

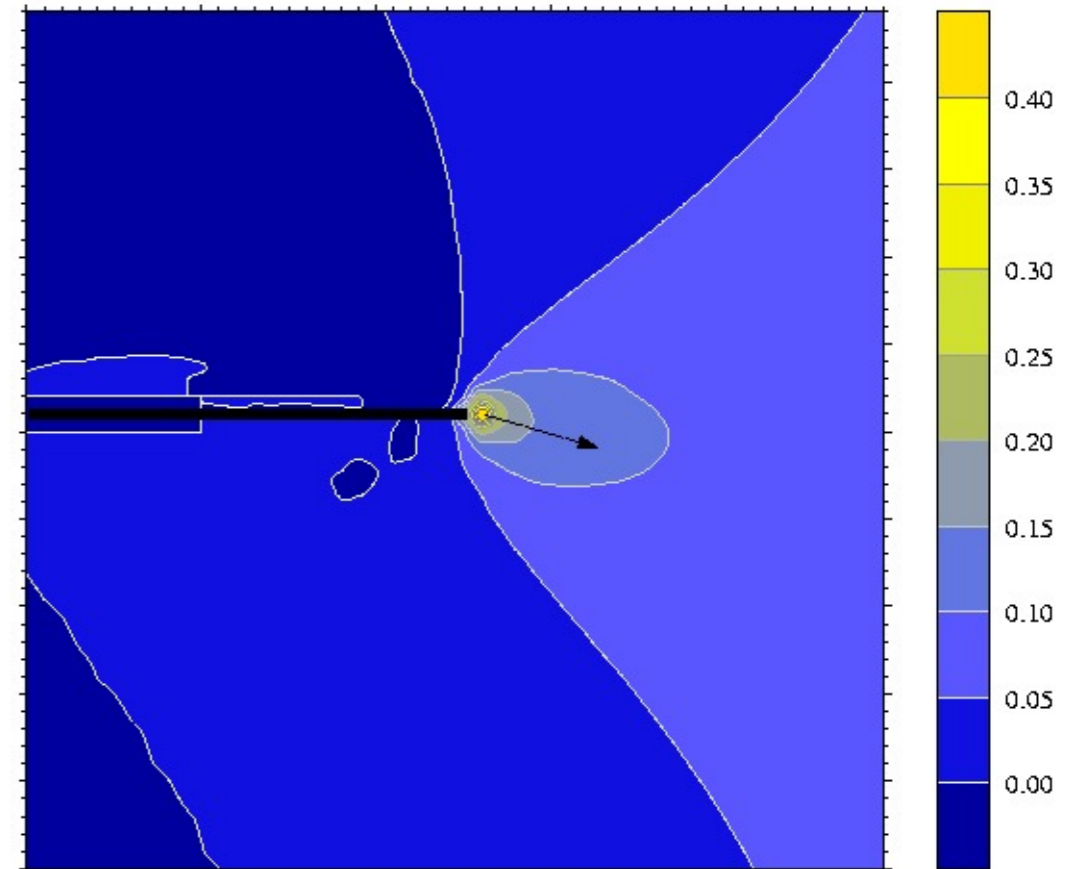
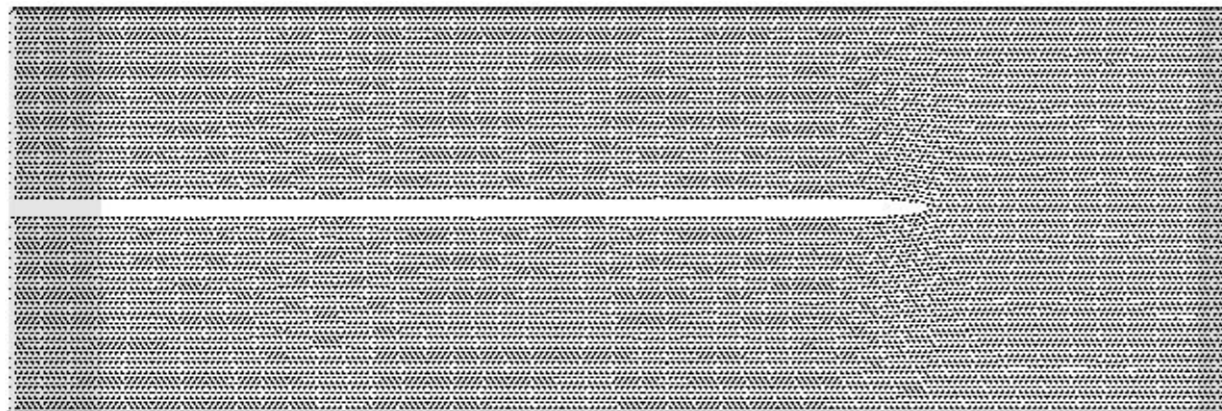
Atoms Matter for Fracture

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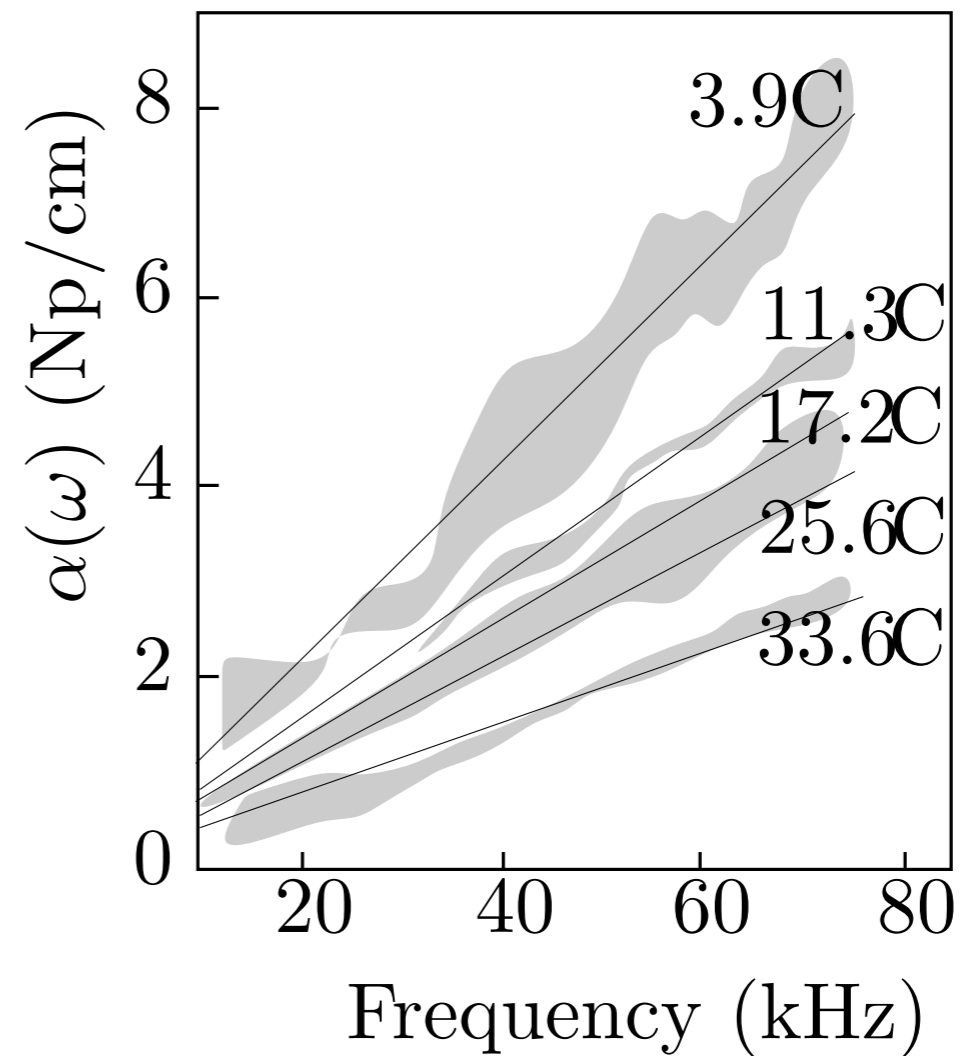
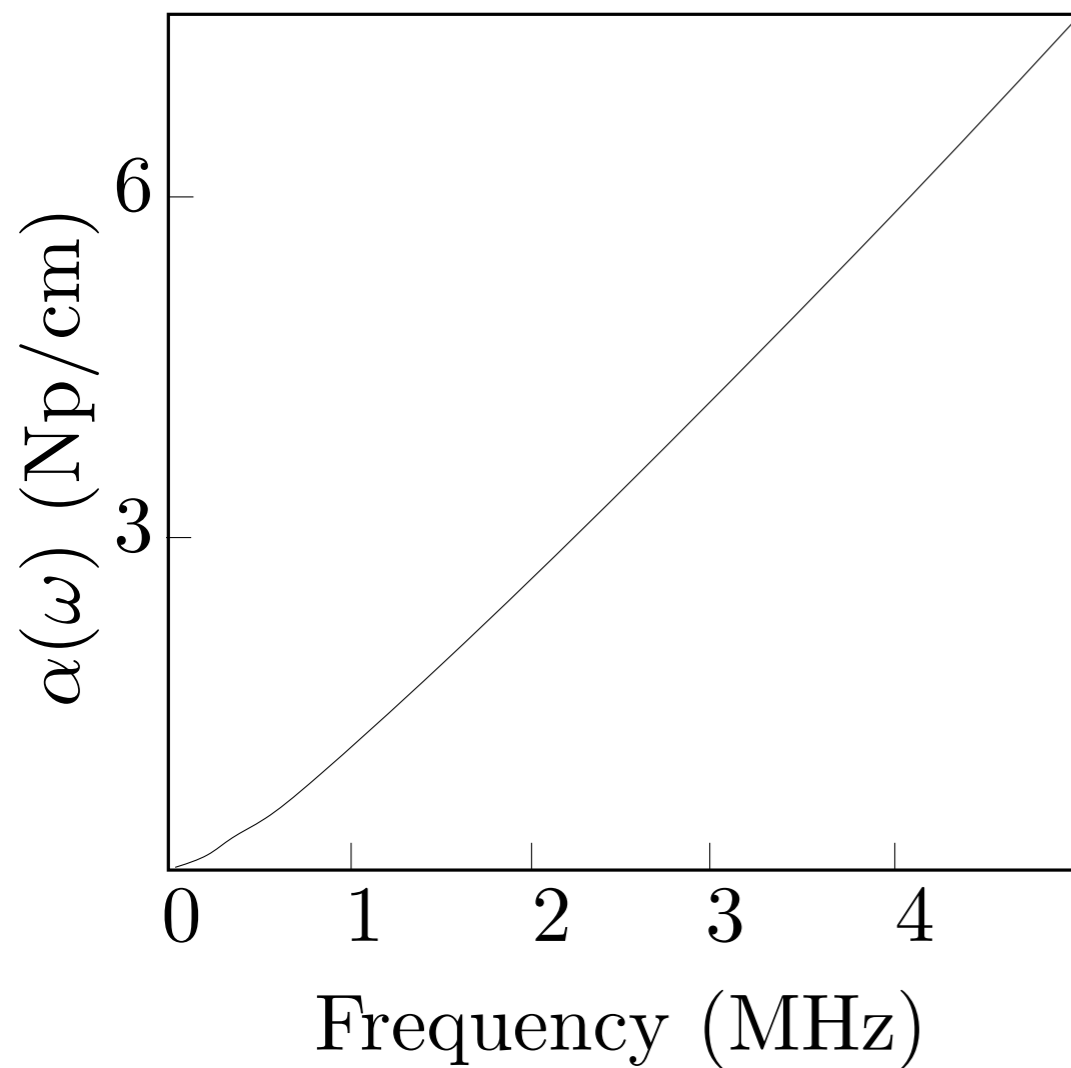
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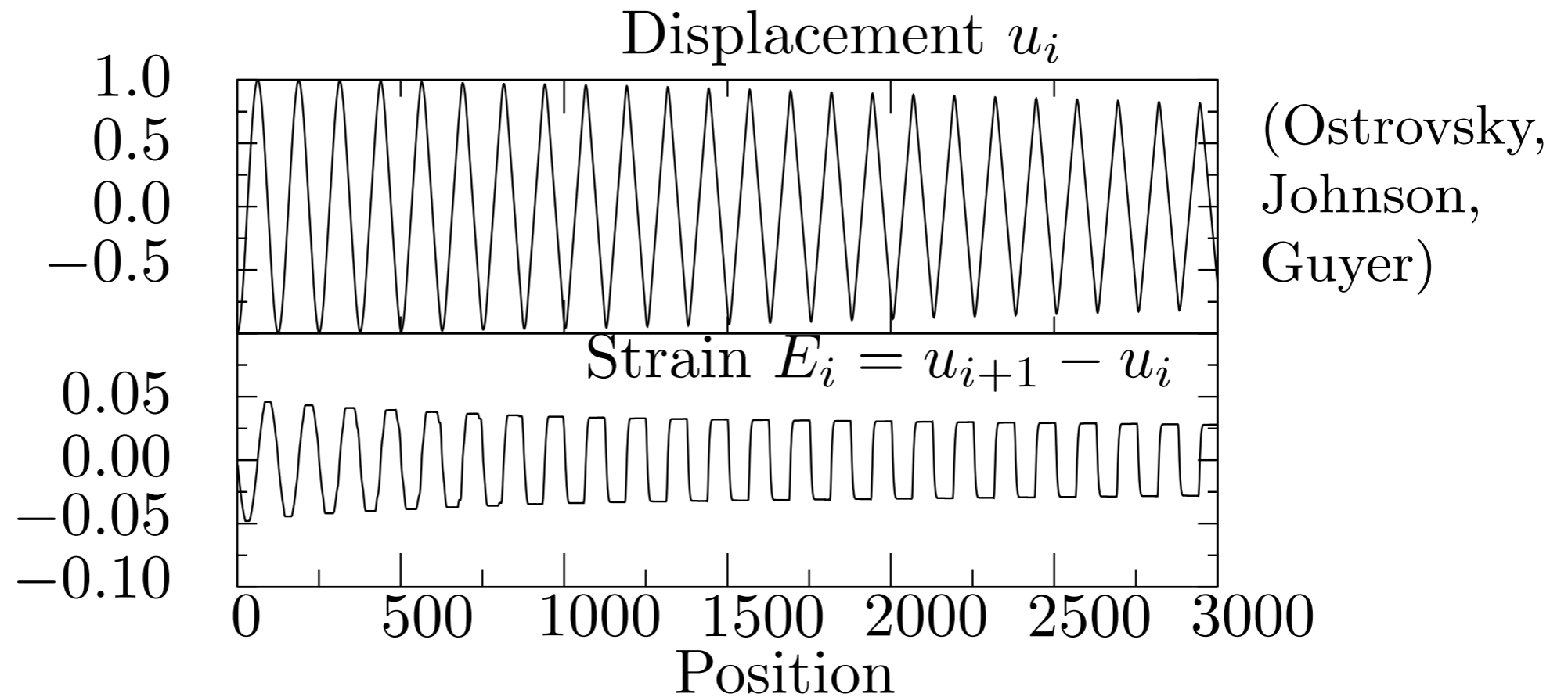
Brief Interlude on Dissipation



The principal result of reviewing the experimental data is that for many solids...the specific dissipation function is independent of frequency— a generalization well known to engineers but largely neglected in physical theories of attenuation, Knopoff and MacDonald, 1958

Two Possible Scenarios for Dissipation

Hysteresis

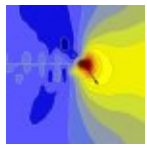


Broad spectrum of dampers

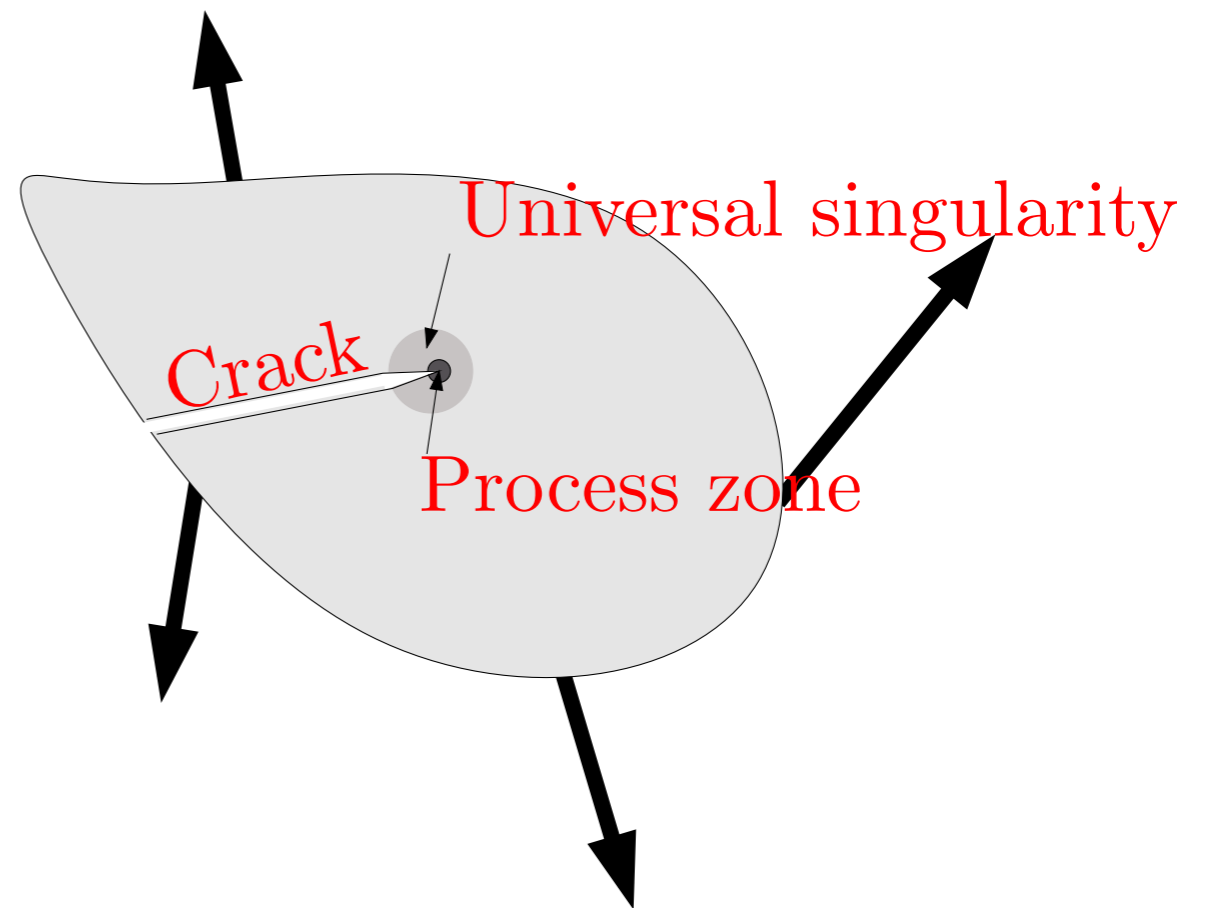
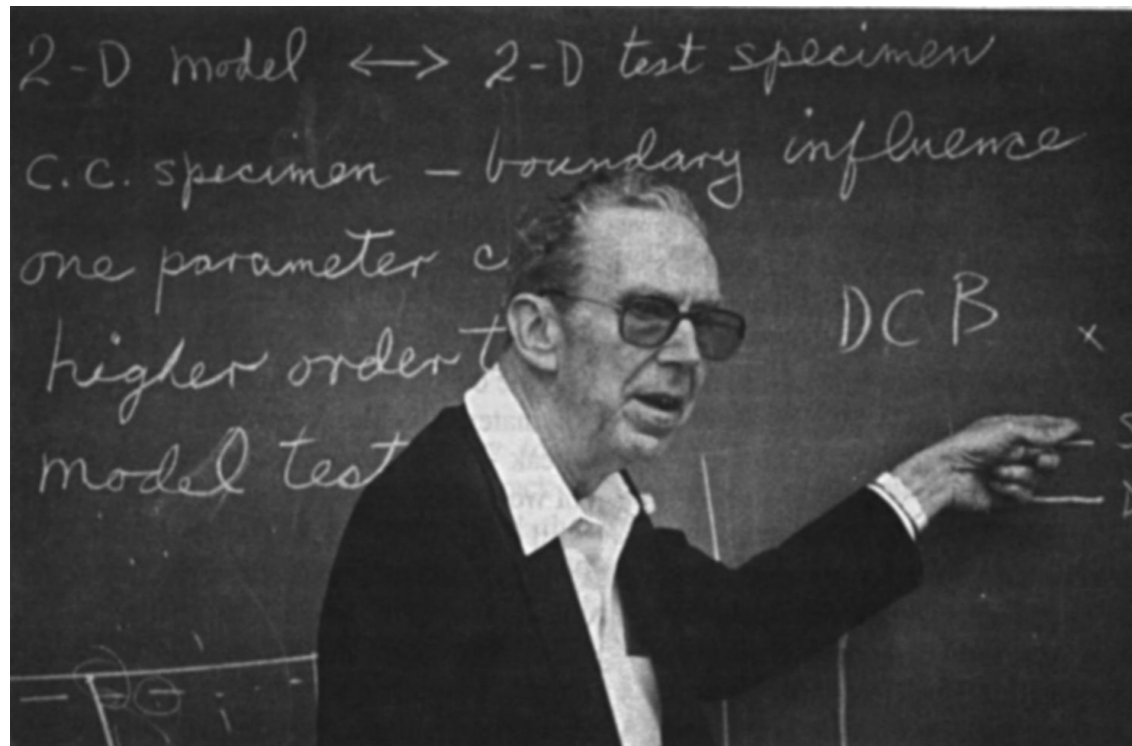
(Jackle, 1972)

$$\alpha = g\pi\omega/4c$$

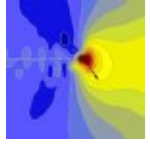
$$v = 1 - (g/2) \ln[(\omega^2 + /b_{max}^2)/(\omega^2 + b_{min}^2)]$$



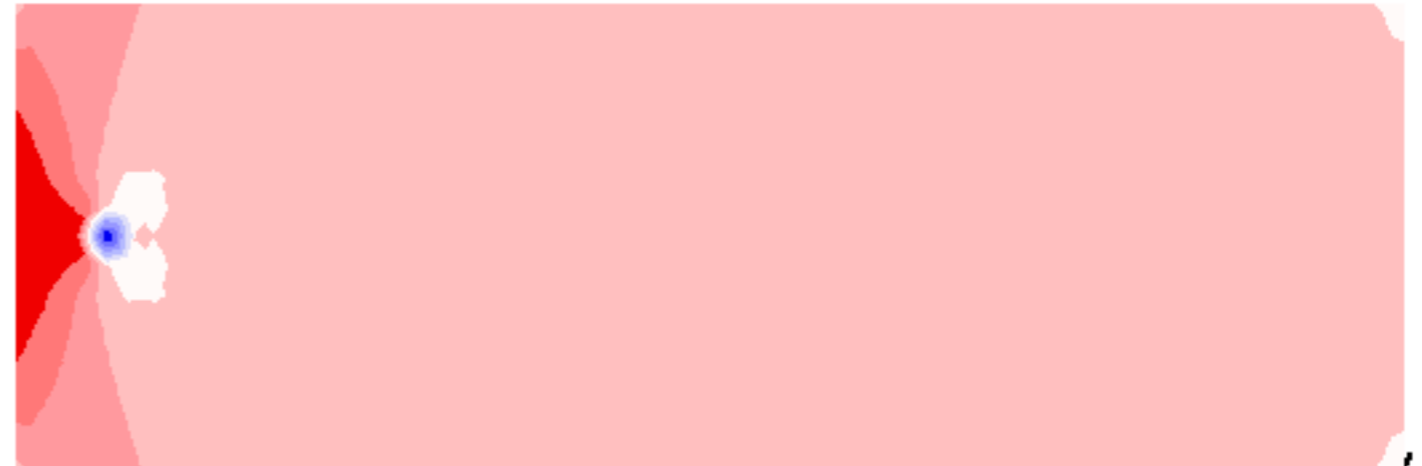
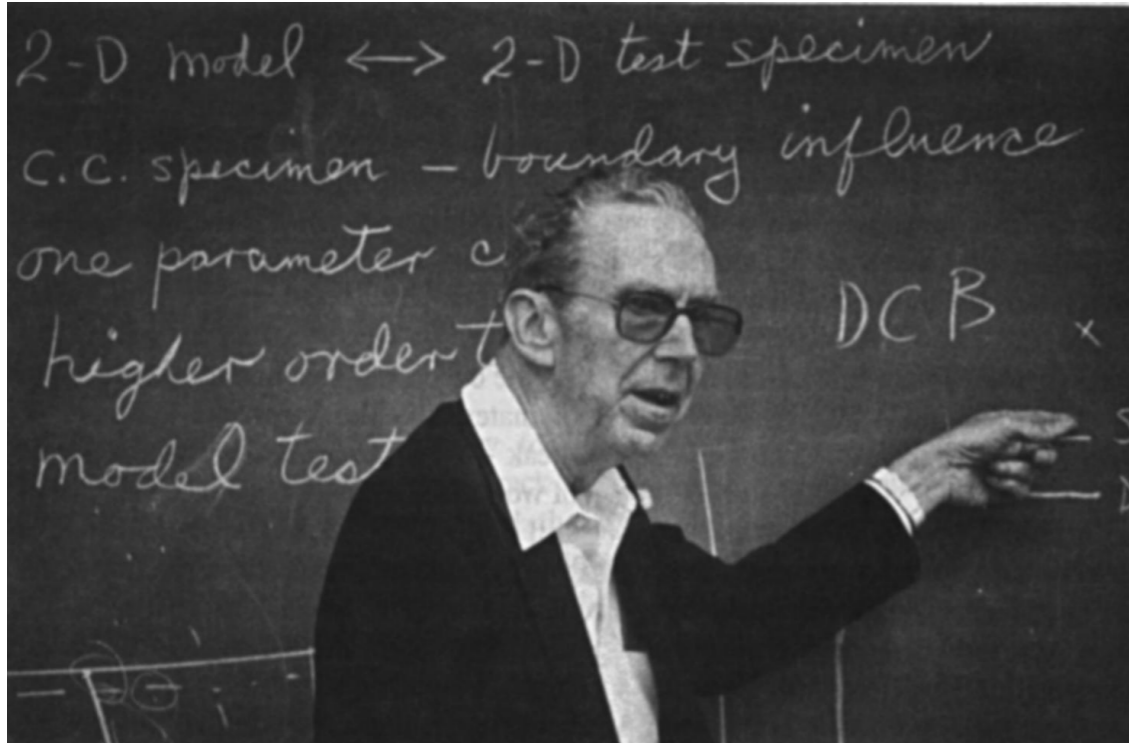
Continuum Fracture Mechanics



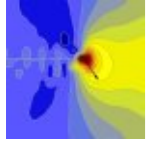
- Initiation of fracture depends upon energy (Griffith)
- Energy and (singular) stress criteria are identical (Irwin)
- Structure of stress near crack tips is universal (Irwin and Rice)



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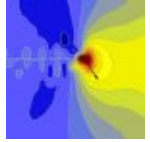


- Microscopic unknowns bundled into one number — toughness — that can be tabulated from tests on standard specimens.
- Crack driving forces computed through continuum mechanics and finite elements in arbitrary geometries



Dynamic Fracture Mechanics

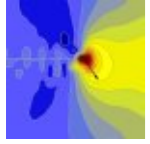
- Rough equations of motion (Mott 1948, Dulaney and Brace, 1960)
- Dynamic calculation of stress fields (Yoffe 1951)
- Limiting speed 60% of shear wave speed (Schardin, 1955)
- Rayleigh wave speed should be limit (Stroh, 1957)
- Exact equation of motion: crack tip has no inertia (Kostrov, 1966 Eshelby, 1969)
- Extension of exact results to Mode I (Freund, Kostrov, 1974)



Dynamic Fracture Mechanics

Net results:

- For semi-infinite crack in infinite plate, can compute energy flowing to tip of straight crack moving with velocity $v(t)$ for arbitrary time-dependent loading on crack faces.
- Crack velocity and path are given.
- Assumption plate is infinite is not mere technicality.
- Energy cost function $\Gamma(v)$ closes theory.
- Many felt $\Gamma(v)$ had to be largely independent of velocity, but nothing in structure of theory demanded this



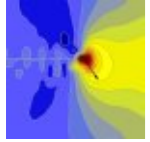
Crack Paths

Gol'dstein and Salganik, 1974

- Crack moves along a path such that K_{II} vanishes
- Energy consumption maximized in this direction

Seed cracks placed in mixed mode loading kink in expected direction

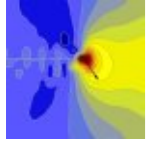




Crack Paths

- Equation of motion for small deviations from straightness (Rice and Cotterell, 1980)
- Upper cutoff on curvature and extension to three dimensions (Sethna and Hodgdon, 1993)
- Generalization to dynamic fractures (Adda-Beddia, Ben-Amar, and Lund 1999; Oleaga, 2001)





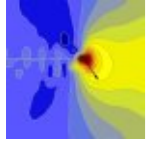
Continuum Summary

- Industrial applications rely mainly on simple strength of materials analysis, or in critical applications on continuum fracture mechanics
- Continuum analysis handles complex geometries and loading better than any other framework.
- Hence beliefs widely held though rarely stated:

Real materials are not made of atoms!

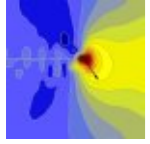
or

In fracture atoms matter, for materials that don't!



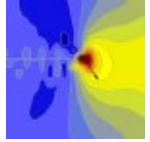
Lacking from Continuum

- Static Cracks: Compute criterion for initiation (usually one number)
- Dynamic Cracks: Compute speed from driving force (usually a function of one variable)
- ... and probably for both Static and Dynamic: Compute crack path (functions of several variables)



Physics of fracture

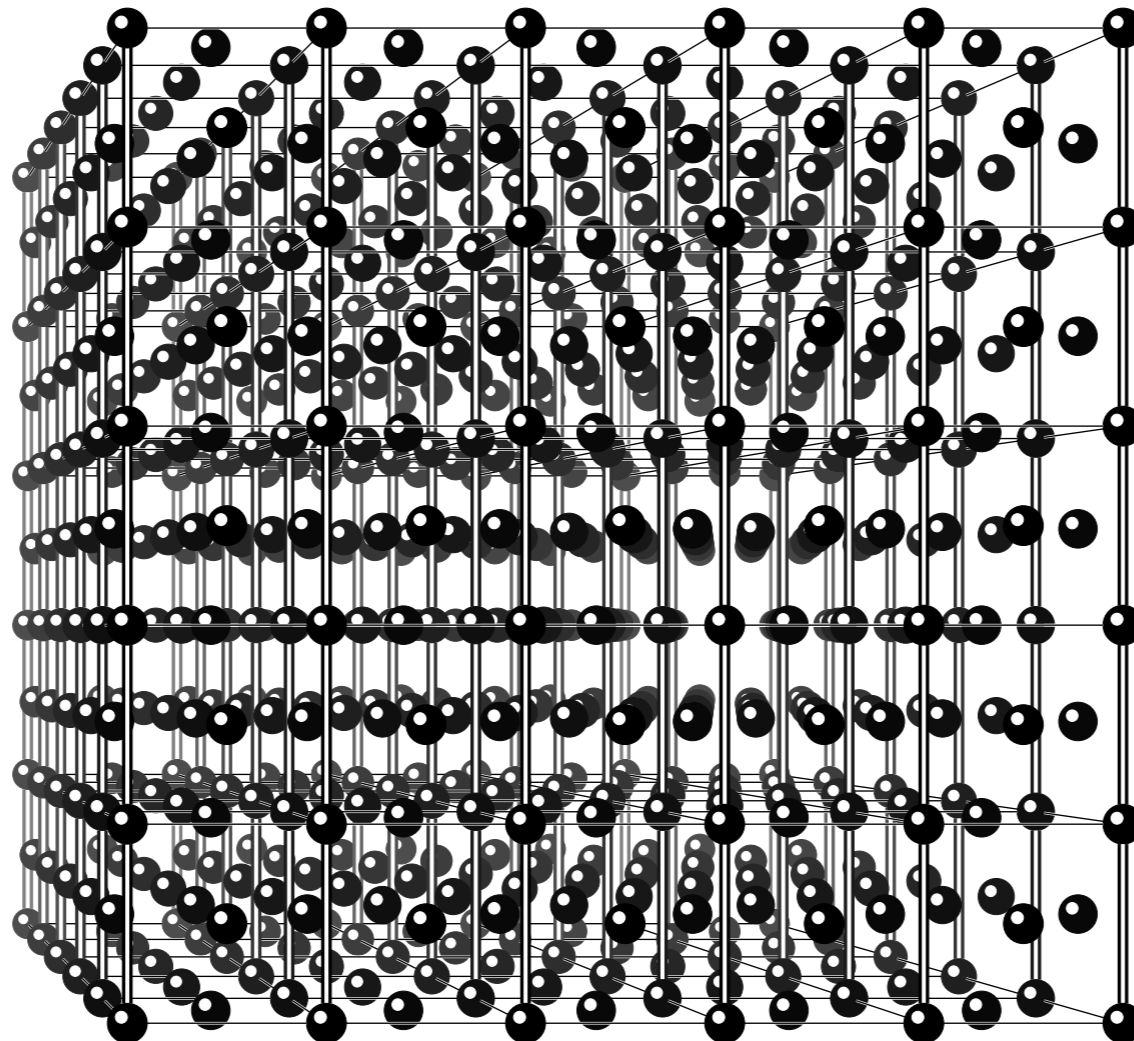
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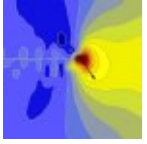


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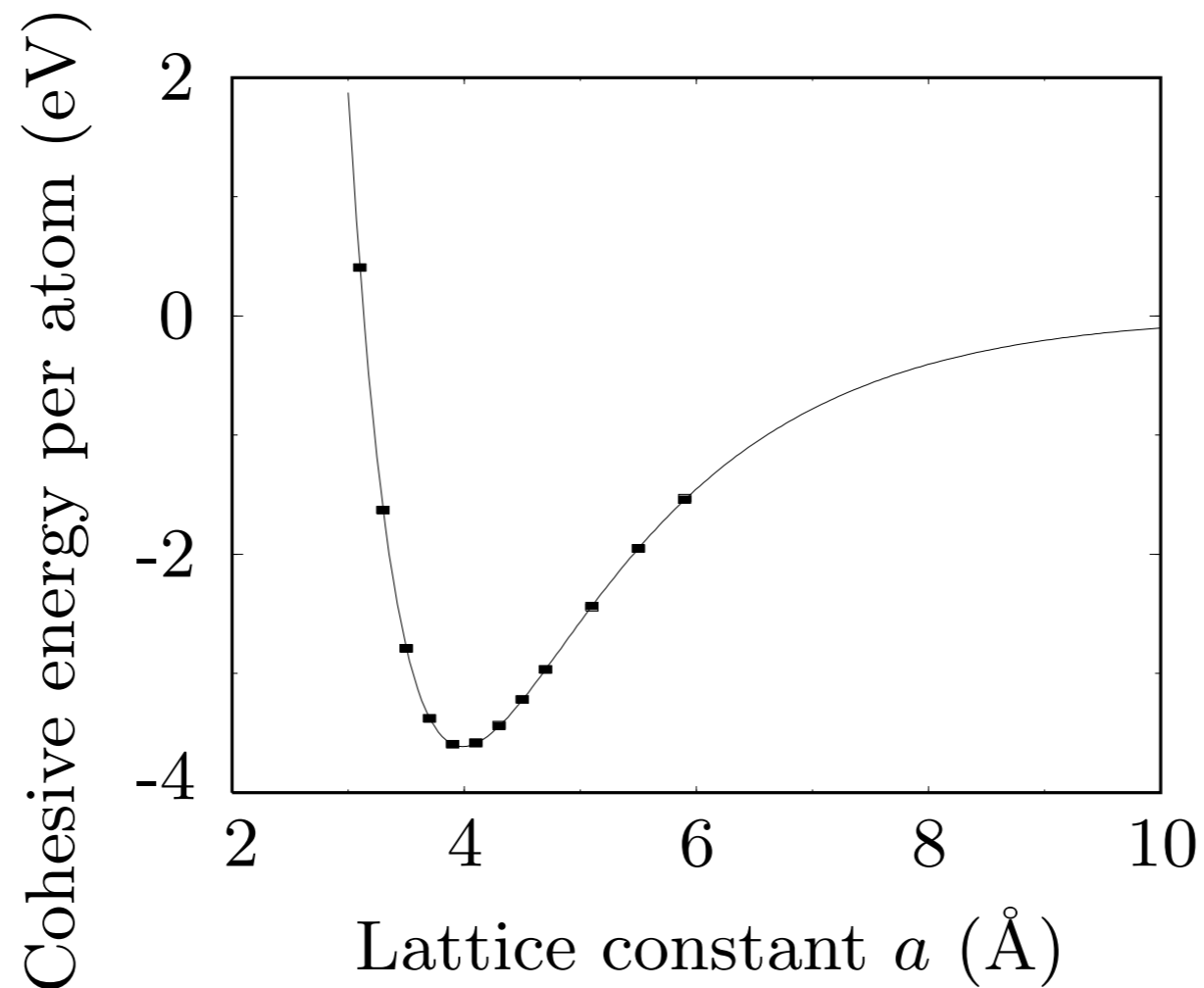


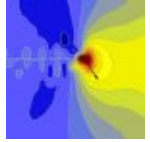


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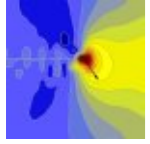


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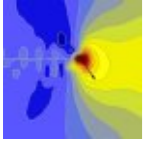
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Analytical and numerical techniques allow one to move well beyond continuum analysis.



Ideal Brittle Crystal

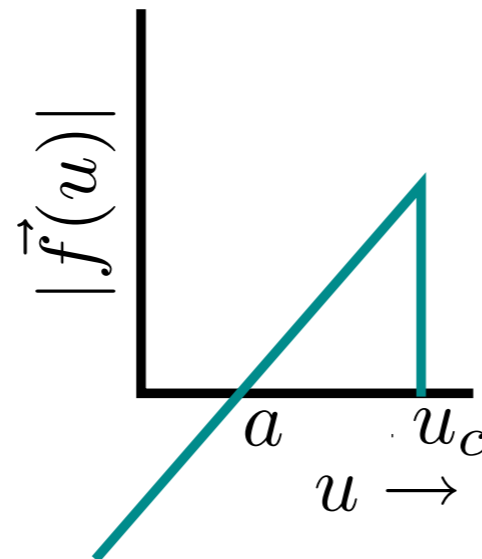
Acceleration

Snapping Bonds

Kelvin Dissipation

Mass

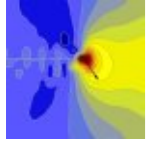
$$m\ddot{\vec{u}}_i = \sum_j \left[\vec{f}(\vec{u}_{ji}) + \vec{g}(\dot{\vec{u}}_{ji}, \vec{u}_{ji}) \right]$$



$$\vec{g}(\dot{\vec{u}}_{ji}, \vec{u}_{ji}) = \dot{\vec{u}}_{ji} \theta(u_c - u_{ji})$$

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Ideal Brittle Crystal

This model can be solved *exactly* when $u_c - a \ll a$
(Slepyan, 1980... MPM, 1995...Kessler and Levine...)

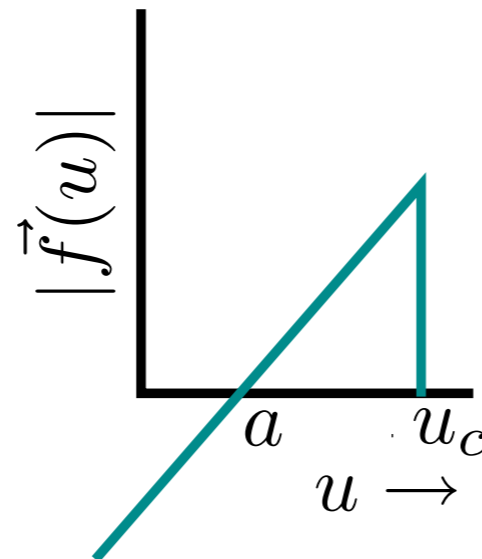
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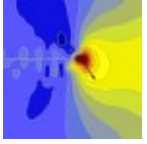
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Example: for triangular lattice in Mode III

$$\ddot{u}_i^y = \frac{2c^2}{3a^2} \sum_{j \in n(i)} \left(u_{ij}^y + \beta \dot{u}_{ij}^y \right) \theta(\lambda_f - u_{ij}). \quad (1)$$

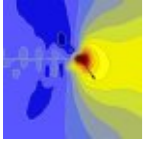
complete solution reads

$$\tilde{v} = v/c, \quad \tilde{\beta} = \beta c/a; \quad z = \frac{3 - \cos(\omega/\tilde{v}) - 3\omega^2/[4(1 - i\tilde{\beta}\omega)]}{2 \cos(\omega/2\tilde{v})} \quad (2)$$

$$y = z + \sqrt{z^2 - 1} \text{ with } \text{abs}(y) > 1, ; F(\omega) = \left\{ \frac{y^{[N-1]} - y^{-[N-1]}}{y^N - y^{-N}} - 2z \right\} \cos(\omega/2\tilde{v}) + 1 \quad (3)$$

$$Q(\omega) = \frac{F}{F - 1 - \cos(\omega/2\tilde{v})}; \quad \tilde{\lambda}_y = \lambda_y / \sqrt{(4\lambda_f^2 - \lambda_x^2)/3} \quad (4)$$

$$\tilde{\lambda}_y = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2N+1}} \exp \left[- \int \frac{d\omega'}{4\pi} \left\{ \frac{1}{i\omega'(1 + \tilde{\beta}^2 \omega'^2)} \left[\ln Q(\omega') - \overline{\ln Q(\omega')} \right] + \frac{\tilde{\beta} \ln |Q(\omega')|^2}{1 + \tilde{\beta}^2 \omega'^2} \right\} \right].$$

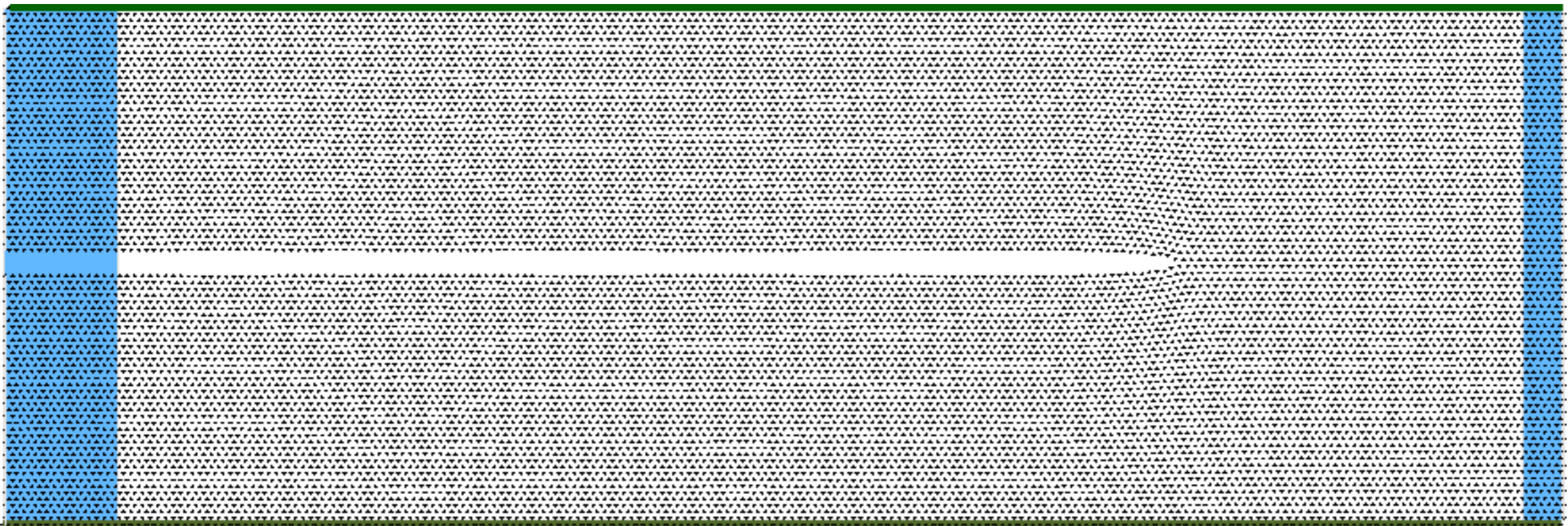


Numerical Methodology

Stokes damping region

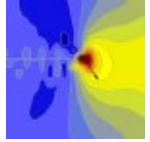
Stokes damping region

Upper row of atoms held rigid

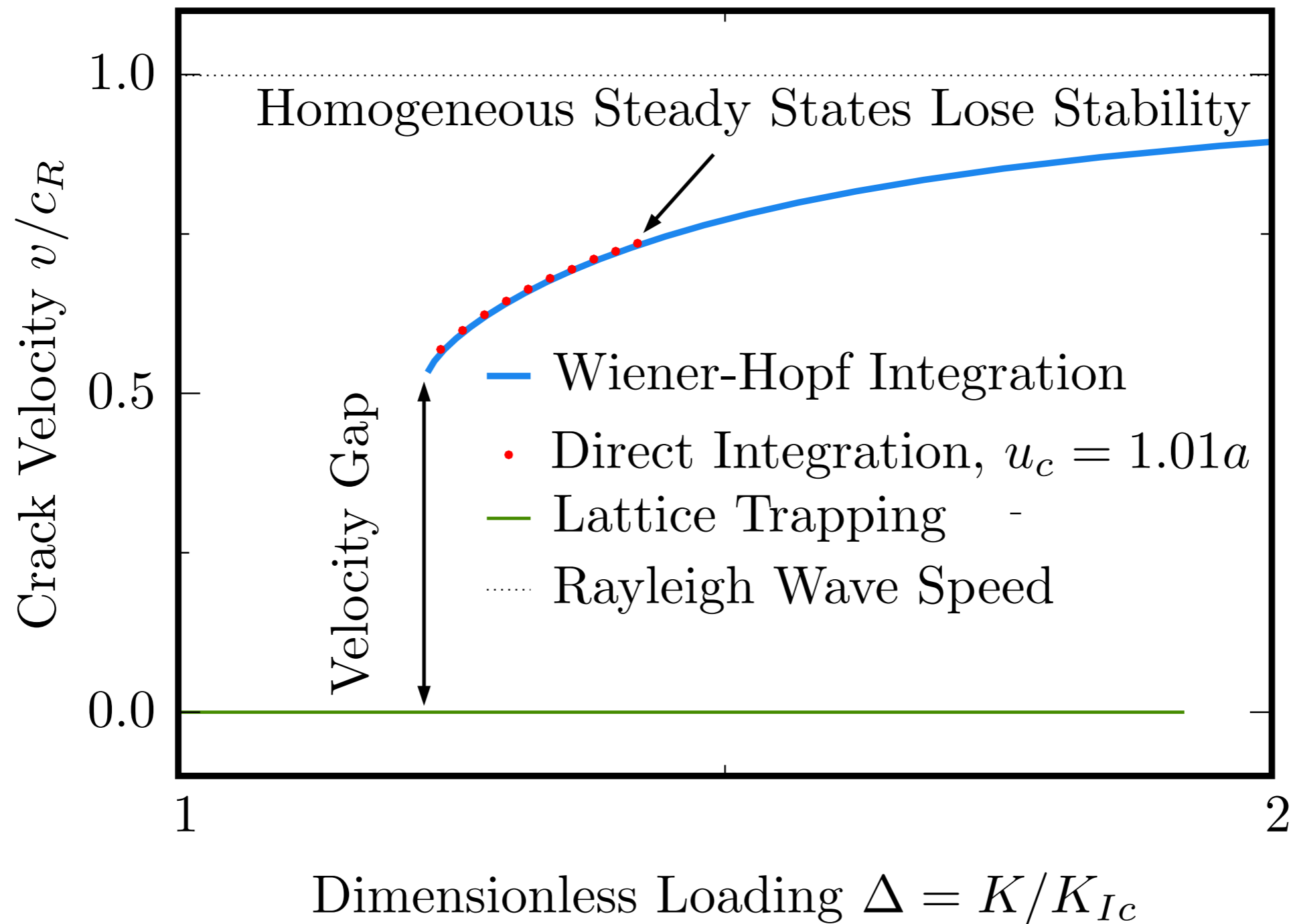


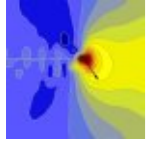
N rows high

Lower row of atoms held rigid



Exact Solution when $u_c - a \ll a$

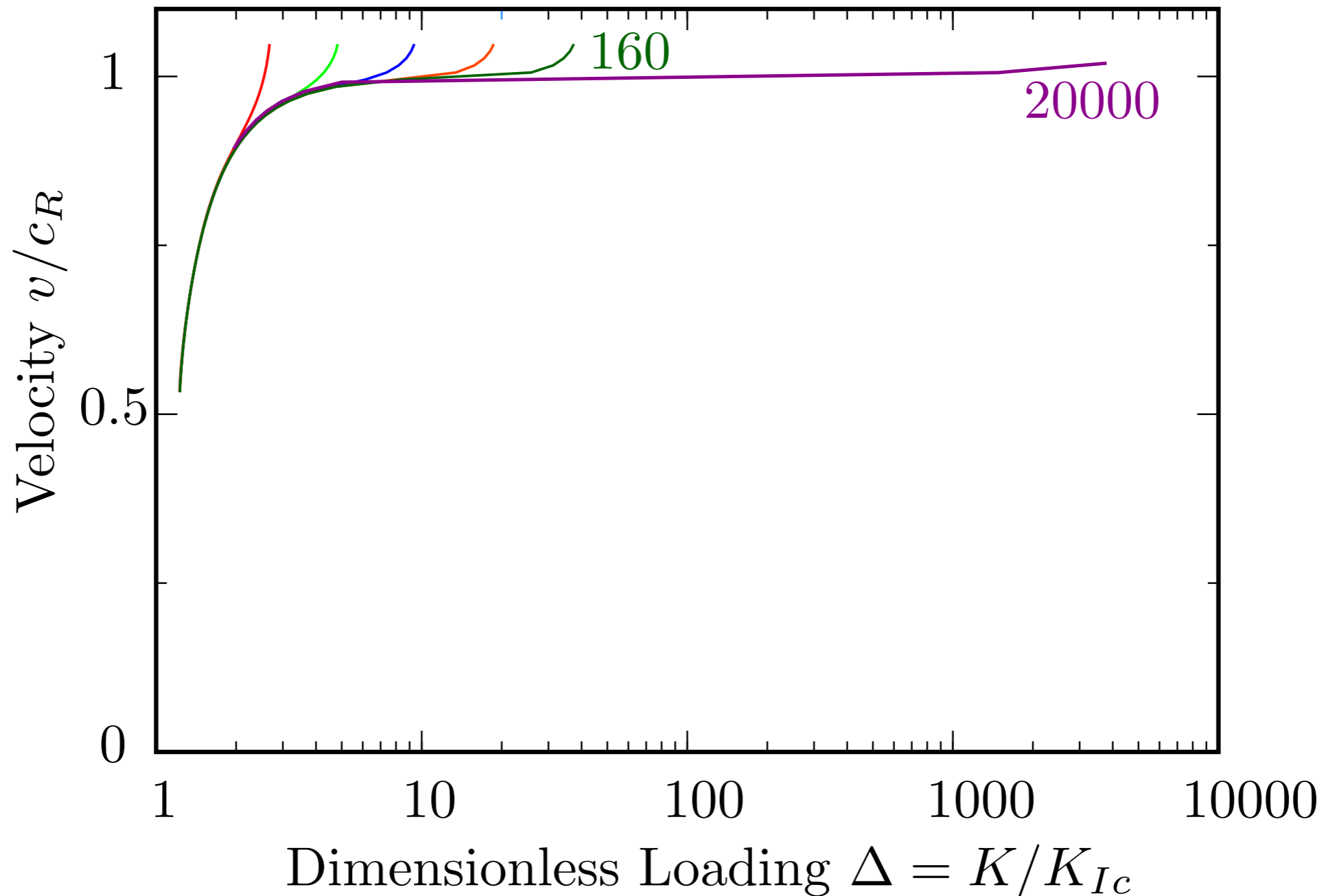


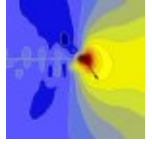


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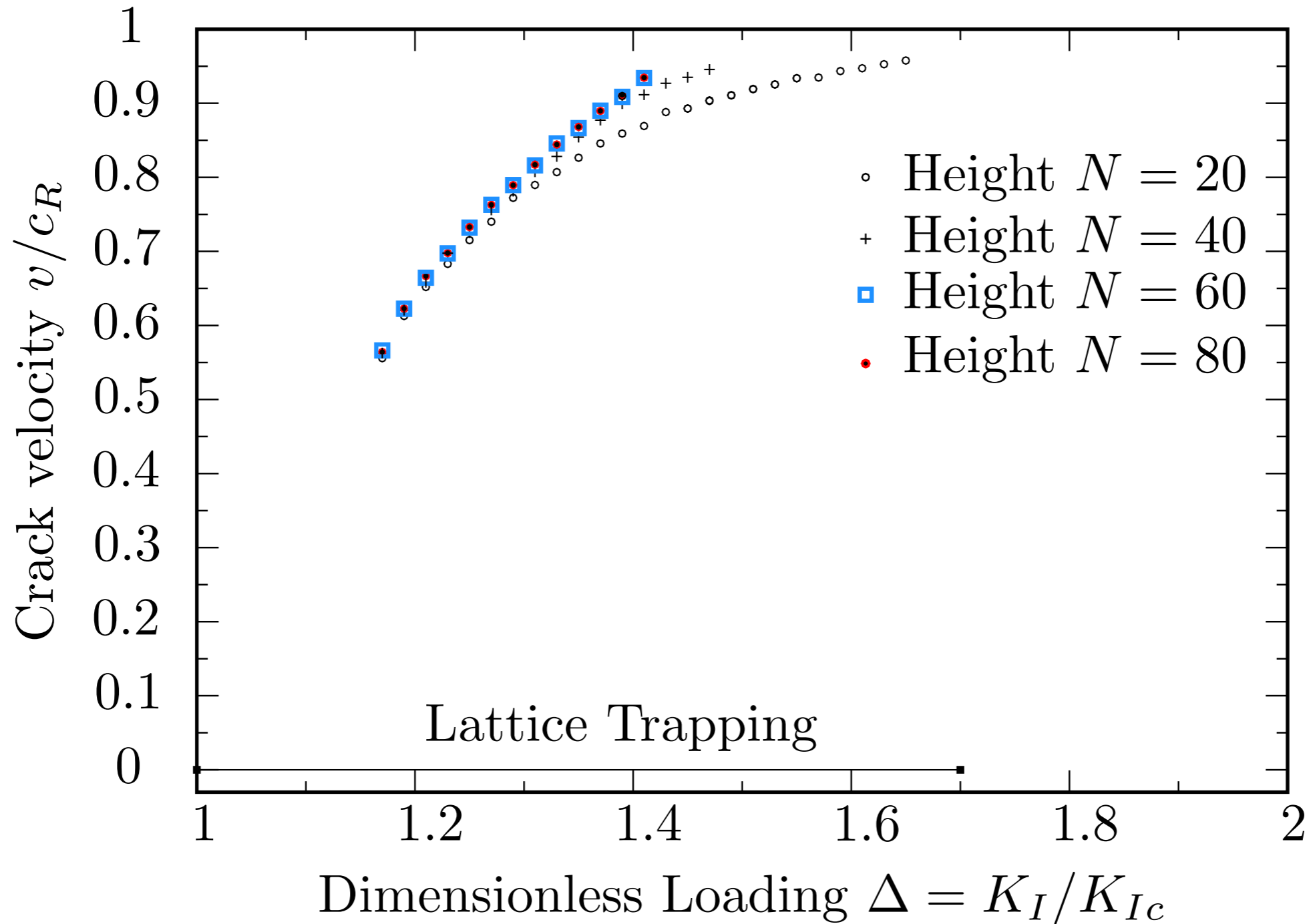
Wiener-Hopf techniques allow 800,000,000 atom MD... on a laptop in 30 minutes

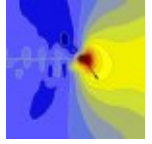
Height = 10 20 40 80





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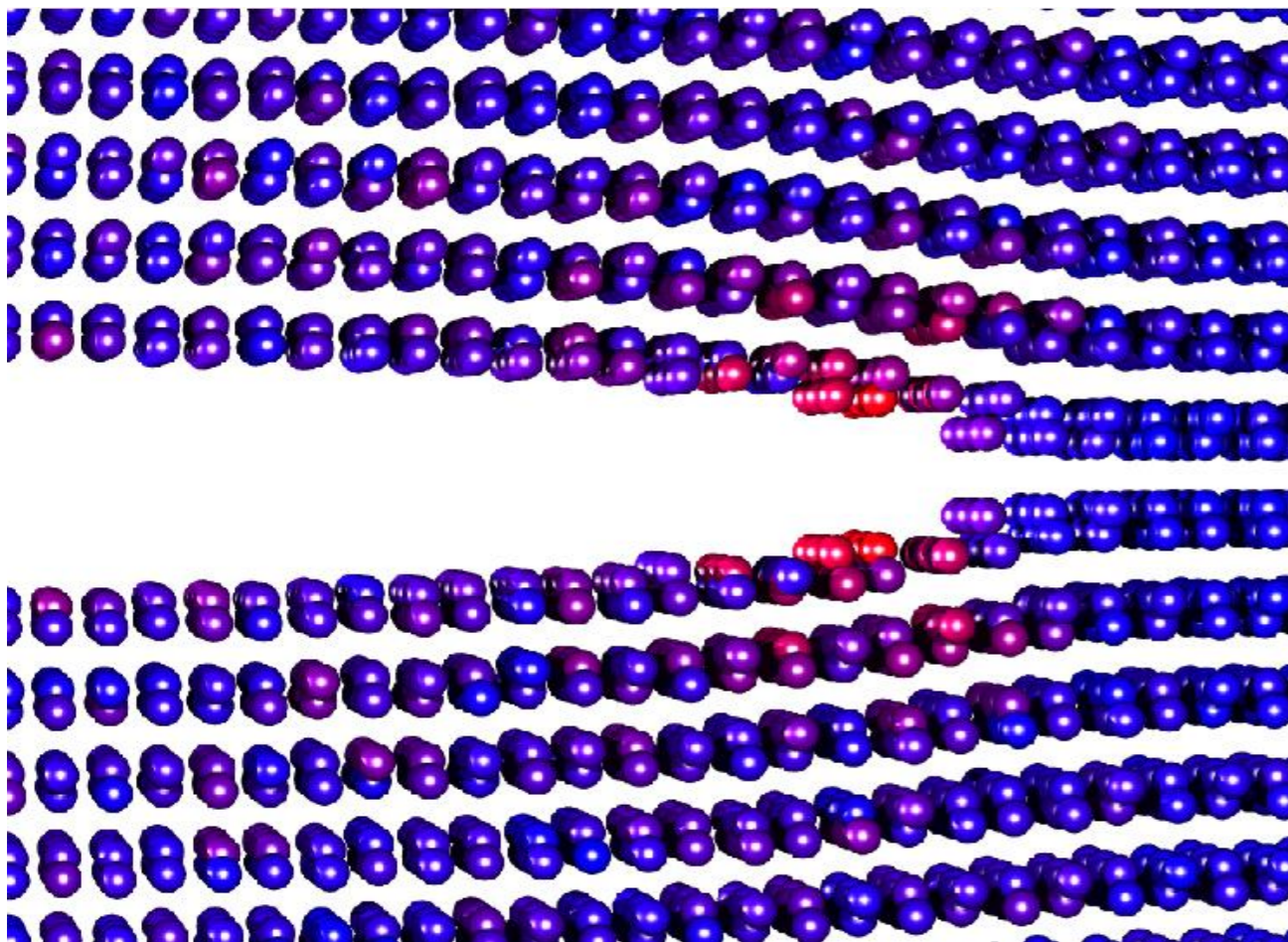




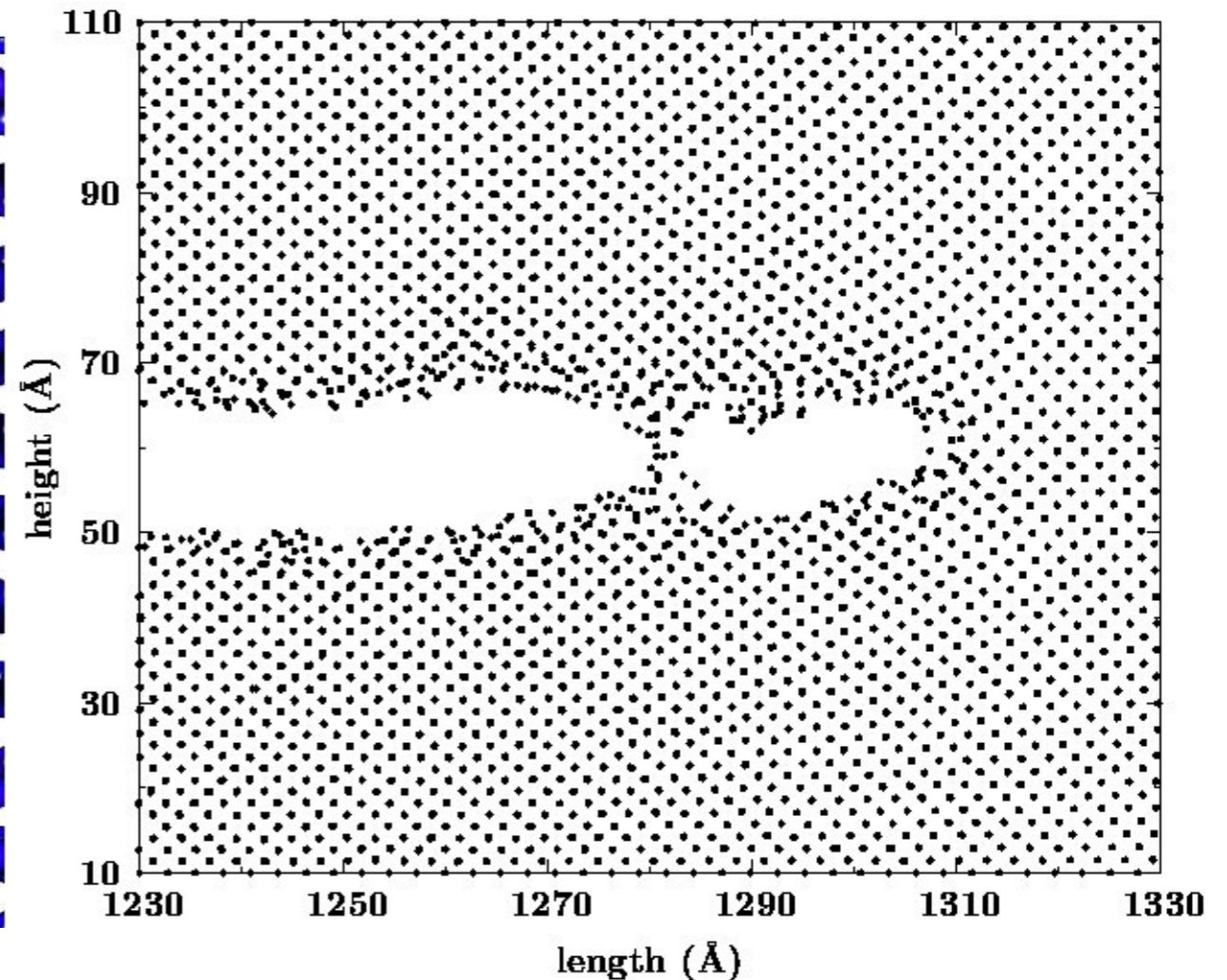
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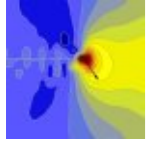
Silicon is “well known” to cleave cleanly along the (111) and (110) planes, but not at all along (100)

Clean failure along (110)



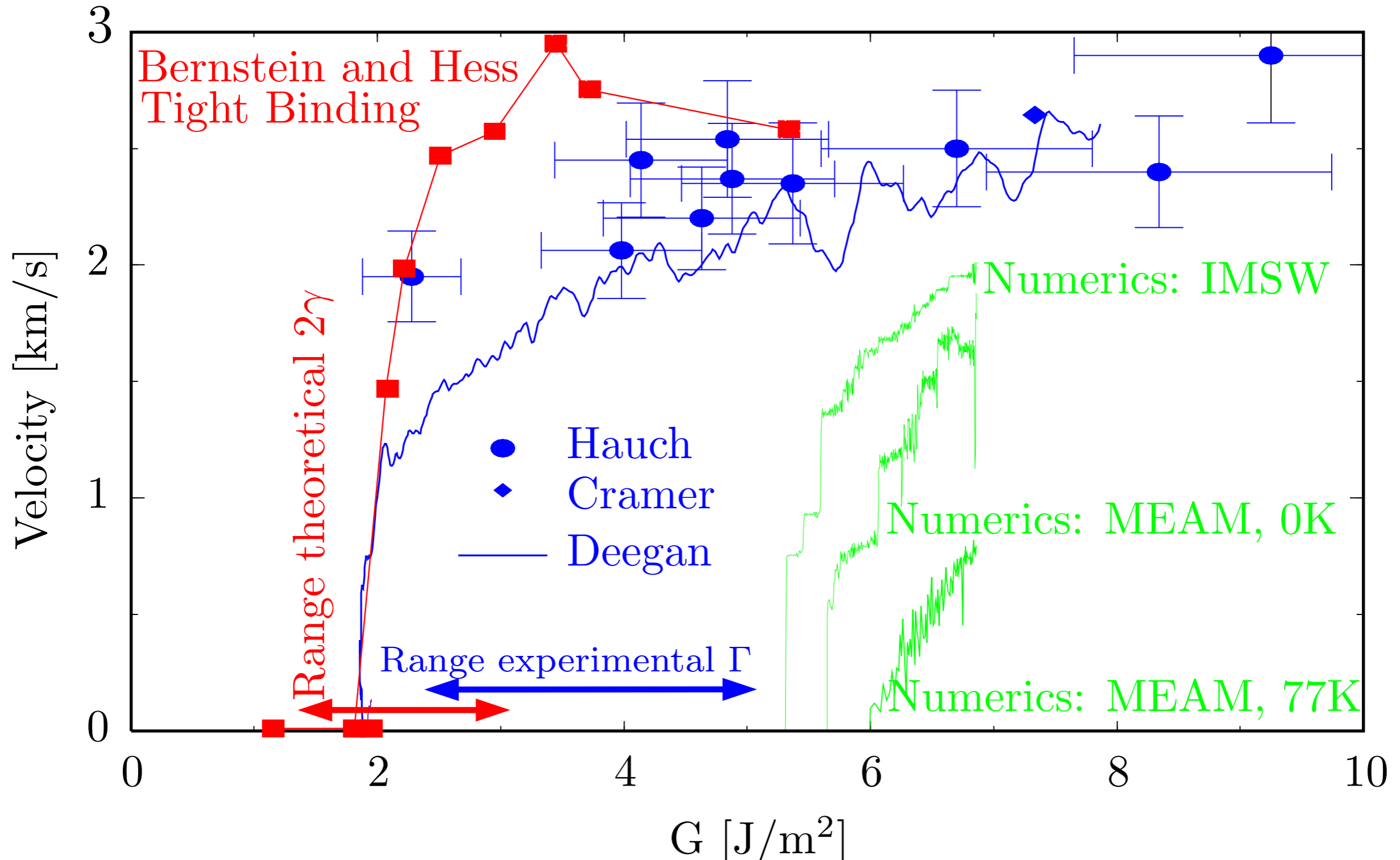
Rough failure along 100

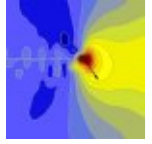




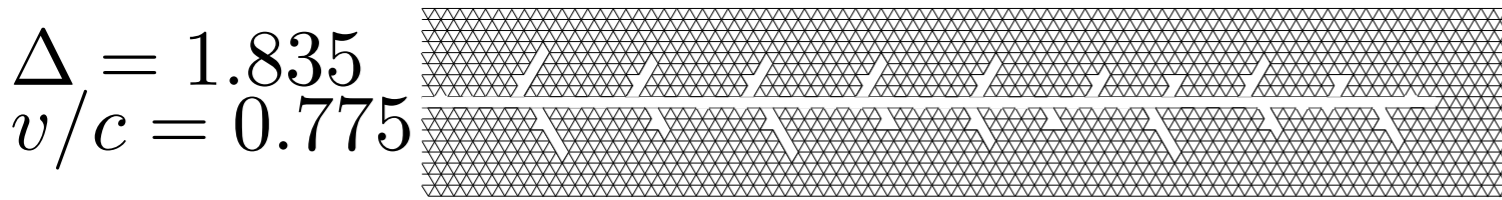
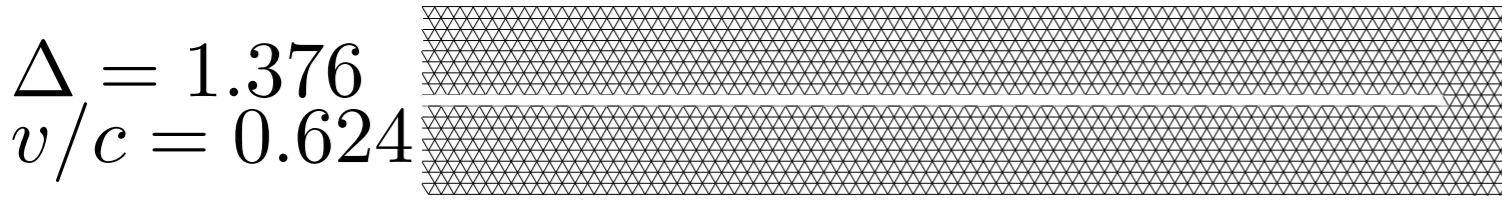
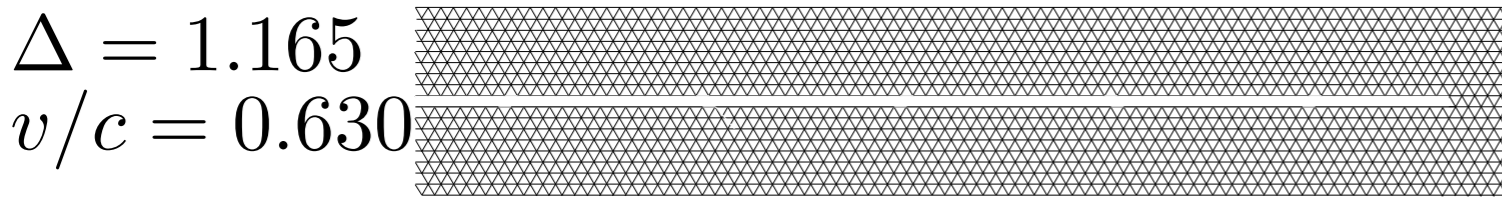
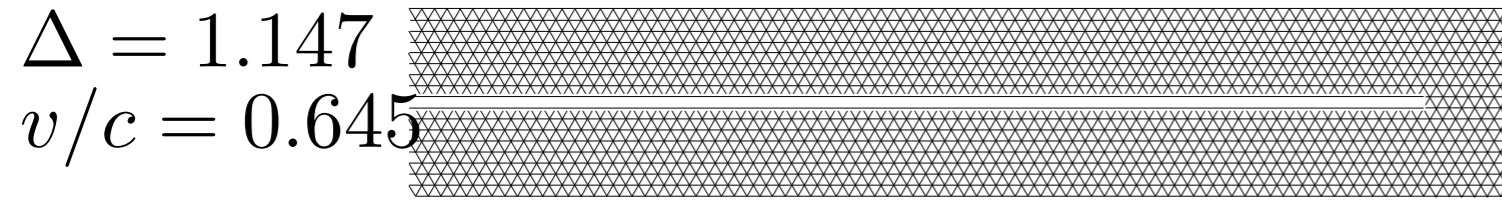
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Theory and experiment for single crystal silicon may finally agree... but it seems to take quantum mechanics!





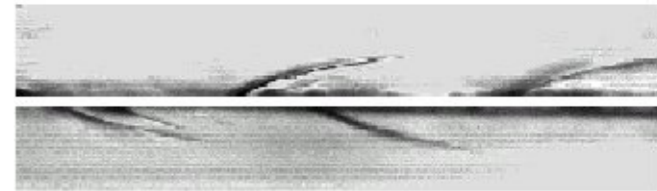
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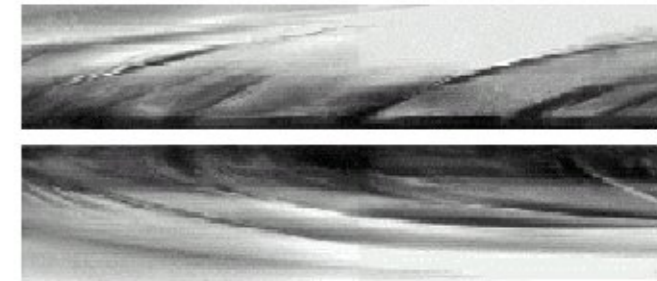
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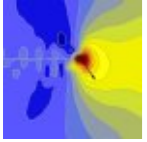


$v \approx v_c$

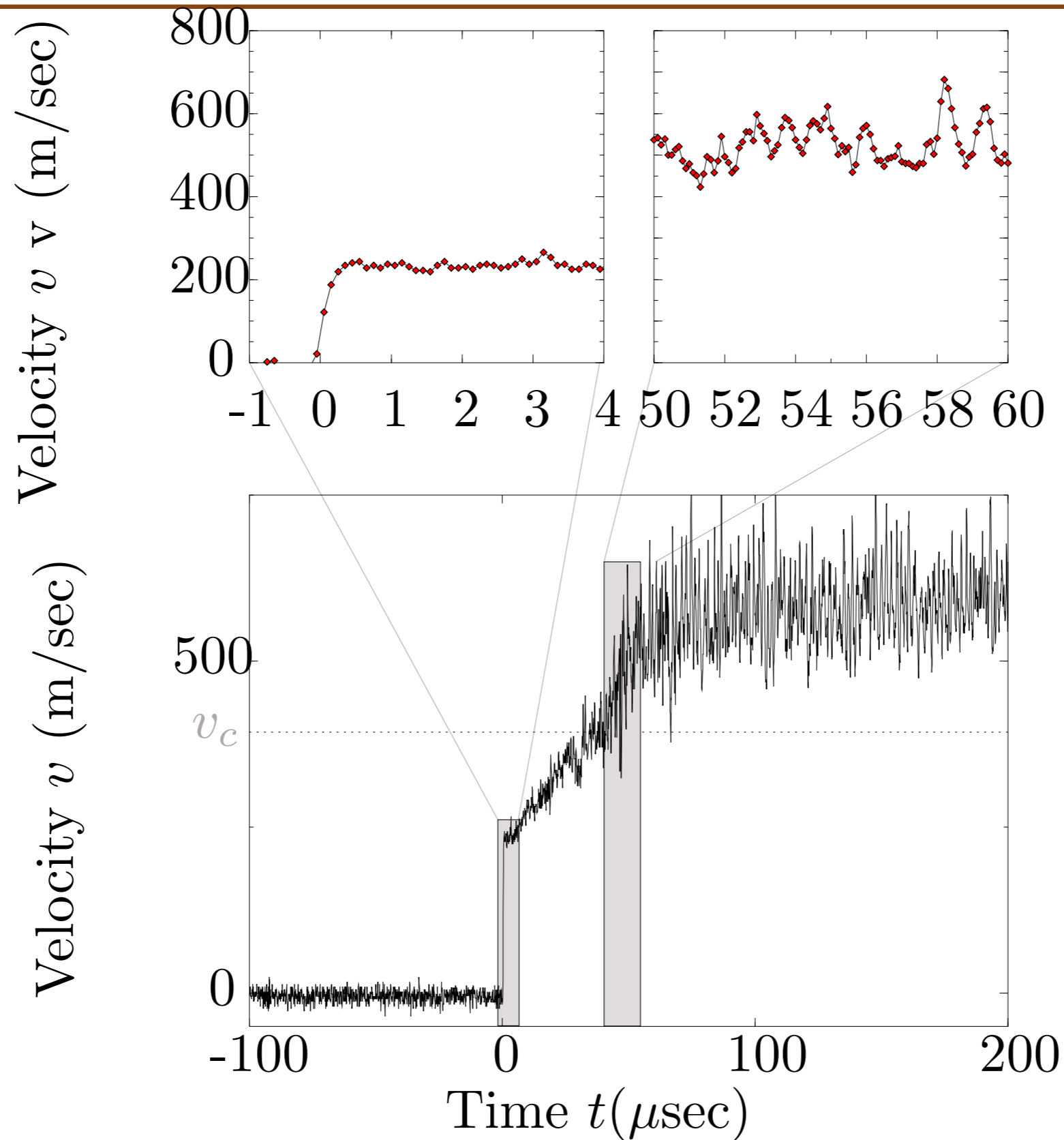


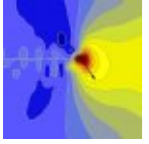
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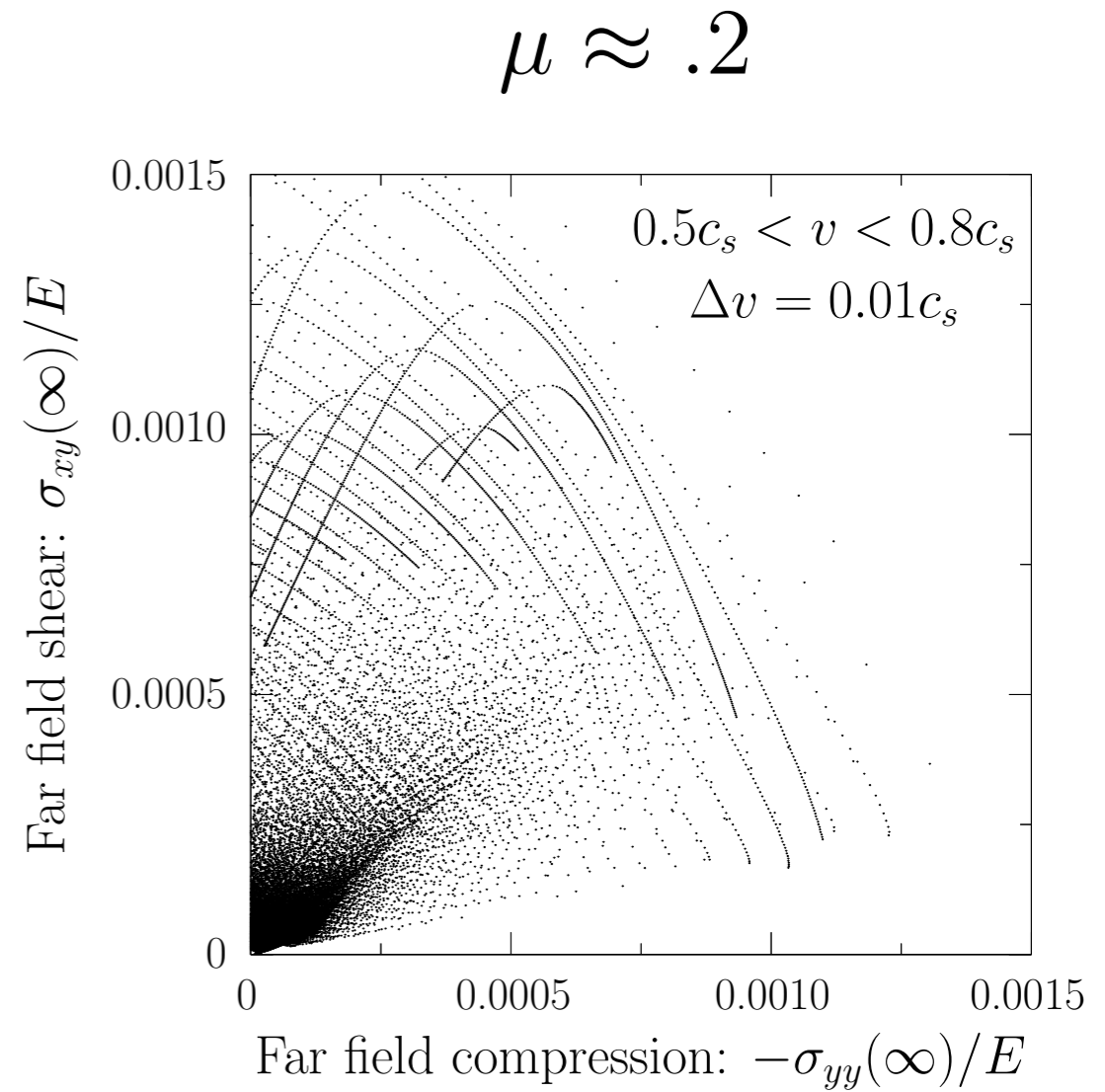
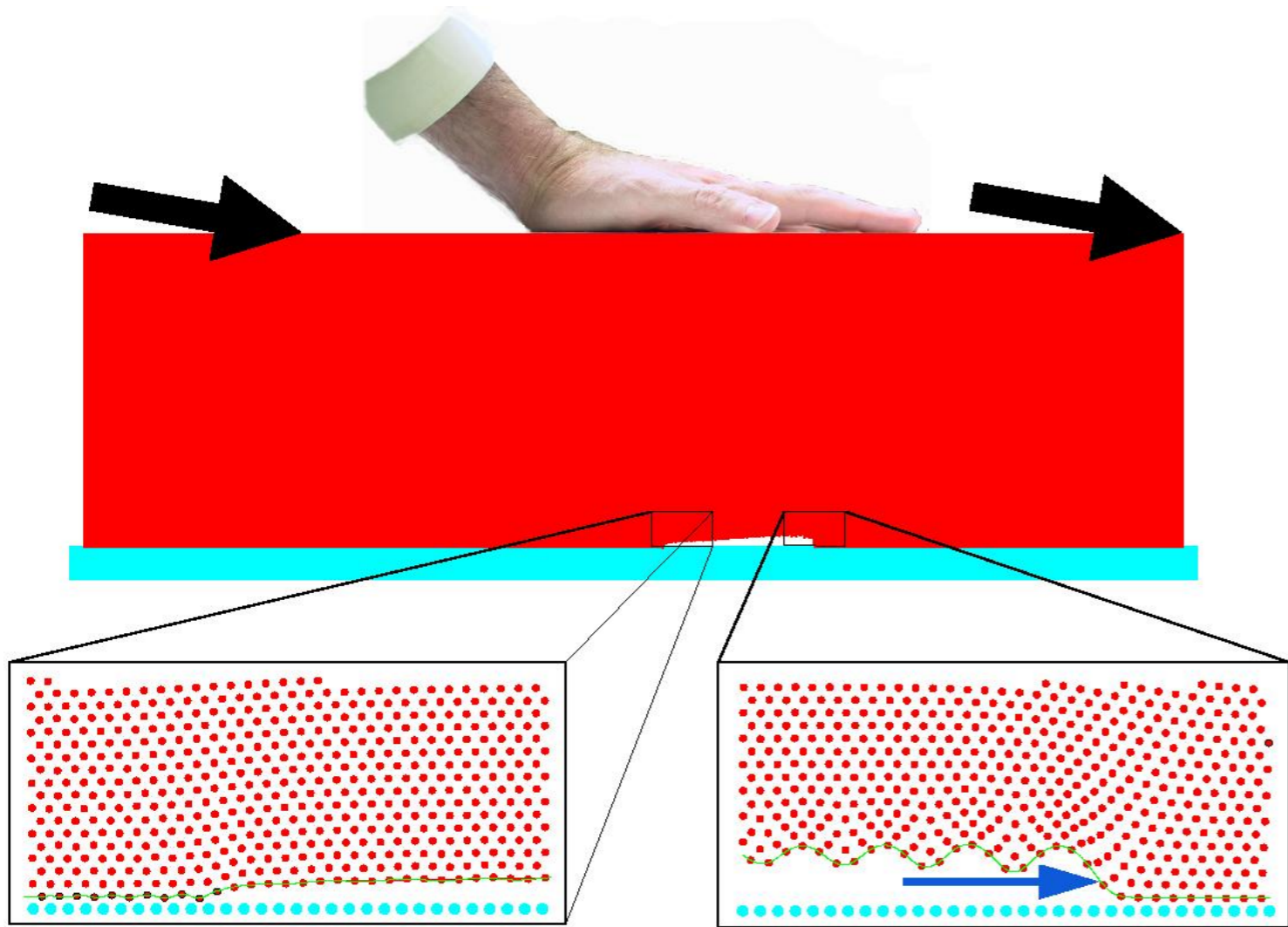


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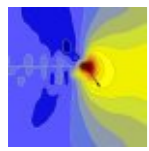




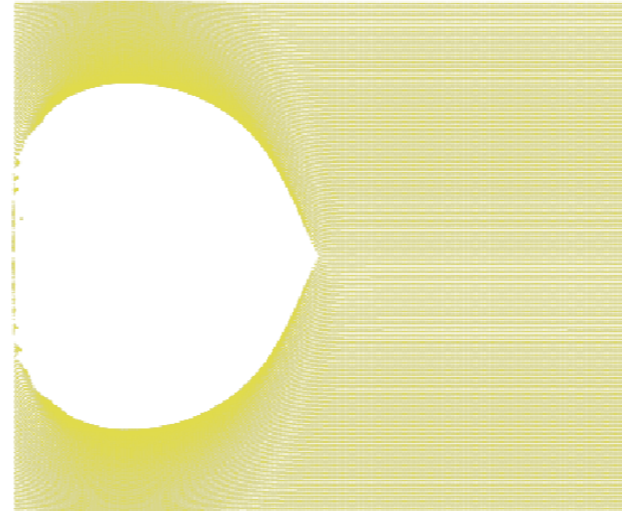
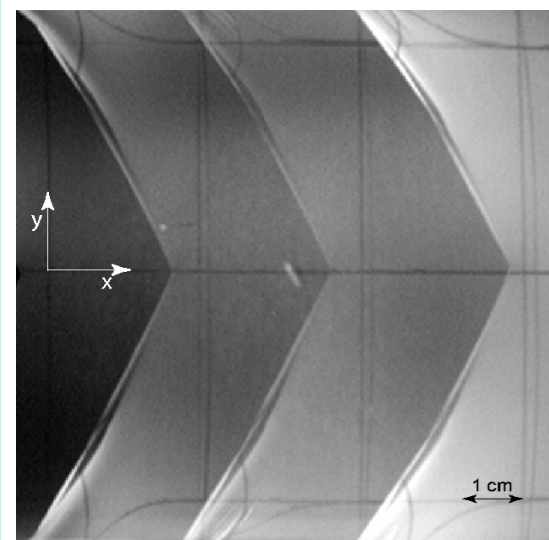
Application III: Self-healing pulses



Gerde and Marder, *Nature* 2001

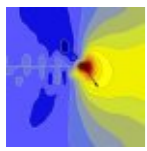


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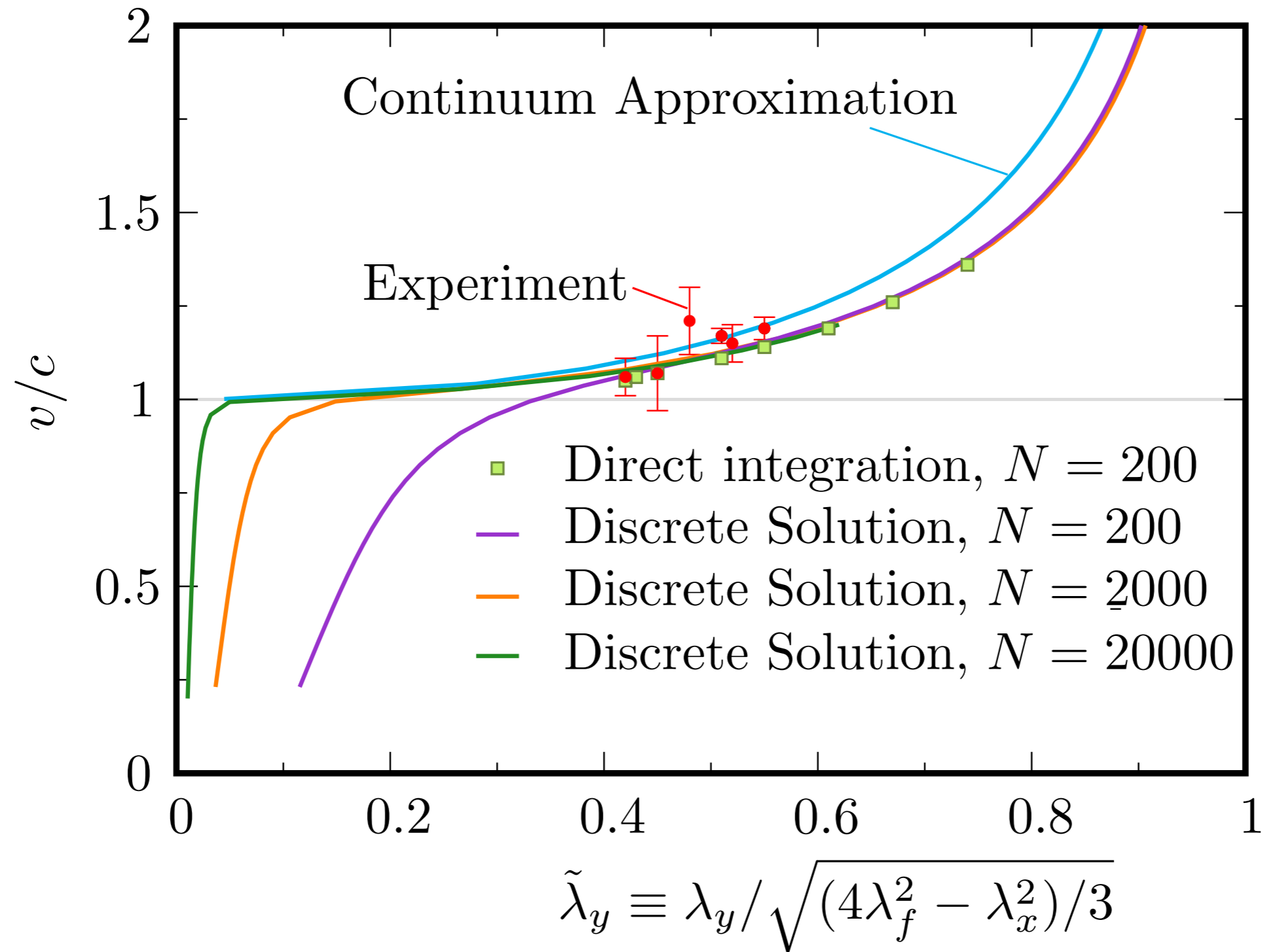


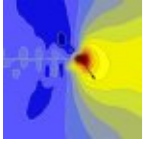
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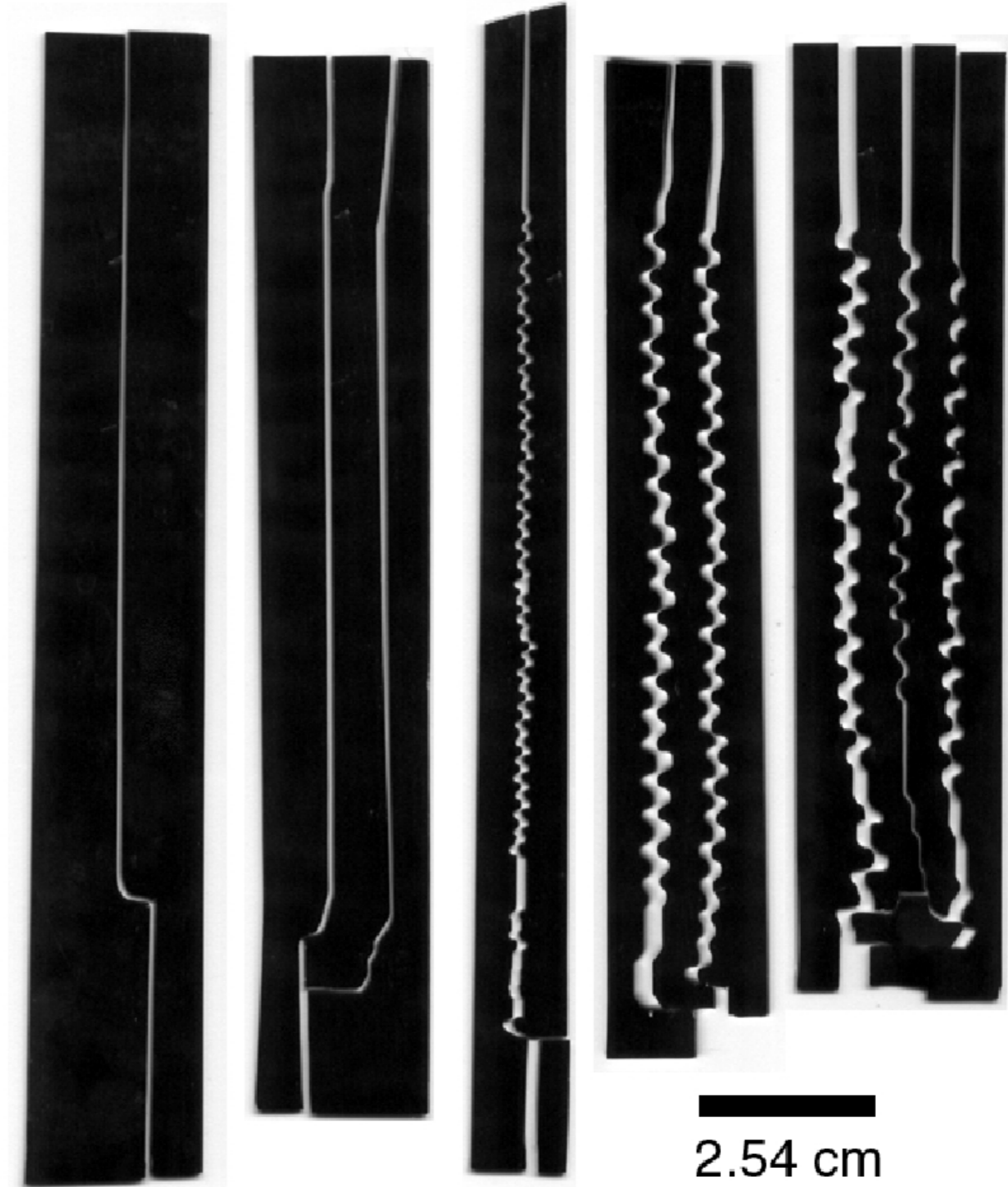
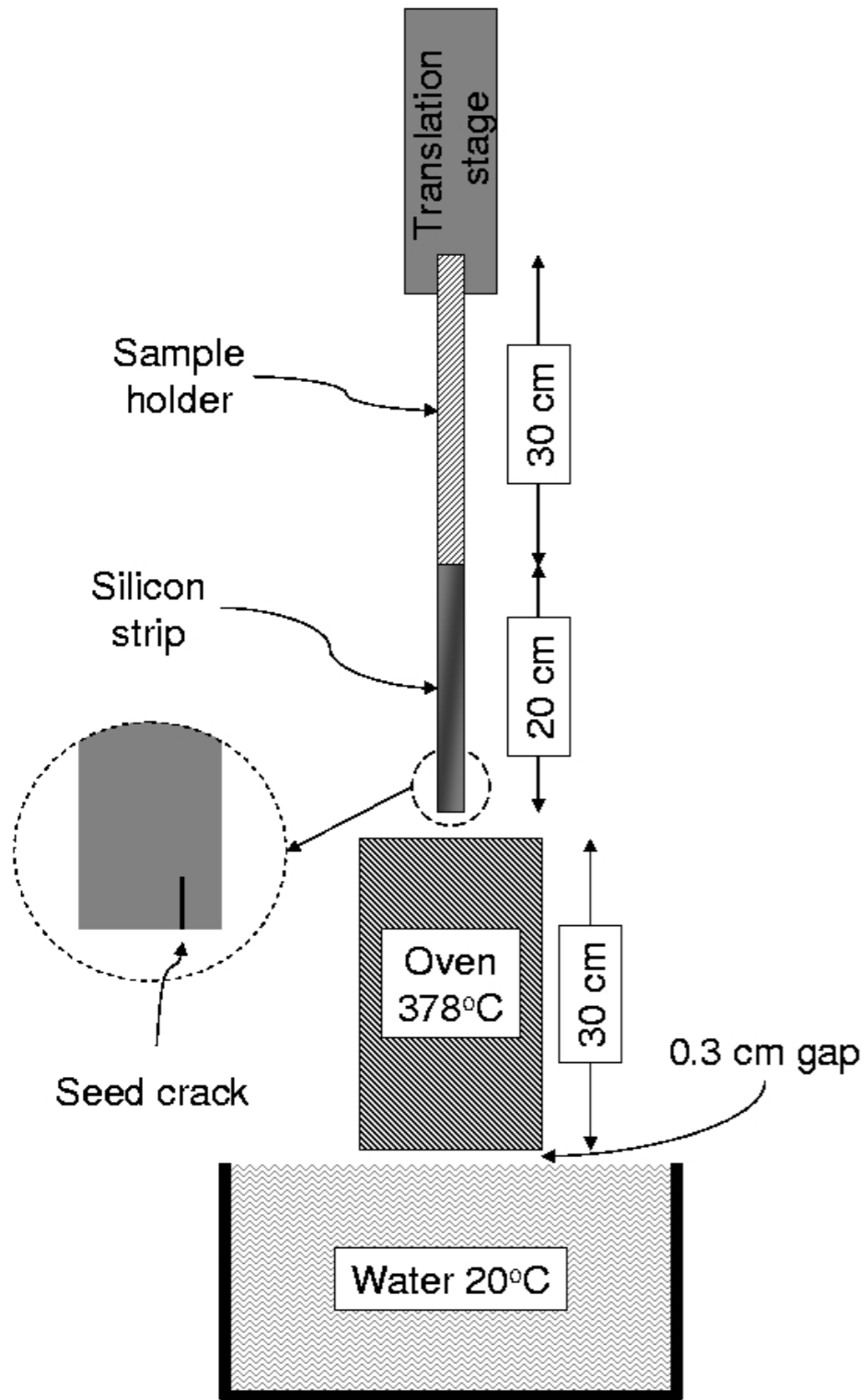


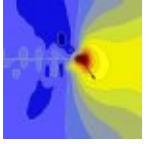
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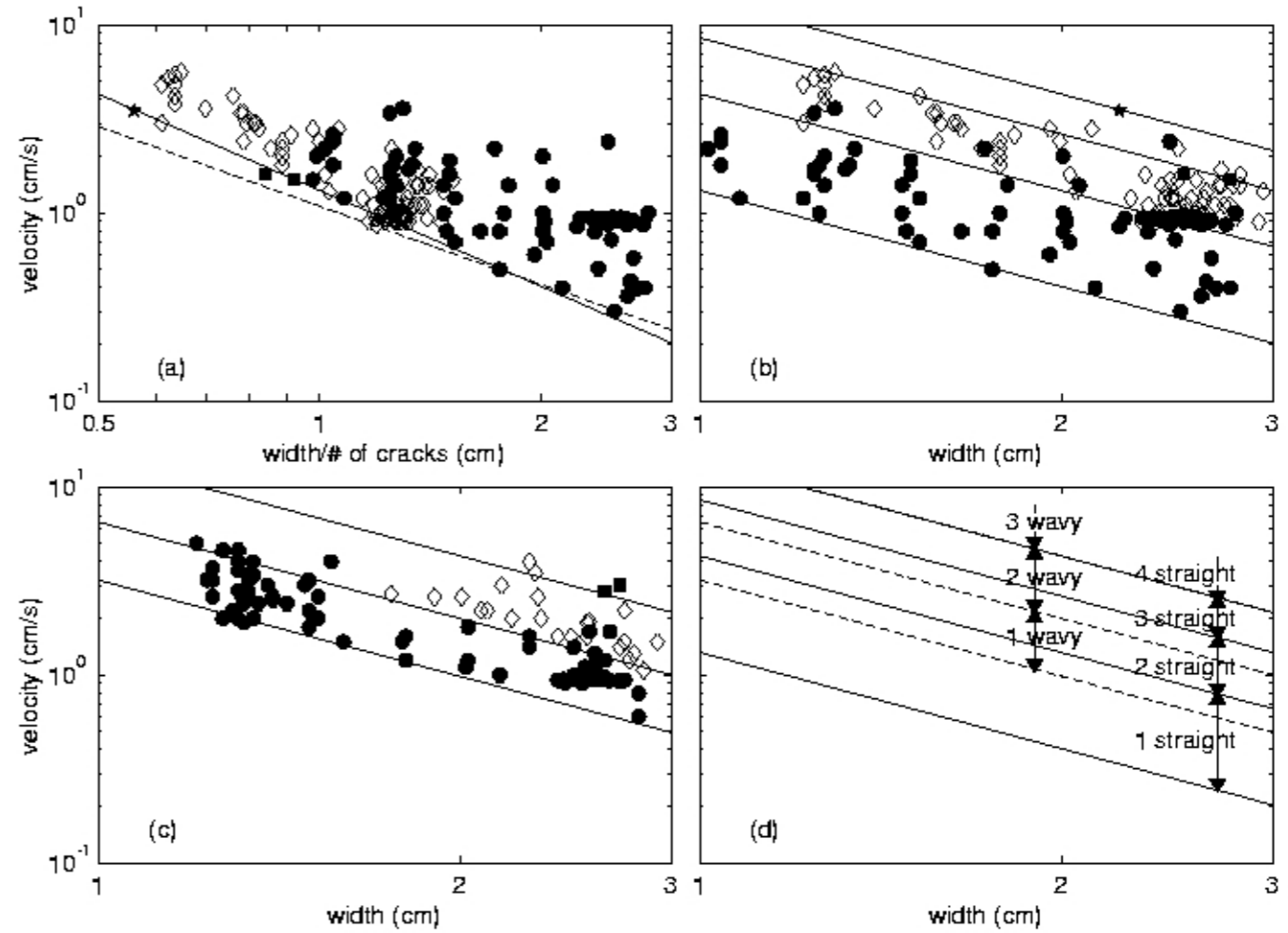
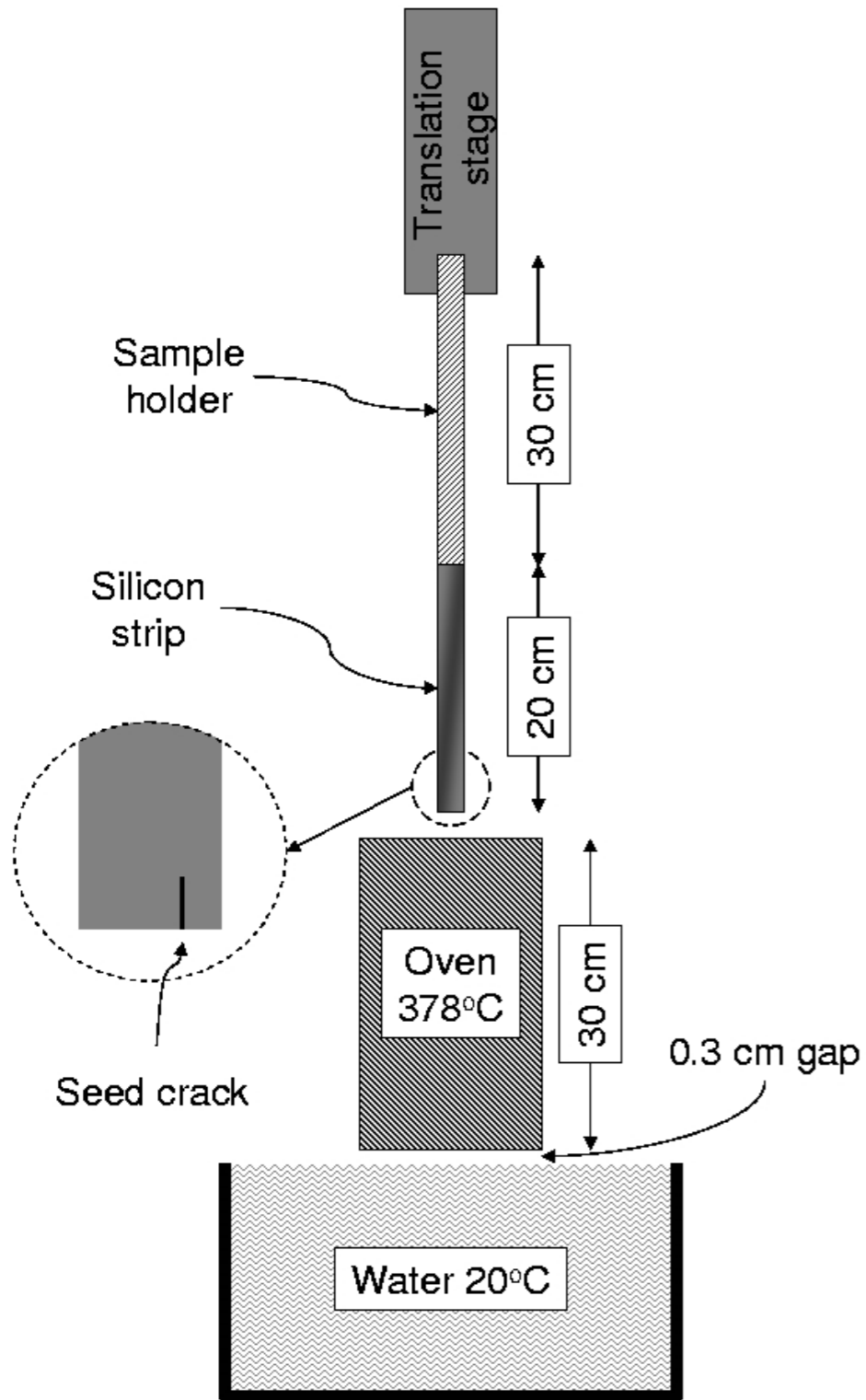


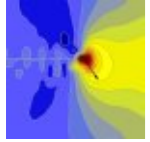
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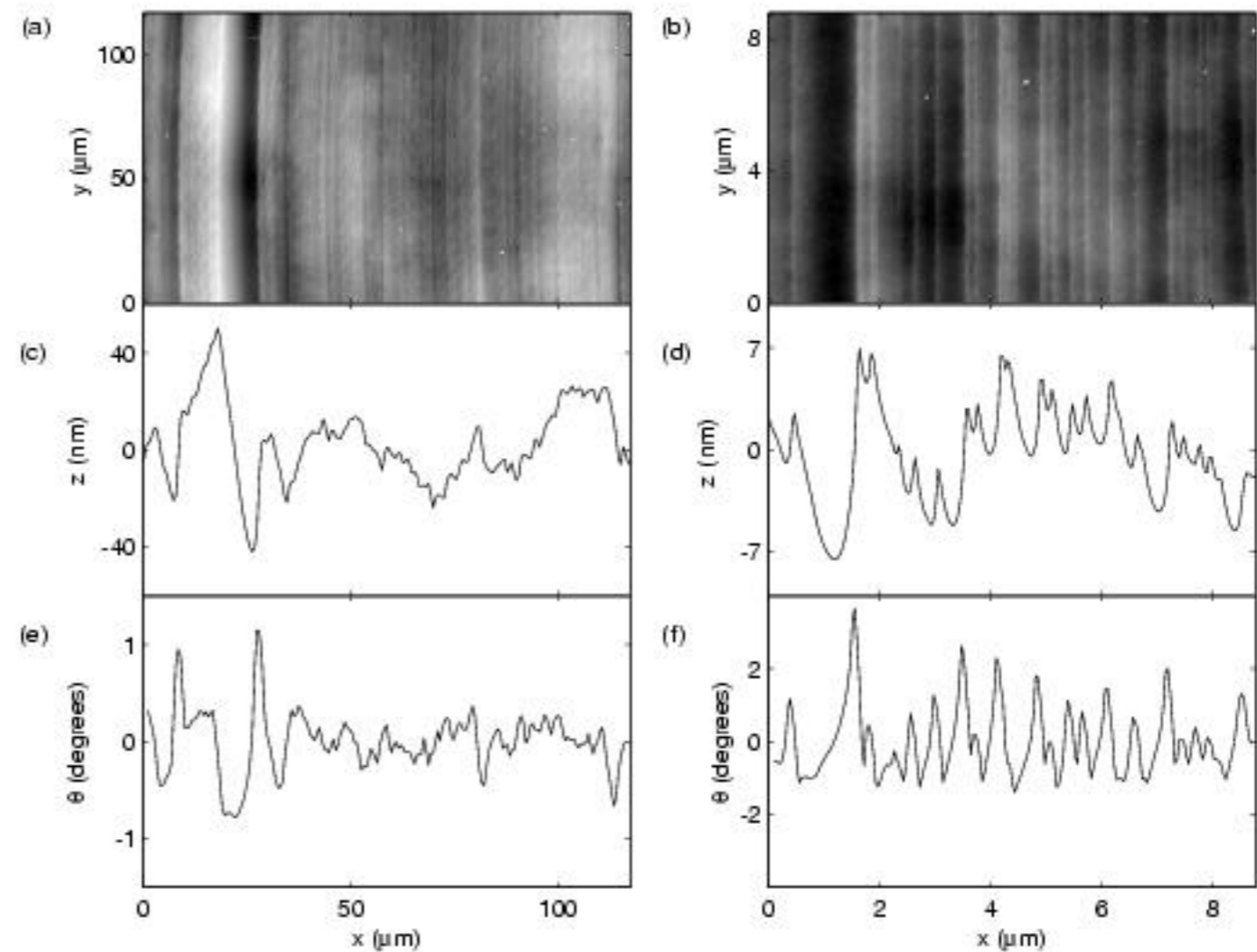
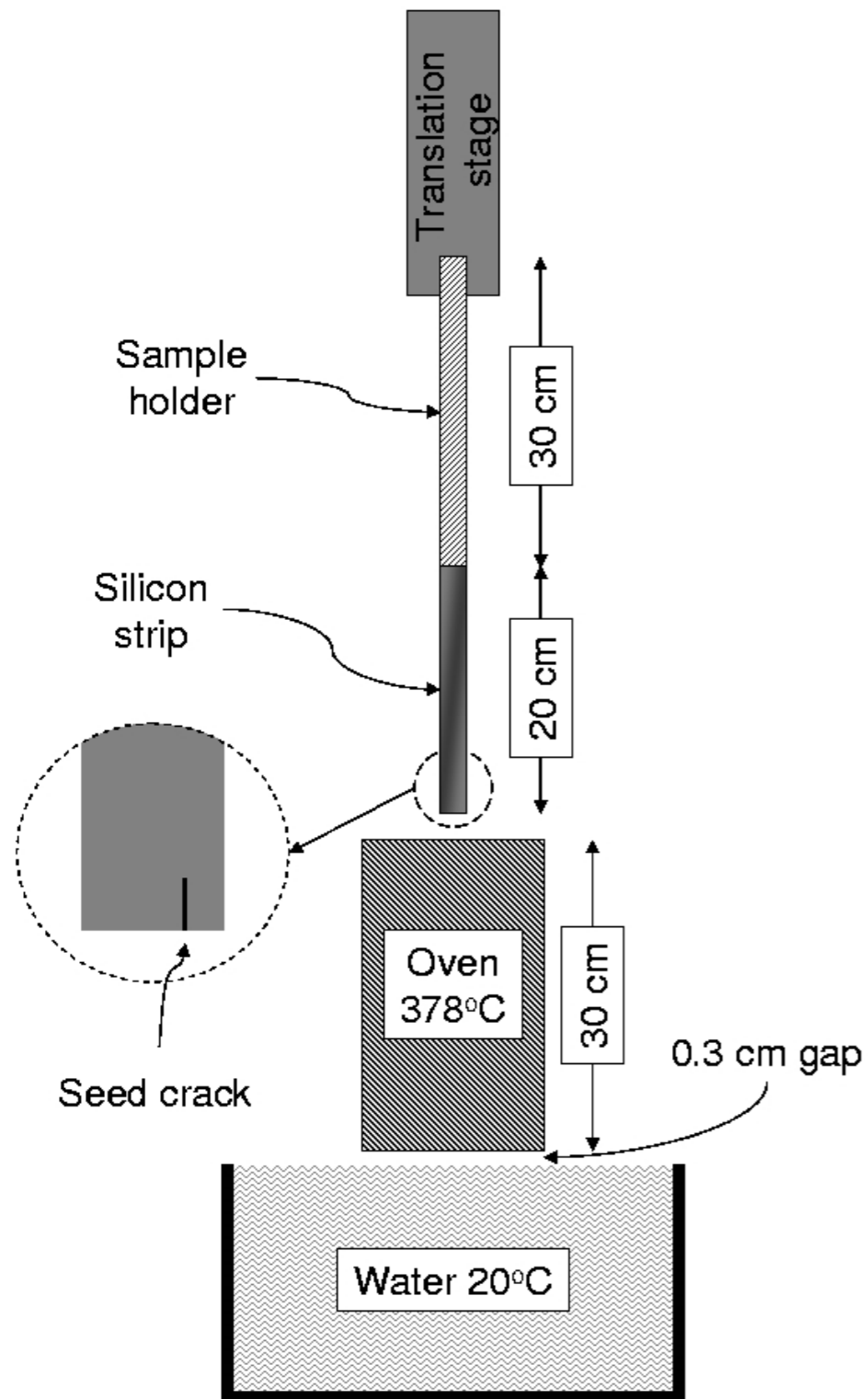
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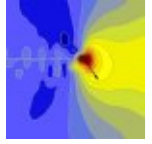




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Expecting to find faceting that traced out continuous curves, we instead found a self-affine fractal along direction of crack motion



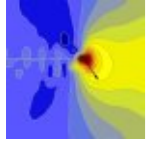


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Is principle of local symmetry always correct?

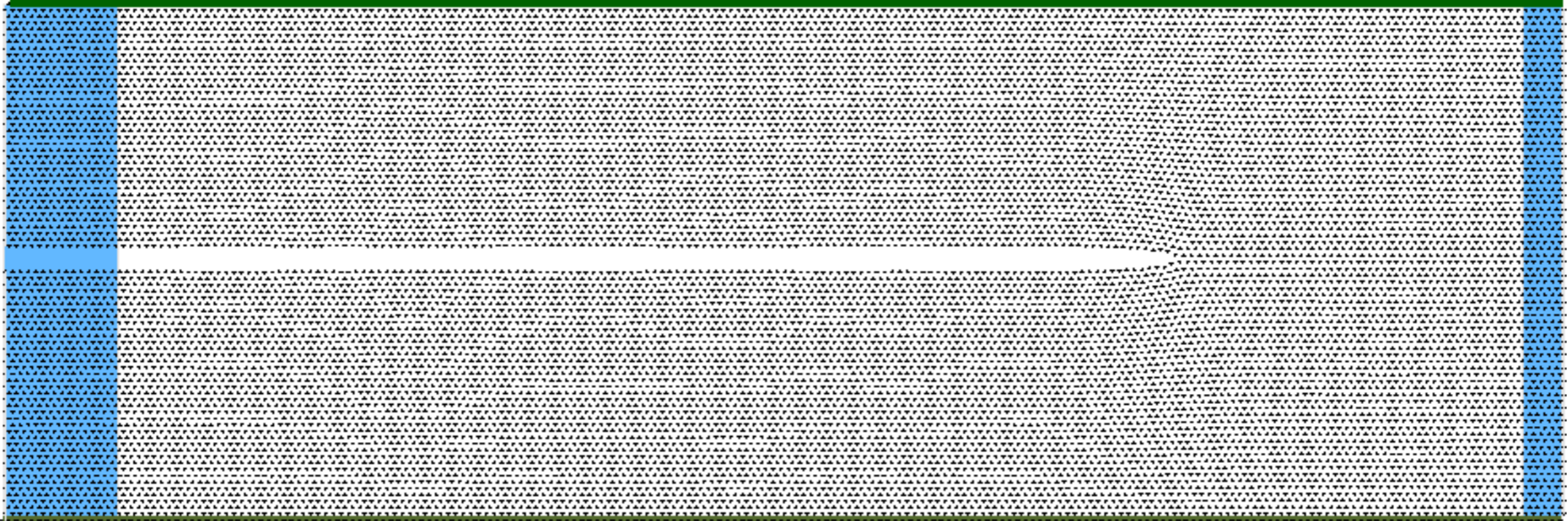
In a material that is isotropic and homogeneous at the macroscopic level, do cracks always travel in the direction it predicts?

Answer: no. For example, cracks can follow crystal planes that are completely invisible to continuum elasticity



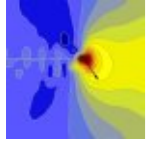
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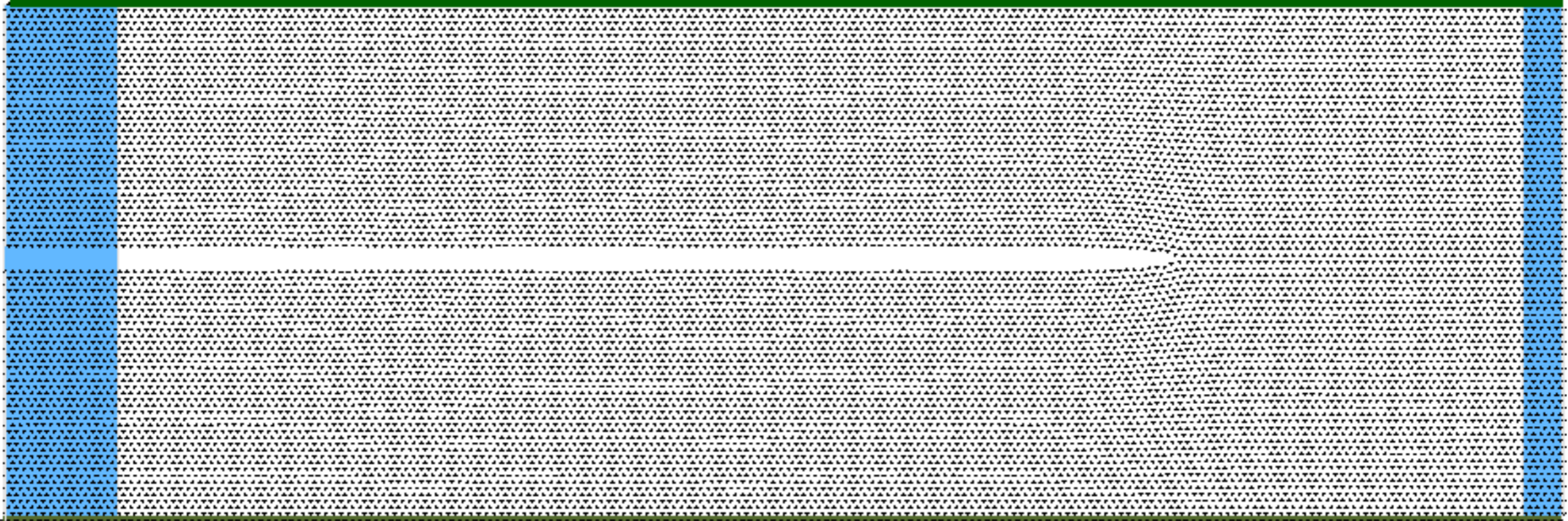
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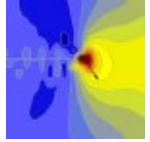
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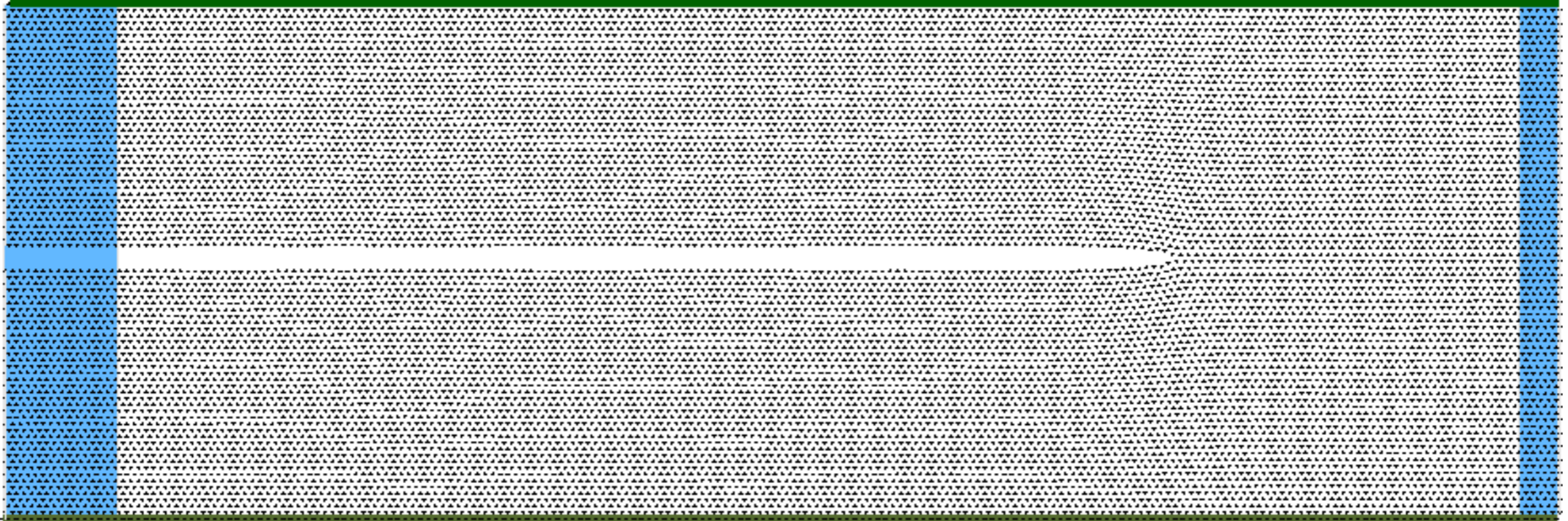
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By varying Kelvin dissipation, for fixed loading conditions, one can obtain different steady velocity solutions.



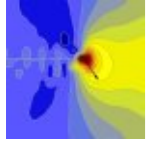
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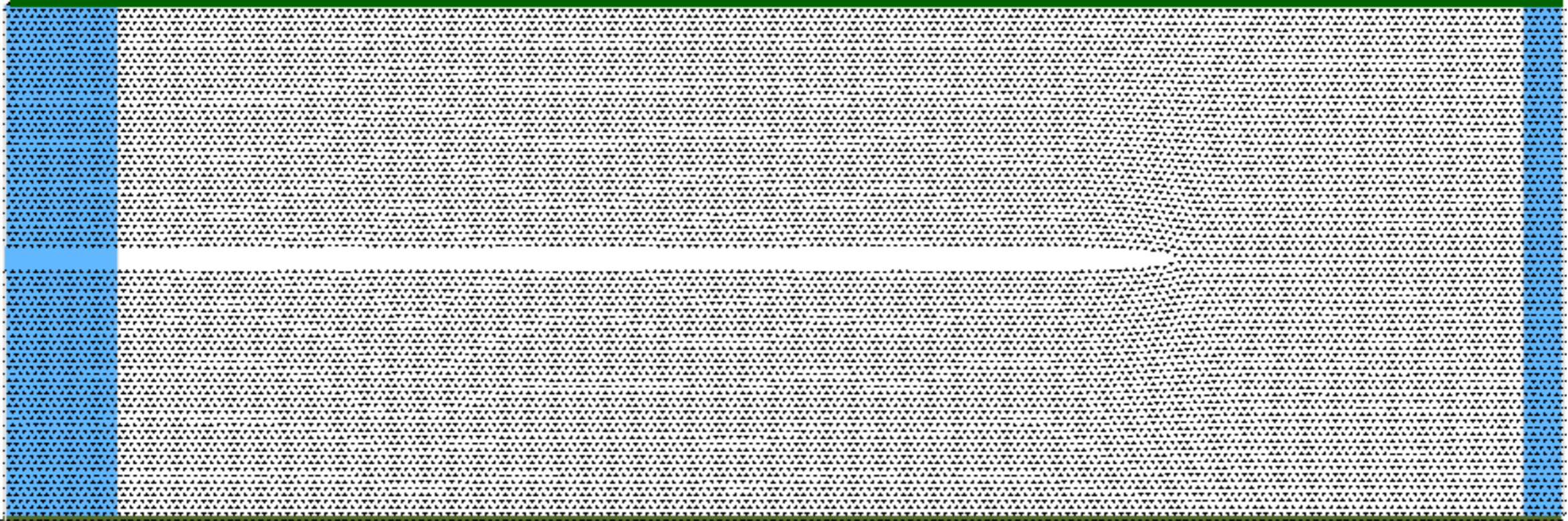
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Take height $N = 200$, $u_c = 1.2$, displace top by $\delta_y = 20$, and $\delta_x = .23\delta_y$. Set Kelvin dissipation to $\beta = 2$ and then to $\beta = .02$.



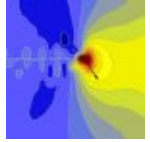
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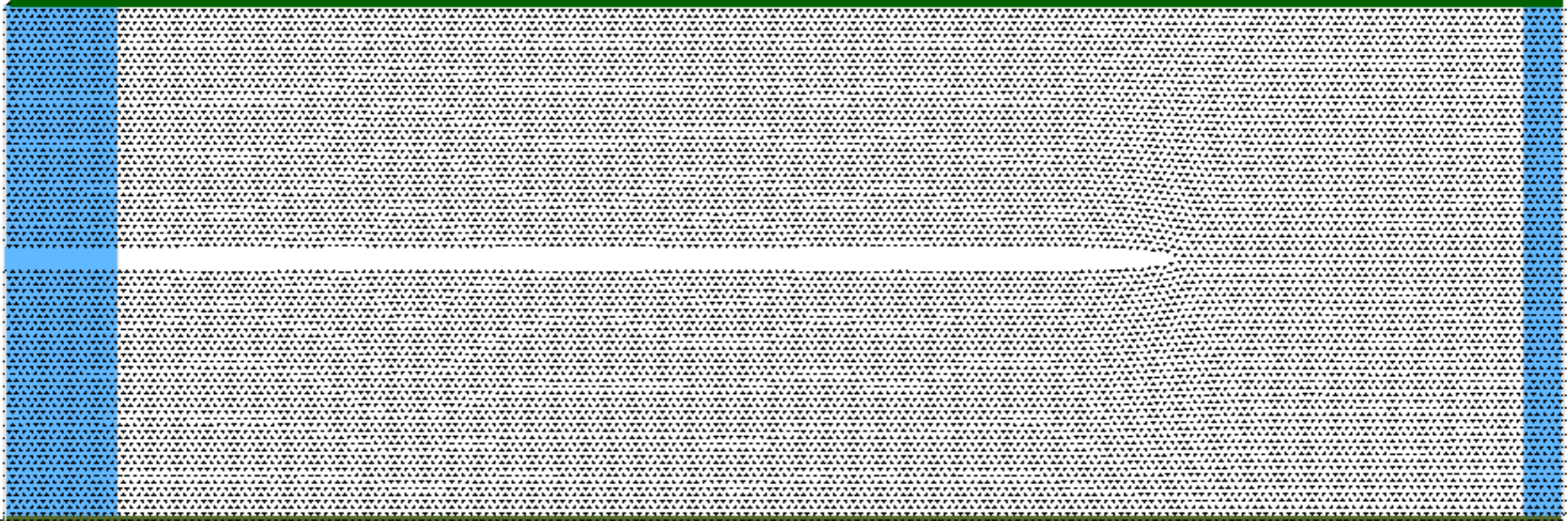
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Obtain cracks moving at $v/c_R = .01$ and $v/c_R = .83$.



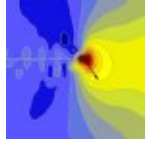
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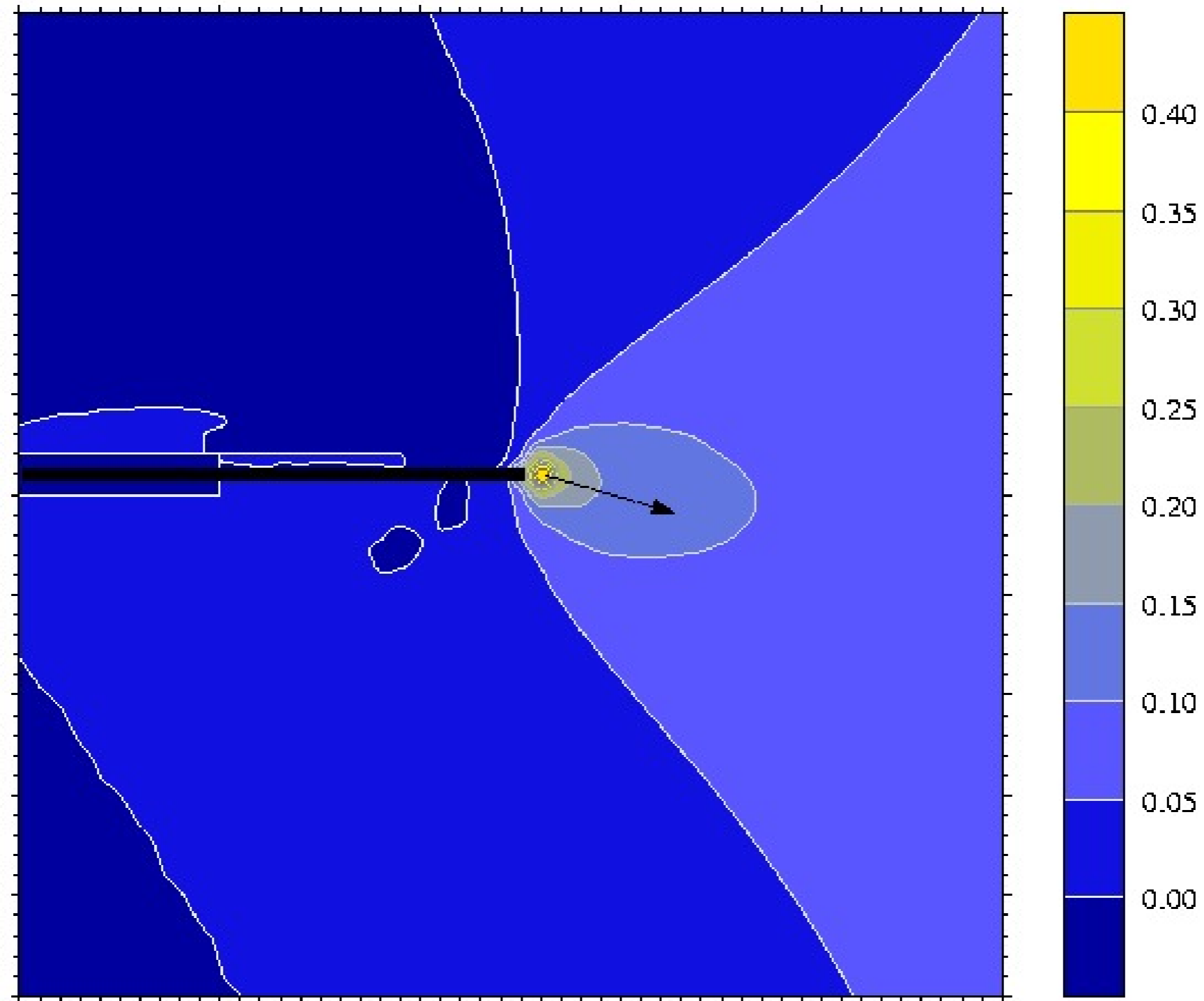
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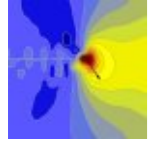
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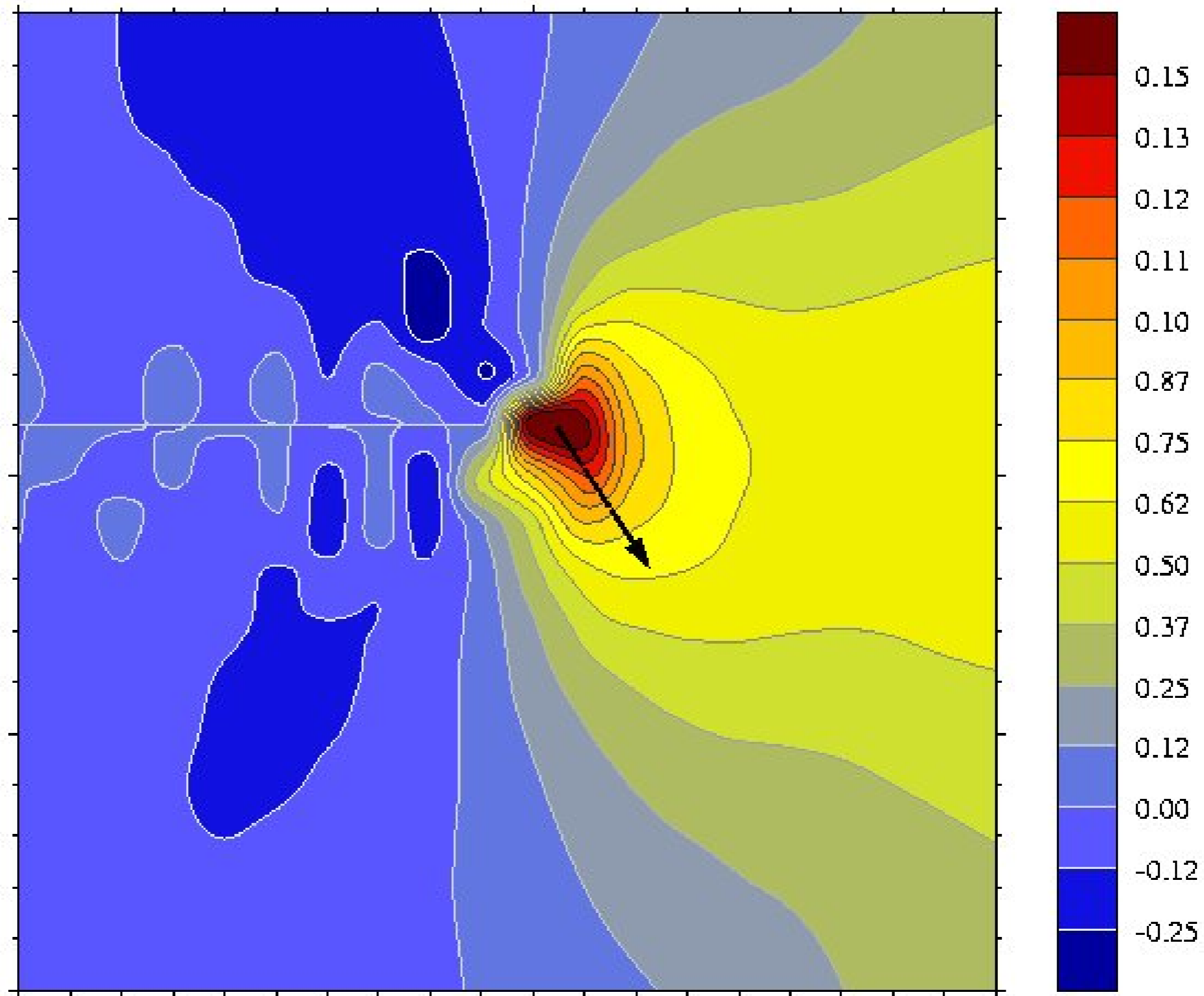
Crack with $v = .01c_R$, should kink at -16°

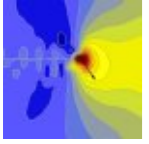




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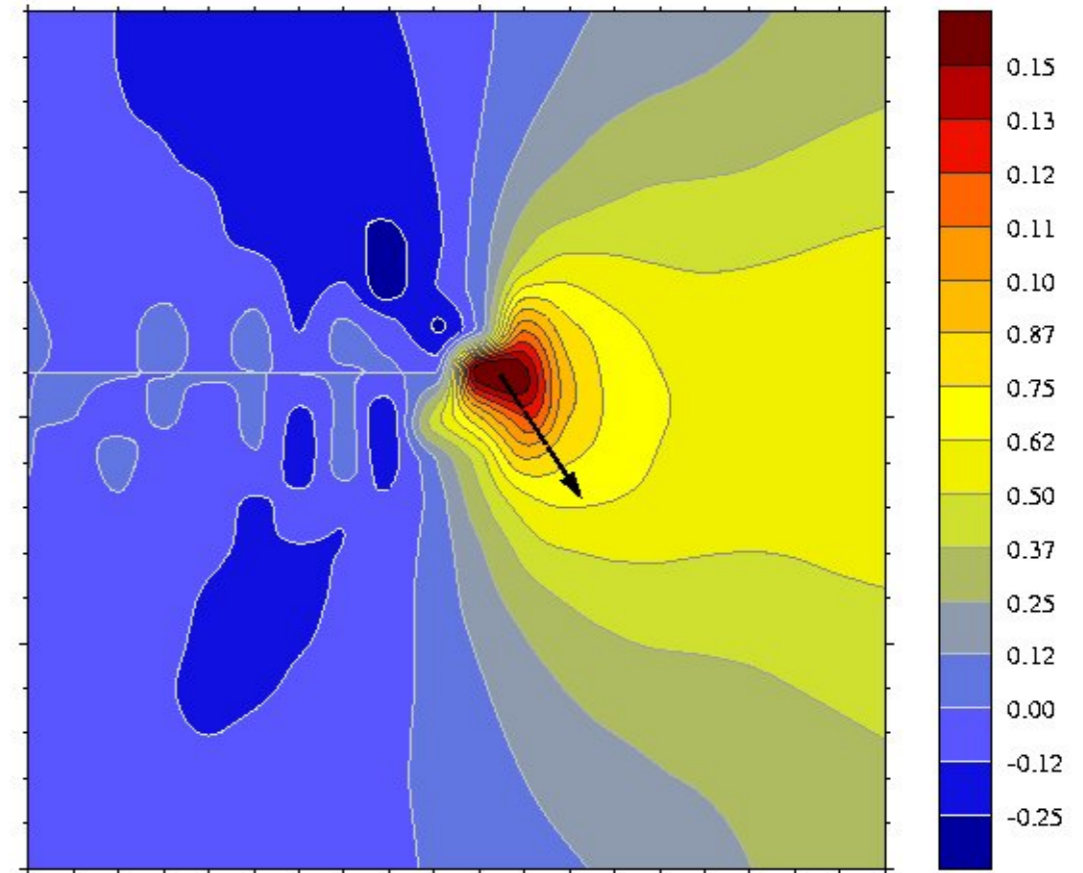
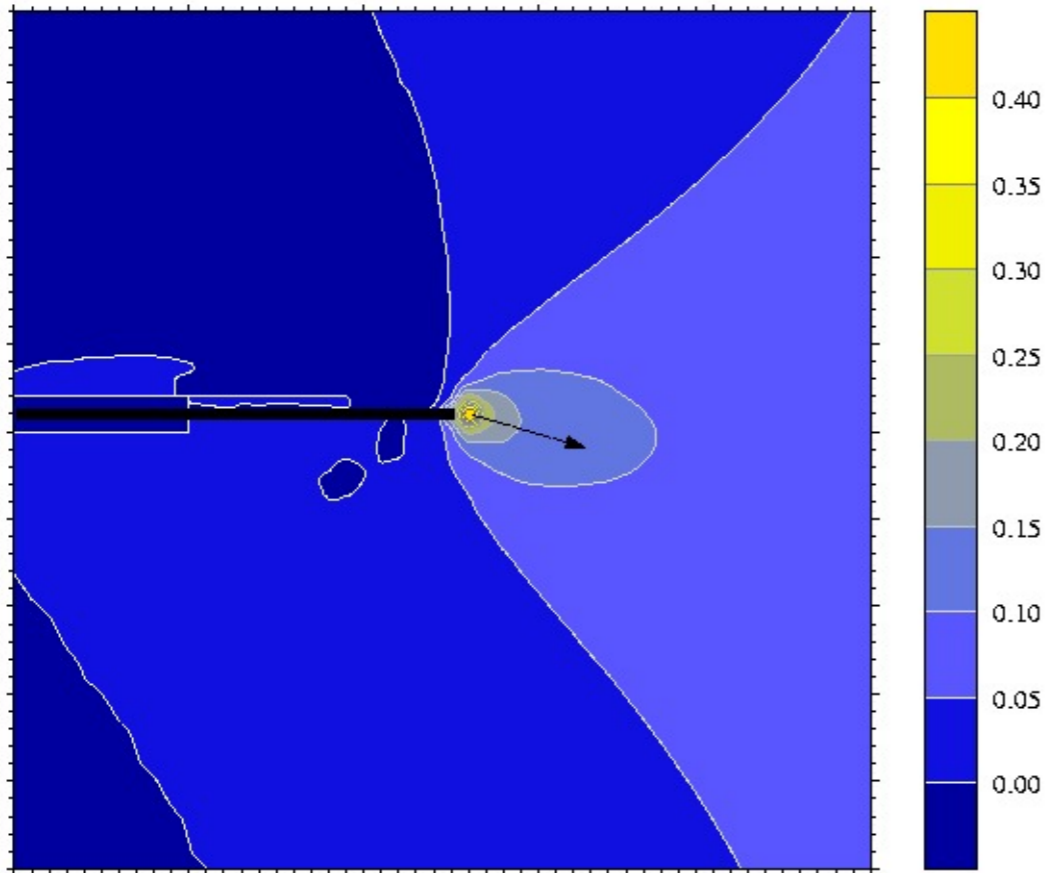
Crack with $v = .83c_R$, should kink at -57°

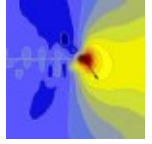




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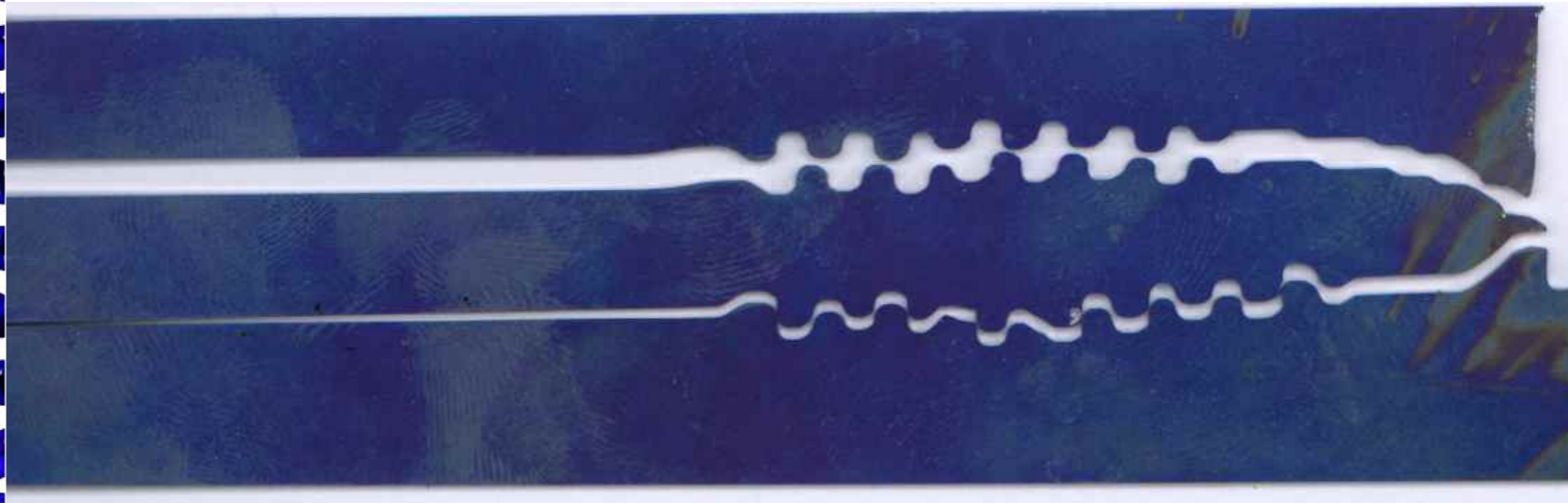
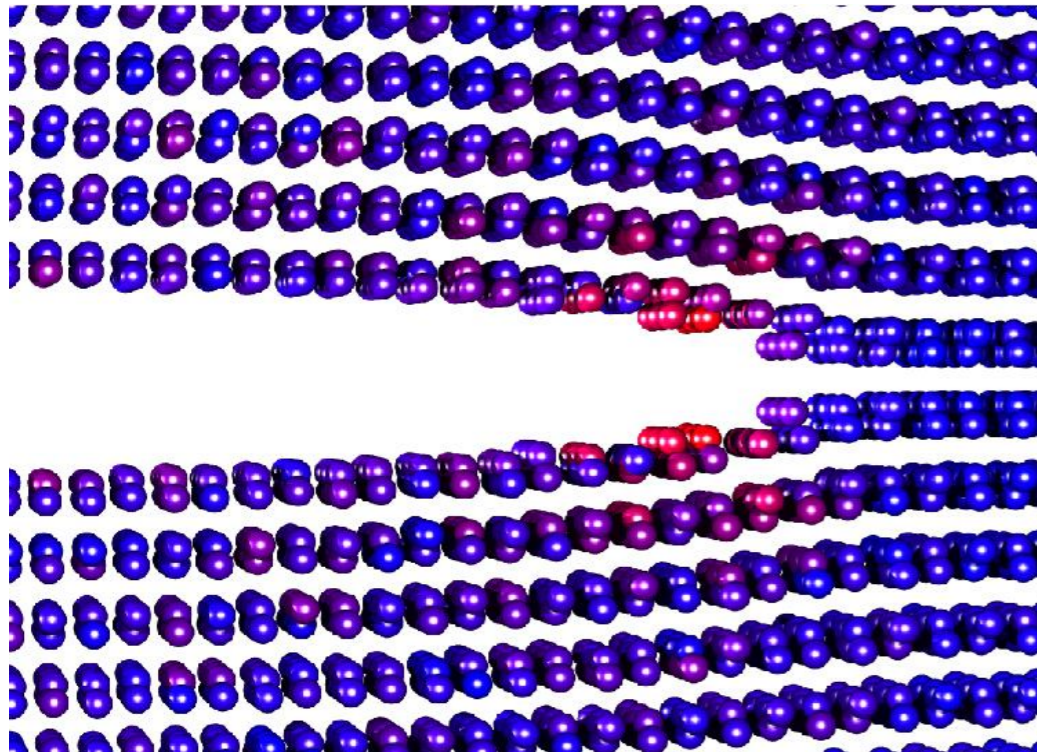
However, both cracks travel straight along horizontal axis forever

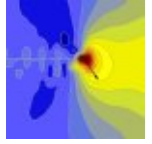




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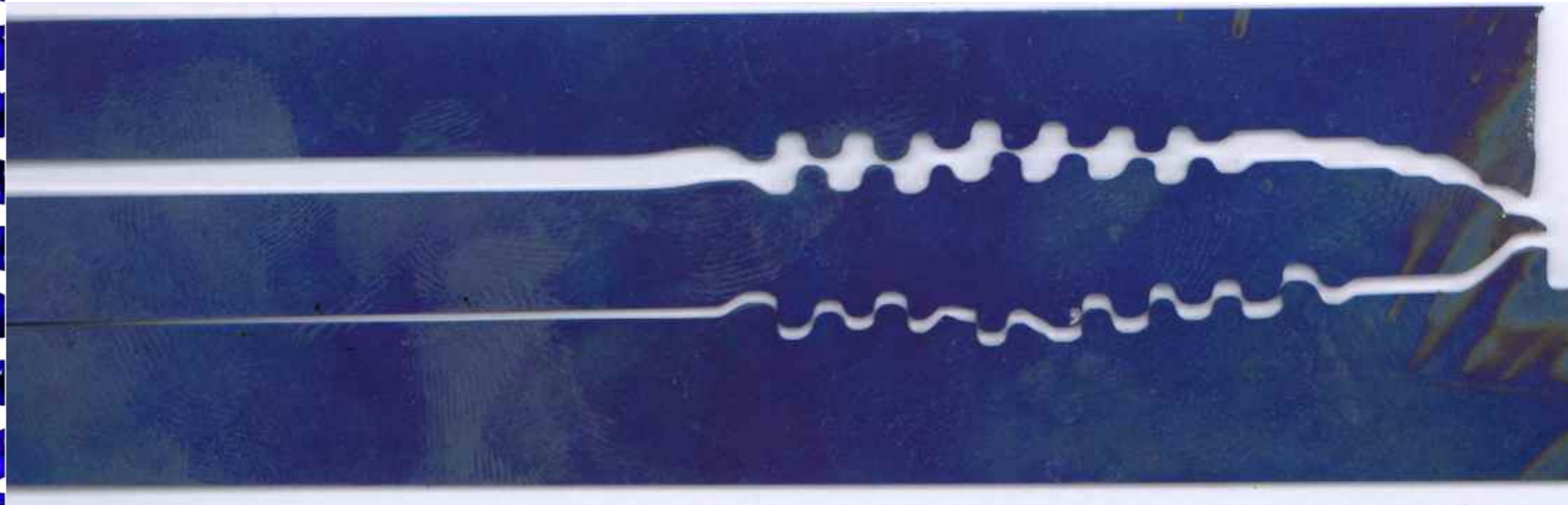
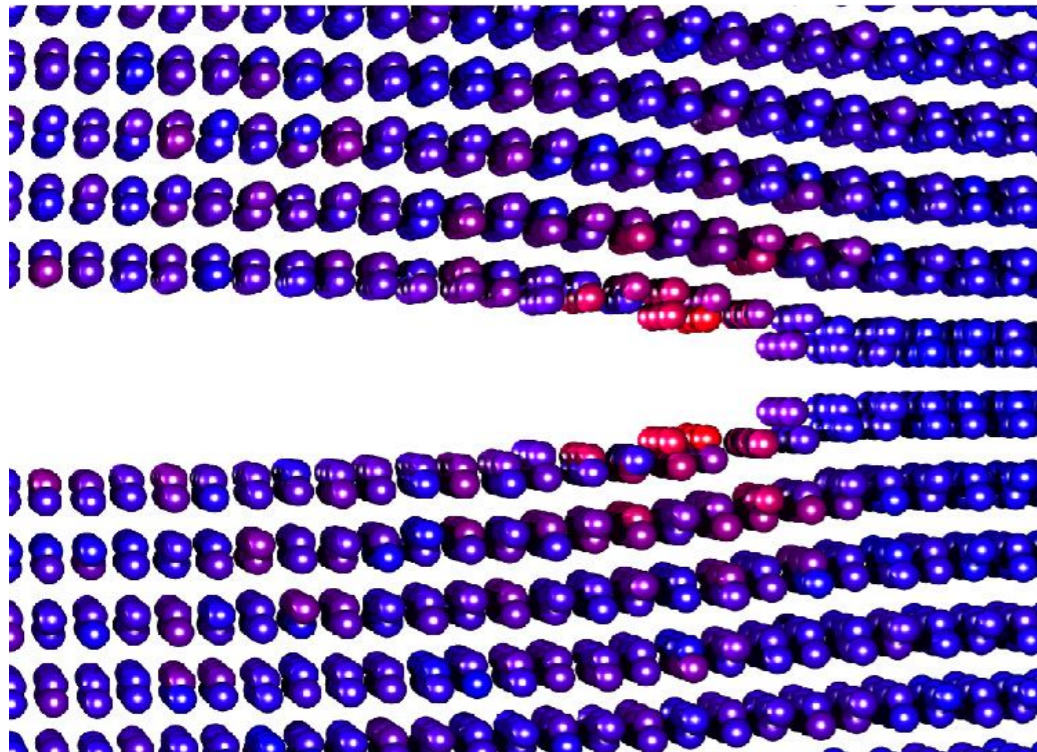


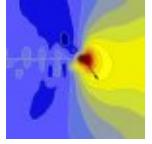


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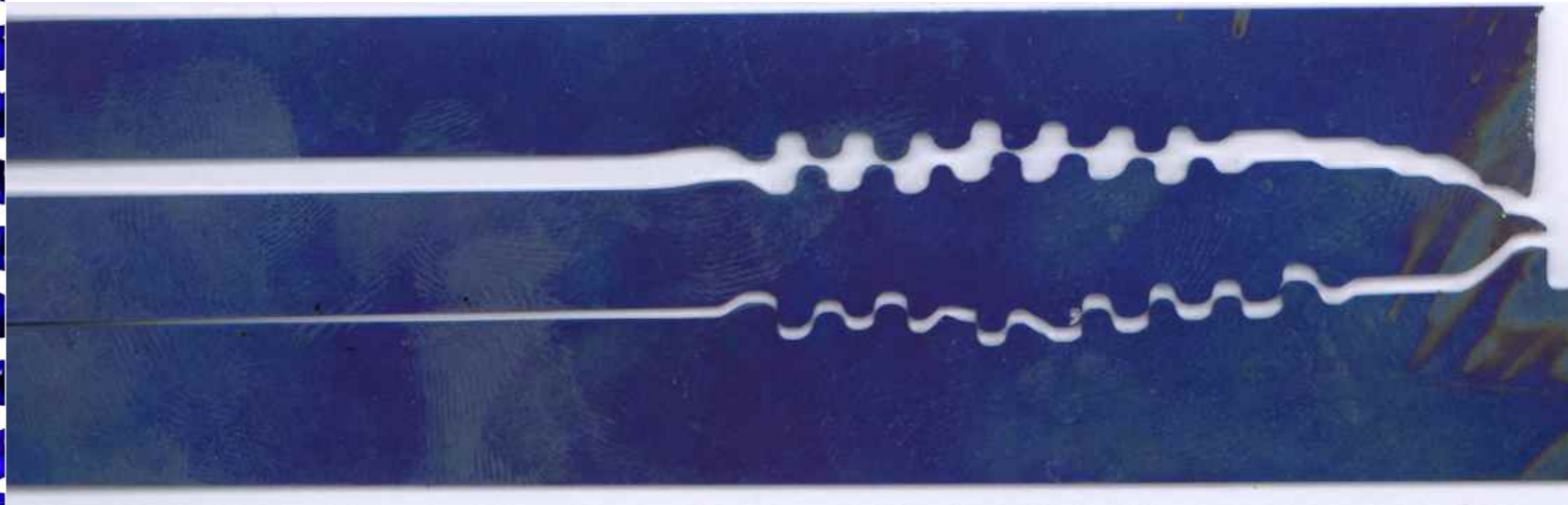
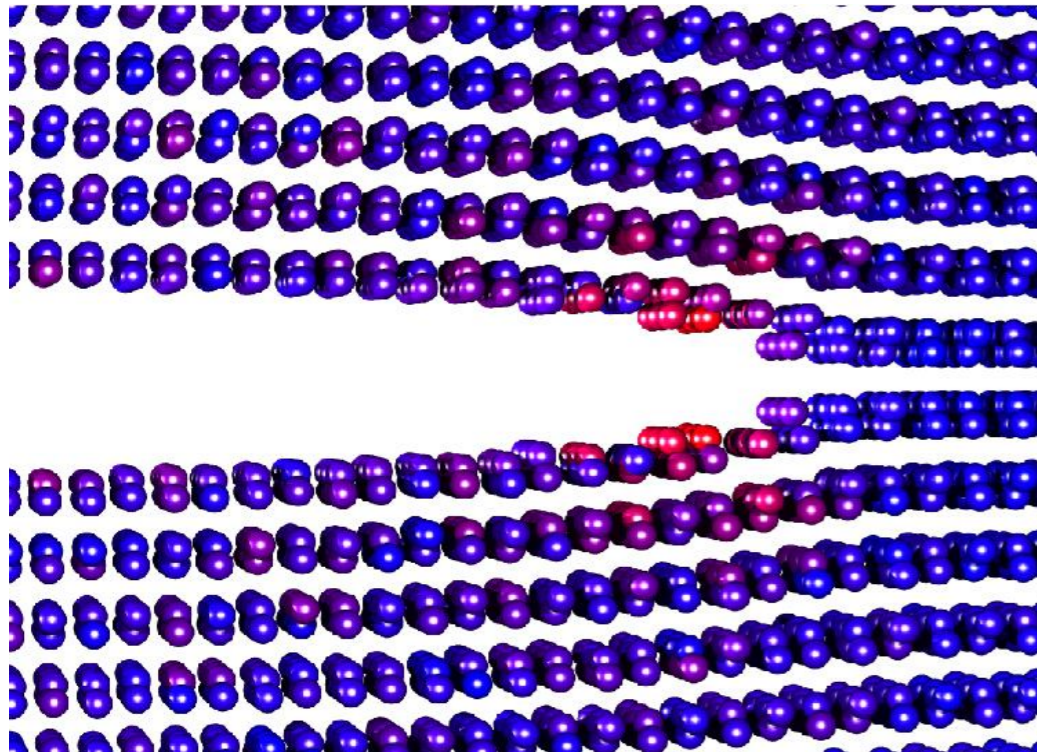


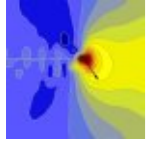
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Atomic-scale studies answer questions about **crack initiation, speed, and direction** to complement continuum studies involving complex geometries and loading.

