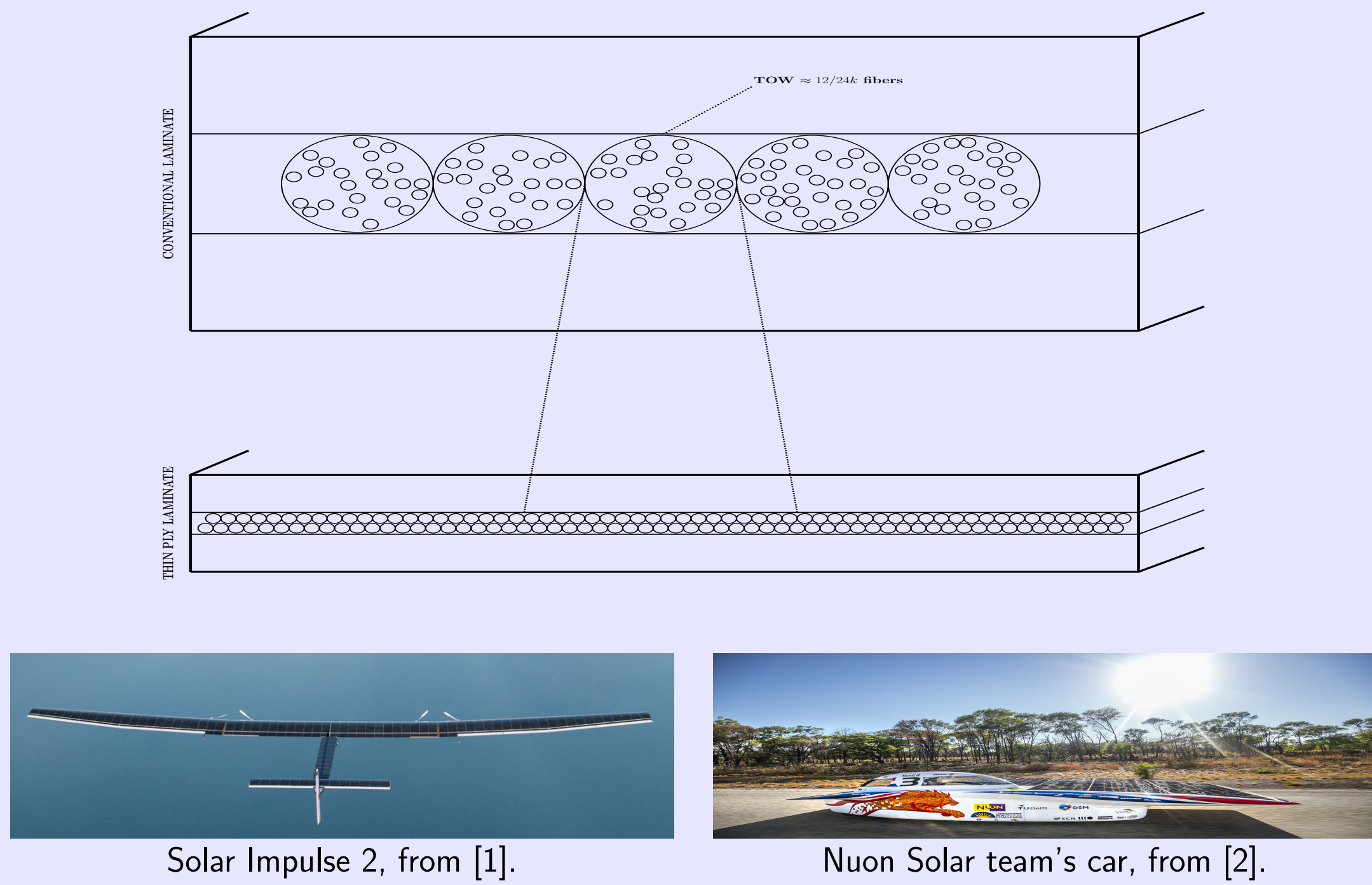


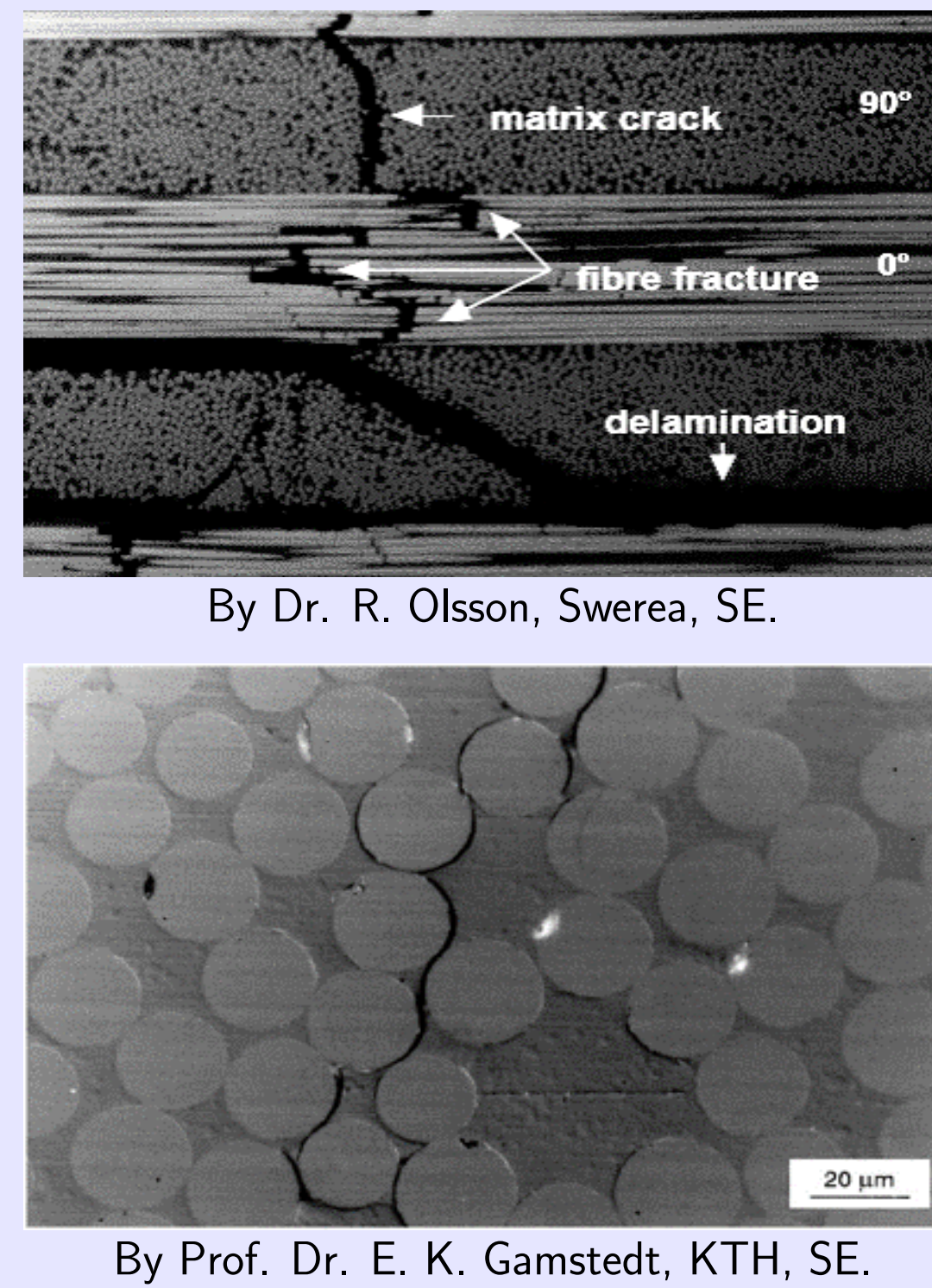
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Ultra-thin Fiber Reinforced Polymer Composite (FRPC) Laminates: an Introduction

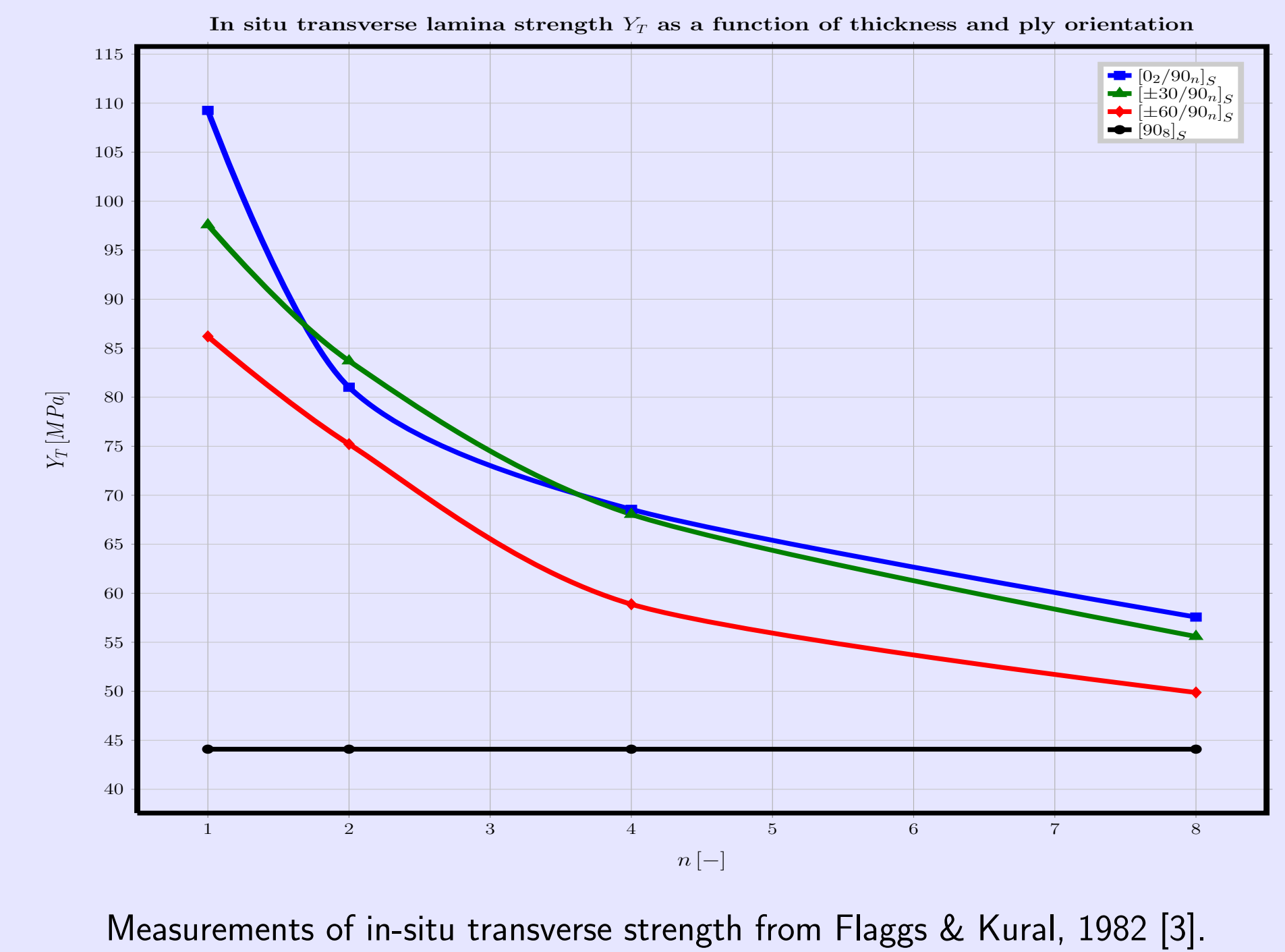
Technological origins and applications



Damage in FRPCs: a visual introduction



The thin ply effect



Objectives & Approach

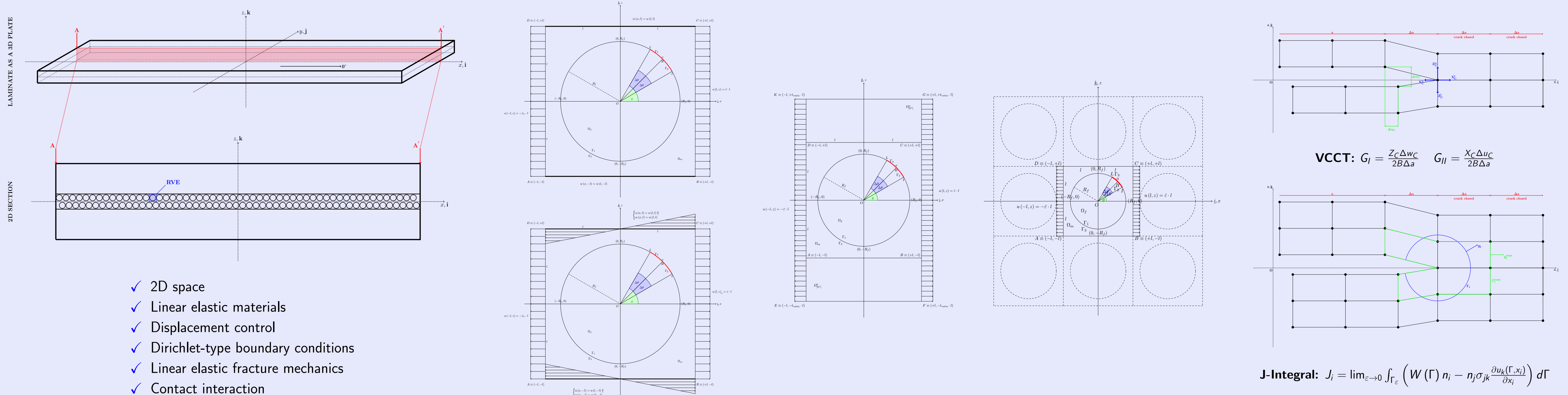
What do we want to achieve?

- Investigate the influence of volume fraction, material properties, thin ply thickness and bounding plies' thicknesses on crack initiation
- $G_{*c} = G_{*c}(\theta_{debond}, \Delta\theta_{debond}, E(\cdot), \nu(\cdot), G(\cdot), VF_f, t_{ply}, \frac{t_{ply}}{t_{bounding \ plies}})$

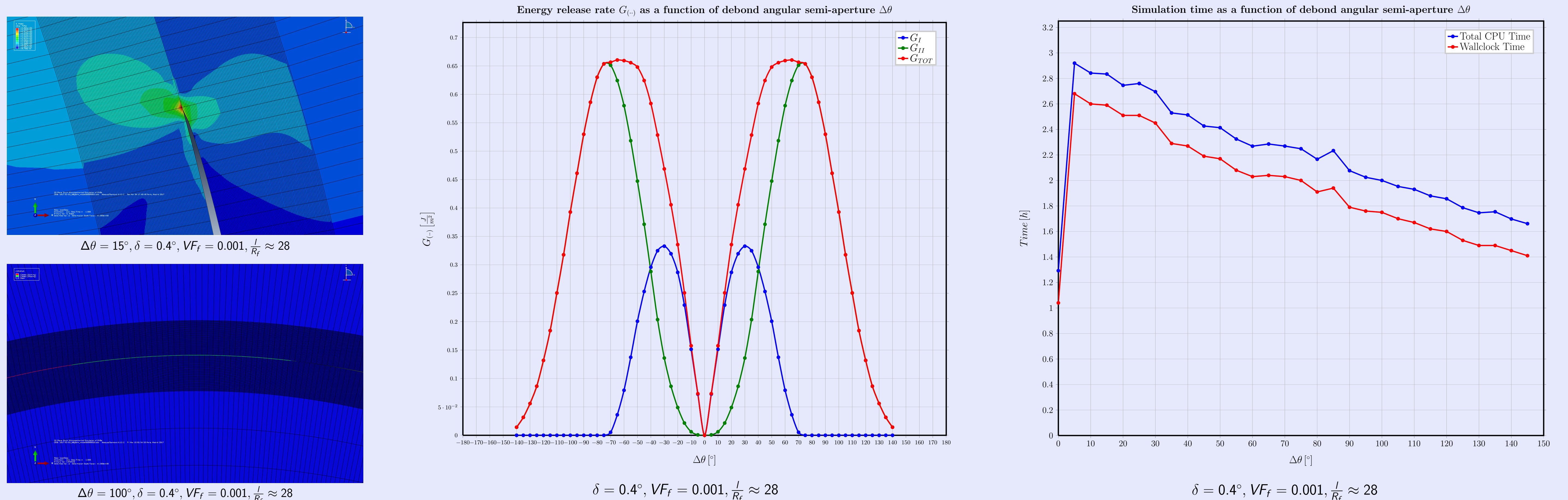
How do we want to achieve it?

- Design and categorization of several Representative Volume Elements (RVEs)
- Automated generation of RVEs geometry and FEM model
- Finite Element Simulations (in Abaqus)

Design & Analysis of Representative Volume Elements (RVEs)



Preliminary Results & Validation



Conclusions & Perspectives

What has been accomplished?

- 2D micromechanical models have been developed to investigate crack initiation in thin ply laminates
- A numerical procedure has been devised and implemented to automatize the creation of FEM models
- Validation for $VF_f \rightarrow 0$ (matrix dominated RVE) with respect to previous literature [4, 5]

What's next?

- Investigate the dependence on VF_f , t_{ply} , $t_{ply}/t_{bounding \ plies}$ and different material systems
- Study numerical performances with respect to model's parameters
- Repeat for different RVEs and compare

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