

Diffusing wave spectroscopy in elastomer fracture

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Fracture at different length scale

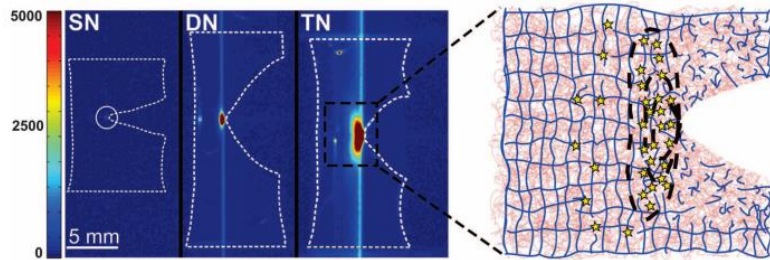
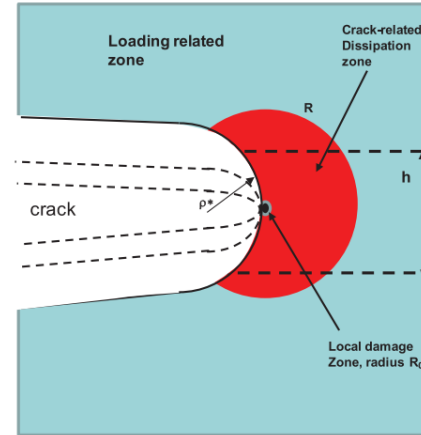


Fig. 5. Mapping of where bonds break during crack propagation. Intensity-colored images of propagating cracks on notched samples containing dioxetane cross-linker in the first network, showing the light emission due to the breakage of bonds in SN, DN, and TN samples. The size and geometry of the sample are shown with a white dashed line. Vertical lines in the DN and TN image are due to detector artifacts; in DN and TN, spots far from the crack tip are due to reflection of the light on surface inhomogeneities and do not correspond to a local light emission. (Right) Schematic of the sacrificial bond-breaking mechanism in front of the crack tip for the DN and TN; the first network is represented in blue, and the second and third networks are in red.



**Molecular scale
(~10nm)**

Ducrot, Etienne, et al.2014

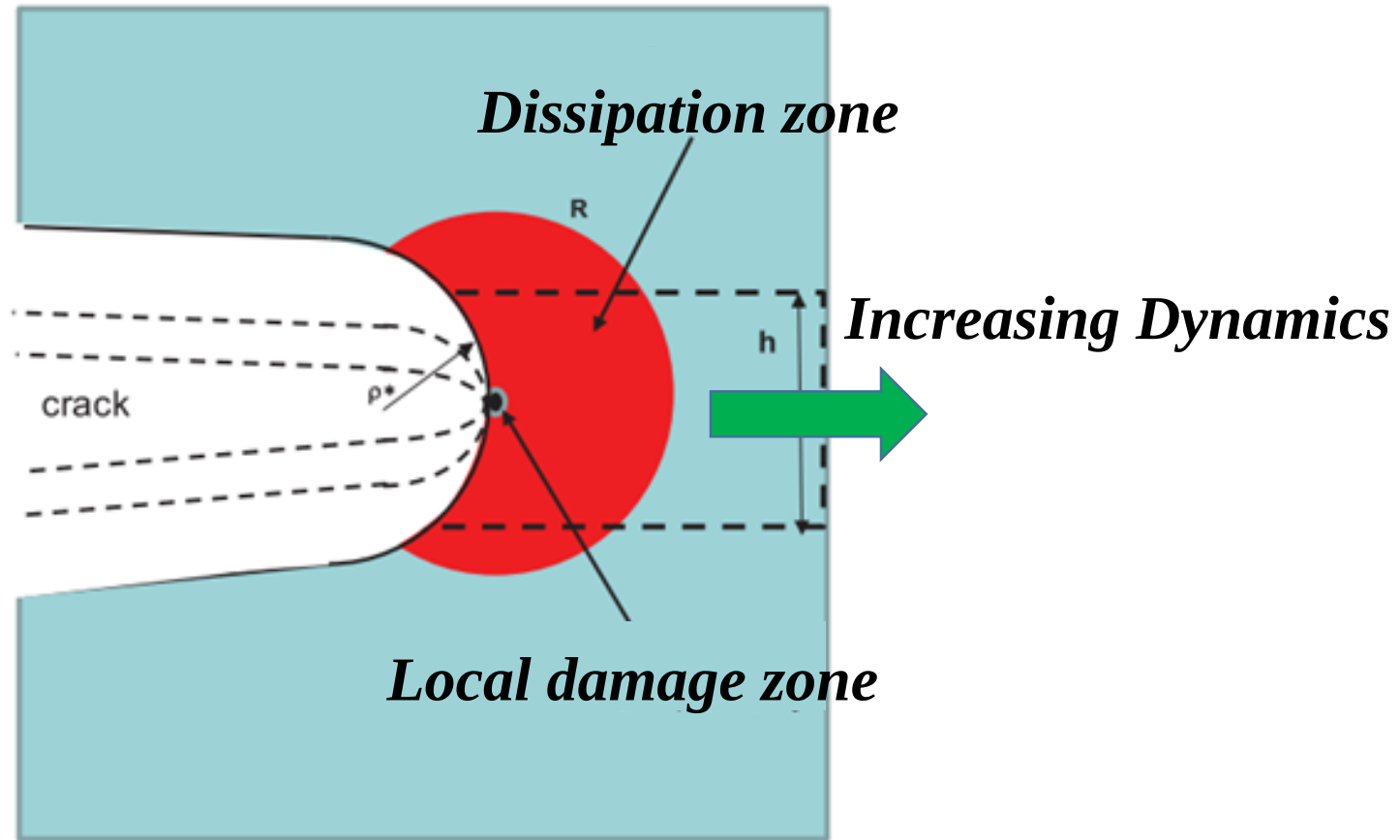
**Mesoscopic scale
(0.1 ~10 μm)**

Creton, Costantino, and Matteo Ciccotti.2016

Macroscopic scale

Martínez, A. B., et al. 2017

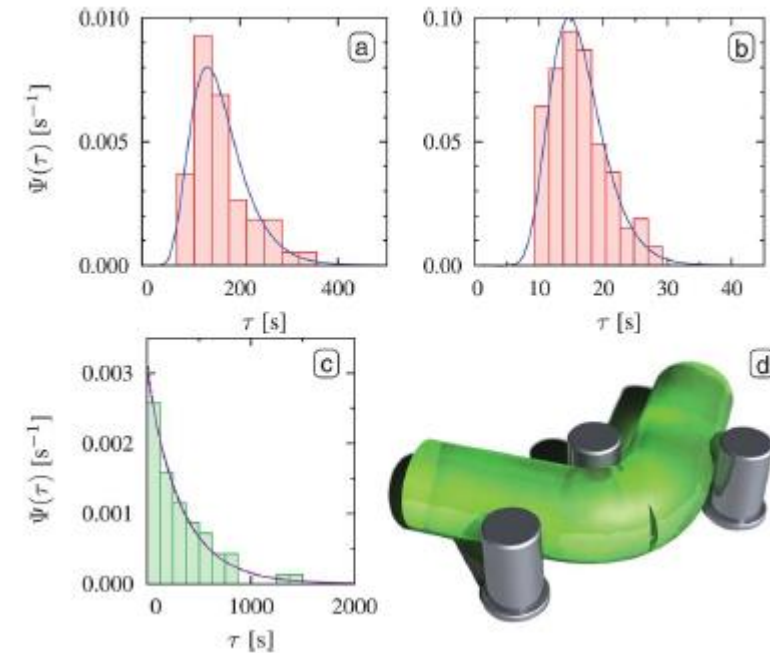
Fracture precursor



Delayed fracture

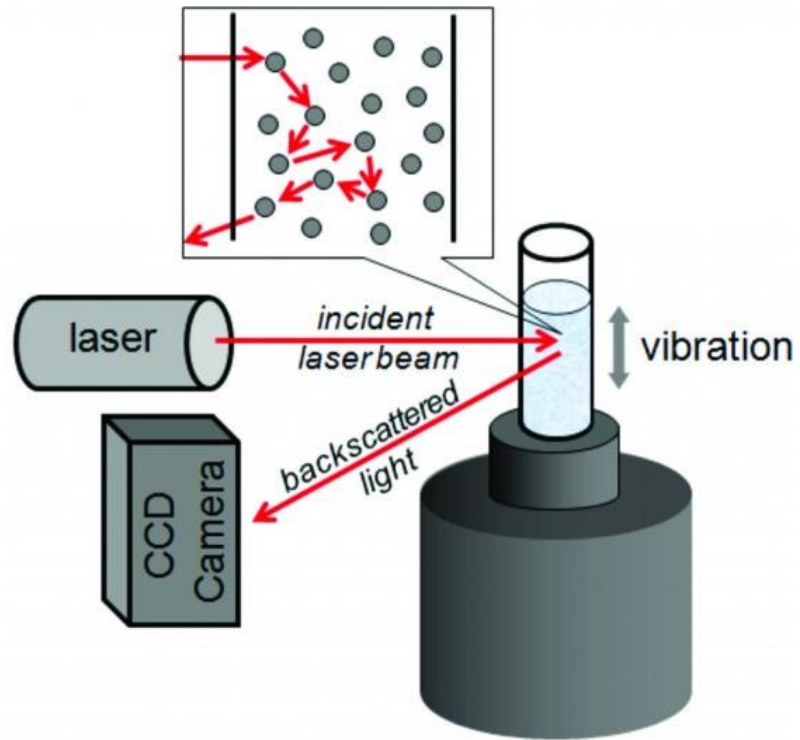


Bonn, Daniel, et al. "Delayed fracture of an inhomogeneous soft solid." *Science* 280.5361 (1998): 265-267.

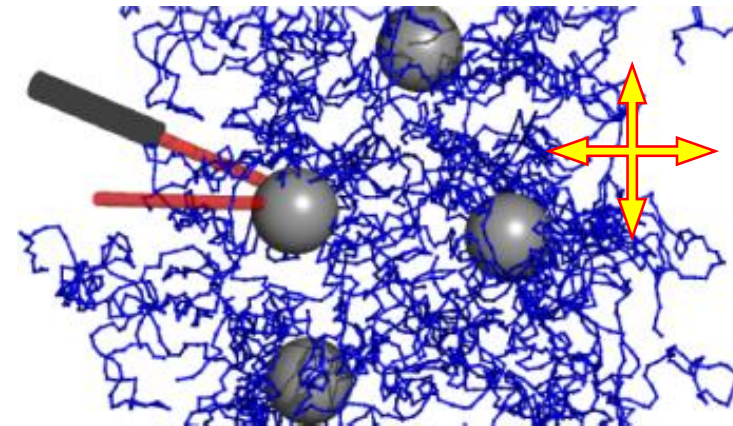


Lindström, Stefan B., et al. "Structures, stresses, and fluctuations in the delayed failure of colloidal gels." *Soft Matter* 8.13 (2012): 3657-3664.

DWS technology in polymer network

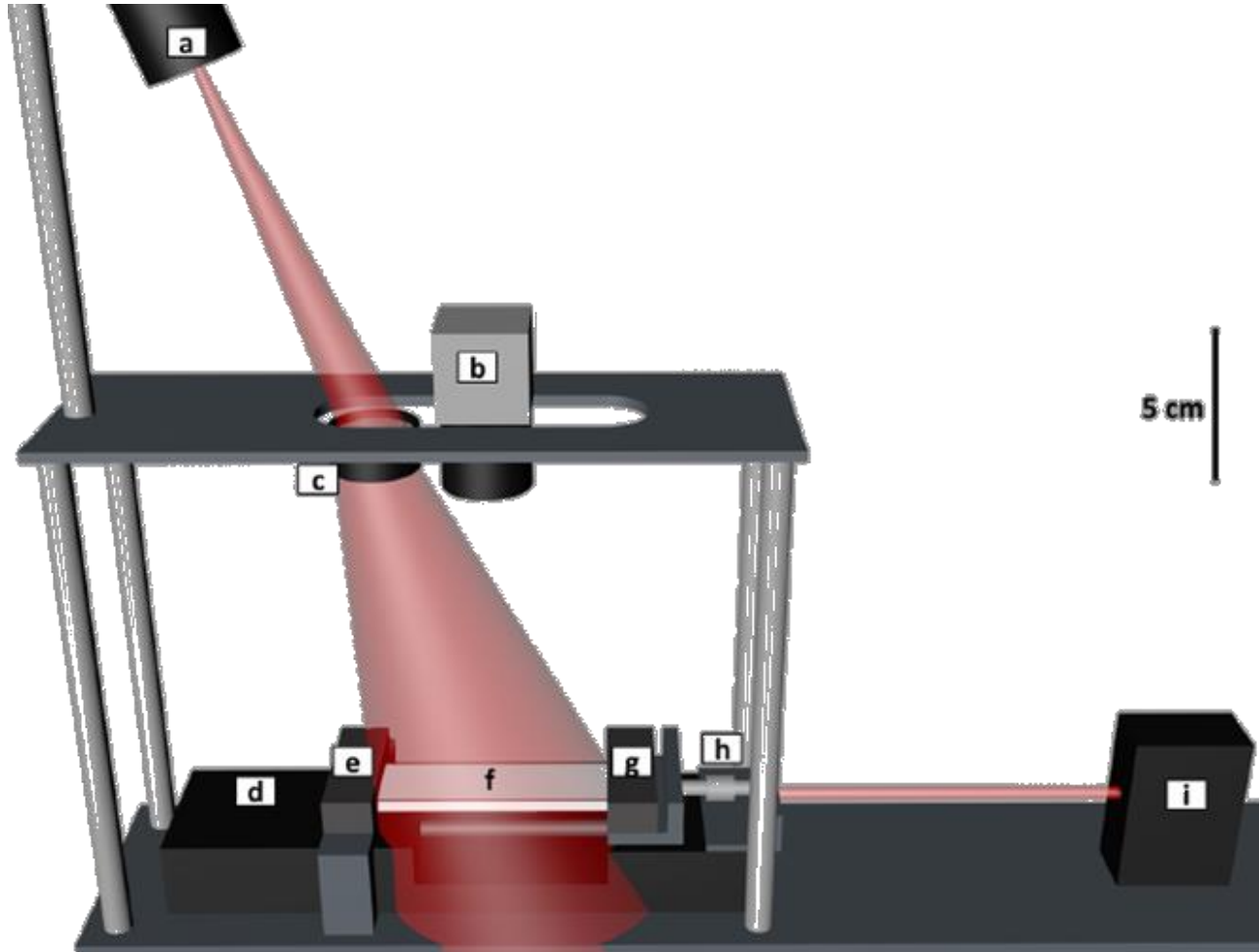


DWS: Multiple scattering



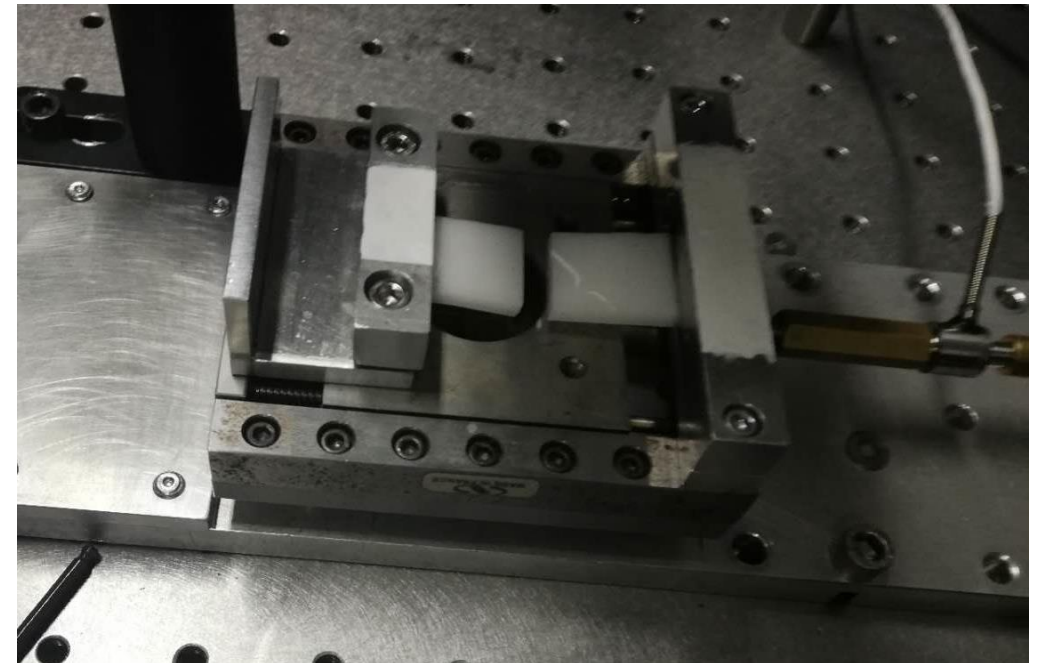
Polymer network + Probe particles

Experimental set-up

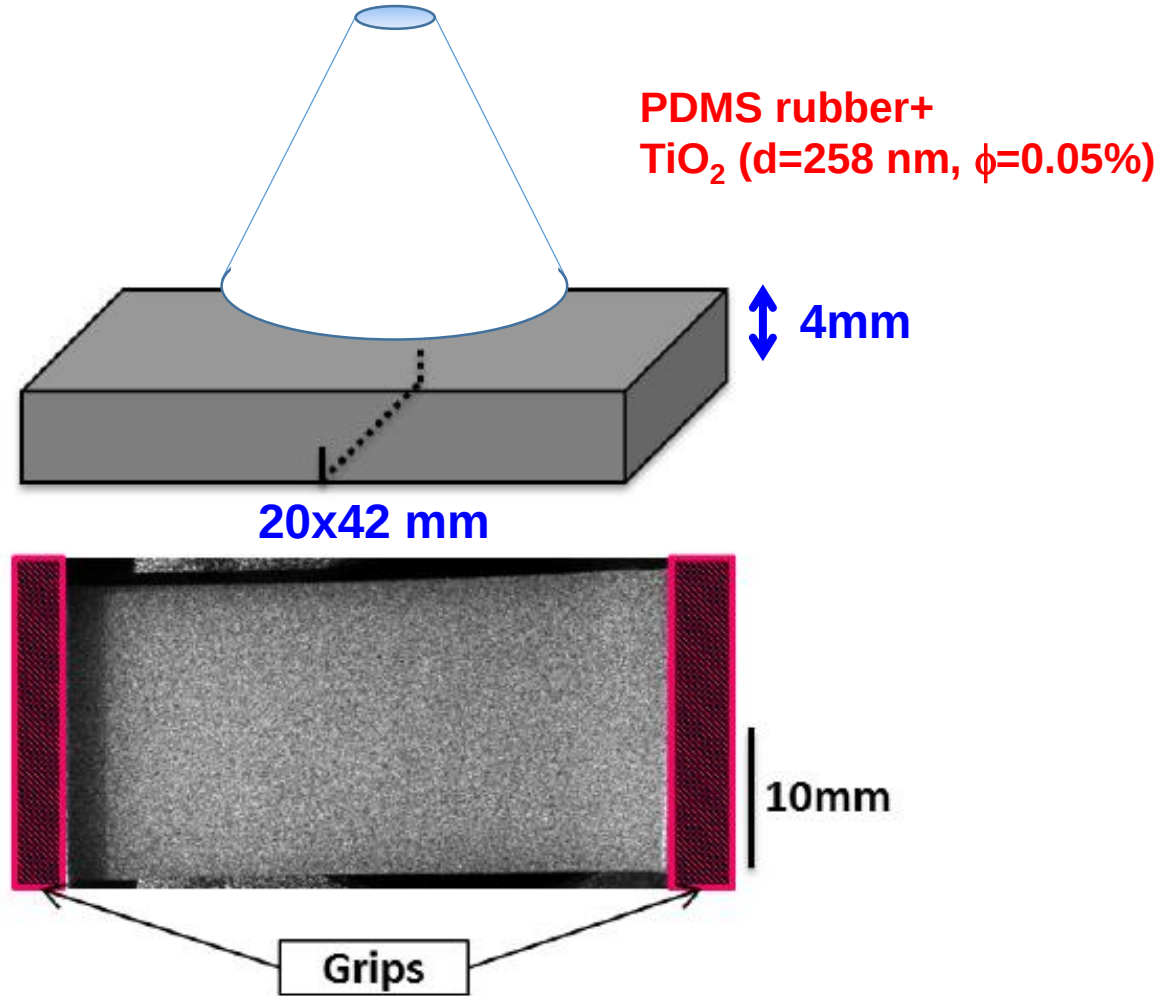


a: Laser
b: Camera
c: Lens
d: Motor
e: Fixed clamp

f: Sample
g: Moving clamp
h: Tensile sensor
i: Displacement sensor

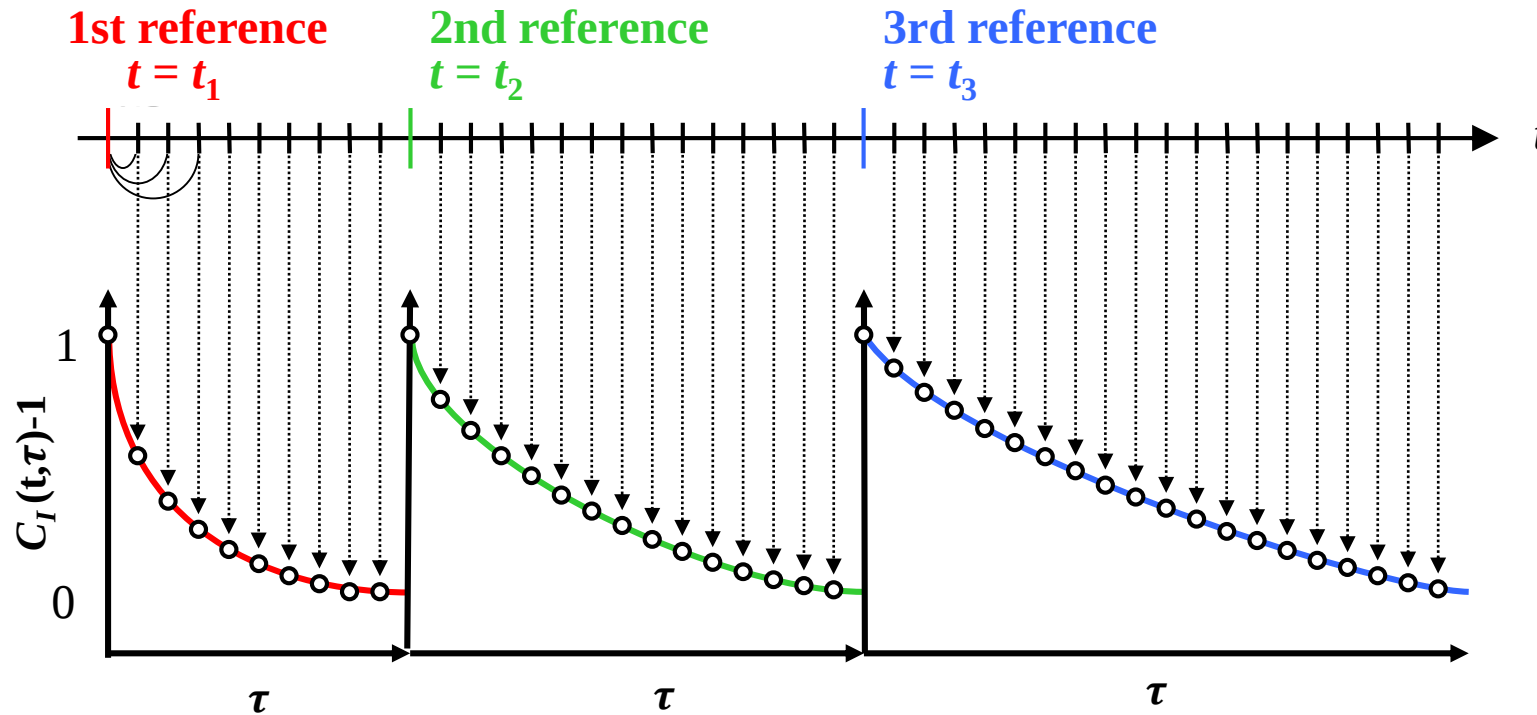


DWS measurement on PDMS



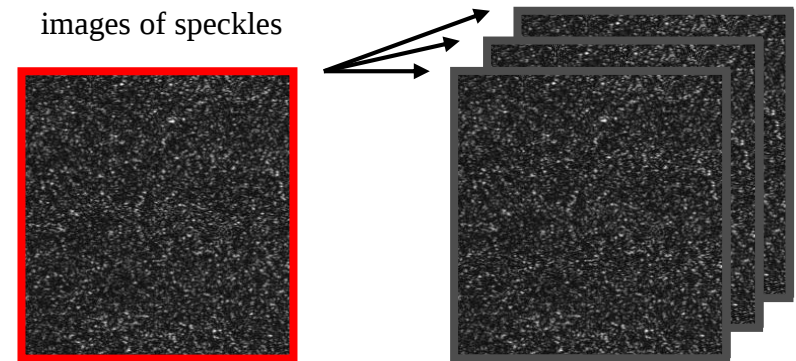
Macroscopic fracture — Force data
Mesoscopic change — DWS

Data analysis and fitting



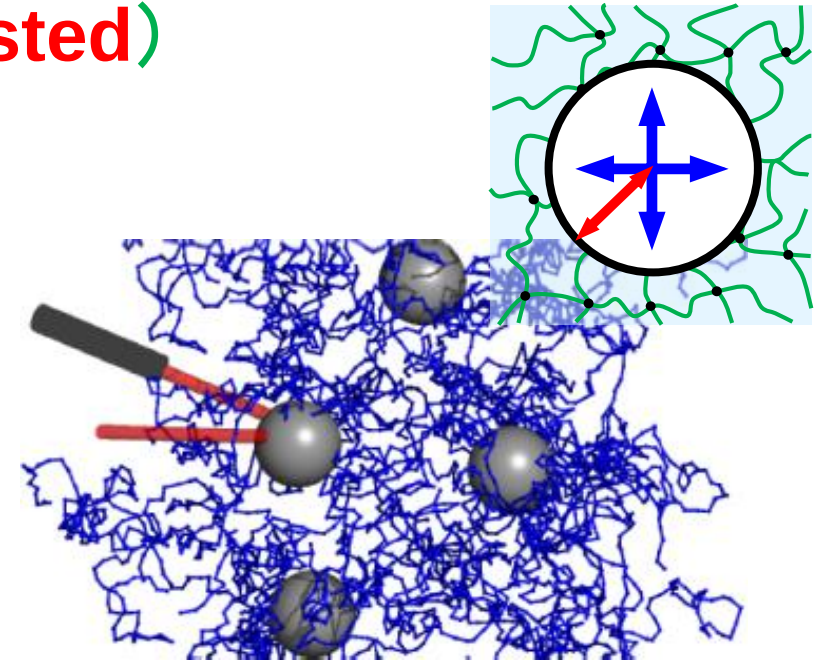
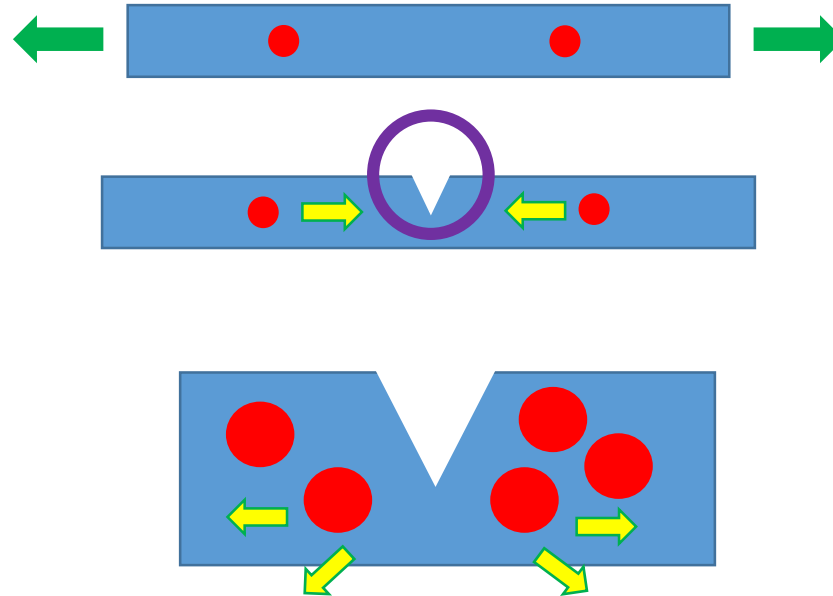
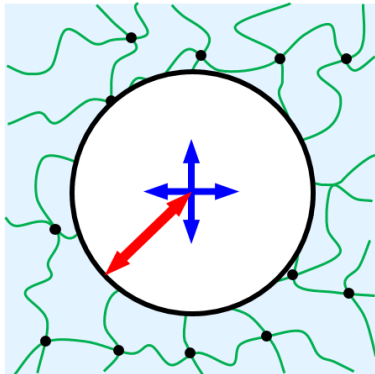
$$C_I(t, \tau) = \frac{\langle I_P(t) I_P(t + \tau) \rangle_P}{\langle I_P(t) \rangle_P \langle I_P(t + \tau) \rangle_P} - 1$$

$$C_I(t_1, \tau) = A \exp \left(- \left(\frac{\tau}{\tau_0} \right)^P \right) + B$$



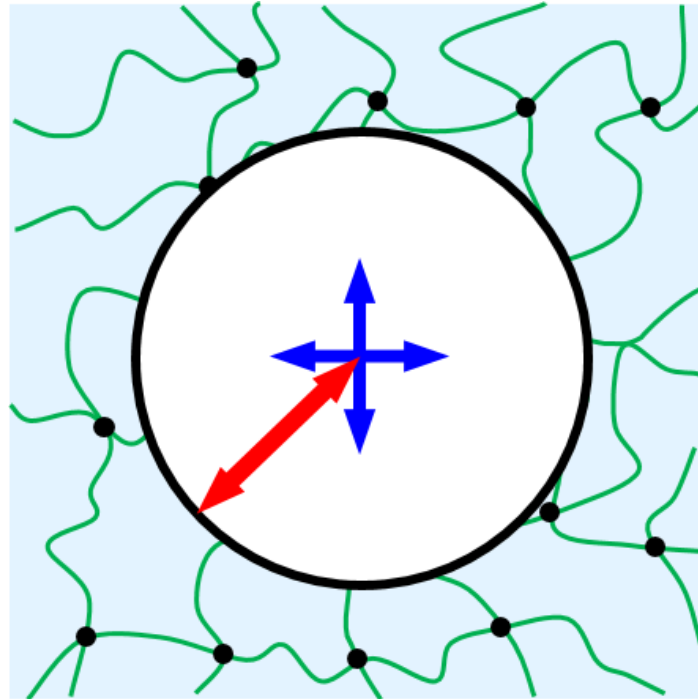
Particles dynamics in fracture

1. Intrinsic thermal fluctuation (**baseline**)
2. Translation due to fracture, relaxation and creep... (**correction**)
3. Displacement limited by chains (**interested**)

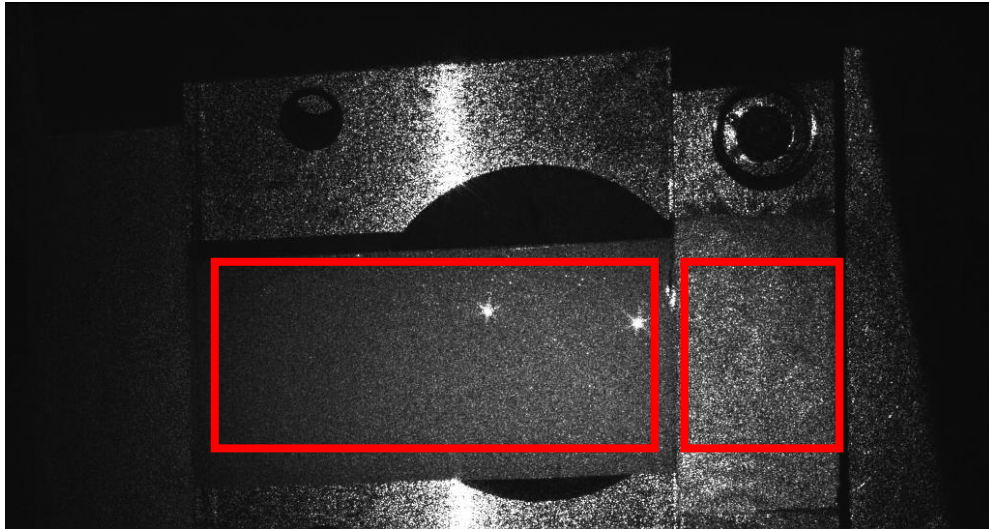


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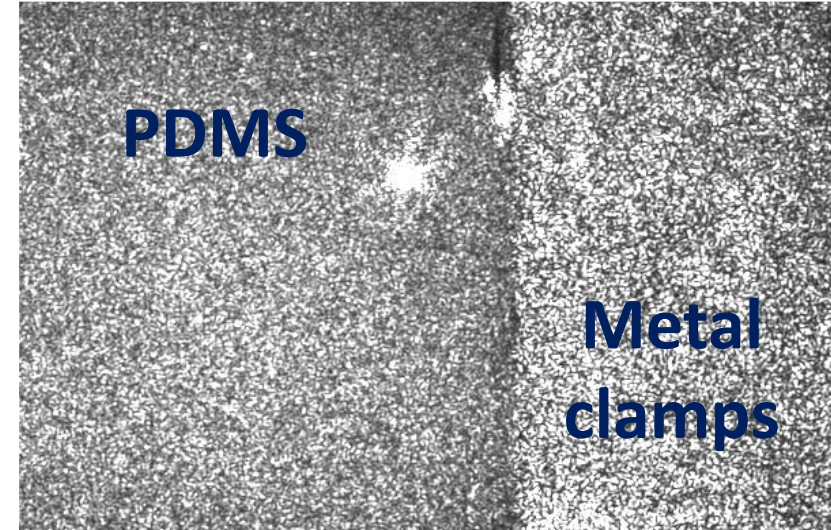
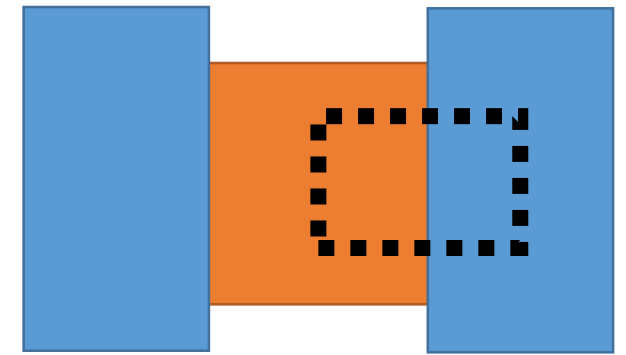


1. Static sample/clamp



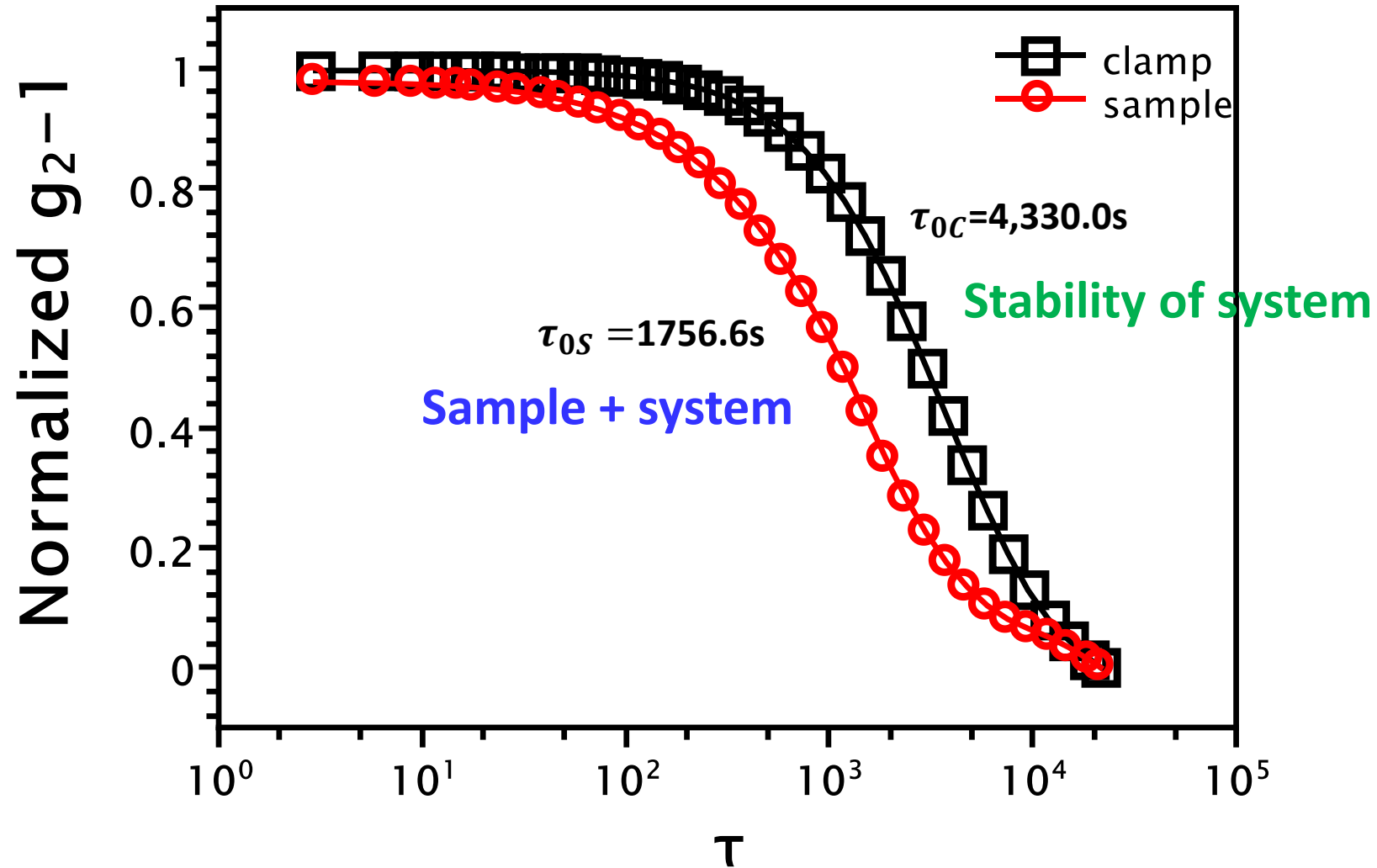
No loading

Sample + system



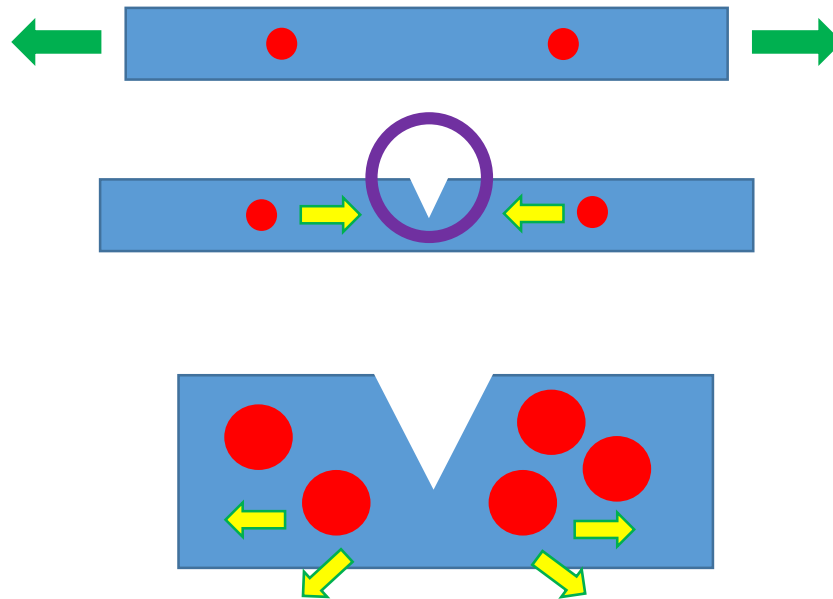
Stability of system:
Laser stability
Temperature fluctuation
Environment Brightness

$$g_2(\tau)-1 = \langle C_I(t, \tau) \rangle_t = A \exp \left(- \left(\frac{\tau}{\tau_0} \right)^P \right) + B$$

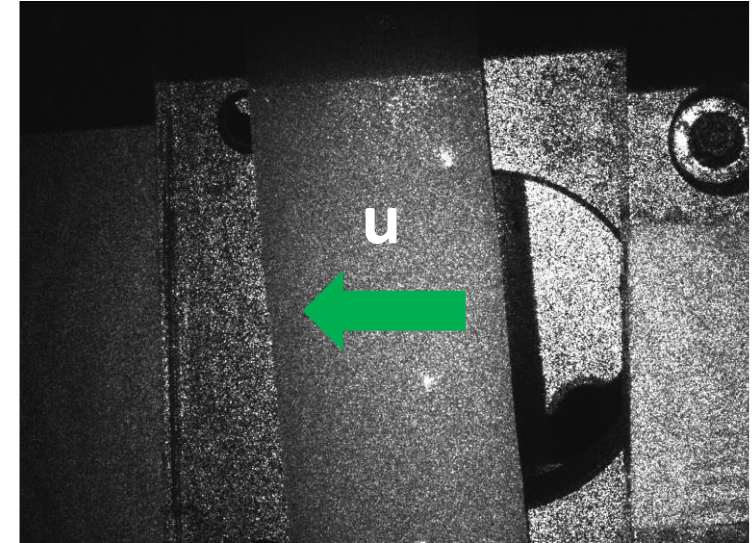
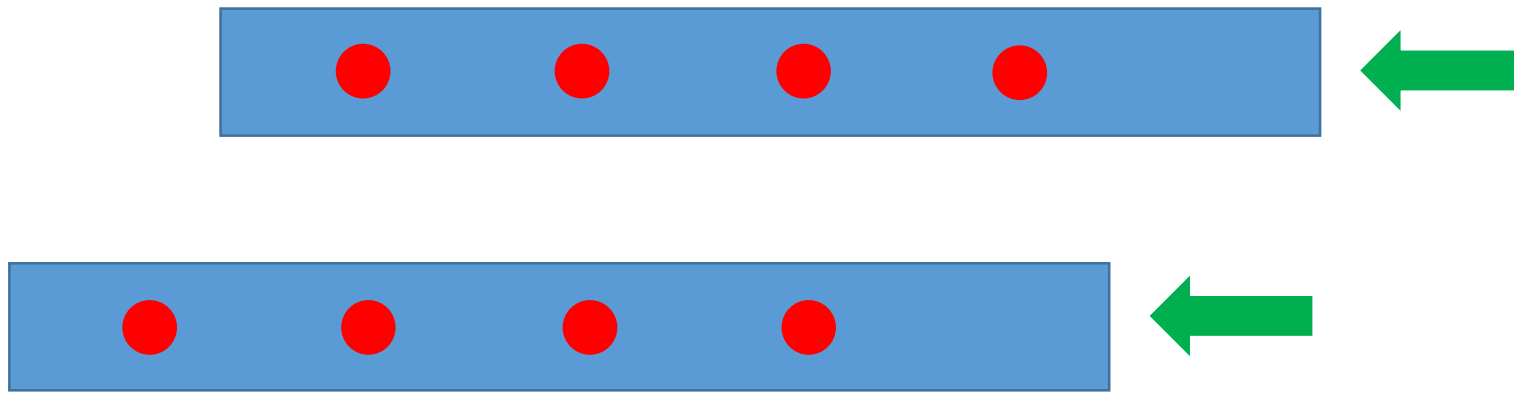


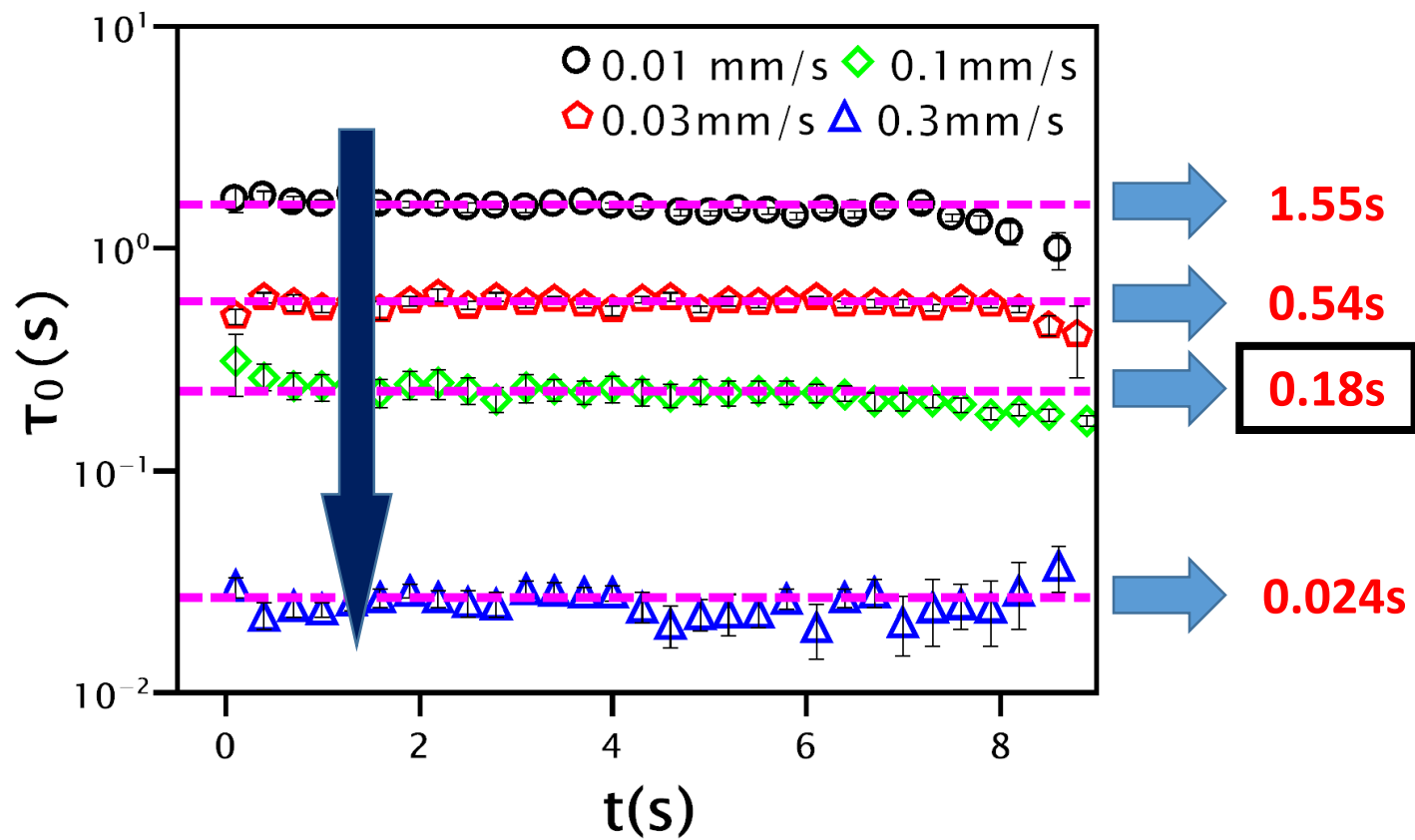
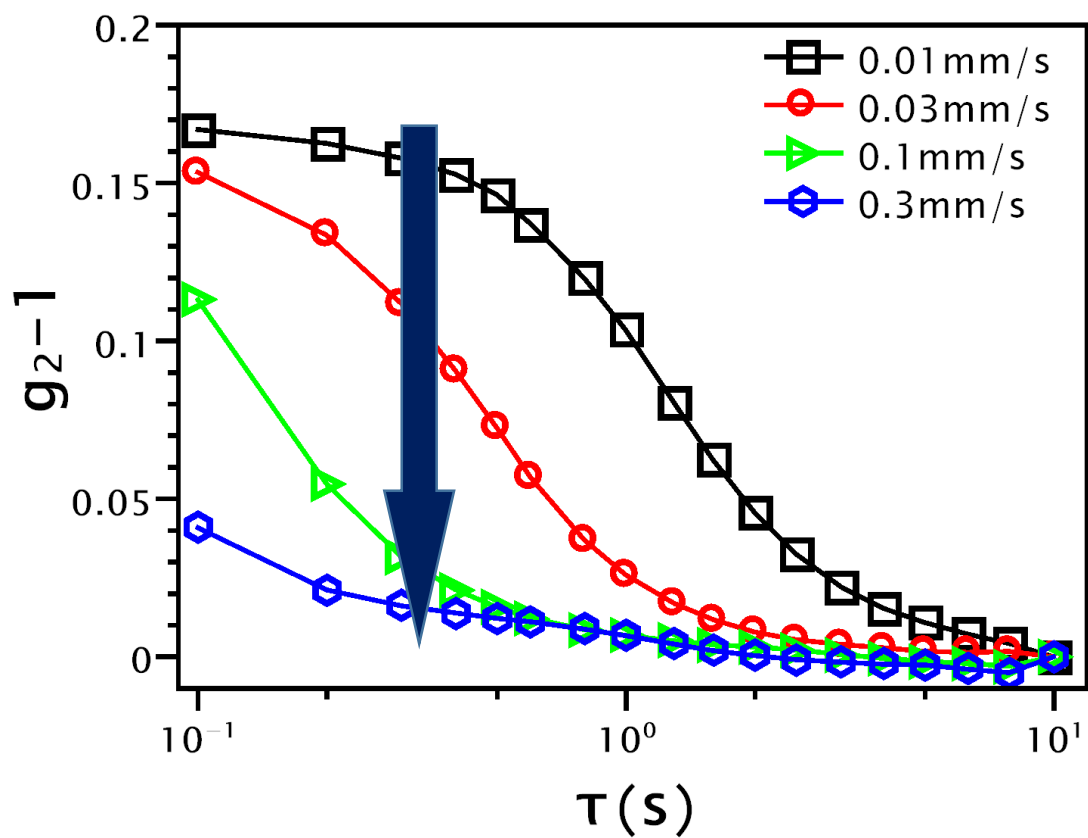
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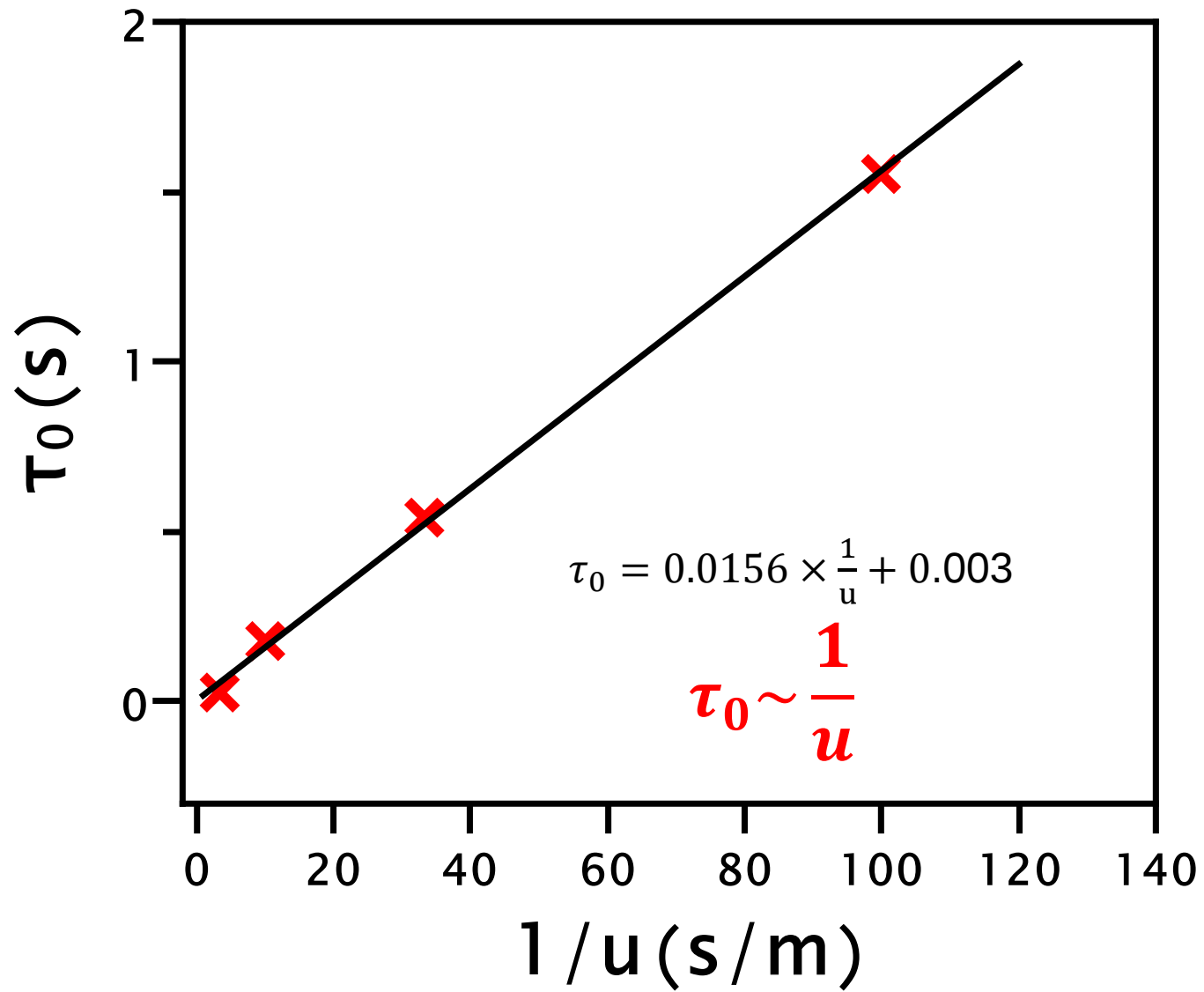
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2. Translation due to fracture, relaxation and creep...
3. Displacement limited by chains



2. Translation



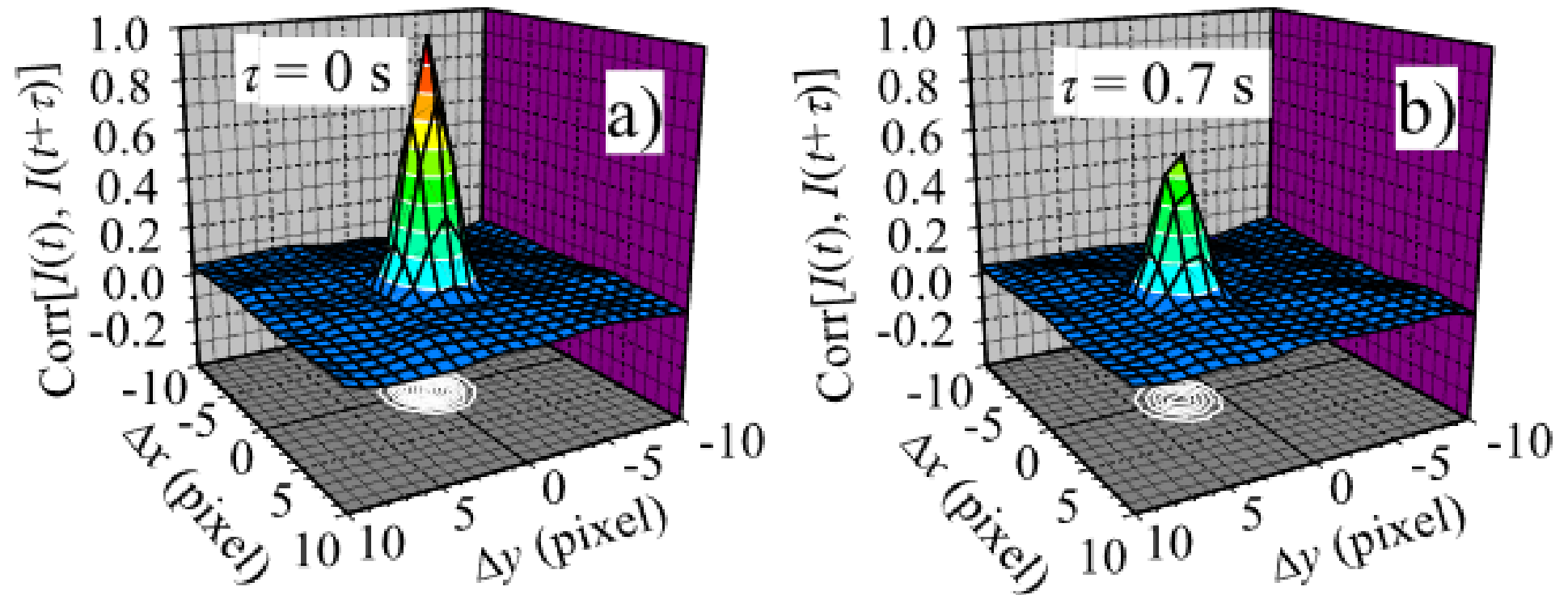




Translation speed $\sim$ Loss rate of correlation

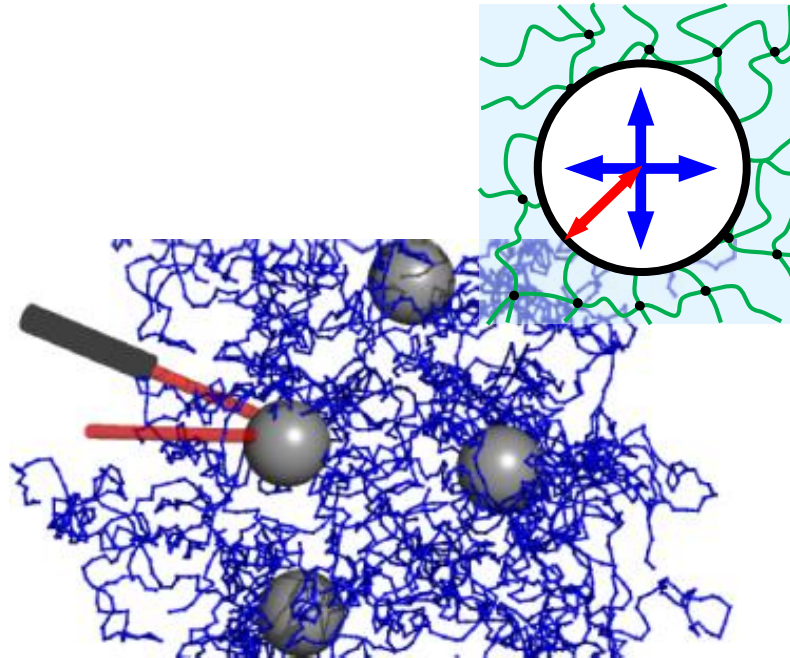
Practical complex drifting field: Drifting correction

$$\langle C_I(t, \tau) \rangle_t \rightarrow \langle C_I(t, \tau, x, y) \rangle_t$$



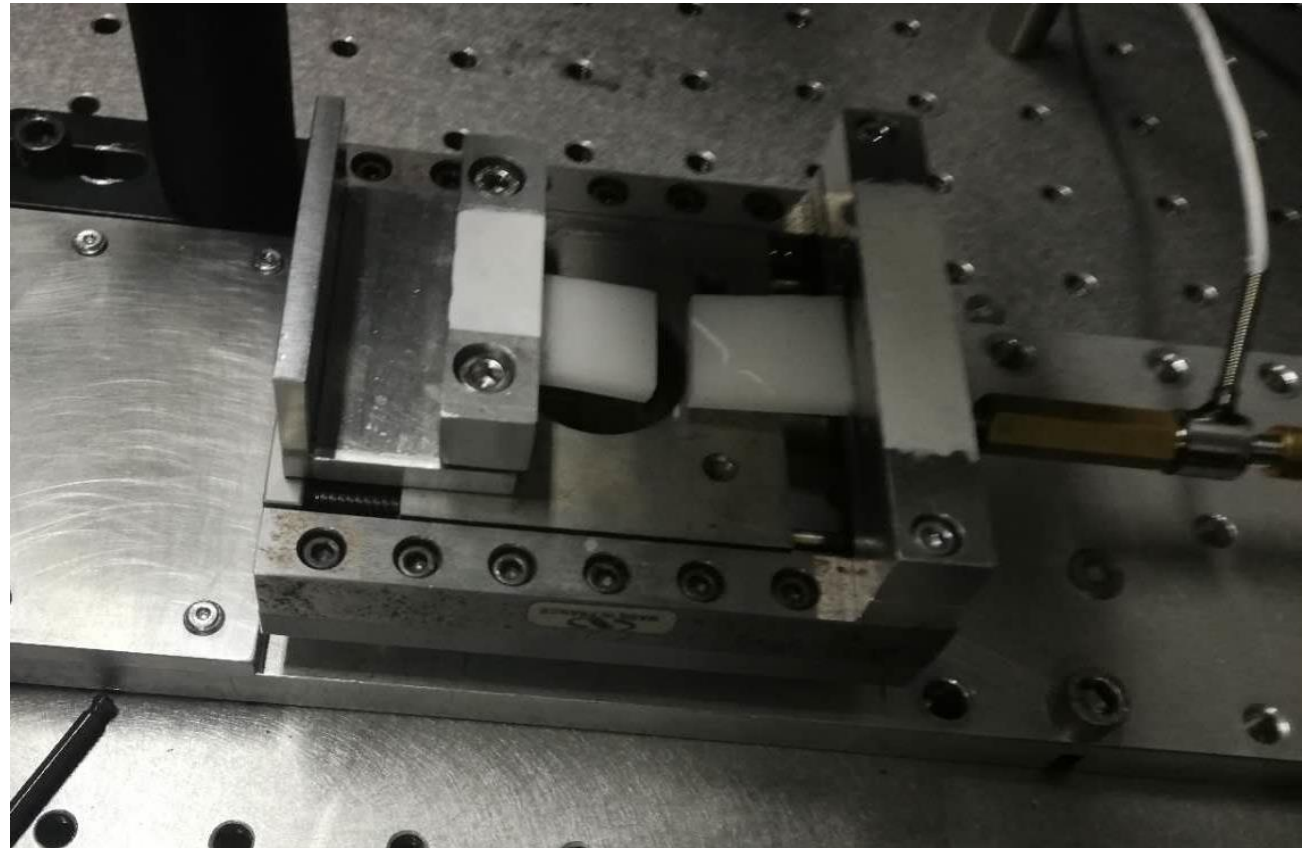
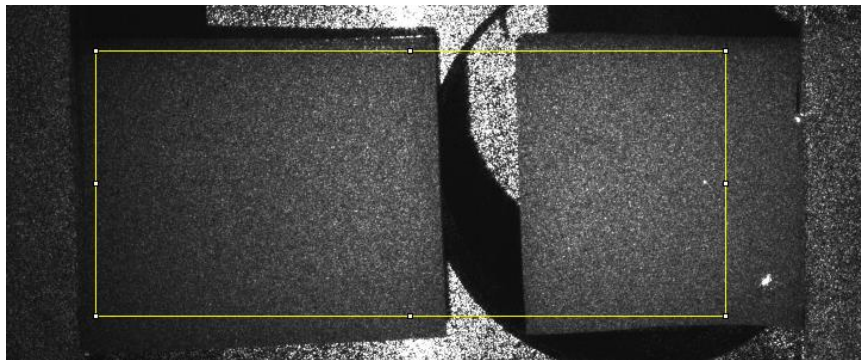
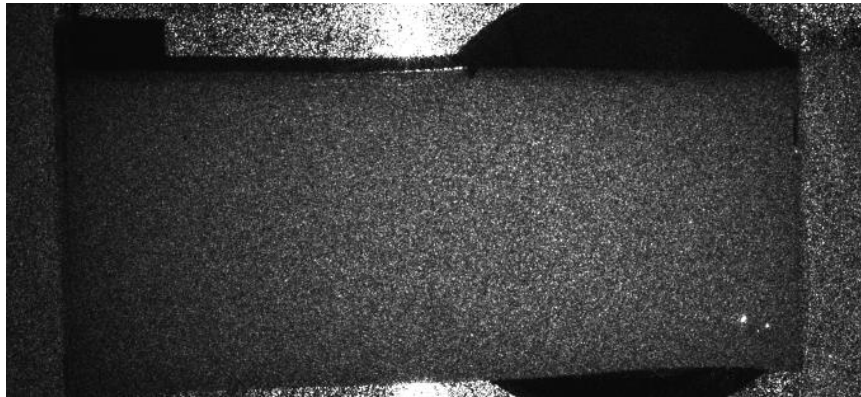
Particles dynamics in fracture

1. Intrinsic thermal fluctuation
2. Translation due to fracture, relaxation and creep...
3. **Displacement limited by chains (dynamics change)**



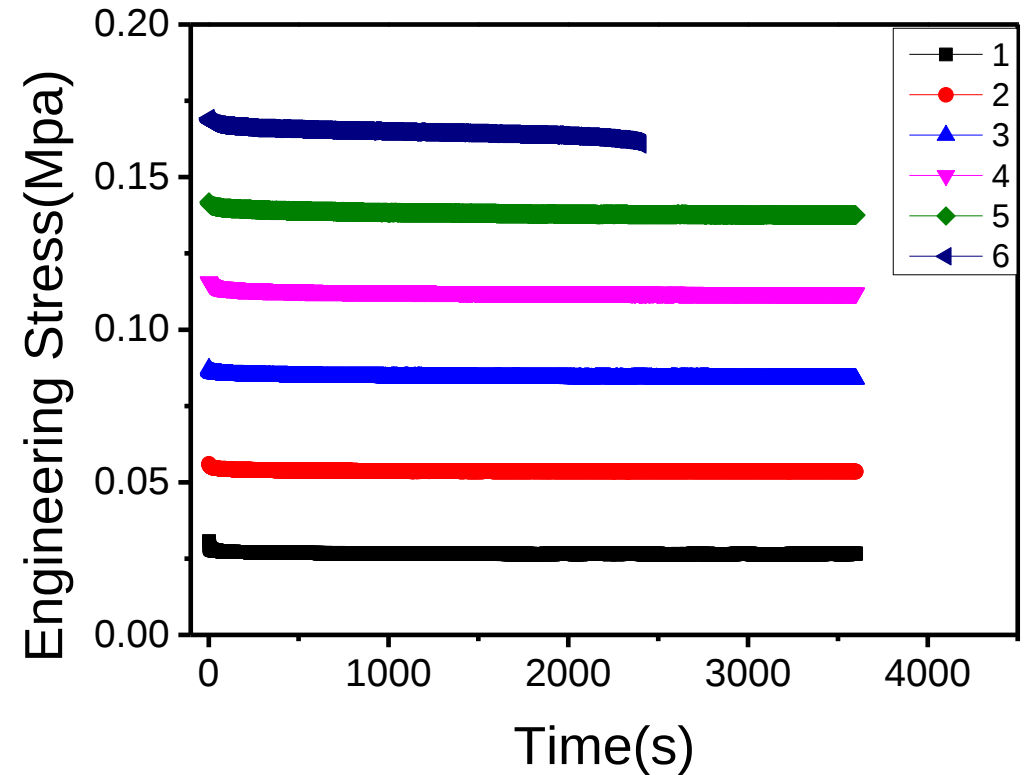
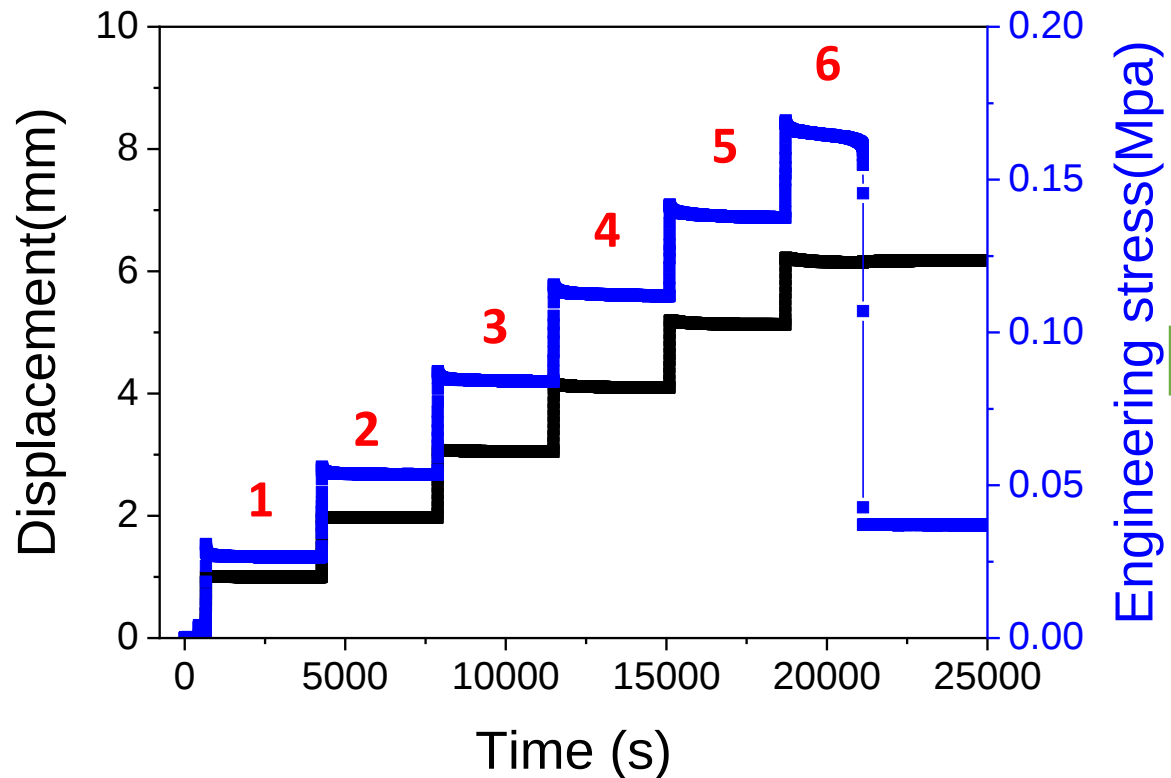
3. Multi-steps delayed fracture

Yassine Nagazi thesis, 2017



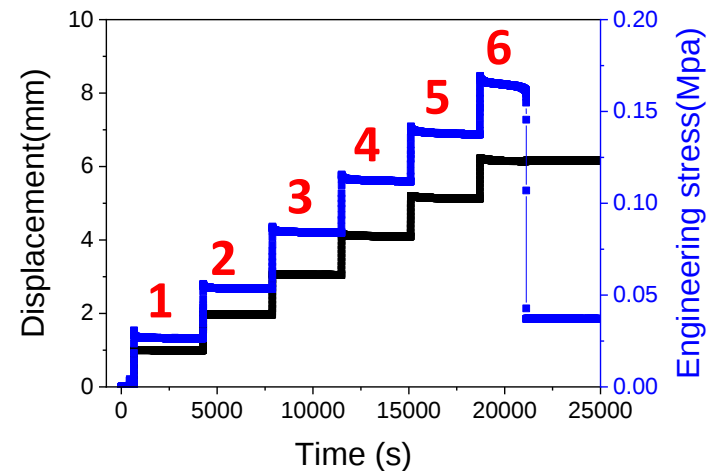
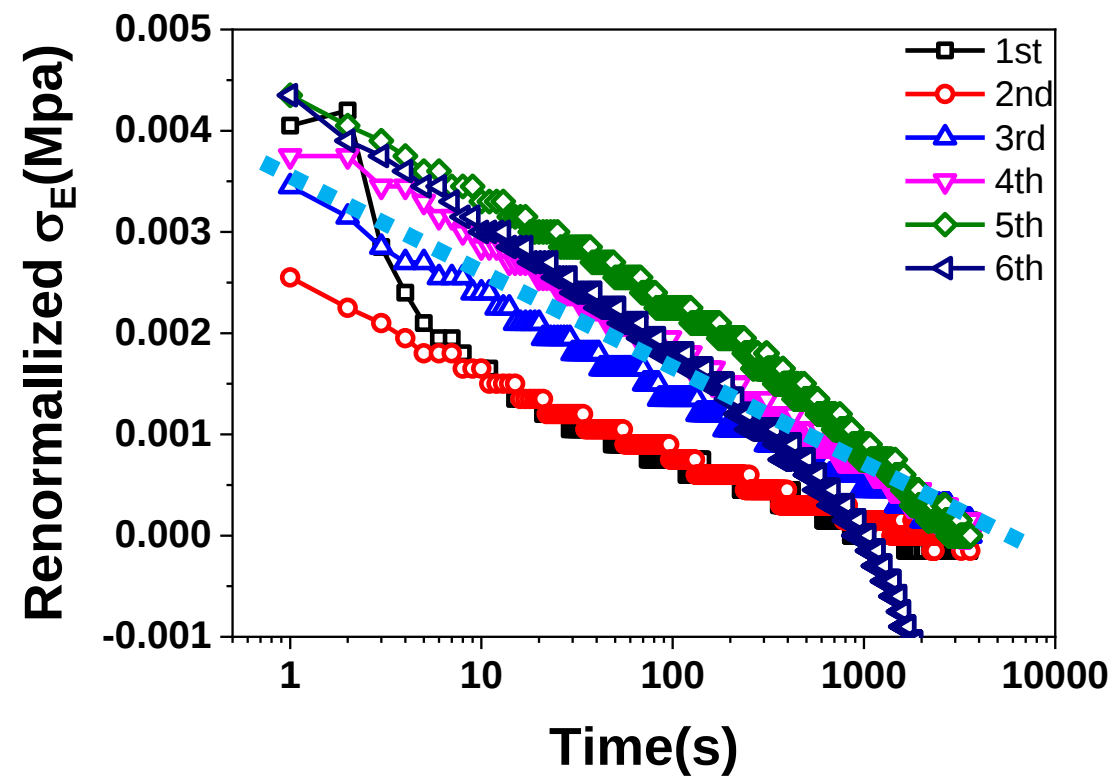
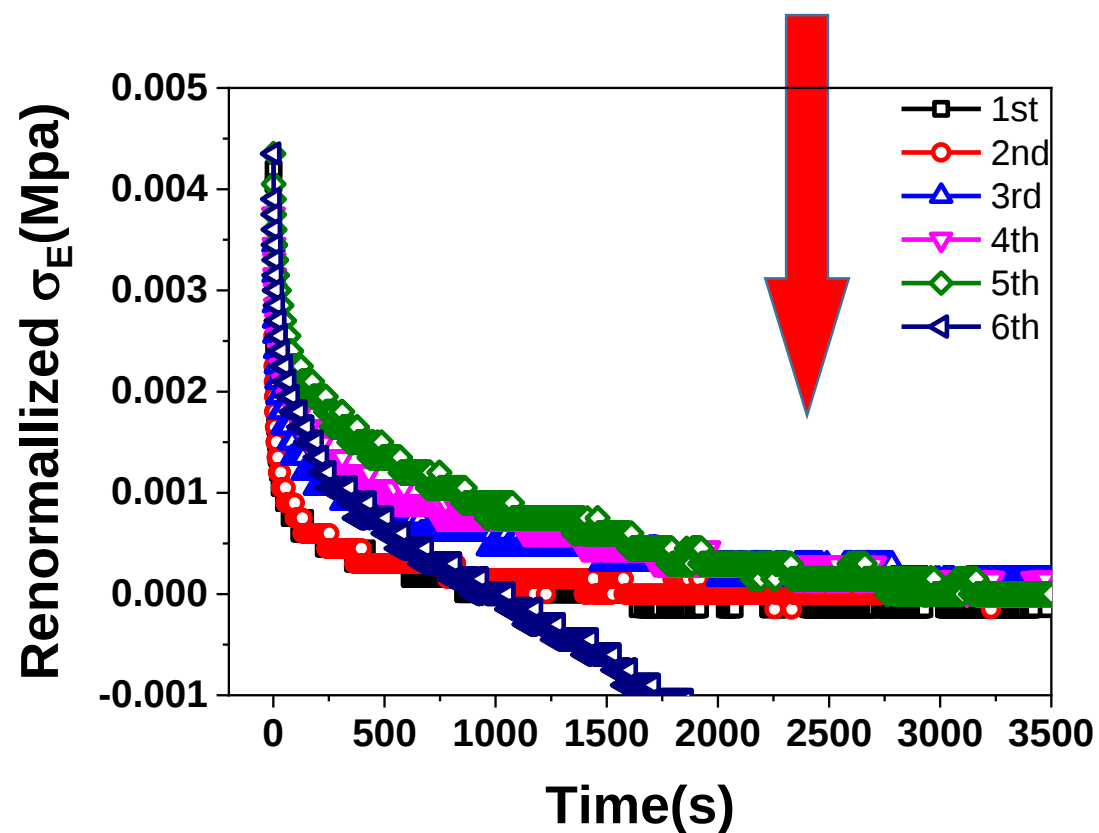
Extension length/Force

Macroscopic fracture

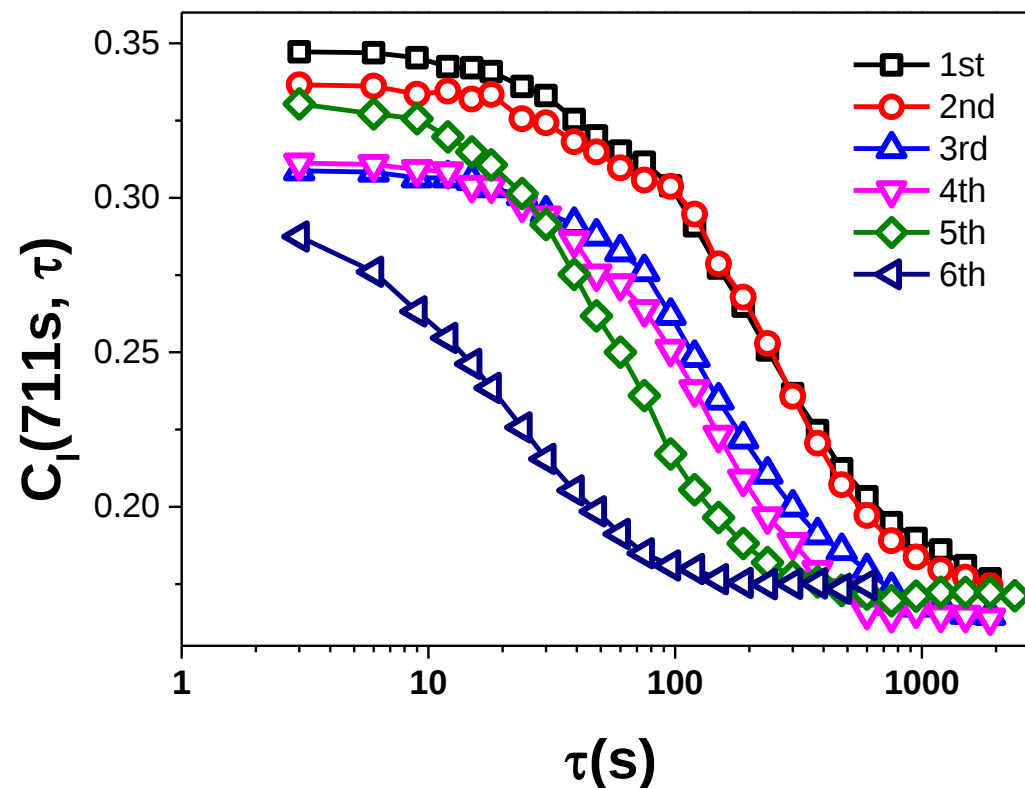
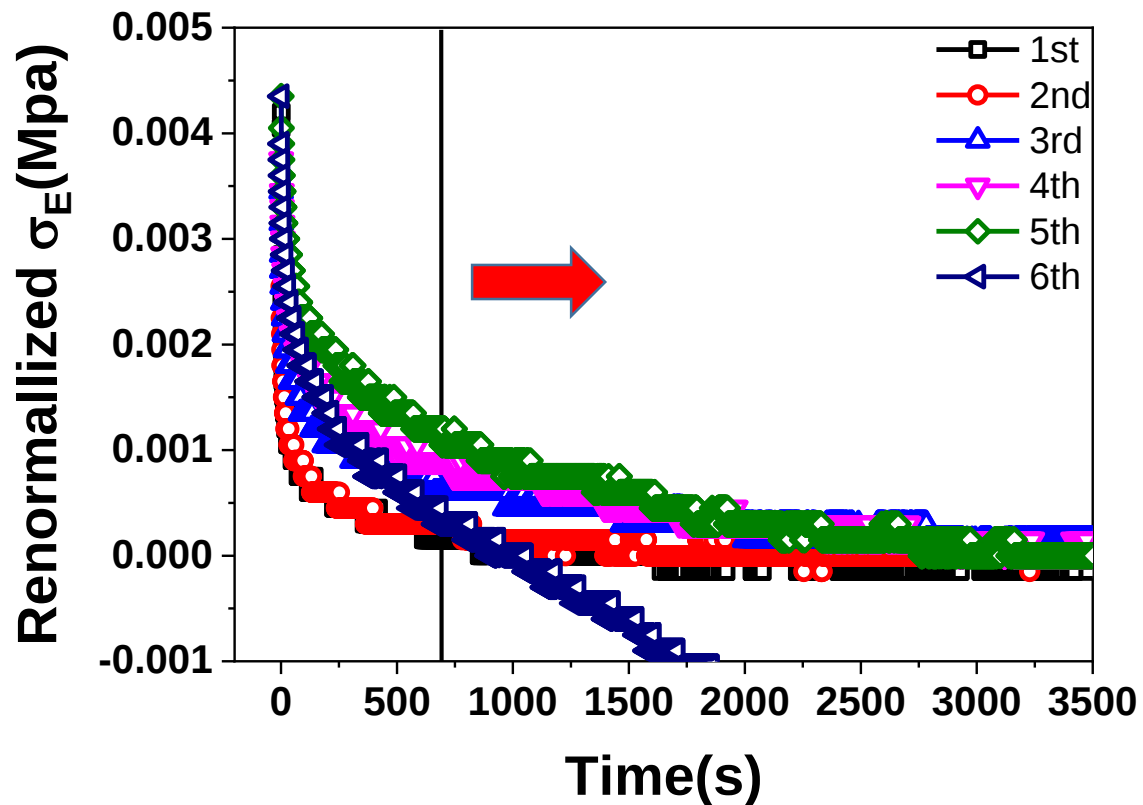


Macroscopic measurement

Macroscopic fracture: 2400 s

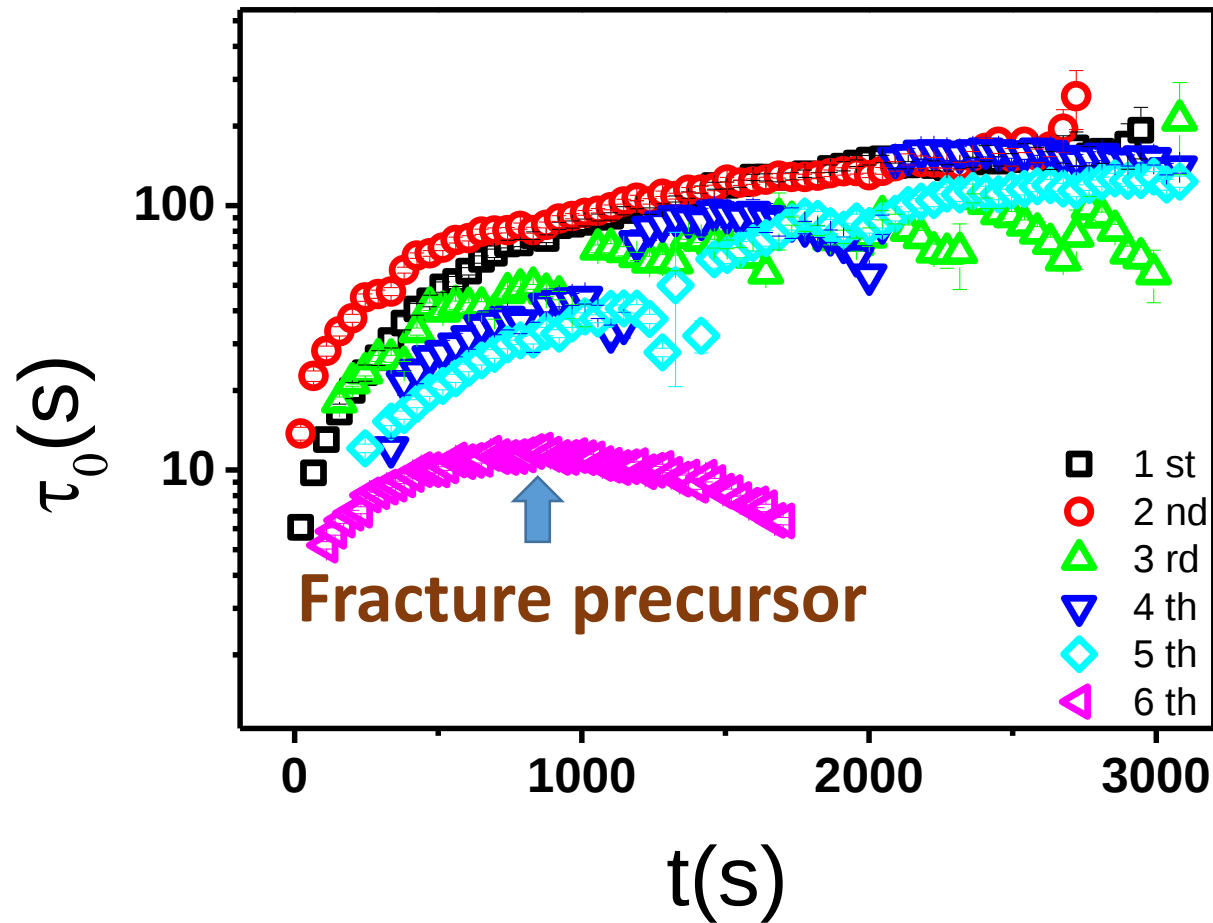


Mesoscopic measurement



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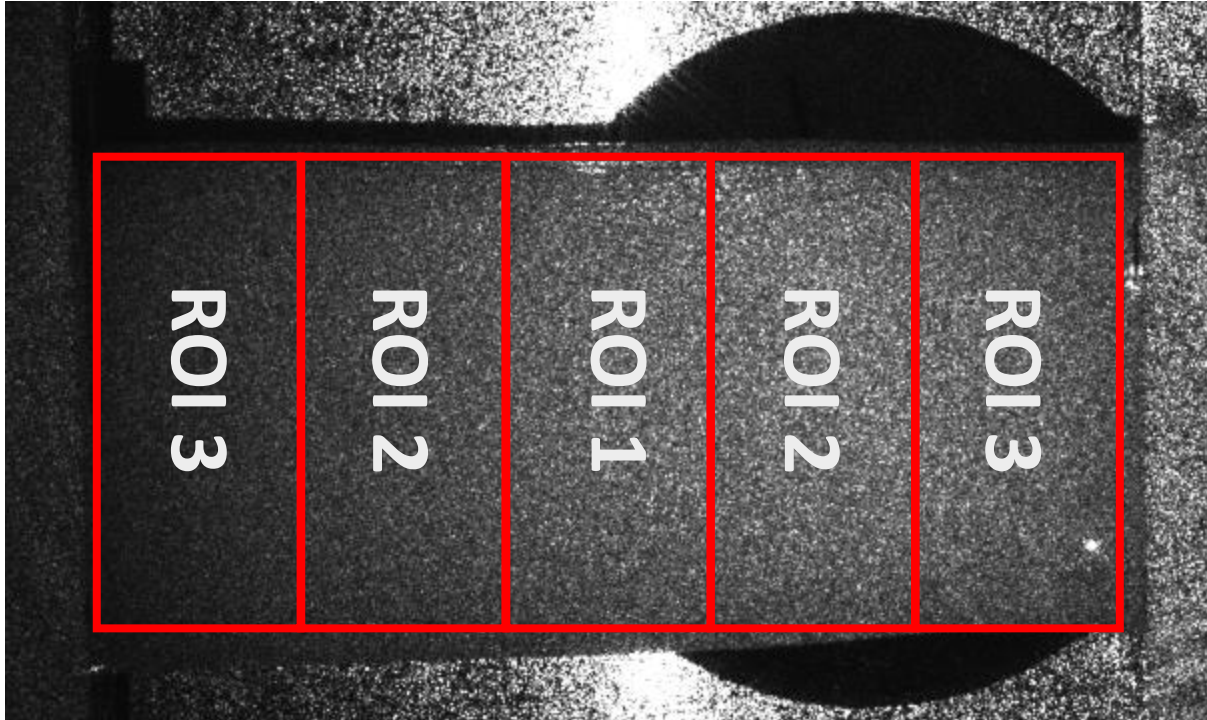
Fitting results



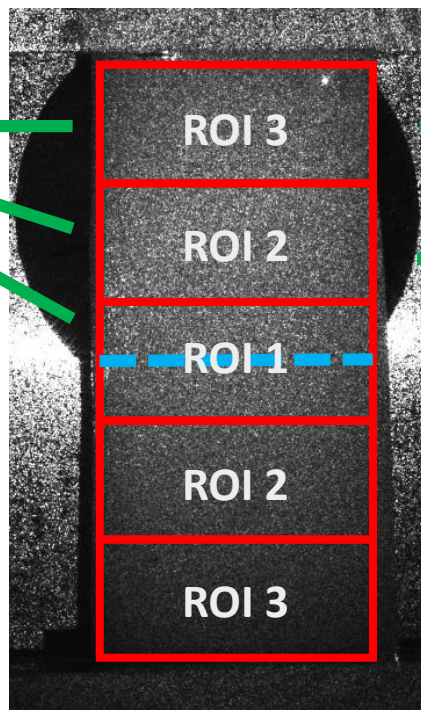
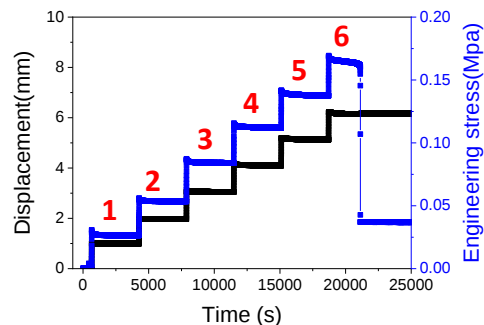
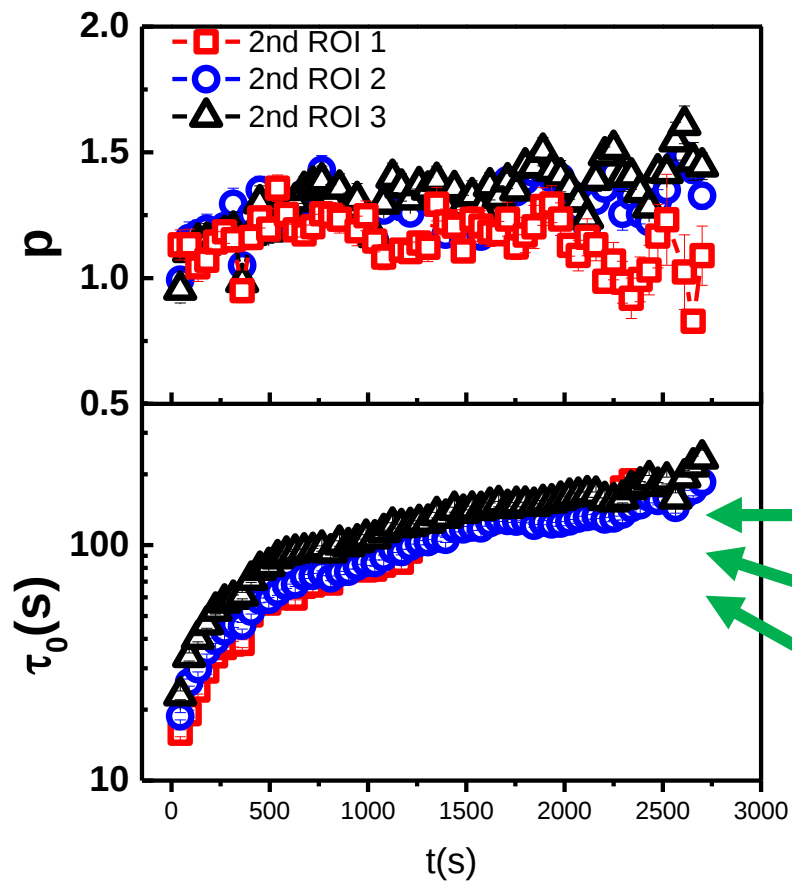
$$\tau_{0s} = 1756.6 \text{ s}$$

$$\tau_{0 \rightarrow 0.1 \text{ mm/s}} = 0.18 \text{ s}$$

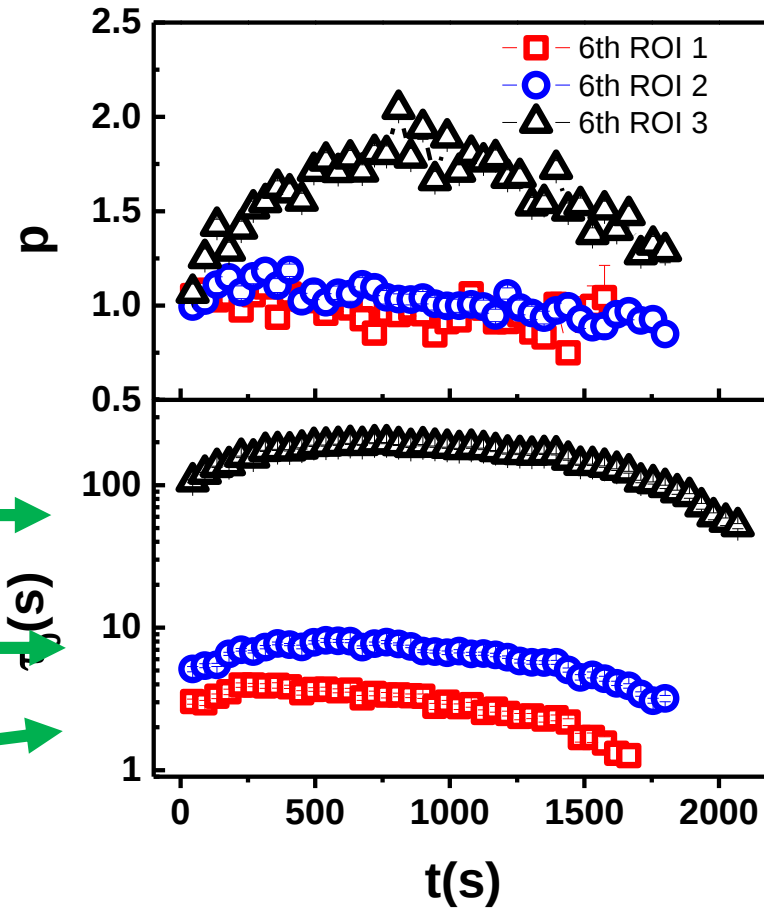
Spatial distribution



2nd



6th

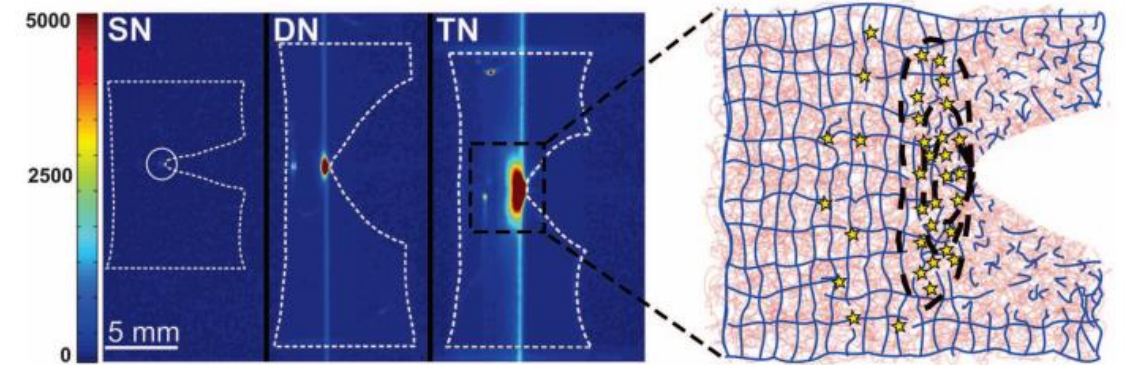
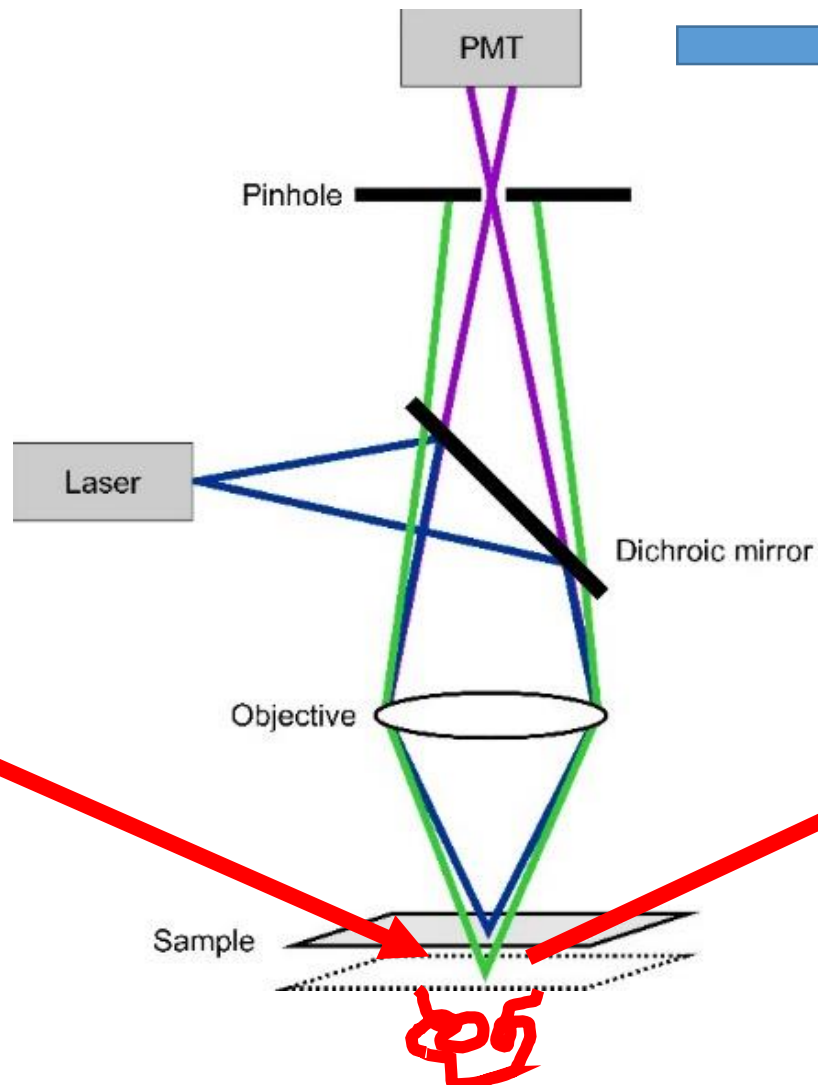


$\tau_0(x, y)$

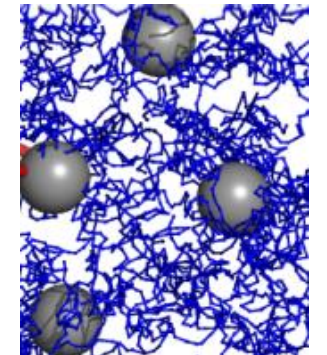
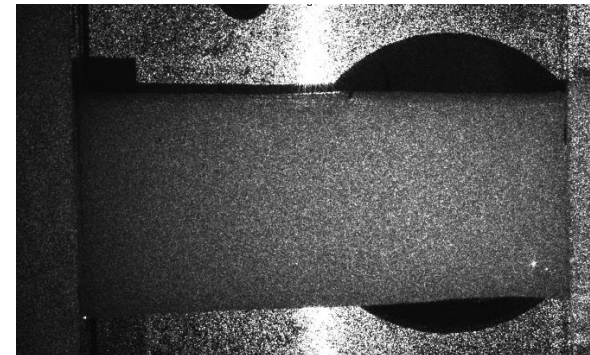
4. Conclusion

- With the combination of DWS and mechanical testing, different dynamics can be distinguished
- Fracture precursor is observed but the corresponding chain behavior is not clear
- Relaxation time of loading force and correlation function

Outlook: DWS & Mechanophore & more

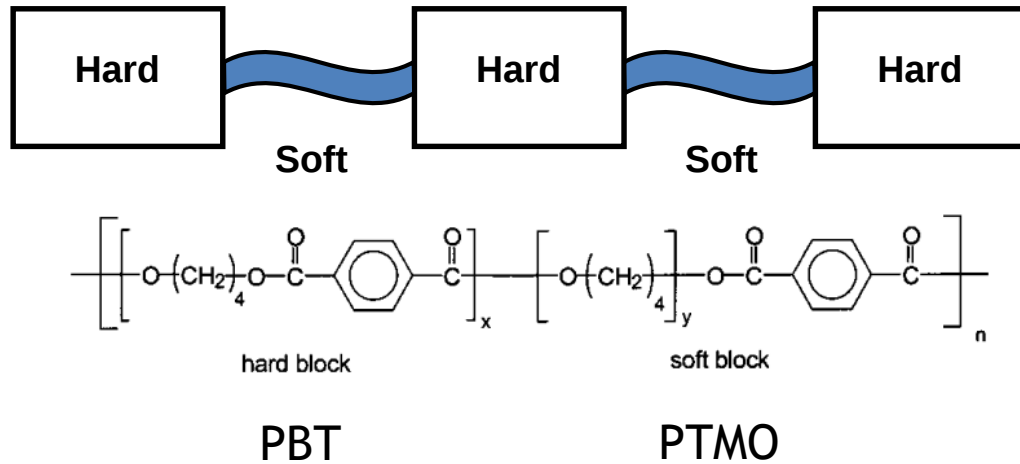


Molecular scale ($\sim 10\text{nm}$)

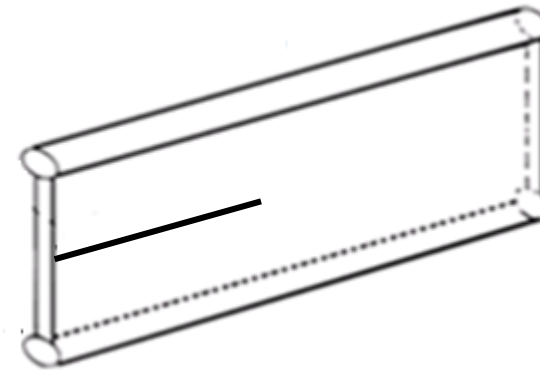


Mesoscopic scale ($0,1 \sim 10 \mu\text{m}$)

Fatigue testing on EL-250 (DSM)



injection: Pure Shear sample: 5x37x1mm



Accommodation(uncut)

Material strained to a highest strain than the maximum strain used in cyclic fatigue.

Getting rid of Mullins and other transient effects.

Fracture property

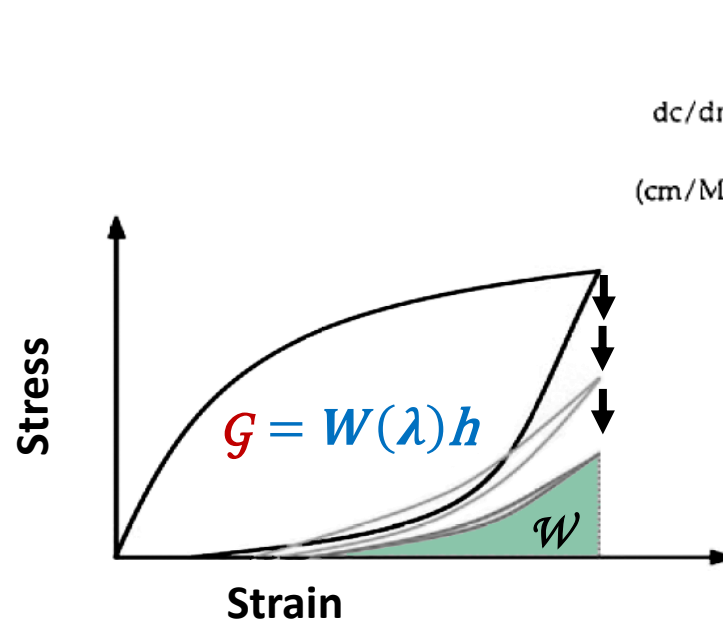
Rate dependence

Temperature dependence

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Characterization(uncut)

Evaluation of energy release rate G for different imposed deformations

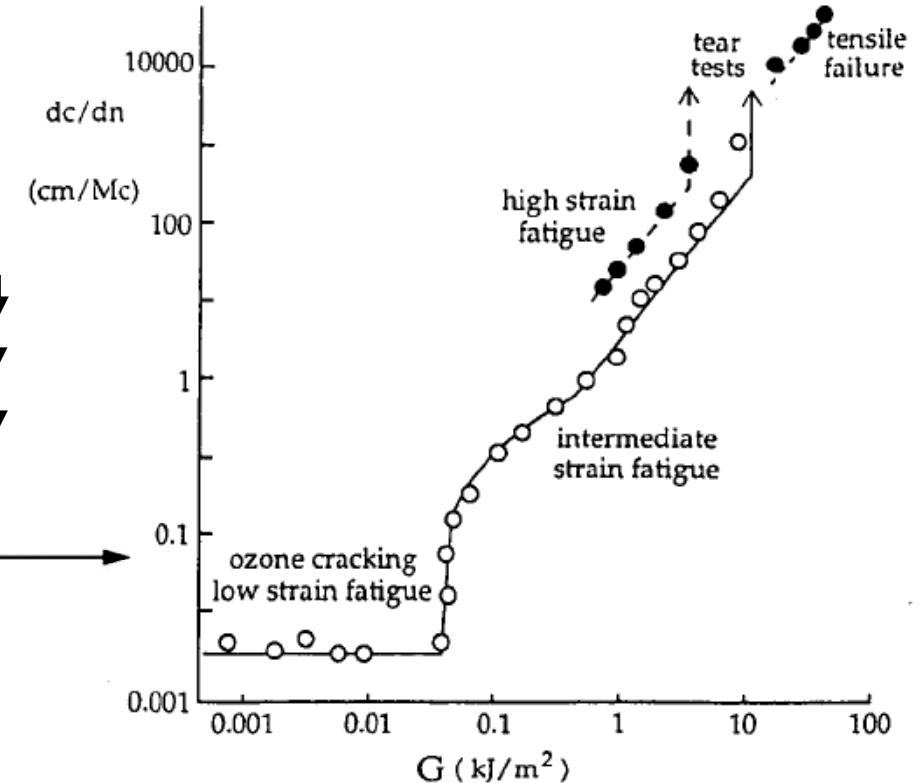


Investigation approach

Fixed G/λ at different temperature/frequency

Crack Propagation(cut)

Crack propagation rate
As a function of applied G



Thank you !