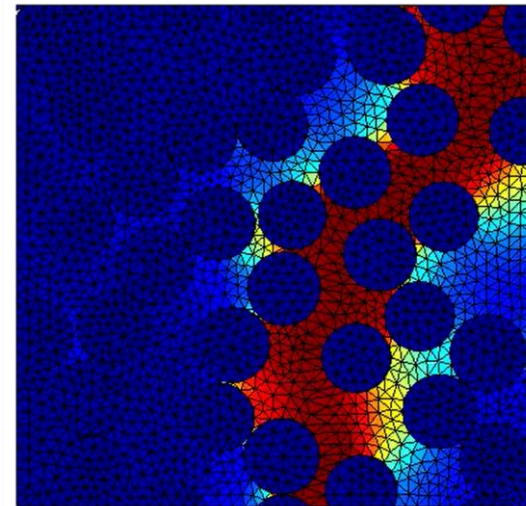
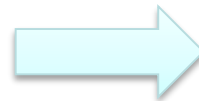
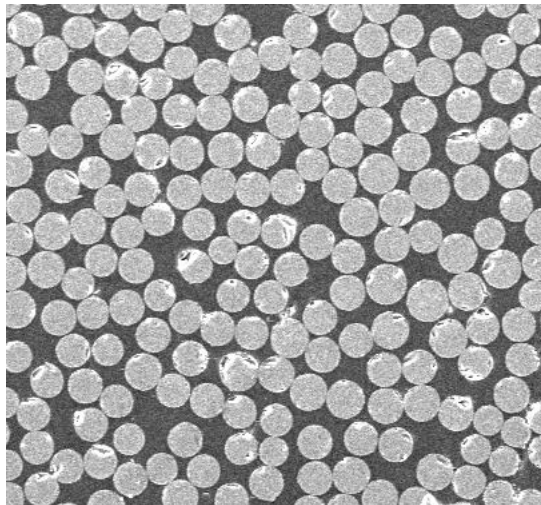


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## Stochastic study of unidirectional composites: from micro- structural statistical information to multi-scale analyzes

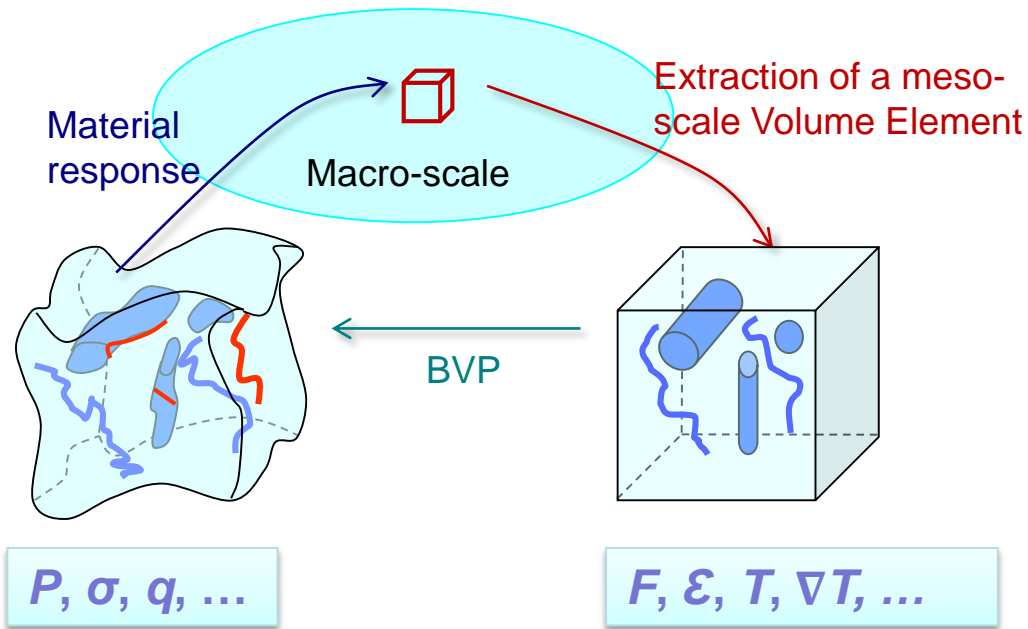
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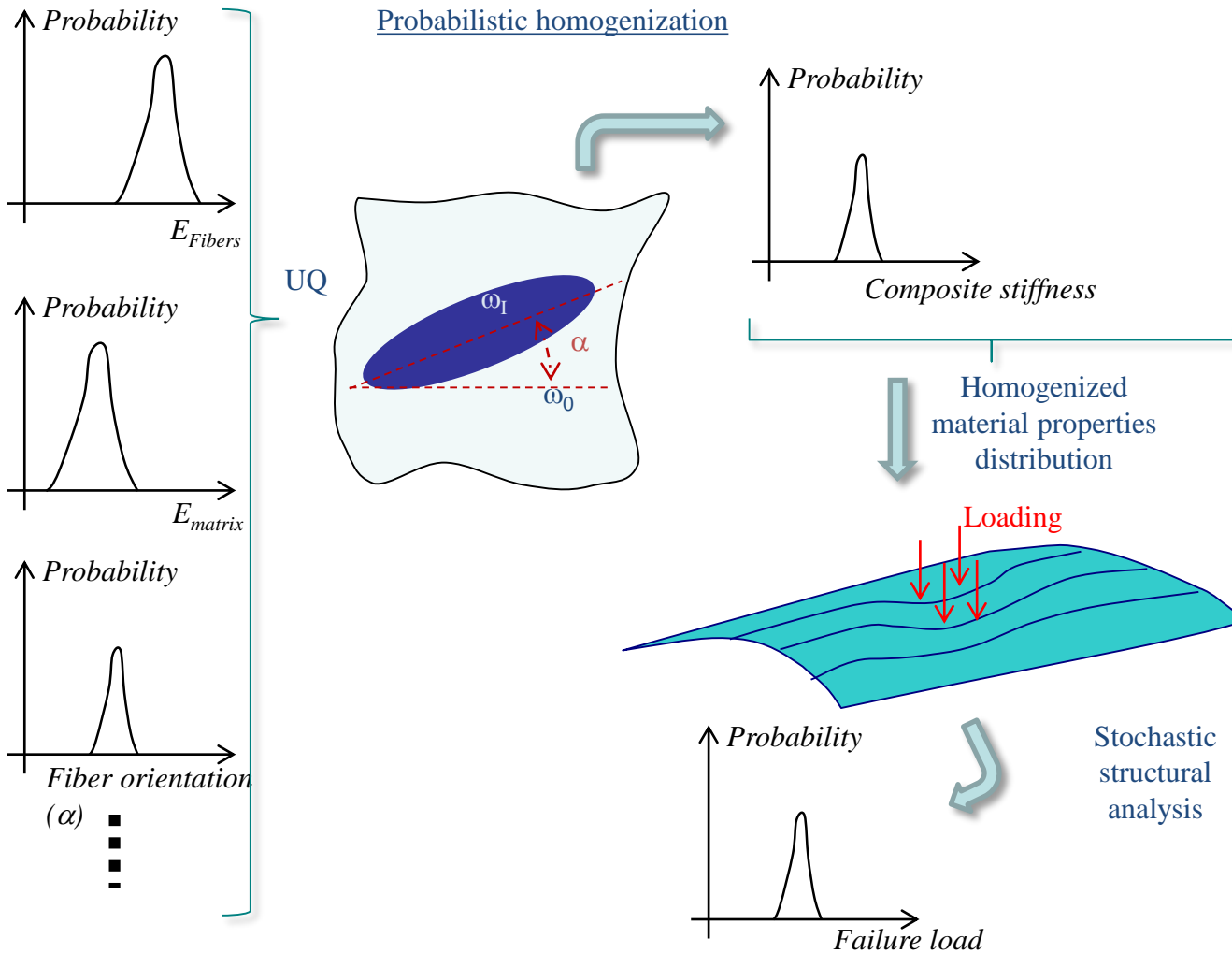
- Two-scale modelling

- One way: homogenization
- 2 problems are solved (concurrently)
  - The macro-scale problem
  - The meso-scale problem (on a meso-scale Volume Element)



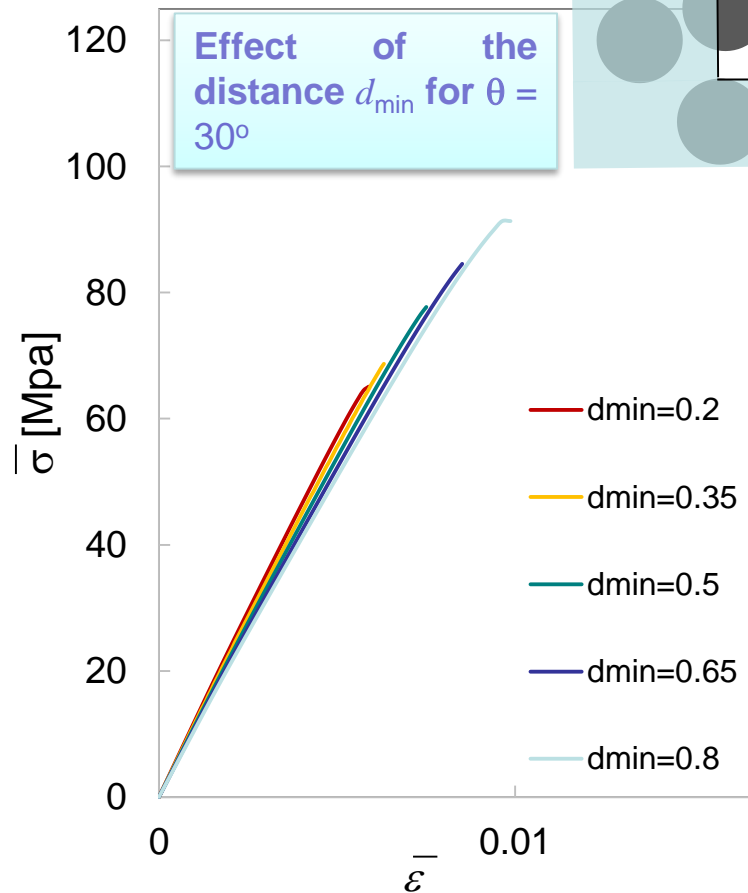
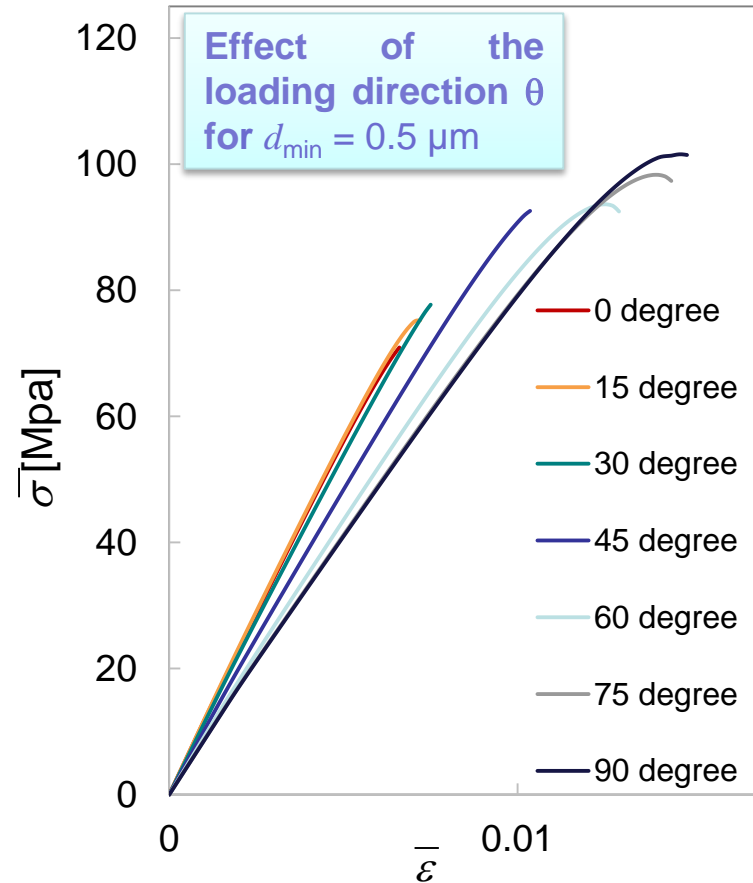
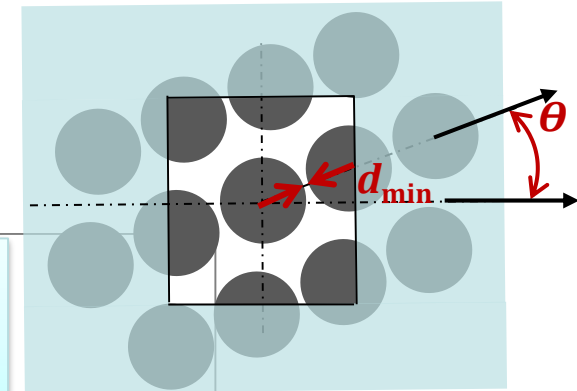
# The problem

- Material uncertainties affect structural behaviors



# The problem

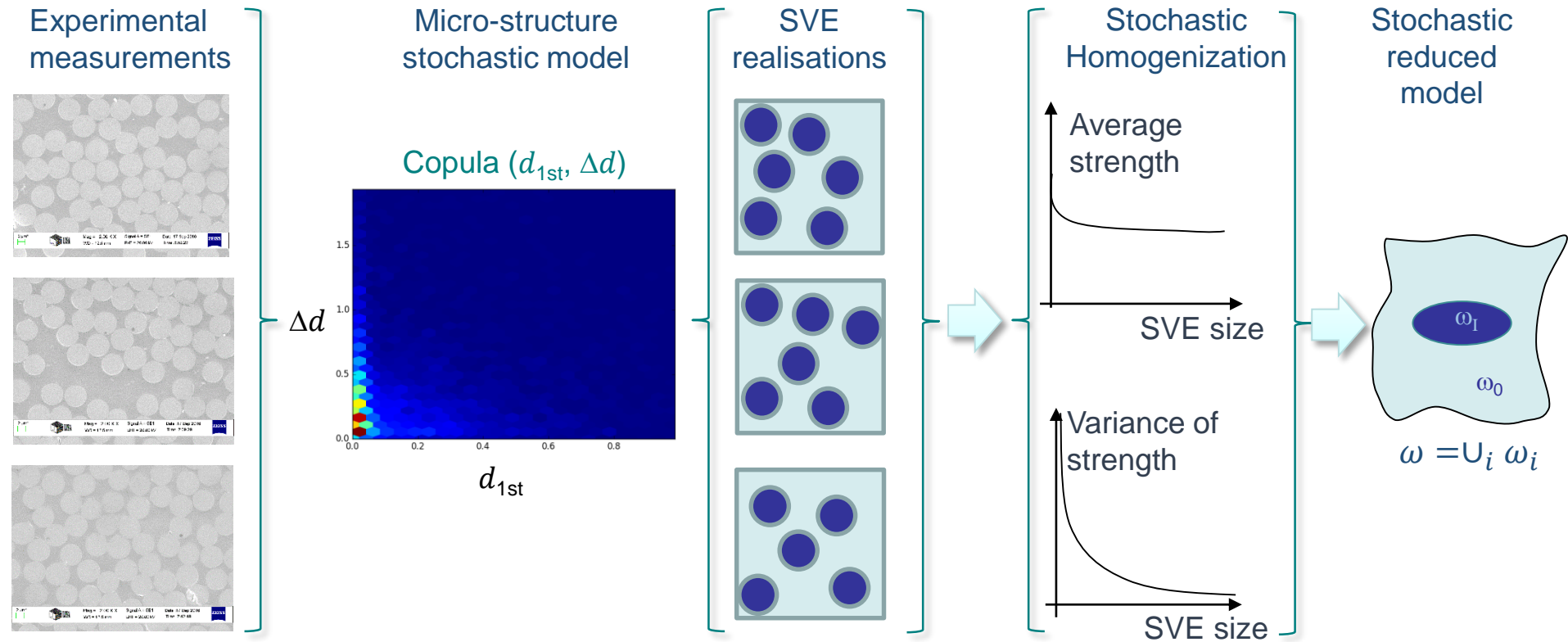
- Illustration assuming a regular stacking
  - 60%-UD fibers
  - Damage-enhanced matrix behavior



- Question: what does happen for a realistic fibre stacking?

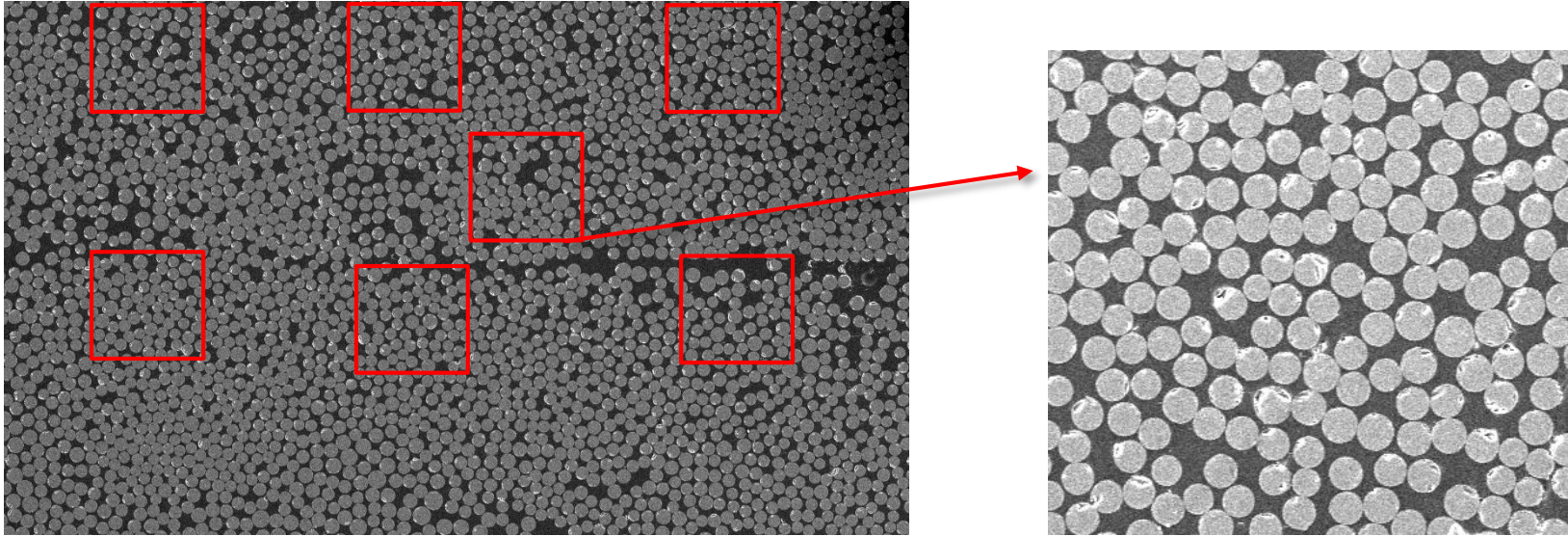
# The problem

- Proposed methodology:

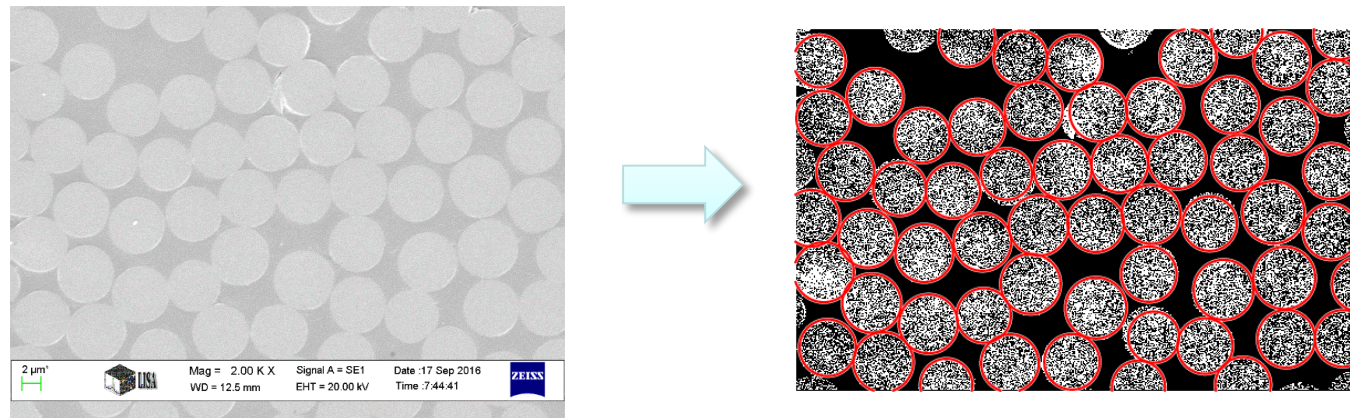


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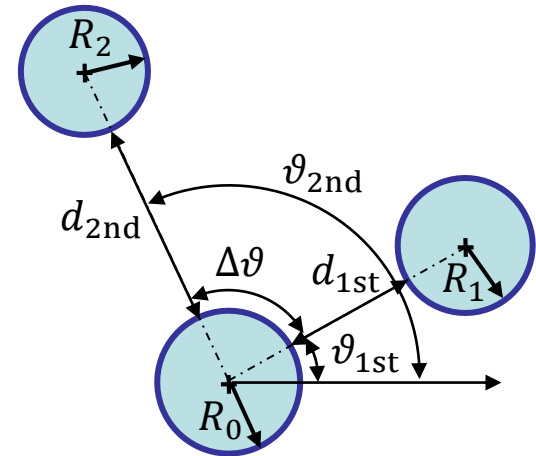
- 2000x and 3000x SEM images



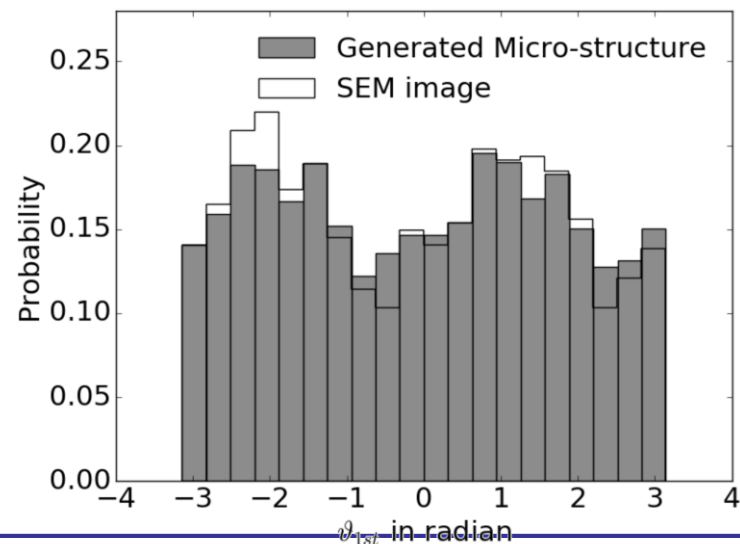
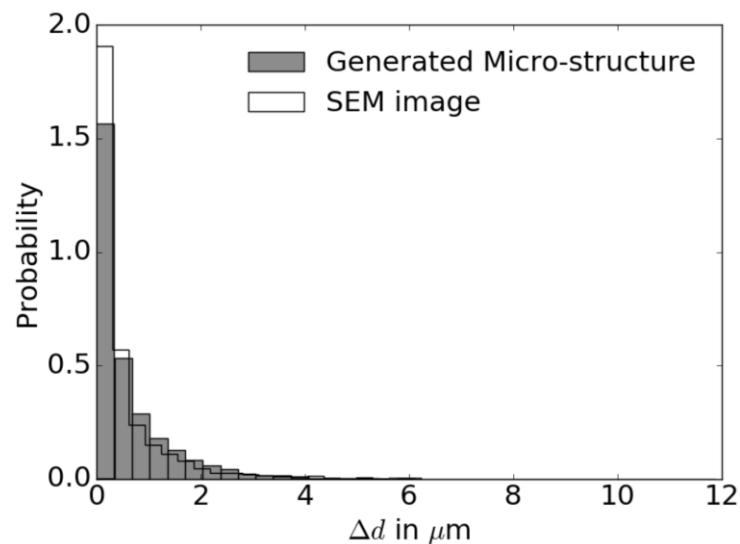
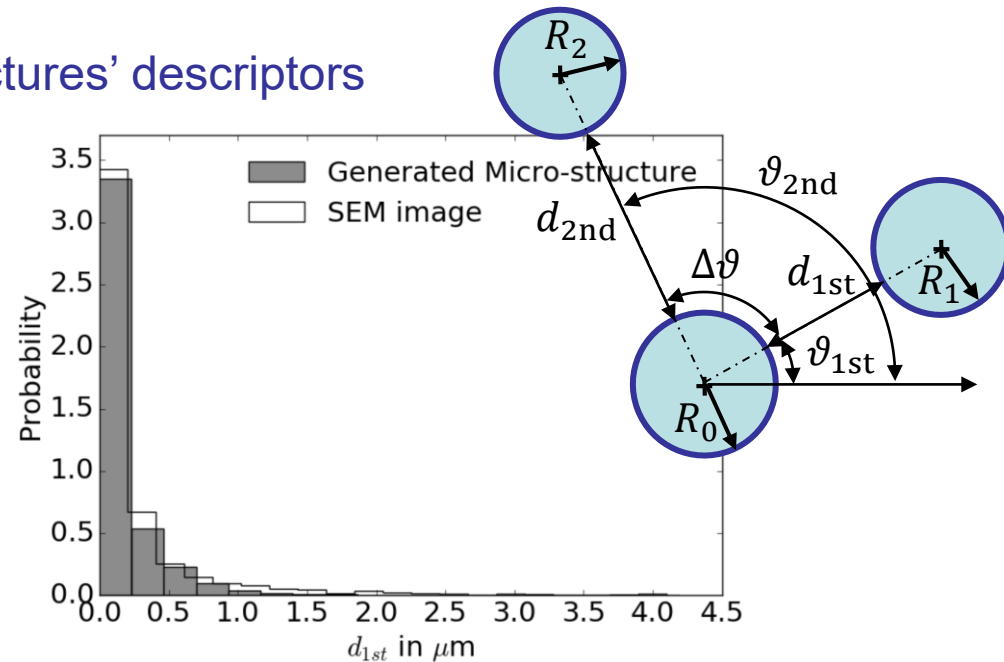
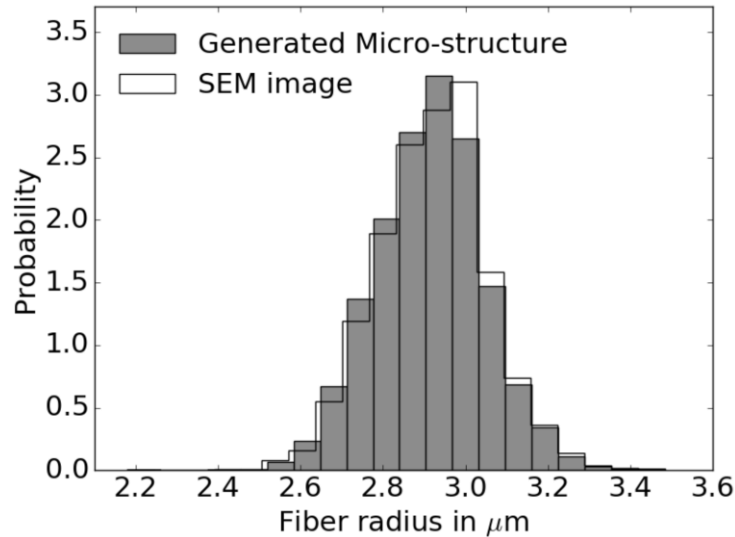
- Fibers detection



- Basic geometric information of fibers' cross sections
  - Fiber radius distribution  $p_R(r)$
- Basic spatial information of fibers
  - The distribution of the nearest-neighbor net distance function  $p_{d_{1st}}(d)$
  - The distribution of the orientation of the undirected line connecting the center points of a fiber to its nearest neighbor  $p_{\vartheta_{1st}}(\theta)$
  - The distribution of the difference between the net distance to the second and the first nearest-neighbor  $p_{\Delta d}(d)$  with  $\Delta d = d_{2nd} - d_{1st}$
  - The distribution of the second nearest-neighbor's location referring to the first nearest-neighbor  $p_{\Delta\vartheta}(\theta)$  with  $\Delta\vartheta = \vartheta_{2nd} - \vartheta_{1st}$



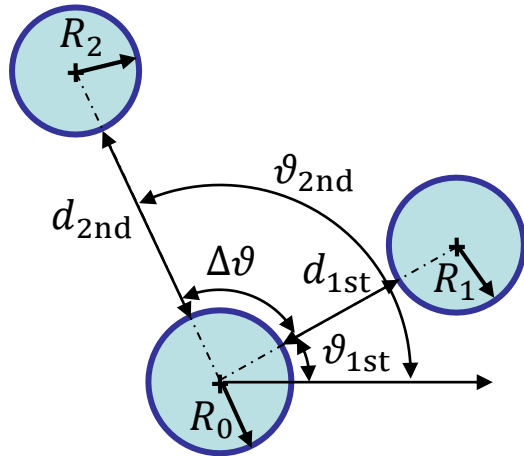
- Histograms of random micro-structures' descriptors





# Micro-structure stochastic model

- Dependency of the four random variables  $d_{1st}, \Delta d, \vartheta_{1st}, \Delta\vartheta$
- Correlation matrix



	$d_{1st}$	$\Delta d$	$\vartheta_{1st}$	$\Delta\vartheta$
$d_{1st}$	1.0	0.21	0.01	0.02
$\Delta d$		1.0	0.002	-0.005
$\vartheta_{1st}$			1.0	0.02
$\Delta\vartheta$				1.0

- Distances correlation matrix

$d_{1st}$  and  $\Delta d$  are dependent  
they will be generated from their  
empirical copula

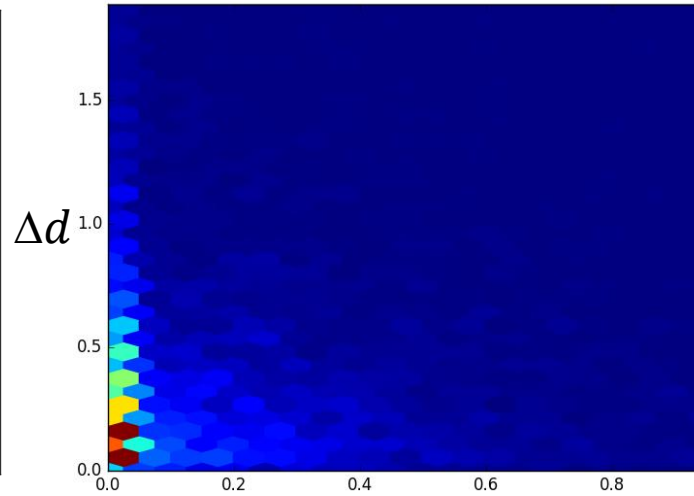
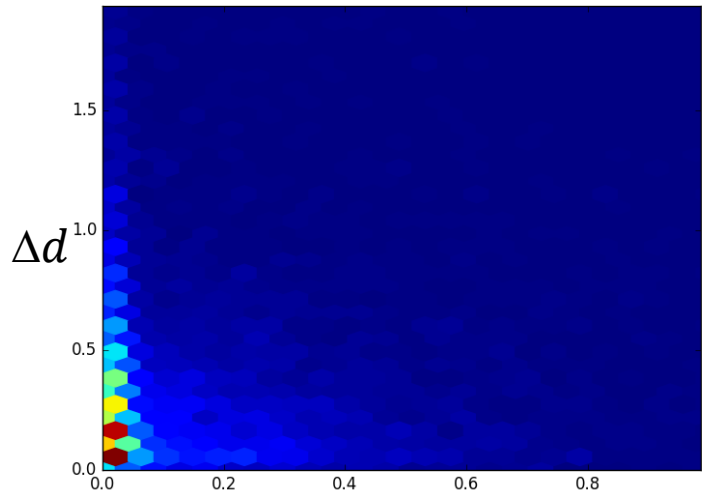
	$d_{1st}$	$\Delta d$	$\vartheta_{1st}$	$\Delta\vartheta$
$d_{1st}$	1.0	0.27	0.04	0.08
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# Micro-structure stochastic model

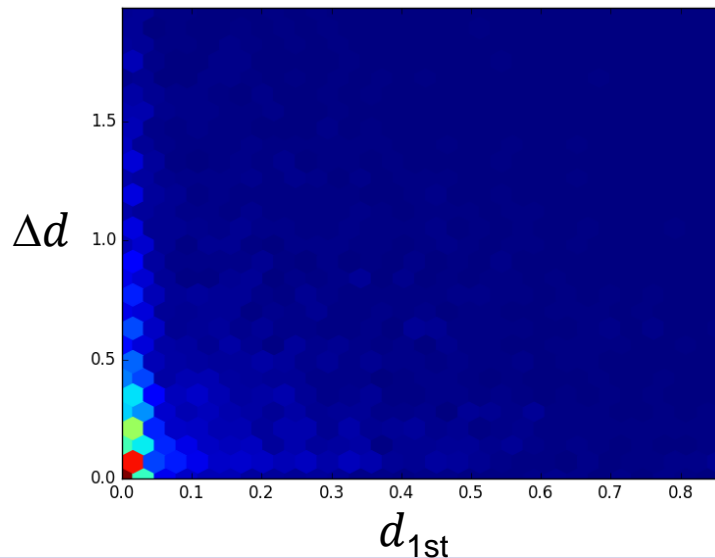
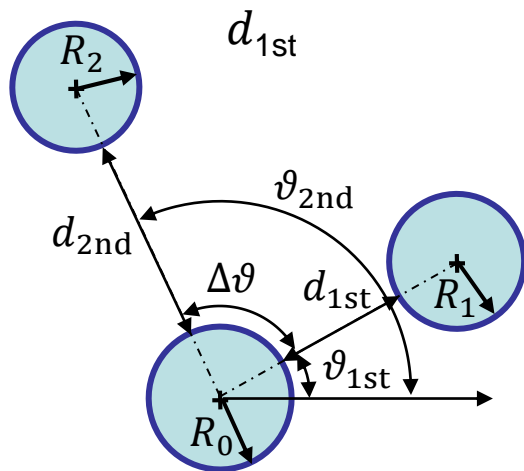
- $d_{1st}$  and  $\Delta d$  should be generated using their empirical copula

SEM sample

Generated sample



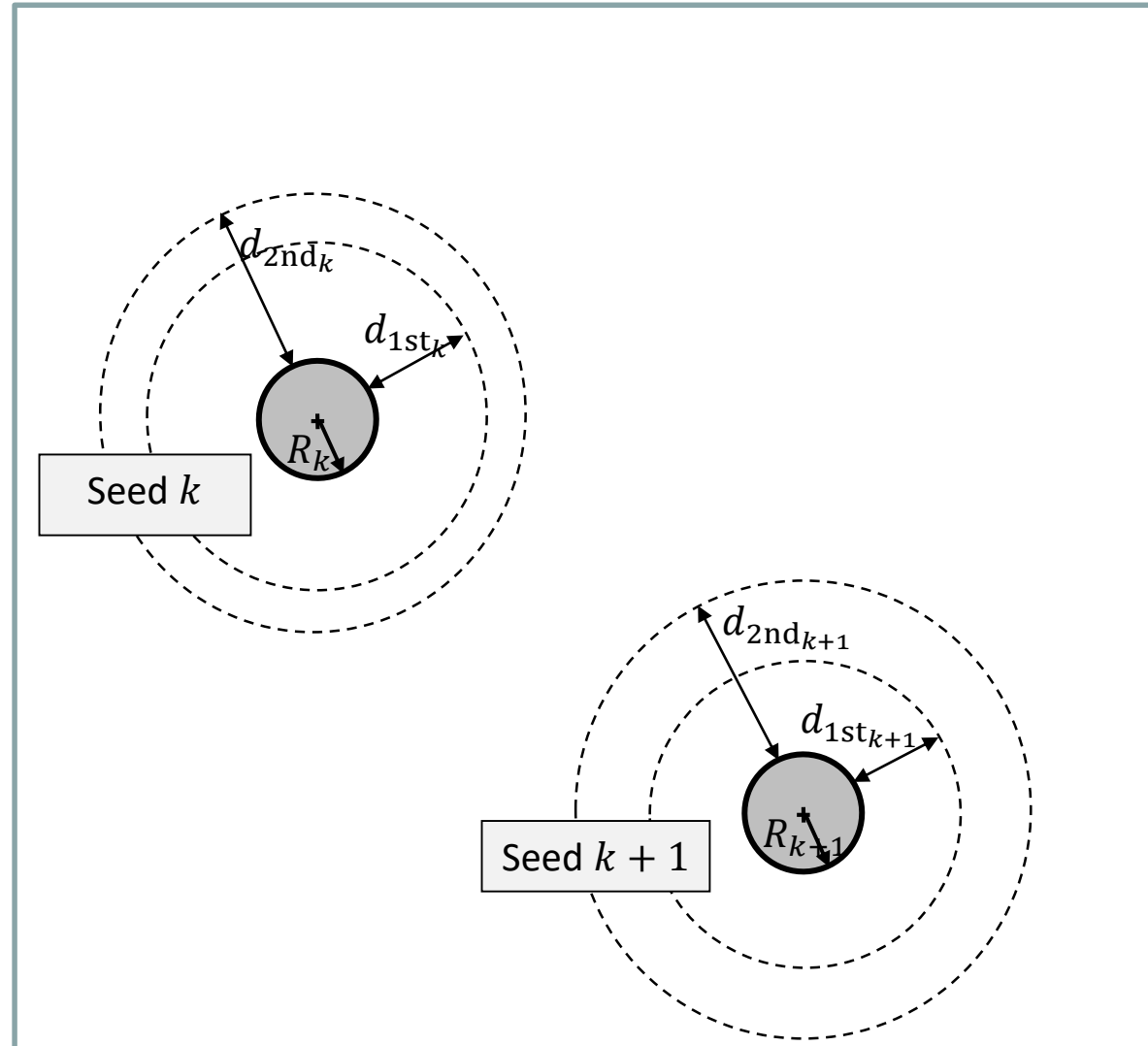
Directly from  
copula generator



Statistic result from  
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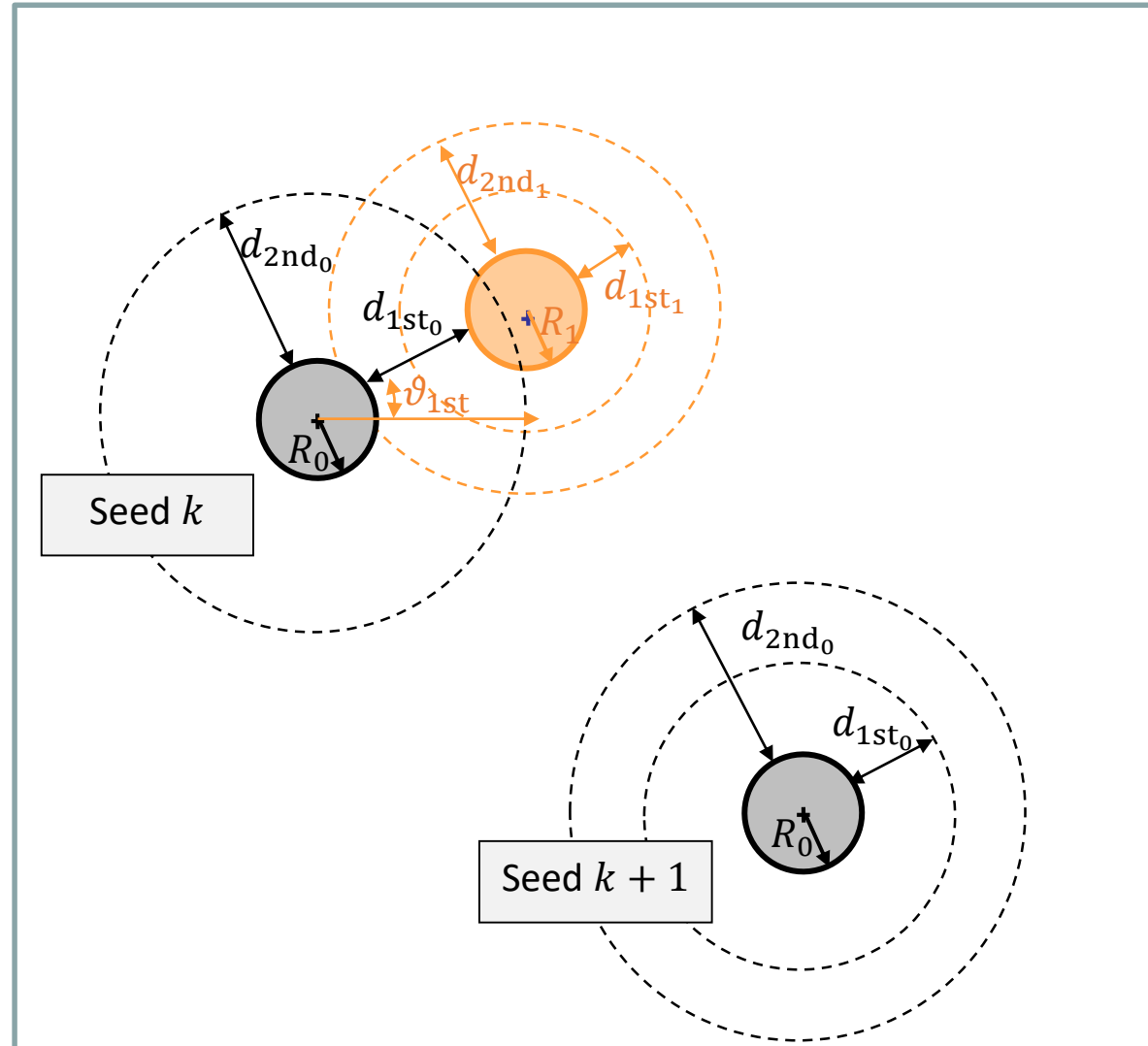
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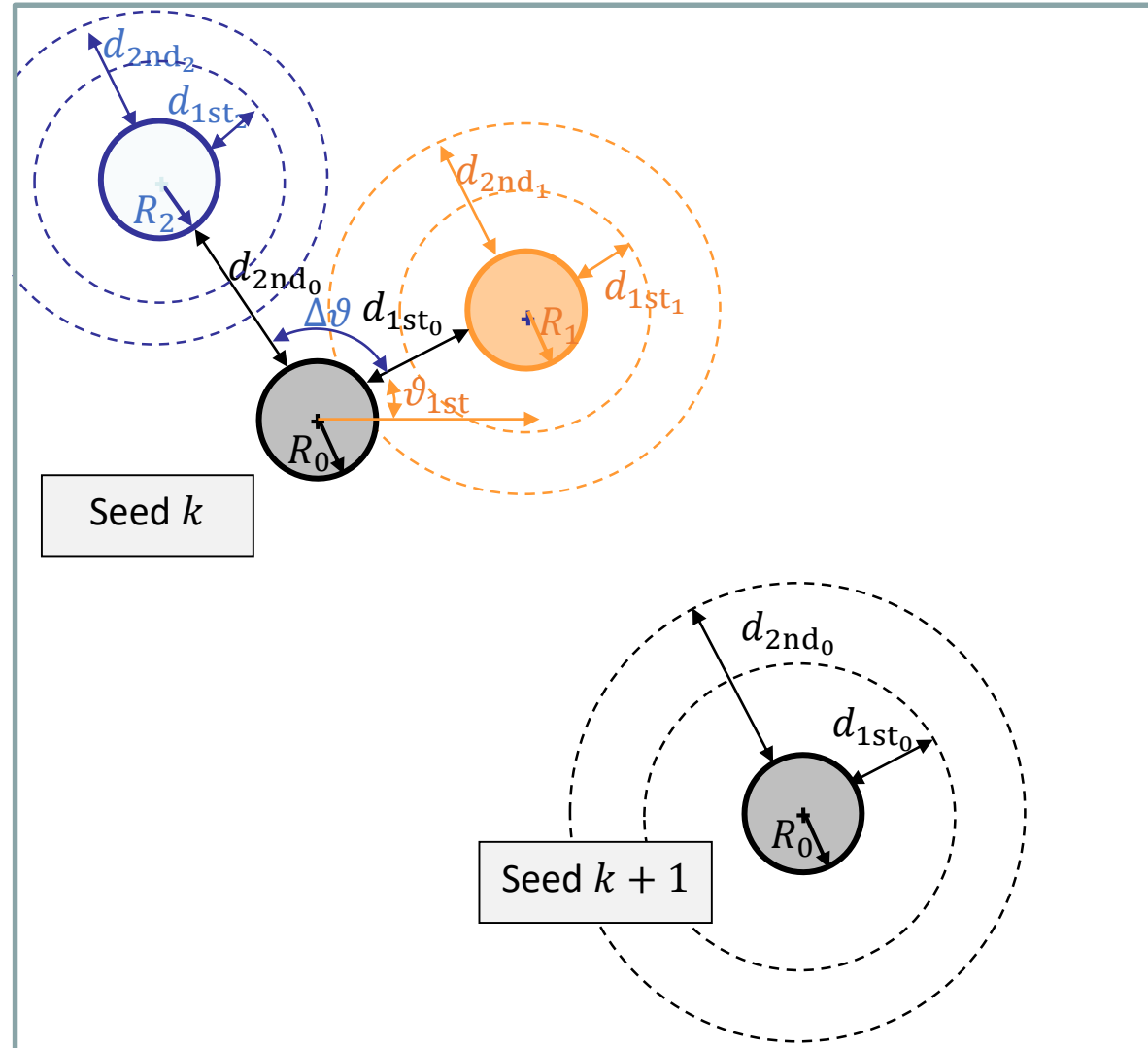
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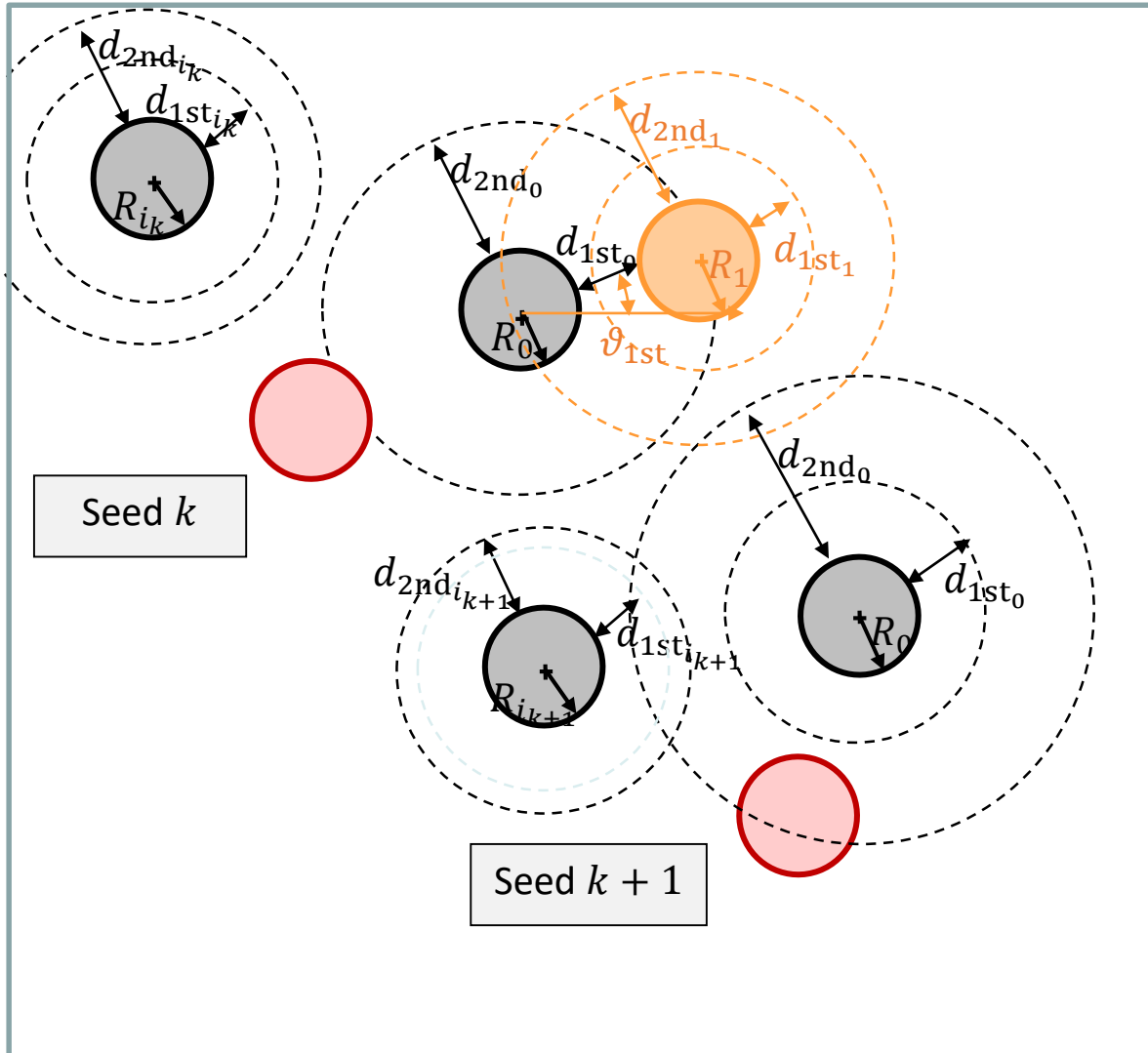
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- 4) Change seeds & then change central fiber of the seeds

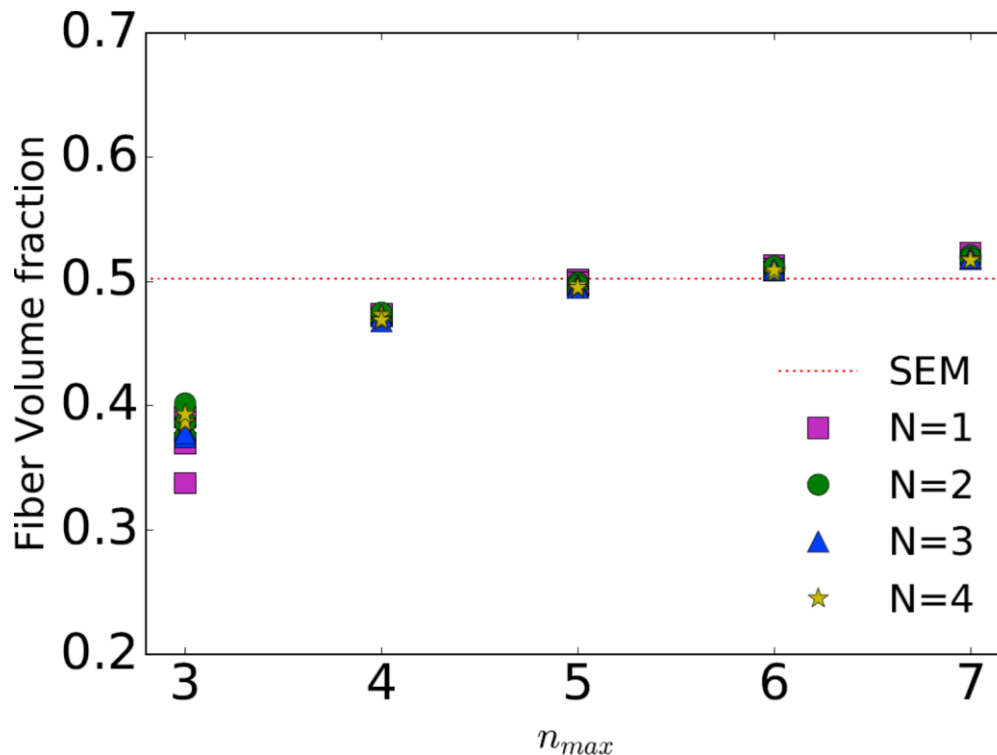


# Micro-structure stochastic model

- The numerical micro-structure is generated by a fiber additive process
  - The effect of the initial number of seeds  $N$  and
  - The effect of the maximum regenerating times  $n_{max}$  after rejecting a fiber due to overlap

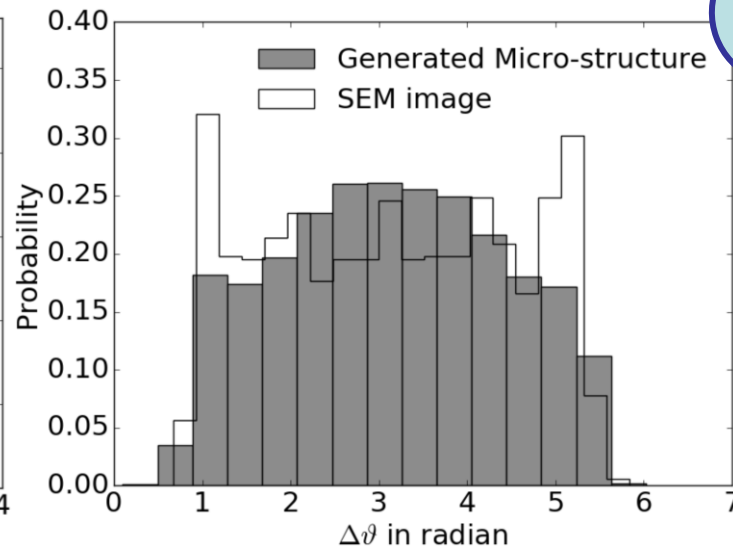
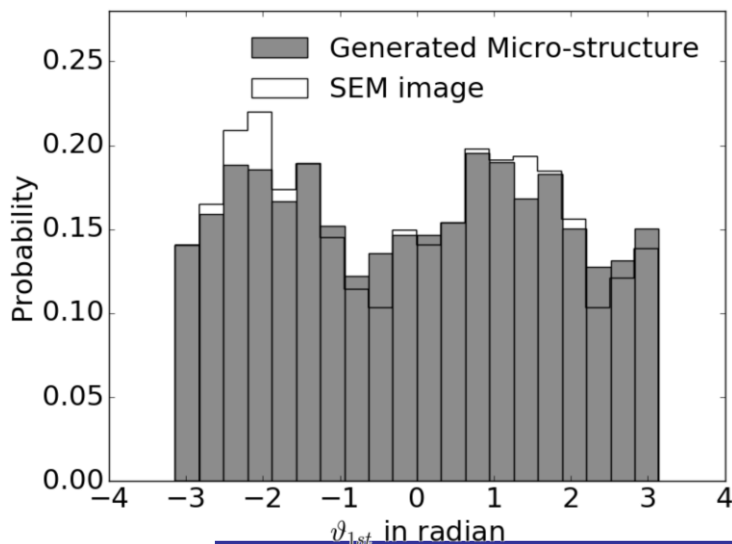
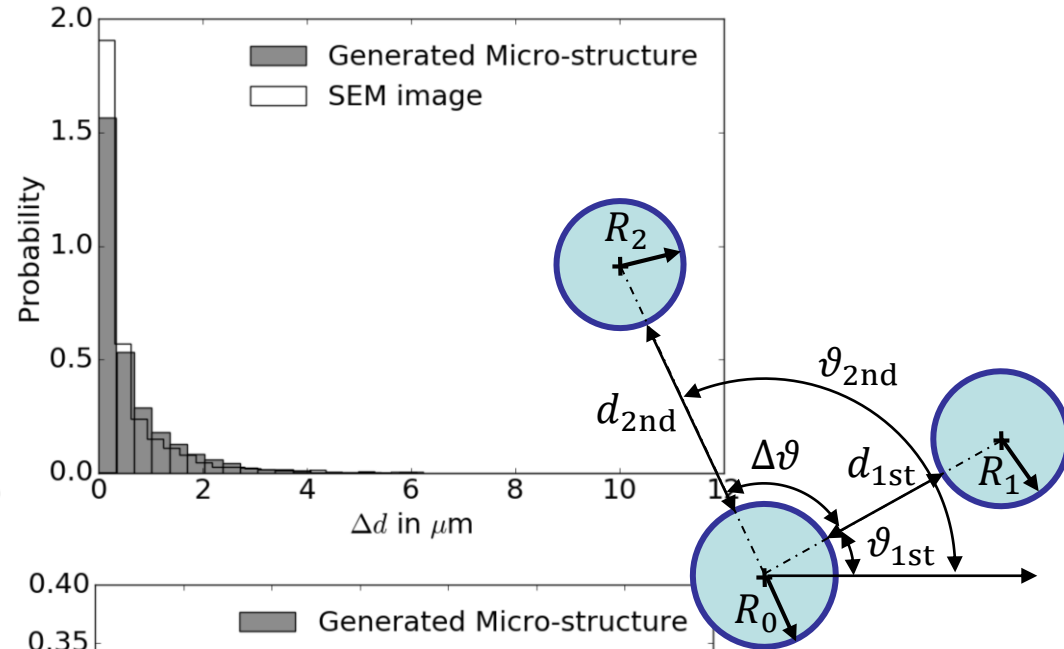
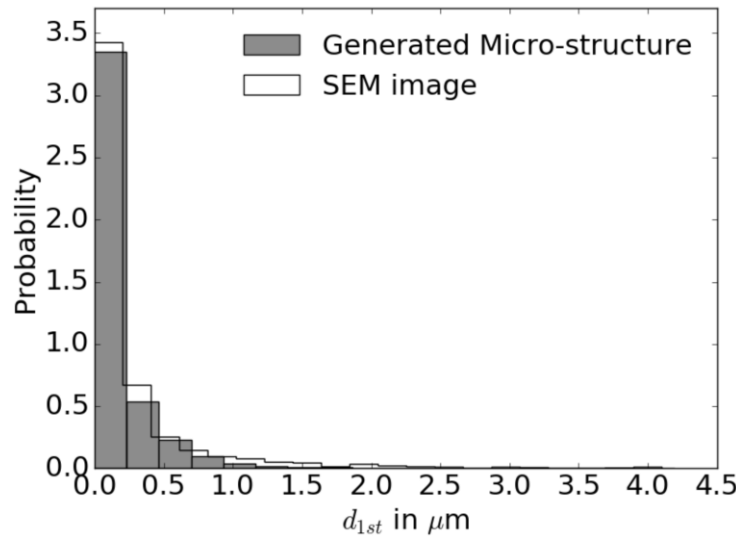
SEM: Average  $V_f$  of 103 windows;

Numerical micro-structures: Average  $V_f$  of 104 windows.



# Micro-structure stochastic model

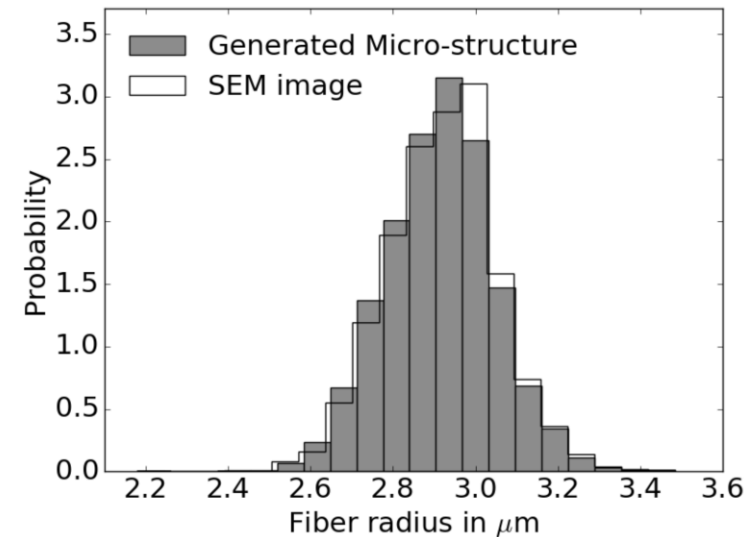
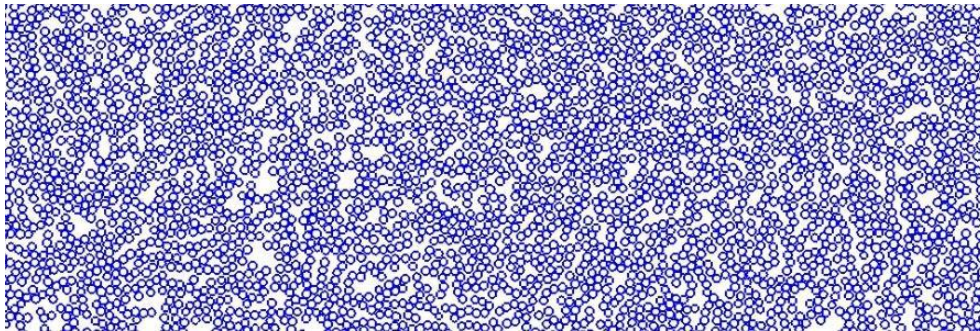
- Comparisons of fibers spatial information



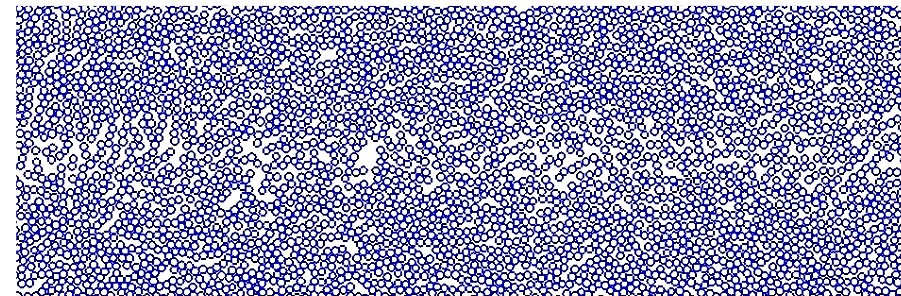
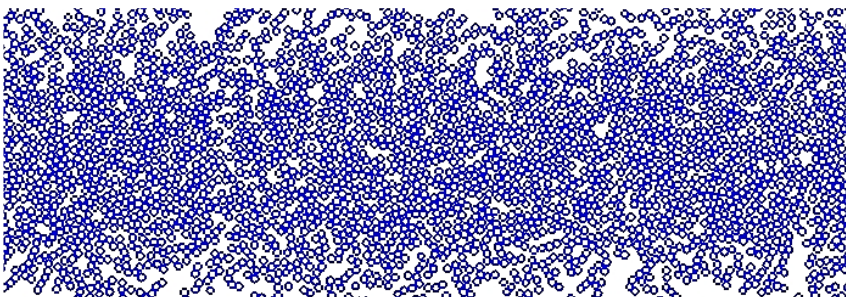


# Micro-structure stochastic model

- Numerical micro-structures are generated by a fiber additive process
  - Arbitrary size
  - Arbitrary number



- Possibility to generate non-homogenous distributions



- Stochastic homogenization

- Extraction of Stochastic Volume Elements

- 2 sizes considered:  $l_{SVE} = 10 \mu m$  &  $l_{SVE} = 25 \mu m$
- Window technique to capture correlation

$$R_{rs}(\tau) = \frac{\mathbb{E}[(r(\mathbf{x}) - \mathbb{E}(r))(s(\mathbf{x} + \boldsymbol{\tau}) - \mathbb{E}(s))]}{\sqrt{\mathbb{E}[(r - \mathbb{E}(r))^2]} \sqrt{\mathbb{E}[(s - \mathbb{E}(s))^2]}}$$

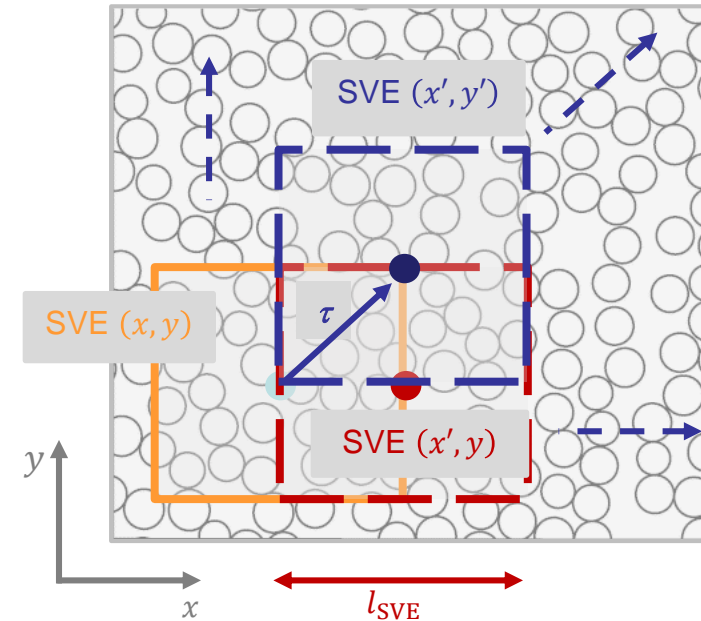
- For each SVE

- Extract apparent homogenized material tensor  $\mathbb{C}_M$

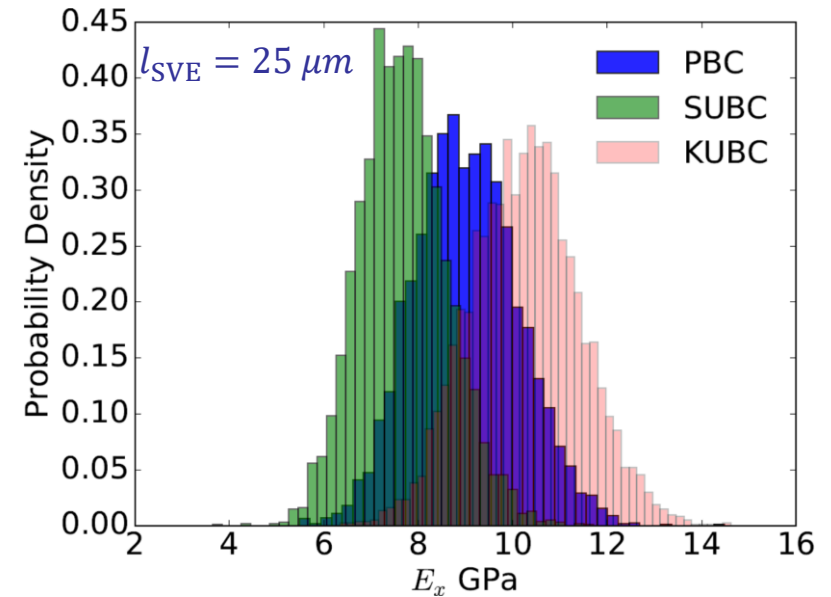
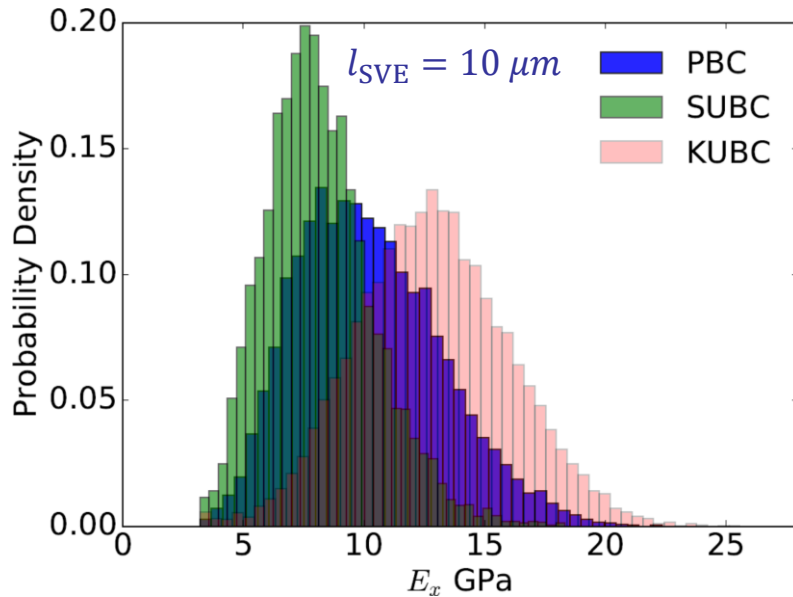
$$\begin{cases} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_M = \frac{1}{V(\omega)} \int_{\omega} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_m d\omega \\ \boldsymbol{\sigma}_M = \frac{1}{V(\omega)} \int_{\omega} \boldsymbol{\sigma}_m d\omega \\ \mathbb{C}_M = \frac{\partial \boldsymbol{\sigma}_M}{\partial \mathbf{u}_M \otimes \nabla_M} \end{cases}$$

- Consistent boundary conditions:

- Periodic (PBC)
- Minimum kinematics (SUBC)
- Kinematic (KUBC)



- Apparent properties



Increasing  $l_{SVE}$

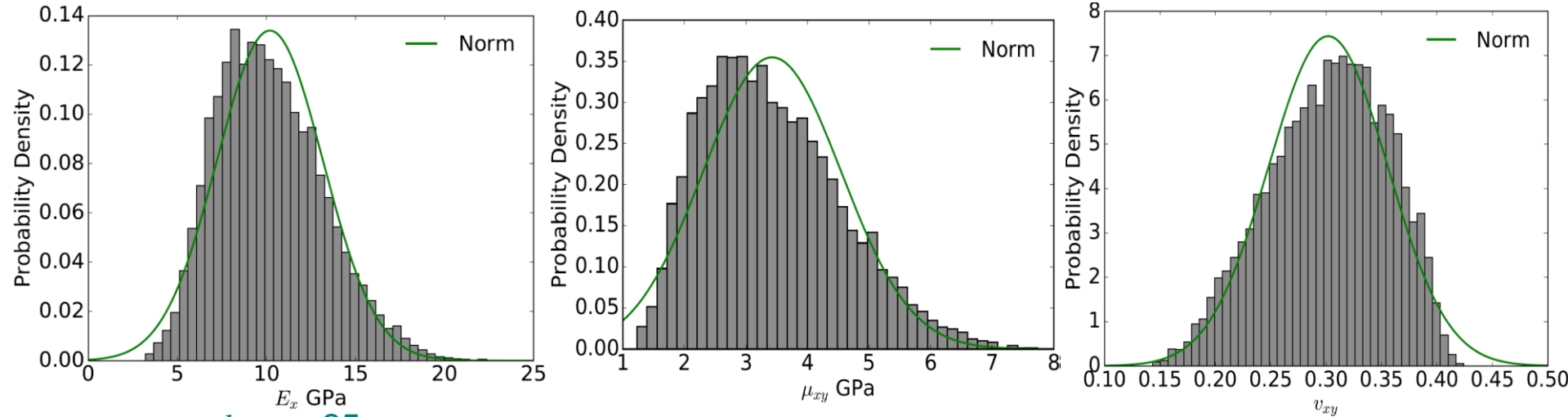
When  $l_{SVE}$  increases

- Average values for different BCs get closer (to PBC one)
- Distributions narrow
- Distributions get closer to normal

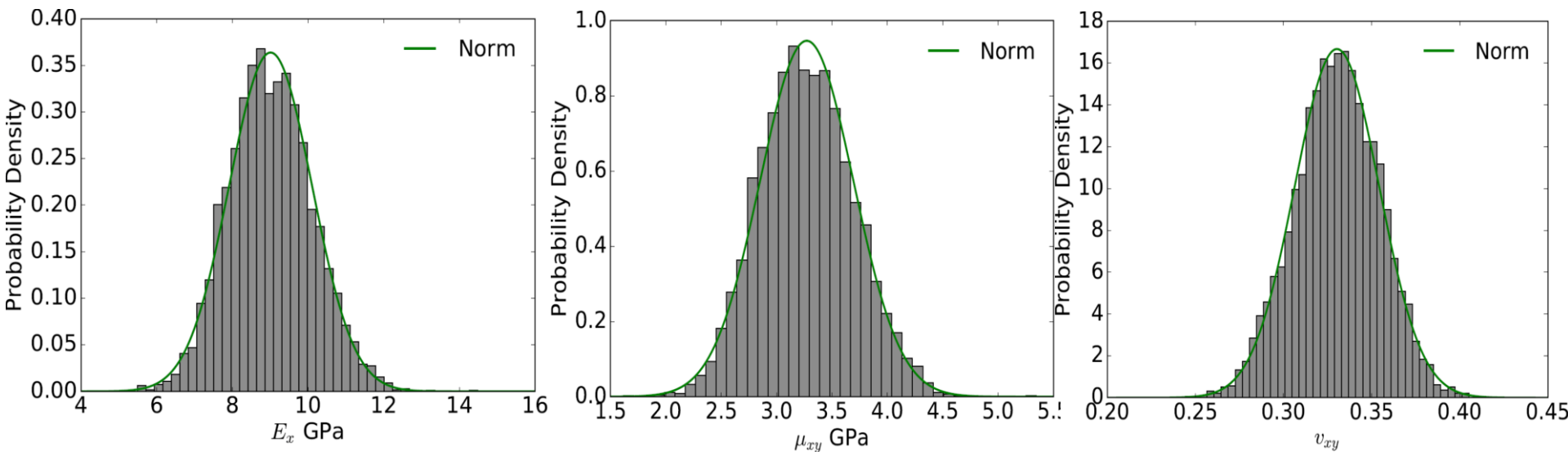
# Stochastic homogenization on the SVEs

- When  $l_{\text{SVE}}$  increases: marginal distributions of random properties closer to normal

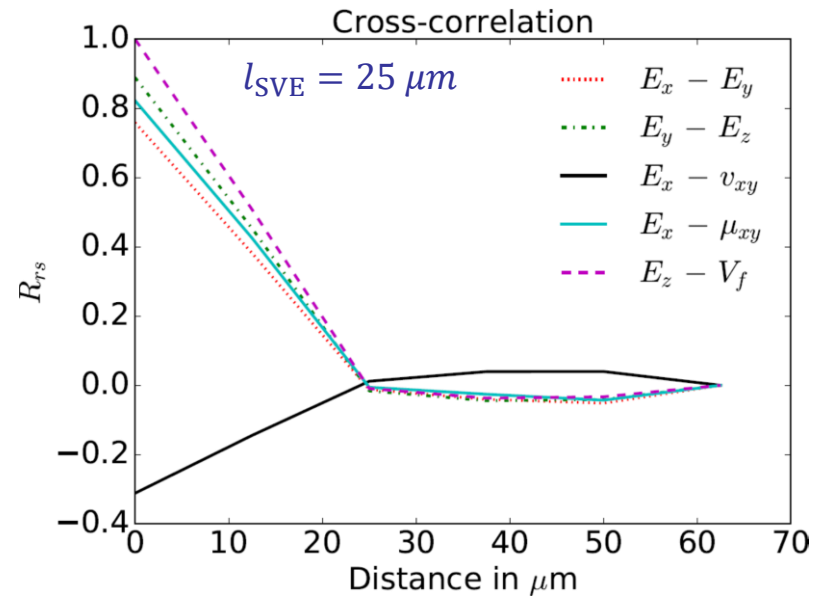
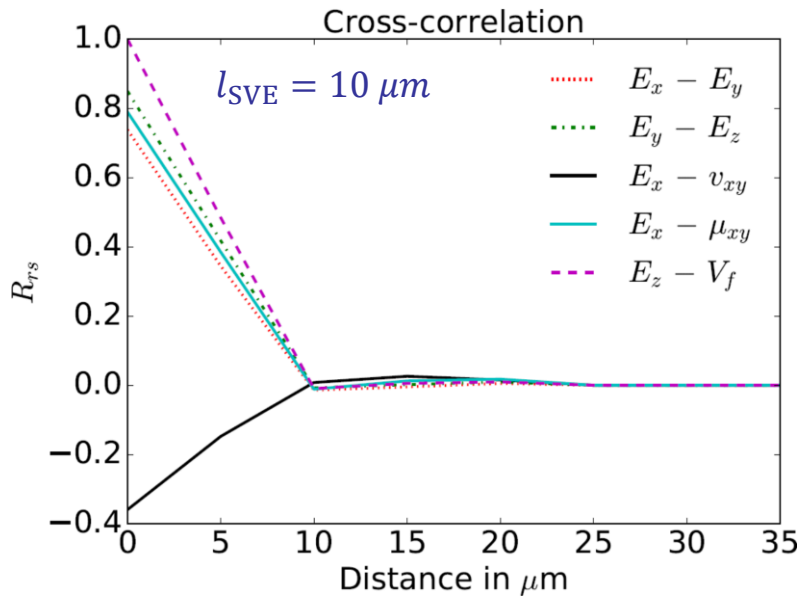
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- Correlation

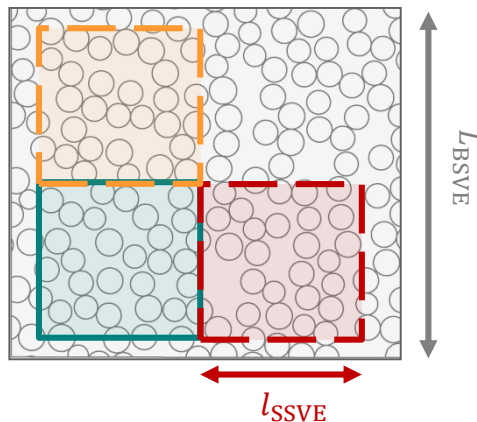


- (1) Auto/cross correlation vanishes at  $\tau = l_{SVE}$
- (2) When  $l_{SVE}$  increases, distributions get closer to normal

(1)+(2) Apparent properties are independent random variables  
However the distribution depend on

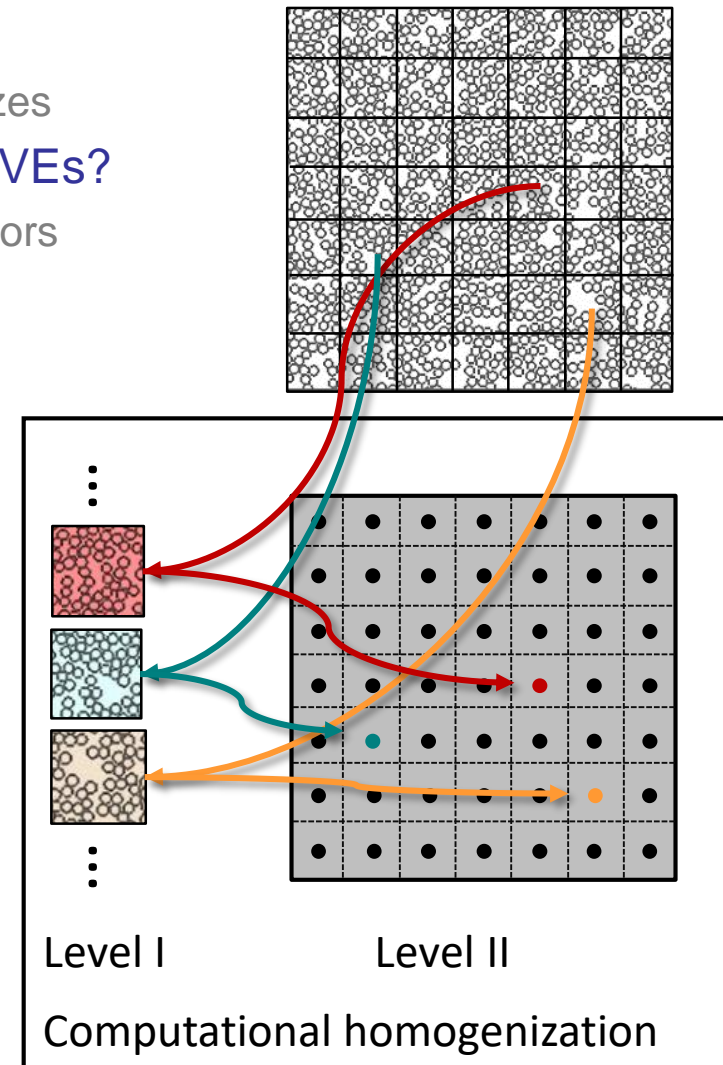
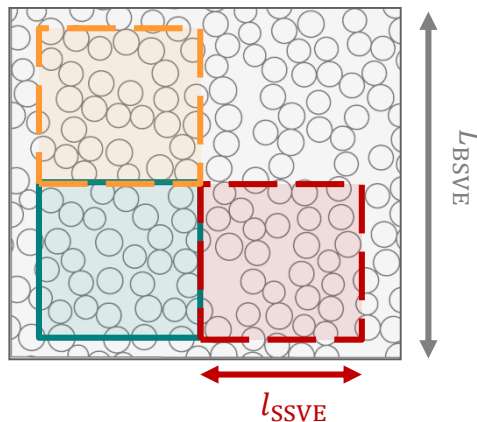
- $l_{SVE}$
- The boundary conditions

- Quid larger SVEs?
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  - Computational cost non affordable in failure analyzes
- How to deduce the stochastic content of larger SVEs?
  - Take advantages of the fact that the apparent tensors can be considered as random variables



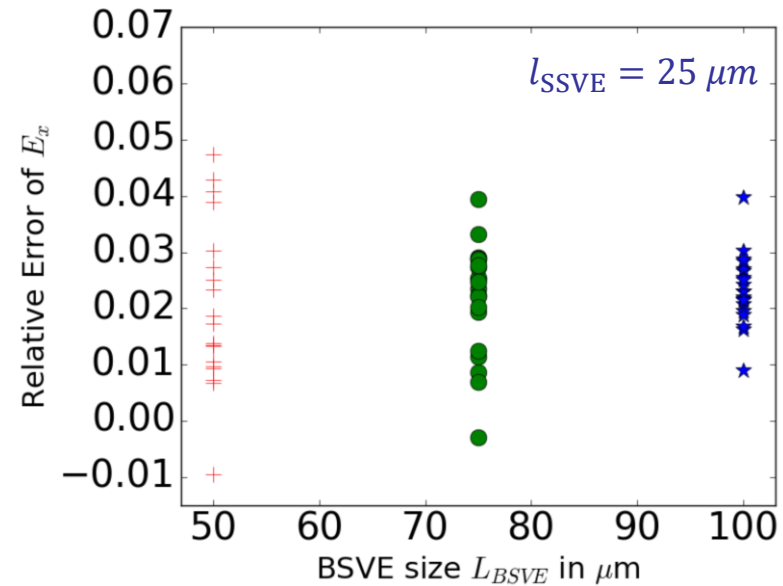
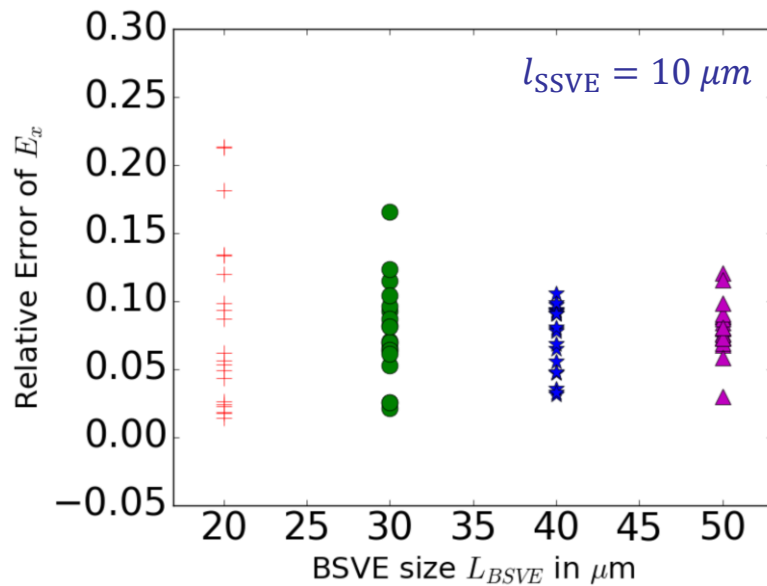
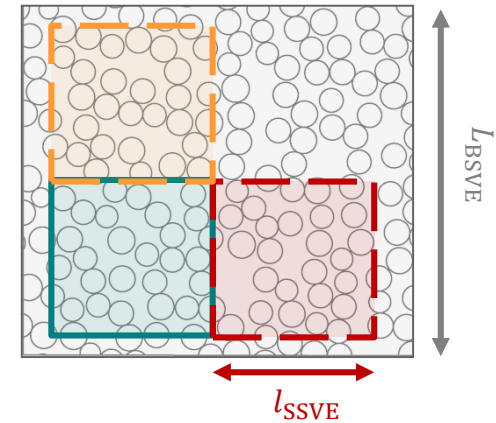
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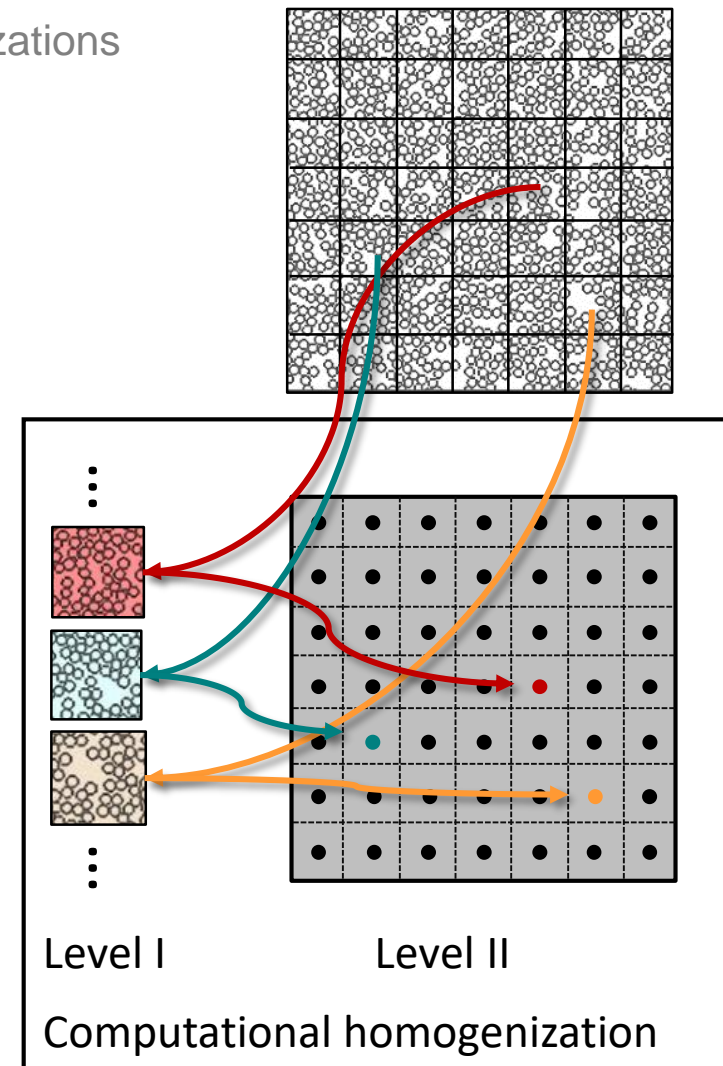
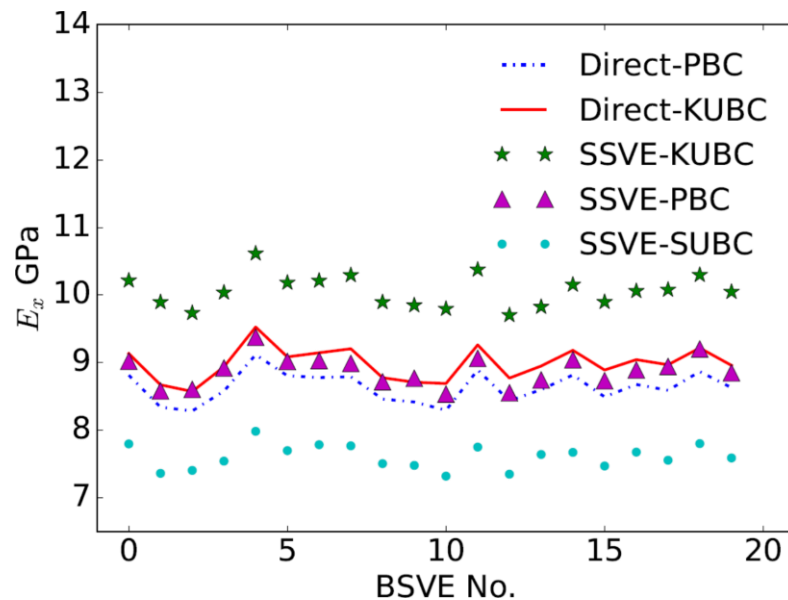
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  - Accuracy depends on Small/Large SVE sizes





# Stochastic homogenization on the SVEs

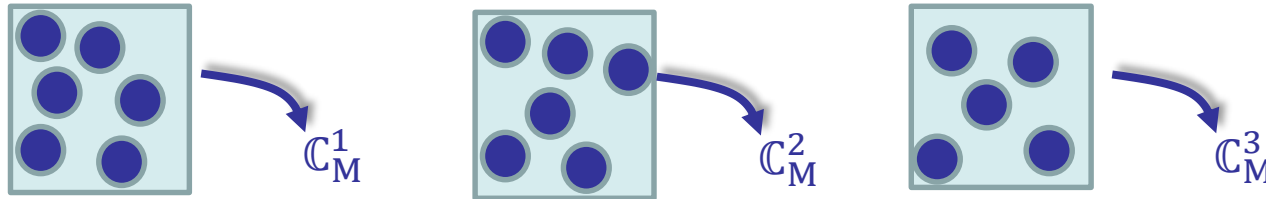
- Numerical verification of 2-step homogenization
  - Direct homogenization of larger SVE (BSVE) realizations
  - 2-step homogenization using BSVE subdivisions



# Stochastic reduced order model

- Stochastic model of the anisotropic elasticity tensor

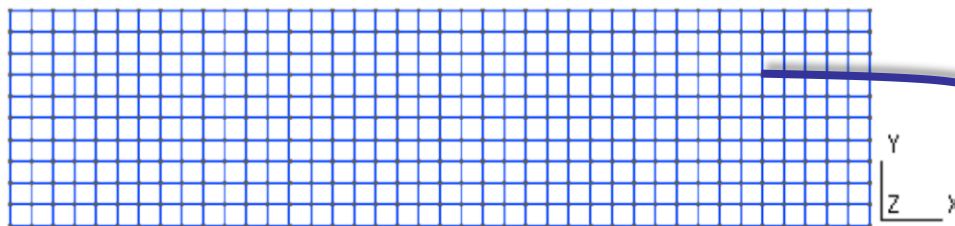
- Extract (uncorrelated) tensor realizations  $\mathbb{C}_M^i$



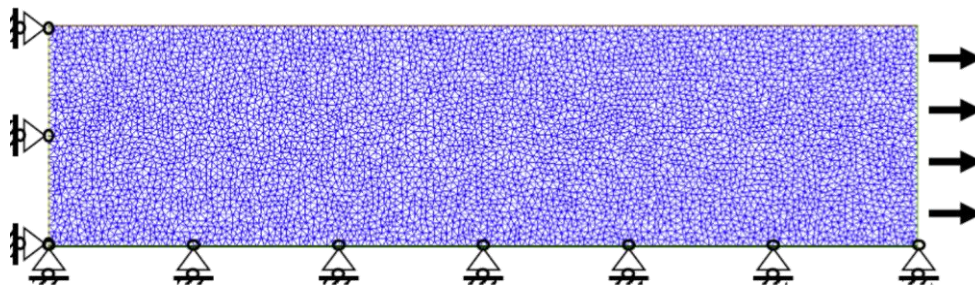
- Represent each realization  $\mathbb{C}_M^i$  by a vector  $\mathcal{V}$  of 9 (dependent)  $\mathcal{V}^{(r)}$  variables
- Generate random vectors  $\mathcal{V}$  using the Copula method

- Simulations require two discretizations

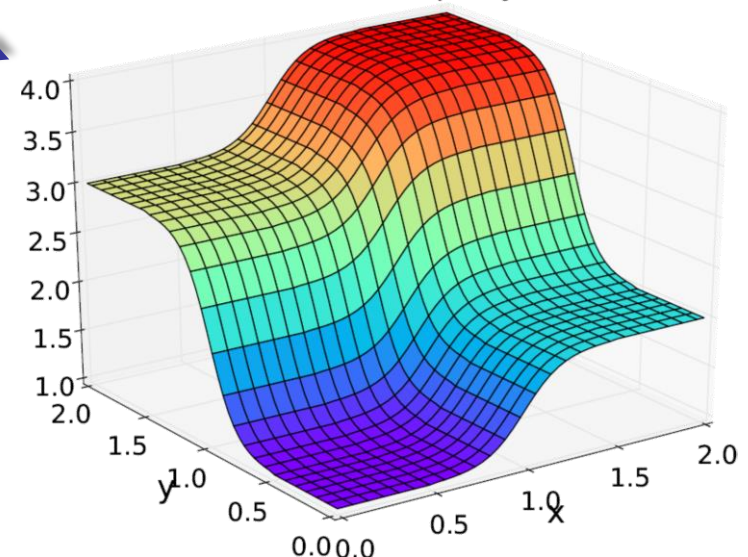
- Random vector discretization



- Finite element discretization

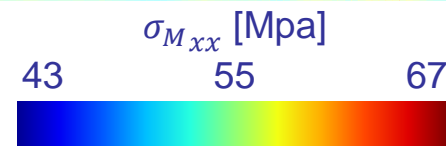
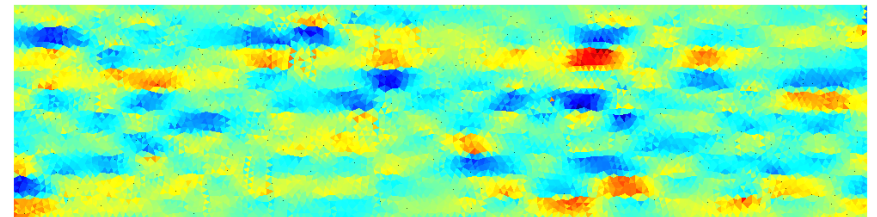
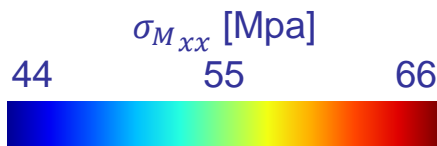
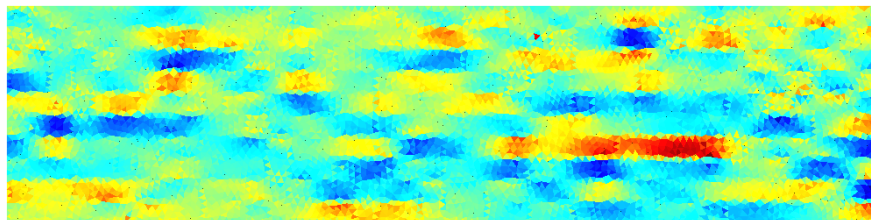
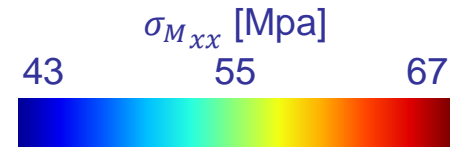
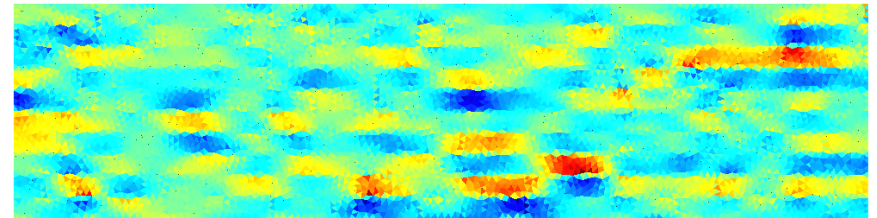
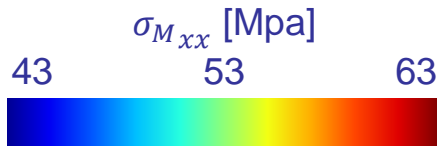
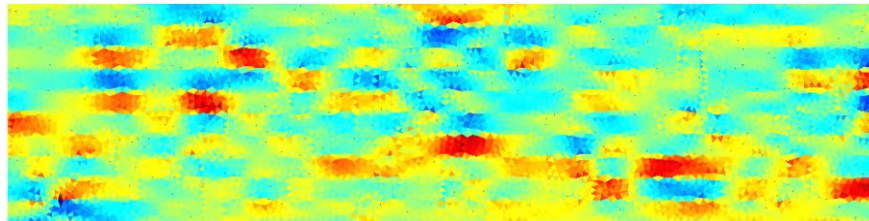
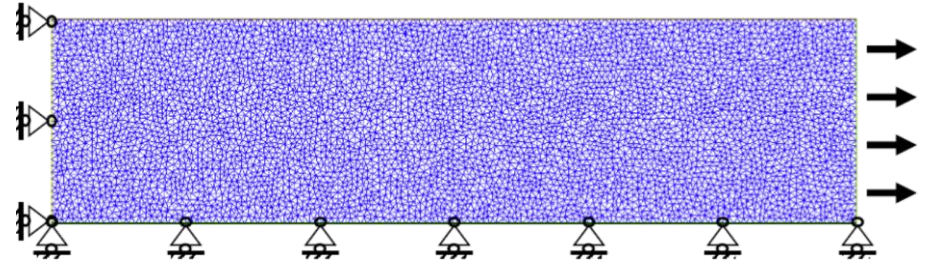


Material Property



# Stochastic reduced order model

- Ply loading realizations
  - Non-uniform homogenized stress distributions
  - Different realizations yield different solutions



# Stochastic Mean-Field Homogenization

- Mean-Field-homogenization (MFH)

- Linear composites

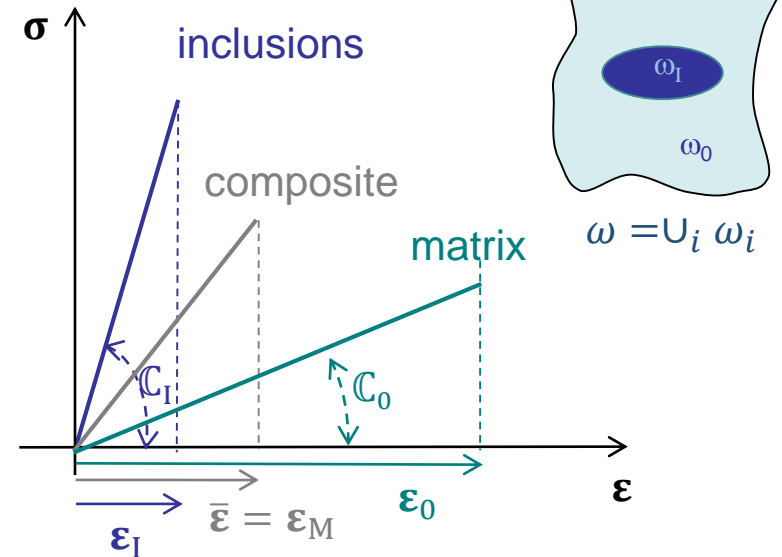
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \sigma_M = \bar{\sigma} = v_0 \sigma_0 + v_I \sigma_I \\ \varepsilon_M = \bar{\varepsilon} = v_0 \varepsilon_0 + v_I \varepsilon_I \\ \varepsilon_I = \mathbf{B}^\varepsilon(I, \mathbb{C}_0, \mathbb{C}_I) : \varepsilon_0 \end{array} \right.$$

→  $\mathbb{C}_M = \mathbb{C}_M(I, \mathbb{C}_0, \mathbb{C}_I, v_I)$

- We use Mori-Tanaka assumption for  $\mathbf{B}^\varepsilon(I, \mathbb{C}_0, \mathbb{C}_I)$

- Stochastic MFH

- How to define random vectors  $\mathcal{V}_{MT}$  of  $I, \mathbb{C}_0, \mathbb{C}_I, v_I$  ?



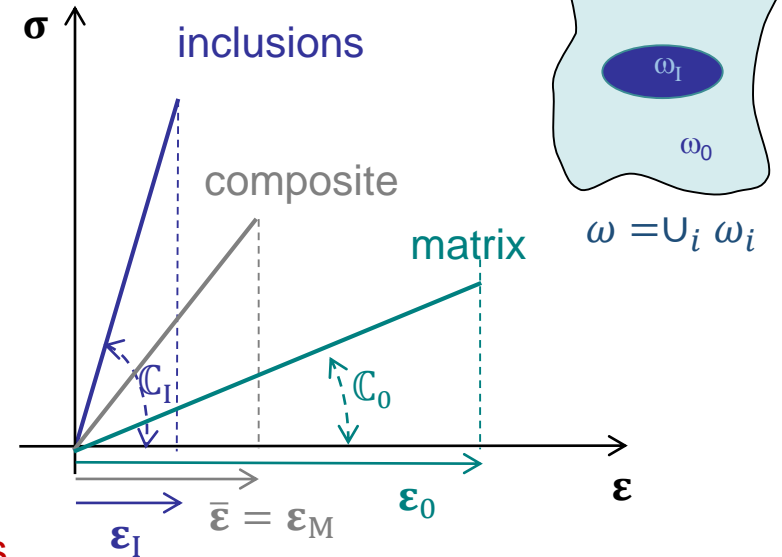
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→  $\mathbb{C}_M = \mathbb{C}_M(\mathbf{I}, \mathbb{C}_0, \mathbb{C}_I, v_I)$  → Defined as random fields



- Consider an equivalent system

- For each SVE realization  $i$ :

→  $\mathbb{C}_M$  and  $v_I$  known

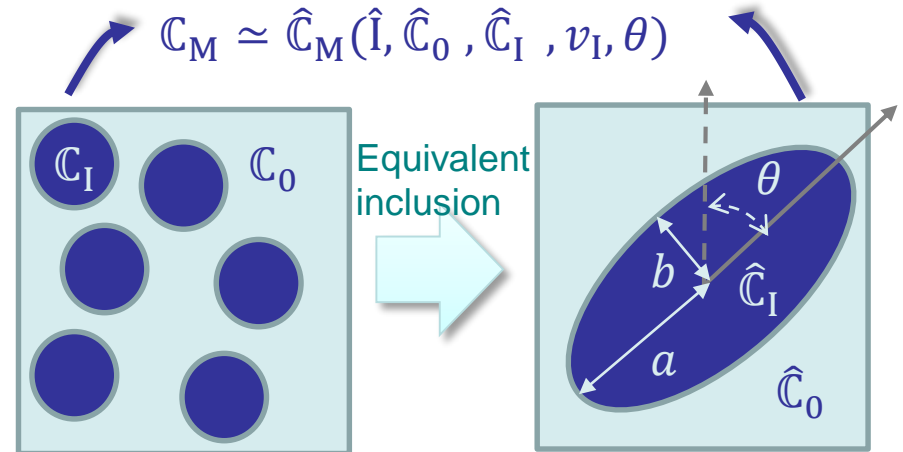
- Anisotropy from  $\mathbb{C}_M^i$

→  $\theta$  is evaluated

- Fibre behaviour uniform

→  $\hat{\mathbb{C}}_I$  for one SVE

- Remaining optimization problem:

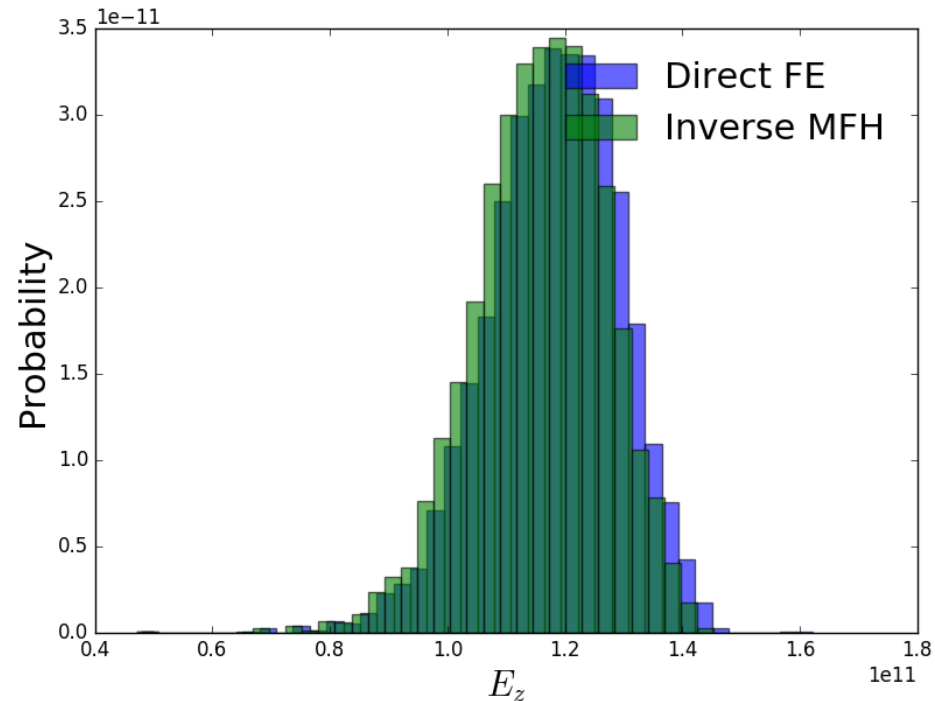
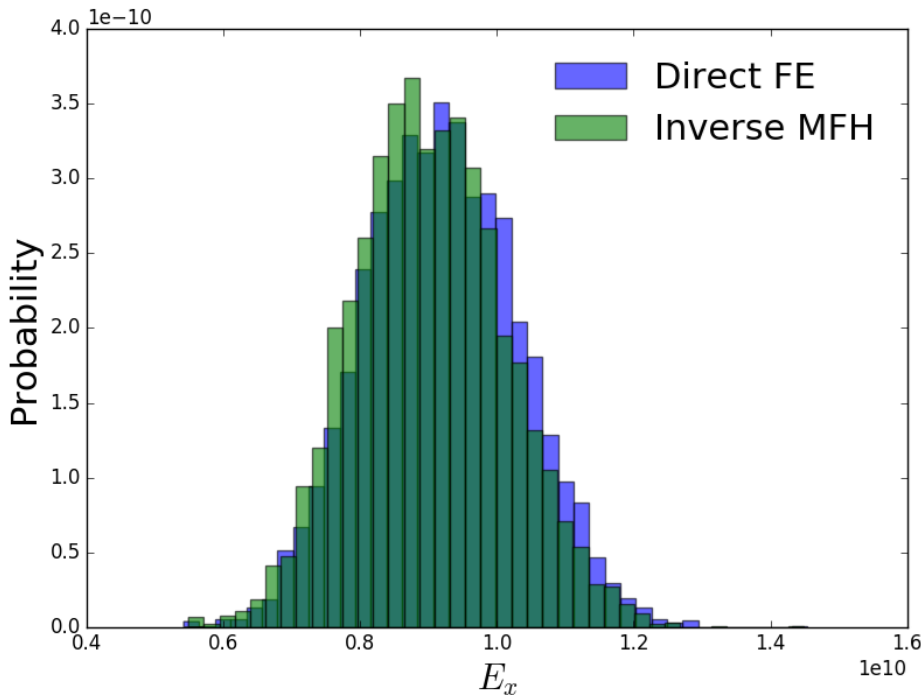
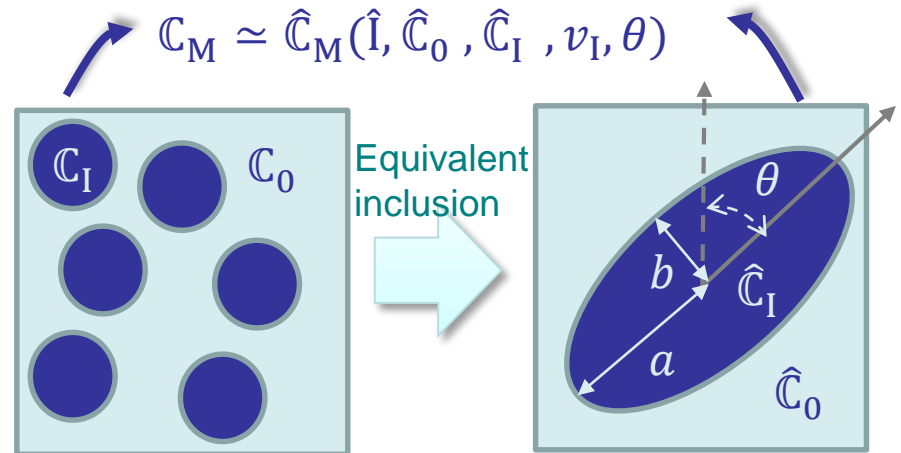


$$\min_{\frac{a}{b}, \hat{E}_0, \hat{\nu}_0} \left\| \mathbb{C}_M - \hat{\mathbb{C}}_M\left(\frac{a}{b}, \hat{E}_0, \hat{\nu}_0; v_I, \theta, \hat{\mathbb{C}}_I\right) \right\|$$

# Stochastic Mean-Field Homogenization

- Inverse stochastic identification

- Comparison of homogenized properties from SVE realizations and stochastic MFH



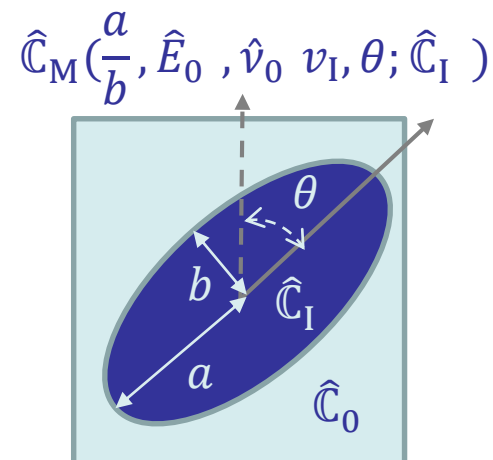
# Stochastic Mean-Field Homogenization

- Stochastic MFH model:

- Homogenized properties  $\hat{C}_M(\frac{a}{b}, \hat{E}_0, \hat{\nu}_0, \nu_I, \theta; \hat{C}_I)$

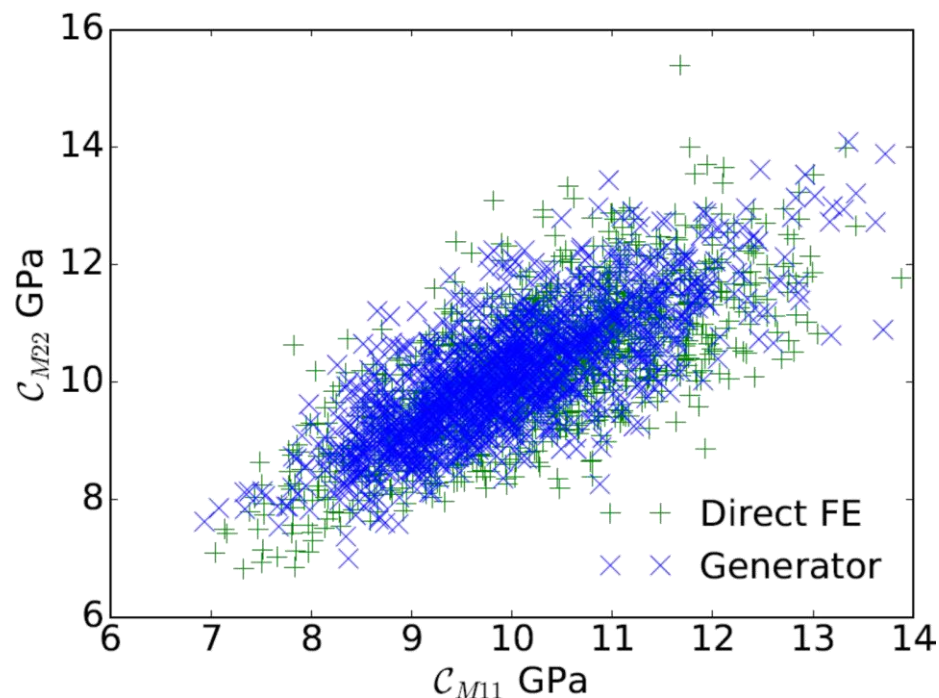
- Random vectors  $\mathcal{V}_{MT}$

- Realizations  $v_{MT} = \{\frac{a}{b}, \hat{E}_0, \hat{\nu}_0, \nu_I, \theta\}$
- Characterized by the distance correlation matrix
- Generator using the copula method



	$\nu_I$	$\theta$	$\frac{a}{b}$	$\hat{E}_0$	$\hat{\nu}_0$
$\nu_I$	1.0	0.015	0.114	0.523	0.499
$\theta$		1.0	0.092	0.016	0.014
$\frac{a}{b}$			1.0	0.080	0.076
$\hat{E}_0$				1.0	0.661
$\hat{\nu}_0$					

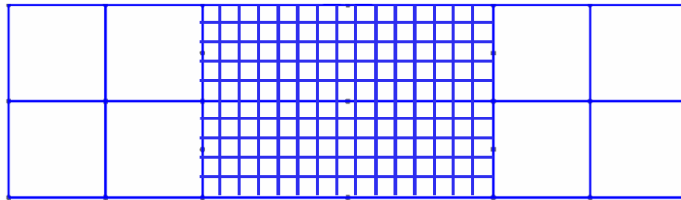
Distances correlation matrix



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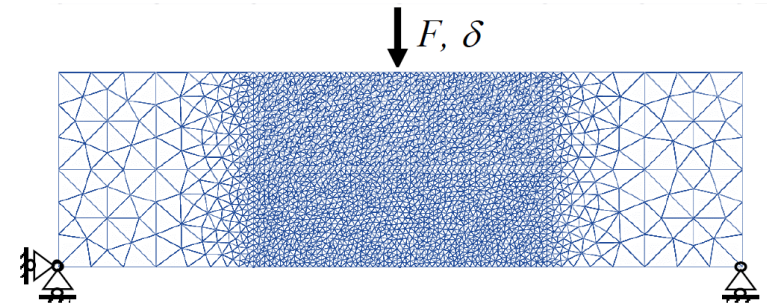
- Stochastic simulations

- 2 discretization: Random field  $\mathcal{V}_{MT}$

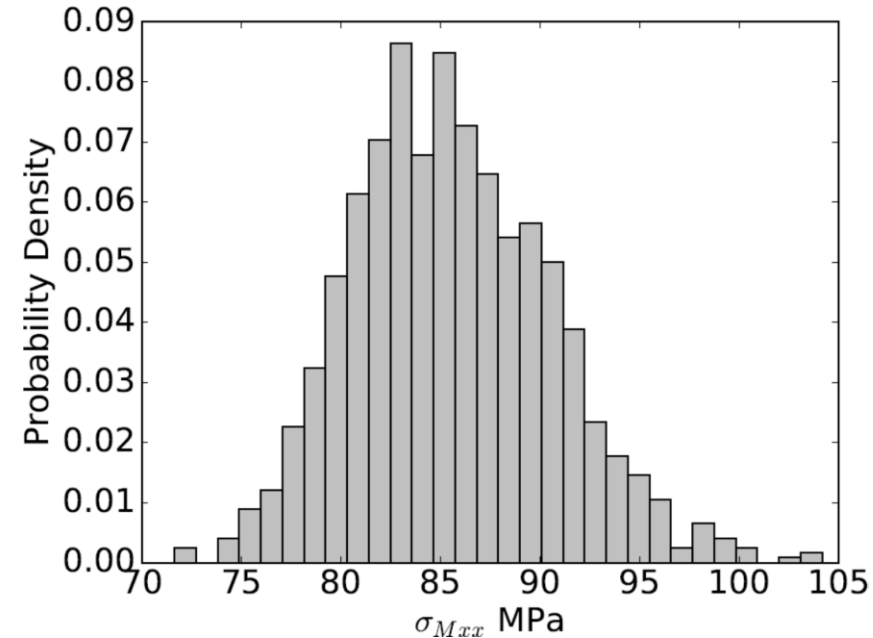
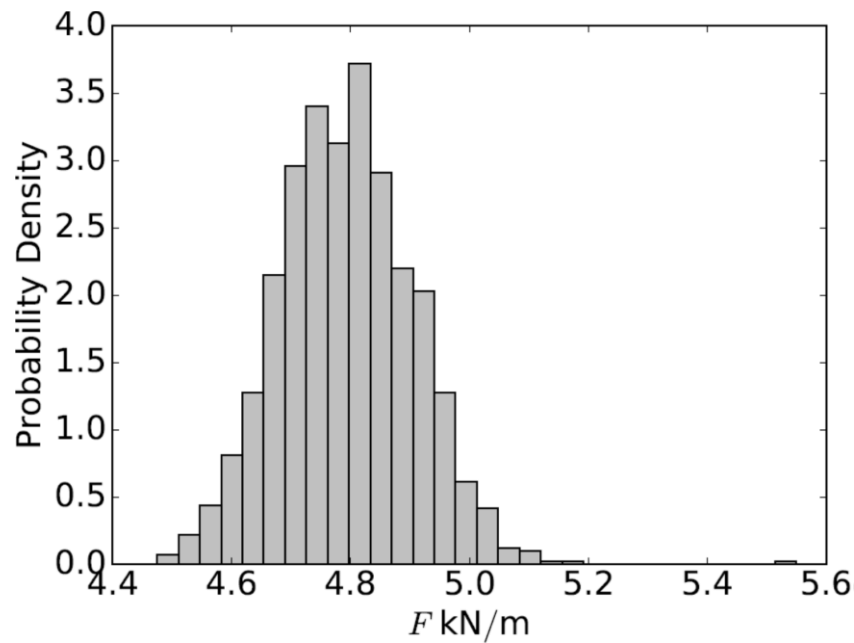


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Stochastic finite-elements



- Realizations to reach a given deflection  $\delta$





- Stochastic generator based on SEM measurements of unidirectional fibre reinforced composites
- Computational homogenization on SVEs
- Two-step computational homogenization for Big SVEs
- Definition of a Stochastic MFH method
- In progress: nonlinear and failure analyzes

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Thank you for your attention !