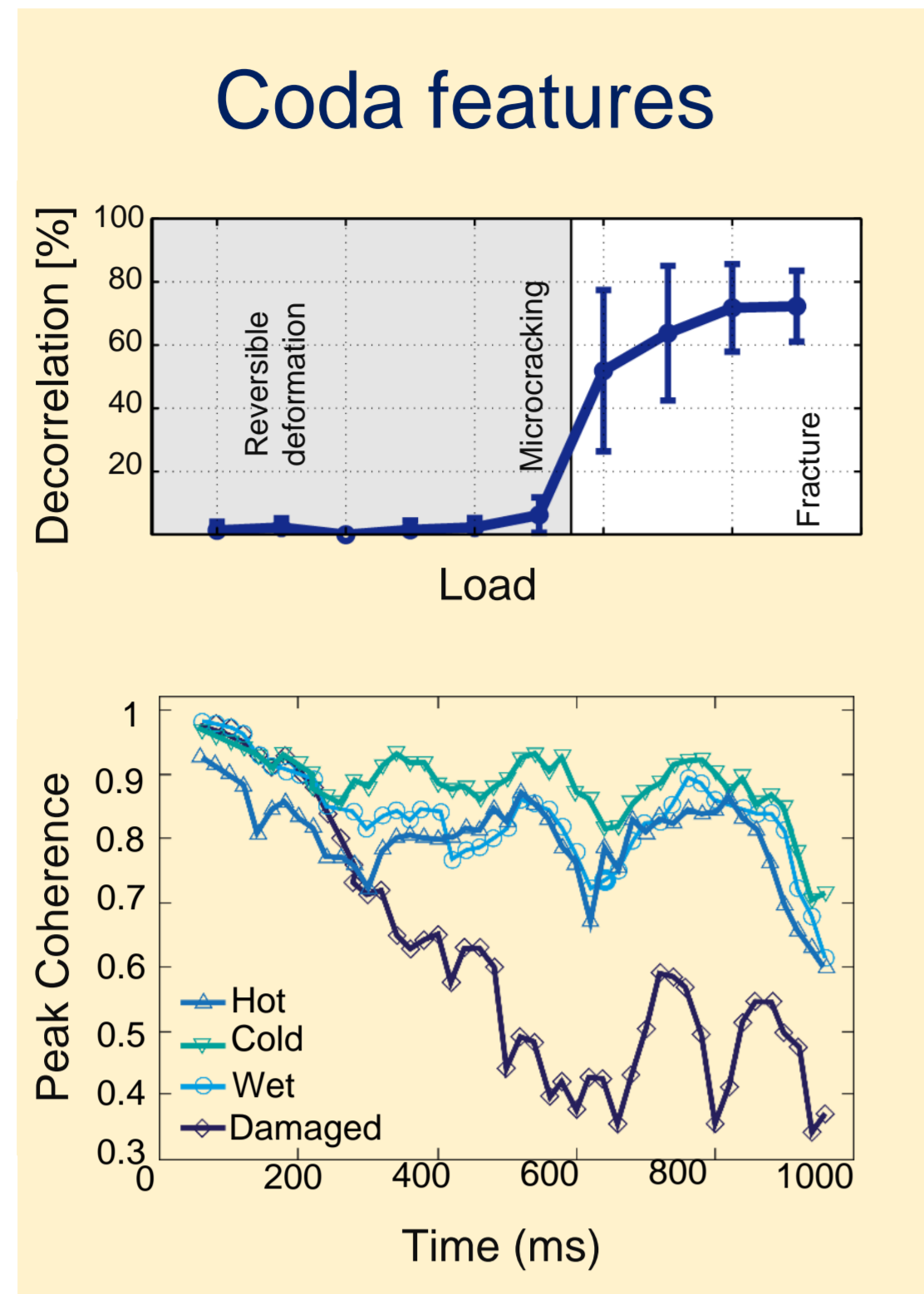
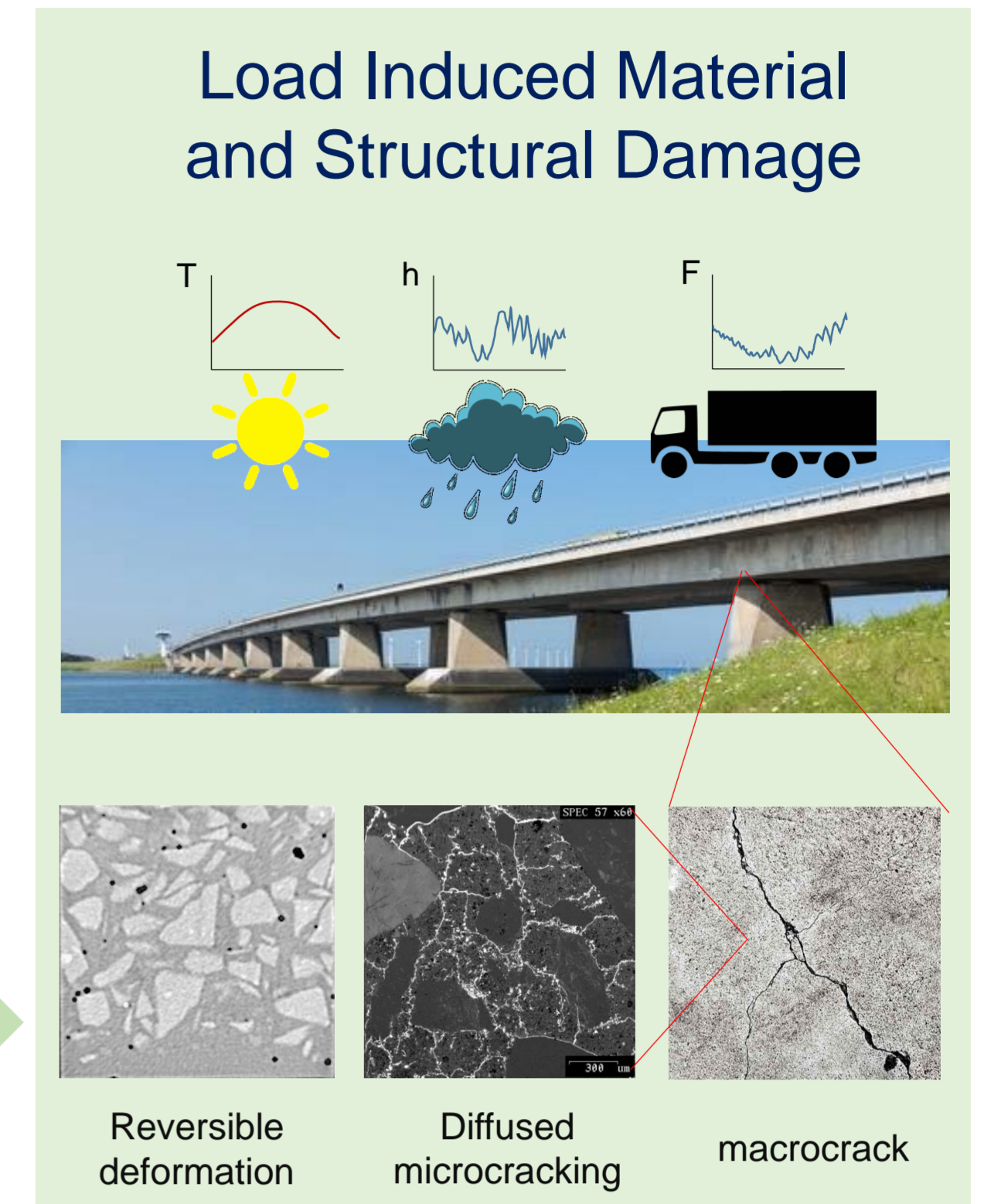


**Motivation**



- Can **characteristics of the Coda signal** be assigned to certain **stress-specific structural changes or damage**?
- Is it possible to determine a reliable **precursor characteristic** for the **transition from diffuse to localized damage** in concrete and reinforced concrete structures?

Relationship between coda wave and material and structural changes



**Scale-bridging modelling of microcracking in concrete**

**Methodology**

**Multiscale Model**

- RVE Level 1:** microcracked mortar + aggregates
- RVE Level 2:** mortar + microcracks
- RVE Level 3:** cement paste + sand

**Microstructure generation** → **FFT solver** → **Model reduction**

- App **Virtual Concrete Lab**
- 6 concrete standards (DIN ISO 3310)
- Aggregates as concave polyhedrons

**Micromechanical modelling of microcracking in mortar**

- 3 pre-existing orthogonal crack families
- LFM criterion for microcrack propagation
- Analytical homogenization scheme (Mori-Tanaka)

**Material properties of mortar**

- 3-step analytical homogenization scheme (Mori-Tanaka)
- Step 1: low density and high density C-S-H phases
- Step 2: C-S-H matrix + clinker phases, CH crystal and porosity
- Step 3: Cement paste + sand and small size aggregates

**Equation:**  $\epsilon^{k+1}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{E} - \Gamma^0 * \sigma^k(\mathbf{x})$

**Model reduction using k-means clustering:** Original RVE (1 mil. voxels) → 32 clusters → 64 clusters → 128 clusters.

**Stiffness vs strain graphs:** Ezz, Exx, Eyy vs strain.

**Results**

**Stiffness upscaling**

**Material parameters of individual constituents**

$E_{matrix}$	24.114 GPa
$\nu_{matrix}$	0.1377
$E_{Quartz}$	84.6 GPa
$\nu_{Quartz}$	0.12
$\nu_{f_{Quartz}}$	0.382
number of aggregates	4794

**Upscaled material properties of concrete**

Bulk modulus (GPa)	Young's modulus (GPa)	Shear Modulus (GPa)	Poisson's ratio
17.636	38.331	16.845	0.13776

Upscaled Young's modulus deviates from experimentally measured value by 3.2%

**Damage evolution at mesoscale**

Clustered microstructure

Stiffness reduction in different clusters

Concrete behavior at macroscale

Homogenized concrete behaviour in uniaxial compression

Concrete stiffness reduction in uniaxial compression

Microcrack development under uniaxial compression

Relative average stiffness (in x- and y-directions): 1.6%, 3%, 4%, 5%