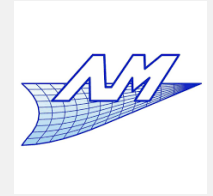


***Development of
a 2.5D Representative
Volume Element model
of AlSi10Mg material
produced by additive
manufacturing***



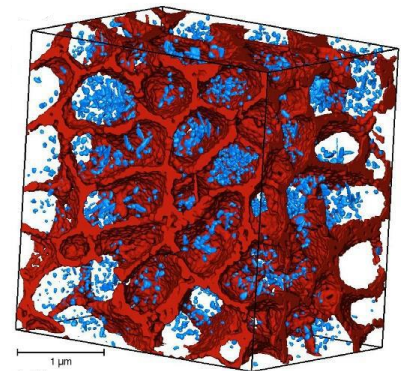
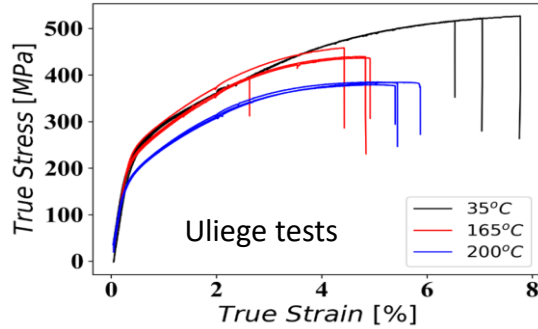
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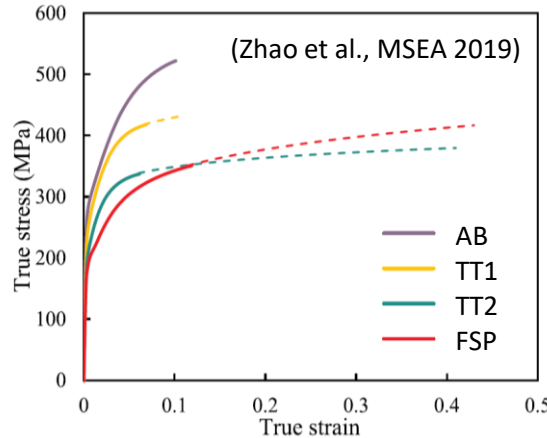
Long Life AM project - Experimental context

Tensile test AISi10Mg SLM as – built versus build platform temperature



**As built
microstructure
AB (Cells)**
(Santos Macías et al.,
Acta Materialia 201, 2020)

Post treatment effects (thermal treatment TT1, TT2 or Friction Stir Processing FSP)

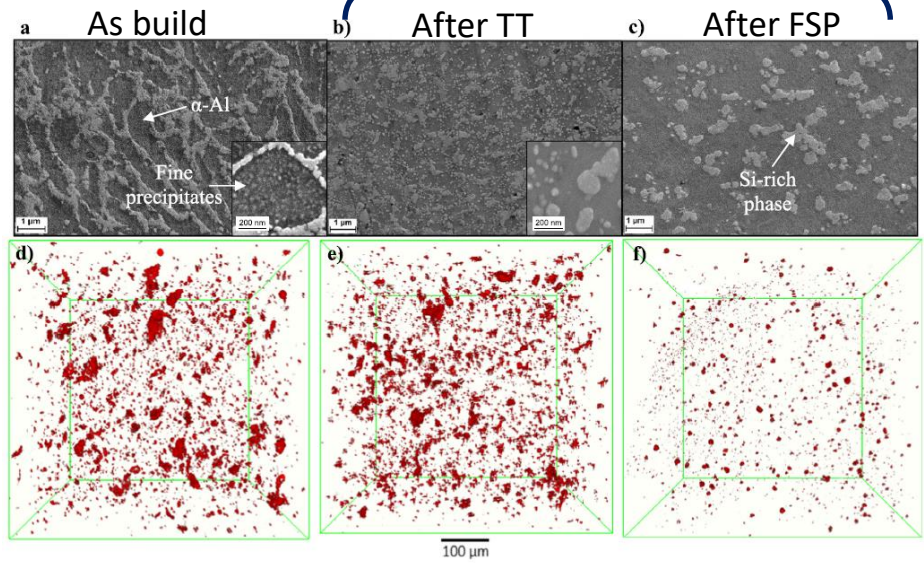


+ DSC, SEM, DRX
→ Microstructure
Evolution AB

Nano indentation
→ **Local mechanical
properties**

FSP ↑↑ **Fatigue life**

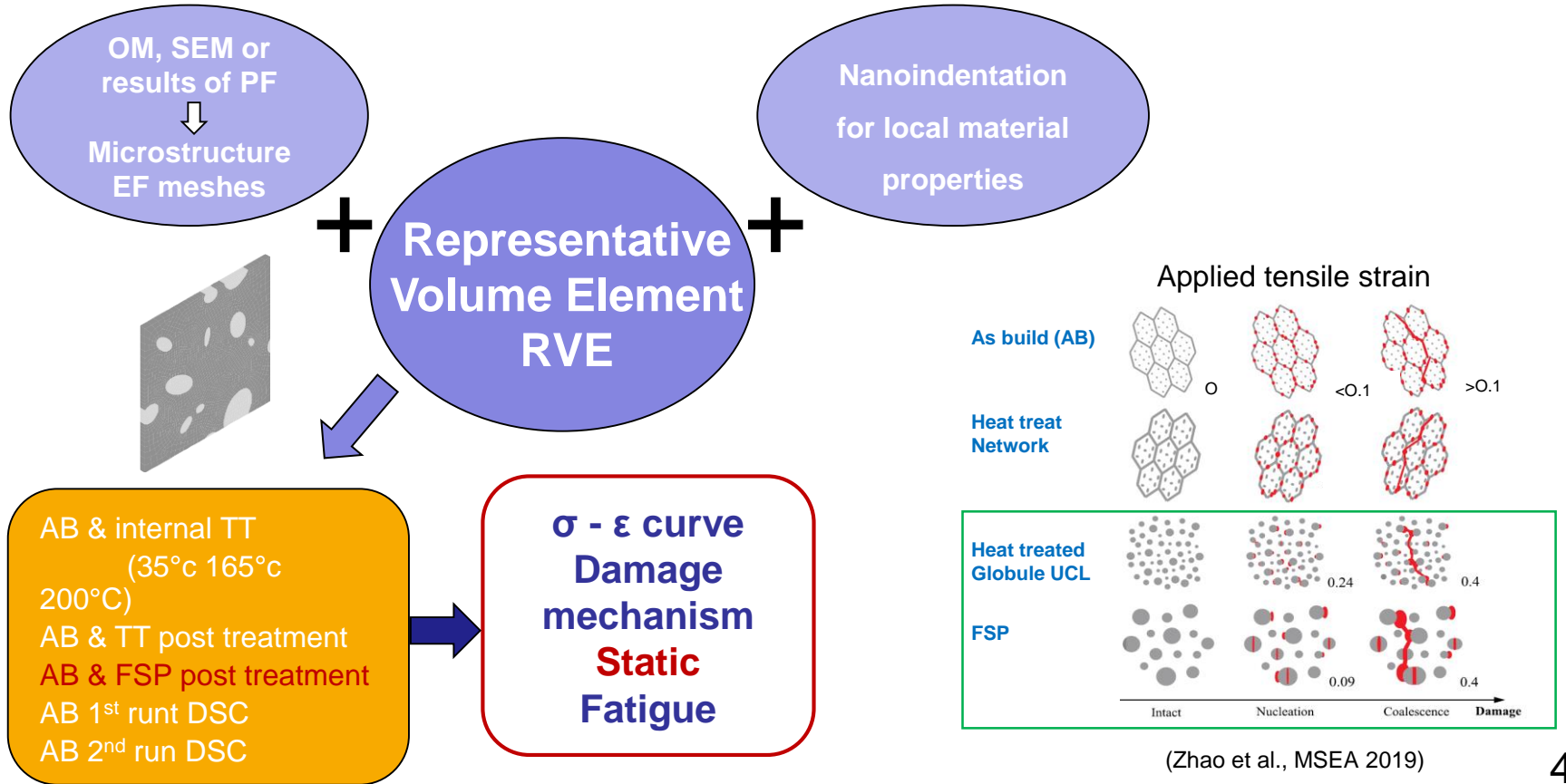
Cells **Matrix + Precipitates**



(Santos Macías et al., Scripta Materialia 170, 2019)

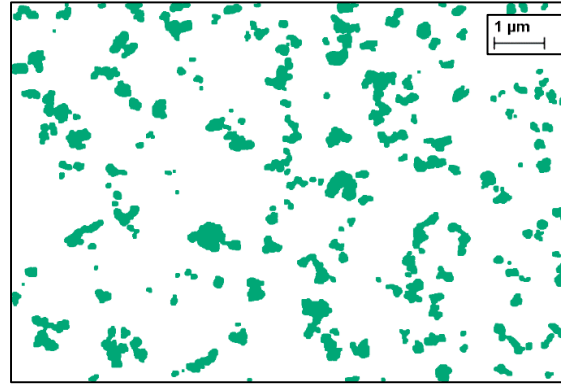
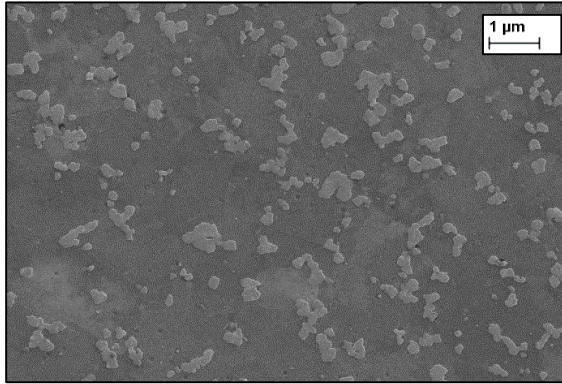
Towards Numerical Material Design

Microstructure Design through RVE



Statistical observations taken into account to build RVE

(Zhao et al.,
MSEA 2019)



Post treatment
ULiege

Si particles described by equivalent ellipses:

- equivalent circle diameter \varnothing_{eq} [0.118; 0.695] μm
- aspect ratio: $AR = \varnothing_{min} / \varnothing_{max}$
- angle major axis / horizontal axis of image: α
- Pearson correlation coefficients: r

→ higher rate of small particles
→ few elongated grains
→ no dominant orientation angle
→ weak correlations between
 \varnothing_{eq} , AR , α

Nanoindentations: grid α -Al or single target indent Si *case of matrix + particle material*

Si particle:

Elastic behavior characterized from literature & Si nanoindentation

(Dedry et al., ESAFORM PoPuPs, 2021)

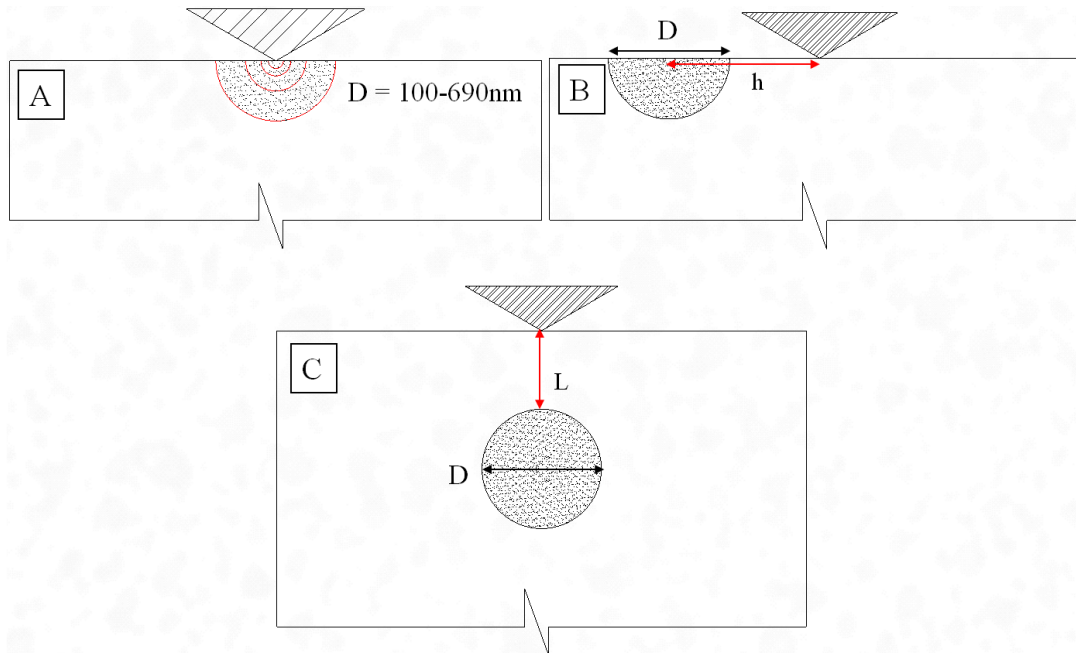
α -Al matrix elasto-plastic behavior:

- Inverse modelling (Berkovich indenter, based on the total set of available curves)
Tran H.S. et al. 2022 (revision Int. J. of Mech. Sc.)
- Dao & Bucaille method (3 \neq indenters, use of lower curves of the grid)
Bouffioux C. et al. (soon)

α -Al matrix characterization by Berkovich & inverse modelling

Finite Element Inverse model of lowest curve: assumed α -Al \rightarrow data set A

Sensitivity analysis of indent position and size of Si



Berkovich

$$\sigma_{y, \alpha\text{-Al}} / \sigma_{y, \text{Si}} = 0.036$$

$$D [0.118; 0.695] \mu\text{m}$$

Si of $D < 0.2 \mu\text{m}$

\rightarrow not effect on force-displacement curve

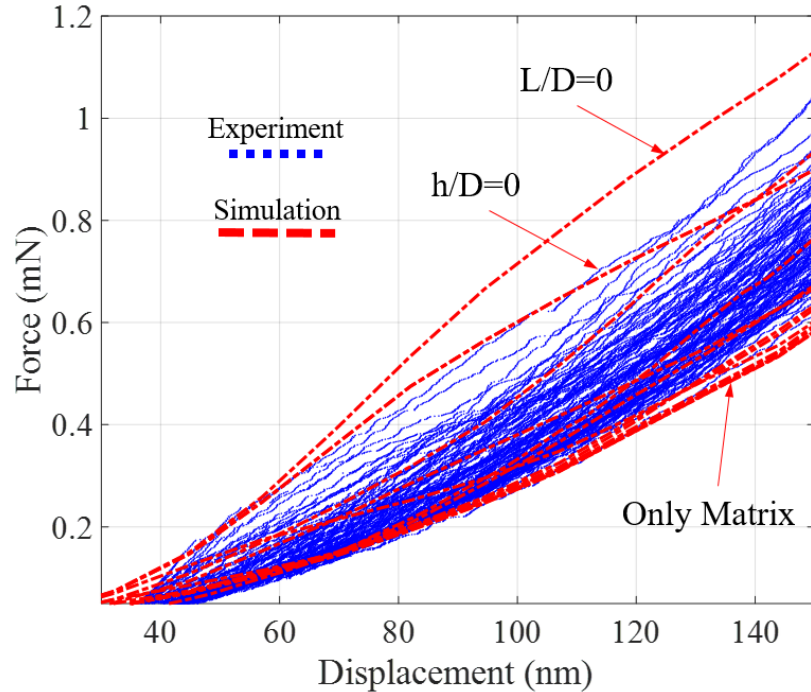
Indent further than $0.345 \mu\text{m}$ from Si particle

\rightarrow α -Al matrix behavior

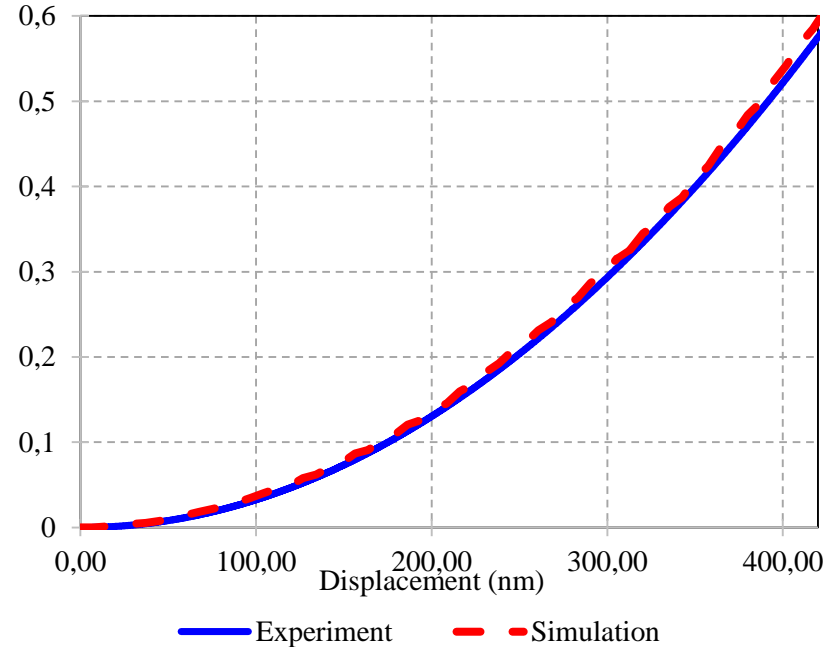
α -Al matrix characterization by Berkovich & inverse modelling

Data set A validation

Range of simulations and experiments



Prediction / Experiment of cube corner



α -AI matrix characterization by nanoindentations & Dao-Bucaille

1 point $(\epsilon_{r,\theta}, \sigma_{r,\theta})$ for each indenter characterized by its angle α

- **Nanoindentation curves**

→ $F = C_\theta \cdot h^2$ with F: normal force, h: penetration depth, C_θ : constant

→ $\frac{1}{E^*} = \frac{1 - \nu^2}{E} + \frac{1 - \nu_i^2}{E_i}$ with E^* : reduced modulus of the curve

- **K.L. Johnson (J. Mech. Phys. Solids, 1970)** → characteristic strain $\epsilon_{r,\theta}$ per indenter

→ $\epsilon_{r,\theta} = K \cdot \cotan(\theta)$ with θ : angle of the equivalent cone, $K = 0,105$ (Bucaille, Acta Mat. 51, 2003)

→ $\theta = \arctan\left(\sqrt{\frac{3 \cdot \sqrt{3}}{\pi}} \cdot \tan(\alpha)\right)$ with α : angle of indenter

- **Dao's method (Acta Mat. 49, 2001) + Bucaille method (Acta Mat. 51, 2003)**

$$\rightarrow \Pi_{1\theta} = \frac{C_\theta}{\sigma_{r,\theta}} = \tan^2(\theta) \cdot \left\{ 0.02552 \cdot \left[\ln\left(\frac{E^*}{\sigma_{r,\theta}}\right) \right]^3 - 0.72526 \cdot \left[\ln\left(\frac{E^*}{\sigma_{r,\theta}}\right) \right]^2 + 6.34493 \cdot \left[\ln\left(\frac{E^*}{\sigma_{r,\theta}}\right) \right] - 6.47458 \right\}$$

→ the characteristic stress $\sigma_{r,\theta}$ per indenter

α -Al matrix characterization by nanoindentations

Indentations on grids with 3 different indenters \rightarrow lowest curves for matrix

\rightarrow Swift or Voce hardening law fitting

infinity of solutions if σ_y not defined

\rightarrow σ_y from macro tensile test or analytical formula

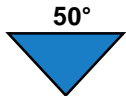
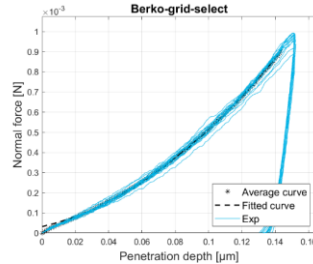
\rightarrow Ok high ratio Si / α -Al strength & low fraction of Si particles

(Tran et al. 2022, under revision in Int. J. of Mech. Sc.)



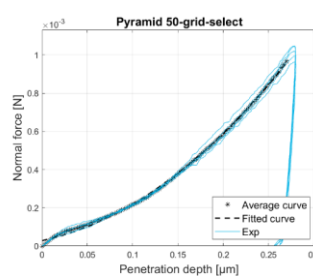
Berkovich

θ_1



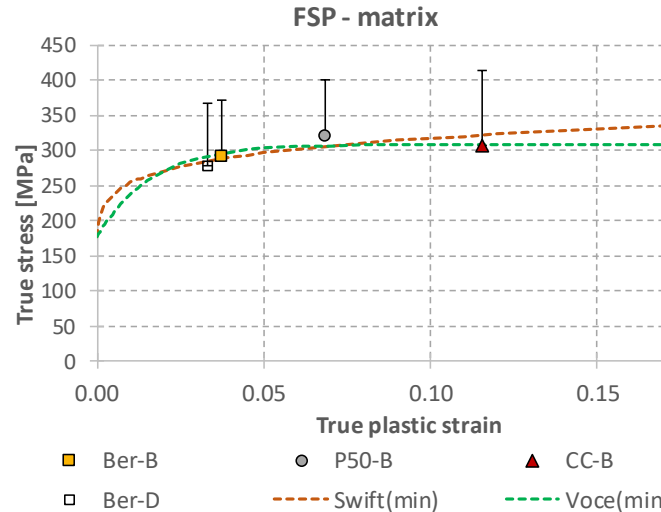
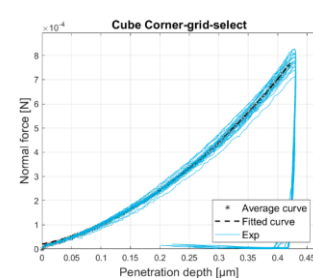
50°

θ_2



Cube corner

θ_3



Data set B
 \approx Data set A

(Dedry et al., ESAFORM
 PoPuPs, 2021)

Small - 5 Si part.

Matrix + Particles \rightarrow RVE

Medium A - 10 Si part. & \neq mesh sizes

Target: macro tensile test in Y dir.

\neq model, mesh sizes, 1 layer of 3D elements, 3D law

Macro level : $\epsilon_{xx} \approx \epsilon_{zz}$ (isotropic material)

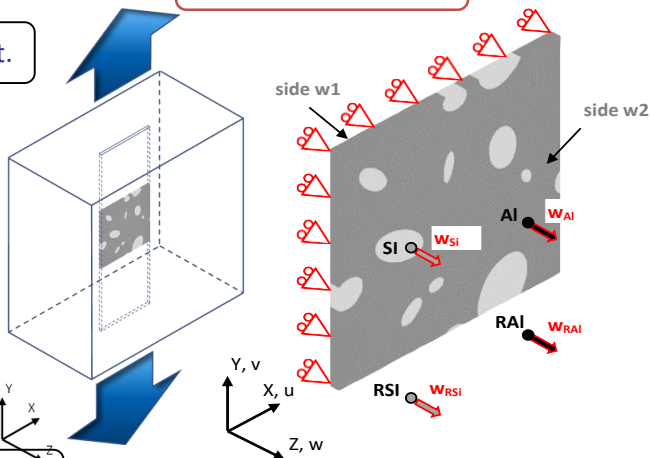
Local level: strength in Z direction \approx for all particles

(Bouffieux et al., 2022, nearly submitted)

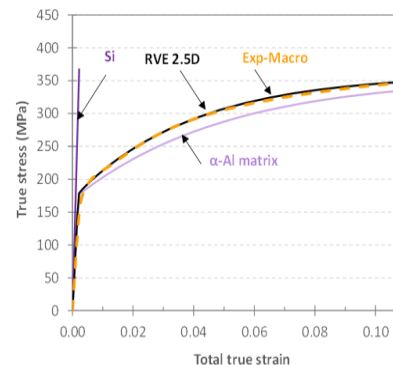
Medium B - 10 Si part.

Boundary conditions

Large - 15 Si part.



Strong strength ratio
Si particle / α -Al matrix



2D or 3D

\rightarrow 2.5D

Representative Size

\rightarrow 10 particles

Mesh density

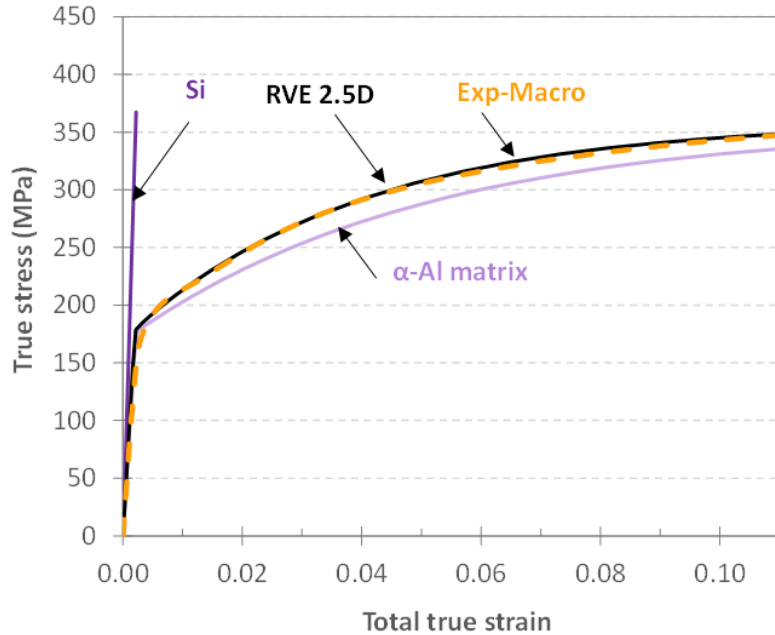
\rightarrow Fine



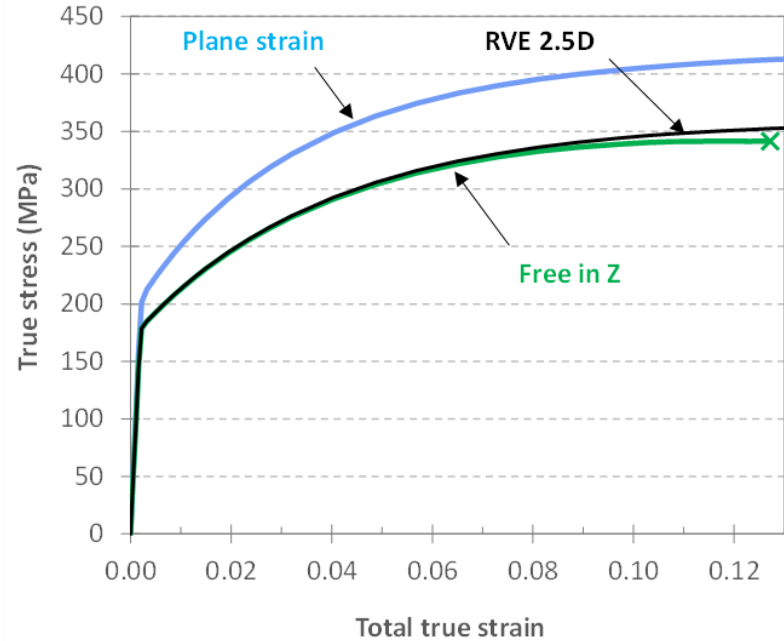
Macroscopic $\sigma - \epsilon$ computed from RVE

Tensile test in y direction

Experimental validation



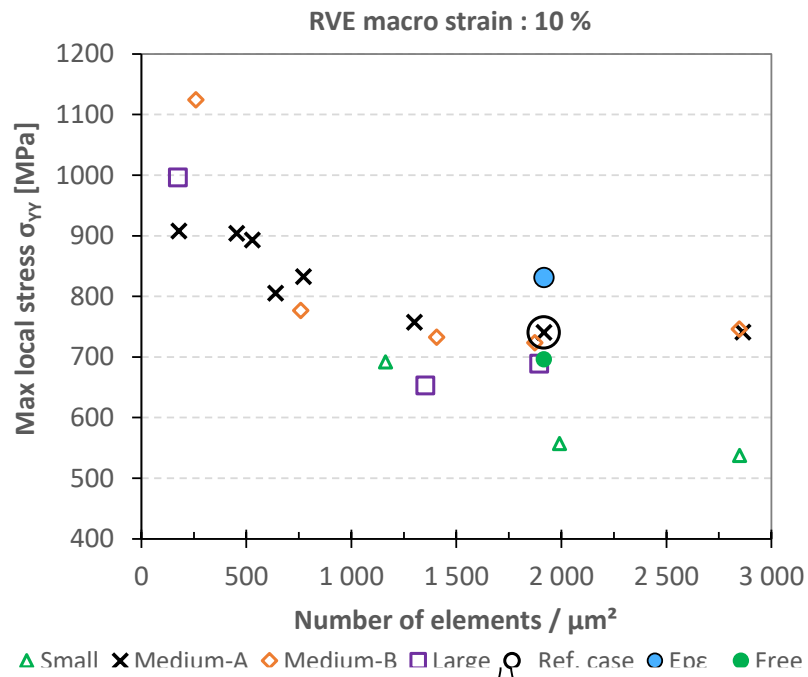
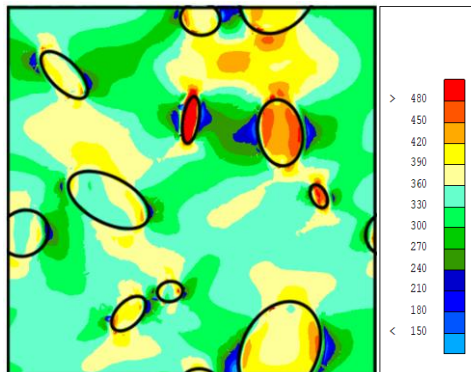
Effect of boundary conditions in Z direction



Sensitivity of local max σ_{yy} mesh & RVE size

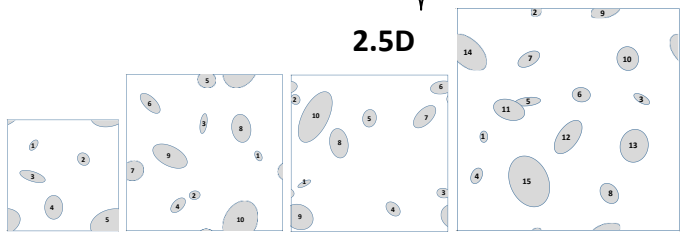


Medium-A model
Macro deformation of 10%
 σ_{yy} distribution [Mpa]



5 particles-mesh
→ not representative RVE

10 or 15 particles-meshes,
different Si part. distributions,
→ identical results
→ representative RVE



Effect of boundary conditions on medium-A RVE

→ Plane strain: too stiff

→ Free z : no stress in Z direction

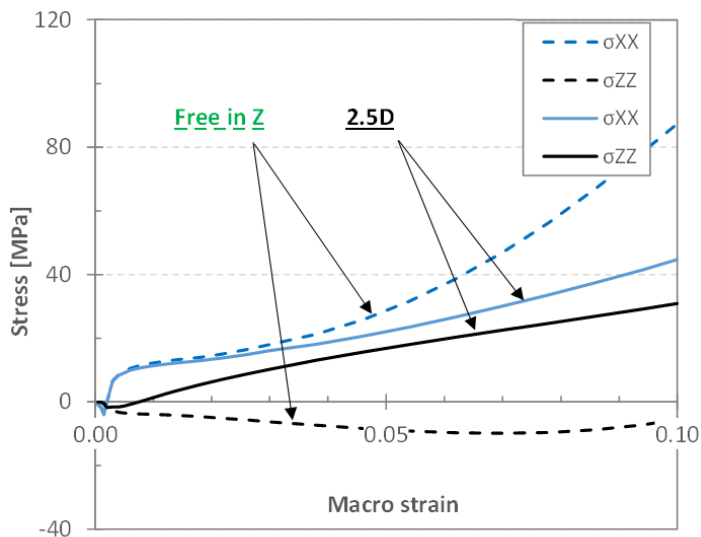
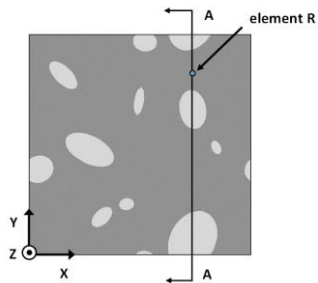
Local stress field



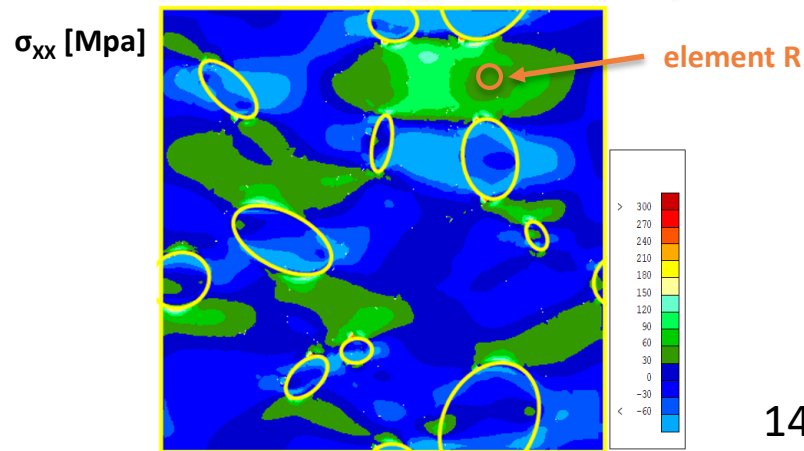
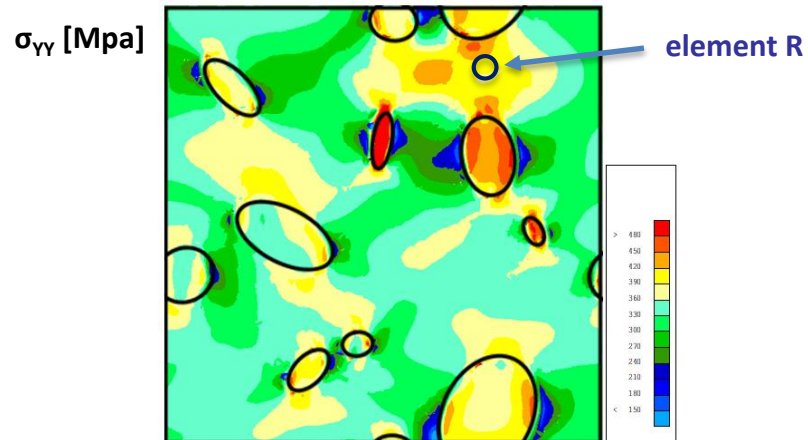
RVE 2.5D

Periodic conditions in XY plane, force applied in Y

Effect of boundary conditions applied in Z direction



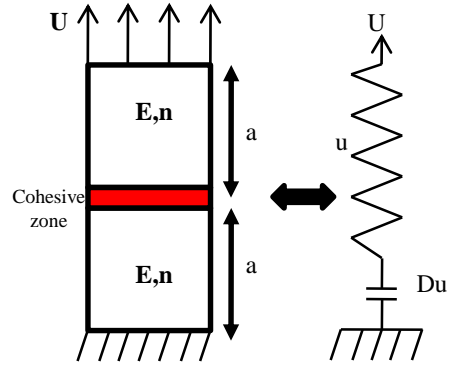
Stress distribution in Y & X directions





Damage mechanism in static loading

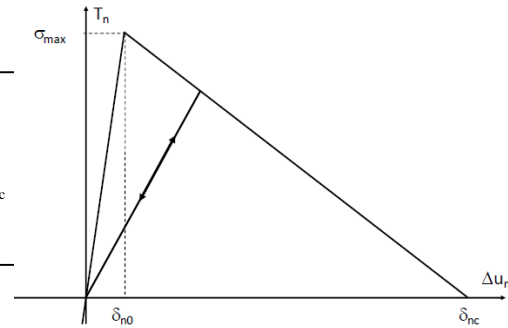
→ Cohesive interface elements



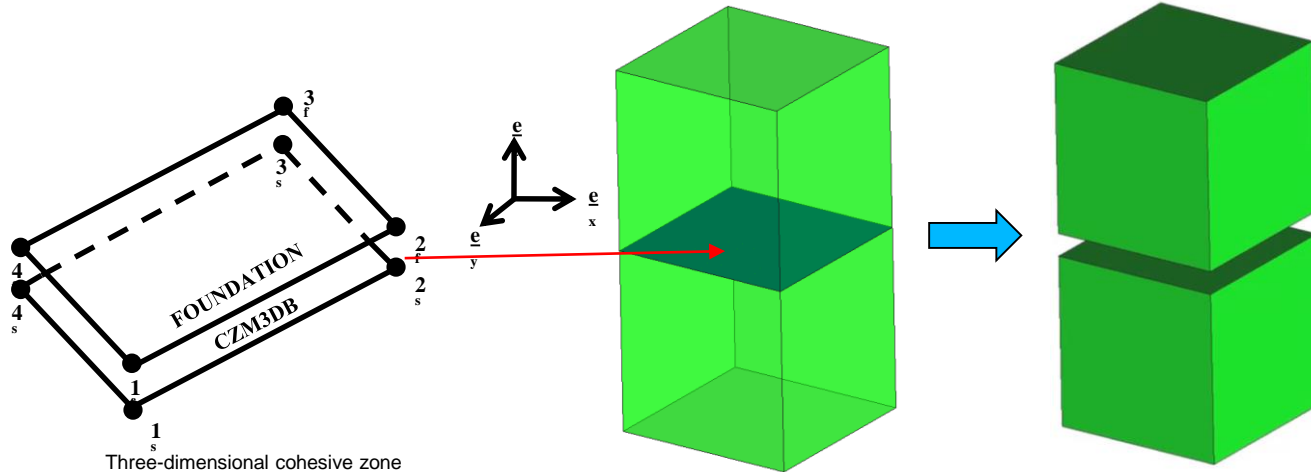
Uniaxial problem to illustrate the jump displacement

$$T = \begin{cases} \frac{\sigma_{\max}}{\delta_0} \Delta u & \text{if } \Delta u < \delta_0 \\ \sigma_{\max} \frac{\delta_c - \Delta u}{\delta_c - \delta_0} & \text{if } \delta_0 \leq \Delta u \leq \delta_c \\ 0 & \text{if } \Delta u > \delta_c \end{cases}$$

Bilinear law



Traction separation law

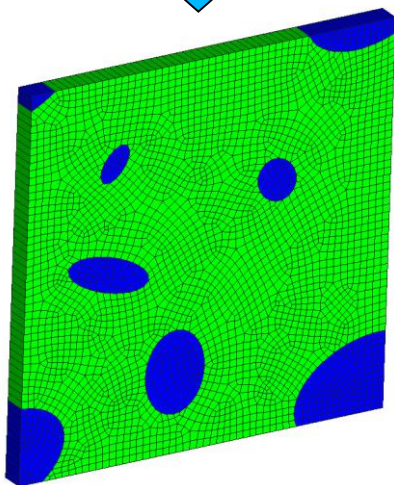
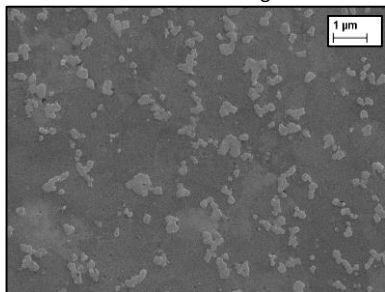


Three-dimensional cohesive zone

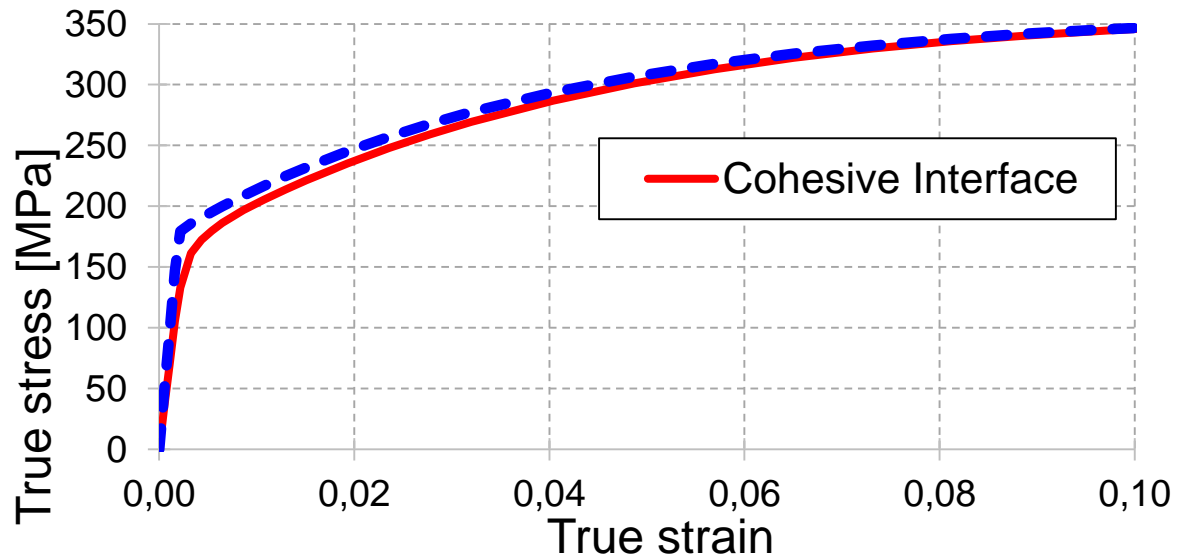
Cohesive zone modelling



Microstructure of AlSi10Mg after FSP



σ_{\max}	δ_{n0}	δ_{nc}	τ_{\max}	δ_{t0}	δ_{tc}
550	5.5E-6	6E-6	550.	5.5E-6	6E-6



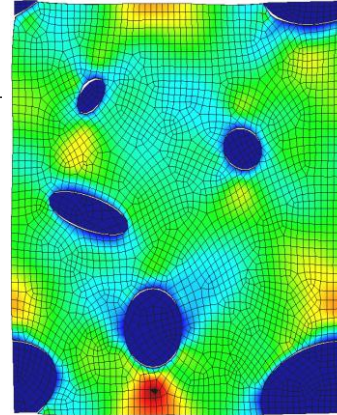
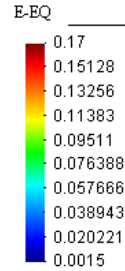
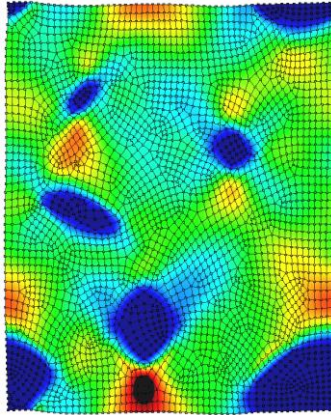
Sensitivity of local field assumption at macro strain 0.1



Perfect Interfaces

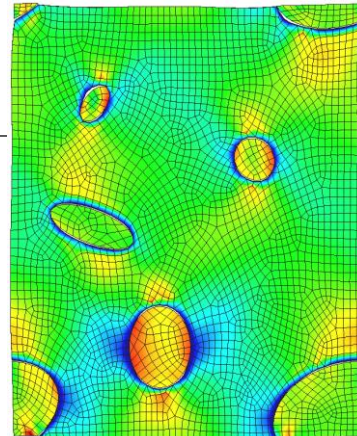
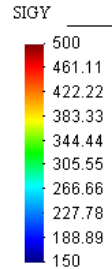
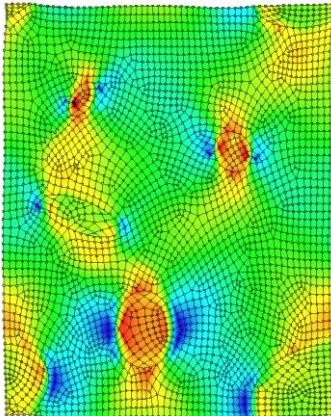
Cohesive Interfaces

Equivalent Strain



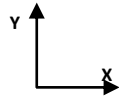
Decohesion starts at similar macro strain as experiment

Tensile stress in Y direction



RVE 2.5D ready to model fatigue

Stress-YY



Conclusions Toward numerically optimized microstructure by RVE ?

Development of 2.5D RVE model → macro stress strain tensile curve validated
→ local stress and strain fields available
→ damage mechanism in static loading ongoing

A tool available for “isotropic matrix + precipitate material”

Input data from experiments here

However, Phase Field approach possible (see EMMC18 conf.)

Next steps: fatigue

- Fatigue experimental campaign
- RVE predictions via damage constitutive laws



Thank you
Any questions ?

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