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Size Effect in Intermetallics: Experiments and Numerics

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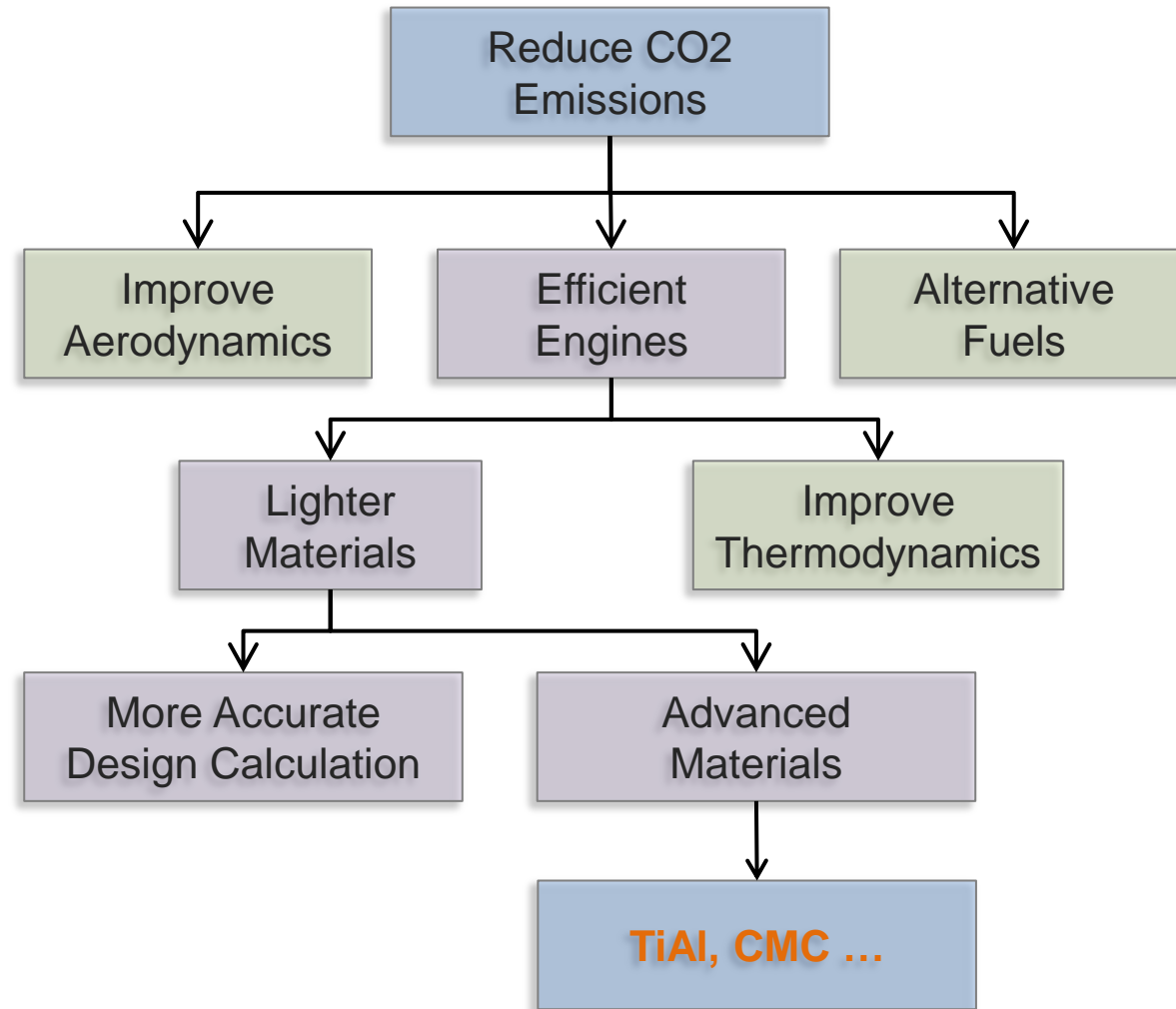
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Motivation

- Aviation accounts for $\approx 2.1\%$ of global CO₂ emissions - roughly equivalent to Germany's total emissions [1].
- EU aims to reduce its domestic CO₂ emissions by 80% by 2050 compared to 1990 levels [2].
- For aviation industry, goal is halving aviation CO₂ emissions relative to 2005 levels by 2050 [3].

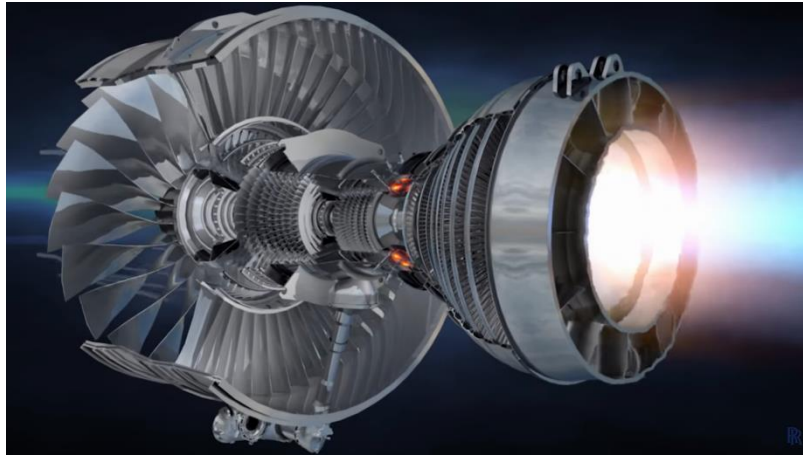


[1] EPRS BRI(2017)603925_EN. [2] EUR-Lex - 52011DC0112 (2011) [3] EUR-Lex - 32017R2392.

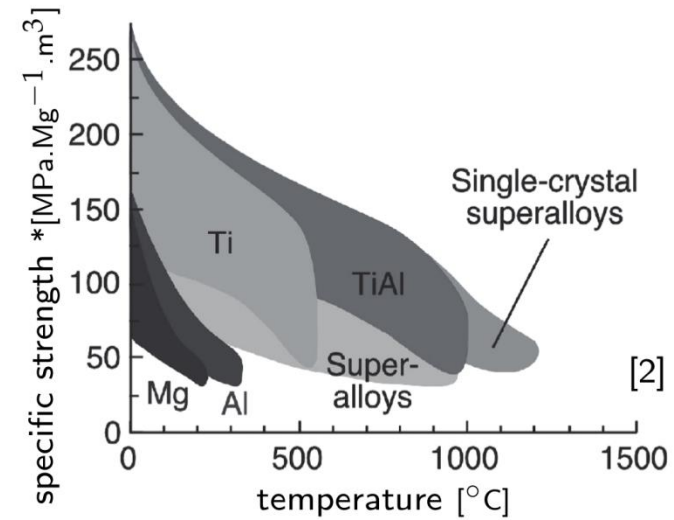


Background

Why Intermetallics?



[1] Rolls-Royce



	σ_{UTS} [MPa]	σ_Y [MPa]	ρ [g/cm ³]	σ_{UTS}/ρ [*]	E [GPa]	ϵ_f [%]	T_{oxid} [°C]
Stainless Steel AISI 304 [3]	505	215	8	63	200	70	850
Ni-based super alloy [4]	1500	1200	8.5	176	210	35	900
Titanium Aluminide [5]	600	450	3.8	158	170	<1	1000

[2] Appel et al. (2011) [3] asm.matweb.com [4] Pollock & Tim (2006) [5] Kim (1989)



Overview

Weakest link Weibull model

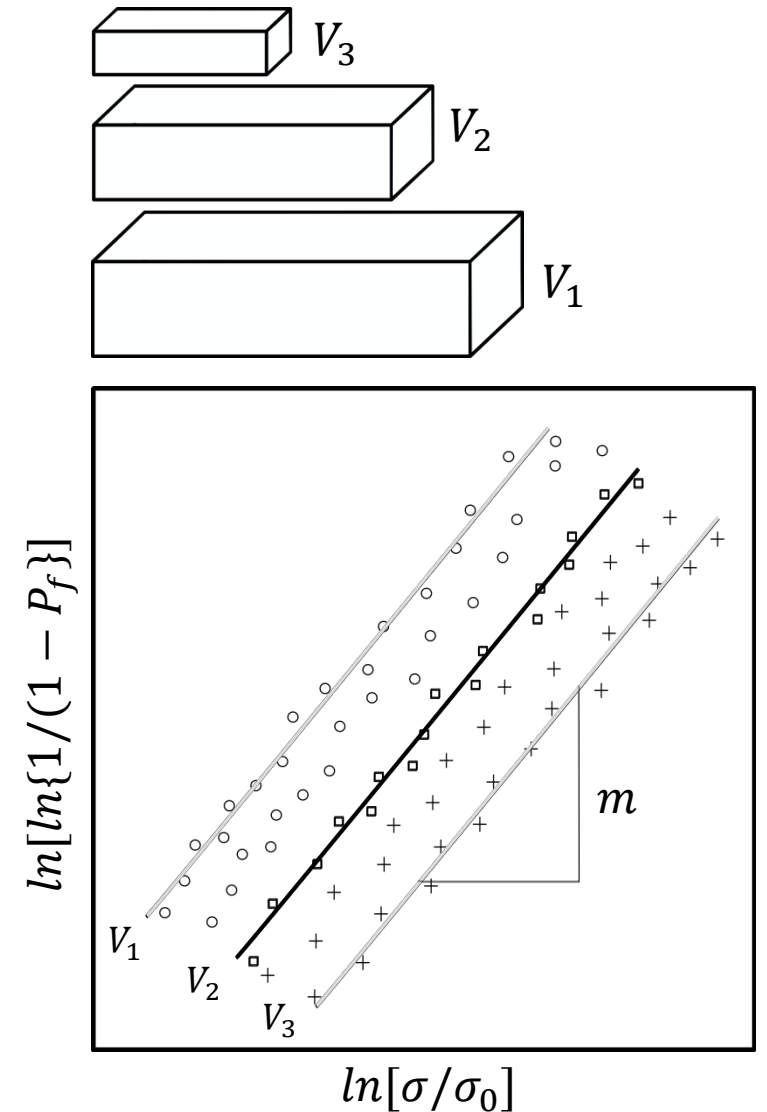
- Failure probability^[1] is written as

$$P = 1 - \exp\left\{-\int s(\sigma)dV\right\}$$

$$s(\sigma) = \frac{1}{V_0} \cdot \left(\frac{\sigma}{\sigma_0}\right)^m$$

- Empirical relation for stochastic failure strength
- Empirical relation for volume [effect](#)
- FE implementation tells if – not – where failure occurs!
- Scaling may not be applicable to all materials e.g. TiAl, CMC
- Failure probability in terms of fracture energy more suitable for materials with SSY.

[1] Weibull (1951)



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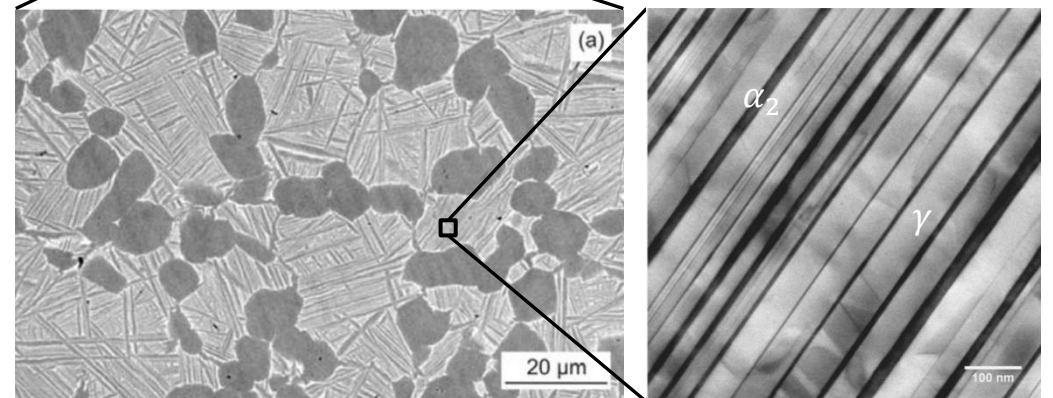
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Titanium Aluminide alloy as test material

- Titanium Aluminide (TiAl) Typ GE48-2-2
- Titanium Aluminium Chromium Niobium
48 : 48 : 2 : 2 at% and 59.8 : 32.8 : 2.55 : 4.85 wt%
- TiAl 48-2-2 remelt stocks are manufactured by Vacuum Arc Remelting (VAR)
- Manufacturer provided properties:

Fracture toughness	15 – 18 MPa \sqrt{m}
Fracture strength	450 – 500 MPa
Density	3.97 g/cm ³
Hardness	285 HV10
Young's Modulus	160 GPa
Yield strength	430 MPa

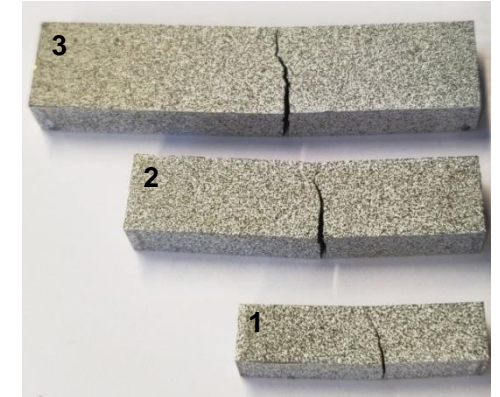


Duplex with lamellar colonies



Specimen preparation and test configuration

- Three point bending tests are performed
- Specimens are cut using the Electrical Discharge Machining process.
- Dimensional tolerance and surface finish as per ASTM E399.
- For each specimen, force and DIC data are recorded. Strain rate fixed at $0.5\% \text{ min}^{-1}$.
- Three geometrically identical sizes are selected.



	Length (L)	Height (H)	Width (B)	Count (n)
Size 1	25.2	6.0	6.0	11
Size 2	37.8	9.0	6.0	14
Size 3	50.4	12.0	6.0	4

All dimensions in mm



Force displacement data

Experiment data

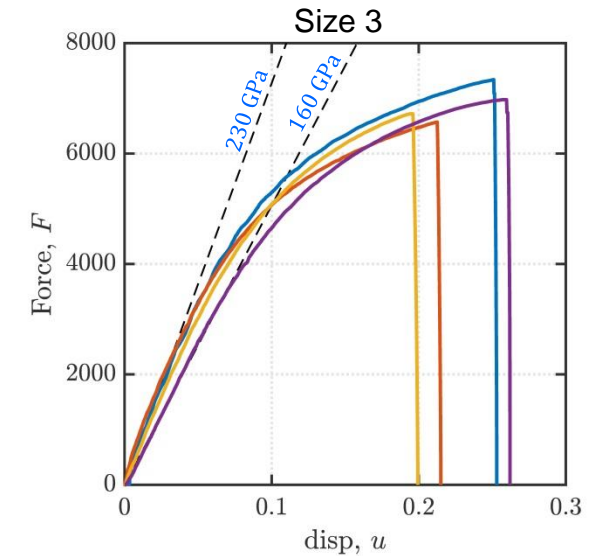
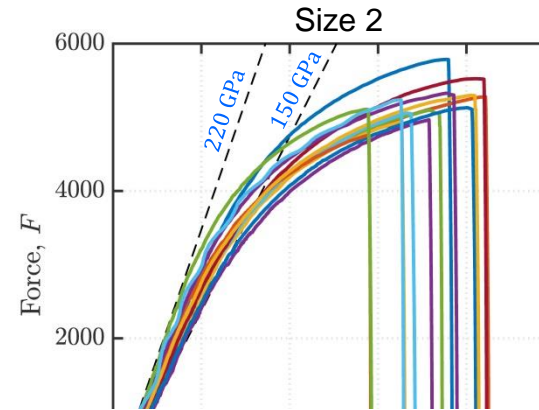
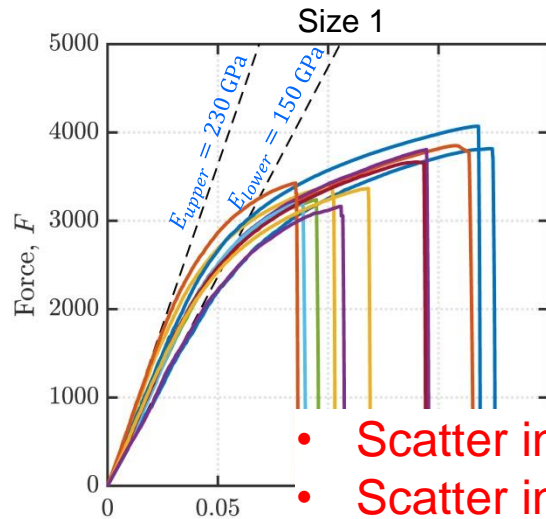
Upper and lower bounds for elastic modulus are computed using analytical relation

$$u = \frac{FL^3}{48EI} + \frac{FLH^2}{40GI}$$

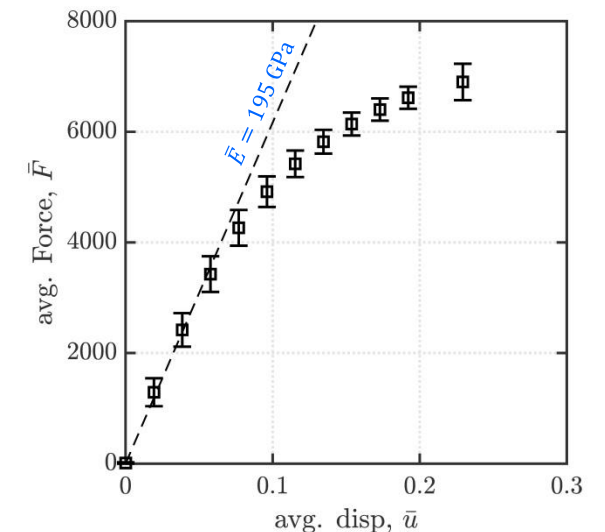
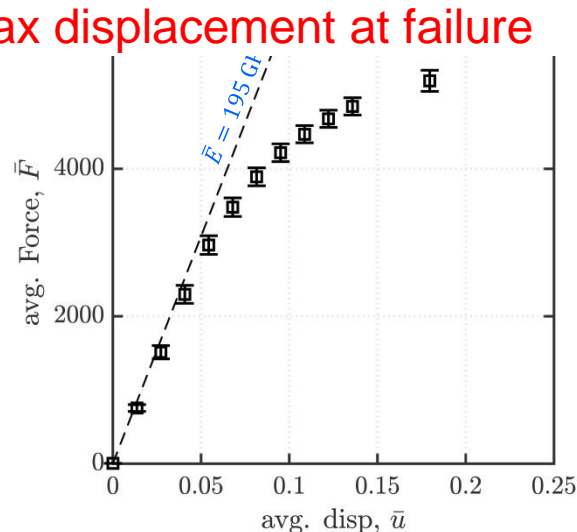
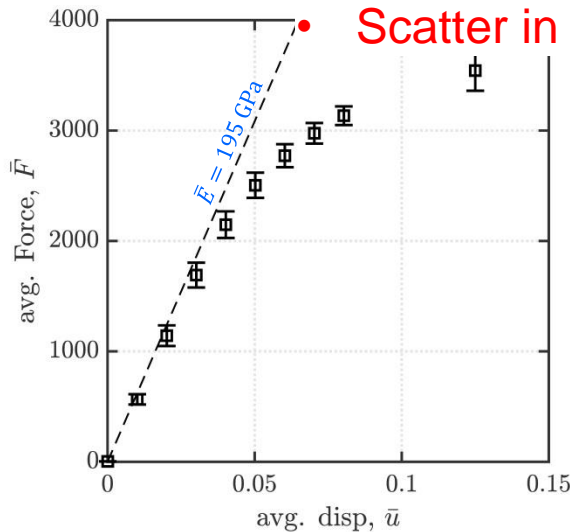
Averaged data

95 % confidence intervals are computed as

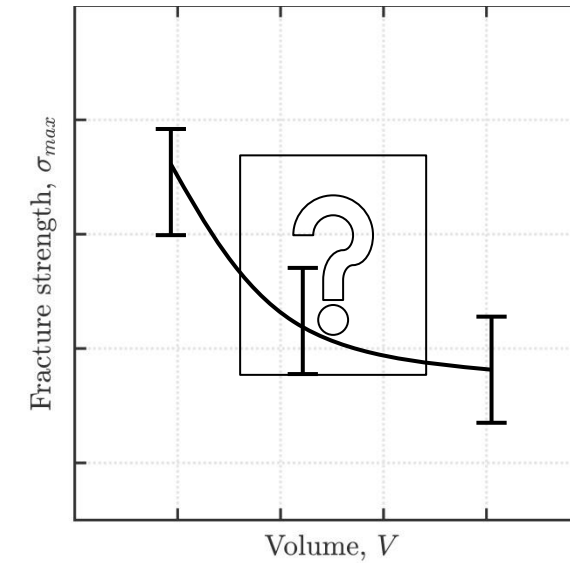
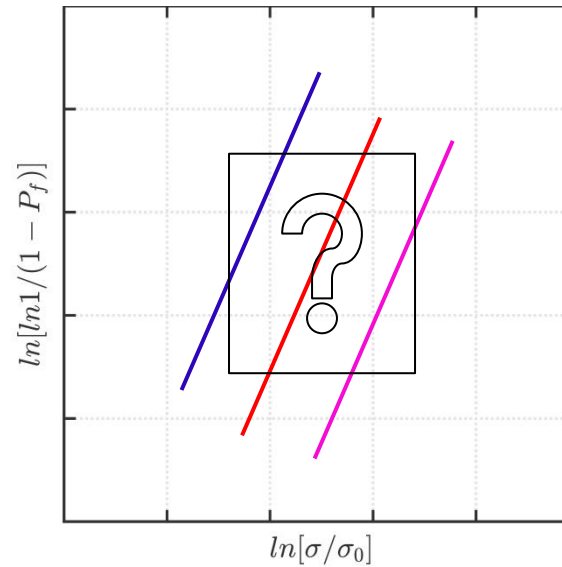
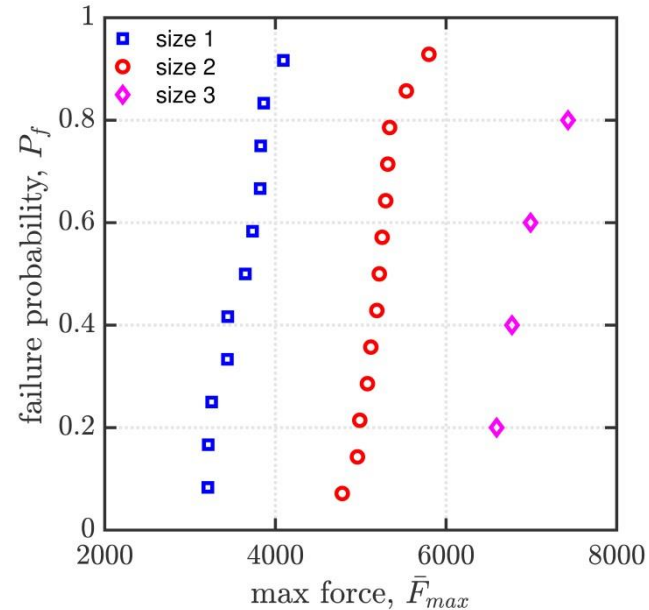
$$CI = \pm 1.96 \frac{sd}{\sqrt{n}}$$



- Scatter in elastic modulus
- Scatter in initial flow stress
- Scatter in max force at failure
- Scatter in max displacement at failure



Distribution in fracture stress



- Cumulative density function for failure probability is obtained from sorted sample of size N as ^[1]

$$P_f = \frac{i - 0.3}{N + 0.4}$$

- Analytical relation for flexural stress is only valid in linear elastic region

$$\sigma = \frac{3FL}{2BH^2}$$



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Phase field modeling of elastic-plastic fracture ^[1]

- Define the space-time accumulated work density as

$$\mathcal{W} = \int_V \left(\int_0^T \boldsymbol{\sigma} : \dot{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}} dt \right) dV = \int_V \left[\underbrace{\widehat{W}(\mathfrak{C})}_{\text{rate-indep.}} + \underbrace{\mathfrak{D}}_{\text{rate-dep.}} \right] dV$$

$\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$, total strain
 $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^p$, plastic strain
 α , equi. Plastic strain
 d , crack phase field

where $\mathfrak{C} = \{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}, \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^p, \alpha, \nabla\alpha, d, \nabla d\}$ is the constitutive set.

- Make the energetic-dissipative split

$$\widehat{W} = \underbrace{\psi^e(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon} - \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^p, d)}_{\text{stored energy}} + \underbrace{\mathcal{D}^{pf}(\alpha, \nabla\alpha, d, \nabla d)}_{\text{dissipation}}$$

- Stored energy takes the form

$$\psi^e(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon} - \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^p, d) = g(d)w_e = g(d) \left[\frac{\kappa}{2} \text{tr}^2[\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^e] + \mu \text{tr}[\text{dev}(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^e)^2] \right]$$

- Dissipation due to gradient-plasticity and fracture takes the form

$$\mathcal{D}^{pf}(\alpha, \nabla\alpha, d, \nabla d) = g(d)w_p(\alpha, \nabla\alpha) + (1 - g(d))w_c + 2l_f\gamma(d, \nabla d)w_c$$



Phase field modeling of elastic-plastic fracture ^[1] ...

- Define a dissipation potential function

$$\widehat{V}(\dot{\mathfrak{C}}) = \underbrace{\sup}_{f^p, r^p, f^f - r^r} \underbrace{\sup}_{\lambda^p, \lambda^f} [f^p : \dot{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}^p - r^p \dot{\alpha} + (f^f - r^r) \dot{d} - \lambda^p \phi^p - \lambda^f \phi^f]$$

$$\begin{aligned} f^p &= -\partial_{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^p} \psi^e \\ r^p &= \delta_{\alpha} \mathcal{D}^{pf} \\ f^f &= -\partial_d \psi^e \\ r^r &= \delta_d \mathcal{D}^{pf} \end{aligned}$$

- Define the global rate potential of coupled gradient-plasticity-gradient damage

$$\Pi = \int_V \left(\int_t \frac{d}{dt} \widehat{W}(\mathfrak{C}) + \widehat{V}(\dot{\mathfrak{C}}) \right) - \mathcal{P}_{ext}(\dot{\mathbf{u}})$$

- The global *minimization* of the *multi-field problem* yields the primary unknowns

$$\{\dot{\mathbf{u}}, \dot{\alpha}, \dot{d}, \dot{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}^p\} = \underset{\dot{\mathbf{u}}, \dot{\alpha}, \dot{d}, \dot{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}^p}{\text{Arg}} \{ \inf \Pi \}$$

- Of particular interest is the Euler equation derived for the evolution of phase field fracture

$$\dot{d} = (1 - d)\mathcal{H} - [d - l_f^2 \Delta d] \quad \text{where} \quad \mathcal{H} = \underbrace{\max}_{s \in [0, t]} \mathfrak{B} \geq 0$$

- The dimensionless *crack driving state function* is

$$\mathfrak{B} = \left\langle \frac{w_e(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^e) + w_p(\alpha, \nabla \alpha)}{w_c} - 1 \right\rangle$$

[1] C. Miehe, F. Aldakheel, A. Raina (2016)

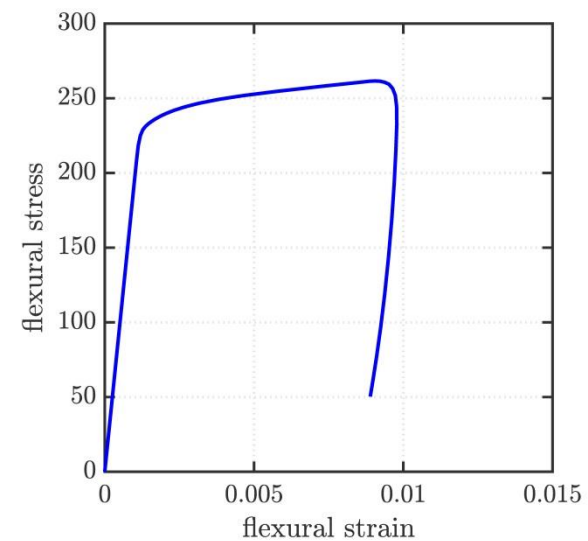
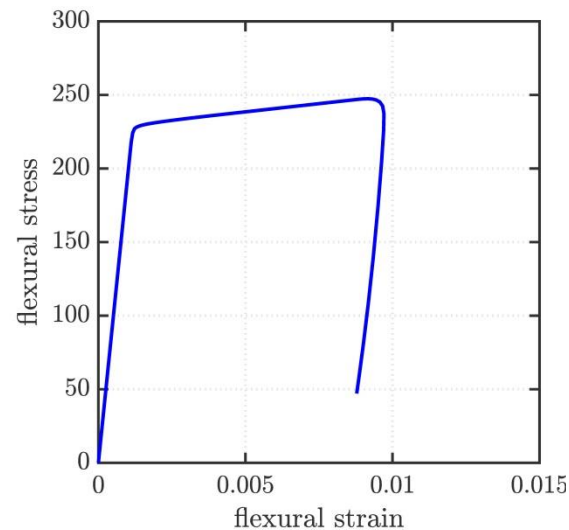
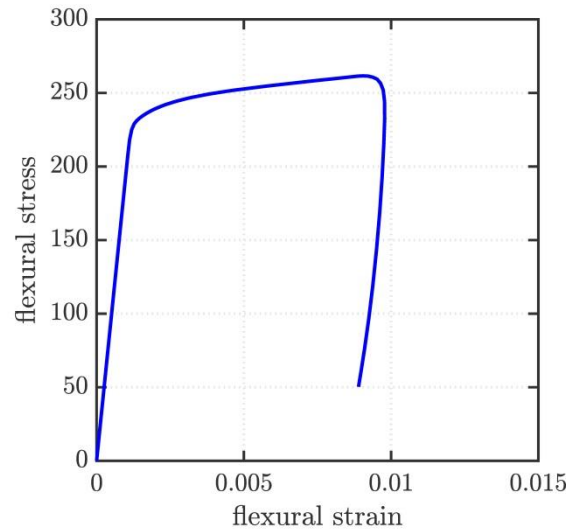
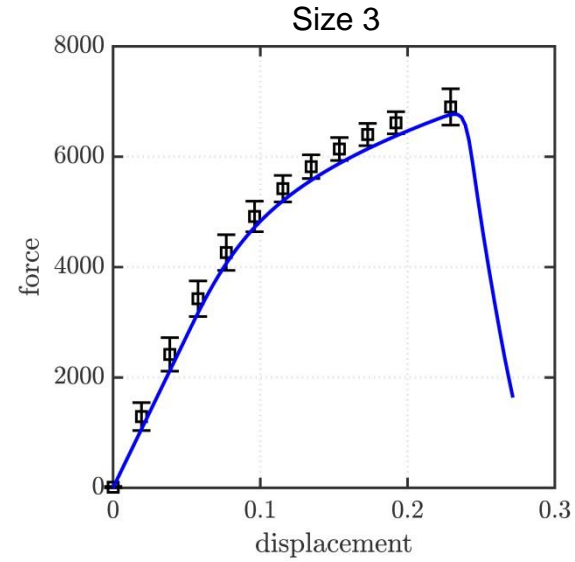
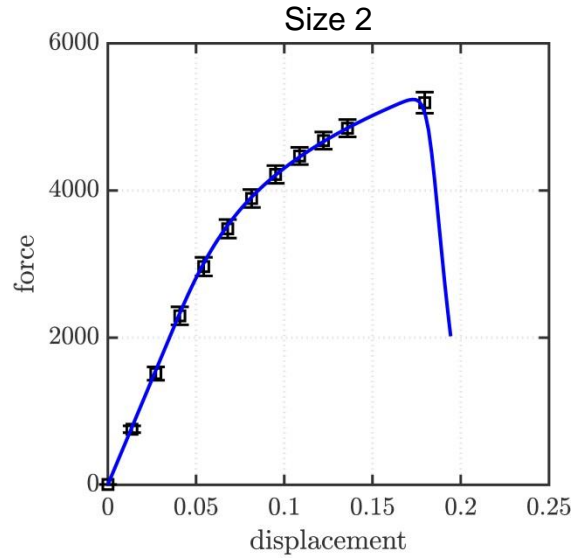
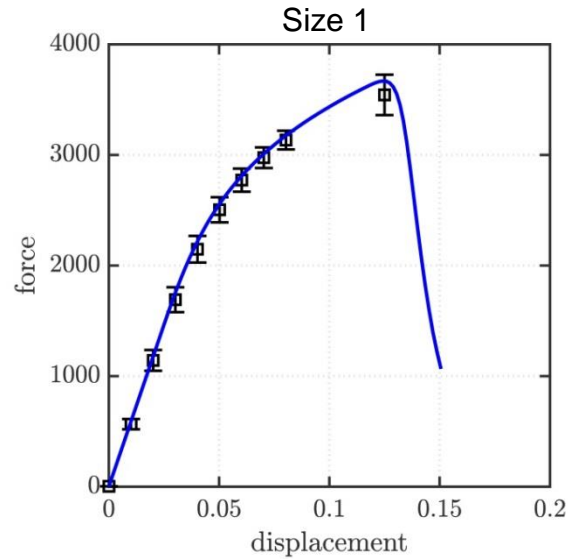


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Simulations of average 3PB response



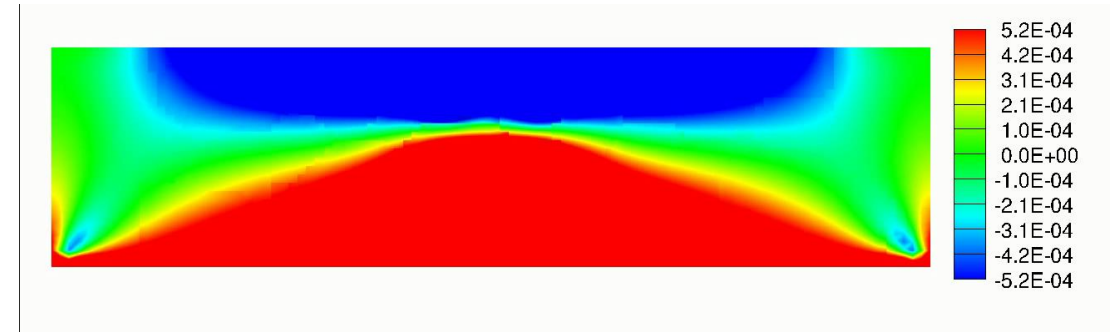
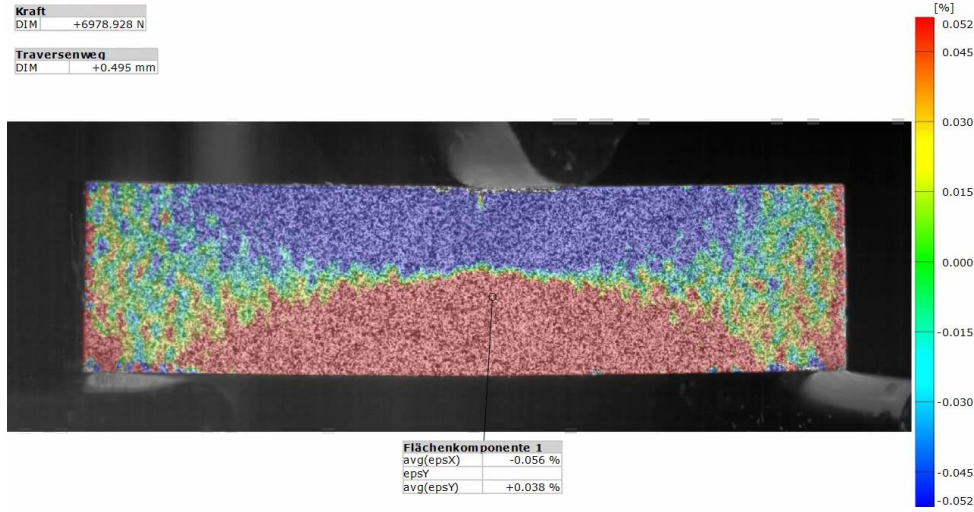
— simulation

E [GPa]	195
ν [-]	0.24
σ_y [MPa]	225
σ_∞ [MPa]	345
ω [-]	20
h [MPa]	150
w_c [MPa] (size1)	2.749
w_c [MPa] (size2)	2.50
w_c [MPa] (size3)	2.425

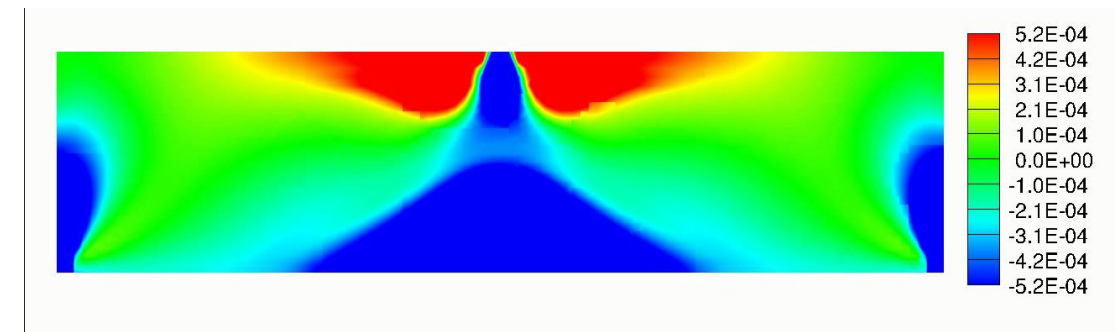
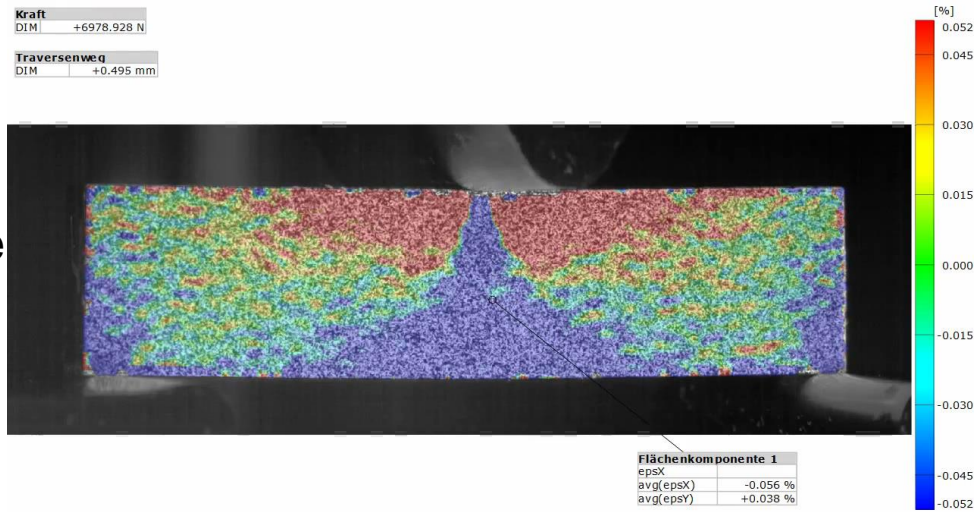


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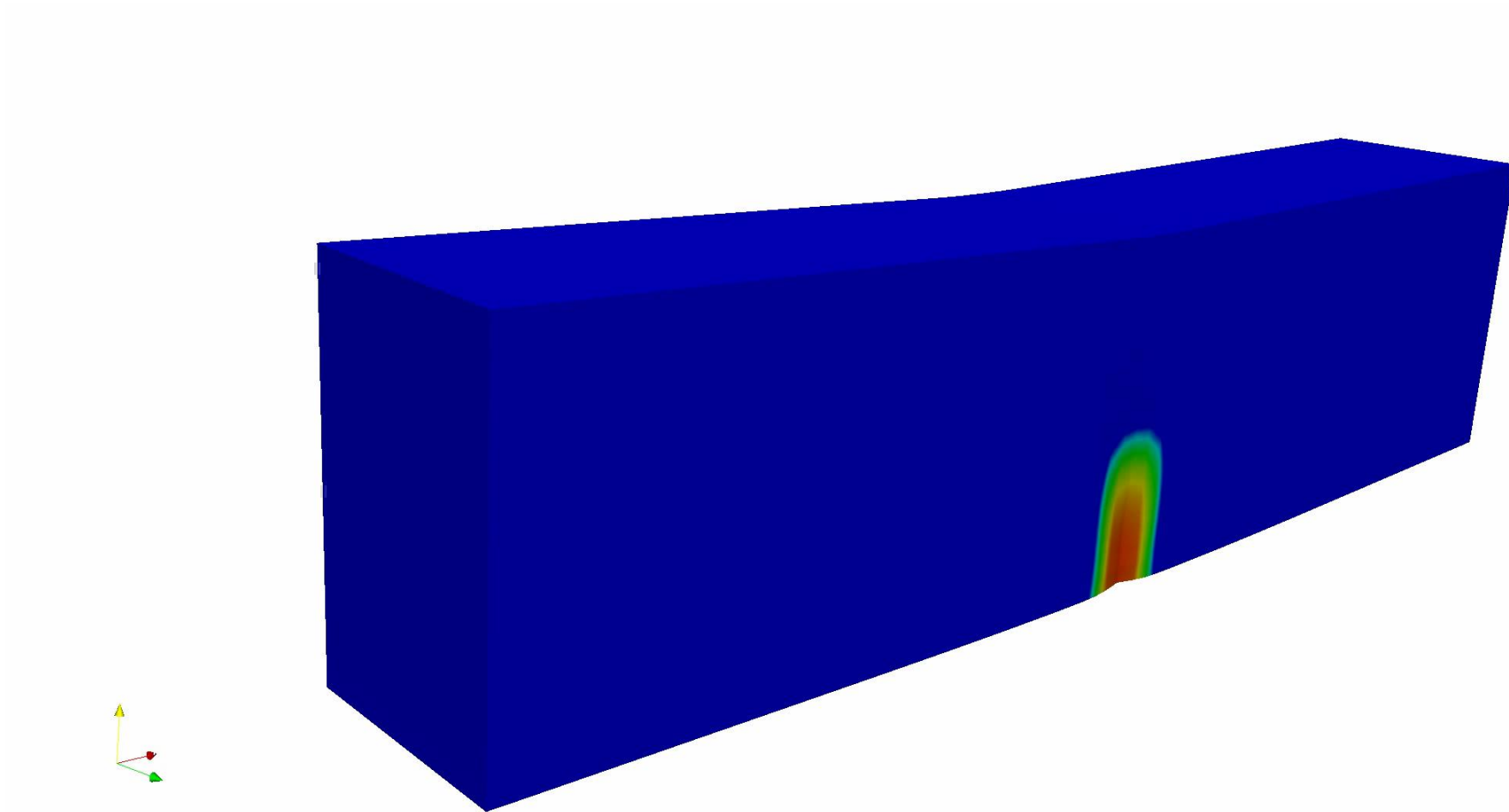
Flexural strain



Transverse strain



Fracture with crack phase field



We propose an empirical relation for the size effect

- Volume dependent critical fracture energy is proposed as

$$w_c = \frac{w_0}{\sqrt{\left(1 + \left(\frac{V}{V_0}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}}\right)}}$$

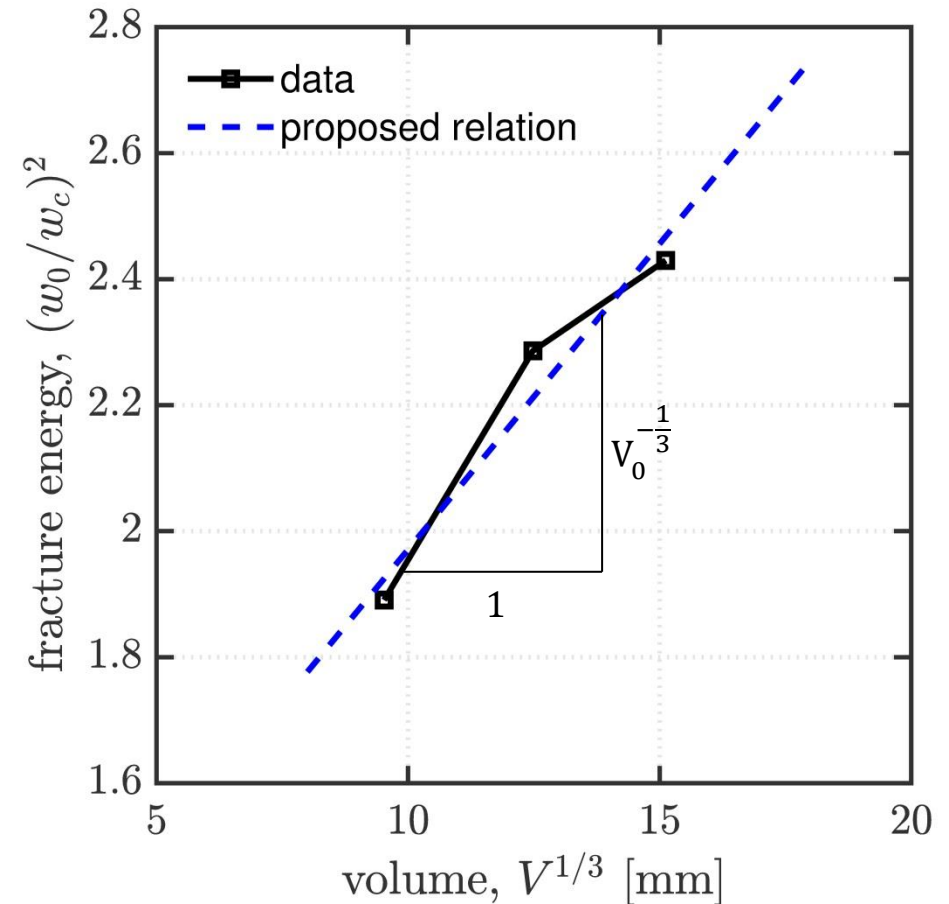
- Rearranging the terms, we get

$$\left(\frac{w_0}{w_c}\right)^2 = V_0^{-\frac{1}{3}} \cdot \left(V^{\frac{1}{3}}\right) + 1$$

$$V_0 = 1092.7 \text{ mm}^3$$

$$w_0 = 3.78 \text{ Mpa}$$

- See Bažant and Kazemi (1990).

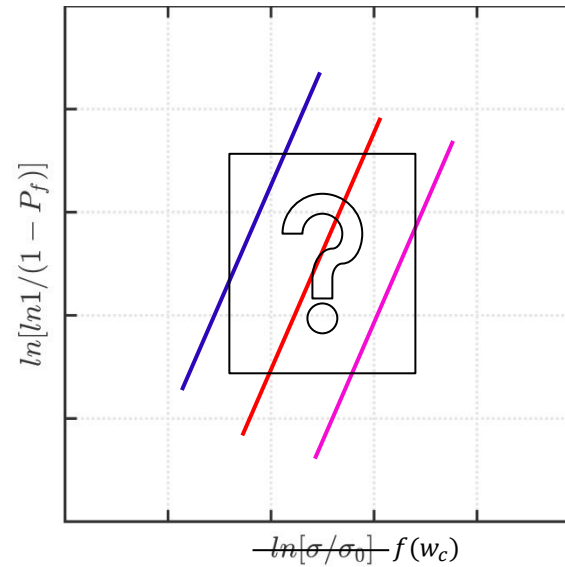
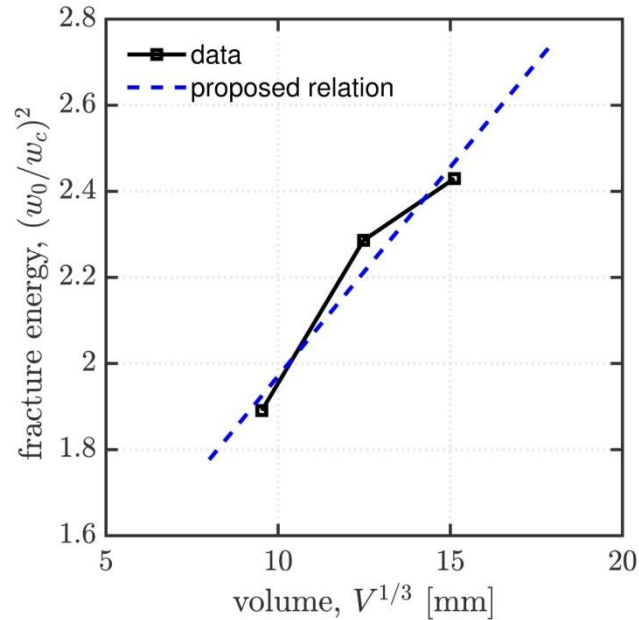


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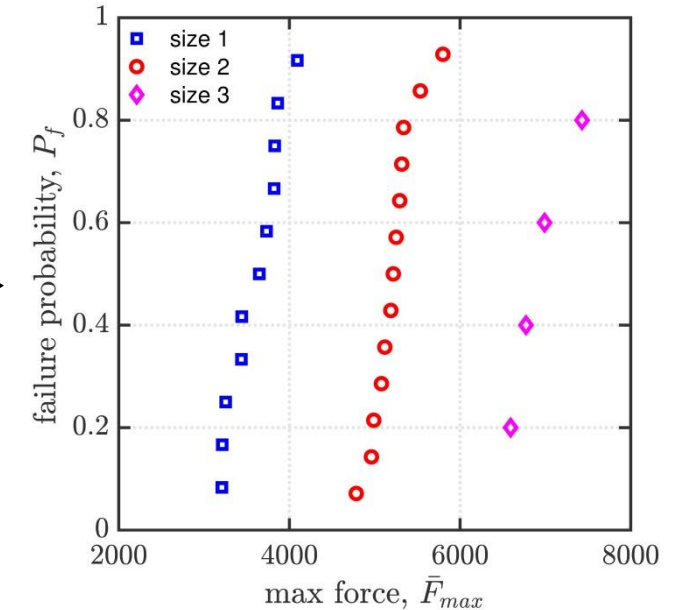
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To be done ...



output



- Can we simulate the stochastic nature of observed properties during tests to make the design and analysis of components more efficient?
- We start with finding an alternative to the weakest link Weibull model.



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Conclusion

- Titanium Aluminide alloys present a potential alternative to traditional Ni-basis super alloys.
- An empirical relation for size dependent fracture energy density is proposed.
- Crack initiation to final fracture accompanied by SSY is accurately captured by gradient-extended plasticity damage theory.

Outlook

- A multiscale model accounting for statistical descriptors of duplex microstructure in a SRUC.
- A crystal-plasticity coupled phase-field fracture theory for micromechanical motivation of size effect.
- An alternative to the weakest link Weibull model to account for failure in presence of SSY.





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