



# Model-Free Data-Driven Computing

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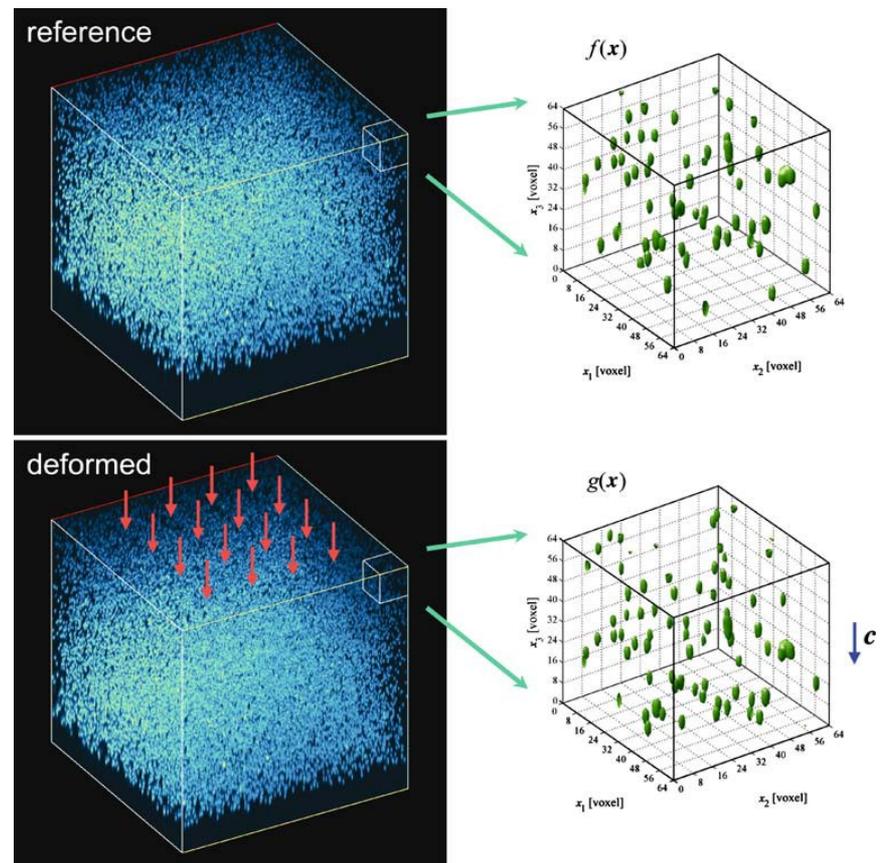
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## Digital Volume Correlation

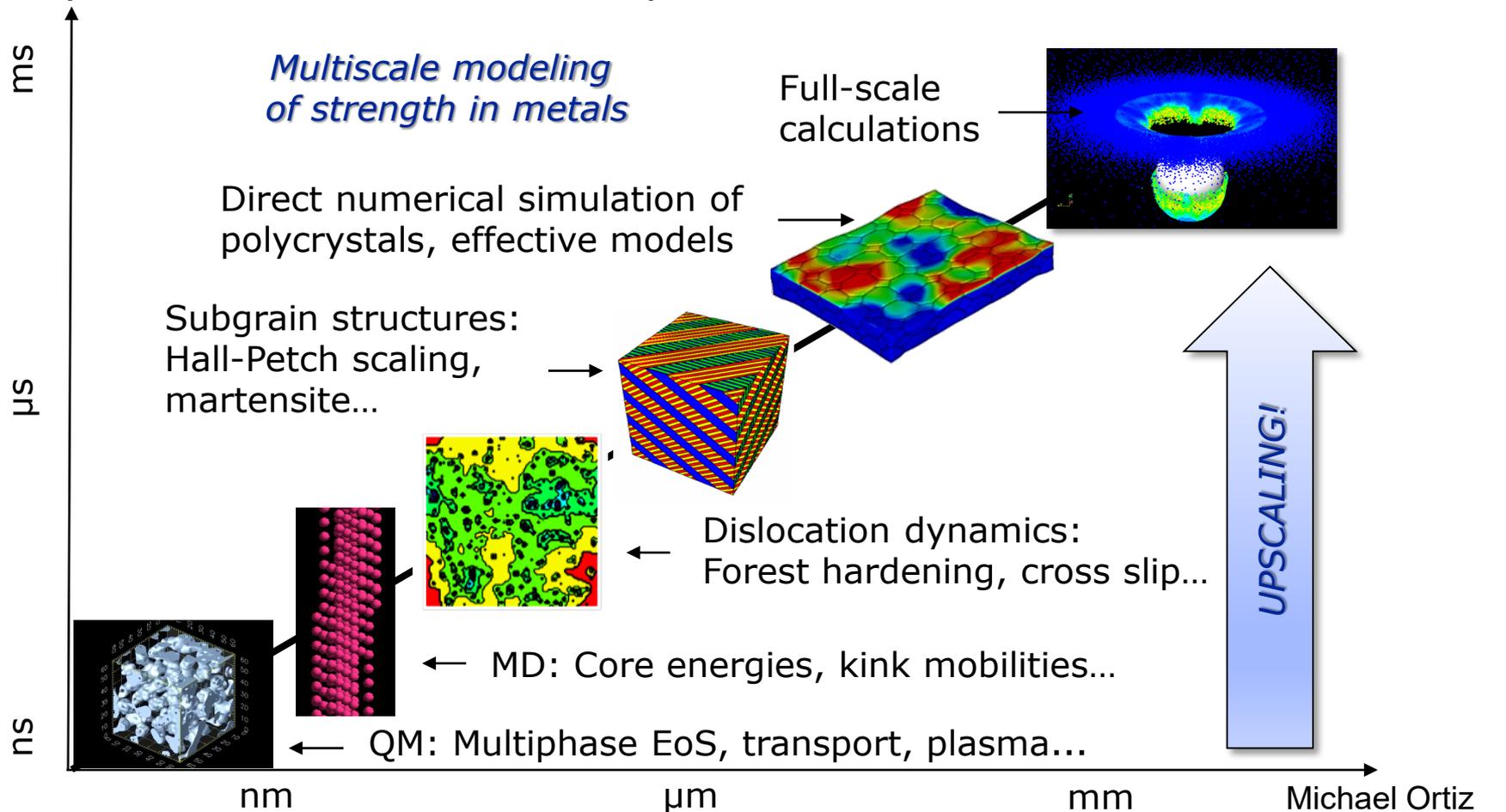
(DVC): Two confocal volume images of an agarose gel with randomly dispersed fluorescent particles before and after mechanical loading. The full displacement vector field is measured using 3D volume correlation methods.

C. Franck, S. Hong, S.A. Maskarinec,  
D.A. Tirrell and G. Ravichandran,  
*Experimental Mechanics* (2007)  
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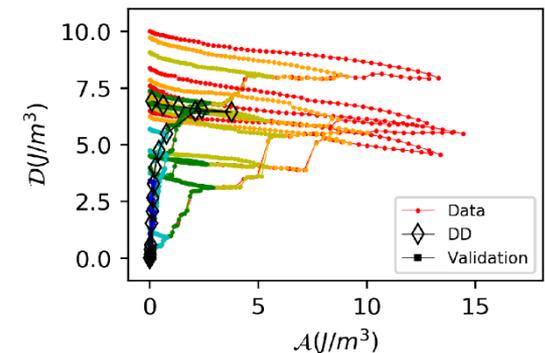
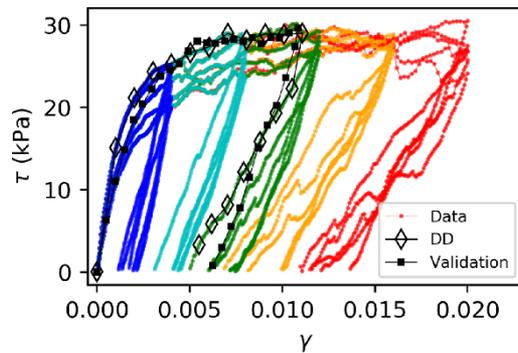
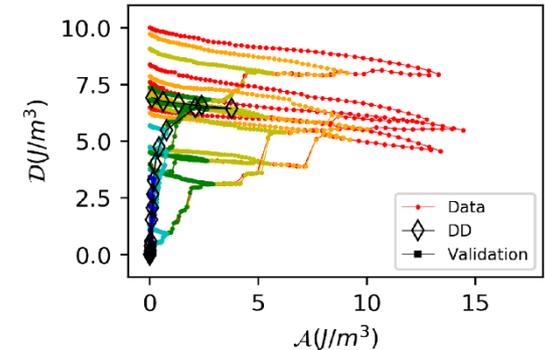
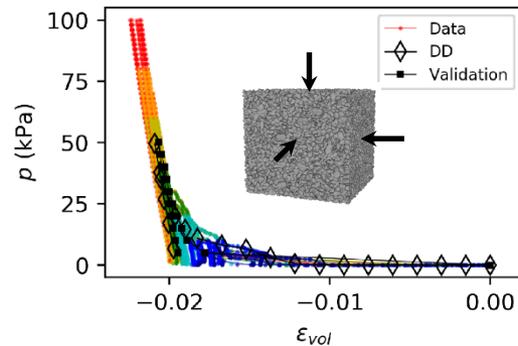
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## Granular matls. (dry sand):

Level-Set Discrete Element Method (LS-DEM) simulation of granular material samples. 3D irregular *rigid particles* interact through *frictional contact*. Particle morphology described by level-set functions. Note calculation of *dissipation and free energy*.

Karapiperis, K., Harmon, J., And, E.,  
Viggiani, G. & Andrade, J.E.,  
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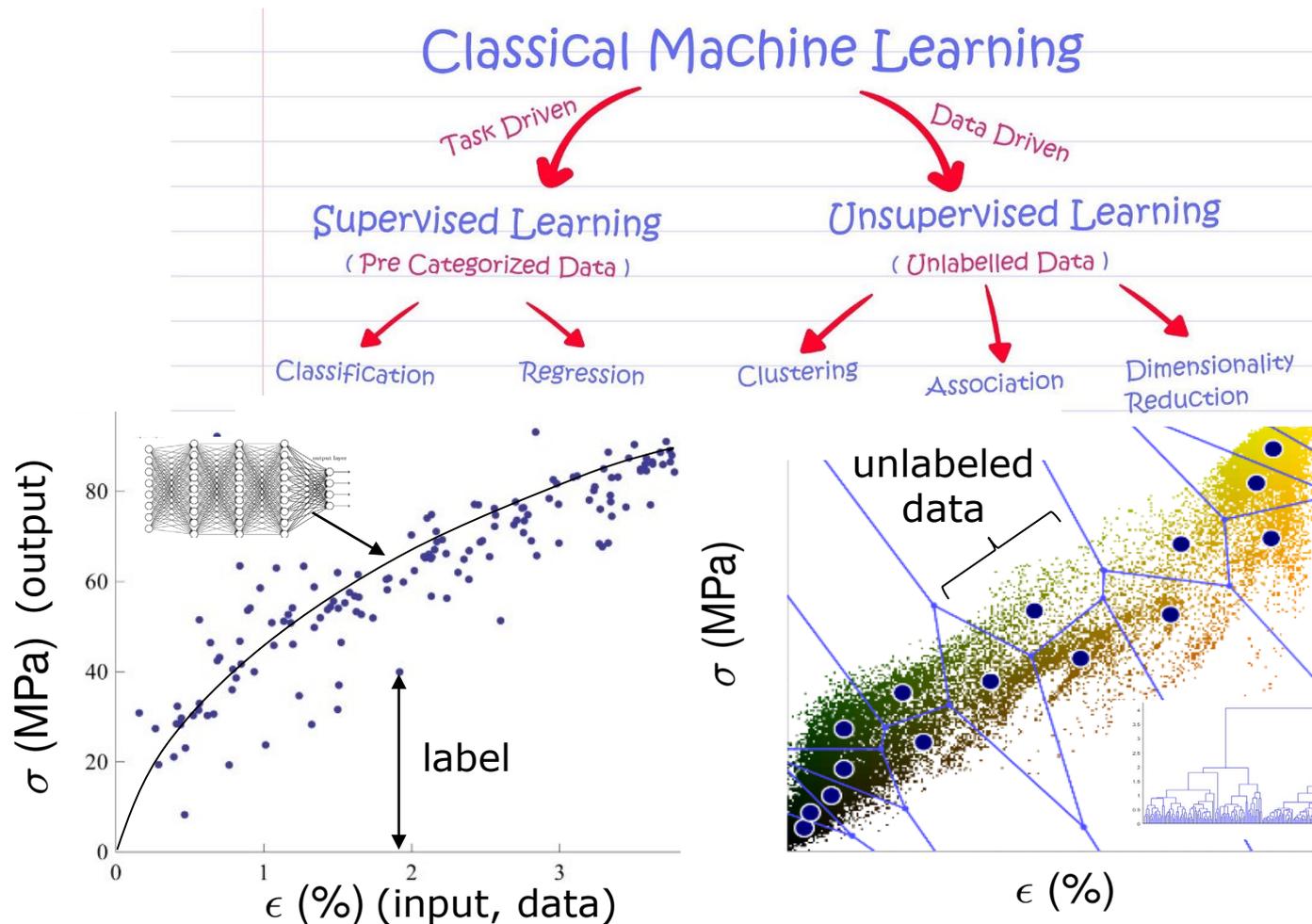


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# Supervised vs. unsupervised learning

- Challenge: Forge a *closer connection between data and predictions!*
- Fundamental dilemma: *To fit or not to fit* (that is the question)...



# The model-free Data-Driven paradigm

## Definition (Data-Driven Problem)

Given phase space  $Z = \mathbb{R}^N \times \mathbb{R}^N$ ,

i)  $D = \{\text{material data}\} \subset Z$ ,

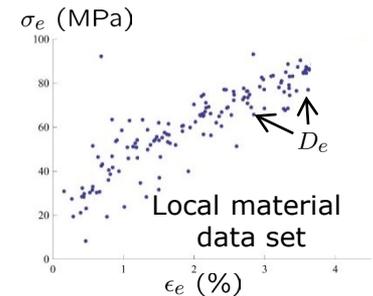
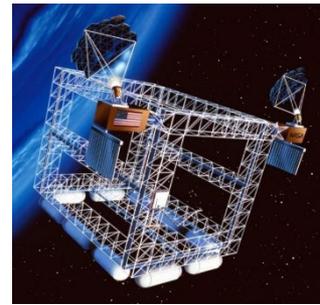
ii)  $E = \{\text{field equations}\} \subset Z$ ,

Find:  $\operatorname{argmin}\{\|y - z\|^2 : y \in D, z \in E\}$



## Example (Structural mechanics)

$$Z = \{z := (\epsilon_e, \sigma_e)_{e=1}^m\}$$



### • Discussion:

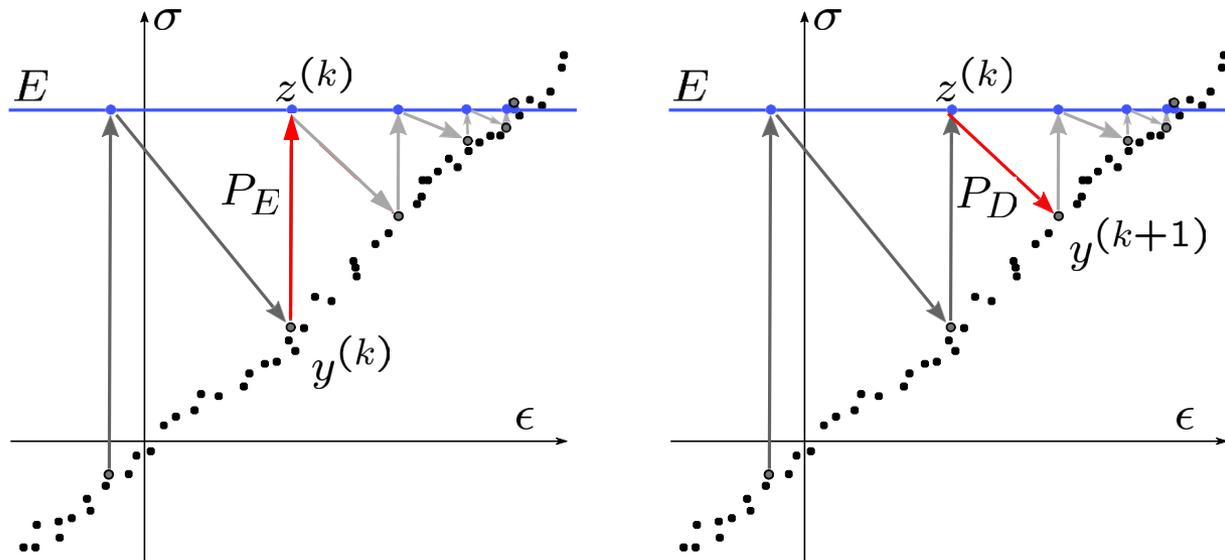
- Phase space  $Z$  determined by **field equations**
- **Fundamental data** (model-independent) = Points in phase space
- **No material modeling**, no loss of information, no biasing of the data
- DD problem **generalizes** and subsumes classical field-theoretical problems



### • Outlook:

- Extensions to **infinite dimensions?** (e.g., linear elasticity). **Time dependence?**
- Extensions to **geometrically-nonlinear problems?** (e.g., finite elasticity)
- **Well-posedness** of Data-Driven problems? Convergence with respect to data?
- **Solvers?** Computational performance? Scaling? UQ?

# Solvers: Fixed-point iteration



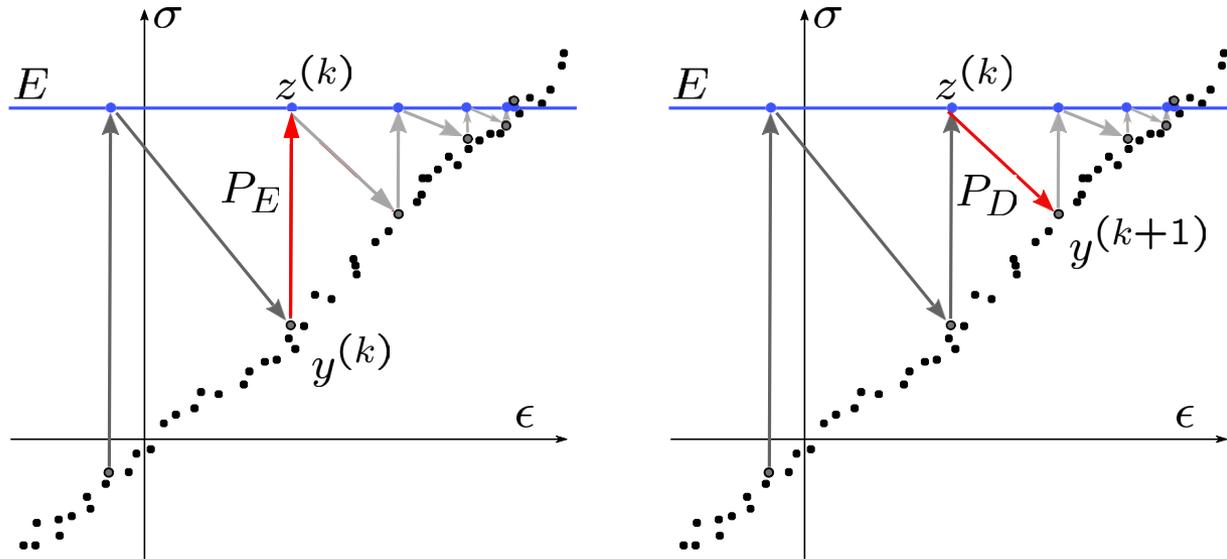
- **Projection to  $E$**  (inner minimization at fixed  $(\epsilon', \sigma')$ ): i) Enforce compatibility directly by writing  $\epsilon = Bu$ ; ii) Enforce equilibrium through a Lagrange multiplier  $v$ ,

$$\delta \left( \| (Bu - \epsilon', \sigma - \sigma') \|^2 - (B^T W \sigma - f) \cdot v \right) = 0$$

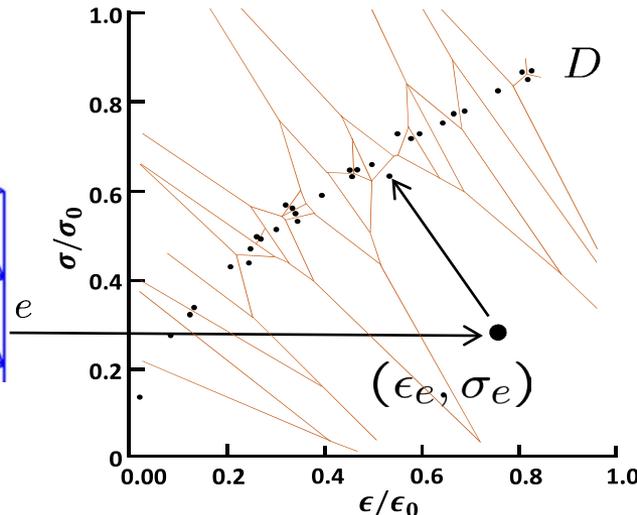
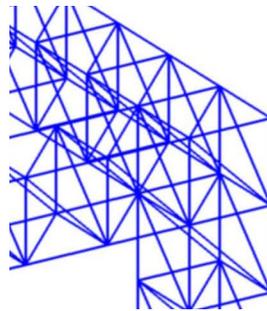
- Euler-Lagrange equations:  $(B^T \mathbf{C} W B)u = B^T \mathbf{C} \epsilon'$ ,  $(B^T \mathbf{C} W B)v = f - B^T \sigma'$ .
- State update:  $\epsilon = Bu$ ;  $\sigma = \sigma' + \mathbf{C} B v$ .
- Two standard linear problems! (regardless of material behavior).
- DD leads to (material-independent) standardization of solvers.



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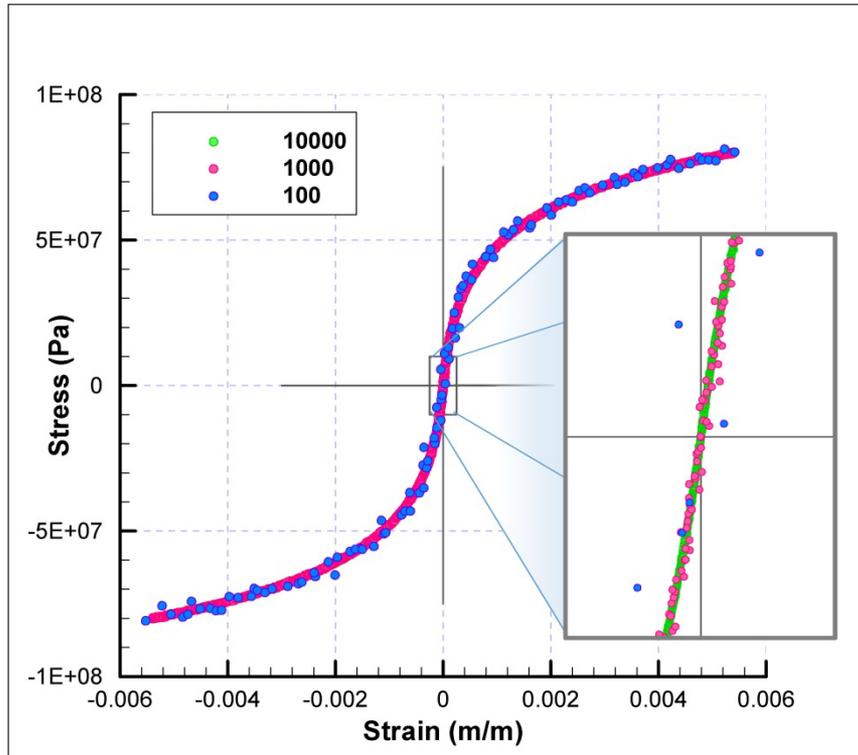
- Outer minimization: Projection onto (closest point in the) material data set  $D$
- Fast searching algorithm
- Requires data structures
- 'Learning' structure of  $D$
- Set-oriented (lossless) ML!



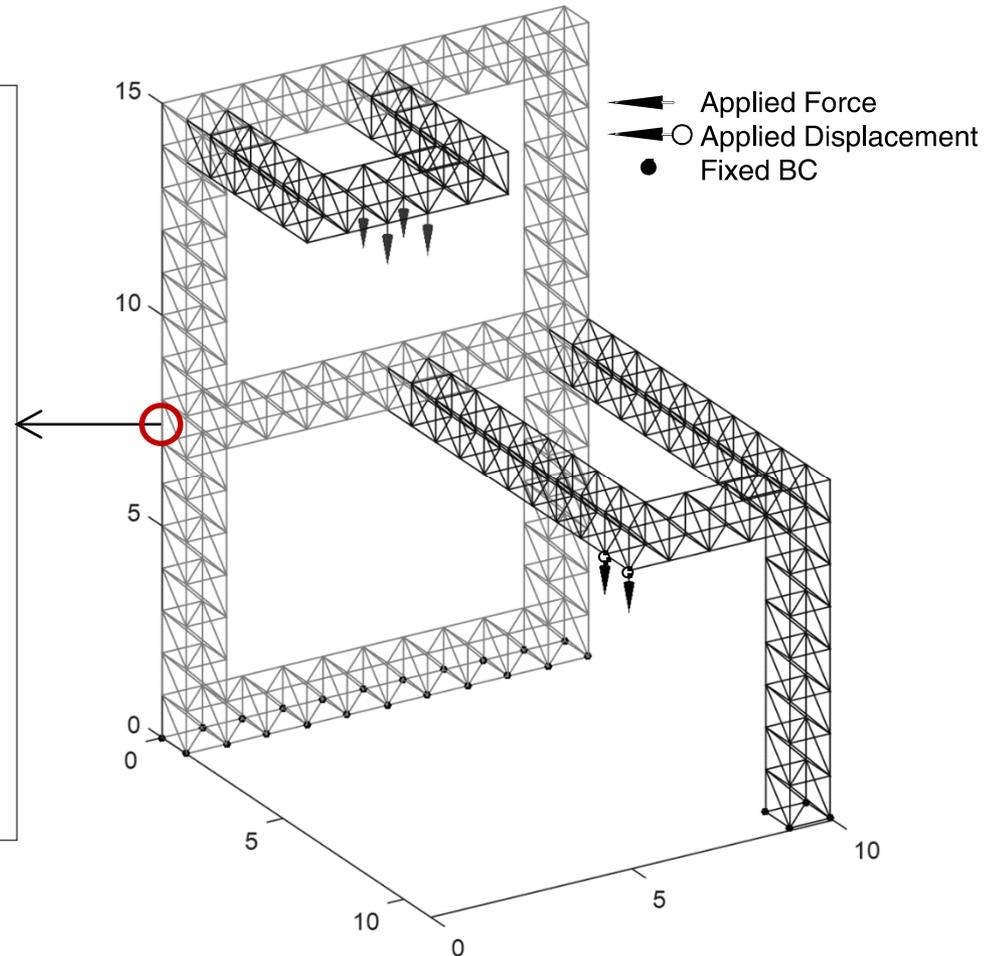
Unsupervised  
machine learning!



# Convergence with respect to the data

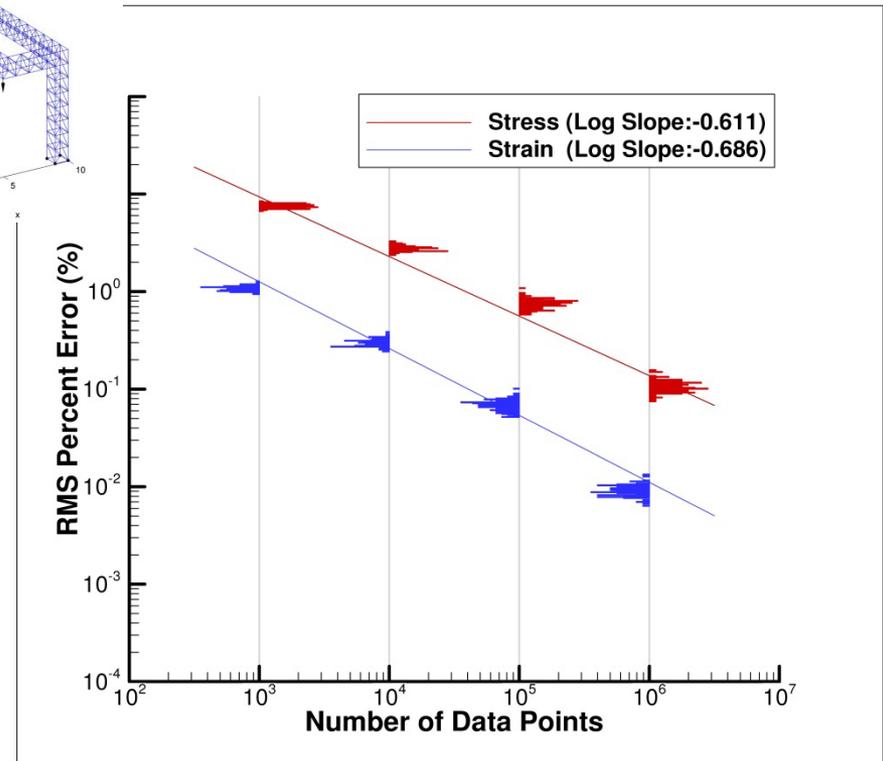
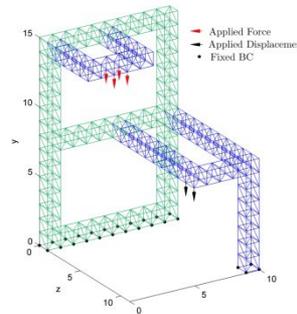
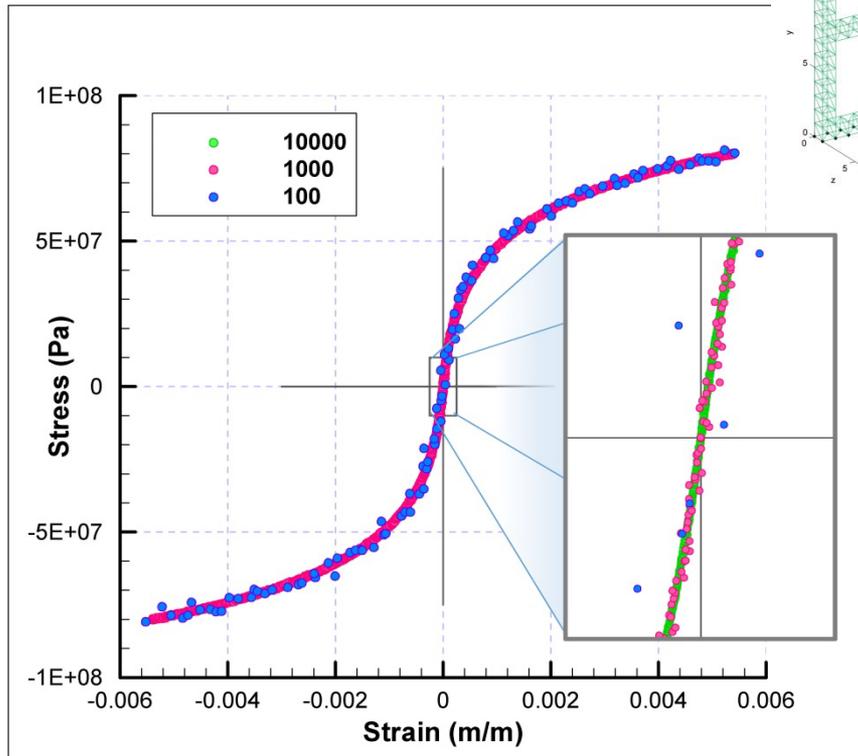


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3D truss structure

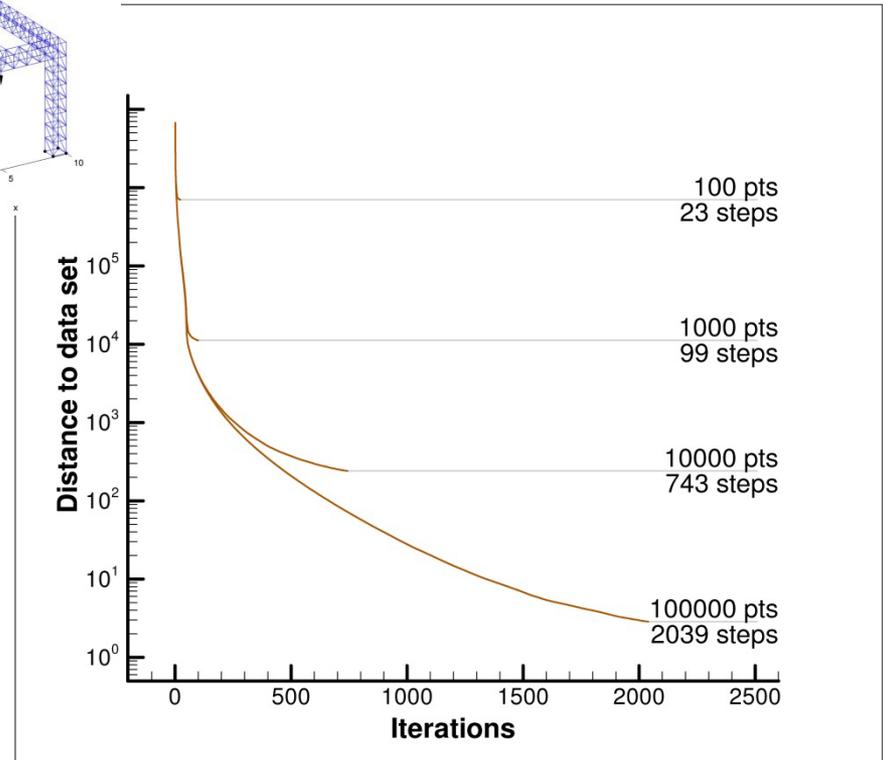
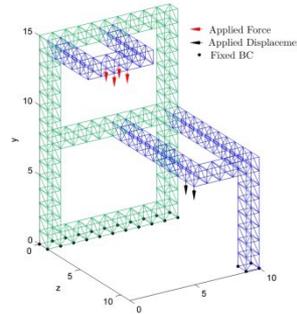
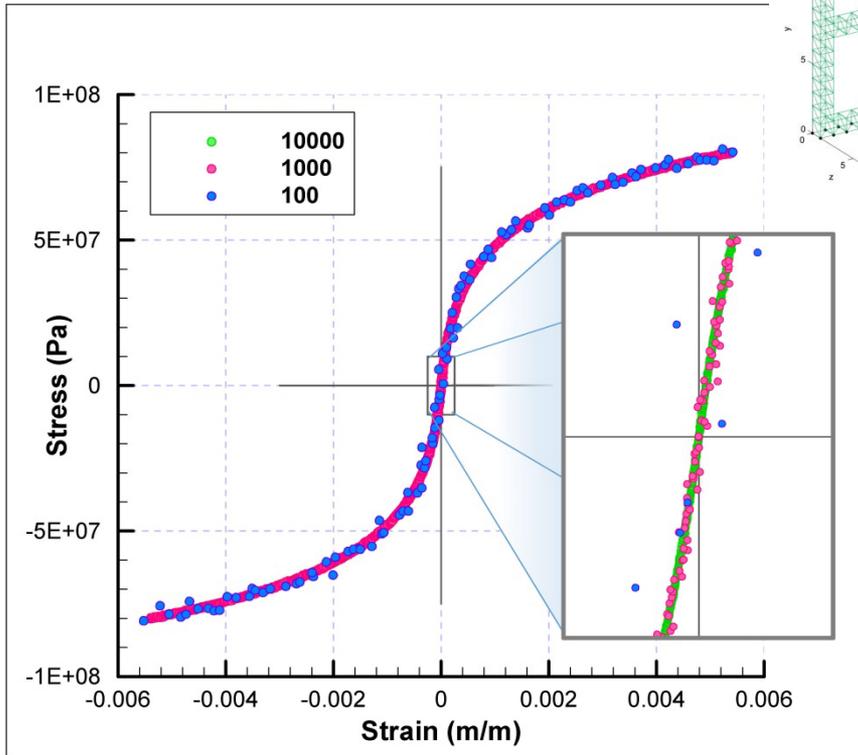
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*Convergence with respect to  
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solution of limiting problem  
(nonlinear elasticity)

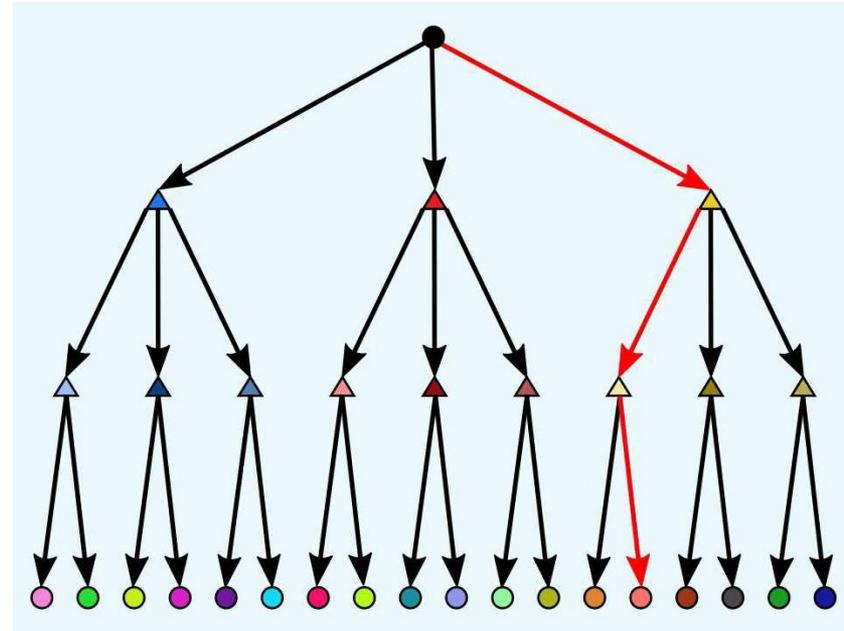
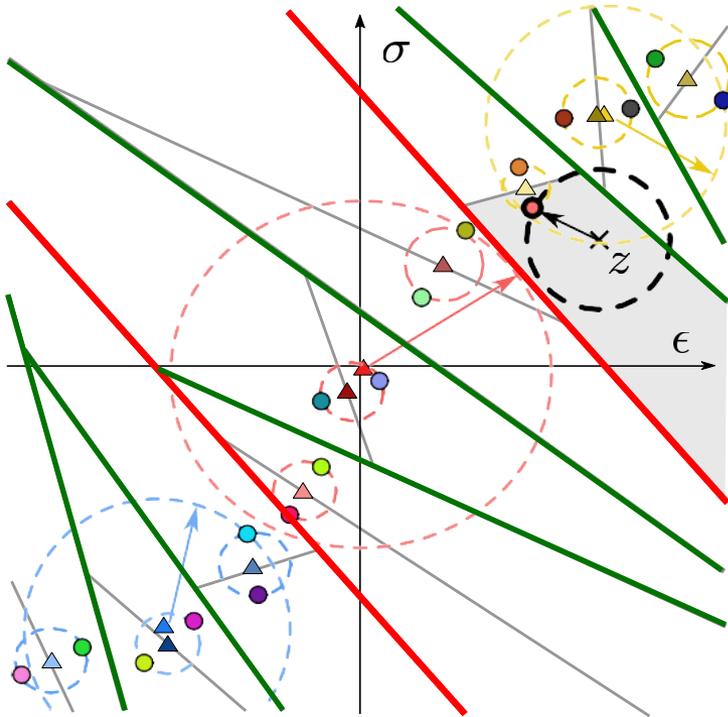
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*Convergence of fixed-point solver:* Each iteration requires two back-substitutions for standard linear systems and one material data search/member

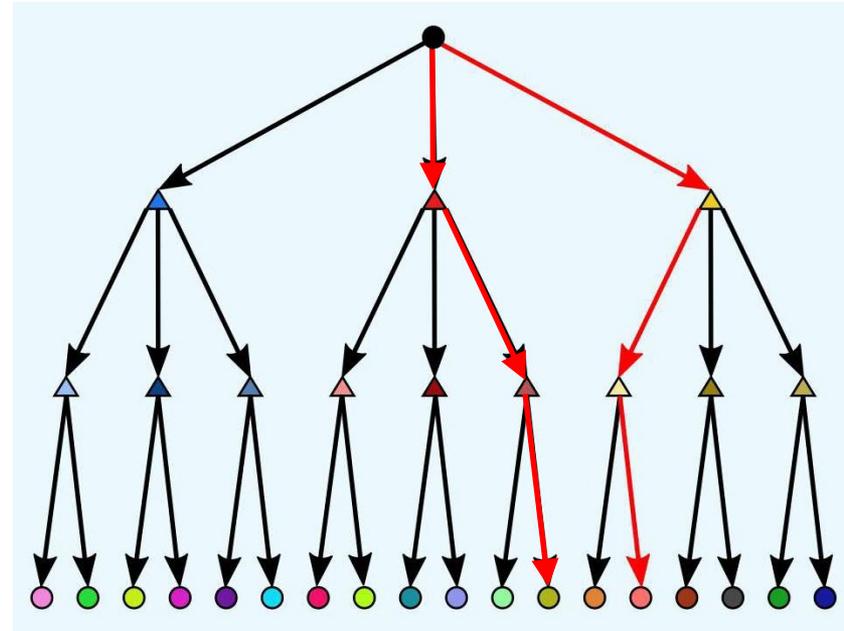
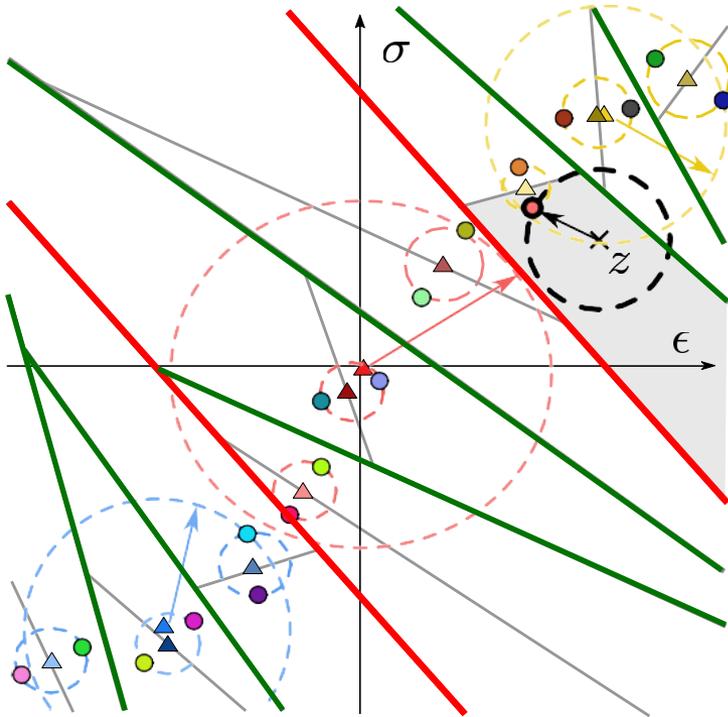
# Navigating big material data sets (fast)



Nearest-neighbor tree traversal

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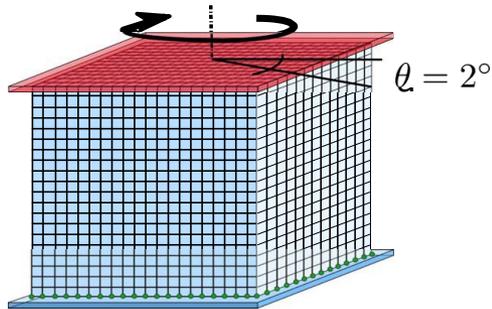
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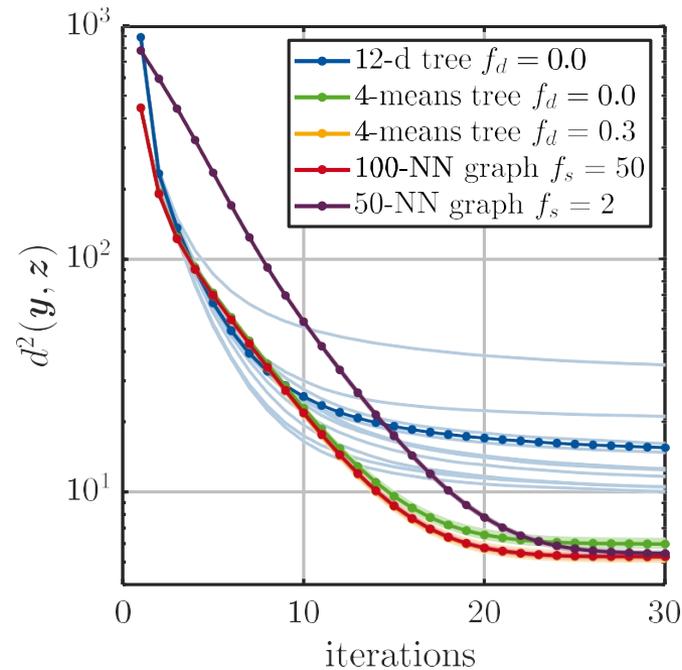
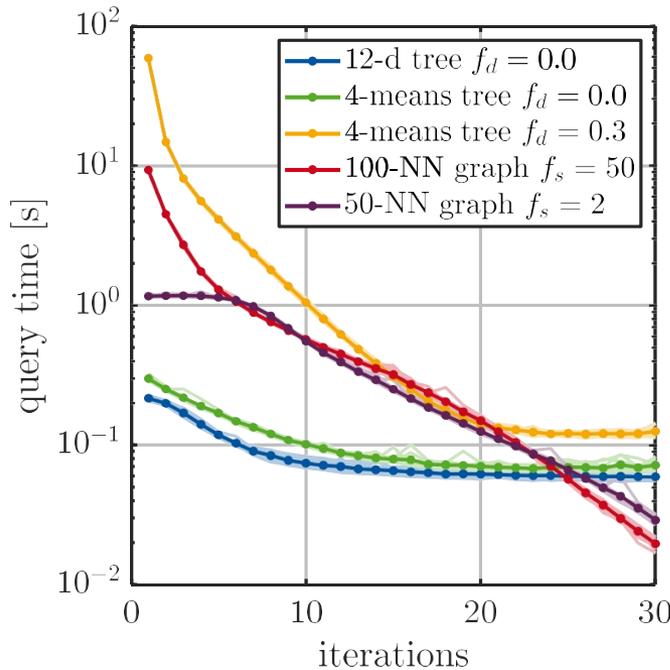
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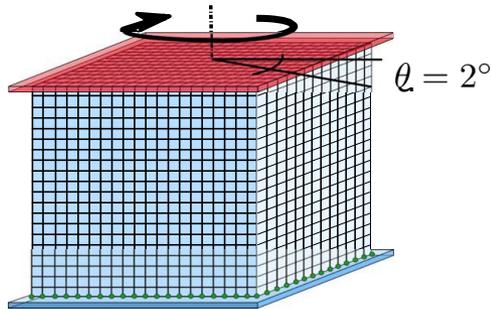


- DD nonlinear-elastic cube
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- 64,000 material (Gauss) points
- *100 million material data points*

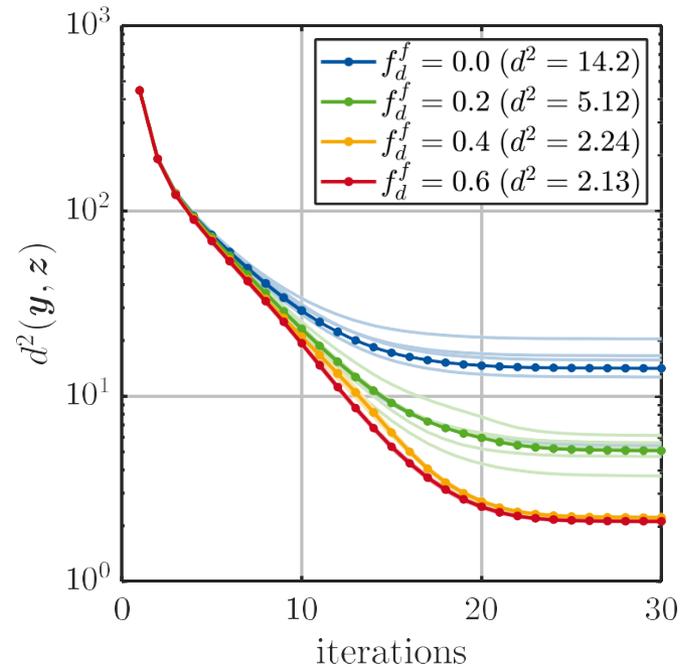
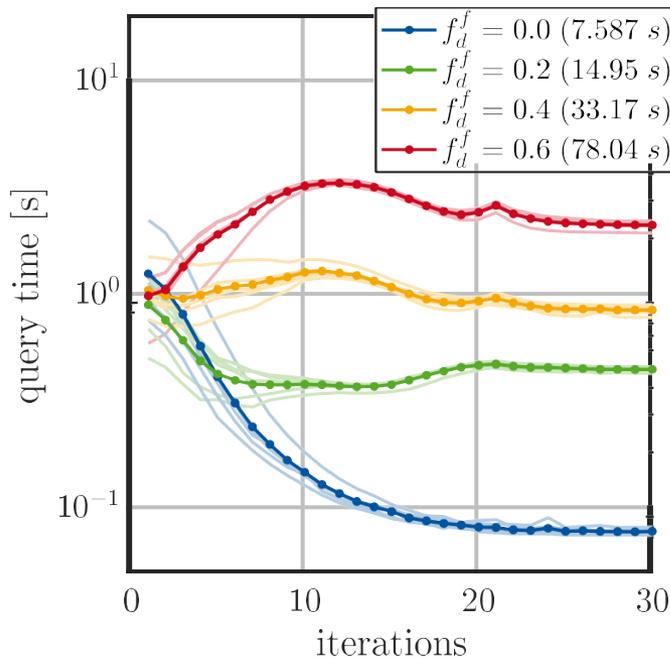


Comparison of search algorithms:  
*kd-tree, k-means and kNN graph algorithms*

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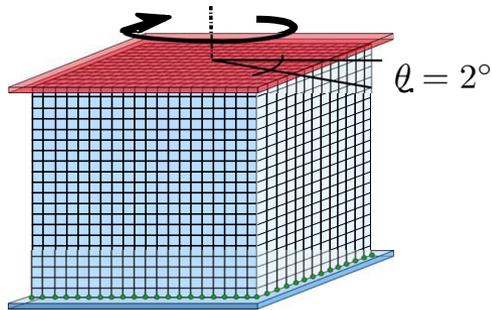


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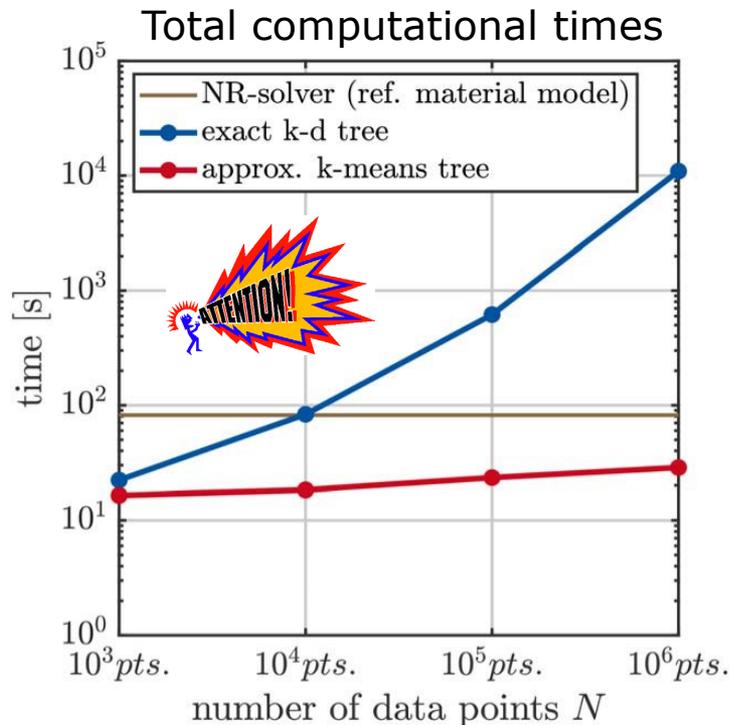


k-means with different degrees of backtracking.  
search accuracy set to increase with DD iteration

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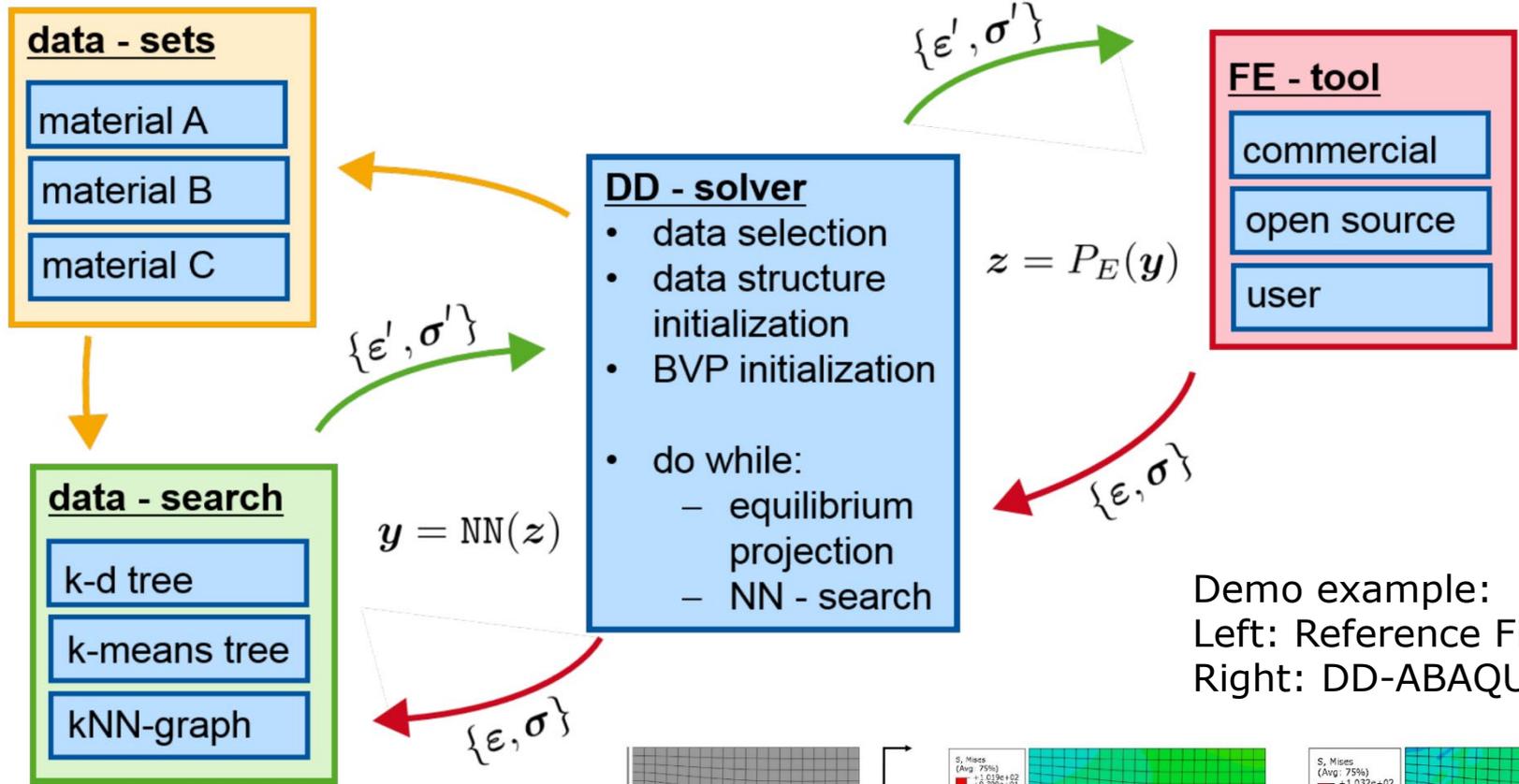
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- *DD solver beats Newton-Raphson!*
- DD requires the solution of linear FE problems only (projection  $P_E$  to the admissible set  $E$ )
- System matrix can be factorized once and for all at the outset
- Load increments require back-substitution operations only
- Newton-Raphson requires repeated assembly and factorization of stiffness matrix
- *DD factorization advantage offsets data-searching overhead!*

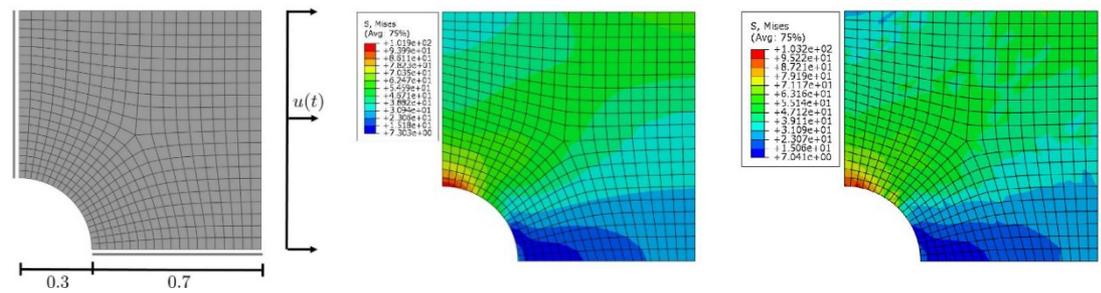
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# Implementation into commercial software



*Model-free Data-Driven solvers can be easily implemented using commercial software and scripts*

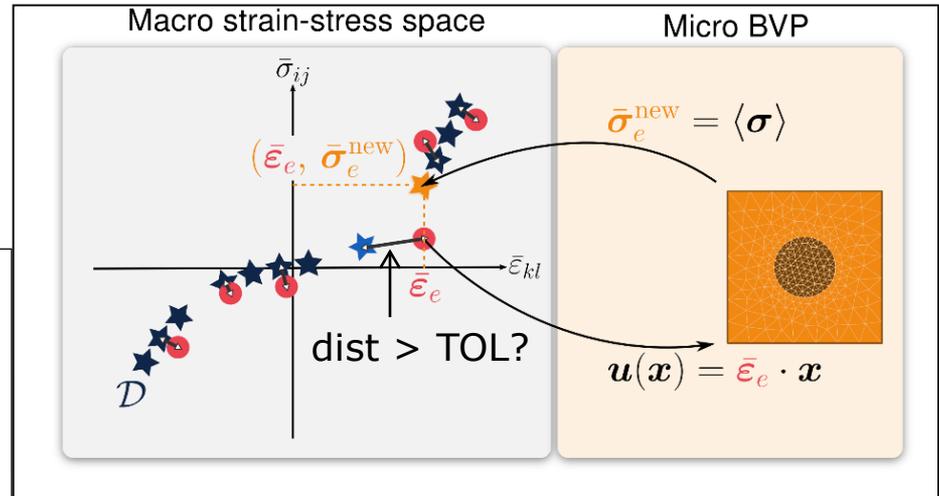
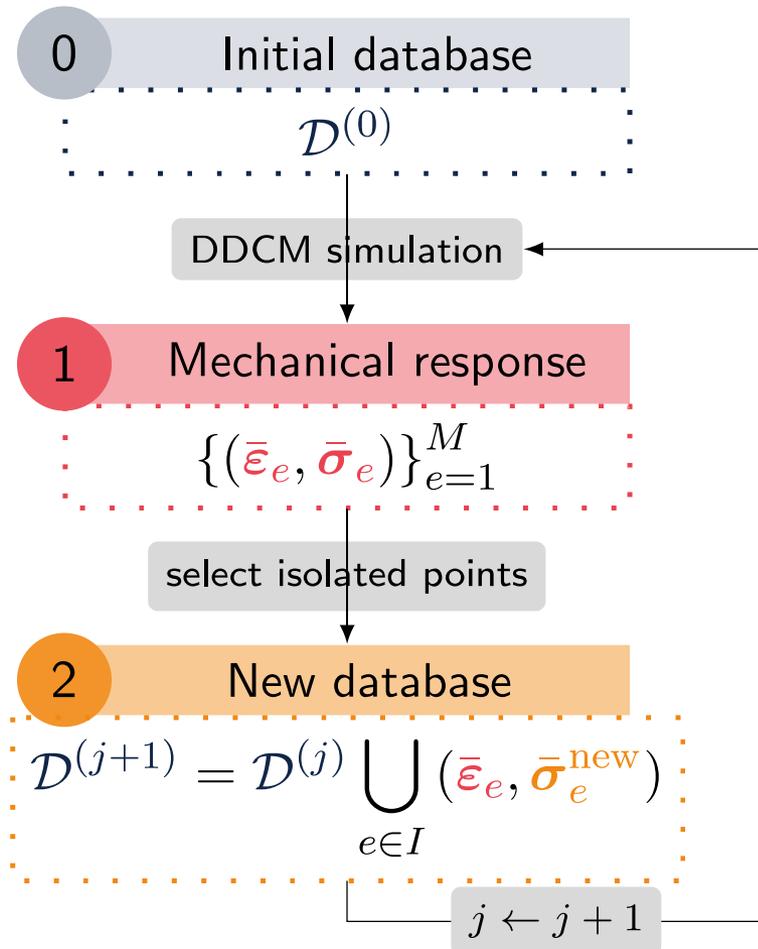
Demo example:  
Left: Reference FE  
Right: DD-ABAQUS



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- Where do the data come from? *Data acquisition!*

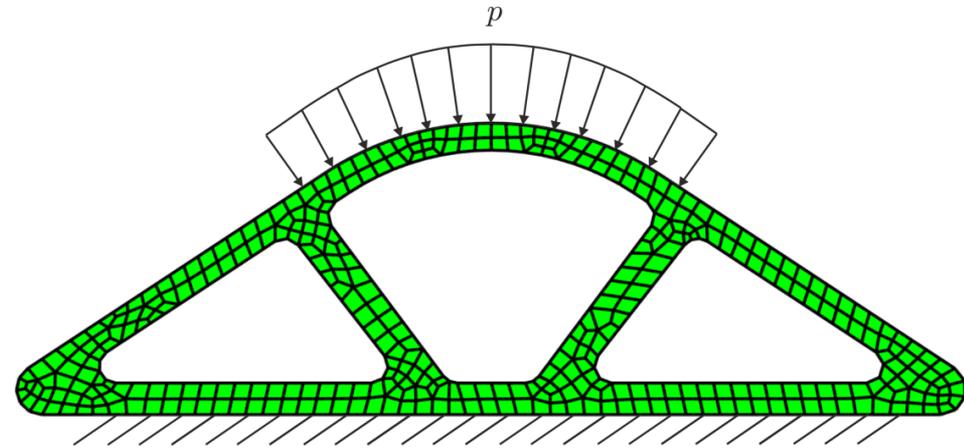
# RVE data acquisition – Adaptive Learning



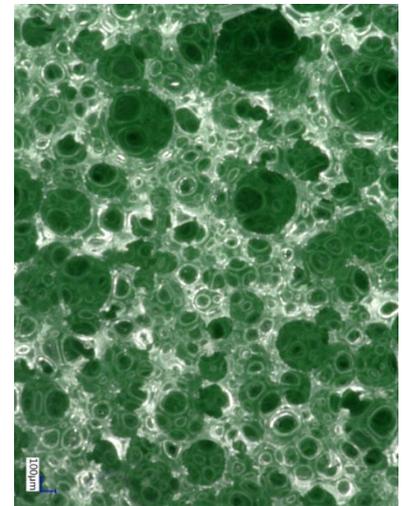
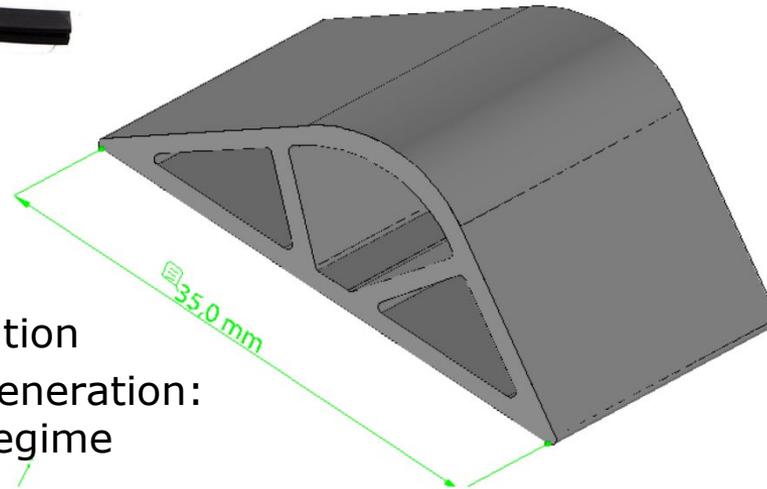
- *Generate new data from RVE when local state  $\text{dist}(z_e, \mathcal{D}) > \text{TOL}$ !*
- Areas of *poor coverage* in the material data set are detected by DD solver, filled in *on-the-fly* as needed
- Material data set adapted to solution (*goal-oriented adaptive learning*)
- *Concurrent multiscale analysis* with *material data re-use* (unlike  $\text{FE}^2$ )

# Adaptive Learning – Elasticity

- Application: *Rubber sealing*
- Sealing for doors, windows
- Self adhesive, loaded by pressure



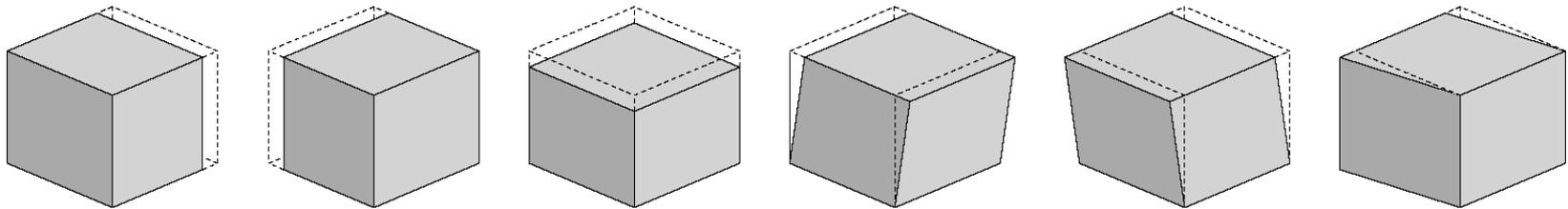
- Open-cell foam
- Isotropic material
- 3D analysis/simulation
- Microscopic data generation: linear/non-linear regime



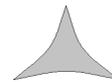
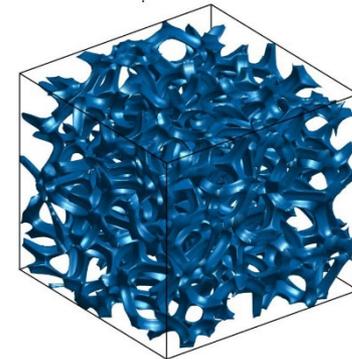
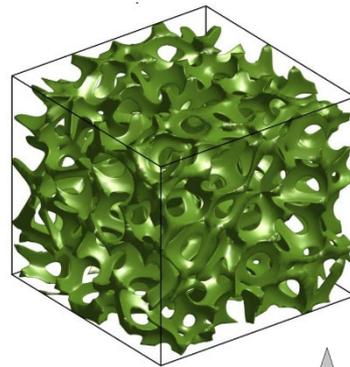
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- Data sets:  $\mathcal{D} = \{(\epsilon, \sigma)\}$ , or  $\mathcal{D} = \{(F, P)\}$ , or  $\mathcal{D} = \{(C, S)\}$ .
  1. apply deformation
  2. compute RVE and determine average stress
  3. collect data pairs
- *Can generate macroscopic data on demand as required!*
- Six different loading cases (unit loads)

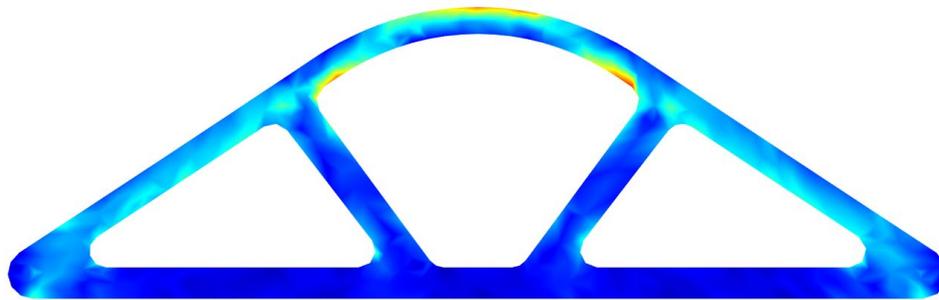
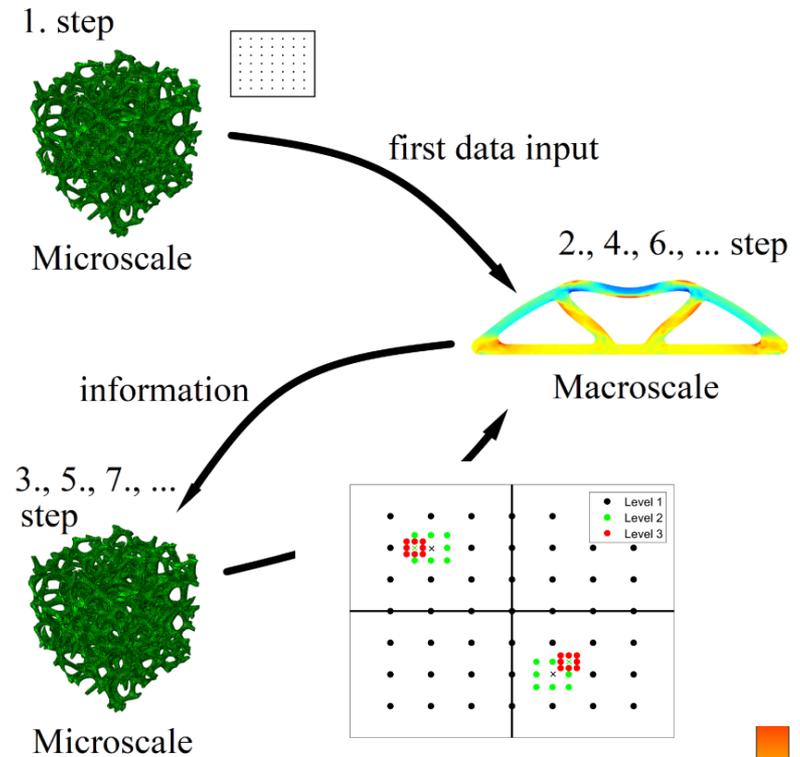


- 3D open-cell foam RVEs:

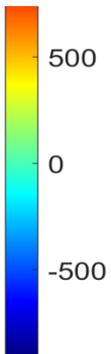
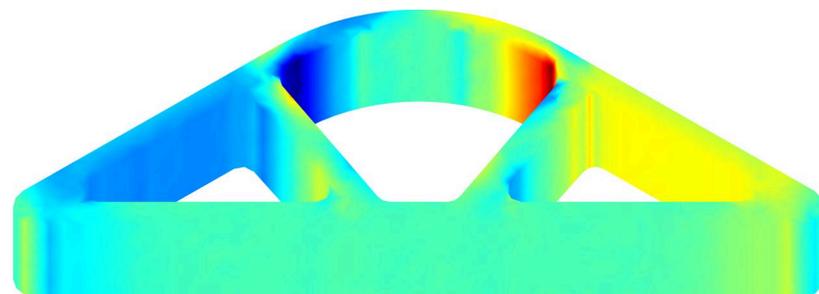
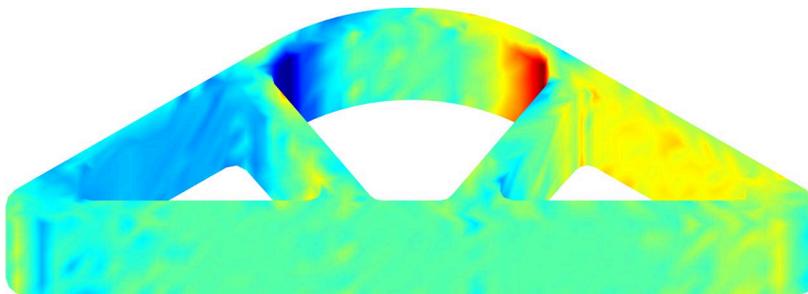


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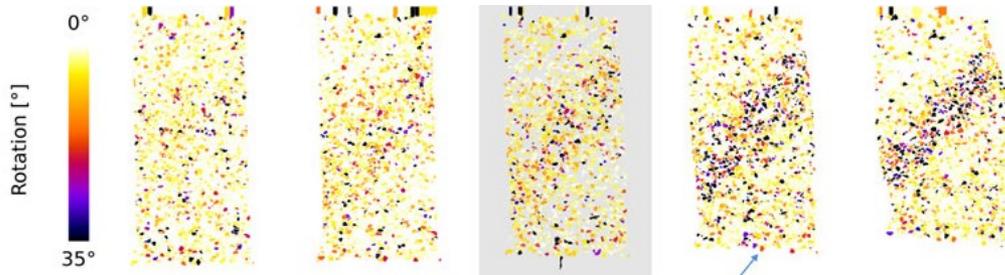
- Cauchy stress distribution (vertical)
- Start with a coarse level of data
- Identify data points of interest
- Do additional RVE calculations
- Redo computation at finer level till TOL



- Shear stress at level 1 and level 4



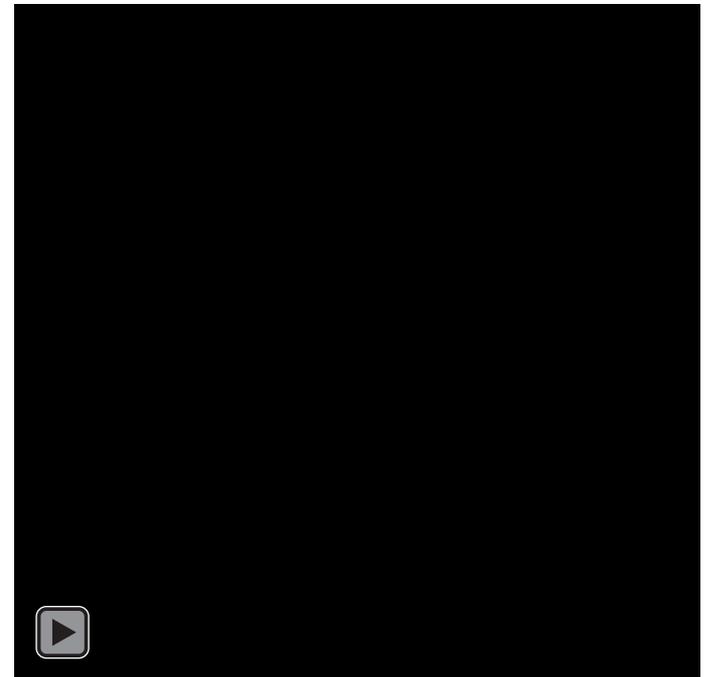
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Triaxial compression test,  
angular Hostun sand,  
100 kPa confining pressure,  
11 mm x 22 mm samples  
in latex membrane.  
Particles tracked by XRMT.  
Failure occurs by  
shear banding

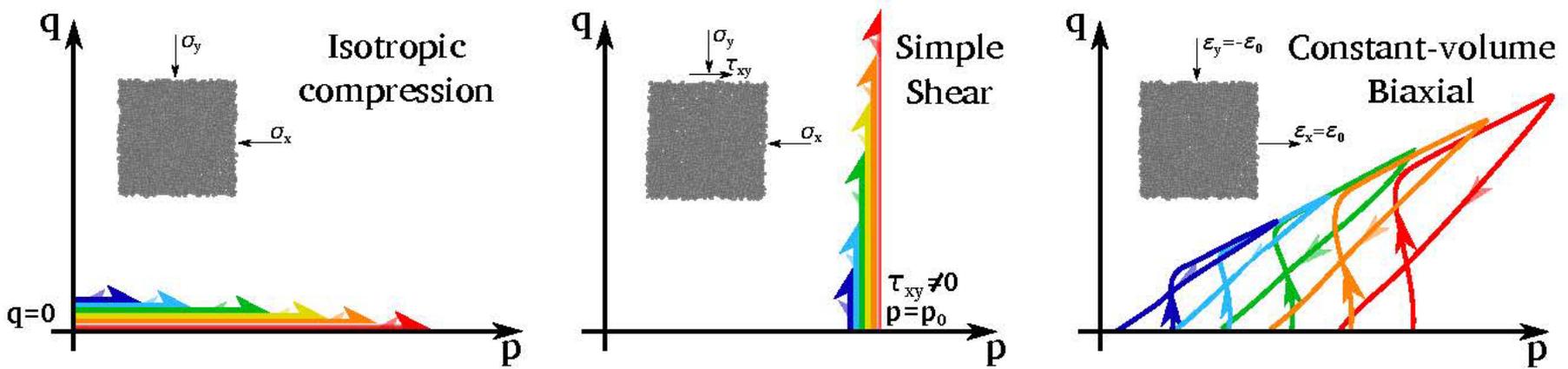
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RVE  
generation

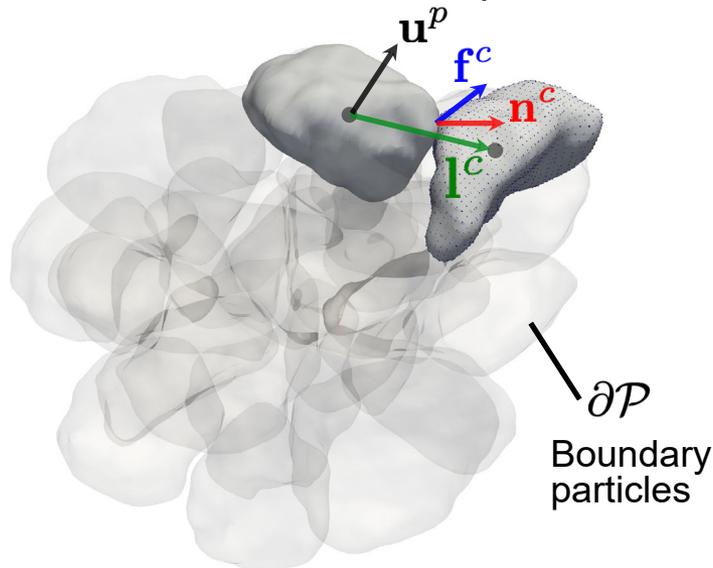


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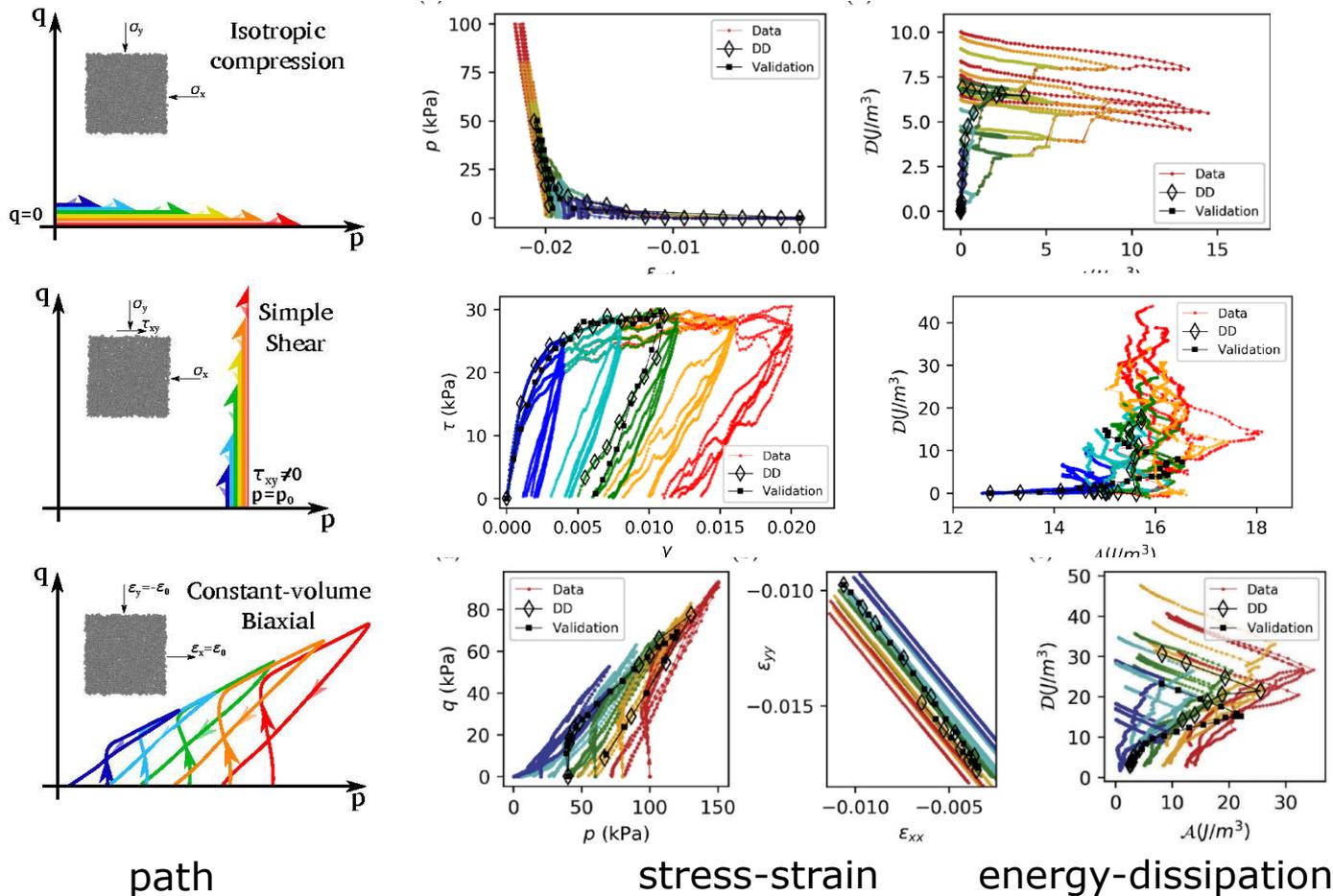


Selected paths for building the material data repository



$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon} &= \frac{1}{2V} \text{sym} \left( \sum_{p \in \partial\mathcal{P}} \mathbf{u}^p \otimes \mathbf{n}^p \right) \\ \boldsymbol{\sigma} &= \frac{1}{V} \text{sym} \left( \sum_{c \in \mathcal{C}} \mathbf{f}^c \otimes \mathbf{l}^c \right) \\ \mathcal{A} &= \sum_c \mathcal{A}^c = \frac{1}{2V} \sum_c \left( \frac{\|\mathbf{f}_n^c\|^2}{k_n} + \frac{\|\mathbf{f}_t^c\|^2}{k_t} \right) \\ d\mathcal{D} &= \sum_c d\mathcal{D}^c = \frac{1}{V} \sum_c \mathbf{f}_t^c \cdot d\mathbf{u}^{c,slip} \end{aligned} \right.$$

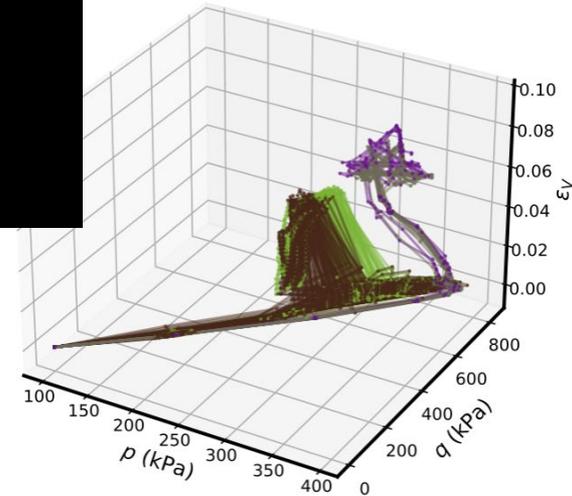
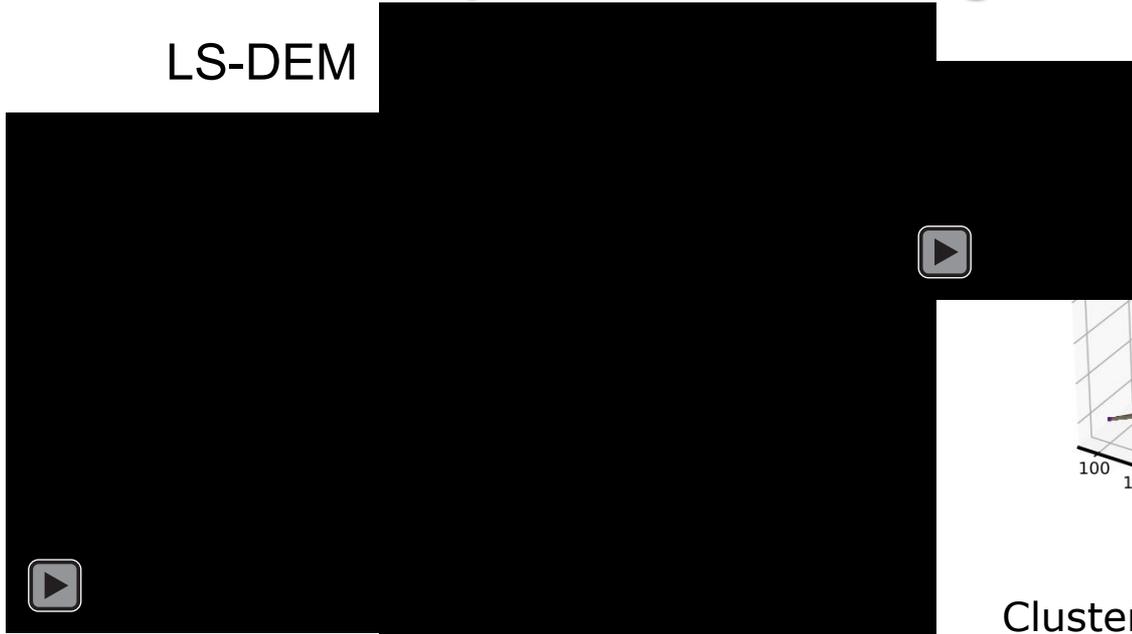
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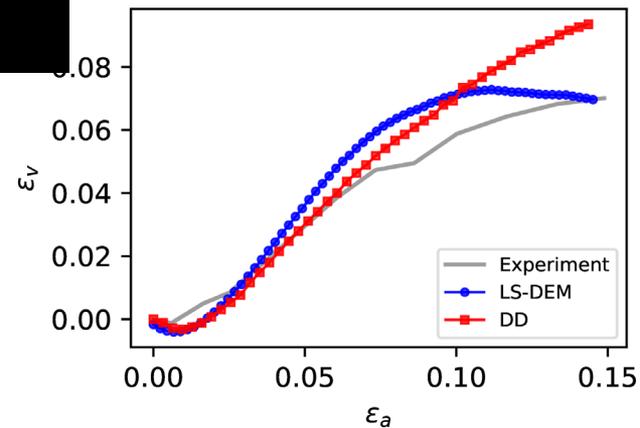
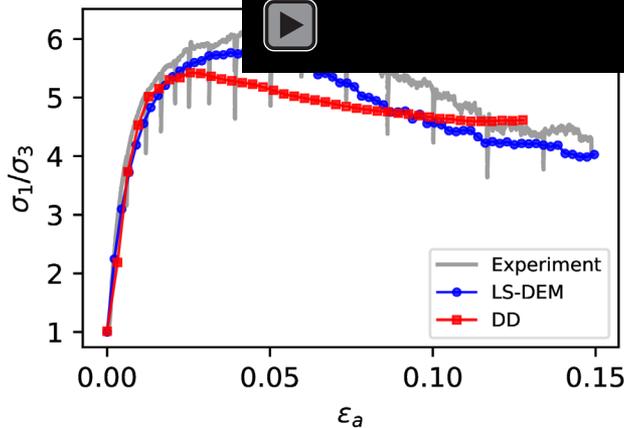
Compilation of path data for Hatsun angular sand  
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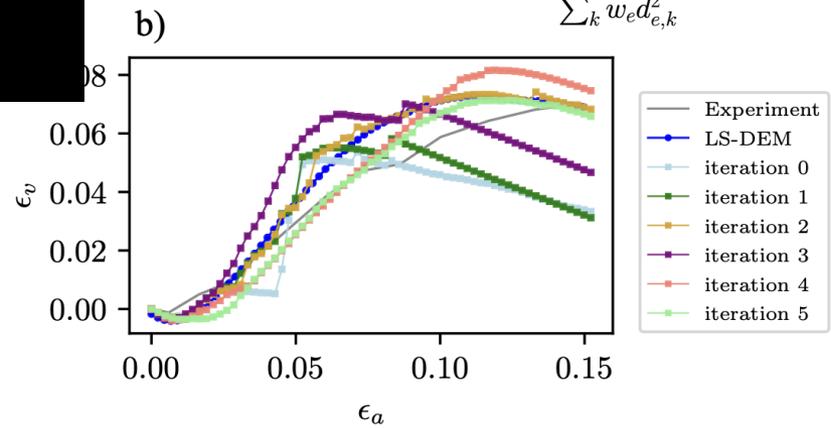
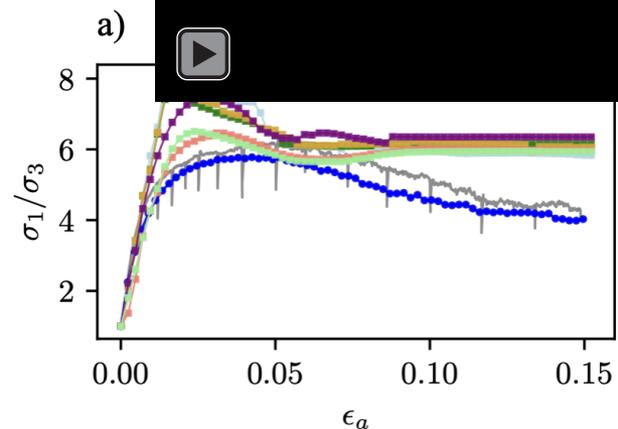
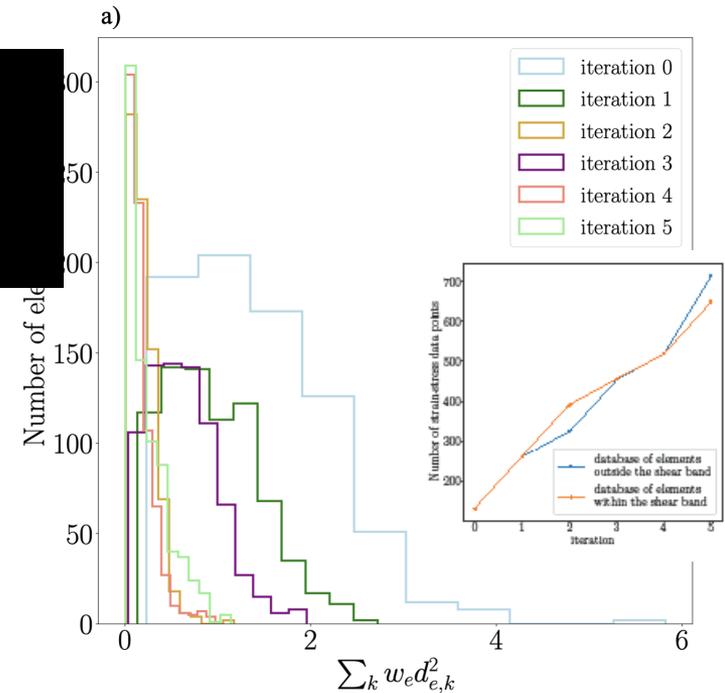
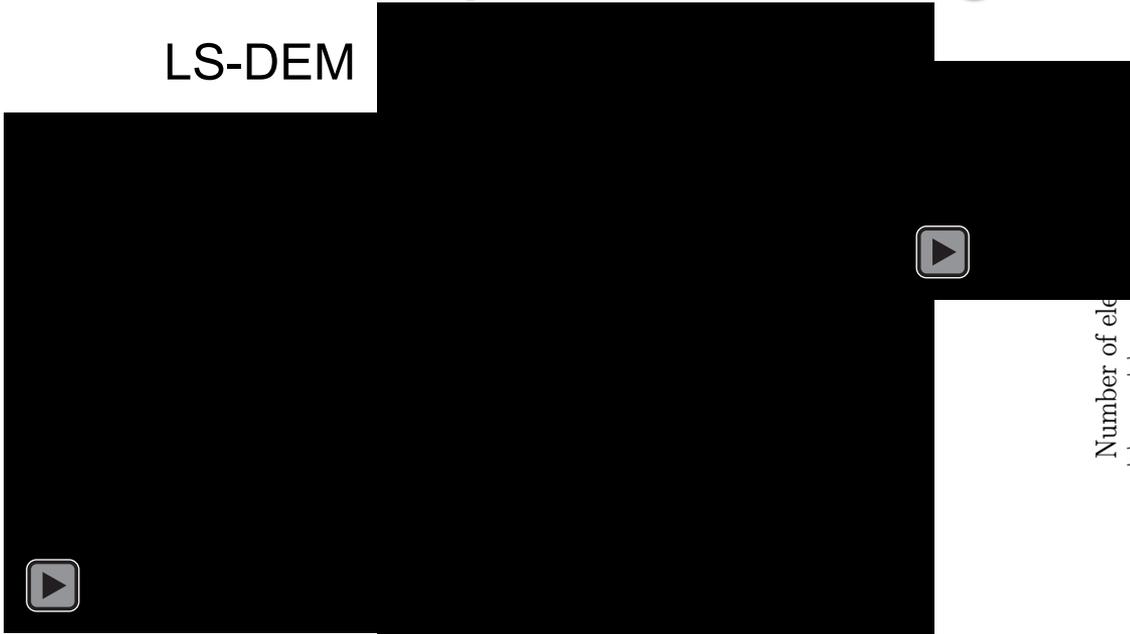


Clustering of mechanical paths traversed in the initial DD simulation



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Results of adaptive learning iteration  
(courtesy A. Gorgogianni, Caltech)

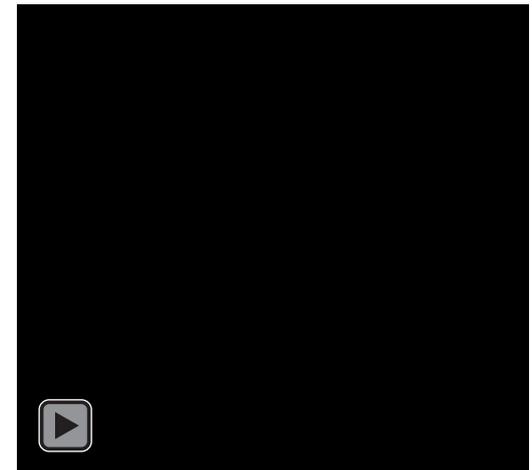
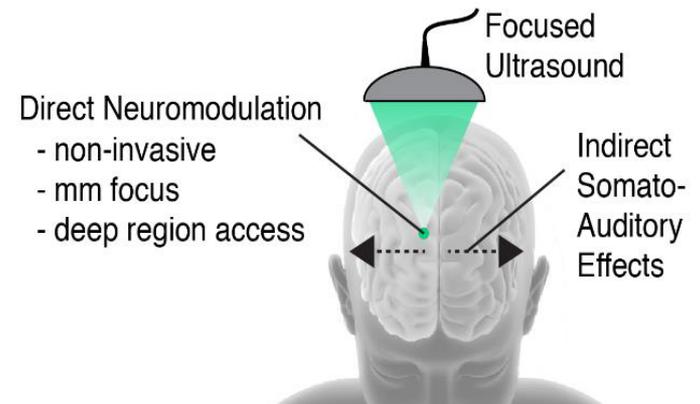
# Concurrent data acquisition: Towards DD patient-specific UNM

- *Ultrasonic neuromodulation* (UNM) is a novel non-invasive technique that uses *low intensity focused ultrasound* (LIFU) to stimulate the brain.
- First proposed in 2002 by A. Bystritsky as possibly having therapeutic benefits.
- W. Tyler and team discovered UNM is able to stimulate high neuron activity.
- UNM is currently used clinically to treat neurological disorders and improving cognitive function.
- Optimizing UNM therapies in a clinical setting requires *advanced patient-specific data-acquisition and simulation capability*.

Bystritsky A., USPTO patent 7,283,861, 2002.

Tyler, W.J., Tufail, Y., Finsterwald, M., Tauchmann, M.L., Olson, E.J., Majestic, C., PLoS One. 2008;3(10):e3511.

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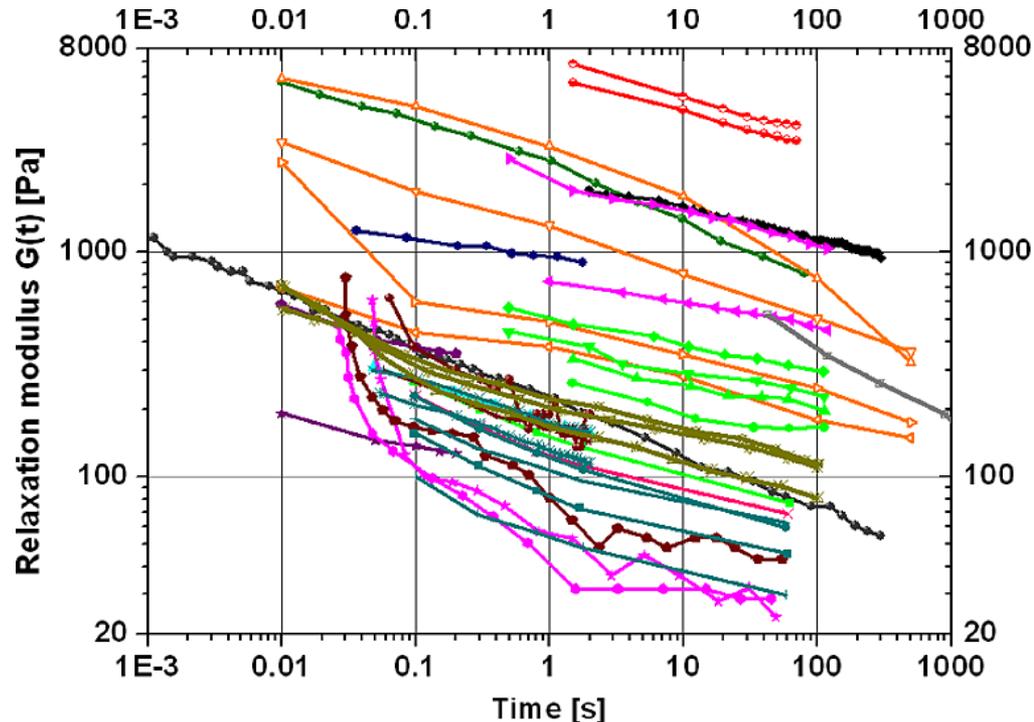


3D FE simulation of  
Pressure waves under  
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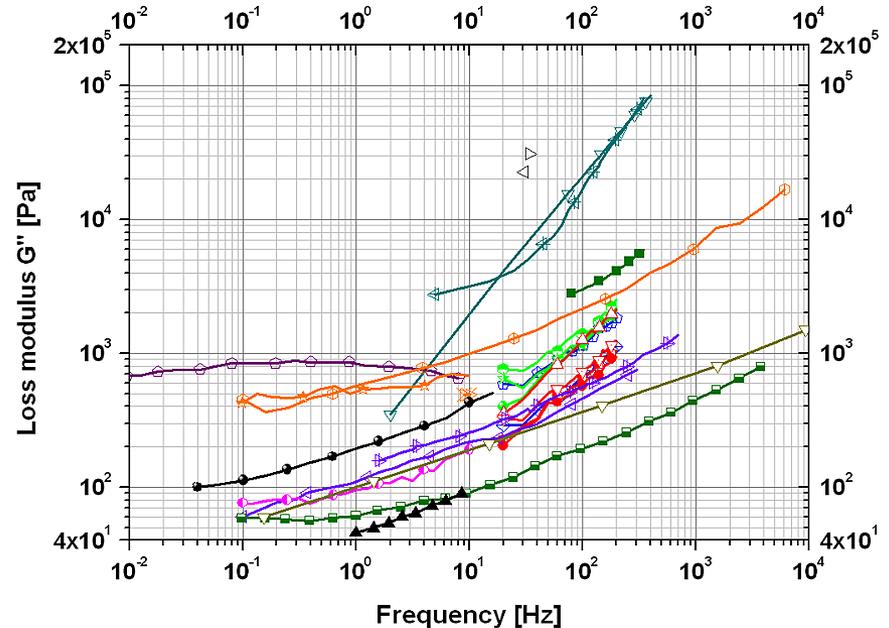
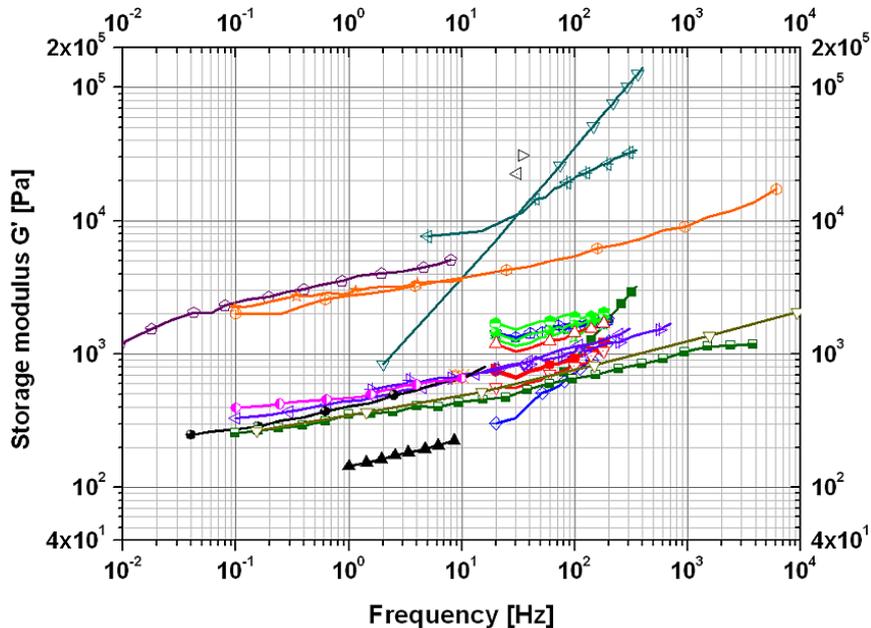
*In vitro* relaxation modulus versus time from literature survey.  
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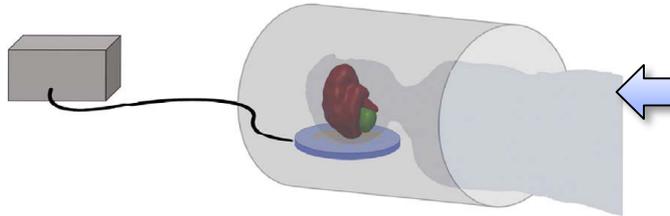
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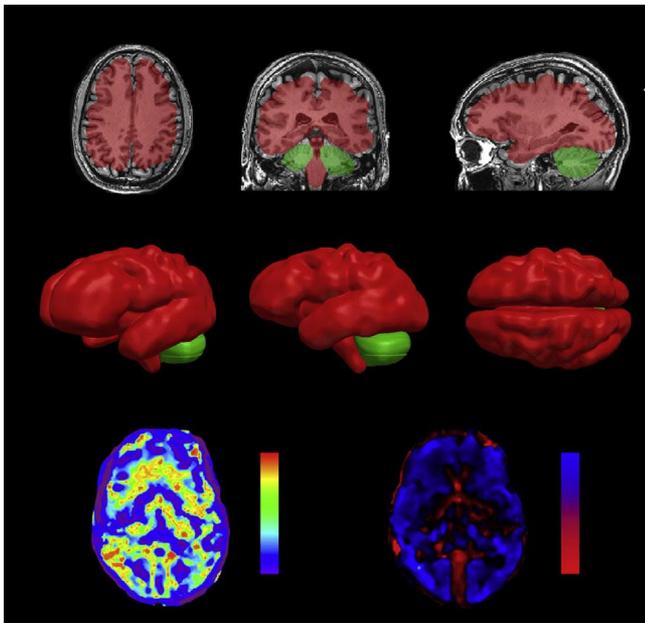
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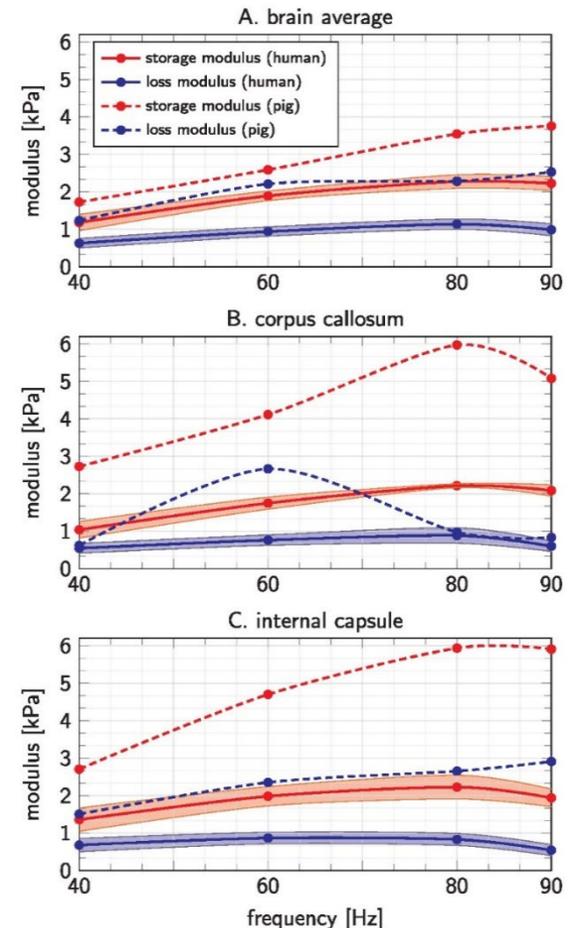


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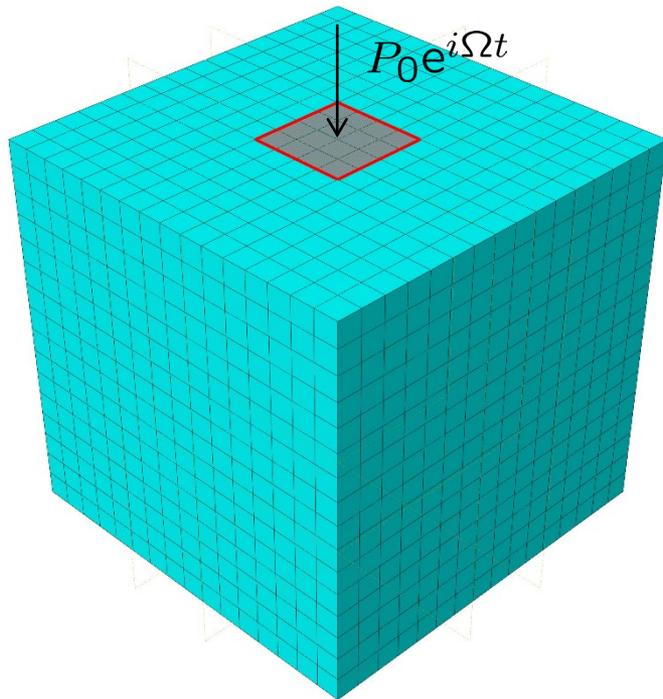
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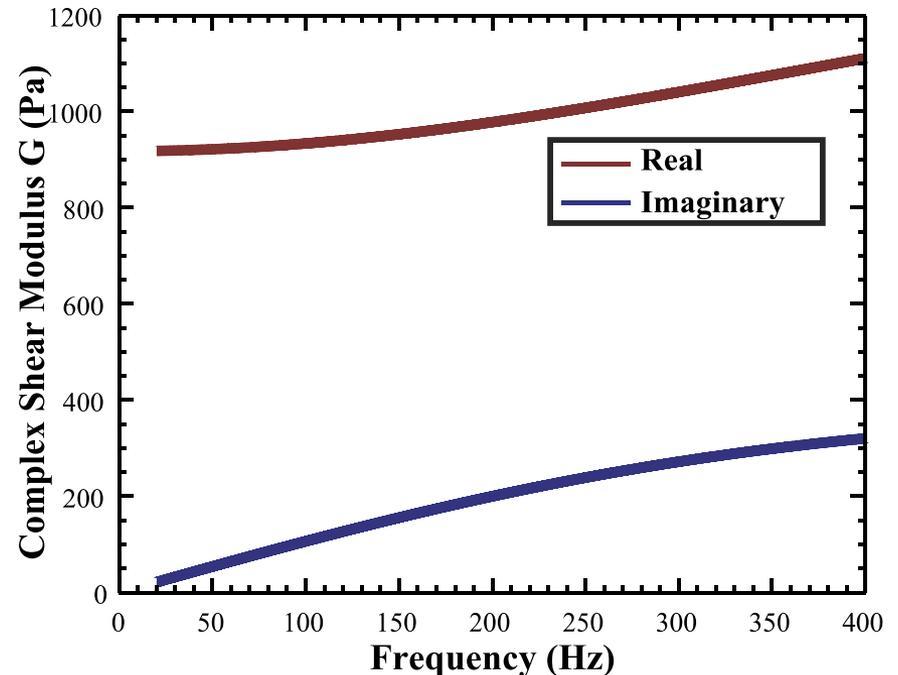


# Model-free Data-Driven viscoelasticity

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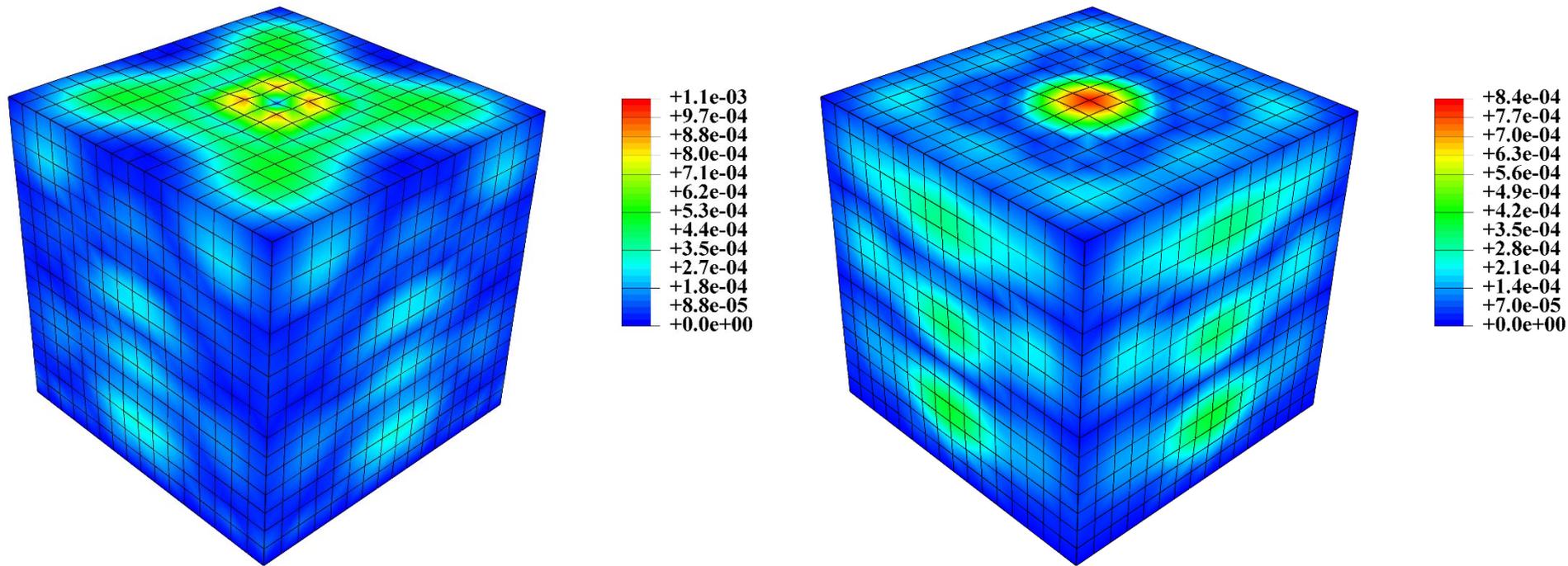
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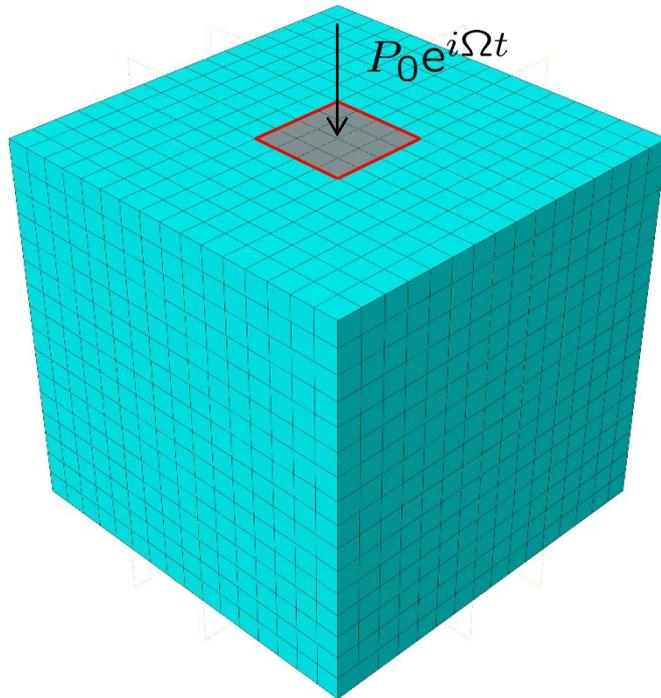
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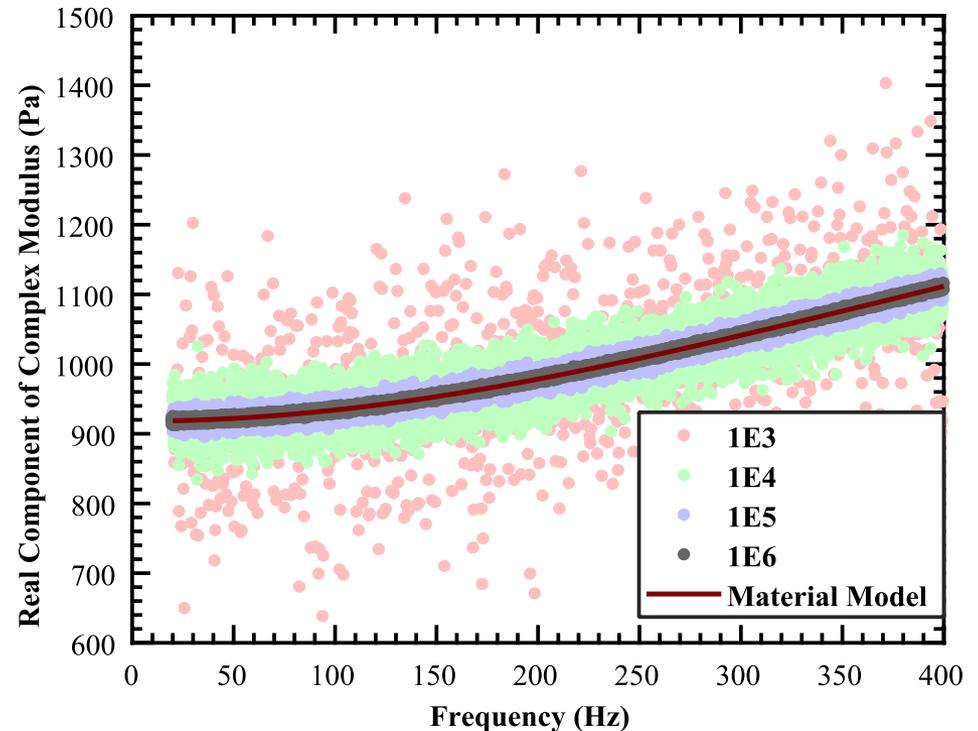
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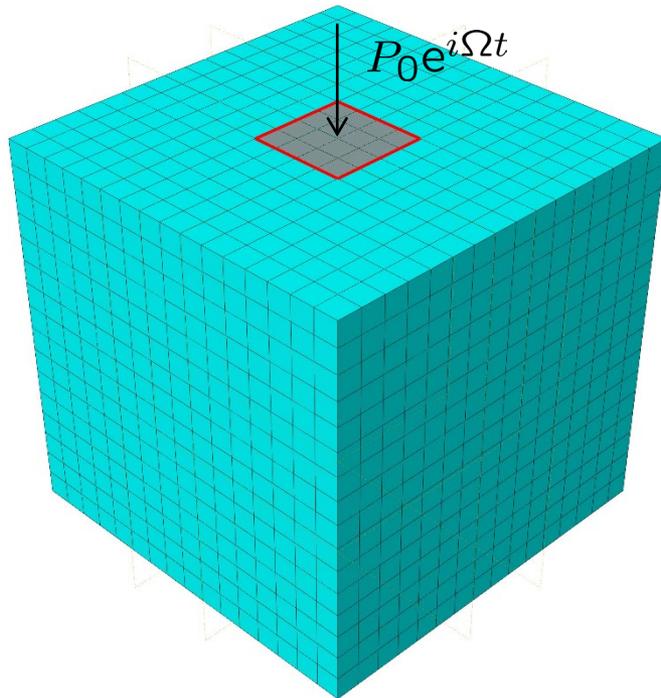
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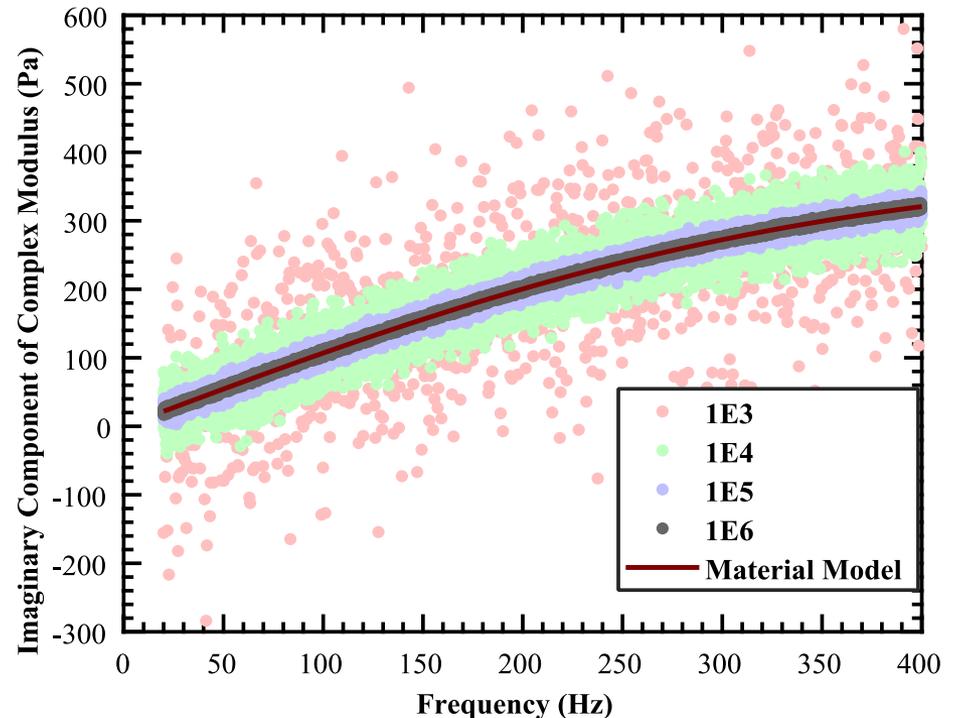
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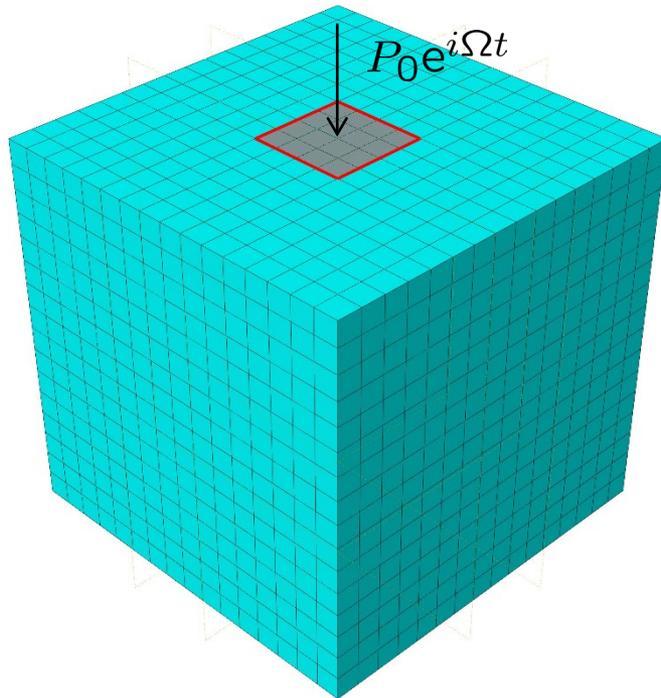
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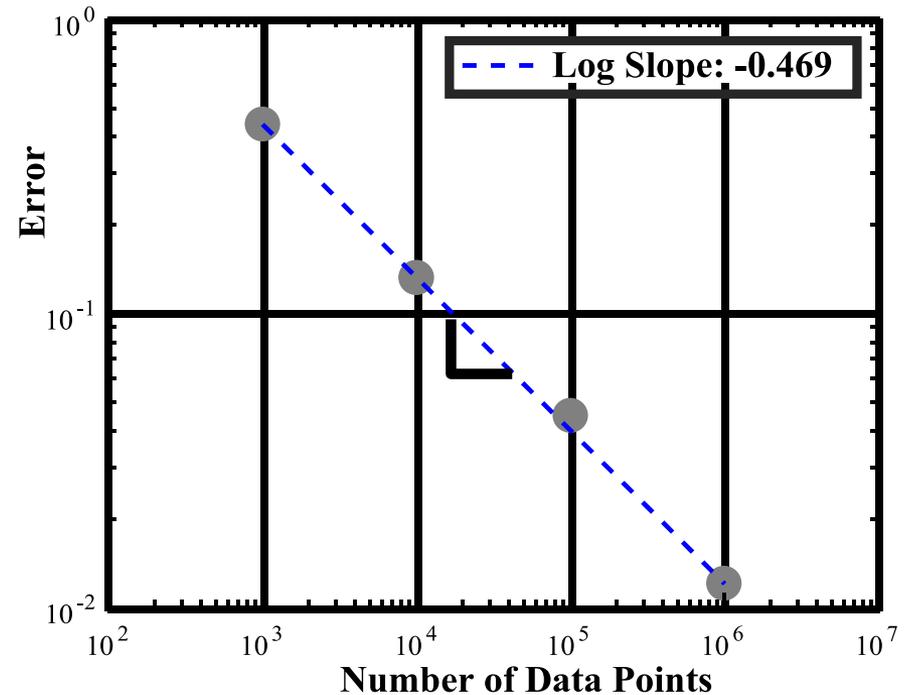
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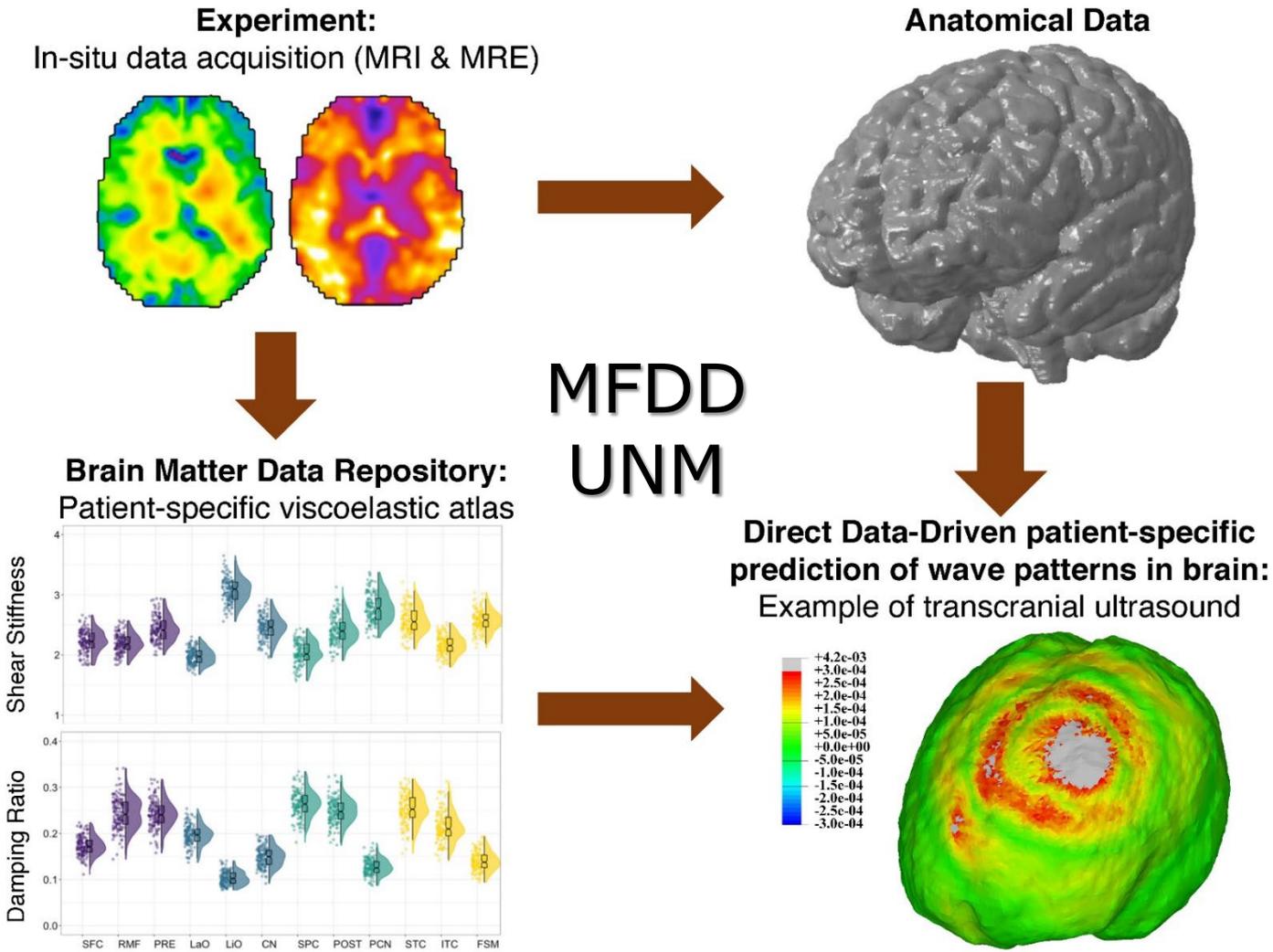


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Normalized flat-norm convergence error as a function of the number of data points, showing a clear trend towards convergence.

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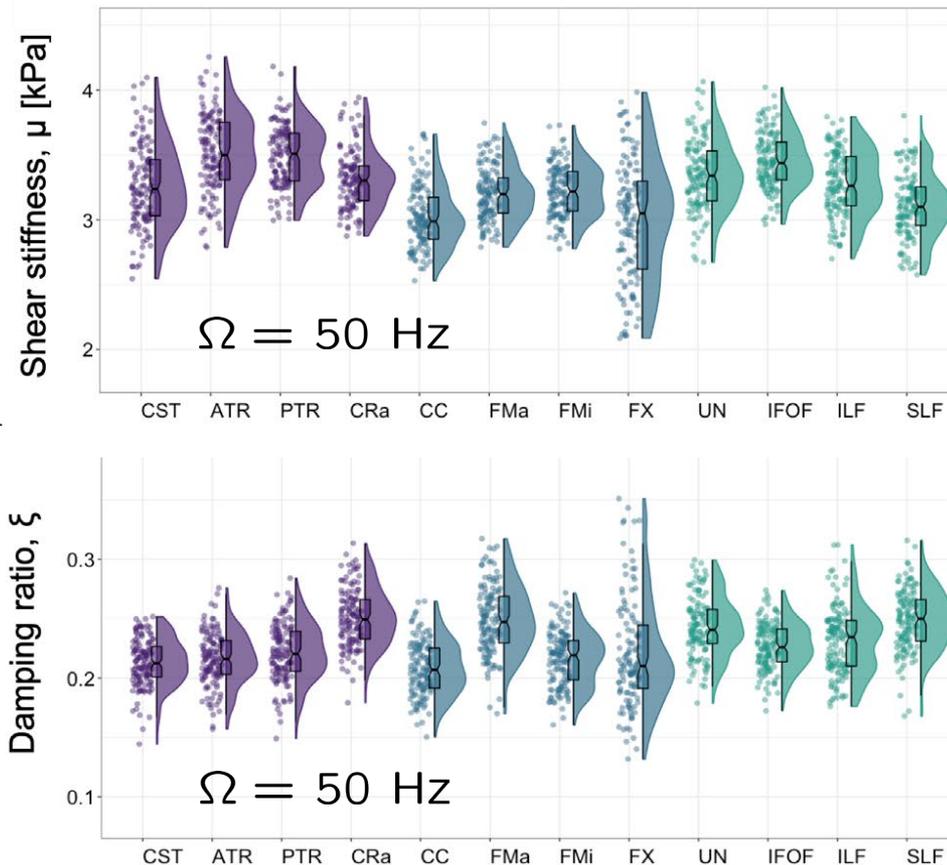
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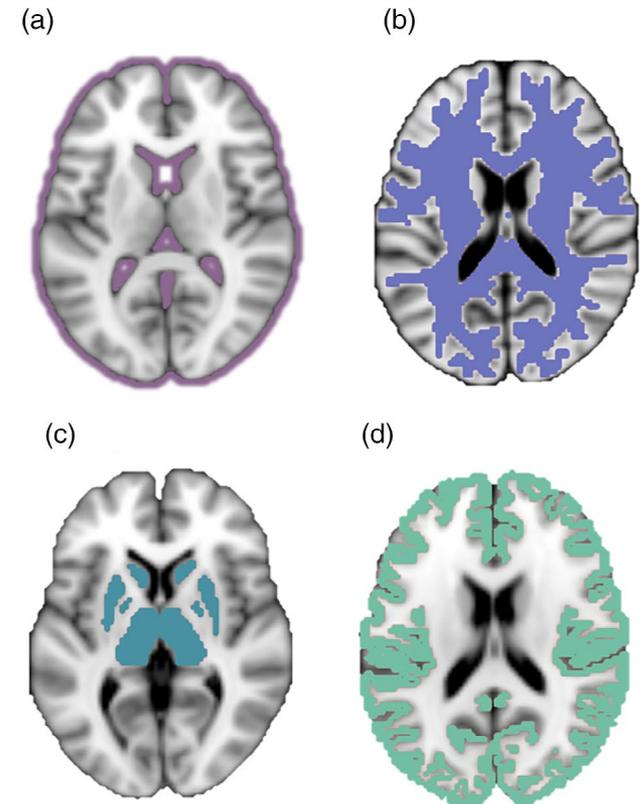
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MRE viscoelastic data atlas at 12 regions of interest (Desikan–Killiany–Tourville cortical labelling protocol).

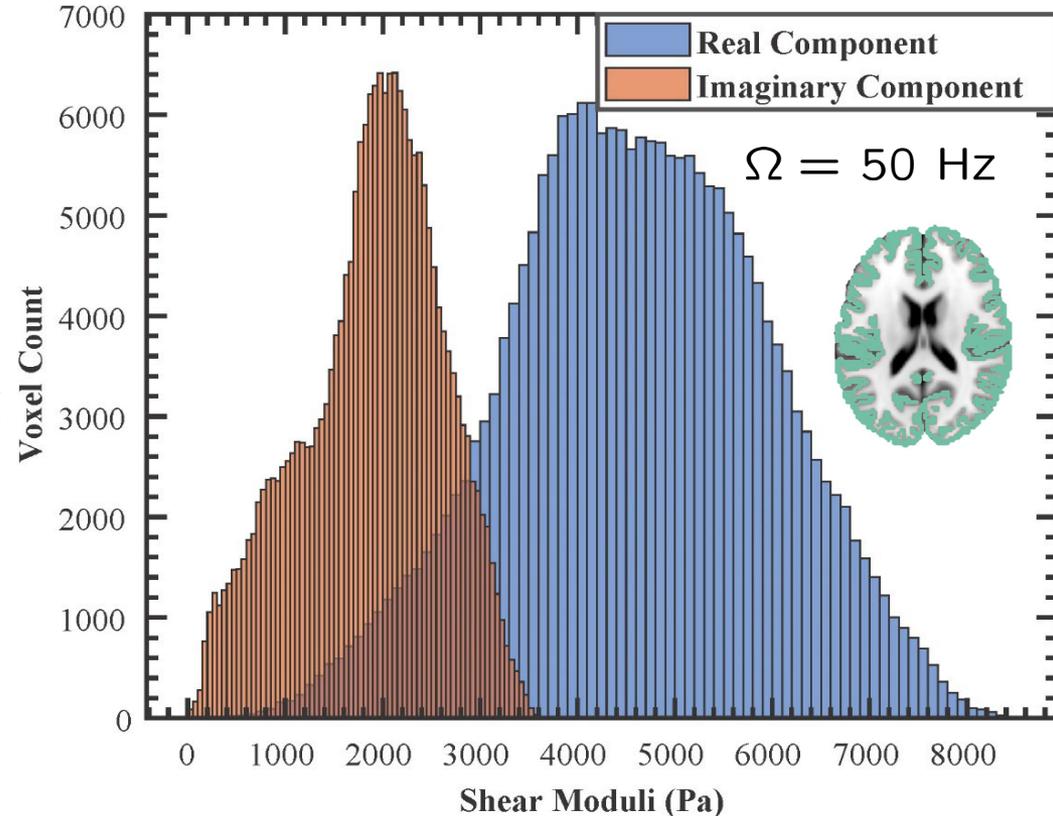


MRE data for (a) the entire brain (b) white matter (c) subcortical gray matter (d) cerebral cortex.

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Finite element model of human brain reconstructed from MRI data, 0.2 million tetrahedral elements. Transcranial stimulation is modeled by subjecting the highlighted region to harmonic pressure as a traction boundary condition.

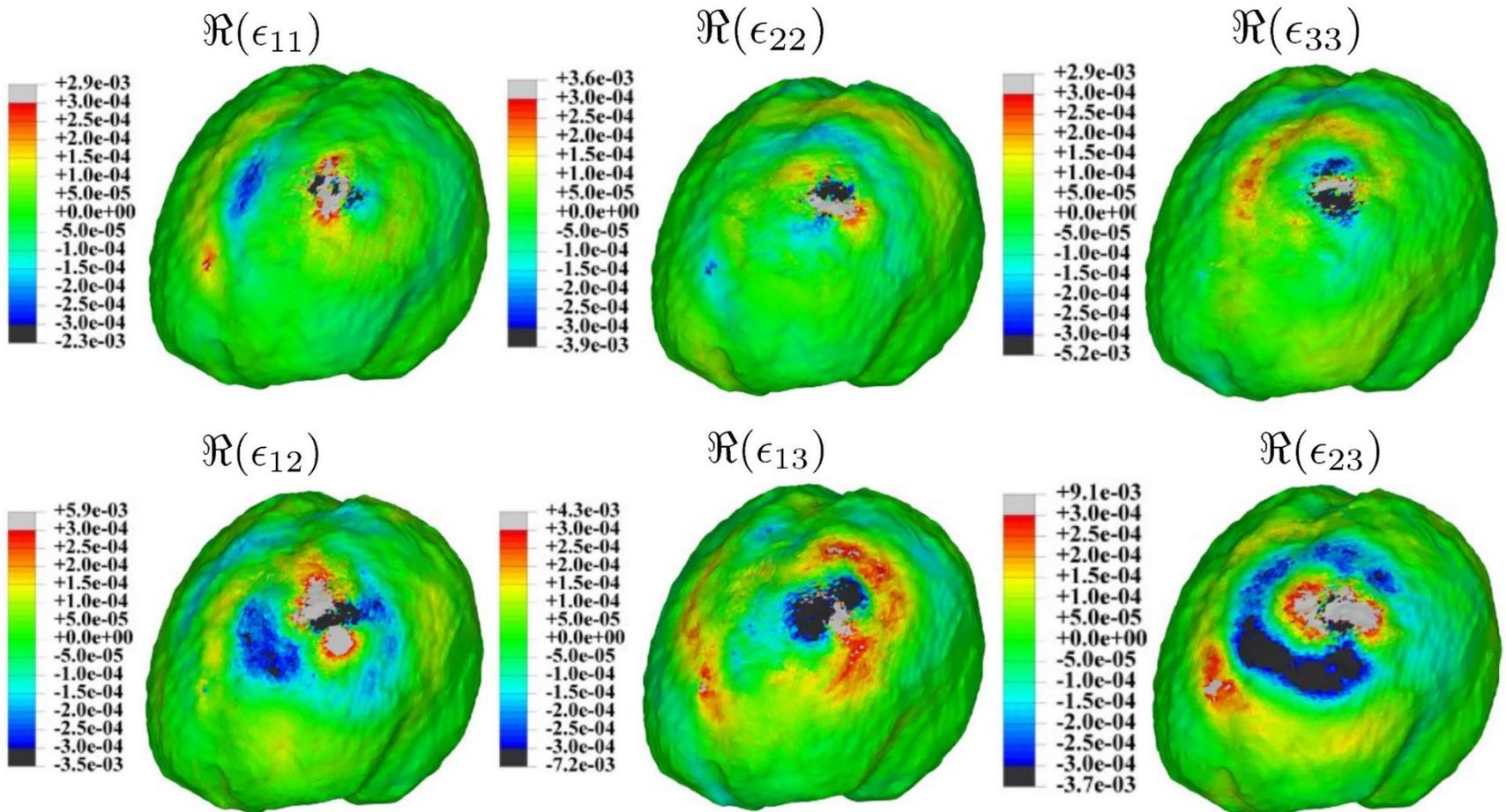


Histogram of complex moduli from in vivo MRE data. The finite-element model is co-registered to the MRE data.

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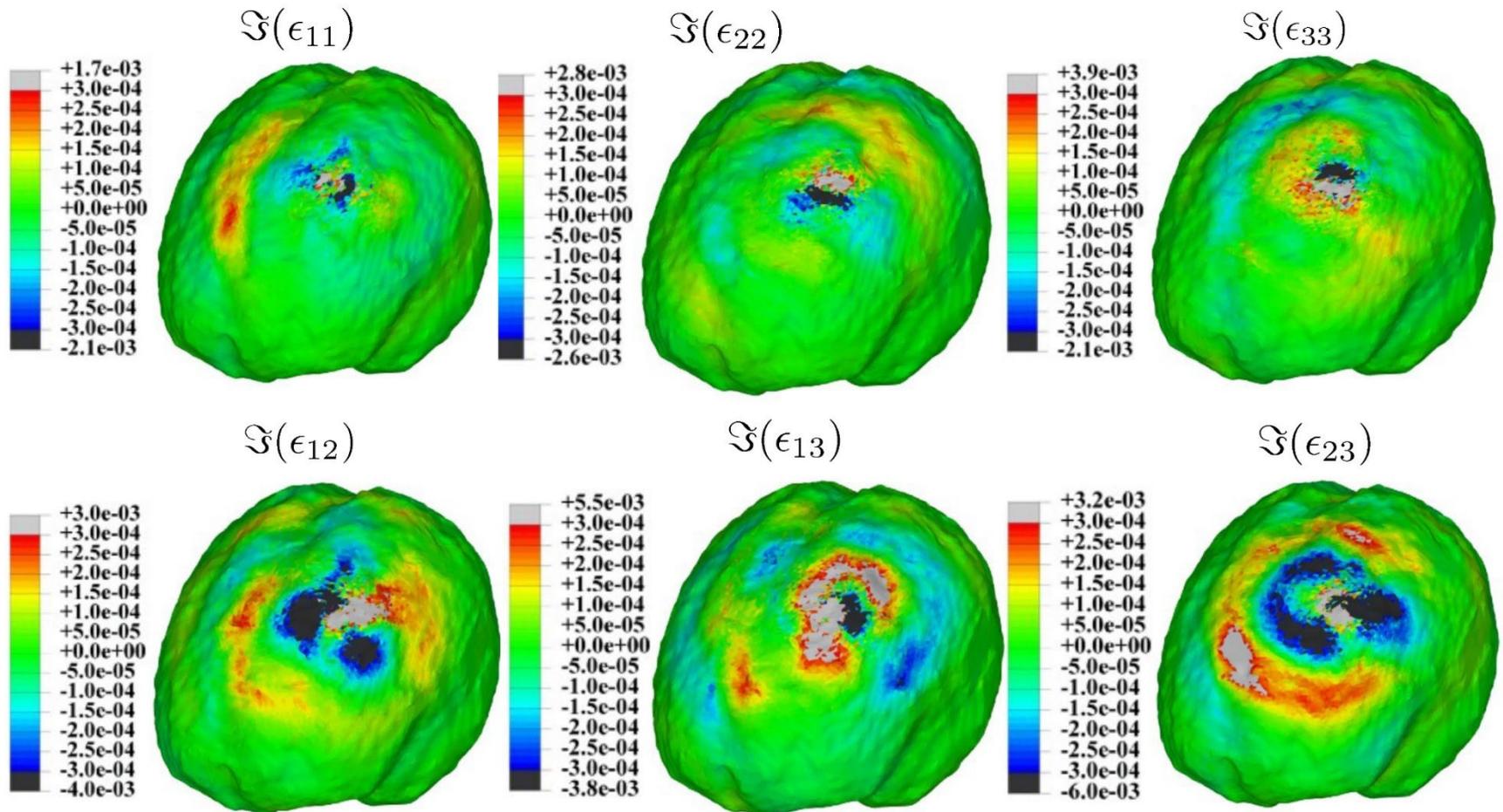
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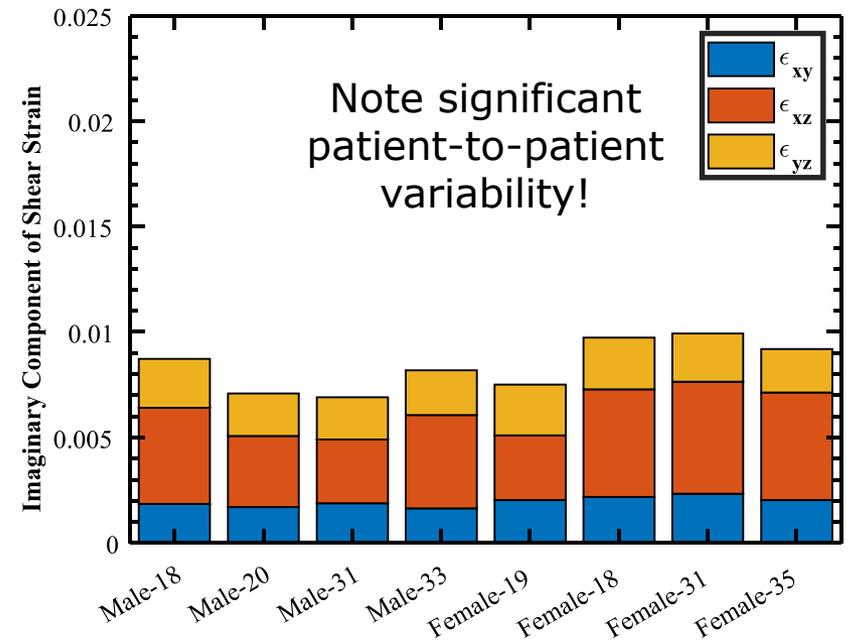
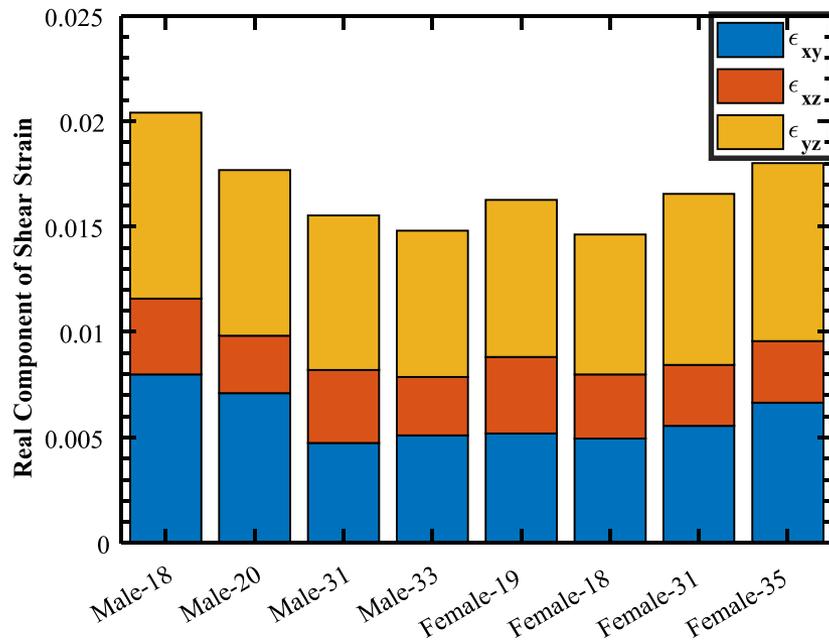
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- NB: Improvements to MRE required to extend the technology to the *ultrasound range*, currently under development.
- *Model-Free Data-Driven viscoelasticity* provides a path for the direct on-the-fly integration of *in vivo* patient-specific data into calculations supporting future UNM clinical applications!

# Concluding remarks

Thank you!