

# Nonlinear Topology Optimization with Microstructural Effects:

## A Micromorphic Approach

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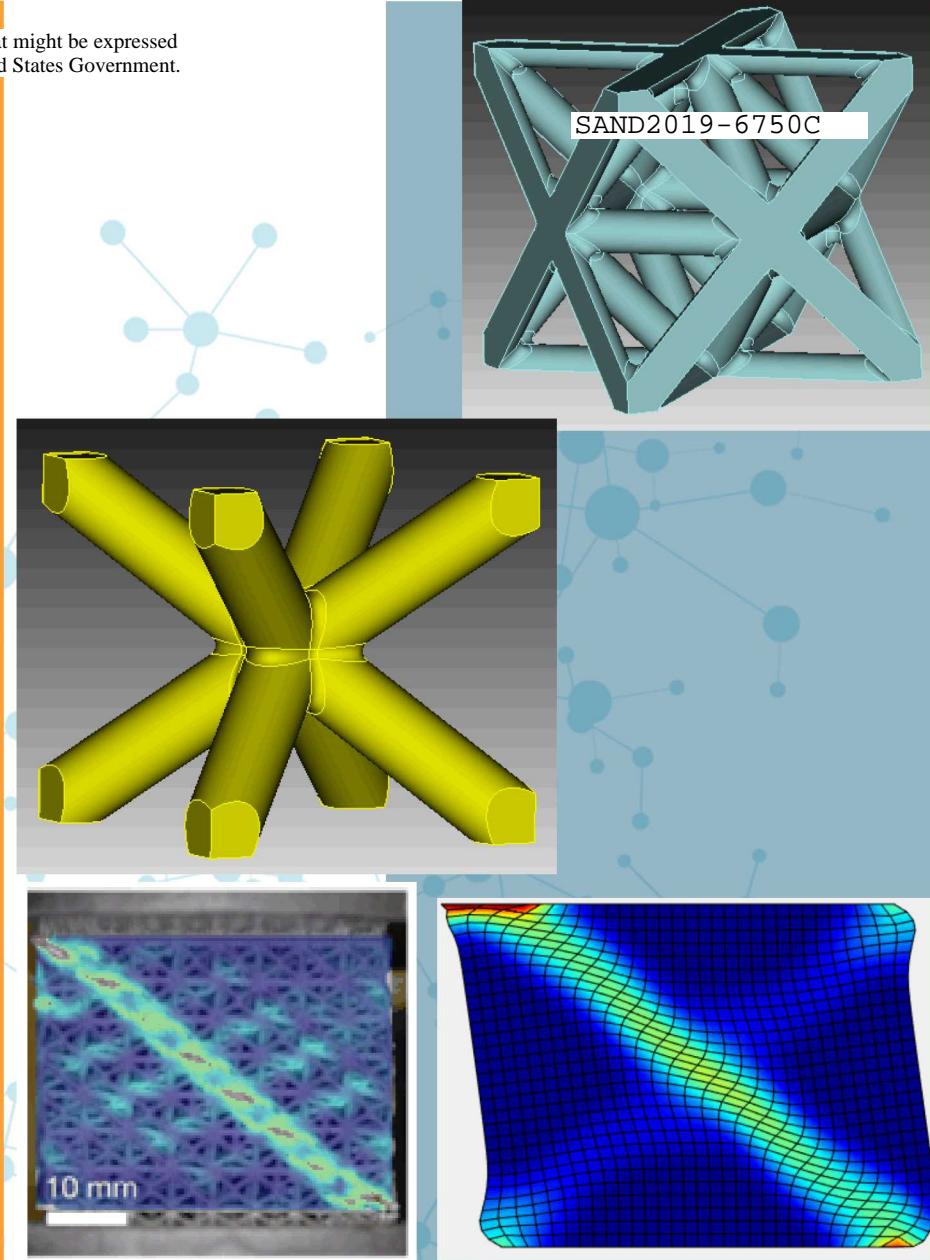
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# Talking Points for Today

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- Lattice Metamaterials for Novel Structural Designs
- Capturing Localization Effects through a Generalized Continuum Approach
- Topology Optimization for Structural Design
- Shear Band Localization and Dual-Lattice Metamaterials

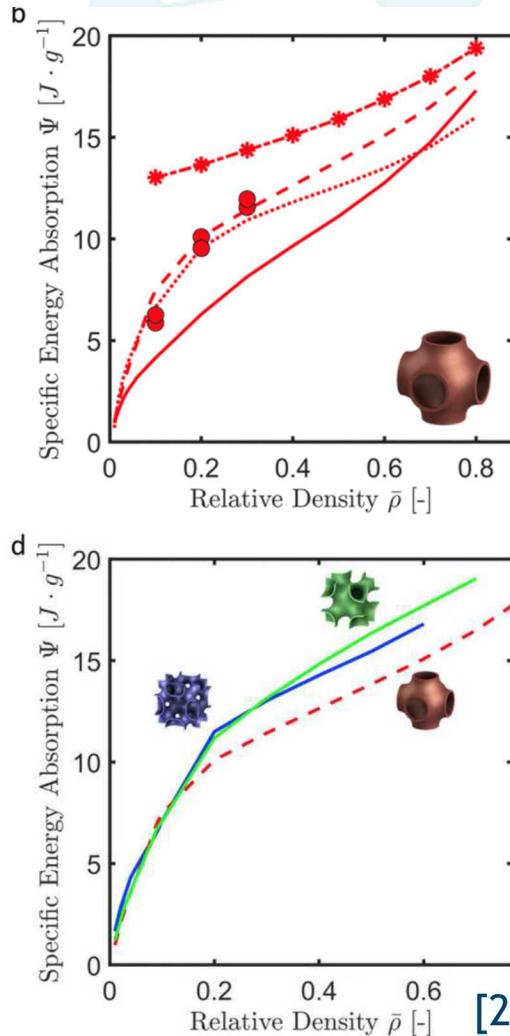
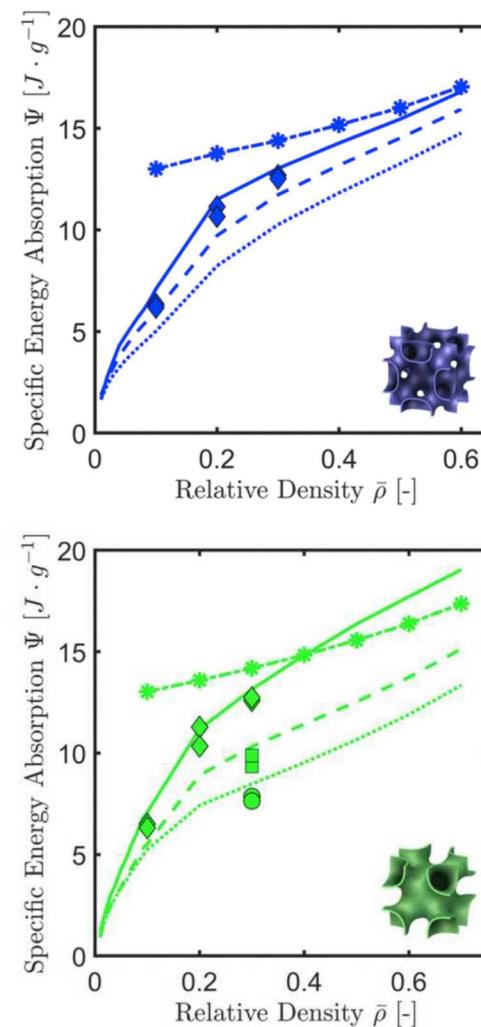
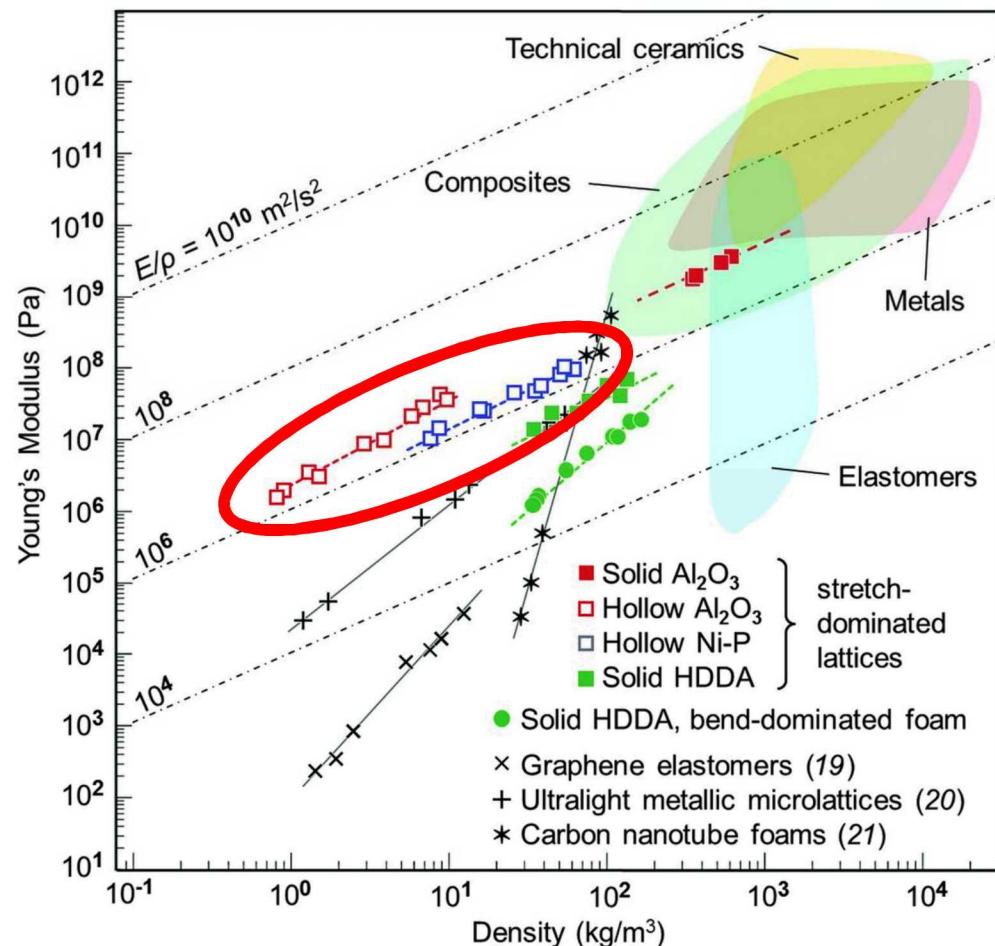


# Lattice Metamaterials for Novel Structural Designs



# What Are Lattice Metamaterials?

- Exceptional weight-specific stiffness/strength<sup>[1]</sup>

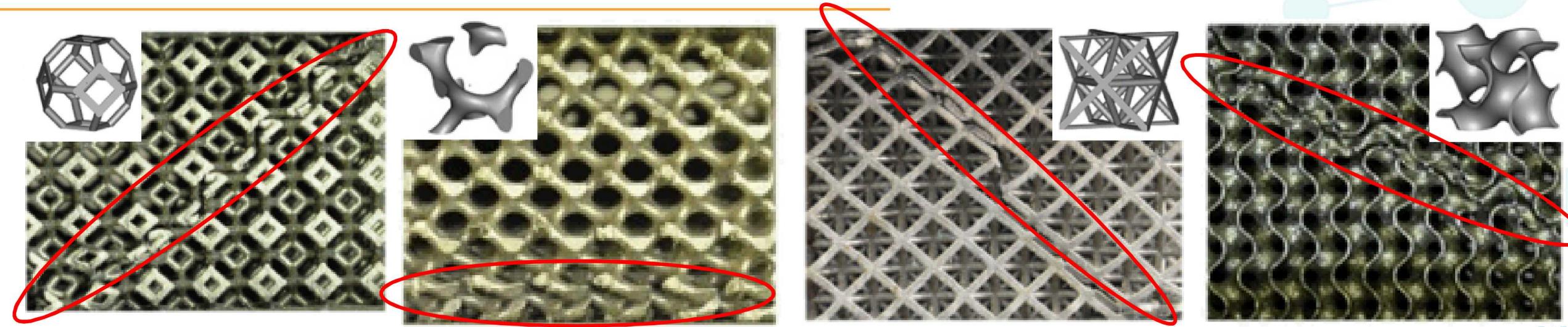


- High specific energy absorption – Ultralight energy absorbers<sup>[2]</sup>

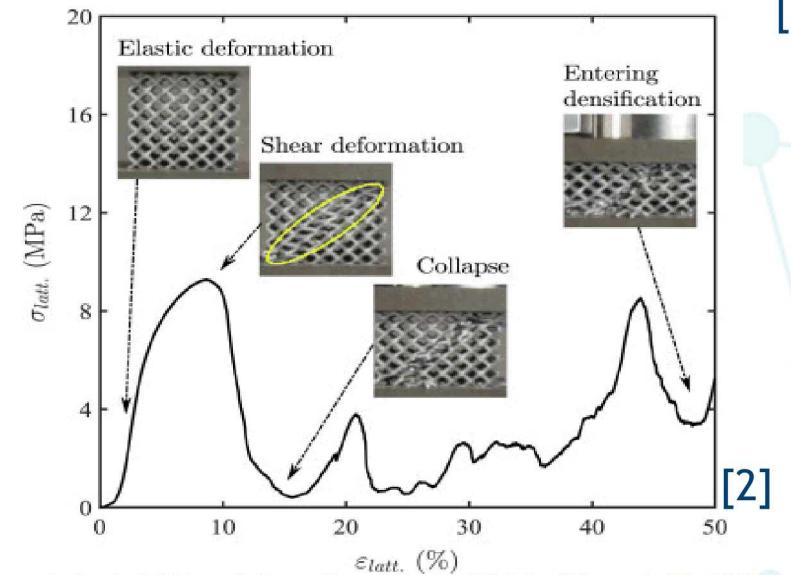
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# Localization in Lattice Structures due to Fabrication Defects and Geometrical Effects



- Lattice metamaterials in compression fail predominantly through localization
- Shear bands cause sharp drop in load capacity – limiting energy dissipation
- Compression bands allow for progressive collapse of lattice
- Ideal energy dissipating behavior involves homogeneous plastic deformation before progressive collapse at a high plateau stress

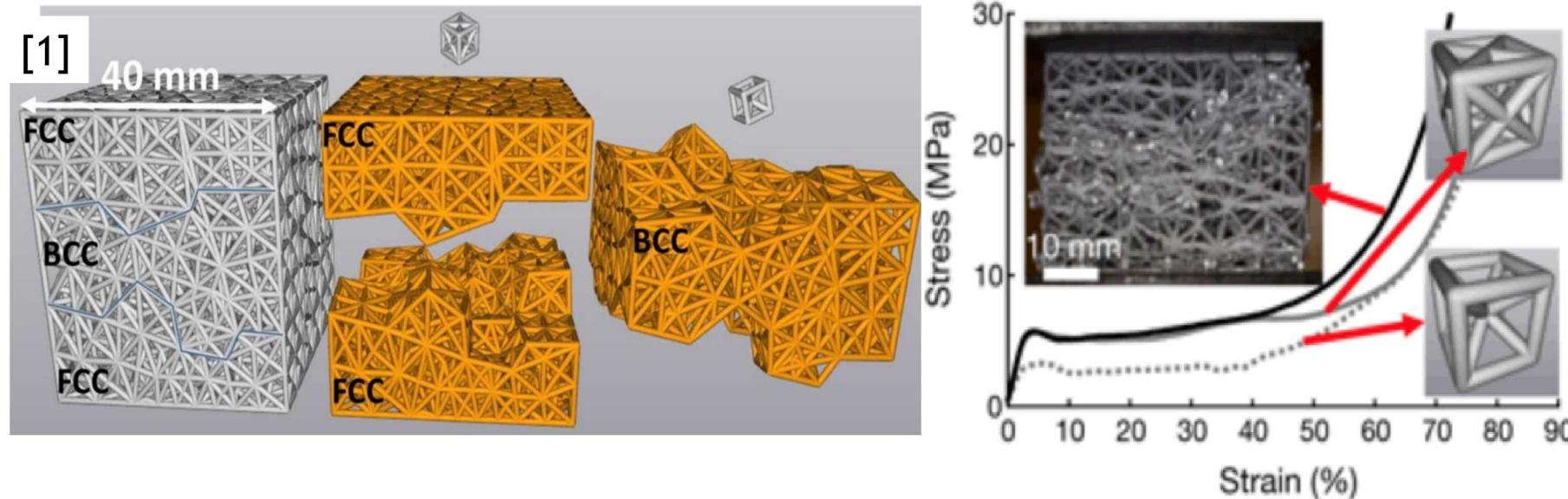


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# Design Considerations with Lattice Metamaterials is non-intuitive

- Design approaches with traditional materials don't apply to lattice metamaterials – non-intuitive
- Combining different lattice topologies can allow for tailoring of properties and control of localization<sup>[1]</sup>



- Topology optimization provides rigorous way to explore design space
- Multiscale topology optimization approaches can account for microstructure but are based on homogenization
  - Becomes computationally **very expensive** for nonlinear problems
  - Homogeneous deformation of RVE **cannot capture** localization

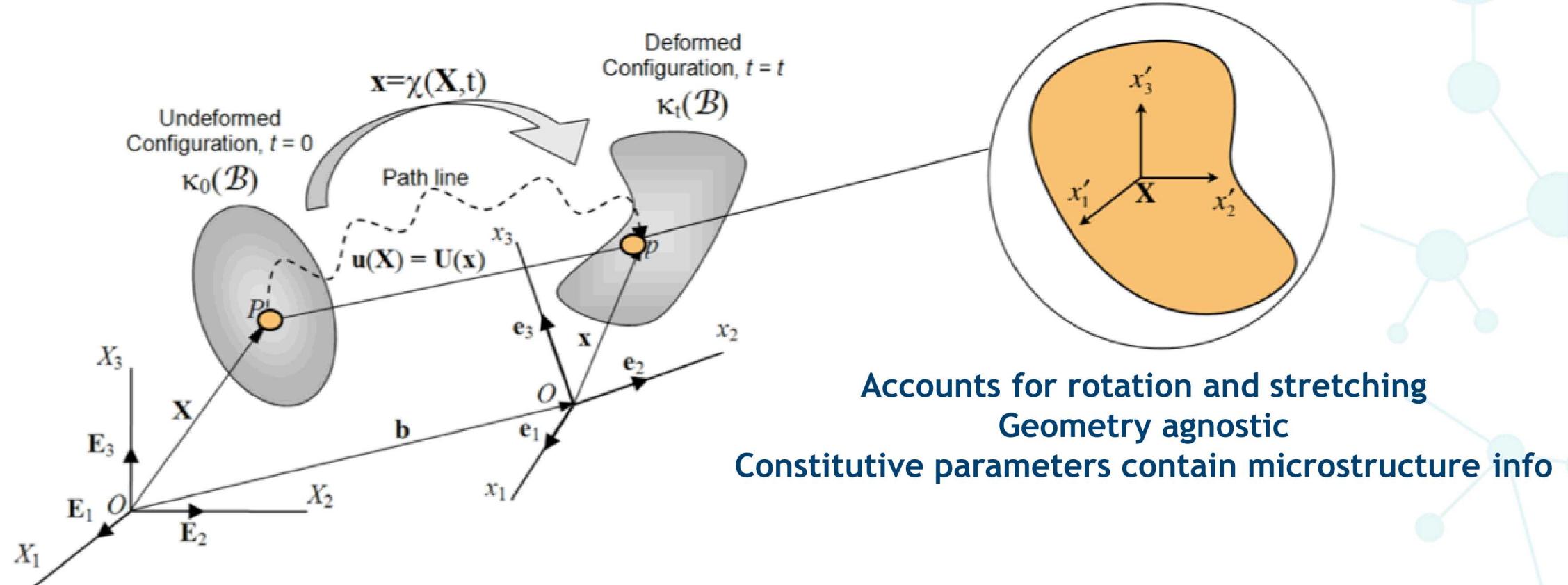


# Capturing Localization Effects Through a Generalized Continuum Approach

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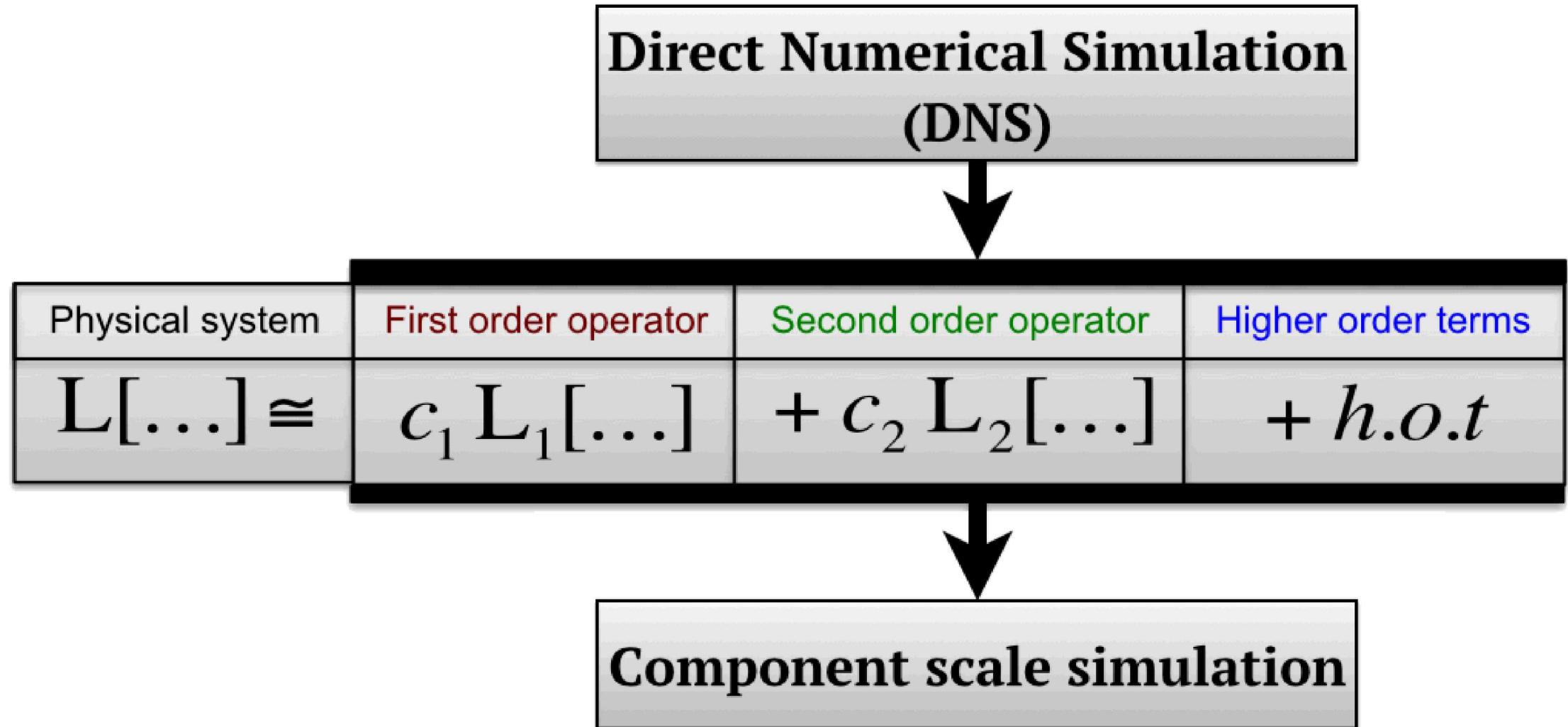
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# Accounting for Underlying “Microstructure” With Additional DOFs: Micromorphic Approach



- Can capture significant gradients in macroscopic loading over microstructural features which cause
  - Size dependent mechanical properties
  - Dispersion effects in wave propagation
  - Accumulation of plastic deformation in microstructure during localization

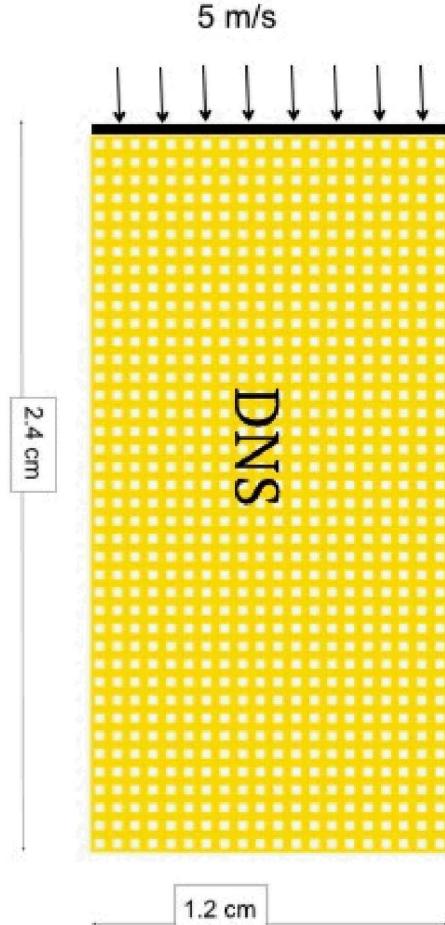
# Calibrating Micromorphic Models to Specific Microstructures



# Example: Low Velocity Impact in Foam



Classical (200 x 100 elements):



Direct (800 x 400 elements):

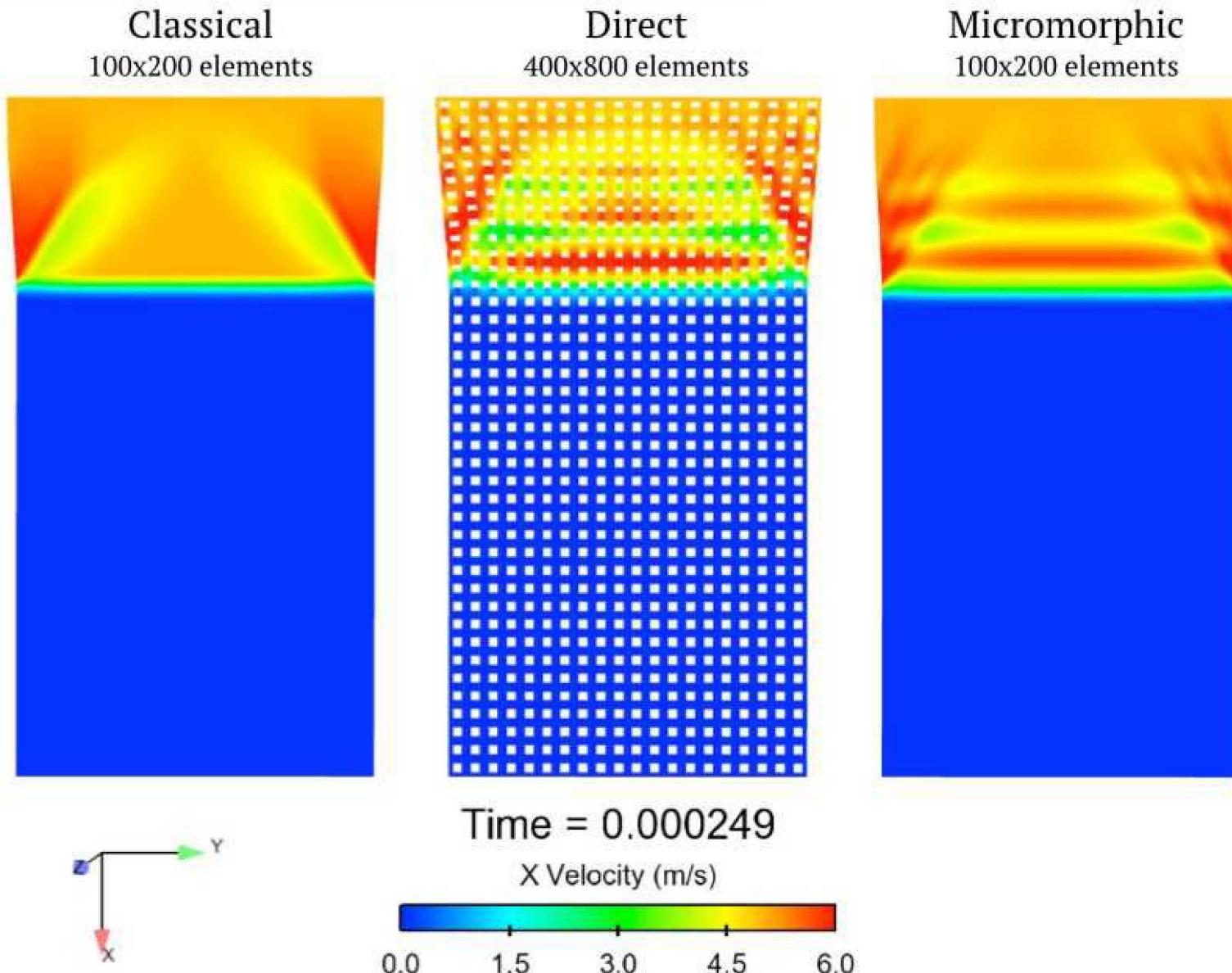
- 0.3 mm "pore" size (0.6 mm RVE)
- 25% porosity
- Solid density: 1100 kg/m<sup>3</sup> (Matweb.com)
- Young's modulus: 0.851 MPa (Fan, 2011)
- Poisson's ratio: 0.4



Micromorphic (200 x 100):

- microscale length: 0.6 mm
- Mindlin parameter (a.k.a. coupling constant): 0.3

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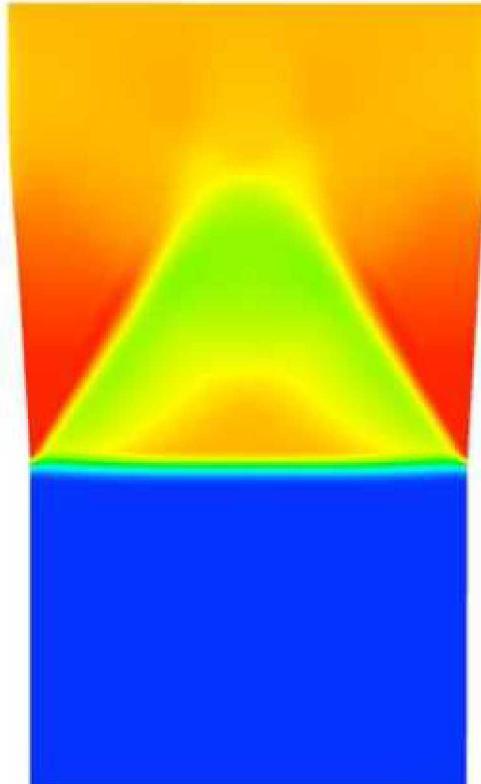


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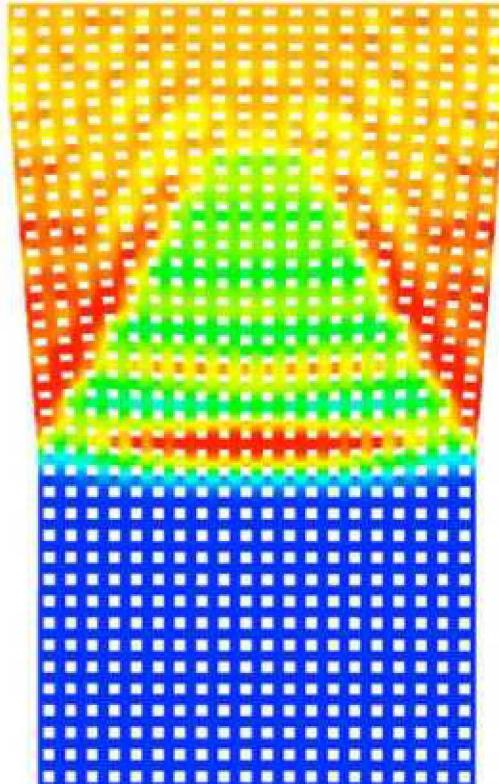


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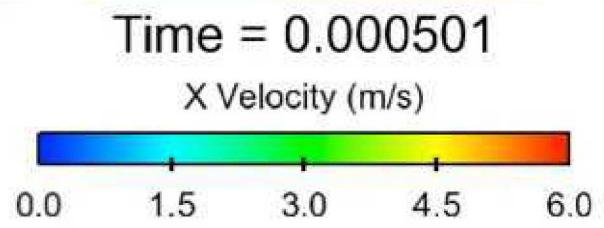
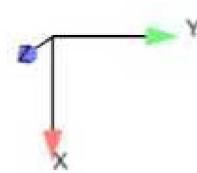
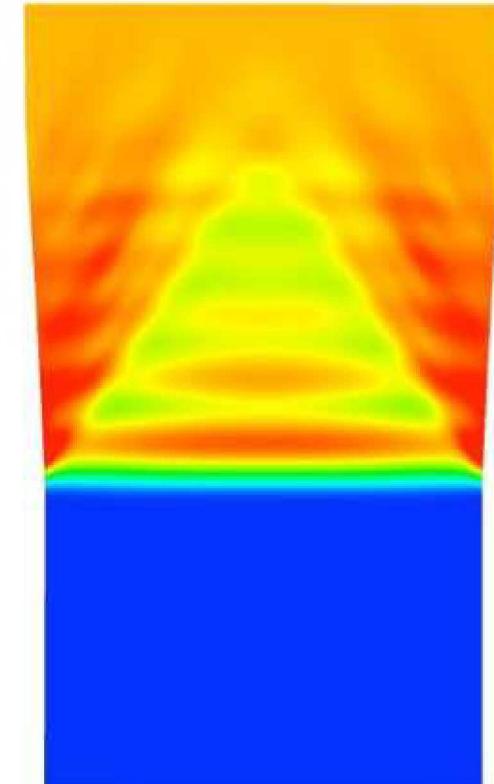
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Direct  
400x800 elements

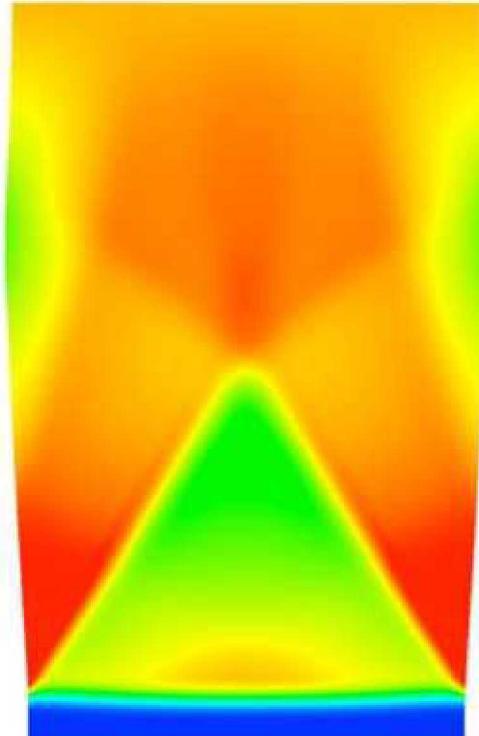


Micromorphic  
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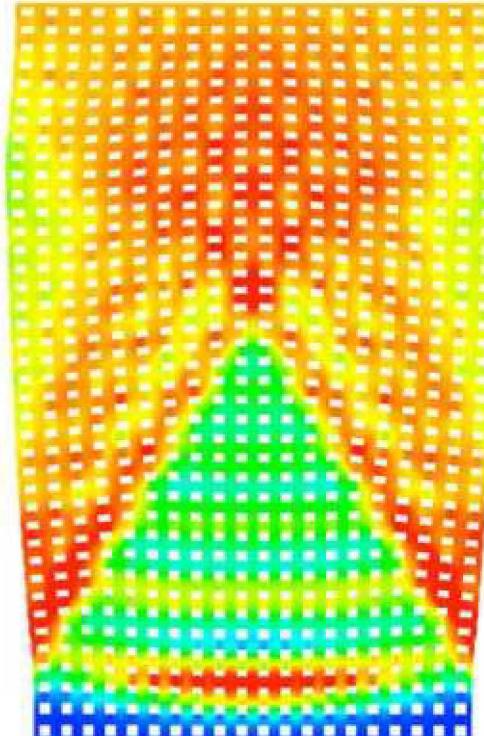


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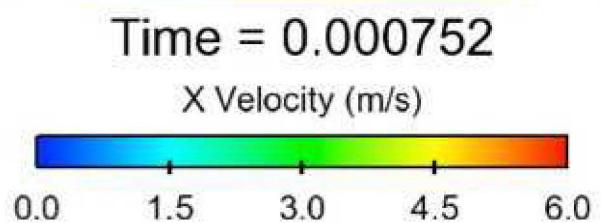
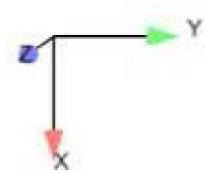
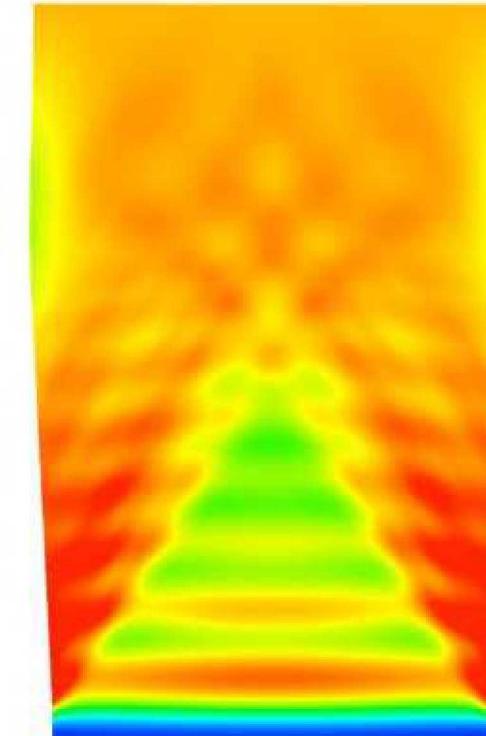
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# Capturing Strain Softening and Localization: Regularization Through a Micromorphic Model



- Localization phenomena can lead to a loss of ellipticity in governing PDEs for classical continua
- Micromorphic continua involve length scale which regularizes this effect – suitable for **simulating localization phenomena in lattice metamaterials**
- Regularizing effect can be gained by replacing the microstrain tensor with a scalar plastic microstrain variable – only 1 additional DOF per continuum point
- Finite deformation theory considering elastoplastic softening and scalar plastic microstrain variable<sup>[1]</sup>:

## Free Energy

$$\psi(\mathbf{C}^e, \chi, \nabla \chi) = \psi_{ref}(\mathbf{C}^e, \alpha) + \frac{1}{2}H(\alpha - \chi)^2 + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{K} \cdot \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{K}$$

$$\mathbf{K} = \nabla \chi \quad \mathbf{A} = A\mathbf{I} \quad \psi_{ref}(\mathbf{C}^e, \alpha) \longrightarrow \text{Macroscale free energy}$$

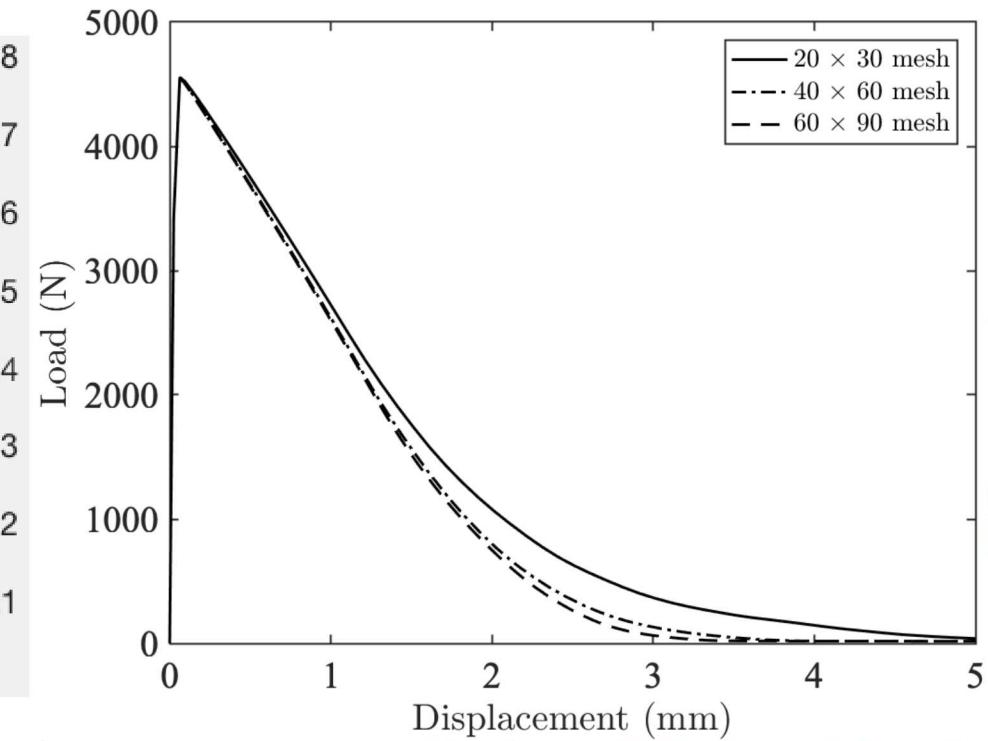
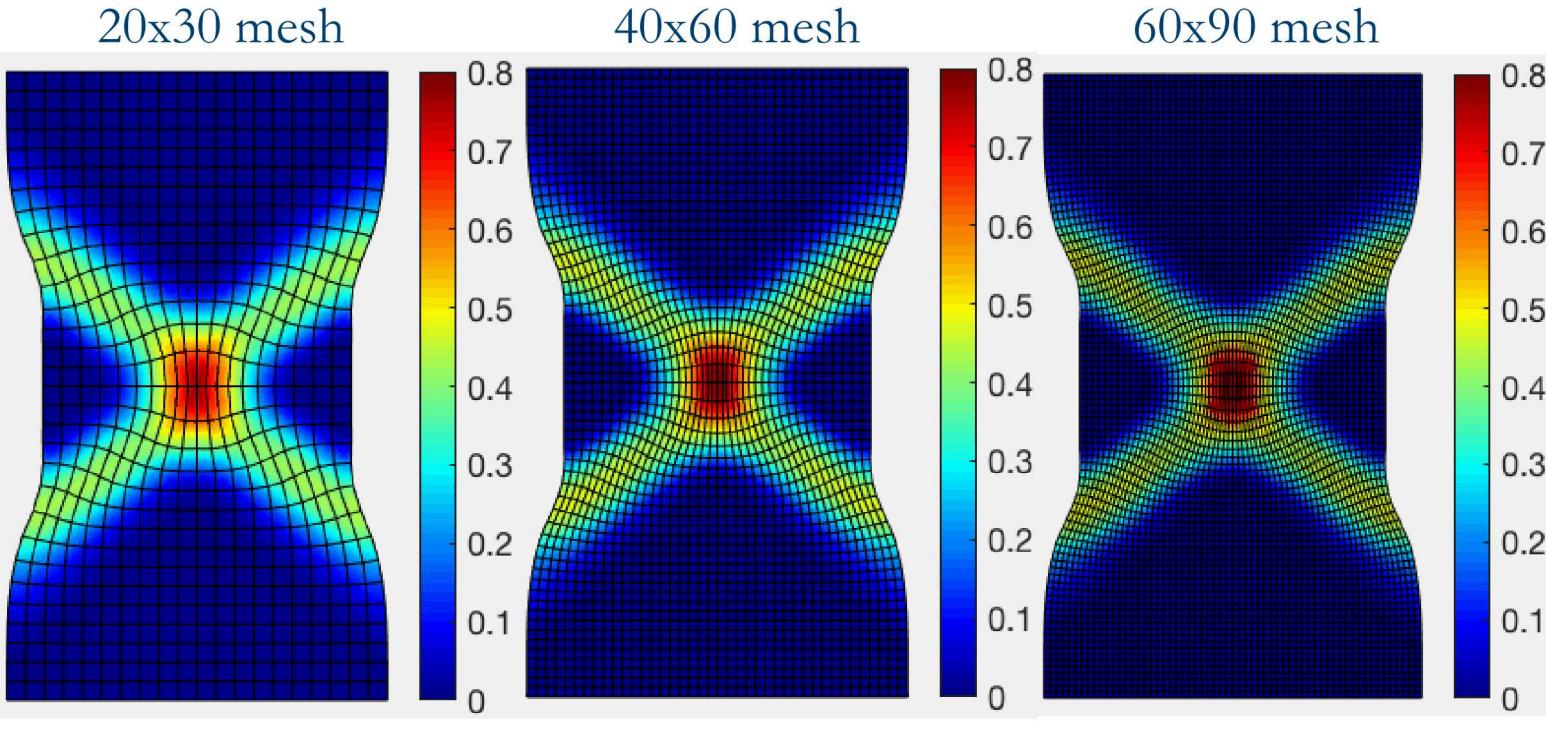
## Micro Momentum Balance

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{b}_0 - a_0 = A\Delta\chi - H\chi + H\alpha = \alpha - \chi + l^2\Delta\chi = 0$$

$$l = \sqrt{A/H}$$

# Shear Band Localization

- Localization bands have finite width dictated by micromorphic parameters  $A, H, Z$  and hardening/softening modulus
- Inhomogeneous deformation induced by finite deformation kinematics (necking/bulging)



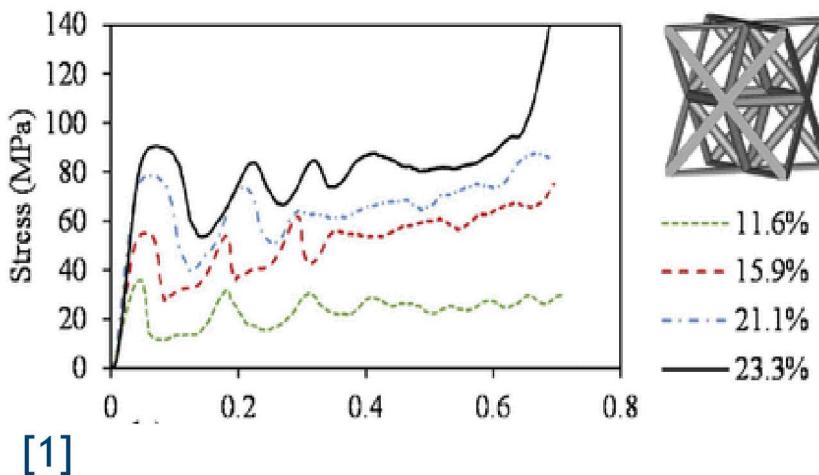


# Topology Optimization for Structural Designs

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# Combining Functionalities of FCC (Energy Dissipation) & BCC (No Softening) Lattices

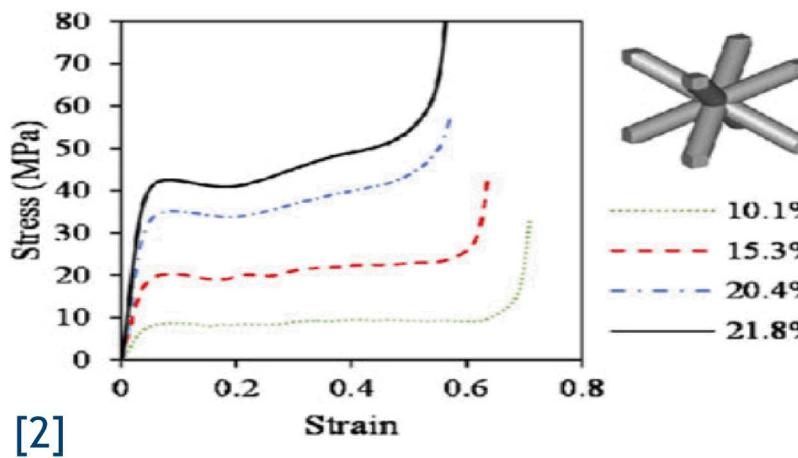


## FCC Lattice

- Higher stiffness and yield stress
- Peak stress reached  $\sim 5\%$  strain
- Severe softening after peak stress

$$E \rightarrow 16.55 \text{ GPa} \quad \sigma_{max} \rightarrow 37.07 \text{ MPa}$$
$$\sigma_y \rightarrow 23.17 \text{ MPa} \quad K^h \rightarrow -220 \text{ MPa}$$

[1]

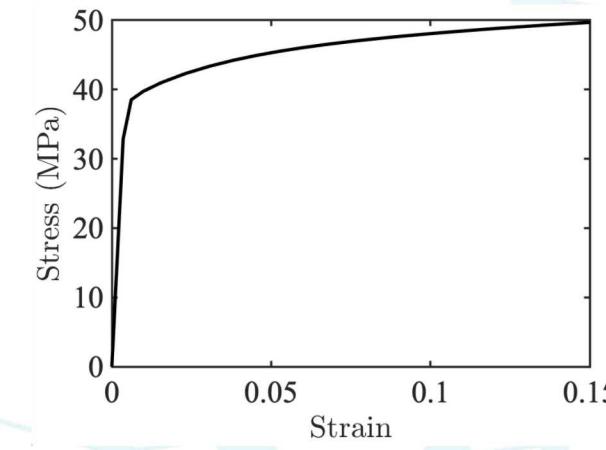
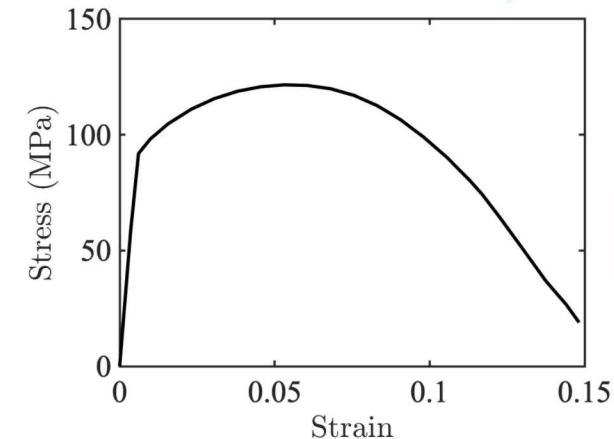


## BCC Lattice

- Lower stiffness and yield stress
- Little to no softening
- Relatively level hardening until densification

$$E \rightarrow 9.31 \text{ GPa} \quad \sigma_{max} \rightarrow 11.47 \text{ MPa}$$
$$\sigma_y \rightarrow 9.57 \text{ MPa} \quad K^h \rightarrow -20 \text{ MPa}$$

[2]



# The Math Slide: Formulating the Optimization Problem

## Density-Based Parameterization

$$0 \leq \rho_e \leq 1$$

BCC Phase  $\rho_e = 0$

FCC Phase  $\rho_e = 1$

## SIMP Interpolation

$$A_e = \rho_e^p A_{FCC} + (1 - \rho_e)^p A_{BCC}$$

$$A \in \{E, \sigma_y, \sigma_{max}, K^h\}$$

## Design Problem

$$\min_{\mathbf{x}} f_0(\mathbf{x}) = - \int_t \int_{\Omega_0} \dot{w}^p dv dt$$

s.t.  $f_1(\mathbf{x}) = 1 - \frac{1}{V} \sum_e^{n_{ele}} \rho_e(\mathbf{x}) v_e - V_f \leq 0$

$$f_2(\mathbf{x}) = \left[ \sum_e^{n_{ele}} \sum_{r=1}^{n_{ipt}} \left( \alpha_{e_r}^N \right)^q \right]^{\frac{1}{q}} - \hat{\alpha} \leq 0$$

$$\mathbf{R}^k \left( \hat{\mathbf{u}}^k, \hat{\mathbf{u}}^{k-1}, \mathbf{c}^k, \mathbf{c}^{k-1}, \boldsymbol{\rho}(\mathbf{x}) \right) = \mathbf{0}, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, N$$

$$\mathbf{H}^k \left( \hat{\mathbf{u}}^k, \hat{\mathbf{u}}^{k-1}, \mathbf{c}^k, \mathbf{c}^{k-1}, \boldsymbol{\rho}(\mathbf{x}) \right) = \mathbf{0}, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, N$$

$$\mathbf{0} \leq \mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{1}$$

Maximize Plastic Work

Volume Fraction Constraint (BCC Phase)

Maximum Accumulated Plastic Strain Constraint

Implicit Global Constraint

Explicit Global Constraint

Box Constraint

# Adjoint Sensitivity Analysis: Defining Local and Global Variables and Associated Constraints



## Global Variables and Constraints

Scalar plastic microstrain, F-bar elements for incompressibility

$$\hat{\mathbf{u}}^k = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{u}^k \\ \chi^k \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{R}^k = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R}_1^k \\ \mathbf{R}_2^k \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} {}_{e=1}^{n_{ele}} \mathbf{F}_{int}^{e,u^k} \\ {}_{e=1}^{n_{ele}} \mathbf{F}_{int}^{e,\chi^k} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{F}_{int}^{e,u^k} = \sum_{r=1}^{n_{ipt}} w_r \mathbf{B}_{er}^{u^k T} r_{er}^{k-a} \bar{\mathbf{P}}_{er}^k \quad \mathbf{F}_{int}^{e,\chi^k} = \sum_{r=1}^{n_{ipt}} w_r \left( \mathbf{N}_{er}^{\chi^k T} \mathbf{N}_{er}^{\chi^k} \chi_e^k - \mathbf{N}_{er}^{\chi^k T} \alpha_{er}^k + \frac{A}{H} \mathbf{B}_{er}^{\chi^k T} \mathbf{B}_{er}^{\chi^k} \chi_e^k \right)$$

## Local Variables and Constraints

Finite deformation isotropic elasto-viscoplasticity with micromorphic regularization

$$\mathbf{c}^k = [\mathbf{c}_1^k \quad \dots \quad \mathbf{c}_{n_{ele}}^k]^T$$

$$\mathbf{c}_e^k = [\mathbf{c}_{e_1}^k \quad \dots \quad \mathbf{c}_{e_{n_{ipt}}}^k]^T$$

$$\mathbf{c}_{er}^k = [\mathbf{b}_{er}^{e^k} \quad \alpha_{er}^k \quad \Delta\gamma_{er}^k]^T$$

$$\mathbf{H}_{er}^k = \begin{cases} \mathbf{h}_{er_1}^k = \mathbf{b}_{er}^{e^k} - \mathbf{b}_{er}^{e,tr} \cdot \exp[-2\Delta t \mathbf{A}_{er}^k] = \mathbf{0} \\ h_{er_2}^k = \alpha_{er}^k - \alpha_{er}^{k-1} - \Delta\gamma_{er}^k \\ h_{er_3}^k = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2} \|\mathbf{s}_{er}^k\|} \left( \frac{\Delta t}{\mu \Delta\gamma_{er}^k + \Delta t} \right)^\vartheta - \zeta(\alpha_{er}^k, \chi_e^k) \end{cases}$$

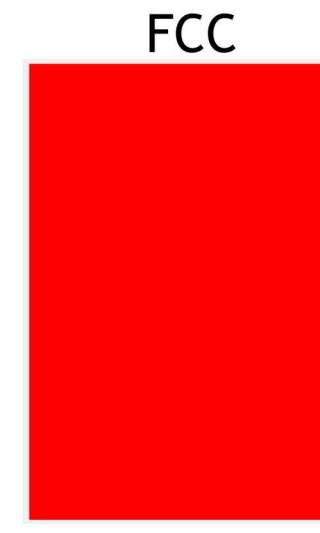
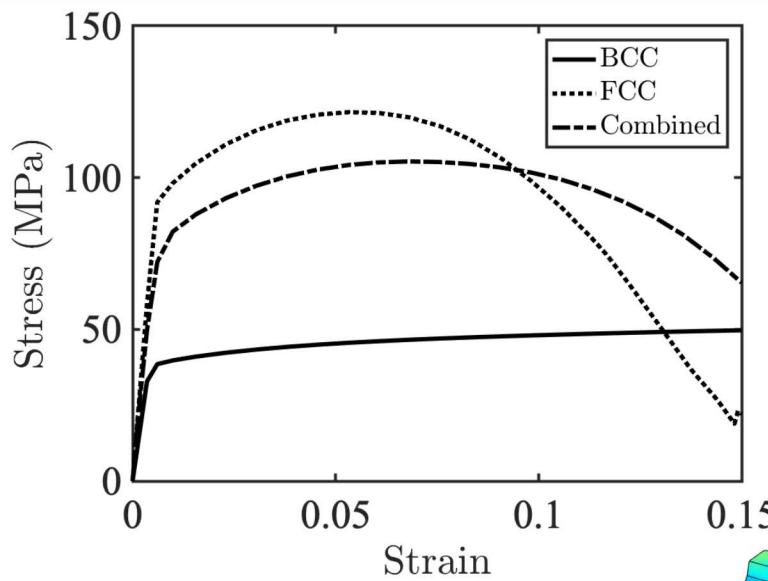


# Examples for Shear Band Localization and Dual Lattice Optimization

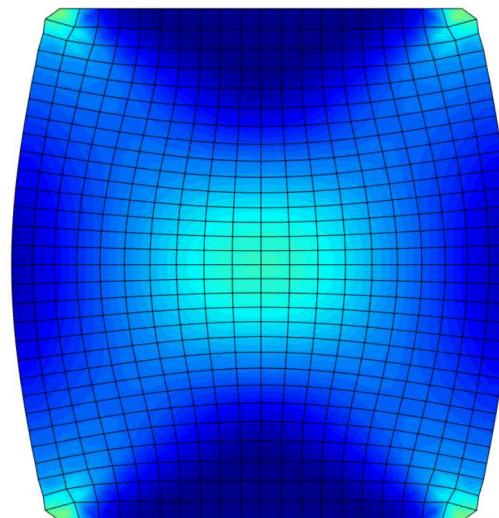
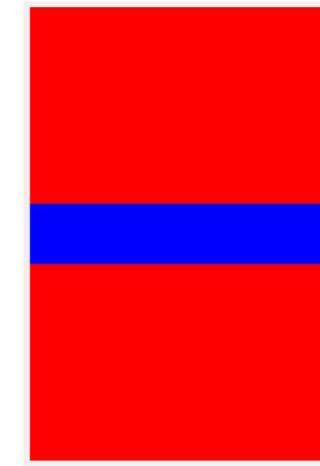
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# Naïve Combination of Lattices Leads to Improvement in Energy Dissipation

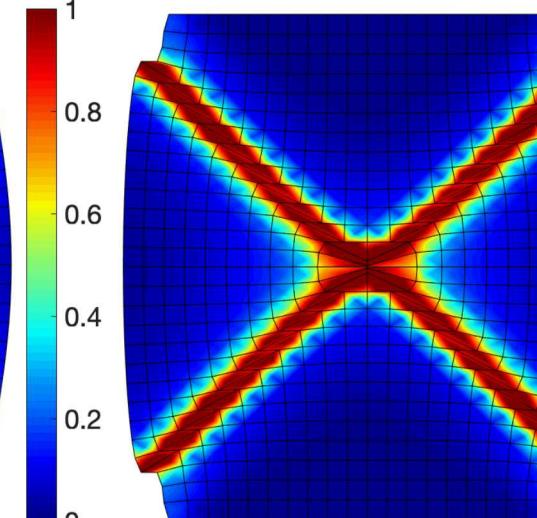


Combined (13% BCC)

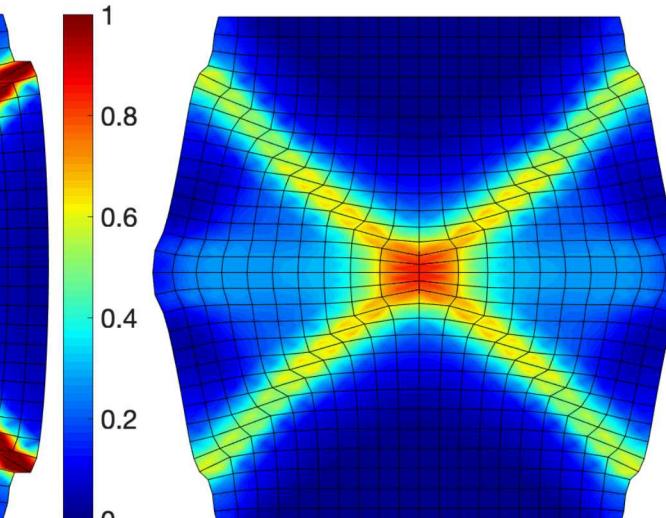


Dissipated energy:

1.043 J



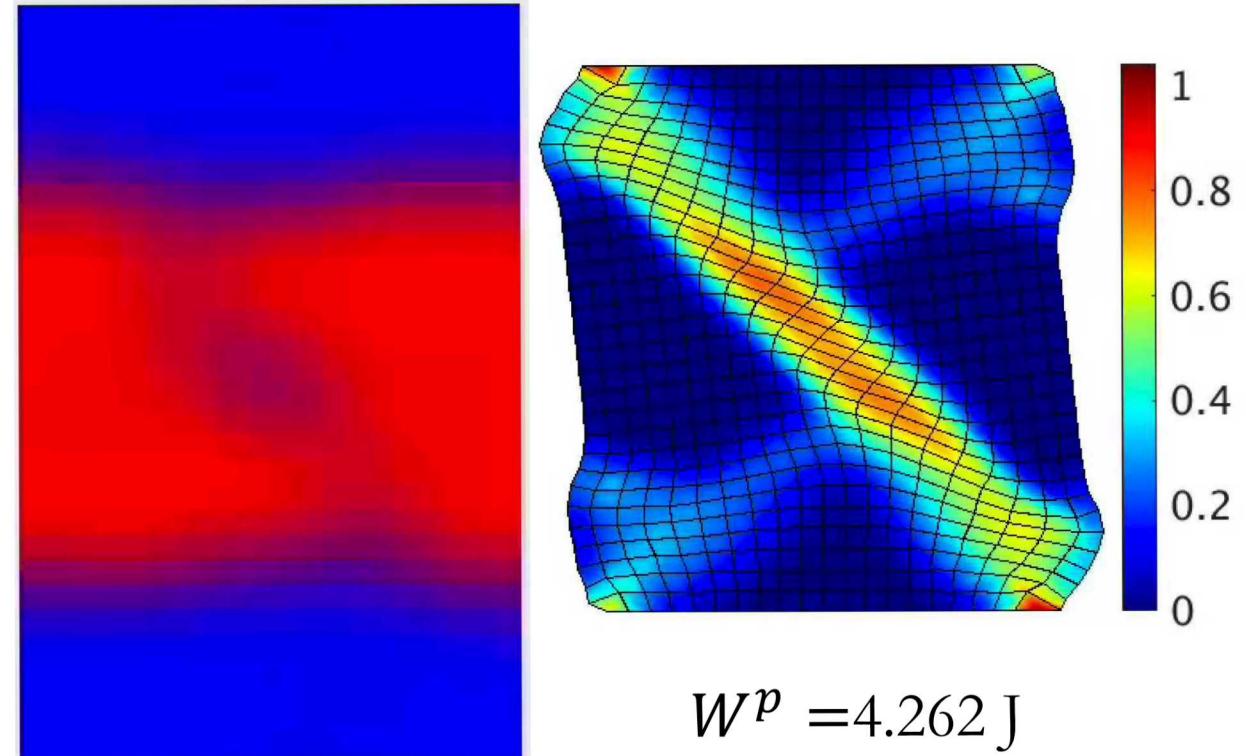
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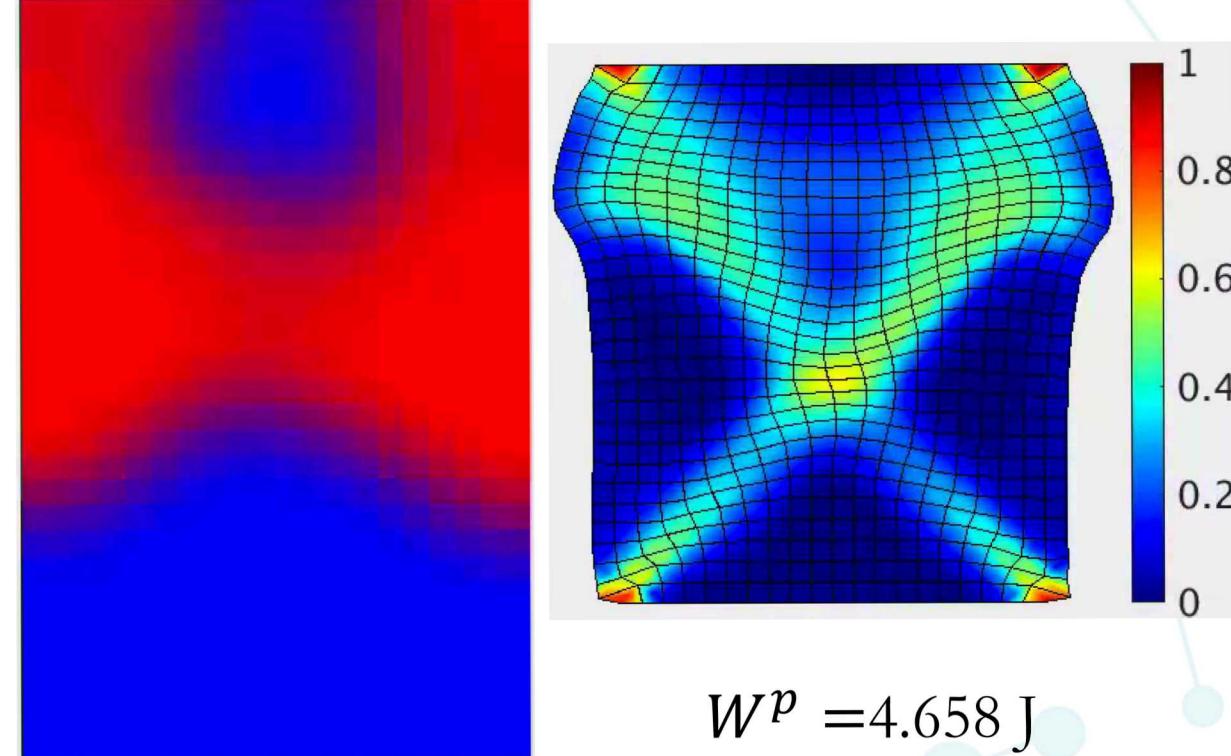
8.218 J

# Preliminary Optimization Results

$$\underline{V_f} = 0.5$$



$$\underline{V_f} = 0.9$$



- Both designs experience less severe localization than FCC alone
- Problem is highly sensitive to changes in topology



# Conclusions and Future Perspectives

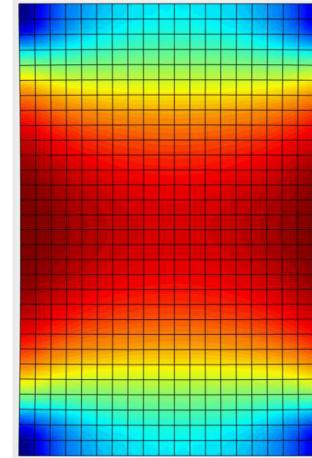
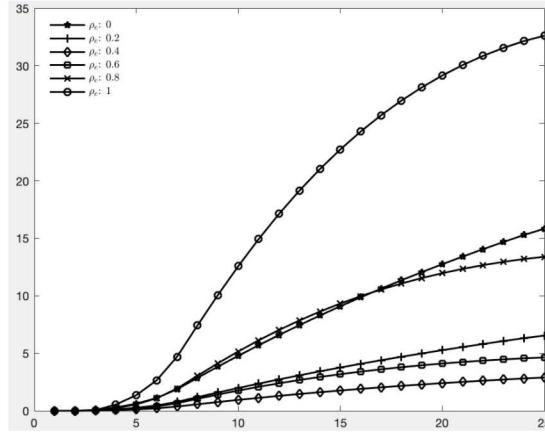
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# Future Work

## Optimization

- Better parameterization for intermediate density values
- More appropriate objective functions/constraints

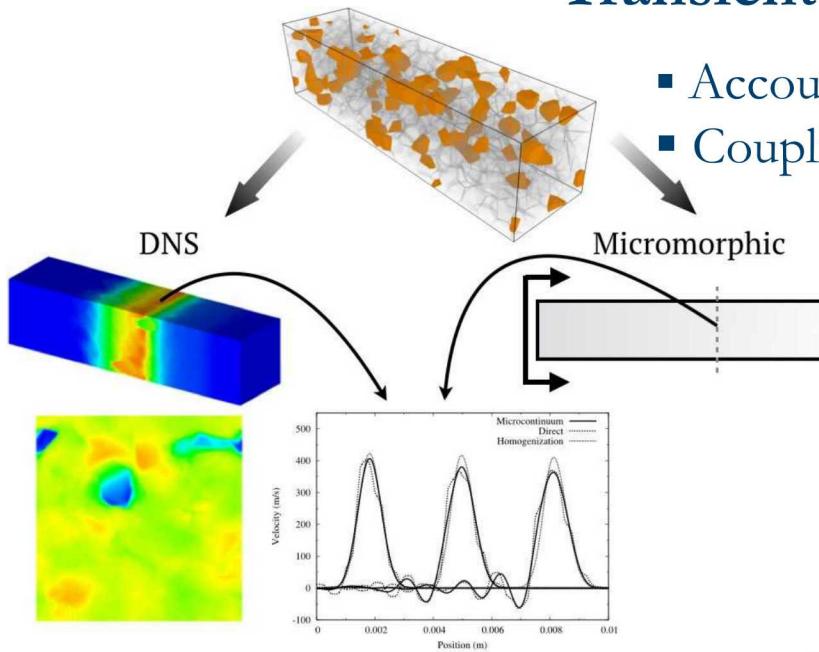
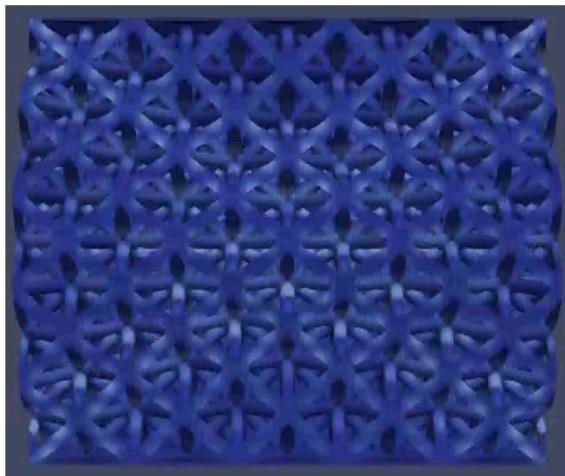
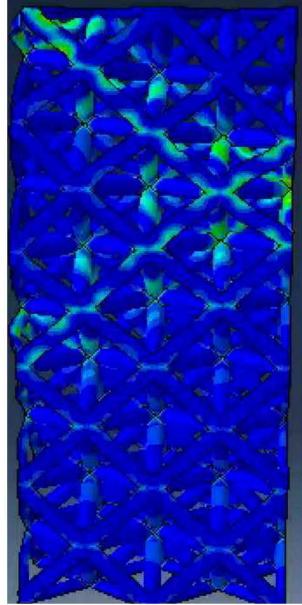


## Model Extensions

- Pressure dependent plasticity models
- Full microstrain tensor

## Calibration through DNS

$$f(\phi) = F(\hat{\mathbf{u}}^1(\phi), \dots, \hat{\mathbf{u}}^n(\phi)) = \sum_{k=1}^n \sum_{i=1}^{n_n} \|\bar{\mathbf{d}}_i^k - \mathbf{d}_i^k\|^2$$



## Transient Analysis

- Account for dispersive effects
- Coupling with plasticity