

Constitutive Parameters for a Nonlinear Cosserat Theory

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- Motivation
- Kinematic Relations
- Constitutive Model
- Numerical Treatment

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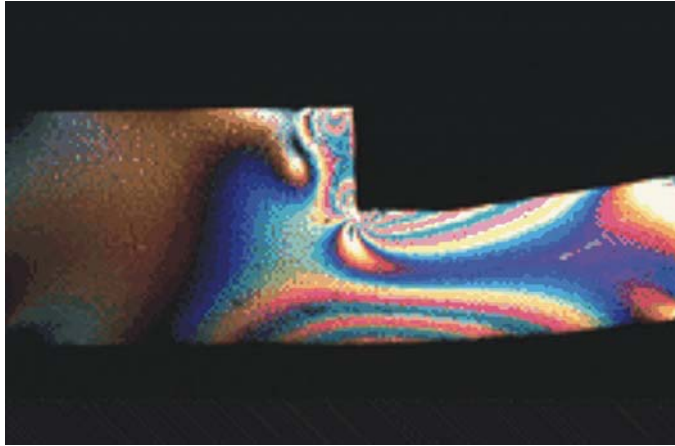
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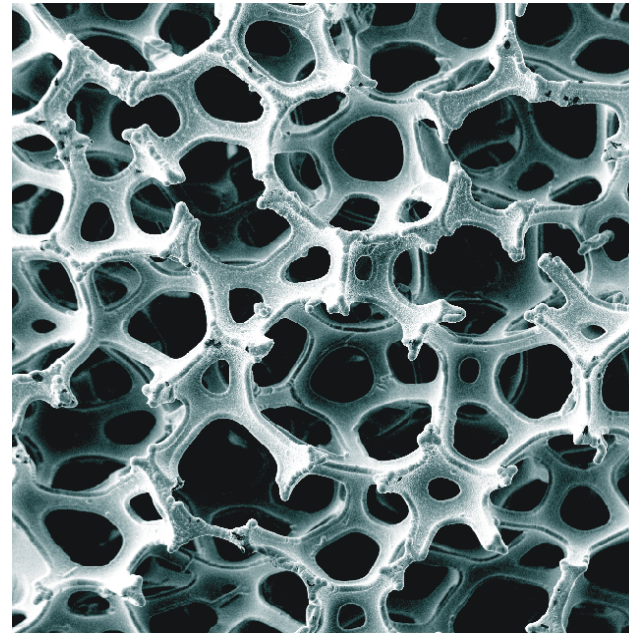
- Simple Glide
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- Imperfection Algorithm
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Applications for Cosserat continua:

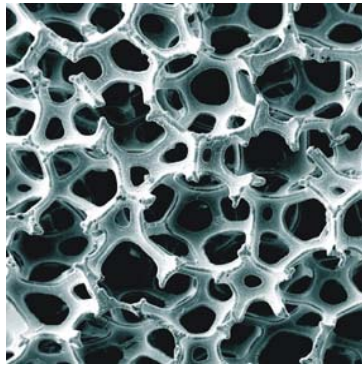
- stress concentration



- foams



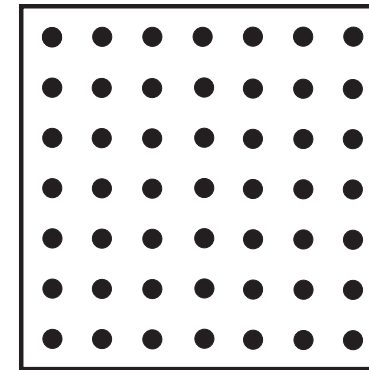
- continua with periodical microstructure
- binary media (suspensions)
- plasticity
- ...



homogeneous
model without
orientation



Boltzmann continua

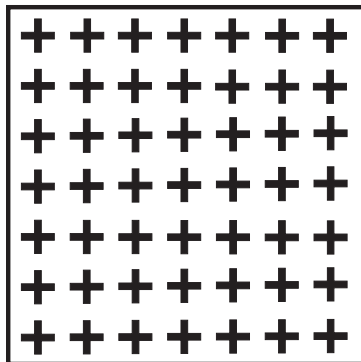


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additional
kinematic

Cosserat continua



→ regularization

→ size effects

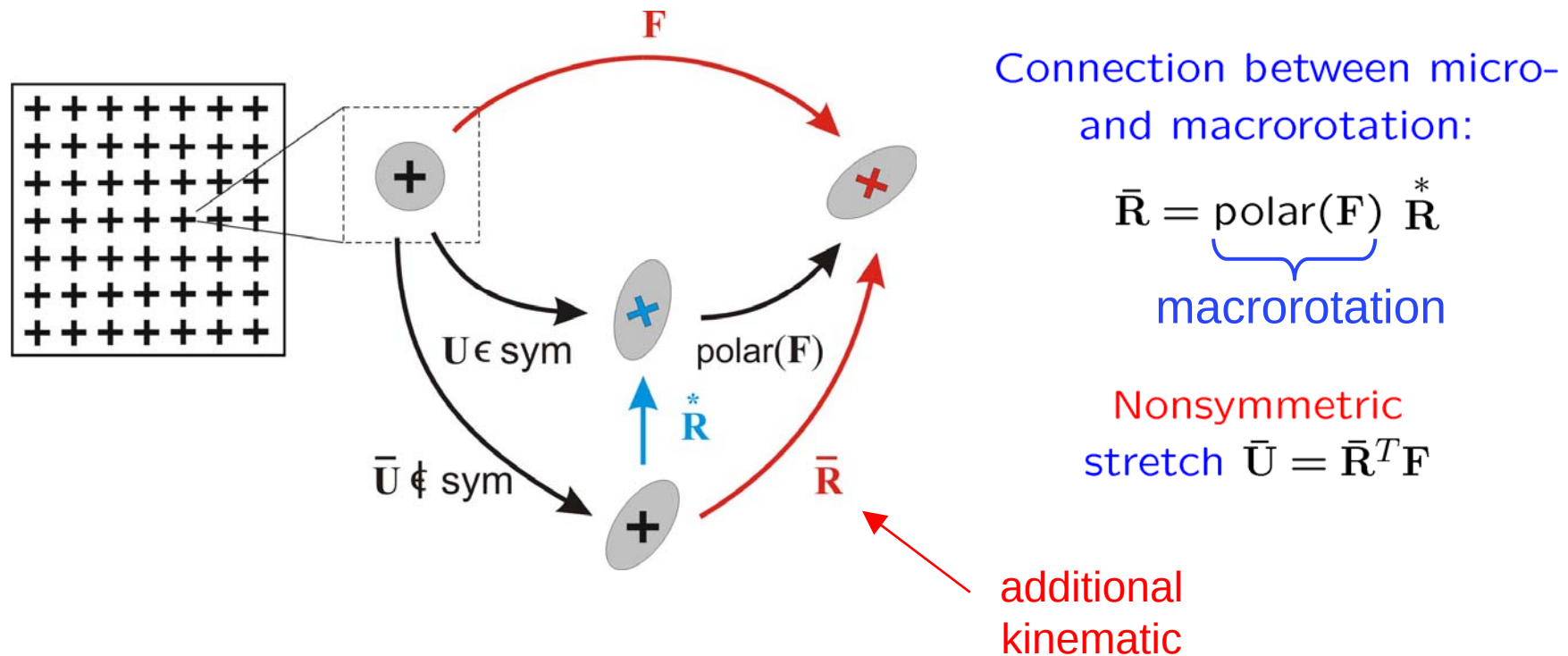
→ foam-like behaviour



effects of
(strong) inner
structure



Relations for Cosserat theory (e.g. *Ehlers, Bluhm* [1]):



first Cosserat strain: $\bar{\mathbf{U}} - \mathbf{I} = \bar{\mathbf{R}}^T \mathbf{F} - \mathbf{I}$

second Cosserat strain: $\mathbf{K} = \bar{\mathbf{R}}^T \nabla \bar{\mathbf{R}}$ (curvature)

Relations and linearizations for Cosserat theory (e.g. *Ehlers, Bluhm* [2]):

Euler-Rodrigues formula:
$$\begin{aligned}\bar{\mathbf{R}} &= \exp(\bar{\mathbf{A}}) = \mathbf{I} + \frac{\bar{\mathbf{A}}}{1!} + \frac{\bar{\mathbf{A}}^2}{2!} + \frac{\bar{\mathbf{A}}^3}{3!} + \dots \\ &= \mathbf{e} \otimes \mathbf{e} + (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{e} \otimes \mathbf{e}) \cos \|\gamma\| + (\mathbf{e} \times \mathbf{I}) \sin \|\gamma\| \\ &\quad \mathbf{e} \dots \text{axis of microrotation vector } \gamma\end{aligned}$$

1) linearization:
$$\bar{\mathbf{R}}_{\text{lin}} = \mathbf{I} + \bar{\mathbf{A}} = \mathbf{I} - \epsilon \gamma, \quad \gamma = \text{axl}(\bar{\mathbf{A}})$$

 $\epsilon \dots$ permutation tensor

first Cosserat strain:
$$\bar{\mathbf{U}} - \mathbf{I} = \bar{\mathbf{R}}^T \mathbf{F} - \mathbf{I}$$

2) linearization:
$$(\bar{\mathbf{U}} - \mathbf{I})_{\text{lin}} = \nabla \mathbf{u} + \epsilon \gamma = \nabla \mathbf{u} - \bar{\mathbf{A}}$$

second Cosserat strain:
$$\mathbf{K} = \bar{\mathbf{R}}^T \nabla \bar{\mathbf{R}} \quad (\text{curvature})$$

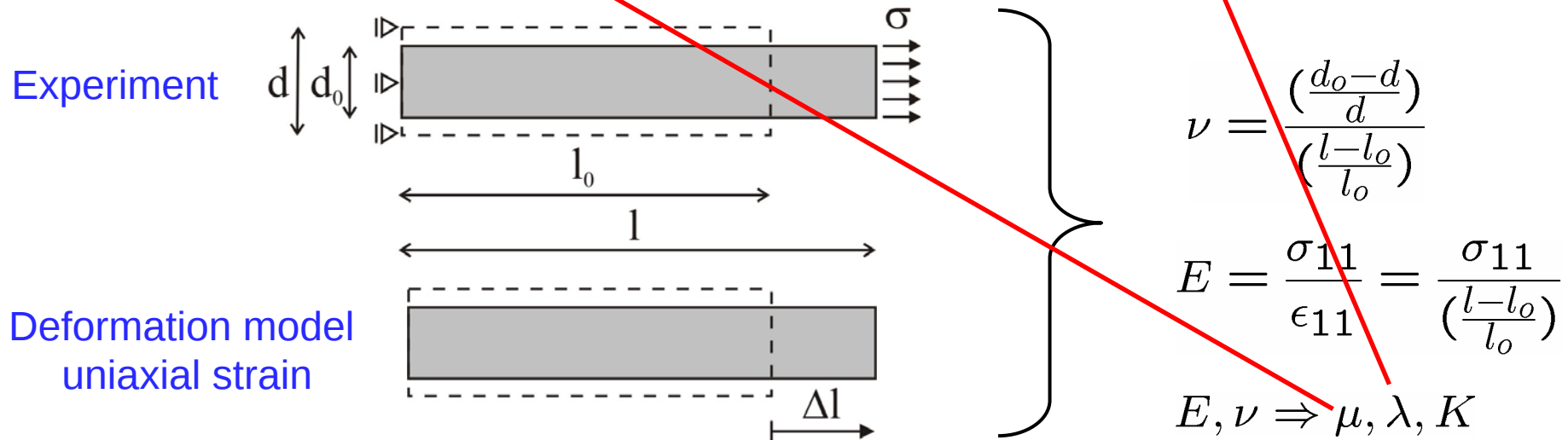
 $\uparrow$ pull back, similar to $\bar{\mathbf{U}} = \bar{\mathbf{R}}^T \mathbf{F}$

3) linearization:
$$\mathbf{K}_{\text{lin}} = \nabla \gamma$$

Quadratic ansatz in first Cosserat strain:

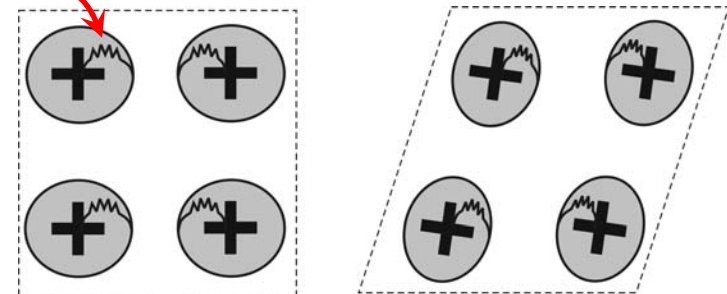
$$W_{mp}(\bar{\mathbf{U}}) = \mu \|\text{sym}(\bar{\mathbf{U}} - \mathbf{I})\|^2 + \mu_c \|\text{skew}(\bar{\mathbf{U}} - \mathbf{I})\|^2 + \frac{\lambda}{2} (\text{tr}(\bar{\mathbf{U}} - \mathbf{I}))^2$$

with classical Lamé constants μ and λ



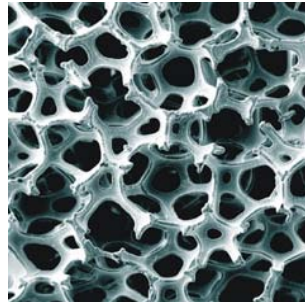
→ Cosserat couple modulus μ_c penalizes differences of microrotations to macrorotations:

$$\|\text{skew}(\bar{\mathbf{U}} - \mathbf{I})\|^2 \rightarrow 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \bar{\mathbf{R}} \rightarrow \text{polar}(\mathbf{F})$$

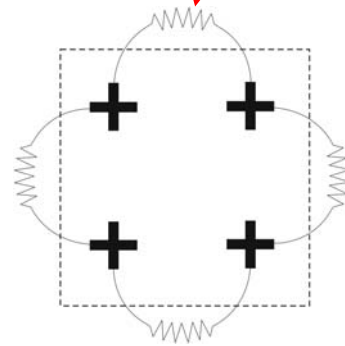
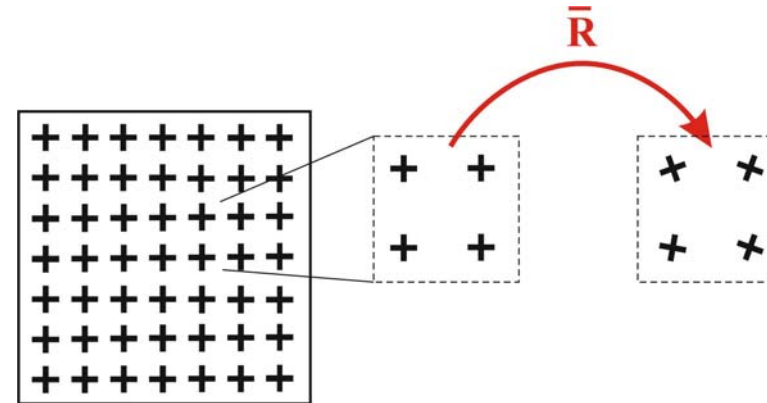


Nonlinear ansatz for curvature energy:

$$W_{curv}(\mathbf{K}) = \frac{\mu}{6}(1 + L_c^2 \|\mathbf{K}\|^2)^3 = \frac{\mu}{6}(1 + L_c^2 \|\bar{\mathbf{R}}^T \nabla \bar{\mathbf{R}}\|^2)^3$$

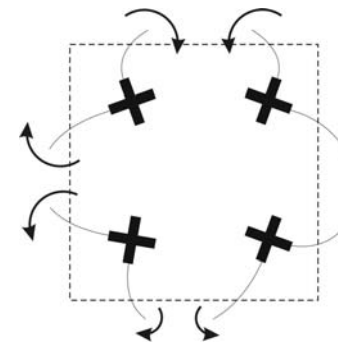
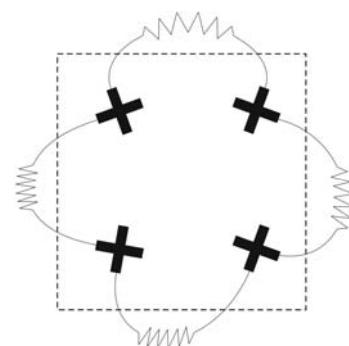


phenomenological
parameter of
inner structure: L_c



$$c_M = f(L_c)$$

→ acts like
torsional spring



→ influences angular
momentum

- L_c penalizes curvature
- curvature increases for small structures
- higher stiffness for smaller structures

Free Helmholtz energy:

$$W_{\text{mp}}(\bar{\mathbf{U}}) = \mu \left\| \text{sym}(\bar{\mathbf{U}} - \mathbf{I}) \right\|^2 + \mu_c \left\| \text{skew}(\bar{\mathbf{U}} - \mathbf{I}) \right\|^2 + \frac{\lambda}{2} \left(\text{tr}(\bar{\mathbf{U}} - \mathbf{I}) \right)^2$$

$$W_{\text{curv}}(\mathbf{K}) = \frac{\mu}{6} (1 + L_c^2 \|\mathbf{K}\|^2)^3 = \frac{\mu}{6} (1 + L_c^2 \|\bar{\mathbf{R}}^T \nabla \bar{\mathbf{R}}\|^2)^3$$

which turns for the linear Cosserat model into:

$$\begin{aligned} W_{\text{mp}}^{\text{lin}}(\bar{\mathbf{U}}_{\text{lin}}) &= \mu \left\| \text{sym}(\nabla \mathbf{u} - \bar{\mathbf{A}}) \right\|^2 + \mu_c \left\| \text{skew}(\nabla \mathbf{u} - \bar{\mathbf{A}}) \right\|^2 + \frac{\lambda}{2} \left(\text{tr}(\nabla \mathbf{u} - \bar{\mathbf{A}}) \right)^2 \\ &= \underbrace{\mu \left\| \text{sym}(\nabla \mathbf{u}) \right\|^2 + \mu_c \left\| \text{skew}(\nabla \mathbf{u} - \bar{\mathbf{A}}) \right\|^2}_{\text{coupling of displacement } \mathbf{u} \text{ and microrotation } \gamma = \text{axl}(\bar{\mathbf{A}})} + \frac{\lambda}{2} (\text{tr}(\nabla \mathbf{u}))^2 \end{aligned}$$

coupling of displacement $\mathbf{u}$ and microrotation $\gamma = \text{axl}(\bar{\mathbf{A}})$

$$W_{\text{curv}}^{\text{lin}}(\mathbf{K}_{\text{lin}}) = \frac{1}{2} \mu L_c^2 \|\mathbf{K}_{\text{lin}}\|^2 = \frac{1}{2} \mu L_c^2 \|\nabla \gamma\|^2$$

→ linear isotropic theory decouples for $\mu_c = 0$



Linear Cosserat Model



- variational formulation and nonlinear 3-d finite element model
- Lagrangean description
- consistent linearization for stiffness matrix and Newtons strategy
- 8 / 27 node brick elements with trilinear / triquadratic shape functions for both fields
- system of algebraic equations:

$$\langle \delta \mathbf{p}^I, \mathbf{S}(\bar{\mathbf{p}}^I), \Delta \mathbf{p}^I \rangle = - \langle \delta \mathbf{p}^I, \mathbf{P}(\bar{\mathbf{p}}^I) \rangle$$

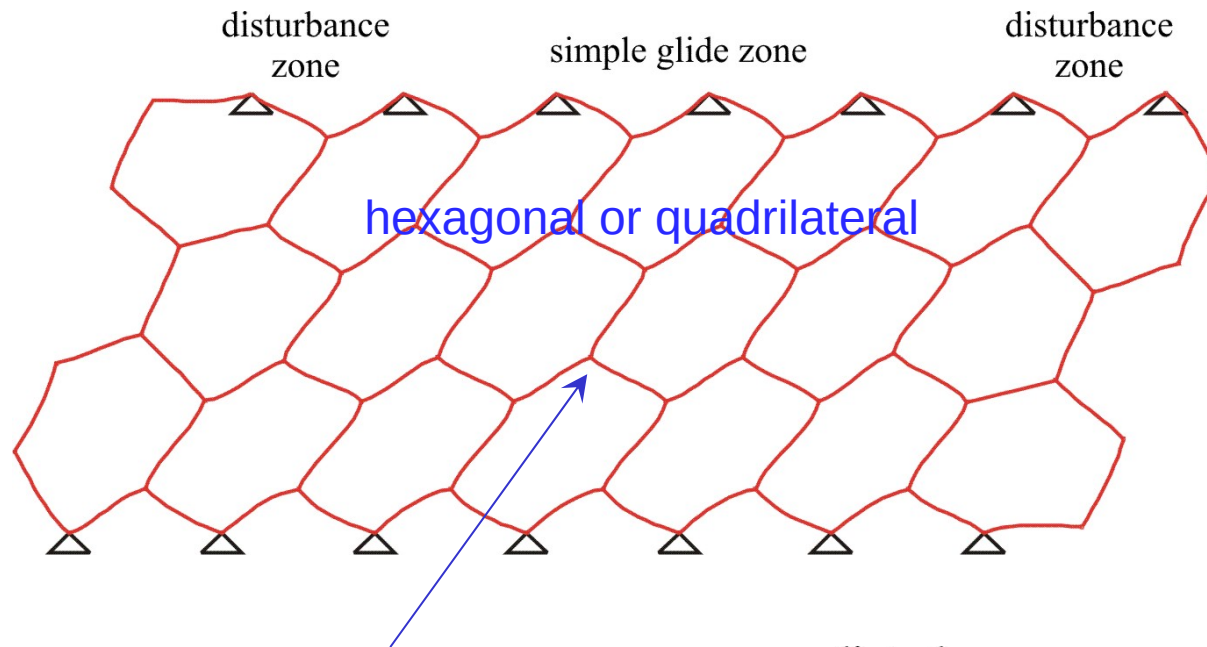
$\mathbf{S} \dots$ stiffness matrix ; $\mathbf{P} \dots$ residual vector

$\bar{\mathbf{p}}^I \dots$ discrete nodal point vector of displacement and microrotation

$\Delta \mathbf{p}^I \dots$ discrete increments of displacement and microrotation

- additive update of displacements and infinitesimal microrotations for linear theory
- multiplicative update of microrotations for nonlinear theory (*Sansour, Wagner [2]*)

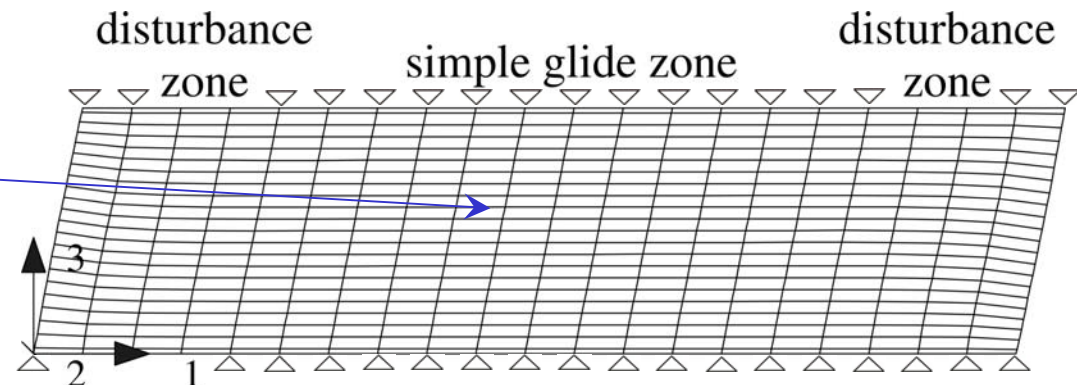
Motivation: from planar shear to simple glide



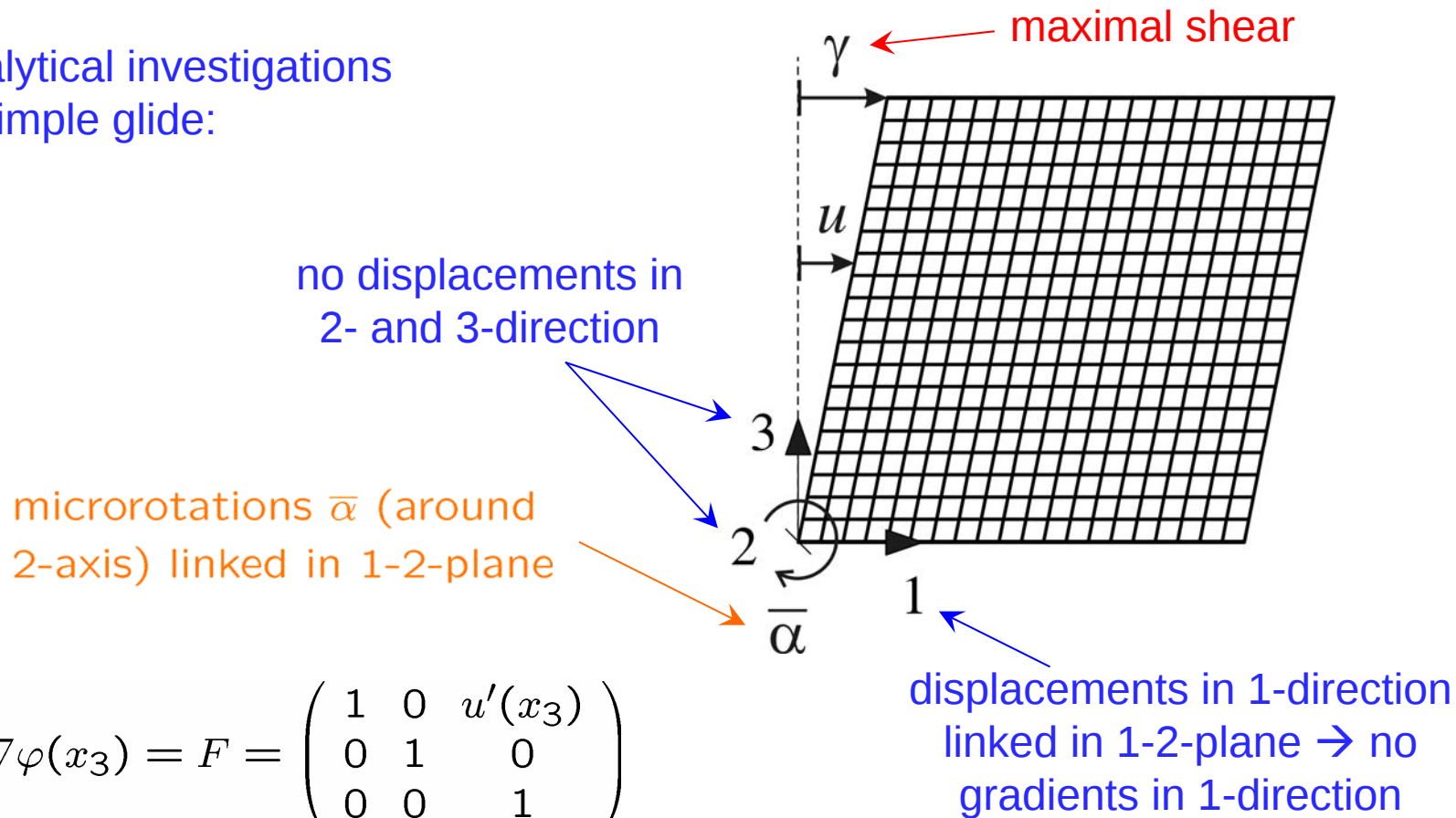
planar: no displacements
in 2-direction

different zones of
deformation indicate
simple glide zone

no displacements
in 3-direction
+
no gradients in 1-
direction



Analytical investigations
in simple glide:



$$\nabla\varphi(x_3) = F = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & u'(x_3) \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

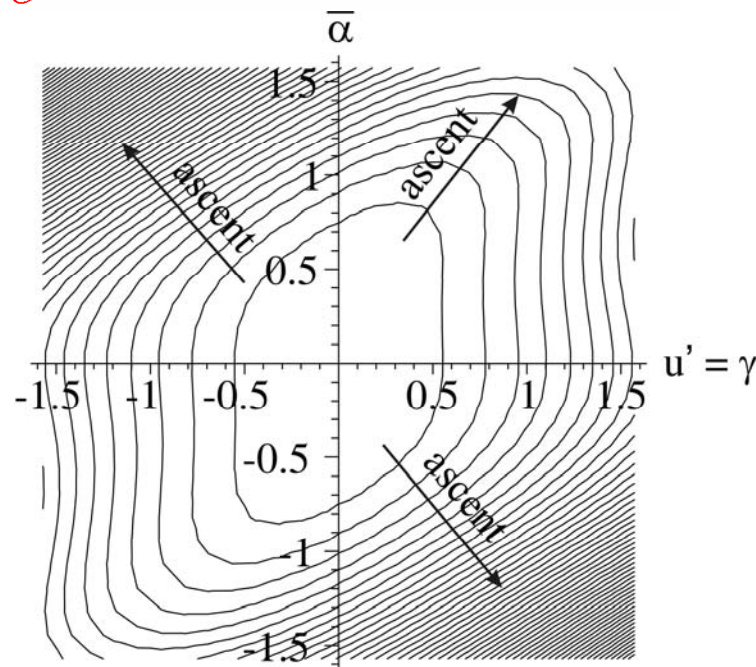
$$\bar{R}(x_3) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \bar{\alpha}(x_3) & 0 & \sin \bar{\alpha}(x_3) \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\sin \bar{\alpha}(x_3) & 0 & \cos \bar{\alpha}(x_3) \end{pmatrix}$$

Internal energy expression:

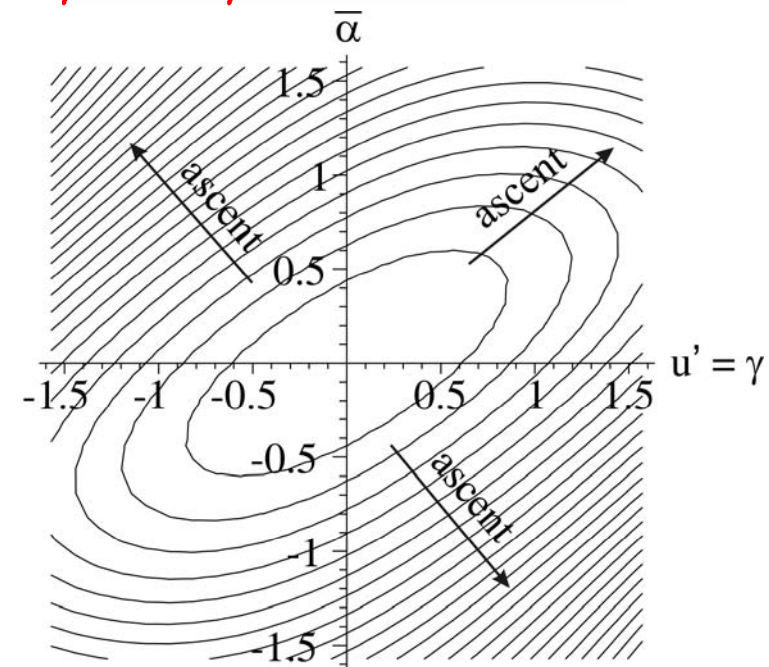
$$W(u', \bar{\alpha}, \bar{\alpha}') = \mu \left(2(\cos \bar{\alpha} - 1)^2 + \frac{u'^2}{2} + \frac{\sin^2 \bar{\alpha} u'^2}{2} + 2(\cos \bar{\alpha} - 1) \sin \bar{\alpha} u' \right) \\ + \frac{\mu_c}{2} \cos^2 \bar{\alpha} [2 \tan \bar{\alpha} - u']^2 + 2\mu L_c^2 |\bar{\alpha}'|^2$$

consider temporary $L_c = 0$, consistent with homogeneous response

$\mu_c = 0 \rightarrow$ non-convex!

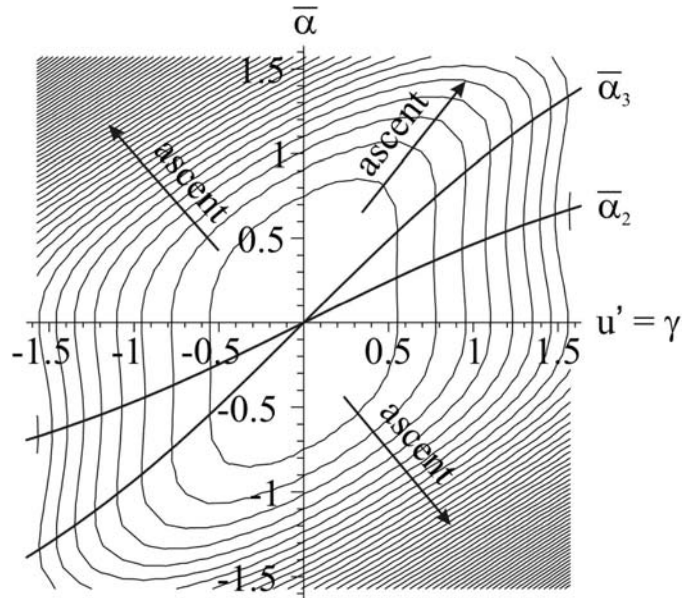


$\mu_c = \mu \rightarrow$ convex!

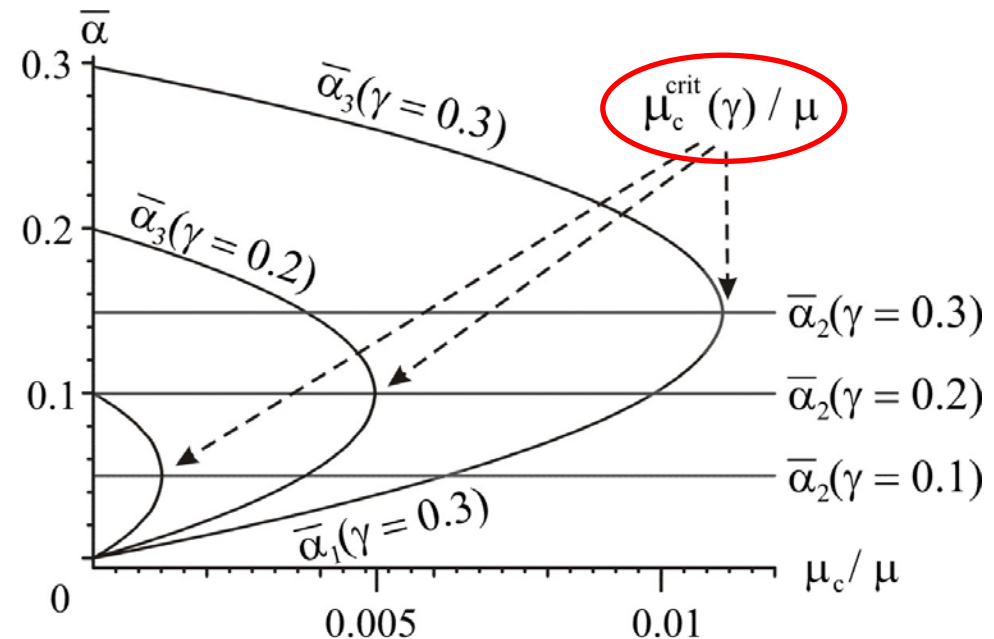


Three possible overall homogeneous solutions for $\mu_c = 0$:

$$u' = \gamma = \text{const.}, \quad \bar{\alpha}_1 = 0, \quad \bar{\alpha}_2 = \arctan \frac{\gamma}{2}, \quad \bar{\alpha}_3 = 2 \arctan \frac{\gamma}{2}$$

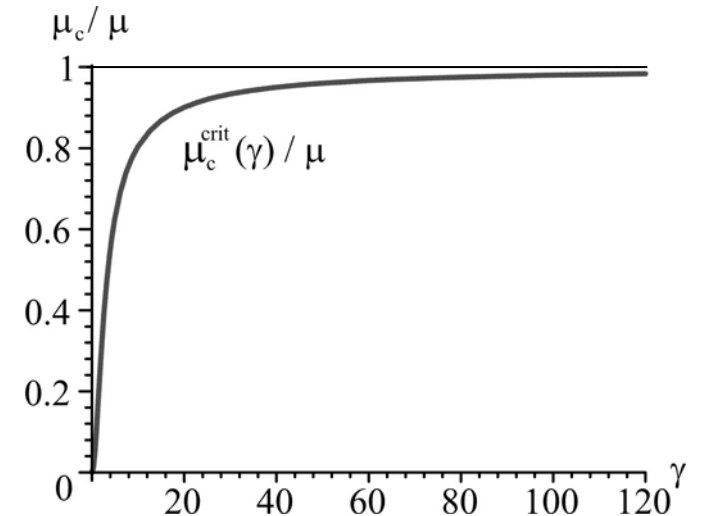
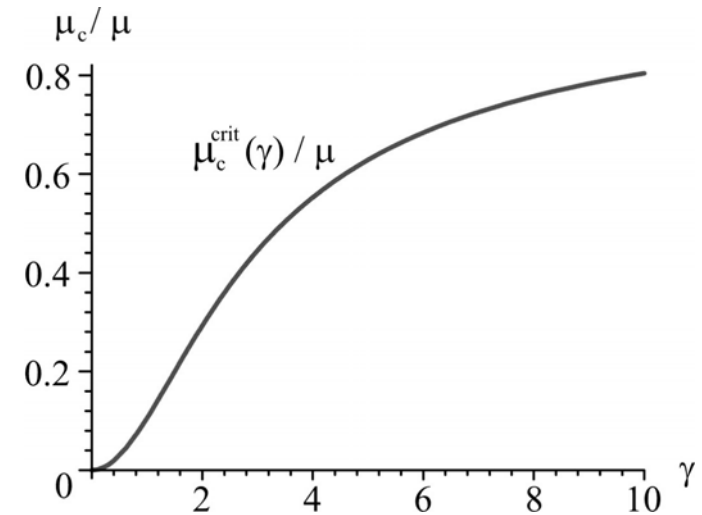
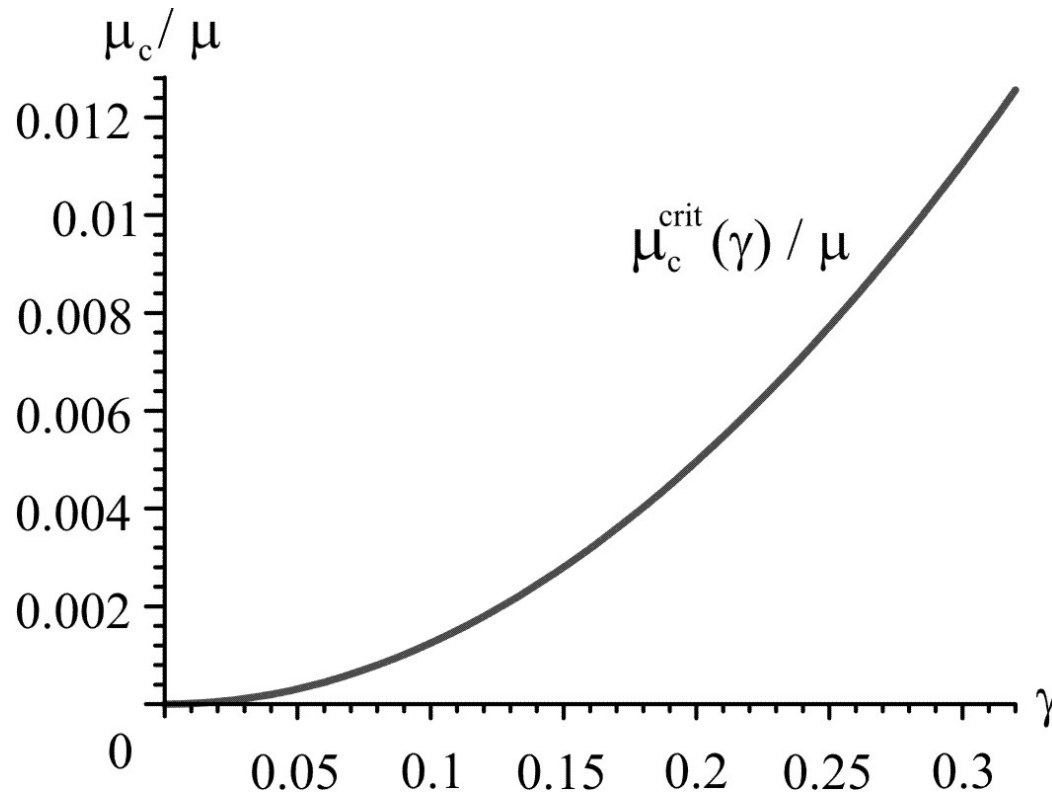


For $\mu_c > 0$ solutions depend on γ :



The critical value for μ_c depends on applied displacement γ

$$\mu_c^{\text{crit}}(\gamma) = \mu \frac{\sqrt{4 + \gamma^2} - 2}{\sqrt{4 + \gamma^2}}$$



Numerical investigations:

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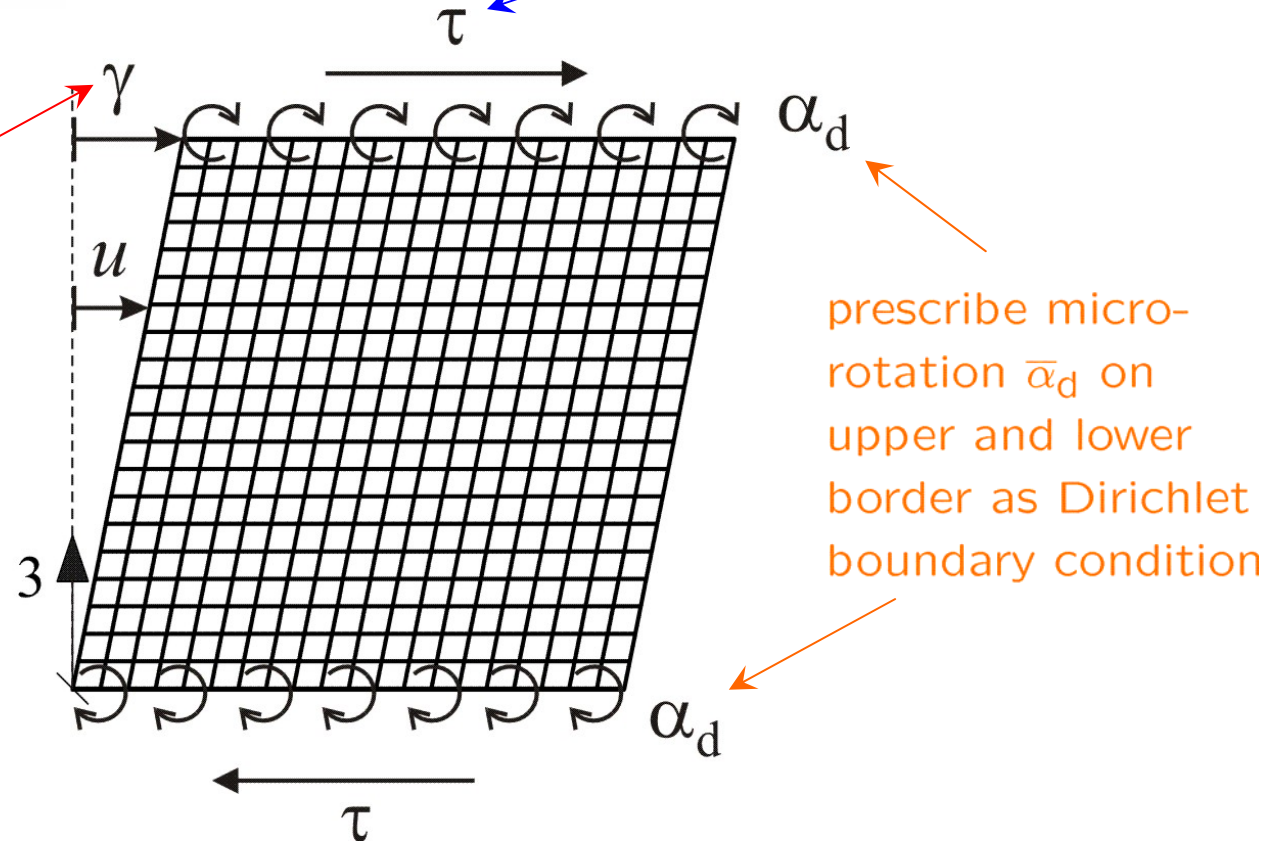
$\mu = 1 \cdot 10^5$

$\lambda = 1.5 \cdot 10^5$

$L_c = 0.05$

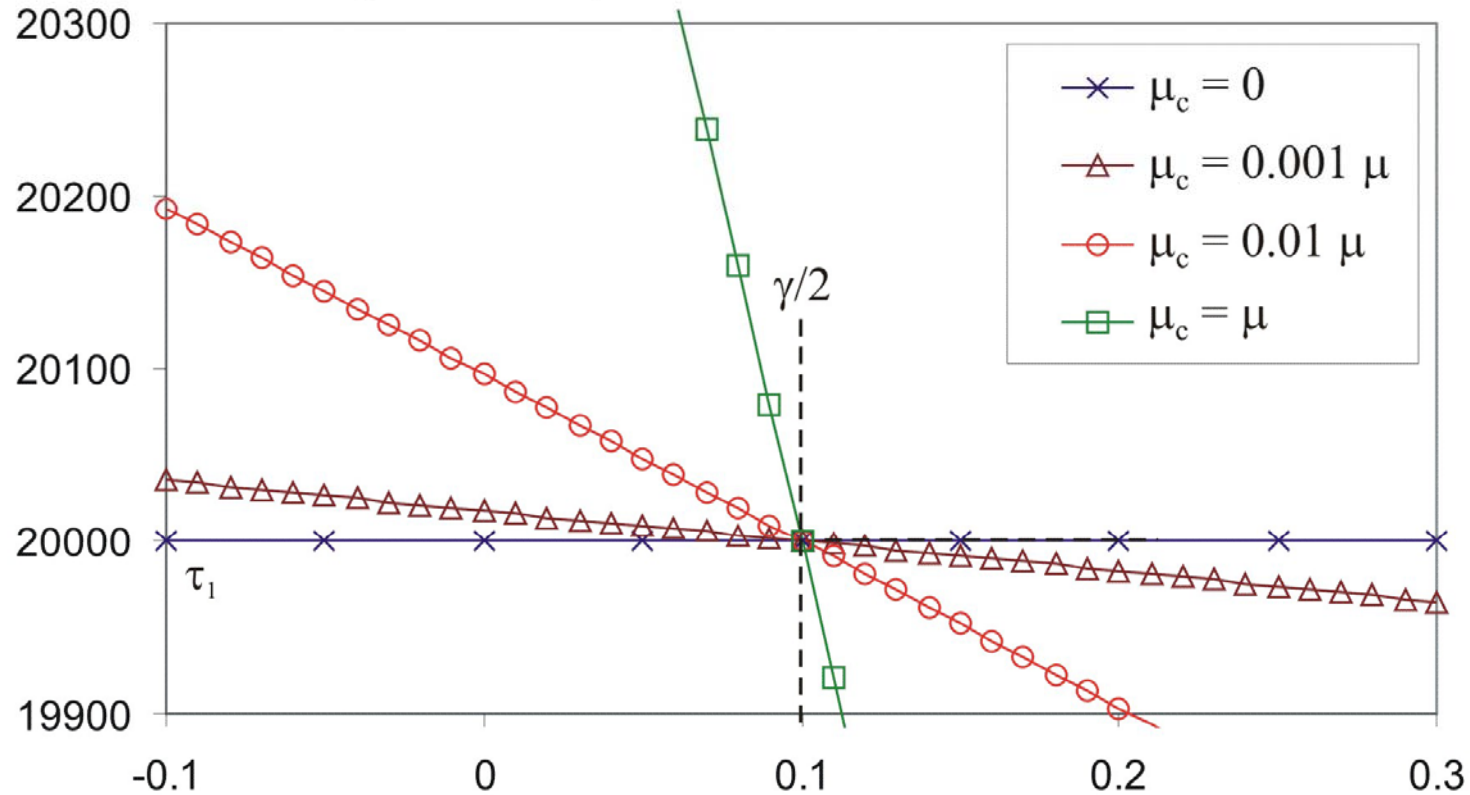
measure 1. P.K. shear
stress = reaction force

always $\gamma = 0.2$



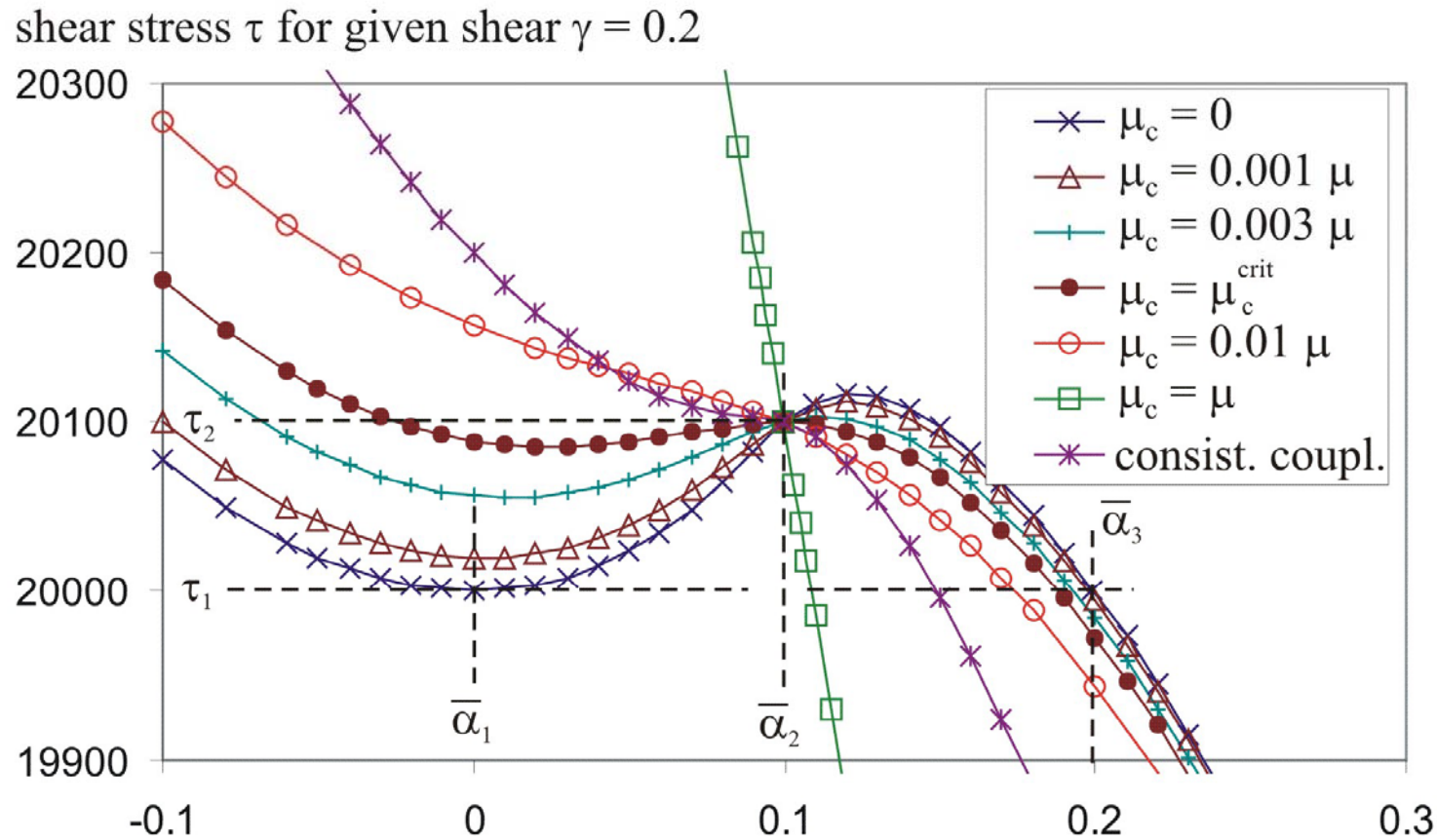
Numerical results for linear Cosserat theory and $L_c = 0.05$

shear stress τ for given shear $\gamma = 0.2$



focus on Dirichlet boundary condition for microrotation $\bar{\alpha}$

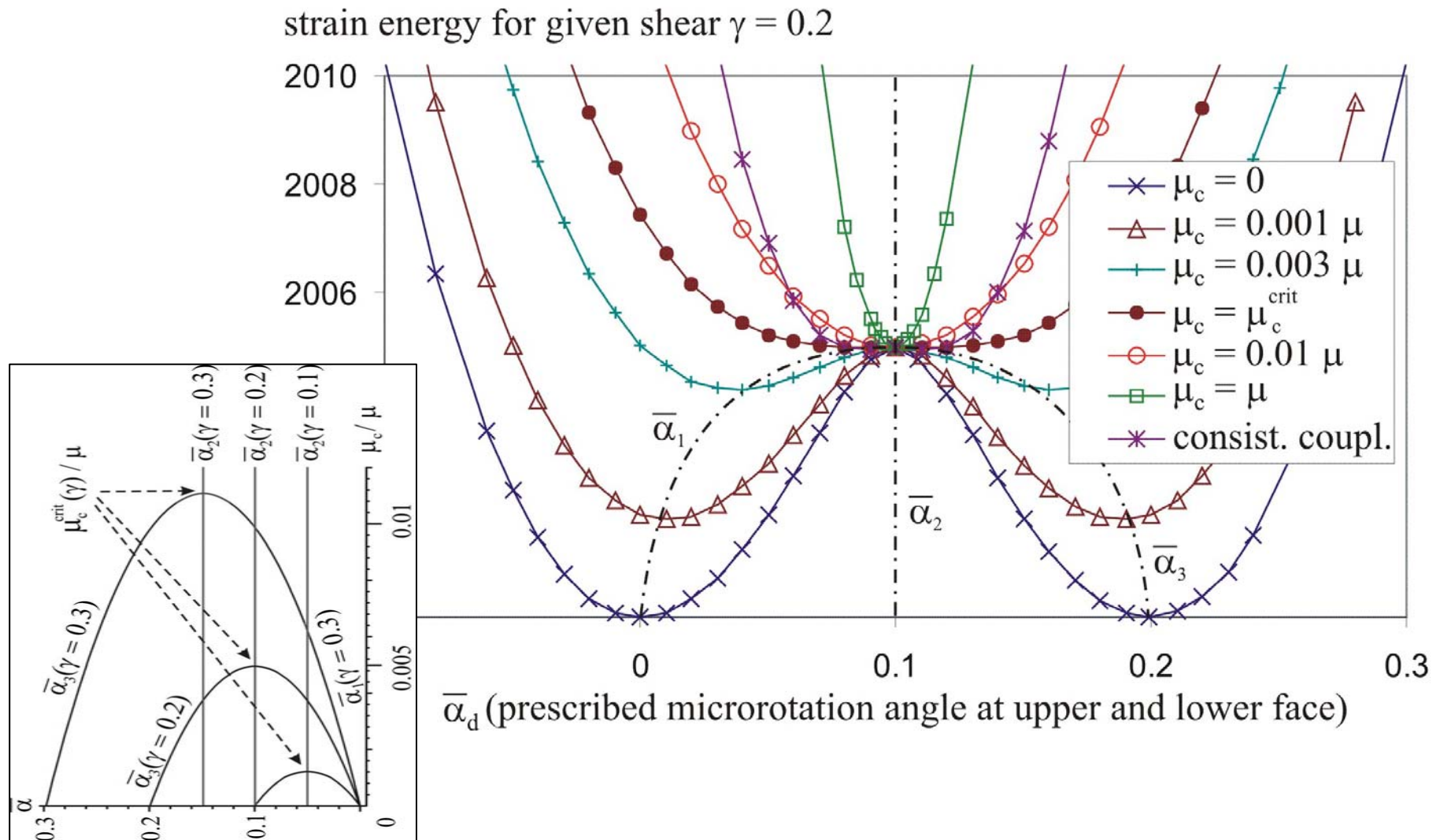
Numerical results for nonlinear Cosserat theory and $L_c = 0.05$



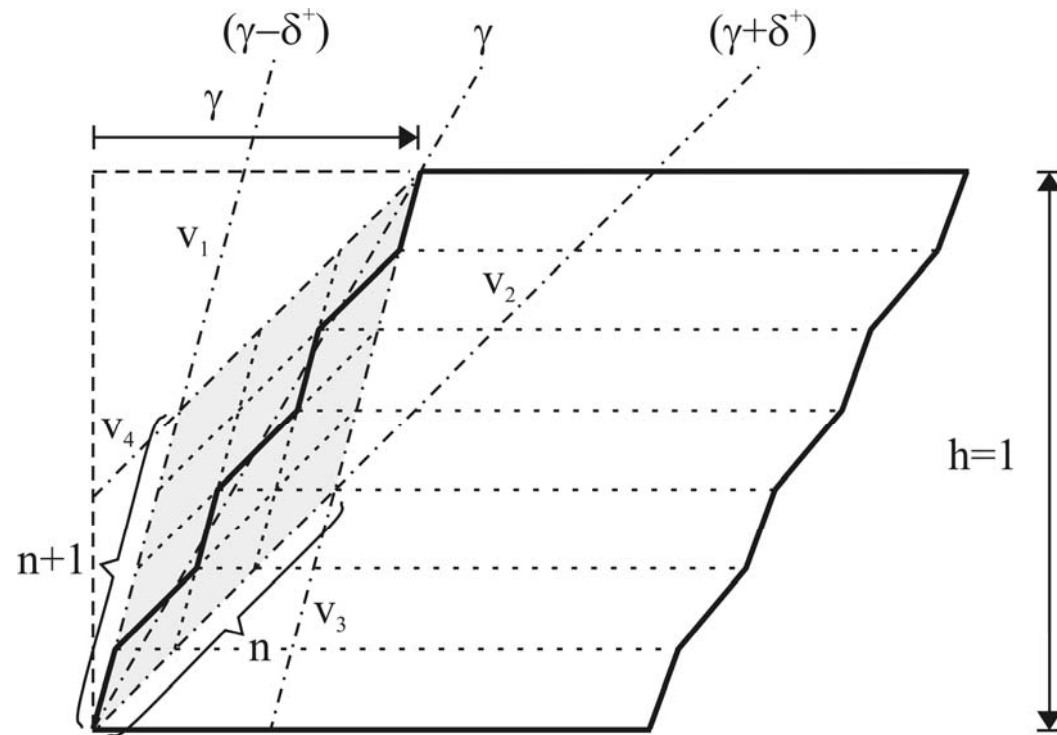
$\bar{\alpha}_d$ (prescribed microrotation angle at upper and lower face)

focus on Dirichlet boundary condition for microrotation $\bar{\alpha}$

Numerical results for nonlinear Cosserat theory and $L_c = 0.05$



Lamination microstructure solution for $L_c = 0$ and $\mu_c = 0$



Beats energetically the homogeneous response, construction possible due to non-convexity of $W(u', \bar{\alpha})$

- For $\mu_c < \mu_c^{\text{crit}}$ nonlinear Cosserat theory delivers three possible homogeneous solutions → too much freedom → need for boundary condition: Dirichlet or consistent coupling
- With consistent coupling boundary condition (micro=macrorotation on Dirichlet boundaries) one homogeneous solution appears → clearness
- Boundary conditions on microrotations effect the stiffness behaviour. The greater μ_c , the greater the effect. This interferes with L_c in describing length scale effects.
- $\mu_c = 0$ and $L_c = 0$: lamination microstructure solutions appear

Constant sample values:

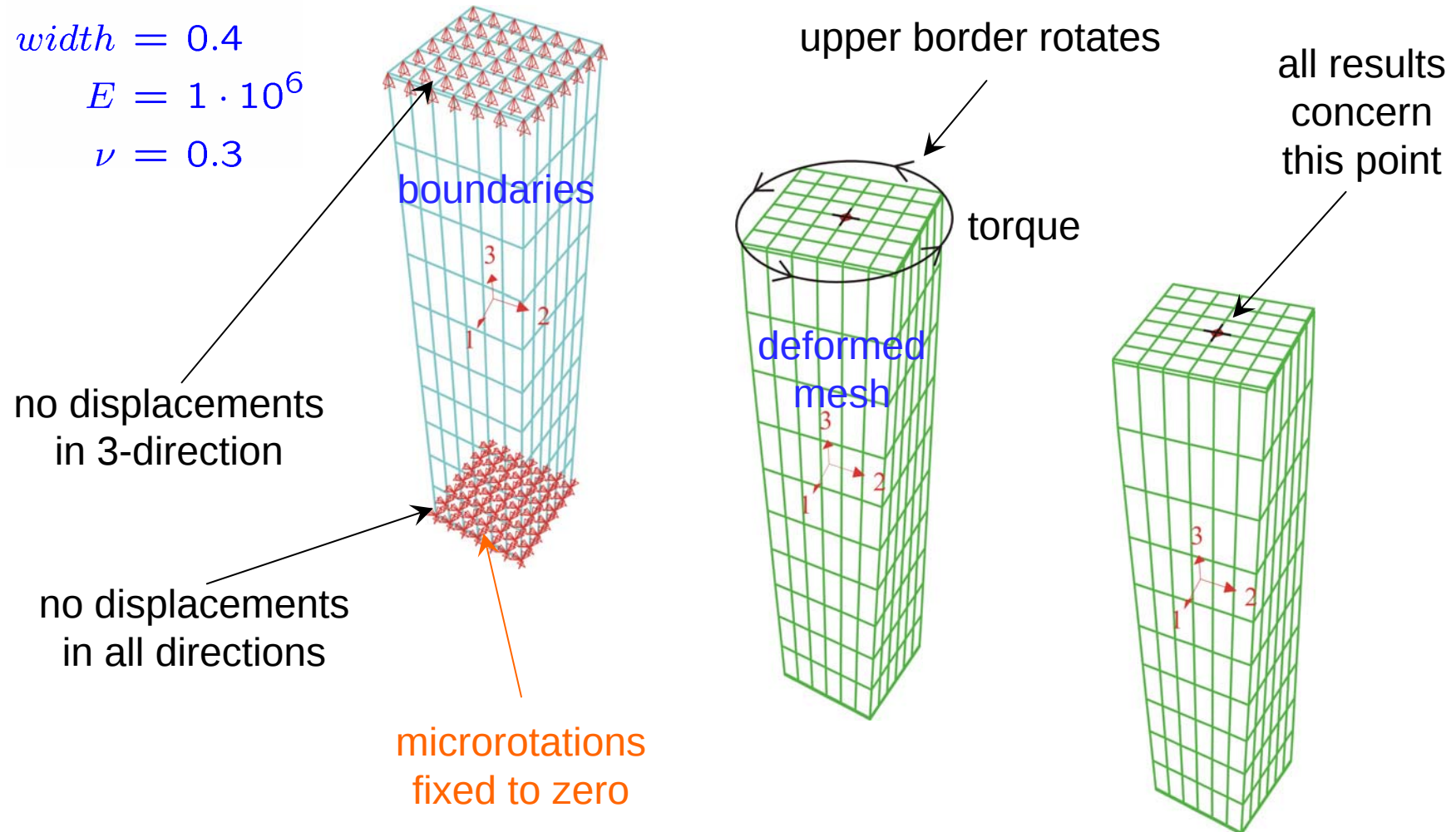
$height = 2$

$width = 0.4$

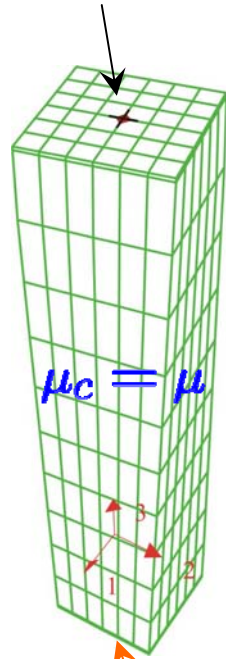
$E = 1 \cdot 10^6$

$\nu = 0.3$

From now on: **Nonlinear** Cosserat theory

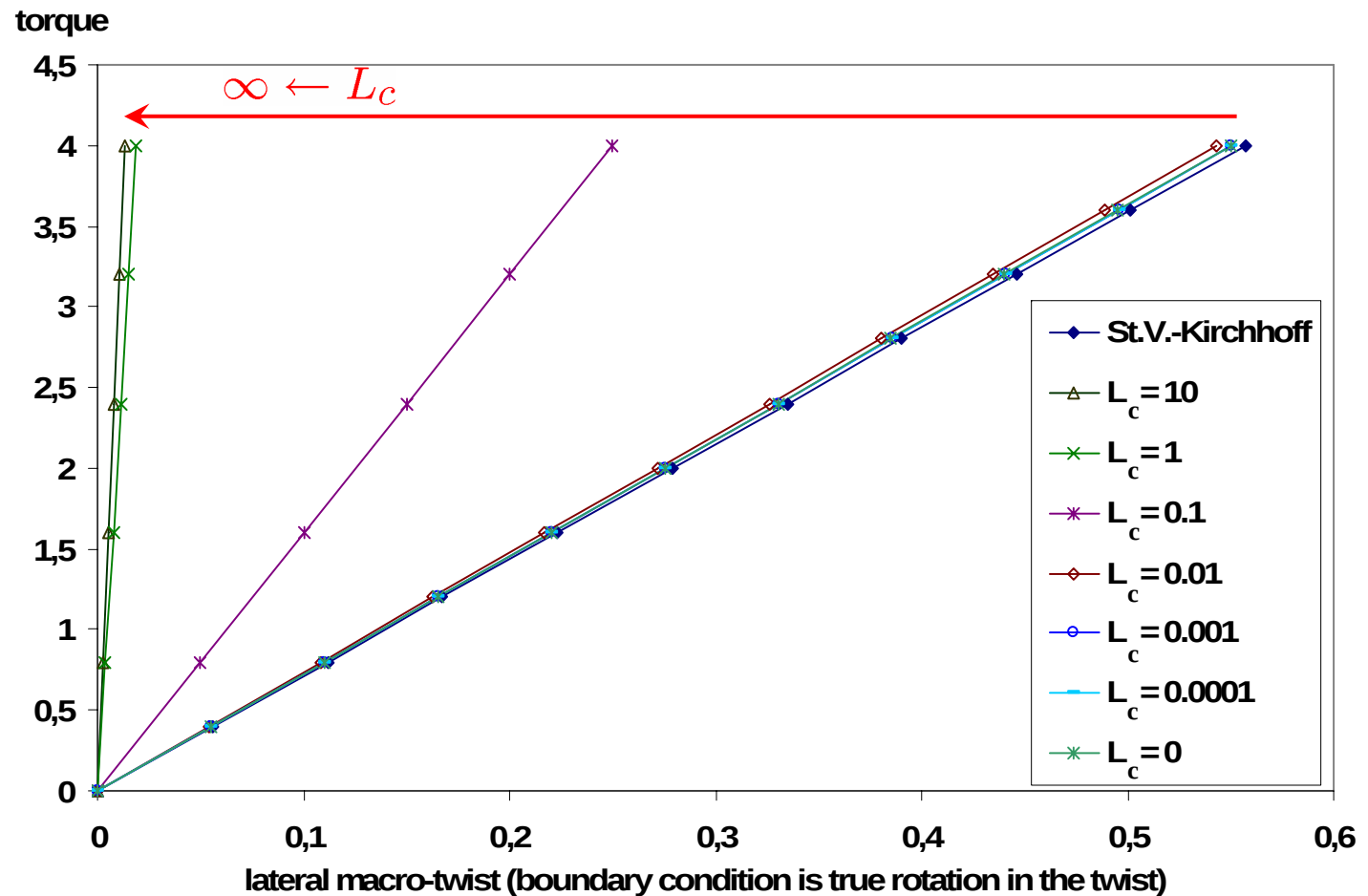


results concern
this point



microrotations
fixed to zero

Macrorotation for various internal length scale L_c



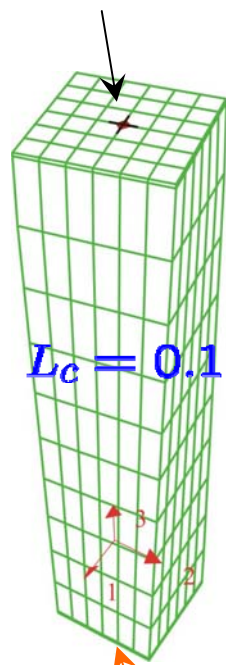
→ solution shows unbounded stiffness for $\mu_c = \mu$ and $L_c \rightarrow \infty$



Torsion test

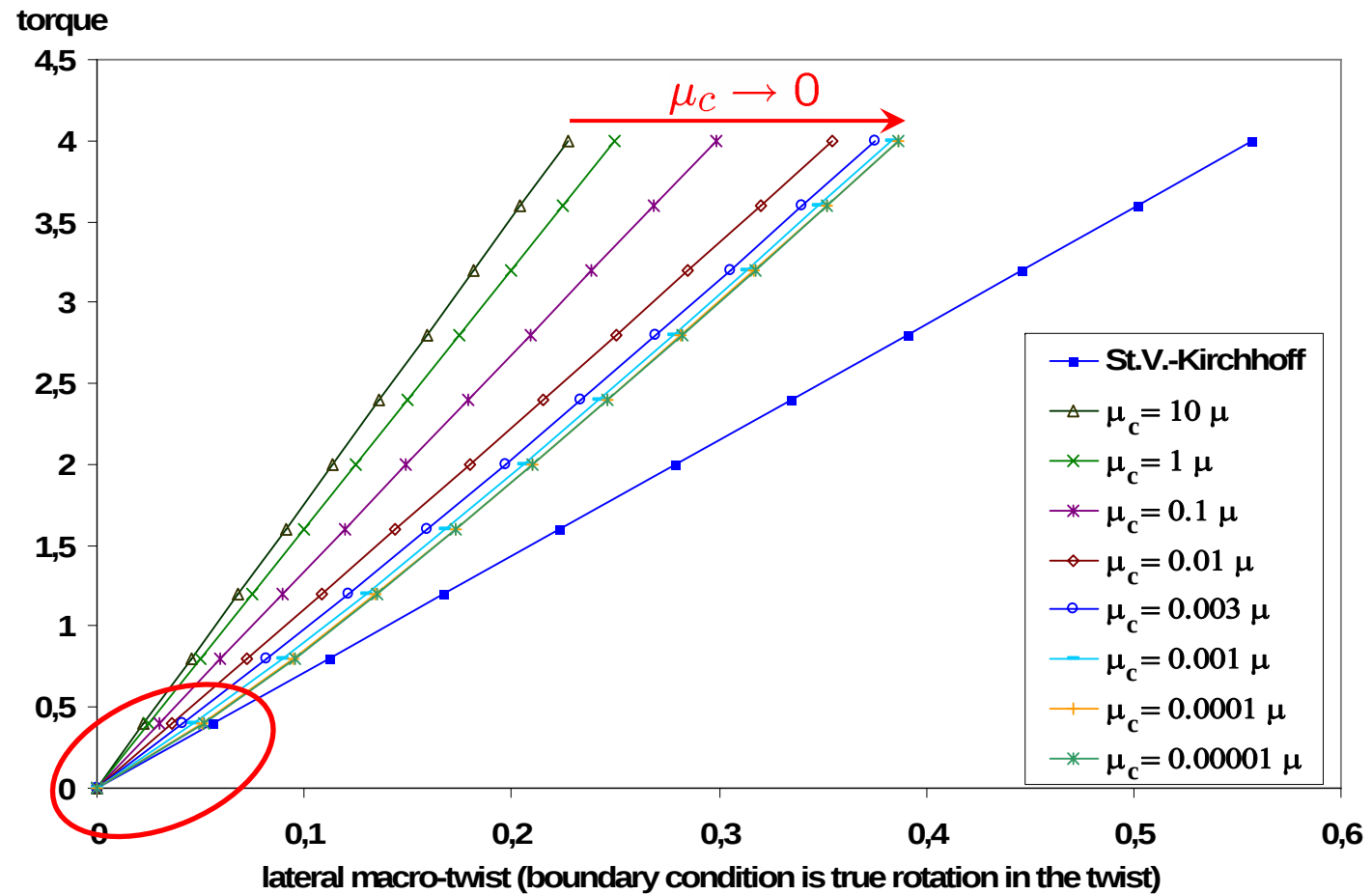


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Macrorotation for various Cosserat couple modulus μ_c



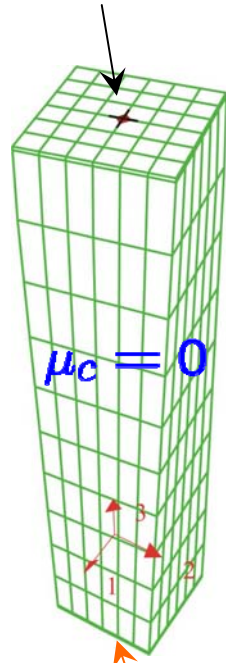
→ nonlinear Cosserat theory with $\mu_c \rightarrow 0$ starts like classical elasticity



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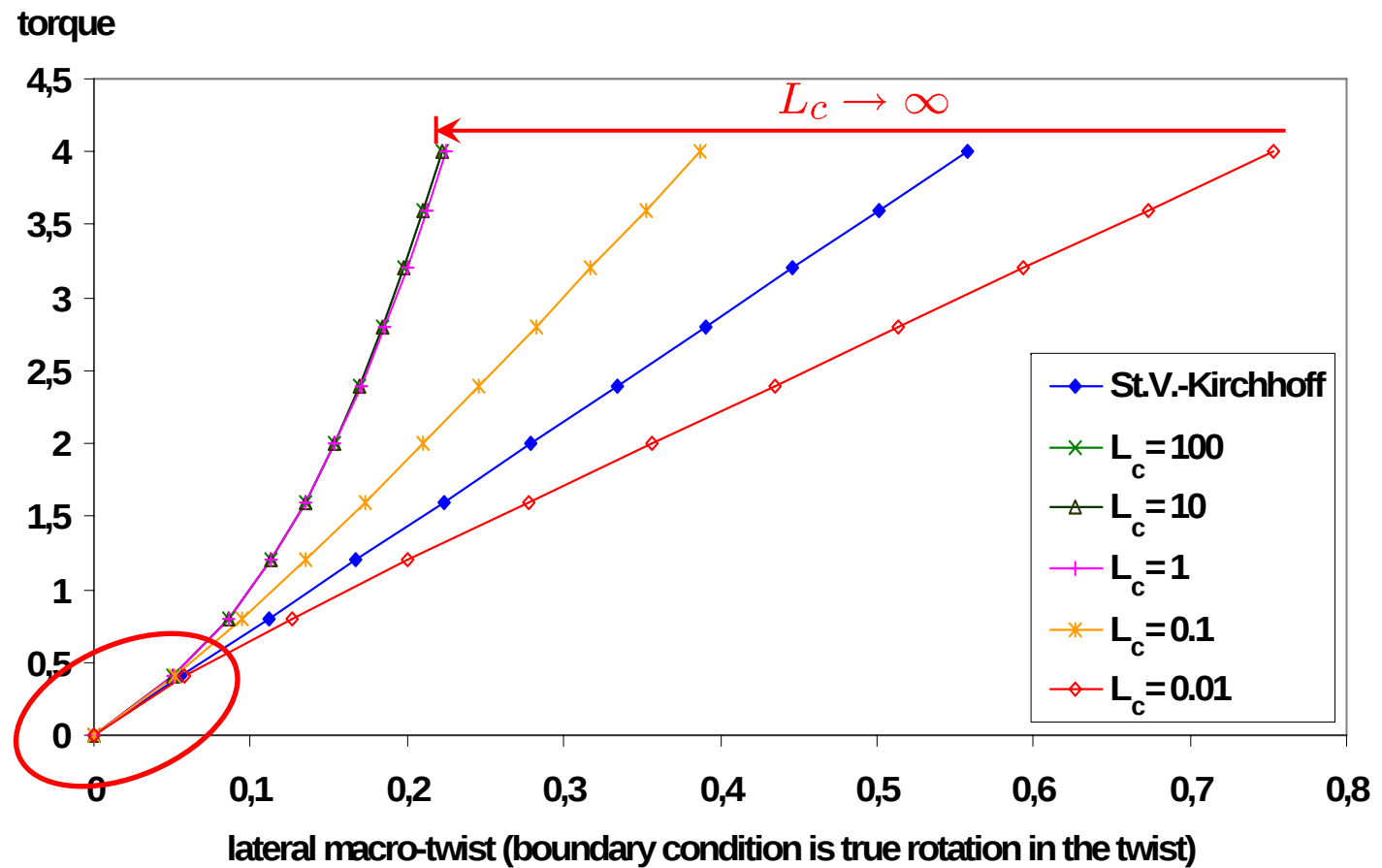


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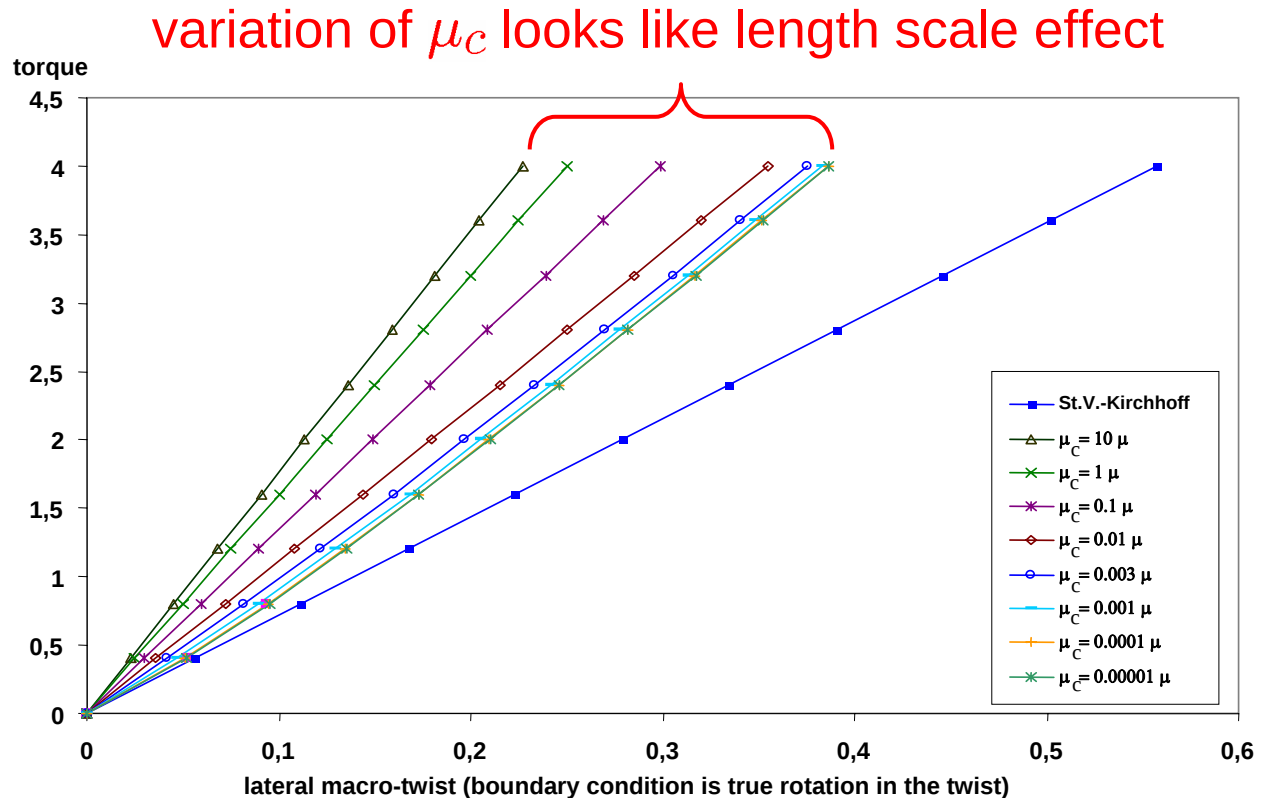


- nonlinear Cosserat theory with $\mu_c = 0$ starts deformation similar to classical elasticity for any L_c
- solution shows bounded stiffness for $\mu_c = 0$ and $L_c \rightarrow \infty$

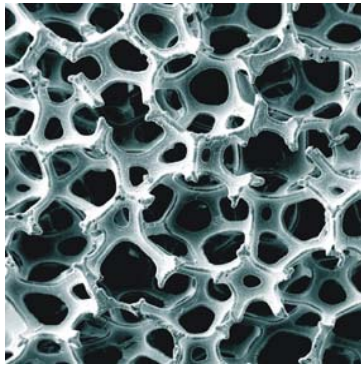
→ For $L_c > 0$ nonlinear Cosserat theory starts deformation similar to classical theory only if $\mu_c = 0$

→ curvature energy should be responsible for length scale effects!

→ $\mu_c > 0$ interferes with L_c in describing length scale effects



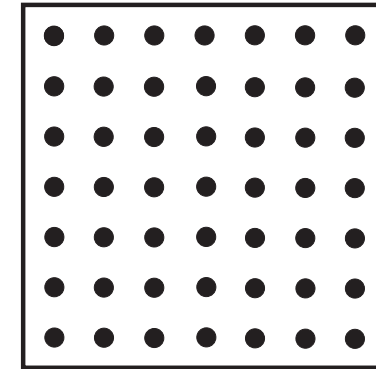
→ results in general difficulty to determine $\mu_c > 0$ independent of L_c



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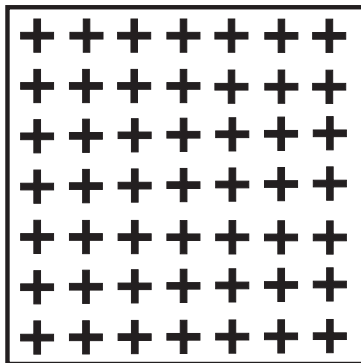
Boltzmann continua



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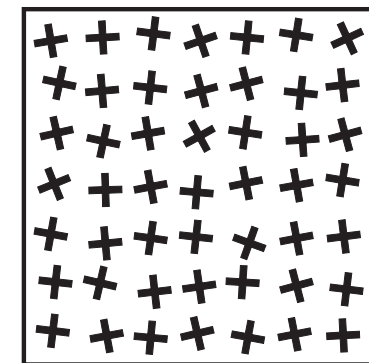
Cosserat continua



For perfect samples and perfect
boundary conditions the full
spectrum of possible solutions
can often not be reached
numerically → disturb perfect
situations



stochastic
rotational
imperfections



Constant sample values:

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$width = 0.4$

$E = 1 \cdot 10^6$

$\nu = 0.3$

$\mu_c = 0$

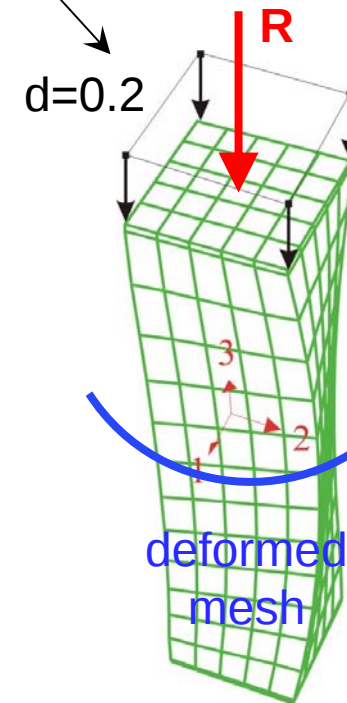
microrotations
fixed to zero

no displacements
in all directions

displacement
only in
3-direction

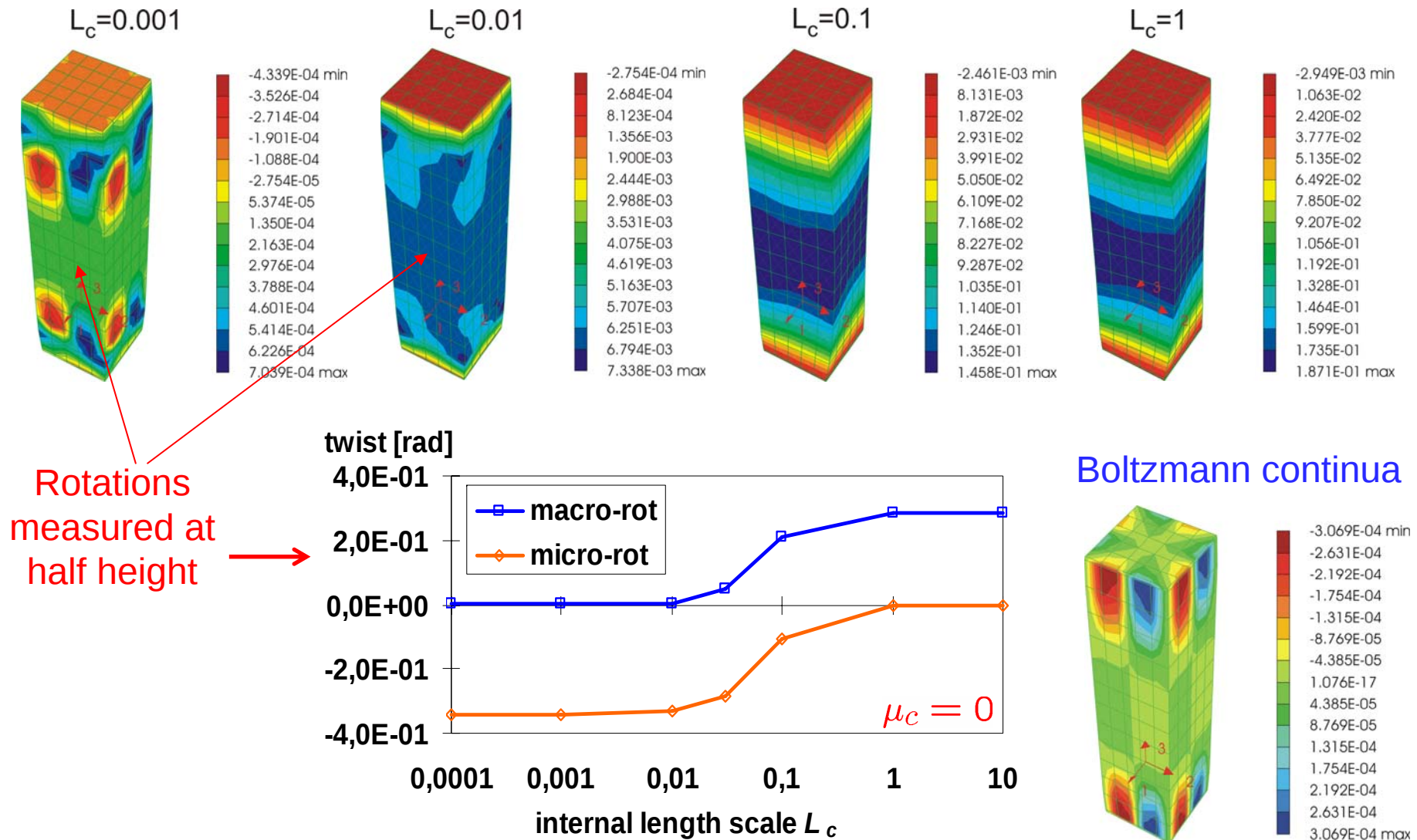
boundaries

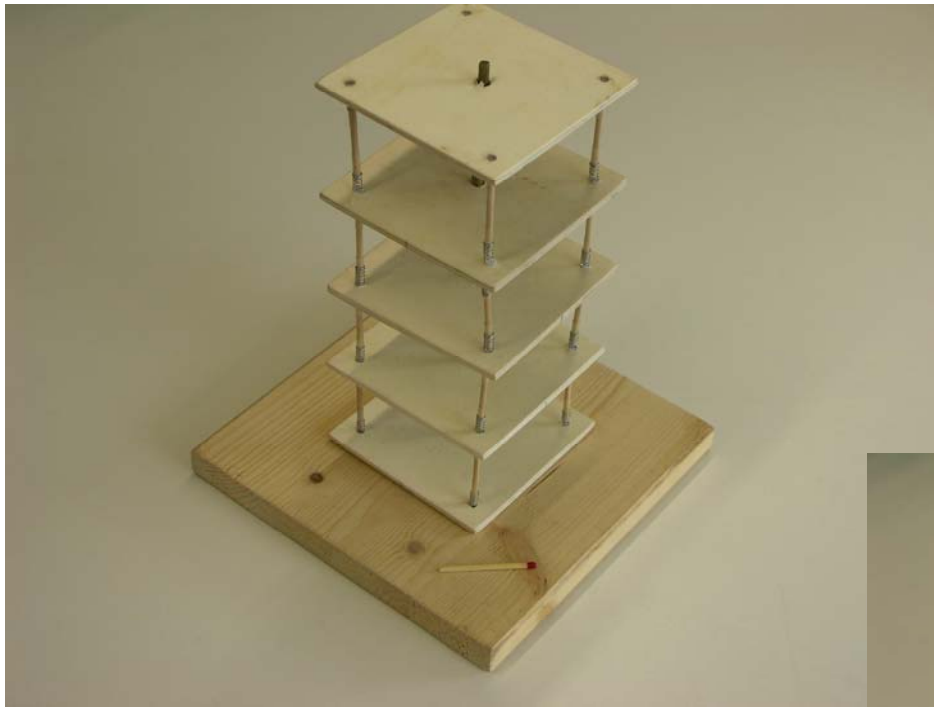
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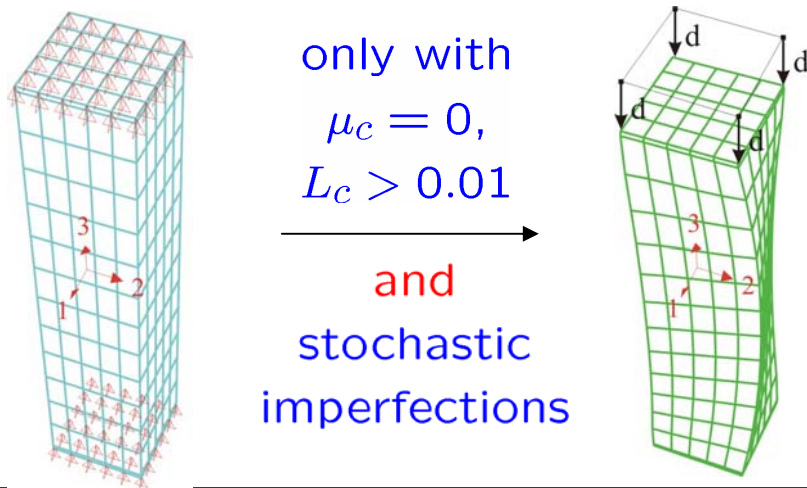
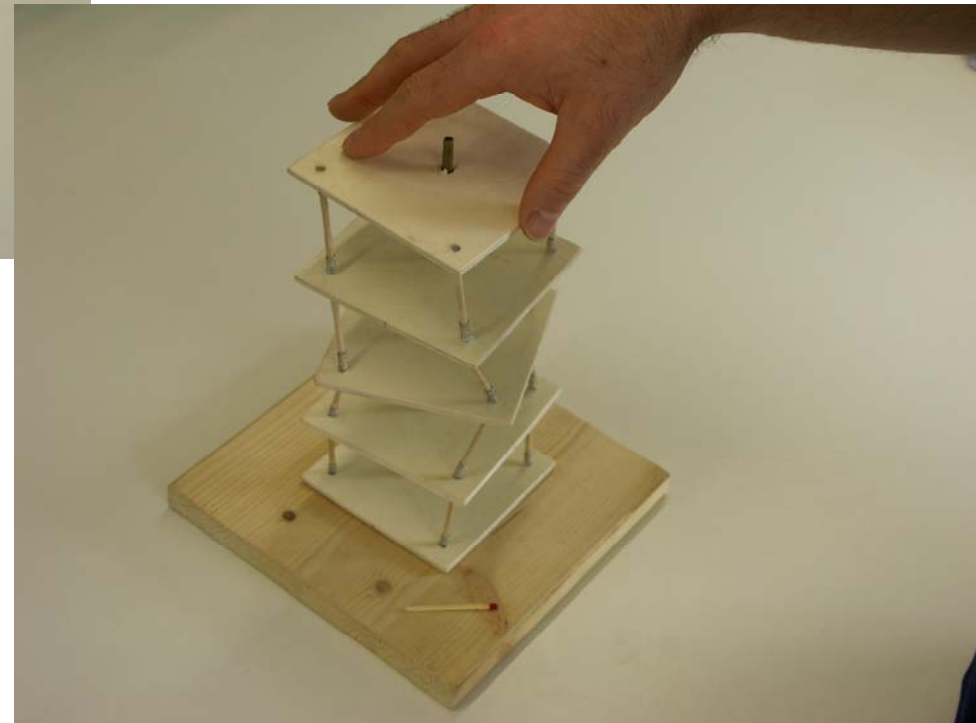
twist
function of L_C

Macrorotation around vertical axis for various internal length scale factors L_c

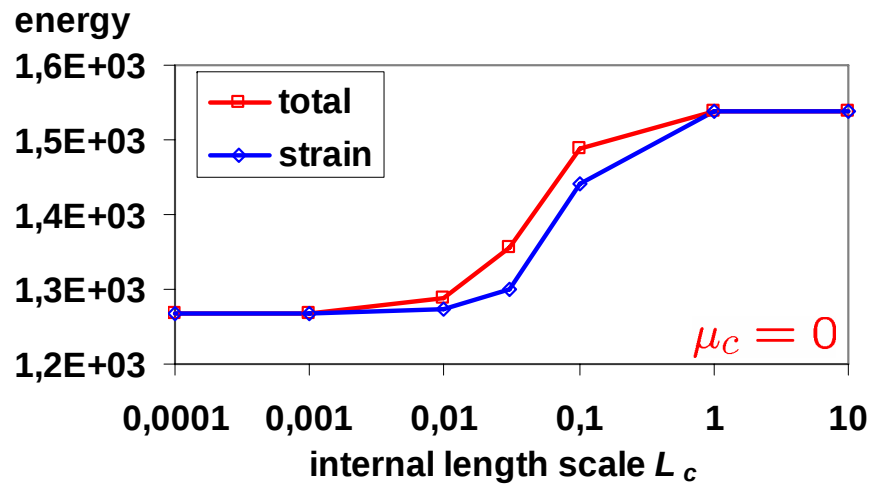




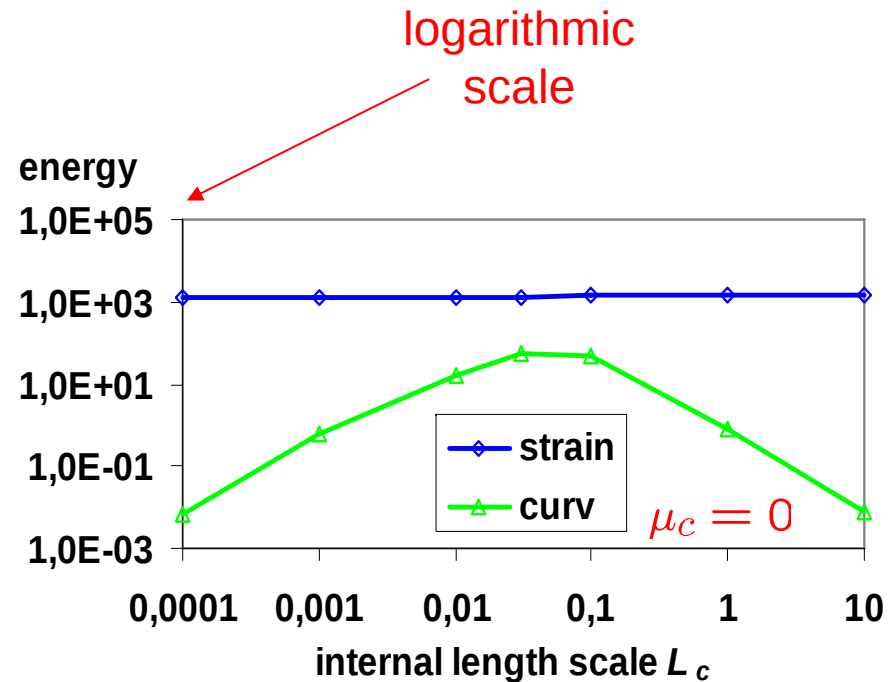
Simple model to motivate
shortening through twist



Inner energies for various internal length scale factors L_c

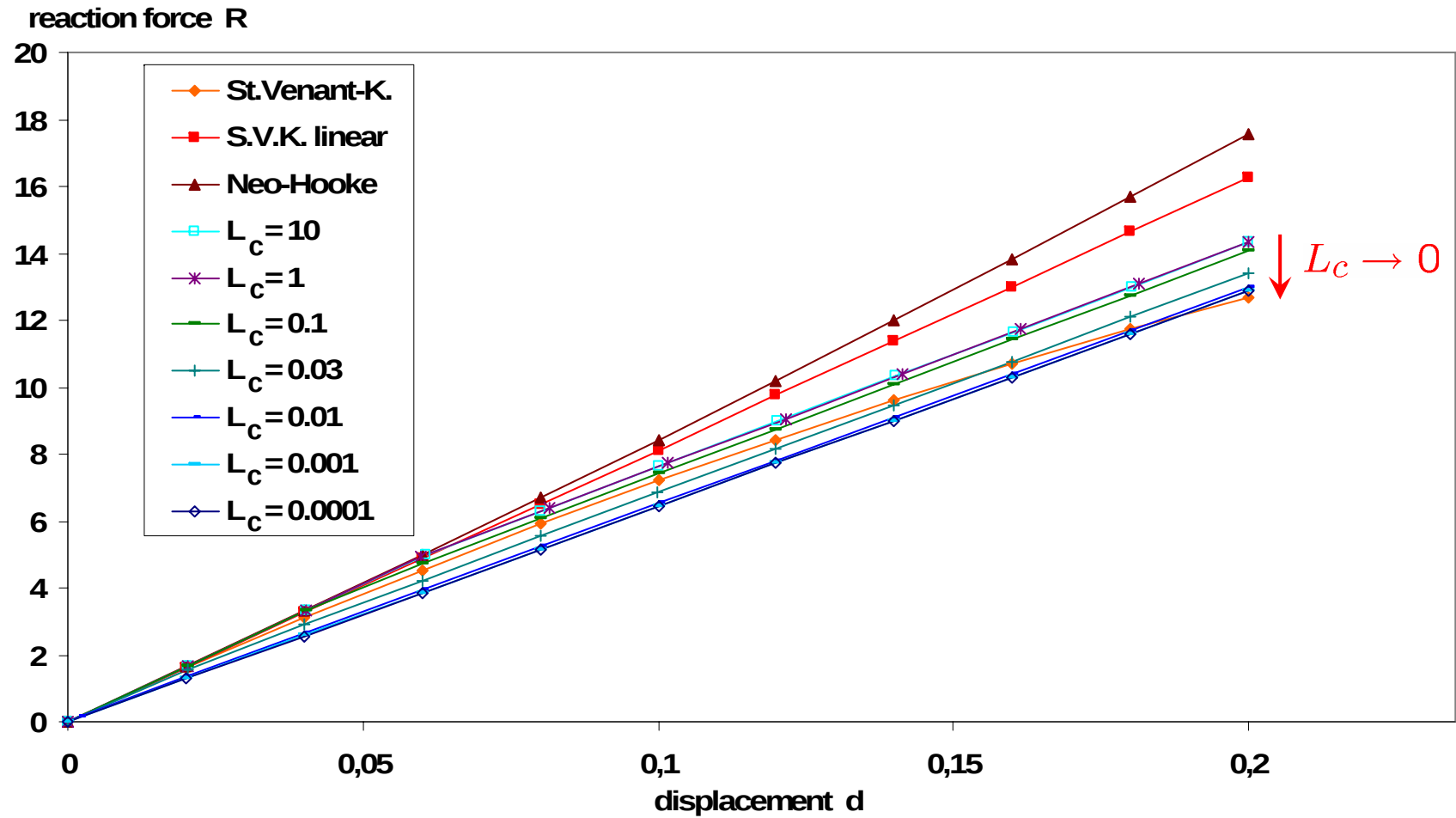


- total energy increases for increasing internal length scale factor – but not arbitrary
- pronounced length scale effects for $L_c \in [0.001; 1]$



- curvature energy only of second order (maximal 4% of strain energy)

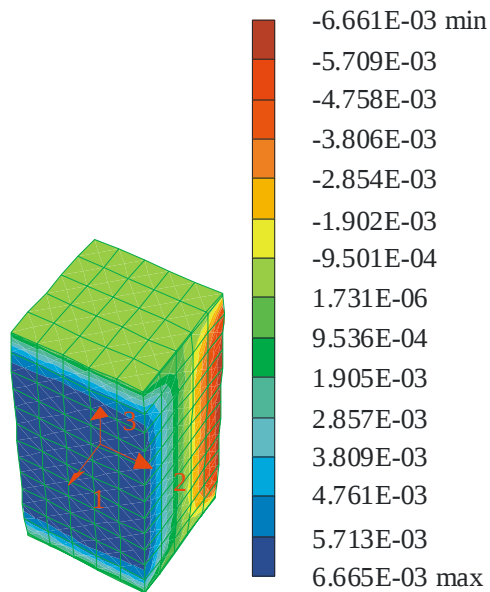
Load-displacement curves for $\mu_c = 0$ and various L_c



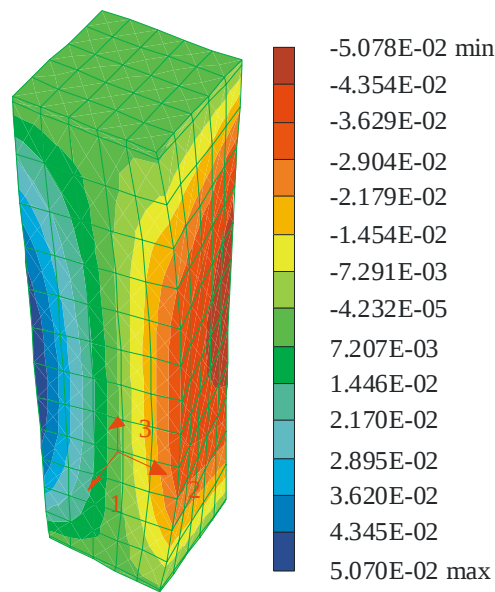
→ Size effects not as significant as in torsion test → as expected !!!

Compression test with various slenderness ratios (different aspect ratio), constant internal length scale factor and constant maximal strain $d / h = 10 \%$

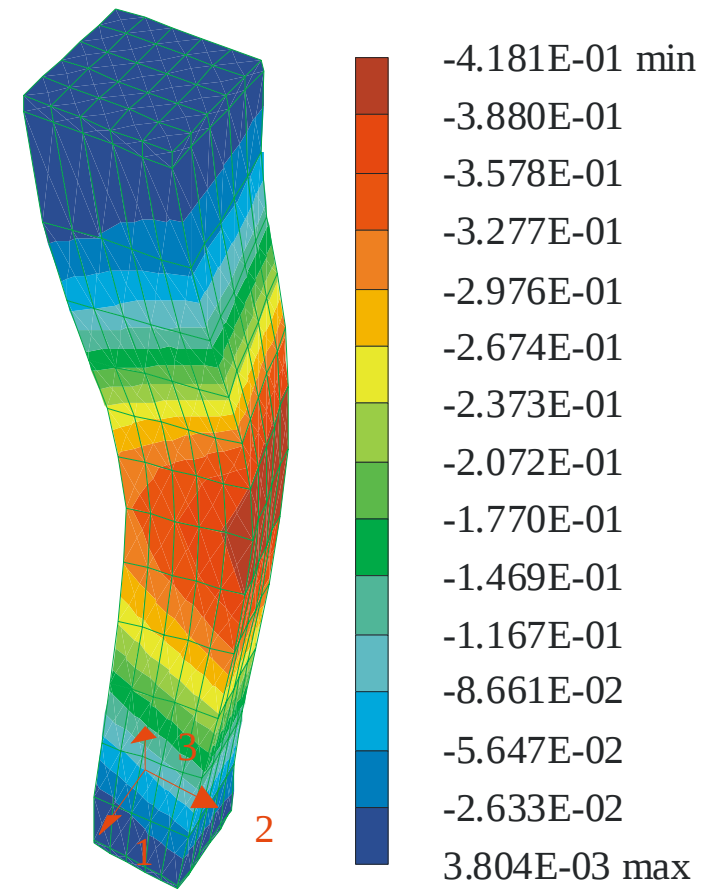
$h=1.0$: symmetric deformation



$h=2.0$: deformation with twist

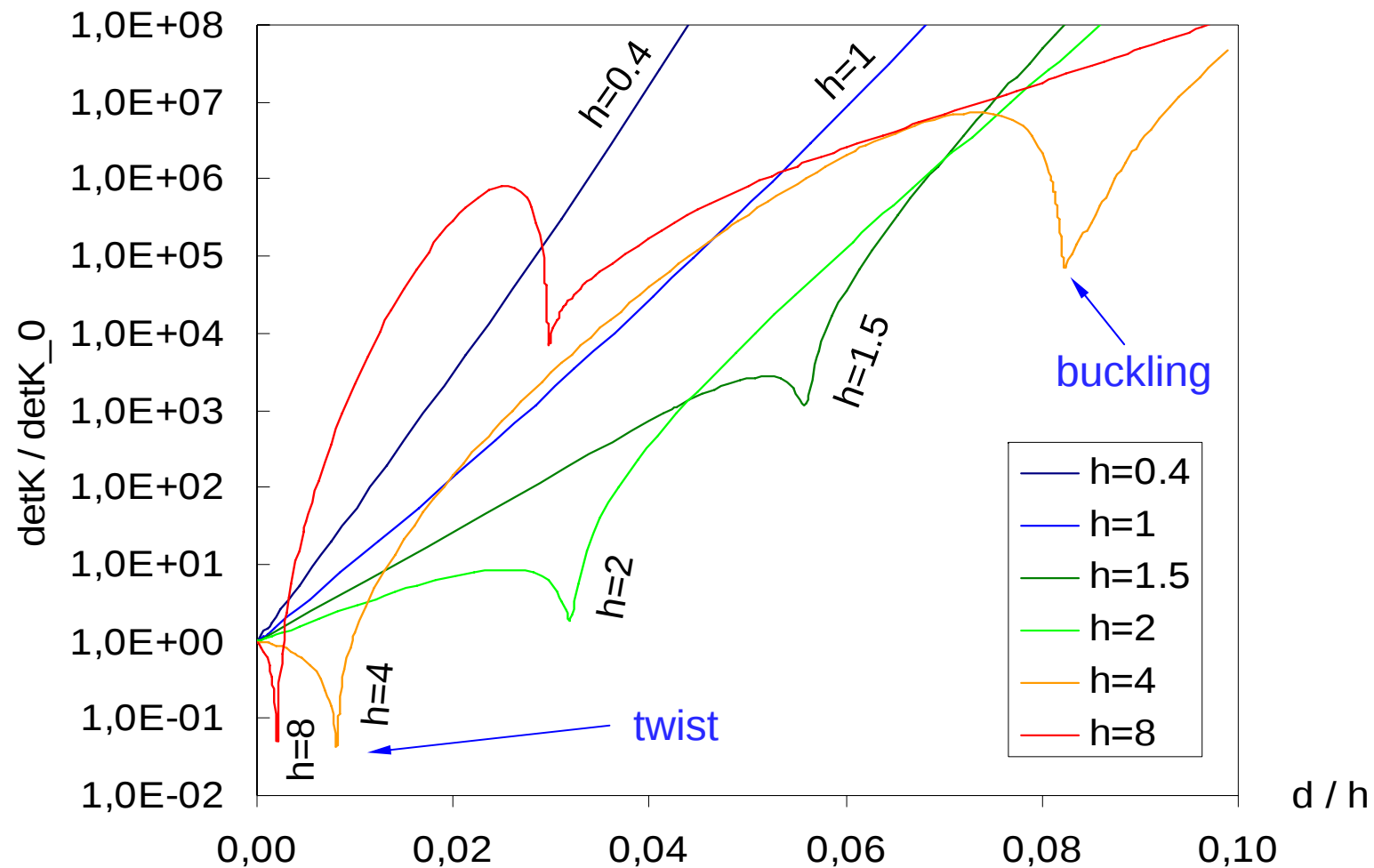


$h=4$: deformation with twist and buckling

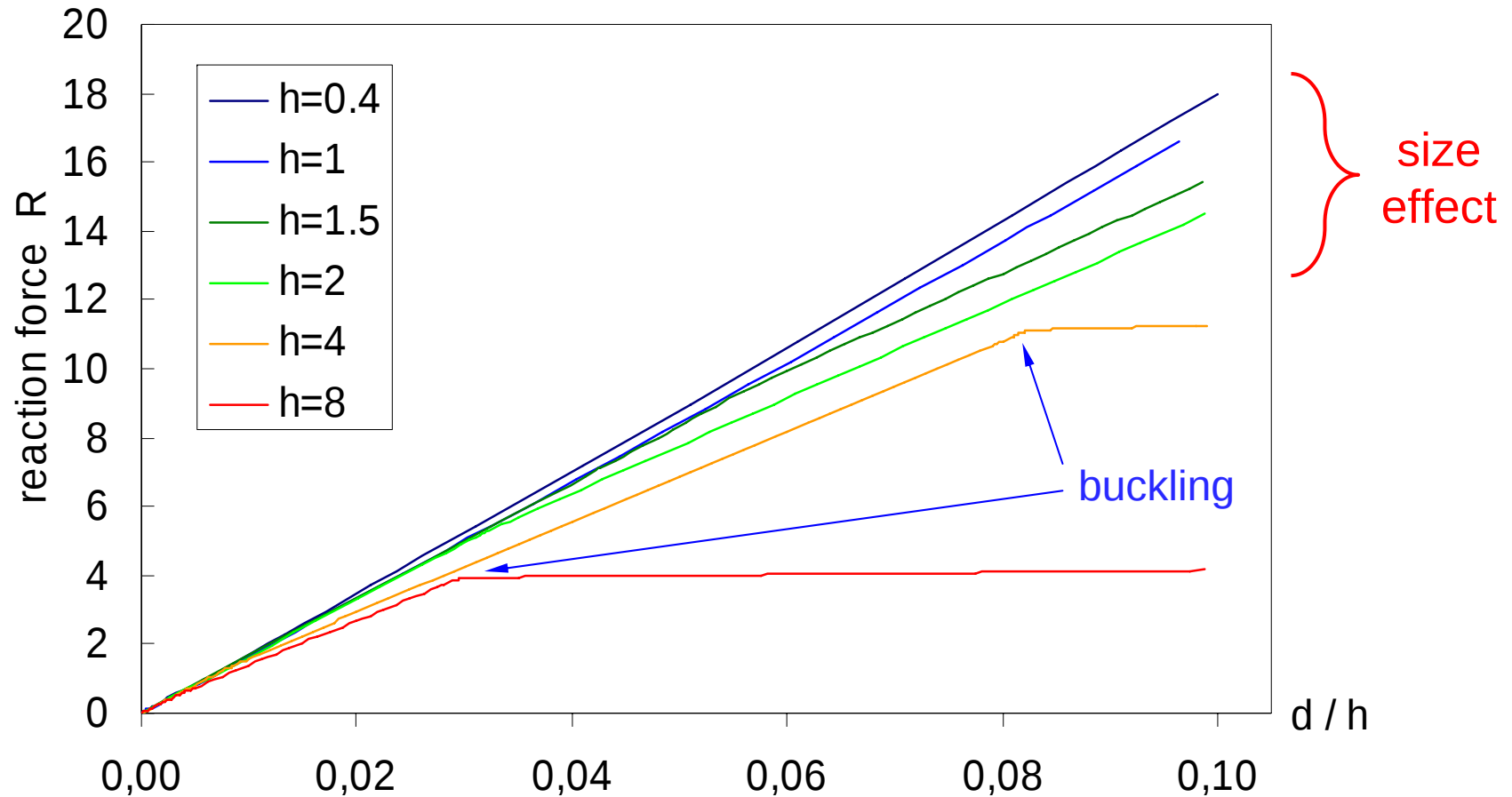


deformed mesh and coloured displacement in 1-direction

Determinant of global stiffness matrix; various heights of structure



Reaction force for various heights of structure



→ size effect (caused by twist) is much less significant than buckling

→ size effect hardly measureable in practical tests

- $\mu_c = 0$ necessitates nonlinear framework and boundary conditions for microrotations (e.g. consistent coupling)
- $\mu_c = 0$ is consistent with linear elasticity for small strains and any internal length scale L_c
- bounded stiffness for any internal length scale L_c in torsion test if $\mu_c = 0$
- non-classical deformation modes (twist) appear for $\mu_c = 0$

Outlook: Extension to micromorphic theory (simulation of foams)

Open question: Right choice of boundary condition for microrotations (is there a physical interpretation of consistent coupling?)



Conclusions and Outlook



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