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# Structural Analyses on 3D Printed Objects Made from Experimentally Characterized Materials



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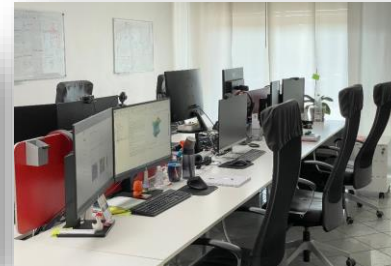


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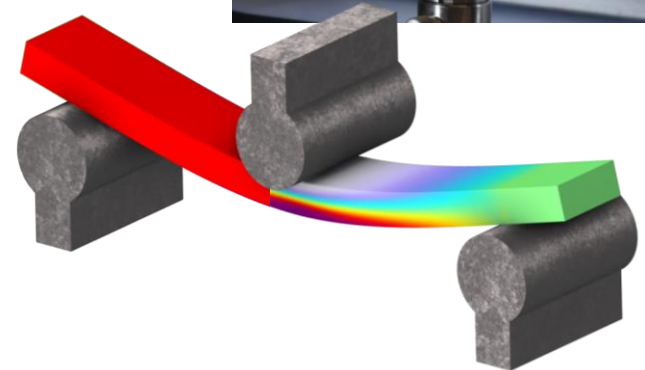
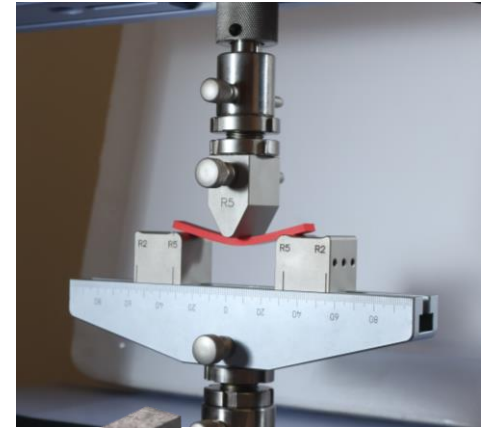
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- ✓ The **BE CAE & Test** company is able to follow the whole process



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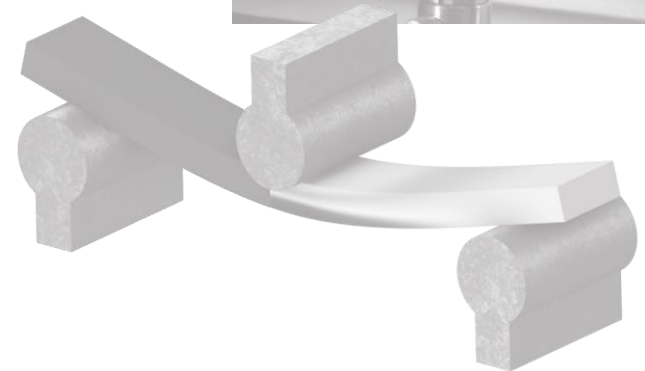
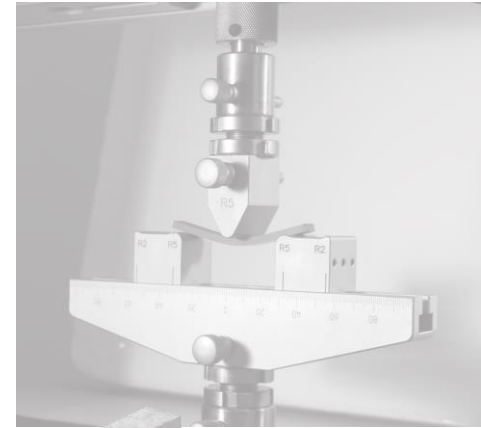
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## B.1 3D drawing standard specimens

### Tensile test

Reference ISO 527-1-2

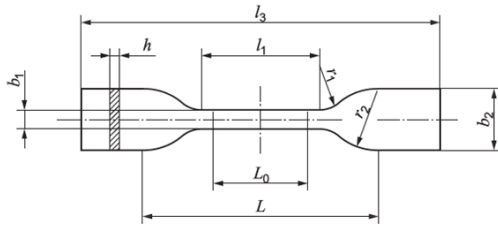
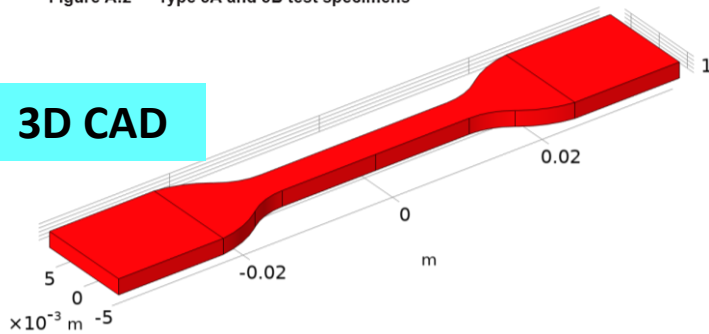


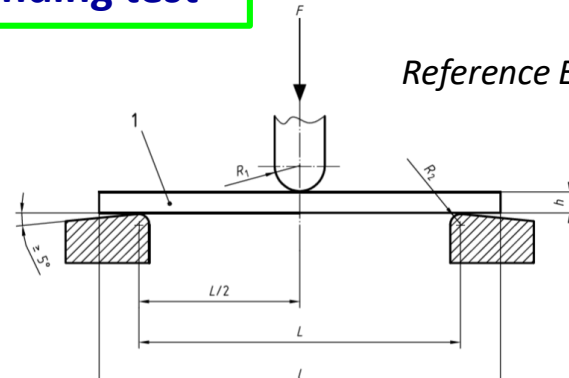
Figure A.2 — Type 5A and 5B test specimens

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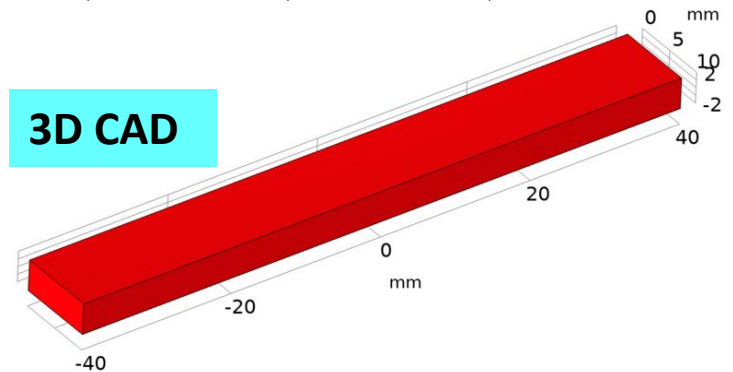


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Reference EN ISO 178



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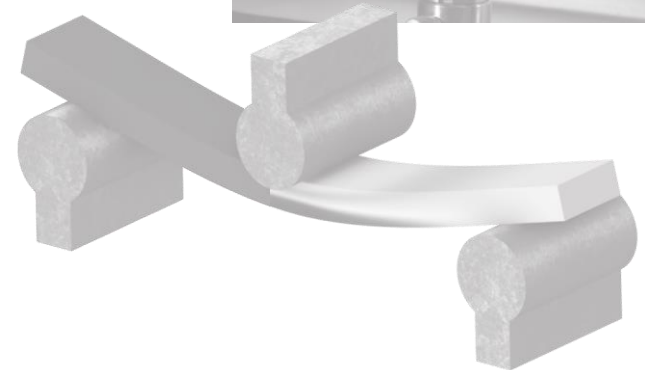
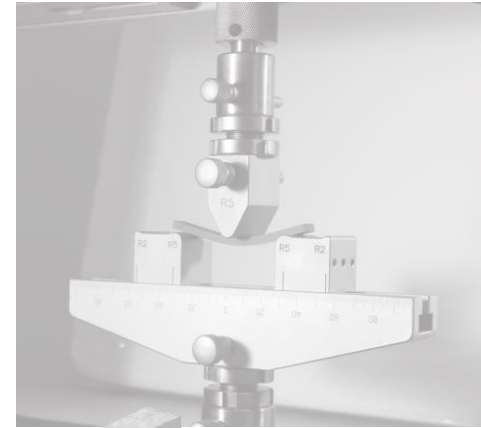
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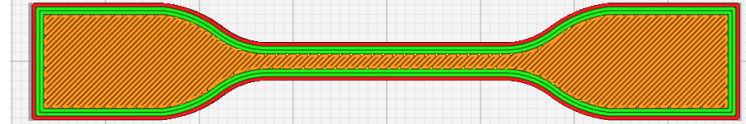


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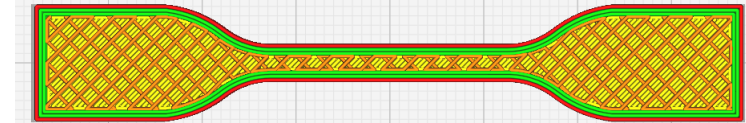
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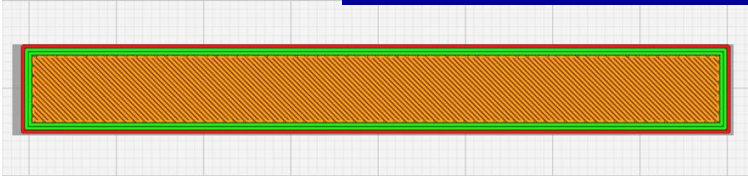


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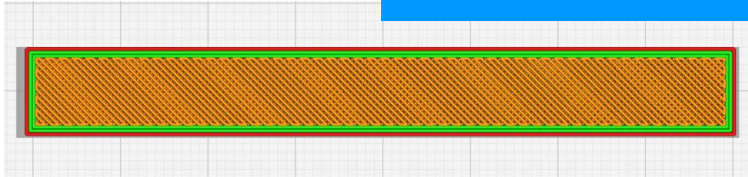


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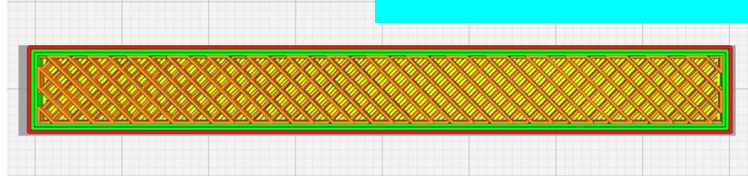
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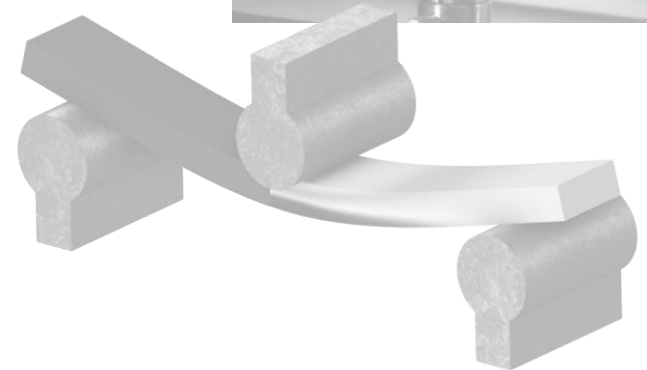
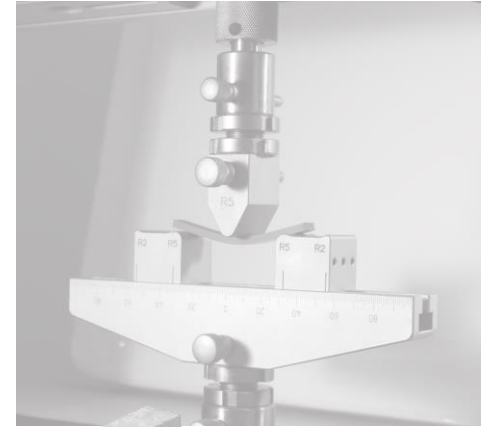
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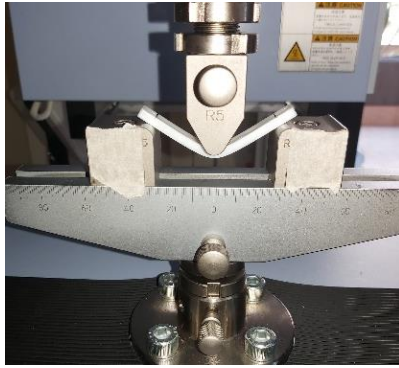
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## B.3 Conducting mechanical tests : Machine description



### Universal machine with Thermal chamber

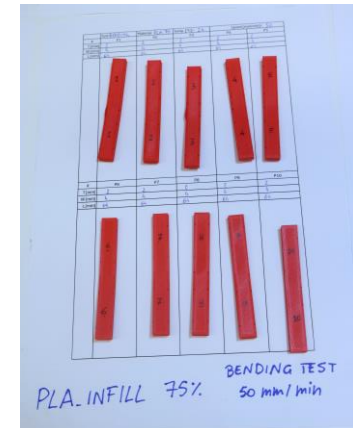
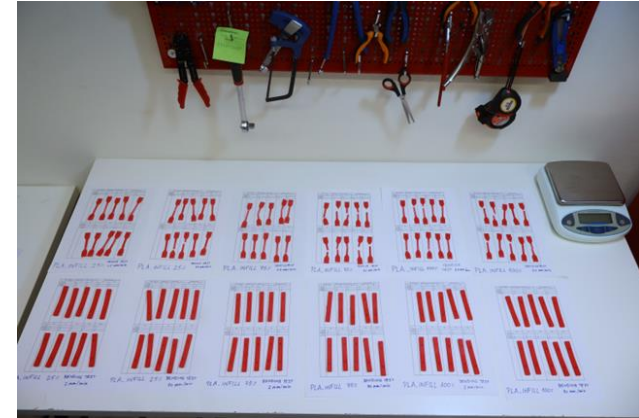
- Shimadzu AGS-X 10 kN
- Max. Load Capacity: 10kN
- Crosshead : Max. Return Speed: 1500mm/min
- Crosshead : Speed Range: 0.001 to 1000 mm/min (stepless)
- Thermal Chamber TCE 300: range -70°C / +280°C

## B.3 Conducting mechanical tests: Test – Operating method

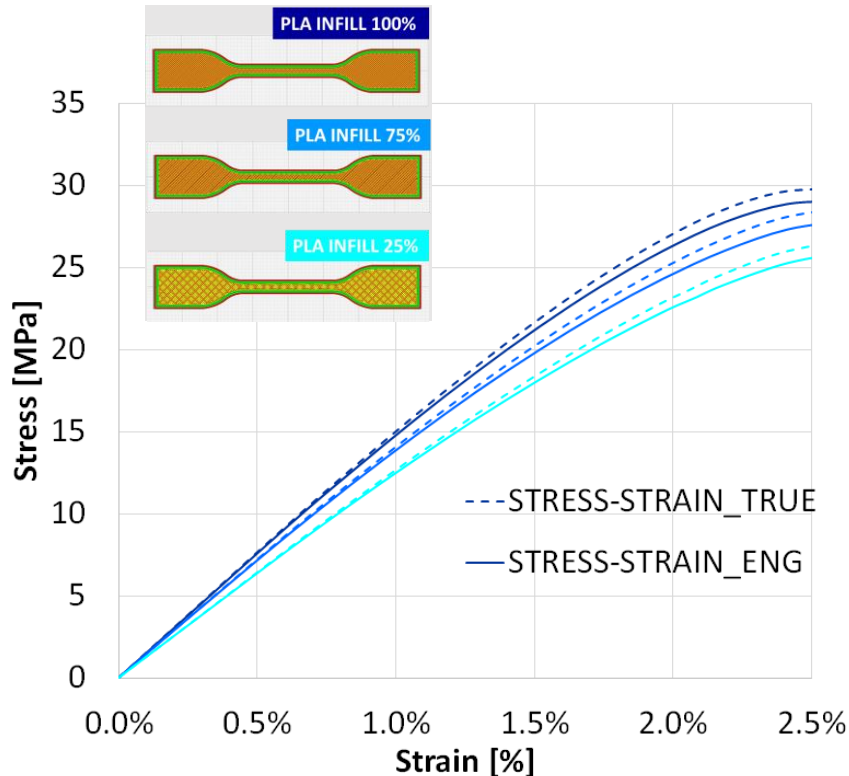
Test performed for **No.3 specimen type (PLA INFILL 100% - 75% -25%)**:

- **Tensile test** at 1-5 [mm/min] and 50 [mm/min].
- **Bending test** at 2 [mm/min] and 50 [mm/min].

- Number of specimens: 10 per test;
  - All tests performed at **(23 ± 2) °C**
  - All samples are weighed
- The tensile test identified the  $E_t$ , **Yield Point** and the **Stress function** used to characterize materials in the model.
- **NUM-EXP validation** was carried out for tensile and bending tests.



## B.3 Conducting mechanical tests: Test performed - Results



PLA INFILL 100%	
E_linear	1470 [MPa]
Yield Stress Point	26 [MPa]

PLA INFILL 75%	
E_linear	1380 [MPa]
Yield Stress Point	24.3 [MPa]

PLA INFILL 25%	
E_linear	1240 [MPa]
Yield Stress Point	23 [MPa]

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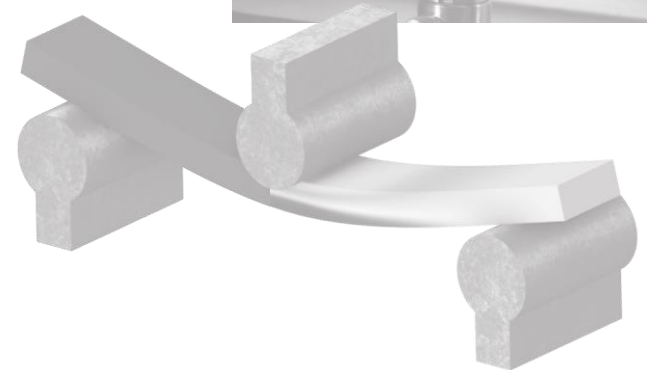
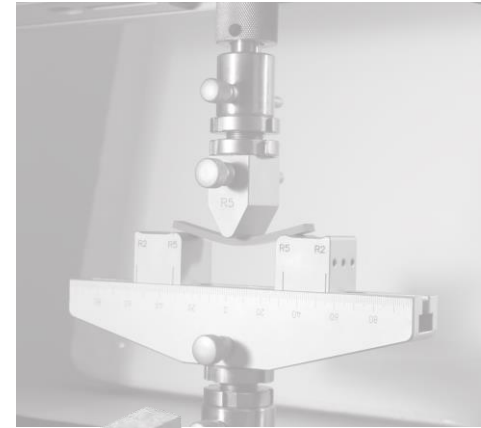
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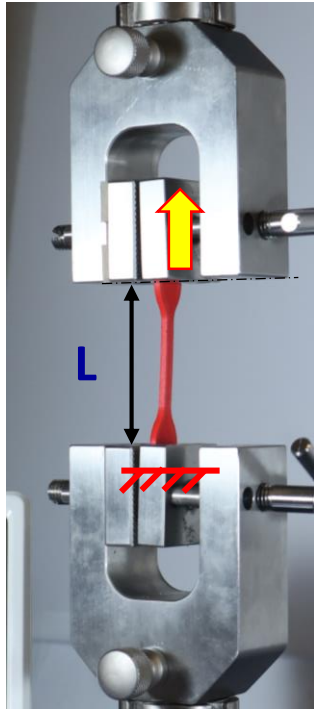
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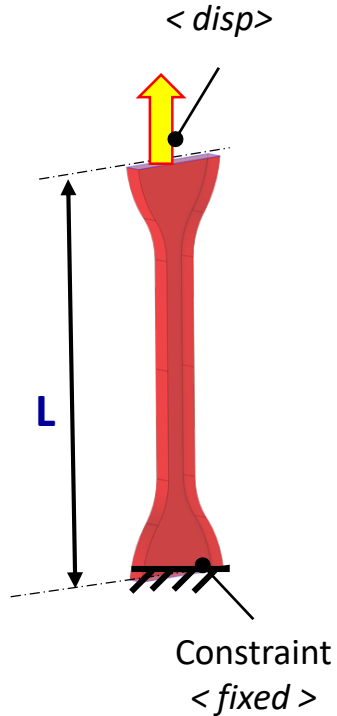


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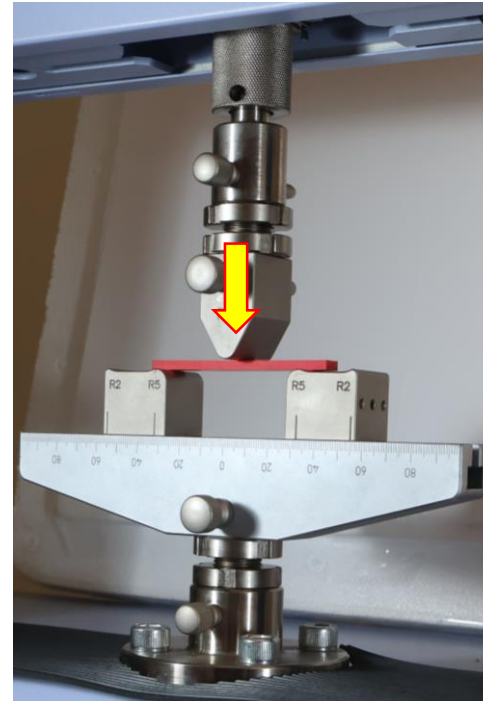
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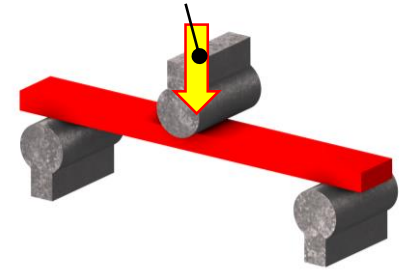
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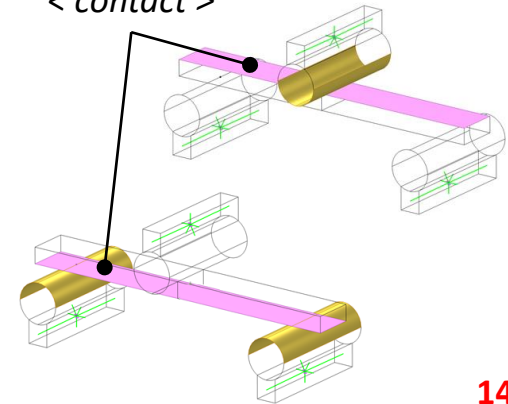
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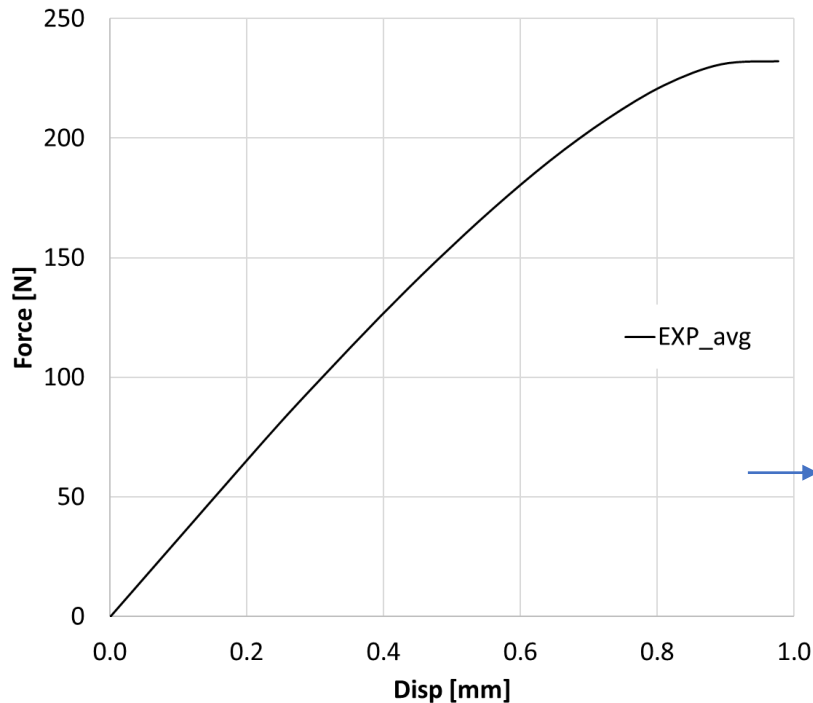


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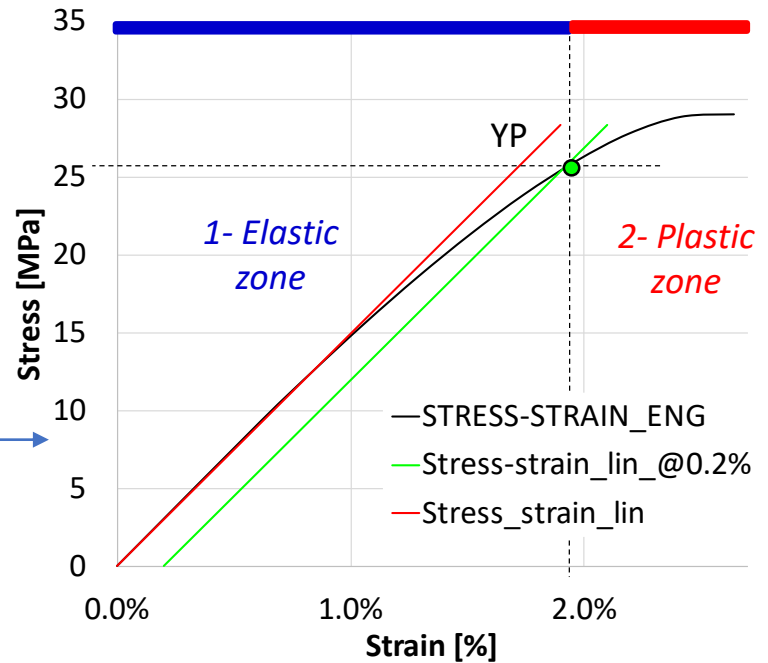
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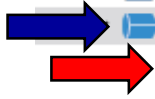
$$\epsilon_{eng} = \frac{\Delta l}{L_1}$$

$$\sigma_{eng} = \frac{F}{A}$$



## B.4 Modelling for NUM-EXP validation: Setting model Boundary conditions / Non linear elastic - Plasticity

- v ☰ Solid Mechanics *(solid)* *{solid}*
  - > D Linear Elastic Material 1 *{lemm1}*
  - > D Free 1 *{free1}*
  - > D Initial Values 1 *{init1}*
  - > D Prescribed Displacement 2 *{disp2}*
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▼ Nonlinear Elastic Material

Material model:  
Uniaxial data

$\sigma_{ax}(\epsilon_{ax} = 0) = 0$

Uniaxial stress function:  
 $\sigma_{ax}$  User defined  
stress\_strain\_curve\_eng\_elastic(solid.eax) N/m<sup>2</sup>

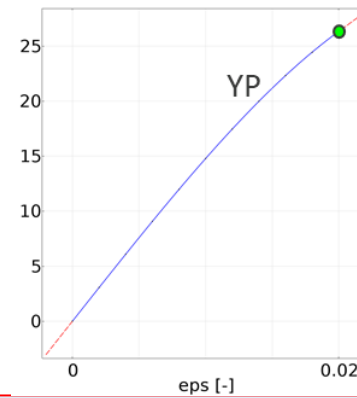
Specify:  
Poisson's ratio

Use nonsymmetric stress-strain data

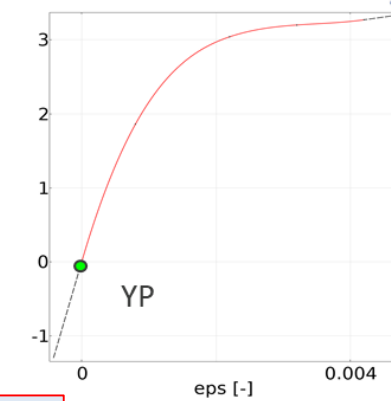
Poisson's ratio:  
 $\nu$  From material

Density:  
 $\rho$  From material

1- Uniaxial stress function



2- Hardening function



▼ Plasticity Model

Equivalent stress:  
 $\sigma_e$  von Mises

Initial yield stress:  
 $\sigma_{ys0}$  From material

Plastic potential:  
 $Q_p$  Associated

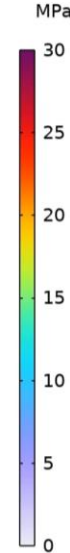
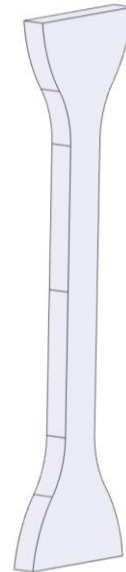
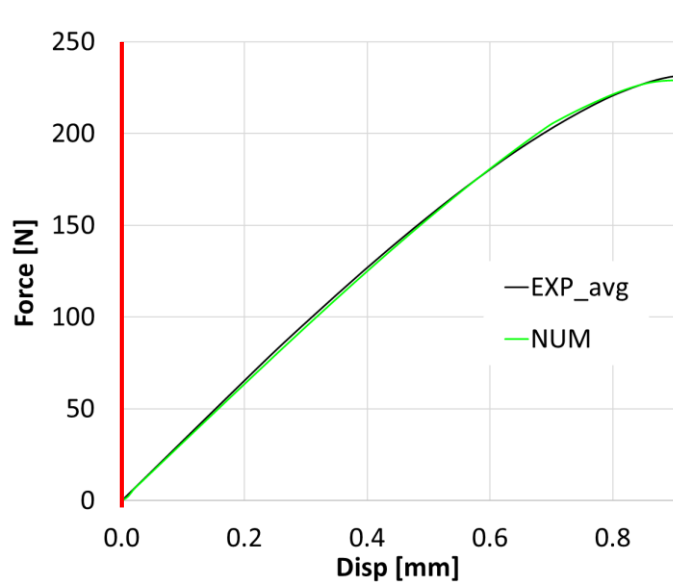
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— Isotropic hardening model —  
Hardening function  
 $\sigma_{ys} = \sigma_{ys0} + \sigma_h(\epsilon_{pe})$   
 $\sigma_h$  From material



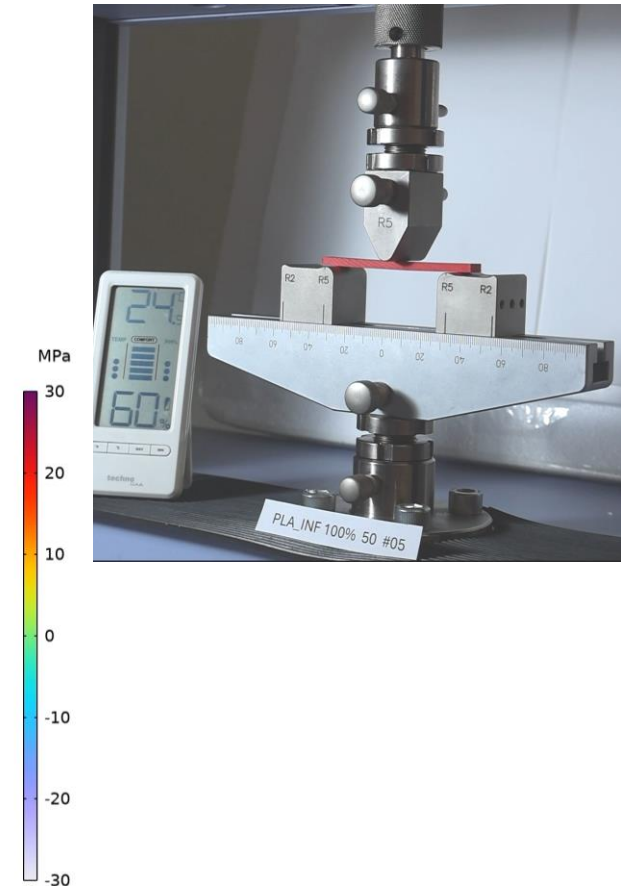
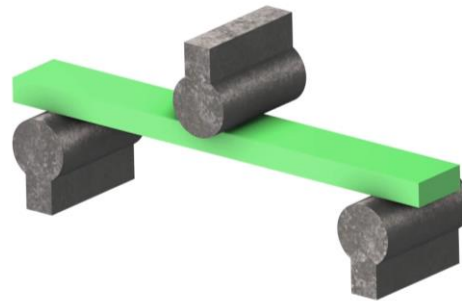
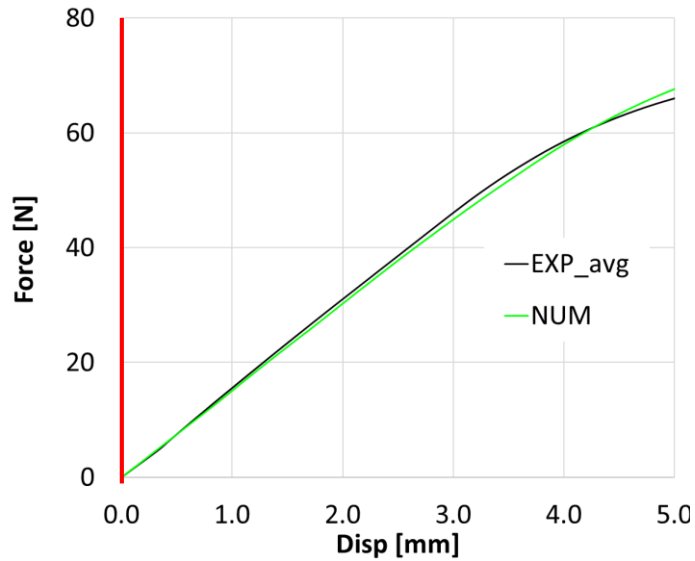
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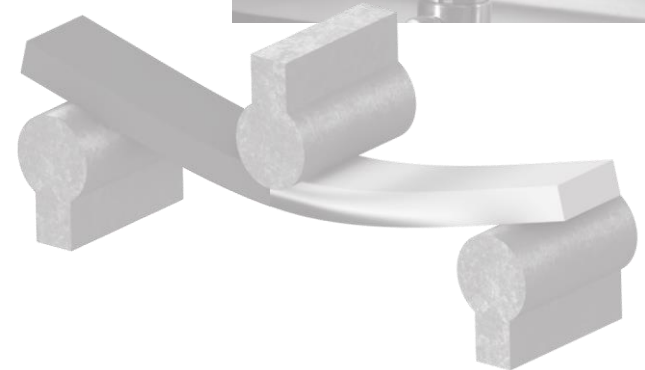
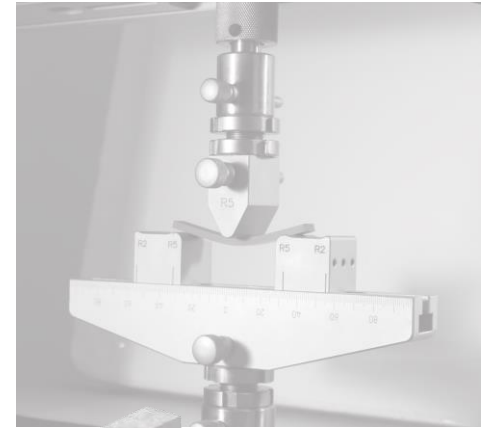
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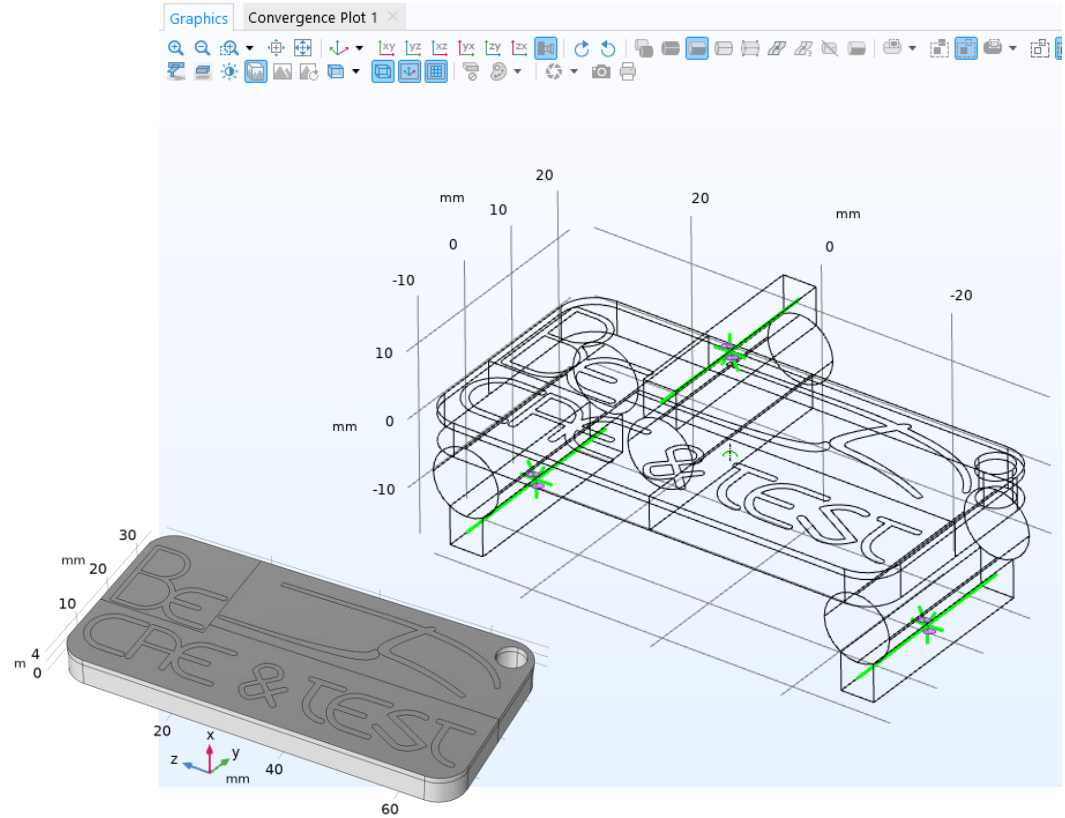
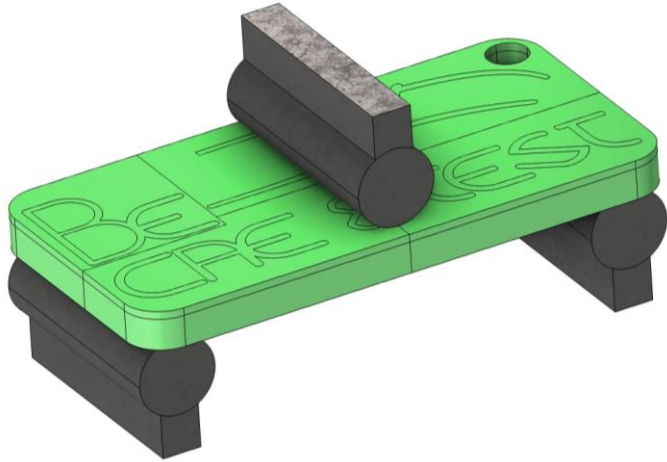
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capabilities

## C. 3D Printing (AM)



So...

If you want more information, that is not available, about the print settings for 3D products:

- ✓ Get standard-sized samples prepared;
- ✓ Send the samples to BE CAE test.

We will analyze:

- ✓ The material characteristics based on the various print settings.

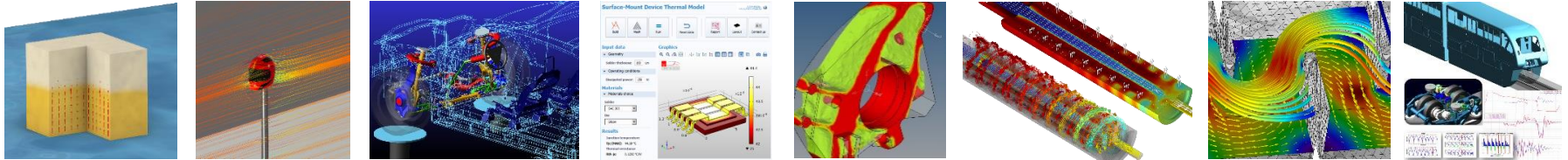
Finally, we will use the Structural Mechanics module to:




- ✓ Identify the ideal dimensions of the object;
- ✓ Avoid unwanted breakage under certain loads;
- ✓ This will save **time** and **money**

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