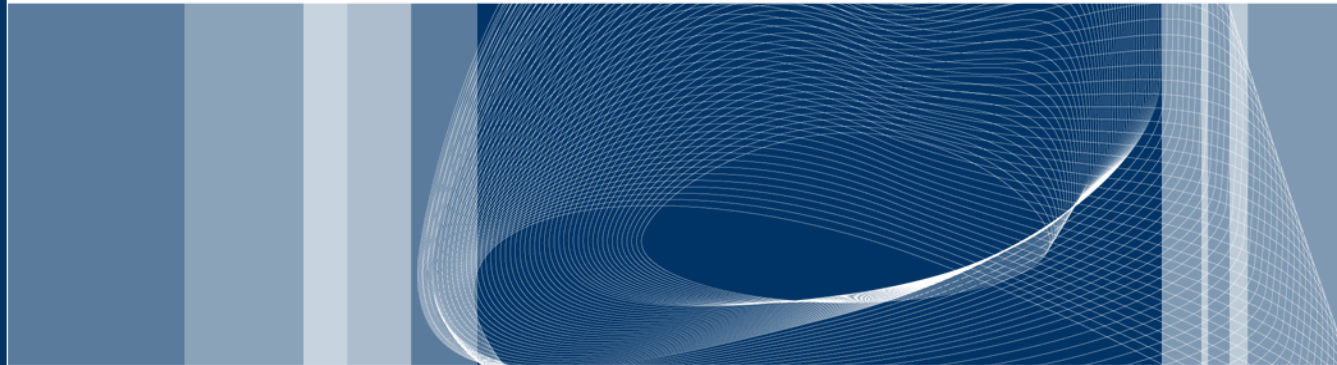




Micromechanical modeling of brittle polycrystalline films

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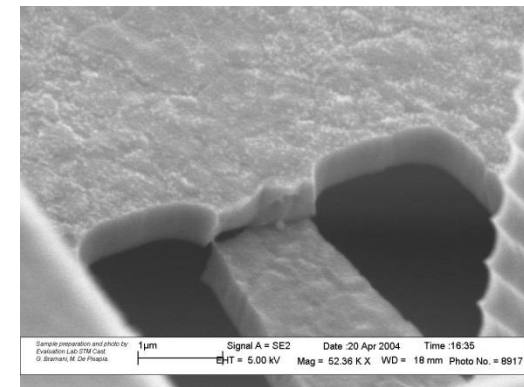
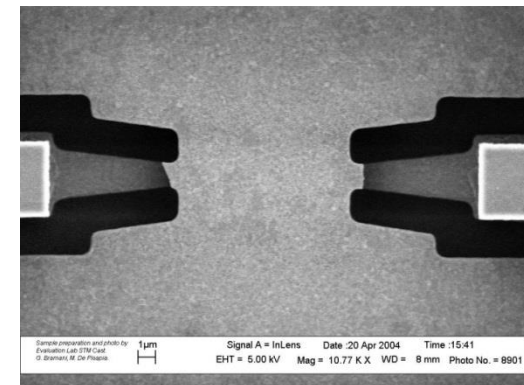
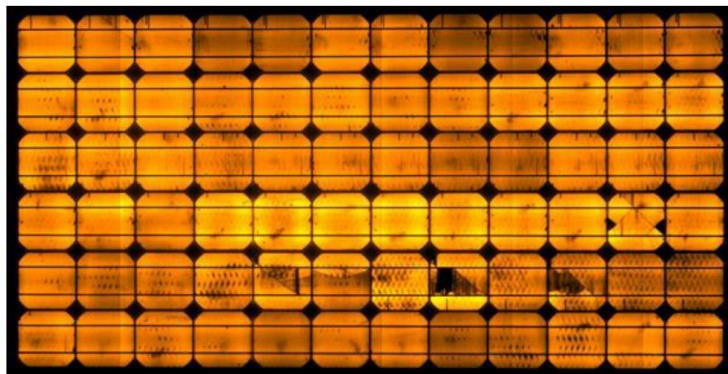
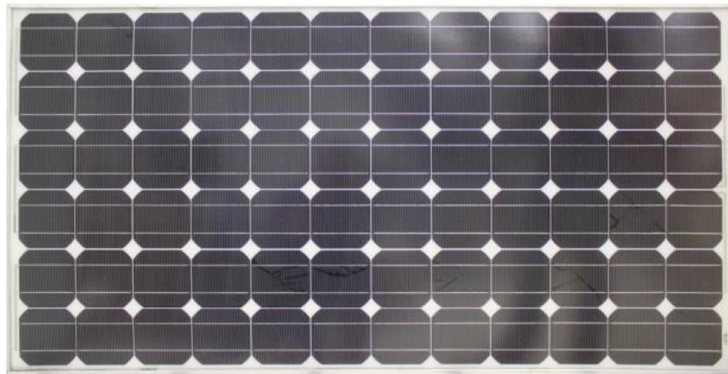
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Impact of mechanical and thermal load on the long term stability of PV modules

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Due to mechanical and thermal loads, (thin) Si films can break because of the propagation of inter- and/or trans-granular cracks



Sacrificial layer

Substrate

deposition of the oxide sacrificial layer

Mechanical layer

Sacrificial layer

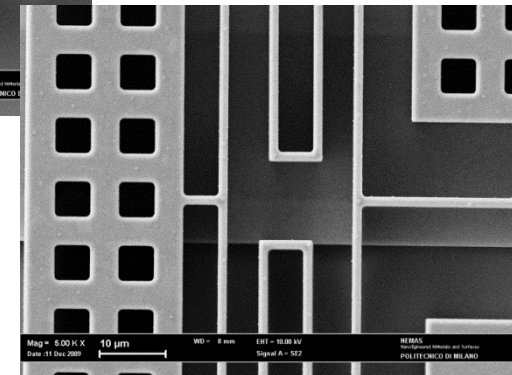
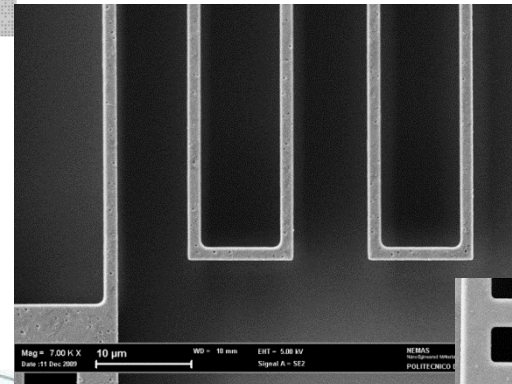
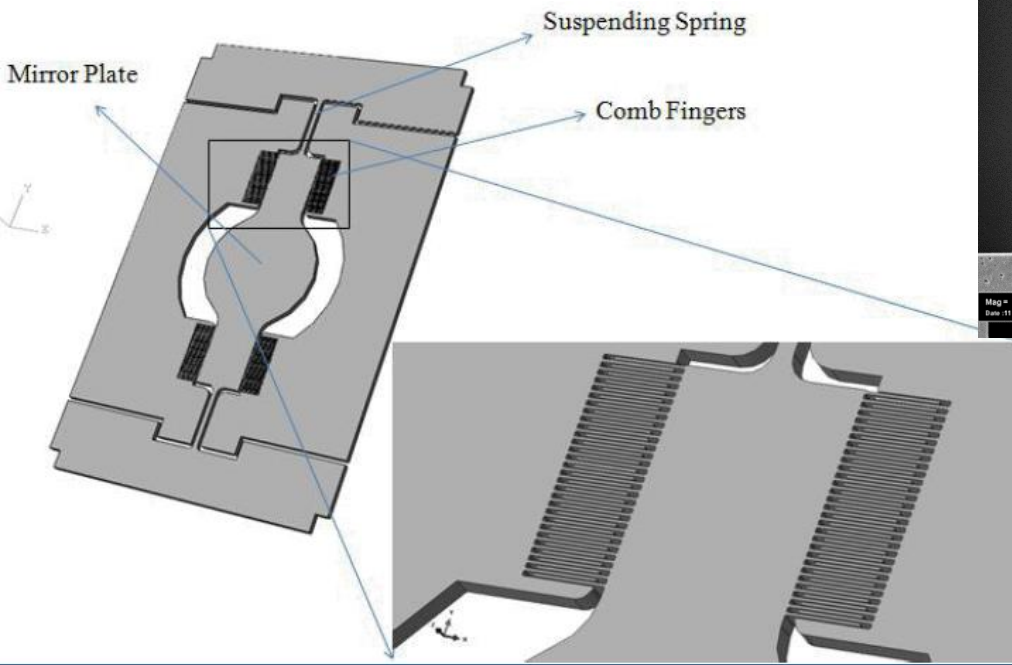
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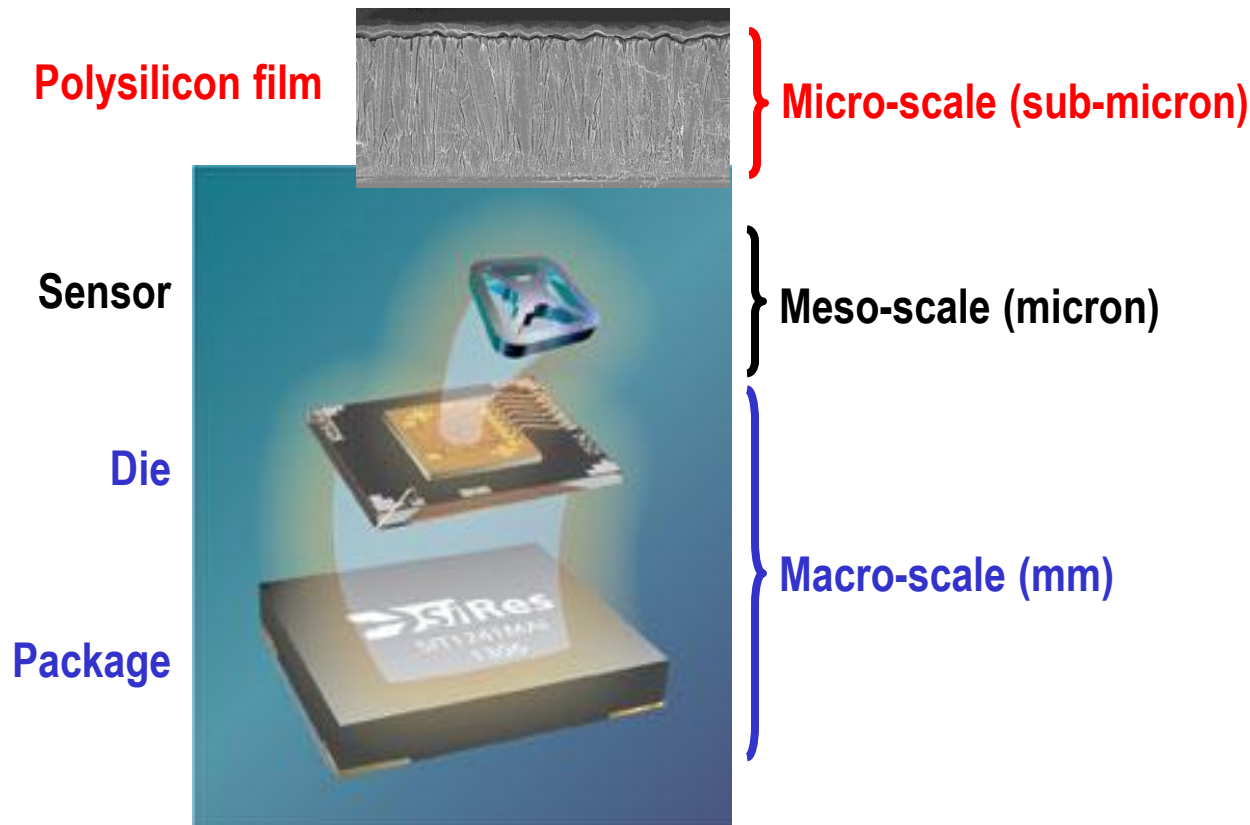
deposition of the silicon structural layer

Mechanical layer

Substrate

oxide Removal

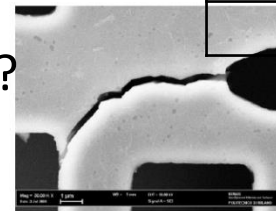


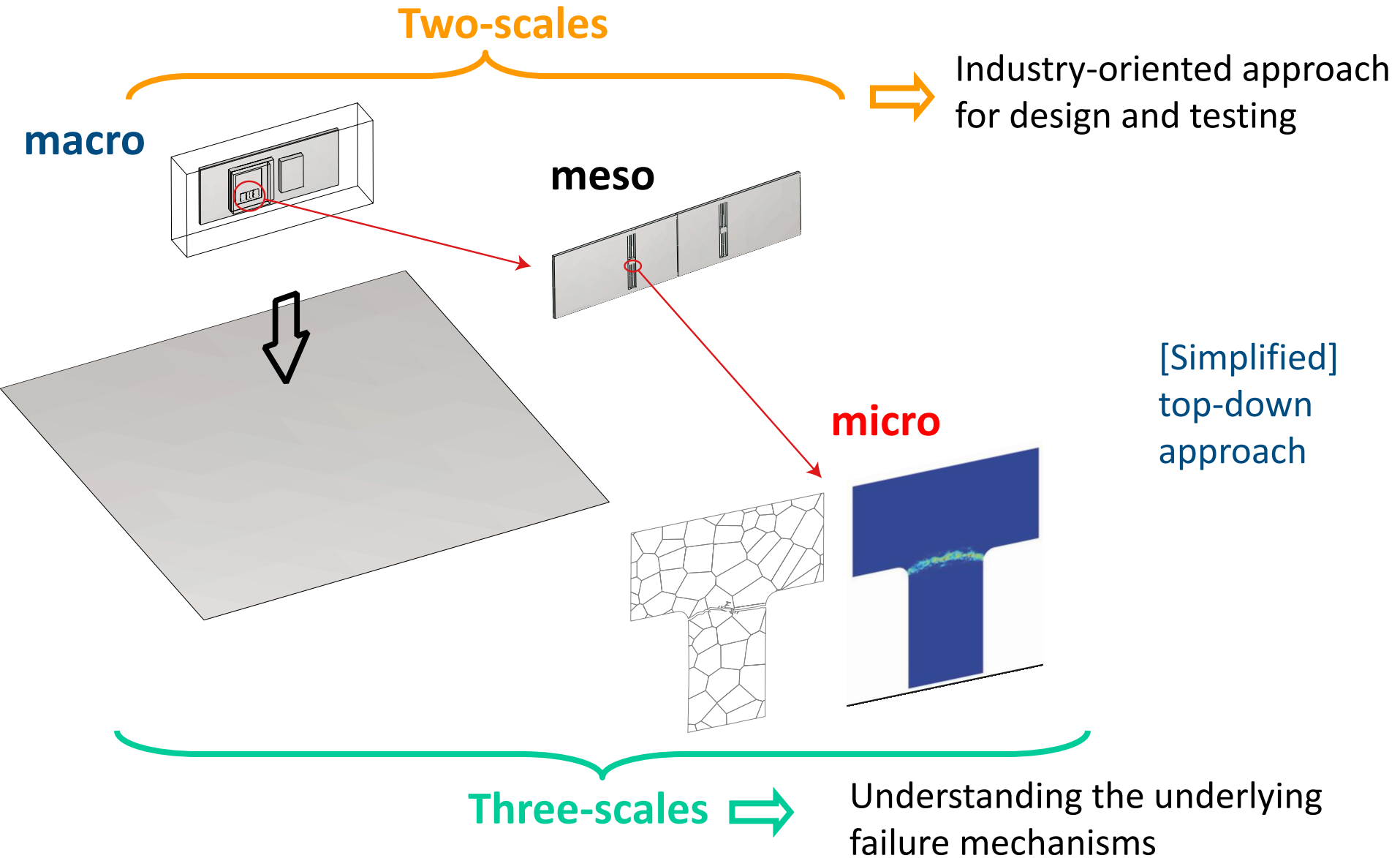


Multi-scale analysis of MEMS subject to mechanical shocks:

- decoupling between macro-scale and meso-scale allowed by small inertia of the sensor
- decoupling between meso-scale and micro-scale? (not allowed if nonlinear effects to be simulated)

	mass (Kg)
Package	$5 \cdot 10^{-4}$
Die	$2.3 \cdot 10^{-6}$
Sensor	$3 \cdot 10^{-9}$





MACRO-SCALE simulations:

effect of drop features (drop height, falling orientation) on acceleration/displacement histories at anchors.

Tool: commercial FE code

MESO-SCALE simulations:

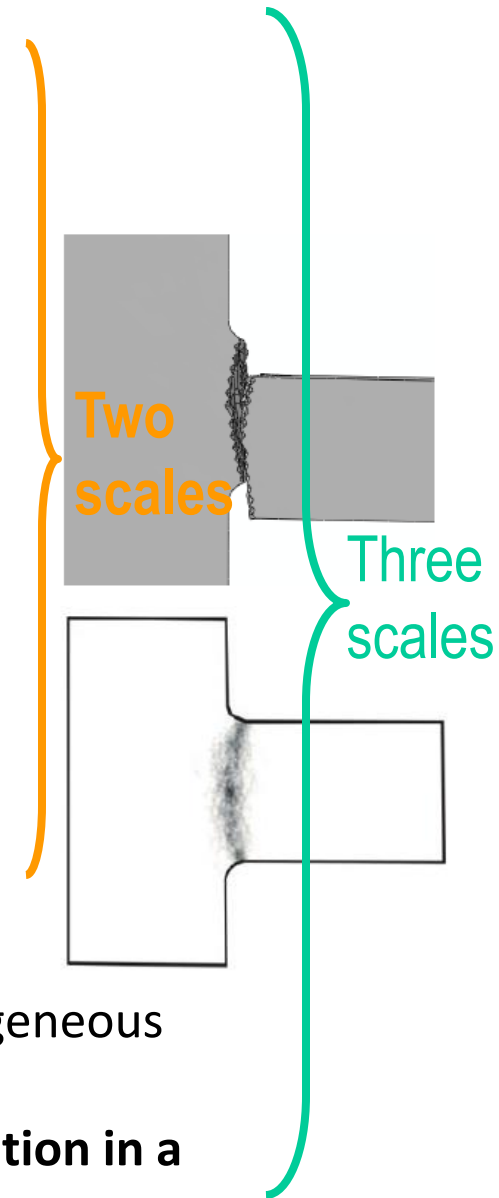
link between drop features (drop height, falling orientation) and sensor failure probability. In 3S analyses, localization of most stressed sensor regions and input definition for micro-scale analysis.

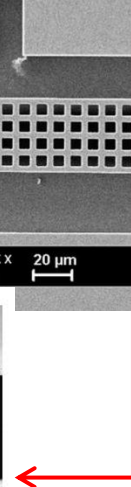
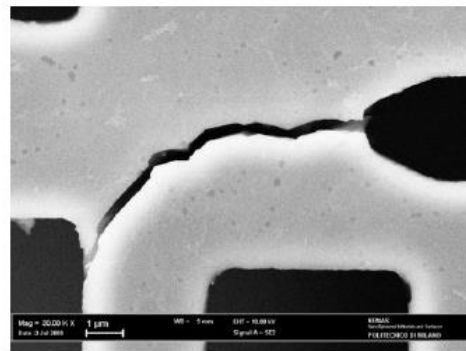
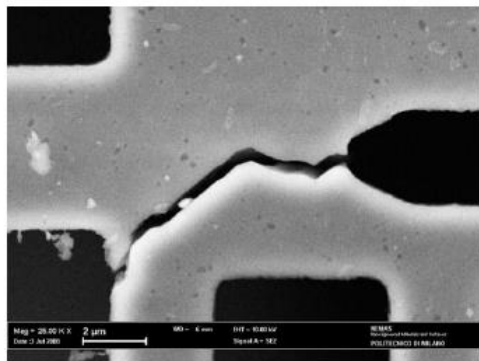
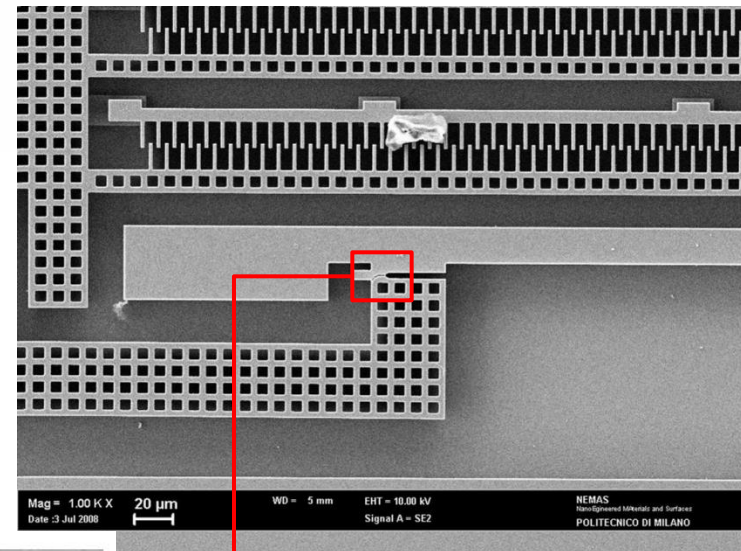
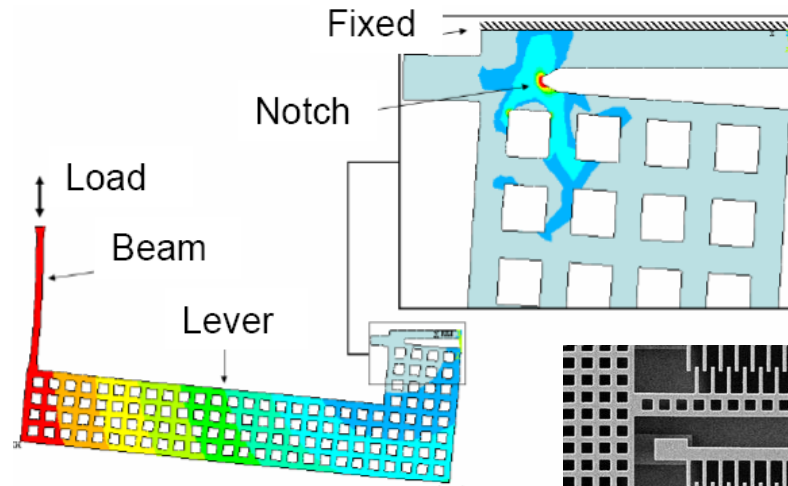
Tool: commercial FE code + material **failure criterion**

MICRO-SCALE simulations:

influence of the microstructure on failure mechanisms, heterogeneous (polycrystalline) material.

Tool: research code to **simulate fracture initiation and propagation in a polycrystal, Monte Carlo** simulations

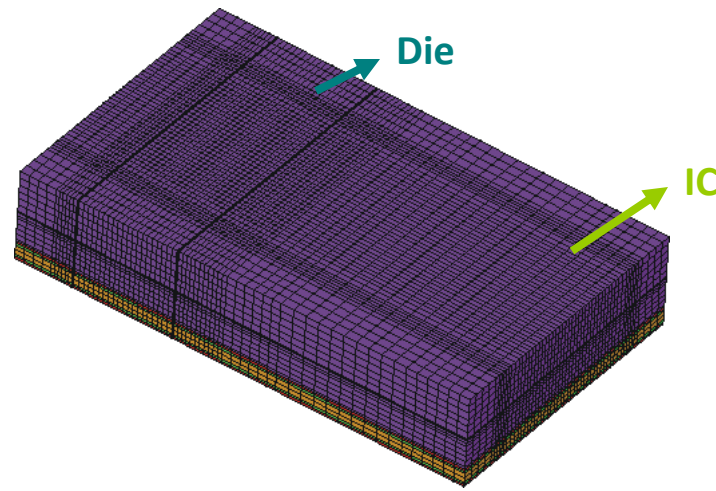




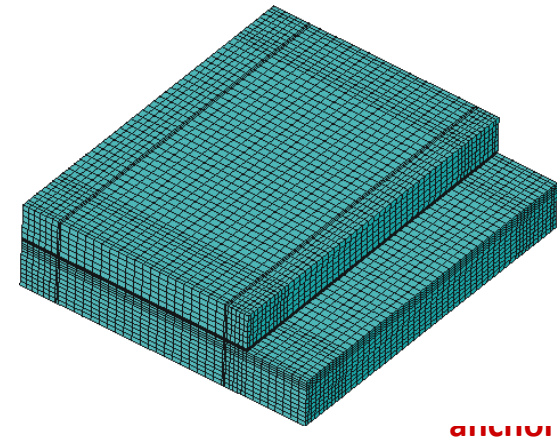
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Overview of a studied device (uni-axial MEMS accelerometer)

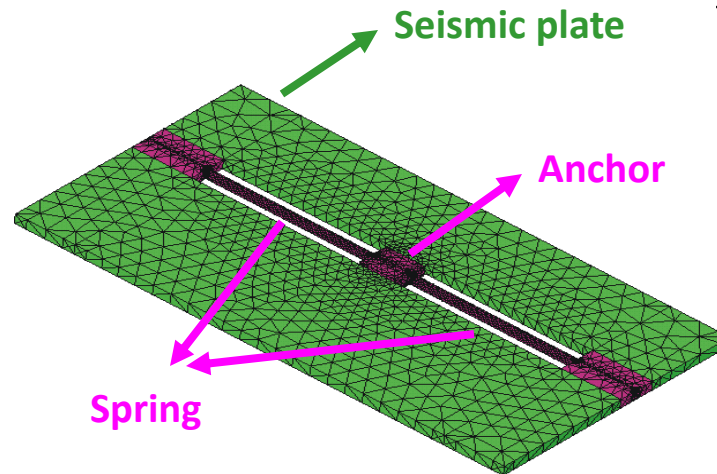
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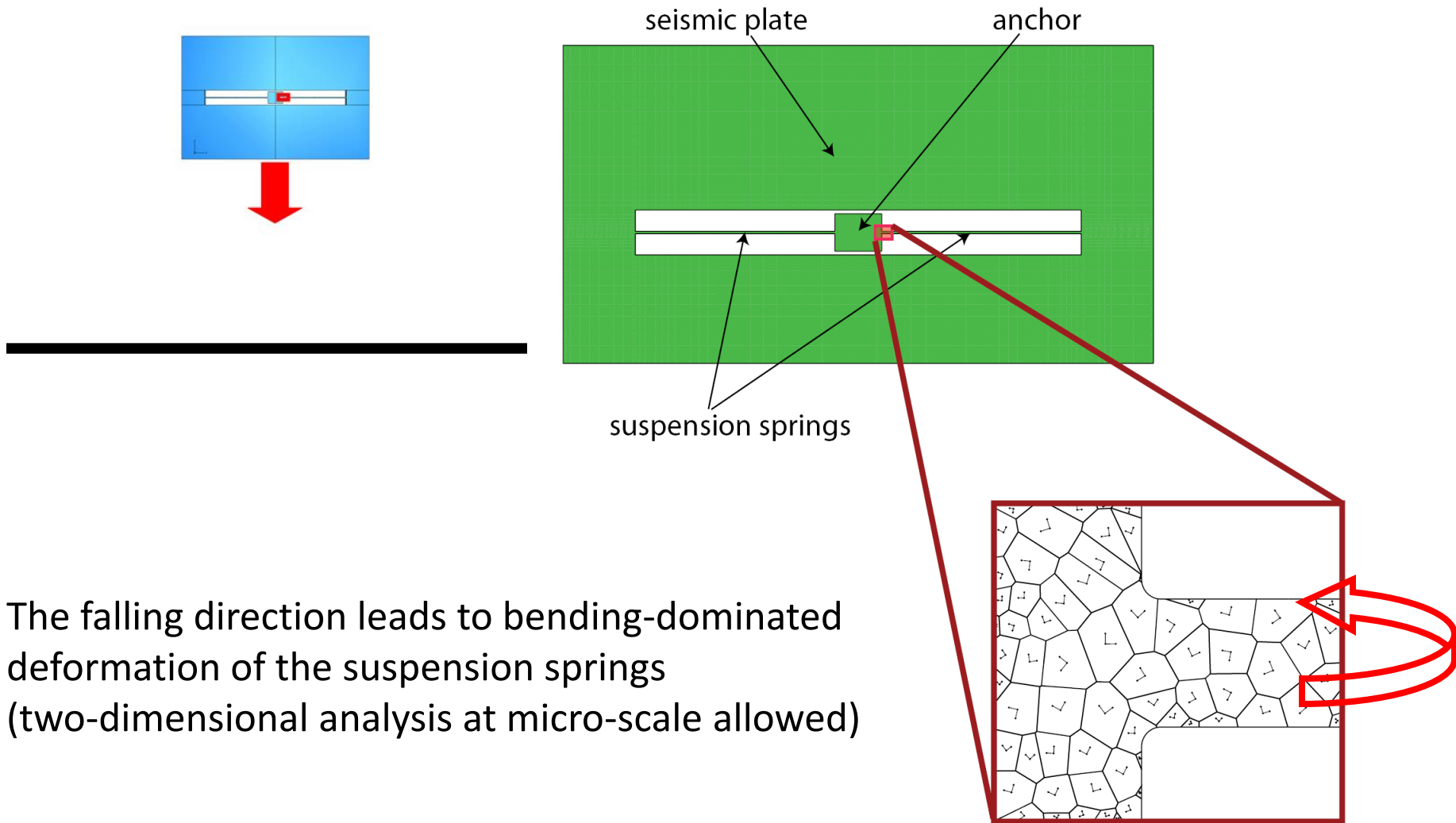


➤ Die (macro-scale)



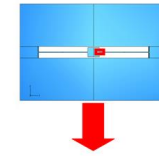
➤ Sensor
(meso-scale)



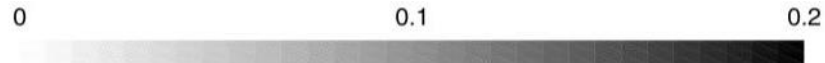




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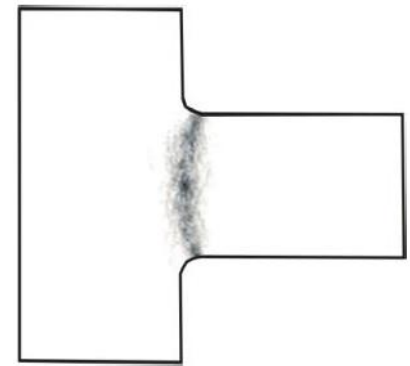
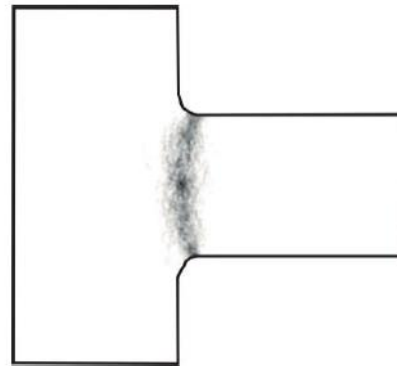


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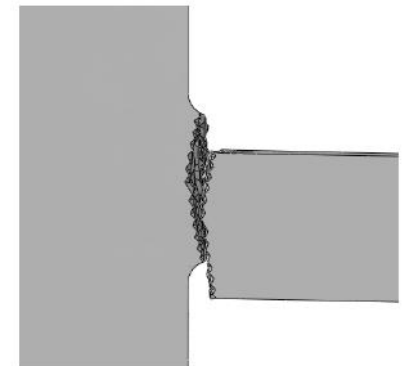
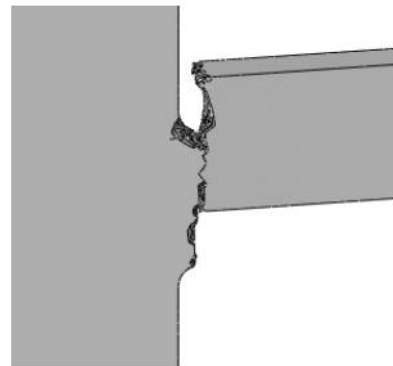
Micro-scale:

loci of max probability of
failure due to quasi-brittle
cracking



Meso-scale:

failure mode due
to brittle cracking

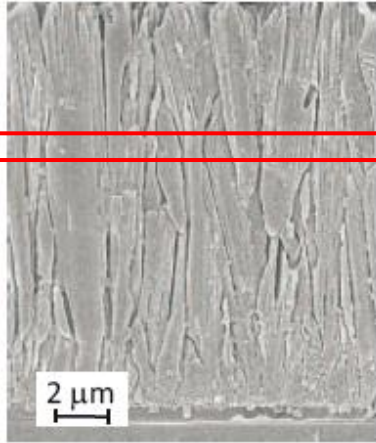


Topics to discuss:

1. Meso-scale elastic and strength properties
2. Micro-scale quasi-brittle cracking
3. Reduced-order, multi-physics modeling and optimization

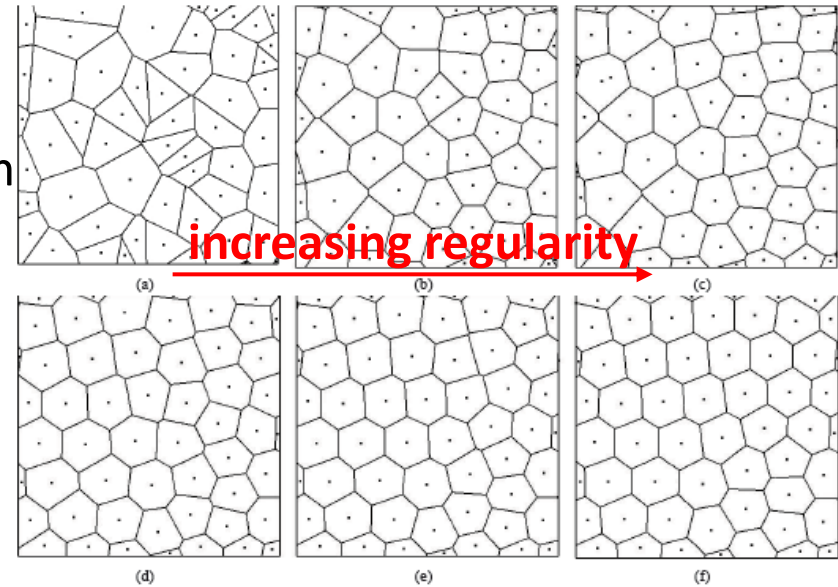
Meso-scale elastic and strength properties

Columnar polysilicon film
(lateral view)



taking a slice of the film
(plane stress cond.)

regularized Voronoi tessellations



Through homogenization: in-plane macro strain and stress components (vectors)

$$\mathbf{E} = \{E_{11} \ E_{22} \ E_{12}\}^T$$

$$\mathbf{\Sigma} = \{\Sigma_{11} \ \Sigma_{22} \ \Sigma_{12}\}^T$$

defined as volume averages, according to:

$$\mathbf{\Sigma} = \frac{1}{V} \int_V \boldsymbol{\sigma} dV$$

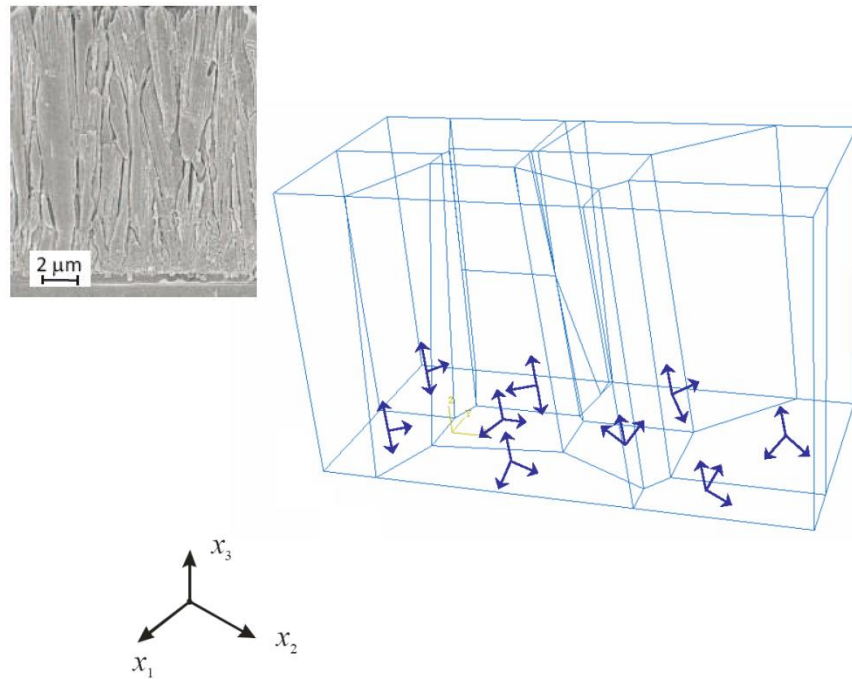
$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{1}{V} \int_V \boldsymbol{\varepsilon} dV$$

local elastic law

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma} = \mathbf{C} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$$

Polysilicon assumed to feature:

- one axis of elastic symmetry aligned with epitaxial growth direction x_3
- random orientation of other two elastic symmetry directions in the x_1 - x_2 plane



Matrix of elastic moduli for single-crystal Si (FCC symmetry)

$$\mathbf{c} = \begin{bmatrix} 165.7 & 63.9 & 63.9 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 63.9 & 165.7 & 63.9 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 63.9 & 63.9 & 165.7 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 79.6 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 79.6 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 79.6 \end{bmatrix} \text{ GPa}$$

Reference value of nominal tensile strength

$$\sigma_0 = 2 \div 4 \text{ GPa}$$

Elastic moduli in $\Sigma = CE$ are numerically bounded through:

- uniform strain boundary cond.

$$u = XE \quad \text{on } \partial V$$

- uniform stress boundary cond.

$$T = N\Sigma \quad \text{on } \partial V$$

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & 0 & \frac{x_2}{2} \\ 0 & x_2 & \frac{x_1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$N = \begin{bmatrix} n_1 & 0 & n_2 \\ 0 & n_2 & n_1 \end{bmatrix}$$



Voigt and **Reuss** bounds:

from Hill-Mandel macro-homogeneity condition $\Sigma^T E = \frac{1}{V} \int_V \sigma^T \varepsilon dV = \frac{1}{V} \int_V \sigma_l^T \varepsilon_l dV$

Voigt assumption: $\varepsilon = E$ everywhere

$$E^T C E = \frac{1}{V} \int_V \varepsilon_l^T c_l \varepsilon_l dV = \frac{1}{V} \int_V \varepsilon^T t_\varepsilon^T c_l t_\varepsilon \varepsilon dV = E^T \left[\frac{1}{V} \int_V t_\varepsilon^T c_l t_\varepsilon dV \right] E = E^T \left[\frac{1}{V} \int_V c dV \right] E$$

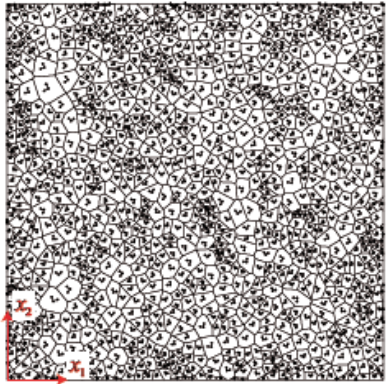
$$\Rightarrow C = \frac{1}{V} \int_V t_\varepsilon^T c_l t_\varepsilon dV$$

Reuss assumption: $\sigma = \Sigma$ everywhere

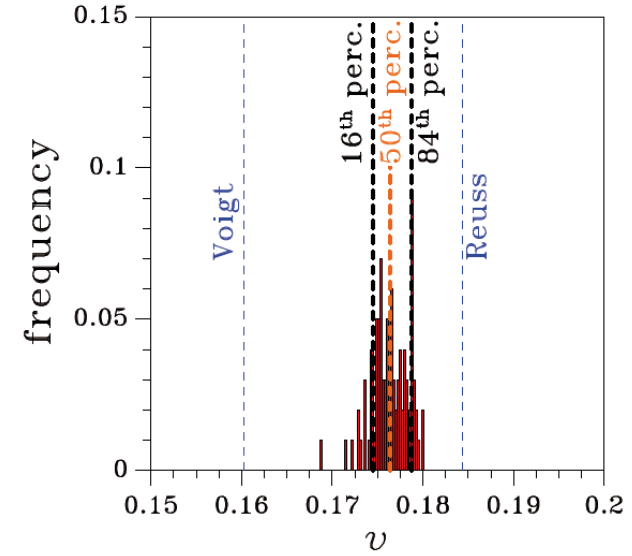
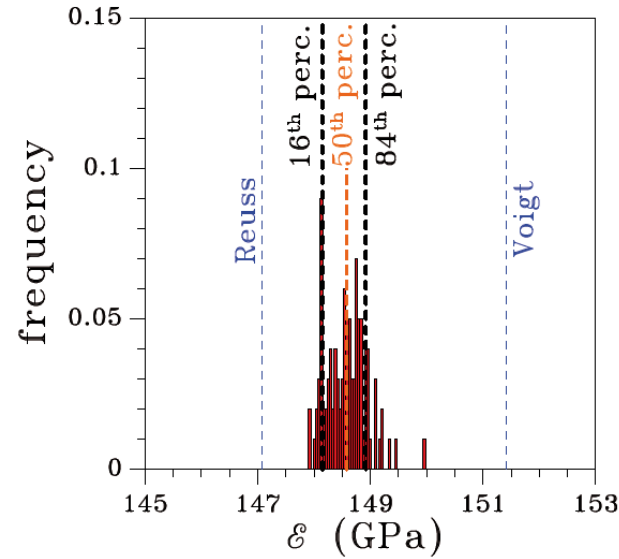
$$\Rightarrow C^{-1} = \frac{1}{V} \int_V t_\sigma^T c_l^{-1} t_\sigma dV$$

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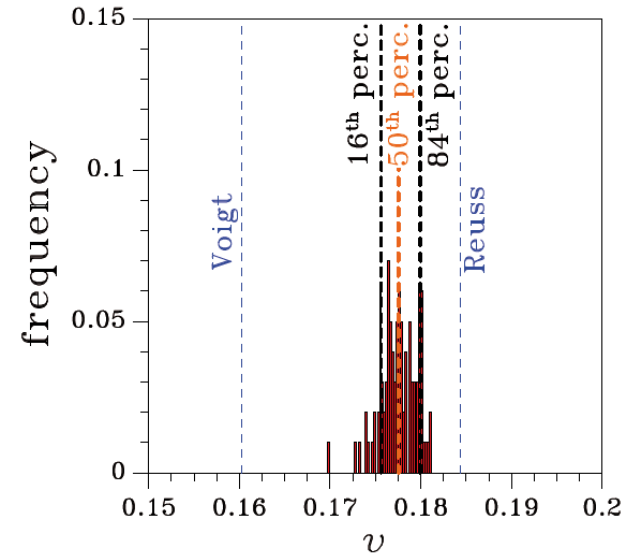
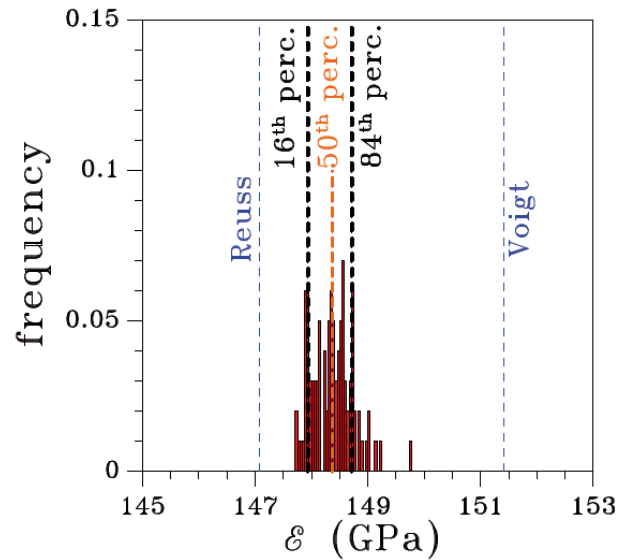
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$$u = XE \text{ on } \partial V$$

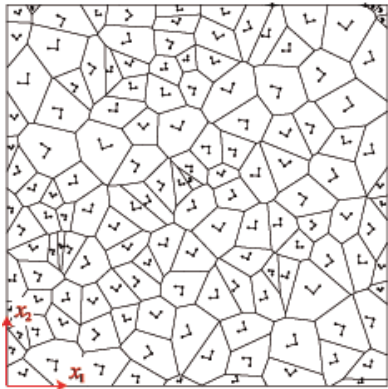


$$T = N\Sigma \text{ on } \partial V$$

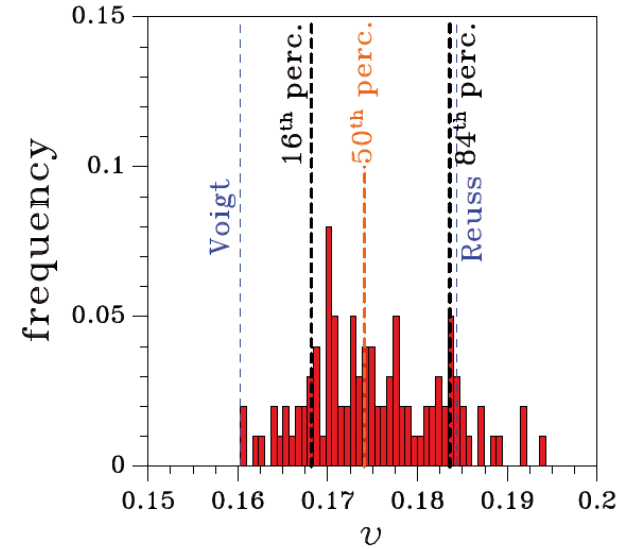
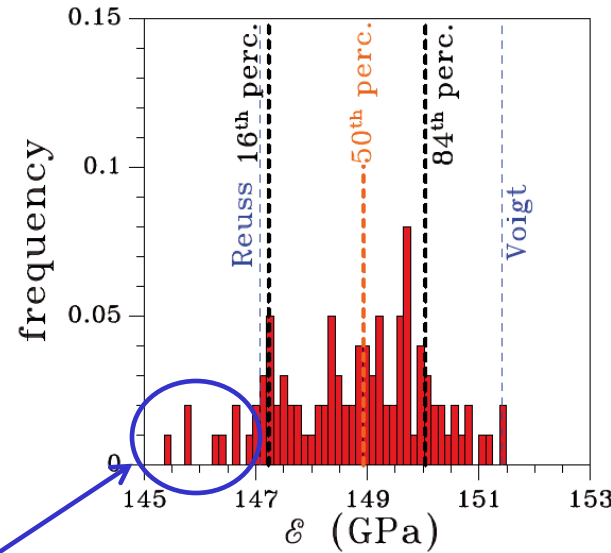


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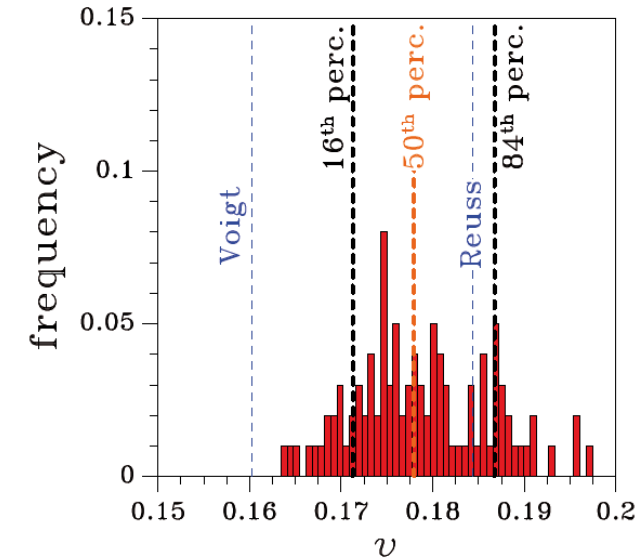
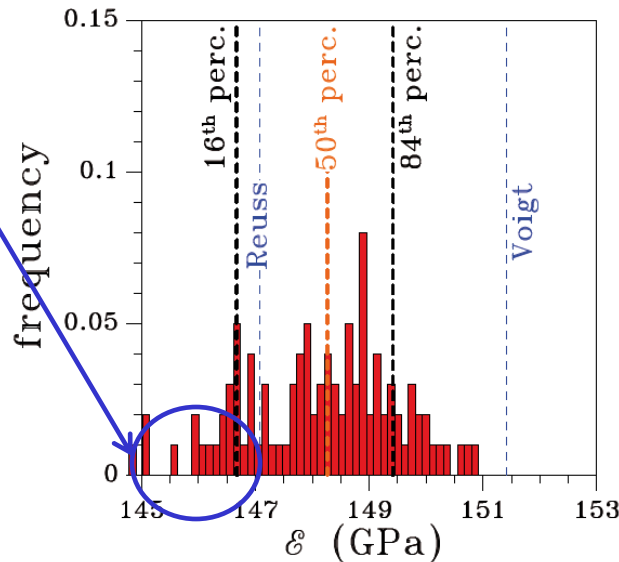
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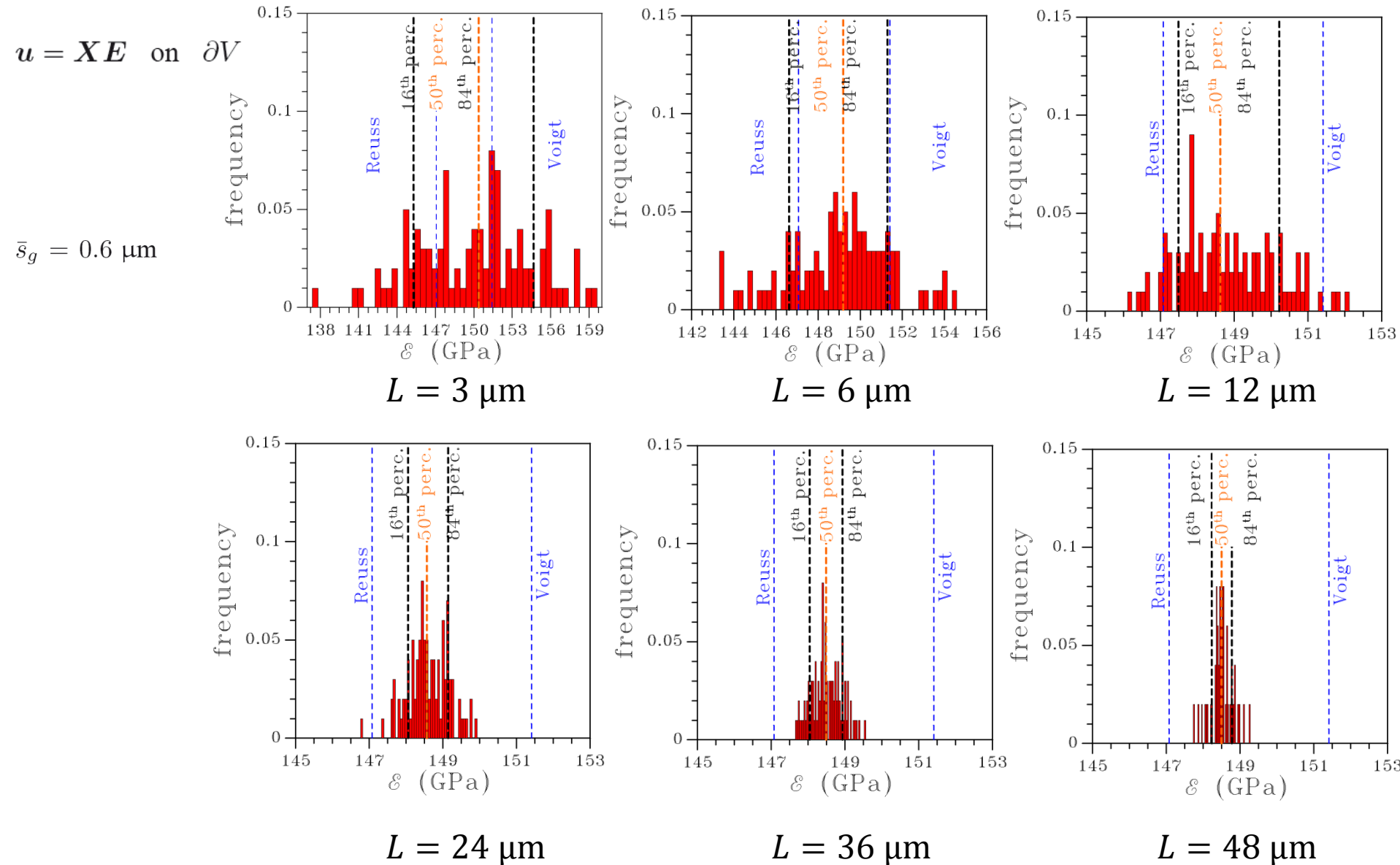


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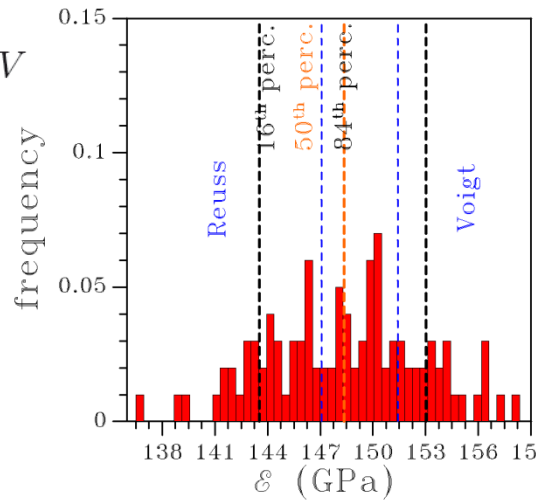
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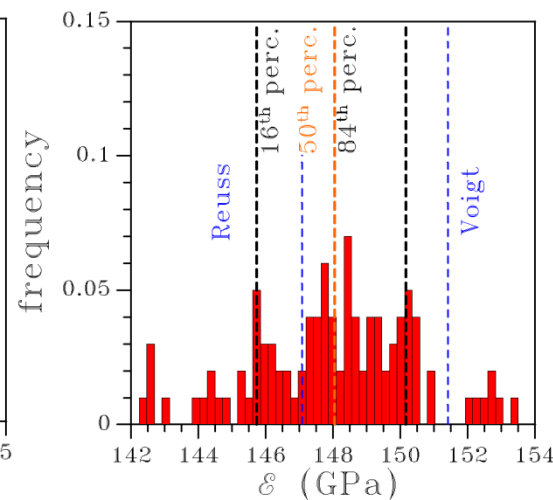


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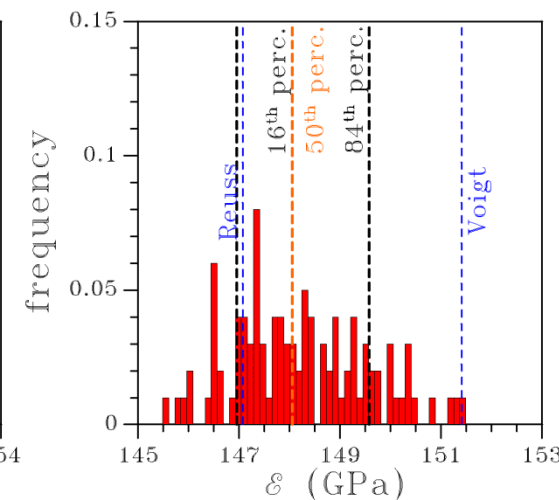
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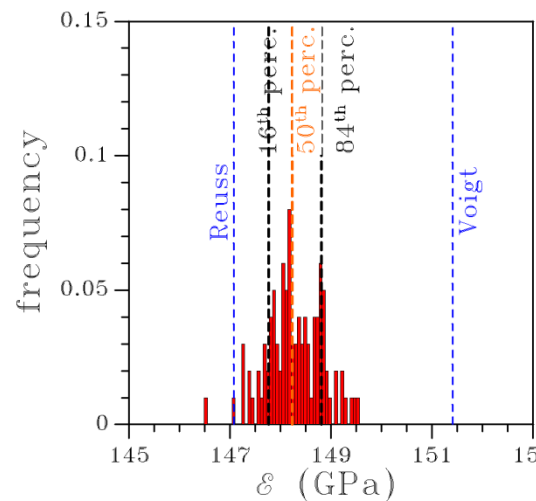
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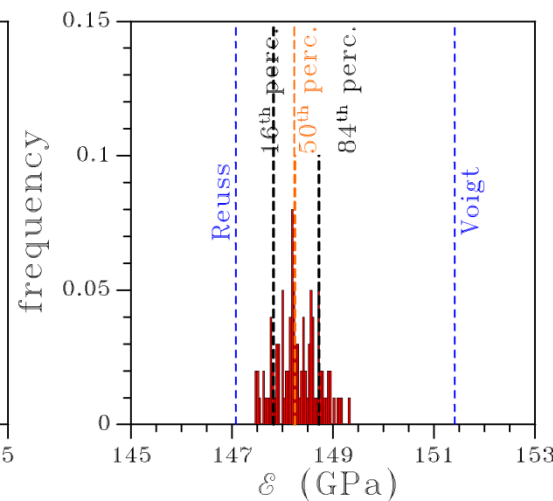
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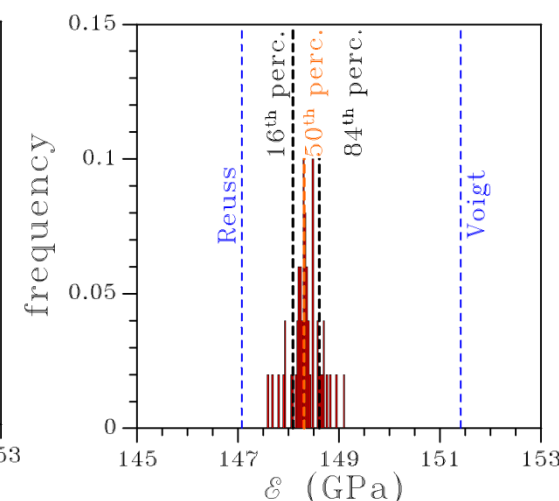
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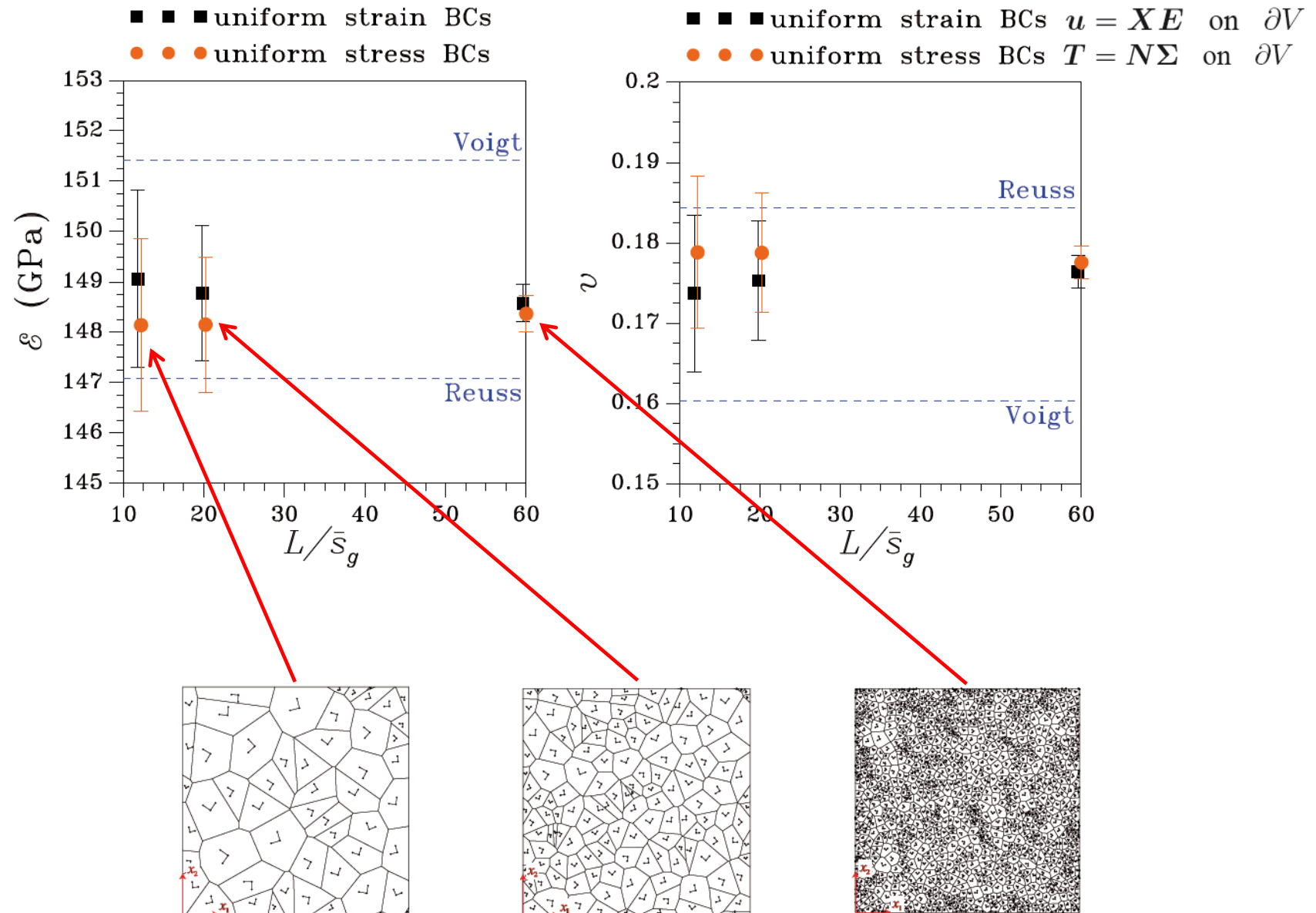
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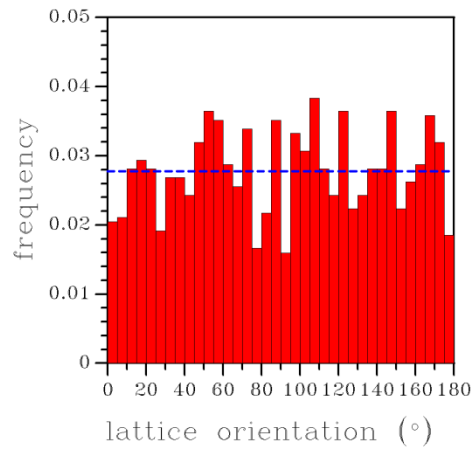
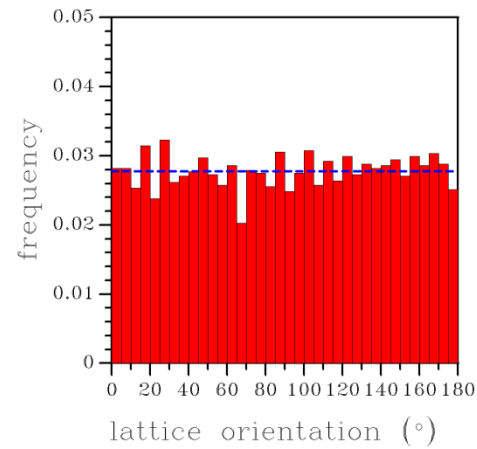
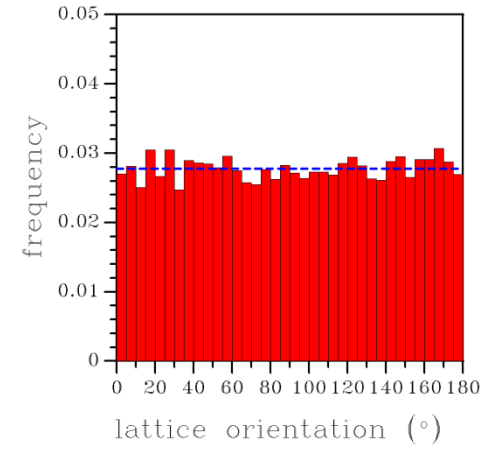
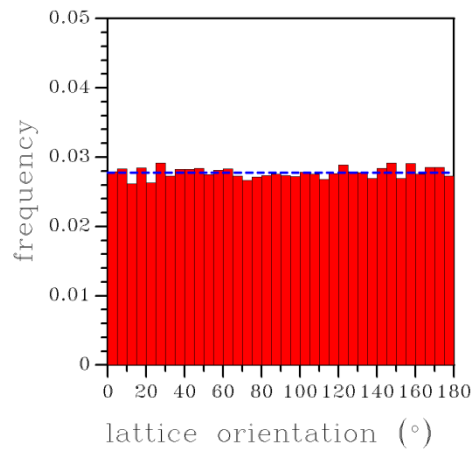
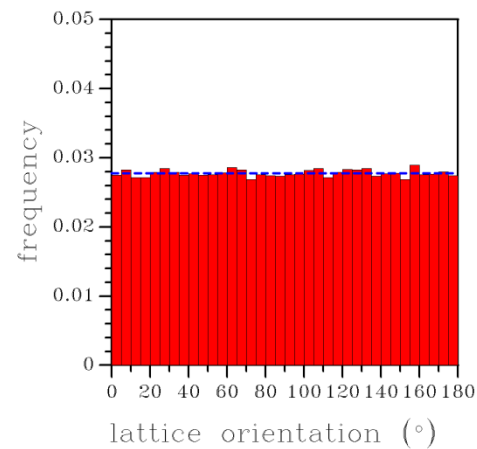
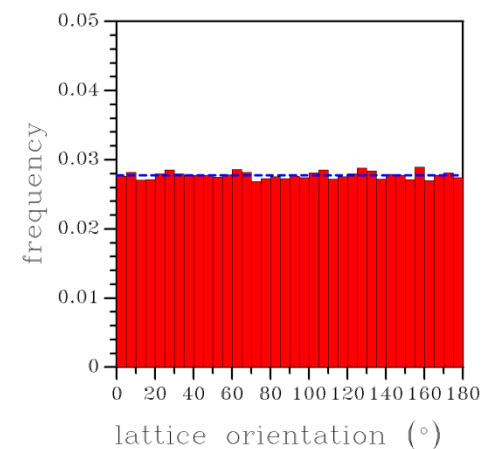


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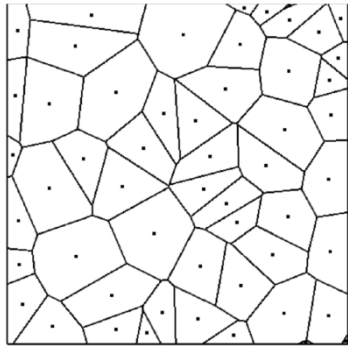
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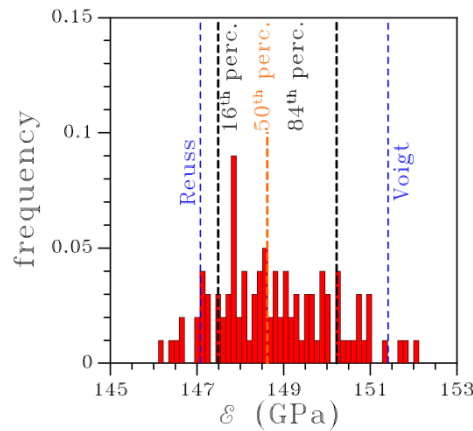
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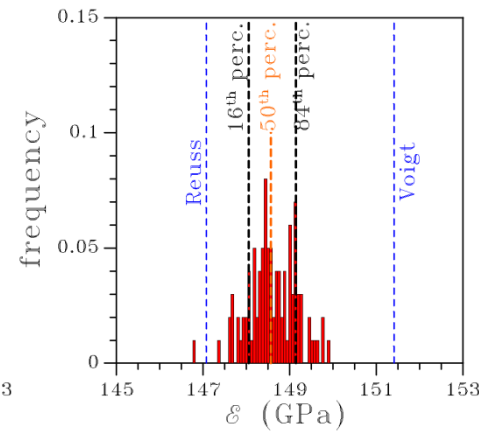
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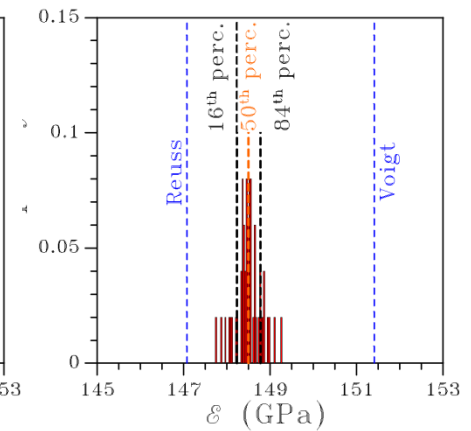
Median = 148.62 GPa

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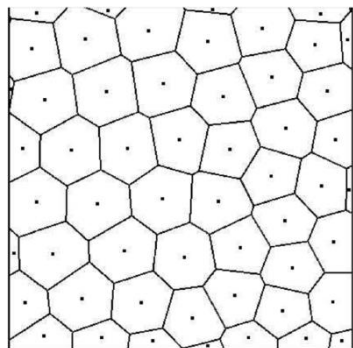


Median = 148.56 GPa

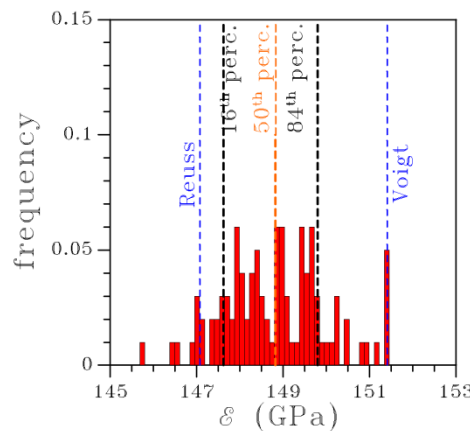
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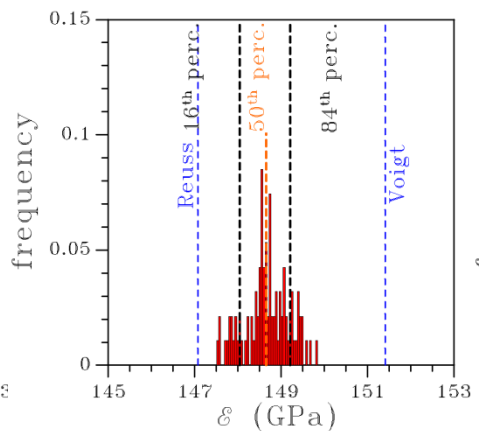
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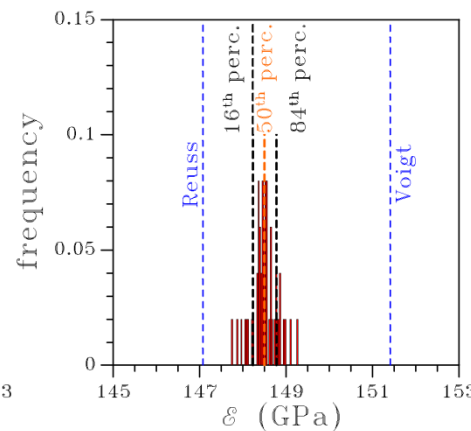
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Median = 148.82 GPa



Median = 148.65 GPa



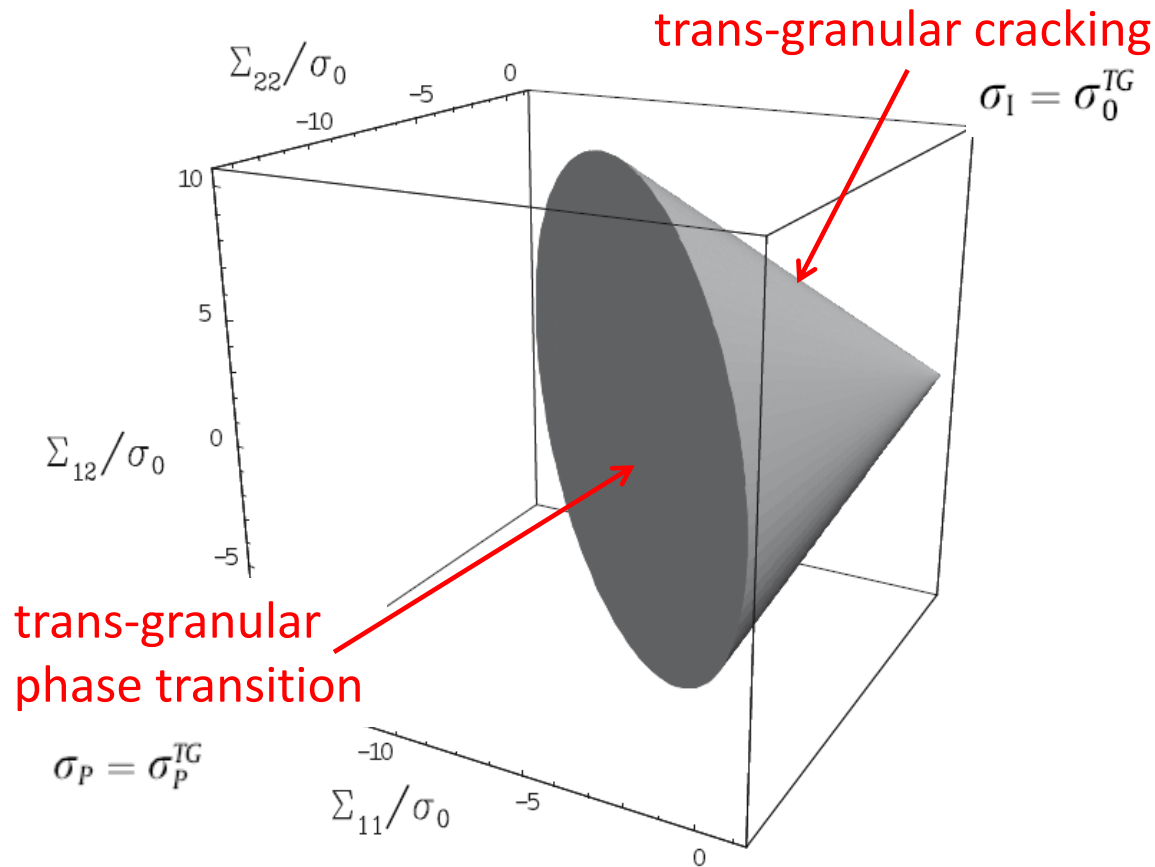
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Micro-scale analysis: upscaling of elastic domain (strength)

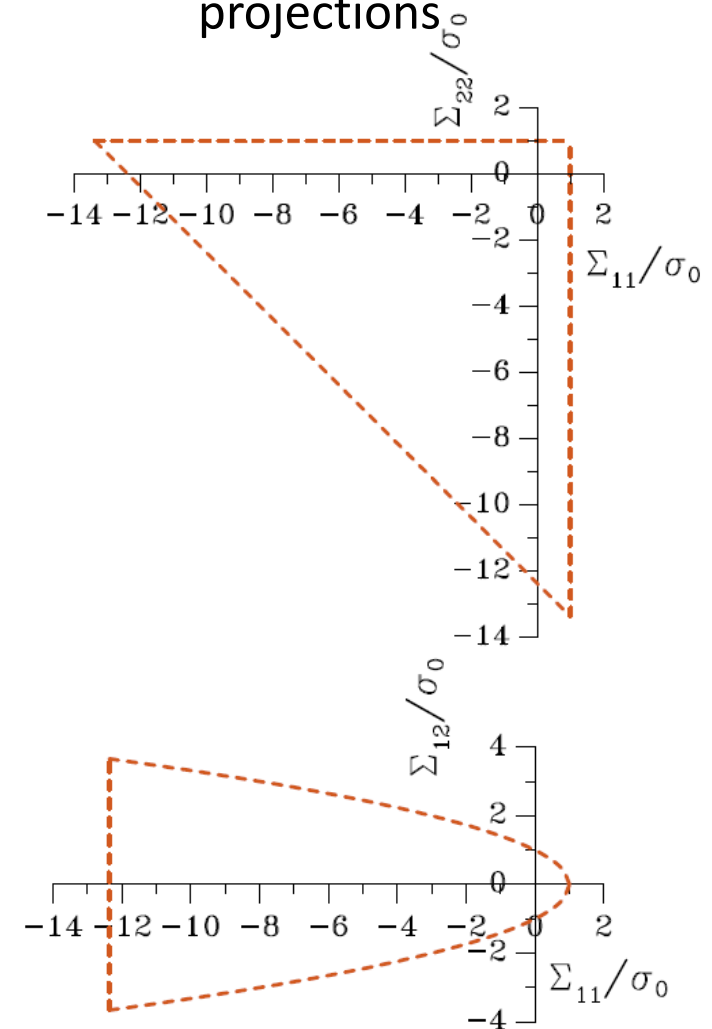
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Elastic domain of single-crystal Si (plane-stress)

3D view



projections



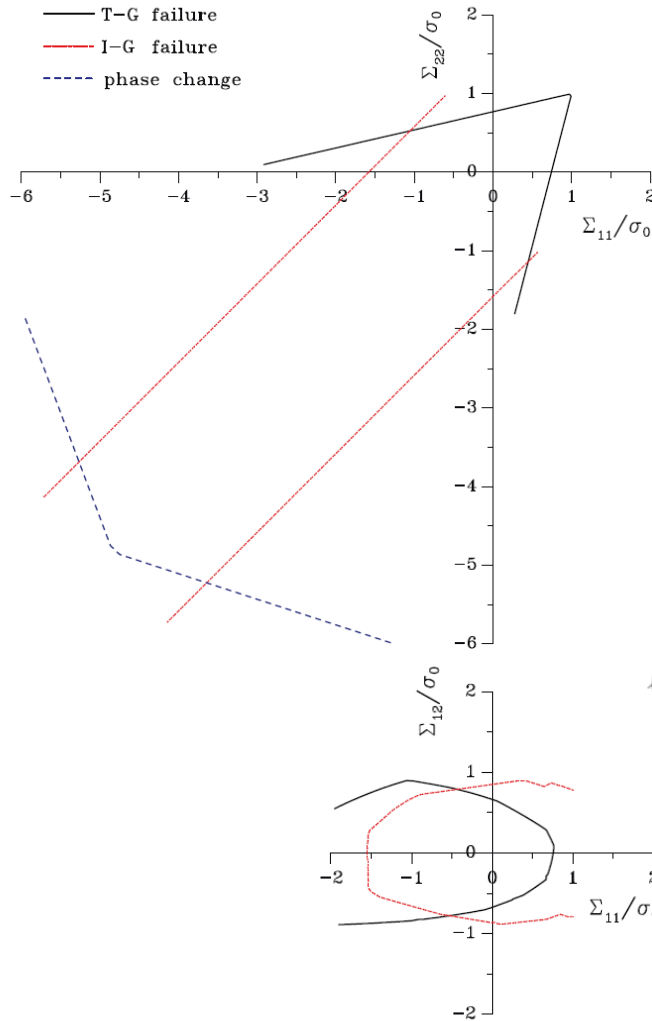
(strength)

Adding the inter-granular cracking condition [Camacho-Ortiz], under uniform strain BCs

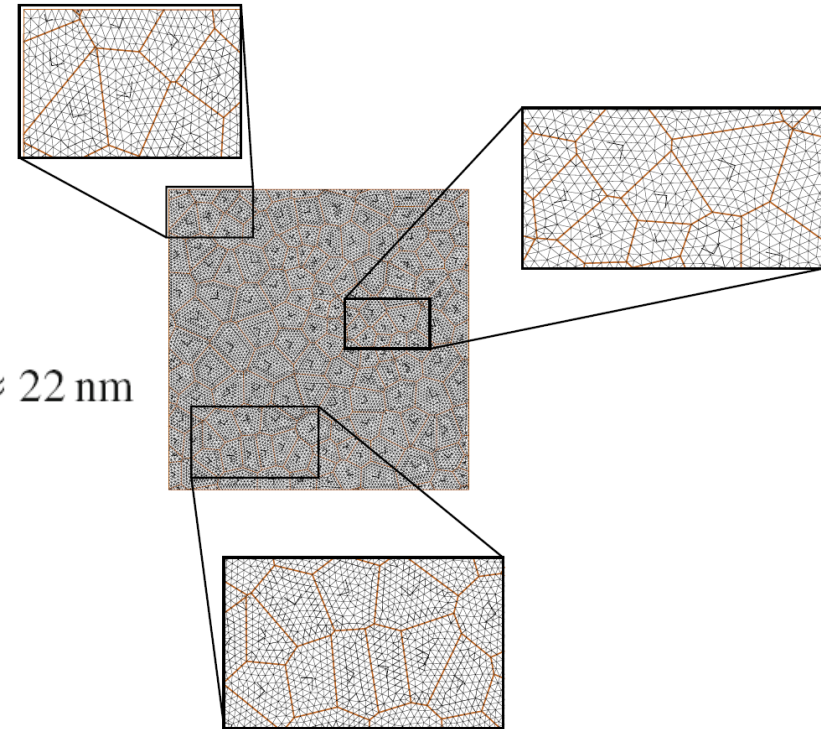
$$\sigma = \sqrt{\langle \sigma_n \rangle^2 + \frac{1}{\beta^2} \sigma_s^2} = \sigma_0^{IG}$$

normal traction component
shear traction component

adopted space discretization to resolve stress-state along GBs



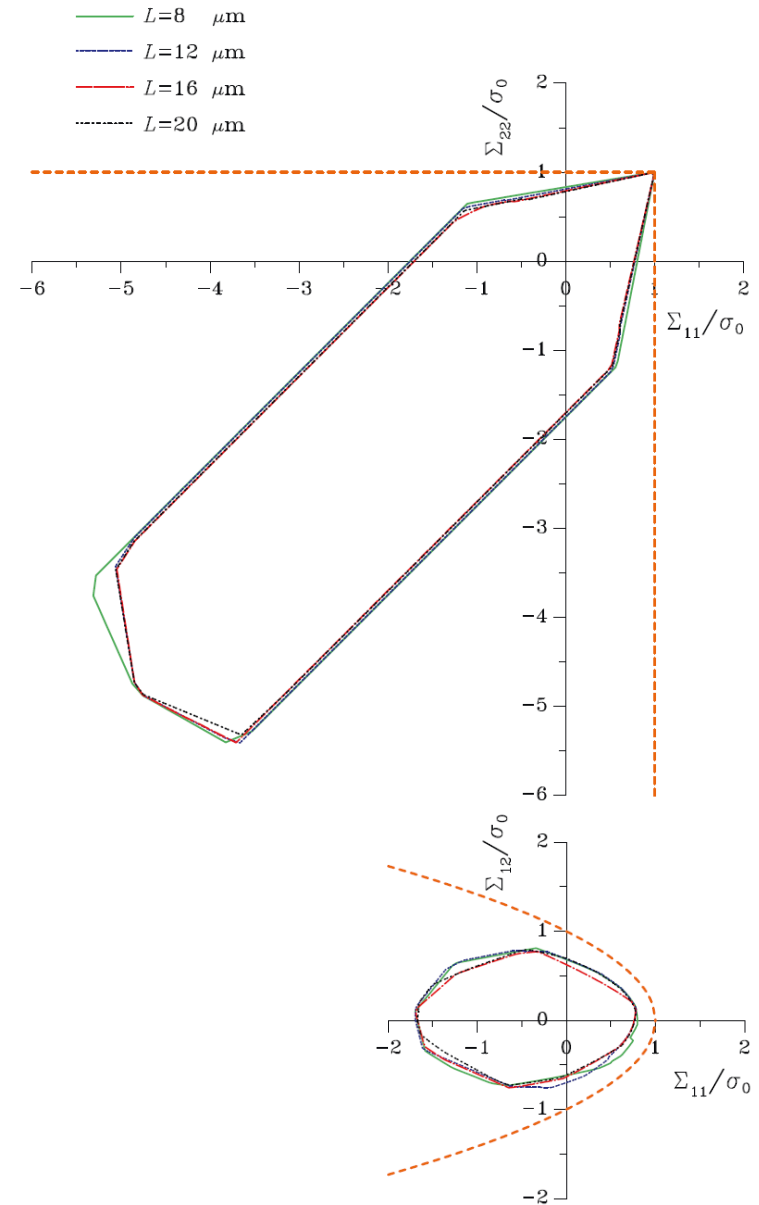
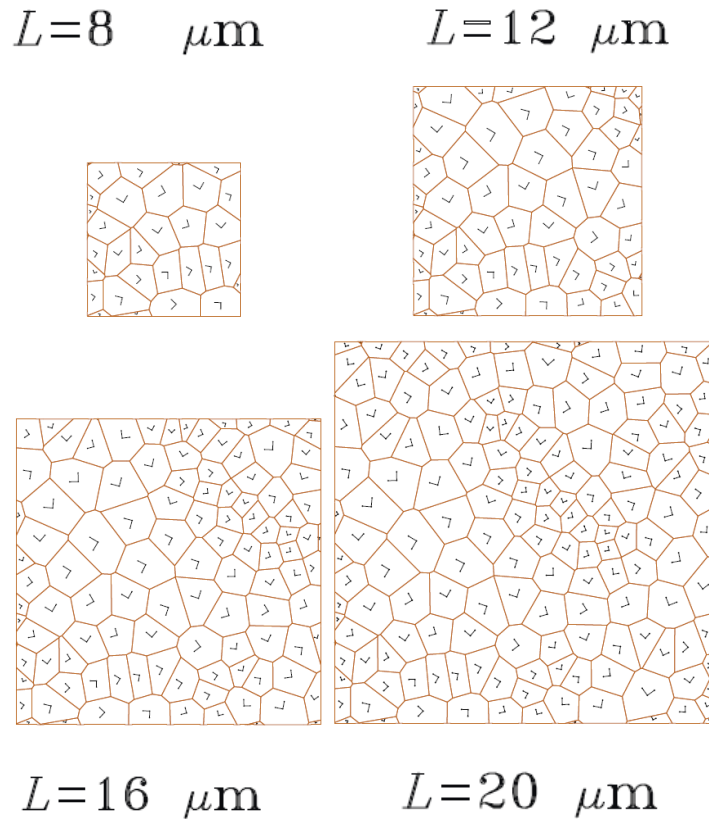
$$\ell_{\text{cohe}} = \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{EG_c^t}{\tau_M^2} \approx 22 \text{ nm}$$



Micro-scale analysis: upscaling of elastic domain (strength)

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Effect of RVE size on the shape of elastic domain ($d_e = 0.2 \mu\text{m}$)



Micro-scale quasi-brittle cracking

Weak form of incremental equilibrium

$$\int_{\Omega \setminus \Gamma_d} \gamma^T \dot{\boldsymbol{\sigma}} d\Omega = \int_{\Omega \setminus \Gamma_d} \mathbf{v}^T \dot{\mathbf{b}} d\Omega + \int_{\Gamma_t} \mathbf{v}^T \dot{\mathbf{t}} d\Gamma_t - \int_{\Gamma_d} [\mathbf{v}]^T \dot{\mathbf{t}} d\Gamma_d \quad \forall \mathbf{v} \in \mathcal{U}_0$$

$\mathbf{v}$ is the test function

$$\gamma = \mathbf{C} \mathbf{v}$$

$\mathcal{U}$ is the trial solution space

($\mathbf{u}$ continuous in $\Omega \setminus \Gamma_d$, possibly discontinuous along Γ_d)

$\mathcal{U}_0$ is the variation space

($\mathbf{v}$ continuous in $\Omega \setminus \Gamma_d$, possibly discontinuous along Γ_d , $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$ on Γ_u)

Allowing for bulk and interface constitutive models

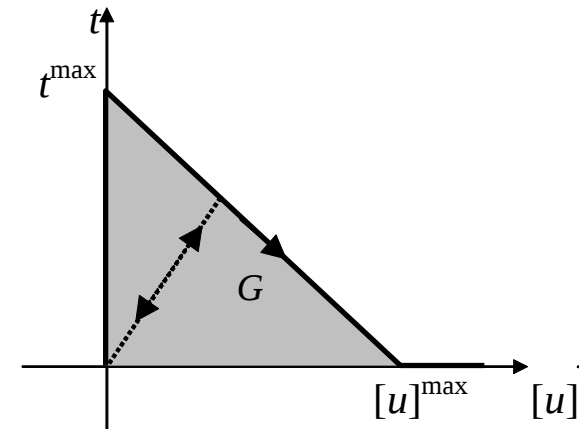
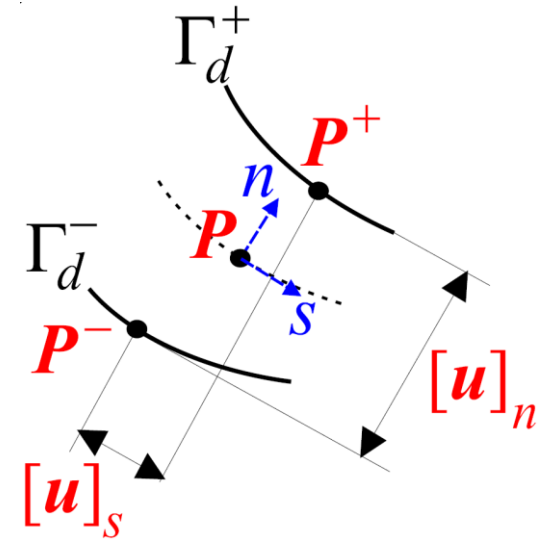
$$\begin{aligned} \text{find } \mathbf{u} \in \mathcal{U} : \quad & \int_{\Omega \setminus \Gamma_d} \gamma^T \mathbf{E}_\Omega(\mathbf{x}) \boldsymbol{\varepsilon} d\Omega + \int_{\Gamma_d} [\mathbf{v}]^T \mathbf{E}_\Gamma(\mathbf{x}) [\dot{\mathbf{u}}] d\Gamma_d \\ & = \int_{\Omega \setminus \Gamma_d} \mathbf{v}^T \dot{\mathbf{b}} d\Omega + \int_{\Gamma_t} \mathbf{v}^T \dot{\mathbf{t}} d\Gamma_t \quad \forall \mathbf{v} \in \mathcal{U}_0 \end{aligned}$$

Effective displacement discontinuity [Camacho&Ortiz]:

$$[u] = \sqrt{\underbrace{[u]_n^2}_{\text{opening (mode I) component}} + \beta^2 \underbrace{[u]_s^2}_{\text{sliding (mode II) component}}}$$

work conjugate effective traction:

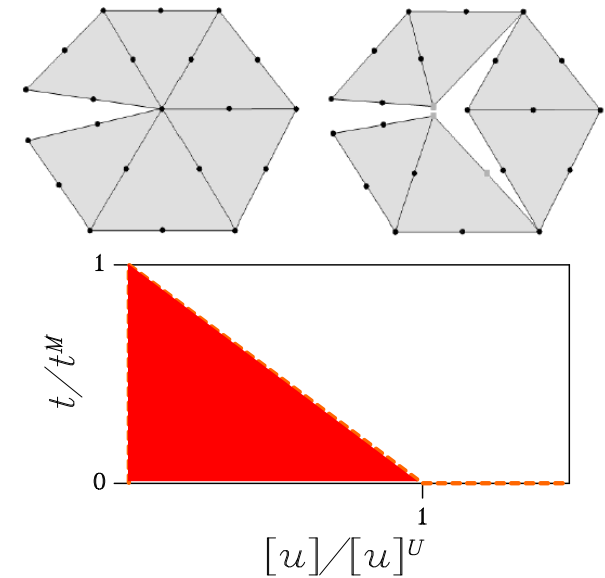
$$t = \sqrt{t_n^2 + \frac{1}{\beta^2} t_s^2}$$



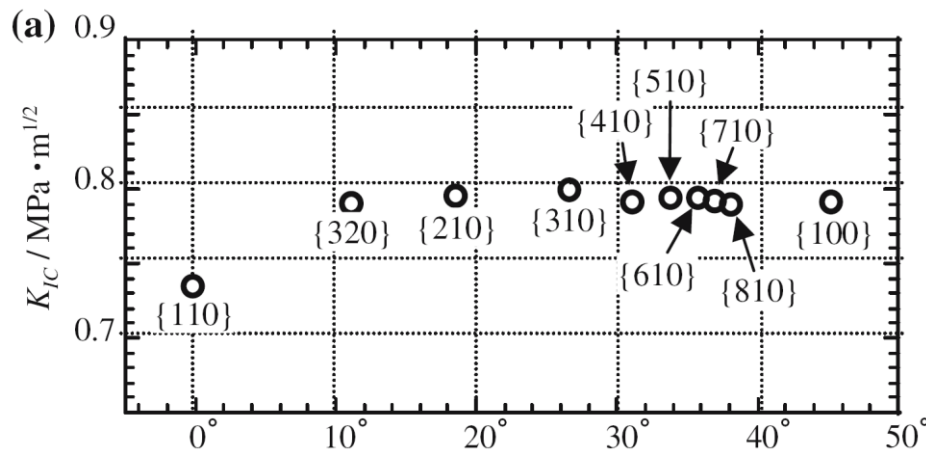
- linear envelope: $t = t^{\max} \left(1 - \frac{[u]}{[u]^{\max}} \right)$
- unloading to the origin of the t - $[u]$ plane;
- fracture energy: $G = t^{\max} [u]^{\max} / 2$

[Tanaka *et alii*, IJF]

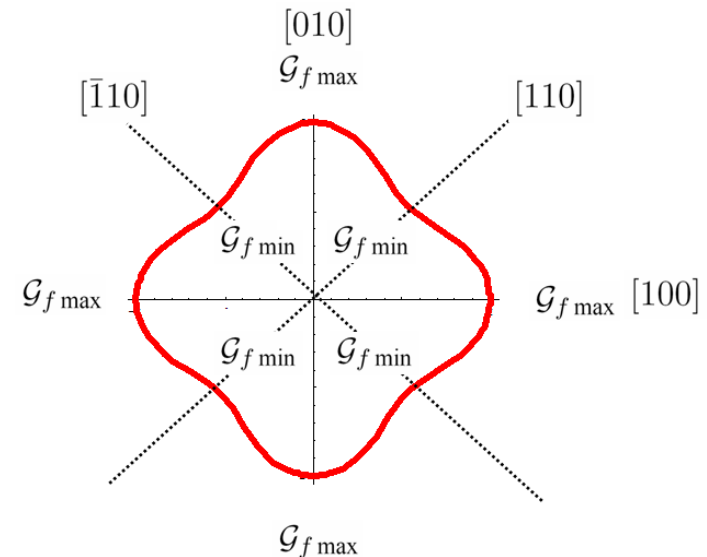
- Transgranular fracture energy *assumed* to smoothly vary, depending on the relative orientation of crack plane and grain crystal lattice
- Transgranular strength independent of the orientation



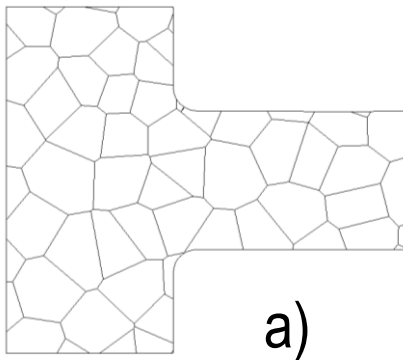
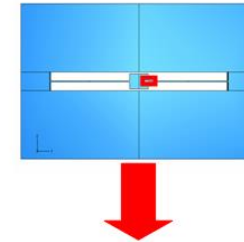
Experimental data by Tanaka et al., IJF 2006



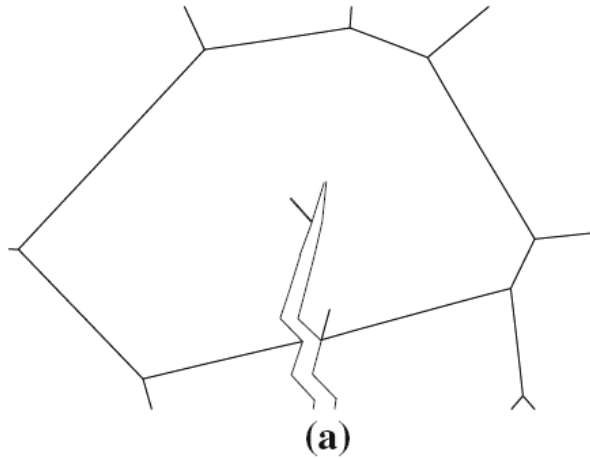
2D simulations



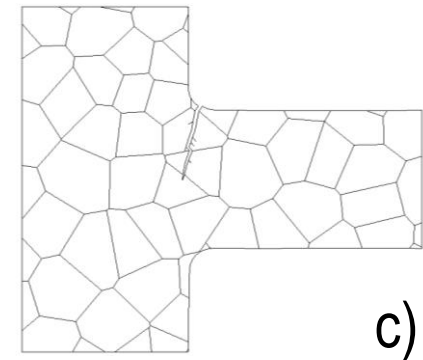
Depending on the falling orientation, crack may start from one of the two reentrant corners at the end of each suspension spring



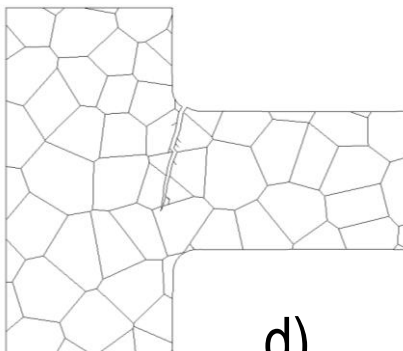
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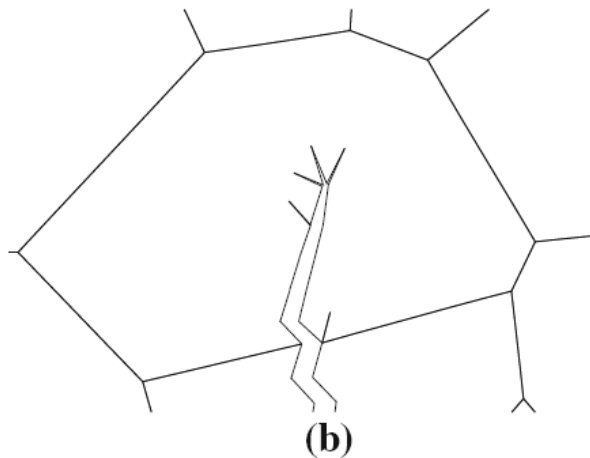
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c)



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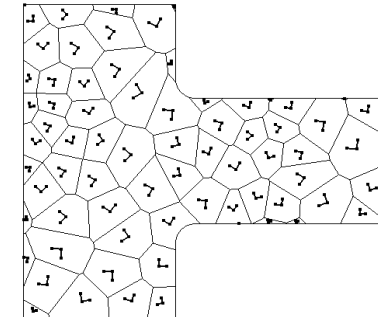
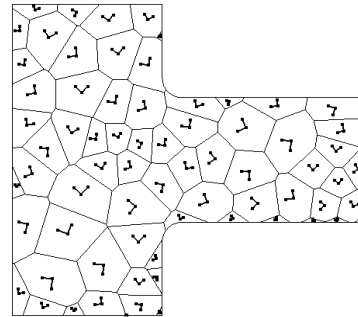
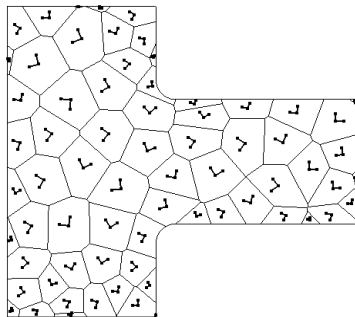
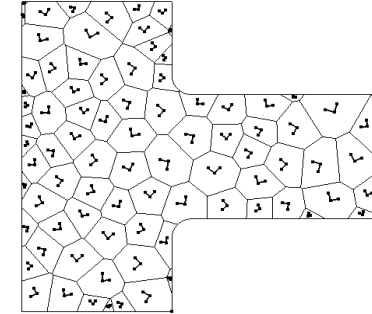
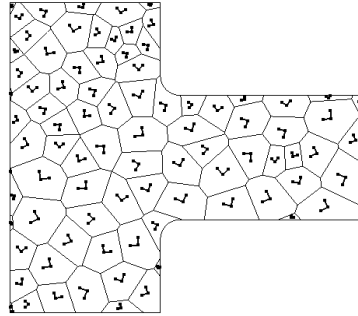
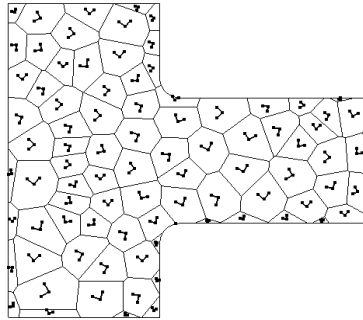


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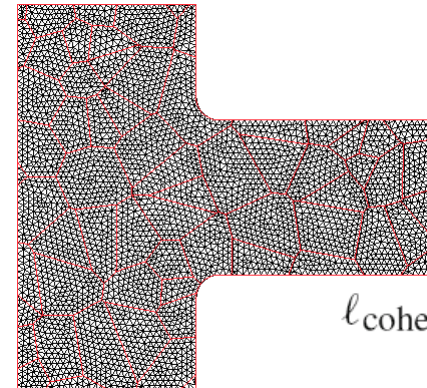
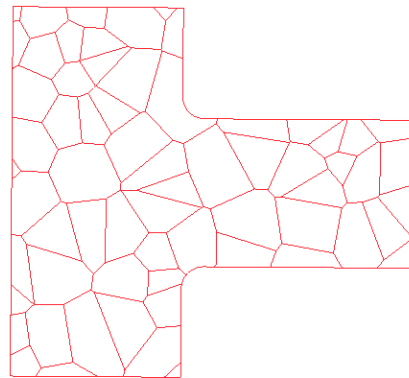


f)

Monte Carlo simulations are carried out with different grain morphologies and crystal orientations



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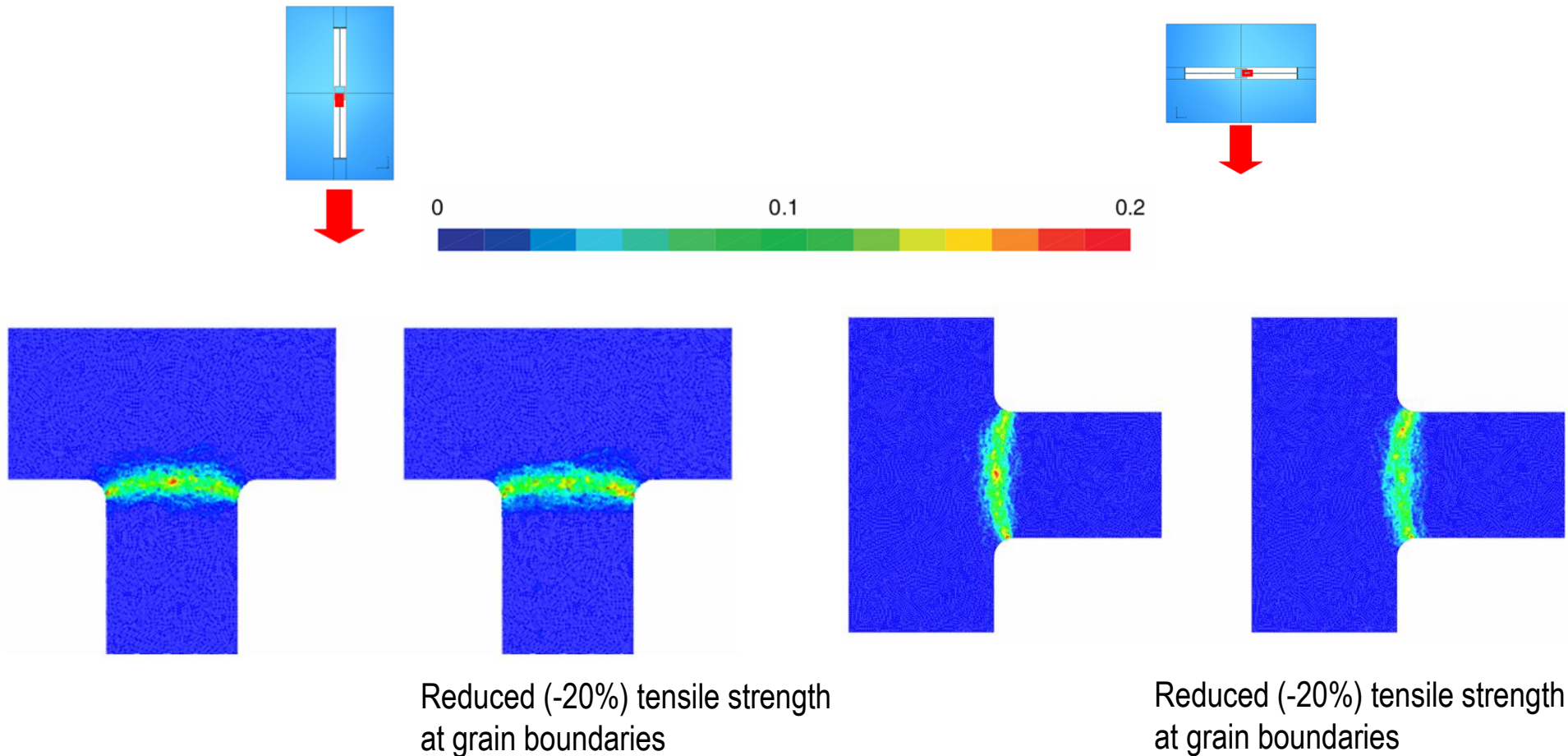


FE mesh

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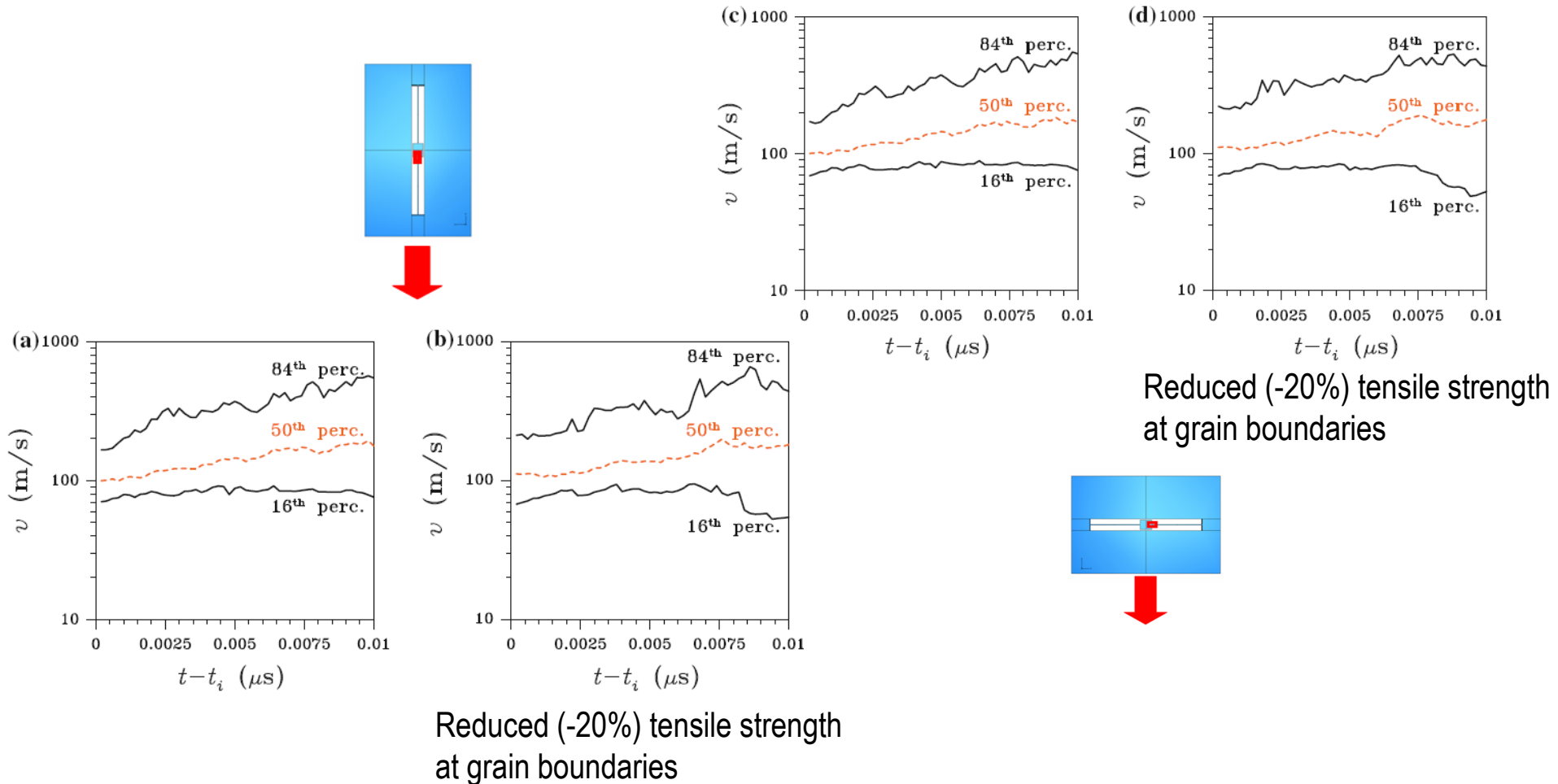
Failure probability map:

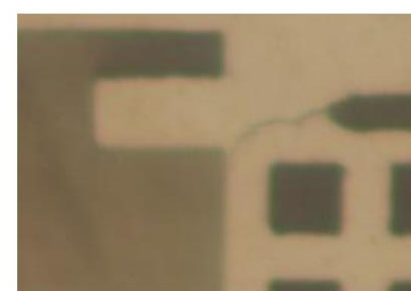
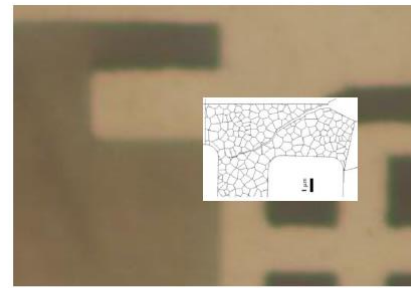
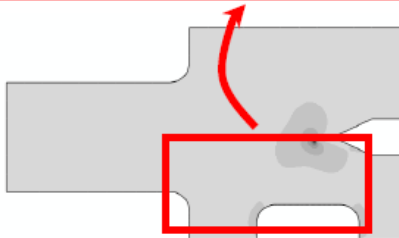
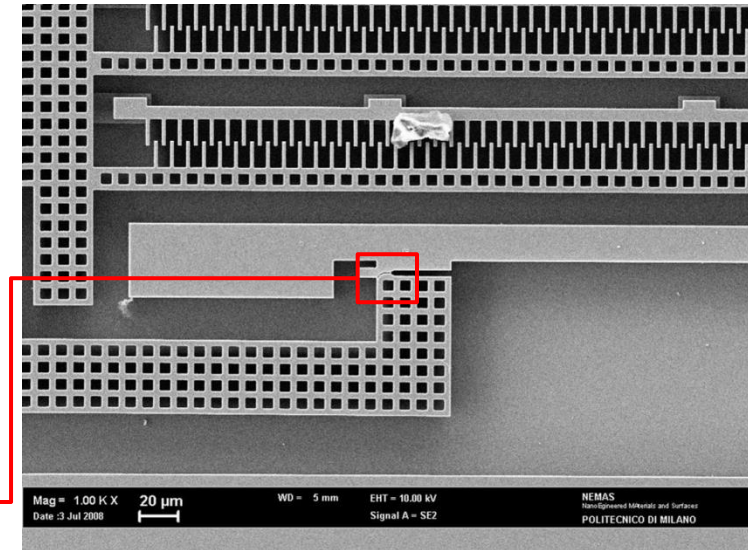
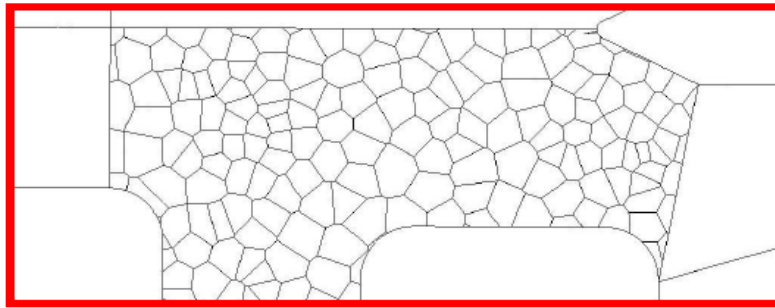
at convergence of the statistics of the Monte Carlo simulation, map of probability for a crack to pass by that point



Statistics of crack speed:

median value around 100-200 (m/s) due to continuous branching

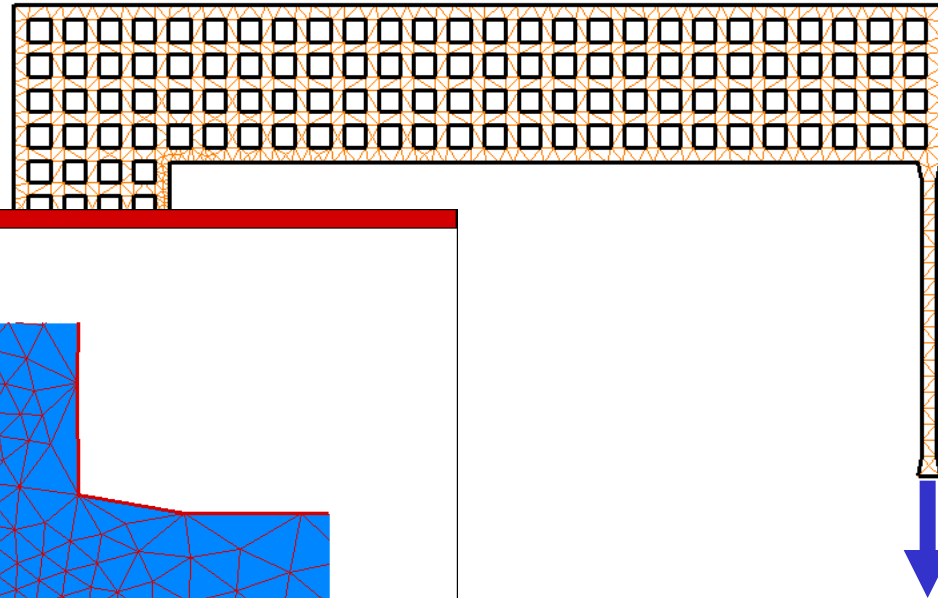
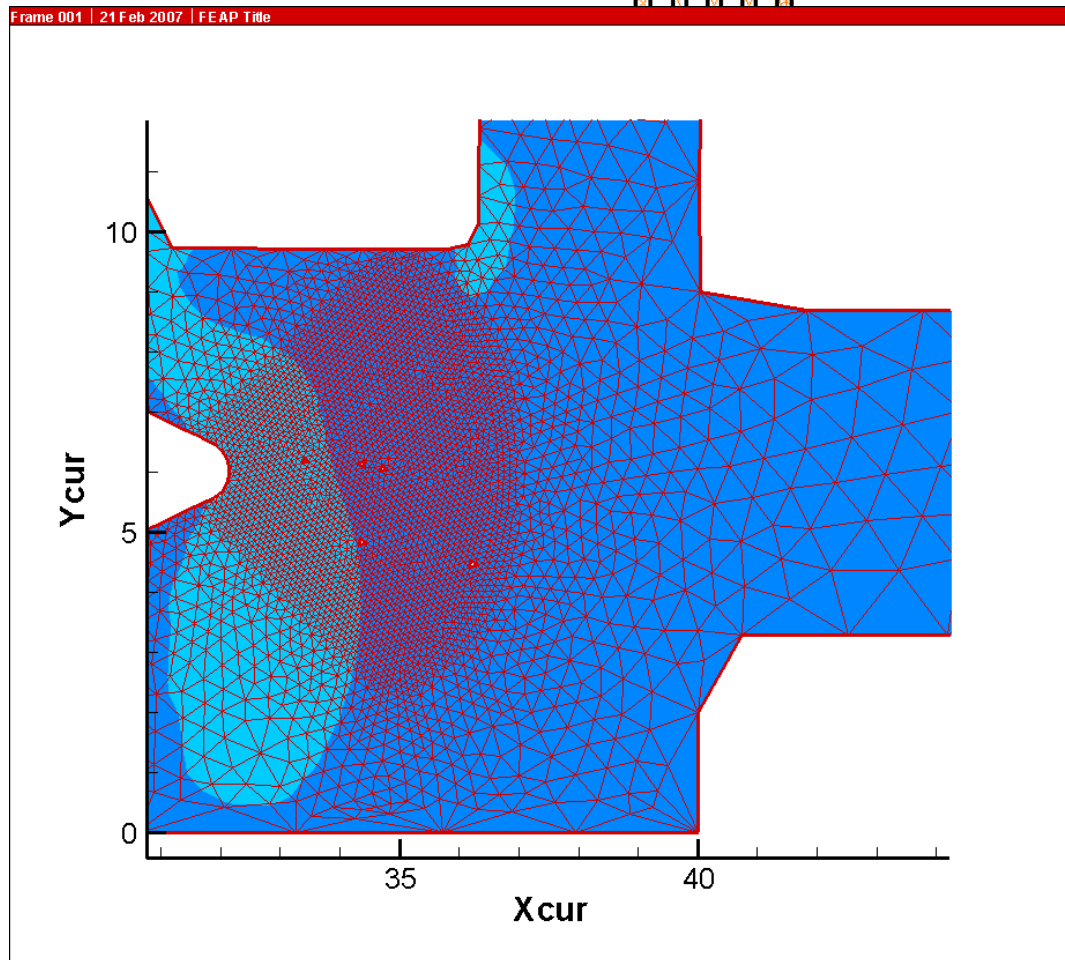




Full coupling of meso- and micro-scale analyses: a proposal based on Partition of Unity (X-FEM)

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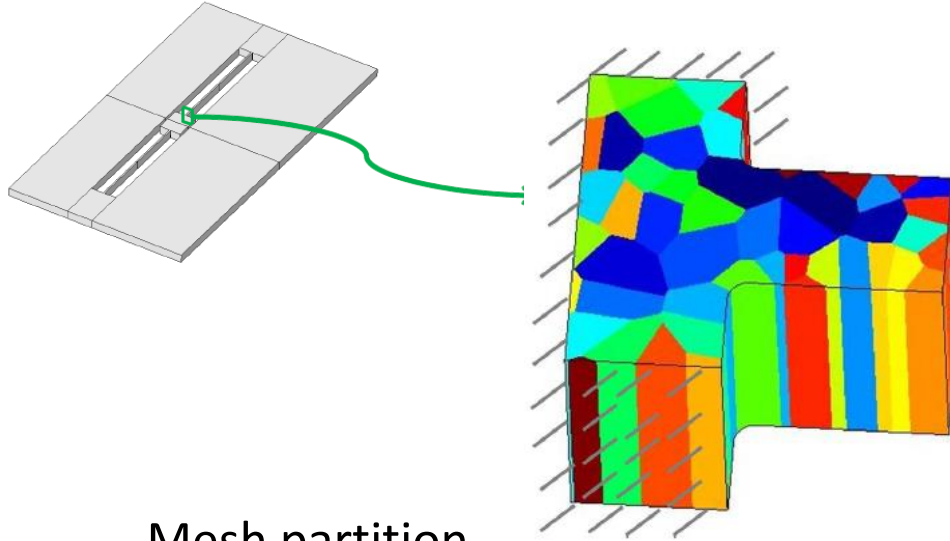
Former proposal of a test-structure
to measure polysilicon toughness
(on-chip test)



Mesh layout does not
depend on crystal topology

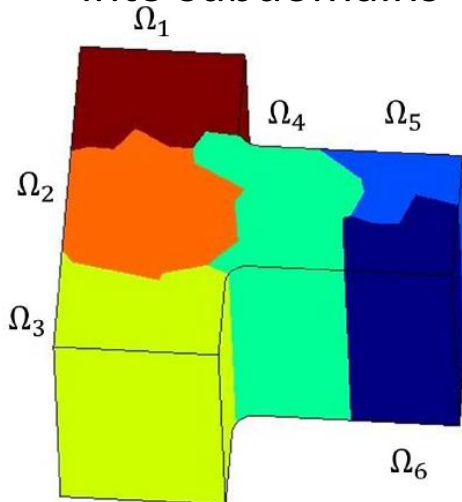


Monte-Carlo simulations
by changing the crystal
morphology without
modifying FE mesh

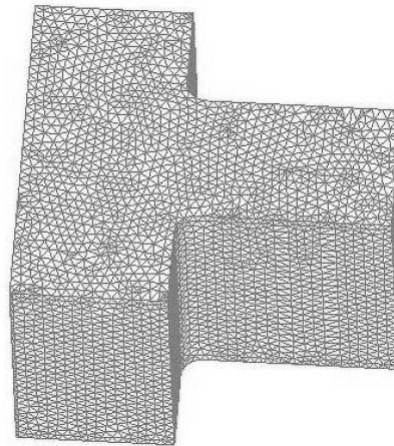


FE mesh	
Number of elements	142,648 quad tetra
Number of nodes	202,286
DOFs	606,858

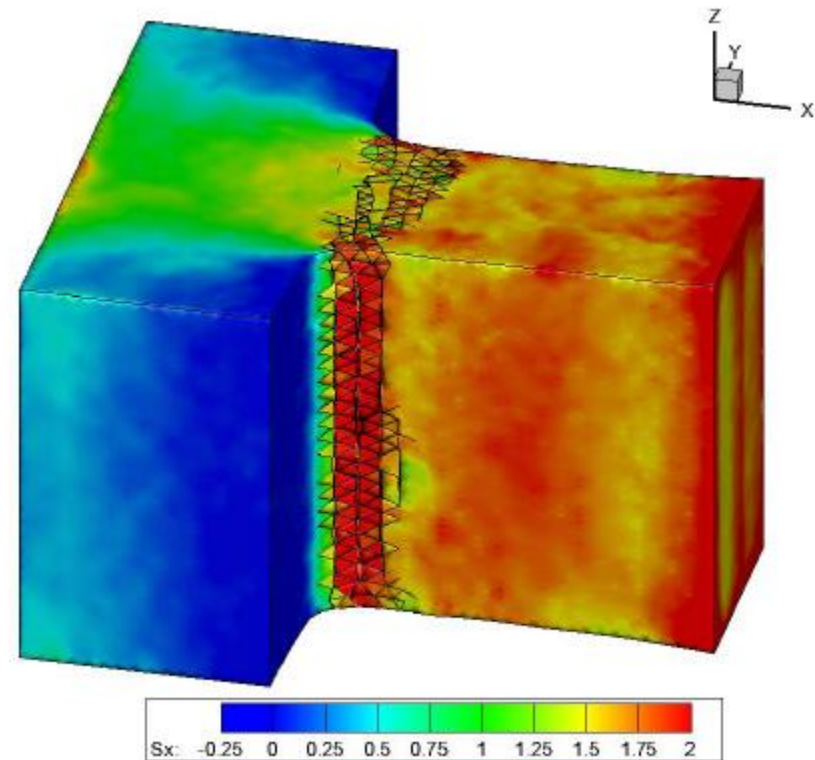
Mesh partition
into subdomains



FE mesh

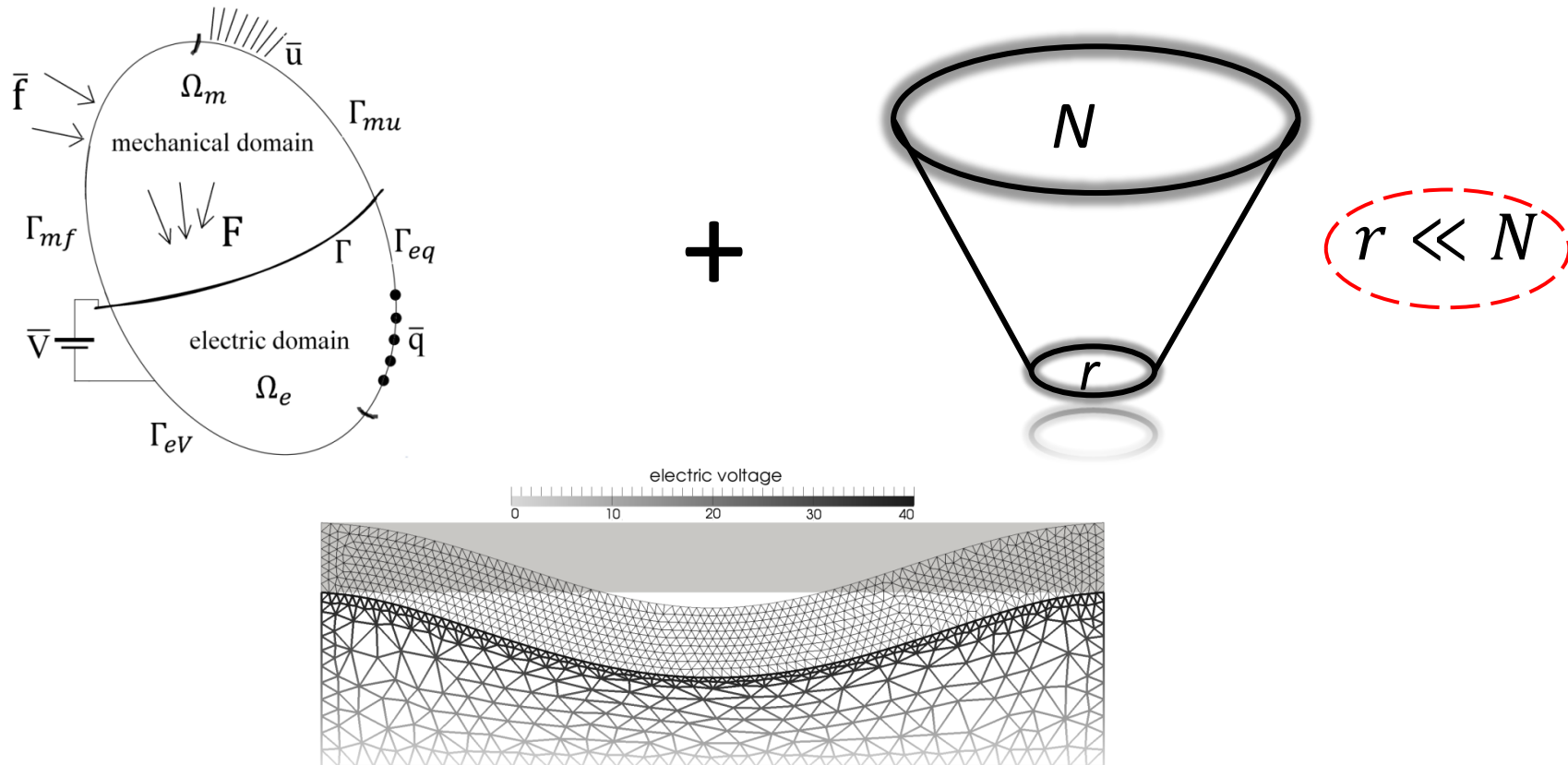


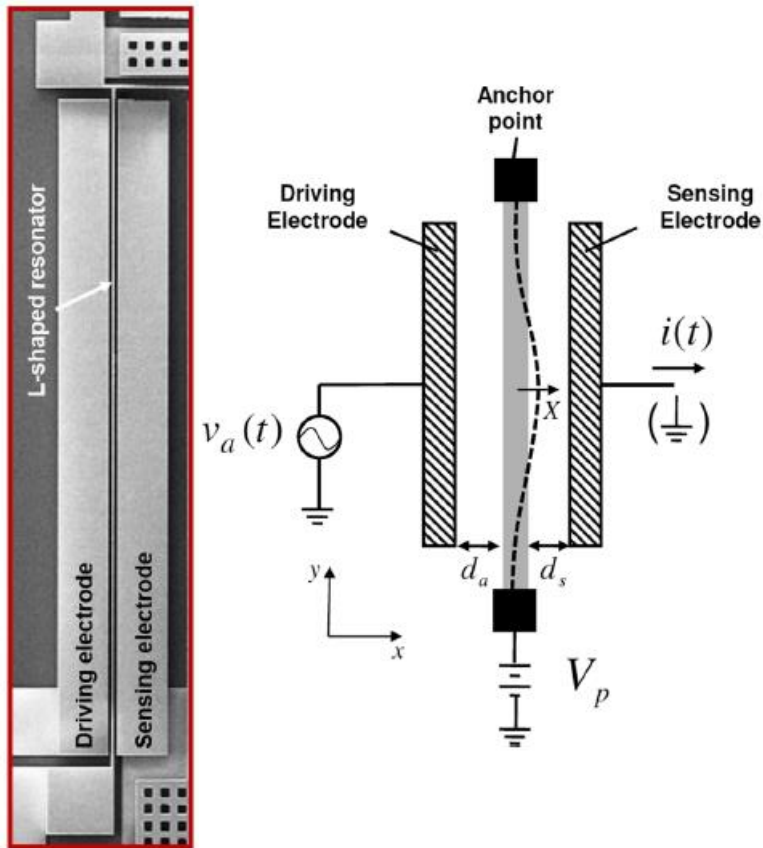
crack pattern at failure



Reduced-order, multi-physics modeling and optimization

DD and MOR for **electro-mechanical problems**



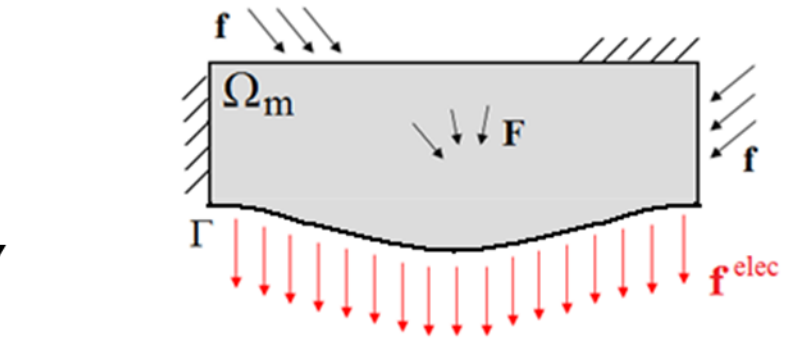
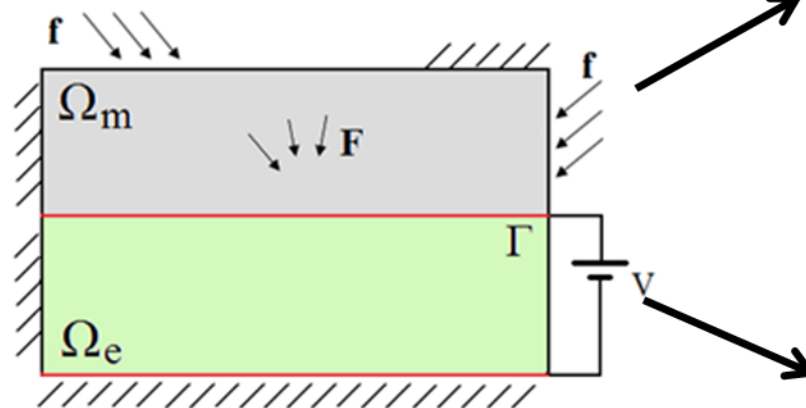


- the voltage difference (V) between the fixed and deformable electrodes cause the **charges** to **accumulate** on the surfaces between the electrical and the mechanical domains
- **electrostatic forces** on the mechanical surface cause the deformation of the structure
- the deformation of the structure causes the shape **variation of the electrostatic domain**
- **non-linear coupling** between the mechanical and the electrostatic fields

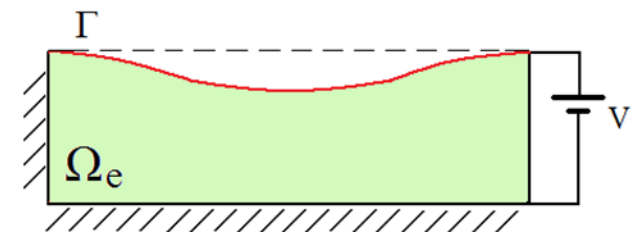
Semi-discretized electro-mechanical coupled problem

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{M}\ddot{\mathbf{U}} + \mathbf{K}_m \mathbf{U} = \mathbf{F}_{ext} + \mathbf{F}_{elec}(\mathbf{U}_\Gamma, \Phi) & \text{on } \Omega_m \\ \mathbf{K}_\phi(\mathbf{U}_\Gamma) \Phi = \mathbf{Q}(\mathbf{U}_\Gamma) \Phi & \text{on } \Omega_e \end{cases}$$

— Electric boundary condition
 \\\\ Mechanical boundary condition



Effect of the electrostatic domain on the mechanical part: **Coulomb forces**



Effect of the mechanical domain on the electrical part: **change of the shape of the electrical domain**

$\mathbf{U}$ displacements of the nodes of the mechanical domain

$\mathbf{U}_\Gamma$ displacement at the interface Γ

Domain decomposition approach:

- each physical field can be viewed as a sub-domain
- the solution of each physic is interpreted in an additive way

Mechanical domain:

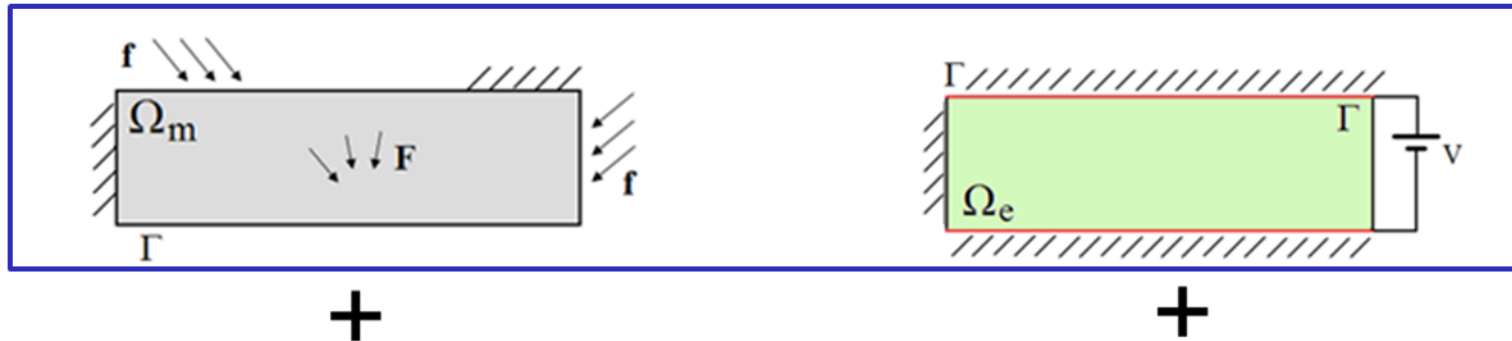
$$\mathbf{U} = \mathbf{U}^{free} + \mathbf{U}^{link}$$

Electrostatic domain:

$$\Phi = \Phi^{free} + \Phi^{link}$$

Free problems:

Each physics is solved independently



Link problems:

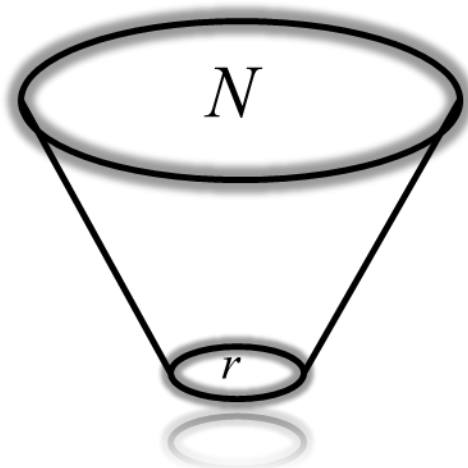
The physics are recoupled



To drastically **reduce the computational burden** of the mechanical system in the s -th sub-domain ($s = 1, 2, \dots, n_{sub-domains}$) of the coupled electro-mechanical problem:

Model Order Reduction via **Proper Orthogonal Decomposition (POD)** technique

Mechanical displacement field in the sub-domain s :



$$\mathbf{U}_s = \sum_{i=1}^{N_s} \alpha_{i_s} \mathbf{\Xi}_{i_s}$$

Linear combination of orthonormal basis

$$\mathbf{U}_{r_s} = \sum_{i=1}^{r_s} \alpha_{i_s} \mathbf{\Xi}_{i_s} = \mathbf{A}_{r_s} \mathbf{\Xi}_{r_s}$$

$$r_s \ll N_s$$

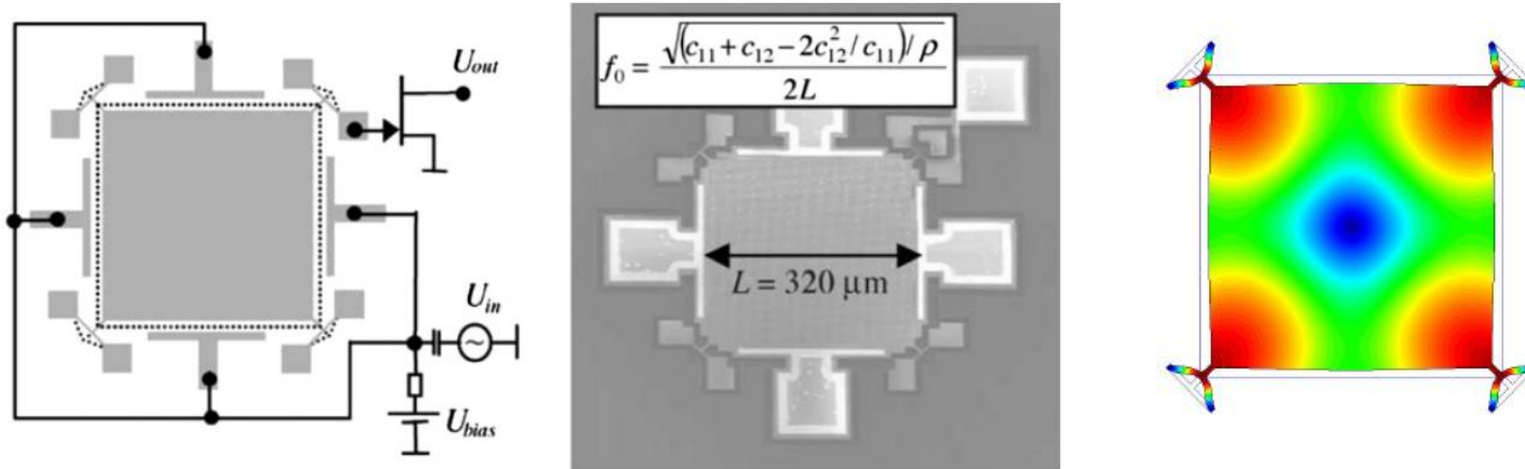
Reduced representation of the system

Minimization of the discrepancy between the full and the reduced representation

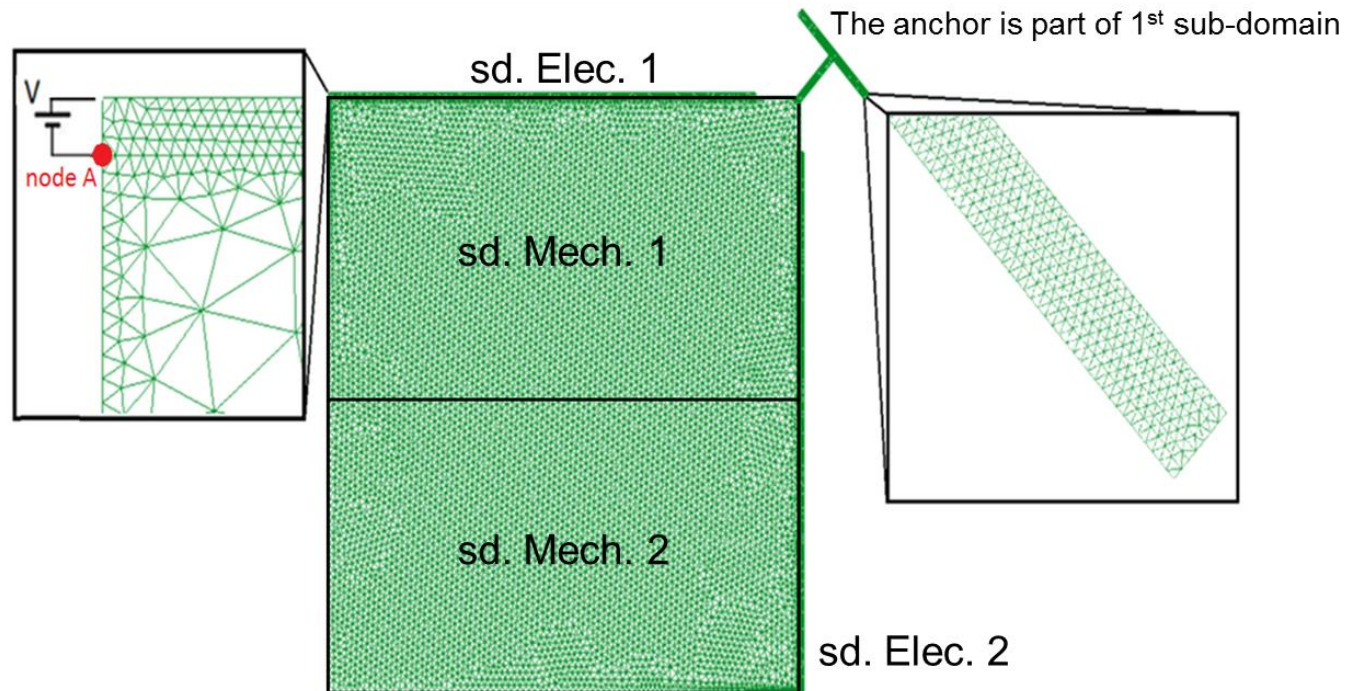
$$\min \|\mathbf{U}_{r_s} - \mathbf{U}_s\|$$

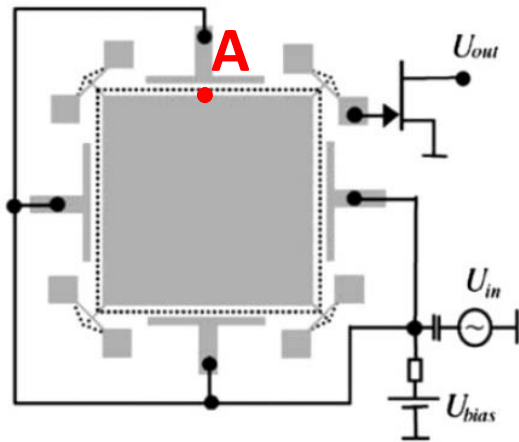
$$\mathbf{M}_{r_s} \ddot{\mathbf{\Xi}}_{r_s} + \mathbf{K}_{m_{r_s}} \mathbf{\Xi}_{r_s} = \mathbf{F}_{r_s}^{ext} + \mathbf{F}_{r_s}^{elec}$$

Reduced mechanical system

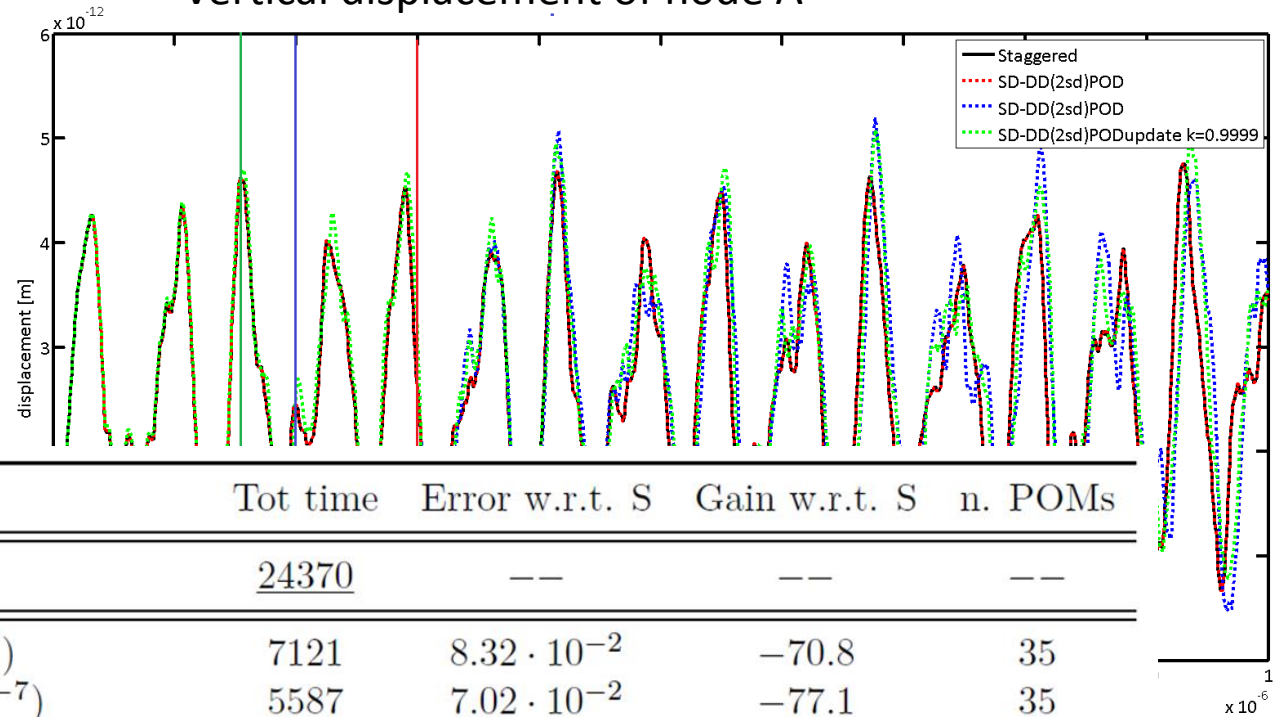


Kaajakari et al., IEEE Electr Device 2004





Vertical displacement of node A



	Tot time	Error w.r.t. S	Gain w.r.t. S	n. POMs
S ($t_{tot} = 10^{-6}$)	24370	---	---	---
S-POD ($t_{snap} = 3 \cdot 10^{-7}$)	7121	$8.32 \cdot 10^{-2}$	-70.8	35
SD-POD ($t_{snap} = 3 \cdot 10^{-7}$)	5587	$7.02 \cdot 10^{-2}$	-77.1	35
S-POD ($t_{snap} = 2 \cdot 10^{-7}$)	4705	$8.33 \cdot 10^{-2}$	-80.7	38
SD-POD ($t_{snap} = 2 \cdot 10^{-7}$)	3793	$8.32 \cdot 10^{-2}$	-84.4	38
S-POD ($t_{snap} = 1.5 \cdot 10^{-7}$)	3639	$7.25 \cdot 10^{-2}$	-85.1	34
SD-POD ($t_{snap} = 1.5 \cdot 10^{-7}$)	2826	$5.86 \cdot 10^{-2}$	-88.4	34
SD-PODupdated	2664	$9.98 \cdot 10^{-2}$	-89.1	31
SD-DD(2sd)POD ($t_{snap} = 3 \cdot 10^{-7}$)	5098	$2.19 \cdot 10^{-1}$	-79	40 41
SD-DD(2sd)POD ($t_{snap} = 2 \cdot 10^{-7}$)	3670	$2.49 \cdot 10^{-1}$	-84.9	31 31
SD-DD(2sd)PODupdated	3098	$2.05 \cdot 10^{-1}$	-87.2	31 31

To have a balanced behavior

↑ **Mechanical sensitivity**

↑ **Bandwidth**

↓ **Power consumption**

↓ **Brownian noise limited resolution**

$$\varphi_s = \frac{2\varepsilon_0 b L_s \mathcal{V}_{\max}}{g^2}$$

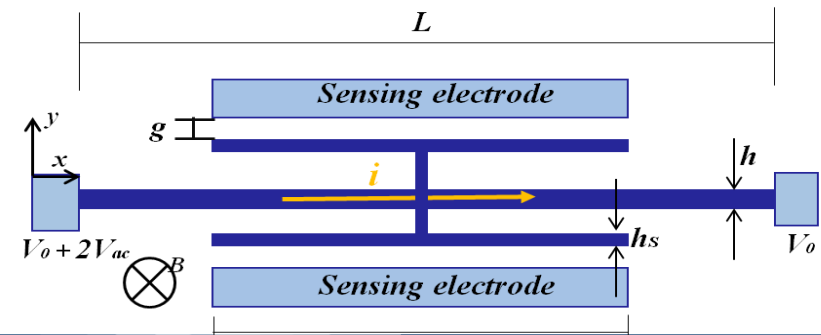
$$\varphi_b = \frac{f_{ns}}{2Q_s}$$

$$p \propto \frac{L}{bh}$$

$$\varphi_r = \frac{\sqrt{\frac{4k_b T K_{ms}}{2\pi f_{nms} Q_s}}}{l_{es} i}$$

Process limits
(Minimum length, etc)

Working frequency 20 kHz
For being above acoustic frequencies



Topology/structural optimization achieved through the method of moving asymptotes (MMA) by varying L , h , L_s , h_s

3D modeling of crack initiation and propagation:

- adaptive partitioning (domain decomposition, DD) during crack growth
- simultaneous handling of implicit/explicit time integration techniques
- parallel implementation
- multi-physics (thermo-electro-magneto-mechanical) reduced order modeling through POD (proper orthogonal decomposition)
- structural/topology optimization

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