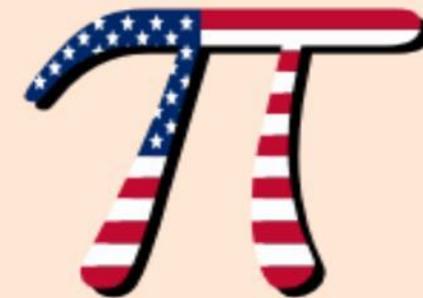


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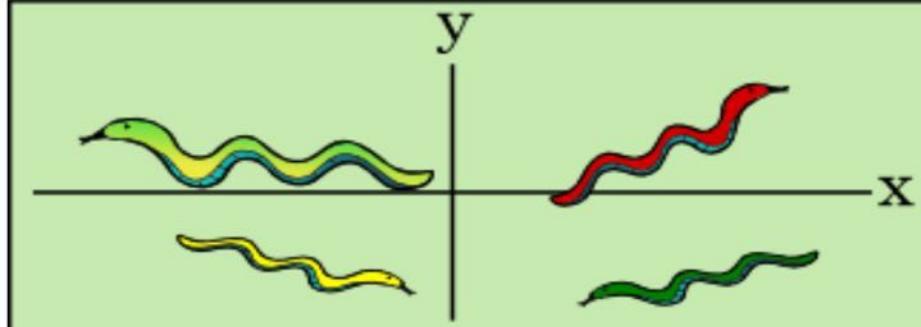
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$$\left| \frac{ds}{dt} \right|$$

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$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \text{girl}_i$$

Torsion and the brain

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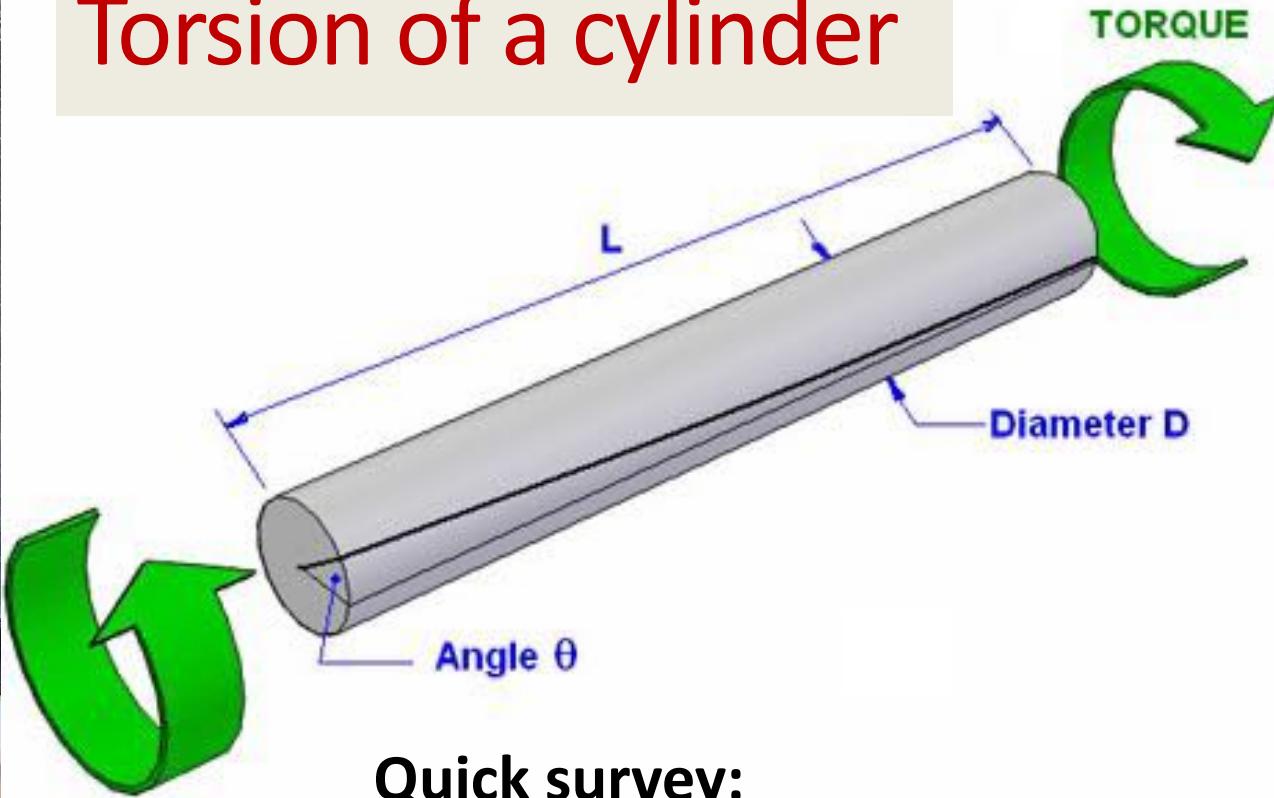


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Torsion of a cylinder



Quick survey:

What happens to the length of a cylinder when you twist it?

1. Increases (cylinder lengthens);
2. Decreases (cylinder shortens);
3. Stays the same;
4. I don't know.

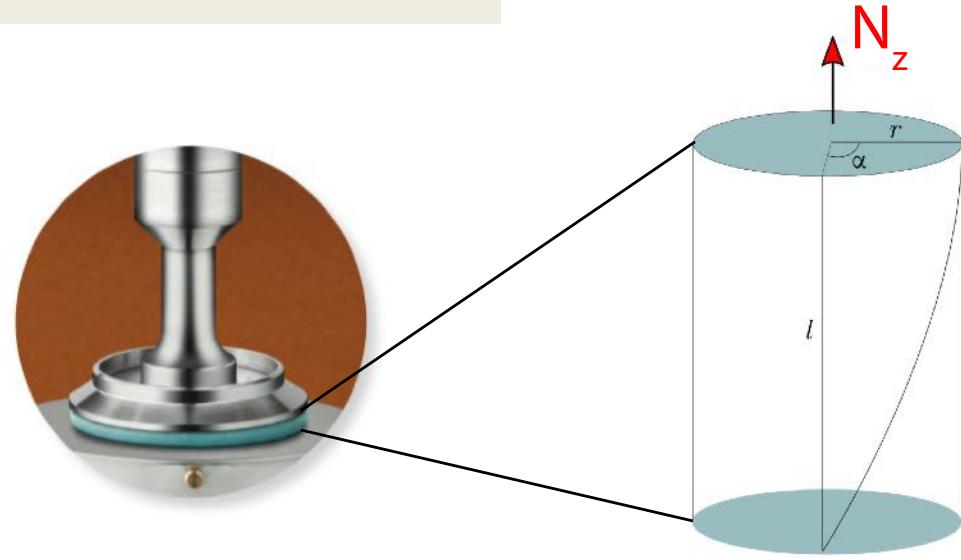
Torsion of a cylinder: The POYNTING effect

Watch the YOUTUBE video at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ugD6PsDaLu4>

Zurlo et al. ‘The Poynting effect’. *American Journal of Physics* (to appear)

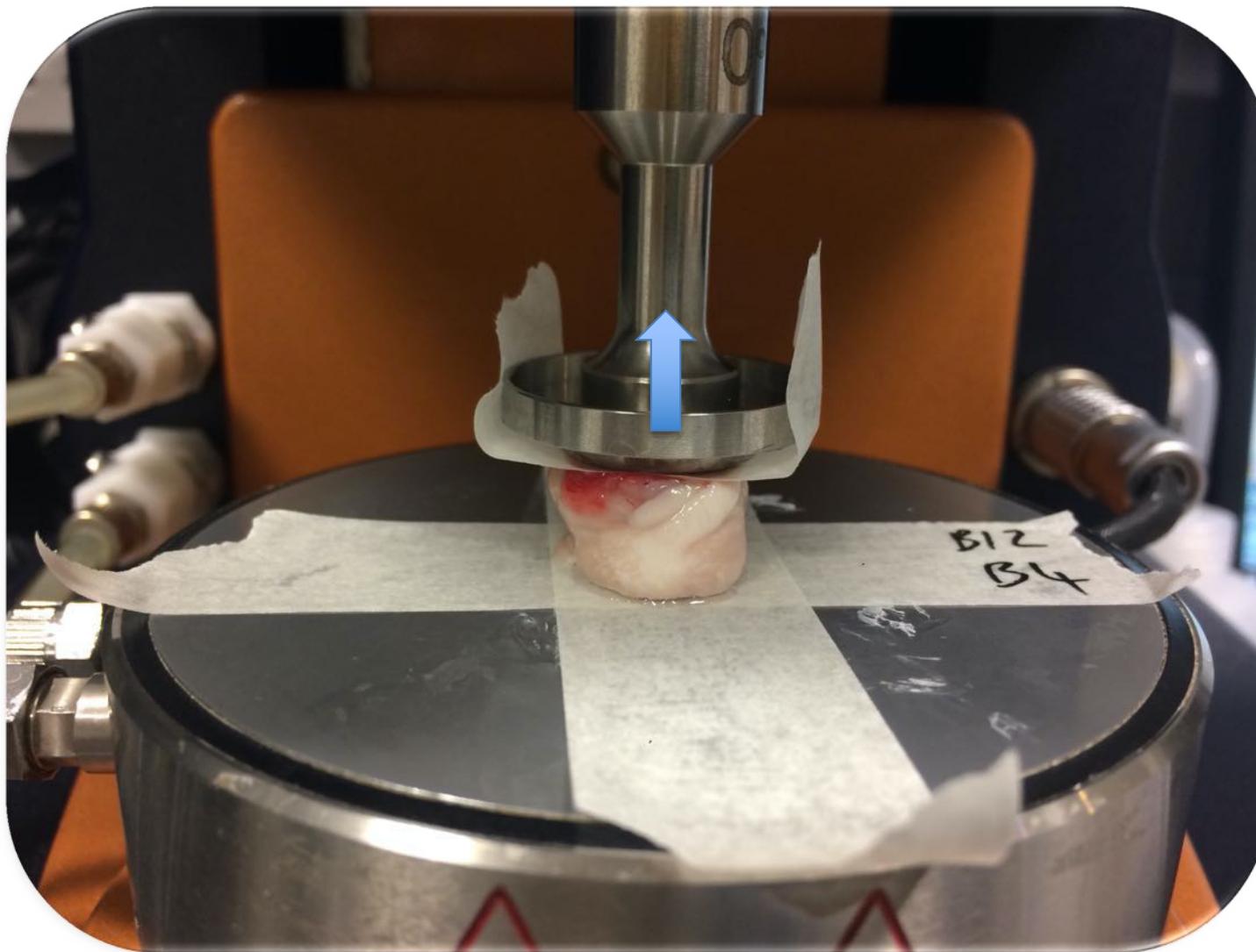
Torsion testing of brain matter



The rheometer measures the torque τ and normal force N_z required to twist a cylindrical sample by an angle α .

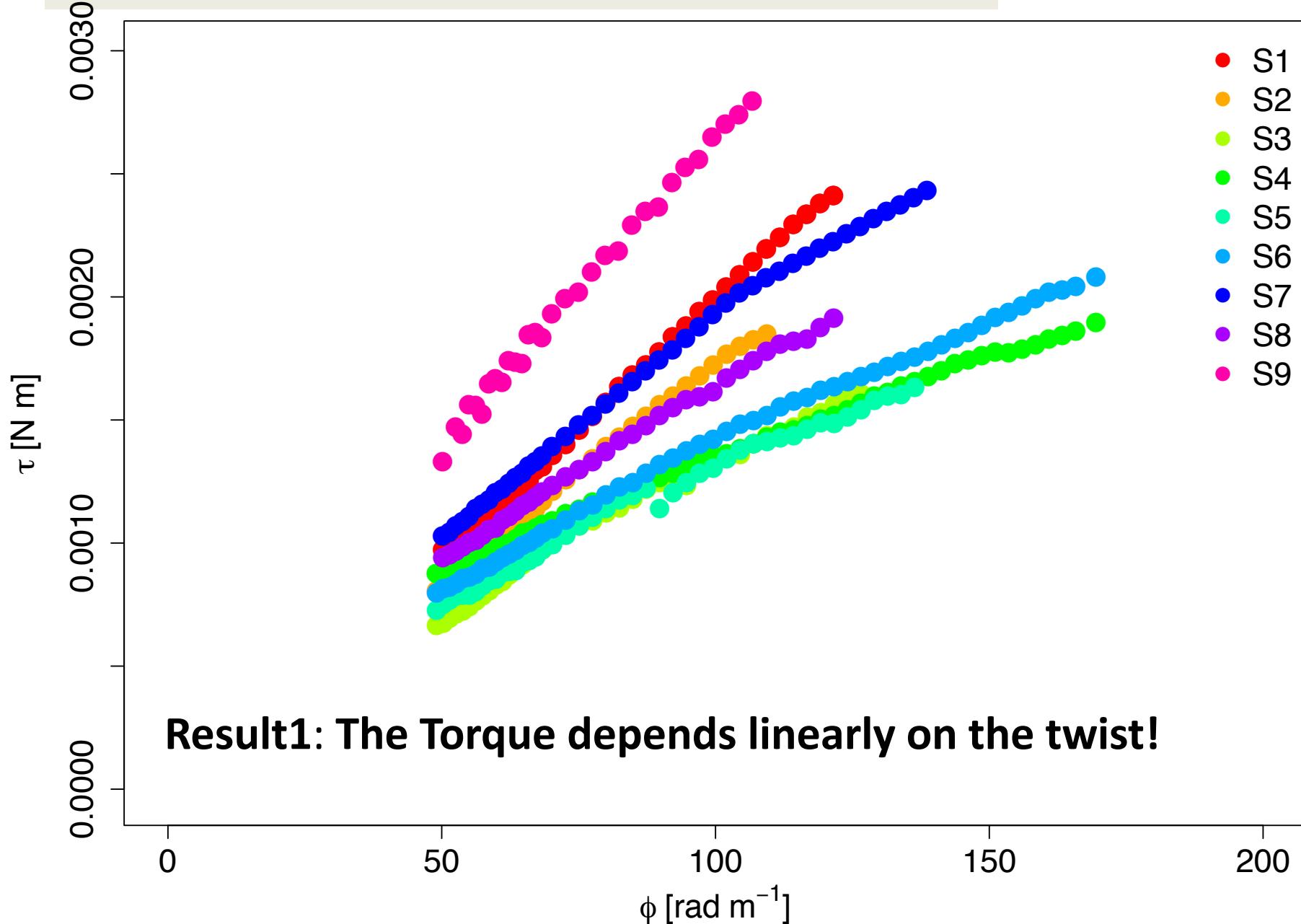
Discovery Hybrid 2 rheometer

Poynting effect in torsion

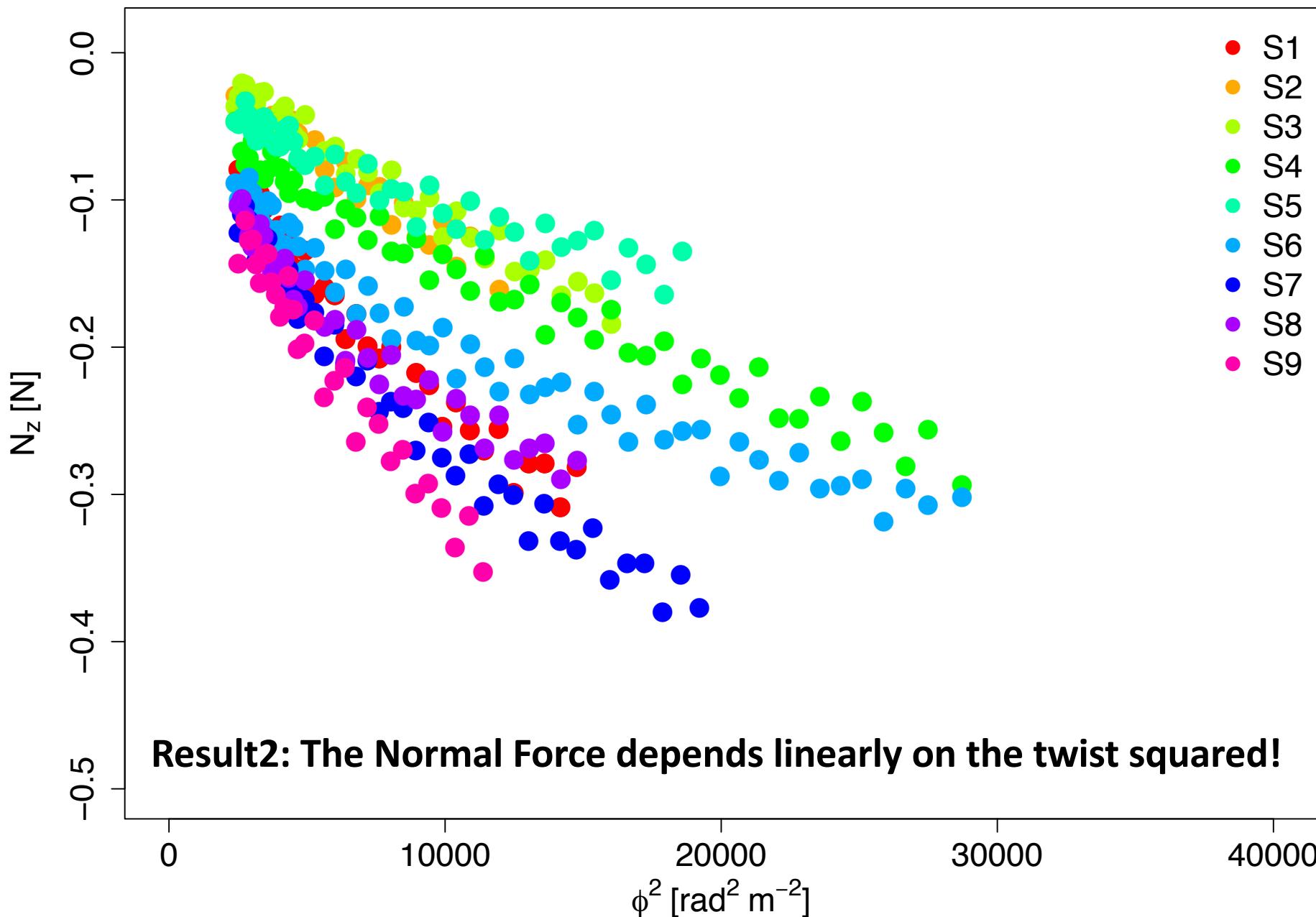


The sample is pushing up against the top plate

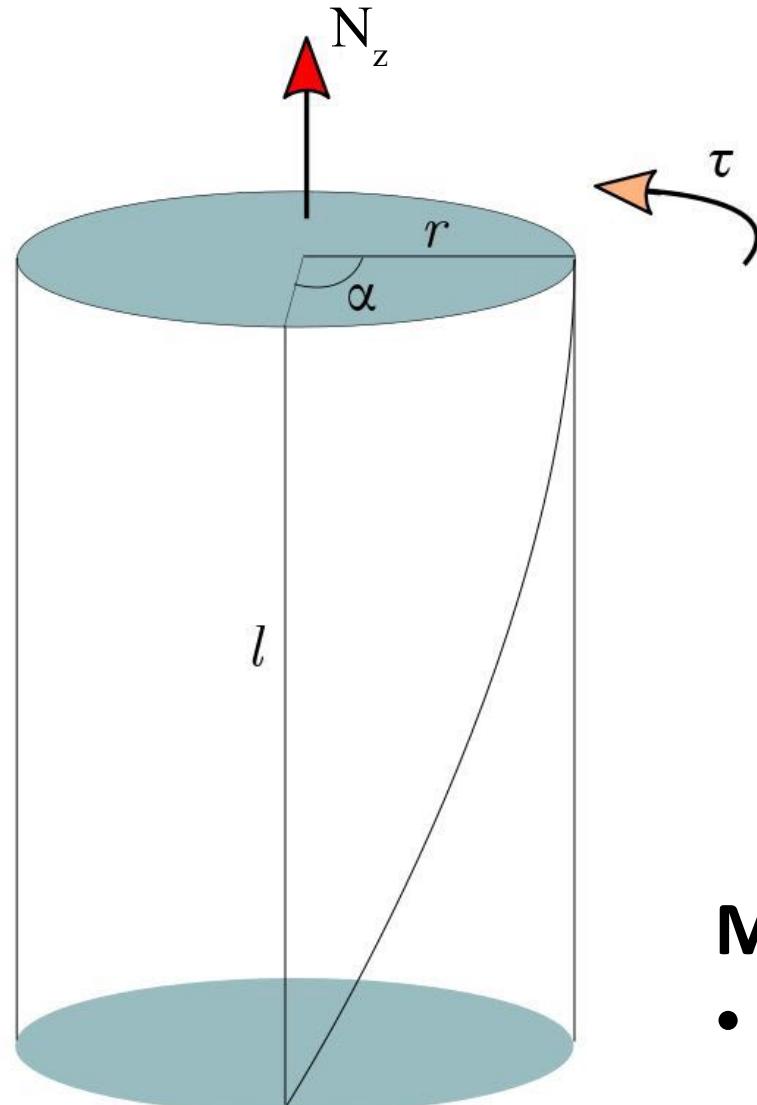
Experimental data: Torque



Experimental data: Normal force



Modelling the torsion



Deformation:

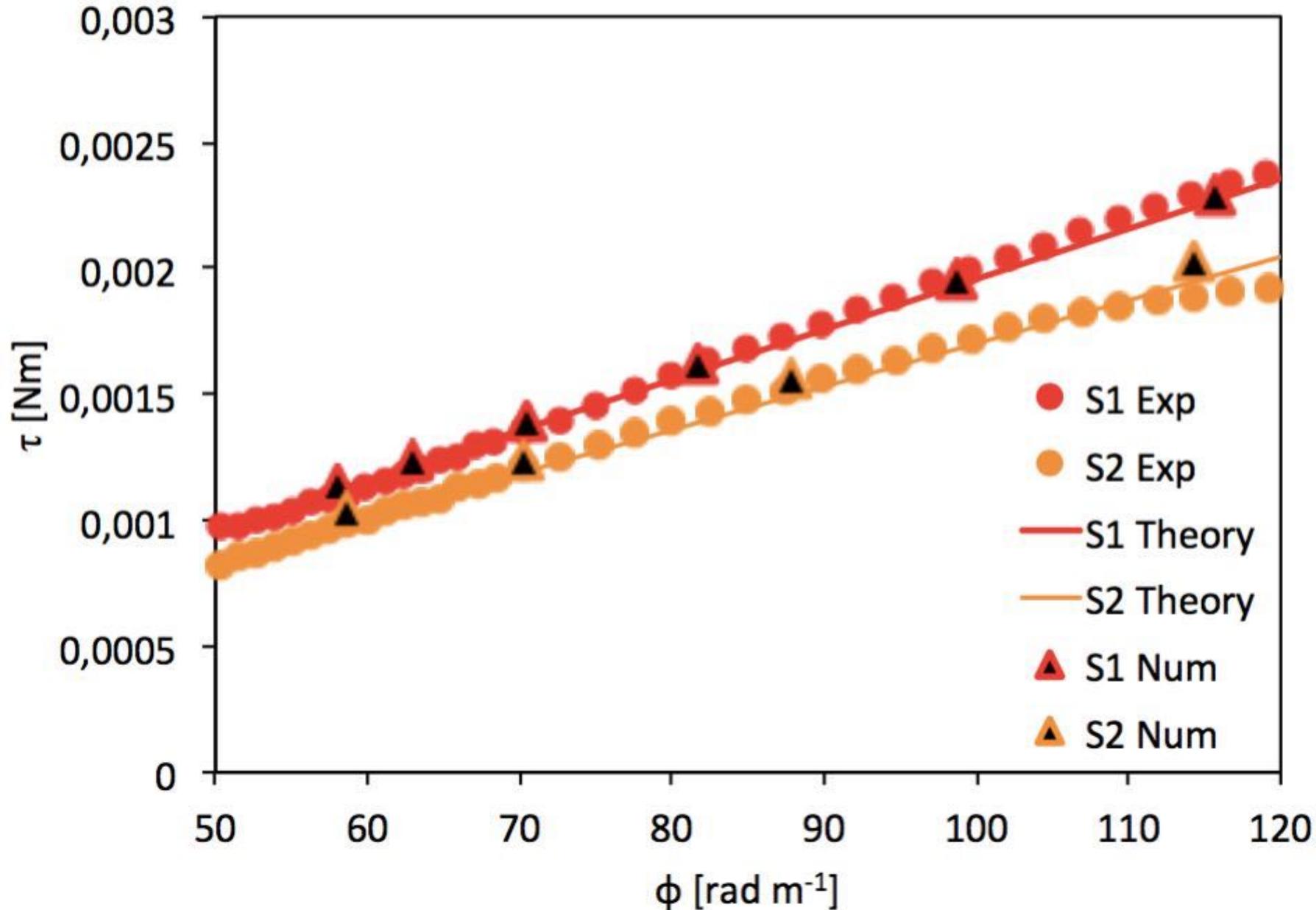
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} r = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda}} R \\ \theta = \Theta + \phi \lambda Z \\ z = \lambda Z \end{array} \right.$$

Twist: $\phi = \alpha/l$

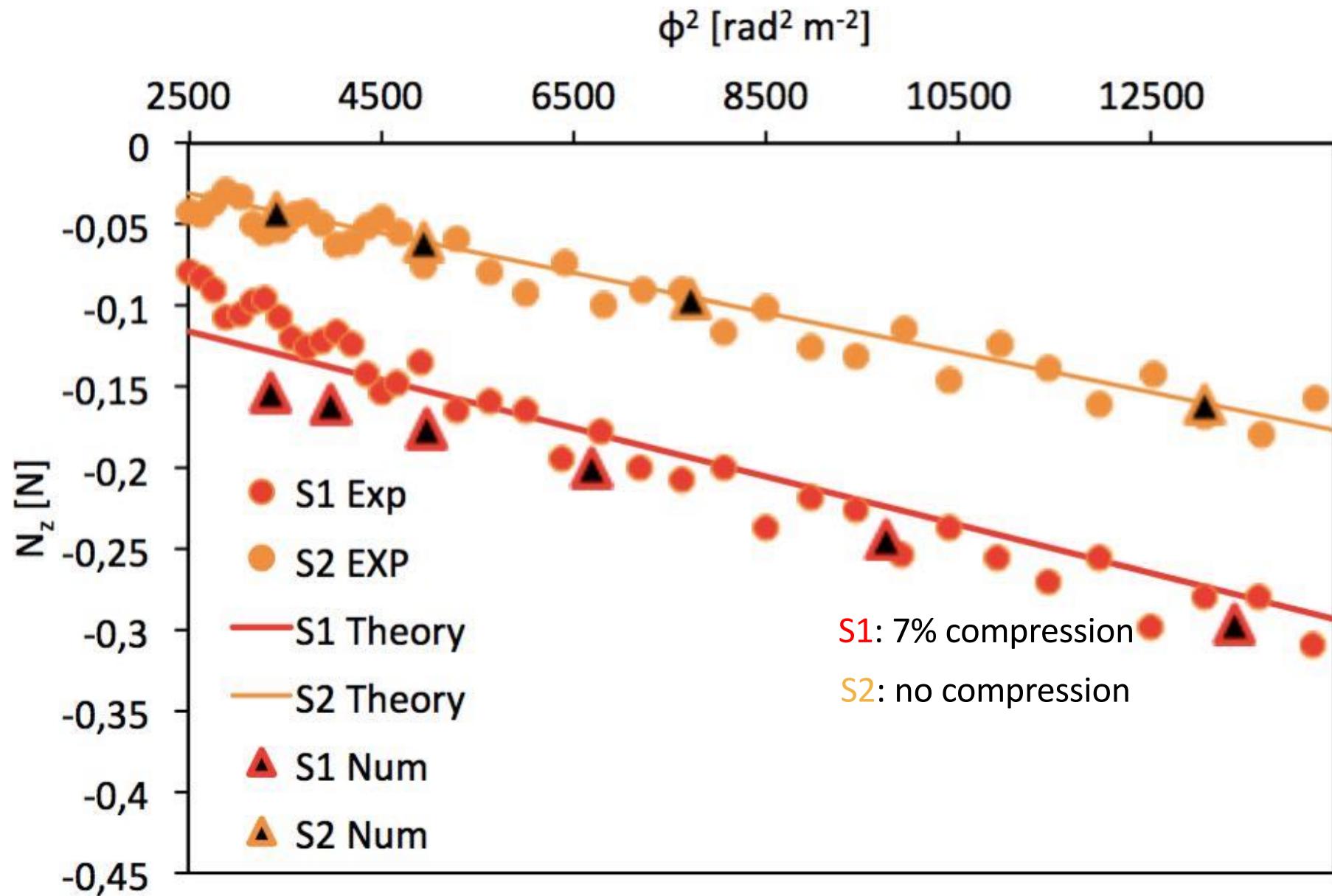
Longitudinal stretch: λ

- Mooney-Rivlin model predicts**
- Torque $\propto \phi$
 - Normal force $\propto \phi^2$

Torsion in Abaqus: Torque



Torsion in Abaqus: Normal force



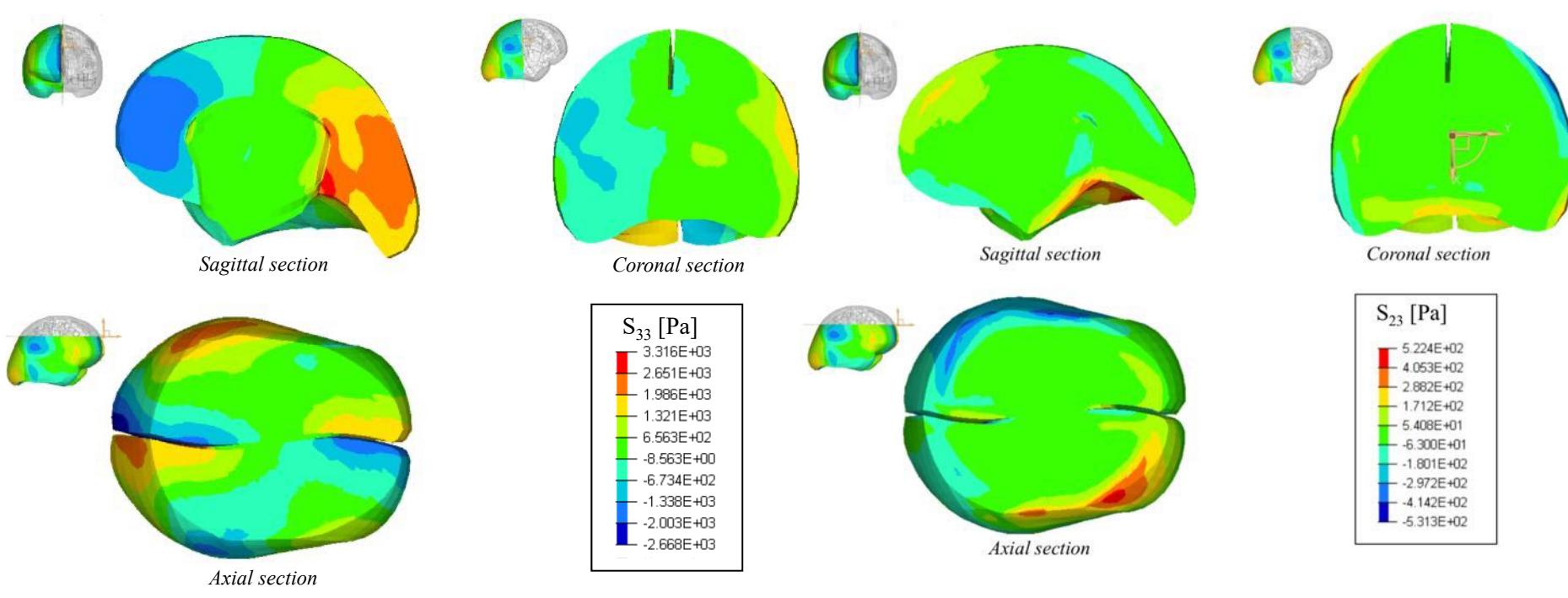
Conclusions

sample	μ [Pa]	c_2 [Pa]	R_τ^2	$R_{N_z}^2$
S_1	1232.50	294.45	0.999	0.946
S_2	1092.31	235.84	0.998	0.939
S_3	766.95	310.60	0.988	0.966
S_4	491.14	201.22	0.996	0.958
S_5	656.96	59.68	0.988	0.87
S_6	644.59	113.75	0.994	0.92
S_7	952.36	347.26	0.993	0.947
S_8	803.12	401.41	0.997	0.925
S_9	1460.17	710.29	0.995	0.962
mean \pm SD	900 ± 312	297 ± 189		

Estimated elastic parameters:
shear modulus $\mu=2(c_1+c_2)$,
Mooney-Rivlin parameter c_2 and
the two coefficients of determination
for the torque (R_τ^2) and the normal
force ($R_{N_z}^2$) data fits.

1. Brain displays the classical **Positive Poynting Effect** in torsion
2. Brain **behaves as a Mooney-Rivlin material** in torsion

Simulation: Rotational head impact



Normal component

Shear component

Peak acceleration: $2,170 \text{ rad s}^{-2}$ (thresholds for mild DAI are $>5,000 \text{ rad s}^{-2}$)

Normal and shear stress are of the same order of magnitude (kPa) as thresholds for DAI (Deck & Willinger, 2008)

[*Soft Matter*, 2019]

The destructive brain team



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Conclusion

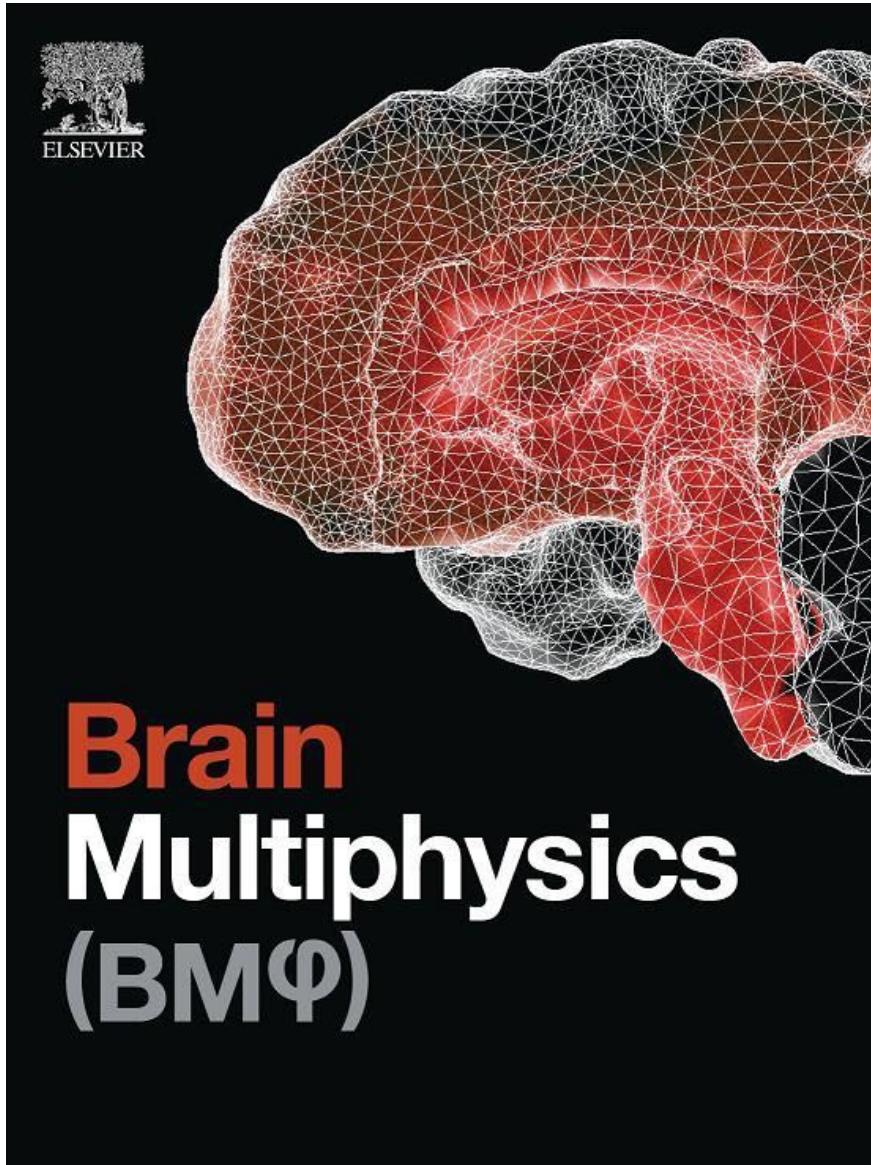


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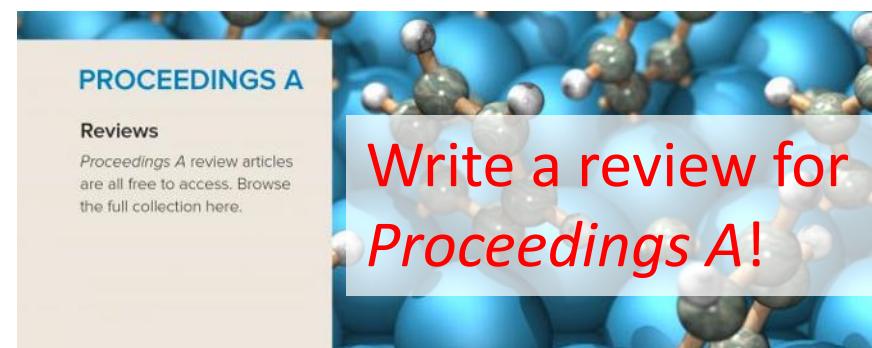


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