

# Multiscale characterization & modeling of granular matter

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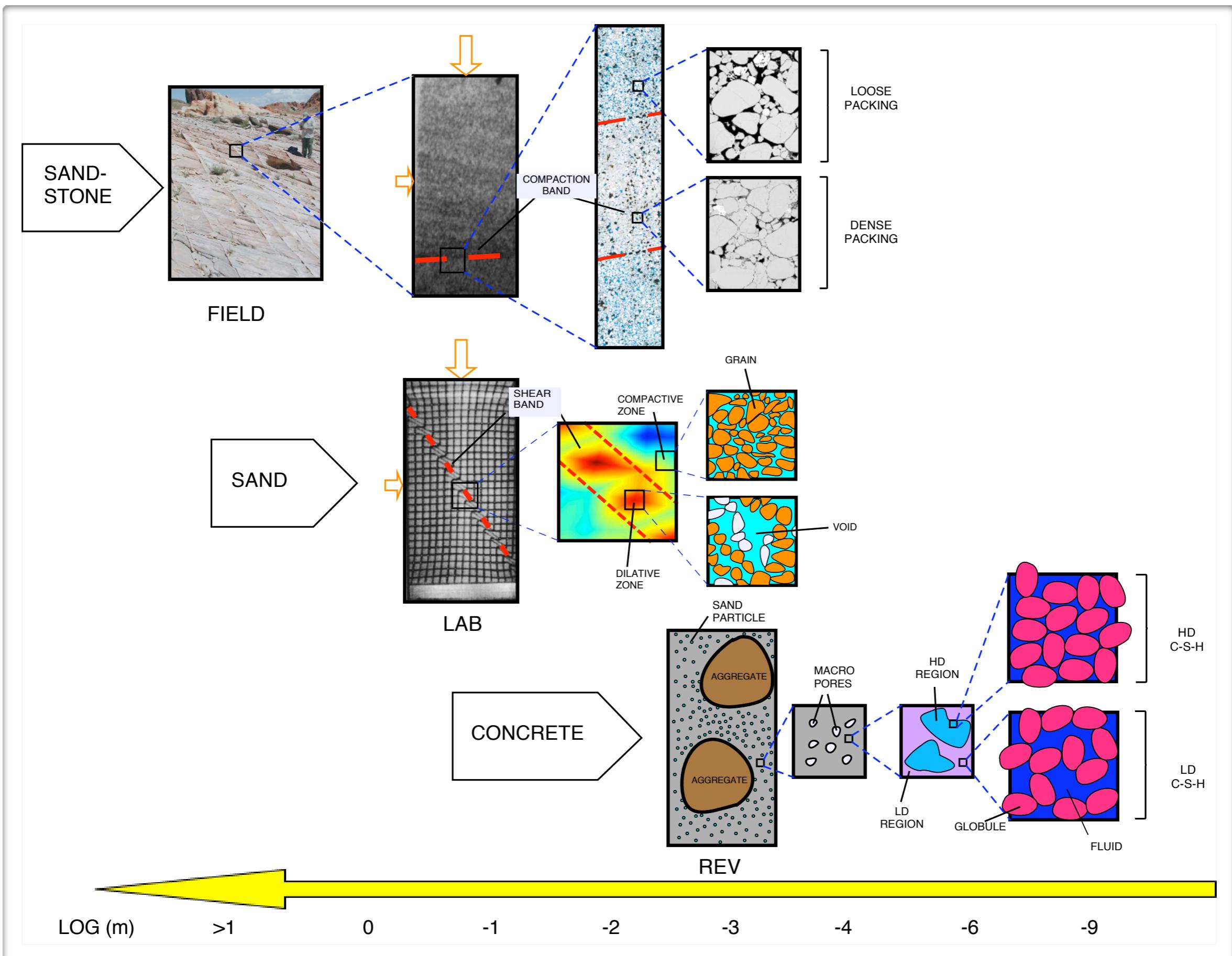


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# Outline

- Motivation
- Elastoplasticity framework
- Multiscale framework
- Semi-concurrent & Hierarchical schemes
- Representative examples
- Closure



# Family of geomaterials across scales

# Elastoplastic framework

Hooke's law       $\dot{\sigma} = c^{\text{ep}} : \dot{\epsilon}$

Additive decomposition of strain       $\dot{\epsilon} = \dot{\epsilon}^e + \dot{\epsilon}^p$

Convex elastic region       $\circled{F}(\sigma, \alpha) = 0$

Non-associative flow       $\dot{\epsilon}^p = \lambda g, \quad g := \partial G / \partial \sigma$

K-T optimality       $\dot{\lambda} F = 0 \quad \dot{\lambda} \circled{H} = -\partial F / \partial \alpha \cdot \dot{\alpha}$

Elastoplastic constitutive tangent

$$c^{\text{ep}} = c^e - \frac{1}{\chi} c^e : g \otimes f : c^e, \quad \chi = H - g : c^e : f$$

# Simple plasticity model

yield  
function

$$F(I_1, I_2, \alpha) = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}I_2 + m(I_1, \alpha) - c(\alpha)$$

plastic  
potential

$$G(I_1, I_2, \alpha) = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}I_2 + \bar{m}(I_1, \alpha) - \bar{c}(\alpha)$$

friction

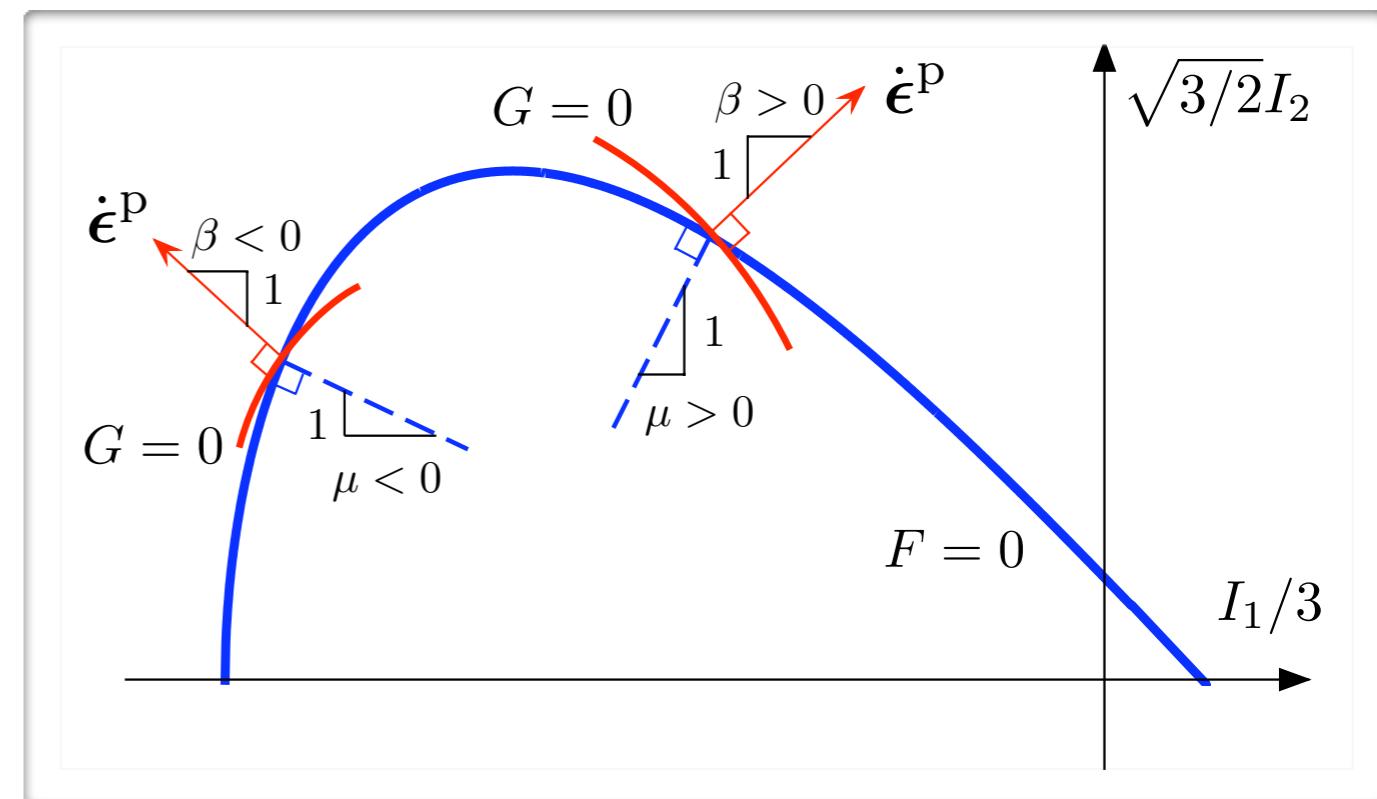
$$\mu = 3 \frac{\partial m}{\partial I_1}$$

$$2\mu = -3\sqrt{6} \frac{\partial I_2}{\partial I_1}$$

dilatancy

$$\beta = 3 \frac{\partial \bar{m}}{\partial I_1}$$

$$\beta = \frac{\partial \dot{\epsilon}_v^p}{\partial \dot{\epsilon}_s^p}$$



# Simple plasticity model

$$f = \frac{1}{3}\mu\mathbf{1} + \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}\hat{\mathbf{n}}$$

friction & dilation

$$g = \frac{1}{3}\beta\mathbf{1} + \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}\hat{\mathbf{n}}$$

affect constitutive response

hardening law

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial \mu} \dot{\mu} = -\dot{\lambda} H$$

stress-dilatancy relation

$$\underbrace{\mu}_{\text{friction strength}} = \underbrace{\beta}_{\text{dilatancy strength}} + \underbrace{\bar{\mu}}_{\text{residual strength}}$$

# Multiscale framework

$E, \nu$

elastic constants

$$\beta \approx \frac{\partial \bar{\epsilon}_v}{\partial \bar{\epsilon}_s}$$

extract dilation  
from micromechanics

$$2\mu = -3\sqrt{6} \frac{\bar{I}_2}{\bar{I}_1}$$

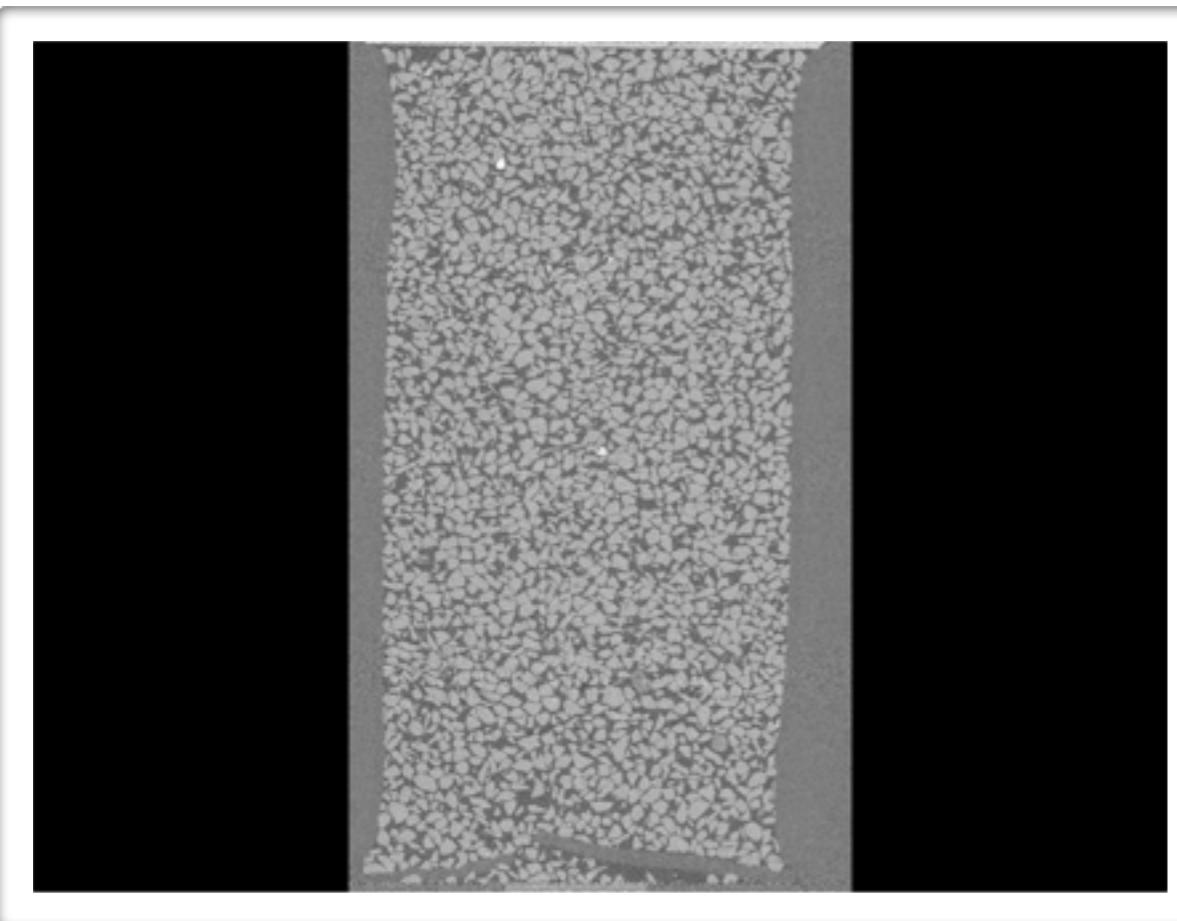
extract friction  
from micromechanics

total number of parameters: 2

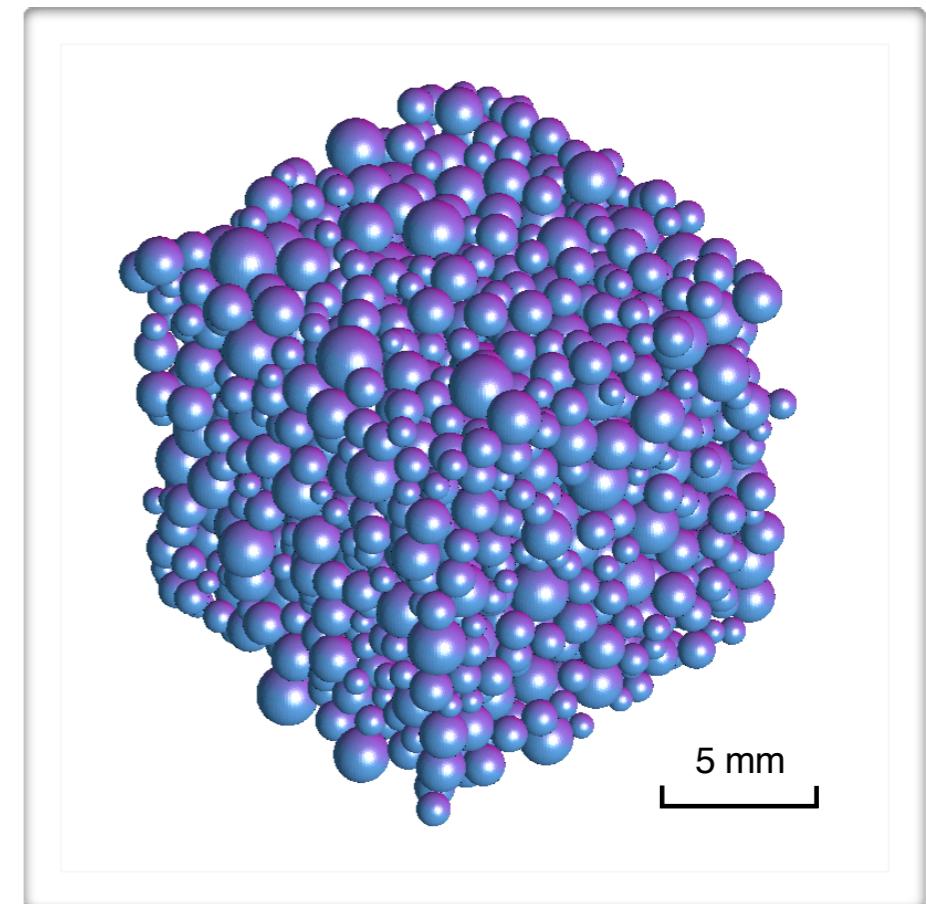
$E, \nu$  calibrated once for given material

warning: bypassing phenomenological hardening

# experiments



# calculations



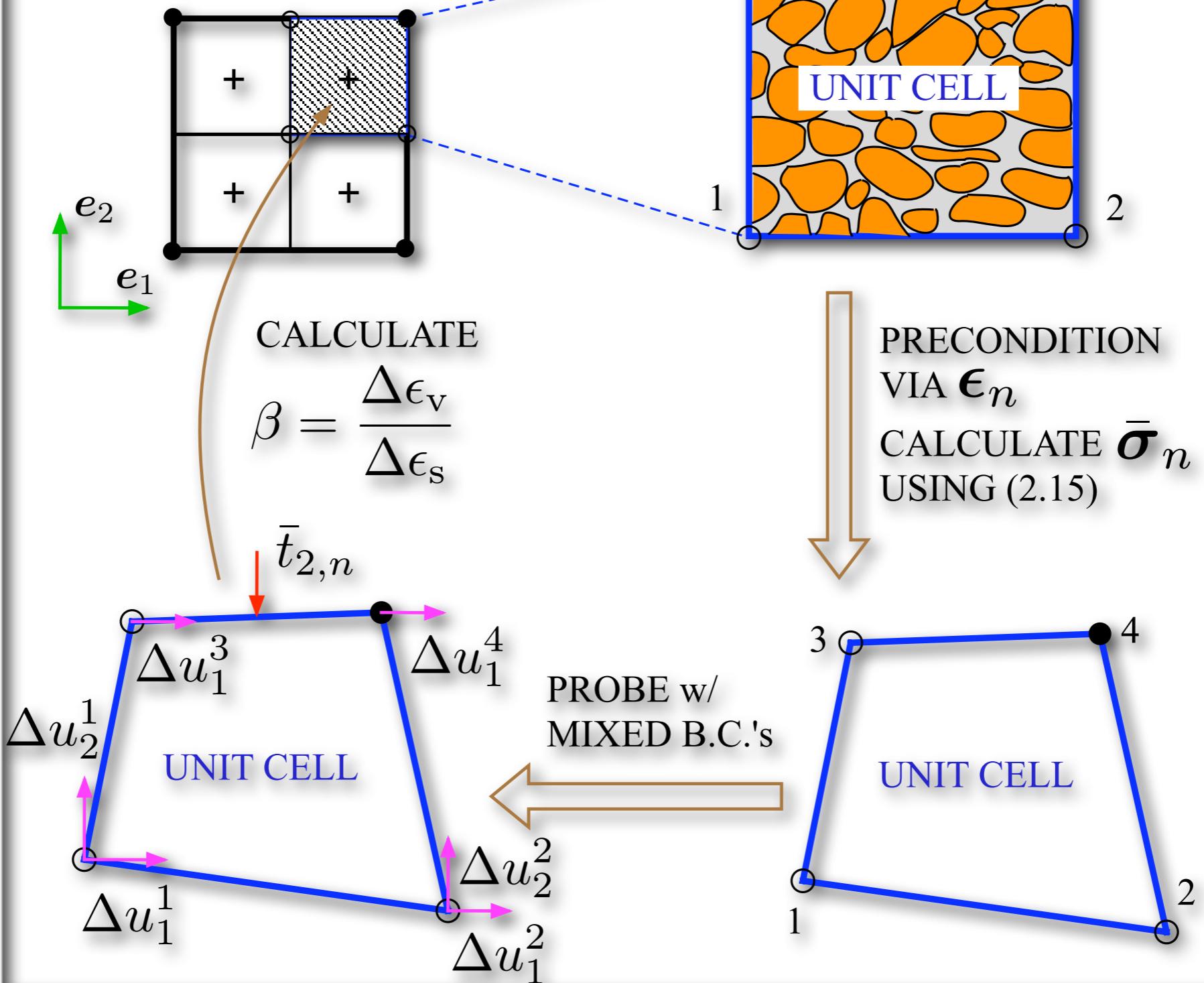
extract strains=>  
**dilatancy**

**Unit cell concept: experiments**  
Vs. calculations

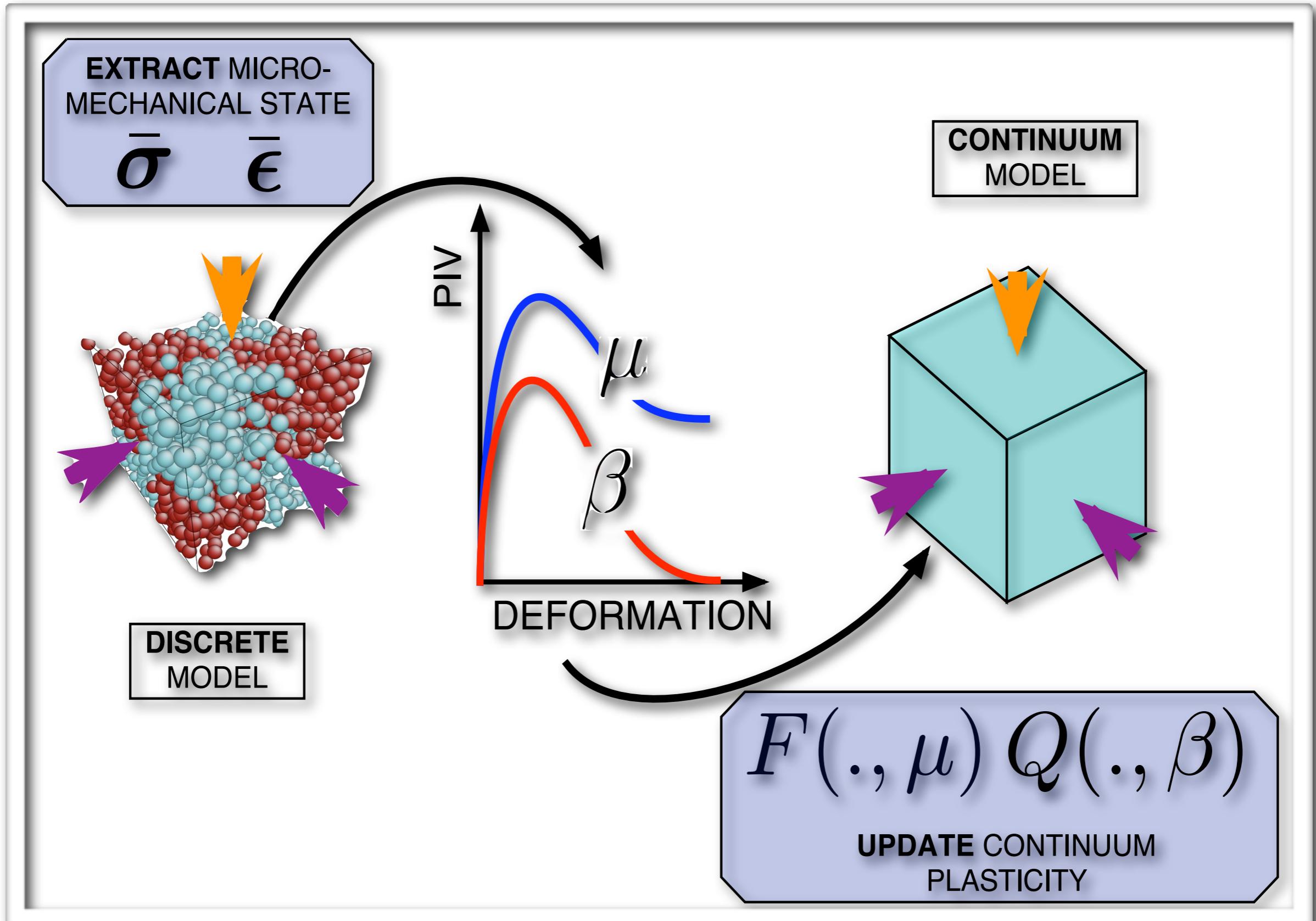
extract strains=>  
**dilatancy**  
AND  
extract stress=>  
**friction**

# Multiscale schemes: Semi-concurrent & Hierarchical

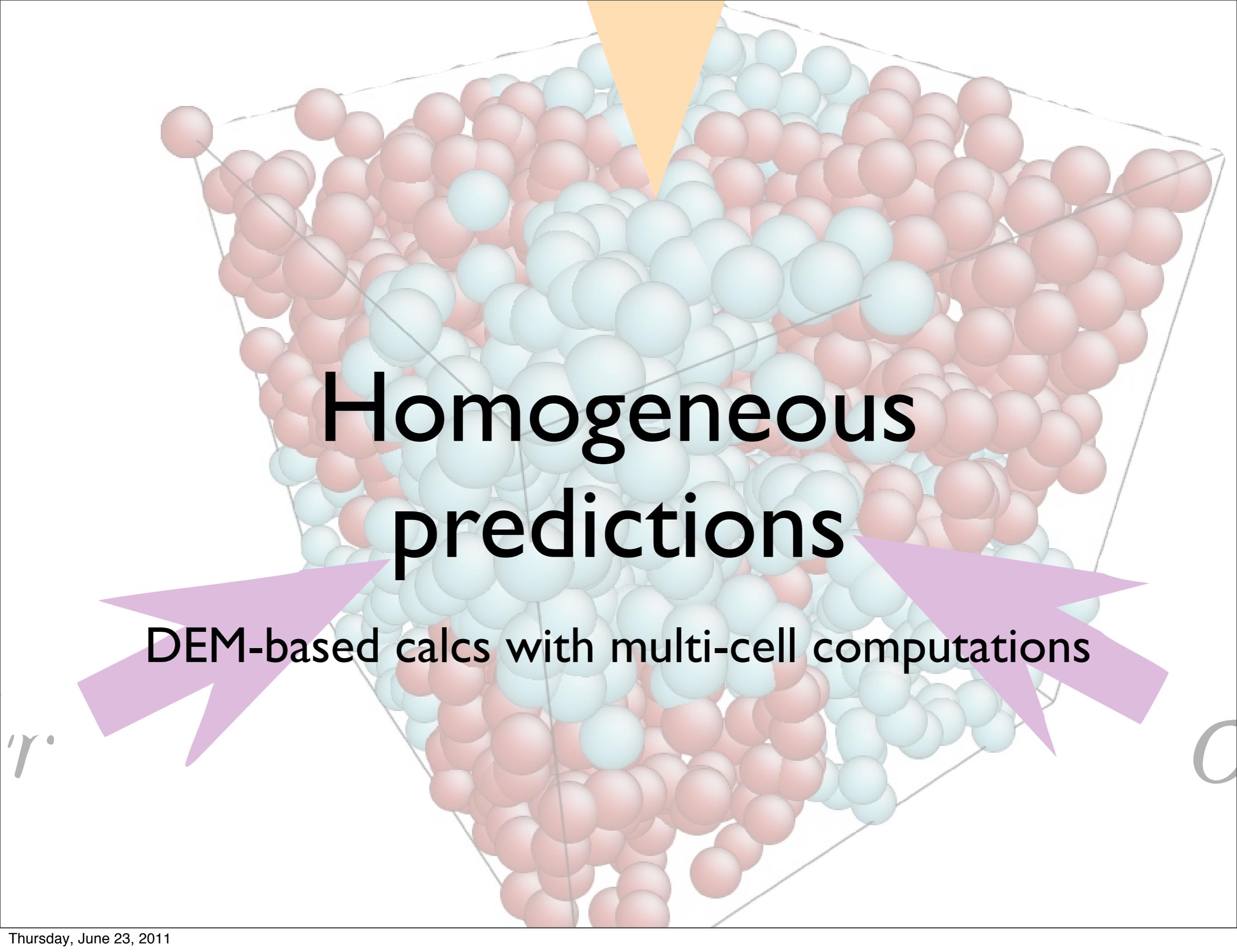
- F.E. NODE
  - GHOST NODE
  - + GAUSS POINT



# Semi-concurrent multiscale scheme



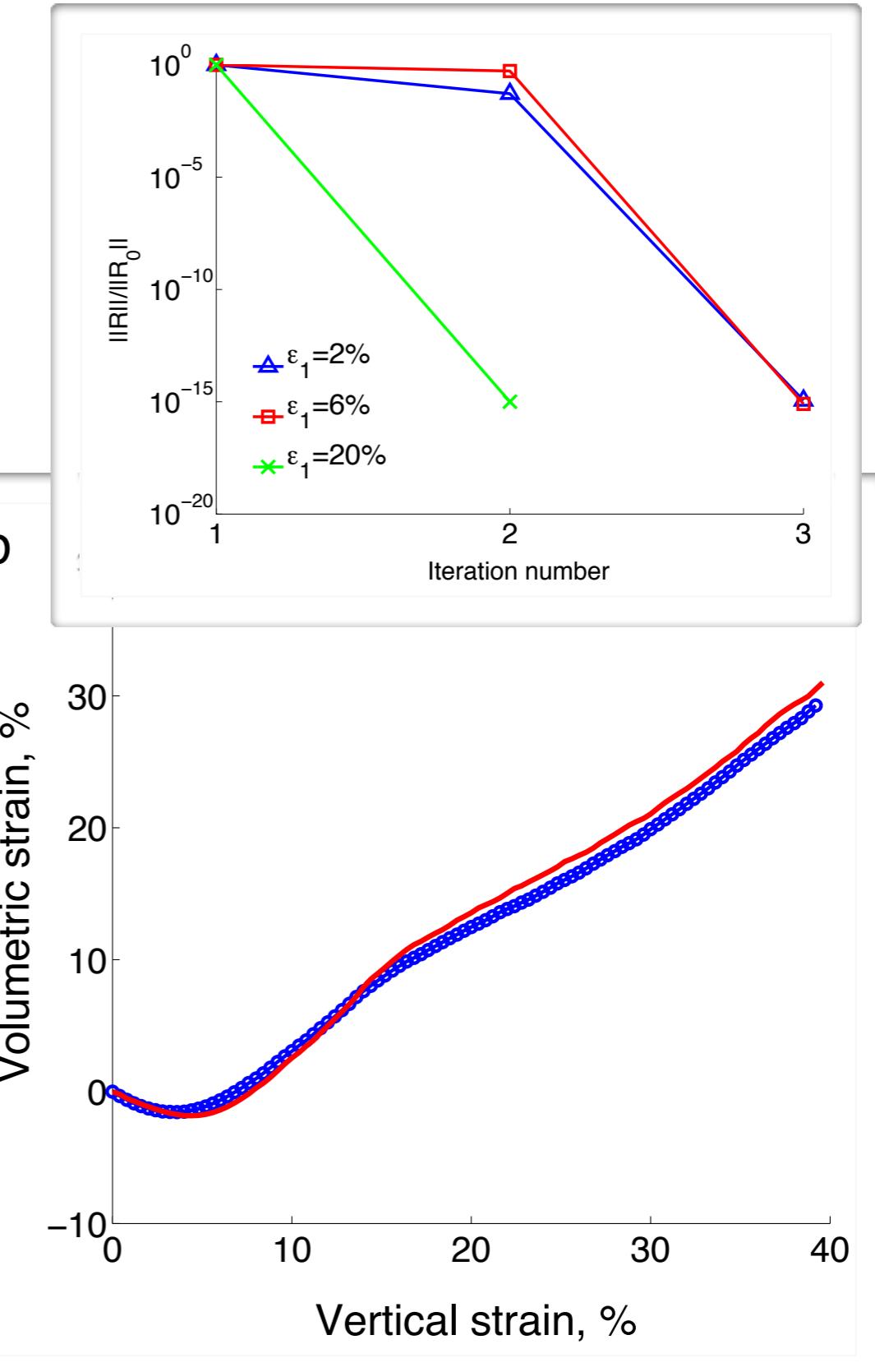
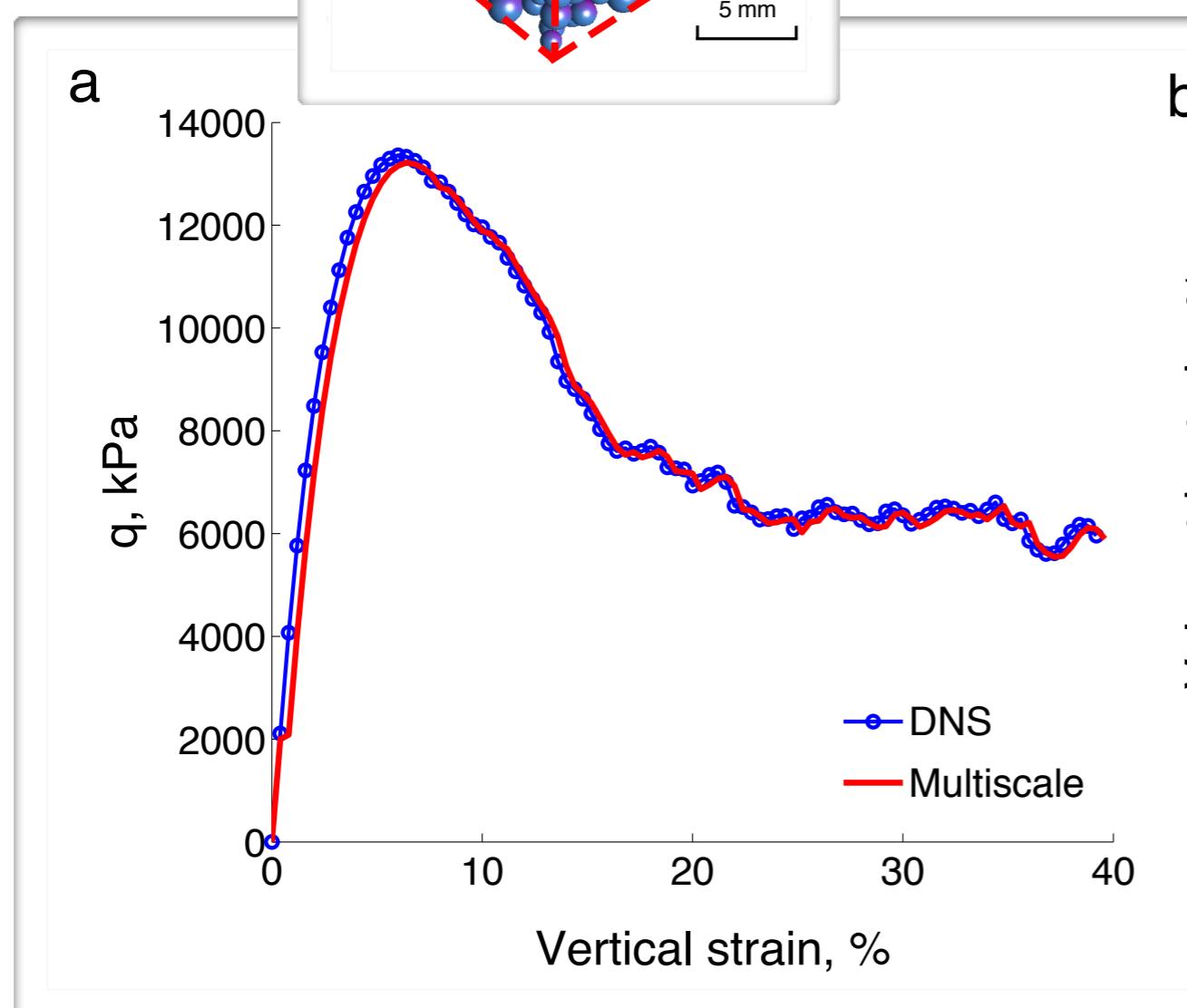
# Hierarchical multiscale scheme



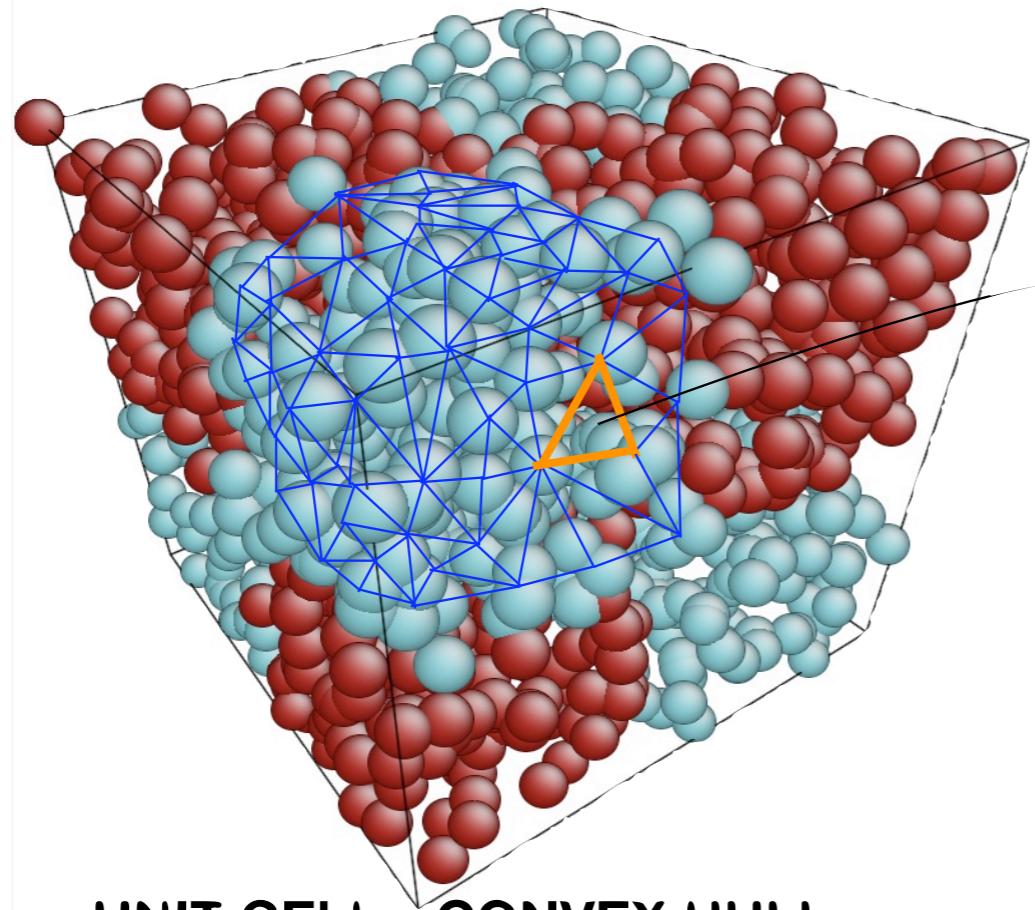
# **Homogeneous predictions**

**DEM-based calcs with multi-cell computations**

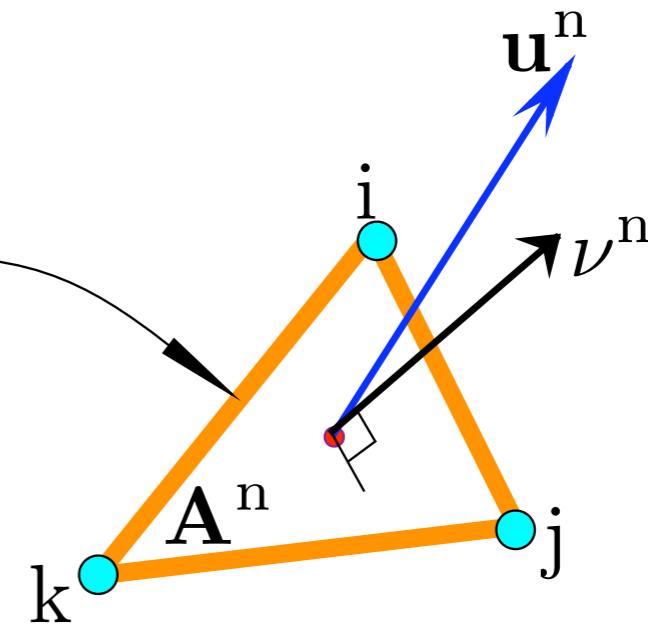
# unit cell



## Semi-concurrent DEM-based multiscale



**UNIT CELL - CONVEX HULL**

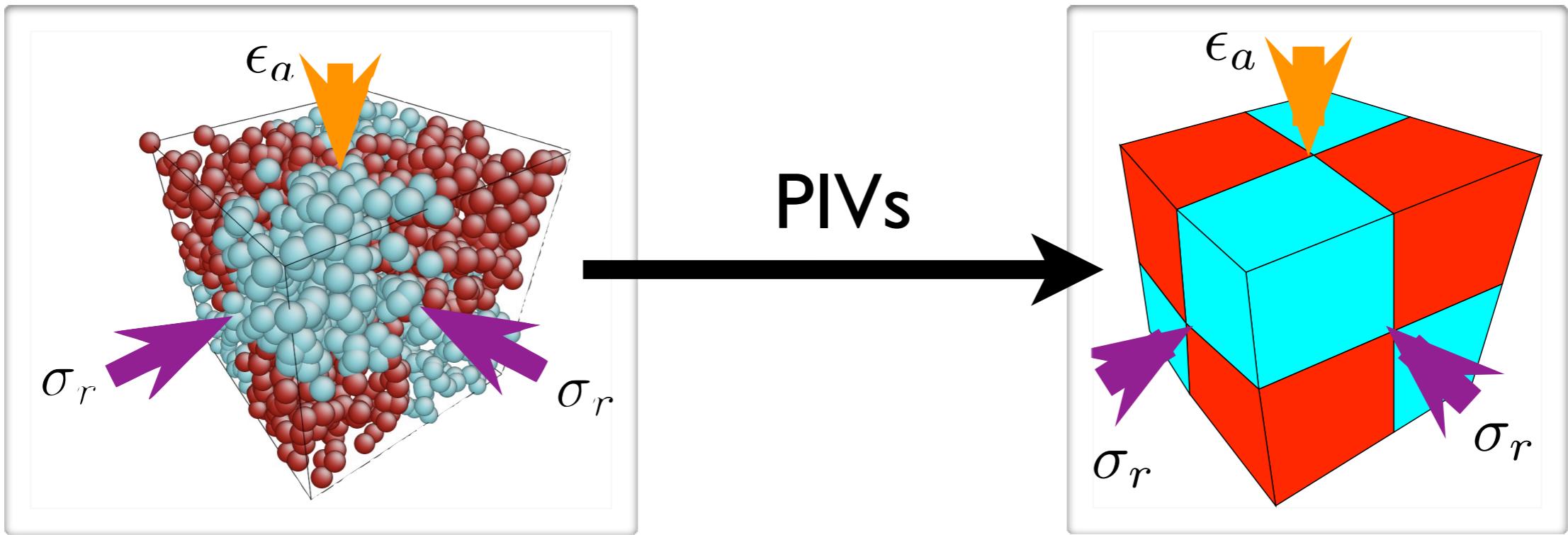


**DISCRETE SURFACE**  
normal and displacement

$$\bar{\sigma} = \text{sym} \left[ \frac{1}{V} \sum_{n=1}^{N_c} l^n \otimes d^n \right]$$

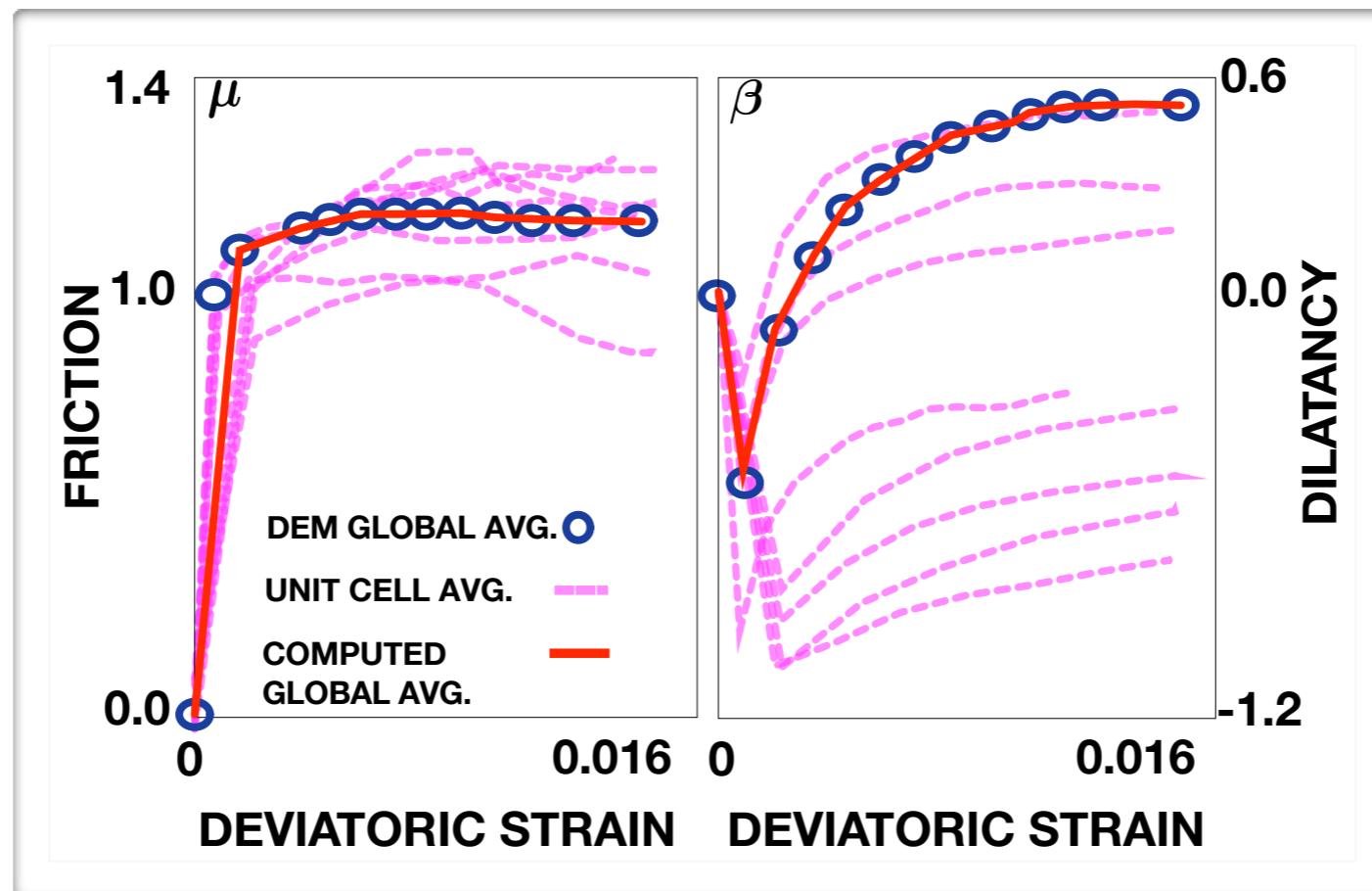
$$\bar{\epsilon} = \text{sym} \left[ \frac{1}{V} \sum_{n=1}^{N_t} u^n \otimes \nu^n A^n \right]$$

**Hierarchical** multi-cell calculations

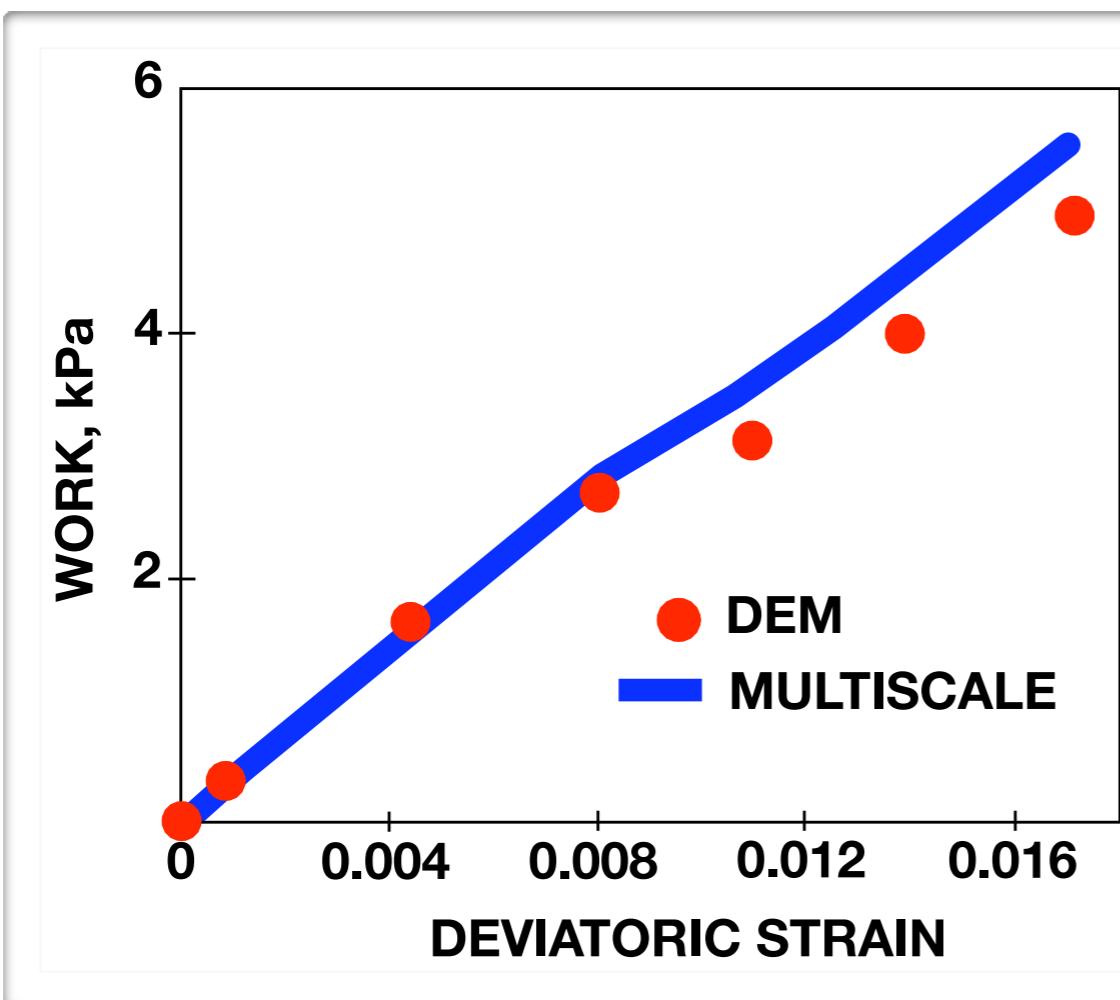
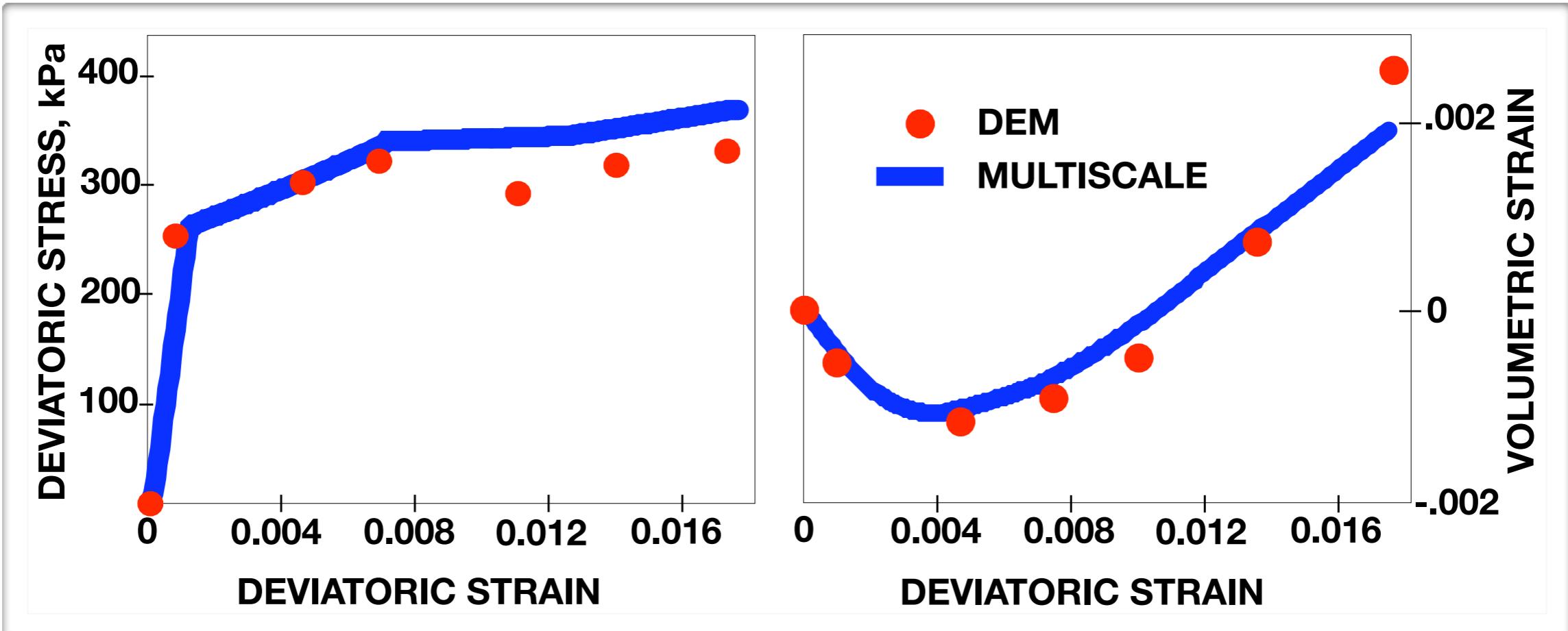


DEM

FEM



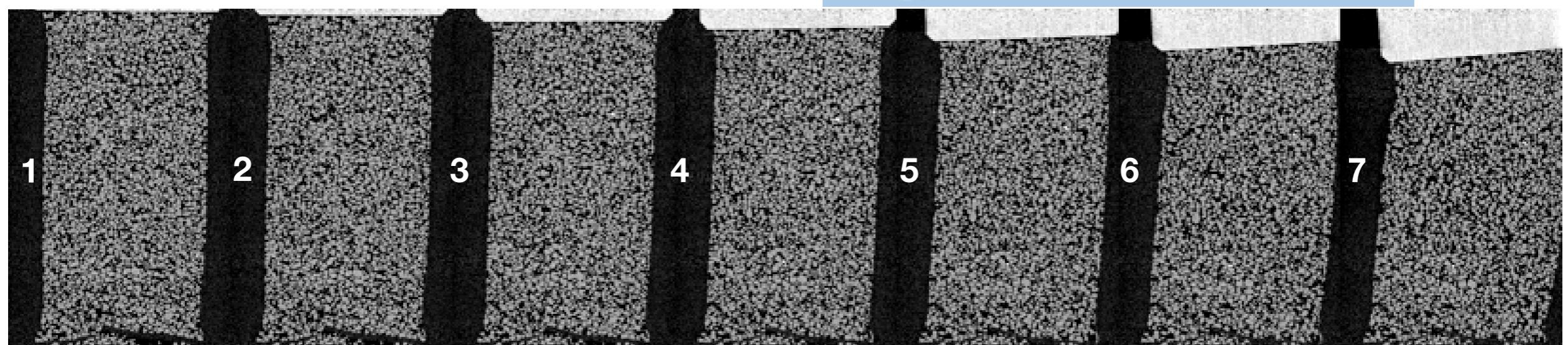
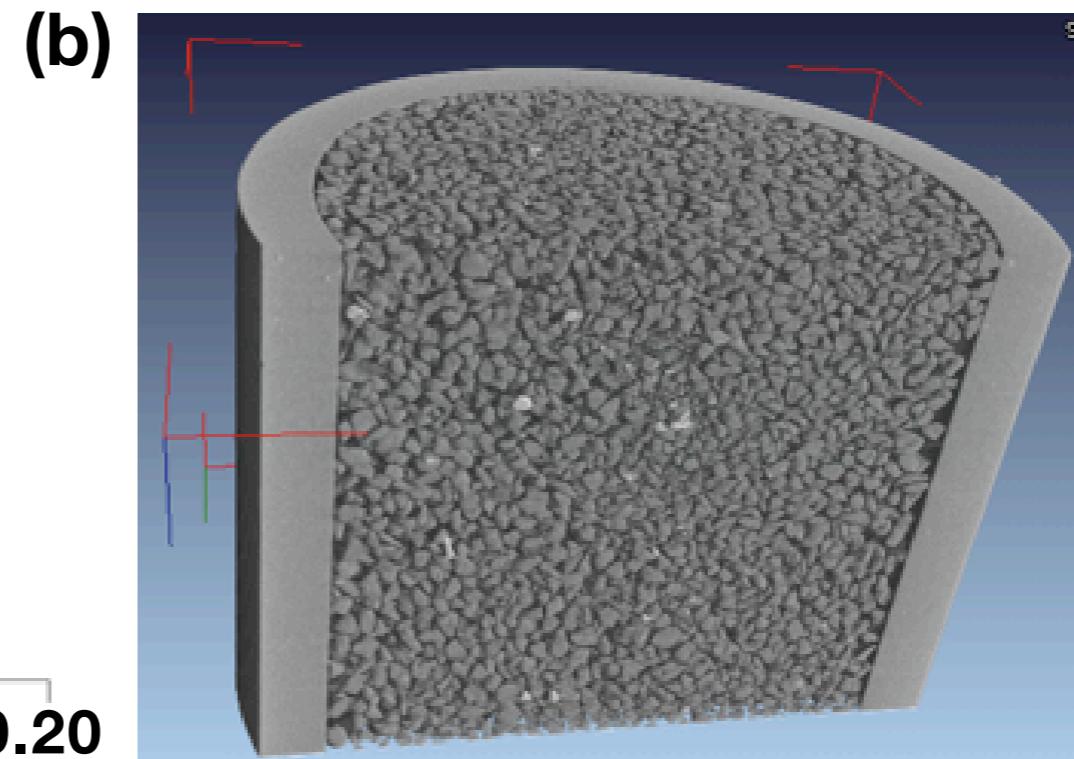
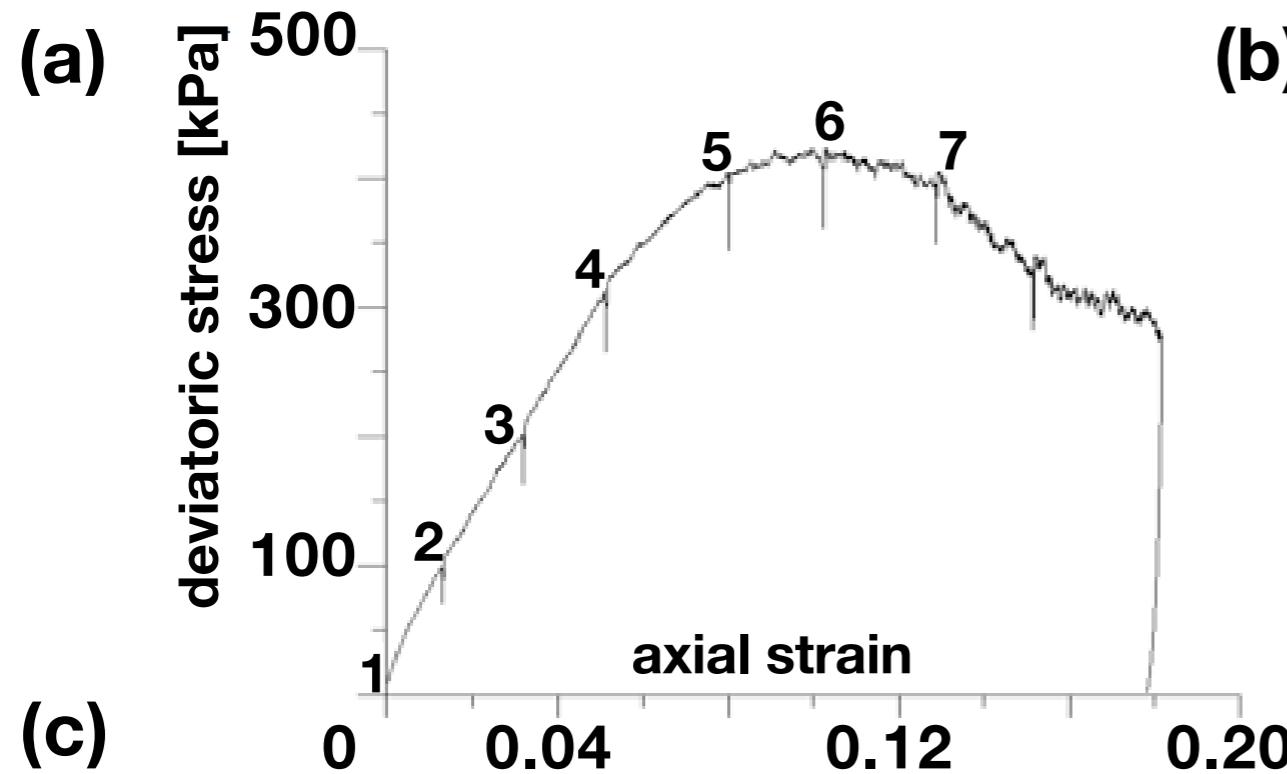
Hierarchical triaxial compression simulations



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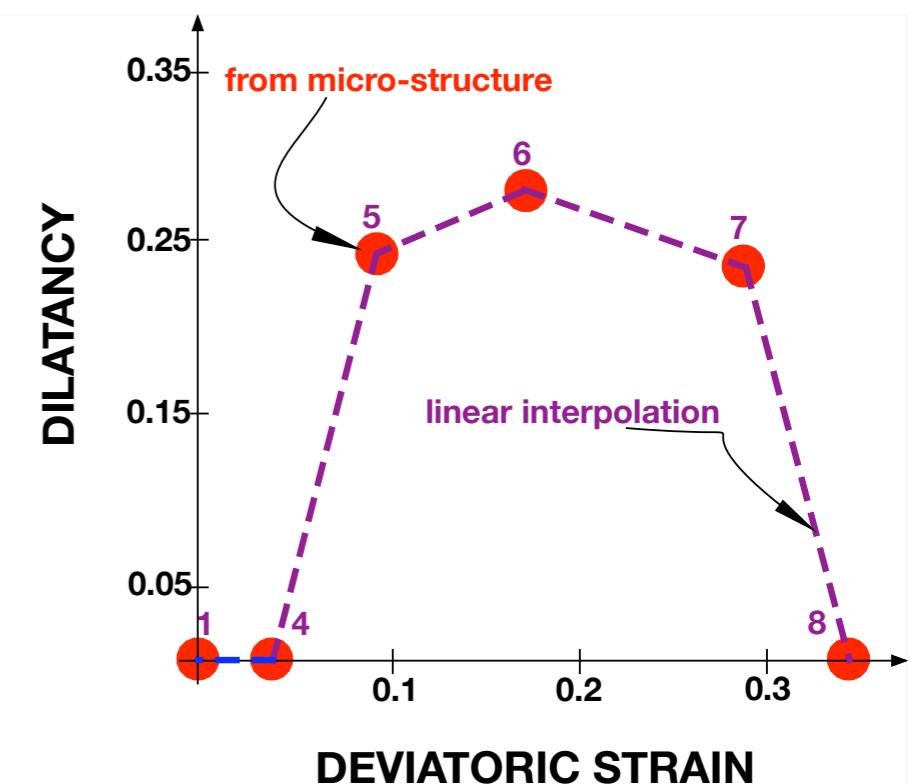
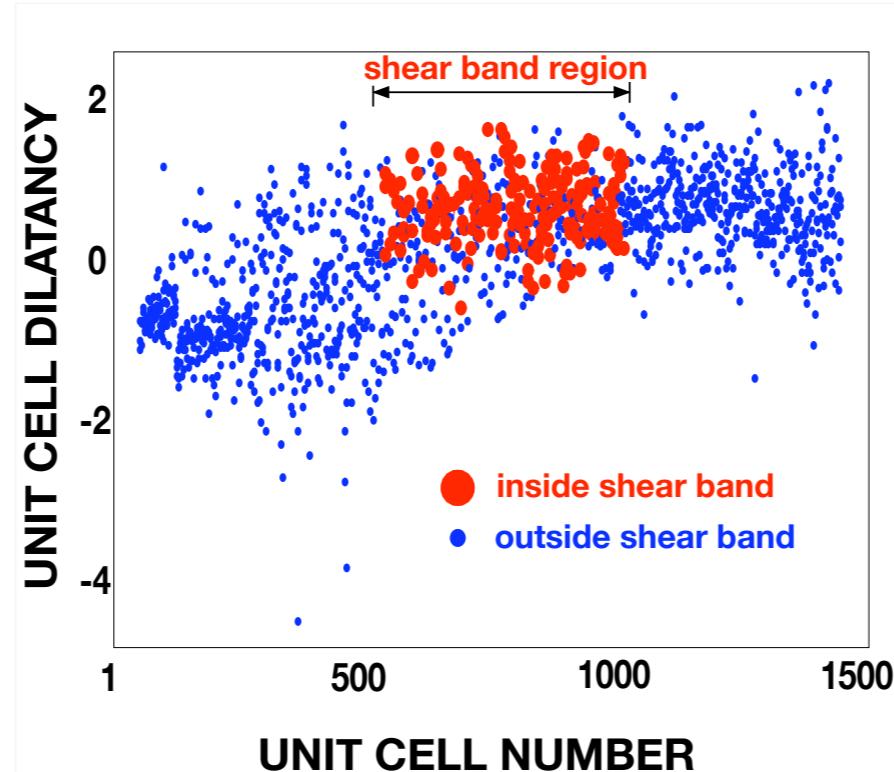
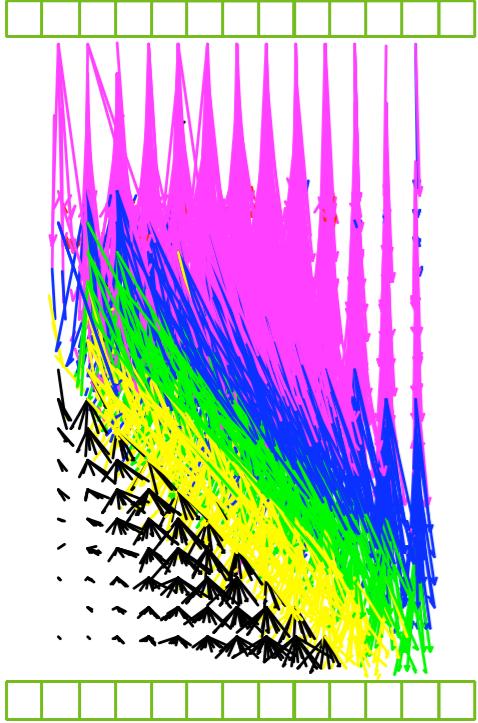
# Inhomogeneous predictions

experiment-based calcs with shear band using DIC

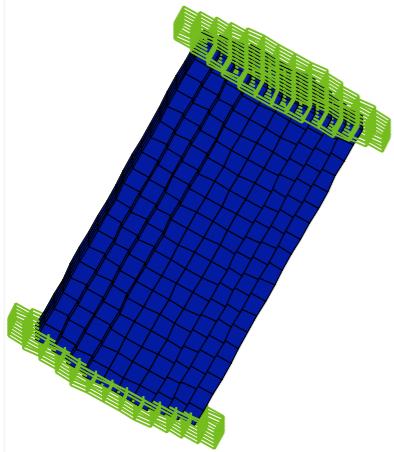


In-situ X-ray CT data from Grenoble

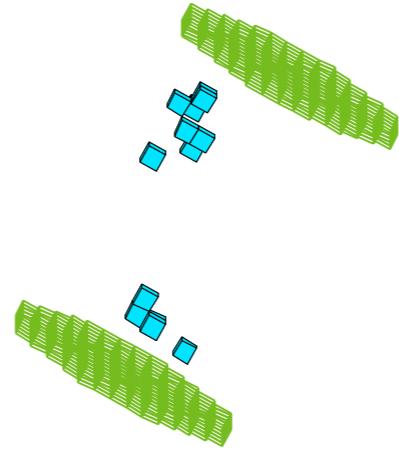
**Smooth Displacement Field**



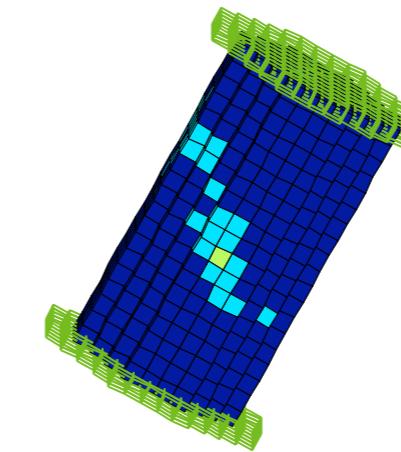
**STAGE 4**



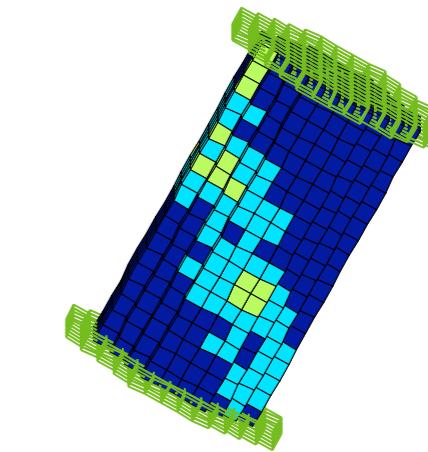
**STAGE 5**



**STAGE 6**

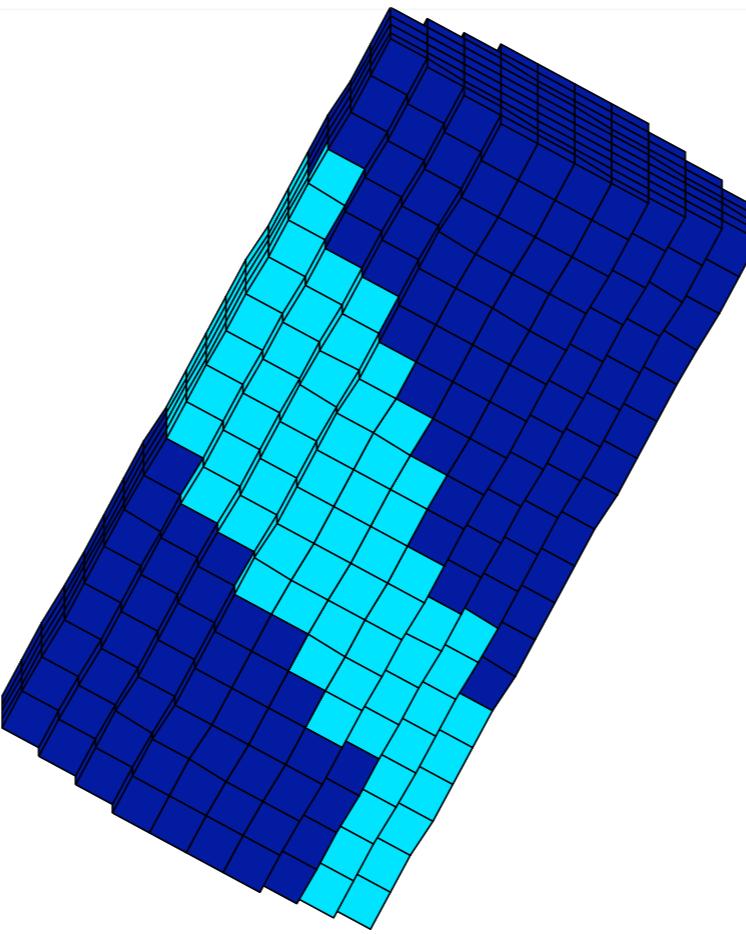
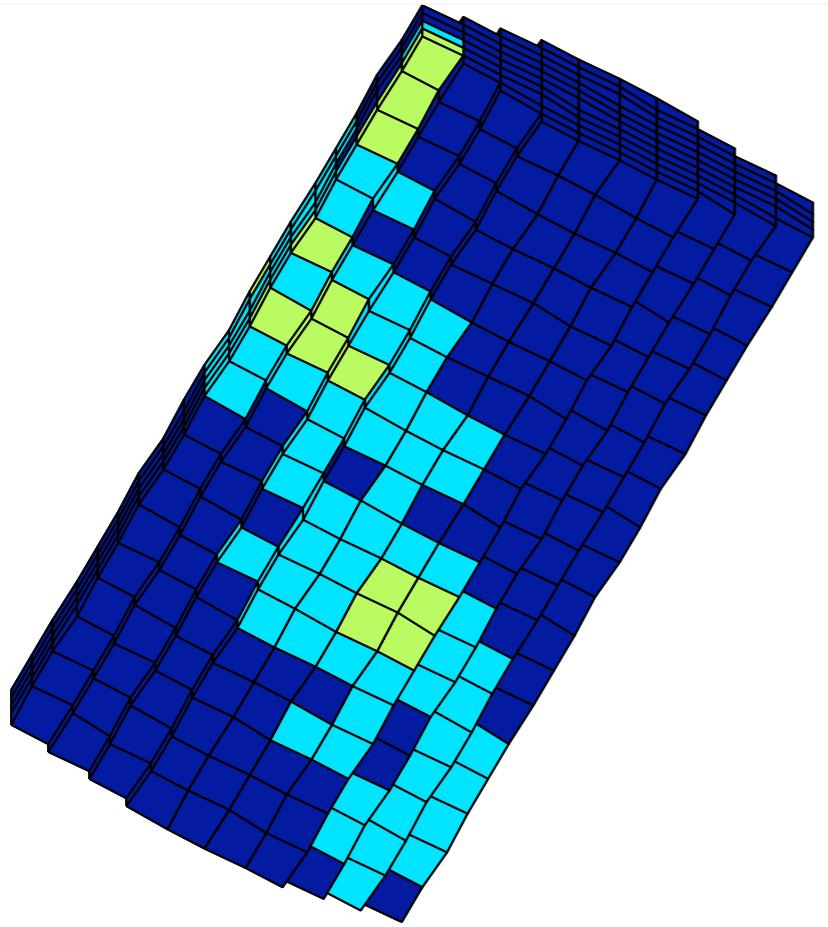


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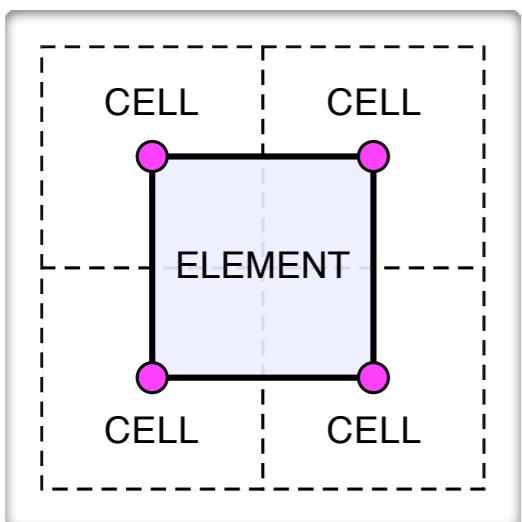


**scale:** ■  $\epsilon_s < 0.15$  ■  $0.15 < \epsilon_s < 0.30$  ■  $\epsilon_s > 0.30$

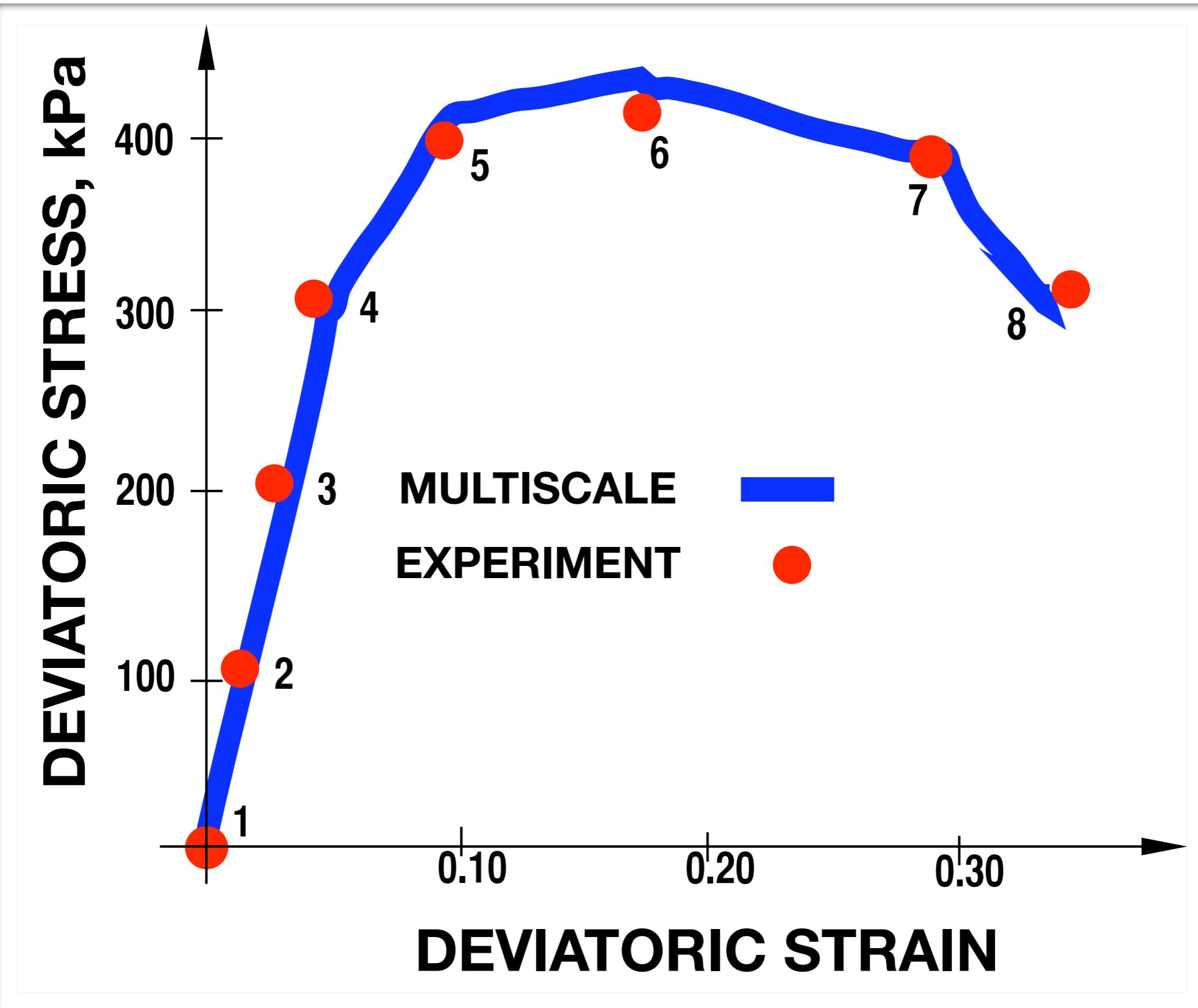
**Strain fields and dilatancy**



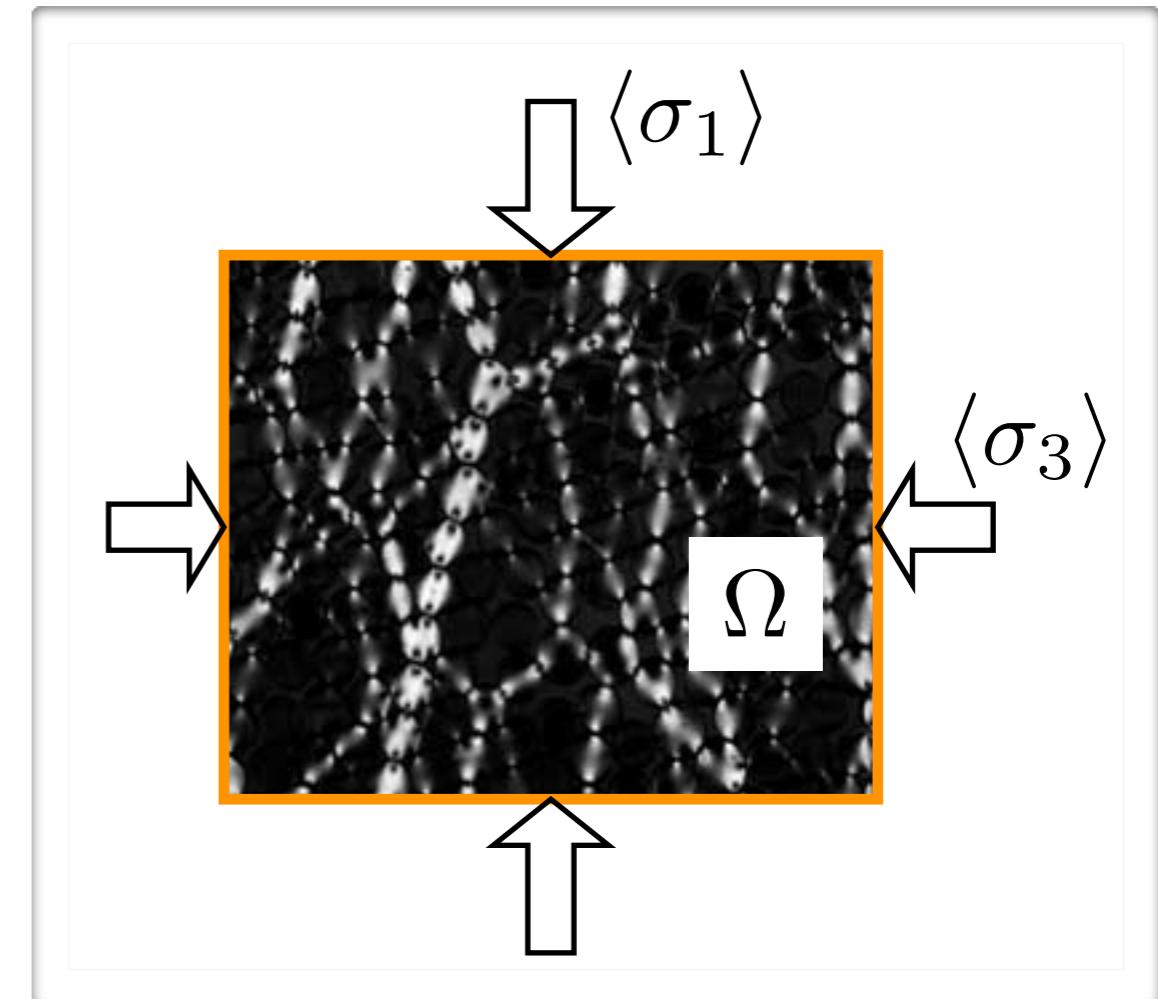
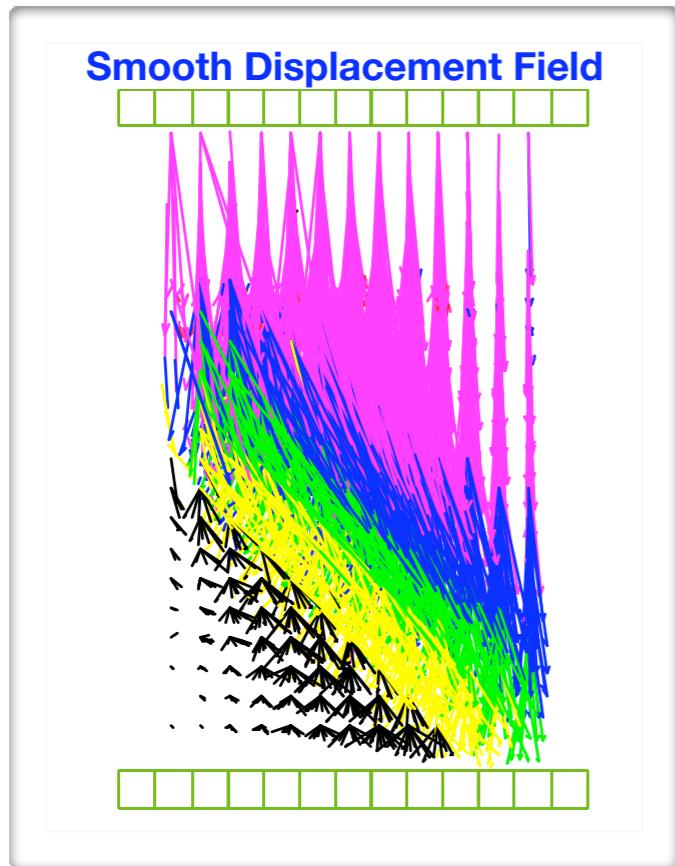
- █  $\epsilon_s \leq 0.15$
- █  $0.15 < \epsilon_s \leq 0.30$
- █  $\epsilon_s > 0.30$



Strain prediction Vs. experiment



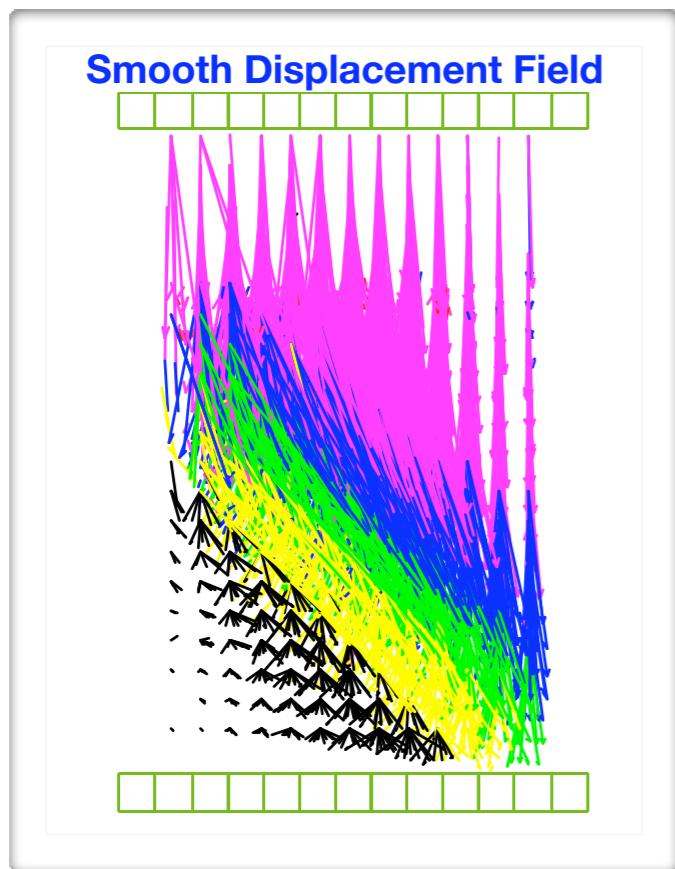
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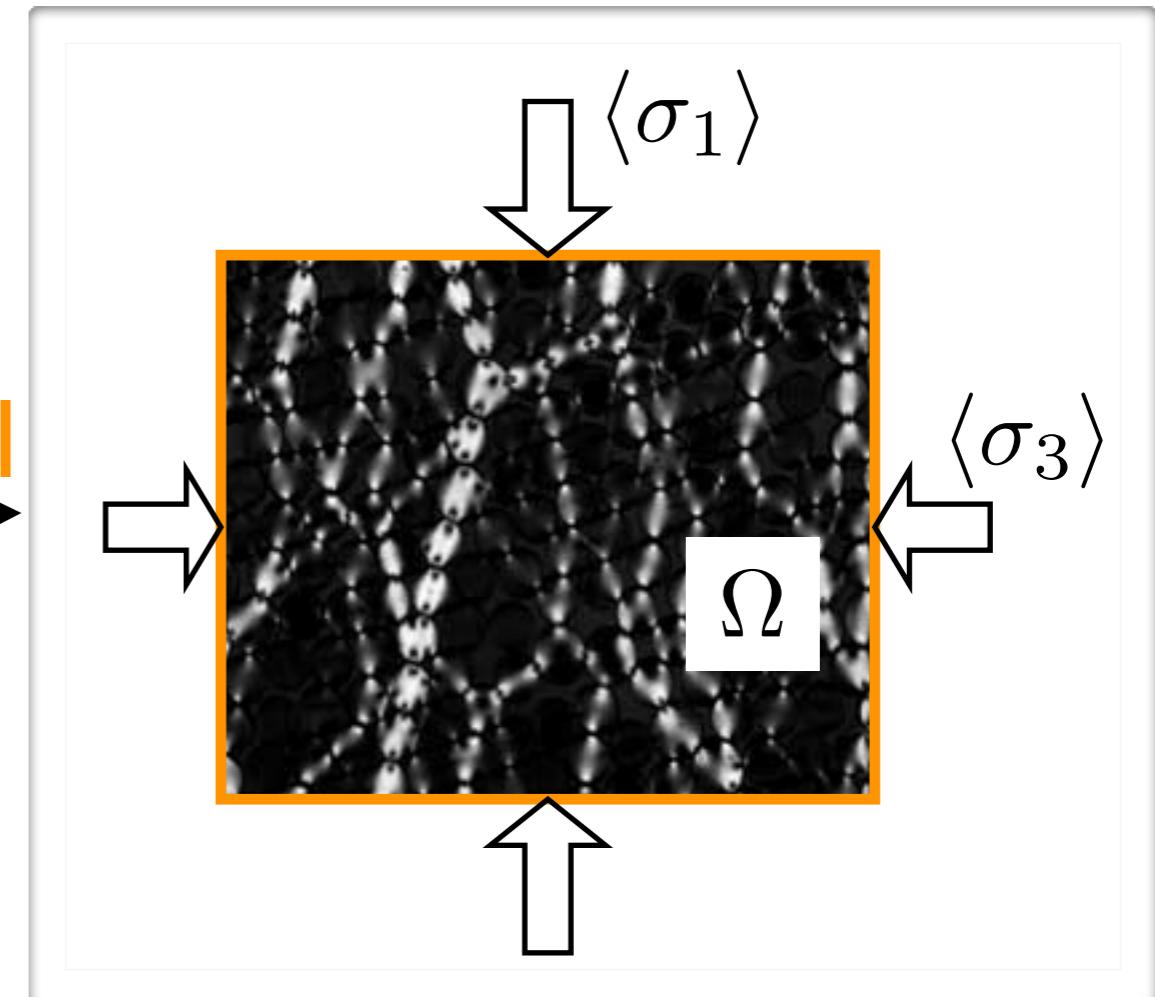
kinematics can be  
measured @ grain scale

stresses cannot be  
measured  
@ grain scale

# Kinematics Vs. Elastostatics



need to fill  
this gap

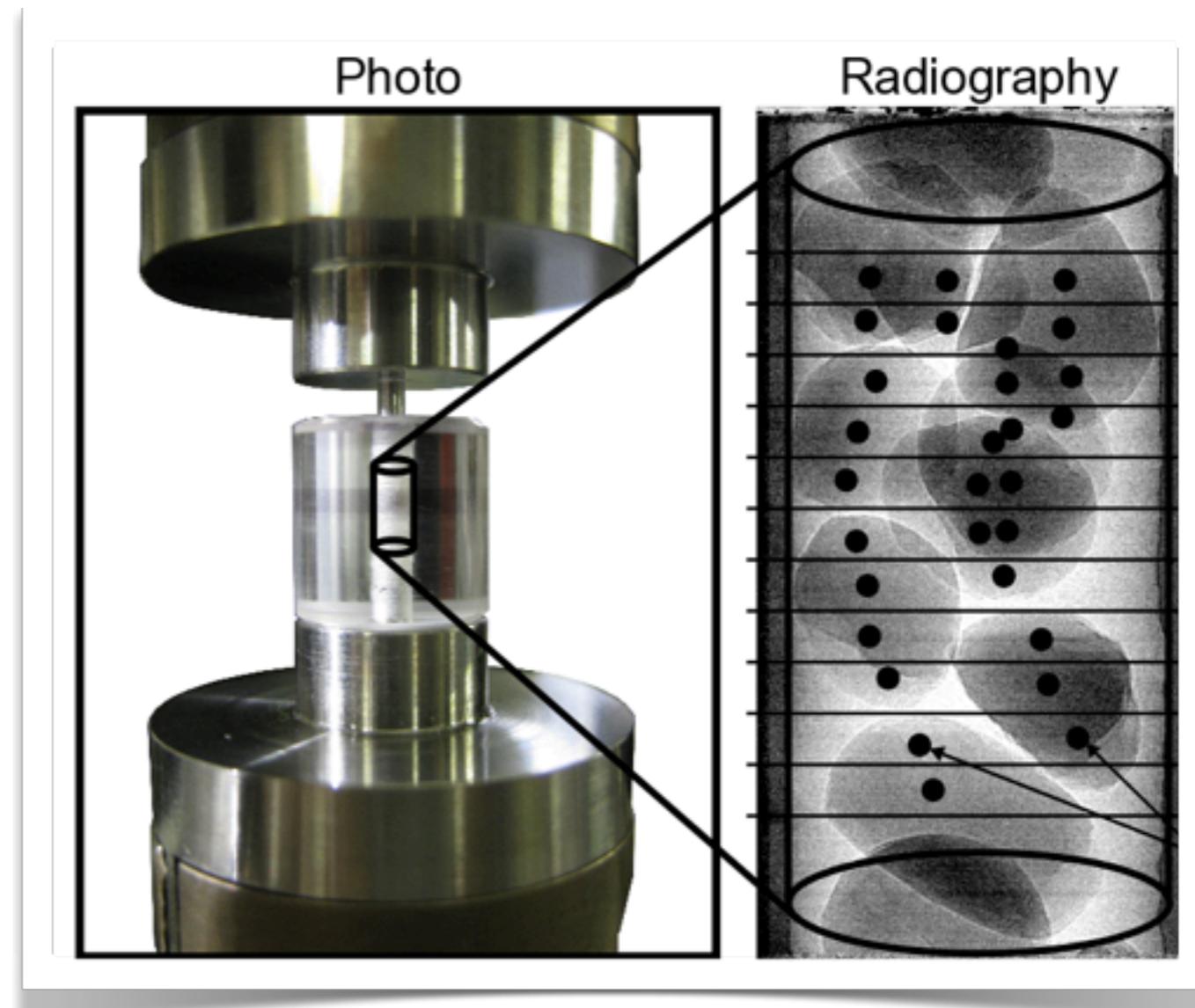


kinematics can be  
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# Can contact forces be measured?

- 3DXRCT & 3DXRD:  
grain topology,  
kinematics & average  
grain strains
- Fundamental question:  
how to use information  
(constitutive modeling)?
- Missing link: grain  
contact forces Vs. stress



Isaac Newton: 1643-1727



Robert Hooke: 1635-1703



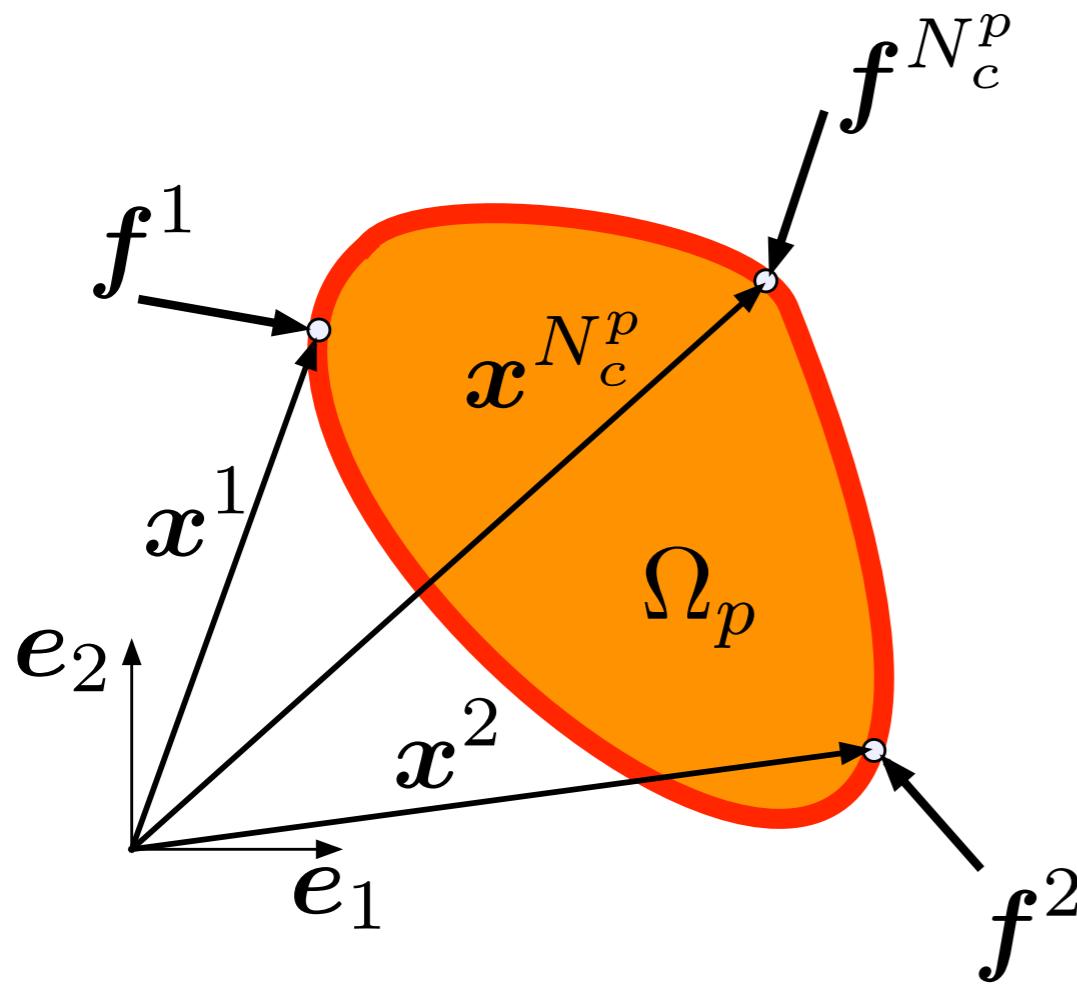
$$f = ma$$

force relates to momentum

$$f = k\delta$$

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The **concept** of force



fundamental  
relationships @  
particle level

$$\sum_{\alpha=1}^{N_c^p} f^\alpha = 0$$

static  
equilibrium

$$\sum_{\alpha=1}^{N_c^p} f^\alpha \times x^\alpha = 0$$

$$\bar{\sigma}^p = \frac{1}{\Omega_p} \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N_c^p} f^\alpha \otimes x^\alpha$$

balance of  
linear momentum

## Result 1

$$\langle \boldsymbol{\sigma} \rangle = \frac{1}{\Omega} \sum_{p=1}^{N_p} \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N_c^p} f^\alpha \otimes x^\alpha$$

directly recovers  
Christoffersen et al., 1981

Linkage between grain-scale and macro-scale

## Result 2

If particle elastic:

$$\bar{\boldsymbol{\sigma}}^p = c : \bar{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}}^p$$

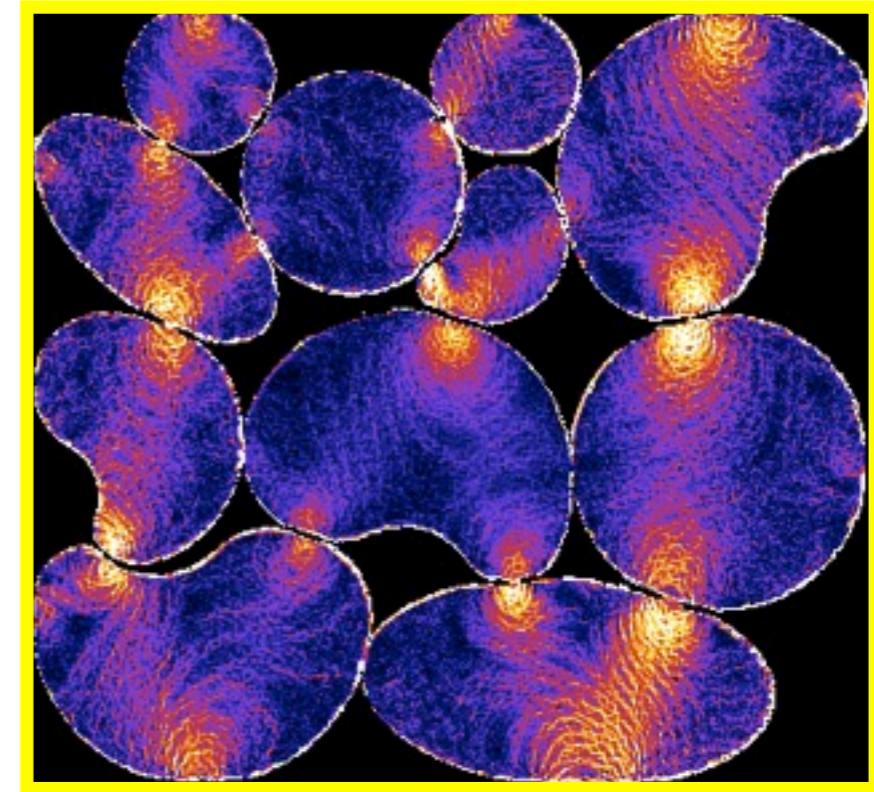
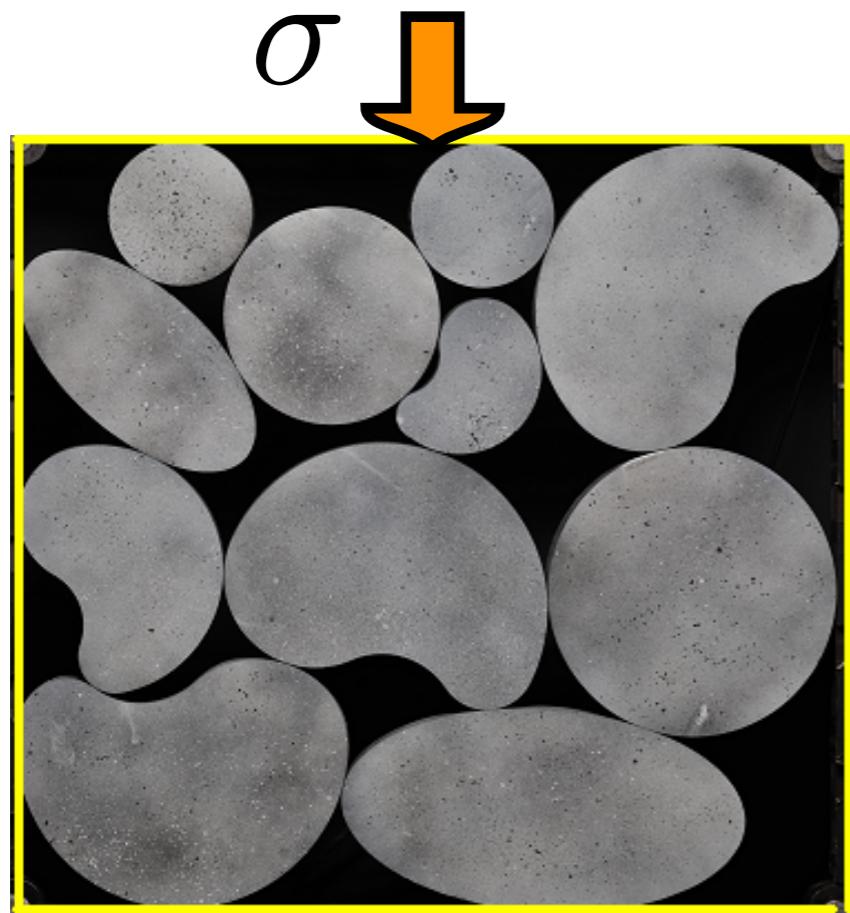
average grain strains  
furnish average stresses

$$\bar{\boldsymbol{\sigma}}^p = \frac{1}{\Omega_p} \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N_c^p} f^\alpha \otimes x^\alpha$$

‘known’ from 3DXRD

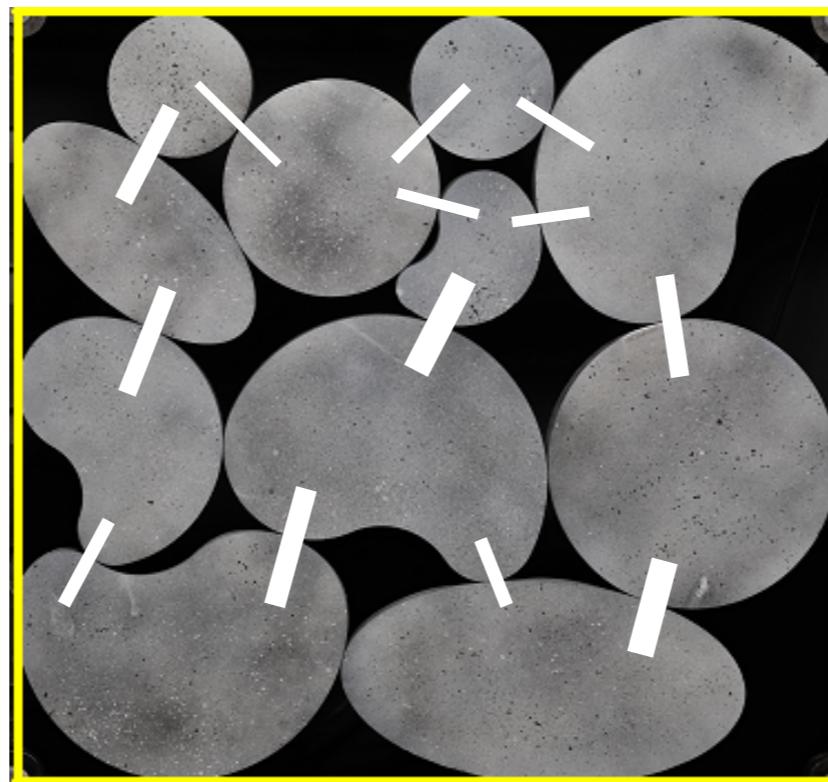
‘want’ for macro stress

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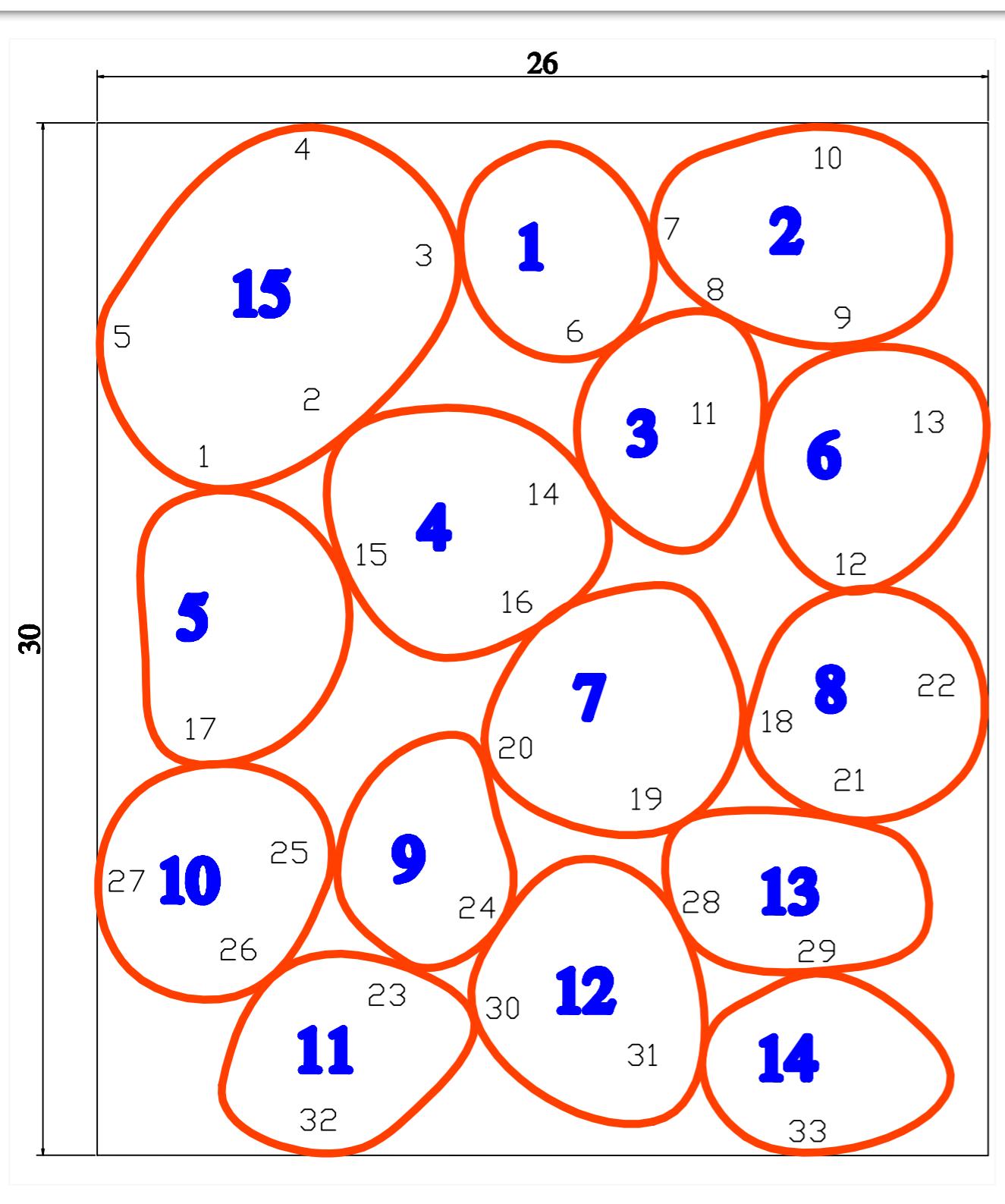
macroscopic loading → strain measurement

experiment  
+  
GEM  
concept



use GEM to  
calculate  
contact forces

# 2D array of angular particles



Array grain geometry  
and position is given  
(e.g., from 3DXRCT)

$$N_p = 15 \quad \# \text{ of particles}$$

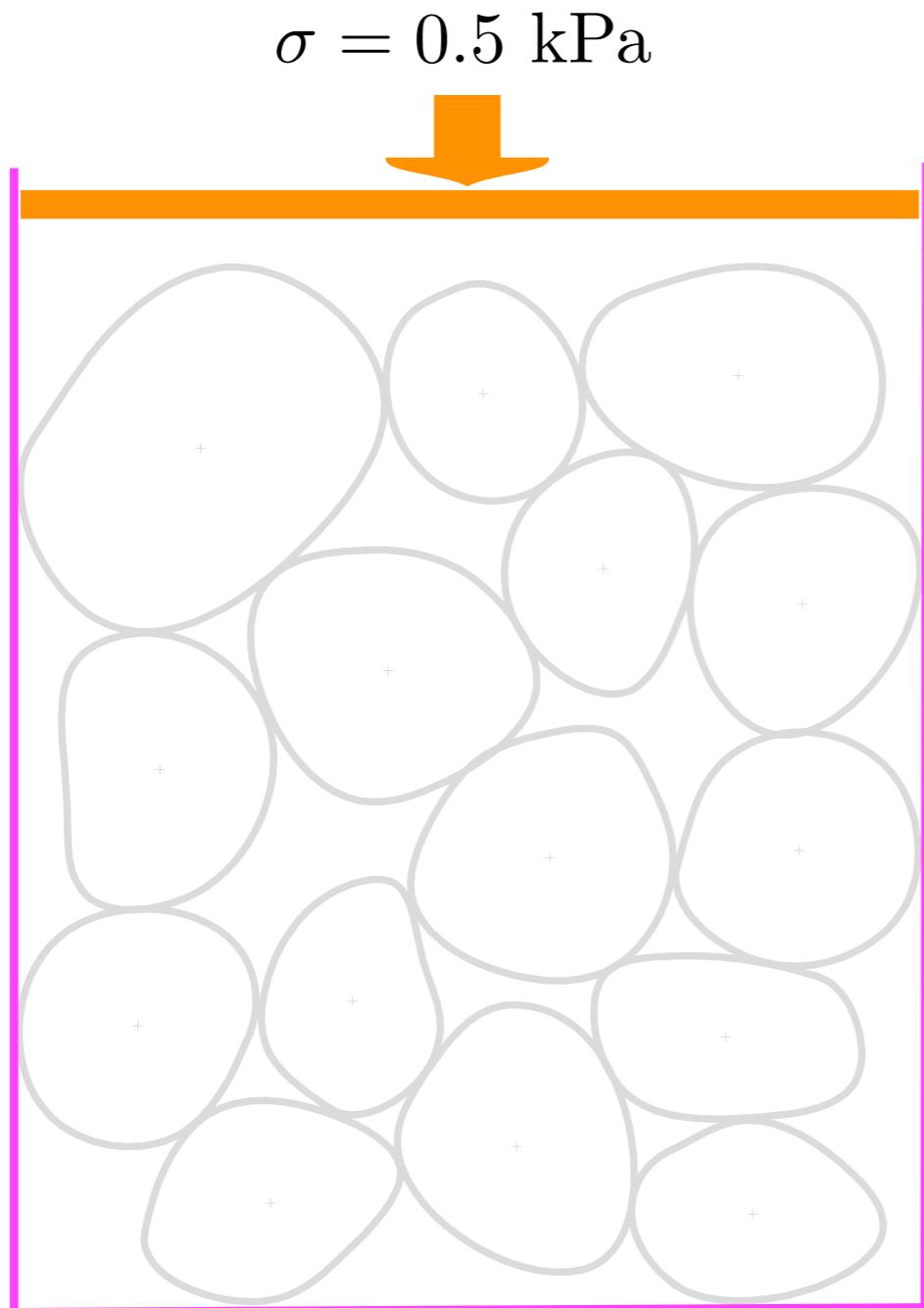
$$N_c = 33 \quad \# \text{ of contacts}$$

Get  $15 \times 3 = 45$  eqn from  
statics

Have  $33 \times 2 = 66$  unknowns

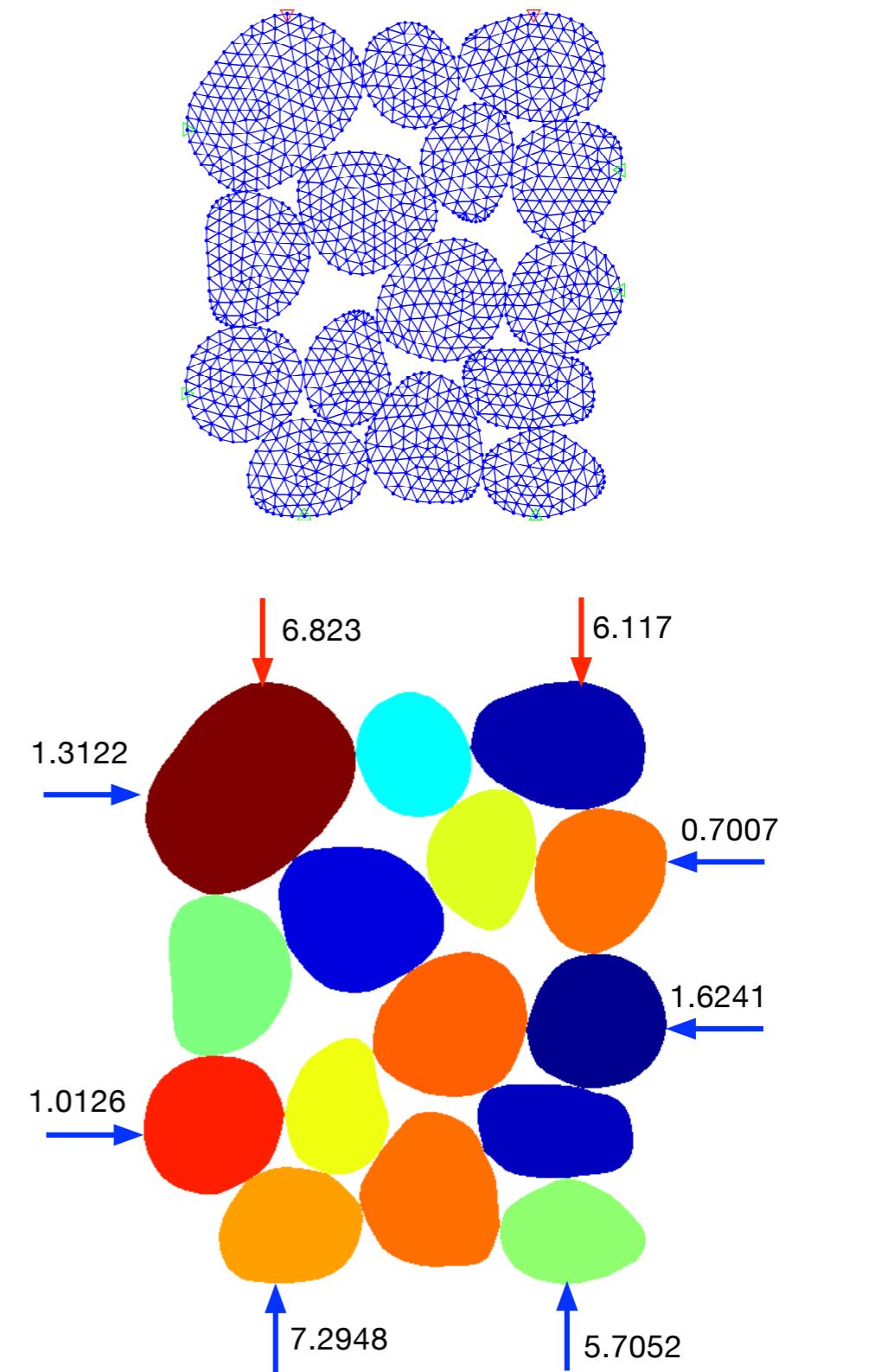
Statically Indeterminate  
Problem!

# Ko compression



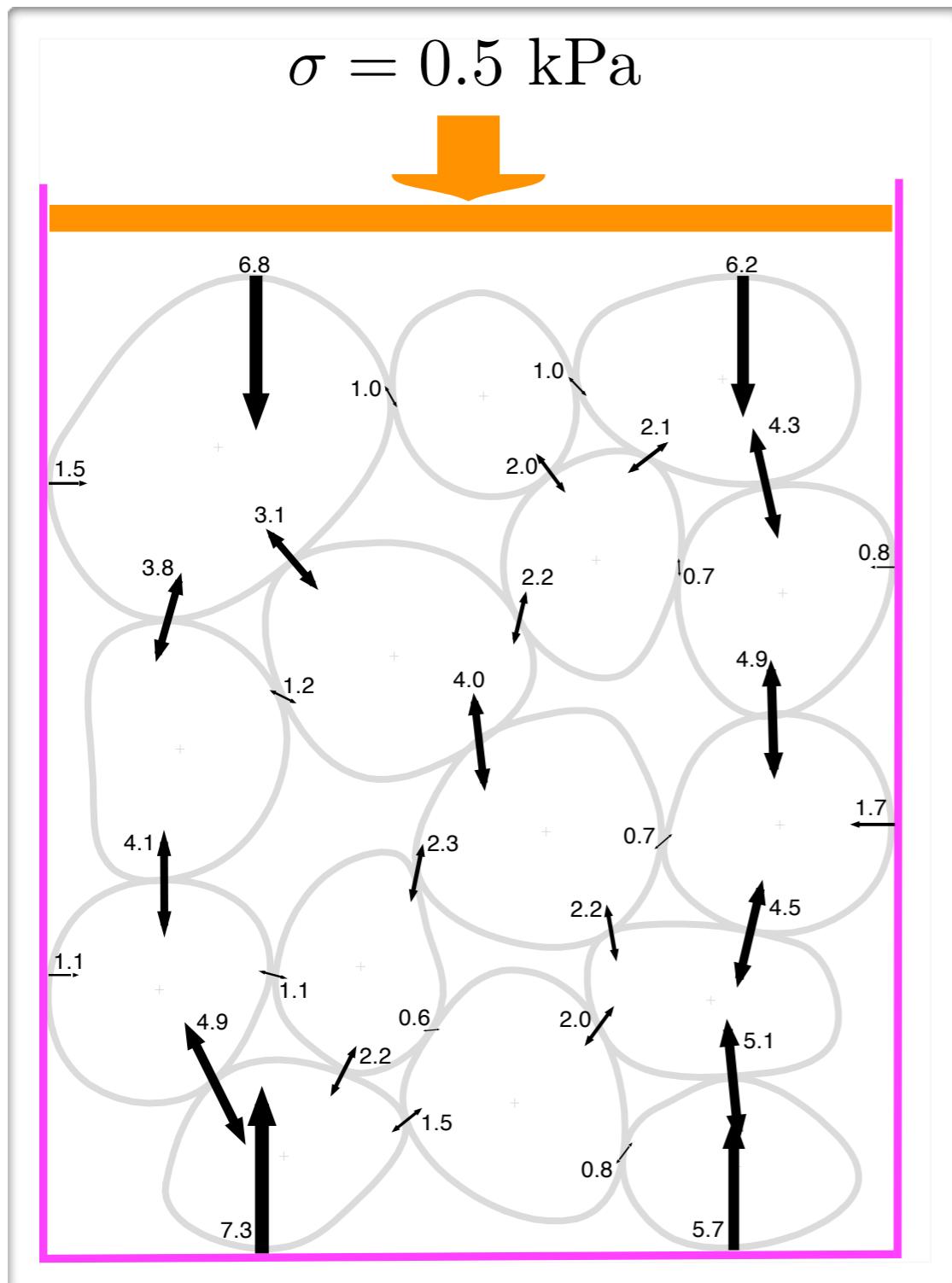
smooth walls  
infinite friction

# numerical experiment

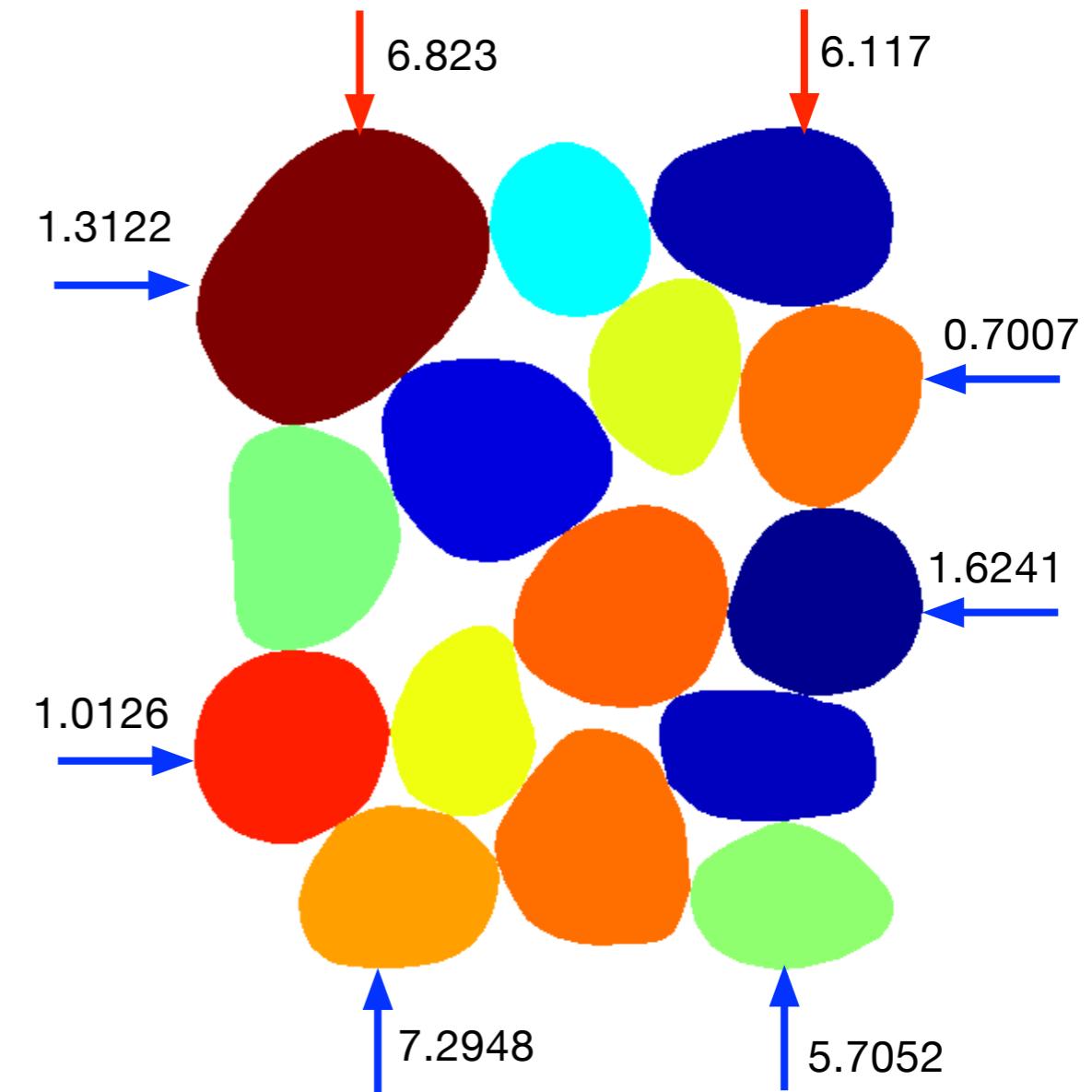


'measured' ave strains

# GEM Ko compression

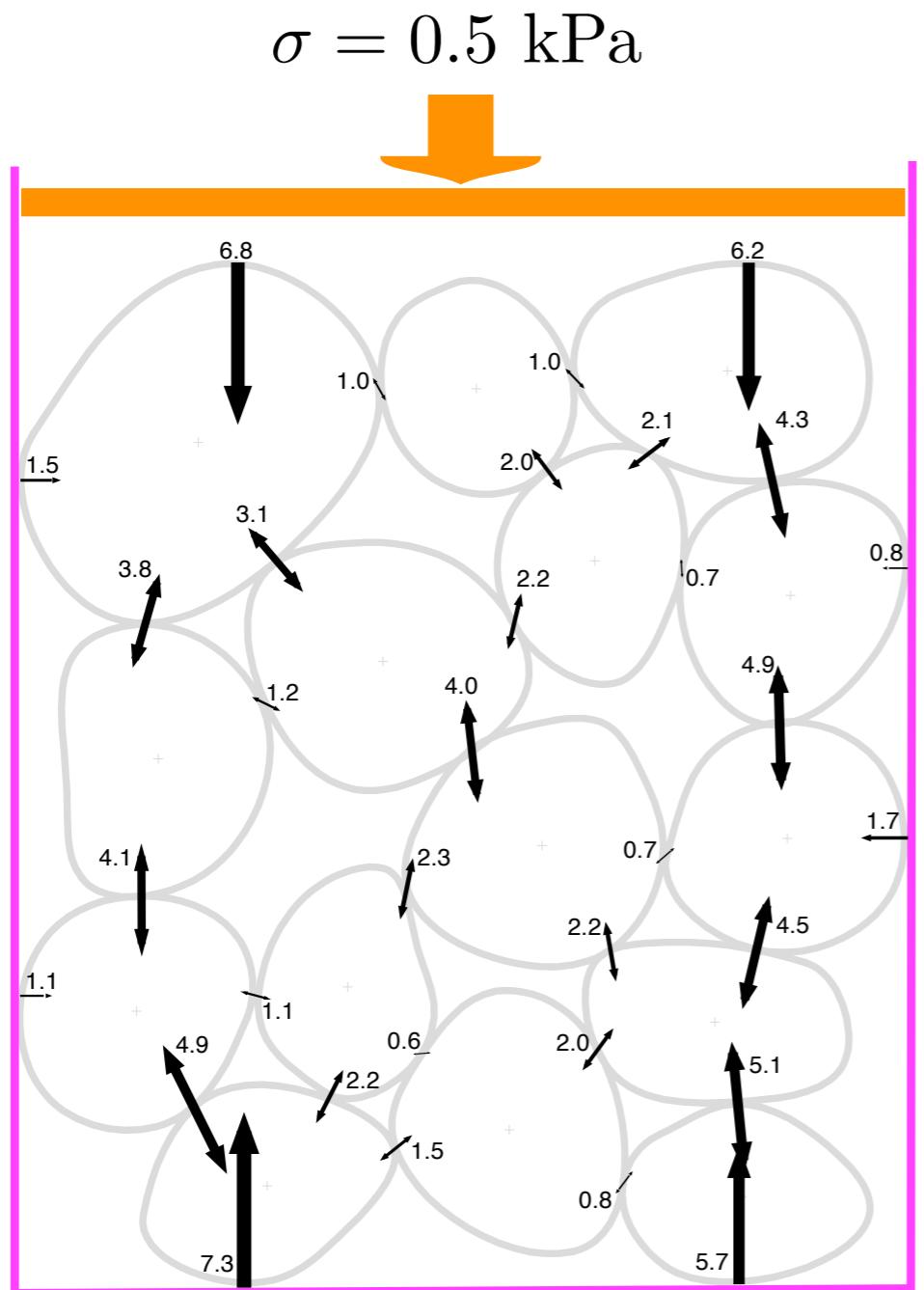


distribution of contact  
forces in sample

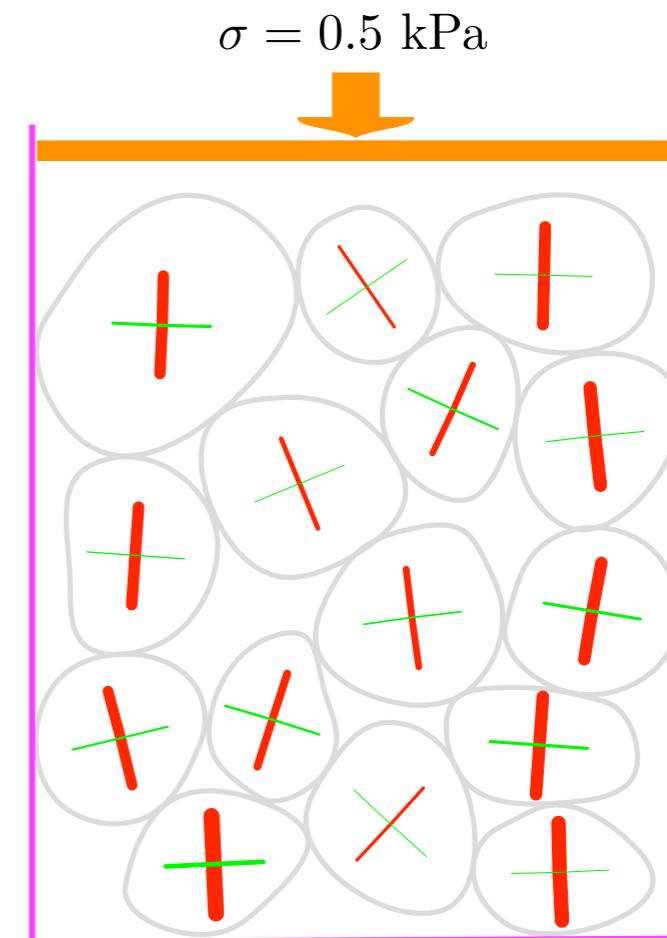


compare with FEM

# GEM Ko compression



# distribution of contact forces in sample



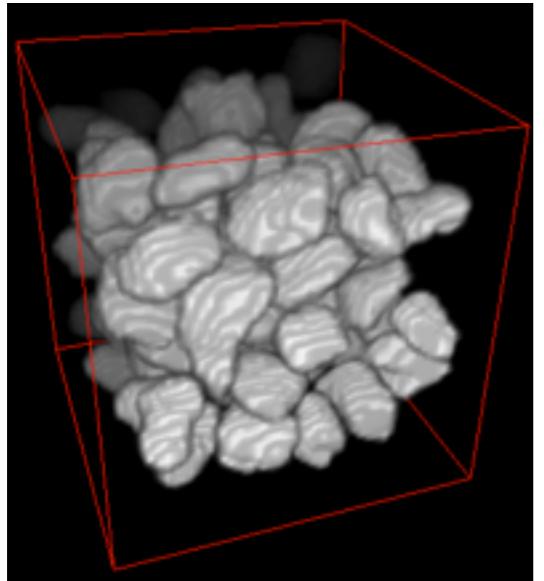
# principal grain stress directions

$$\langle \sigma \rangle = \begin{bmatrix} -0.085 & 0.001 \\ 0.001 & -0.496 \end{bmatrix}$$

quasi-Ko

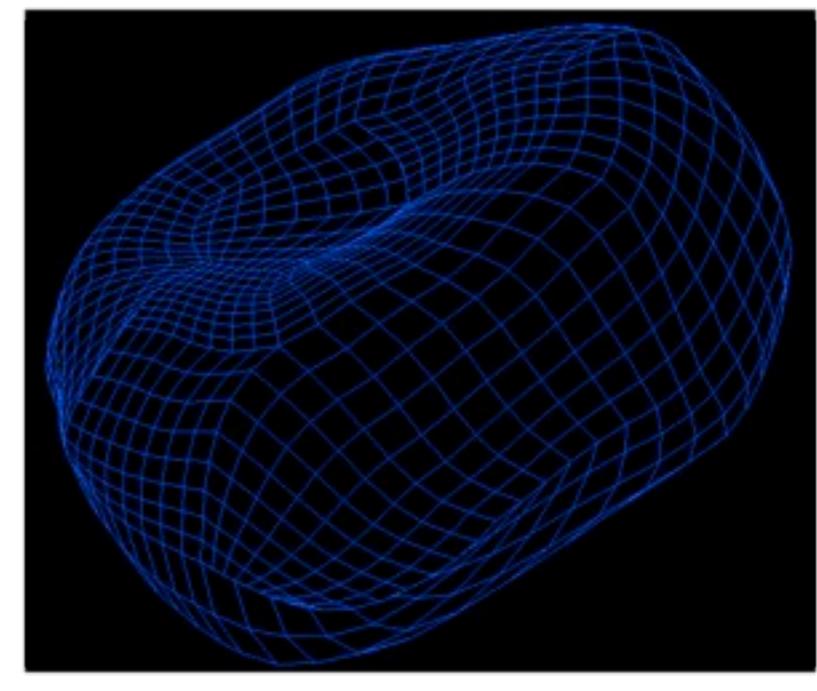
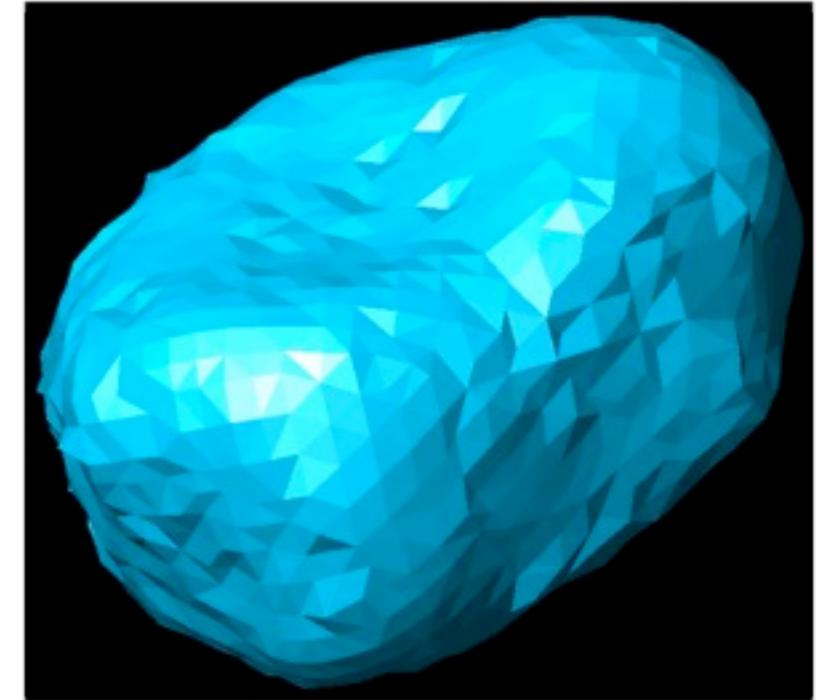
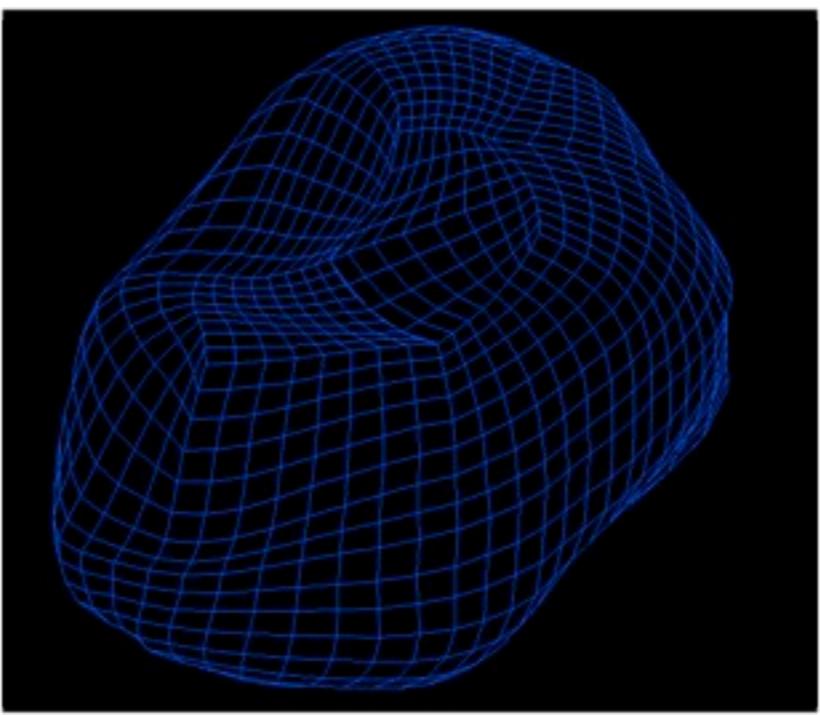
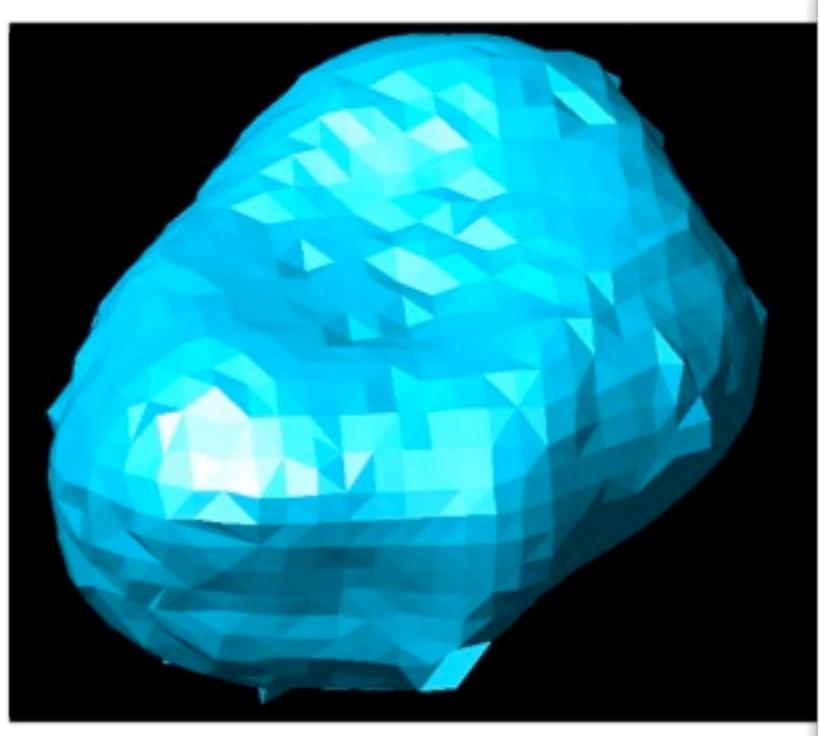
# Closure

- Multiscale can bypass phenomenology
- Hierarchical works well with experiments
- Combine imaging & computing: **predict**
- First **predictive** multiscale framework
- See the unseen, measure the unmeasured



# The future...

EXACT particle shape  
for DEM



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