



Master Project: Modelling the creep of brittle materials

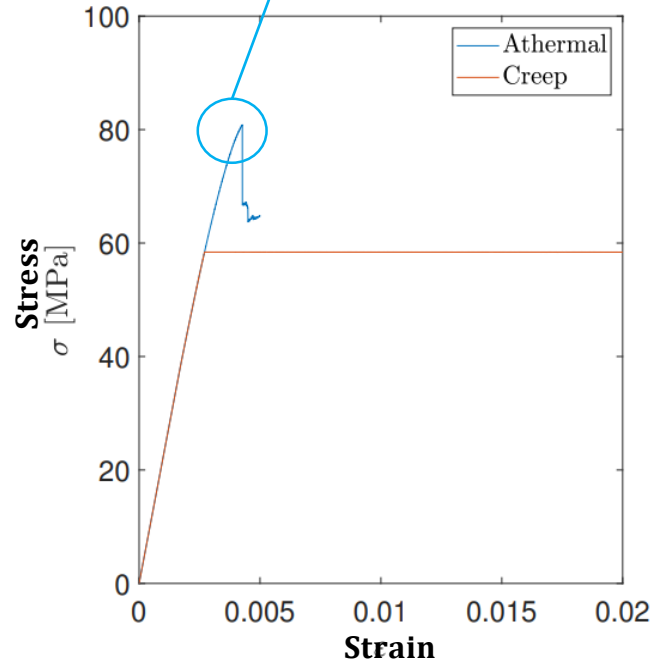
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1. Presentation of the problem

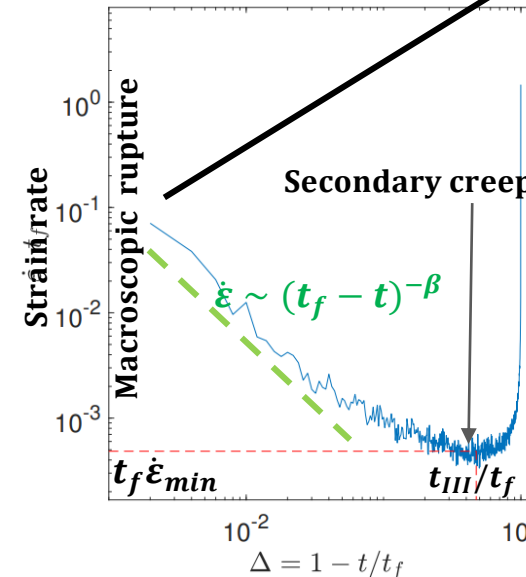
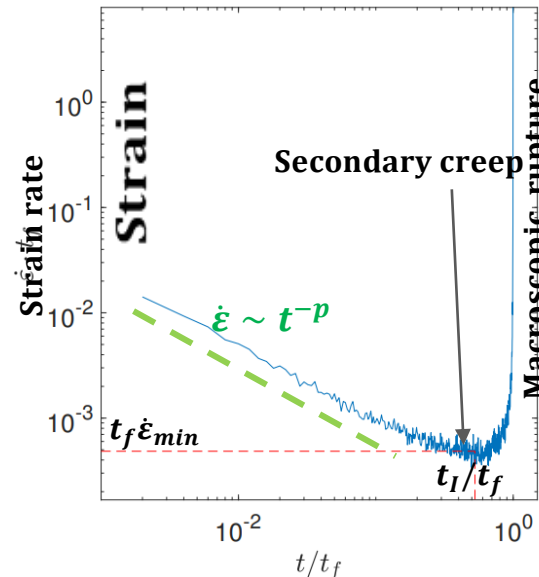
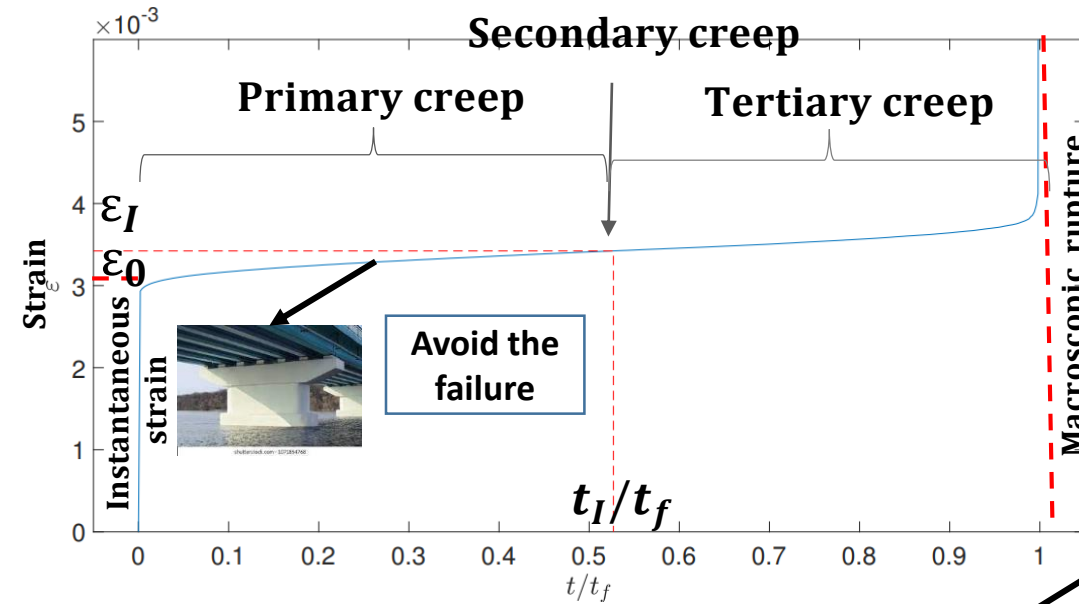
Brittle material

Negligible inelastic strain before failure under athermal conditions



Creep

Time-dependent deformation under constant applied stress



Forecast the failure

Empirical laws

$$t_f = A \dot{\epsilon}_{min}^{-b} \quad \text{Monkman and Grant (1956)}$$

$$\dot{\epsilon} \sim (t_f - t)^{-\beta} \quad \text{Tertiary creep}$$

Theoretical explanation??

2. Methods

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Amitrano, 1999; Amitrano and Helmstetter, 2006; Girard et al., 2010



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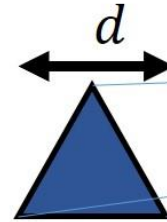


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Macroscale model 2D

$$\sigma < \sigma_Y$$

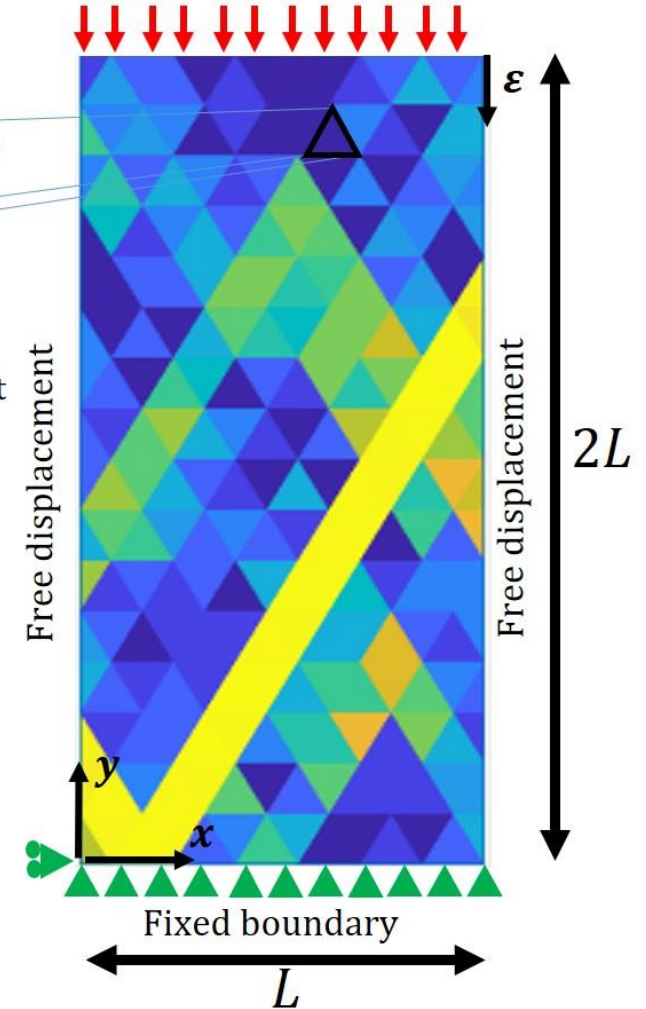
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Homogeneous
element (REV)



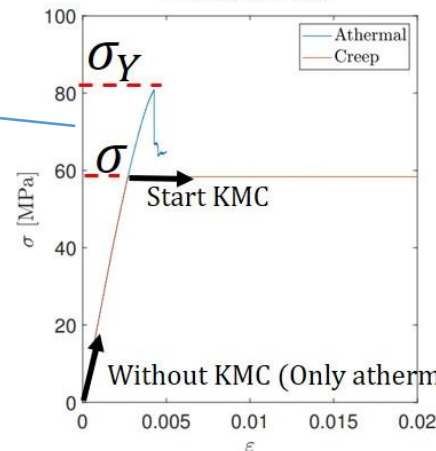
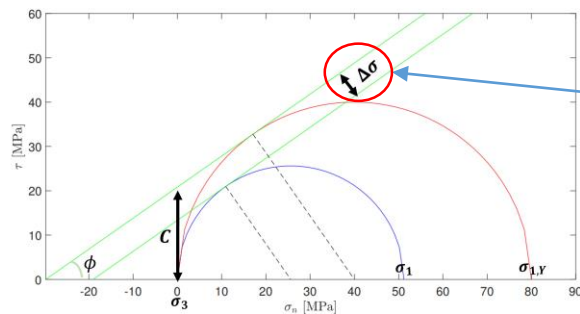
Elastic interaction
+
Heterogeneity

$$N_e = 4L(L - 1)$$

L defines mesh refinement



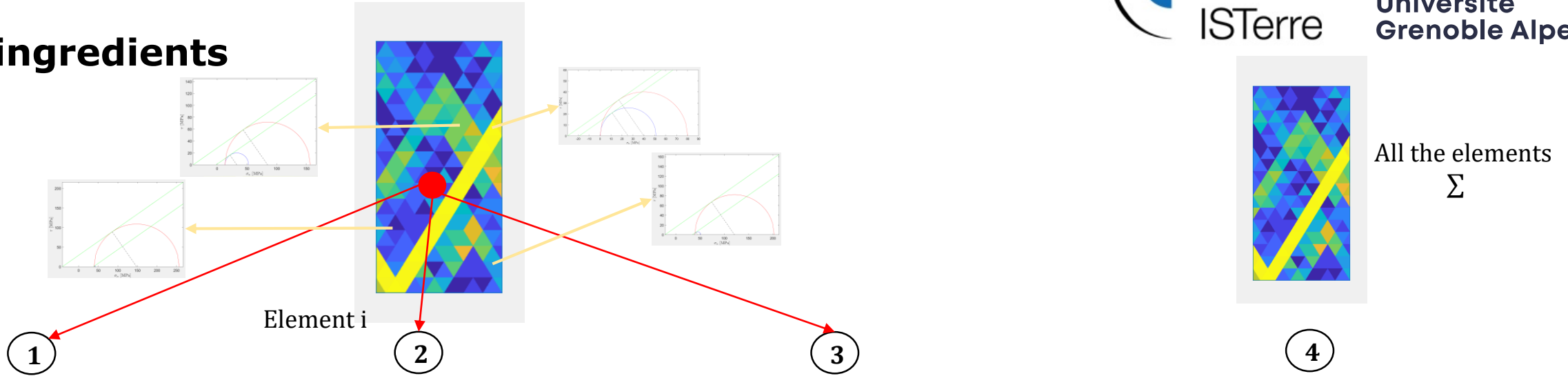
Macroscopic mechanical
behaviour



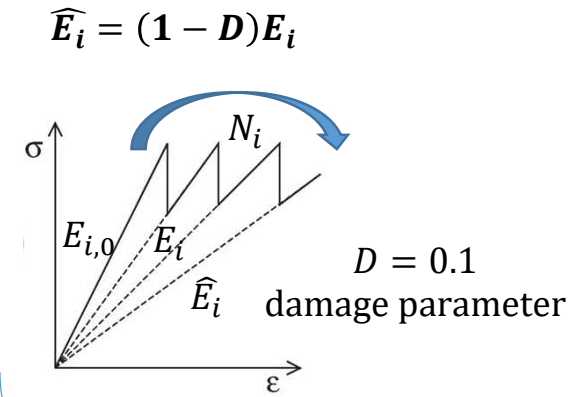
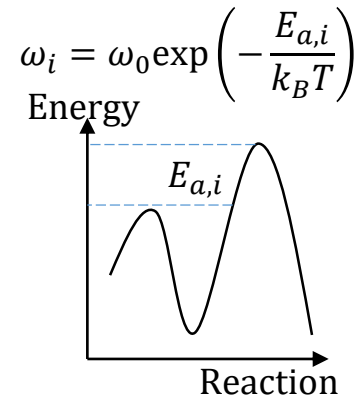
$\frac{\sigma}{\sigma_Y}$: stress ratio (load ratio)

2. Methods

Main ingredients



Cohesion C_i is set randomly
Uniform distribution
(only once)
 $C_i \in [10, 30] \text{ MPa}$



initial disorder (random variable) + stochastic process

Athermal damage (MC criterium)

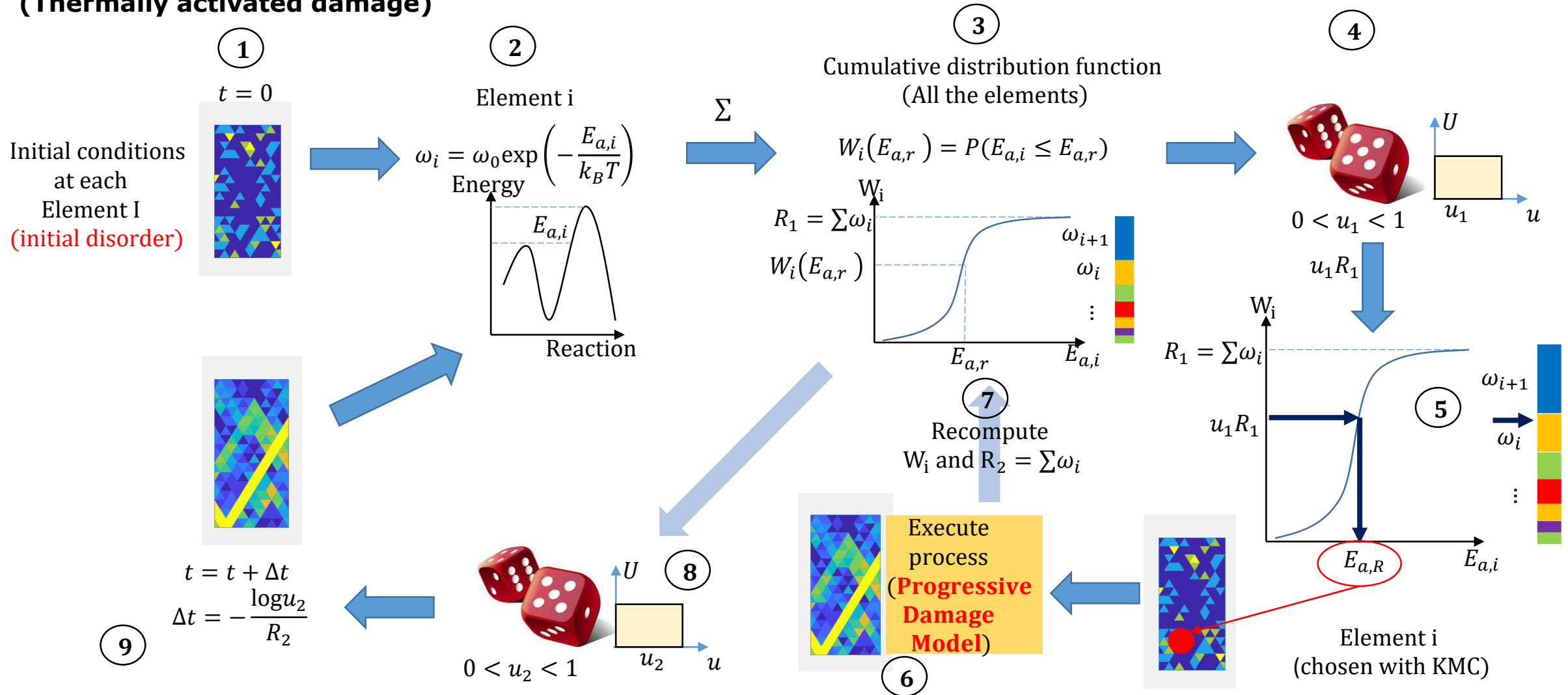
Thermal activated damage (Probability)

2. Methods

Kinetic Monte Carlo algorithm (KMC)

Bortz et al., 1975

Introduction of **timescale** and **thermal effect**
(Thermally activated damage)



2. Methods

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Progressive isotropic damage model (PDM) (athermal damage)

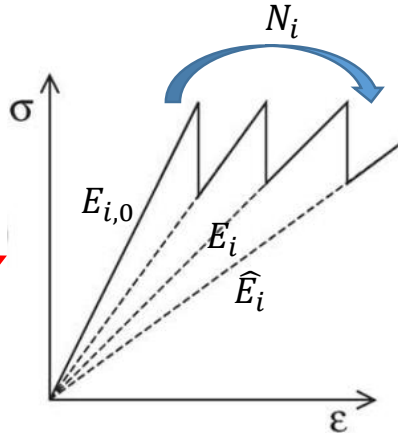
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Damage

Element i

$$\hat{E}_i = (1 - D)E_i$$

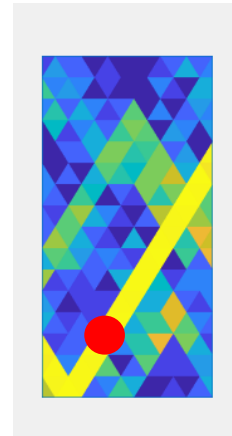


Element i
(chosen with KMC)

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Stress redistribution

$$\sigma_{ej} = E_{ejkl}\epsilon_{ej}$$

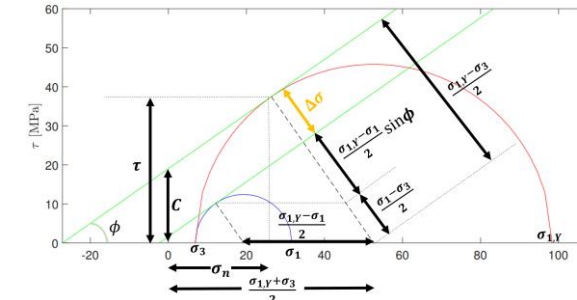


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MC criterion in all the elements

$$\tau_i - \sigma_{n,i} \tan \phi = C_i$$

$$\Delta \sigma_i = C_i \cos \phi + \sigma_{3,i} \frac{1 + \sin \phi}{2} - \sigma_{1,i} \frac{1 - \sin \phi}{2}$$



$\Delta \sigma_i > 0$
not damaged
elements

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Continue
KMC

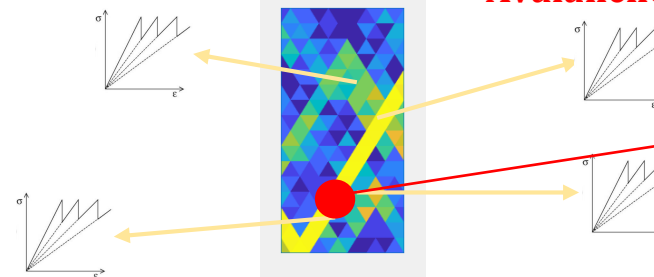
$$\Delta \sigma_i \leq 0$$

Athermal

**instantaneous
damage**

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Avalanche process



Element i
After N_i damage events
 $\hat{E}_i = (1 - D)^{N_i} E_{i,0}$

4. Results

4.1 Size effects on failure time

4.2 Empirical approximations to predict rupture time

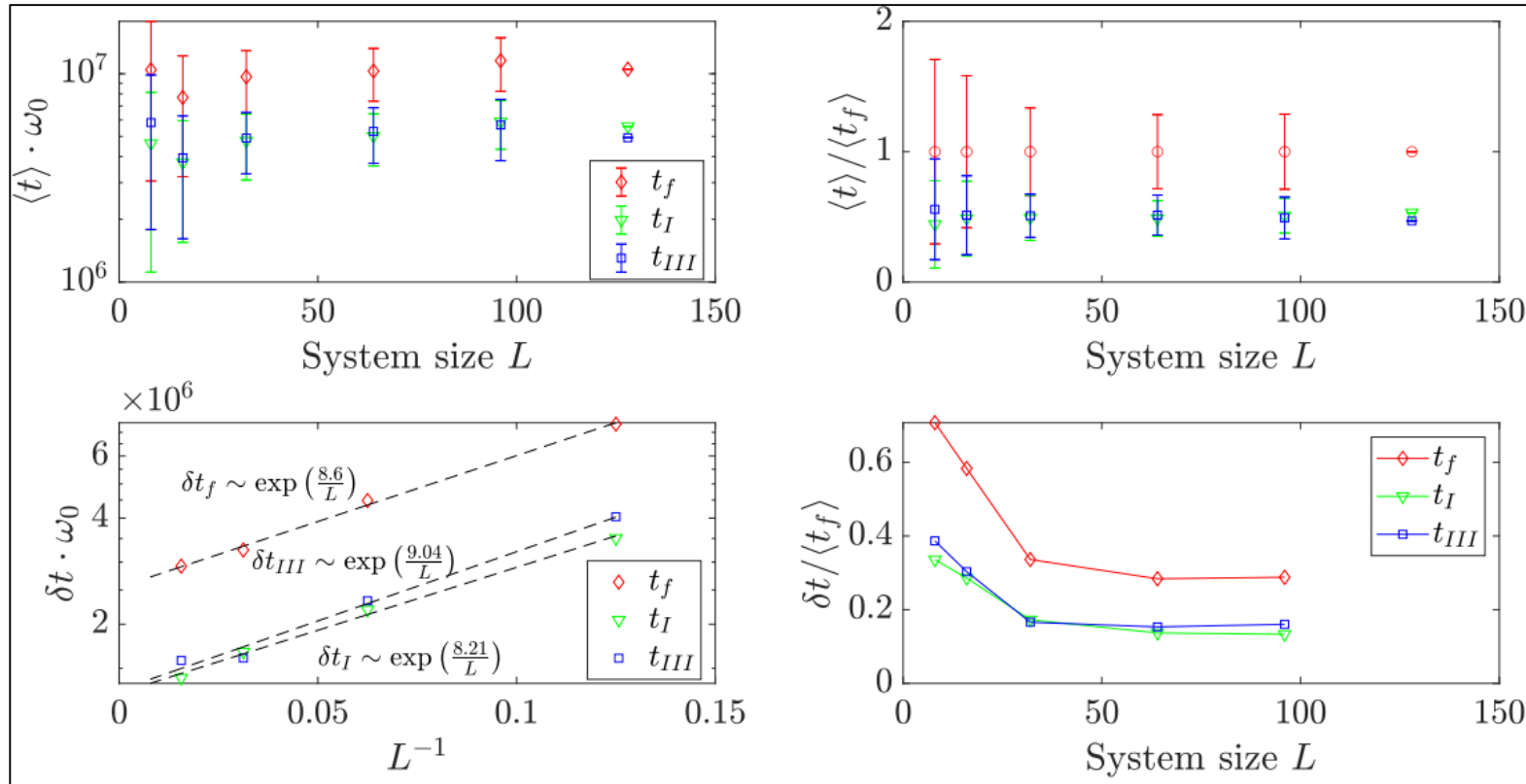
4.3 Response to thermally activated process at macroscale

4.4 Acceleration of deformation during the tertiary creep

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4.1 Size effects on failure time

Size effects on failure time



$$\langle t_f \rangle(L) \sim \text{constant}$$

$$\delta t_f \sim \exp(L^{-1})$$

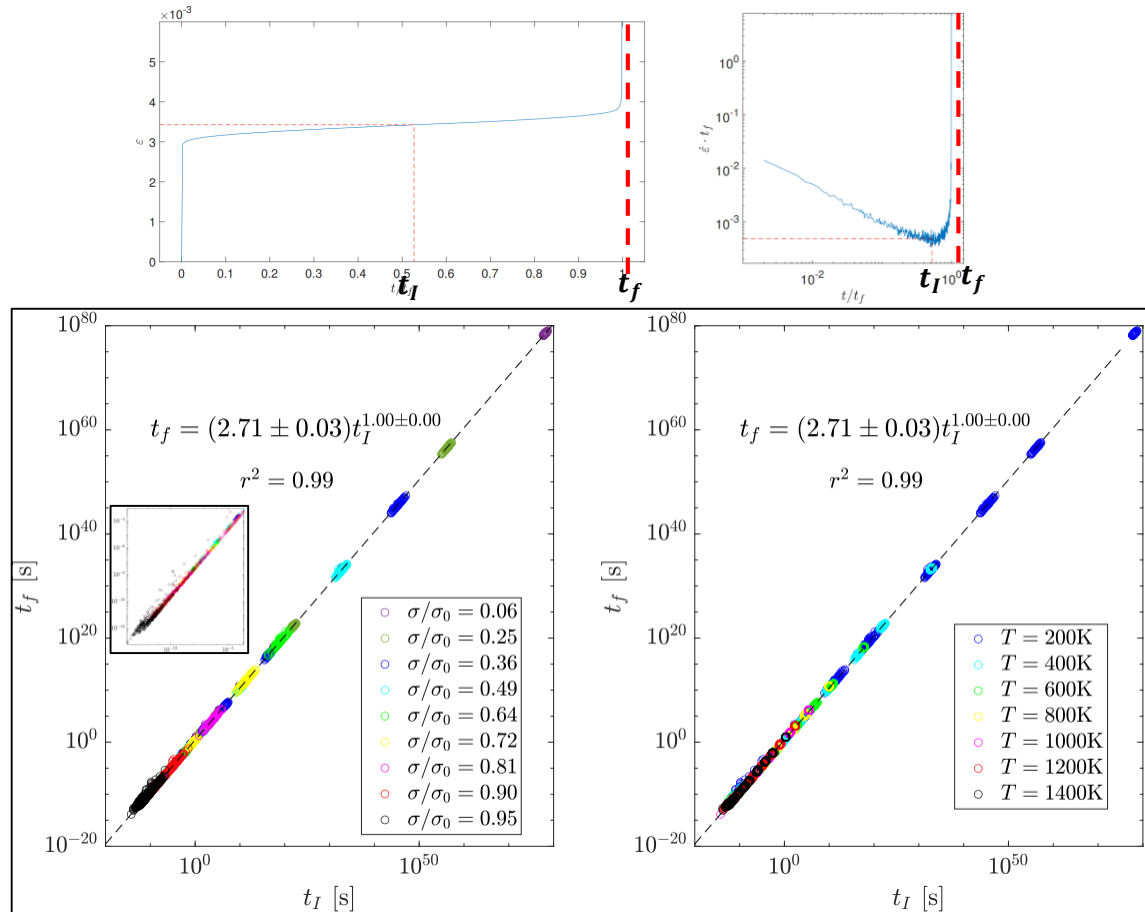
No size effects in mean

Size effects in standard deviation

Standard deviation doesn't vanish
with *larger* sizes \Rightarrow ???

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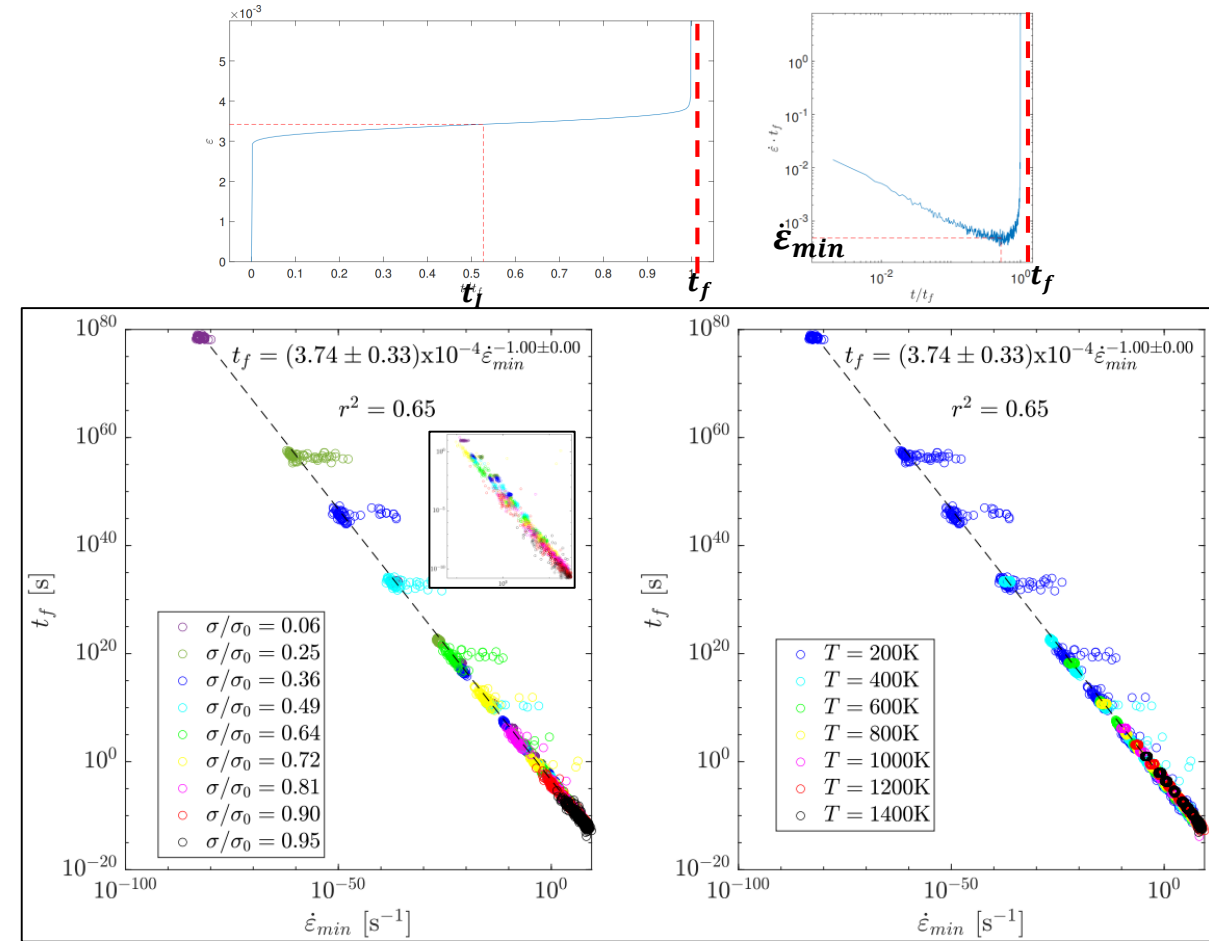
4.2 Empirical approximations to predict rupture time



Nechad et al. (2005)

$$t_f = at_I^b$$

$$b = 1.00 \quad a = \frac{t_f}{t_I}$$



Monkman and Grant (1956)

$$t_f = C_1 \dot{\epsilon}_{min}^{-m}$$

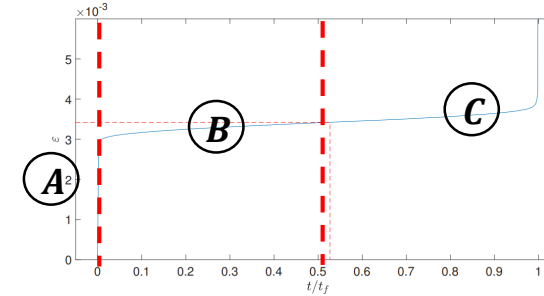
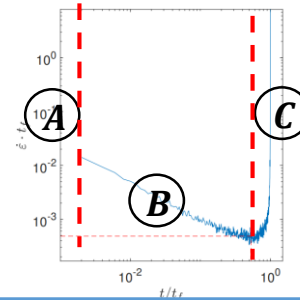
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4.4 Acceleration of deformation during the tertiary creep

Spatial correlation of damage events

System Sizes $L = 128$
 Number of simulations $N = 1$
 Temperature $T = 800 \text{ K}$
 Stress ratio $\sigma/\sigma_Y = 0,72$ ($\sigma = 0,72\sigma_Y$)



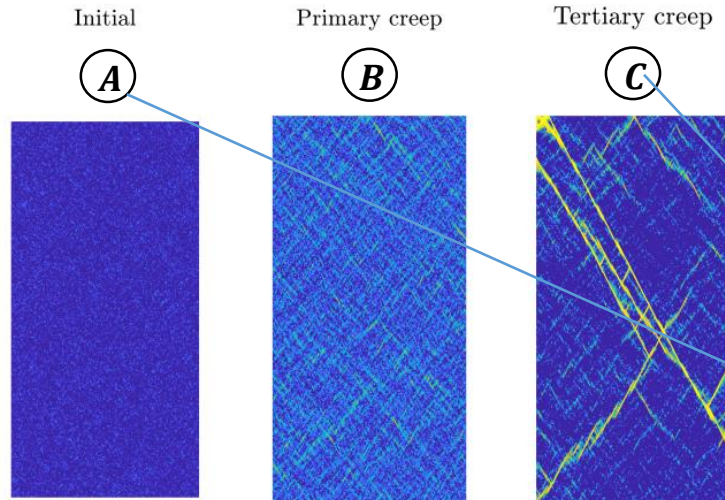
$$dL^{-1} < r < \sqrt{5} d$$

$$C_2(r) = \frac{2\aleph_r(R < r)}{\aleph(\aleph - 1)} \sim r^{D_c}$$

Hirata et al., 1987

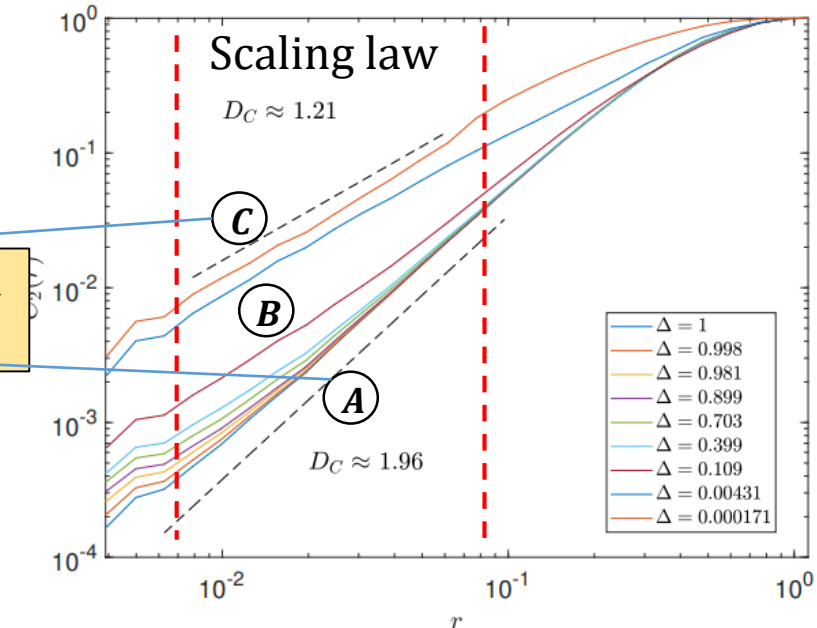
Fractal behaviour of damage events??

$D_c \approx 1$ Perfect damage localisation
 $D_c \approx 2$ Homogeneous damage



Damage events field (Damage localisation)

$$\frac{E_{i,0} - E_i}{E_{i,0}} = 1 - (1 - D)^{N_i}$$

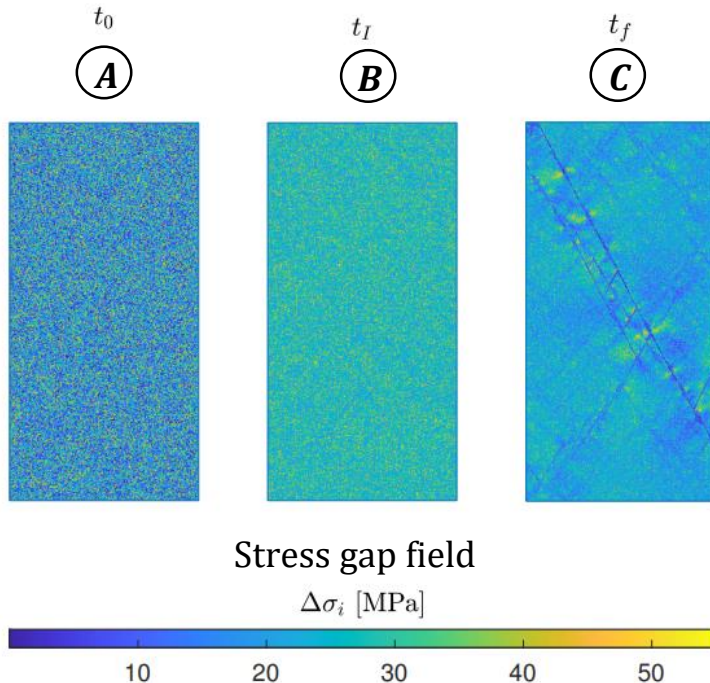
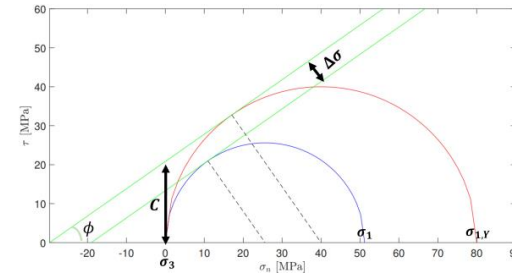
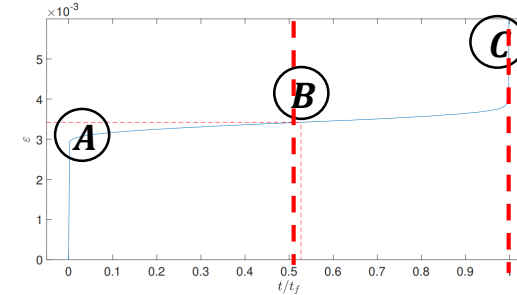
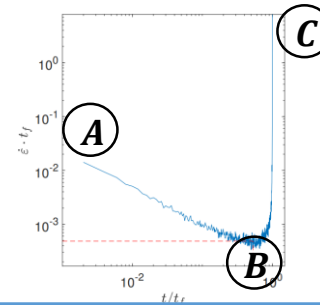


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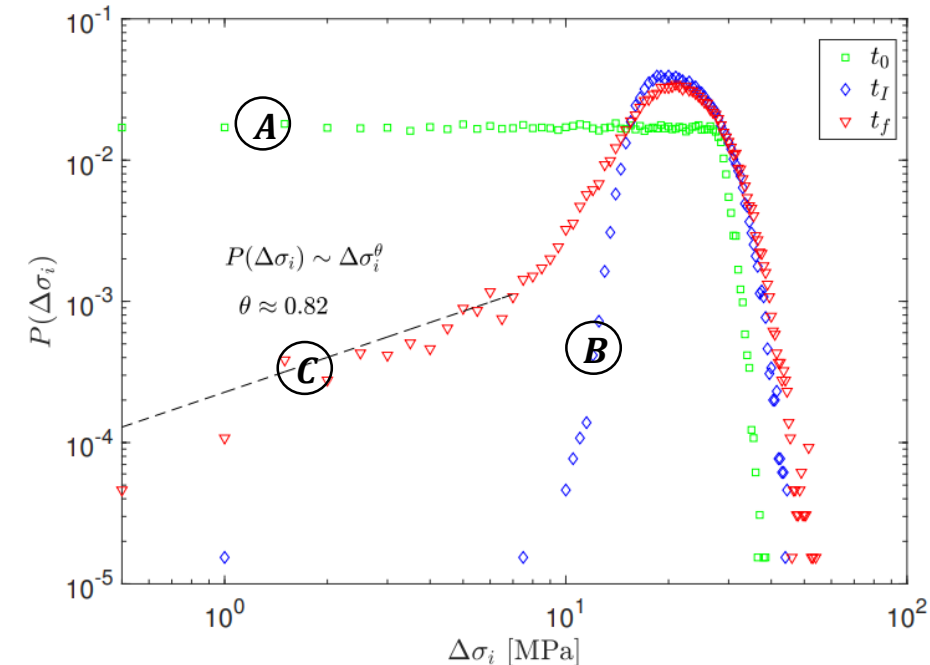
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Stress gap distribution

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| Macro stress gap | $\Delta\sigma \approx 11$ MPa |



$P(\Delta\sigma_i) \sim \Delta\sigma_i^\theta$
Lin et al., 2014
Power law tail towards small stress gaps



5. Conclusions

- Numerical modelling with small set of physical ingredients (**disorder**, **thermal activation**, **damage**, **elastic interaction**).
 - Numerical modelling based on progressive damage coupled with KMC algorithm.
 - **Time dependency** → through a KMC algorithm
 - Numerical modelling allows to obtain information at microscopic scale during different time steps of the creep process.
 - For different temperature and stress conditions the model reproduces:
 - the different stages of creep phenomenology and its characteristics (as shown experimentally).
 - **damage** localisation and fractal structure of the damage field
 - empirical laws of creep ([Monkman and Grant, 1956](#) and [Nechad et al., 2005](#))
- The empirical laws are a consequence of the Arrhenius law with same activation volume, i.e., importance of **thermal activation** in the phenomenology of creep.
 - The empirical laws (MG) could be used for forecasting the failure
 - Distribution of the stress gap is the key to understand what is happening during the different stages of creep.

PhD: Statistical physics of creep rupture of structural materials

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Creep and relaxation experiments



- **Classic concrete**
- **Light-weight concrete**
(Polystyrene: $1 < D < 5\text{mm}$)

Creep and relaxation experiments



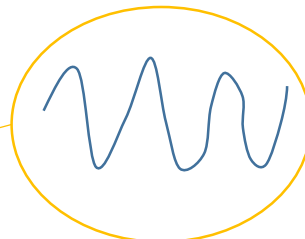
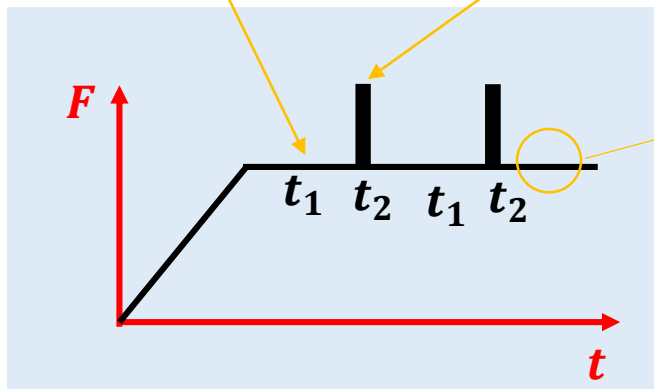
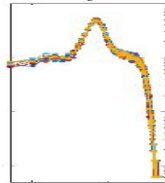
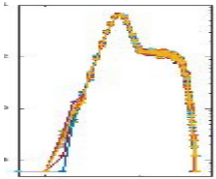
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Two kind of experiments



Acoustic emission
Tomography

Creep test



Control period
and amplitude
around a mean

Creep and relaxation experiments



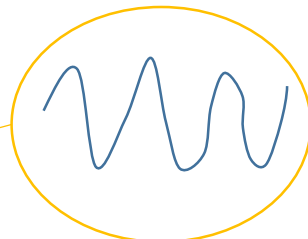
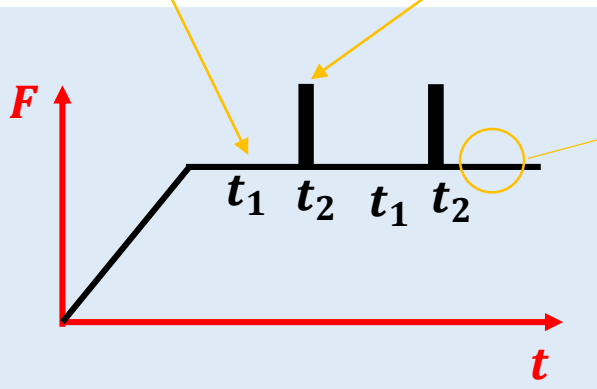
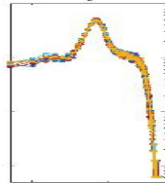
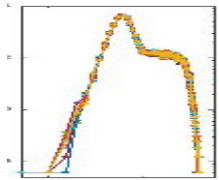
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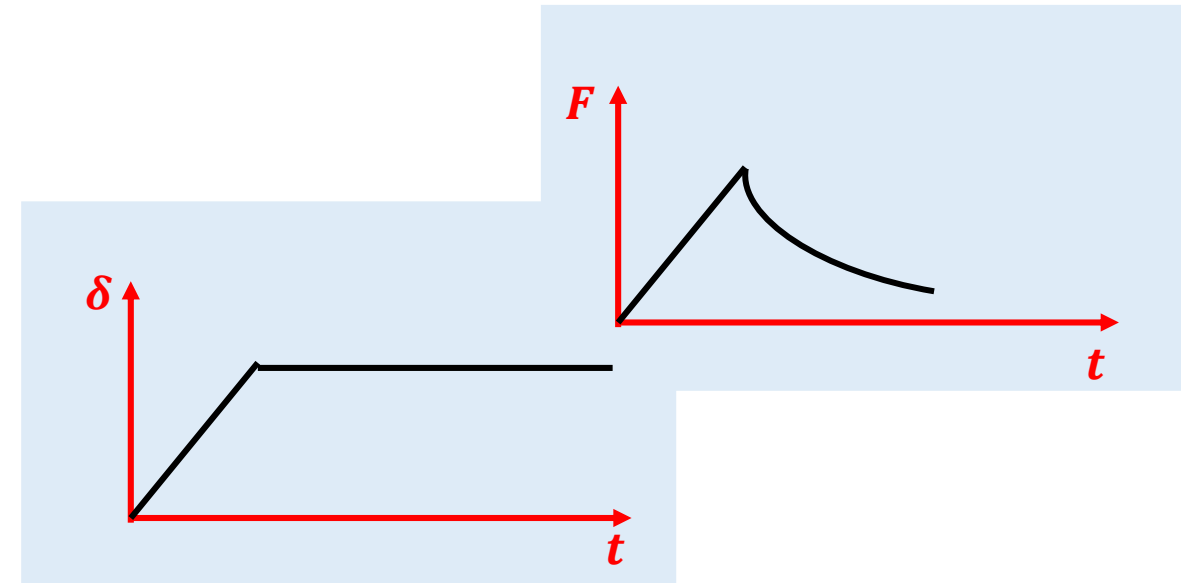
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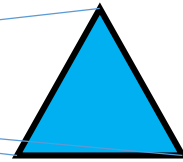
**The effect of quenched
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Macroscale



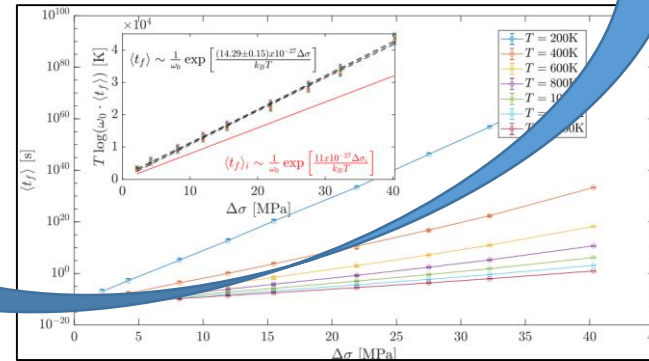
Microscale



$$t_f \sim \frac{1}{\omega_0} \exp \left(\frac{V_a \langle \Delta \sigma \rangle}{k_B T} \right)$$

Arrhenius law

From macro is imposed the temperature and the load, and plotting the failure time as a function of the inverse of the temperature or the stress gap is possible to obtain the activation volume at microscale



Downscaling

This assumption does not take into account the assumption of disorder effect

The effect of disorder on the fracture nucleation process (S. Ciliberto, A. Guarino, R. Scorretti (2001))



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The effect of disorder on the fracture nucleation process

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Abstract

The statistical properties of failure are studied in a fiber bundle model with thermal noise. We show that the macroscopic failure is produced by a thermal activation of microcracks. Most importantly, the effective temperature of the system is amplified by the spatial disorder (heterogeneity) of the fiber bundle. The case of a time-dependent force and the validity of the Kaiser effects are also discussed. These results can give more insight to the recent experimental observations on thermally activated crack and can be useful to study the failure of electrical networks. © 2001 Elsevier Science B.V. All rights reserved.

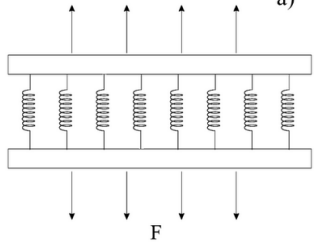
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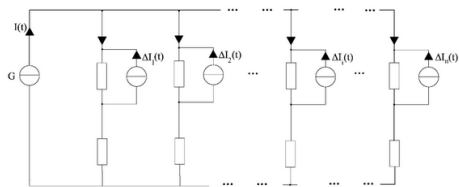
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Memory effect)

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Stress redistribution
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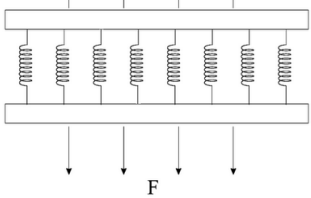
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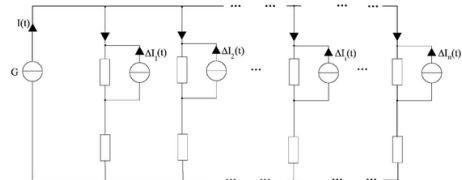
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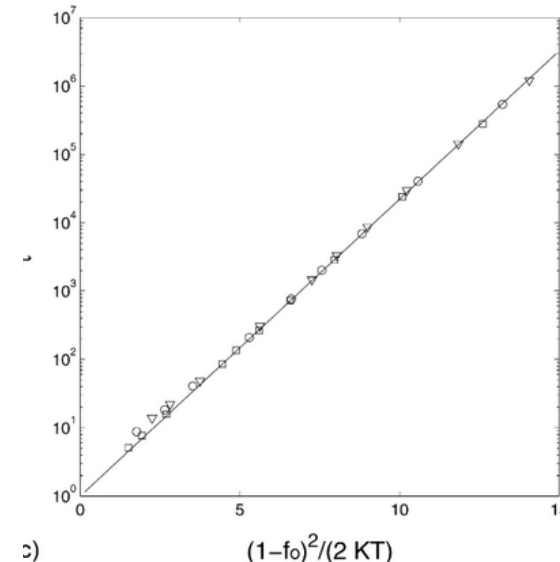
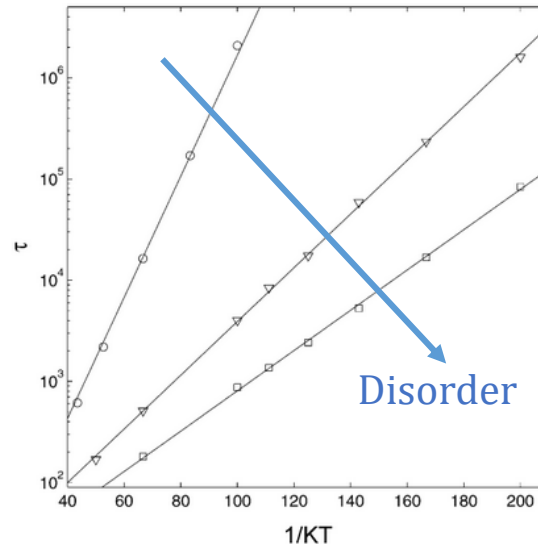


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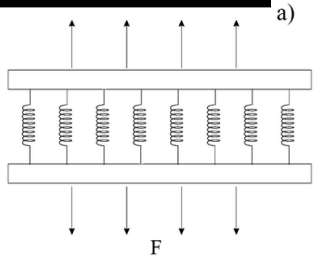


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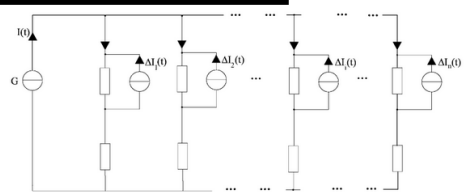
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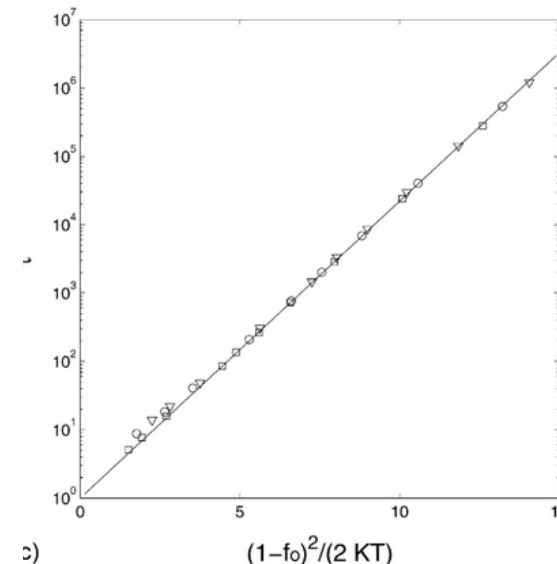
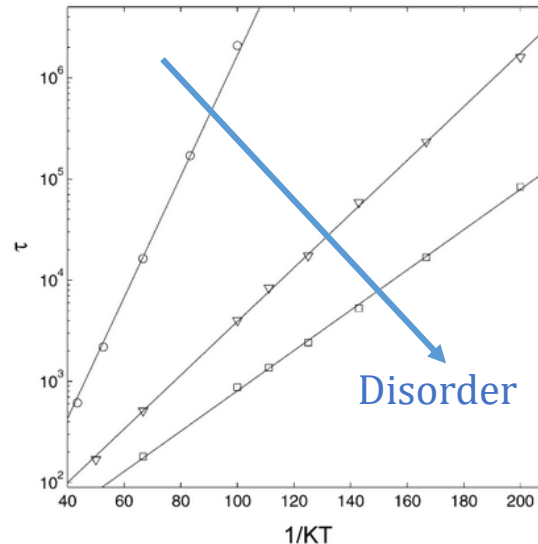
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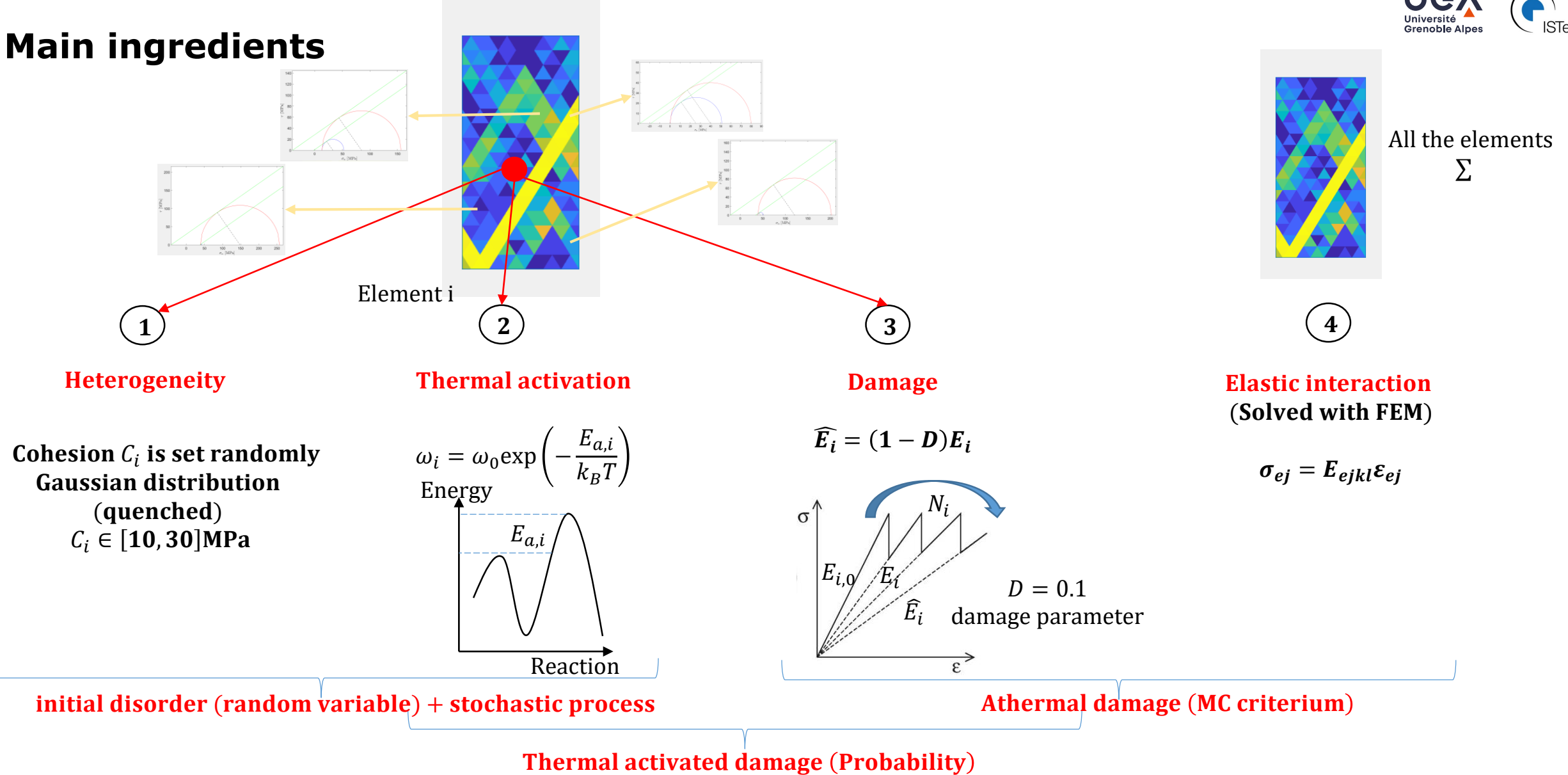


- Disorder of the material « amplifies » the thermal noise and produces an effective temperature
- The failure time decreases as the disorder noise increases (the more the medium heterogeneous, the smaller the failure time is)
- As the disorder noise increases, the derivative of failure time with respect to KT decreases (failure time becomes less sensitive to the effective value of thermal noise).

$$kT_{\text{eff}} \geq kT$$

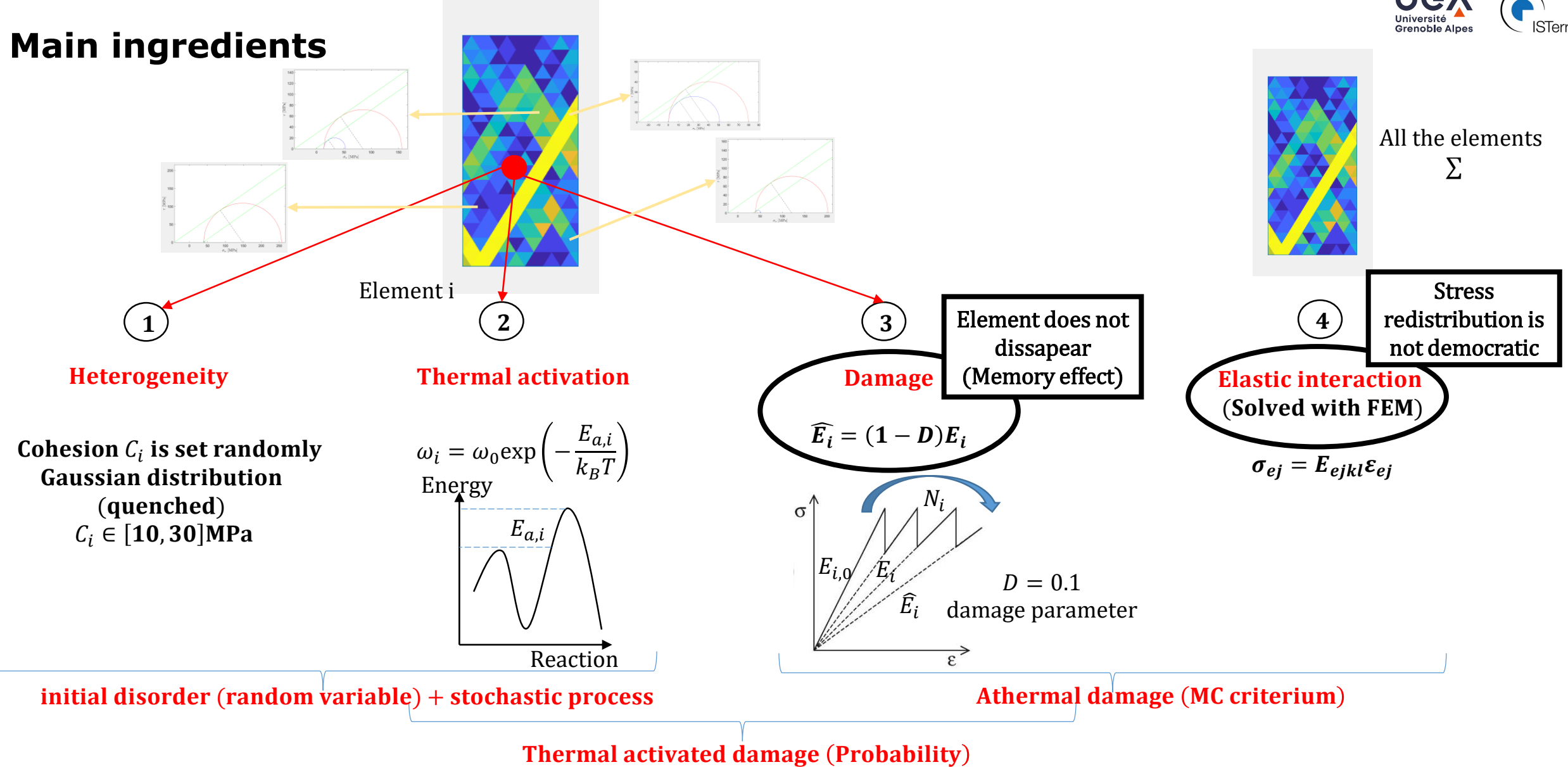
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$$t_f = -\frac{U}{N\omega_0} \int_U \log(u) p(u) \left[\int_{\Delta\sigma(u)} \exp\left(-\frac{V_{a,0}\Delta\sigma}{k_B T}\right) p(\Delta\sigma) d(\Delta\sigma) \right]^{-1} du,$$

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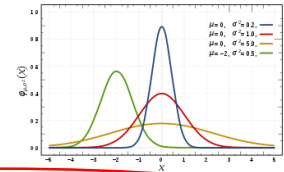
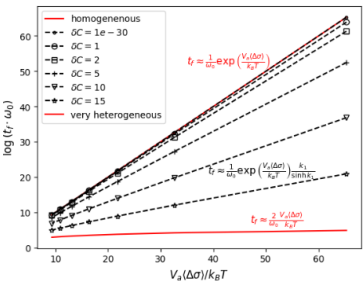
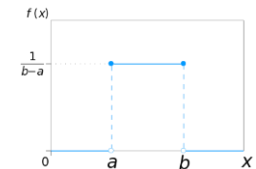
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Theoretical solution: Expression for failure time (dependence of disorder)

$$\omega_i = \omega_0 \exp\left(-\frac{E_{a,i}}{k_B T}\right)$$

$$R_2 = \sum \omega_i$$

$$\Delta t = -\frac{\log u_2}{R_2}$$

$$t = t + \Delta t$$

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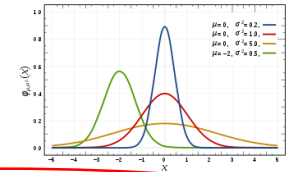
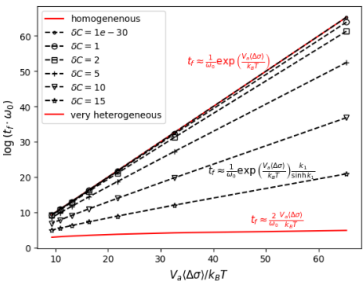
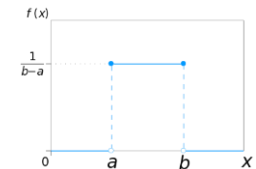
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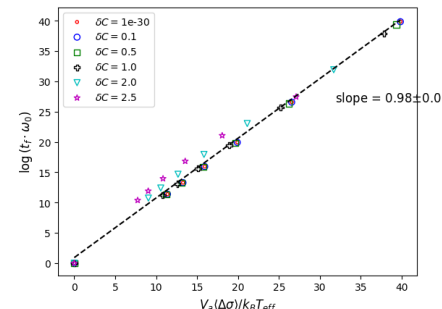
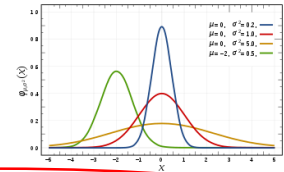
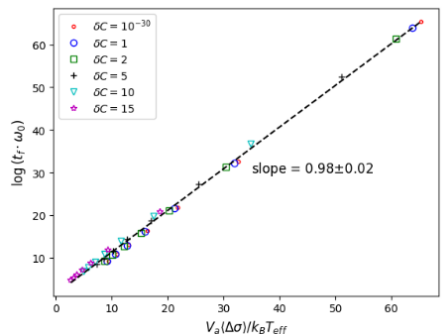
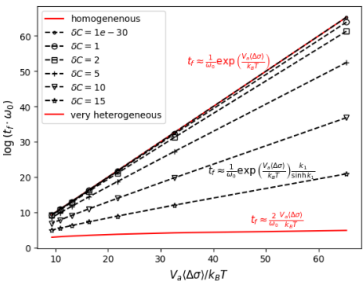
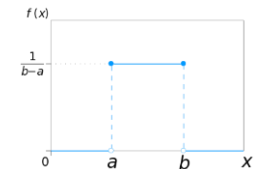
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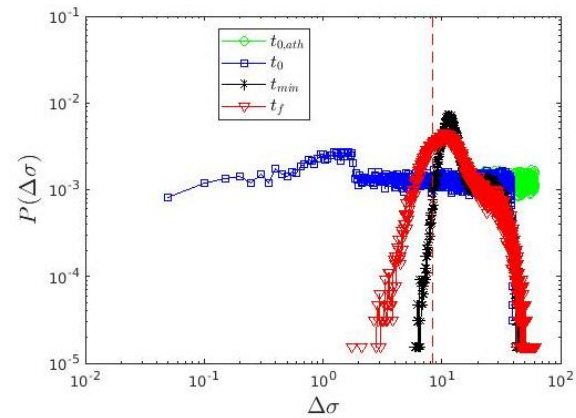
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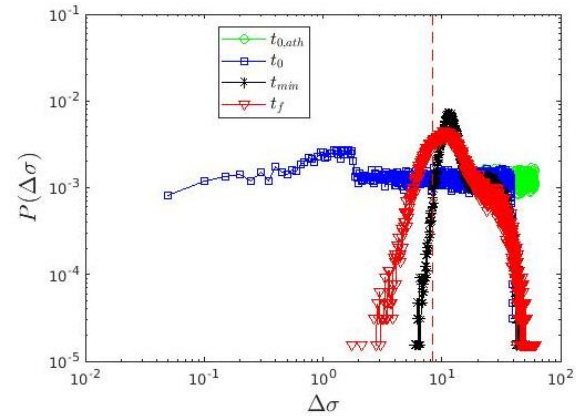
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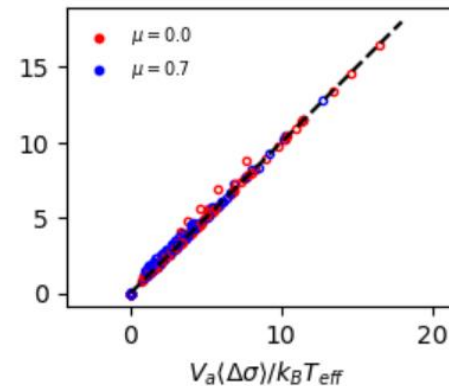
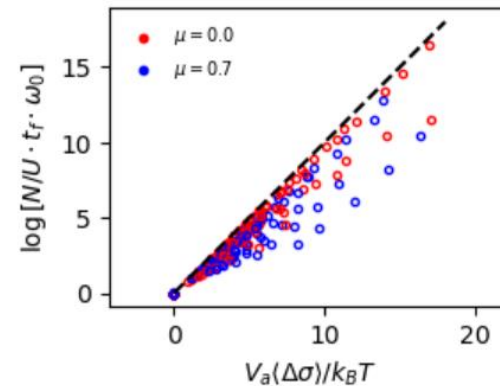
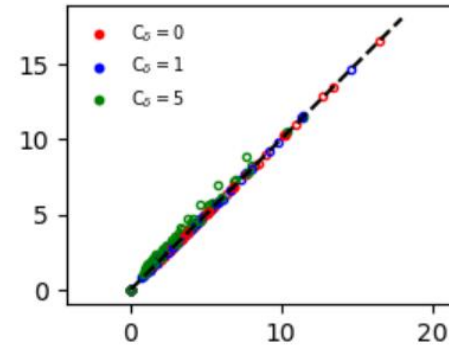
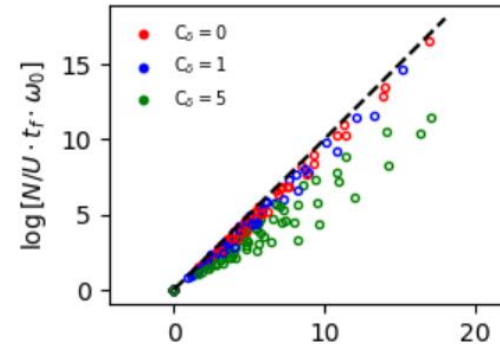
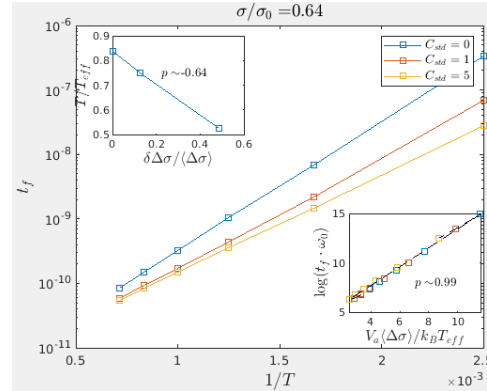


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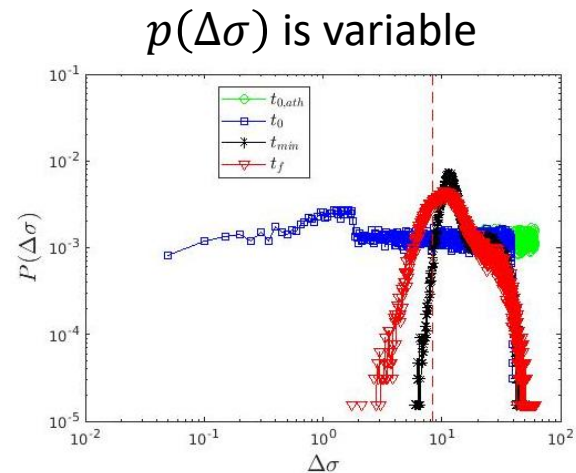
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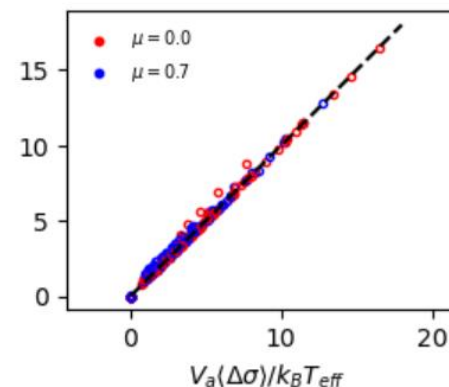
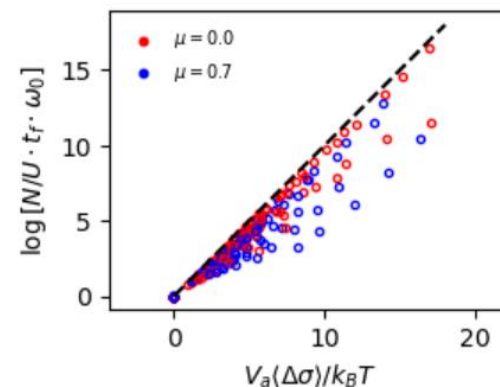
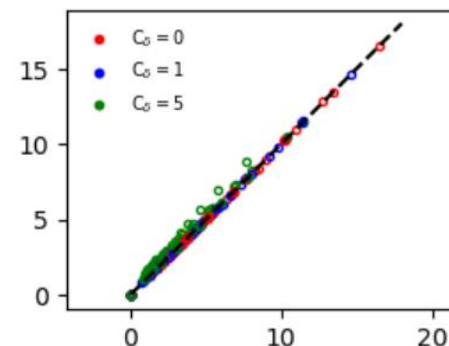
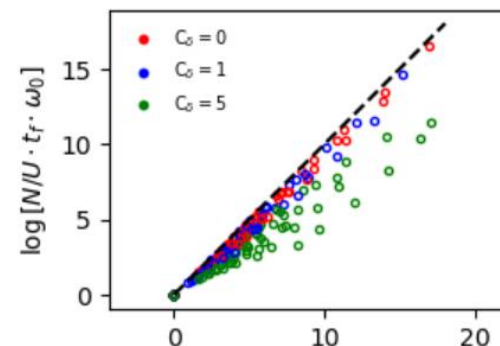
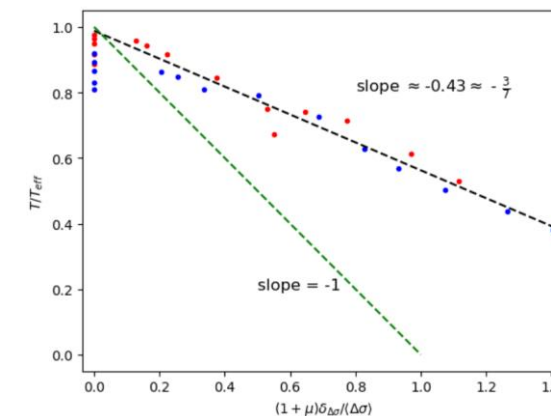
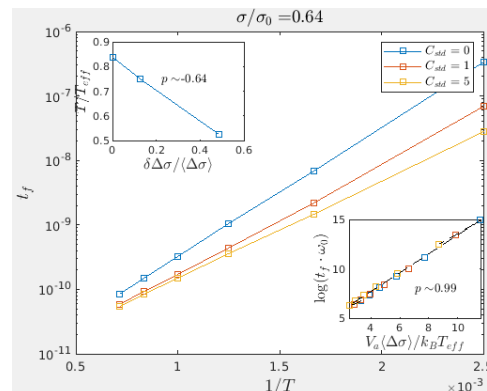
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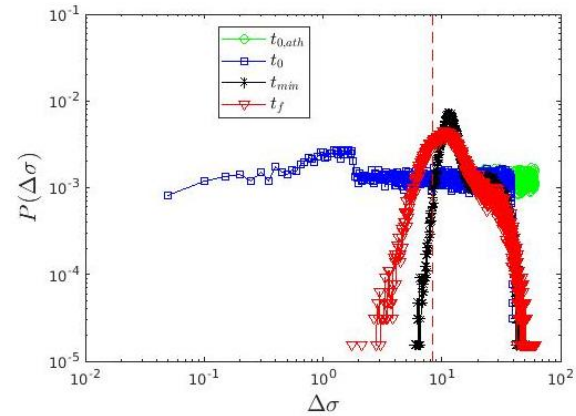
$$\frac{\delta}{\langle \Delta\sigma \rangle} > 0$$

$$k_B T_{eff} \geq k_B T$$

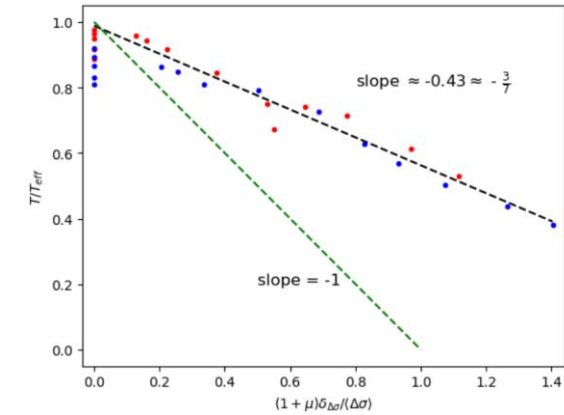
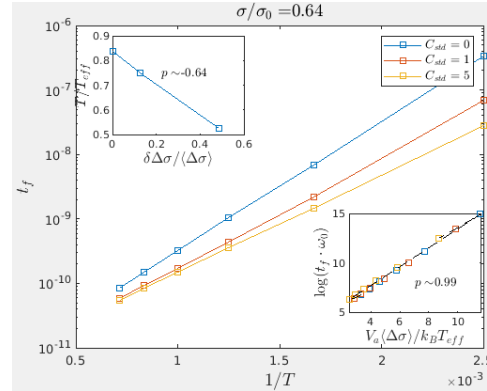
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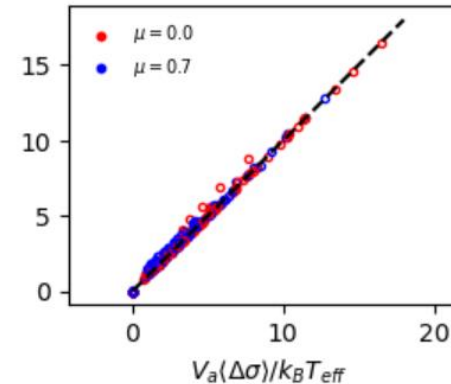
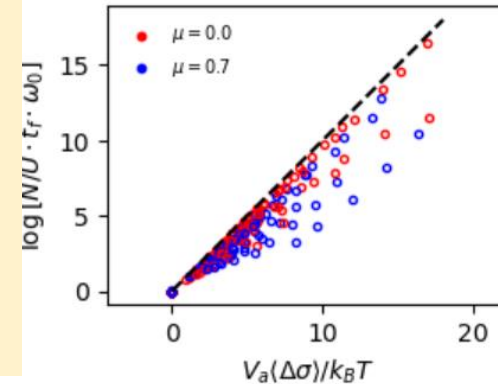
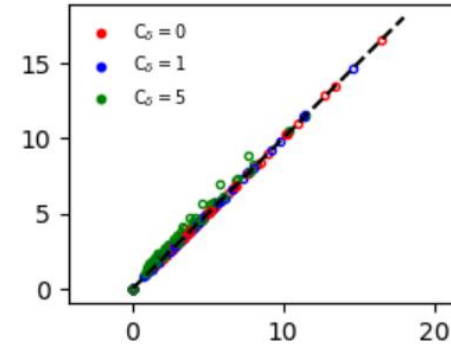
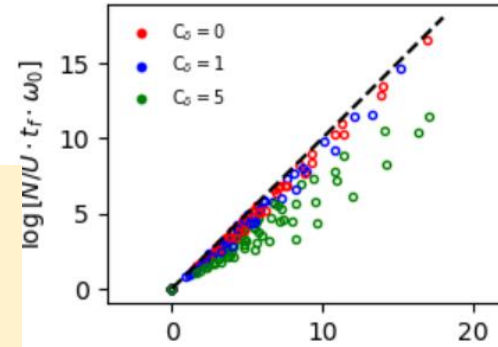
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However



- Initial quenched disorder of the material « amplifies » the temperature and produces an effective one
- The failure time decreases as the disorder increases (the more the medium heterogeneous, the smaller the failure time is)
- As the disorder increases, the derivative of failure time with respect to KT decreases (failure time becomes less sensitive to the effective value of thermal noise).



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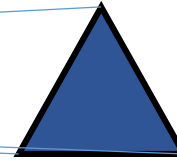
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Problem:

Macroscale



Microscale



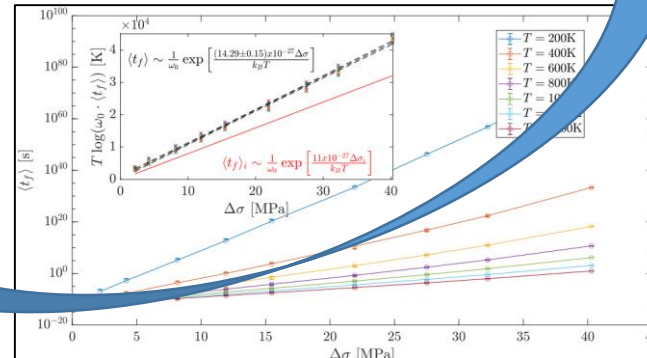
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The obtention of the activation volume at macroscale is more complex than only use the Arrhenius expression

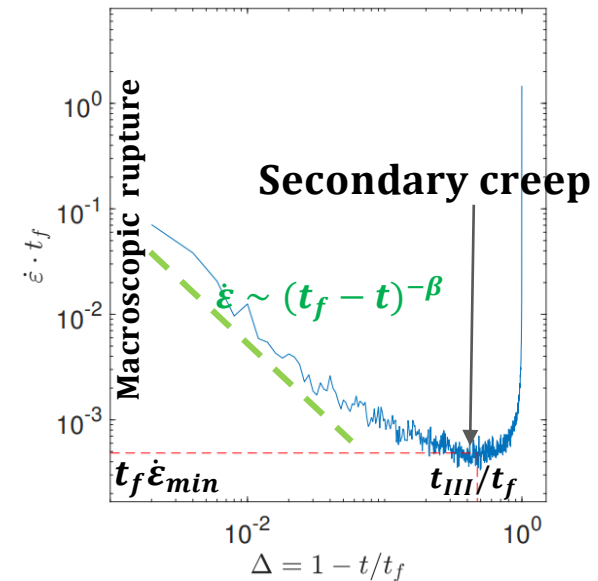
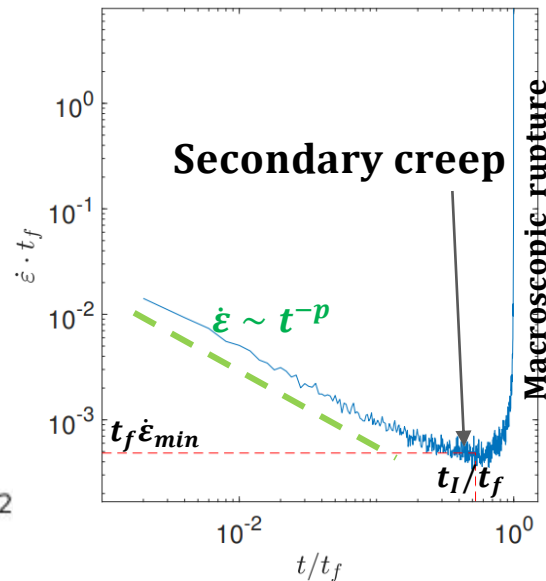
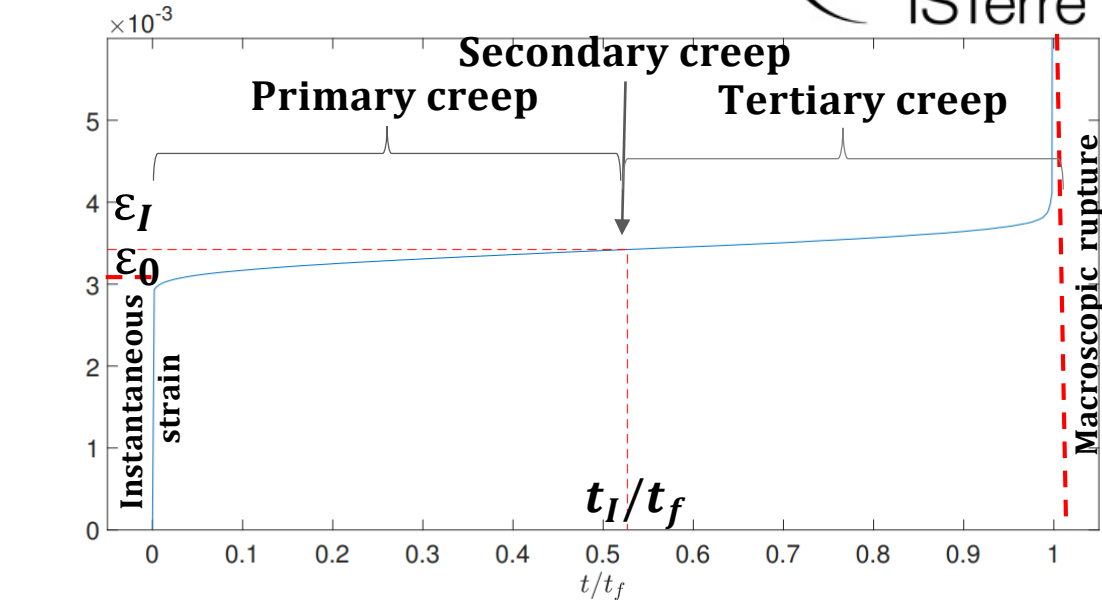
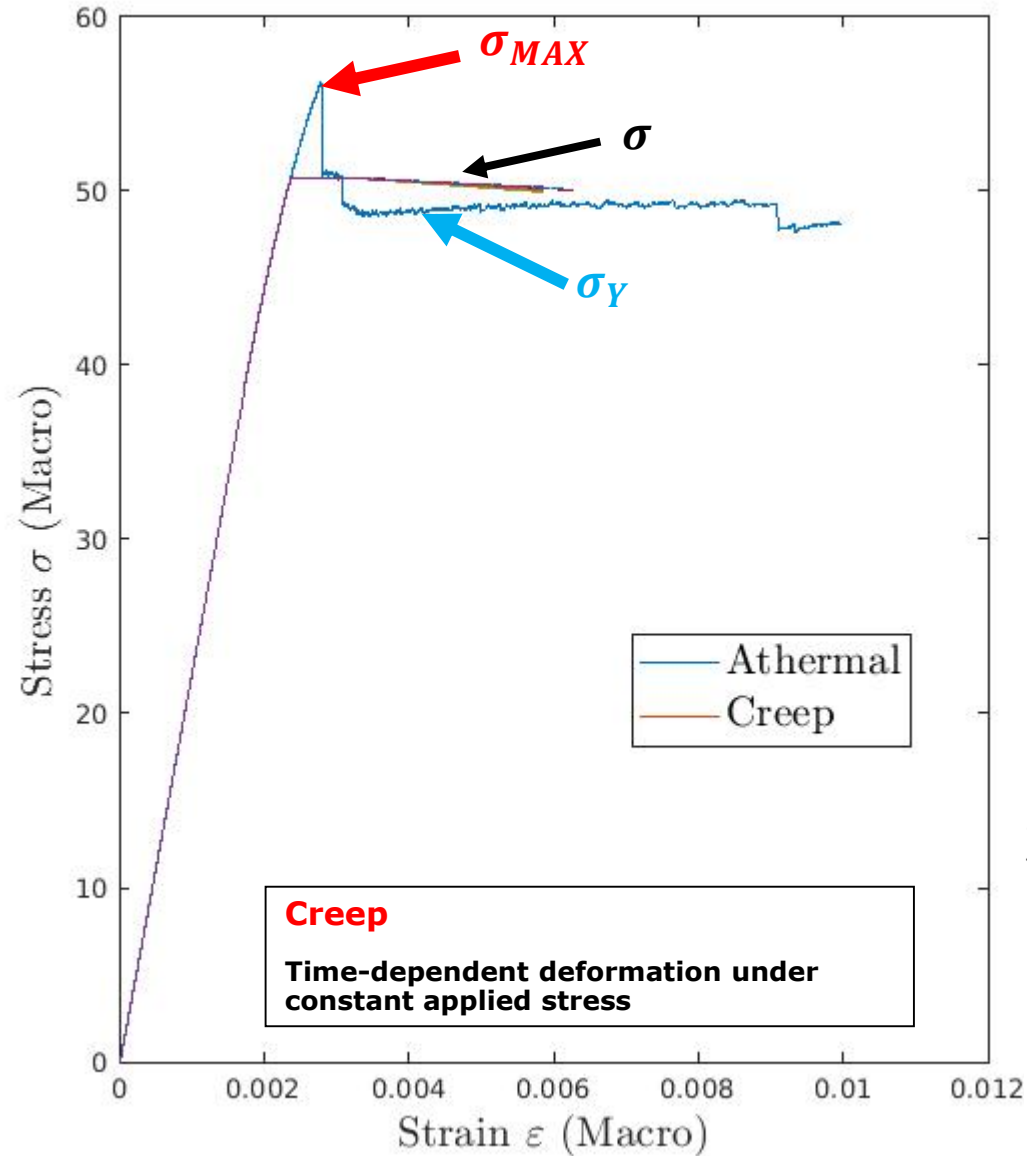
It is important to include a disorder effect to compute the real activation volume

Downscaling



Quenched initial uniform disorder

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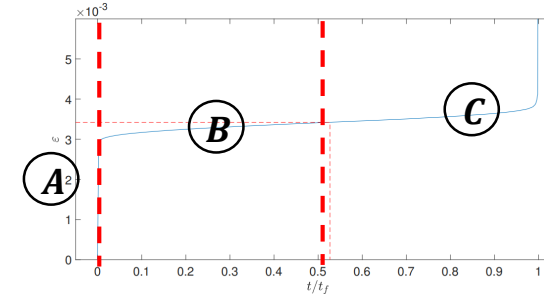
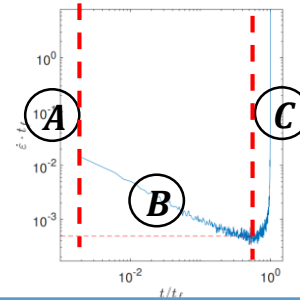


4. Results

4.4 Acceleration of deformation during the tertiary creep

Spatial correlation of damage events

System Sizes $L = 128$
 Number of simulations $N = 1$
 Temperature $T = 800 \text{ K}$
 Stress ratio $\sigma/\sigma_Y = 0,72 \quad (\sigma = 0,72\sigma_Y)$



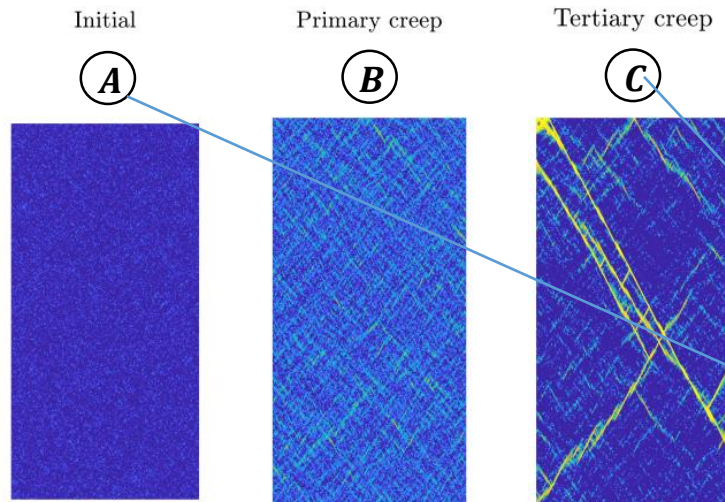
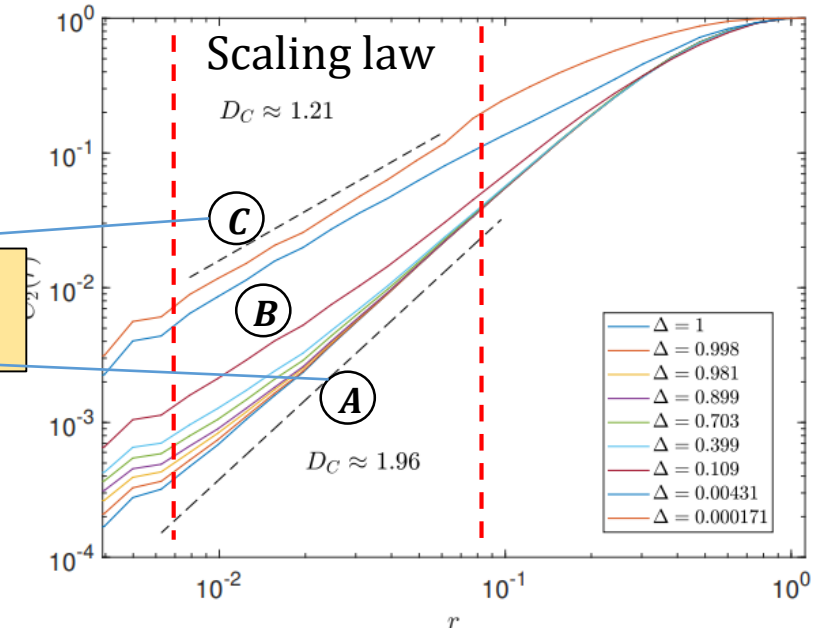
$$dL^{-1} < r < \sqrt{5} d$$

$$C_2(r) = \frac{2\aleph_r(R < r)}{\aleph(\aleph - 1)} \sim r^{D_c}$$

Hirata et al., 1987

Fractal behaviour of damage events??

$D_c \approx 1$ Perfect damage localisation
 $D_c \approx 2$ Homogeneous damage



Damage events field (Damage localisation)

$$\frac{E_{i,0} - E_i}{E_{i,0}} = 1 - (1 - D)^{N_i}$$

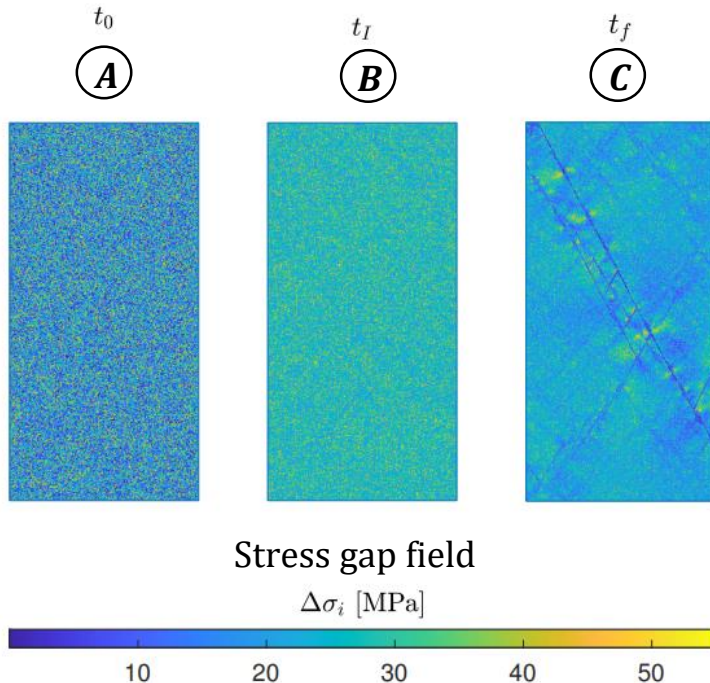
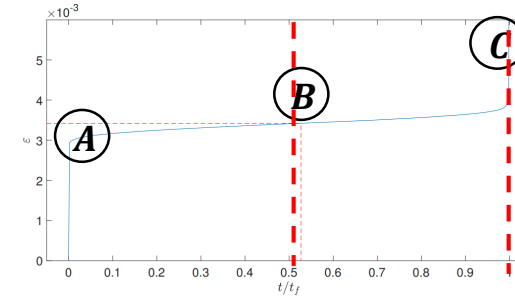
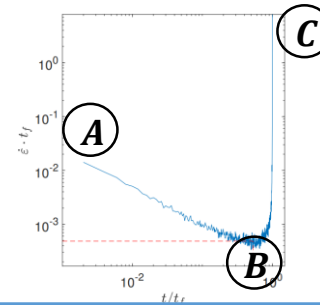


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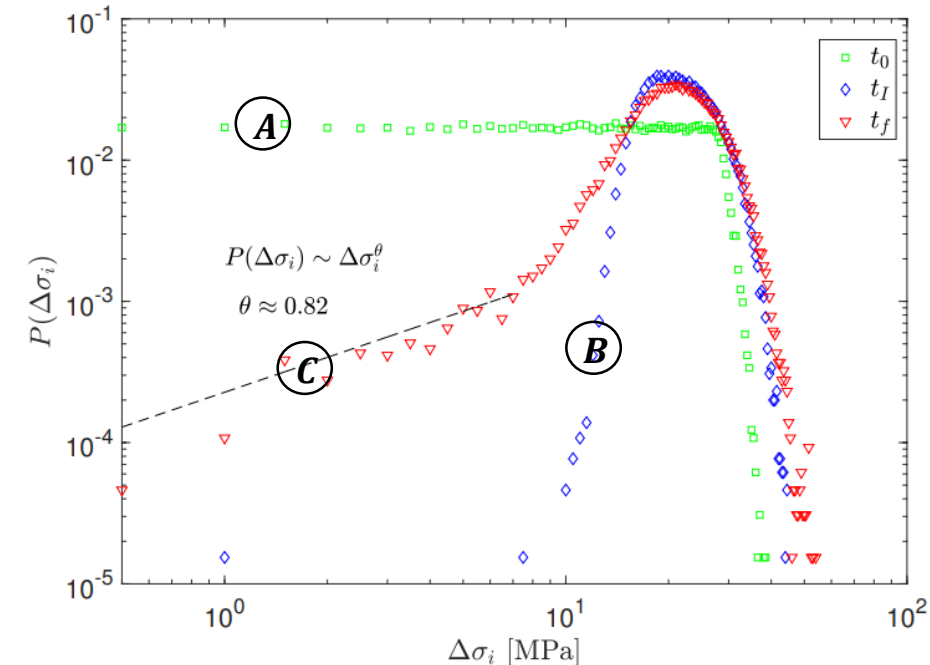
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Stress gap distribution

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| Macro stress gap | $\Delta\sigma \approx 11$ MPa |



$P(\Delta\sigma_i) \sim \Delta\sigma_i^\theta$
Lin et al., 2014
Power law tail towards small stress gaps

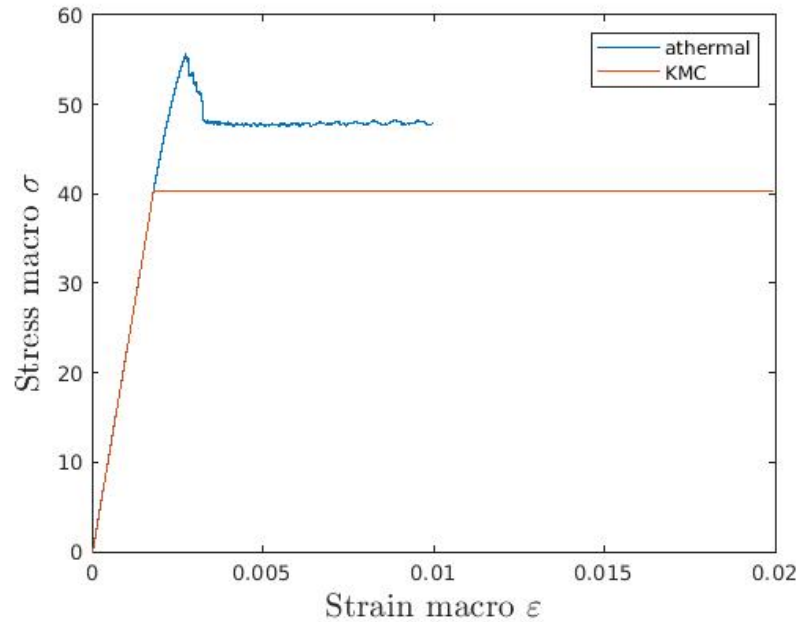
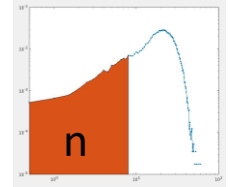


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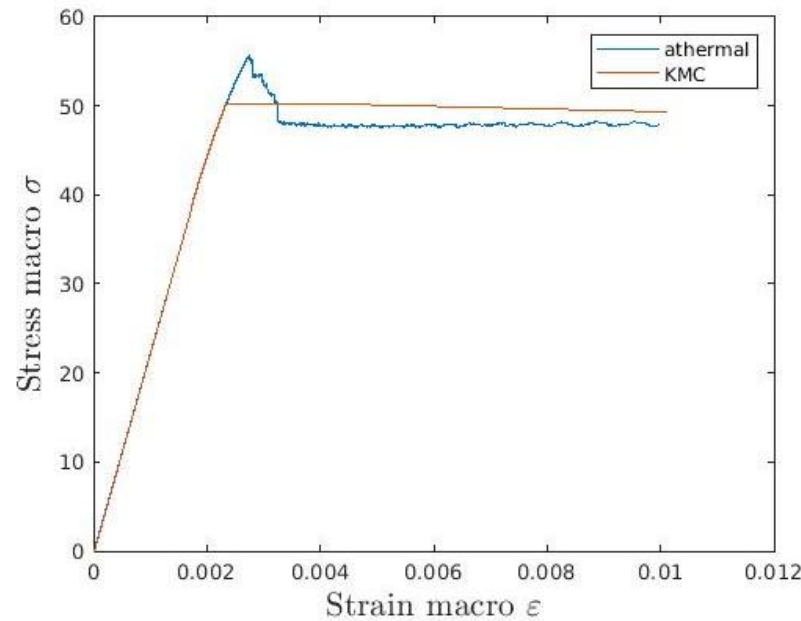
4.1 Size effect of the stress gap

System Sizes $L = \{8, 16, 32, 64\}$
Number of simulations $N = \{291, 68, 17, 4\}$
Temperature $T = 800 \text{ K}$
Stress ratio σ/σ_{MAX} σ/σ_Y
Macro stress gap

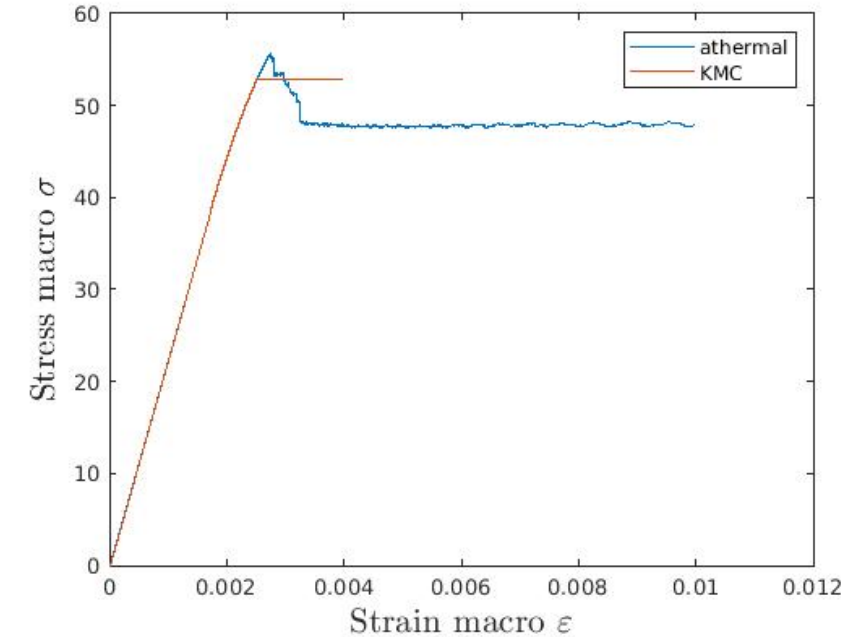
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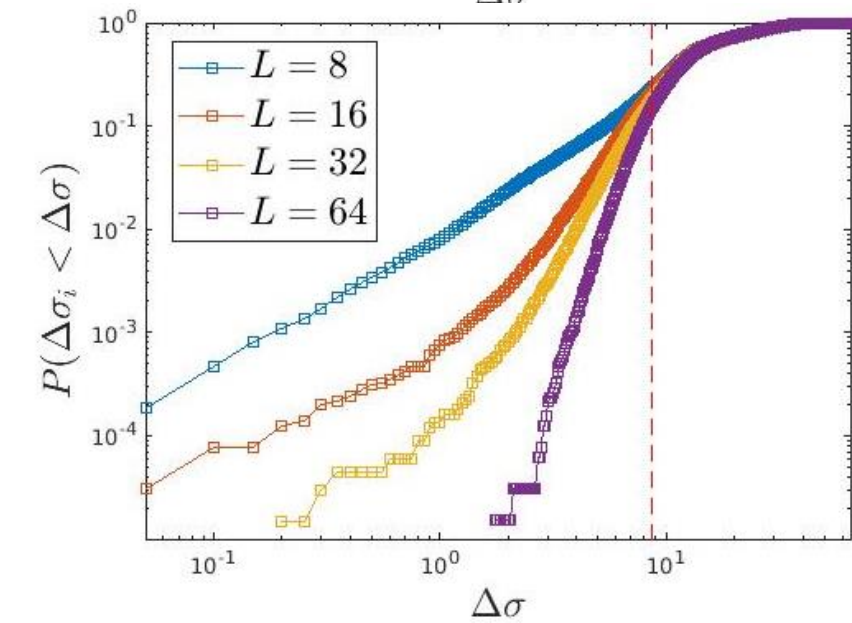
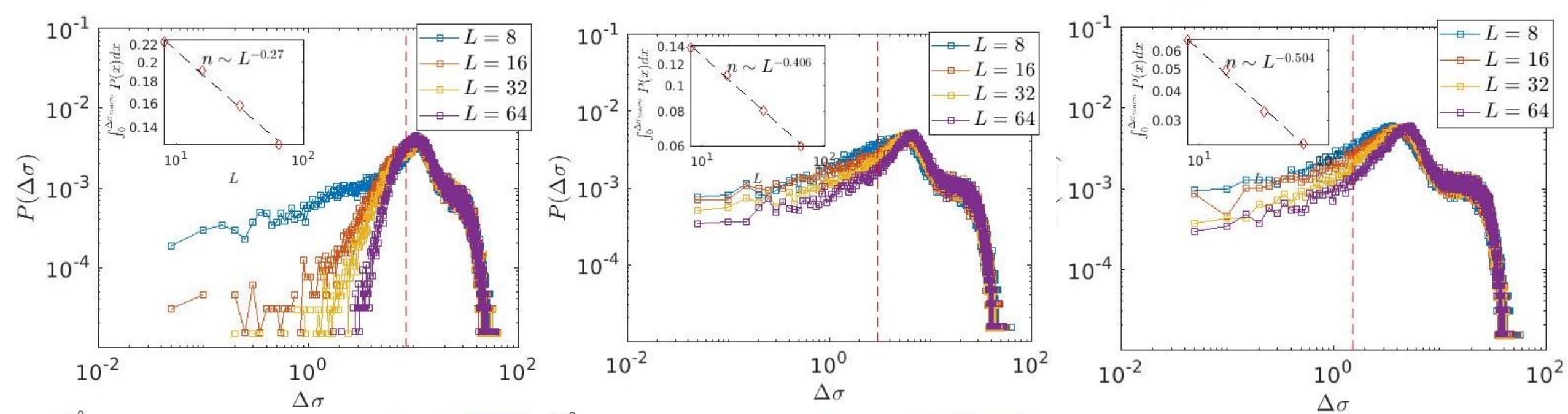
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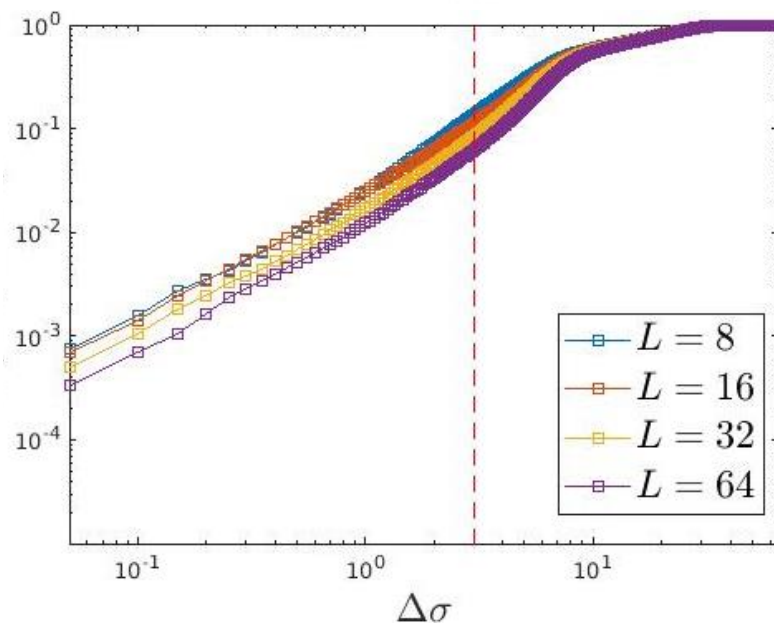
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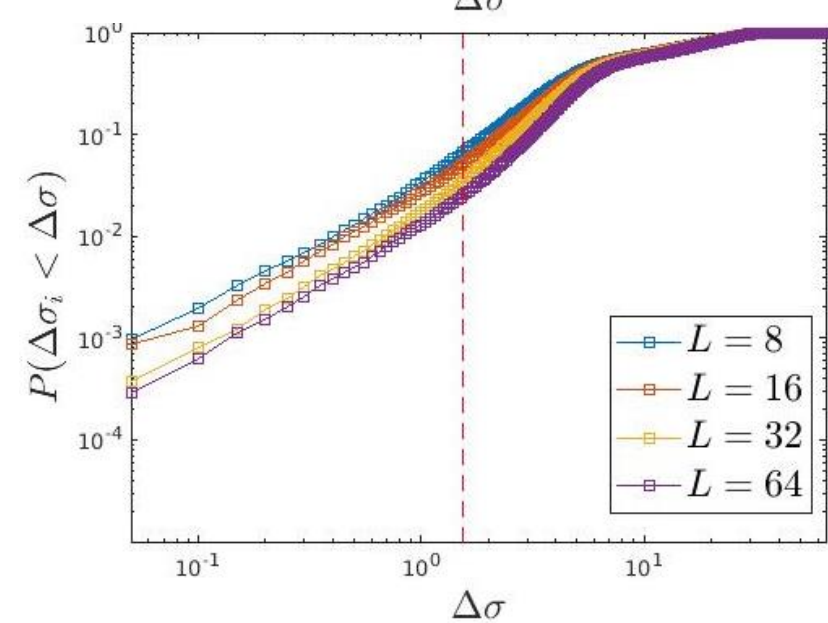
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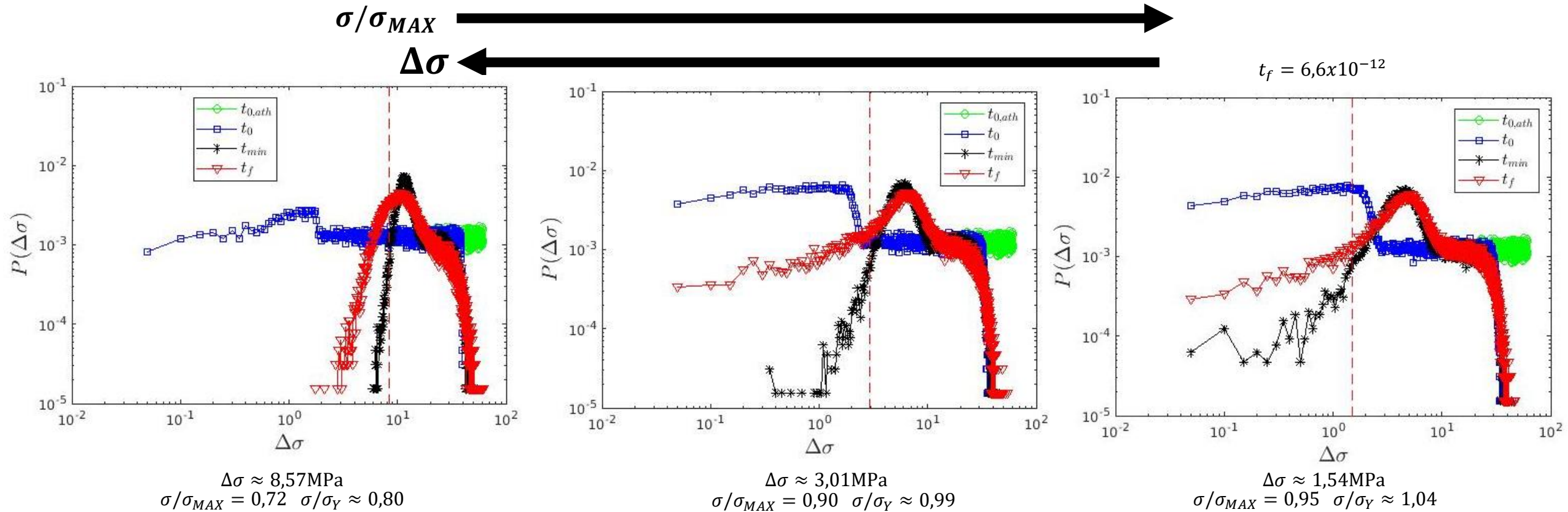
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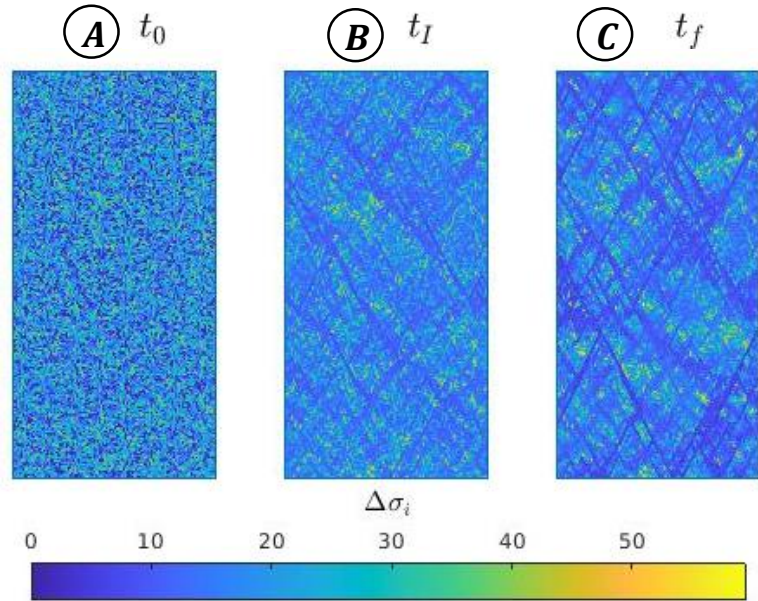
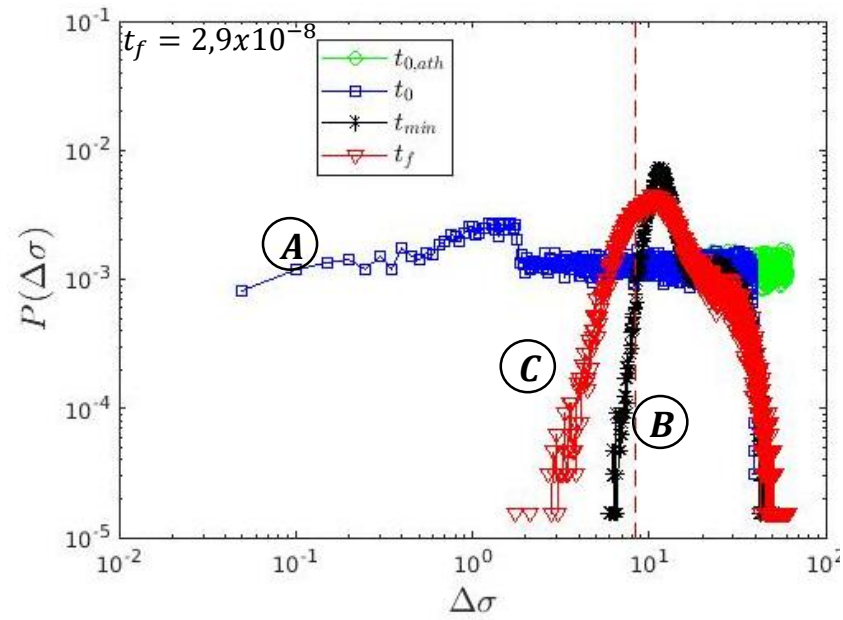
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4.4 Stress ratio effect

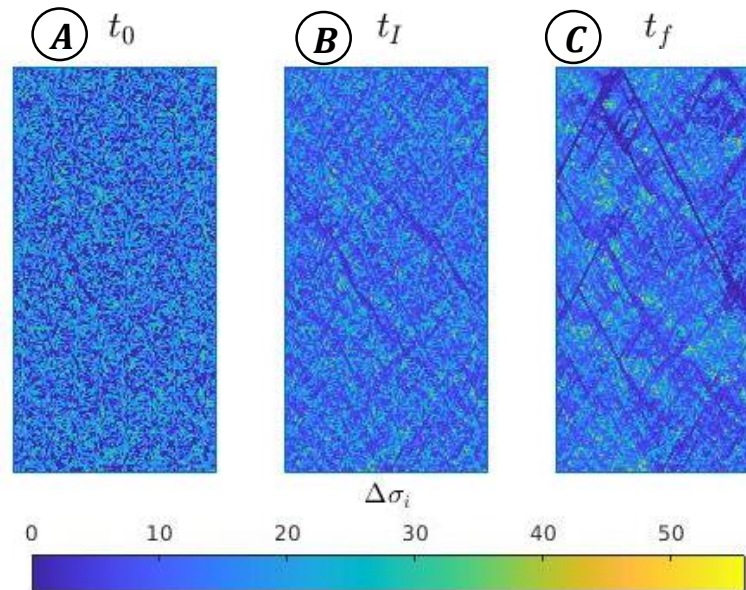
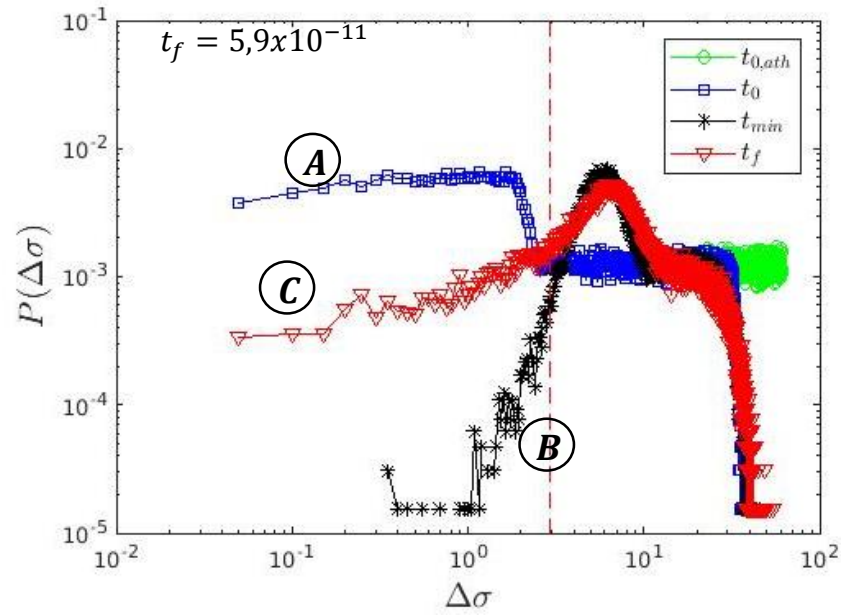
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 Stress ratio σ/σ_{MAX} σ/σ_Y
 Macro stress gap

Stress ratio dependence

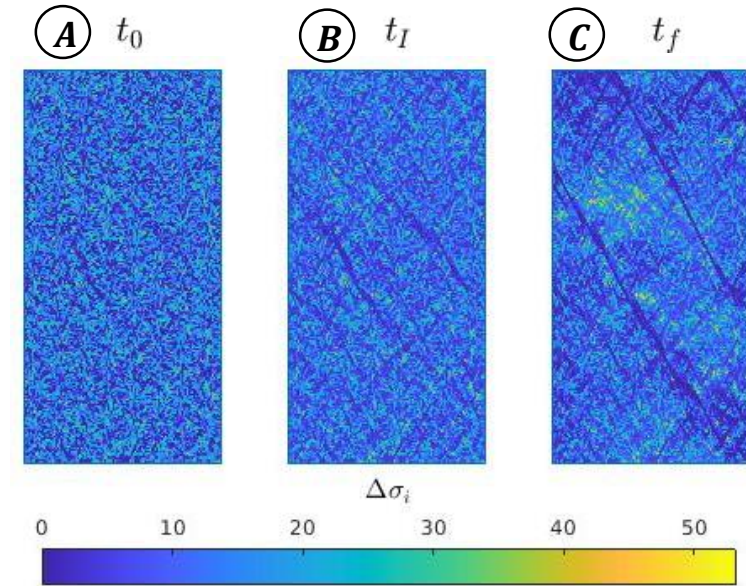
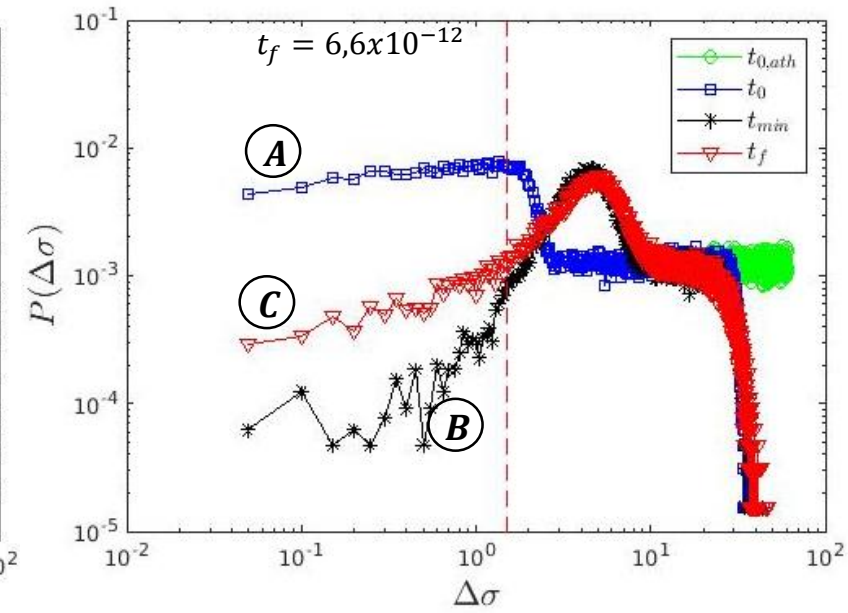




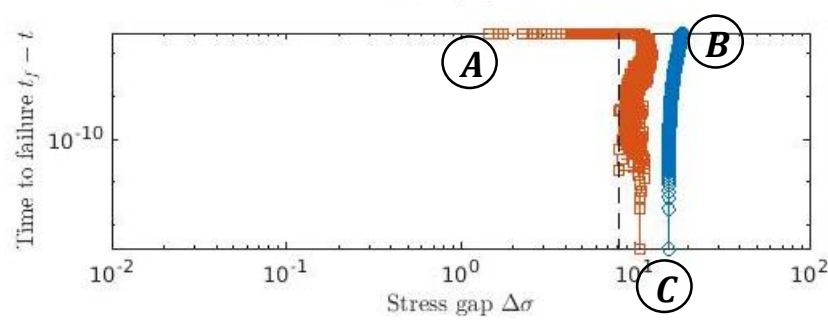
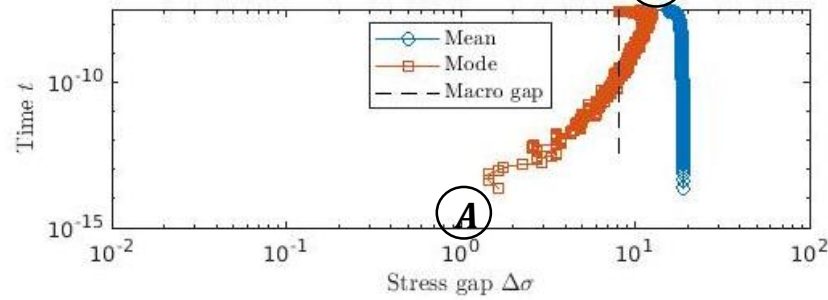
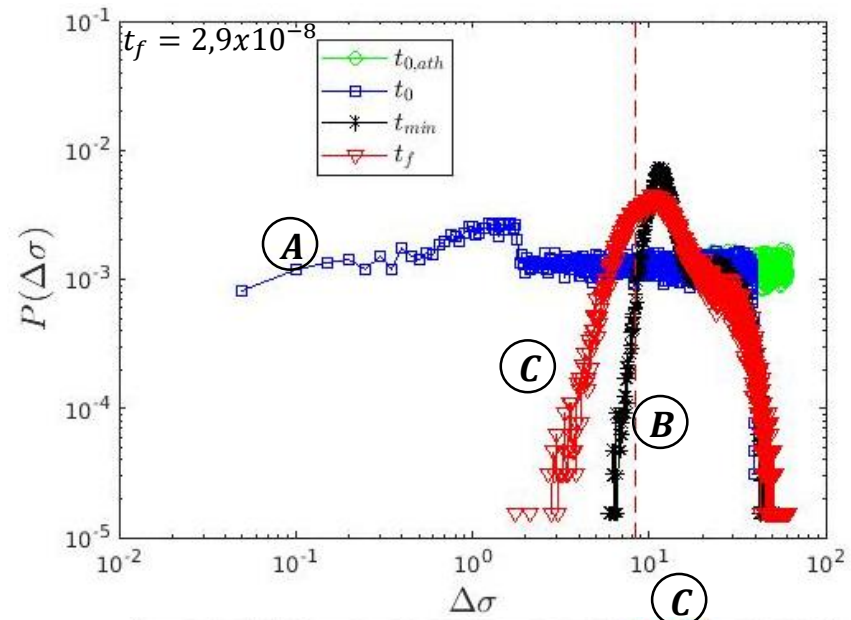
$\Delta\sigma \approx 8,57\text{MPa}$
 $\sigma/\sigma_{MAX} = 0,72$ $\sigma/\sigma_Y \approx 0,80$



$\Delta\sigma \approx 3,01\text{MPa}$
 $\sigma/\sigma_{MAX} = 0,90$ $\sigma/\sigma_Y \approx 0,99$

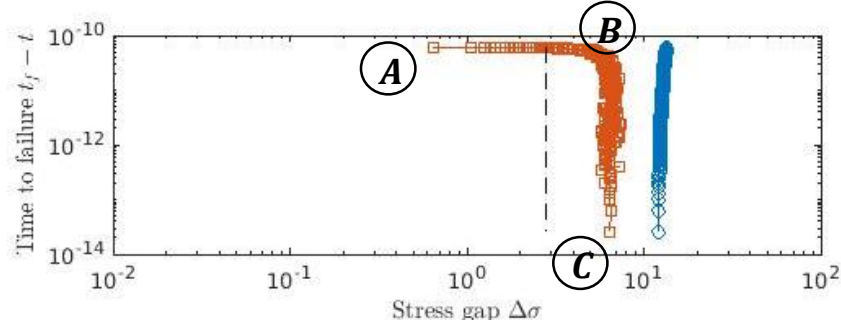
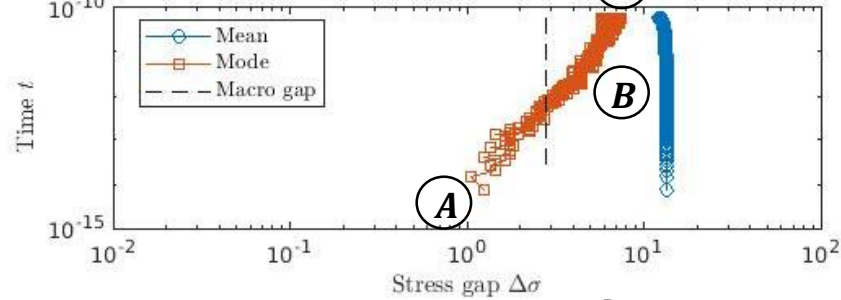
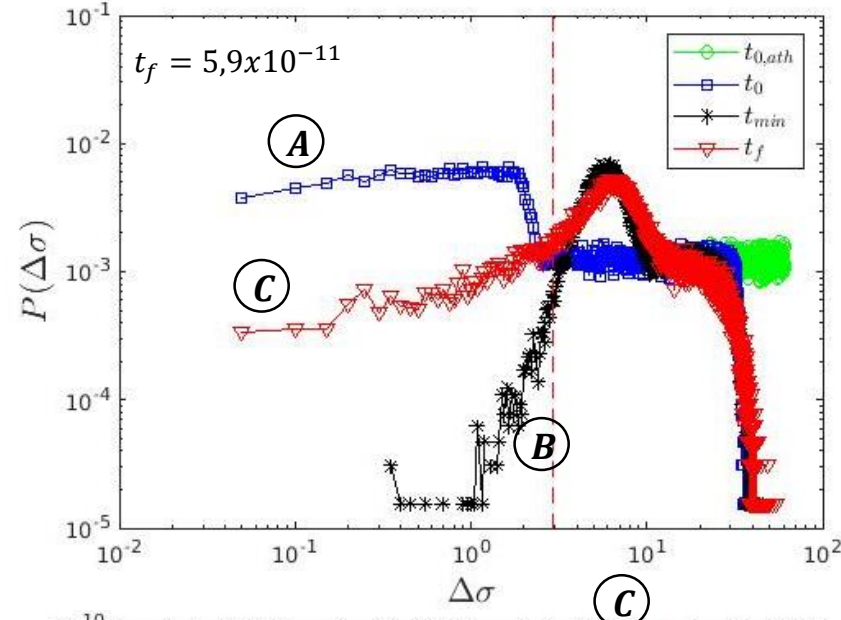


$\Delta\sigma \approx 1,54\text{MPa}$
 $\sigma/\sigma_{MAX} = 0,95$ $\sigma/\sigma_Y \approx 1,04$



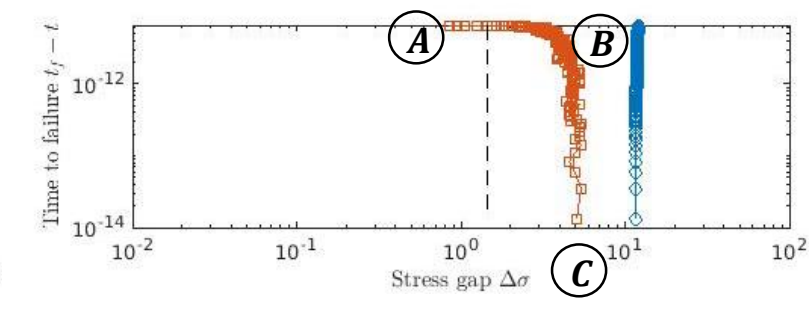
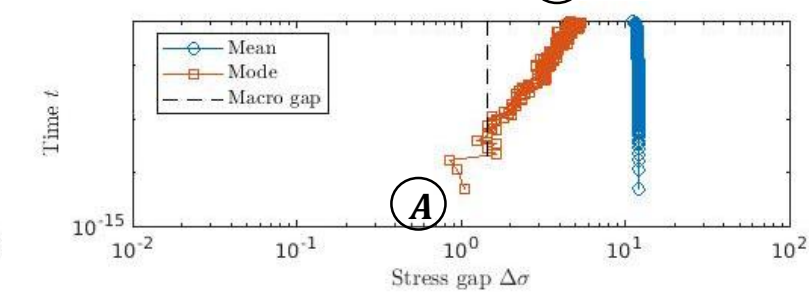
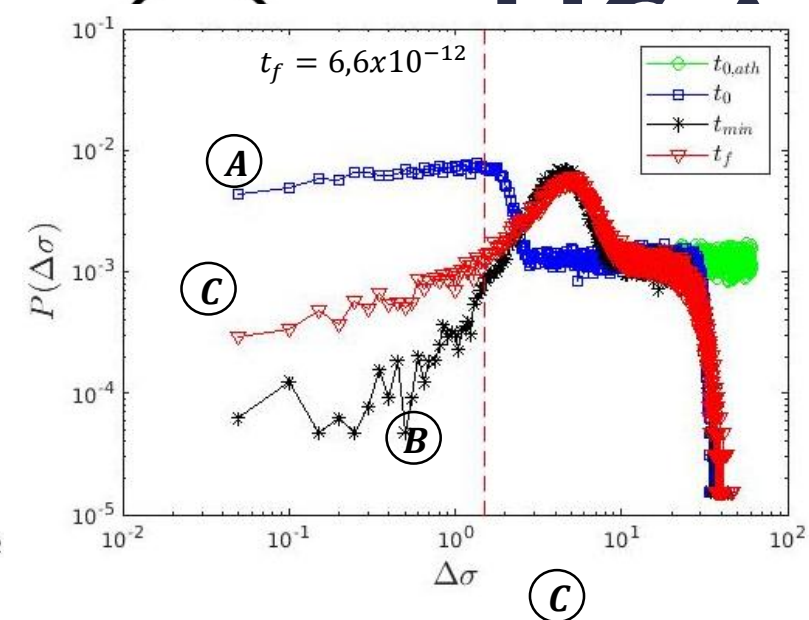
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$$\sigma/\sigma_{MAX} = 0,72 \quad \sigma/\sigma_Y \approx 0,80$$



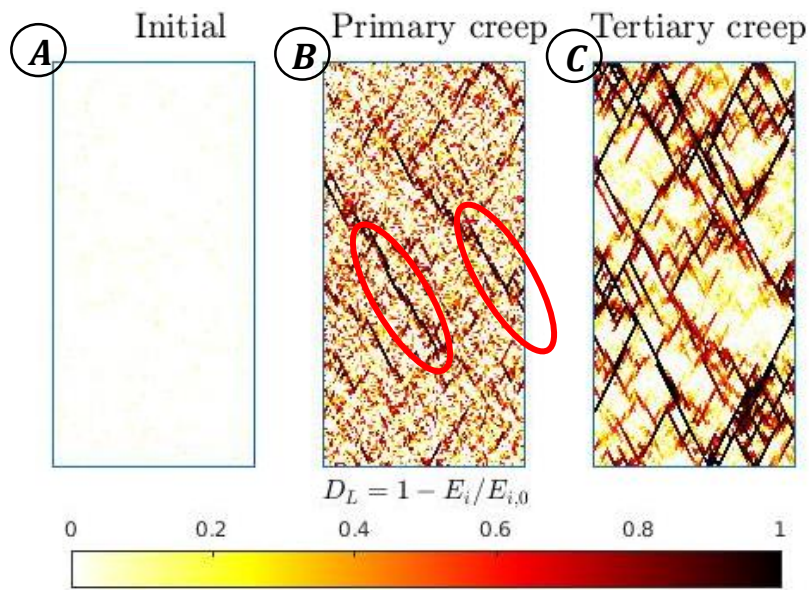
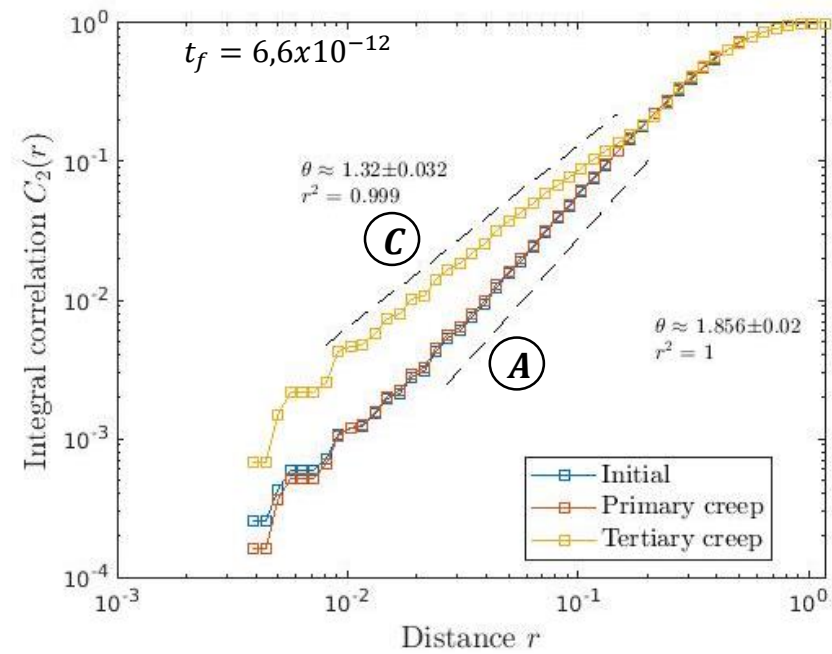
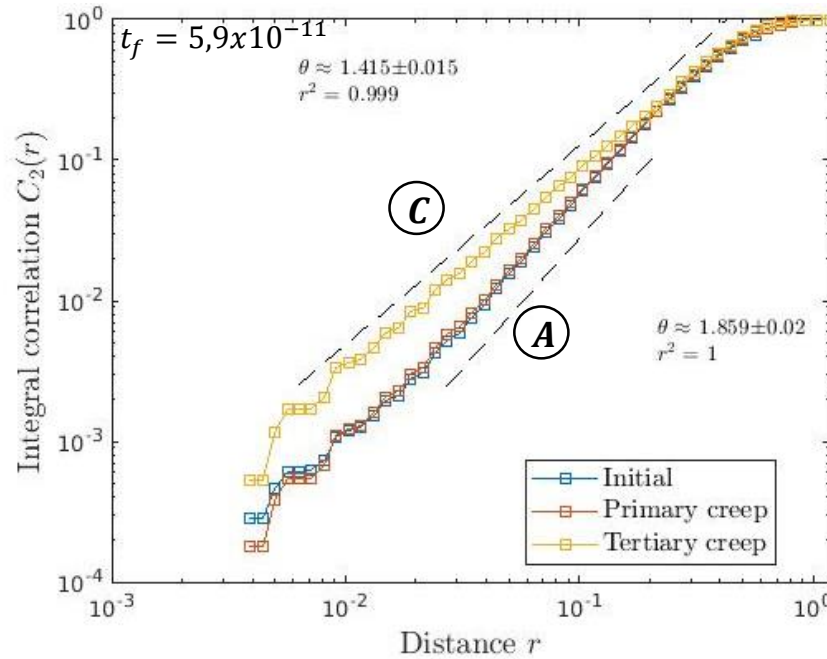
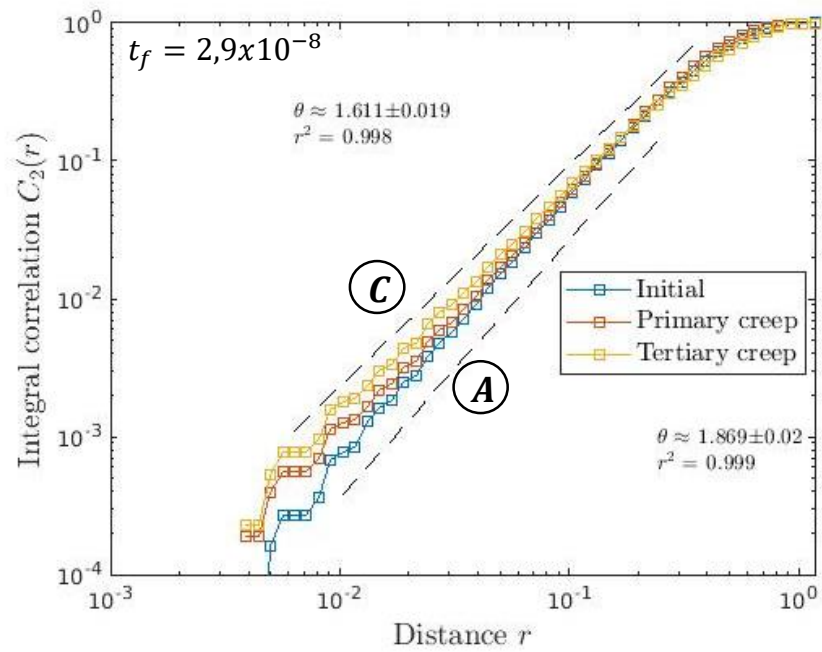
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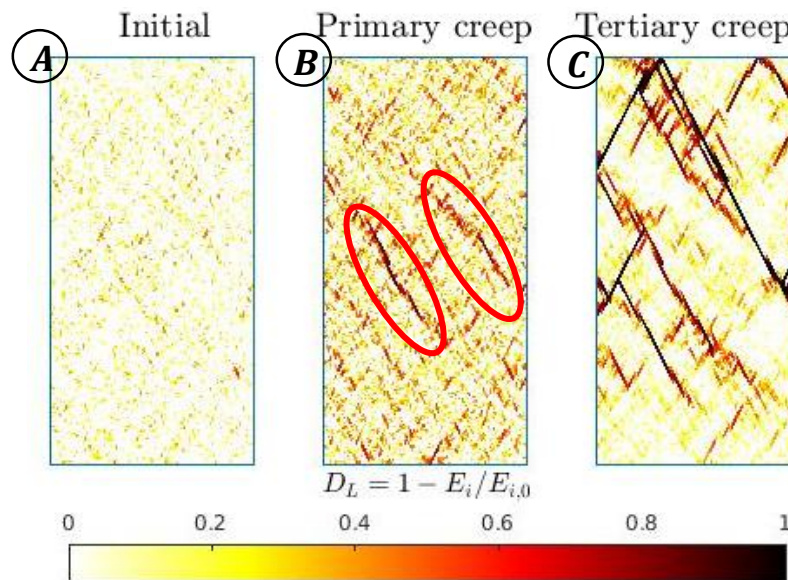


$$\Delta\sigma \approx 1,54 \text{ MPa}$$

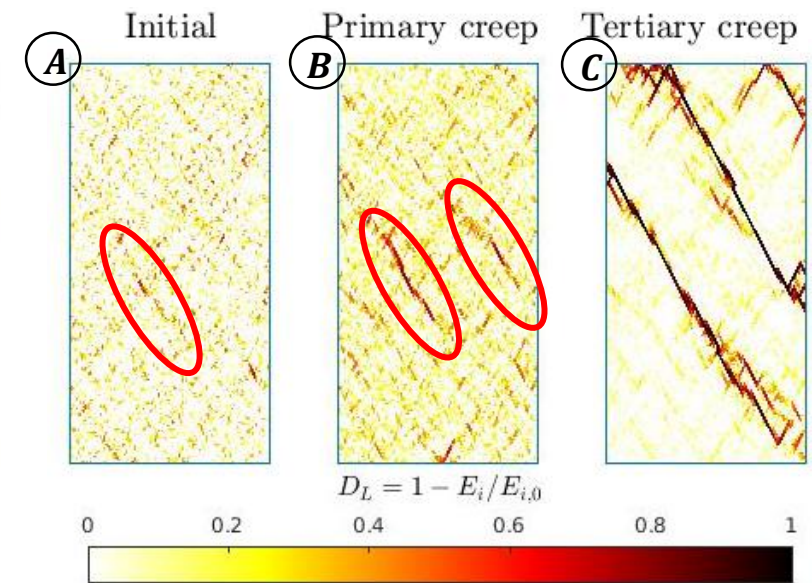
$$\sigma/\sigma_{MAX} = 0,95 \quad \sigma/\sigma_Y \approx 1,04$$



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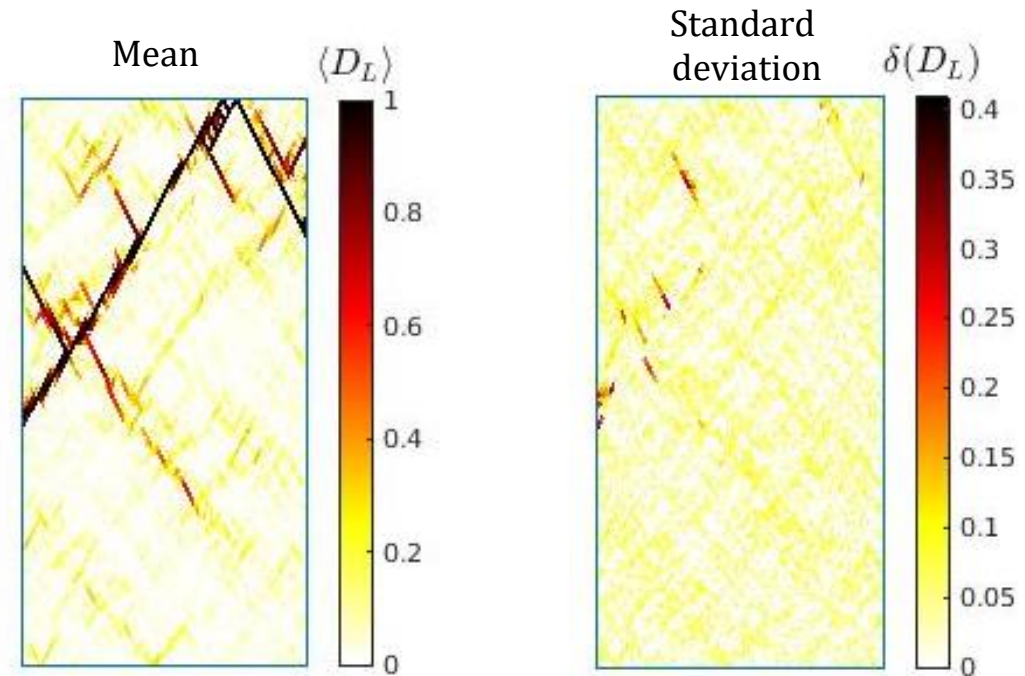
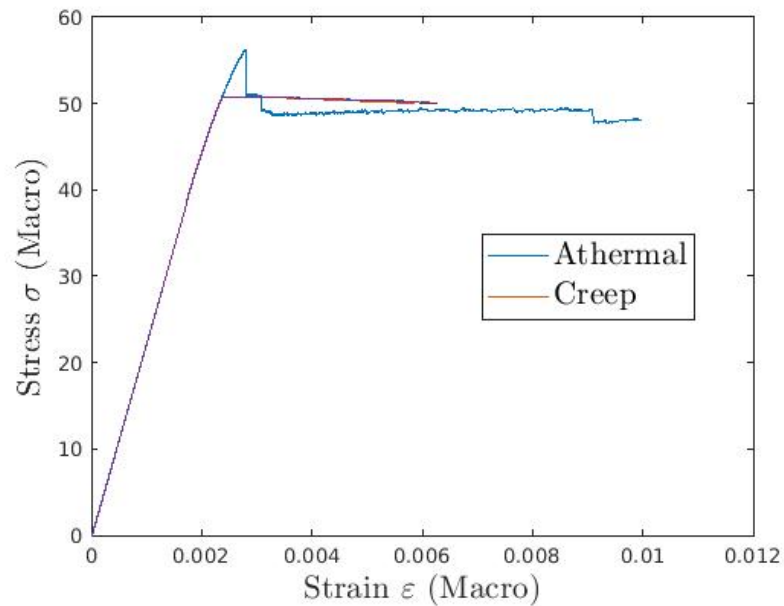
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4.4 Effect of thermal activation (same initial disorder)

System Sizes $L = 64$
Number of simulations $N = 10$
Temperature $T = 800$ K
Stress ratio $\sigma/\sigma_{MAX} = 0,90$ $\sigma/\sigma_Y \approx 0,99$
Macro stress gap $\Delta\sigma \approx 3,01$ MPa

KMC effect: same initial disorder

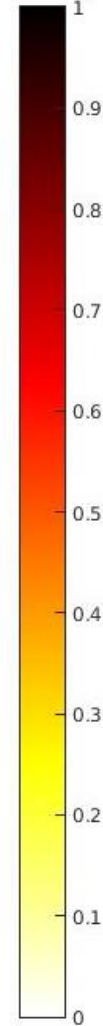


Damage events field (Damage localisation)

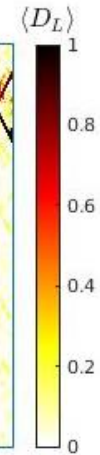


Damage events field (Damage localisation)
for each simulation

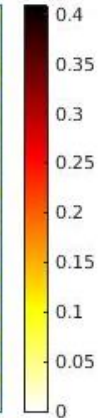
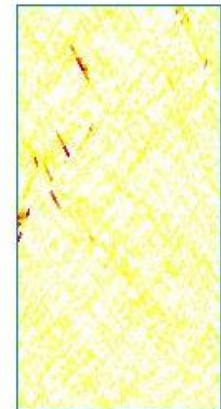
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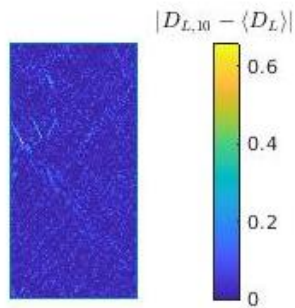
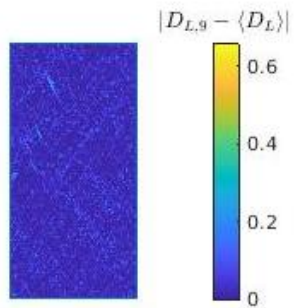
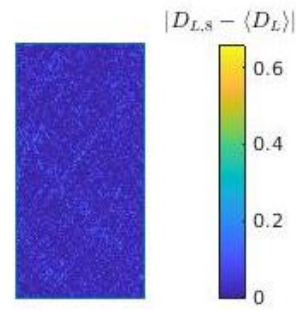
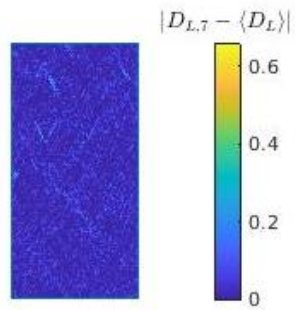
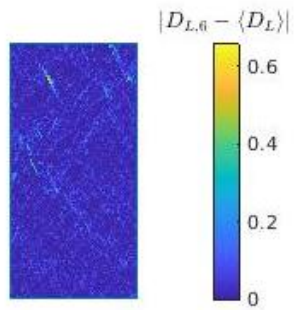
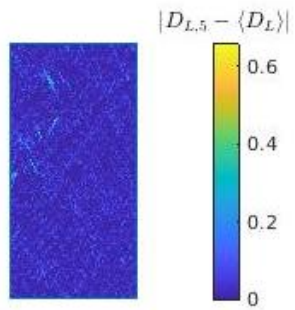
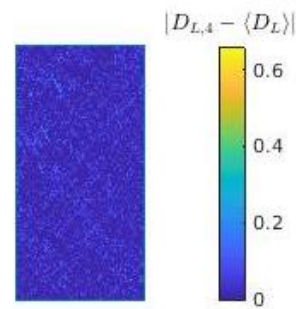
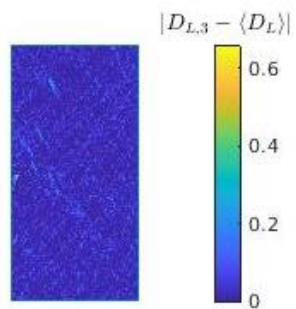
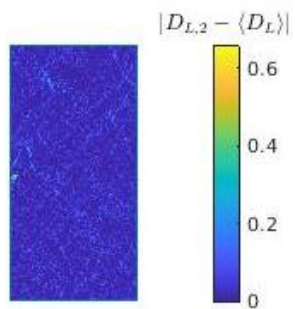
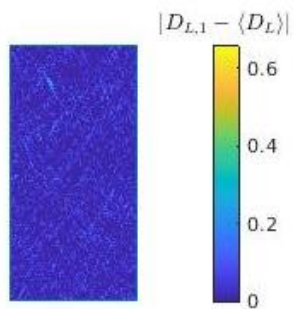


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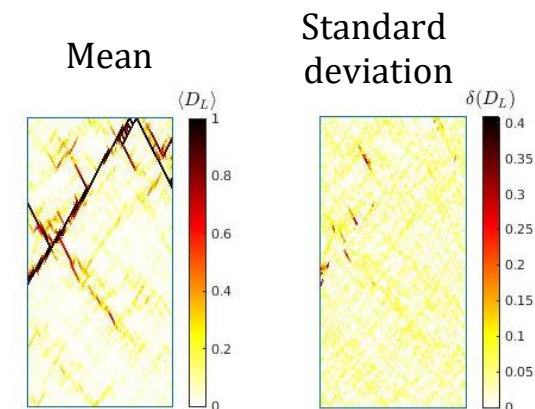


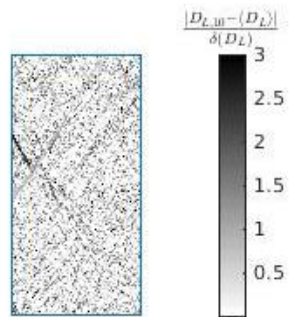
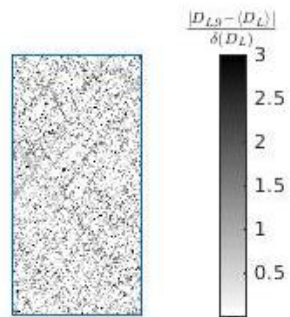
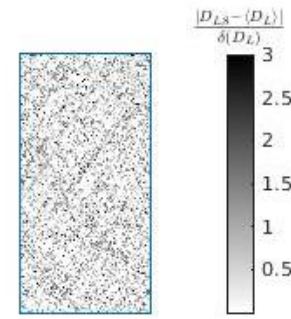
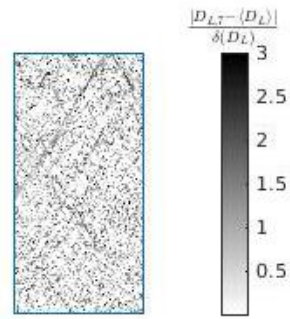
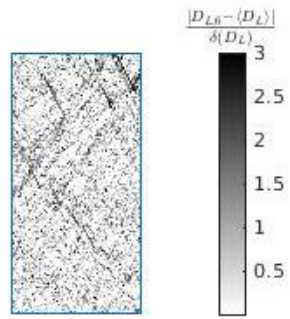
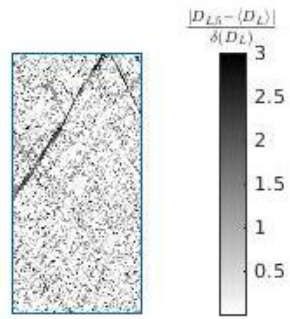
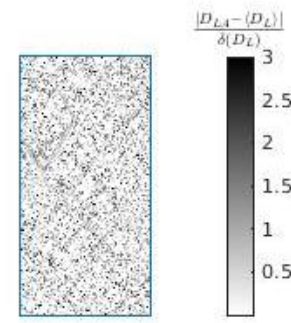
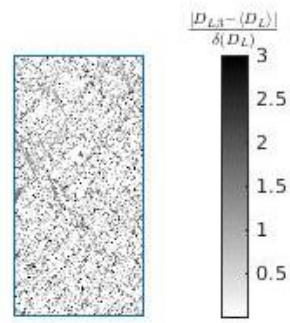
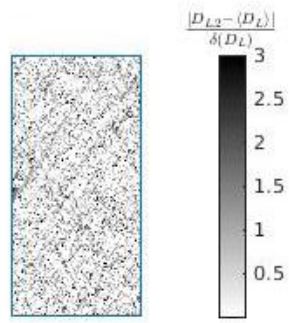
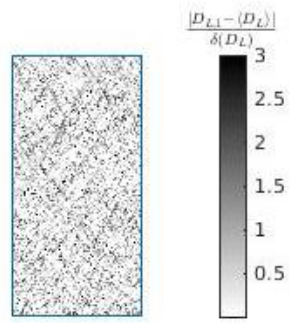
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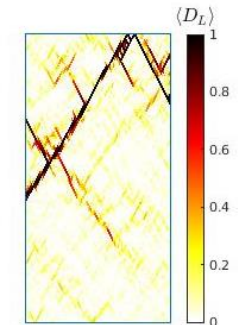
Damage events field (Damage localisation)
for each simulation
Damaged field – Mean of Damaged field
 $D_L - \langle D_L \rangle$



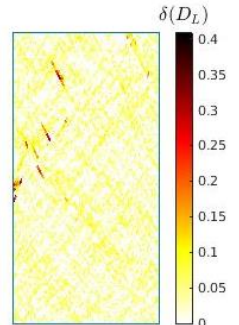


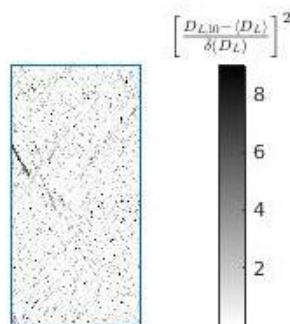
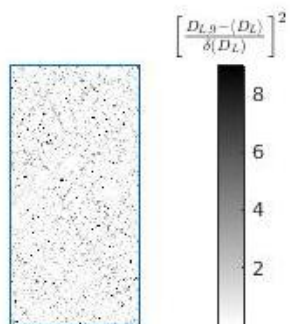
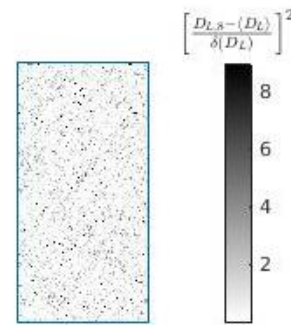
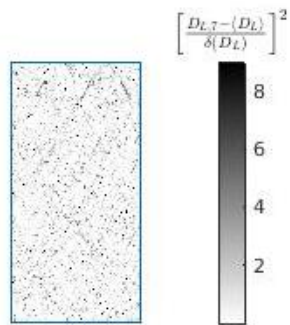
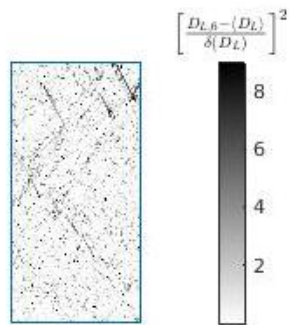
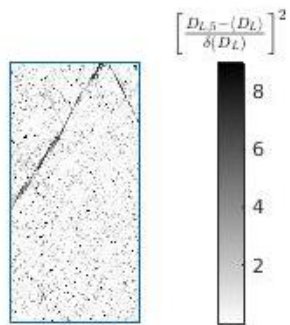
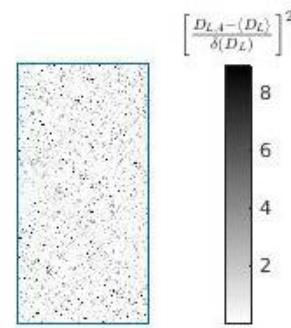
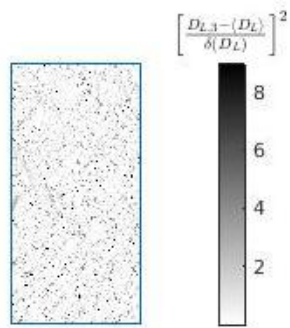
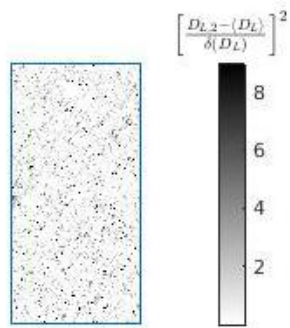
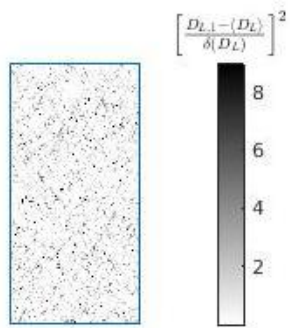
Damage events field (Damage localisation)
for each simulation
$$z = \frac{D_L - \langle D_L \rangle}{\delta D_L}$$

Mean



Standard deviation

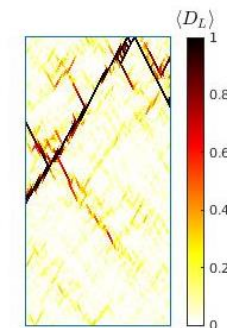




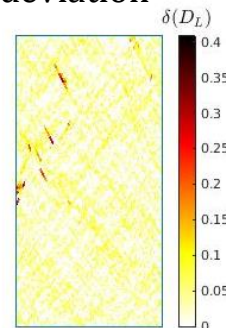
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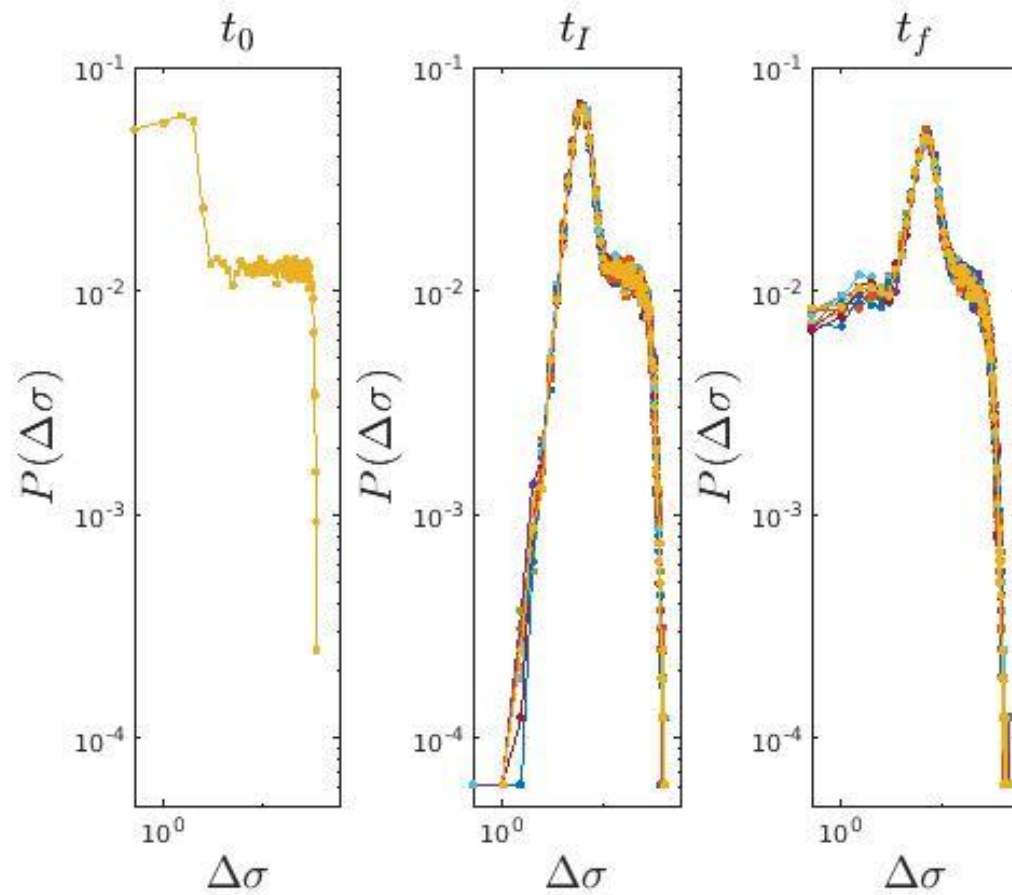
$$z^2 = \left(\frac{D_L - \langle D_L \rangle}{\delta D_L} \right)^2$$

Mean

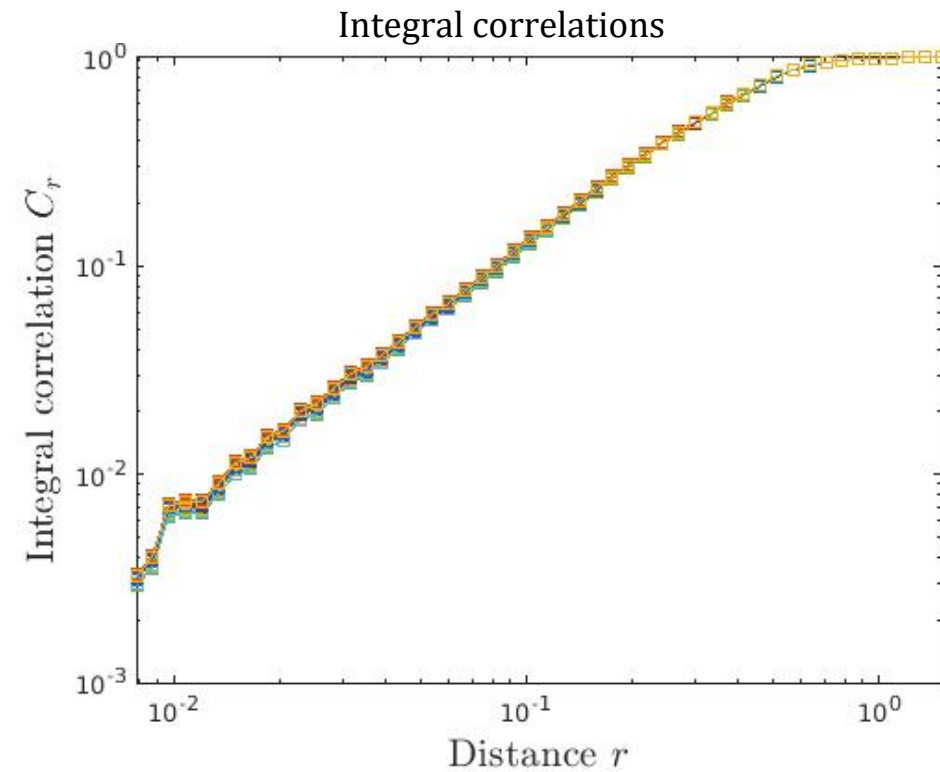


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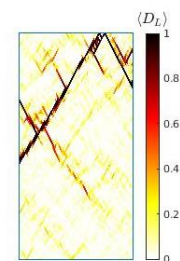




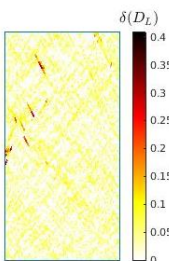
Stress gap probability distributions



Mean



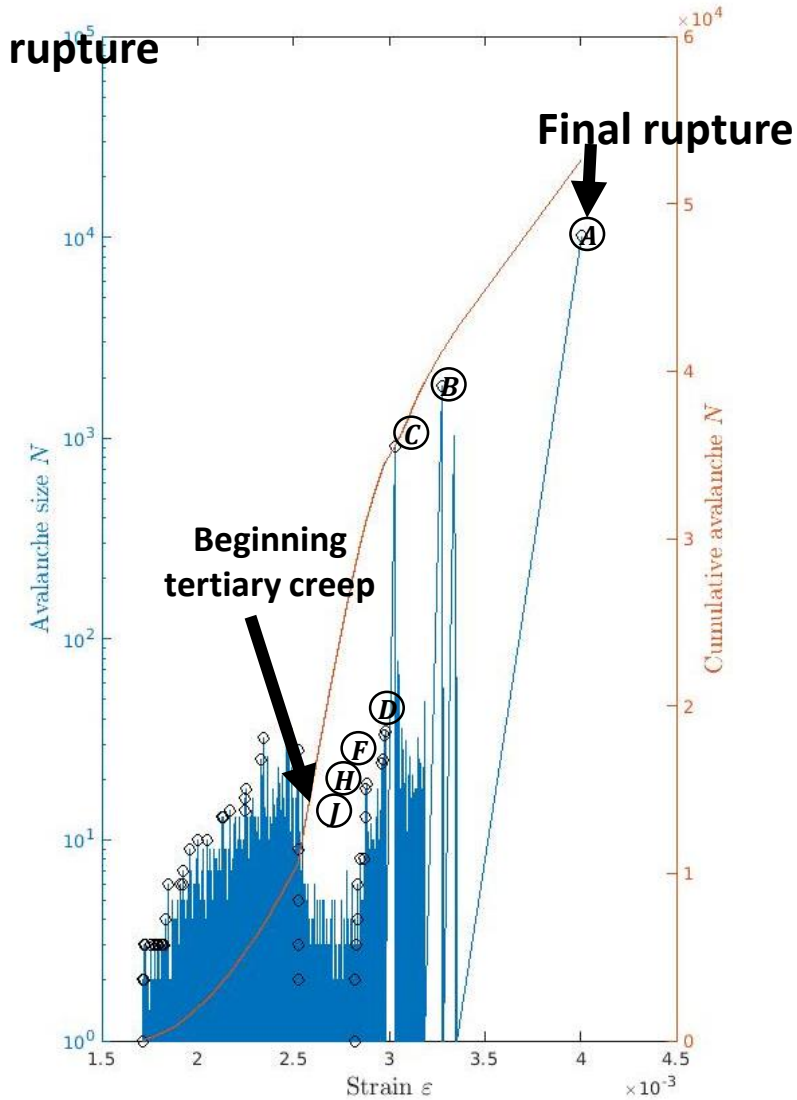
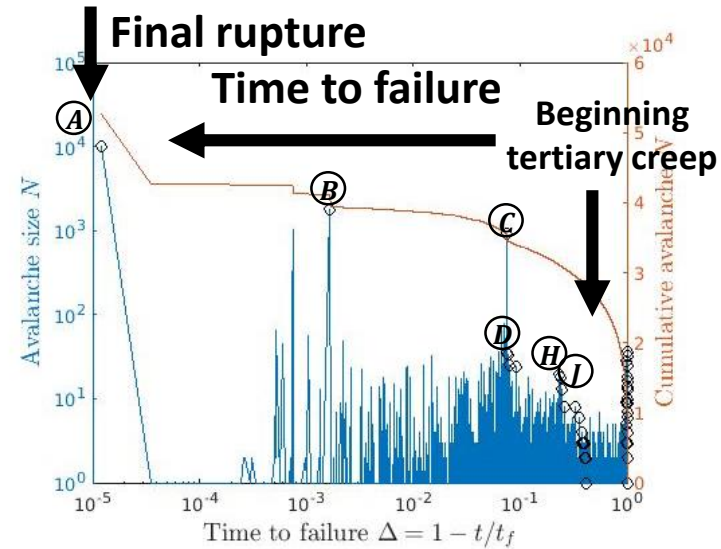
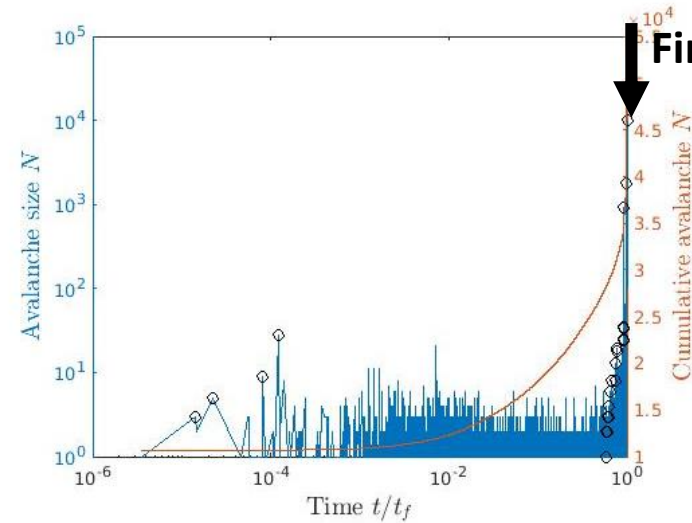
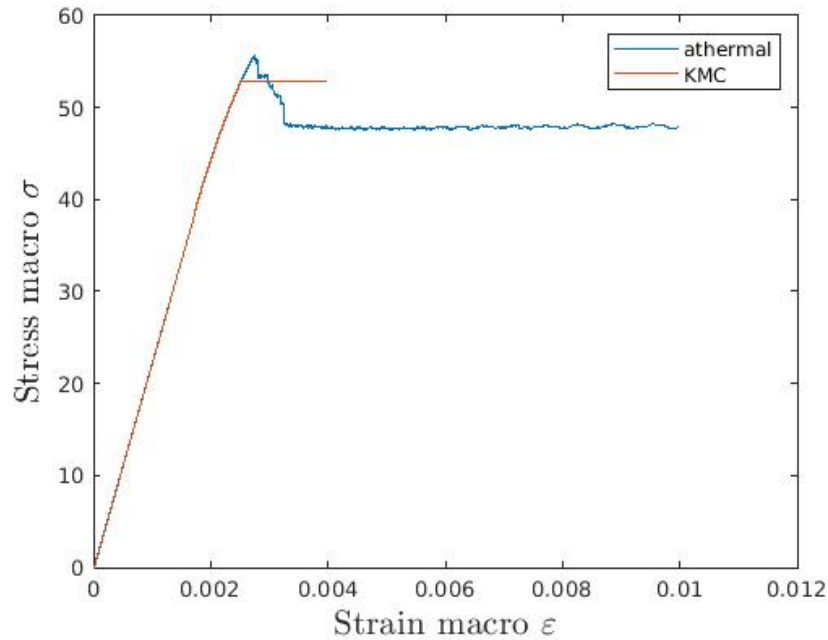
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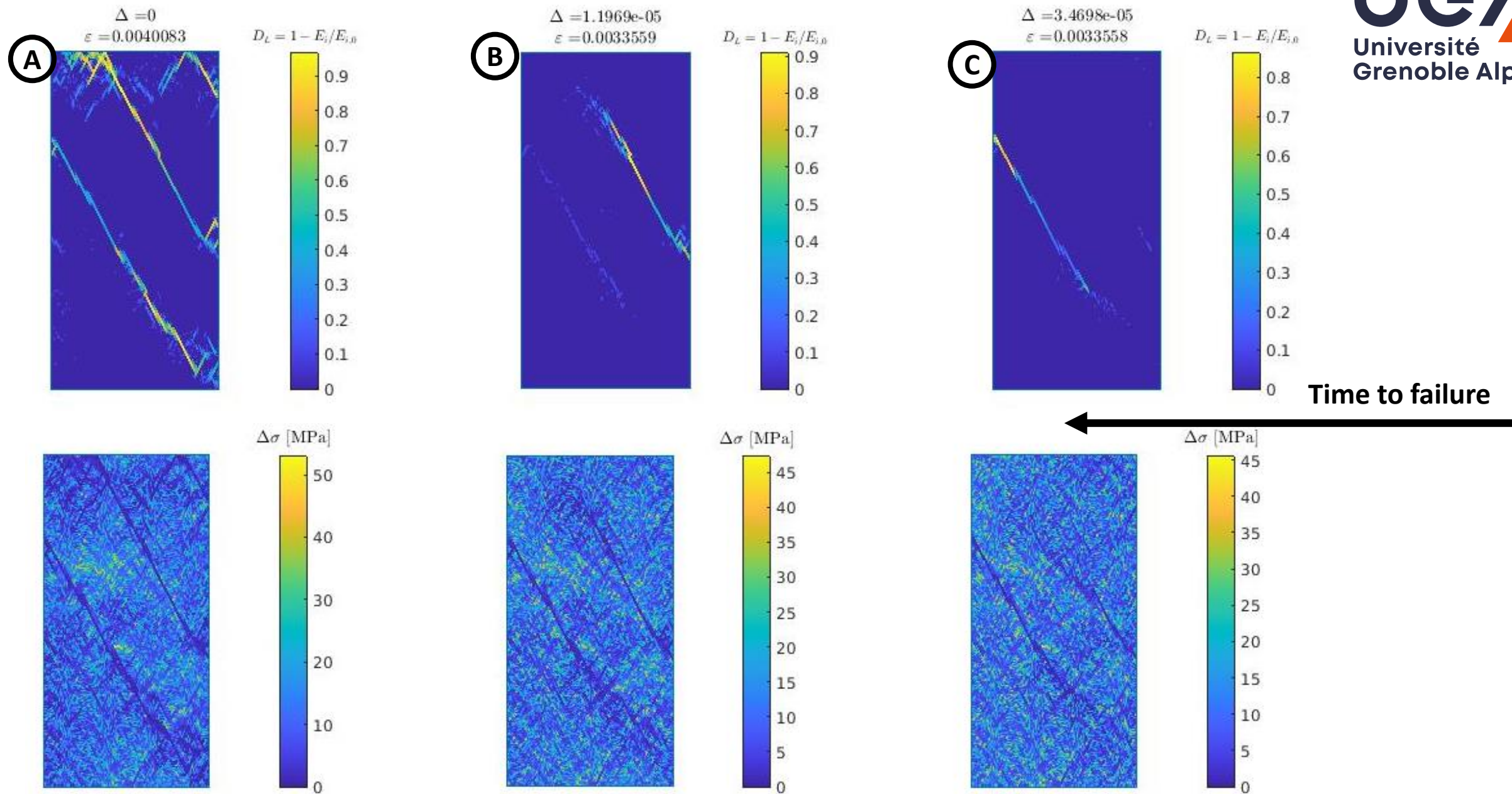


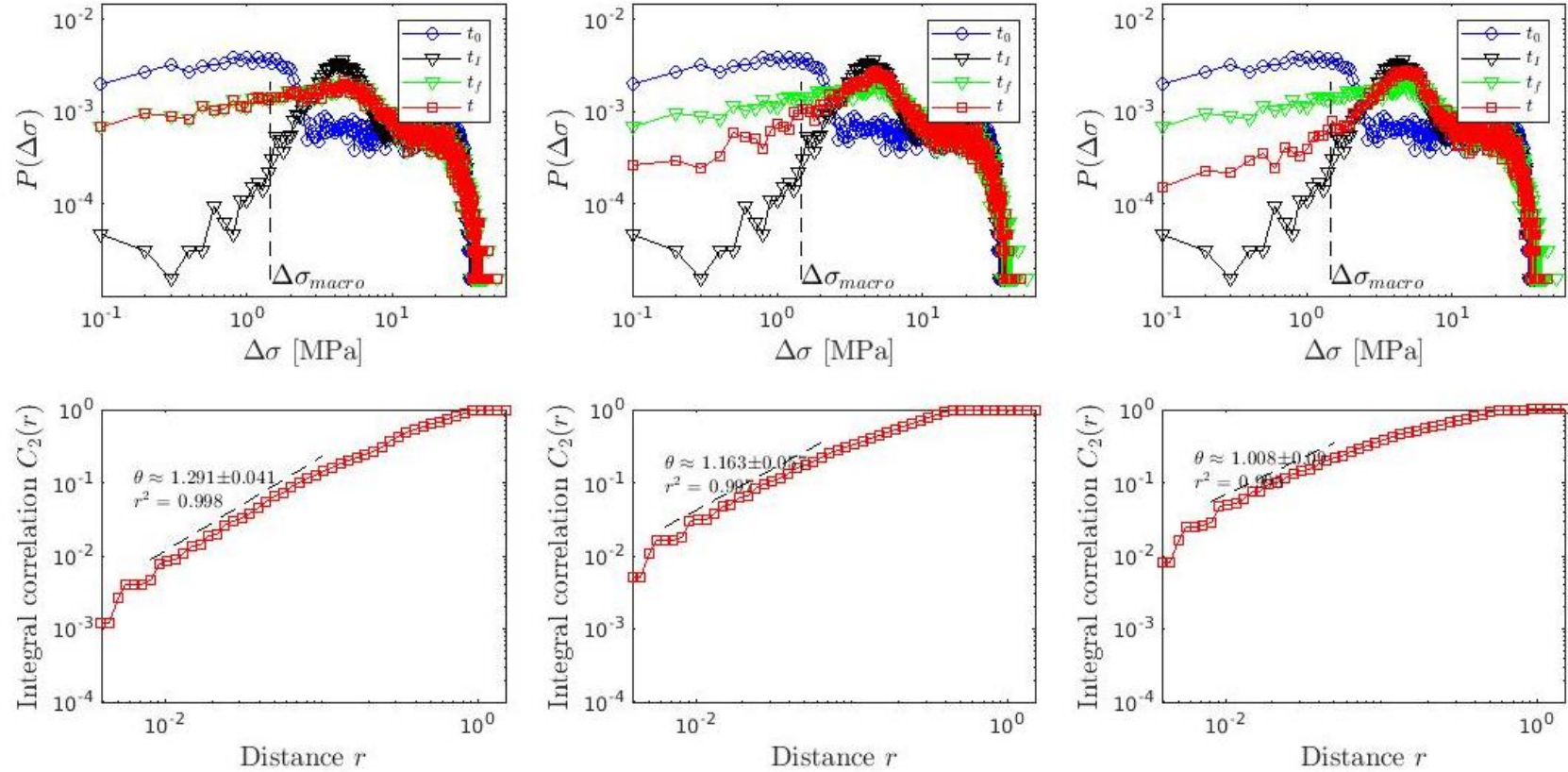
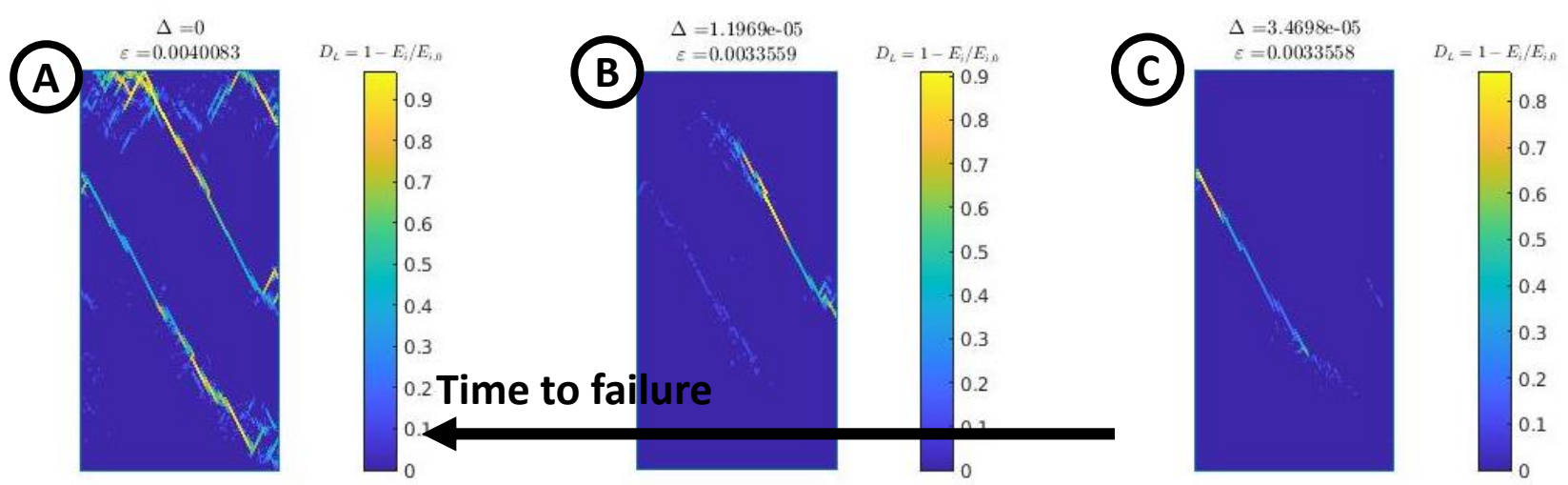
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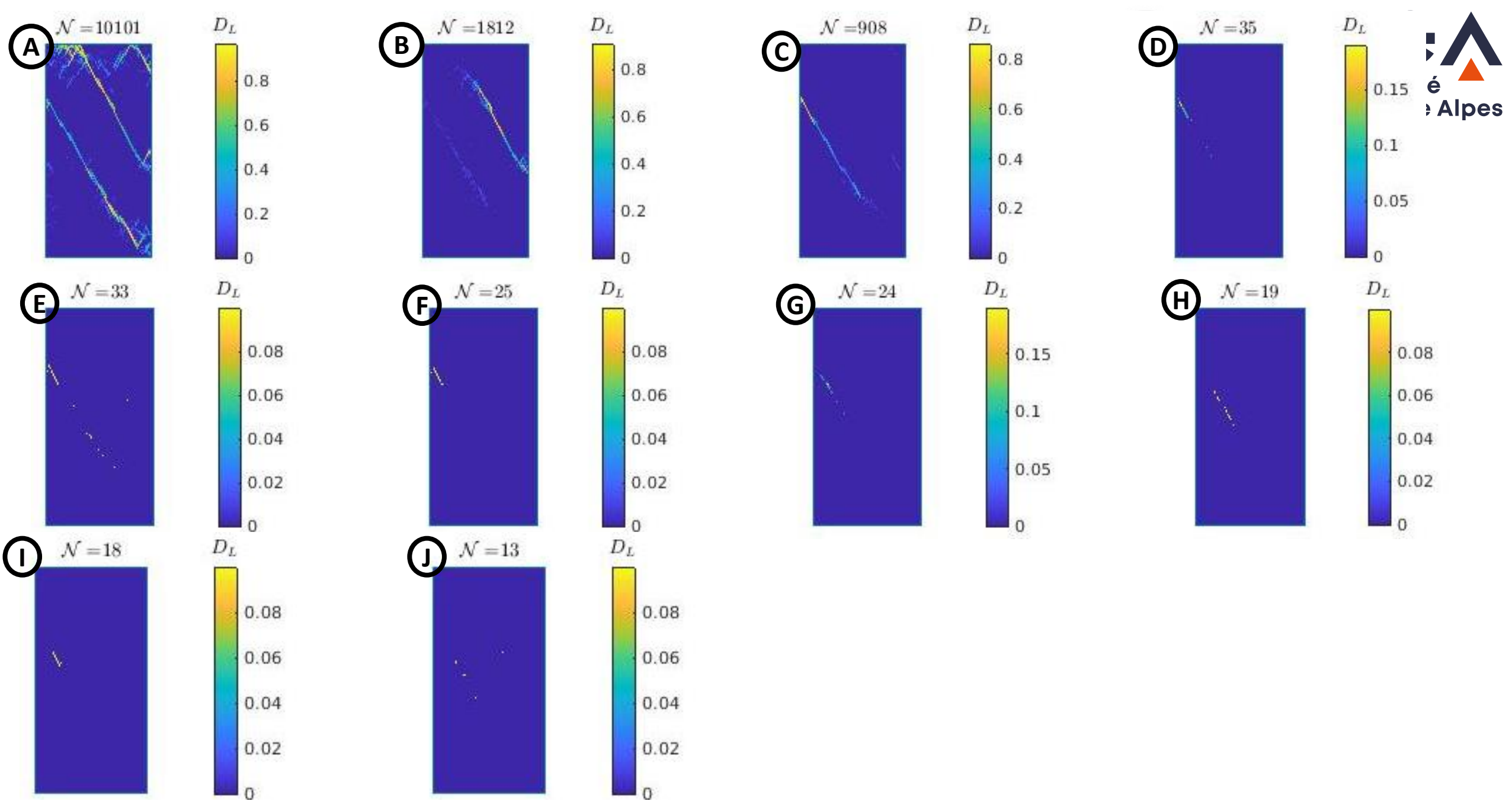
4.4 Level of damaged during the largest avalanche size

System Sizes $L = 64$
Number of simulations $N = 1$
Temperature $T = 800$ K
Stress ratio $\sigma/\sigma_{MAX} = 0,95$ $\sigma/\sigma_Y \approx 1,04$
Micro/Macro stress gap $\Delta\sigma \approx 1,54$ MPa









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4.4 Level of damaged in different windows of time

System Sizes $L = 64$
Number of simulations $N = 1$
Temperature $T = 800 \text{ K}$
Stress ratio $\sigma/\sigma_{MAX} = 0,95$ $\sigma/\sigma_Y \approx 1,04$
Micro/Macro stress gap $\Delta\sigma \approx 1,54 \text{ MPa}$

