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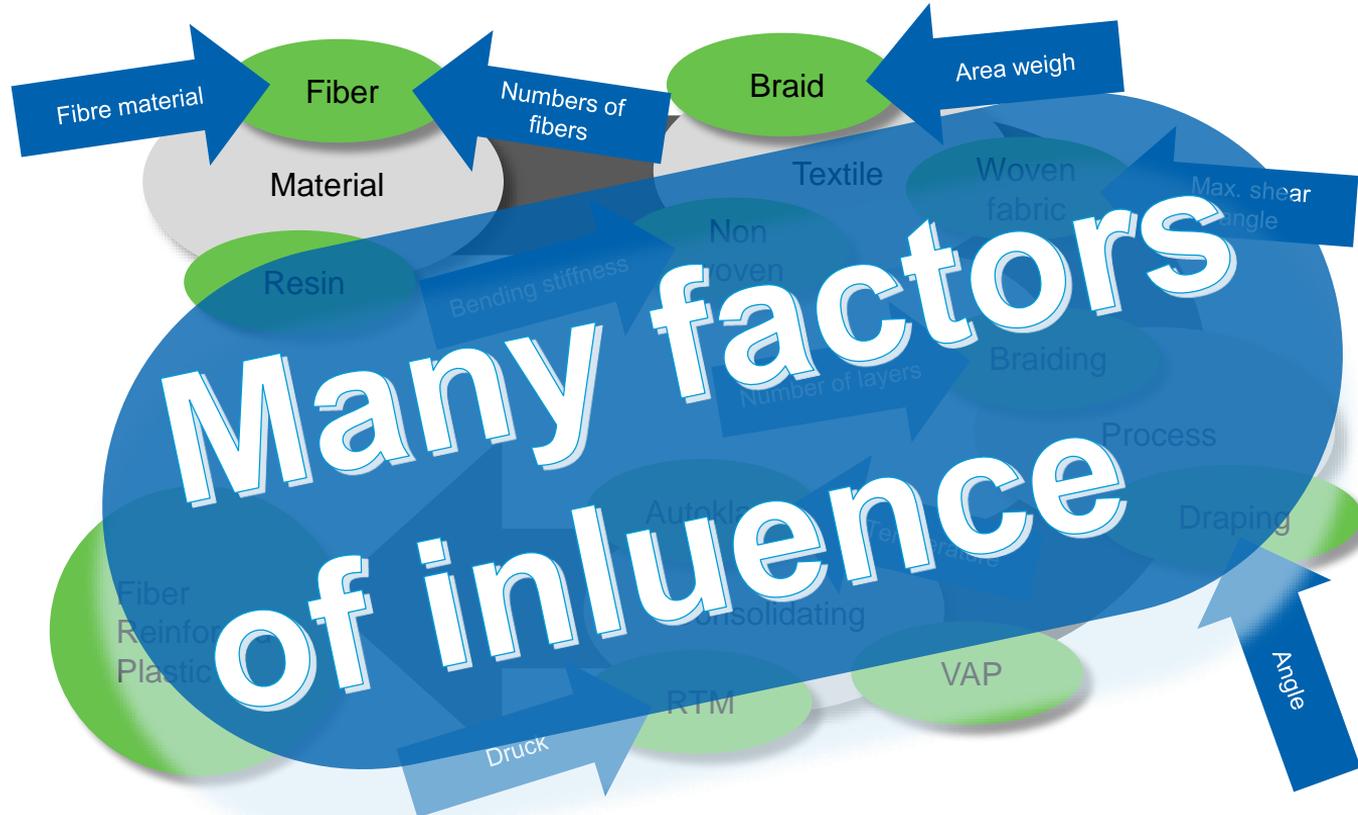
# Simulation and CT Technology in Textile LightWeight Design

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# 1. Motivation for process simulation



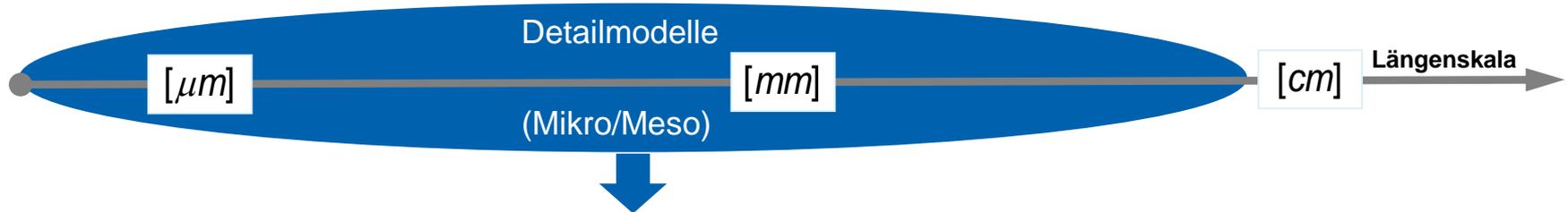
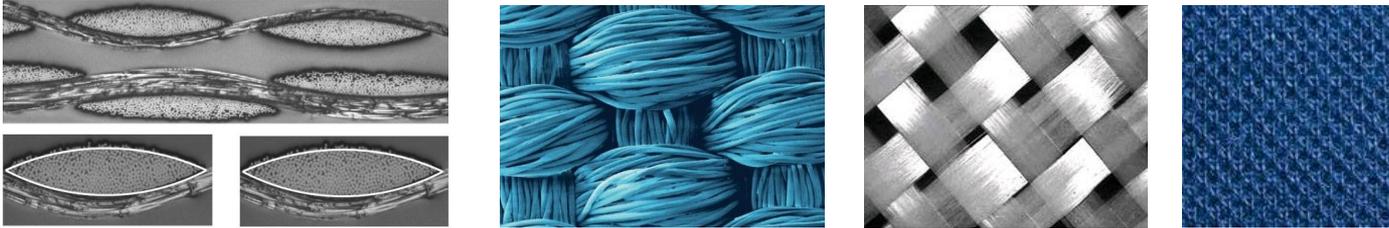
# 1. Motivation for process simulation

General:

- Systematic analysis of boundary conditions and material properties.
- Variation of only one parameter possible, all other stay same: clear statements.
- Deep understanding of process.
- Optimization of reinforcement fabrics due to application requirements and more functionality (e.g. higher drapeability).
- Reduction of development time.
- Virtual product can be proved for ability before it is produced.
- Ability to simulate mechanical properties of FRP more precise.

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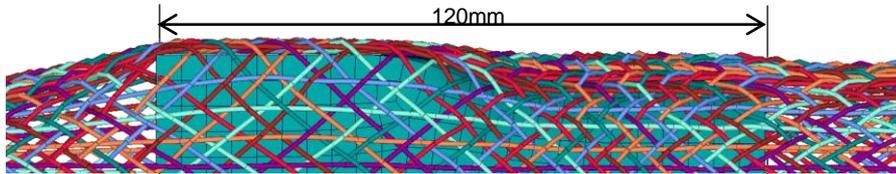
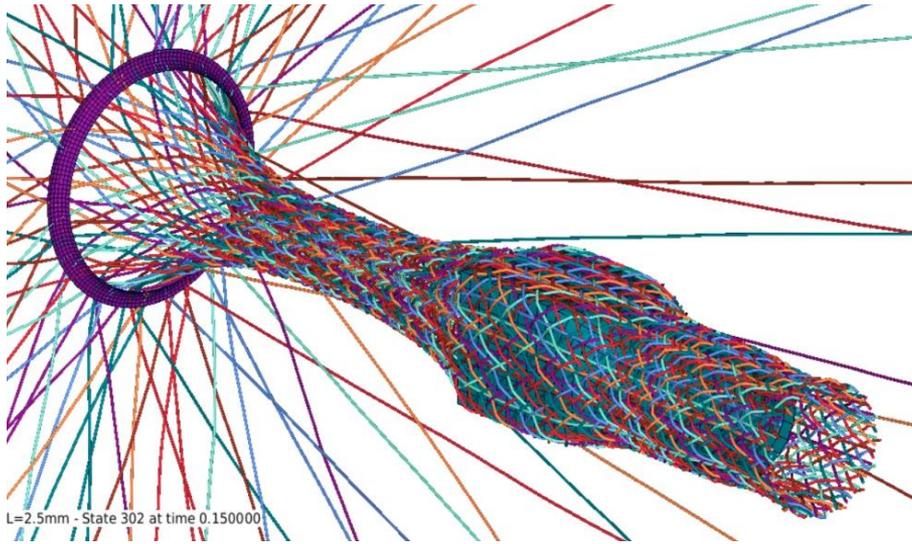
- Getting precise simulation models referring structure, fibre orientation and fibre density for computation of FRP



1. Models of reinforcement fabrics with simple structure by:
  - CAD-functions in FE-Programmen / special software
2. Models of complex structure and multifilament threads:
  - By process simulations
  - On base of high resolution CT-scans and high modeling effort (new possibilities now available)

## 2. Process Simulation Braiding

Braiding a part with changing geometrie

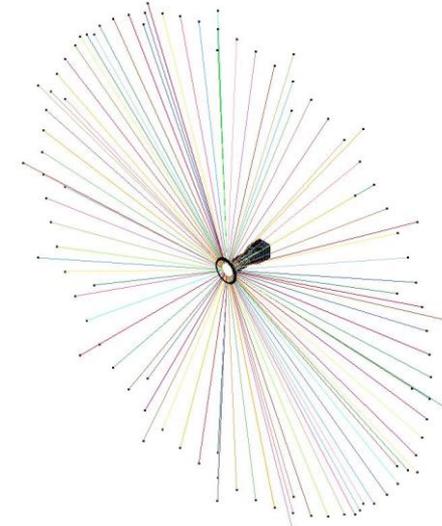


Triaxial-braid, detail

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### Braiding simulation using LS-Dyna

- bobbins: 64
- Uniaxial threads: 32
- Diameter: 1646 mm
- Part length: 120 mm
- Threads modeled by beams



Simulation model at start

„micro/meso modeling“



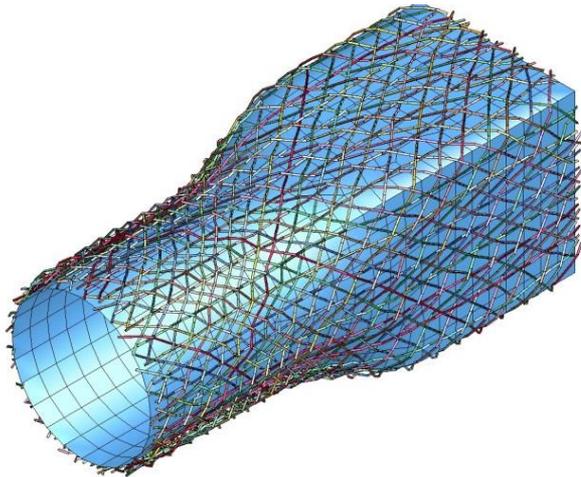
Curved part

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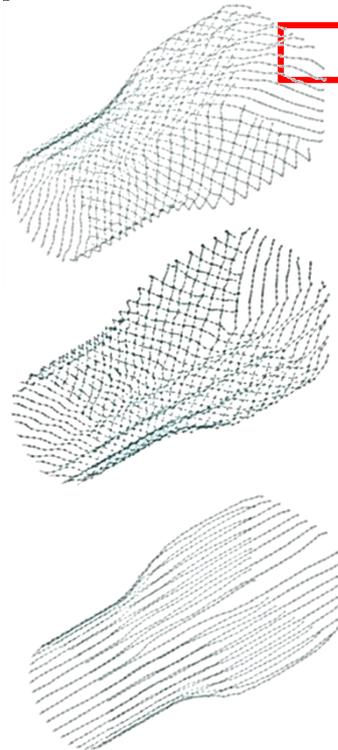
Extraction und mapping of fiber orientation

Mapping of fibre orientations e.g. using ENVYO

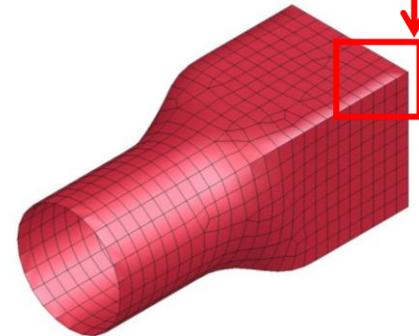
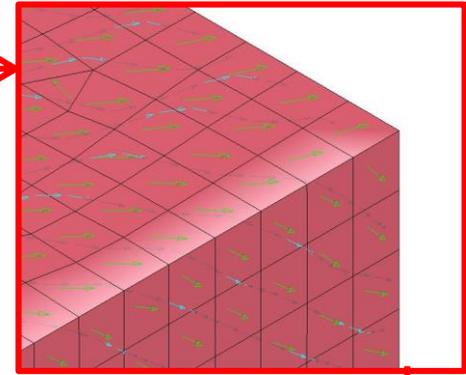
Result of braiding simulation



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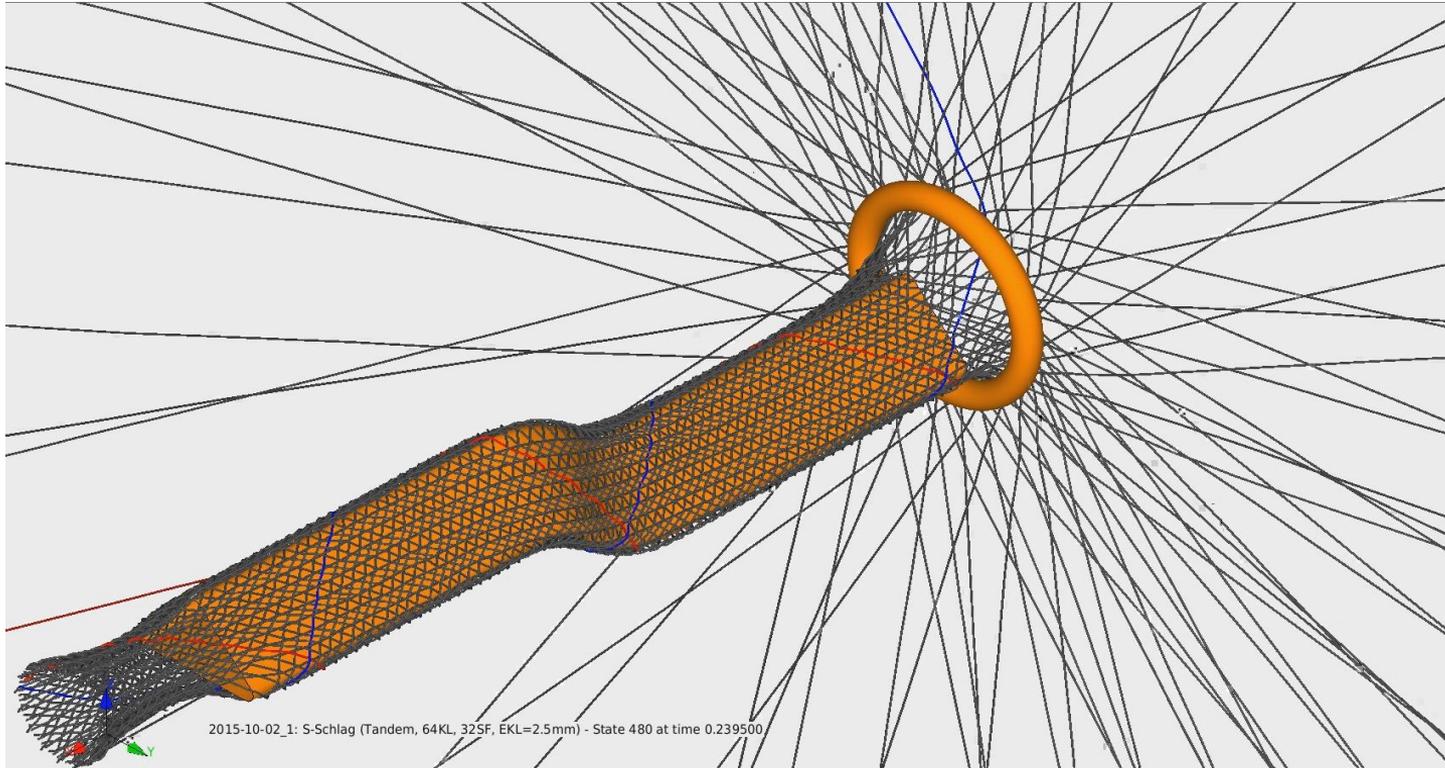


Extraction of fiber orientations



FE- homogenization model considering local fiber orientations

## 2. Process Simulation Braiding



S-curved braiding  
part with triangle  
cross-section

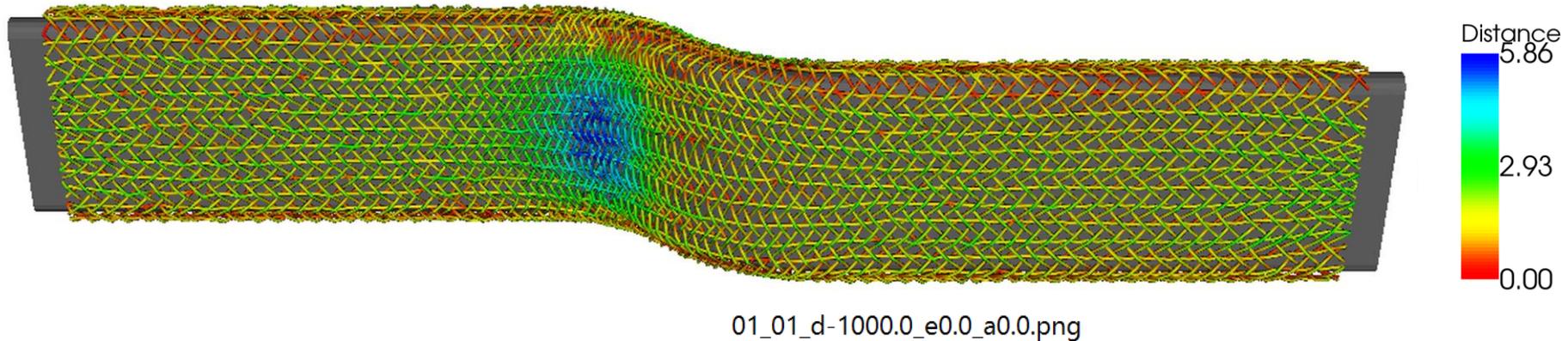
- Using **seatbelt elements** computation time > 3 days
- Using **new Beam-Source-elements** computation time < 1 day

## 2. Process Simulation Braiding

- Comparison of two extreme sets of friction

**Yarn to Core – friction  $\mu = 0,05$**

**Yarn to Yarn – friction  $\mu = 0,05$**



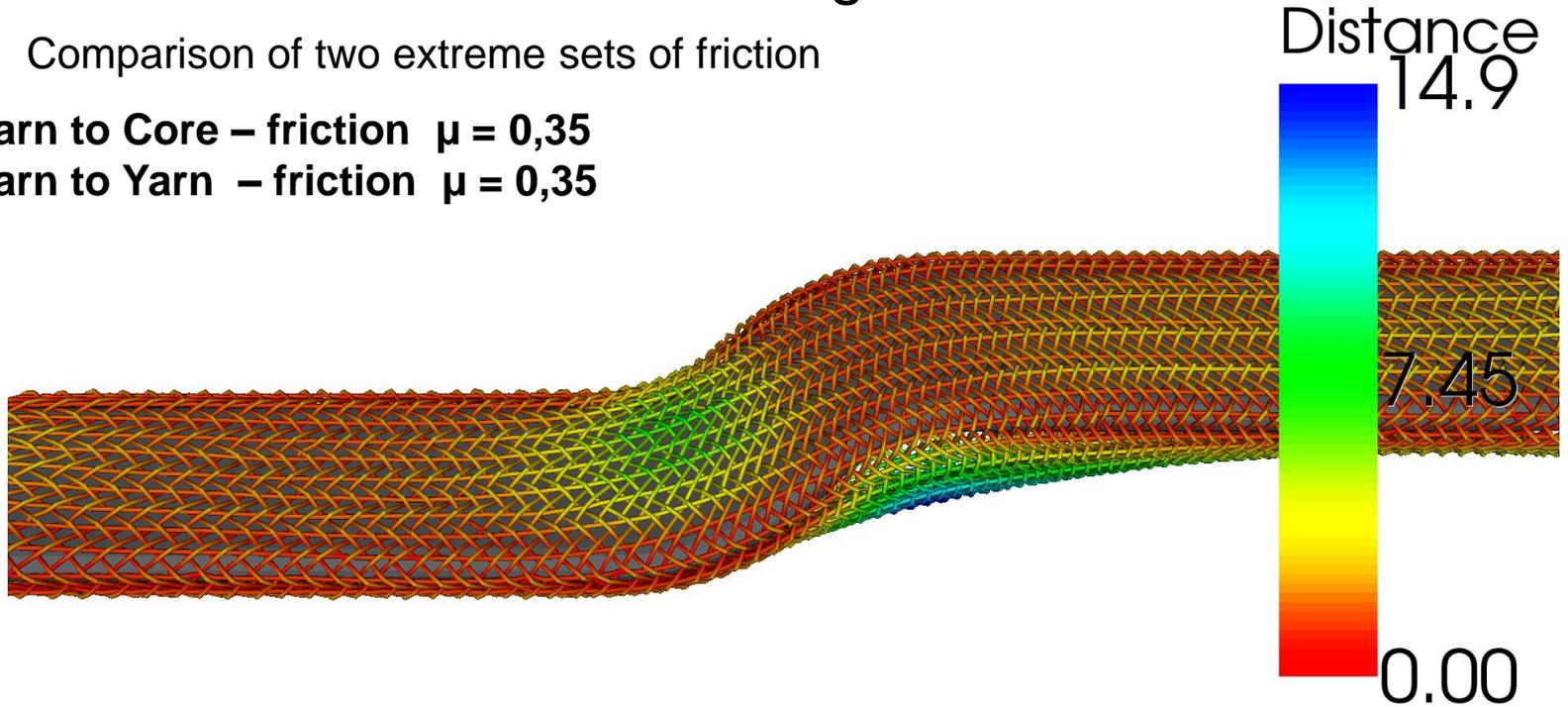
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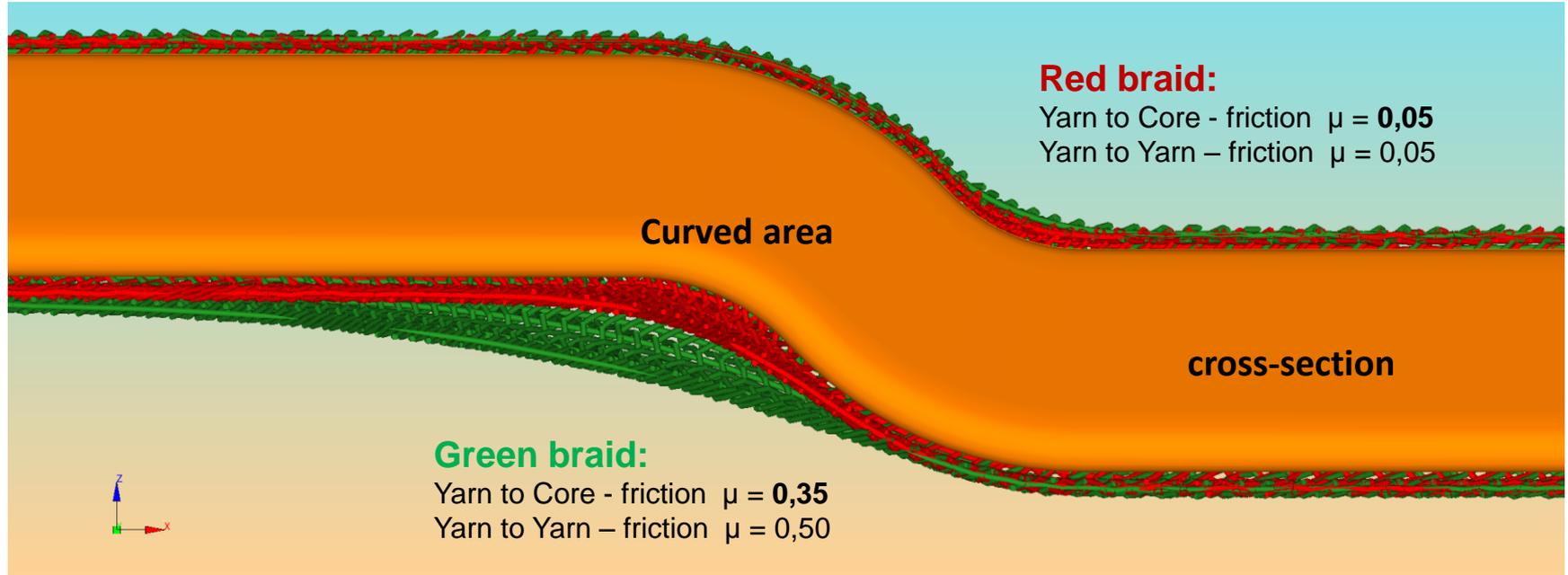
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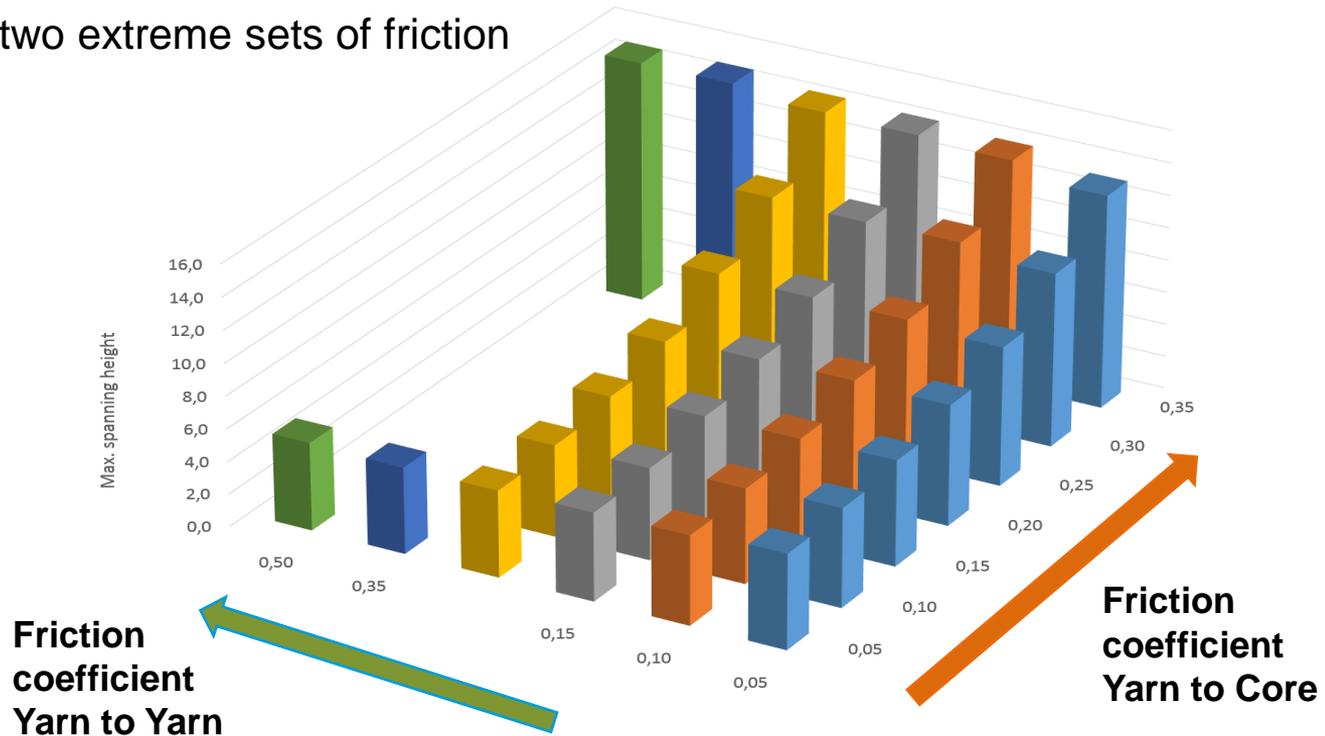
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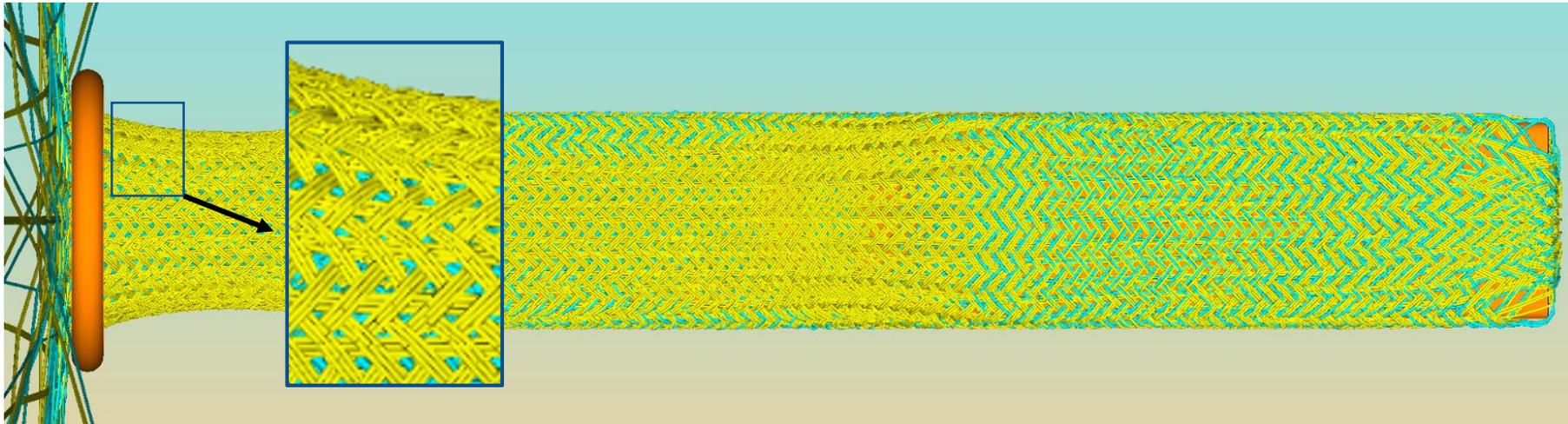
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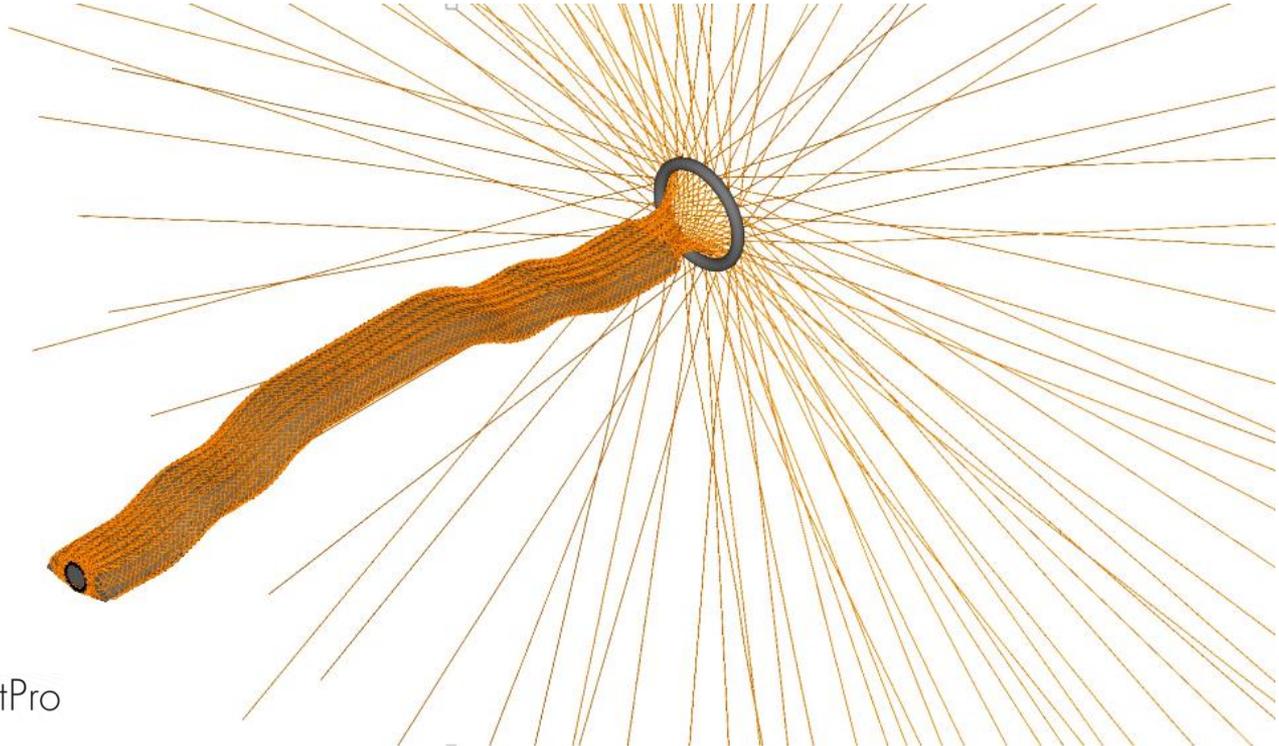
## 2. Process Simulation Braiding

- First braiding simulation using multifilament yarn models
  - yarn to yarn friction seems to have small influence.
  - reason could be monofilament modeling, developments referring suitable multifilament models are ongoing.



## 2. Process Simulation Braiding

- First braiding simulation for complex generic demonstration part
- Model will be extended to 3 layers carbon rovings as in reality using multifilament model



### 3. Use of high resolution X-ray CT technology



μ-Computertomograph  
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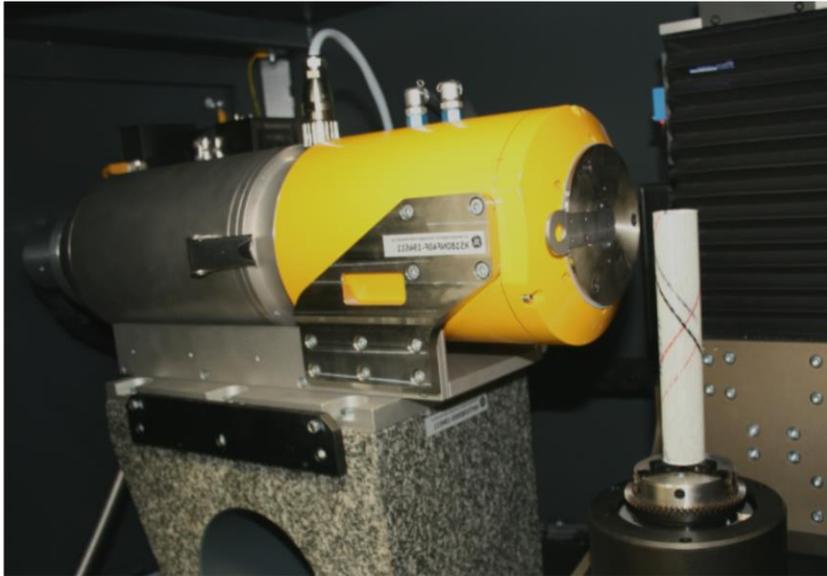
- 180kV/15W nanofocus-Röntgenröhre with **tube cooling**
- **Temperature stable digital detector:**
  - DXR-Flächendetector with **3072 x 2400 Pixel**, Pixel: **100 μm**
  - Minimum Voxel: 300 nm
  - **14bit** Detektordynamic ( $2^{14} = 16384$  grey values)
- Sample dimension: **250 mm x 240 mm**
- Using two professional CT-analysis software:
  - **VGStudioMax (Volume Graphics GmbH)**
  - **AVIZO (Thermo Fisher Scientific)**

**Perfect suitable to textile- und plastic based materials**

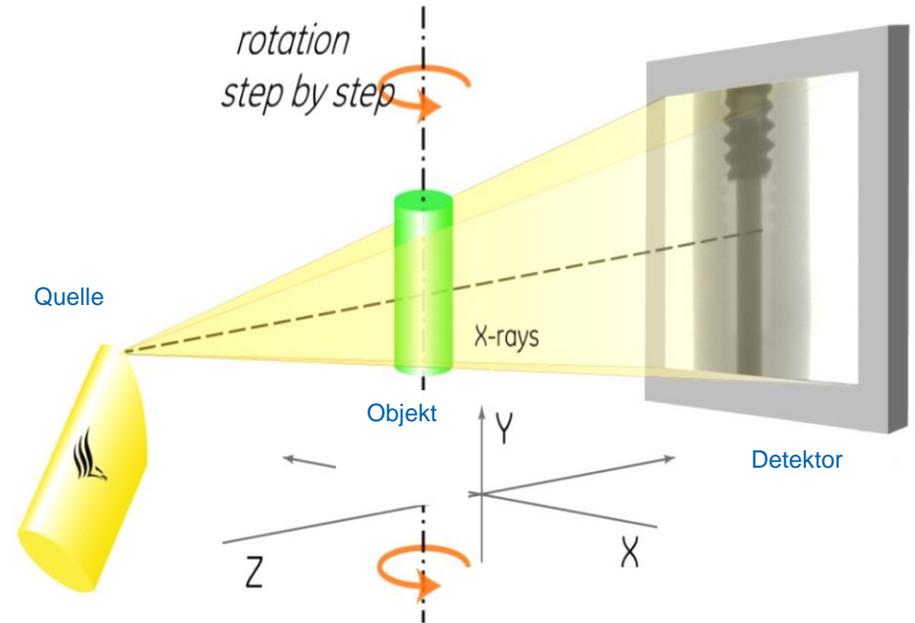
**New possibilities  
to analyse μCT-  
3D scans:**

- using new developed insitu-loading test stand by ZIM project (Kammrath&Weiss/DITF)
- Extracting threads out of 3D μCT scan using **Avizo** (Thermo Fisher Scientific)

### 3. Use of high resolution X-ray CT technology



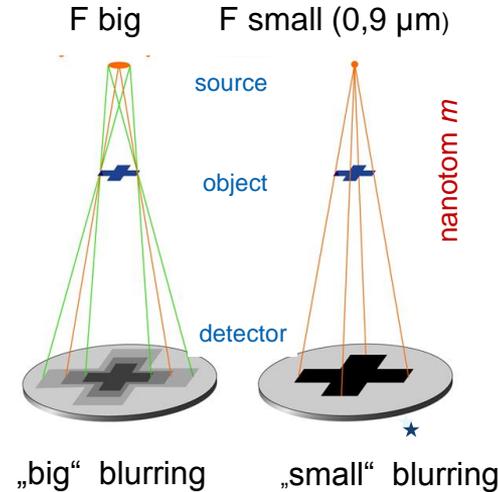
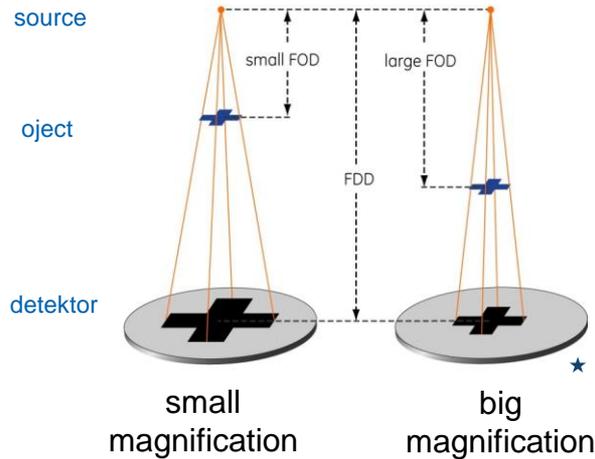
GE „nanofocus“ tube ready to scan



- Sample rotates 360°
- to 4500 2D-scans (each up 19MB) are taken.
- 2D-pictures are used to compute a 3D-CT-model

# 3. Use of high resolution X-ray CT technology

- magnification and blurring



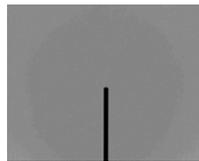
Geometrical magnification  $M = FDD/FOD$

Geometrical blurring by size of focus spot  $F$

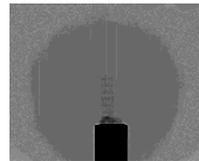
2D picture



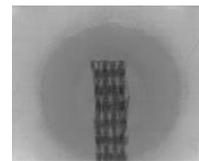
Woven  
Fabric



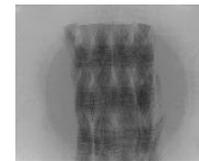
FOD = 400mm  
Voxel:  $66^3 \mu\text{m}^3$



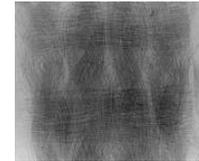
FOD = 50mm  
Voxel:  $8,3^3 \mu\text{m}^3$



FOD = 20mm  
Voxel:  $3,3^3 \mu\text{m}^3$



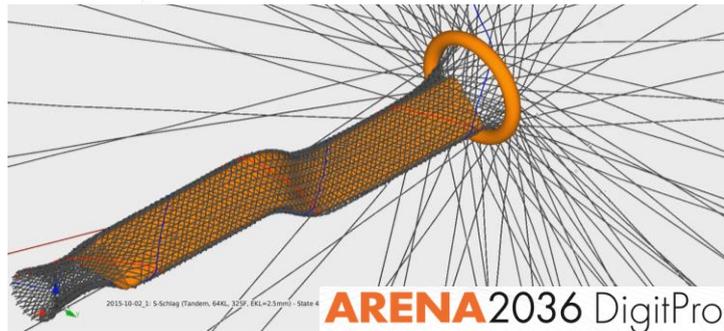
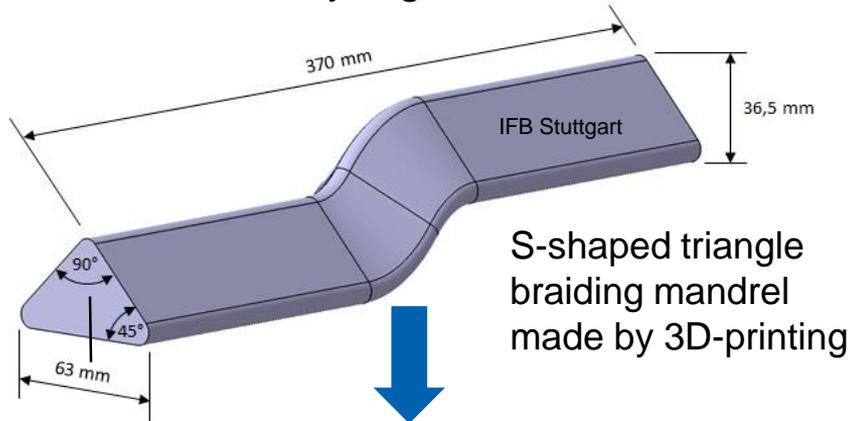
FOD = 8mm  
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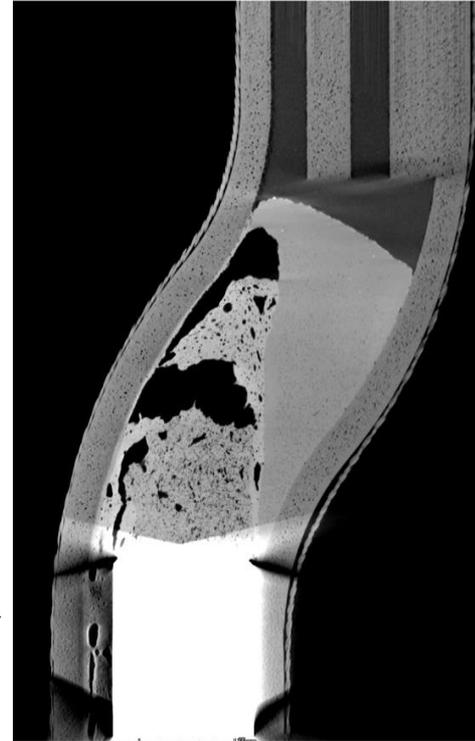
FOD = 4mm  
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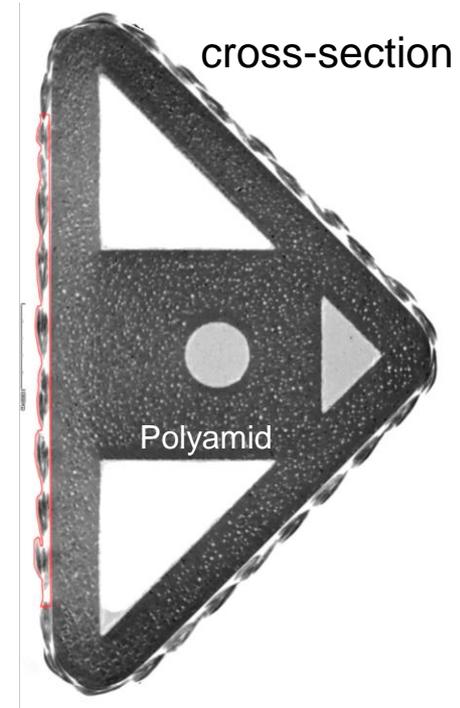
- Verification by high resolution CT-scan



Real braiding and FEM process simulation



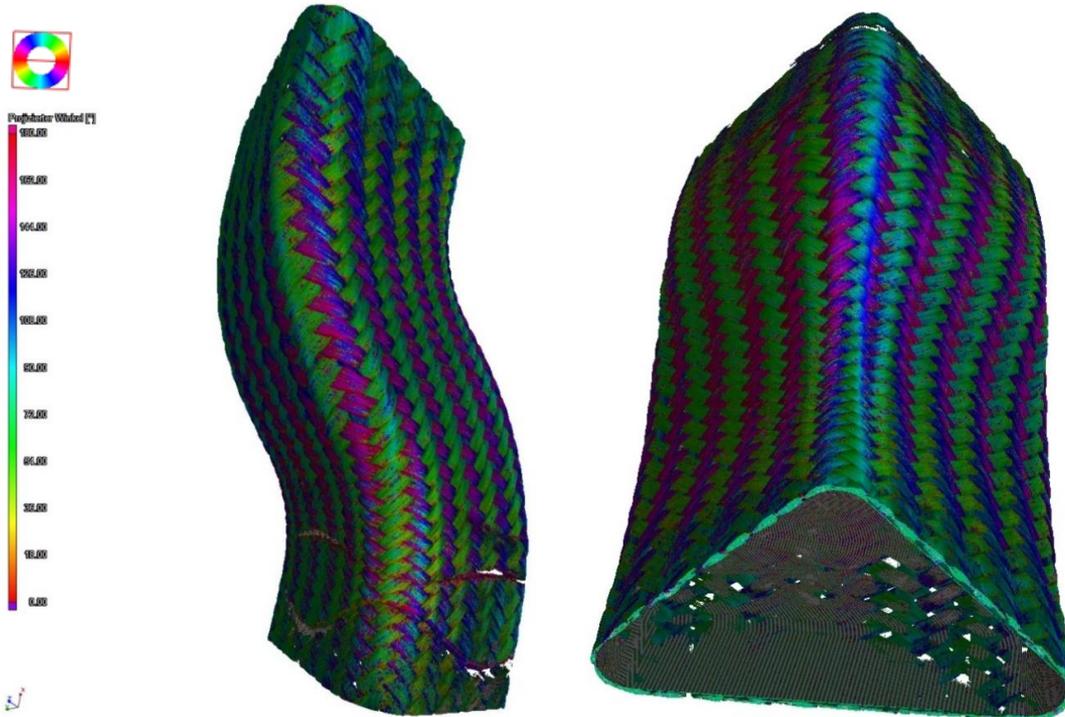
CT-scan of produced part (resolution with 40 μm)



red ROI shows analyzed area

### 3. Use of high resolution X-ray CT technology

- Verification of simulation by comparison between reality and simulation results:



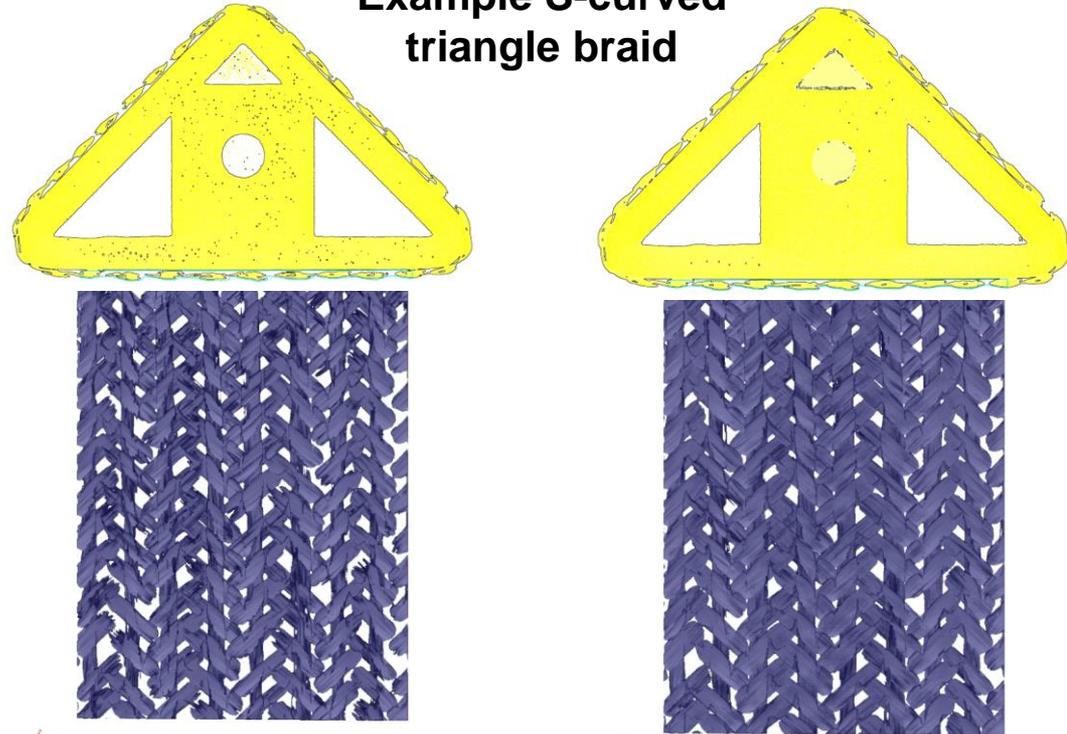
- Direct comparison of braiding angles at various “hot spots”
- Exporting fibre orientation tensor, importing and visualization of extracted orientations in FE-software LS-PrePost containing simulation model

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### 3. Use of high resolution X-ray CT technology

- Computing of permeability as important material data for infiltration simulation

#### Example S-curved triangle braid

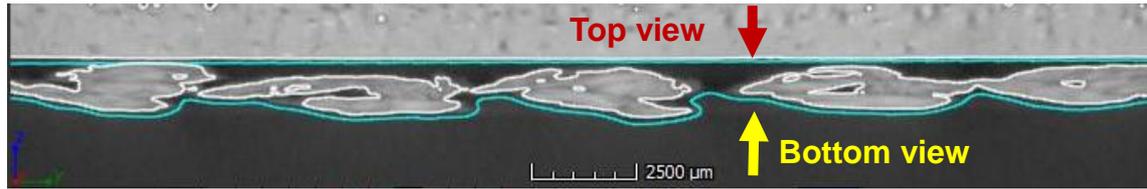


Result of the surface determination:

**“sharp”** and **“well balanced”**

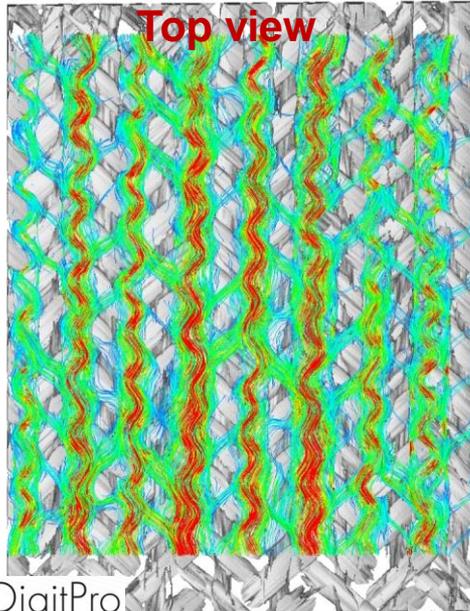
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- Computing of permeability

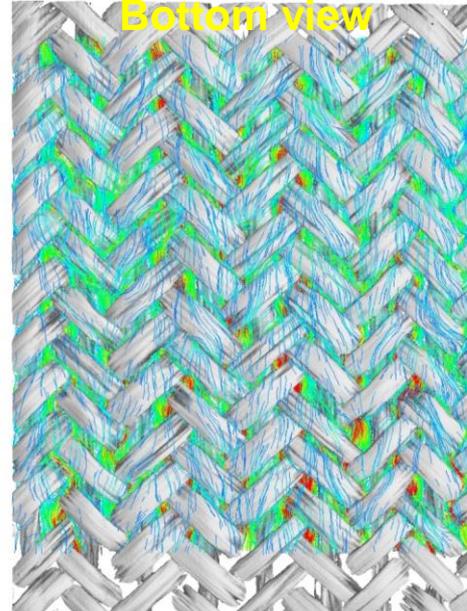


Blue lines define region of interest (ROI):  
mandrel (here mould)  
represents vacuum foil

In-plane flow:  
distinct flow in  
gaps between  
braid and mold



flow direction



In-plane flow:  
reduced flow as  
vacuum foil fits to  
the fabric  
considered by ROI

### 3. Use of high resolution X-ray CT technology

- Computing of permeability

Influence of surface detection and cell size referring permeability computation

	absolute permeability ( $10^{-9} \text{ m}^2$ )	absolute permeability ( $10^{-9} \text{ m}^2$ )
simulation cell size (grid)	48 $\mu\text{m}$	60 $\mu\text{m}$ (1,5 x Voxel)
surface detection sharp	2,03	1,99
surface detection well balanced	0,91	0,88

- large influence of surface detection
- setting grid size same as CT-resolution leads to more precise results, but requires:
  - high amount of RAM (considered area with 40 $\mu\text{m}$  exceeds 256GB), now 1TB RAM available → ongoing investigations
  - very long computation time (several hours)

- computed permeability for this example considers the fabric and the space between core and fabric.
- permeability to use for infiltration simulation for the real performed resin infusion. **ARENA2036** DigitPro

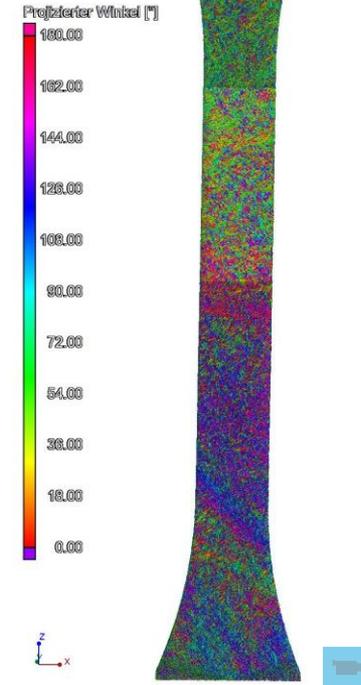
# 3. Use of high resolution X-ray CT technology

- Analyzing fibre orientation in Fibre Reinforced Plastic



tensile specimen of short fibre reinforced plastic

- Mapping of orientation tensor to FE-model

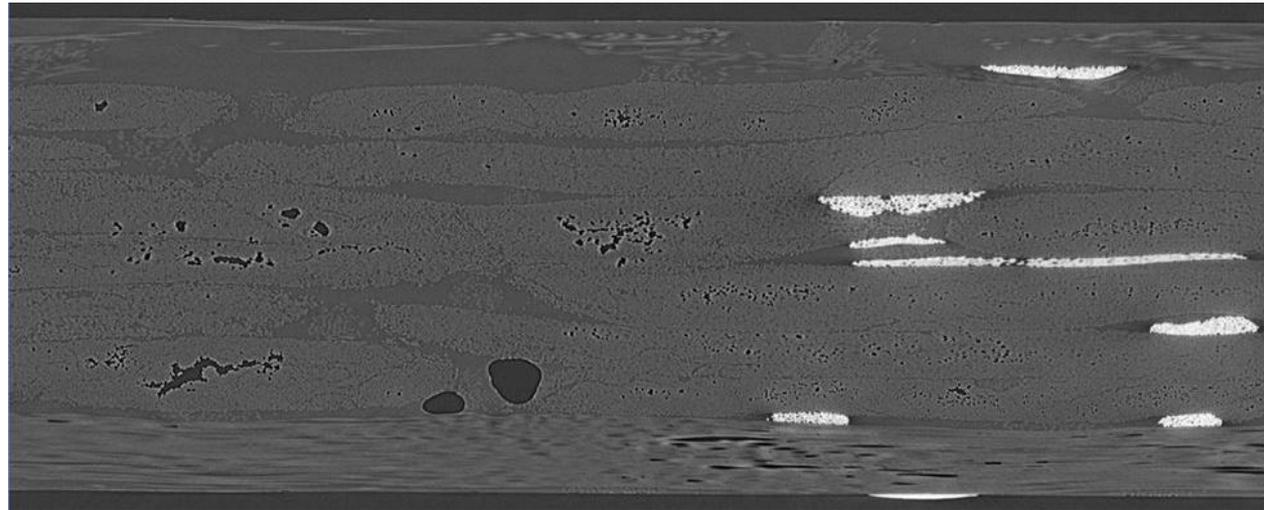
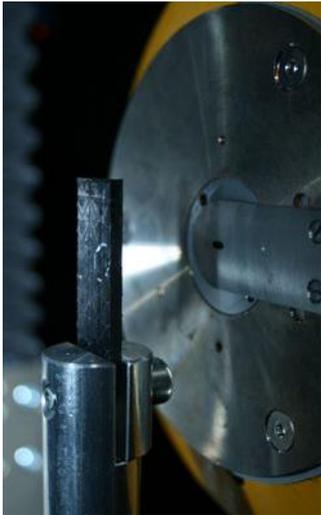


“Validation of Failure of Long Fiber Thermoplastics by Digimat Analysis Coupled to Micro Computer Tomography”, Seyfart, Finckh, Krämer, Dierig, Weidinger, 6. Fachtagung Composite Simulation, 02/2017, Fellbach

### 3. Use of high resolution X-ray CT technology

- Analyzing fibre orientation

tensile specimen of long fibre reinforced plastic: carbon rovings and epoxy matrix

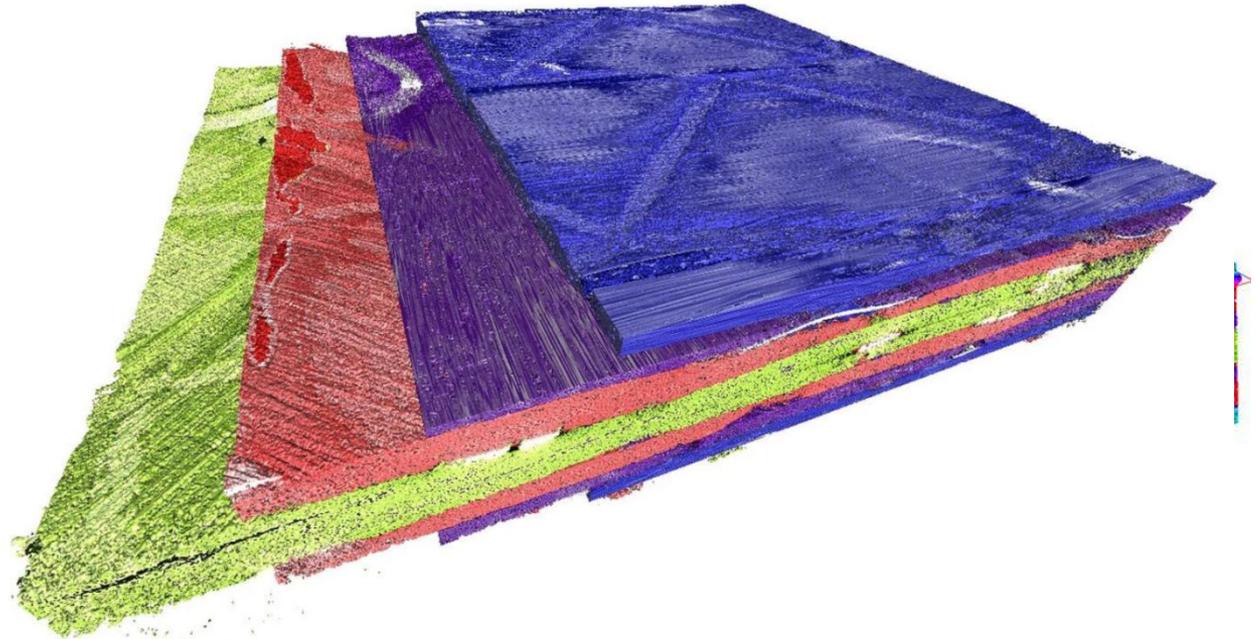
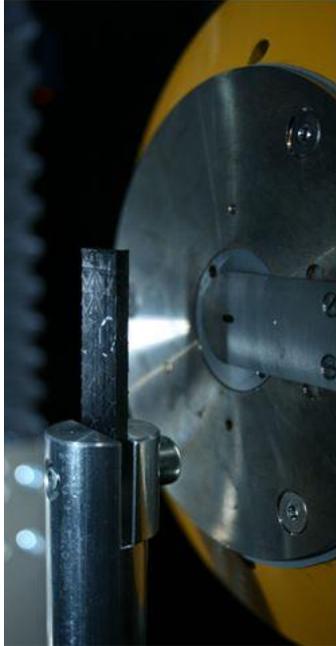


- CT-scan shows complete structure, layers, imperfections, air pockets
- Enables extraction of relevant fiber information (orientation, distribution, fiber volume content)

### 3. Use of high resolution X-ray CT technology

- Analyzing fibre orientation

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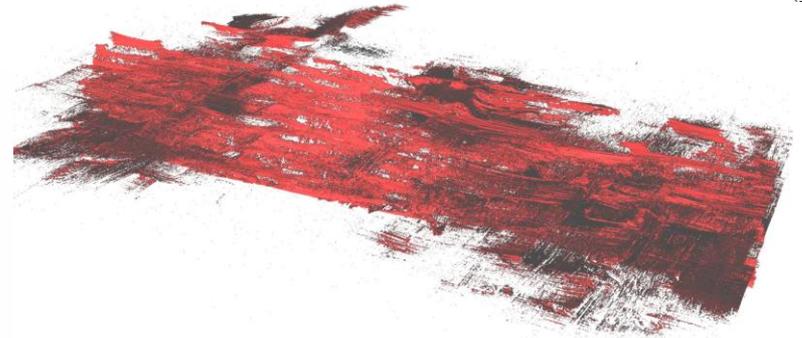
- using fibre orientation analysis of VG all 8 layers of the UD-fabric can be extracted:  $0/90/+45/-45/-45/+45/90/0^\circ$  fibre orientation.

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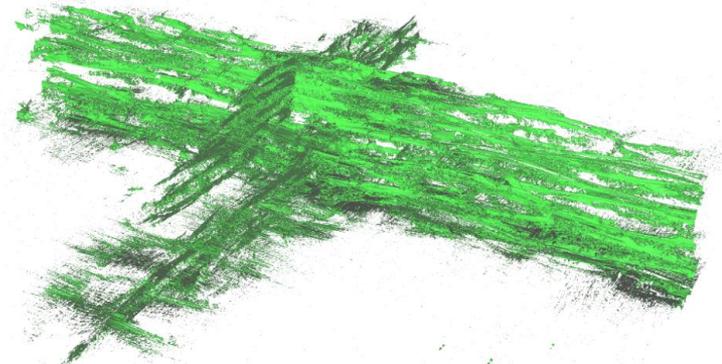
- Failure analysis for Fibre Reinforced Plastic



Plate consisting of 12 layer carbon fabric and rubber layer in the middle: damage after impact loading



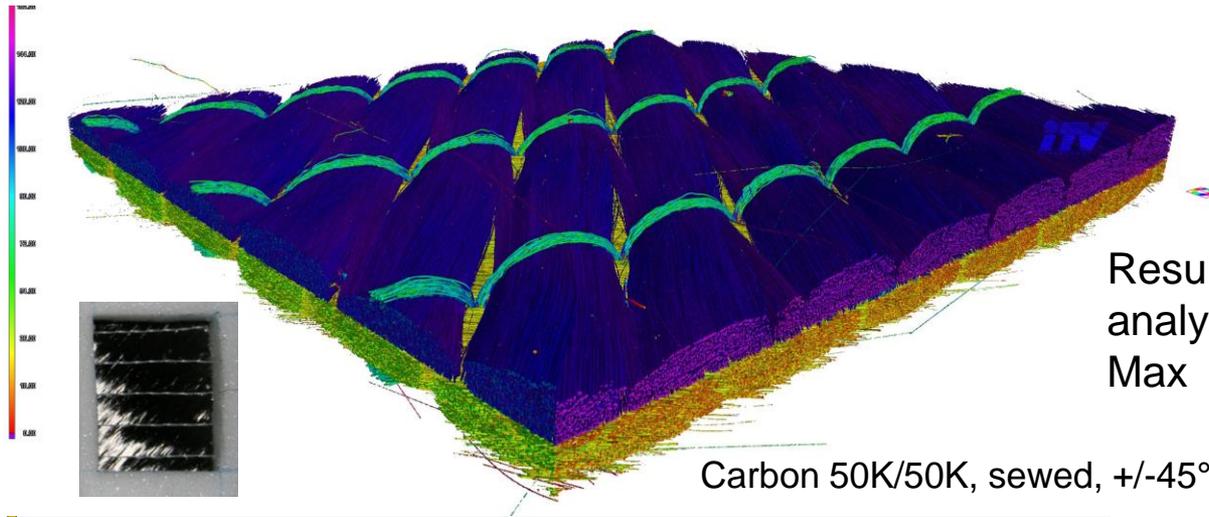
FRP- Platte without rubber layer



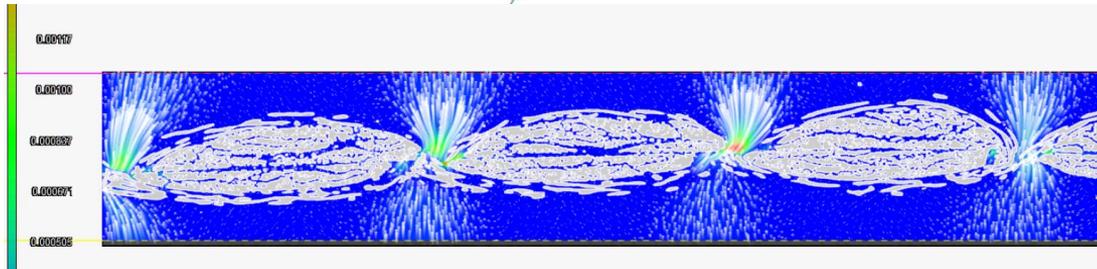
FRP- Platte with rubber layer in the middle (Kraibon)  
 (10 $\mu$ m resolution, 30mm x 24mm x 6mm)

### 3. Use of high resolution X-ray CT technology

- $\mu$ -CT example: fiber orientation analysis to non crimp fabric



Result of the fibre orientation analysis performed with VGStudio Max

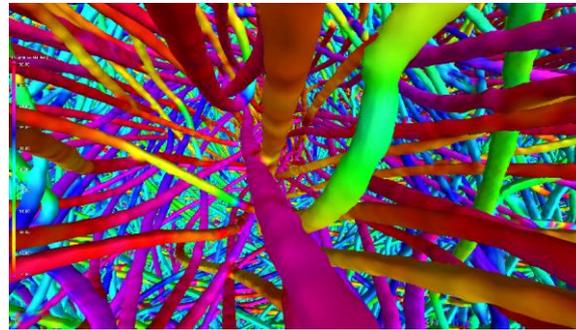
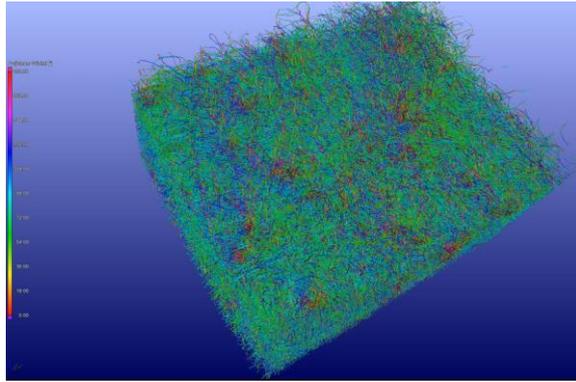


steady flow computation of an incompressible fluid through „gaps“ of „porous“ material: Result is permeability

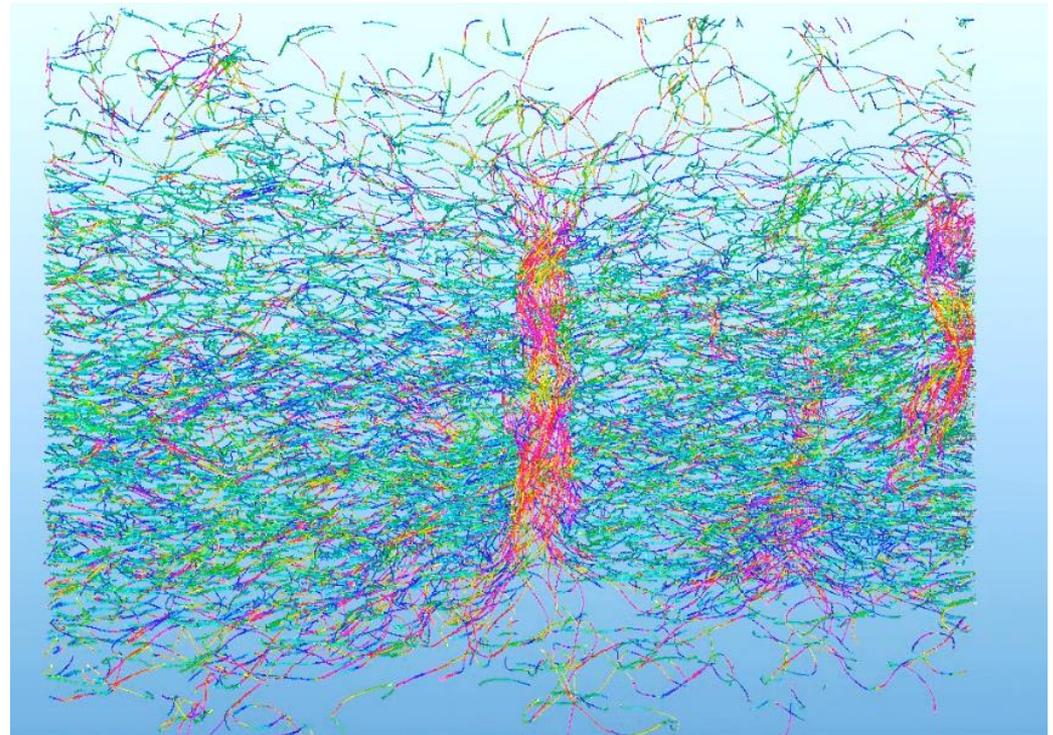


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- $\mu$ -CT example: fiber orientation analysis to 3D-CT model of non woven



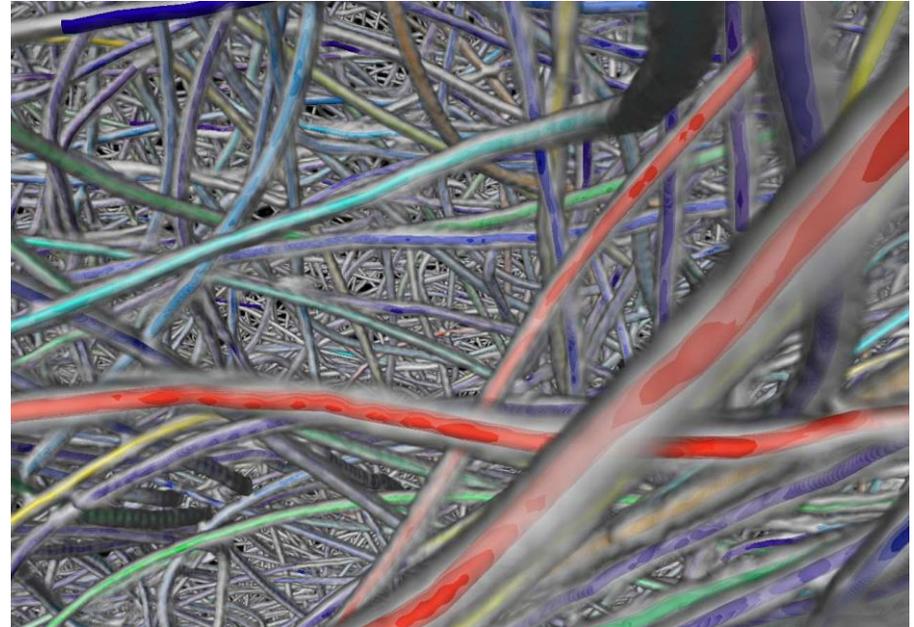
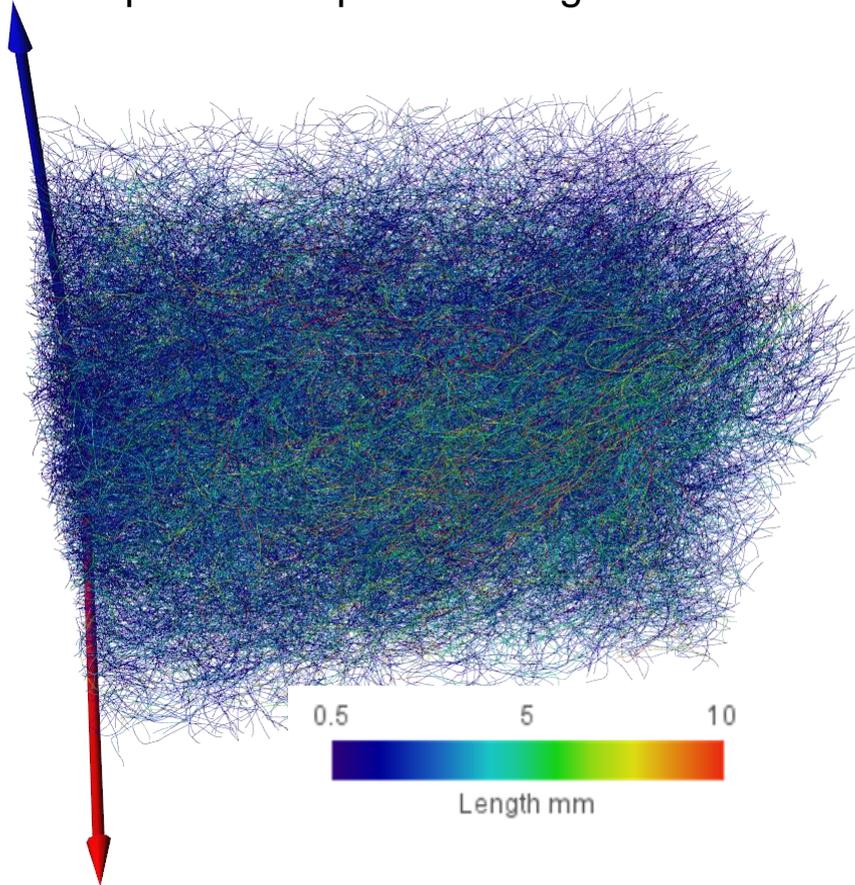
Inside the non woven



Cut through the area where a needle went into the non woven

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- $\mu$ -CT example: fiber segmentation and analysis of fiber length

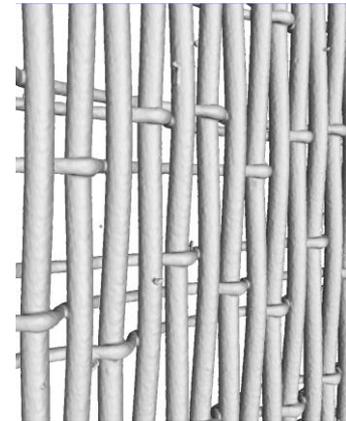
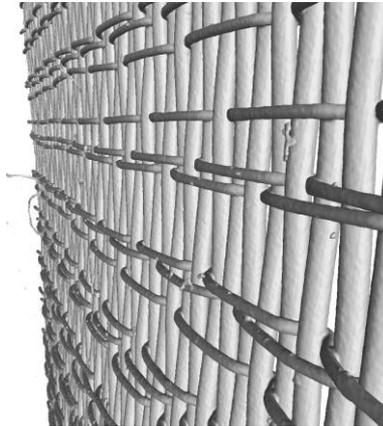
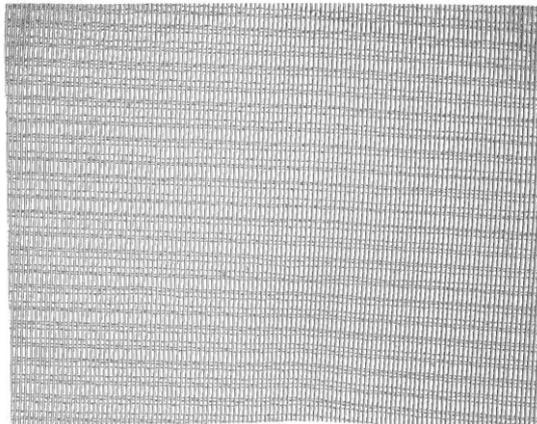


fiber segmentation and determination of fiber length  
by 3D-analyzing software Thermo Scientific Avizo

### 3. New Possibilities of $\mu$ CT getting fabric models out of 3D-CT-model

- Computation of center lines and cross-section of yarns using 3D analysis software Avizo Software for Industrial Inspection.
  - New possibilities to generate micro/meso simulation models for numerical computations (FEM, CFD) out of best quality  $\mu$ CT-3D-models.

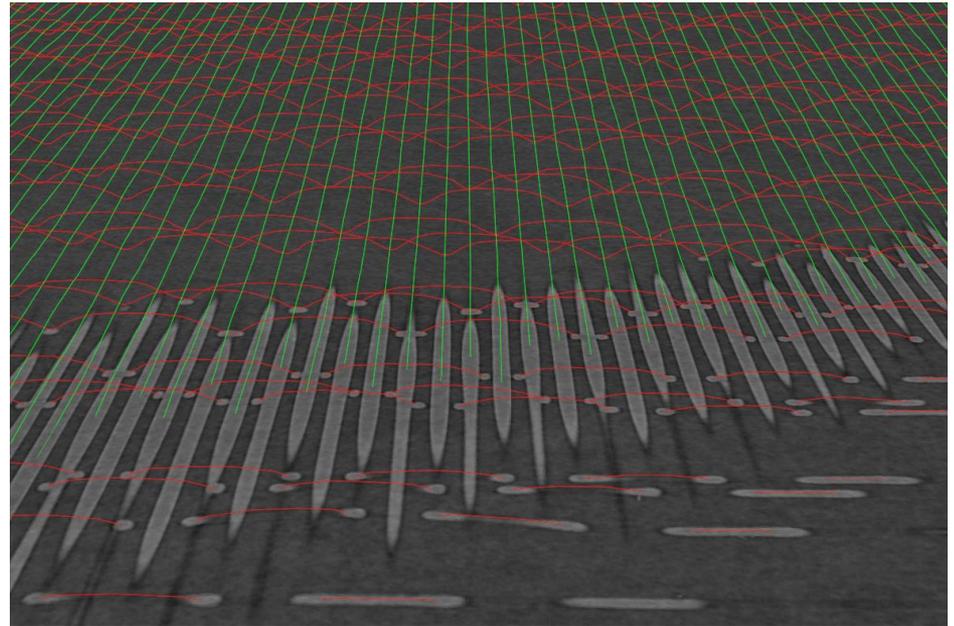
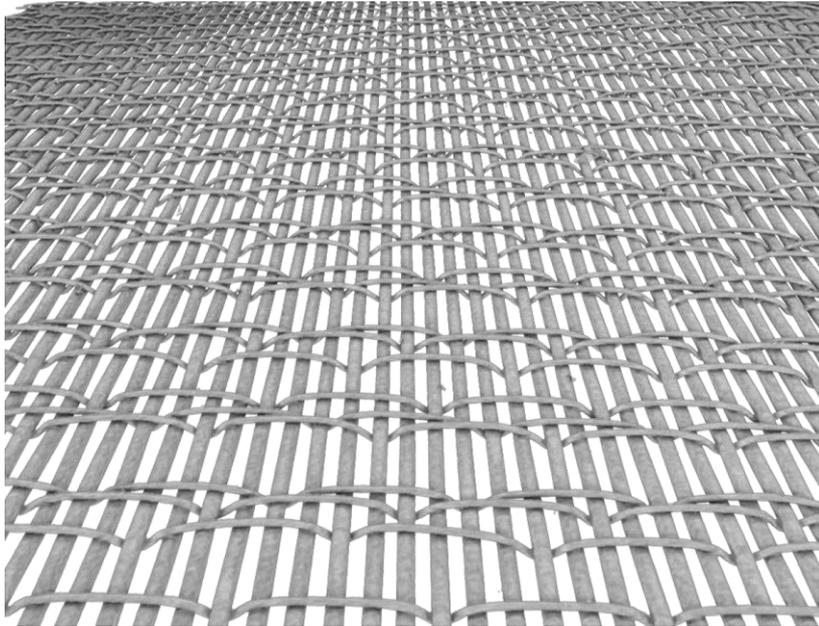
**Bilateral collaboration between DITF & Thermo Fisher Scientific (P. Westenberger):**



Fabric out of monofilaments: CT-scan 16,5 mm x 20,9 mm, resolution 7,5  $\mu$ m

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Bsp.: fabric consisting of monofilaments



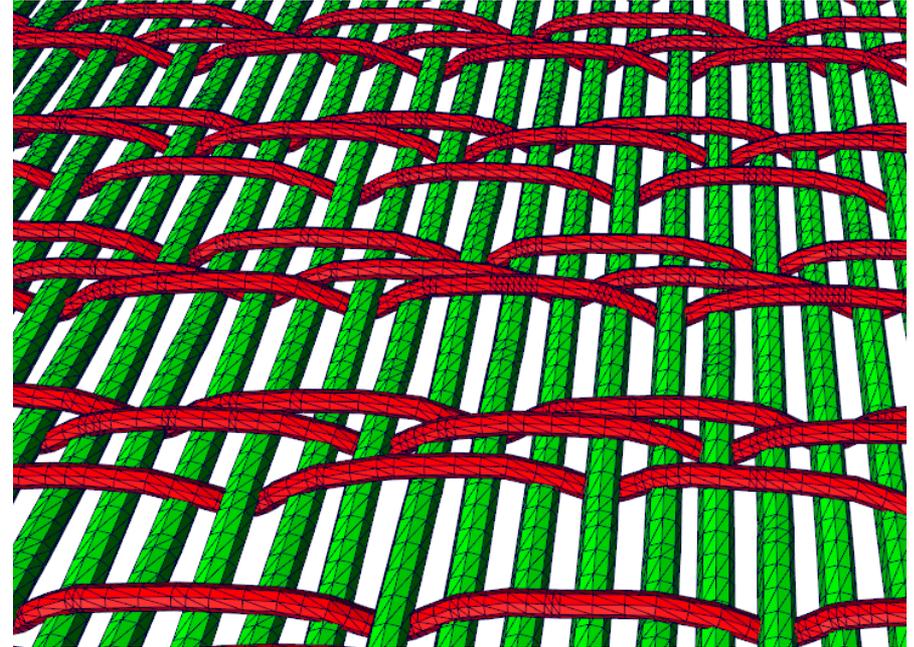
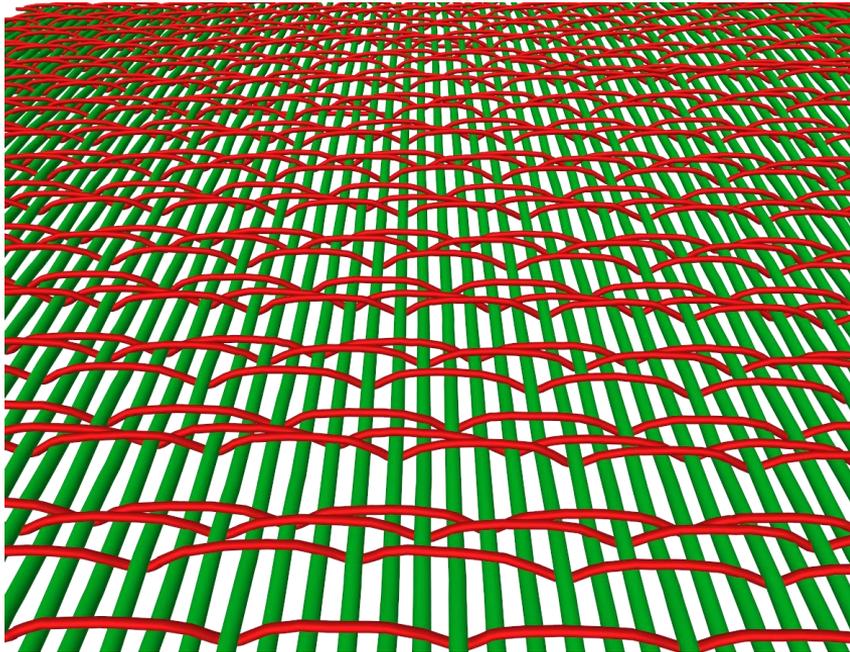
Computation of center lines and thread models using 3D analysis software **Thermo** Avizo

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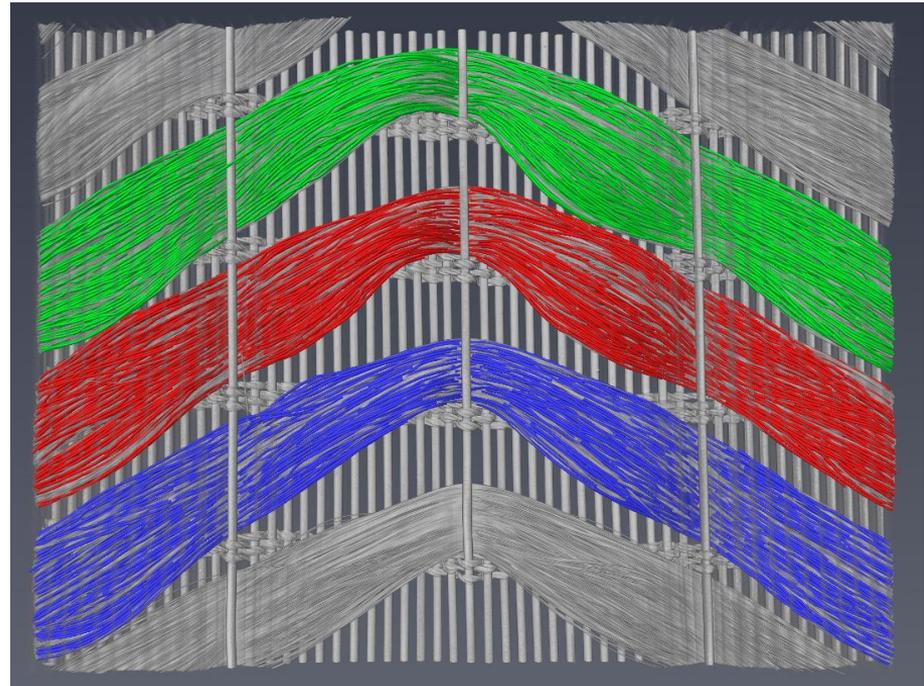
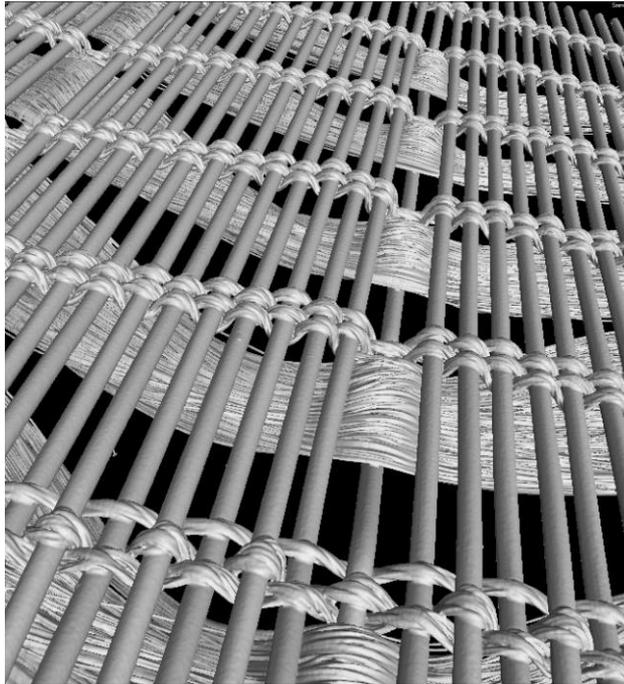
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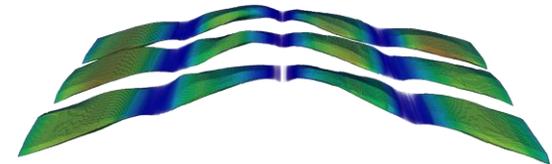
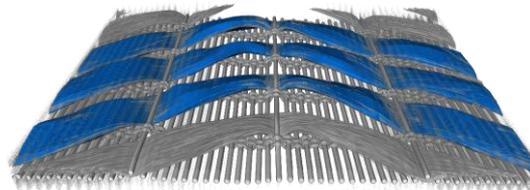
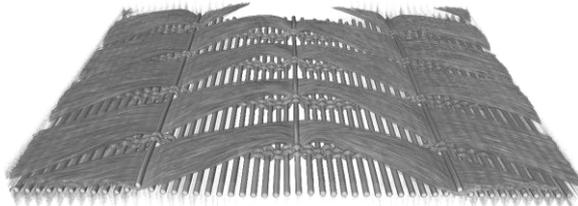
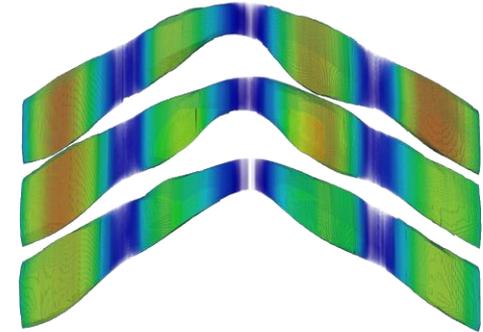
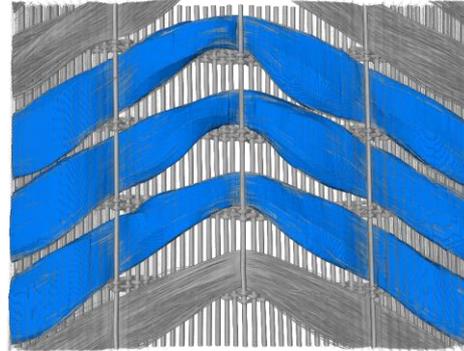
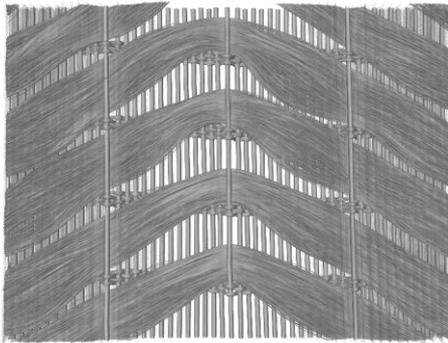
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$\mu$ CT-mode of ORW fabric

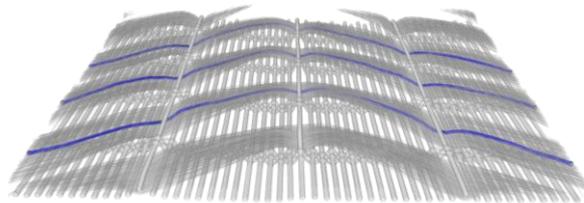
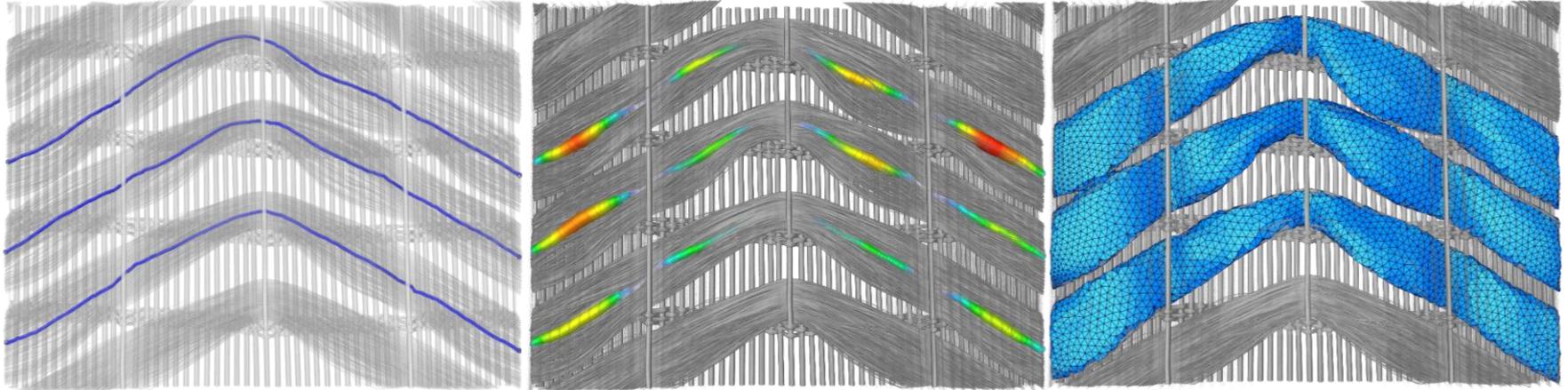
Computation of thread surface

Cross-section area  
displayed in colors

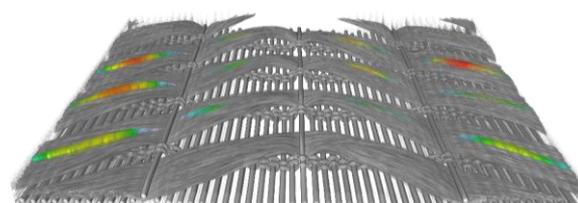
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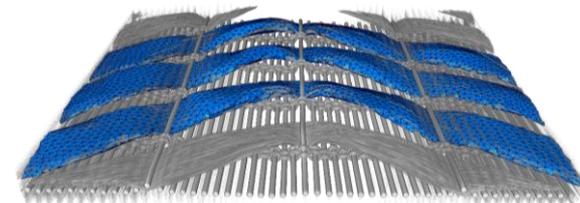
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Computed center line



Thread cross-section scaled

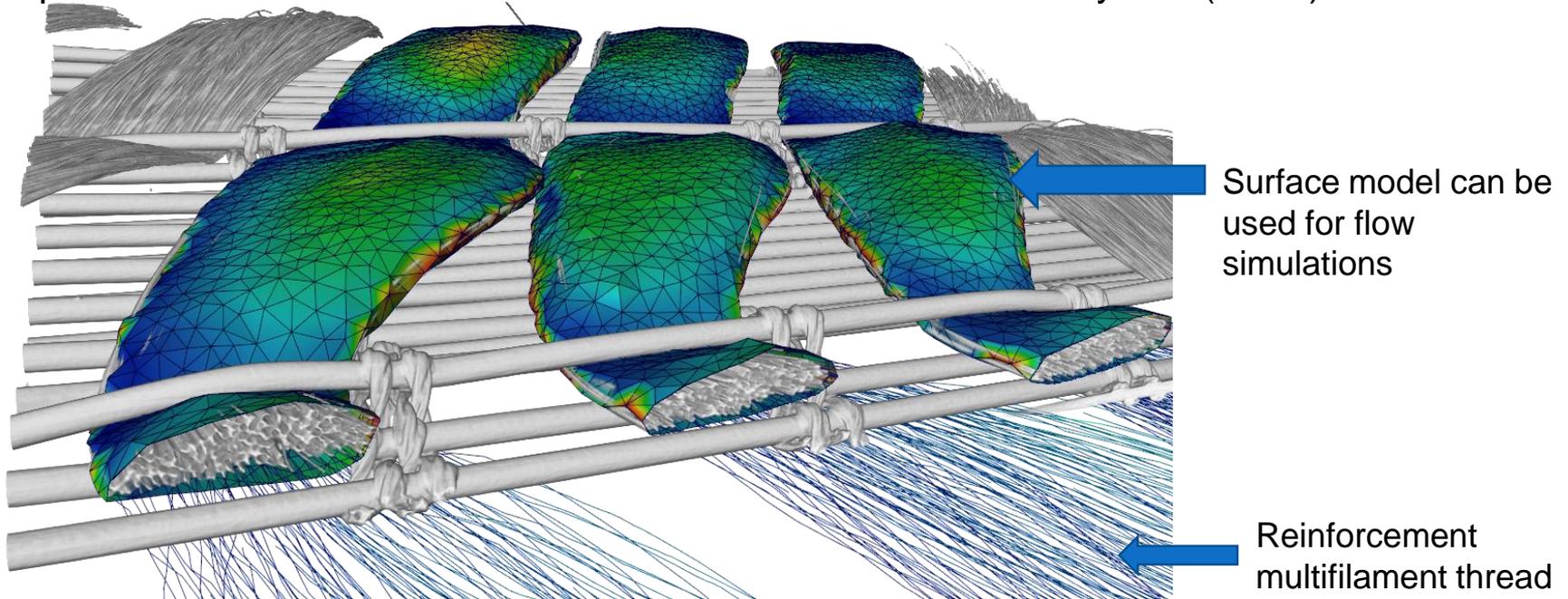


Meshed thread surface

Computation of center lines and surfaces of multifilament ORW-threads and FE-modeling using Avizo

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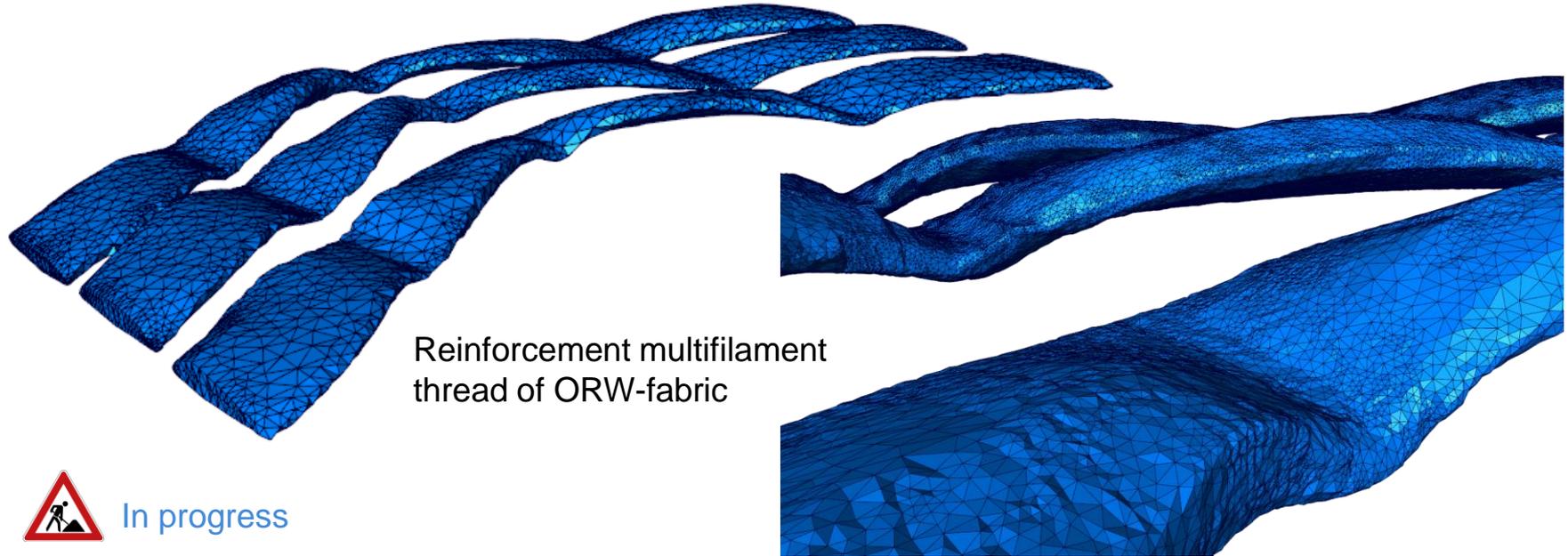
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Reinforcement multifilament  
thread of ORW-fabric



In progress

FE-model of multifilament threads meshed by tetrahedra volume elements (coarse & fine) using Avizo

## 5. New Possibilities of $\mu$ CT using new developed insitu-CT-load-testing-machine

An important field of application could not be developed until now:  
the high resolution CT analysis of loaded sample

Exact information about:

- How does the sample react under tensile, compression, bending and torsion over the whole dimensions?
  - What are the local displacements, transversal contraction from loading stage to next loading stage?  3D-strain analysis possible
  - What happens inside the sample (how does the failure start and grow)
- Load testing machine for  $\mu$ CT with highest precision and reliability required as CT scan last up to several hours, where no change in  $\mu\text{m}$  must not be caused by test device .

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## ZIM Project:

Entwicklung flexibler, hochpräziser Prüfvorrichtungen zur definierten Probenbelastung im CT ohne Qualitätsbeeinflussung hochaufgelöster  $\mu$ -CT-Scans

- Tensile
- Compression
- Bending
- Torsion ...



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- Development of a load-testing-machine without any influence to scan quality (no parts except sample are in the x-ray).
- Force sensors are exchangeable for optimal adaption to application (up to 5kN).
- Integration in for  $\mu$ CT nanotom m (GE sensing & inspecting GmbH),
- Development of Hard- and Software.
- Also useable for a Computertomograph of another company.
- Easy build in and out of  $\mu$ CT.

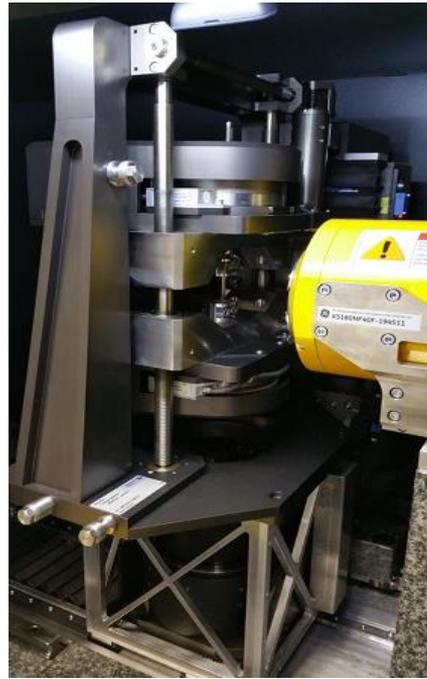
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- Extreme stiff test stand which leads to 24 kg.
- Force acts symmetrically, as one travers moves up the other down.
- Interesting area of sample remains in focus.
- Force sensor easily exchangeable (10 N up to 5 kN)
- 5kN (100N) resolution 1N (0,01N).
- Torsional sensor max. 3 Nm.
- 360° sample rotation by two indepentable driven rotation units.
- sample loading is adjusted exact by software and keeps konstant during whole long-lasting CT-scan.
- Sample loading
  - Tensile & Compression load (speed: 0,1-20  $\mu$ m/s, clamping length  $l_{o_{max}}$ : 100mm, displacement 50mm at  $l_{o_{50mm}}$ )
  - Torsion (max. 360°)
  - Bending
  - Shearing (test device in development)

**Developed prototyp of insitu-CT-load-testing-machine**

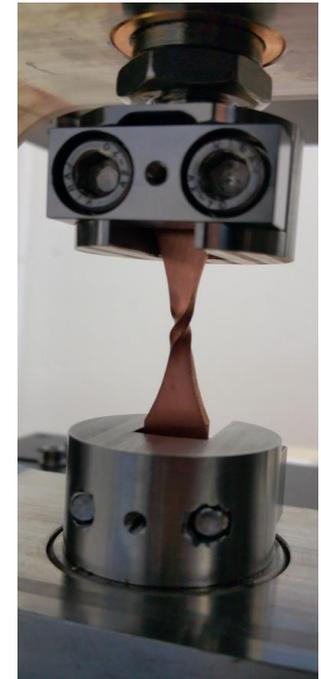
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Built in and out the testing machine in the  $\mu$ CT using developed lifting device



Tensile load

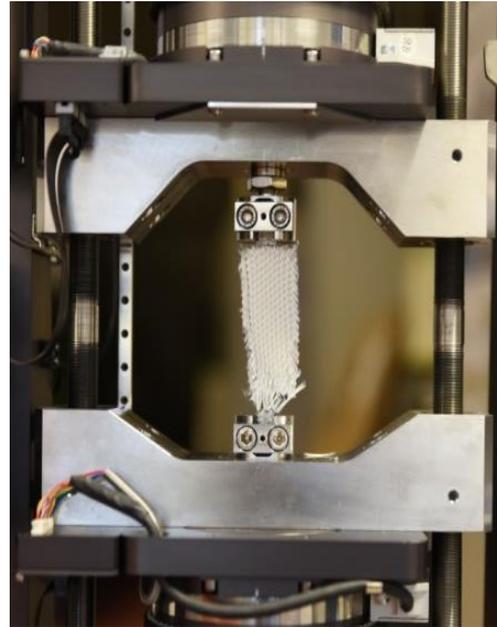


Torsional load

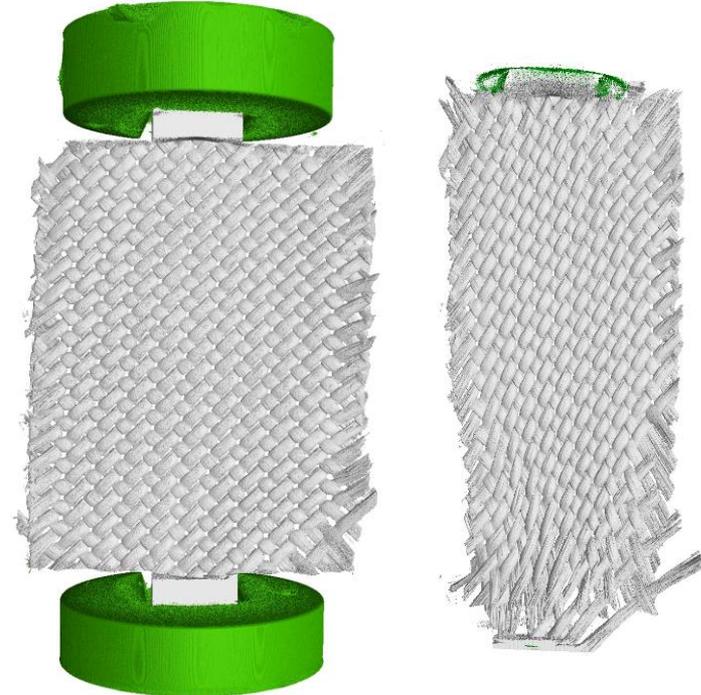
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## CT-Analysis of a woven fabric loaded at different tensile stages

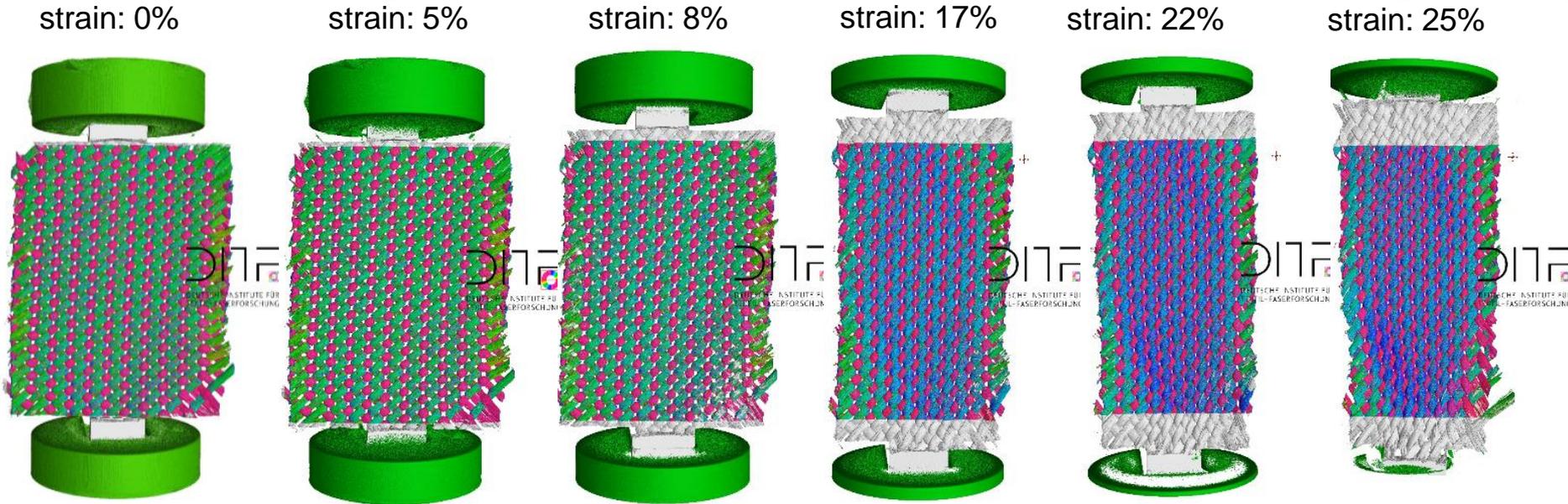
- 8 CT-Scans: elongation  
0, 2, 5, 8, 13, 17, 22, 25%
- Fabric orientation:  $\pm 45^\circ$
- Sample width: 40 mm
- Clamping width: 10 mm
- Clamping length: 62 mm



ORW Woven fabric out of  
glassfibre at 25% strain



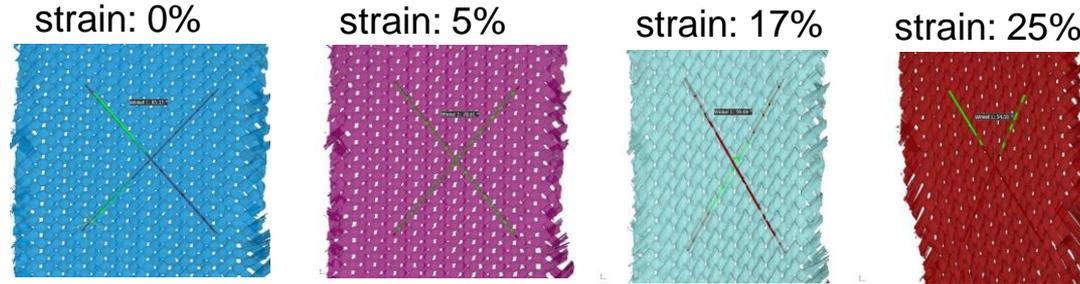
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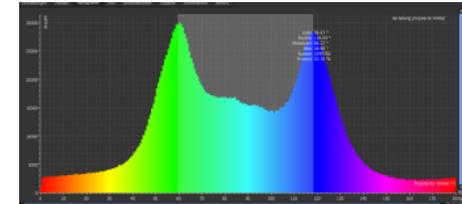
**CT-Analysis of an Open Reed Woven (ORW)-fabric out of glasfiber rovings loaded at different tensile stages, color show fibre orientation angle**

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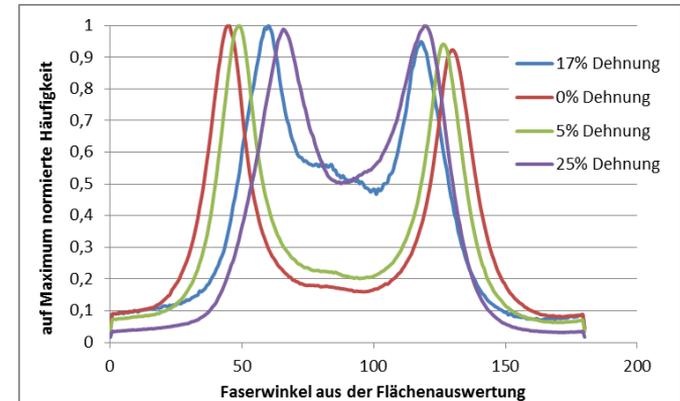
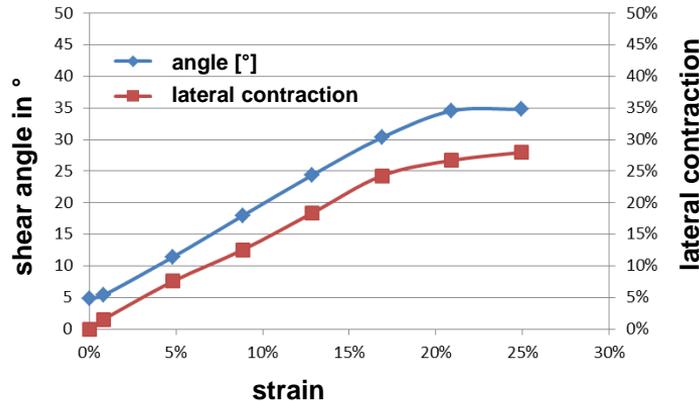
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Histogramm of fibre angle distribution as an result of fiber orientation analysis

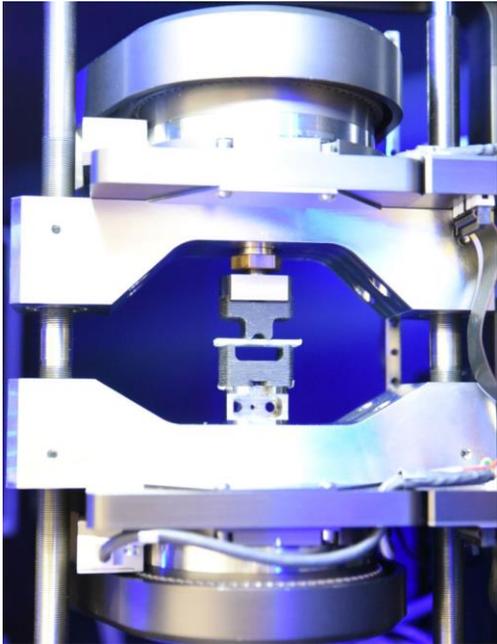


shear angle and lateral contraction over strain

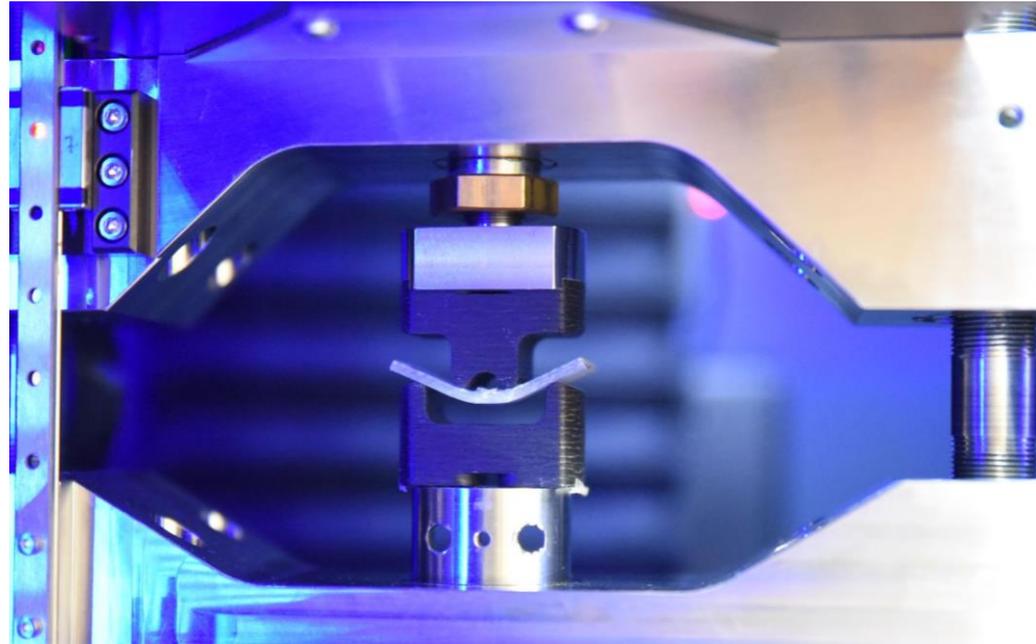


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4-point bending test with composite made of 3 layers ORW-woven fabric

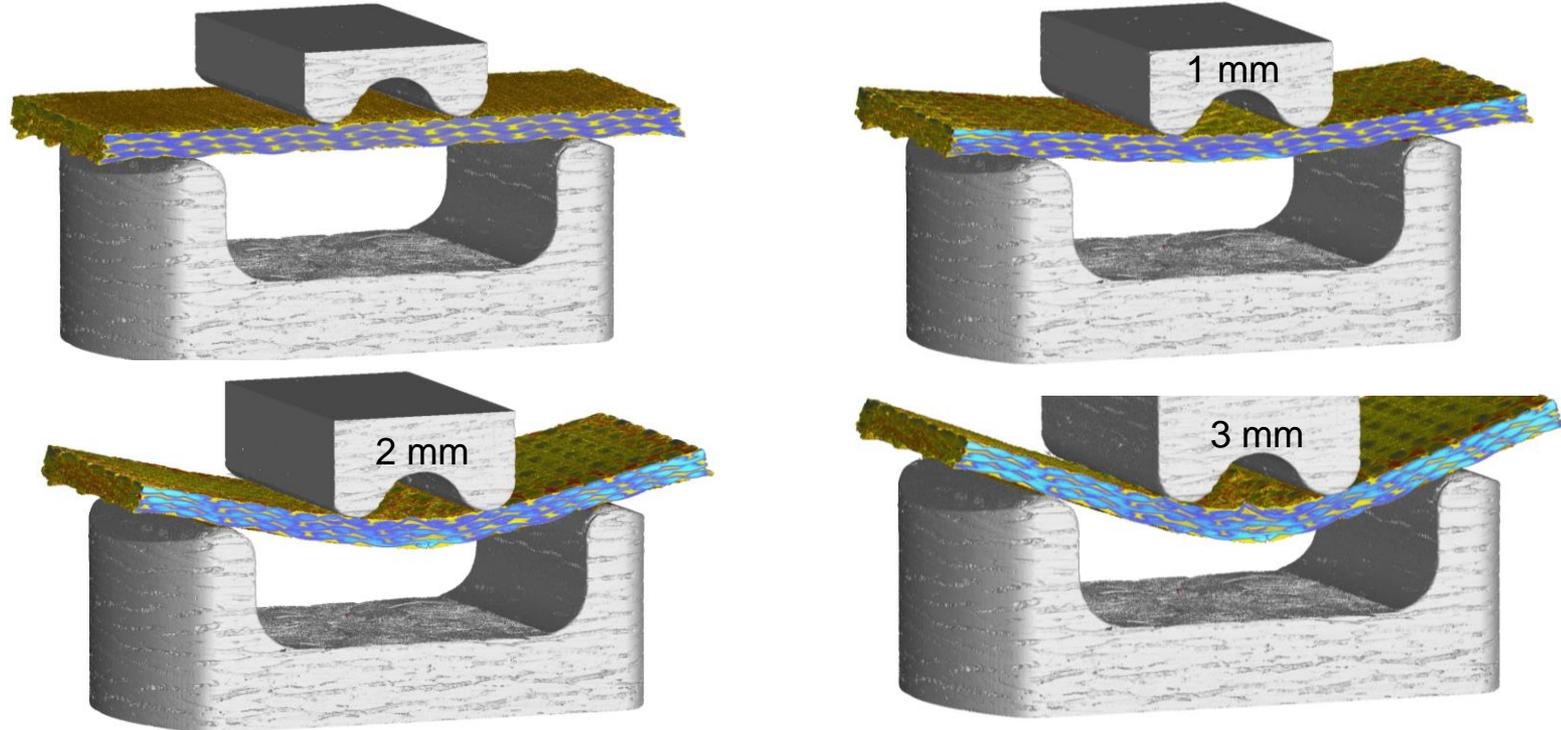


CT-Scan of unloaded composite



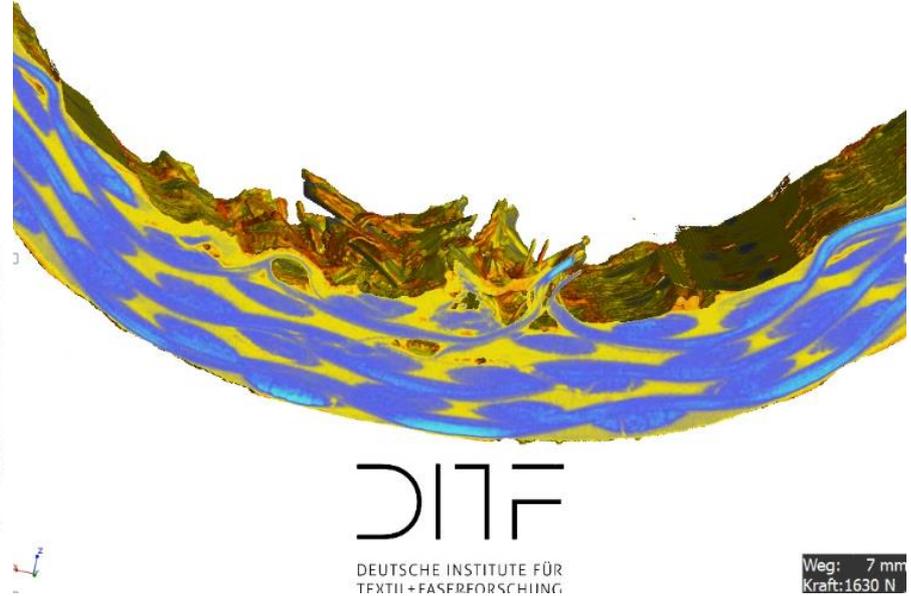
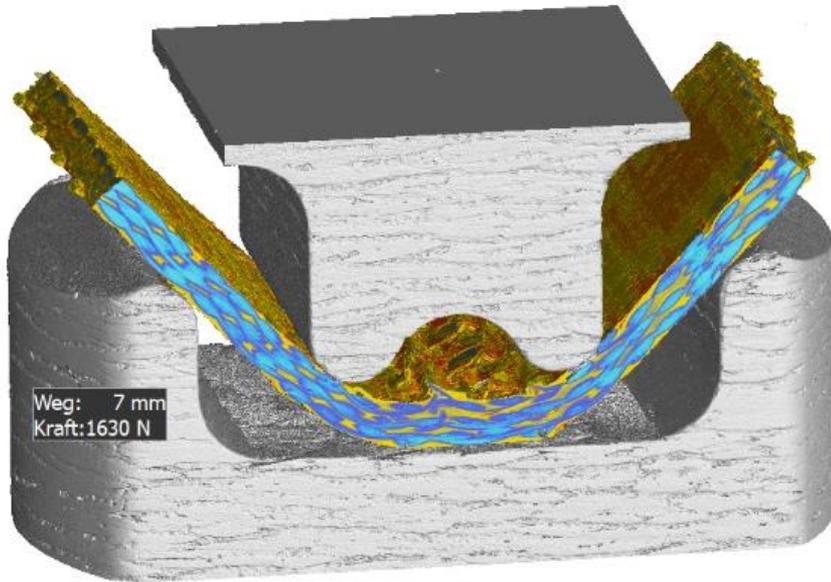
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Analysis of four  $\mu$ CT-Scans: unloaded and at 1-3mm deflection of the sample

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