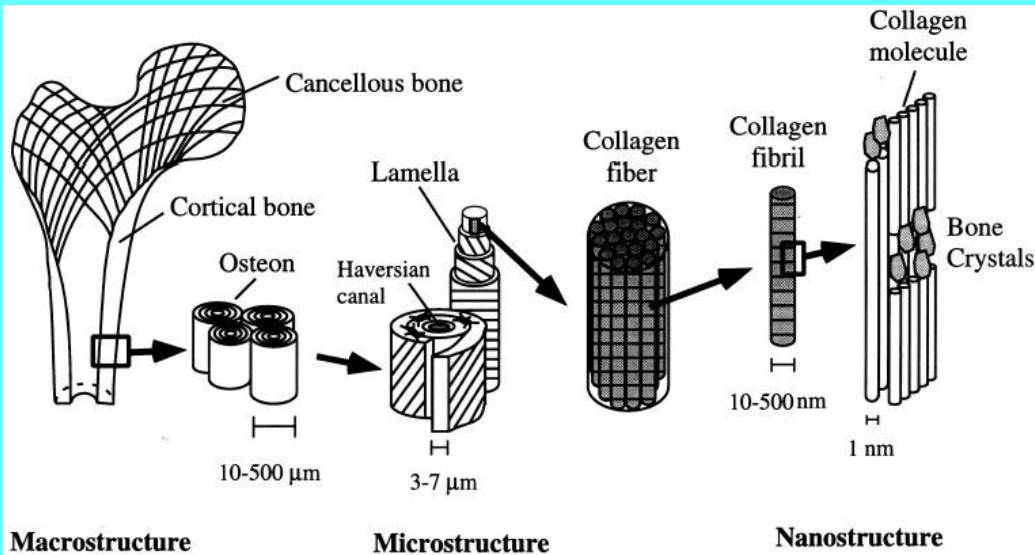
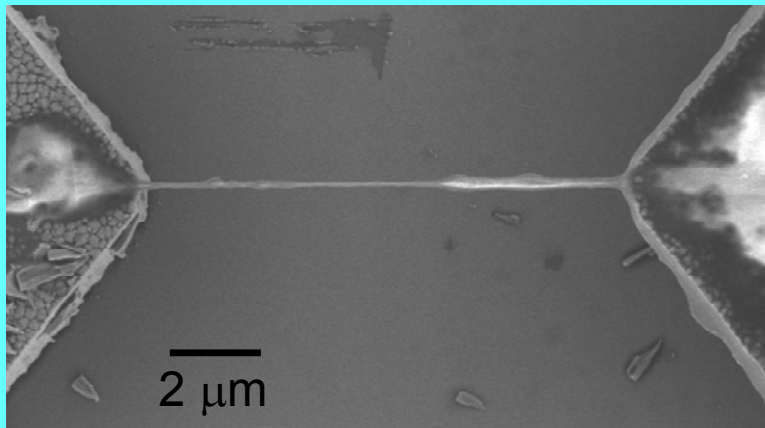


Tensile Testing of Collagen Fibrils Using a MEMS Platform

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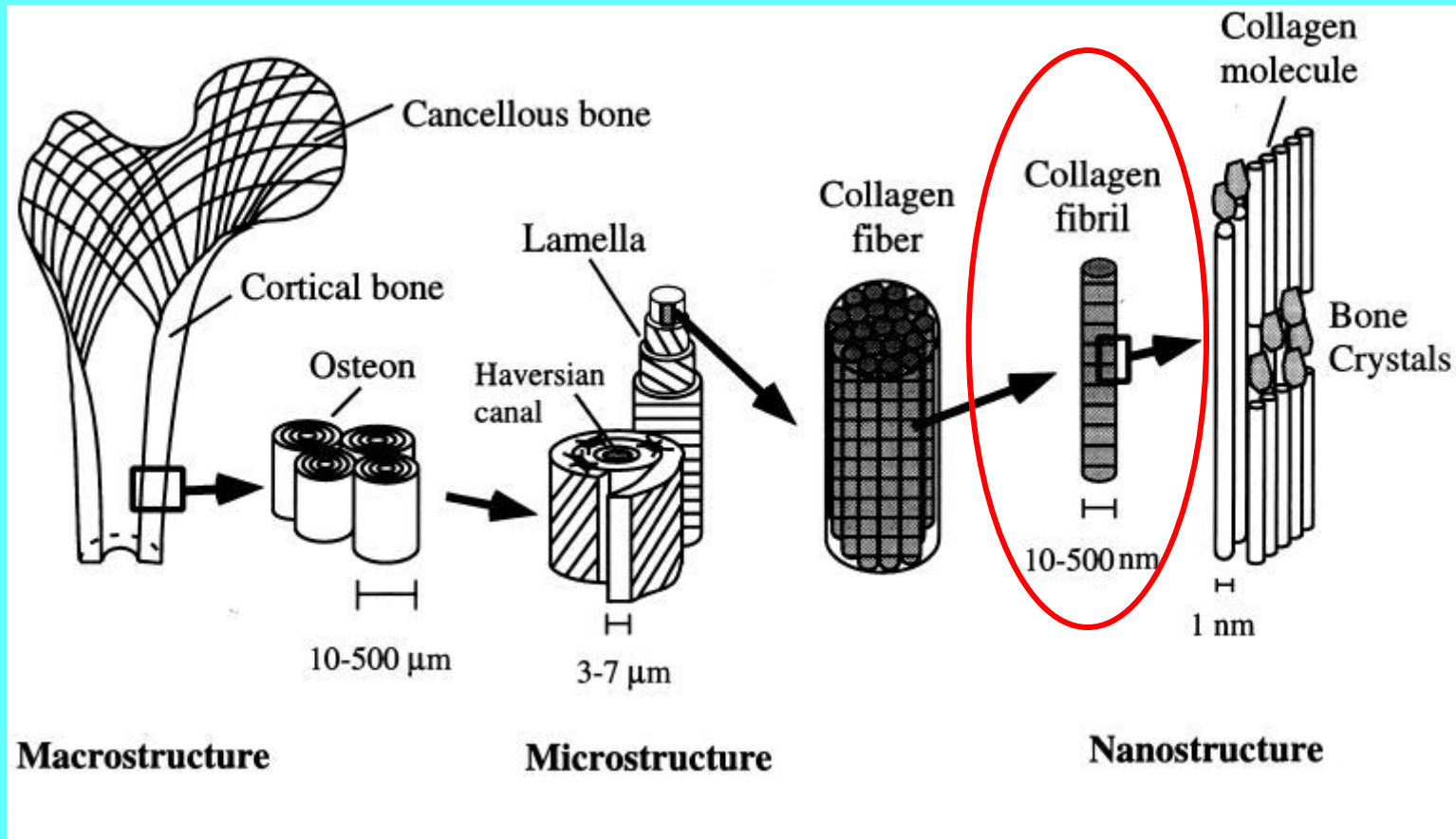


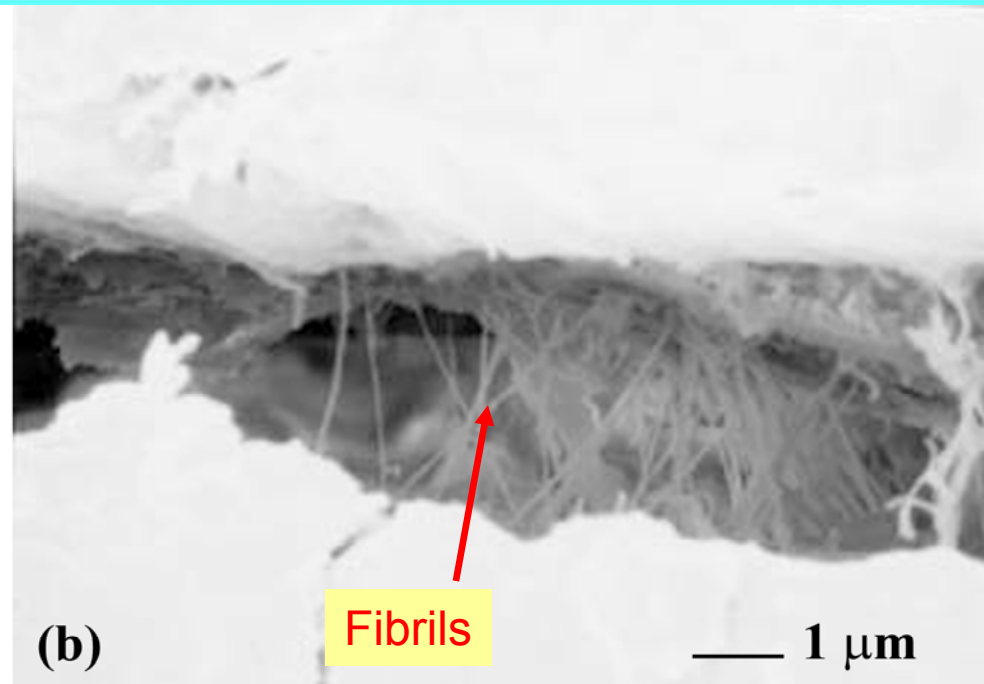
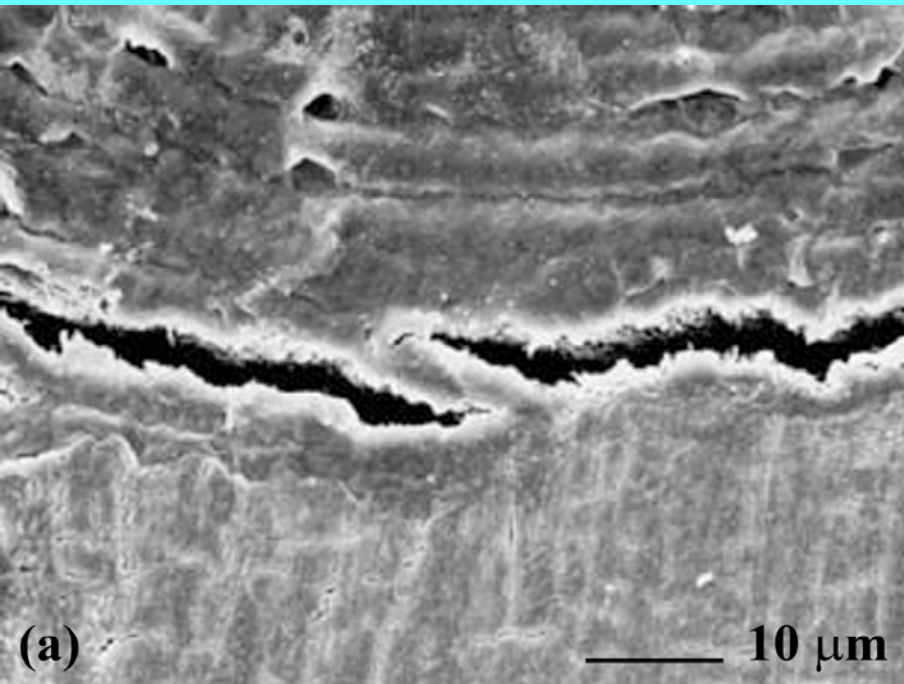
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Hierarchical Structure of Bone

What are the origins of its toughness?





Crack Bridging Mechanisms (Nalla *et al.* 2005)

Bone:
Survival via continuous healing cycles

$$K_c \sim 3 \text{ MPa}\cdot\text{m}^{1/2}$$

Operating stress, $\sigma=200 \text{ MPa}$

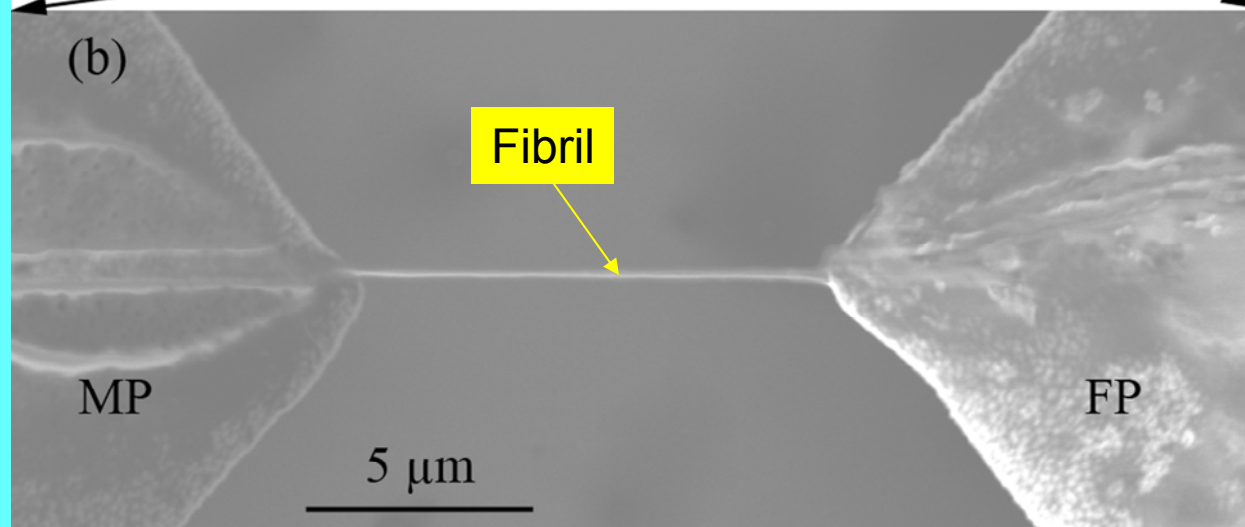
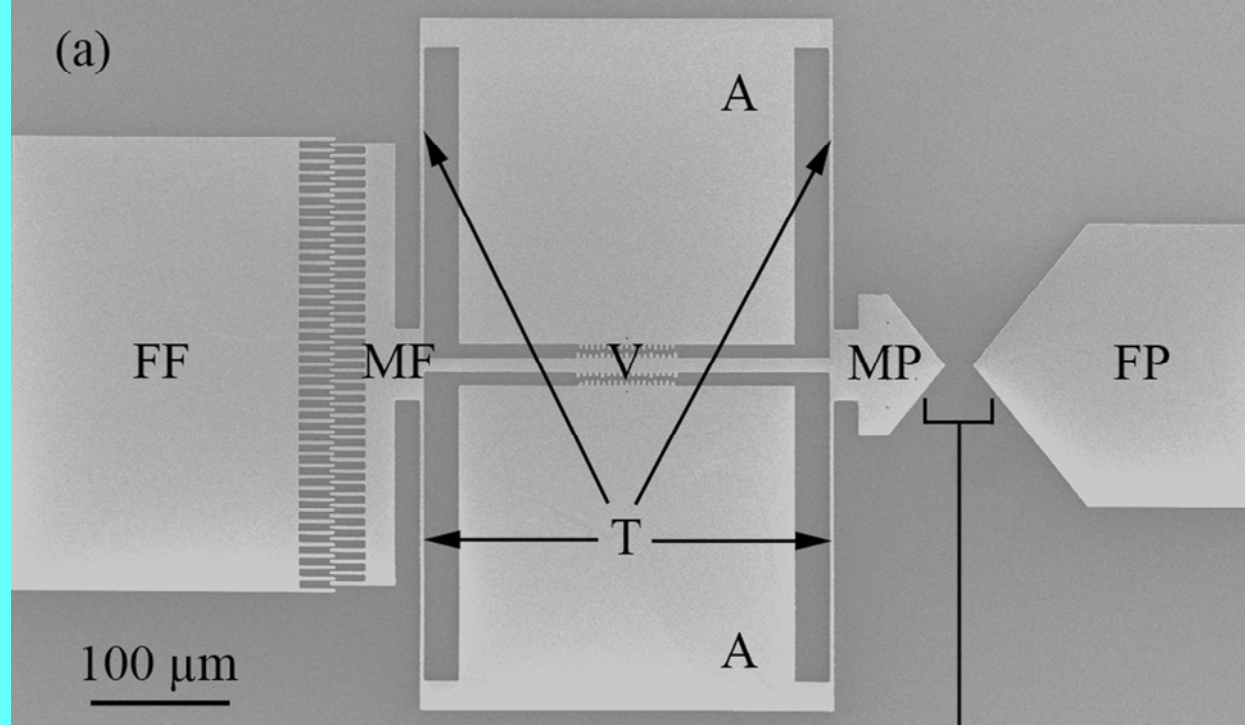
Strength, $\sigma_u=300 \text{ MPa}$

$$2a_{cr} = (K_c / \sigma)^2 / \pi \approx 140 \mu\text{m}$$

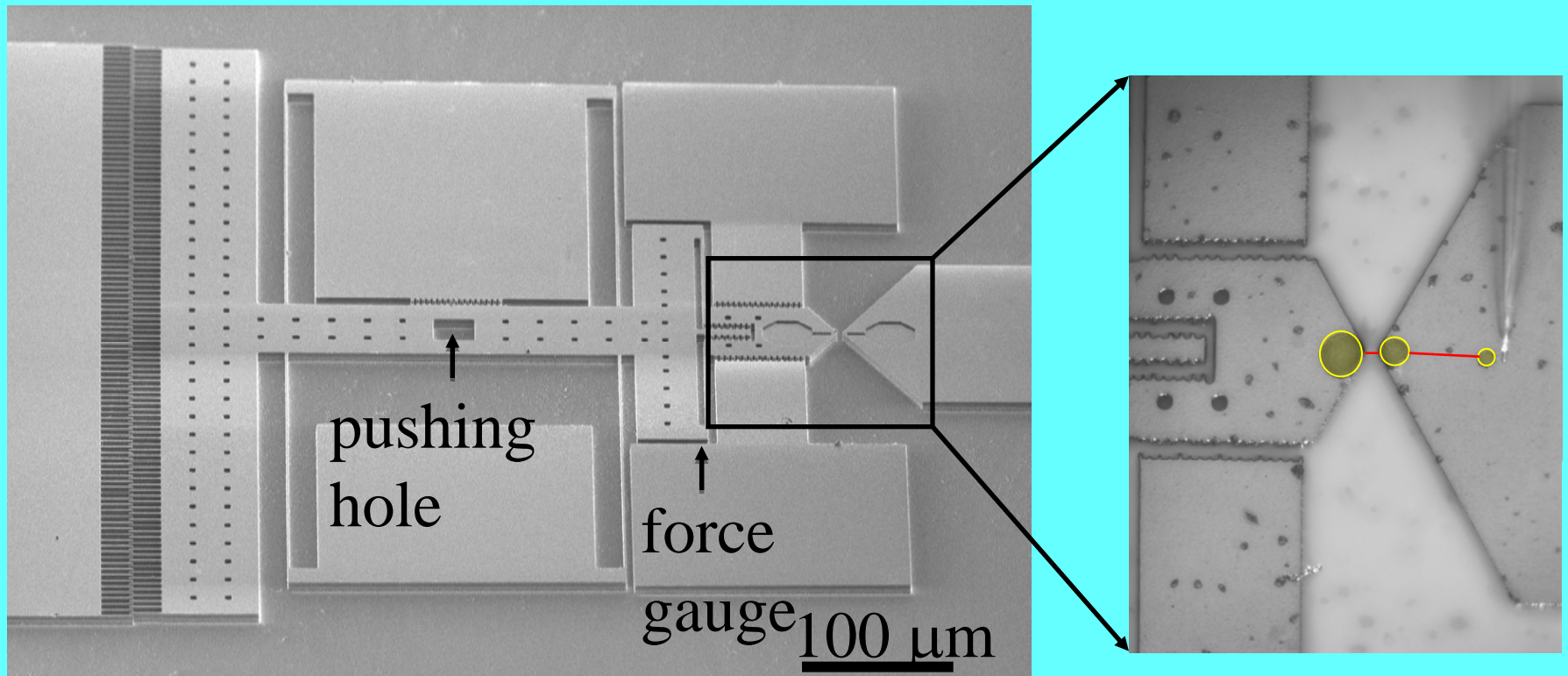
$$l_p = 0.1(K_c / \sigma_u)^2 \approx 10 \mu\text{m}$$

 **~100 fibrils**

How are such cracks mitigated?



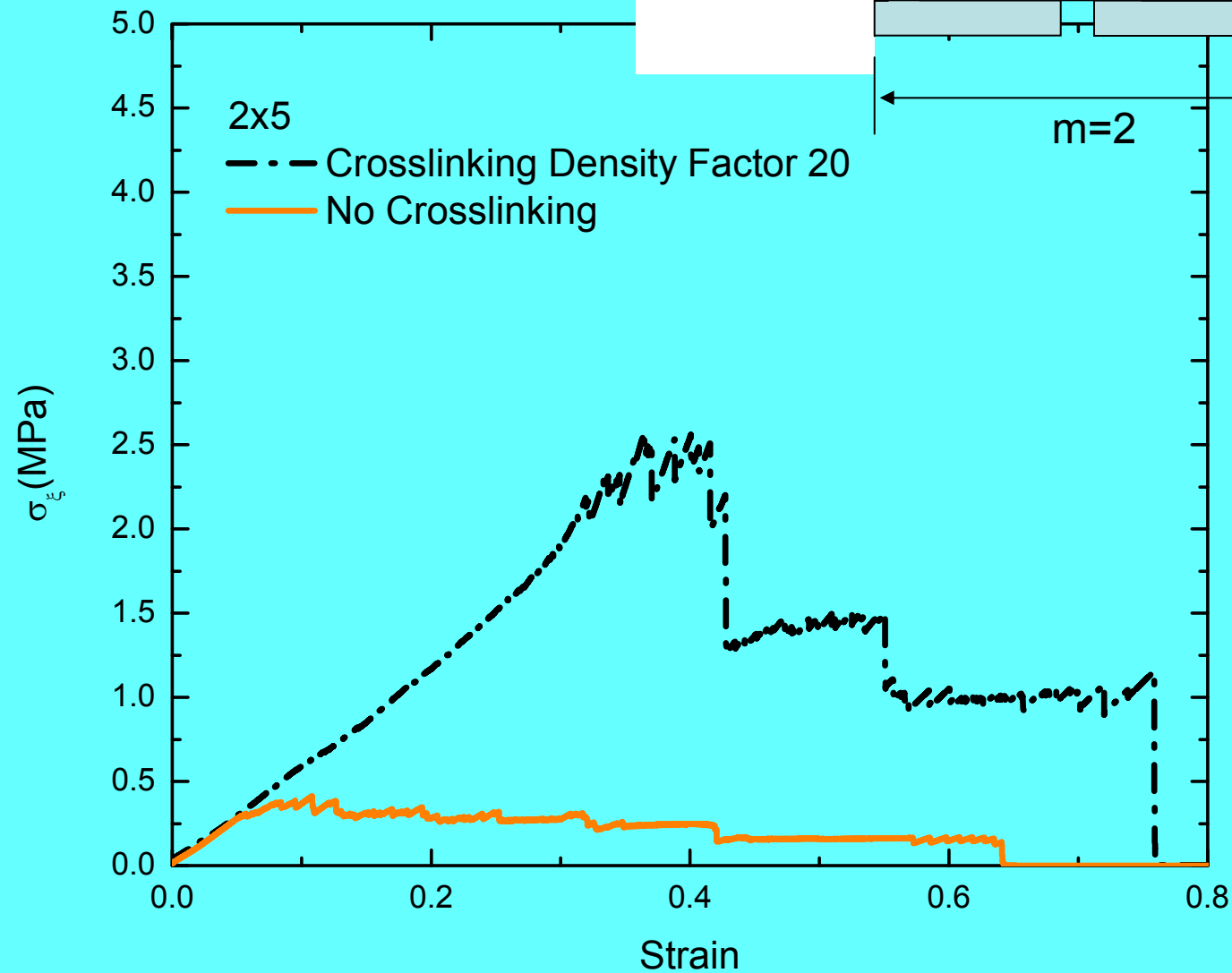
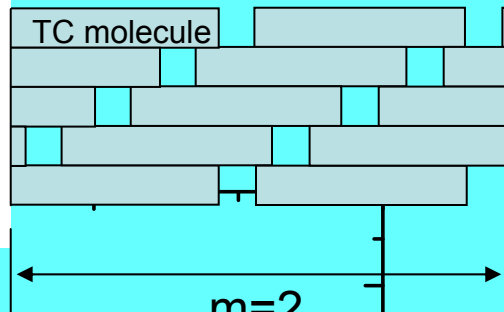
2nd Generation MEMS Device For In Fluid Experiments



(1x Phosphate Buffered Saline)

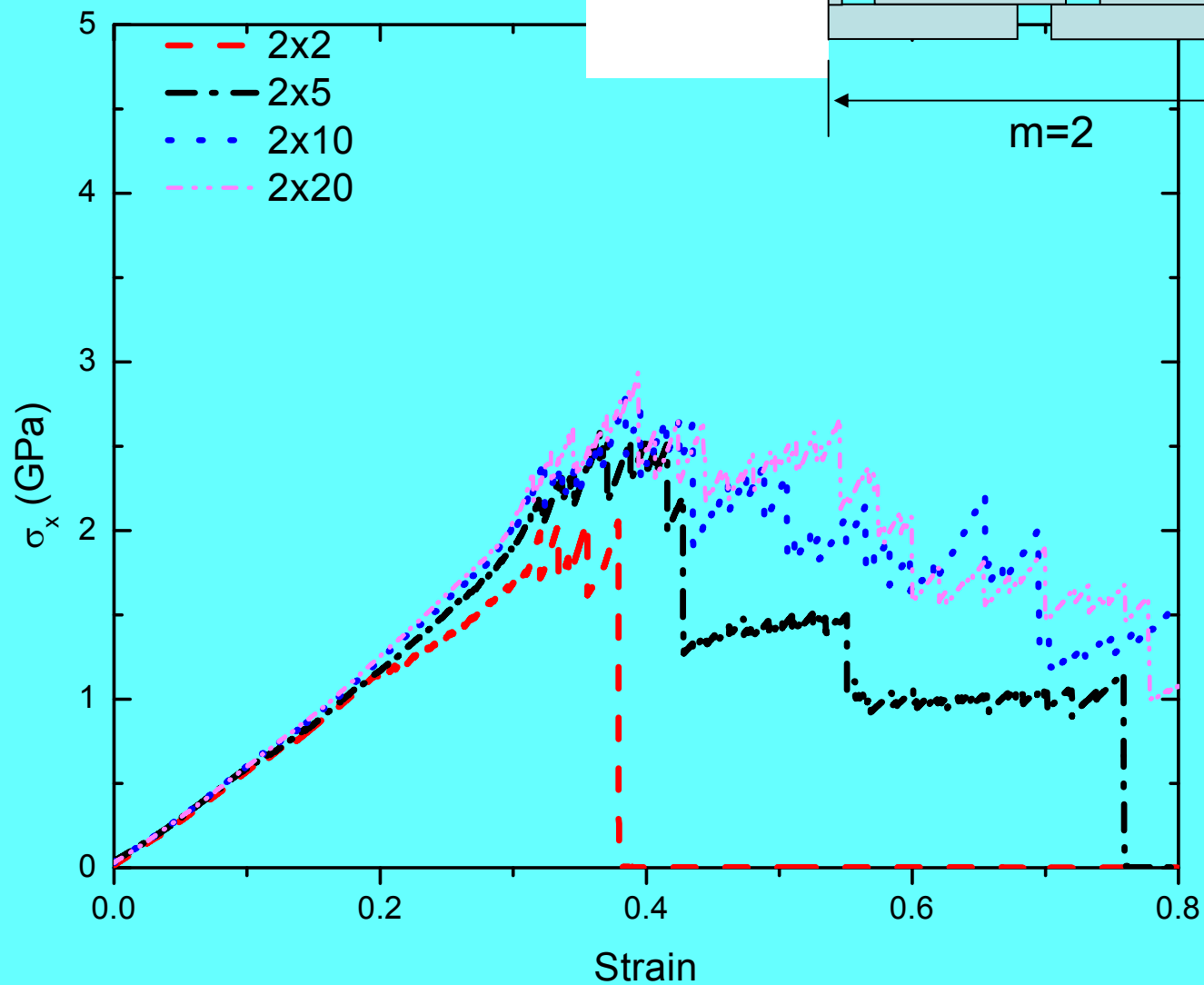
Preliminary Results

Crosslink Density Change



Preliminary Results

Diameter Change



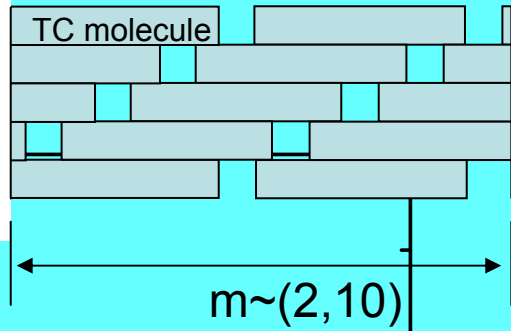
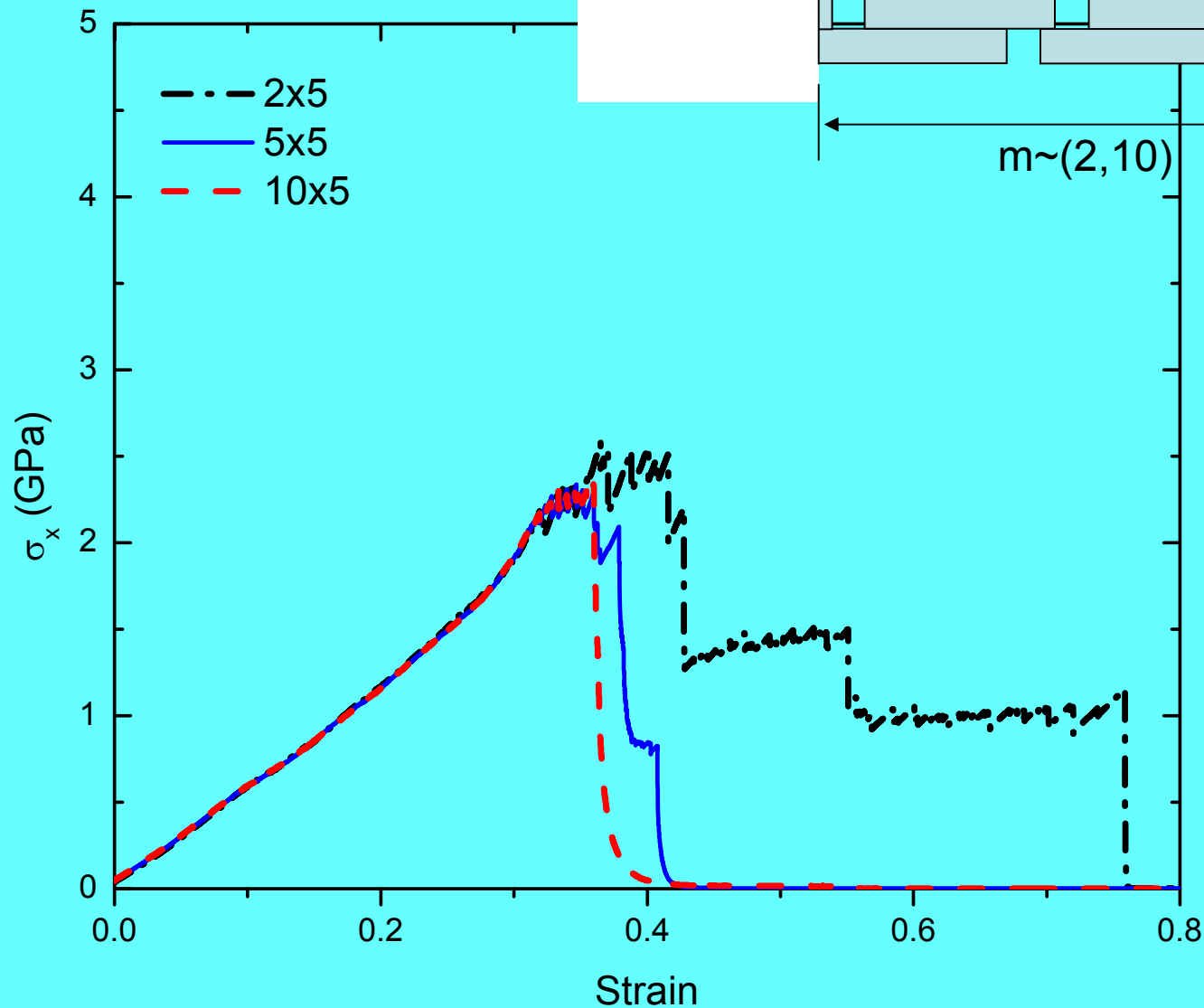
TC molecule

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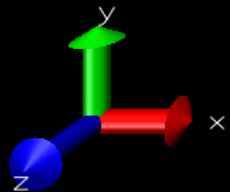
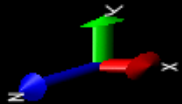
n~(2,20)

Preliminary Results

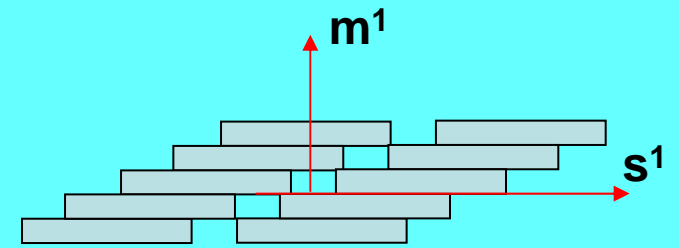
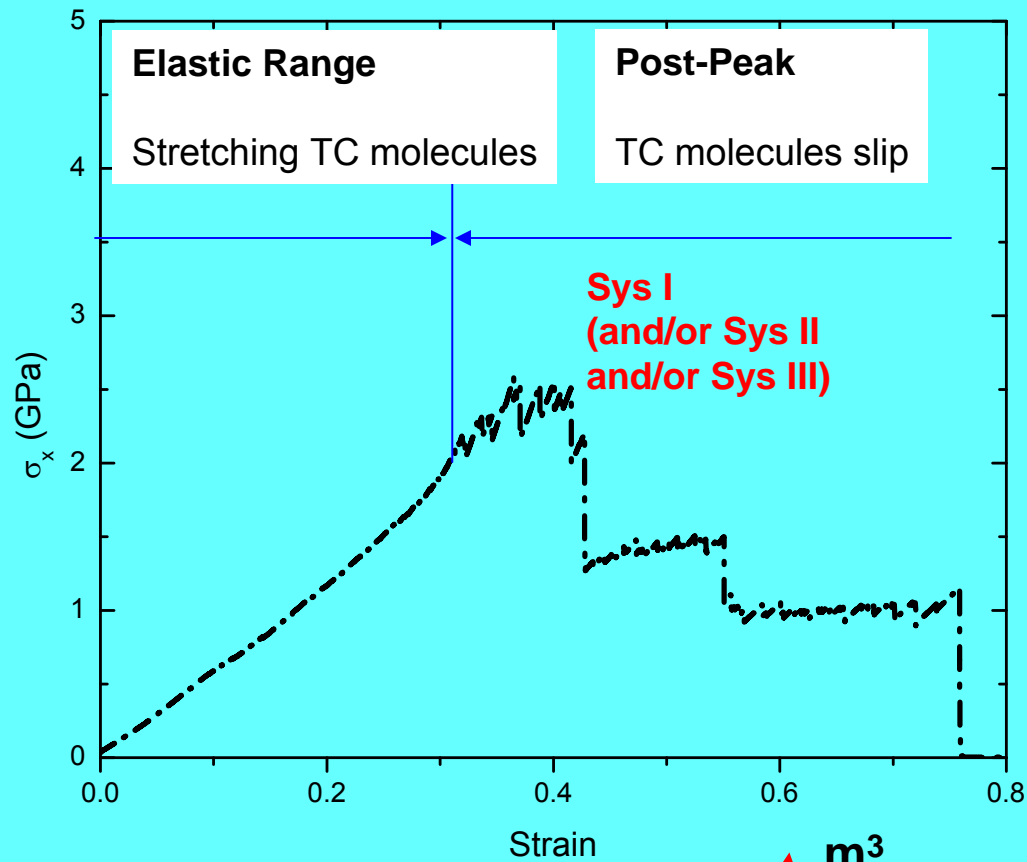
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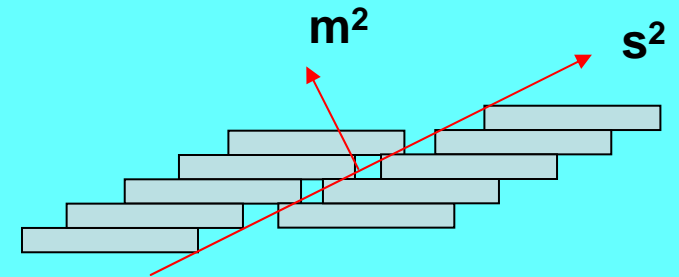
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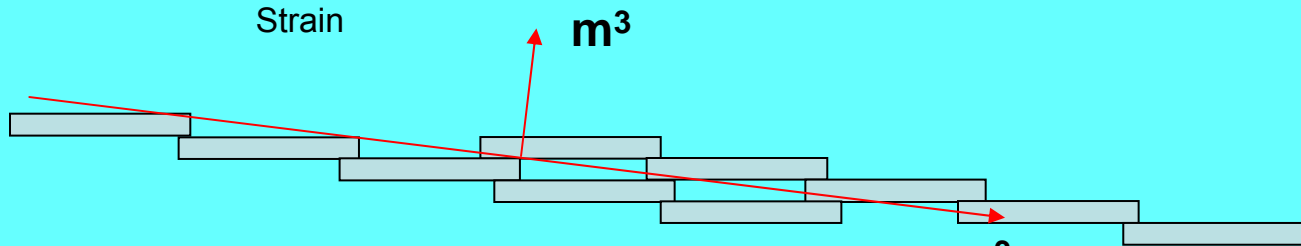
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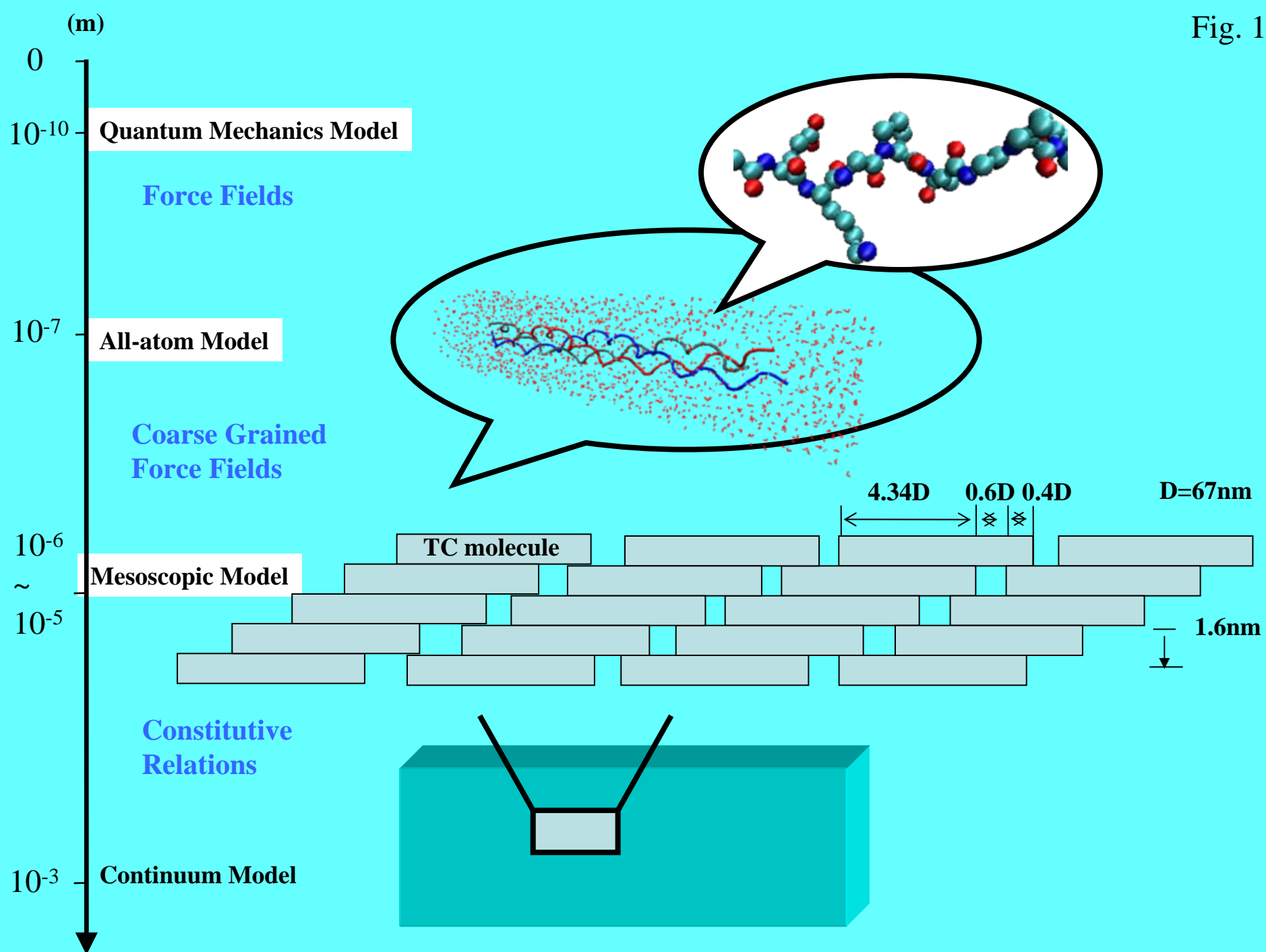


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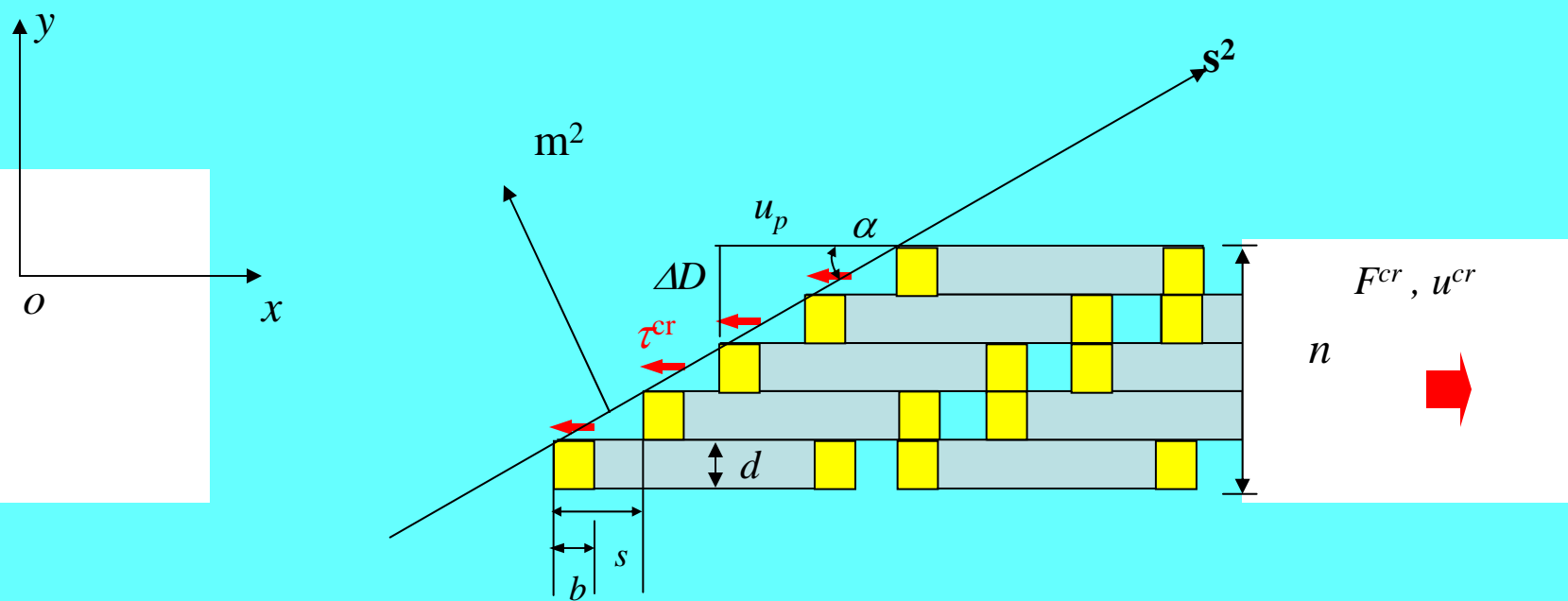
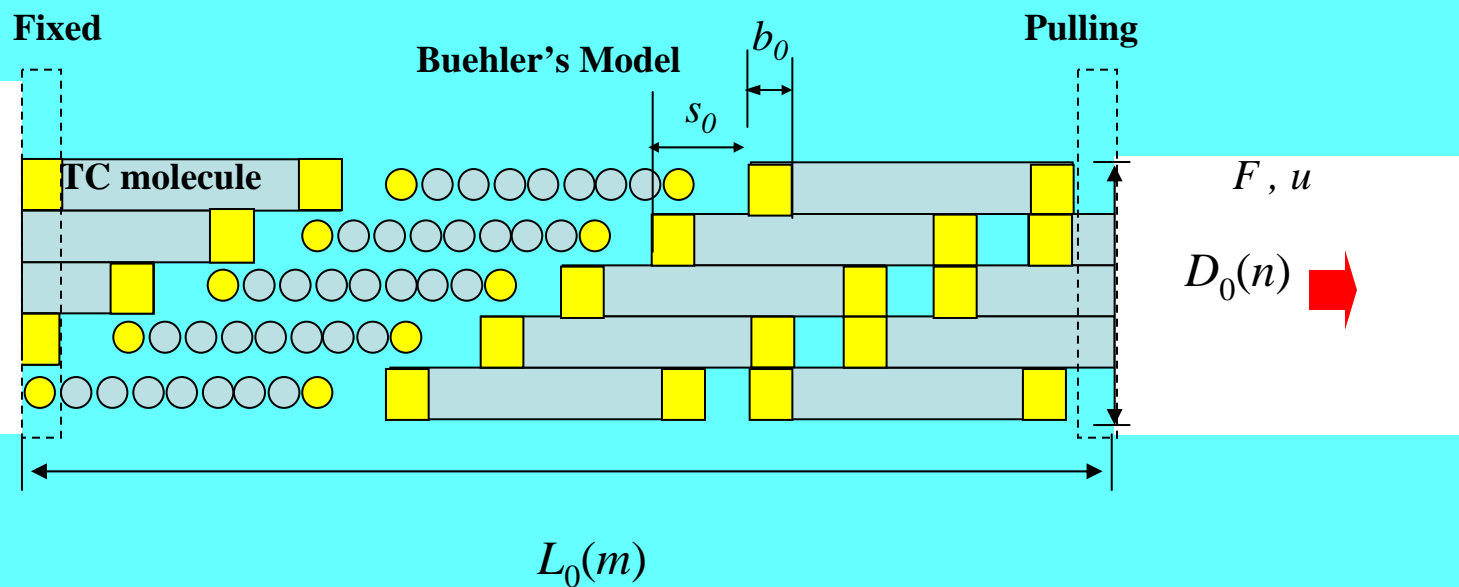


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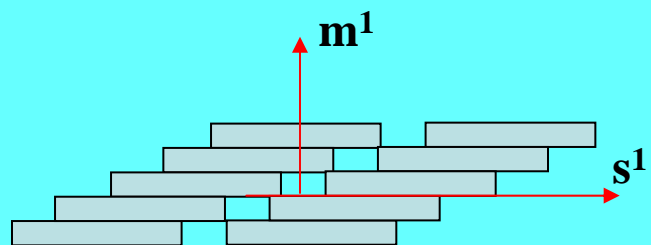
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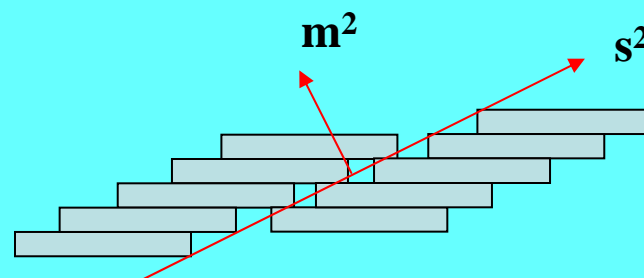


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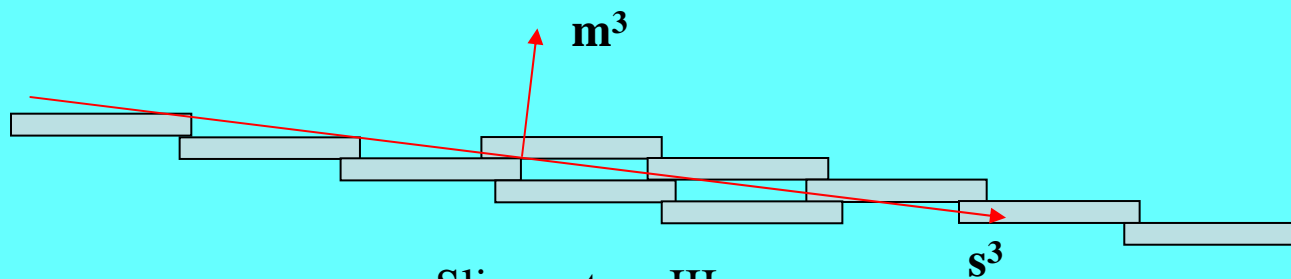
Slip system I

(C)



Slip system II

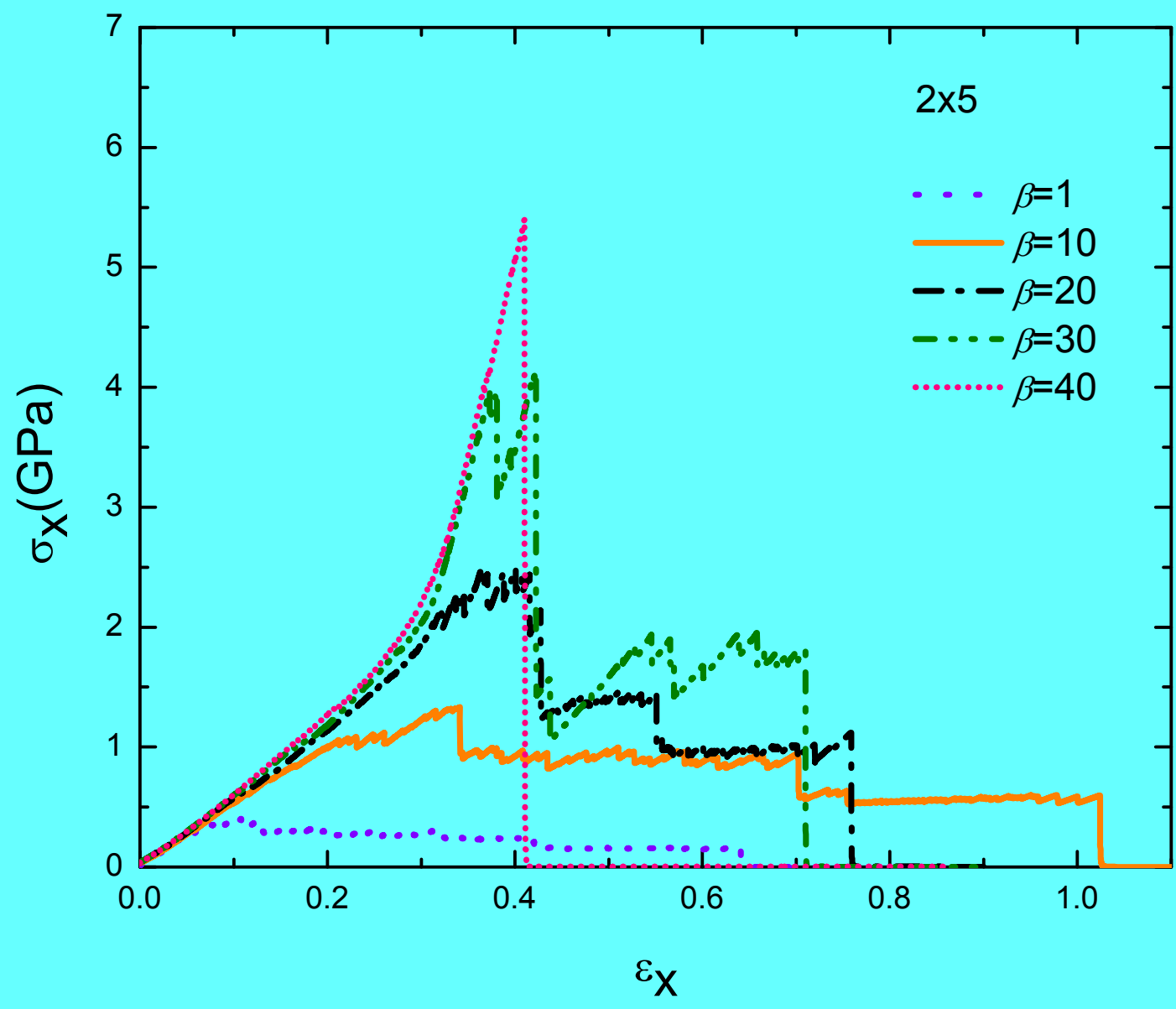
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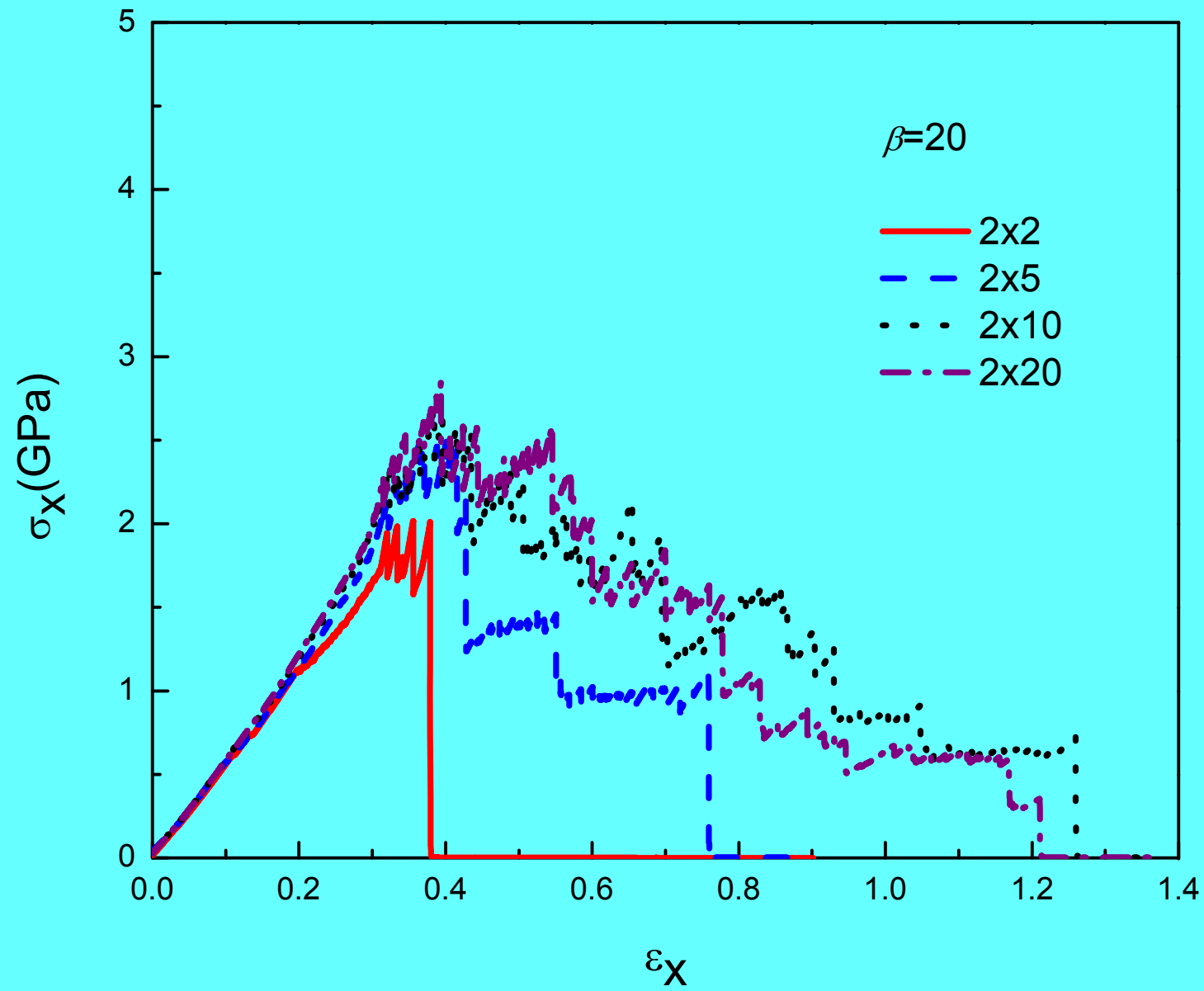
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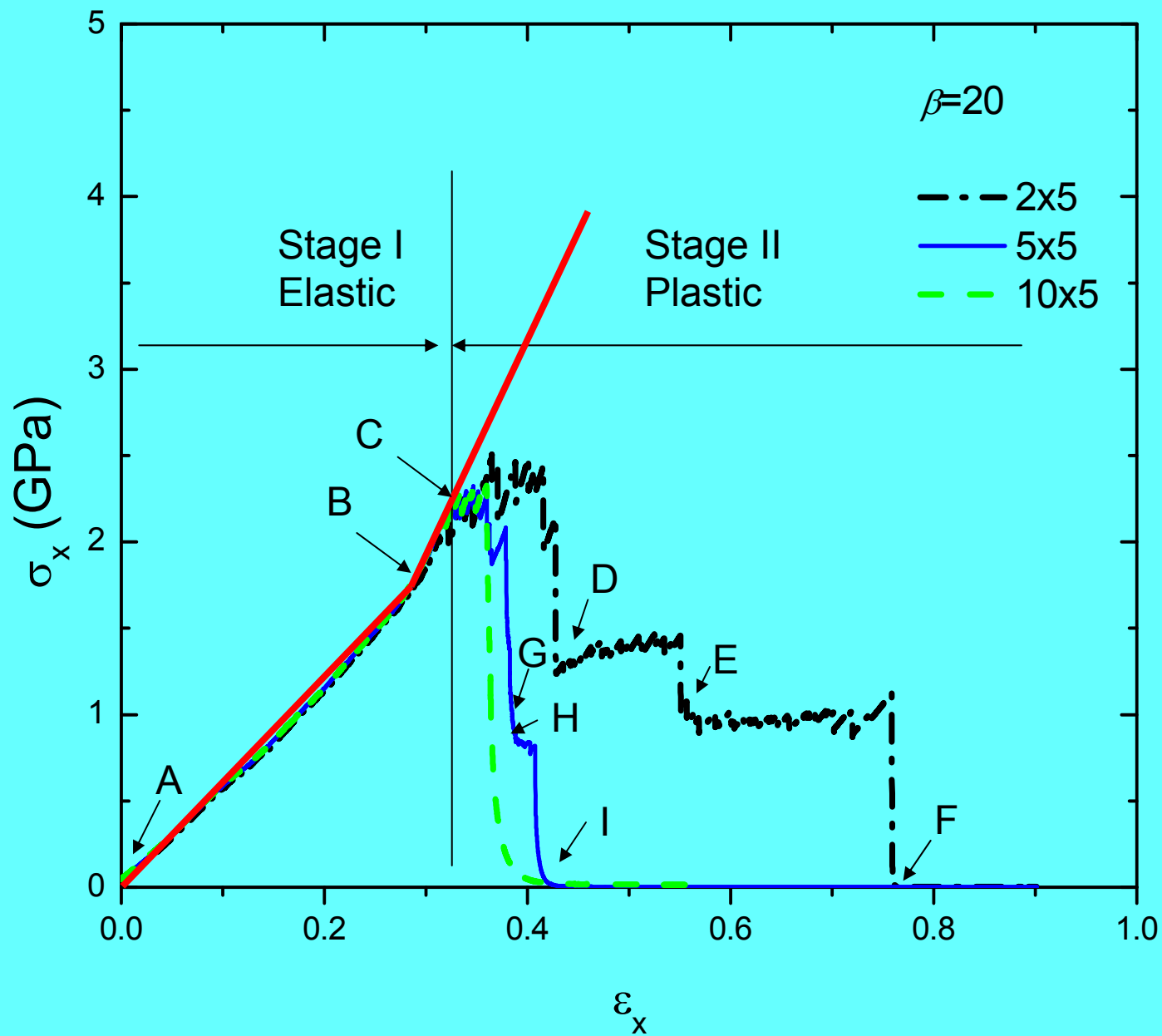
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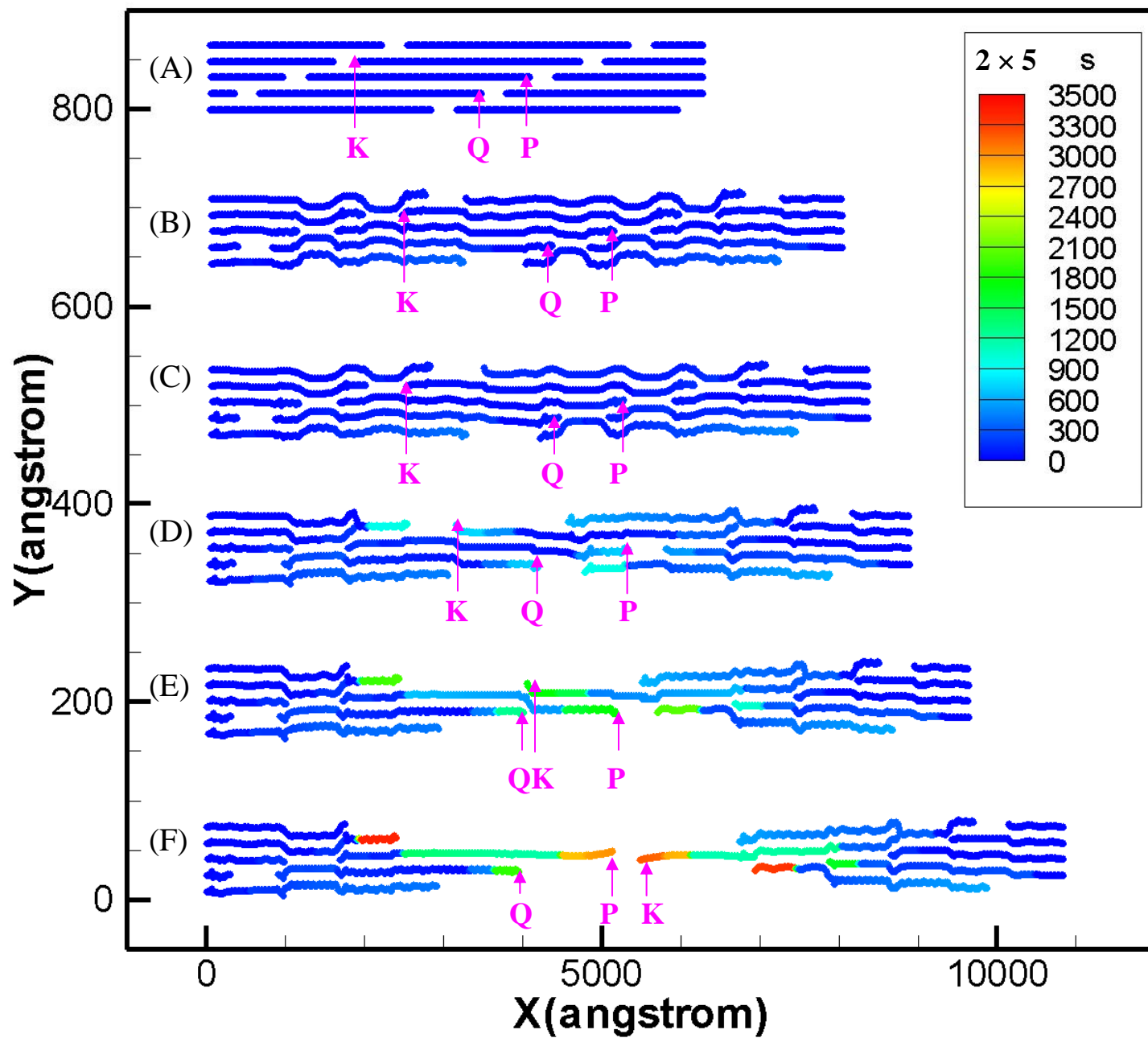


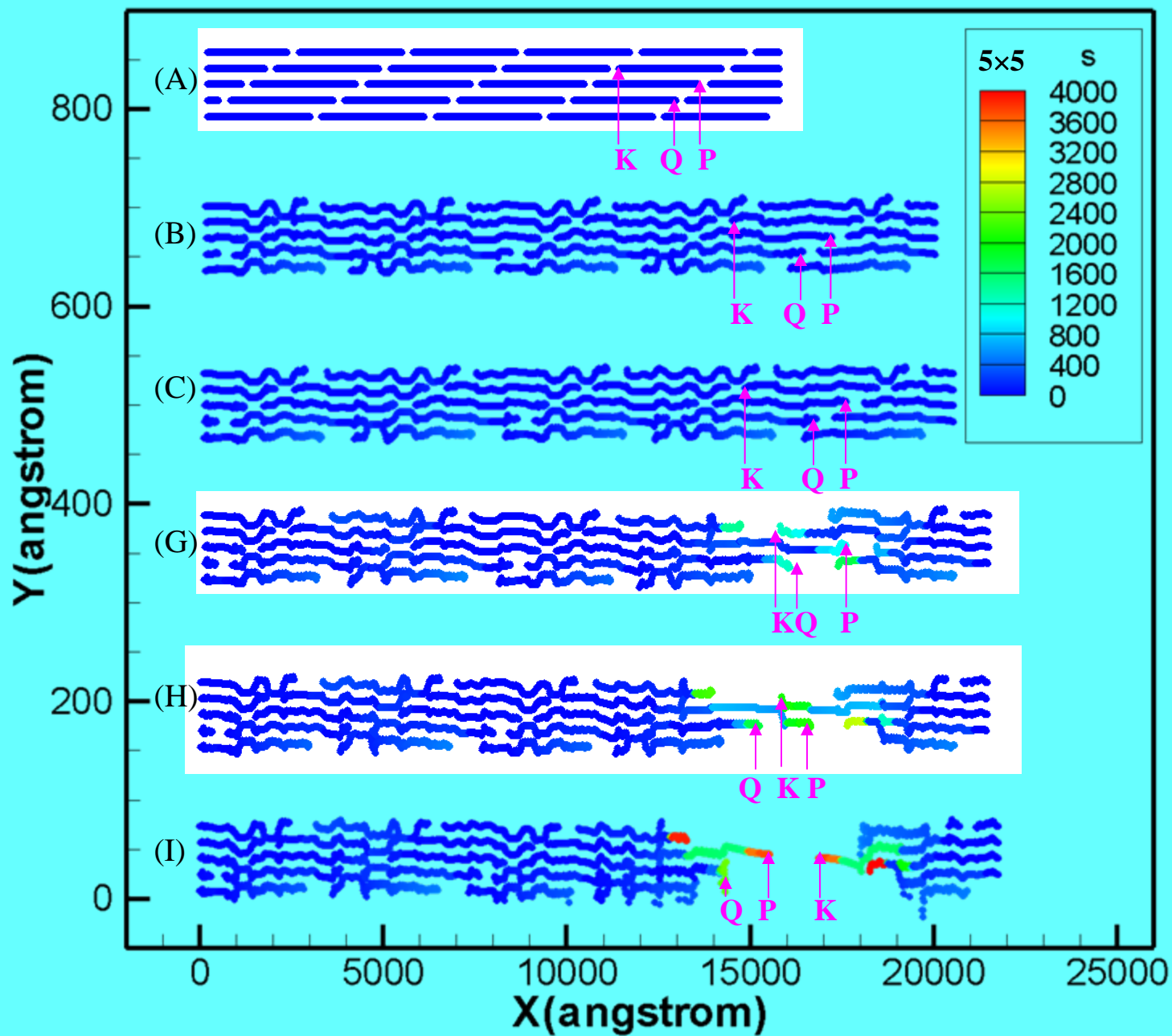
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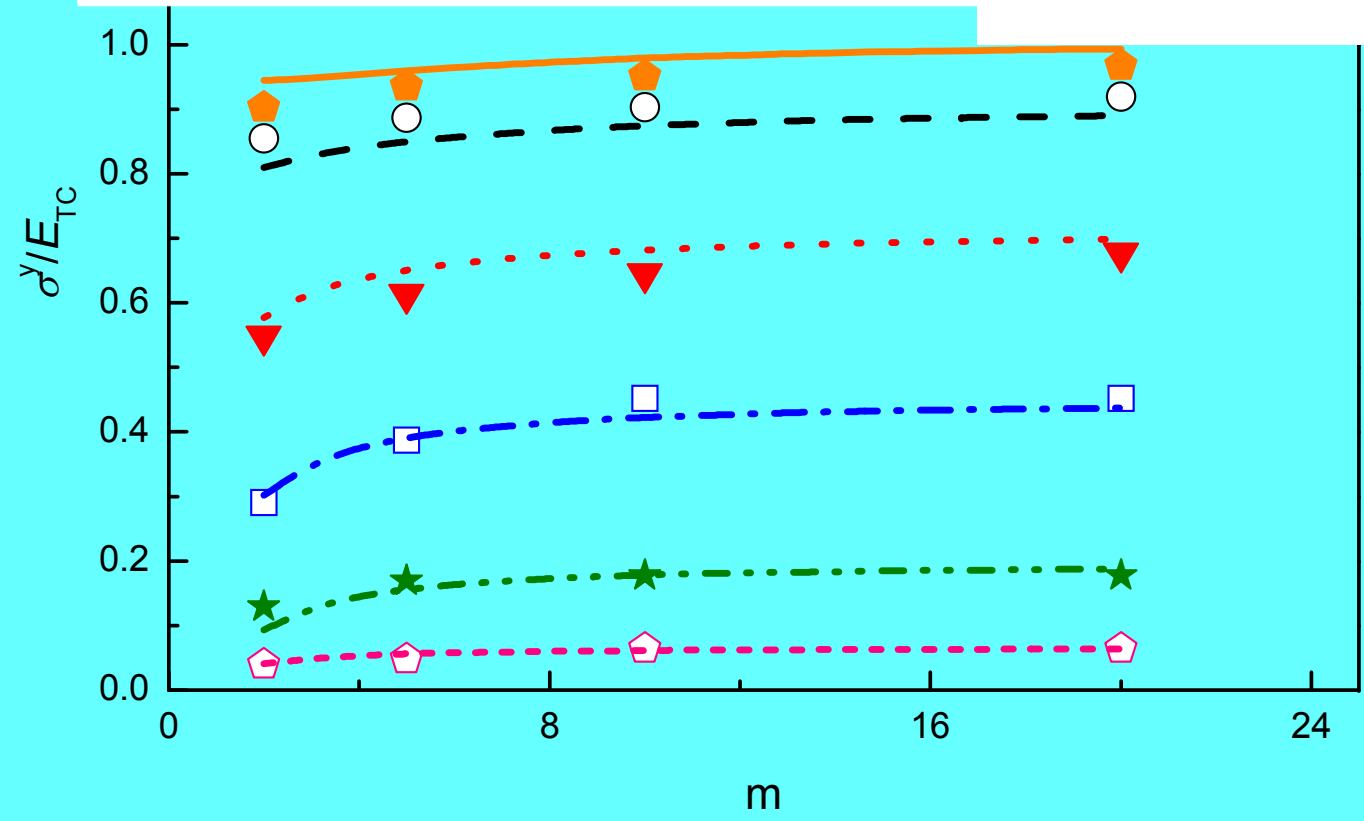
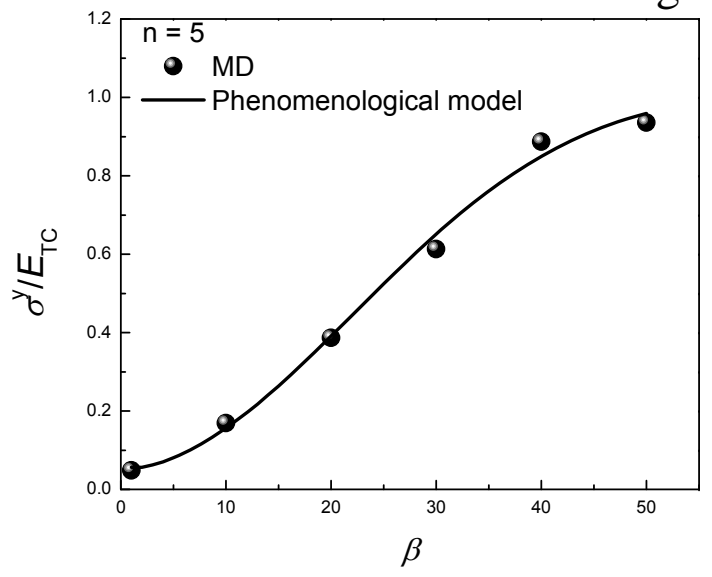
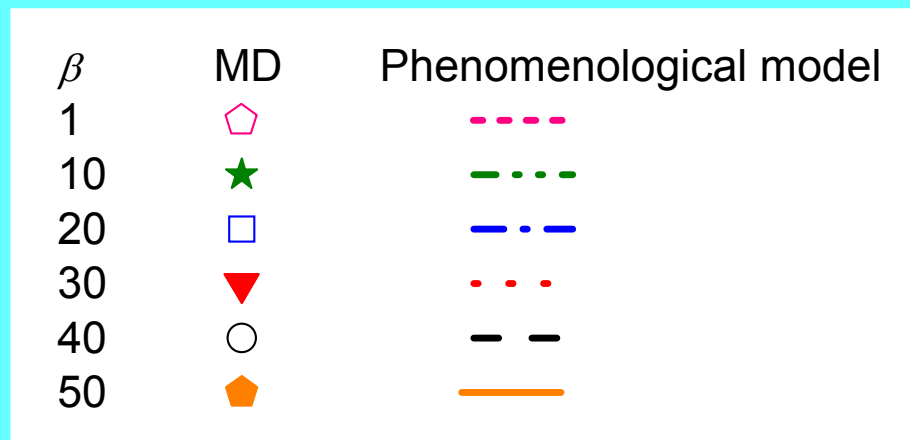




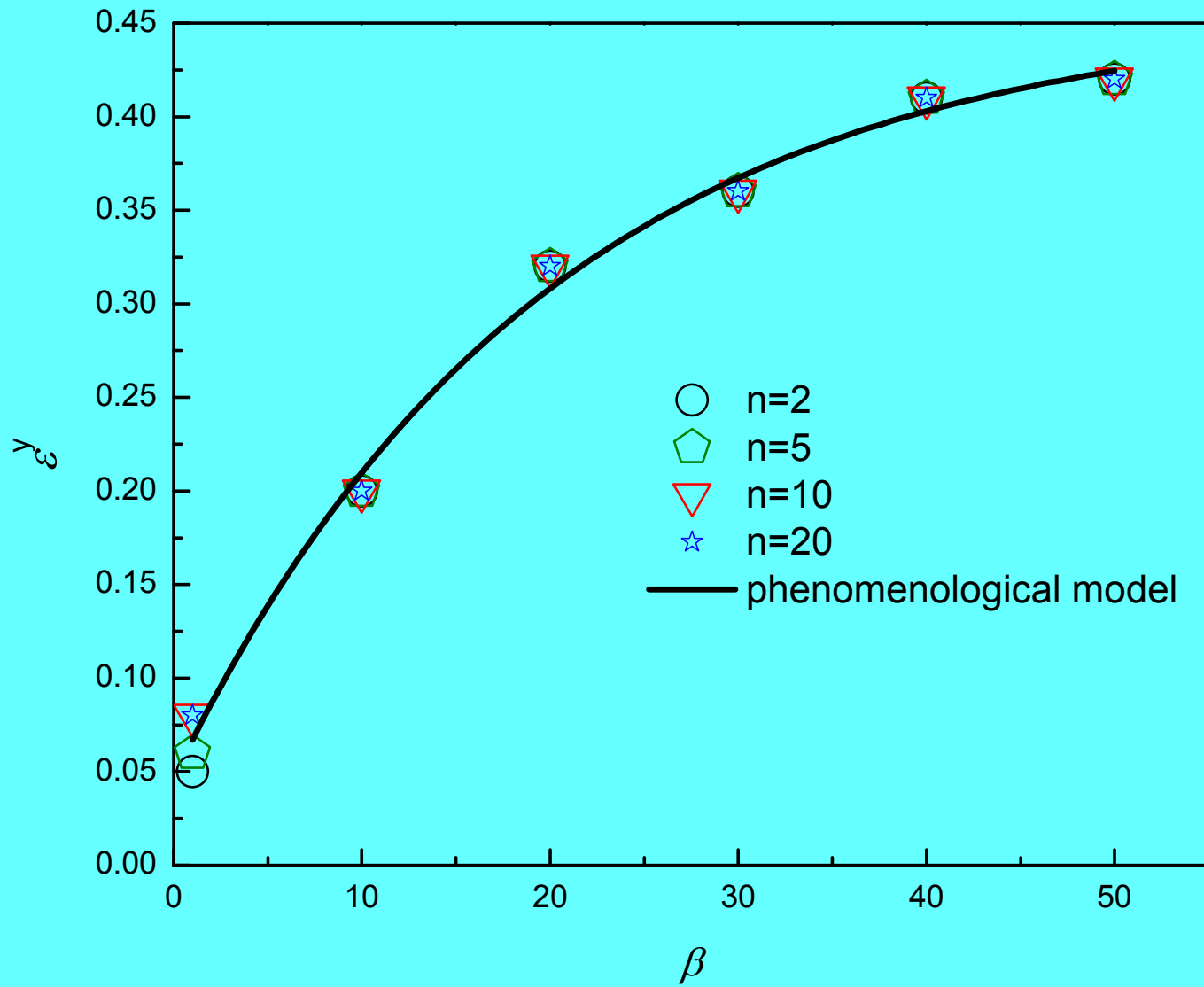


(A)

Fig. 5

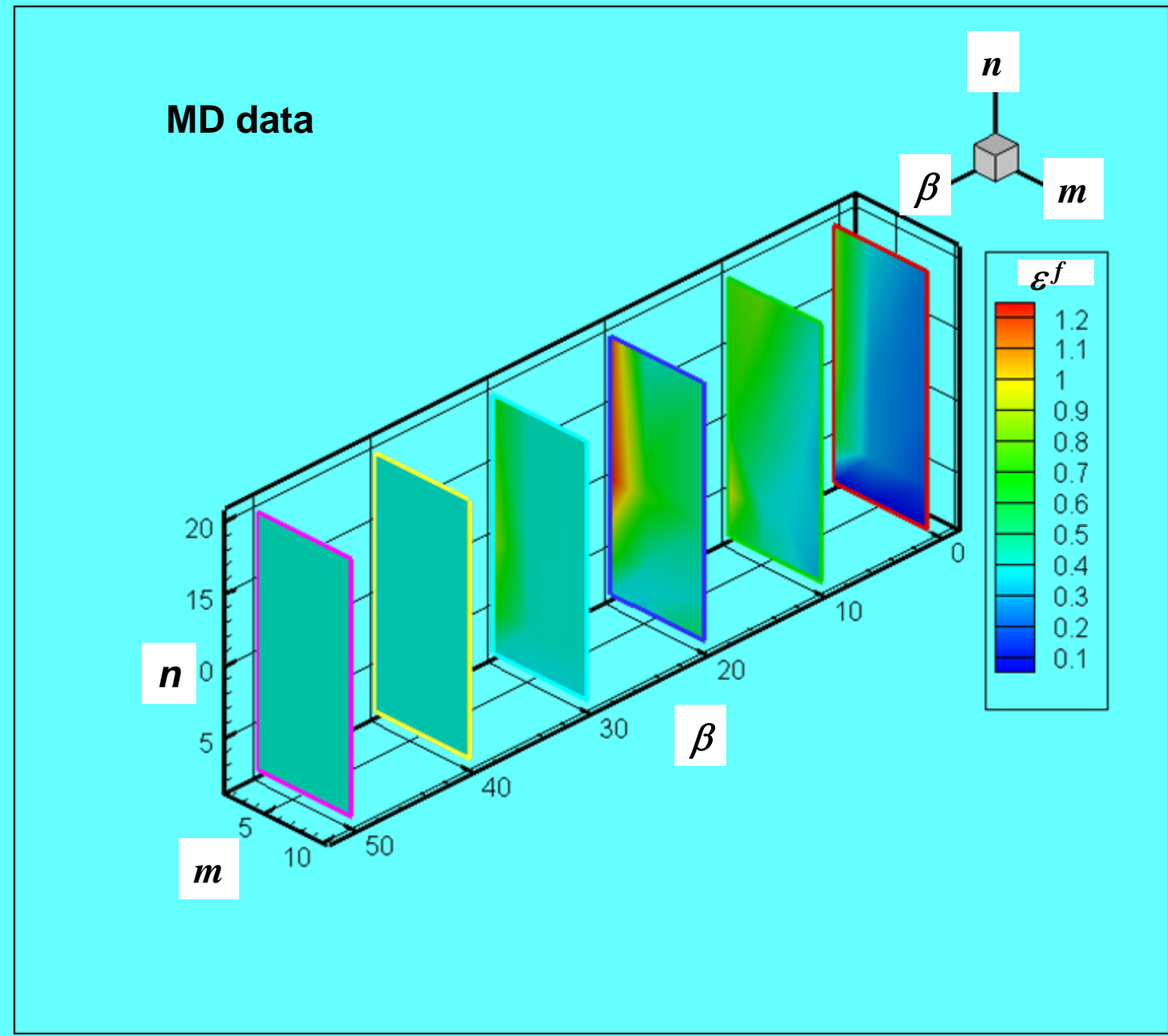


(B)



(C)

Fig. 5



(D)

Fig. 5

