

# Multiscale quasicontinuum methods for fibrous materials

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## Aim of this presentation

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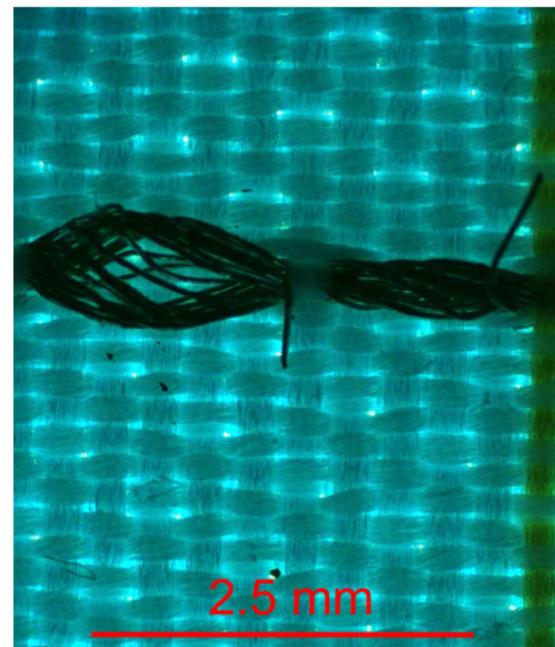
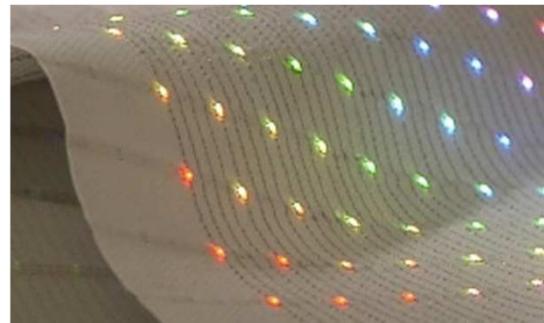
Show that the quasicontinuum method is suitable for discrete models of fibrous materials

# Outline

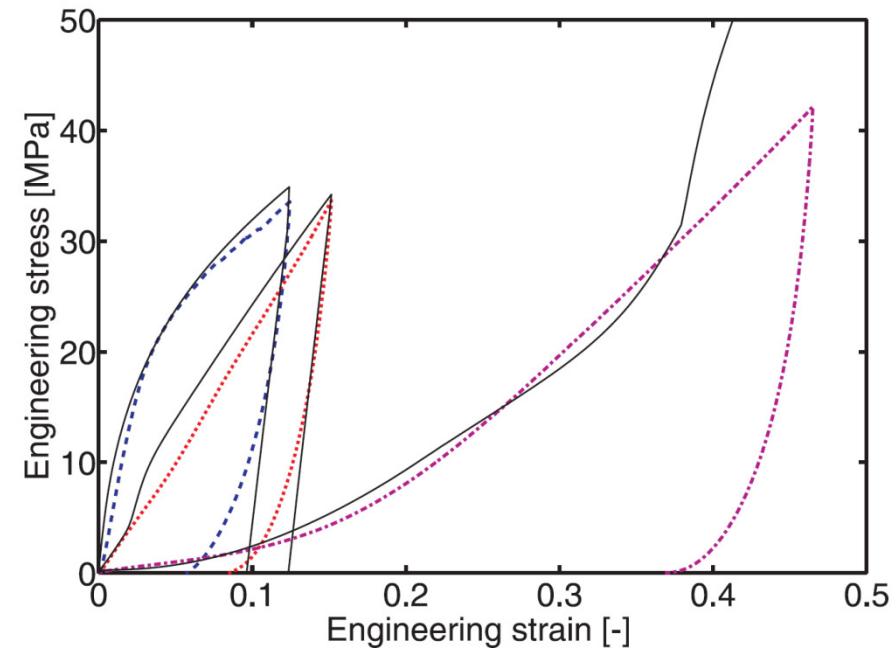
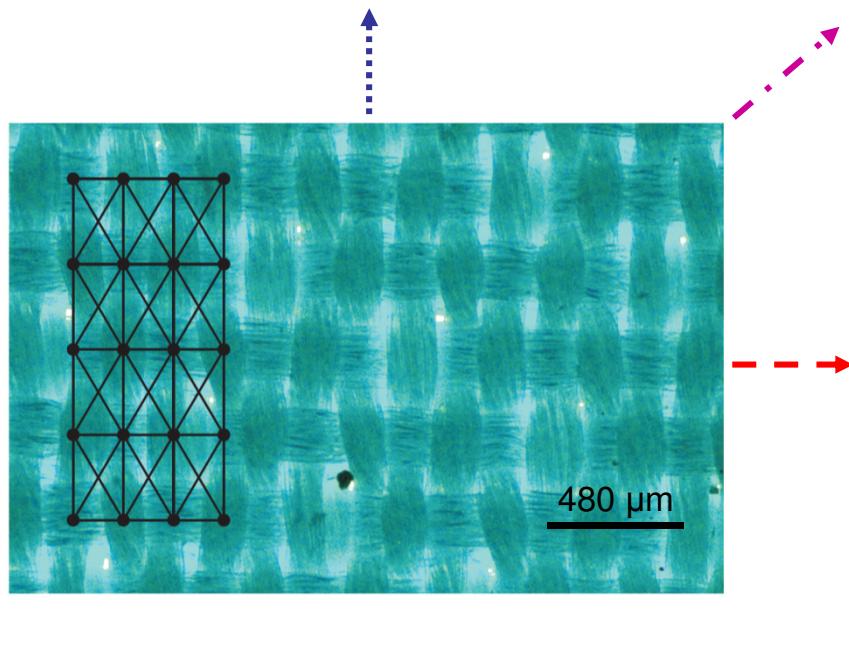
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1. Discrete models for fibrous materials
2. Quasicontinuum method
3. Results

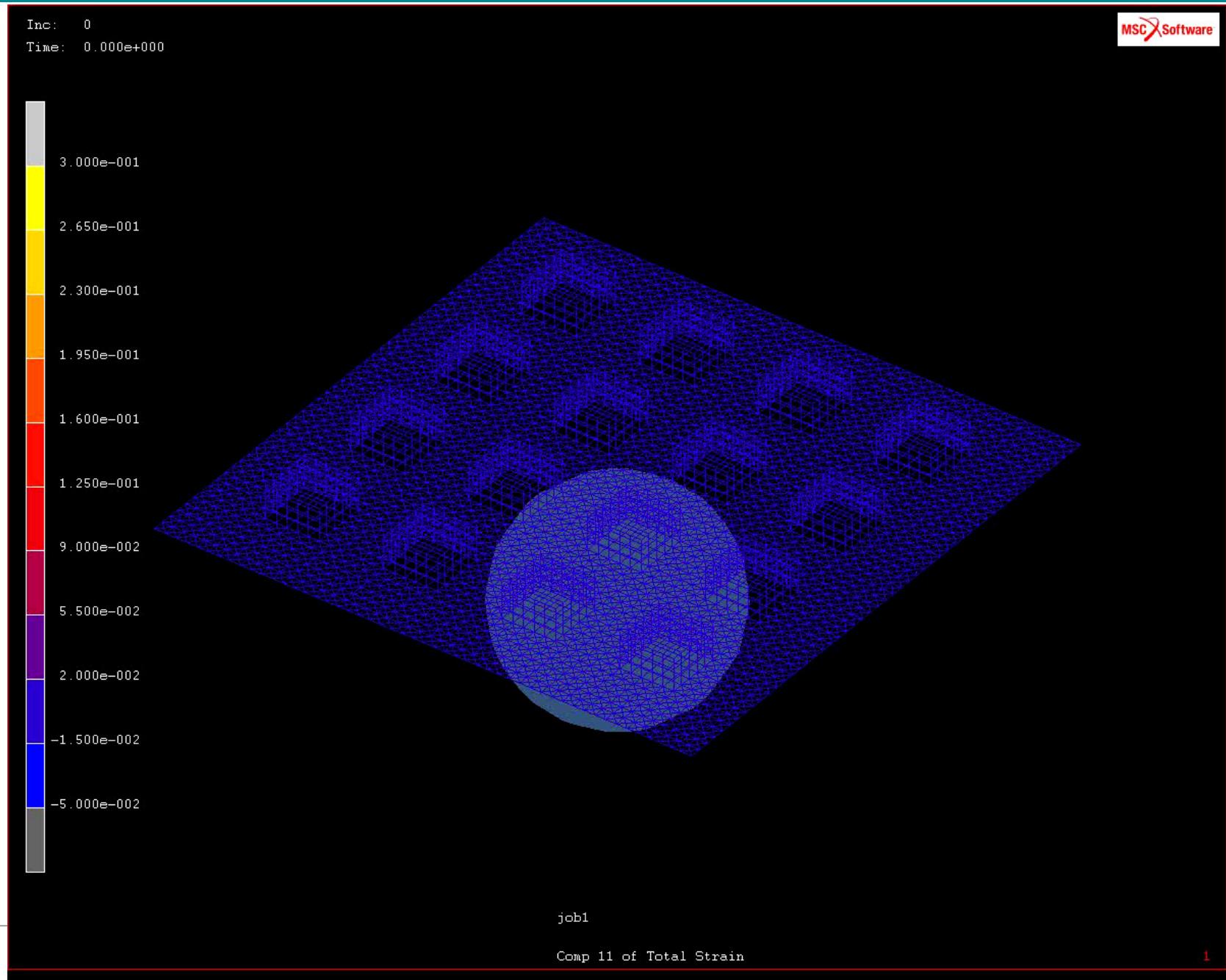
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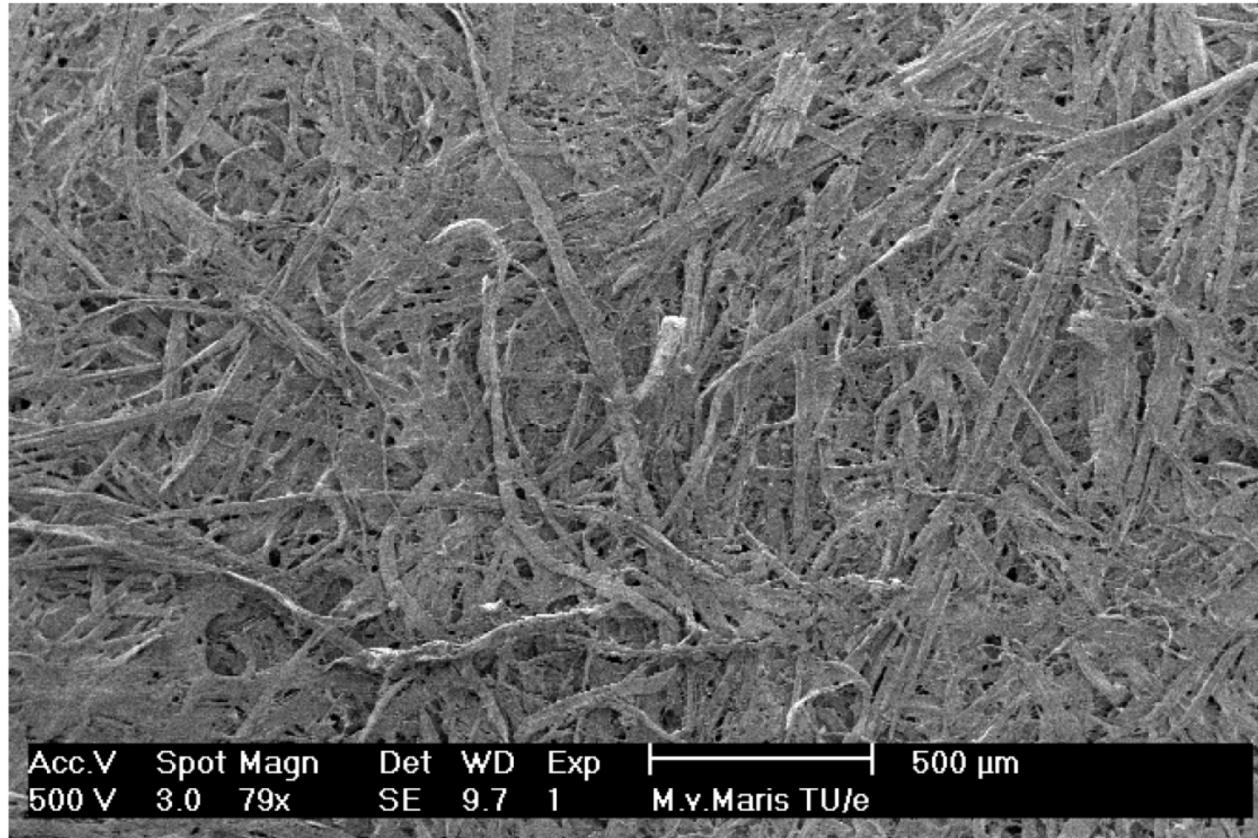
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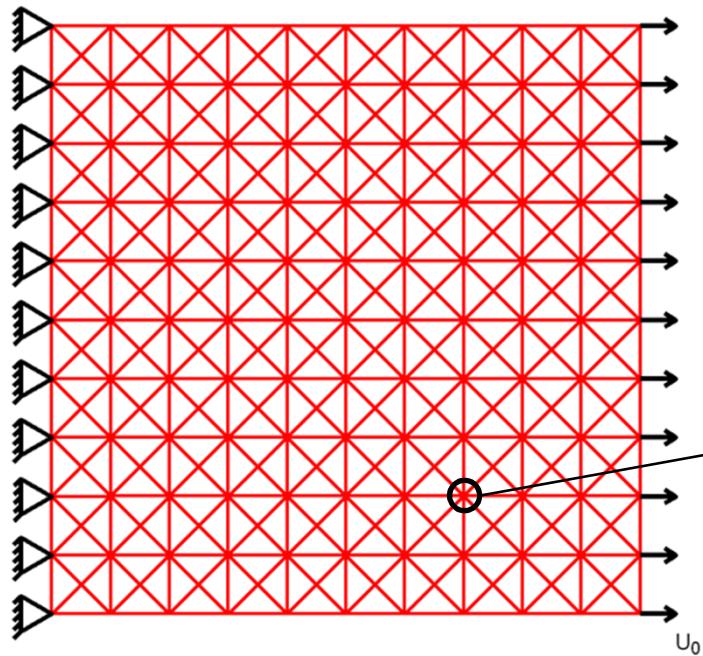


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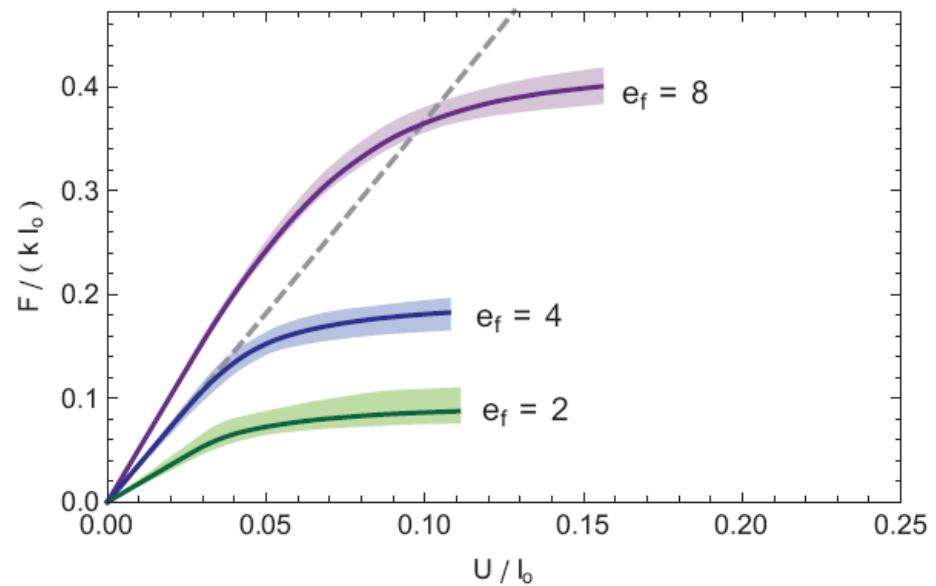
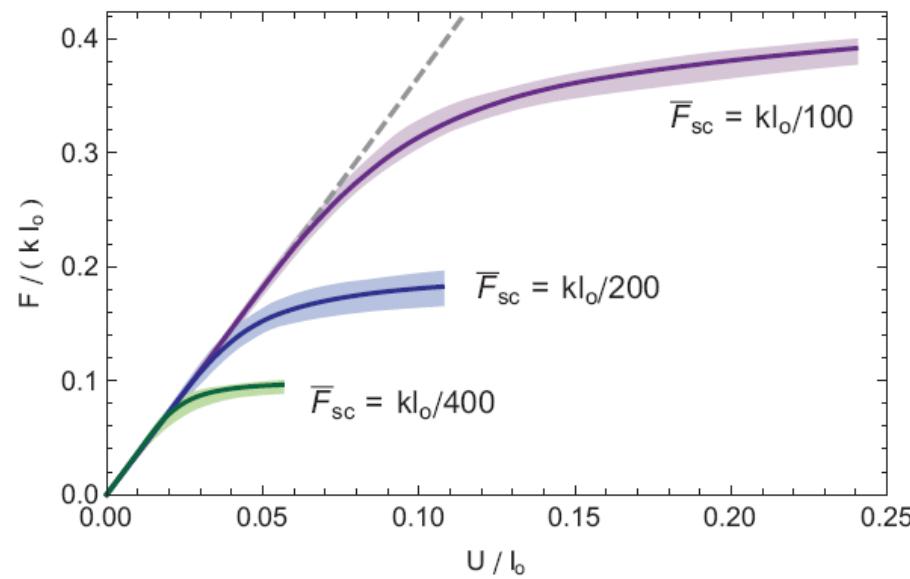


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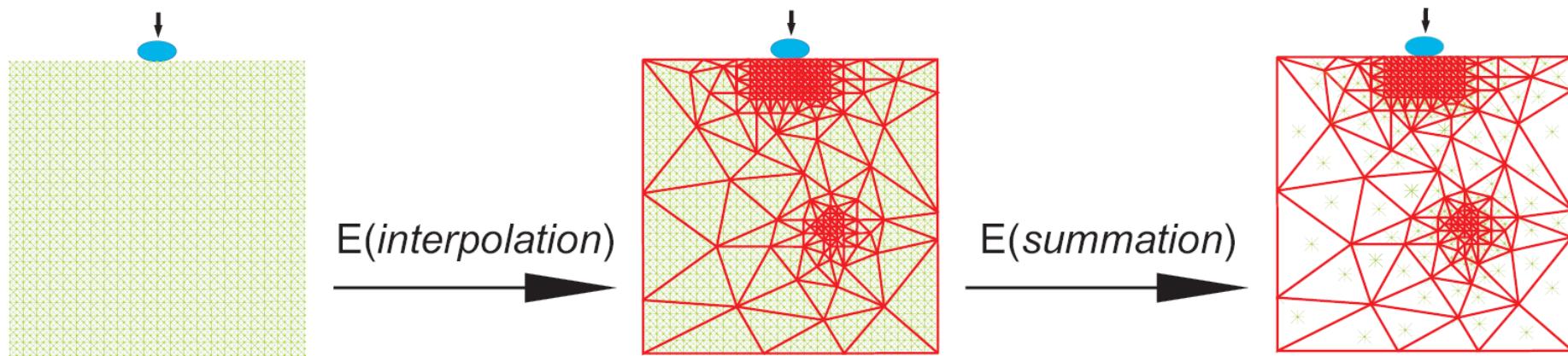
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## Quasicontinuum method (Tadmor et al, 1996)



- Ideal for local events in large-scale lattice computations
- Underlying lattice fully resolved where needed
- No continuum/constitutive assumptions

## Dissipative lattice model based on a Coleman-Noll procedure

Kinematic variables  $\mathbf{u}$  & history variables  $\mathbf{z}$

Internal energy  $\mathbf{E} = \sum_{i=1}^n E_i$

Virtual-power  $\dot{\mathbf{u}}^T \mathbf{f}_{int} = \dot{\mathbf{u}}^T \mathbf{f}_{ext} \quad \forall \dot{\mathbf{u}}$

Internal power  $P_{int} = \dot{\mathbf{E}} + \dot{D}$

Energy rate  $\dot{\mathbf{E}} = \dot{\mathbf{u}}^T \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial \mathbf{u}} + \dot{\mathbf{z}}^T \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial \mathbf{z}}$

Dissipation rate  $\dot{D} = \dot{\mathbf{u}}^T \left( \mathbf{f}_{int} - \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial \mathbf{u}} \right) - \dot{\mathbf{z}}^T \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial \mathbf{z}} \geq 0$

## Virtual-power-based QC framework

Apply 2 QC reduction steps to

Dissipative lattice model based on a Coleman-Noll procedure

Kinematic variables  $\mathbf{u} = \Psi \bar{\mathbf{u}}$  & history variables  $\mathbf{z}$

Internal energy  $E = \sum_{i \in S} E_i$

Virtual-power  $\dot{\bar{\mathbf{u}}}^T \Psi^T \mathbf{f}_{int} = \dot{\bar{\mathbf{u}}}^T \Psi^T \mathbf{f}_{ext} \quad \forall \dot{\bar{\mathbf{u}}}$

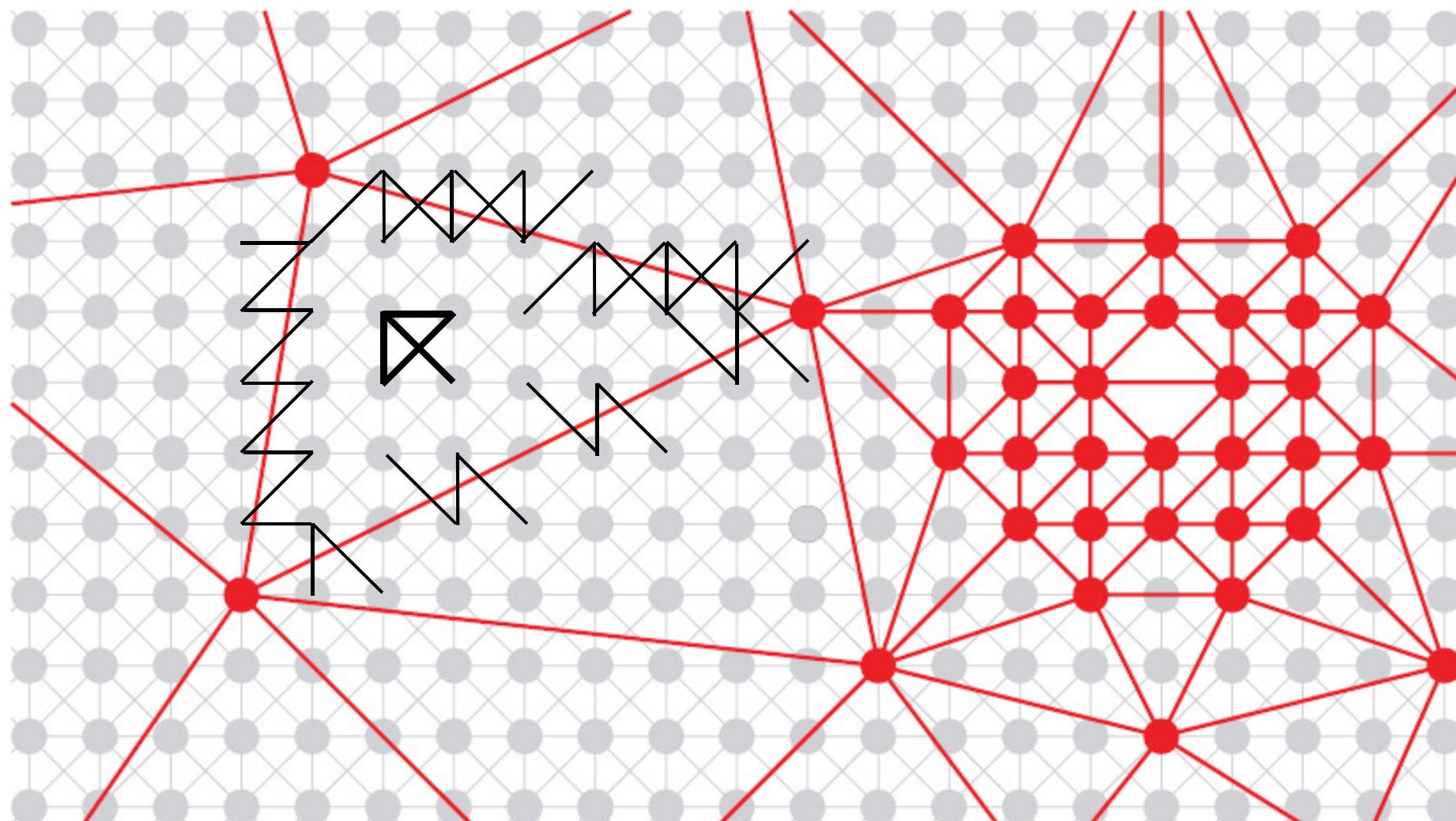
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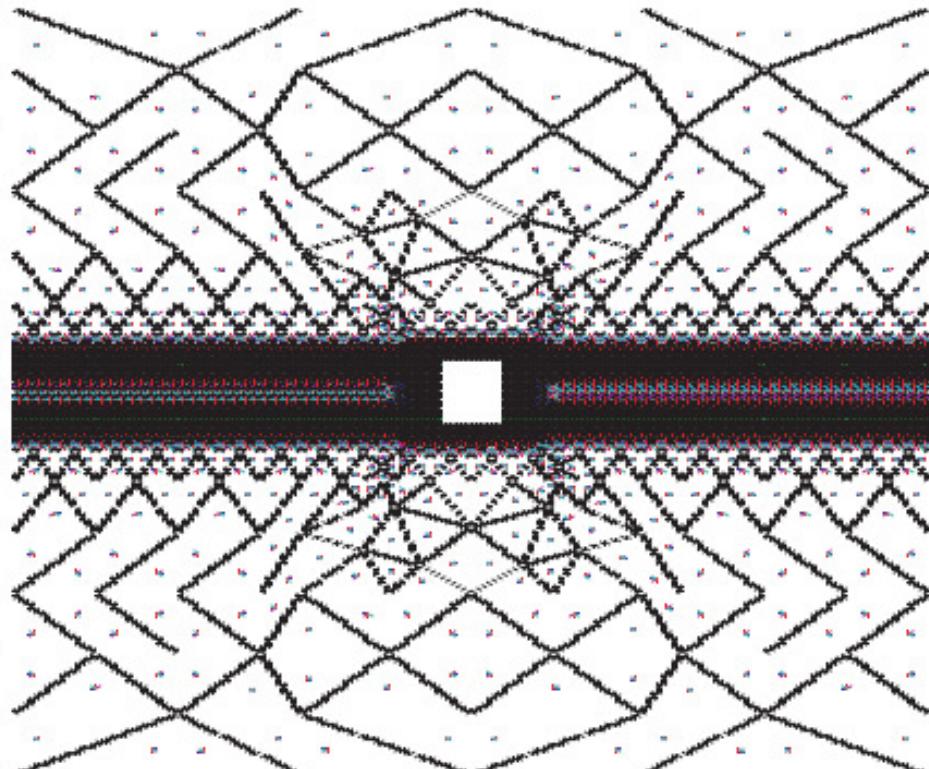
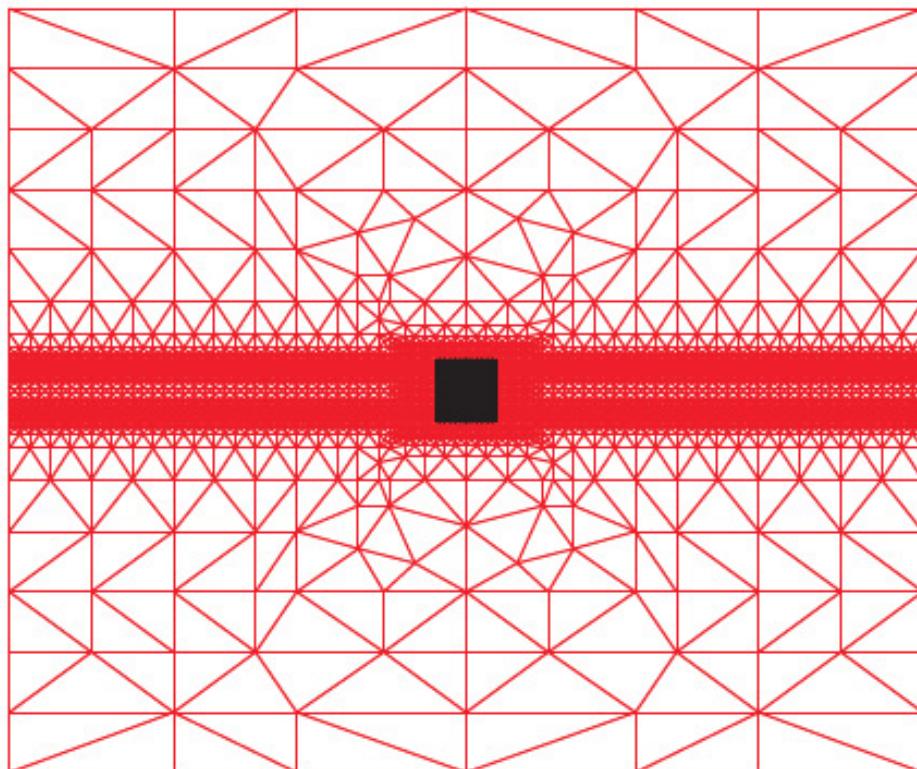
# Virtual-power-based QC framework

## Summation

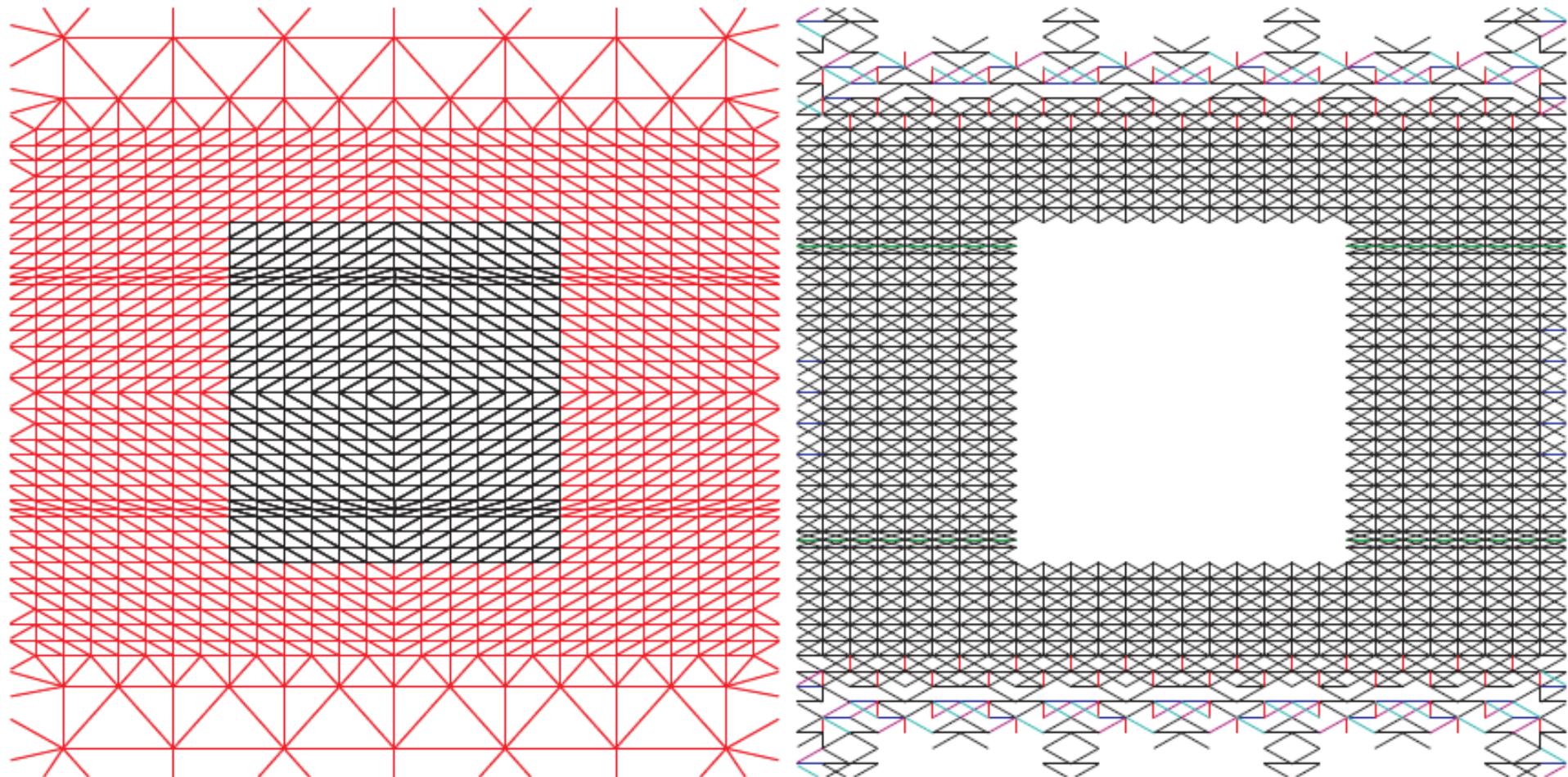


# Virtual-power-based QC framework

## Electronic textile

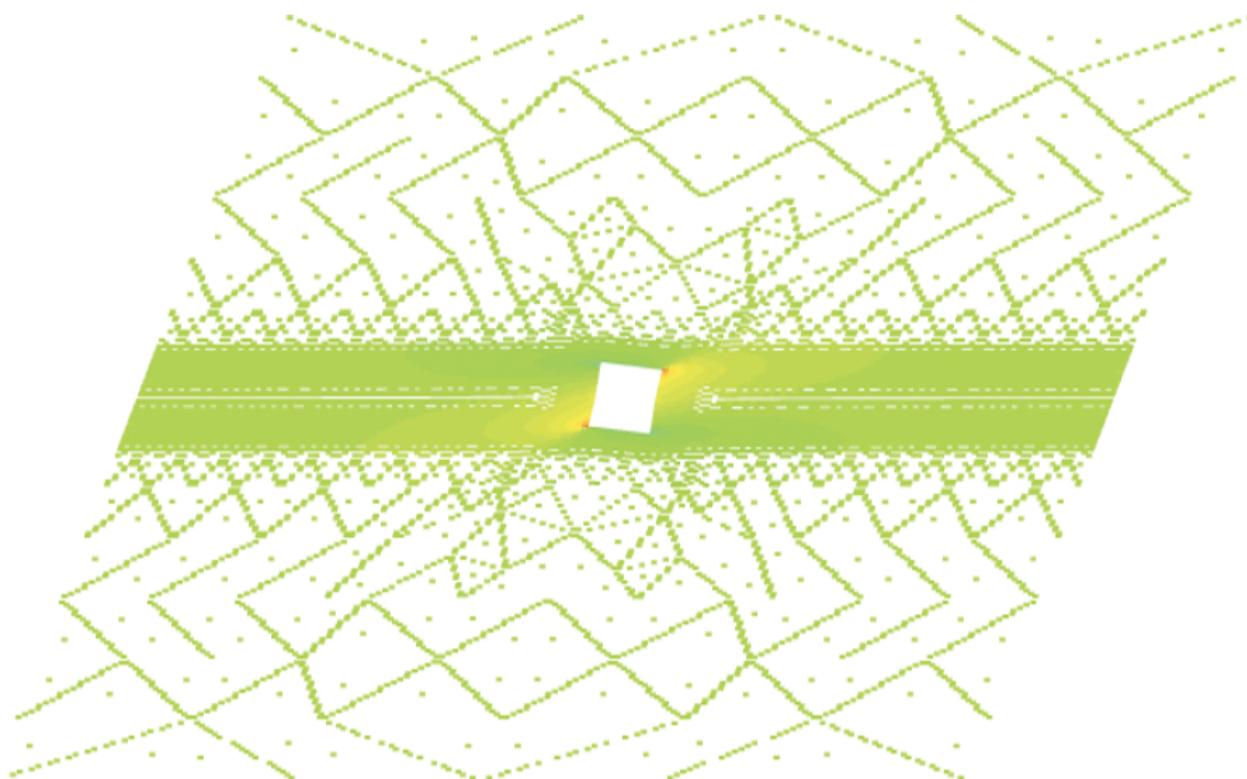


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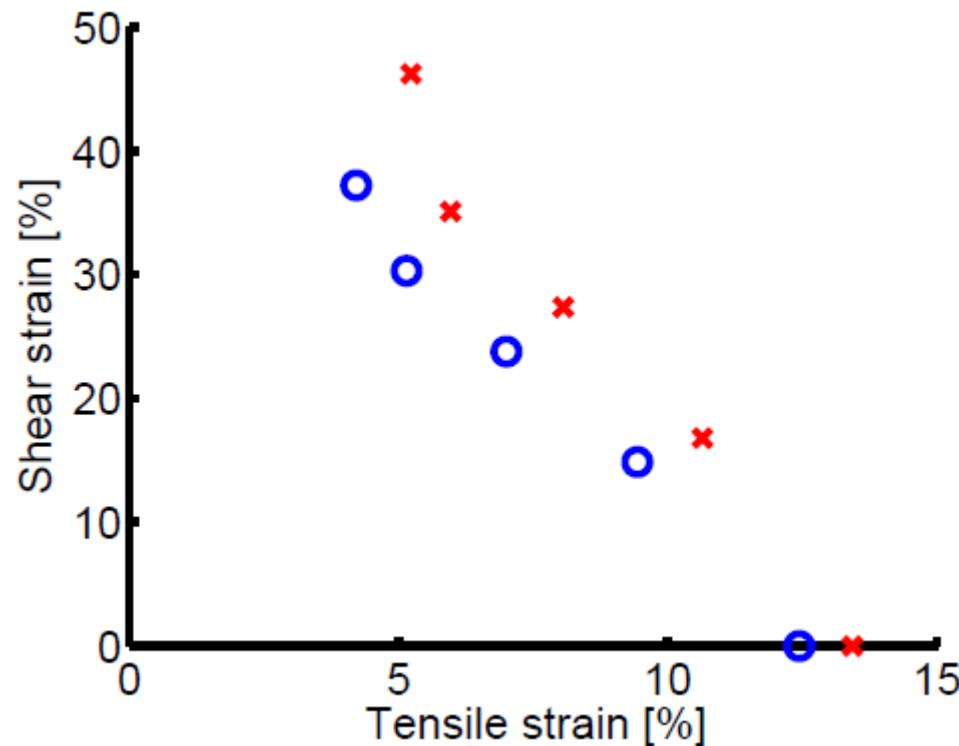
## Results: electronic textile

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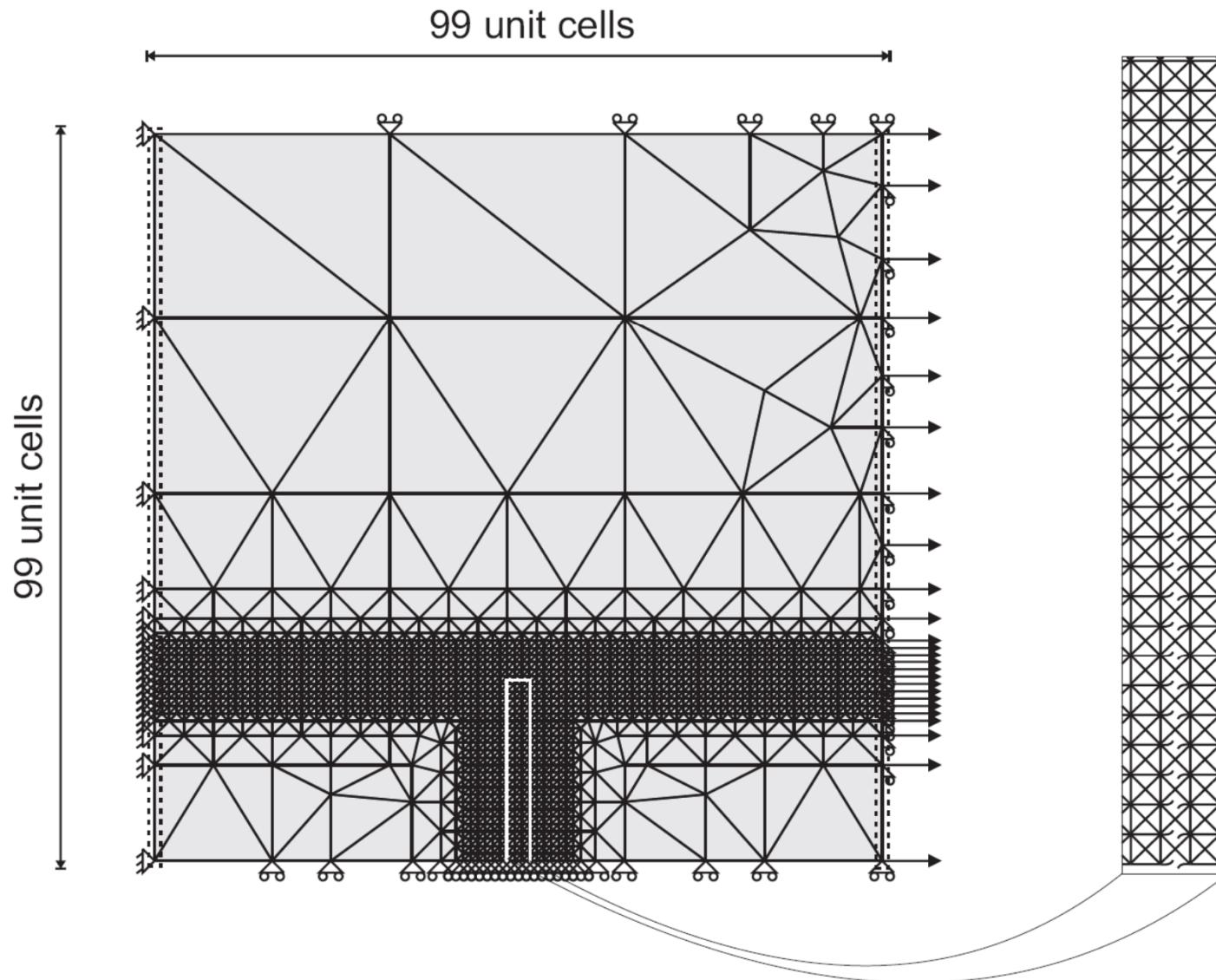


## Results: electronic textile

### Failure surfaces

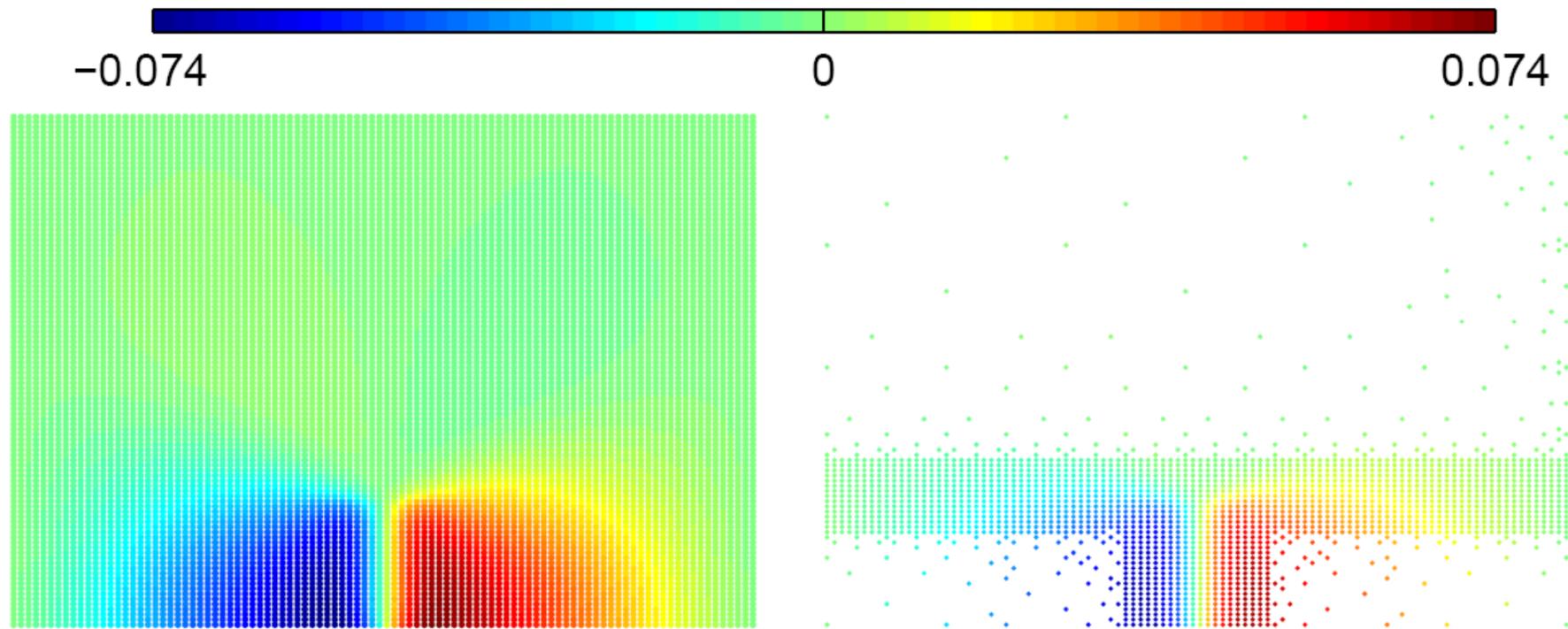


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Horizontal displacement, relative to the uniform displacement



## Summary

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### Virtual-power-based QC methodology

Summation:

1. exact rule
2. central rule

Dissipative effects included in QC via internal variables

- for elastoplasticity at sampling spring level
- for nodal sliding interpolated due to nonlocality

## Future research

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- Beams
- Irregularity
- Adaptivity
- Applications:
  1. Collagen networks
  2. Networks with matrix material
  3. CNT sheets/graphene sheets
  4. Nanofibers by electrospinning
  5. .....