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# **Finite Element based inverse Material Calibration**

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# DYNAmore

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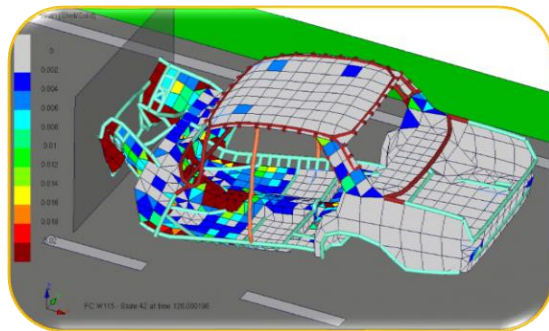
- Founded in 2001 with headquarters in Stuttgart, Germany
- In total more than 160 people
- Aeronautical, civil and mechanical engineers, mathematicians, computer scientists, etc.
- Employees from 13 different countries
- Distribution and **co-development** of LS-DYNA
- **Acquired by Ansys Inc. (USA) in January 2023**



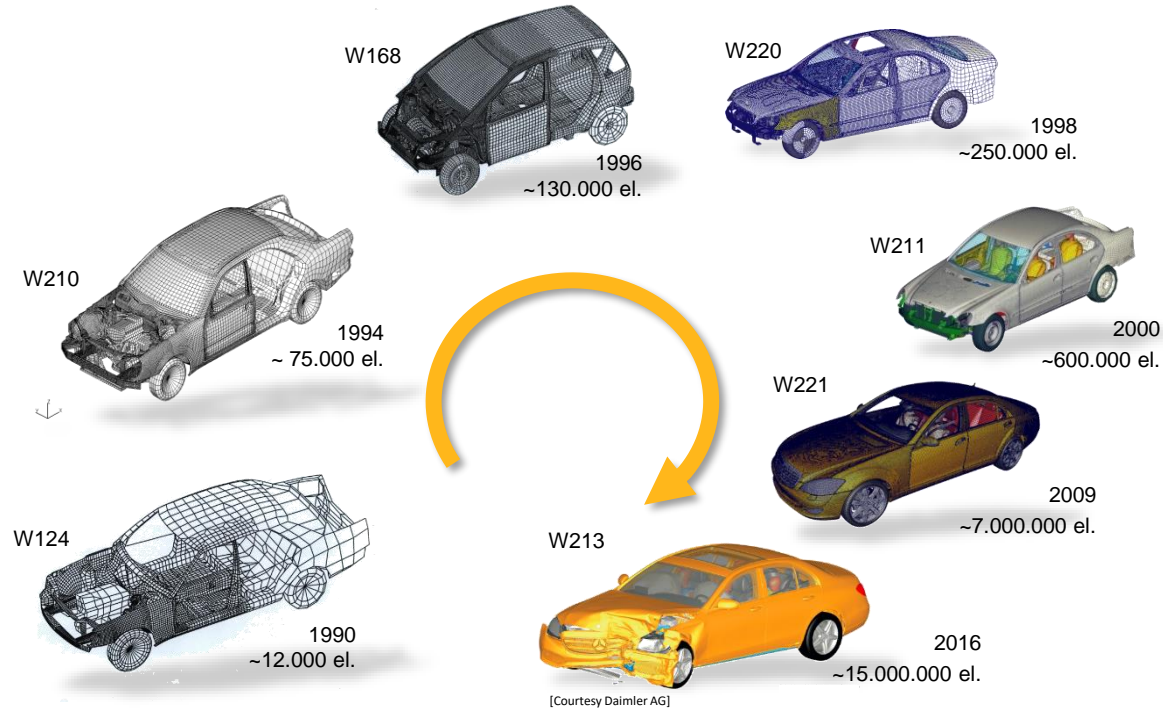
# Crashworthiness: Where do we come from?



Rocket science for crash testing (around 1950)



FEM-Model of the 1970s simulated with LS-DYNA 9.70 in 2009  
(Finite Element Method)



2024: X-ray during crash impact



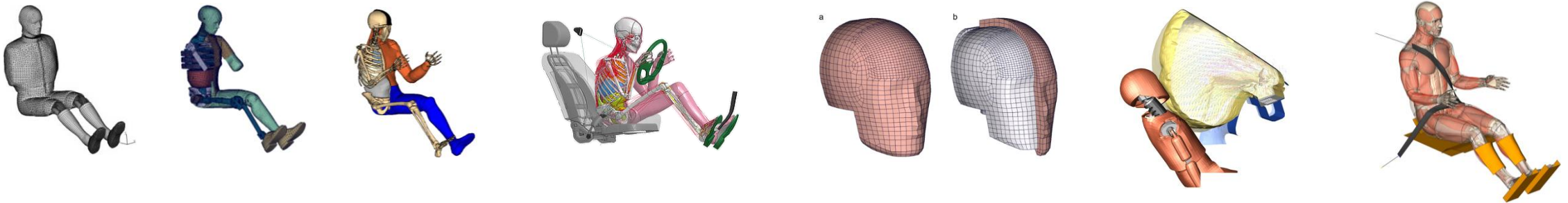
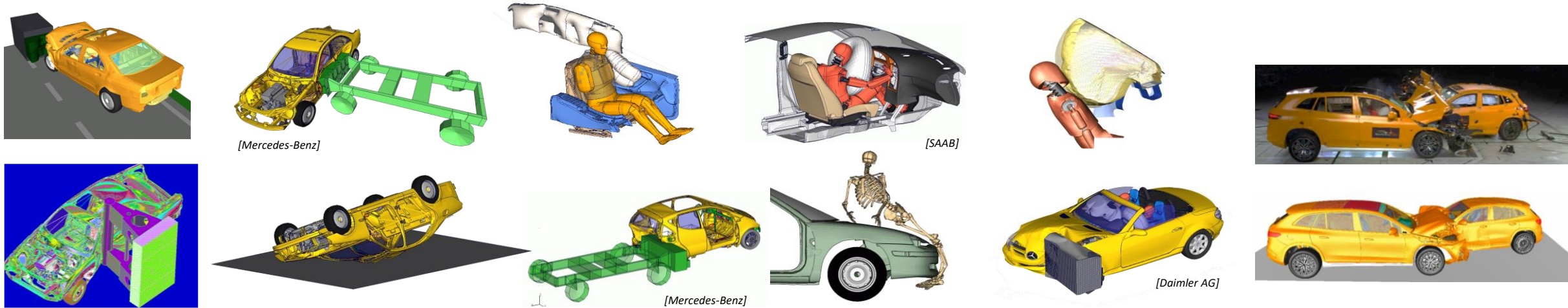
Typical model size 20+Mio. elements

*„Complex computational structural models, partially inspired by continuum mechanics.“ [M. Bischoff, 23.6.2023]*

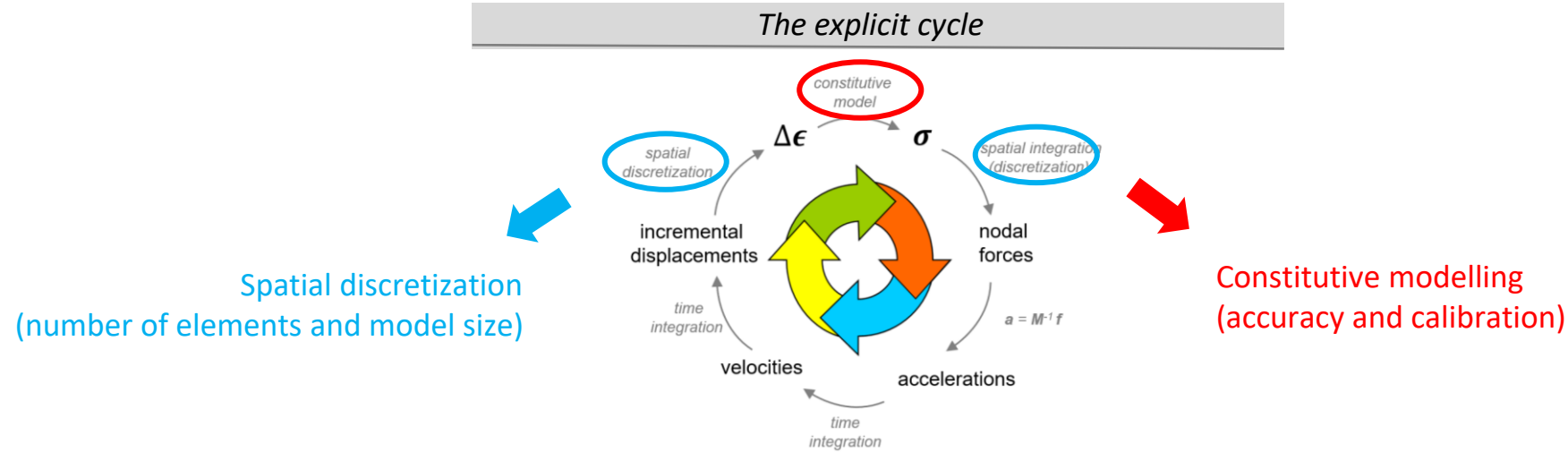


# Crashworthiness : Where do we come from?

Typical crash/impact load cases and the evolution of anthropometric test devices (dummies)



# What ensures predictiveness in crashworthiness?



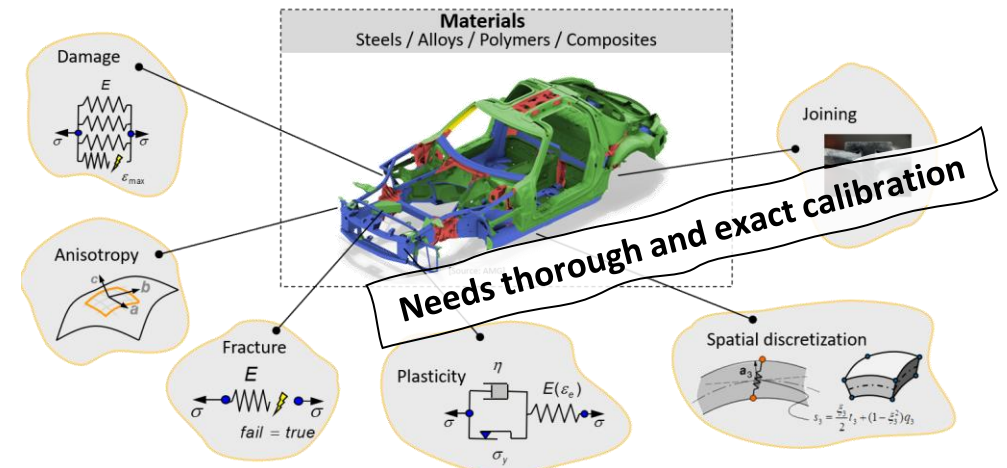
## Spatial discretization



Tesla Model3 “old” BIW  
(many parts + thousands of welds)

Tesla Model3 new BIW with megacasts  
(2 parts, way less connections)

## Constitutive modelling and calibration



How can we ensure proper material data?  
(The idea of a Material Competence Center...)

Material Competence Center  
part of the  
Materials, Methods and Homologation Group  
part of the  
Global Automotive Crashworthiness Team  
part of  
Ansys Customer Excellence  
within  
Ansys

# The Material Competence Center



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## ■ Testing services

- Tensile, compression, puncture, bending testing
- Static, dynamic, cyclic testing
- Component testing
- Sample processing and conditioning
- 3D-DIC measurement of the strain field

## ■ Benefits

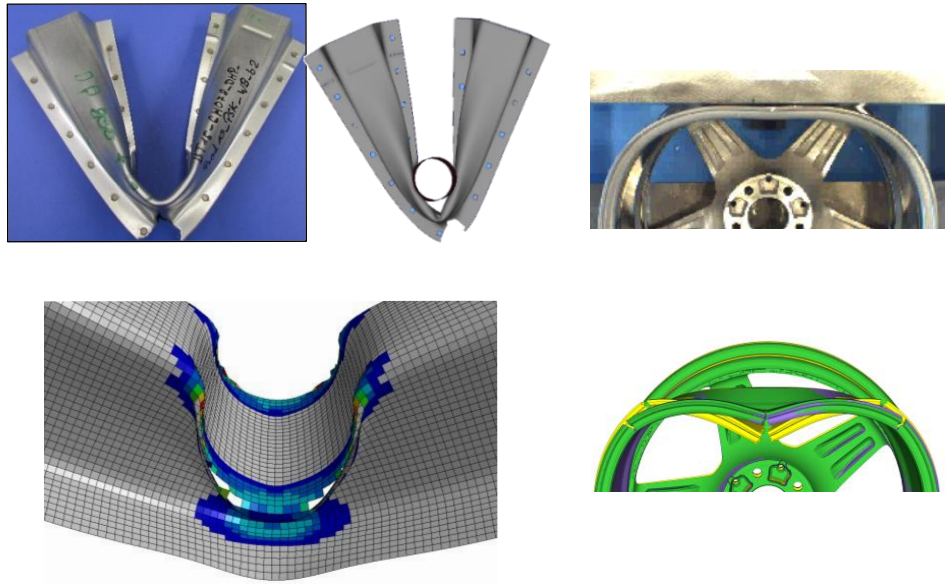
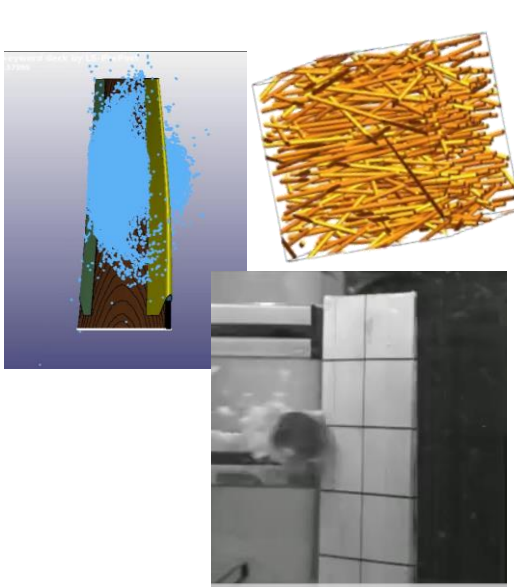
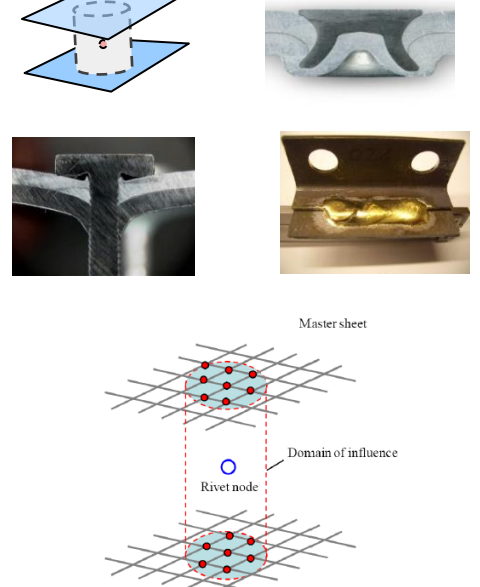
- Parameter identification from a single source
- Minimize time and costs
- The LS-DYNA developer team is always available

## ■ Material Characterization

- LS-DYNA material model calibration for:  
**Metals, polymers, glass, foams, and more**
- Deformation behavior
  - Viscoelastic and visco-plastic
  - Isotropic and anisotropic
  - Tensile and compressive- asymmetry
- Damage and failure modelling
  - GISSMO (General Incremental Stress State dependent damage Model)
  - DIEM (Damage Initiation and Evolution Model)



# Material models developed by Ansys/DYNAmore MCC

Steel & Alloys	Polymers & Composites	Connection modelling
		
MAT24, MAT54, MAT36, MAT136, MAT187, GISSMO/eGISSMO, DIEM, ...	MAT157, MAT215, MAT249, ...	MAT100, SPR, cohesive, ...

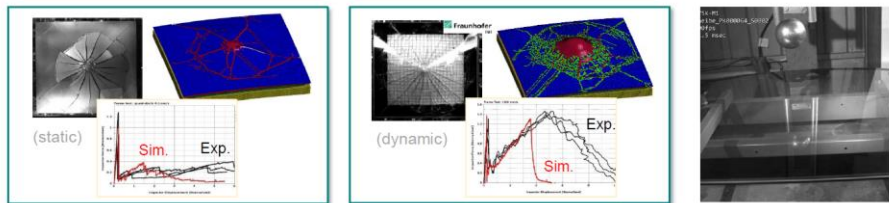
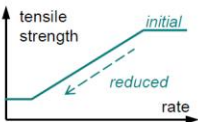
- Many of the material models in LS-DYNA have been developed by Ansys/DYNAmore researchers
- Parameter identification and calibration of respective models is our daily business
- The MCC offers a **one-stop-shop** for testing and calibration services to ensure accuracy of constitutive models

# Methods – MCC

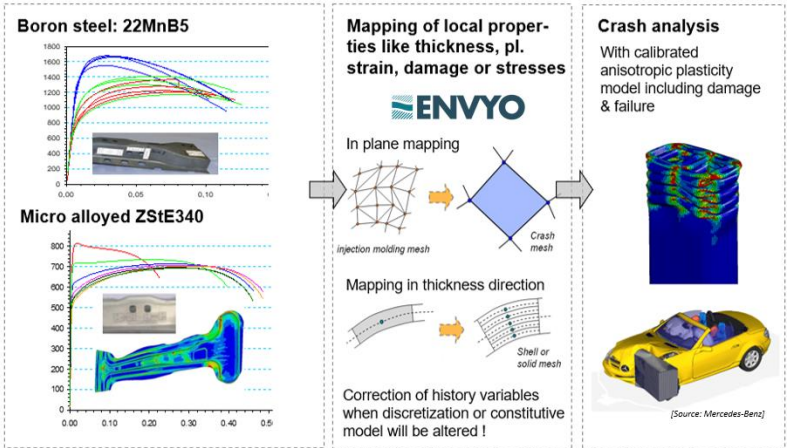
## Glass model development

### Glass:

- Improvements for \*MAT\_280 (glass model)
  - Nonlocal extensions unified in one model:  
Rate-dependent strength reduction in elements around cracks
  - Tests done at DYNAmore MCC to calibrate PVB interlayer & third party impact testing on windscreens.
  - Better agreement with tests (static & dynamic).

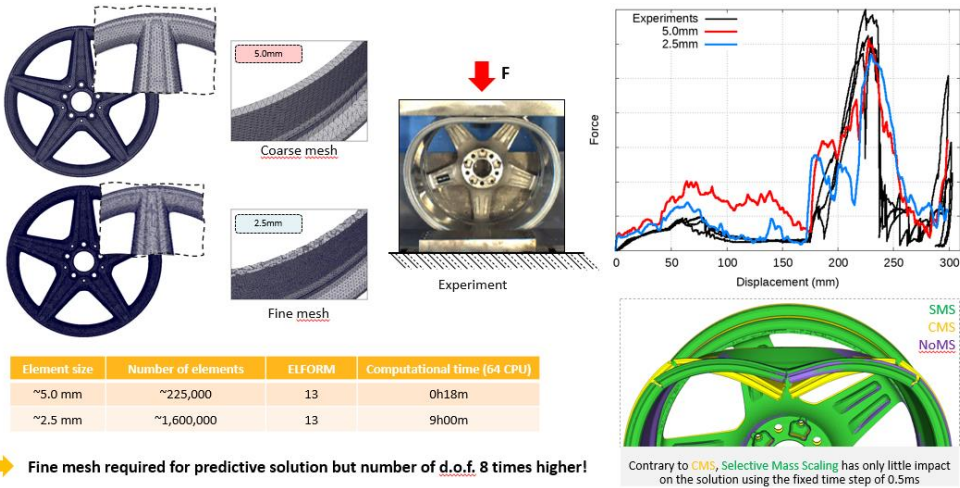


## Calibration of manufacturing process chain

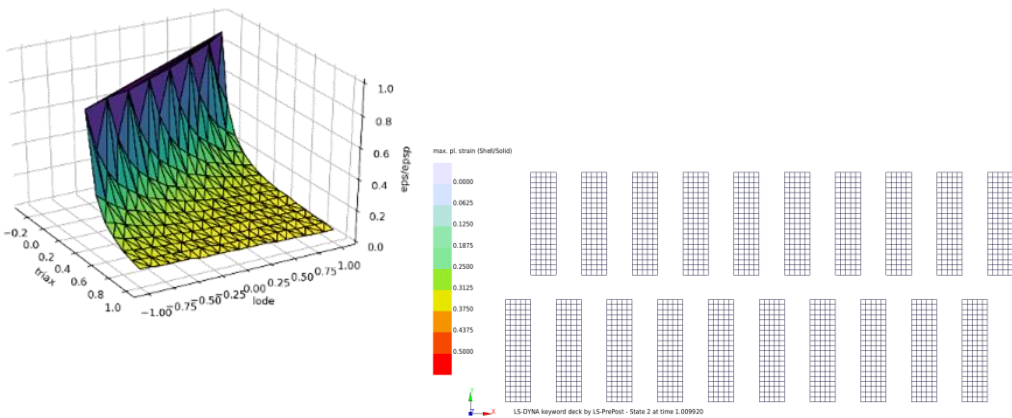


Constitutive modelling and correlated spatial discretization is key for predictive crash-worthiness simulation.

## Material card generation for small overlap



## Investigations on instability, regularization, ...



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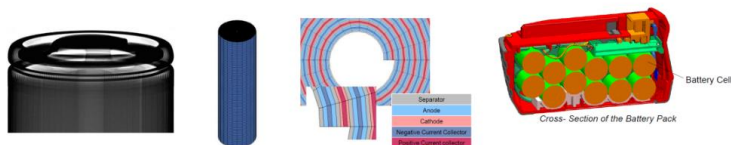
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### Research projects

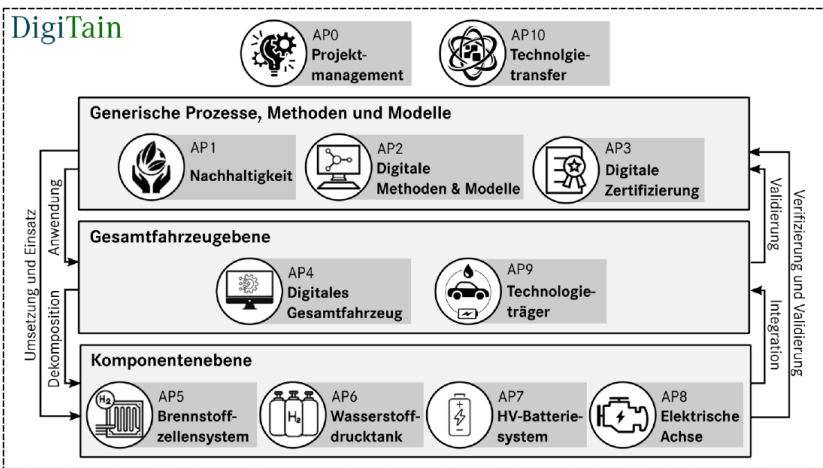
#### COMET K1 VII 3.04a (2021 – 2024)

##### ■ Ensuring System Reliability via Battery Cell Simulation

- Thermal and thermo-mechanical experiments on cell level
- Predict deformation, damage and failure behavior under mechanical load
  - Development of a detailed simulation model of battery cells
  - Derive homogenized macroscopic battery cell models based on the detailed simulation approaches
- Define criteria to assess critical and non-critical damage patterns
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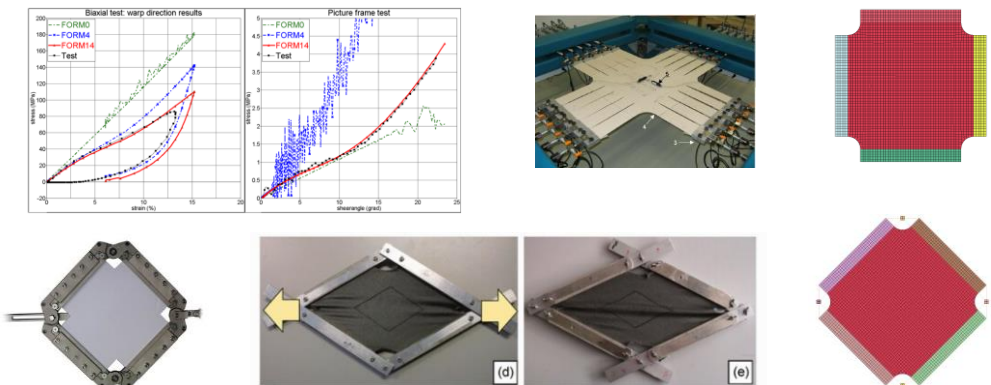


## CbA/Homologation in R&D

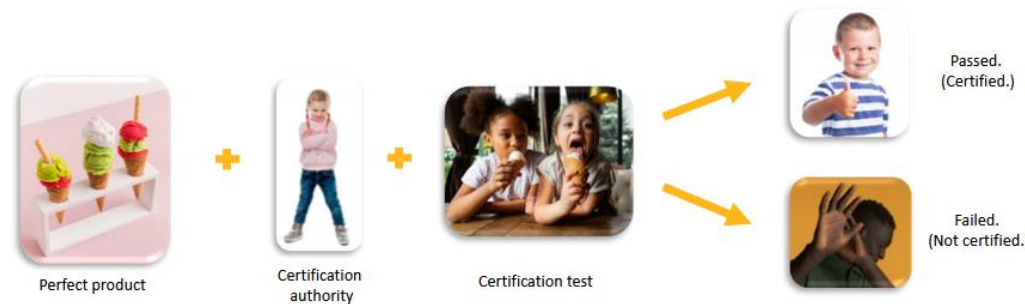


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New methods for  
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Accounting of CO2 footprint.

## Airbag fabric calibration



## CbA/Homologation in early application...





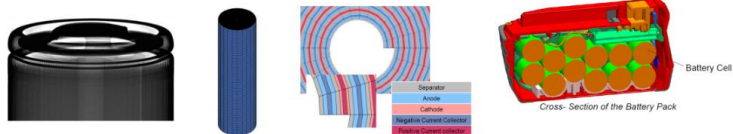
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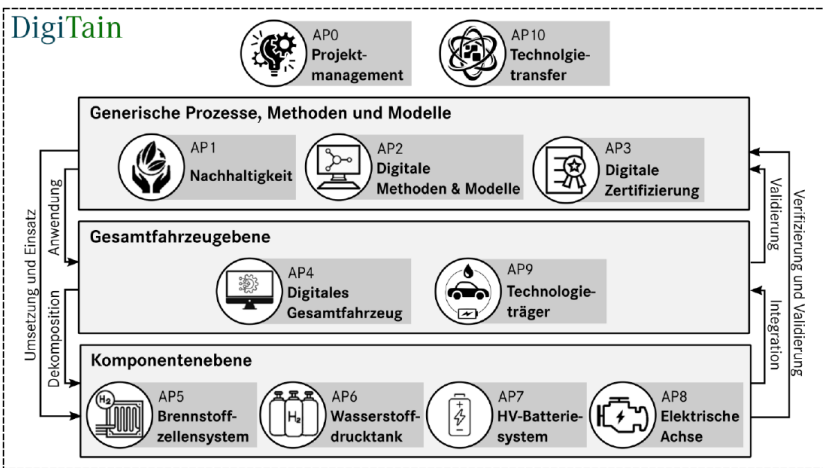
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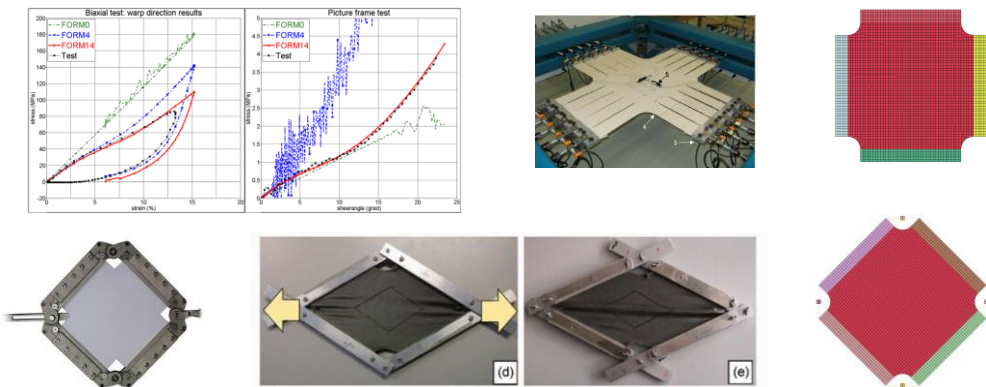


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## CbA/Homologation at LS-DYNA Conference



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### Certification by Analysis: A discussion of solver requirements

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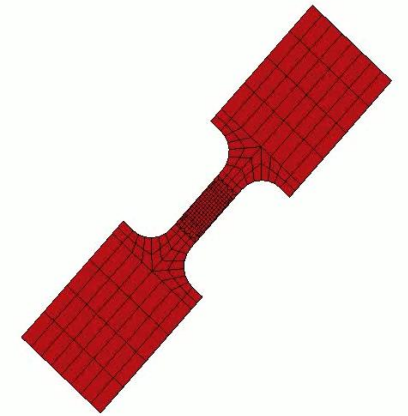
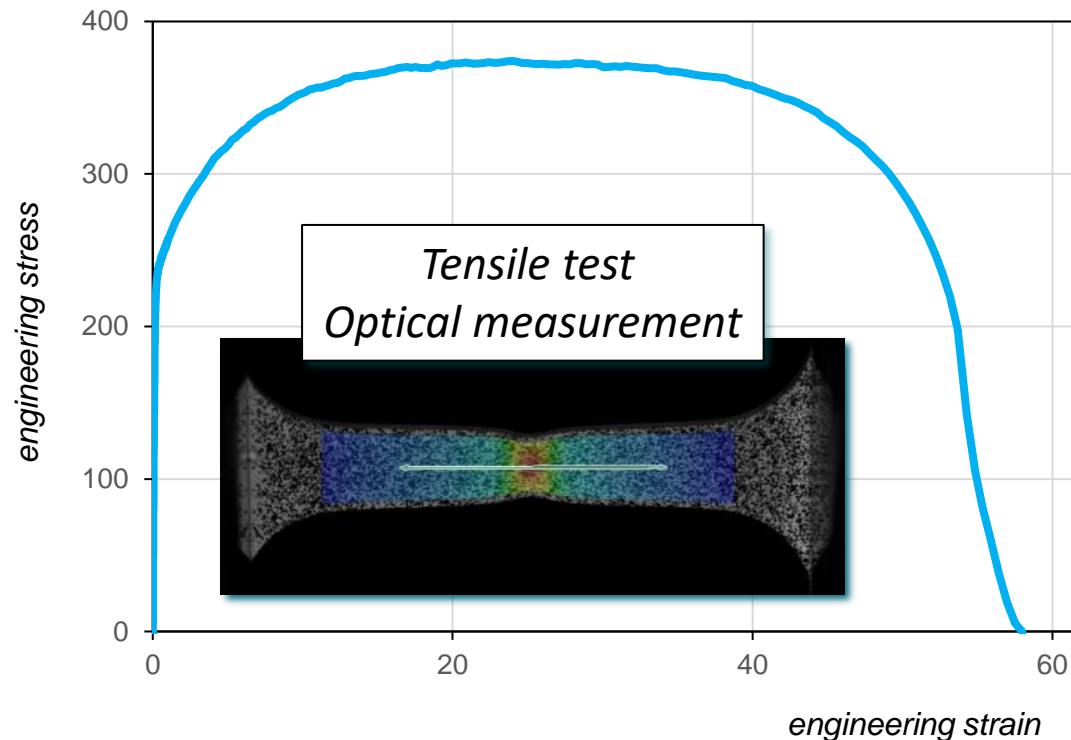


# Classical Material Characterization



# Introduction

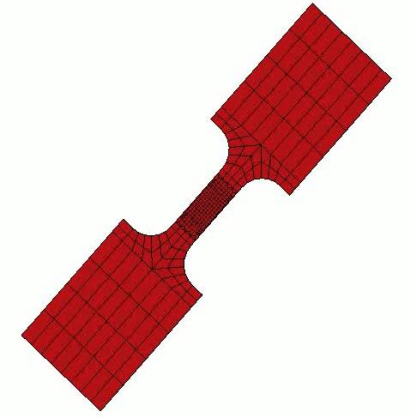
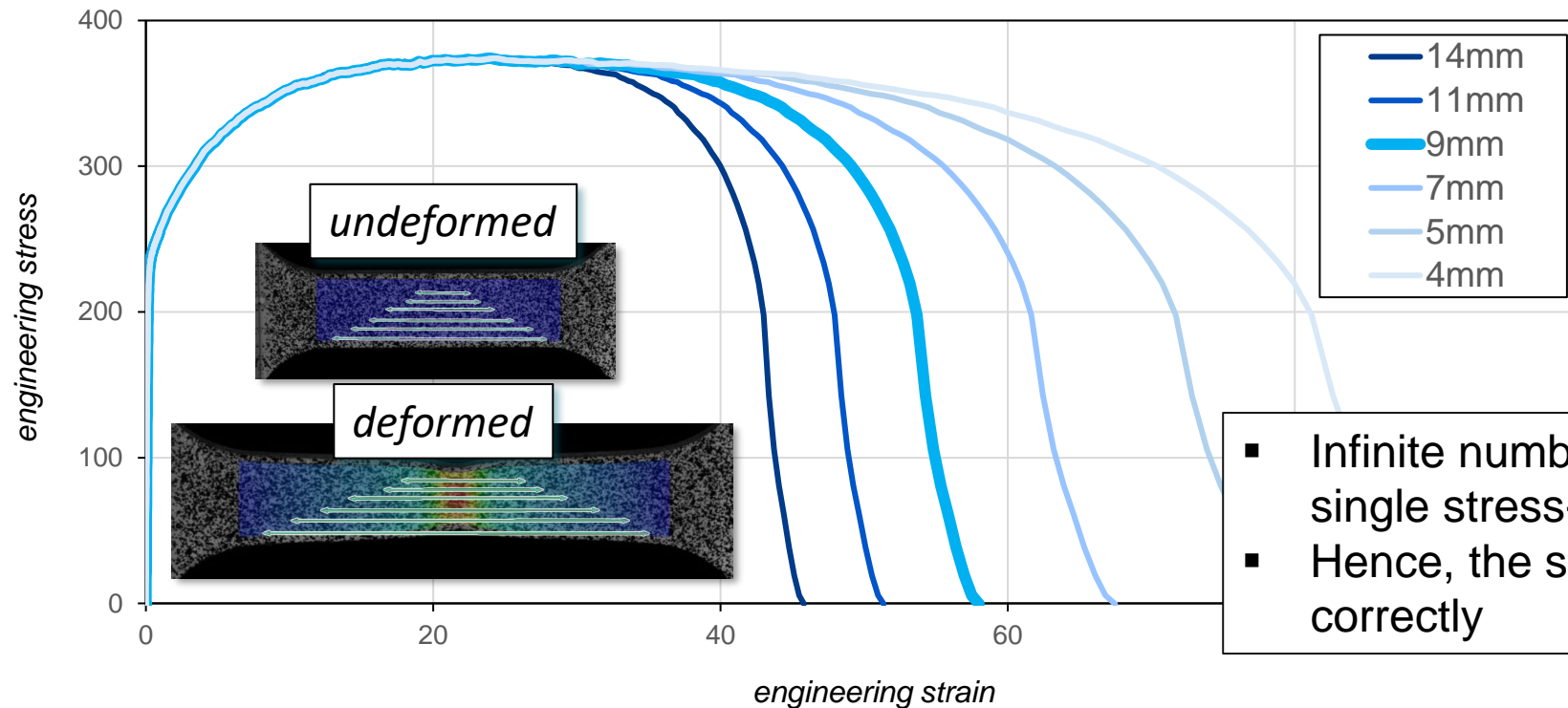
- Classical scheme of characterizing the yield behavior of a material
  - Engineering stress-strain curve with a predefined reference length (here:  $l_0 = 9 \text{ mm}$ )



- Tensile test delivers engineering stress vs. strain curve for a specific reference length.
- Identification of material parameters via inverse parameter identification

# Introduction

- Engineering stress-strain curves with a different reference/gauge lengths
  - Flow curve generated with the classical approach able to capture all the stress-strain curves?



- Infinite number of possible strain fields for a single stress-strain flow curve
- Hence, the strain field may not be captured correctly

# Data which can be used from the experiment

## ■ Parametrization of the flow curve

Assuming isochoric behavior and calculation of the flow curve up to  $A_g$

$$\sigma_y = \sigma_{eng}(1 + \varepsilon_{eng})$$

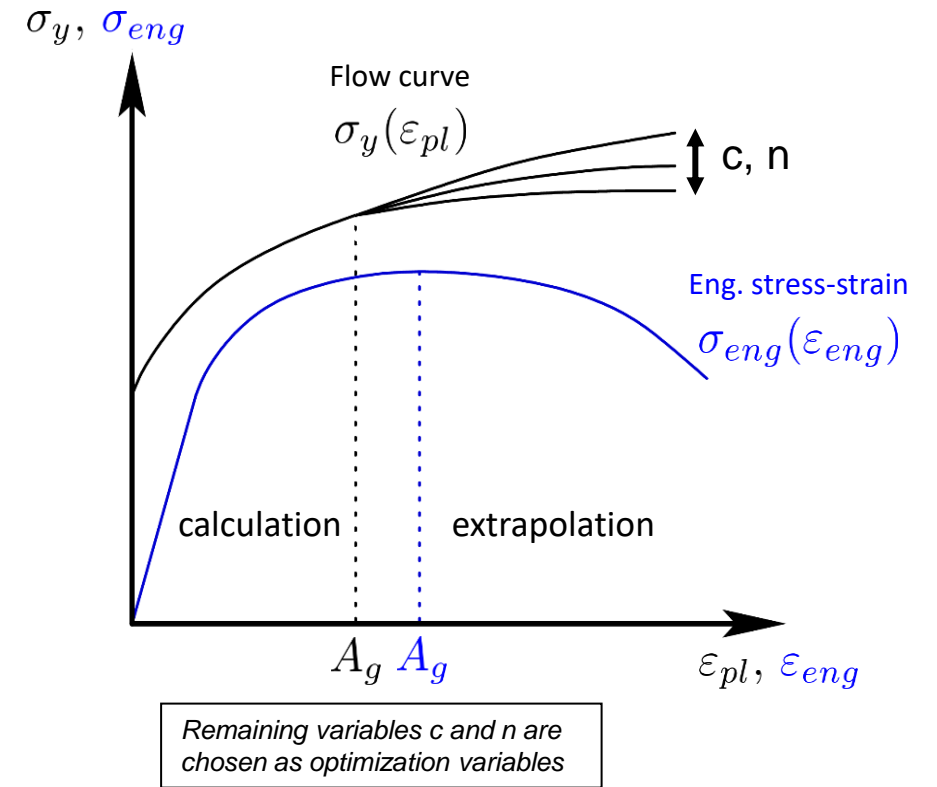
$$\varepsilon_{pl} = \ln(1 + \varepsilon_{eng}) - \frac{\sigma_{eng}}{E}$$

Extrapolation from  $A_g$  with Hockett-Sherby (or else)

$$\sigma_y(\varepsilon_{pl}) = A - B e^{(-c \varepsilon_{pl}^n)}$$

$C^1$ -continuity at  $A_g$ :

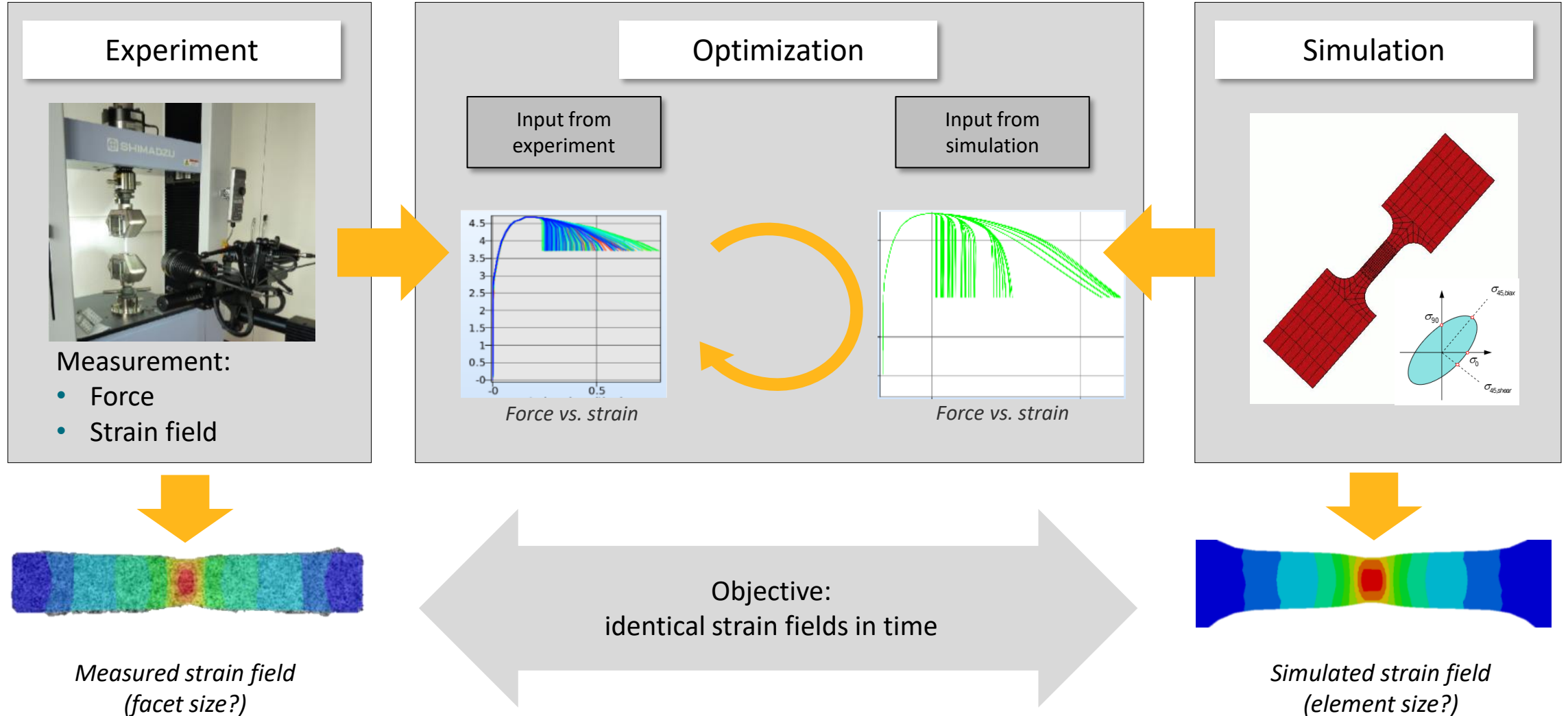
>> Reduces two variables from the equation



# Full Field Calibration

# Introduction

## ■ FFC – Concept

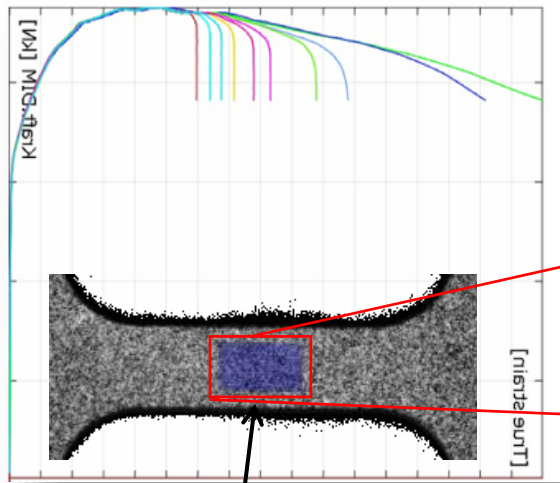




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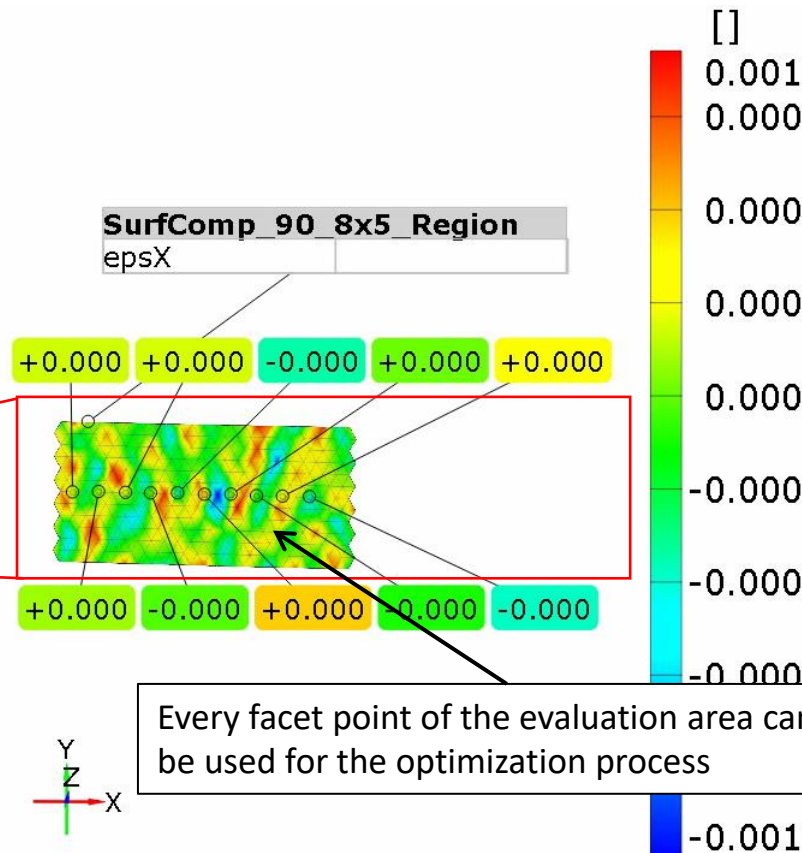
- Example of data which can be used for the optimization (mini flat tensile test geometry)

*Tensile test and optical measurement*

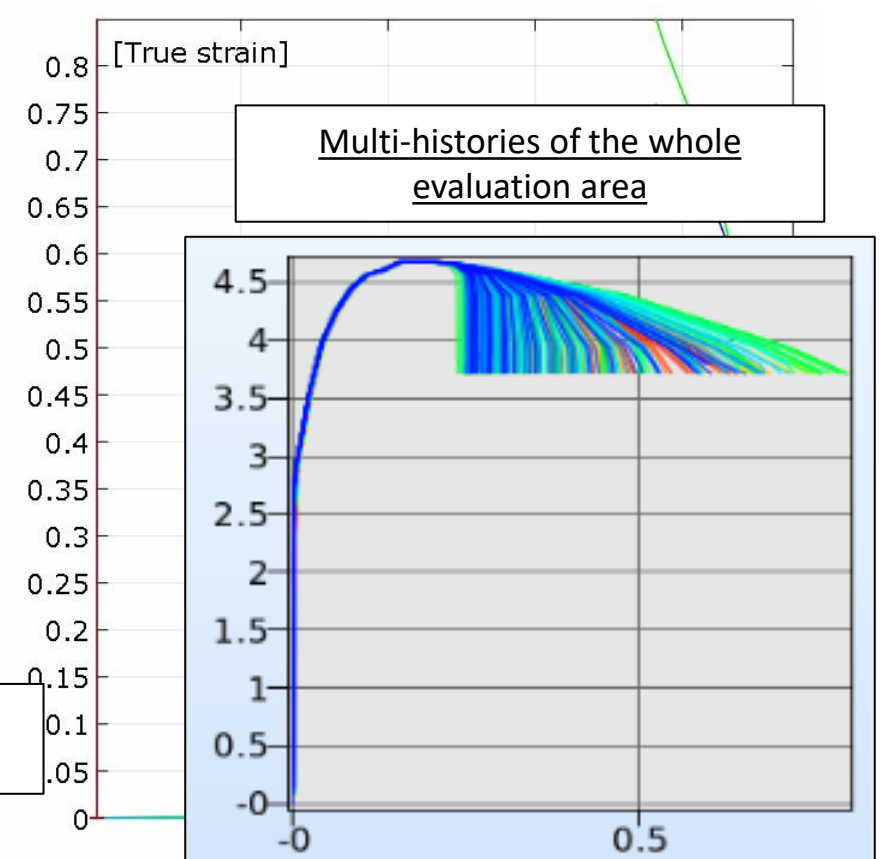


*Evaluation area*

*Selection of 10 points on the evaluation area*



*True strain vs. force of the 10 points (ARAMIS export via xml)*



# Optimization setup

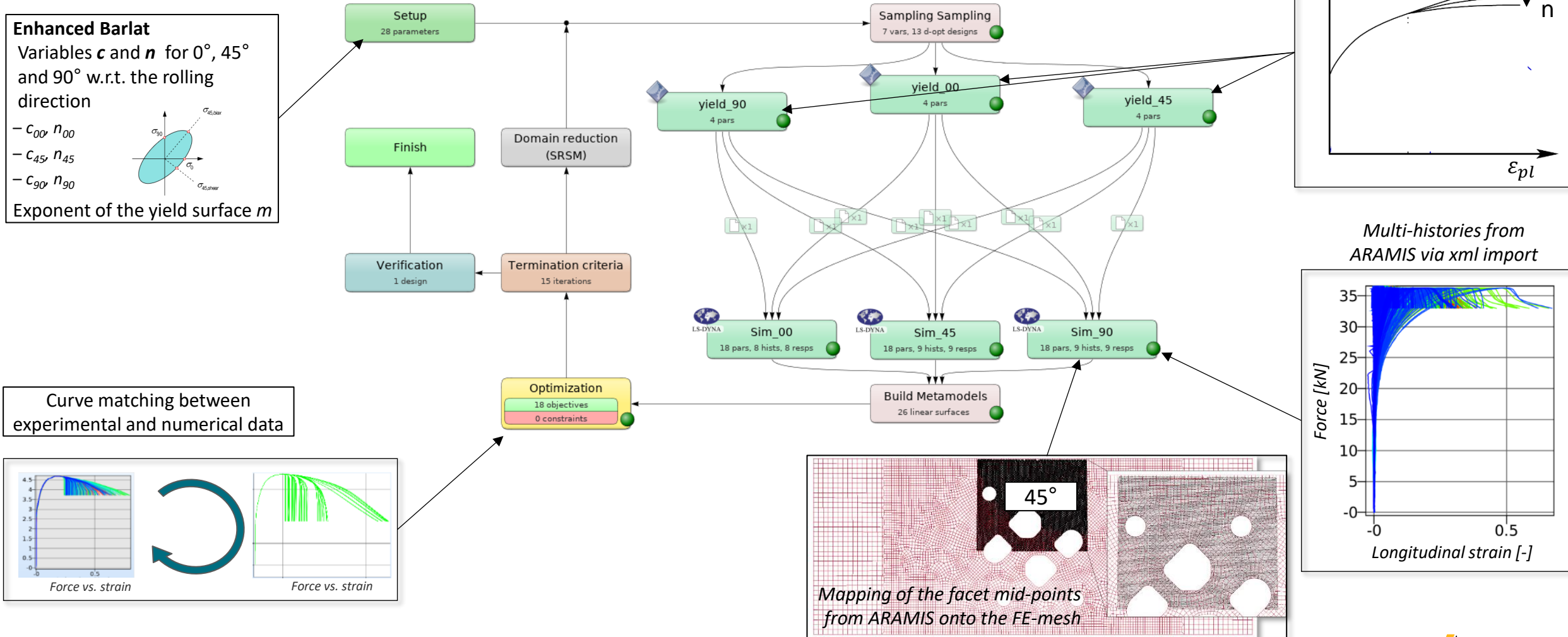
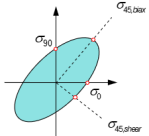
## ■ Optimization setup for parameter calibration in LS-OPT

### Enhanced Barlat

Variables  $c$  and  $n$  for  $0^\circ$ ,  $45^\circ$  and  $90^\circ$  w.r.t. the rolling direction

- $c_{00}$ ,  $n_{00}$
- $c_{45}$ ,  $n_{45}$
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Exponent of the yield surface  $m$



# Optimization setup

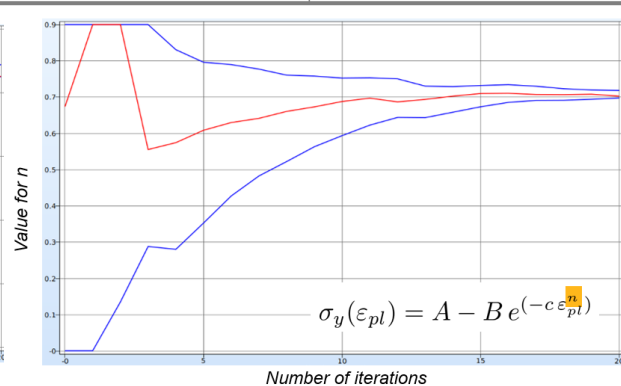
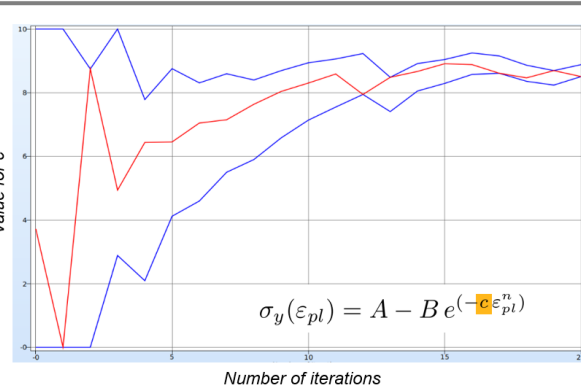
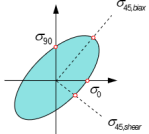
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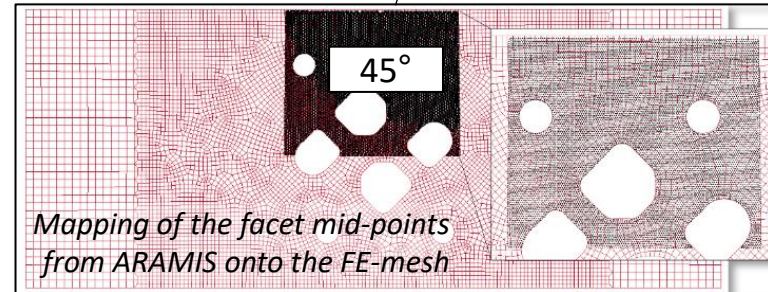
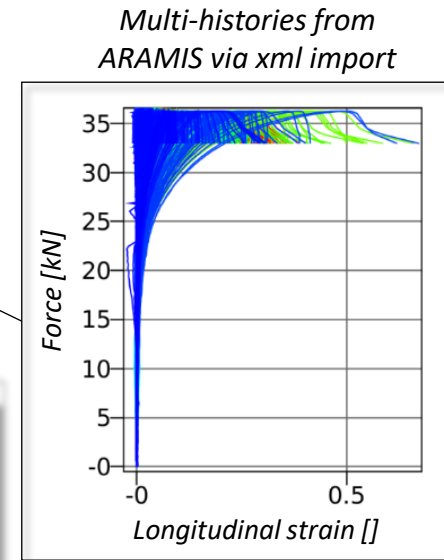
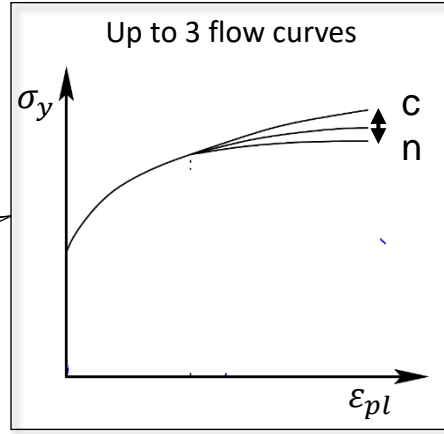
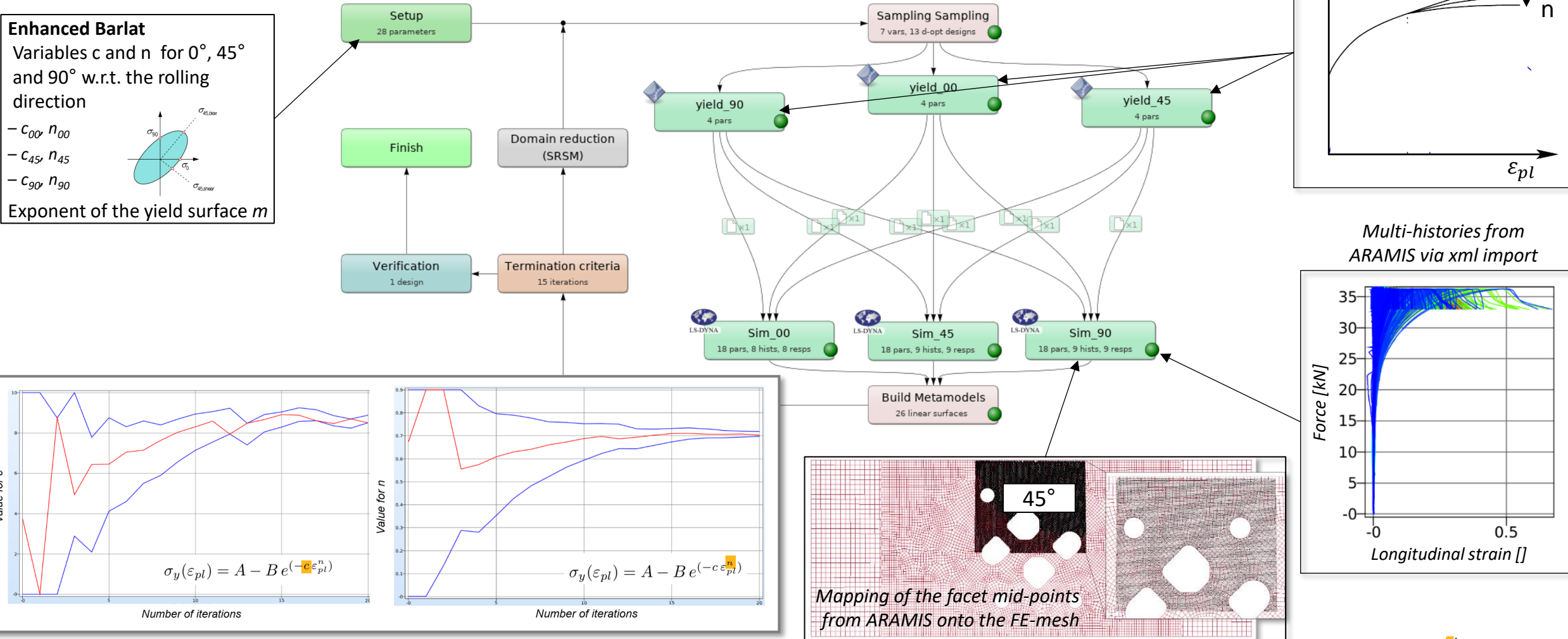
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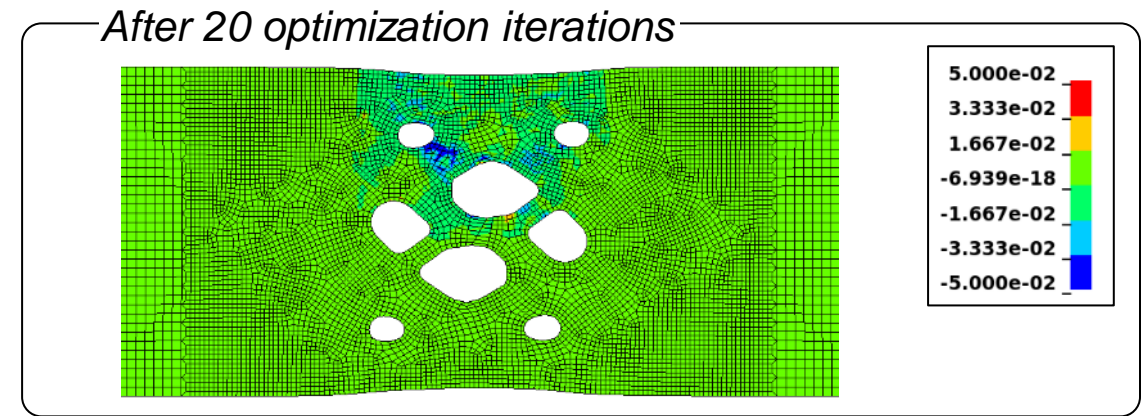
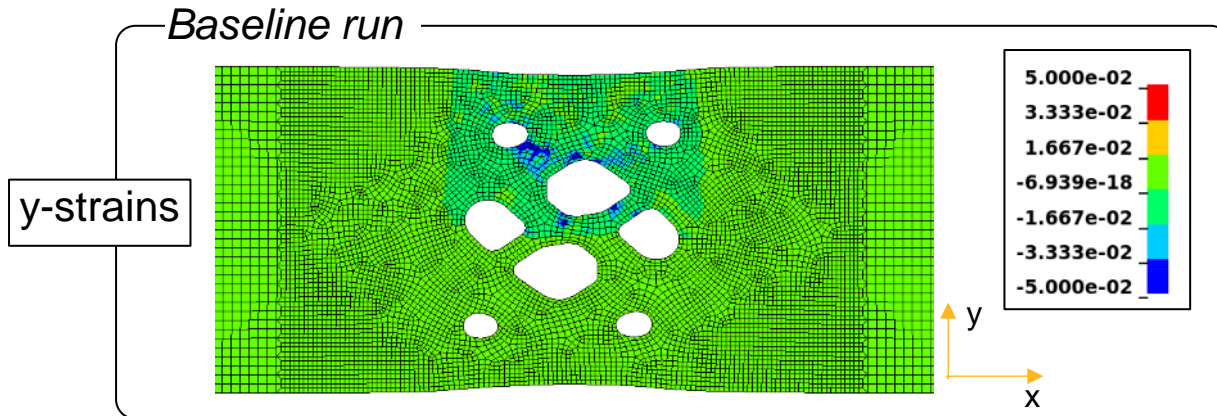
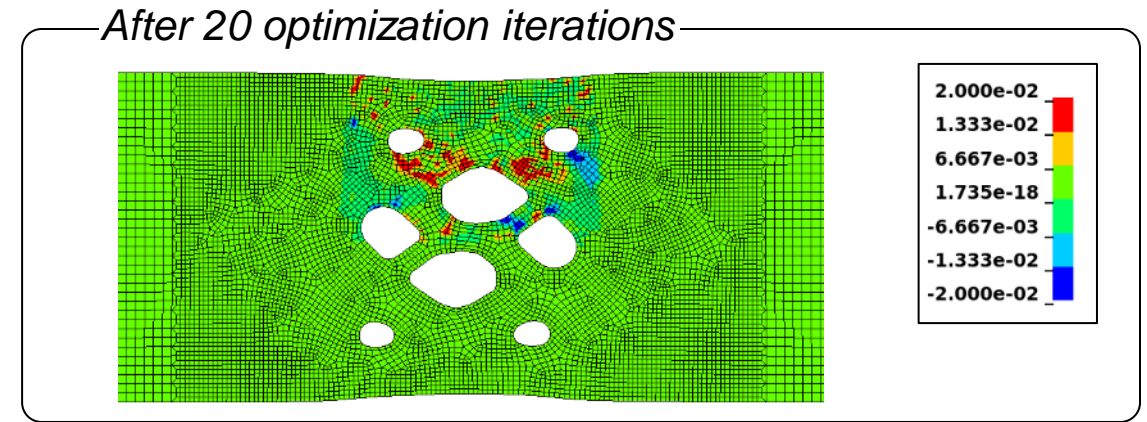
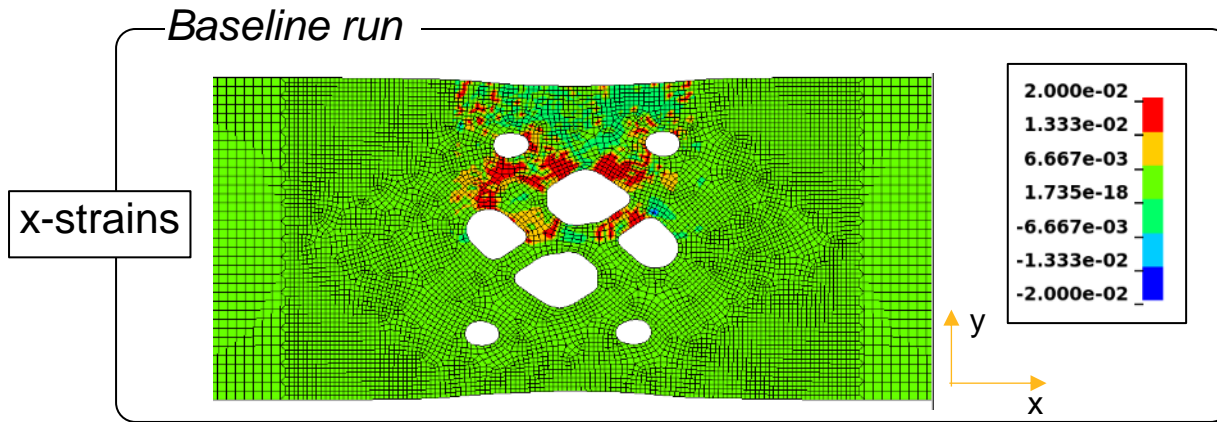
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# Results: Experiment vs. Simulation

- Comparison of difference of the strain fields for 0° – strains in x- and y-direction



# Results: Experiment vs. Simulation

- Difference of the experimental strain fields for 0° w.r.t simulated strains in x-direction

comp\_00\_sim\_exp\_x: discrepancy x-component (Dynamic Time Warping map)

Time = 75

Contours of diffx

min=-0.013953, at node# 1800

max=0.0214559, at node# 267

diffx

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1.600e-02

1.200e-02

8.000e-03

4.000e-03

-1.735e-18

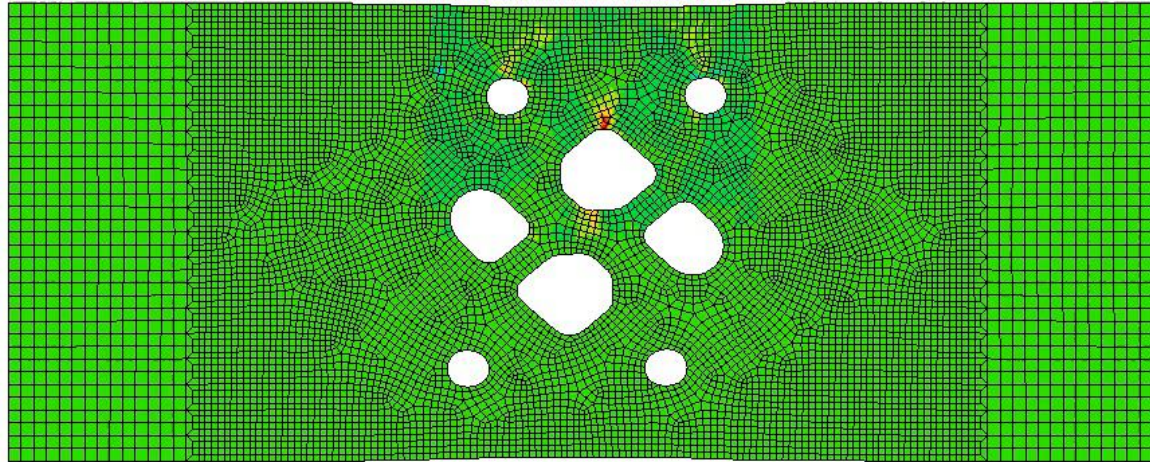
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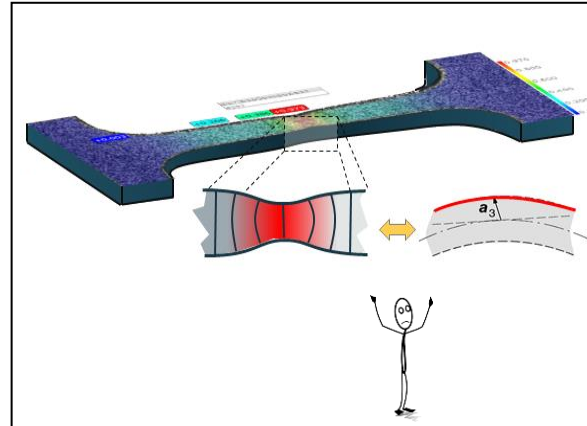
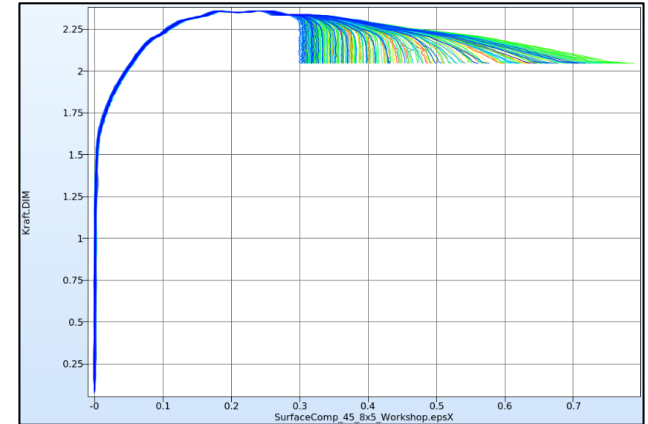
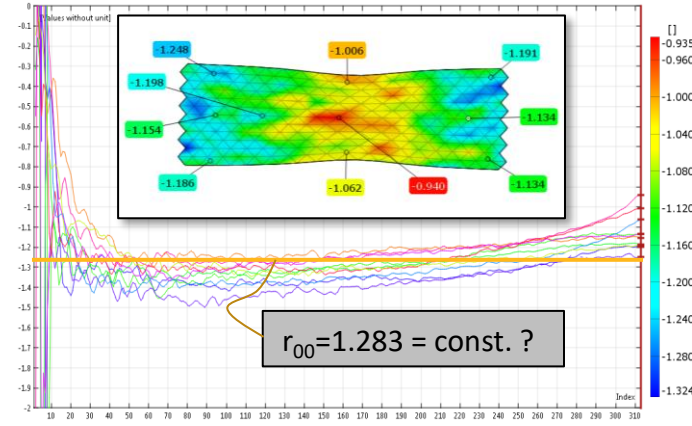




# Limitations

## Possible reasons for deviations

- Constitutive model not rich enough to represent reality:
  - Varying R-value
  - Yield locus still too simple
  - 3D effects in thickness direction
  - No damage
  - Yield curve extrapolation too simple
- Strain rate dependency
- Evolution of temperature
- Noise from DIC
- DIC surface measurement (but shell assumptions)



# Experimental Full Field Method

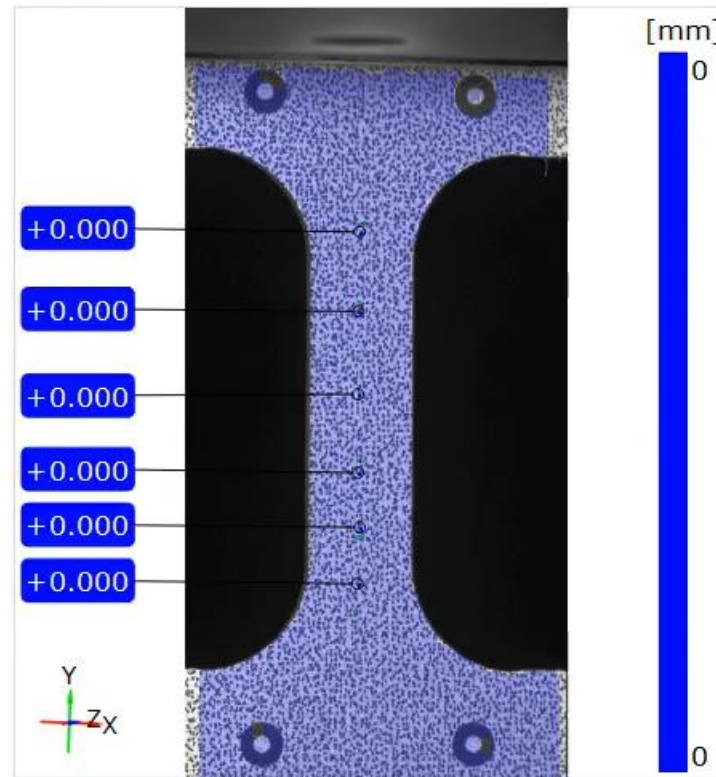
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- Other data that might be used for the optimization scheme (mini flat tensile test)

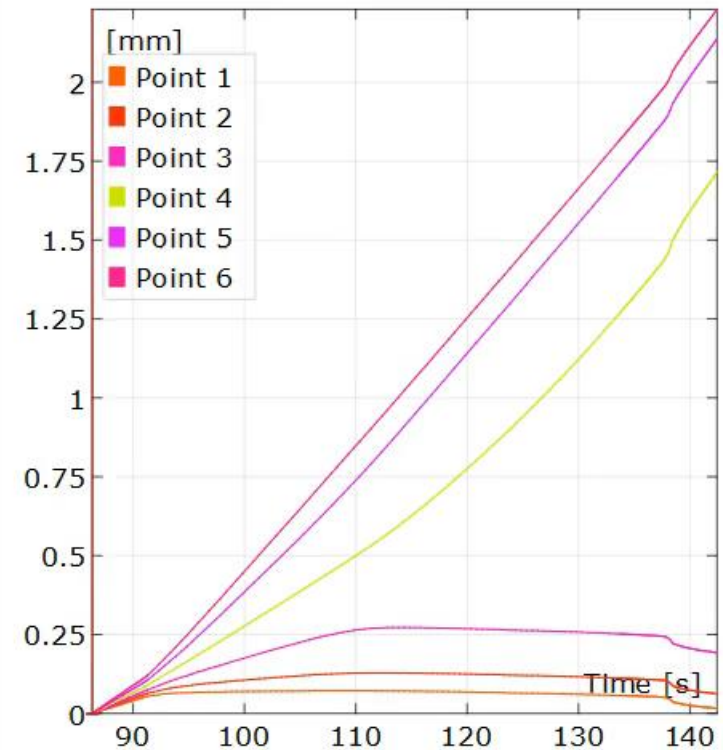
*Tensile test with speckle pattern*



*Selection of 6 points on the evaluation area*



*Displacement in longitudinal direction which can be exported via xml*



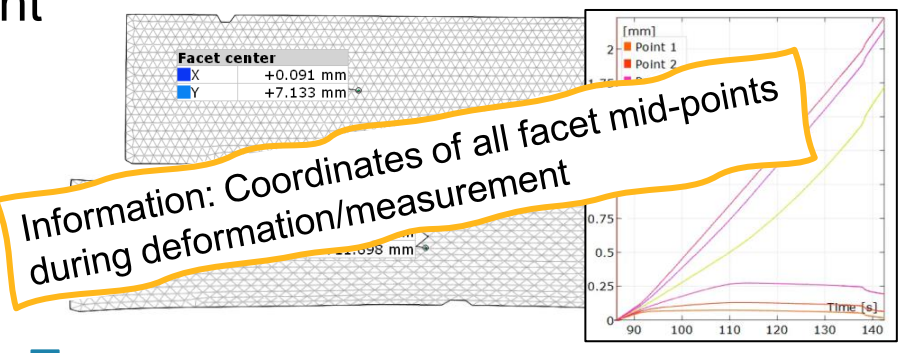
# Idea

## ■ Optimization scheme

### Experiment

Undeformed

Deformed



Use the information from x and y displacement of every time step/stage

### Simulation

Boundary conditions:

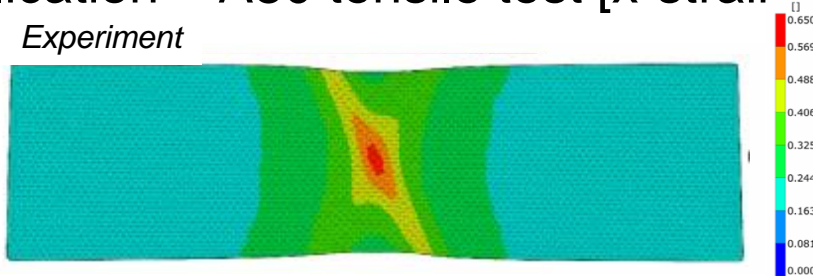
- \*BOUNDARY\_PRESCRIBED\_MOTION\_NODE  
Boundary condition for all single nodes can be defined
- \*DEFINE\_CURVE – Time vs displacement curves can be assigned to the boundary conditions

Generate LS-DYNA input deck

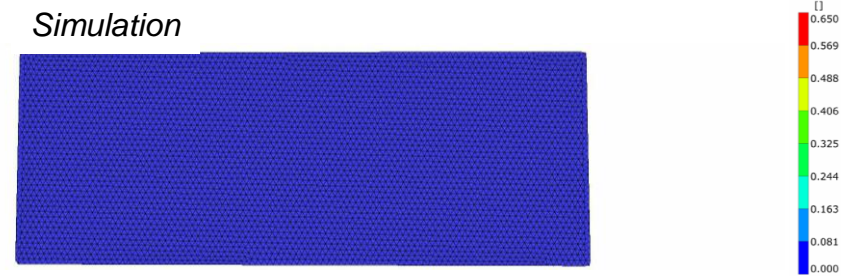
- Mesh and boundary conditions

### Application – A80 tensile test [x-strain]

Experiment



Simulation



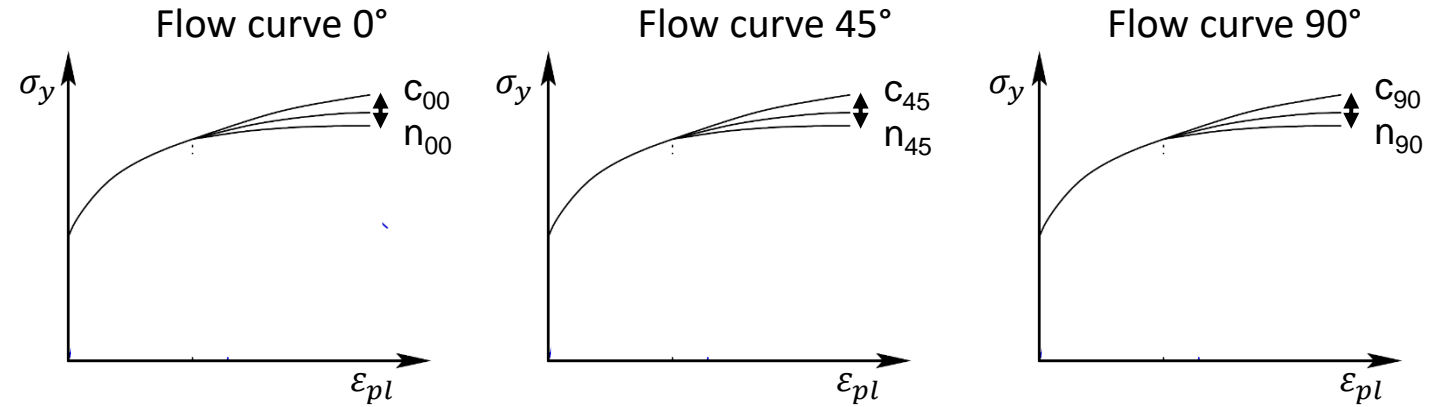
# Optimization parameters and targets for extended Barlat (MAT\_36, HR=7)

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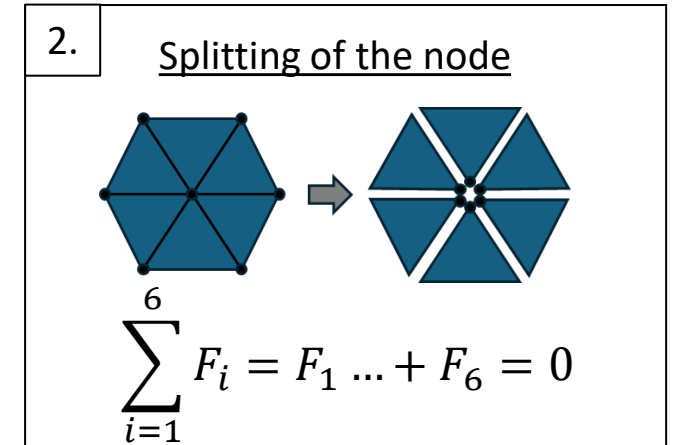
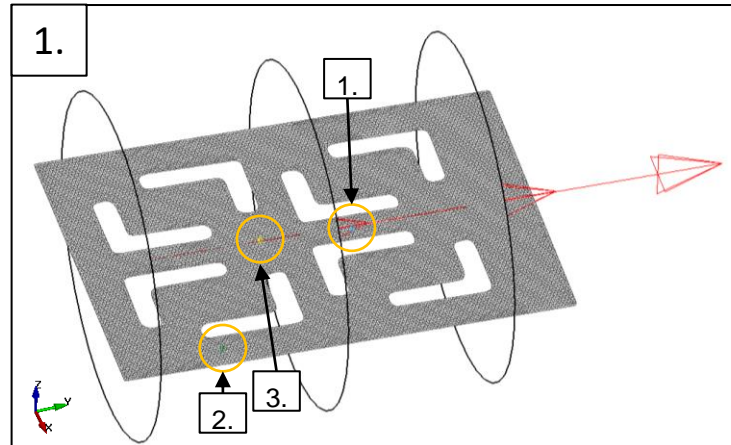


## ■ Optimization targets:

- Global force in different cross sections

and/or

- Splitting node to access and control local force equilibrium





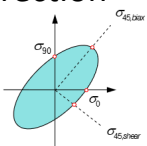
# Optimization setup [1]

- Optimization setup for parameter calibration in LS-OPT (global and local criteria)

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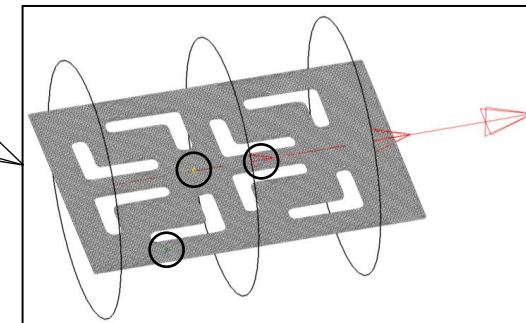
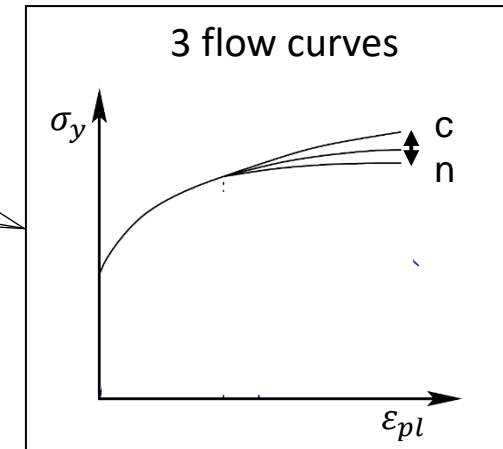
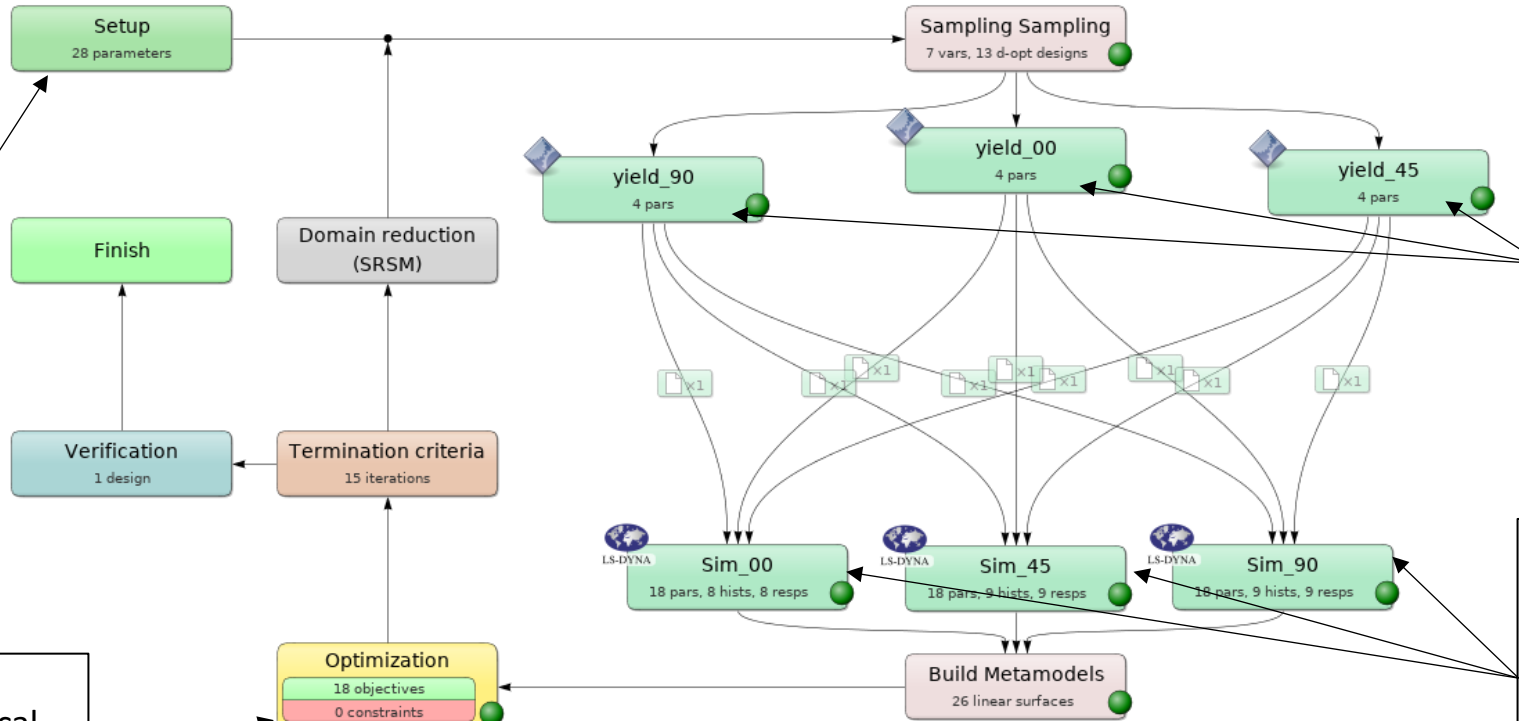
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 $-c_{90}, n_{90}$



Exponent of the yield  
surface  $m$

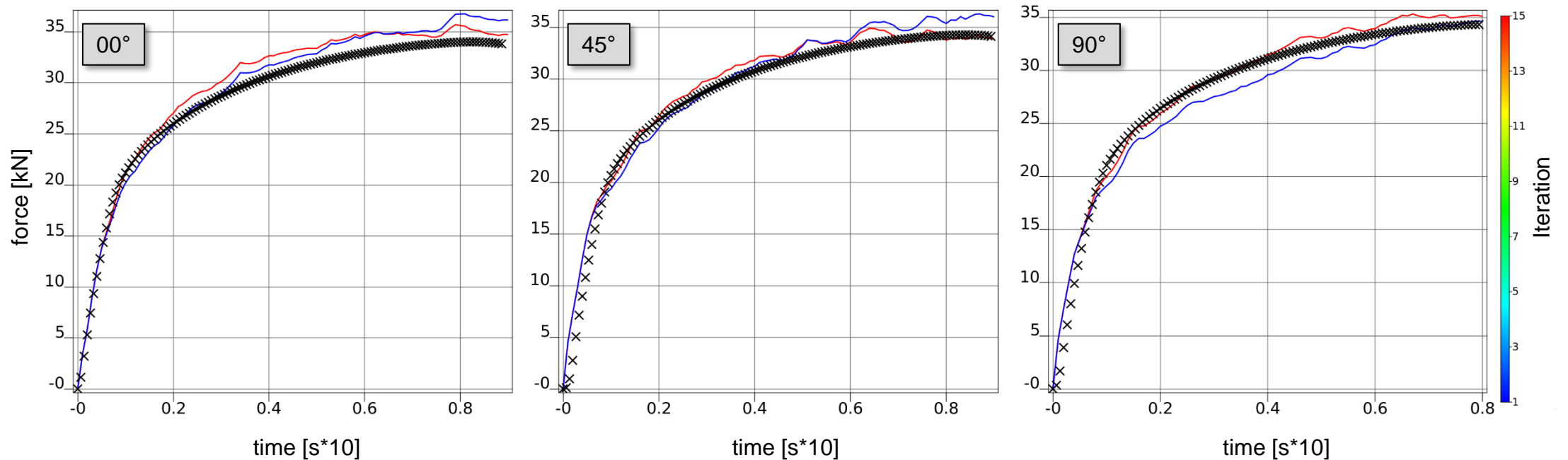
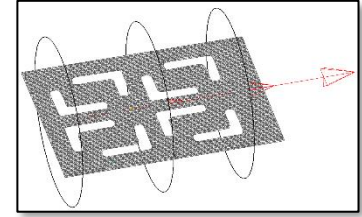
- Curve matching between experimental and numerical global force
- $\sum_{i=1}^6 F_i = F_1 \dots + F_6 = 0$



# Early results

- Optimization based on the global force

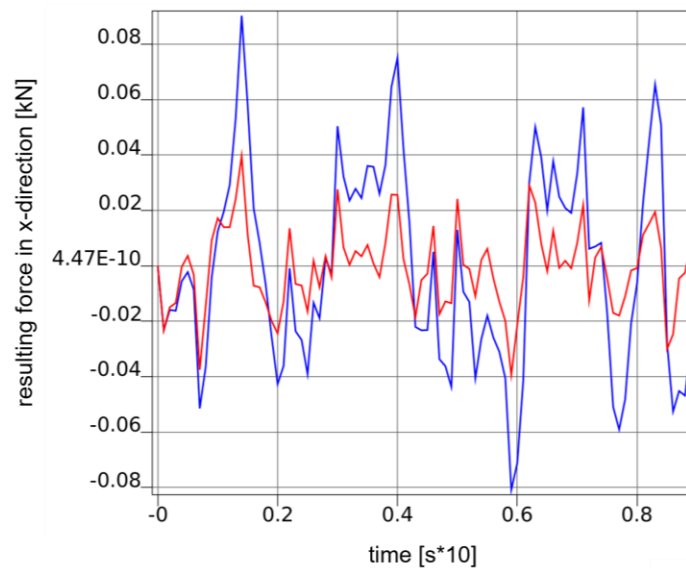
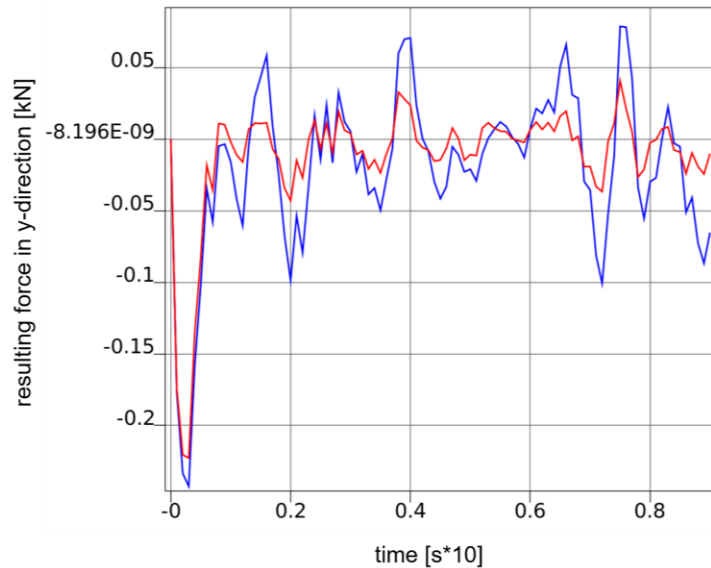
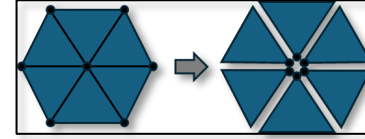
- Exemplified by one cut section of each simulation (0°, 45° and 90°)
- Baseline run (blue) vs final run (red) vs experimental data (black)



- Slight improvement of the resulting global forces
- But the results are still noisy

# Early results

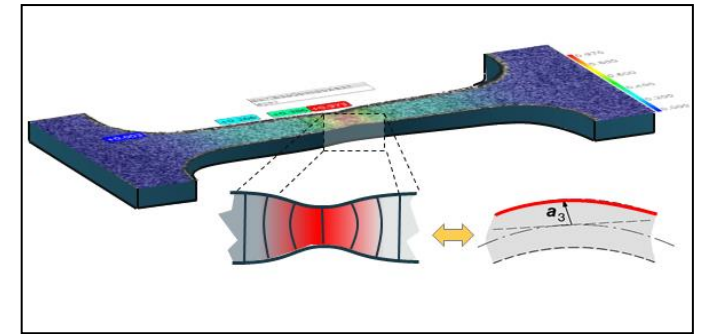
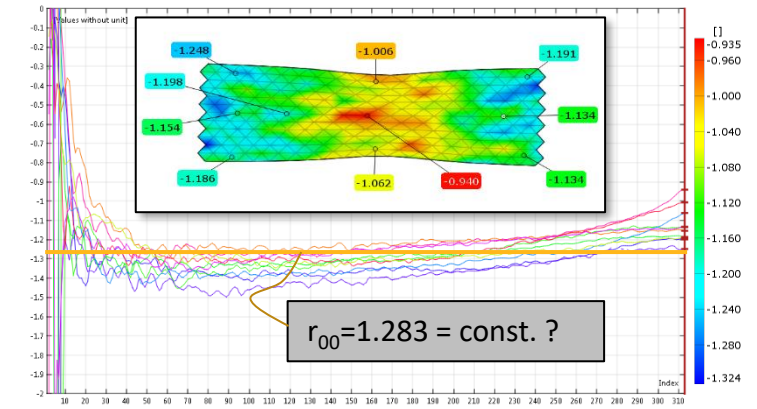
- Optimization based on the equilibrium of the nodal forces
  - Exemplified by one point of one simulation ( $0^\circ$ )
  - Baseline run (blue) vs final run (red)



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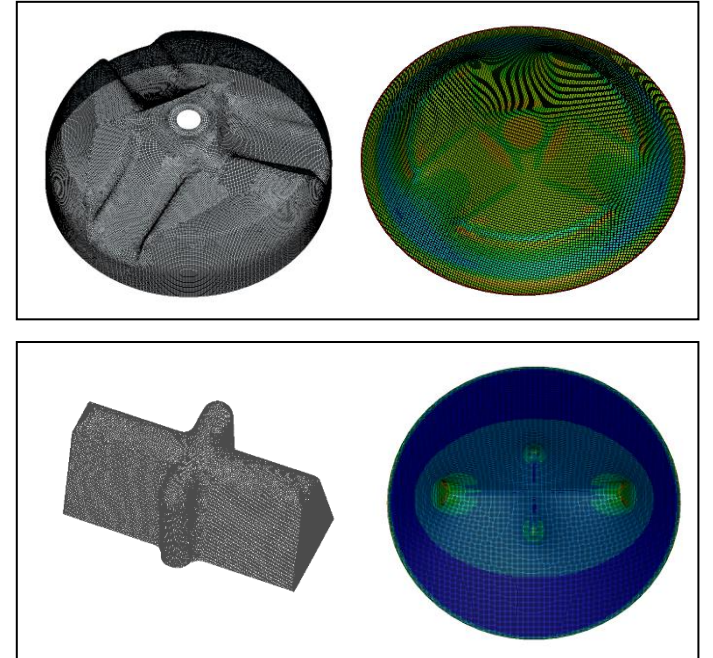
# Conclusion

- Results of the optimization methods are promising
- New specimen geometries with a wider range of triaxialities open up new possibilities
- Limitations in the current setup:
  - Noise of the test data
  - Displacements in thickness direction were neglected (i.e. projection of the optical measurement in shell mid-plane needed and/or higher order shell formulation)
  - Improve spatial discretization
  - We need to tackle strain rate effects and heat release in localization areas



# Outlook

- Use more options/enhance the material model:
  - Shear and biaxial flow curves
  - Definition of r-values vs. plastic strain
  - Go into 3D for higher order shells
- Filtering of the test data
  - Mapping on a regular mesh
  - Elimination of the ground noise
  - Merging of data from several tests (increase sample size)
- Comparison with a conventionally calibrated material card using a component test
- Combine the method with DVC (for respective materials)



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