

Architectural Choices for Auxetic Metamaterials and their Effects on Impact Mitigation

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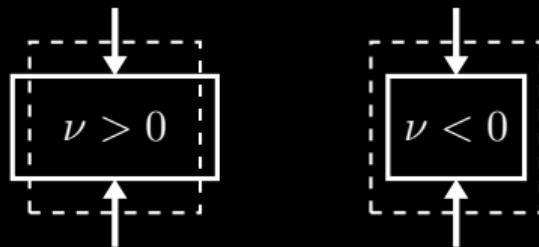
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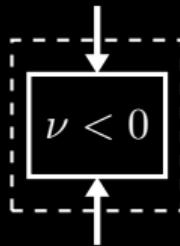
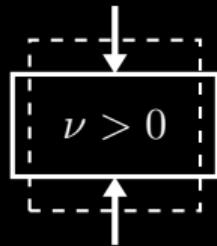
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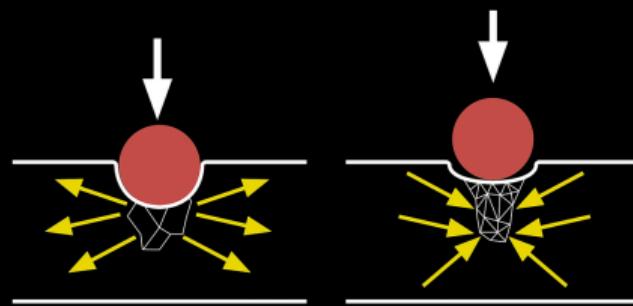
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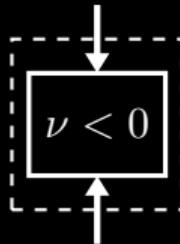
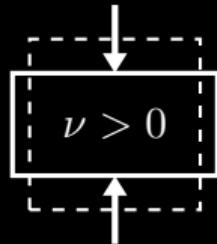


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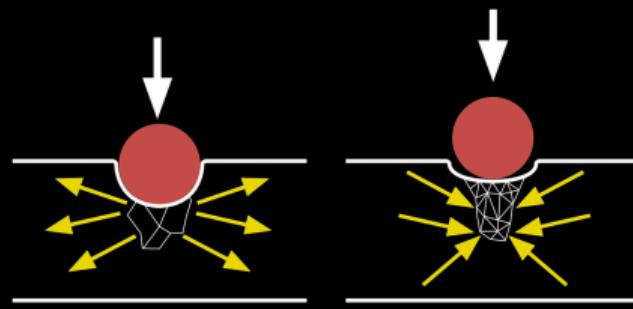


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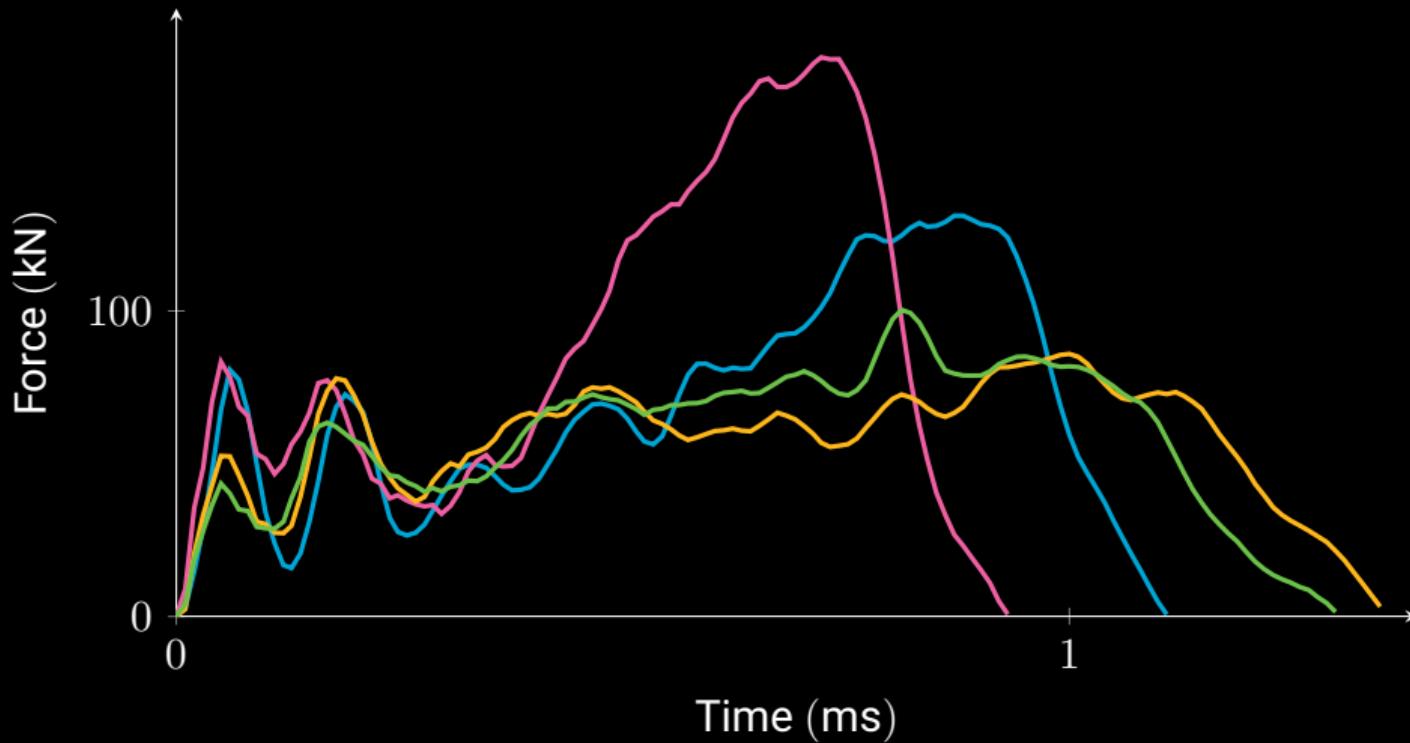


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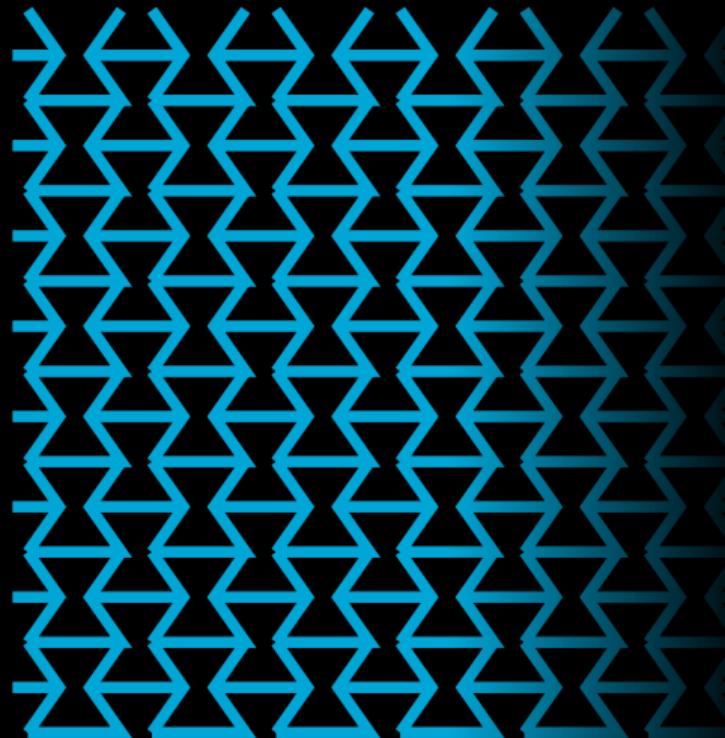


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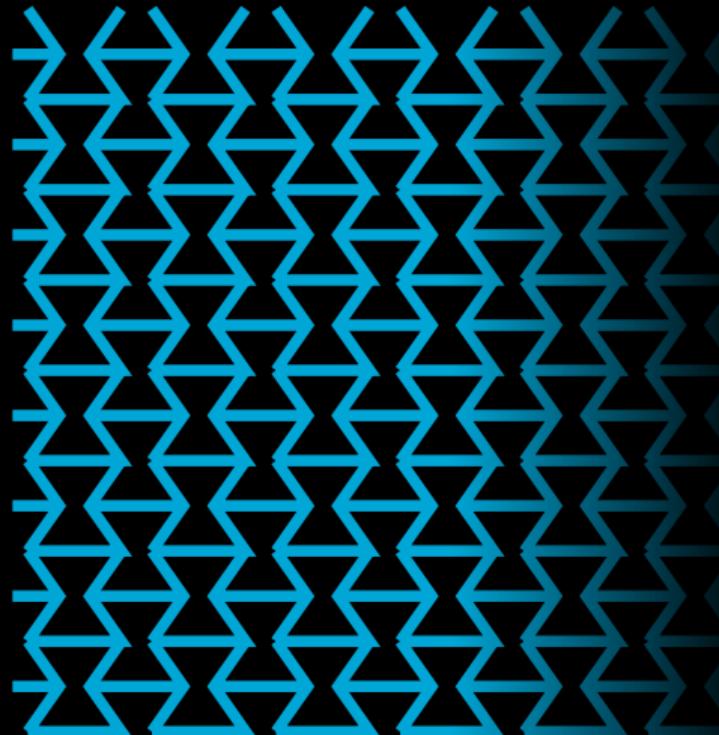
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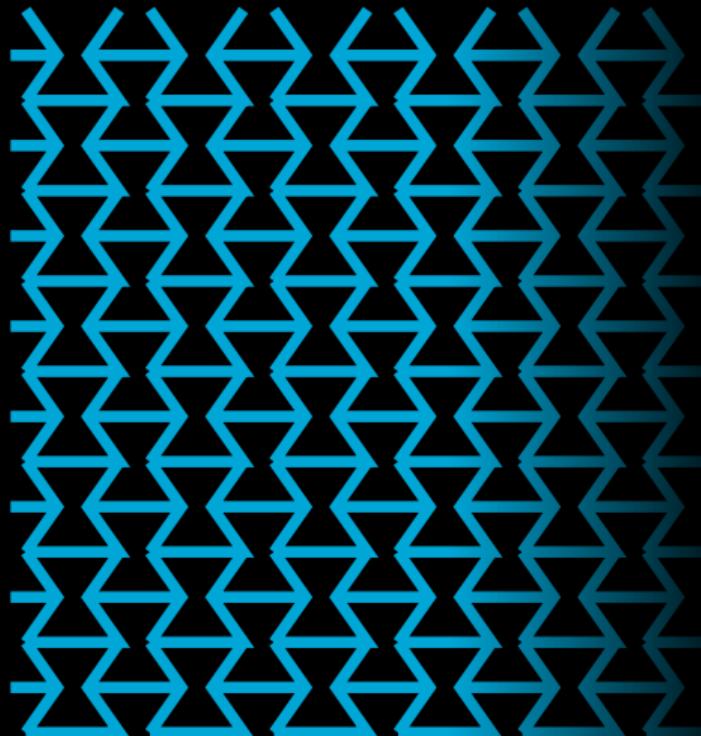
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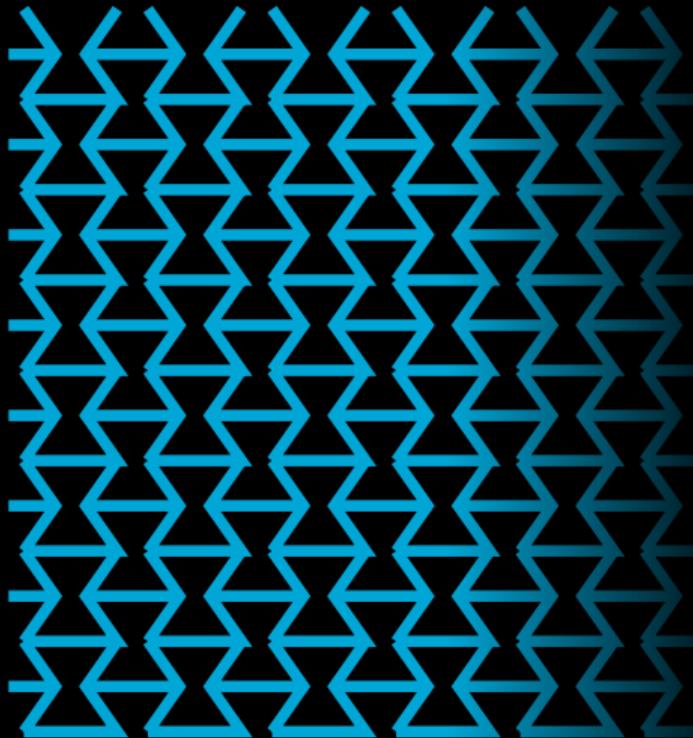
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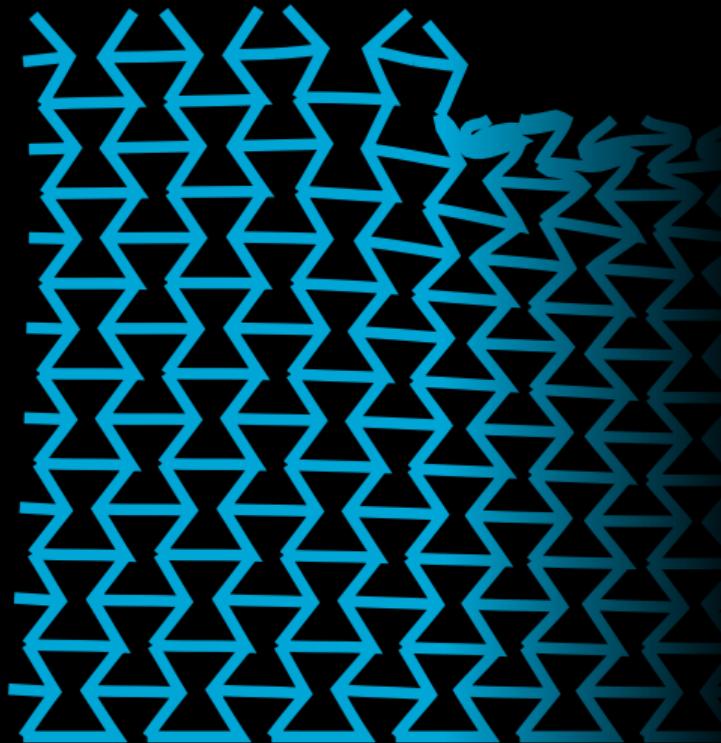
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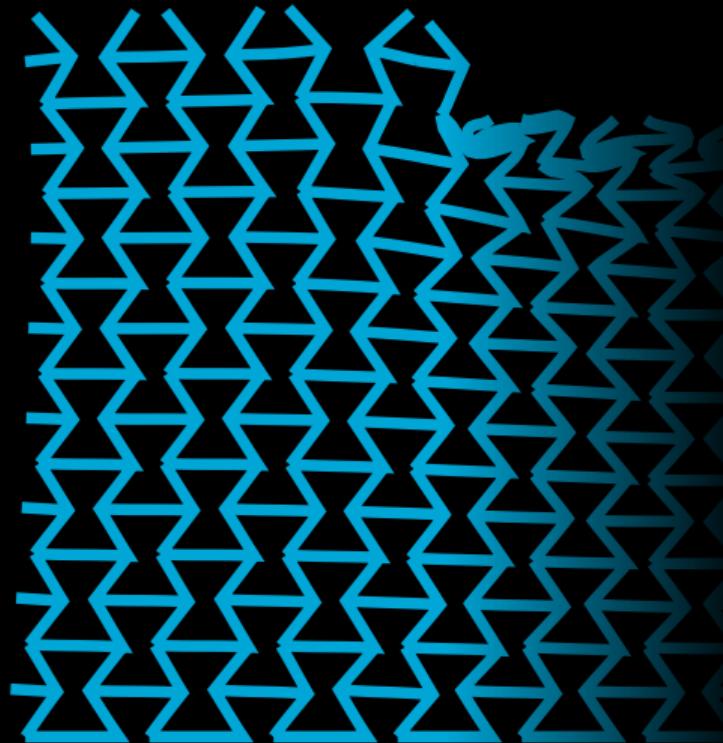
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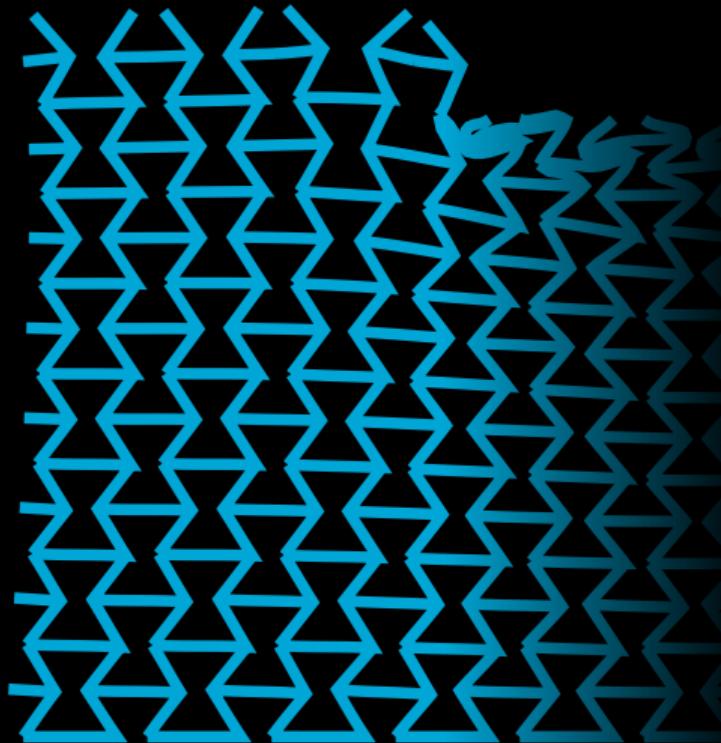
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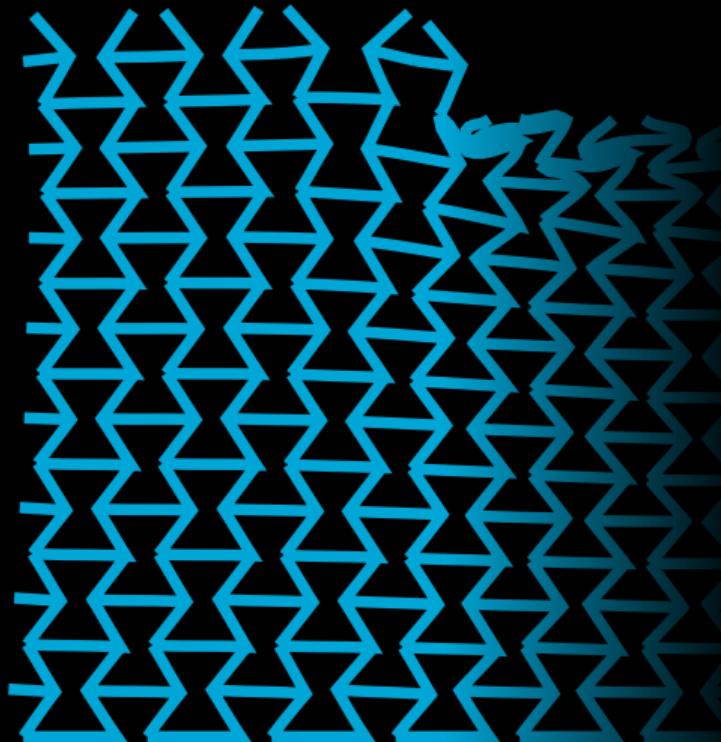
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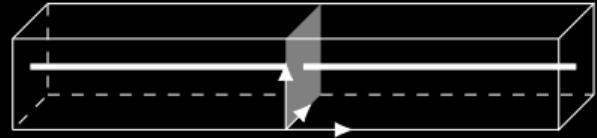
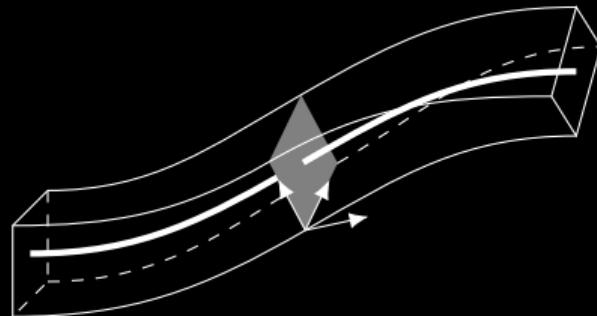
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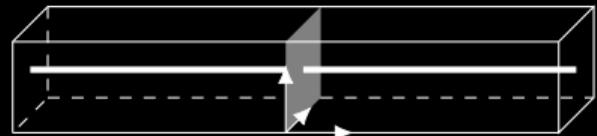
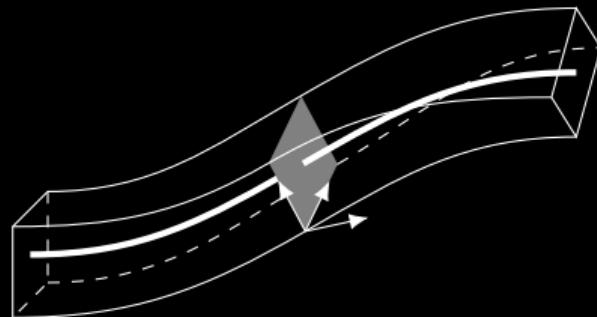
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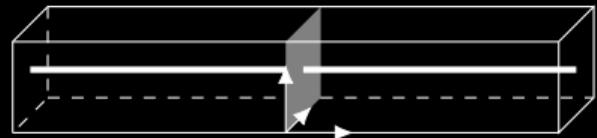
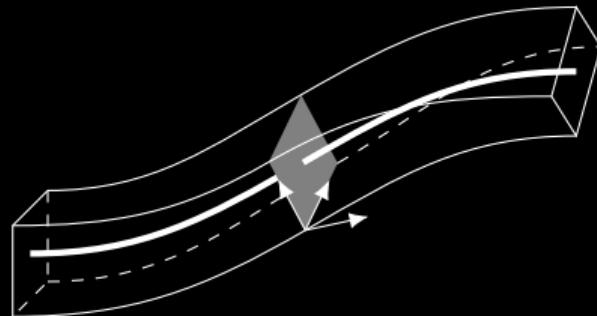


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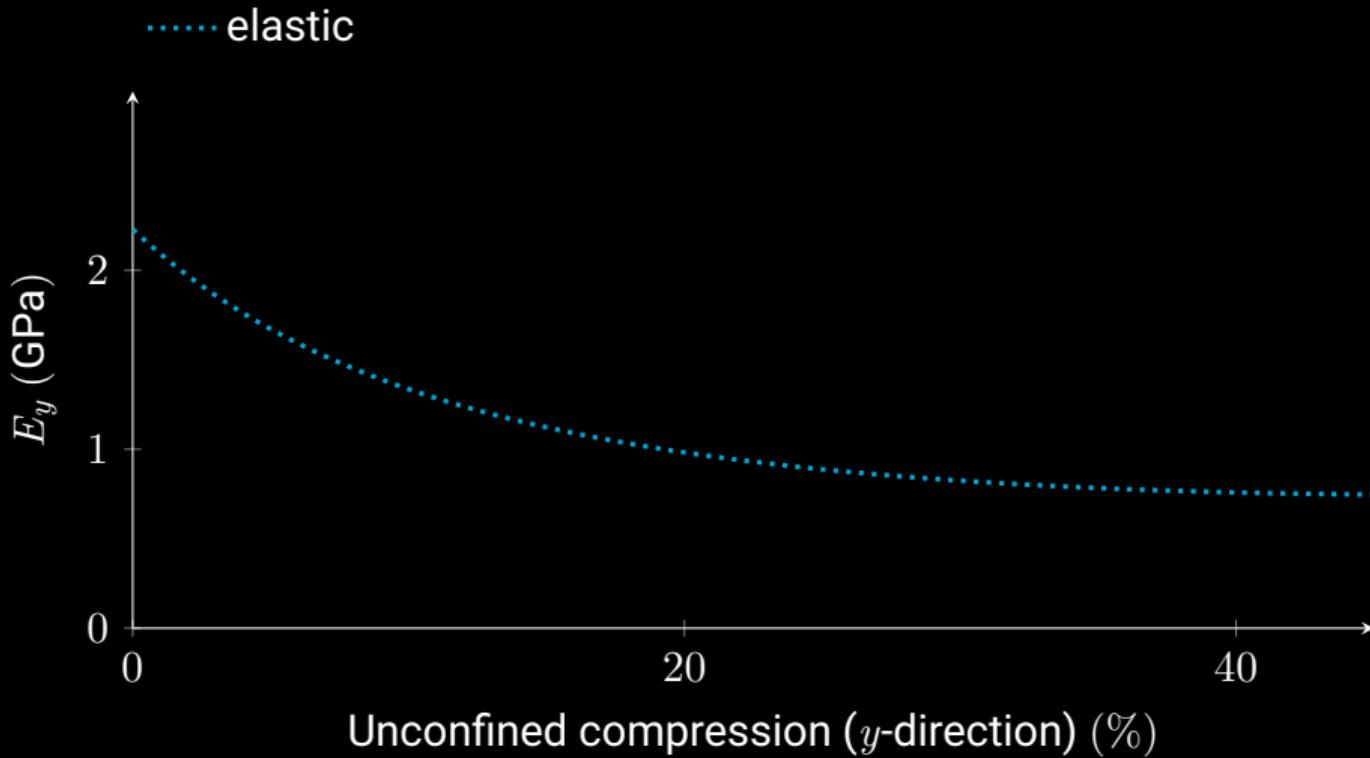
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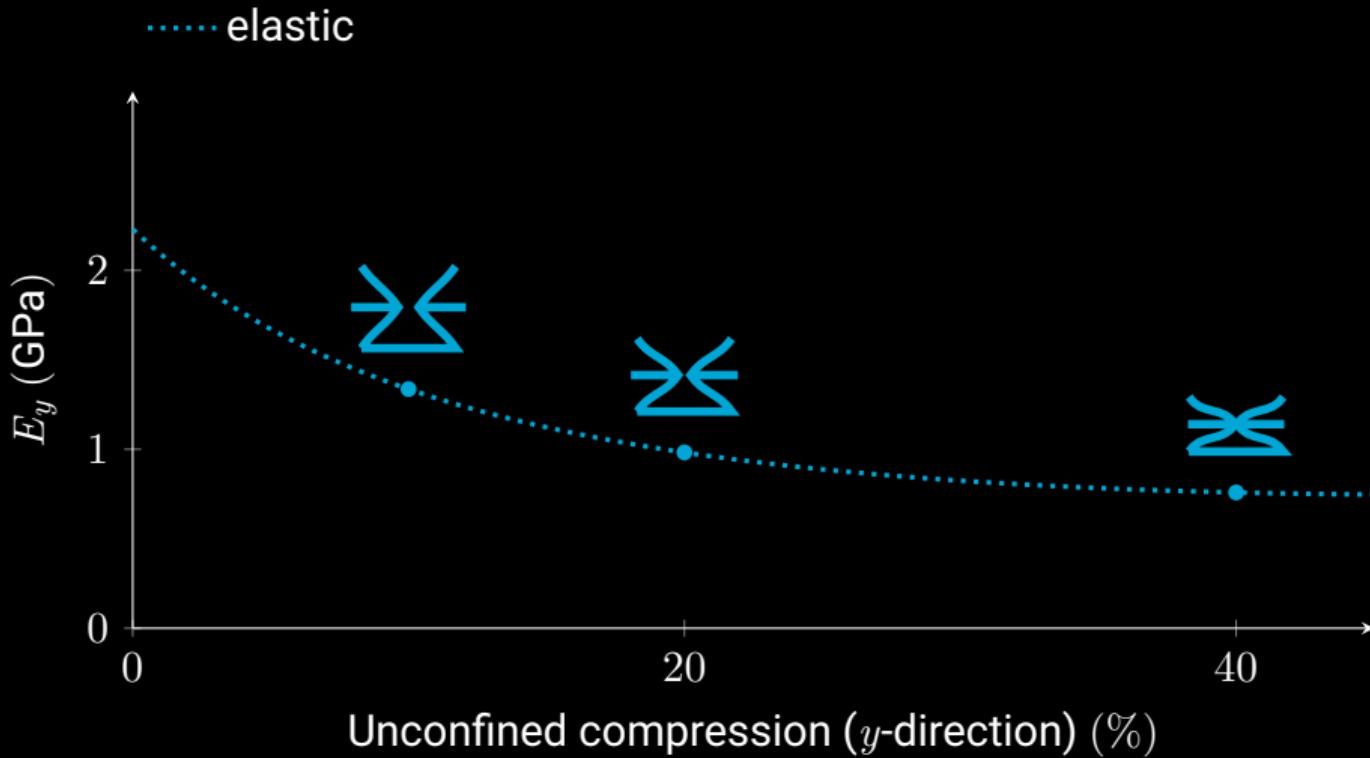
- **Size-objective** formulation for the entire material model



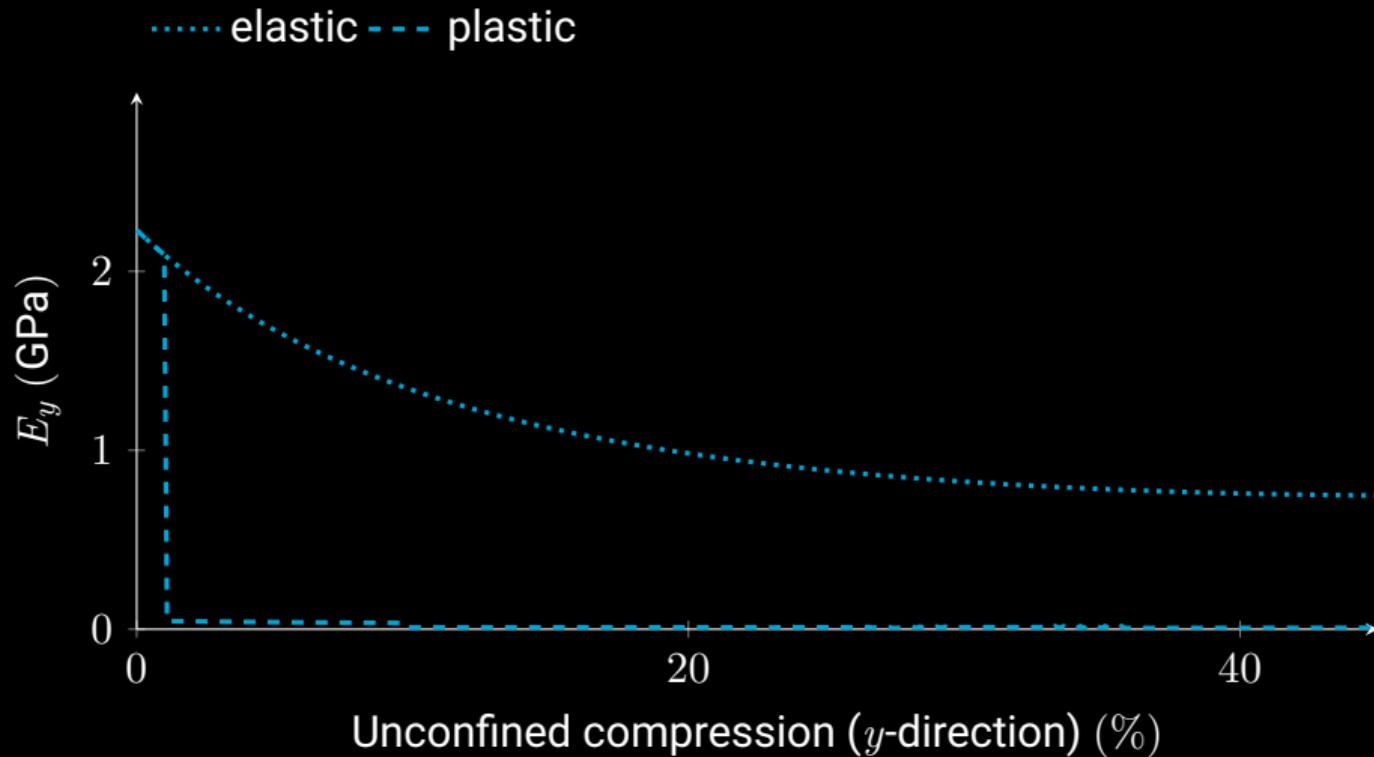
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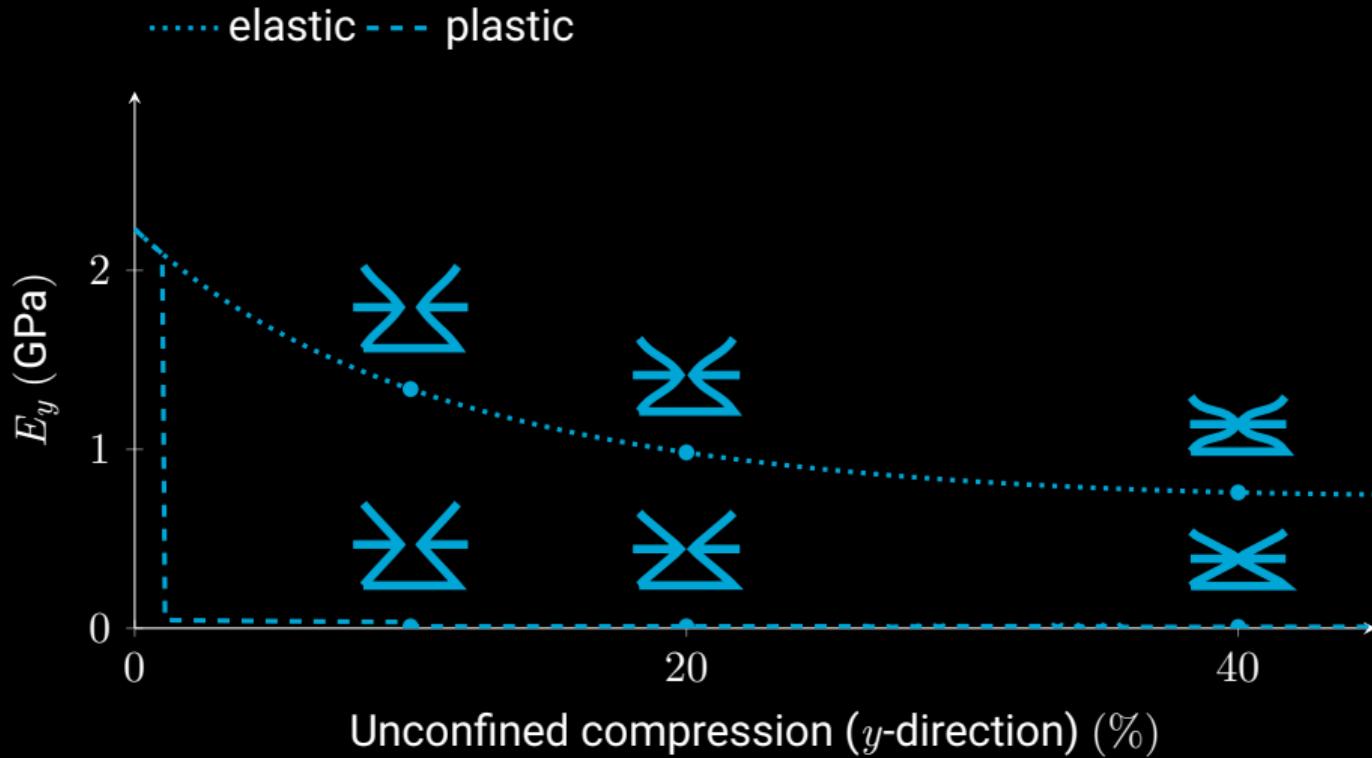
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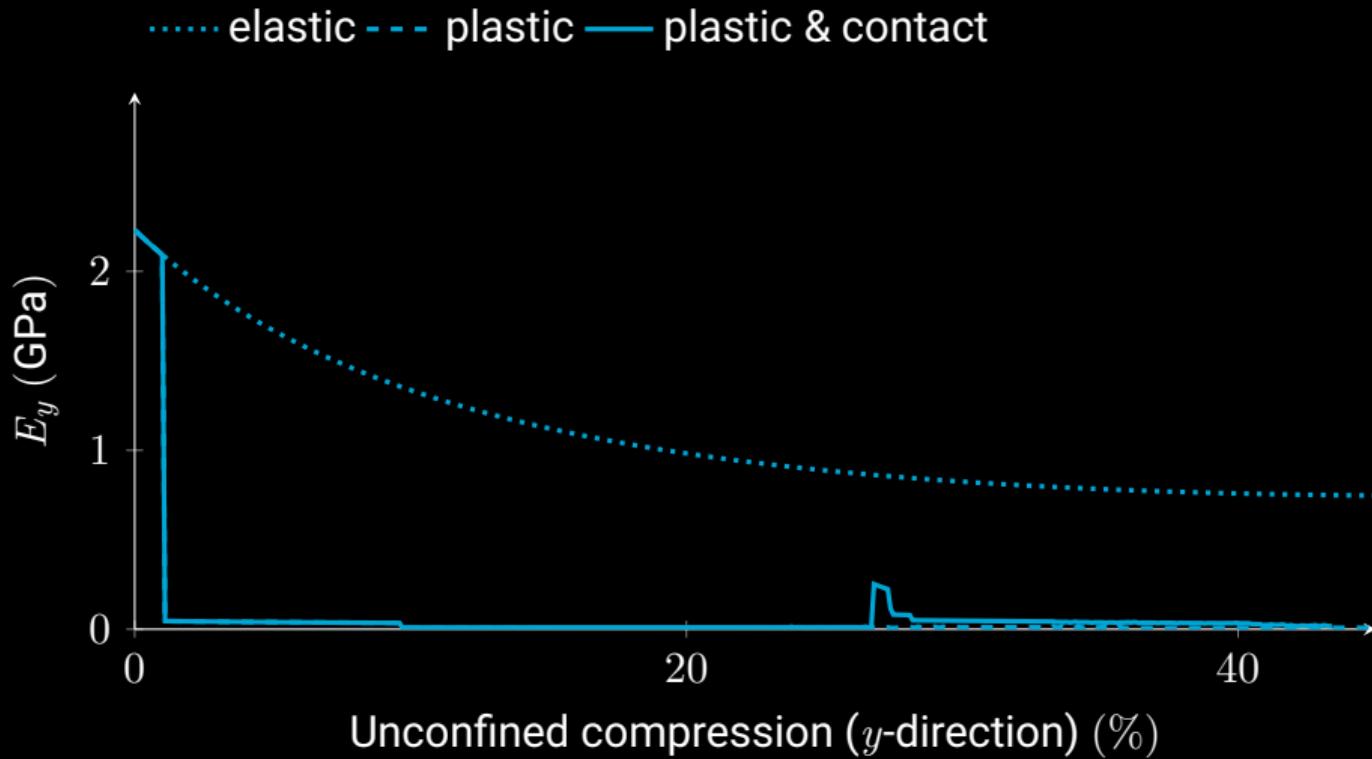
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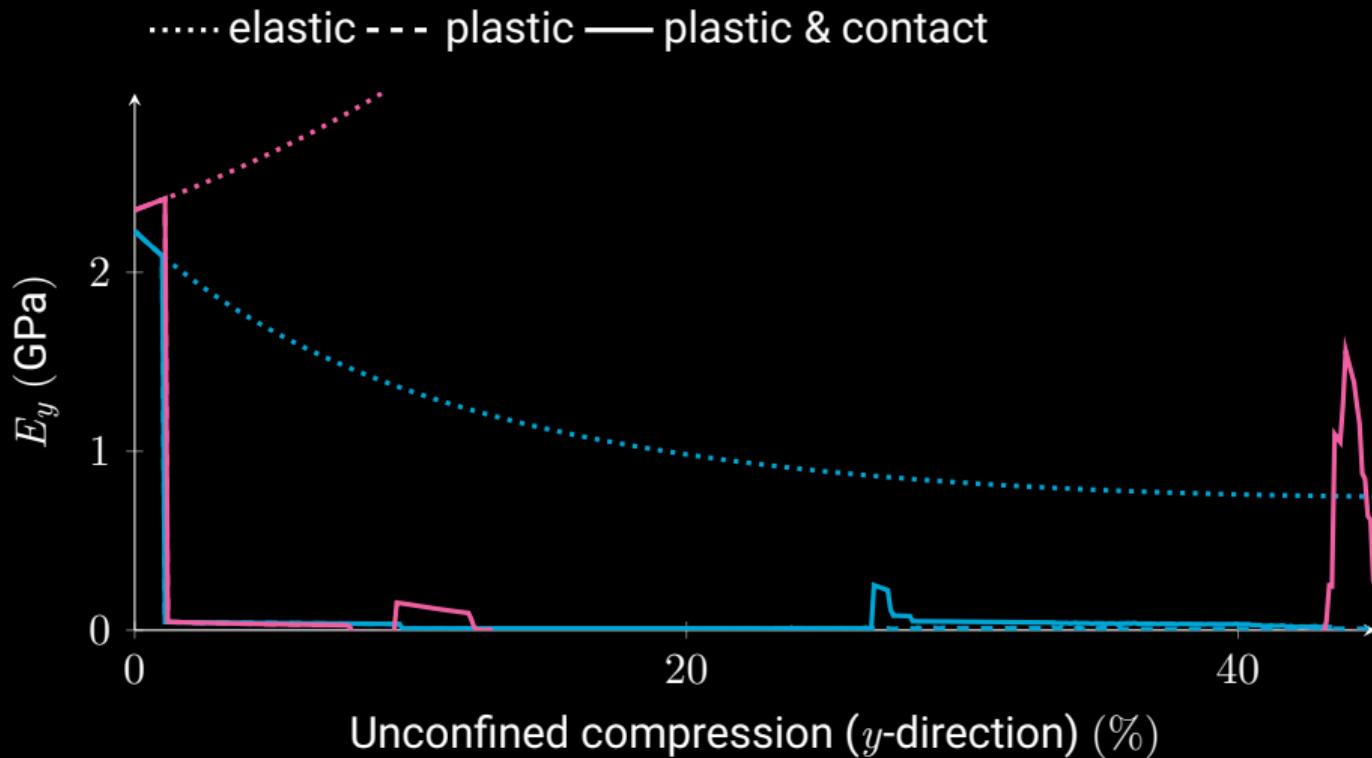
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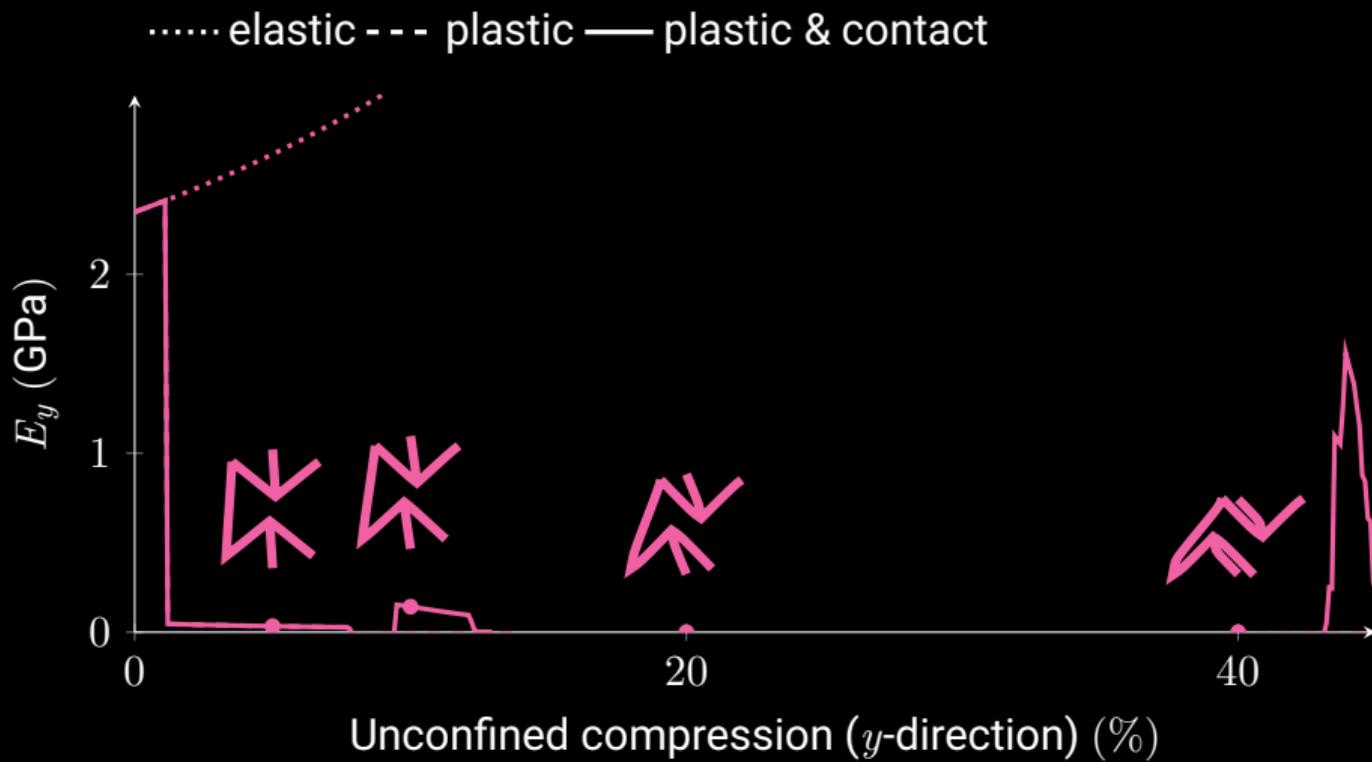
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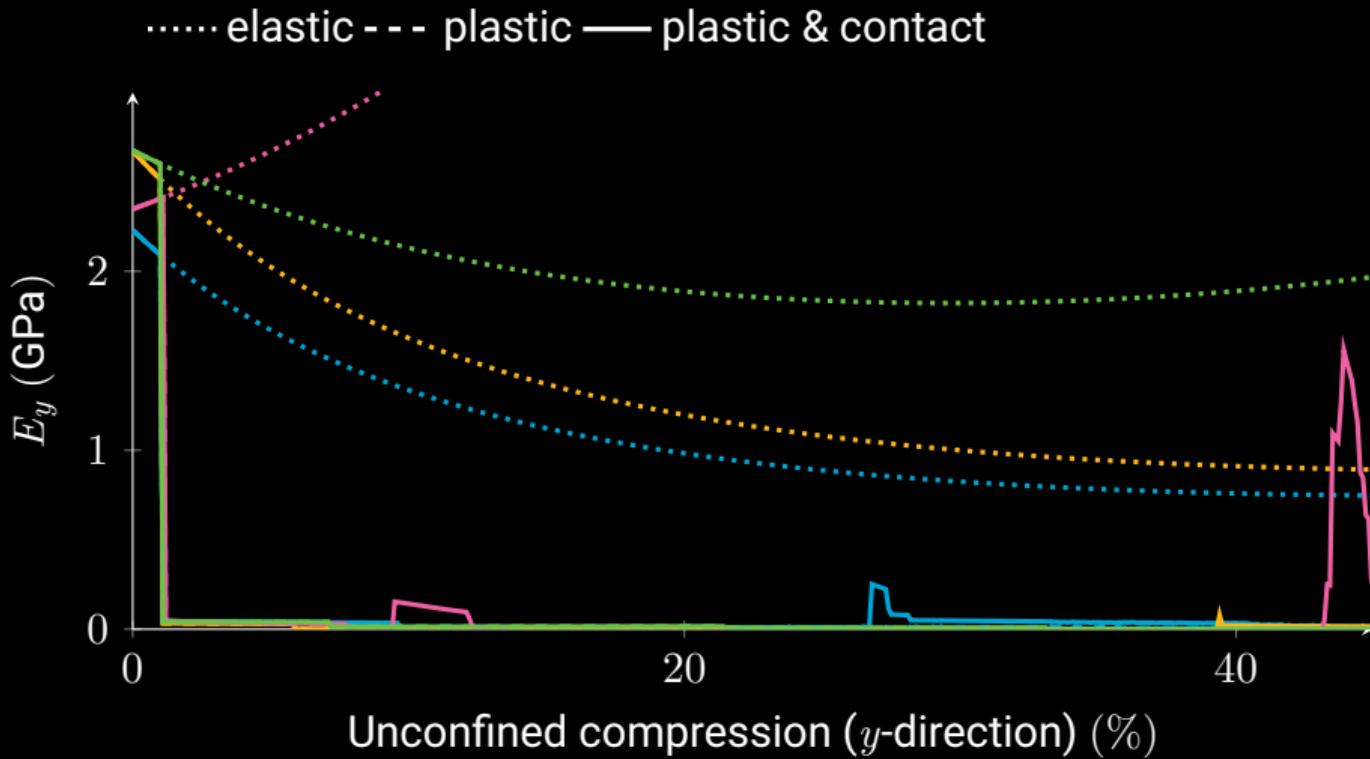
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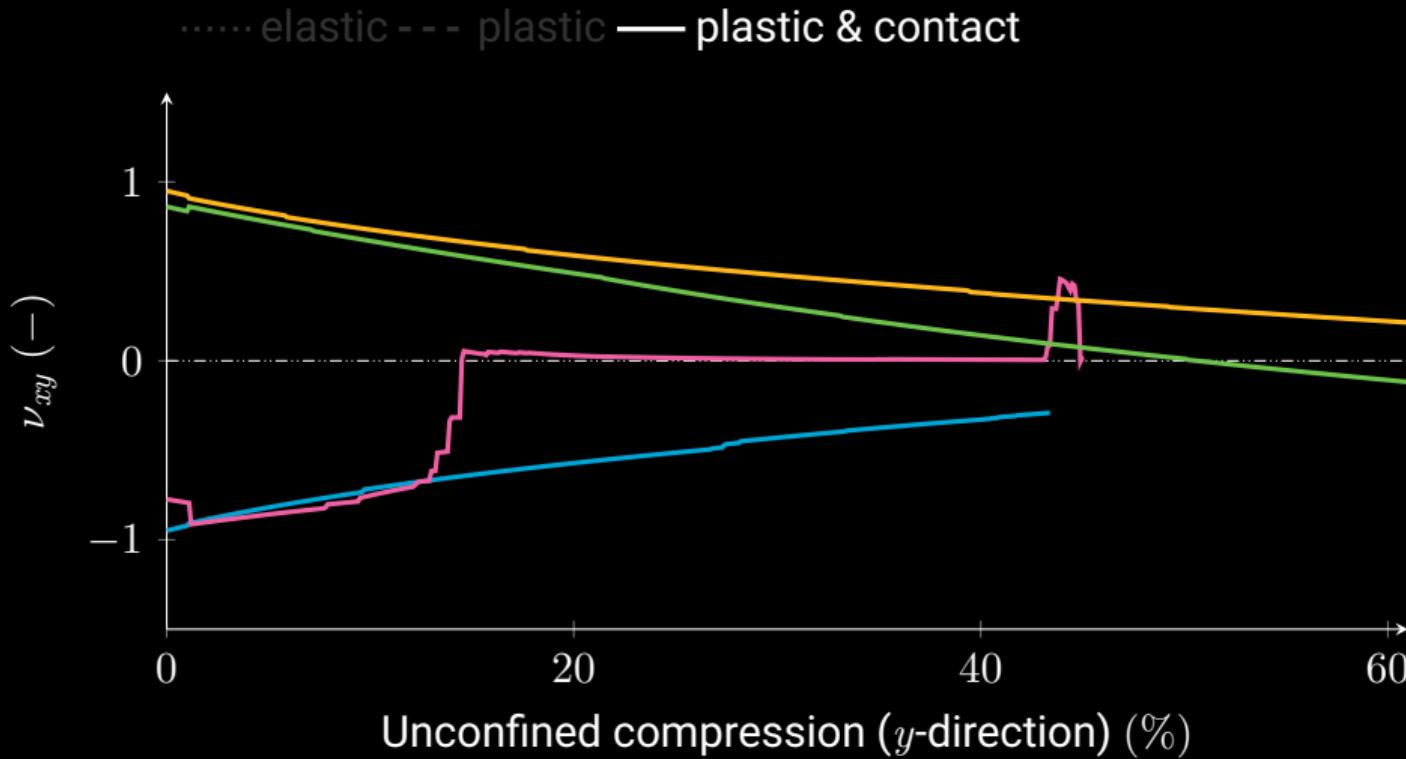
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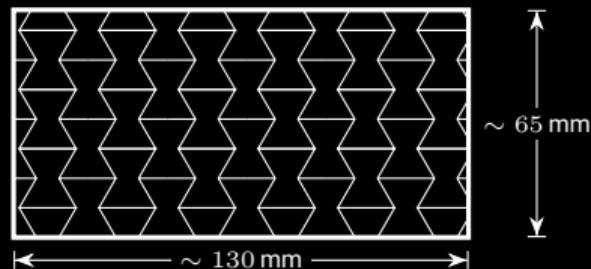


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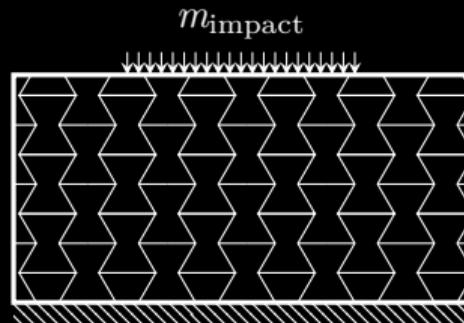
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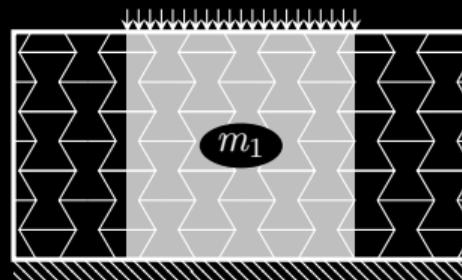


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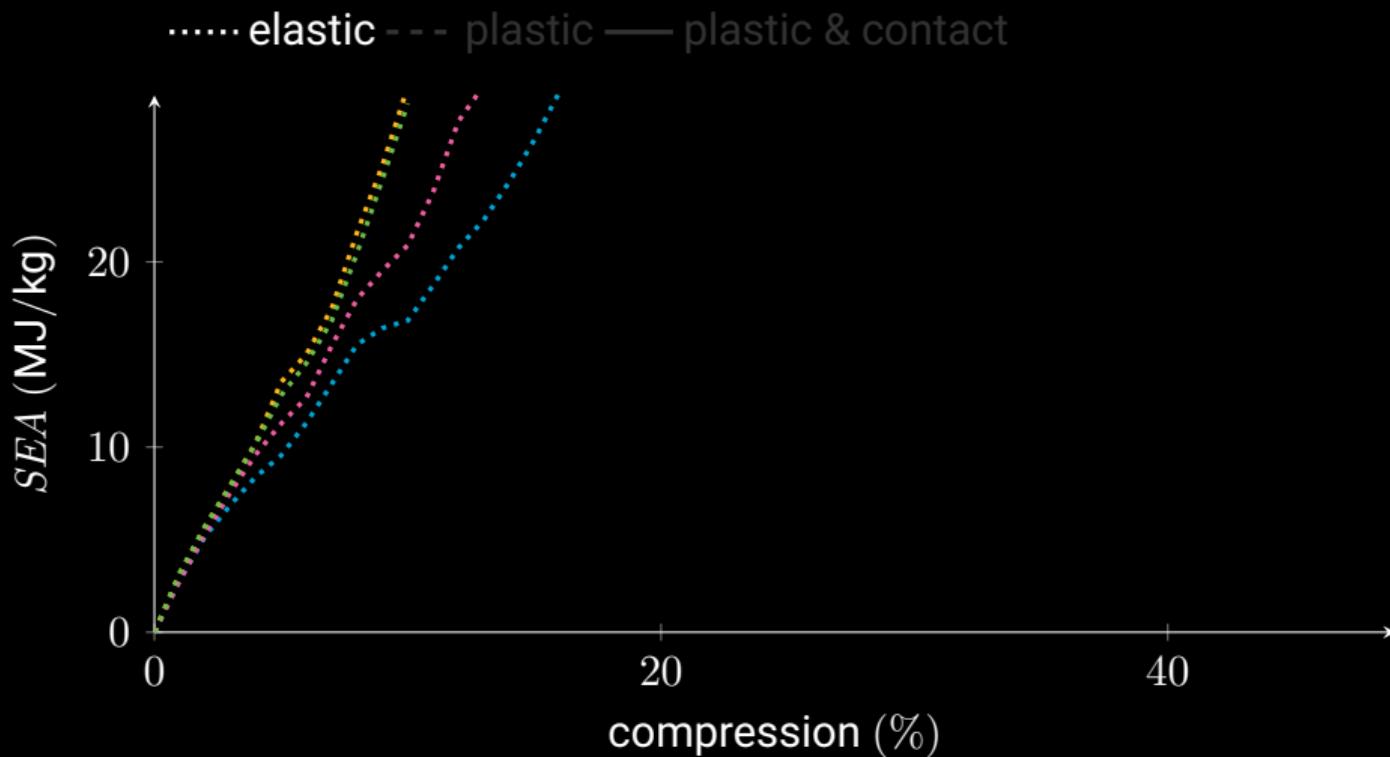
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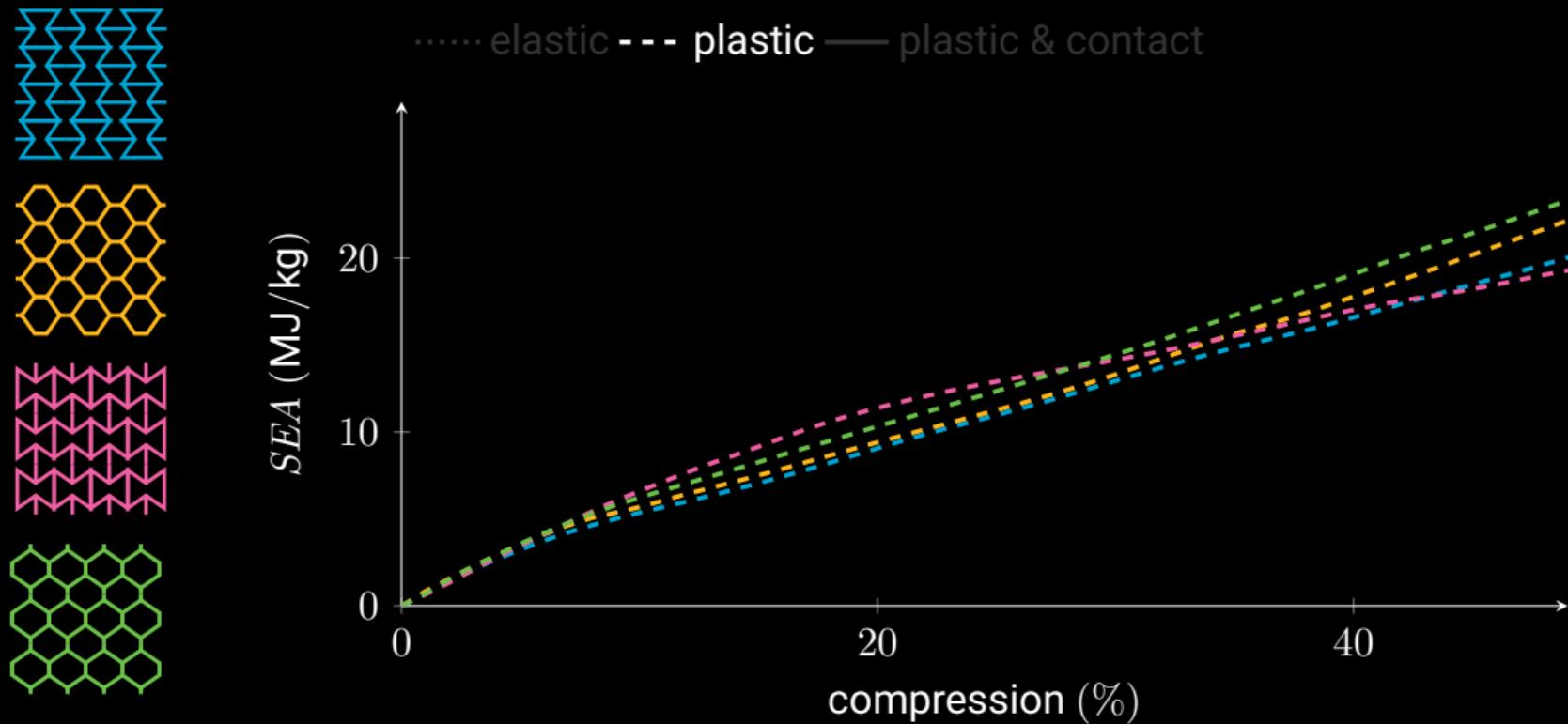
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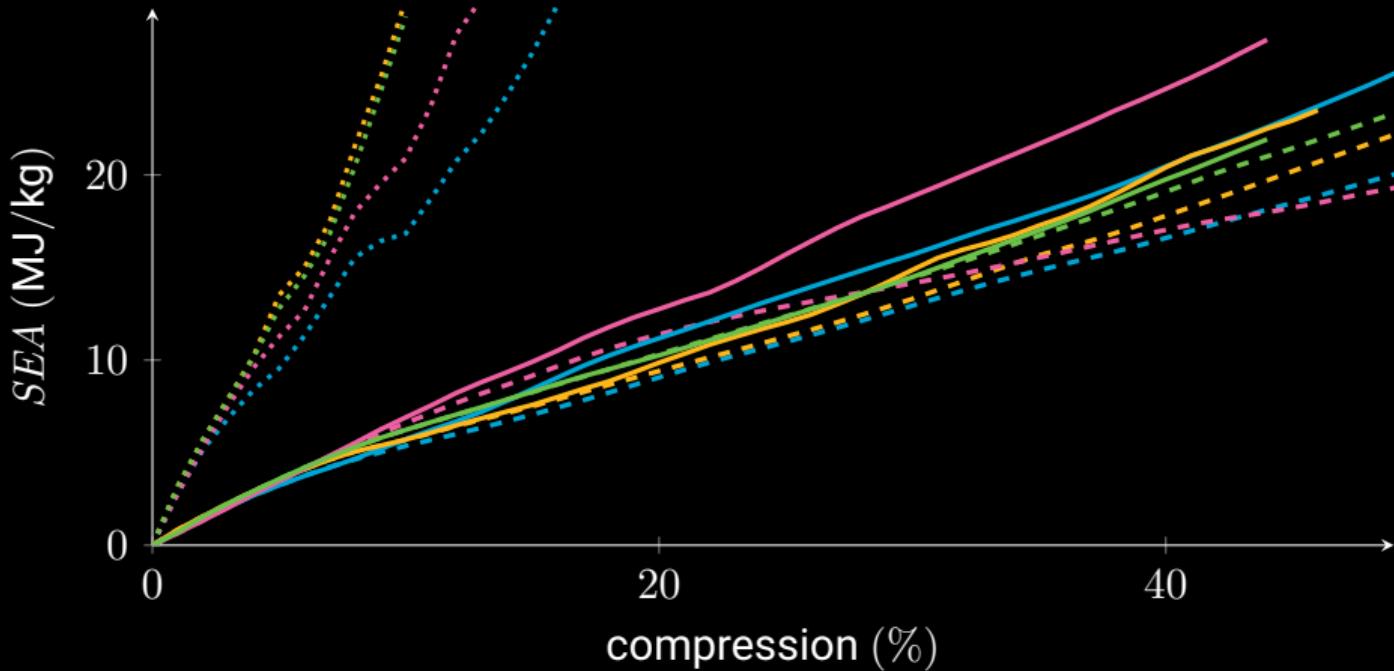
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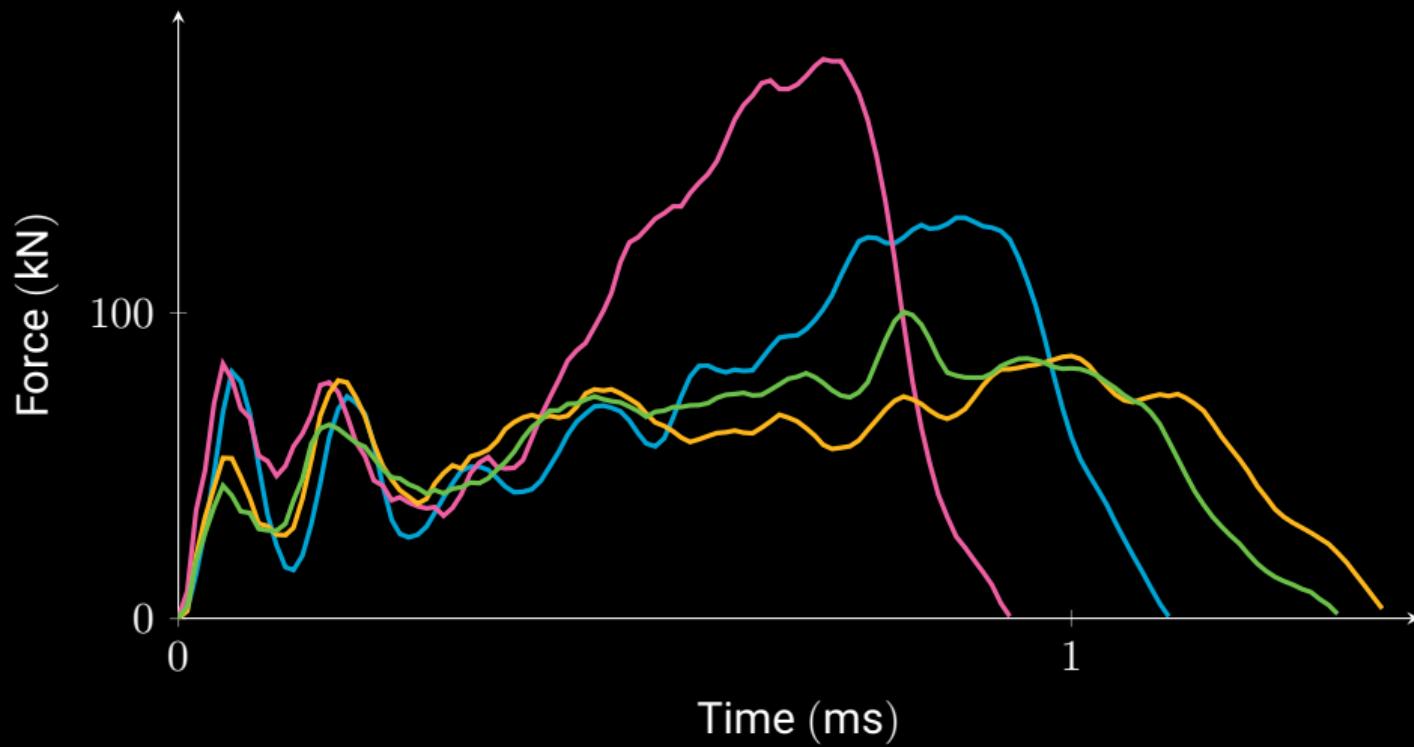
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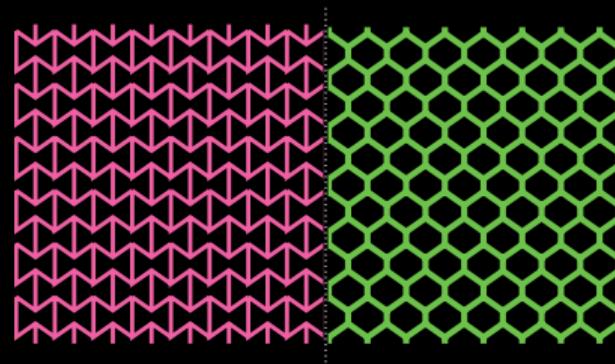
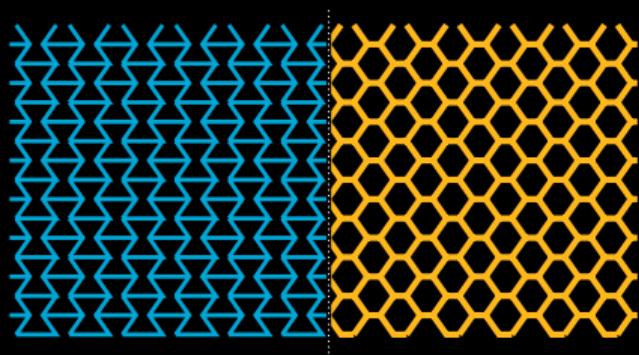


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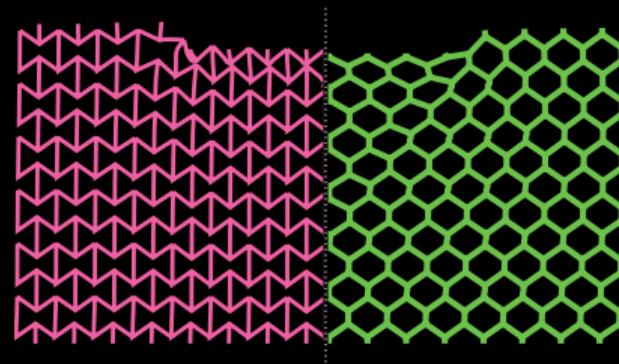
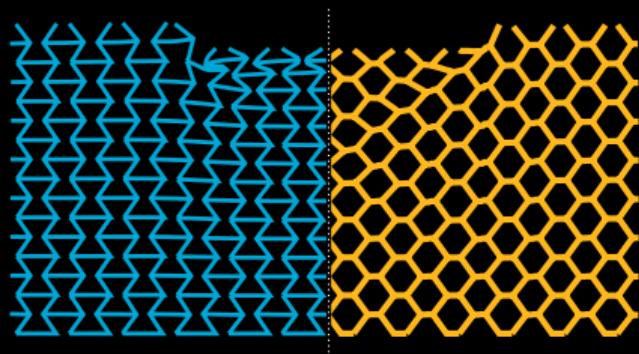
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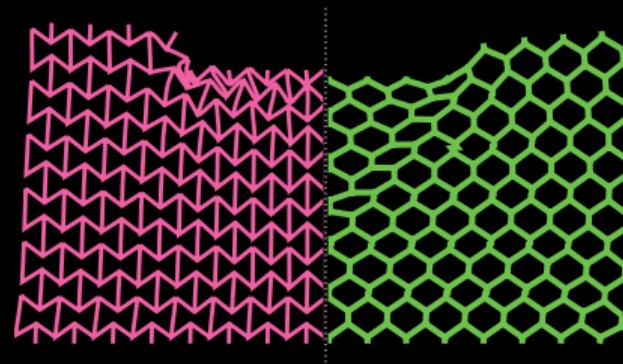
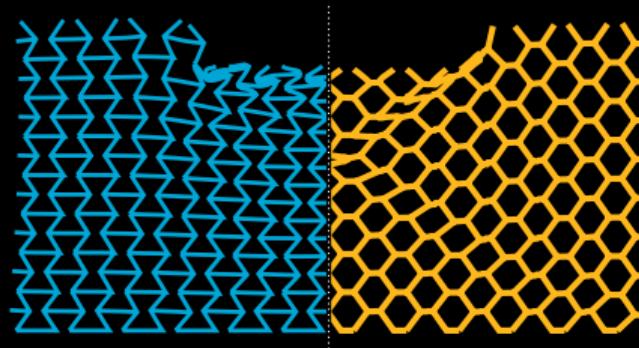
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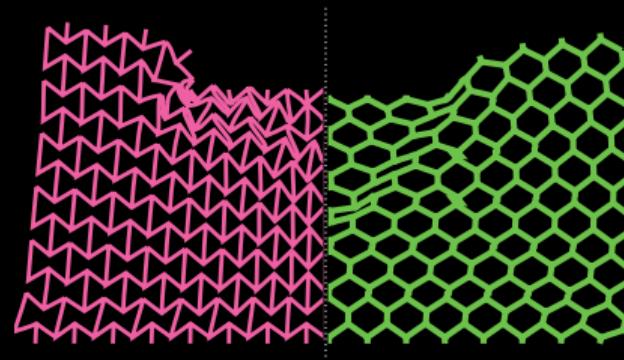
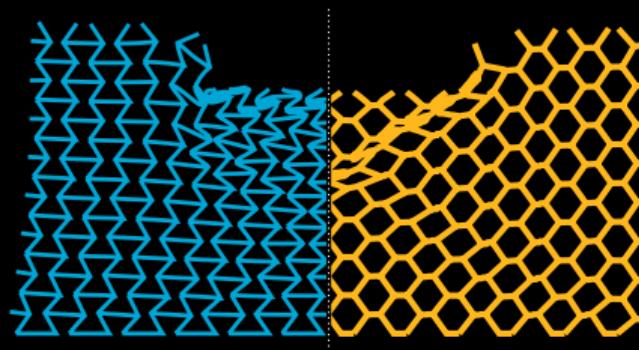
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- Auxetic structures lead to temporal and spatial concentration of forces
 - ⇒ Have a look at the poster as well!

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Thank you! Comments?

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