

COMPUTATIONAL MODELING OF CRACKING OF CONCRETE: PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE TRENDS

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MOTIVATION

(http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Reinforced_concrete)



.... on a human time-scale, small usages of concrete go back for **thousands of years.... the Romans** used concrete extensively from **300 BC to 476 AD,.....**



...the use of reinforced concrete is usually dated to **1848** when Jean-Luis Lambot became the first to use it. Joseph Monier, a French gardener, patented a design for reinforced garden tubs in 1868, and later patented reinforced concrete beam and posts for railway and road guardrails....



.....as of 2005 over six billion tons of concrete are made each year, **amounting to the equivalent of one ton for every person on Earth,.....**

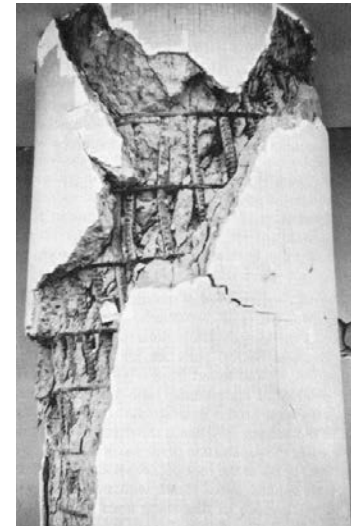


COMPUTATIONAL MODELING OF CONCRETE

... still a challenge in Computational Mechanics ?



- ☞ Composite material (complex component interaction)
- ☞ Failure dominated by (non-linear) material instability (complex mechanics)
- ☞ Unsymmetrical (tension-compression) behavior
- ☞ **Multiple cracks (computational cost, robustness)**
- ☞ Time-dependent effects (creep, shrinkage, aging .. etc..)

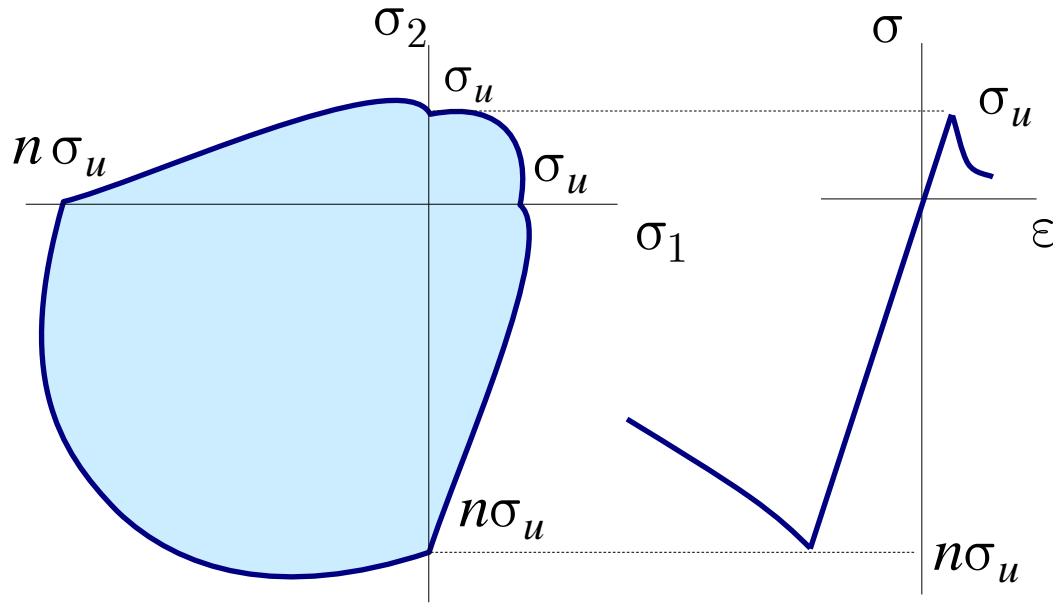


OUTLINE

- I. CONCRETE: A COMPLEX MATERIAL
- II. NUMERICAL SIMULATION OF CRACKING OF CONCRETE
- III. MECHANICAL APPROACHES TO CONCRETE MODELING
- IV. ABOUT THE FUTURE

CONCRETE: A COMPLEX MATERIAL

- Unsymmetrical (tension/compression) material

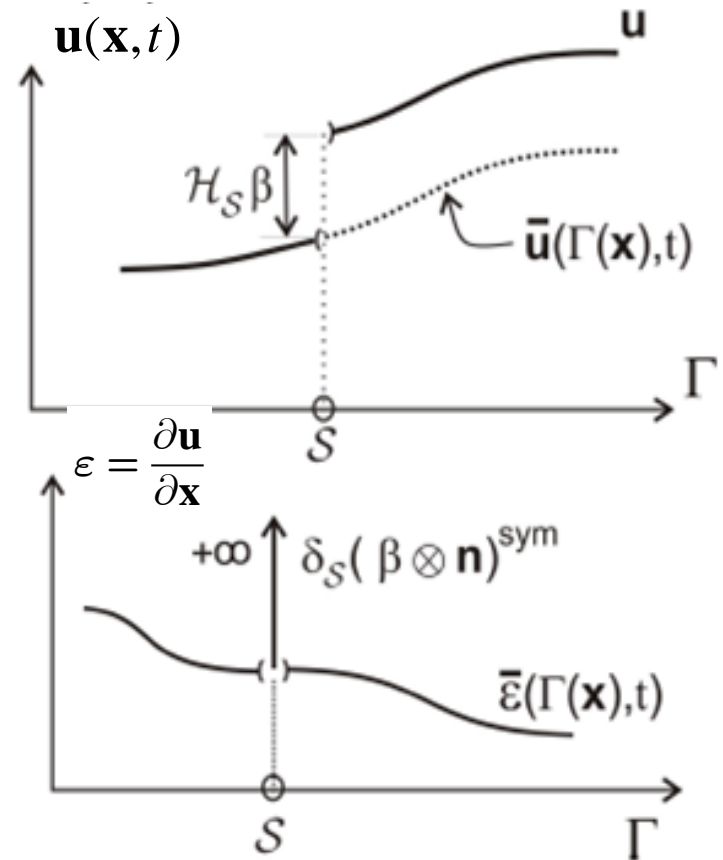
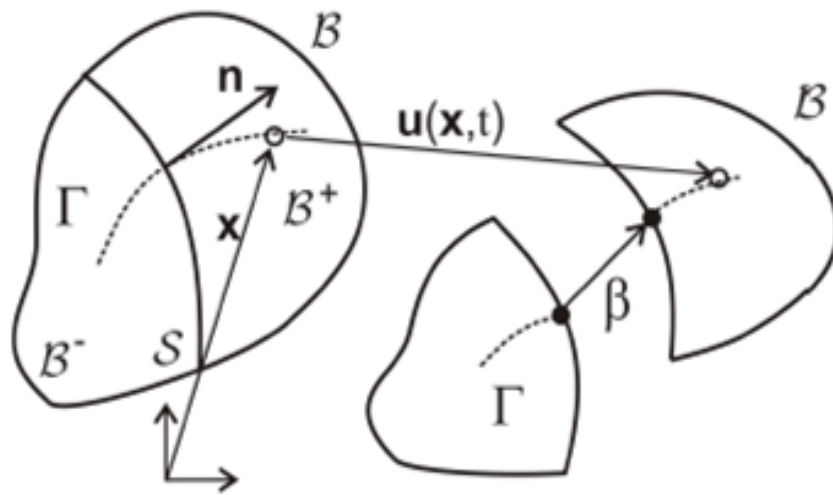


- Low tensile strength → **CRACKING**



CONCRETE: A COMPLEX MATERIAL

- Discontinuous displacement field (strong discontinuities)



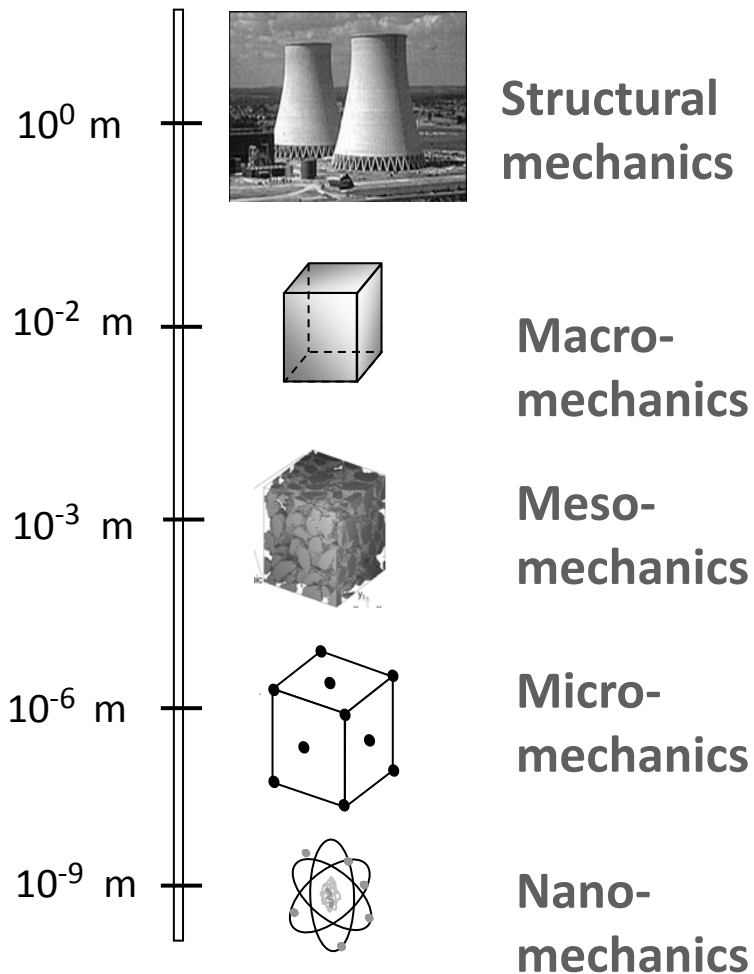
Continuum mechanics fails !!!!



Crack path is not known in advance (crack onset and propagation)

CONCRETE: A COMPLEX MATERIAL

- Inhomogeneous material at multiple scales

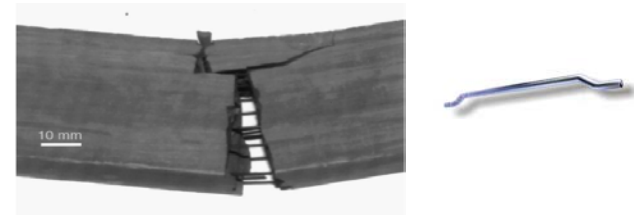


Multiscale material mechanics, Willam K. (2000).

- Reinforced concrete (mortar + aggregates + rebars)



- Fiber-reinforced concrete (mortar + fibers)

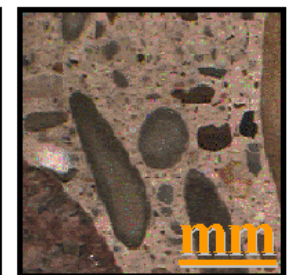
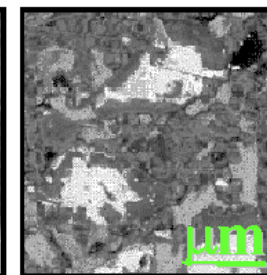
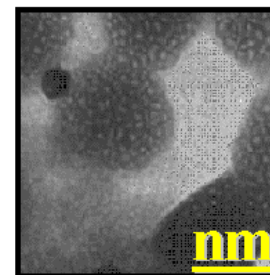


- Plain concrete (mortar + aggregates)

C-S-H

Cement Paste

Concrete



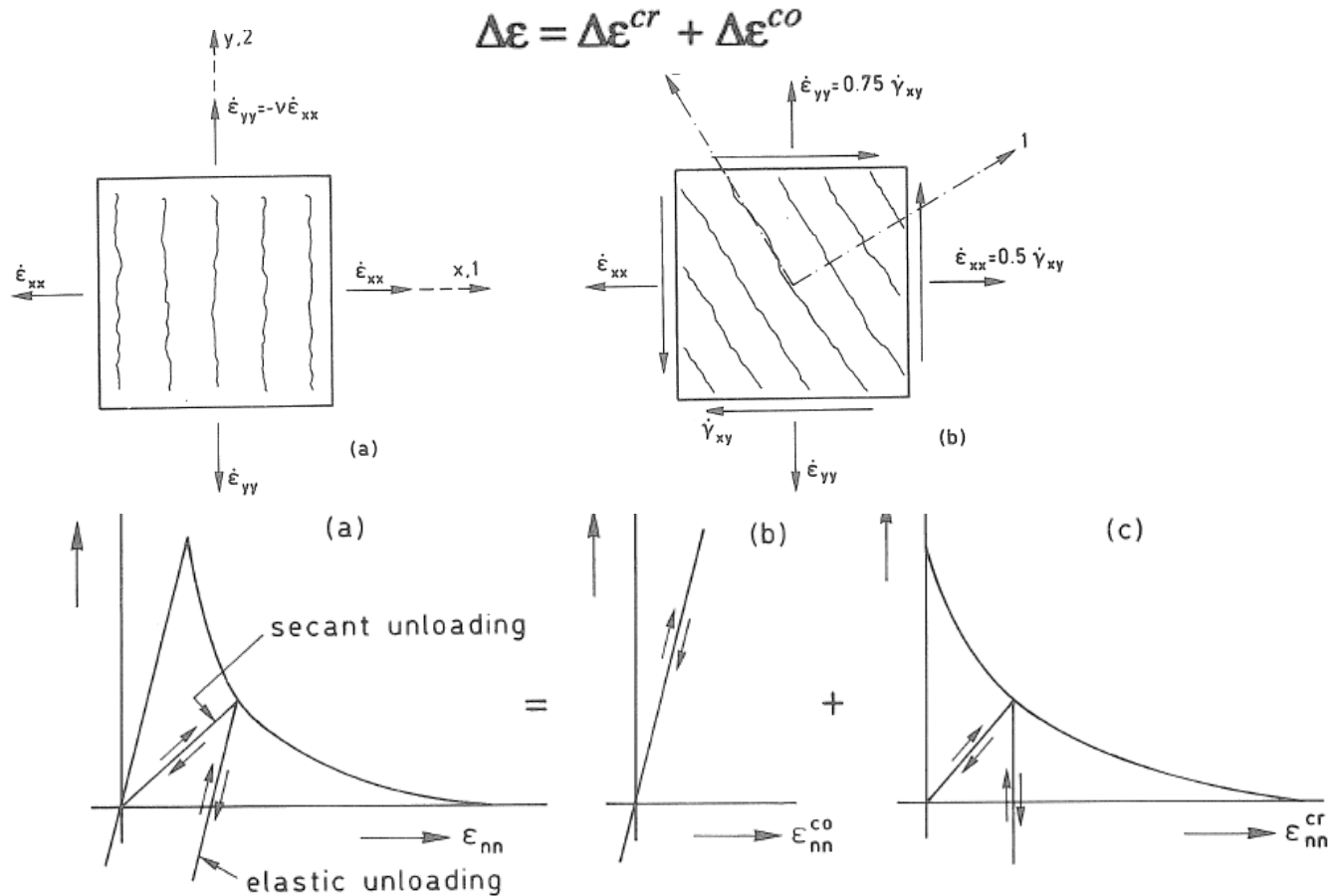
NUMERICAL MODELING OF CRACKING OF CONCRETE

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- Crack path modeling strategies

COMPUTATIONAL APPROACHES TO CONCRETE FRACTURE

1. SMEARED CRACK APPROACH Rashid (1968), Rots (1988)

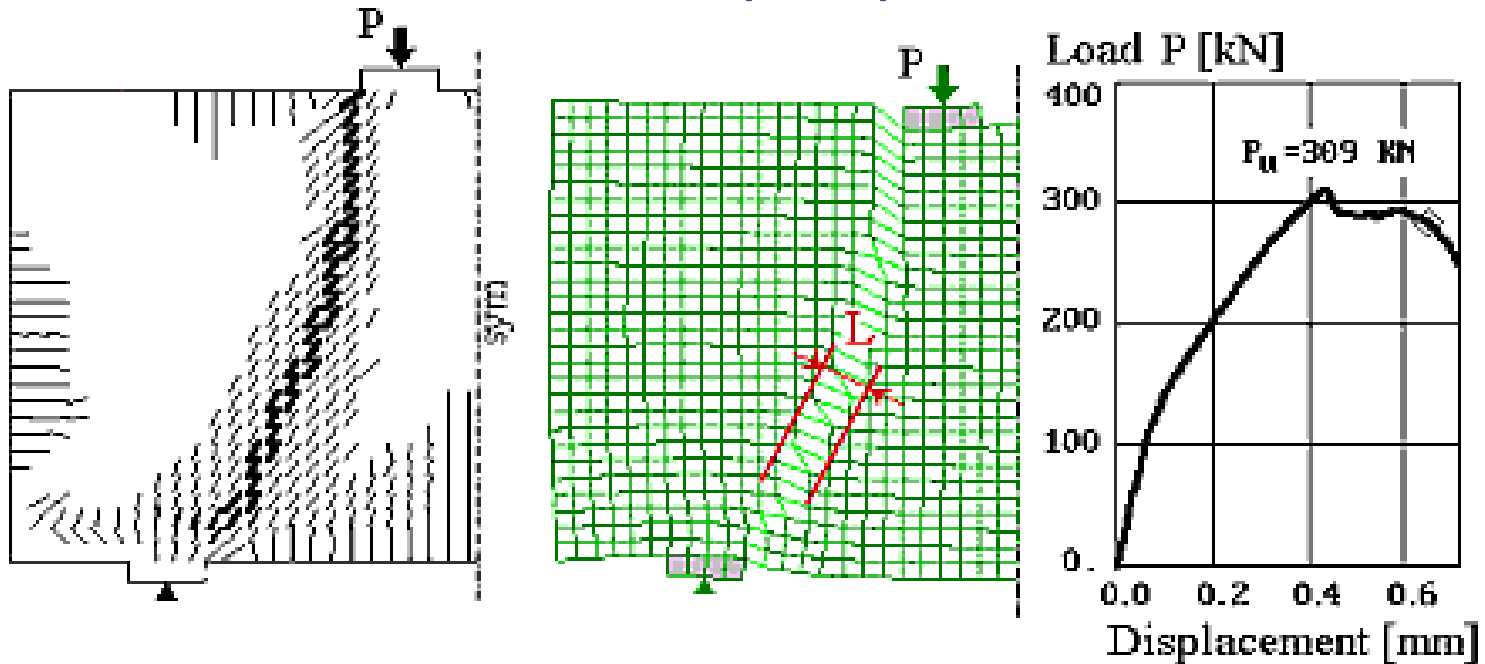
□ “Fuzzy” description of the crack geometry



$$\Delta \sigma = [D^{co} - D^{co} N [D^{cr} + N^T D^{co} N]^{-1} N^T D^{co}] \Delta \epsilon$$

COMPUTATIONAL APPROACHES TO CONCRETE FRACTURE

1. SMEARED CRACK APPROACH (cont.)



- Standard finite elements are used
- Results dependent on the mesh bias (**lack of mesh-objectivity**)
- Good results for pre-peak responses and heavily reinforced concrete structures



Industrialized !!!! (used in commercial codes)

COMPUTATIONAL APPROACHES TO CONCRETE FRACTURE

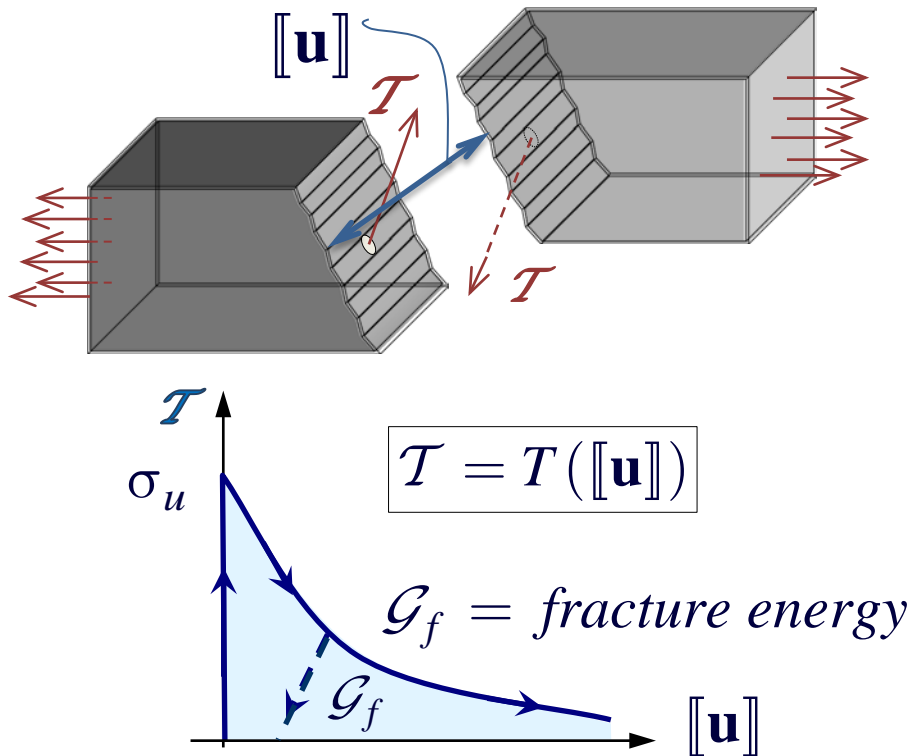
2. DISCRETE CRACK CRACK APPROACH

- Crack: individual jump in the displacement field (Strong discontinuity)

1. COHESIVE FRACTURE MECHANICS

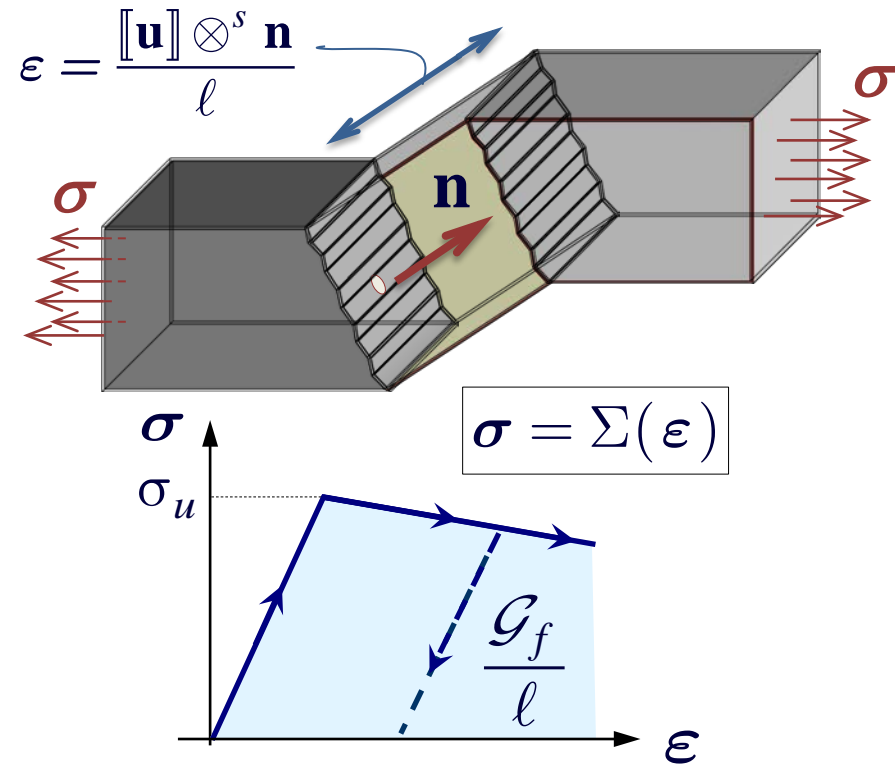
(Hillerborg 1976)

- de-cohesive traction-separation law



2. CONTINUUM-STRONG-DISCONTINUITY APPROACH (CSDA) (O. Manzoli, 1988)

- stress-strain softening law



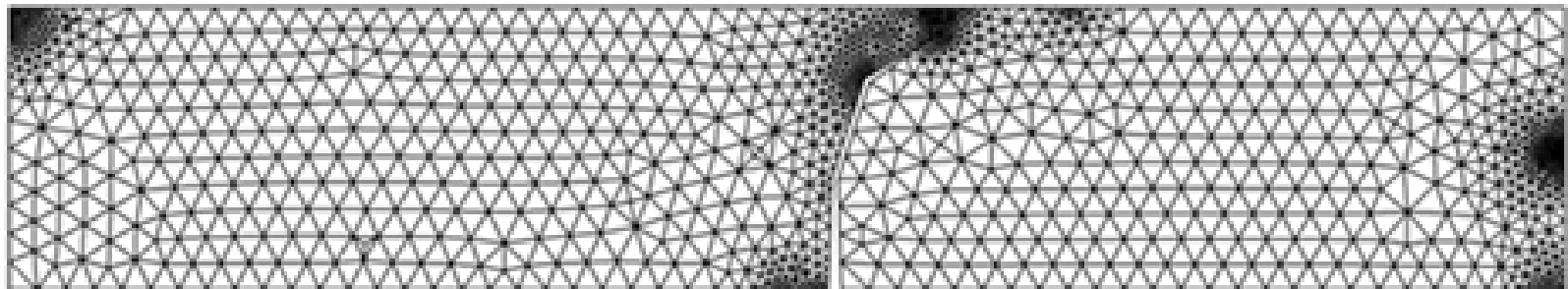
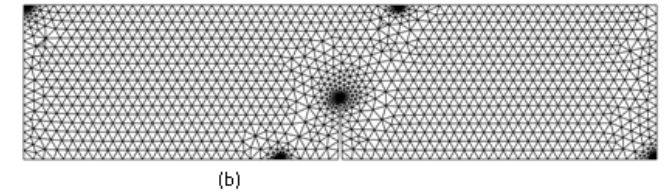
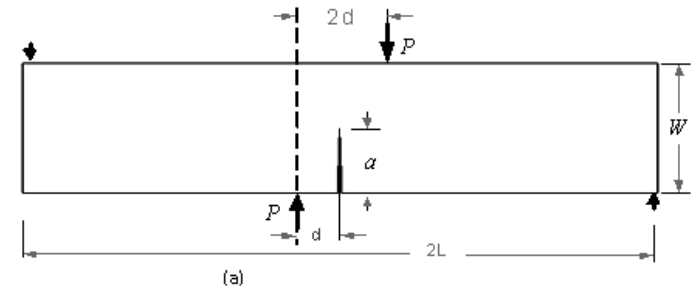
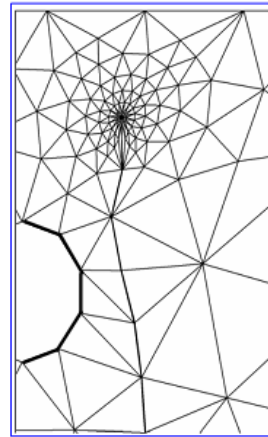
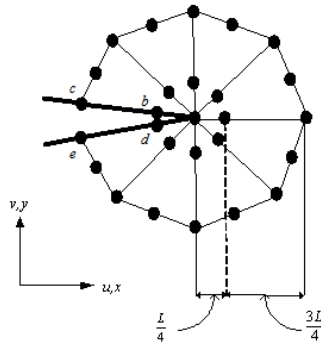
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CRACK PATH MODELING STRATEGIES

1. REMESHING STRATEGIES (linear fracture)

- Crack tip remeshing (Wawrzynek and Ingraffea 1987)



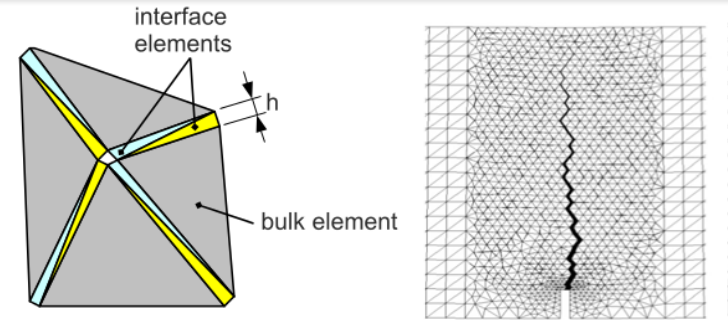
Souiyah Miloud et. al. ,Int. J. Mat. Eng. 2012

CRACK PATH MODELING STRATEGIES

2- FIXED MESH STRATEGIES (2D-3D)

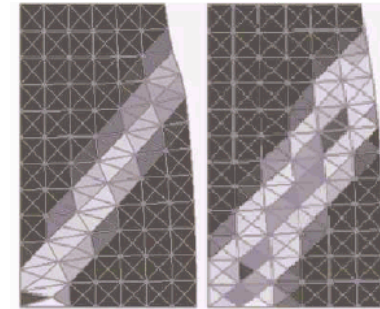
❑ Inter-elemental crack-capturing

- Cohesive interface elements
(M.Ortiz/A.Pandolfi 1999, O. Manzoli 2012)



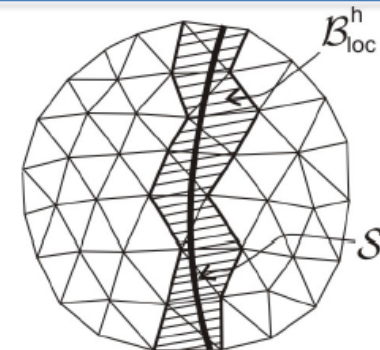
❑ Extra-elemental crack-capturing

- Non-local stress-strain approaches
- Gradient-based approaches
- Phase-field-based models



❑ Intra-elemental crack-capturing

- E-FEM techniques
(Simo, Oliver, Armero 1993)
- X-FEM techniques
(N. Möes, J. Dolbow, T. Belytschko 1998)

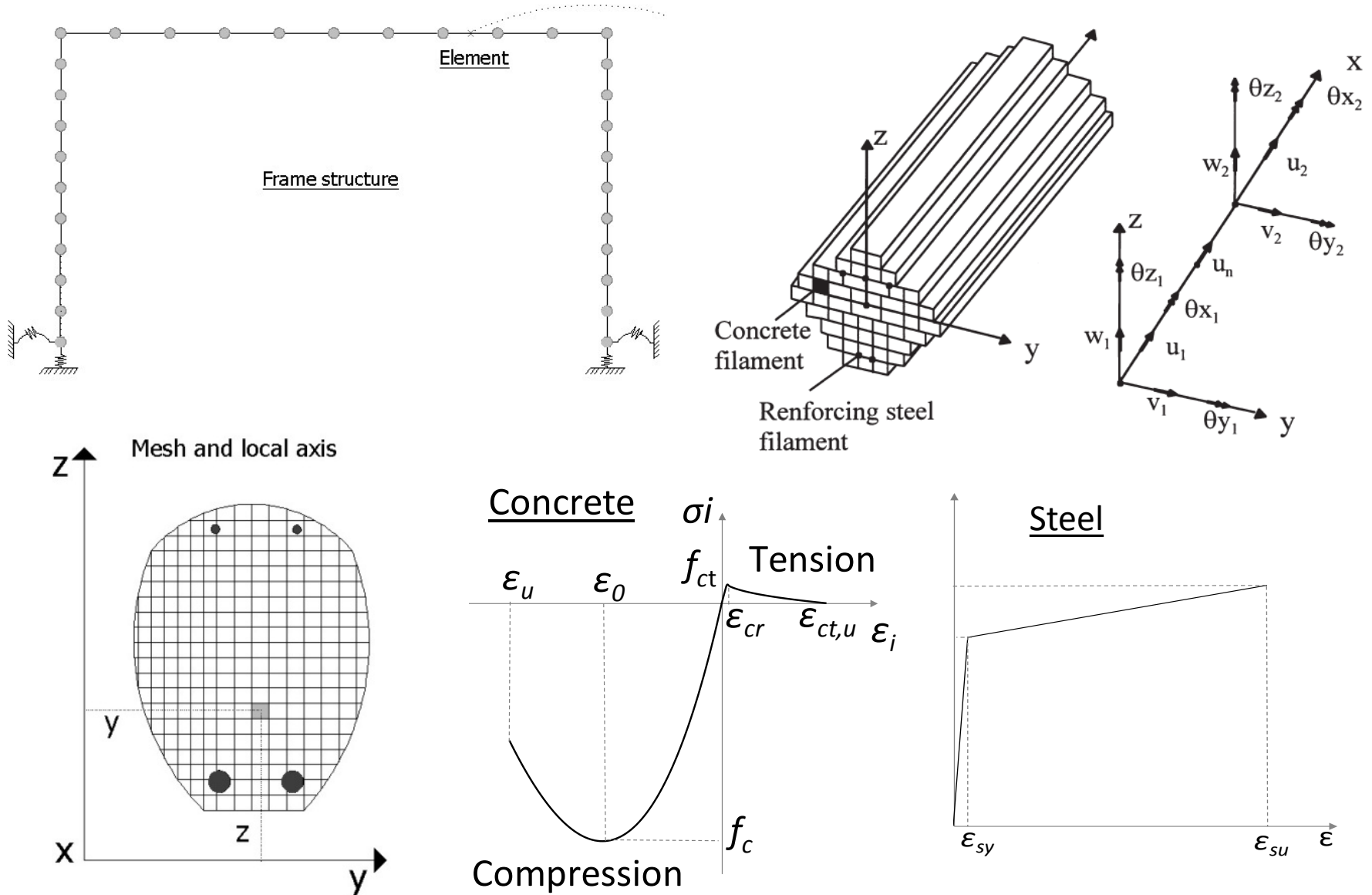


MECHANICAL APPROACHES TO CONCRETE CRACKING

- Fiber/filament beam models**
- Concrete as a composite material
- Micro-structure endowed material
- Computational homogenization

FIBER/FILAMENT BEAM MODELS

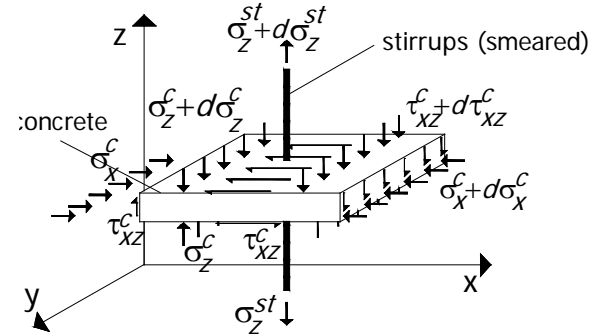
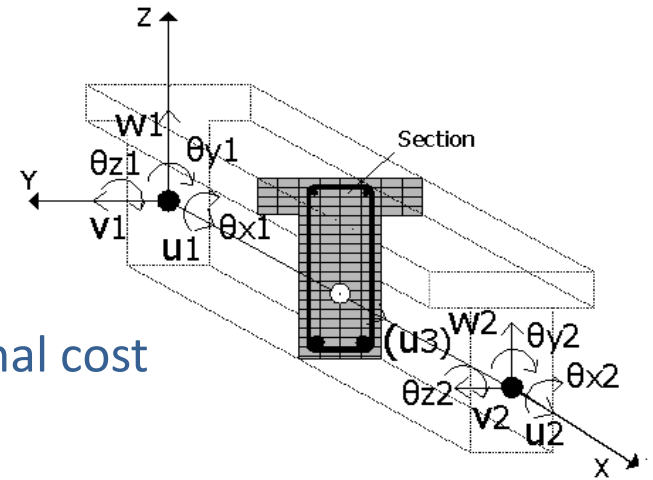
- Scordelis and Chan 1987, Marí 1987, Marí and Bairán 2014



FIBER/FILAMENT BEAM MODELS

Advantages:

- Good balance simplicity/accuracy
- Complex non-linear modelling at low computational cost
- Suitable for framed structures



N-M interaction. **V decoupled**

$$\begin{pmatrix} N \\ M_y \\ V_z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} D_{11}A & D_{11}S_y & 0 \\ D_{11}S_y & D_{11}I_y & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & GA_z^* \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon_0 \\ \phi_y \\ \gamma_{xz} \end{pmatrix}$$

N-M-V interaction

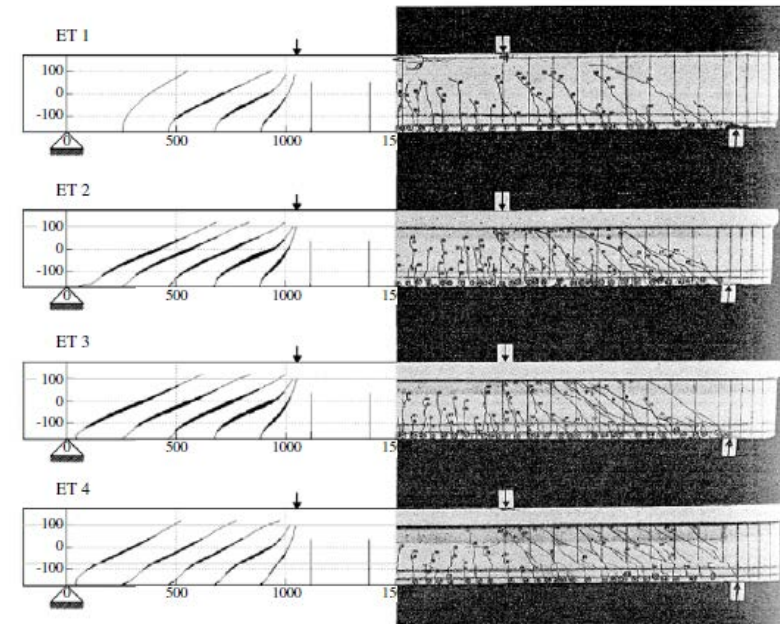
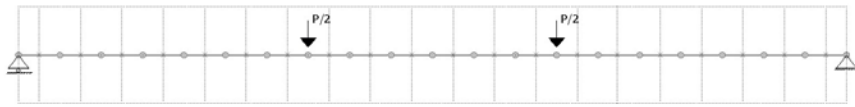
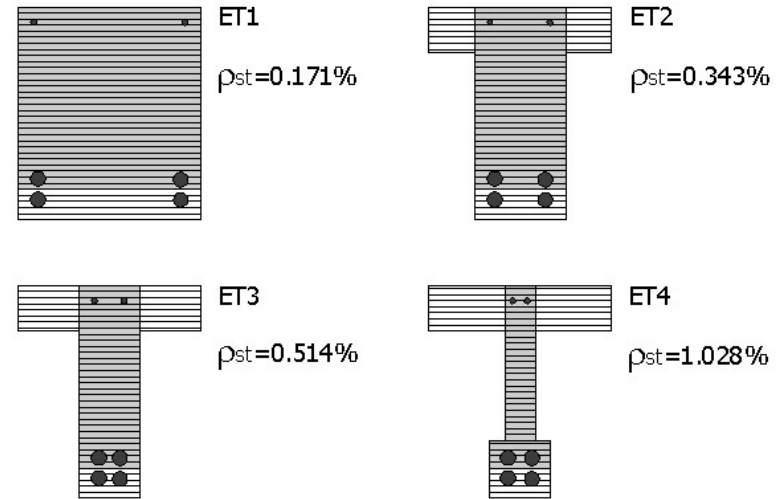
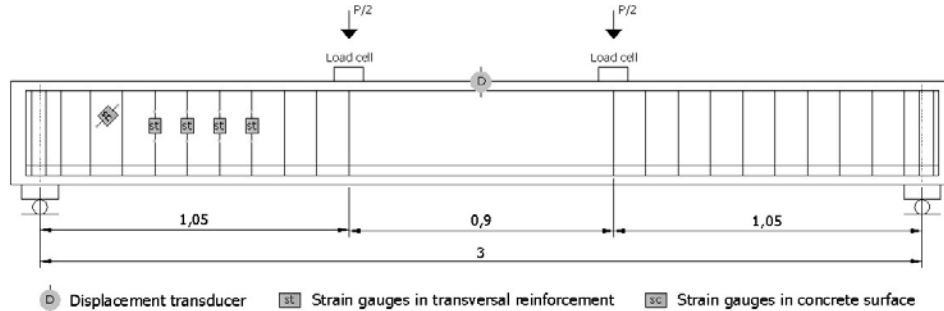
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D. Ferreira, J. Bairán & A. Marí (2014)

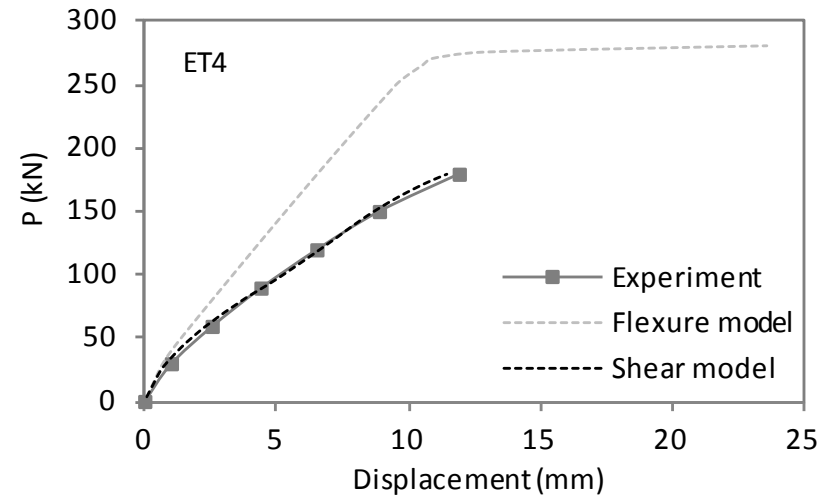
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Stuttgart Shear Tests (Leonhard. 1965)



(a) Simulation

(b) Experiment



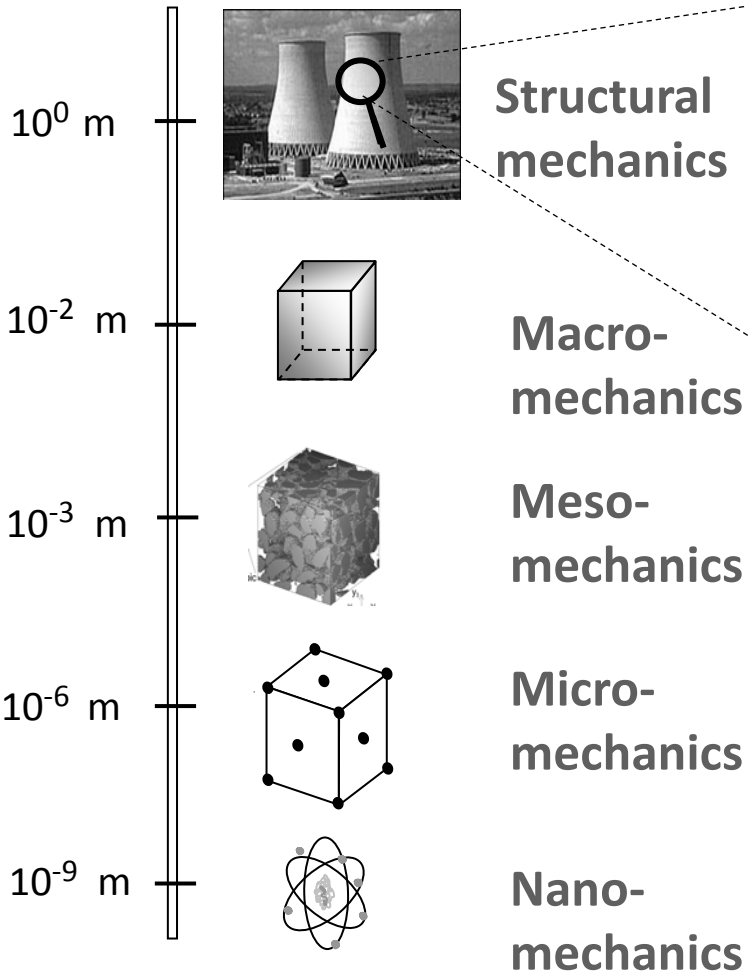
Crack pattern:

Obtained by post-process of local stress-strain in concrete fibers

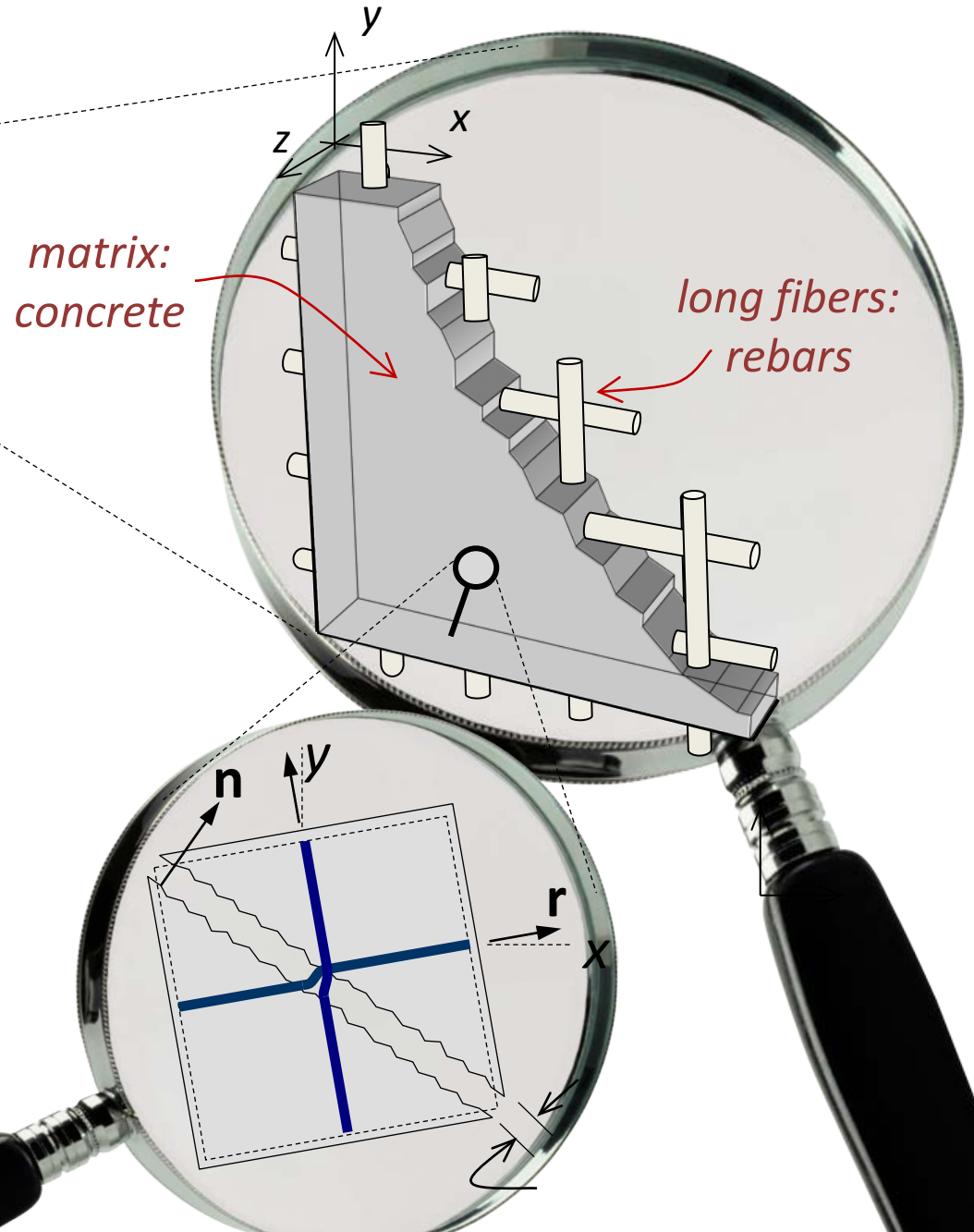
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- ❑ Computational multiscale modeling of concrete

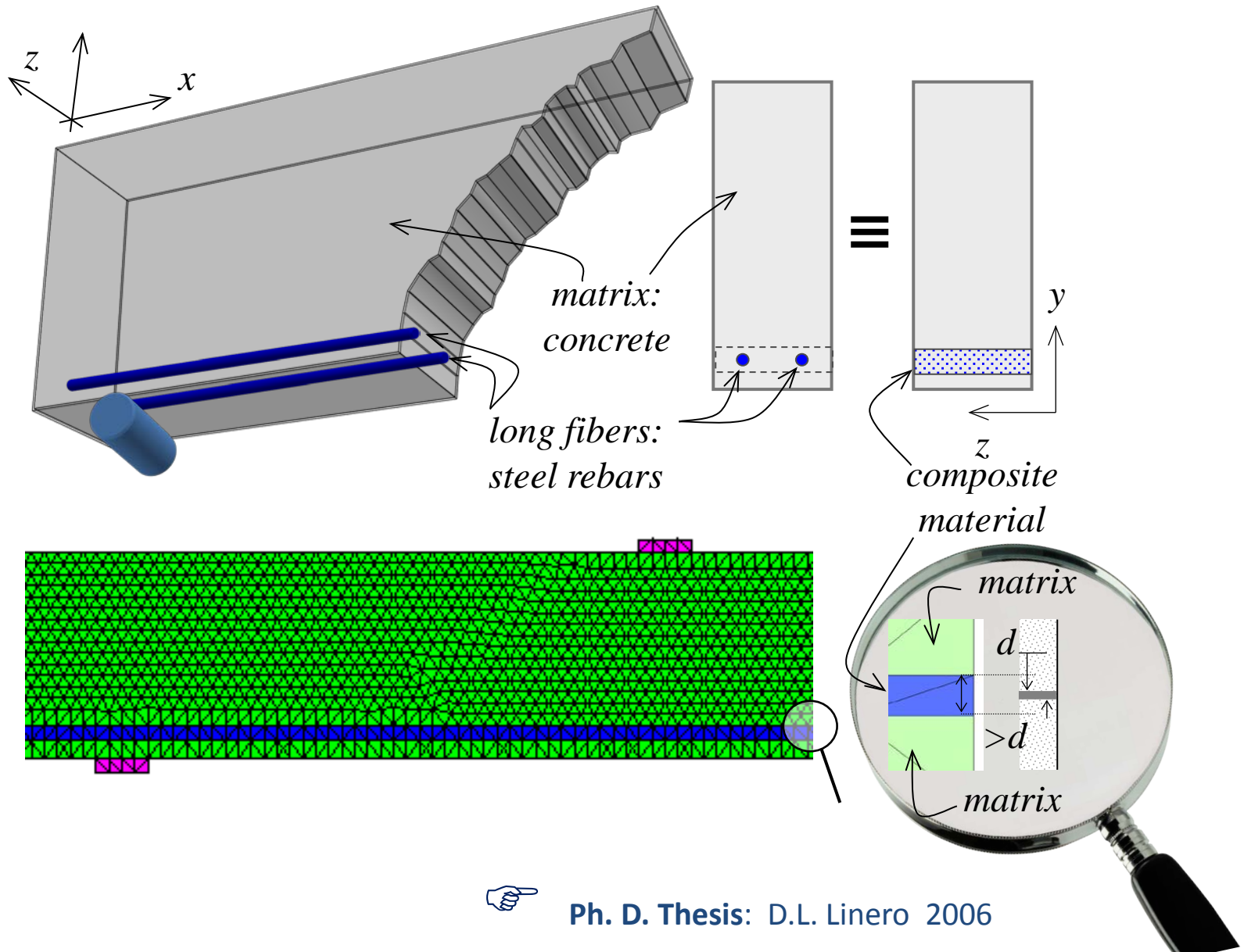
REINFORCED CONCRETE AS A COMPOSITE MATERIAL



Multiscale material mechanics, Willam K. (2000).



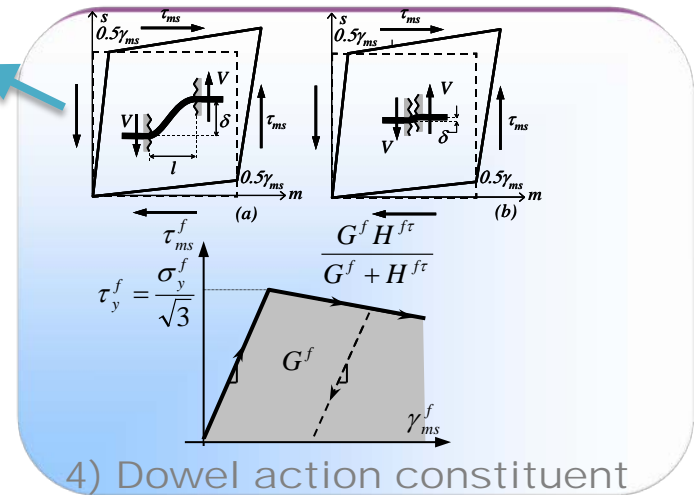
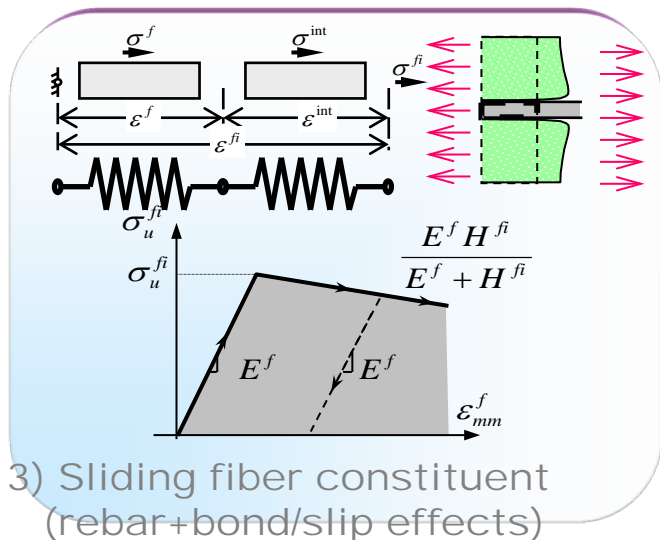
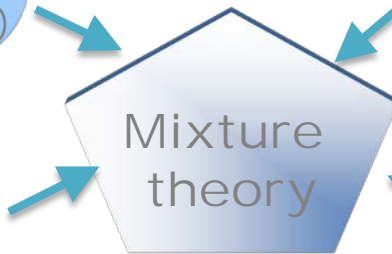
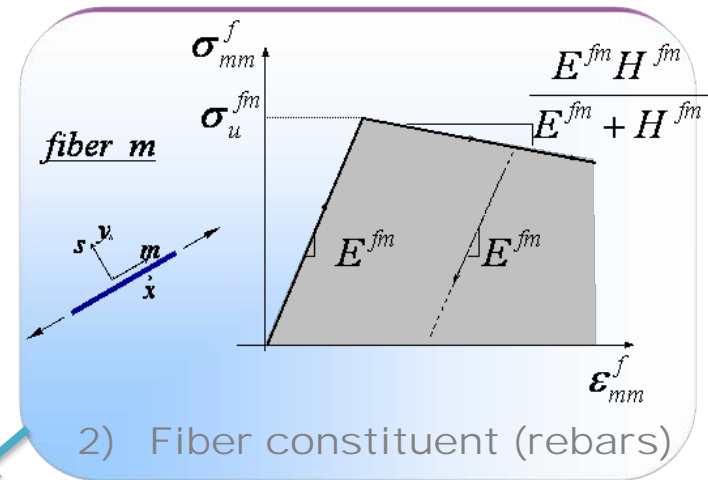
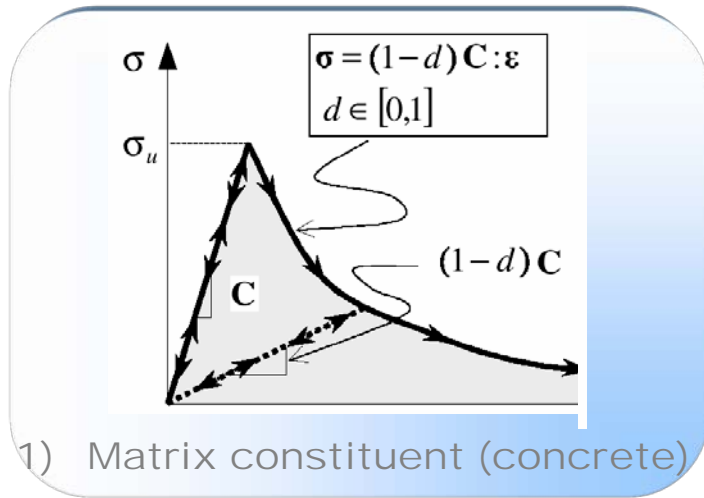
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- Mixture theory (Hill, 1963)

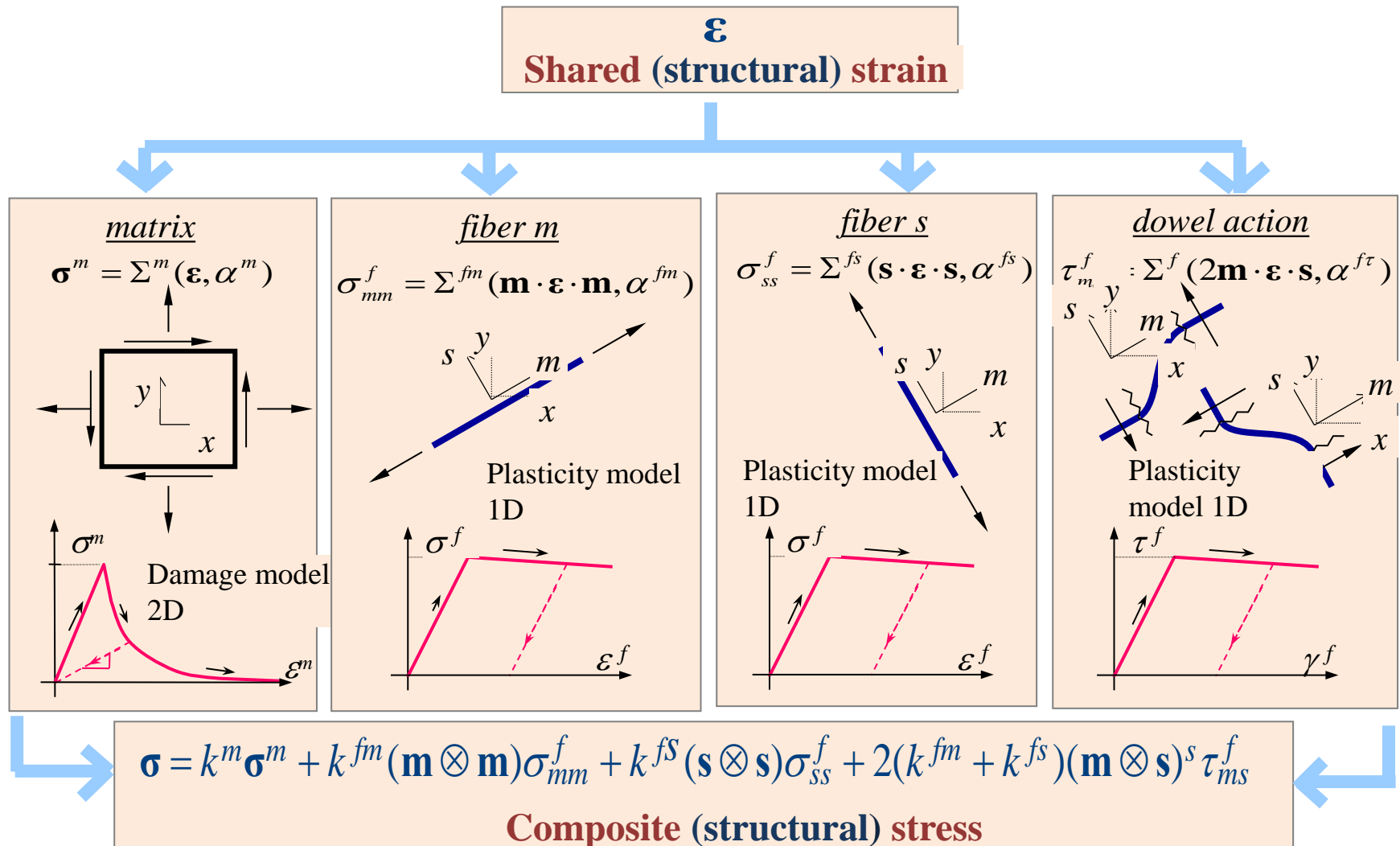
1. PHENOMENOLOGICAL MODELING OF INDIVIDUAL CONSTITUENTS



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- Mixture theory (cont.)

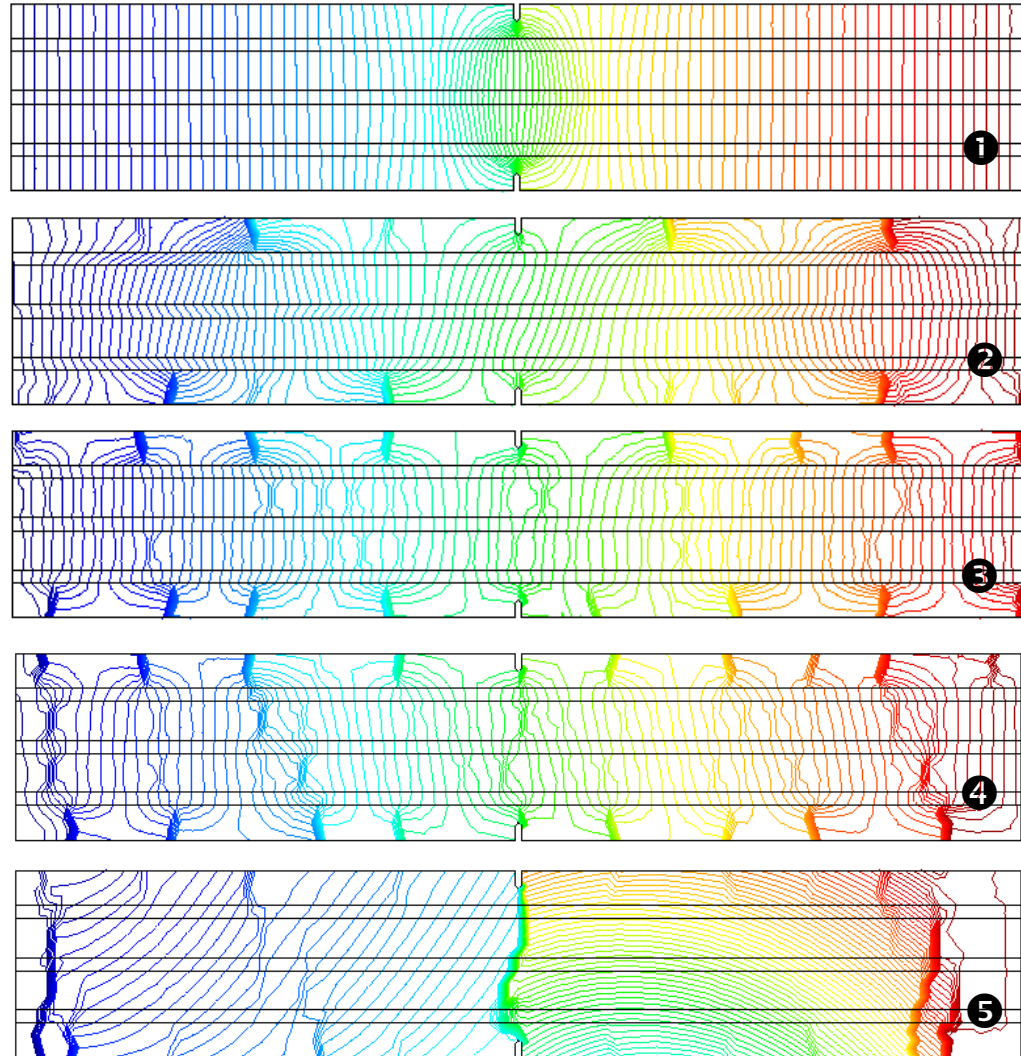
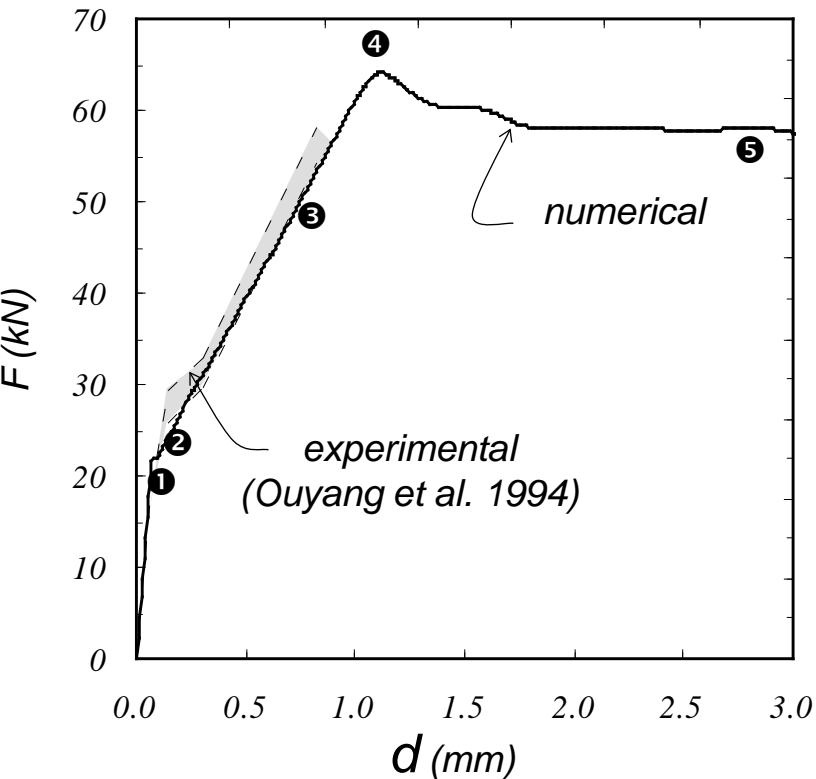
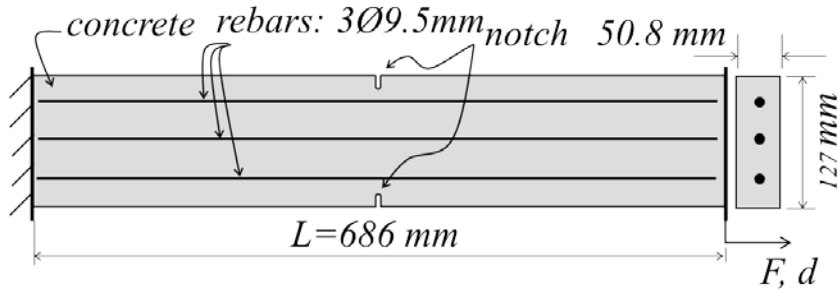
2. LINEAR HOMOGENIZATION (rule of mixtures)



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CRACK SPACING

Reinforced concrete panel in tension

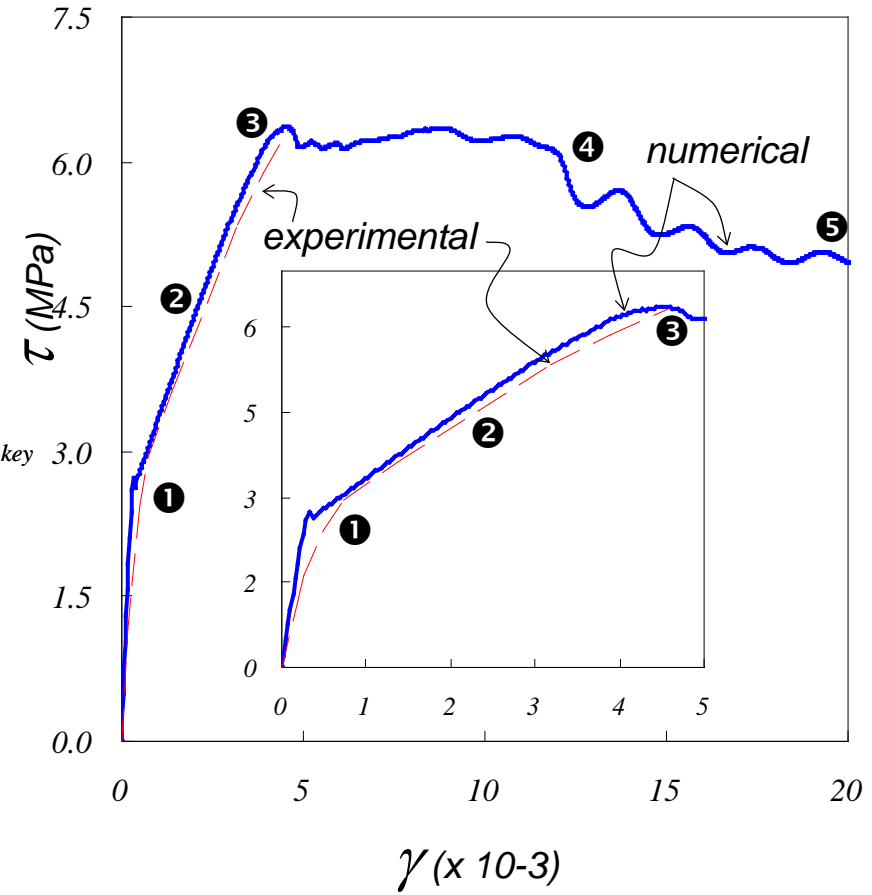
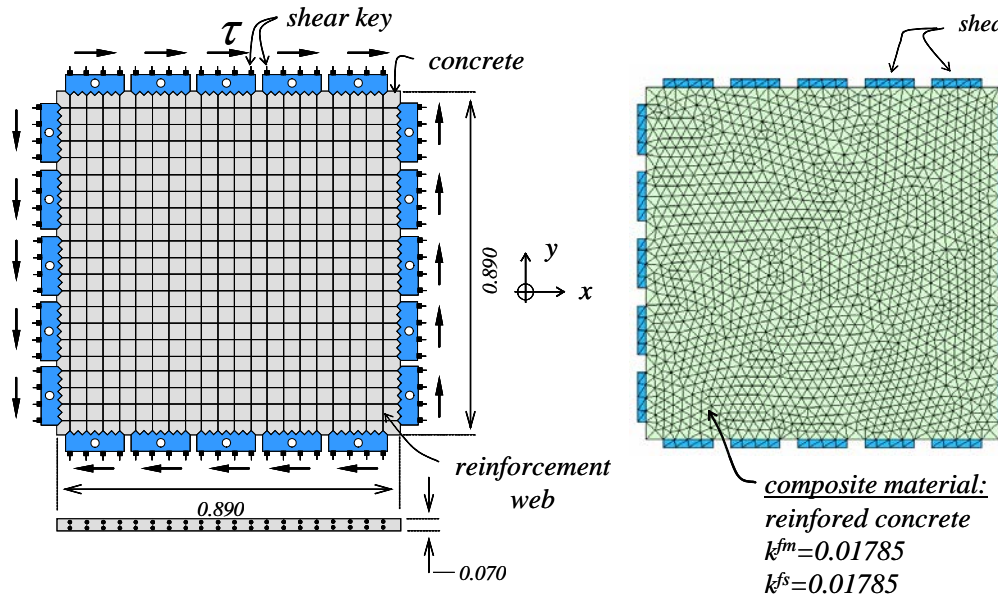
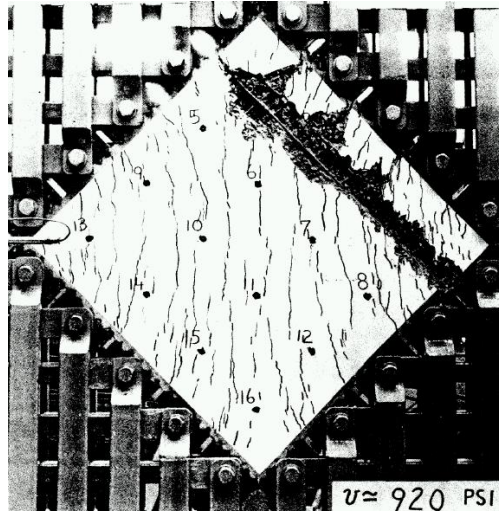


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CRACK COALESCENCE

Double reinforced panel in shear

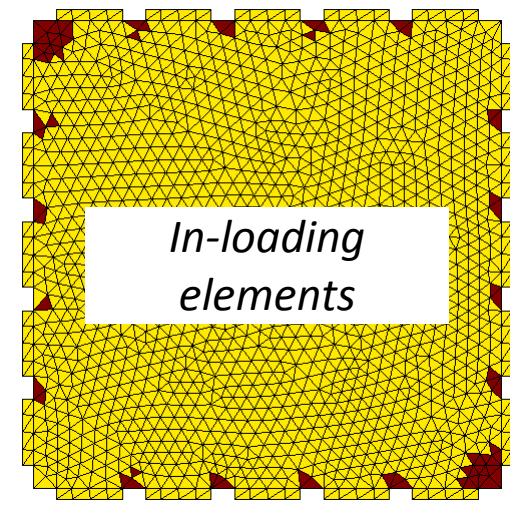
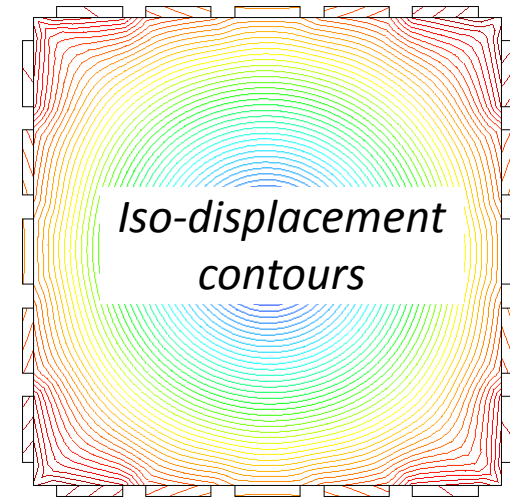
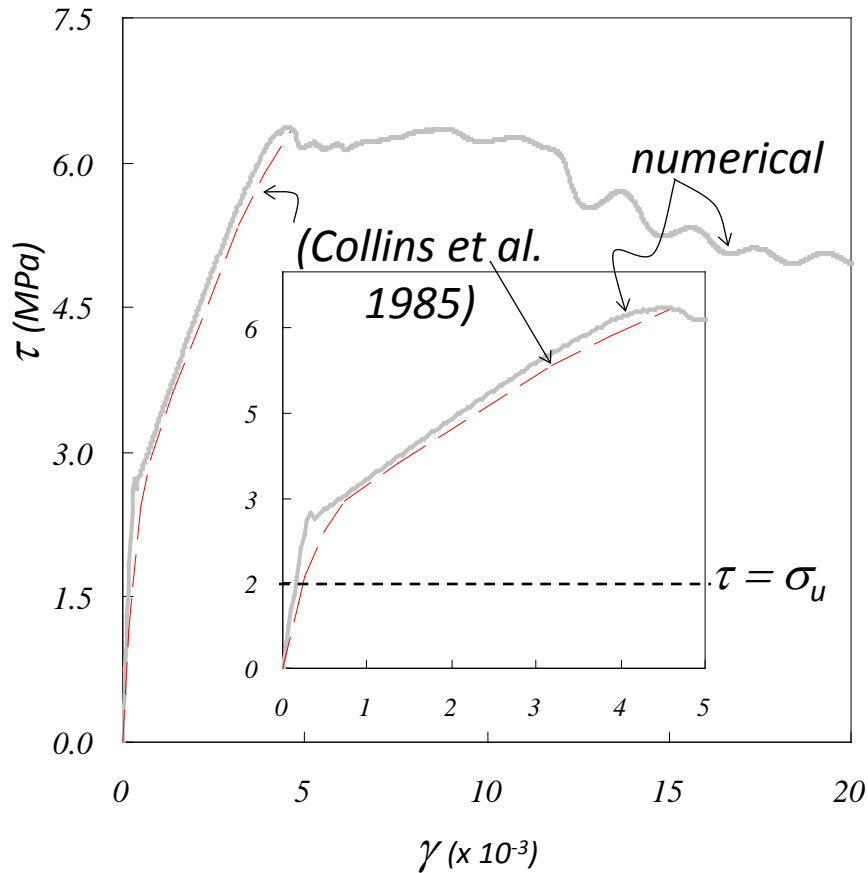
Experimental result
(Collins et al. 1985).



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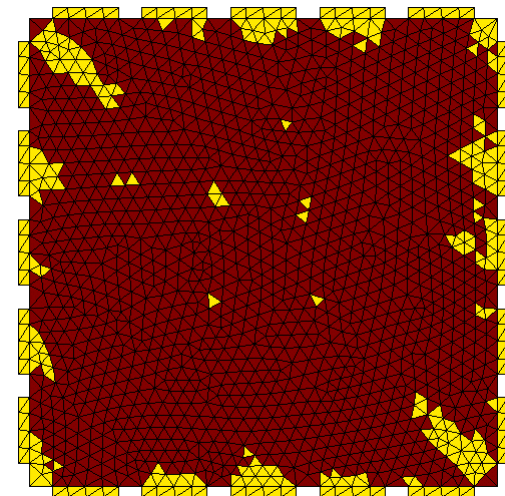
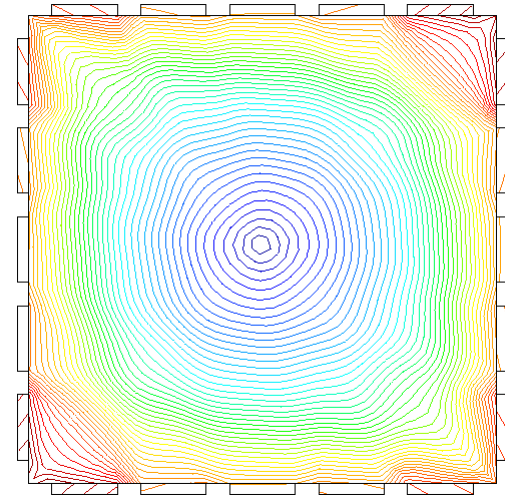
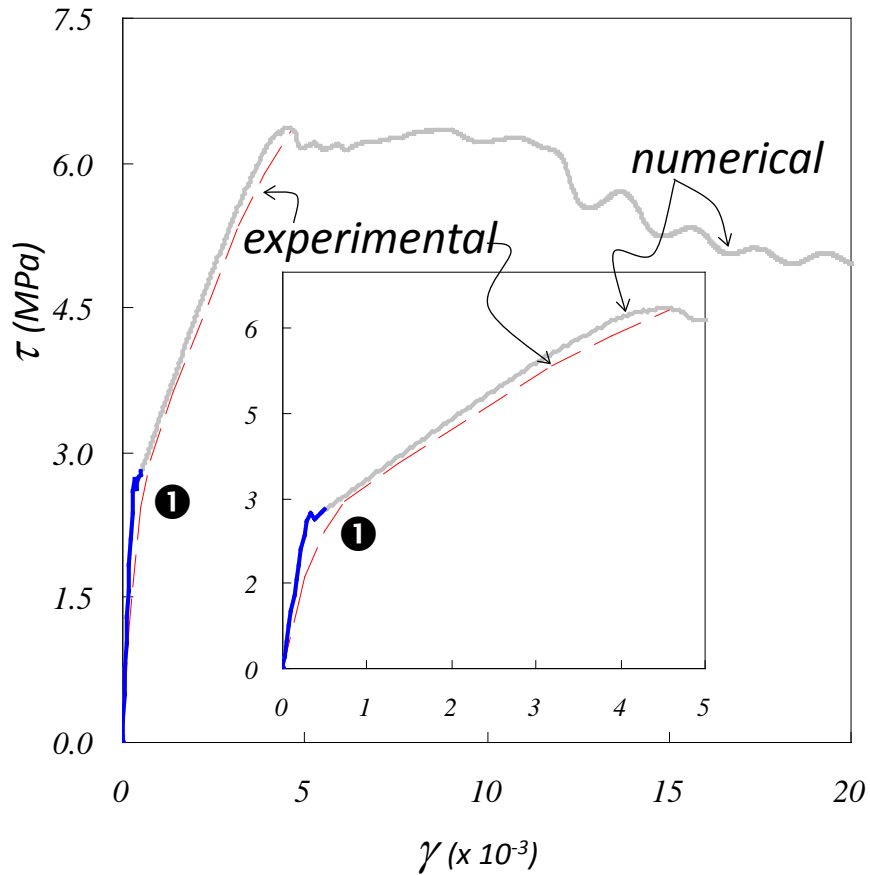
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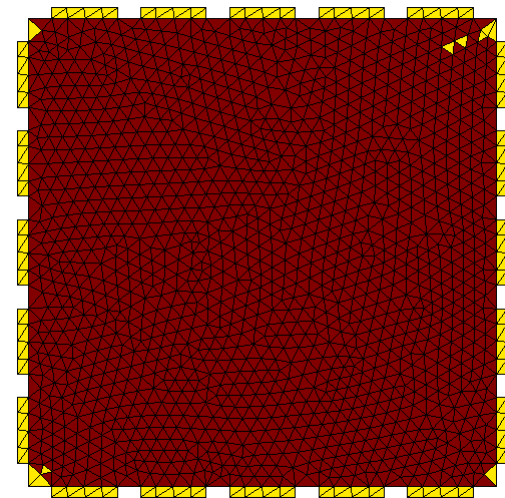
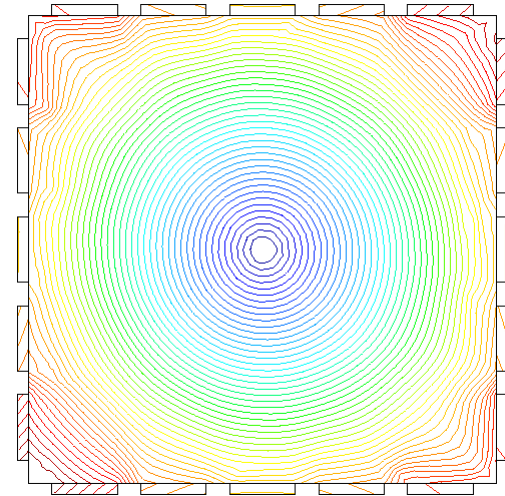
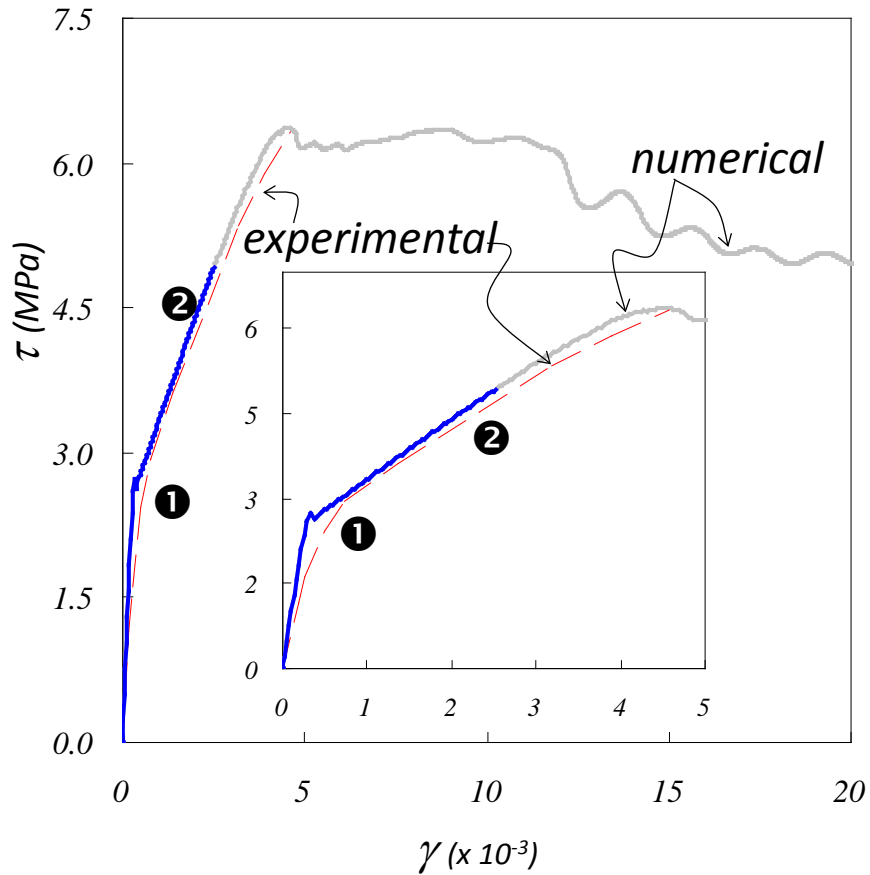
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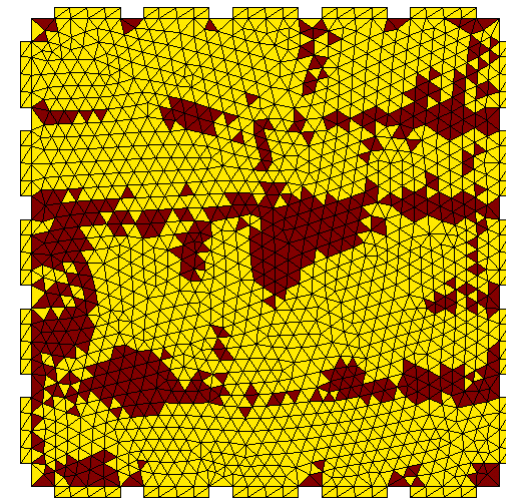
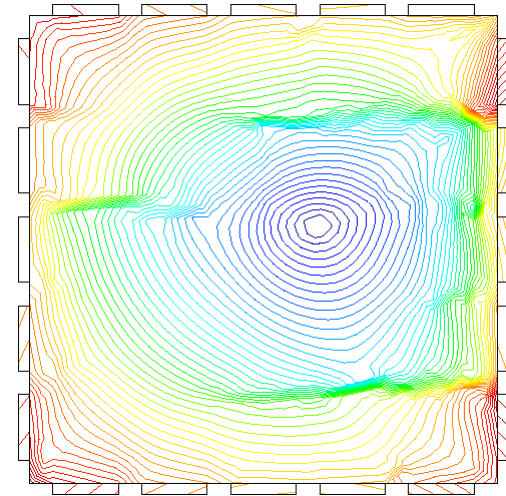
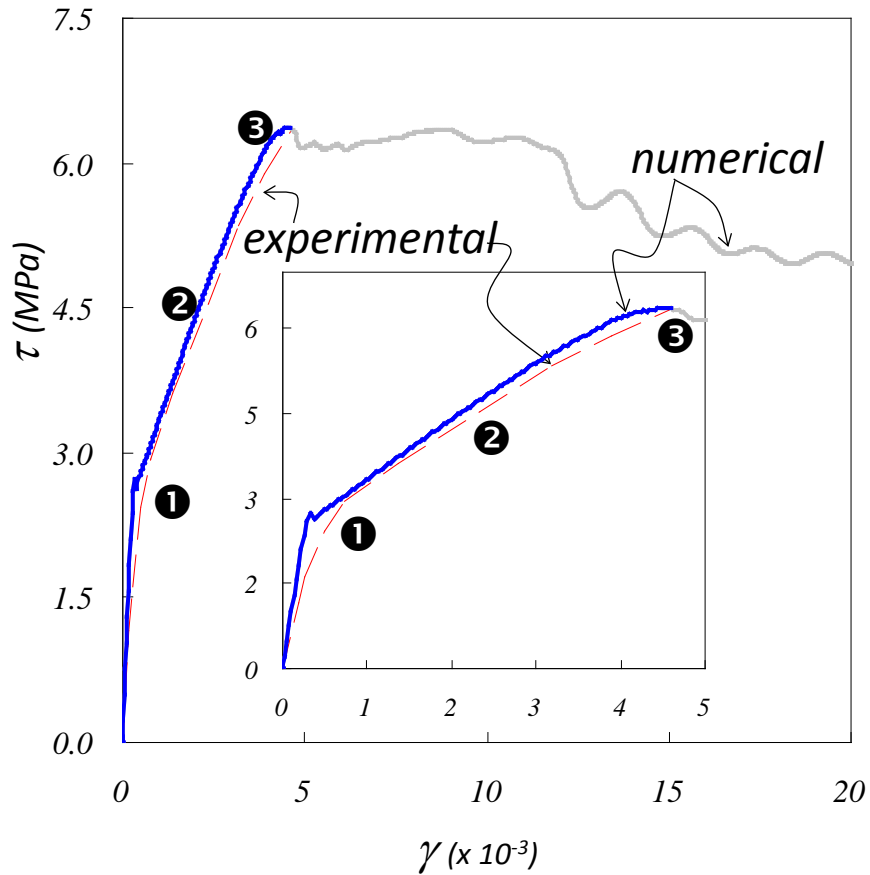
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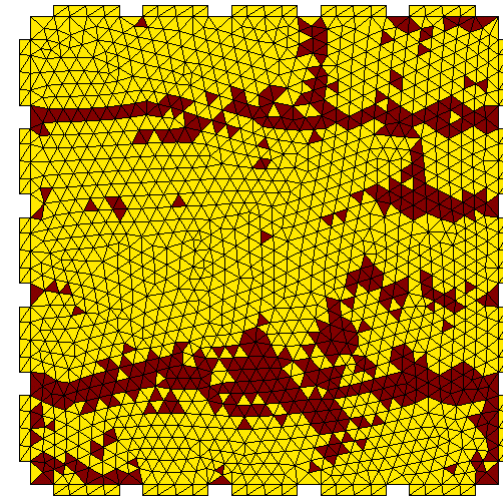
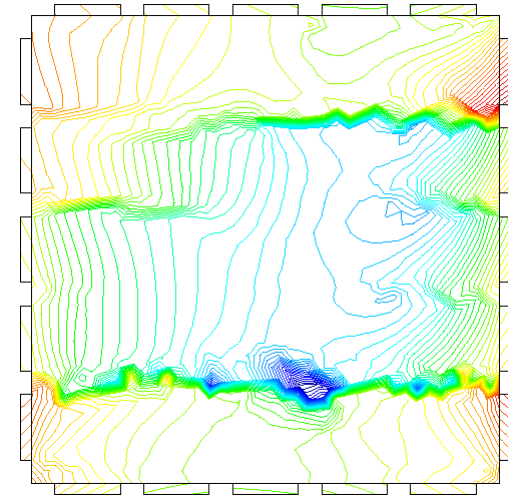
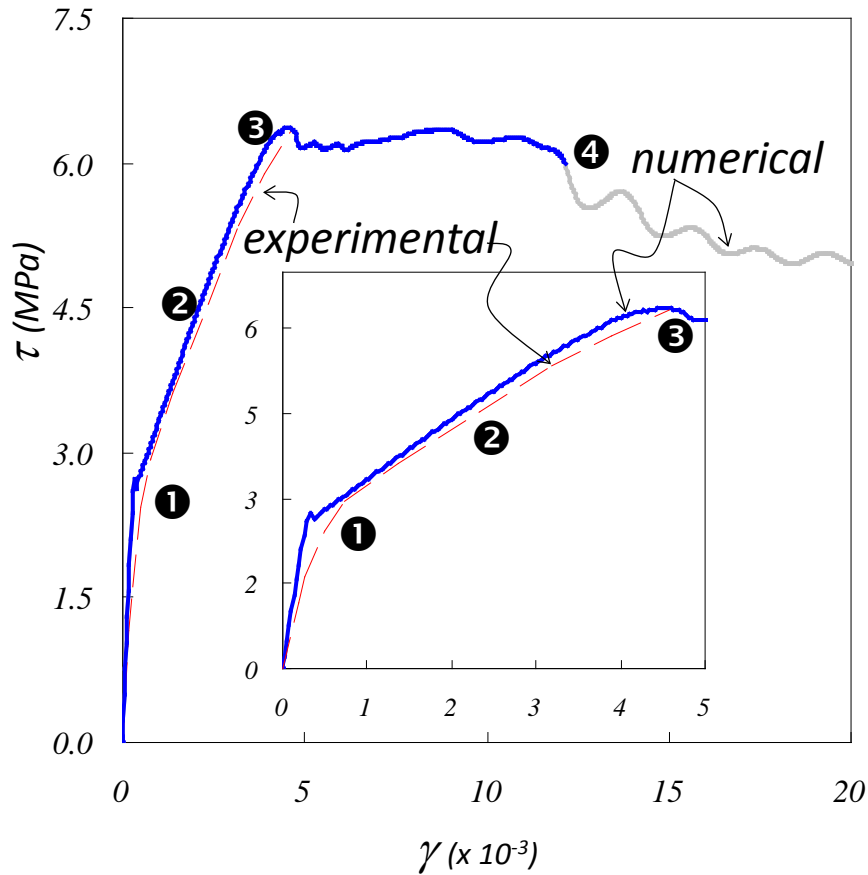
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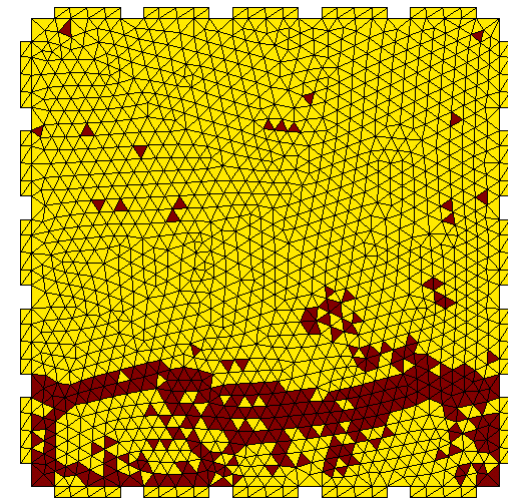
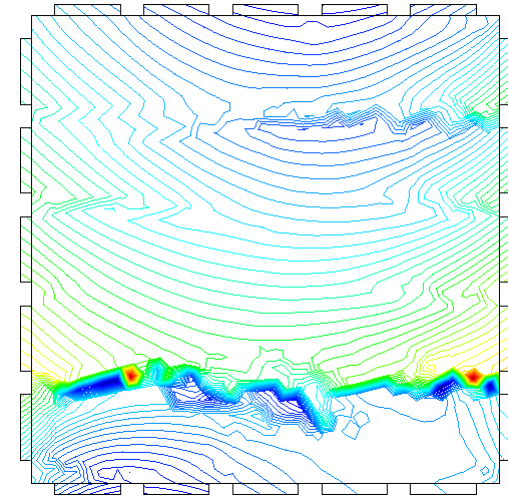
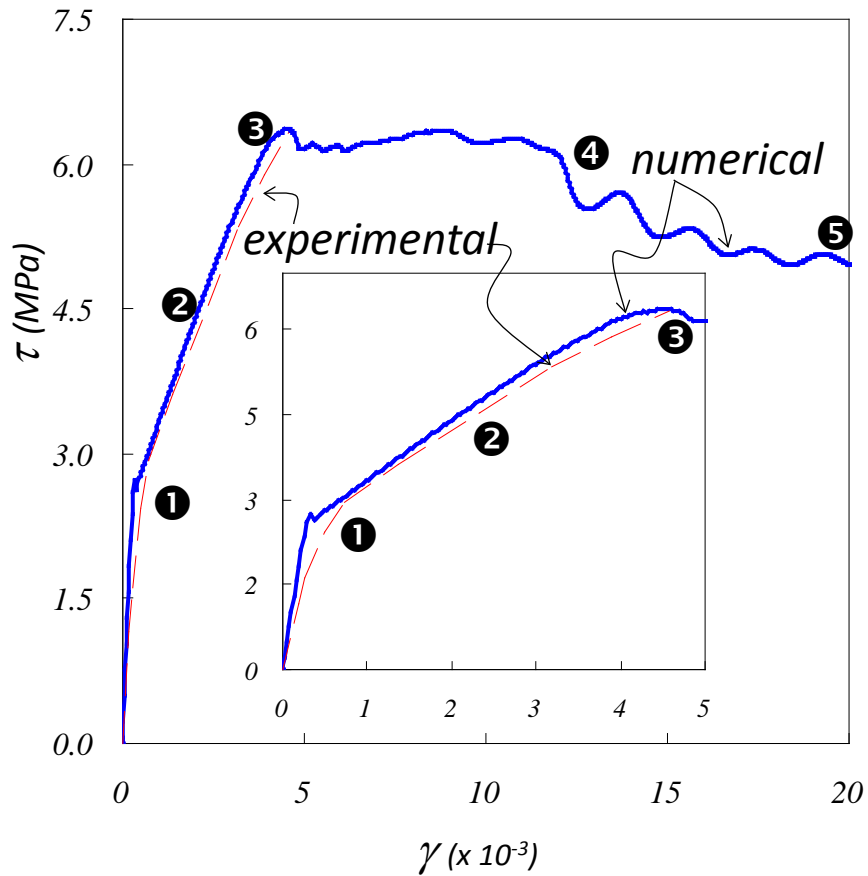
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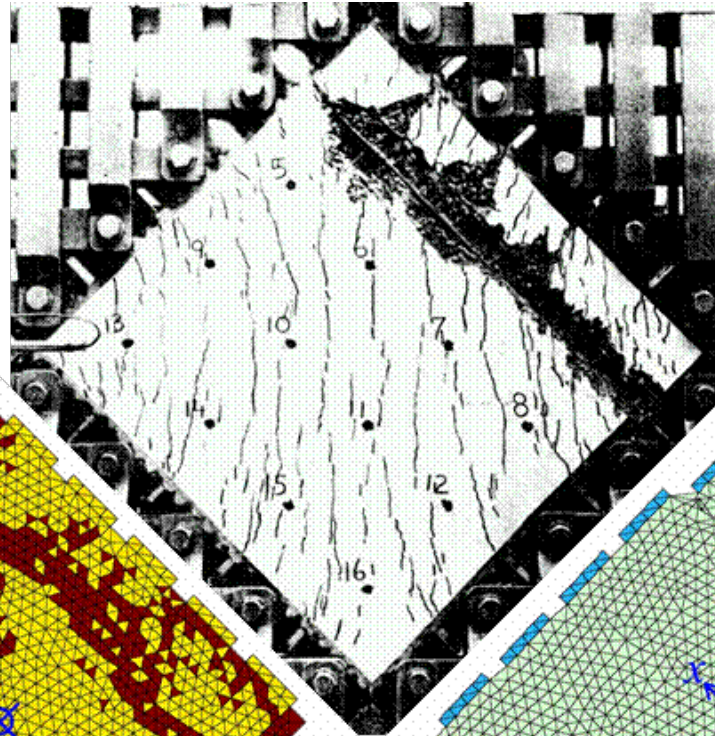
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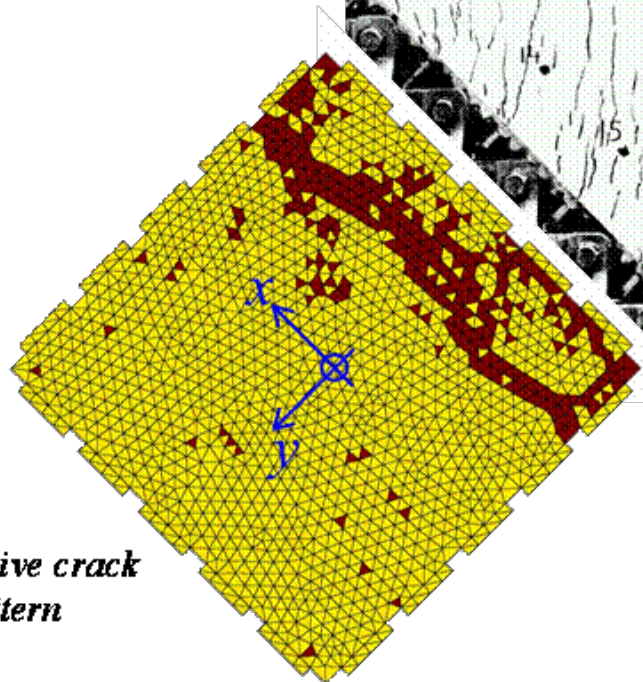
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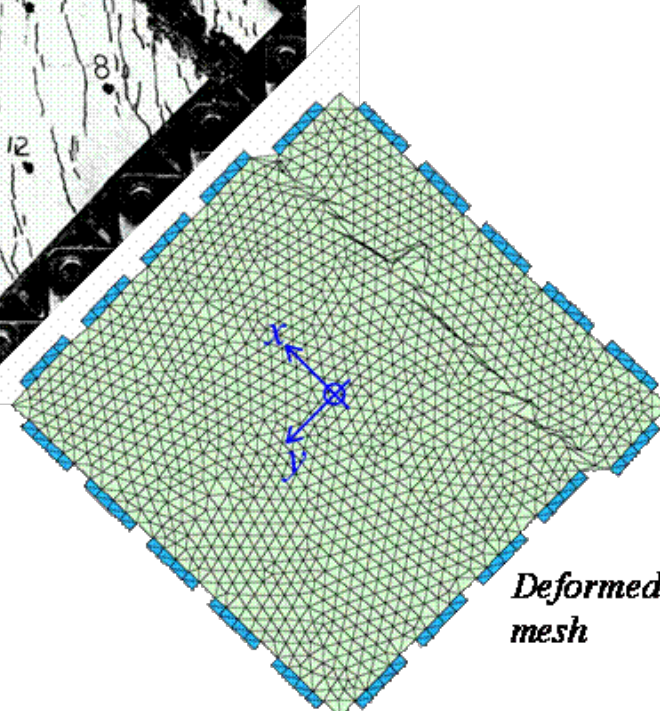
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*experimental result
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*Active crack
pattern*

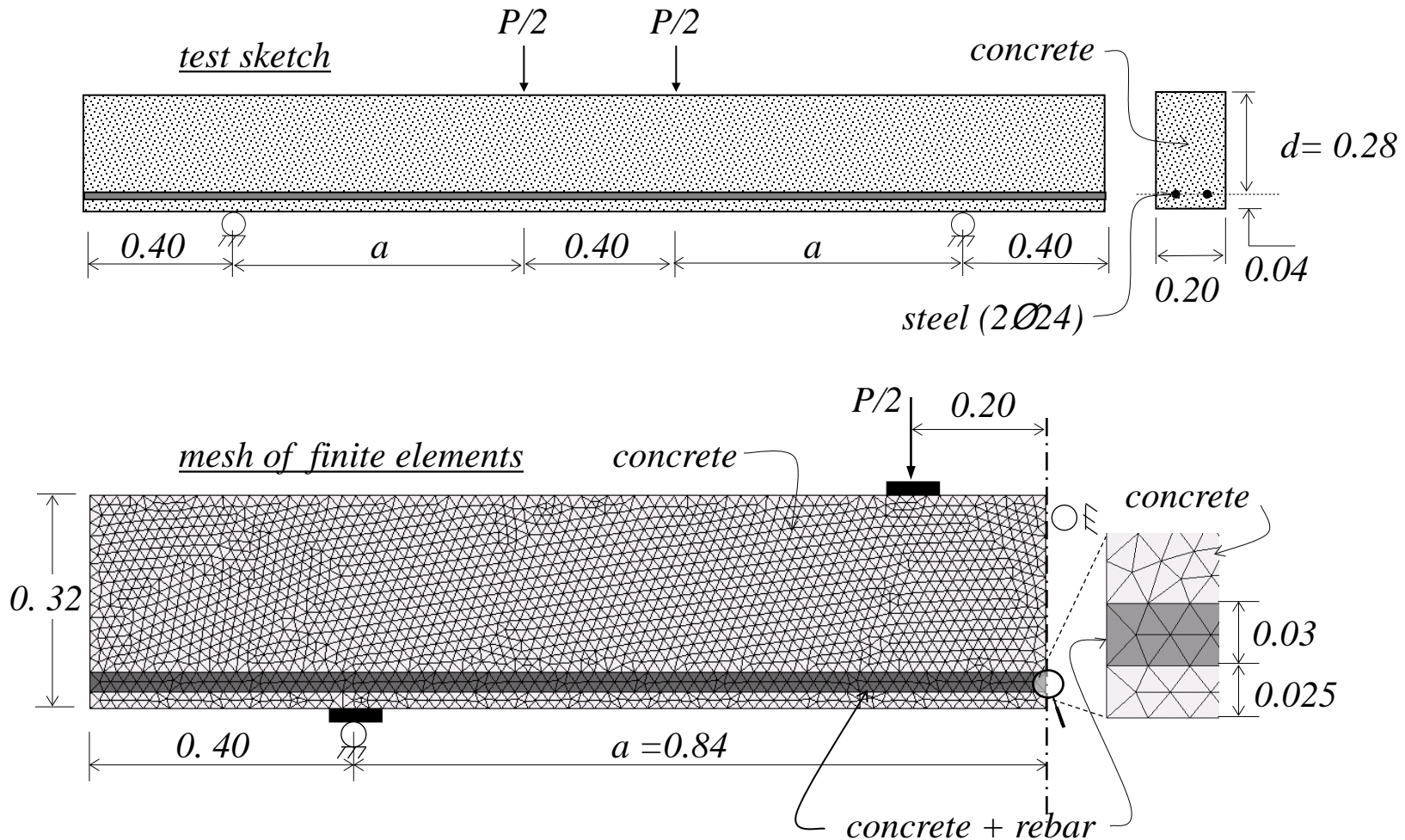


*Deformed
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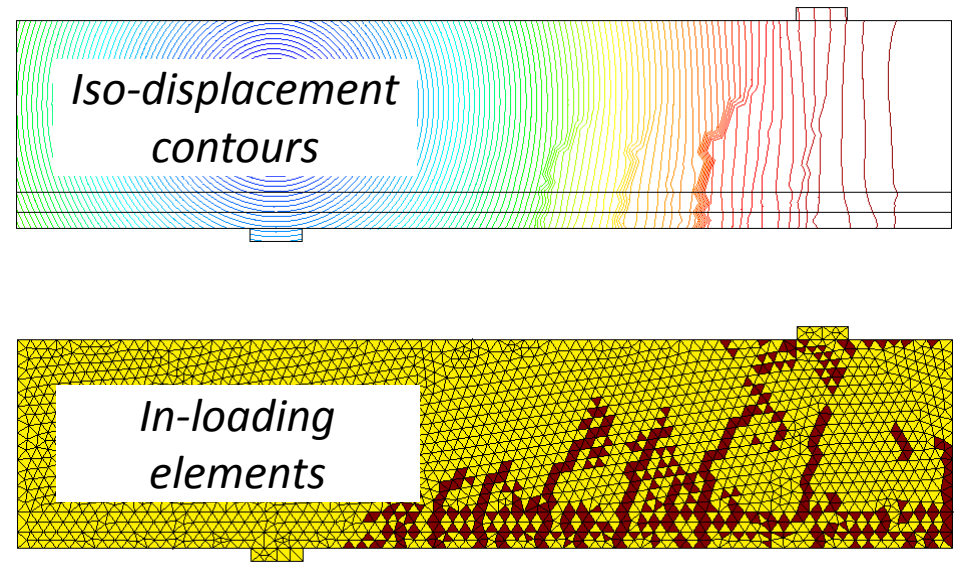
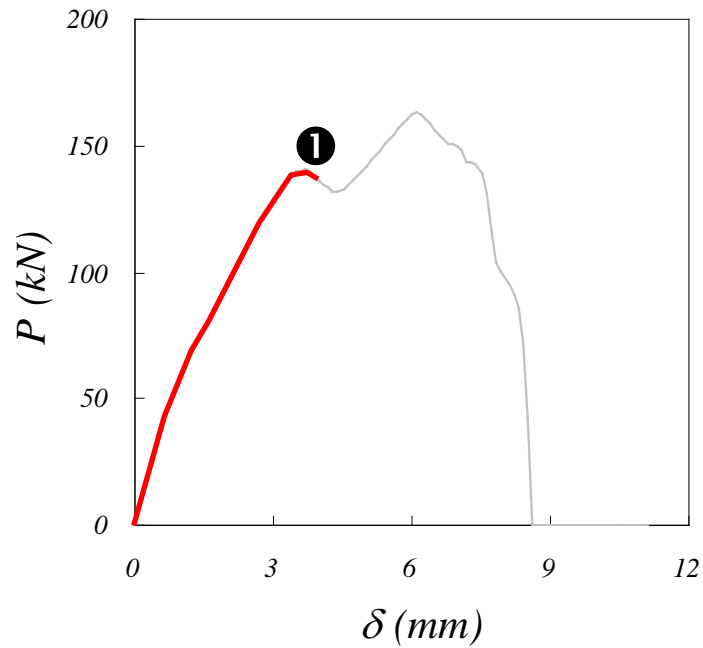
CRACK PATTERN EVOLUTION

bending + shear beams (Leonard and Walter, 1965)



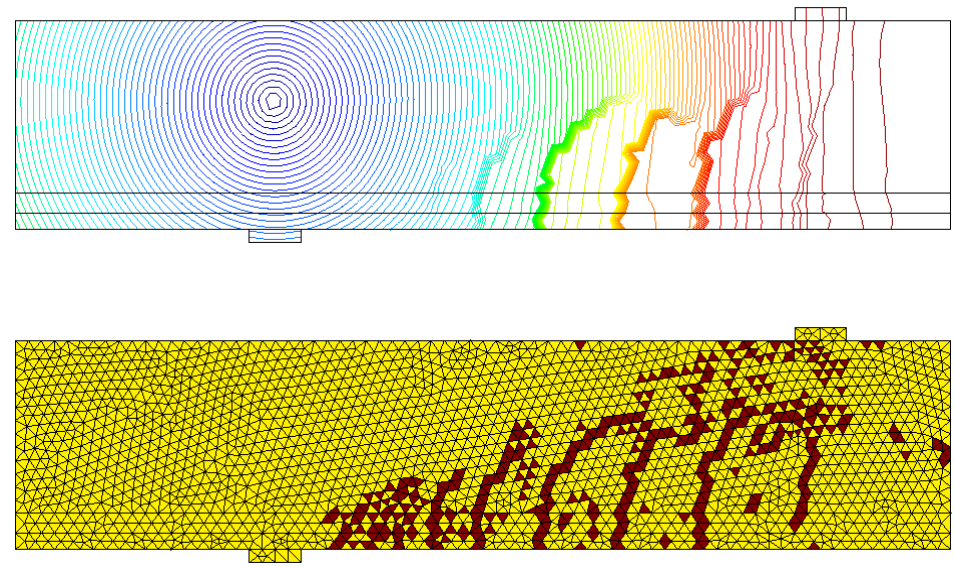
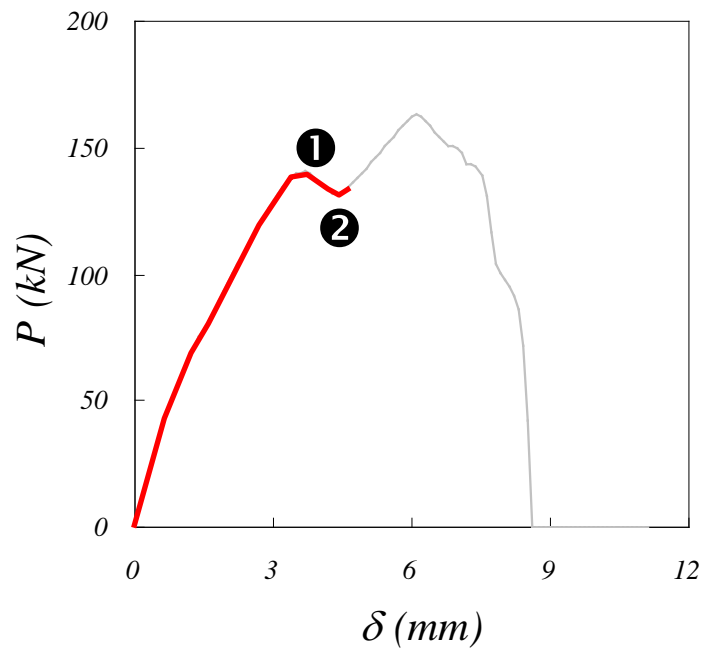
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CRACK PATTERN EVOLUTION & ACTION-RESPONSE CURVE



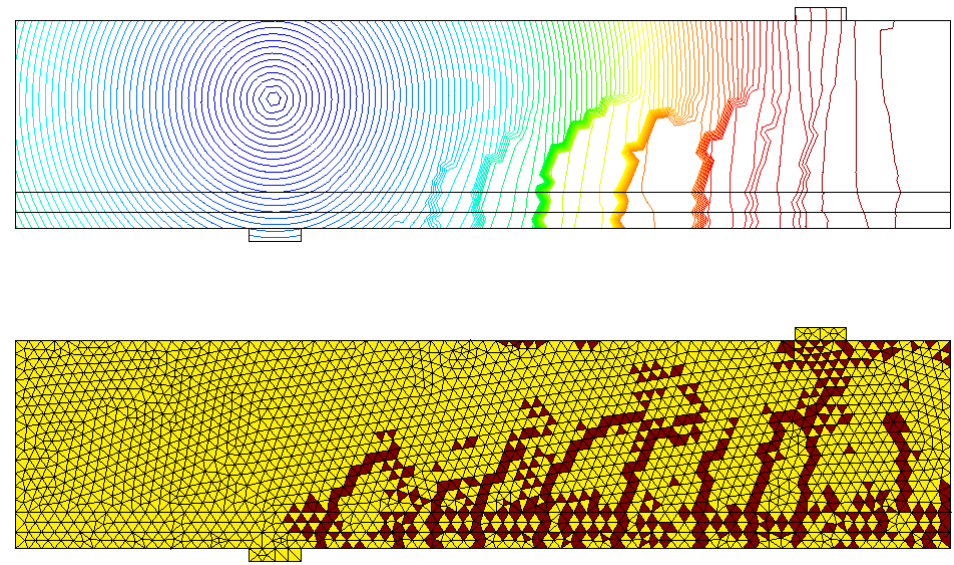
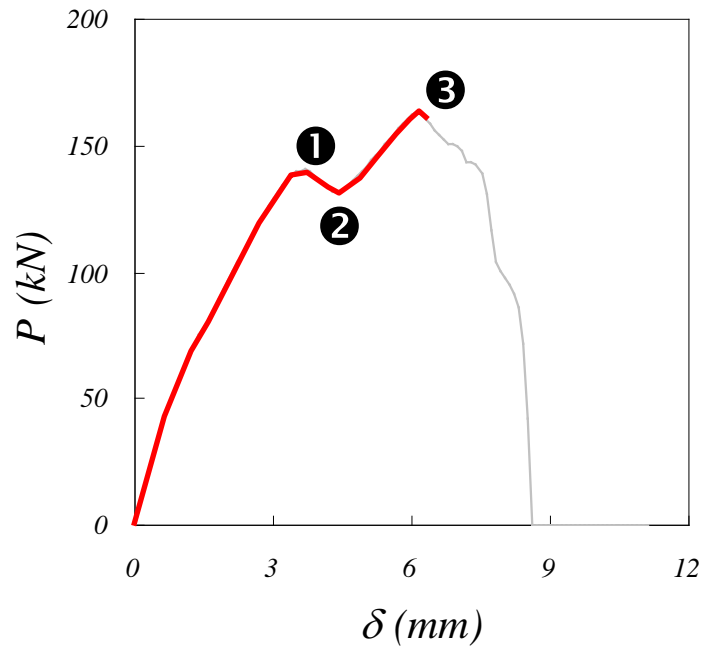
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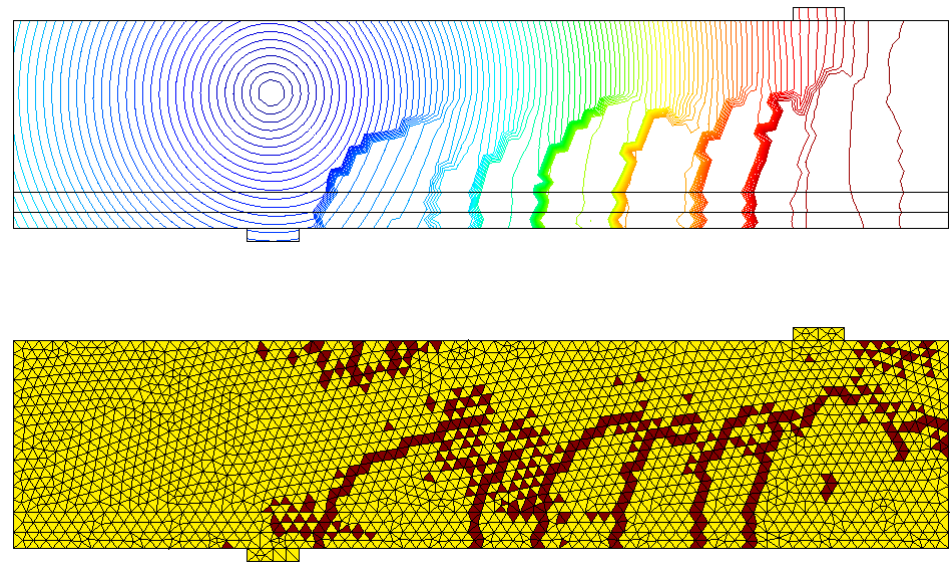
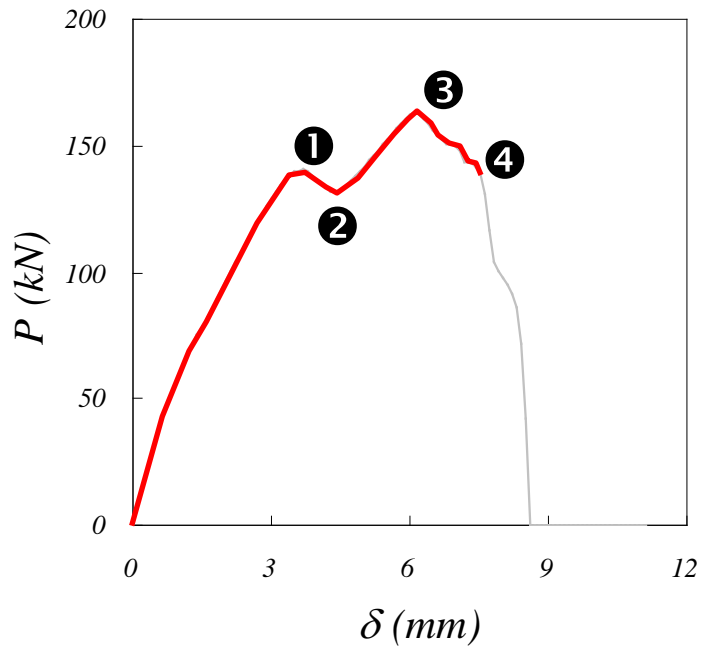
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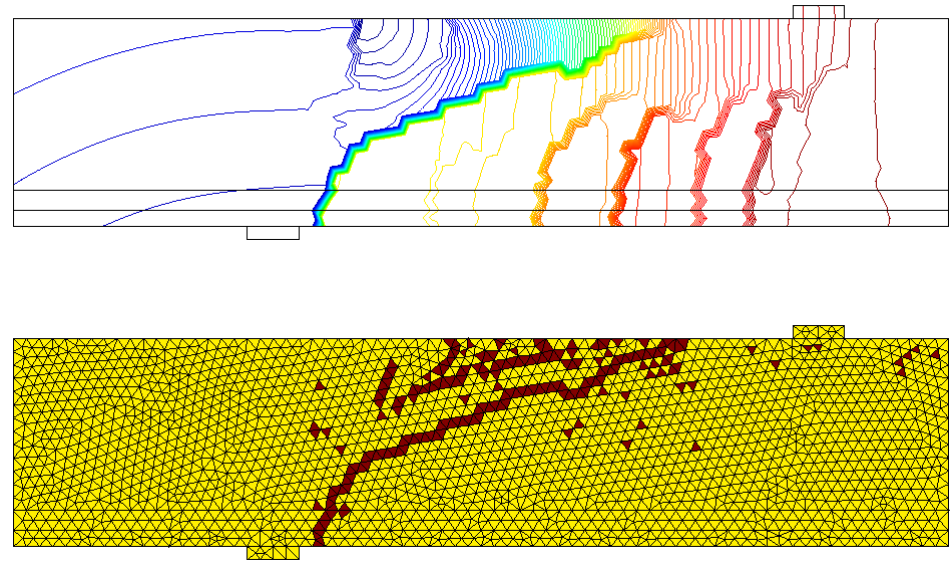
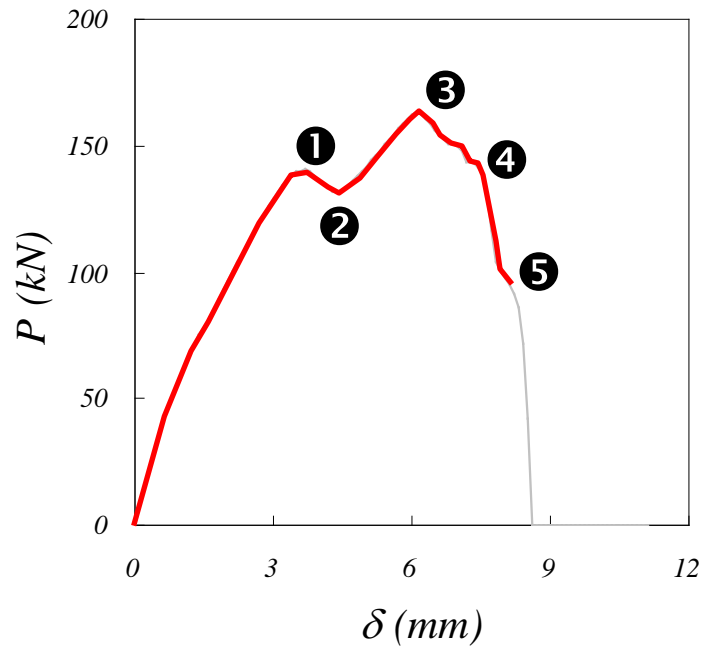
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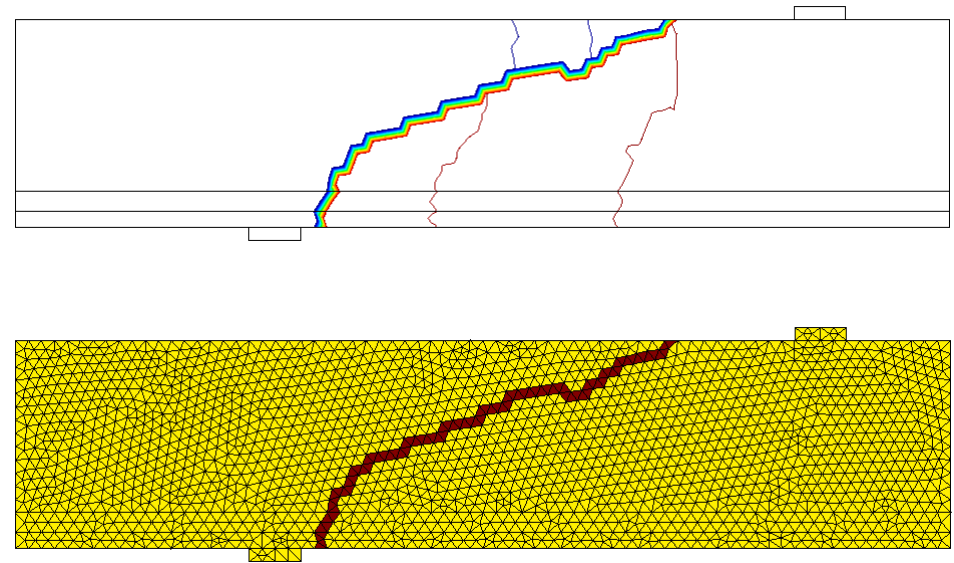
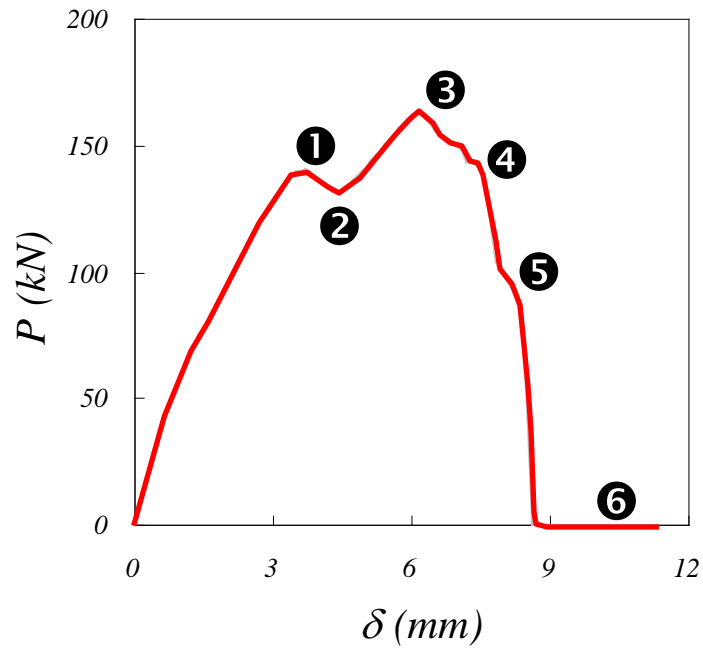
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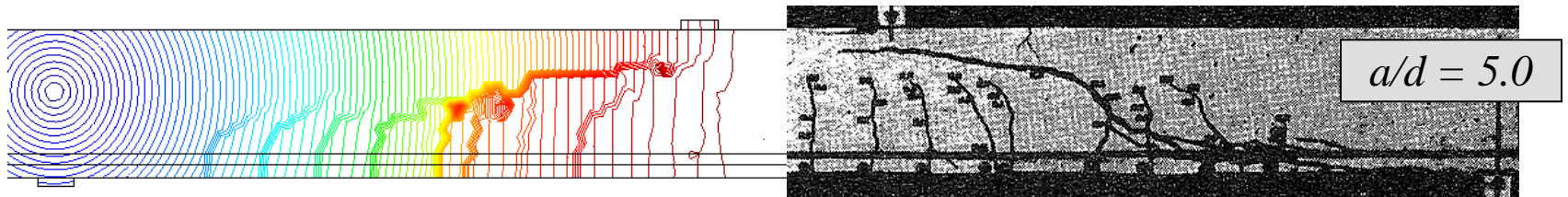
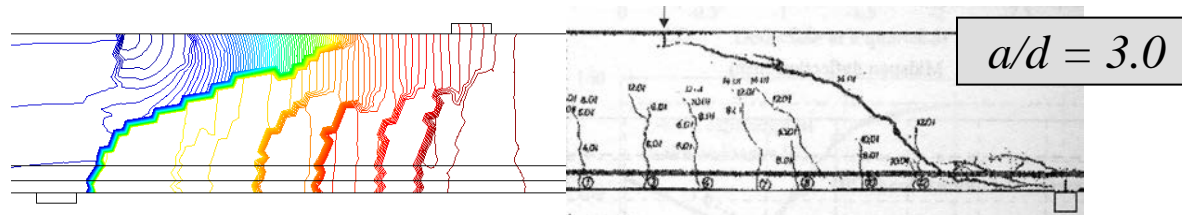
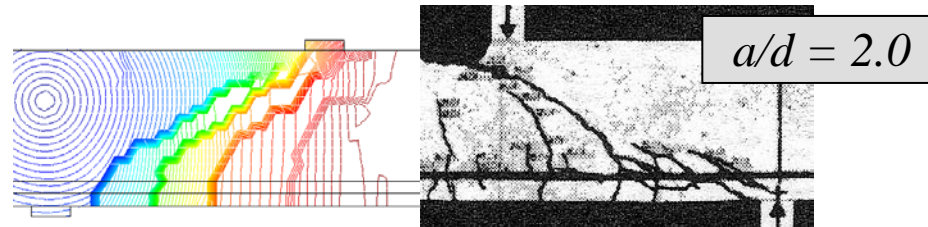
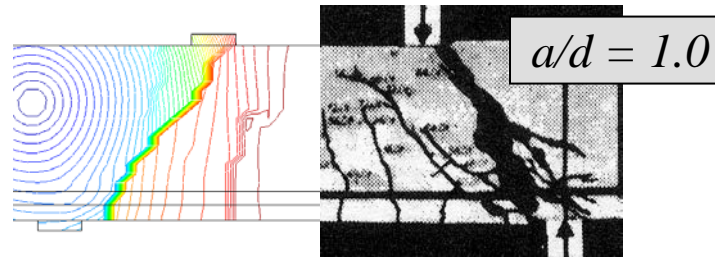
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ASPECT RATIO EFFECTS ON CRACK PATTERN



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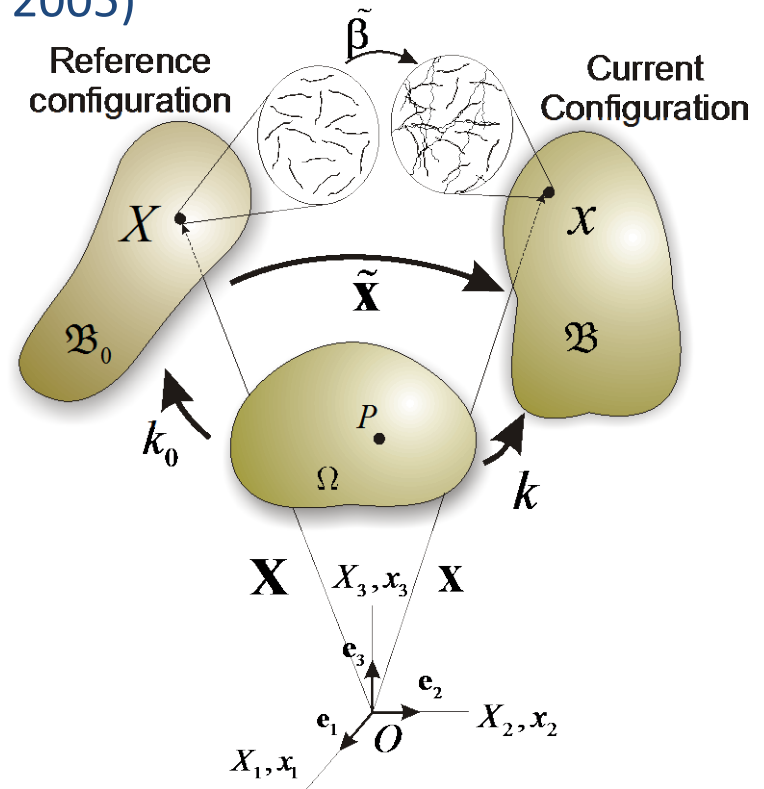


MACRO SCALE



MESO SCALE

Complex bodies theory (Capriz 1989,
Mariano 2005)



$\tilde{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{X}, t), \forall \mathbf{X} \in \mathcal{B}_0 \rightarrow$ Motion descriptor

$\tilde{\beta}(\mathbf{X}, t), \forall \mathbf{X} \in \mathcal{B}_0 \rightarrow$ Morphological descriptor



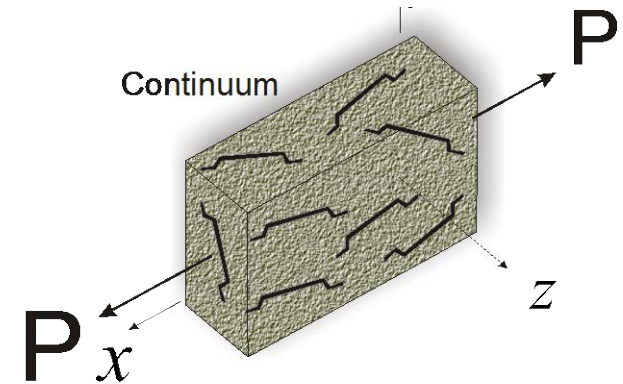
FIBER-REINFORCED CONCRETE (AS A CONTINUUM WITH MICROSTRUCTURE)

CONTINUUM $\rightarrow \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}, t) \quad \mathbf{x} \in \Omega$

$$\nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} + \rho \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{0} \quad \forall \mathbf{x} \in \Omega \rightarrow \text{Equilibrium}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{n} = \mathbf{t}^* \quad \forall \mathbf{x} \in \Gamma_{\sigma} \\ \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}^* \quad \forall \mathbf{x} \in \Gamma_u \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{Boundary} \\ \text{conditions} \end{array}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma} = \boldsymbol{\Sigma}(\mathbf{u}, \boldsymbol{\beta}) \quad \forall \mathbf{x} \in \Omega \rightarrow \text{Constitutive equation}$$



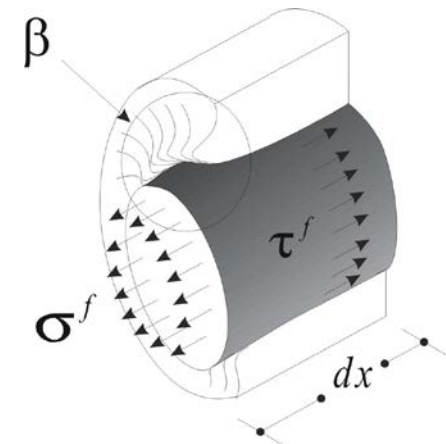
MICROSTRUCTURE $\rightarrow \boldsymbol{\beta}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \{ \beta^{(i)} \} \quad \mathbf{x} \in \Omega$

(i) \rightarrow i-oriented fiber bundle $(i \in \{1, \dots, n_{bundle}\})$

$$\tau^f - \frac{A^f}{\Gamma^f} \frac{\partial \sigma^f}{\partial x'} = 0 \quad \forall \mathbf{x} \in \Omega \rightarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{Capriz balance} \\ \text{(fiber axial equilibrium)} \end{array}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \sigma^f = \Sigma^f(\mathbf{u}, \boldsymbol{\beta}) \\ \tau^f = \Gamma^f(\boldsymbol{\beta}) \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow \text{Fiber constitutive model}$$

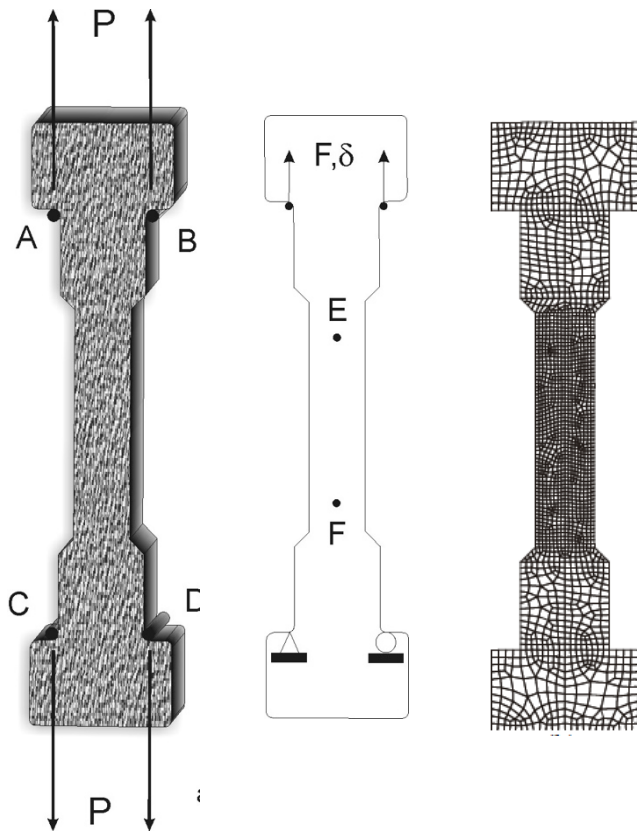
Morphological descriptor
 $\boldsymbol{\beta}$ = oriented-fiber-bundle slips



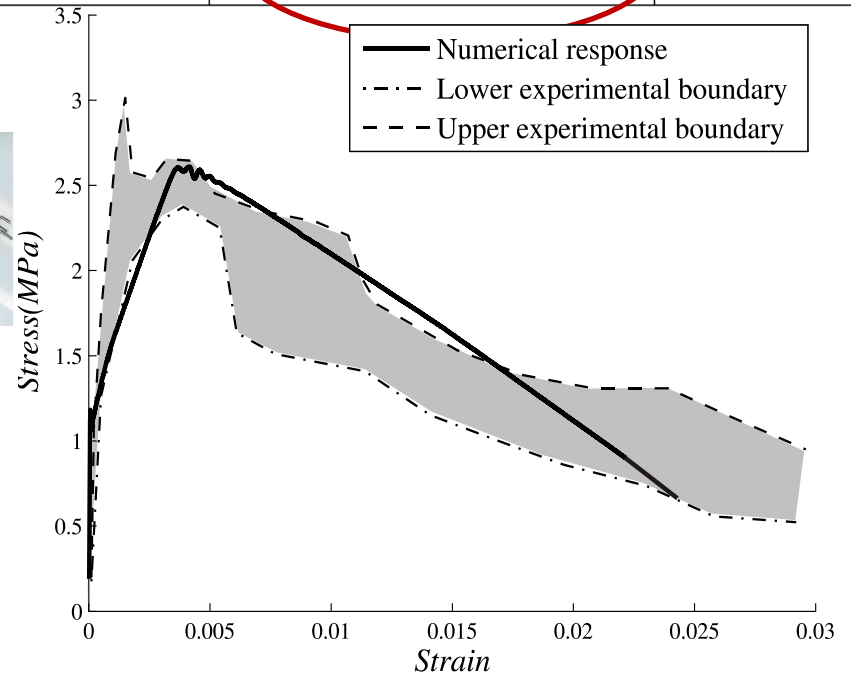
FIBER-REINFORCED CONCRETE (AS A CONTINUUM WITH MICROSTRUCTURE)

FIBER REINFORCEMENT EFFECTS

Dog-bone shaped specimen with randomly oriented fibers (Suwannakarn. 2009)



Matrix	Fiber	Debonding
$f_c' = 1.25 \text{ MPa}$	$\sigma_u^f = 2100 \text{ MPa}$	$\tau_u^f = 5.1 \text{ MPa}$
$E^m = 13.89 \text{ GPa}$	$E^f = 210 \text{ GPa}$	$E^d = 1e+8 \text{ GPa}$
$\nu^m = 0.2$	$H^f = 100 \text{ MPa}$	$H^d = 100 \text{ MPa}$
$G_f = 100 \text{ N/m}$	$\theta = [0^\circ, 10^\circ, 20^\circ, 30^\circ, \dots, 45^\circ, 60^\circ, 70^\circ, 80^\circ, 90^\circ]$	$V_f = 0.75\%$

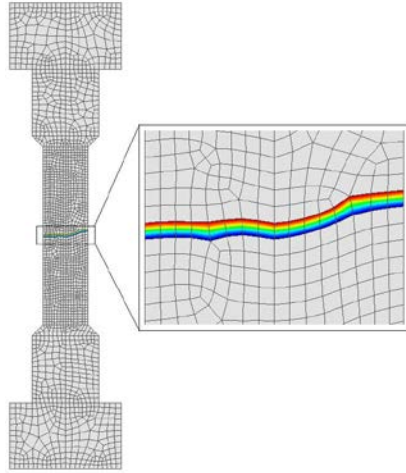


Geometry, experimental setup and F.E. mesh

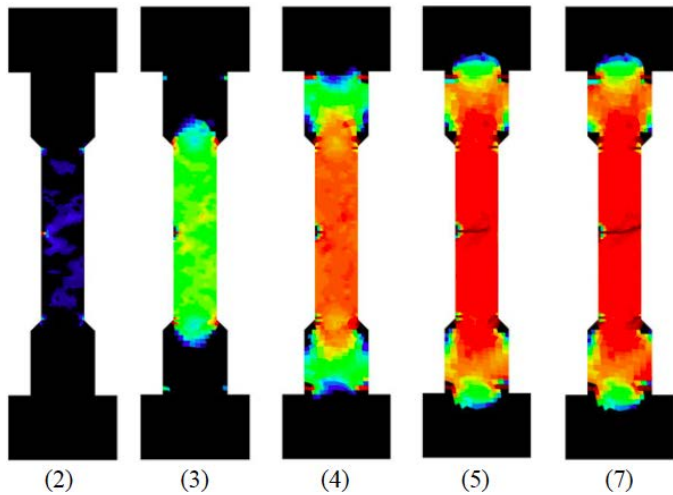
Load vs. displacement curves

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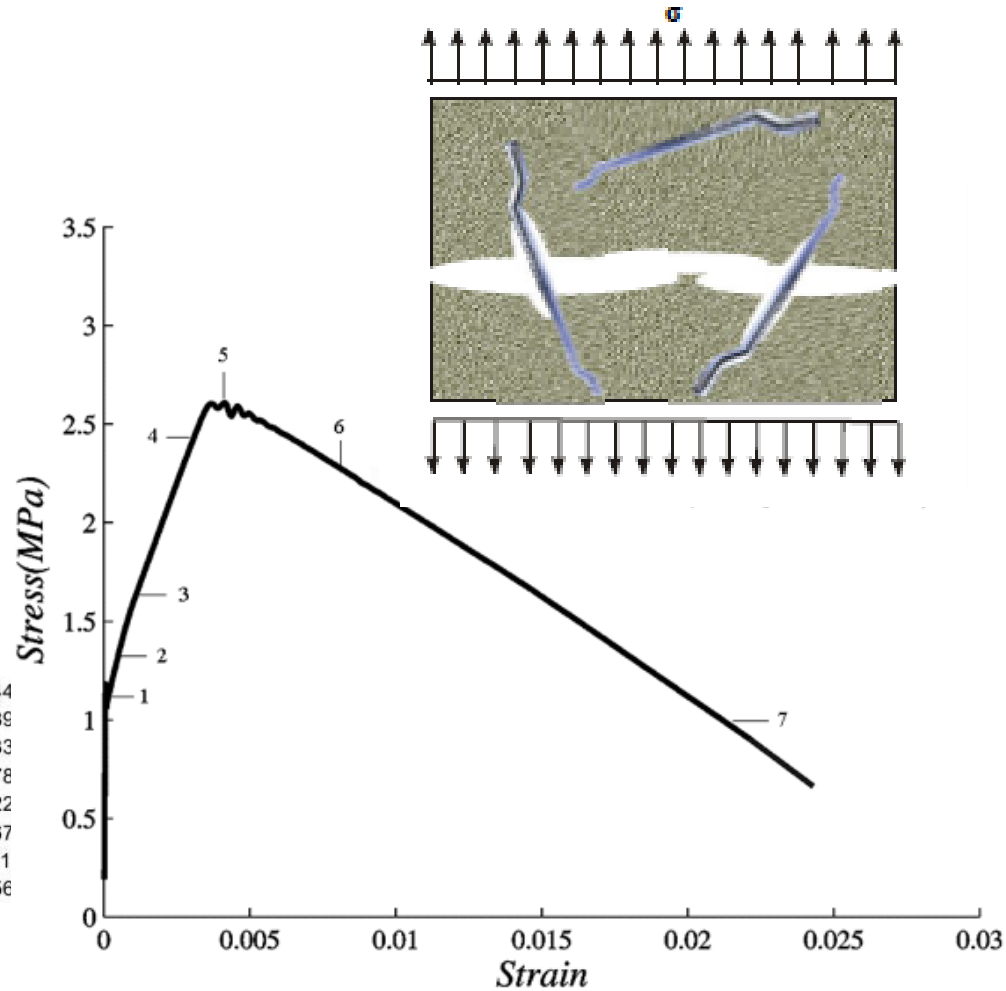
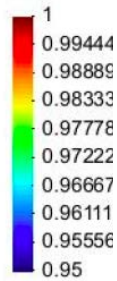
CRACK BRIDGING EFFECTS



Numerical crack pattern



Damage evolution



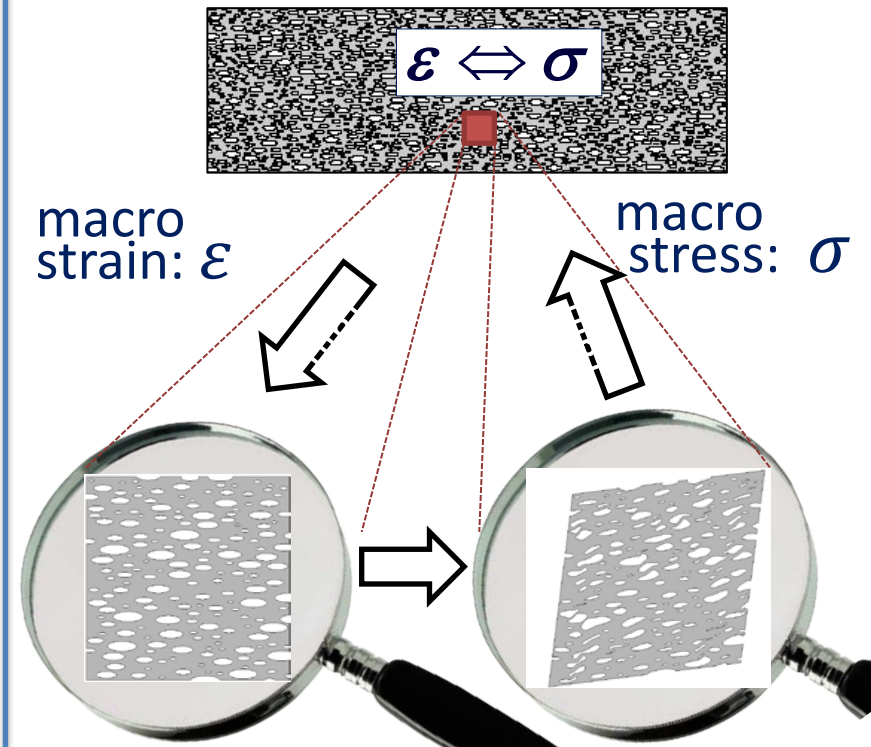
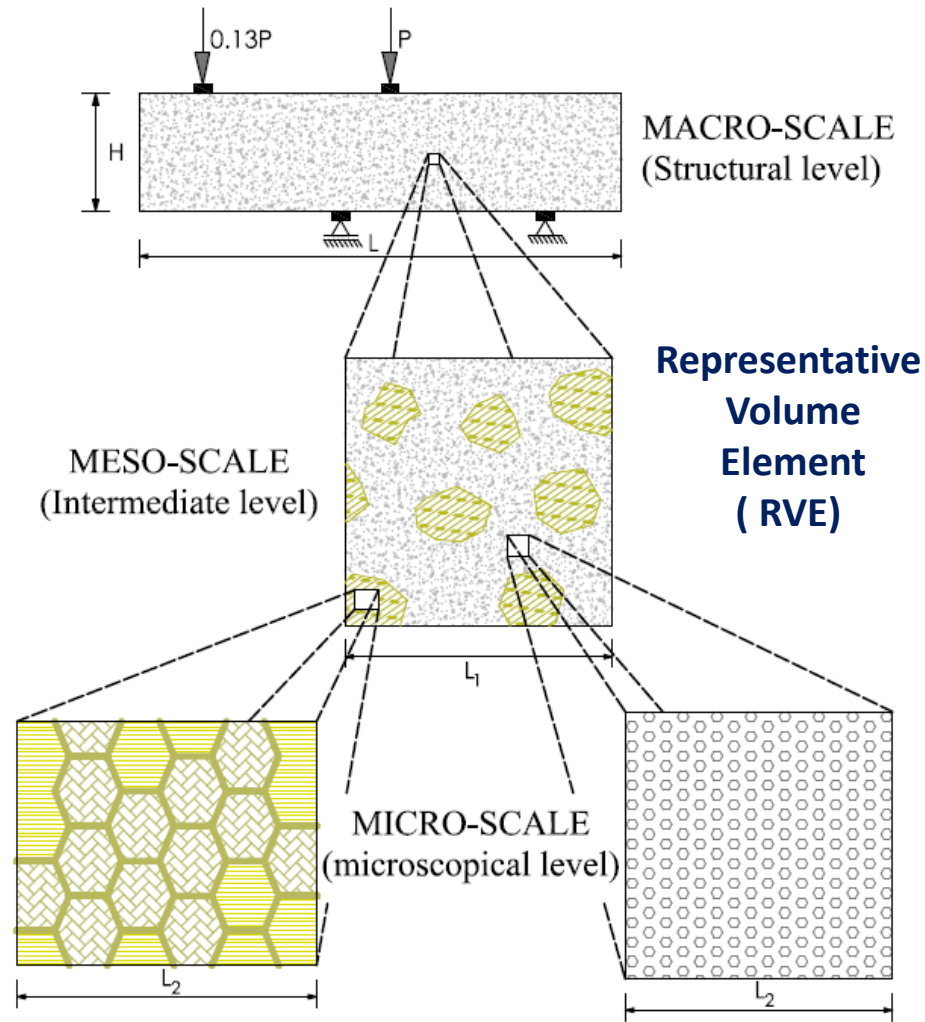
Stress-strain equivalent law

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COMPUTATIONAL MULTI SCALE MODELING OF CONCRETE

- Stress-strain law obtained from **low-level physics**



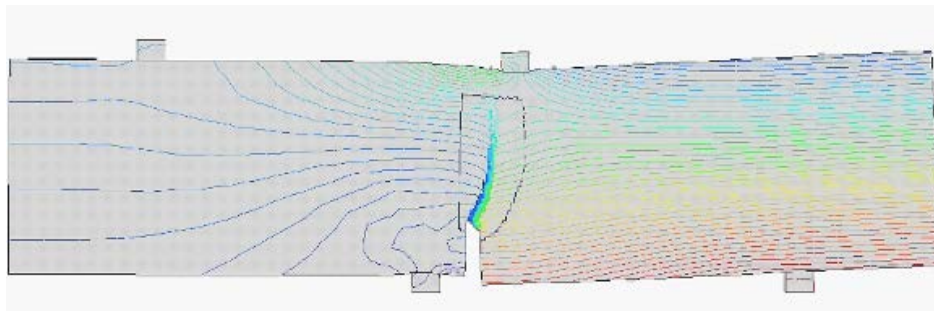
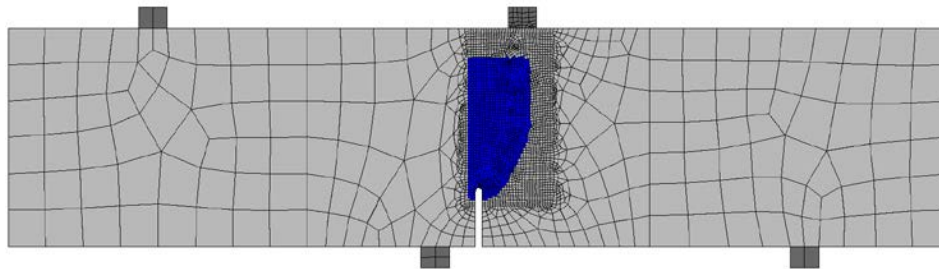
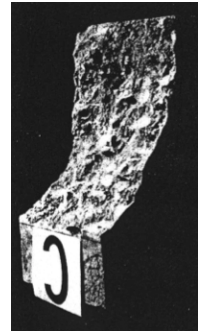
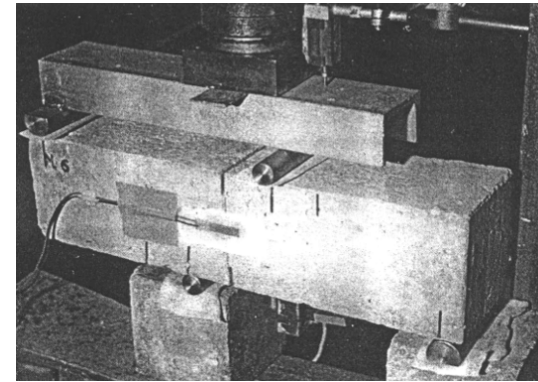
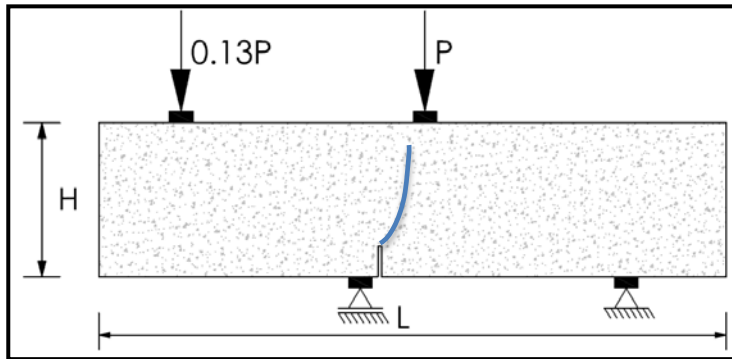
Non-linear RVE equilibrium problem

$$\sigma(\mathbf{x}, t) = \frac{1}{V_\mu} \int_{\Omega_\mu} \sigma_\mu(\mathbf{y}, t) dV_\mu$$

Every scale is solved by finite elements !!!!
(brute-force approach)

COMPUTATIONAL MULTISCALE MODELING OF CONCRETE

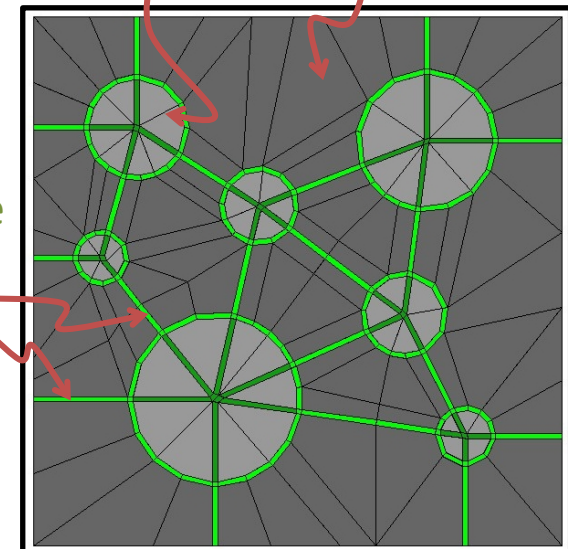
TWO-SCALE FOUR POINT BENDING TEST OF A NOTCHED BEAM



Aggregates

Mortar

Cohesive bands (failure mechanisms)

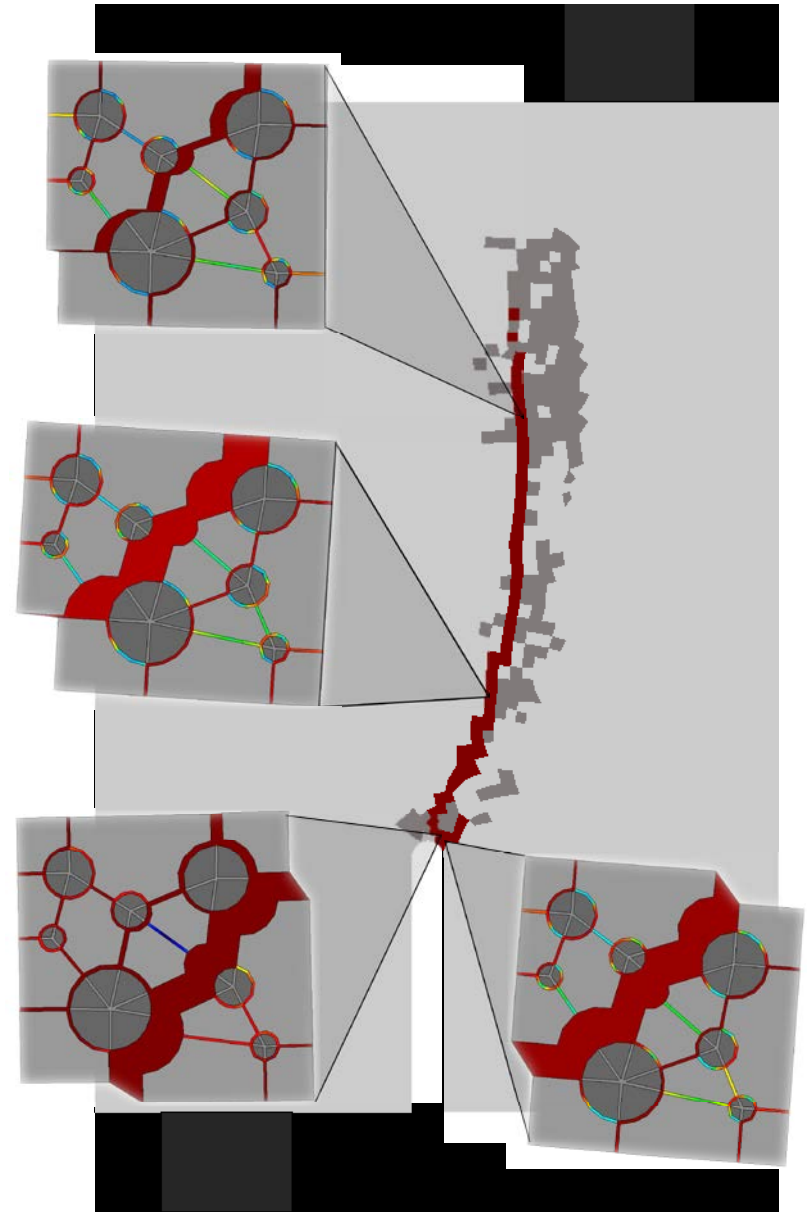
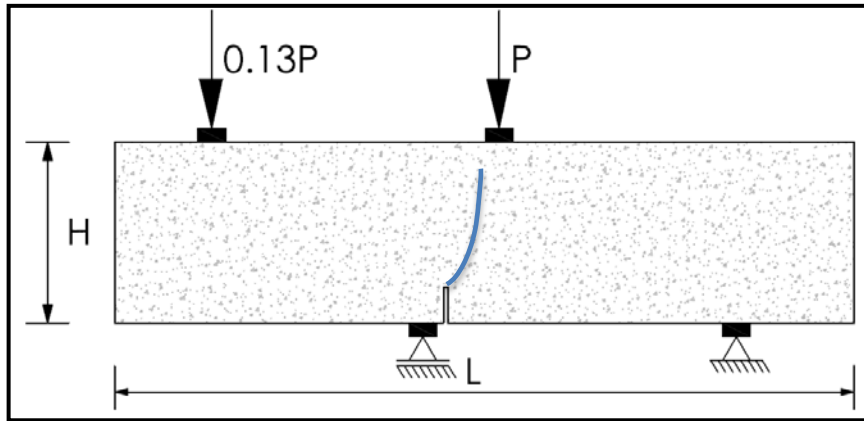


Meso-scale RVE



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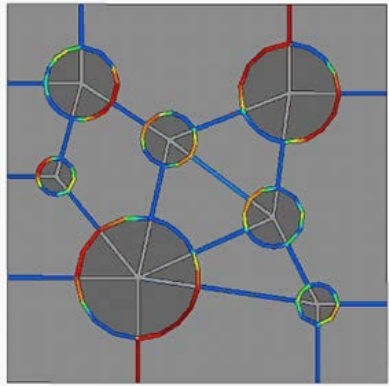


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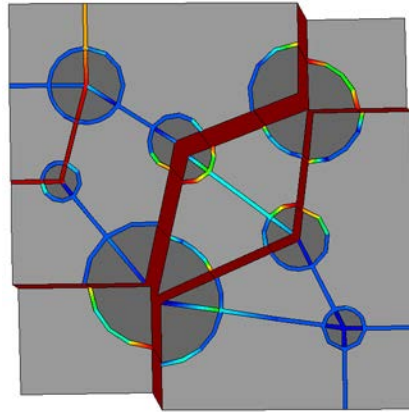
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Structural response sensitivity to the lower scale failure mechanism

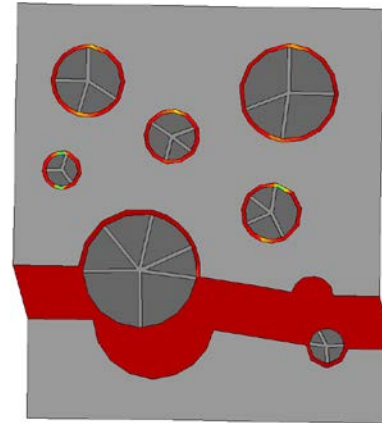
Extra-granular failure
(hard aggregates)



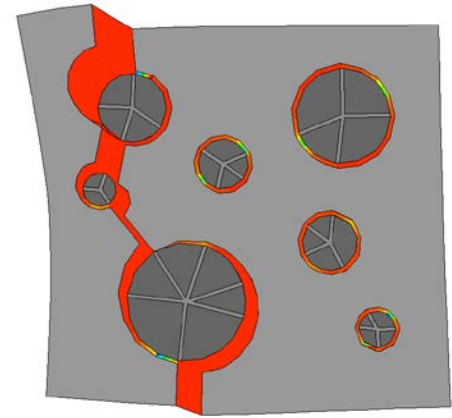
Intra-granular failure
(soft aggregates)



Prescribed horizontal
failure mode



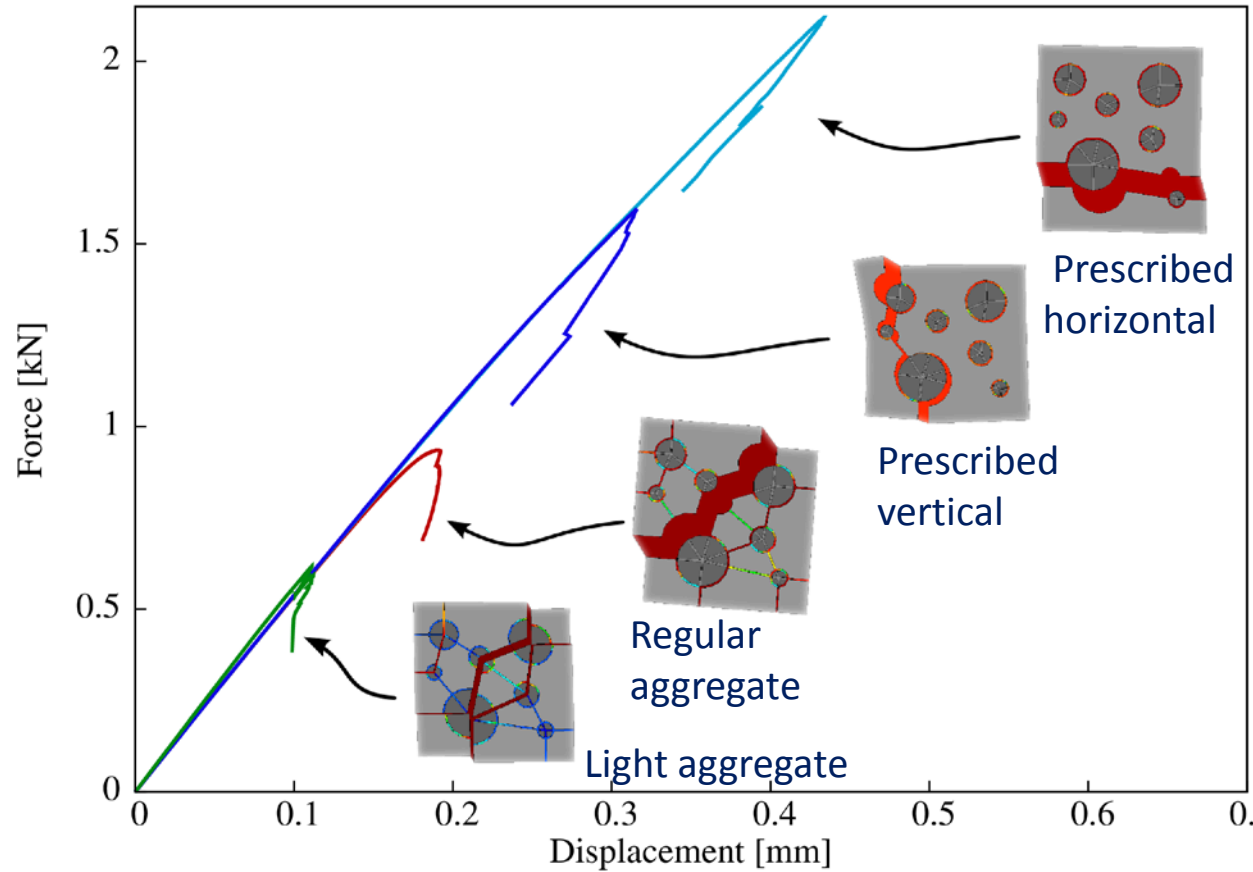
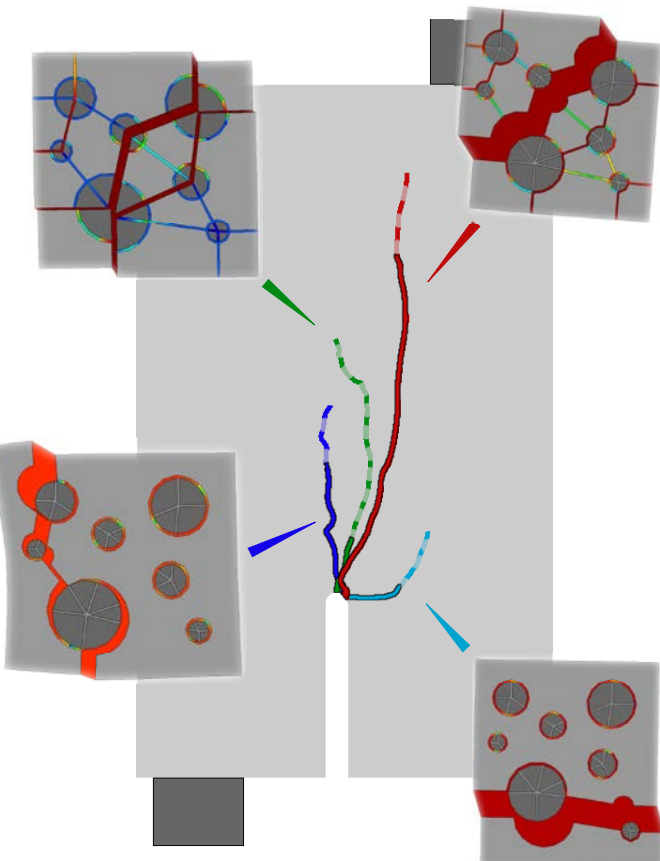
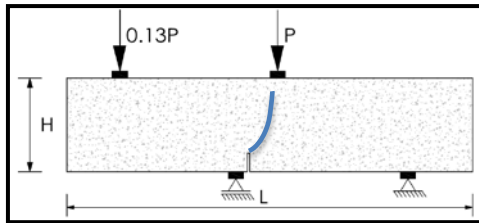
Prescribed vertical
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COMPUTATIONAL MULTI SCALE MODELING OF CONCRETE

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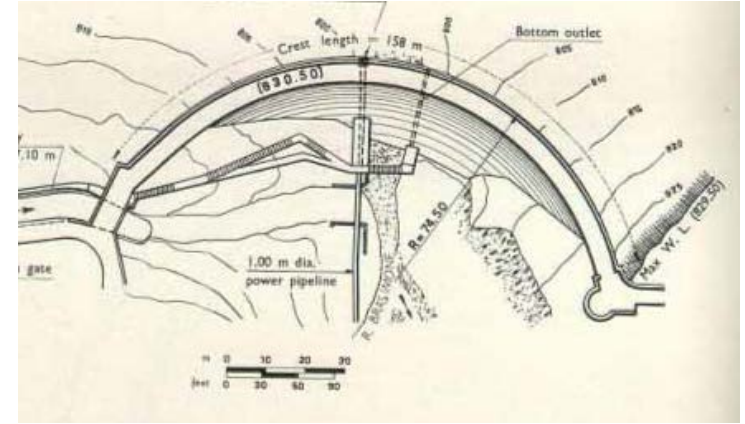


Structural response (force vs. displacement)

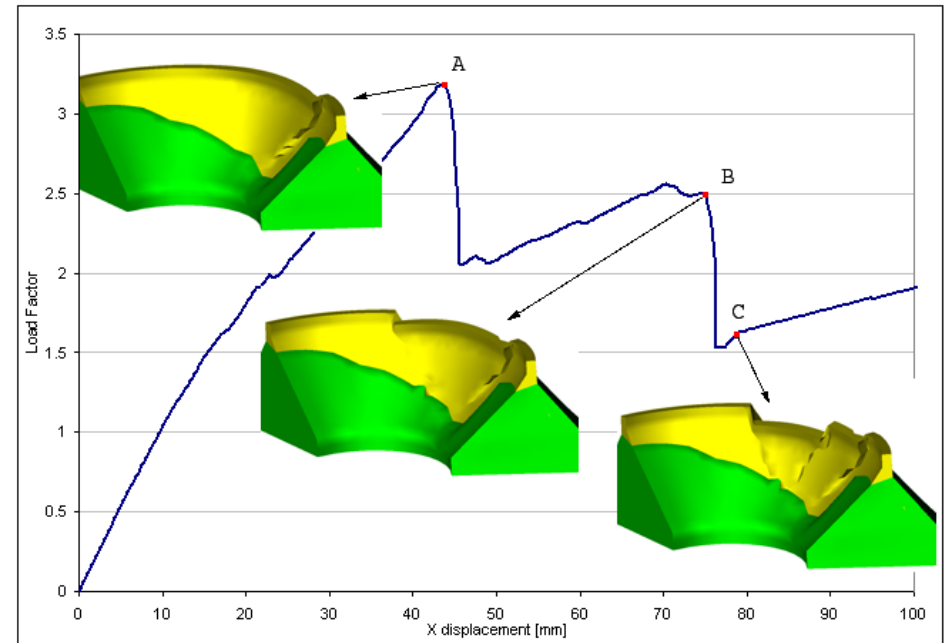
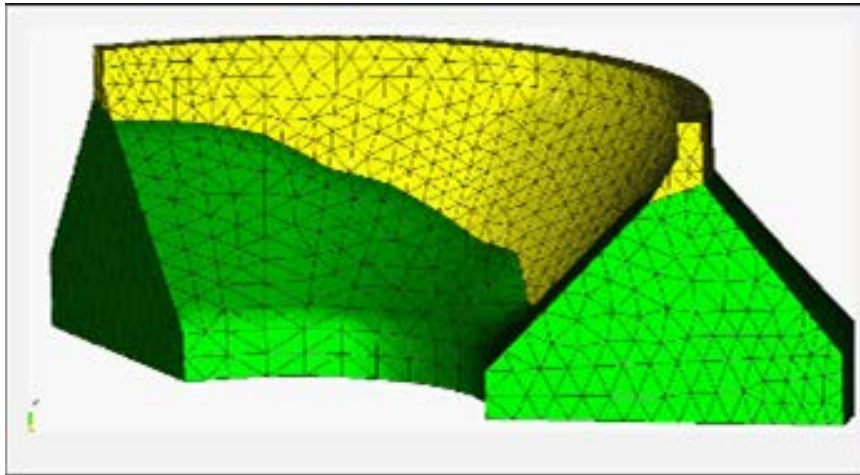


**STRUCTURAL COLLAPSE
AND
CRACKING OF CONCRETE**

STRUCTURAL COLLAPSE MODELING OF CONCRETE



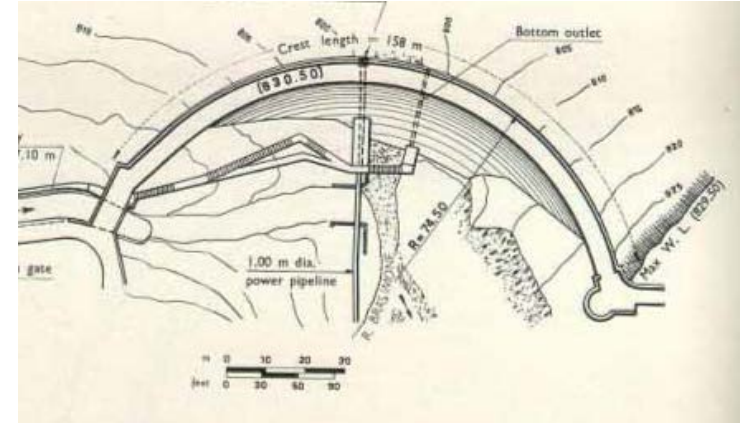
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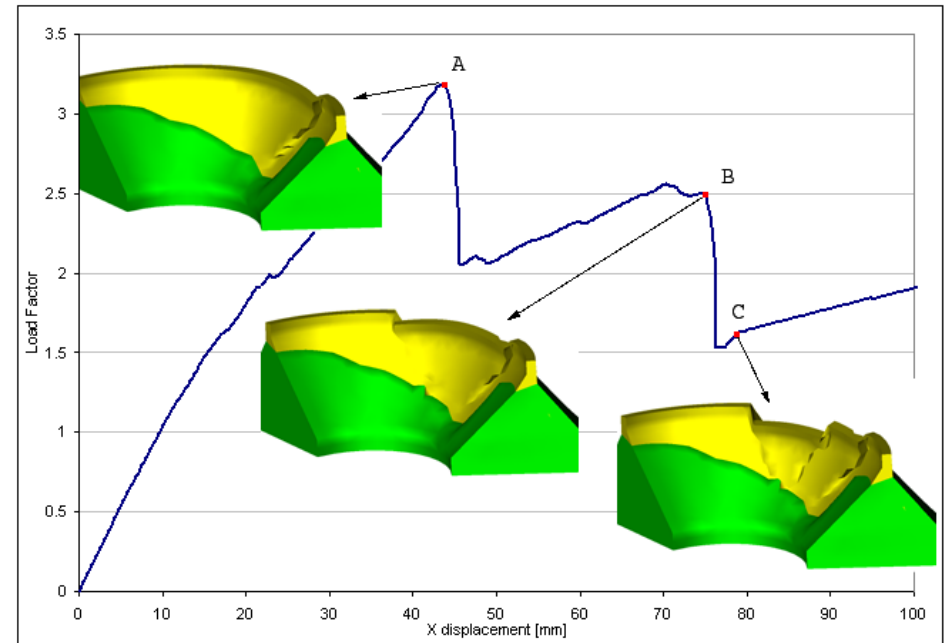
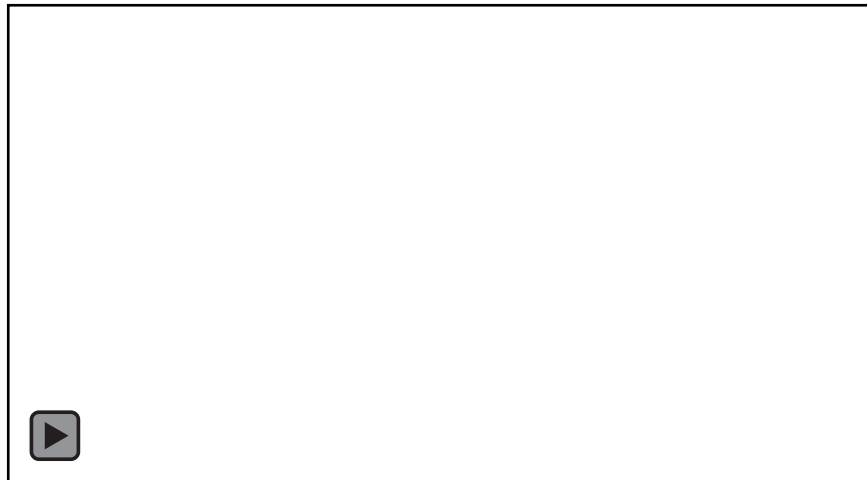
Load-factor vs. crest displacement



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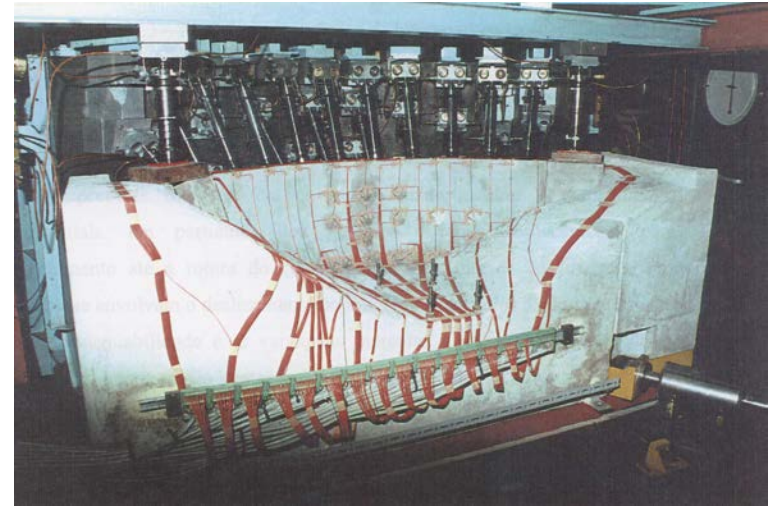


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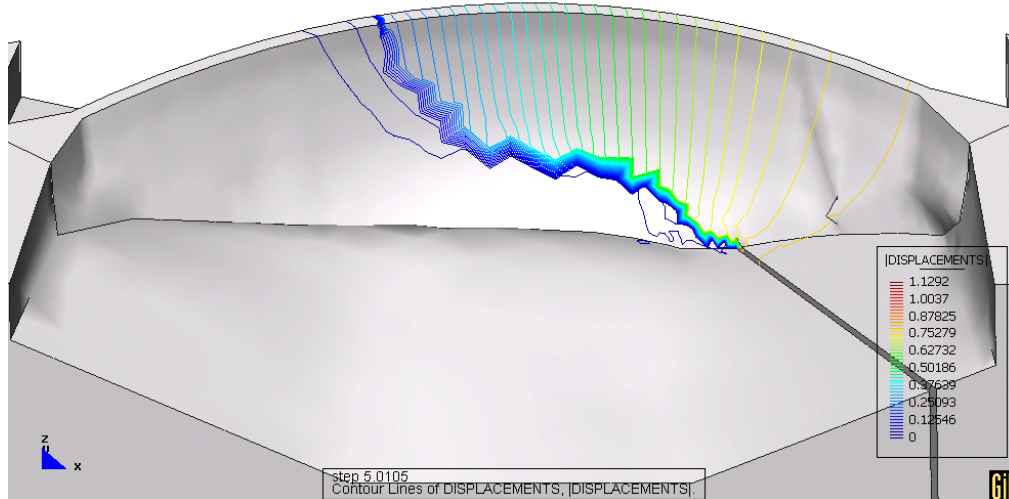


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Alqueva dam,(Portugal)



Experimental mock-up
(LNEC, Portugal)

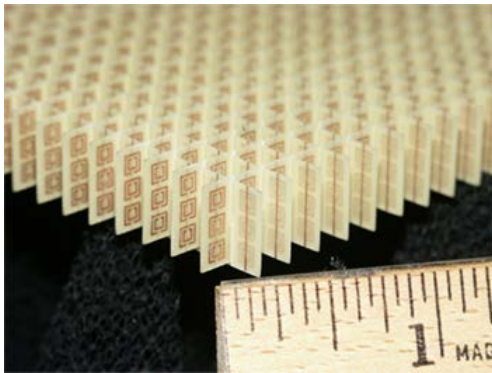


THE FUTURE

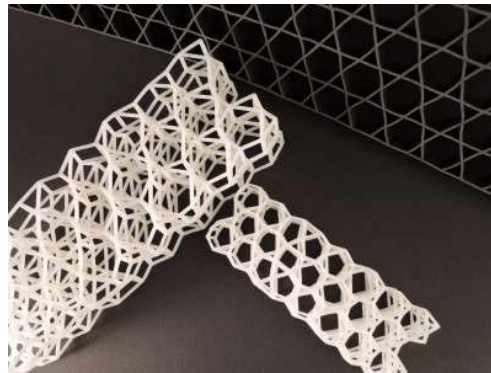
COMPUTATIONAL MATERIAL DESIGN

Motivation

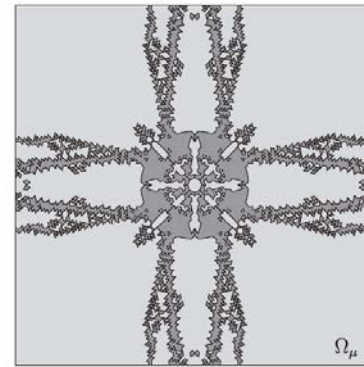
Meta-materials (beyond-materials): materials engineered to have properties that have not yet been found in nature



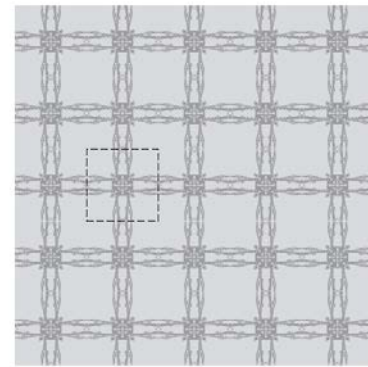
Negative refractive index
(NASA Glenn Research)



On-demand buckling
(shape-memory materials)



Negative Poisson-ratio
(Giusti 2009)



Reinforced concrete: engineered meta-material !!!
(the first one?)

COMPUTATIONAL MATERIAL DESIGN

COMPDESMAT project



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Advanced tools for computational
design of engineering materials

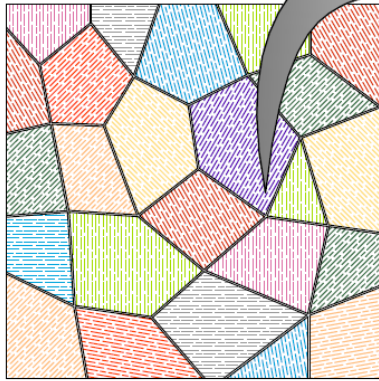


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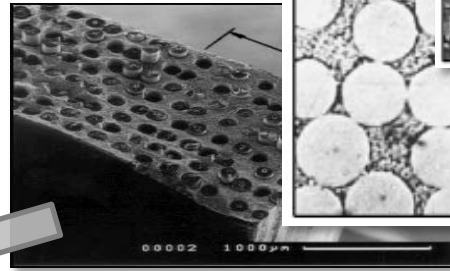
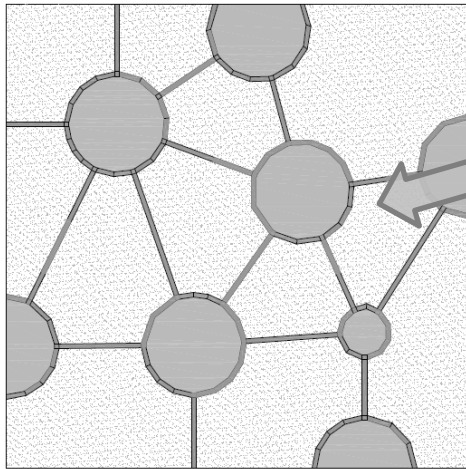
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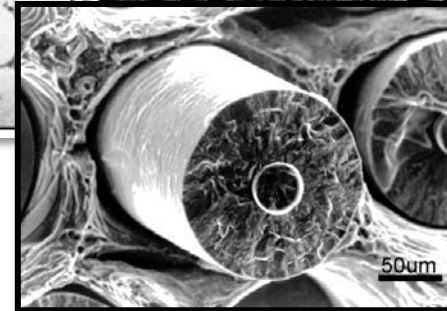
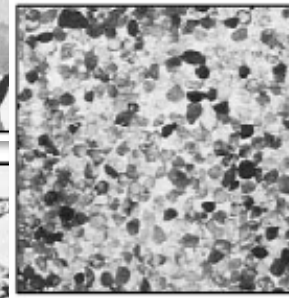
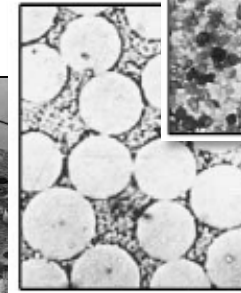
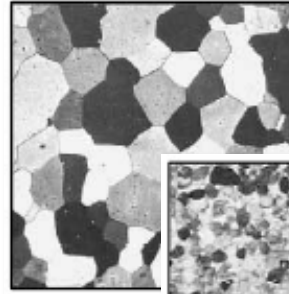
POLYCRYSTAL MATERIALS



TRASVERSAL FIBERS



Yates et al.

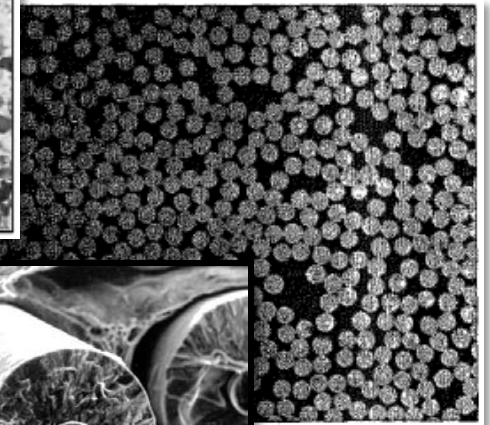


Miehe /2003

Carbon/Epoxy

**Synthetic materials
with 1D fibers.**

Herkovich /1998

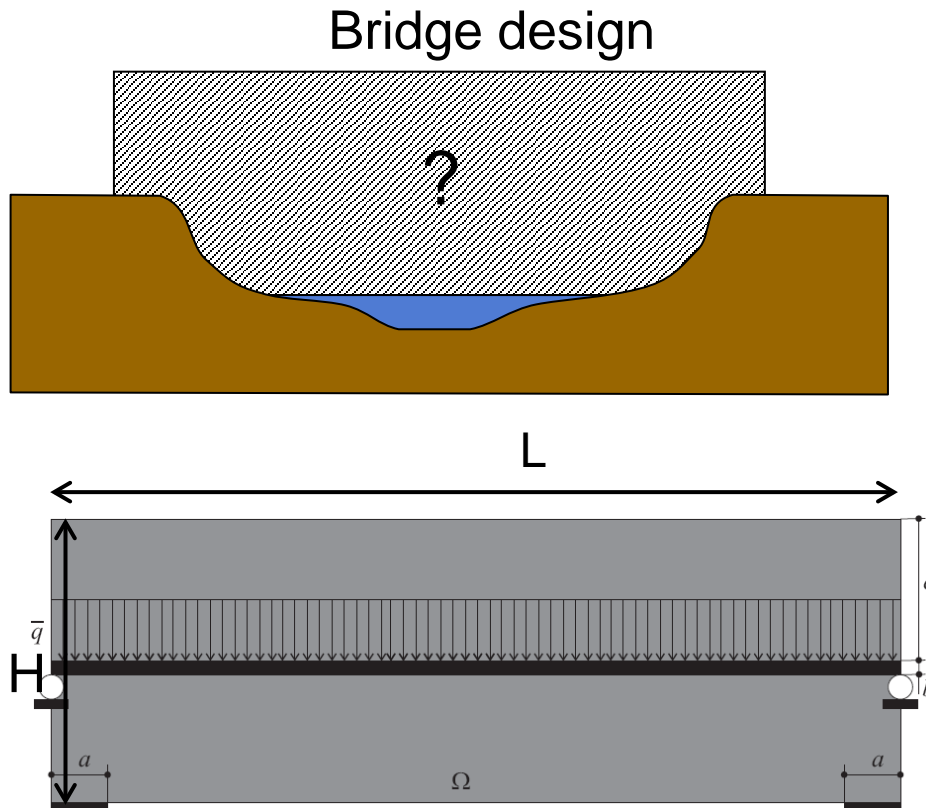


Material design in terms of:

- arrangement
- morphology
- topology (in structural materials)

Structural topological design: minimum compliance (maximum stiffness)

- GOAL: Minimize de structural compliance (maximize stiffness) by optimal design of the **structural topology** with a given material volume



$$\chi(\mathbf{x}) : \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \{0,1\}$$

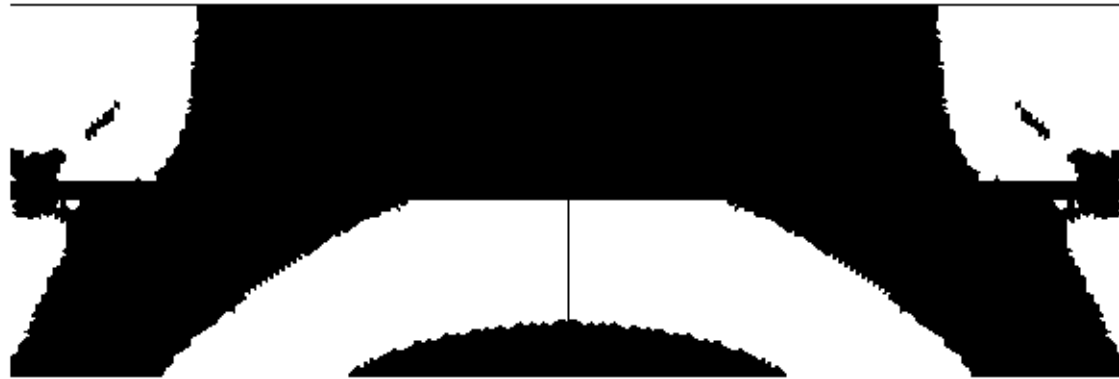
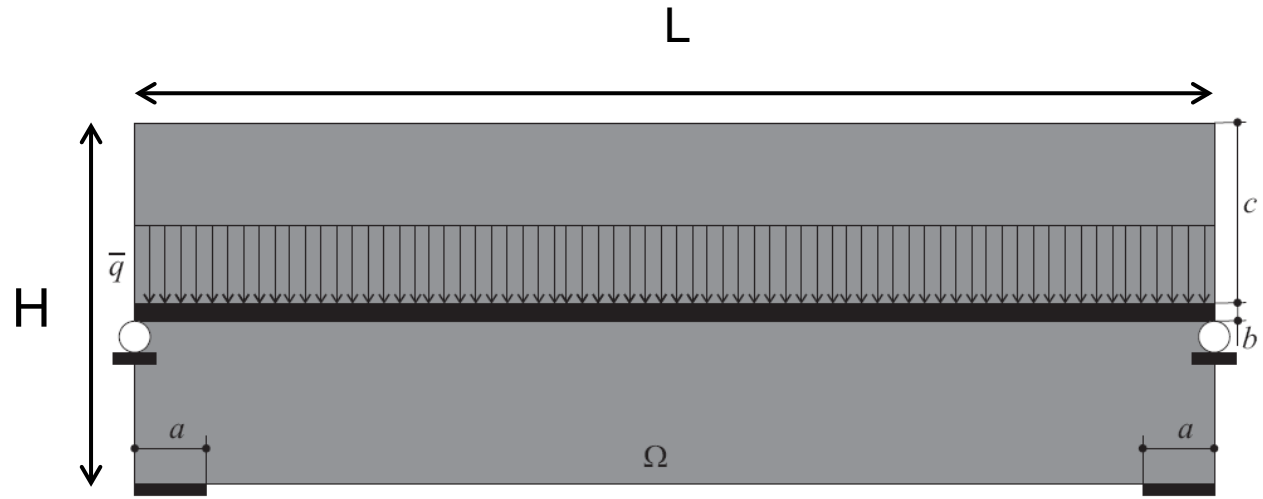
$$\Omega := \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{D} ; \chi(\mathbf{x}) = 1\}$$

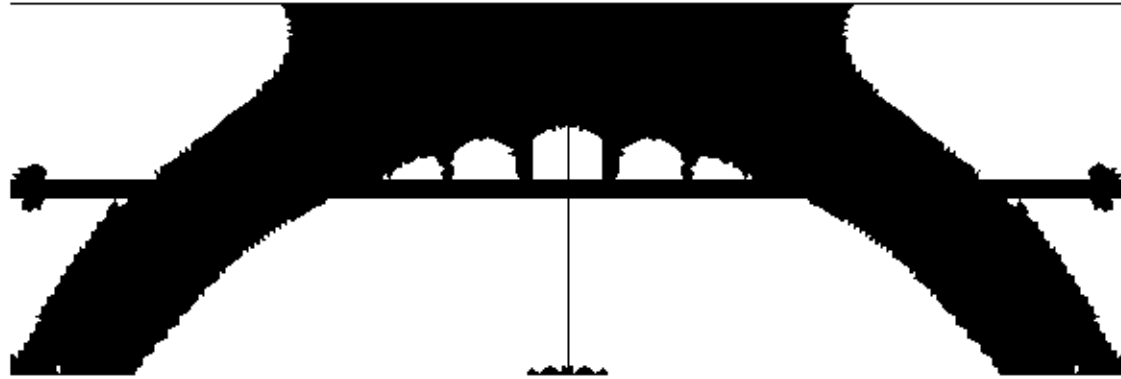
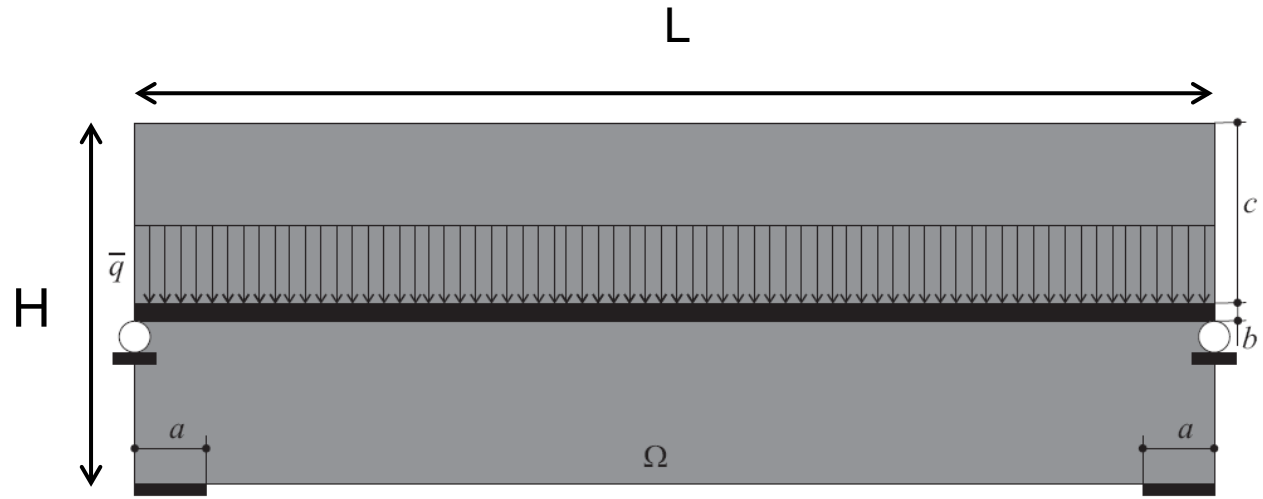
$$\text{minimize}_{\chi(\mathbf{x})} \underbrace{\int_{\mathcal{D}} \frac{1}{2} \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbb{C}^{-1}(\chi_{\mu}) \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} \, d\mathcal{D}}_{\text{Structural compliance } (\mathcal{C})}$$

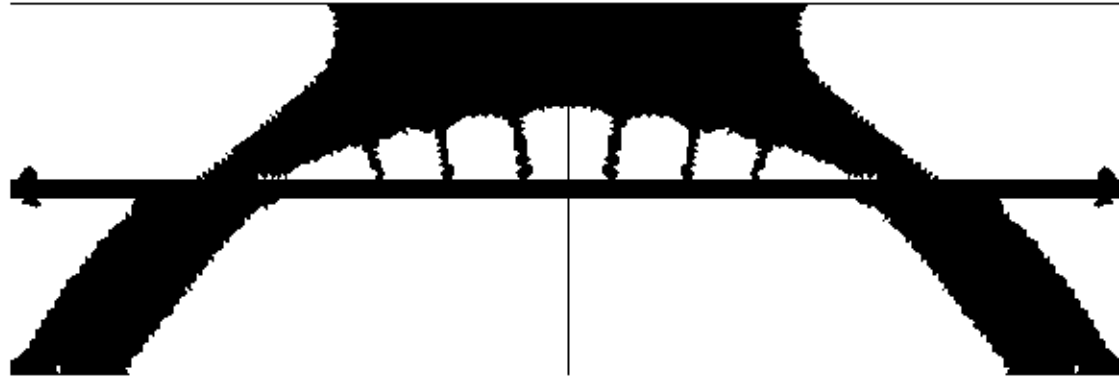
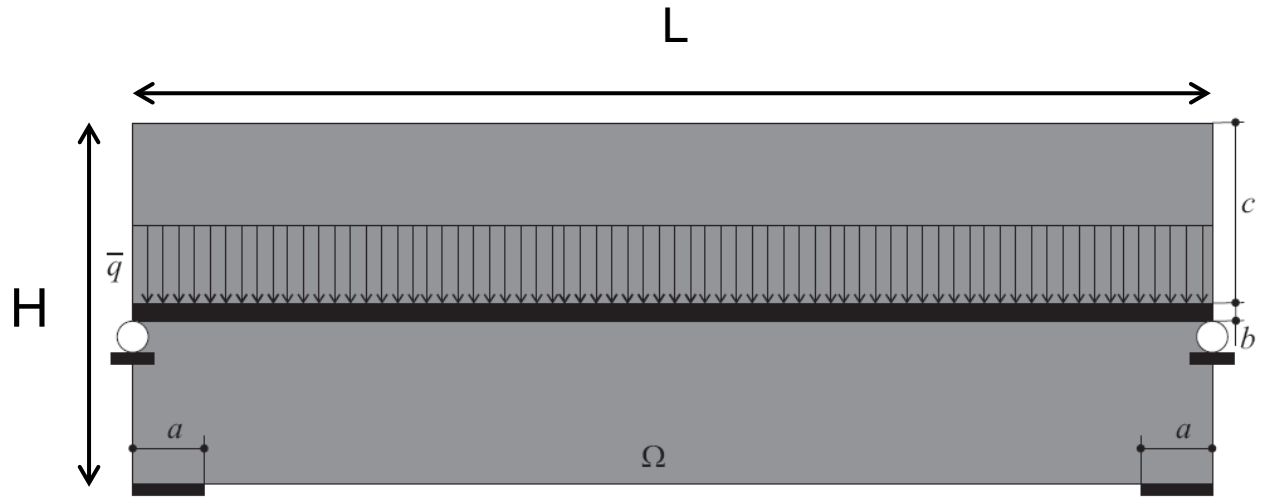
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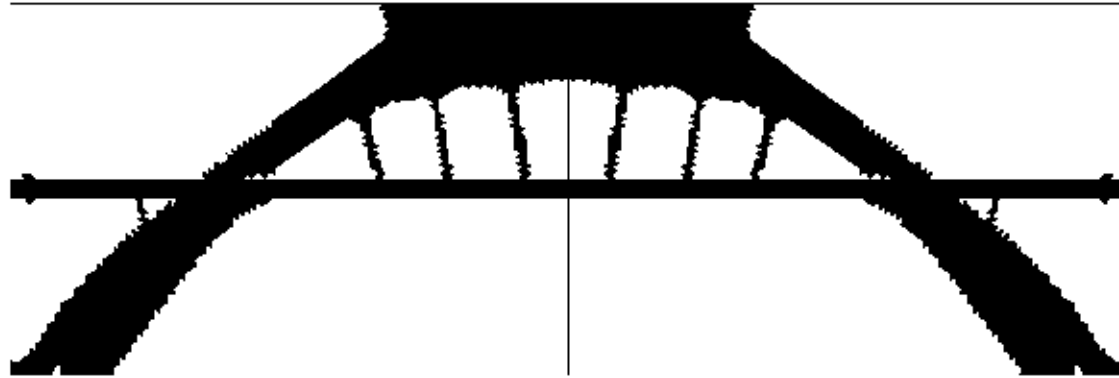
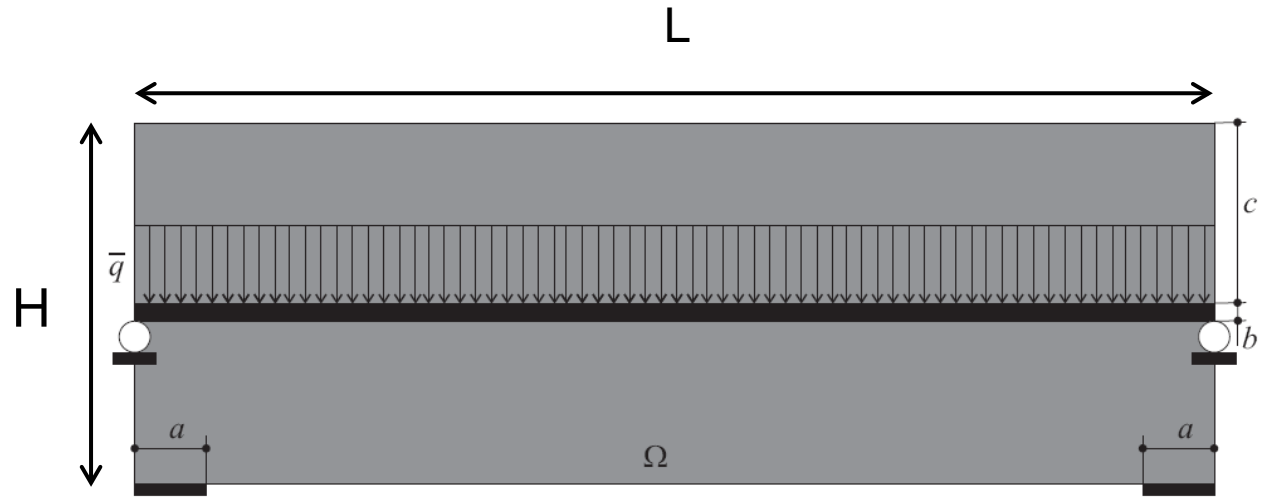
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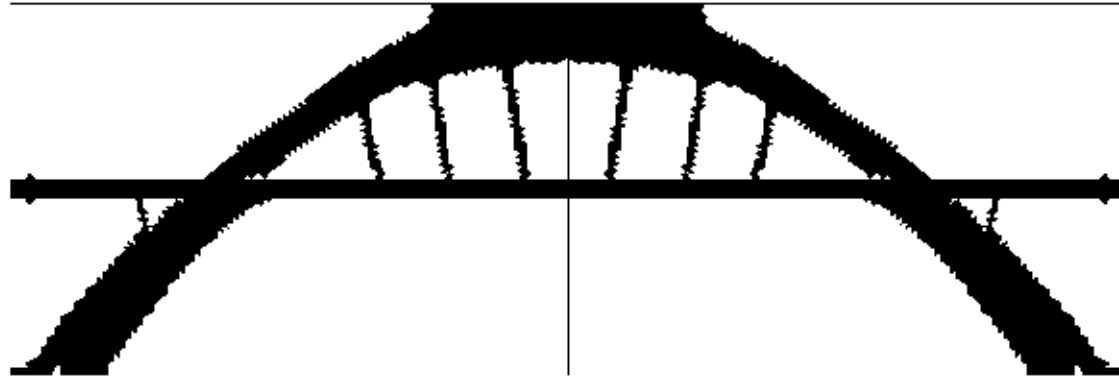
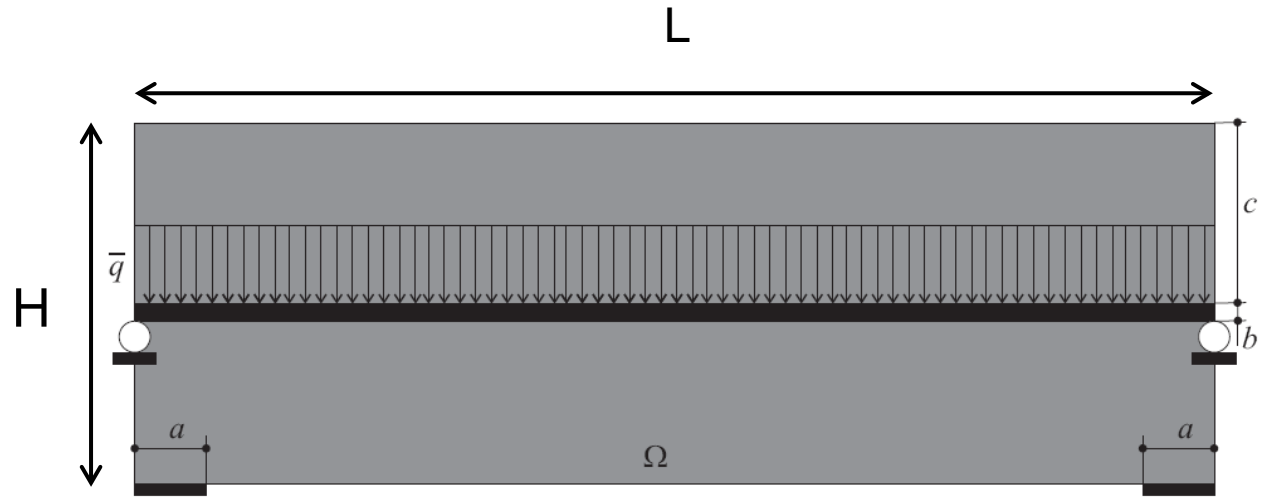
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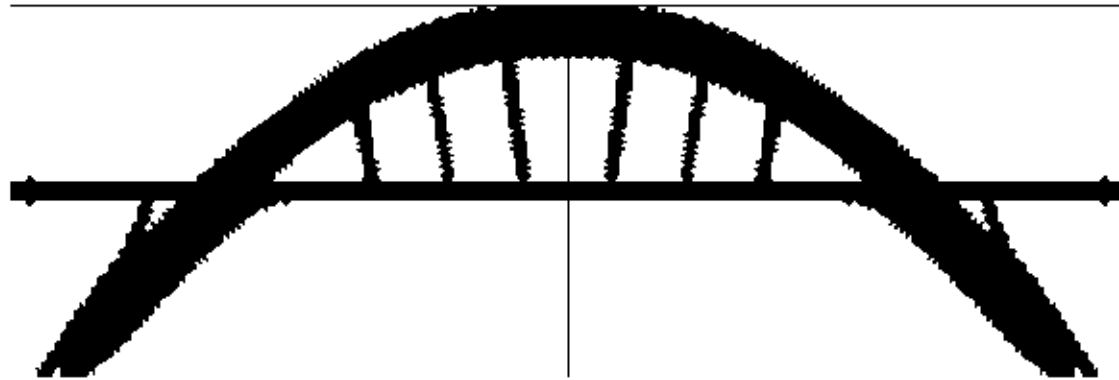
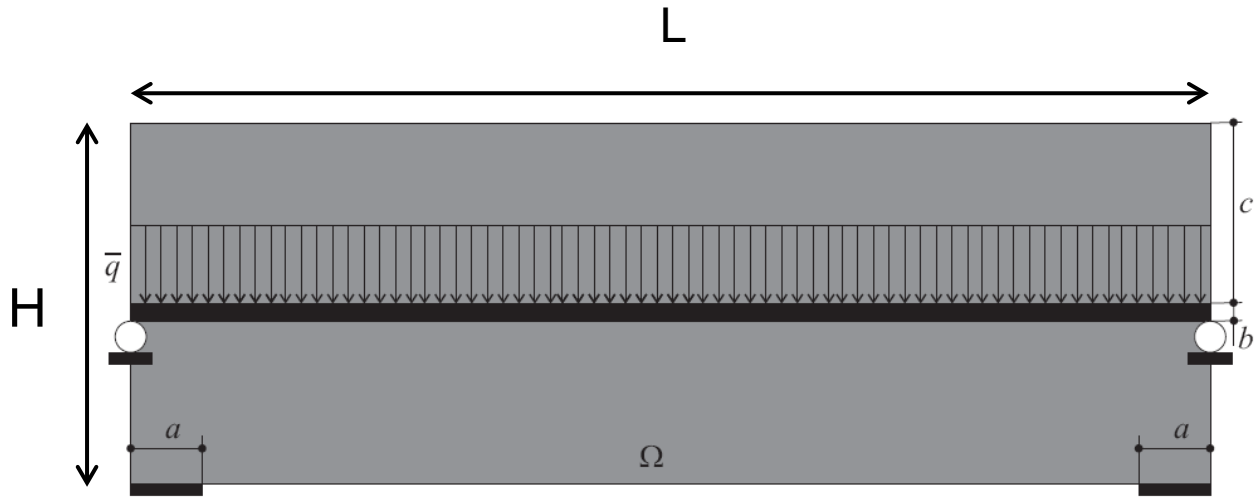




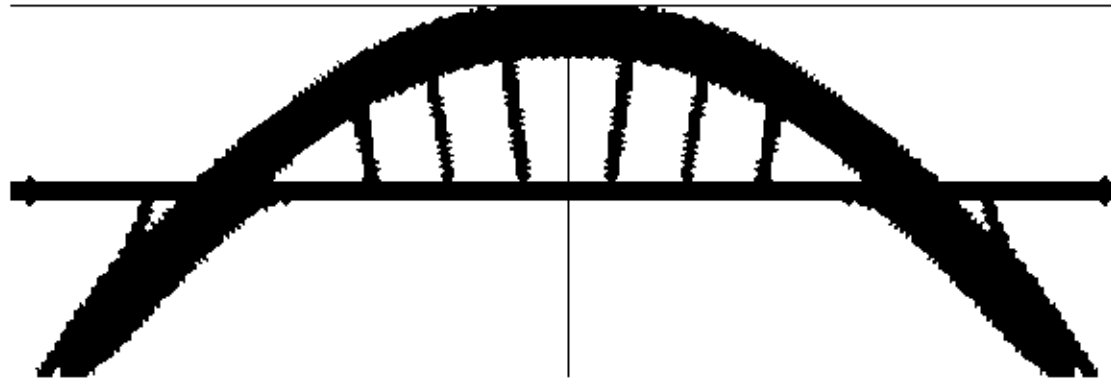






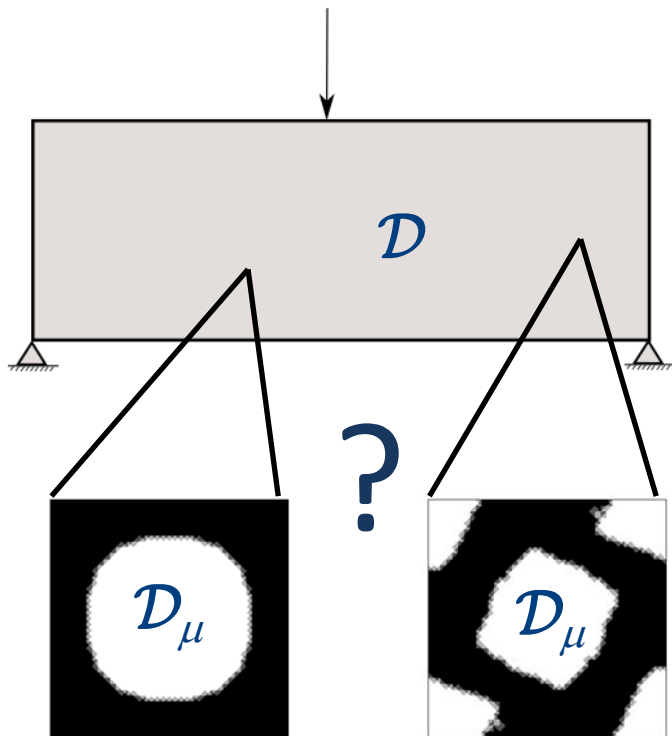


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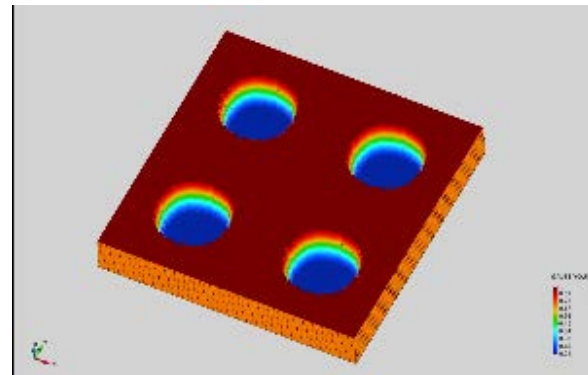
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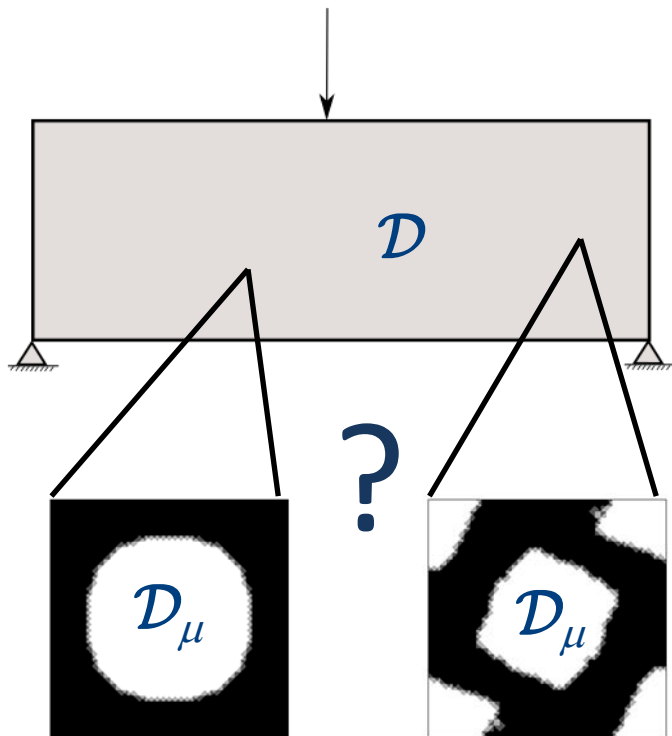
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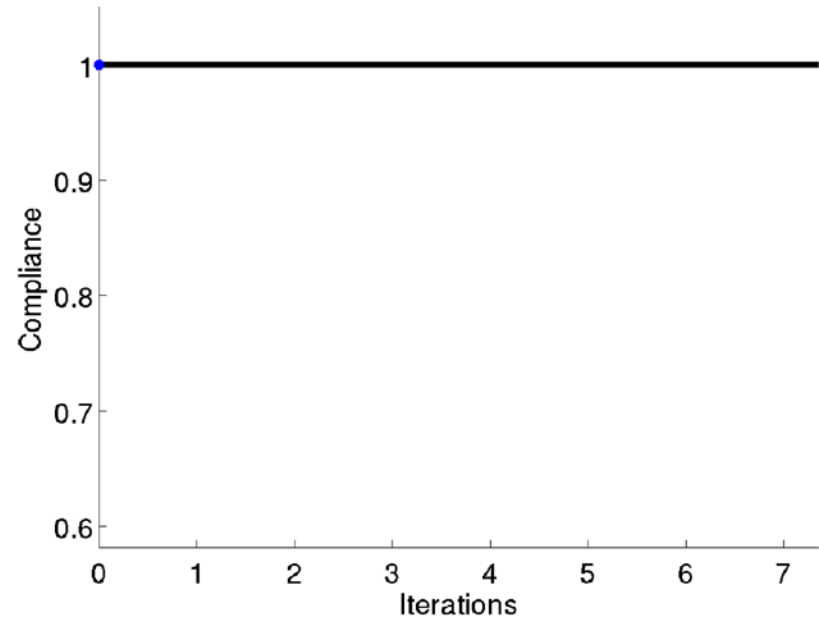
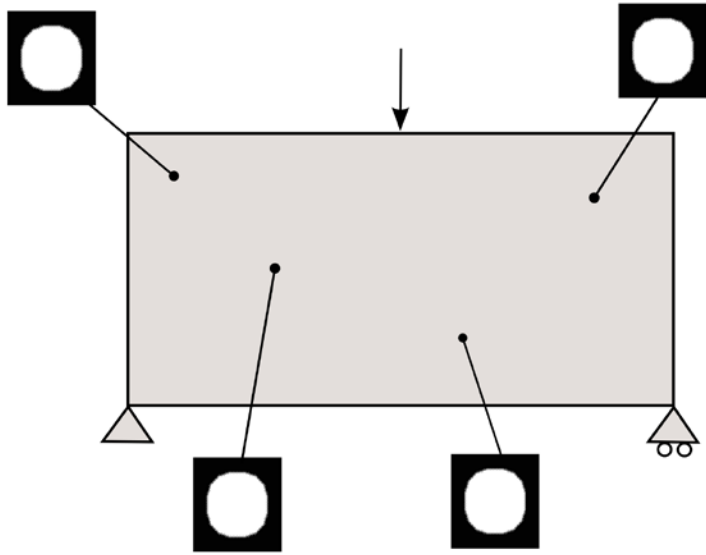
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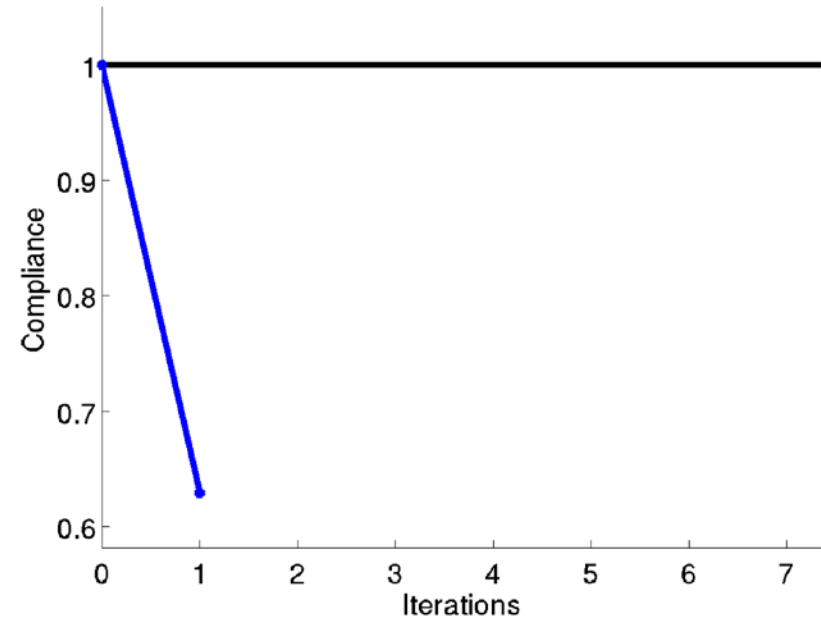
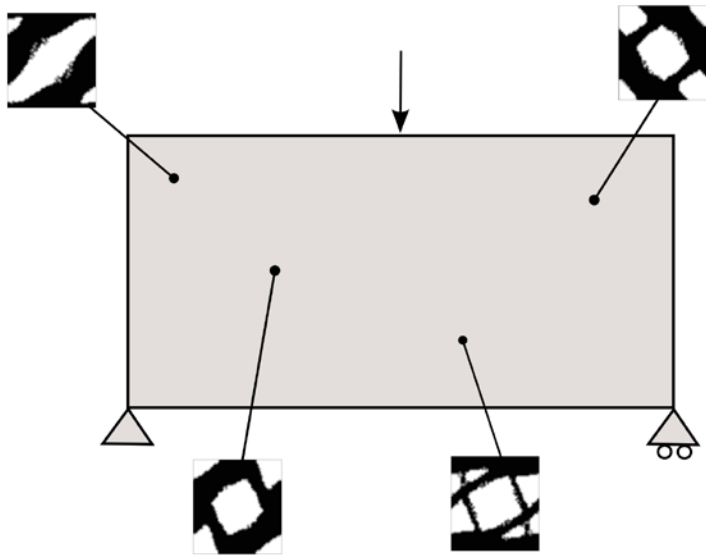
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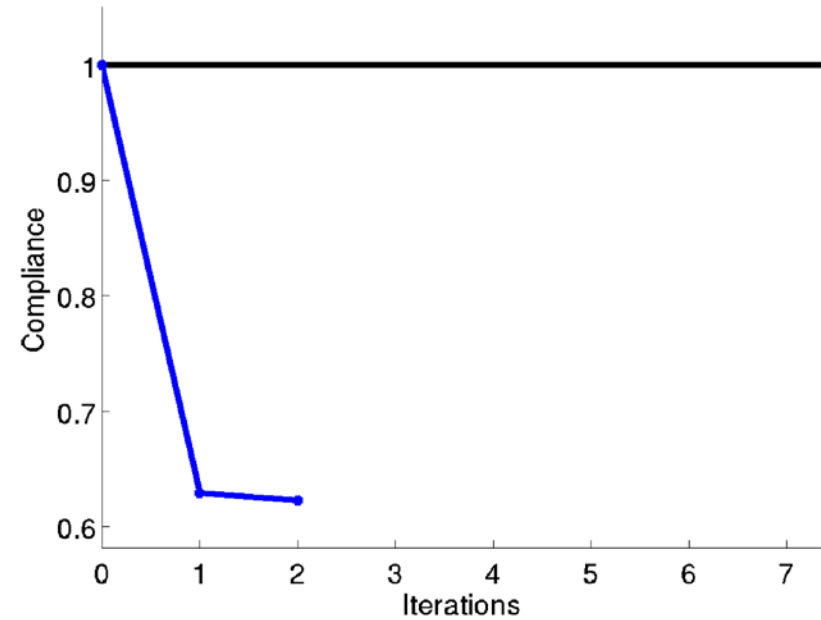
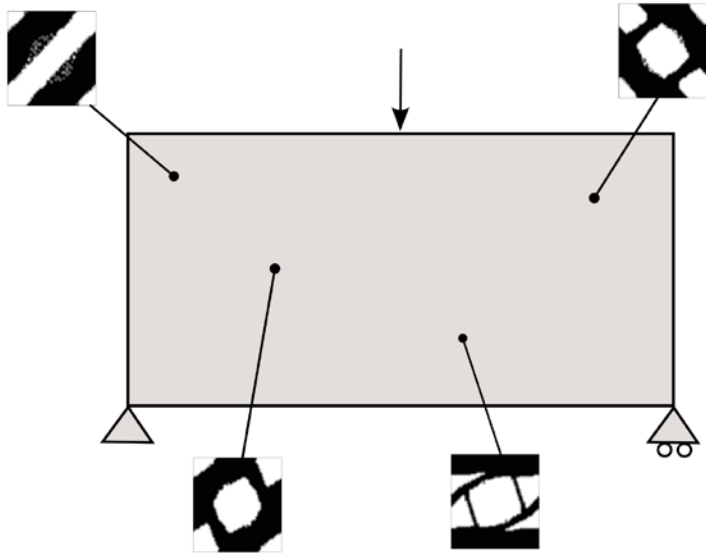
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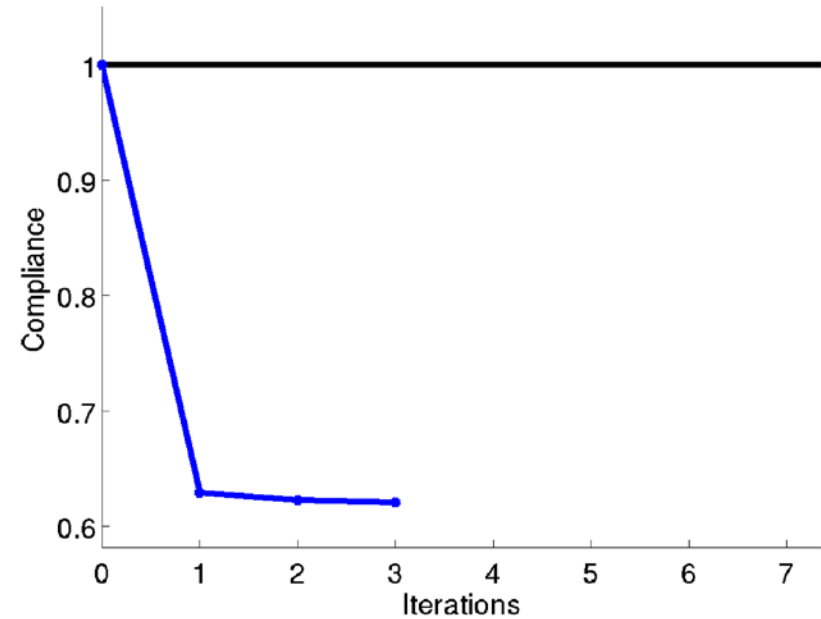
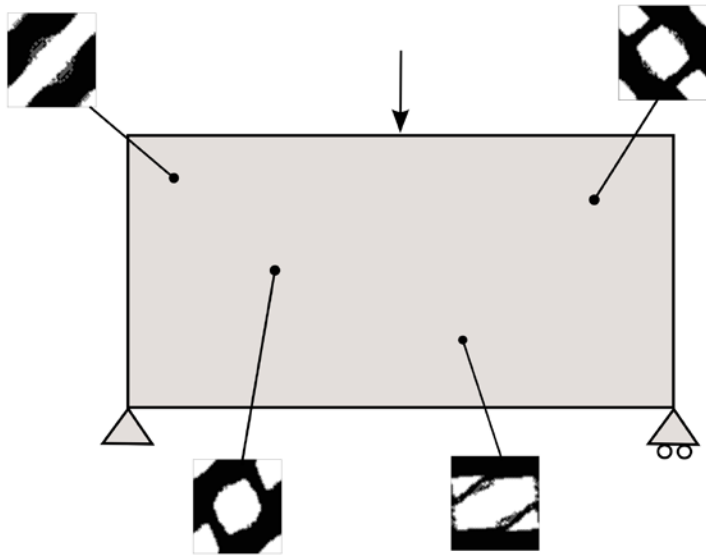
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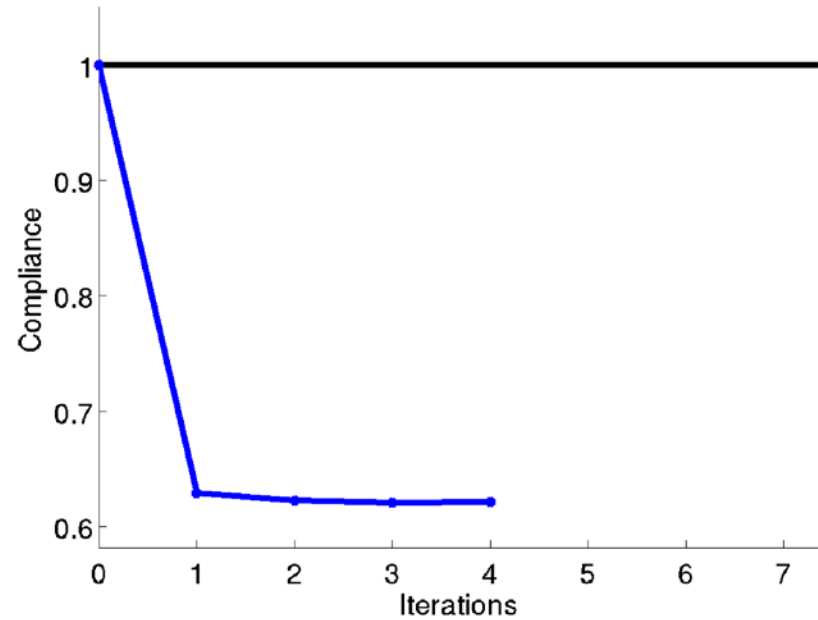
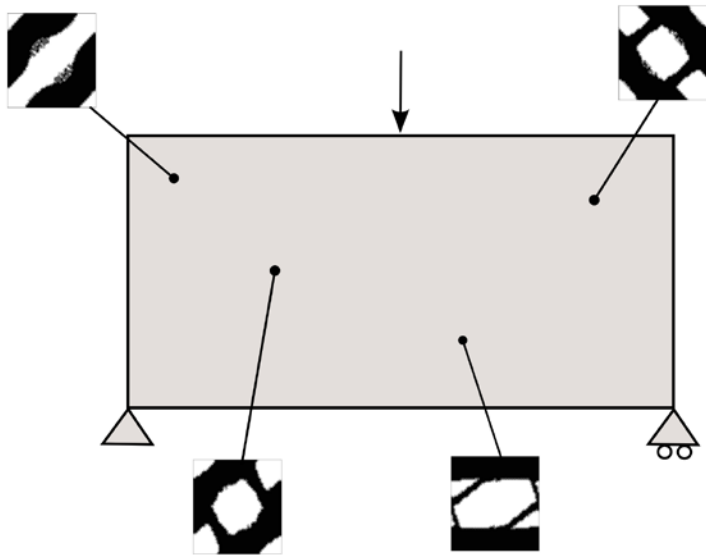
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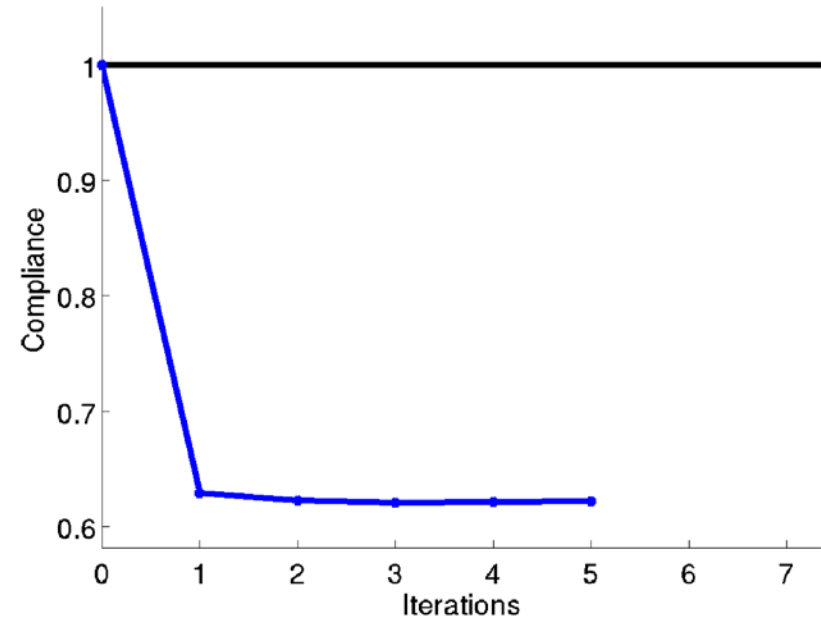
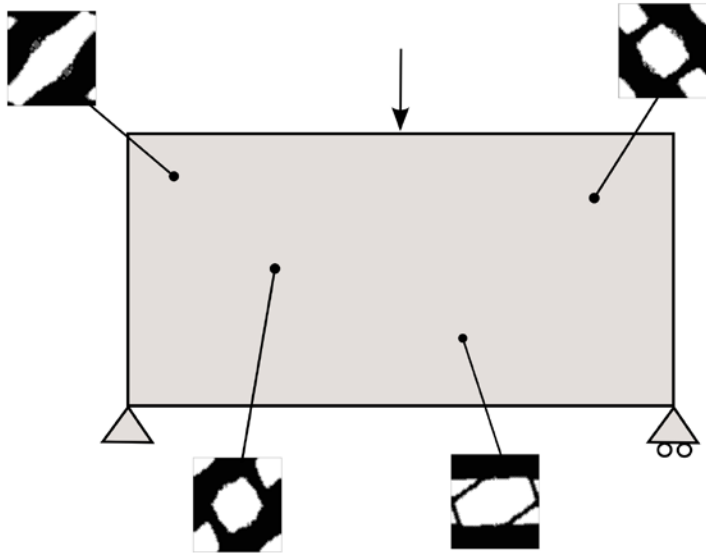
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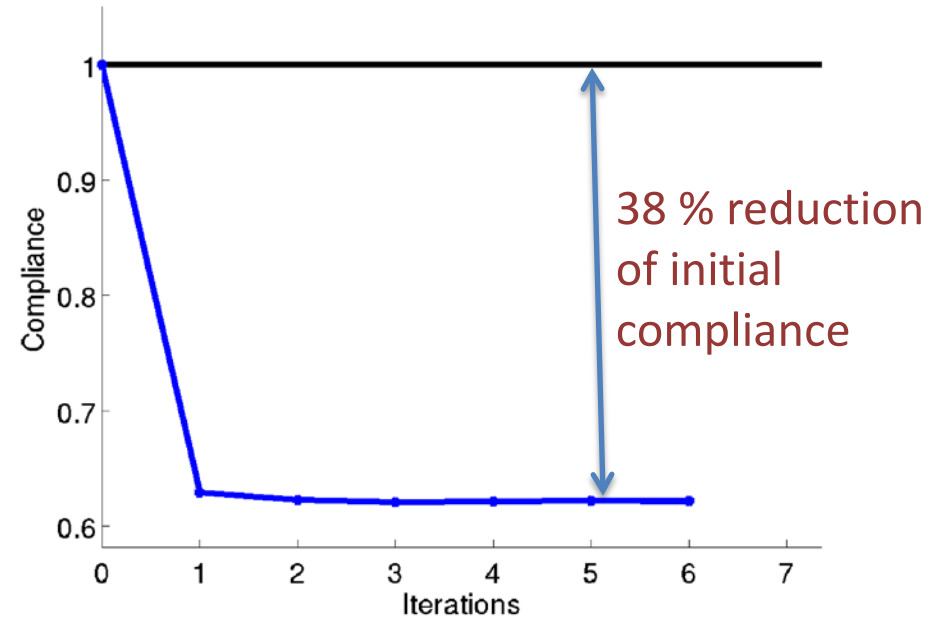
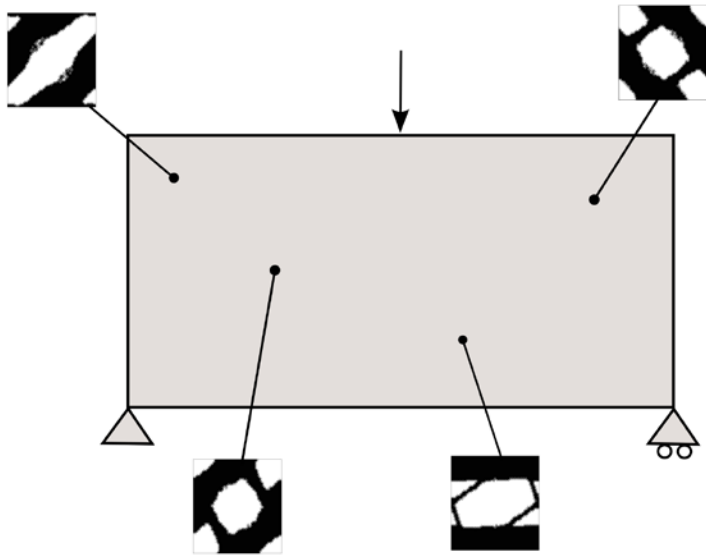
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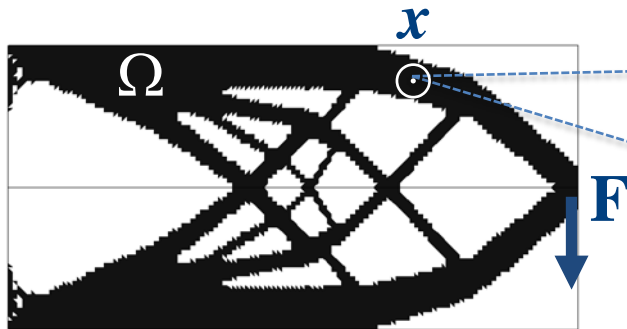
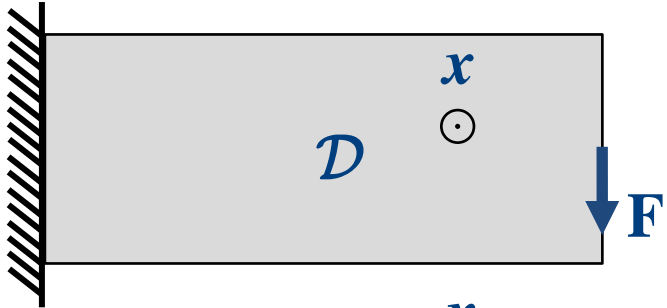
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Concurrent (structural & material) topological design

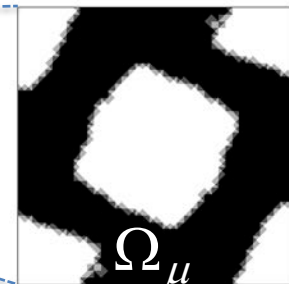
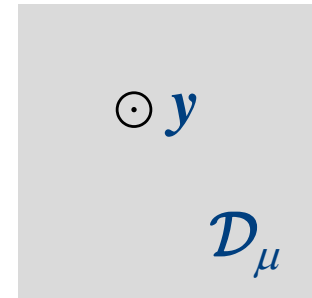
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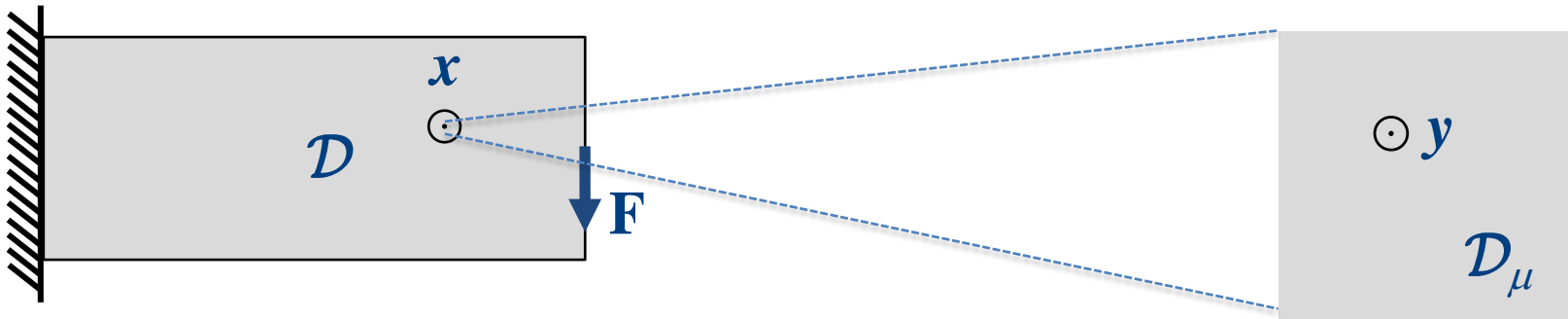
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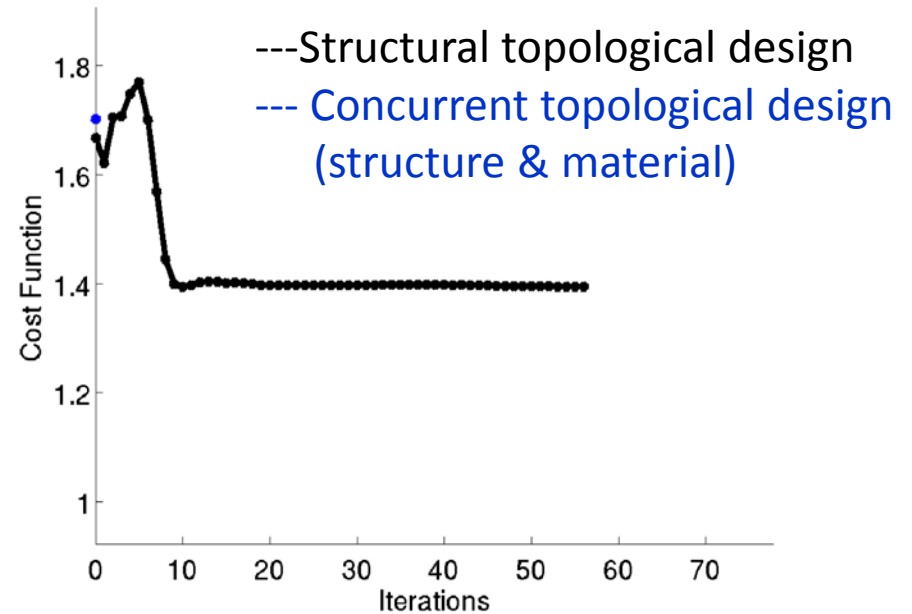
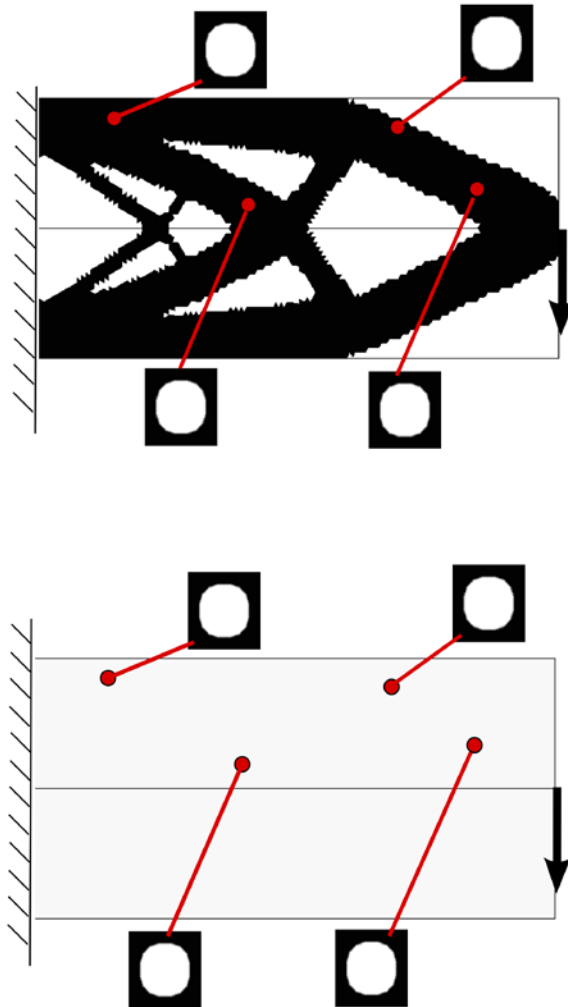
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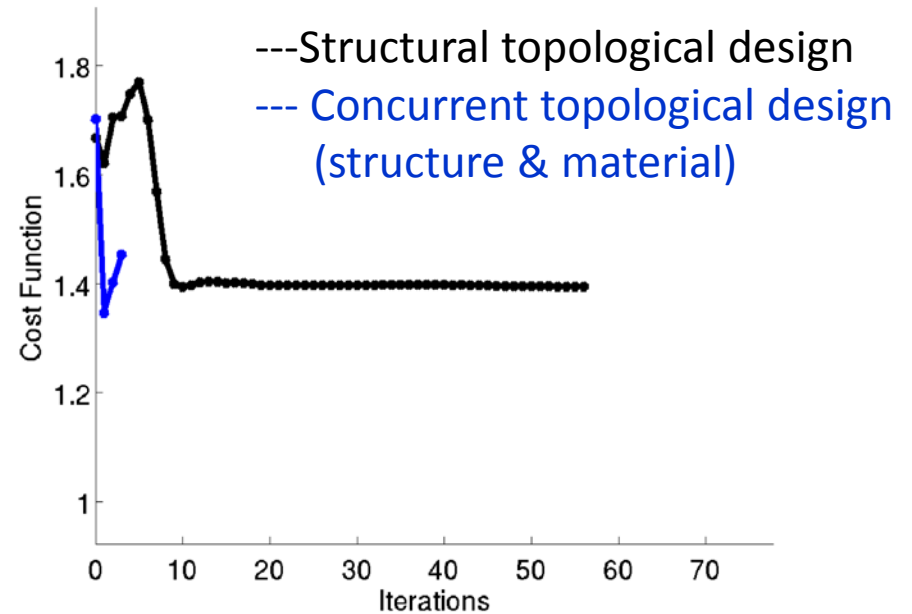
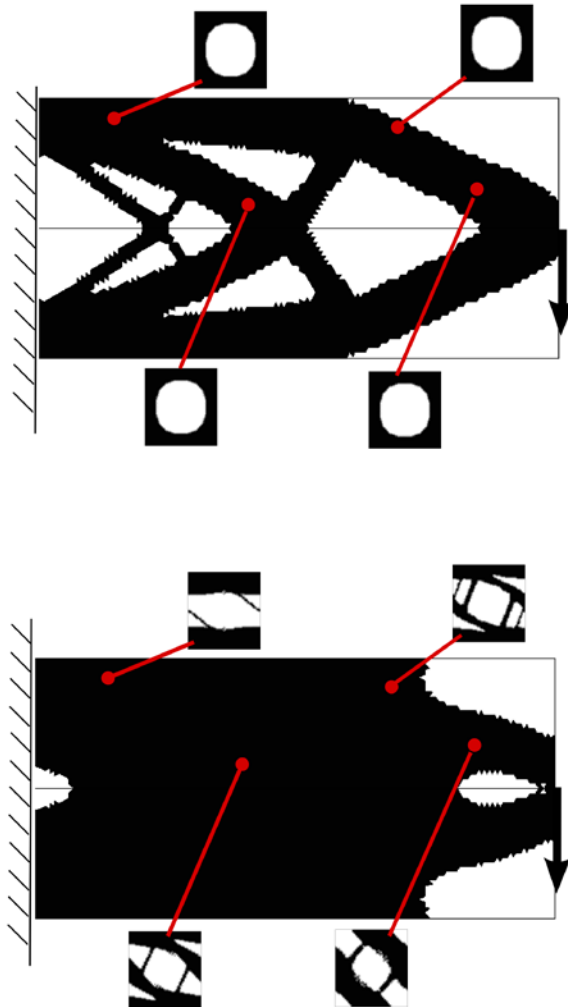


- *Structural* volume reduction (macro - scale) → to 60 %
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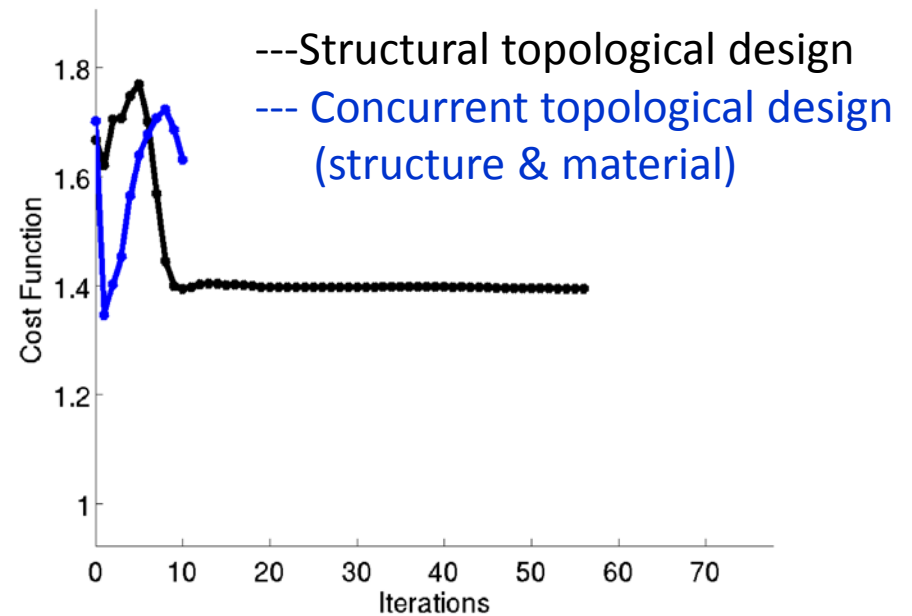
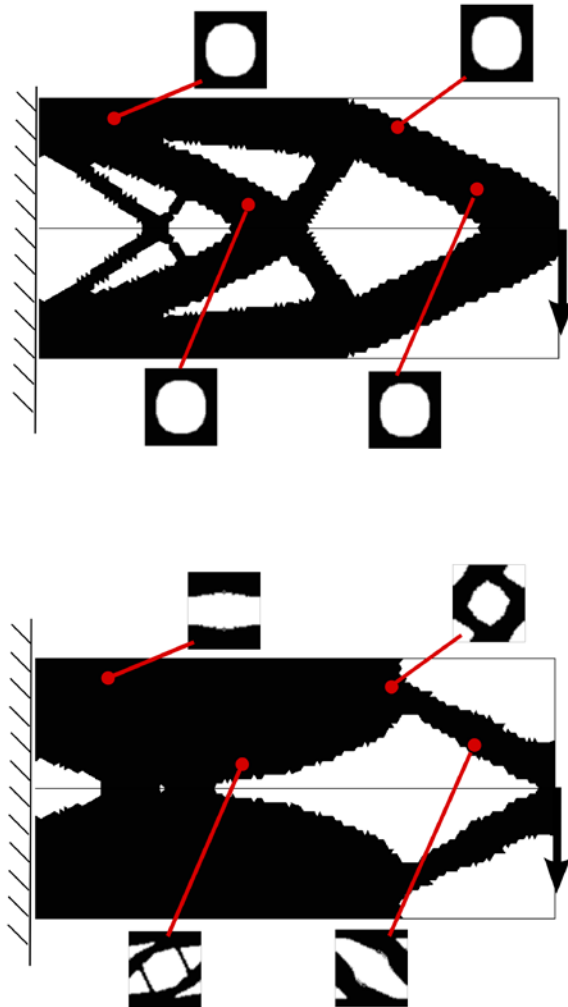
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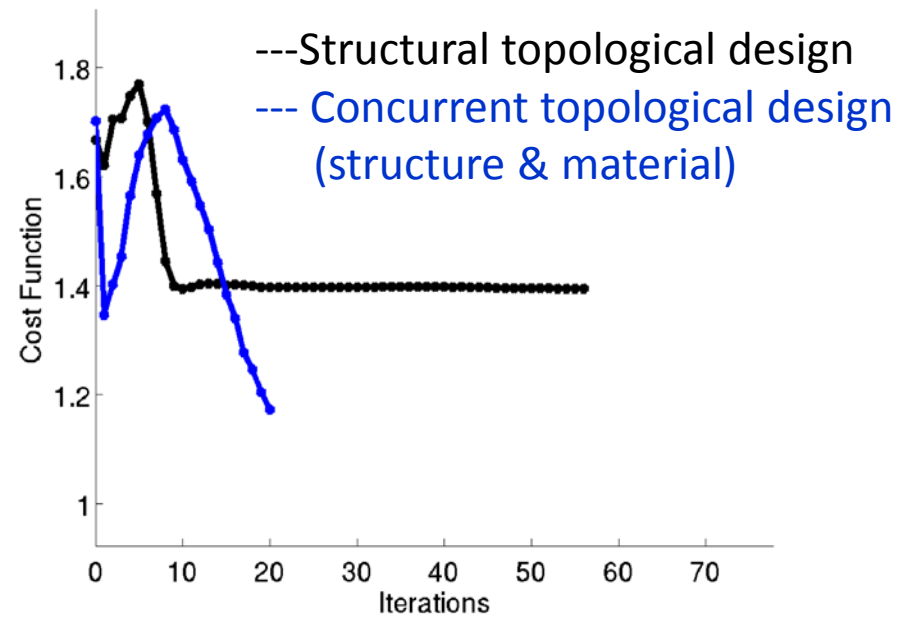
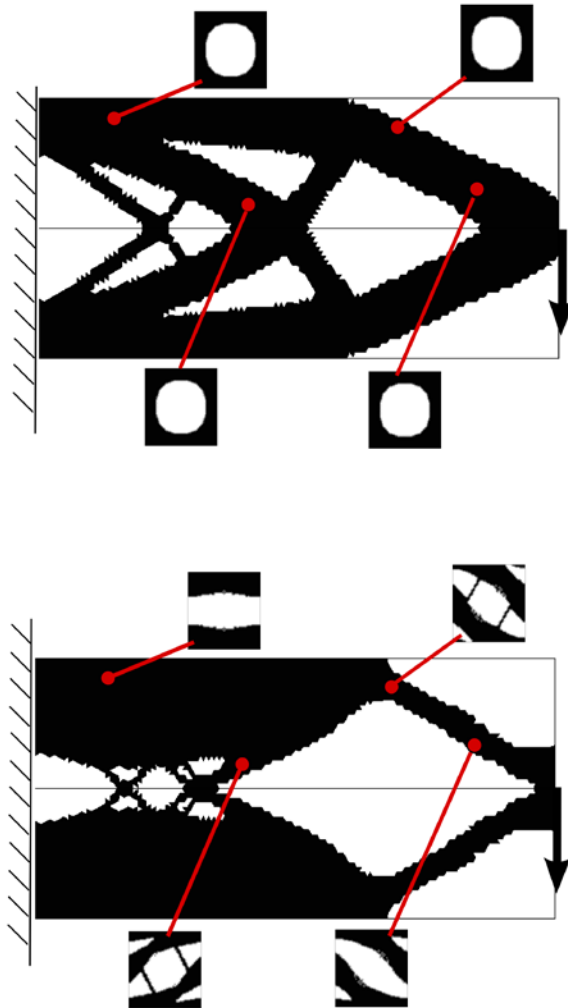
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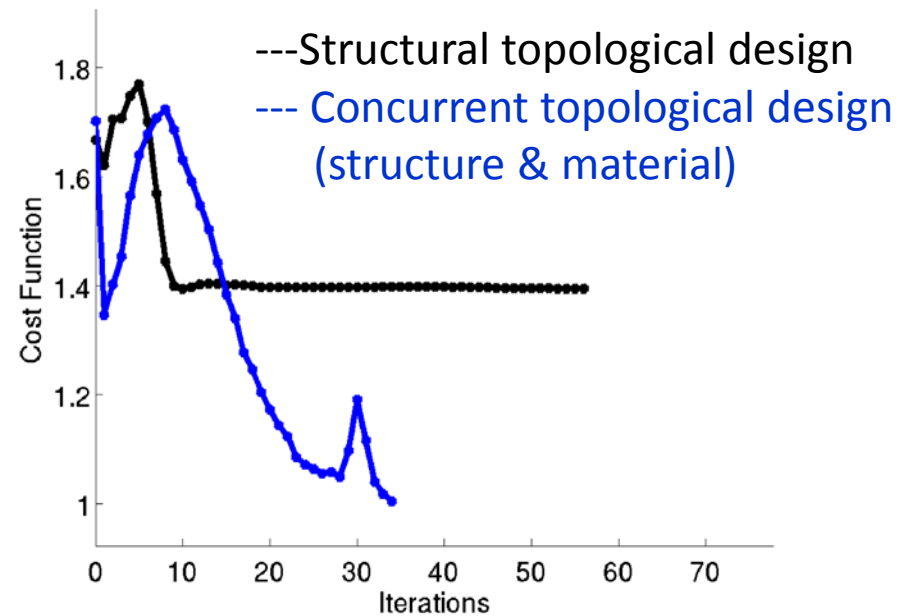
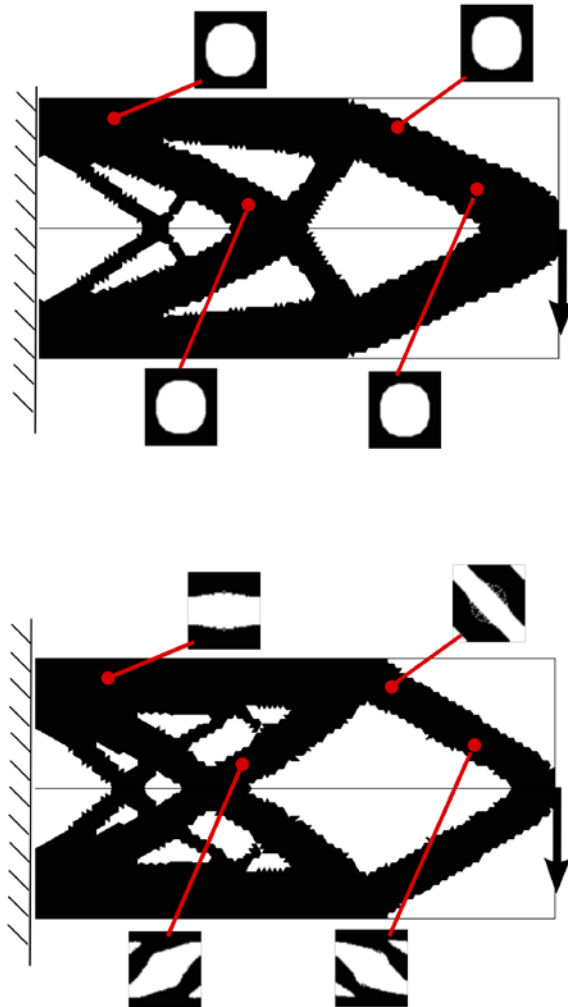
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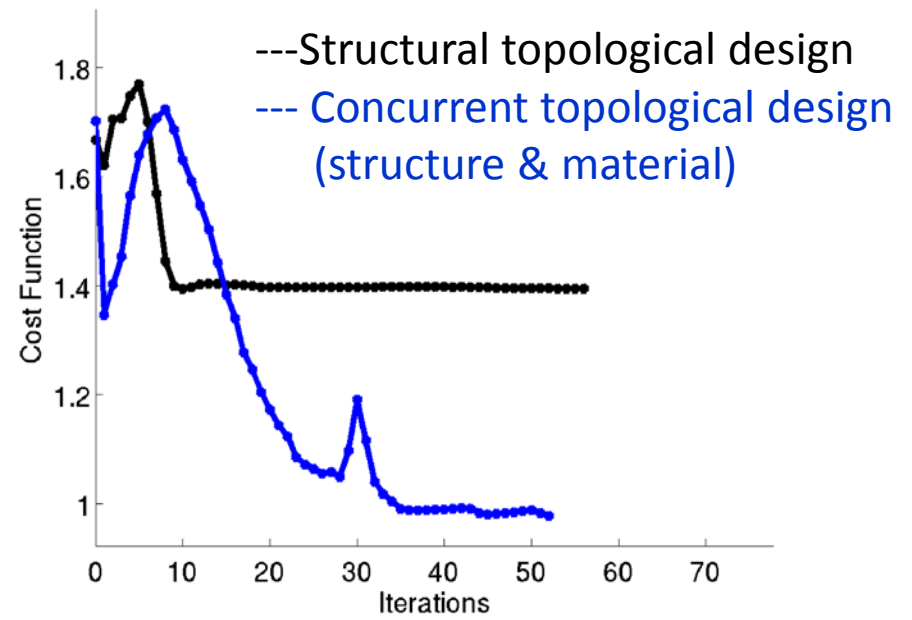
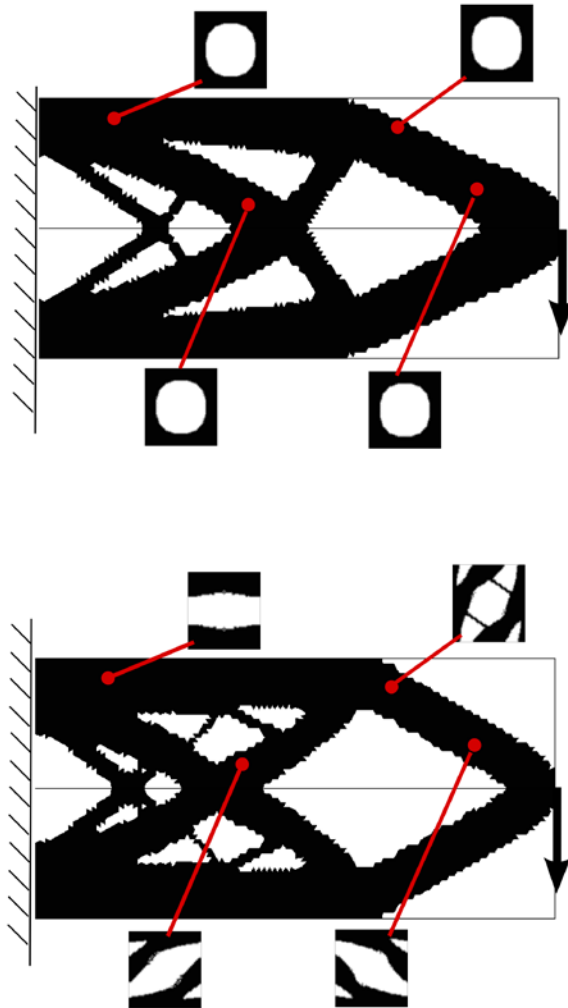
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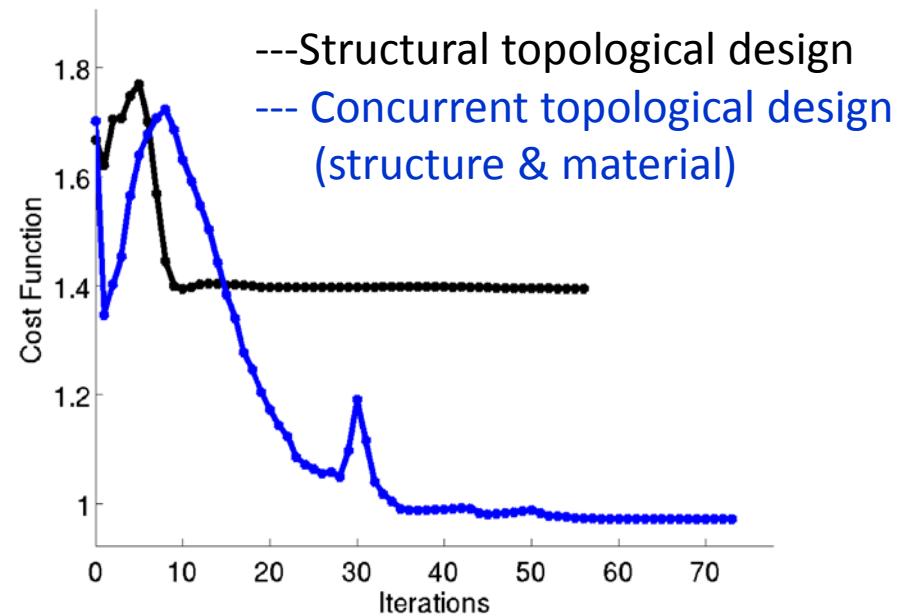
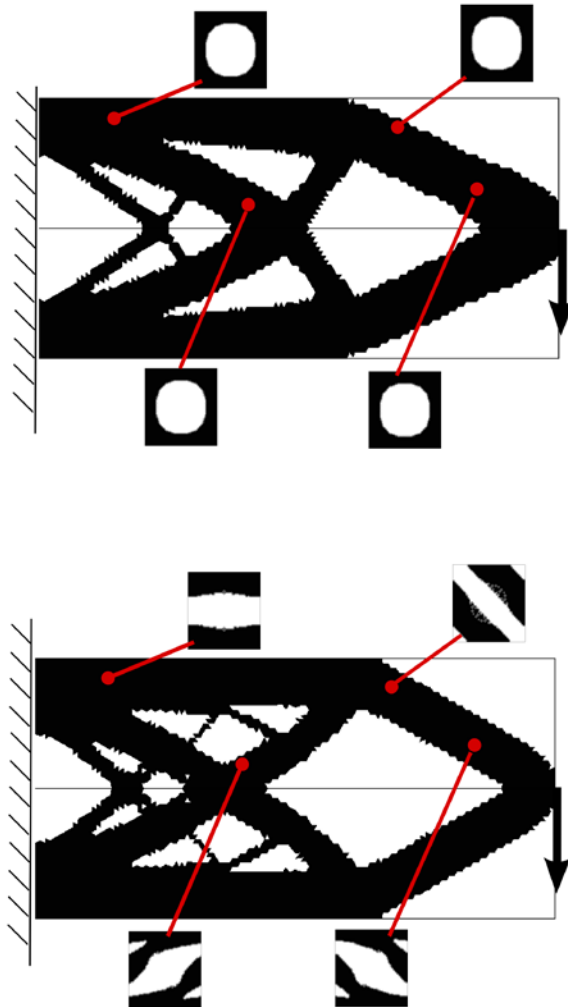
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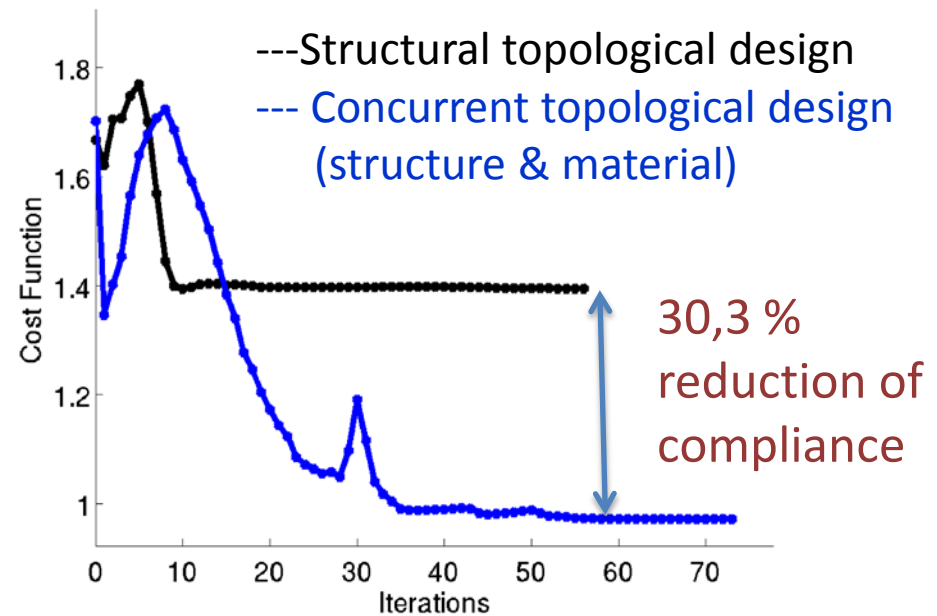
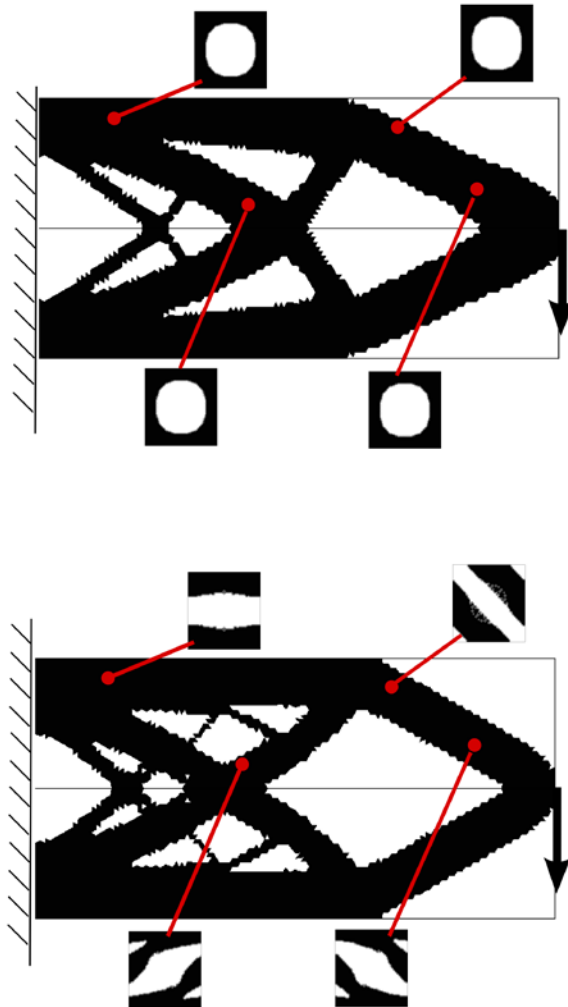
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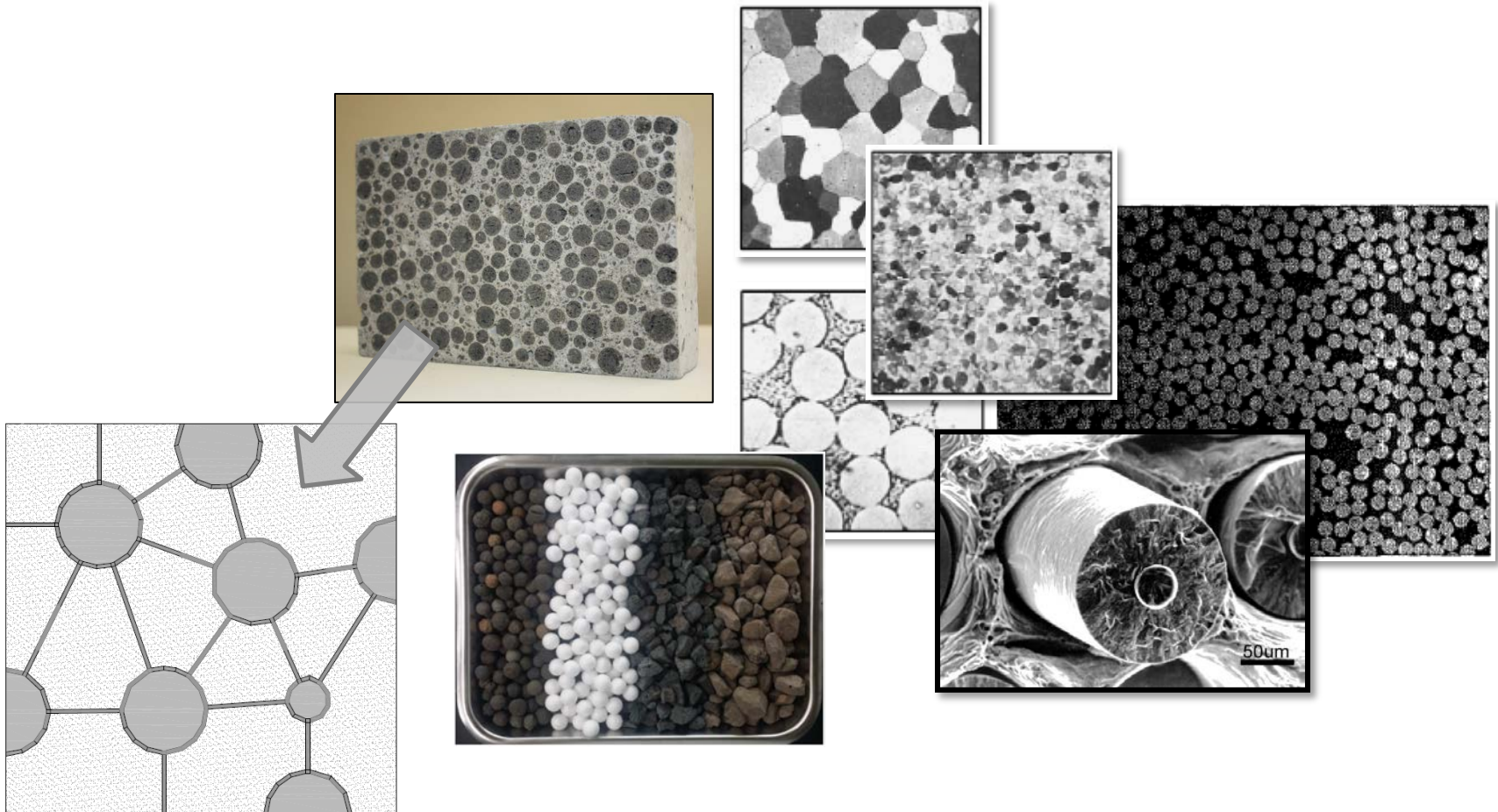


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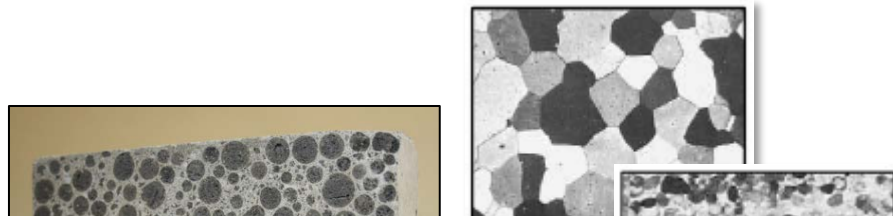
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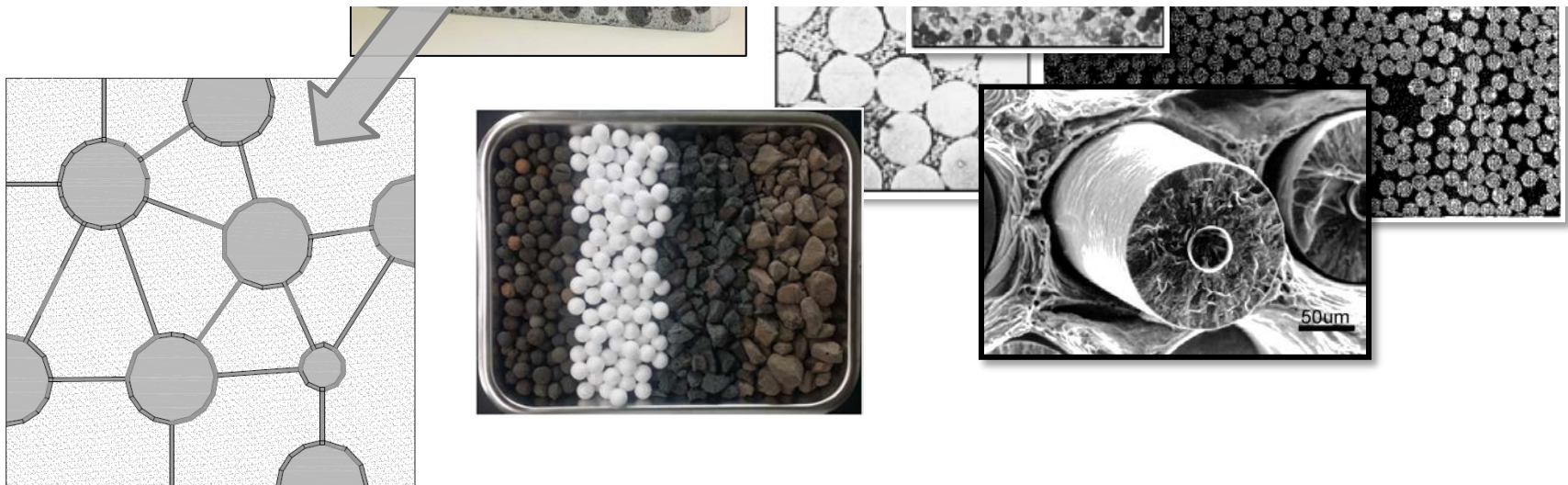


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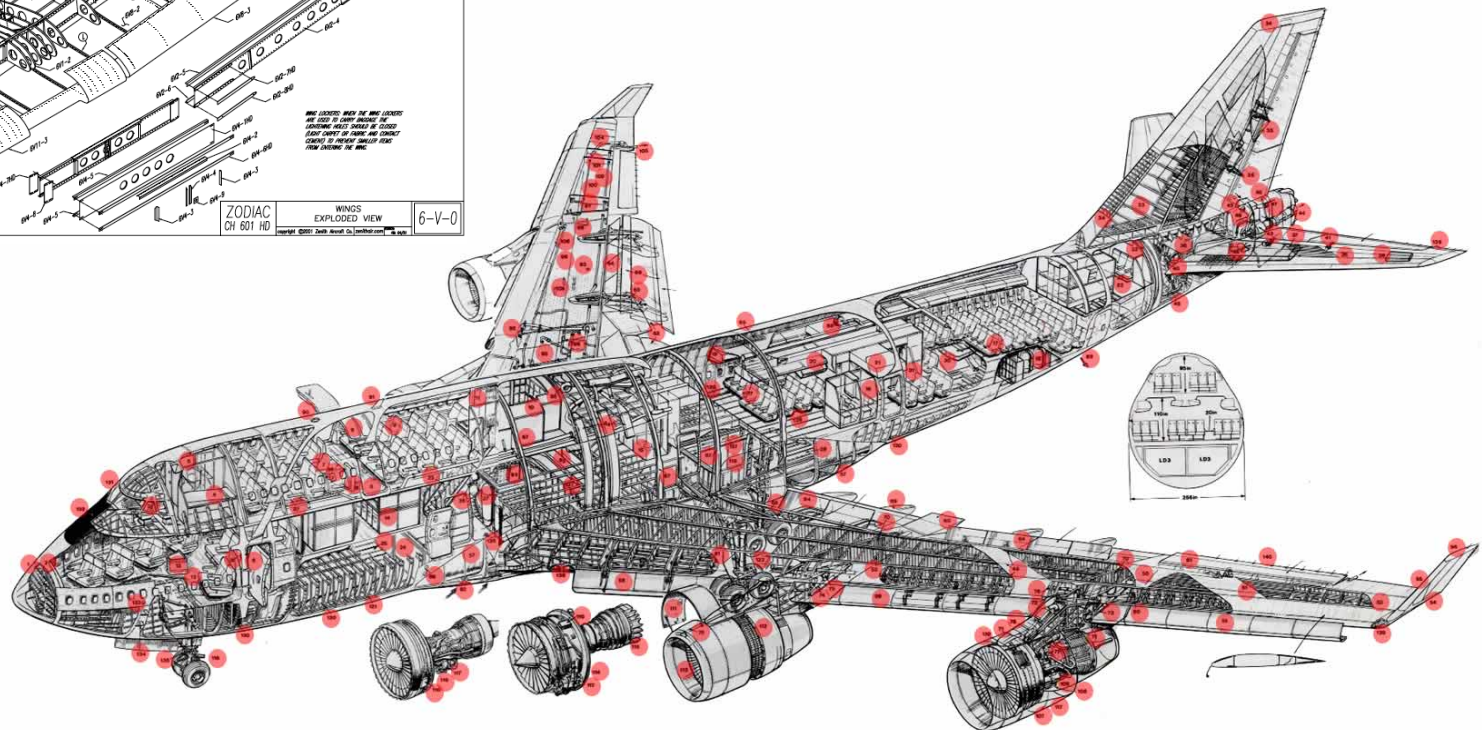
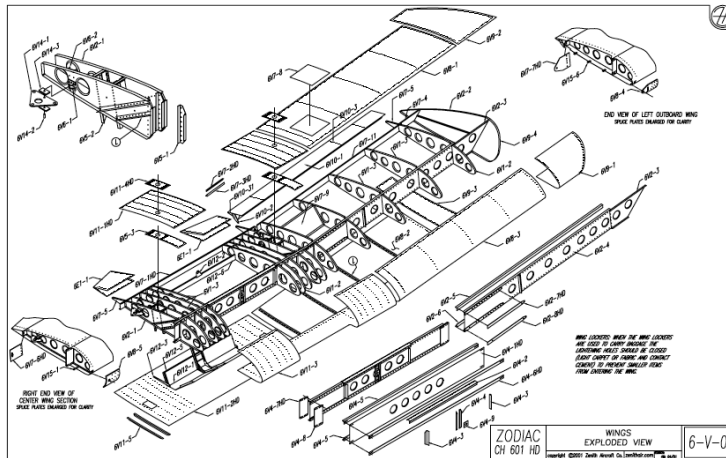
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Manufacturability issues

CONTINUUM vs. DISCRETE DESIGN

- Component-based manufacturing



Cantilever beam.

Concurrent (macro/micro-scale) topological design.

- **Discrete (by-component) design**

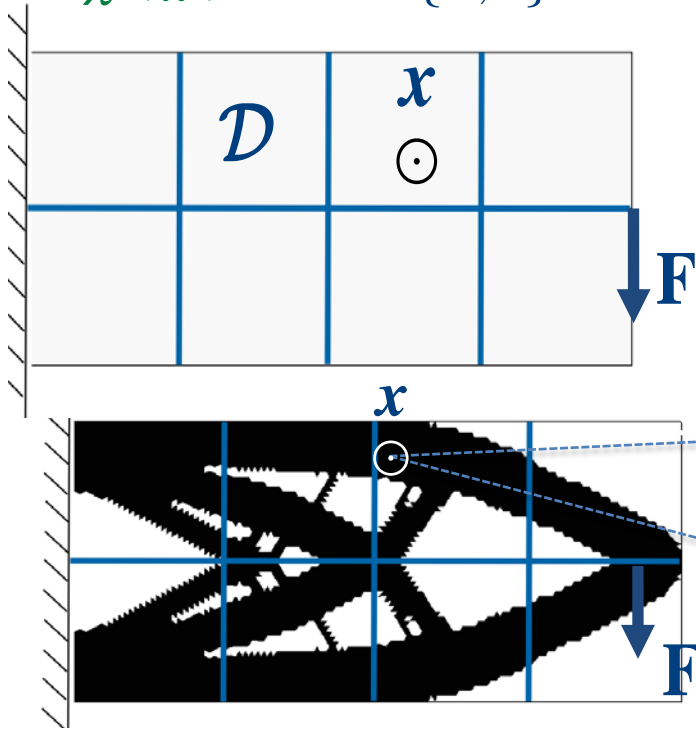
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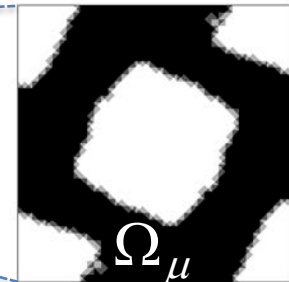
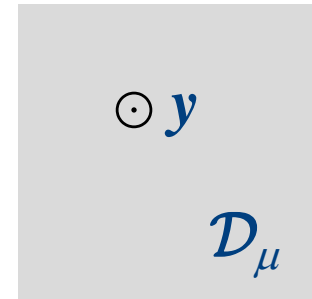


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RVE (micro-scale)

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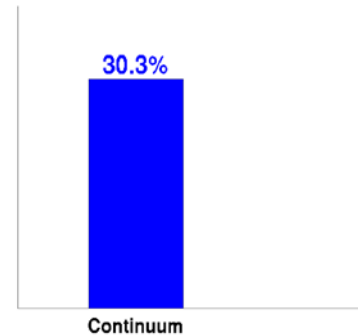
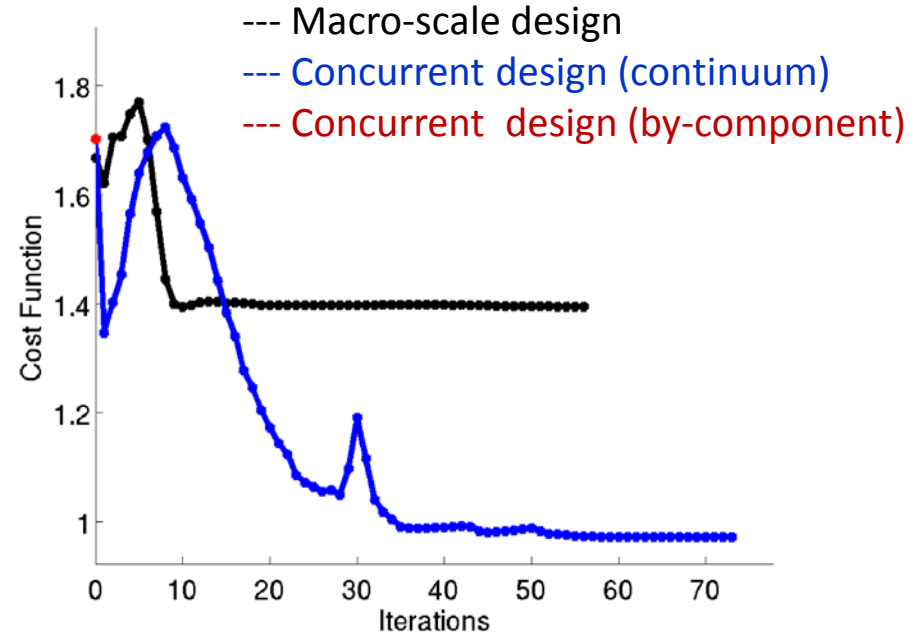
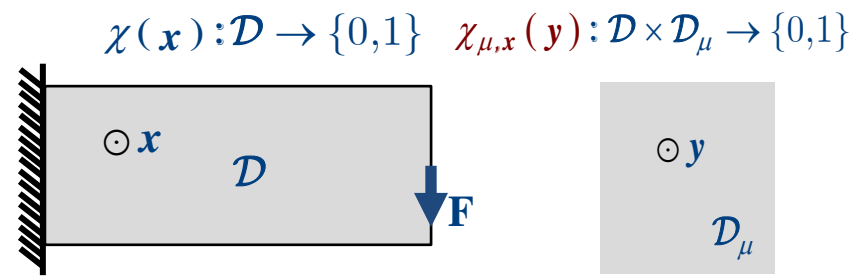
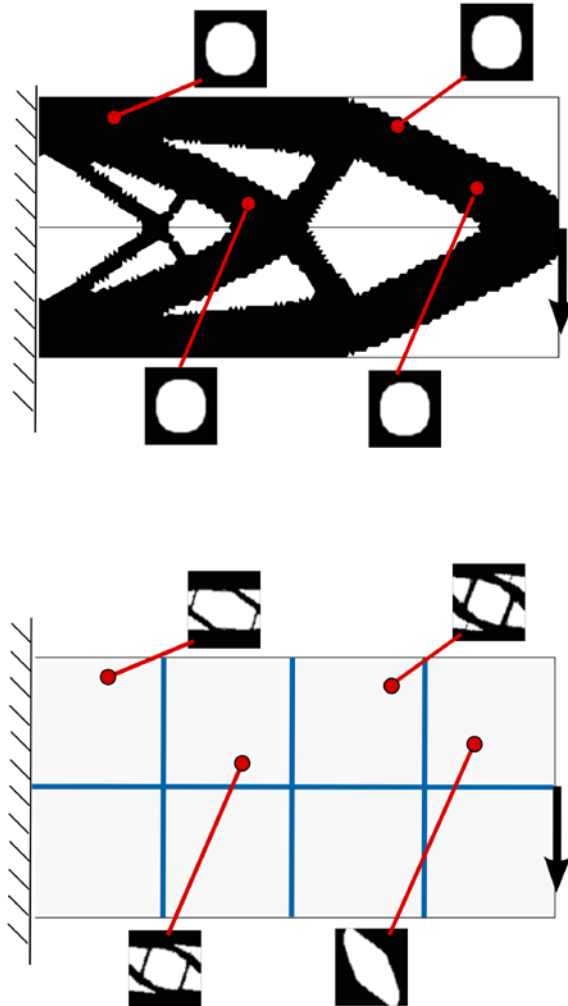
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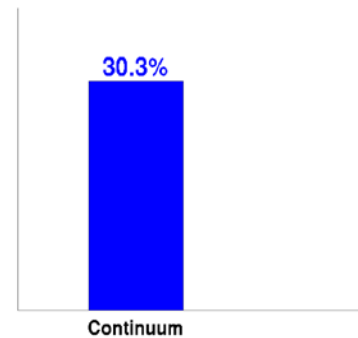
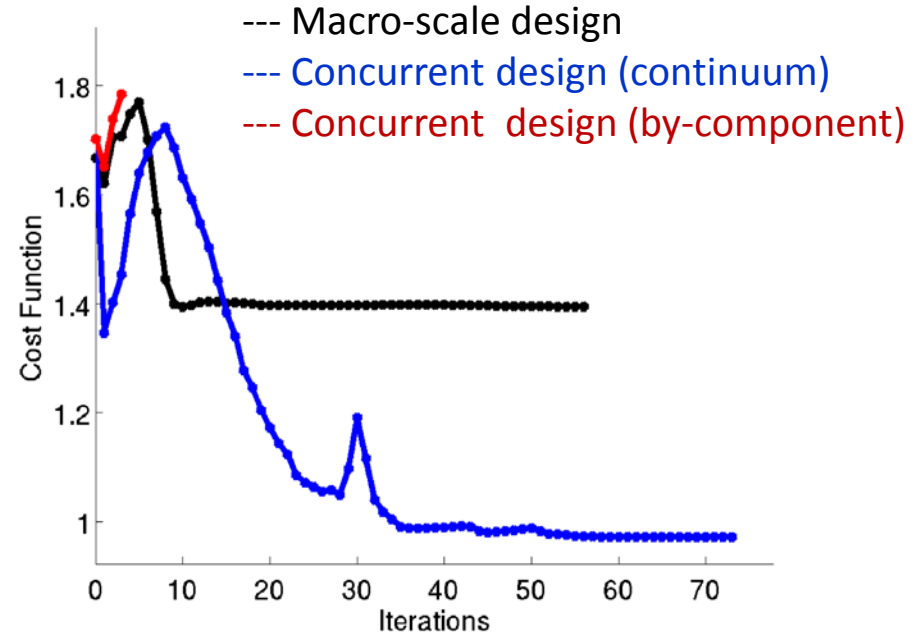
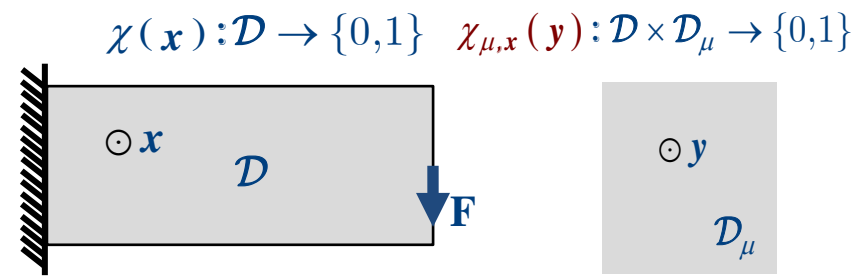
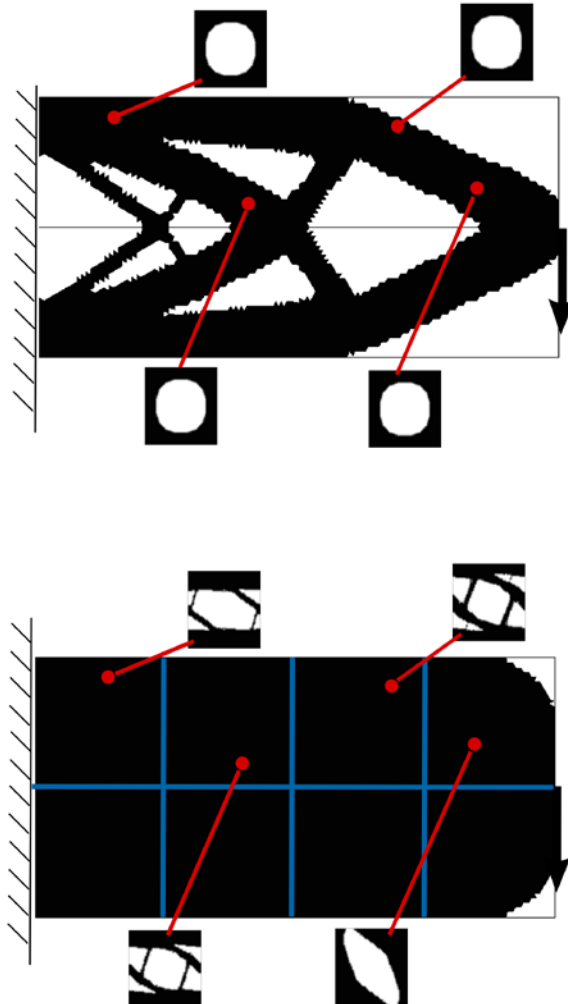
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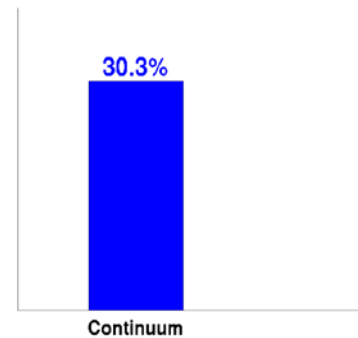
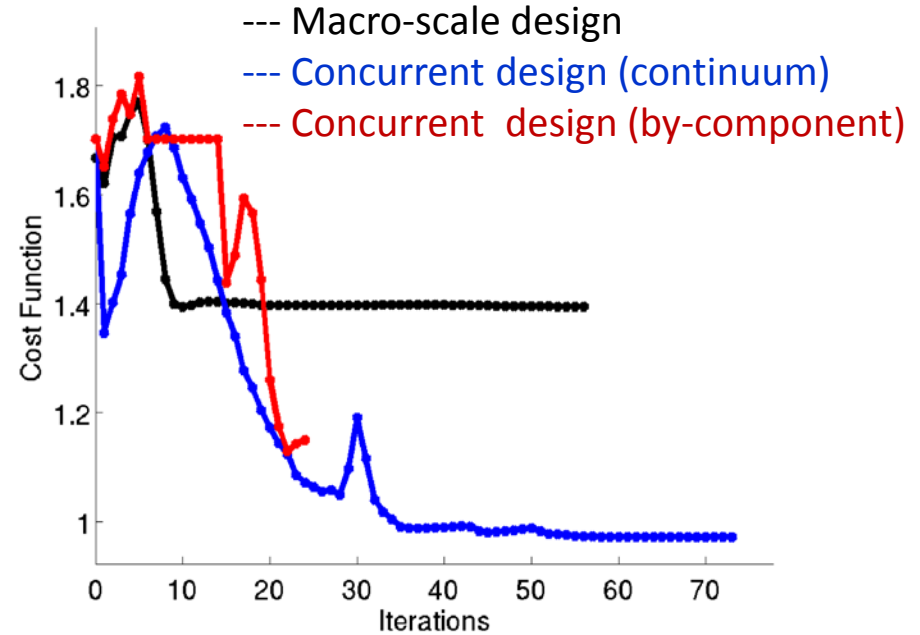
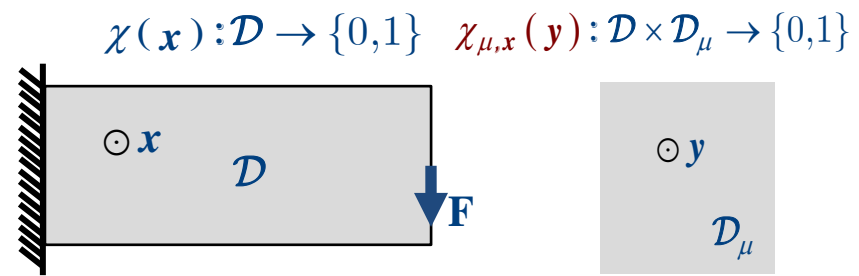
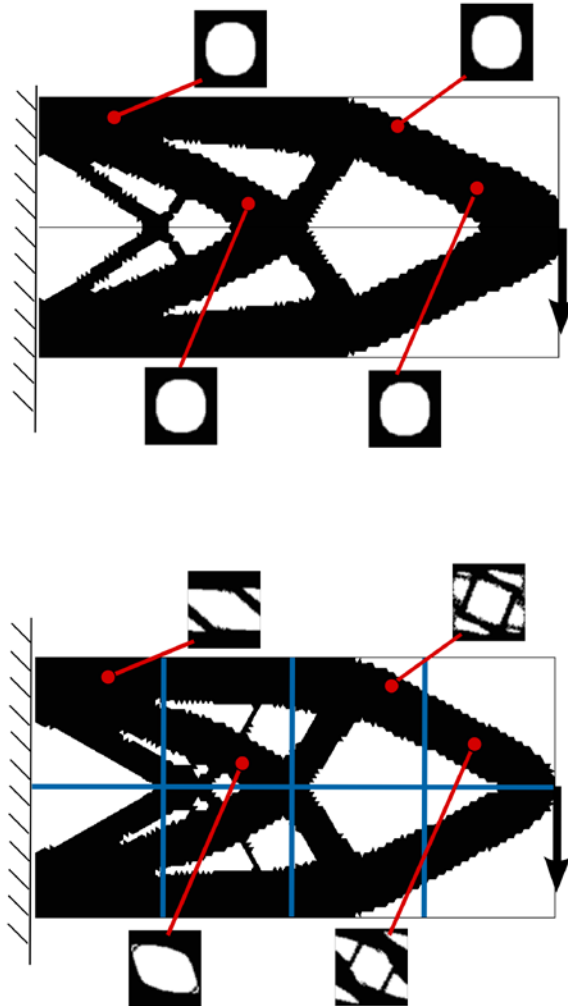
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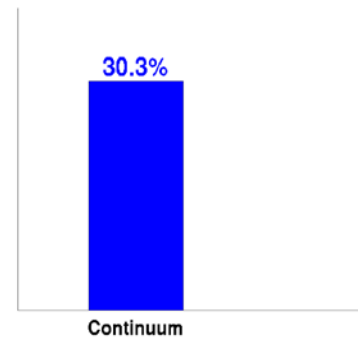
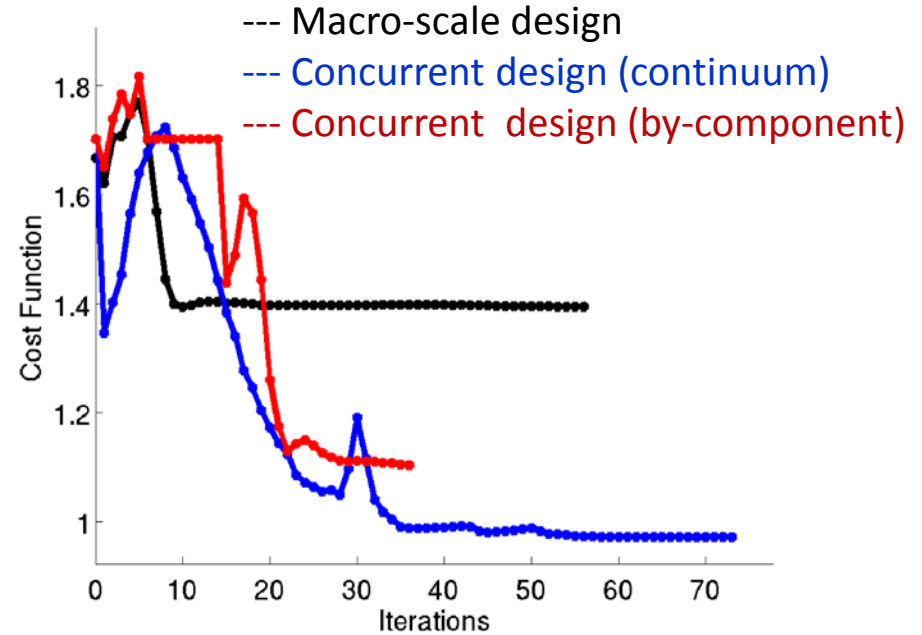
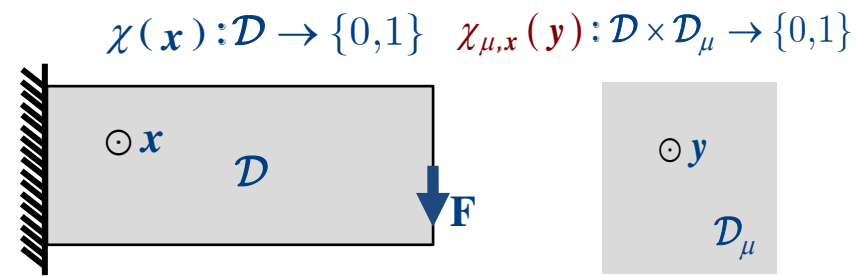
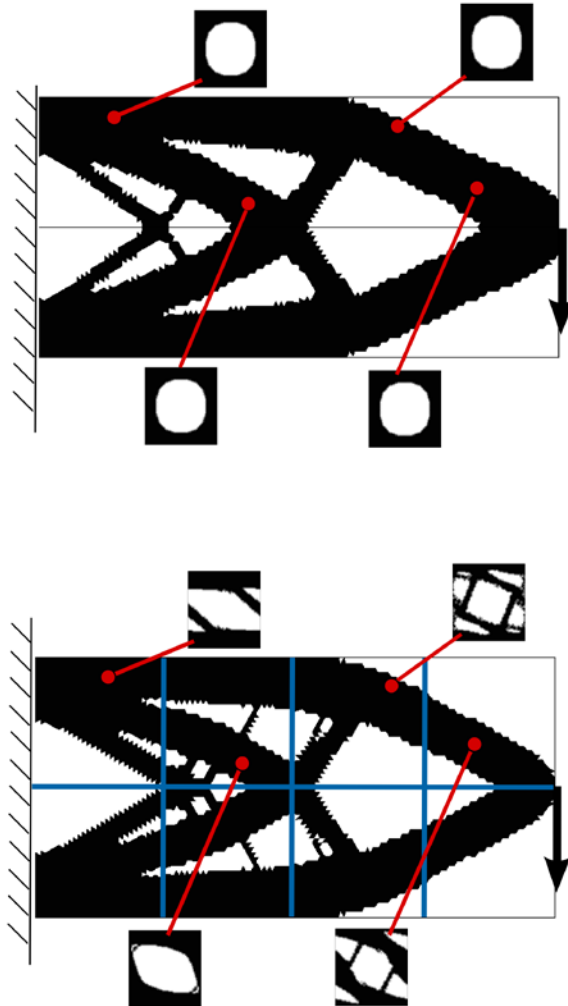
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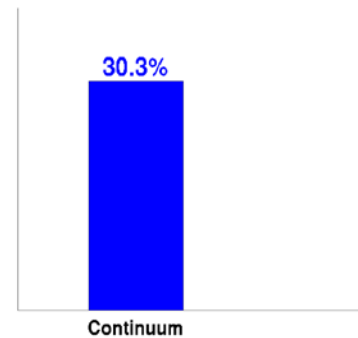
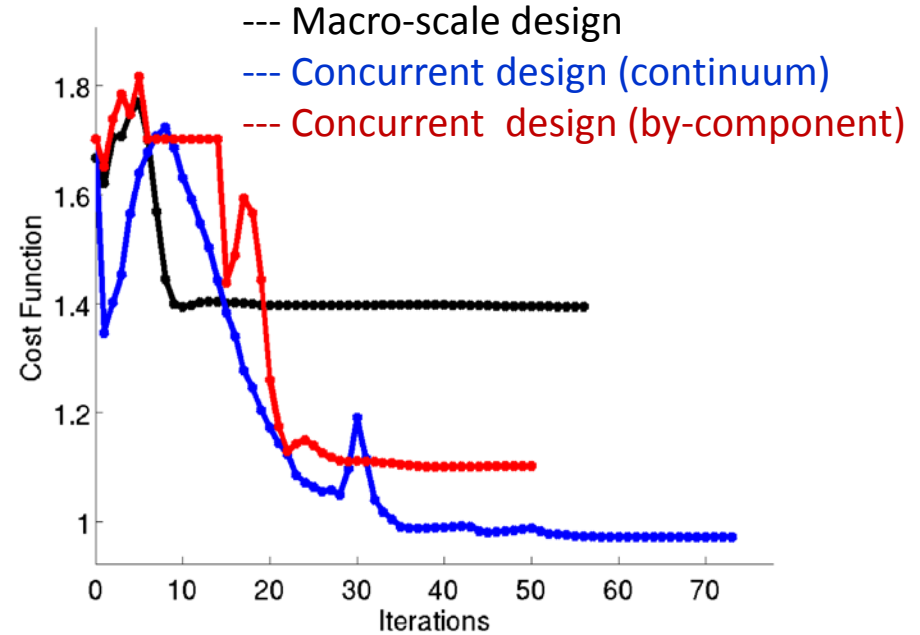
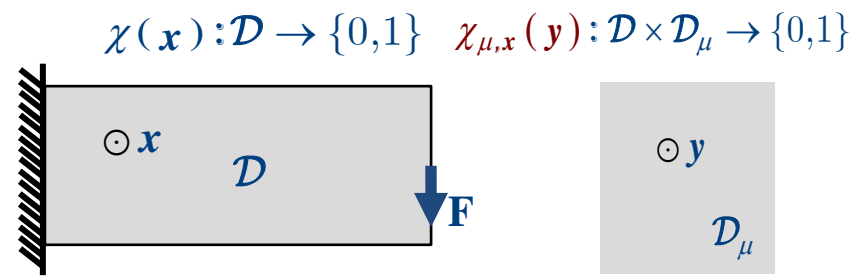
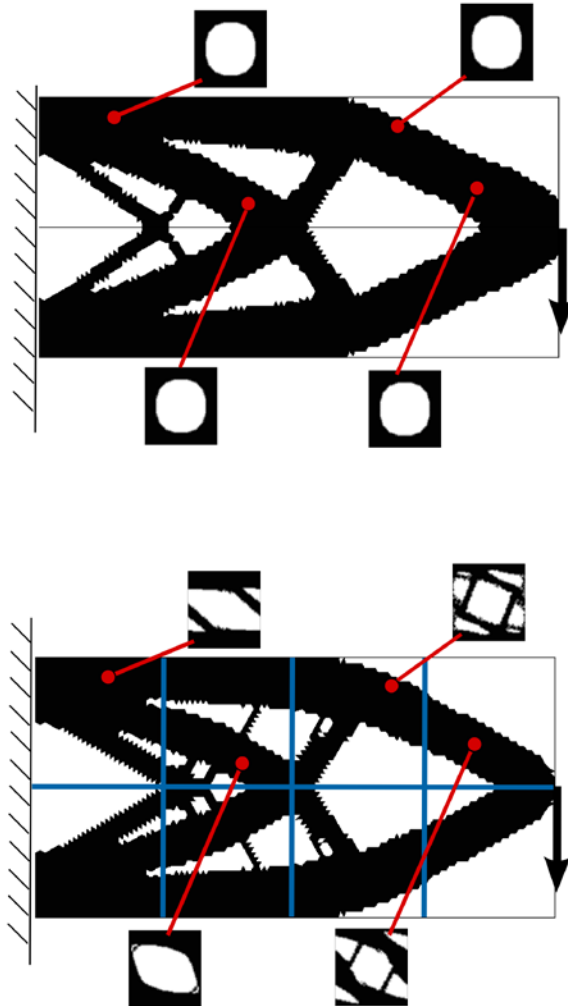
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