

# Optimal pentamodes for guiding stress

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## Two Problems:

- (1) Concentrating a field into a region.
- (2) Shielding a region from fields.



Sharp corners concentrate fields

How to measure this?

Threshold exponents on  $L^\gamma$  integrability:

$$\gamma^- \equiv \inf_{\gamma} : \int_B |\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{x})|^\gamma d\mathbf{x} < \infty$$

$$\gamma^+ \equiv \sup_{\gamma} : \int_B |\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{x})|^\gamma d\mathbf{x} < \infty$$

$B$  is any Ball containing  $\Omega$ .

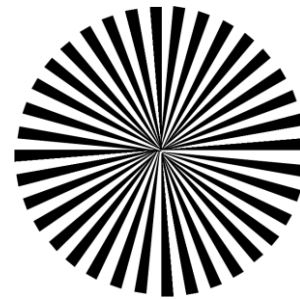
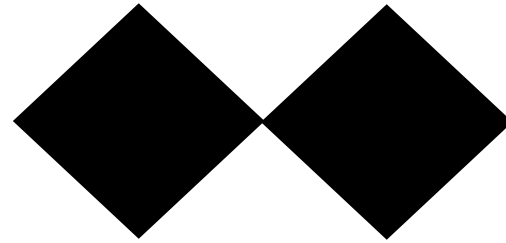
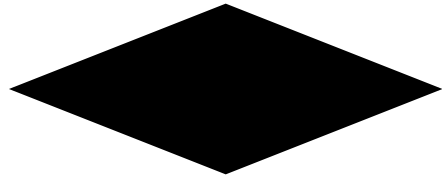
Equivalently, given a (possibly disconnected) subregion  $Q \subset \Omega$  of small subvolume  $|Q|$  one can maximize or minimize

$$\int_Q |\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{x})|^2 d\mathbf{x}$$

and ask how this depends on  $|Q|$  asymptotically as  $|Q| \rightarrow 0$

Two isotropic conductors, conductivities  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2$ .  
Uniform field at infinity

Some Candidates:

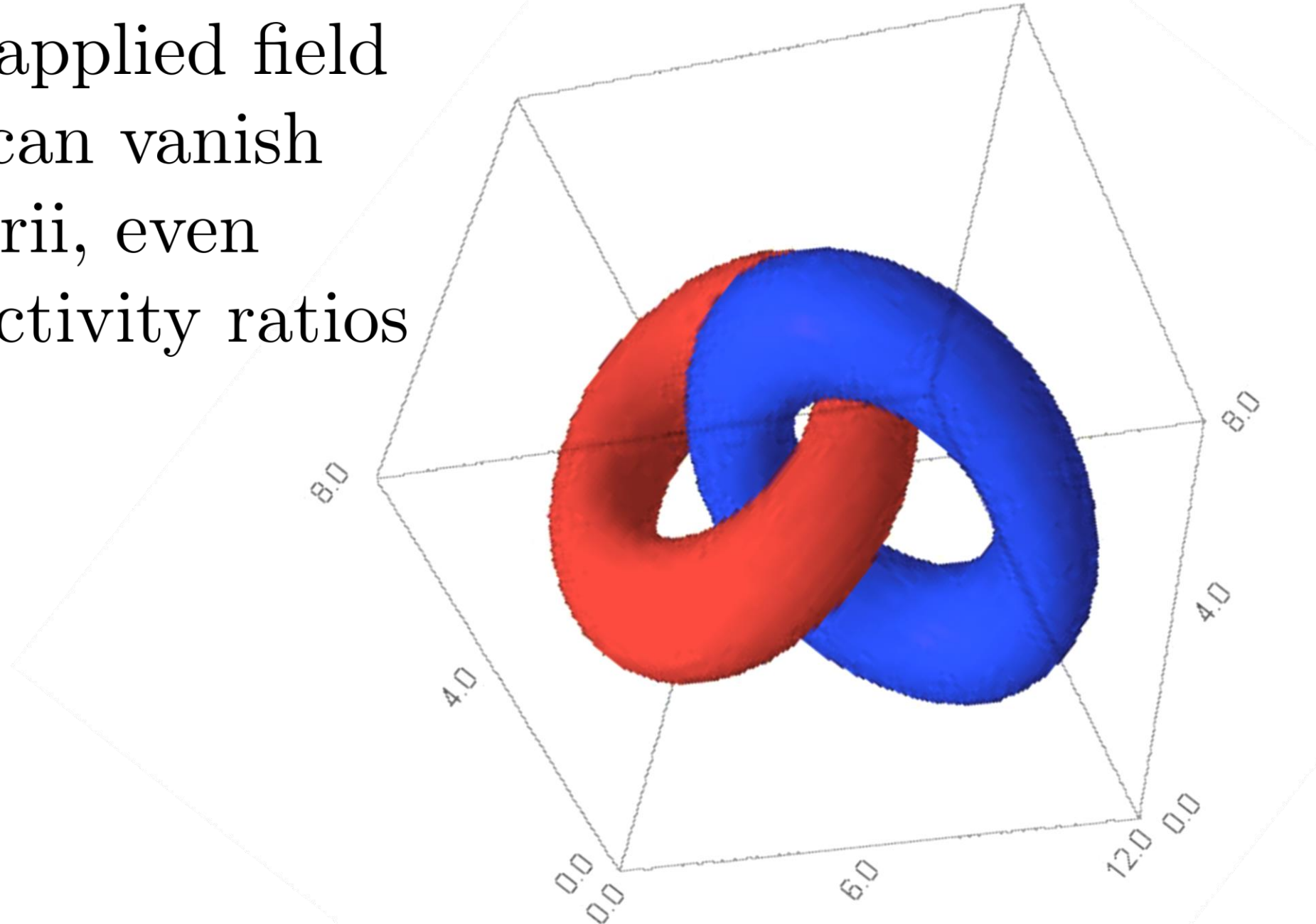






What about 3d?

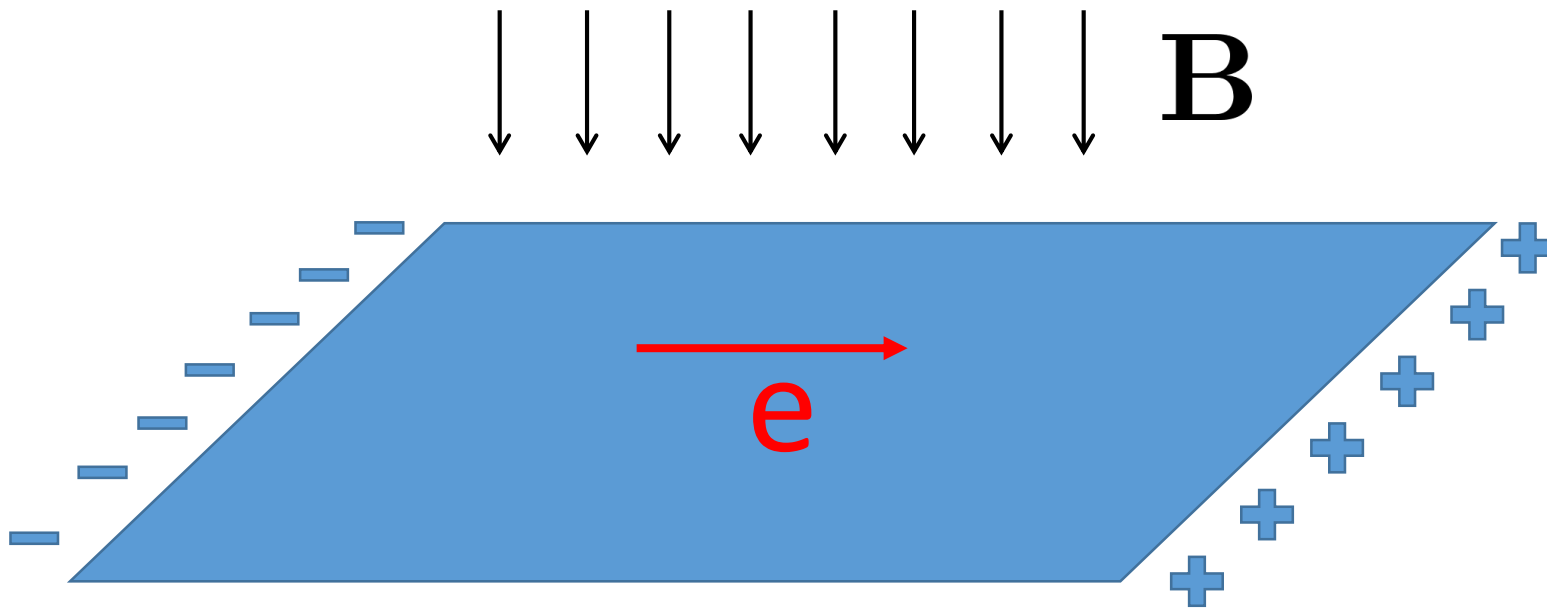
For a uniform applied field  
the local field can vanish  
between the torii, even  
at finite conductivity ratios





It's constantly a surprise to find what properties a composite can exhibit.

One interesting example:



Hall Voltage

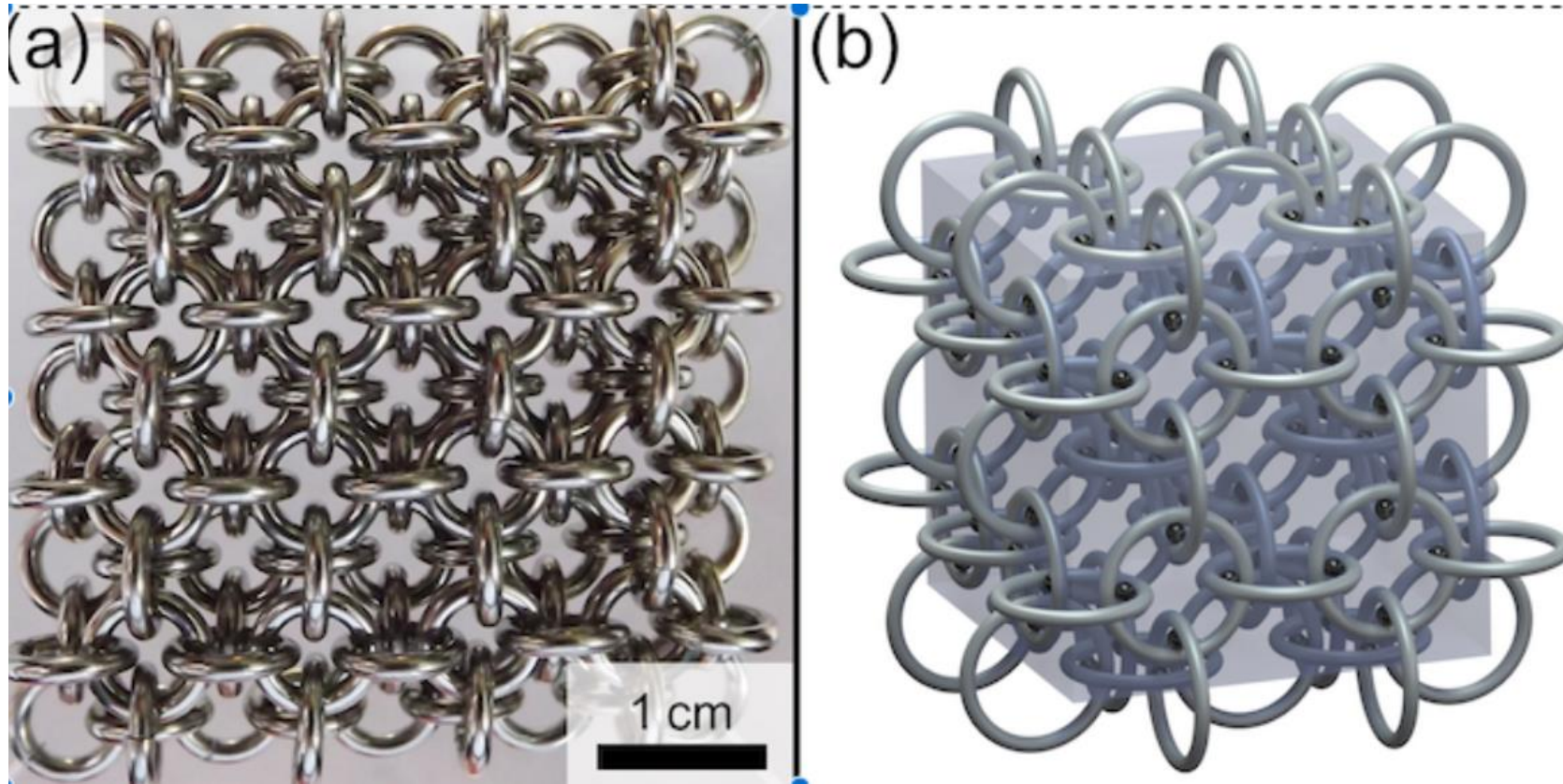
$$\mathbf{F} = q\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}$$

Non-symmetric conductivity matrix with the antisymmetric part proportional to  $\mathbf{B}$

In elementary physics textbooks one is told that in classical physics the sign of the Hall coefficient tells one the sign of the charge carrier.

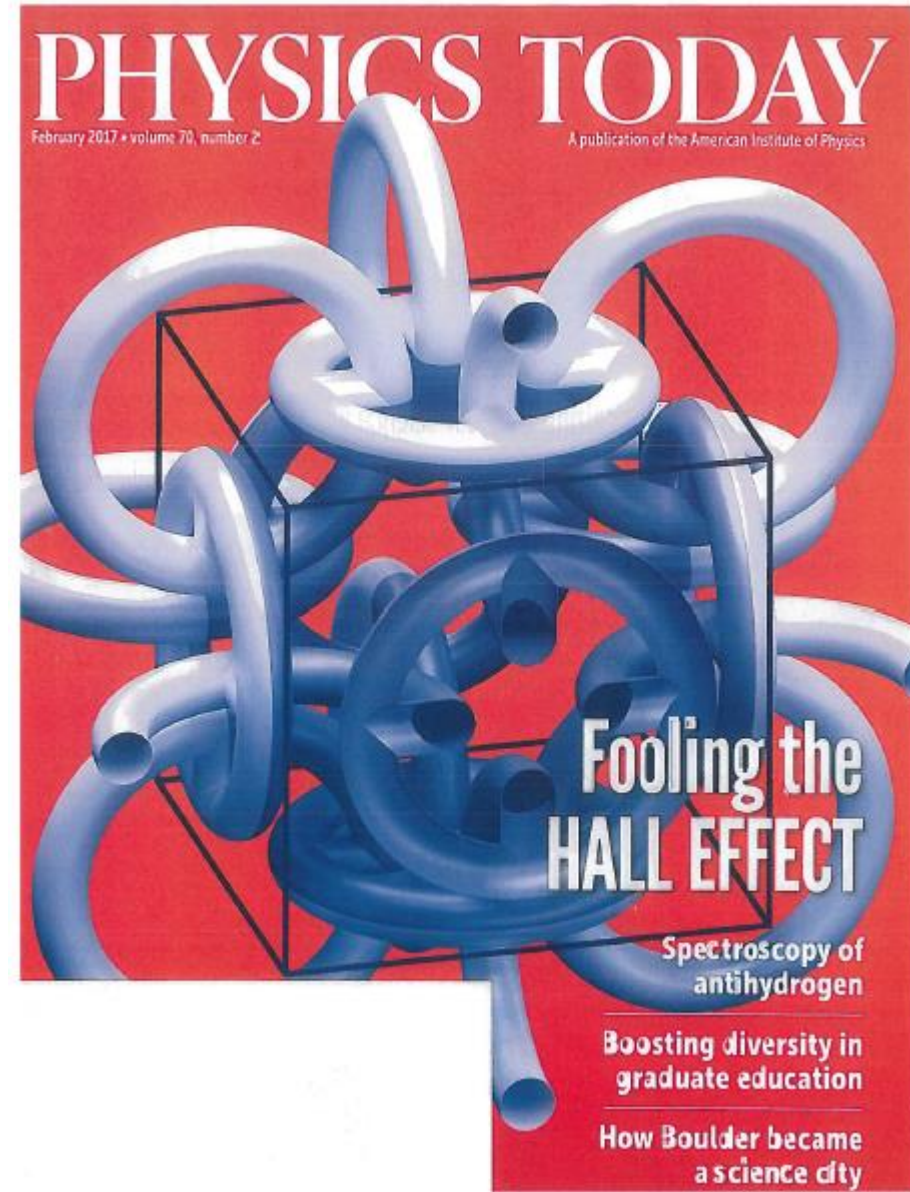
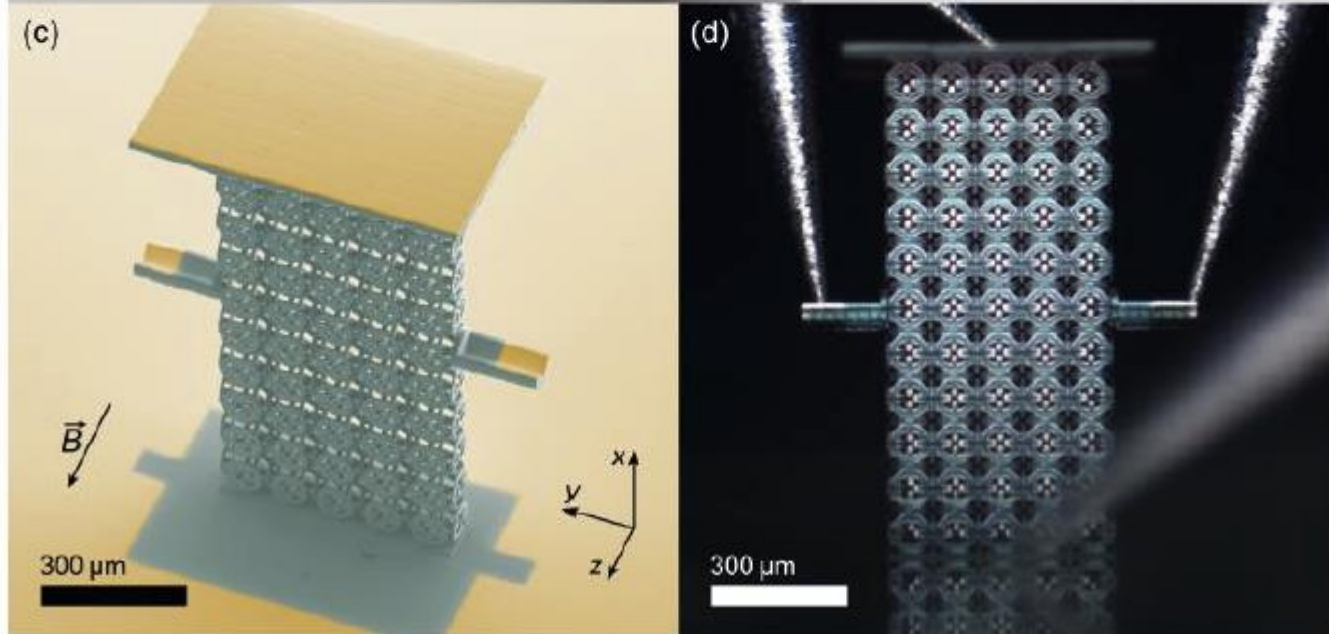
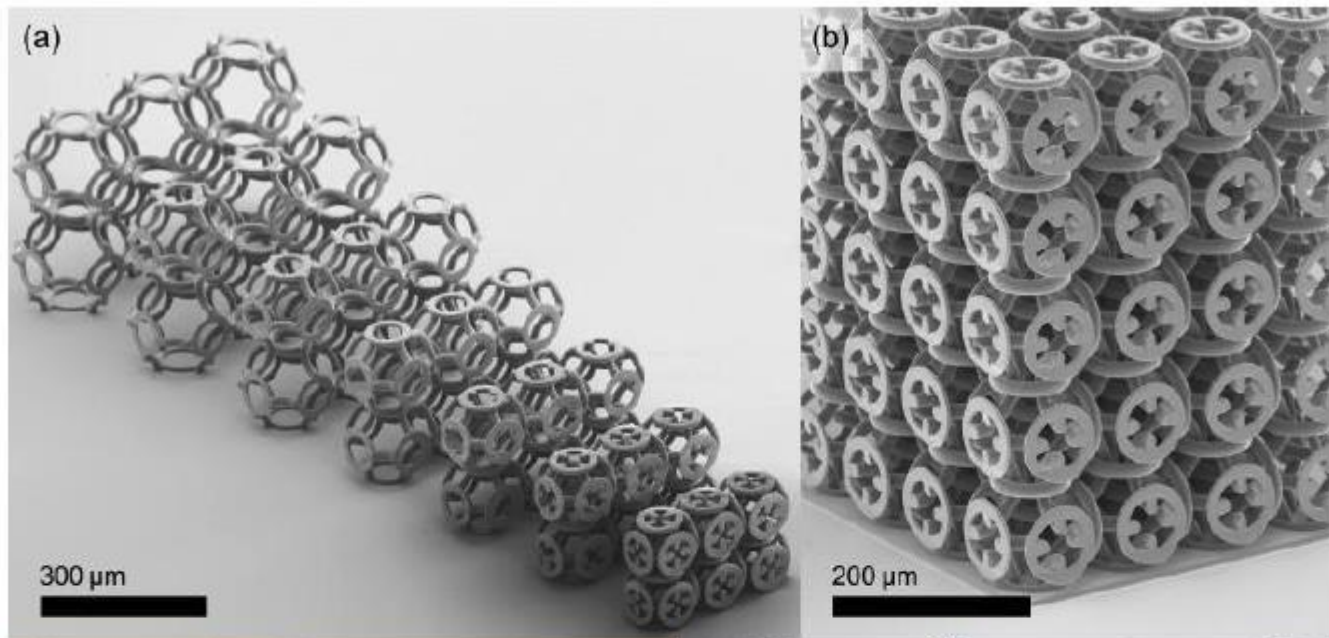
However there is a counterexample!

## Geometry suggested by artist Dylan Whyte



A material with cubic symmetry having a Hall Coefficient opposite to that of the constituents (with Marc Briane)

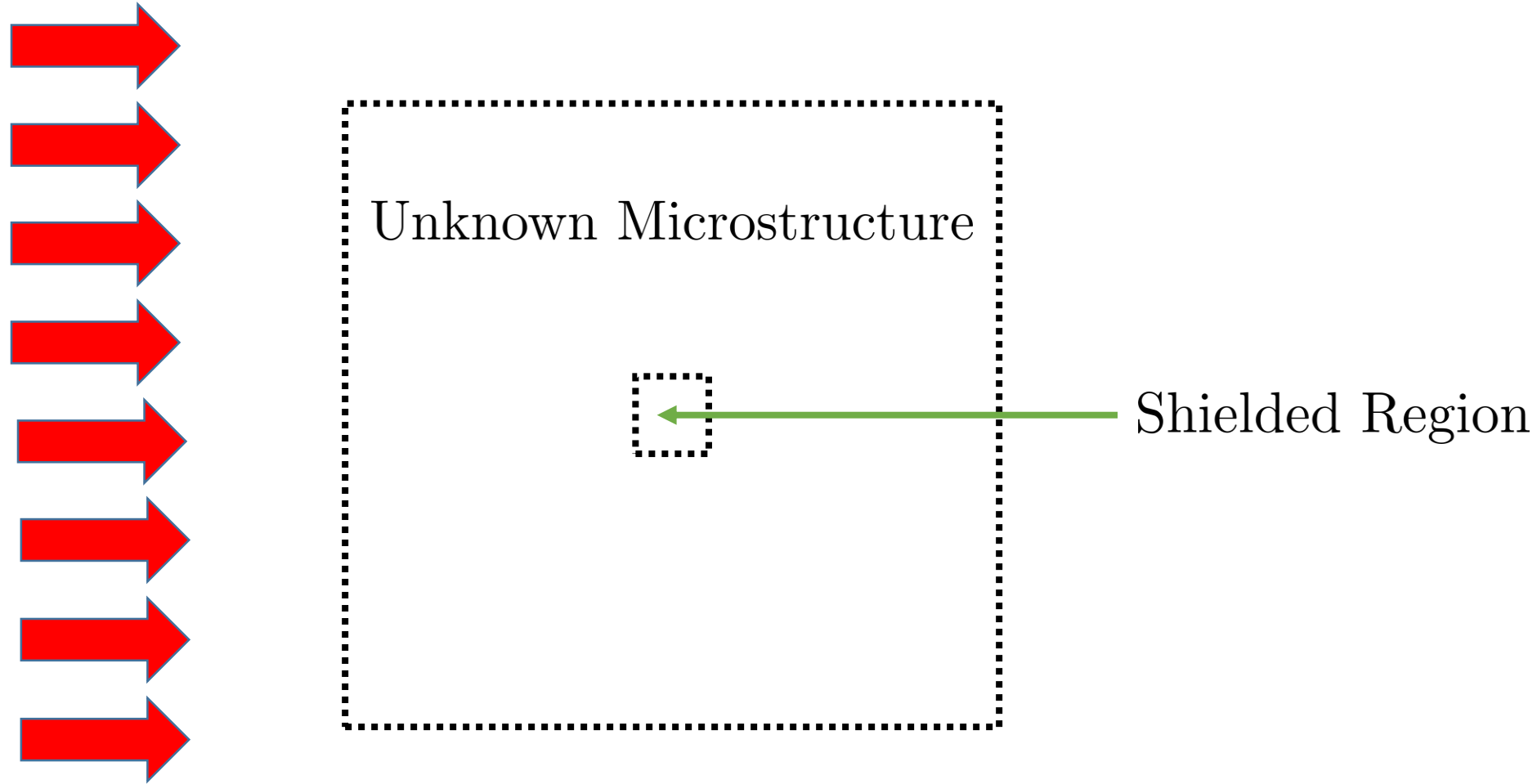




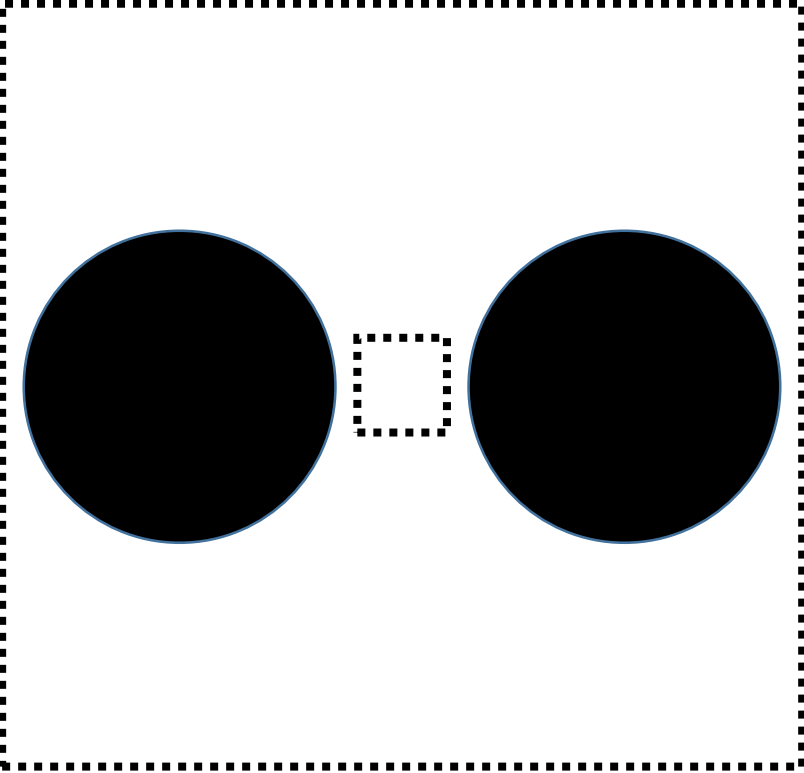
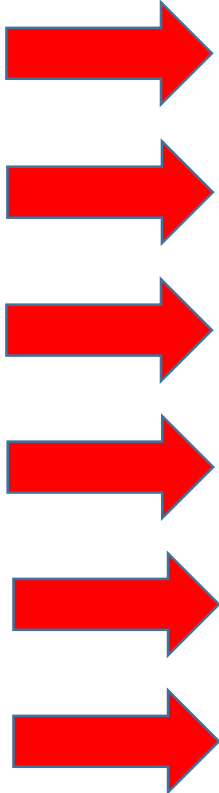
Experimental Realization of Kern, Kadic, Wegener

Back to the shielding problem:

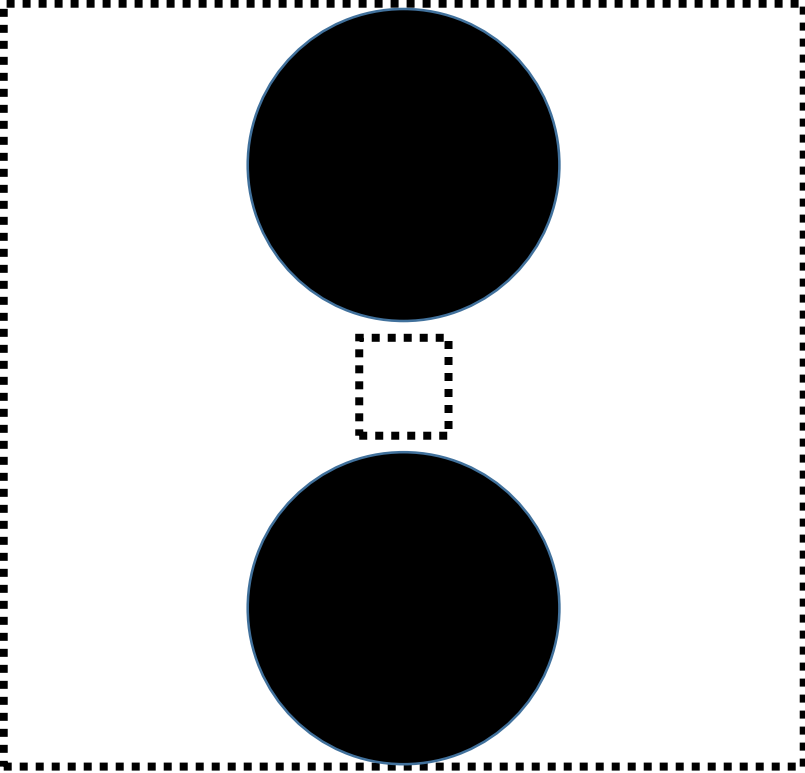
It seems more reasonable to require that there is no microstructure in the shielded region and that the microstructure is localized in a box.



Using Disks:

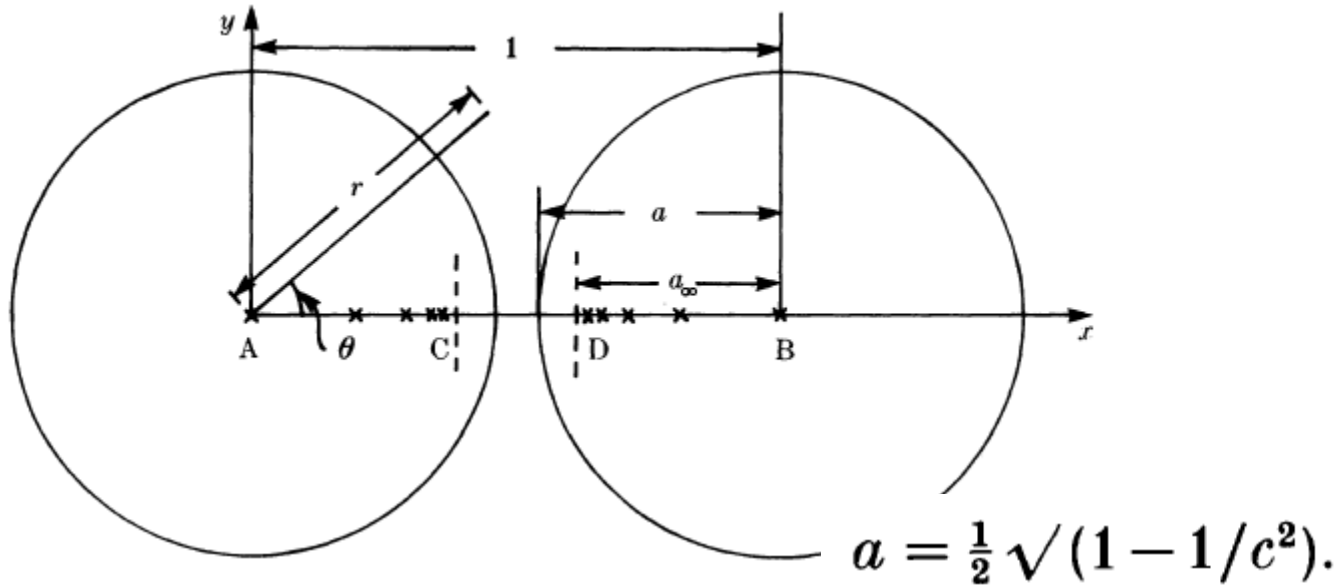


Concentration



Shielding

# Field between two highly conducting disks close to touching



McPhedran, Poladian, GWM (1988)

$$B_1 = \frac{-(c/2)(1 - 1/c)}{2s \ln(c) + 1 - 2s[\gamma + \psi(1 + s)]}$$

$$a = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{1 - 1/c^2}. \quad a_\infty = \frac{1}{2}(1 - 1/c).$$

$\psi$ : Psi or Digamma function

Rigorous Analysis: Lim and Yu (2015)

$$\rho_-(a^2/x) = -\eta\rho_+(x)$$

$$\eta = (\sigma - 1)/(\sigma + 1).$$

$$\rho_+(1 - x) = -\rho_-(x),$$

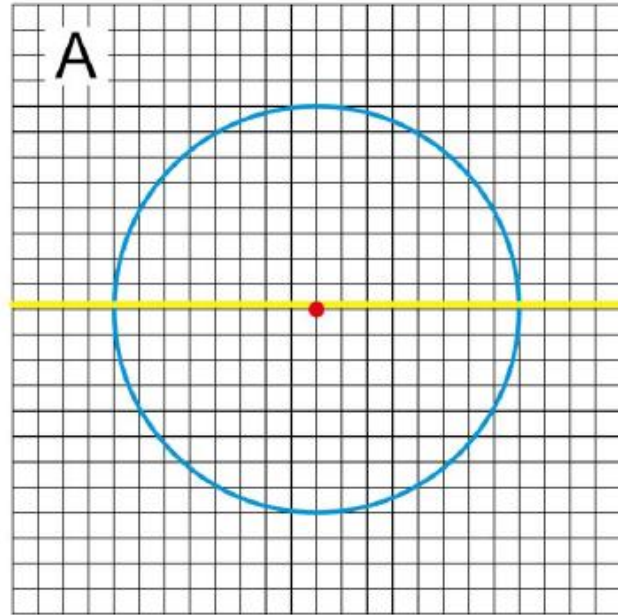
$$\rho_-[a^2/(1 - x)] = \eta\rho_-(x)$$

$$\rho_-(x) = A[(a_\infty - x)/(1 - a_\infty - x)]^s$$

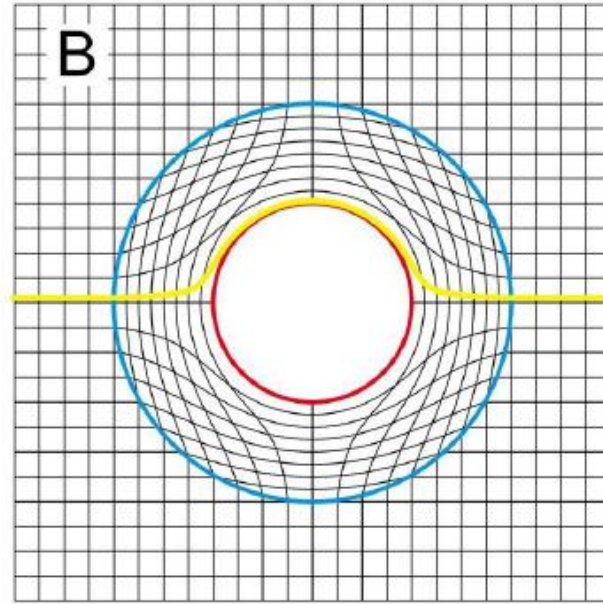
$$s = \ln(\eta)/\ln[a_\infty/(1 - a_\infty)]$$



Could use the transformation based approach of Greenleaf, Lassas, and Uhlmann



Stretching space



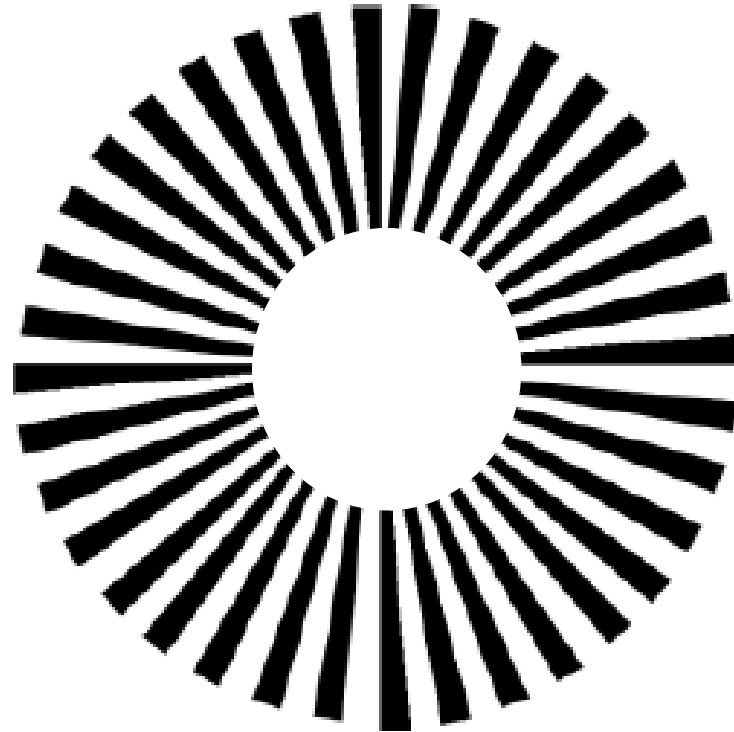
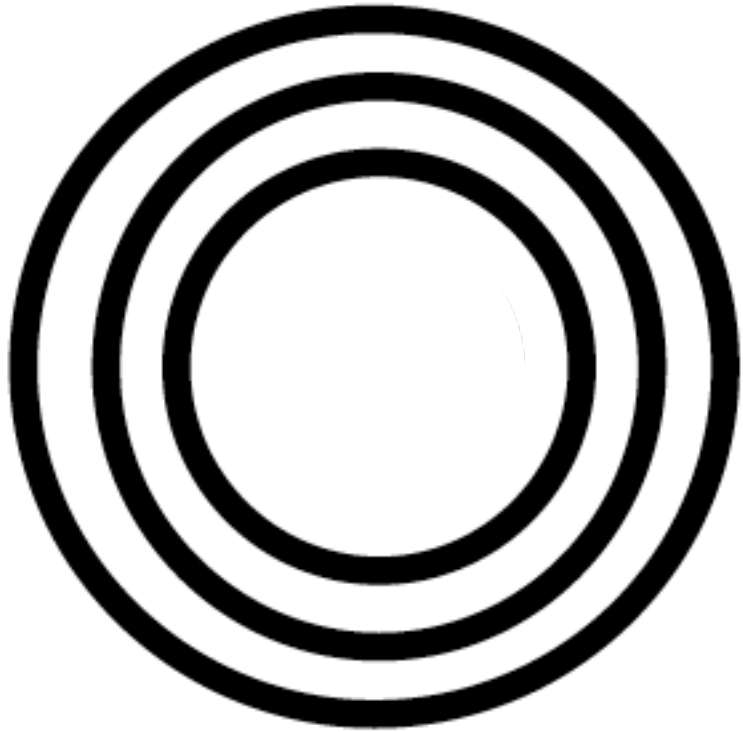
(From Ulf Leonhardt)

Advantages: Works for any external field and creates no disturbance

Disadvantages: Requires extreme conductivities, and if one truncates the solution there is no reason to expect it is optimal.



Or Maybe?



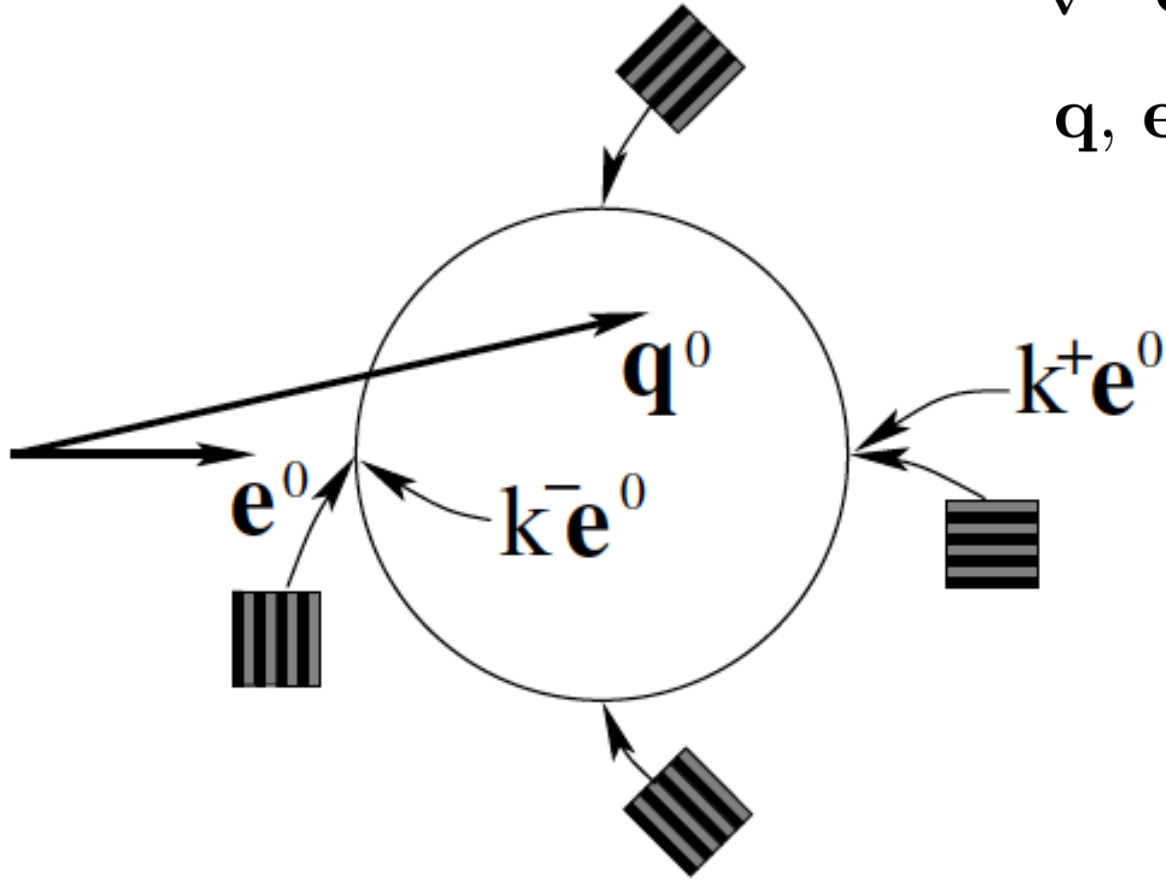
Seems like we are just guessing. Is there a more systematic approach, at least in the case where we use just 2 conducting materials, and we are seeking shielding or concentration for just one applied field?

Possible (average heat current,  $\mathbf{q}^0$ , average temperature gradient,  $\mathbf{e}^0$ ) pairs in a two phase conducting composite (Raitum, 1978).

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{q} = 0, \quad \mathbf{q}(\mathbf{x}) = k(\mathbf{x})\mathbf{e}(\mathbf{x}), \quad \mathbf{e} = -\nabla T$$

$$\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{e} \text{ periodic, } \langle \mathbf{q} \rangle = \mathbf{q}^0, \quad \langle \mathbf{e} \rangle = \mathbf{e}^0,$$

Follows from the Wiener bounds:



$$k^- \mathbf{I} \leq \mathbf{k}^* \leq k^+ \mathbf{I}$$

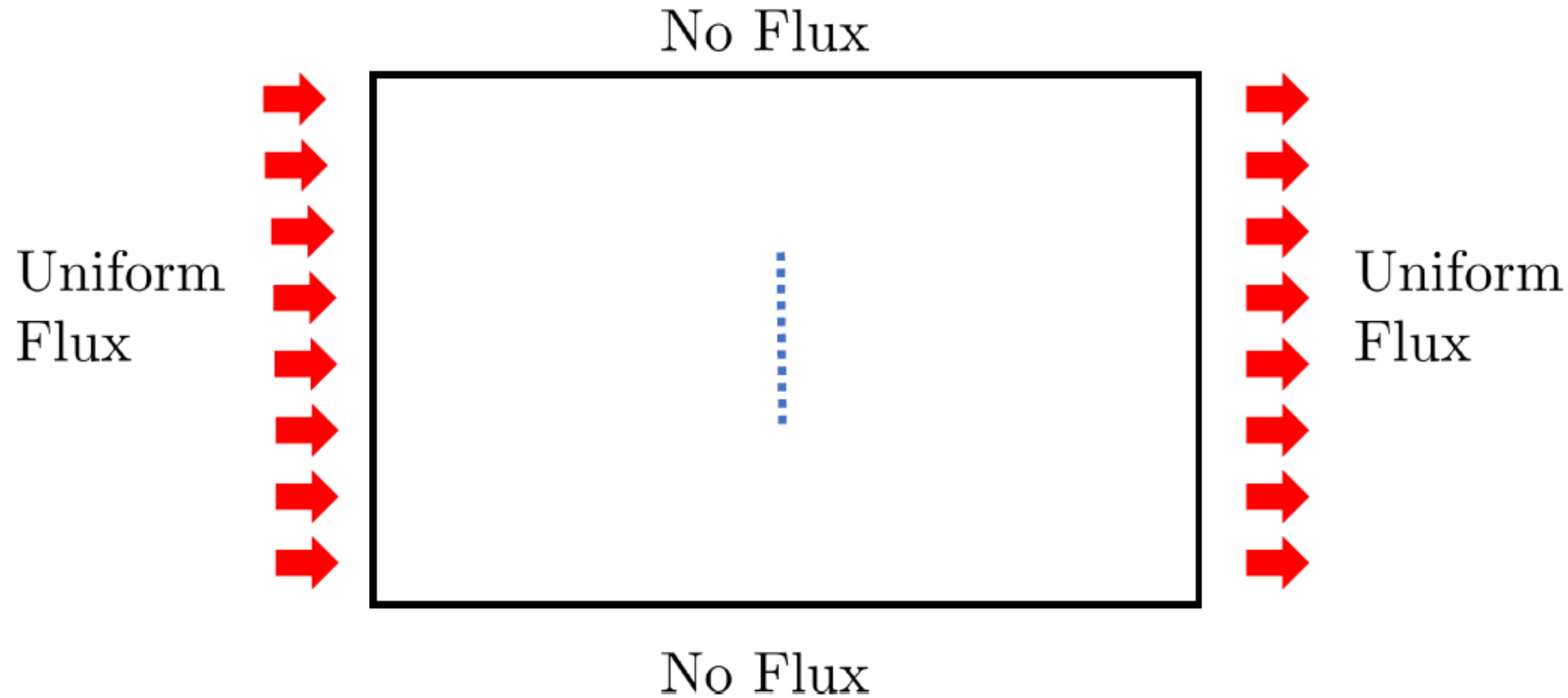
$$k^+ = f k_1 + (1 - f) k_2$$

$$k^- = (f/k_1 + (1 - f)/k_2)^{-1}$$

Solution of the "weak G-closure" problem for conductivity

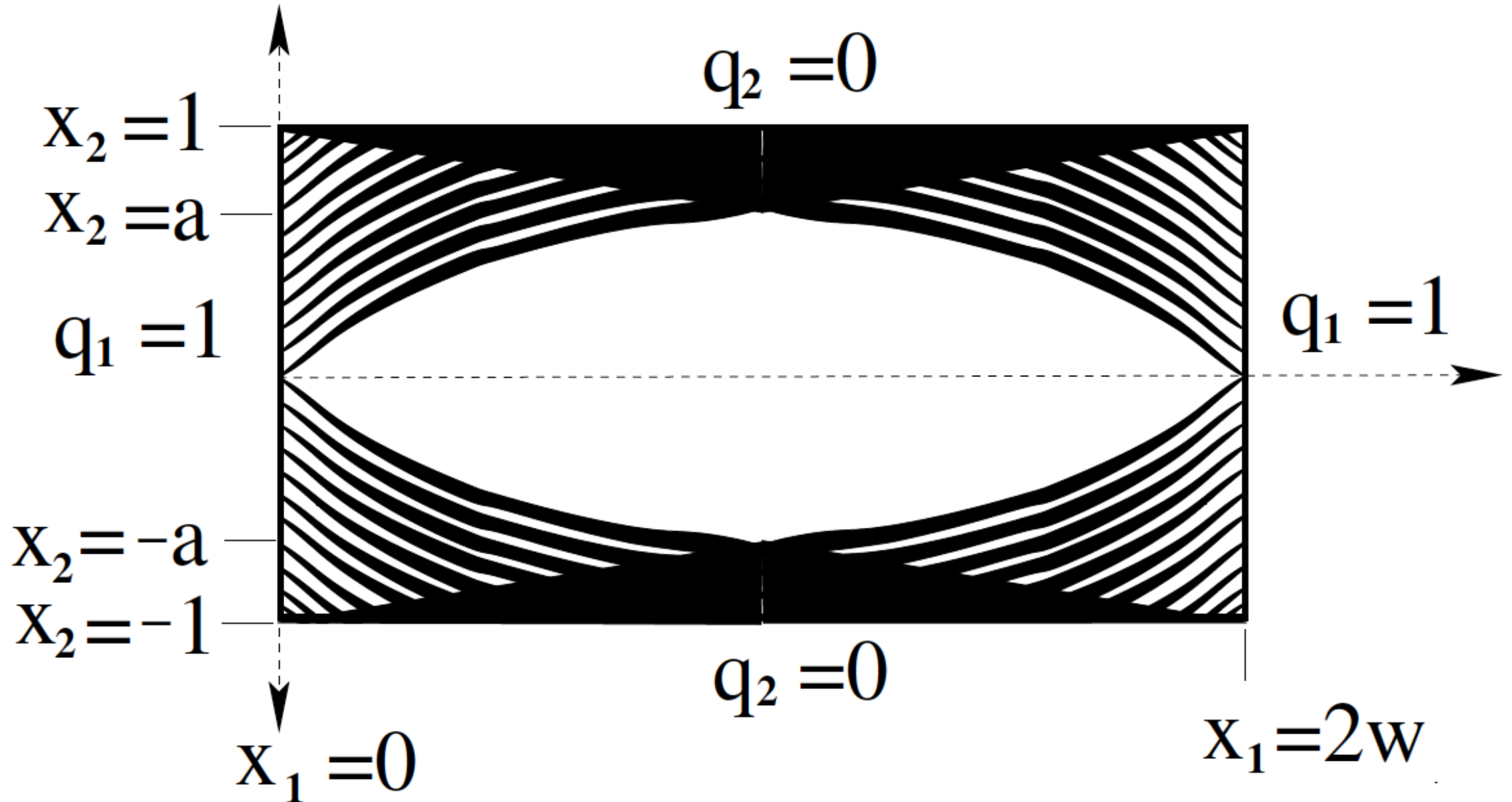
The heat lens problem: Gibiansky, Lurie and Cherkhaev (1988)

Aim: Shield or concentrate flux in the blue dashed interval

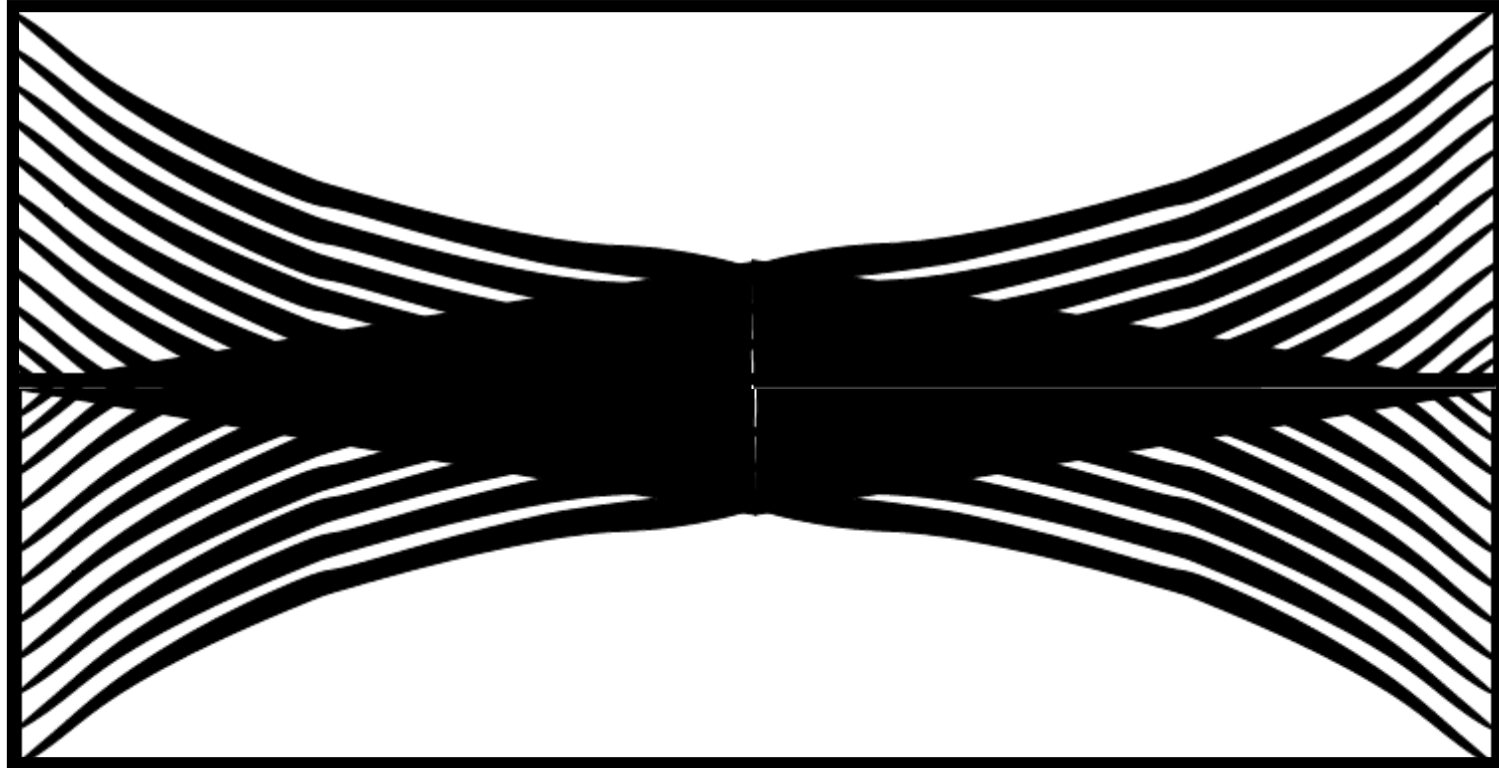


How does one optimally distribute a poor and good conductor to do this?

Field Shield: (Black, good conductor)



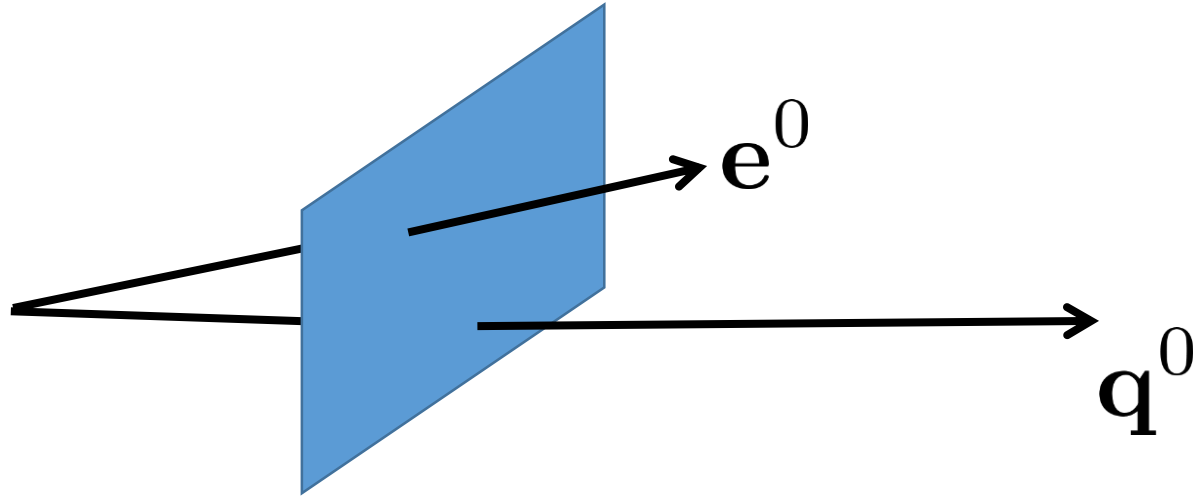
# Field Concentrator:



What if  $k_0 = 0$ ?

Given  $\mathbf{q}^0$  the weak G-closure provides a linear constraint on  $\mathbf{e}^0$ :

$$\mathbf{q}^0 \cdot \mathbf{q}^0 / (f_1 k_1) \leq \mathbf{q}^0 \cdot \mathbf{e}^0$$



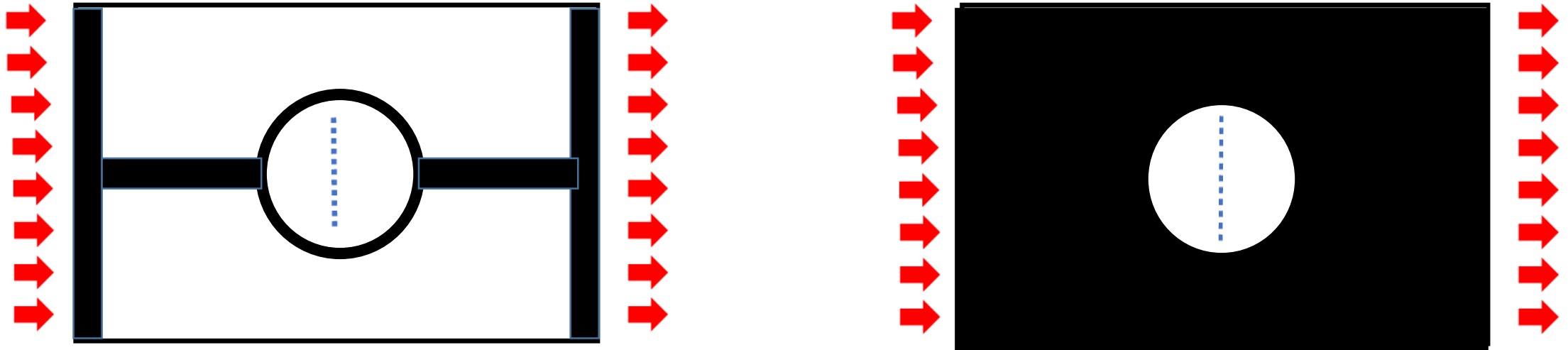
The endpoint of  $\mathbf{e}^0$  must lie to the right of the plane.

It is attained for laminate geometries but also wire geometries where the effective tensor takes the form:

$$\mathbf{k}^* = f_1 k_1 \mathbf{a} \otimes \mathbf{a}, \quad \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{a} = 1$$

Makes sense: wires are best for conducting current

# Many Solutions to the shielding problem:



The weak G-closure is still needed if we:

- (1) Want to minimize the thermal resistance.
- (2) Not use too much of the highly conducting phase (may, e.g., be expensive or heavy).

To solve similar optimization problems for elasticity, can we find the “weak G-Closure” for 3d-elasticity?

At least in the case for 3d printed materials when one phase is void and the other elastically isotropic?

A difficult problem: need to characterize possible (average strain  $\epsilon^0$ , average stress  $\sigma^0$ ) pairs,

Can assume  $\sigma^0$  is diagonal and normalized : 2 parameters  
Then  $\epsilon^0$  has 6 parameters.

So the “weak G-Closure” is described by a set in an 8-dimensional space, 11 if one includes the volume fraction, and bulk and shear moduli of the initial elastic material.



# Problem:

$\boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{x}), \boldsymbol{\epsilon}(\mathbf{x})$  periodic,

$$\nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} = 0, \quad \boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{x})\boldsymbol{\epsilon}(\mathbf{x}), \quad \boldsymbol{\epsilon} = [\nabla \mathbf{u} + (\nabla \mathbf{u})^T]/2.$$

$$\mathbf{C}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{C}_1\chi(\mathbf{x}) + \mathbf{C}_2(1 - \chi(\mathbf{x})), \quad \boldsymbol{\sigma}^0 = \langle \boldsymbol{\sigma} \rangle, \quad \boldsymbol{\epsilon}^0 = \langle \boldsymbol{\epsilon} \rangle, \quad f = \langle \chi \rangle$$

Given  $f$  what is the range of values the pairs  $(\boldsymbol{\sigma}^0, \boldsymbol{\epsilon}^0)$  take in the limit  $\mathbf{C}_2 \rightarrow 0$  as the microgeometry varies  $\chi(\mathbf{x})$  varies over all possible configurations?

Characterizing possible elasticity tensors  $\mathbf{C}_*$  of porous media a much HARDER problem as these live in an 18-dimensional space of tensor invariants. If we add the volume fraction and material moduli its a problem in a 21-dimensional space

One constraint implied by sharp bounds on the minimum compliance energy:

$$W_f(\boldsymbol{\sigma}^0) \leq \boldsymbol{\sigma}^0 : \boldsymbol{\epsilon}^0, \quad (*)$$

Explicit expression for  $W_f(\boldsymbol{\sigma}_0)$  given by Gibiansky and Cherkaev (1987) and Allaire (1994). Note  $W_f(c\mathbf{A}) = c^2 W_f(\mathbf{A})$

Our main result is that these optimal bounds on the compliance energy also provide optimal bounds on  $(\boldsymbol{\epsilon}^0, \boldsymbol{\sigma}^0)$ -pairs. Given  $\boldsymbol{\sigma}^0$  they constrain  $\boldsymbol{\epsilon}^0$  to lie on one-side of a hyperplane.

# Explicit Formula for Bound: (can skip)

$$W_f(\boldsymbol{\sigma}^0) = \boldsymbol{\sigma}^0 : \mathbf{C}_1^{-1} \boldsymbol{\sigma}^0 + \frac{f}{2\mu} g(\mathbf{C}_1, \boldsymbol{\sigma}^0), \quad (\text{Using Allaire's notation.})$$

Suppose the stress has eigenvalues  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2$  and  $\sigma_3$ . Can assume at most one eigenvalue is negative, and  $\sigma_1 \leq \sigma_2 \leq \sigma_3$ . When all are non-negative, and  $\lambda > 0$ :

$$\begin{aligned} g(\mathbf{C}, \boldsymbol{\sigma}) &= \frac{2\mu + \lambda}{2(2\mu + 3\lambda)} (\sigma_1 + \sigma_2 + \sigma_3)^2 \text{ if } \sigma_3 \leq \sigma_1 + \sigma_2, \\ &= (\sigma_1 + \sigma_2)^2 + \sigma_3^2 - \frac{\lambda}{2\mu + 3\lambda} (\sigma_1 + \sigma_2 + \sigma_3)^2 \text{ if } \sigma_3 \geq \sigma_1 + \sigma_2, \end{aligned}$$

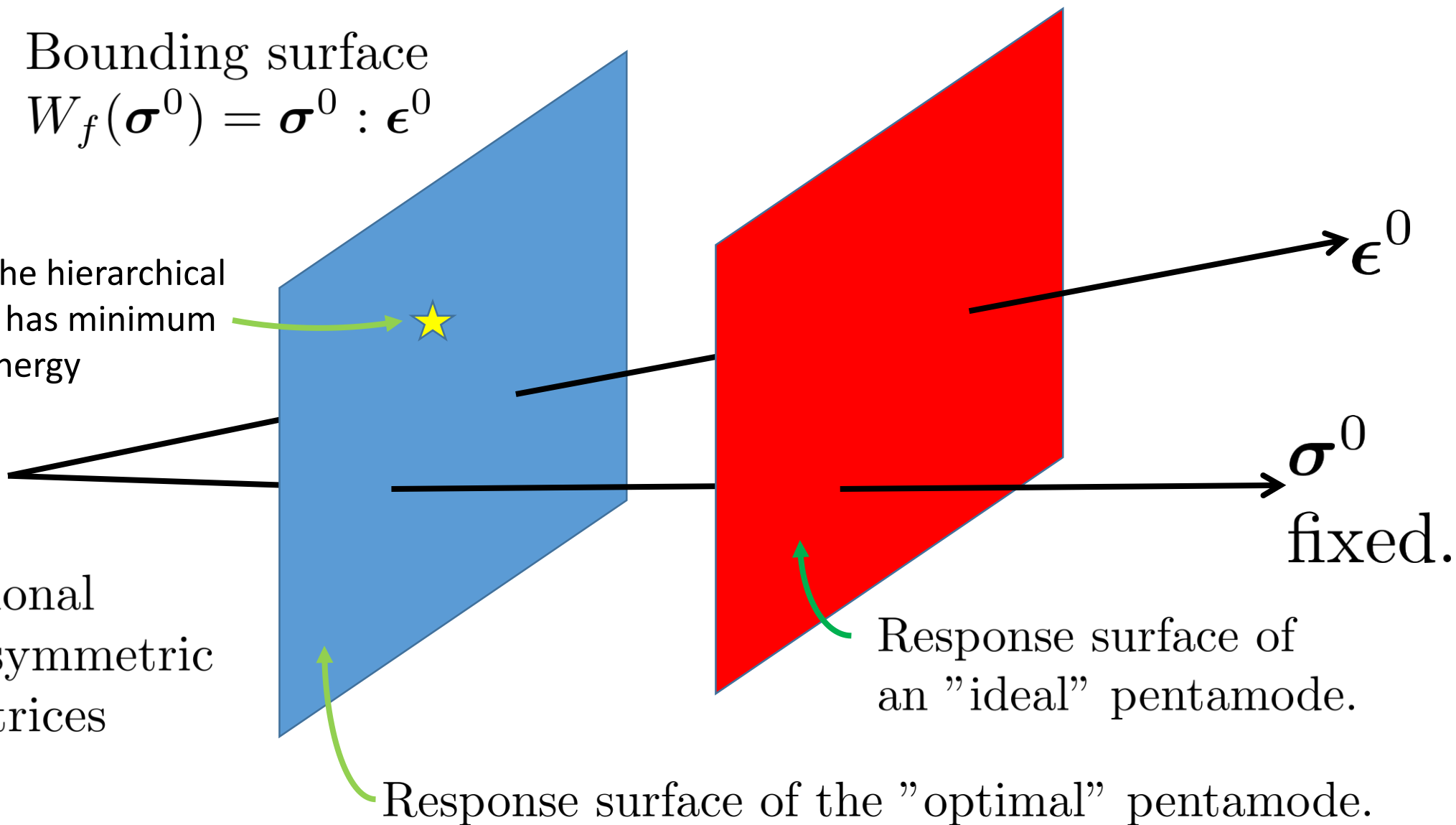
while when one eigenvalue, namely  $\sigma_1$ , is negative,

$$\begin{aligned} g(\mathbf{C}, \boldsymbol{\sigma}) &= \frac{2\mu + \lambda}{2(2\mu + 3\lambda)} \left( \sigma_3 + \sigma_2 - \frac{\mu + 2\lambda}{\mu + \lambda} \sigma_1 \right)^2 \\ &\quad \text{if } \sigma_3 + \sigma_2 \geq \frac{-\mu}{\mu + \lambda} \sigma_1 \text{ and } \sigma_3 - \sigma_2 \leq \frac{-\mu}{\mu + \lambda} \sigma_1, \\ &= (\sigma_3 + \sigma_2)^2 + \sigma_1^2 - \frac{\lambda}{2\mu + 3\lambda} (\sigma_1 + \sigma_2 + \sigma_3)^2 \text{ if } \sigma_3 + \sigma_2 \leq \frac{-\mu}{\mu + \lambda} \sigma_1, \\ &= \sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2 + \sigma_3^2 - \frac{2\mu}{\mu + \lambda} \sigma_1 \sigma_2 - \frac{\lambda}{2\mu + 3\lambda} (\sigma_1 + \sigma_2 + \sigma_3)^2 \text{ if } \sigma_3 - \sigma_2 \geq \frac{-\mu}{\mu + \lambda} \sigma_1. \end{aligned}$$

The bound: very similar to the conductivity case when  $k_2 = 0$ .

Bounding surface  
 $W_f(\boldsymbol{\sigma}^0) = \boldsymbol{\sigma}^0 : \boldsymbol{\epsilon}^0$

Response of the hierarchical  
laminate that has minimum  
compliance energy



The required geometries are pentmodes, materials with elastic tensor

$$\mathbf{C}^* = \alpha \mathbf{A} \otimes \mathbf{A}, \quad \mathbf{A} : \mathbf{A} = 1$$

that are optimal in the sense that

$$\alpha = 1/W_f(\mathbf{A})$$

Given any  $\boldsymbol{\sigma}_0$  and  $\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_0$  so that (\*) holds as an equality, we choose

$$\mathbf{A} = \boldsymbol{\sigma}_0 / \sqrt{\boldsymbol{\sigma}_0 : \boldsymbol{\sigma}_0}$$

and then

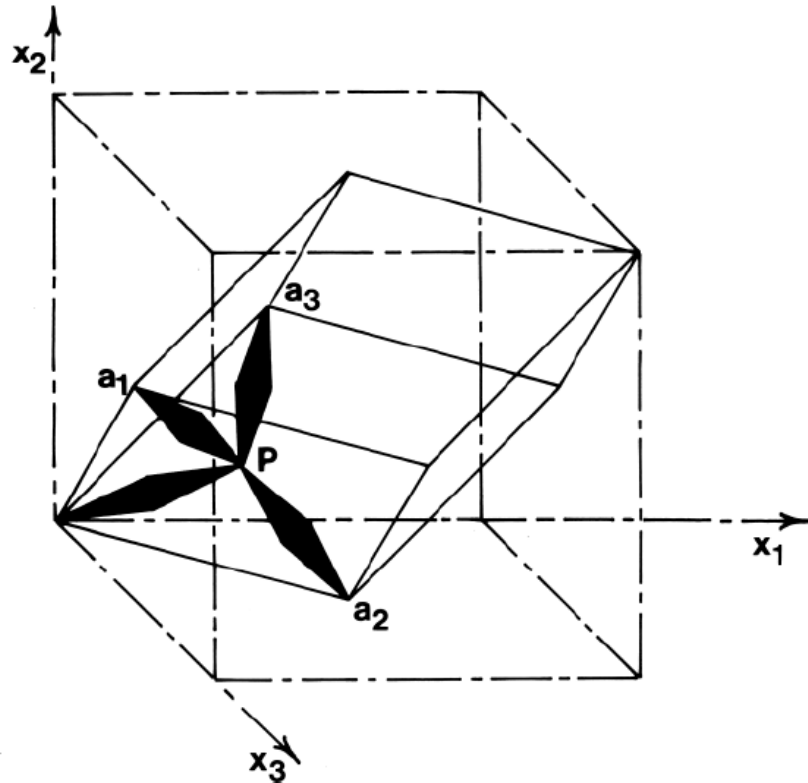
$$\mathbf{C}^* \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_0 = \alpha \boldsymbol{\sigma}_0 W_f(\boldsymbol{\sigma}_0) / (\boldsymbol{\sigma}_0 : \boldsymbol{\sigma}_0) = \alpha \boldsymbol{\sigma}_0 W_f(\mathbf{A}) = \boldsymbol{\sigma}_0$$

as desired.

# What are pentamodes?

## New classes of elastic materials (with Cherkaev, 1995)

A three dimensional pentamode material which can support any prescribed loading



Like a fluid it only supports one loading, unlike a fluid that loading may be anisotropic

Pentamode structures are a sort of anisotropic inhomogeneous fluid

$$\mathbf{C}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{x}) \otimes \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{x}), \quad \nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} = 0,$$

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{x})\boldsymbol{\epsilon}(\mathbf{x}), \quad \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} = 0, \quad \boldsymbol{\epsilon} = [\nabla \mathbf{u} + (\nabla \mathbf{u})^T]/2$$

have the solution

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{x}) = \alpha \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{x})$$

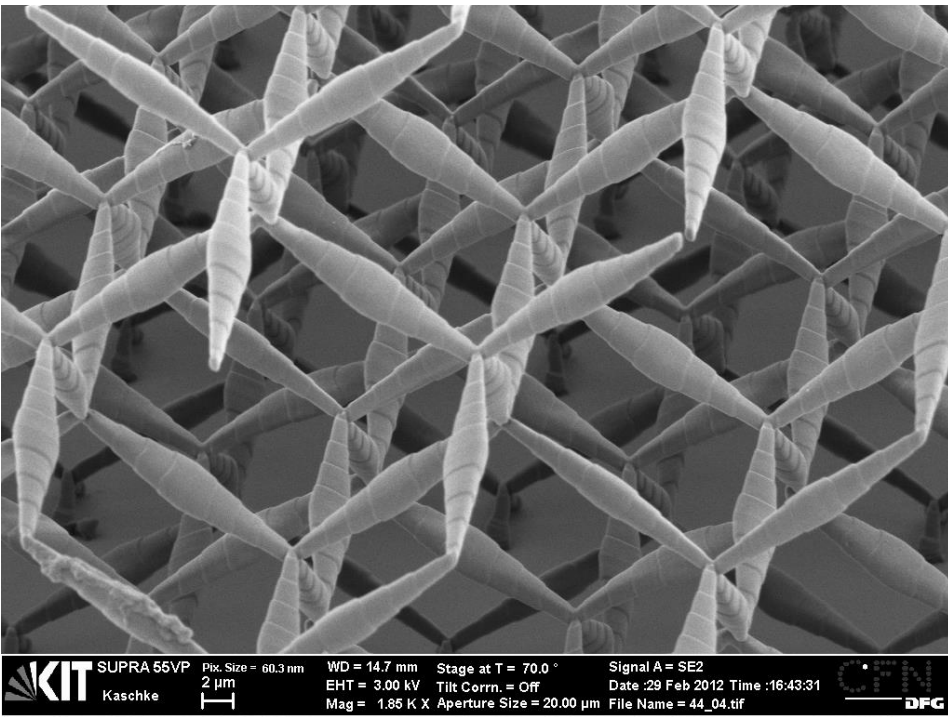
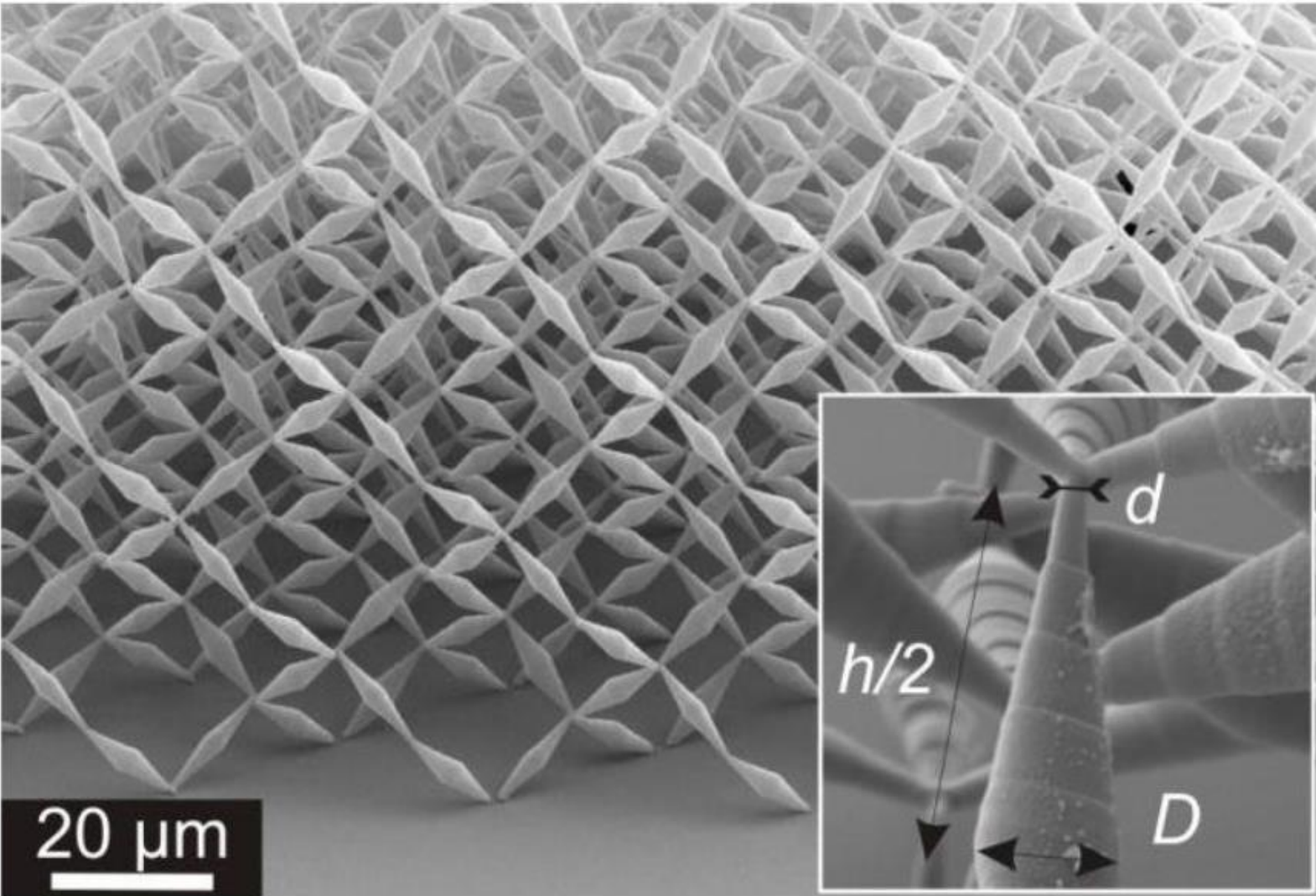
where  $\alpha =$  "a constant" is the analog of pressure, and

$$\alpha = \text{Tr}[\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{x})\nabla \mathbf{u}],$$

constrains  $\nabla \mathbf{u}$ . Thus  $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{x})$  is a sort of anisotropic "compressibility"

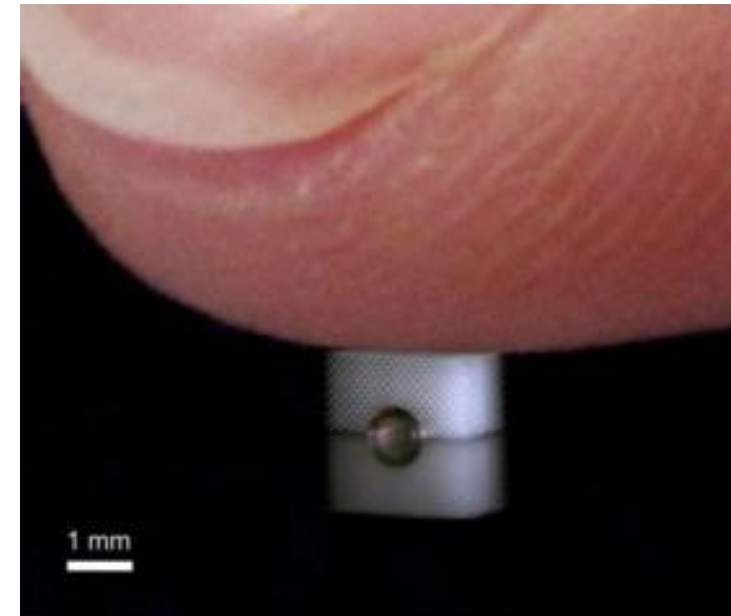
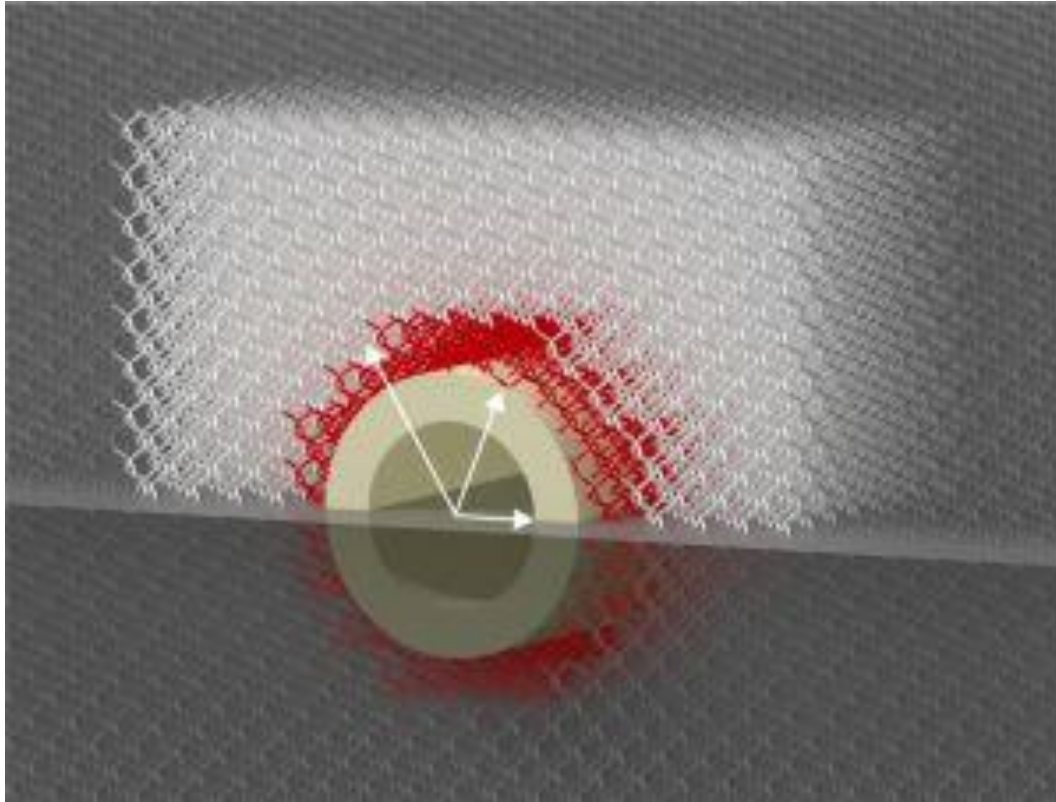


# Realization of Kadic et.al. 2012

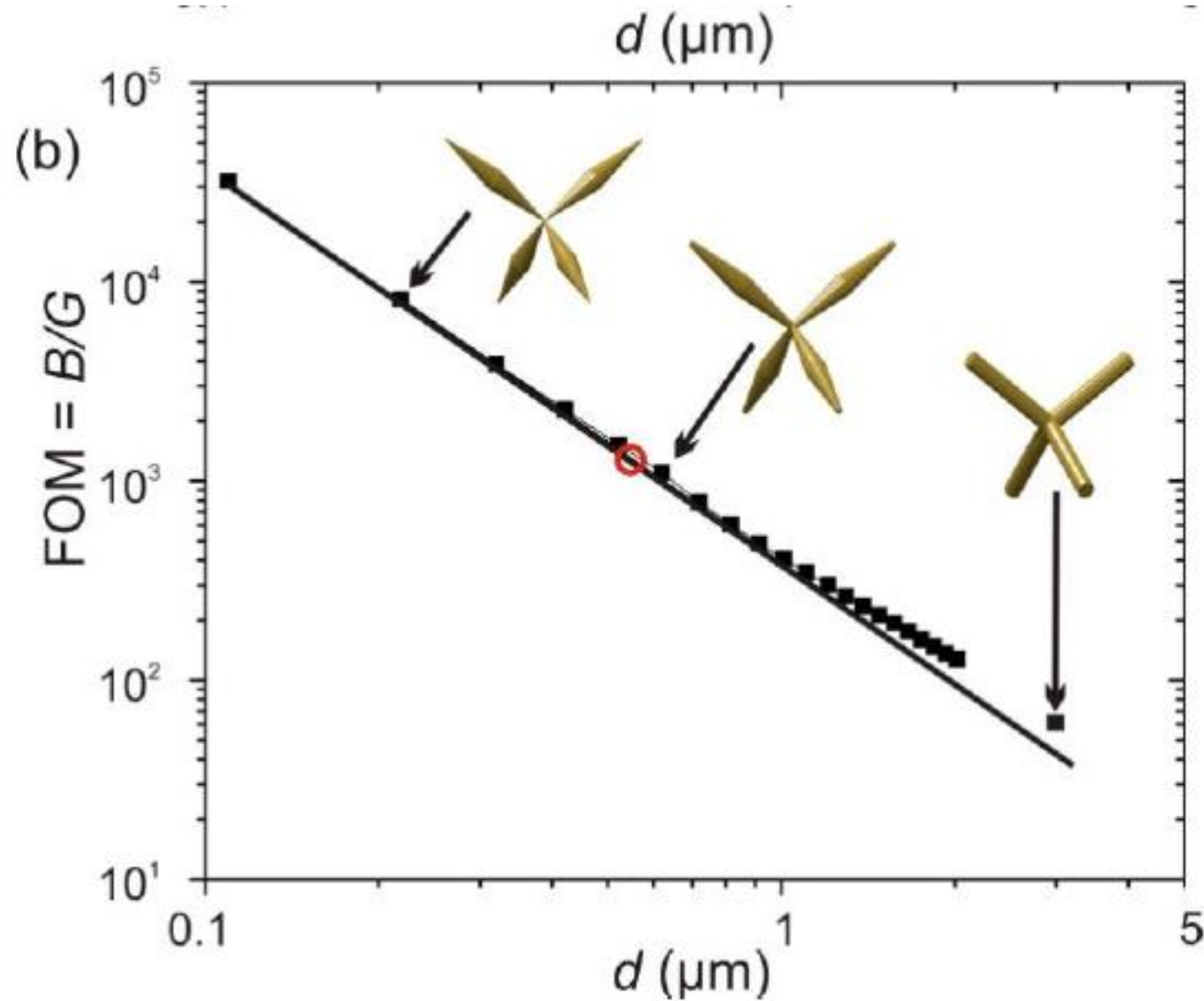




Cloak making an object “unfeelable”:  
Buckmann et. al. (2014)

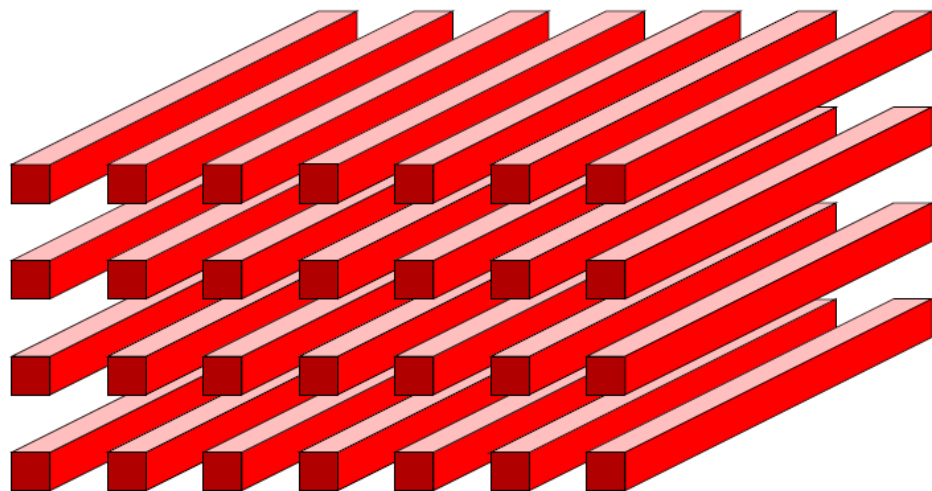
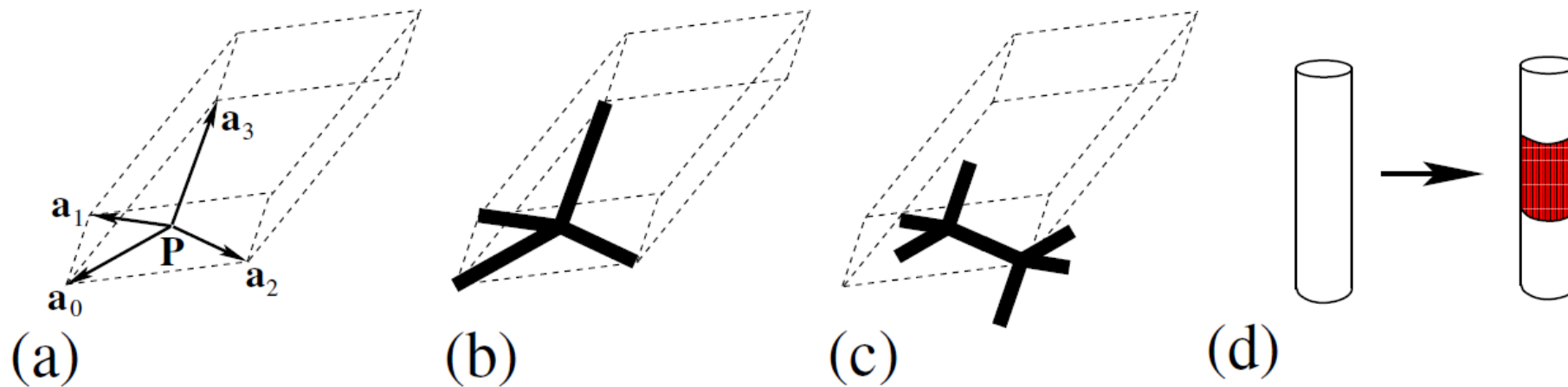


Kadic. et.al 2012

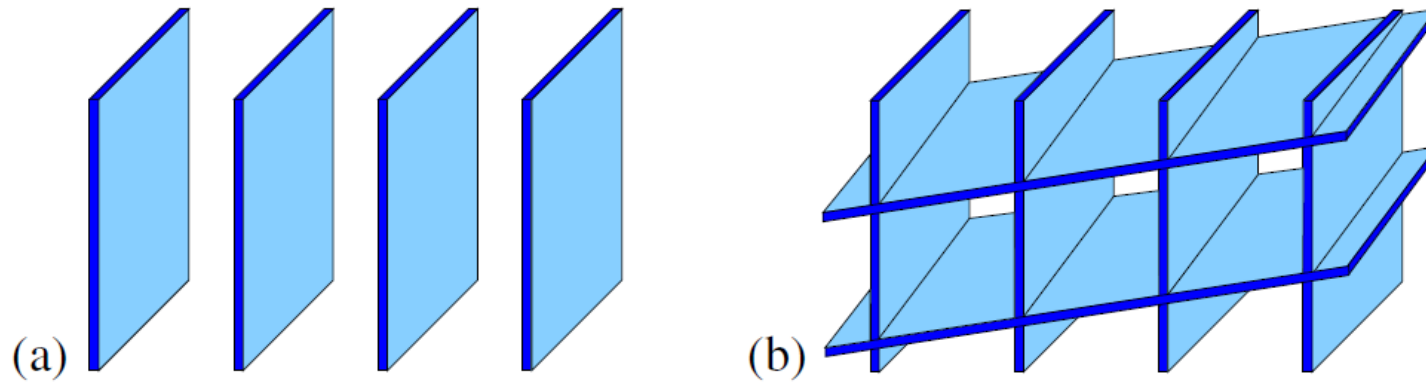


Disadvantage: not only does the shear modulus go to zero as they are made more ideal, but also the bulk modulus goes to zero

# Modifying the pentamodes:



Idea of proof: Insert into the material attaining the energy bounds a thin walled structure with sets of parallel walls:



Inside the walls put the appropriate modified pentamode material. Thus we obtain an optimal pentamode attaining the energy bounds.

For elastically isotropic materials one has the Hashin-Shtrikman Bounds

$$\kappa_* \geq f_1 \kappa_1 + f_2 \kappa_2 - \frac{f_1 f_2 (\kappa_1 - \kappa_2)^2}{f_2 \kappa_1 + f_1 \kappa_2 + 4\mu_2/3},$$

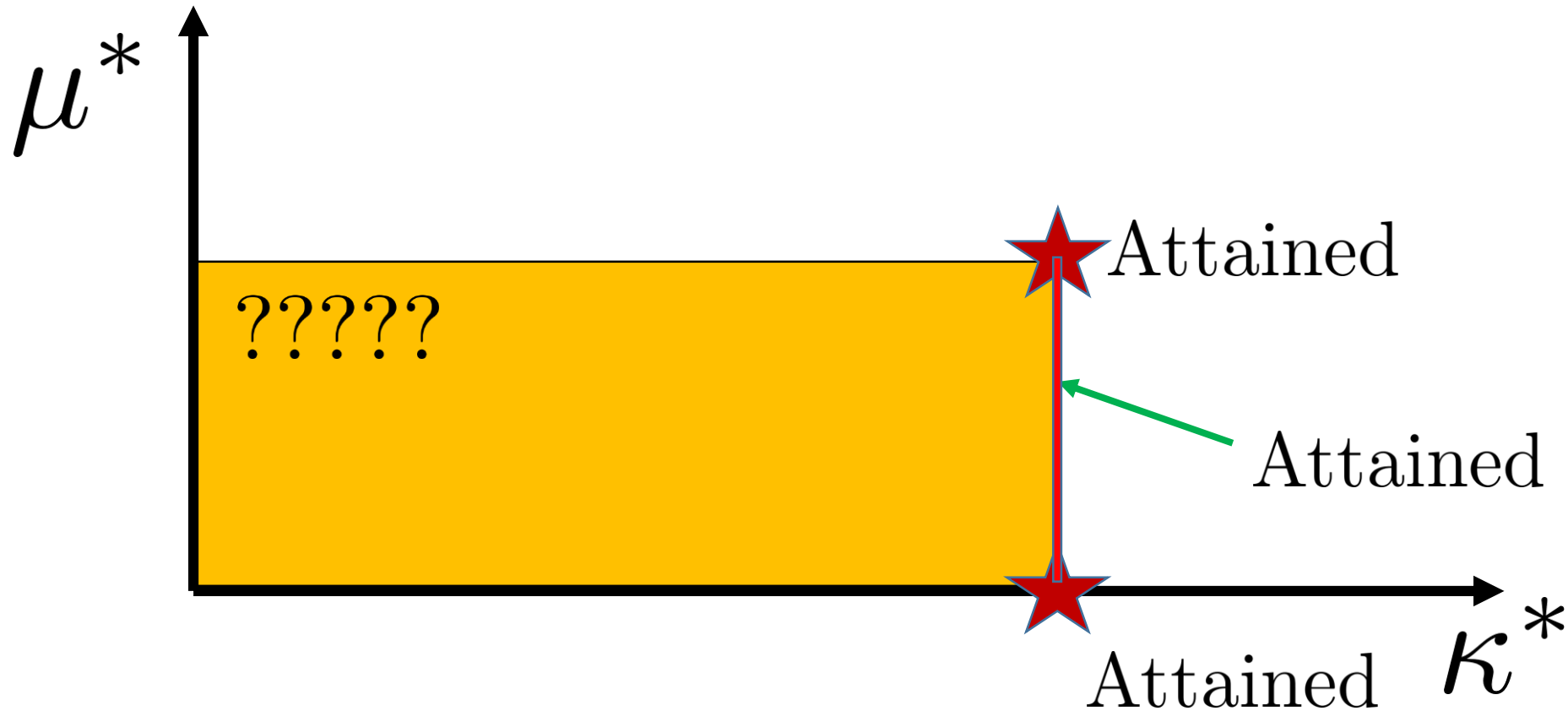
$$\mu_* \geq f_1 \mu_1 + f_2 \mu_2 - \frac{f_1 f_2 (\mu_1 - \mu_2)^2}{f_2 \mu_1 + f_1 \mu_2 + \mu_2 (9\kappa_2 + 8\mu_2) / [6(\kappa_2 + 2\mu_2)]}$$

$$\kappa_* \leq f_1 \kappa_1 + f_2 \kappa_2 - \frac{f_1 f_2 (\kappa_1 - \kappa_2)^2}{f_2 \kappa_1 + f_1 \kappa_2 + 4\mu_1/3},$$

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The optimal pentamode supporting hydrostatic stress  $\boldsymbol{\sigma}^0 = \mathbf{I}$ , is a material that for fixed  $f_1 = 1 - f_2$  in the limit  $\kappa_2, \mu_2 \rightarrow 0$  attains the bulk modulus upper bound, yet has zero shear modulus,  $\mu_* = 0$ .

Hashin-Shtrikman bounding box when one phase is void, and the volume fraction is prescribed



See also Ostanin, Ovchinnikov, Tozoni, and Zorin (results in 2d)  
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jmps.2018.05.018>

We can go much further and go a long way to completely characterizing the G-closure of 3d (and 2d) printed materials.

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# Thank You!

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