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Multifunctional Metamaterials for Environmental and Structural Health Sensing

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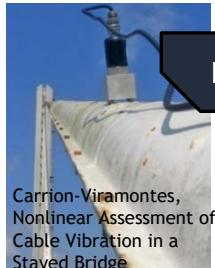
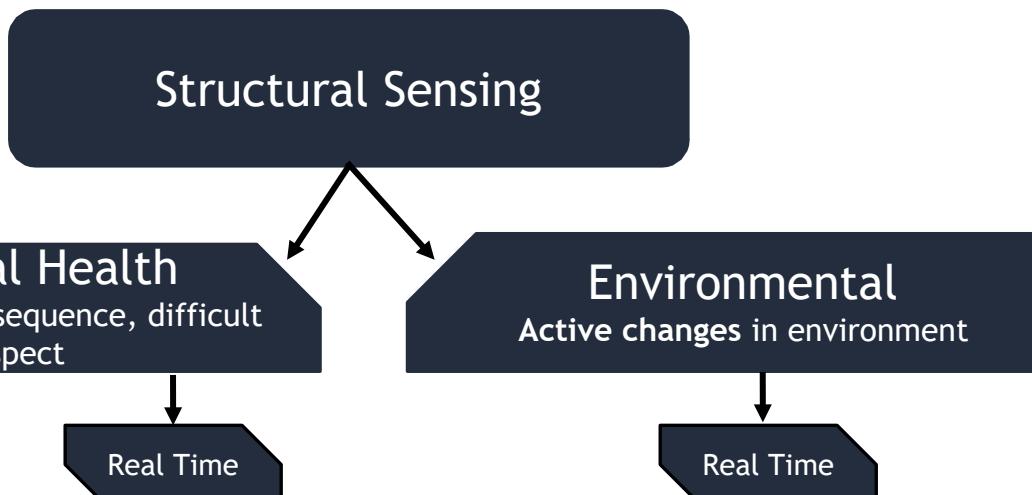
Sensing Materials

Sensors are everywhere

- As of 2017 the average car has 60-100 sensors¹

Sensing materials give more information than sensors

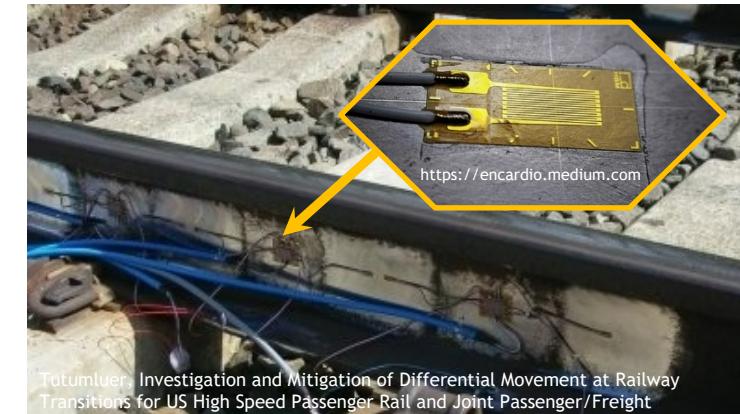
- Poor structural performers



¹<http://www.automotivesensors2017.com>

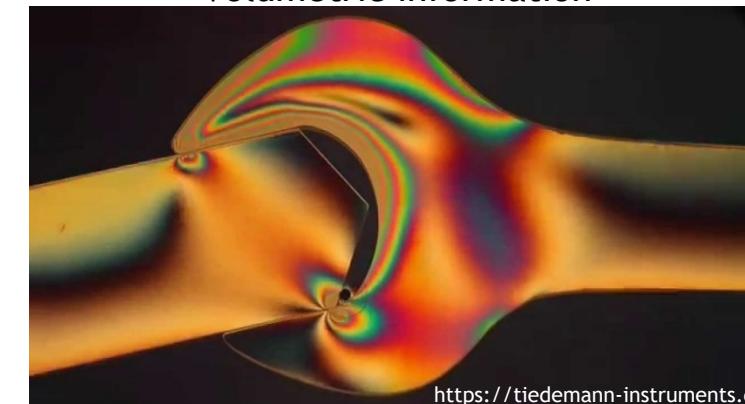
Sensor

- Placed onto structure
- Point Information



Sensing Materials

- Can **be** the structure
- Volumetric information





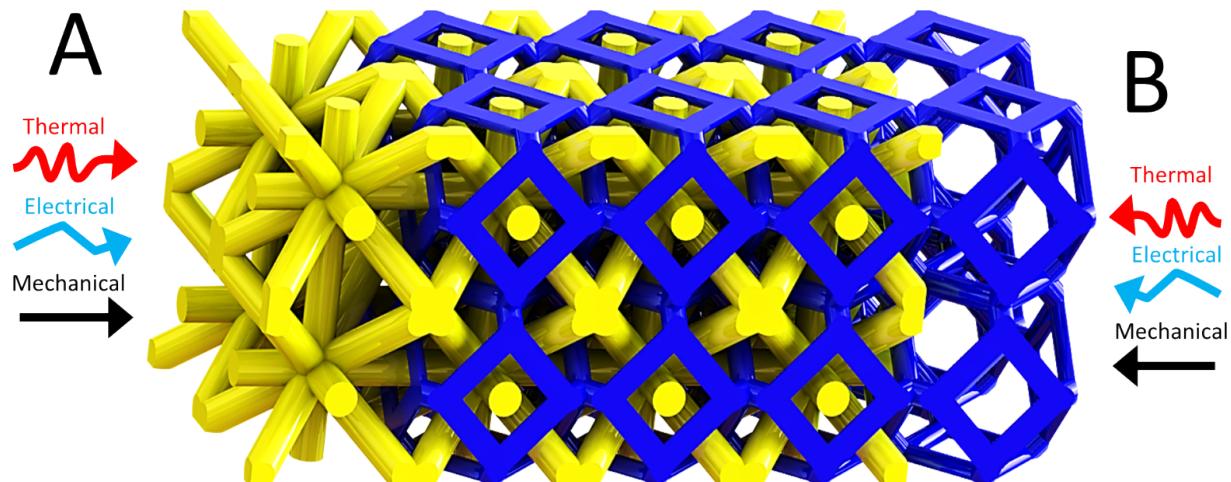
Sensing Metamaterials

Directly architected metamaterials can better optimize strength and sensitivity

- Direct control over: Base Material, Solid geometry, Interface interactions

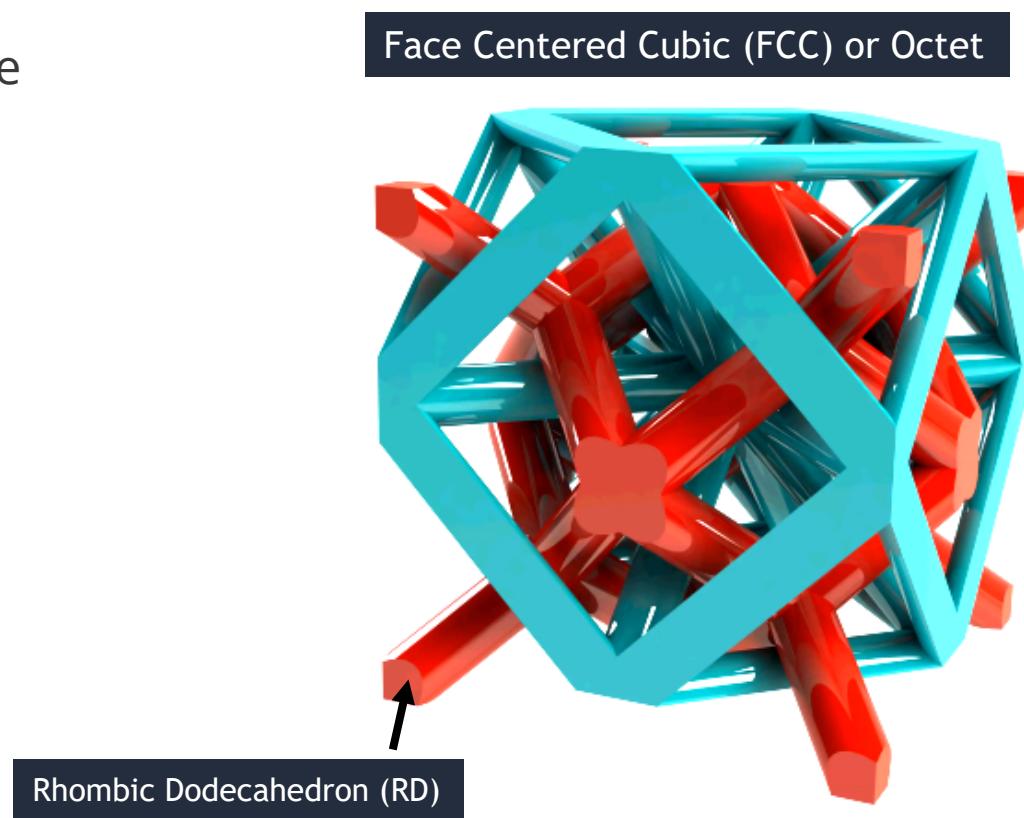
Interpenetrating lattice is a case example

- Two separate lattices interweave in the same volume
- Loads can be forced to travel across the interface



White, 2021, Interpenetrating lattices with enhanced mechanical functionality
<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2214860420311131>

Face Centered Cubic (FCC) or Octet

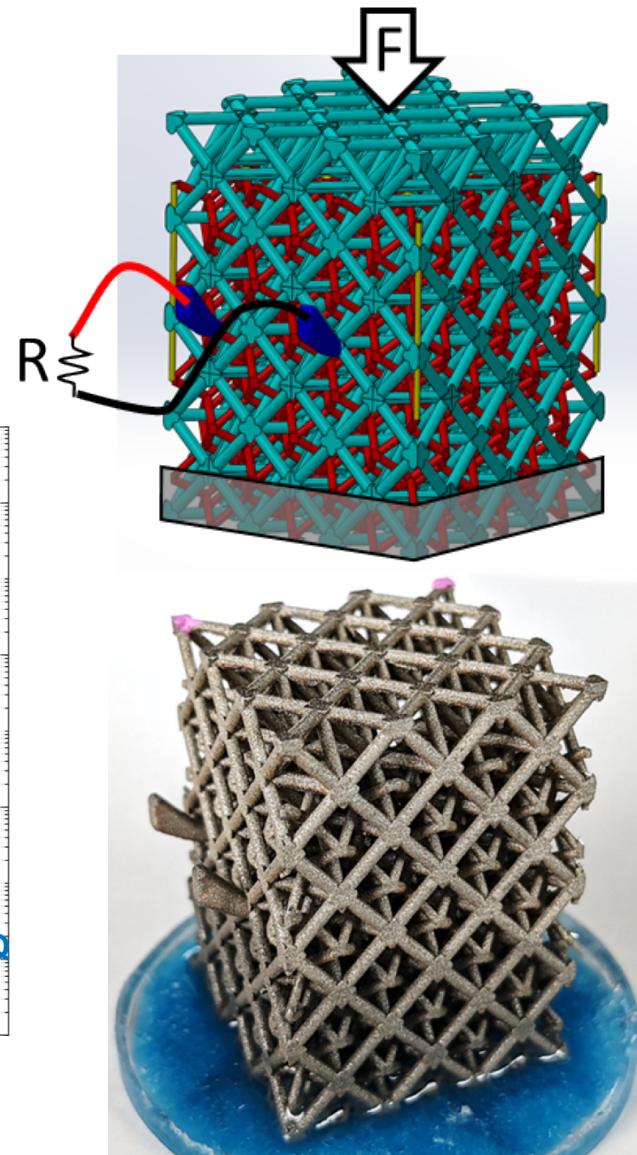
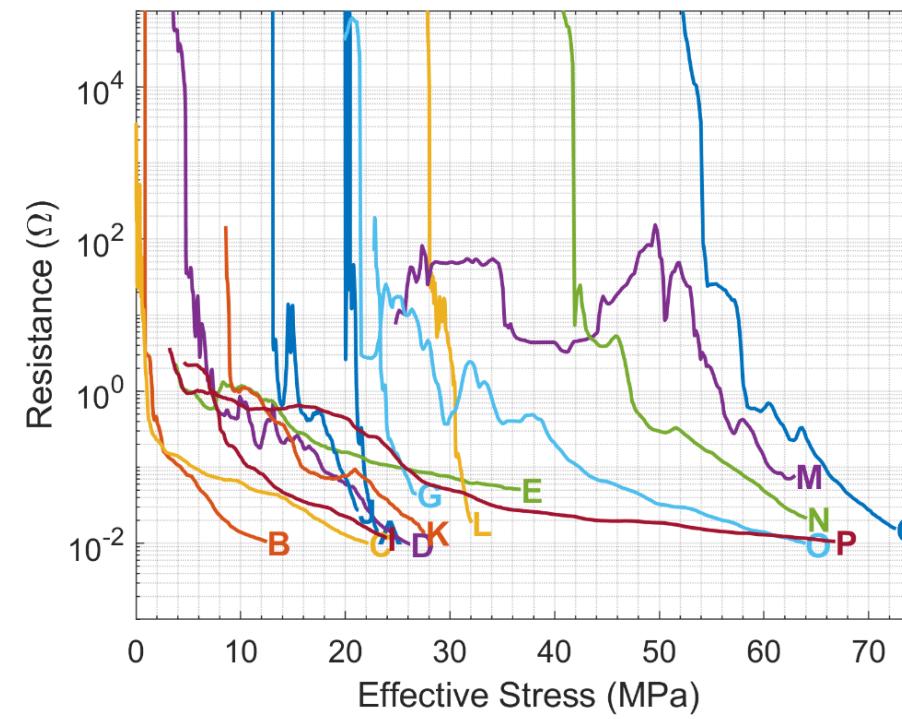
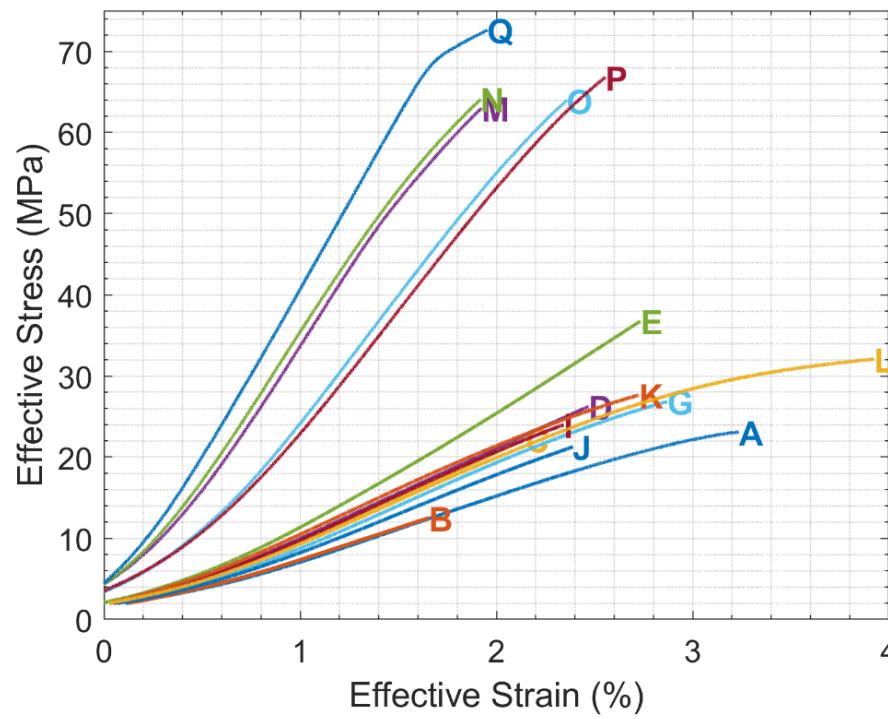


Phase I, Elastic Load Sensing

Lattices are initially separate $R \approx \infty$

- Elastically deform one lattice into the other $R \propto$ applied load

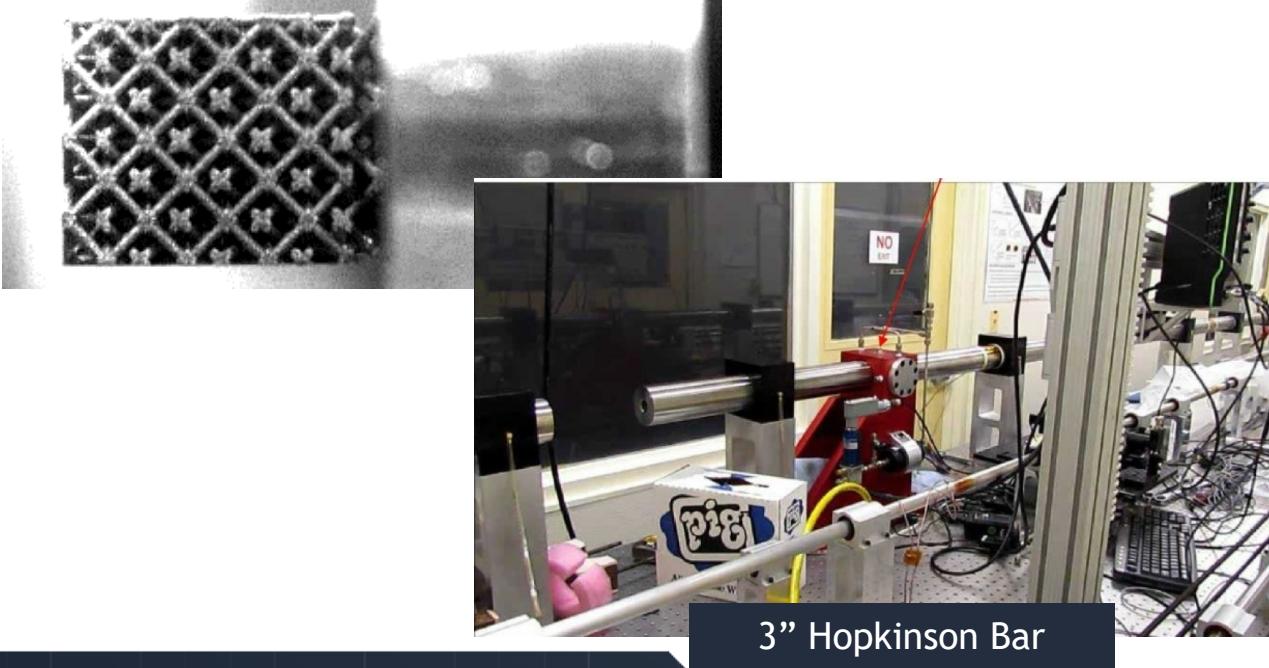
Contact between lattices is monitored via resistivity and correlated to load



Task 1: Lab-scale design and testing

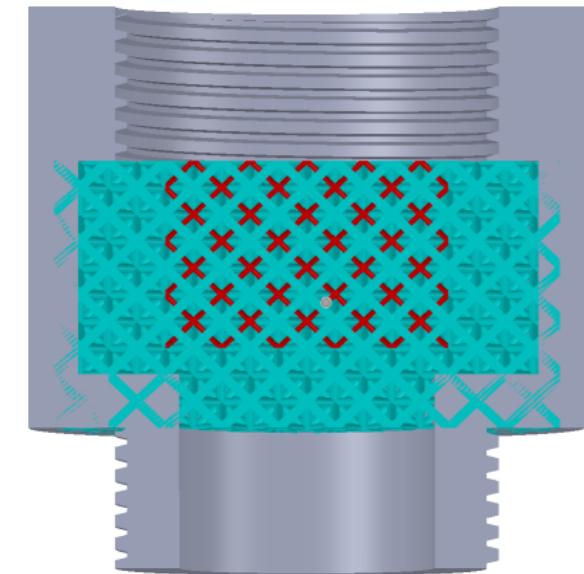
- Correlate dynamic impact to resistivity change
- Assess / improve sensor performance & repeatability

220 m/s impact (gas gun) RD+FCC IPL



Task 2: Case integrated design and testing

- Demonstrate predictive modeling and design capability
- Design modular sensors
- Design fully integrated AM lattice section

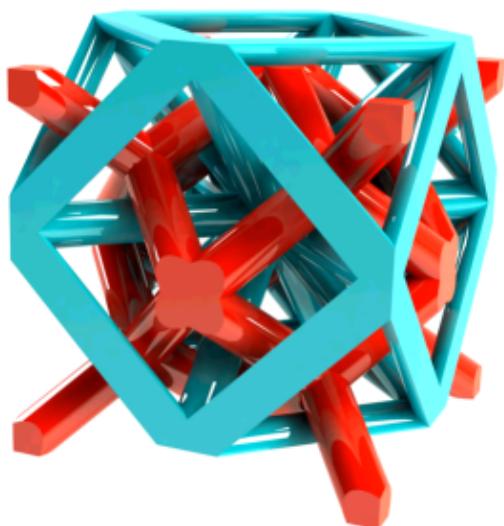




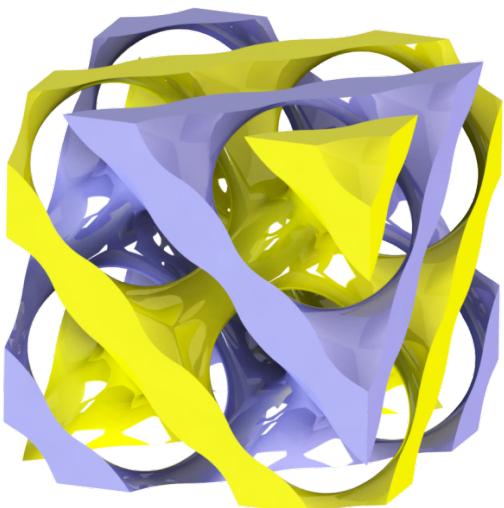
Assessing and Improving Reliability

Quasi-static cycling, print-to-print repeatability

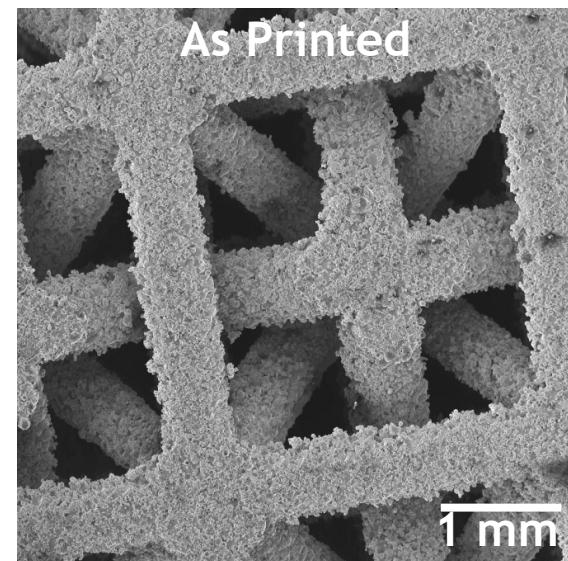
New topologies, miniaturization, surface modifications



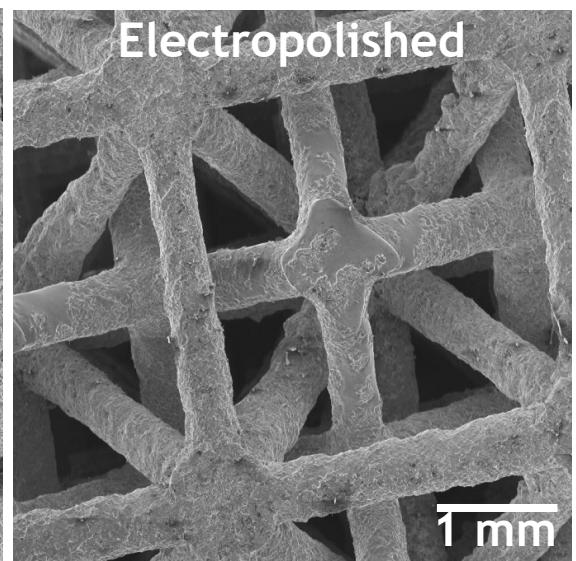
Face Centered Cubic (FCC)



Skeletal Schwarz D IPL



As Printed



Electropolished



Modeling and Simulation

Modeling and Simulation capabilities needed to facilitate lattice development and adoption

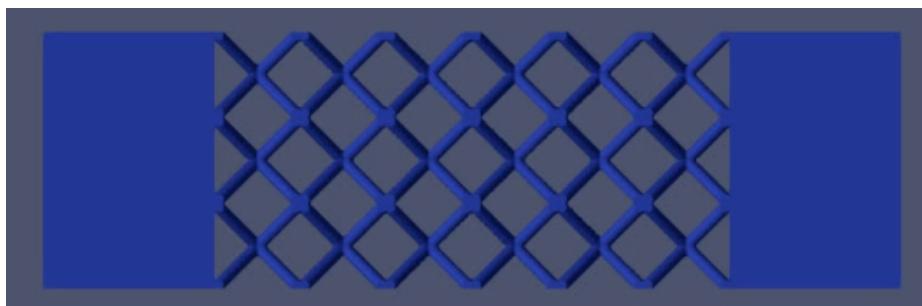
- Reducing development time
- Rapid exploration of different design concepts
- Quantifying performance in scenarios that are expensive/difficult to experimentally test

Lattices have inherent challenges

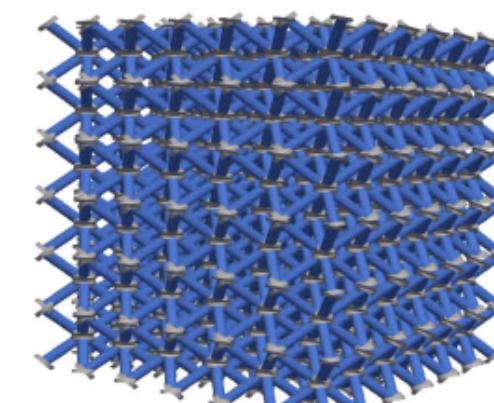
- Large number of geometric features need to be represented (e.g. 5x5x5 FCC lattice has 3600 struts)

Different modeling approaches are needed for different scenarios

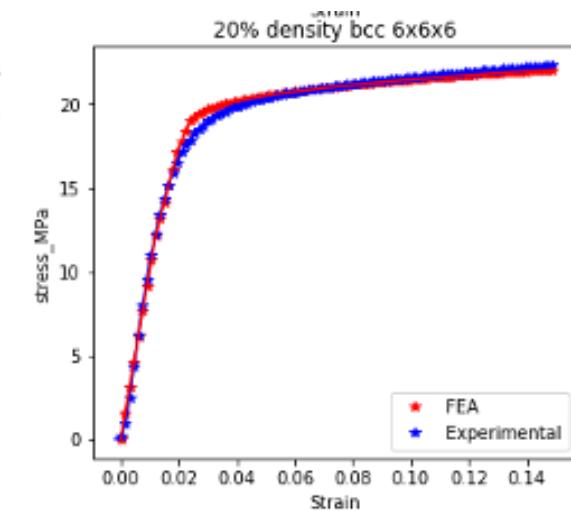
- Balance predictive capability and computational cost
- Direct Numerical Simulation (FEA on mesh of entire lattice structure)
- Engineering-scale models (Homogenized continuum, beam element representation)



3D elements

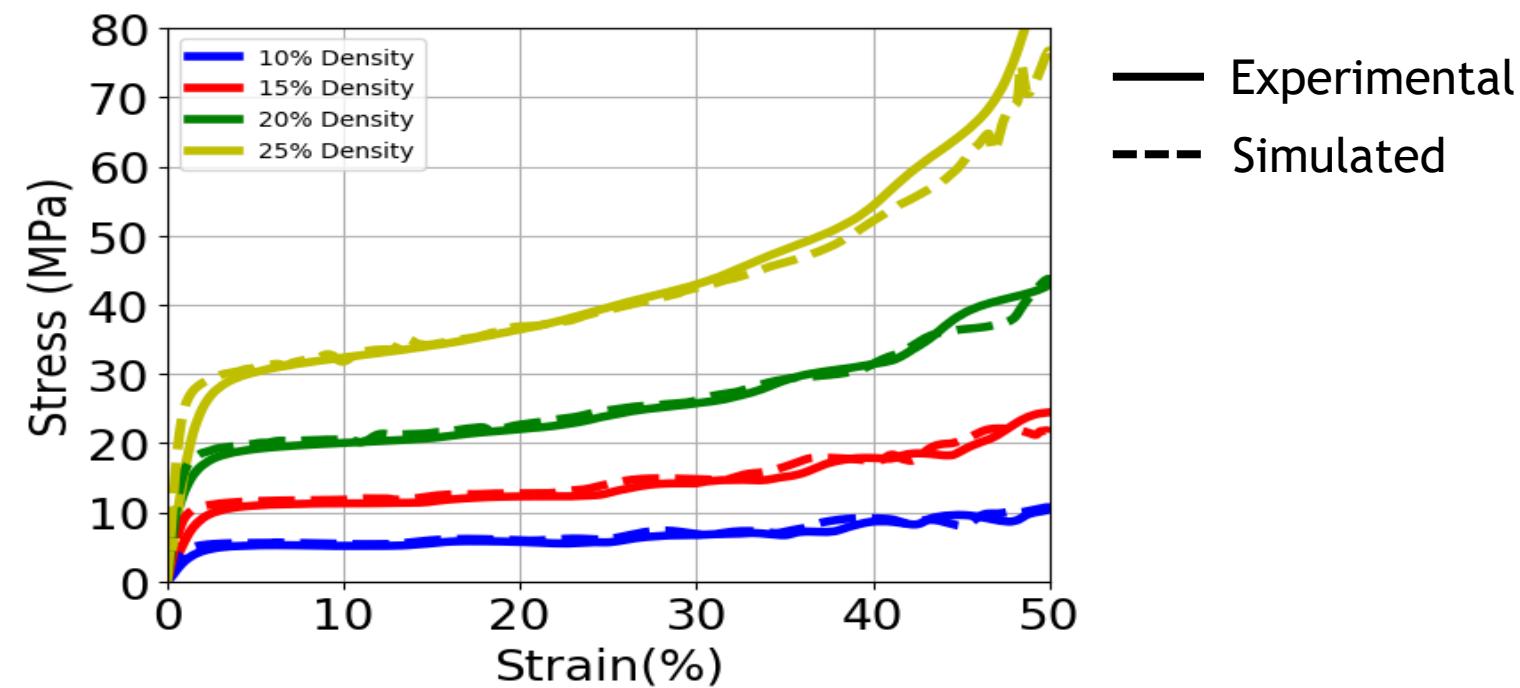
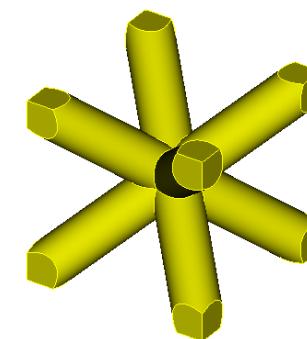
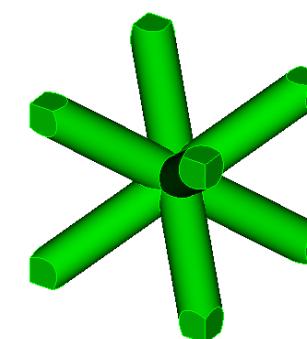
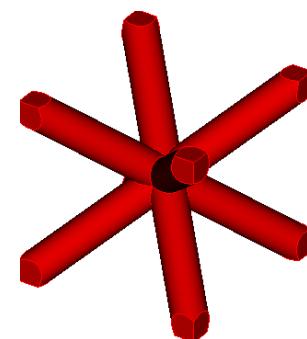
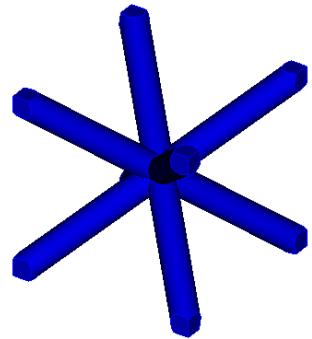


Beam Elements





3D Element FEA to Explore Design Space

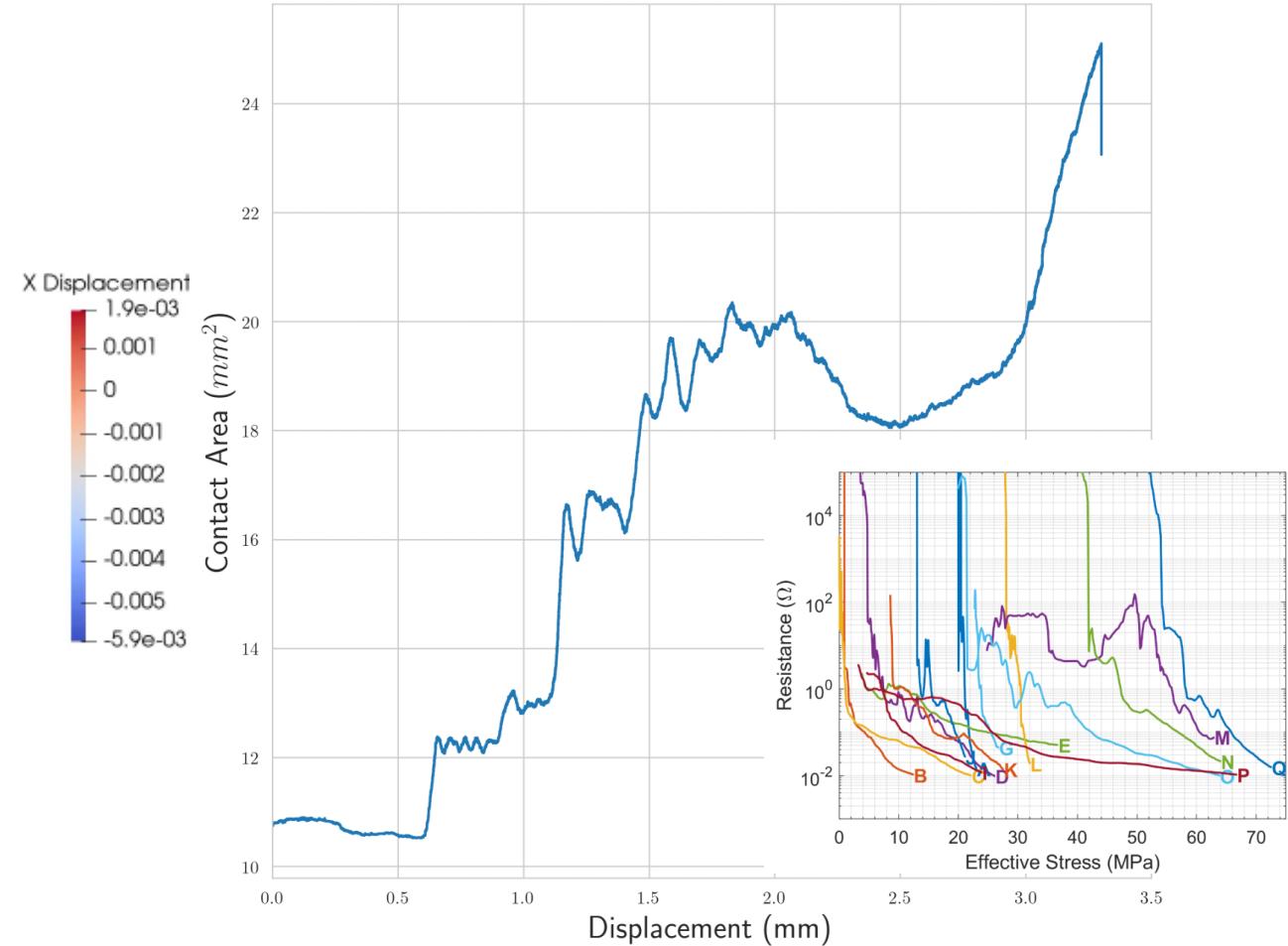




Tracking Contact Area

- Contact area may serve as a surrogate for resistance
- Contact area needs to be validated against experimental resistance changes
- Homogenization of contact area will be explored

Time: 0.000000



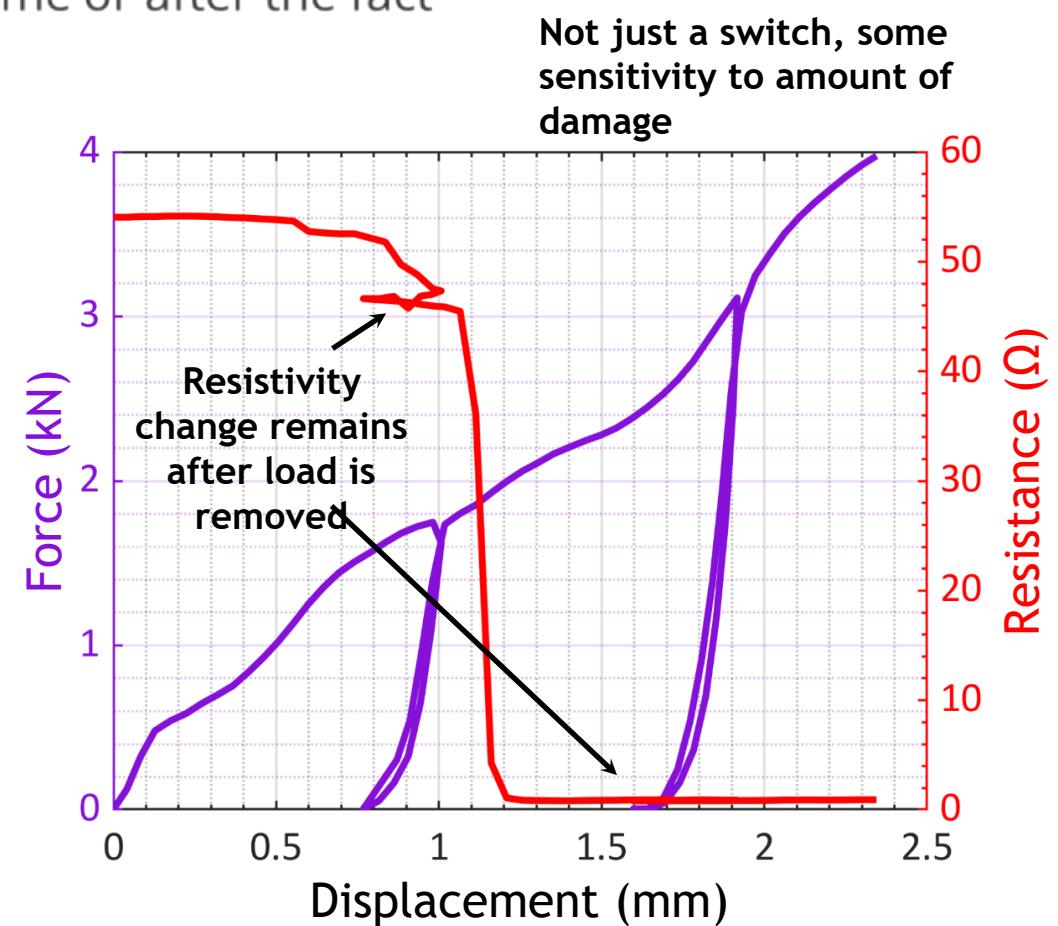
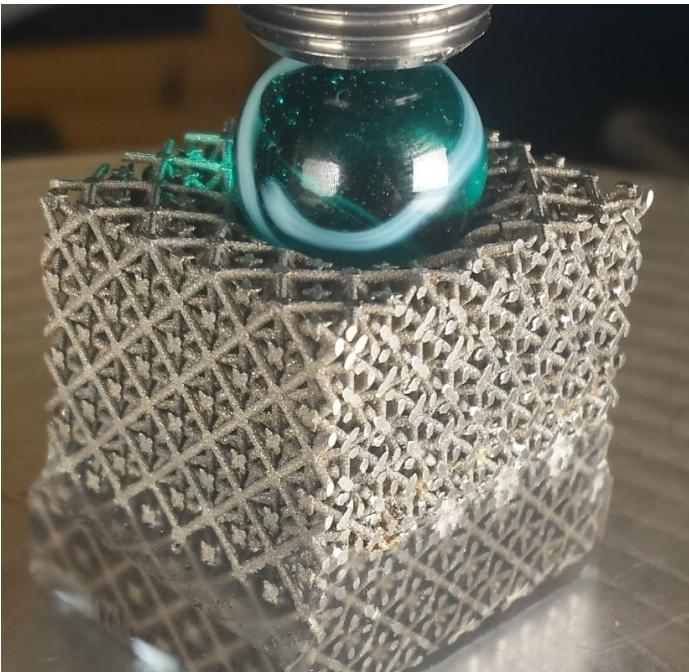


Related Work, Plastic Damage Sensing / Concepts

Lattices initially separate: $R \approx \infty$ \rightarrow damage causes contact: $R \propto \text{damage}$

Plastic deformation stores information permanently

- Damage can be **easily, cheaply** assessed in real time or after the fact





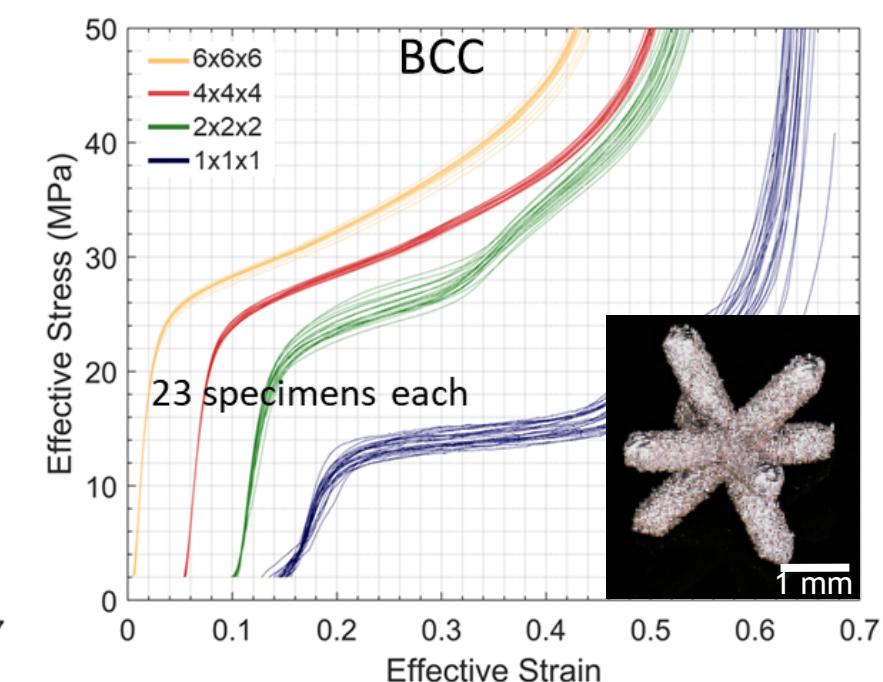
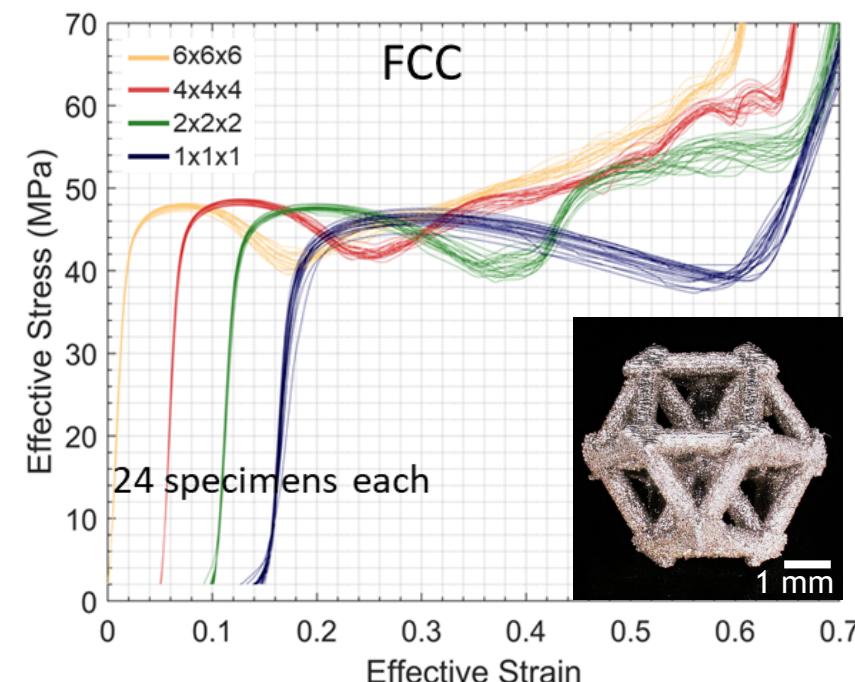
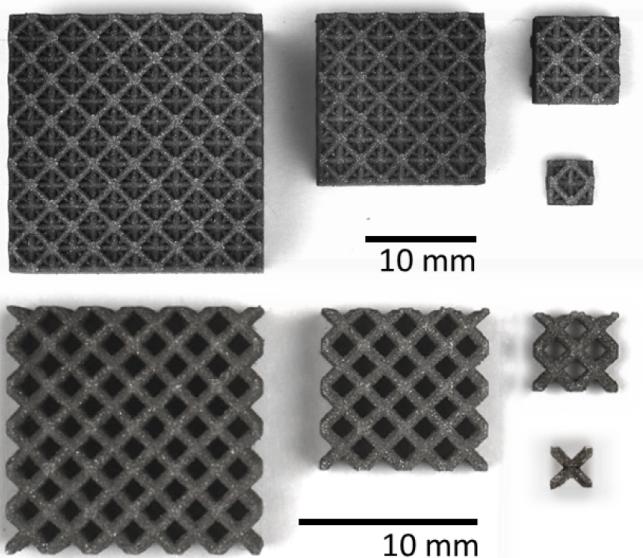
Related Work, Lattice Repeatability

Lattices are reasonably repeatable

- Variability decreases with increased lattice size
- Material chosen (316) lends itself to repeatability due to ductility

Topology changes performance, but does not affect variability

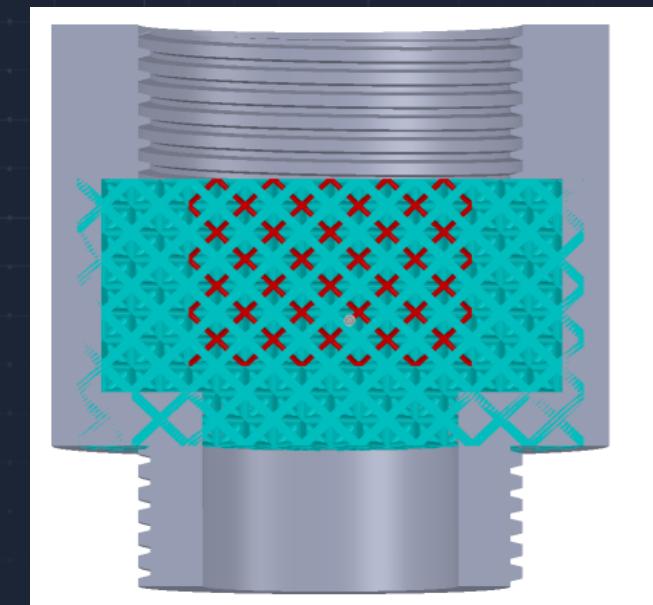
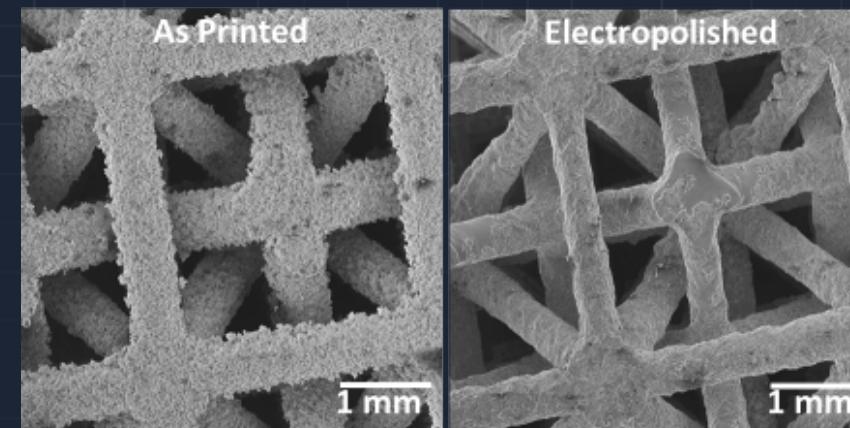
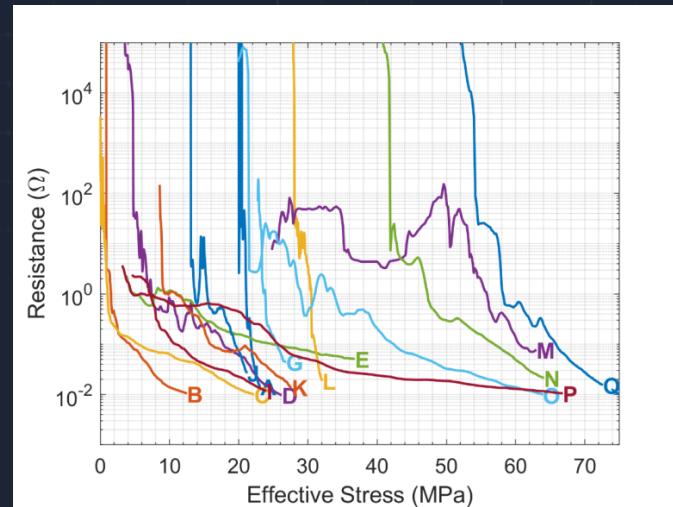
Additional cells reduces variations





Conclusions

- Known:
 - Lattices can offer elastic strain sensing
 - Electropolishing can smooth both lattices throughout their interior volume
 - Direct numerical simulation is accurate
- Unknown:
 - Is the dynamic impact behavior the same as quasi-static
 - How can we design and model a lattice integrated into DoD applications





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