

***Three-dimensional Stress Analysis in
Complex Fiber Architecture
Composites
by Using Independent Mesh Method***

***Composite Testing and Modeling
Identification***

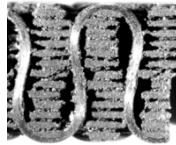
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Motivation



- **Tailorable materials and properties!**
- **High Strength-to-Density**
- **High Stiffness-to-Density**
- **Nonconductive & Conductive**
- **Fatigue/Corrosion Resistance**
- **Creep & Stress Rupture Resistance**
- **Controlled (Low) Thermal Expansion**
- **Dimensional Stability**
- **Formable to Complex Shapes**
- **Lower Life Cycle Costs**

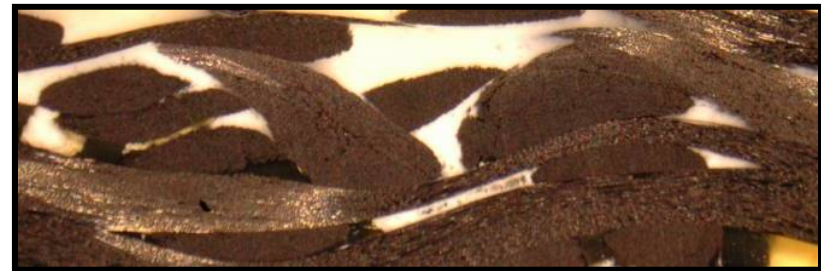
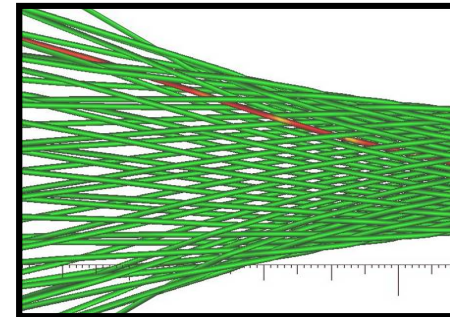
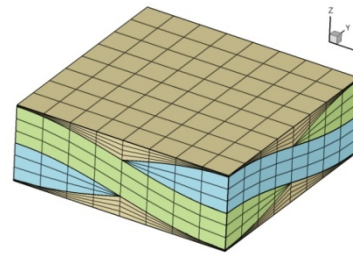
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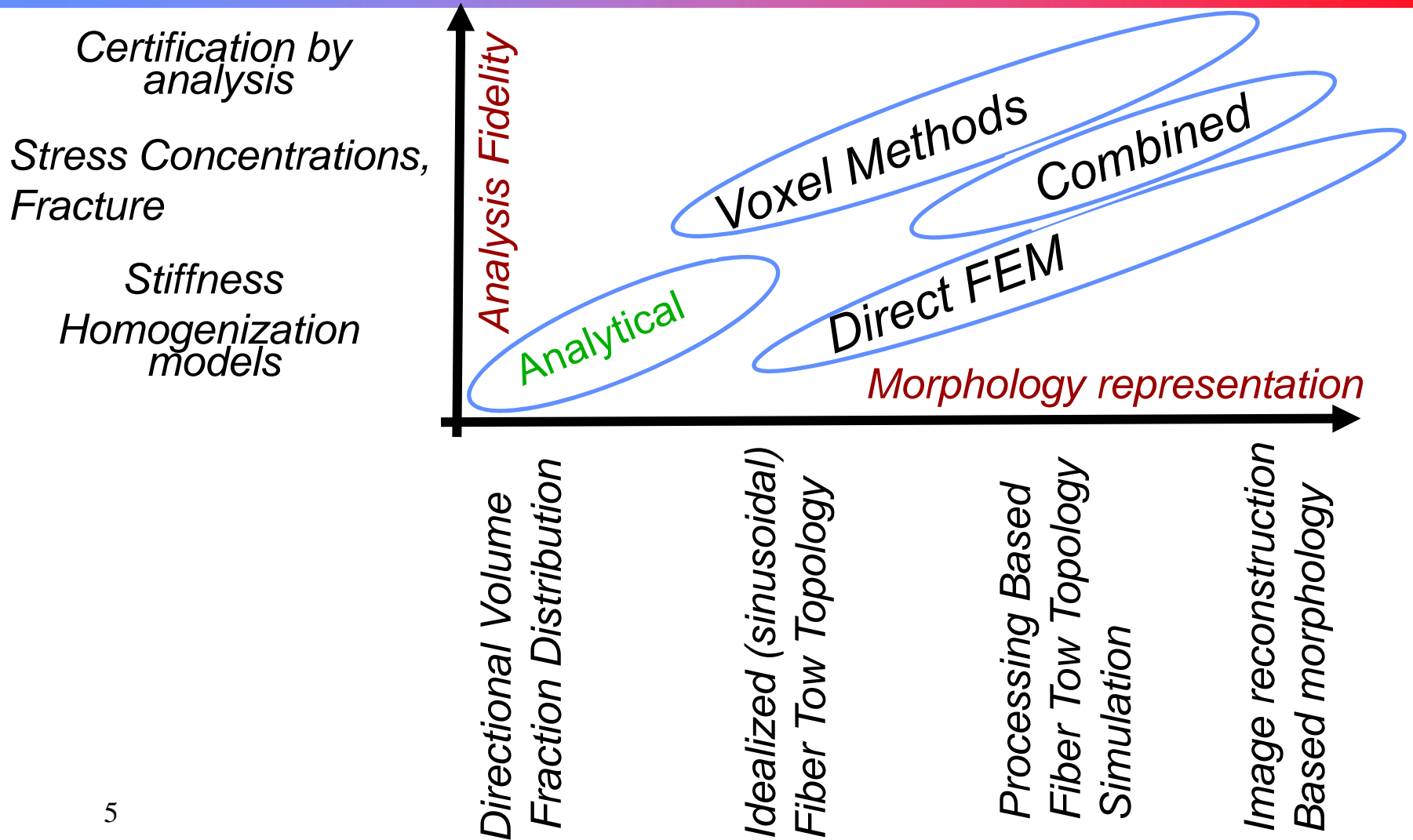
Fiber Tow Morphology

Approaches:

- *Directional f.v.f.*
- *Idealized Tow Path (shape)*
- *Process Simulation-Based*
 - *Method of Digital Chains*
- *Image-Based*
 - *Image reconstruction*
- *Goal:*
 - *Geometry for mechanics model*



Morphology & Analysis



Computational Methods

Direct FE discretization

Voxel Methods

Combined methods

3D MOSAIC, Bogdanovich et al., 1993

Binary Model, B. N. Cox et al., 1994

xFEM, Belytchko, et al., 2003

A-FEM, Q. Young, B.N. Cox ,2008

Independent Mesh Method, larve, E.V., Mollenhauer, D.H., Zhou, E., and Whitney, T.J.,, 2007

Mesh Superposition Methods, Fish, J, et al., 1999

Nakai, H., Kurashiki, T., and Zako, M.,, 2007

Domain Superposition Methods, Jiang,W.-G., Hallett, S.R., 2007

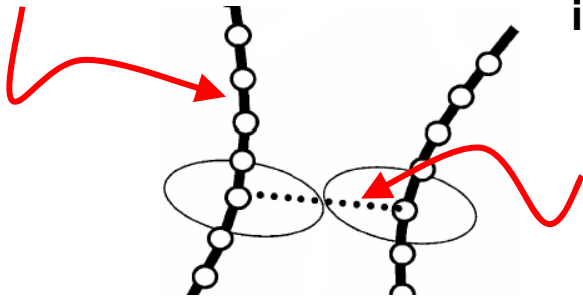
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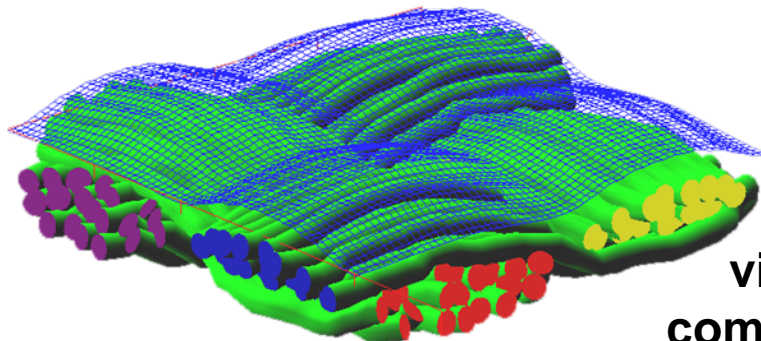
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Fiber Tow Morphology (simulated via “digital chains”)

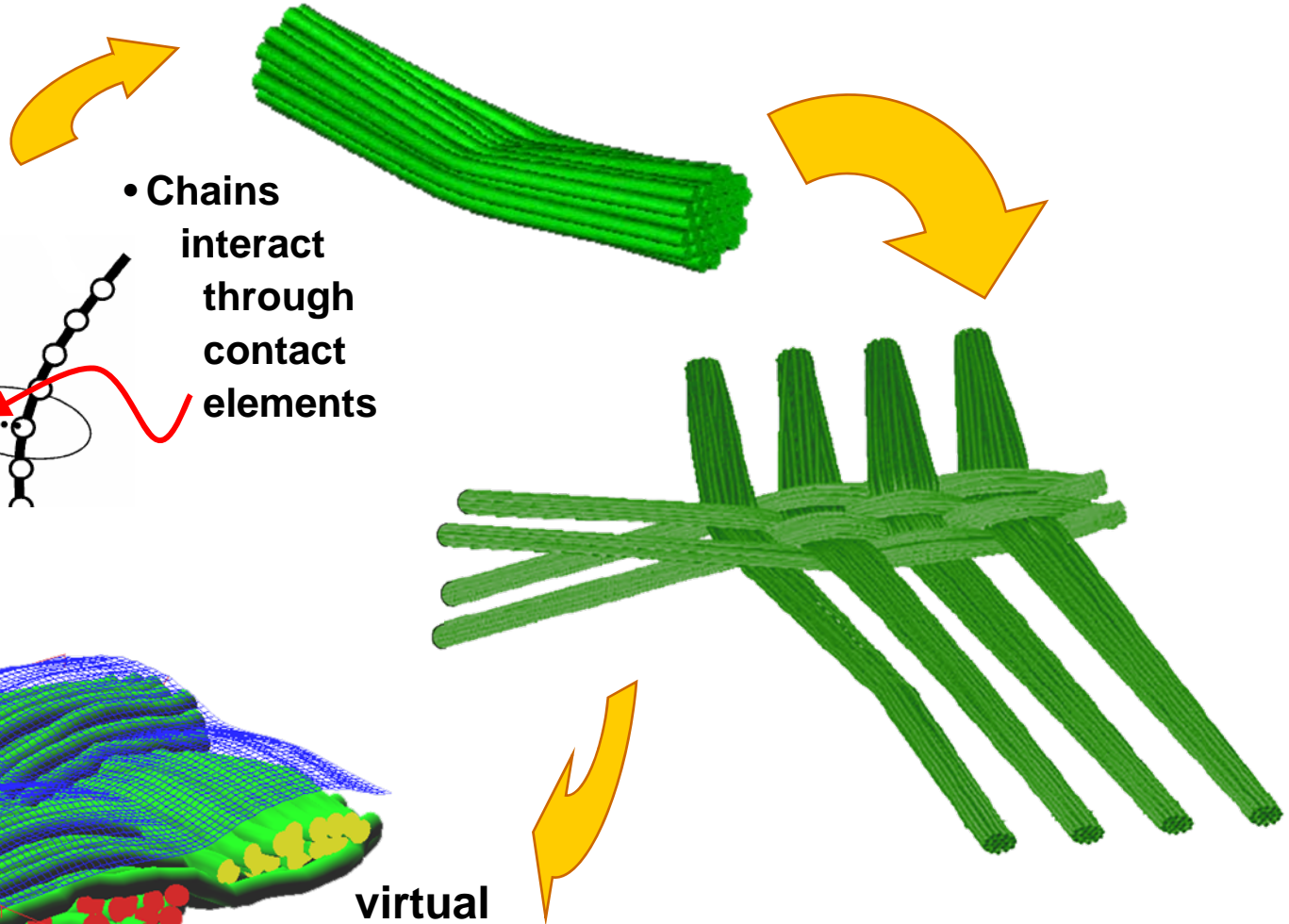
- A tow consists of many “digital chains”



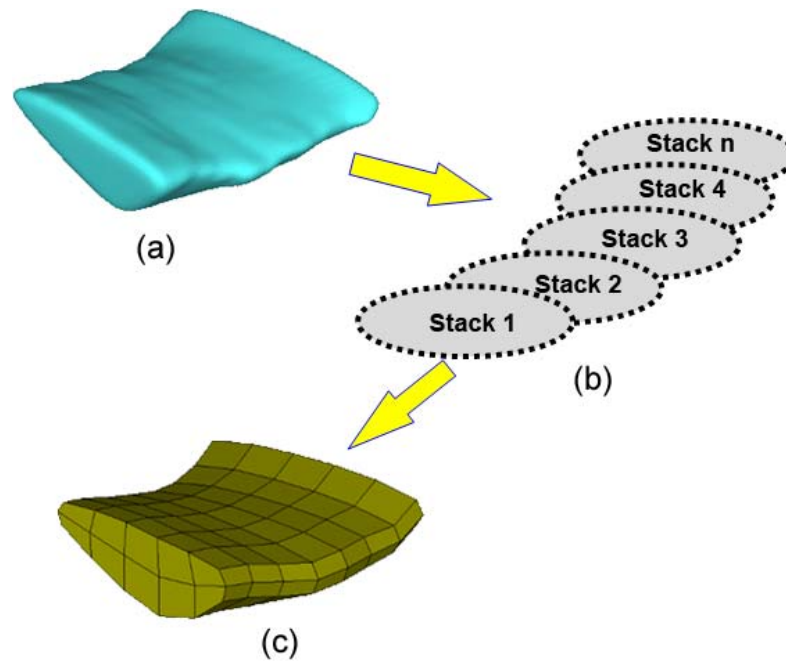
- Chains interact through contact elements



virtual
compaction

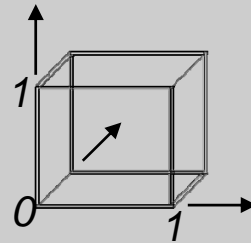
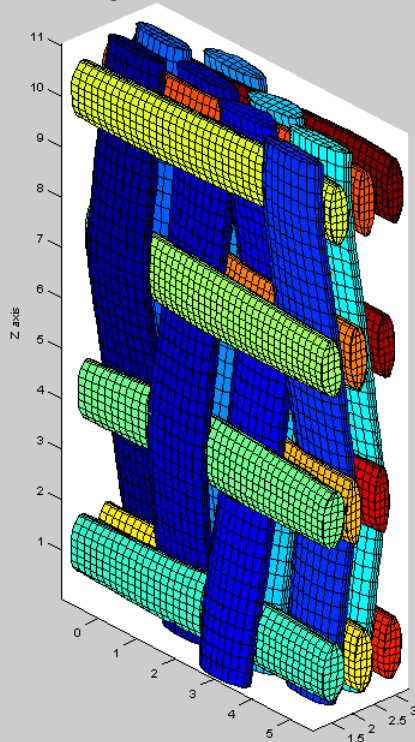


Fiber Tow Model

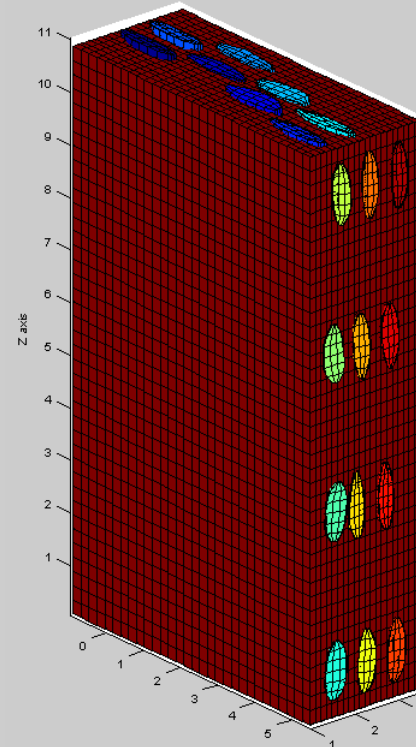


Independent Mesh Method

1. *Parametric geometry representation for each yarn*



2. *Independent mesh modeling of matrix*



Independent Mesh Method, Matrix Model

1. *Yarn deformation modeled directly*
2. *Yarn-matrix connection modeled by penalty minimization*
3. *Matrix domain meshed independently*
 - *Shape functions truncated*
 - *Volume integration cubes*

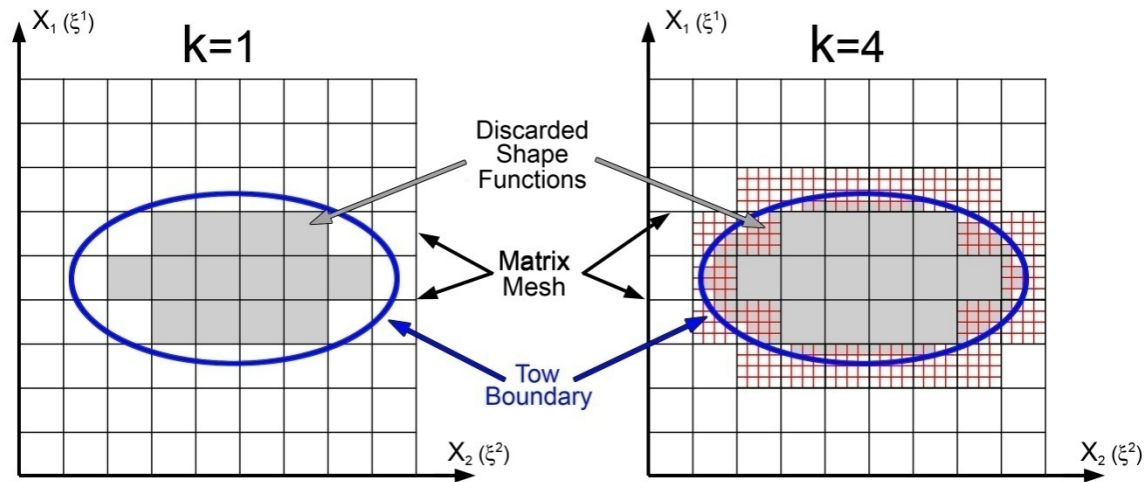
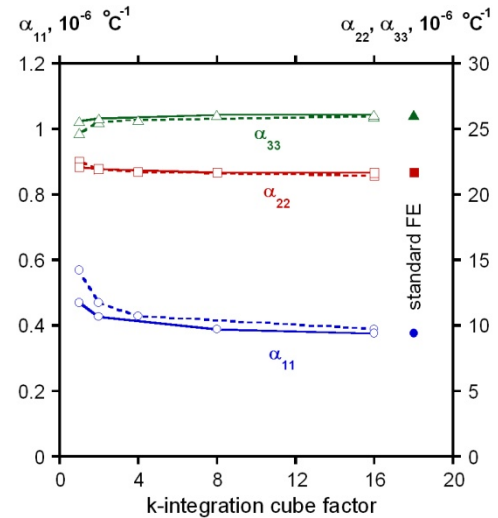
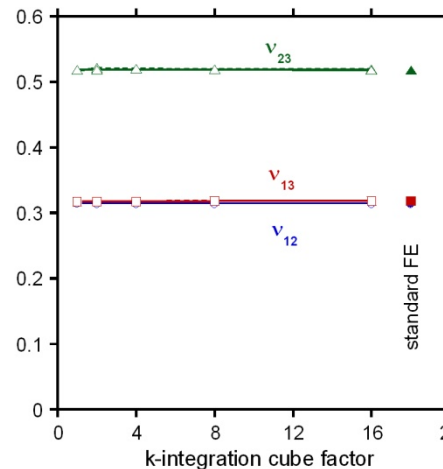
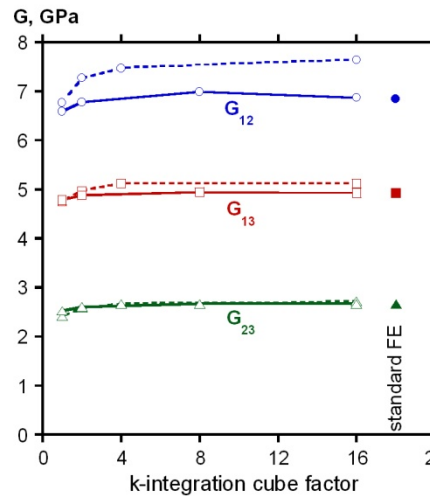
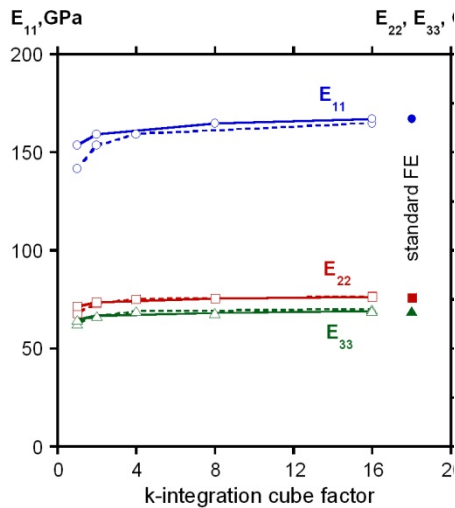
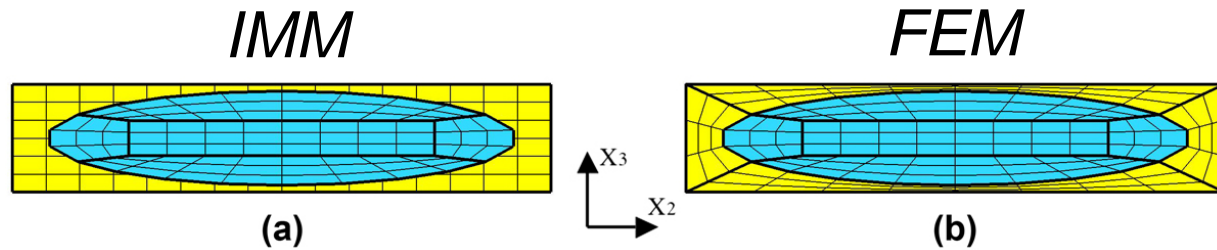


Figure 3: Schematic of matrix displacement approximation function definitions, boundary interval integration, and extra degree of freedom elimination.

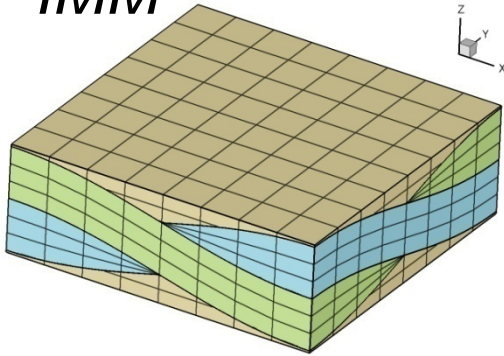
Independent Mesh Method, Oval Fiber RVE

IM7- fiber, epoxy matrix



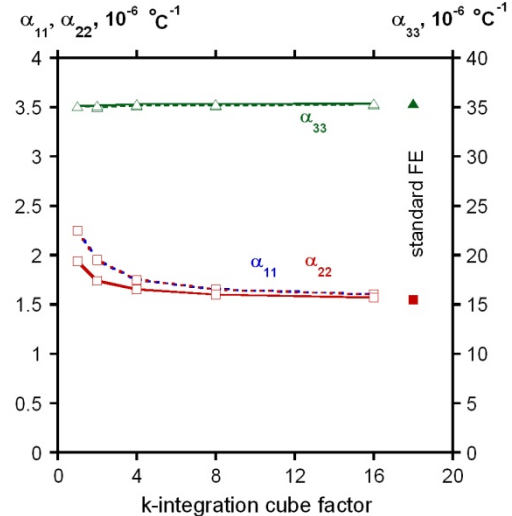
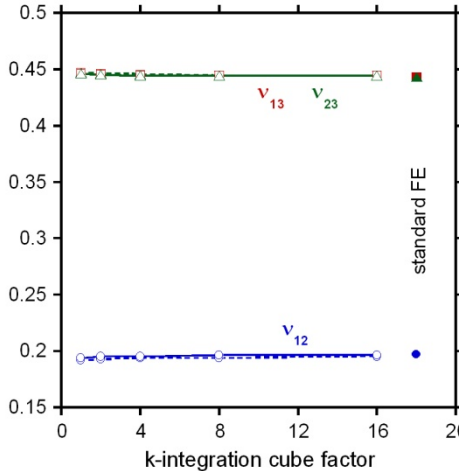
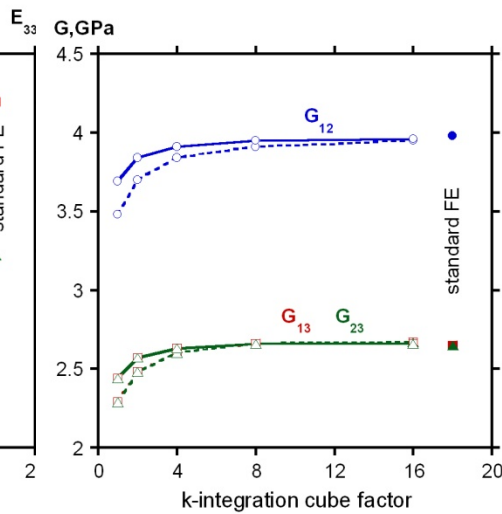
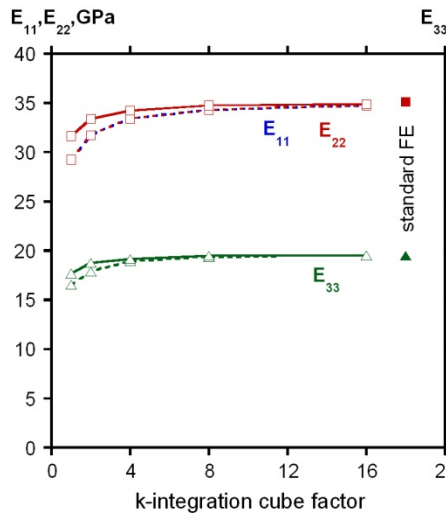
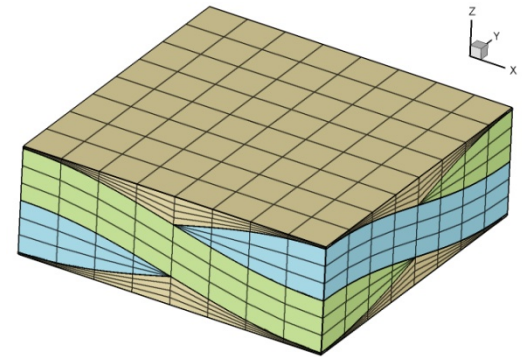
Independent Mesh Method, Textile RVE

IMM



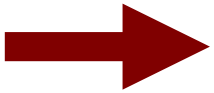
*GRP fiber tow,
Epoxy matrix*

FEM



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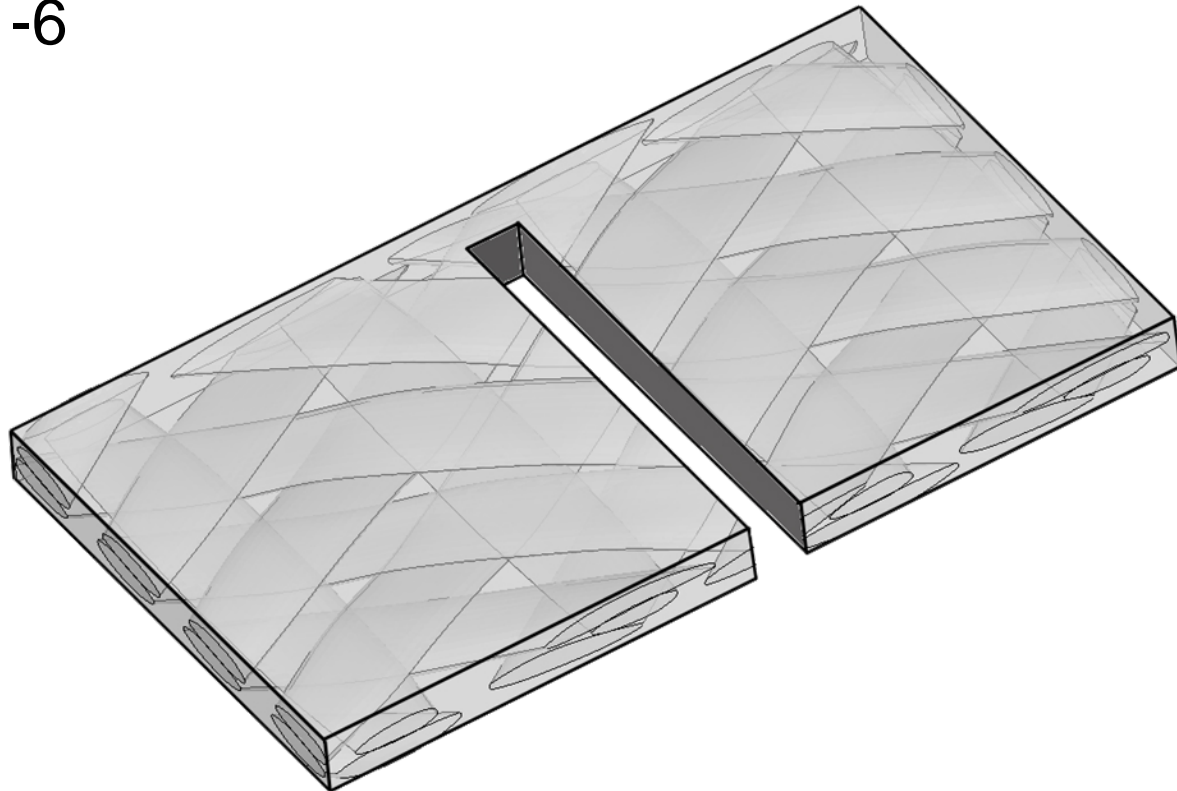
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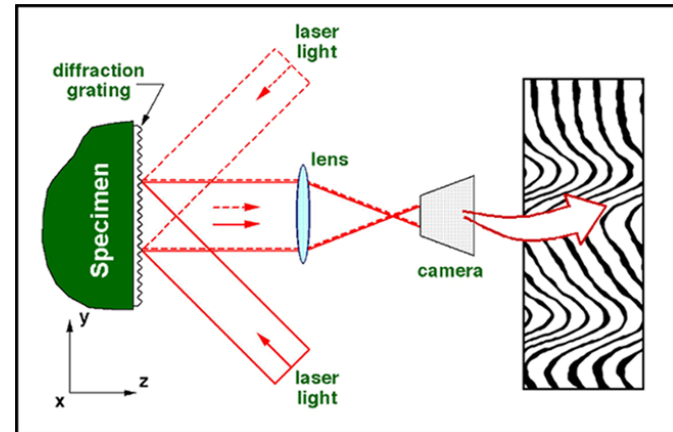
Experimental Validation

(general description of test & models)

- **Experiment:** 5-layer Compacted triax-braid
- **Model 1:** 1-layer Uncompacted triax-braid (i.e. resin rich)
- **Model 2a:** 5-layer Compacted braid (only top layer modeled)
- **Model 2b:** same as 2b except Virtually “Sanded”



Photomechanics Lab



Moiré Interferometry

Comparison of Cross-Sections

Uncompacted
Morphology



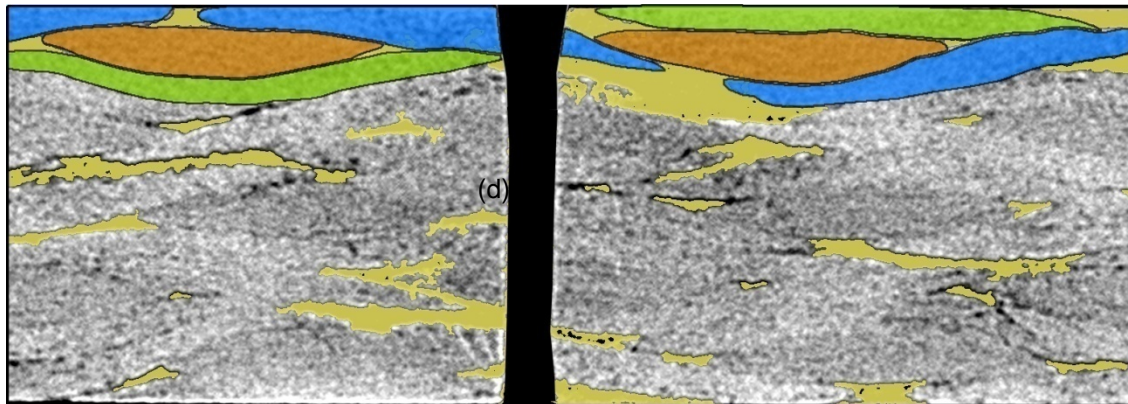
Compacted
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**Compacted,
Sanded**
Morphology

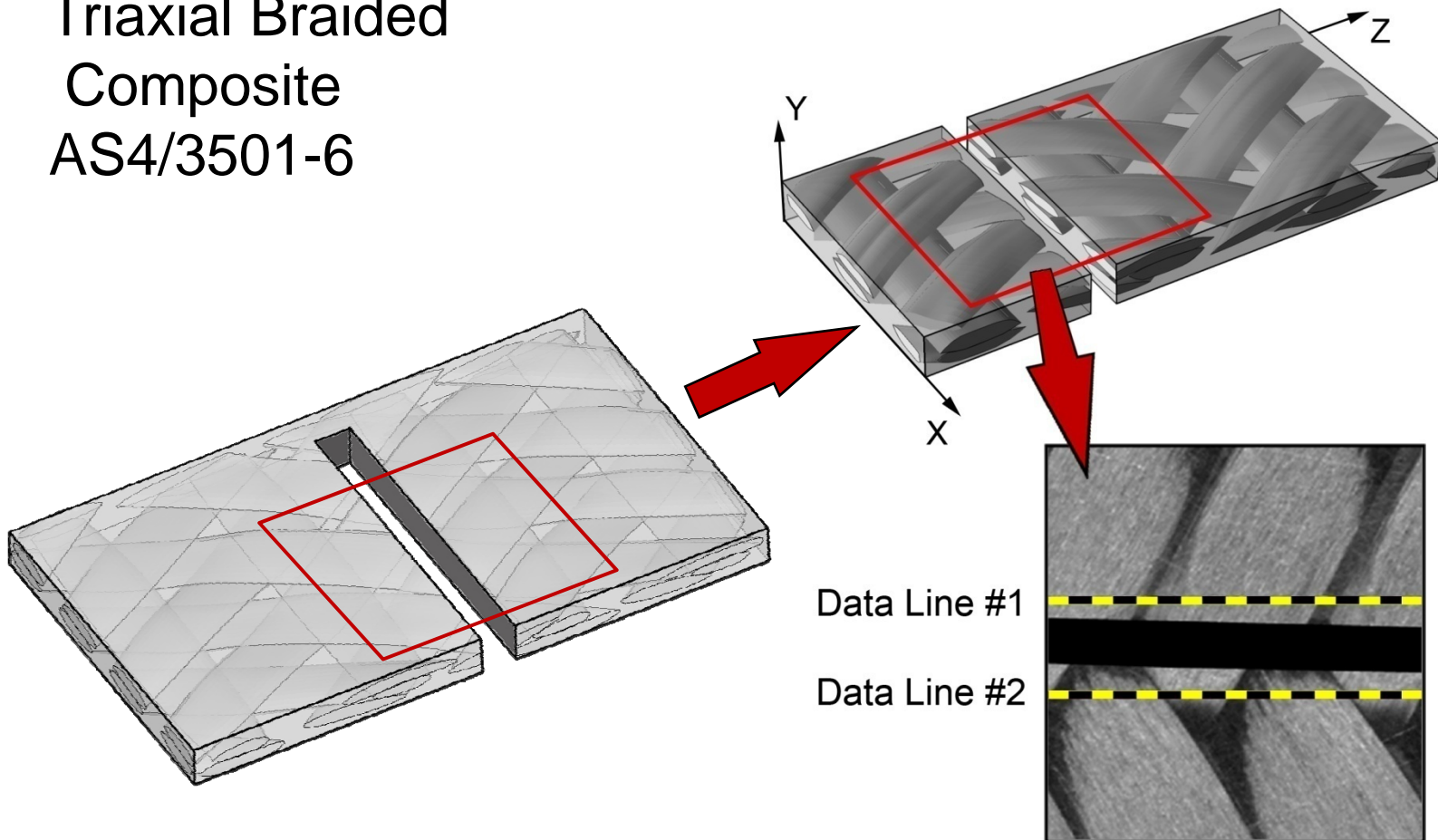


CT Image of Top
Portion of
Specimen



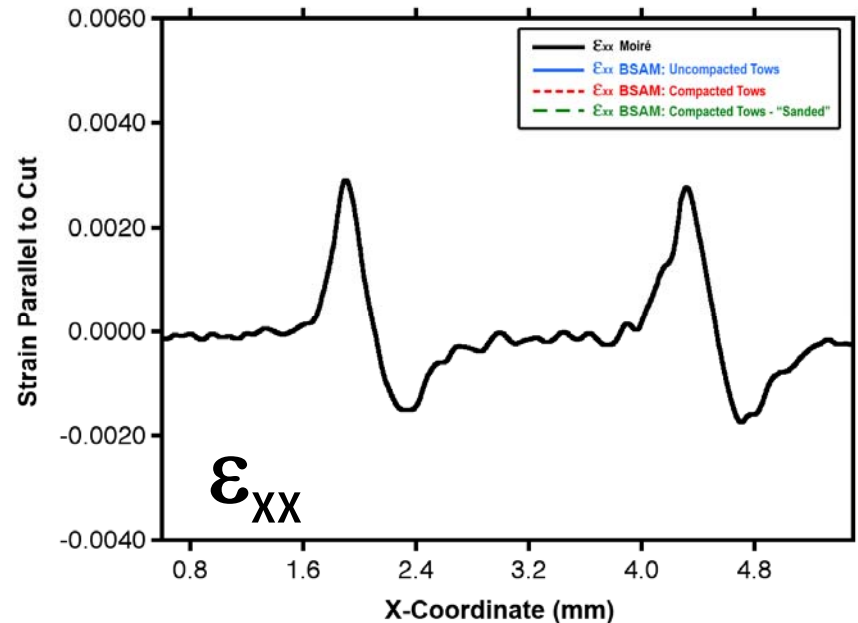
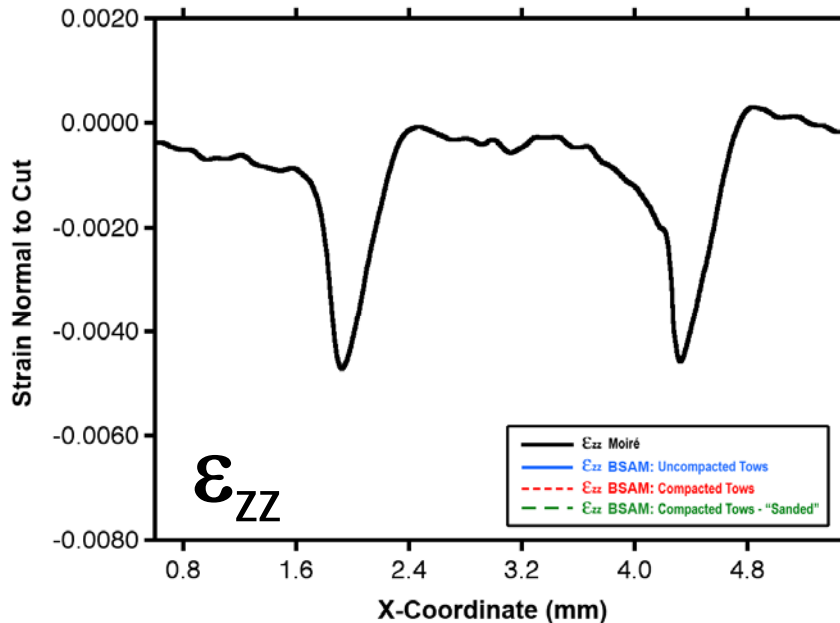
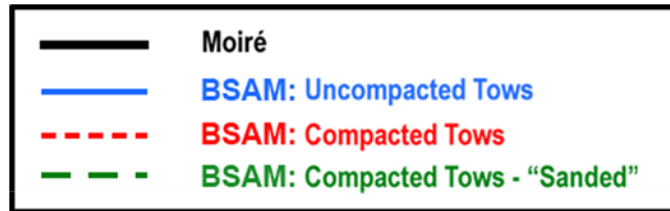
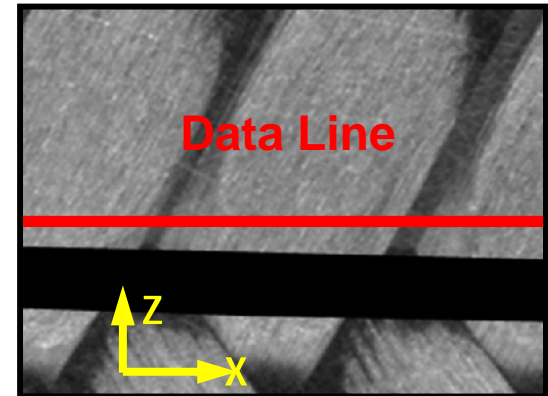
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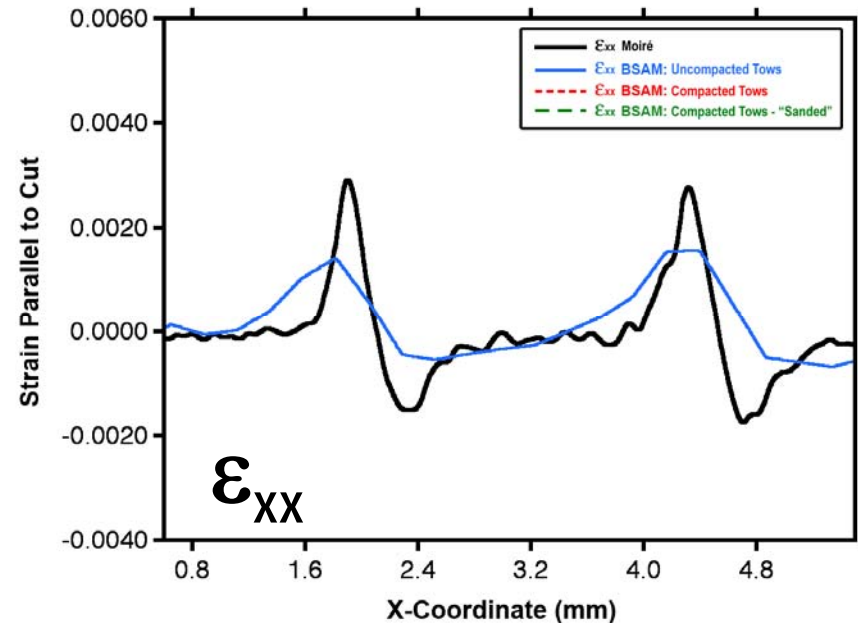
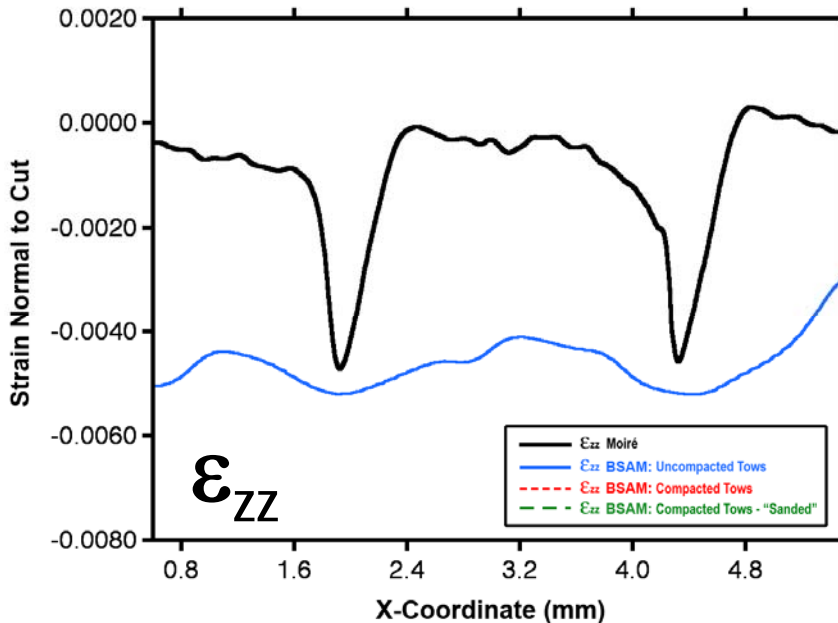
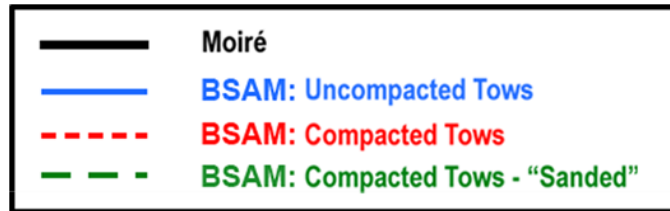
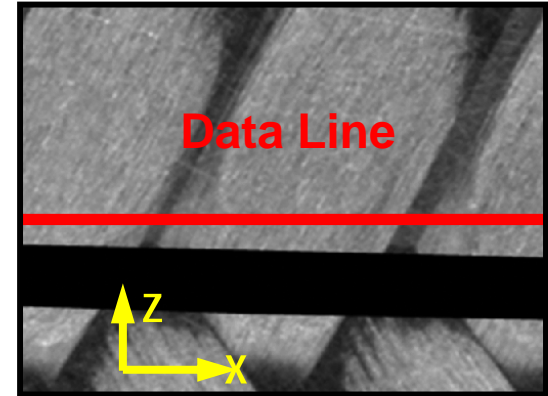
Extracted Strain Results

Data plotted along a line 0.25 mm from the top edge of slot for...



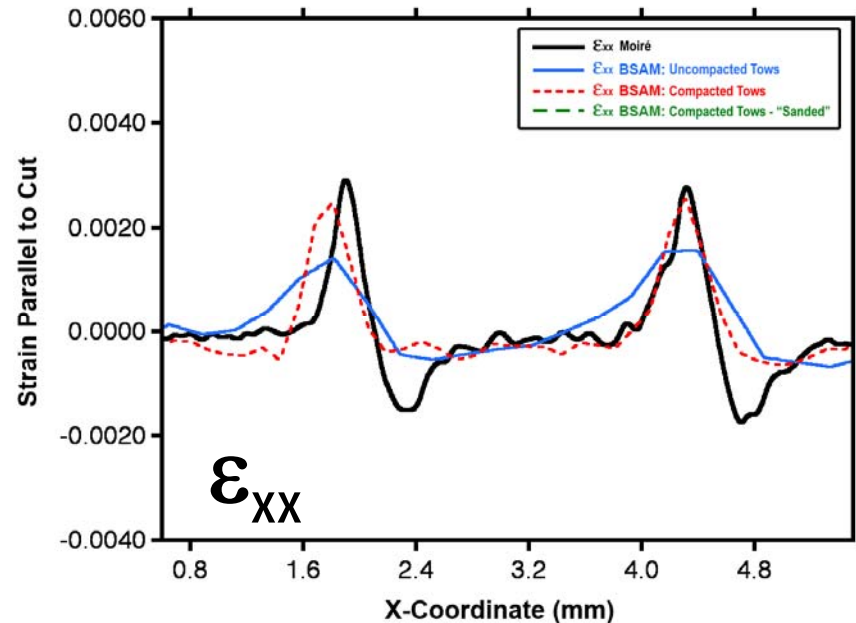
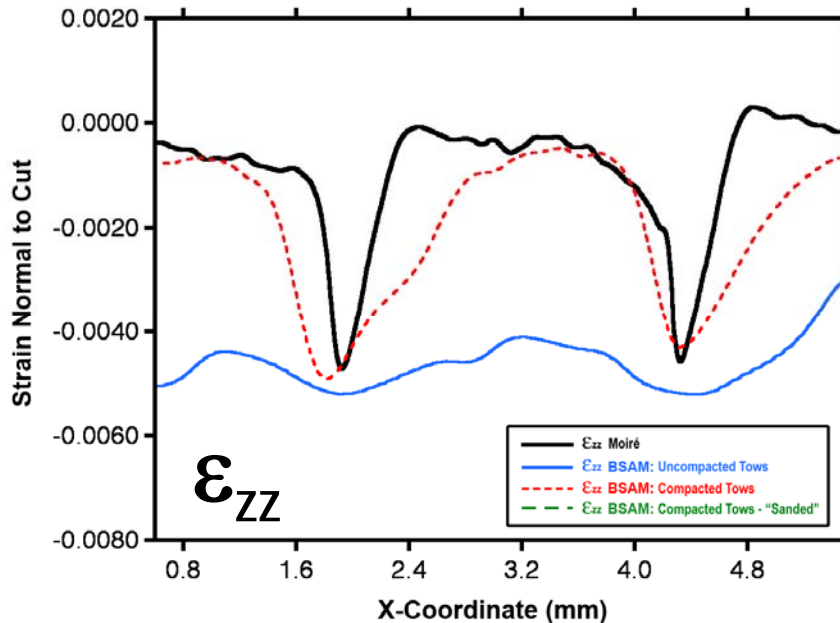
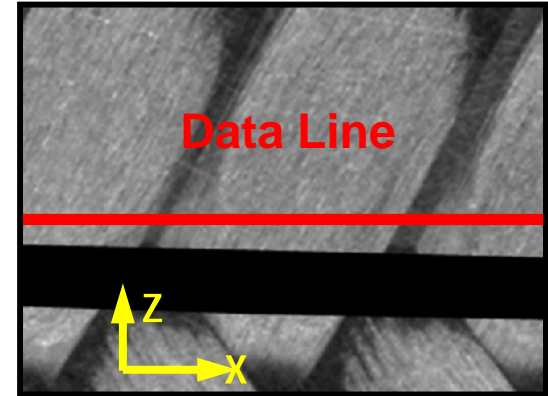
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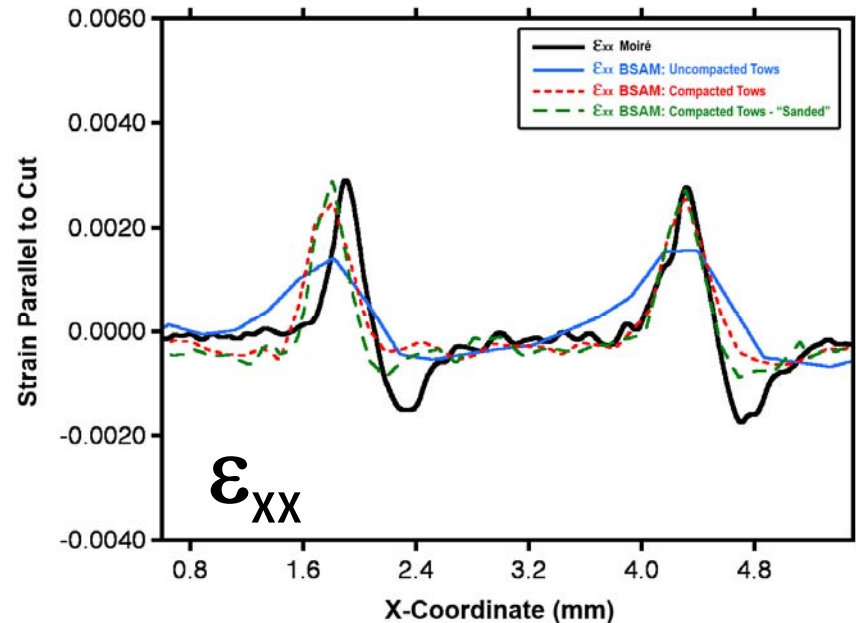
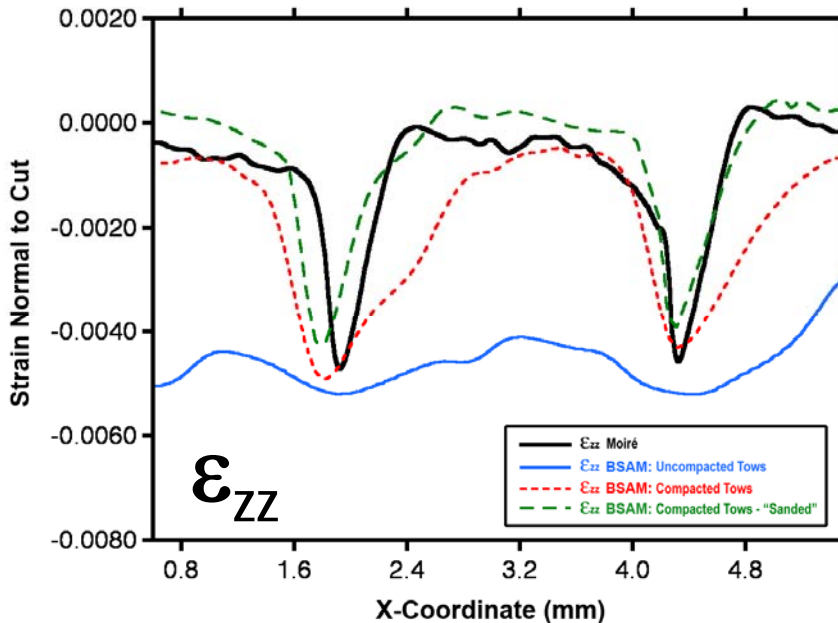
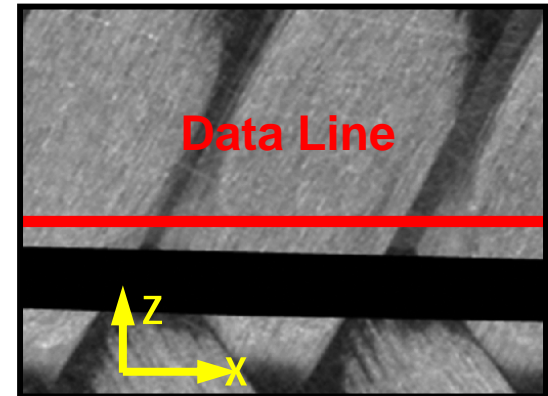
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Conclusions/Future

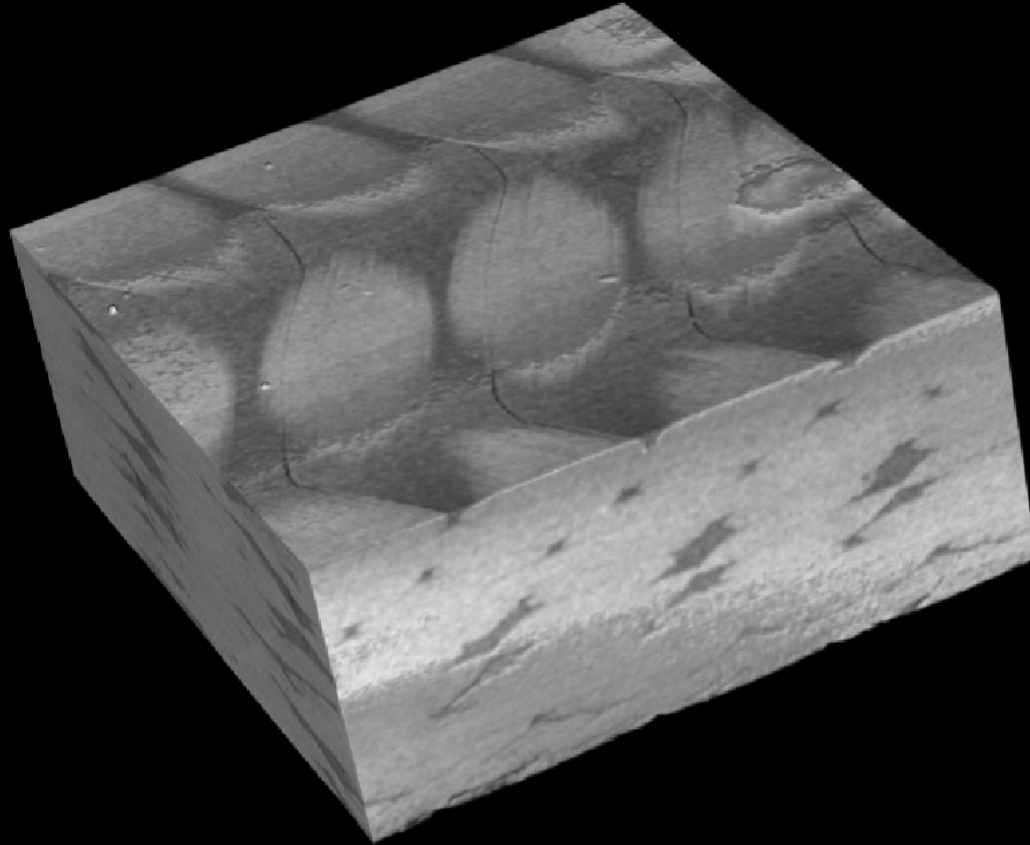
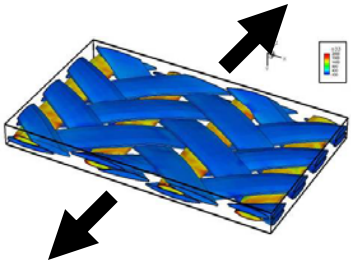
- ***Research Conclusions***

- *Textile morphology tool is on the right track*
- *Independent Mesh Method allows modeling of otherwise intractable problems*
- *Experimental investigation*
 - *critical step in understanding complex materials*
 - *validating new modeling methods*

- ***Future Efforts***

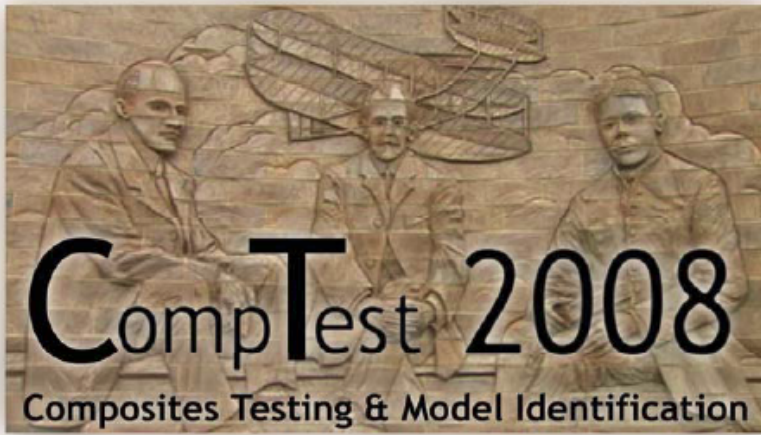
- *Introduce damage with Mesh Independent Cracking*
- *Extract fully-3D textile morphology with CT scan*
- *Add “structural-level” feature/stress concentration*

Uniaxial loading of 3-axial braid (3D X-ray tomography)



Cracks:
Matrix
Inter tow
Intra tow

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Questions?



Fiber Tow Morphology (image-based)

