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THE LATTICE DISCRETE PARTICLE MODEL (LDPM) FOR FRACTURE DYNAMICS AND RATE EFFECT IN CONCRETE: THEORY, CALIBRATION AND APPLICATIONS

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- Introduction
- Lattice Discrete Particle Model (LDPM)
 - ❖ Calibration and Validation for Concrete and Fiber Reinforced Concrete
 - ❖ Simulation of Ultra High Performance Concrete
 - ❖ Dynamic Behavior and Rate-Effect
 - ❖ Projectile Penetration; Blast Analysis; Fragmentation
- MARS Software
- Conclusions

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INTRODUCTION

The Multiple Length Scales of Concrete



Full Structure Scale

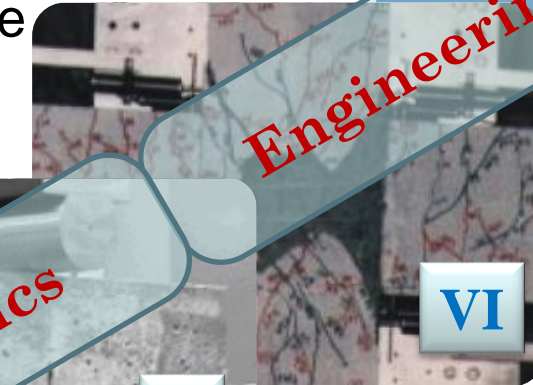
$L \sim 10^1 - 10^2$ m

Structural Element Scale

$L \sim 10^{-1} - 10^1$ m

Plain Concrete Scale

$L \sim 10^{-2} - 10^{-1}$ m



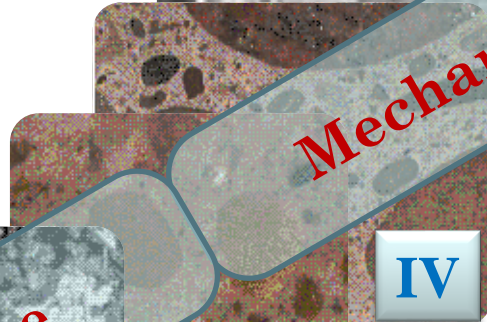
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Engineering



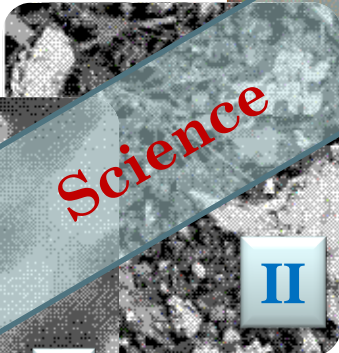
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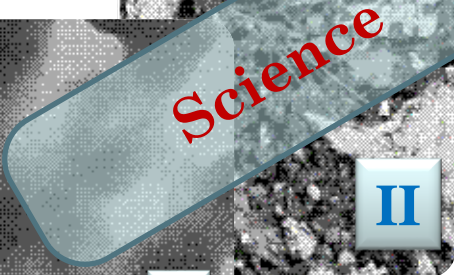
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Concrete Mesoscale $L \sim 10^{-3} - 10^{-2}$ m



III

Mortar Scale $L \sim 10^{-4} - 10^{-3}$ m



II

Cement Paste Scale $L \sim 10^{-6} - 10^{-4}$ m



I

C-S-H $L \sim 10^{-9} - 10^{-6}$ m

Where Should We Start?



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At the Full Structure Scale?



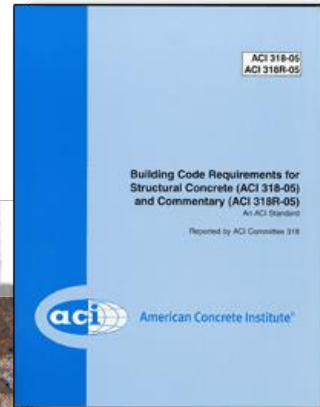
Duomo di Milano
Construction began 1386
Completion 1805
Not a good example of
sustainable infrastructure!!!

At the Structural Element Scale?



Full scale tests are extremely
expensive and time consuming
The time of “beam busting”
must be over

Current Practice

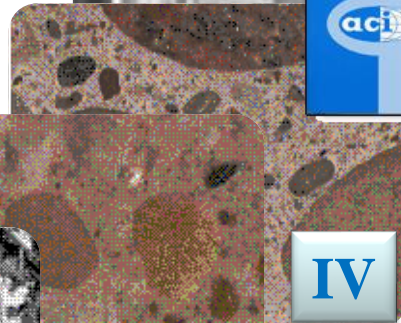
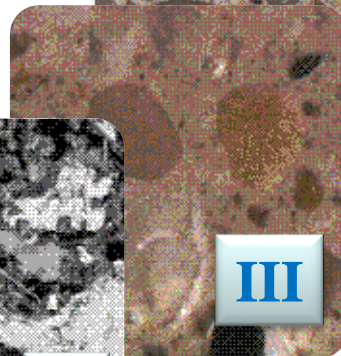
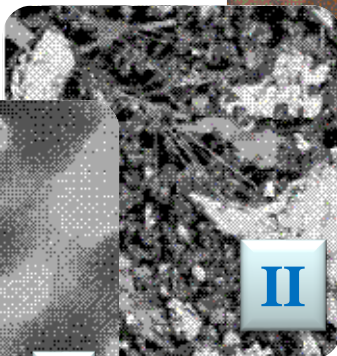


Structural theories

Analytical theories to compute the carrying capacity of structural elements

Material characterization at macroscopic material scale

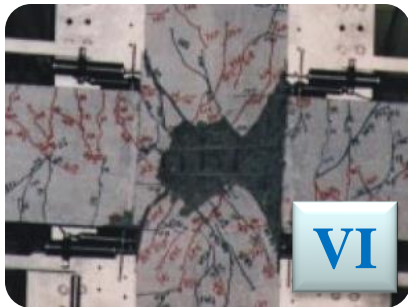
Future Practice ??





Full Structure Scale $L \sim 10^1 - 10^2$ m

- ✧ Structural theories
- ✧ FEM (Beams, Plates, Shells, ...)
- ✧ ??



Structural Element Scale $L \sim 10^{-1} - 10^1$ m

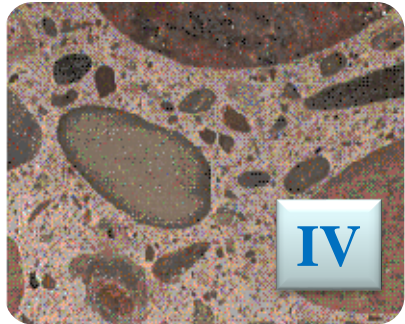
- ✧ FEM (2D and 3D solid elements, Beam/Truss elements for reinforcement),



Plain Concrete Scale $L \sim 10^{-2} - 10^{-1}$ m

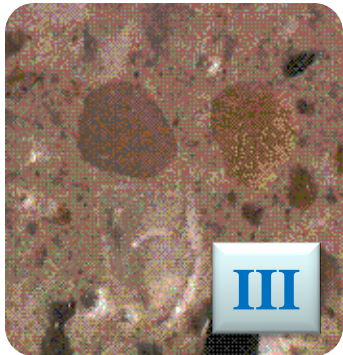
- ✧ Nonlinear fracture mechanics, Discrete modeling, Damage mechanics, Nonlocal theories, High-order theory, Peridynamics
- ✧ FEM, X-FEM, BEM, E-FEM, Meshless methods, Lattice/Particle models

Modeling at Different Length Scales, Cont.



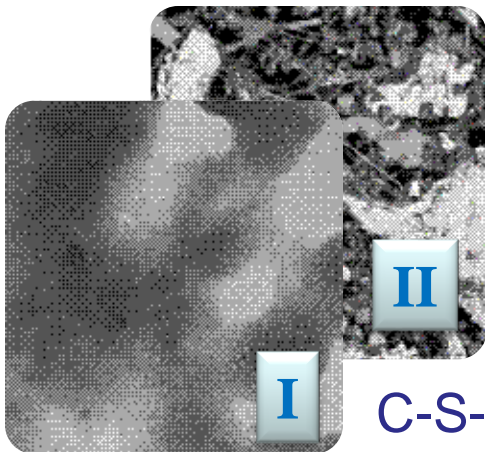
Concrete Mesoscale $L \sim 10^{-3} - 10^{-2}$ m

✧ **Lattice Discrete Particle Model(LDPM)**, Lattice models, DEM



Mortar Scale $L \sim 10^{-4} - 10^{-3}$ m

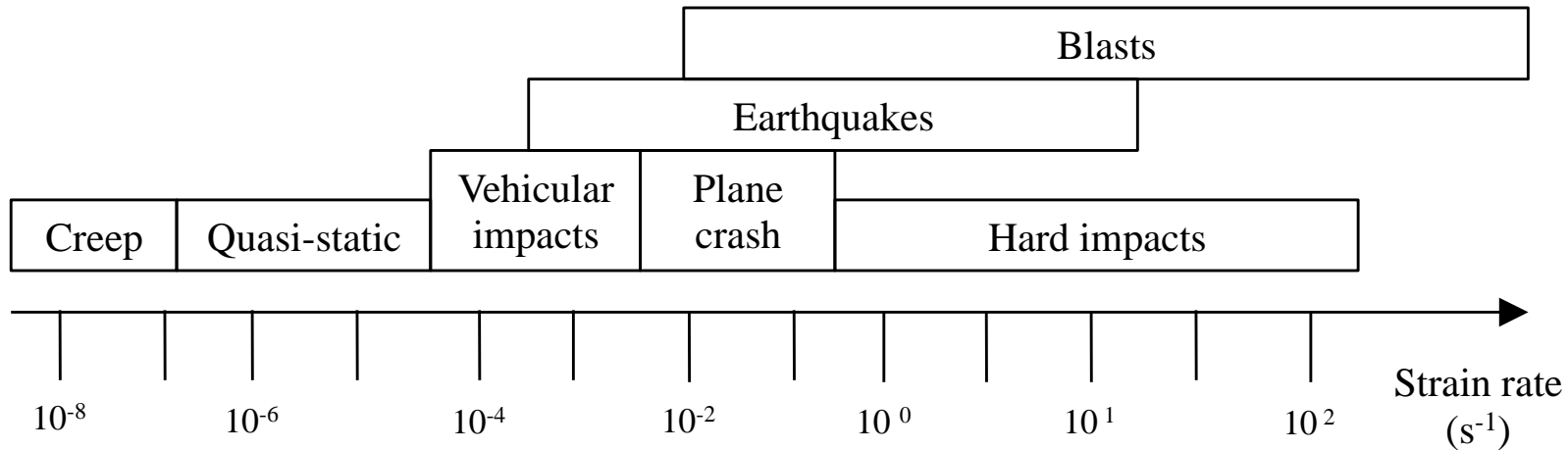
✧ FE Numerical Concrete, RBSN



Cement Paste Scale $L \sim 10^{-6} - 10^{-4}$ m

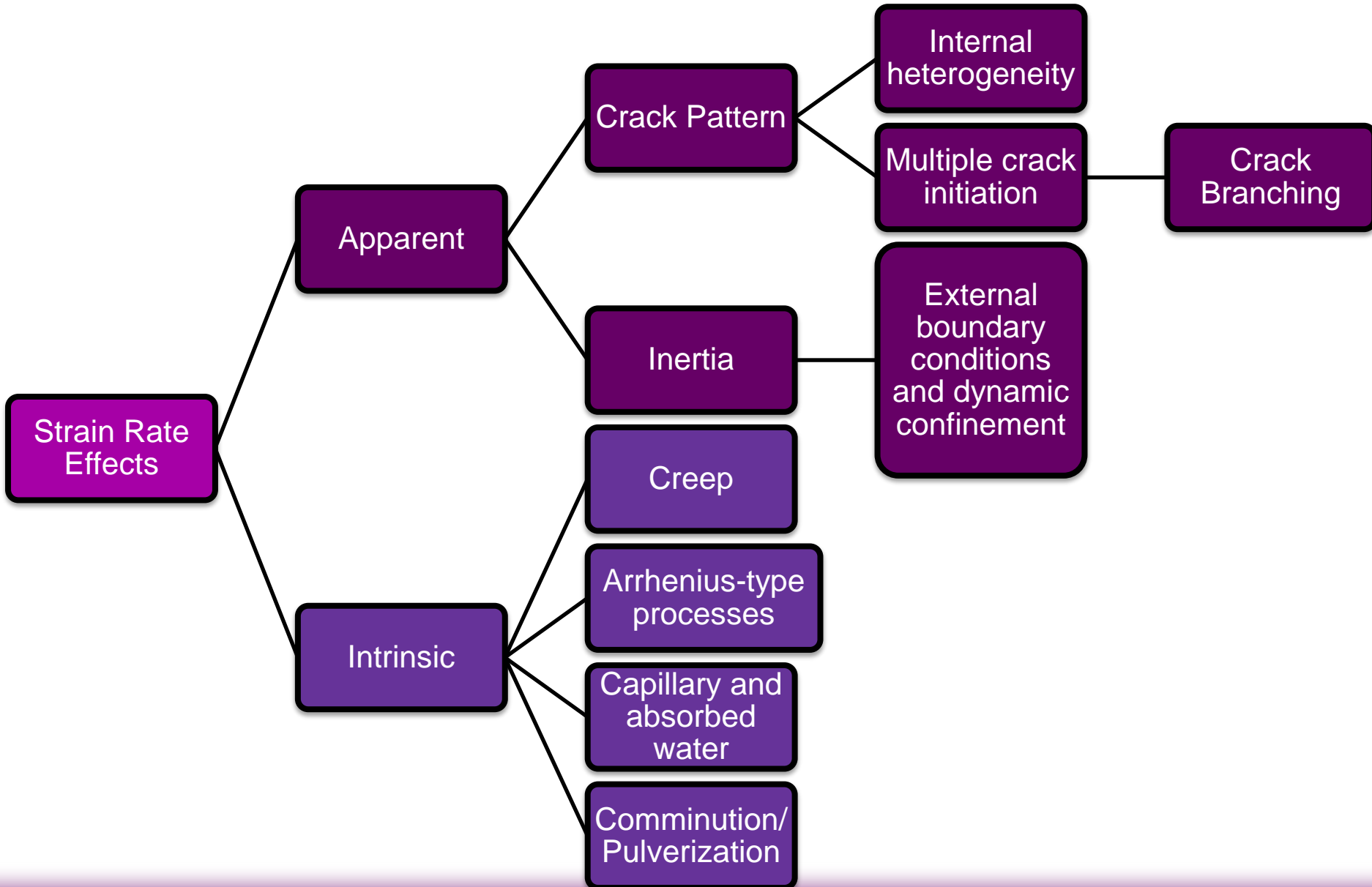
C-S-H $L \sim 10^{-9} - 10^{-6}$ m / MD/Atomistic Simulations

Strain Rate Dependence of Concrete



Typical strain rates for various types of loading (Bischoff and Perry, 1991)

Strain Rate Dependence of Concrete



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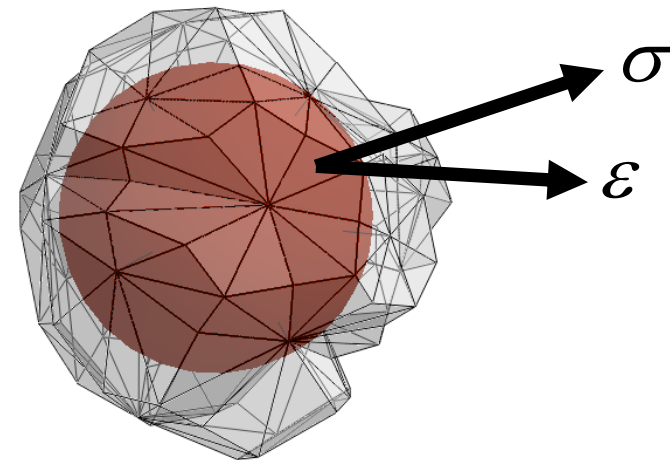
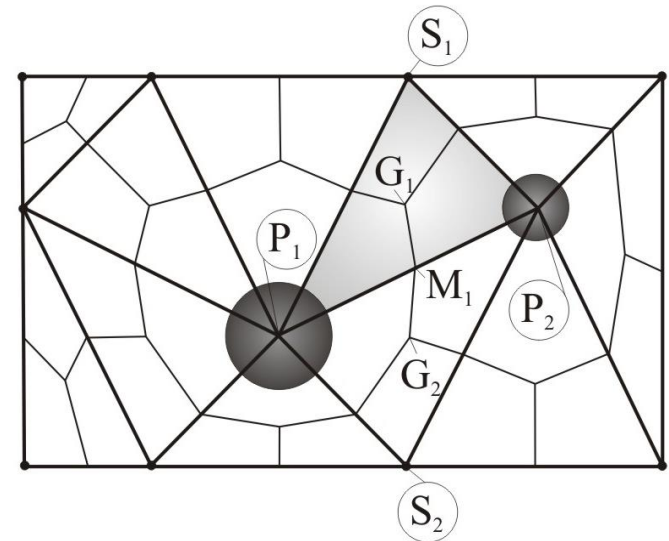


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LATTICE DISCRETE PARTICLE MODELING OF CONCRETE

Lattice Discrete Particle Model (LDPM)

- *A priori volume discretization* is performed taking into account *material heterogeneity (coarse aggregate pieces)*
- *Delaunay triangulation* provides volume subdivision into tetrahedra starting from aggregate centers
- A *dual tessellation* of the triangulated domain defines a set of *discrete polyhedral cells*
- The external triangular faces are the *facets* through which adjacent cells interact



Lattice Discrete Particle Model (LDPM)



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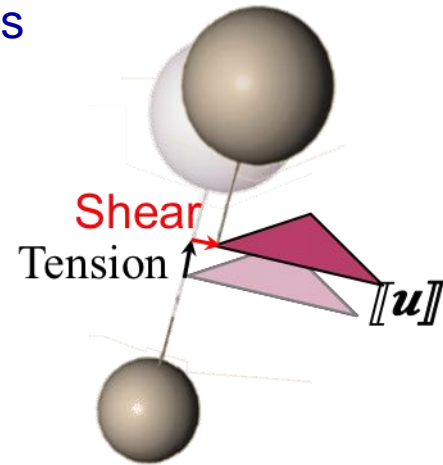
- Stresses and strains vectors are defined on *tessellation facets*. Stresses and strains are defined on a *discrete number of orientations*
- *Discrete compatibility equations* (strains vs. displacements) are formulated through the relative displacements (and rotations) of adjacent nodes (particles)
- *Discrete equilibrium equations* are obtained through the equilibrium of each discrete cell
- Vectorial constitutive equations
 - Softening behavior is only associated with tensile stresses (fracture)
 - Compressive behavior is always hardening (compaction)
 - Shear behavior simulates cohesion and friction

LDPM Vectorial Constitutive Law



- Discrete compatibility equations (strains vs. displacements) are formulated through the relative displacements (rotations included) of adjacent nodes

$$\varepsilon_N = \frac{n^T [\mathbf{u}]}{L} \quad \varepsilon_M = \frac{m^T [\mathbf{u}]}{L} \quad \varepsilon_L = \frac{l^T [\mathbf{u}]}{L}$$



- Fracturing Behavior - $e_N > 0$

Shear strain

$$e_T = \sqrt{e_M^2 + e_L^2}$$

Coupling strain

$$\tan W = \frac{e_N}{\sqrt{a} e_T}$$

Equivalent strain

$$e = \sqrt{e_N^2 + e_T^2}$$

Equivalent stress

$$\dot{s} = E \dot{e} \quad 0 \leq s \leq s_b(e, W)$$

where

$$s_b(e, W) = s_0(W) \exp \left[\hat{1} K(W) \frac{\langle e - e_0(W) \rangle}{s_0(W)} \hat{1} \right] \ddot{y} \hat{p}$$

Normal stress

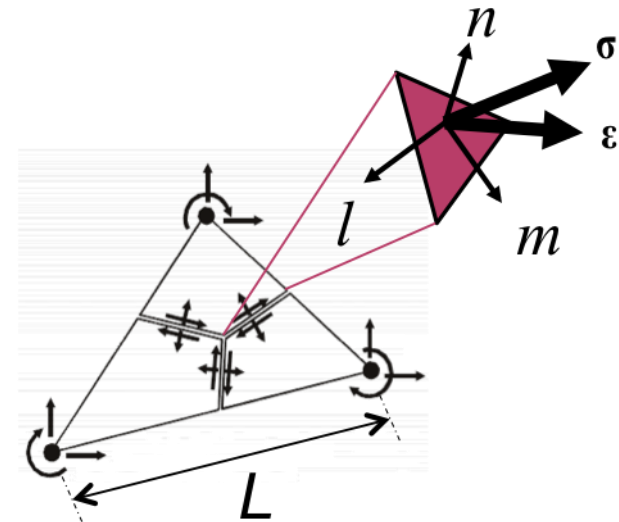
$$s_N = \frac{S}{e} e_N$$

Tangential stress

$$s_T = \frac{S}{e} e_T$$

Coupling stress

$$\tan W = \frac{s_N}{s_T / \sqrt{a}}$$



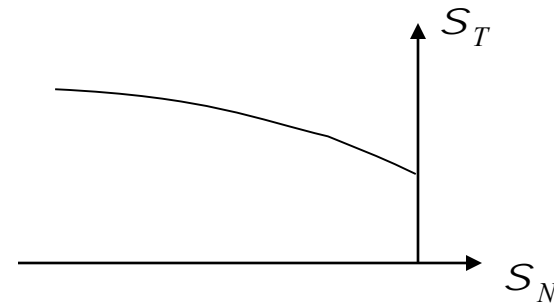
LDPM Vectorial Constitutive Law



Frictional Behavior/Compaction - $e_N < 0$

Normal stress $S_N = \begin{cases} F_N(e_V) = -S_c + K_c(e_V + e_c), & -e_V < 0 \\ F_N(e_V) = -S_{c0} \exp\left(\frac{e_V + e_{c0}}{S_{c0}}\right) - K_c \frac{e_V + e_{c0}}{S_{c0}}, & -e_V \geq e_{c0} \end{cases}$

Shear stress $S_T = F_T(S_N) = S_S + (m_0 - m_{\neq}) S_{N0} - m_{\neq} S_N - (m_0 - m_{\neq}) S_{N0} \exp(S_N/S_{N0})$



Strain Rate Dependence -

Tension stress-strain boundary and the cohesion is scaled by a function of the strain rate, $\dot{\epsilon}$:

$$F(\dot{\epsilon}) = 1 + c_1 a \sinh\left(\frac{\dot{\epsilon}}{c_2}\right)$$

LDPM Modeling Capabilities

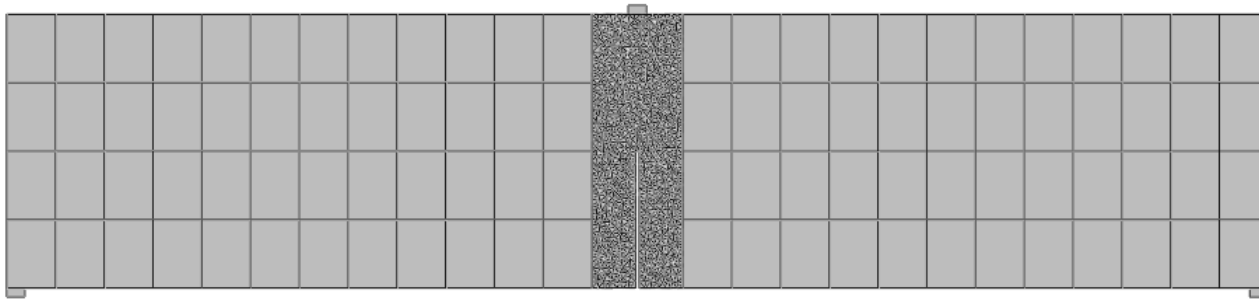
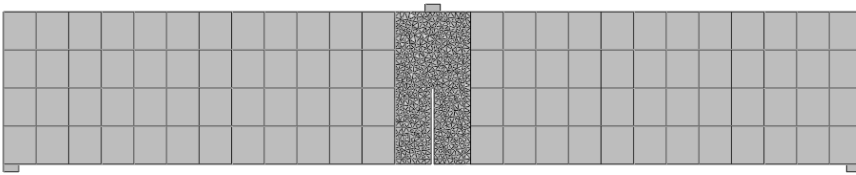
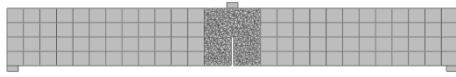


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- ✱ Uniaxial compression tests
- ✱ Biaxial compression tests
- ✱ Triaxial compression tests with reverse of softening into hardening
- ✱ Hydrostatic and Uniaxial Strain compression tests
- ✱ Direct tensile tests; Brazilian tests
- ✱ Module of rupture
- ✱ Mode I and Mixed mode fracture tests
- ✱ Energetic size effect
- ✱ Cycling loading
- ✱ Anchor extraction
- ✱ Projectile penetration
- ✱ Blast induced fragmentation
- ✱ Impact induced fragmentation
- ✱ ASR deterioration
- ✱ Coupling with heat transfer and multiple species transport

- The calibration of the model requires (at least) the following set of data: 1) Uniaxial Compression Tests, 2) Hydrostatic Compression Tests, 3) Fracture Tests
- These data must be either obtained through direct experimentation or estimated from published experimental data
- Validation is performed by simulating additional experimental data without further adjustment of model parameters

Example: Fracture Tests

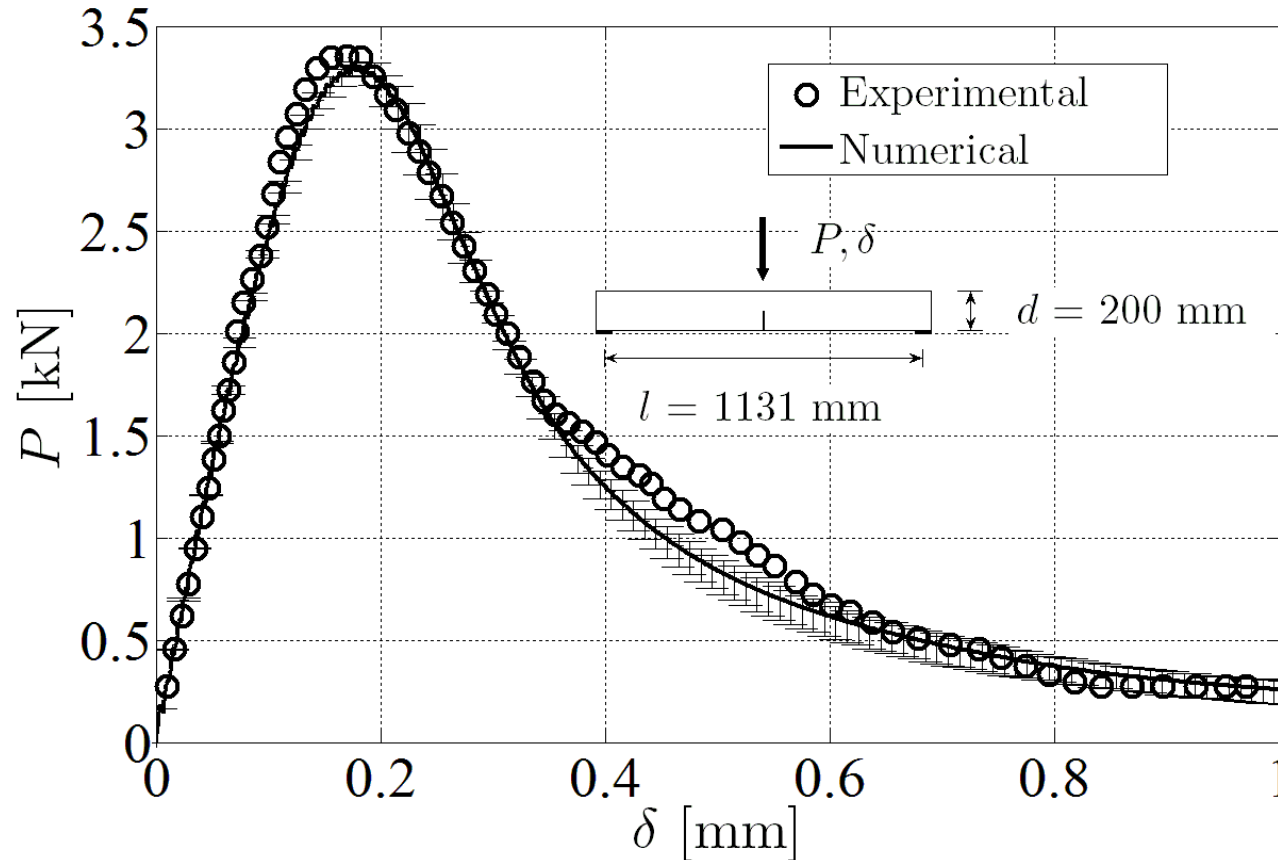


- Fracture specimens (Medium ($D = 200$ mm) used for calibration, Small ($D = 100$ mm) and Large ($D = 300$ mm) used for validation)

Fracture Tests : Calibration

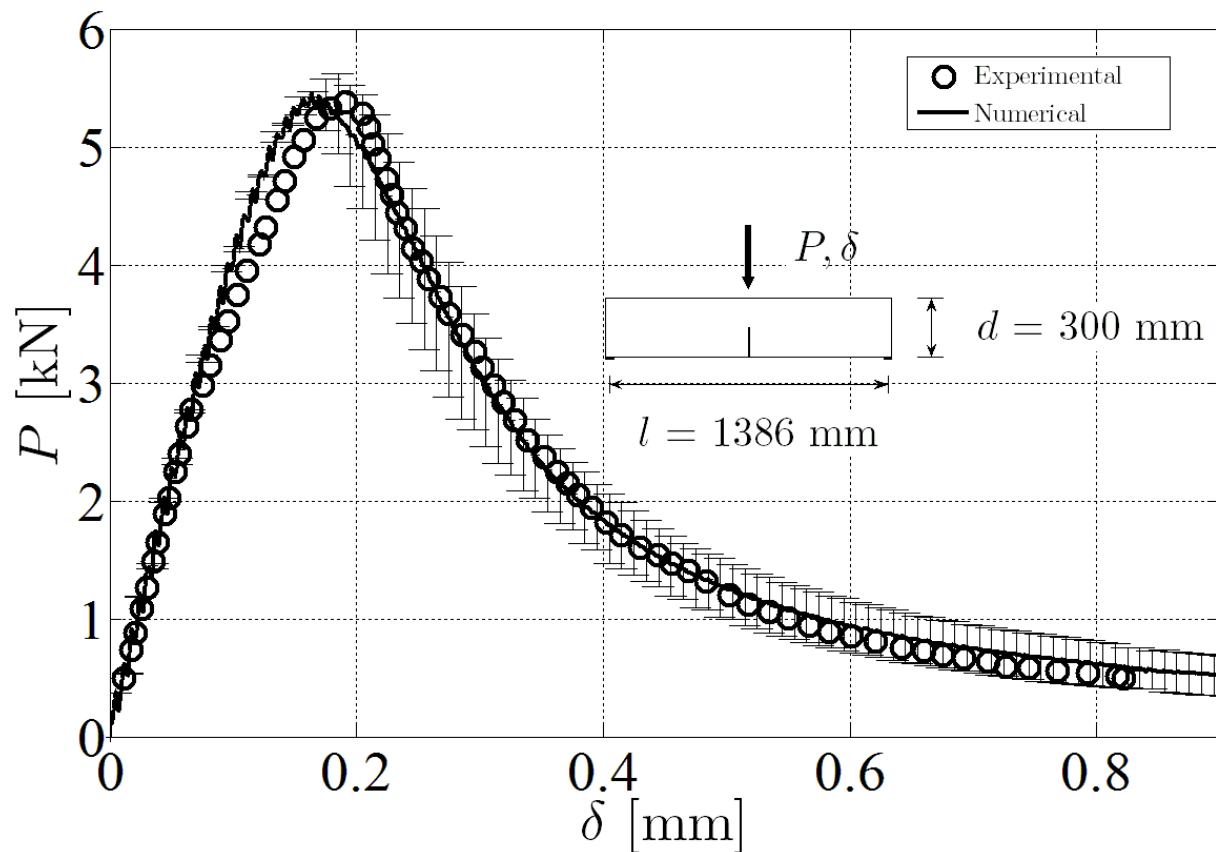


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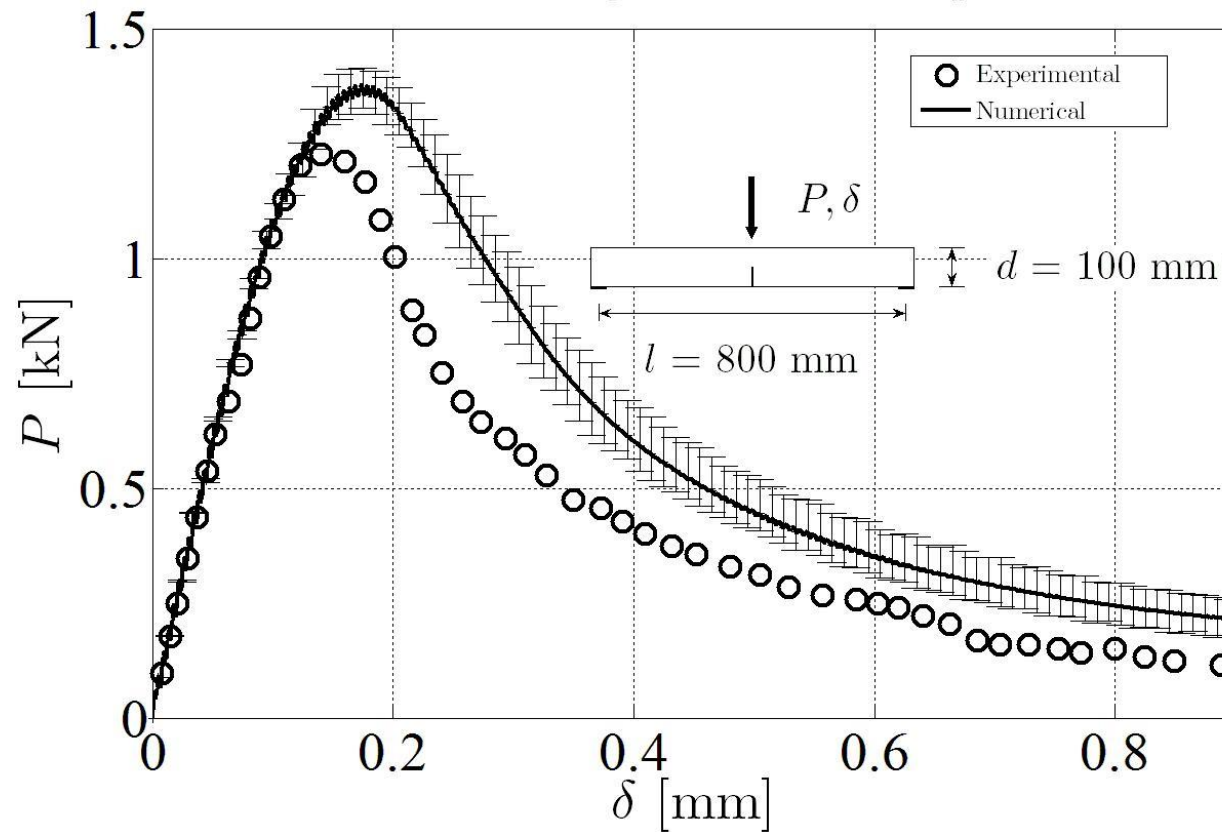


Three-point bending test on the medium-size specimen (plus unconfined uniaxial compression test and hydrostatic test – not shown)

Three-point bending test of the large-size specimen



Three-point bending test of the small-size specimen

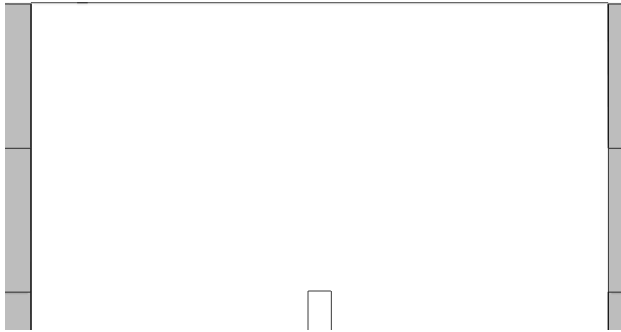


Fracture Tests: Animations

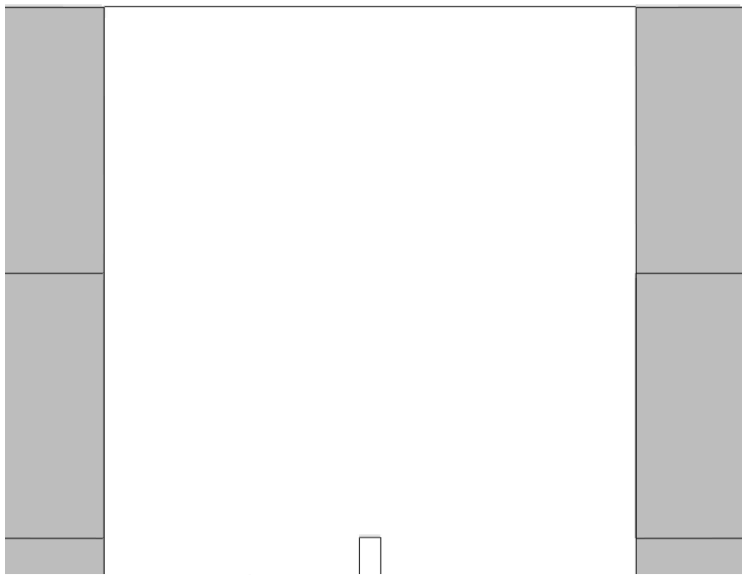


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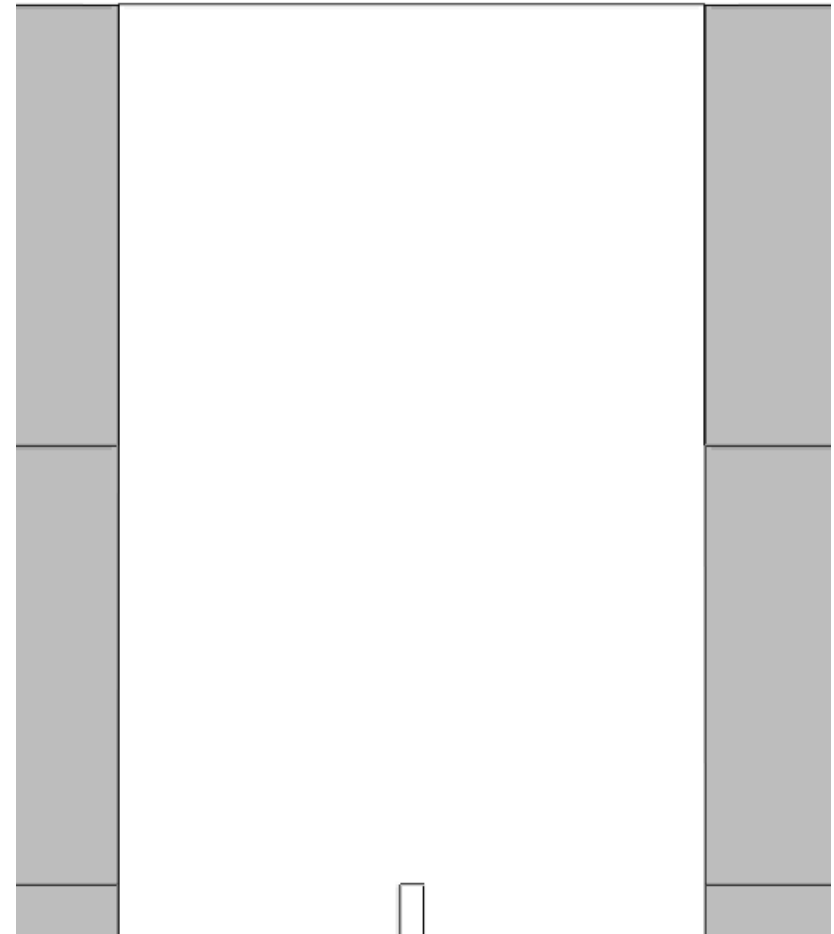
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MEDIUM



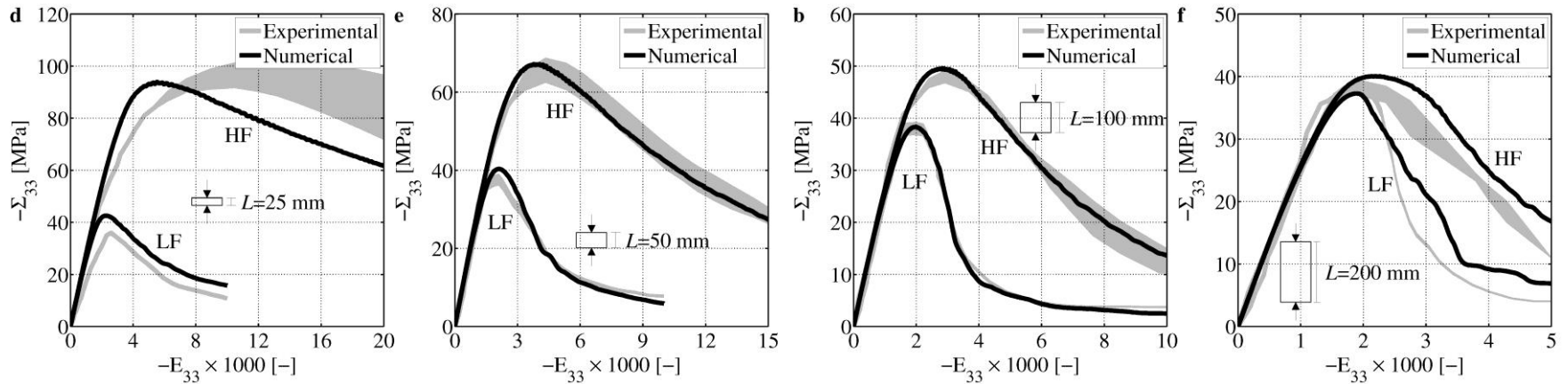
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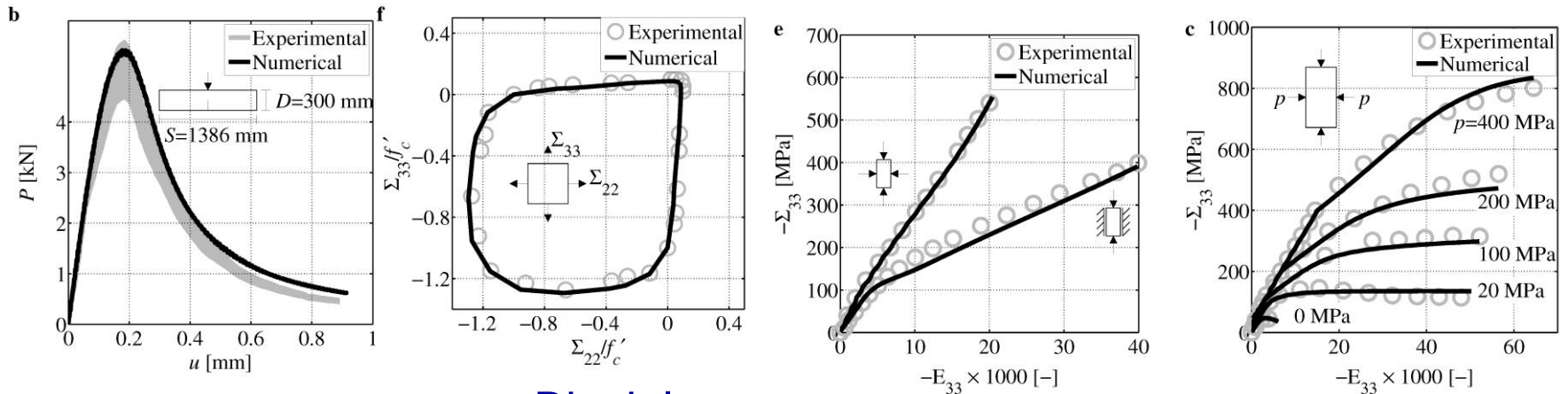
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Unconfined Compression



Tensile Fracture

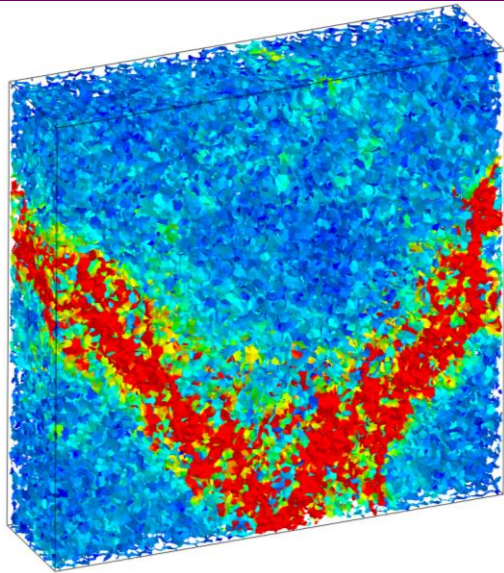
Biaxial
Compression

Triaxial Compression

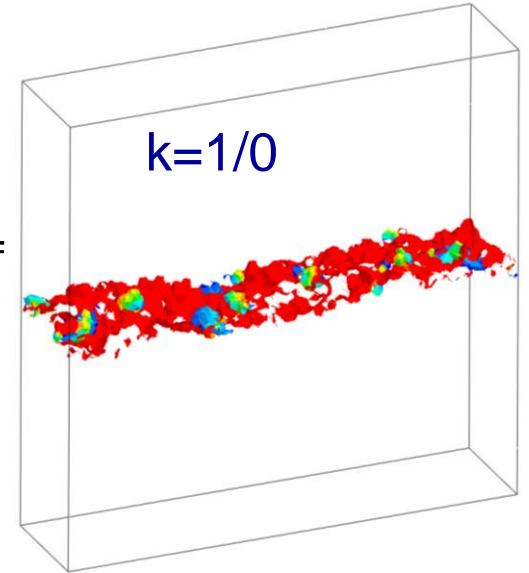
Biaxial Behavior: Failure Modes



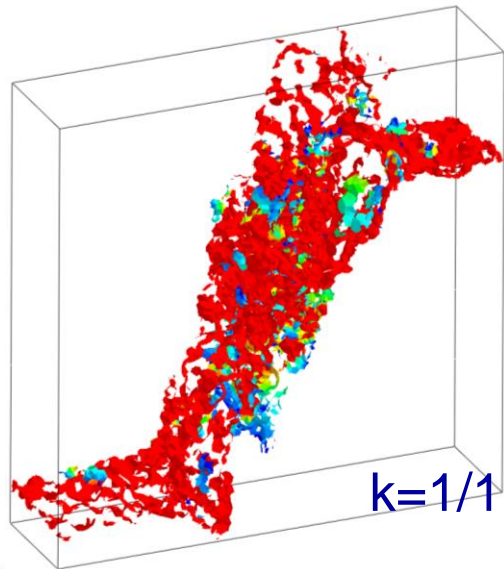
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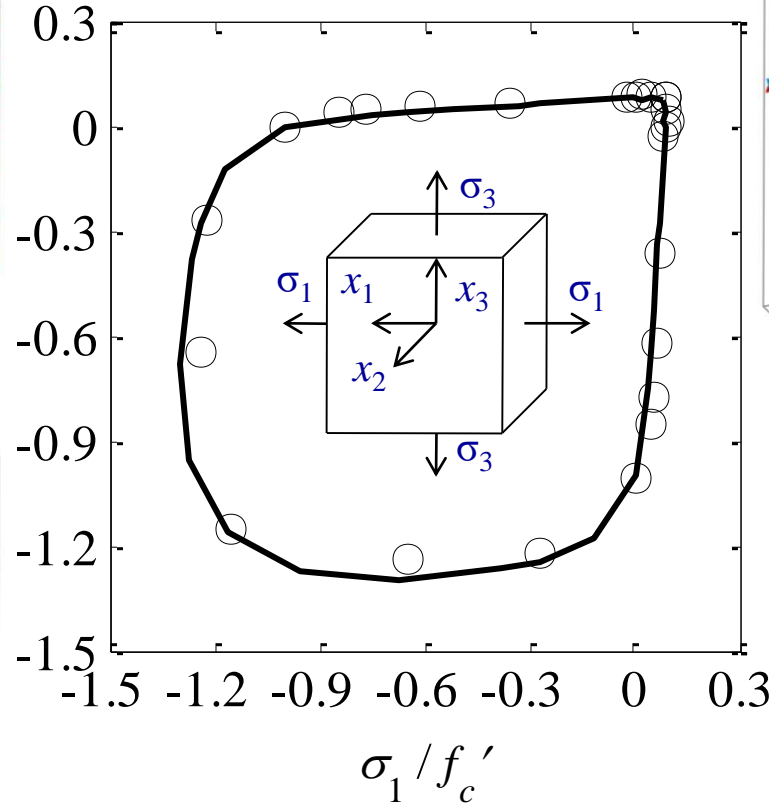
$k=-1/0$



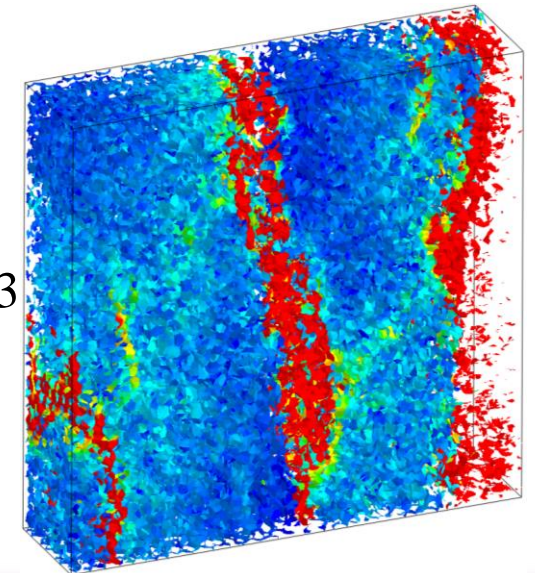
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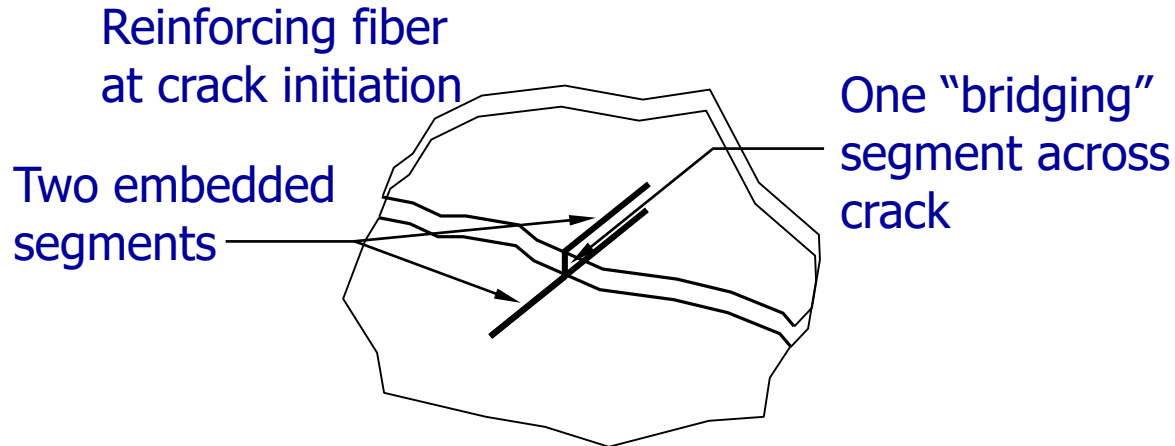
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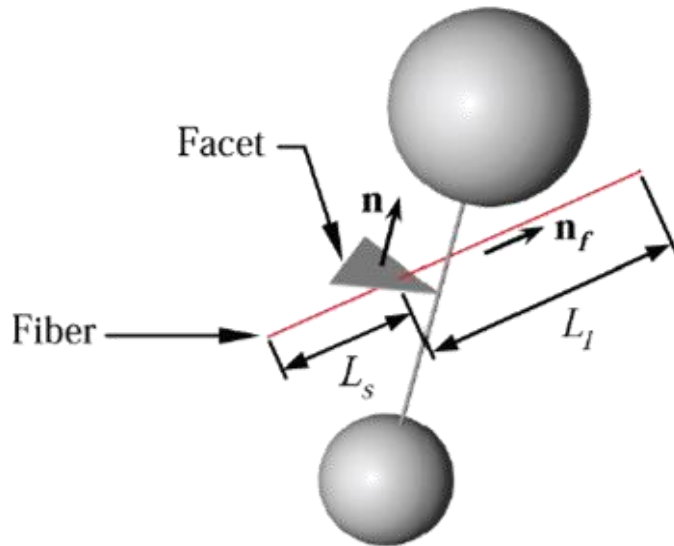
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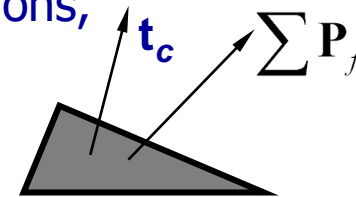
Fiber Addition (LDPM-F)



Reinforcing fiber as
crack width increases in
random direction

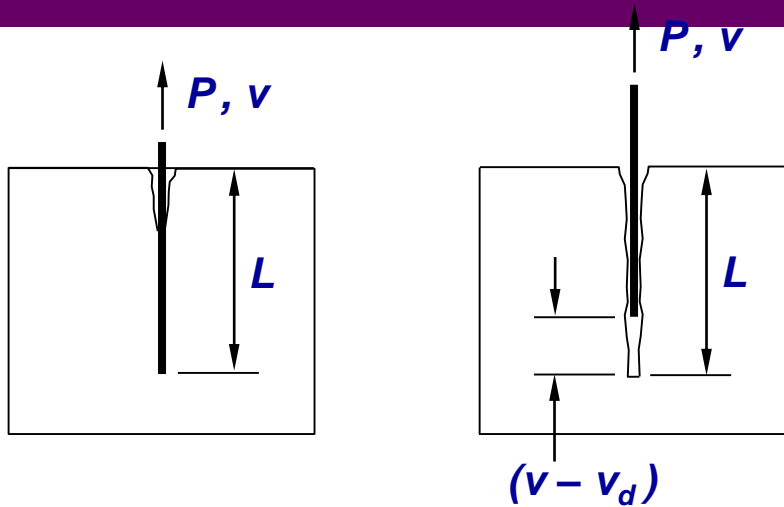


LDPM triangular facets
(cracks) subject both
concrete tractions,



and forces from
fiber bridging
segments.

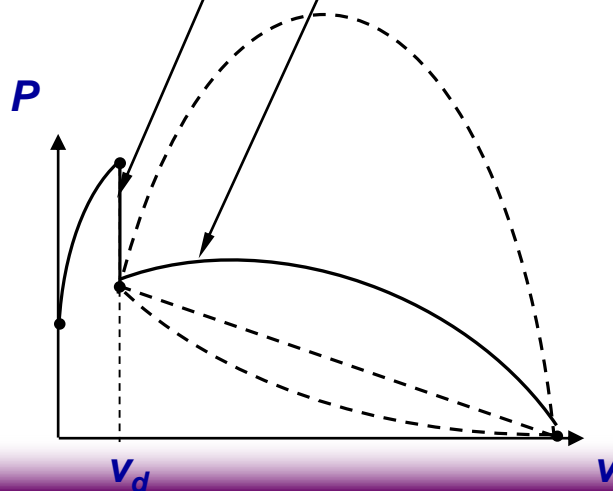
Fiber-Concrete Interaction



- P is the force, v is the fiber displacement, L is embedment length
- A constant friction stress and a debonding fracture energy affects the initial resistance of the fiber to separate from the concrete.

□ After debonding:

- 1) sudden load drop as resistance shifts to a purely frictional nature
- 2) frictional pullout characterized by slip-hardening coefficient, β



$\beta < 0$: slip-softening;

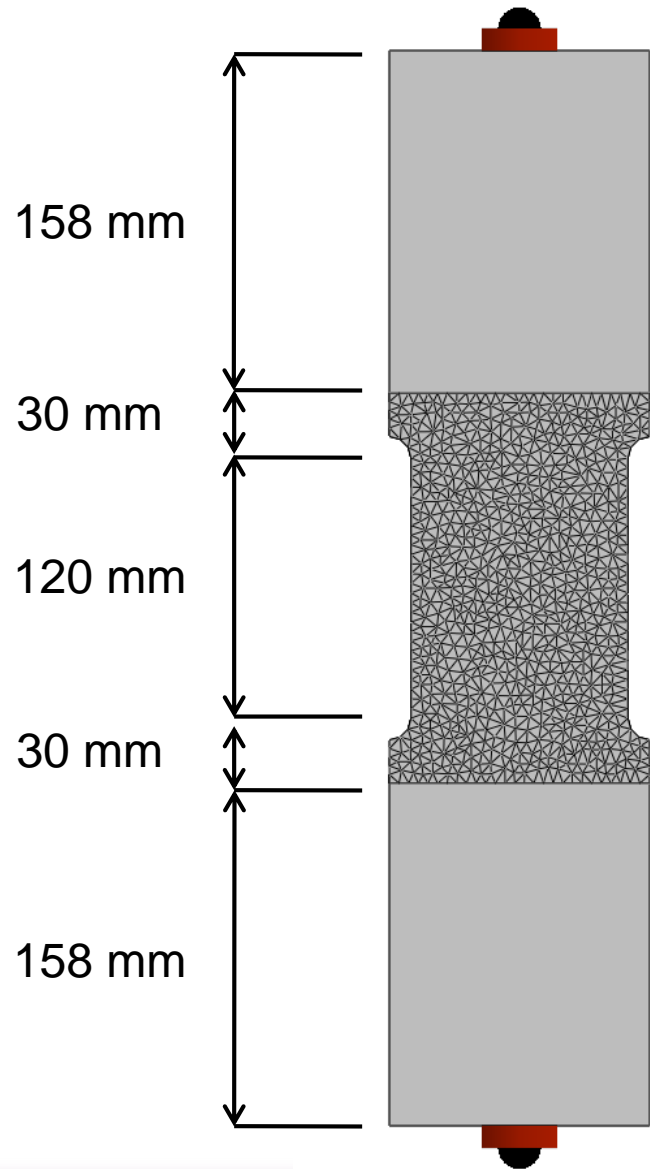
$\beta > 0$: slip-hardening;
possibility of fiber rupture

$\beta = 0$: interface friction
independent of slip

FRC Specimen Geometry

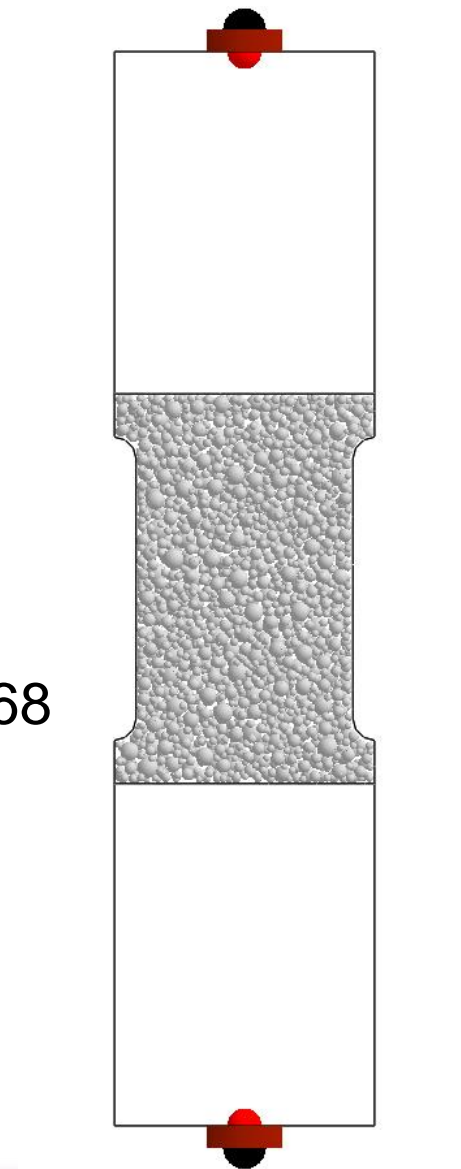


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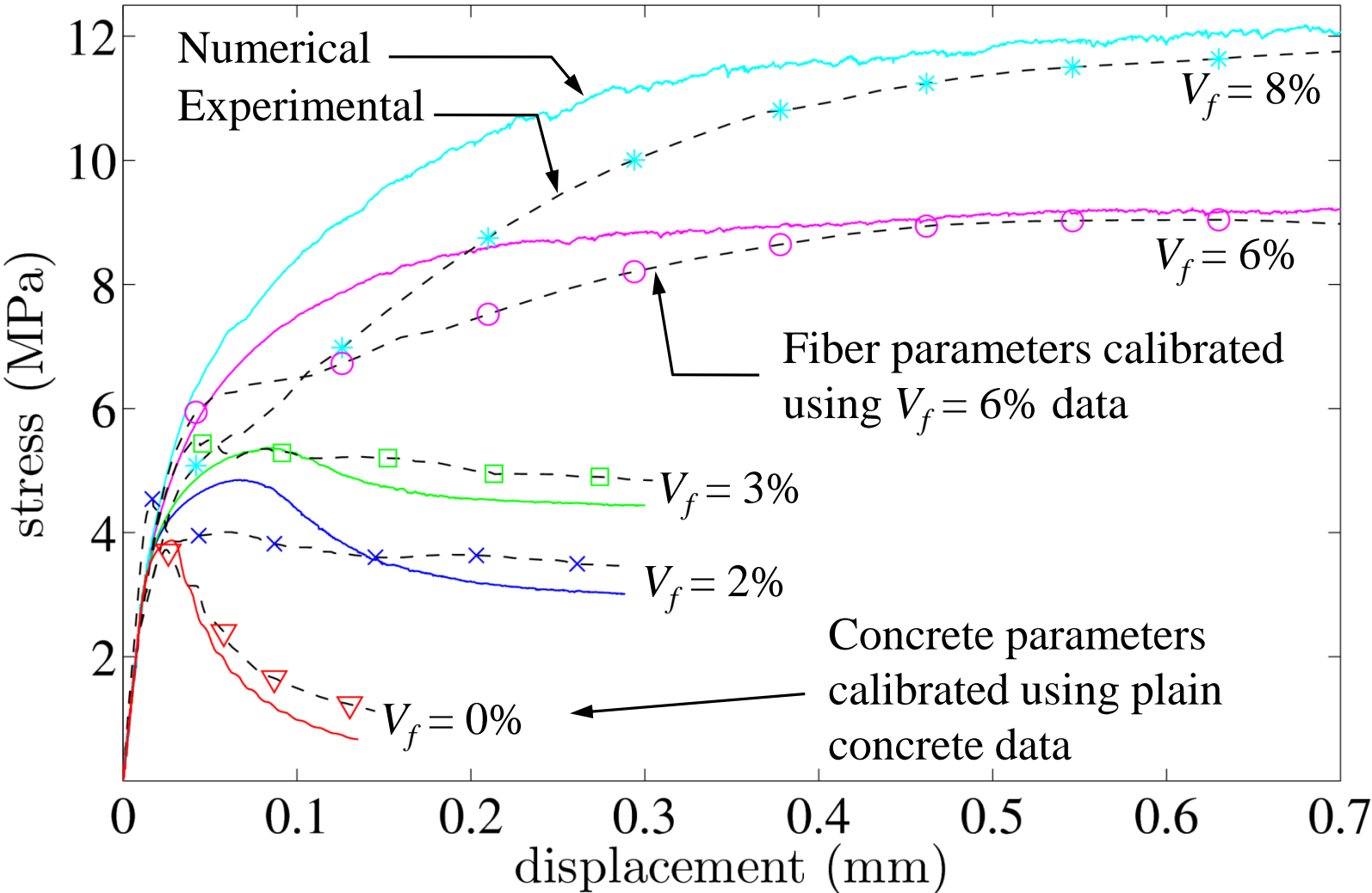


No. tets: 4233

No. particles: 19668



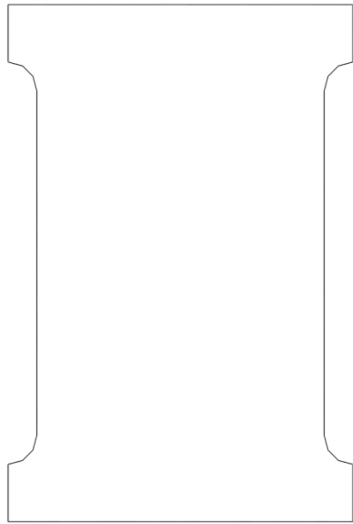
Stress vs. Disp. Curves, Steel Fibers



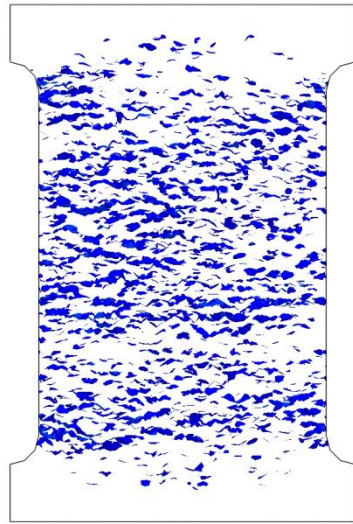
Crack Distribution for $V_f = 0\%$



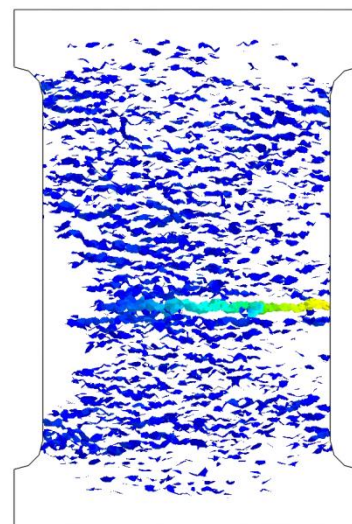
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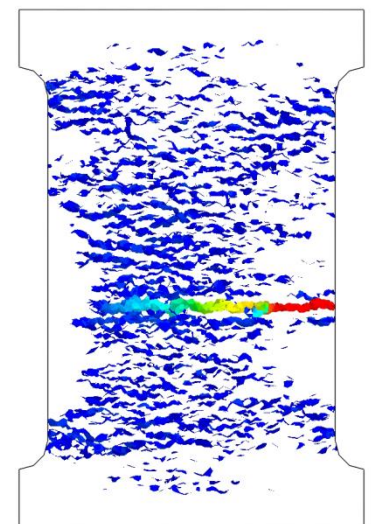
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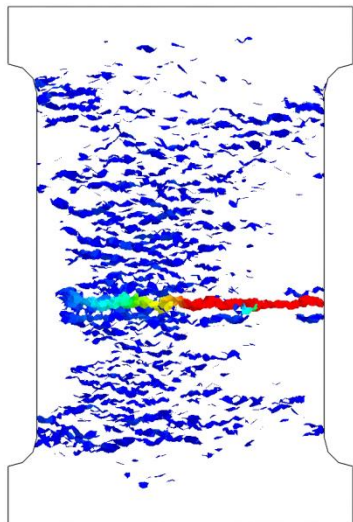
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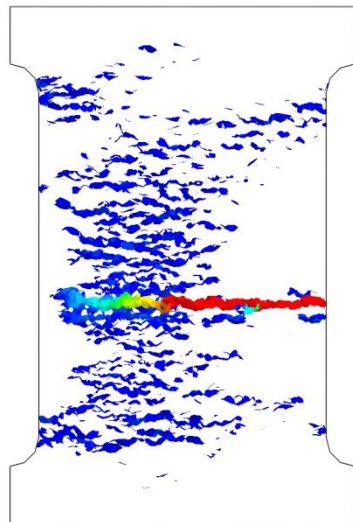
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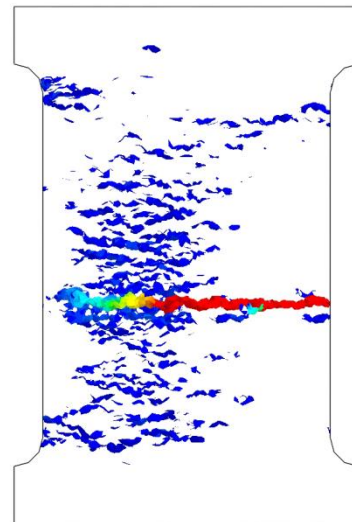
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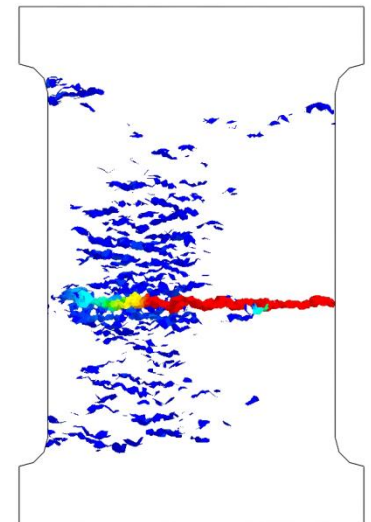
0.08 mm



0.10 mm



0.12 mm

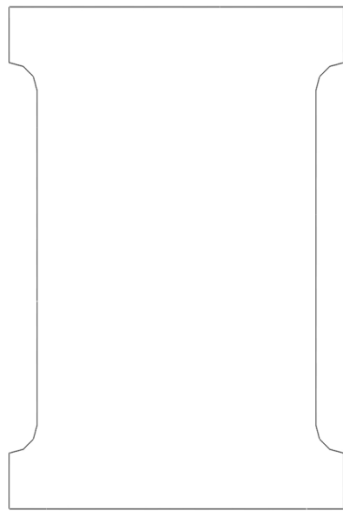


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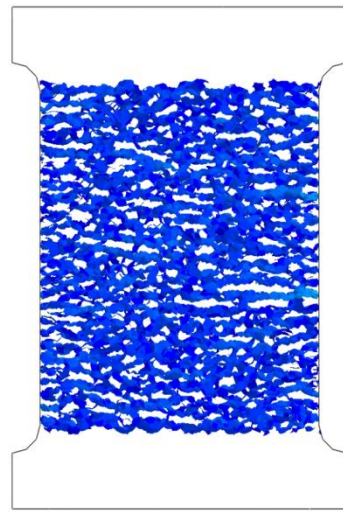
Crack Distribution for $V_f = 6\%$



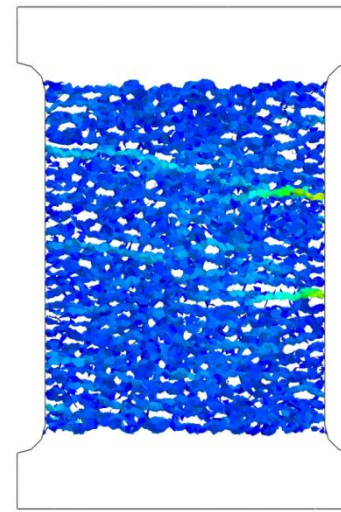
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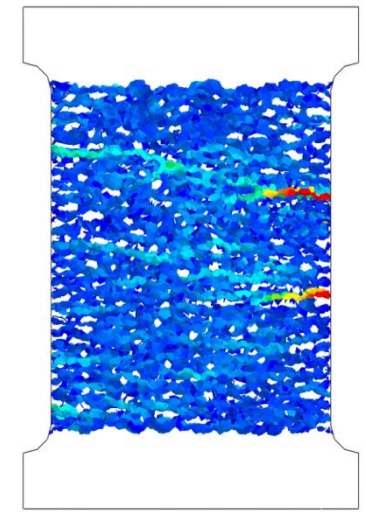
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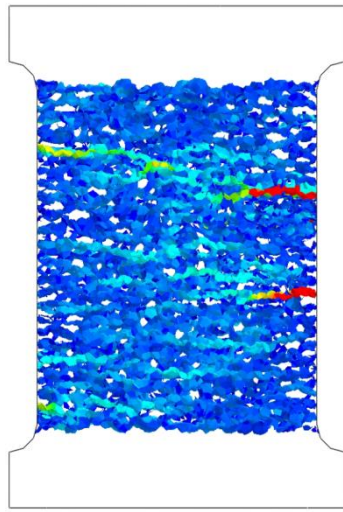
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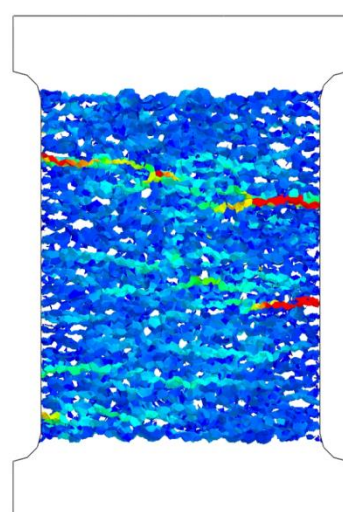
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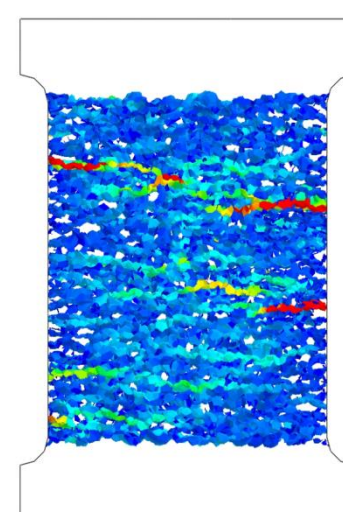
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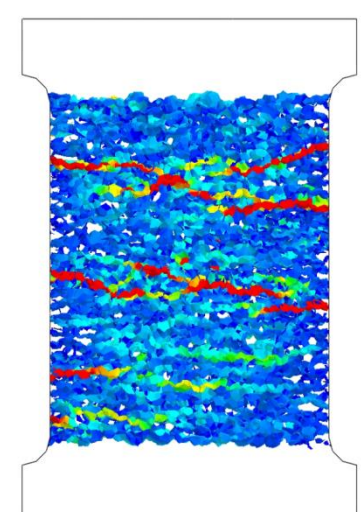
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0.30 mm



0.36 mm

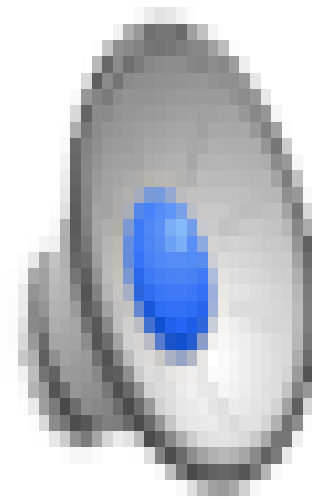
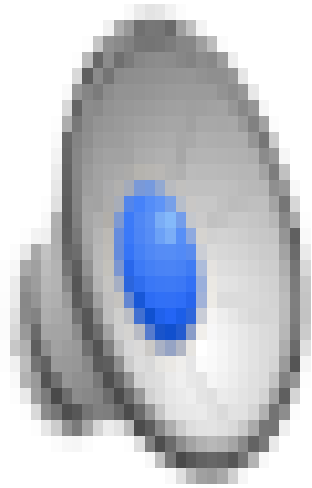


0.60 mm

Animation for $V_f = 0$ and 6%



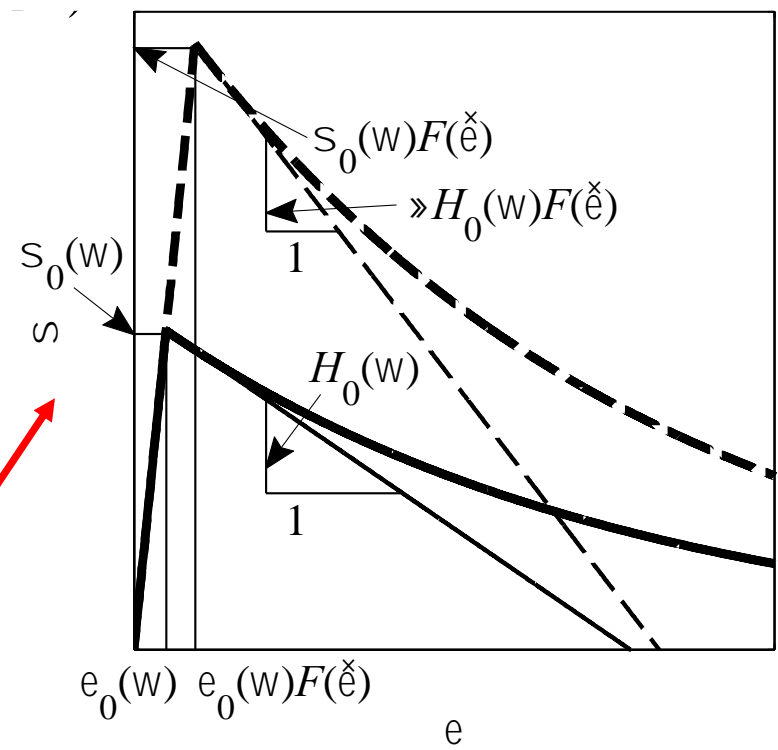
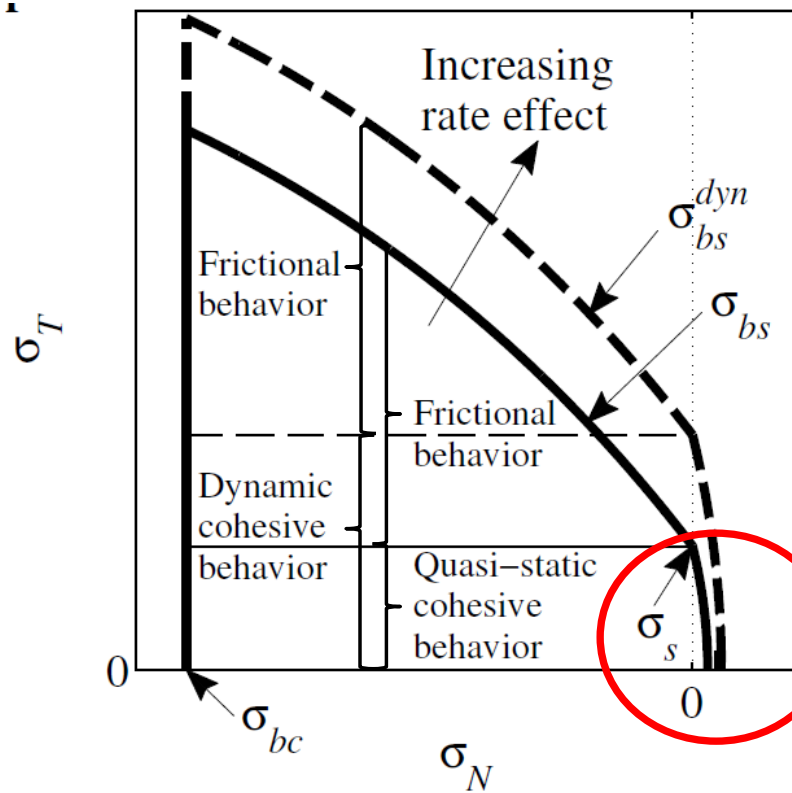
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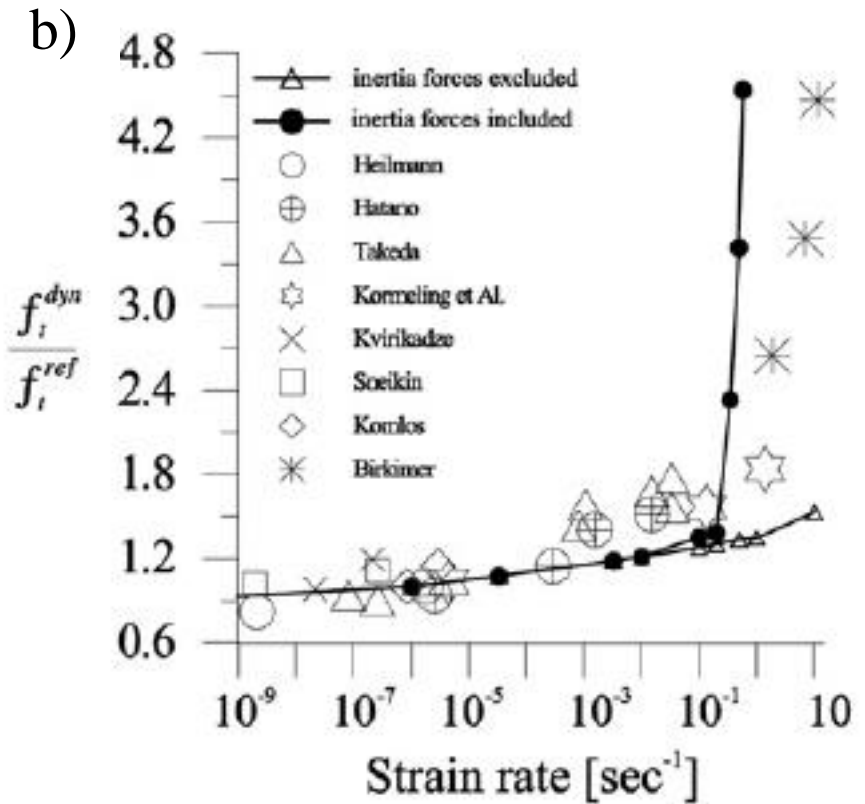
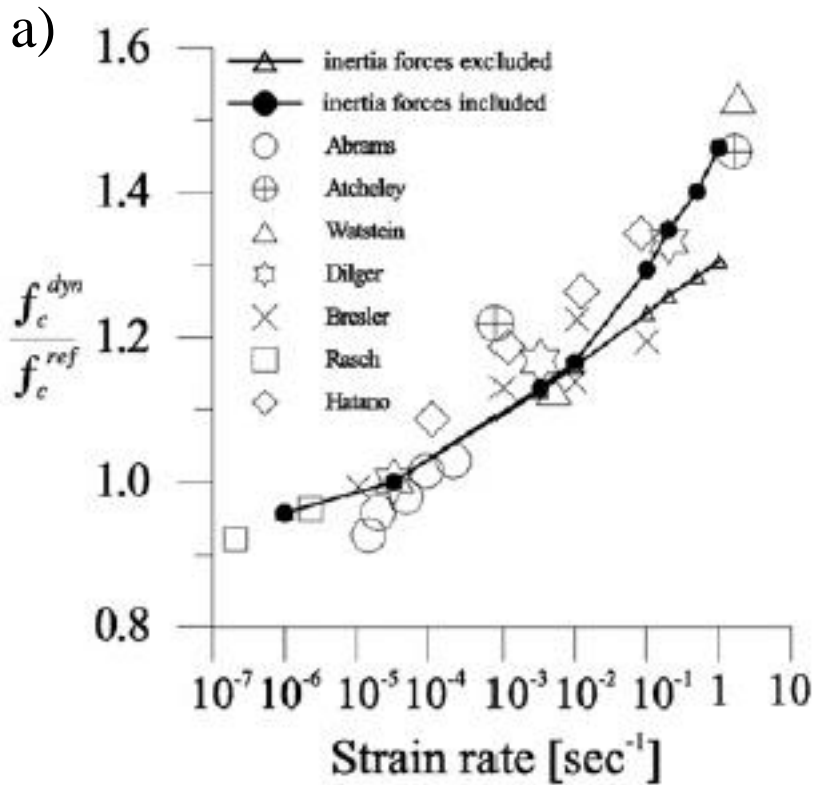
Strain Rate Dependent Formulation



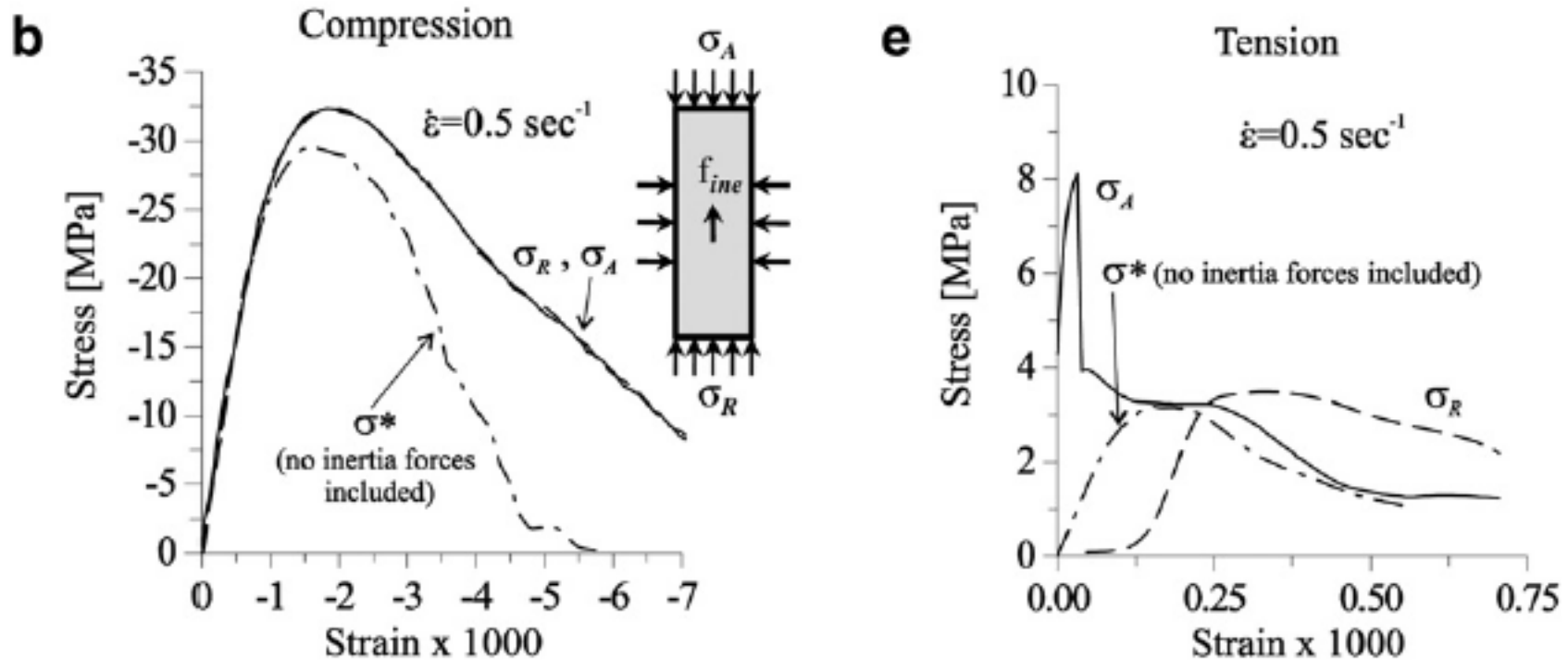
$$F(\dot{e}) = \frac{\dot{e}}{\dot{e}_0} \left[1 + c_1 a \sinh \left(\frac{c_2 \dot{e}}{c_0/l} \right) \right]$$



Rate Effect and Dynamic Increase Factor



Effect of Inertia



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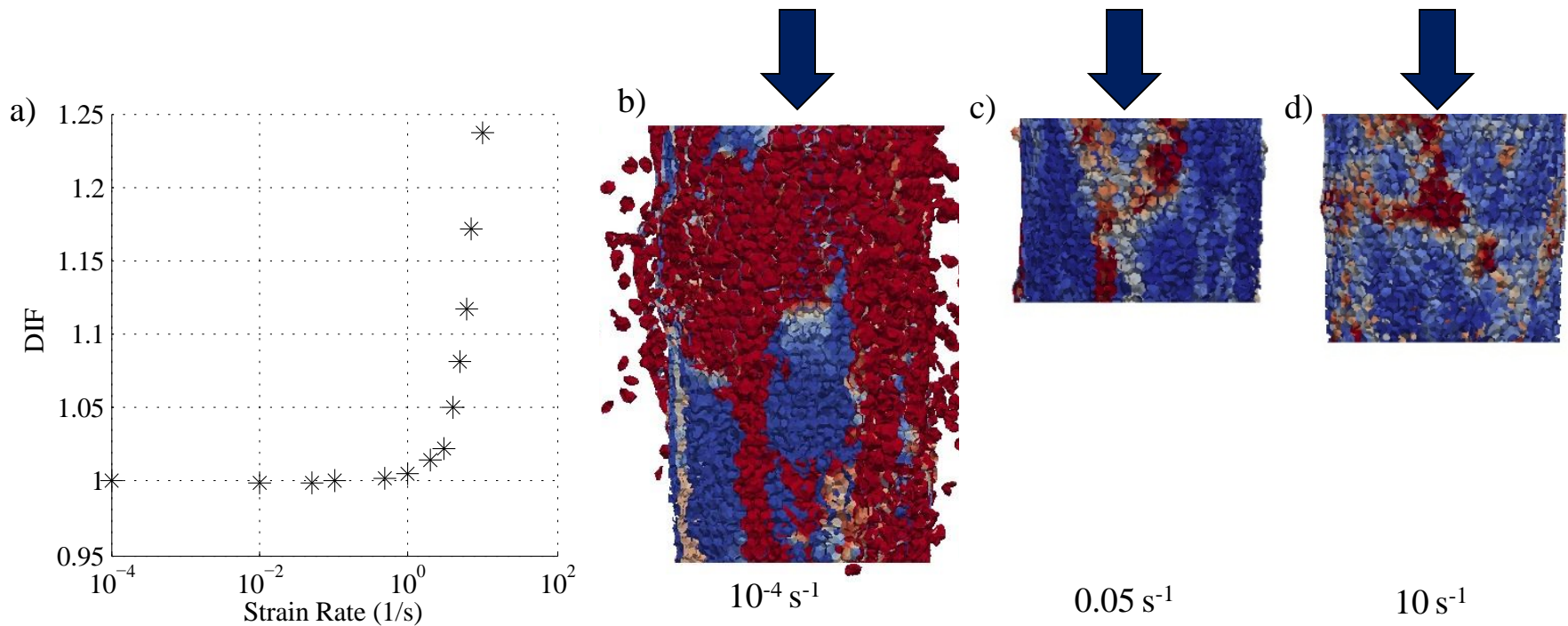
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$$DIF_t = \frac{f_t^{dyn}}{f_t'} = DIF^* + \frac{f^{in}}{f_t'} \approx DIF^* + 10 \frac{f^{in}}{f_c'}$$

Inertia and Crack Patterns Effects



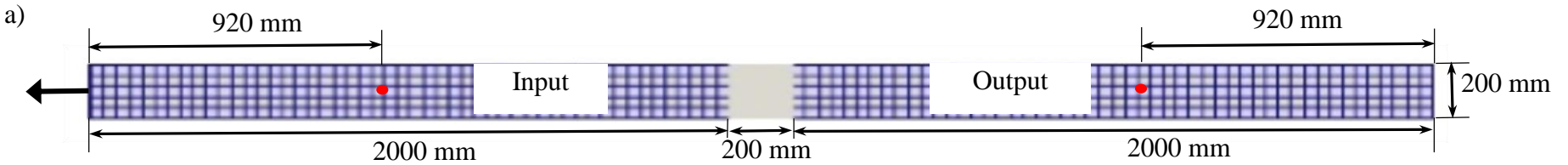
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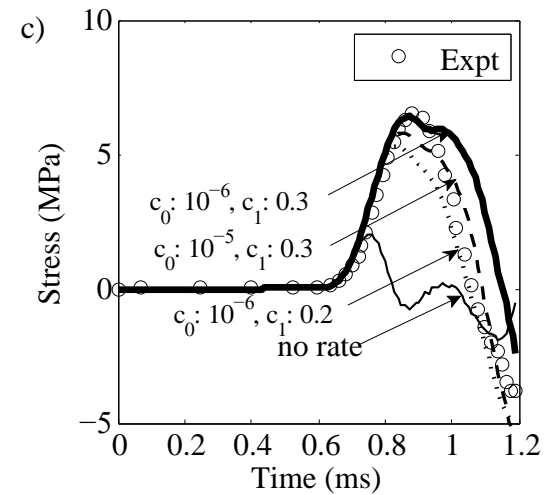
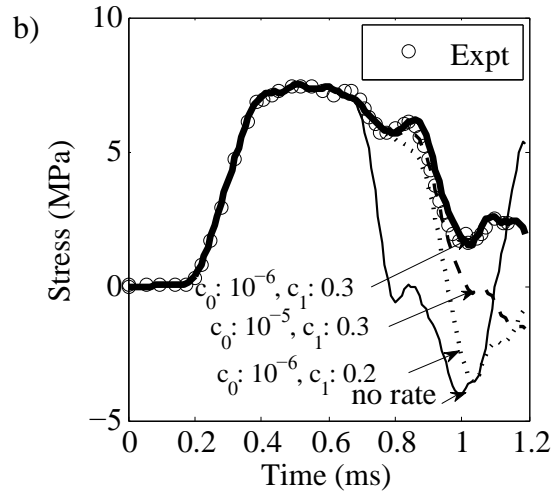
Hopkinson Bar Test - Tension



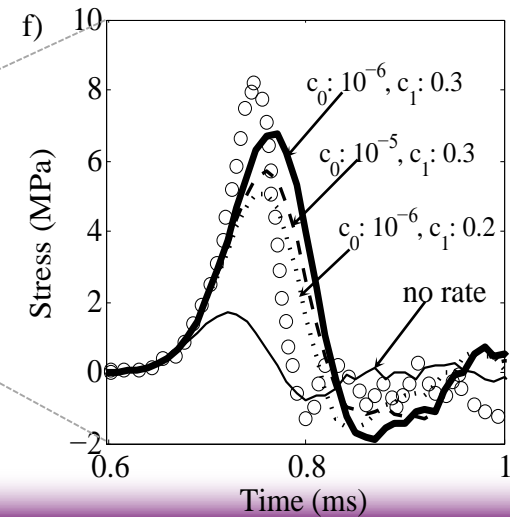
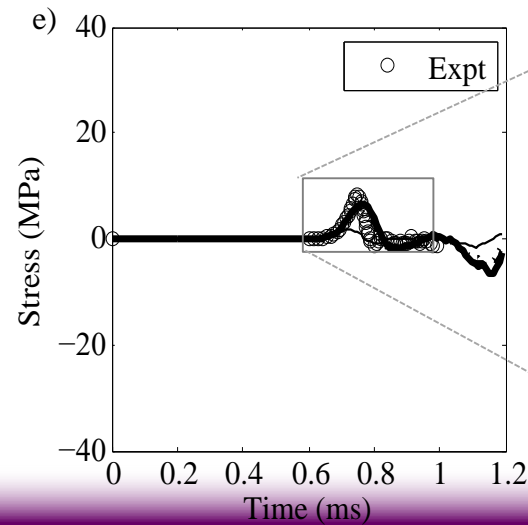
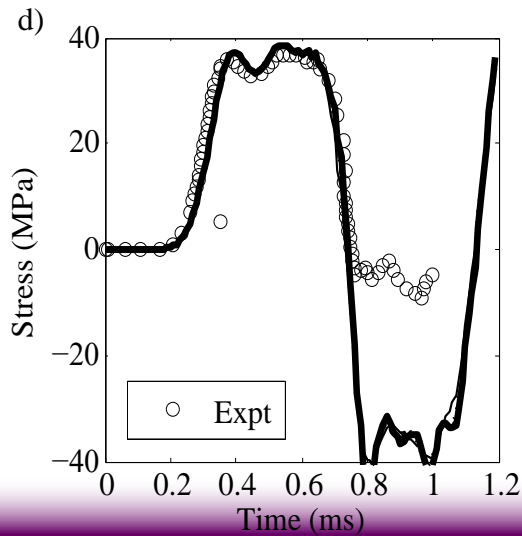
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TENSION
(LOW)



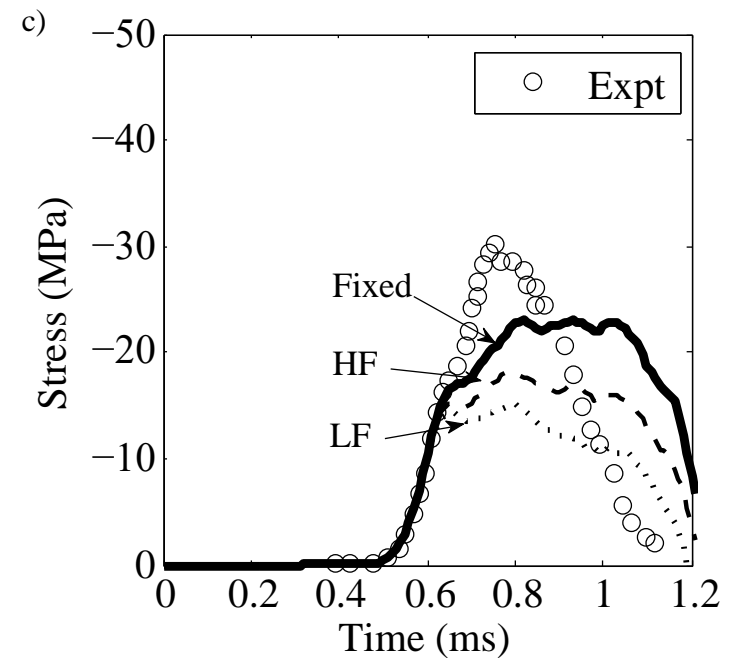
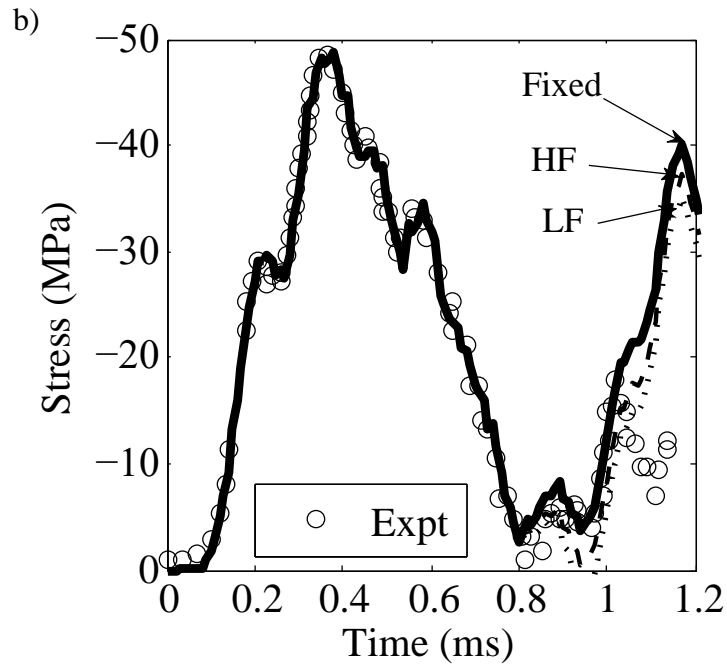
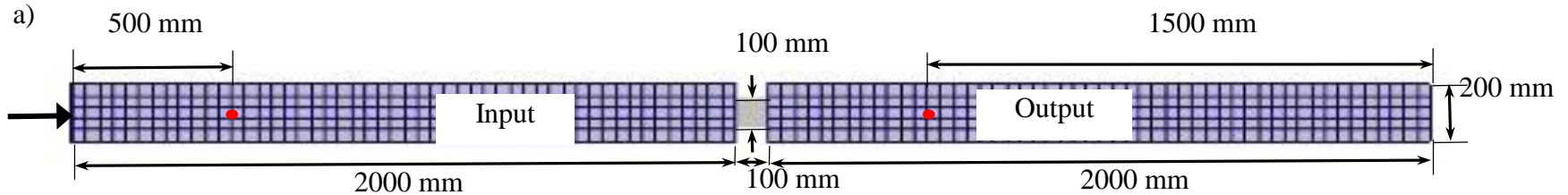
TENSION
(HIGH)



Hopkinson Bar Test - Compression



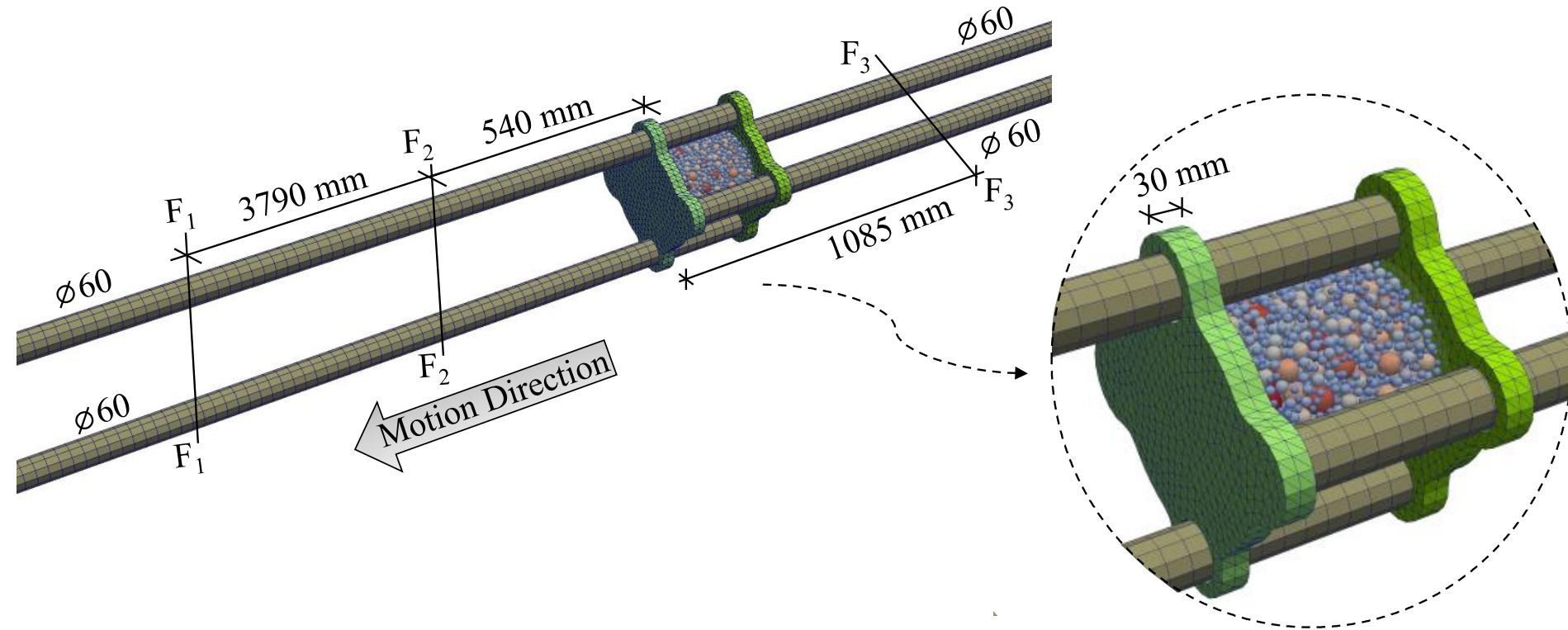
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Compression with Twins Bars



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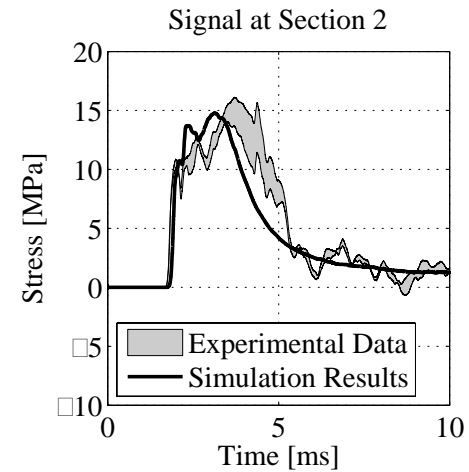
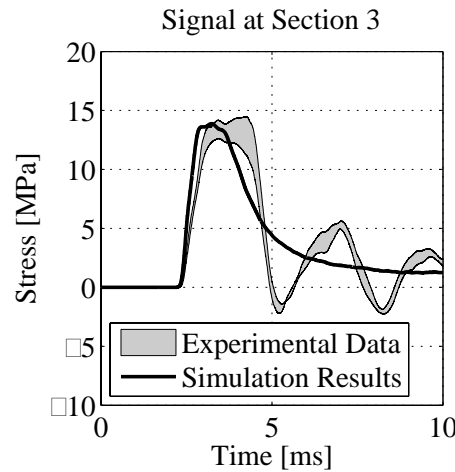
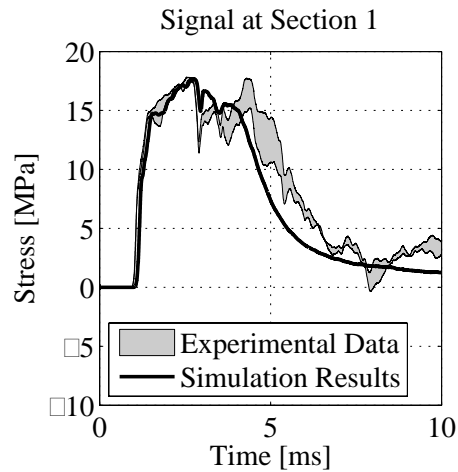


Tests on standards and dam
concrete mixes

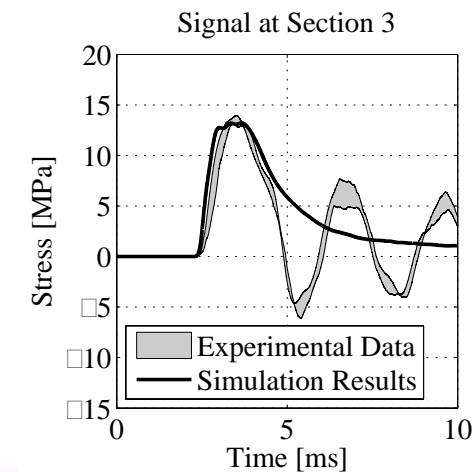
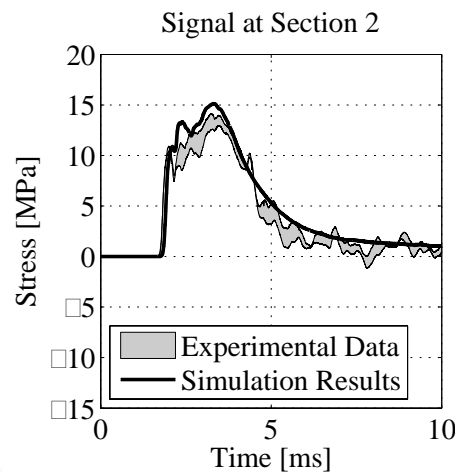
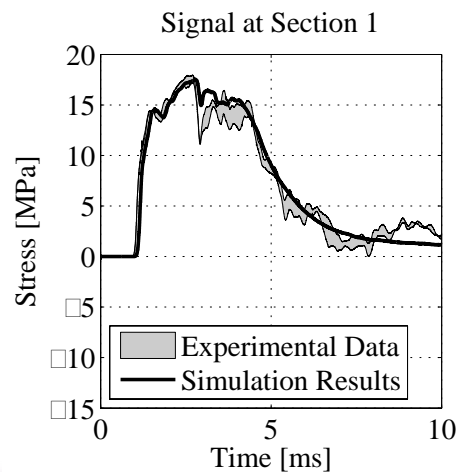
Compression with Twins Bars, Cont



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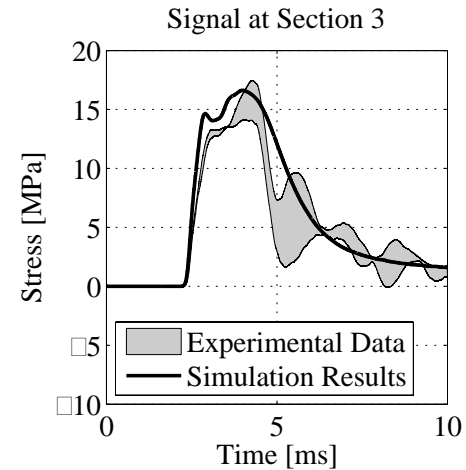
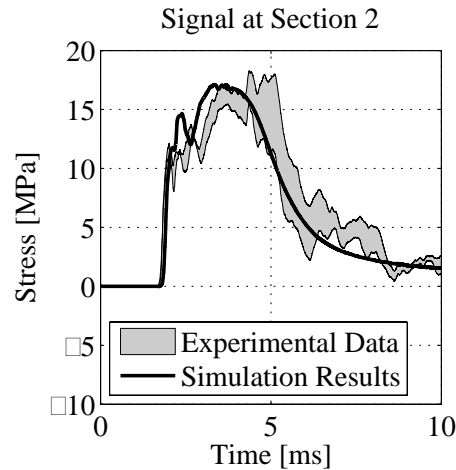
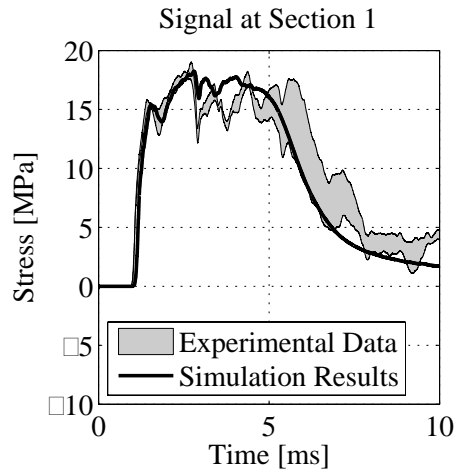
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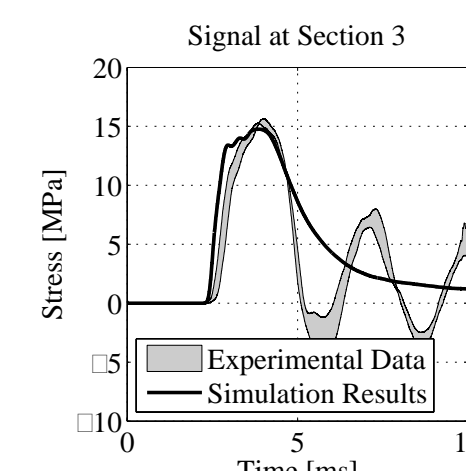
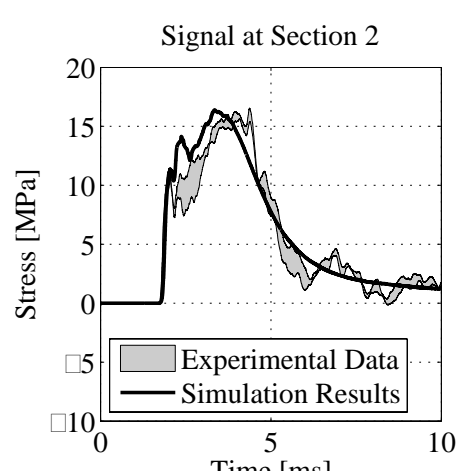
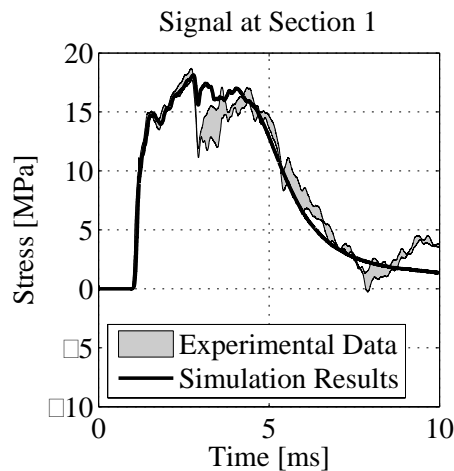
Compression with Twins Bars, Cont



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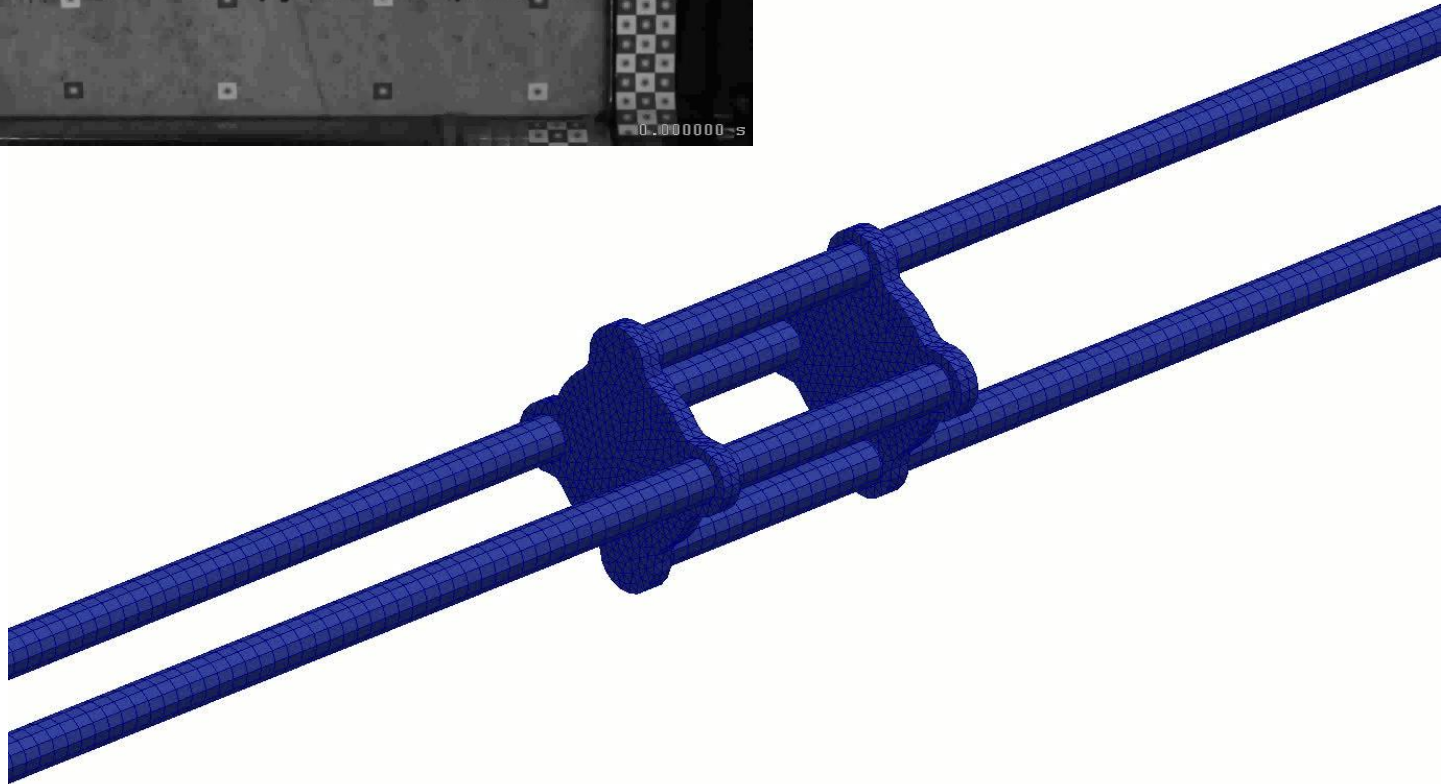
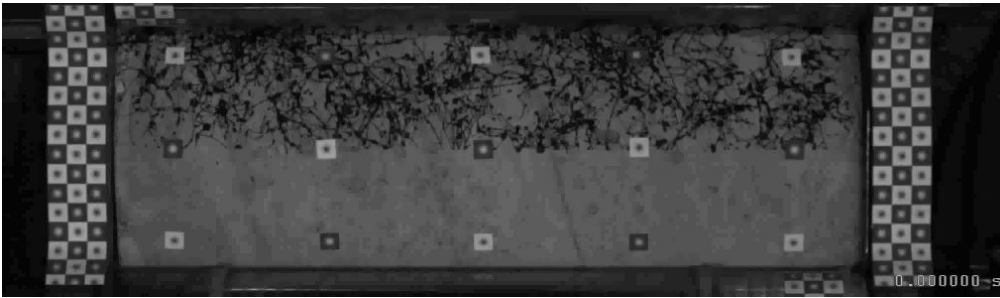
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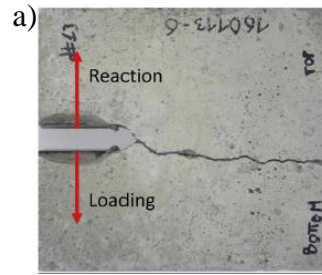
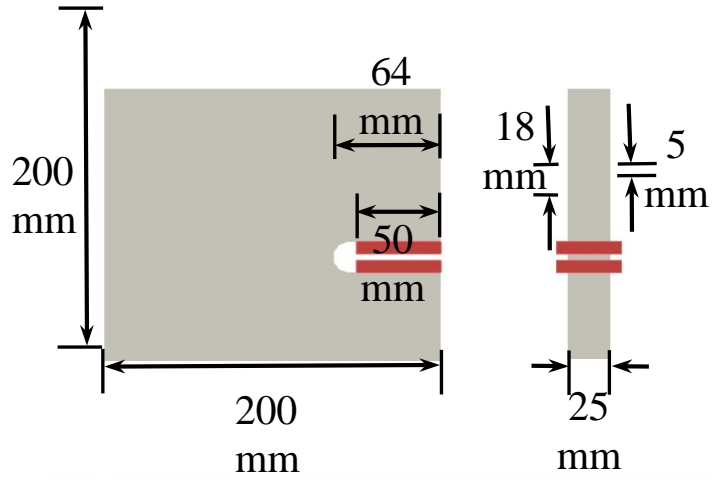
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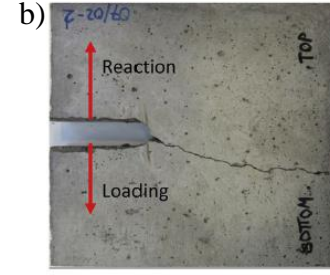
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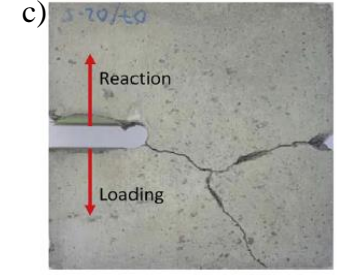
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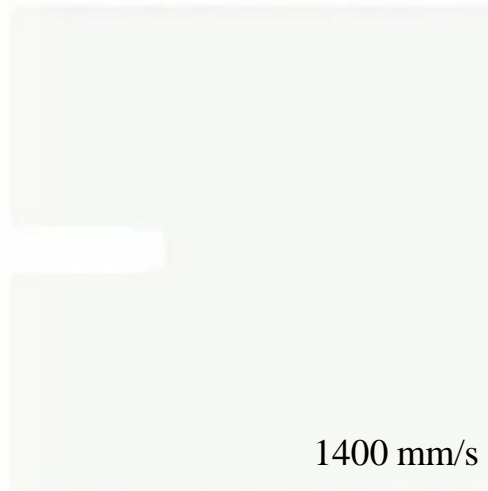
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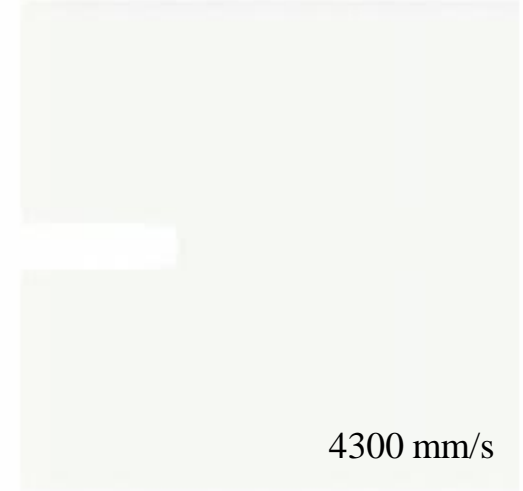
4300 mm/s



35 mm/s



1400 mm/s

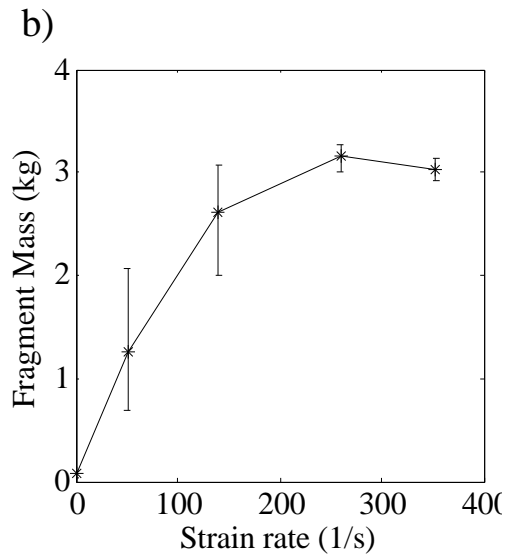
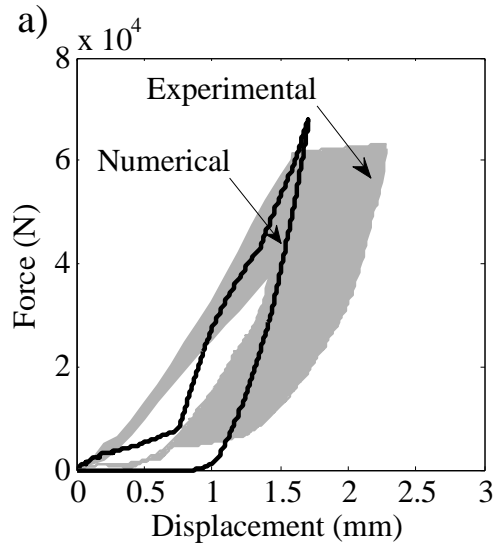


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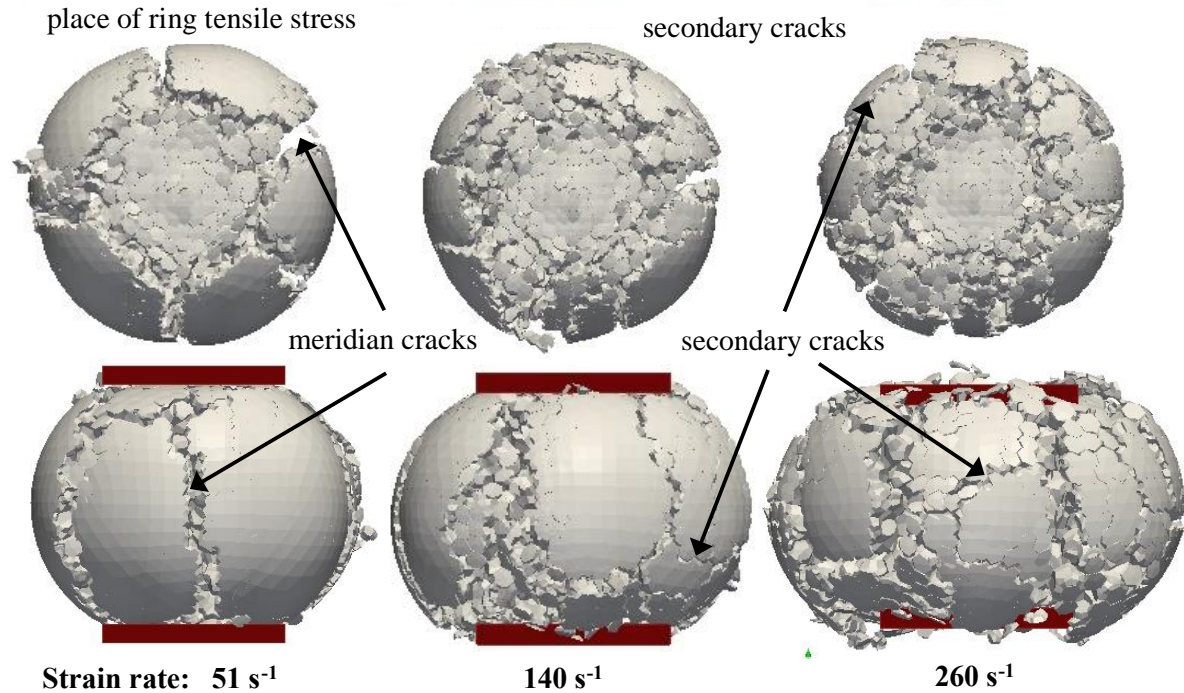
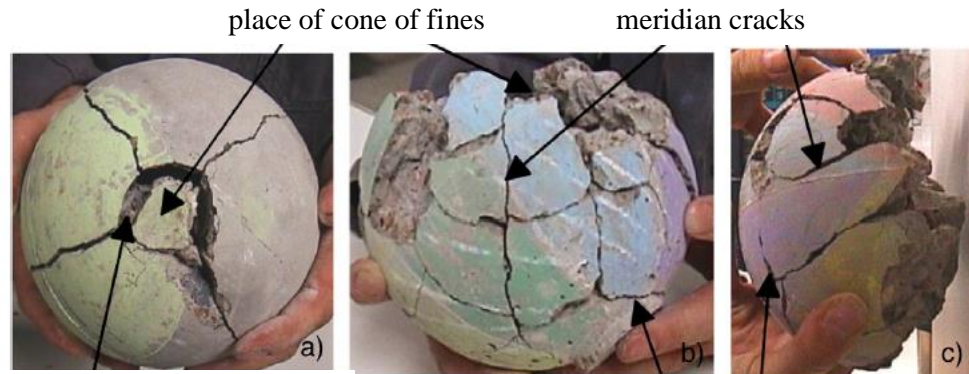
Concrete Ball Impact Test



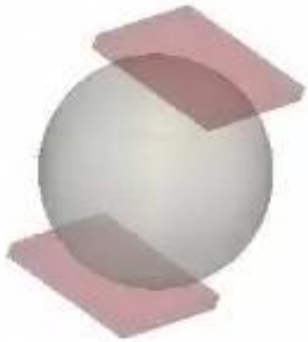
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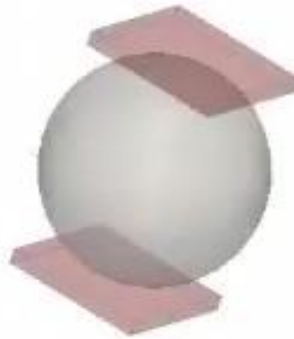
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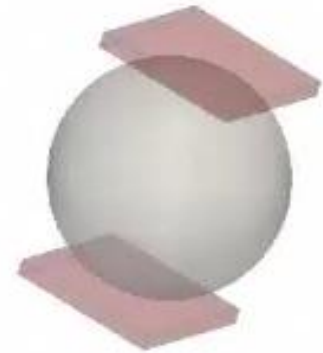
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$1.1E-5 \text{ s}^{-1}$



140 s^{-1}

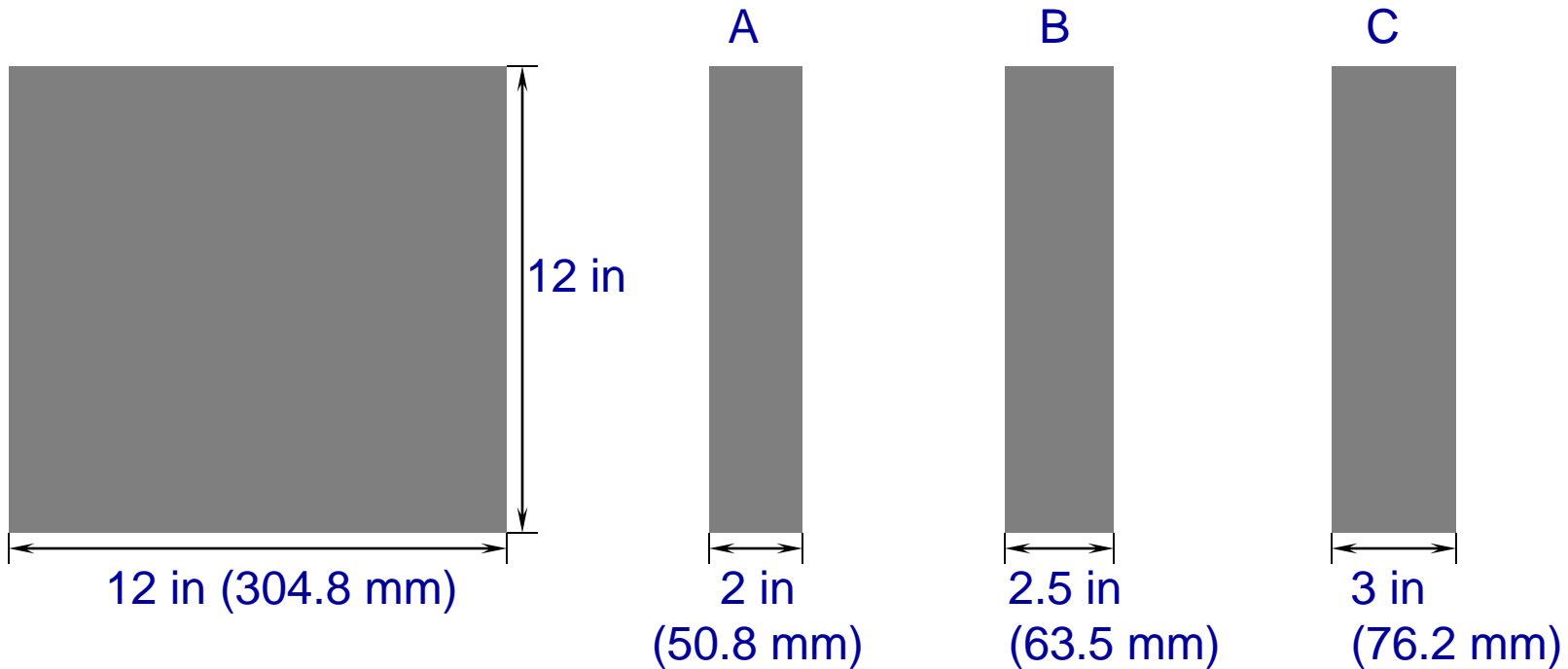


353 s^{-1}

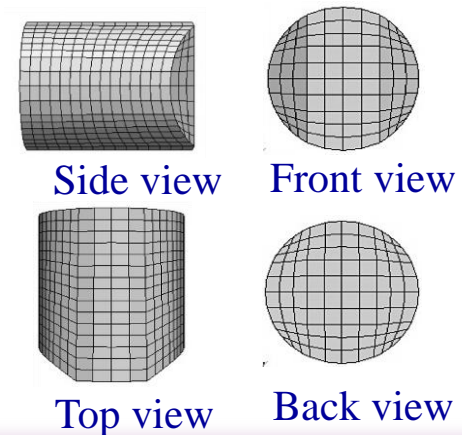
Penetration of UHPC Panels



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- (FSP) projectile:
 - 4340-H steel
 - Yield strength = 930 MPa
 - Diameter = 12.5 mm
 - Length = 14.8 mm

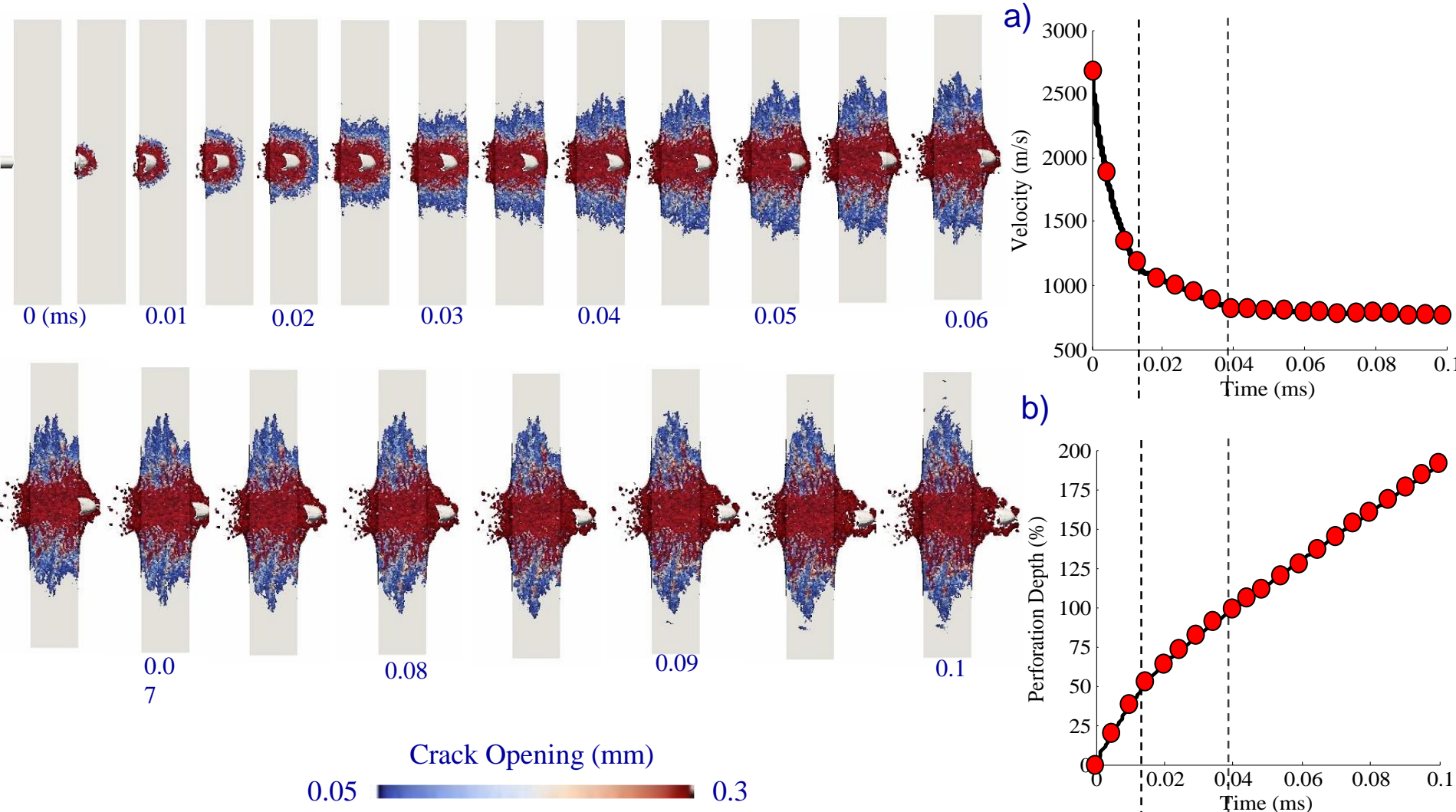


Damage Evolution



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Progression of projectile penetration for CORTUF-Plain size A



Effect of Fiber Content



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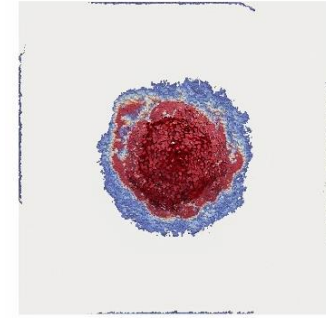
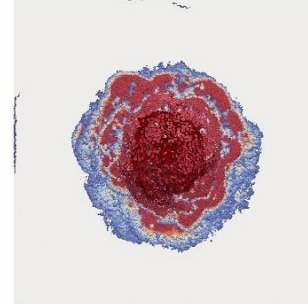
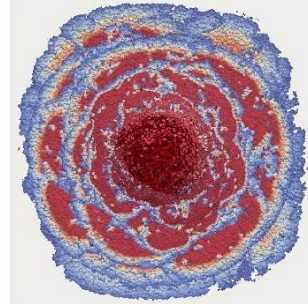
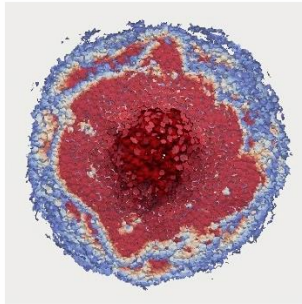
RSC

UHPC

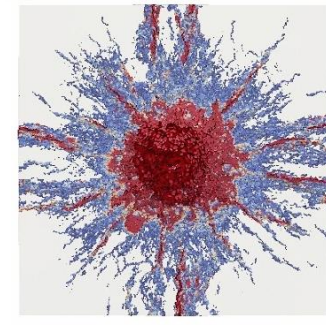
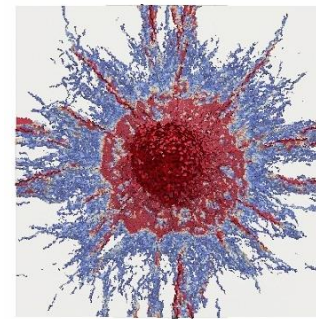
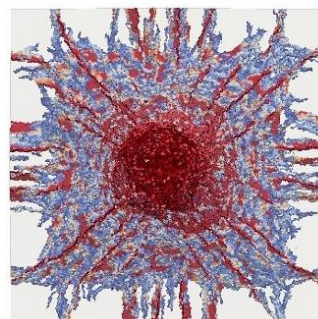
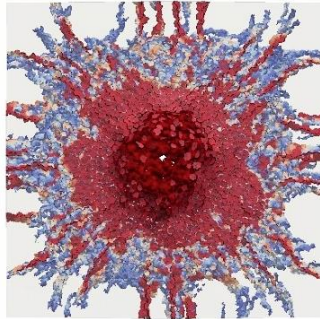
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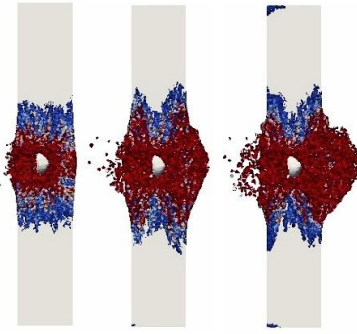
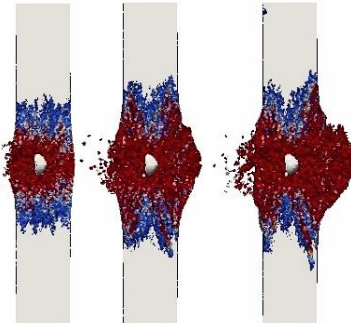
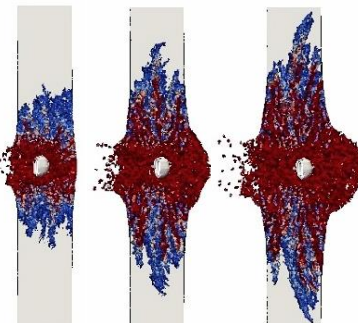
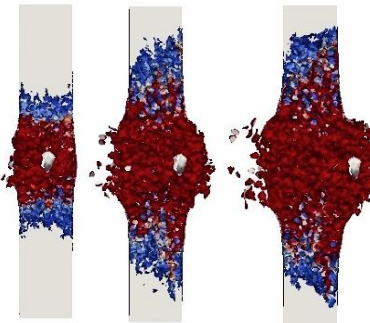
Scabbing
Fixed
boundary



Scabbing
Free
boundary



Side view
Fixed
boundary



Crack
Opening
(mm)

0.3



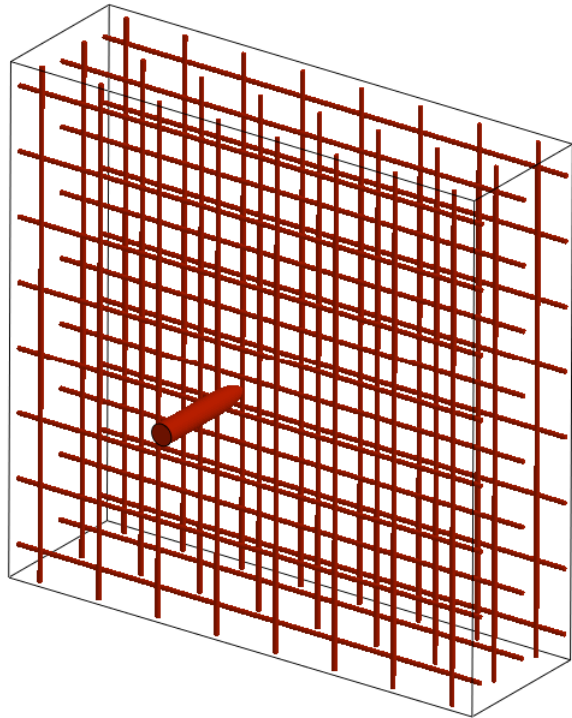
0.05

- Experimental data (Hanchak et al. 1992) relevant to impact of steel projectiles against lightly reinforced concrete slabs
- Projectile of mass $m=0.5$ kg and diameter $d = 25.4$ mm
- Slab 610 x 610 x 178 mm
- Concrete Young Modulus 20000 MPa
- Concrete Strength $f'_c = 48$ MPa
- Impact velocity from 300 m/s to 1000 m/s

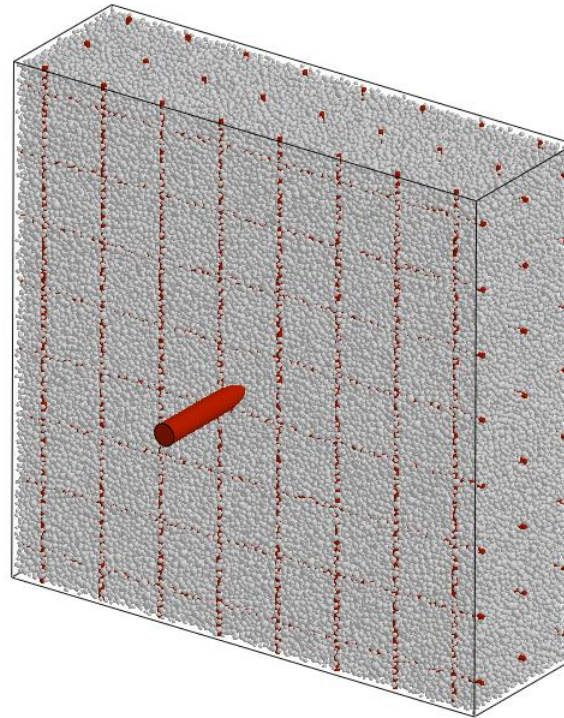
Full Meso-Scale Simulations



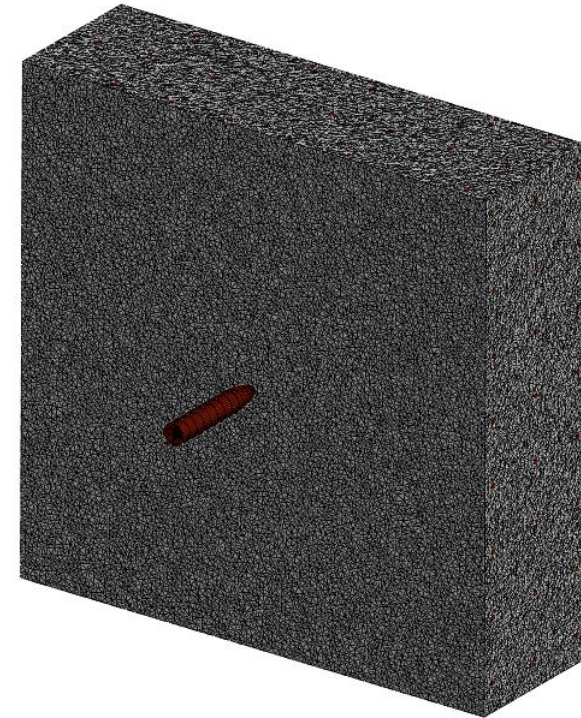
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Steel reinforcement
diameter = 0.569 cm
spacing = 7.62 cm



208,967 nodes
1,253,802 dofs

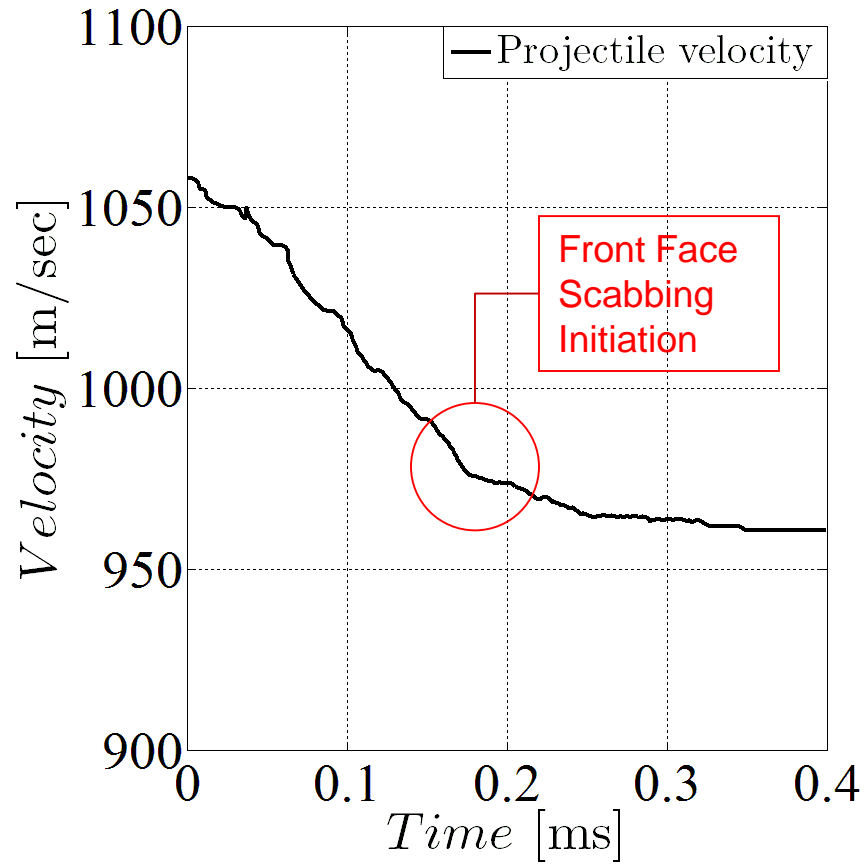


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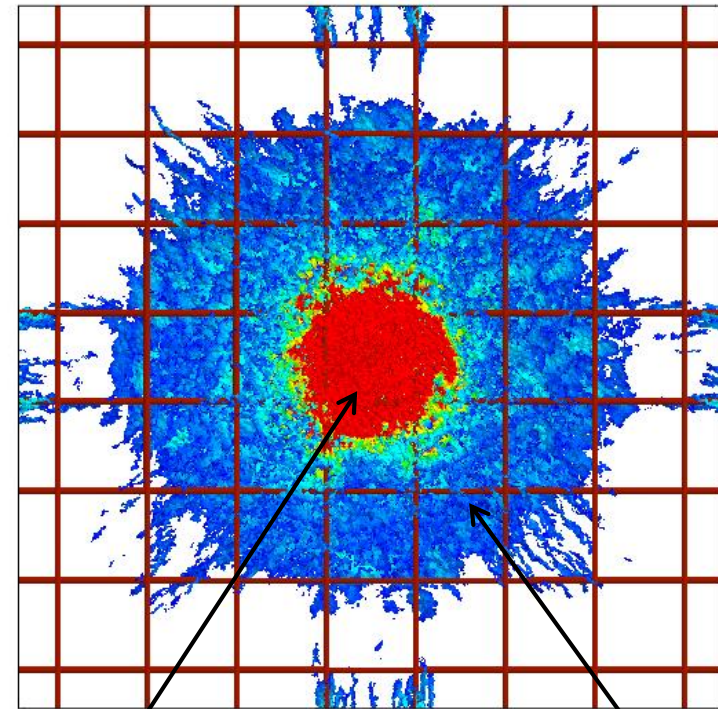
Full Meso-Scale Simulations: Results



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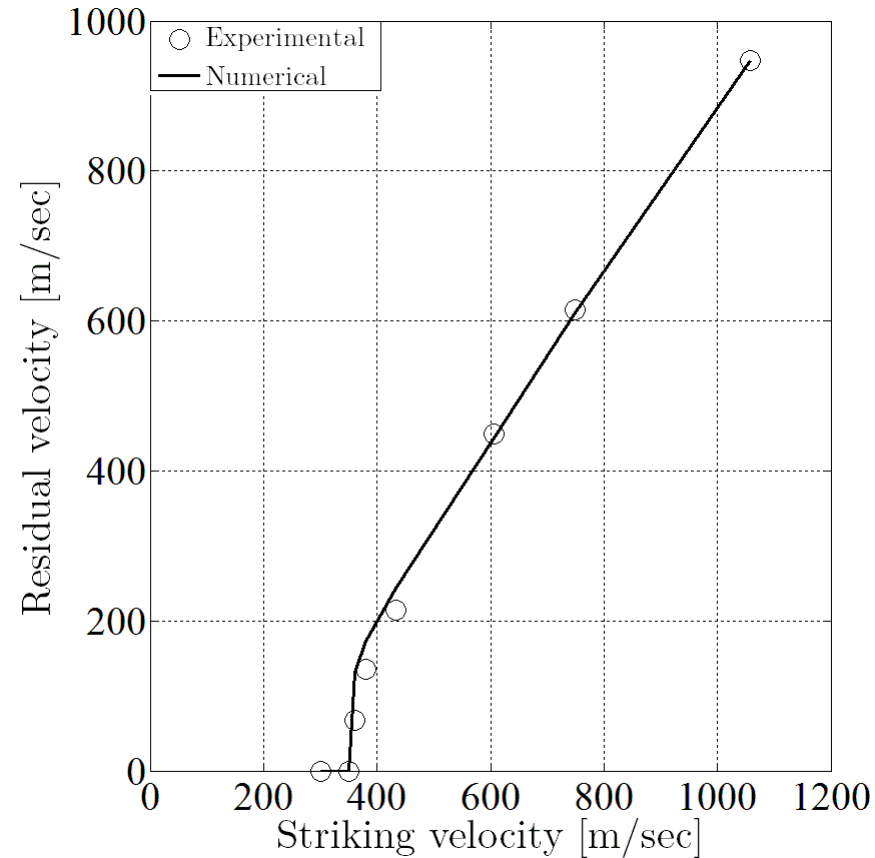
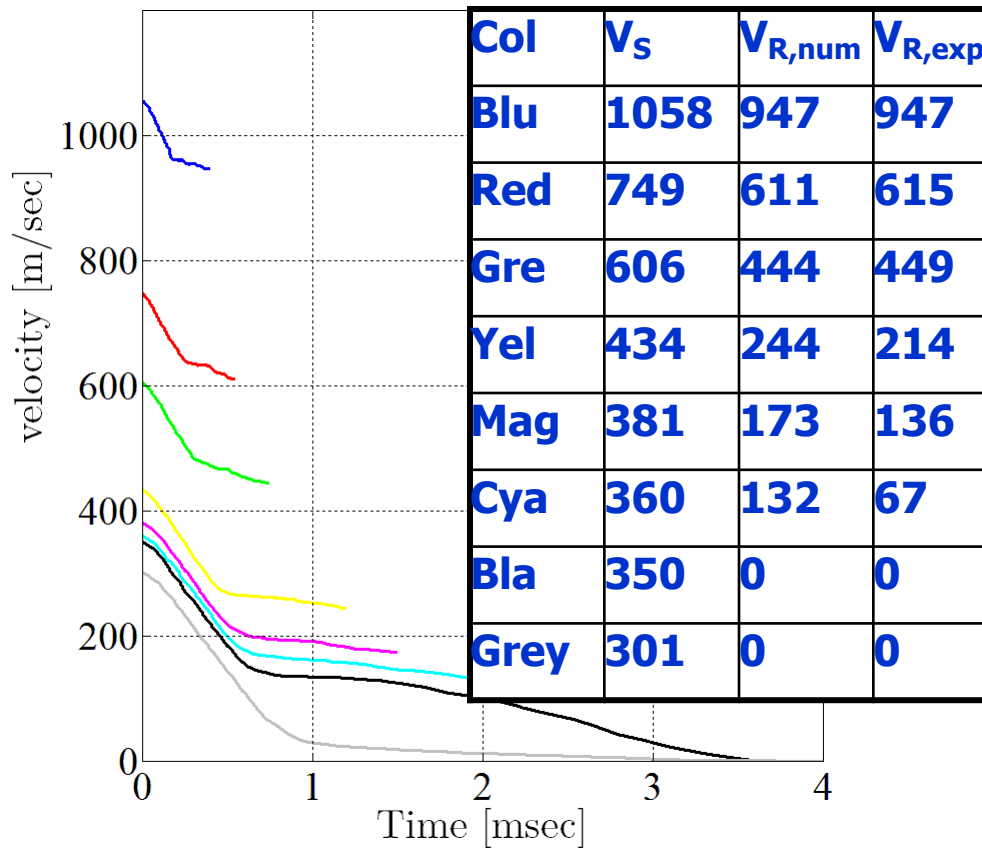
Front Face



Severe Damage

Nonlinear Behavior

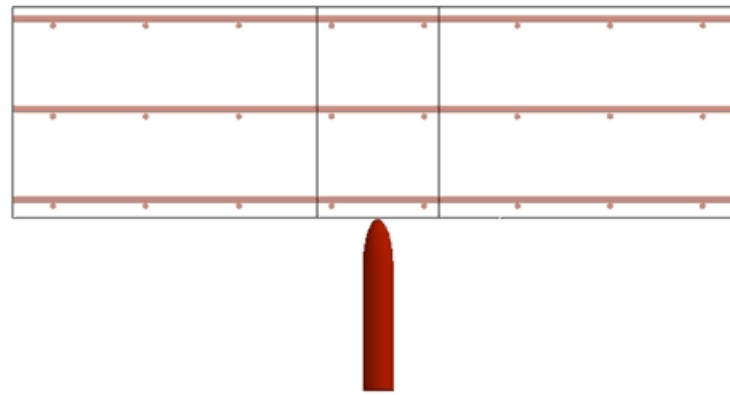
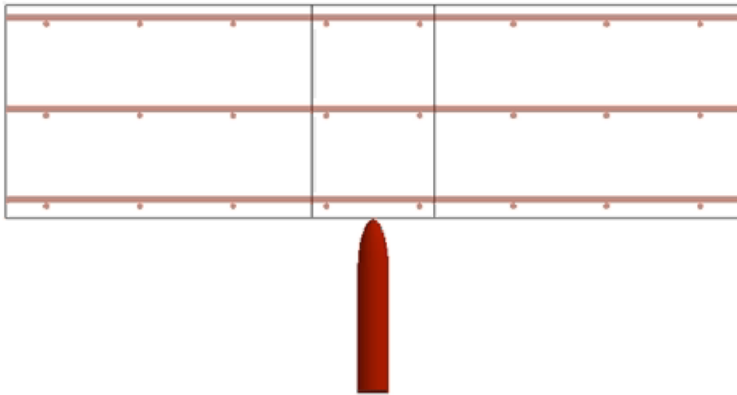
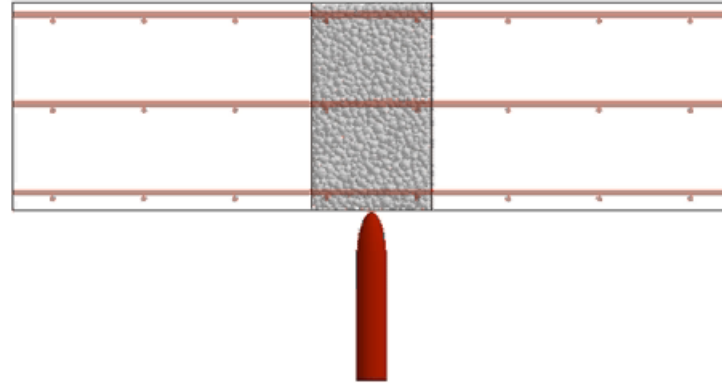
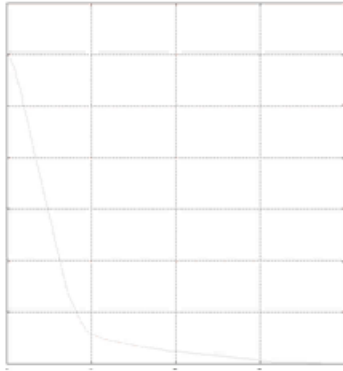
Comparison with Experiments



Animation: Ballistic Limit (~ 350 m/s)



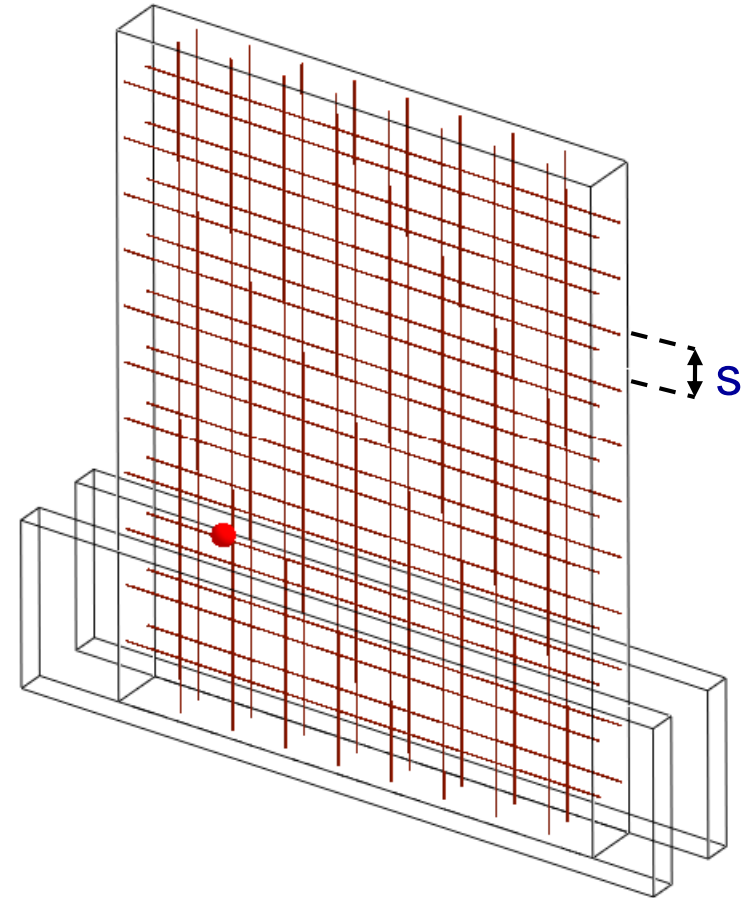
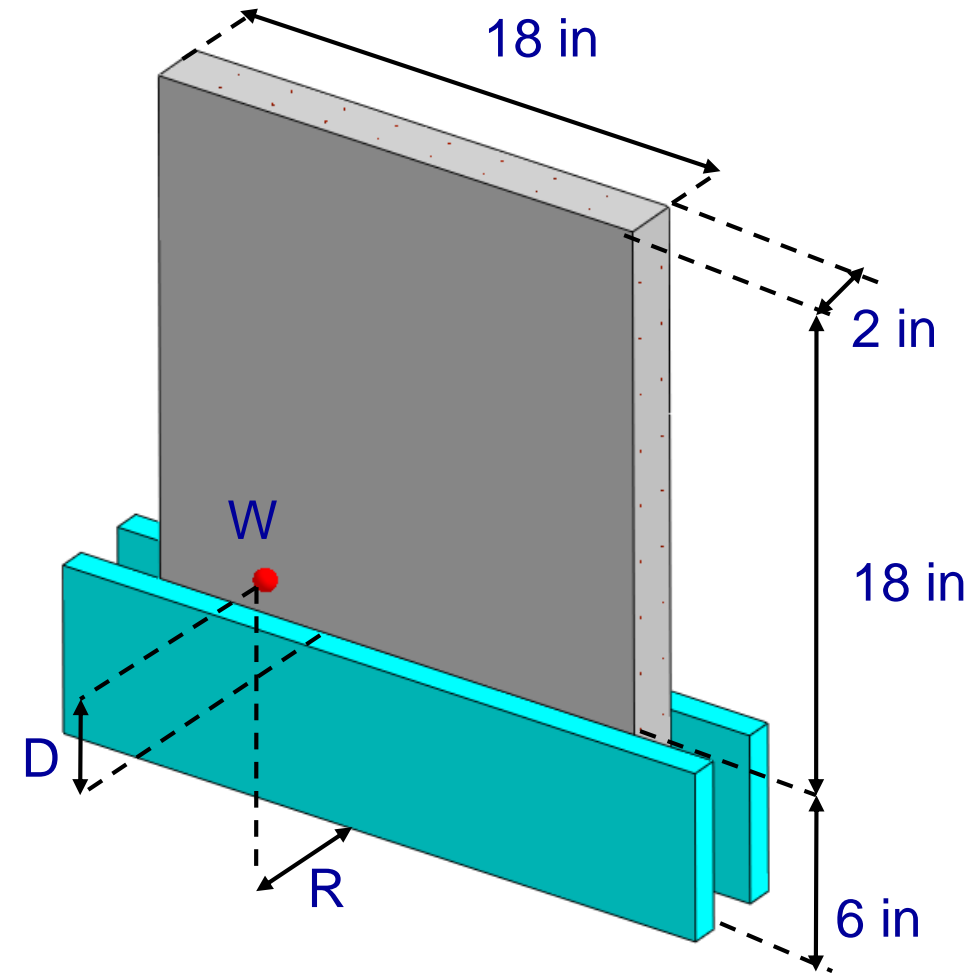
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Blast Simulations: Geometry 1



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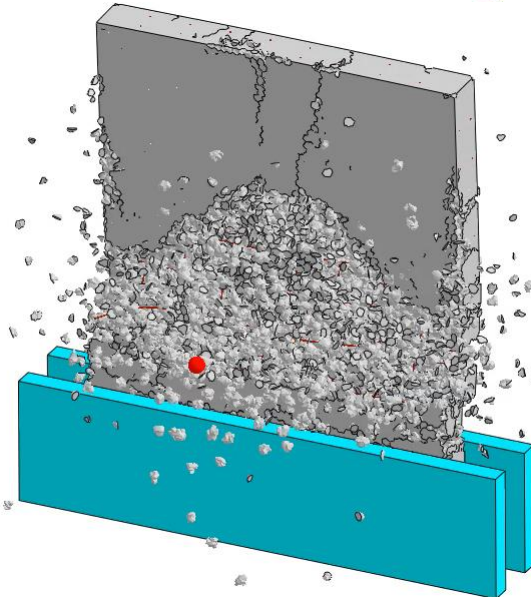
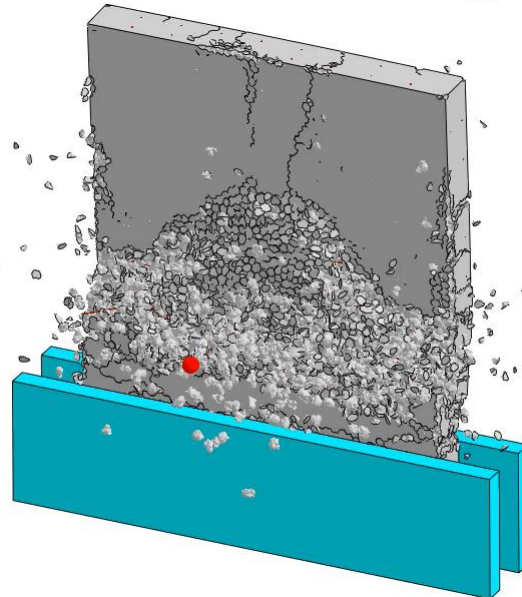
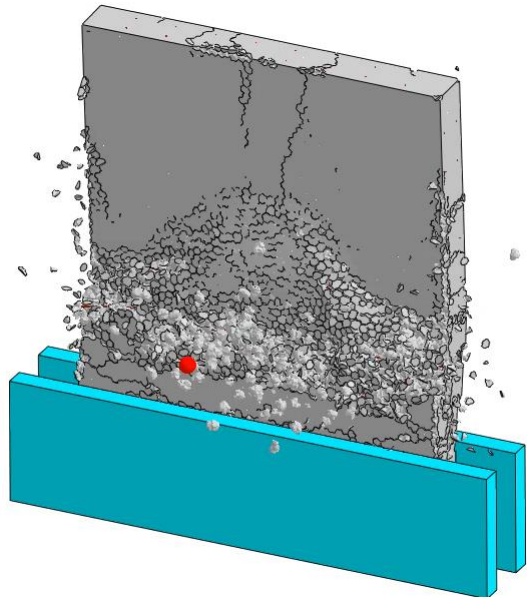
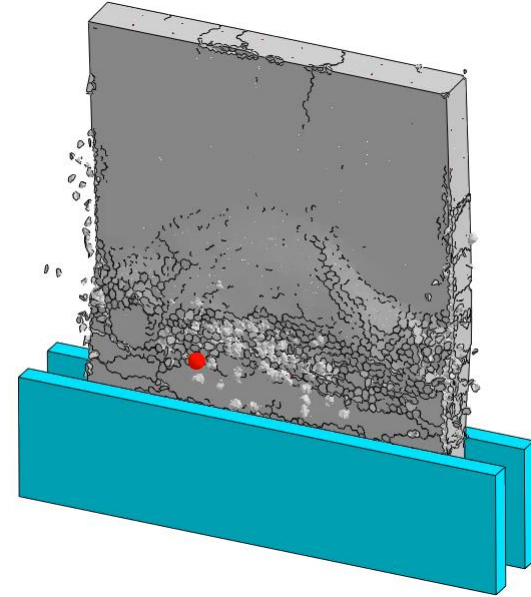
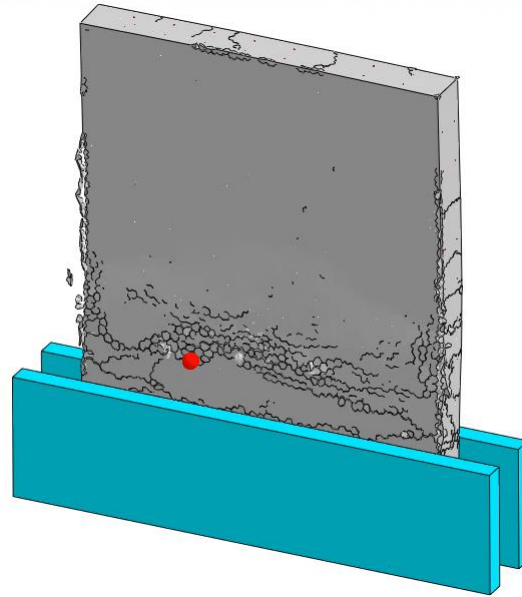
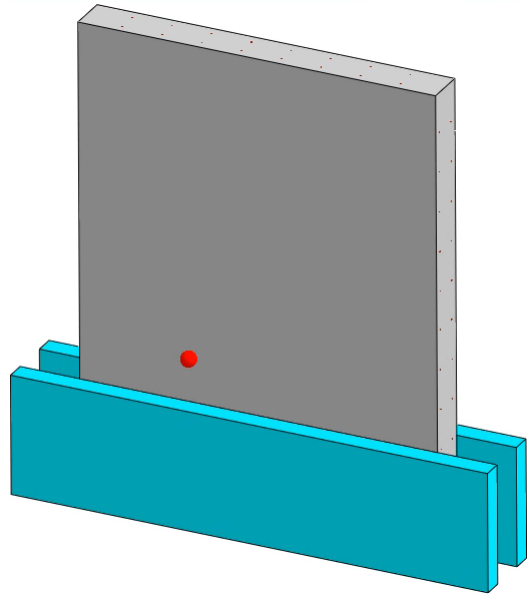
Test No.	Rebar spacing s (mm)	W C4 (kg)	R (m)	D (mm)
1	50.8	0.454	0.183	152
2	25.4	0.454	0.183	152
3	50.8	0.454	0.183	152
4	25.4	0.454	0.183	152
5	50.8	0.227	0.152	229

- Compressive Strength=26.7 MPa
- Experimental Data from “Explosive fragmentation of dividing walls”, Report ARLCD-CR-81018;
- Blast-reflected pressures computed using US Army, US Navy, US Air Force, 1990. “Structures to resist the effects of accidental explosions”. Technical report TM5-1300, NAVFAC P-397, AFR 88-22 and Hyde, D.W., 1992. “CONWEP, Conventional Weapons Effects Program.” Technical report, US Army Engineer Waterways Experiment Station, Vicksburg, MS.

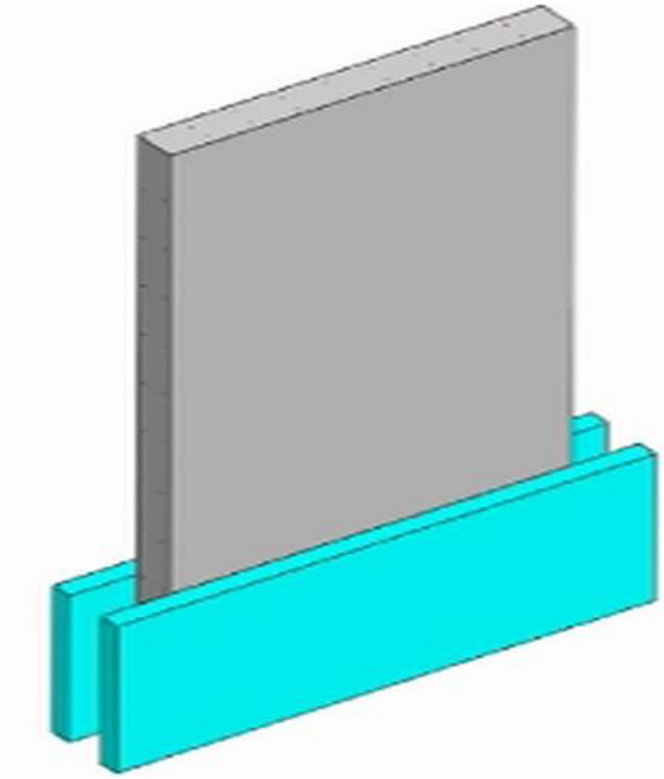
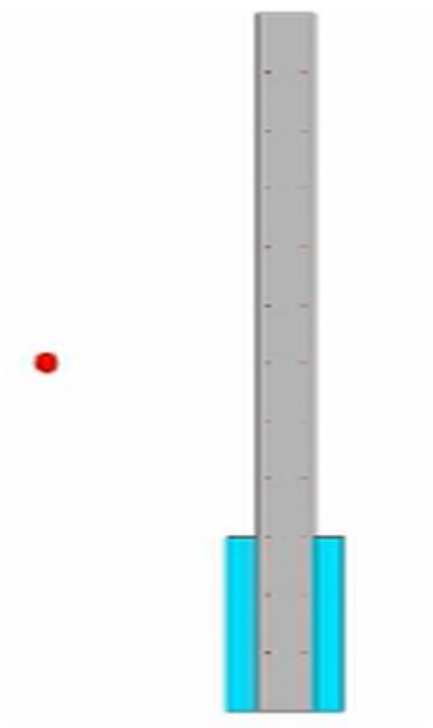
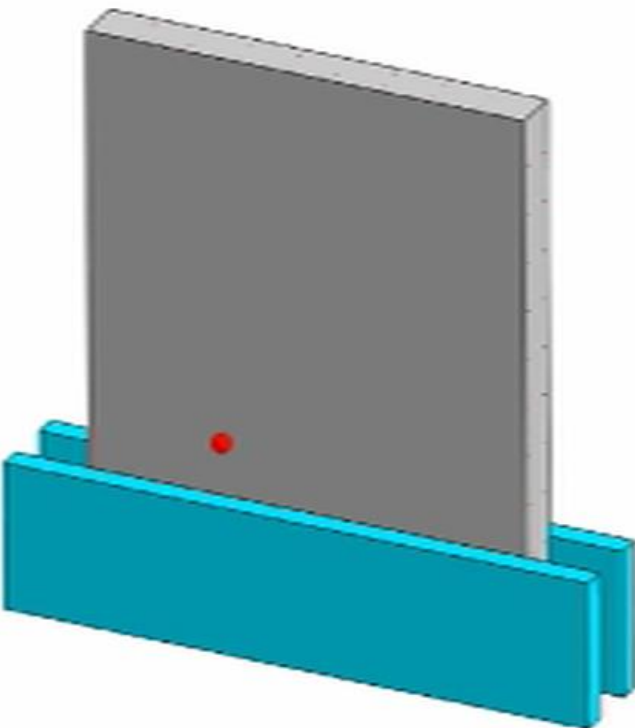
Results: Test 1



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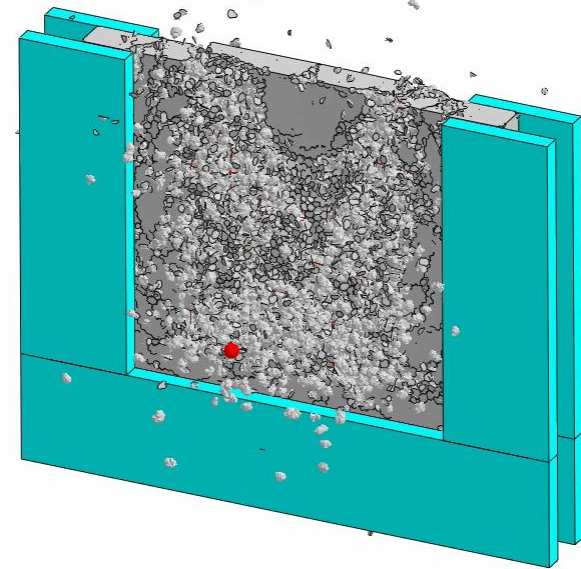
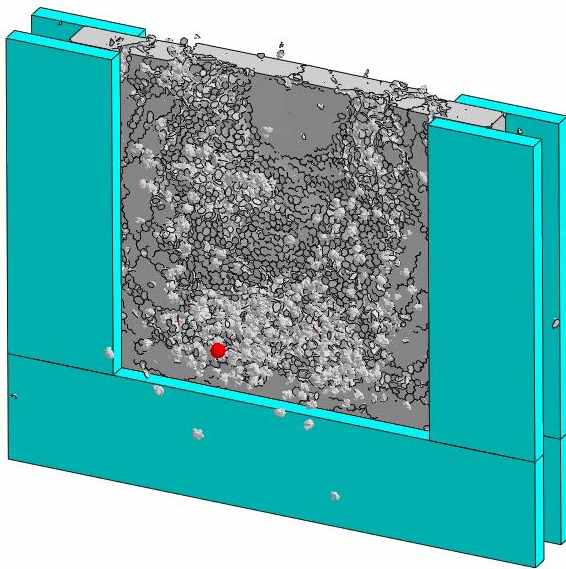
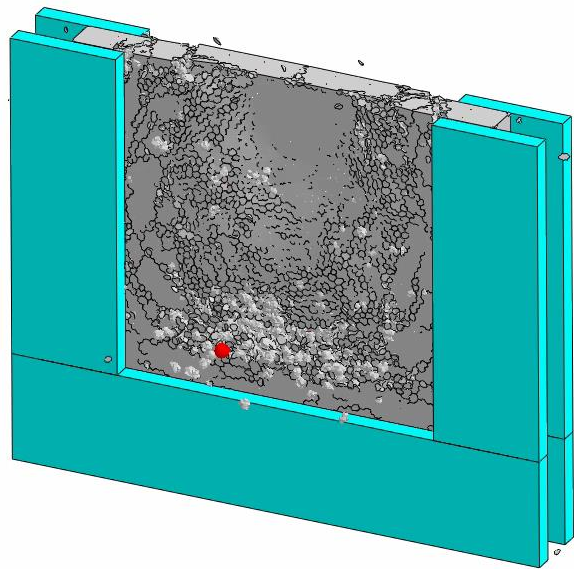
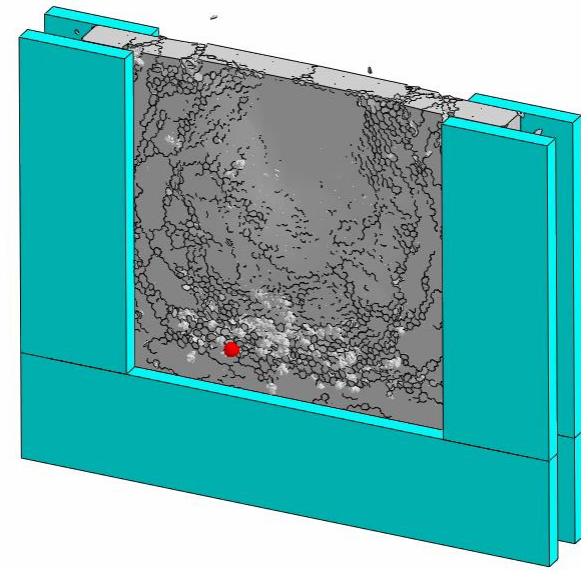
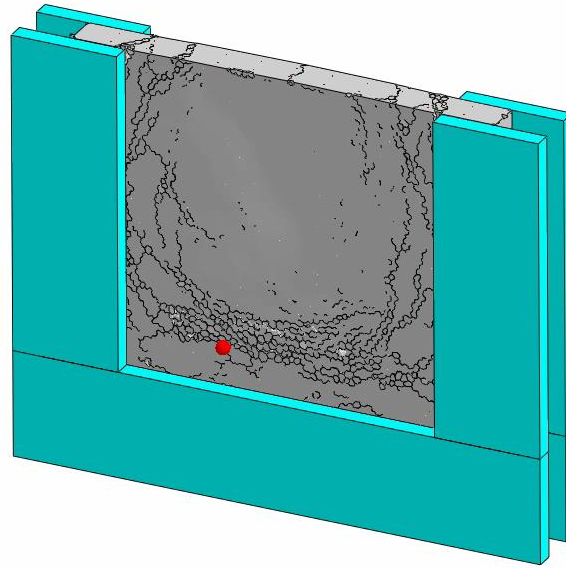
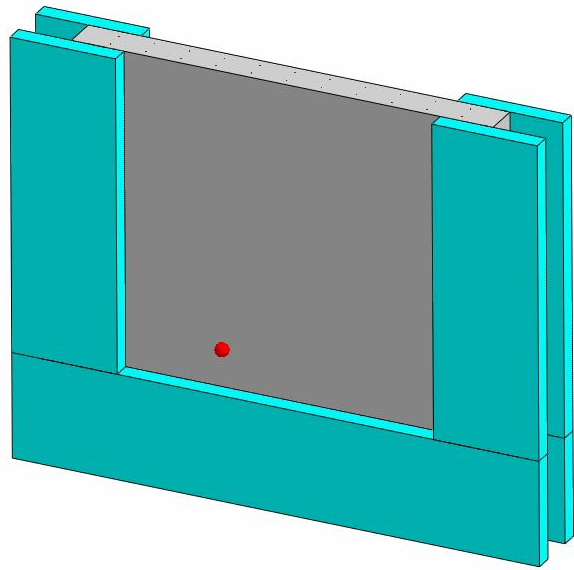
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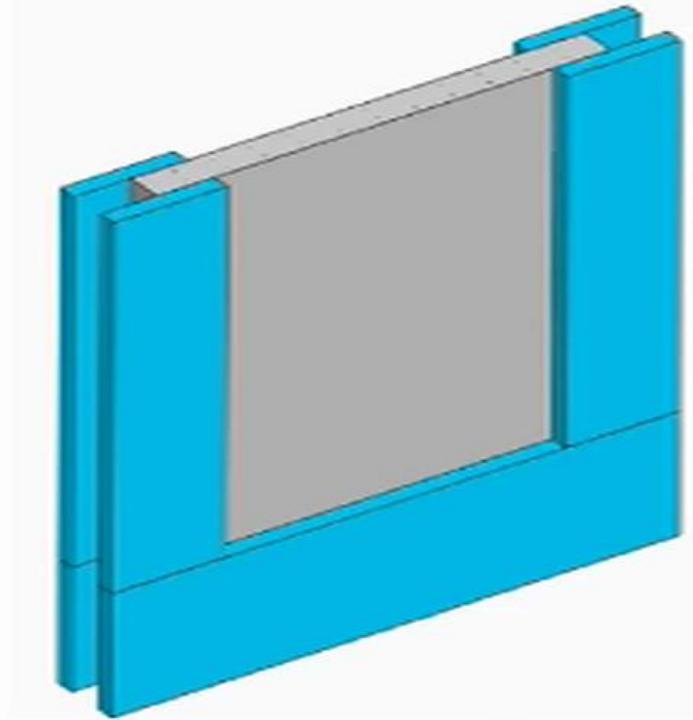
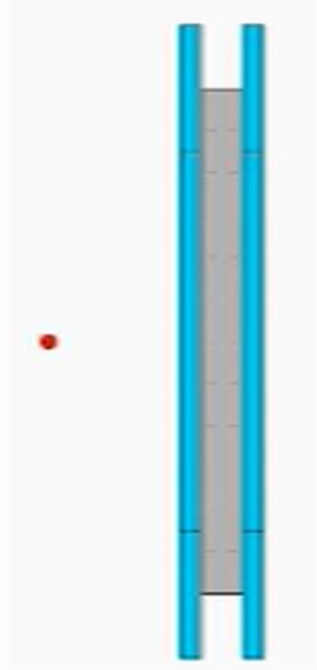
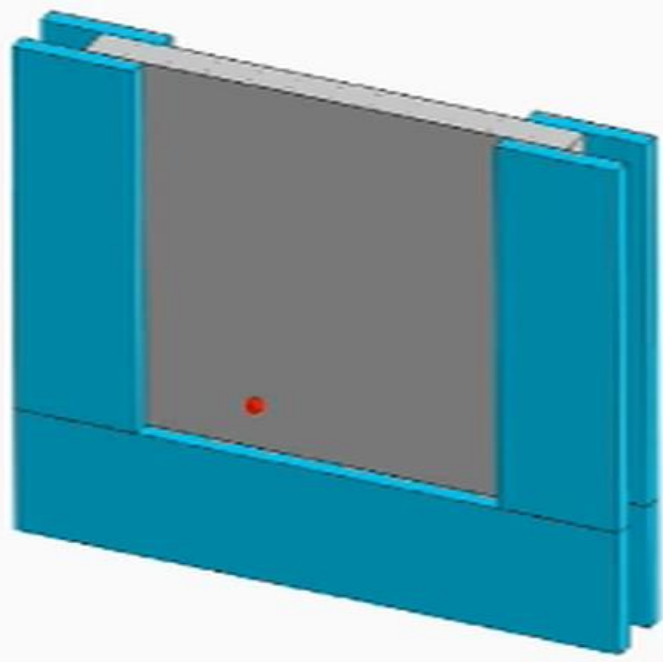
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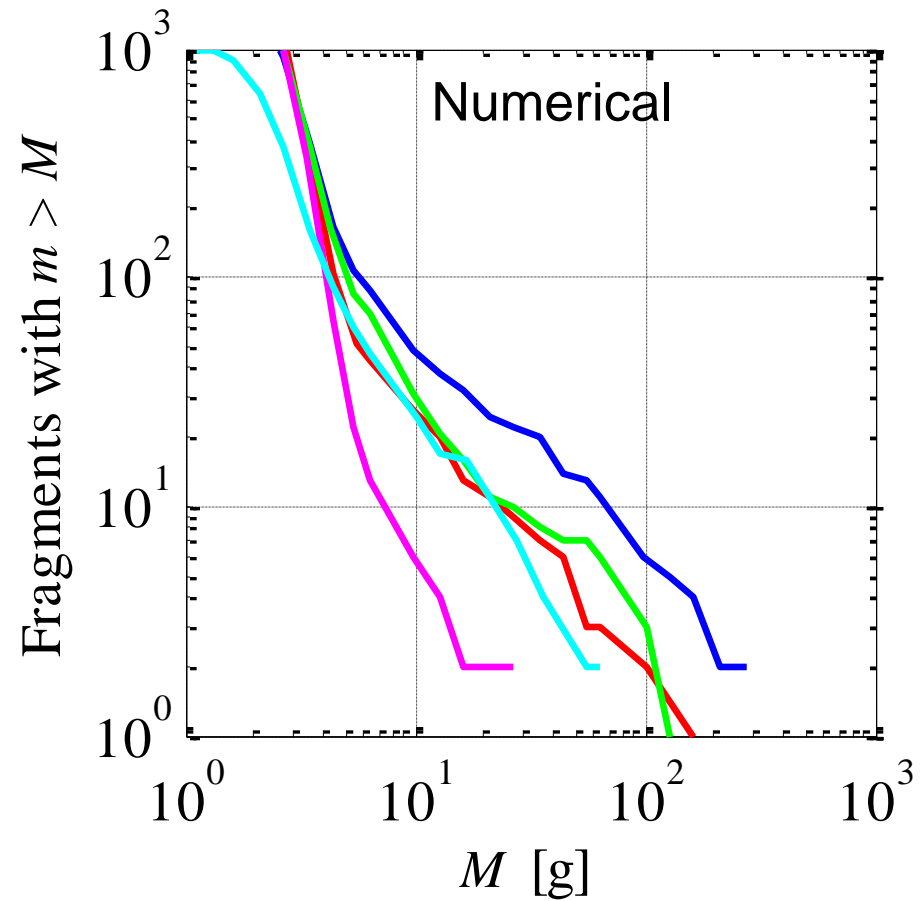
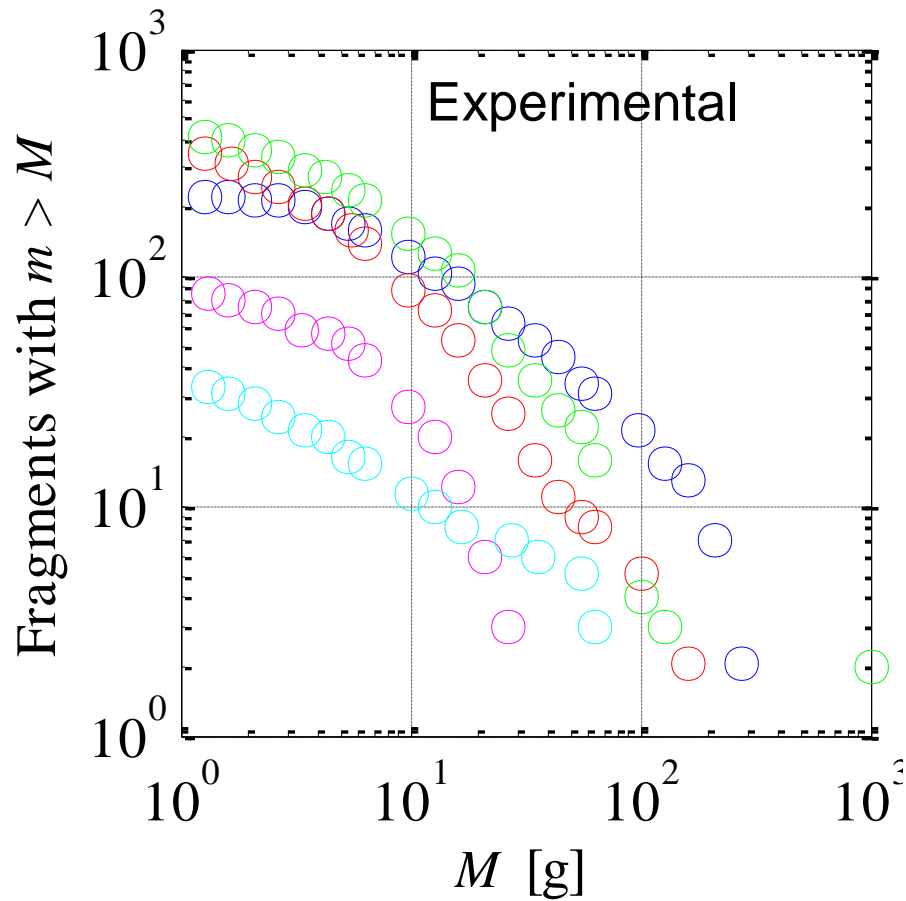
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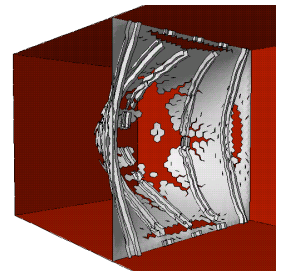
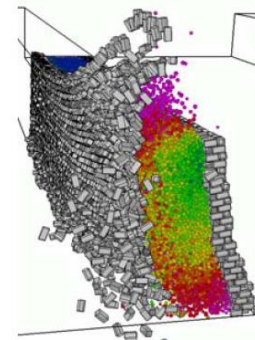
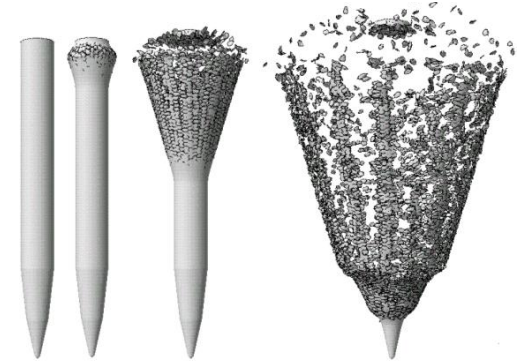
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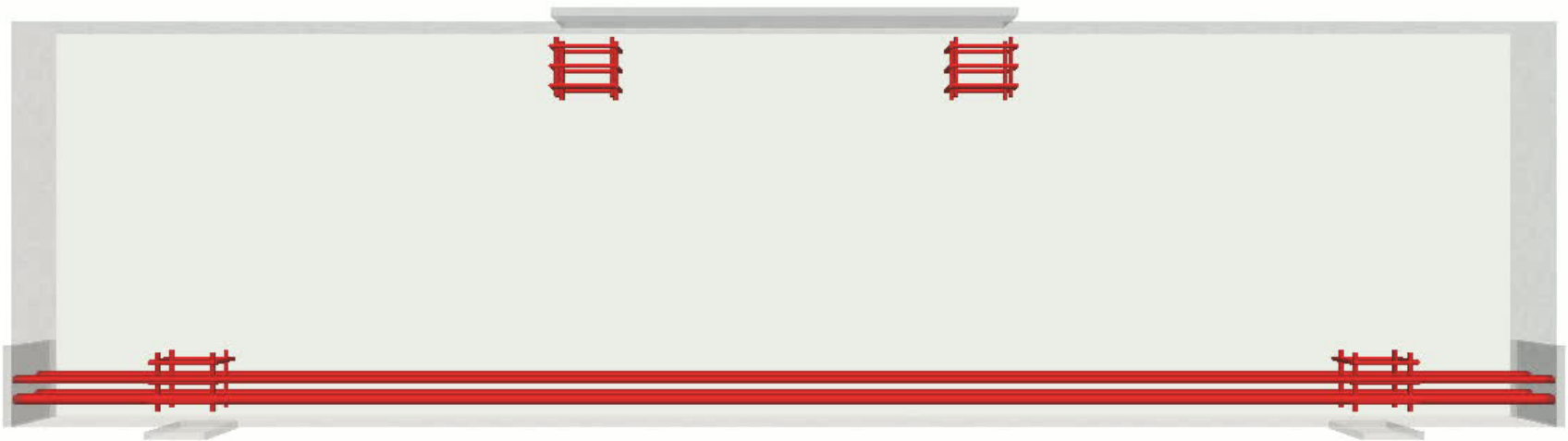
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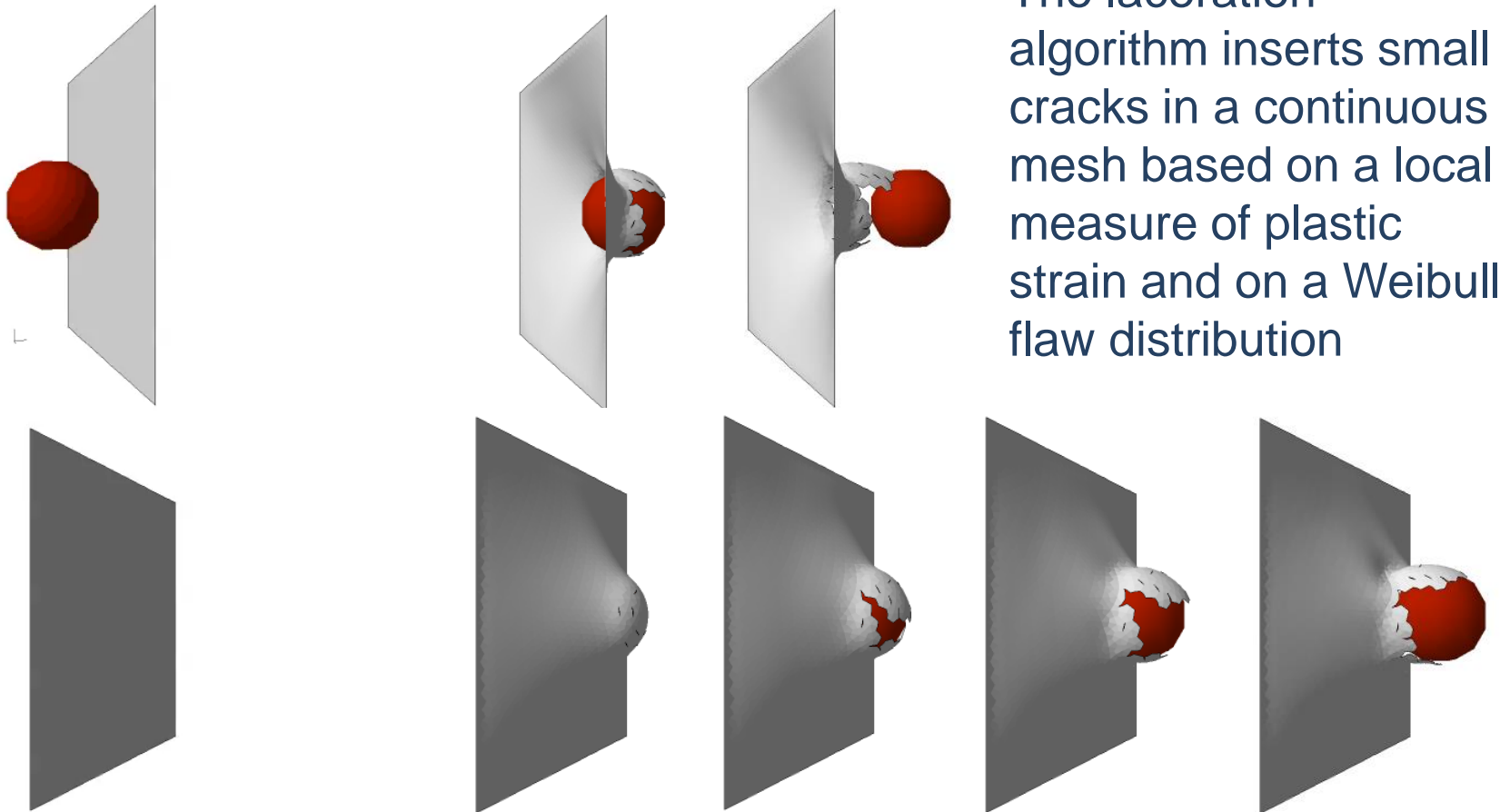
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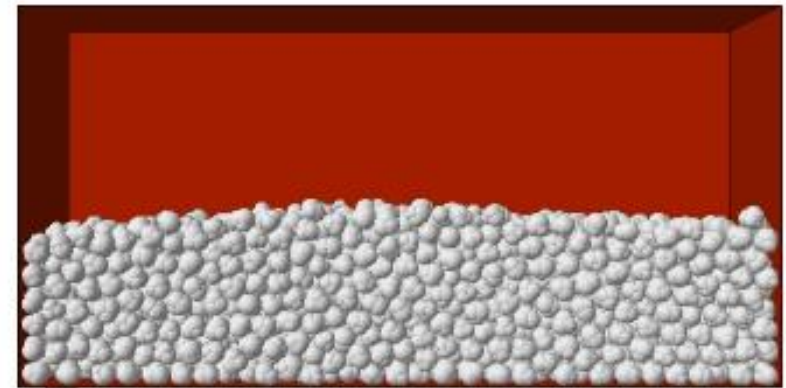
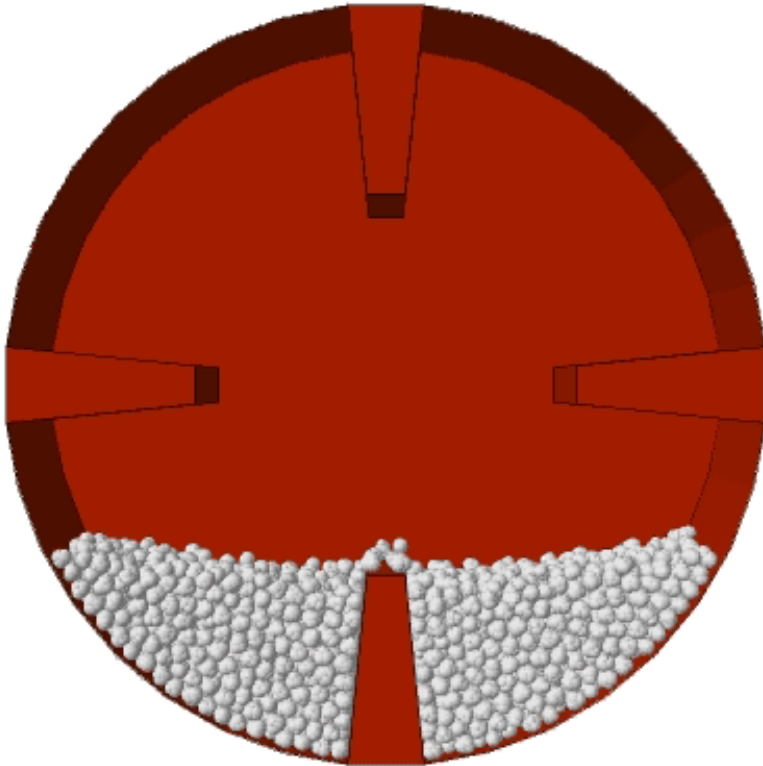
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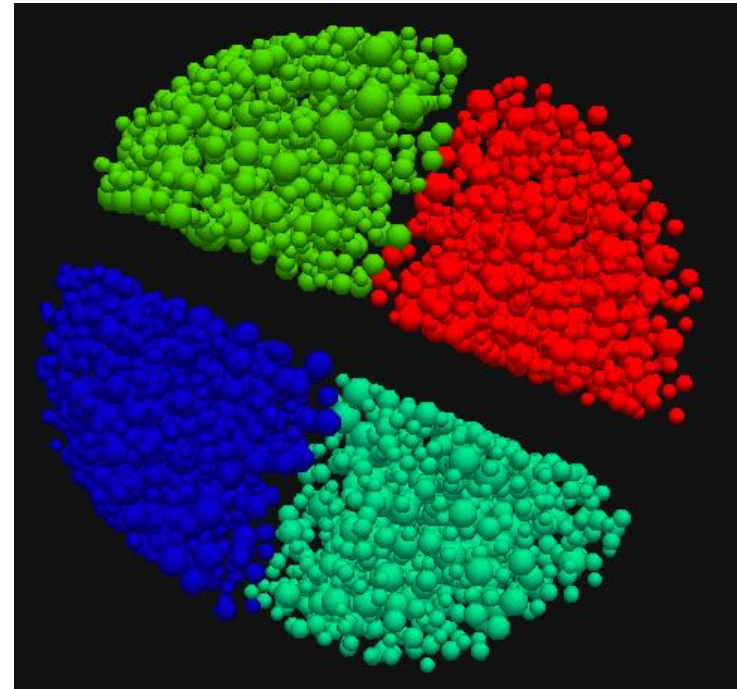
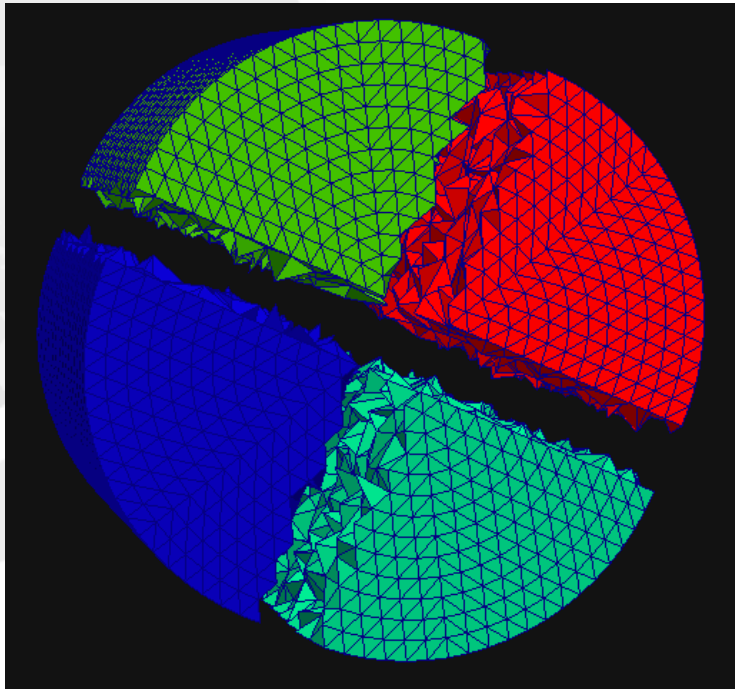
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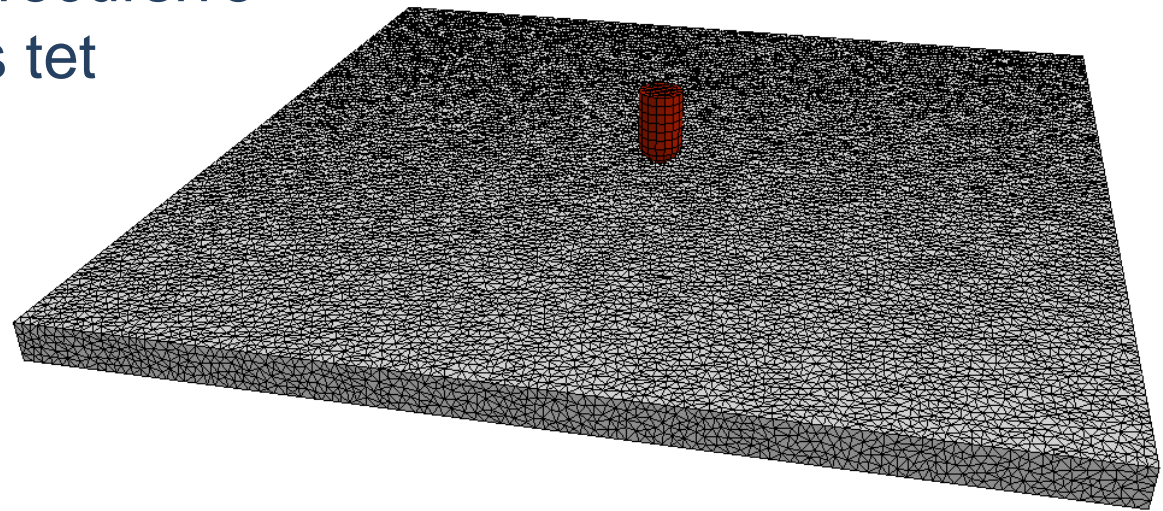
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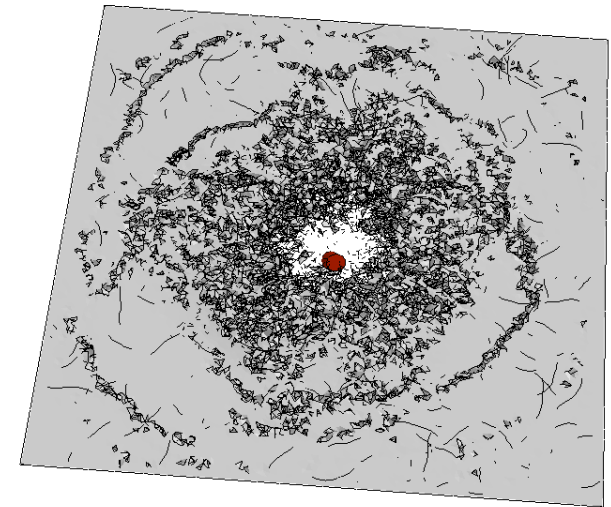
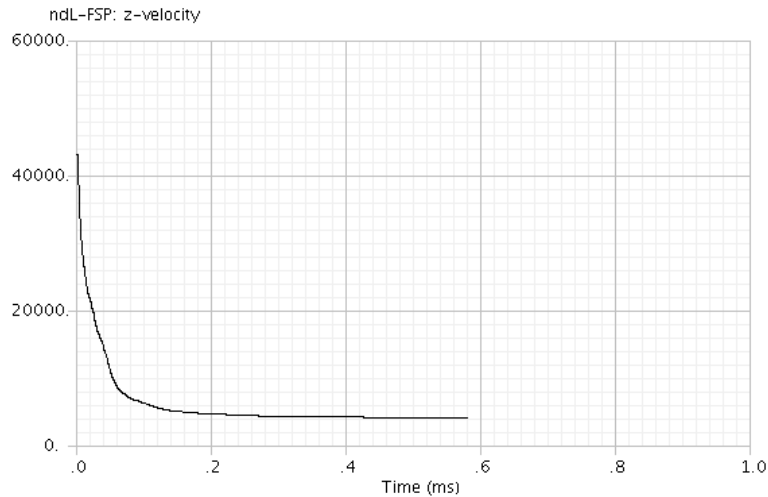
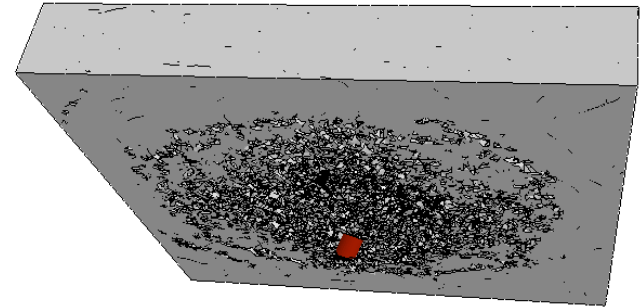
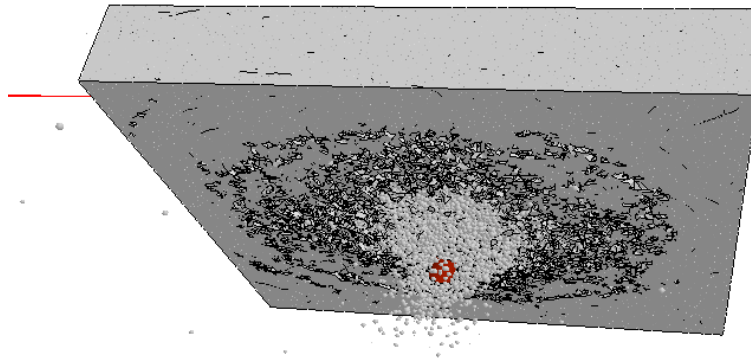
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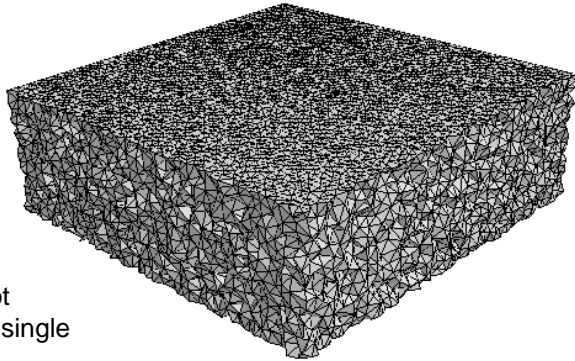


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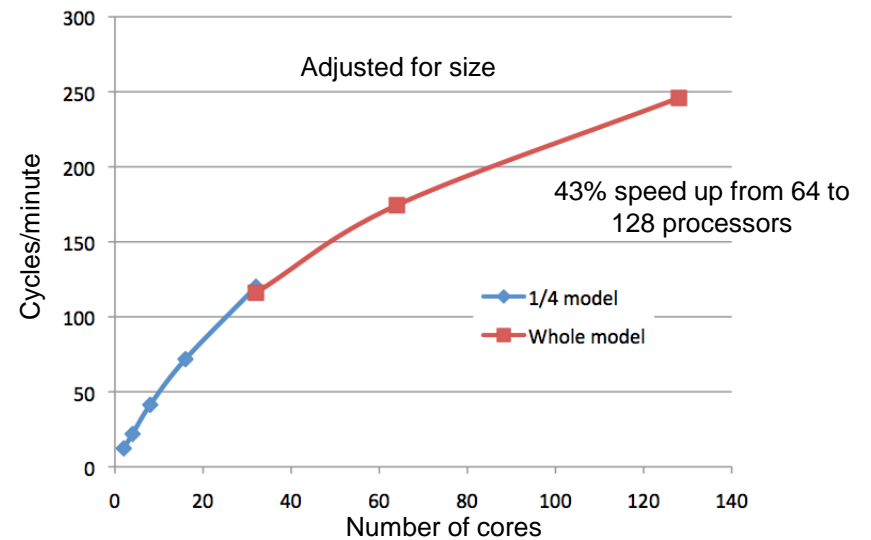
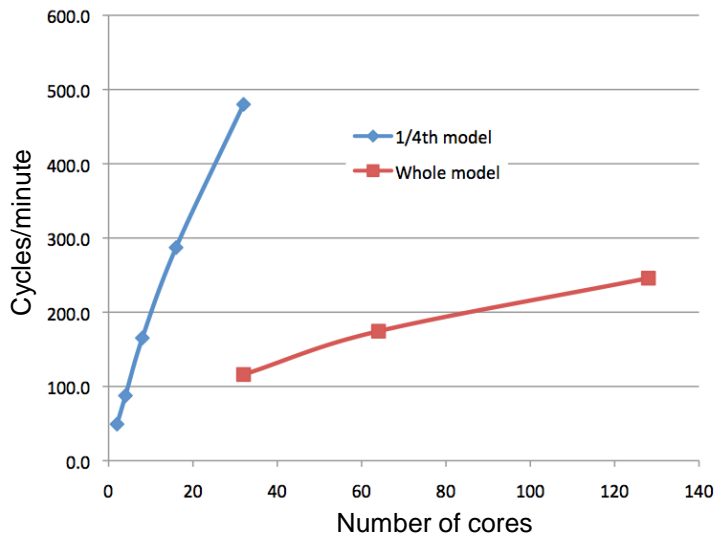
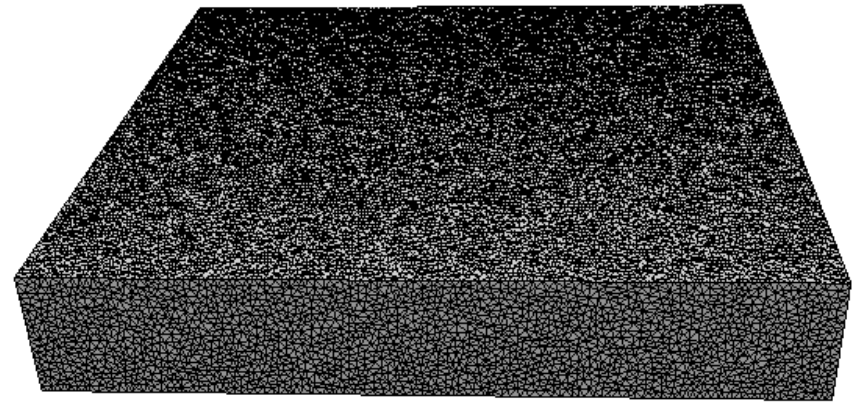



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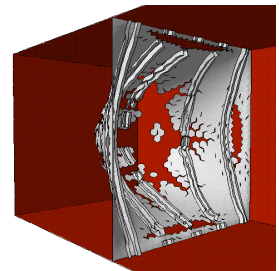
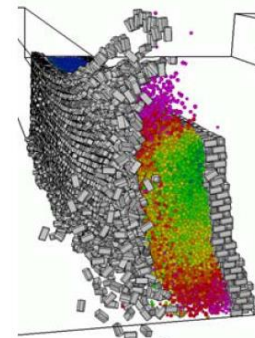
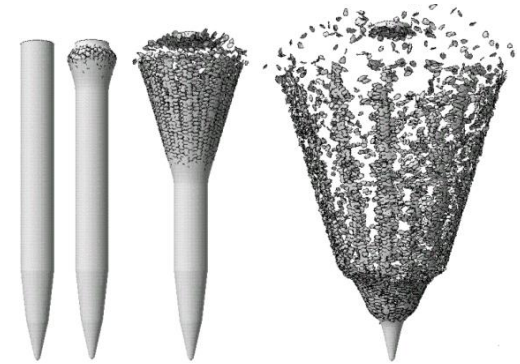
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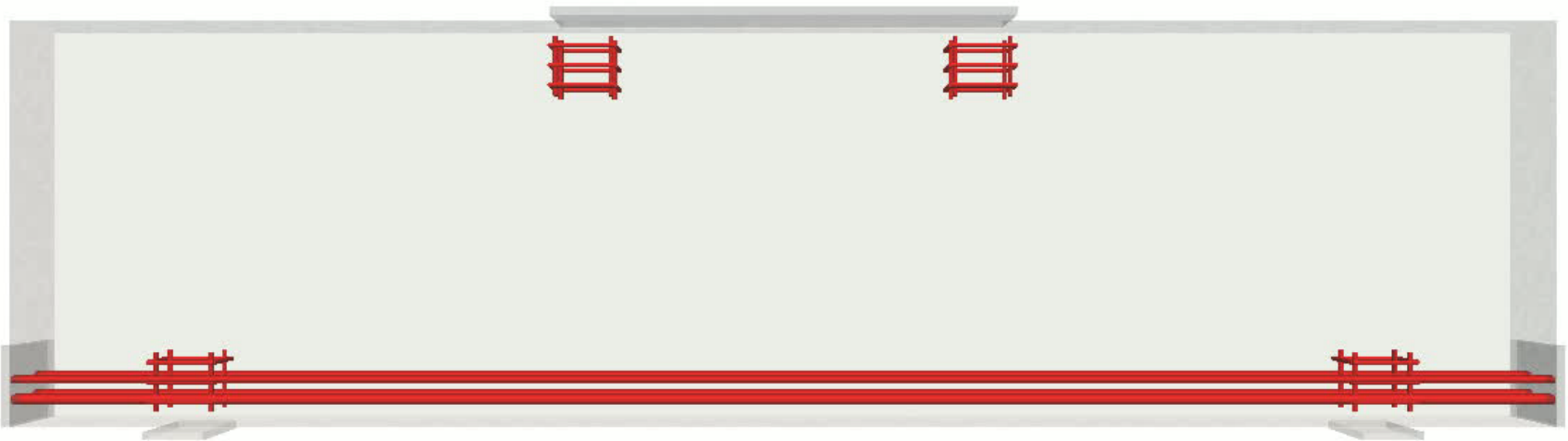
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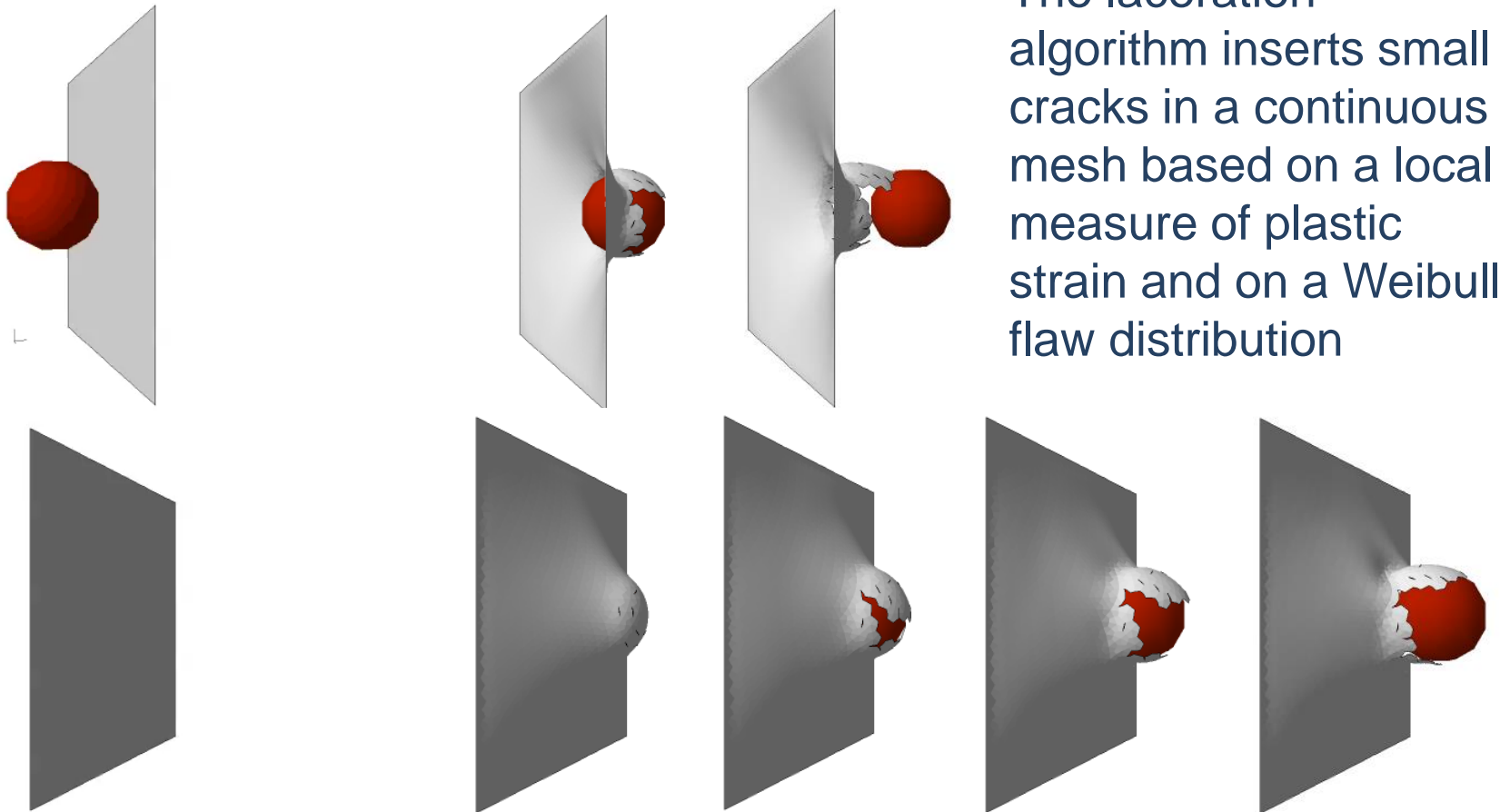
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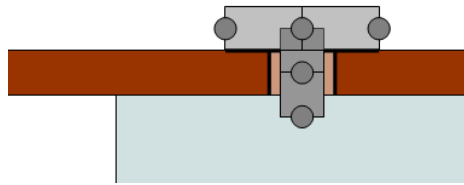
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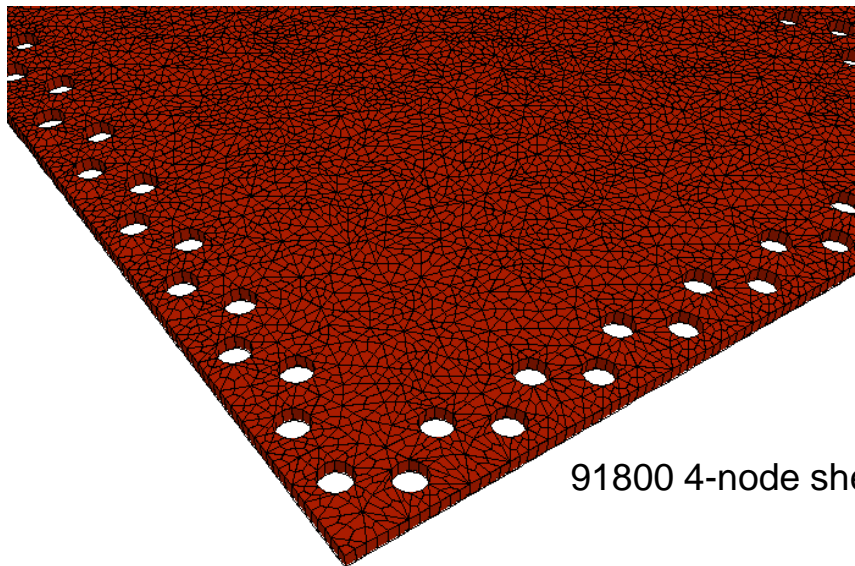
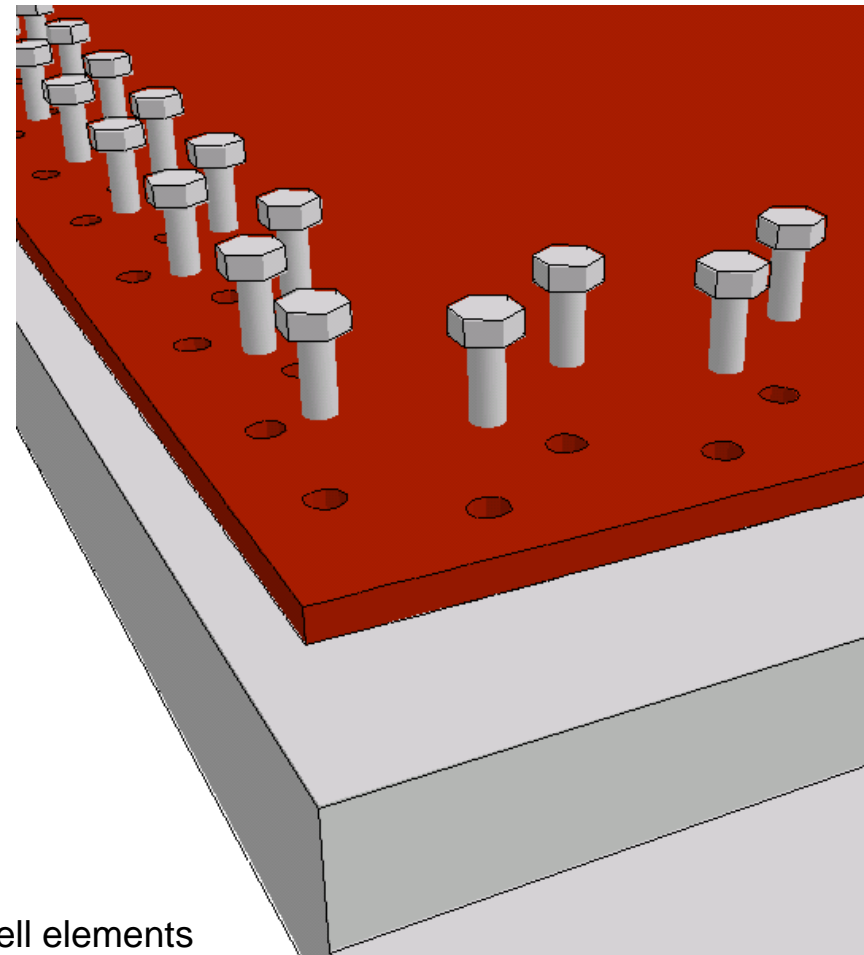
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Exploded View of Plate, Reactive Structure, and Bolts



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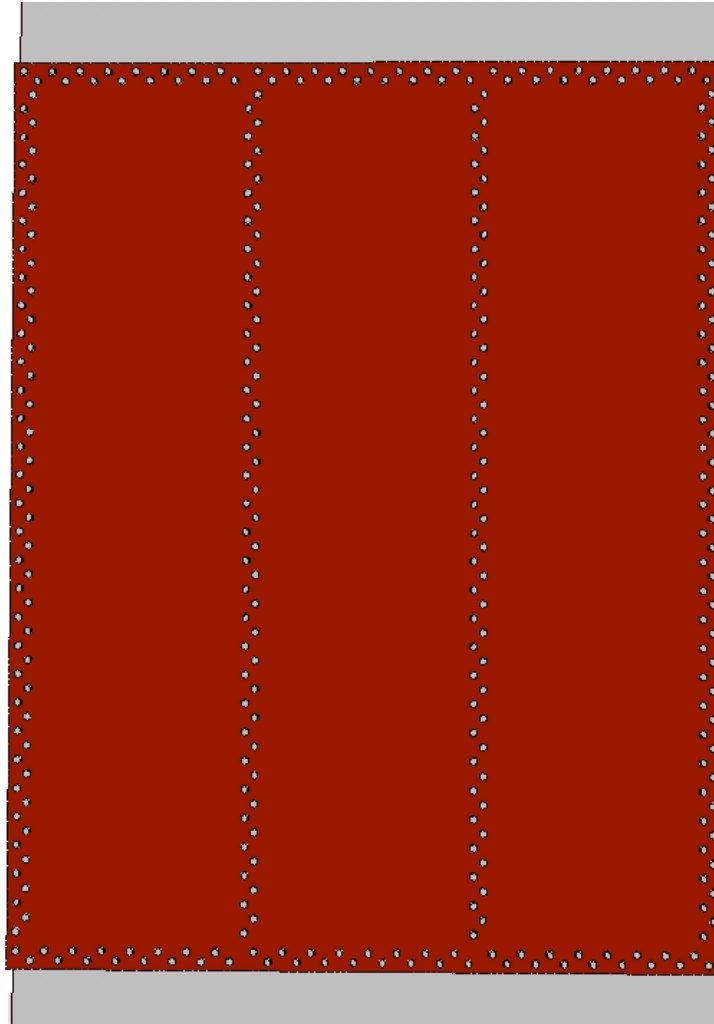
Components interact using contact elements. Pre-stress is applied to the bolts.



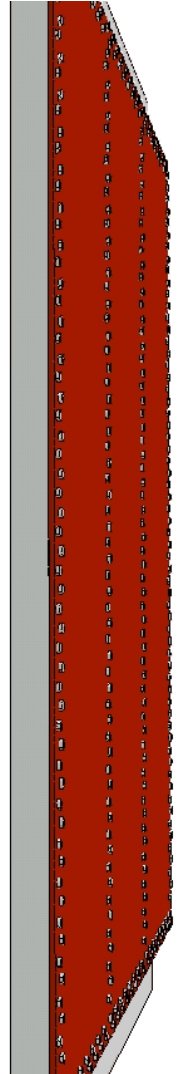
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Shell Laceration Bolt Failures



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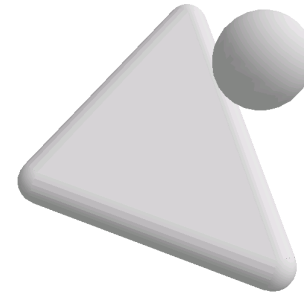


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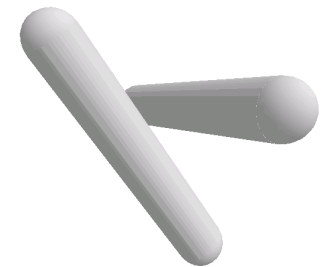
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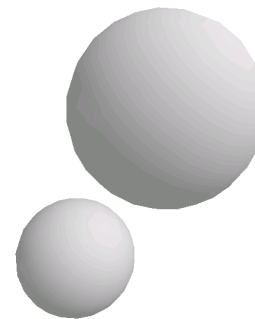
- Arbitrary contacts between face, edges, and particles
- Automatic contact detection with dynamic memory allocation
- One object can interact with multiple other objects at the same time
- Shared contact models: penalty, damping, friction, rolling resistance (similar to material models)



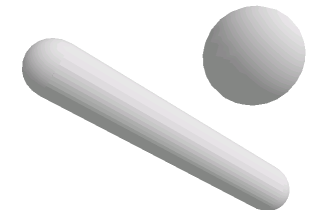
Node/Face Contact



Edge-Edge Contact



Node-Node Contact

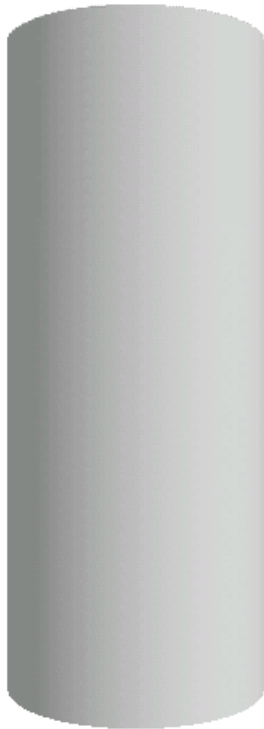


Node-Edge Contact

Vertical Compression Buckling of Cylindrical Shell

The top edge of an aluminum cylinder resting on a rigid surface is pushed down causing the cylinder to crush

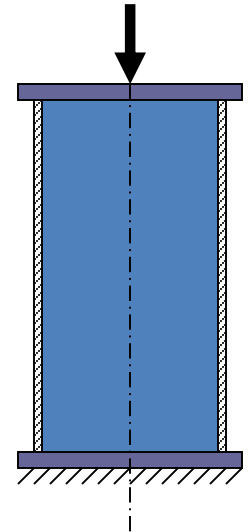
Triangular shell elements



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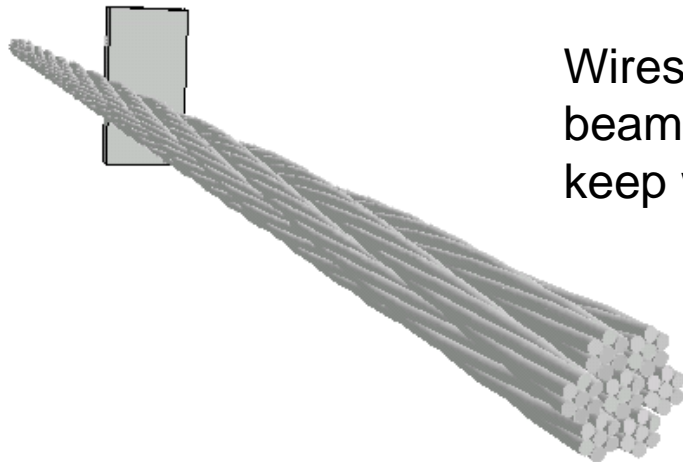
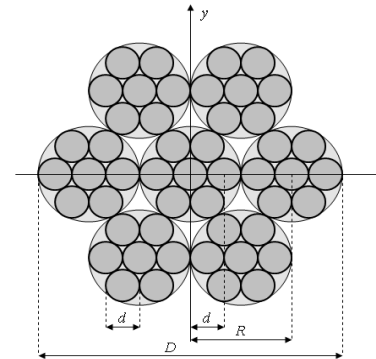
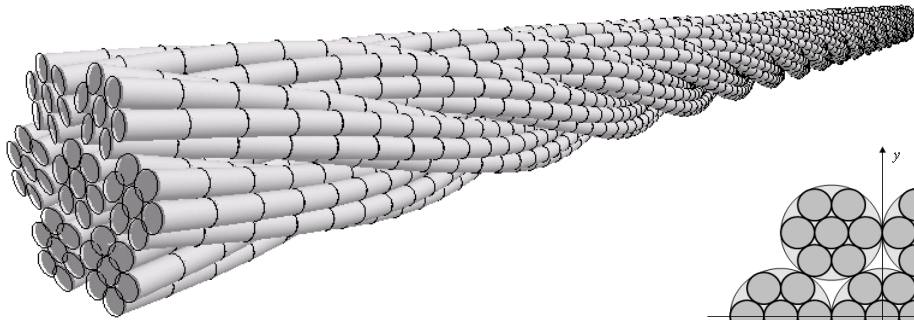


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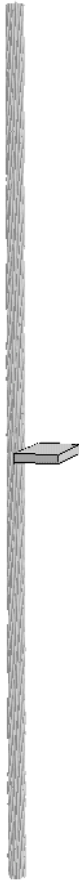


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Cable Dynamics



Wires are modeled using strings of beam elements. Edge-edge contacts keep wires from crossing each other.

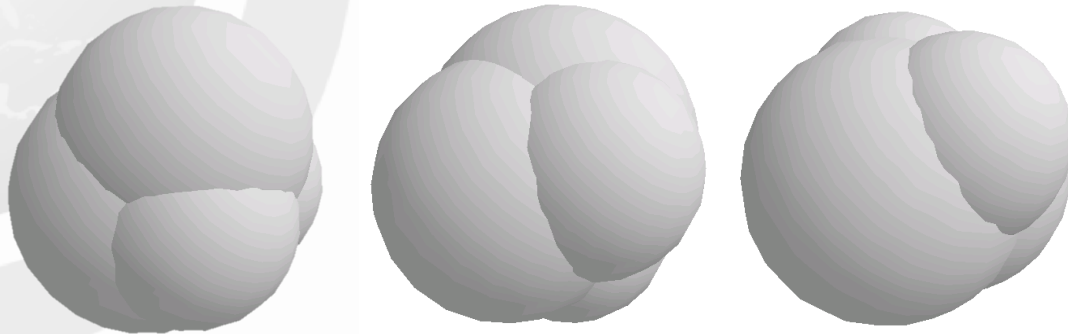


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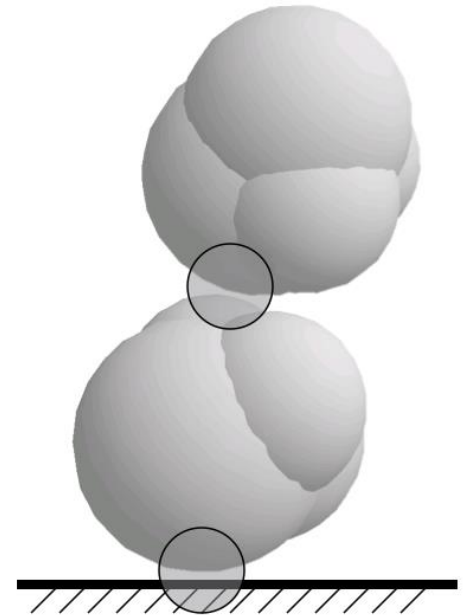


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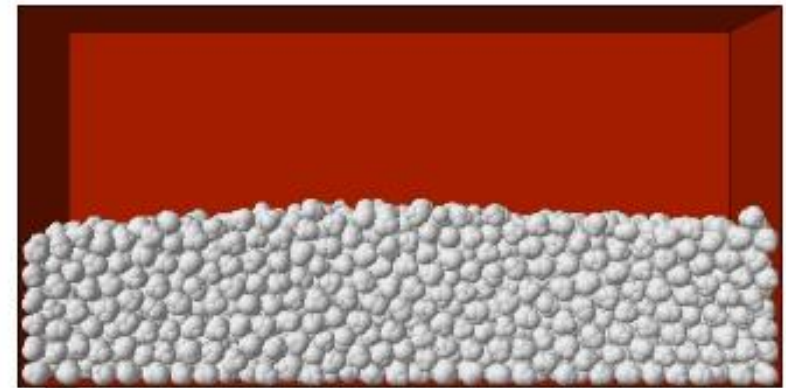
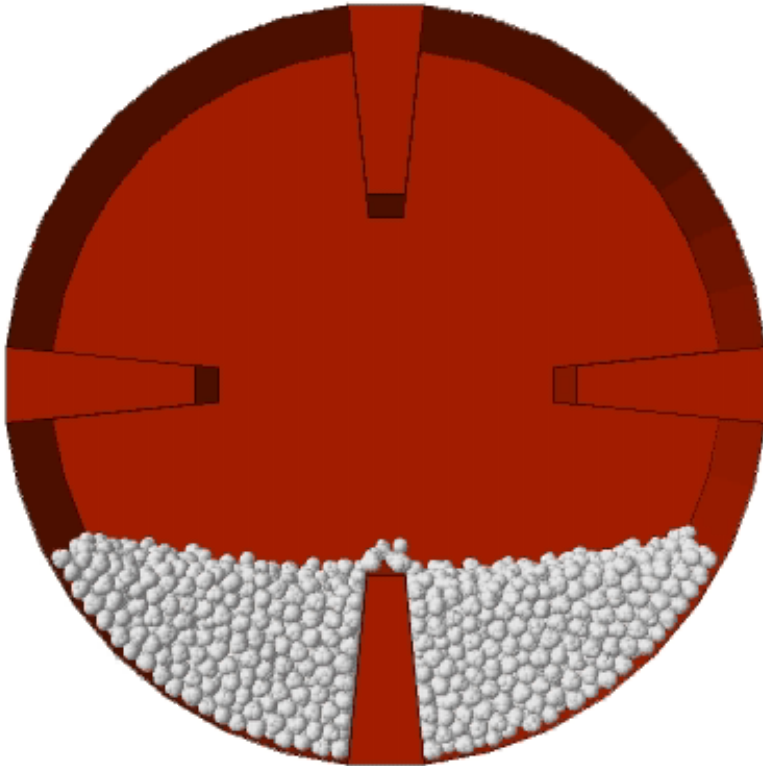



Random shapes of non-spherical macro-particles




Simple contact conditions

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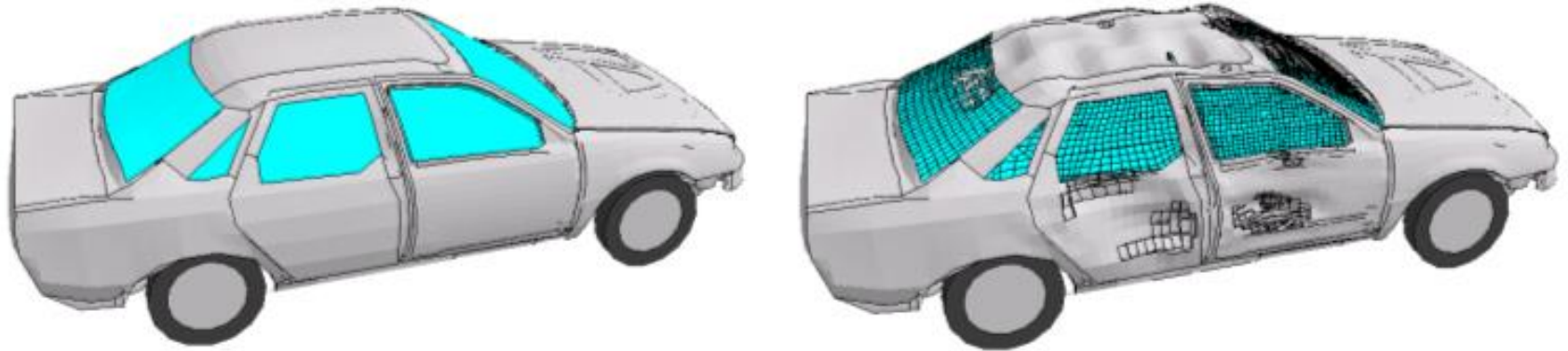


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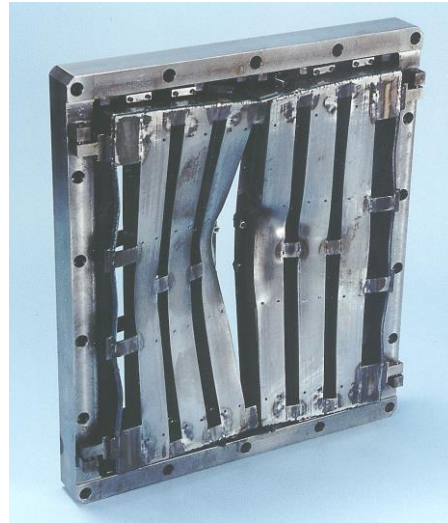
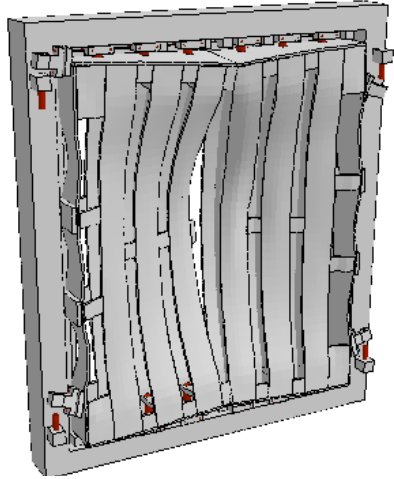
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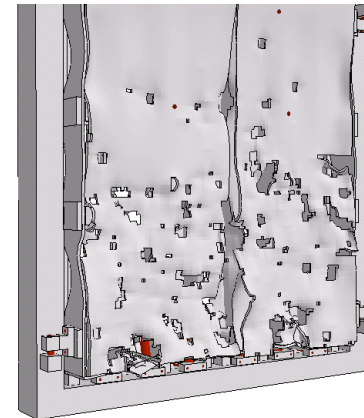
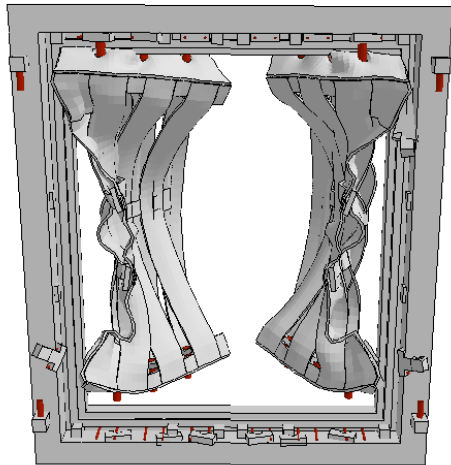


Model of a Ford Taurus (developed by GWU) subjected to external charge loads.

Protective Door Subjected to Blast Loads

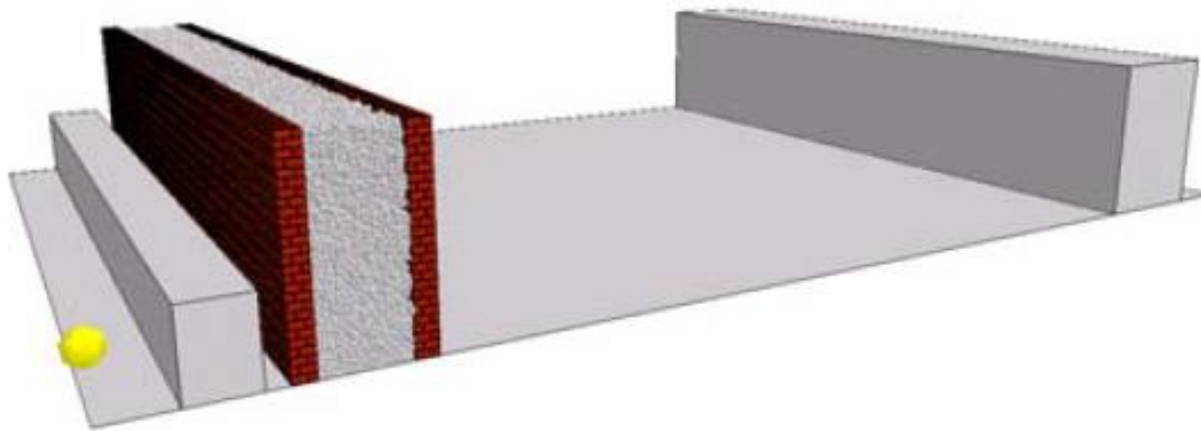


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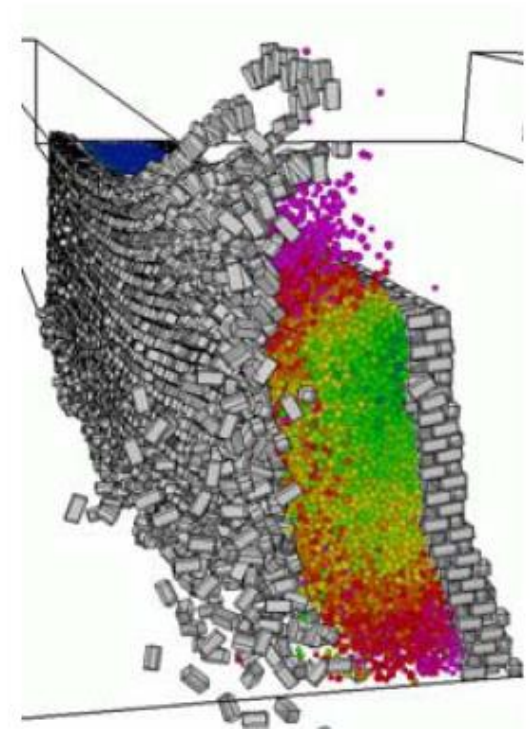
Predictive simulations with blast and fragments

Sandwich Brick Wall Subjected to Blast Loads

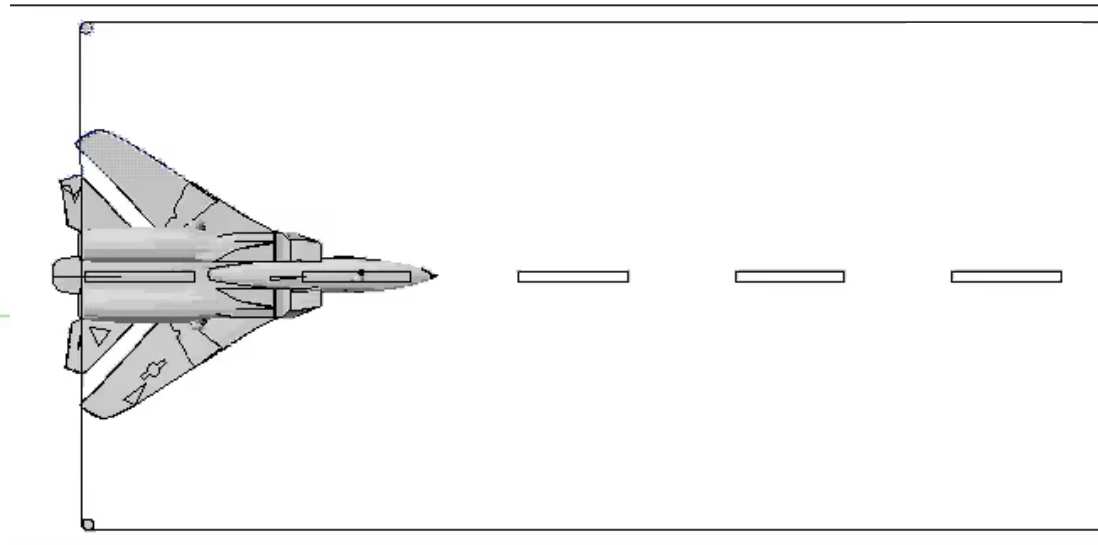
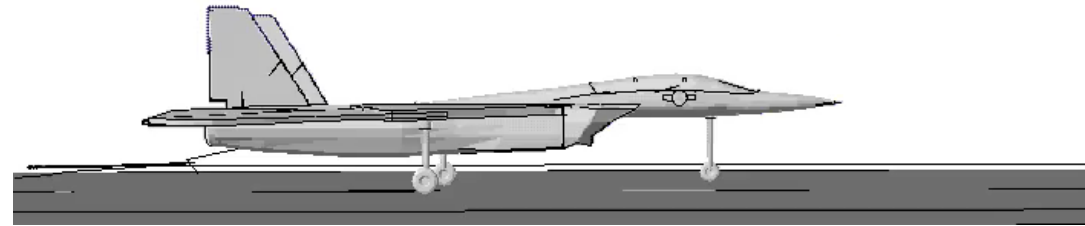
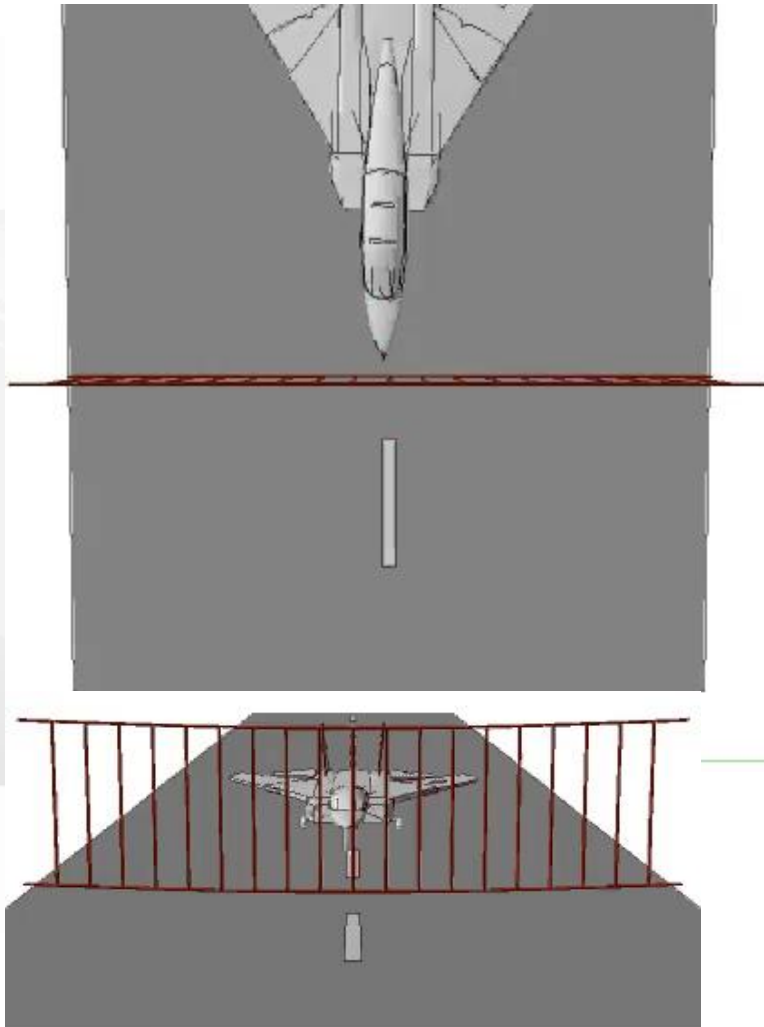


Sandwich wall consisting of soil trapped between two brick walls. The wall is subjected to blast loads that propel bricks and soil particles.

MARS coupled to a
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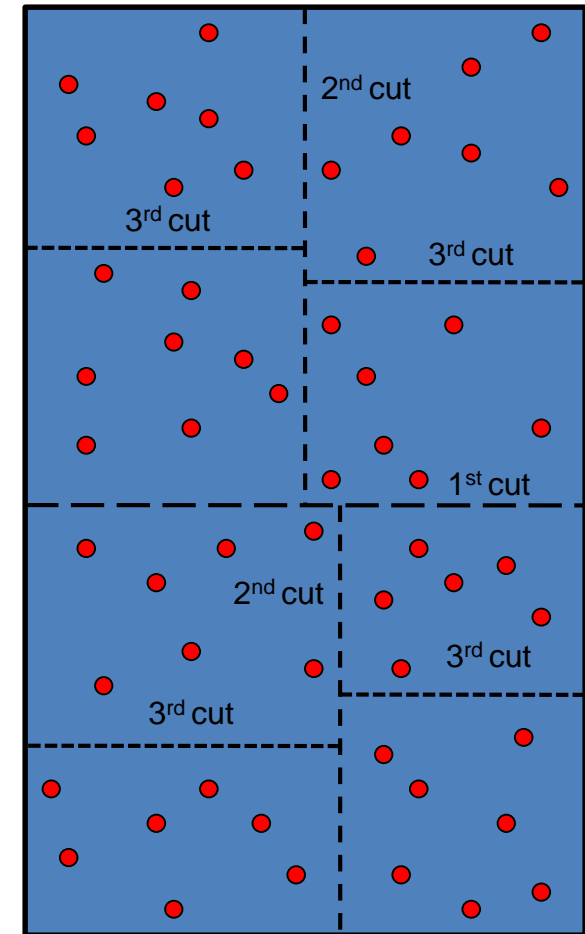




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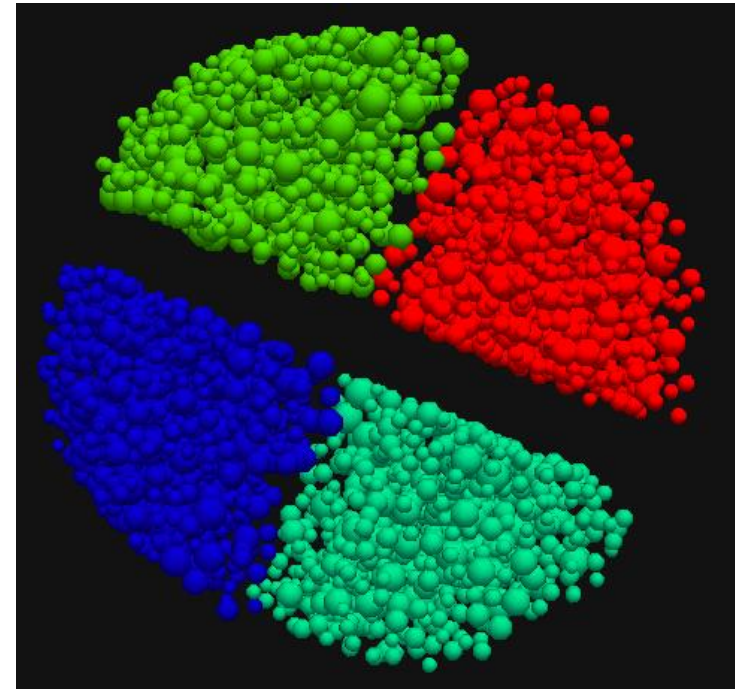
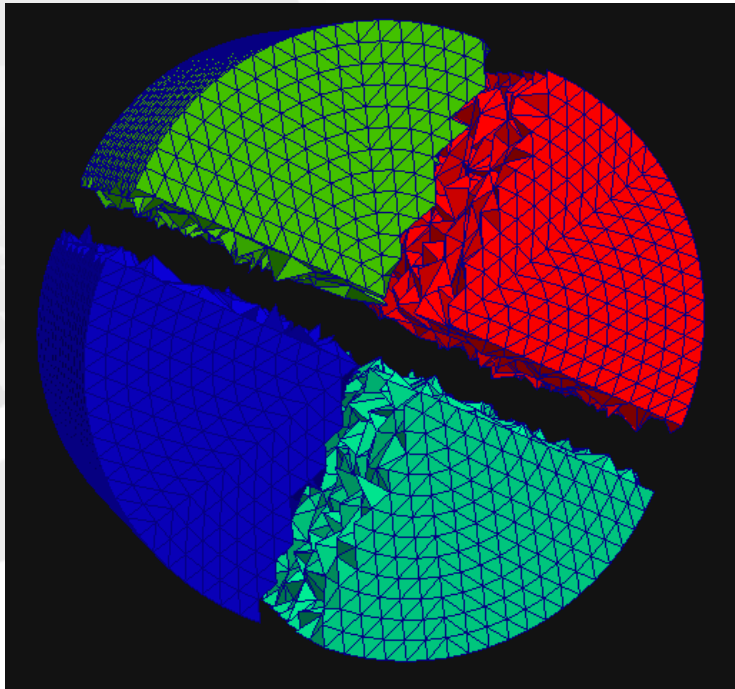
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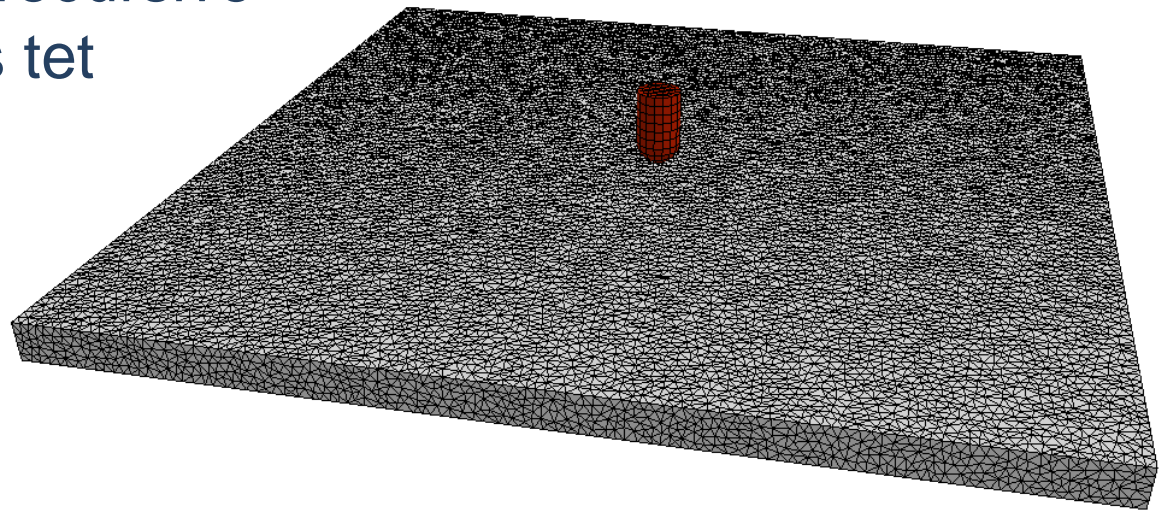
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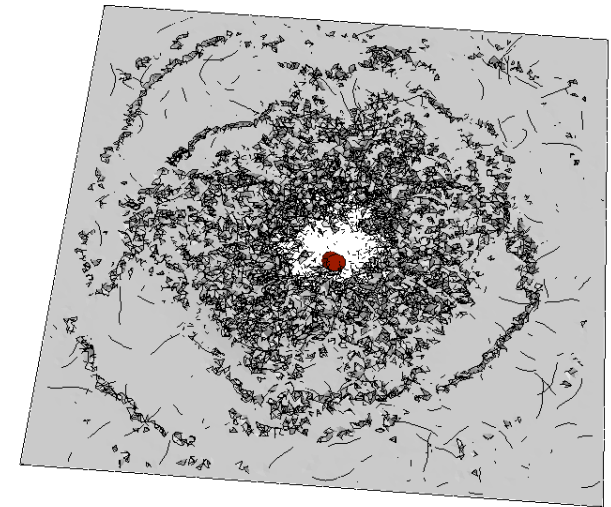
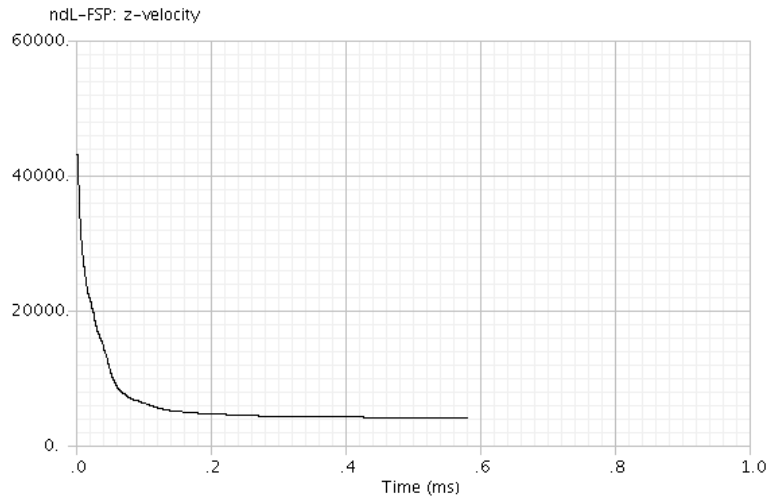
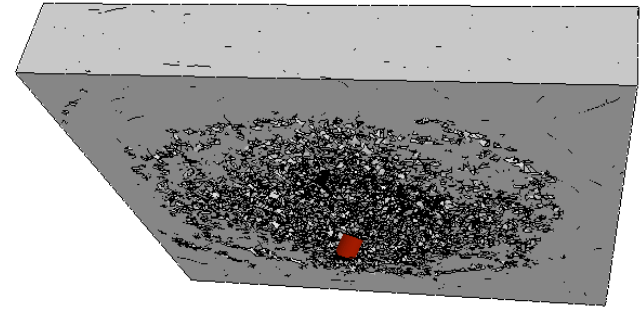
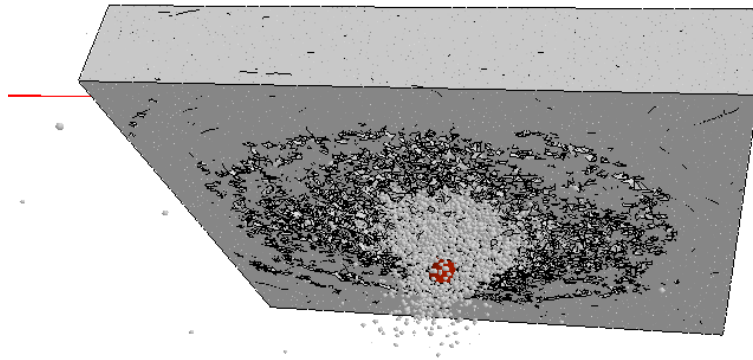


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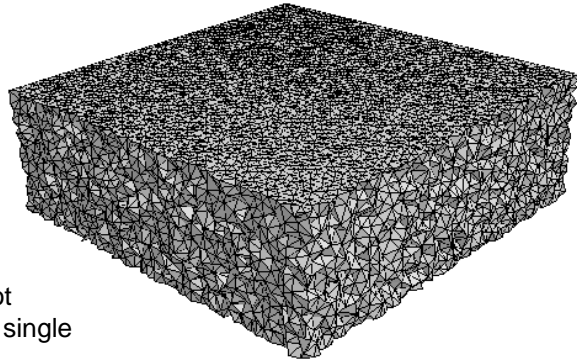


Example of Penetration Results from this Model

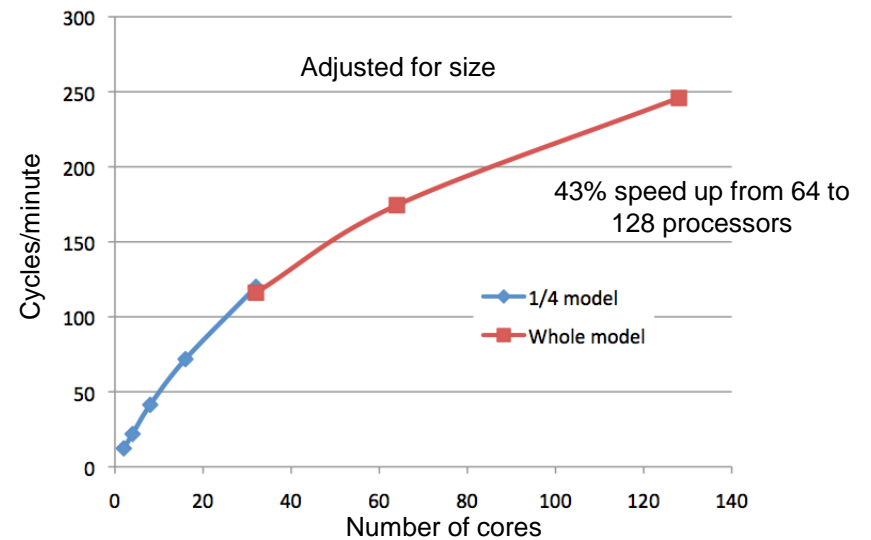
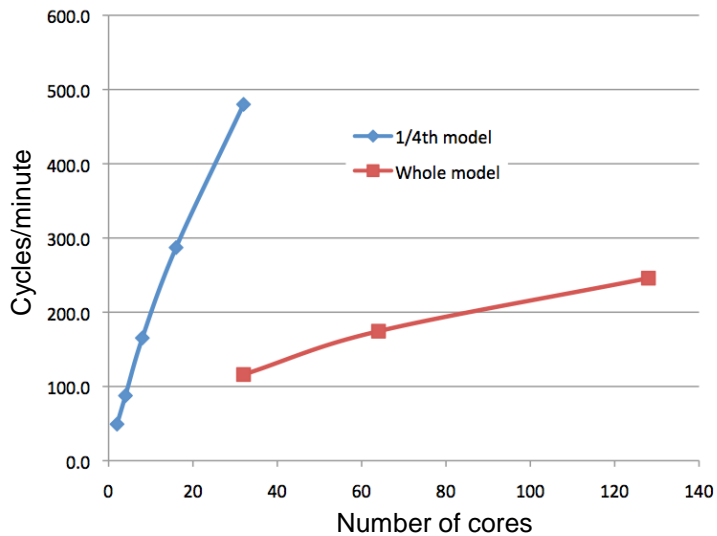
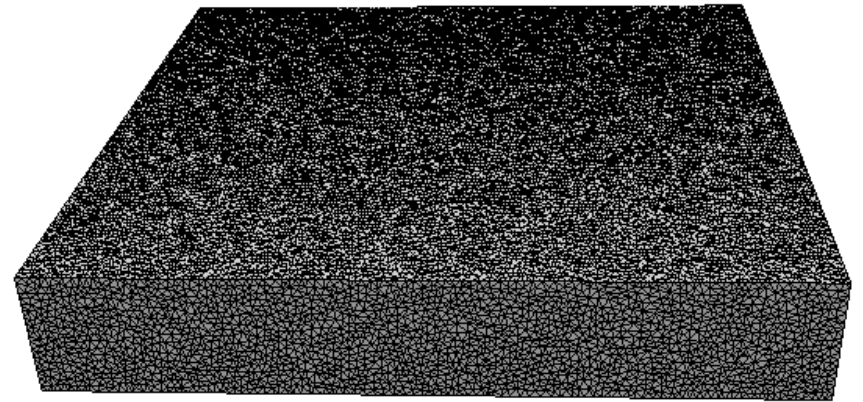


Time = 0.00056

MPI Performance



Whole model does not fit in the memory of a single compute node



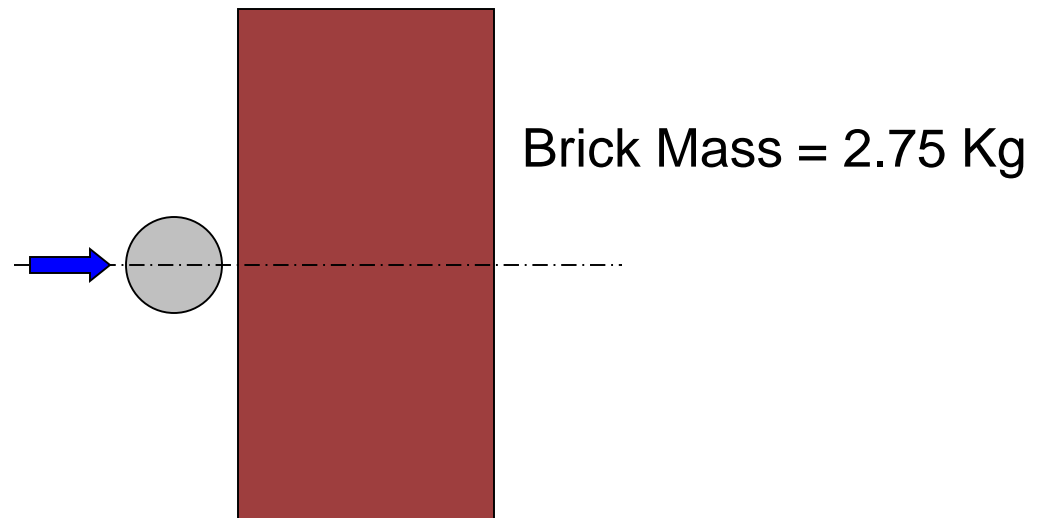
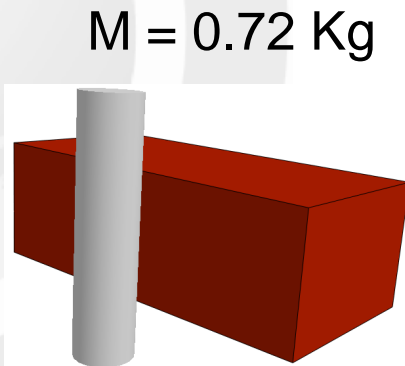


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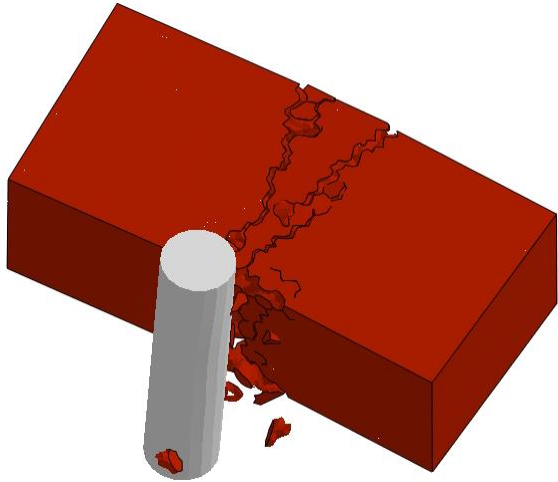


Parametric Study of Fragmentation

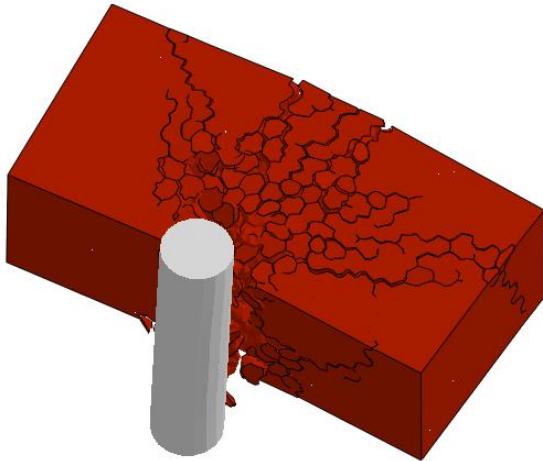
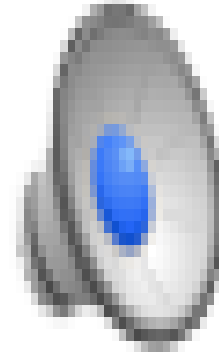
- Impact of a steel cylindrical rod against a quasi-brittle brick
- The objective is to study fragmentation processes
- Various velocities and masses of the cylinder are considered



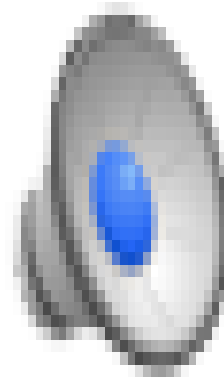
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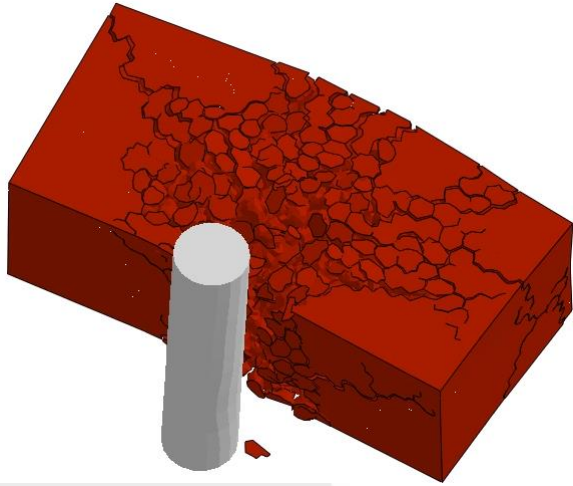
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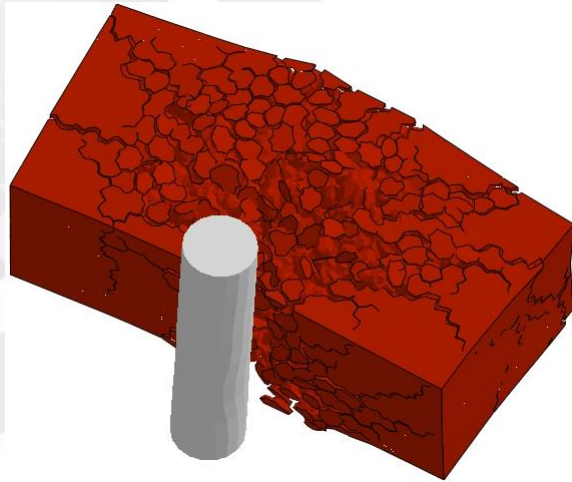
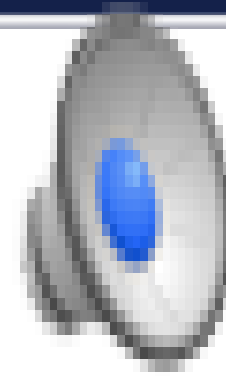
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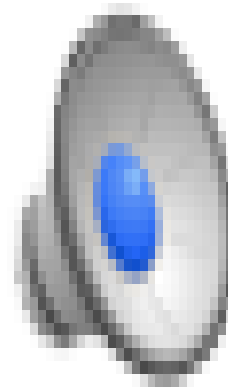
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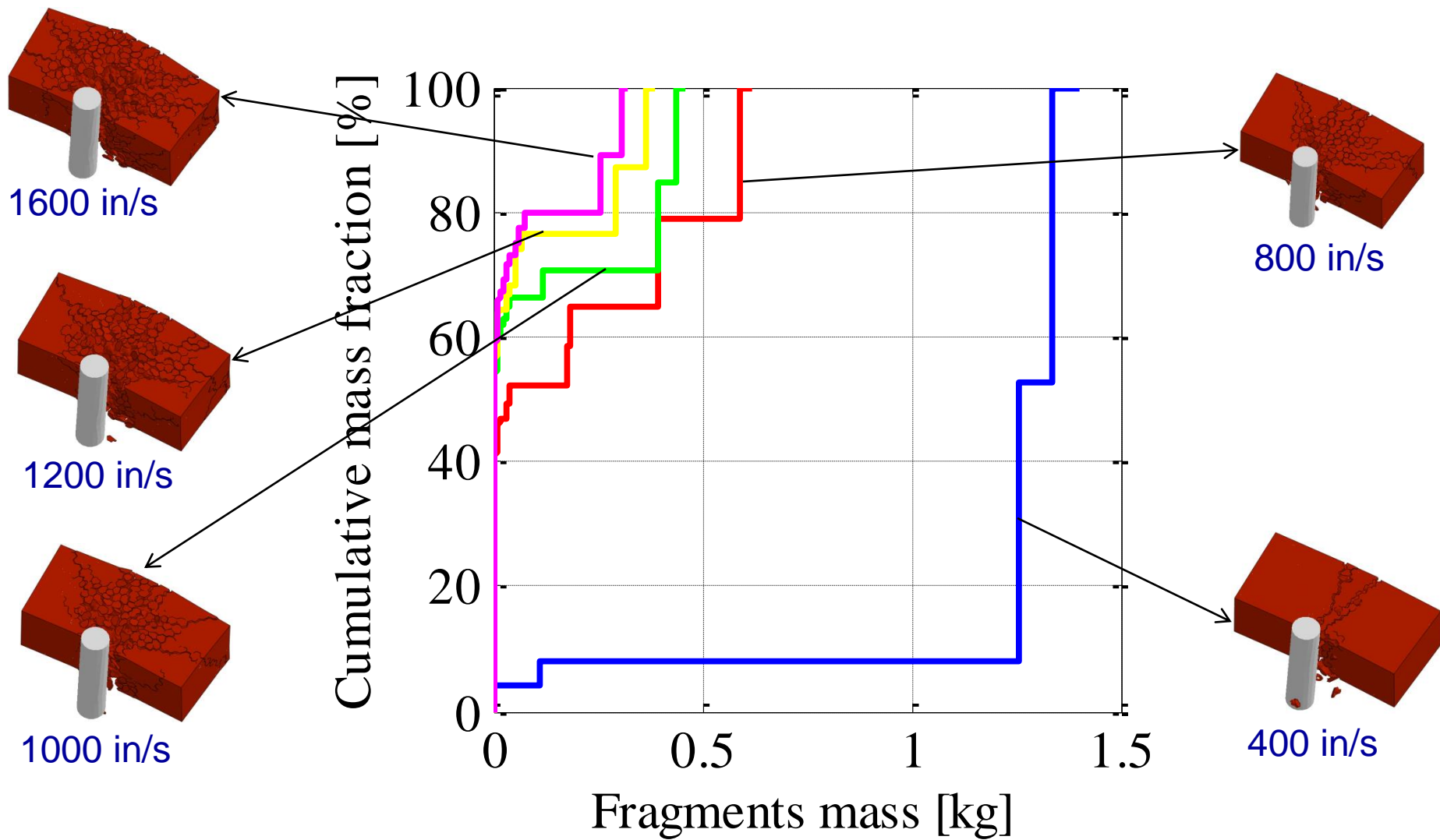


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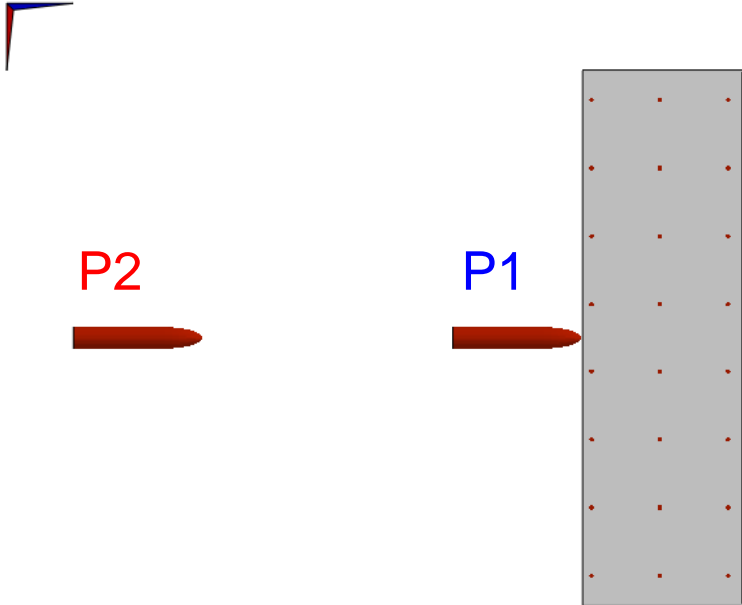


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Case # 1: Centered Hits



Case # 2: Offset Hits

