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# A novel methodology to measure the transverse Poisson's ratio in the elastic and plastic regions for composite materials

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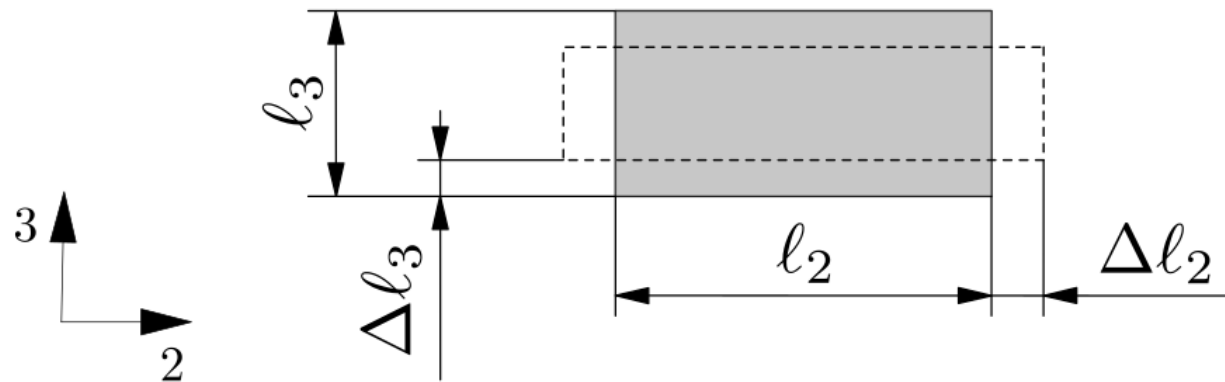
# Introduction 01

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➤ What is the transverse Poisson's ratio ( $\nu_{23}$ )?

- ❑ The transverse Poisson's ratio is the negative quotient of the out-of-plane transverse strain ( $\epsilon_{33}$ ) to the applied in-plane transverse strain ( $\epsilon_{22}$ ):

$$\nu_{23} = -\frac{\epsilon_{33}}{\epsilon_{22}}$$

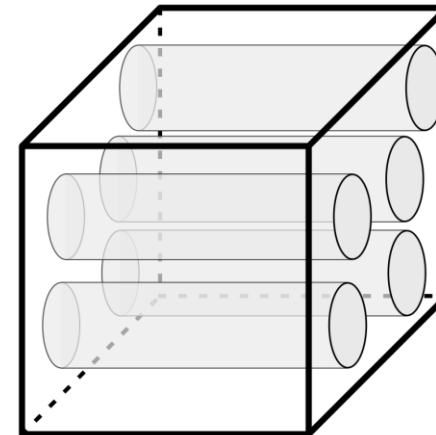
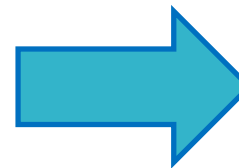


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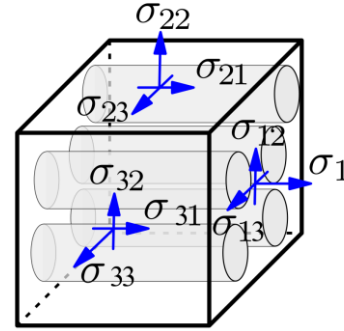
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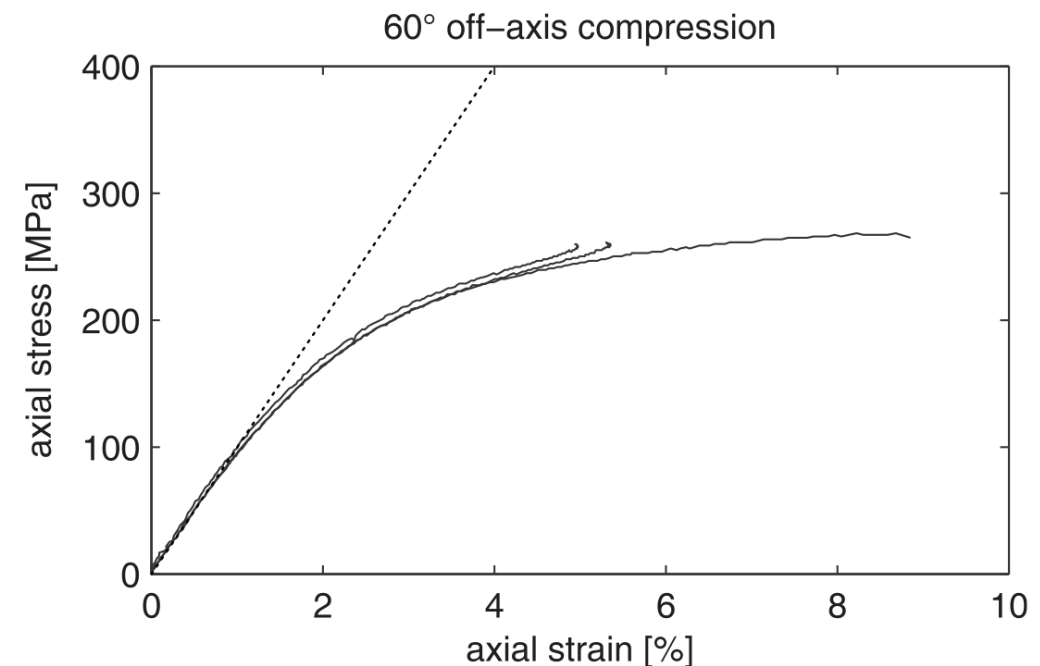
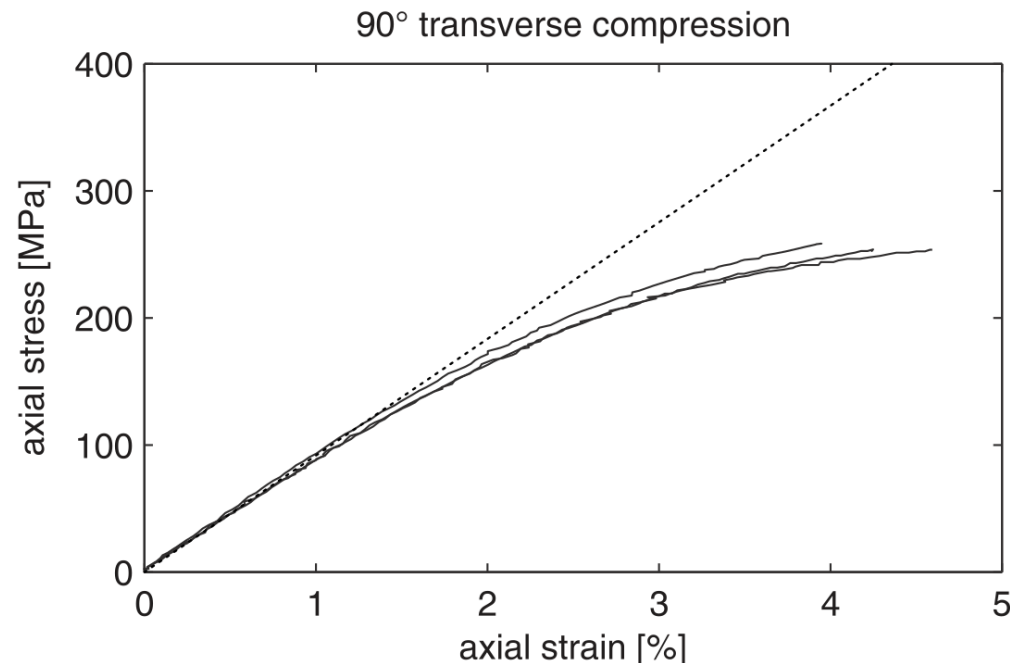
$\nu_{12}$ : Longitudinal Poisson's ratio

$\nu_{23}$ : Transverse Poisson's ratio

$$\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^e = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{E_{11}} & \frac{-\nu_{12}}{E_{11}} & \frac{-\nu_{12}}{E_{11}} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{-\nu_{12}}{E_{11}} & \frac{1}{E_{22}} & \frac{-\nu_{23}}{E_{22}} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{-\nu_{12}}{E_{11}} & \frac{-\nu_{23}}{E_{22}} & \frac{1}{E_{22}} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{2(1+\nu_{23})}{E_{22}} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{G_{12}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{G_{12}} \end{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\sigma}$$

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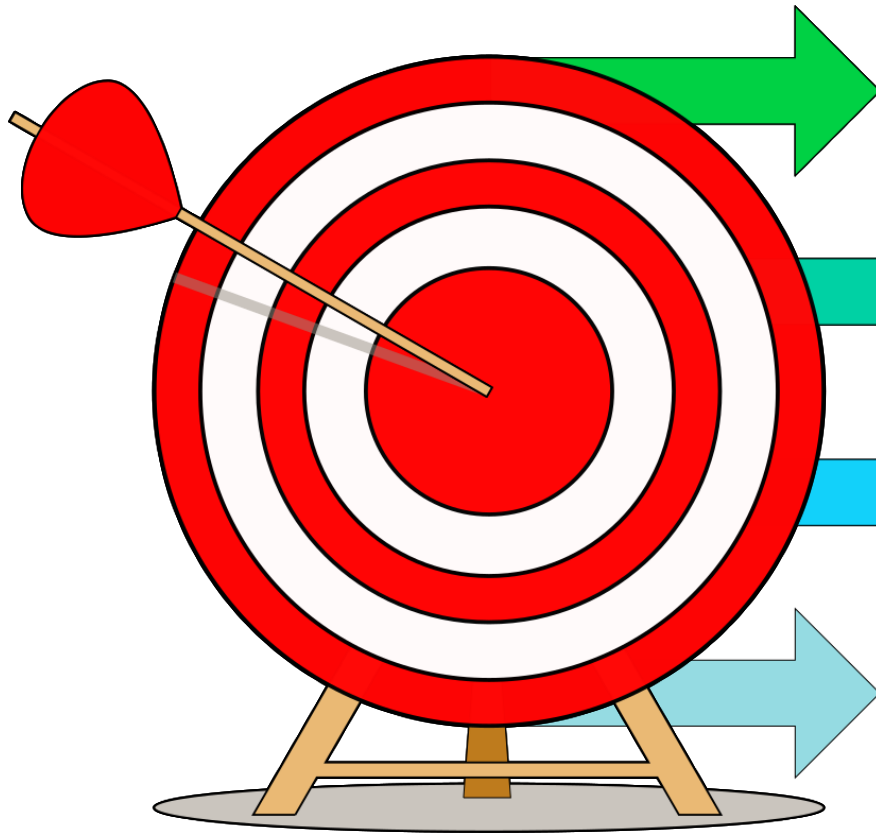
- Why is the plastic transverse Poisson's ratio ( $\nu_{23}^p$ ) crucial?
  - ❑ FRPs show nonlinear response under certain loading conditions, such as compressive or shear loading states in the directions governed by the matrix.
  - ❑ The evolution of the plastic strains is governed by the plastic transverse Poisson's ratio ( $\nu_{23}^p$ ).



Images extracted from Koerber, H., Xavier, J., & Camanho, P. P. (2010). High strain rate characterisation of unidirectional carbon-epoxy IM7-8552 in transverse compression and in-plane shear using digital image correlation. *Mechanics of Materials*, 42(11), 1004-1019.

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➤ Main objectives:



❑ Measure the elastic transverse Poisson's ratio.

❑ Measure the plastic transverse Poisson's ratio.

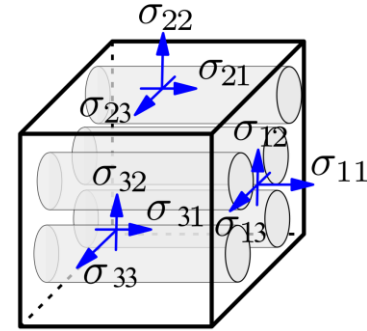
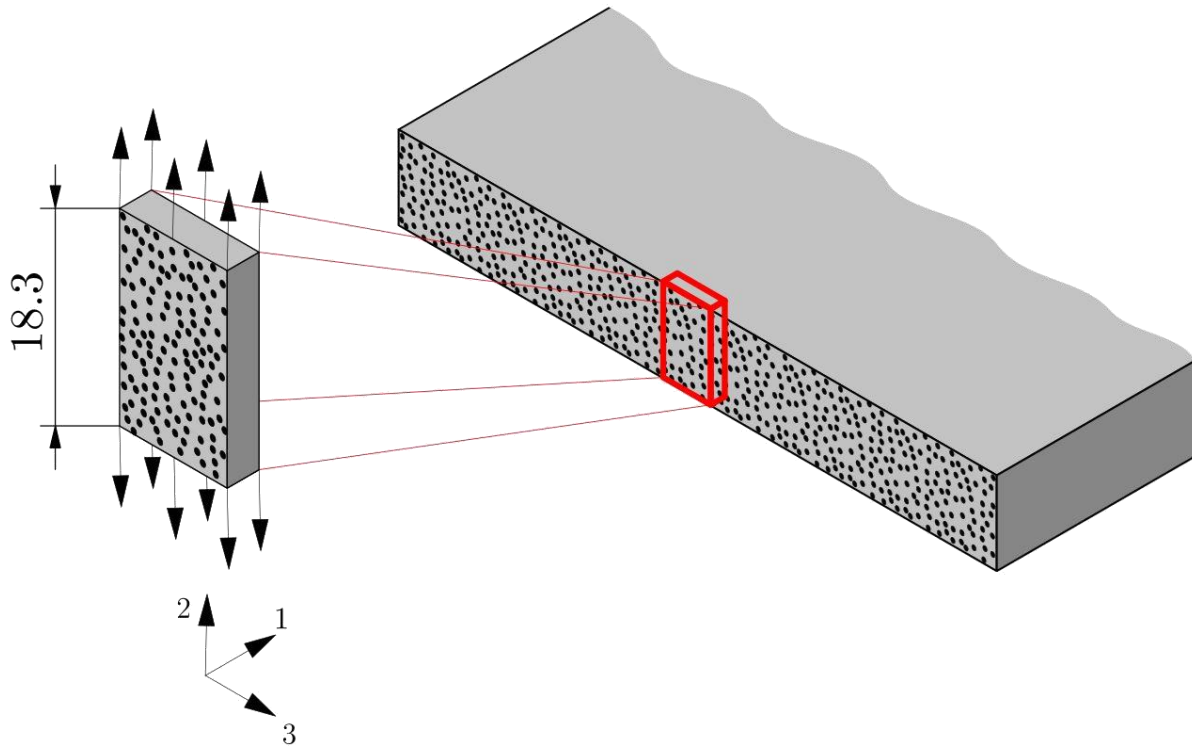
❑ Define a simple test set-up.

❑ No increase the commonly test matrix used in the characterisation of FRPs.

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➤ How is the transverse Poisson's ratio measured in the literature?

❑ Through-the-thickness test:



- Specimen length is limited to panel thickness. For example, Khaled *et al.* used a unidirectional laminate with 96 plies.
- Curing thick laminates can lead to significant residual stresses which can cause delamination and residual shape distortions.
- Specific grips are required to transfer the load from the hydraulic grip into the specimen.
- It is not the standard test in the commonly used test matrix, a specific panel must be then manufactured.



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  - Ultrasonic wave propagation and mechanical tests:
    - I. The elastic modules ( $E_{11}$ ,  $E_{22}$  and  $G_{12}$ ) are obtained from uniaxial tests.
    - II. Several ultrasonic pulse transmission tests are performed at different directions and the components of the stiffness tensor are calculated as

$$C_{ijkl} = \rho \dot{u}_{i,l}^2$$

where  $C_{ijkl}$  are components of the stiffness tensor,  $\rho$  is the apparent mass density and  $\dot{u}_{i,l}$  is the ultrasonic phase velocity.

- III. Transverse Poisson's ratio is estimated from the stiffness tensor.

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## ➤ How is Poisson's ratio measured in the literature?

### □ Ultrasonic wave propagation and mechanical tests:

- Six test are required:
  - Three ultrasonic wave propagation tests.
  - Three uniaxial tests.
- Ultrasonic-mechanical tests leads to significant errors in the estimation of the longitudinal and transverse Poisson's ratios.
- The plastic Poisson's ratios cannot be estimated.

The background features a panoramic view of Girona, Spain, with the Girona Cathedral (Catedral de Girona) as the central focus. The image is overlaid with several teal-colored rectangular blocks of varying sizes and a semi-transparent teal filter. A vertical white line is positioned to the right of the main text.

# Methodology 02

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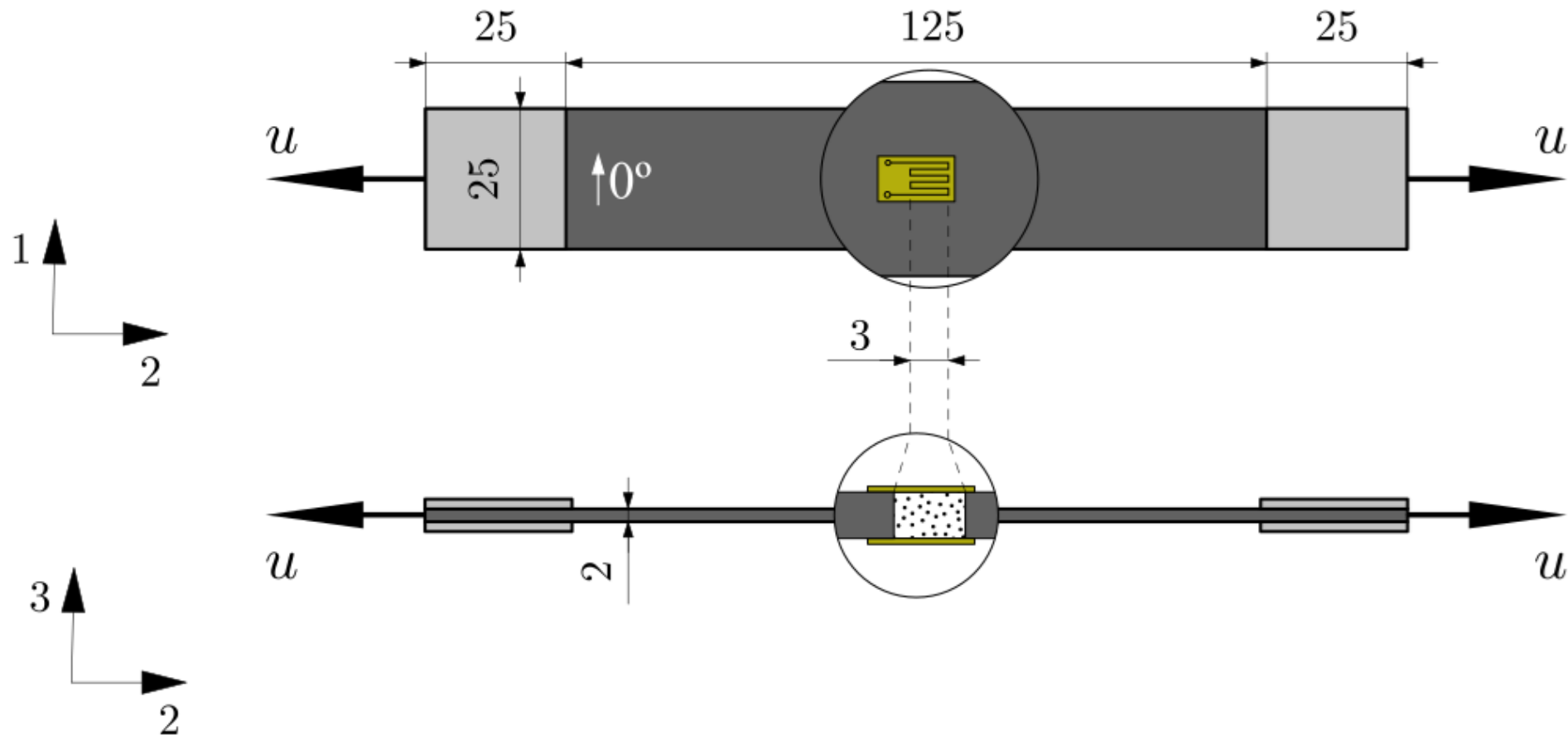
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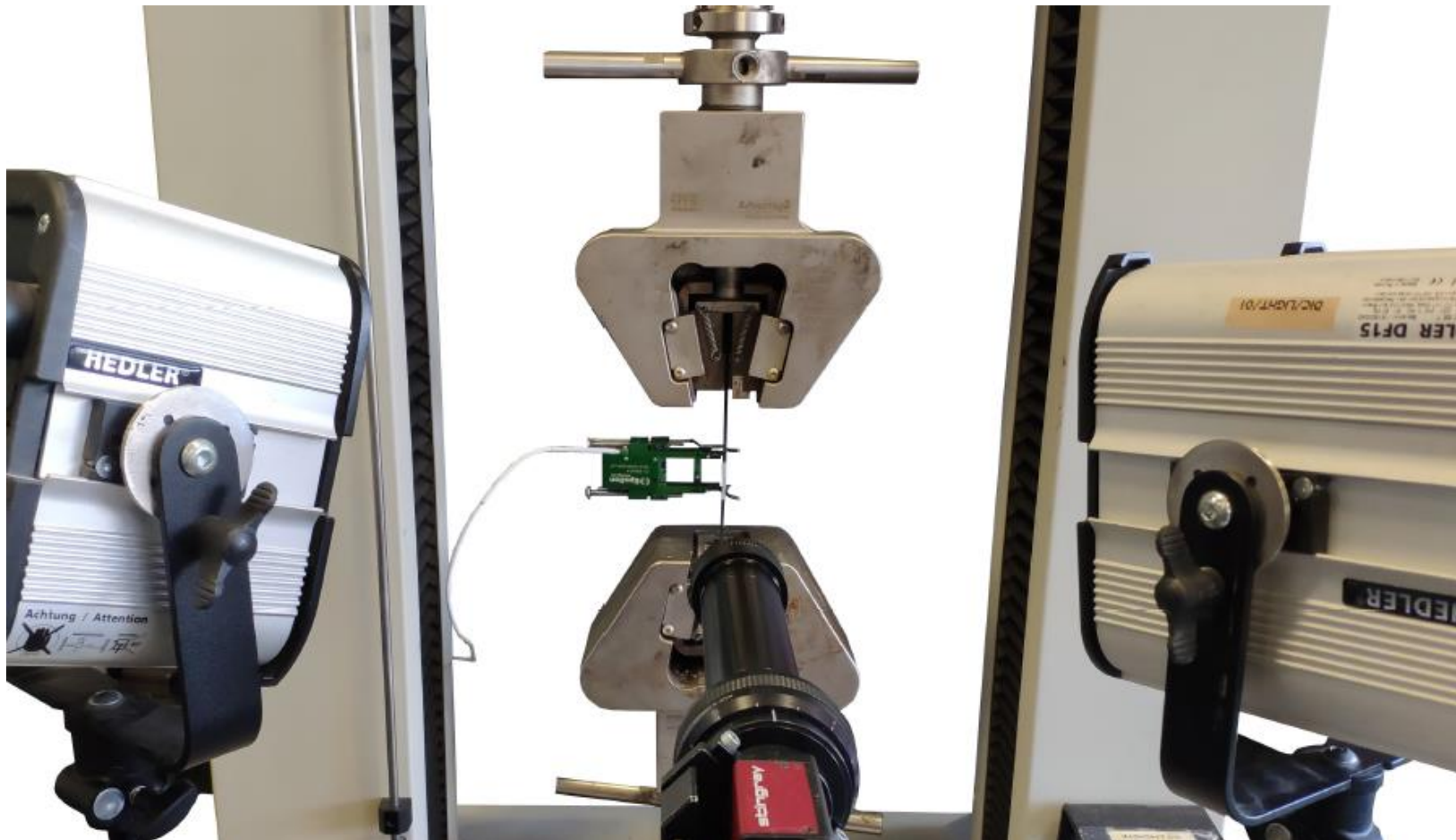
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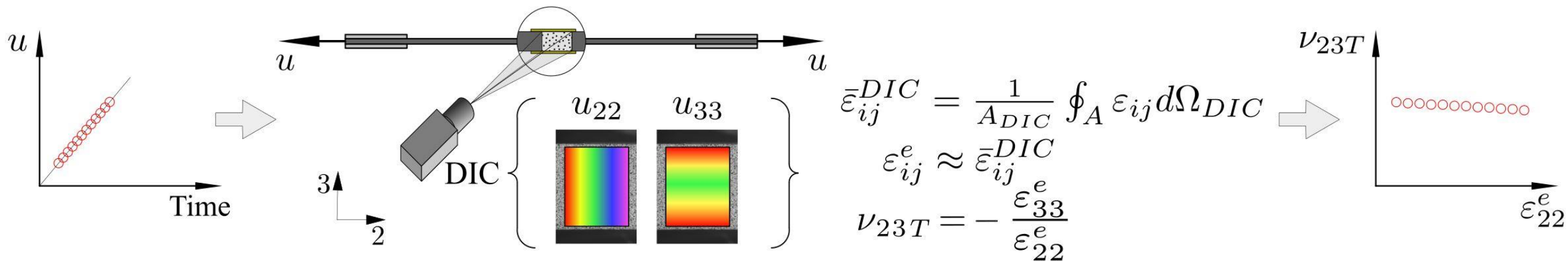
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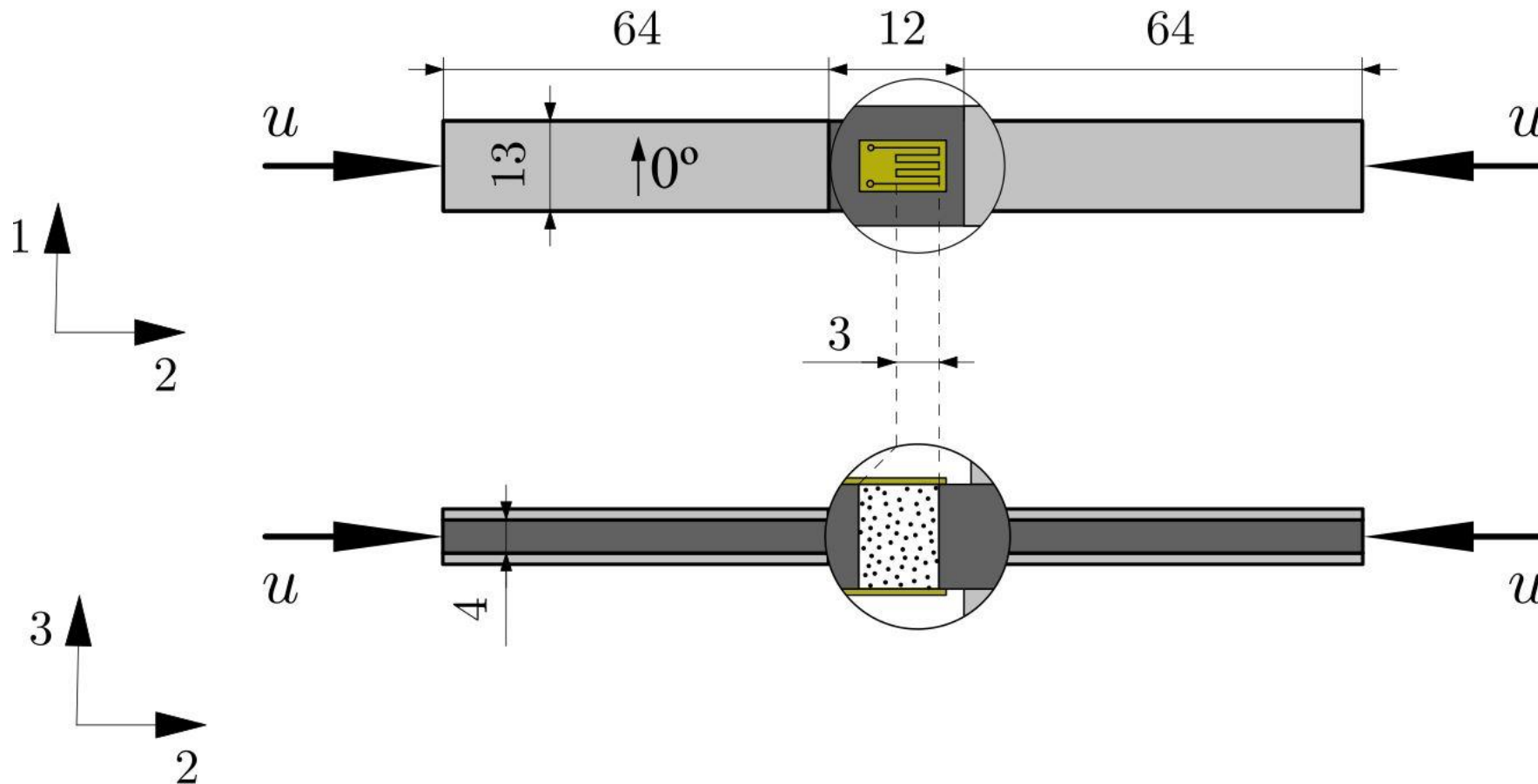
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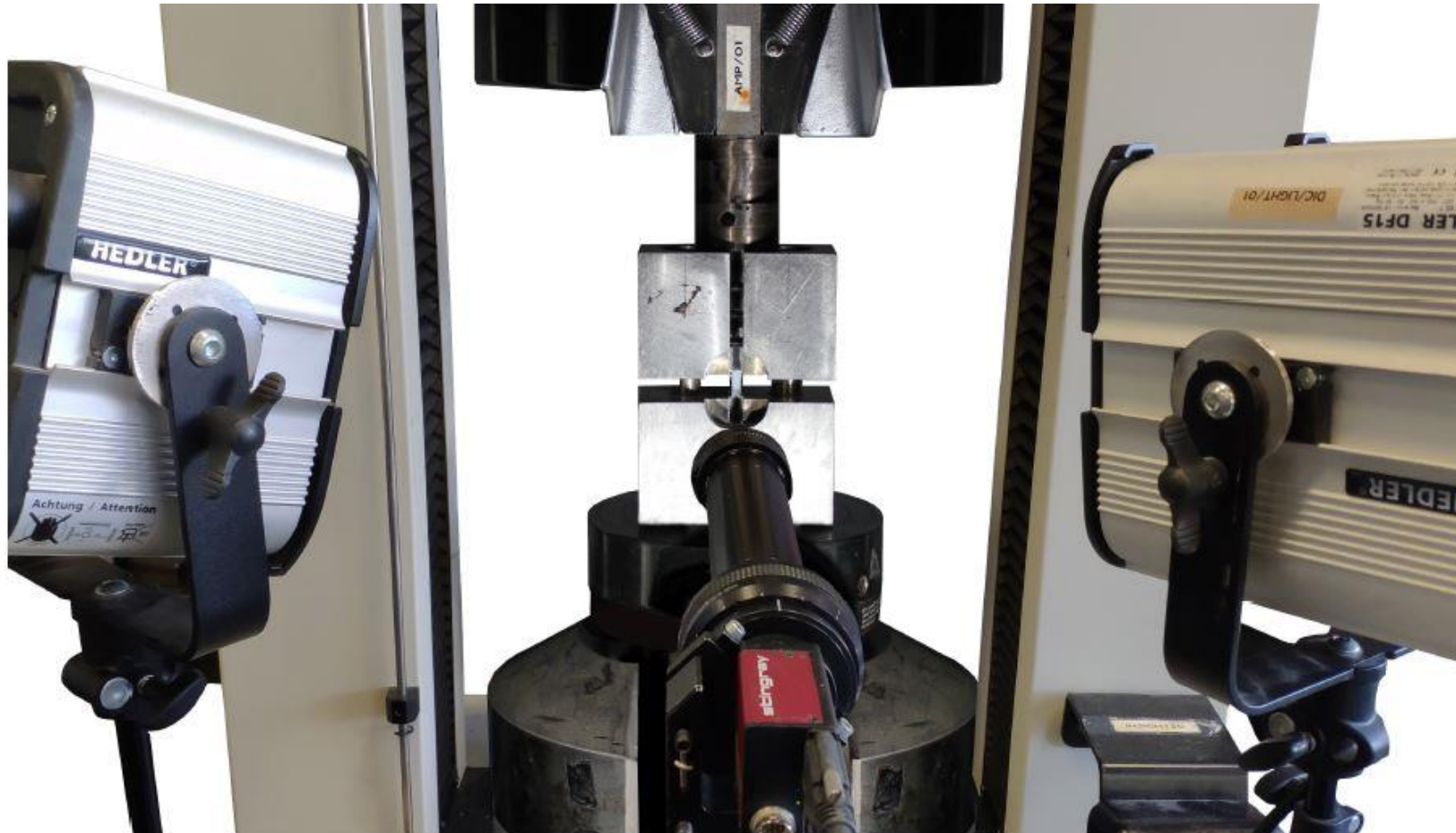
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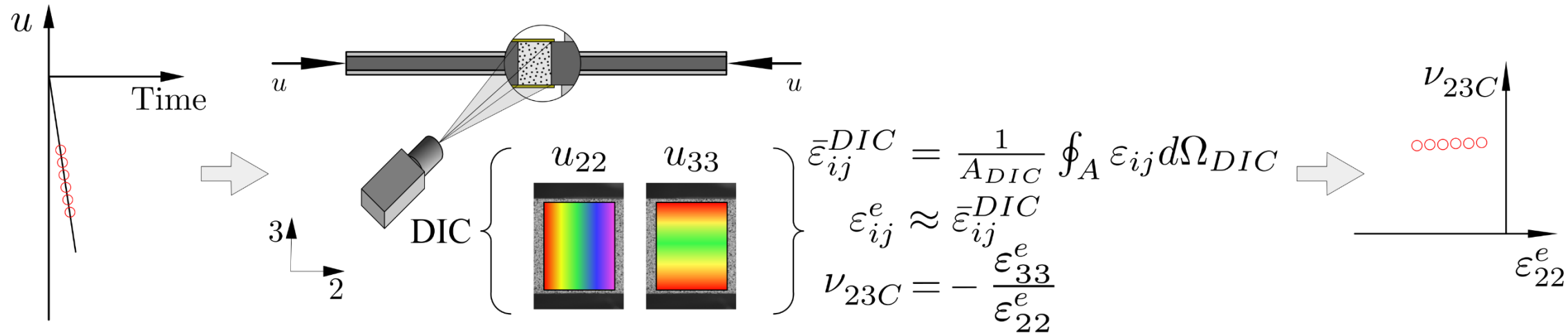
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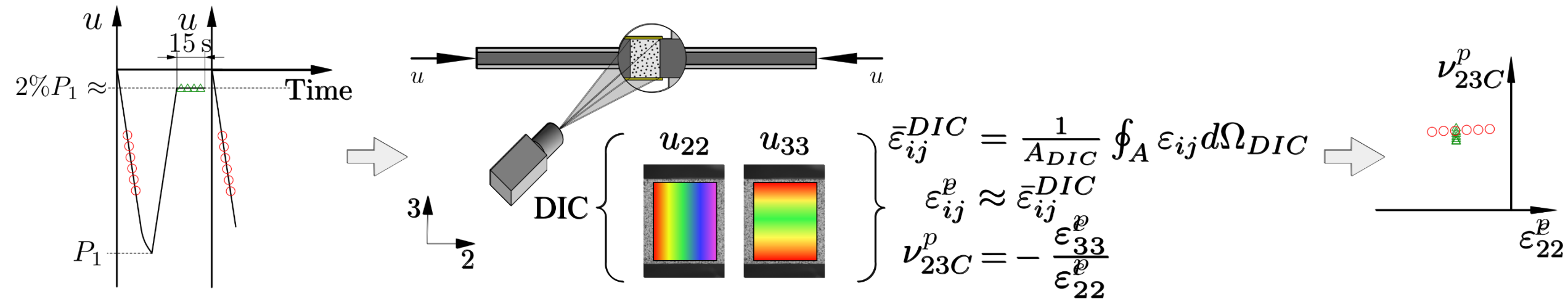
# Methodology – Transverse Poisson's ratio in compression

## ➤ Elastic transverse Poisson's ratio in compression ( $\nu_{23C}$ )



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➤ Plastic transverse Poisson's ratio in compression ( $\nu_{23C}^p$ )

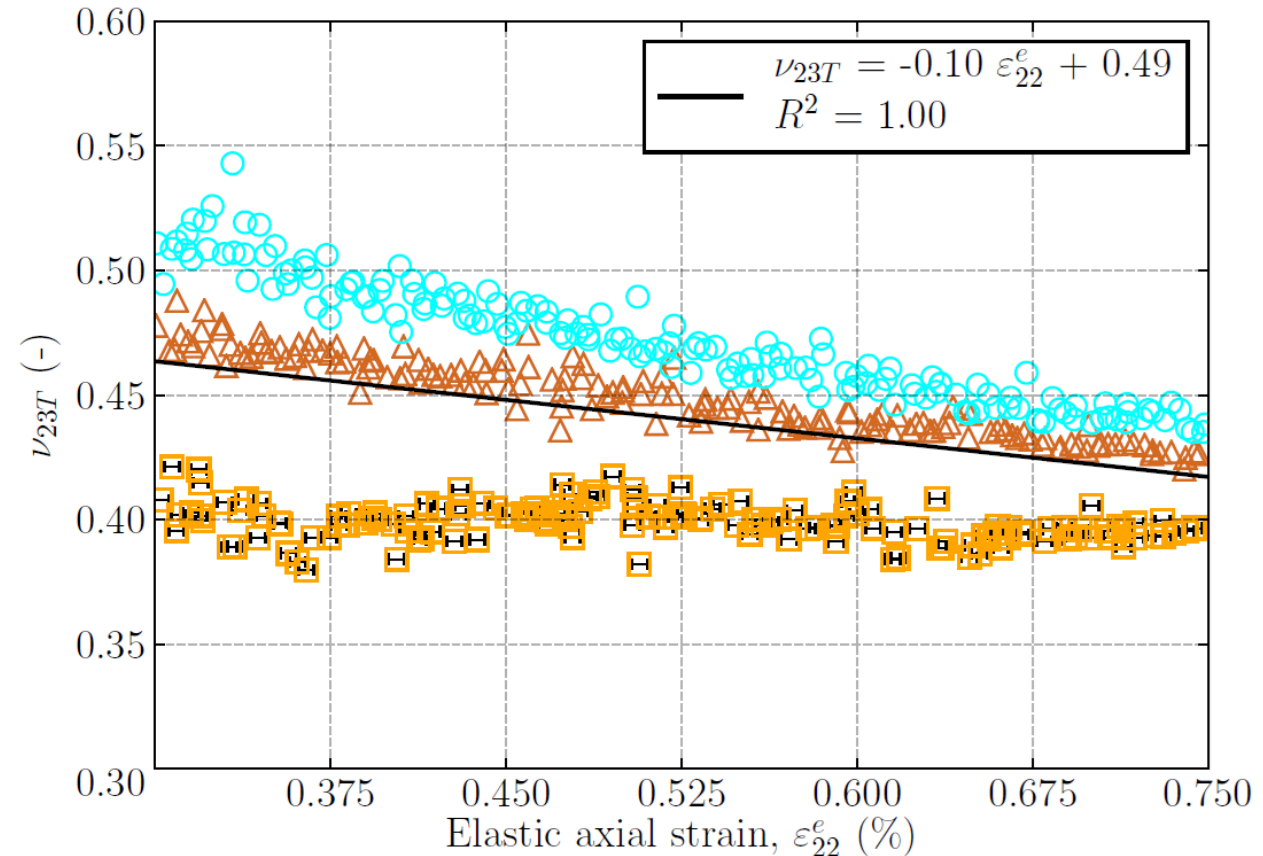
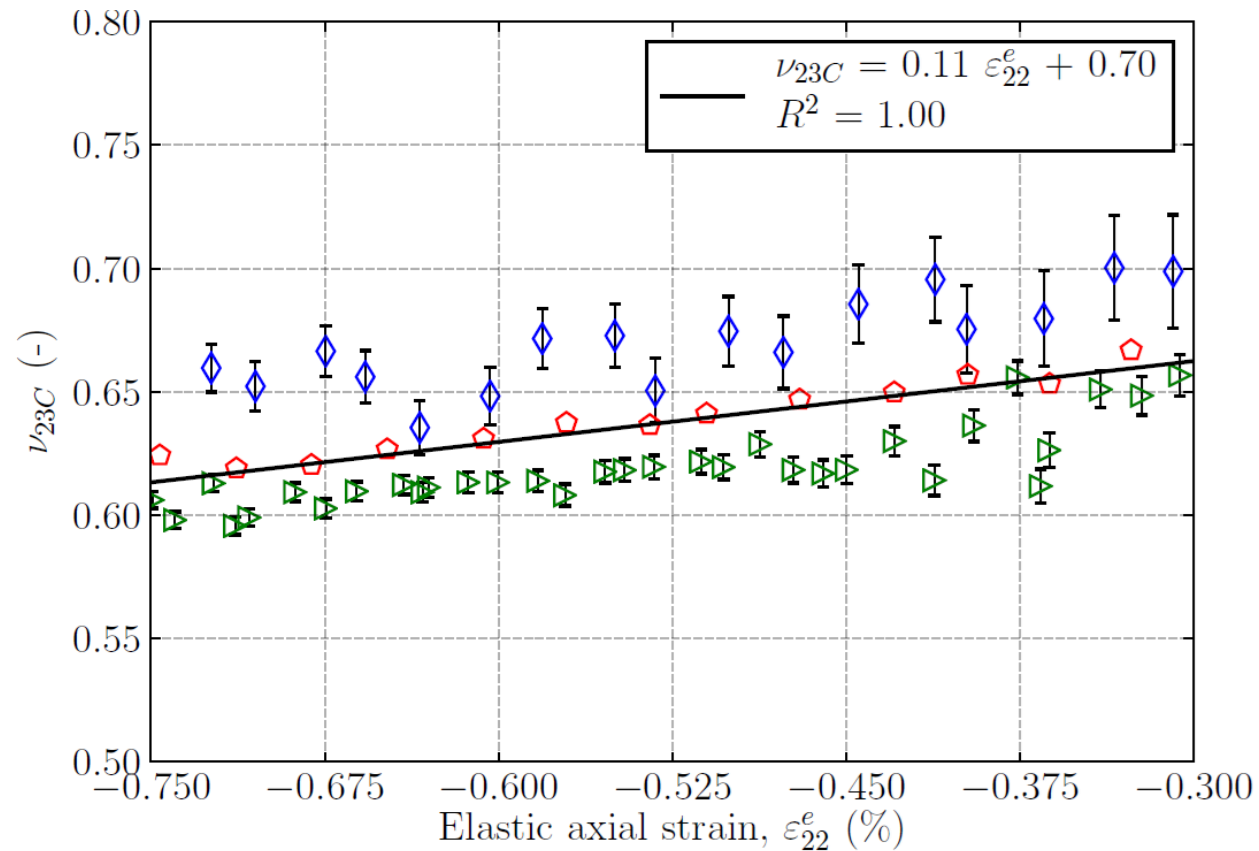




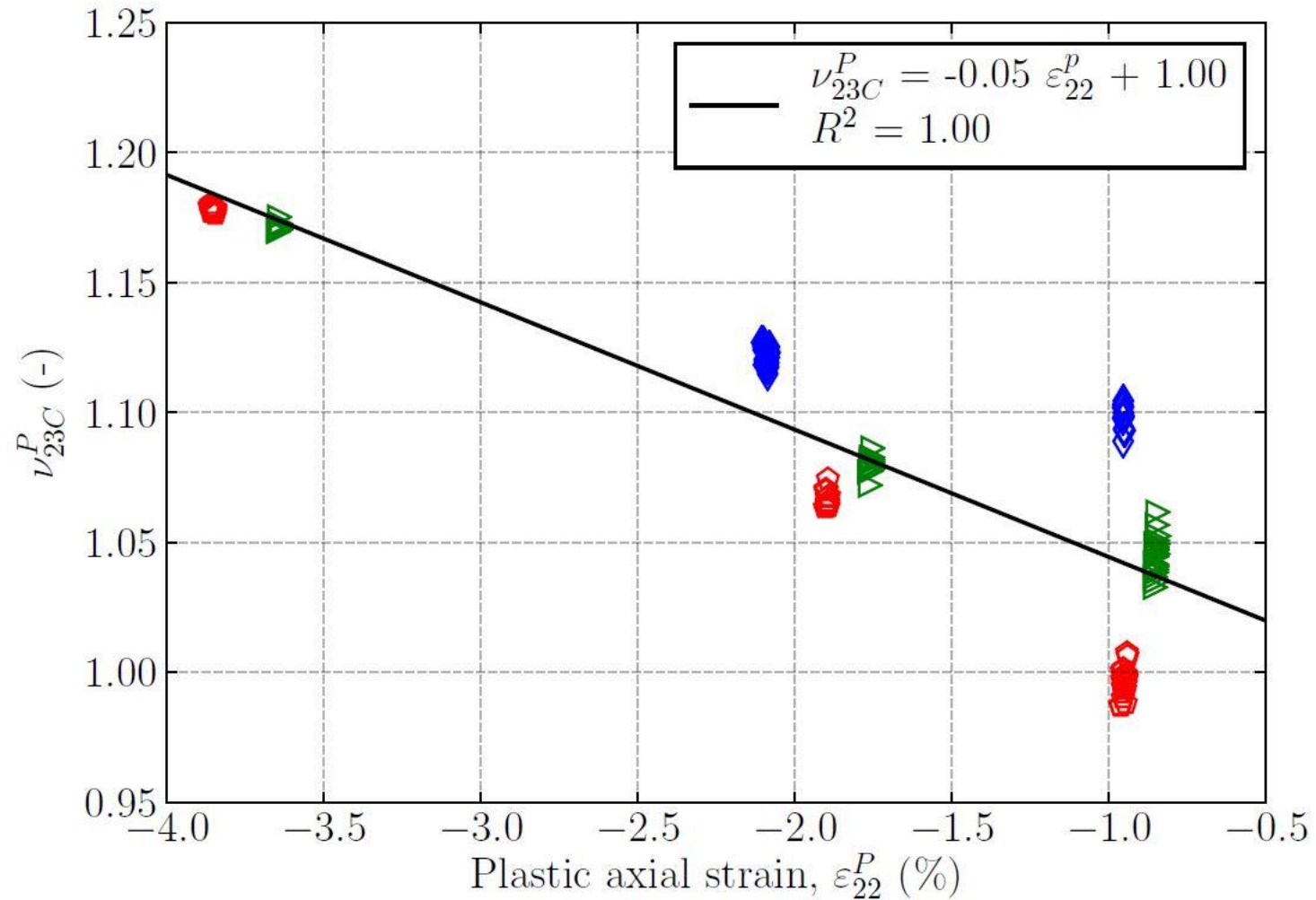
# Results and Discussion

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# Results – Elastic transverse Poisson's ratio ( $\nu_{23}$ )



# Results – Plastic transverse Poisson's ratio in compression



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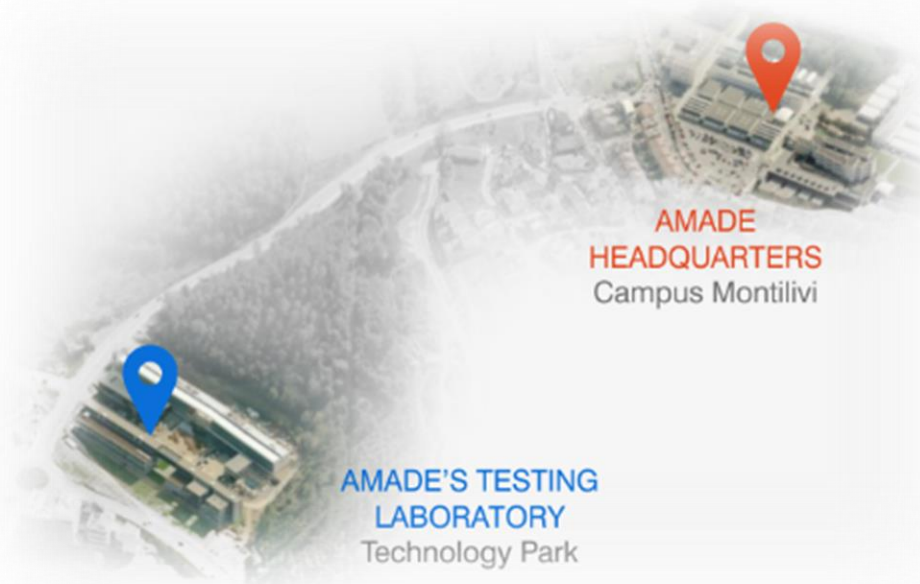
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- A new methodology to measure the elastic transverse Poisson's ratio was proposed.
- A linear relationship between the elastic transverse Poisson's ratio and axial transverse strain was found.
- A new methodology to measure the plastic transverse Poisson's ratio in compression was proposed.
- No volumetric plastic strains were observed at small values of the compressive plastic strains.
- The analysed material behaves as a frictional material under significant amount of compressive plastic strains.



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