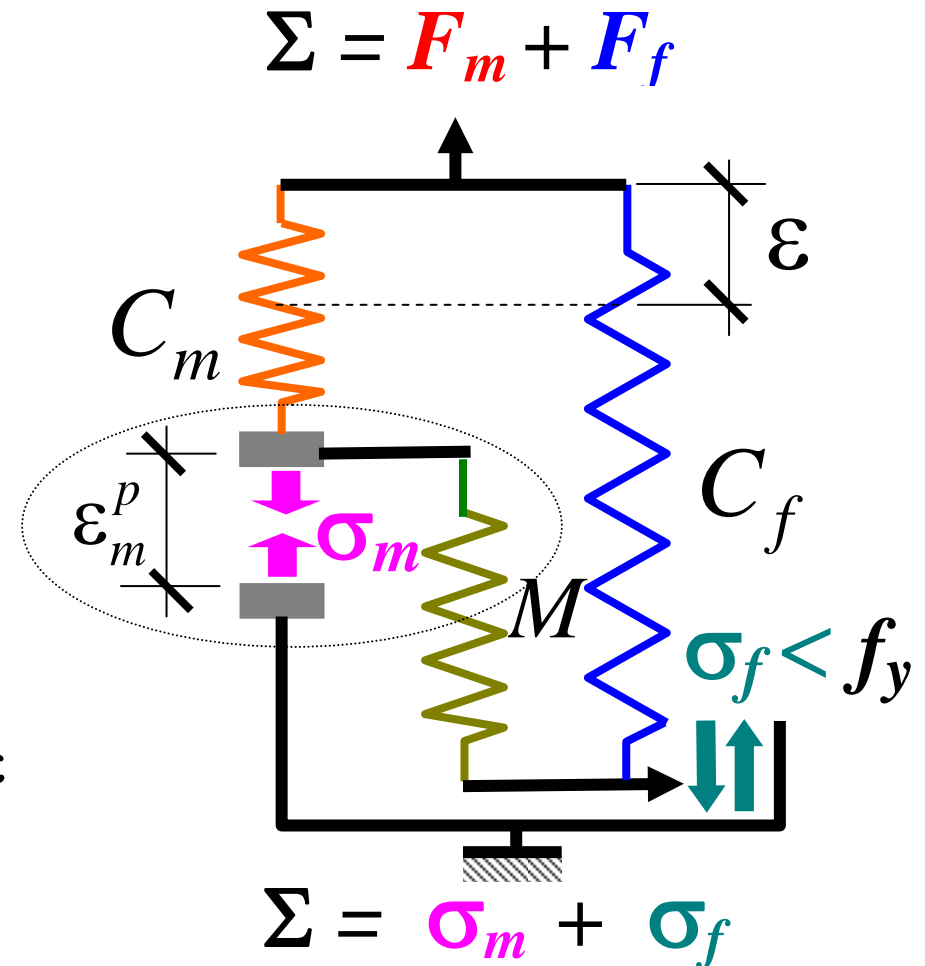
$$\sigma_m = C_m (\varepsilon - \varepsilon_m^p) - M \varepsilon_m^p = 0$$

$$\varepsilon_m^p = \frac{C_m}{C_m + M} \varepsilon$$

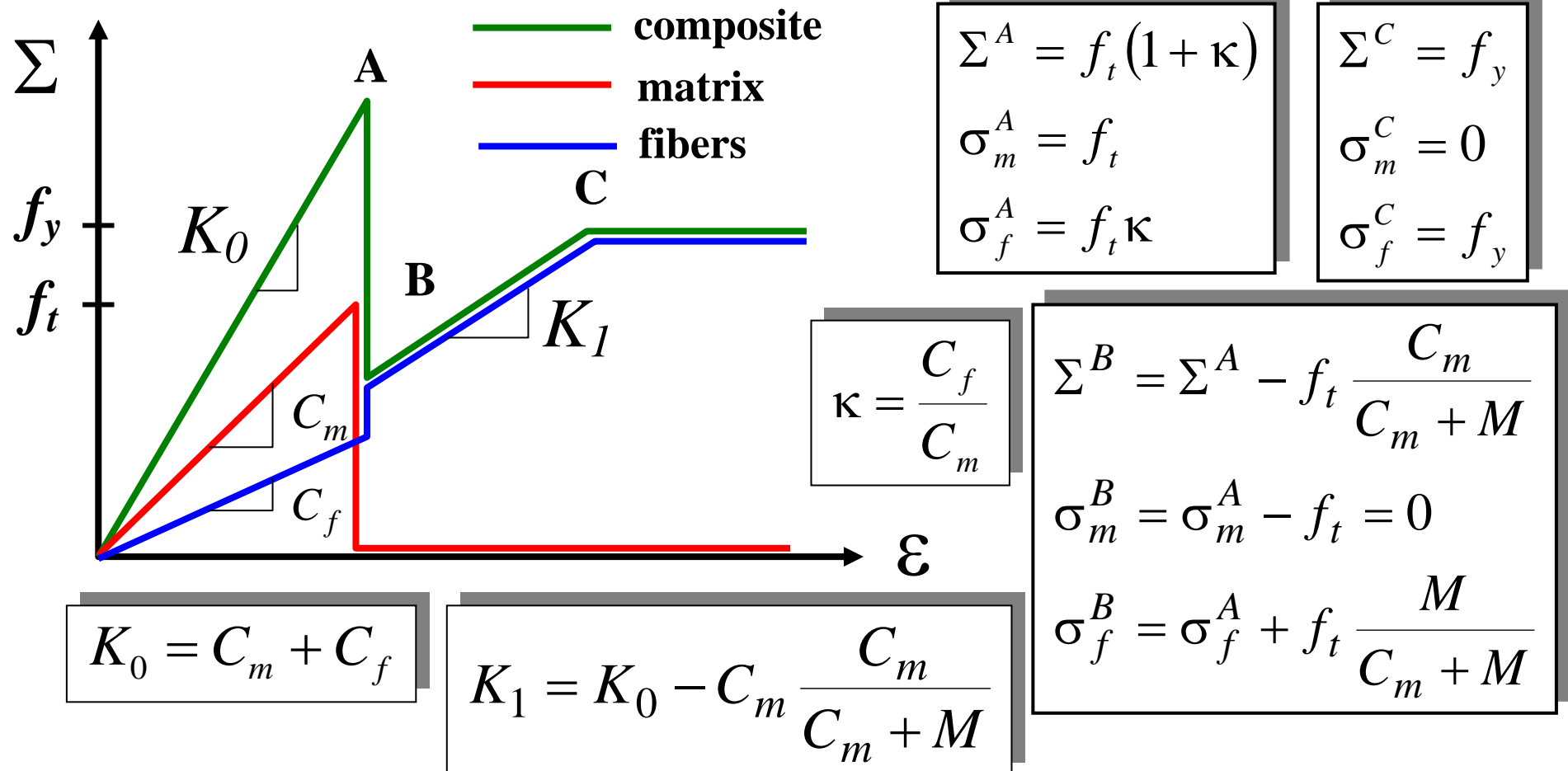
Tangential Stress-Strain Relation:

$$d\sigma_m = 0$$

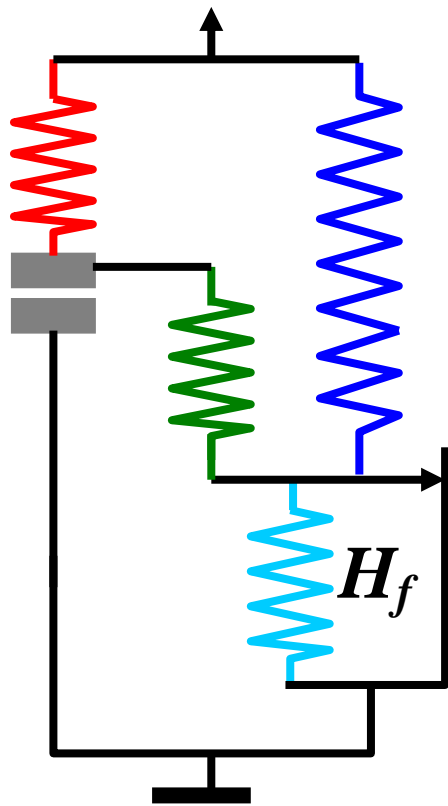
$$d\sigma_f = d\Sigma = \left(C_f + M \frac{C_m}{C_m + M} \right) d\varepsilon$$



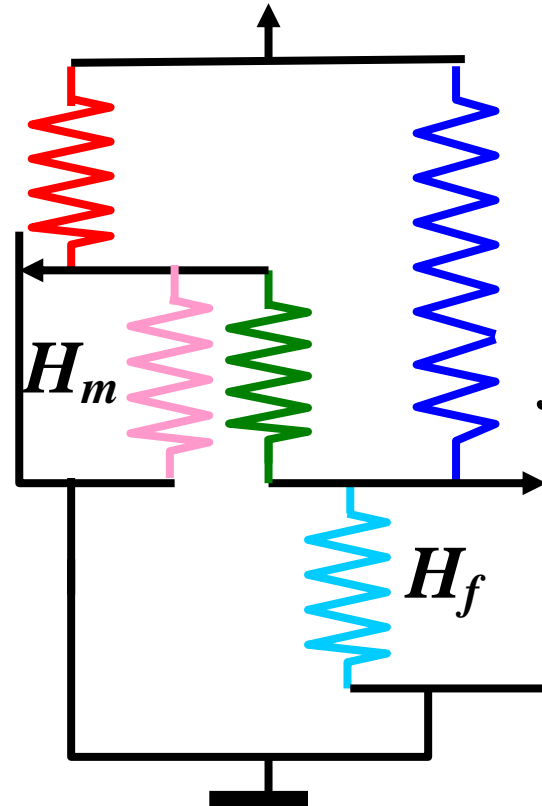
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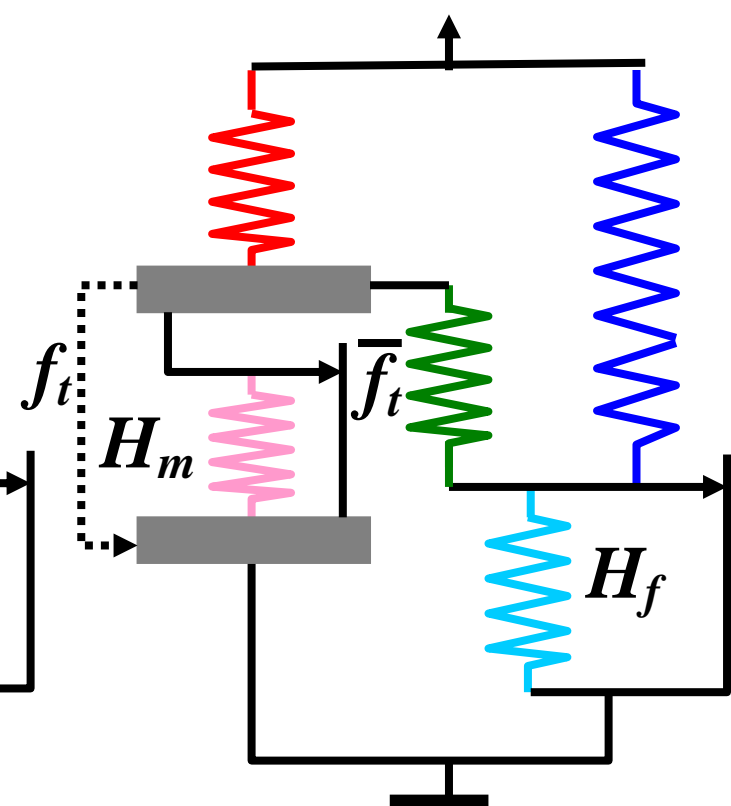
Model extension: softening/hardening



Elastic-brittle matrix
Elastic-plastic fibers

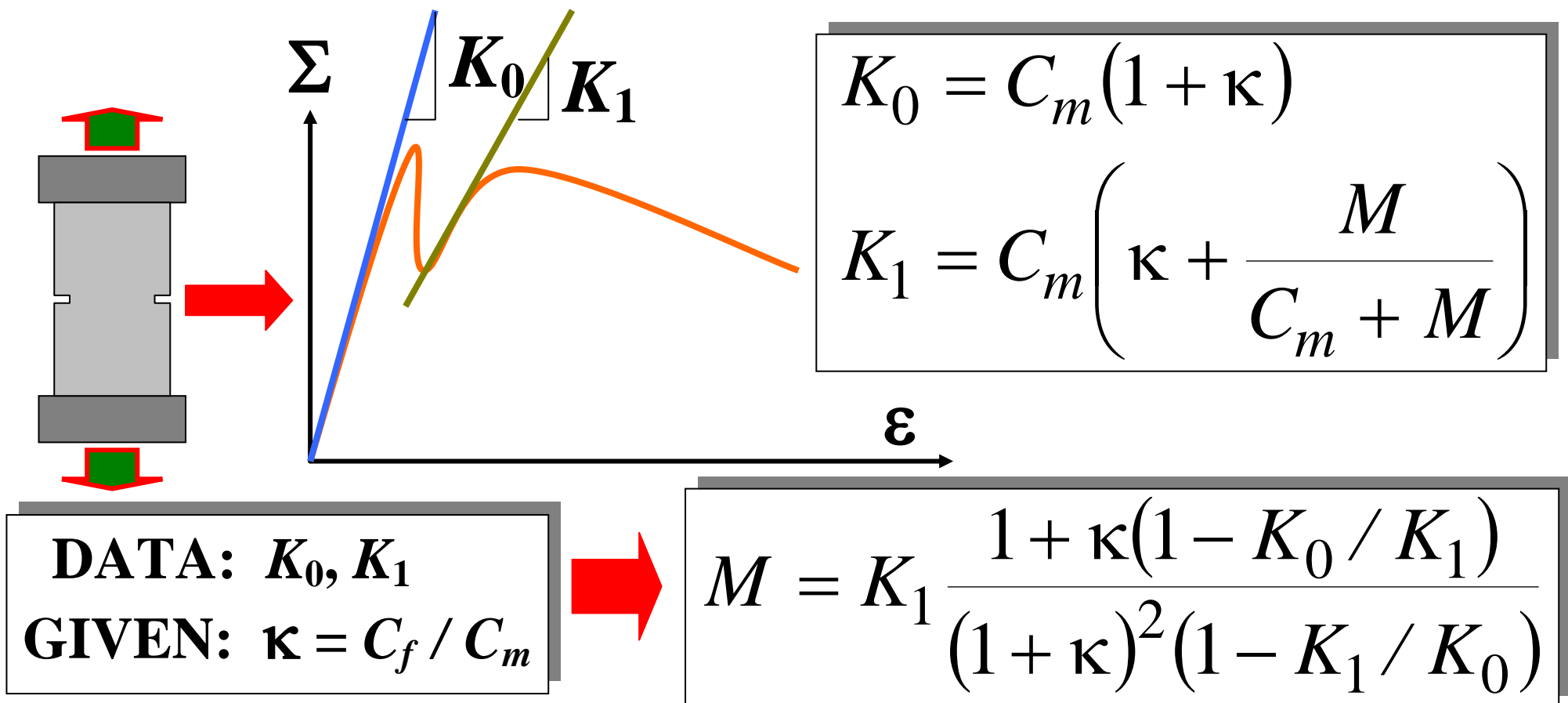


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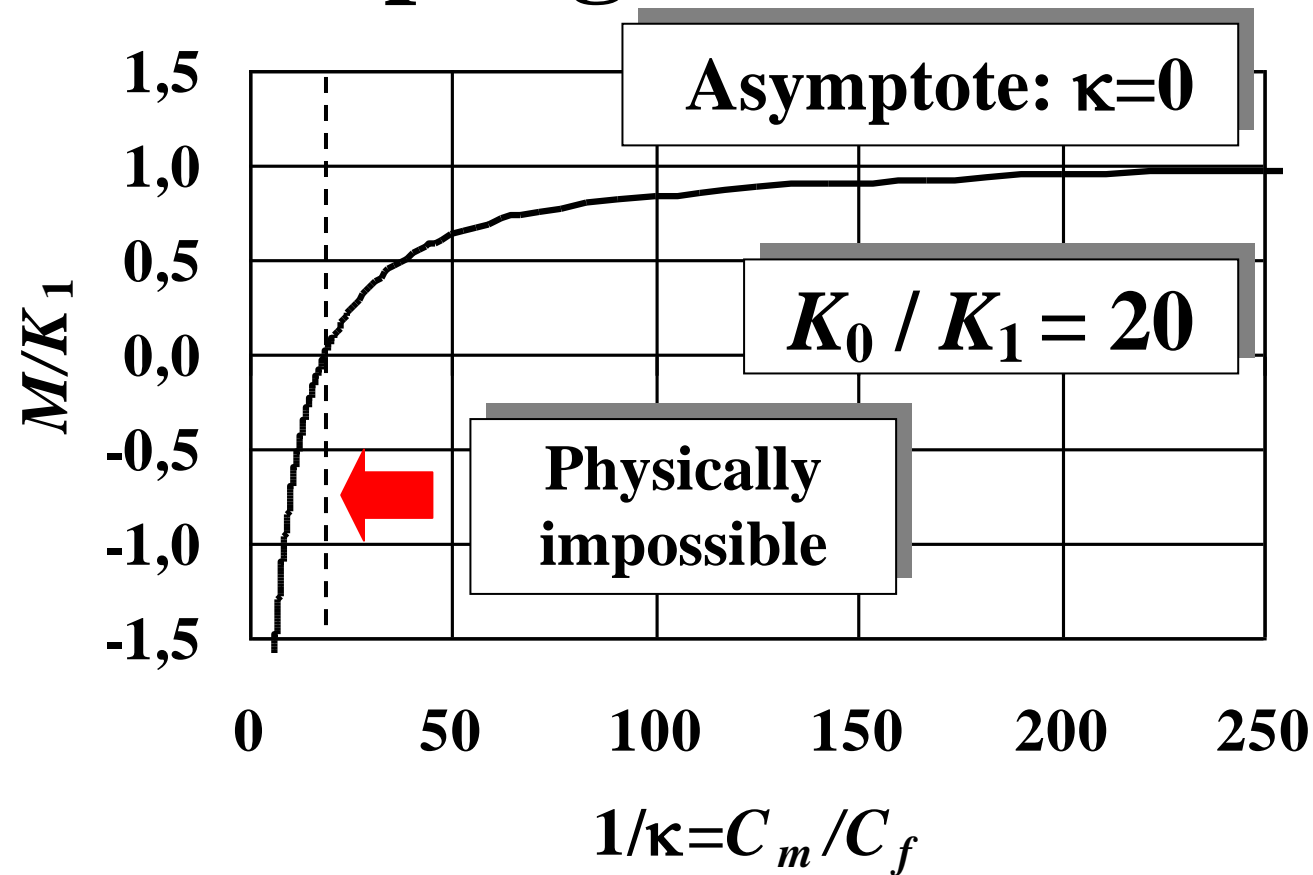


Elastic-brittle matrix with
residual strength

Asymptotic determination of coupling modulus M in case of FRC



Asymptotic behavior of coupling modulus M



Asymptotic determination of coupling modulus M in case of FRC

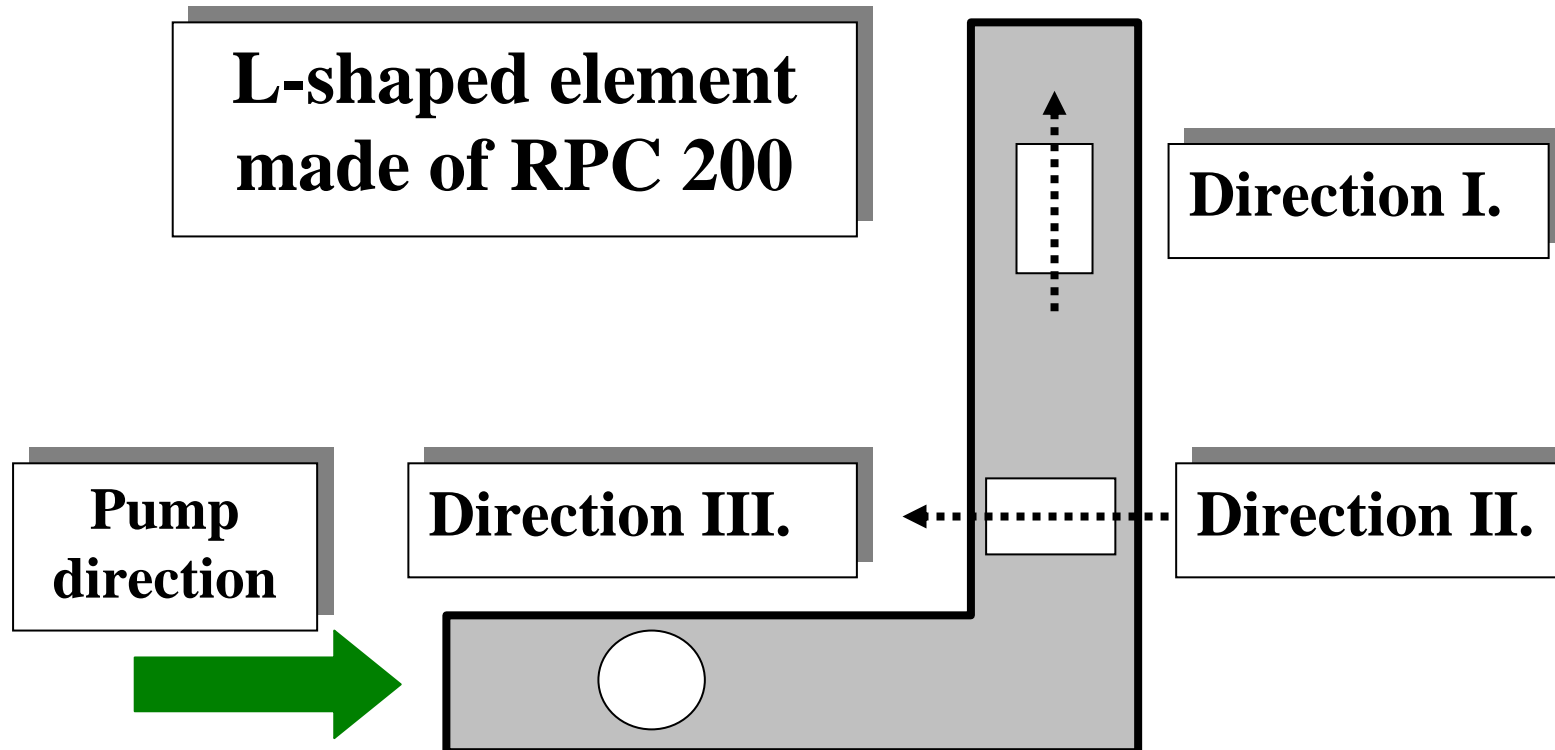
$$\lim_{\kappa \rightarrow 0} K_0 = \lim_{\kappa \rightarrow 0} C_m (1 + \kappa) = C_m$$

$$\lim_{\kappa \rightarrow 0} K_1 = \lim_{\kappa \rightarrow 0} C_m \left(\kappa + \frac{M}{C_m + M} \right) = \frac{C_m M}{C_m + M}$$

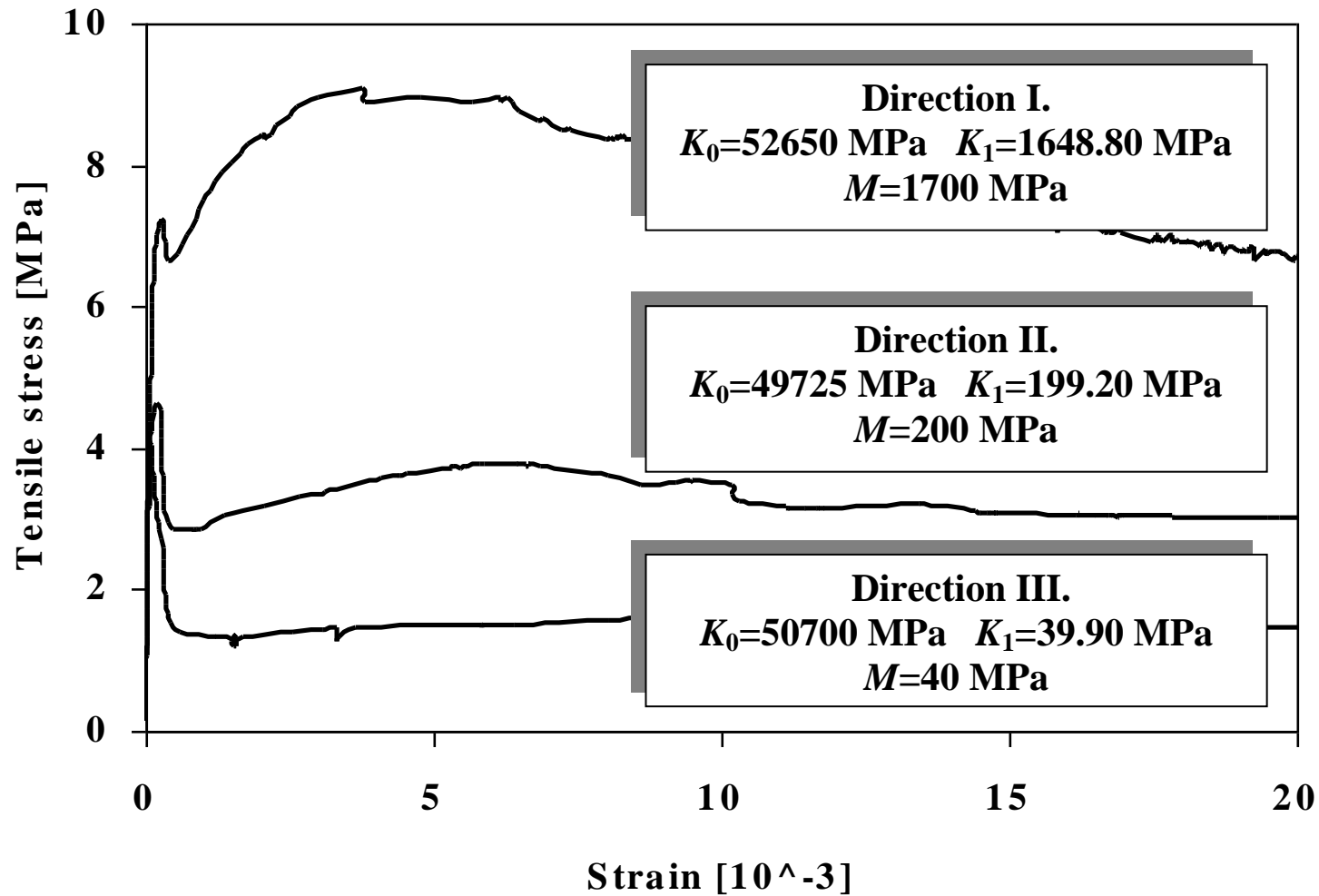
$$\lim_{\kappa \rightarrow 0} M = \frac{K_0 K_1}{K_0 - K_1}$$

Experimental study

Direct tensile test on notched specimens



Model application to RPC 200



Perspectives

○ **Material characterization**

$M = M(\text{fiber type, concrete, etc.})$

○ **Energetic approach**

Motivation: ■ 3-D extension

○ **Orientation of the fibers**

Solution: ■ Fluid-mechanics

○ **Numerical implementation**

Problems: ■ Brittle fracture
■ Matrix-fiber interaction

Conclusions

- **1-D material model for FRC taking into account plastic matrix-fiber interaction is worked out**
- **Advantage:**
 - **Clear physical significance**
 - **Little number of material tests:**
in the simplified 1-D case accessible by
1 standard material test
- **Because of the simplicity of the 1-D rheological model it can easily be extended with softening/hardening phenomena**