



Study on Mechanical Mechanism of Kink bands via BEM

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Kink bands

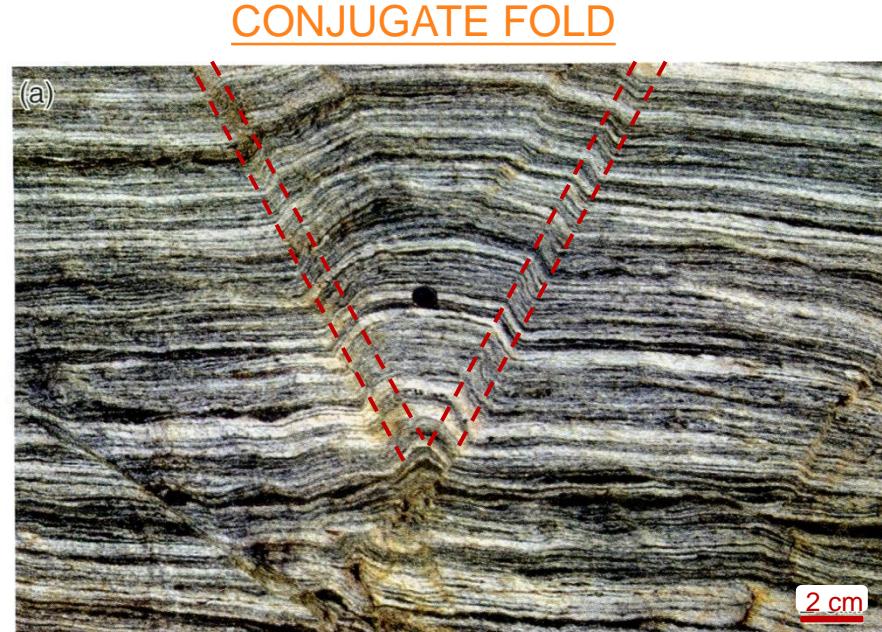
Definition:

- 1.A tabular zone, normally mesoscopic, along which foliation is deflected. (Tectonic Dictionary)
- 2.An asymmetric, linear zone of deformation characterized by short fold limbs and very small hinge zones. Kink bands commonly occur as conjugate sets (see [CONJUGATE FOLD](#)). (Dictionary of Earth Science)

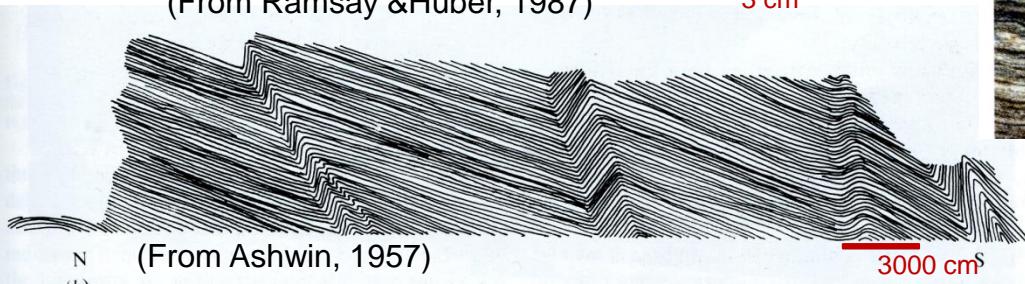
History and usage:

- Several early authors (e.g., Cloughet al., 1897; Dale, 1899; Read, 1934) recognized these structures and described them.
- Analogous structures were observed in single crystals by Orowan (1942), who named them "kink-bands."
- Völl (1960, p. 548) adopts this term for the corresponding structures in foliated rocks, and this usage continues (e.g., T. Anderson, 1964).

Size scale (in the past): millimeter ~ decameter



(Fossen, 2010)



3000 cm^S

Some previous studies

(Orowan, 1942, Nature)

Kink in originally cylindrical cadmium single-crystal wires

a.

b.

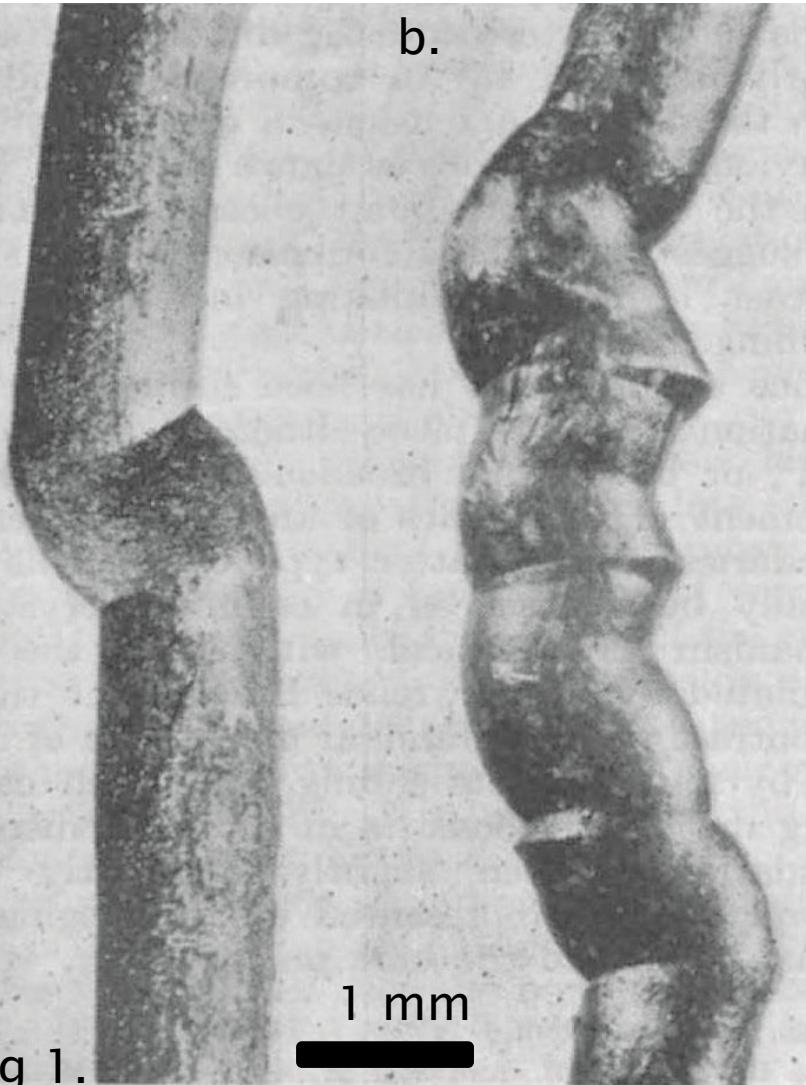
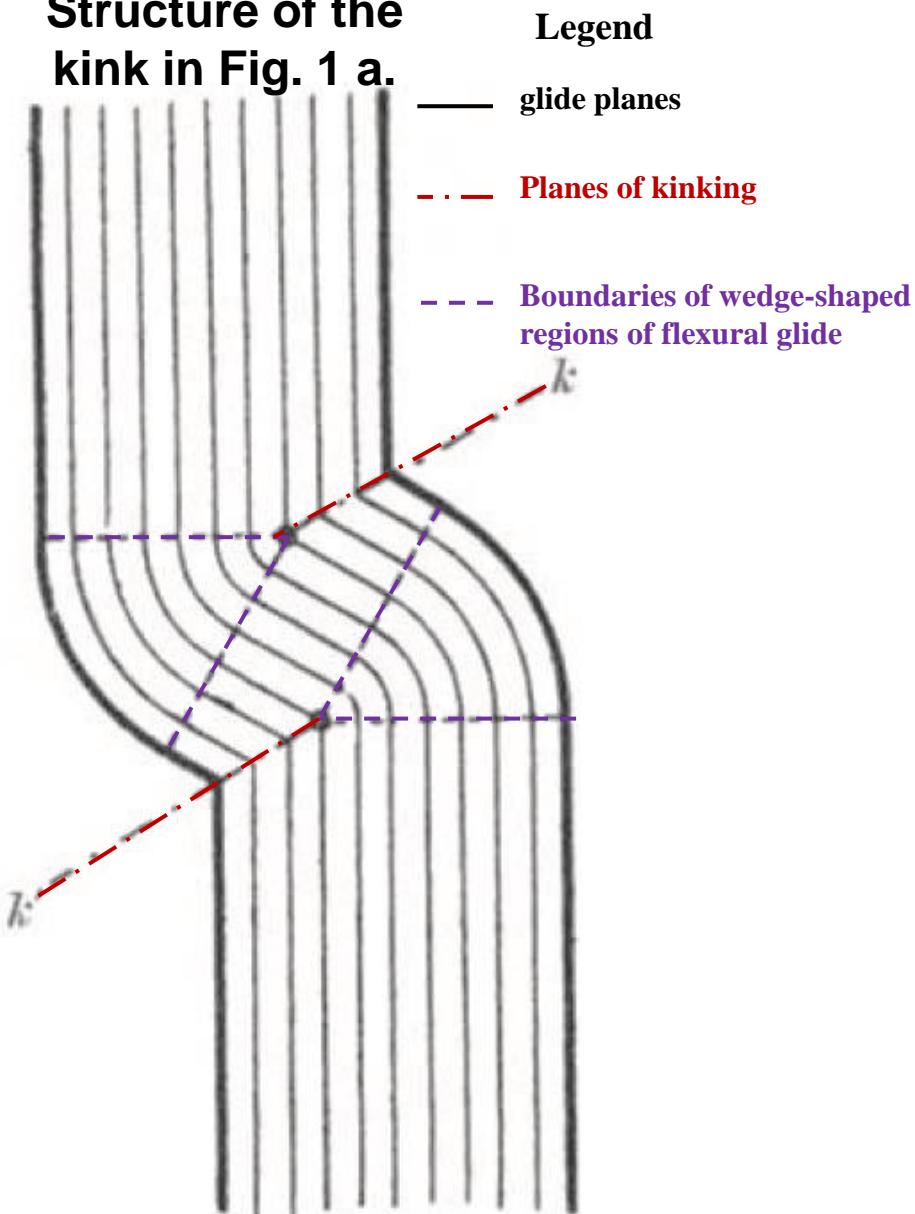


Fig 1.

(Adapted from Orowan, 1942, Nature)

Structure of the kink in Fig. 1 a.



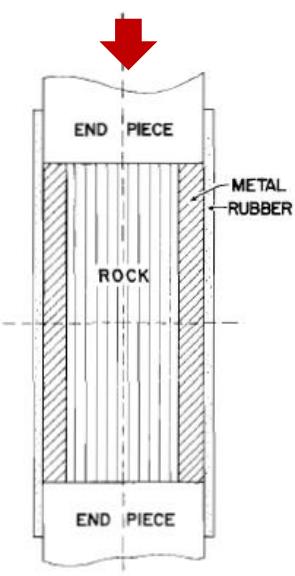
Legend

— glide planes

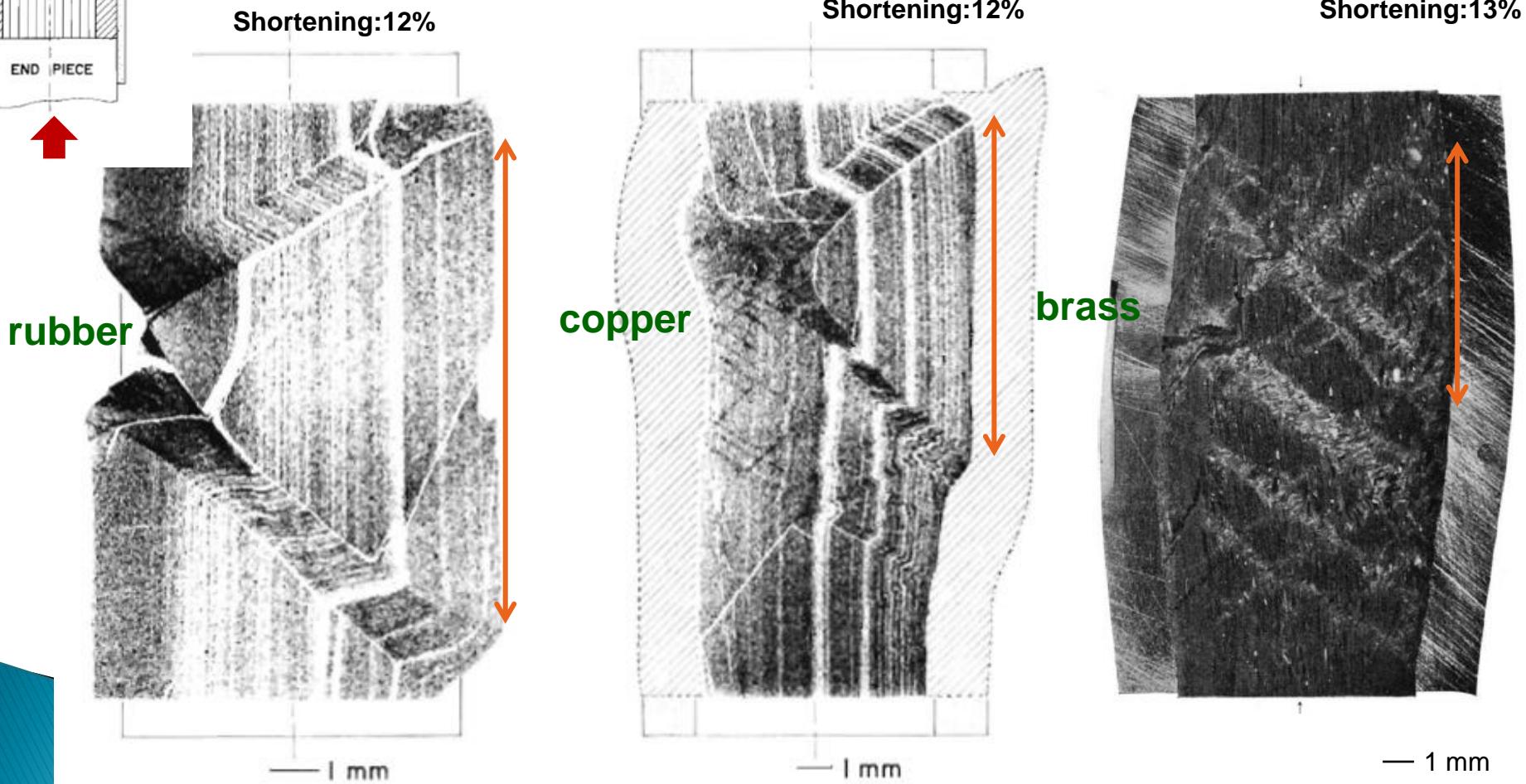
- - - Planes of kinking

- - - Boundaries of wedge-shaped regions of flexural glide

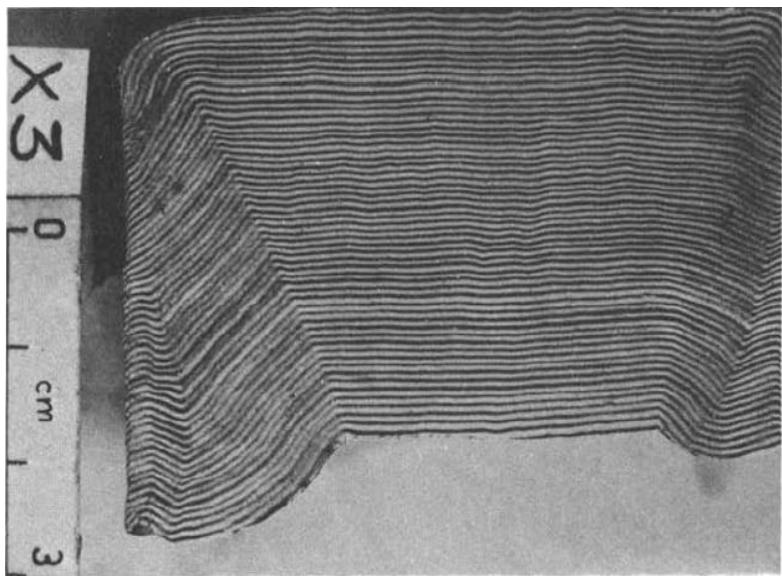
(Paterson and Weiss, 1962, Nature; 1966, GSAB)



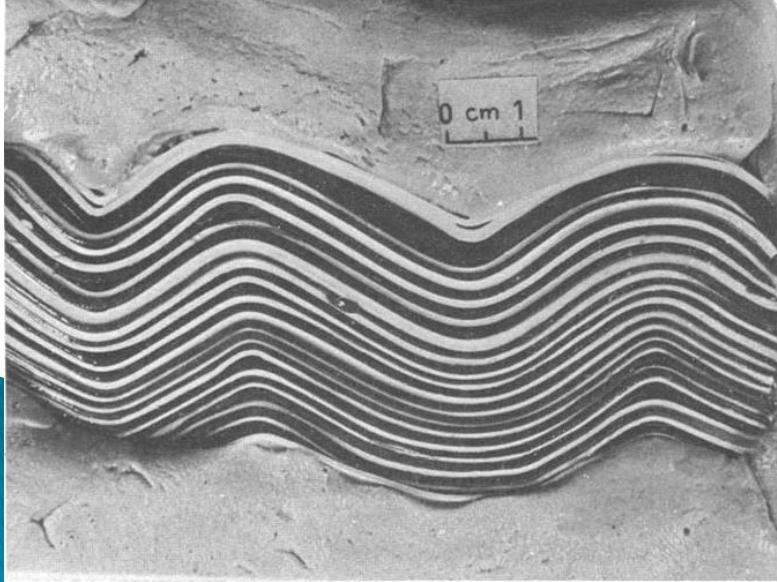
Foliated rock: Phyllite



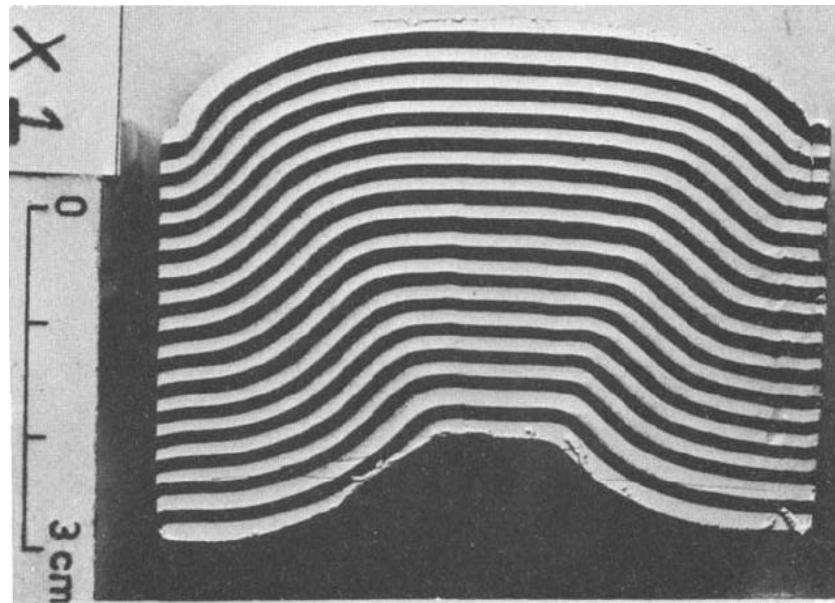
Densely layered with restricted ease of sliding



Embedded with Great ease of sliding

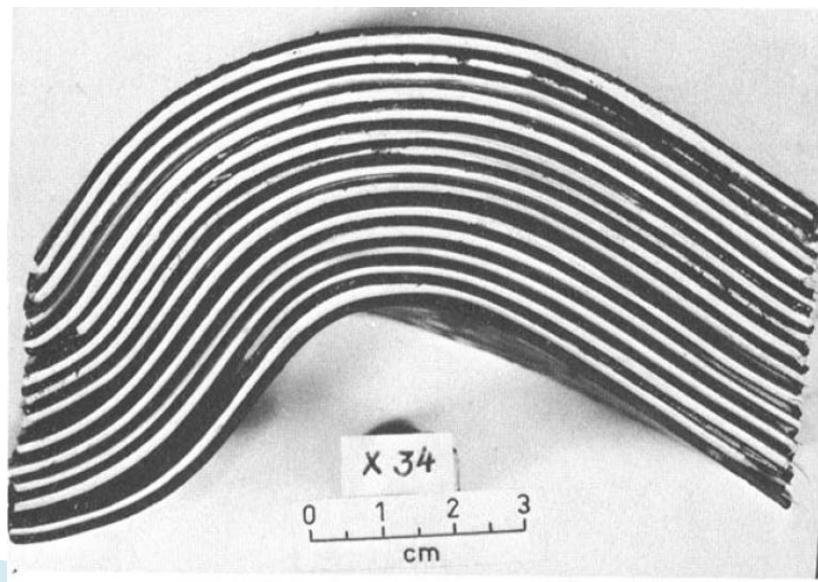


Coarsely layered with restricted ease of sliding



clay

Great ease of sliding



Rubber strips with restricted ease of sliding

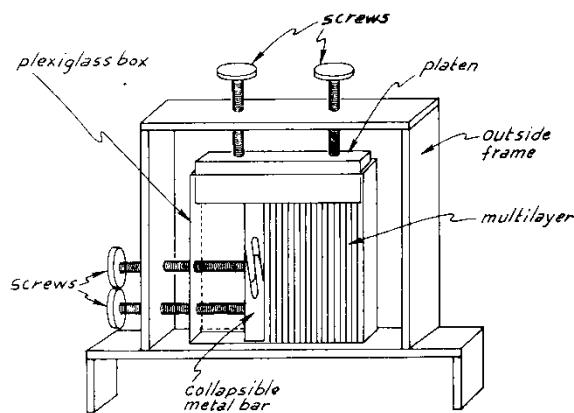
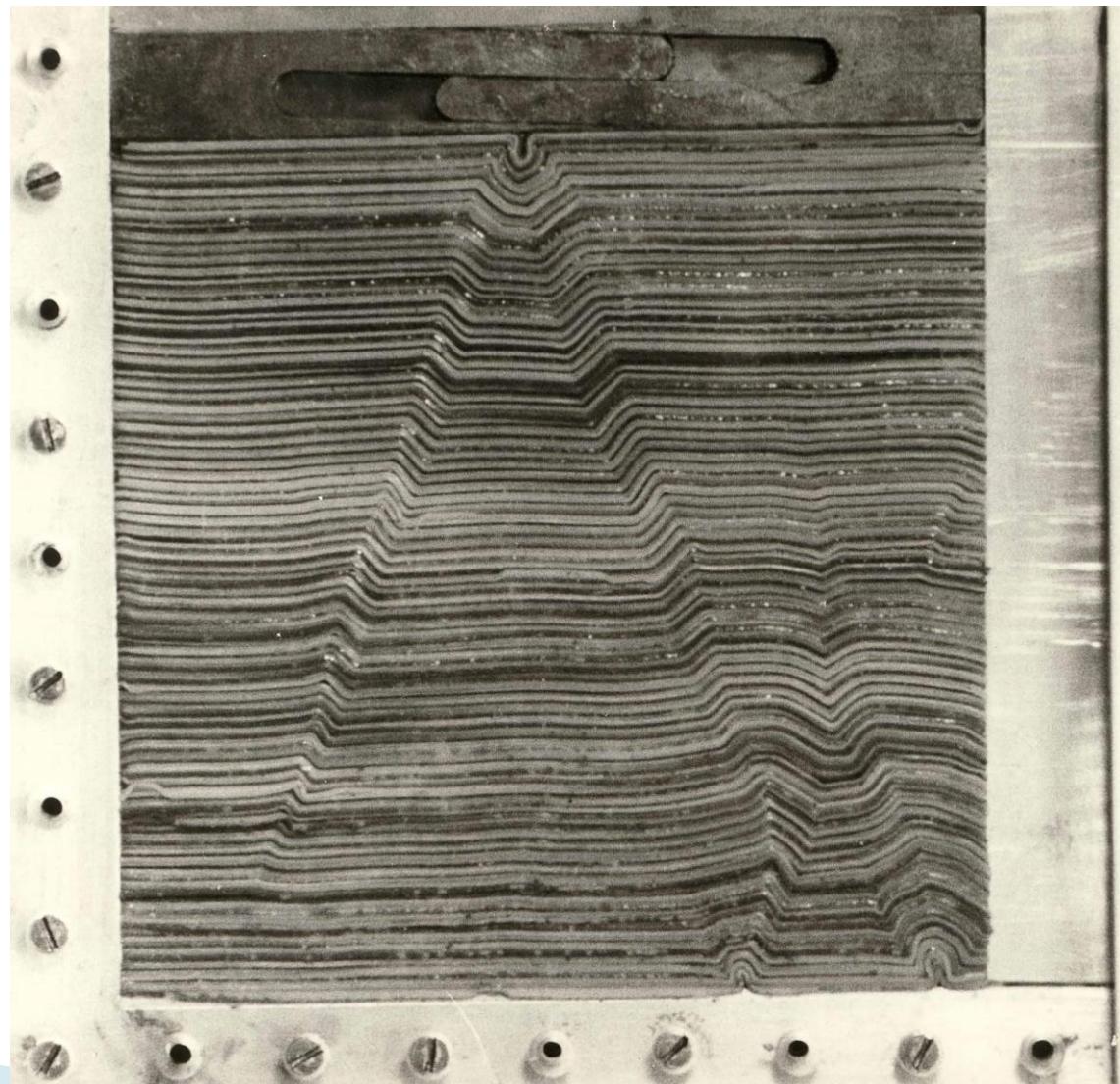


Fig. 1. Apparatus used to deform experimental multilayers.



H=100

K_1/K_2

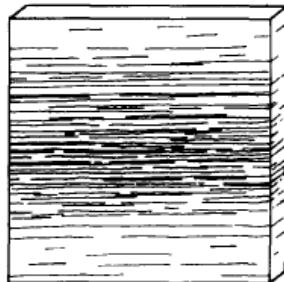
E.G. RATIO OF POWER LAW CONSTANTS
 K_1/K_2 (VISCOS) OR k_1/k_2 (ELASTIC)

INTRINSIC ANISOTROPY

INDUCED ANISOTROPY

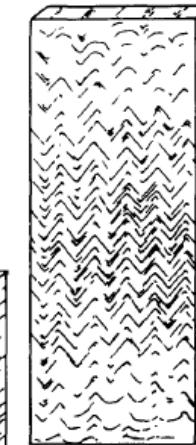
VISCOS — IRREGULAR, PASSIVE FOLDS

Passive folding



VISCOS — SIMILAR FOLDS
 ELASTIC — REGULAR SIMILAR FOLDS

folding

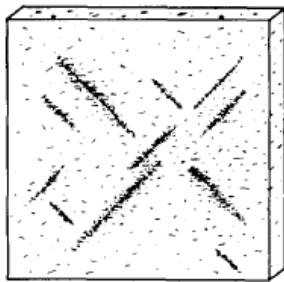


E.G. AVERAGE POWER LAW STRESS EXPONENT
 n OR $1/n$

faulting

VISCOS — SHEAR ZONES*

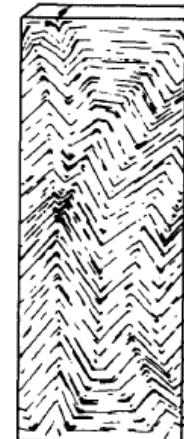
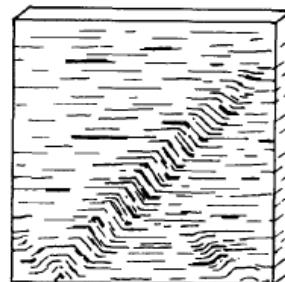
ELASTIC — FAULTING



* STRAIN SOFTENING

ELASTIC — KINKING

kinking



Seismic reflection

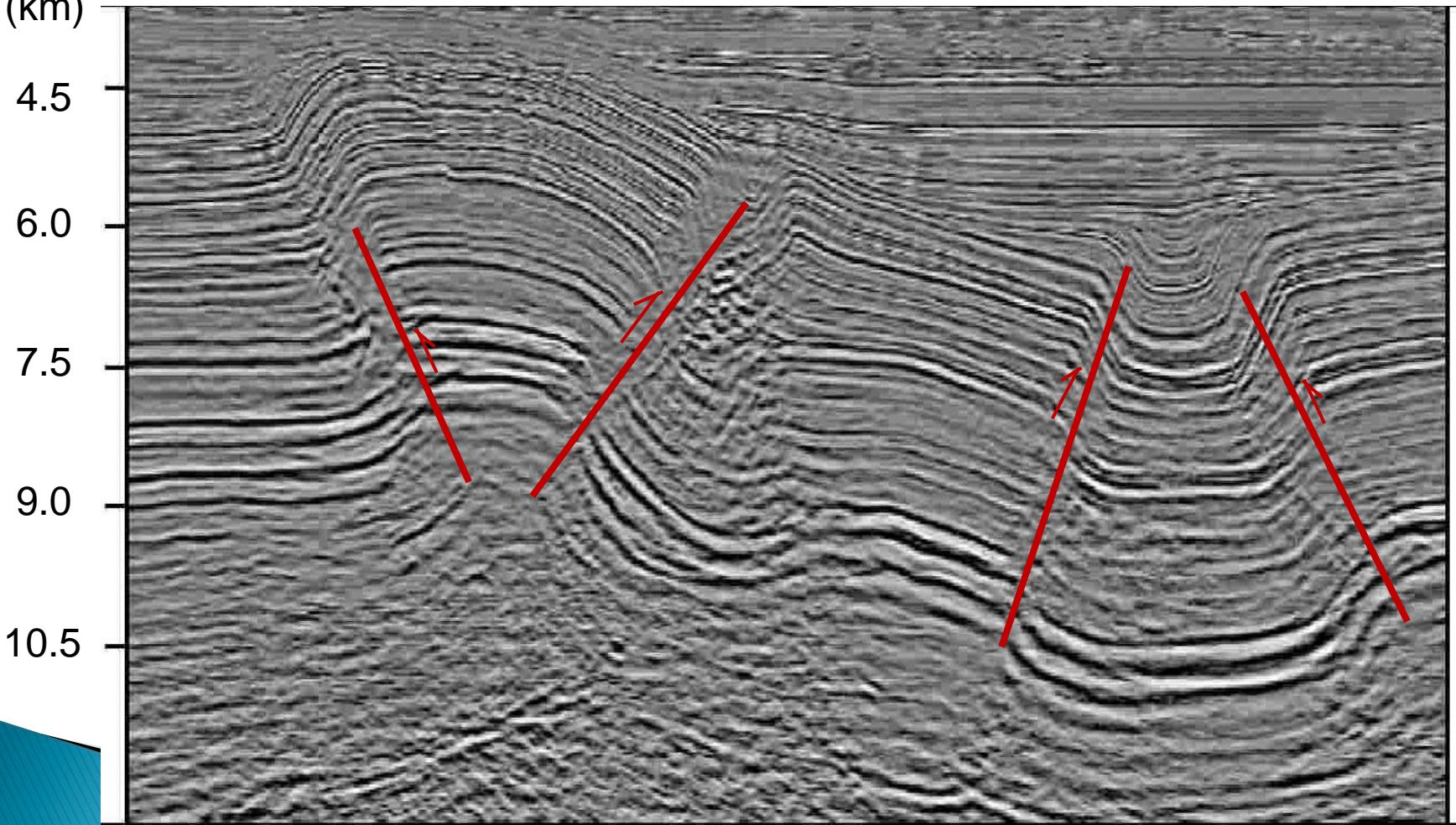
(Chang et al., 2010)

High-angle faults were replaced by **kink bands**

Depth

(km)

Size scale : up to a few kilometer



Our BEM model

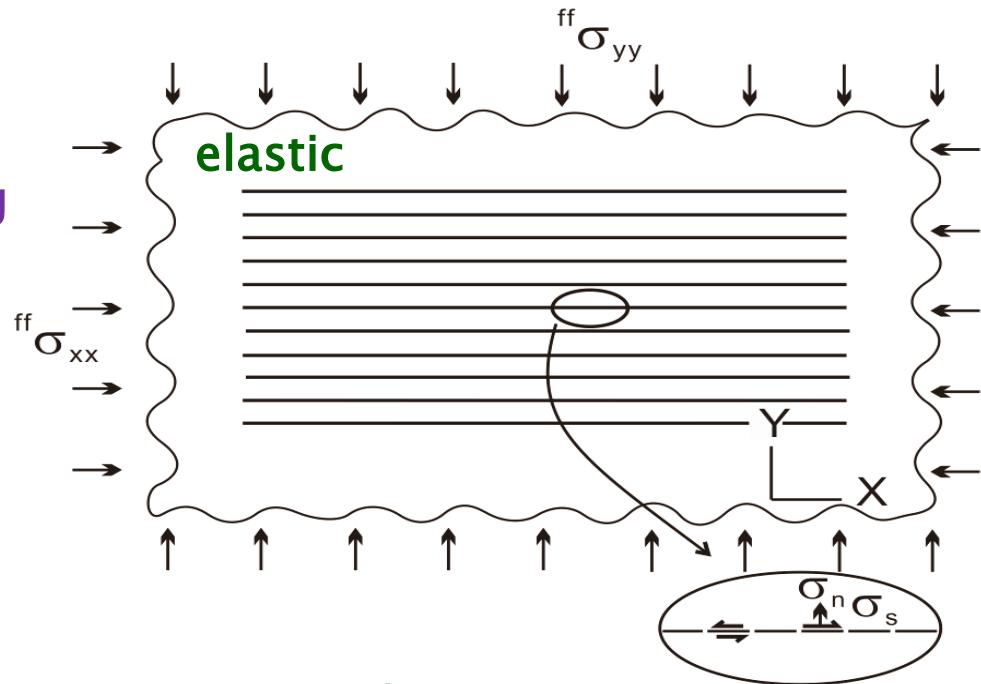
Layers are assumed to slip according to a Coulomb friction law,

$$|\sigma_s| \leq c + \mu \sigma_n$$

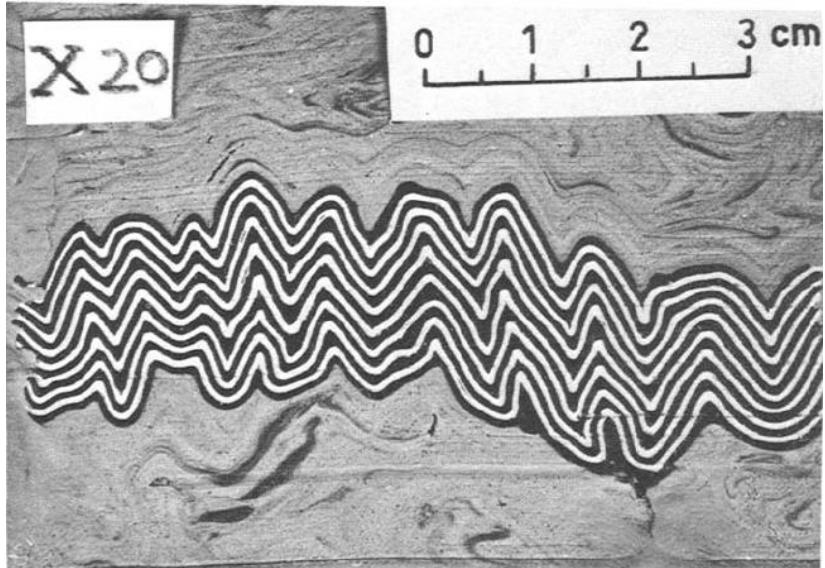
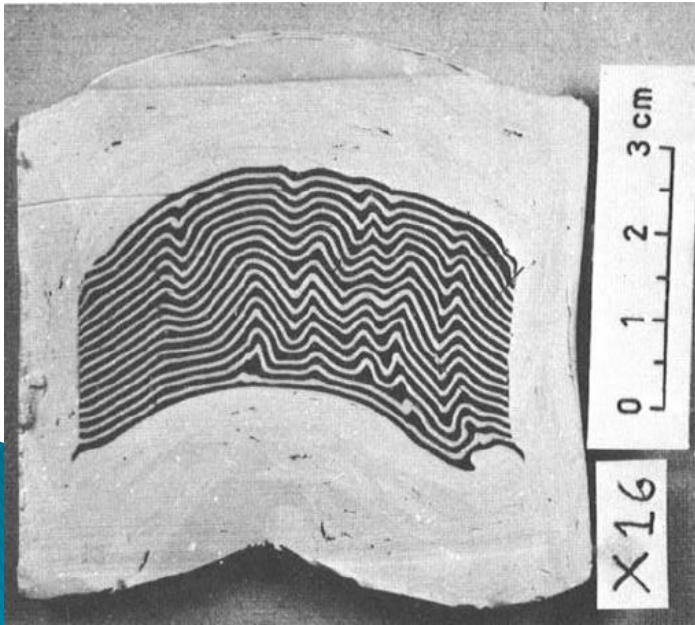
σ : traction

C: cohesion

μ : coefficient of friction

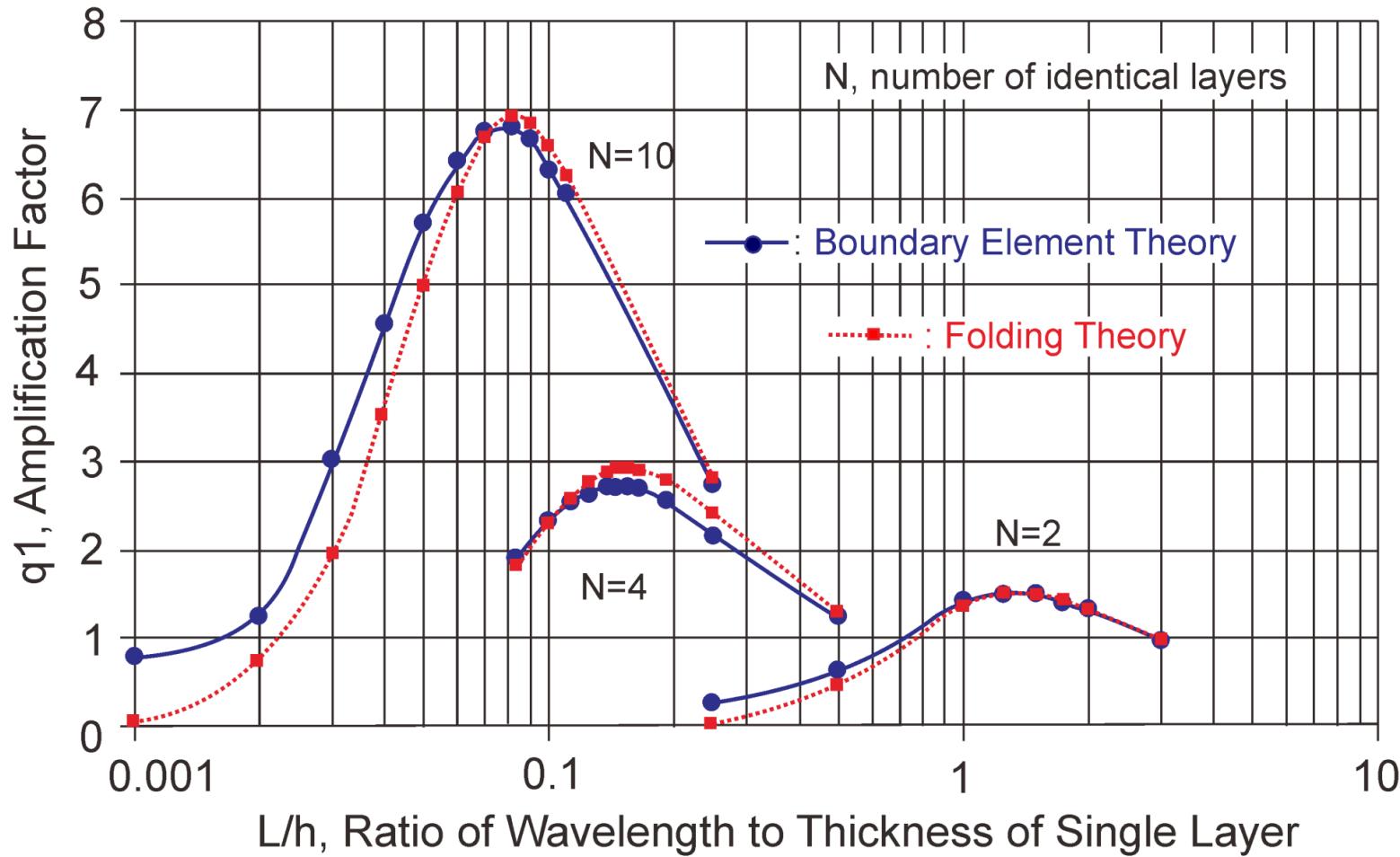
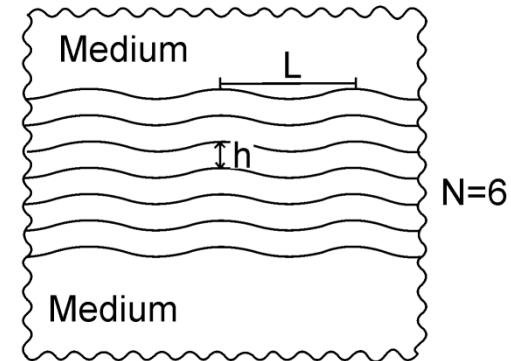


Similar to the experiments (Ghosh, 1968, Tectonophysics)



Validation

Illustration of a multilayer



Research questions

◆ Are the conditions enumerated below sufficient for the formation of symmetric conjugate kink bands according to our theoretical analysis?

1. a multilayered material (bedded stiff layers or interbedded stiff and soft layers),
2. a nonlinear relation, such as cohesive or frictional strength, between shear stress and flexural slip at contacts of layers or within interbeds,
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4. and an initial perturbation of layer orientation. **sinusoidal wave (this study)**

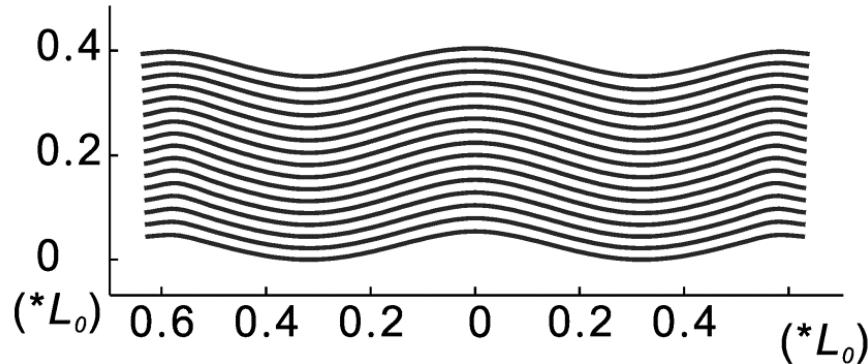
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Effect of frictional strength

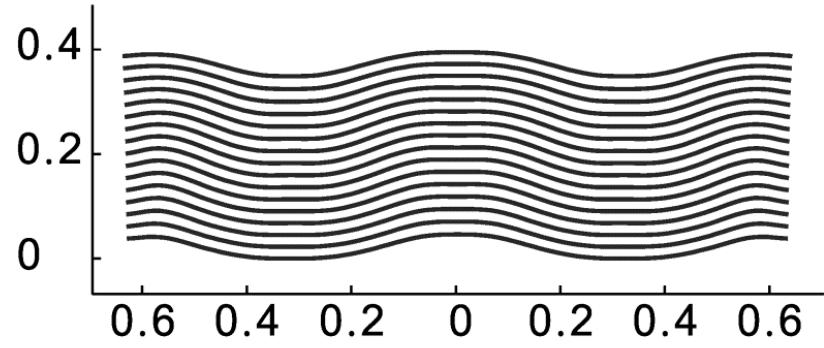
Friction angle, φ

cohesionless ($C = 0$) for the interfaces without remote vertical stress, i.e. $\sigma_{yy}^{ff} = 0$

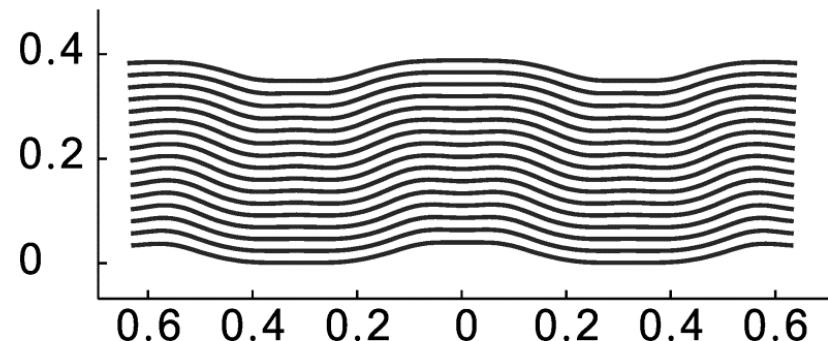
(a). $\varphi=0^\circ$



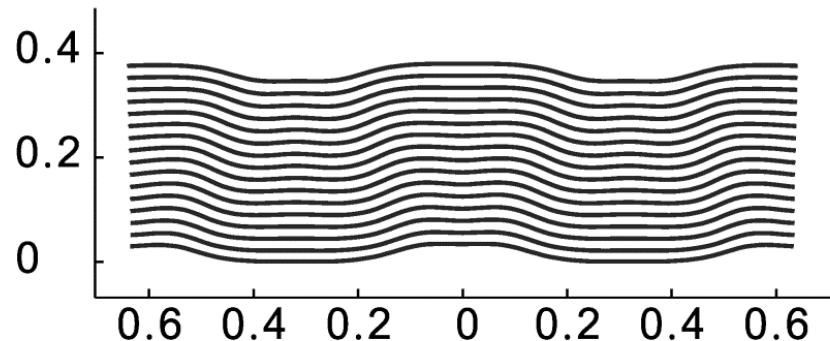
(b). $\varphi=10^\circ$



(c). $\varphi=20^\circ$



L_o : initial wavelength
(d). $\varphi=30^\circ$

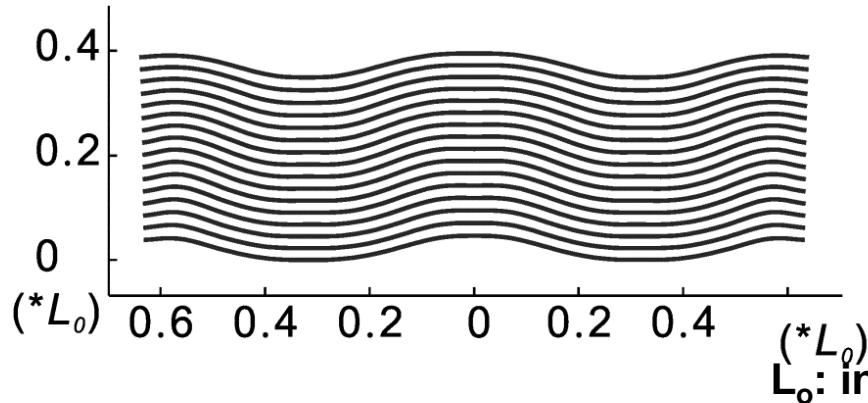


Effect of frictional strength under remote vertical stresses

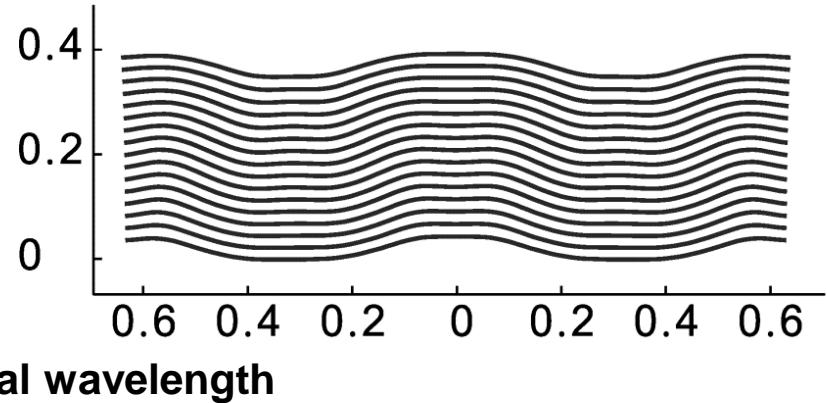
Friction angle, φ , of 10°

${}^{\infty}\sigma_R$: ratio of initial remote vertical stress to horizontal stress

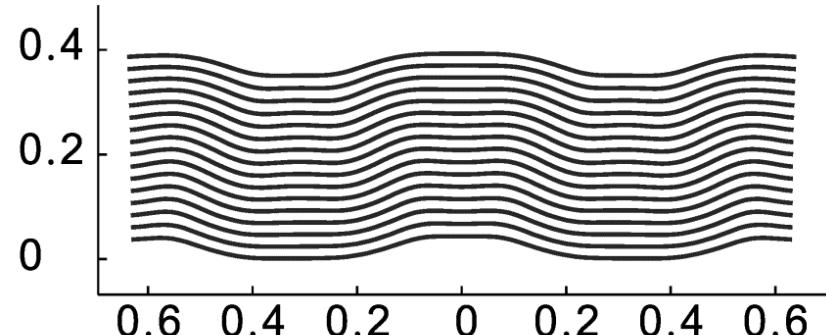
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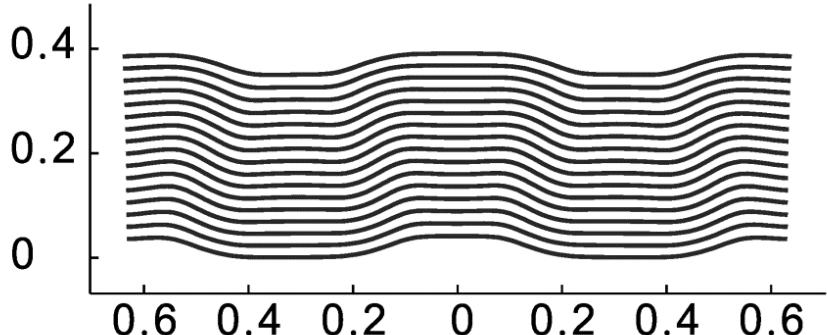
(b). ${}^{\infty}\sigma_R=0.25$



(c). ${}^{\infty}\sigma_R=0.5$



(d). ${}^{\infty}\sigma_R=1$



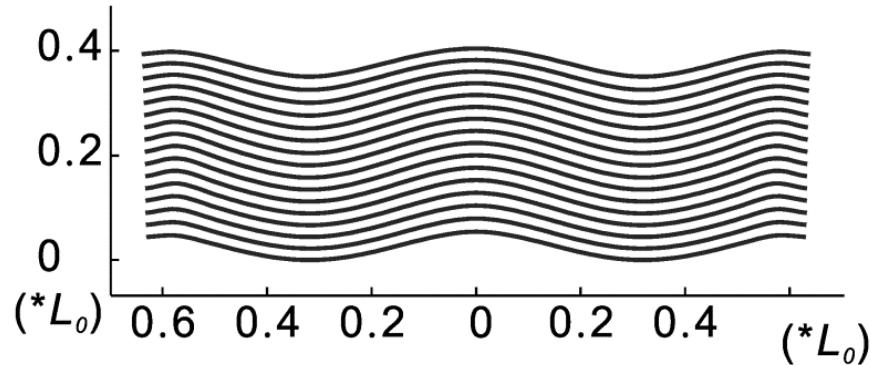
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Effect of cohesive strength

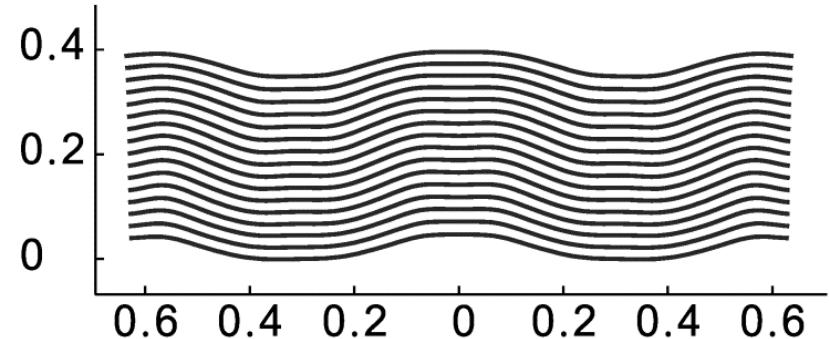
C_0 : cohesion normalized by Young's modulus

frictionless

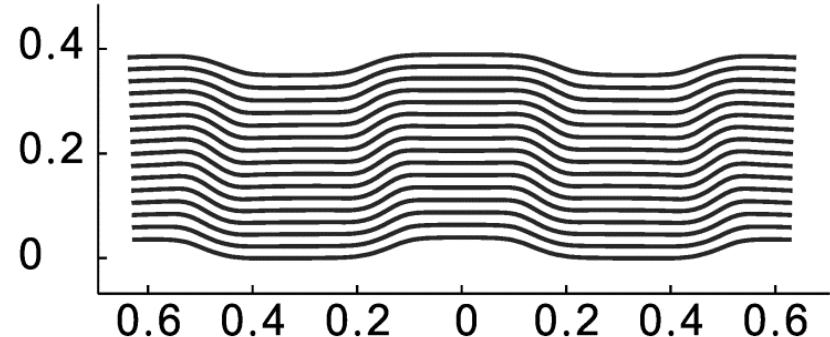
(a). $C_0=0$



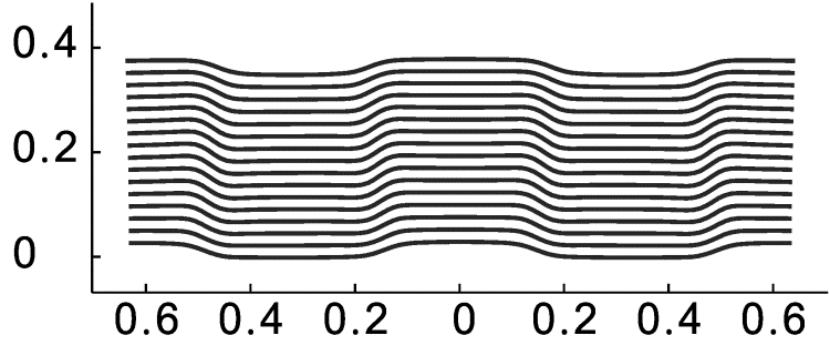
(b). $C_0=0.001$



(c). $C_0=0.01$

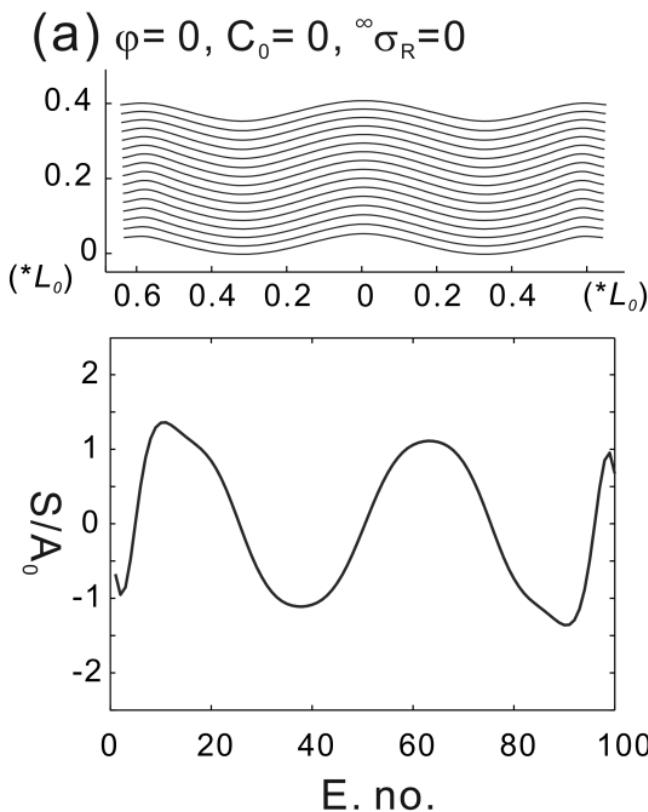


(d). $C_0=0.1$

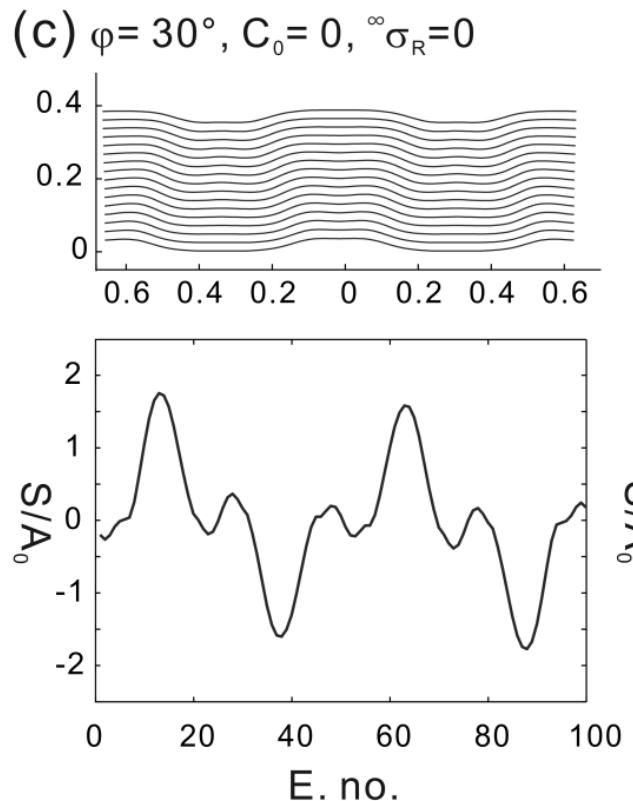


Accumulative slip pattern

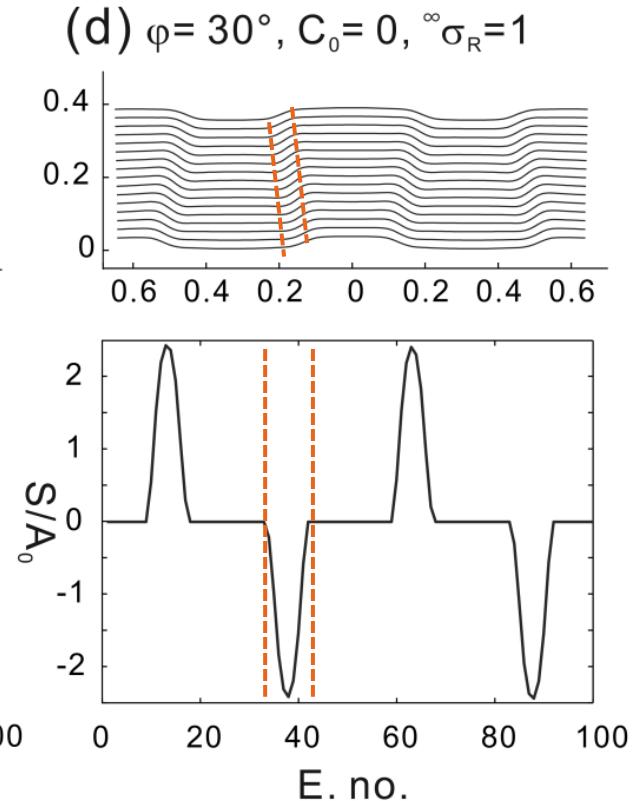
Case 1
Frictionless and cohesiveless



Case 2
Frictional without remote vertical stress



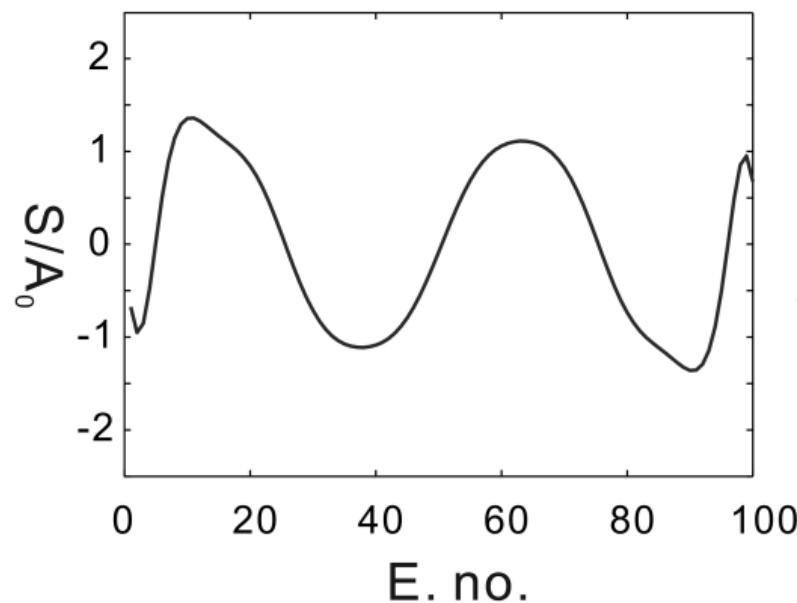
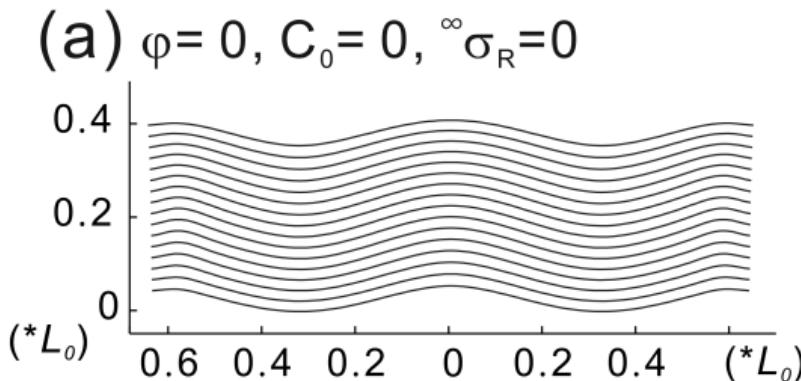
Case 3
Frictional with remote vertical stress



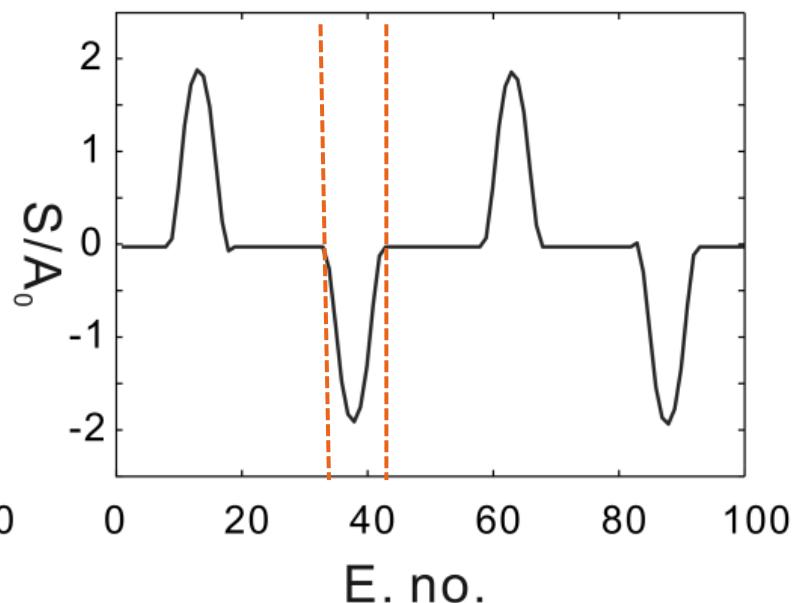
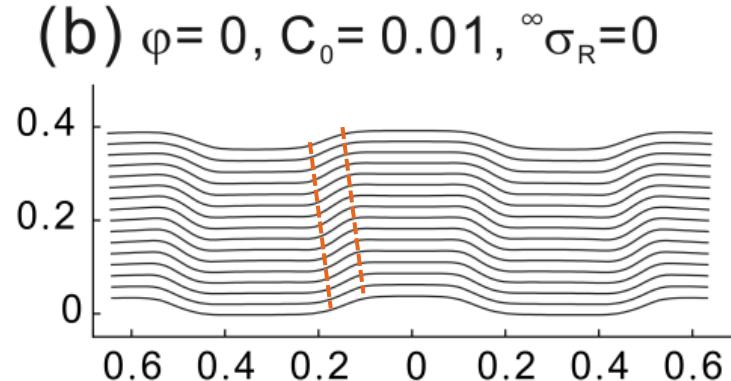
Slip localized within kink bands

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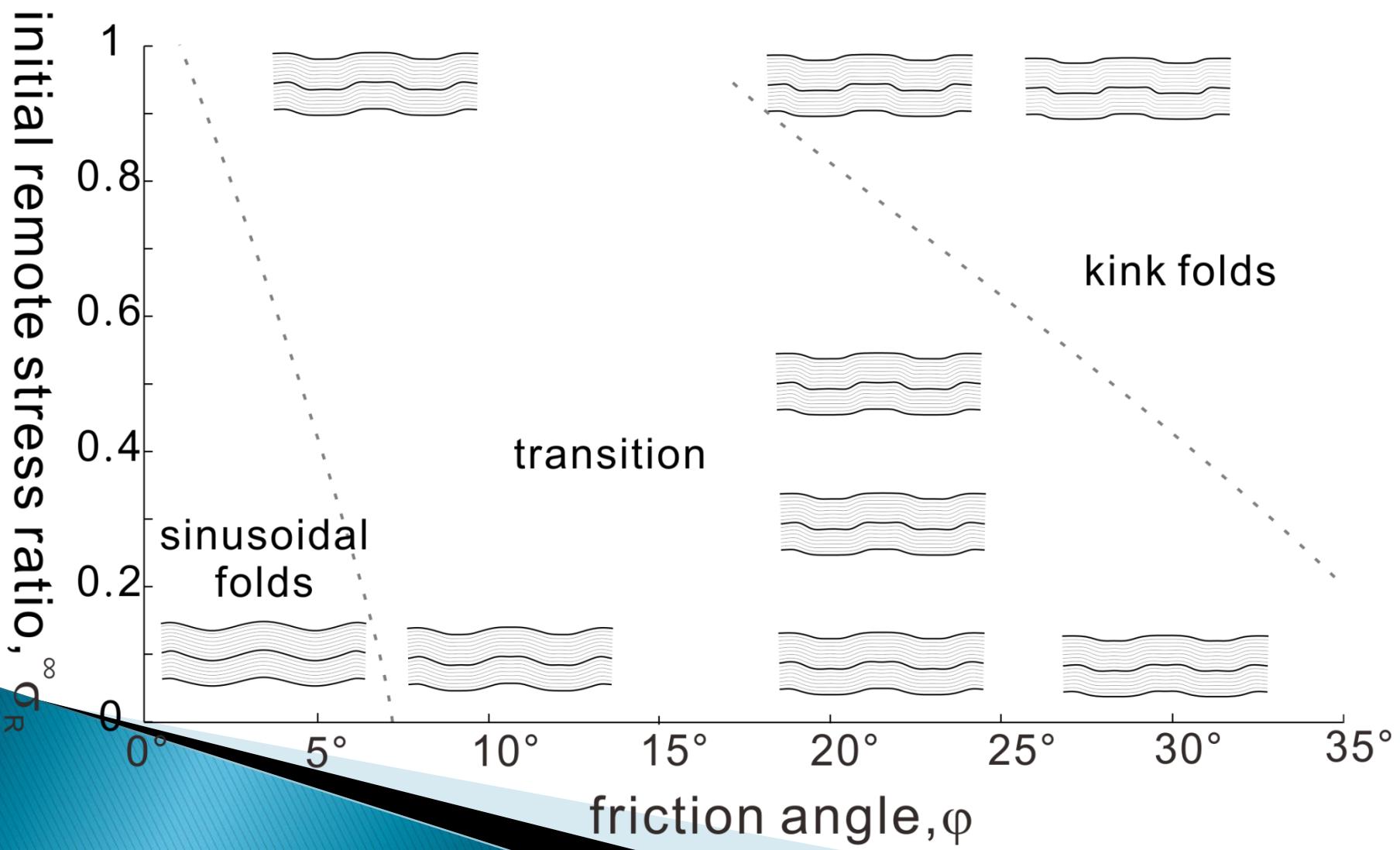
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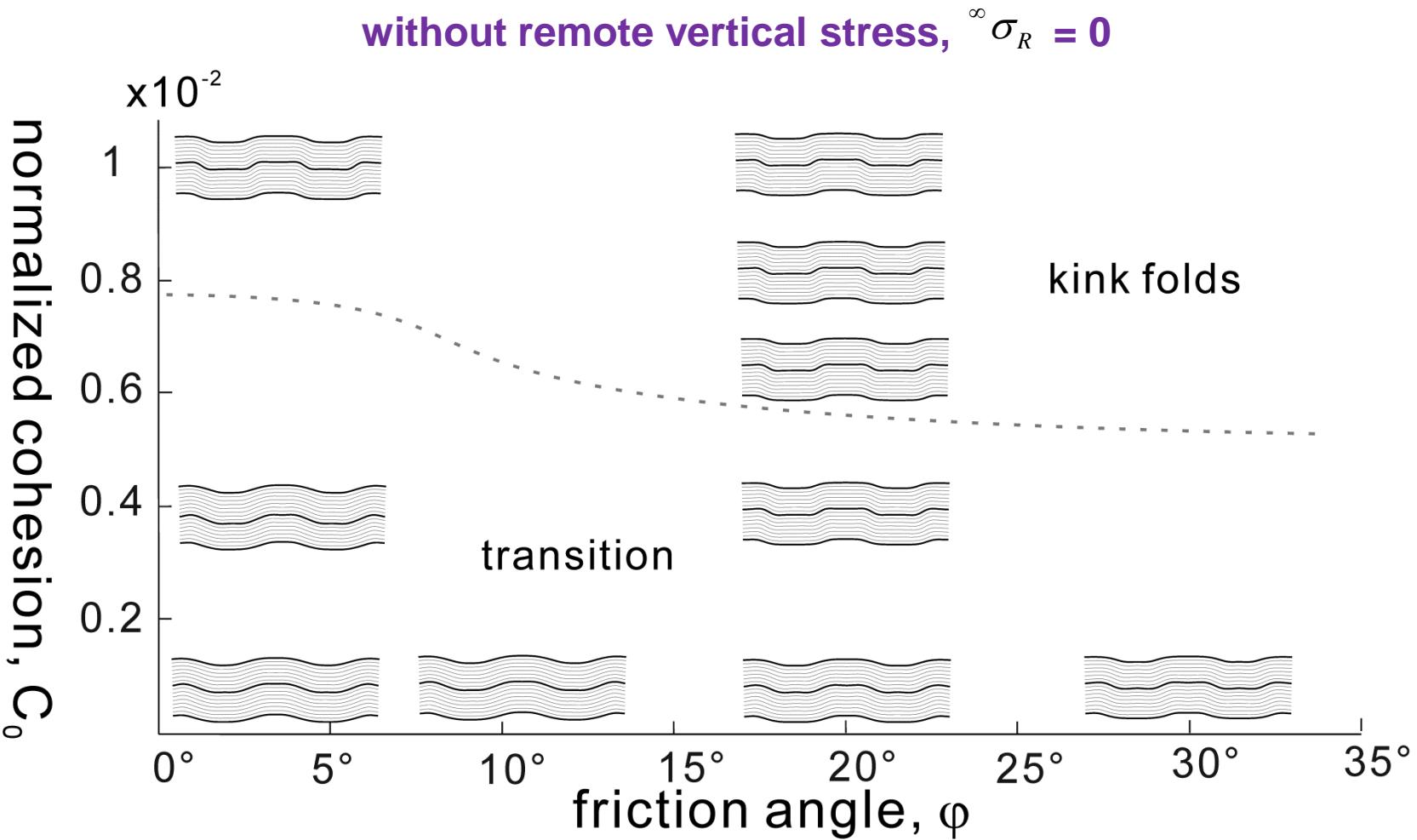
Case 4
cohesive but frictionless



Result for effect of frictional strength under varying initial vertical stress

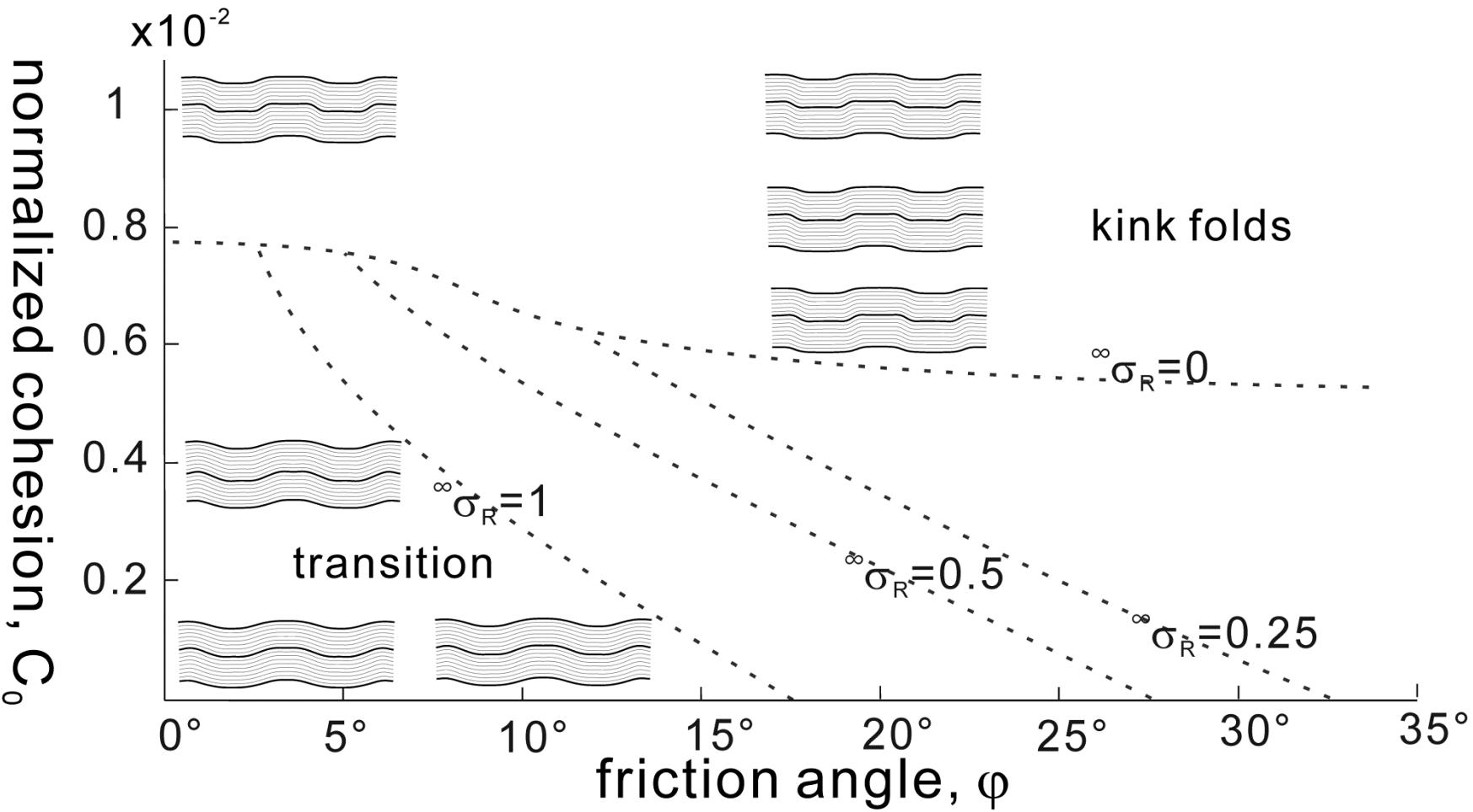


Result for combined effect of frictional vs. cohesive strength



Result for combined effect of frictional vs. cohesive strength

With varying remote vertical stress



Discussion

Our BEM elastic model

$$\text{Fold form} = f(A_0, L_0, h, N, C_0, \psi, \infty \sigma^i, \infty \epsilon_{xx}^L, \infty \epsilon_{xy}^L)$$

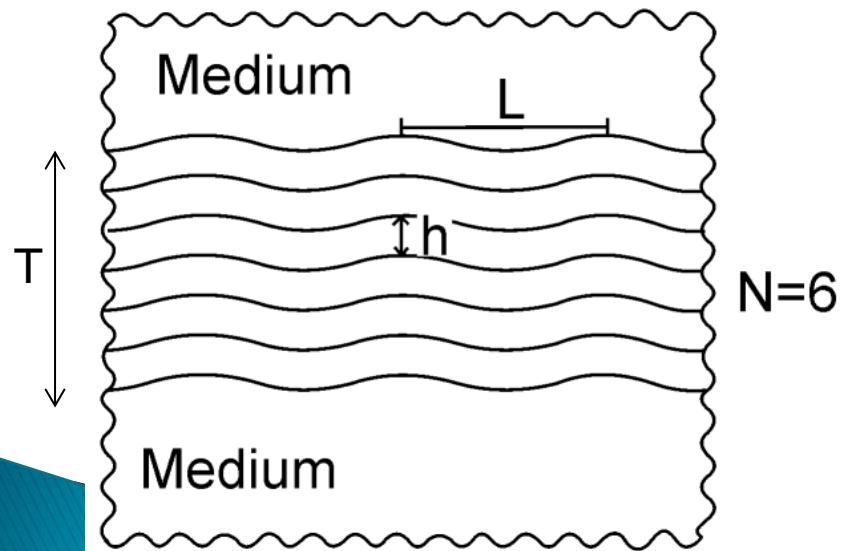
Fixed values 15

$$\text{Conjugate kink bands} = f(\cancel{A_0}, \cancel{L_0}, \cancel{h}, \cancel{N}, C_0, \psi, \infty \sigma^i, \infty \epsilon_{xx}^L, \infty \epsilon_{xy}^L)$$

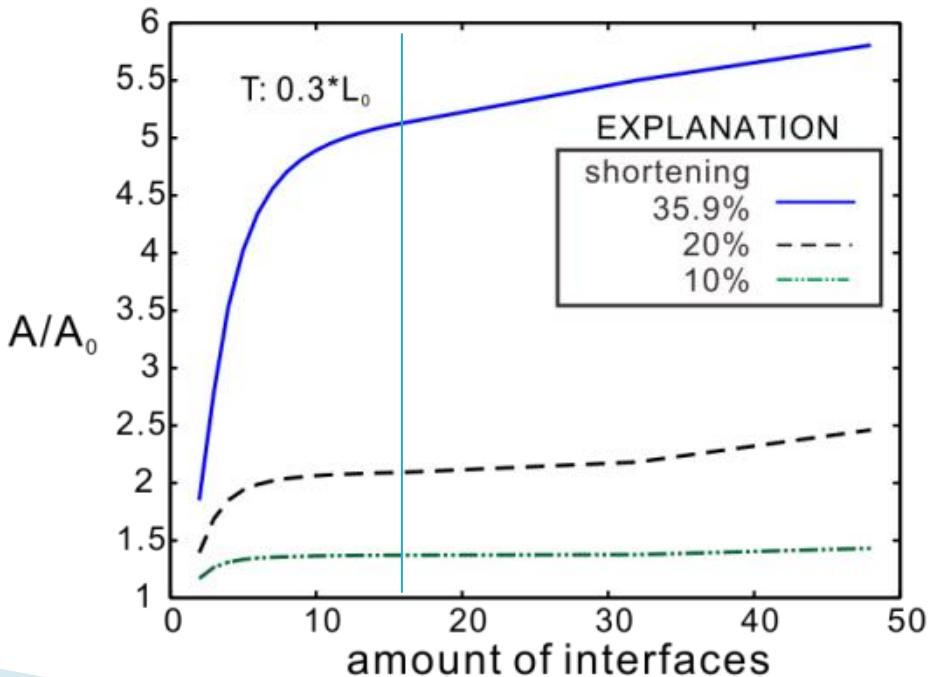
A_0 : initial amplitude

L_0 : initial wavelength

Illustration of a multilayer of 6 layers



Growth of fold amplitude, A , vs. number of interfaces, $N+1$,



Conclusions

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1. a multilayered material (bedded stiff layers or interbedded stiff and soft layers),
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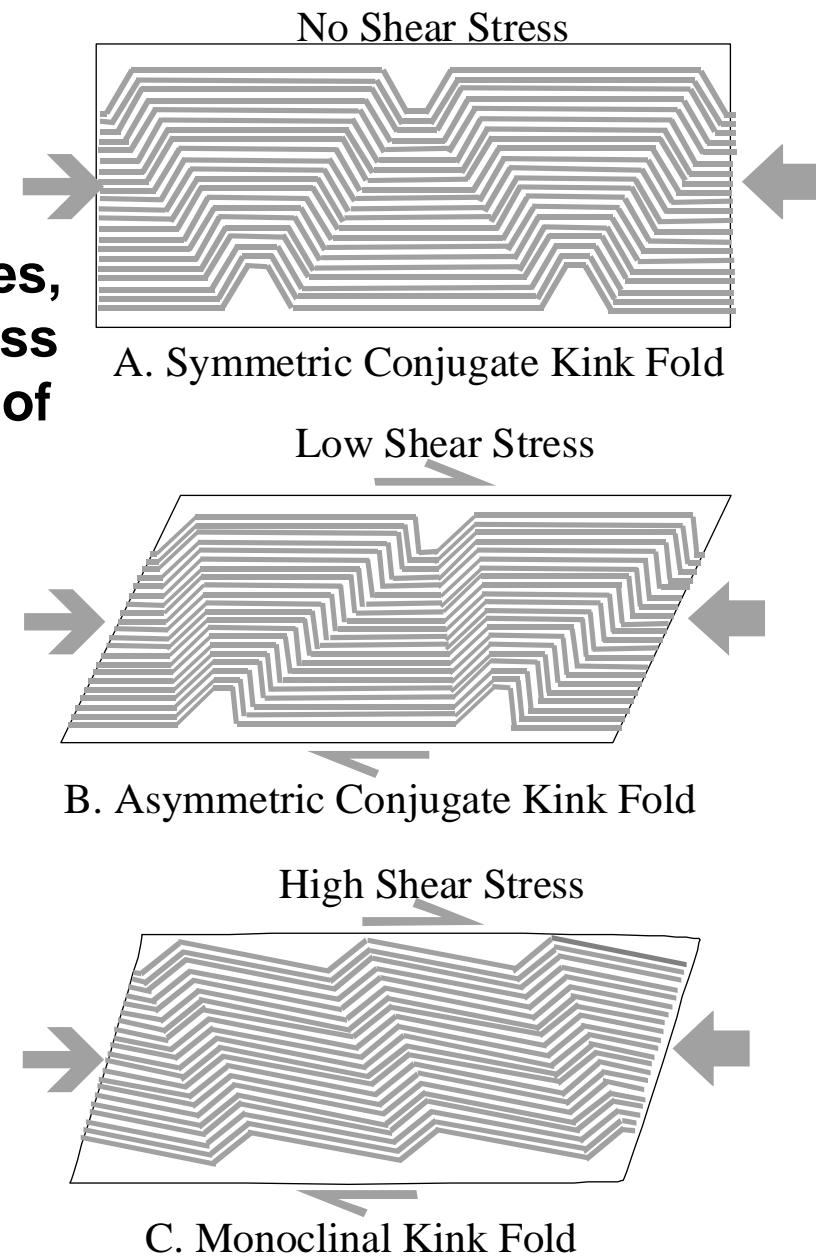
Ans: Yes.

- We find a multilayer with certain cohesive strength stand-alone on its interfaces can produce conjugate folds under compression parallel to the interface but with frictional strength alone cannot.
- We find that the lower bound of stand-alone cohesion divided by Young's modulus ranges from 10^{-3} to 10^{-2} and friction cannot produce conjugate folds if the ratio of the vertical initial remote stress to horizontal initial remote stress is small than 0.2 under the shortening of 36% with an incremental far-field strain of 0.02 for multilayer models of 16 interfaces.

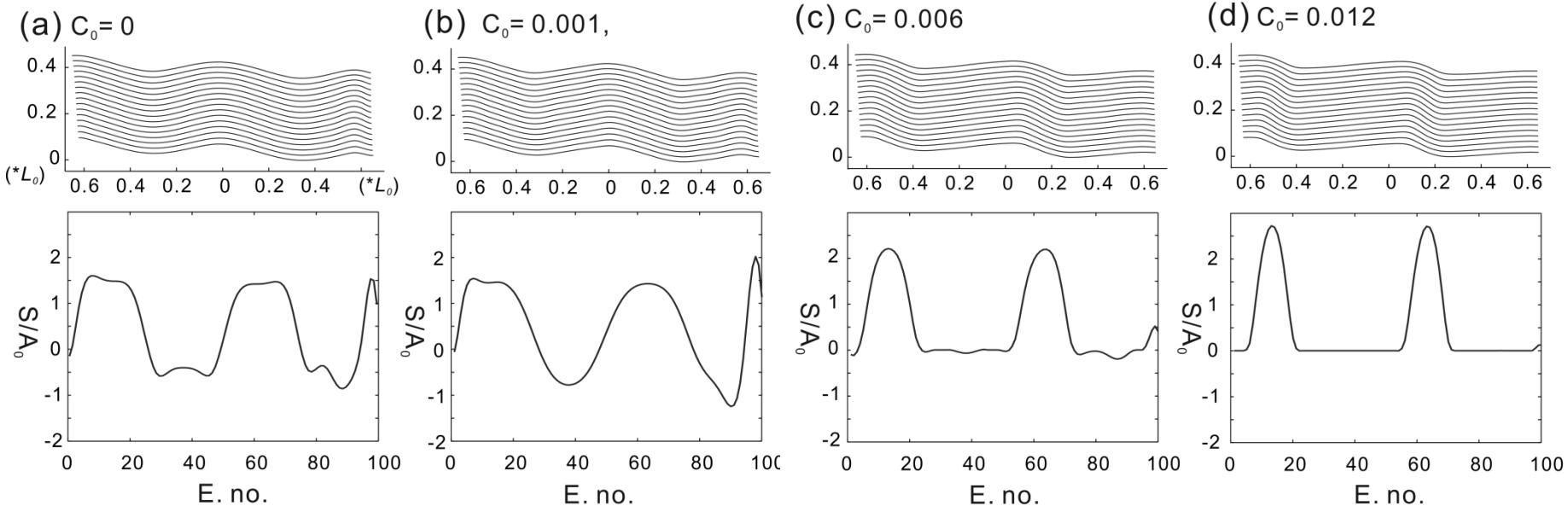
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Future work

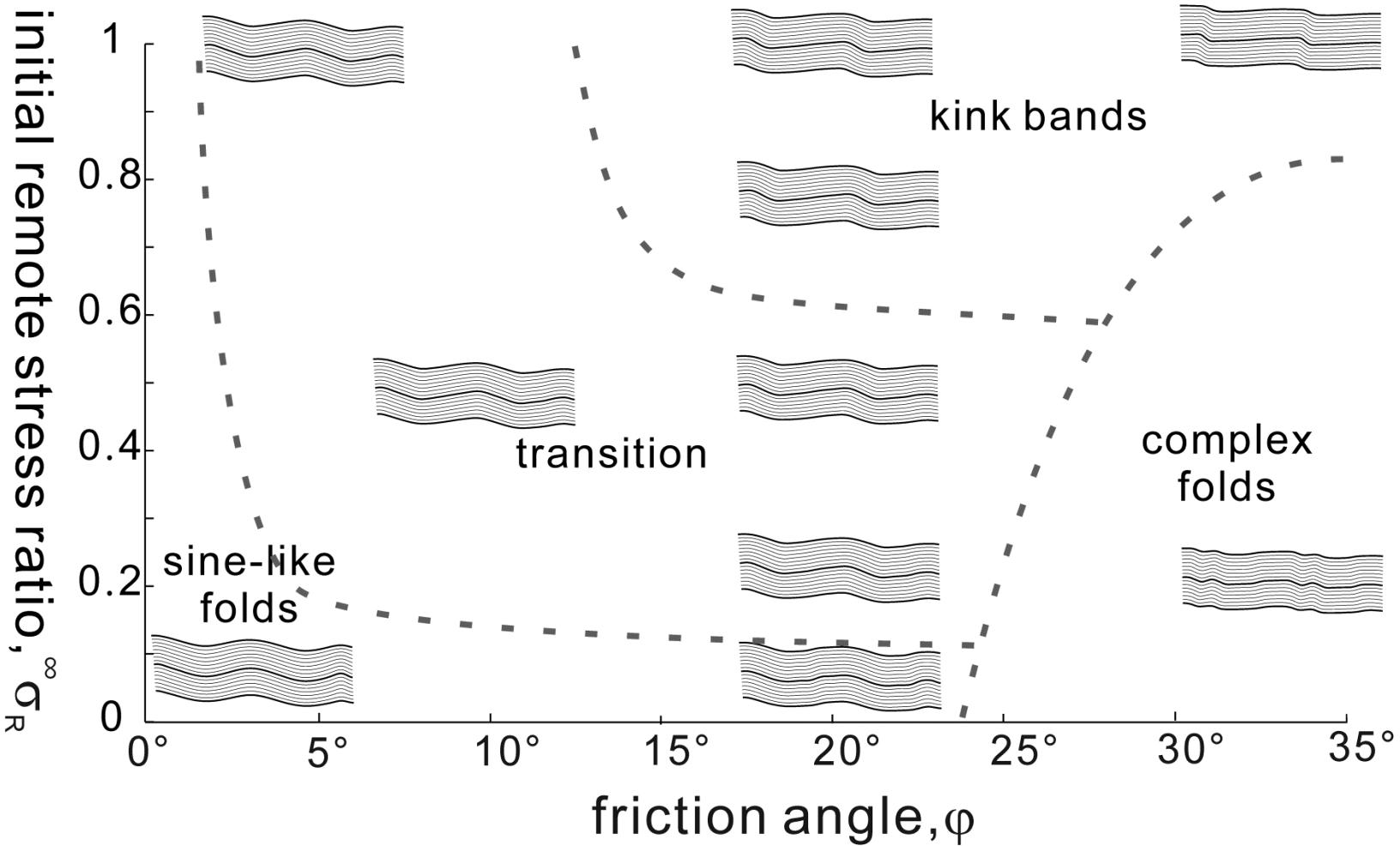
◆ Given certain theoretical properties, can you quantify the states of stress that will produce these three kinds of kink folds in a multilayer material?



Monocline kink fold



Monocline kink fold



Motivation

(Shaw et al., 1999, Nature; 2002, BSSA)

Earthquakes vs. Faulting

? Earthquakes vs. Kinking

