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CAVS Today

CAVS STRENGTH: People (about 250)

Faculty: 47

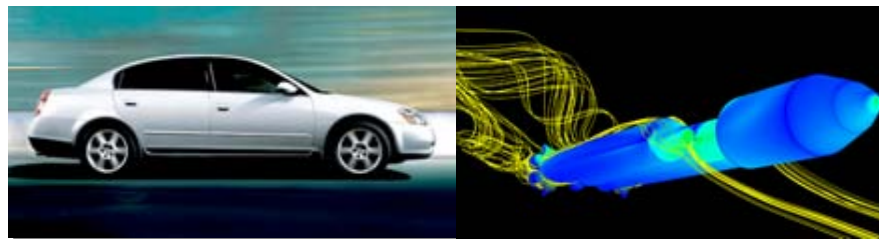
Staff: 58

Graduate students: 85

Undergraduate students: 79

CAVS GOAL: Become the nation's premier interdisciplinary high-performance *vehicular* computing research facility.

NEXT STEPS: CAVS has a central focus on computational engineering to serve as our differentiator. We have now broadened the domain definition of the term “vehicular.” We are in the process of defining areas of research which are needed to complement the central focus.



CAVS/MSU Capabilities

➤ **Materials Characterization Facilities**

X-Ray CT Scan, High performance FEG-SEM, EVO-SEM, TALYSURF CLI 2000, Hysitron Nanoindenter, Axiovert Optical Microscope, Particle Size Analyzer, Spectroscopy, ...

➤ **High Temperature Characterization Facilities**

TGA, DSC, DMA, Dilatometer, Microwave Sintering Furnace, Arburg Powder Injection Molding, Randcastle-Extruder, Powder Compaction Machine, ...

➤ **Mechanical Properties - Testing Facilities**

Hopkinson Bar setup (compression, tension, and torsion), Instron (50 kN, and 100 kN load capacity), Biaxial Instron, MTS (5-25 kN load capacity), Hardness Tester, Structural Test Systems, ...

➤ **Computational capabilities**

SunFire X2200 M2 (2048 Opteron proc.), IBM x335 Linux Supercluster (384 Pentium IV proc.), IBM x300 Linux Supercluster (1038 Pentium proc.), UltraSparc SUN

Websites:

<http://www.cavs.msstate.edu/cavs4capabilities.php>

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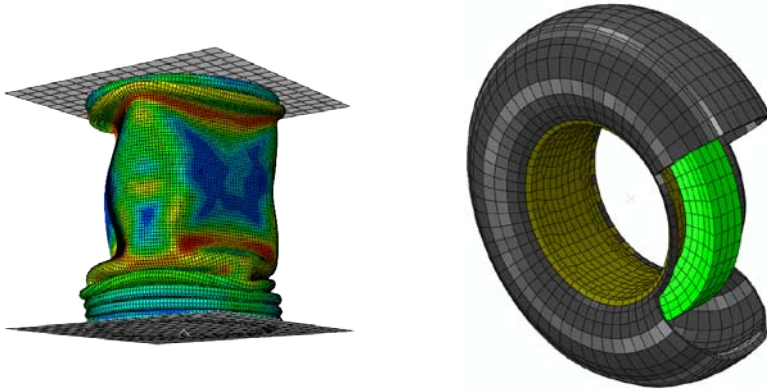
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Polymer Overall Strategy (1)

Motivation

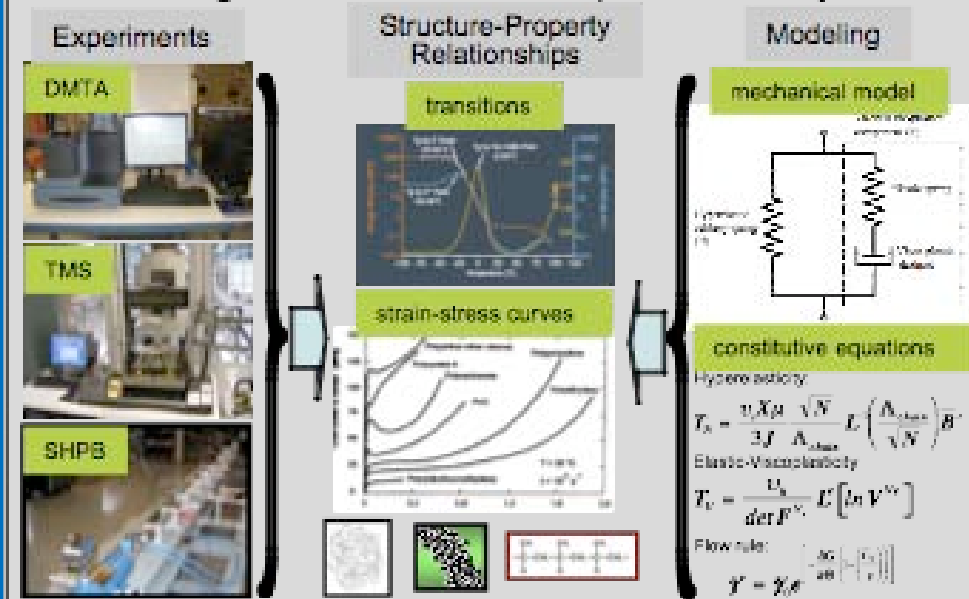
1. Increase the reliability and safety involving designing with polymeric materials for the automotive industry.
2. Better understanding of the mechanical response of polymers
3. Building a material database and developing material models for these materials



Goals

- A. Develop material database capturing structure-property relationships for thermoplastics, elastomers, foams, and fabrics.
- B. Develop internal state variable (ISV) material model. Model will be calibrated using database and verified / validated for a range of strain rates and temperatures.

Modeling the Mechanical Response of Polymers



Materials

Plastics:

Polycarbonate (PC)
Acrylonitrile Butadiene Styrene (ABS)
Polypropylene (PP)

Rubbers

Natural rubber
Santoprene (Vulcanized Elastomer)
Styrene Butadiene Rubber (SBR)

Foams

Polypropylene Foam
Polyurethane Foam

Fabrics

Kevlar
Nylon

Polymer Overall Strategy (2)

Experiments

Mechanical Tests

- Low to High strain rates
- Temperatures below/above T_g
- Volumetric testing, relaxation, dissipation, strain paths, stress state)
- Impact tests
- Fatigue tests

Mechanical / Fatigue tests

- Test at different strain rates, temperature, Hz (stress/strain ratios, cyclic loading to failure)

Micro-structural studies

- Failure mechanisms (crack initiation / growth)

Materials

PLASTICS

Polycarbonate (PC)
Polypropylene (PP)
ABS

RUBBERS

Natural Rubber
Santoprene
SBR
TPU

FOAMS

PP foam
PU foam

Modeling / Simulation

ISV material model (improved):

- Identification / Calibration
- FEA Implementation (ABAQUS,)
- Verification

Fatigue model:

- Identification / Calibration
- FEA Implementation (ABAQUS,)
- Verification

ISV material model:

- Identification / Calibration
- FEA Implementation (ABAQUS,)
- Verification

Fatigue model:

- Identification / Calibration
- FEA Implementation (ABAQUS)
- Verification

Work supported by:

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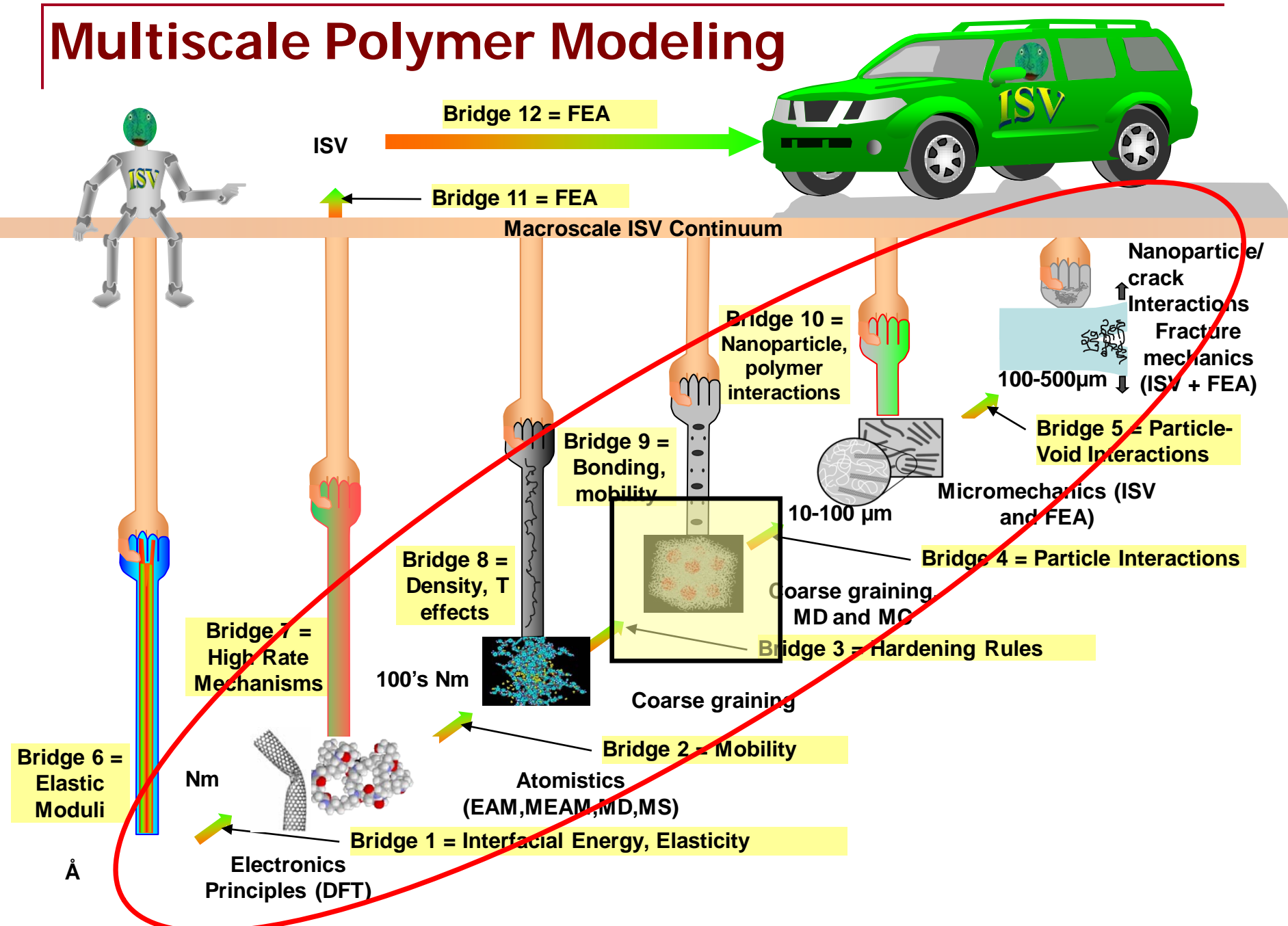
American Chemistry Council

DOE

People:

Faculty (8), Staff (3), PhD (3), UG (10)

Multiscale Polymer Modeling



Studying Polymers with Molecular Dynamics

Typical terms in
Inter-atomic potential

Bond angle

$$E_{bs}(r) = \sum_{\text{atoms}} \{k_r(r-r_0)^2\} \quad \leftarrow \text{Bond stretching}$$

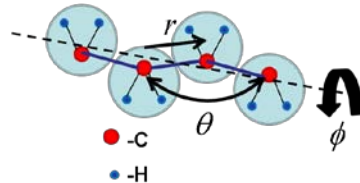
$$E_{be}(\theta) = \sum_{\text{atoms}} \{k_\theta(\theta-\theta_0)^2\}$$

$$E_{to}(\phi) = \sum_{\text{atoms}} \{V_1 \cos \phi + V_2 \cos 2\phi + V_3 \cos 3\phi + V_6 \cos 6\phi\}$$

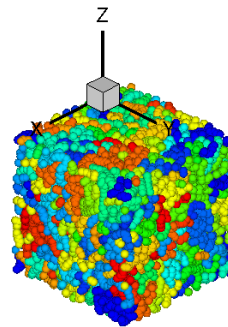
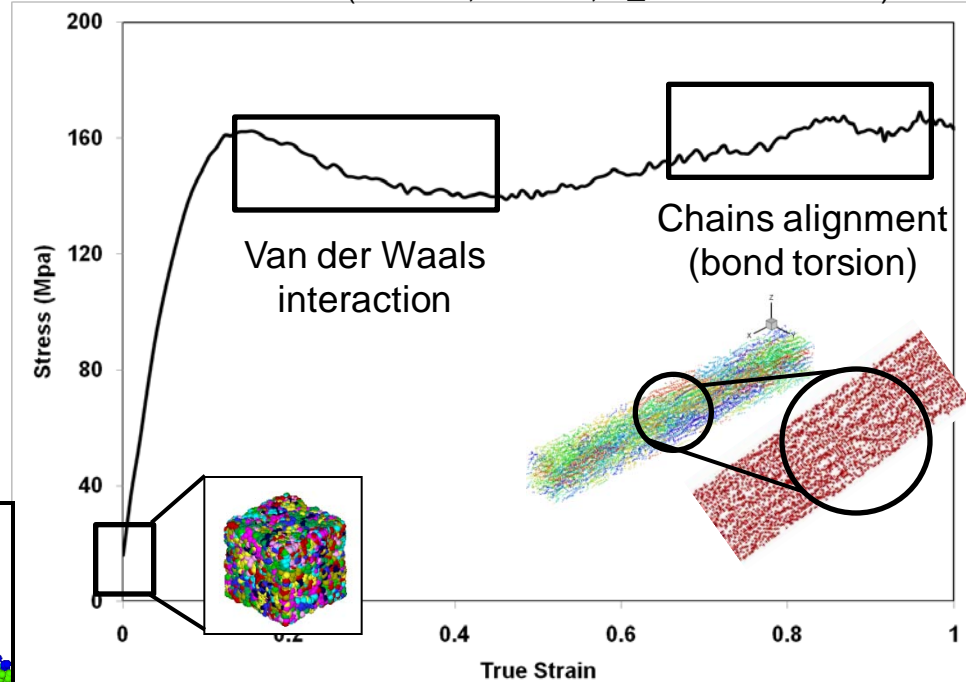
$$E_{vw}(\bar{r}) = \sum_{\text{nobonded}} \{A(\bar{r})^{-12} - C(\bar{r})^{-6}\}$$

Bond torsion

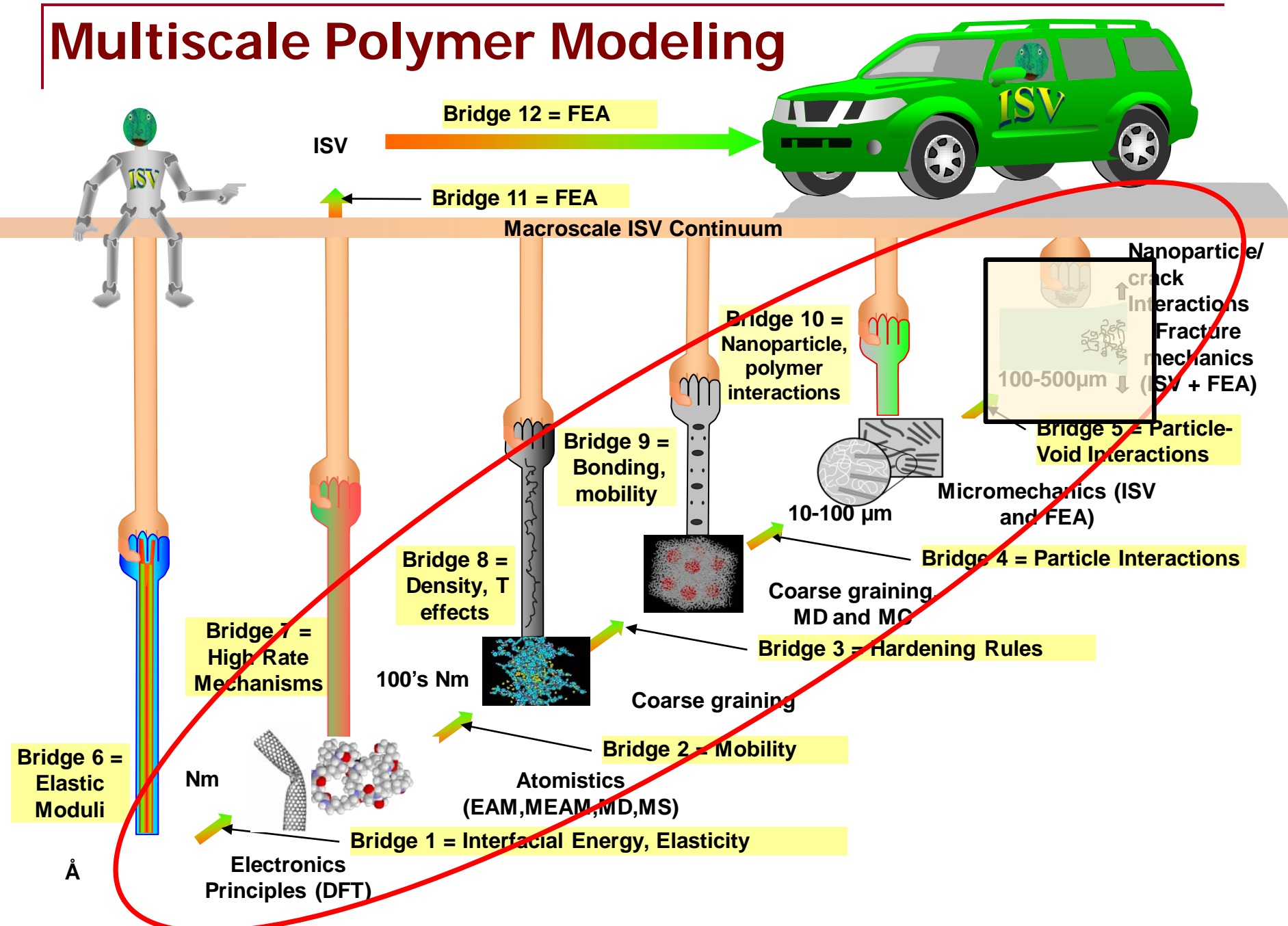
Van der Waals



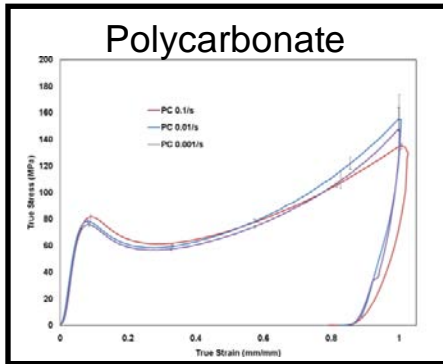
Nanososcopic specimen of idealized
Linear amorphous polyethylene under
uniaxial tension ($T=100K$, $n_c=200$, $n_{\text{monomers}}=1000$)



Multiscale Polymer Modeling



Methodology Applied to Model Mechanical Response of Polymers



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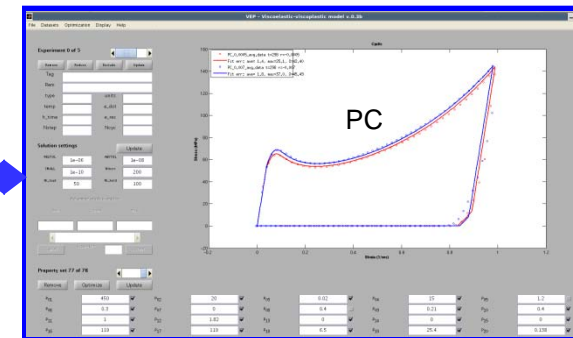
ISV MATERIAL MODEL

3-D Constitutive Equations
+ Numerical Integration Procedure

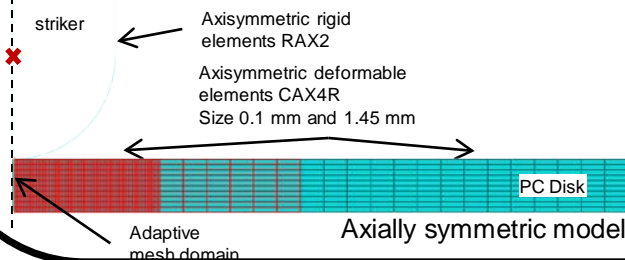
fitting algorithm developed
for MATLAB

1-D Constitutive
Equations

MODEL CALIBRATION TOOL



Impact Problem (ABAQUS Explicit)



FEA

Numerical Implementation in FEM Codes

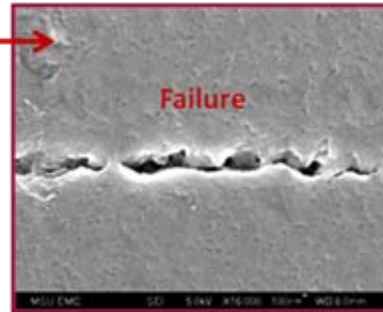
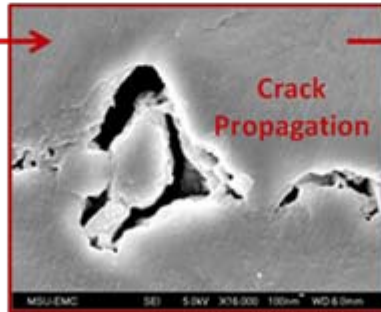
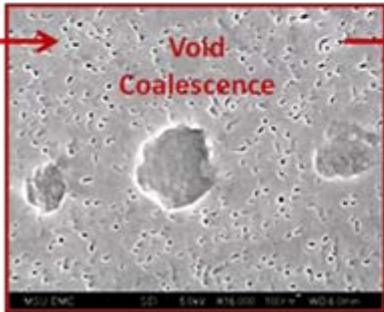
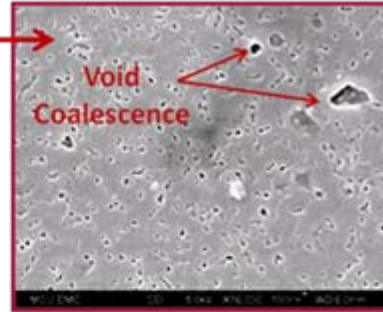
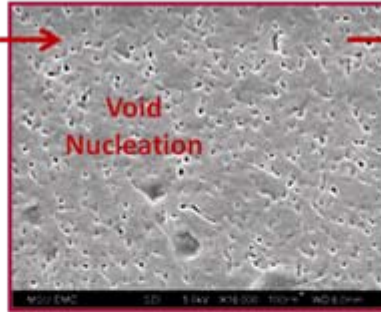
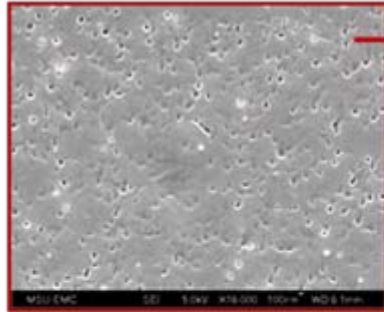
Multiscale Experiments

16,000x

3.5mm Extension

11.5mm Extension

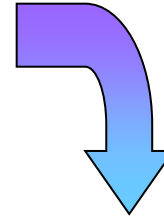
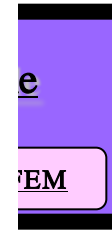
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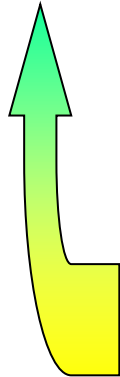
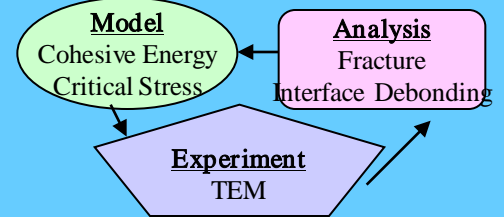
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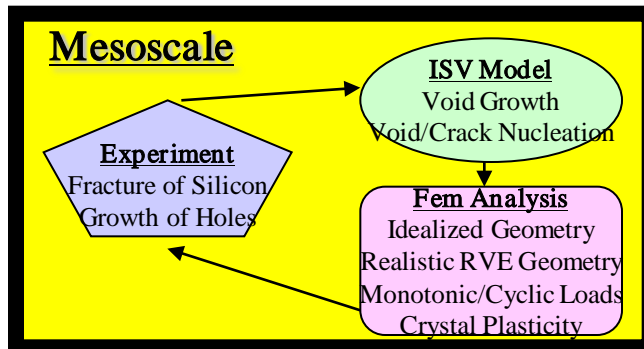
Extension Until Failure



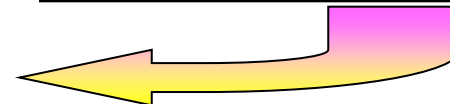
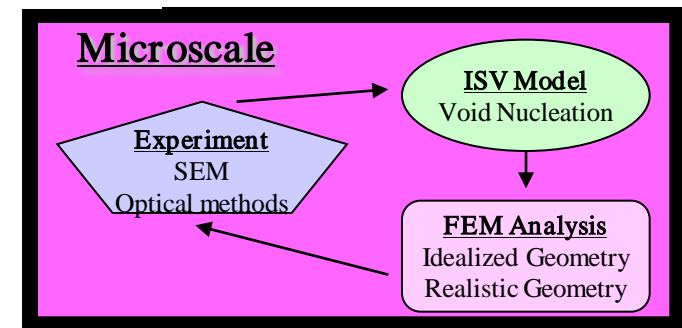
Nanoscale



Mesoscale

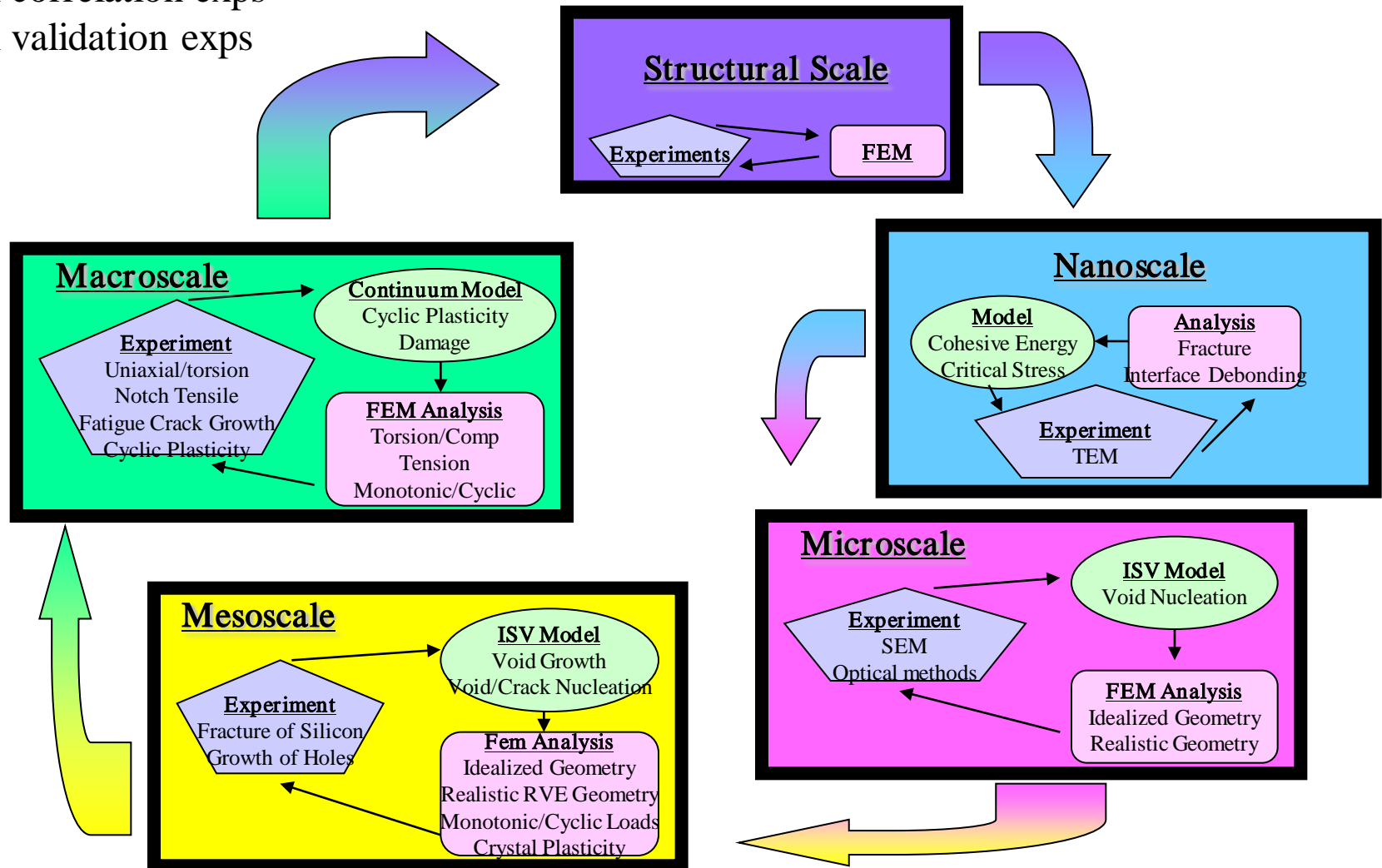


Microscale



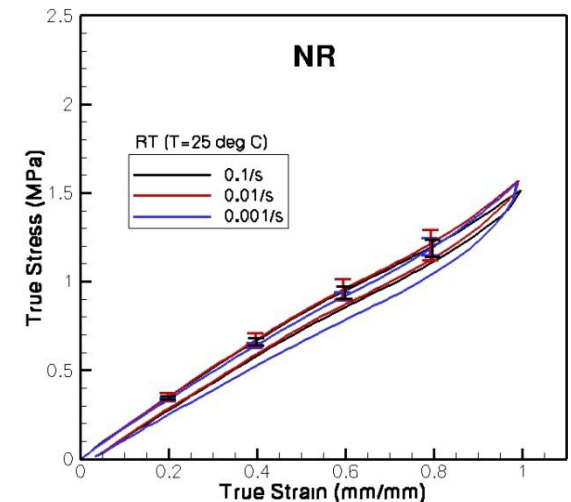
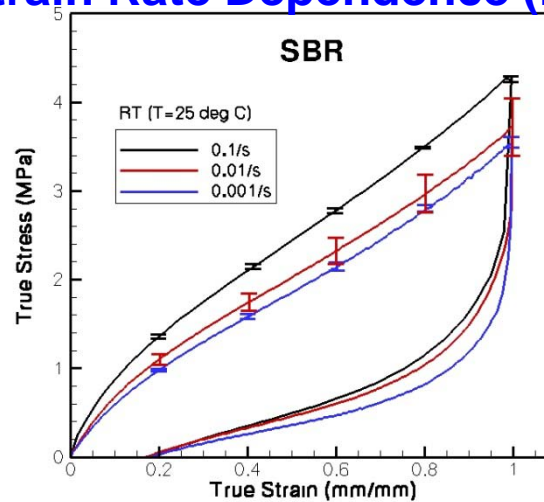
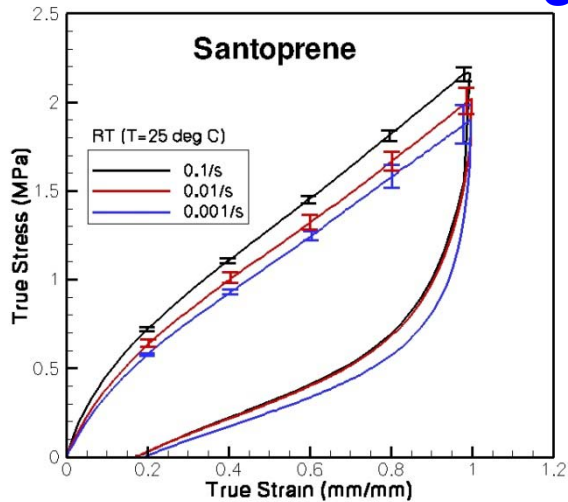
Multiscale Experiments

1. Exploratory exps
2. Model correlation exps
3. Model validation exps

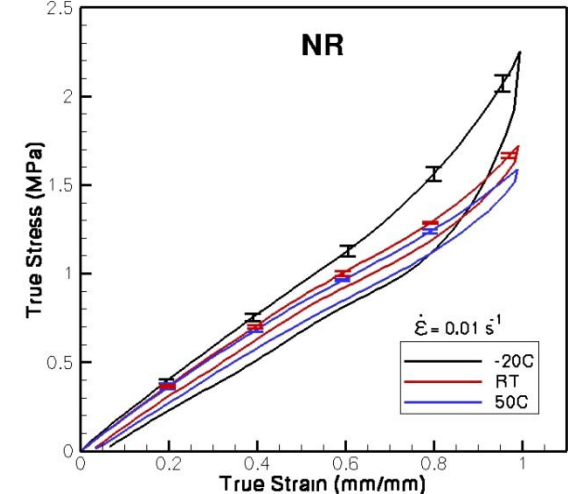
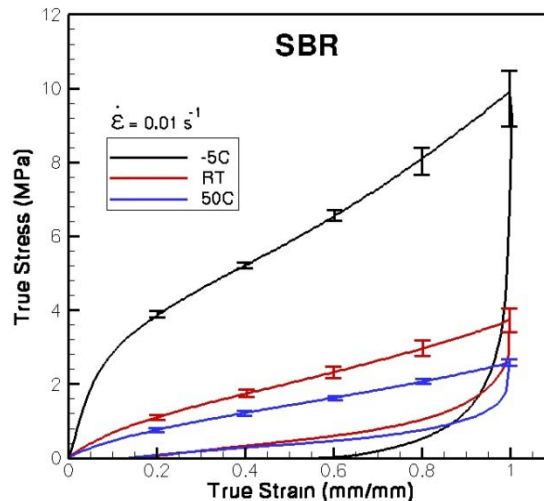
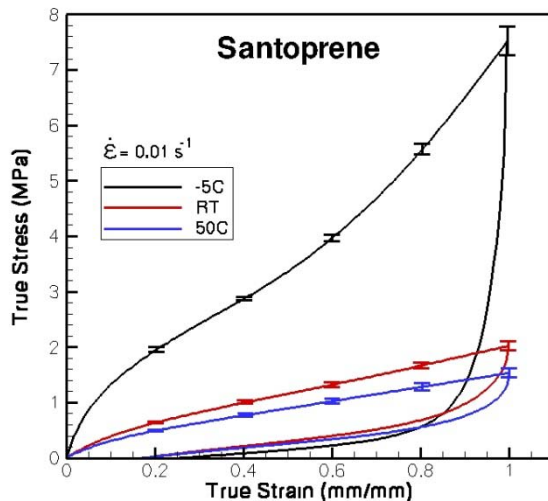


Compression Tests Results – Rubbers

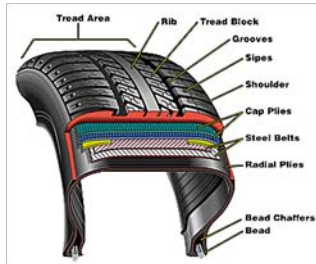
Strain Rate Dependence (RT)



Temperature Dependence (0.01 /s)



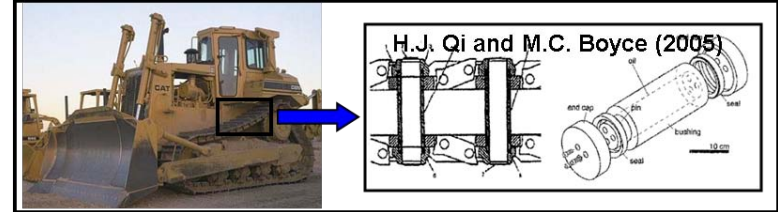
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rubber tire



Michelin's PAX run-flat tire



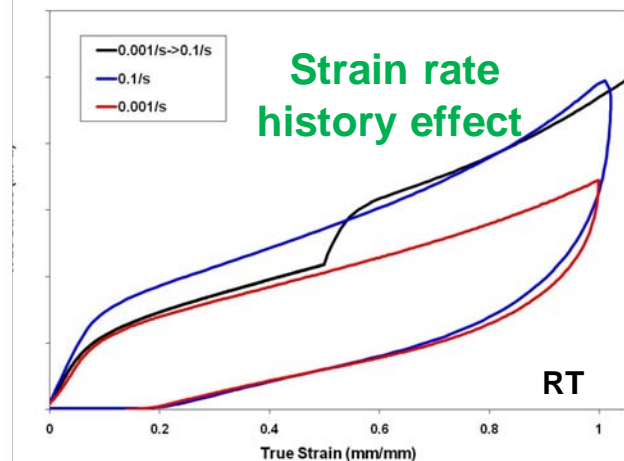
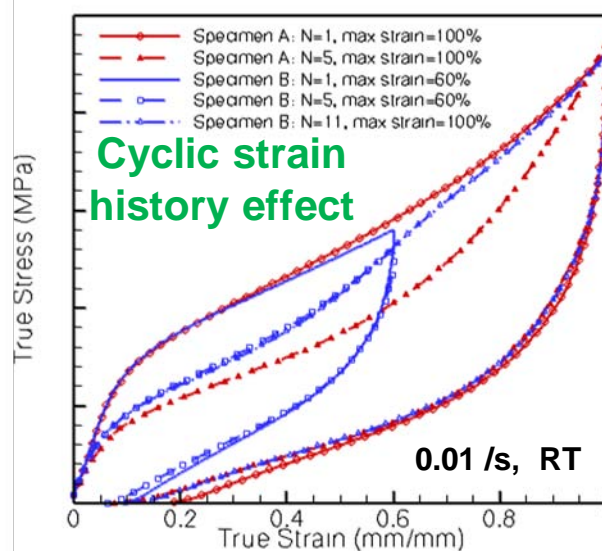
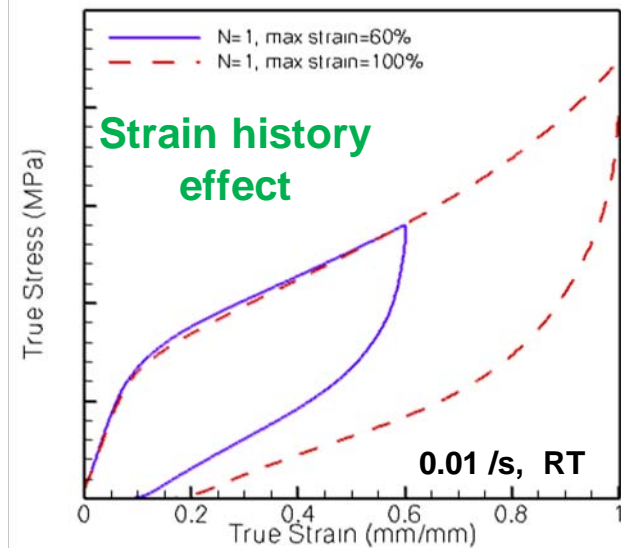
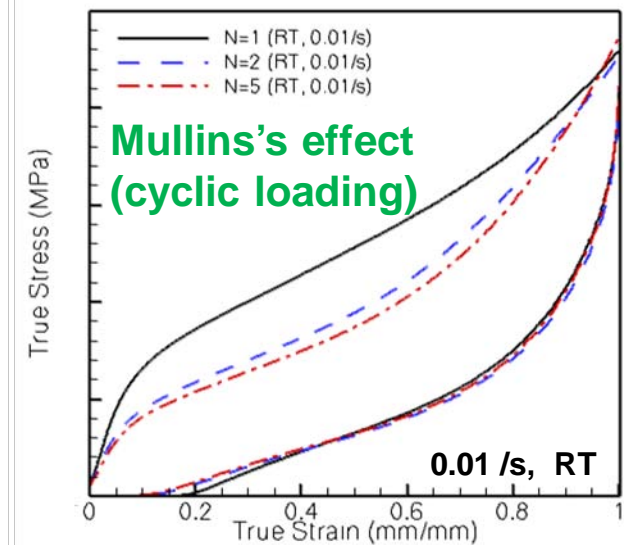
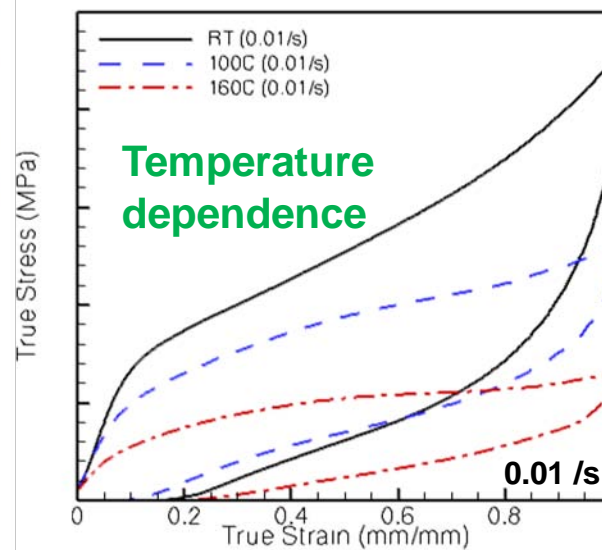
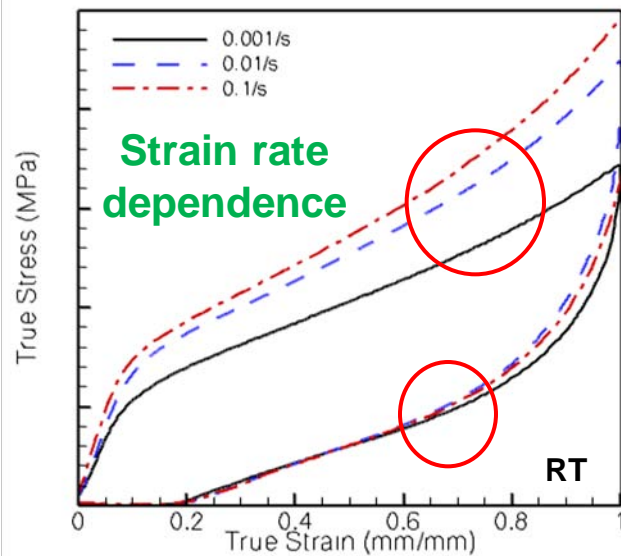
Goals

- A. Capture experimentally the mechanical properties of Thermoplastic Polyurethane (TPU)
- B. Develop an internal state variable (ISV) material model for this material.
- C. Develop a preliminary multiscale fatigue model to predict the failure of real structural component

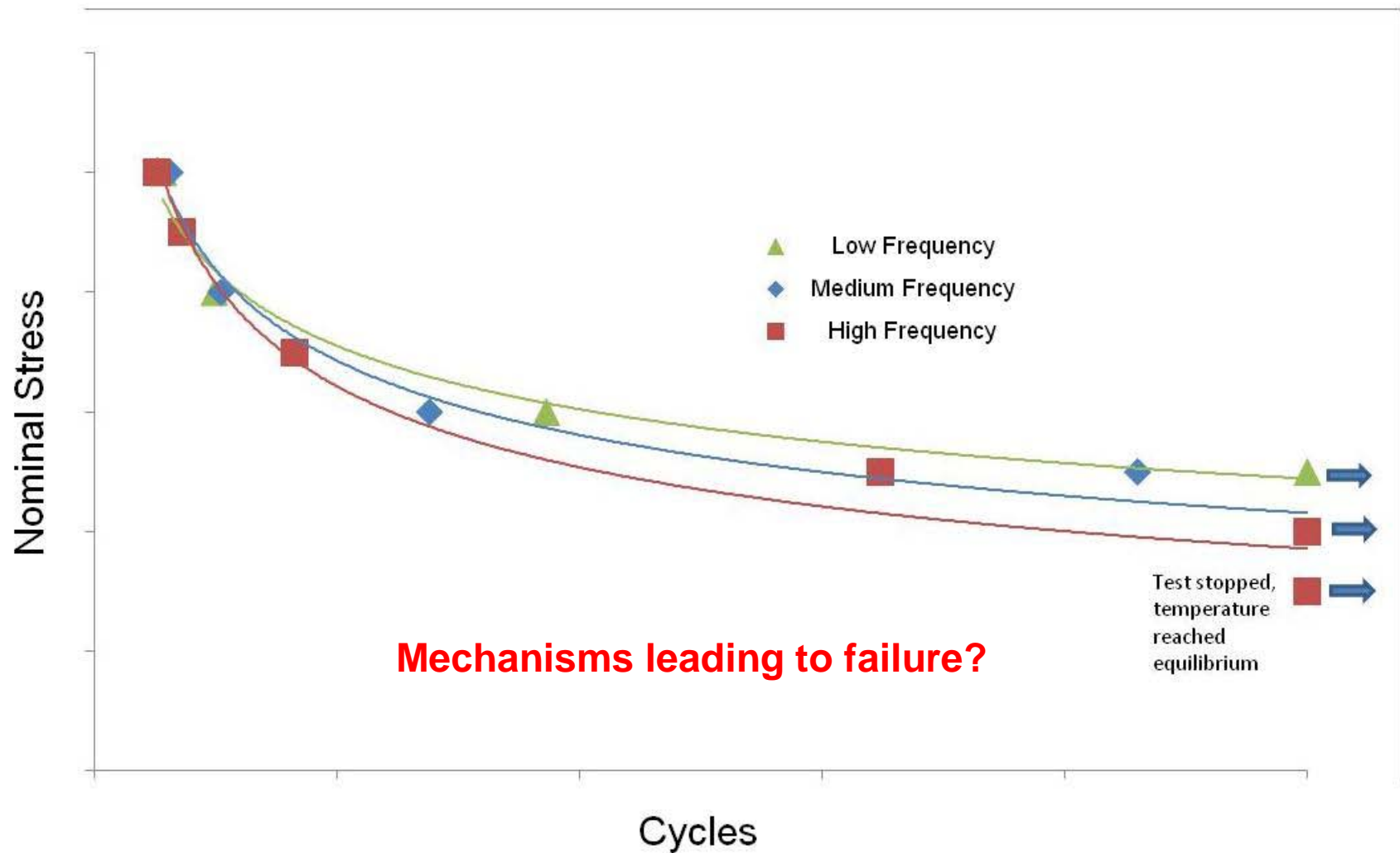
Approach

- ◆ Carry out experiments using current testing methodologies:
 - Dynamic Mechanical Analyzer (DMA)
 - Thermogravimetric Analysis (TGA)
 - X-Ray Diffraction (XRD)
 - INSTRON (tensile and compressive testing)
- ◆ Develop ISV material model
 - Develop a model calibration procedure (MATLAB)
 - Model implementation in finite element code (ABAQUS).
- ◆ Develop a Multiscale Fatigue Model
- ◆ Perform finite element analysis to understand/improve the the performance of a structural component design

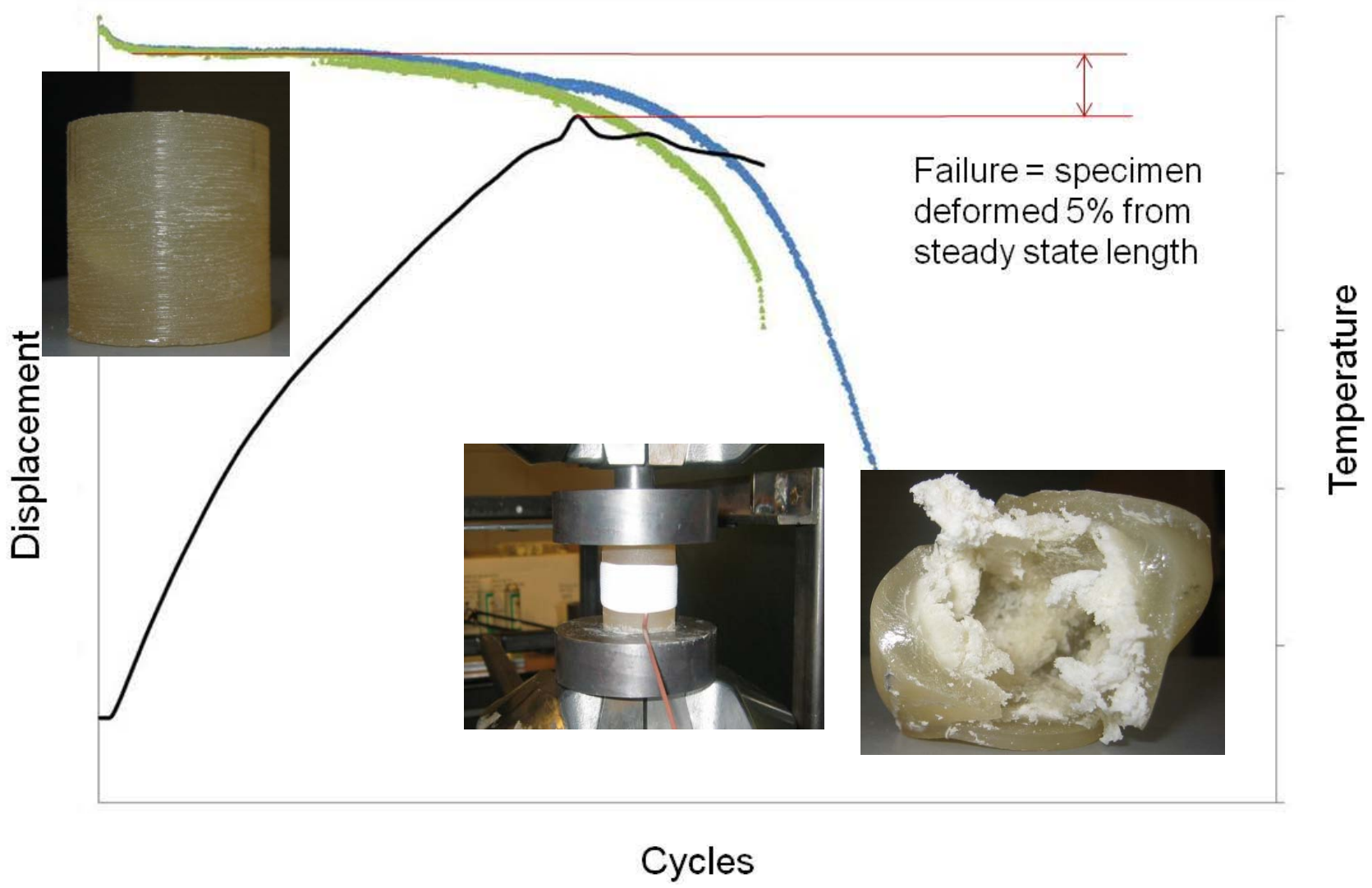
Mechanical Behavior at the Coupon Level (monotonic loading)



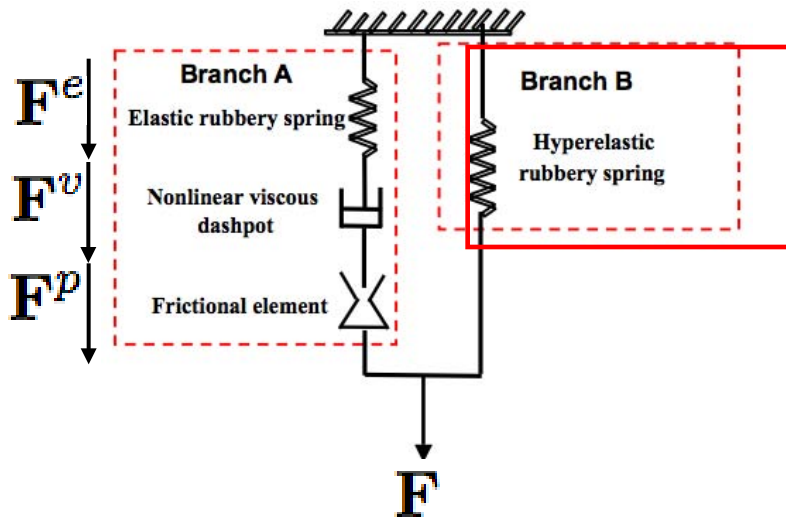
Stress – Life With Frequency Effects



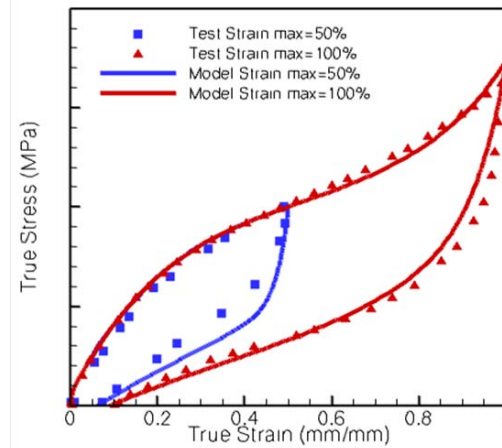
Fatigue Behavior: Internal Heat Build-up Leads to Failure



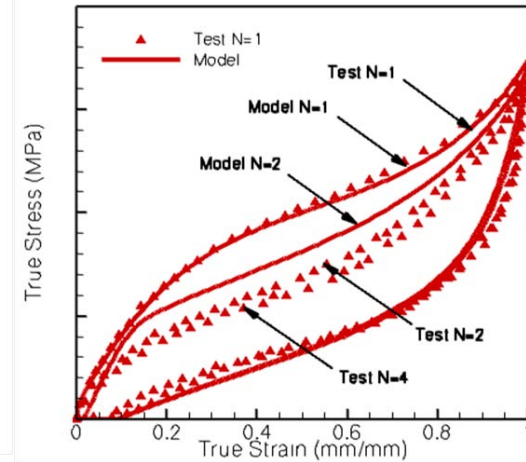
ISV Material Model Prediction



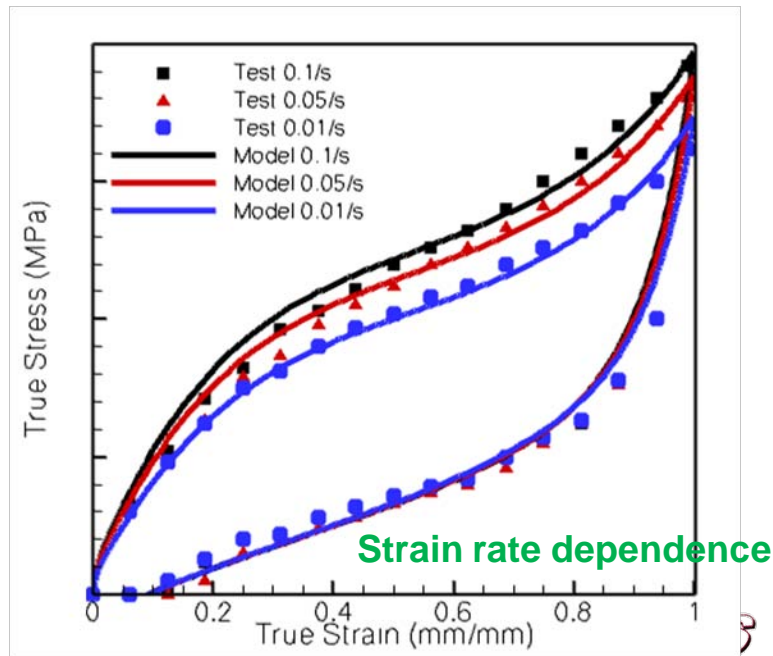
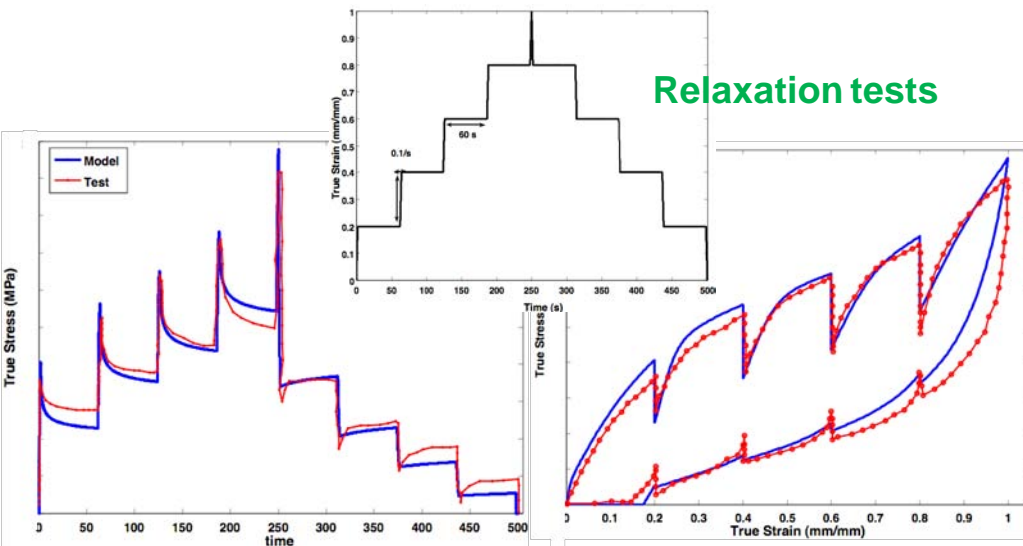
Maximum strain level



Mullins' effect

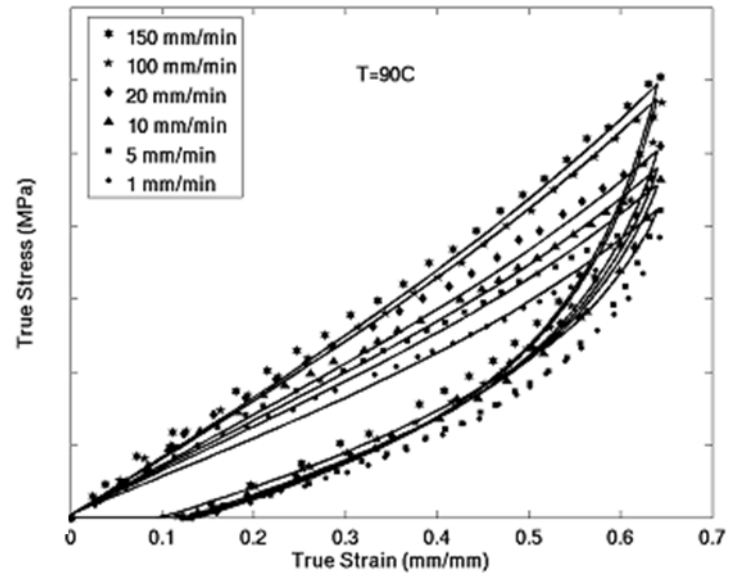
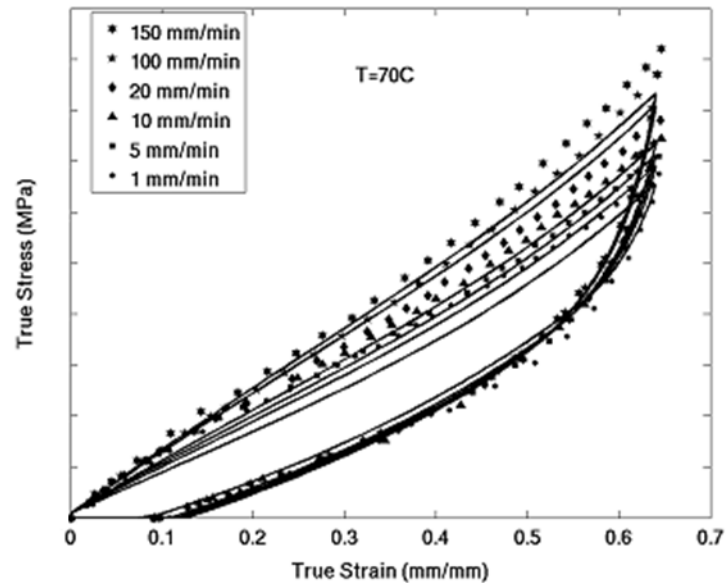
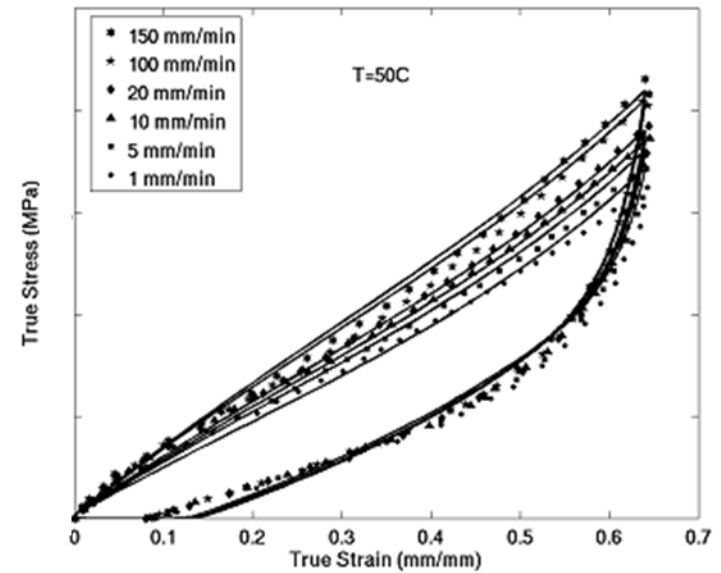
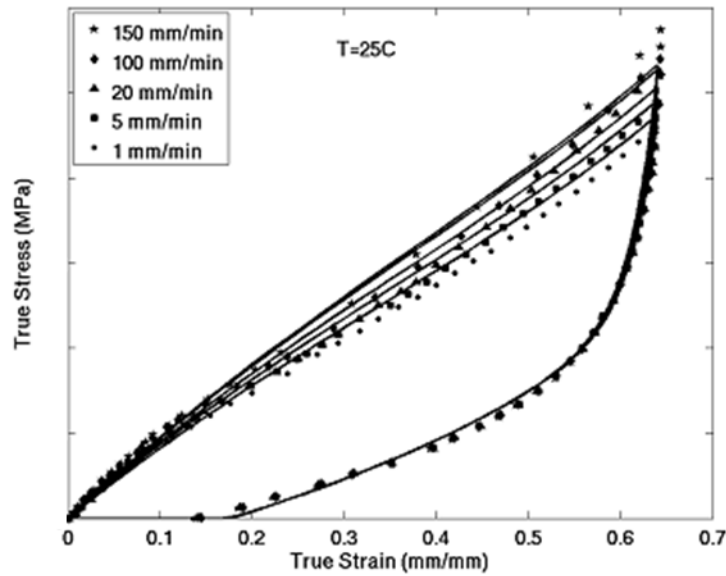


Relaxation tests

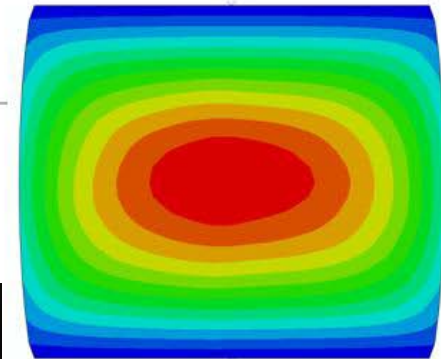
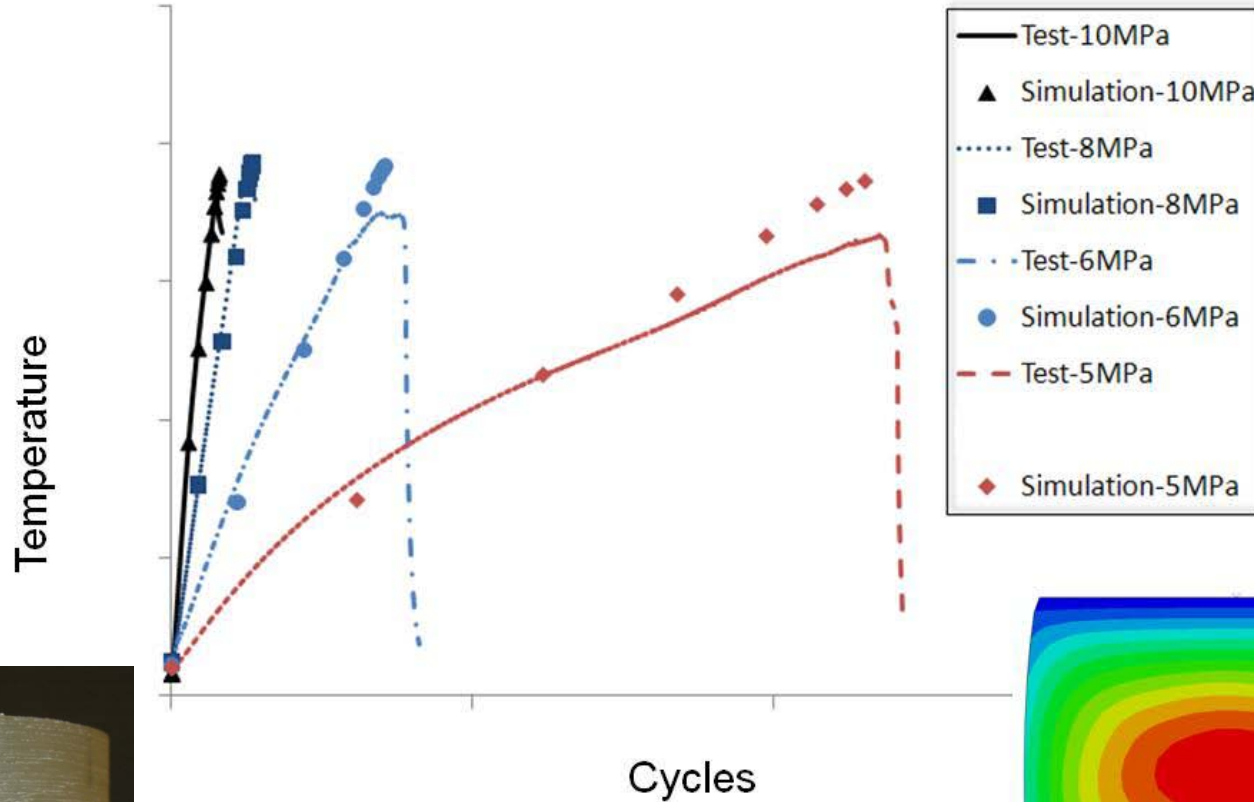


Strain rate dependence

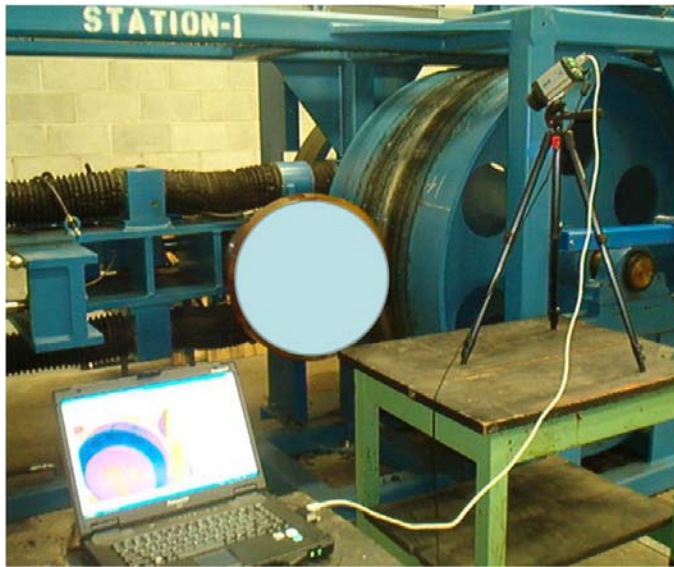
ISV Material Model prediction (isothermal problems)



Thermal Fatigue Simulation at Medium Frequency for Various Stress Levels



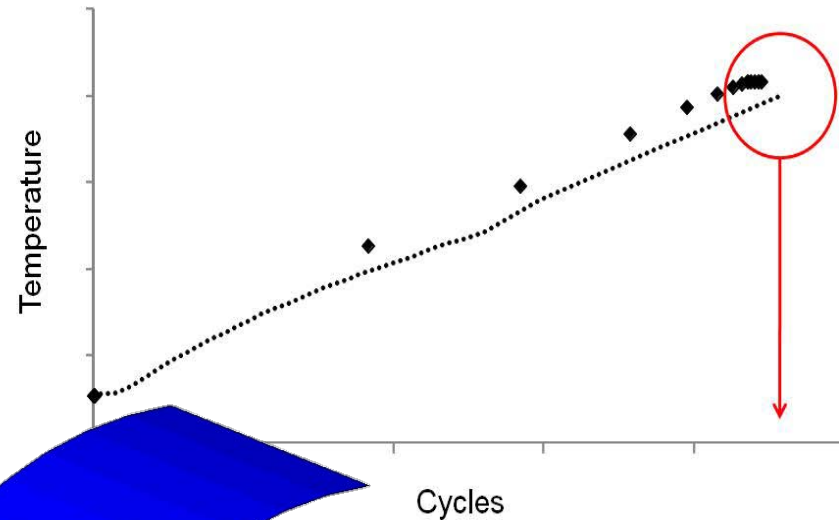
Component Life Prediction



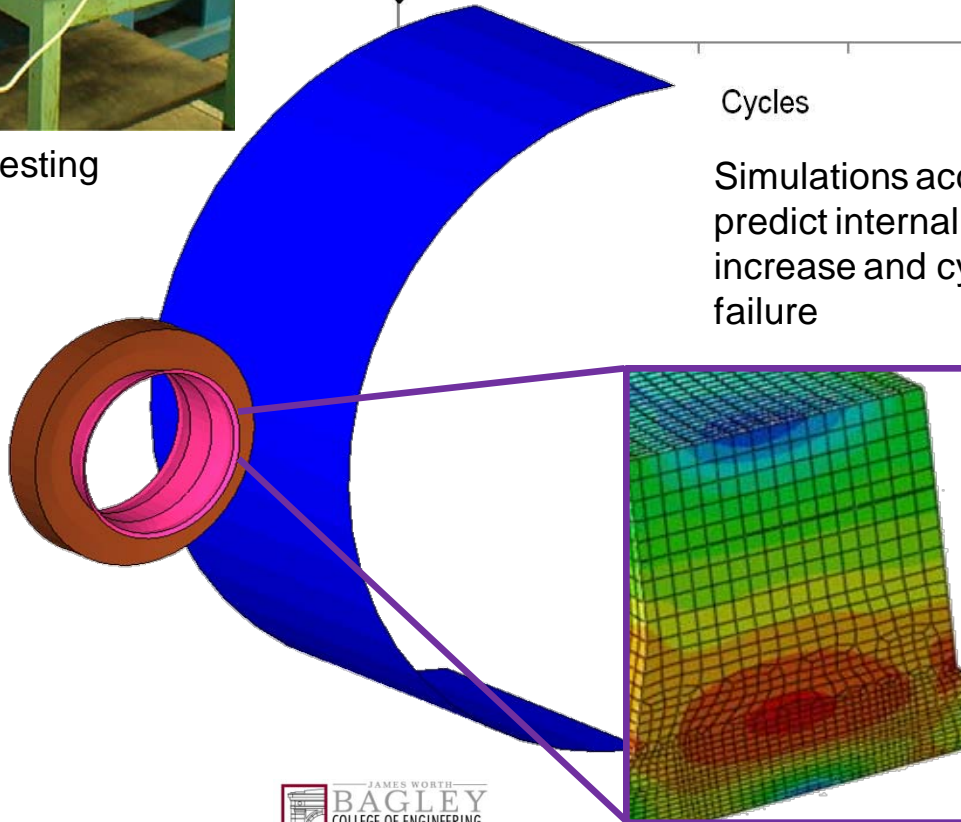
Wheel dynamometer testing



Thermocouples embedded for internal measurements



Simulations accurately predict internal temperature increase and cycles to failure



Summary

- 1. Multidisciplinary Center**
- 2. Lab equipment / Computational capability**
- 3. Multiscale experiments**
- 4. Multiscale modeling frameworks with ISV approach.**
- 5. Application to Polyurethane insert component**