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# Coupling Approaches for Integrating Meshfree Peridynamic Models with Classical Finite Element Analysis

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# Outline

## BRIEF INTRODUCTION

- Peridynamic model of solid mechanics
- Meshfree discretization scheme of Silling and Askari

## VARIABLE LENGTH SCALE IN A PERIDYNAMIC MEDIUM

- Reducing the peridynamic horizon in the vicinity of a local-nonlocal boundary improves model compatibility
- Standard peridynamic models do not support a variable horizon
- The peridynamic partial stress formulation does support a variable horizon and can be utilized for local-nonlocal coupling

## OPTIMIZATION-BASED COUPLING

- Model coupling can be cast as an optimization problem
- *Objective function*: Difference between solutions in overlap region
- *Constraints*: Governing equations of the individual models

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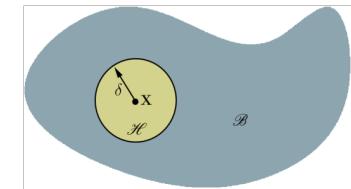
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# Peridynamic Theory of Solid Mechanics

Peridynamics is a mathematical theory that unifies the mechanics of continuous media, cracks, and discrete particles

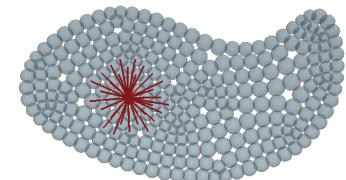
- Peridynamics is a nonlocal extension of continuum mechanics
- Remains valid in presence of discontinuities, including cracks
- Balance of linear momentum is based on an integral equation

$$\rho(\mathbf{x})\ddot{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \underbrace{\int_{\mathcal{B}} \{\underline{\mathbf{T}}[\mathbf{x}, t] \langle \mathbf{x}' - \mathbf{x} \rangle - \underline{\mathbf{T}}'[\mathbf{x}', t] \langle \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}' \rangle\} dV_{\mathbf{x}'} + \mathbf{b}(\mathbf{x}, t)}_{\text{Divergence of stress replaced with integral of nonlocal forces.}}$$



- Peridynamic bonds connect any two material points that interact directly
- Peridynamic forces are determined by force states acting on bonds
- A peridynamic body may be discretized by a finite number of elements

$$\rho(\mathbf{x})\ddot{\mathbf{u}}_h(\mathbf{x}, t) = \sum_{i=0}^N \{\underline{\mathbf{T}}[\mathbf{x}, t] \langle \mathbf{x}'_i - \mathbf{x} \rangle - \underline{\mathbf{T}}'[\mathbf{x}'_i, t] \langle \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'_i \rangle\} \Delta V_{\mathbf{x}'_i} + \mathbf{b}(\mathbf{x}, t)$$



S.A. Silling. Reformulation of elasticity theory for discontinuities and long-range forces. *Journal of the Mechanics and Physics of Solids*, 48:175-209, 2000.

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# Local-Nonlocal Coupling for Integrated Fracture Modeling



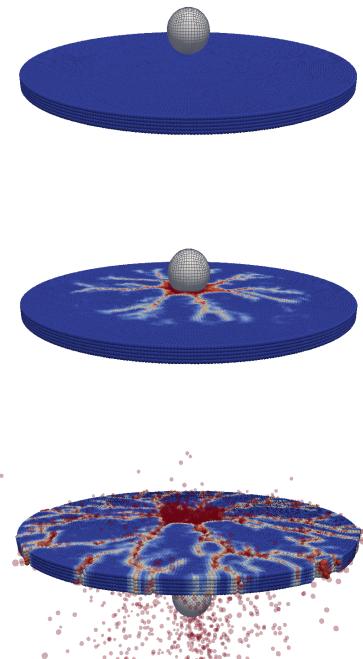
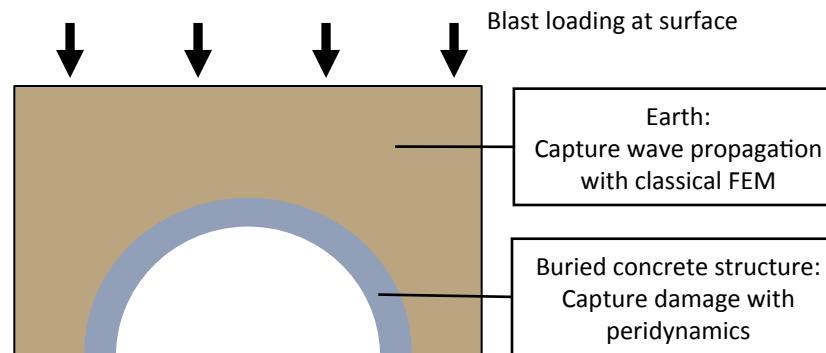
## PERIDYNAMICS OFFERS PROMISE FOR MODELING PERVERSIVE MATERIAL FAILURE

- Potential to enable rigorous simulation of failure and fracture
- Directly applicable to Sandia's national security missions

## WE SEEK INTEGRATION WITH CLASSICAL FINITE-ELEMENT APPROACHES

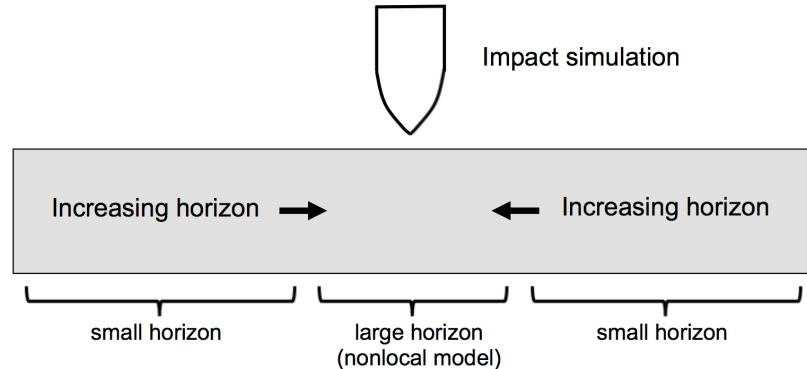
- Integration with existing FEM codes provides a delivery mechanism to DOE and DoD analysts
- “Best of both worlds” through combined classical FEM and peridynamic simulations

Vision  
Apply peridynamics in  
regions susceptible to  
material failure



# Variable Nonlocal Length Scale

Facilitate local-nonlocal coupling in combined peridynamic / classical FEM simulations



## STANDARD PERIDYNAMIC MODELS DO NOT SUPPORT A VARIABLE LENGTH SCALE

- Limited support: peridynamic models can support a linearly varying horizon
- *Ghost forces* are proportional to the *second derivative of the horizon*
- Difficulties persist at transition from a constant horizon to a varying horizon

## PATH FORWARD

- Seek a formulation that mitigates difficulties associated with a variable horizon
- Target one-dimensional patch tests (expose spurious artifacts, if any)
  - Linear displacement field must be equilibrated
  - Quadratic displacement field must produce constant acceleration

# Peridynamic Stress Tensor

## *ALTERNATIVE EXPRESSION FOR INTERNAL FORCE, TIES TO LOCAL THEORY*

Internal force density

$$\mathbf{L}^{\text{pd}}(\mathbf{x}) = \int_{\mathcal{B}} \left\{ \underline{\mathbf{T}}[\mathbf{x}] \langle \mathbf{q} - \mathbf{x} \rangle - \underline{\mathbf{T}}[\mathbf{q}] \langle \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{q} \rangle \right\} dV_{\mathbf{q}}$$

Peridynamic stress tensor <sup>1</sup>

$$\mathbf{L}^{\text{pd}} = \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\nu}^{\text{pd}}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\nu}^{\text{pd}}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathcal{S}} \int_0^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} (v + w)^2 \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x} + v\mathbf{m}, \mathbf{x} - w\mathbf{m}) \otimes \mathbf{m} dw dv d\Omega_{\mathbf{m}}$$

where

$$\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{p}) = \underline{\mathbf{T}}[\mathbf{p}] \langle \mathbf{q} - \mathbf{p} \rangle - \underline{\mathbf{T}}[\mathbf{q}] \langle \mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q} \rangle$$

<sup>1</sup> Lehoucq, R.B., and Silling, S.A. Force flux and the peridynamic stress tensor, *Journal of the Mechanics and Physics of Solids*, 56:1566-1577, 2008.

# Peridynamic Partial Stress Formulation

Under the assumption of a **uniform displacement** field

$$\mathbf{y}(\mathbf{x} + \boldsymbol{\xi}) - \mathbf{y}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{F}\boldsymbol{\xi}$$

The peridynamic stress tensor is greatly simplified

$$\begin{aligned} \boldsymbol{\nu}^{\text{pd}} &= \int_{\mathcal{S}} \int_0^{\infty} \int_v^{\infty} z^2 \hat{\mathbf{T}}(\underline{\mathbf{F}}) \langle z \mathbf{m} \rangle \otimes \mathbf{m} \, dz \, dv \, d\Omega_{\mathbf{m}} \\ &= \int_{\mathcal{S}} \int_0^{\infty} \int_0^z z^2 \hat{\mathbf{T}}(\underline{\mathbf{F}}) \langle z \mathbf{m} \rangle \otimes \mathbf{m} \, dv \, dz \, d\Omega_{\mathbf{m}} \\ &= \int_{\mathcal{S}} \int_0^{\infty} z^3 \hat{\mathbf{T}}(\underline{\mathbf{F}}) \langle z \mathbf{m} \rangle \otimes \mathbf{m} \, dz \, d\Omega_{\mathbf{m}} \\ &= \int_{\mathcal{S}} \int_0^{\infty} \hat{\mathbf{T}}(\underline{\mathbf{F}}) \langle z \mathbf{m} \rangle \otimes (z \mathbf{m}) (z^2 \, dz \, d\Omega_{\mathbf{m}}) \\ &= \boldsymbol{\nu}^0 \end{aligned}$$

The result is the *peridynamic partial stress*

$$\boldsymbol{\nu}^0 = \int_{\mathcal{H}} \hat{\mathbf{T}}(\underline{\mathbf{F}}) \langle \boldsymbol{\xi} \rangle \otimes \boldsymbol{\xi} \, dV_{\boldsymbol{\xi}}$$

# Peridynamic Partial Stress Formulation

$$\nu_o(\mathbf{x}) := \int_{\mathcal{H}} \underline{\mathbf{T}}[\mathbf{x}] \langle \xi \rangle \otimes \xi \, dV_{\mathbf{x}'}$$

- **GOOD:** Supports variable horizon
  - Guaranteed to pass the linear patch test (even with a varying horizon)
  - Provides a natural transition between the full peridynamic formulation and a classical stress-strain formulation (hybrid approach)
- **BAD:** Is exact only for uniform displacement field
  - Partial stress formulation is not a good candidate for modeling material failure
  - Saving grace: we will apply the partial stress only at local-nonlocal coupling interfaces, which are placed in relatively smooth regions

$$\boldsymbol{\nu}^{\text{pd}} - \boldsymbol{\nu}^{\text{ps}} = O(\delta)O(|\nabla \underline{\mathbf{T}}_1|)$$

# Application of Partial Stress within Peridynamics Framework

## INTERNAL FORCE CALCULATION REQUIRES DIVERGENCE OPERATOR

- Internal force evaluated as divergence of partial stress

$$\mathbf{L}(\mathbf{x}) = \nabla \cdot \nu(\mathbf{x}) = \text{Tr}(\nabla \nu(\mathbf{x}))$$

$$\nabla \nu(\mathbf{x}) = \int_{\mathcal{H}} \underline{\omega} \langle \xi \rangle \{ \nu(\mathbf{x}') - \nu(\mathbf{x}) \} \otimes \xi \, dV_{\mathbf{x}'} \, \mathbf{K}^{-1}$$

- The partial stress can be applied within the meshless approach of Silling and Askari <sup>1</sup>

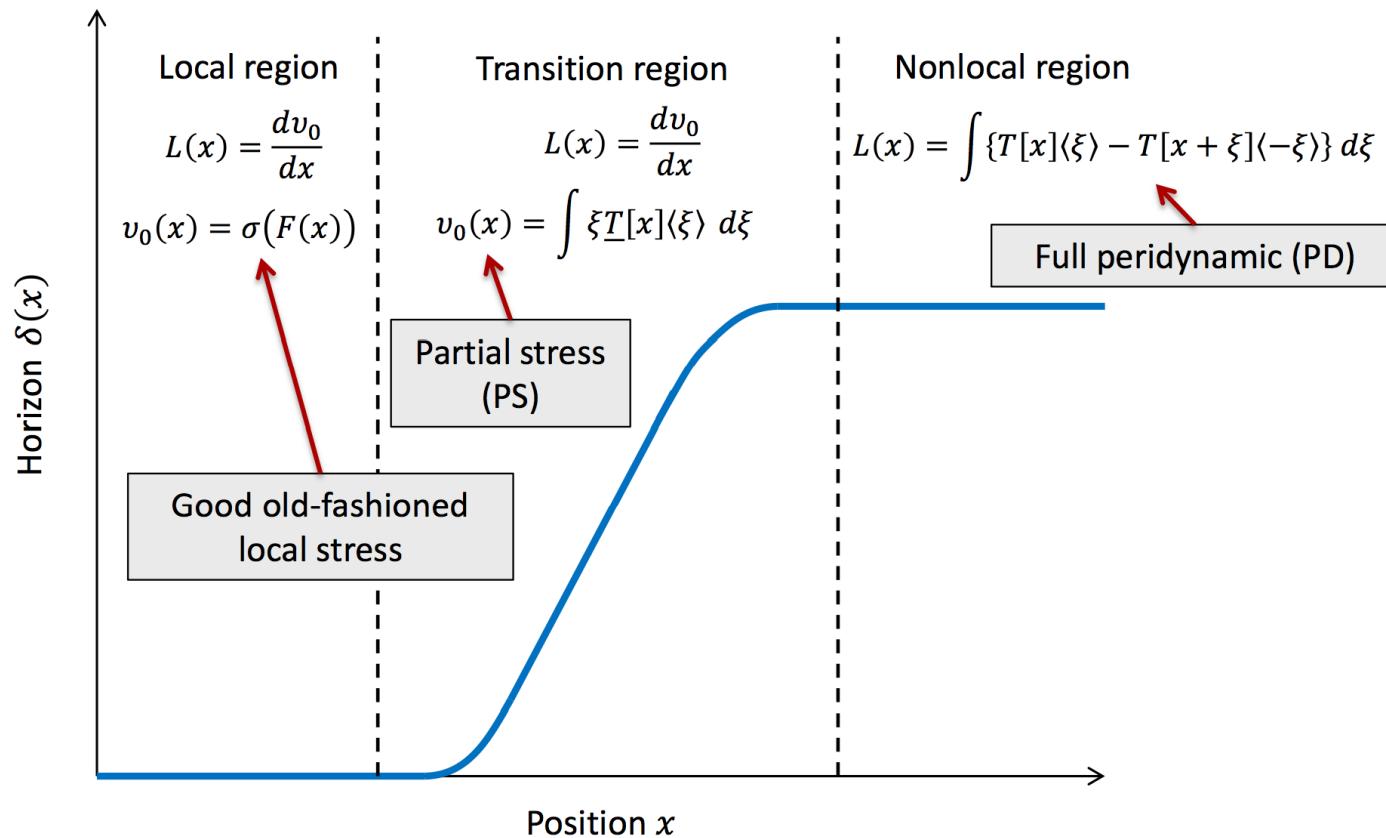
$$\nabla \cdot \nu(\mathbf{x}) = \text{Tr} \left( \left( \sum_{n=1}^N \underline{\omega} \langle \xi^n \rangle \{ \nu(\mathbf{x}^n) - \nu(\mathbf{x}) \} \otimes \xi^n \Delta V^n \right) \mathbf{K}^{-1} \right)$$

- ★ The partial stress can also be applied within a standard finite-element scheme

<sup>1</sup> S.A. Silling and E. Askari. A meshfree method based on the peridynamic model of solid mechanics. *Computers and Structures*, 83:1526-1535, 2005.

# Utilize the Partial Stress Formulation in a Transition Region

*ALTER THE PERIDYNAMIC HORIZON WITHIN A BODY TO APPLY NONLOCALITY ONLY WHERE NEEDED*



[Courtesy Stewart Silling]

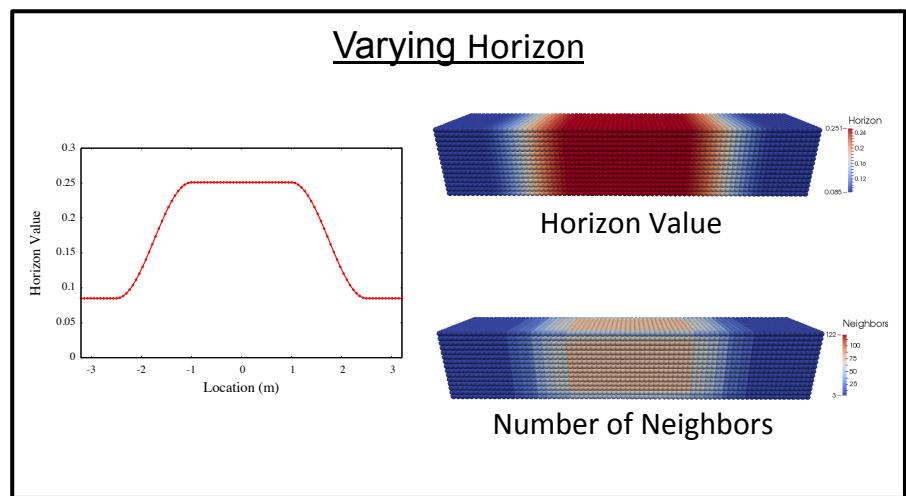
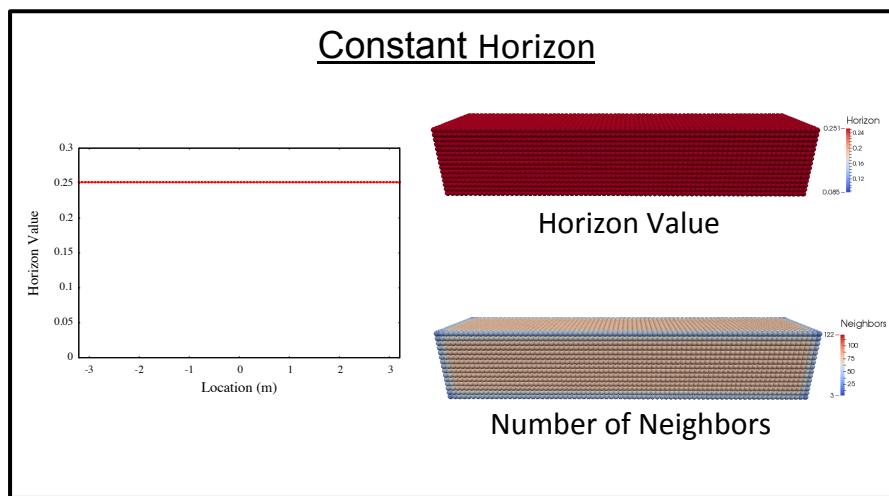
# Patch Tests for Partial Stress Formulation

## *SUBJECT RECTANGULAR BAR TO PRESCRIBED DISPLACEMENT FIELDS*

- Examine response under linear and quadratic displacement fields
- Investigate standard formulation with both constant and varying peridynamic horizon
- Investigate partial stress formulation with both constant and varying peridynamic horizon

Elastic Correspondence  
Material Model

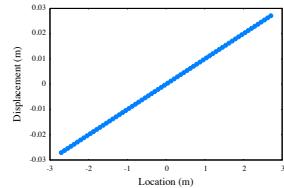
Density	7.8 g/cm <sup>3</sup>
Young's Modulus	200.0 GPa
Poisson's Ratio	0.0
Stability Coefficient	0.0



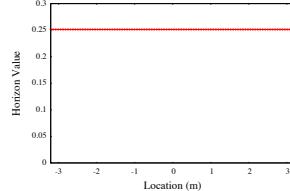
# Patch Test: Prescribed Linear Displacement

## Test set-up

Prescribe linear displacement field



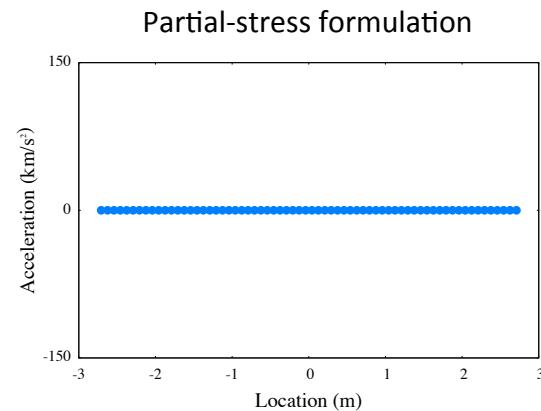
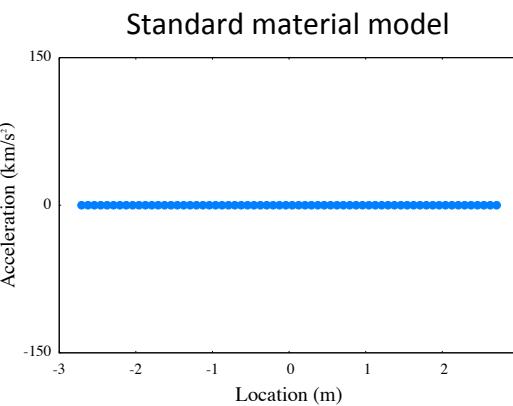
Constant horizon throughout bar



Can the standard model and the partial-stress model recover the expected zero acceleration?

**Both** models produce the expected result when the horizon is **constant**

## Test Results: Acceleration over the length of the bar

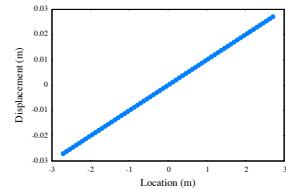


Note: nodes near ends of bar excluded from plots

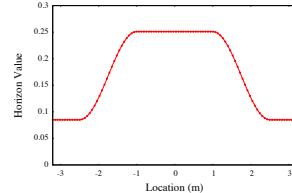
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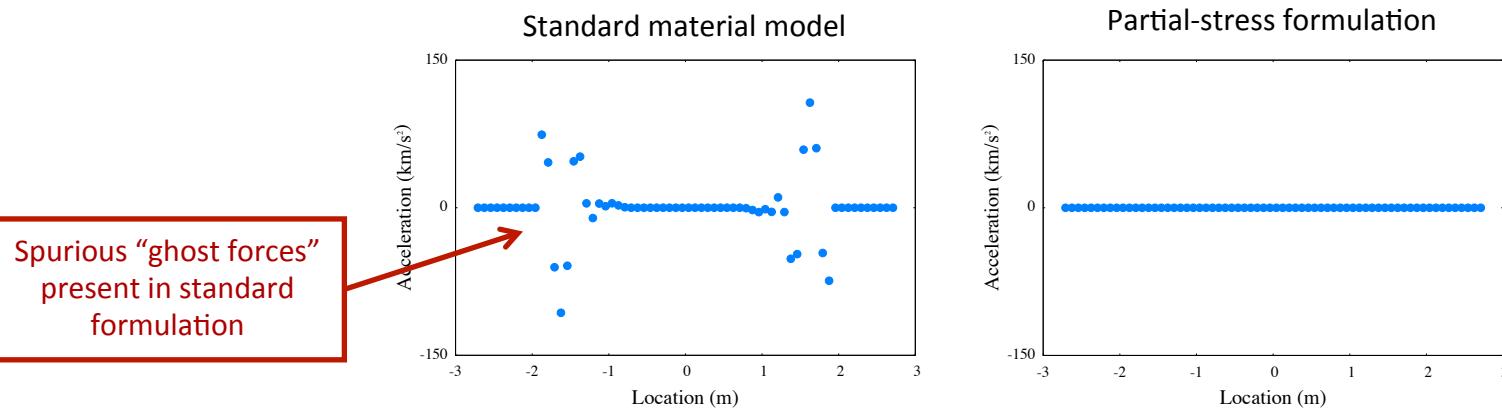
Variable horizon



Can the standard model and the partial-stress model recover the expected zero acceleration?

Only the **partial stress** formulation produce the expected result when the horizon is **varying**

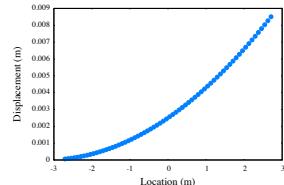
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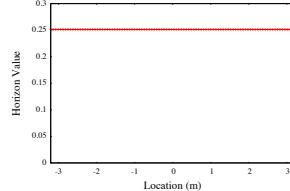
# Patch Test: Prescribed Quadratic Displacement

## Test set-up

Prescribe quadratic displacement field



Constant horizon throughout bar

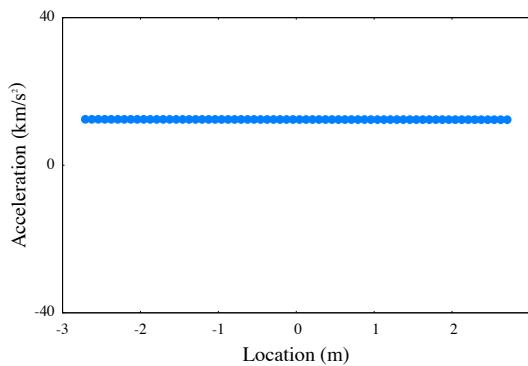


Can the standard model and the partial-stress model recover the expected constant acceleration profile?

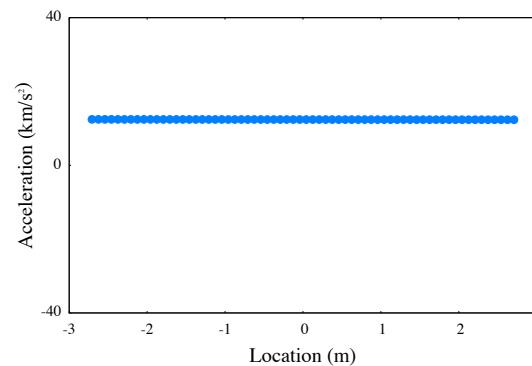
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## Test Results: Acceleration over the length of the bar

Standard material model



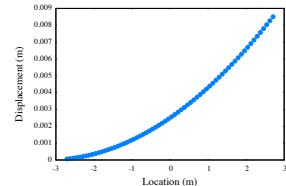
Partial-stress formulation



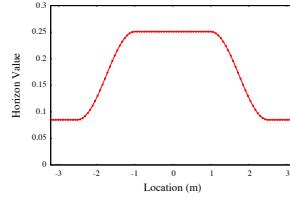
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Prescribe quadratic displacement field



Variable horizon

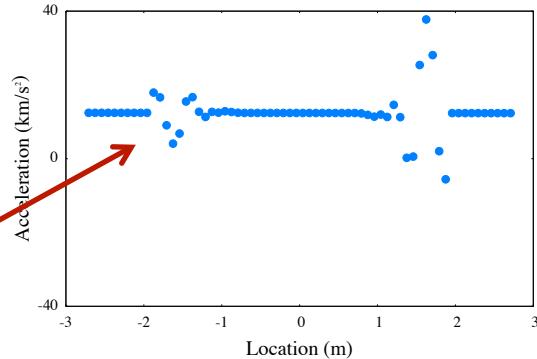


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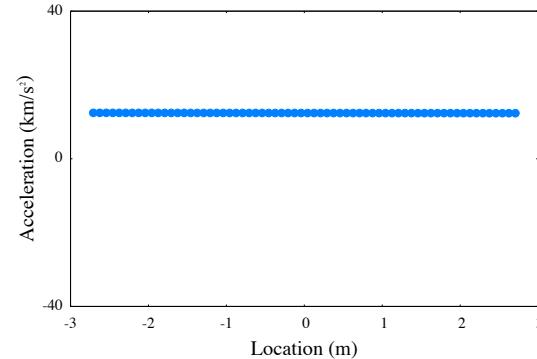
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Standard material model



Spurious “ghost forces” present in standard formulation

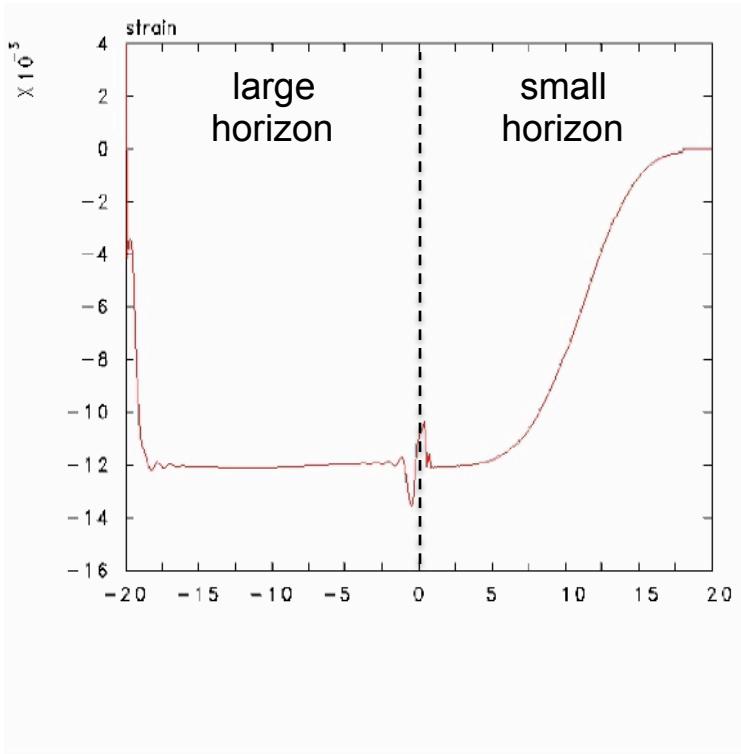
Partial-stress formulation



# Wave Propagation through Region of Varying Horizon

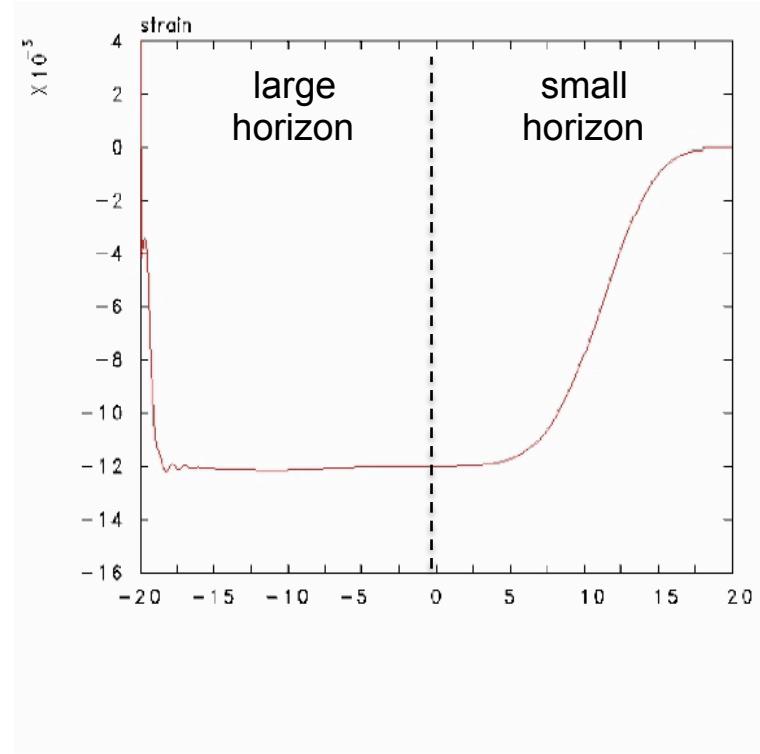
## Standard peridynamic model

Numerical artifacts present at transition from large horizon to small horizon



## Partial-stress approach

Greatly reduces artifacts, enables smooth transition between large and small horizons



<sup>1</sup>Silling, S., and Seleson, P., Variable Length Scale in a Peridynamic Body, SIAM Conference on Mathematical Aspects of Materials Science, Philadelphia, PA, June 12, 2013.

# What about Performance?

## USE OF A VARIABLE HORIZON IMPACTS PERFORMANCE IN SEVERAL WAYS

- Use of a variable horizon can reduce neighborhood size
  - Less computational cost per internal force evaluation
  - Reduces number of unknowns in stiffness matrix for implicit time integration
- Use of a variable horizon can reduce the critical time step
  - Critical time step is strongly dependent on the horizon <sup>1, 2</sup>
  - Smaller time step results in more total steps to solution for explicit transient dynamic simulations
  - Important note: the critical time step for analyses combining peridynamics and classical finite analysis is generally determined by the classical finite elements

**Total Number of Bonds**  
(equal to number of nonzeros in stiffness matrix)

Constant Horizon	92.6 million
Varying Horizon	46.5 million

**Stable Time Step** <sup>1, 2</sup>  
(explicit transient dynamics)

Constant Horizon	2.03e-5 sec.
Varying Horizon	7.15e-6 sec.

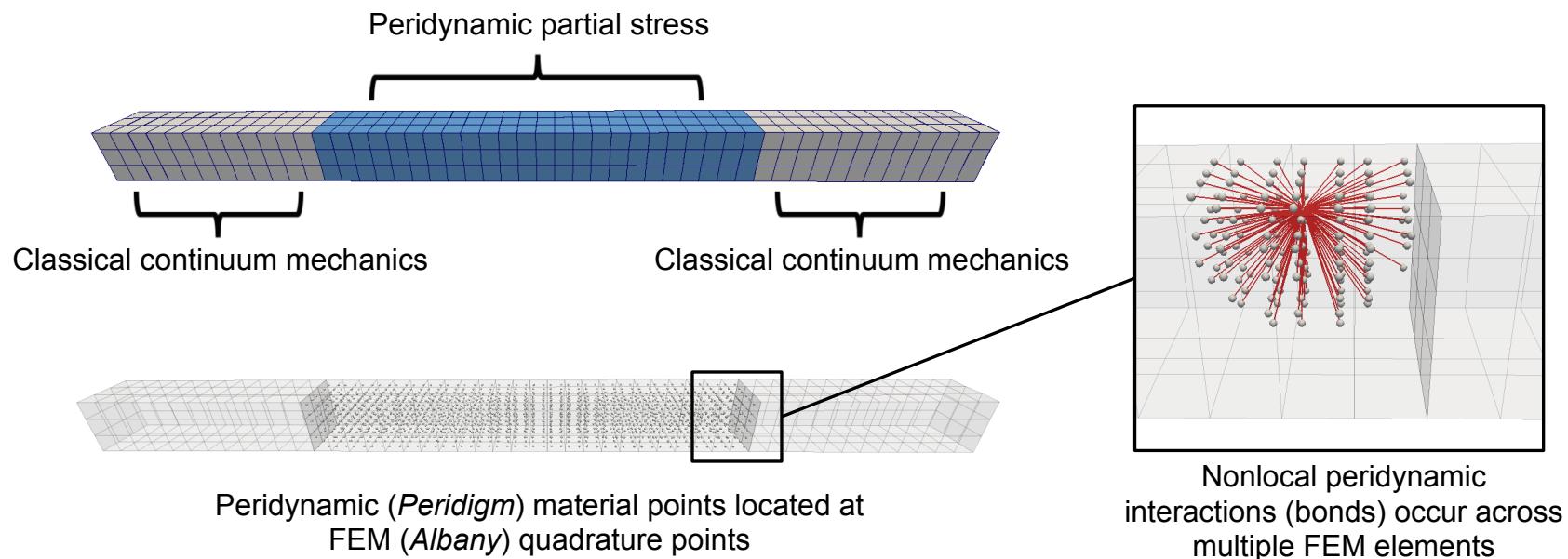
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# A Prototype of the Partial Stress Formulation has been Implemented in Coupled *Albany-Peridigm* Code



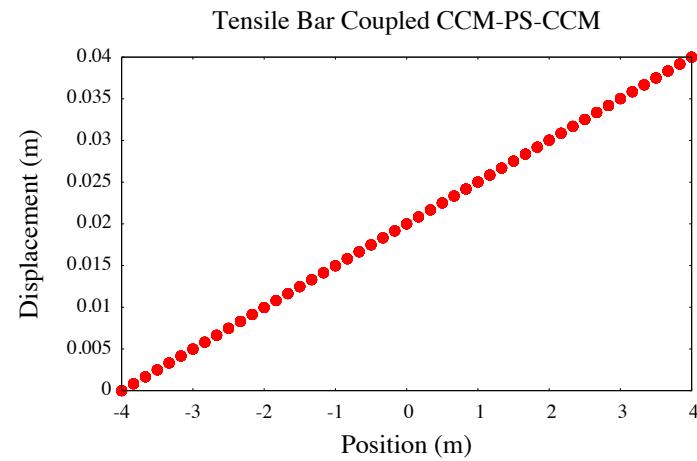
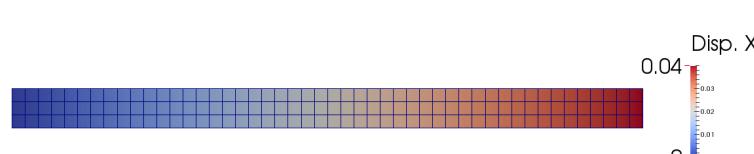
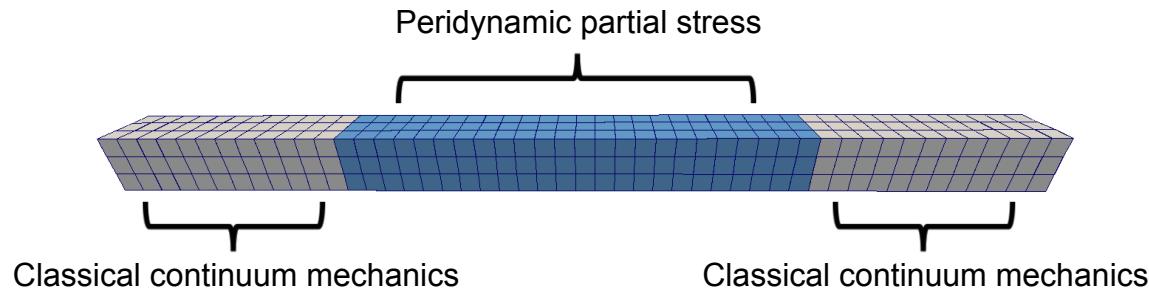
- Software infrastructure in place for strongly coupled simulations
- Meshfree peridynamic models, peridynamic partial stress, and classical continuum mechanics (FEM) within single executable
- Partial stress utilized for transition between classical continuum mechanics (local model) and peridynamics (nonlocal model)



# Demonstration Calculation

## LINEAR PATCH TEST

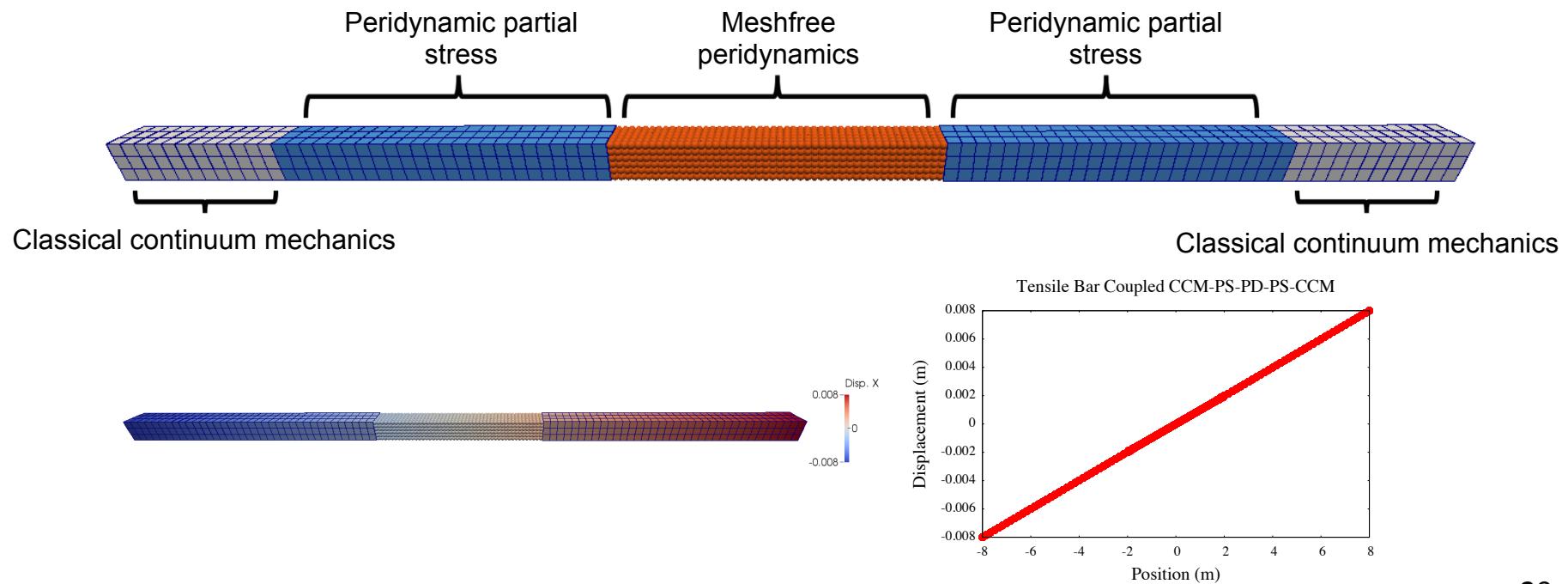
- Coupling of classical continuum mechanics and peridynamic partial stress
- Local boundary conditions applied to areas at ends of bar (prescribed displacement)
- Implicit *Albany* solver (statics)



# Demonstration Calculation

## LINEAR PATCH TEST

- Coupling of classical continuum mechanics, peridynamic partial stress, and standard meshfree peridynamics
- Local boundary conditions applied to areas at ends of bar (prescribed displacement)
- Implicit *Albany* solver (statics)
- Interface between partial stress and meshfree peridynamics is a work in progress



# Optimization-Based Local-Nonlocal Coupling

## *CURRENT EFFORT OF D'ELIA, PEREGO, AND BOCHEV*

- Model coupling can be cast as an optimization problem
- *Objective function*: Difference between solutions in overlap region
- *Constraints*: Governing equations of the individual models

## *APPLICATION OF OPTIMIZATION-BASED COUPLING TO COMPUTATIONAL SOLID MECHANICS*

- Appropriate for static and quasi-static problems involving disparate models
- Rigorous mathematical foundation, error bounds, etc.
- Can be applied as a “black box” to couple dissimilar computational domains
- Computational expense is a concern, mitigation strategies being investigated

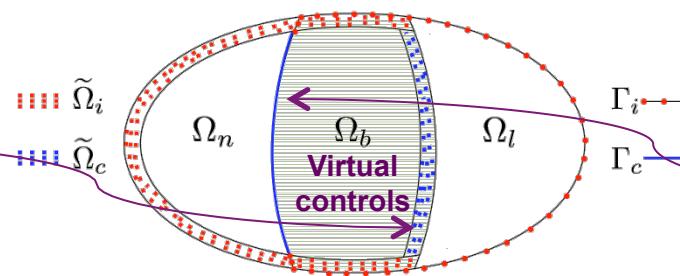
# Optimization Based Coupling

Minimize the mismatch between the nonlocal and local models subject to the two models acting independently in  $\Omega_N$  and  $\Omega_L$

$$\min_{u_n, u_l, \theta_n, \theta_l} J(u_n, u_l) = \frac{1}{2} \|u_n - u_l\|_{0, \Omega_b}^2 \text{ s.t.}$$

Nonlocal

$$\begin{cases} -\mathcal{L}u_n = f_n & x \in \Omega_n \\ u_n = \theta_n & x \in \tilde{\Omega}_c \\ u_n = 0 & x \in \tilde{\Omega}_i \end{cases}$$



Local

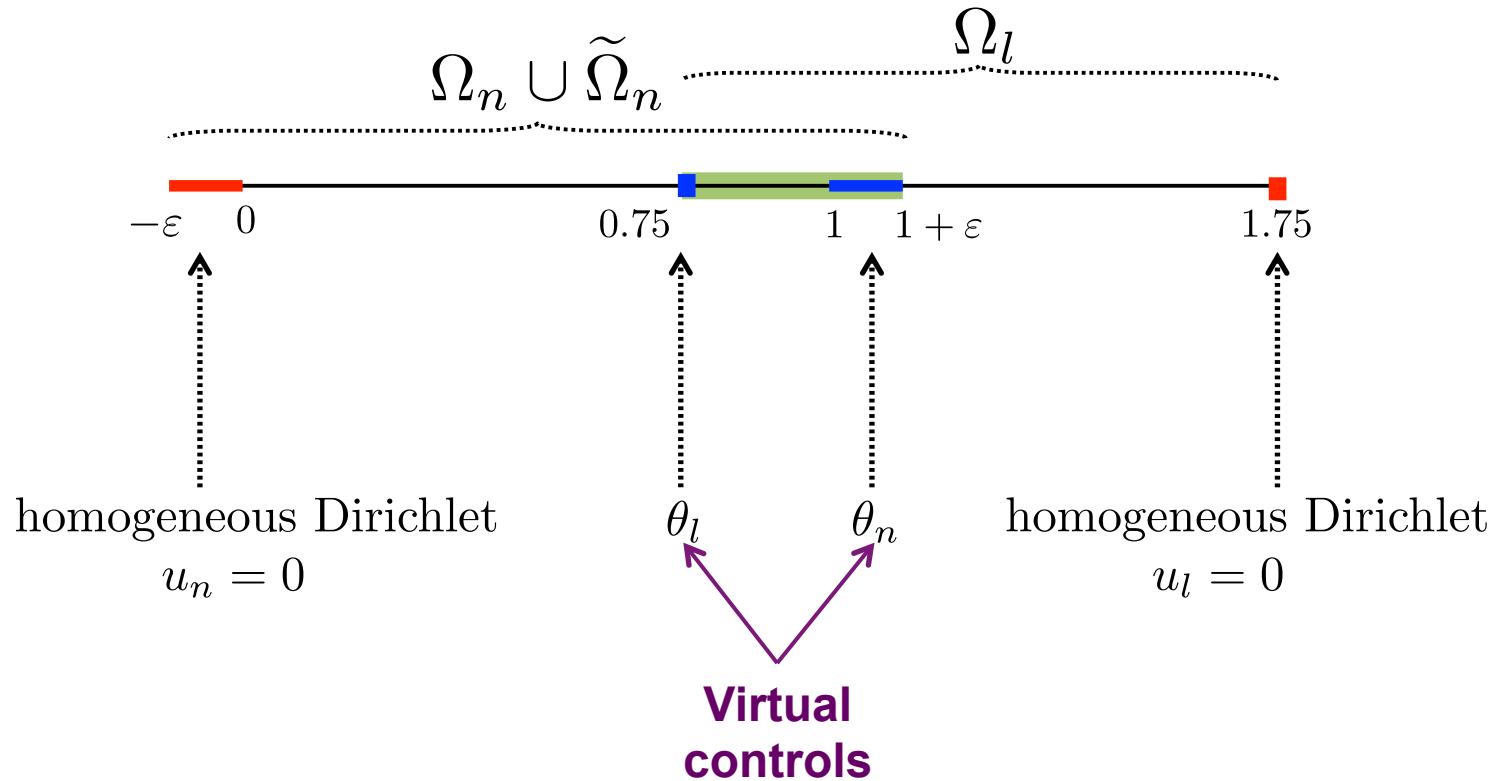
$$\begin{cases} -\Delta u_l = f_l & x \in \Omega_l \\ u_l = \theta_l & x \in \Gamma_c \\ u_l = 0 & x \in \Gamma_i \end{cases}$$

Key result of mathematical analysis:

Coupling error is bounded by the modeling error on the local subdomain

# Optimization-Based Coupling: Numerical Examples

## PROBLEM SETTING IN 1D



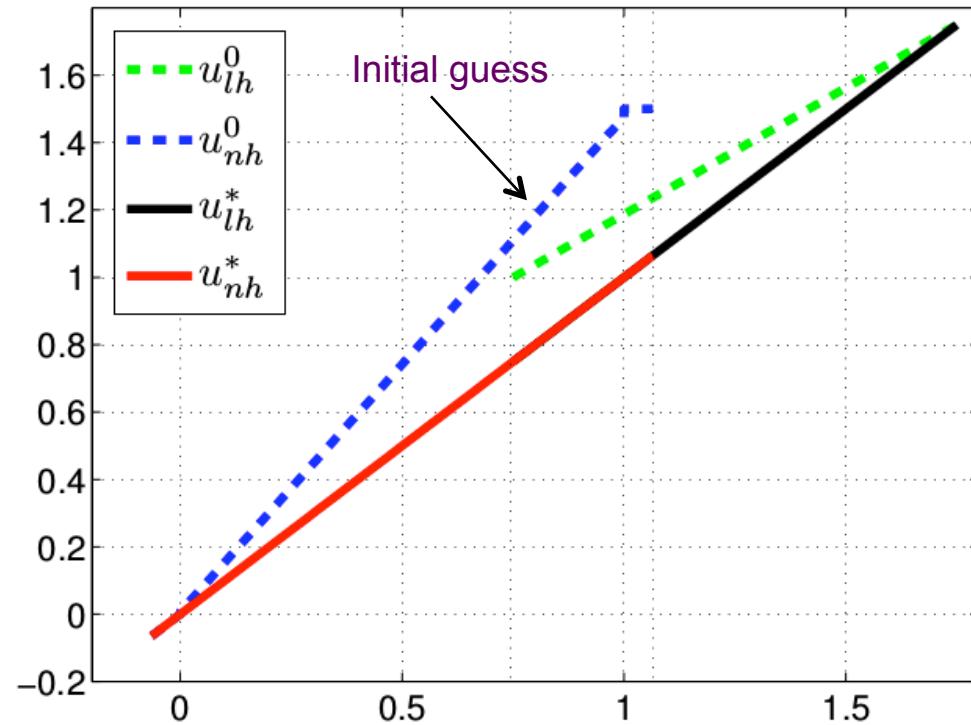
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## 1D PATCH TEST

**Kernel:**  $\gamma(x, y) = \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2|x - y|}\chi(x - \varepsilon, x + \varepsilon)$

### Exact solution:

- $u_n = u_l = x$
- $u_n|_{\tilde{\Omega}_i} = x$
- $u_l(1.75) = 1.75$
- $f_n = f_l = 0$

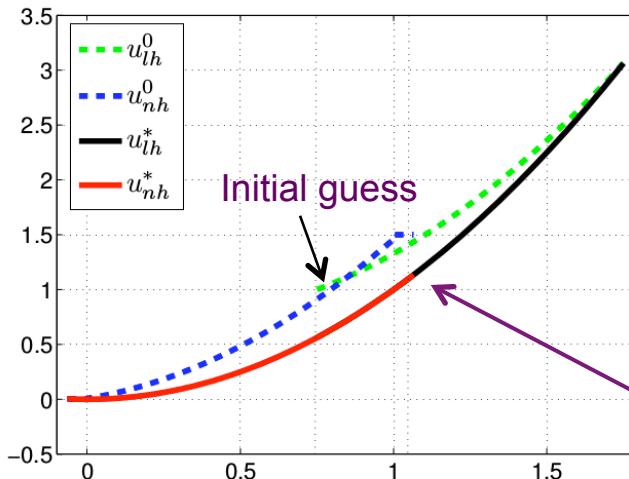


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## SMOOTH GLOBAL SOLUTION IN 1D

### Example 1

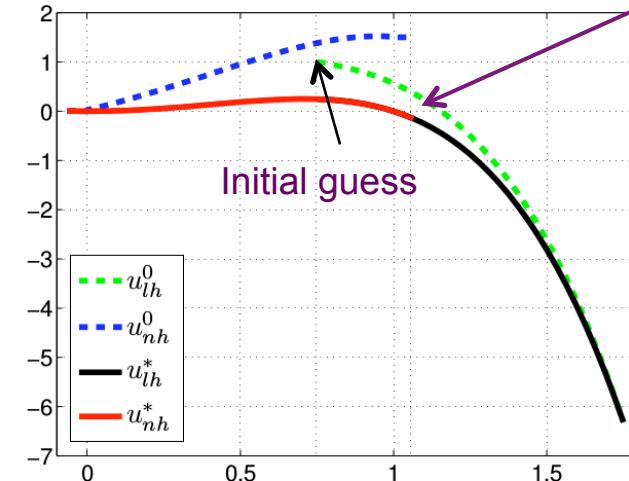
- $u_n = u_l = x^2$
- $u_n|_{\tilde{\Omega}_i} = x^2$
- $u_l(1.75) = 1.75^2$
- $f_n = f_l = -2$



$\varepsilon$	$h$	$e(u_n)$	rate	$e(u_l)$	rate
	$2^{-3}$	2.36e-03	-	2.62e-03	-
	$2^{-4}$	7.54e-04	1.65	7.12e-04	1.88
0.065	$2^{-5}$	1.88e-04	2.00	1.78e-04	2.00
test 1.	$2^{-6}$	4.67e-05	2.01	4.44e-05	2.00
	$2^{-7}$	1.14e-05	2.04	1.10e-05	2.01

### Example 2

- $u_n = u_l = x^2 - x^4$
- $u_n|_{\tilde{\Omega}_i} = x^2 - x^4$
- $u_l(1.75) = 1.75^2 - 1$
- $f_n = -2 + 12x^2 + \varepsilon^2$
- $f_l = -2 + 12x^2$

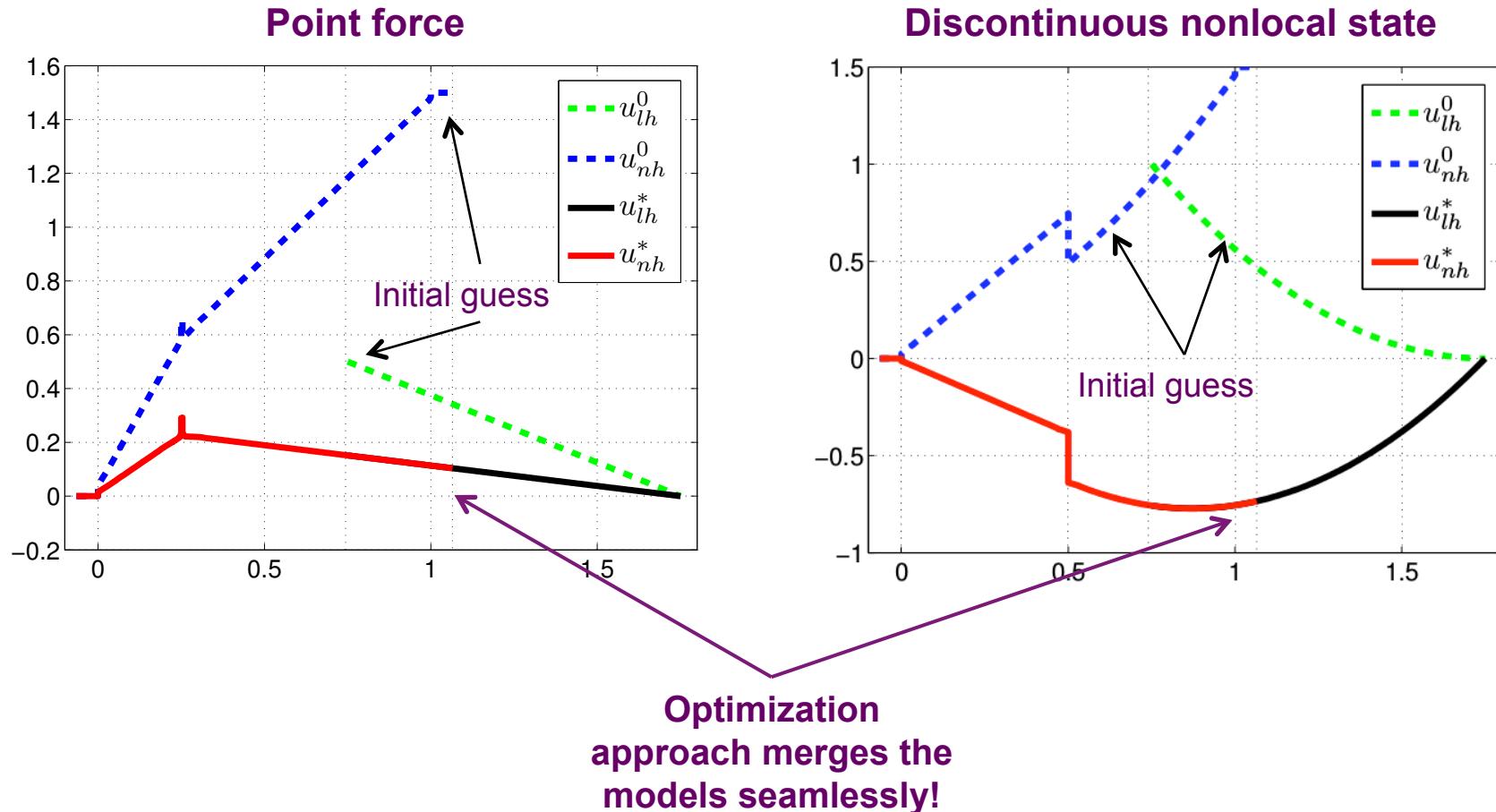


$\varepsilon$	$h$	$e(u_n)$	rate	$e(u_l)$	rate
	$2^{-3}$	9.70e-03	-	2.95e-02	-
	$2^{-4}$	2.68e-03	1.86	7.54e-03	1.97
0.065	$2^{-5}$	7.02e-04	1.93	1.90e-03	1.99
test 2.	$2^{-6}$	1.78e-04	1.98	4.76e-04	2.00
	$2^{-7}$	4.48e-05	1.99	1.19e-04	2.00

Optimization  
approach merges the  
models seamlessly!

# Optimization-Based Coupling: Numerical Examples

## ROUGH NONLOCAL SOLUTION

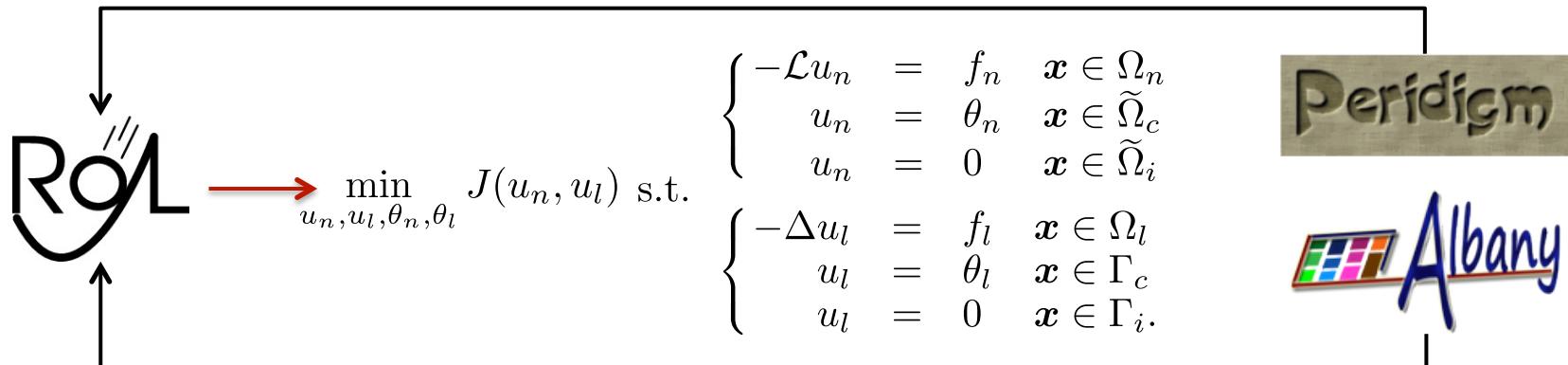


# Optimization-Based Coupling: Path Forward



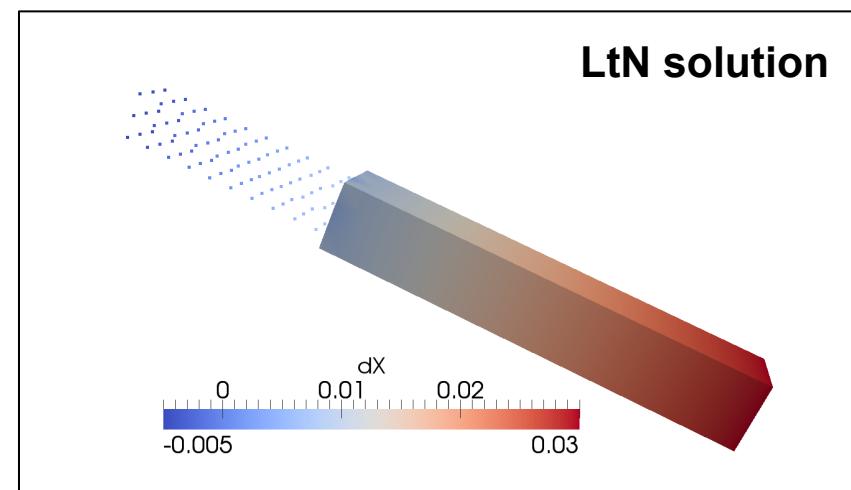
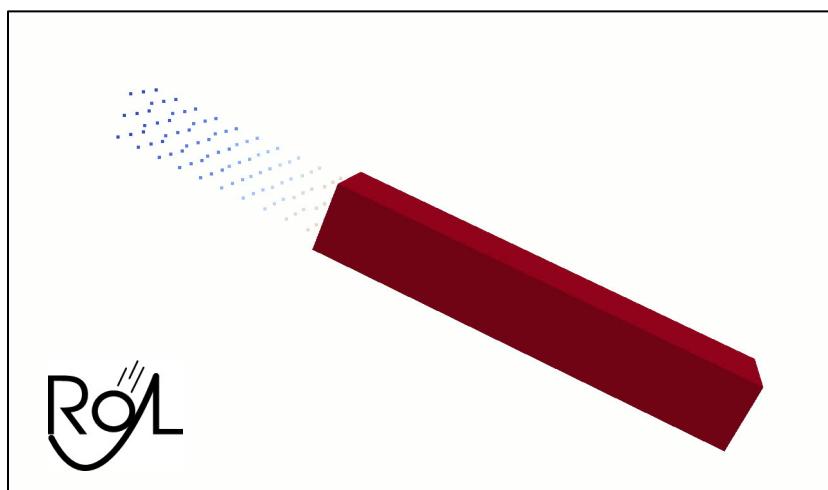
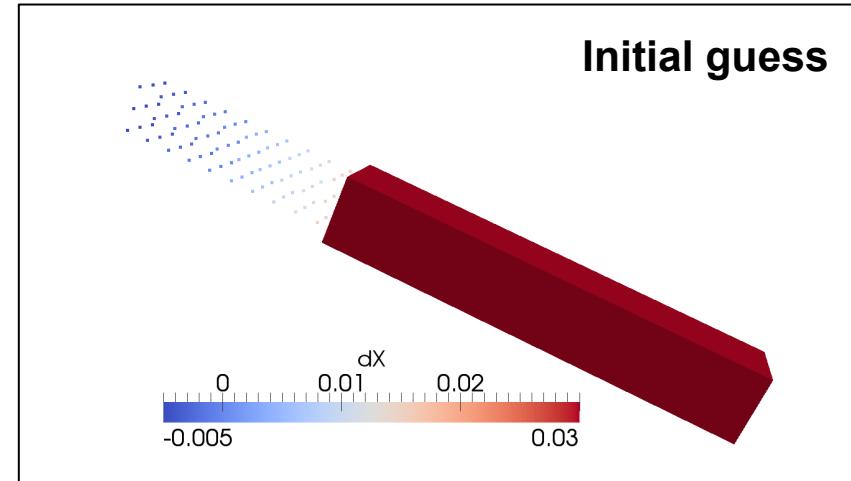
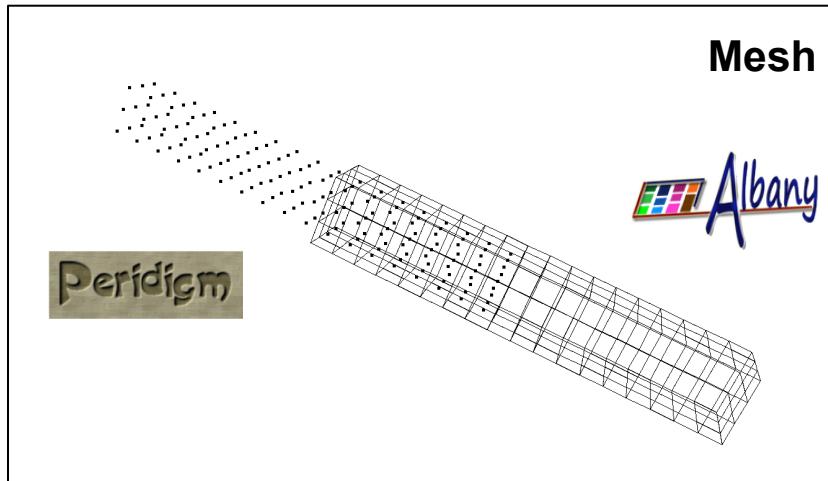
## Utilize agile components approach for development of computational algorithms

- Provide access to adjoints, sensitivities, etc. for adjoint-based fast optimization
- Enable effective transitioning of research ideas into production software



# Optimization Based Coupling

## PROOF-OF-CONCEPT SIMULATION COUPLING PERIDIGM AND ALBANY



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# Extra Slides

# The *Peridigm* Computational Peridynamics Code

## *WHAT IS PERIDIGM?*

- Open-source software developed at Sandia National Laboratories
- C++ code based on Sandia's *Trilinos* project
- Platform for multi-physics peridynamic simulations
- Capabilities:
  - State-based constitutive models
  - Implicit and explicit time integration
  - Contact for transient dynamics
  - Large-scale parallel simulations
- Compatible with pre- and post-processing tools
  - Cubit mesh generation
  - Paraview visualization tools
  - SEACAS utilities
- Designed for extensibility



# Constitutive Models for Peridynamics

## MATERIAL MODEL FORMULATION STRONGLY AFFECTS CRITICAL TIME STEP

- Presence of multiple length scales differs from the classical (local) approach
- Complex deformation modes possible within a nonlocal neighborhood
- Material failure through the breaking of bonds may alter the stable time step

### Microelastic Material<sup>1</sup>

- Bond-based constitutive model
- Pairwise forces are a function of bond stretch

$$s = \frac{y - x}{x}$$

- Magnitude of pairwise force density given by

$$\underline{t} = \frac{18k}{\pi\delta^4} s$$

### Linear Peridynamic Solid<sup>2</sup>

- State-based constitutive model
- Deformation decomposed into deviatoric and dilatational components

$$\theta = \frac{3}{m} \int_{\mathcal{H}} (\underline{\omega} \underline{x}) \cdot \underline{e} dV \quad \underline{e}^d = \underline{e} - \frac{\theta \underline{x}}{3}$$

- Magnitude of pairwise force density given by

$$\underline{t} = \frac{3k\theta}{m} \underline{\omega} \underline{x} + \frac{15\mu}{m} \underline{\omega} \underline{e}^d$$

### Definitions

$\underline{x}$	bond vector
$x$	initial bond length
$y$	deformed bond length
$s$	bond stretch
$\underline{e}$	bond extension
$\underline{e}^d$	deviatoric bond extension
$\underline{\omega}$	influence function
$V$	volume
$\mathcal{H}$	neighborhood
$m$	weighted volume
$\theta$	dilatation
$\delta$	horizon
$k$	bulk modulus
$\mu$	shear modulus
$\underline{t}$	pairwise force density

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# Classical Material Models Can Be Applied in Peridynamics



## WRAPPER APPROACH RESULTS IN A NON-ORDINARY STATE-BASED MATERIAL MODEL <sup>1</sup>

- Approximate deformation gradient based on initial and current locations of material points in family

### Approximate Deformation Gradient

$$\bar{\mathbf{F}} = (\underline{\mathbf{Y}} * \underline{\mathbf{X}}) \mathbf{K}^{-1}$$

### Shape Tensor

$$\mathbf{K} = \underline{\mathbf{X}} * \underline{\mathbf{X}}$$

### Definitions

$\underline{\mathbf{X}}$	reference position
$\underline{\mathbf{Y}}$	vector state
$\mathbf{K}$	deformation vector state
$\bar{\mathbf{F}}$	shape tensor
$\underline{\mathbf{F}}$	approximate deformation gradient
$\xi$	bond
$\underline{\omega}$	influence function
$\sigma$	Piola stress

- Kinematic data passed to classical material model
- Classical material model computes stress
- Stress converted to pairwise force density

$$\underline{\mathbf{T}}(\xi) = \underline{\omega}(\xi) \sigma \mathbf{K}^{-1} \xi$$

- Suppression of zero-energy modes (optional) <sup>2</sup>

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# Optimization Based Coupling

## LOCAL AND NONLOCAL DIFFUSION MODELS

The nonlocal problem

$$\begin{cases} -\mathcal{L}u_n &= f_n & \mathbf{x} \in \Omega \\ u_n &= \sigma_n & \mathbf{x} \in \tilde{\Omega}, \end{cases}$$

The nonlocal diffusion operator

$$\mathcal{L}u(\mathbf{x}) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (u(\mathbf{y}) - u(\mathbf{x})) \gamma(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) d\mathbf{y}$$

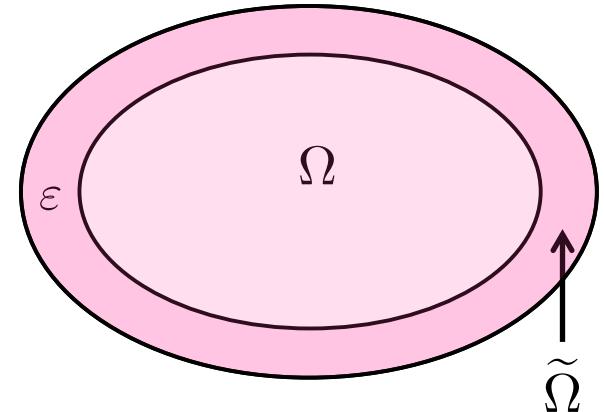
acting on  $u(\mathbf{x}) : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

The local problem

local diffusion model given by the Poisson equation

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta u_l &= f_l & \mathbf{x} \in \Omega \\ u_l &= \sigma_l & \mathbf{x} \in \partial\Omega, \end{cases}$$

where  $\sigma_l \in H^{\frac{1}{2}}(\partial\Omega)$  and  $f_l \in L^2(\Omega)$



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