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# Multiphysics Peridynamic Models for Crack Growth in Brittle Materials

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# Outline

- Peridynamic theory of solid mechanics
- Capturing the formation of cracks in the direct-write additive manufacturing process
- A multiphysics approach for modeling damage in concrete structures subjected to aqueous environments

# Peridynamic Theory of Solid Mechanics

## What is peridynamics?

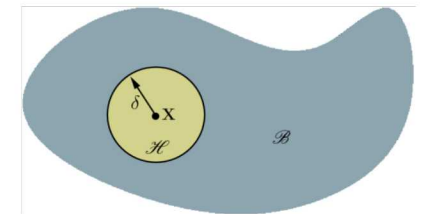
- Peridynamics is a mathematical theory that unifies the mechanics of continuous media, cracks, and discrete particles

## How does it work?

- 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:

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

The material point X interacts directly with all points within its horizon



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# Peridynamic Theory of Solid Mechanics

## Constitutive laws in peridynamics

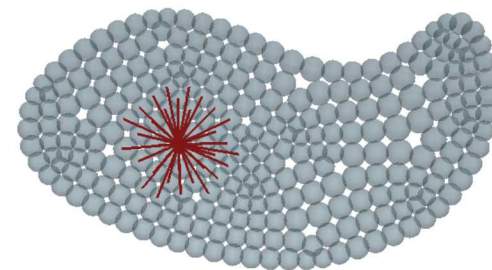
- Peridynamic bonds connect any two material points that interact directly
- Peridynamic forces are determined by force states acting on bonds

$$\underbrace{\underline{\mathbf{T}}[\mathbf{x}, t]}_{\text{Force State}} \quad \underbrace{\langle \mathbf{x}'_i - \mathbf{x} \rangle}_{\text{Bond}}$$

- Force states are determined by constitutive laws and are functions of the deformations of all points within a neighborhood, and possibly other variables
- Material failure is modeled through the weakening / breaking of peridynamic bonds

## Meshfree discretization of a peridynamic body

- A body may be discretized using a finite number of nodal volumes



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

# Peridynamic Constitutive Models

## Peridynamic force states map bonds to pairwise force densities

- Peridynamic constitutive laws can be grouped into two categories
  - Bond-based*: bond forces depend only on a single pair of material points
  - State-based*: bond forces depend on deformations of all neighboring material points

### Microelastic Material

- 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

- 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

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

$\underline{x}$	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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# Bond Failure Laws

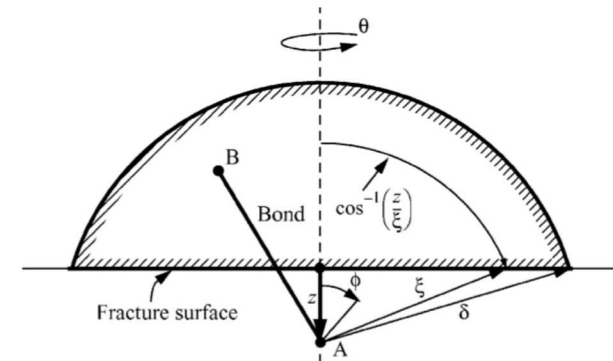
## Material failure is captured through the breaking of peridynamic bonds

- Critical stretch model for brittle failure
  - Bond fails irreversibly when critical stretch is exceeded
  - Critical stretch value determined from the material's energy release rate

$$s_{\max} = \frac{y_{\max} - x}{x}$$

$$d = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } s_{\max} < s_0 \\ 1 & \text{if } s_{\max} \geq s_0 \end{cases}$$

- Alternative models
  - Energy-based approach [Foster]
  - Ductile failure models [Silling]



$$G_0 = \int_0^\delta \int_0^{2\pi} \int_z^\delta \int_0^{\cos^{-1}z/\xi} (cs_0^2\xi/2)\xi^2 \sin\phi \, d\phi \, d\xi \, d\theta \, dz$$

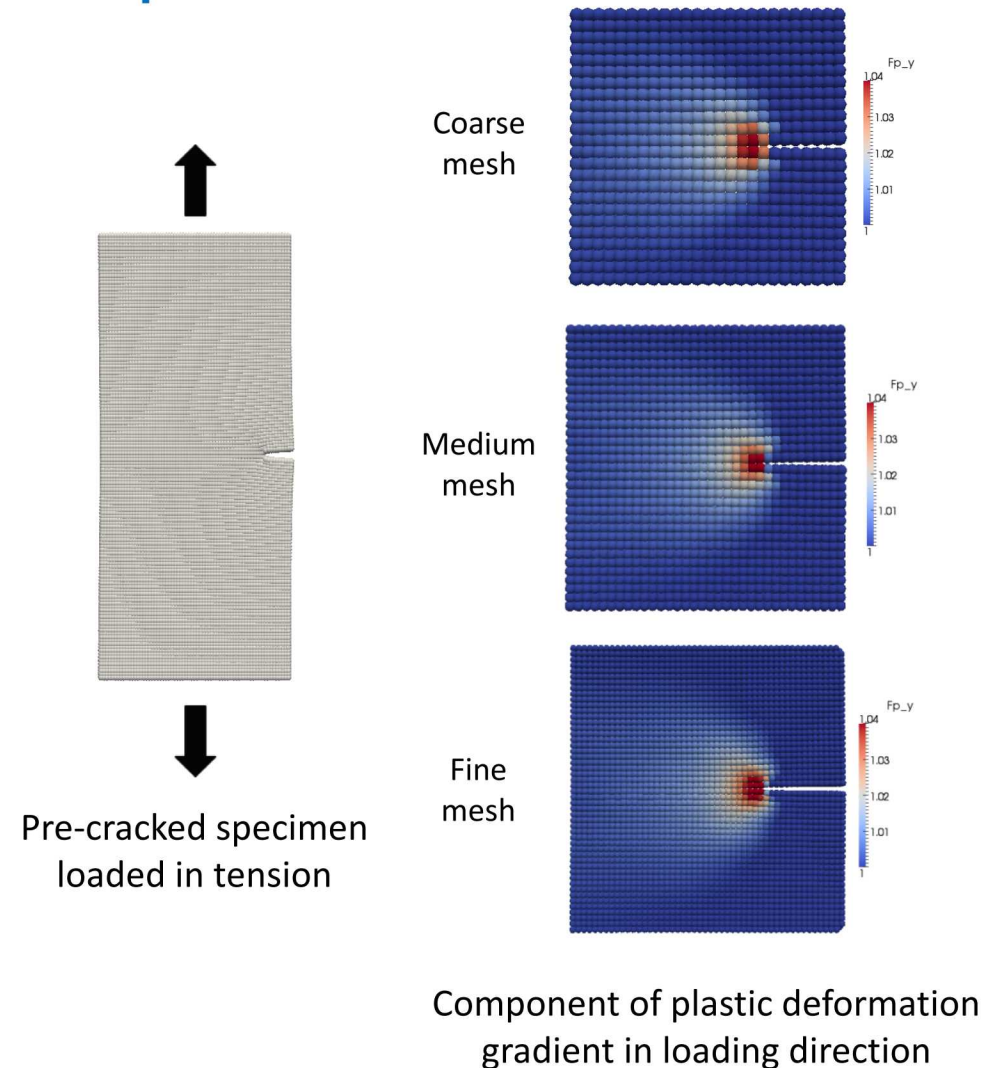
$$s_0 = \sqrt{\frac{10G_0}{\pi c \delta^5}} = \sqrt{\frac{5G_0}{9k\delta}}$$

[Images from Silling and Askari, 2005]

# Peridynamic Horizon Provides a Length Scale

## Nonlocality (length scale) relieves mesh dependence

- The peridynamic horizon introduces a length scale that is independent of the mesh size
- Decoupling from the mesh size enables consistent modeling of material response in the vicinity of discontinuities
- Example: mesh independent plastic zone in the vicinity of a crack



# Connection to Local and H.O.G. Models

- Local models contain no length scale

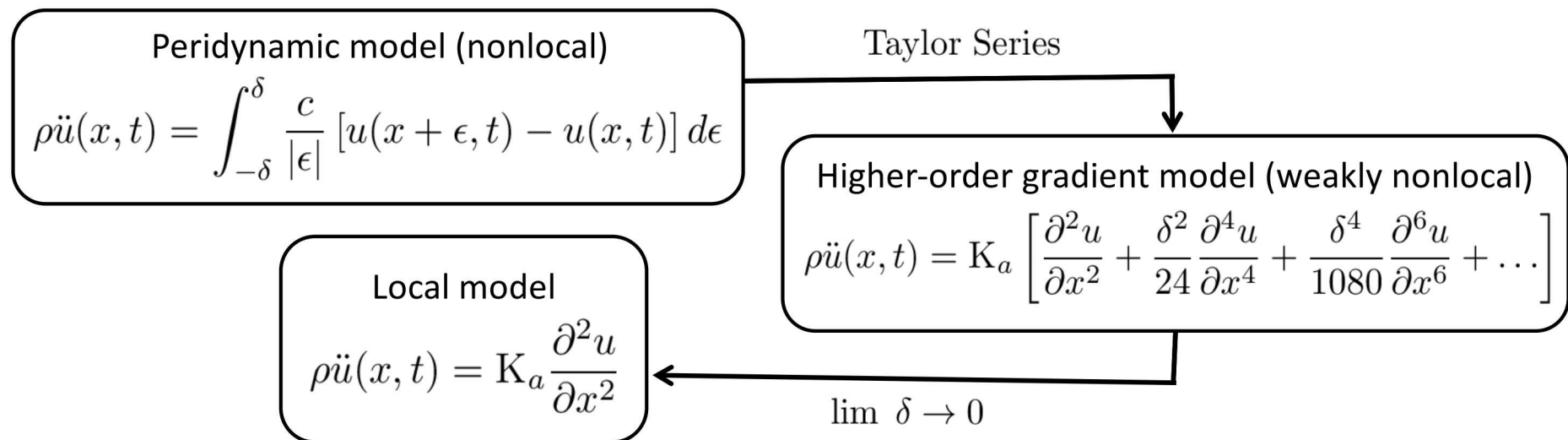
$$\ddot{u}(x) = au''(x)$$

- Higher-order gradients introduce a length scale in a weak sense

$$\ddot{u}(x) = au''(x) + bu''''(x)$$

Dimensional analysis shows that  $\sqrt{b/a}$  has units of length

- Peridynamics is a strongly nonlocal model



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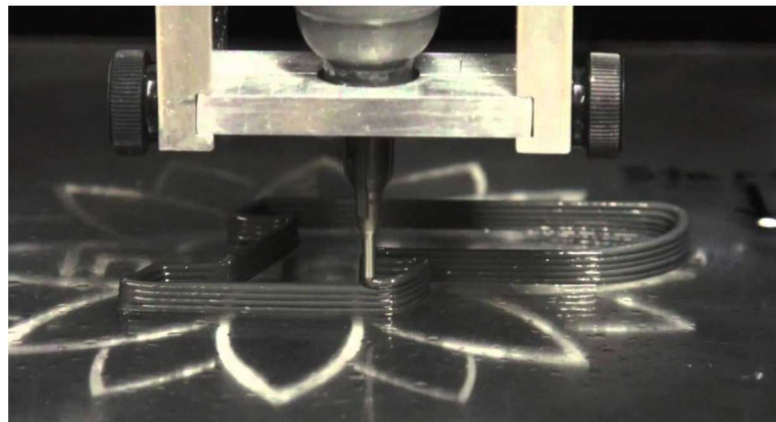
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# Direct-Write Additive Manufacturing Process

1. Ceramic powder is mixed with polymeric binding agent to create a thixotropic slurry
2. Layered strands deposited onto substrate to form component geometry
  - Data recorded during deposition process (position, temperature, pressure)
3. Polymer binder is removed via burn-off process
  - Burn-off may lead to crack formation
4. Sintering phase to coalesce particles

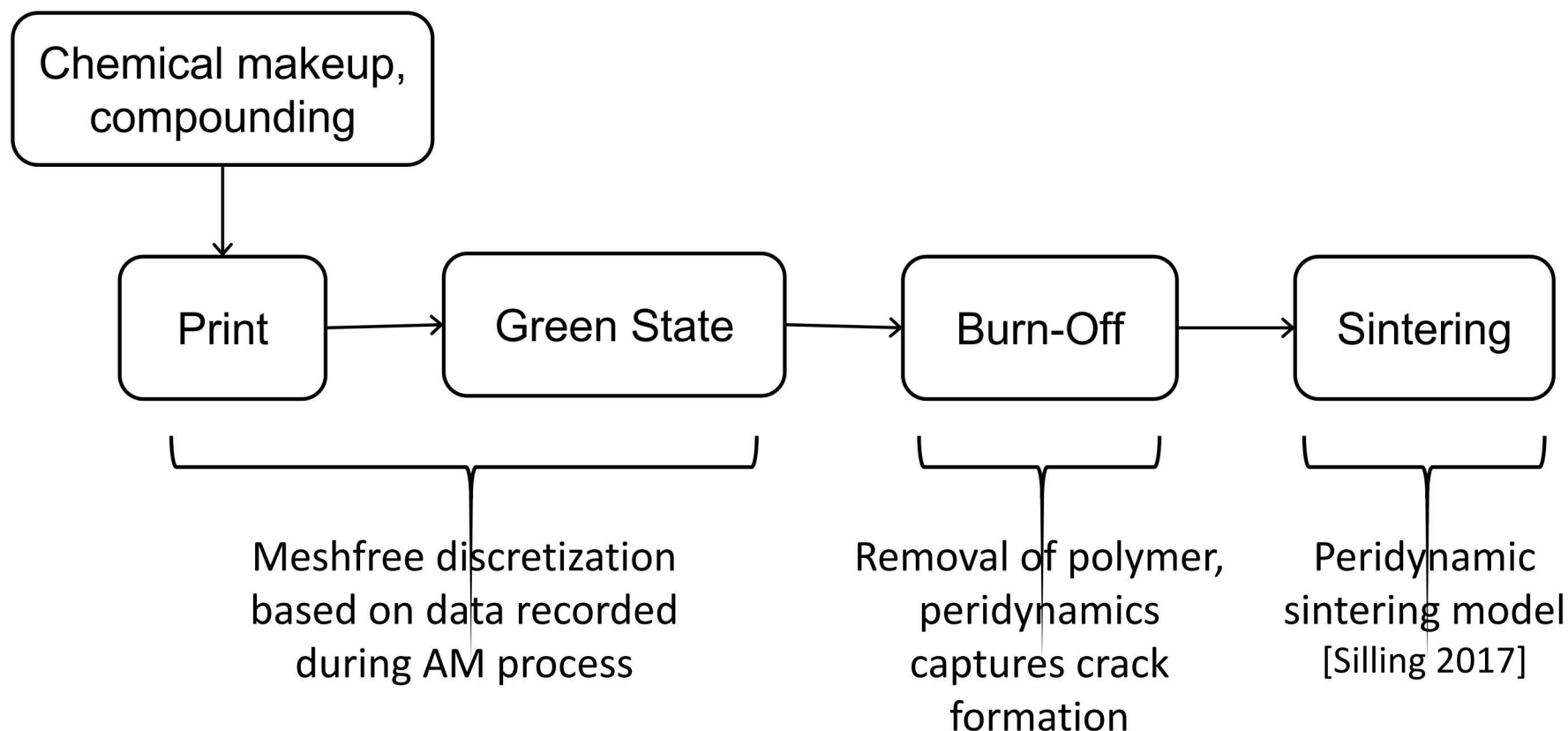
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# Peridynamic Modeling of Direct-Write AM Process

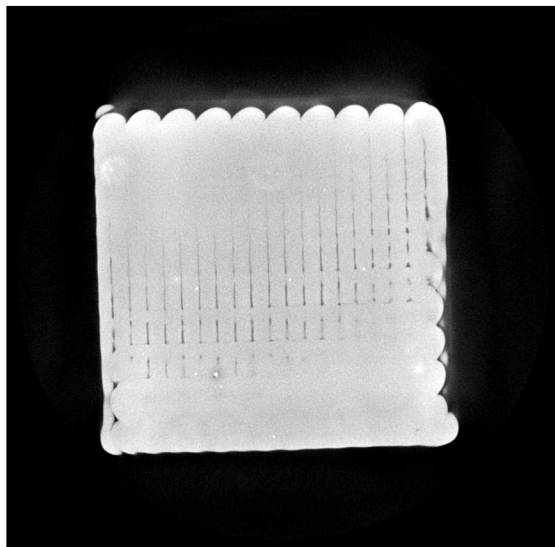
## Goals:

- End-to-end model of direct-write AM process
- Future work: Apply optimization techniques for inversion and control

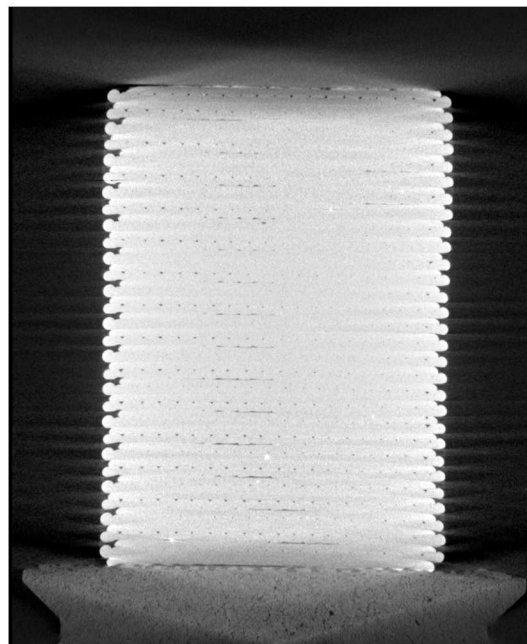


## Geometry of Green State

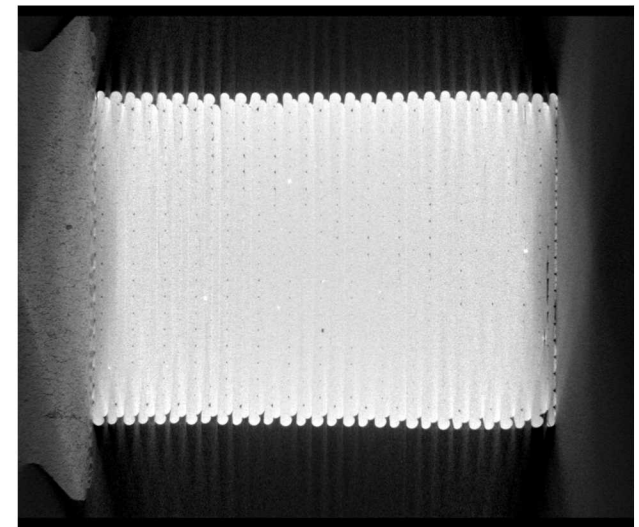
- Slurry (ceramic powder + binder) extruded through nozzle
- Strands layered to form specimen geometry
- Data recorded over course of direct-write process
  - Position, pressure, temperature



XY Plane



XZ Plane



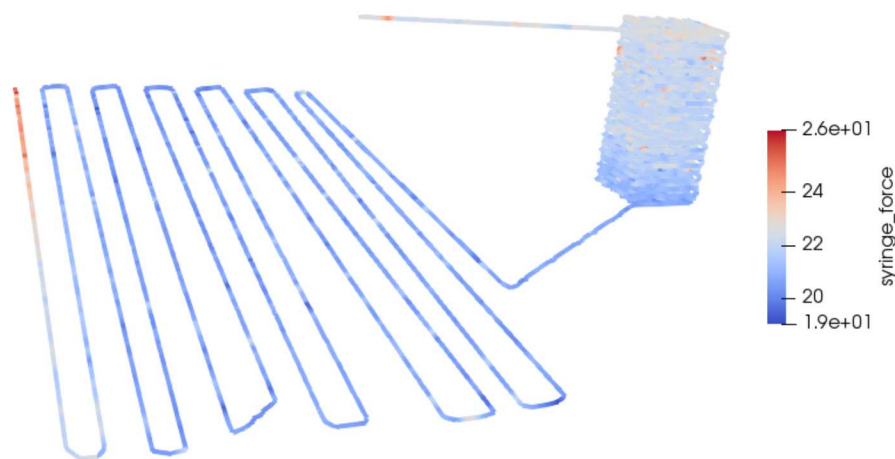
YZ Plane

# Data Recorded During Direct-Write Process

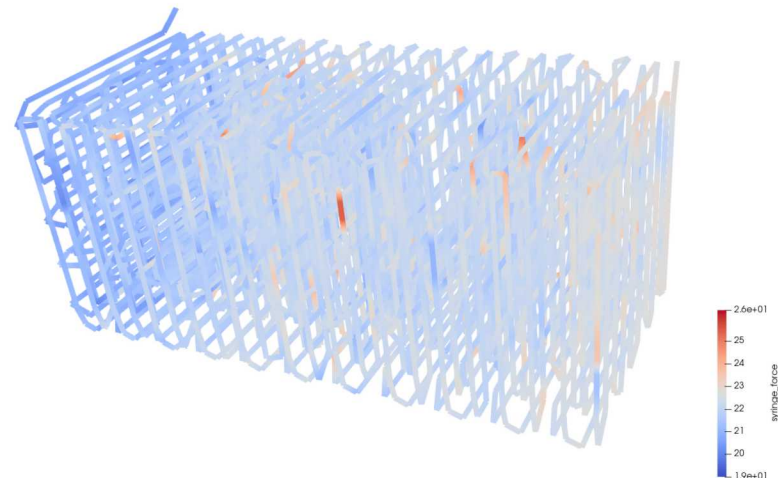
- Data file output by direct-write device

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Elapsed Time (ms), X Position, Y Position, Z Position,, Extrusion Temp (C), Platen Temp (C), Syringe Force (Lbs)
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"35953","22.0737","29.5288","0",,175.537,135.498,20.9798,
...
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- Data can be utilized for model construction



Syringe force & position



Isolation of component geometry



# Construction of Meshfree Model

- Meshfree models provide a path for converting experimental data to model geometry



Simple cylindrical geometry provides a building block for modeling individual strands

- Many possibilities: strands can be modified to better capture observed geometry

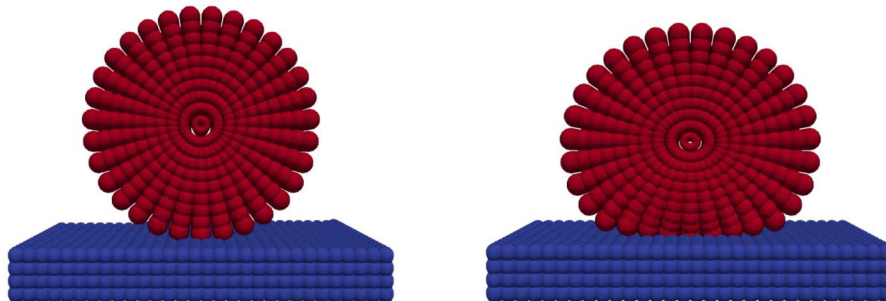
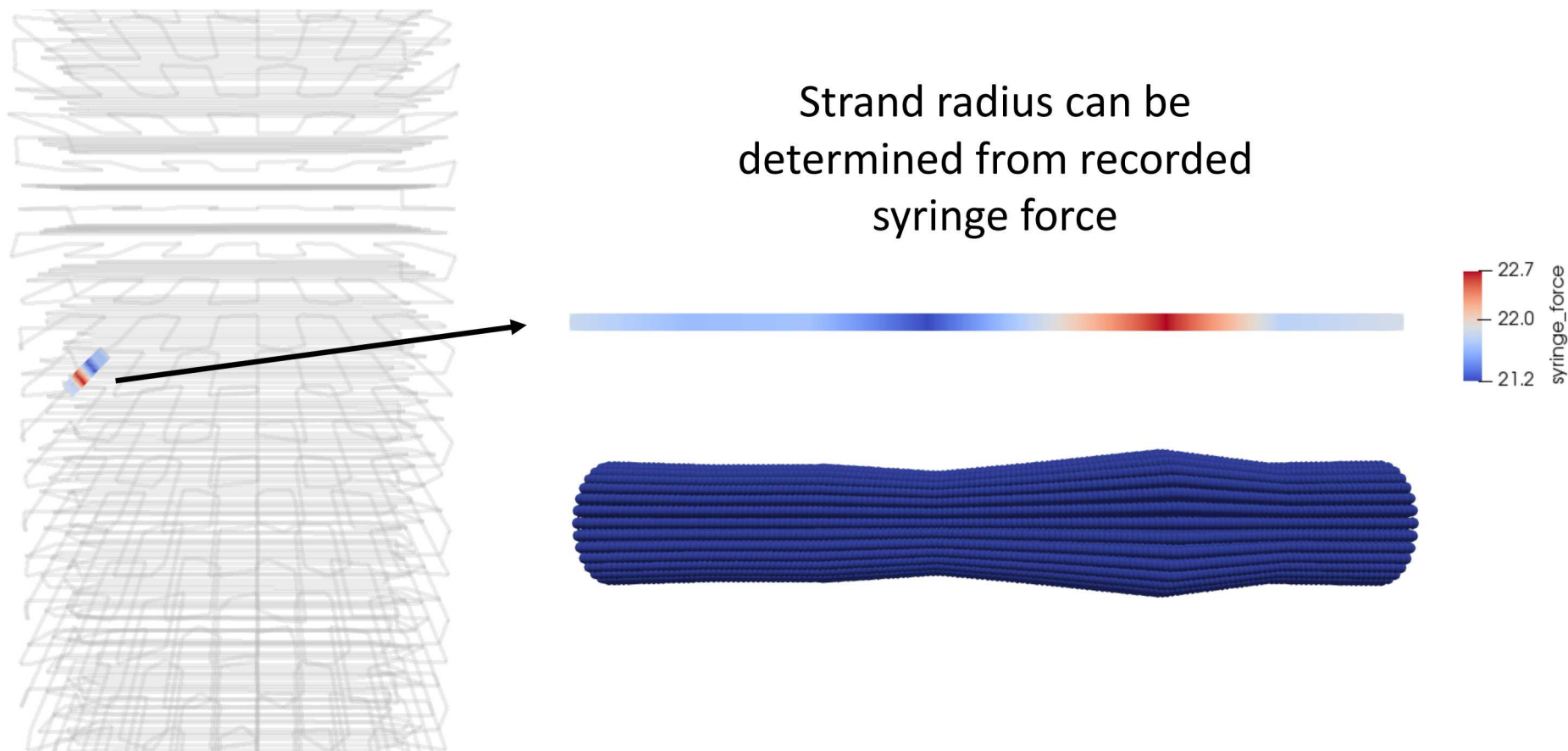


Illustration: application of body force to alter strand geometry

# Construction of Meshfree Model

- Inconsistencies in strand geometry are observed experimentally
- Data recorded during direct-write process provides insight



## Construction of Meshfree Model

- Pre-processing script constructs model of multiple strands
- Strand geometry and laydown pattern informed by data recorded during direct-write process

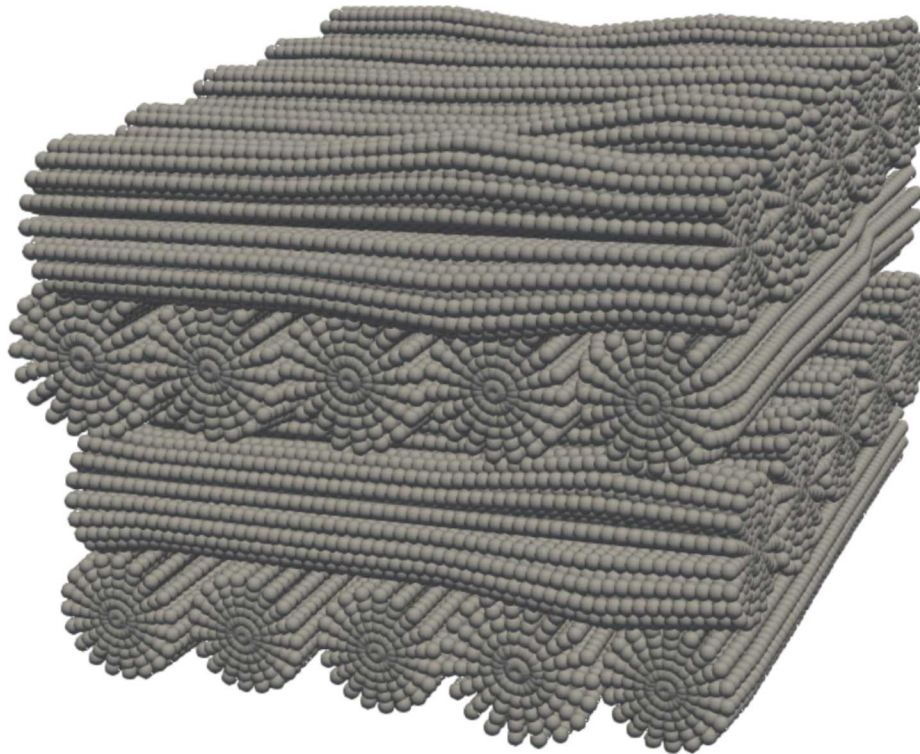


Illustration: subset of specimen geometry showing multiple strands

# Proof-of-Concept Effort: Model of “Potato Chipping”

## Incorporating thermal strains

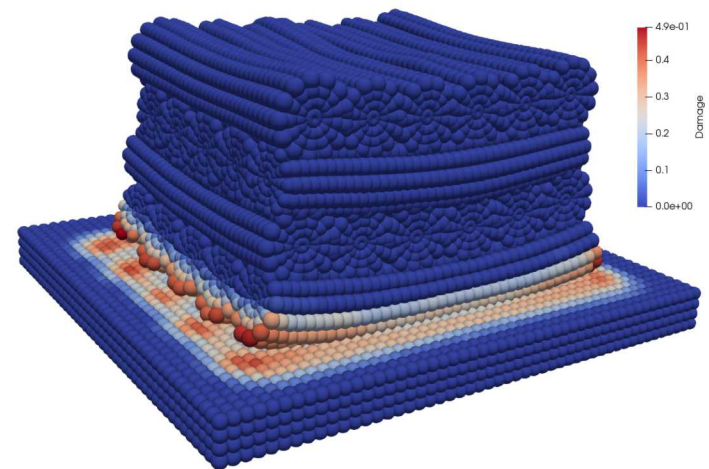
- Subtract thermal strain from bond extension
- Modify LPS constitutive model

$$\underline{e}^* = \underline{e} - \underline{e}^{\text{thermal}} = \underline{e} - \alpha \Delta T \underline{x}$$

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

$$\underline{e}^{*d} = \underline{e}^* - \frac{\theta^* \underline{x}}{3}$$

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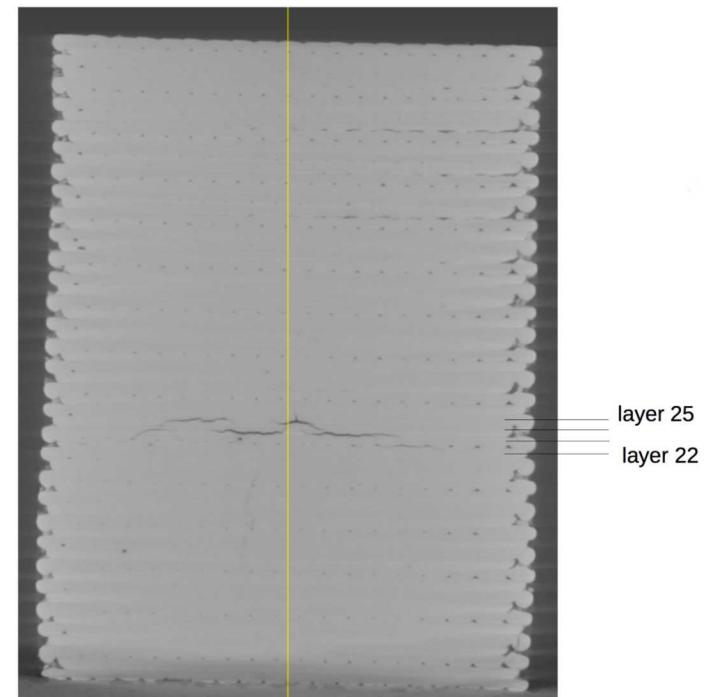
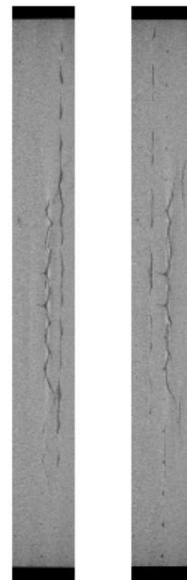
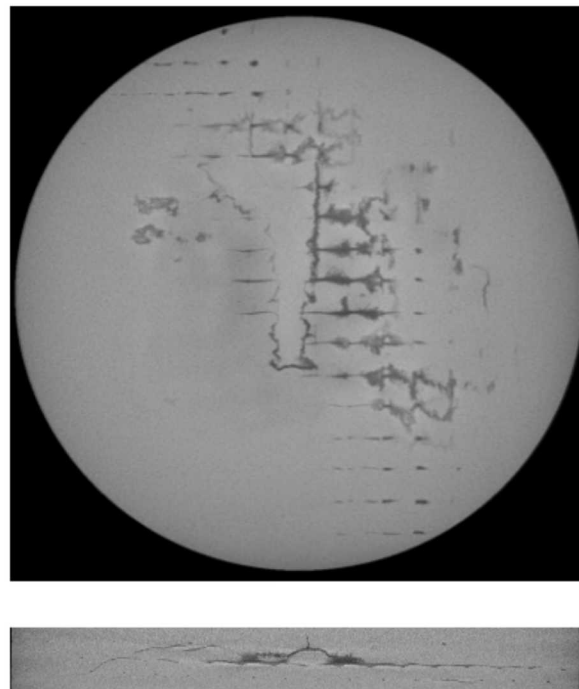


“Potato-chip” deformation results from thermal shrinkage and interaction with substrate



# Cracks Observed Following Burn-Off and Sintering

- Cracks observed in direct-write components are believed to be formed from the expansion of trapped binder during the burn-off phase
- Cracks are preserved during sintering
- Cracks are clearly tied to microstructure (strand geometry)



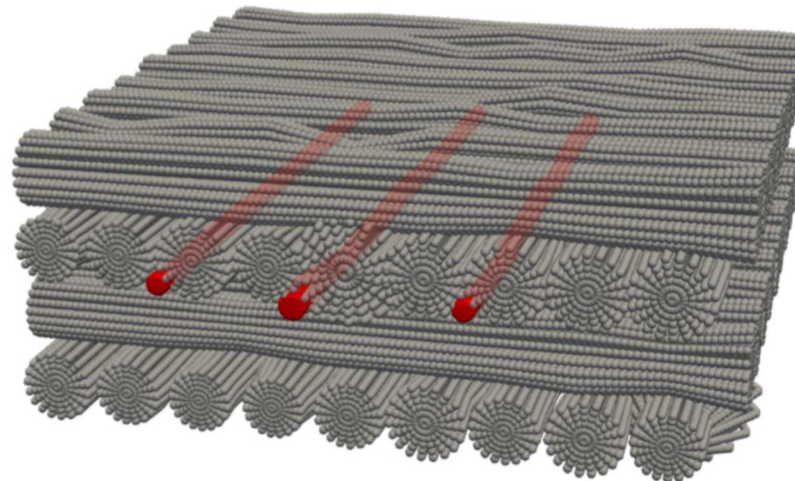


# Modeling Effect of Trapped Polymer During Burn-Off

- Incorporate pressure due to expansion of trapped polymer

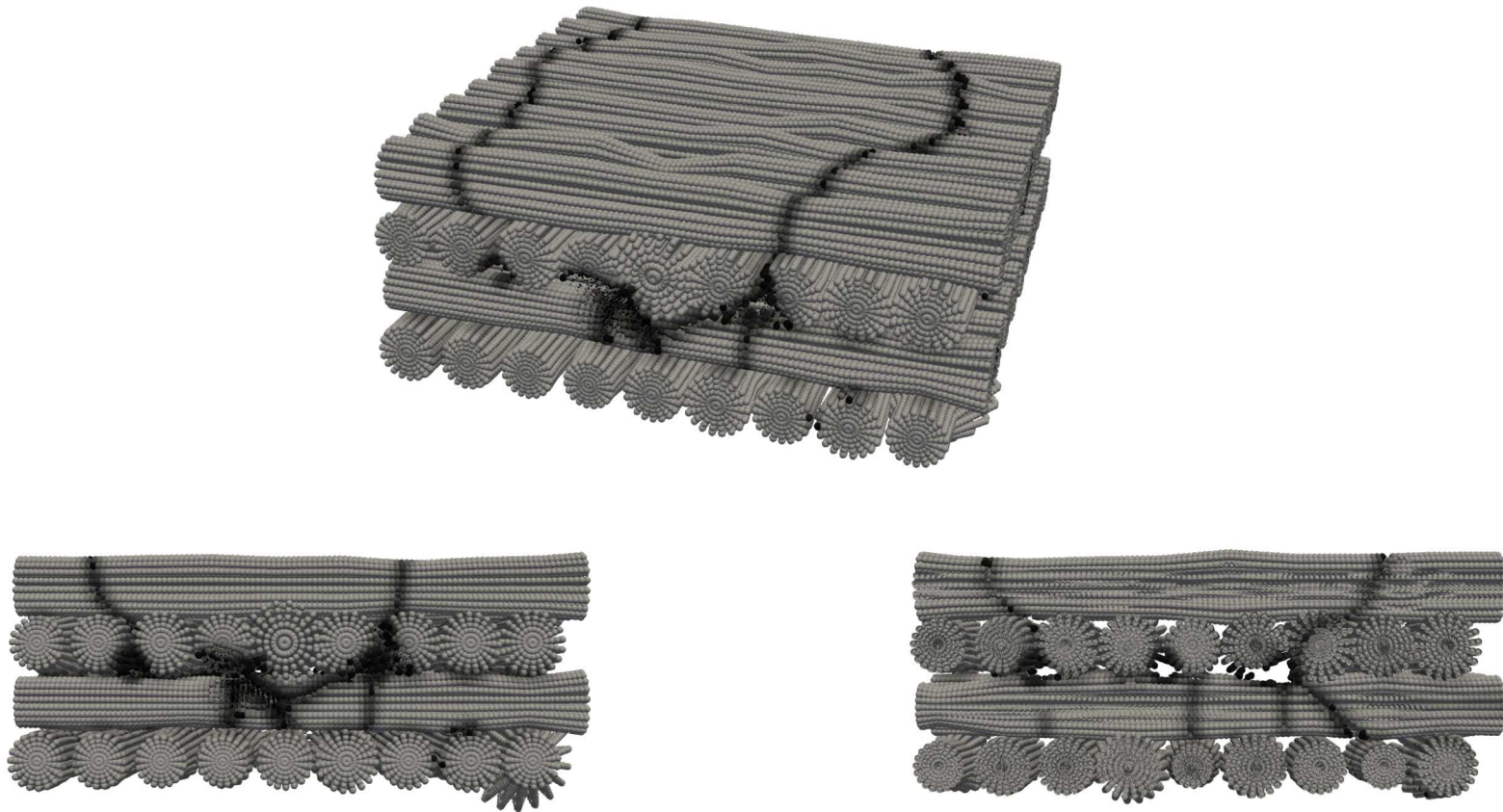
$$\theta = \int_{\mathcal{H}} \frac{3}{m} (\underline{\omega} \underline{x}) \cdot \underline{e} dV + \frac{p^b}{-k} \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{Additional} \\ \text{"Burn-off"} \\ \text{pressure} \end{array}$$

- Preliminary modification to strand geometry includes trapped polymer between strands



# Capturing Crack Formation During Burn-Off

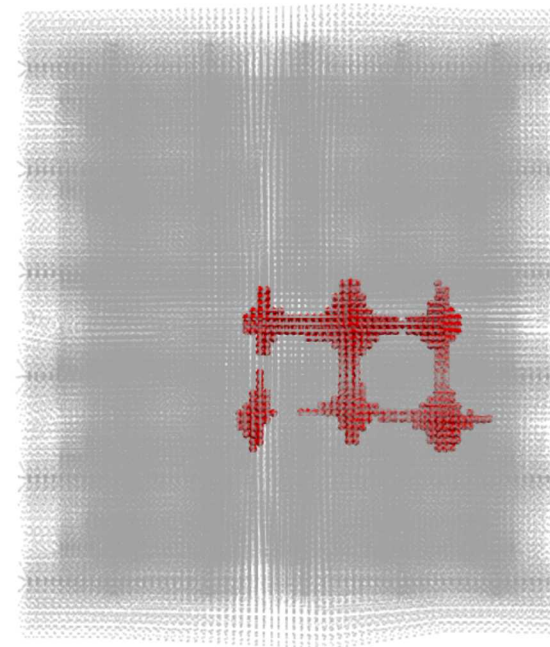
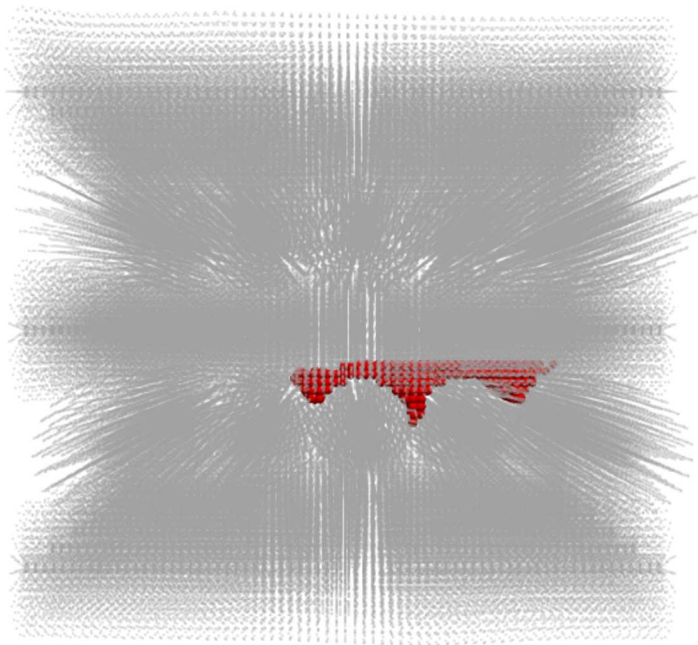
Initial results show good qualitative agreement with observed cracking



# Improved Representation of Trapped Polymer

## Ongoing work: Tools for inserting trapped polymer into strand model

- Nearest-neighbor search to identify voids within strand model
- Uniform grid clipped to match void geometry in specified subregion
- Strands and polymer combined into multi-material discretization



Red nodes represent trapped  
polymer within strand model

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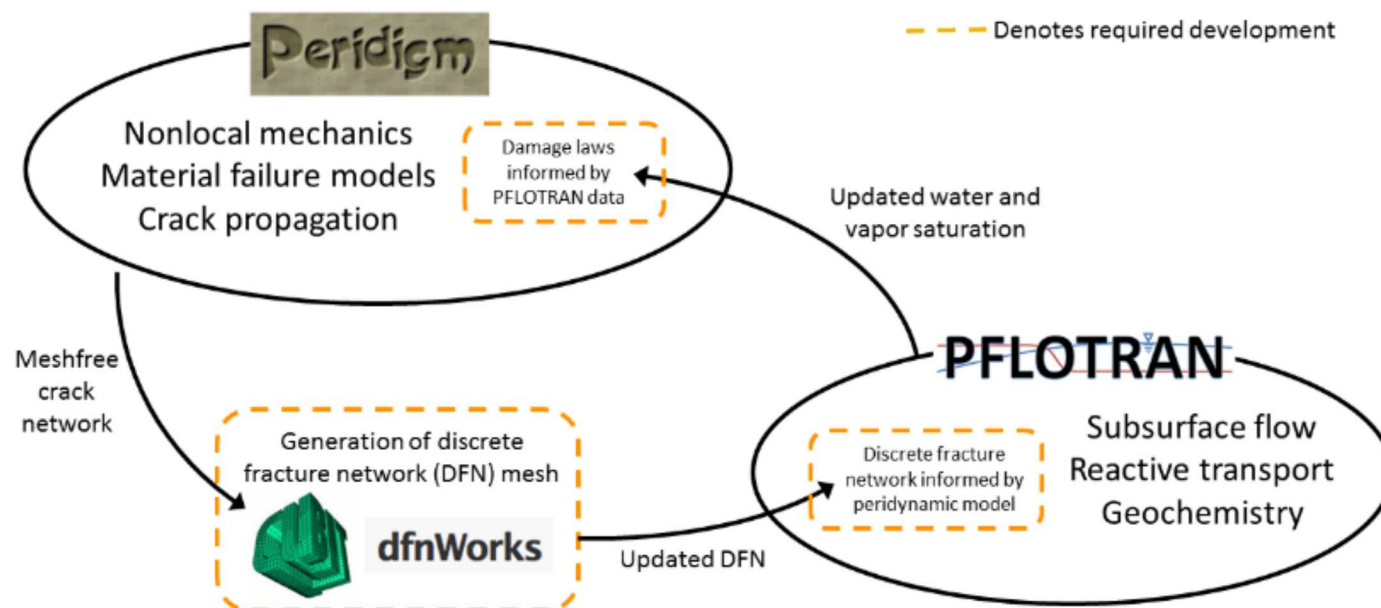
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# Peridynamic Modeling of Failure in Civil Structures

## Integrated multiphysics modeling of environmentally assisted fracture

- *Goal:* Damage model for concrete structures in aqueous environments
- *Challenge:* Linking mechanics model and flow/transport model
- *Strategy:* Couple peridynamic mechanics model (Peridigm) with flow/transport model from geomechanics community (PFLOTRAN)



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# Coupling Peridynamics and Flow/Transport Models

## Two-way coupling strategy

- Peridynamic mechanics model determines material damage (bond failure)
  - Permeability is determined as a function of peridynamic damage, passed to flow model
  - Candidate relationships between damage and permeability

$$\frac{k_d}{k_o} = e^{(\alpha d)^\beta} \quad [\text{Picandet, et al.}]$$

$$\frac{k_d}{k_o} = e^{(1-\alpha d)} \quad [\text{Zhou, et al.}]$$

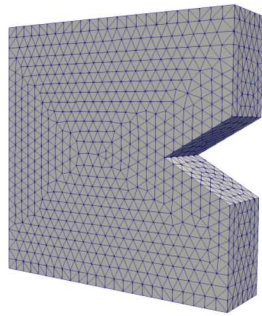
- Flow and transport model determines fluid saturation and/or pressure
  - Elastic properties and peridynamic damage law are a function of fluid saturation

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# Proof-of-Concept Coupling Demonstration

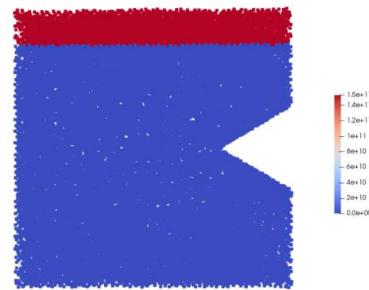
- Problem setup



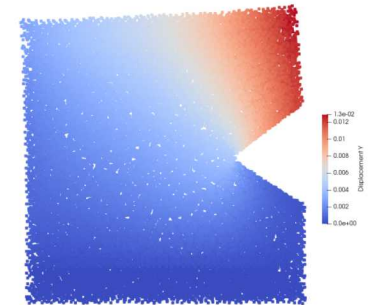
FEM mesh  
(PFLOTRAN)



Meshfree  
(Peridgm)

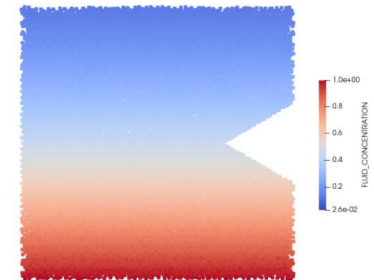
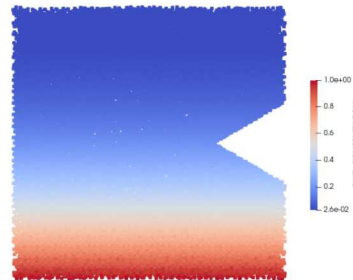
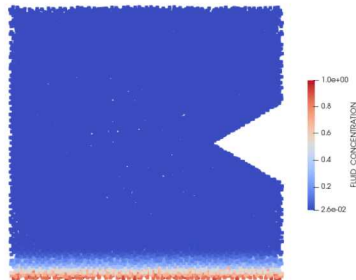


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Nominal  
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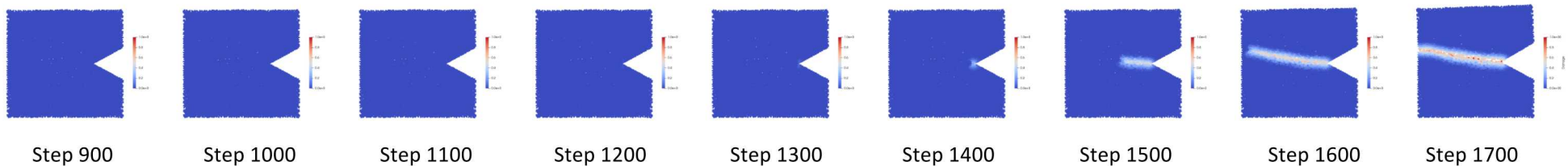
- Fluid saturation coupled to mechanical response



Water diffuses into body over time → alters mechanics response → damage influences diffusion

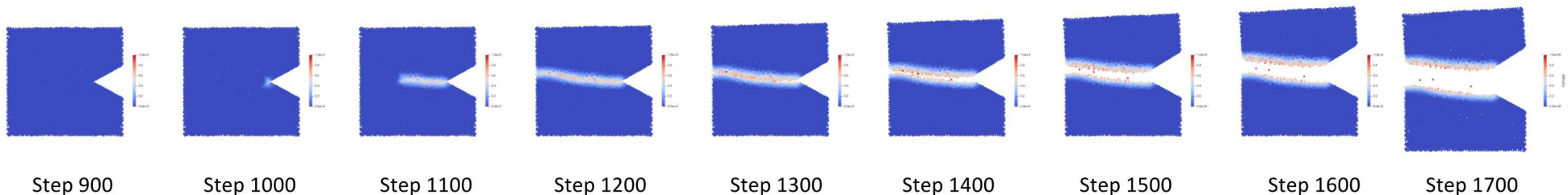
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- Damage progression in unmodified model

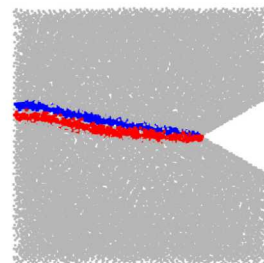


- Damage progression in modified model

- Critical stretch is reduced as a function of fluid saturation



- Damage initiates under smaller load and follows different crack path



Blue = Unmodified Model

Red = Modified model

Colored nodes have damage > 40%

# Resources

Peridigm peridynamics code

<https://github.com/peridigm/peridigm>

PFLORTRAN reactive flow and transport code

<https://www.pflotran.org>