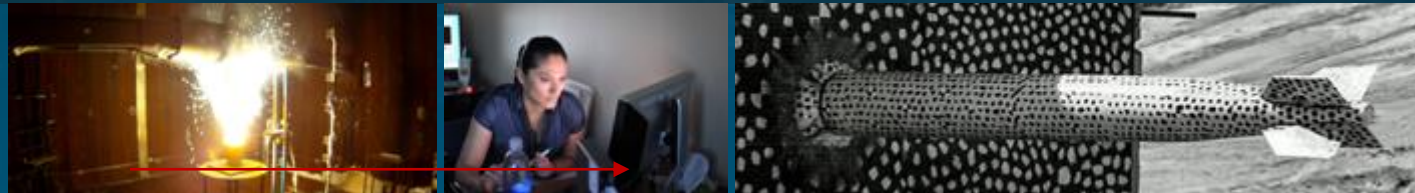




Peridynamic modeling of multilayer graphene



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- Strategy for coarse graining of molecular dynamics (MD) into peridynamics.
- New peridynamic state-based material model.
- Mix-and-match state-based and bond-based terms for different physical effects in the same model.
- Examples.

Motivation

- There has been a lot of MD work on graphene.
- MD is not practical for many engineering applications.
- Find a material model within a continuum theory.

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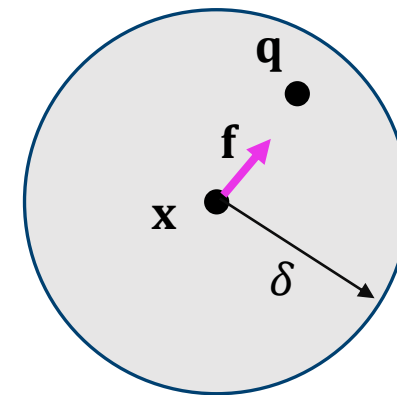
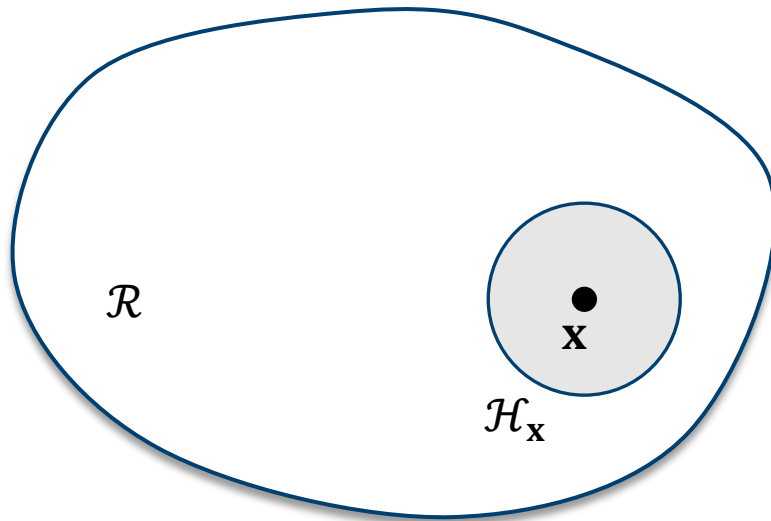
Peridynamics background



- Peridynamic momentum balance in 3D:

$$\rho(\mathbf{x})\ddot{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \int_{\mathcal{H}_x} \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{x}, t) d\mathbf{q} + \mathbf{b}(\mathbf{x}, t) \quad \forall \mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{R}, t \geq 0.$$

- \mathbf{f} is the *pairwise bond force density* of the *bond* from \mathbf{q} to \mathbf{x} .
- \mathcal{H}_x is the *family* of \mathbf{x} , which is a ball centered at \mathbf{x} with radius δ (the *horizon*).



Coarse graining of MD into peridynamics



- Consider a set of discrete particles that exert forces $\mathbf{F}_{k\ell}(t)$ on each other,

$$\mathbf{F}_{\ell k}(t) = -\mathbf{F}_{k\ell}(t).$$

- Particles are subjected to external forces $\mathbf{B}_k(t)$.
- The particles obey Newton's second law,

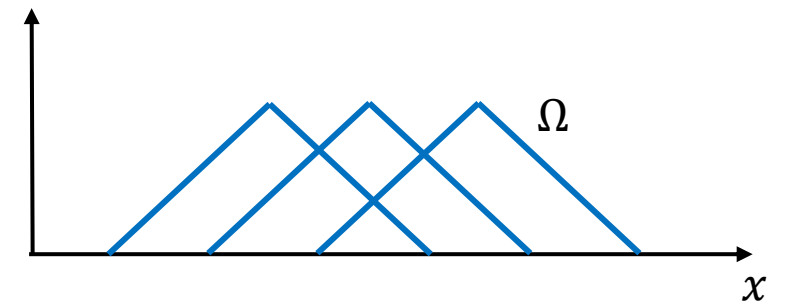
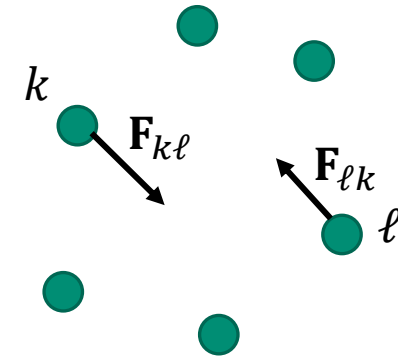
$$M_k \ddot{\mathbf{u}}_k(t) = \sum_{\ell} \mathbf{F}_{k\ell}(t) + \mathbf{B}_k(t).$$

- Define smoothing functions $\Omega(\mathbf{x}, \cdot)$ normalized such that

$$\int \Omega(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}) \, d\mathbf{x} = 1 \quad \forall \mathbf{p}.$$

Center of smoothing function

Atom position



- This derivation: SS, Chapter 1 in *Peridynamic Modeling, Numerical Techniques, & Applications*, E. Oterkus, ed., Elsevier (2021).
- Statistical physics derivation: R. B. Lehoucq & M. P. Sears, *Physical Review E* (2011).

Continuous density, external force, and displacement



- Define the smoothed mass density and body force density fields by

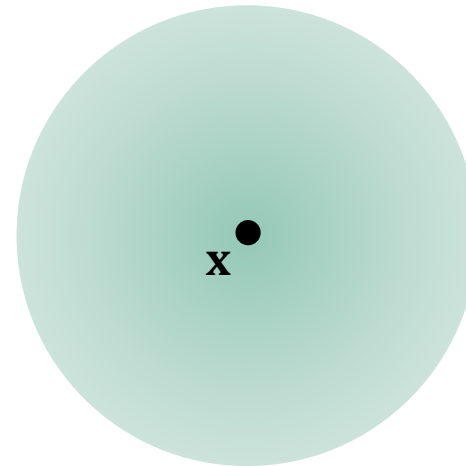
$$\rho(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_k \Omega(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_k) M_k, \quad \mathbf{b}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \sum_k \Omega(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_k) \mathbf{B}_k(t).$$

- Define the smoothed displacement field by

$$\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \frac{1}{\rho(\mathbf{x})} \sum_k \Omega(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_k) M_k \mathbf{u}_k(t).$$



Atoms



Each $\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x})$ represents a weighted average of atomic displacements

Smoothed displacements follow a nonlocal evolution law



- Combine all of the above, find

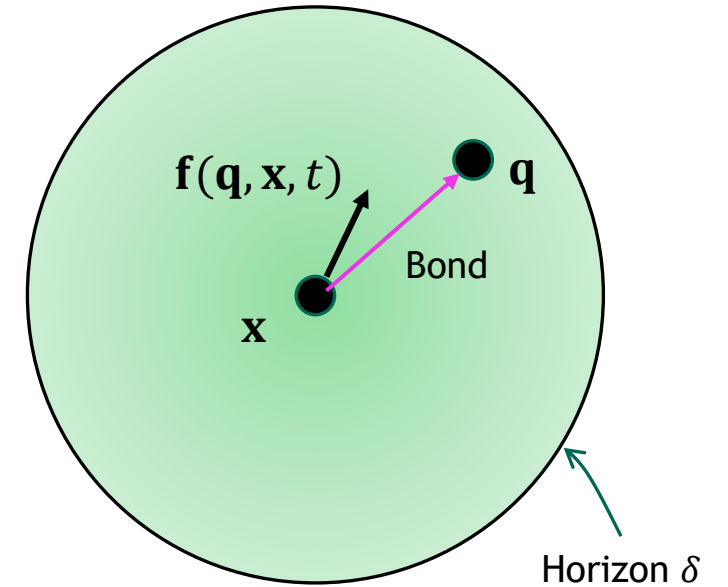
$$\rho(\mathbf{x})\ddot{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \int \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{x}, t) d\mathbf{q} + \mathbf{b}(\mathbf{x}, t) \quad (1)$$

where

$$\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{x}, t) = \sum_k \sum_\ell \Omega(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_k) \Omega(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{x}_\ell) \mathbf{F}_{k\ell}(t).$$

- Observe

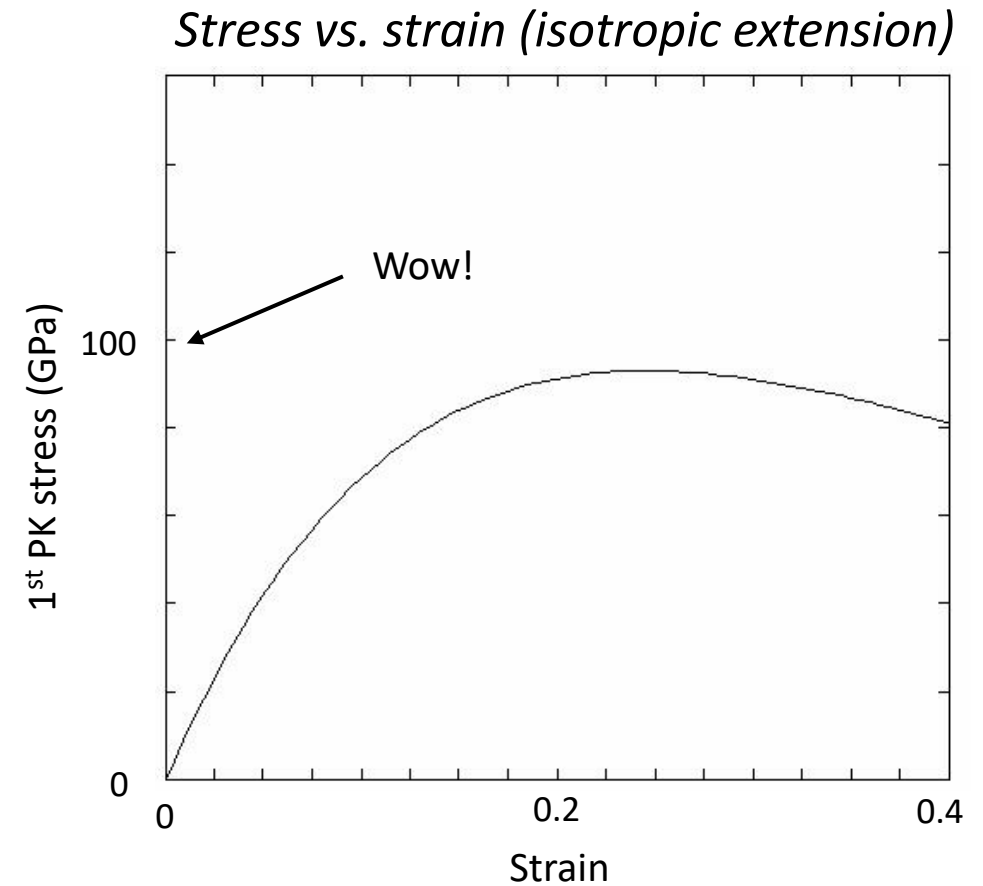
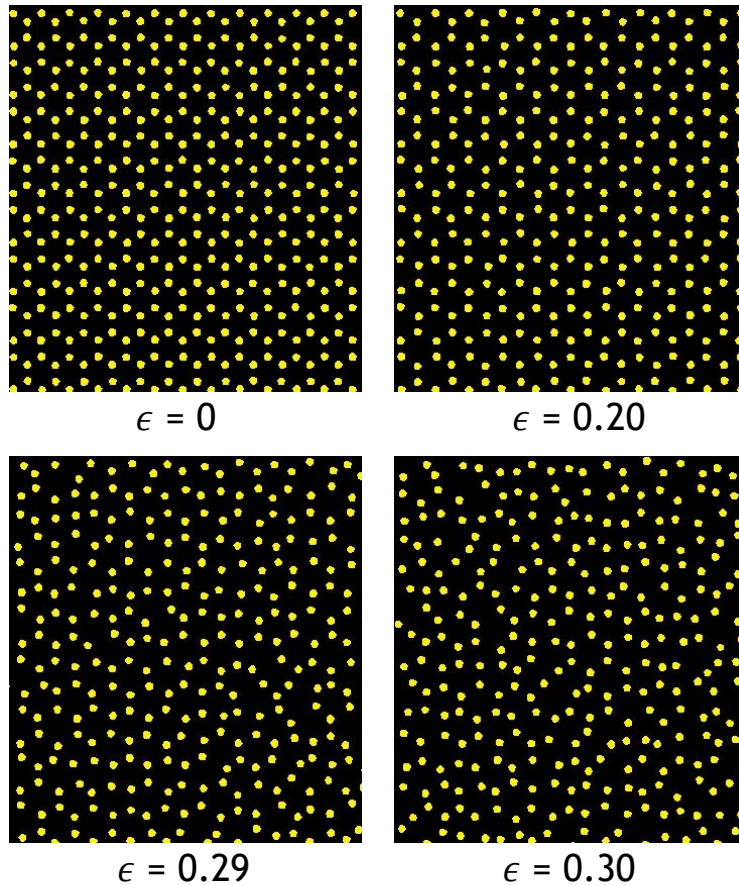
$$\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{x}, t) = -\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{q}, t) \quad \forall \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{q}, t.$$



- We will use these \mathbf{f} values from MD to calibrate a peridynamic material model.

7 MD model of single-sheet graphene

- Tersoff potential*.
- In isotropic extension, the stress-strain curve reaches a maximum at a strain of about 0.24.



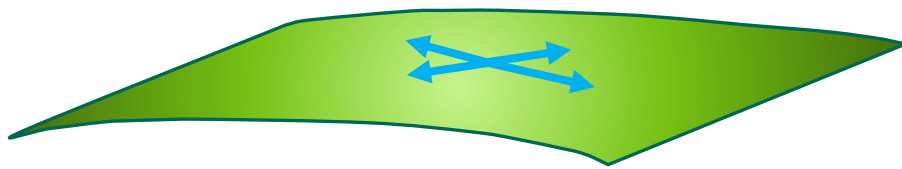
* J. Tersoff, *Physical Review Letters*(1988).

Peridynamic continuum material model

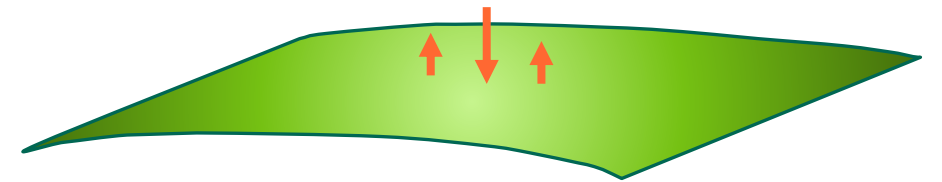


- Separate terms for
 - Stretching of the lattice
 - Bending
 - Adhesion
- Calibration with coarse grained MD bond forces.

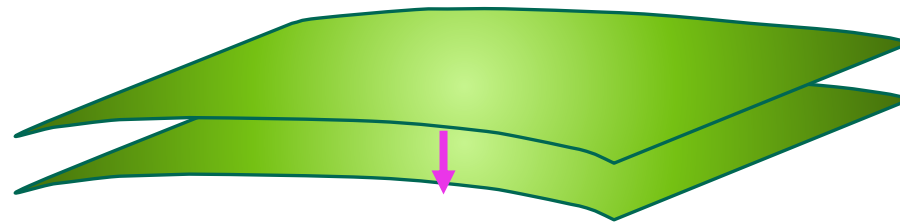
$$\mathbf{f} = \mathbf{f}_{\text{membrane}} + \mathbf{f}_{\text{bend}} + \mathbf{f}_{\text{adhesion}}$$



$\mathbf{f}_{\text{membrane}}$



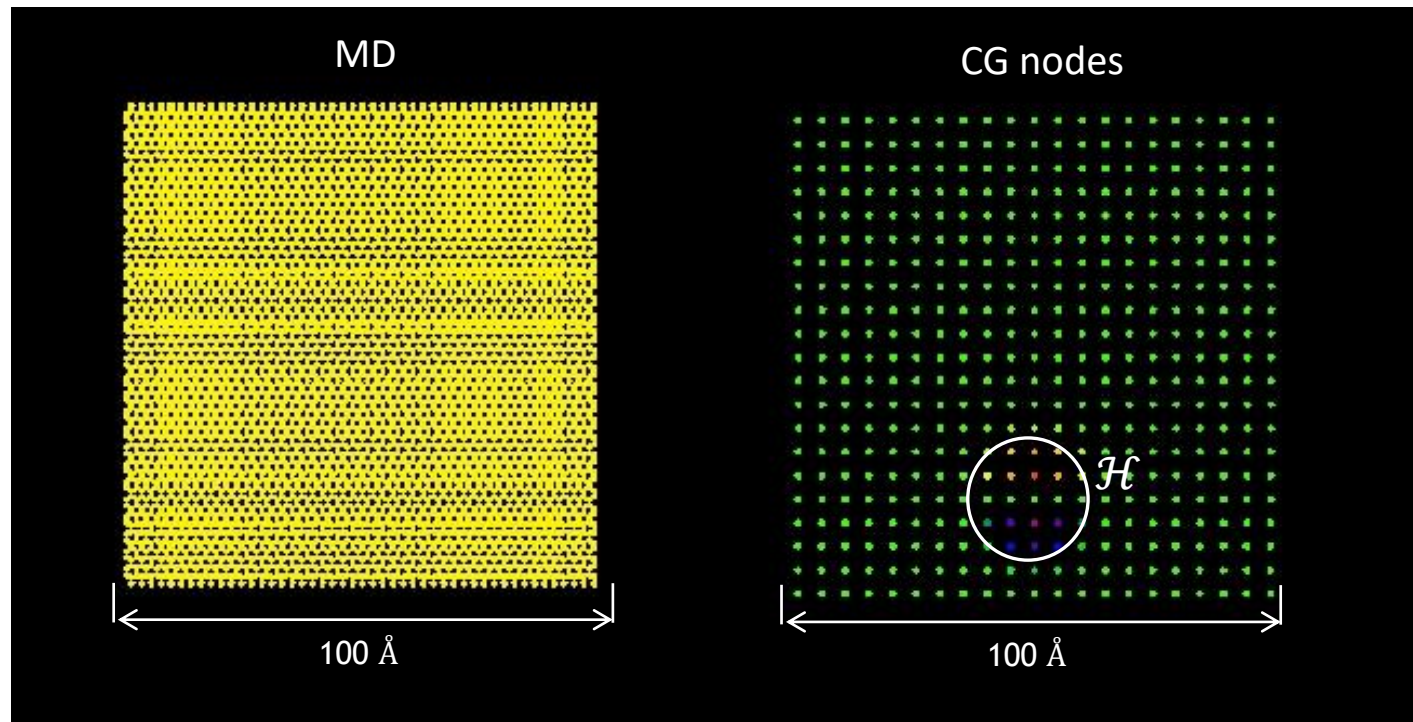
\mathbf{f}_{bend}



$\mathbf{f}_{\text{adhesion}}$

9 MD model of graphene: Coarse graining

- Perform MD modeling of a perfect graphene sheet under isotropic extension and uniaxial strain.
- Compute the smoothed (peridynamic) forces and displacements.
- Fit the forces to the bond strains.
- CG nodes have a spacing of about 5 Angstroms (≈ 4 atomic spacings).



Membrane forces: Ordinary state-based model*

- Bond force density in bond ξ :

$$t = AR(r)S(s^+) \left[\left(1 - \frac{\beta}{2}\right)s + \beta\bar{s} \right]$$

where $r = |\xi|/\delta$.

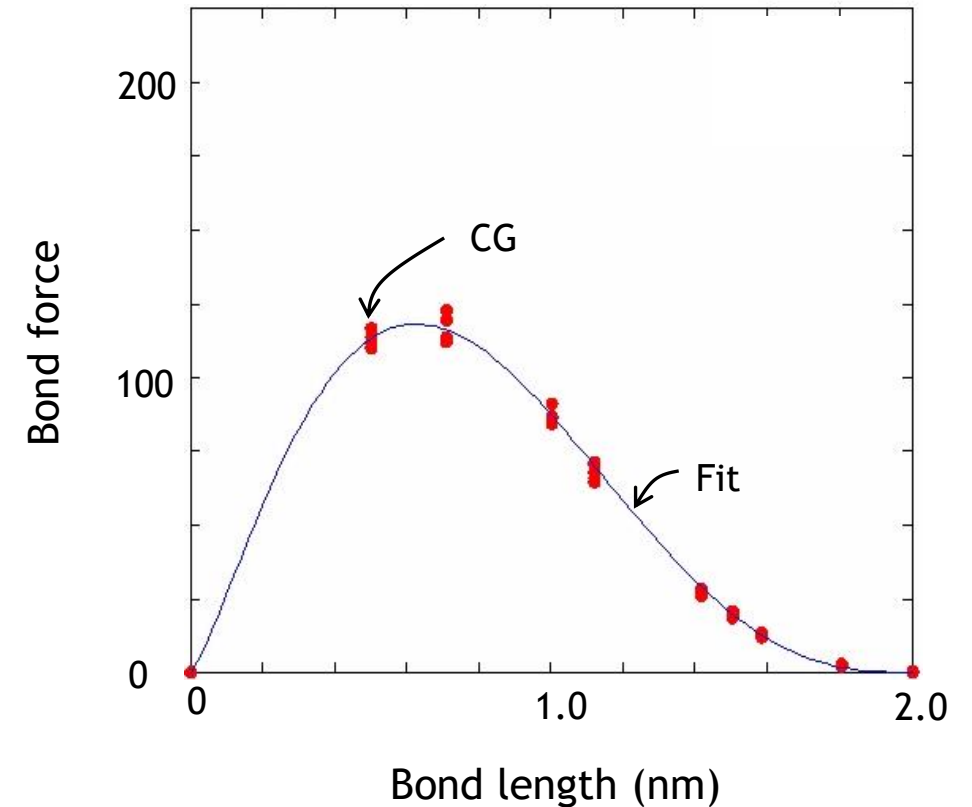
- s^+ is the *maximum* bond strain in the family.
- \bar{s} is the *mean* bond strain in the family.
- The dependence on bond length is

$$R(r) = r^{\mu_1}(1 - r)^{\mu_2}.$$

- The softening term is

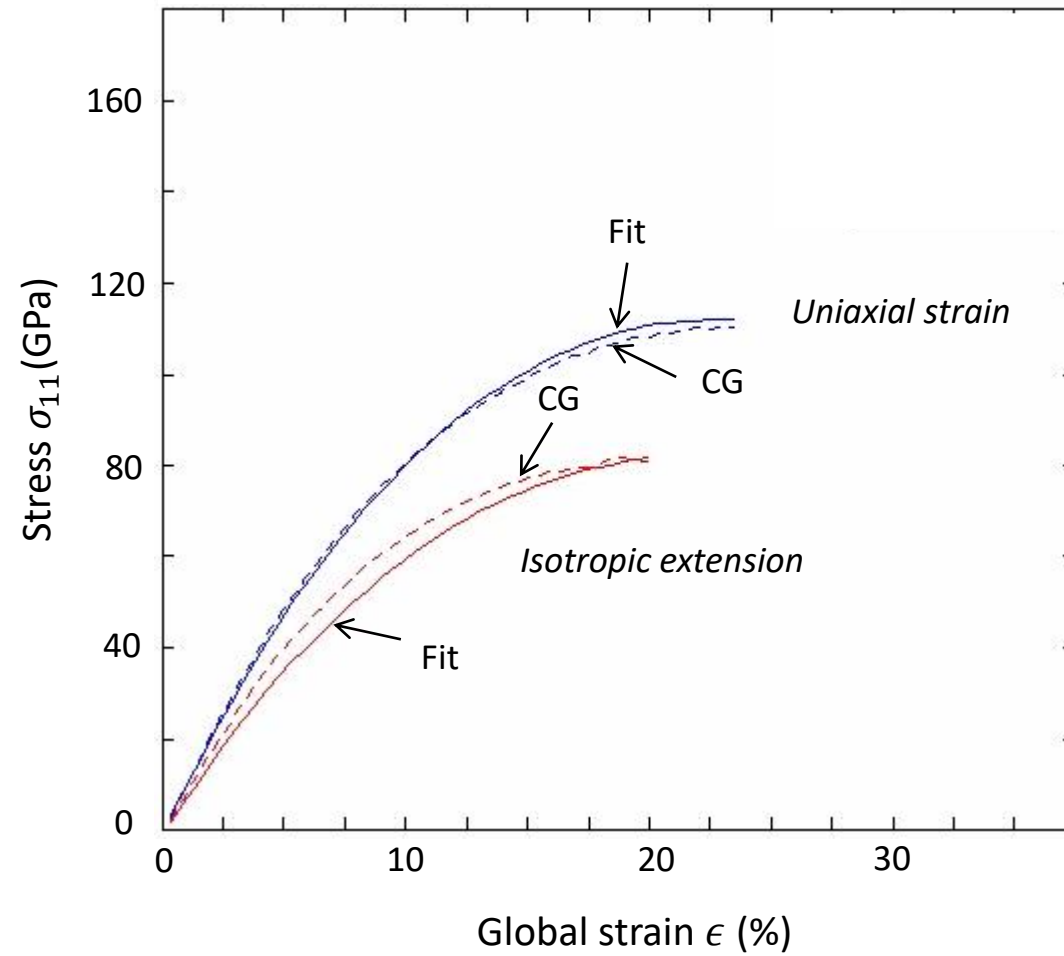
$$S(p) = \begin{cases} n/s_0 & \text{if } p \leq 0, \\ \frac{1}{p} \left(1 - \left|1 - \frac{p}{s_0}\right|^n\right) & \text{if } 0 < p < 2s_0, \\ 0 & \text{if } 2s_0 < p. \end{cases}$$

- A , β , μ_1 , μ_2 , s_0 , and n are constants.



*SS et al. "Peridynamic Model for Single-Layer Graphene Obtained from Coarse-Grained Bond Forces." *Journal of Peridynamics and Nonlocal Modeling* (2022)

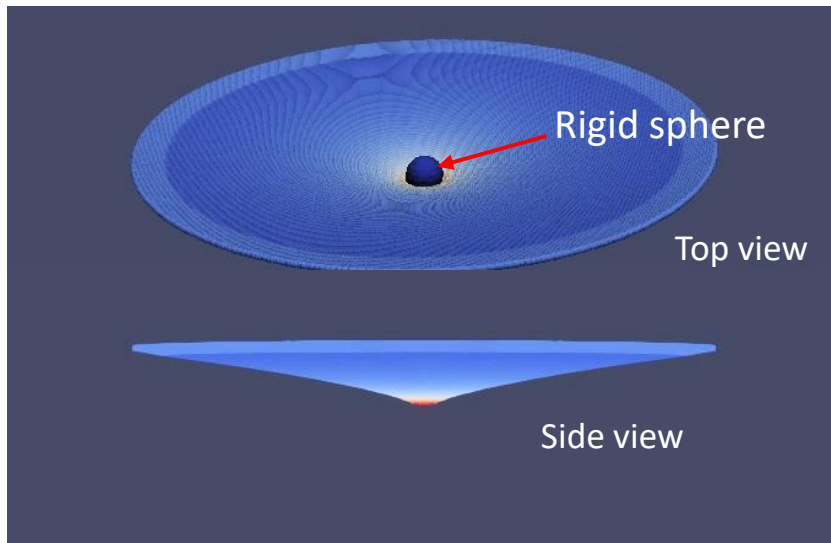
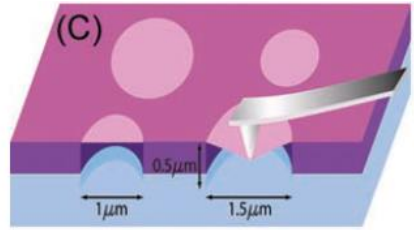
Fit of the softening and bond strain terms



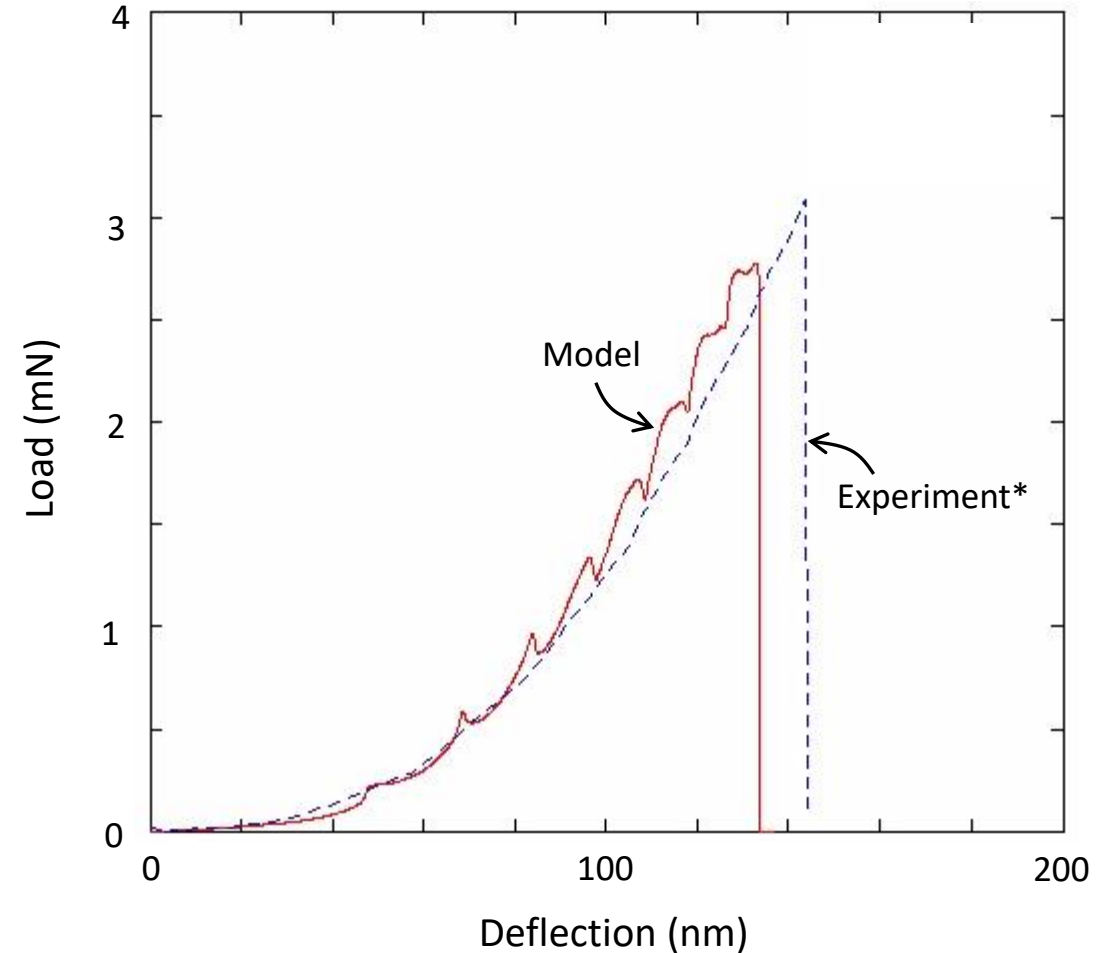
Comparison with experimental data for single-sheet graphene



- Atomic force microscope probe deflects a graphene sheet fixed at edges*.



Colors show strain

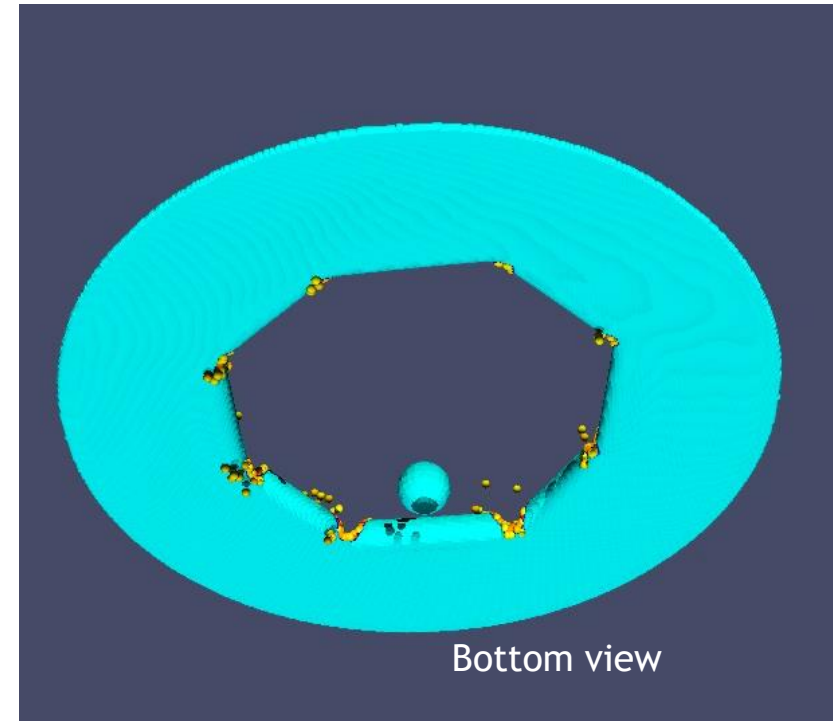
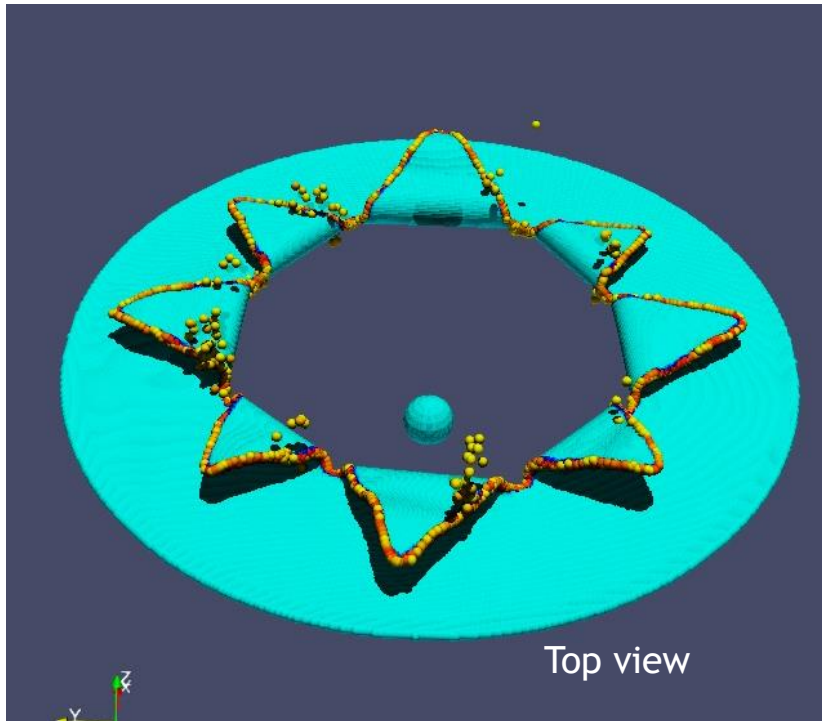


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Post-failure graphene sheet



- Radial cracks result in petals.



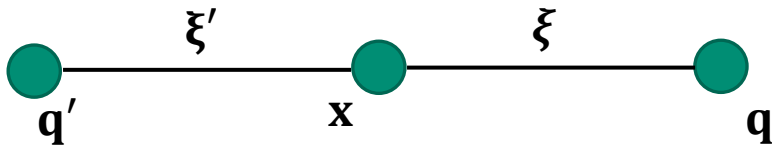
Colors show damage

- C. Lee et al., *Science* (2008).

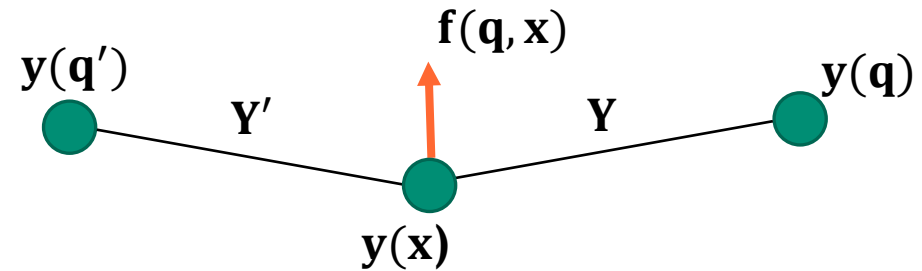
Now add bending to the peridynamic model



- Everything up to now was restricted to in-plane deformation.
- Now include bending – with single or multiple sheets.
- We can do this without adding rotational degrees of freedom.
- Use a non-ordinary state-based model that exerts out-of-plane forces that resist bending.*



Initial



Deformed

- J. O'Grady & J. Foster, *Int'l J Solids & Structures* (2014).
- J. O'Grady & J. Foster, *Computational Mechanics* (2016).

NOSB peridynamic model for bending forces



- The bond forces in \mathbf{f}_{bend} are out-of-plane and tend to resist bending:

$$\mathbf{f}_{\text{bend}}(\mathbf{x} + \boldsymbol{\xi}, \mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{t}_{\text{bend}}(\mathbf{x} + \boldsymbol{\xi}, \mathbf{x}) - \mathbf{t}_{\text{bend}}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x} + \boldsymbol{\xi}),$$

$$\mathbf{t}_{\text{bend}}(\mathbf{x} + \boldsymbol{\xi}, \mathbf{x}) = \lambda r^2 R(r) \frac{\mathbf{Y} \times (\mathbf{M}' \times \mathbf{M})}{|\mathbf{Y}|^2}$$

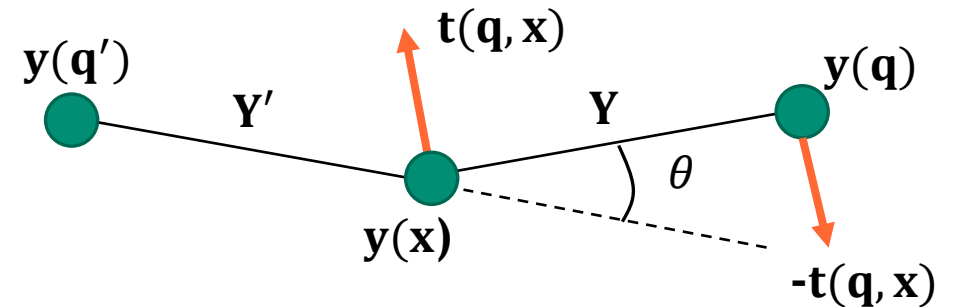
Numerator is basically the angle change

where λ is a constant, $r = |\boldsymbol{\xi}|/\delta$,

$$\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{y}(\mathbf{x} + \boldsymbol{\xi}) - \mathbf{y}(\mathbf{x}), \quad \mathbf{M} = \frac{\mathbf{Y}}{|\mathbf{Y}|}$$

and the prime denotes the “twin” bond $\boldsymbol{\xi}' = -\boldsymbol{\xi}$:

$$\mathbf{Y}' = \mathbf{y}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\xi}) - \mathbf{y}(\mathbf{x}), \quad \mathbf{M}' = \frac{\mathbf{Y}'}{|\mathbf{Y}'|}.$$

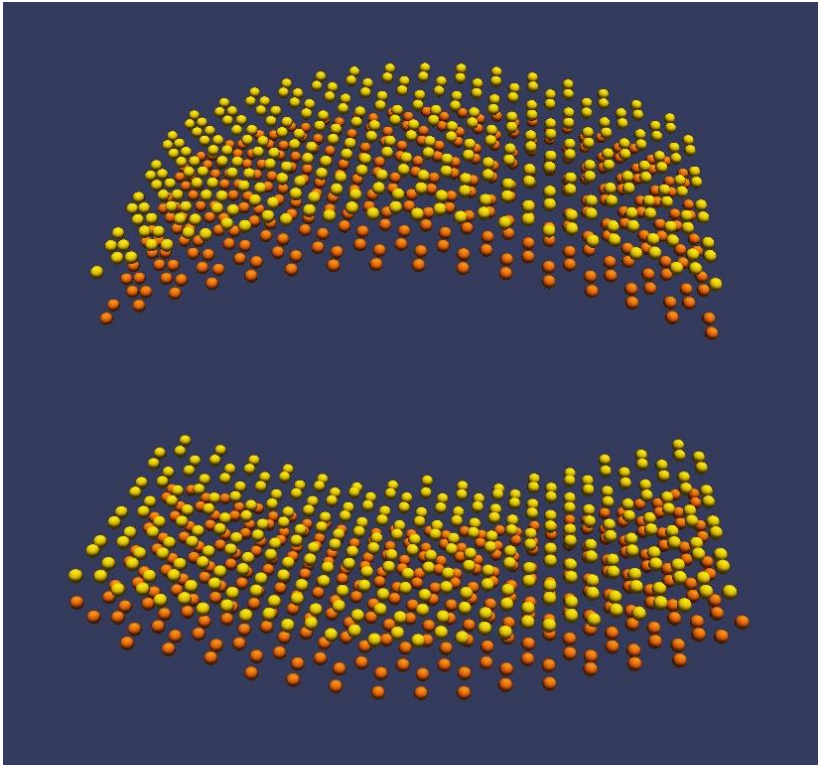


Calibrating the NOSB bending model



- It's hard to think up MD simulations where the membrane stresses don't mask the bending response in a curved sheet.
- Use free bending vibrations to avoid imposing boundary conditions.

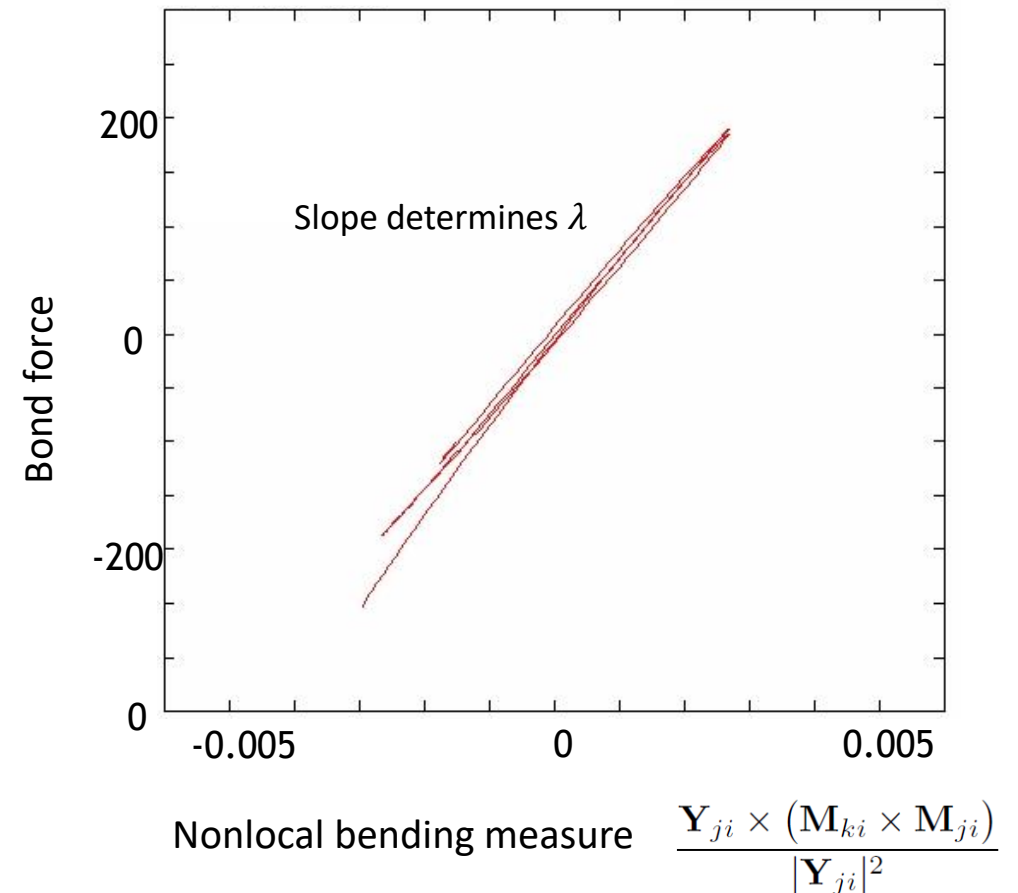
Free bending mode vibrations in MD



Coarse graining



CG bending forces from MD

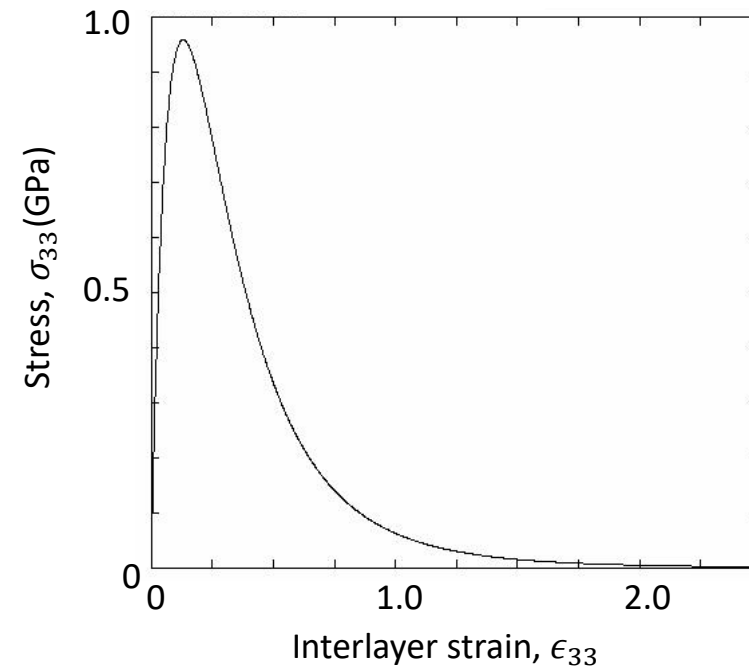
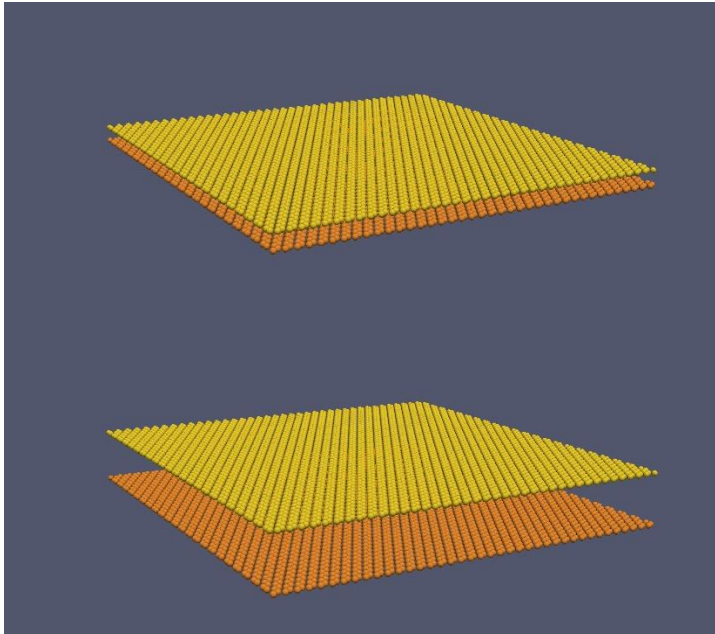


Adhesion between sheets



- Sheets adhere to each other by van der Waals forces.
 - These are much more compliant than the covalent bonds in the hex lattice.
$$E_{\text{membrane}} \approx 1000\text{GPa}, \quad E_{\text{adhesion}} \approx 3\text{GPa}$$
- Interlayer forces in MD are modeled with a Lennard-Jones potential.*

MD simulation of two sheets separating

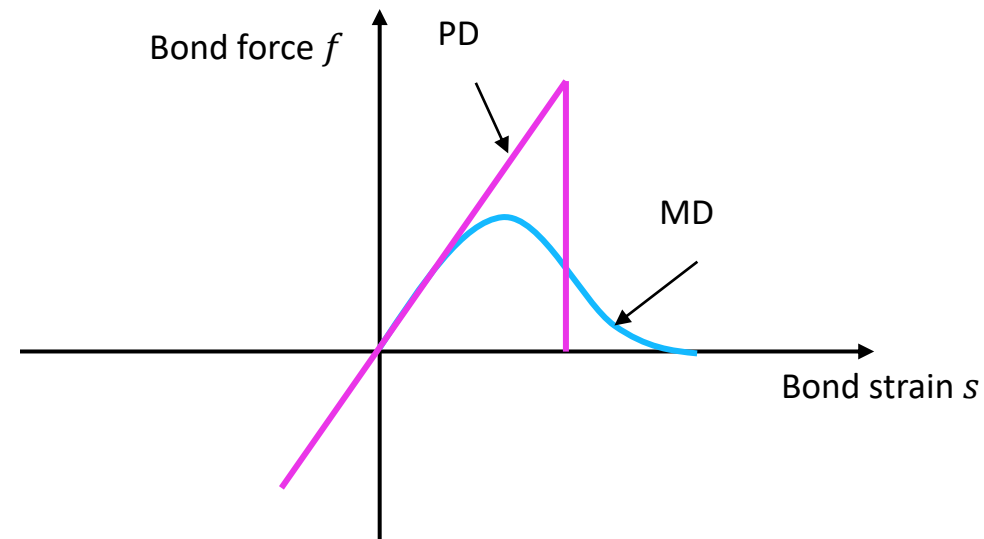
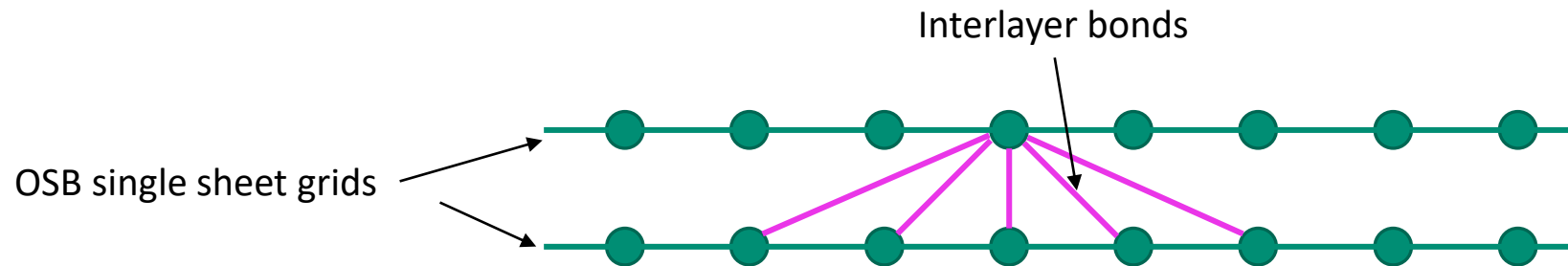


*S. J. Stuart et al., *J. Chem. Phys* (2000)

Bond-based model for adhesive forces

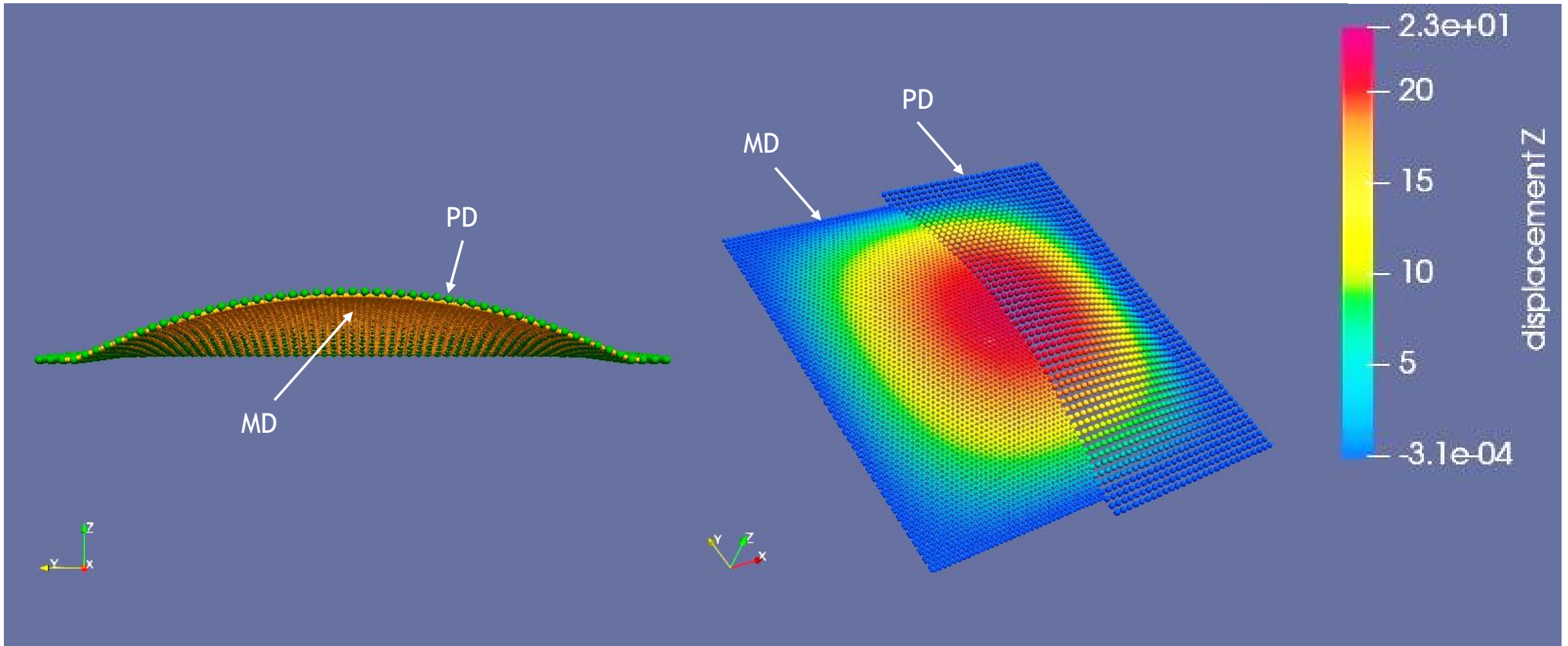


- f_{adhesion} is found from linear bond-based interactions.
- Calibrated to match MD results for elastic modulus and fracture energy (area under curve).



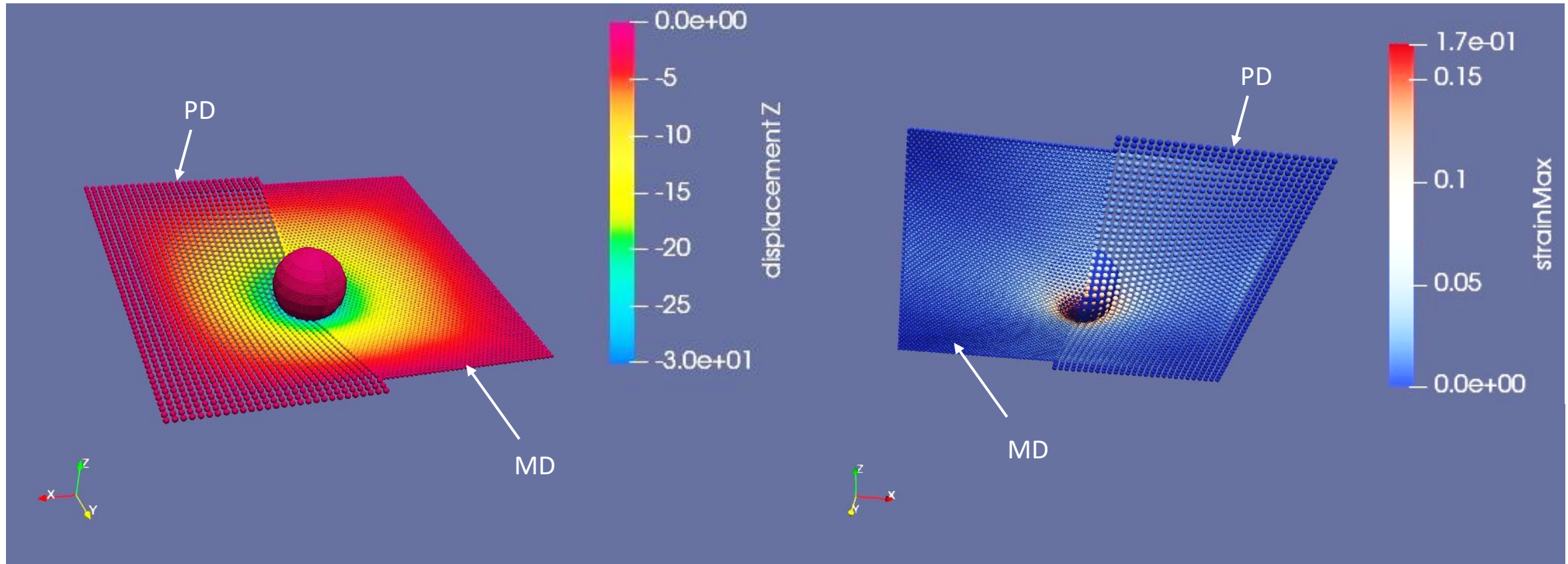
Verification: 2-layer film under transverse loading

- Compare the new peridynamic model with MD.



Verification: Impact of a sphere on a 2-layer film

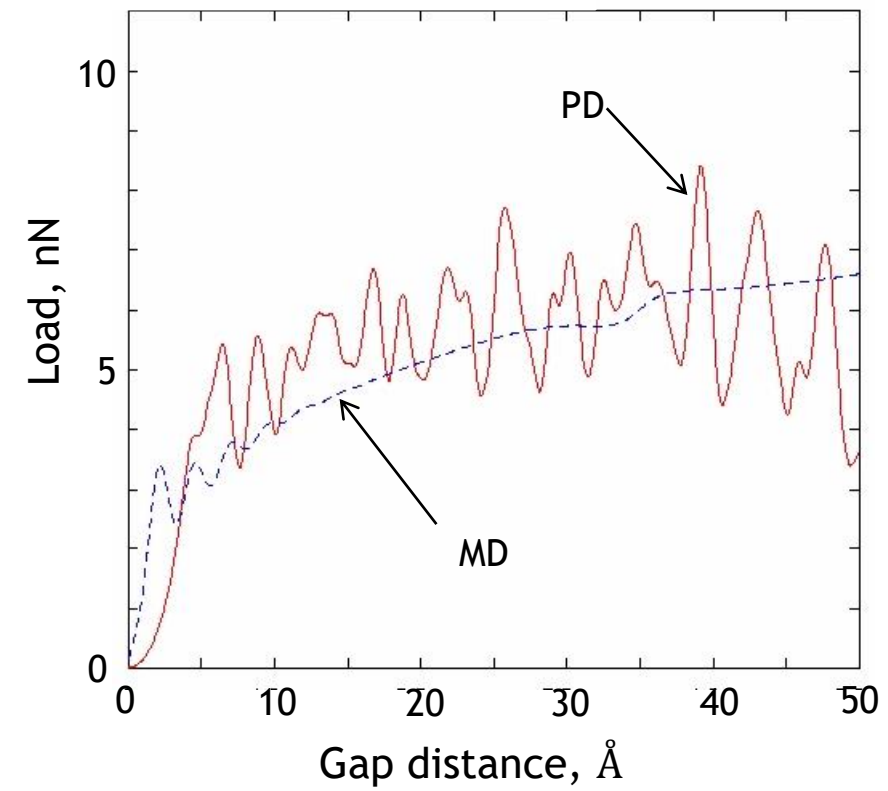
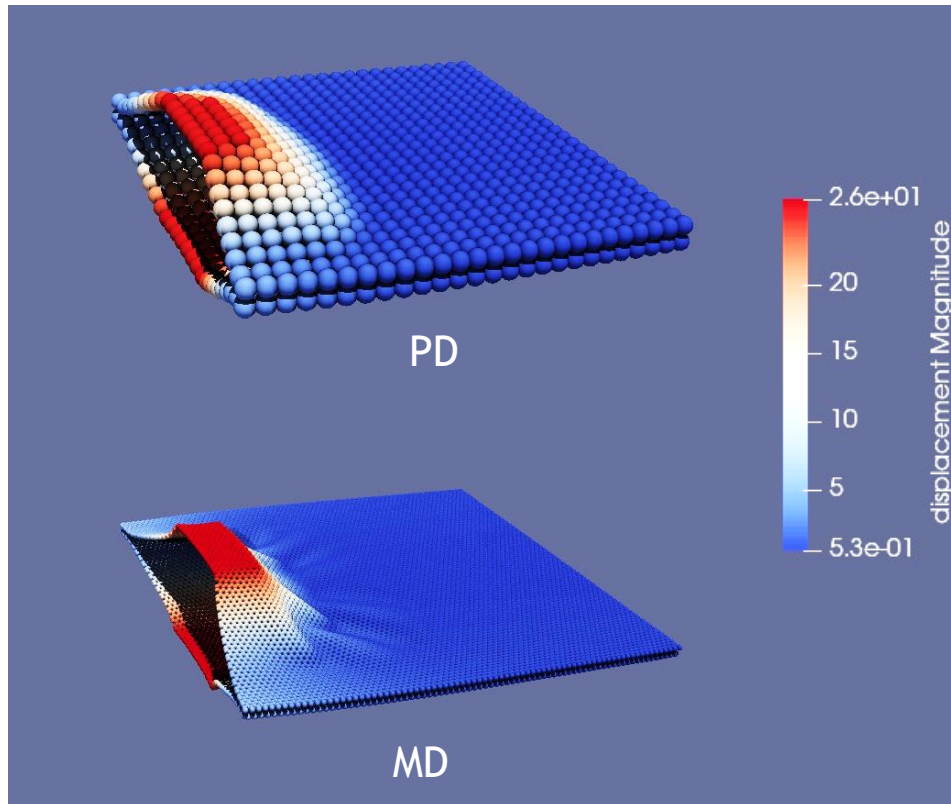
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Verification: Decohesion of two layers



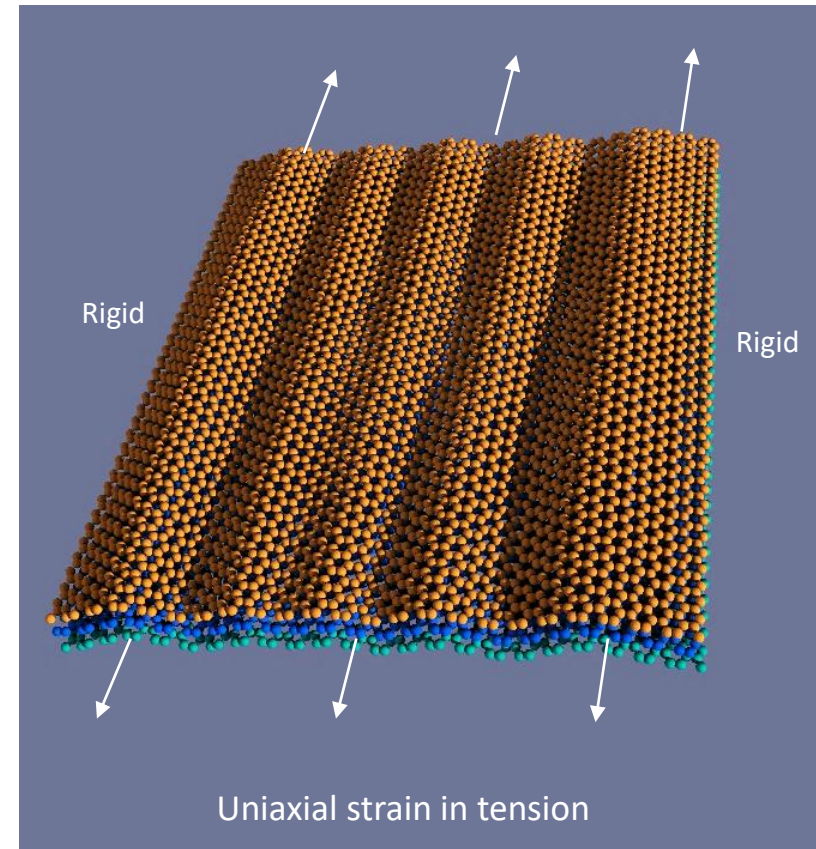
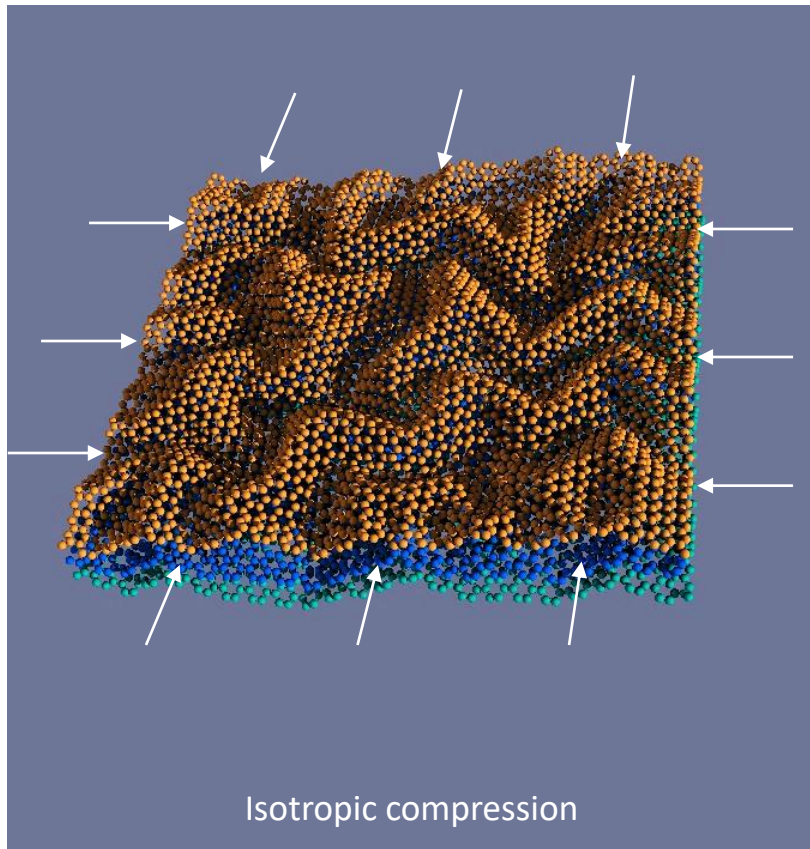
- Two rectangular subregions separate, creating a tent-like feature behind the advancing crack.



Wrinkling



- Buckling happens easily under compression due to low bending rigidity.
- Negative Poisson ratio makes the membrane try to puff out under tension.





- The new material model adds bending and adhesive forces to the in-plane forces.
- Big reduction in computational resources over MD due to fewer nodes and larger time step size.
- Bond breakage criterion can be calibrated to get the right fracture energy.
- Machine learning was not used here but has been applied to develop nonlocal kernels for graphene in simpler cases*.

* H. You et al. "A data-driven peridynamic continuum model for upscaling molecular dynamics." *Computer Methods in Applied Mechanics and Engineering* (2022).