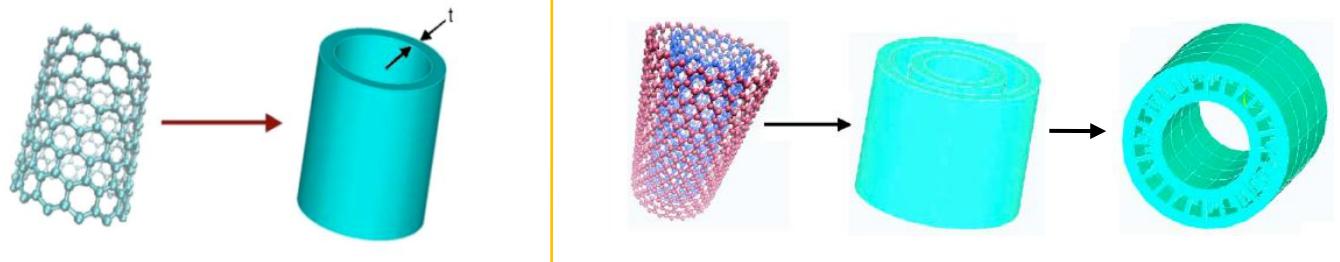


## Carbon Nanotubes (CNT)

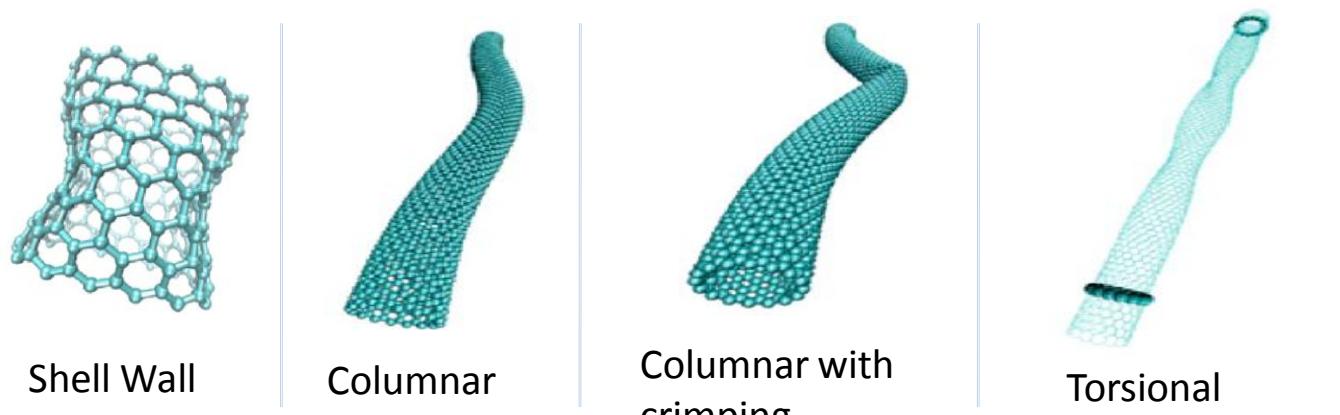
### Equivalent continuum structure



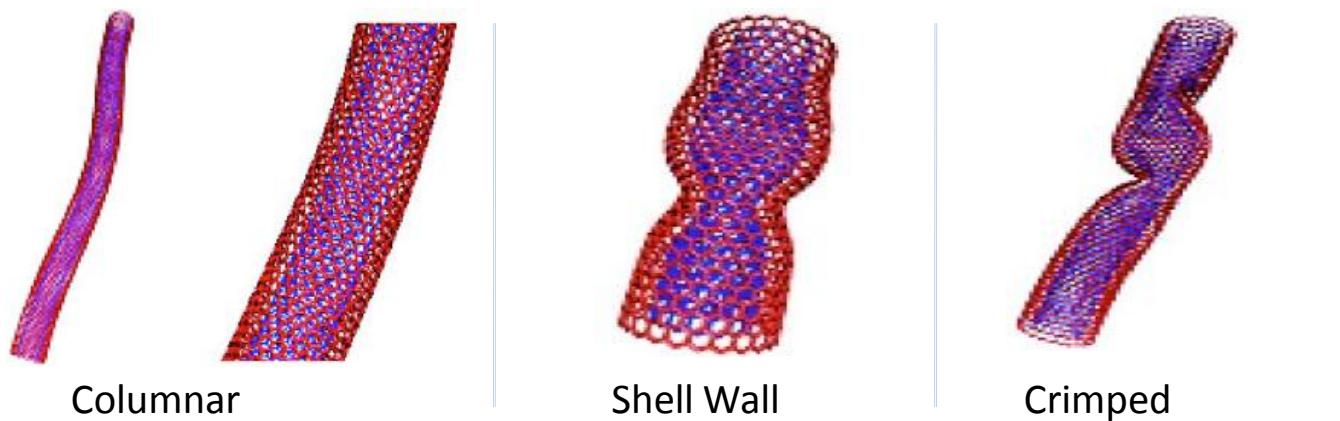
Single walled CNT – Hollow cylinders

Multiwalled CNT – tubes connected by trusses

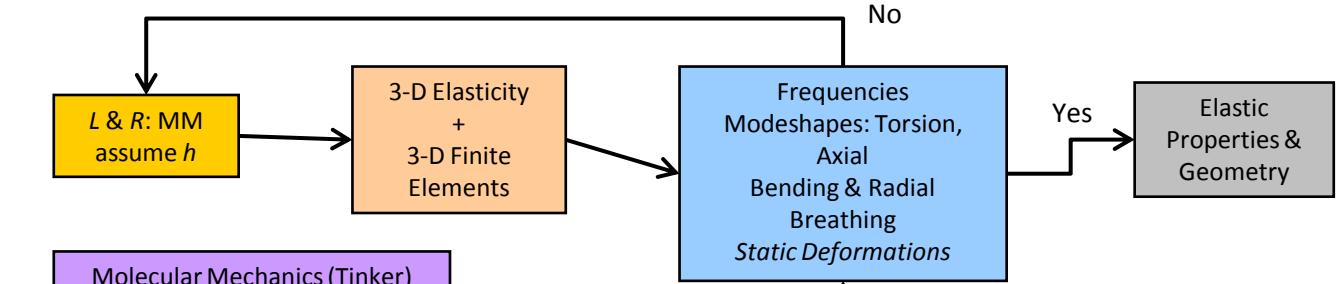
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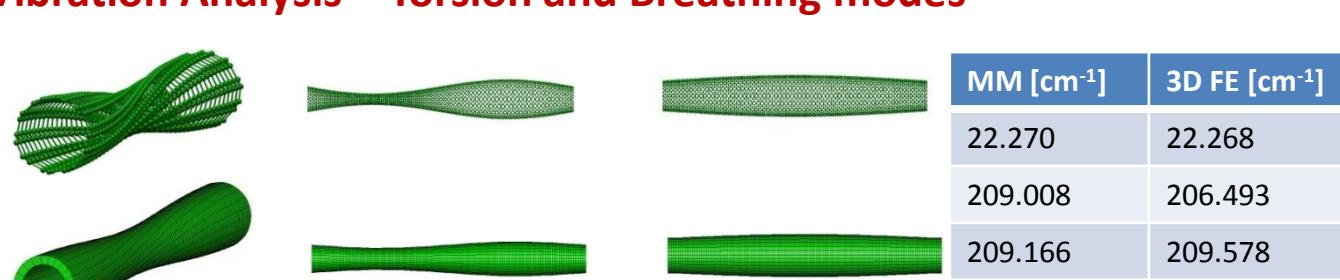
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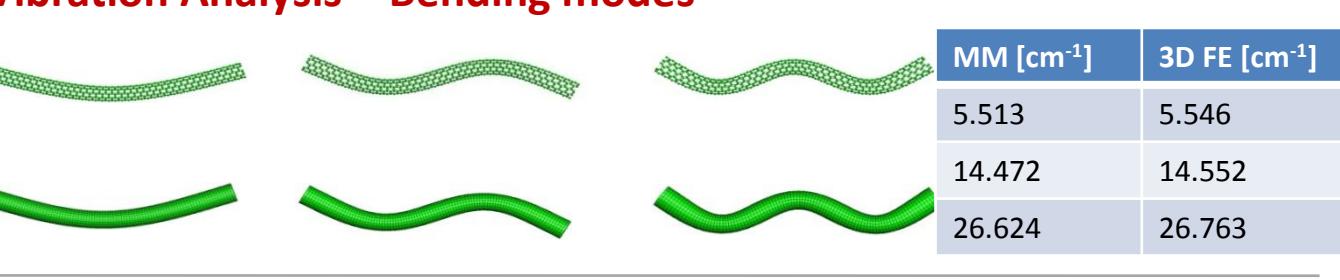
### Vibration Analysis



### Vibration Analysis – Torsion and Breathing modes



### Vibration Analysis – Bending modes



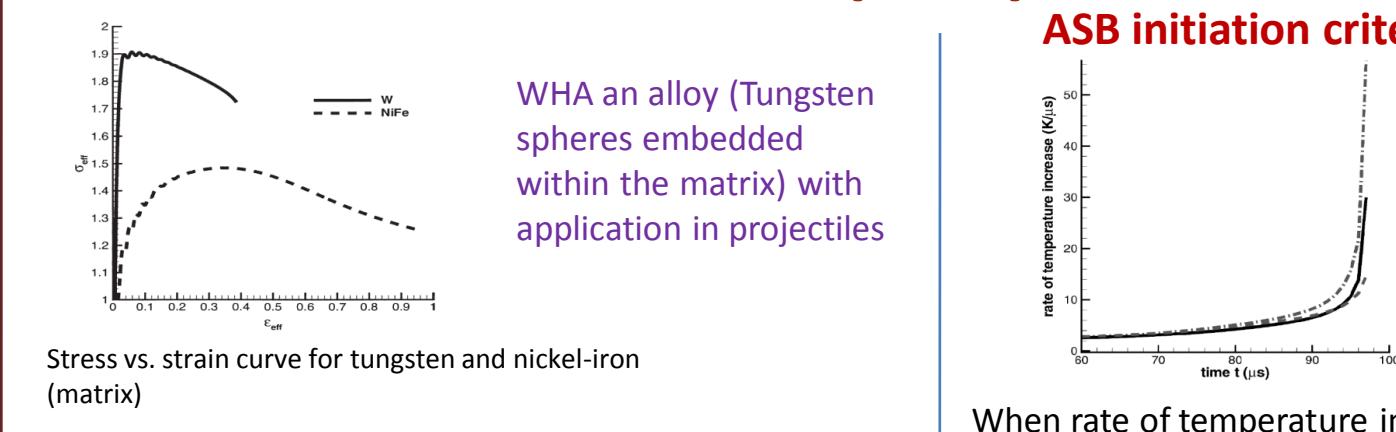
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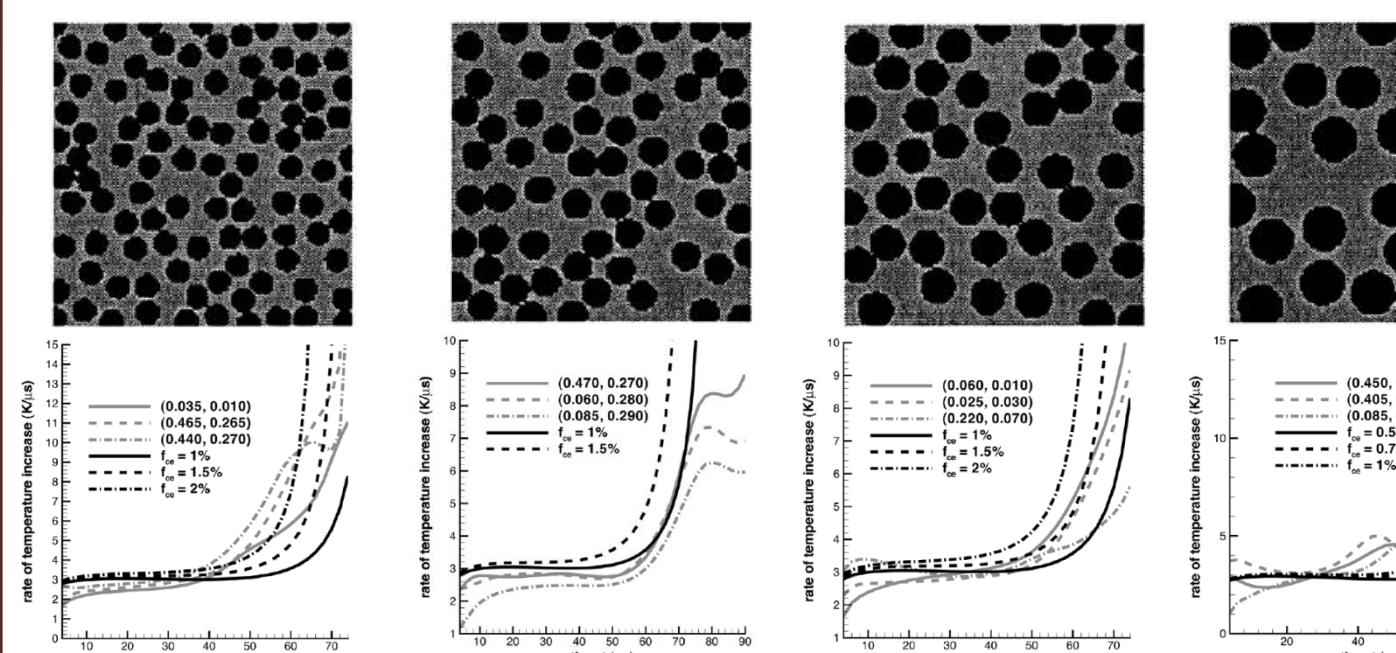
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## Adiabatic Shear Bands (ASB)

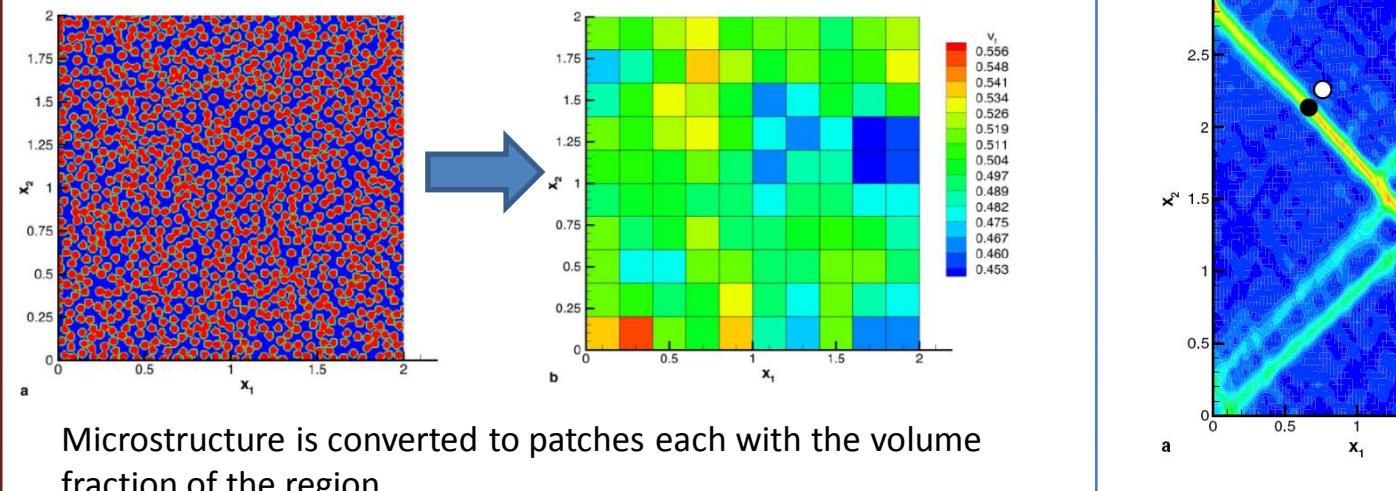


WHA an alloy (Tungsten spheres embedded within the matrix) with application in projectiles

### Effect of the Size of Tungsten Spheres



### Microstructural Effects

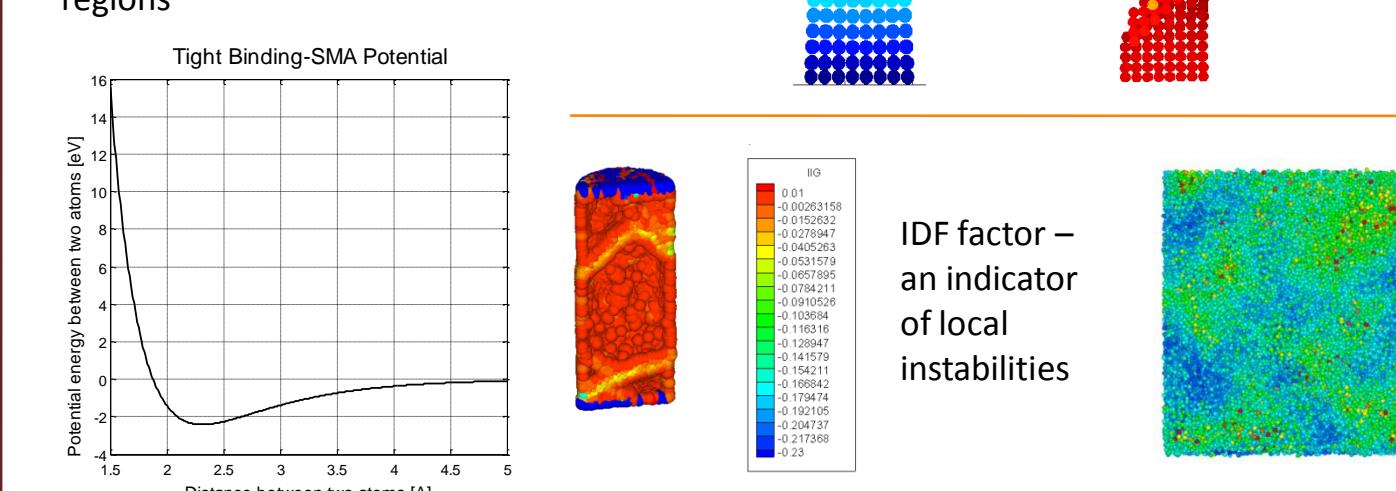


Microstructure is converted to patches each with the volume fraction of the region  
ASB initiation times in both cases was close

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## Instabilities in Atomic Systems

Determination of conditions for nucleation of local instabilities  
Deformation of non-homogeneous regions



IDF factor – an indicator of local instabilities

Potential energy between two atoms (eV)  
Distance between two atoms (Å)

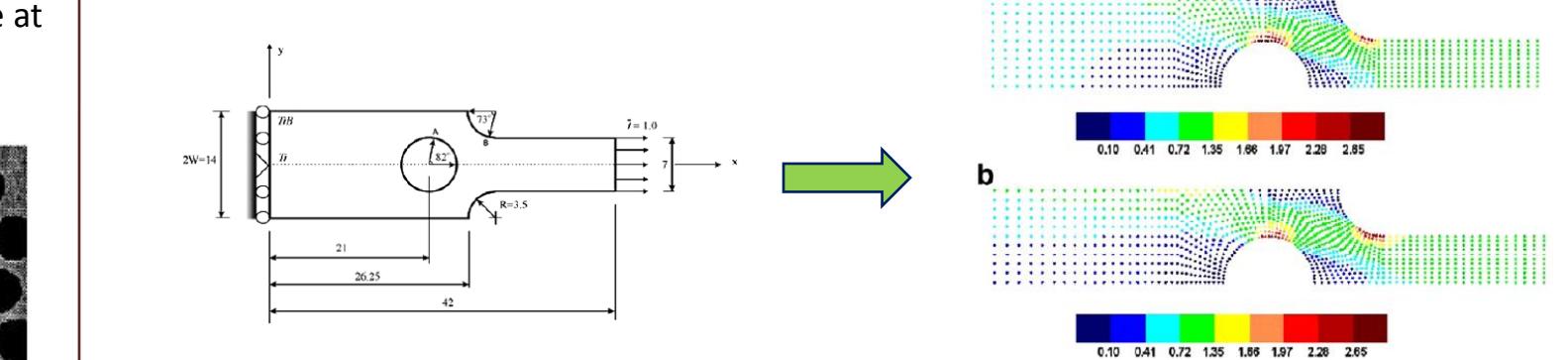
## Functionally Graded Materials (FGM)

### ASB in FGMs

$$\text{Type I} \quad v_{f,NiFe} = \begin{cases} c_f \frac{r}{H} & r \leq H \\ c_f & r \geq H \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Type II} \quad v_{f,NiFe} = \begin{cases} c_f (1 - \frac{r}{H}) & r \leq H \\ 0 & r \geq H \end{cases}$$

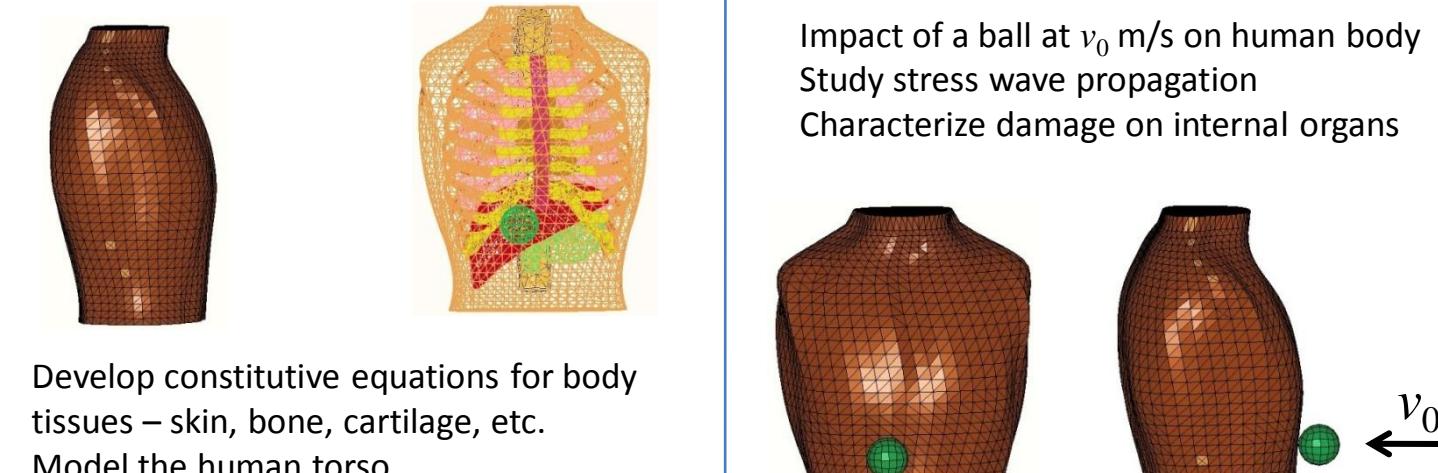
### Analysis of FGM using MLPG method



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## Biomechanics

### Analysis of Damage in Human Tissue due to Impact

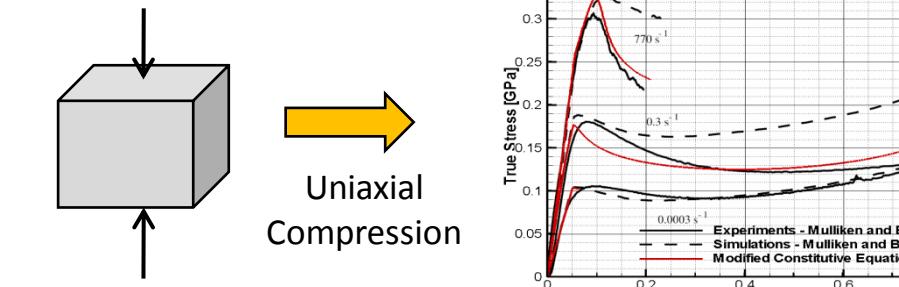


Develop constitutive equations for body tissues – skin, bone, cartilage, etc.  
Model the human torso

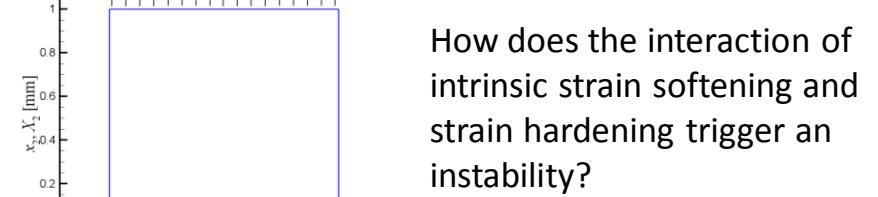
## Transparent Polymers

### Constitutive Equations for poly methyl methacrylate (PMMA)

Constitutive equations to predict thermo-mechanical response of PMMA at high strain rate (none reported in literature)

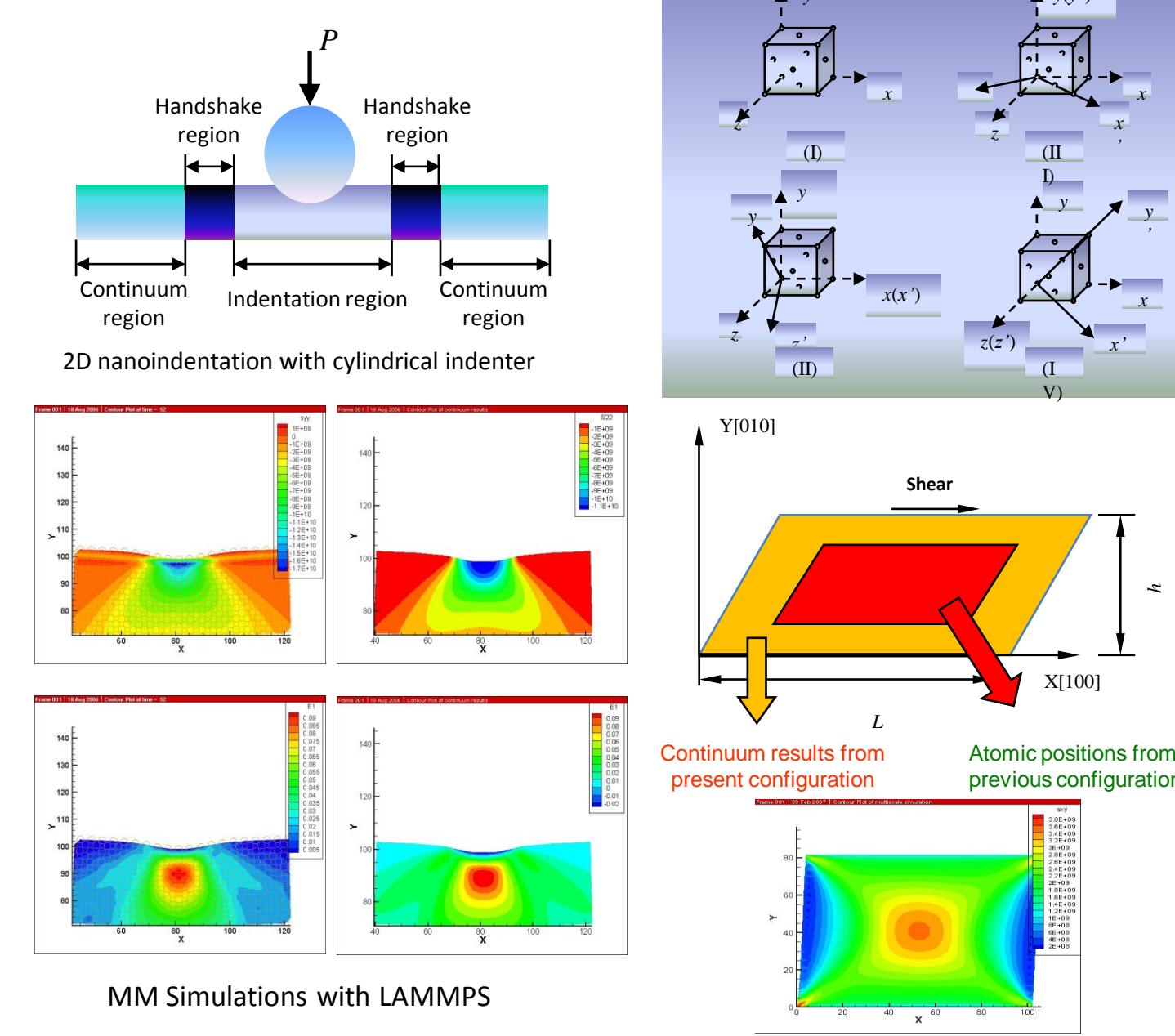


### Instabilities in Transparent Polymers



How does the interaction of intrinsic strain softening and strain hardening trigger an instability?

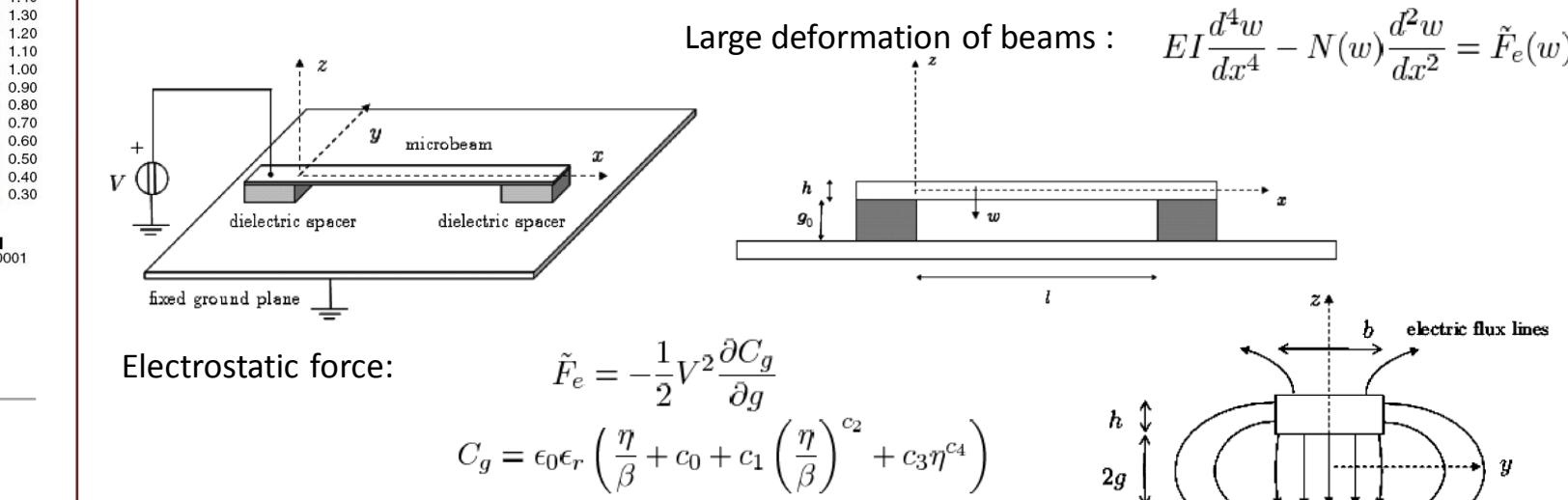
## Nanoindentation



MM Simulations with LAMMPS

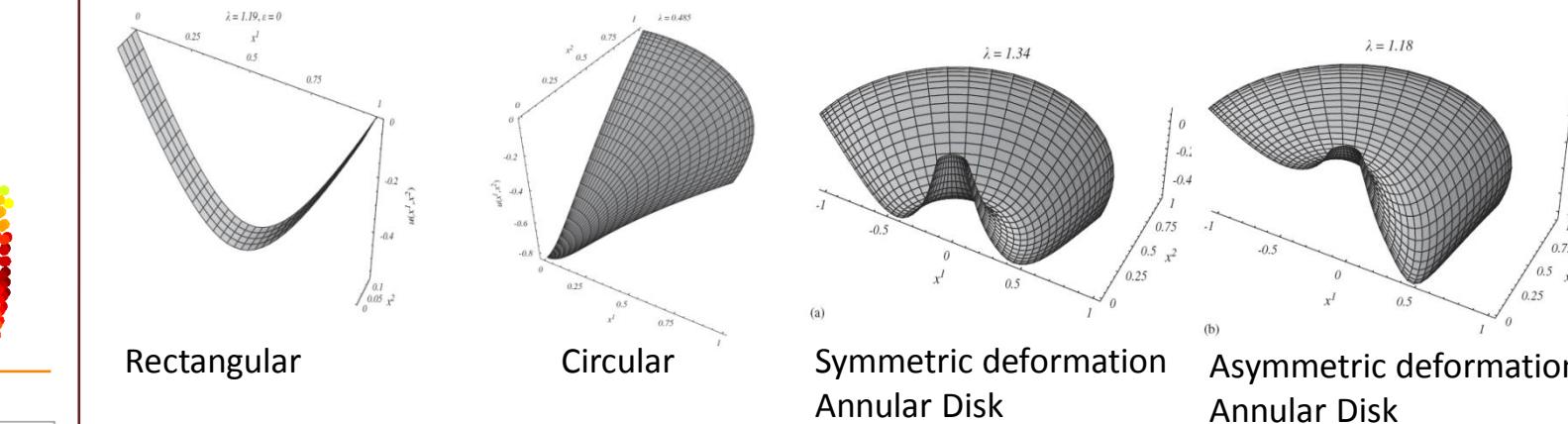
## Micro-Electro-Mechanical Systems (MEMS)

### 1D model for Narrow Electrically Actuated Microbeams



Accounts for fringing fields from all surfaces

### Pull-in instabilities of electrostatic MEMS using MLPG method



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