

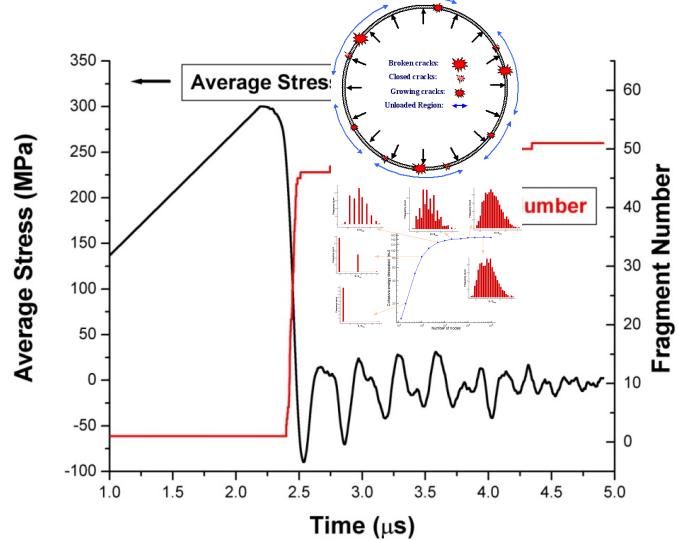
Dynamic fragmentation simulations

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Mott's problem: Zhou Molinari Ramesh
2007, Levy Molinari 2010

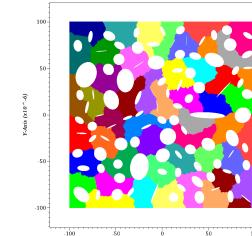


- Ceramic ring length: L= 50 mm
- Elastic parameters: r =2750 Kg/m³, E=250 GPa , c= 10000 m/s
- Fracture parameters: sc =300 MPa, dc= 0.667 mm, Gc=100 N/m
- randomization of σ_c (small variation around mean)

Outcome : definition of a precise law in the low strain rate regime

Secondary waves effect: Illustration with mesh partitioning, M. Vocialta

- Ellipsoidal voids, biaxial expansion, initial strain rate: 105 s⁻¹
- E = 320 x 103 MPa v = 0.237 ρ = 3250 kg/m³ σ_c = 200 MPa

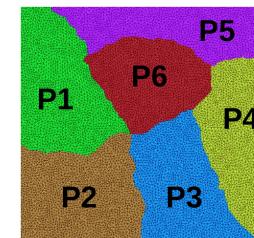


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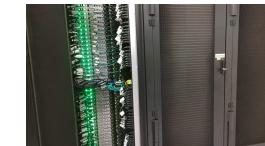
Outcome: Visualization of secondary waves

Extension to 3D: High Performance Computing

- HPC necessary to achieve convergence:
e.g. accurate representation of microcracks
- Parallelisation through domain decomposition
- Problem: topological changes for extrinsic cohesive elements



Domain decomposition



Jed at EPFL

- 30'240 cores
- 375 nodes with 512 GB RAM
- 42 nodes with 1 TB RAM
- 2 nodes with 2TB RAM

Fragments shape and orientation

Explosive loading of a spherical container

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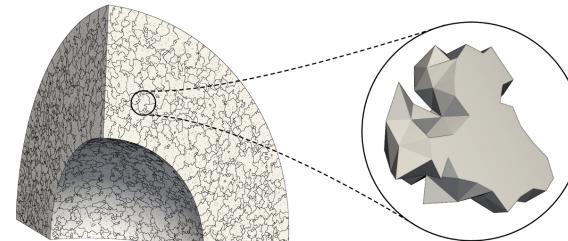
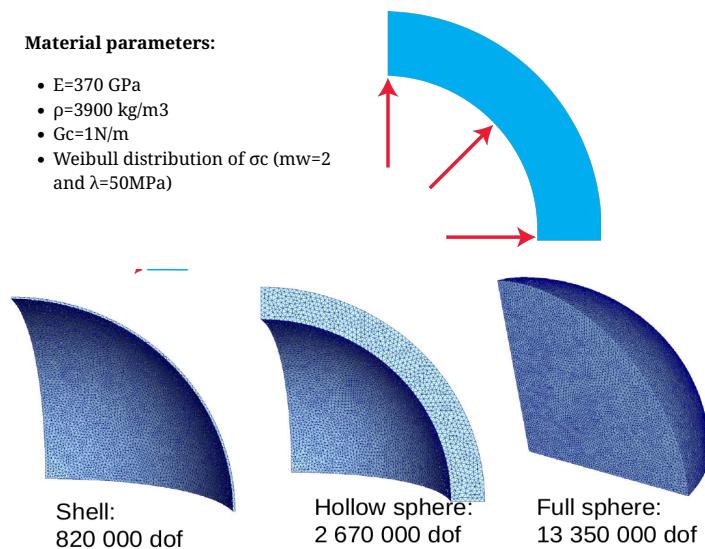
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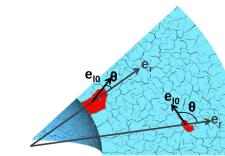
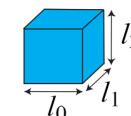
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Material parameters:

- $E=370$ GPa
- $\rho=3900$ kg/m³
- $G_c=1$ N/m
- Weibull distribution of σ_c ($m_w=2$ and $\lambda=50$ MPa)



Fragment shape? Fragment orientation?



Fragments shape and orientation: Effect of membrane thickness

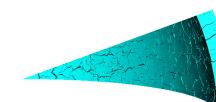
Shell:

- 2D fragments ($l_2 \approx 0$ & l_0, l_1 random)
- $\theta \approx \pi/2$



Thin membrane:

- 3D fragments (l_0, l_1, l_2 random)
- $\theta \approx 0$
- Crack branching if thickness sufficiently large



Full sphere:

- 3D fragments (l_0, l_1, l_2 random)
- θ random



Tempered glass fragmentation;

Vocialta Corrado Molinari; Eng. Frac. Mech., 2018

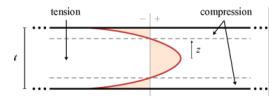
Tempered glass must shatter in small fragments for safety reasons

Fragments shape and orientation



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Thermal temper:

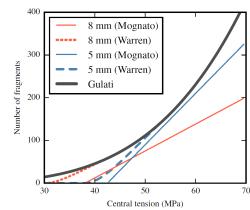


$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_x = \sigma_y &= f(z) \\ &= \sigma_{CT} \left[1 - 12 \left(\frac{z}{t} \right)^2 \right]\end{aligned}$$

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Motivation

Discrepancy between analytical formulas and experiments



Analytical models based on energy balance

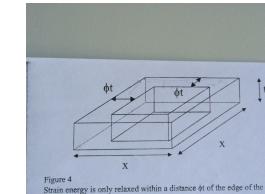
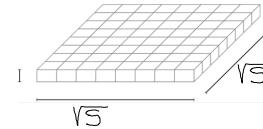
$$E_{diss} = r E_{pot}$$

- Gulati (1997)
- $r = const \Rightarrow N_{frag} = f(\sigma_{CT})$
- Warren (2001)
- $r = g(t) \Rightarrow N_{frag} = f(\sigma_{CT}, t)$

Empirical models

- Mognato et al. (2011): best fitting curves of **1752** tests
- Gives the ratio of energy conversion into fragments

- Gulati S (1997) Proceedings of Glass Performance Days, 13-15.
- Warren P. (2001) Fractography of Glasses and Ceramics IV, 389-400.
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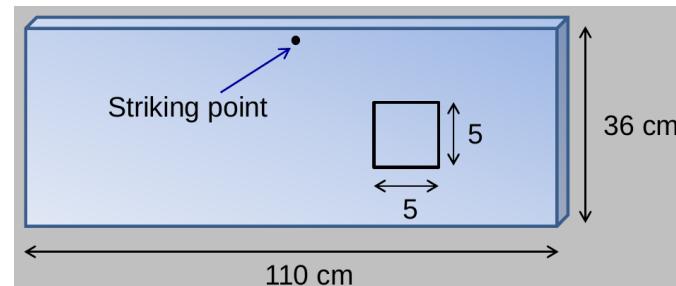


Idea:

- E_{pot} : parabolic law based on pre-stressed profile
- E_{diss} : fracture energy integrated over all squares

$$\begin{aligned}E_{diss} &= 2G_c t \sqrt{S} (\sqrt{N_{frag} - 1}) \quad \text{and} \quad E_{pot} = \frac{4}{5} \frac{1-\nu}{E} \sigma_{CT}^2 t S \\ \Rightarrow E_{diss} &= r E_{pot} \Rightarrow N_{frag} = \left(\frac{2r}{5G_c} \frac{1-\nu}{E} \sigma_{CT}^2 \sqrt{S} + 1 \right)^2\end{aligned}$$

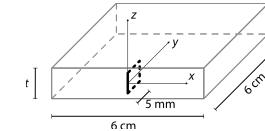
Standard fragmentation test (EN 12150-1)



Finite element model

Up to 4 million elements

- Phase 1: parabolic eigenstresses are applied
- Phase 2: a notch is created, to simulate a crack coming from the impact point
- Phase 3: fragmentation driven by the eigenstresses



Analytical model

Energy balance in statics assuming squared fragments

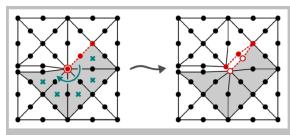
Numerical model

Insertion strategy

Crack propagation is simulated with the **cohesive element method**



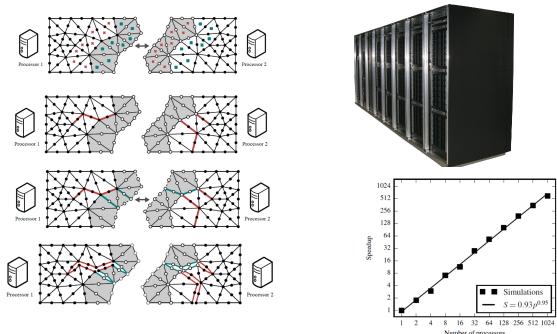
Cohesive elements are dynamically inserted along the borders of the standard elements



- Mesh: quadratic tetrahedral elements, average size = 0.3 mm
- Explicit central difference integration scheme
- Time step: $\Delta_{crit} = 0.2 \min_{el} \frac{h_{el}}{c} \simeq 10^{-8} s$
- Algorithm implemented in the open-source FE library **Akantu** (<http://lsms.epfl.ch/akantu>)
- Simulations were run in parallel on **192 processors**

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Parallel dynamic insertion of cohesive el.



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Constitutive laws

Soda-Lime-Silicate glass

Linear elastic bulk:

$$E = 70 GPa$$

$$\nu = 0.22 \quad \rho = 2500 \text{ kg/m}^3$$

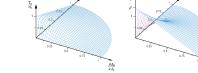
Cohesive law:

$$\sigma_c = 70 MPa$$

$$G_c = 7.6 J/m^2 (KIC = 0.75 MPam^{1/2})$$

$$\beta = 3$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{T} &= \left(\frac{\beta^2}{\kappa} \Delta_t \vec{r} + \Delta_n \vec{n} \right) \frac{\sigma_c}{\delta} \left(1 - \frac{\delta}{\delta_c} \right) \\ \delta &= \sqrt{\beta^2 \Delta_t^2 + \Delta_n^2} \\ \beta &= \frac{\tau_c}{\sigma_c} \\ \sigma_{eq} &= \sqrt{\frac{t_s^2}{\beta^2} + t_n^2} \end{aligned}$$



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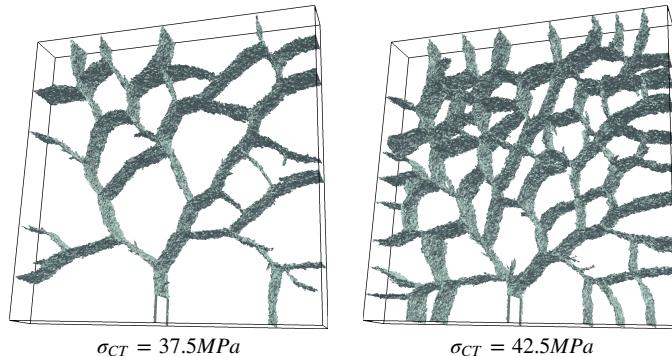
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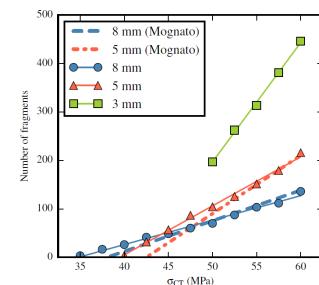
Results of the numerical simulations

The number of fragments is proportional to the eigenstress



Number of fragments

Numerical results match reasonably well experimental data



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σ_c is the only parameter tuned to fit the experimental data

↓
 $\sigma_c = 70$ MPa for all the simulations

$$N(m) = \exp\left[-\left(\frac{m}{\mu}\right)^2\right]$$

Fitting parameter $\mu \simeq m_{average}$

Weibull Probability Density Function with modulus 2:

$$pdf(m) = \frac{2m}{\mu^2} \exp\left[-\left(\frac{m}{\mu}\right)^2\right]$$

Analysis of the energy fields

The simulations are run up to a steady-state condition

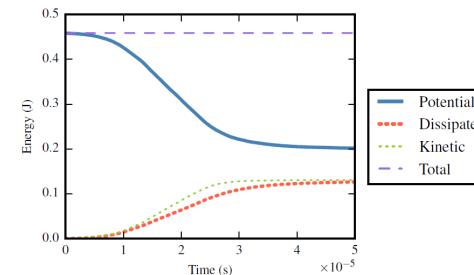
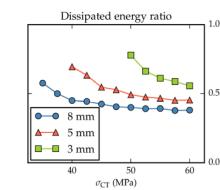
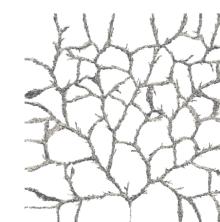


Figure 1β: Energies over time for the plate with thickness 8 mm and $\sigma_{CT} = 45$ MPa.

$t = 8\text{mm}, \sigma_{CT} = 45\text{MPa}$

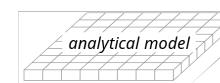
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Analysis of the energy fields



The analytical dissipated energy is half of the numerical one

N_{frag} from simulations

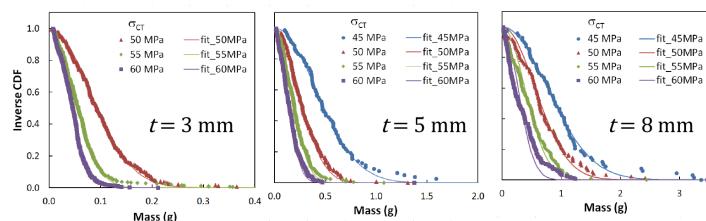


analytical model

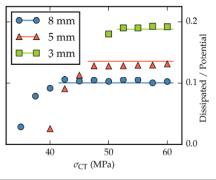
Energy conversion factor

Fragments mass distribution

Inverse cumulative distribution function (CDF) (Grady & Kipp, 1985)



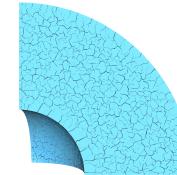
The ratios of analytical dissipated and potential energies reach a plateau



$$r = \frac{E_{diss}}{E_{pot}} \propto t^{-\alpha}$$

$t \approx 2/3$

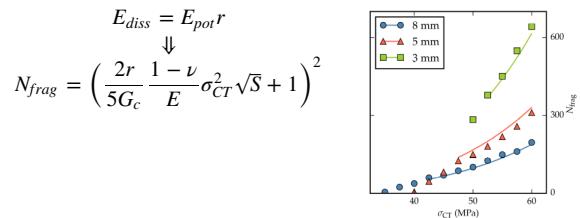
- Average fragment size depends on material parameters, defects, and loading: can be quantified
- Two regimes (quasi-static and dynamic): transition quantified
- Smaller fragments than Grady's prediction, but -2/3 scaling law accurate
- Membrane explosion:
 - 2D fragments only if shell
 - random size and orientation of cracks when far from boundaries
- Tempered glass fragmentation example



Fragmented sphere

Energy conversion factor

With this ratio an accurate number of fragments is estimated

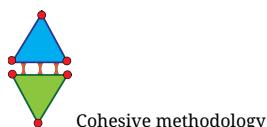
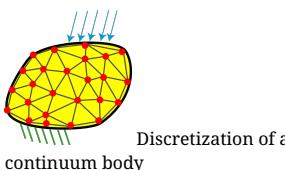


Summary: Fragmentation with HPC-FEM in highly non-linear damage problems

Reliable and efficient numerical framework:

Continuous response simulated with the FEM

Material heterogeneity and failure through cohesive approach
Parallel simulations and significant computational power



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Summary: Fragment analysis

- Converged results