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**L'Approccio Frattale alla Meccanica non Locale**  
**(The fractal approach to non-local mechanics)**

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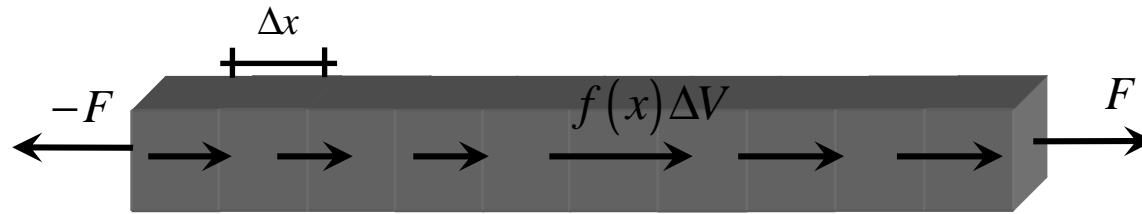
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# **OUTLINES**

- **LATTICE THEORY**
- **GRADIENT AND STRONG NON-LOCAL THEORY**
- **PHYSICALLY-BASED APPROACH TO NON-LOCAL MECHANICS**
- **SELECTION OF THE DECAYING FUNCTION**
- **FRACTALS vs FRACTIONAL**
- **CONCLUSIONS**

# The Classical Continuum Mechanics (1D) Case



Equilibrium of solid element:

$$N_{j+1} - N_j = f(x) \Delta V$$

$$\frac{\Delta N_j}{A} = -f(x) \Delta x \quad \xrightarrow{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \quad \frac{d\sigma(x)}{dx} = -f(x)$$

Constitutive Equation (LOCAL)

$$\sigma = E\varepsilon = E \frac{du}{dx}$$



Governing equation of the 1D solid

$$\frac{d^2 u}{dx^2} = -\frac{f(x)}{E}$$

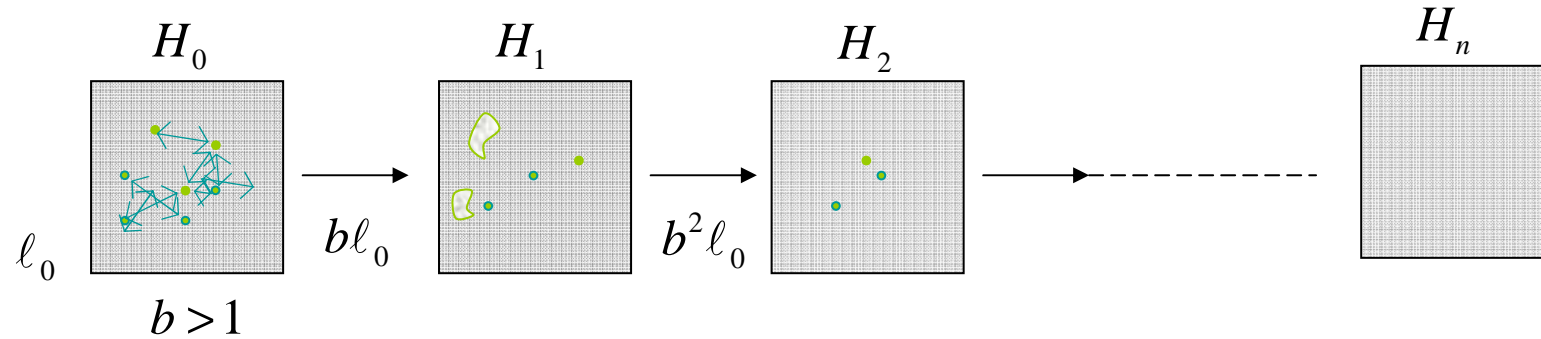
Boundary conditions:

$$EA\varepsilon_0 = -F_0 \quad ; \quad u(0) = u_0$$

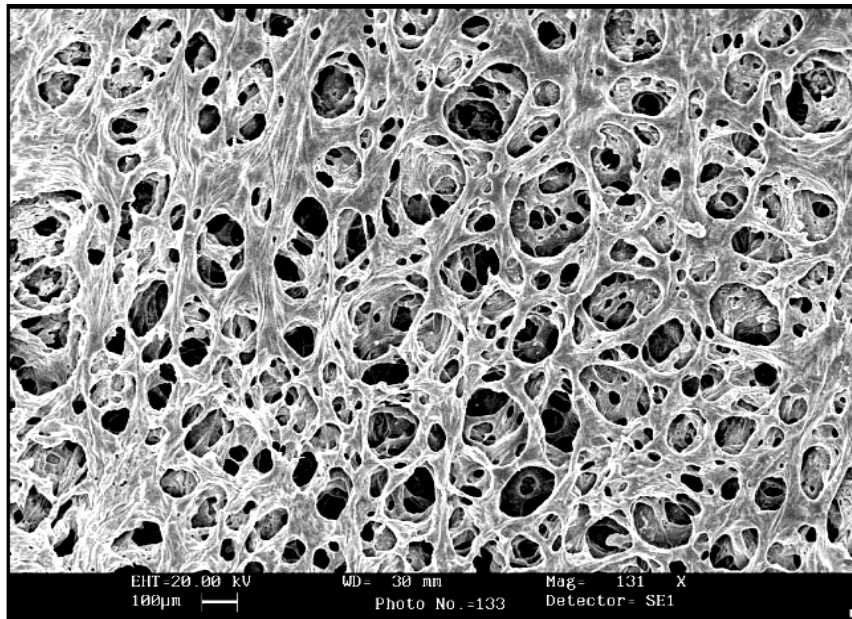
$$EA\varepsilon_L = F_L \quad ; \quad u(L) = u_L$$

# The presence of microstructure in real-materials

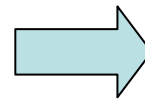
RENORMALIZATION (WILSON 1972)



## Continuum Mechanics Approach



$H_0$



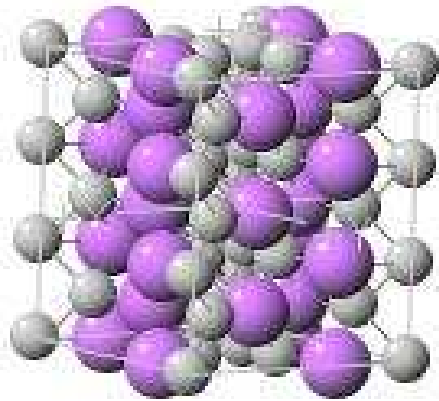
Homogeneous and often  
isotropic elastic material

$H_n$

# The Molecular Dynamics Approach

**NANOSCALE**

$O(1-10 \text{ nm})$



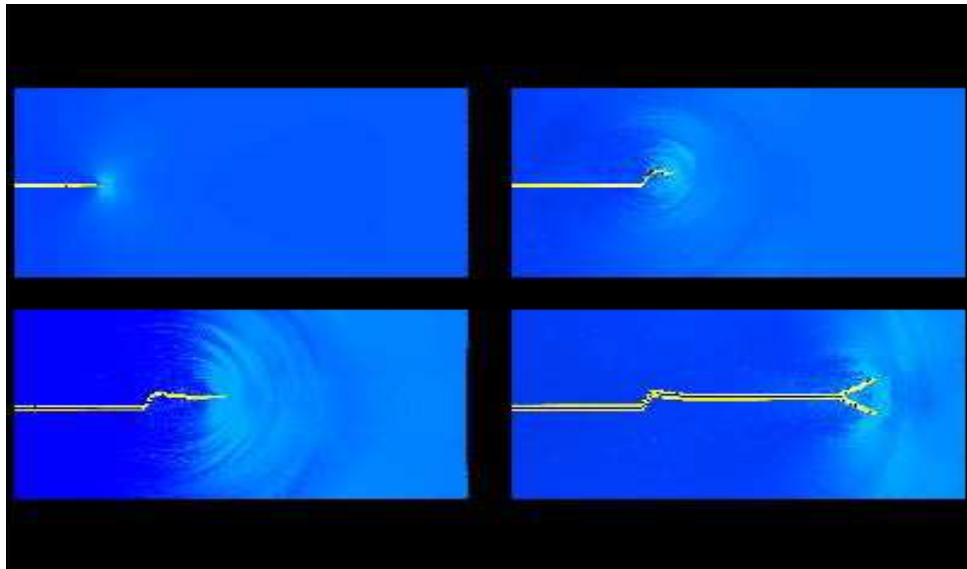
Each particle has three degree of freedom and its motion is ruled by the Newtons' law:  $\mathbf{M}\ddot{\mathbf{u}}(t) + \mathbf{K}\mathbf{u}(t) = \mathbf{F}(t)$

$\mathbf{u}(t) \in \mathcal{R}^{3n}$  Displacement vector

$\mathbf{M} \in \mathcal{R}^{3n \times 3n}$  Mass matrix

$\mathbf{K} \in \mathcal{R}^{3n \times 3n}$  Elastic bonds matrix

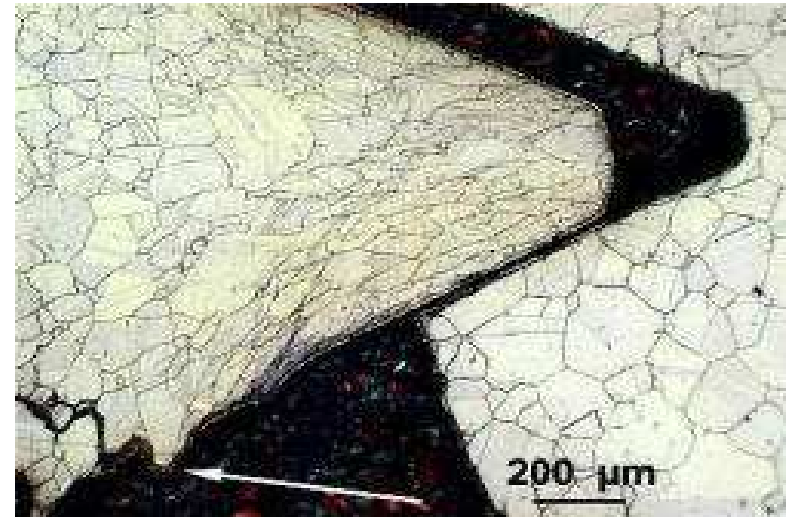
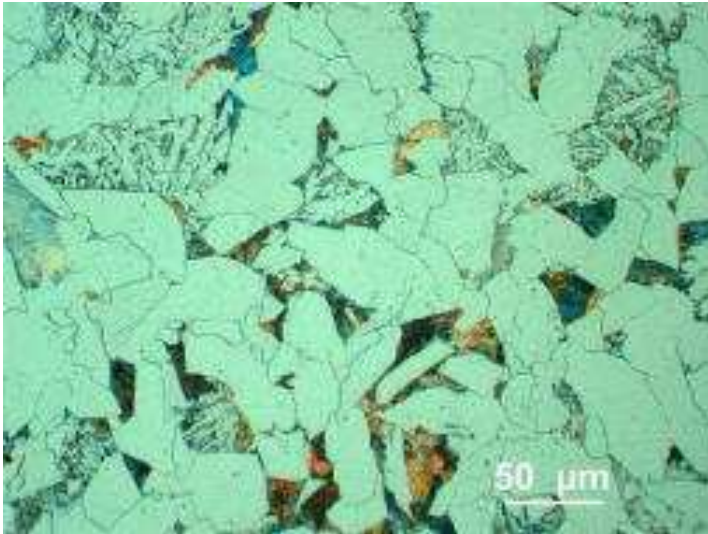
**MESOSCALE**  $O(0.001-1 \mu m)$



**TERANUMBERS**  $O(10^{12})$   
**DEGREE OF FREEDOM**  
**INVOLVED !!!**

# The need for an enriched continuum mechanics

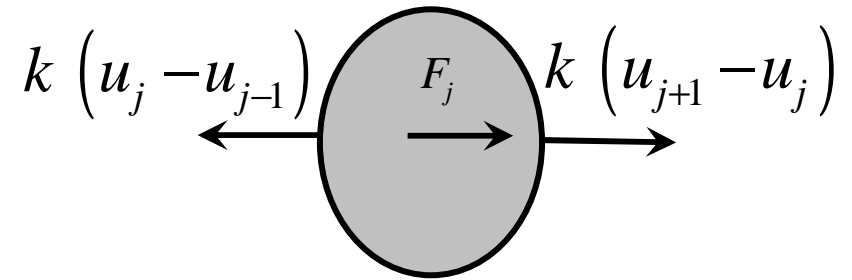
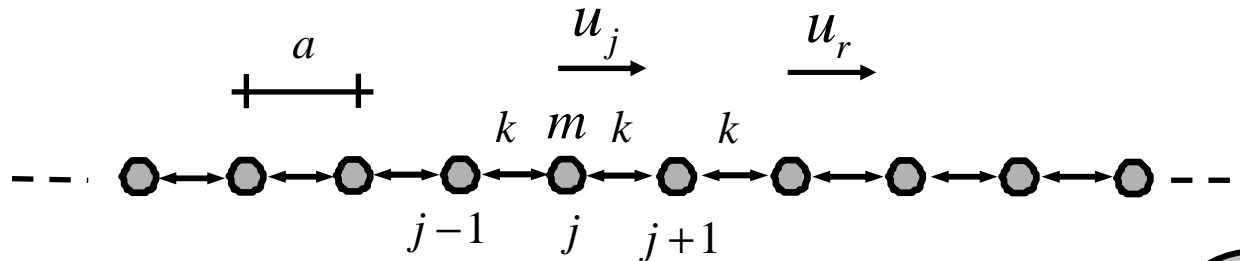
- In the late fifties and mid-sixties the basis of a generalized continuum mechanics had been proposed considering the inner microstructure



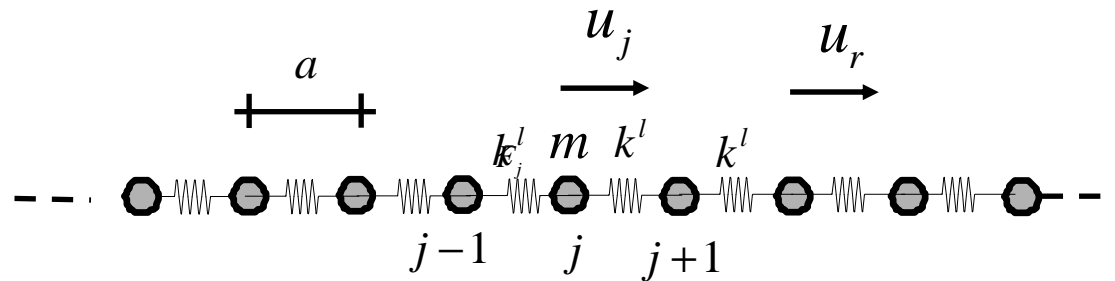
The theory of micromorphic continuum

# The Lattice Model of Materials (NN)

- Material properties often described at molecular level (Born-Von Karman):



- A point-spring equivalent model:



$$k^l (u_{j+1} - 2u_j + u_{j-1}) = -F_j$$

$m$  - Mass of Lattice Atoms

$k$  - Lattice Elastic Constant

$$k^l = k = EA/a$$

$a$  - Lattice Distance

$F_j$  = External load

# The Continuum Equivalence of the Lattice Models

- Derivation of the Waves Equation for an 1-D model

$a = \Delta x$

$m$

$j-1 \quad j \quad j+1$

$k (u_j - u_{j-1})$

$k (u_{j+1} - u_j)$

$F_j = f_j A \Delta x$

$f(x) = \text{body force field}$

$k = \frac{EA}{\Delta x} \quad ; \quad m = \rho A \Delta x$

$$\frac{EA}{\Delta x} (u_{j+1} - 2u_j + u_{j-1}) = -f_j A \Delta x$$

$\Delta x \rightarrow 0$

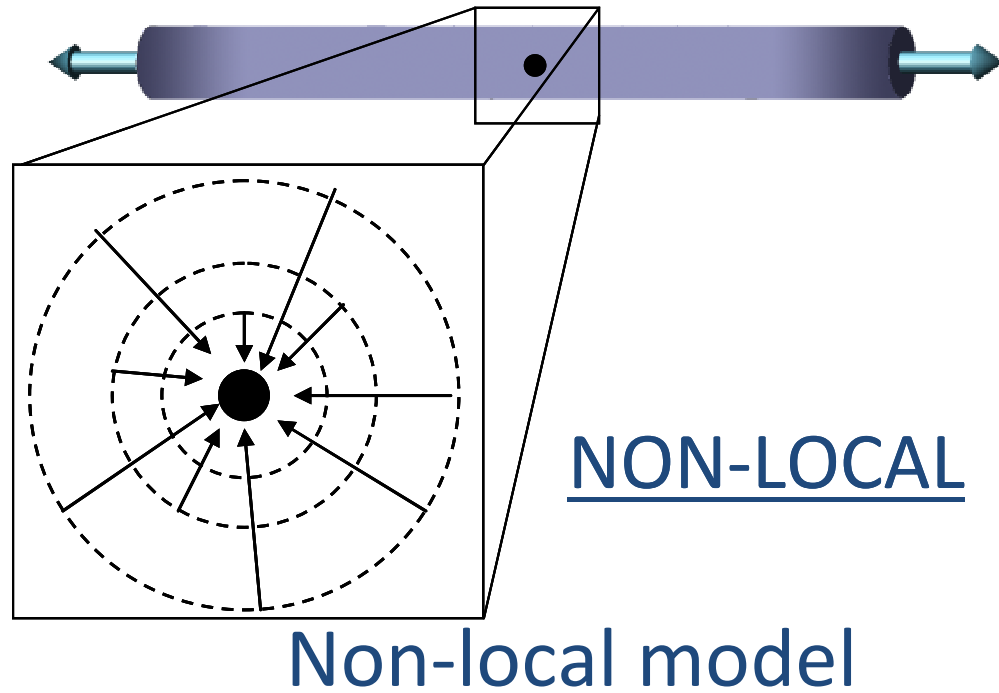
$(n \rightarrow \infty)$

$$\frac{d^2 u}{dx^2} = -\frac{f(x)}{E}$$

- As  $\Delta x \rightarrow 0$  it is implicitly assumed that the same kind of interaction exists at each smaller scale (EUCLIDEAN OBJECT)
- 
- Lattice elements may exchange interactions still at distance  $a$  (NN)



# The Non-Local Elasticity Theories



GRADIENT (weak non-locality)

$$\sigma(x) = E_l \varepsilon(x) + E_1 \frac{d}{dx} \varepsilon(x) + E_2 \frac{d^2}{dx^2} \varepsilon(x) + \dots$$

$\sigma(x)$  Axial stress

$E_l, E_1, E_2$  Elastic moduli

$\varepsilon$  Axial strain

INTEGRAL (strong non-locality)

$$\sigma(x) = E\varepsilon(x) + \int g(x, \xi) \varepsilon(\xi) d\xi$$

$g(x, \xi)$  Attenuation function

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# A Different approach

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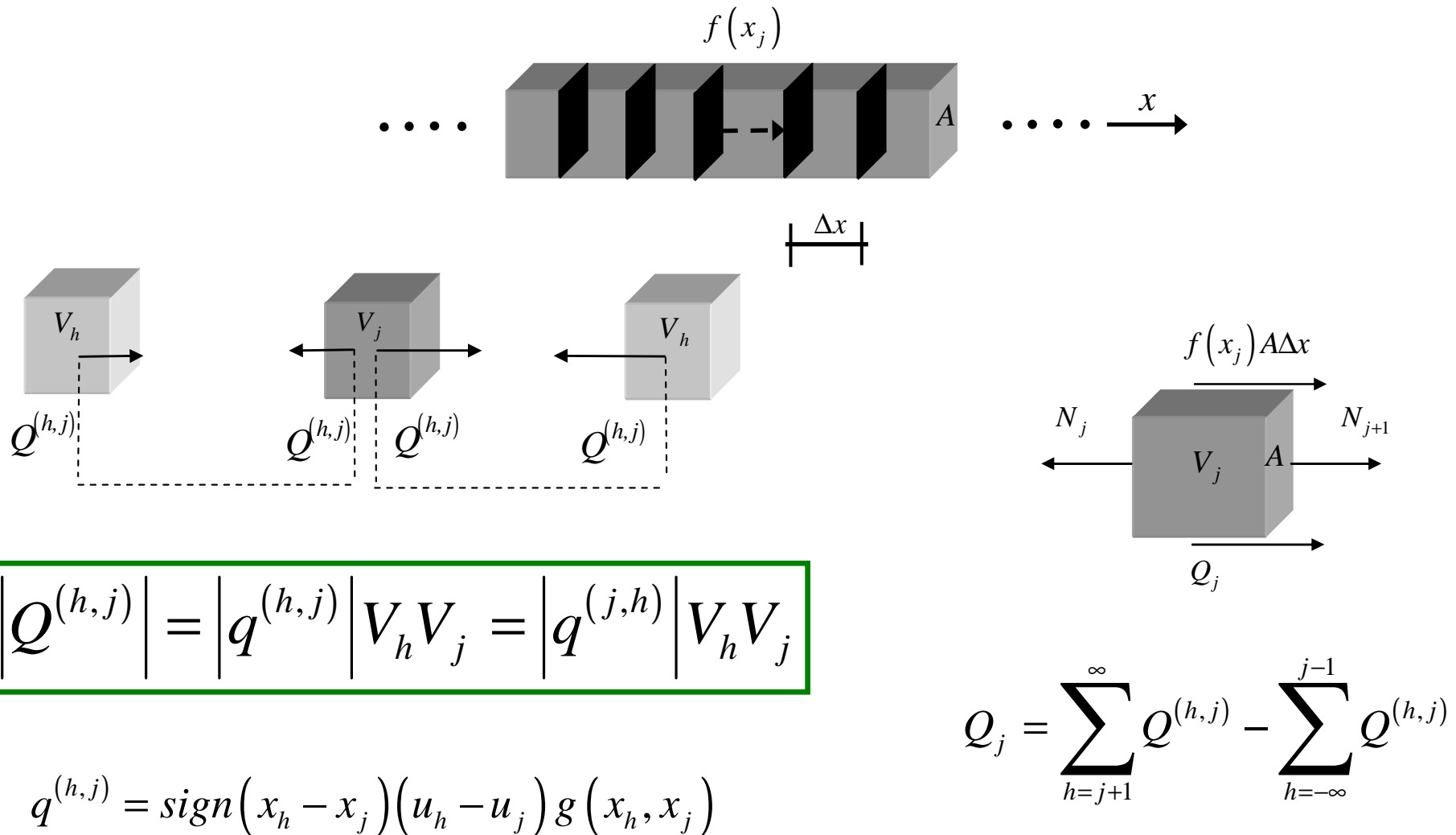
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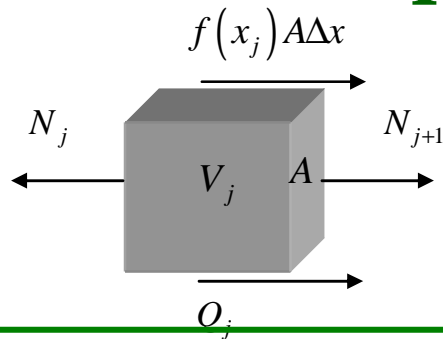
# The proposed model (Bounded domain)



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# The proposed model (continue...)



$$\sigma_l(x) = N(x)/A$$

$$\Delta N_j + Q_j + f(x_j)A\Delta x = \Delta N_j + \sum_{h=j+1}^m q^{(h,j)}(A\Delta x)^2 - \sum_{h=1}^{j-1} q^{(h,j)}(A\Delta x)^2 + f(x_j)A\Delta x = 0$$

$$E \frac{d^2 u(x)}{dx^2} - A \int_0^L [u(x) - u(\xi)] g(|x - \xi|) d\xi = -f(x)$$

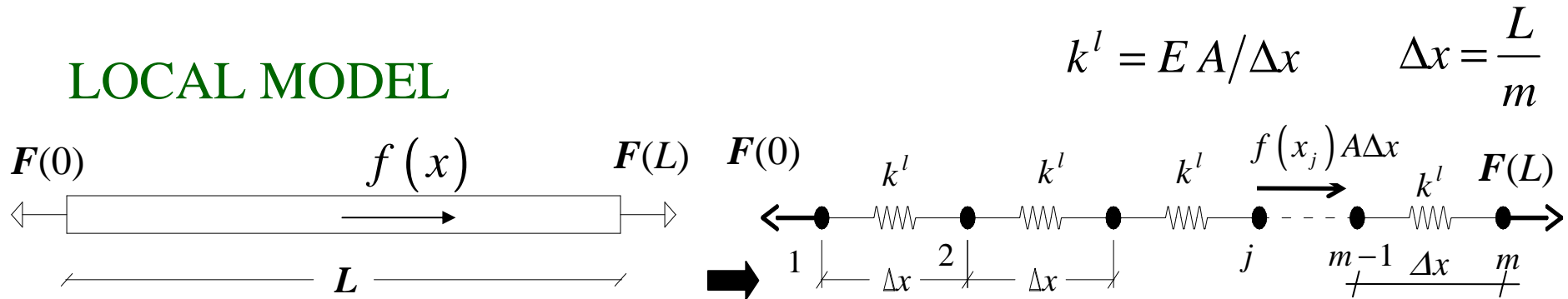
BOUNDED DOMAIN

$$E \frac{d^2 u(x)}{dx^2} - A \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} [u(x) - u(\xi)] g(|x - \xi|) d\xi = -f(x)$$

UNBOUNDED  
DOMAIN

# Mechanical interpretation of non-locality

## LOCAL MODEL



$$\sigma(x) = N(x)/A; \quad \varepsilon(x) = N(x)/EA$$

$$\mathbf{K}^l \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{f}$$

$$\mathbf{u}^T = [u_1 \quad u_2 \quad \dots \quad u_m]$$

$$\mathbf{f}^T = [f_1 \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad f_m] \Delta x$$

$$\mathbf{K}^l = \begin{bmatrix} K^l & -K^l & \dots & \dots & 0 \\ -K^l & 2K^l & -K^l & \dots & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & -K^l & 2K^l & -K^l \\ 0 & \dots & \dots & -K^l & K^l \end{bmatrix}$$

Equilibrium of  $j^{\text{th}}$  node

$$\lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \left[ A \frac{\Delta^2 u(x_j)}{\Delta x} = -\frac{f_j A \Delta x}{E} \right] \Rightarrow \frac{d^2 u}{dx^2} = -\frac{f(x)}{E}$$

# Mechanical interpretation of non-locality II

## NON-LOCAL MODEL

$$K_{jh}^{nl} = A^2 \Delta x^2 g \left( |x_j - x_h| \right)$$

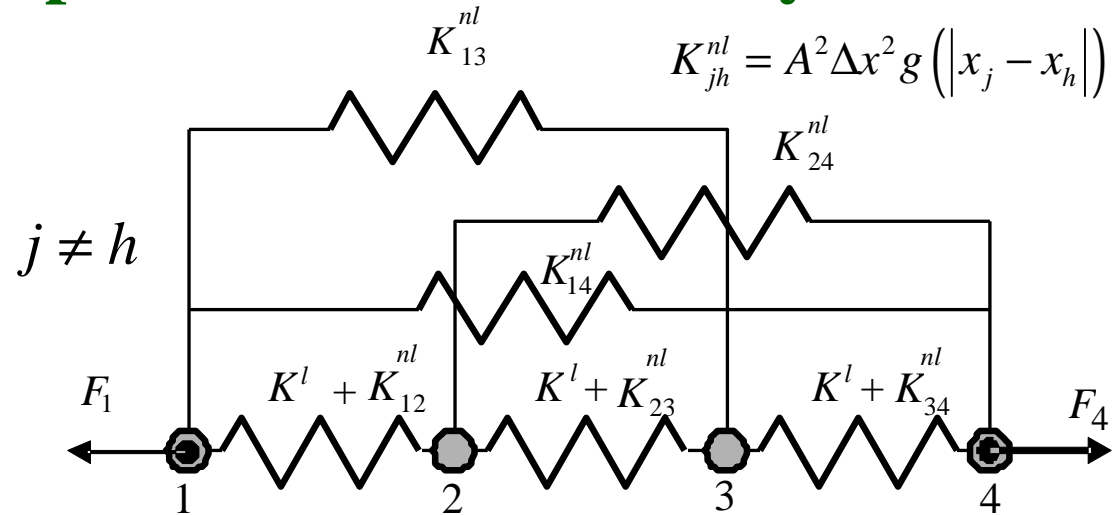
$$K_{jj}^{nl} = \sum_{\substack{h=1 \\ h \neq j}}^m K_{jh}^{nl}$$

$$K = K^l + K^{nl}$$



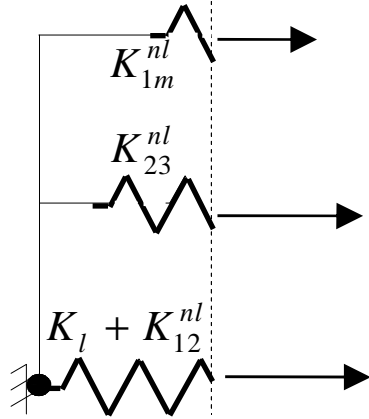
$$K^{nl} =$$

$$K u = f$$

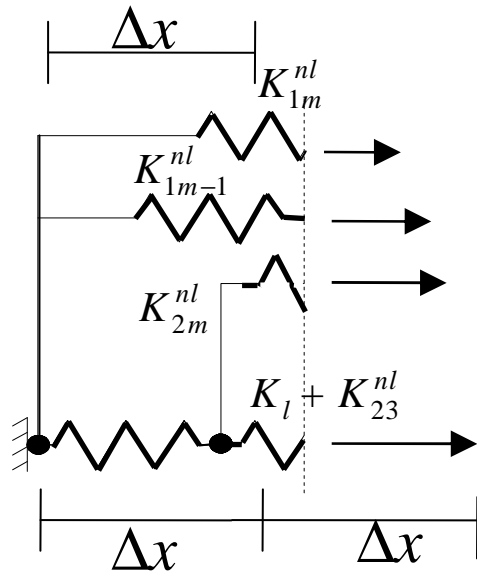


$$\begin{bmatrix} K_{11}^{nl} & -K_{12}^{nl} & -K_{13}^{nl} & \dots & \dots & -K_{1m}^{nl} \\ & K_{22}^{nl} & -K_{23}^{nl} & \dots & \dots & -K_{2m}^{nl} \\ & & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ & & & & & \dots \\ \text{SYM} & & & & K_{m-1m-1}^{nl} & -K_{m-1m}^{nl} \\ & & & & & K_{mm}^{nl} \end{bmatrix}$$

# The stress-strain Relations and the overall Cauchy stress



$$\sigma(x) = \frac{1}{A} \left( \sum_{j=2}^m K_{1j}^{nl} (u_j - u_1) + K_l (u_2 - u_1) \right) \quad 0 < x < \Delta x$$



$$\sigma(x) = \frac{1}{A} \left( \sum_{j=3}^m K_{1j}^{nl} (u_j - u_1) + \sum_{j=2}^m K_{2j}^{nl} (u_j - u_2) + K_l (u_3 - u_2) \right) \quad \Delta x < x < 2\Delta x$$

**GENERALIZING**

$$r\Delta x < x < (r+1)\Delta x$$

$$\sigma(x) = \frac{1}{A} \left( \sum_{j=r+1}^m \sum_{h=1}^r K_{hj}^{nl} (u_j - u_h) + K_l (u_{r+1} - u_r) \right) \quad \Delta x \rightarrow 0$$

$$= \left( E \frac{(u_r - u_{r-1})}{\Delta x} - A \sum_{j=r+1}^m \sum_{h=1}^r (u_h - u_j) g(|x_j - x_h|) (\Delta x)^2 \right)$$



## The stress-strain relations and the overall Cauchy stress (II)

$$\sigma(x) = \frac{1}{A} \left( \sum_{j=r+1}^m \sum_{h=1}^r K_{hj}^{nl} (u_j - u_h) + K_l (u_{r+1} - u_r) \right) \quad r\Delta x < x < (r+1)\Delta x \quad \text{AT THE LIMIT}$$

$$= \left( E \frac{(u_r - u_{r-1})}{\Delta x} - A \sum_{j=r+1}^m \sum_{h=1}^r (u_h - u_j) g(|x_j - x_h|) (\Delta x)^2 \right) \quad \Delta x \rightarrow 0$$

$$\sigma(x) = E \frac{du}{dx} - A \int_{\xi_2:0}^L \int_{\xi_1:x}^x (u(\xi_1) - u(\xi_2)) g(|\xi_1 - \xi_2|) d\xi_1 d\xi_2$$

$$\sigma(x) = \sigma_l(x) + \sigma_{nl}(x) = \frac{1}{A} (N(x) + Q(x))$$

$$\sigma_l(x) = \frac{N(x)}{A} = E \frac{du}{dx}$$

$$\sigma_{nl}(x) = \frac{Q(x)}{A} = -A \int_{\xi_2:0}^L \int_{\xi_1:x}^x (u(\xi_1) - u(\xi_2)) g(|\xi_1 - \xi_2|) d\xi_1 d\xi_2$$

# Comparisons between the Eringen model and the proposed model of long-range interactions

$$\sigma(x) = E\varepsilon(x) + C \int_a^b \varepsilon(\xi) g(|x - \xi|) d\xi$$

ERINGEN (1972)

$$\sigma(x) = E\varepsilon(x) - A \int_{\xi_1=x}^b \int_{\xi_2=a}^x [u(\xi_2) - u(\xi_1)] g(|\xi_1 - \xi_2|) d\xi_1 d\xi_2$$

Mechanically-based  
(2008)

## UNBOUNDED DOMAINS

(POWER-LAW, HELMOLTZ)

$$g_K(|x_j - x_m|) = C \exp(-|x_j - x_m|/\lambda)$$

$$\sigma(x) = E\varepsilon(x) + C\lambda^2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} A \varepsilon(\xi) \exp[-|x - \xi|/\lambda] d\xi$$

# Comparisons between the Gradient and the proposed model of long-range interactions

$$E \frac{d^2 u(x)}{dx^2} - A \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} [u(x) - u(\xi)] g(|x - \xi|) d\xi = -f(x)$$

Taylor series expansion of  $u(x)$  about location  $x$

$$E \frac{d^2 u(x)}{dx^2} - \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} r_{2j} \frac{d^{2j} u(x)}{dx^{2j}} = -f(x) \quad u(x) \in C_{\infty}$$

$$r_{2j} = \frac{A}{2j!} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (\xi - x)^{2j} g(|x - \xi|) d\xi$$

## The elastic problem of the 1D Continuum with long-range forces

$$\sigma(x) = E \frac{du}{dx} - A \int_{\xi_2:0}^L \int_{\xi_1:0}^x (u(\xi_1) - u(\xi_2)) g(|\xi_1 - \xi_2|) d\xi_1 d\xi_2$$

**Constitutive**

$$\frac{d\sigma(x)}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx} (\sigma_l(x) + \sigma_{nl}(x)) = -f(x)$$

**Equilibrium**

$$\frac{du}{dx} = \varepsilon(x)$$

**Compatibility**

### BOUNDARY CONDITIONS

$$u(0) = u_0 \quad u(L) = u_L$$

**Kinematic**

$$A\sigma(x)|_L = A(\sigma_l(x)|_L + \sigma_{nl}(x)|_L) = N(x)|_L = F$$

$$A\sigma(x)|_0 = A(\sigma_l(x)|_0 + \sigma_{nl}(x)|_0) = N(x)|_0 = -F$$

**Static**

# The Distance-Decaying function

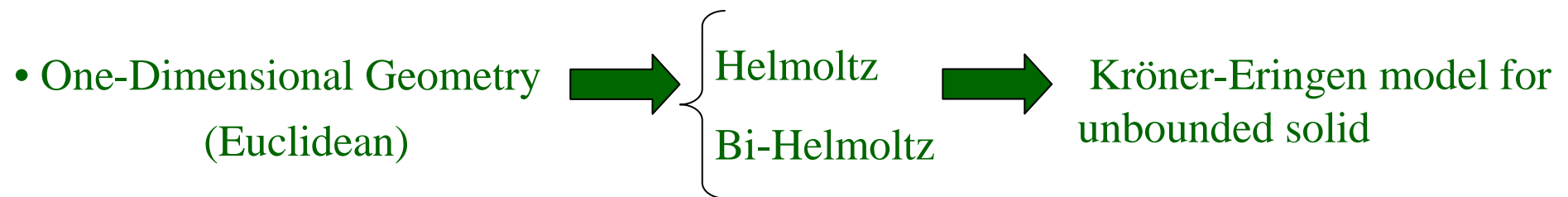
$$E \frac{d^2 u}{dx^2} - A \int_0^L (u(x) - u(\xi)) g(|x - \xi|) d\xi = f(x)$$

$$EA(0)\varepsilon(0) = A\sigma_l(0) = -F_0 \quad ; \quad EA(L)\varepsilon(L) = A\sigma_l(L) = F_L$$

Local Cauchy stress equilibrates the external tractions

- The decaying function must be symmetric and must belong to the class of monotonically decreasing function of the arguments as from lattice theory.

$$g(x, \xi) = g(\xi, x) = g(|x - \xi|)$$



# The decaying function: The Fractional Problem

- Fractional Power-Law:  $g(|x - \xi|) = \frac{c_\alpha E}{\Gamma(1 - \alpha)} \frac{1}{|x - \xi|^{1 + \alpha}} \quad 0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$

- The Fractional Differential Problem:

$$\frac{d^2 u(x)}{dx^2} - c_\alpha \left[ (\hat{\mathbf{D}}_{0^+}^\alpha u)(x) + (\hat{\mathbf{D}}_{L^-}^\alpha u)(x) \right] = -\frac{f(x)}{E}$$

- Integral Parts of Marchaud Fractional Derivative

$$(\hat{\mathbf{D}}_{a^+}^\alpha f)(x) = \frac{\alpha}{\Gamma(1 - \alpha)} \int_a^x \frac{f(x) - f(\xi)}{(x - \xi)^{(1 + \alpha)}} d\xi$$

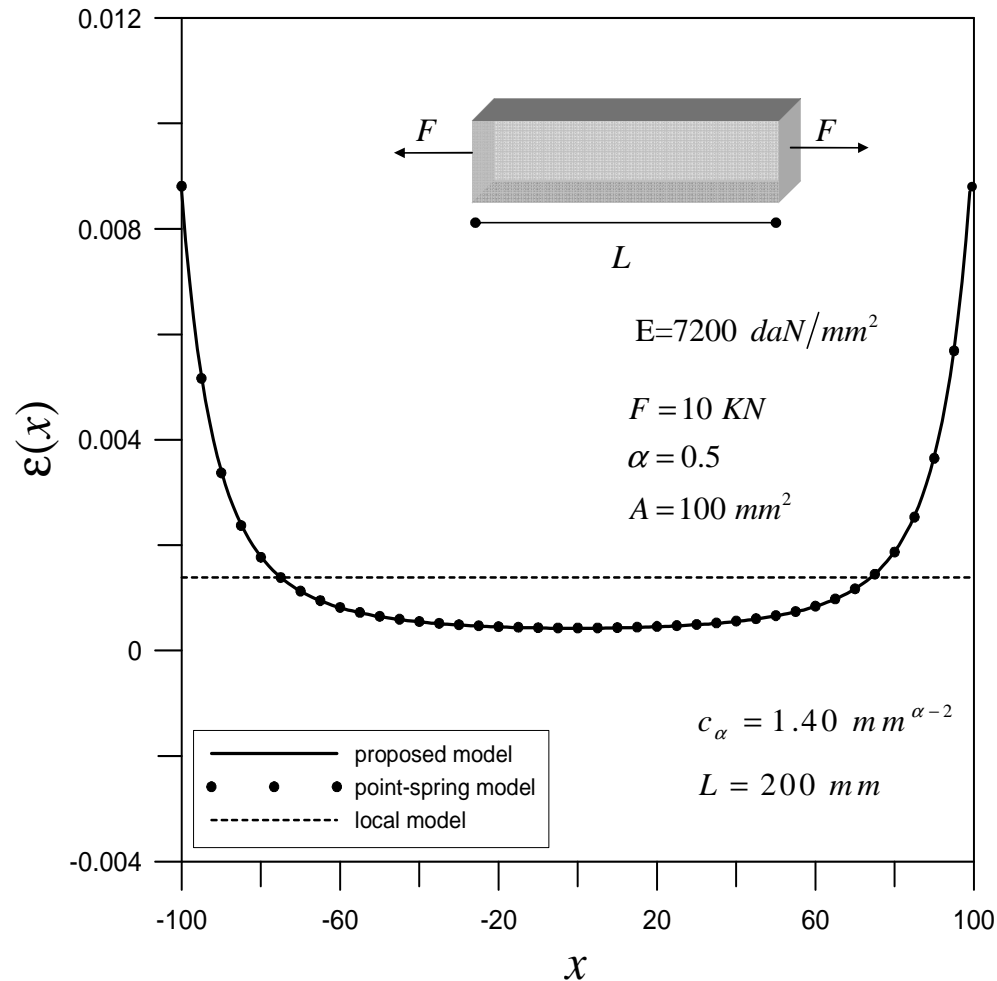
$$(\hat{\mathbf{D}}_{b^-}^\alpha f)(x) = \frac{\alpha}{\Gamma(1 - \alpha)} \int_x^b \frac{f(x) - f(\xi)}{(\xi - x)^{(1 + \alpha)}} d\xi$$

Unbounded Domains

$$(\mathbf{D}_+^\alpha f)(x) = (\hat{\mathbf{D}}_+^\alpha f)(x) \quad ; \quad (\mathbf{D}_-^\alpha f)(x) = (\hat{\mathbf{D}}_-^\alpha f)(x) \quad a \rightarrow -\infty, b \rightarrow \infty$$

# Numerical application

## Free-Free bar

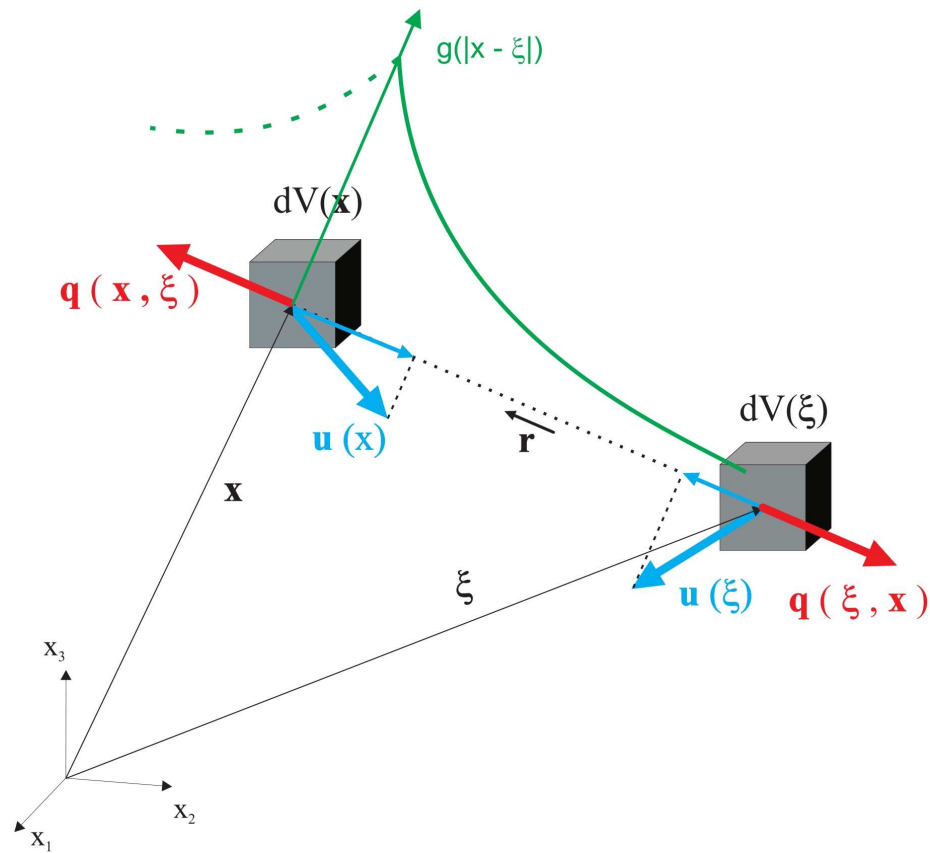


- In real materials the strains ARE NOT UNIFORM in tensile specimen under uniform stress

**OK**

$$\frac{d^2 u(x)}{dx^2} - c_\alpha \left[ \left( \hat{\mathbf{D}}_{0^+}^\alpha u \right)(x) + \left( \hat{\mathbf{D}}_{L^-}^\alpha u \right)(x) \right] = -\frac{f(x)}{E}$$

# The 3D Non-Local Elasticity: The long-range forces



The relative displacement

$$\eta_k(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\xi}) = u_k(\mathbf{x}) - u_k(\boldsymbol{\xi})$$

The director vector

$$r_k(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\xi}) = \frac{x_k - \xi_k}{\sqrt{(x_k - \xi_k)(x_k - \xi_k)}}$$

The directional Jacobi tensor

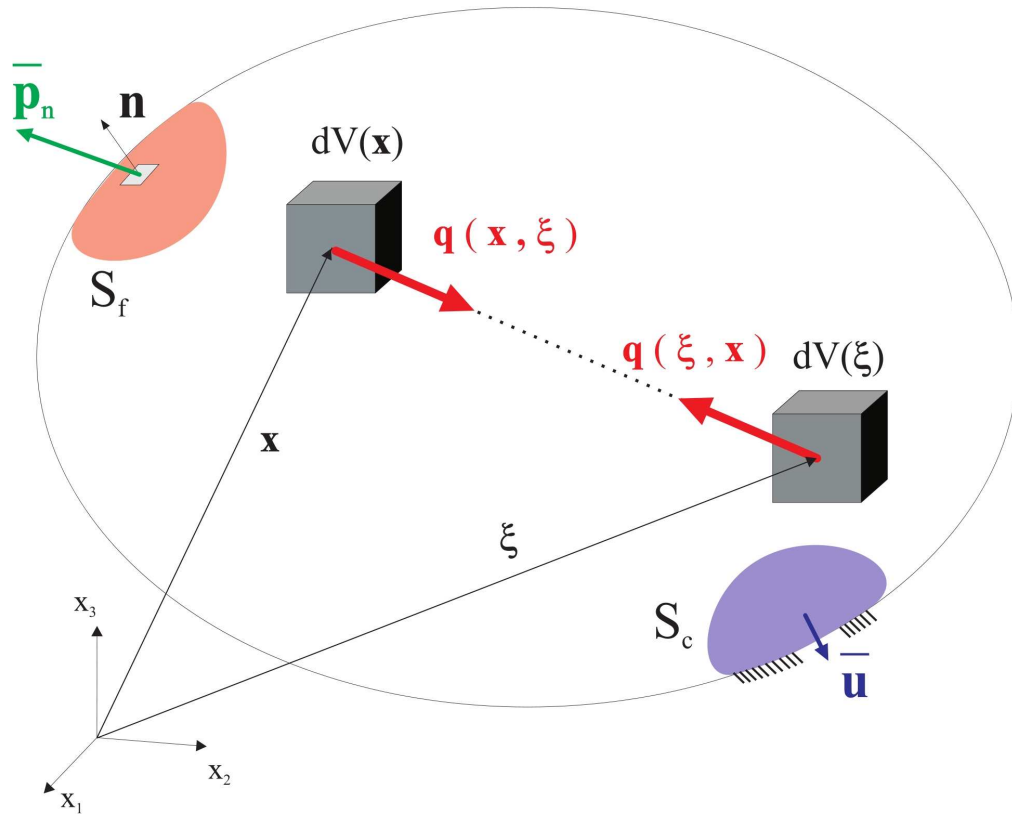
$$G_{jk} = r_k r_j g(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\xi})$$

The specific long-range force applied in a point  $\mathbf{x}$

$$\mathbf{q}(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\xi}) = \mathbf{G}(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\xi}) \boldsymbol{\eta}(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\xi})$$



# The 3D Non-Local Elastic Problem



## Field Equations & boundary Conditions

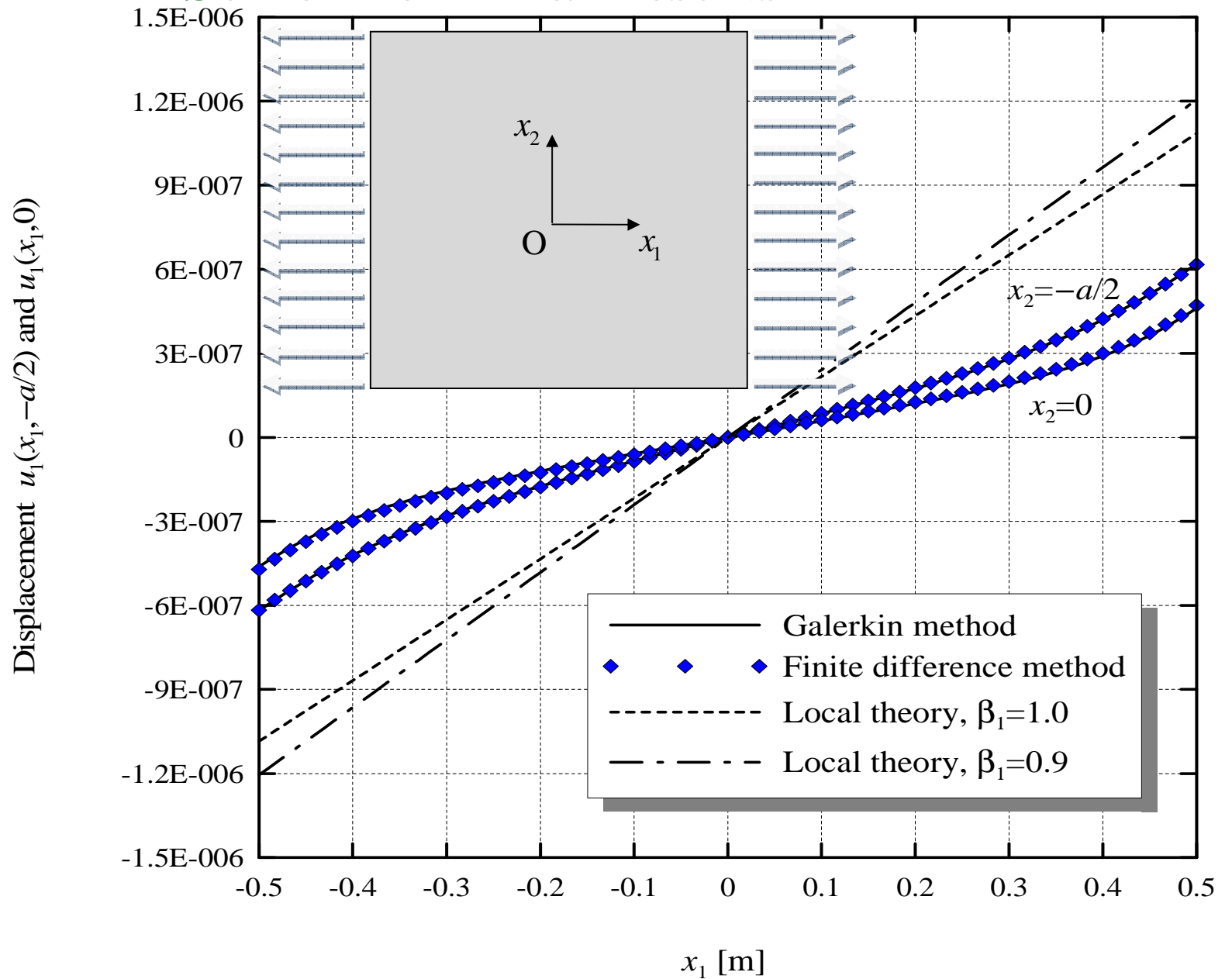
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \sigma_{kj,j}^{(l)}(\mathbf{x}) = -\bar{b}_k(\mathbf{x}) - f_k(\mathbf{x}) \quad \forall \mathbf{x} \in V \\ f_k(\mathbf{x}) = \int_V q_k(\mathbf{x}, \xi) dV(\xi) = \int_V g_{kj}(\mathbf{x}, \xi) \eta_j(\mathbf{x}, \xi) dV(\xi) \\ \varepsilon_{kj}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{2} (u_{k,j}(\mathbf{x}) + u_{j,k}(\mathbf{x})) \quad \forall \mathbf{x} \in V \\ \eta_k(\mathbf{x}, \xi) = u_k(\xi) - u_k(\mathbf{x}) \quad \forall \mathbf{x}, \xi \in V \\ \sigma_{kj}^{(l)}(\mathbf{x}) = 2\mu^* \varepsilon_{kj}(\mathbf{x}) + \delta_{kj} \lambda^* \varepsilon_{hh}(\mathbf{x}) \quad \forall \mathbf{x} \in V \\ q_k(\mathbf{x}, \xi) = g_{kj}(\mathbf{x}, \xi) \eta_j(\mathbf{x}, \xi) \quad \forall \mathbf{x}, \xi \in V \end{array} \right.$$

## Euler-Lagrange Equations

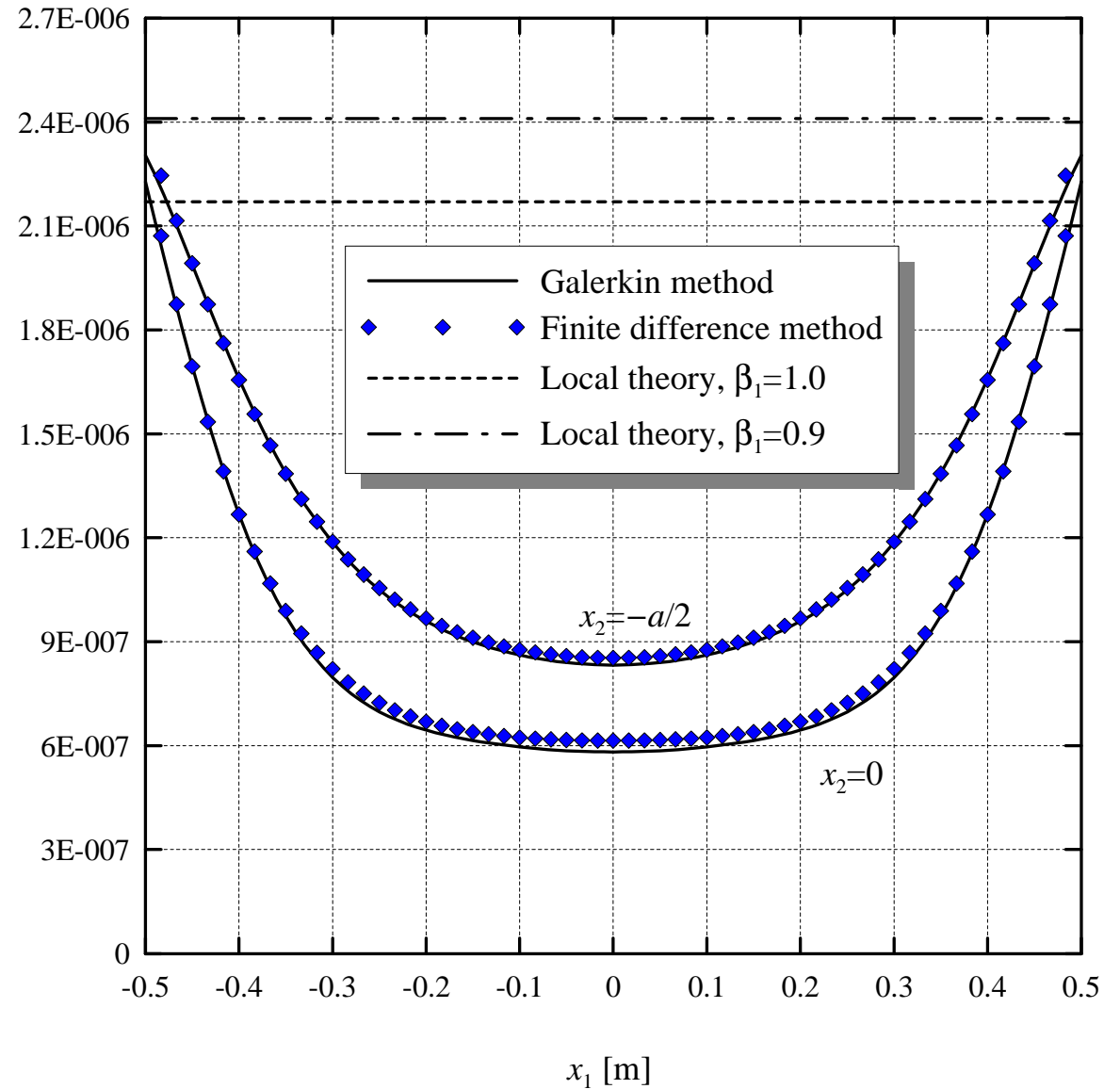
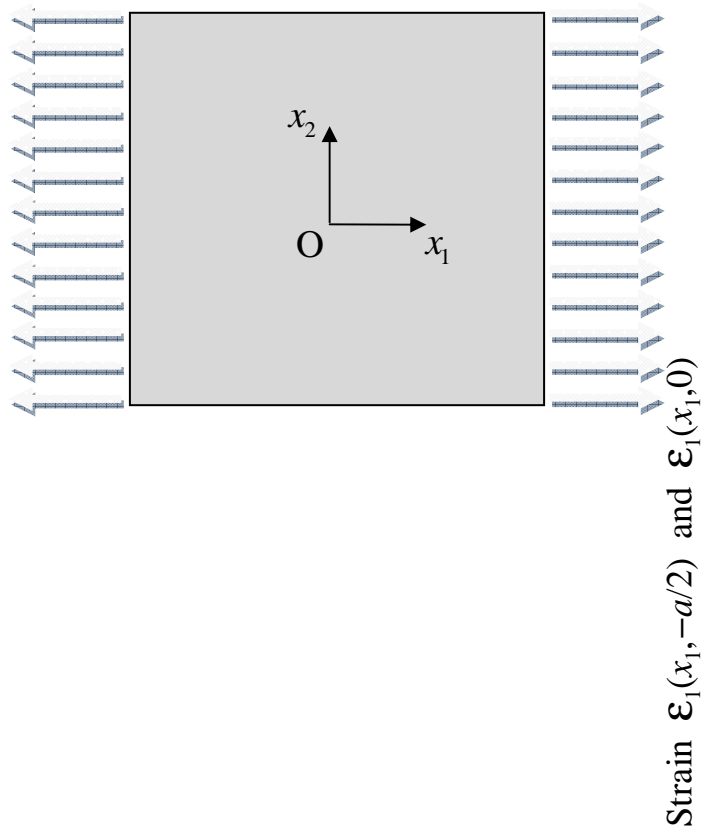
$$\mu^* \nabla^2 u_k(\mathbf{x}) + (\lambda^* + \mu^*) u_{i,ik}(\mathbf{x}) + \int_V g_{kj}(\mathbf{x}, \xi) \eta_j(\mathbf{x}, \xi) dV(\xi) = -\bar{b}_k(\mathbf{x}) \quad \mathbf{x} \in V$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} u_k(\mathbf{x}) = \bar{u}_k(\mathbf{x}) \quad \forall \mathbf{x} \in S_c \\ \sigma_{kj}^{(l)}(\mathbf{x}) n_j = \bar{p}_{nk}(\mathbf{x}) \quad \forall \mathbf{x} \in S_f \end{array} \right.$$

# The 3D Non-Local Elastic Problem: Some Preliminary results



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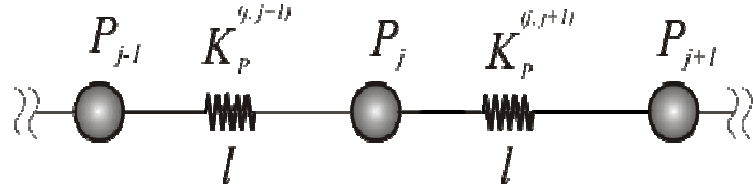
# Research Developments

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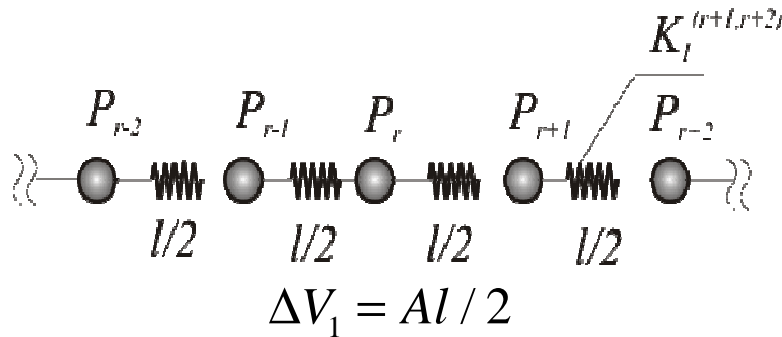
# The Fractal Mechanical Model: The NN Lattice

- It corresponds to a mechanical, point-spring model as :

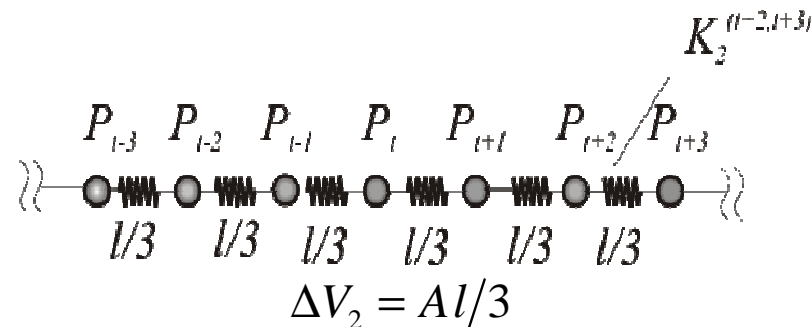
$$Q_P^{(j,j+1)} = K_P^{(j,j+1)} \left( u_{j+1}^{(P)} - u_j^{(P)} \right)$$



$$K_P^{(j,j+1)} = \frac{b_P A^2 l^2}{\Gamma(1-\beta) |x_{j+1} - x_j|^\gamma} = \frac{b_P \Delta V_P^2}{(l)^\gamma}$$



$$K_1^{(j,j+1)} = \frac{2^\gamma b_P \Delta V_1^2}{(l)^\gamma} = 2^{\gamma-2} K_P^{(j,j+1)}$$

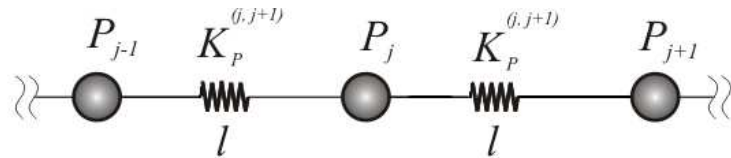


$$K_2^{(j,j+1)} = \frac{3^\gamma b_P \Delta V_2^2}{(l)^\gamma} = 3^{\gamma-2} K_P^{(j,j+1)}$$

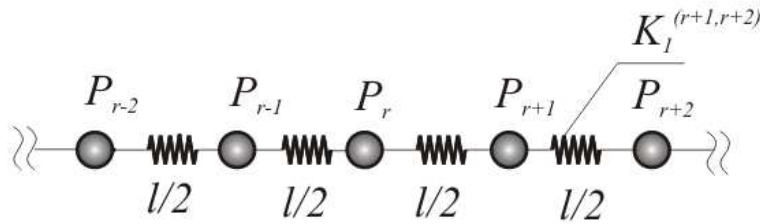
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$$K_h^{(j,j+1)} = h^{\gamma-2} K_P^{(j,j+1)}$$

# The Fractal Mechanical Model: The HB Dimension

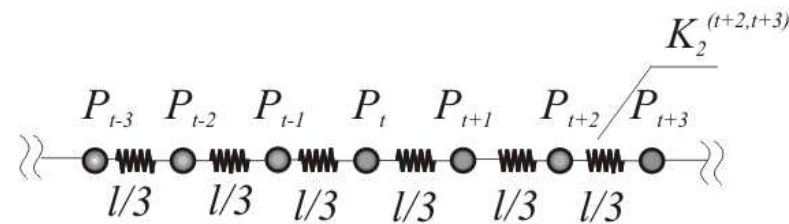


$$K_P^{(j,j+1)} = \frac{b_P \Delta V_1^2}{(l)^\gamma}$$



$$\Delta V_h = l / hA$$

$$K_h^{(j,j+1)} = \frac{b_P (\Delta V_h)^2}{(l/h)^\gamma} = h^{\gamma-2} K_P^{(j,j+1)}$$



$$\phi_h = \frac{1}{2} K_h^{(j,j+1)} \left(\frac{l}{h}\right)^2 = \frac{b_P A^2}{2} \left(\frac{l}{h}\right)^{4-\gamma}$$

- Elastic potential energy invariance at any observation scale

$$d_H = \frac{1}{4-\gamma}$$

$$\Rightarrow [\Phi_h]^s = h[\phi_h]^s = h(h^{\gamma-4})^s [\Phi_0]^s = [\Phi_0]^s$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 < \gamma < 4$$

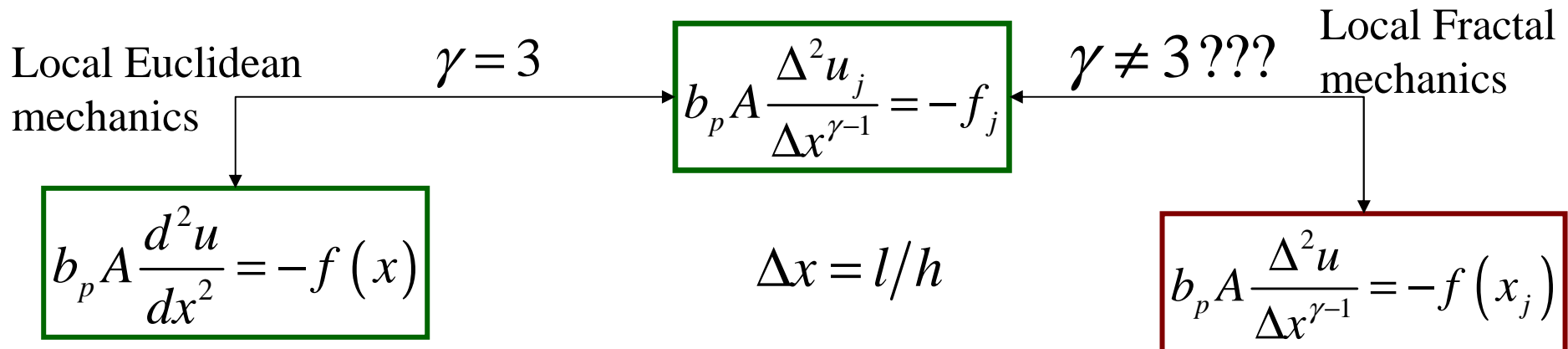
# The Governing Operators

- Horizontal Equilibrium of the Generic Element of the NN lattice:

$$K_P^{(j,j-1)} \left( u_j^{(P)} - u_{j-1}^{(P)} \right) \quad K_P^{(j,j+1)} \left( u_{j+1}^{(P)} - u_j^{(P)} \right)$$

$$Q_P^{(j,j+1)} = K_P^{(j,j+1)} \left( u_{j+1}^{(P)} - u_j^{(P)} \right)$$

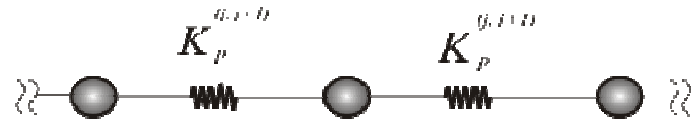
$$K_h^{(j,j+1)} \left( u_{j+1}^{(h)} - 2u_j^{(h)} + 2u_{j-1}^{(h)} \right) = -f_j A \frac{l}{h}$$



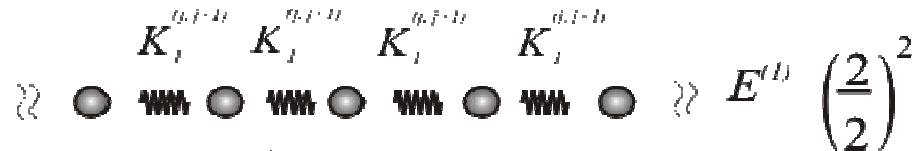
- The classical governing equation of the continuum mechanics have been obtained **without introducing contact, local, stress in the model**. We argue that contact stress is obtained as the resultant of *short-range* forces between adjacent particles of solids.

# The MultiScale Mechanical Fractal (MSF)

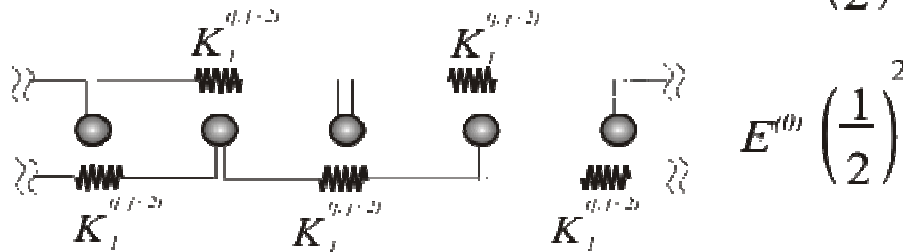
- The interaction distance do not change as we refine the observation scale.



$$K_P^{(j,j+1)} = \frac{b_P \Delta V_P^2}{(l)^\gamma}$$



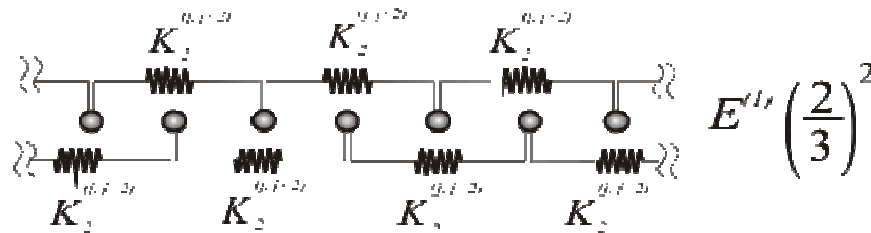
$$K_1^{(j,j+1)} = 2^{\gamma-2} K_P^{(j,j+1)}$$



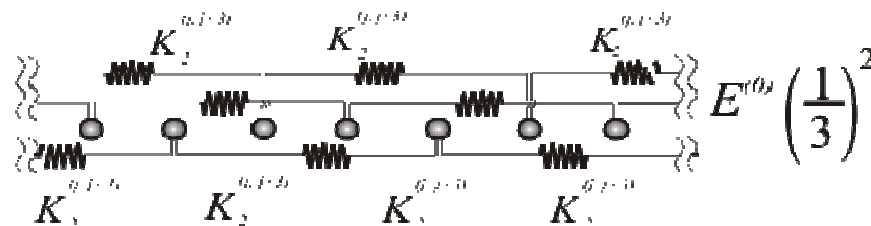
$$K_1^{(j,j+2)} = 2^{-2} K_P^{(j,j+1)}$$



$$K_2^{(j,j+1)} = 3^{\gamma-2} K_P^{(j,j+1)}$$



$$K_2^{(j,j+2)} = \frac{3^{\gamma-2}}{2^\gamma} K_P^{(j,j+1)}$$



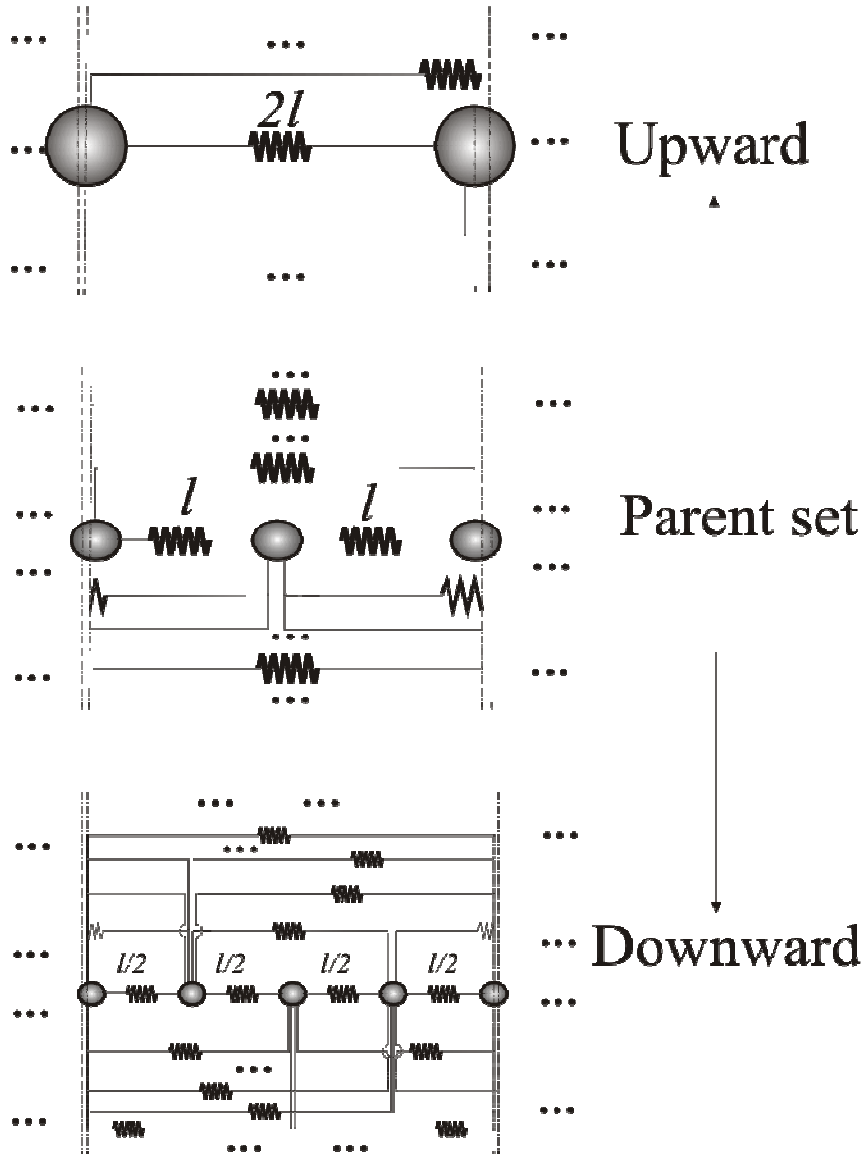
$$K_2^{(j,j+3)} = 3^{-2} K_P^{(j,j+1)}$$

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# The MultiScale Mechanical Fractal: The Scaling Law

- Physical interactions became negligible but **cannot vanish** beyond distance  $l$  so that they are **mathematically zero** only as  $l \rightarrow \infty$



The MSF is obtained as the union of self-similar elastic chains as  $n \rightarrow \infty$

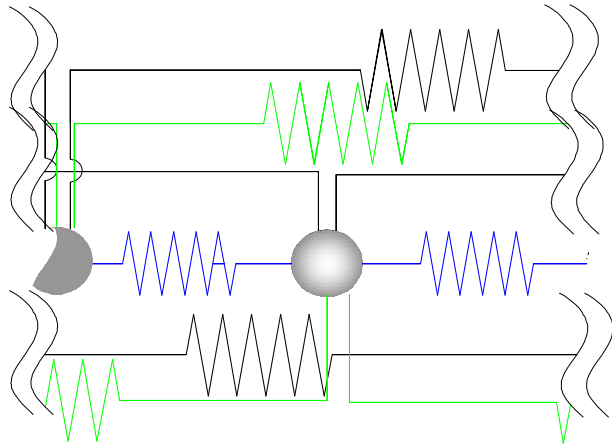
$$M_F = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \bigcup_{j=1}^n p_j E^{(j)}$$

It maintains **its self-similar nature** at **any resolution scale** and the scaling law of the springs between different levels:

$$K_h^{(j,j+i)} = \frac{h^{\gamma-2}}{i^\gamma} \frac{b_p A^2 l^2}{l^\gamma} = \frac{h^{\gamma-2}}{i^\gamma} K_P^{(j,j+i)}$$

$$\boxed{d_H = \frac{1}{4-\gamma}} \implies 0 < \gamma < 4$$

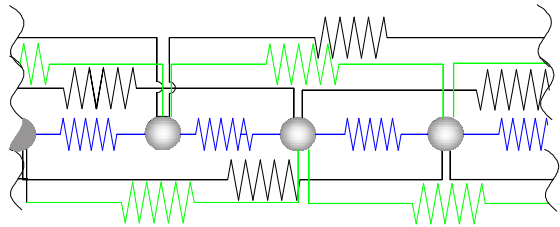
# The MSF Model: ENERGY INVARIANCE



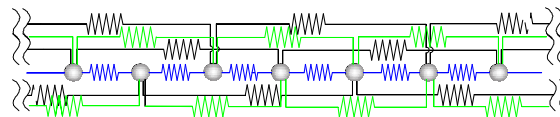
- The Elastic potential energy at the  $h=1$  scale

$$\Phi_P = \frac{1}{2} K_P^{(j,j+1)} l^2 \quad \Phi_1^s = \sum_{i=1}^n \left[ \phi_0^{(j,j+i)} \right]^s = \sum_{i=1}^n \left[ \frac{1}{i^{\gamma-2}} \Phi_P \right]^s$$

- The Elastic potential energy at the  $r=1/n$  scale



$$\Phi_h^s = \sum_{i=1}^n n \left[ \phi_h^{(j,j+i)} \right]^s = \sum_{i=1}^n n \left[ \frac{n^{\gamma-4}}{i^{\gamma-2}} \Phi_P \right]^s$$



## THE INVARIANCE CONDITION

$$\Phi_1^s = \sum_{i=1}^n \left[ \phi_0^{(j,j+i)} \right]^s = \sum_{i=1}^n \left[ \frac{1}{i^{\gamma-2}} \Phi_P \right]^s = \sum_{i=1}^n n \left[ \frac{n^{\gamma-4}}{i^{\gamma-2}} \Phi_P \right]^s = \sum_{i=1}^n n \left[ \phi_h^{(j,j+i)} \right]^s = \Phi_h^s$$

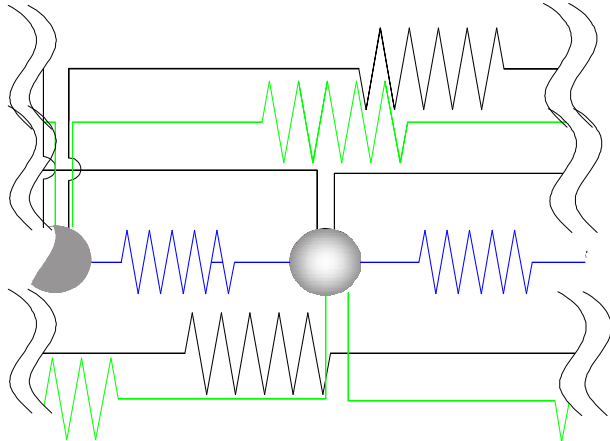
The HB dimension of the mechanical MSF

$$d_H = \frac{1}{4-\gamma}$$

# Q: What about operators ?

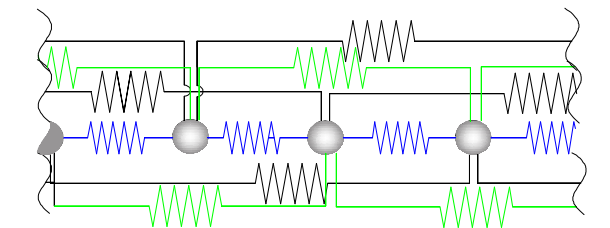
- Equilibrium equations at the  $n$  observation level:

$$F_j = f_j A \frac{l}{n}$$



$$-\sum_{i=-\infty}^{j-1} K_n^{(j,j+i)} \left( u_j^{(n)} - u_{j+i}^{(n)} \right) + \sum_{p=r+1}^{\infty} K_n^{(j,j+i)} \left( u_{j+i}^{(n)} - u_j^{(n)} \right) = -F_j$$

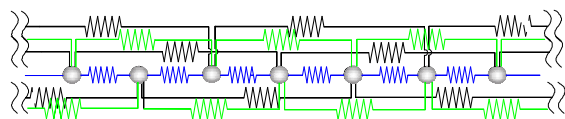
$$K_n^{(j,j+i)} = \frac{b_p A^2}{(il/n)^\gamma} \left( \frac{l}{n} \right)^2$$



$$-\sum_{i=-\infty}^{j-1} \frac{b_p A^2 \left( u_j^{(n)} - u_{j+i}^{(n)} \right)}{\left( x_j - x_{j+i} \right)^\gamma} \left( \frac{l}{n} \right)^2 + \sum_{i=j+1}^{\infty} \frac{b_p A^2 \left( u_{j+i}^{(n)} - u_j^{(n)} \right)}{\left( x_{j+i} - x_j \right)^\gamma} \left( \frac{l}{n} \right)^2 = -f_j A \left( \frac{l}{n} \right)$$

$$\Delta x = l/n \rightarrow 0$$

$$b_p A \left[ \int_{-\infty}^x \frac{u(x) - u(\xi)}{(x - \xi)^\gamma} d\xi + \int_x^{\infty} \frac{u(x) - u(\xi)}{(x - \xi)^\gamma} d\xi \right] = f(x)$$



**A: Marchaud Derivatives !!**  $b_p A \left[ \left( \mathbf{D}_+^{\bar{\alpha}} u \right) (x) + \left( \mathbf{D}_-^{\bar{\alpha}} u \right) (x) \right] = -f(x)$

# Q: What about operators ?

## A: Marchaud fractional derivative

$$b_P A \left[ \int_{-\infty}^x \frac{u(x) - u(\xi)}{(x - \xi)^\gamma} d\xi + \int_x^{\infty} \frac{u(x) - u(\xi)}{(x - \xi)^\gamma} d\xi \right] = f(x)$$
$$b_P = \frac{\alpha c_\alpha}{A \Gamma(1 - \alpha)}$$
$$\gamma = 1 + \alpha$$
$$[c_\alpha] = FL^{\gamma-5}$$
$$\frac{\alpha c_\alpha}{\Gamma(1 - \alpha)} \left[ \int_{-\infty}^x \frac{u(x) - u(\xi)}{(x - \xi)^{1+\alpha}} d\xi + \int_x^{\infty} \frac{u(x) - u(\xi)}{(x - \xi)^{1+\alpha}} d\xi \right] = c_\alpha \left[ (\mathbf{D}_+^\alpha u)(x) + (\mathbf{D}_-^\alpha u)(x) \right] = f(x)$$
$$d_H = \frac{1}{4 - \gamma} = \frac{1}{3 - \alpha} \quad 0 < \gamma < 4 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \boxed{-1 < \alpha < 3}$$

Marchaud Fractional derivatives if:  $0 < \alpha \leq 2$

Fractional Riesz-Weyl potential if:  $-1 < \alpha \leq 0$

Non-admissible for internal stress scaling:  $2 < \alpha < 3$

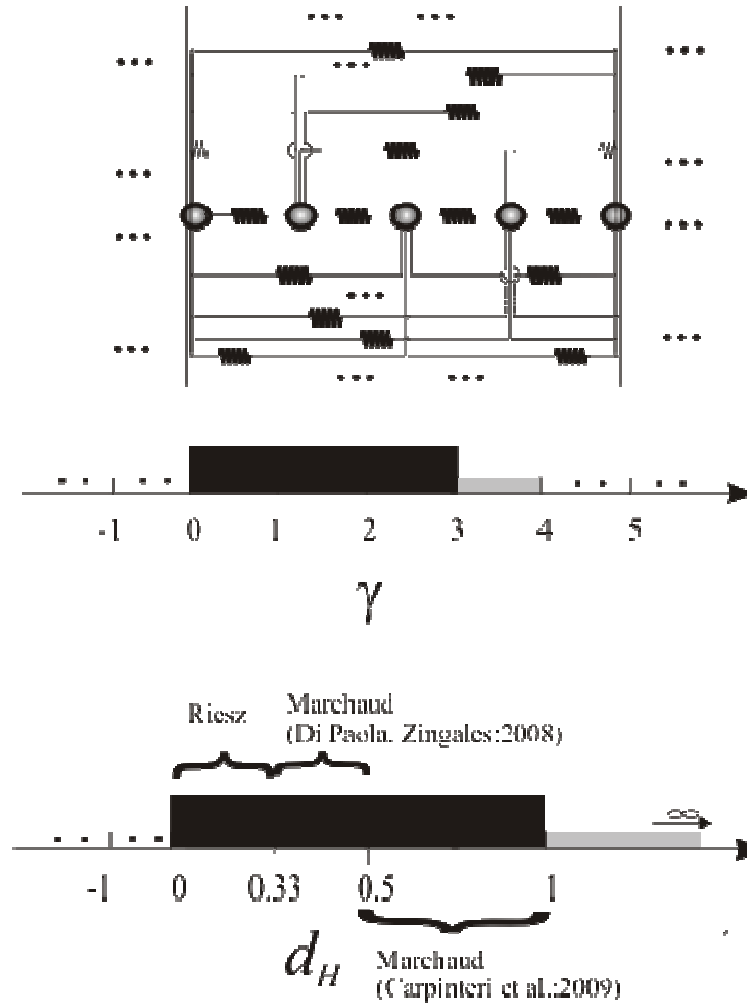
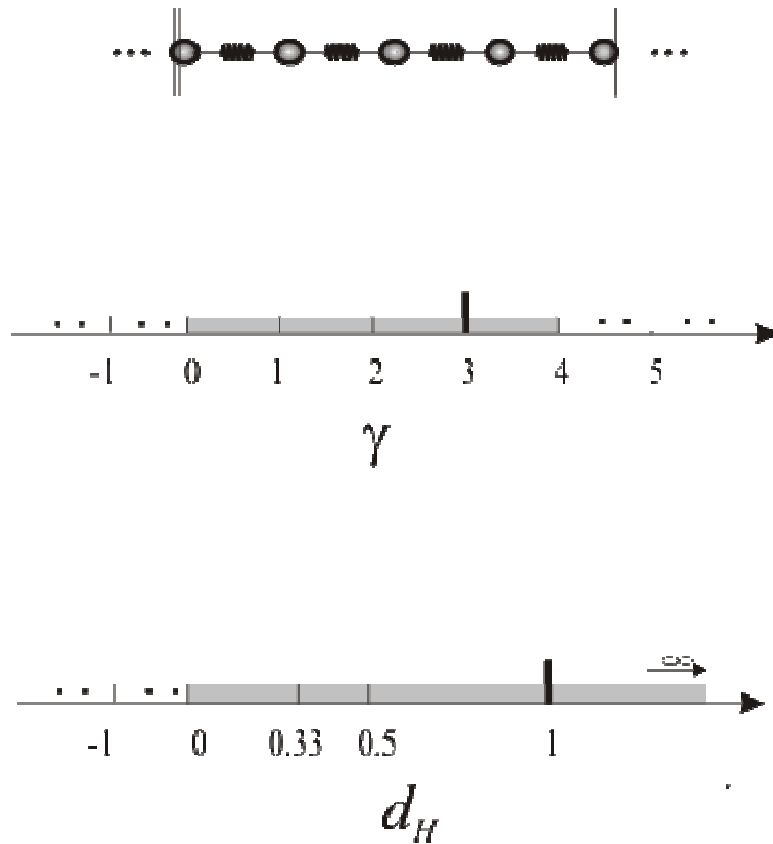
# The role of the fractal dimension

$$d_H = \frac{1}{4 - \gamma}$$

$$0 < \gamma < 4$$

Simple mechanical fractal: Euclidean solids only with classical differential operators

Multiscale mechanical fractals: Fractional-order operators.



## The Euclidean case

$$d_H = \frac{1}{4-\gamma} = \frac{1}{3-\alpha}$$

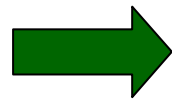
$$\frac{\alpha c_\alpha}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)} \left[ \int_{-\infty}^x \frac{u(x)-u(\xi)}{(x-\xi)^{1+\alpha}} d\xi + \int_x^{\infty} \frac{u(x)-u(\xi)}{(x-\xi)^{1+\alpha}} d\xi \right] = c_\alpha \left[ (\mathbf{D}_+^\alpha u)(x) + (\mathbf{D}_-^\alpha u)(x) \right] = f(x)$$

$$\gamma = 3 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \begin{cases} d_H = 1 \\ \alpha = 2 \end{cases} \quad [c_\alpha] = FL^{\alpha-4}$$

$$c_2 \left[ (\mathbf{D}_+^2 u)(x) + (\mathbf{D}_-^2 u)(x) \right] = -2c_2 \frac{d^2 u}{dx^2} = f(x)$$

## The Equilibrium Equation of Cauchy solid

$$E = 2c_2$$



$$\boxed{\frac{d^2 u}{dx^2} = -\frac{f(x)}{E}}$$

# Conclusions

- Solid bodies with fractal mass distributions may be studied within the Mechanically-Based model of Long-Range Interactions and some important conclusions may be withdrawn.
1. The introduction of **fractal distribution** of the mass density in the solid leads to a **fractal mechanical model** represented by a point-spring model whose stiffness is power-law decreasing with the interdistance.
  2. The assumption that **only interactions with adjacent particle** is included in the model leads toward a simple mechanical fractal that seems to be **ruled by the local version of fractional operators**. The order of the operators is connected with the fractal dimension of the mechanical fractal model (study in progress).
  3. Assuming that long-range interactions are maintained at any resolution scale and that interactions extends to infinity a **Multiscale Fractal mechanical model is obtained**. The fractal dimension of the MSF coincides with that of the composing elastic chains.
  4. The governing operators of the **Multiscale Fractal mechanical model** are **Marchaud-type fractional differential equations**. Therefore we conclude that such operators rules the physics of multiscale fractal sets.

**THANK YOU FOR  
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