

Determination of deformation via image-based measurements and design of epoxy systems for Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn Rutherford cables

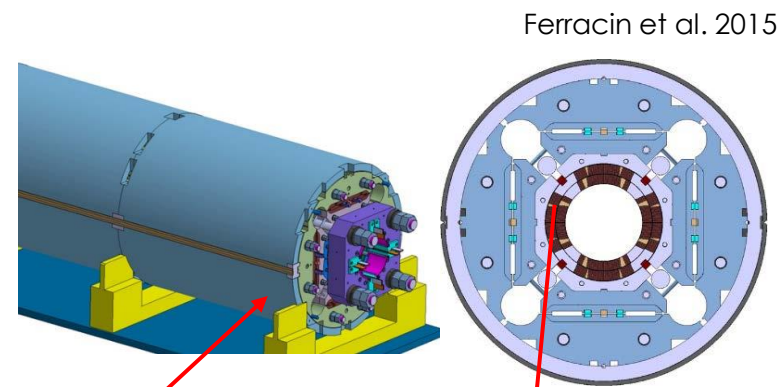
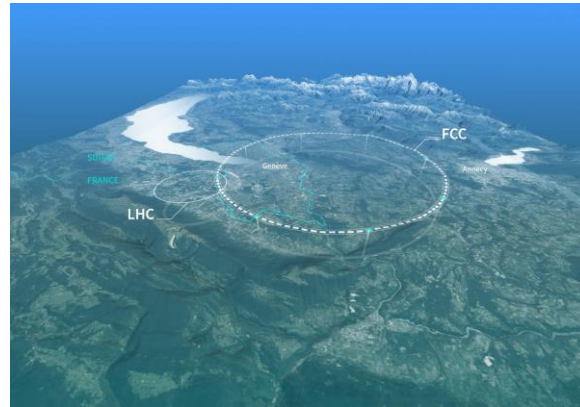
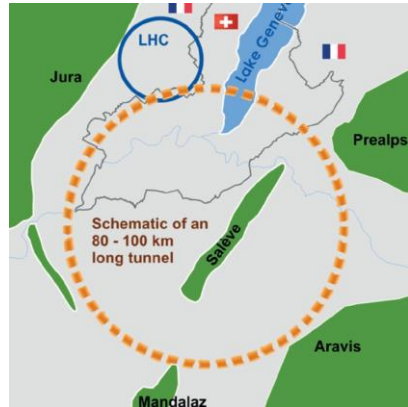
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# Introduction

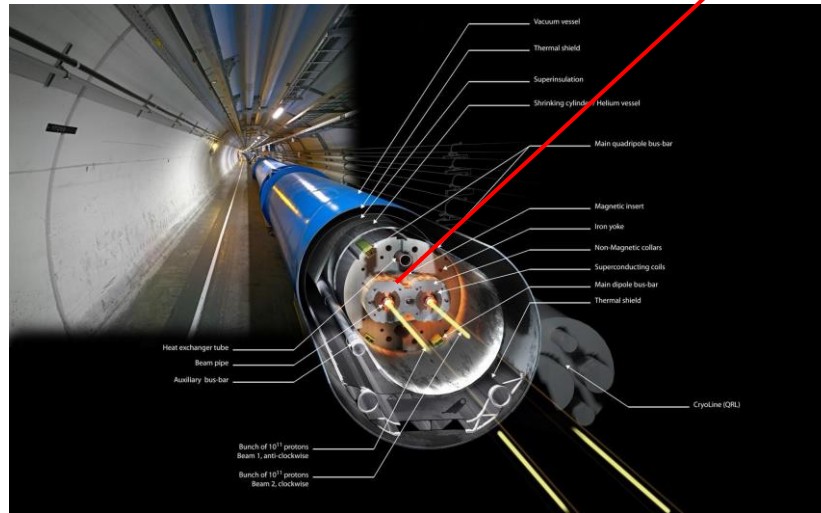
## Future Circular Collider (FCC)



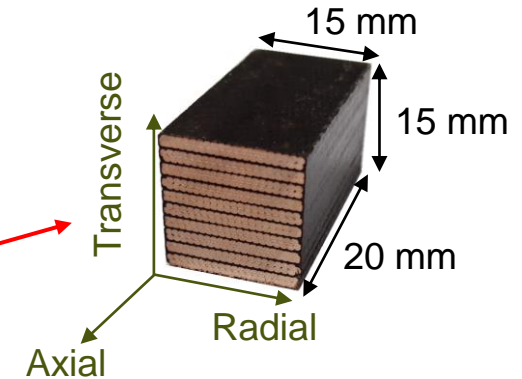
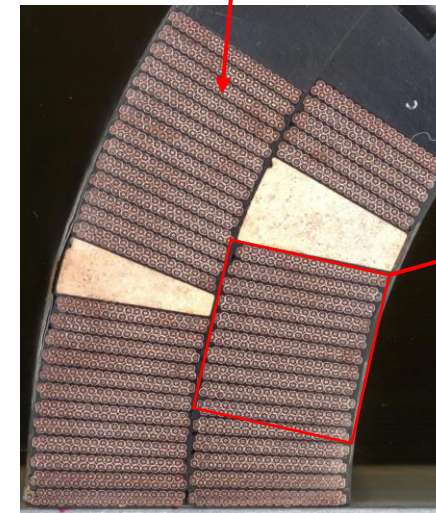
## CHART project



Swiss Accelerator  
Research and  
Technology

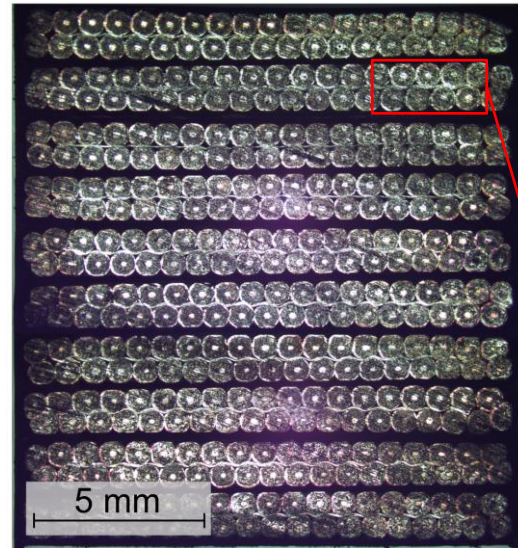


CERN website



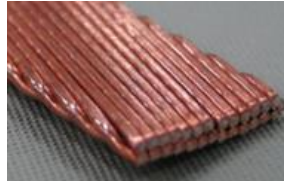
Daly et al. 2018

# Multiscale structure → heterogeneous

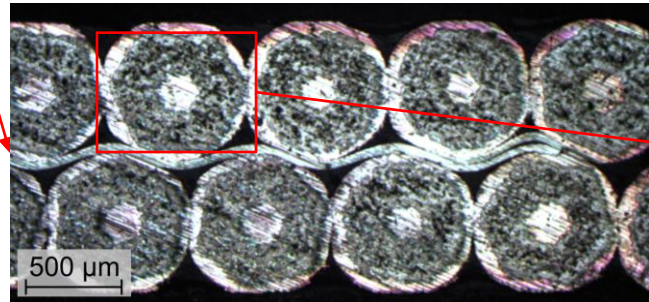


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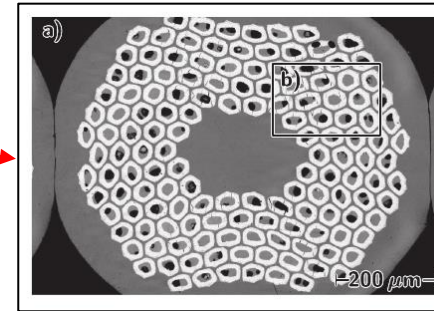
Rutherford cable stack



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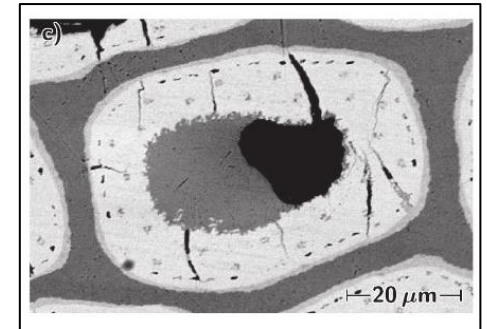


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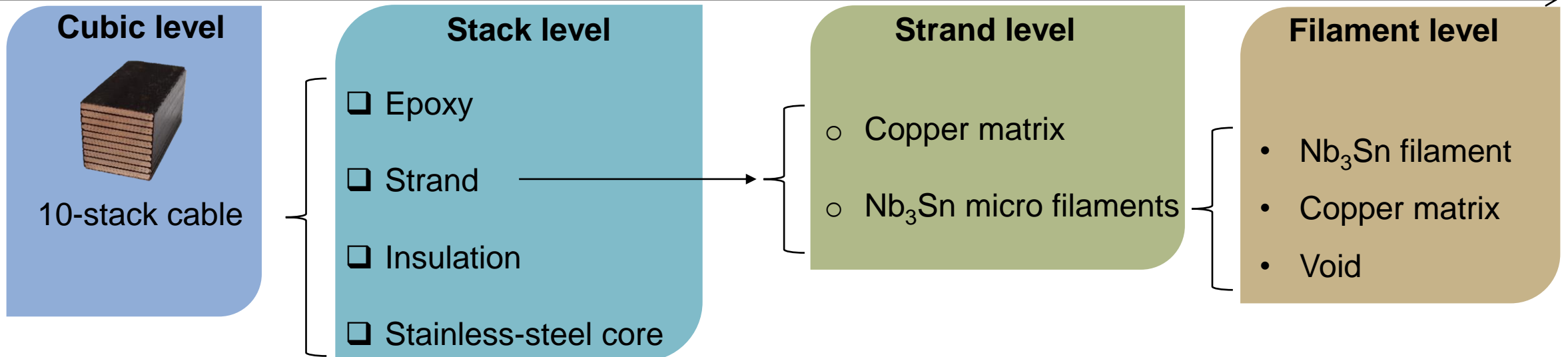


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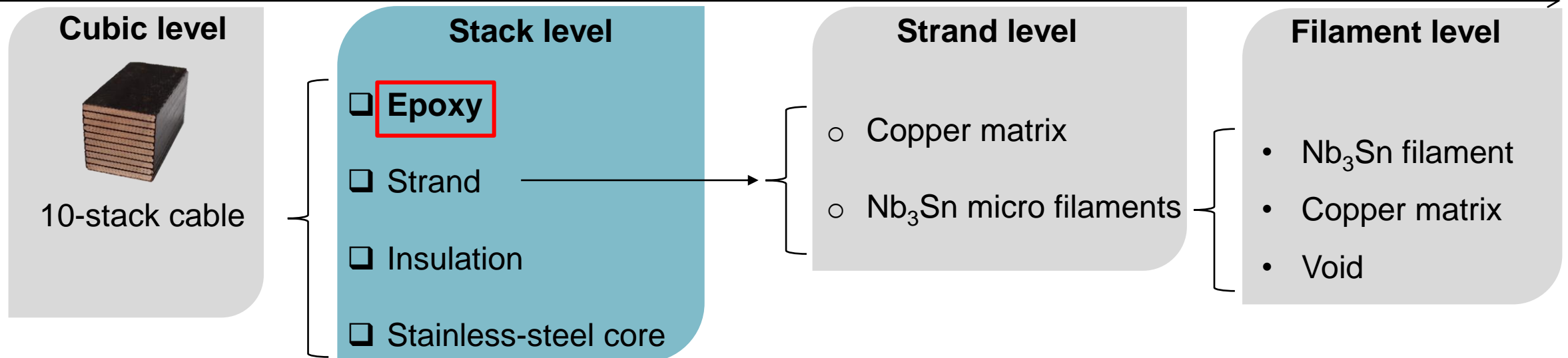
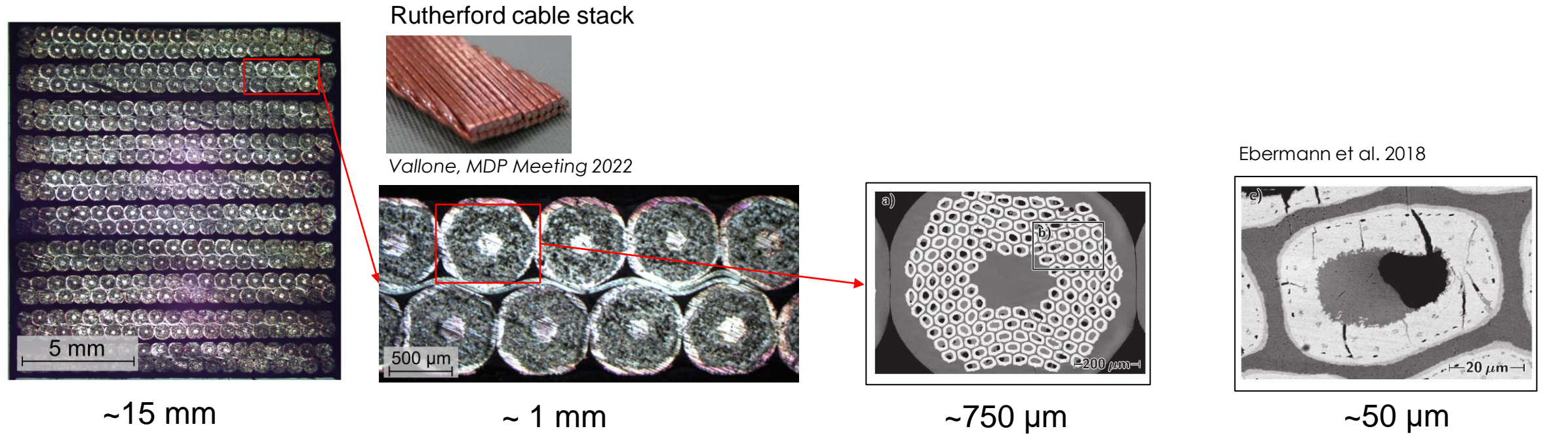
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~50 μm



# MagRes: Development of optimized resin system for SC magnet coil production

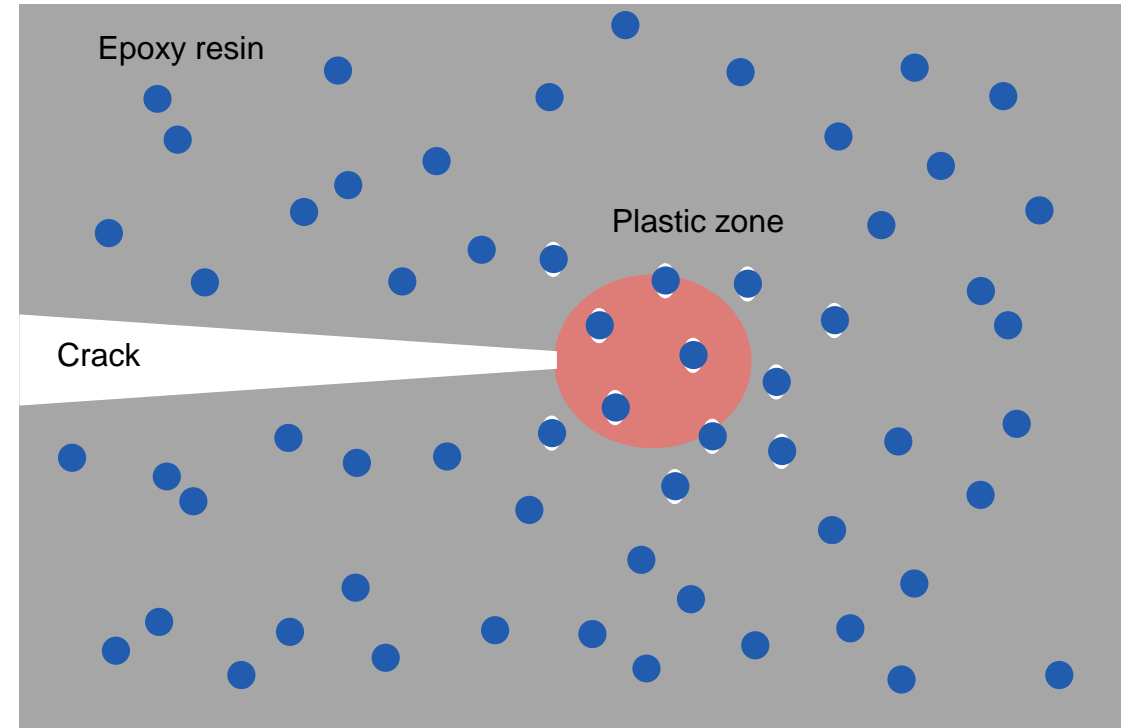


## The toughness paradox:

- For non-stress managed magnets, strength & toughness are needed
- However, high toughness means more heat dissipation at the crack tip and thus might *also promote quenching, even in the absence of macroscopic cracks*
- Particles can improve toughness even further by localized yielding

## Ultimate goal:

- Gadolinium nanoparticles with anomalous high  $c_p$  at 4 K
- these particles initiate yielding, increasing the fracture toughness, while at the same time absorbing the heat that develops due to the plastic deformation.



# Plain epoxy resin systems

- We use our in-house developed system and compare it to a standard epoxy resin

BA-3-8/9

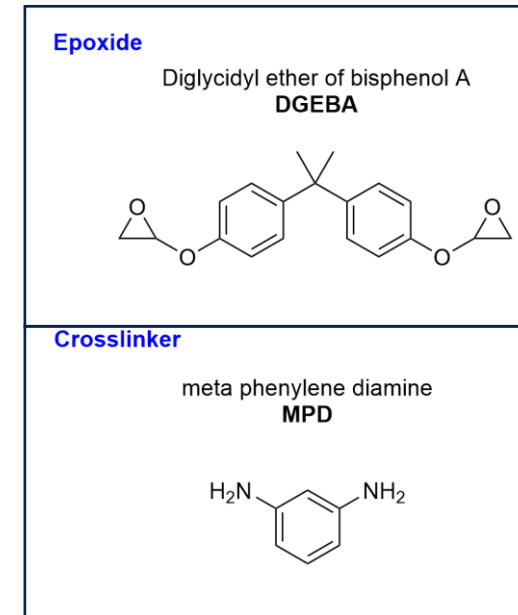
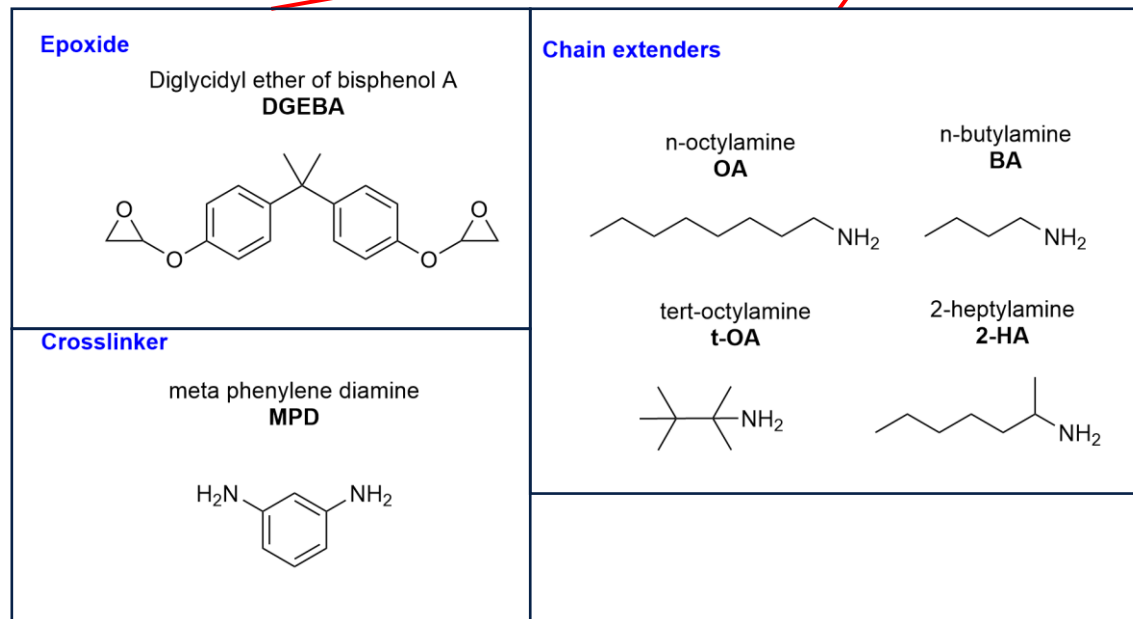
BA Butylamine

3 Functionality of crosslinker

8/9 Molar ratio of Epoxide to chain extender

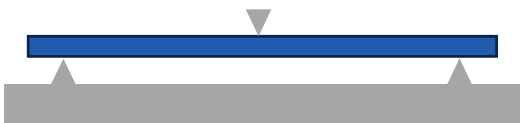
Base resin

Just DGEBA+MPD

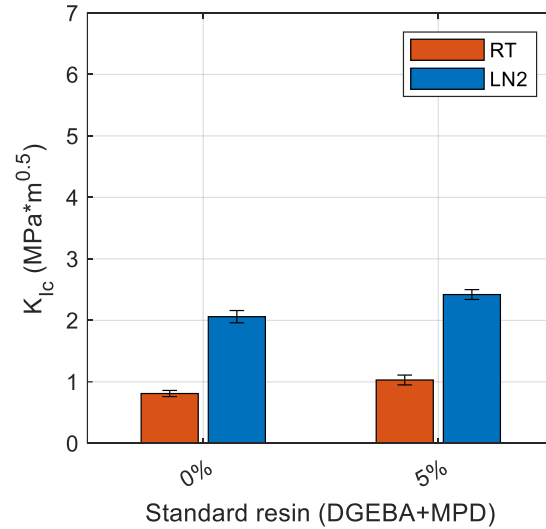


# Results

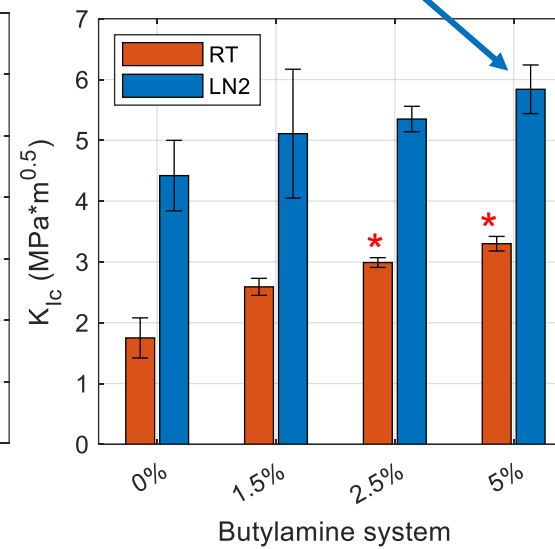
- SENB Testing



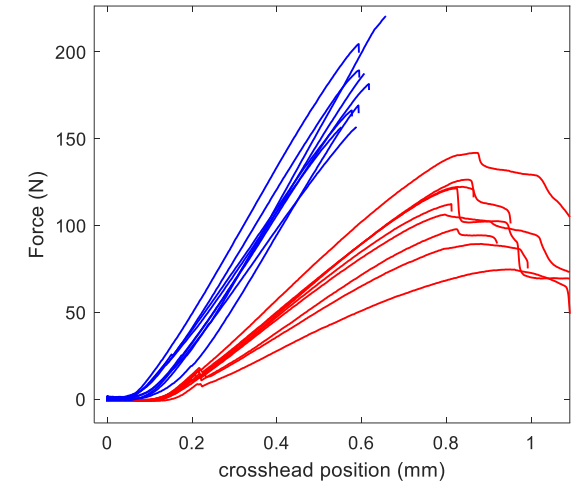
Add nano-SiO<sub>2</sub>



30% increase!



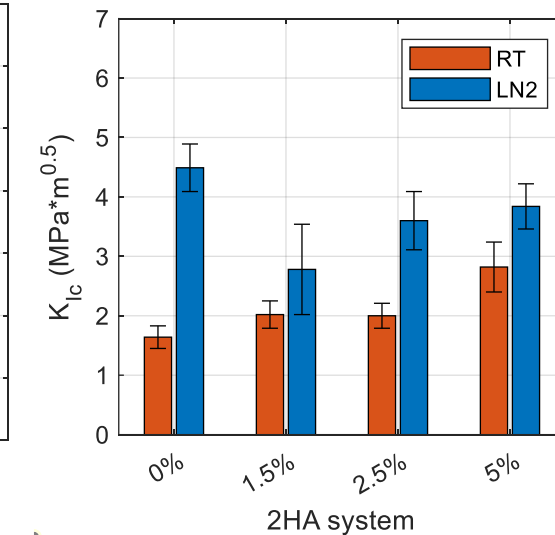
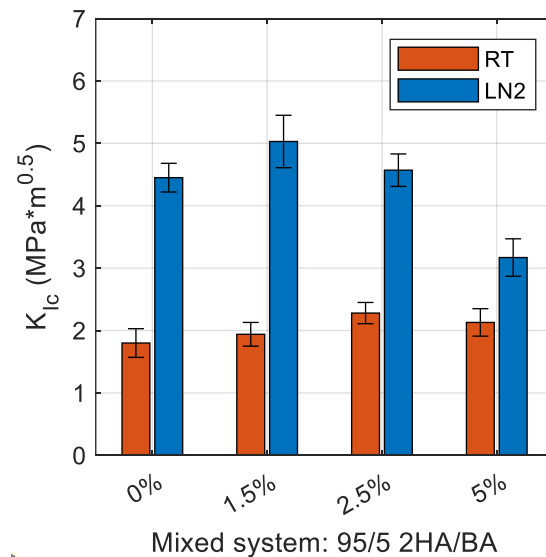
Butylamine, 5% system



\*: Size of plastic zone gets very large with respect to sample size.

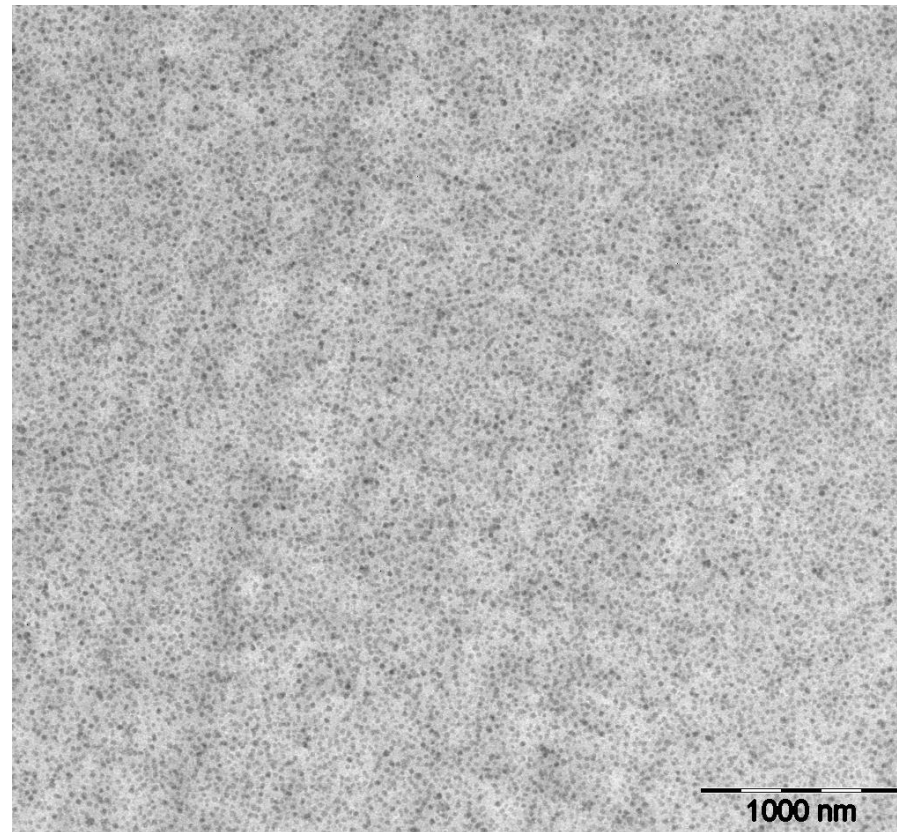
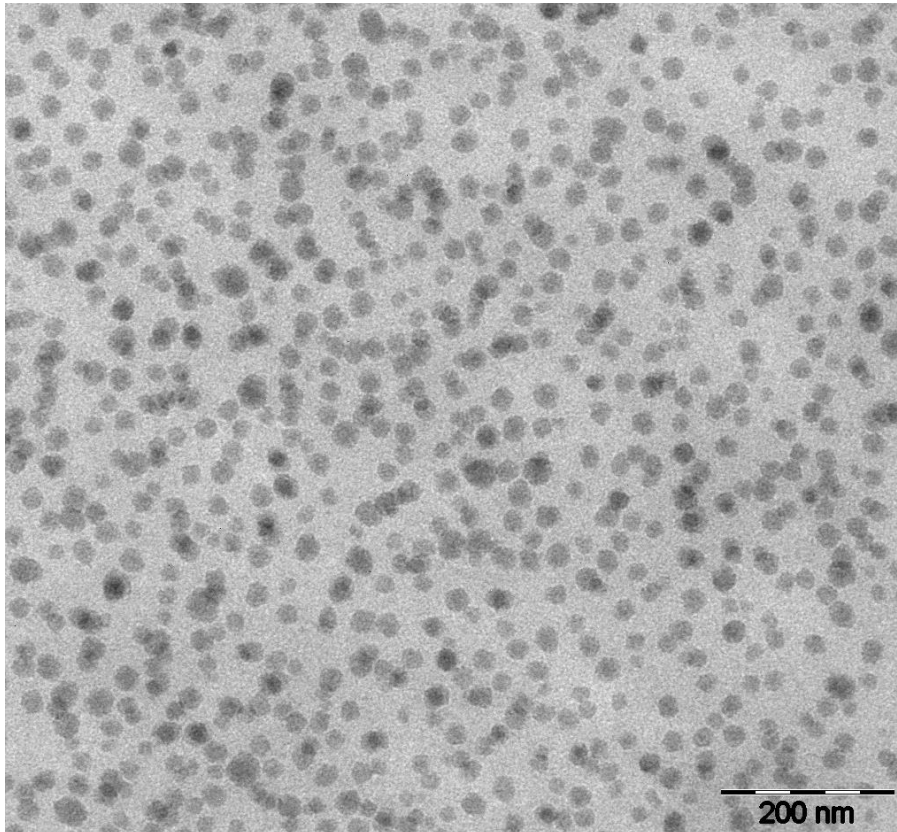
Criterion for valid  $K_{Ic}$

$$b, a, h - a \geq 2.5 \left( \frac{K_I}{\sigma_y} \right)^2$$



- Transmission electron microscopy

7.5 vol. % SiO<sub>2</sub>, Butylamine sample (excluded from study due to bubbles) 60 nm section



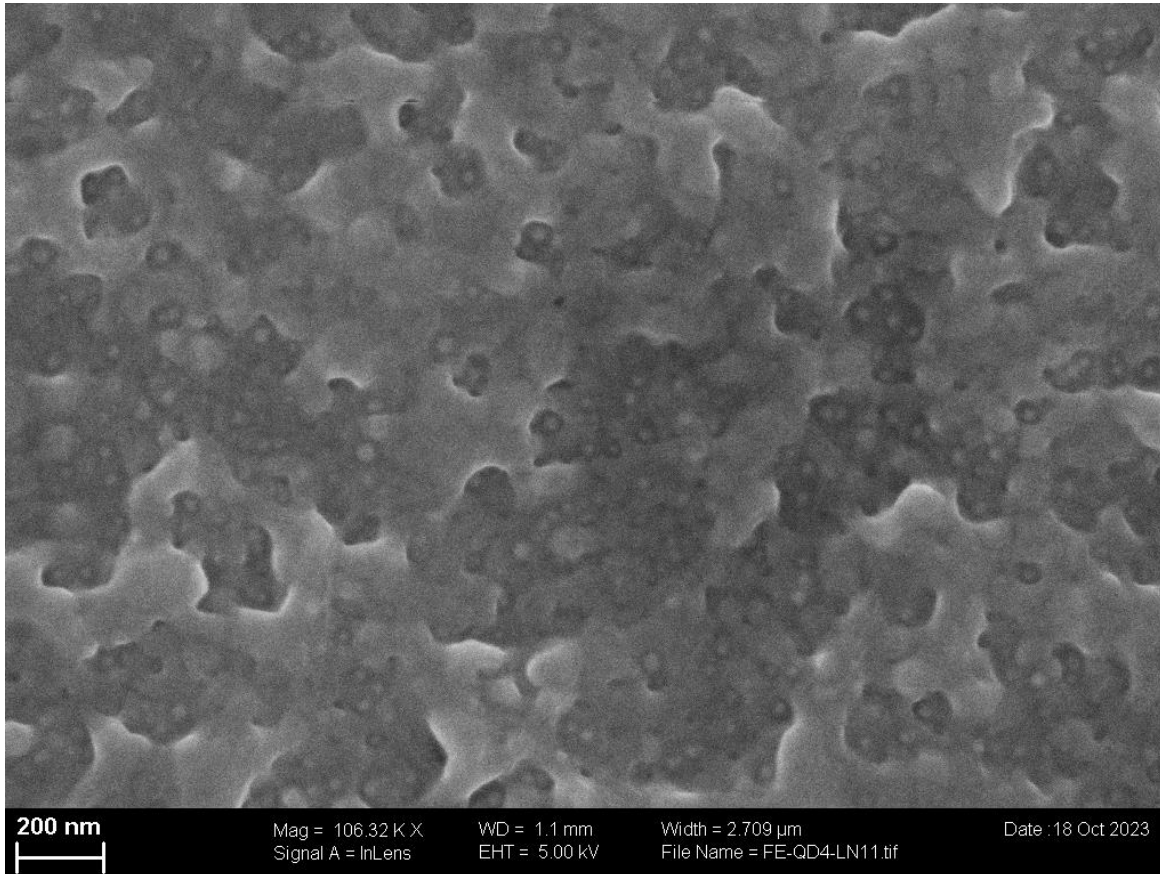
Particles are not agglomerated and **well dispersed**

**Good dispersion** is also observed on samples with decreased toughness

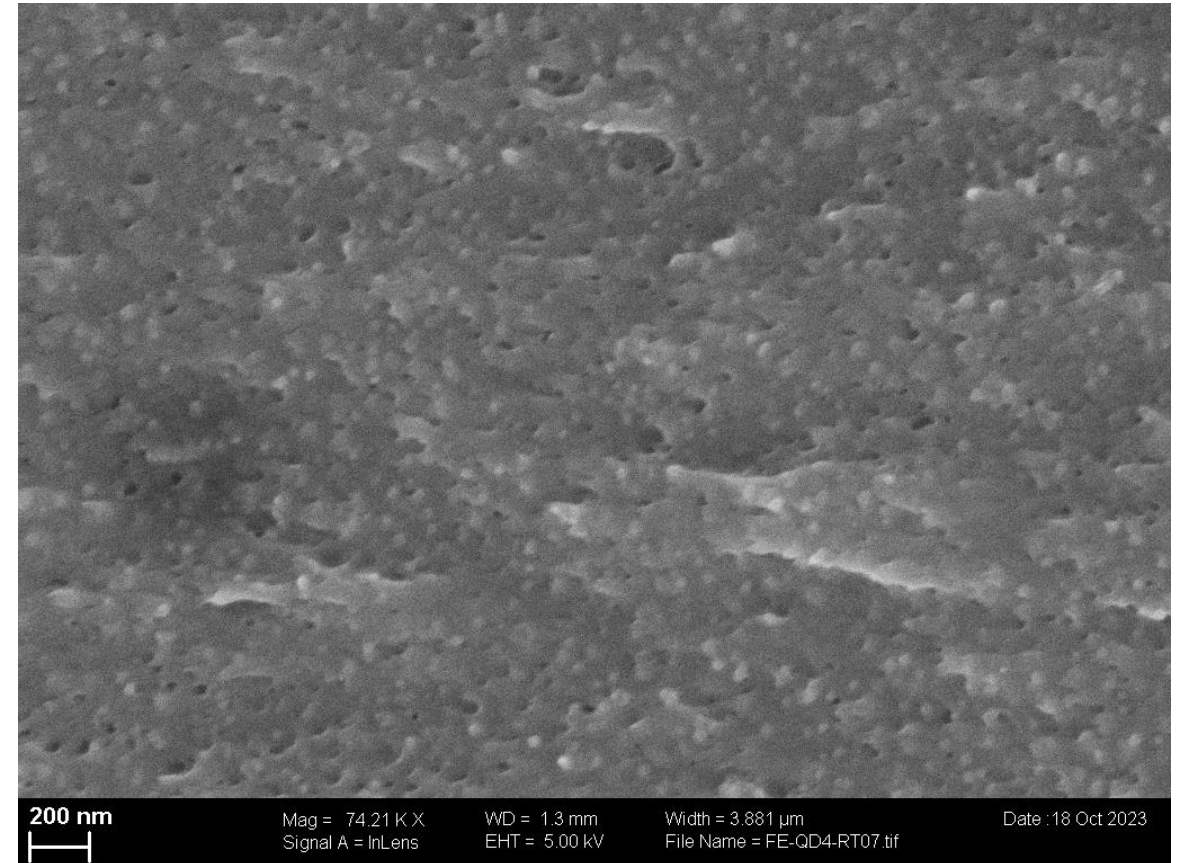


# SEM of crack surfaces

- Localized yielding!



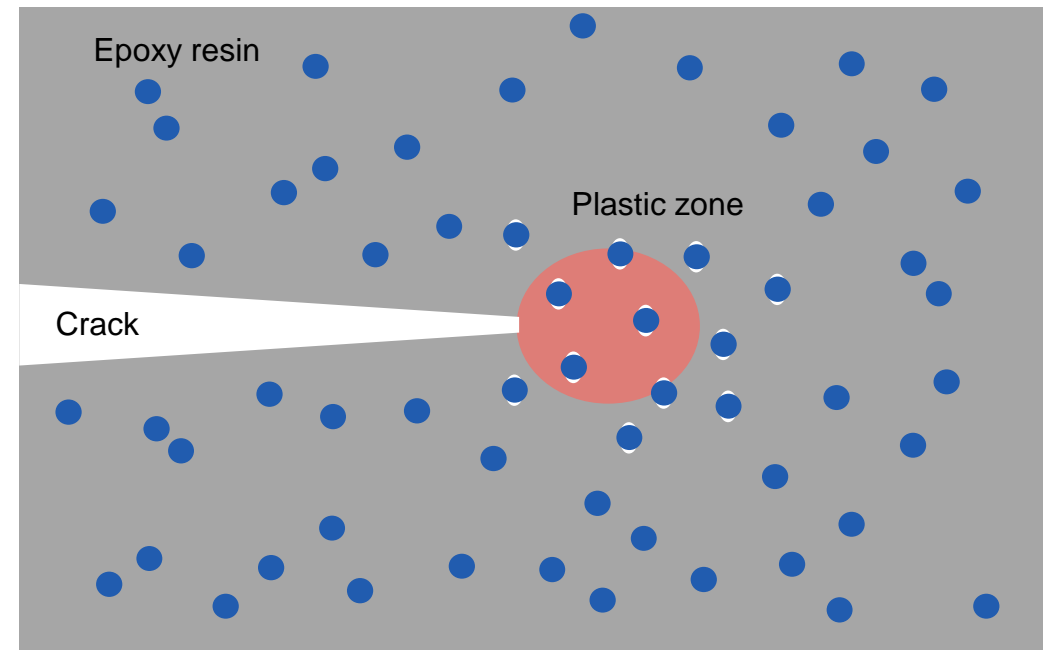
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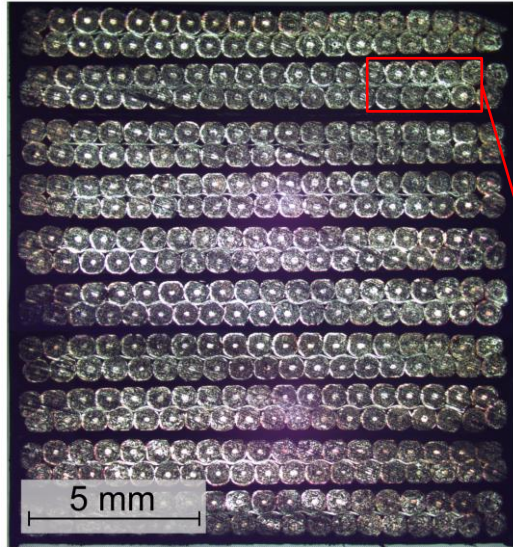
LN

5 vol.% particles, Butylamine/DGEBA/MPD matrix

- We engineered epoxy systems with tuned  $T_g$  and very high toughness
- Particles improved toughness for our systems, evidenced by localized yielding
- The reason for this huge improvement might be lower particle-matrix adhesion

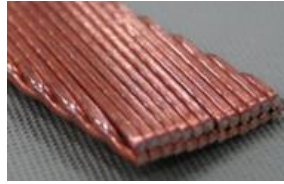


# MagComp: Mechanical Modelling and failure identification of impregnated Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn Rutherford cable stacks

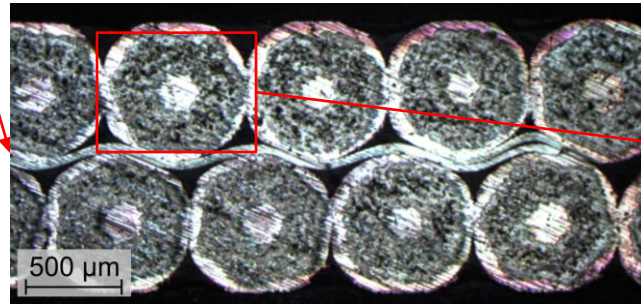


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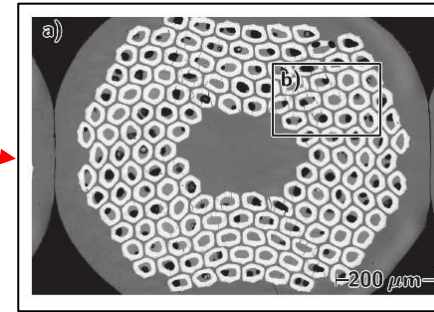
Rutherford cable stack



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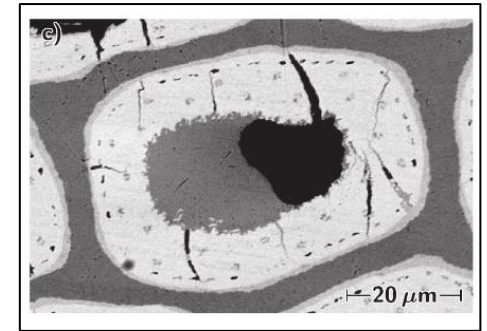


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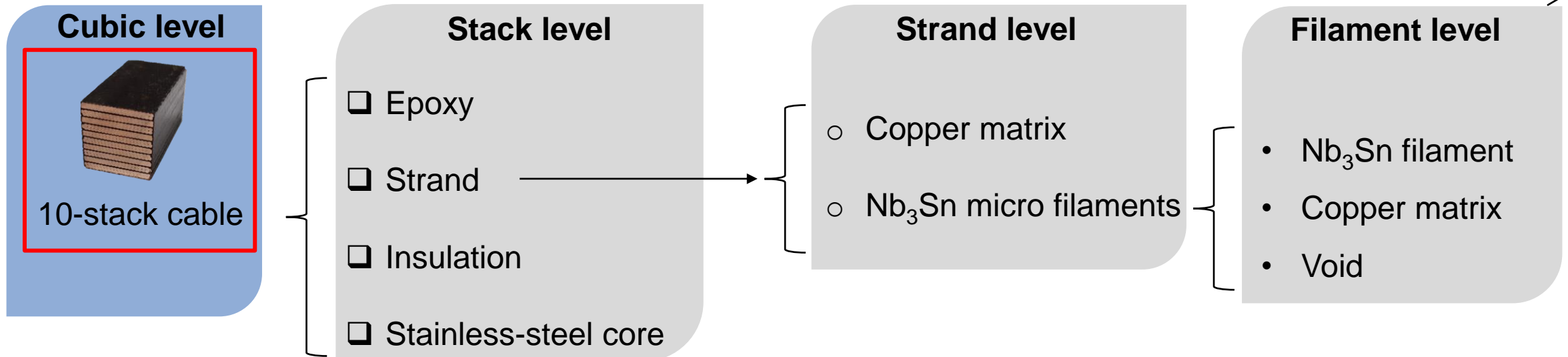


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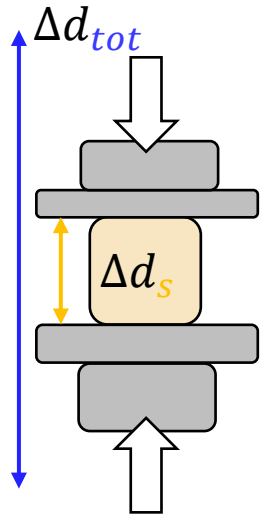
Ebermann et al. 2018



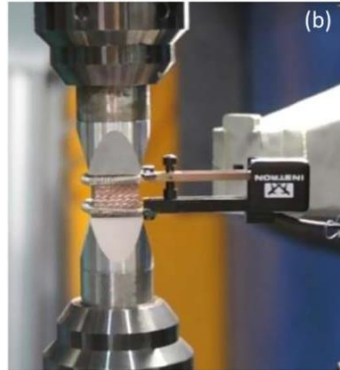
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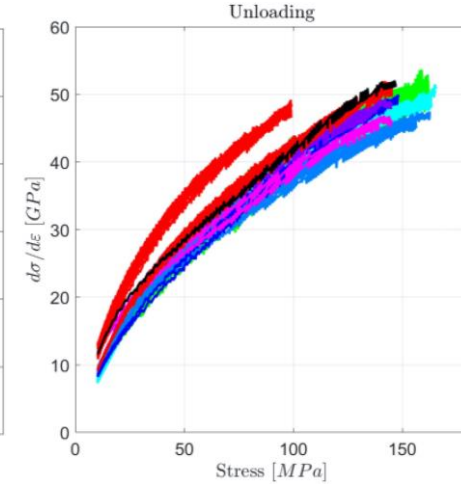
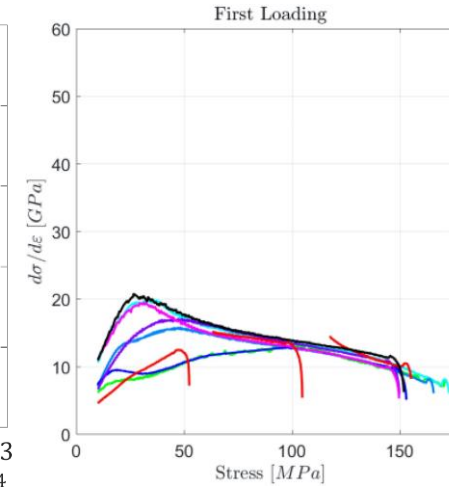
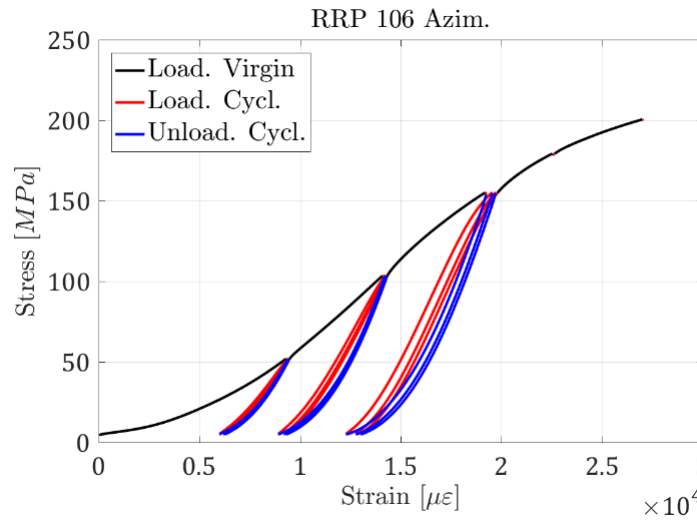


Clip-on extensometer



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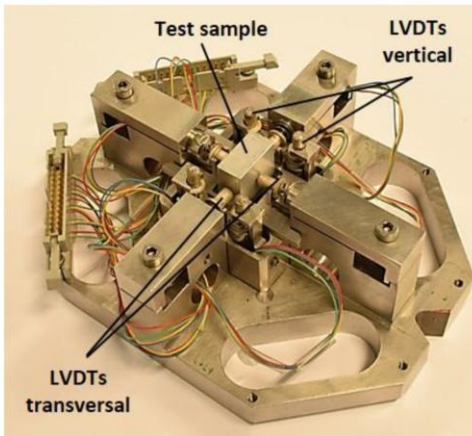
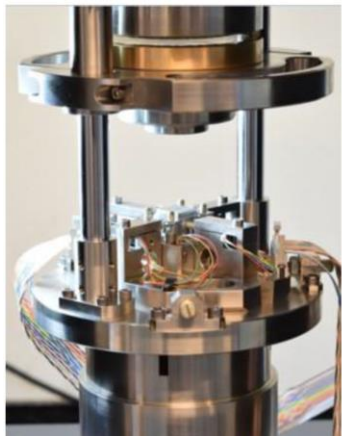
## 'Strain – stress' identification



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LVDT: Linear Variable Differential Transformer

Nonlinear → unloading → modulus

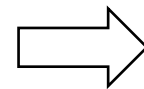
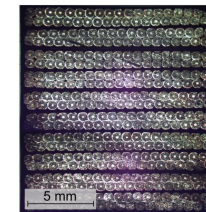


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Limitation:

- Homogenization: 1D information
- Hardly measure at cryogenics (e.g., LN<sub>2</sub>)

Homogenization

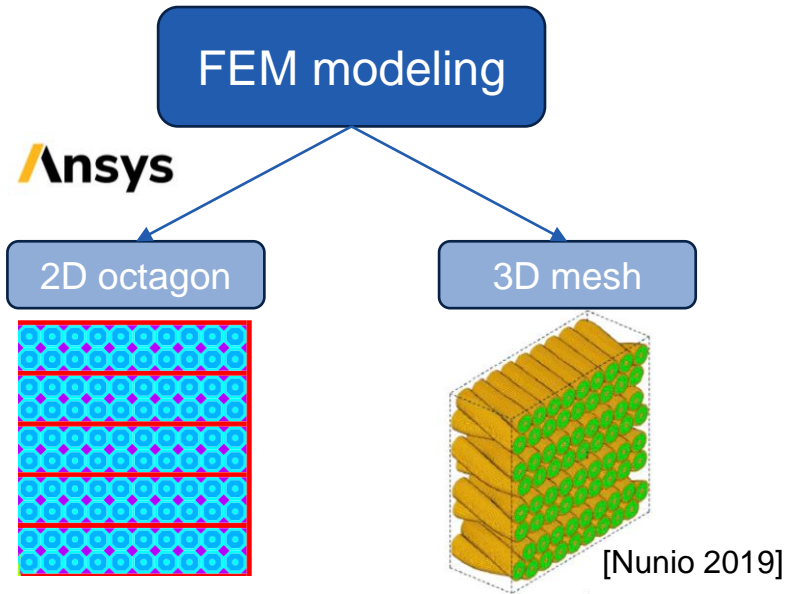
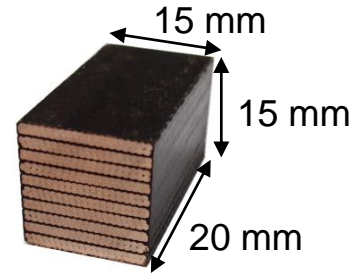


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# Structure



## Experiment

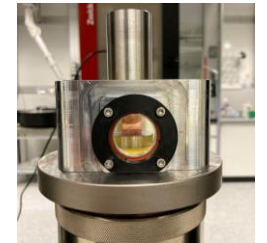
### Component characterization

- Epoxy (CTD101K)
- Annealed Copper
- Fiber glass etc.

### 10-stack

- Transverse
- Axial/radial/other loads

### Set-ups at LN<sub>2</sub>

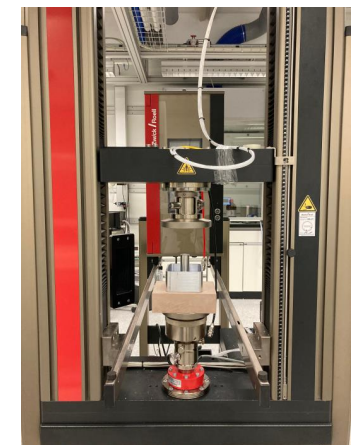
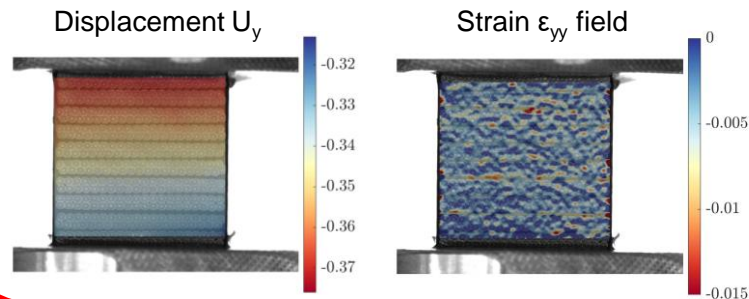


### Digital Image Correlation (DIC)

- Displacement field
- Strain field

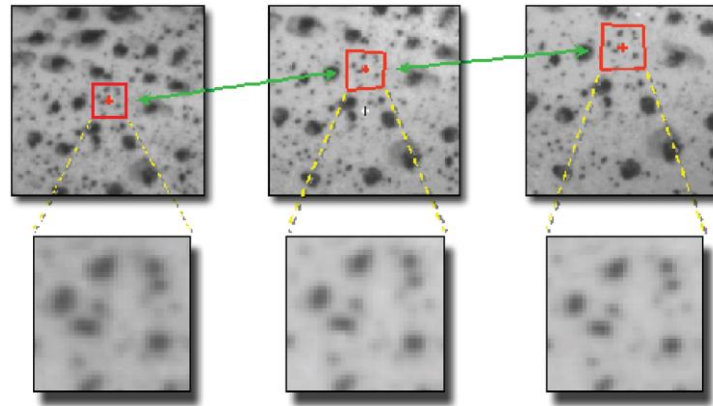
### Image analysis

### Local measurement

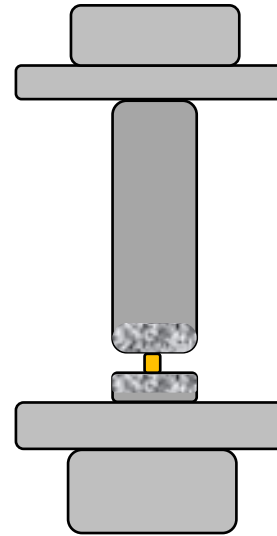


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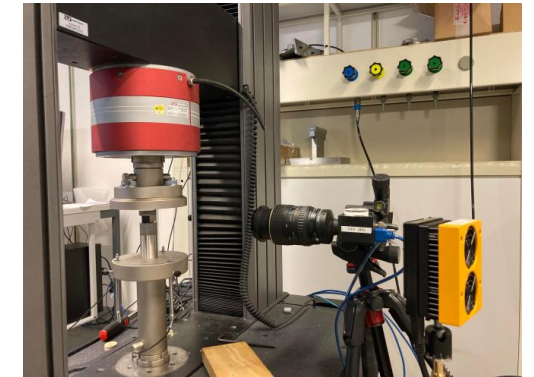
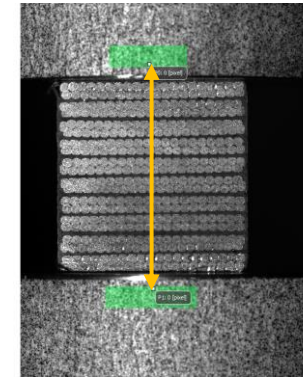
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VIC2d



Measure local displacement by *undeformed markers* at cubic level (15 mm)



Courtesy of Tancogne-Dejean @MAVT-Mohr's lab

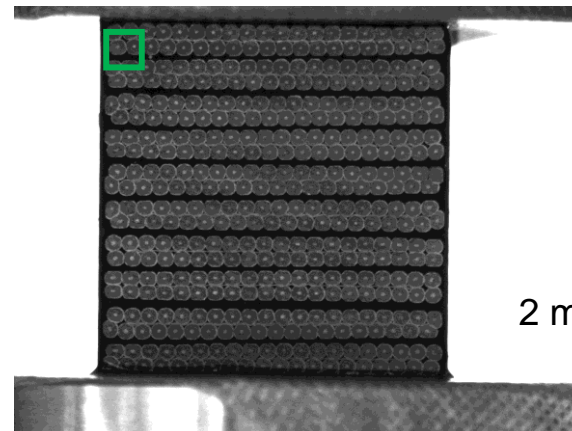
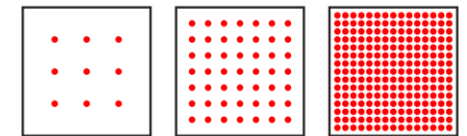


Yang, Bhattacharya, Exp Mech (2019)

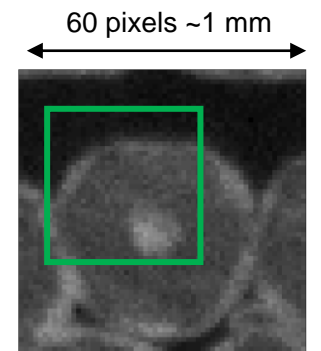
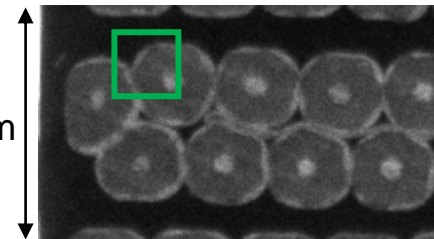
$$f(x, t_0) \approx g(x + u(x), t_1)$$

Subset size → measure at stack level

Step size → control *nodal* points within one subset

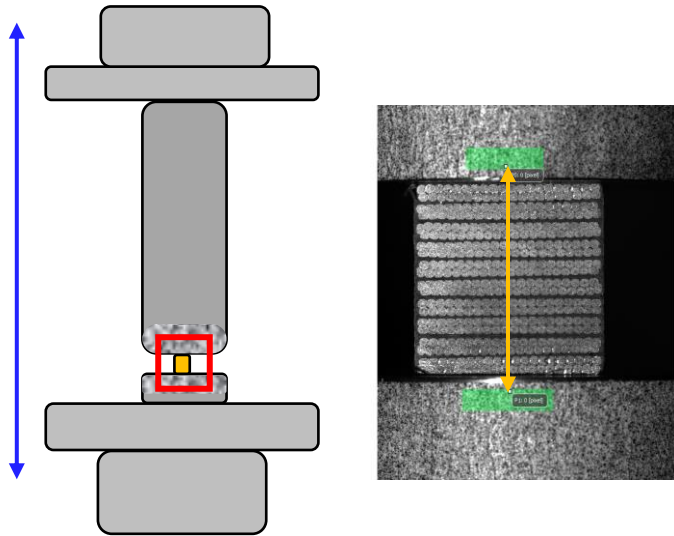


2 mm

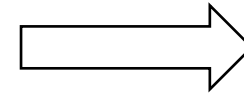
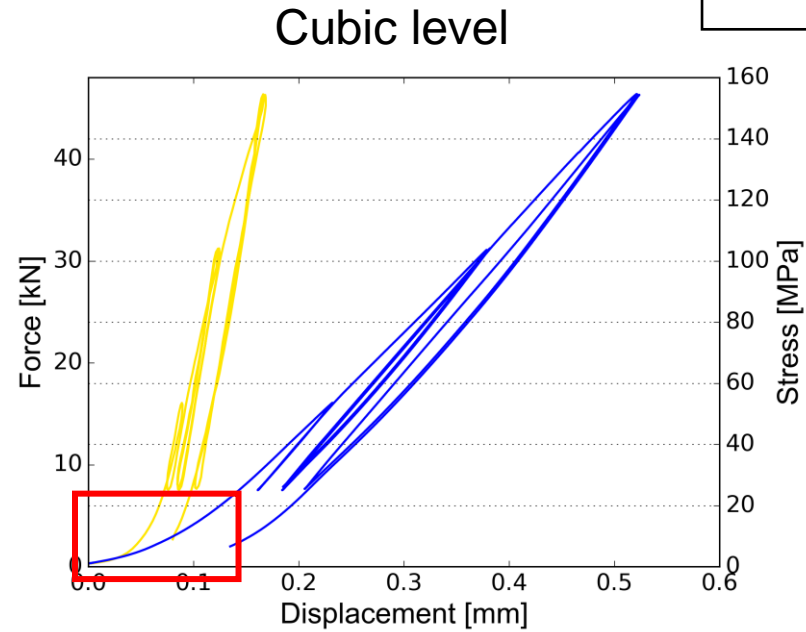
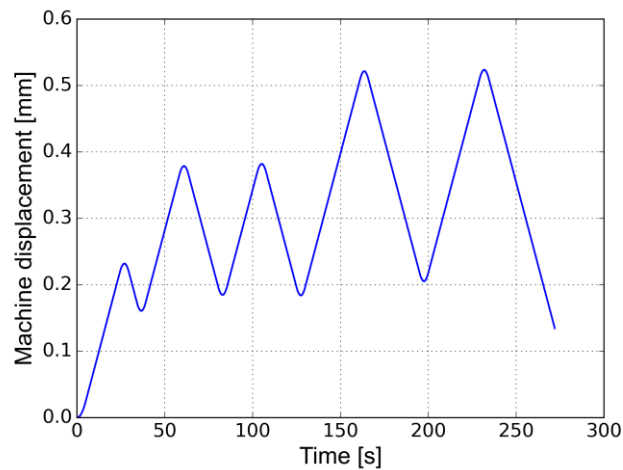


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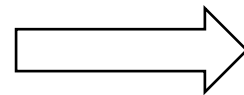
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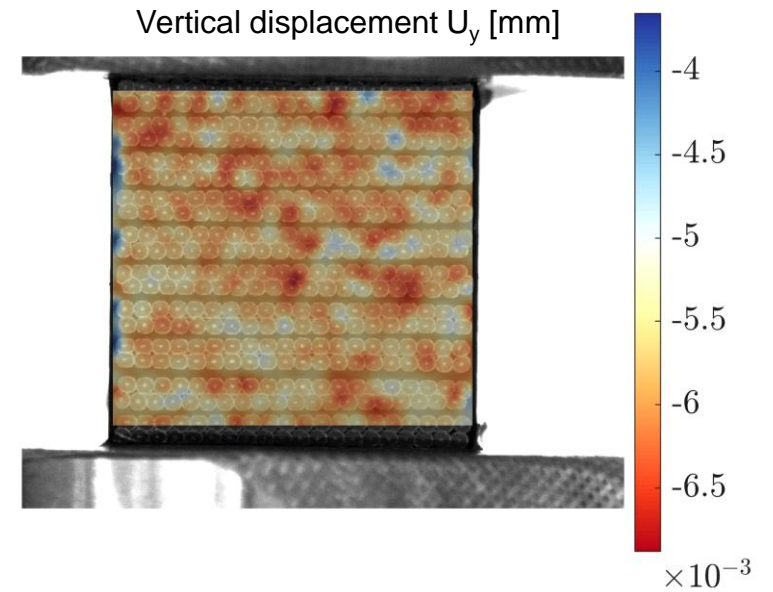
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Image capture rate:  $1 \text{ s}^{-1}$  (273 images)



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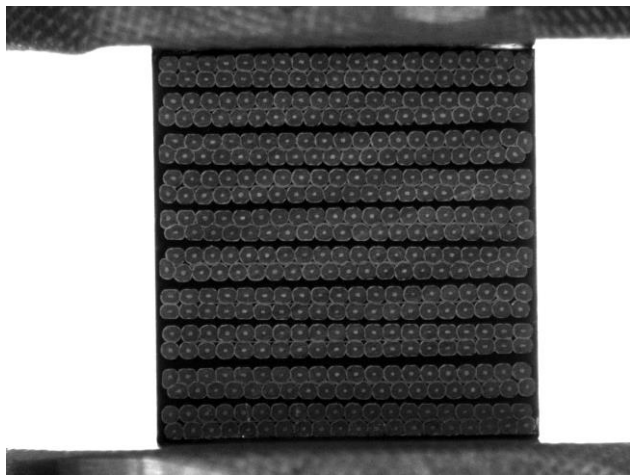
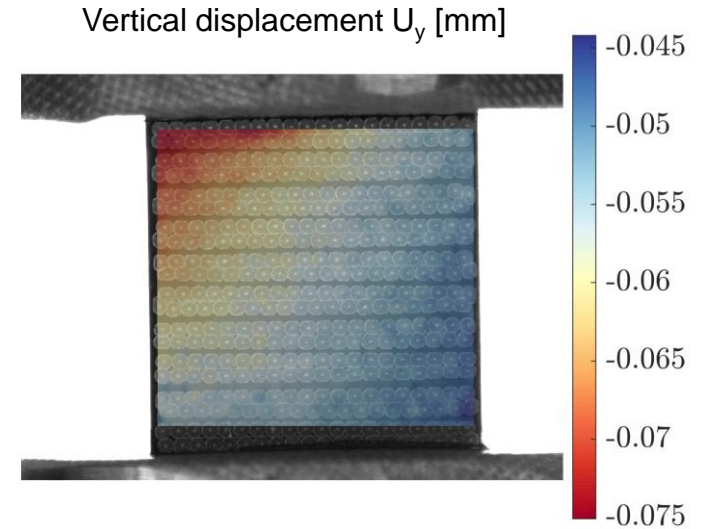
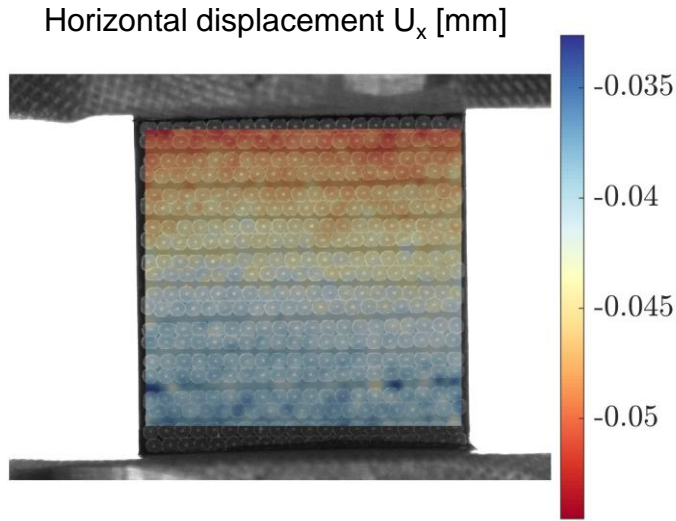
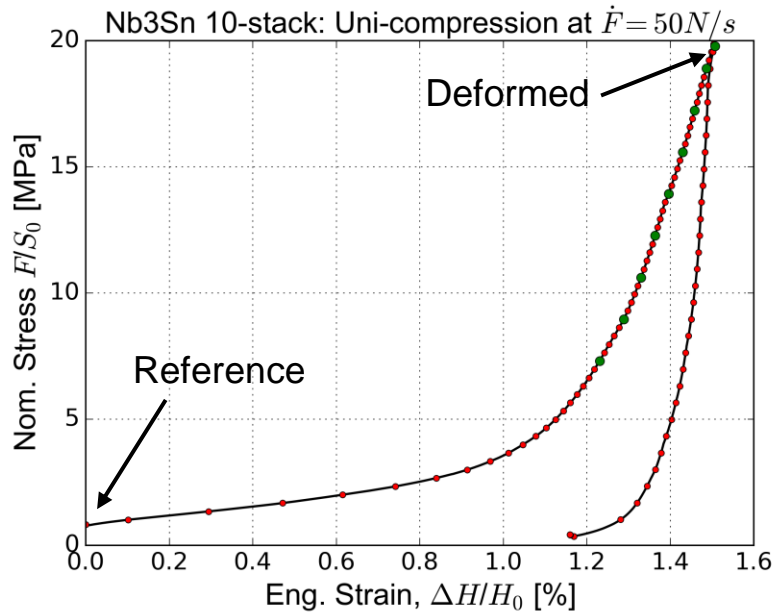


Stack level

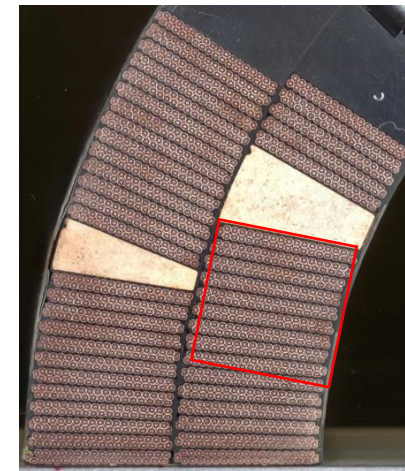
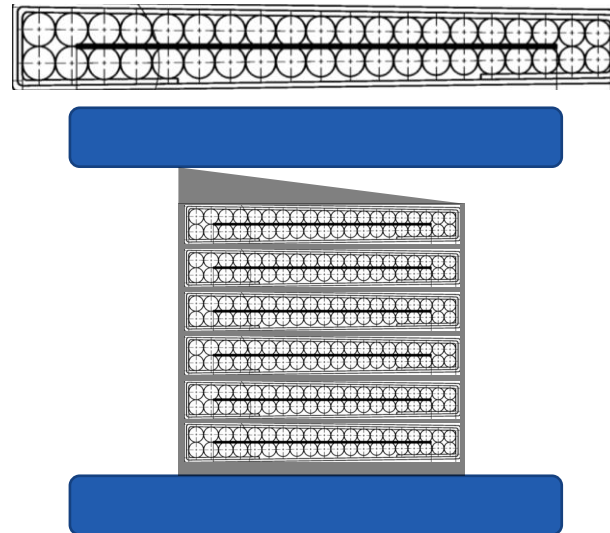


2D information

# Displacement fields at low force (20 MPa)



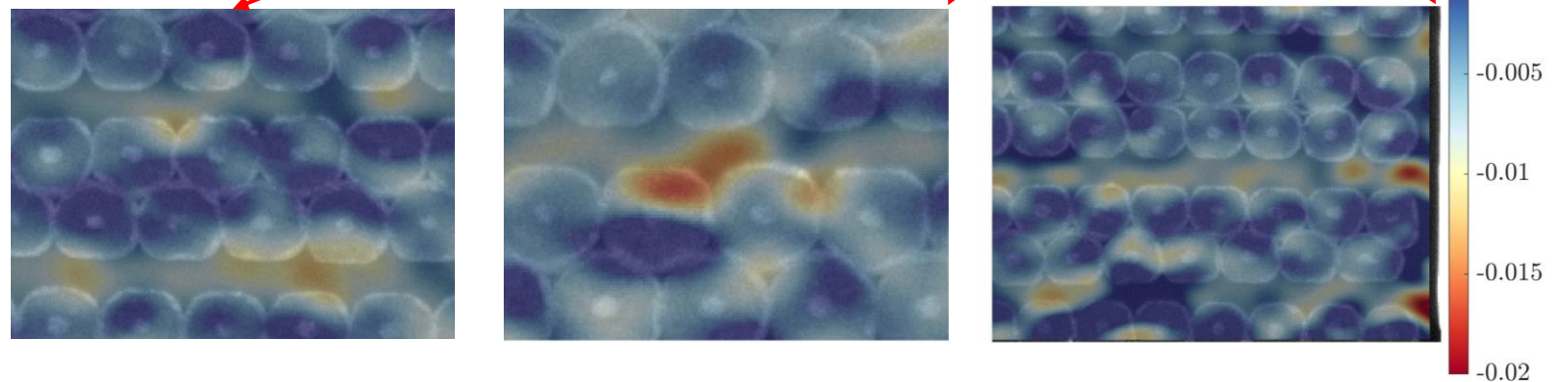
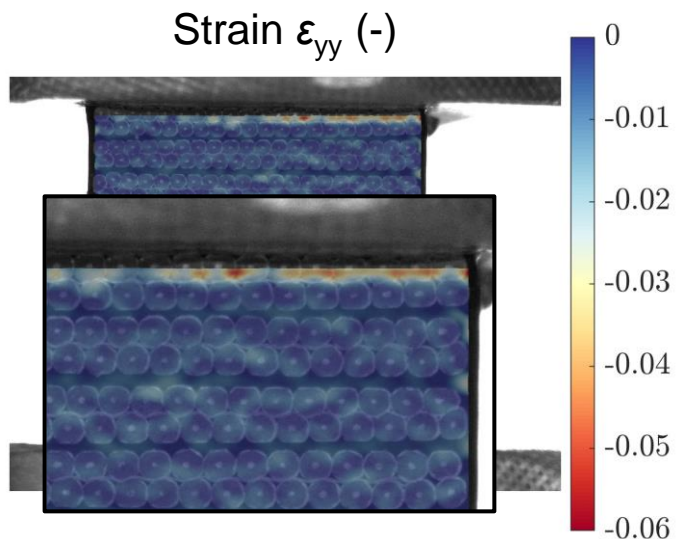
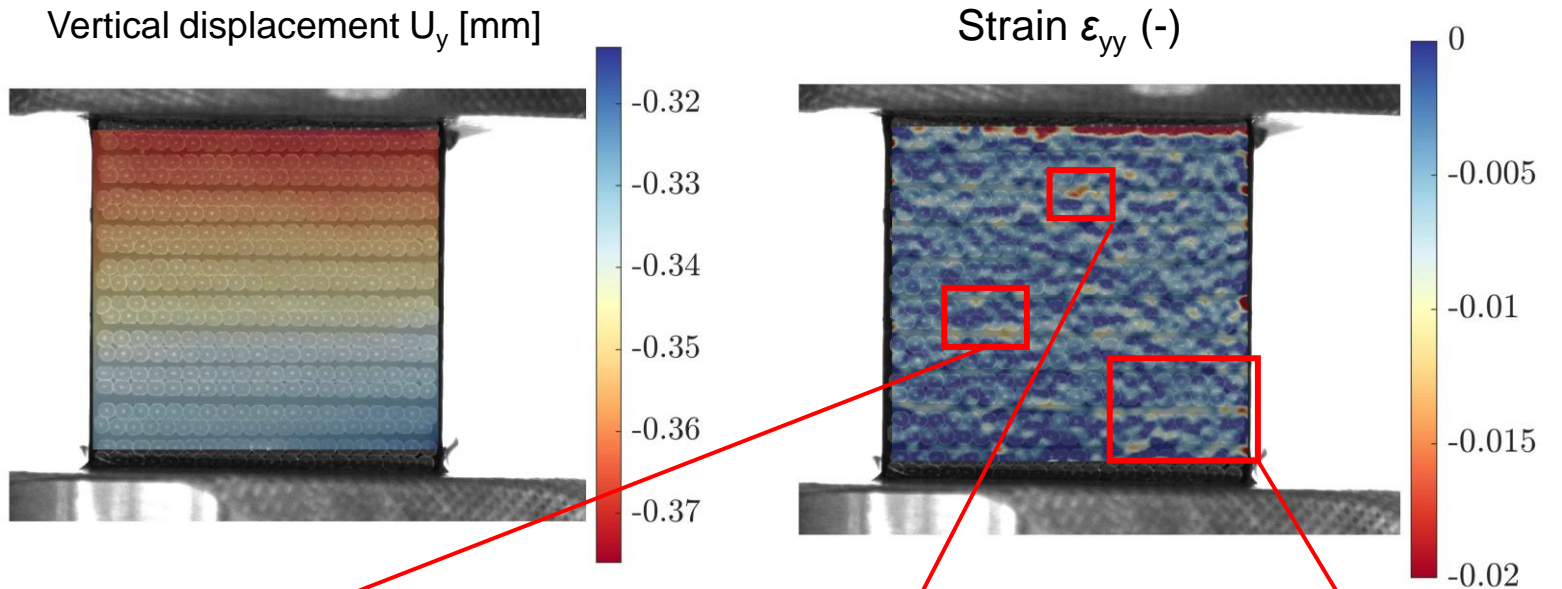
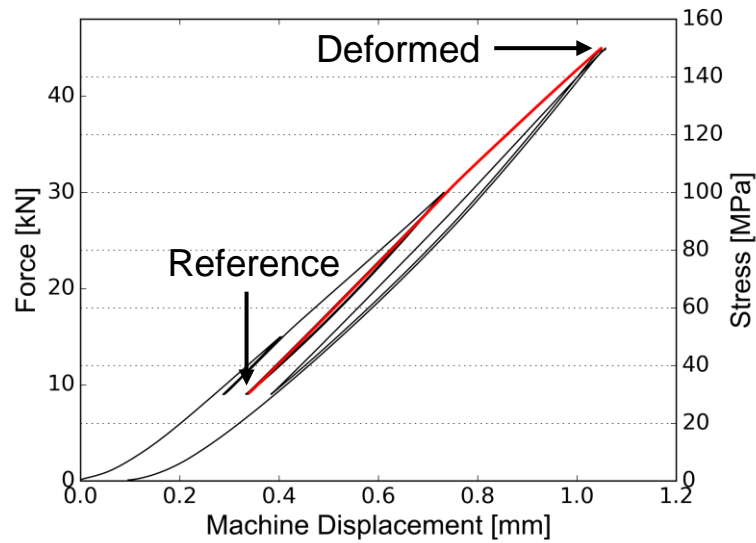
CERN, 11T dipole magnet (2013)



→ start from 20MPa as pre-loading

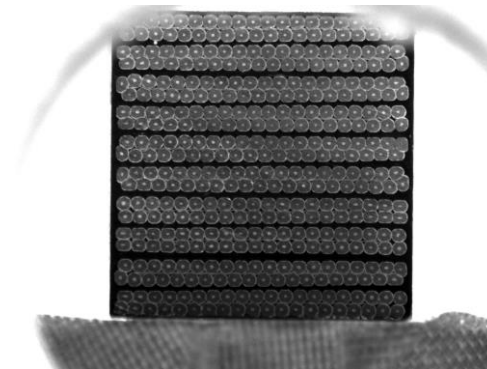
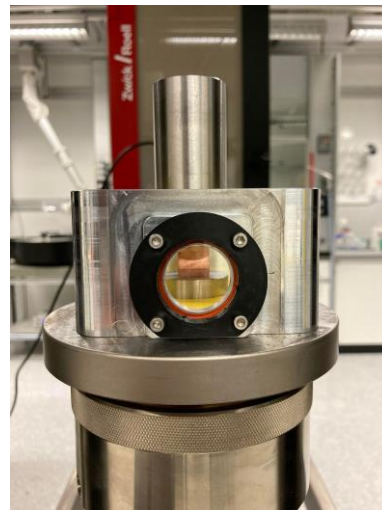
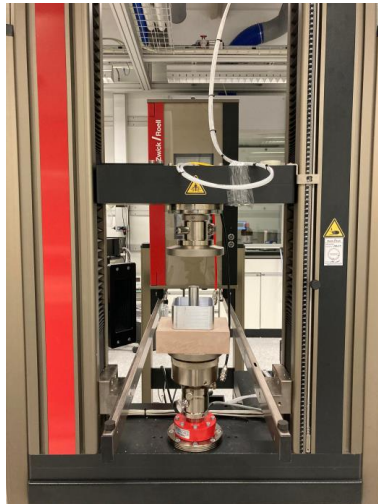
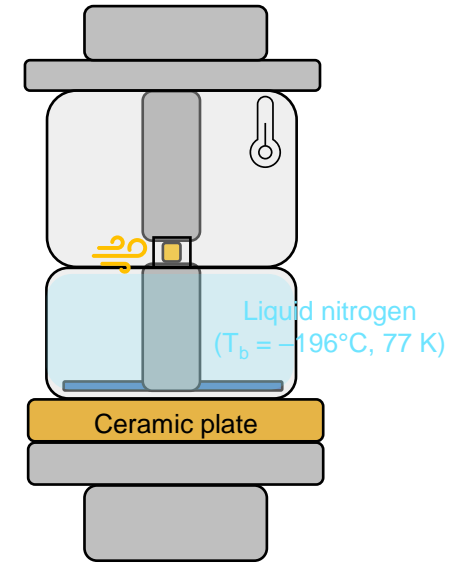
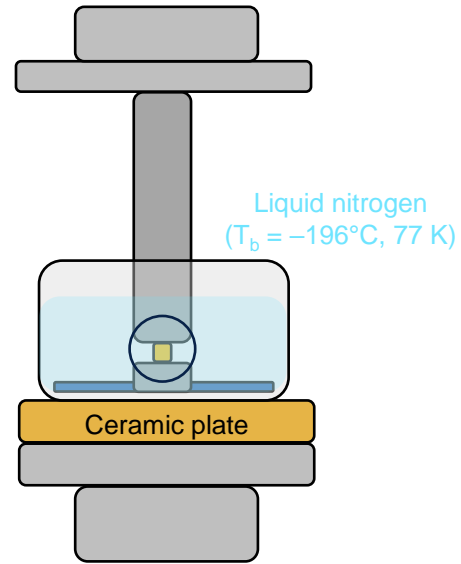
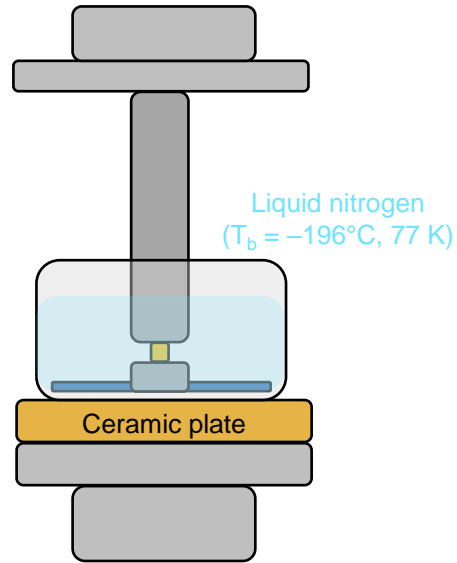
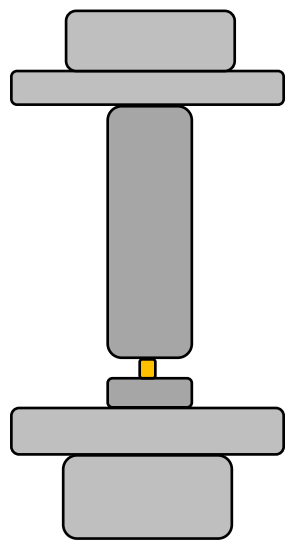


# DIC results up to 150MPa



- Sample edges (top/bottom) are the most deformed region (6%)
- Some insulation layers are 1-2% strain level
- The strain values depend on 'mesh-equivalent' parameters (subset, step)

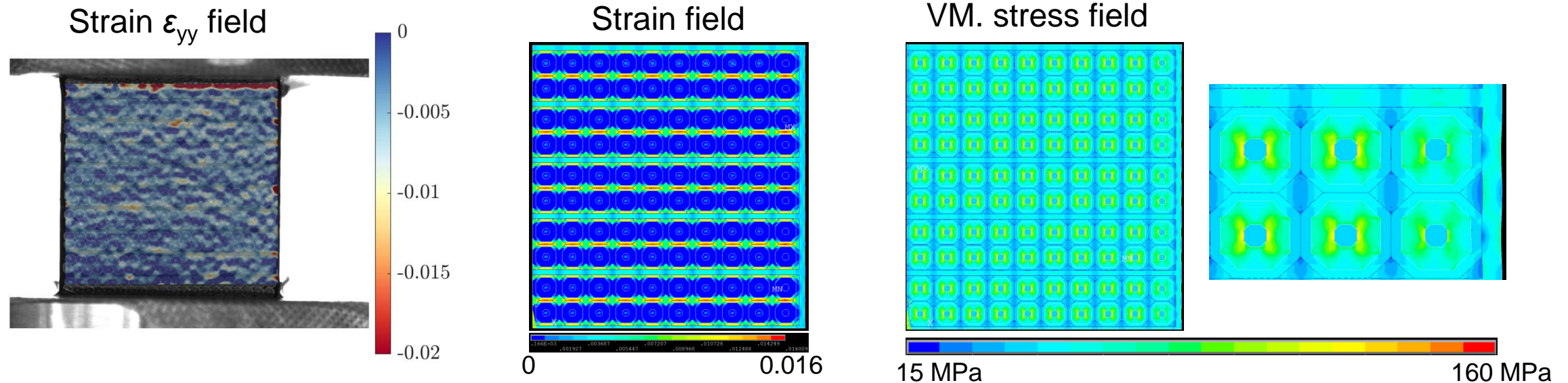
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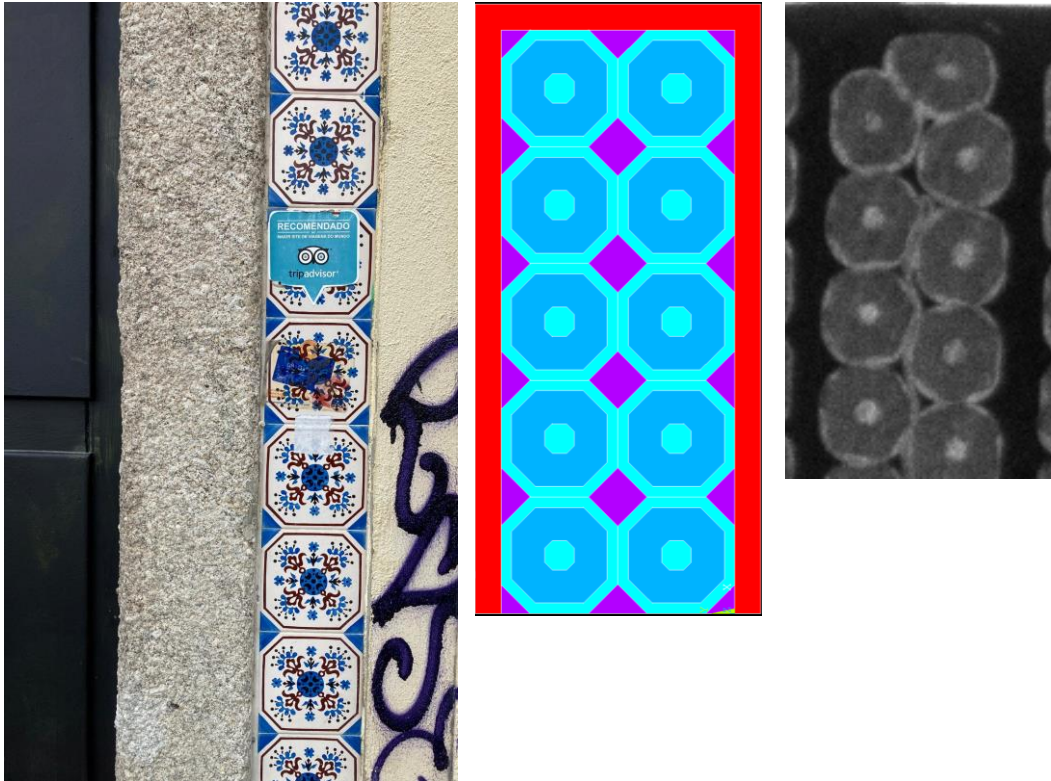
Still developing:  
➤ Liquid boiling affects image capture

# Conclusion & Outlook

- An *in situ* full-field deformation measurement is performed at the level of cable stacks via image-based analyses
  - Compressive strain localization can be experimentally measured at insulation layer
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- ❖ The approach will be applied at cryogenic temperature
  - ❖ The deformation measurement can be compared with the numerical results at multiscale



# Strand-like Azulejo (ceramic tilework) in Porto



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# Any questions?

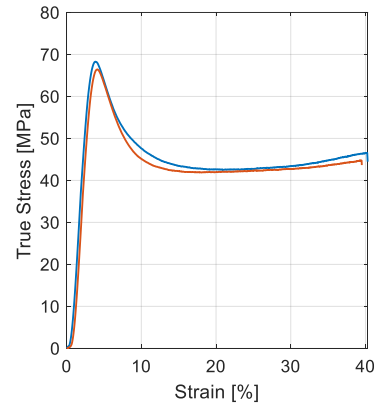
# Results

- Compressive Yield behaviour

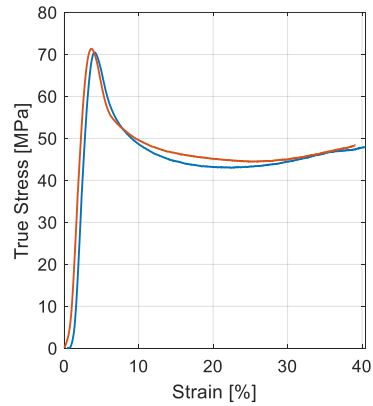
Butylamine system

Mix system

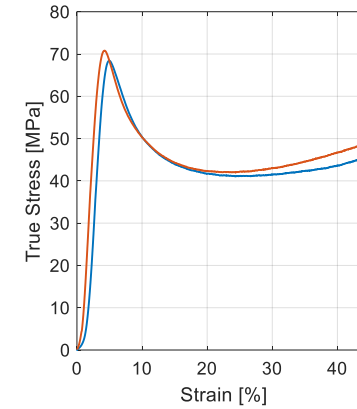
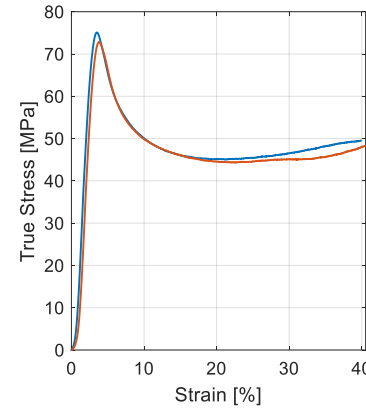
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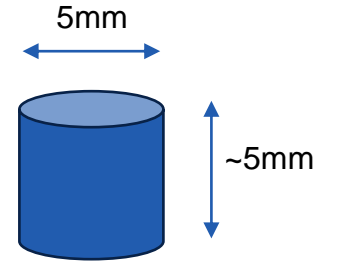
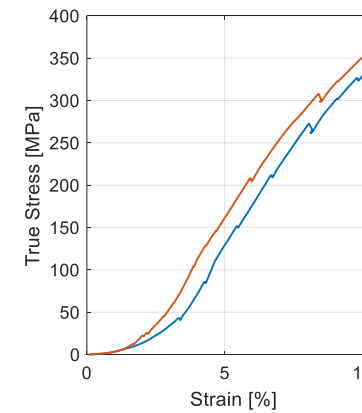
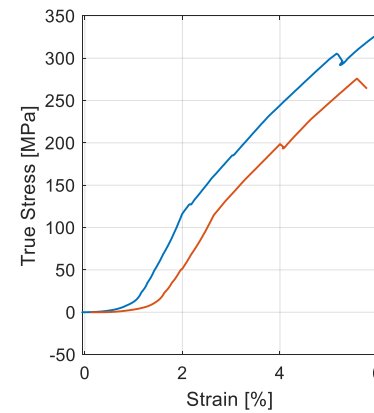
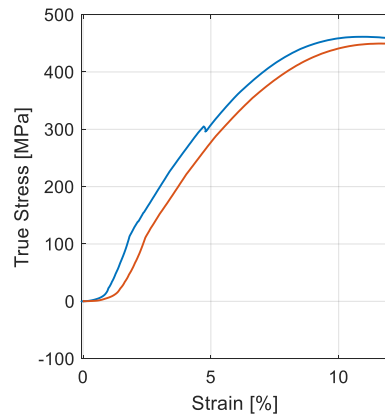
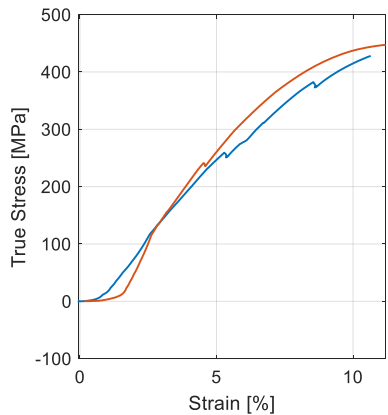
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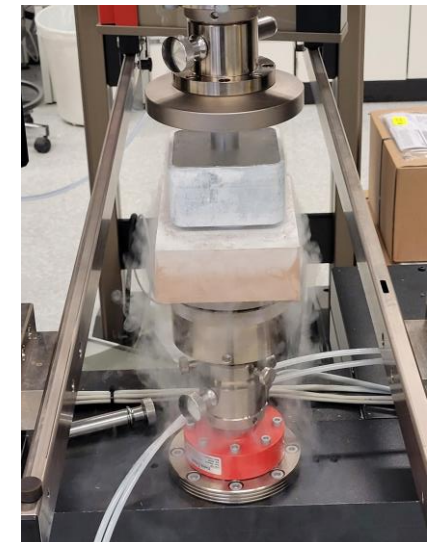
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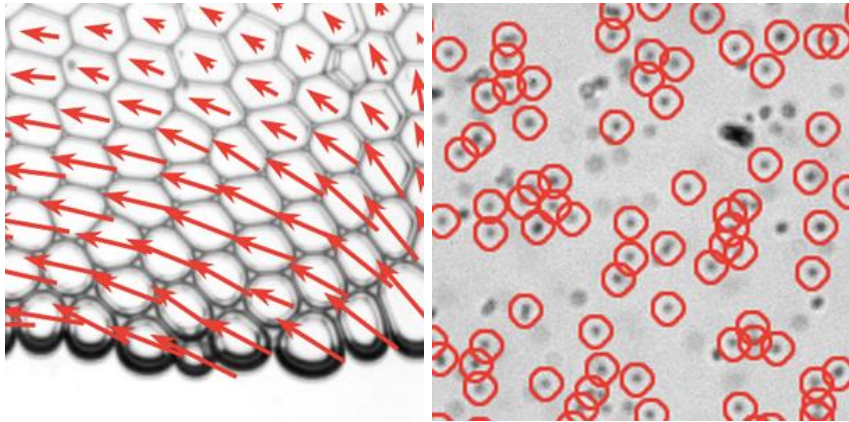


- Compliance corrected
- True stress (assuming constant volume)



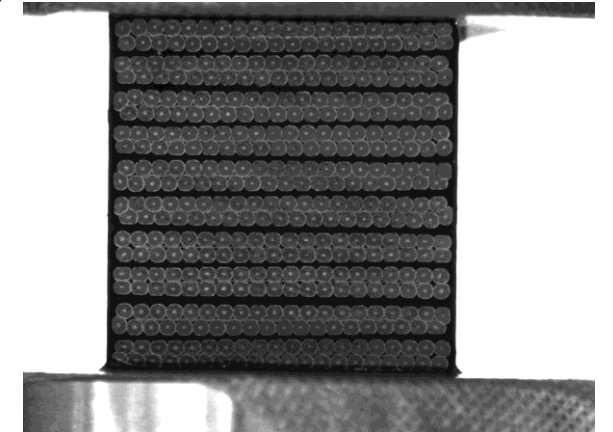
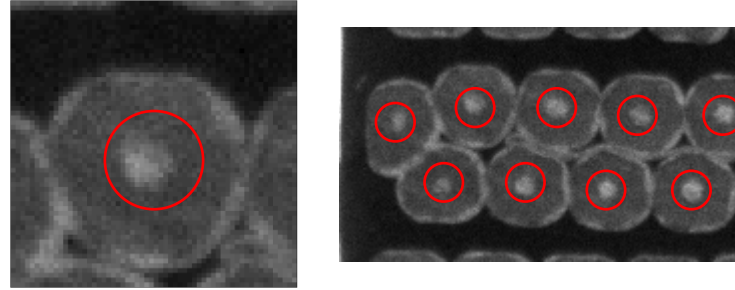
# Particle tracking

Trackpy: python package for particle tracking

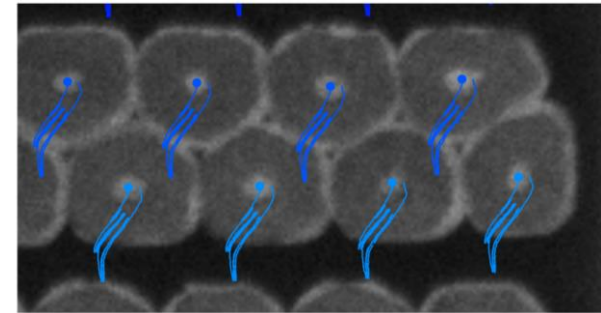
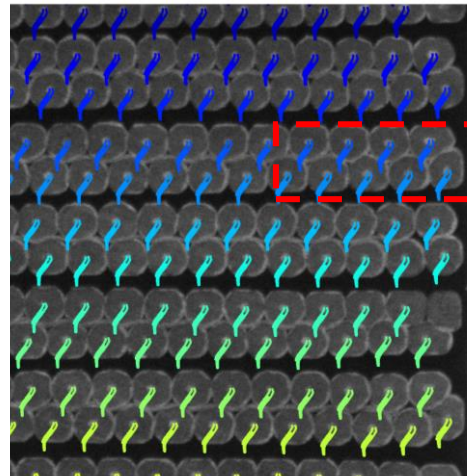
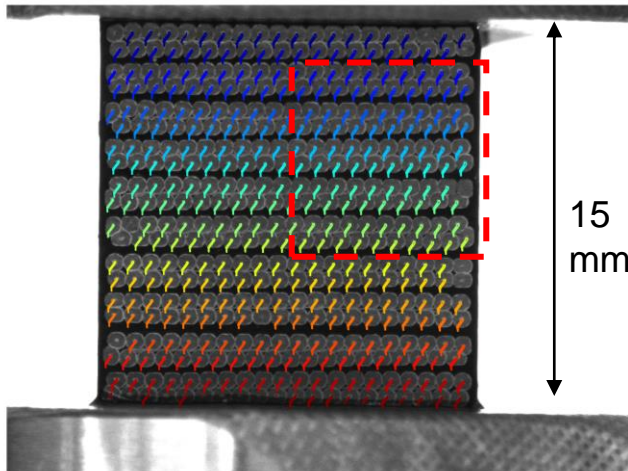


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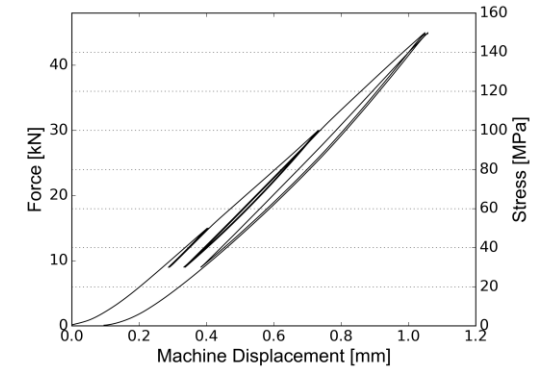
Strand core as natural mark (d~10 pixels)



Trajectory of each strand-core

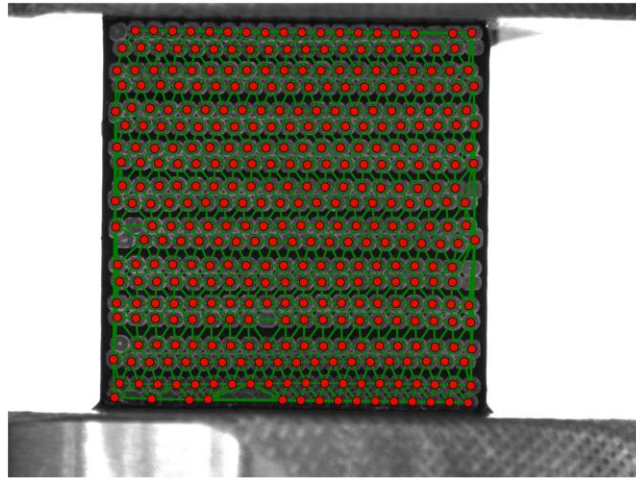


1.7 mm

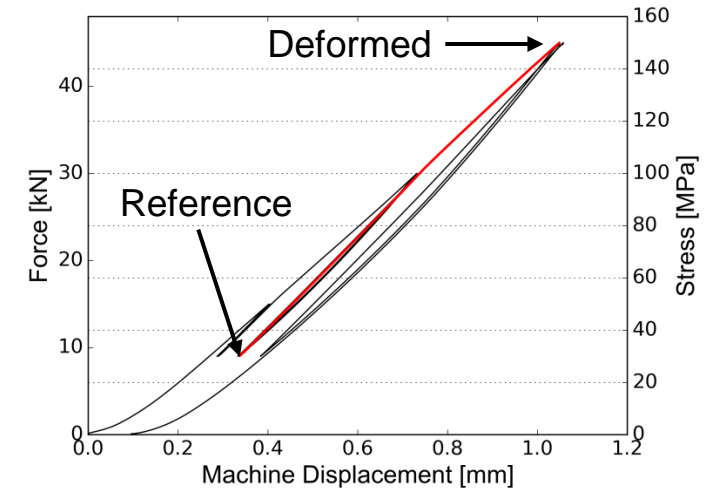
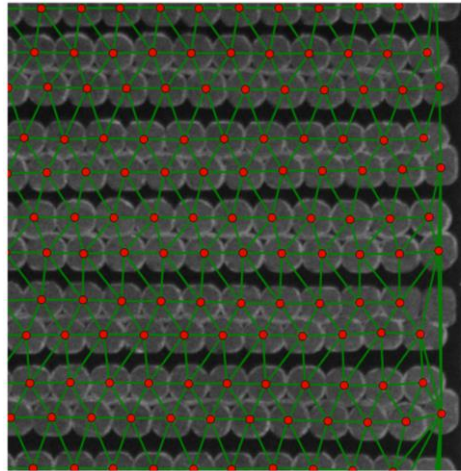


- Most (380/400) strands are tracked during the loading
- There is a horizontal rigid body motion

# Fields comparison

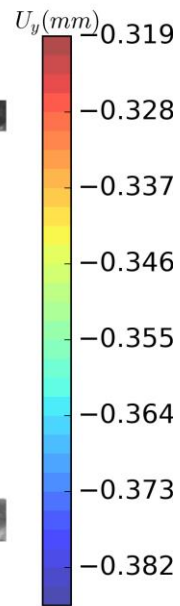
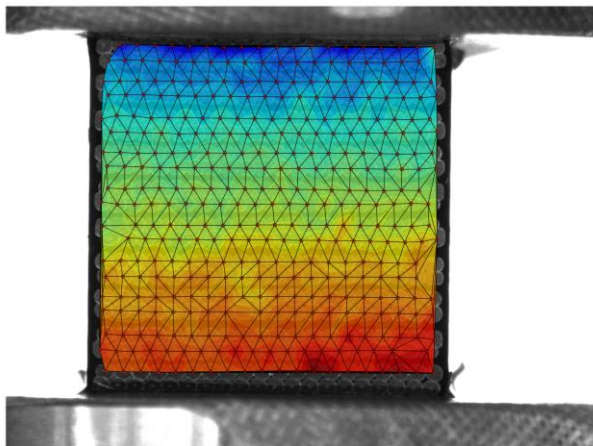


Strand-based mesh



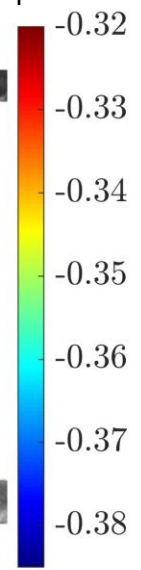
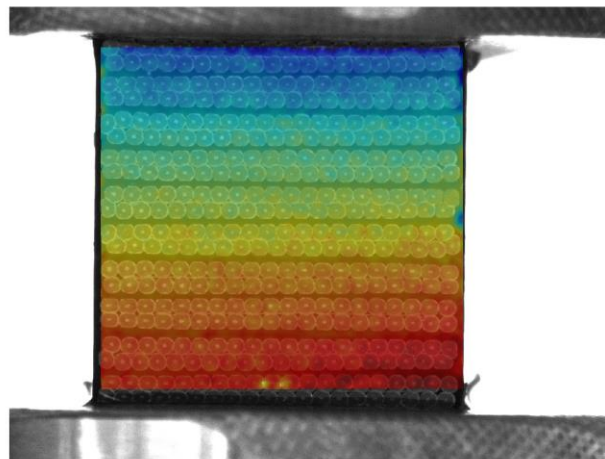
Particle track method

$U_y$  (mm)



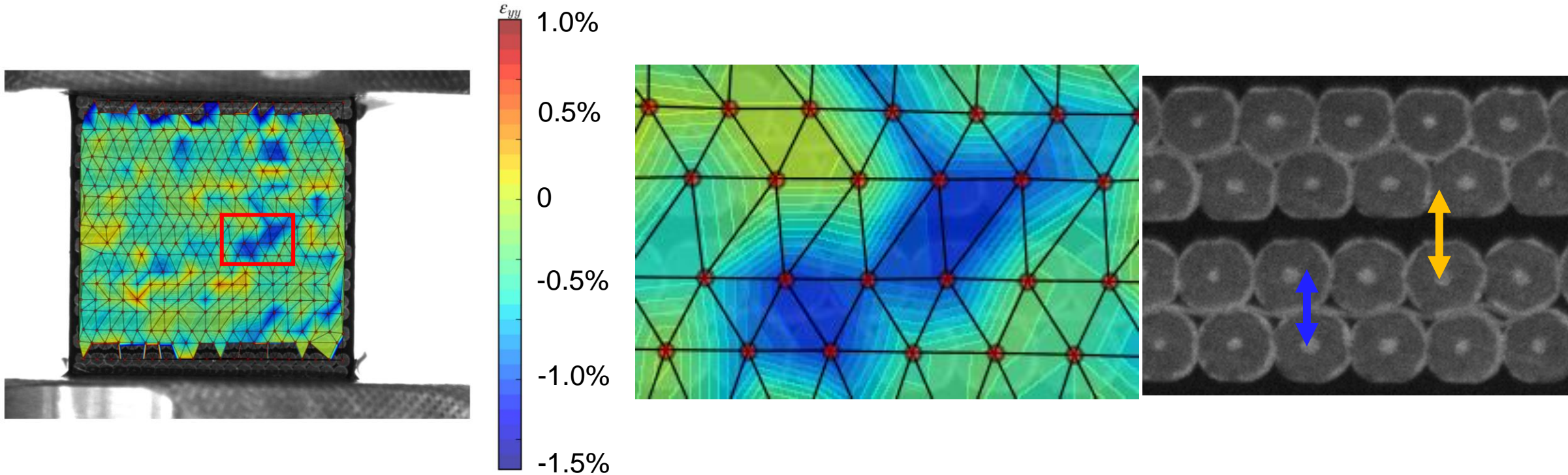
AL-DIC: 1440x1080 px<sup>2</sup>, subset:20 px, step:5 px

$U_y$  (mm)



- There is a good agreement of displacement fields between two approaches.

# Strain field



Deformation gradient  $\mathbf{F}$

$$\mathbf{F} = d\mathbf{U}/d\mathbf{X} + \mathbf{I} = \begin{bmatrix} dU_x/dx + 1, & dU_x/dy; & dU_y/dx, & dU_y/dy + 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Green-Lagrangian strain  $\mathbf{E}$

$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{F}^T \mathbf{F} - \mathbf{I})$$

Conclusion

- ❑ Strain localization at **inter-stack** and **intra-stack**
- ❑ Local tensile state (red) exists



# Machines with different measurements

Zwick050@D496



Global correction

DIC

Zwick100@D467



Global correction

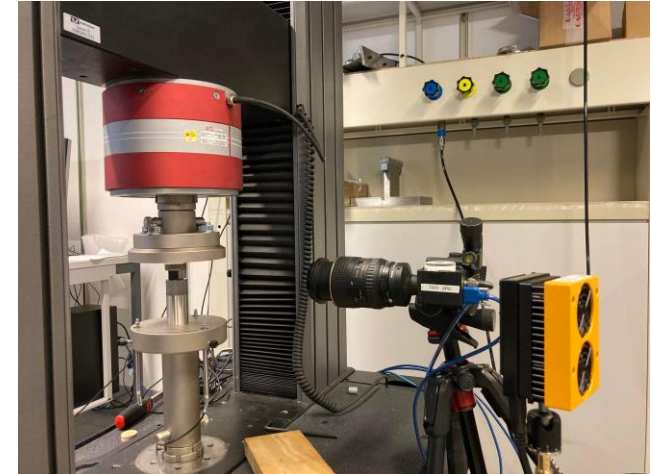
MacroExtenso

LaserExtenso

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laser

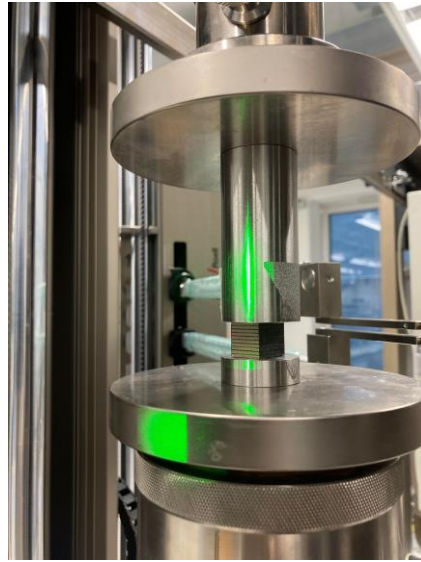
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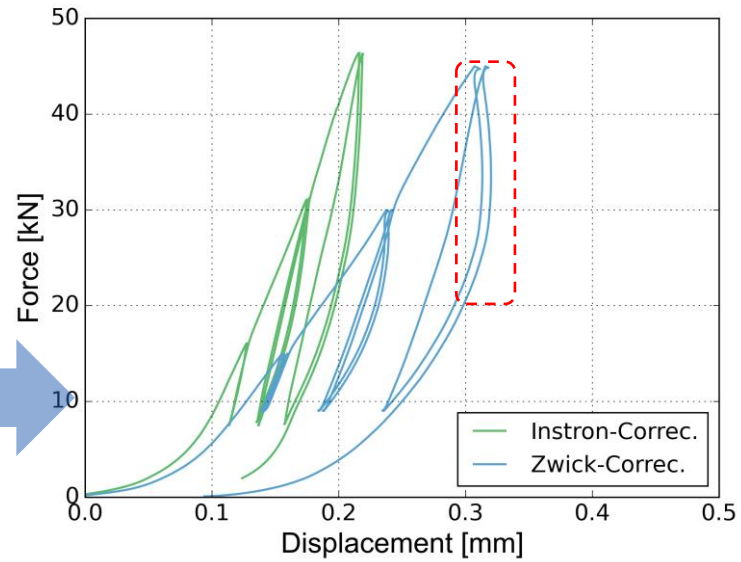
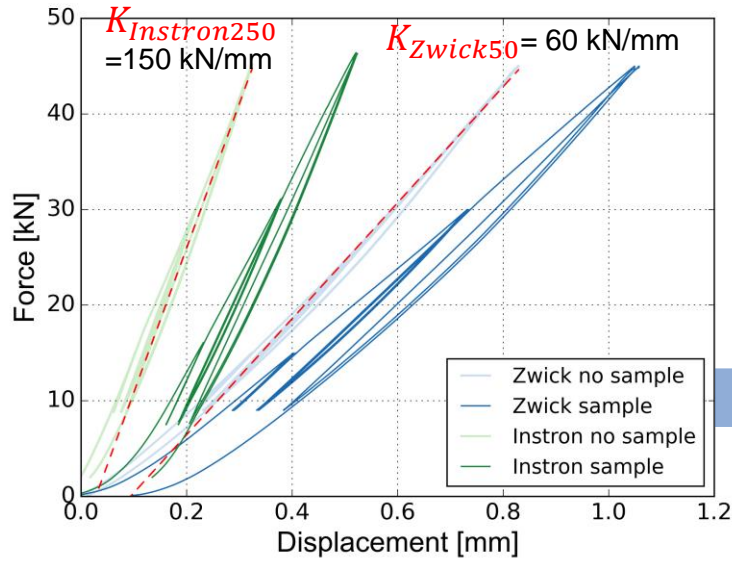
Global correction

DIC

# Ongoing work @Z100-D467



# Correction



❖ Due to less stiff of Zwick-50 machine, the unload-displacement (hysteresis loop?) is not corrected properly.

$$\Delta d_{s-corr.} = \Delta d_{tot} - \Delta d_{machine}$$

$$\Delta d_{s-corr.} = \Delta d_{tot} - \Delta F / K_{machine}$$

