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Faulted





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Triaxial strain
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Triaxial strain

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Zigzag











































































































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Summary and conclusions

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- Uniaxial stress on one of the layers leads to a similar effect but depends on the direction of the stress