## Adventures in Structural Design Using Theoretical, Computational, and Experimental Fracture Mechanics

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# Theme What I enjoy and have been doing.

Mechanism-based design guidelines.
Exploration and modeling of failure mechanisms.
Whatever it takes experimentation.



### Design of anchor bolts



### Design guidelines for spur gears



Fatigue of MEMS materials/structures



# Mechanical testing of nanofibers

## **Linear Elastic Fracture Mechanics**

## Stress field near crack tip

$$\sigma_{ij} = \frac{K_{I}}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} f_{ij}^{I}(\theta) + \frac{K_{II}}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} f_{ij}^{II}(\theta)$$

## **Initiation criterion**

$$F(K_{I}, K_{II}, K_{III}) = F_{critical}$$

## **Direction of growth**

$$\mathbf{\Theta}^{\mathbf{F}}K_{II}^{local}=0$$

*K<sub>I</sub>* = mode I stress intensity factor



*K<sub>II</sub>* = mode II stress intensity factor



## **CRACK GROWTH MECHANISMS**

## **Fast fracture**

 $K_I = F(a/b)\sigma\sqrt{\pi a} = K_I^{cr}$ 

## **High cycle fatigue**

$$\frac{da}{dN} = C \left(\Delta K_I\right)^m$$

## **Stress corrosion**

$$\frac{da}{dt} = DK_I^n$$

## **ANCHOR BOLTS**



Figure 1 - Typical connections which employ anchor bolts.





## Ballarini et al., Proc. Roy. Soc. Lond., 1985

$$P_{u} \approx K_{Ic} h^{3/2} = \sqrt{EG_{f} h^{3/2}}$$

$$\begin{split} \alpha(\xi) &= \frac{-1}{2\pi(\kappa+1)} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} \left( F_x + \mathrm{i}F_y \right), \\ \beta(\xi) &= \frac{\mu \mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{i}\theta}}{\pi \mathrm{i}(\kappa+1)} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} \left\{ [u_r] + \mathrm{i}[v_\theta] \right\}, \\ \psi(\tau) &= \frac{\mu \mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{i}\theta}}{\pi \mathrm{i}(\kappa+1)} \frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} \left\{ [u_r] + \mathrm{i}[v_\theta] \right\}, \end{split}$$



$$\int_{0}^{c} \alpha(\xi) \left\{ \frac{\kappa-1}{\xi-\pi} + \mathbf{K}_{1}(\mathbf{x},\xi) - \mathbf{K}_{2}(\mathbf{x},-\xi) \right\} d\xi + \int_{0}^{c} \overline{\alpha(\xi)} \left\{ \mathbf{K}_{2}(\mathbf{x},\xi) - \mathbf{K}_{1}(\mathbf{x},-\xi) \right\} d\xi$$
  
+  $\pi \mathbf{i} \ (\kappa+1) \ \alpha \ (\mathbf{x}) + \int_{0}^{c} \beta(\rho) \ \left\{ \frac{-2}{\rho-\pi} + \mathbf{K}_{3}(\mathbf{x},\rho) - \mathbf{K}_{4}(\mathbf{x},-\rho) \right\} d\rho$   
+  $\int_{0}^{c} \overline{\beta(\rho)} \ \left\{ \mathbf{K}_{4}(\mathbf{x},\rho) - \mathbf{K}_{3}(\mathbf{x},-\rho) \right\} d\rho$   
+  $\int_{0}^{d} \overline{\beta(\rho)} \ \left\{ \mathbf{K}_{4}(\mathbf{x},\rho) - \mathbf{K}_{3}(\mathbf{x},-\rho) \right\} d\rho$   
+  $\int_{0}^{d} \psi(\tau) \ \mathbf{K}_{9}(\mathbf{x},\tau) d\tau + \int_{0}^{d} \overline{\psi(\tau)} \ \mathbf{K}_{10} \ (\mathbf{x},\tau) d\tau + f_{1}(\mathbf{x}) = 0 \quad -c \le \mathbf{x} \le c$ 

 $\int_{0}^{c} \alpha(\xi) \left\{ \mathbf{x}_{13}(t,\xi) - \mathbf{x}_{14}(t,-\xi) \right\} d\xi + \int_{0}^{c} \overline{\alpha(\xi)} \left\{ \mathbf{x}_{14}(t,\xi) - \mathbf{x}_{13}(t,-\xi) \right\} d\xi$ +  $\int_{0}^{c} \beta(\xi) \left\{ \mathbf{x}_{15}(t,\xi) - \mathbf{x}_{16}(t,-\xi) \right\} d\xi + \int_{0}^{c} \overline{\beta(\xi)} \left\{ \mathbf{x}_{16}(t,\xi) - \mathbf{x}_{15}(t,-\xi) \right\} d\xi$ +  $2 \int_{0}^{k} \frac{\phi(\tau)d\tau}{(t-\tau)e^{\frac{1}{2}\theta}} + \int_{0}^{k} \phi(\xi) \mathbf{x}_{17}(t,\tau) d\tau + \int_{0}^{k} \overline{\phi(\tau)} \mathbf{x}_{18}(t,\tau) d\tau + f_{3}(t) = 0 \quad 0 \leq t \leq k$ 

$$\int_{0}^{C} \alpha(\xi) \left\{ \frac{-2\kappa}{\xi - x} + K_{5}(x,\xi) - K_{6}(x,-\xi) \right\} d\xi + \int_{0}^{C} \overline{\alpha(\xi)} \left\{ K_{6}(x,\xi) - K_{5}(x,-\xi) \right\} d\xi$$
$$+ \int_{0}^{C} \beta(\rho) \left\{ \frac{1-\kappa}{\rho - x} + K_{7}(x,\rho) - K_{8}(x,-\rho) \right\} d\rho + \int_{0}^{C} \overline{\beta(\rho)} \left\{ K_{8}(x,\rho) - K_{7}(x,-\rho) \right\} d\rho$$
$$-\pi i (\kappa+1) \beta (x) + \int_{0}^{\xi} \psi(\tau) K_{11}(x,\tau) d\tau + \int_{0}^{\xi} \overline{\psi(\tau)} K_{12}(x,\tau) d\tau$$
$$+ f_{2}(x) = 0 \qquad -c \leq x \leq c$$

$$\int_{0}^{C} \left[ \alpha(\xi) - \overline{\alpha(\xi)} \right] d\xi = \frac{P}{2\pi i (\kappa+1)}$$
$$\int_{0}^{C} \left[ \beta(\xi) - \overline{\beta(\xi)} \right] d\xi + \int_{0}^{L} \left[ \psi(\tau) - \overline{\psi(\tau)} \right] d\tau = 0$$

## **Stress intensity factor analysis**



## **Design Curve**

















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## **Results of RILEM Round-Robin Tests**

Materials and Structures/Materiaux et Constructions, 1990-23, 78.

Extended time to / July 1990 RILEM TC 90-FMA FRACTURE MECHANICS OF CONCRETE - APPLICATIONS

APPENDIX A TO MINUTES FROM MEETING IN CARDIFF, WALES ON SEPTEMBER 21, 1989

#### **Round-Robin Analysis of Anchor Bolts - Invitation**

#### 1. BACKGROUND

One of the goals of TC 90-FMA is to apply fracture mechanics to design problems encountered by the engineering society. A survey of the area was published in June 1989 (Fracture Mechanics of Concrete Structures. From theory to applications', a RHLEM Report prepared by TC 90-FMA, edited by L. Elfgren Chapman & Hall, 1989, 15816-a42, 30608-6, 407 pp. 735).

In order to be able to compare different analytical and numerical methods an invitation is hereby given to a round-robin analysis of a common structural detail. The invitation is open to anyone who wants to take part.

#### 2. PROBLEM

Calculate the maximum load and (if possible) the loaddeformation graph for one or more of the following cases. (The principal case to be studied is <u>underlined</u>.) Please give the deflection of the outer end of the bolt (point A)

#### 2.1 Plane stresses

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- (fixed at top) The concrete is in contact only with the top side of the bolt (fixed connection or ball bearings with fraction  $\mu = 0.3$ )

Material properties (mean values):  $f_1 = 3 \text{ MPa} (f_c = 40 \text{ MPa}) \text{ E} = 30 \text{ GPa} \text{ G}_{F1} = 100 \text{ Nm}$ 

 $m^2$  (define form);  $v = 0.2 G_{\rm FH}$  to be chosen by analysis .

2.2 Axisymmetric stresses

Geometry: d = 150, (50, 450); a = d, 3d  $\phi = 3d/10$ ; t = d/10;  $\phi_t = 4d/25$ Boundary conditions and material properties: As above

#### 3. CONTRIBUTIONS

Please send your contribution(s) by 1 March 1990 to: RILEM TC 90-FMA, co Lennart Eligren, Dept of Civil Engineering, Lulea Univ. of Technology, S-951 K7 LULEÅ, Sweden (Fax: +46 920 91913, Tel +46 920 91360)

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![](_page_19_Figure_23.jpeg)

![](_page_19_Figure_24.jpeg)

Fig. 3 – Results of pull-out tests on headed anchors can be reasonably accurately predicted by LEFM. Broken lines represent LEFM predictions for varying  $d/\ell_{ch}$  [3].

#### ULTIMATE LOAD CAPACITIES OF PLANE AND AXISYMMETRIC HEADED ANCHORS

#### By Amy Vogel<sup>1</sup> and Roberto Ballarini<sup>2</sup>

**ABSTRACT:** A finite-element-based linear elastic fracture mechanics analysis of the pullout of headed anchors is presented. The anchor is modeled as a vertically loaded crack of diameter c, embedded at a depth d, with a rigid upper surface, and traction-free lower surface. The fracture toughness and Poisson's ratio of the surrounding matrix are  $K_{lc}$  and v, respectively. For selected values of d/c, the mode-I stress intensity factor is calculated for each increment of the crack growth, which emanates from the edge of the anchor, and follow

zero mode-II stress intensity factor. The stress intensity factors are used to calculate the ultim is written as  $P_{\mu} = g(d/c, \nu)d^{3/2}K_{bc}$ . For  $\nu = 0.2$  and relatively large values of d/c, g = 2.8 for axi and g = 1.2 for plane strain anchors.  $P_{\mu} = f_{\max}(c/d, l/d, \nu)d^{3/2}K_{lc} \equiv g(d/c, \nu)d^{3/2}K_{lc}$ 

(1)

(2)

 $P_{\mu} \propto f_r d^2$ 

$$P = f(c/d, l/d, \nu)d^{3/2}K_{lc}$$

INTRODUCTION

Consider a headed anchor of diameter c, embedded within a concrete matrix at a depth d. The formula given in the American Concrete Institute code ("Code" 1989) for its tensile (pullout) capacity can be written, in terms of the concrete tensile strength  $f_c$  as follows:

$$P_{\mu} \propto f_{t} d^{2}$$

It is well known (Ozbolt and Eligehausen 1993) that (1), which is based on the assumption that pullout is resisted by a nominal stress acting along an assumed failure surface, is unconservative for relatively large *d*. This is not surprising, because it is not based on a rational analysis that treats the discrete cracking that dominates the failure process. Over the past 15 years improved design formulas have been developed through linear and nonlinear fracture mechanics; these have been recently summarized by Karihaloo (1996). As discussed by Ozbolt and Eligehausen (1993), for large embedment depths there is very little difference between the predictions of the linear and nonlinear fracture models. Therefore, we limit the subsequent discussion to linear elastic fracture mechanics (LEFM).

Consider the idealized headed anchor geometry shown in Fig. 1. The model consists of an anchor, embedded at a depth d = 1, modeled as an infinitesimally thin crack of diameter c, whose upper surface is restrained in all directions and whose lower surface is traction-free. It does not include the thickness of the anchor, nor its stem; these could be easily incorporated but are not expected to significantly affect the ultimate load capacity. The length of the extension from the edge of the anchor is *l*. A unit load is applied through a prescribed uniform stress along the bottom surface.

In LEFM, it is typically assumed that a crack will propagate when the mode-I stress intensity factor  $K_I$  reaches a value equal to the fracture toughness  $K_{Ic}$  along a path that is associated with zero mode-II stress intensity factor  $K_{II}$ . Linearity and dimensional consistency demand that the load associated with an equilibrium crack length l is of the form

$$P = f(c/d, l/d, \nu)d^{3/2}K_{lc}$$

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Note. Associate Editor: Gilles Pijaudier-Cabot. Discussion open until April 1, 2000. To extend the closing date one month, a written request must be filed with the ASCE Manager of Journals. The manuscript for this paper was submitted for review and possible publication on February 2, 1999. This paper is part of the *Journal of Engineering Mechanics*, Vol. 125, No. 11, November, 1999. @ASCE, ISSN 0733-9399/99/0011-1276-1279/S8.00 + 5.50 per page. Paper No. 20164. where  $\nu$  = Poisson's ratio. The ultimate load corresponds to the crack length that maximizes f; that is

$$P_{\mu} = f_{\max}(c/d, l/d, \nu) d^{3/2} K_{lc} = g(d/c, \nu) d^{3/2} K_{lc}$$
(3)

Numerical values of g have been presented for plane strain by Ballarini et al. (1985) and for the axisymmetric configuration by Karihaloo (1996) and Eligehausen and Sawade (1989). Eli-

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## **Spur Gears**

![](_page_21_Picture_1.jpeg)

Thin rim catastrophic rim fracture

![](_page_21_Picture_3.jpeg)

- Thin-rim gears desired for reduced weight.
- Stress fields and failure characteristics significantly different for thin-rim gears compared to conventional gears.
- Designed according to standards published by AGMA.
- Catastrophic failures have occurred in thin-rim gears.

**Objectives** 

Develop fracture mechanicsbased design guidelines to prevent rim fracture failure modes in gear tooth bending fatigue.

# Definition of Backup Ratio $(m_B)$

$$m_B = \frac{b}{h}$$

![](_page_24_Figure_0.jpeg)

Figure 1.2.1.--Gear tooth bending stress index rim thickness correction factor (AGMA, 1990).

# **Crack Modeling Using Finite Element Method**

![](_page_25_Figure_1.jpeg)

**Predicted crack path** 

# Definition of Initial Crack Location ( $\theta_0$ )

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## **Stress Intensity Factors**

![](_page_27_Figure_1.jpeg)

### **Crack Propagation Angle and Growth Rate**

$$\theta_m = 2 \tan^{-1} \left[ \frac{\frac{K_I}{K_{II}} \pm \sqrt{\left(\frac{K_I}{K_{II}}\right)^2 + 8}}{4} \right]$$

3 Paris equation, n = 2.264, C = 1.149x10<sup>-15</sup> in./cyc/(psi $\sqrt{in.}$ )<sup>n</sup> (Au and Ke, 1981) 4 Paris equation, n = 2.954, C = 6.027x10<sup>-19</sup> in./cyc/(psi $\sqrt{in.}$ )<sup>n</sup> (Au and Ke, 1981) 5 Paris equation, n = 2.555, C = 2.721x10<sup>-17</sup> in./cyc/(psi $\sqrt{in.}$ )<sup>n</sup> (Au and Ke, 1981) 6 Paris equation, n = 2.420, C = 1.084x10<sup>-16</sup> in./cyc/(psi $\sqrt{in.}$ )<sup>n</sup> (Au and Ke, 1981) 10 Collipriest equation, n = 1.63, C = 8.36x10<sup>-9</sup> in./cyc/(ksi $\sqrt{in.}$ )<sup>n</sup>  $\Delta K_{th}$  = 3.5 ksi $\sqrt{in.}$ , K<sub>KC</sub> = 200 ksi $\sqrt{in.}$ , R = 0 (Forman and Hu, 1984)

![](_page_28_Figure_3.jpeg)

![](_page_28_Figure_4.jpeg)

## **Typical Finite Element Gear Model**

![](_page_29_Figure_1.jpeg)

## **Load Case Locations for FEM**

![](_page_30_Figure_1.jpeg)

0.26-mm crack size, 68 N-m driver gear torque.

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![](_page_32_Picture_1.jpeg)

Initial crack location:  $\theta_0 = 120^\circ$ 

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Initial crack location:  $\theta_0 = 114^\circ$ 

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Initial crack location:  $\theta_0 = 109^\circ$ 

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Initial crack location:  $\theta_0 = 104^\circ$ (max tensile)


Initial crack location:  $\theta_0 = 99^\circ$ 



Initial crack location:  $\theta_0 = 94^\circ$ 



Initial crack location:  $\theta_0 = 88^\circ$ (root centerline)



Initial crack location:  $\theta_0 = 83^\circ$ 



Initial crack location:  $\theta_0 = 78^\circ$ 

#### Failure mode: Rim fracture



Initial crack location:  $\theta_0 = 73^\circ$ 

#### Failure mode: Rim fracture



Initial crack location:  $\theta_0 = 68^\circ$ 

#### Failure mode: Rim fracture



## **Stress Intensity Factors**





Backup ratio:  $m_B = 1.0$ 

Tooth/rim fracture transition:  $\theta_0 = 81^\circ$ 



Backup ratio:  $m_B = 1.1$ 

Tooth/rim fracture transition:  $\theta_0 = 76^\circ$ 



Backup ratio:  $m_B = 1.2$ 

Tooth/rim fracture transition:  $\theta_0 = 71^\circ$ 



Backup ratio:  $m_B = 1.3$ 

Tooth/rim fracture transition: All tooth fractures



Backup ratio:  $m_B = 1.0$ 

Tooth/rim fracture transition:  $\theta_0 = 81^\circ$ 



Backup ratio:  $m_B = 0.9$ 

Tooth/rim fracture transition:  $\theta_0 = 86^\circ$ 



Backup ratio:  $m_B = 0.8$ 

Tooth/rim fracture transition:  $\theta_0 = 91^\circ$ 



Backup ratio:  $m_B = 0.7$ 

Tooth/rim fracture transition:  $\theta_0 = 97^\circ$ 



Backup ratio:  $m_B = 0.6$ 

Tooth/rim fracture transition:  $\theta_0 = 102^\circ$ 



Backup ratio:  $m_B = 0.5$ 

Tooth/rim fracture transition:  $\theta_0 = 107^\circ$ 

## **Design Map**

T = tooth fractures R = rim fractures C = compression



## **Mode I Stress Intensity Factors**



## **Mode I Stress Intensity Factors**



## **Design Map**

T = tooth fractures R = rim fractures N = no fracture



## **Test Gears**

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AISI 9310 Steel Case carburized and ground Effective Case Depth 0.032 in.

#### Notch inserted in tooth fillet





CM







# SPUR GEAR RIG #4 Spur gear rig at NASA Glenn

# Validation of Finite Element Modeling

E

P

Backup ratio = 1.0

#### Backup ratio = 3.3

E

P

#### E = Experiment P = Predicted

#### Backup ratio = 0.5



#### Fracture and Fatigue of MEMS Polysilicon and Silicon Carbide



#### **Analog Devices Gyroscope**

**İMEMS** Gyro Die Showing the Rate Sensor and Integrated Electronics http://www.analog.com/technology/mems/gyroscopes/index.html

## **MEMS** Device-Fuel Atomizer

## **Motivation**

- Reduce cost through batch fabrication
- Achieve desired tolerances using a precise silicon micromachining technology



## **Operatio**n

- Fuel enters the spin chamber through tangential slots
- Fuel swirls in the spin chamber and exits through the orifice in a hollow conical spray
- Swirling produces sprays with wider spray angles as compared to plain orifice atomizers



## Ant Carrying a (1000 µm)<sup>2</sup> Microchip



#### **Or is it a Palm Pilot?**

#### **INDENTATION CRACKING**



#### **ORIGINAL OBJECTIVES**

Characterize strength, fracture toughness, high cycle fatigue and environmentally assisted crack growth in poly-Si, poly-SiC, and SiC at scales relevant to MEMS devices.

Develop (micron size) on-chip specimens.
Generate data.
Study mechanisms.
Formulate predictive models.

#### **CHALLENGES**

•Experiments are difficult to design, execute and interpret.

## **CRACK GROWTH MECHANISMS**

#### Fast fracture

 $K_I = F(a/b)\sigma\sqrt{\pi a} = K_I^{cr}$ 

## **High cycle fatigue**

$$\frac{da}{dN} = C \left(\Delta K_I\right)^m \qquad ???$$

**Stress corrosion** 

$$\frac{da}{dt} = DK_I^n \qquad ???$$

If applicable, how sensitive are the parameters to processing procedures?

Two types of on-chip specimens have been developed:

Loading through electrostatic actuation
Loading through fabrication-induced residual stress
Why subcritical crack initiation and growth should be studied in MEMS



Say a<sub>cr</sub>=1µm

Say t<sub>life</sub>=10yrs

Then v<sub>cr</sub><10<sup>-15</sup> m/s !!!

# CVD Polysilicon - Effects of Deposition Temperature550°C580°C615°C





1100°C

570/615°C

all films are ~2-6 µm thick, and deposited on SiO2





## MEMS Fracture Mechanics Specimen integrated with MEMS Loading Device Actuator

(Proc. Royal Soc. A, 455, 3807-3823, 1999)



# Fracture Device (notched specimen)





#### **ADVANTAGES OF THIS "ON-CHIP" SPECIMEN**

•No need for external loading device.
•Resonance loading can be used to study *very* high cycle fatigue.
•Uncracked ligament size of the same order as dimensions of typical MEMS components.

#### **CURRENT LIMITATIONS**

•Low "yield", but improving



# **Fatigue of Notched Polysilicon**



Sharpe and Bagdahn, Proc. Fatigue 2002

### DIFFICULTIES IN DETERMINING ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS USING THESE TESTS

•Tests involve cyclic loading, not constant load.

•Tests involve tension and compression.



#### **VARIATIONS ON A THEME**





## Dynamic Fatigue Results low-cycle fatigue



## PASSIVE DEVICE ASSOCIATED WITH CONSTANT TENSION

(Science, 2002)







$$K = \sigma^* \sqrt{\pi a} F(\alpha)$$

$$\sigma^* = \sigma_{residual} / (1 + 4aV(\alpha)/2h)$$

## **INDENTATION CRACK**





### FINE-GRAINED POLYSILICON FRACTURE TOUGHNESS



#### FRACTURE TOUGHNESS DATA (MPa-m<sup>1/2</sup>)

Multilayered silicon Fine-grained silicon SiC 0.79<K<sub>lc</sub><0.84 0.76<K<sub>lc</sub><0.86 2.80<K<sub>lc</sub><3.41

### FINE-GRAINED SILICON STATIC FATIGUE STUDY 90% RH



K between 0.62- 0.86 MPa-m<sup>1/2</sup> No growth in 30 days V< 3.9 x10<sup>-14</sup> m/s Same results for eight multipoly specimens

## **Schematic Bend Strength Tests**



# **Increasing Amplitude Fatigue B-doped polysilicon (no sputtered Pd)** 3.5 Fatigue Strength, م<sub>cr</sub> (GPa) د د 1.5 -2 0 2 Mean Stress, $\sigma_m$ (GPa)

## **Monotonic Bend Strength after cycling with a fixed (low) amplitude**



## Effects on Monotonic Bend Strength of mean stress $\sigma_m$ , and fatigue amplitude $\sigma_a$



Mechanical Testing of Collagen Fibers (Nanotechnology)

- Most abundant protein in the human body.
- One of the basic components of bone, ligaments, tendons, teeth, skin.
- Collagen monomer:
  - Triple helical structure made of three chains of amino acids.
  - The monomers assemble into fibrils.

# Collagen Fibrils



Rho et al., 1998

#### **Hierarchical Structure of Bone**



### **Nanofiber Testing Device**

#### Journal of the Royal Society Interface, 2006.



Force: 0.1-100 µN Displacement: 1-5 µm

## Labeling fibrils using fluorescent antibodies

- 1. Imaging using SEM
- 2. Labeling





**Fluorescently Labeled Collagen Fibers (Negative Image)** 

Different dilutions of the fibrils were imaged using SEM to determine the appropriate dilution at which individual fibrils were distinguishable. The fibrils were labeled with fluorescent antibodies to achieve contrast and brightness under optical microscope for 5 minutes. Anti-fading agents being tried to allow 30 minutes of manipulation time.







## Manipulation using micropipette



