Statistical Physics of Fracture: Recent Advances through High-Performance Computing

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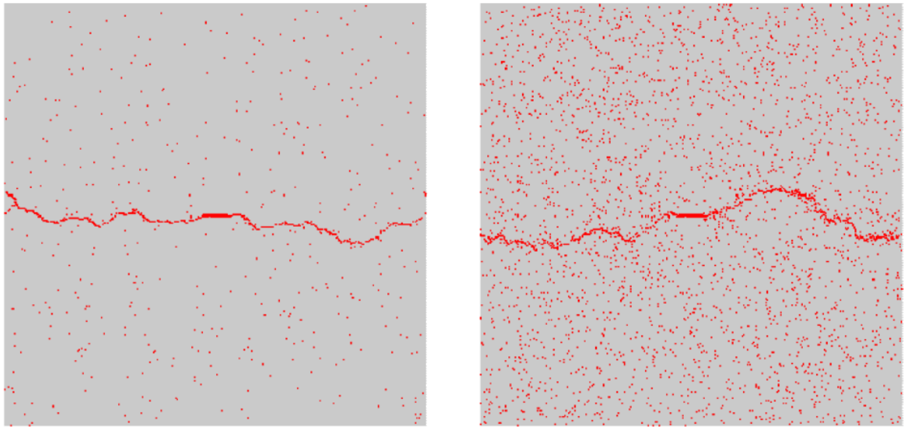
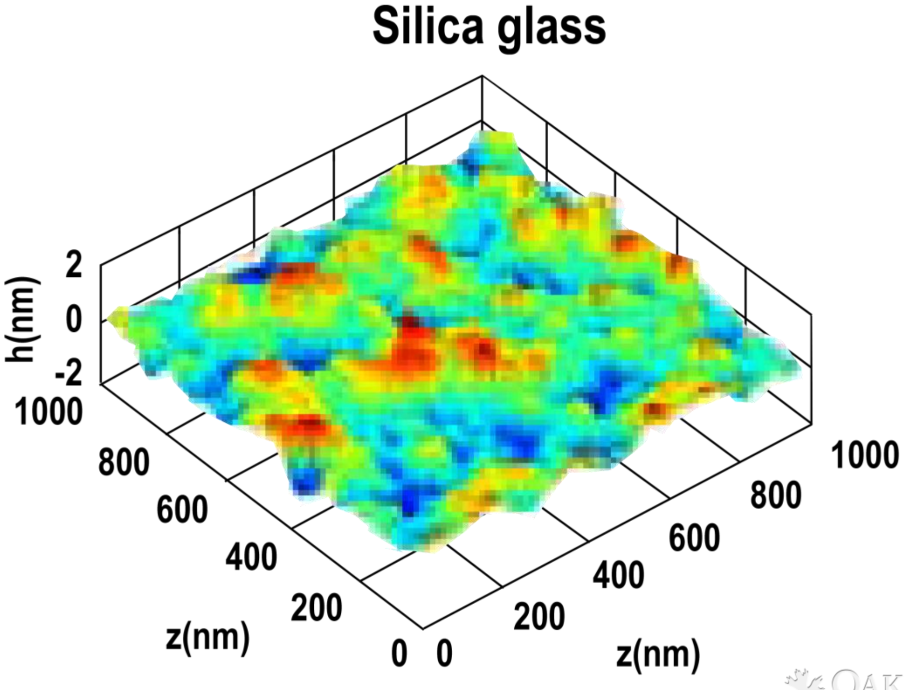
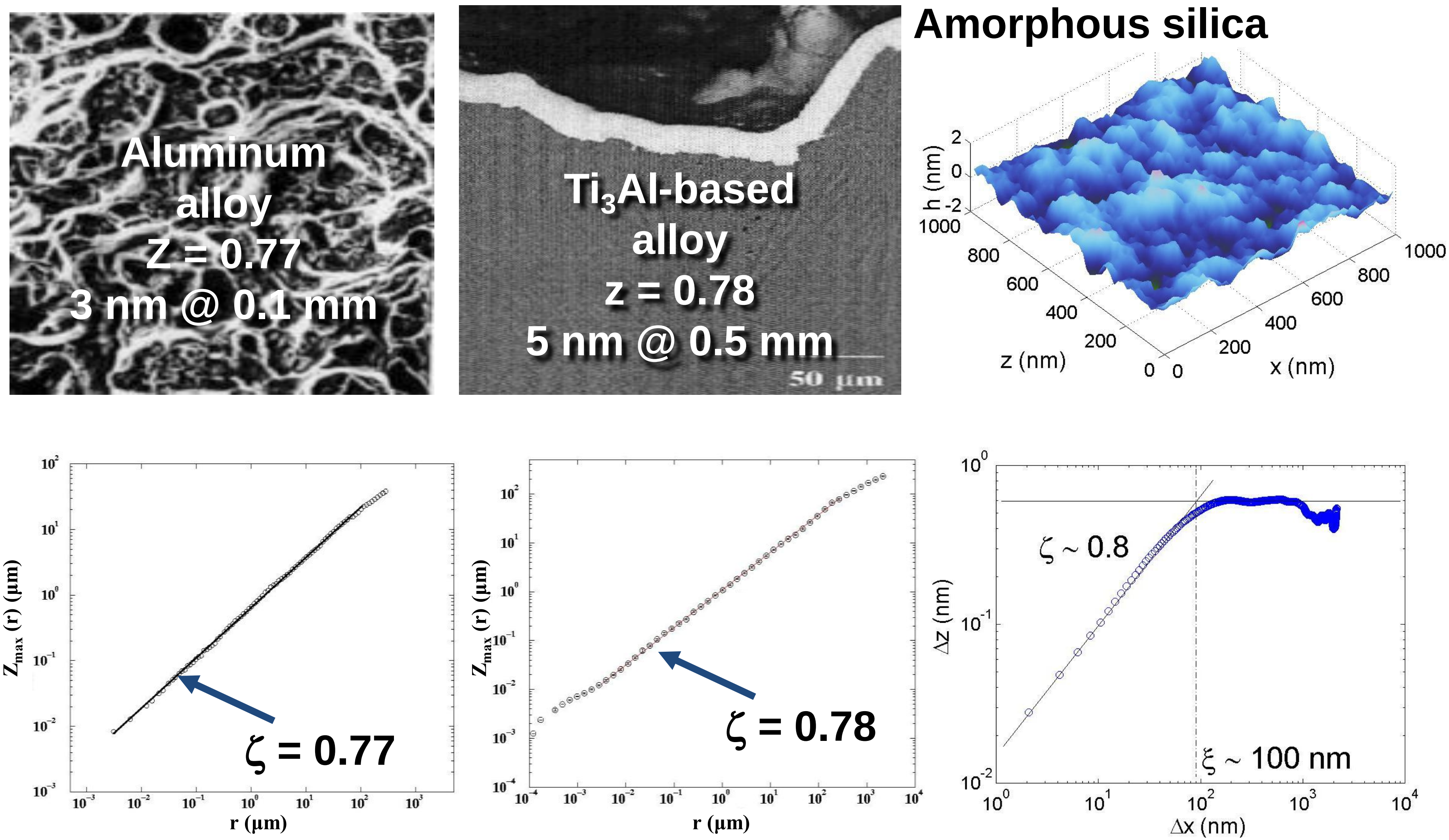
Motivation

- What are the size effects and scaling laws of fracture of disordered materials?
- What are the signatures of approach to failure?
- What is the relation between toughness and crack surface roughness?
- How can the fracture surfaces of materials as different as metallic alloys and glass, for example, be so similar?





Universality of roughness

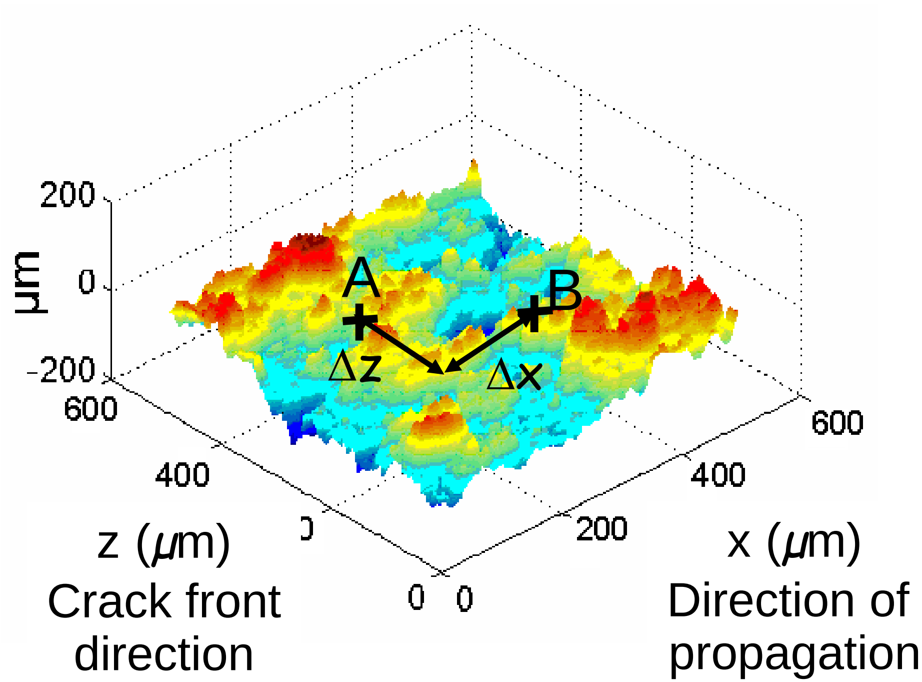


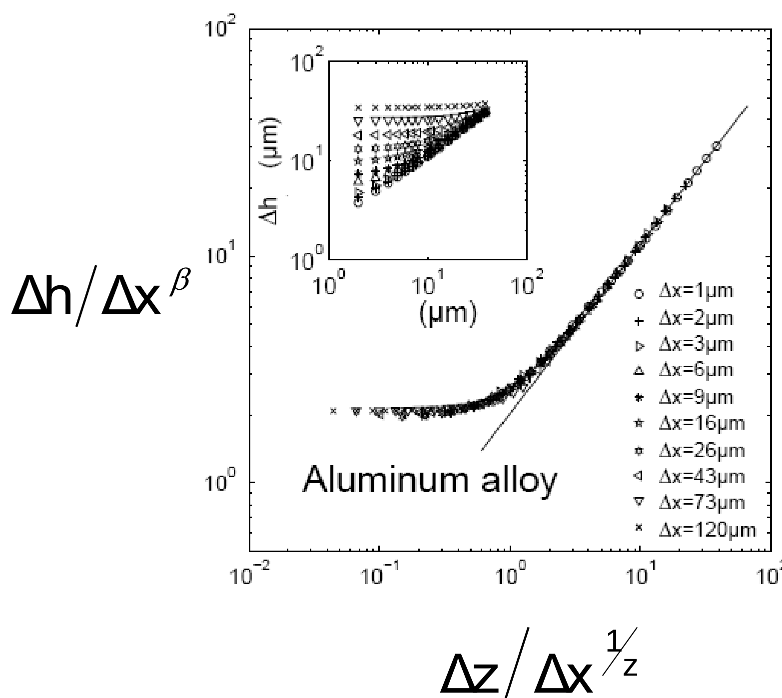
Fracture surfaces are self-affine with a universal roughness of ζ = 0.78 over five decades

Universal roughness scaling law

$$\Delta h_{2D}(\Delta z, \Delta x) = (\langle (h(z_A + \Delta z, x_A + \Delta x) - h(z_A, x_A))^2 \rangle)^{1/2}$$

$$\Delta h_{2D}(\Delta x, \Delta z) = \Delta x^{\beta} f\left(\frac{\Delta z}{\Delta x^{1/z}}\right) \qquad f(u) \propto \begin{cases} 1 \; if \; u << 1 \\ u^{\zeta} \; if \; u >> 1 \end{cases}$$





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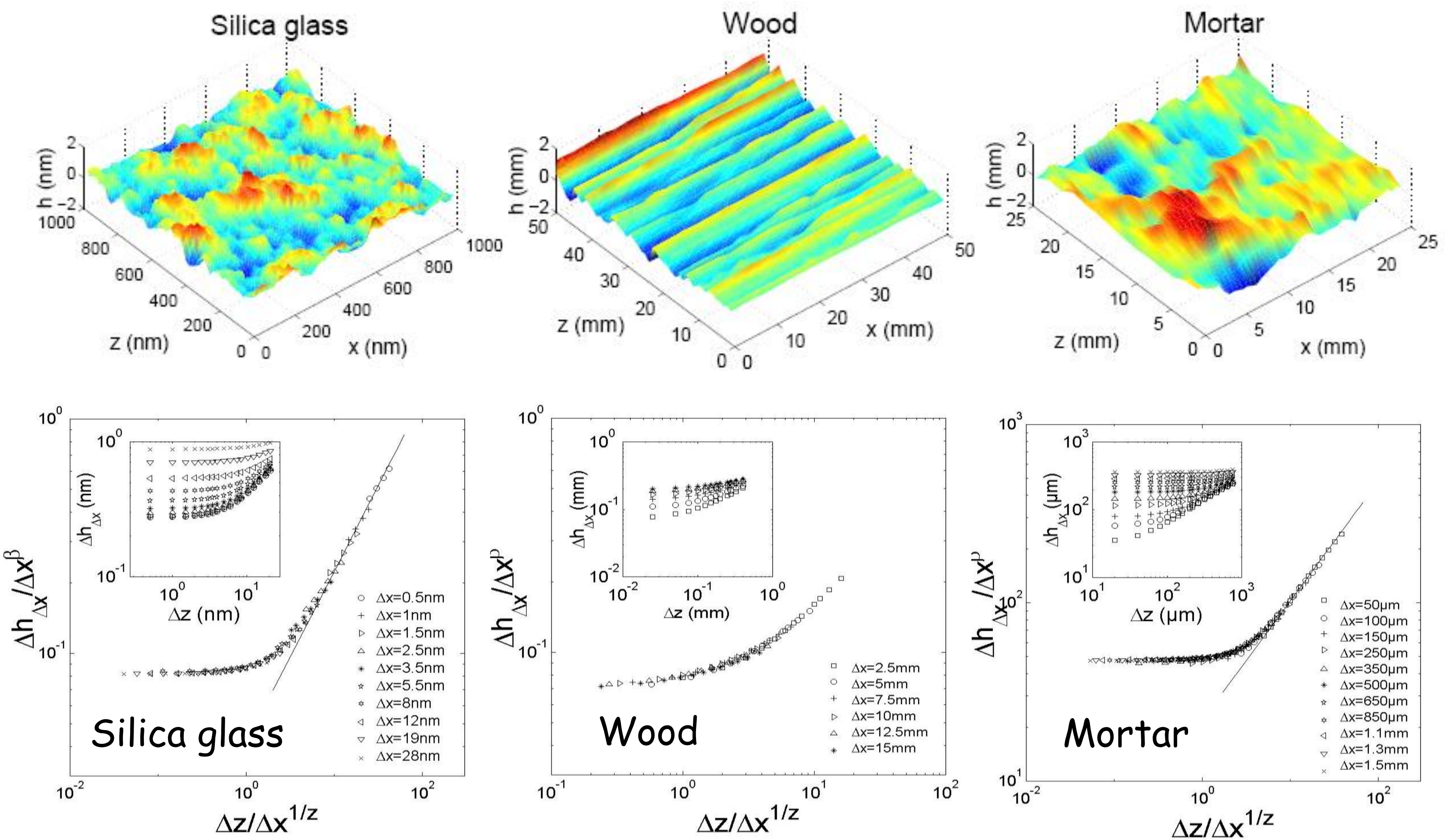
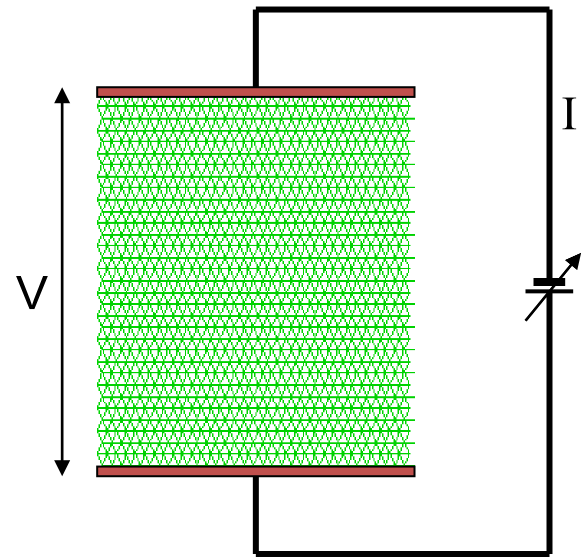
Anisotropic roughness scaling

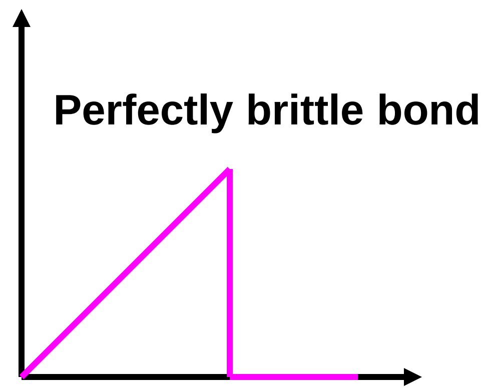


$\zeta = 0.75 \pm 0.05$ $\beta = 0.6 \pm 0.05$ $z = \zeta/\beta = 1.25 \pm 0.1$

Random thresholds fuse model

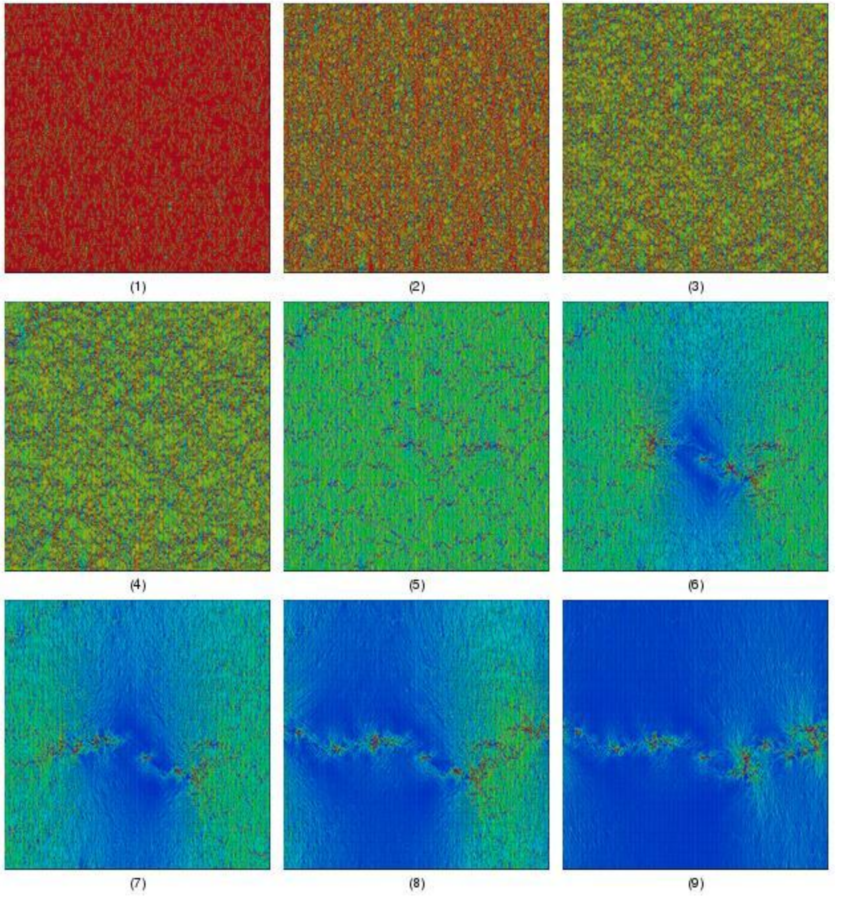
- Scalar or electrical analogy
- For each bond, assign unit conductance, and the thresholds are prescribed based on a random thresholds distribution
- The bond breaks irreversibly whenever the current (stress) in the fuse exceeds the prescribed thresholds value
- Currents (stresses) are redistributed instantaneously
- The process of breaking one bond at a time is repeated until the lattice falls apart





Fracture of a 2-D lattice system

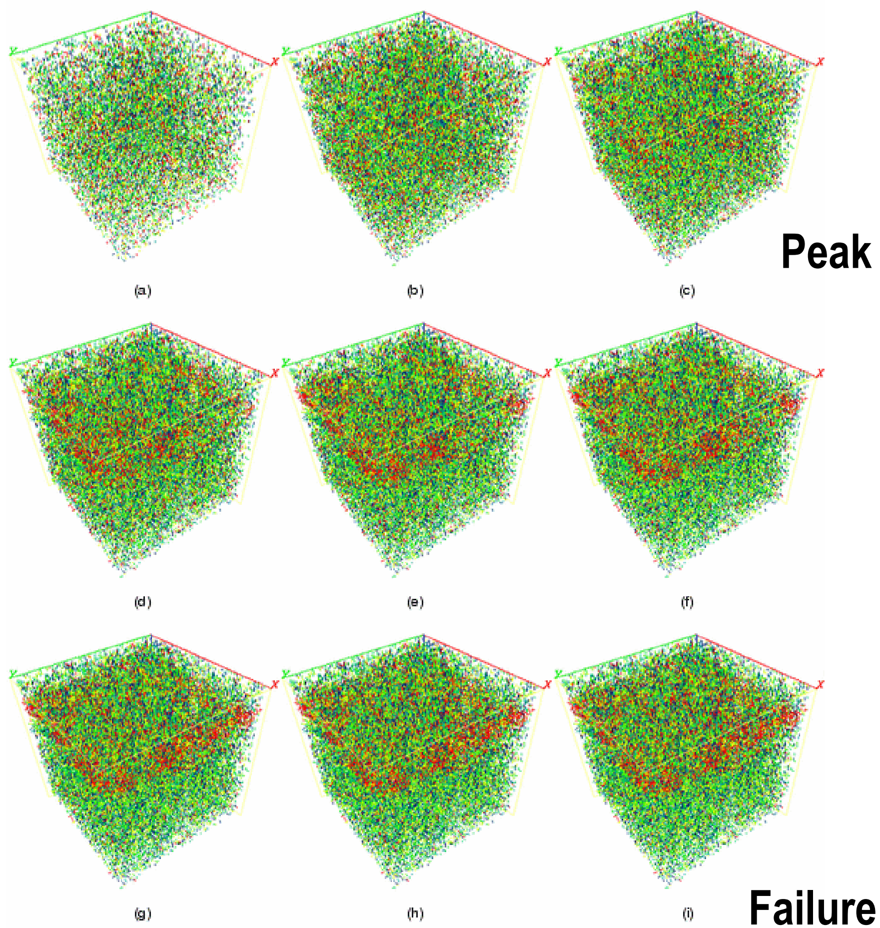
- CPU ~ O(L4.5)
- Capability issue: Previous simulations have been limited to a system size of L = 128
- Largest 2-D lattice system (L = 1024) analyzed for investigating fracture and damage evolution
- Effective computational gain ~ 80 times



Stress redistribution in the lattice due to progressive damage/crack propagation

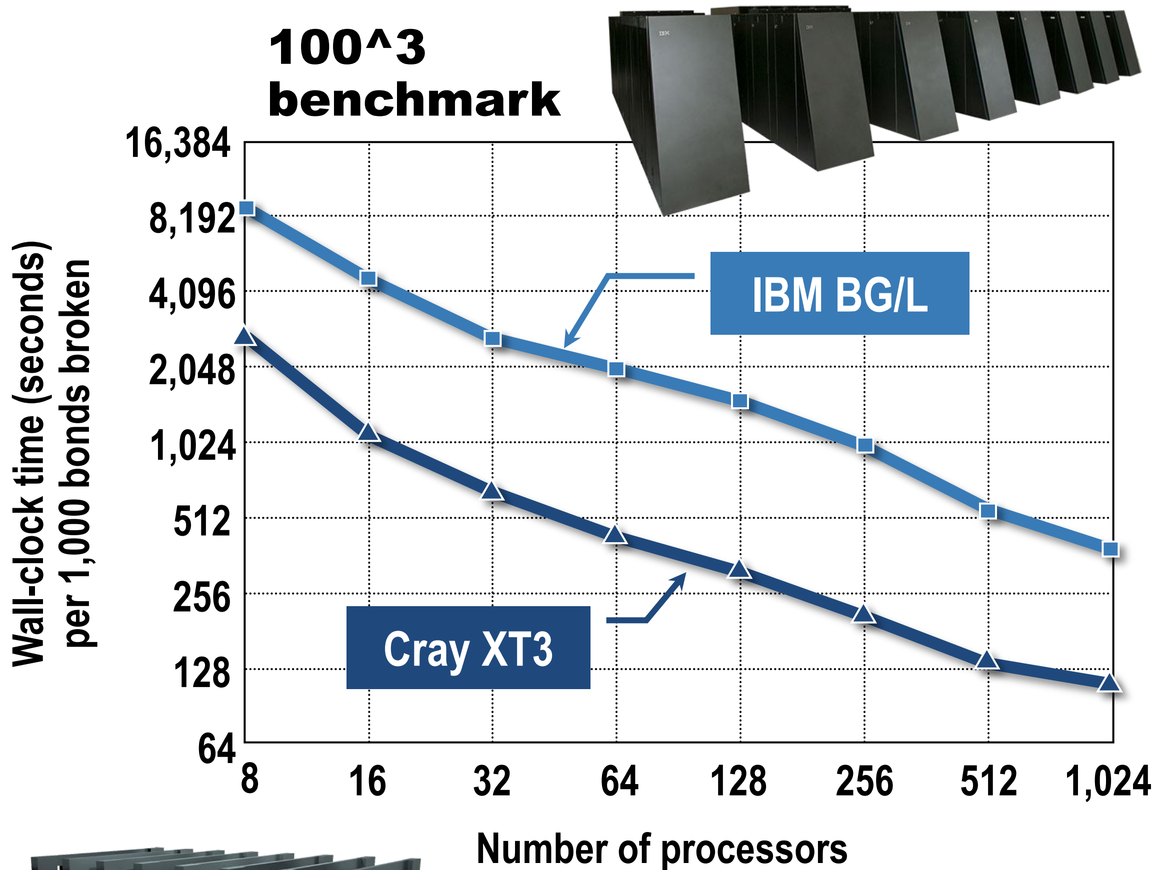
Fracture of 3-D lattice system

- CPU ~ O(L6.5)
- Largest cubic lattice system analyzed for investigating fracture and damage evolution in 3-D systems (L = 64)
- On a single processor, a 3-D system of size L = 64 requires 15 days of CPU time!



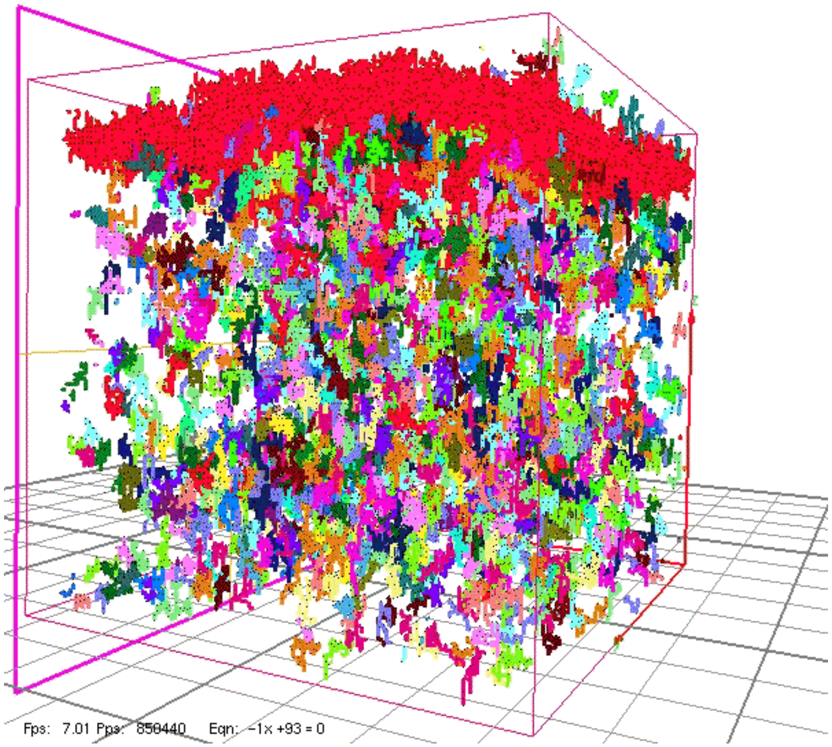
High-performance computing

High-performance computing	Processing time
L = 64 on 128	3 hours
L = 100 on 1024	12 hours
L = 128 on 1024	3 days
L = 200 on 2048	20 days (est.)



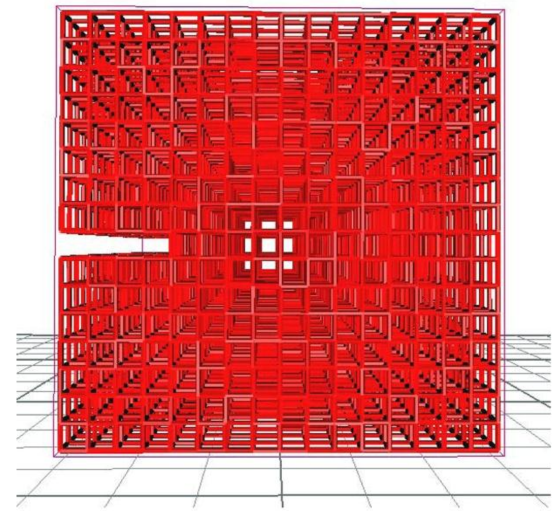
Roughness 3-D crack

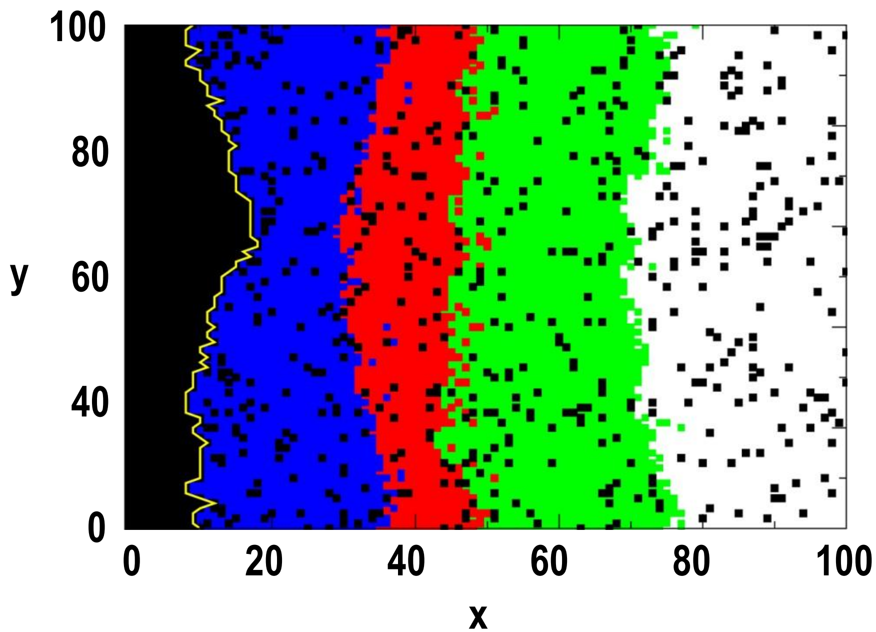
- Study the roughness properties of a crack surface
- Largest ever 3-D lattice system (L = 128) used
- For the first time, roughness exhibits anomalous scaling, as observed in experiments
- Local roughness ~ 0.4
- Global roughness ~ 0.5



Interfacial cracks

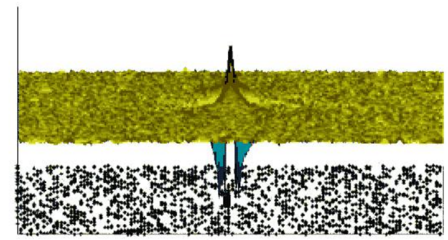
- Study the roughness properties of an interfacial crack front
- Largest ever 3-D lattice system (L = 128) used for studying interfacial fracture
- Figures show crack fronts at various damage levels
- Roughness exponent is equal to 0.3





Scaling law for material strength

- Study the size-effect and scaling law of material strength
- Largest ever 2-D (L = 1024) and 3-D lattice systems (L = 128) used for studying size-effect of fracture
- Figures show crack propagation and fracture process zone
- A novel scaling law for material strength is obtained in the disorder-dominated regime



Summary of accomplishments

FY 2006

- 7 refereed journal publications
  - 150-page review article
- 3 refereed conference proceedings
- 13 conference presentations (6 invited)
  - SciDAC 06 (invited)
  - Multiscale Mathematics and Materials (invited)
- INCITE award for 1.5 million hours on Blue Gene/L

FY 2007

- 6 refereed journal publications
- 14 conference presentations (8 invited)
  - StatPhys 23 (invited)
  - Multiscale Modeling (invited)
- INCITE award for 1.1 million hours on Blue Gene/L

FY 2008–2010

- 18 refereed journal publications
- 5 refereed conference proceedings
- 24 conference presentations (16 invited)

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