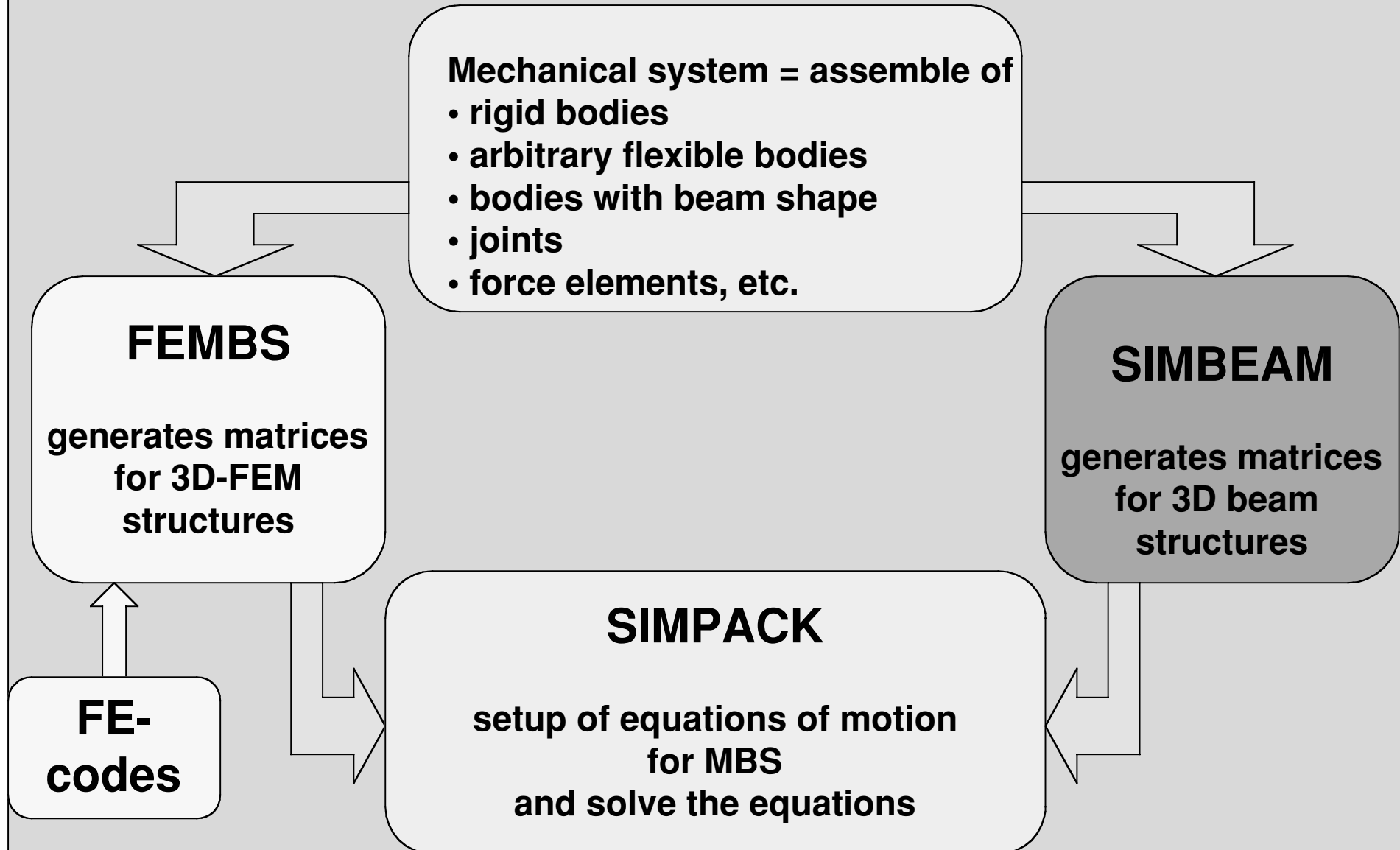


# **Nonlinear Beam Theory in Flexible Multibody Dynamics**

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# Multibody Program SIMPACK



# Flexible Body Modeling in MBS

Body motion =

- a) motion of the floating frame of reference  
+ deformations using modal or nodal approach

(general codes like ADAMS, DADS, MEDYNA, SIMPACK,....)

- b) absolute motion of material points  
using nodal approach

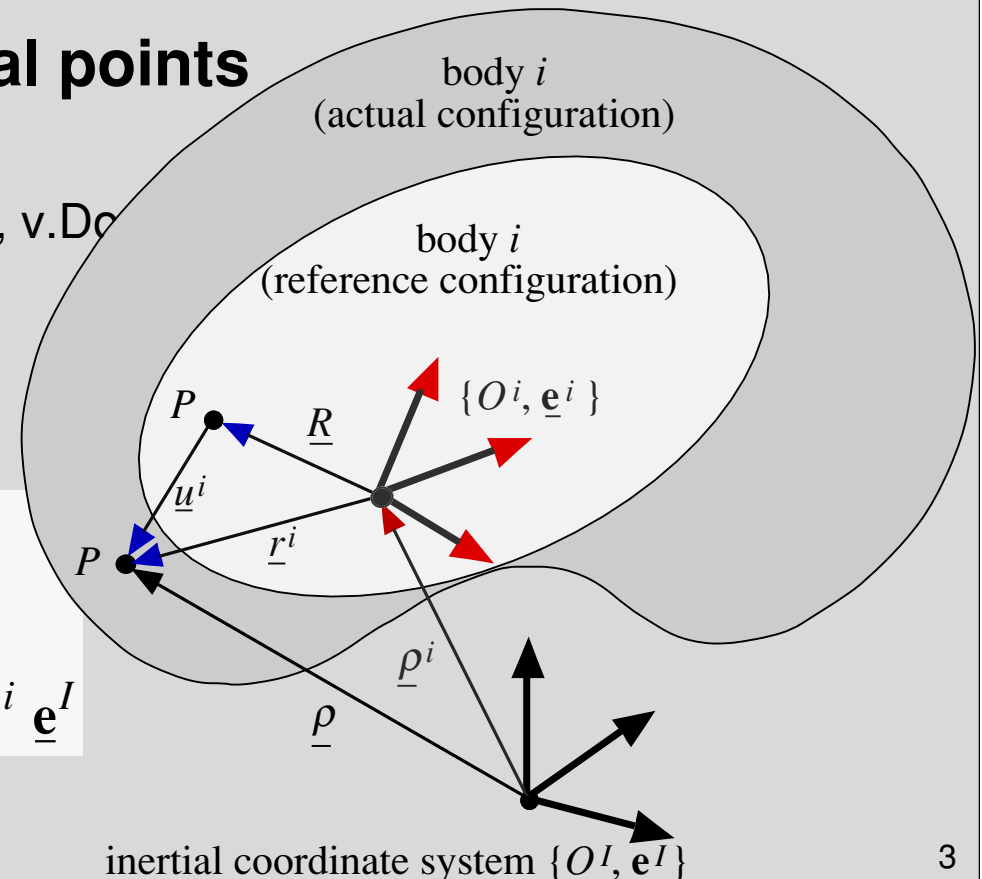
(Ambrosio, Geradin, Simo, Shabana, v.Do)

$$\underline{\rho}(\mathbf{R}) = \underline{\rho}^i + \underline{r}^i(\mathbf{R}) = \underline{\rho}^i + \mathbf{R} + \underline{u}^i(\mathbf{R})$$

$$\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{R}) = \mathbf{\Theta}^i(\mathbf{R}) \mathbf{A}^i$$

satisfying

$$\underline{\mathbf{e}} = \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{R}) \underline{\mathbf{e}}^I, \quad \underline{\mathbf{e}} = \mathbf{\Theta}^i(\mathbf{R}) \underline{\mathbf{e}}^i, \quad \underline{\mathbf{e}}^i = \mathbf{A}^i \underline{\mathbf{e}}^I$$





# Design of SIMBEAM

1. What is an efficient formulation for the equations of flexible body motion in fast simulations of MBS dynamics?



**SIMPACK prefers formulations using floating frame of reference!**

2. What kind of approximation for the deformations and strains of a beam element should be used?
3. What values of errors occur for typical load cases of beam structures?

# Following Content

1. **Methods of approximation for deformation and strain**
2. **Test on a cantilever beam with typical load cases**
3. **Design of SIMBEAM and Conclusion**



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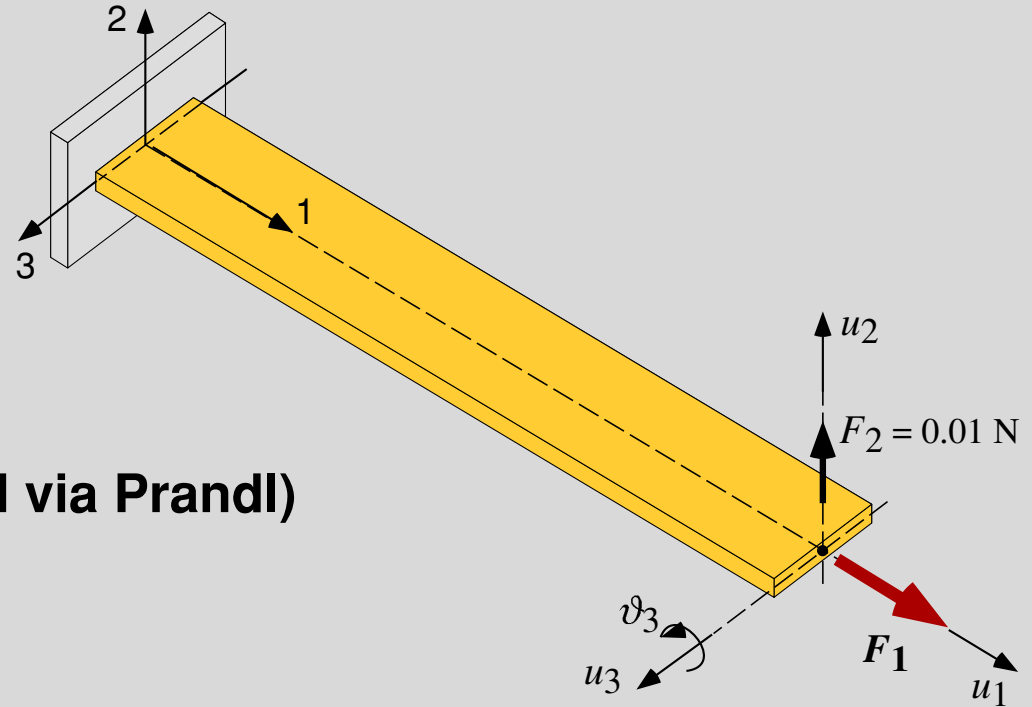
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- (E) Large deformations and large strains using FE-discretization; e.g. for beam structures (S.v.Dombrowski)

# Approximation of Deformation and Strain

<i>Model</i>	<i>Displacements</i>	<i>Internal Forces</i>	<i>Inertia Forces</i>
<b>A</b>	$\mathbf{u}^i = \Phi^i \mathbf{q}^i$ $\vartheta^i = \Psi^i \mathbf{q}^i$	$\delta \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^i = \mathbf{B}^i \delta \mathbf{q}^i$ $\boldsymbol{\sigma}^i = \mathbf{H}^i \mathbf{B}^i \mathbf{q}^i$ $\mathbf{k}^i = \mathbf{K}_e^i \mathbf{q}^i$	$\mathbf{M}^i$ and $\mathbf{h}_\omega^i$ are quadratic in $\mathbf{q}^i$
<b>B</b>	$\mathbf{u}^i = \Phi^i \mathbf{q}^i$ $\vartheta^i = \Psi^i \mathbf{q}^i$	$\delta \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_\alpha^i = (\mathbf{B}_{L\alpha}^i + \mathbf{q}^{iT} \mathbf{B}_{Q\alpha}^i) \delta \mathbf{q}^i$ $\boldsymbol{\sigma}^i = \mathbf{H}^i \mathbf{B}^i \mathbf{q}^i + \boldsymbol{\sigma}_0^i$ $\mathbf{k}^i = (\mathbf{K}_e^i + \mathbf{K}_{geo}^i(\boldsymbol{\sigma}_0^i)) \mathbf{q}^i$	$\mathbf{M}^i$ and $\mathbf{h}_\omega^i$ are quadratic in $\mathbf{q}^i$
<b>C</b>	$\boldsymbol{\chi}^i = \mathbf{N}^i \mathbf{q}^i$ $u_\alpha^i = (\Phi_{L\alpha}^i + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{q}^{iT} \Phi_{Q\alpha}^i) \mathbf{q}^i$ $\vartheta_\alpha^i = (\Psi_{L\alpha}^i + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{q}^{iT} \Psi_{Q\alpha}^i) \mathbf{q}^i$	$\delta \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^i = \mathbf{B}^i \delta \mathbf{q}^i$ $\boldsymbol{\sigma}^i = \mathbf{H}^i \mathbf{B}^i \mathbf{q}^i$ $\mathbf{k}^i = \mathbf{K}_e^i \mathbf{q}^i$	$\mathbf{M}^i$ and $\mathbf{h}_\omega^i$ are function in $\mathbf{q}^i$ up to the fourth order
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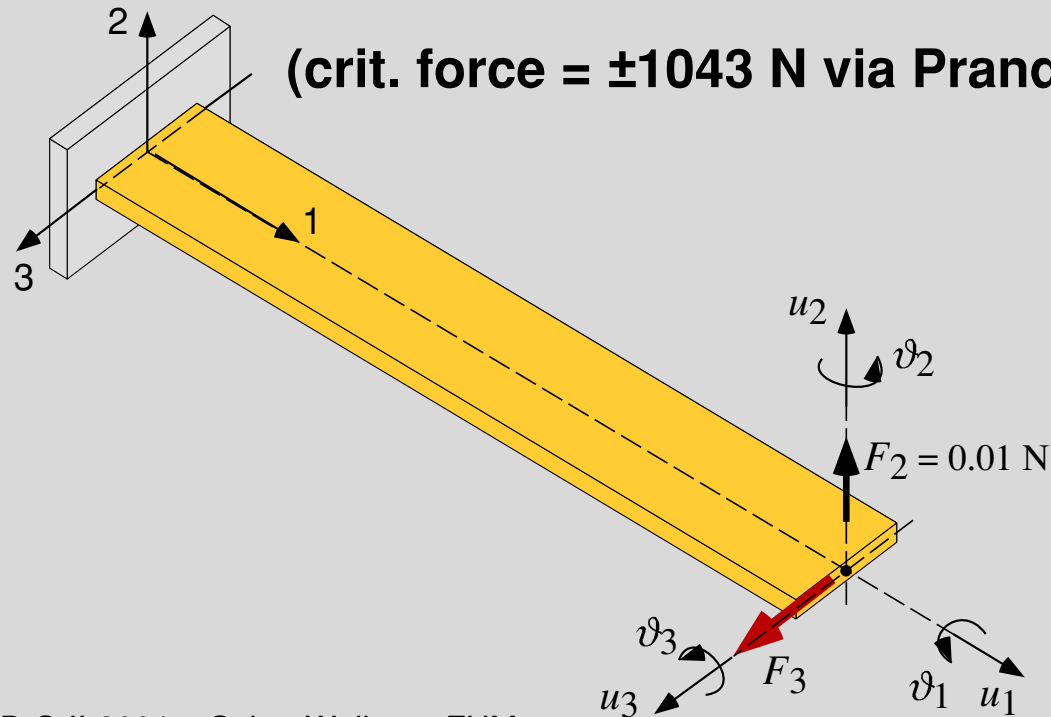
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Load case 1 – Buckling (crit. force =  $-525$  N via Euler)



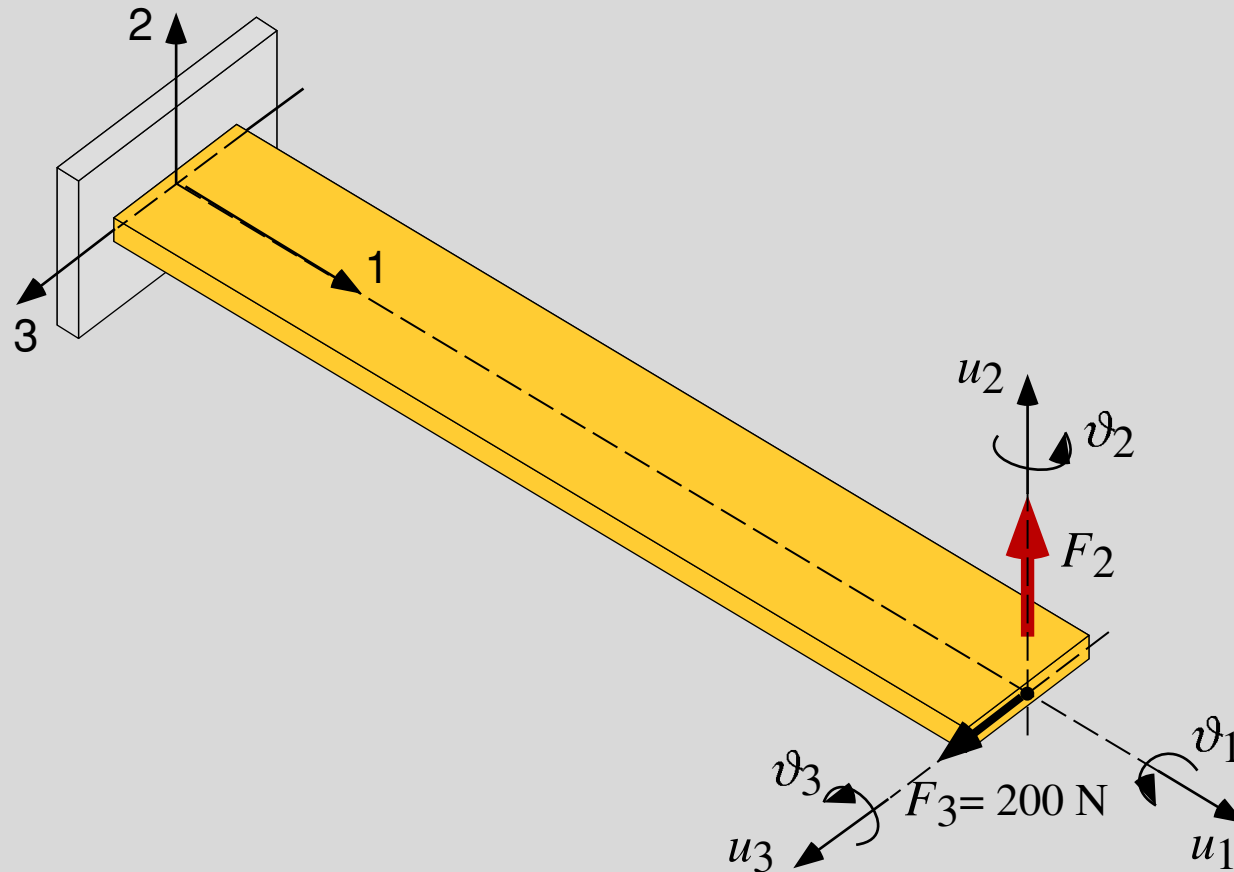
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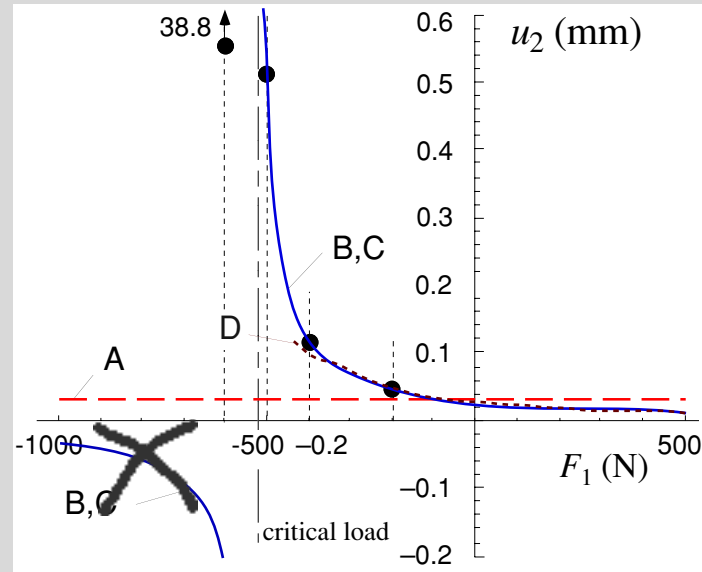
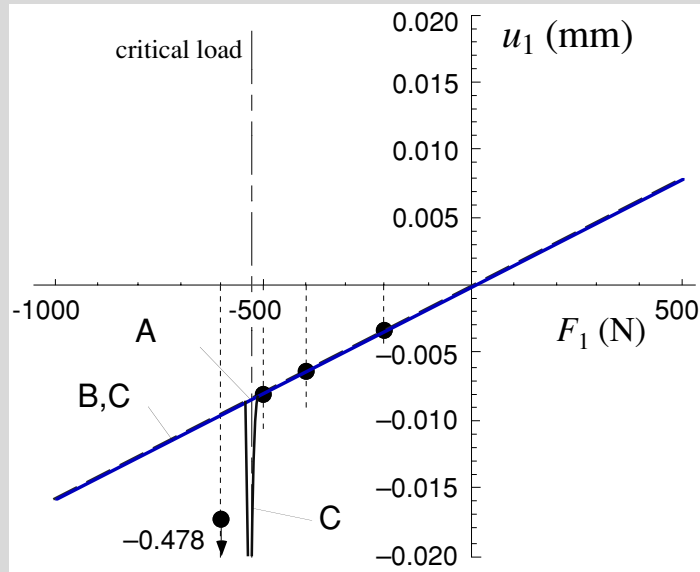
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Load case 3 – Bending in soft direction (quadratic effects for  $u_1$ ,  $u_3$ ,  $\vartheta_2$ )

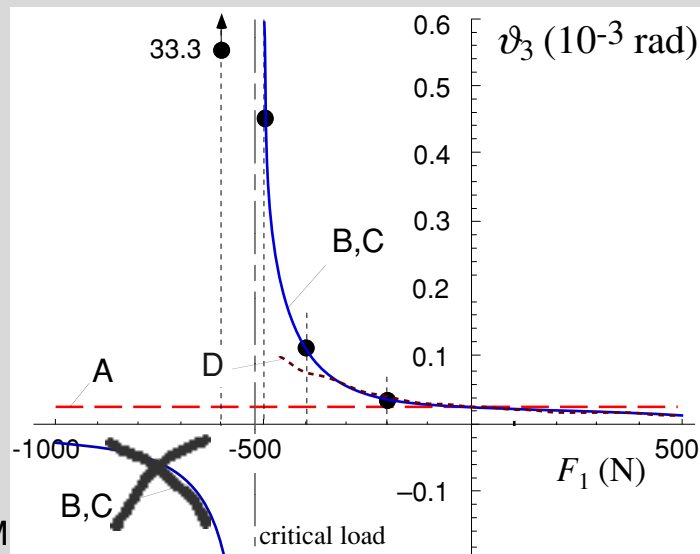


# Solution of the Test Examples

## Load case 1 – Buckling (crit. force = $-525$ N via Euler)



• = (E)



Results:

(A)  $u_2$ ,  $v_3$  independent of  $F_1$ , no buckling

(B),(C) displacements are correct for

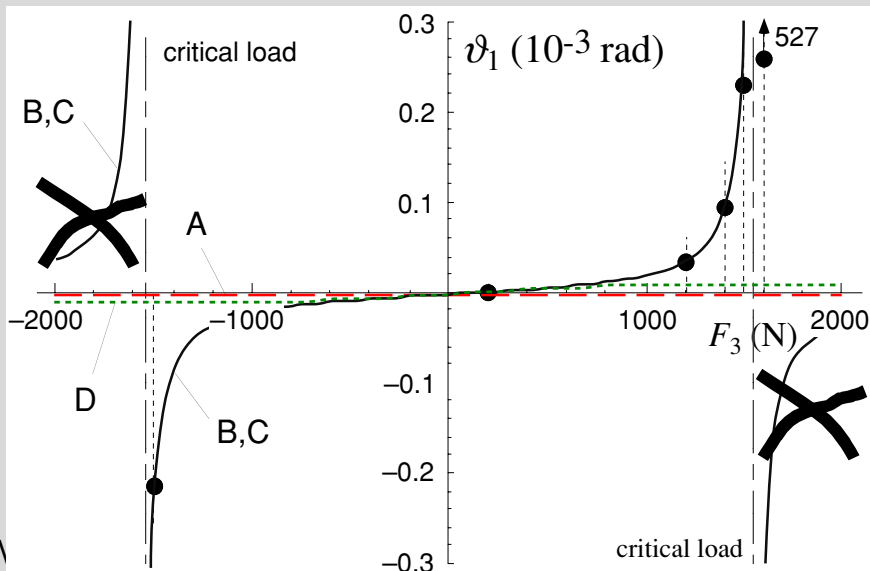
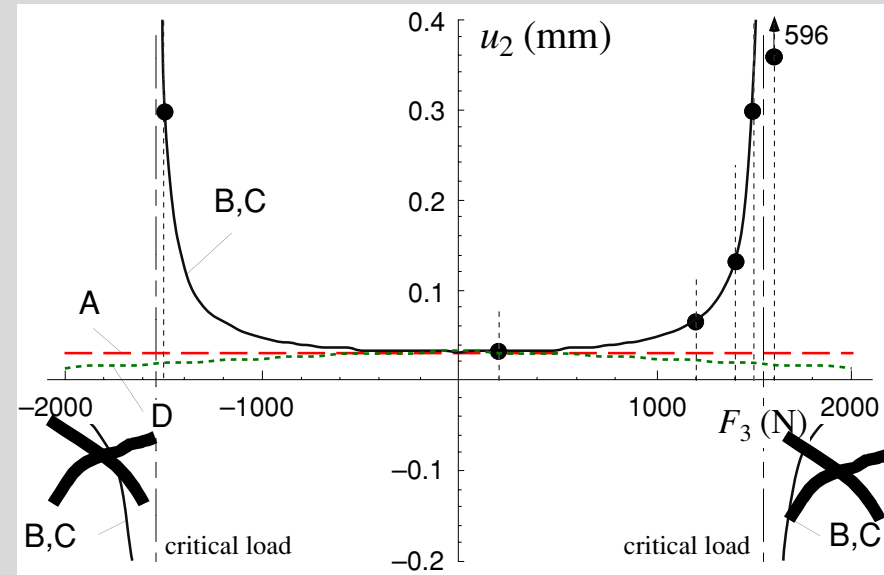
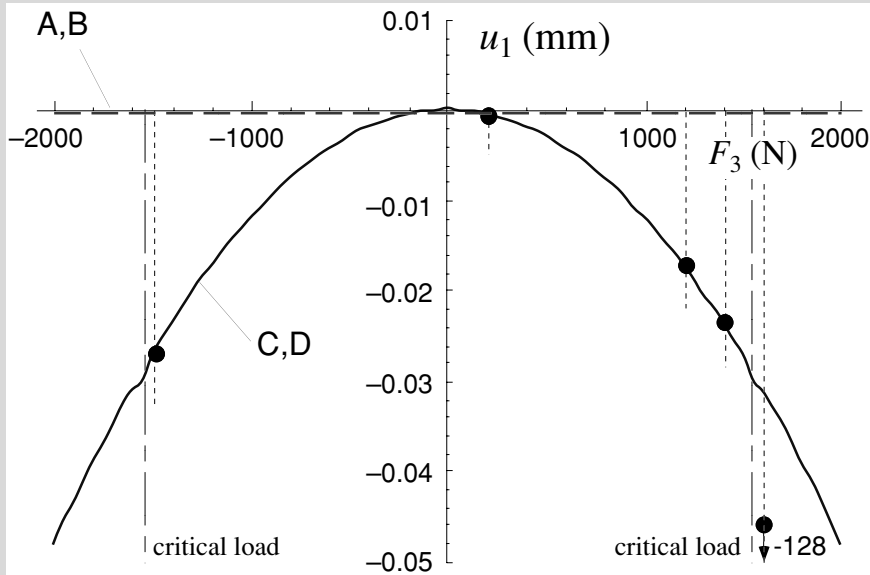
$$F_1 > F_{\text{crit}}$$

(D) solution failed for  $F_1 < 1/2 F_{\text{crit}}$

# Solution of the Test Examples

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Load case 2 – Tilting (crit. force =  $\pm 1043$  N via Prandl, 1560 N for 1 El.)



Results:

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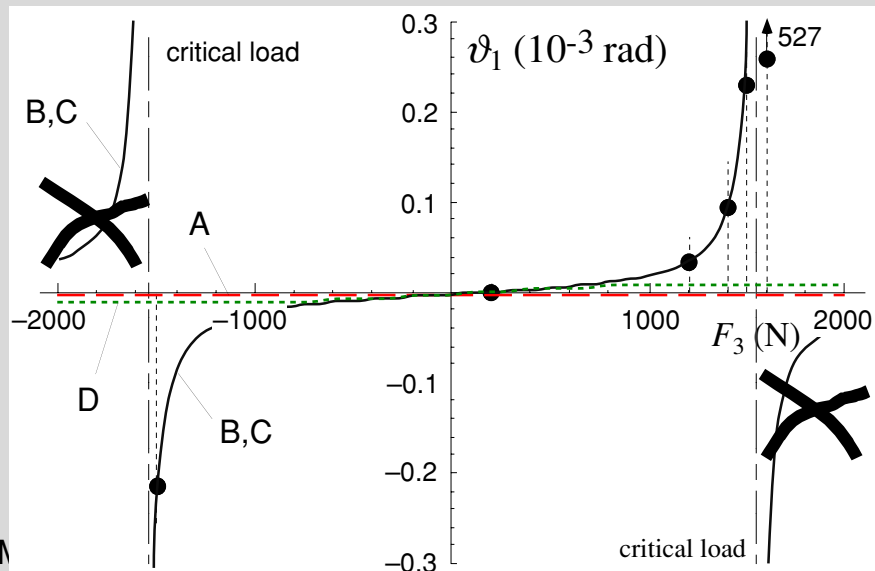
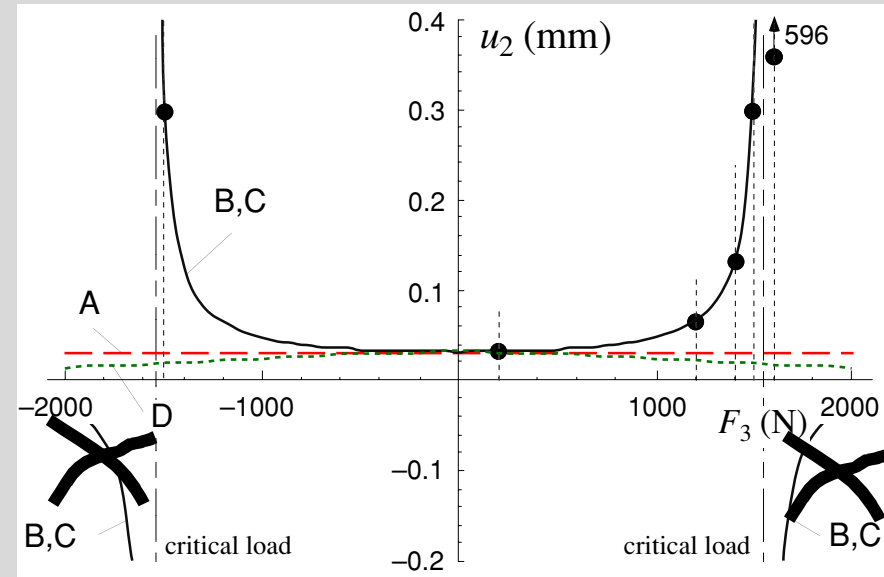
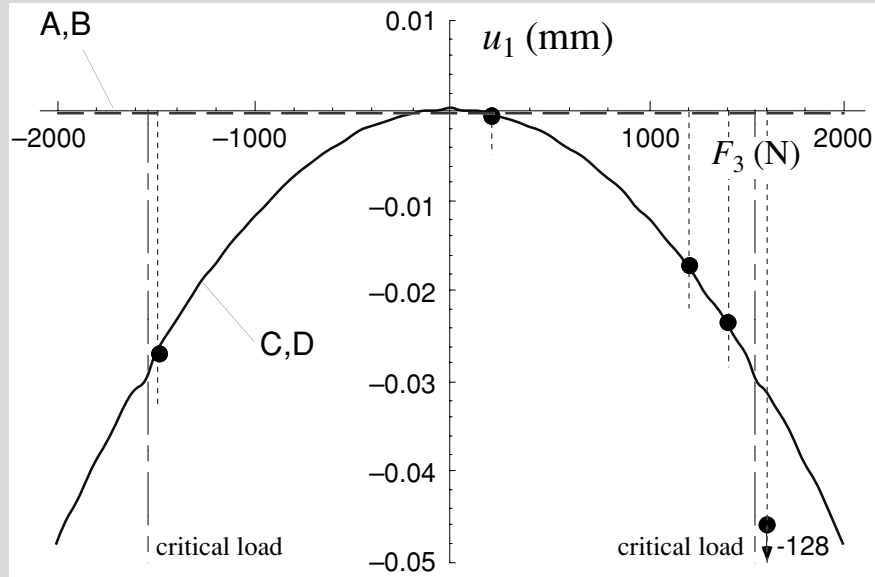
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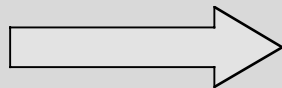
# Design of SIMBEAM

1. For 3D-beam structures  
model (B) considers buckling and tilting  
(B) = linear displacement approximation + geometric stiffening matrices
2. Quadratic effects of shortening and bending coupling ( $u_1, u_3, \vartheta_2$ )  
are considered by displacement corrections due to a quadratic fcts.

in  $q^i(t)$  as given in model (C) :

$$u_{\alpha}^i(x, t) = \Phi_{L\alpha}^i(x) q^i + \frac{1}{2} q^{iT} \Phi_{Q\alpha}^i(x) q^i$$

3. Matrices  $\Phi_{Q\alpha}^i$  are derived from quadric strain-displacement relation and pre-computed in SIMBEAM.
4. For data transfer, SIMPACK uses SID technology.



**SIMBEAM uses items 1, 2, 3, 4**

# Conclusion

**For flexible MBS using floating frame of reference**

- 1. a linear approximation of displacement field**

$$\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{R},t) = \Phi_L(\mathbf{R}) \mathbf{q}(t)$$

**by incorporating geometric stiffening effects  
allows to analyze buckling and tilting problems**

**but !**

**never use results for loads higher than the critical load**

- 2. shortening and bending coupling will be appear**

**by quadratic correction terms  $+ 1/2 \mathbf{q}^T \Phi_{Q\alpha} \mathbf{q}$**

**of displacement field**

- 3. the errors of results are in an acceptable range**

# Conclusion

**SIMBEAM is a module of SIMPACK**

- 4. satisfying the above items of approximation**
- 5. prepare the coefficients of system matrices of a flexible body**
- 6. the body is a 3D-FE-net of beam elements**
- 7. useful for nodal and modal approach**

**Thank you for your attention !**