

Modeling and simulation of fracture and fragmentation

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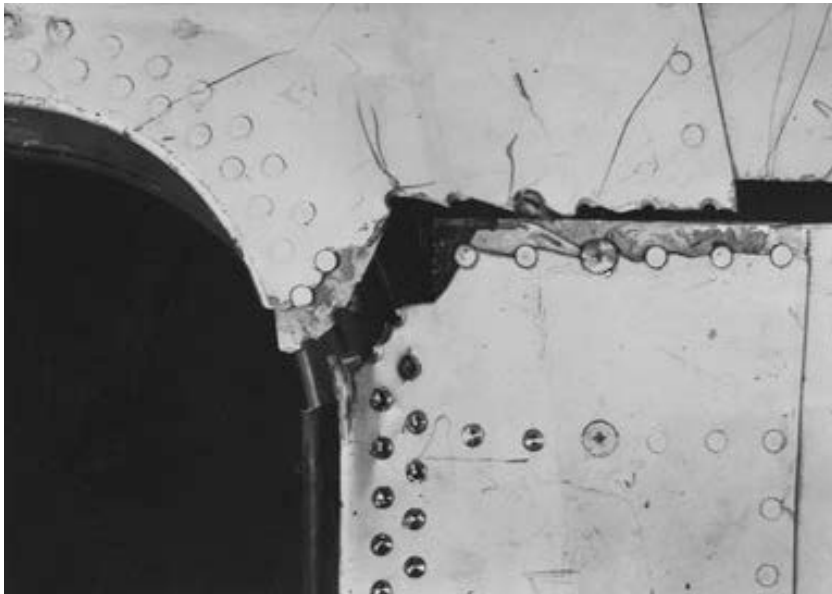
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Fracture as engineering design limiter

- Fracture and fragmentation occur under a variety of conditions (static, dynamic, fatigue, ductile, corrosion...), *set limits on engineering designs*
- Fracture is the result of mechanisms that play out across disparate spatial and time scales, from atomistic to continuum (*multiscale phenomena*)
- Fracture leads to, possibly time-dependent, displacement discontinuities that challenge approximation schemes (*free discontinuities*)
- Fracture processes, crack patterns, can exhibit great *complexity, stochasticity, uncertainty, coupling to environment*, which adds to challenge

The range of fracture mechanics...

Quasistatic fatigue crack growth: Mostly LEFM, also corrosion-fatigue cracking...



Detail of cabin window crack of a de Havilland Comet G-ALYP recovered from the Mediterranean after its crash in January 1954 (<http://www.ssplprints.com>)



Aloha Airlines flight 243 'blows its top' on April 28, 1988. Failure attributed to fatigue cracks nucleated at rivet holes through environmentally-assisted cracking

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The range of fracture mechanics...

Environmentally assisted cracking: Brittle/ductile transition, stress-corrosion cracking...



Liberty ship split in half on reaching the ductile-to-brittle transition temperature (Photograph courtesy of the Principle and Fellows of Newnham College, Cambridge)

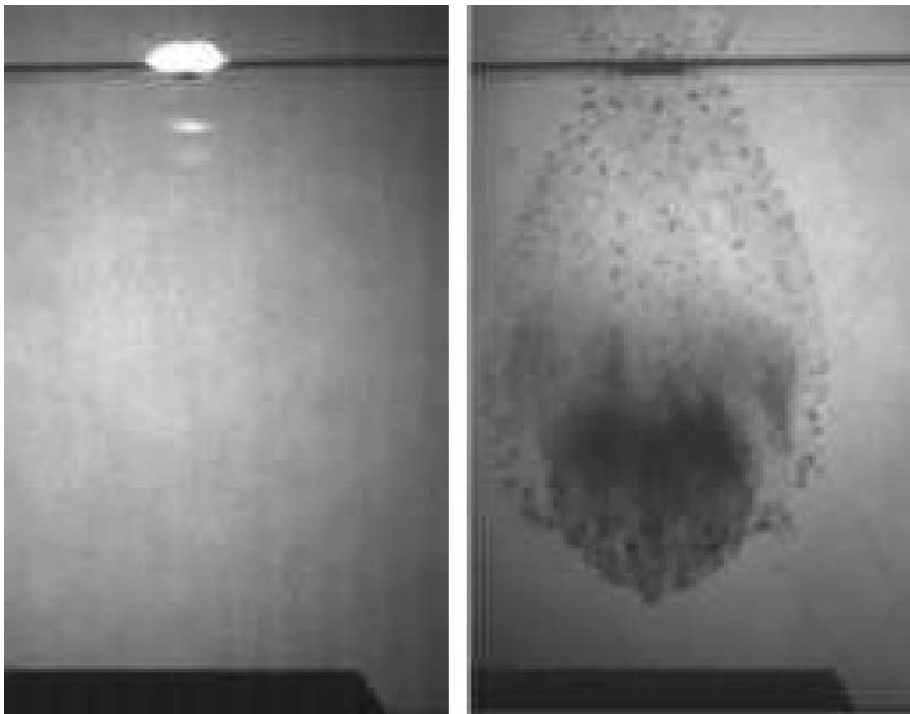


Failure of the New Carissa, on February 3, 1999, as a result of stress-corrosion cracking caused by extreme heat from burning, cyclic bending and seawater.

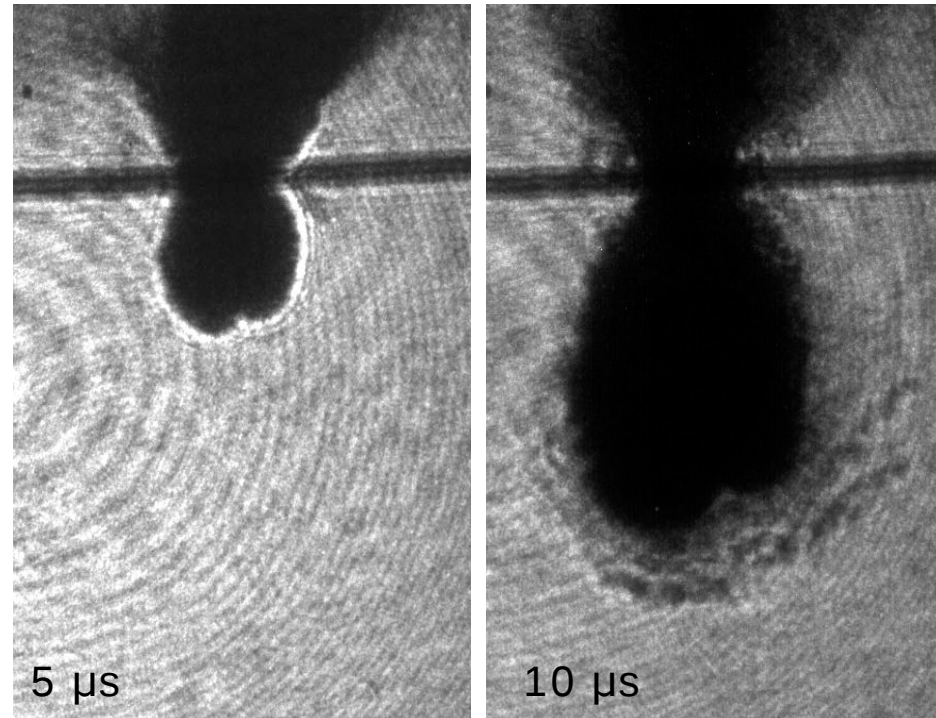


The range of fracture mechanics...

Dynamic fracture and fragmentation: Complexity, stochastic behavior, extreme material behavior...



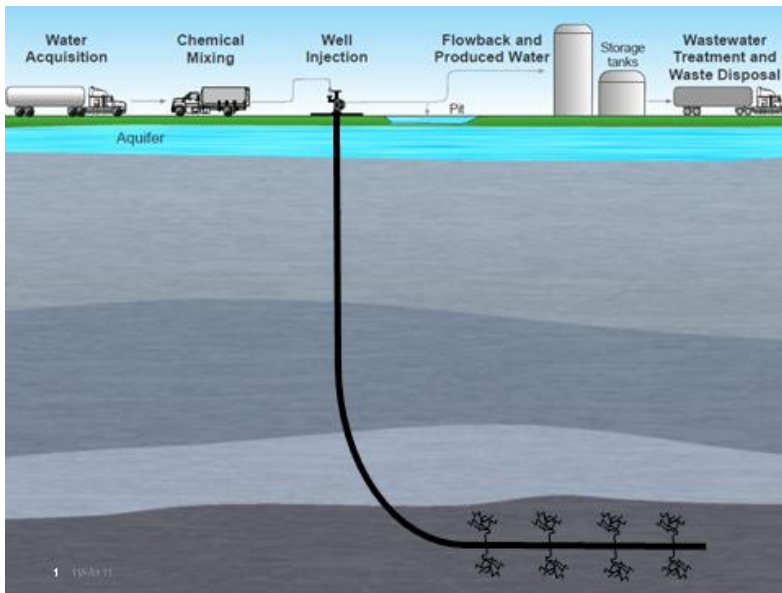
Hypervelocity impact of bumper shield.
a) Initial impact flash. b) Debris cloud
(Ernst-Mach Inst., Freiburg, Germany).



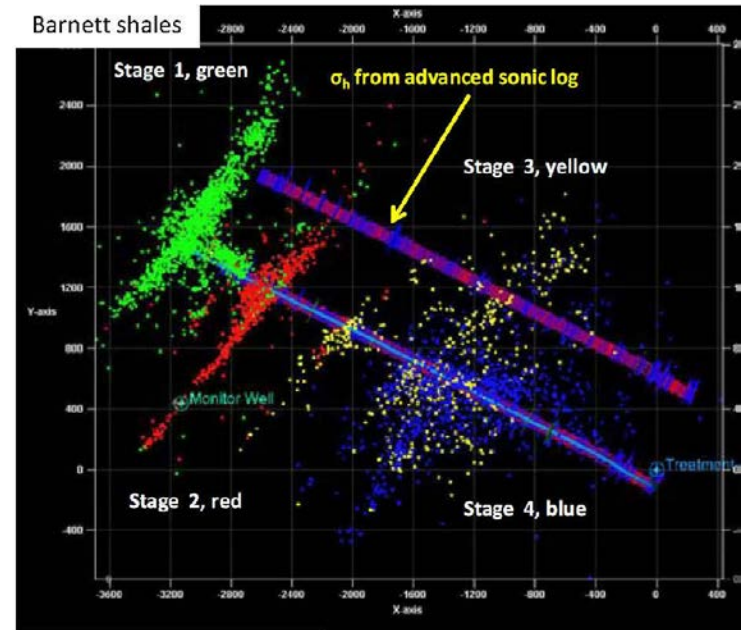
Hypervelocity impact (5.7 Km/s) of
0.96 mm thick aluminum plates by 5.5
mg nylon 6/6 cylinders (Caltech)

The range of fracture mechanics...

Hydraulic fracture: Example of extreme complexity, uncertainty, coupling to the environment...



Schematic of hydraulic fracture by horizontal drilling (S. Green and R. Suarez-Rivera, AAPG Geoscience Technology Workshop, 2013)



Complex pattern of hydraulic fractures generated during fracking mapped from acoustic emissions (R. Wu *et al.*, SPE-152052-MS, 2012)



Modeling & simulation desiderata

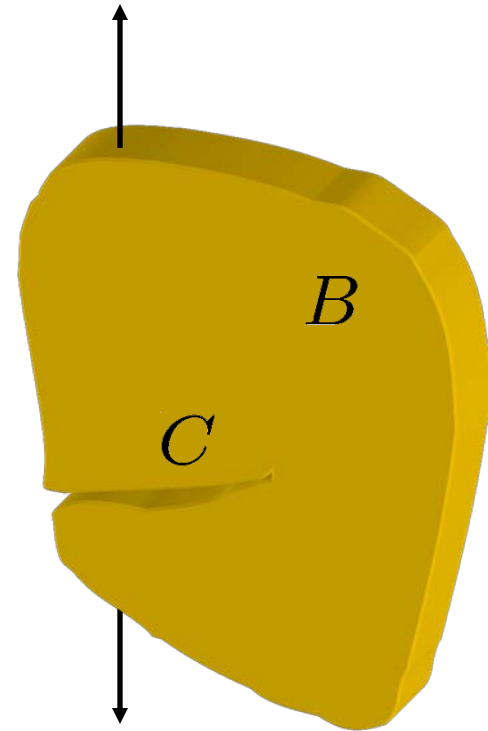
- Numerical schemes must ideally be:
 - Capable of handling geometrical and topological complexity in the crack set and its evolution
 - Agnostic as regards material behavior, i.e., they must apply equally well regardless of whether the material:
 - Is elastic or inelastic (e.g., plastic, viscoelastic...)
 - Undergoes small or large deformations
 - Deforms quasistatically or dynamically
 - Defined in terms of material constants measurable by means of standard fracture tests (e.g., ASTM standards)
 - Provably convergent, including crack set, with respect to mesh and time-step refinement (verification)
 - Predictive of crack initiation and growth under relevant conditions of loading, temp., environment (validation)

Fracture as a free-discontinuity problem

- *How do we ‘mathematize’ fracture?*
- *What is the problem to be solved?*
- Deformation mapping discontinuous!
 - Jump set $J(\varphi) \subset C \equiv$ crack set
 - $D\varphi$ integrable in $B \setminus C$
- Functional framework: $SBV^{1,2} \dots$
- Elastic energy: For φ injective,

$$E(t, \varphi, \underline{C}) = \int_{B \setminus C} W(\nabla \varphi) dx + \text{forcing terms}$$

equilibrium + crack tracking!



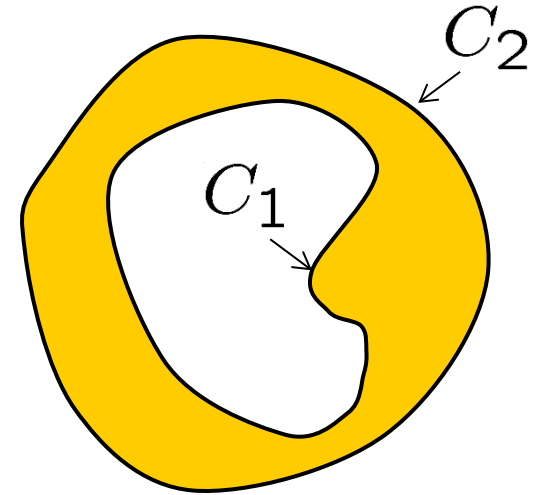
¹Ambrosio, L., *Boll. Un. Mat. Ital. B*, **3** (1989) 857.

²Francfort, G. A. and Marigo, J. J., *JMPS*, **46** (1998) 1319.

Fracture as a dissipative process

- Fracture is an irreversible process!
- Griffith¹: Rate indep., no R -curve
- Dissipation: $D(C_1, C_2) =$

$$\begin{cases} G_c |C_2 \setminus C_1|, & C_1 \subset C_2, \\ +\infty, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$



- Energetic solutions²: Stability + energy balance,

$$E(t, \varphi(t), C(t)) - E(t, \varphi'(t), C'(t)) \leq D(C(t), C'(t))$$

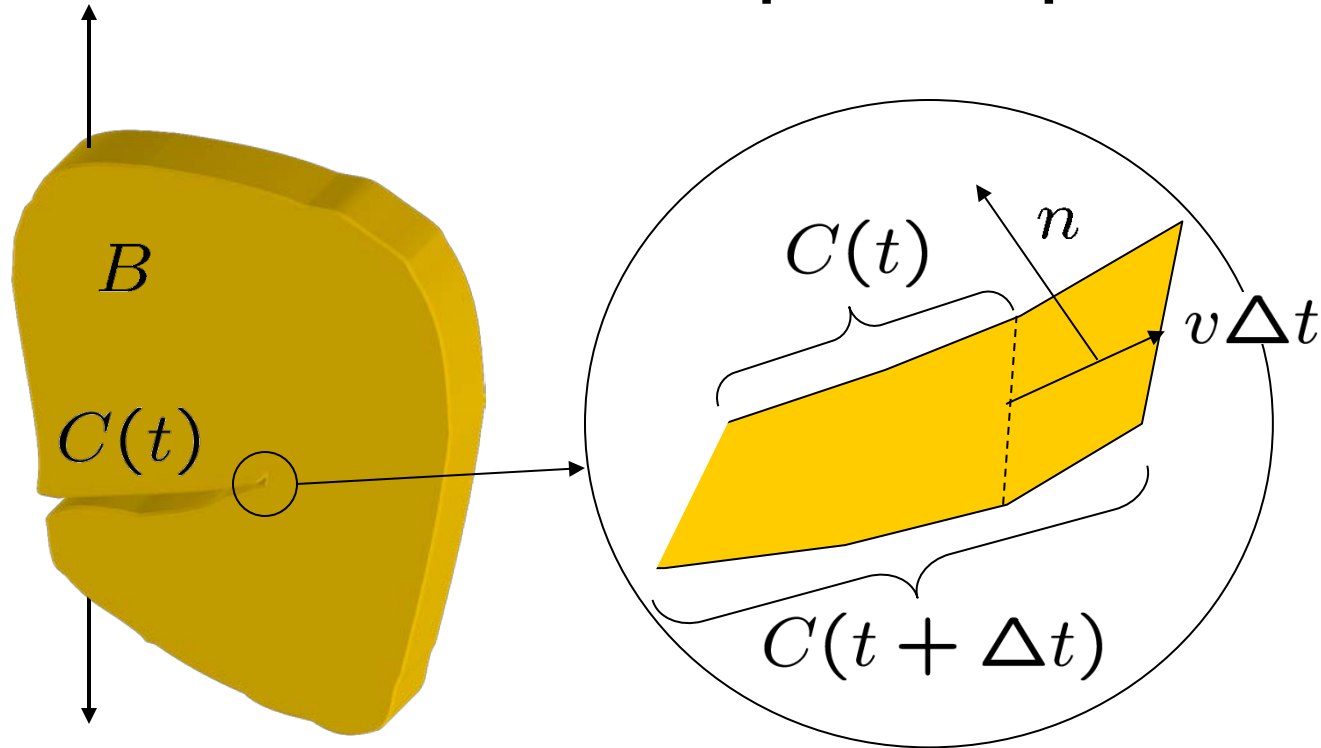
$$\int_0^t \partial_t E(s) ds = E(t) - E(0) + D(C(0), C(t))$$

¹Griffith, A., *Philos. Trans. Roy. Soc. London, Ser. A*, **221** (1921) 163.

²A. Mielke & Theil, F., *NoDEA Nonlinear Diff. Eq. Appl.*, **11** (2004) 151.



Fracture as a dissipative process



- Along smooth solutions: $-\dot{E} = \int_{\partial C} G(s)v(s) ds$
- Griffith criteria¹: $G - G_c \leq 0$, $v \geq 0$, $(G - G_c)v = 0$



¹Griffith, A., *Philos. Trans. Roy. Soc. London, Ser. A*, **221** (1921) 163.

Time discretization of energetic solutions

- Discretize time: $t_0, \dots, t_n, t_{n+1} + \Delta t \dots$

- Time-discretized variational solutions¹:

$$E(t_{n+1}, \varphi_{n+1}, C_{n+1}) - E_n + D(C_n, C_{n+1}) \rightarrow \inf!$$

- Extension to inelasticity¹: $E_{n \rightarrow n+1}(\varphi_{n+1}, C_{n+1})$

$$= \int_{B \setminus C_{n+1}} W_{n \rightarrow n+1}(\nabla \varphi_{n+1}) dx + \text{forcing terms}$$

$$\Rightarrow E_{n \rightarrow n+1}(\varphi_{n+1}, C_{n+1}) + D(C_n, C_{n+1}) \rightarrow \inf!$$

- Dynamics²: $\int_B (\rho_0/2\Delta t) |\varphi_{n+1} - \varphi_{n+1}^{\text{pred}}|^2 dx$
 $+ E_{n \rightarrow n+1}(\varphi_{n+1}, C_{n+1}) + D(C_n, C_{n+1}) \rightarrow \inf!$



¹Ortiz, M. & Stainier, L., *CMAME*, **171** (1999) 419.

²Radovitzky, R. & Ortiz, M., *CMAME*, **172** (1999) 203.

Computational fracture: The essential difficulty...

- Time-discretized variational principles deliver *energetic solutions* to the fracture problem, including crack tracking, inelasticity and inertia
- *The essential difficulty*: Efficient representation of *complex evolving surfaces*, including kinking (non-smoothness) branching (non-manifold) and fragmentation (topological transitions)
- *Interfacial/cohesive elements*: Static, dynamic, material-agnostic, but convergence requires mesh adaption² (ability to span all meshes)
- Alternative paradigm¹: *Regularization!* (e.g., non-local damage, phase-field models...)

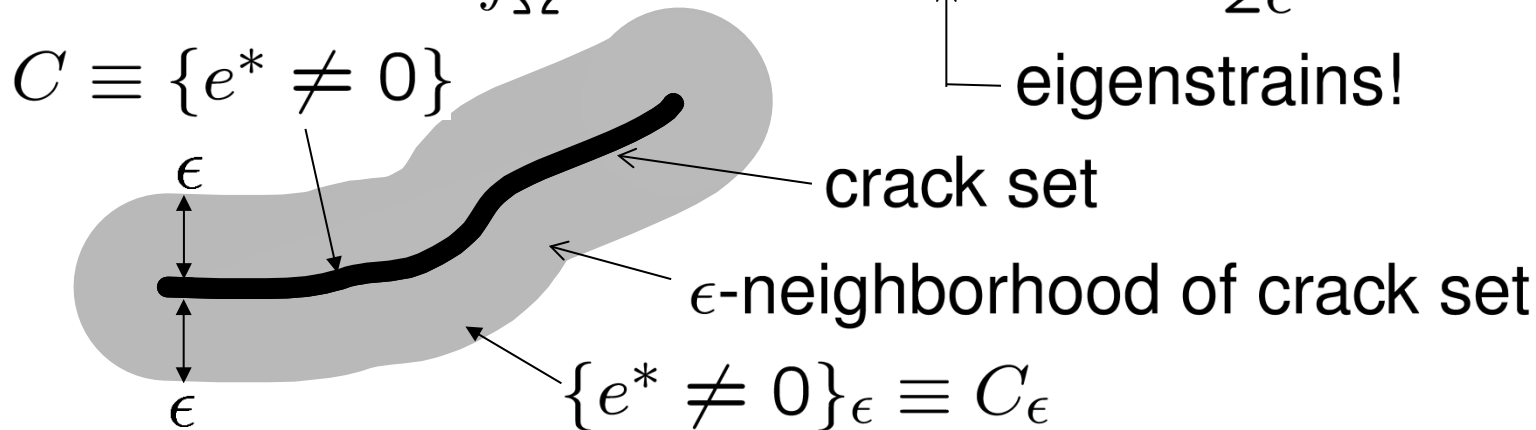
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²Fraternali, F., Negri, M. & Ortiz, M., *Int. J. Fract.*, **166** (2010) 3.

Eigenfracture: Fracture via eigenstrains

- Regard fracture as an energy-relaxation process!
- Total incremental energy¹: Elastic + fracture,

$$E_\epsilon(u, e^*) = \int_{\Omega} W(e(u) - \underline{e^*}) dx + \frac{G_c}{2\epsilon} |\{e^* \neq 0\}_\epsilon|$$



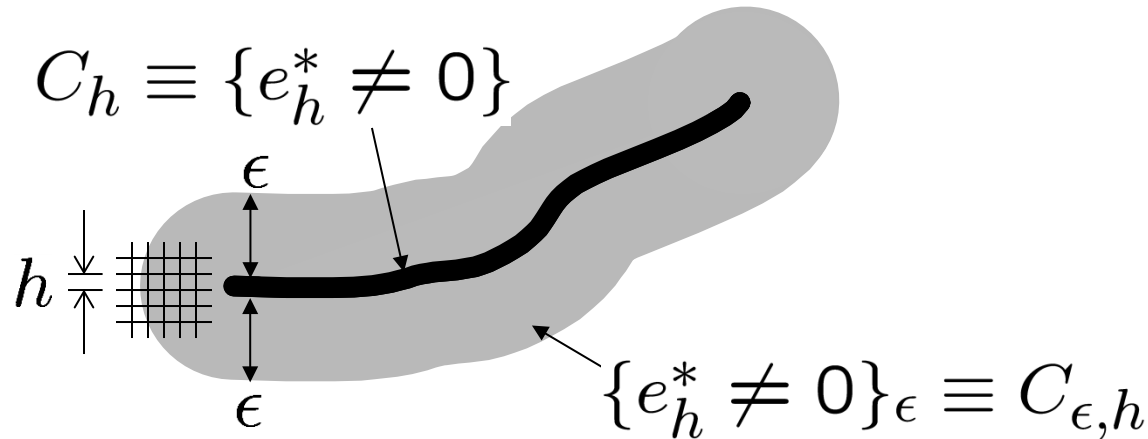
- Energy-minimizing cracks: $E_\epsilon(u, e^*) \rightarrow \inf!$
- **Theorem**¹: $\Gamma\text{-}\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} E_\epsilon = \text{Griffith energy}$



¹Schmidt, B., *et al.*, *SIAM Multi. Model.*, 7 (2009) 1237.

Eigenfracture: Spatial discretization

- Spatial discretization:



- Discretized incremental energy:

$$E_{\epsilon,h}(u, e^*) = \begin{cases} E_\epsilon(u, e^*), & \text{if } u \in V_h, e^* \in W_h, \\ +\infty, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

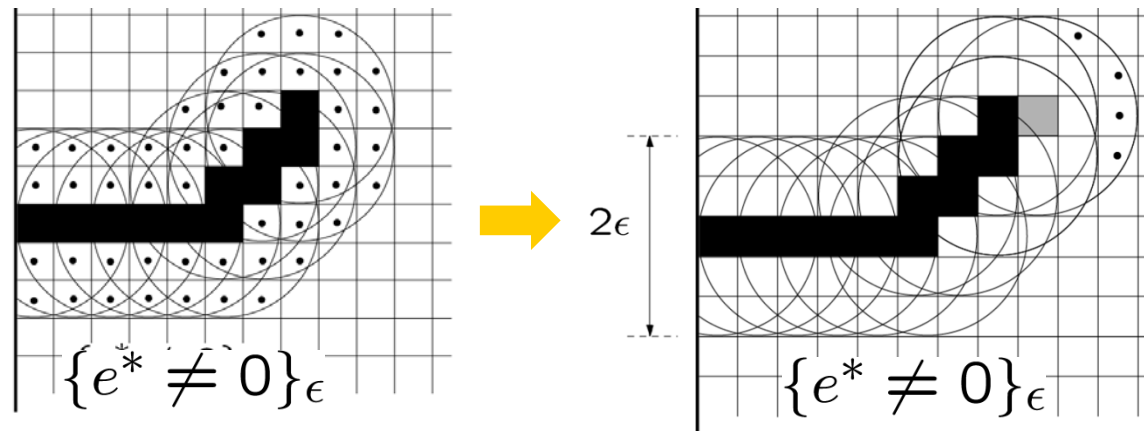
- **Theorem**¹: Suppose $\epsilon = \epsilon(h)$ and $h/\epsilon(h) \rightarrow 0$ as $h \rightarrow 0$. Then, $\Gamma\text{-}\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} E_{h,\epsilon(h)} = \text{Griffith energy}$



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Eigenerosion: Erosion via eigenfracture

- For every element K , choose^{1,2}
 - either: $e_K^* = e(u_K) \Rightarrow$ element erosion,
 - or: $e_K^* = 0 \Rightarrow$ intact element.
- Erosion criterion: $-\Delta E_K \geq \frac{G_c}{2\epsilon} \underbrace{|(C \subset K)_\epsilon \setminus C_\epsilon|}$



- To first order^{1,2}: $-\Delta E_K \sim$ energy in element K

¹Pandolfi, A. & Ortiz, M. , *IJNME*, **92** (2012) 694.

²Pandolfi, A., Li, B. & Ortiz, M. , *Int. J. Fract.*, **184** (2013) 3.



Eigenerosion – Flow chart

(i) **Set** time to t_{n+1} , **initialize** crack set $C_{n+1}=C_n$

(ii) **compute** predictor fields

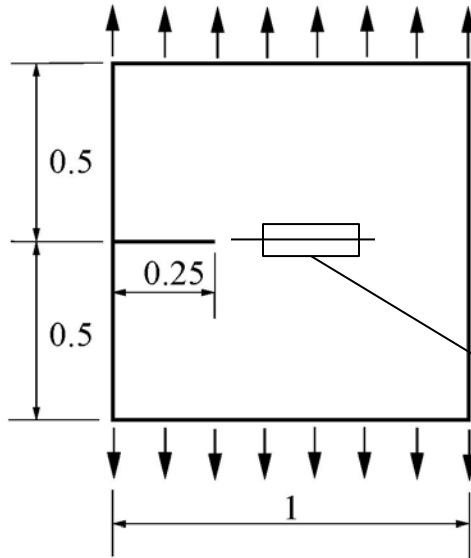
(iii) **compute** equilibrium fields

(iv) **for** every element K **do**:
 compute net energy release: $-\Delta E_K - G_c \Delta A_K$
 if > 0 , **insert** in priority queue PQ

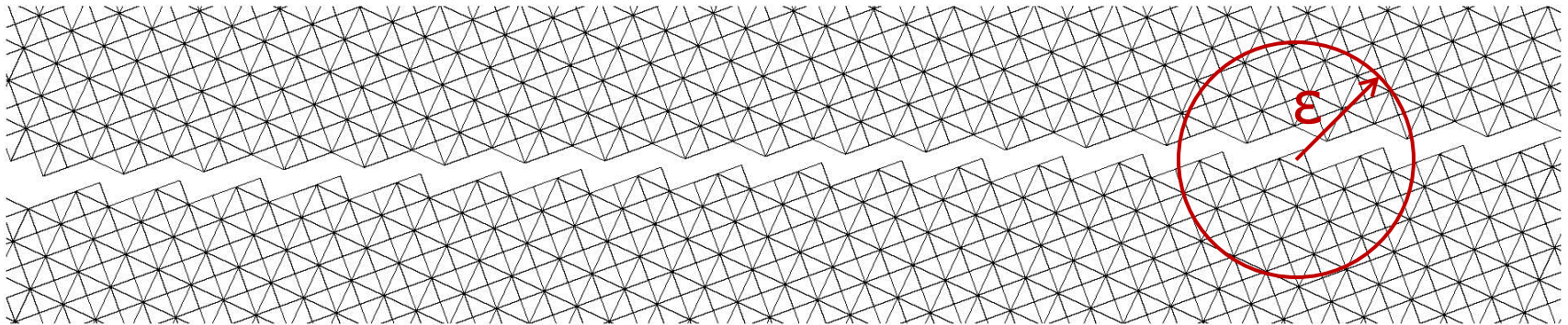
(v) **if** $PQ \neq \emptyset$, **pop** PQ , **insert** in C_{n+1} , **goto** (ii)
 otherwise compute updated fields, **exit**



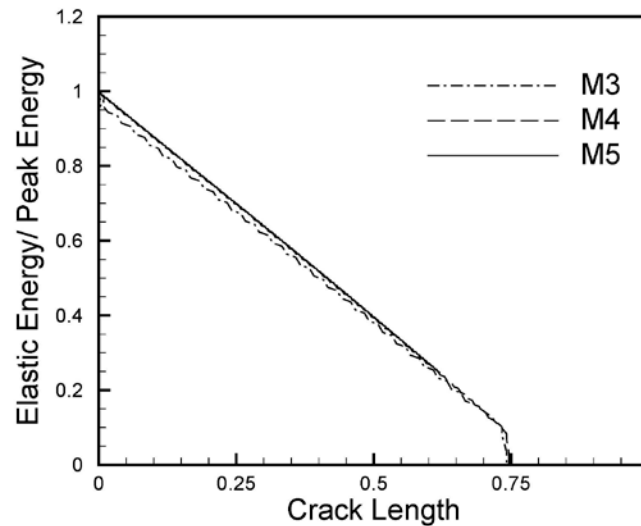
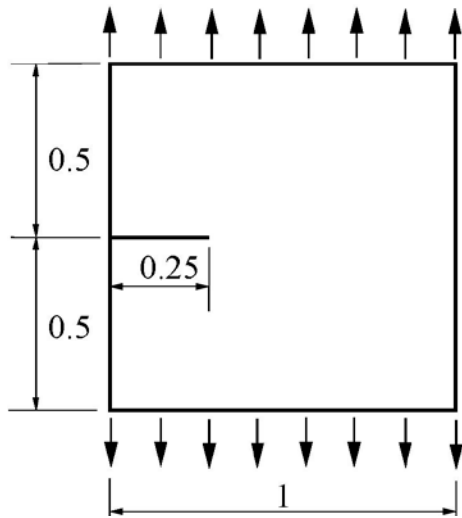
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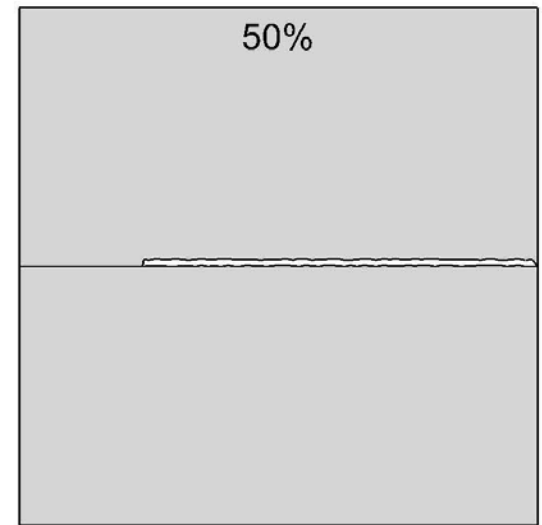
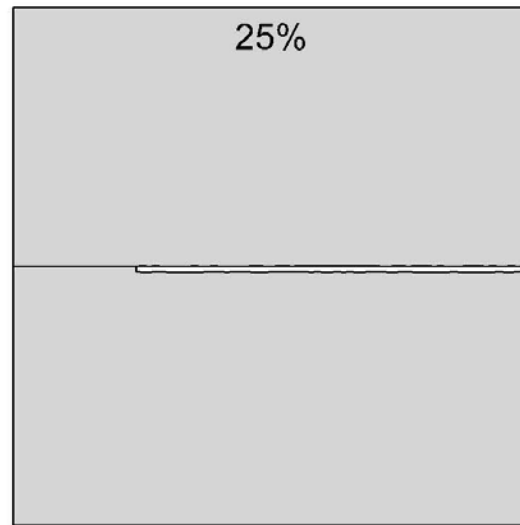
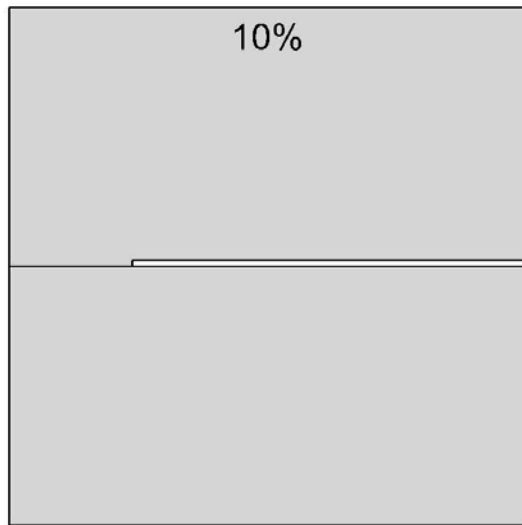
- Mesh slanted at 20° to crack plane
- ε -construction compensates for slant and tracks the exact crack path *on average*



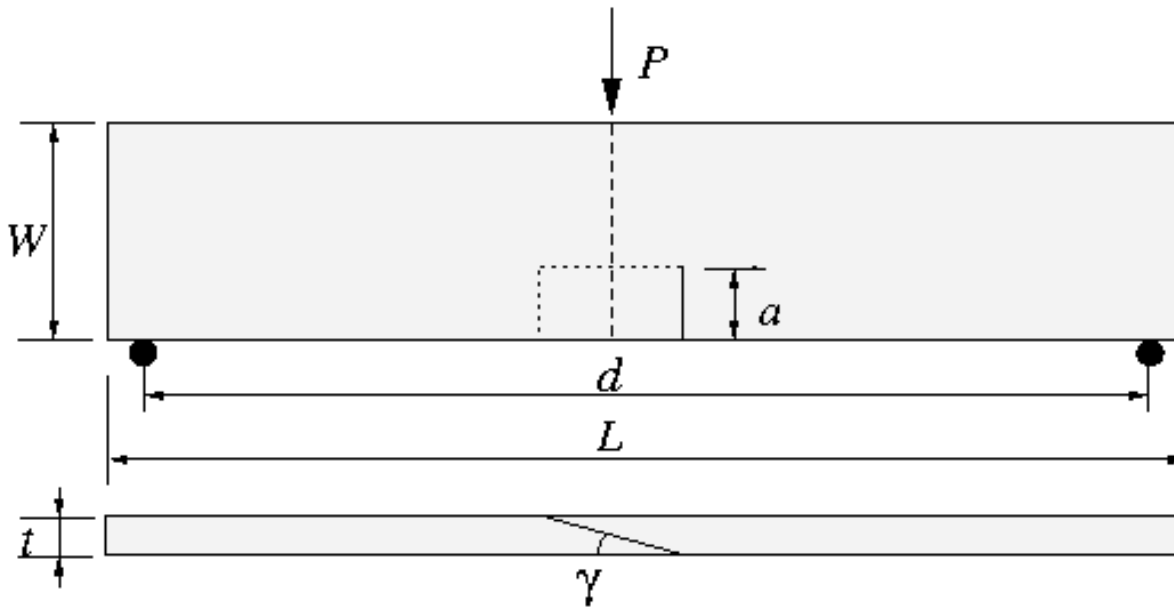
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- Random mesh:
 - Convergence
 - Mesh insensitive
 - Good accuracy



Verification: Mode I-III 3-point bending



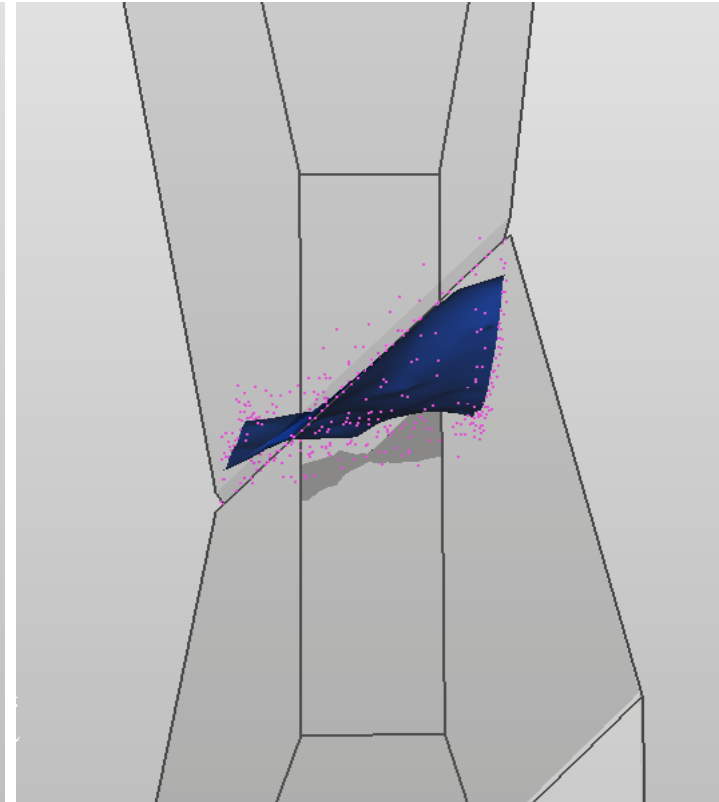
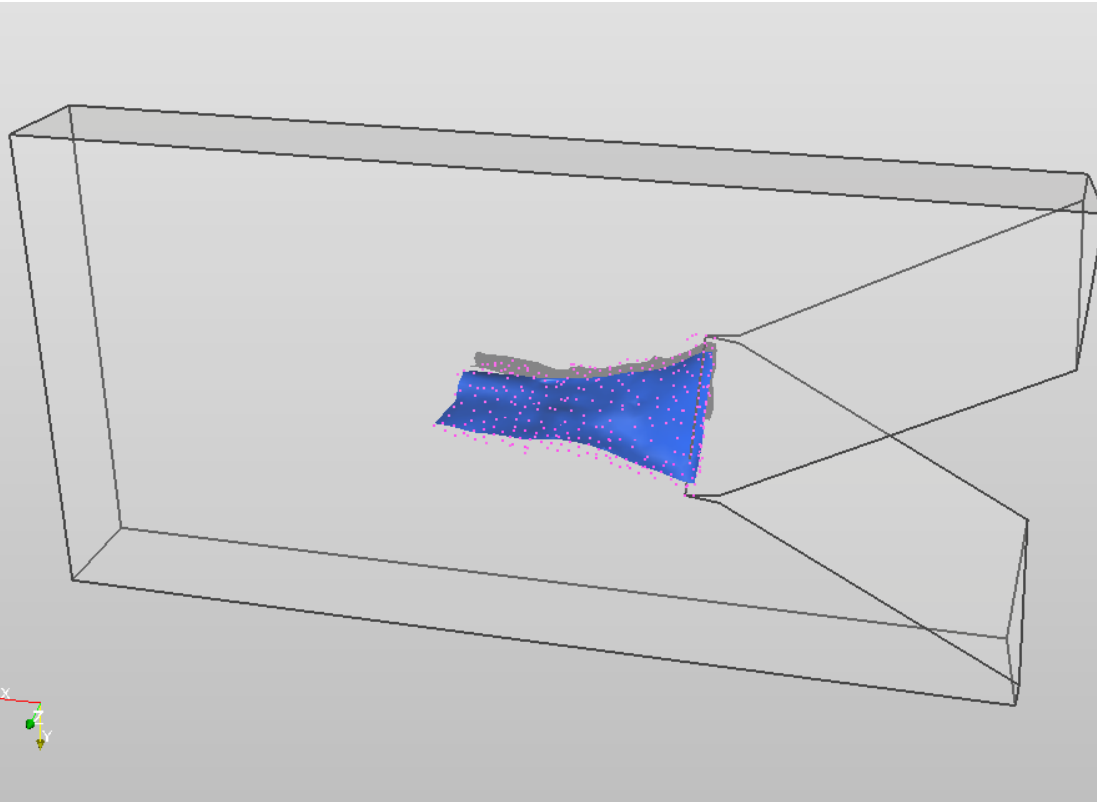
- Mixed-mode 3-point bending tests, PMMA plates (260x60x10 mm, $a = 20$ mm)
- Inclination of notch: 75° , 60° , 45°
- $E = 2800$ MPa, $\nu = 0.38$, $G_c = 0.54$ N/mm



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Predominant Mode III ($\gamma = 45^\circ$)



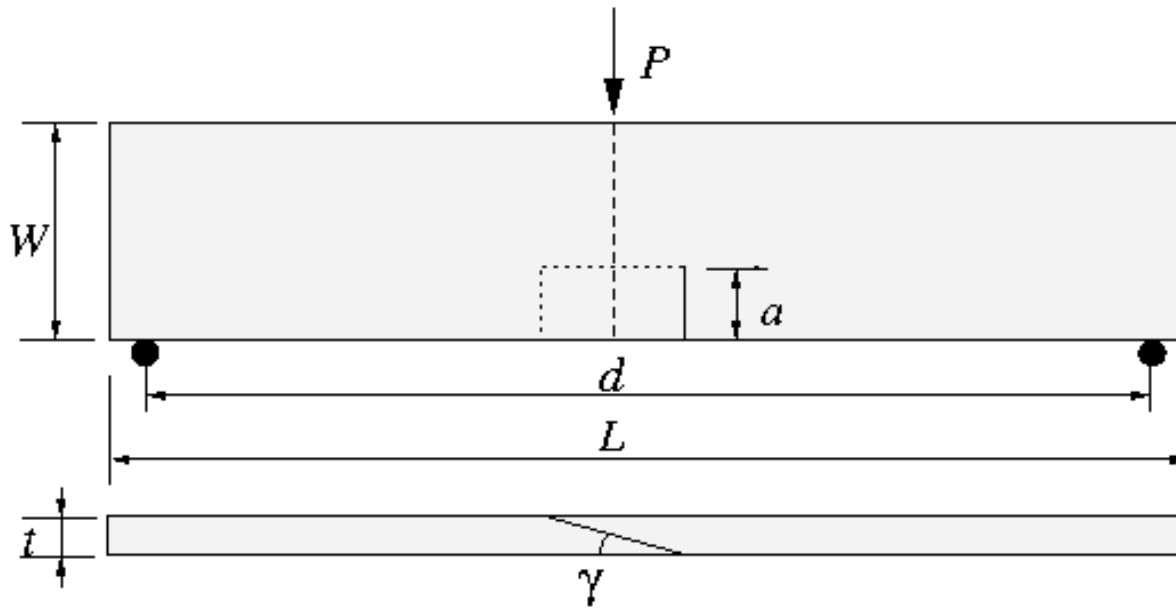
Mixed mode I-III crack growth in three-point bending



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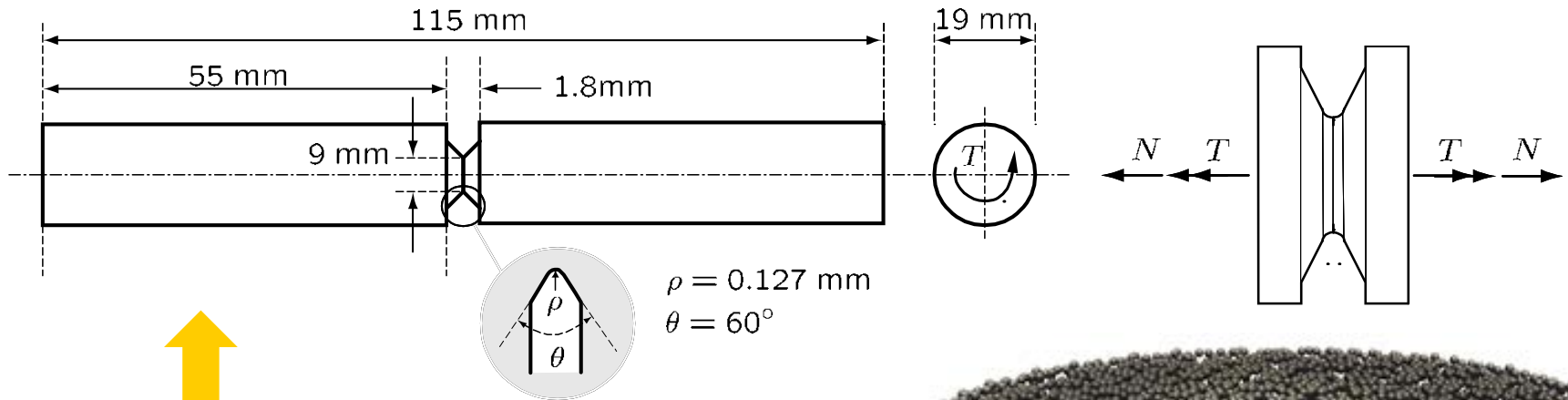
γ	α Lazarus et al. [2008]	α_R	α_L	α	error %
75	21.1	22	18	20.0	5.1
60	38.4	36	35	35.5	7.6
45	61.9	57	58	57.5	7.1



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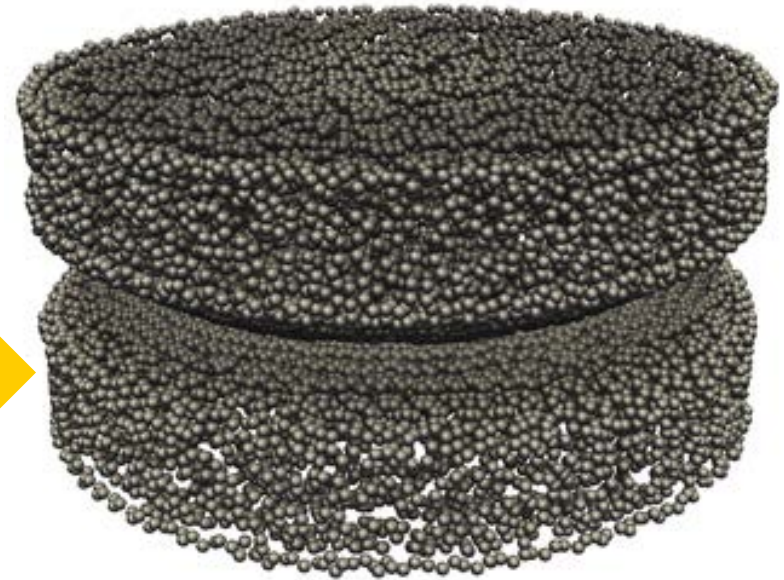
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Mixed Mode I–III Al_2O_3 Rod Experiments



Circumferentially-notched Al_2O_3 cylindrical rods tested under combined tension and torsion¹.

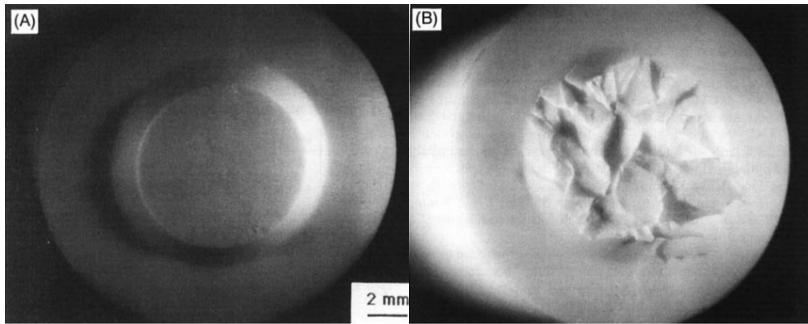
Mesh-free computational model of 104K nodes and 514K material particles².



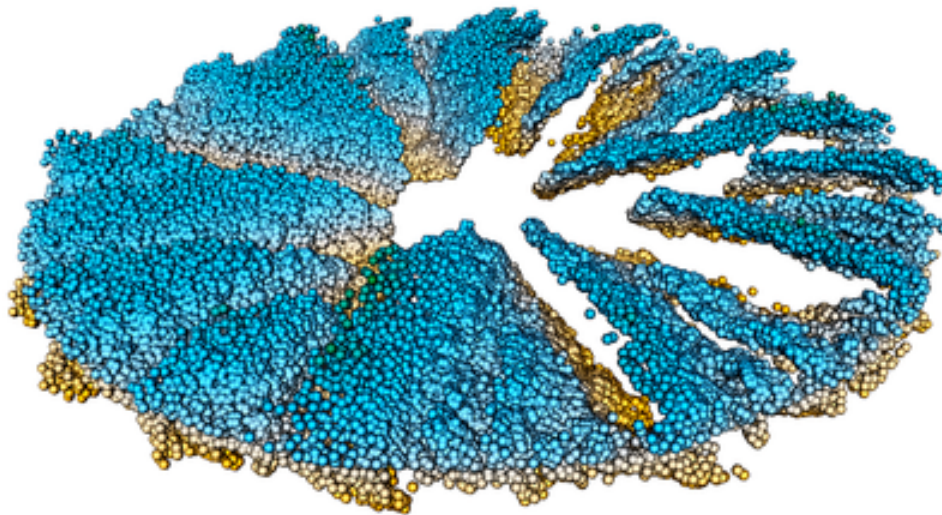
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Al_2O_3 Rod – Pure Torsion

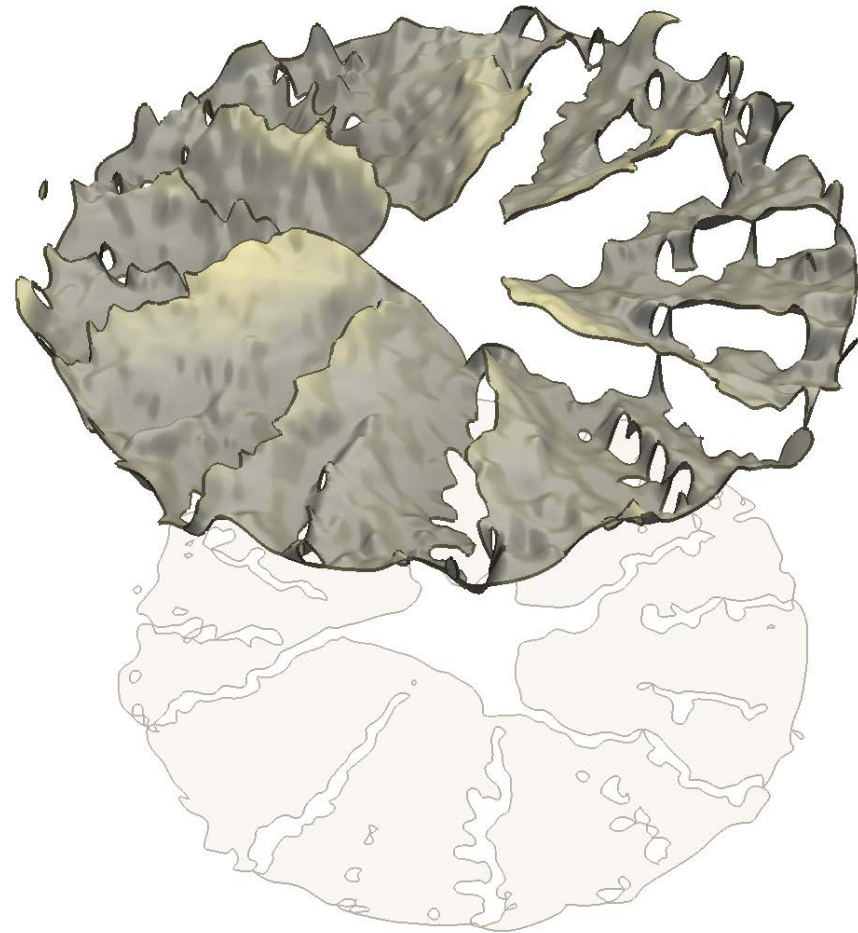


Observed fractography¹



Failed material-point set²

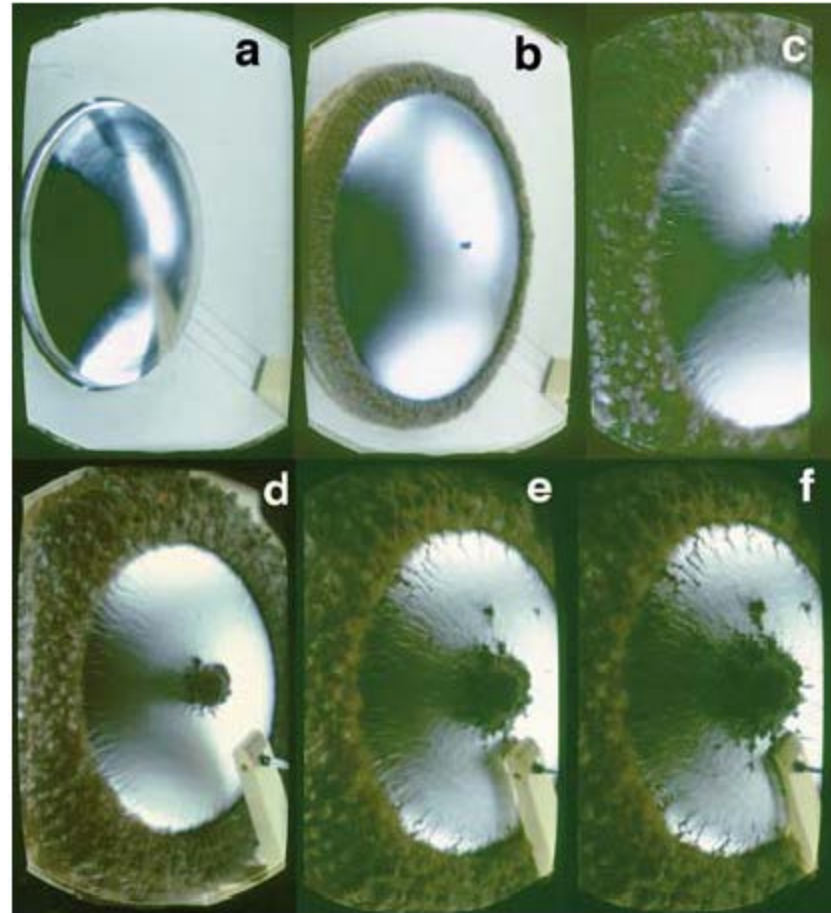
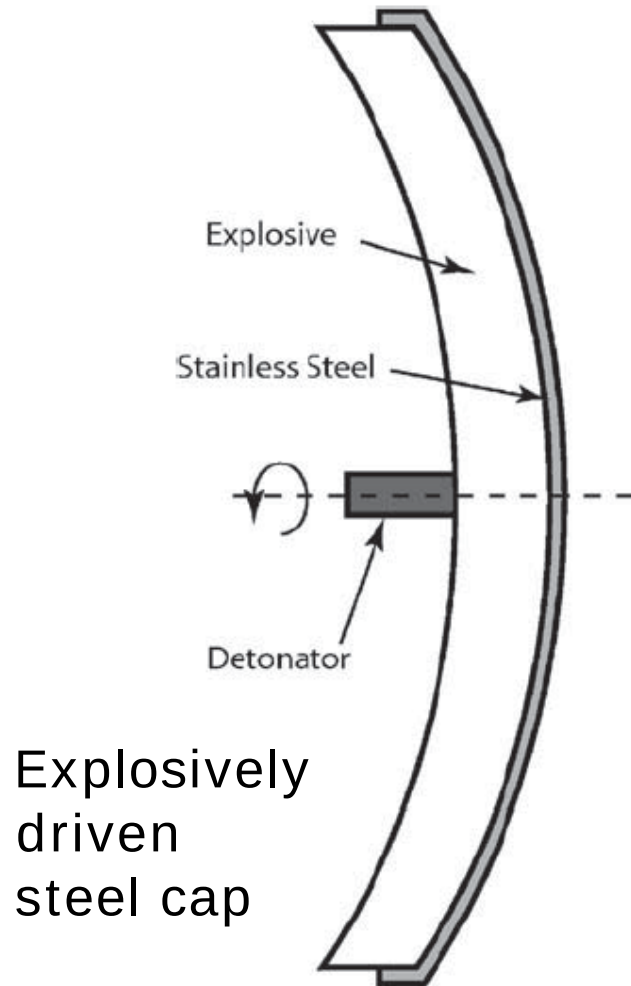
Reconstructed crack surface²



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Validation – Explosively driven cap

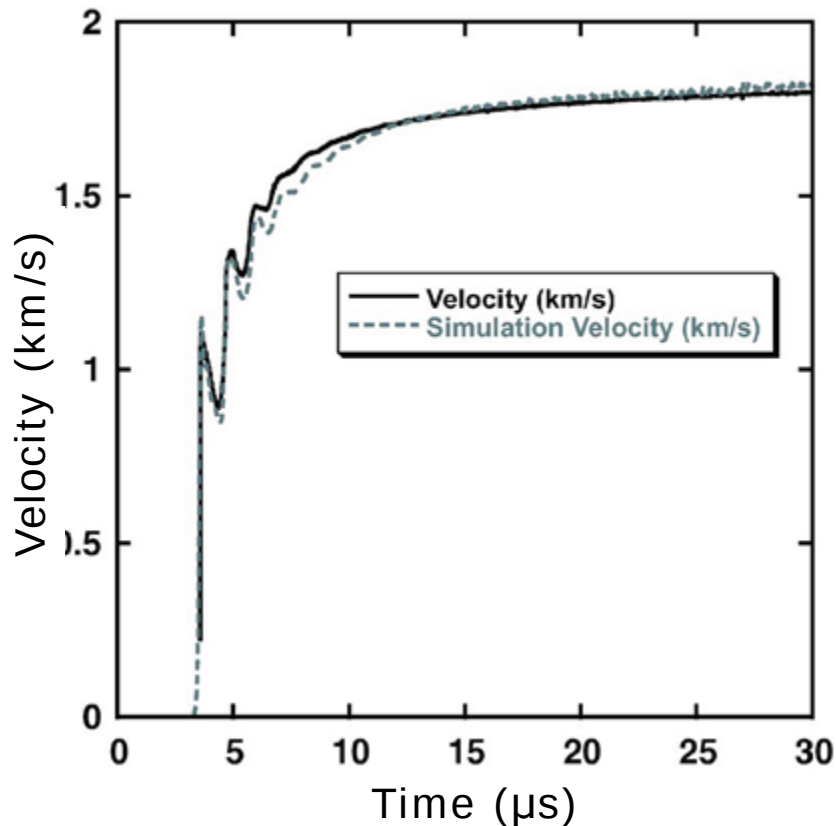


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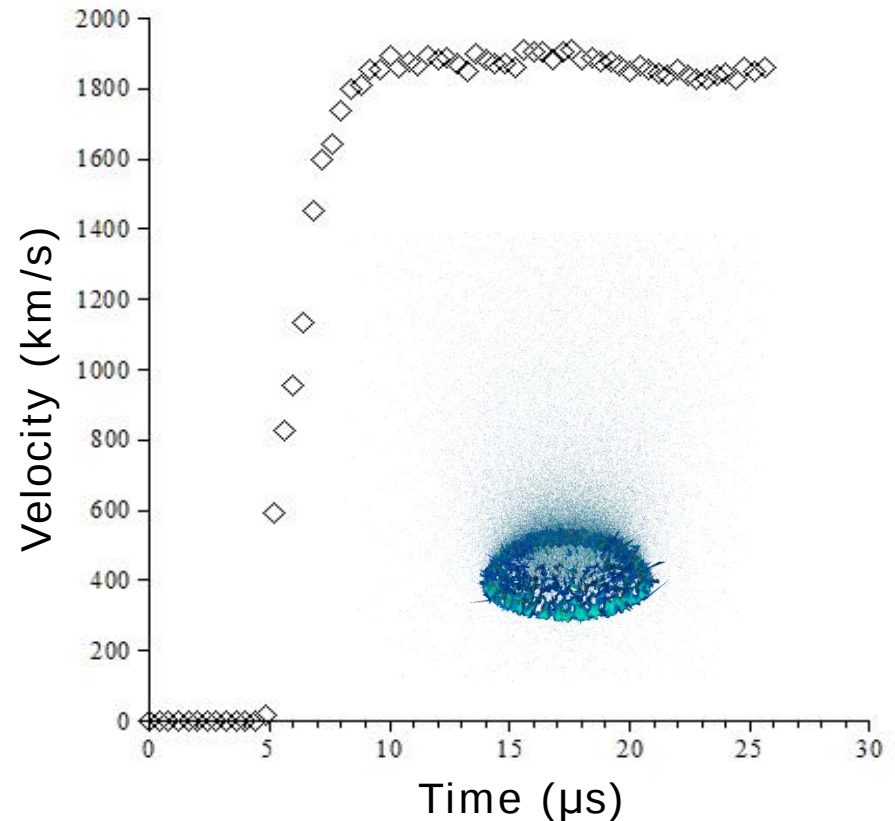
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Experiment



OTM simulation



Surface velocity for spot midway between pole and edge

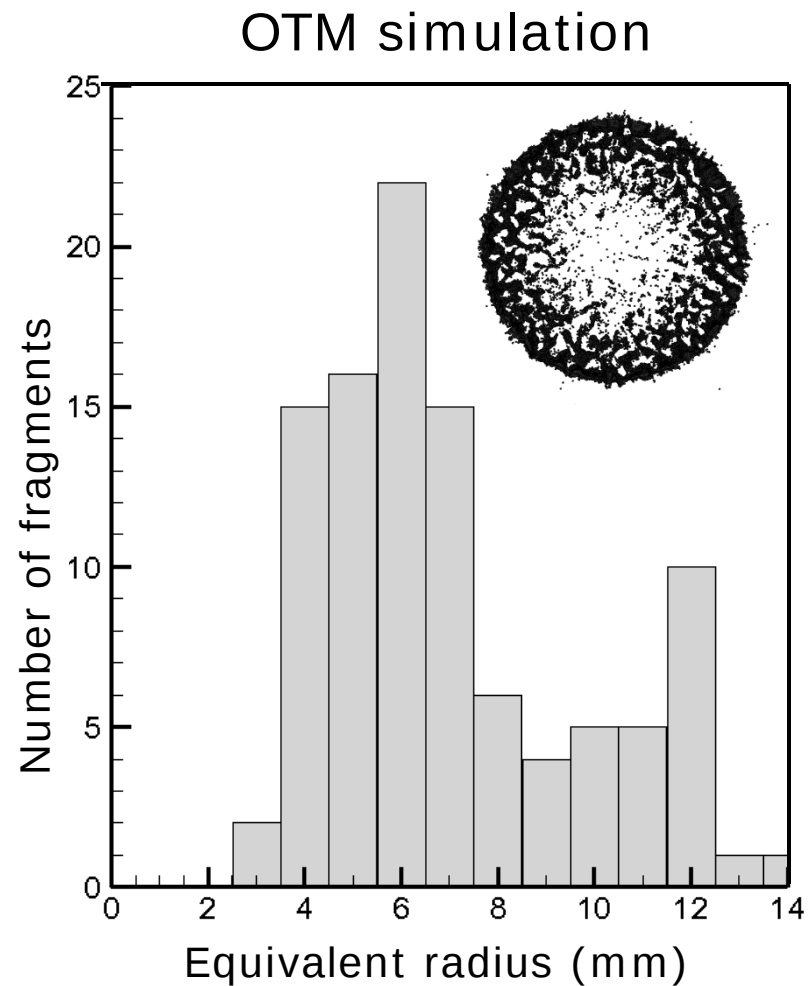
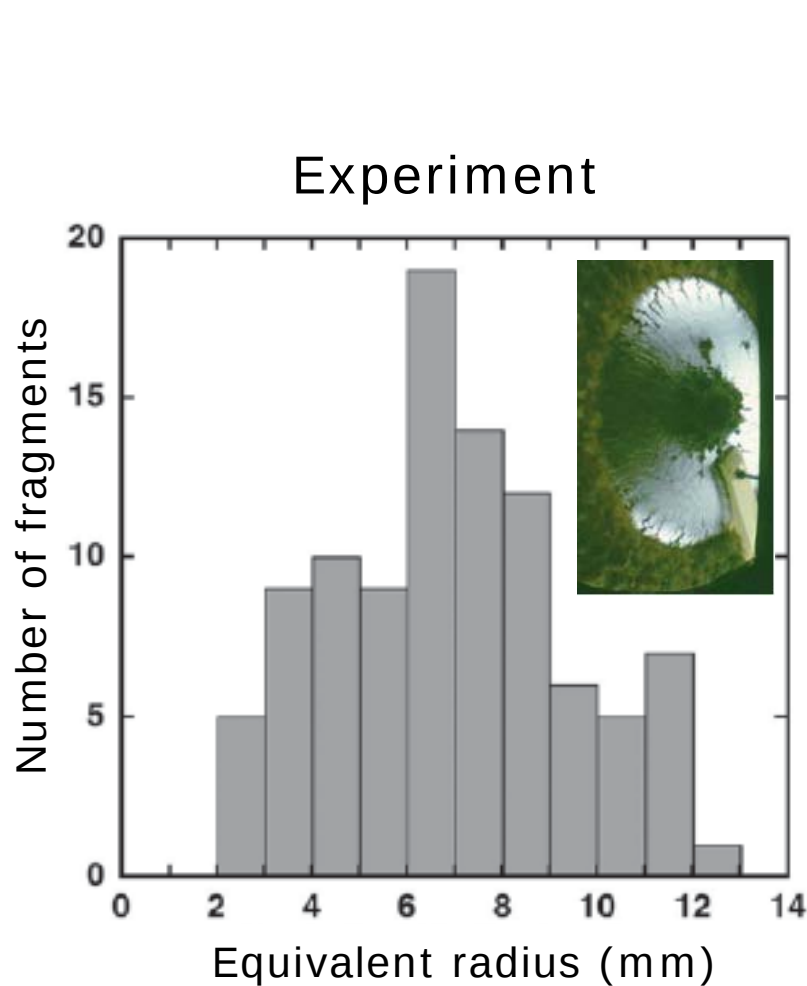


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Histograms of equivalent fragment radii

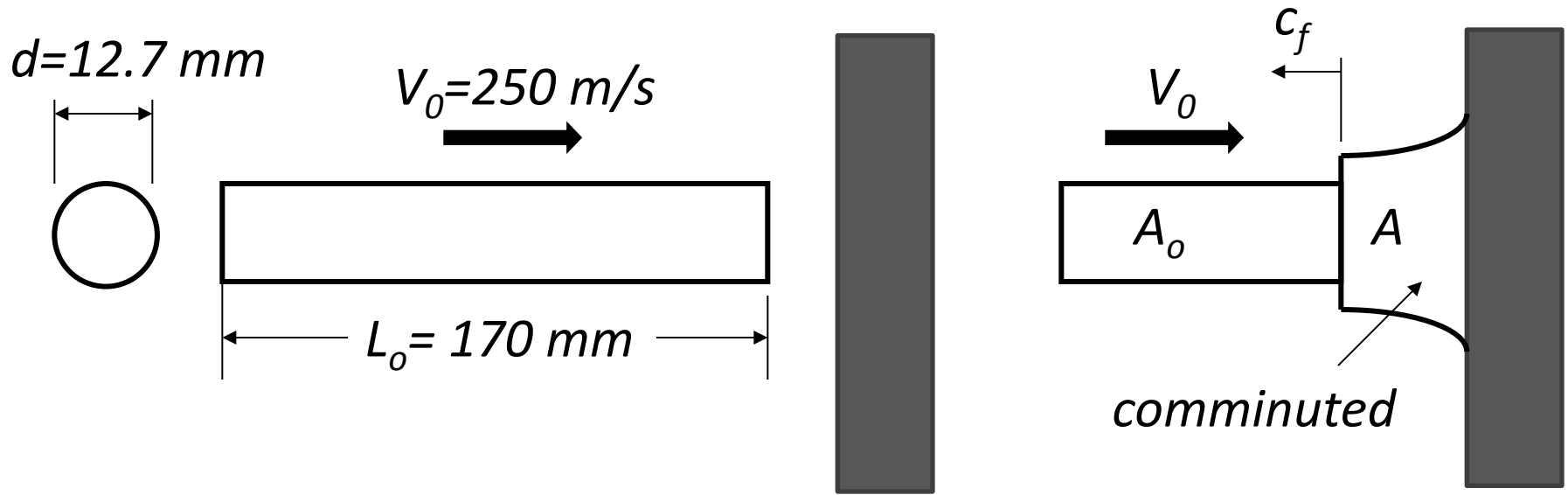
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Validation – Failure waves in glass rods



- $V_o = 225 \text{ m/s}$, $c_f = 3.6 \text{ Km/s}$ (Brar & Bless, 1991)
- $V_o = 250 \text{ m/s}$, $c_f = 3.0 \text{ Km/s}$ (Repetto *et al.*, 2000)

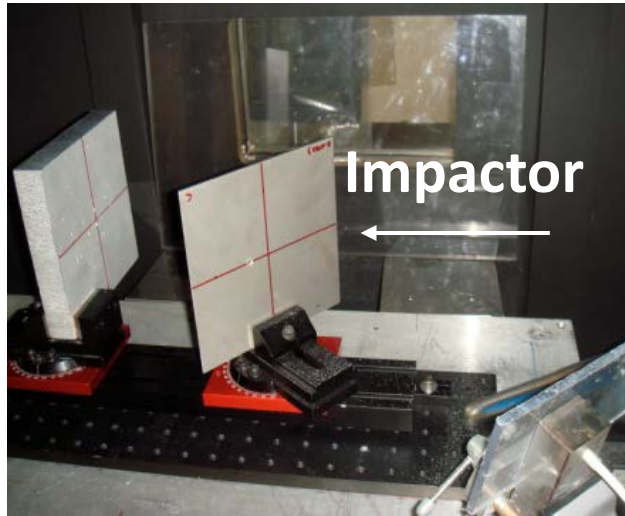


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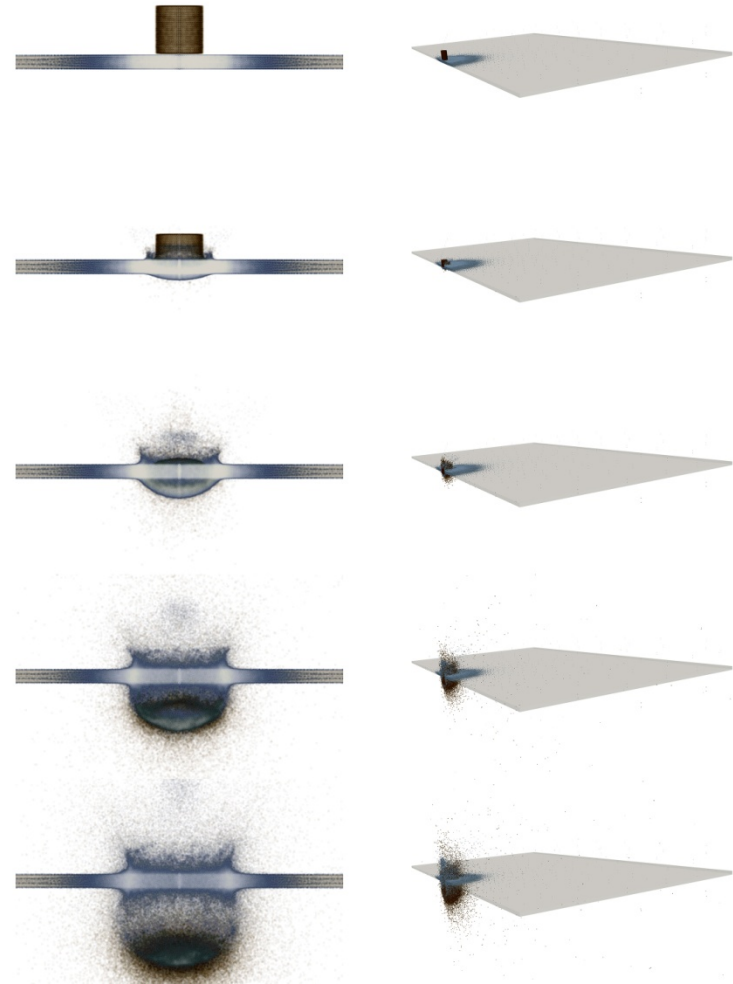
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Application to hypervelocity impact



Caltech's hypervelocity
Impact facility



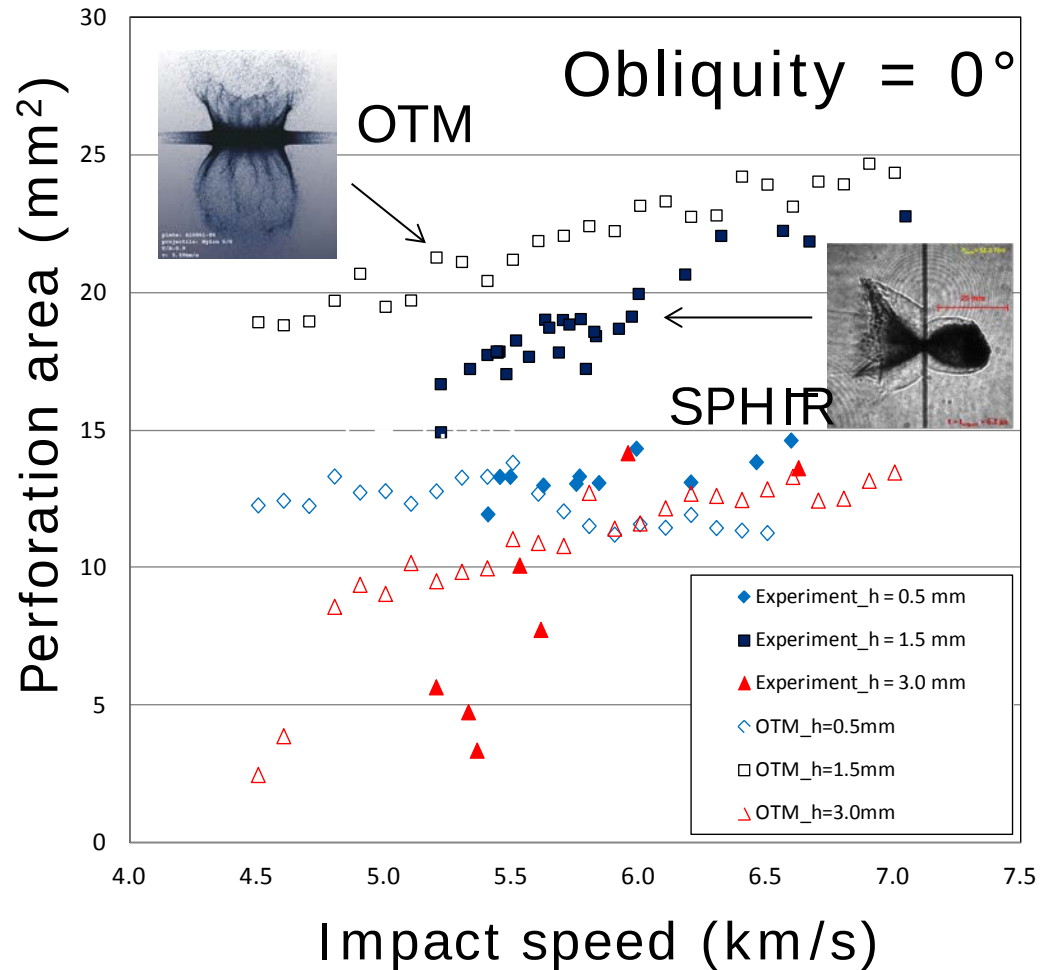
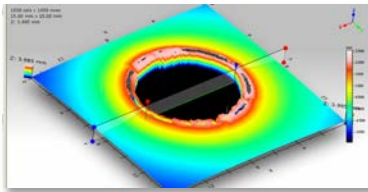
OTM simulation, 5.2 Km/s,
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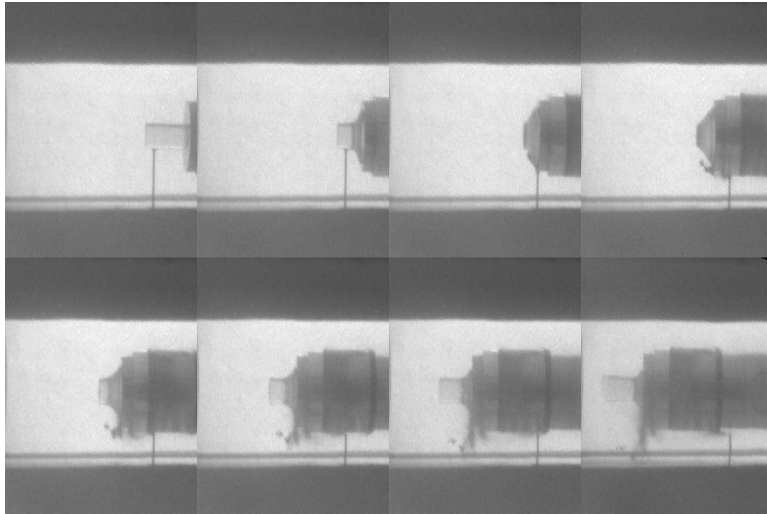
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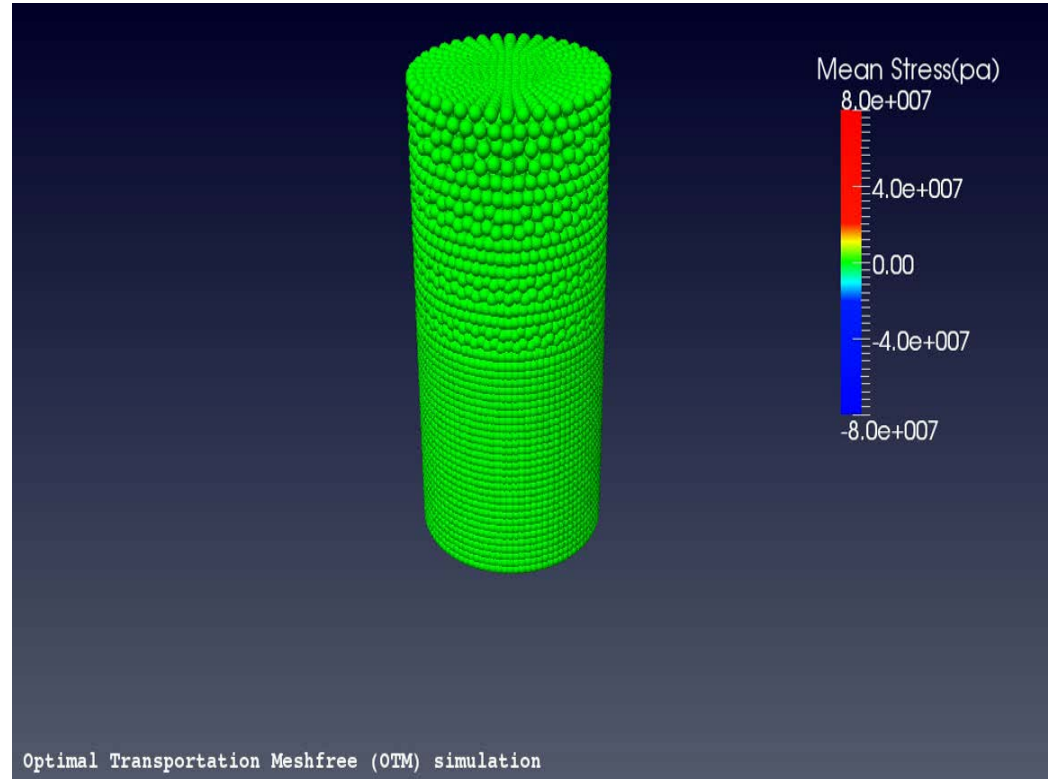
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Taylor-anvil tests on polyurea



Shot #854:
 $R0 = 6.3075 \text{ mm}$,
 $L0 = 27.6897 \text{ mm}$,
 $v = 332 \text{ m/s}$



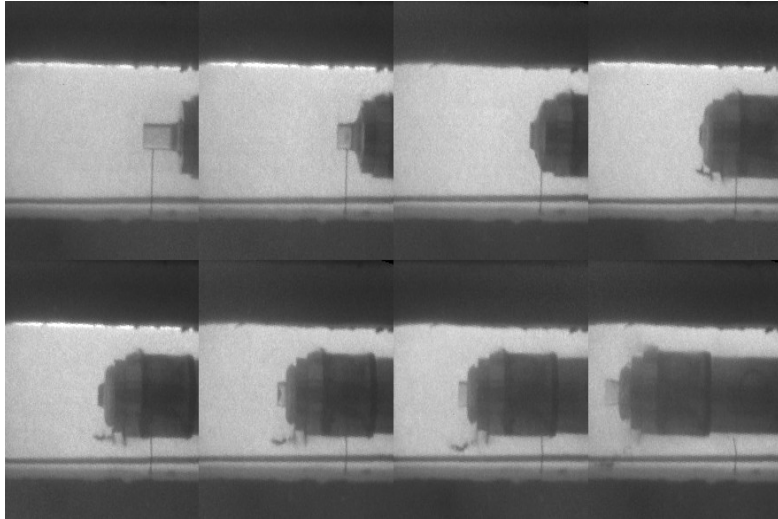
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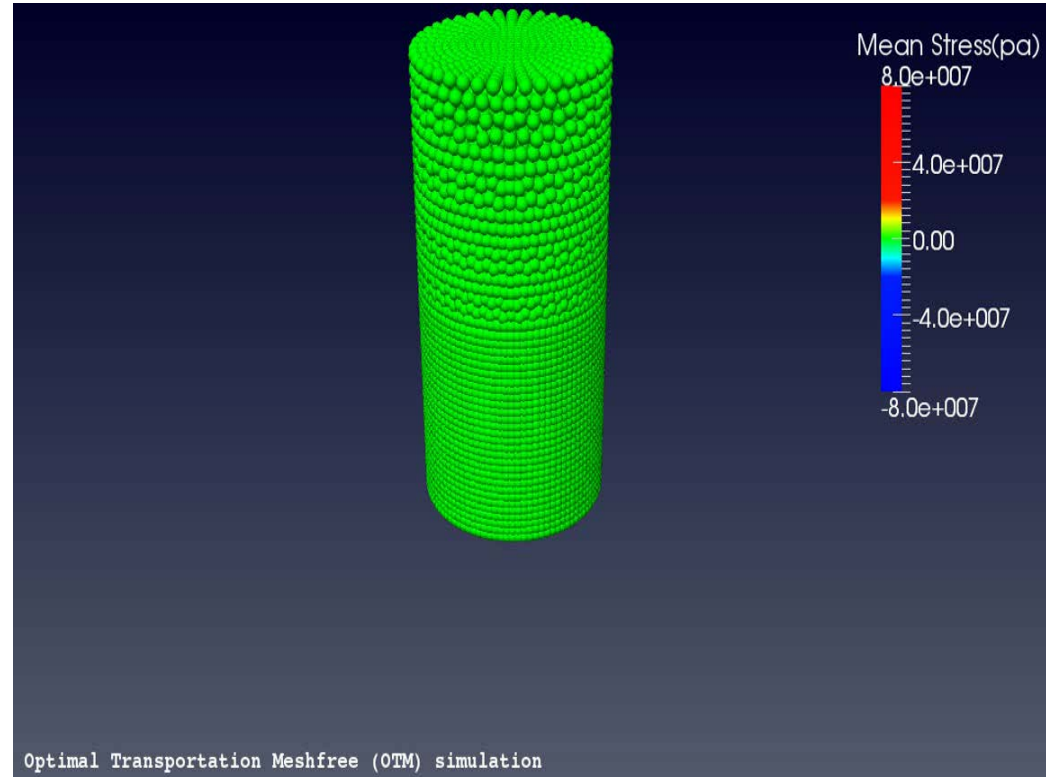
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Shot #861:
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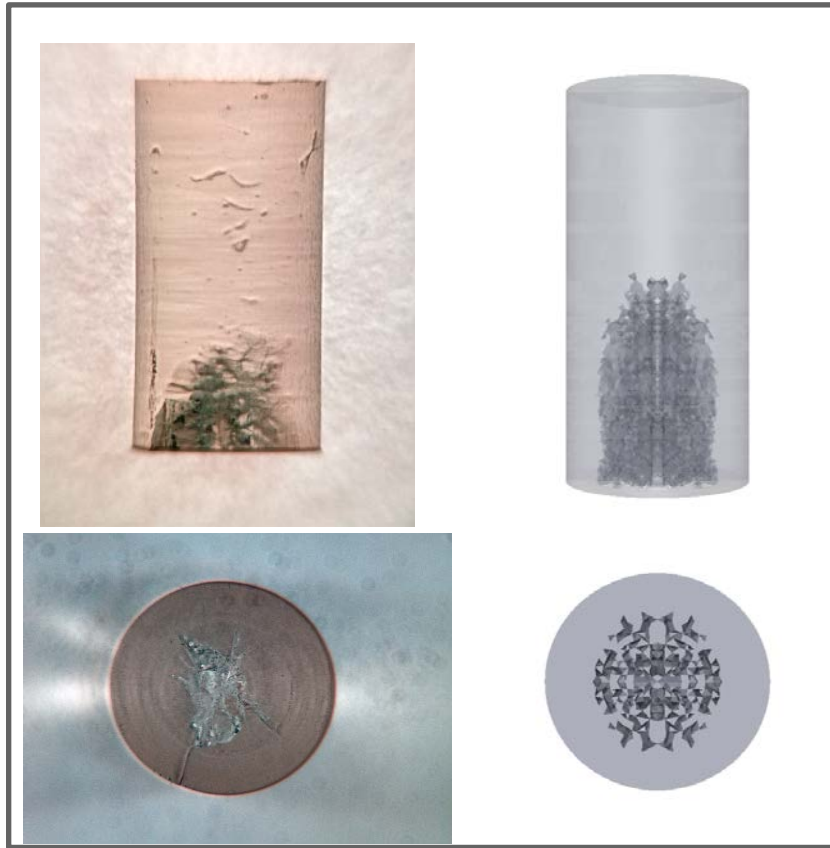
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Shot #861

Comparison of damage and fracture patterns
in recovered specimens and simulations

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Concluding remarks

- Real-life fracture-dominated phenomena are often characterized by *complexity*, coupling to *inelastic/extreme material behavior*, coupling to *environment, stochasticity, uncertainty*...
- Successful/useful numerical schemes rise to these challenges by accounting for *complex fracture patterns, arbitrary material behavior, statics and dynamics*...
- Admissible approximation schemes must be *provably convergent* and *predictive*...
- Also important are *ease of implementation, computational efficiency*...

A pixelated, low-resolution image of a steamship on a body of water. The ship is dark-colored with a white funnel and is moving towards the right, leaving a white wake. In the background, to the left, is a small, light-colored boat. The sky is a pale, hazy blue.

Thank you!