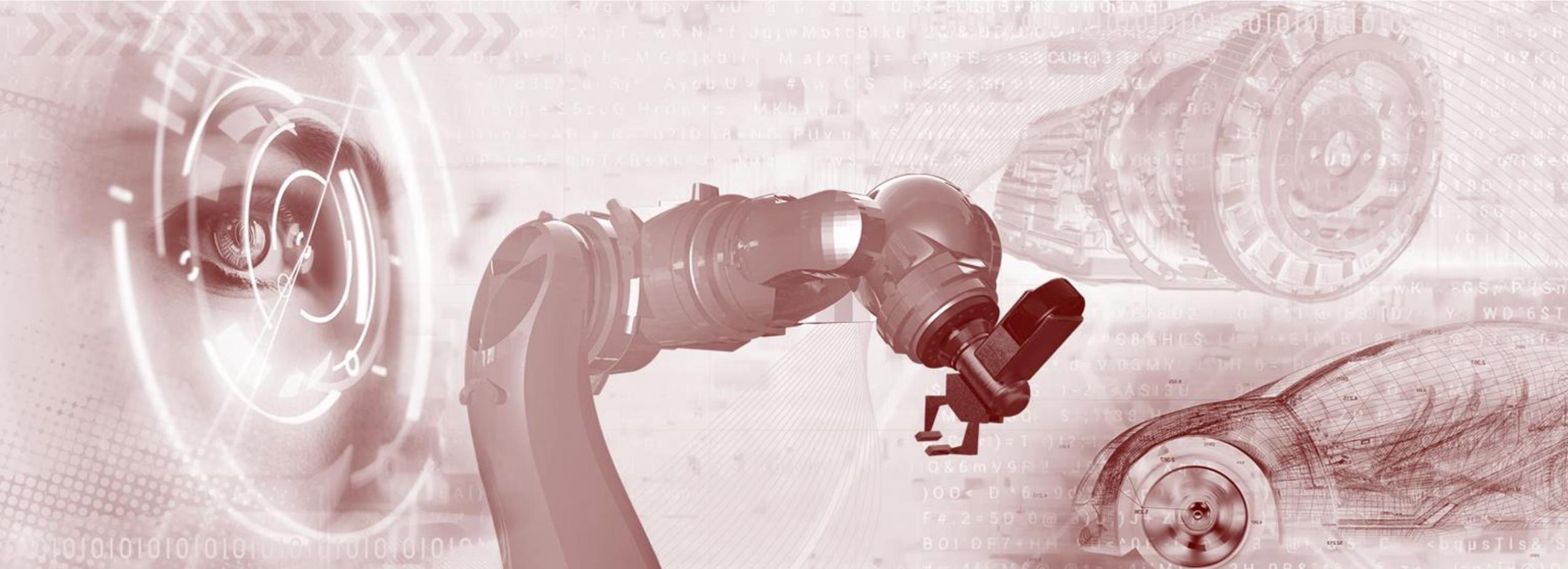


# A Multiscale Strategy for the Simulation of Braided Composites with ENVYO

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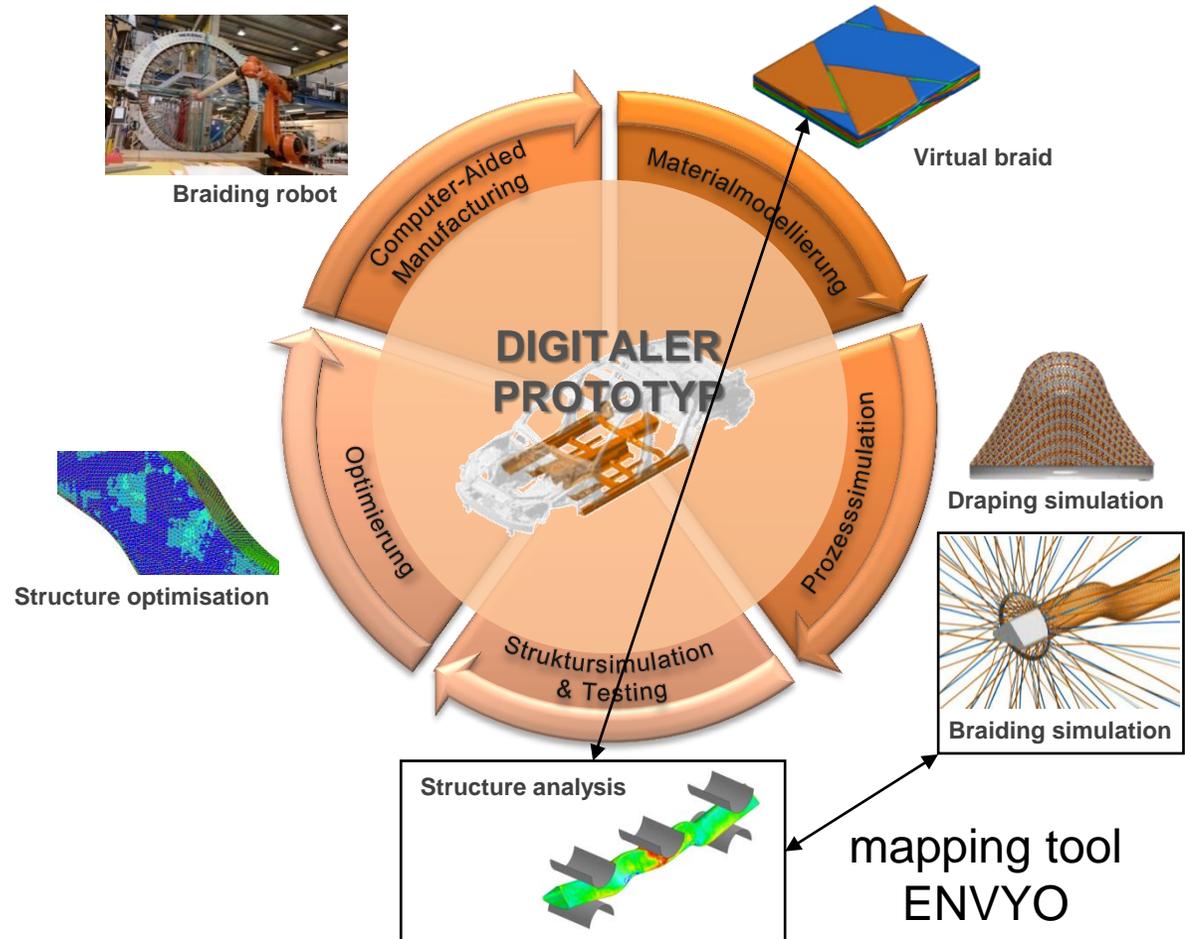
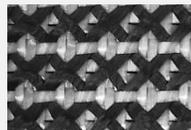
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- closed, numerical process chain
- from the presizing to the final product
- simulation on the meso and macroscale
- various simulation tools
- HDF5 format

- braided structures
- **Open-Reed-Weaving** parts

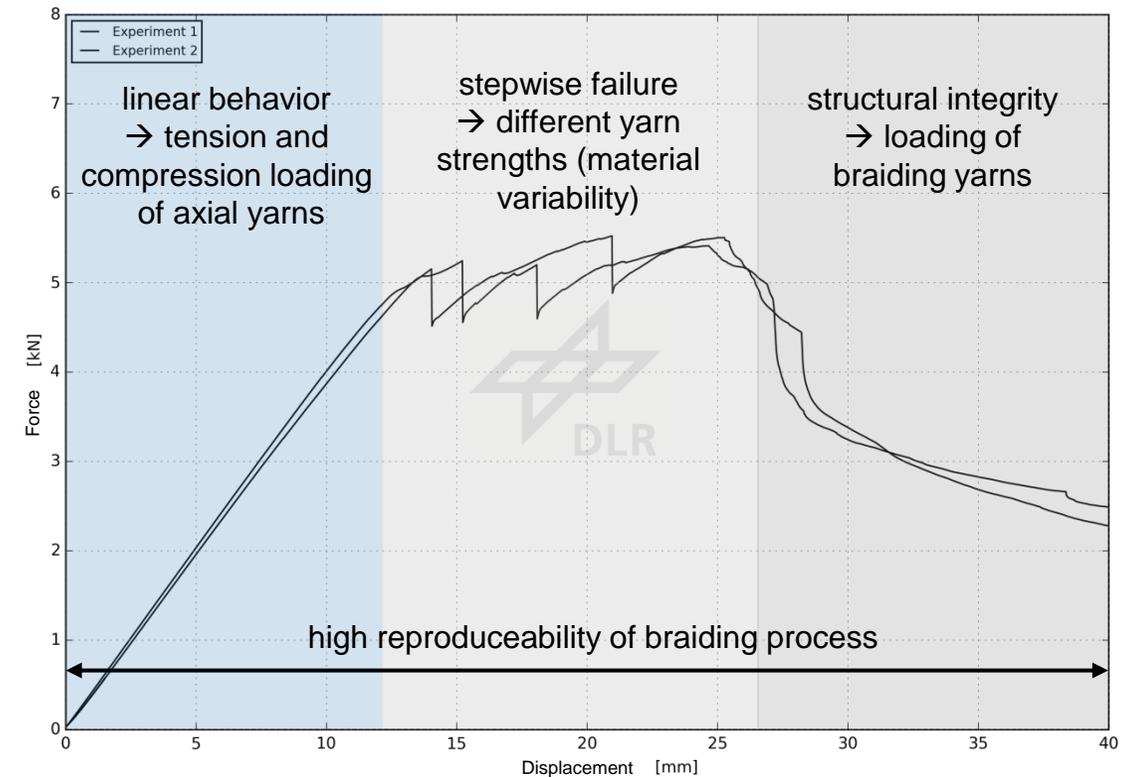
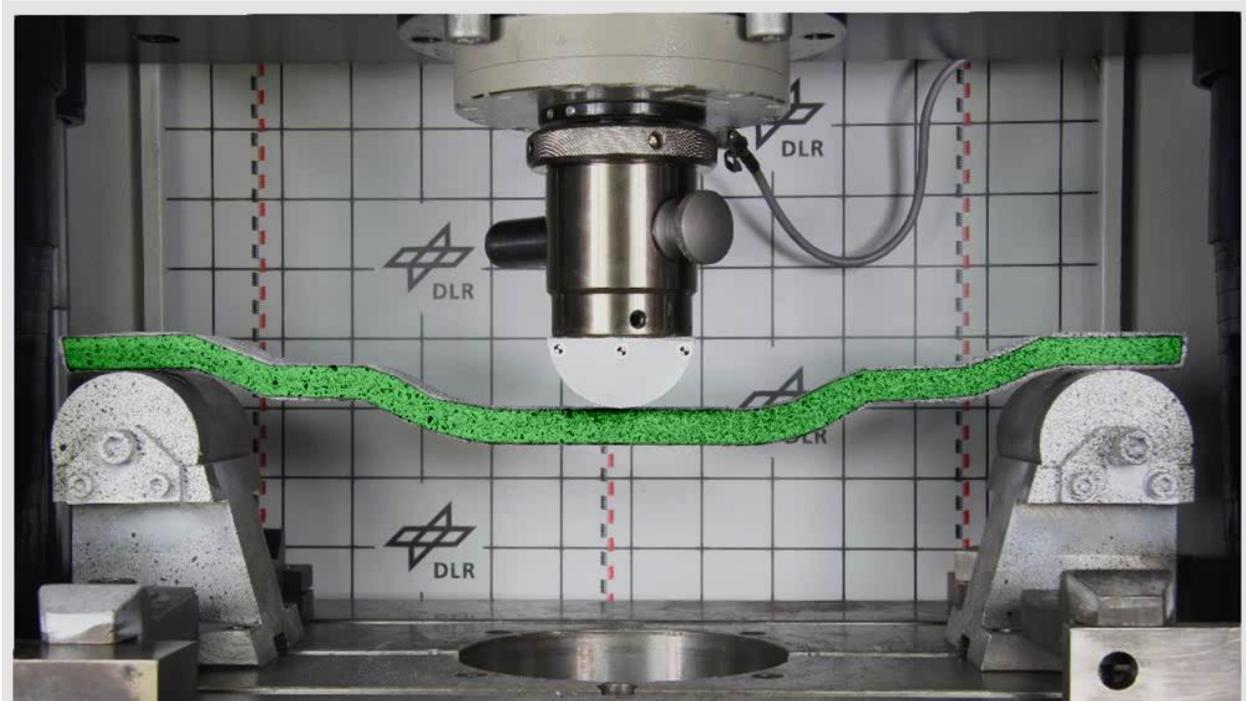


**-50% development time**  
**min. -10% weight**



## Investigation of a braided reinforcement structure under quasistatic 3-point bending

- complex structure geometry → potential defects due to manufacturing conditions
- use as reference for the investigation of different modelling approaches



- transfer of test condition in the simulation (impactor and support displacement, testing speed etc.)

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# 1 – Standard approach

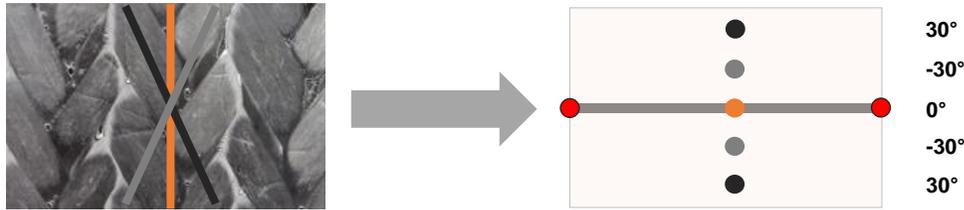
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2. Calculation of yarns stiffness and strength

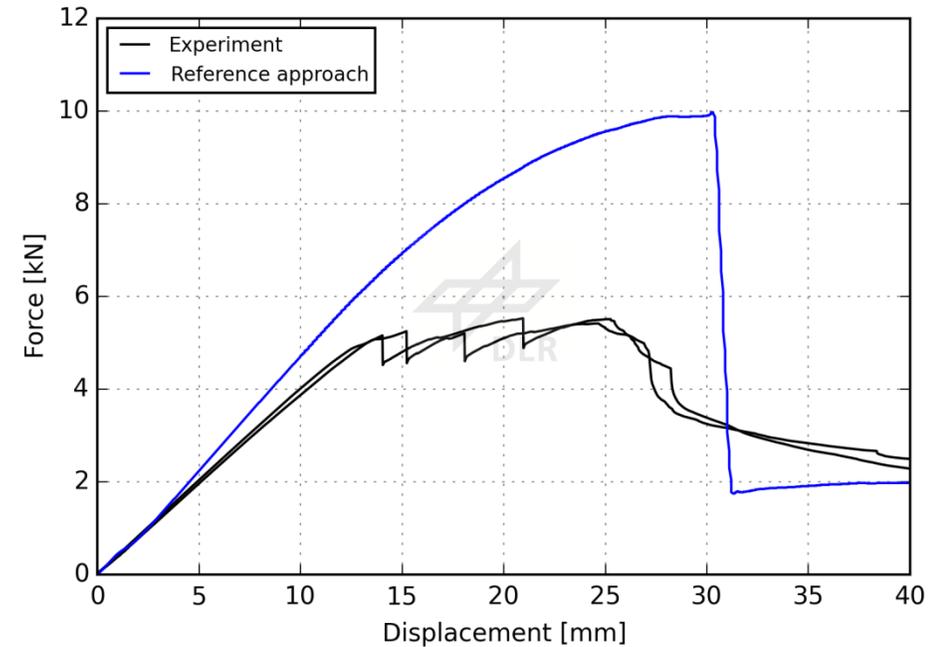
- Use of material properties from datasheets

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	→	POISSON'S RATIO:	$\nu_{L12} = k_f \nu_{f12} + k_m \nu_m = \nu_{L13}$	
Yarn	←	POISSON'S RATIO:	$\nu_{L23} = \frac{E_{L22}}{2G_{L23}} - 1$	

FIGURE 4. - COMPOSITE MICROMECHANICS, MECHANICAL PROPERTIES.

Analytical calculation according to Chamis „Mechanics of composite materials: past, present, and future, NASA TM-100793, 1984”

3. Structure simulation **without tuning**

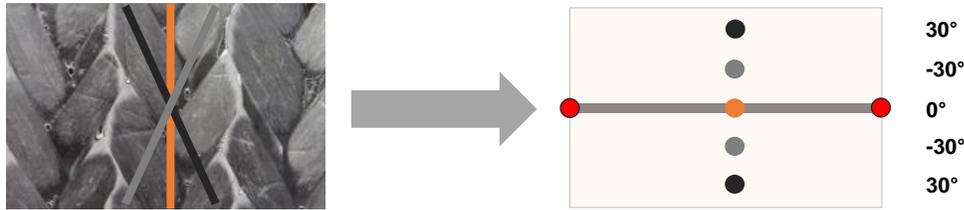


→ **Overprediction** of structural strength

4. Changes of material parameters → try-and-error  
 → no predictive simulation, only a post-test simulation

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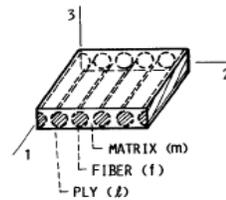
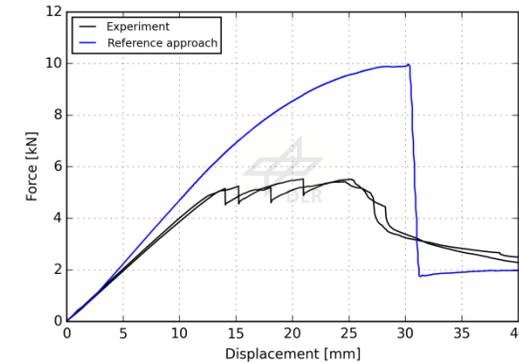


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### 3. Structure simulation



### Drawbacks

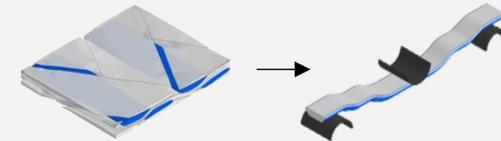
- local effects are not considered
- fibre architecture is not reproduced
- adjustment cycles necessary
- overpredictive if not tuned

### Advantages

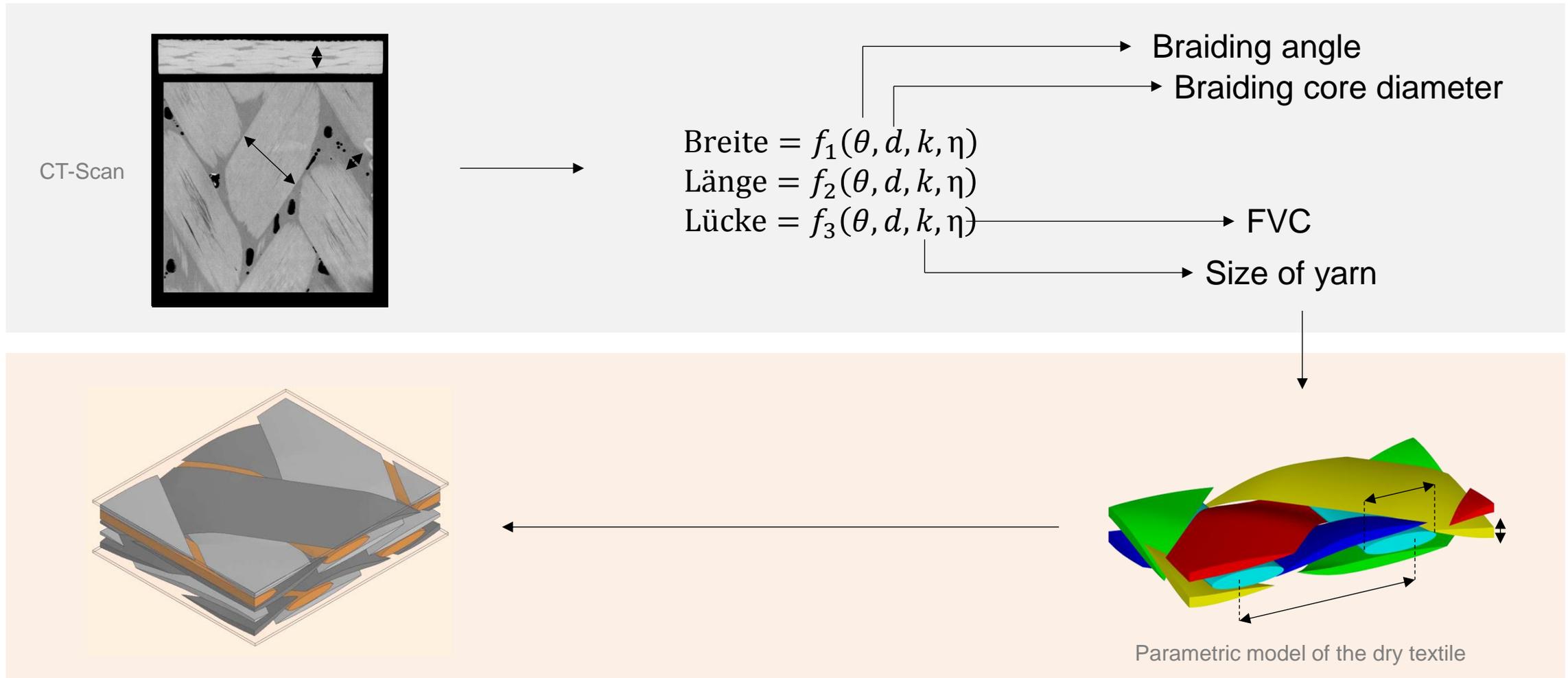
- „universal“ approach (weave / UD...)
- fast model generation
- low computing time



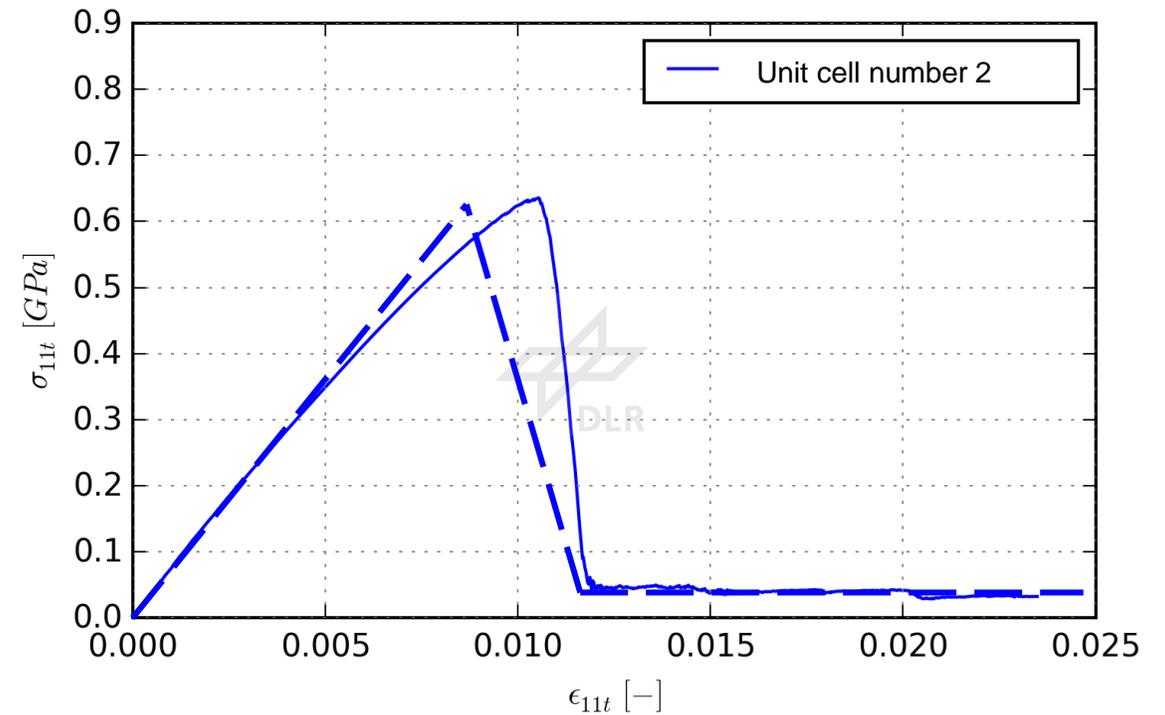
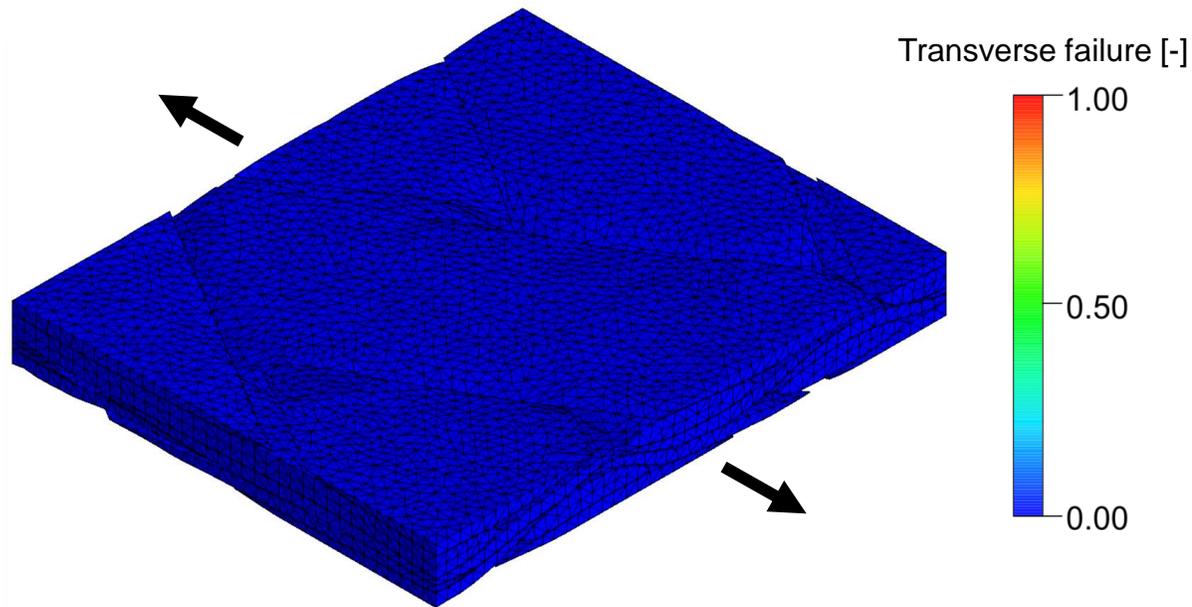
## 2 – Multiscale approach



## Example of a 30°-triaxially braided laminate – compaction simulation



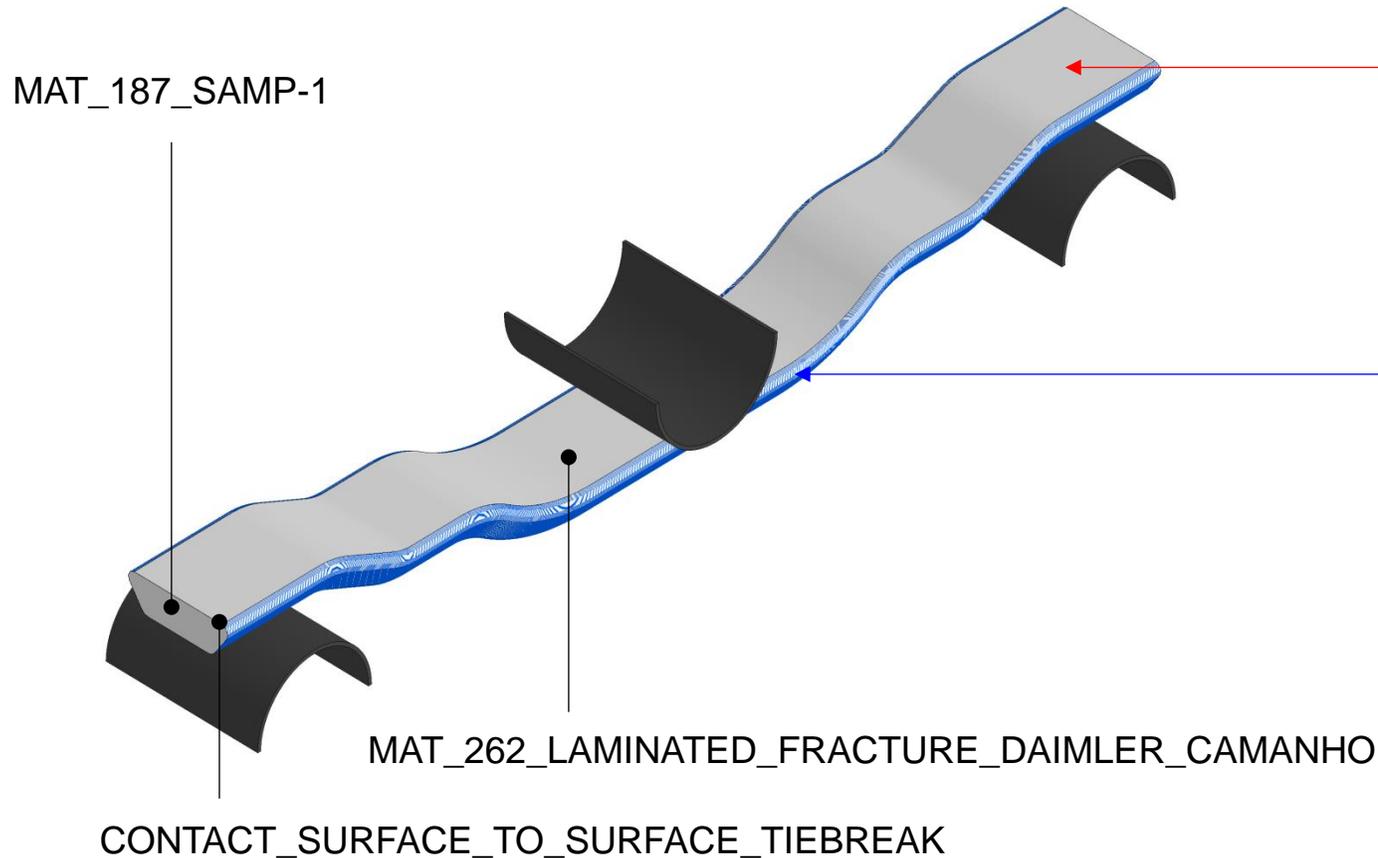
## Example of a 30°-triaxially braided laminate – tension simulation



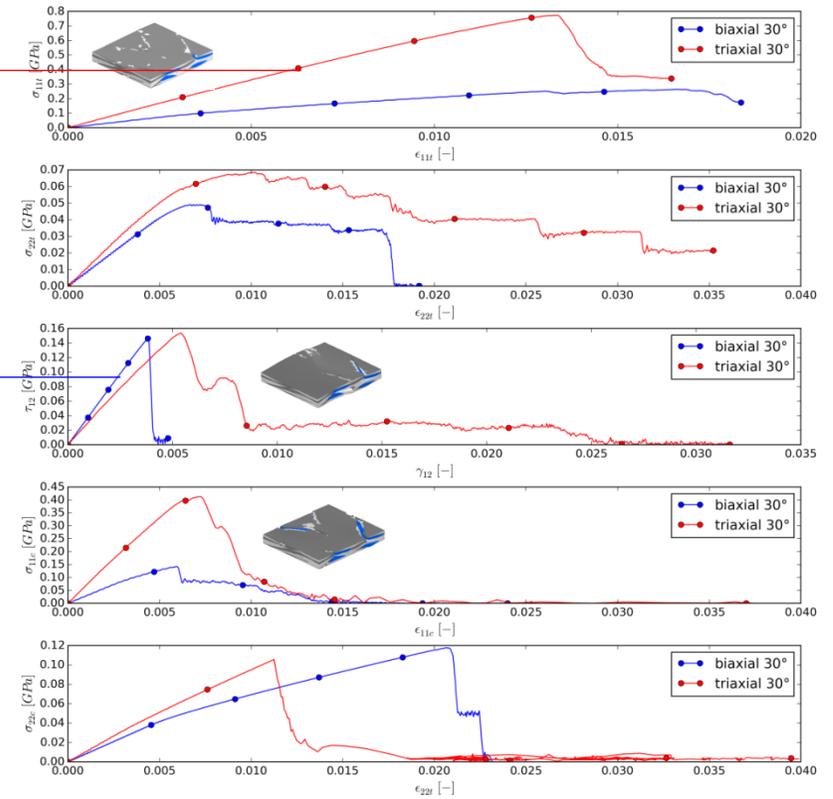
→ Data for generation of a material card ( $E_{11}$ ,  $E_{22}$ ,  $S_{11}$ ,  $S_{22}$ ...)

## Structure simulation of the reinforcement structure

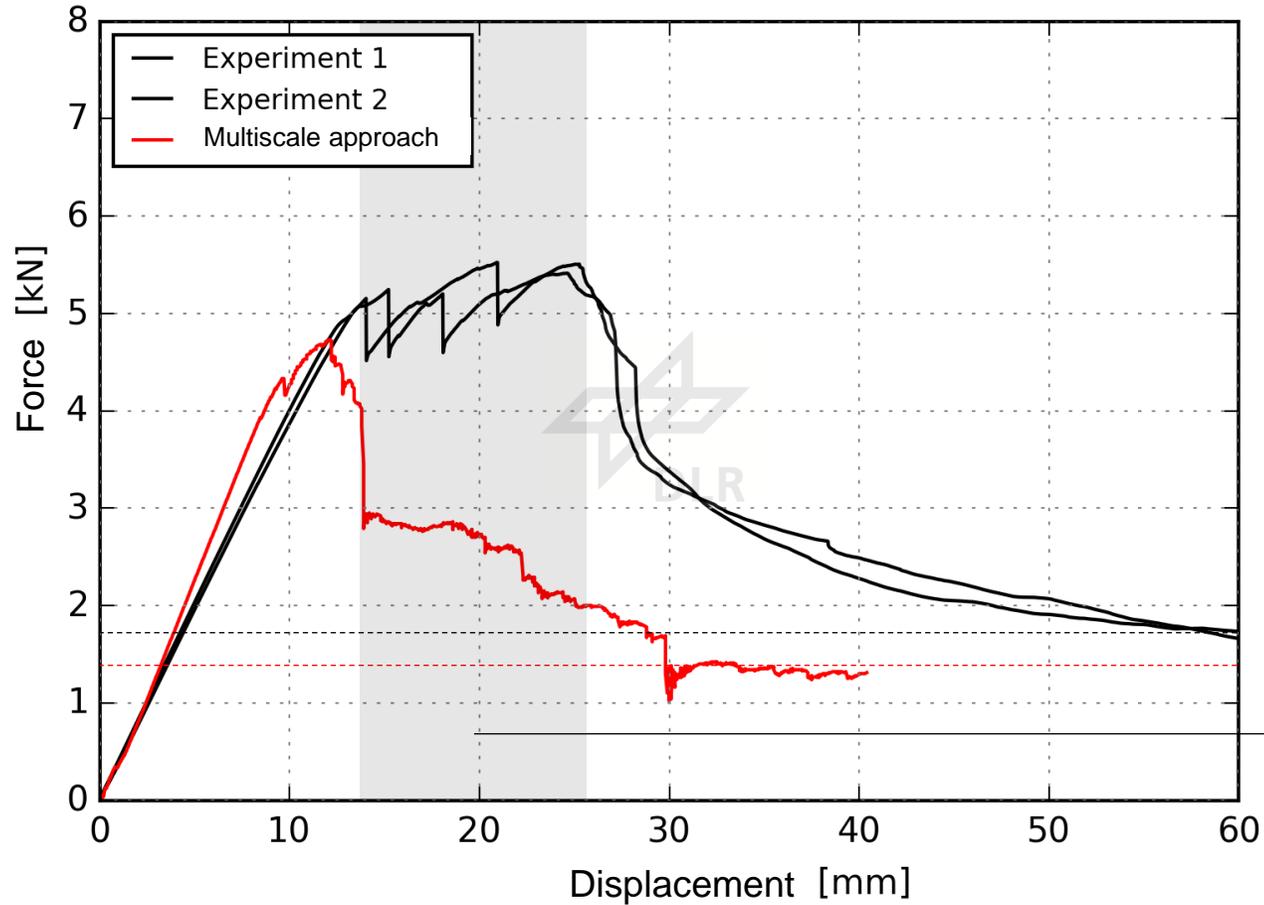
- automatic postprocessing of unit cell results with ENVYO
- generation of material cards for the different textile types



## Virtual material data

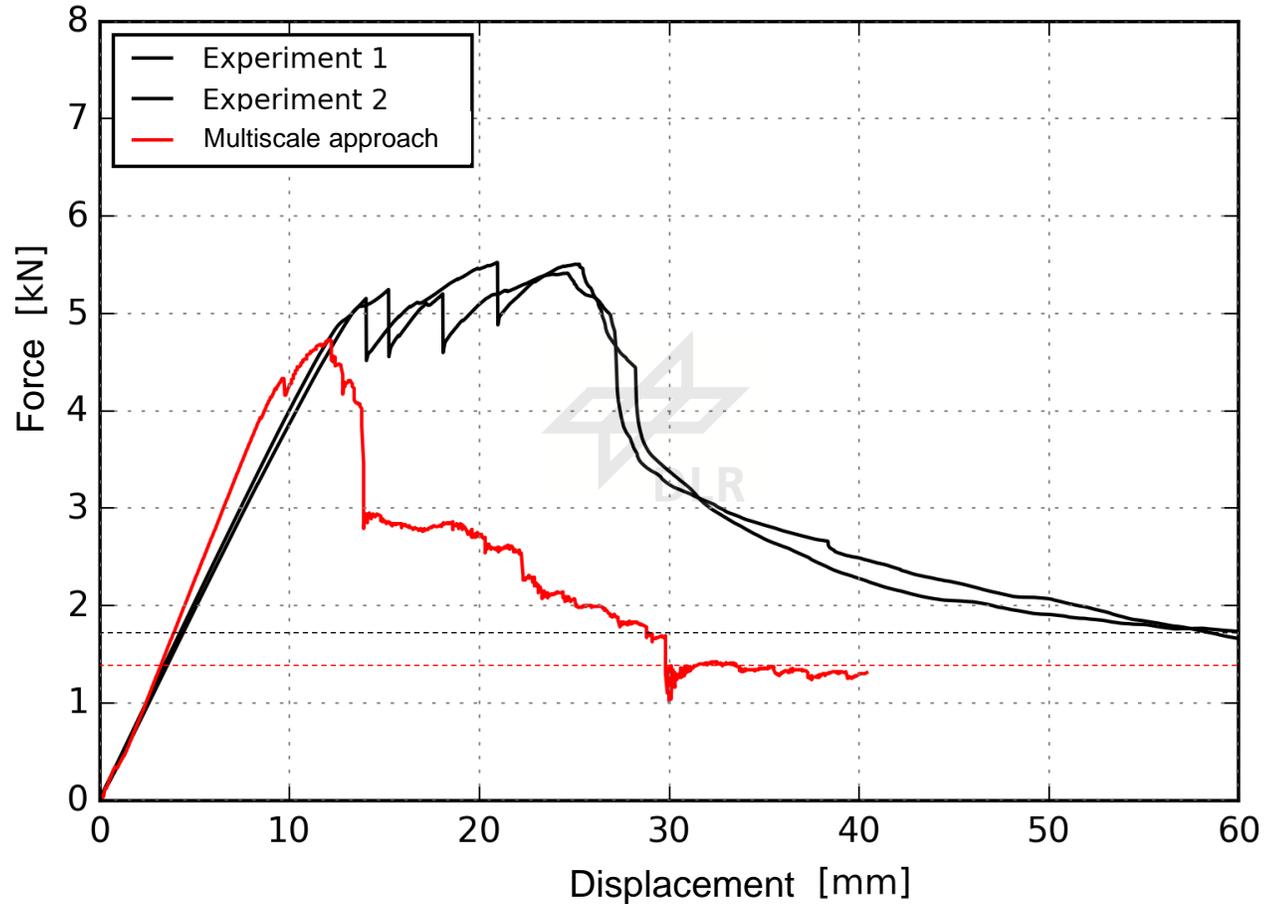


**Predictive** structure simulation of the reinforcement structure



- Stiffness prediction ✔
- Strength prediction ✔
- Prediction of residual strength ✔
- delayed failure of axial yarns ✘

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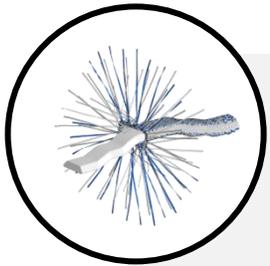


### Advantages

- consideration of textile architecture
- realistic textile behaviour in simulation
- automatisaton possible
- predictive simulation, no tuning

### Drawbacks

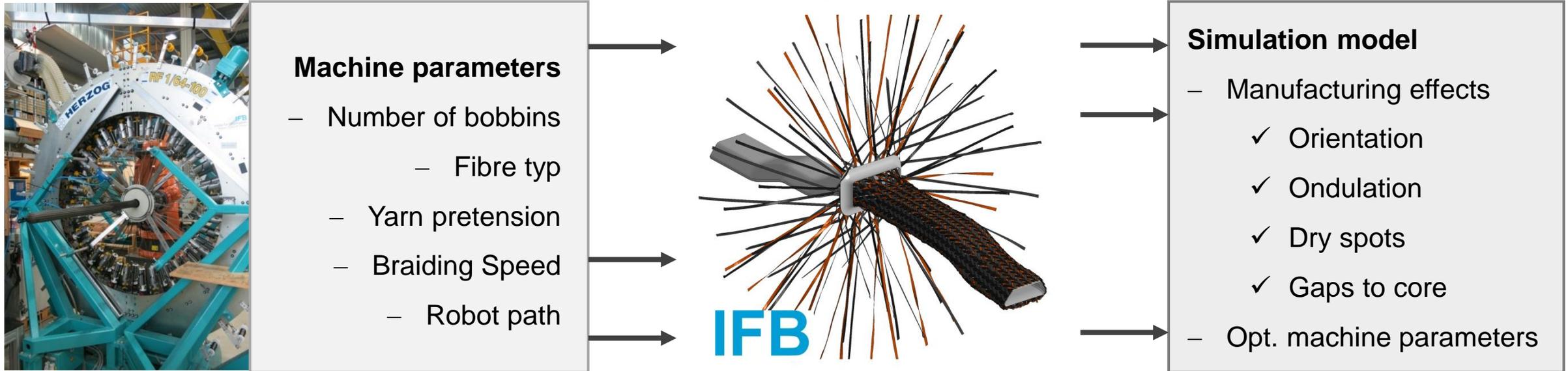
- increased computing times
- more complex model generation



### 3 – Process chain approach



## Braiding simulation



### Original textile architecture after braiding simulation

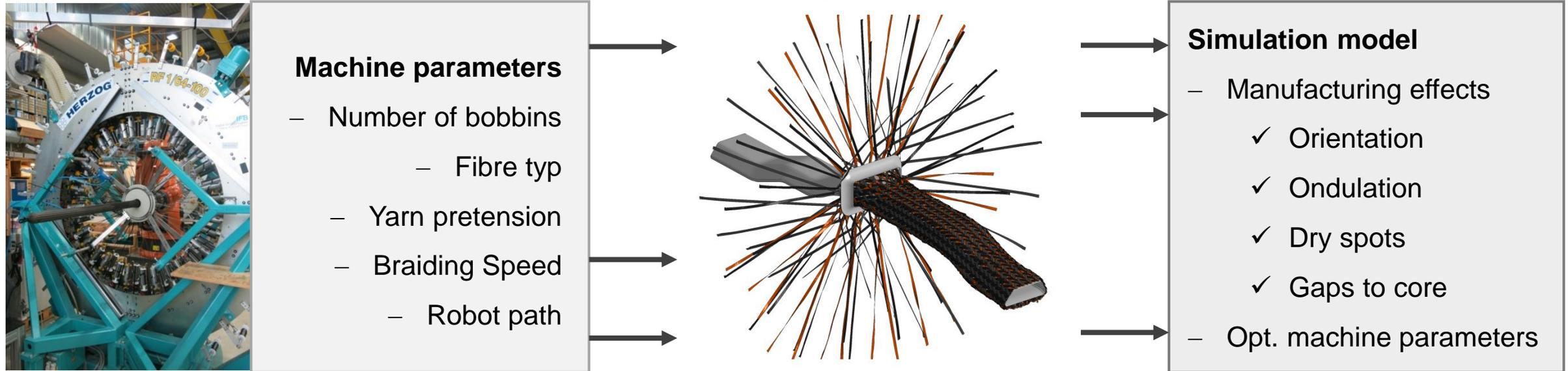


Gaps in the braided textile

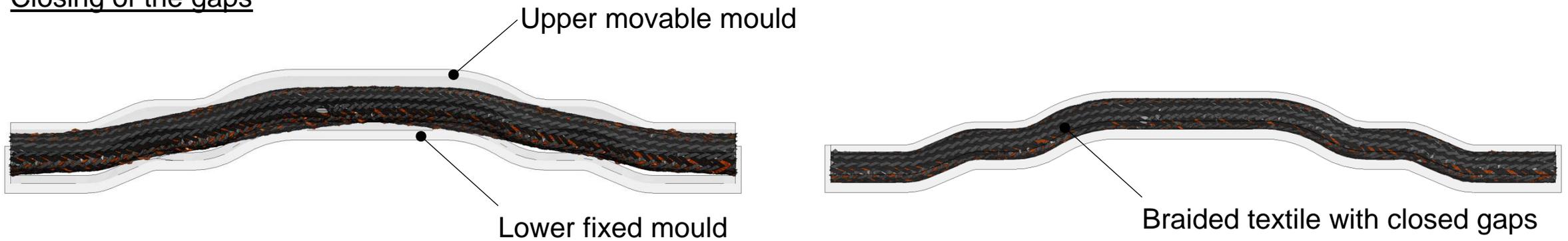


Gap between yarn and braiding core → matrix-rich zones

### Braiding simulation



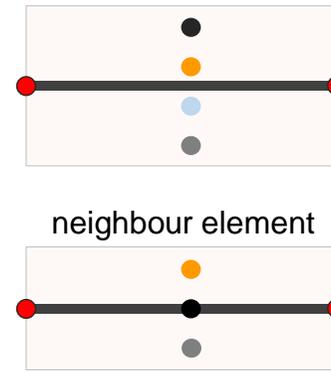
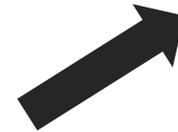
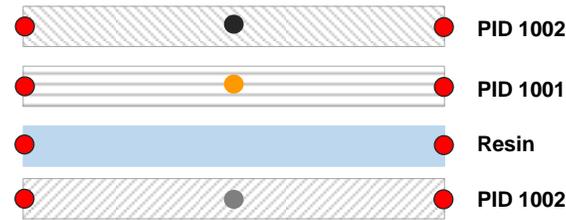
### Closing of the gaps



### Information mapping to structure mesh

Mapping of:

- Yarn orientations
- Ondulation
- Dry spots
- Yarn geometry (width/thickness)

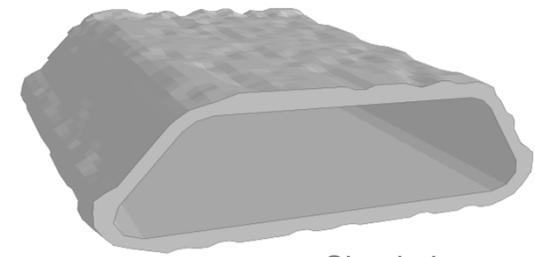


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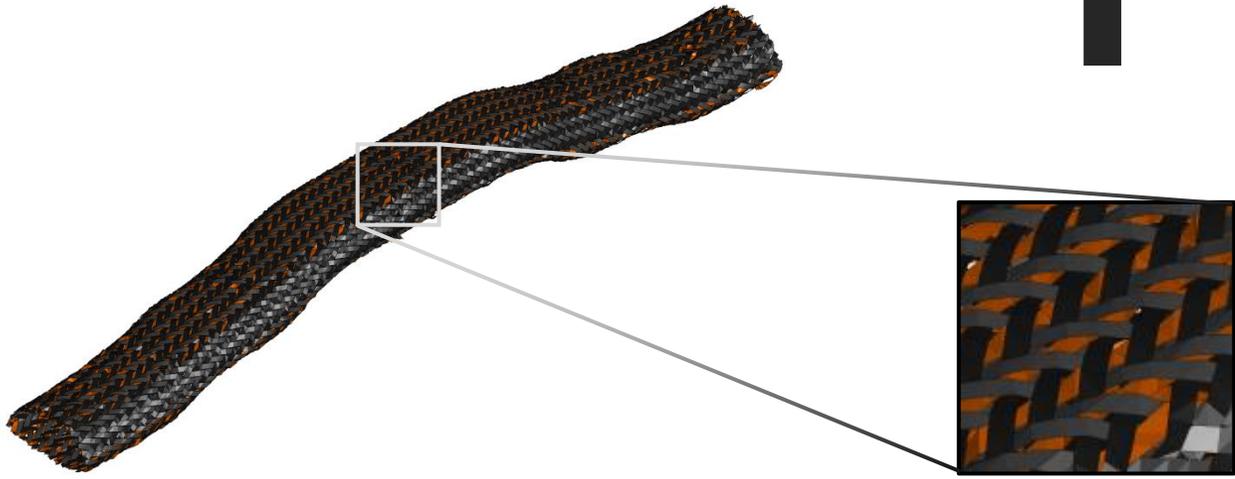
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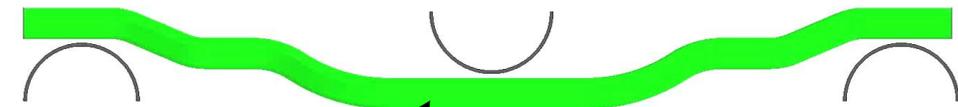
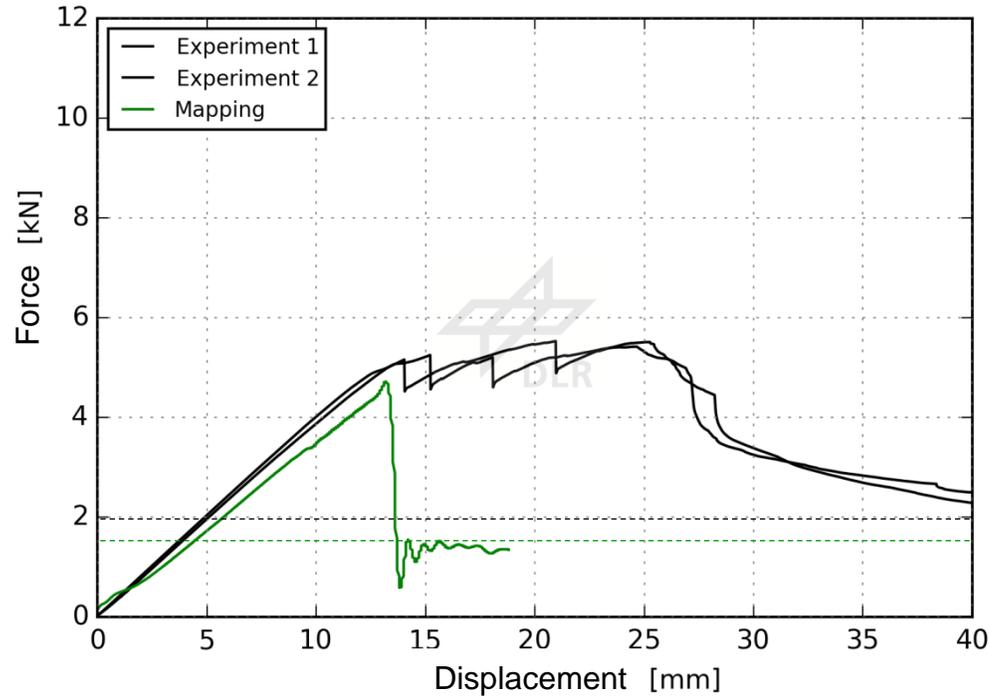


Simulation

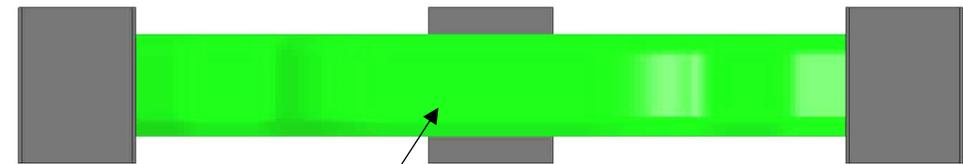


Model from the braiding simulation

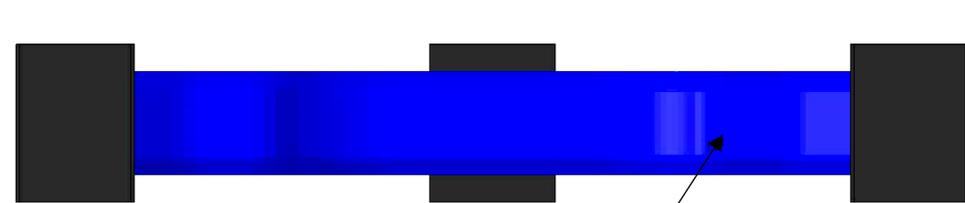
## Structure simulation with mapped information



Shear-loaded braiding yarns



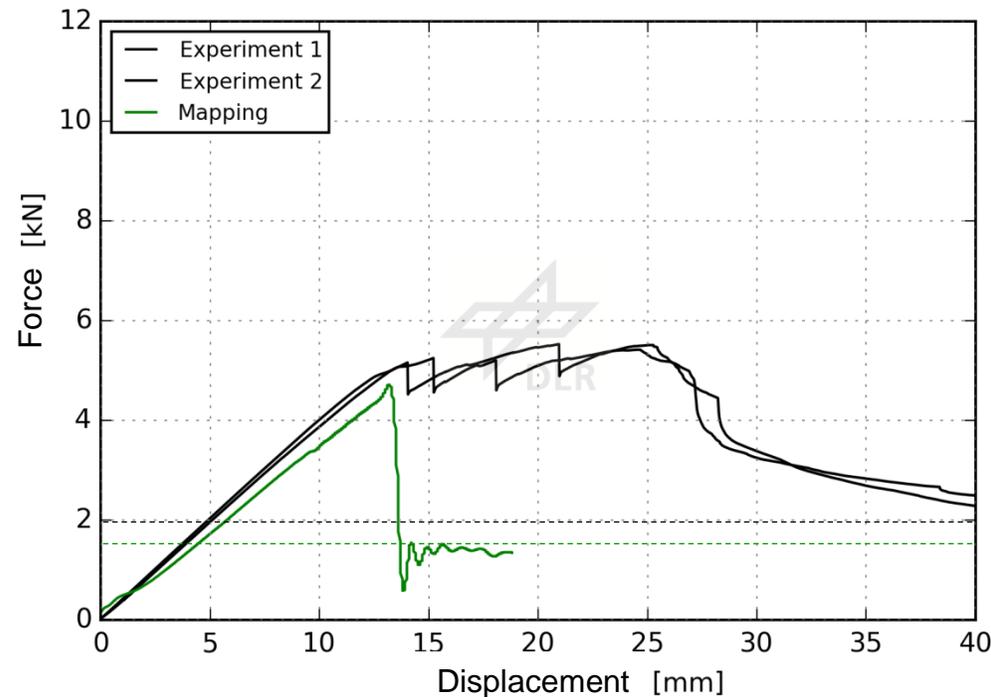
Tension-loaded axial yarns  
(compression-loaded on the lower side)



Plastic deformation of the structural foam

- Stiffness prediction ✔
- Strength prediction ✔
- Prediction of residual strength ✔
- Prediction of yarn influence on local strain field ✔

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- Strength prediction ✓
- Prediction of residual strength ✓
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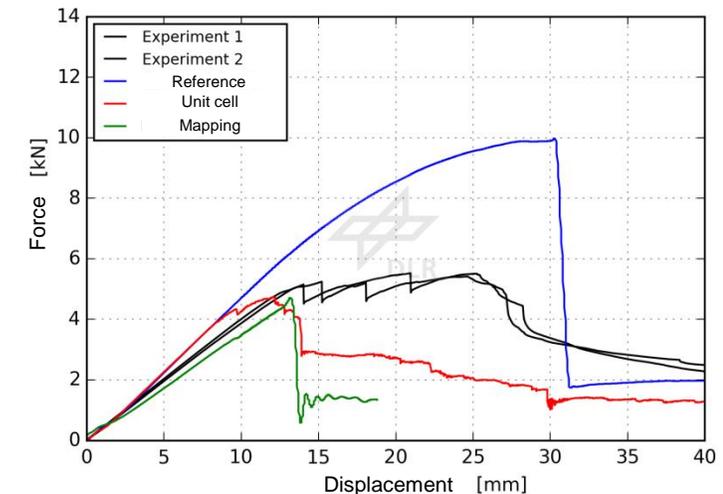
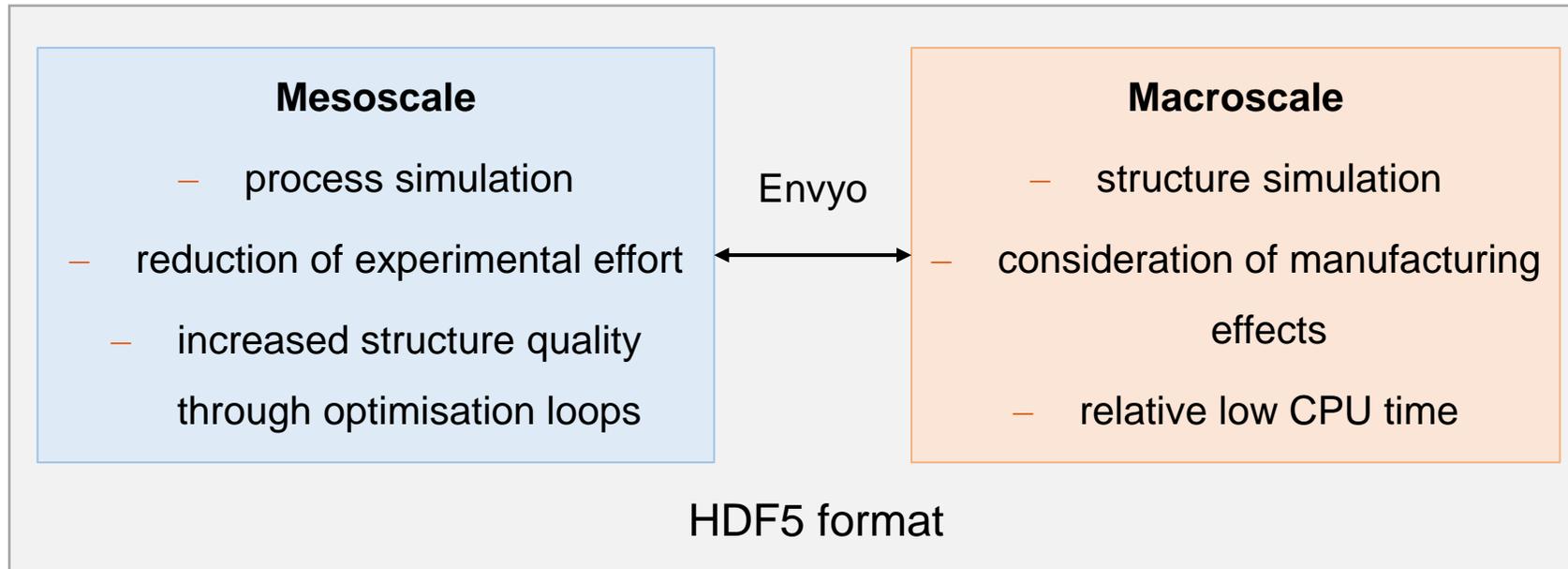
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- consideration of textile architecture
- realistic textile behaviour in simulation
- automatization possible
- local strain field can be predicted

### Drawbacks

- increased computing times
- more complex model generation
- investigation of information mapping with ENVYO is necessary

- mapping tool as link between process simulations and structure simulations
- transfer and simplification of information from the mesoscale to the macroscale
- a sensitivity analysis have to be performed before starting the structure simulation
- increase of prediction capabilities of structure simulation



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