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Energy dissipation is an important material property for materials used in applications such as armor, airplane wings, and automotive vehicle crumple zones. superelastic Nickel-Titanium (NiTi) and compliant under-dense materials both have excellent energy dissipation properties. Current research suggests that compliant under-dense materials made of superelastic NiTi have desirable energy dissipation properties. A rhombic dodecahedron Lattice Structured Material (LSM) is an example of a compliant under-dense Material which has potential to exhibit desirable energy dissipation properties when manufactured from superelastic NiTi. In this work, finite element modeling of a superelastic NiTi rhombic dodecahedron Lattice Structured Material is performed and an optimum for energy dissipation based solely on geometric modification is found.

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## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

SMA – Shape Memory Alloy

SME – Shape Memory Effect

SEE – Superelastic Effect

UDM – Under-dense material

LSM – Lattice Structured Material

SLM – Selective Laser Melting

EBM – Electron Beam Melting

NiTi – Nickel-Titanium

DNS – Direct Numerical Simulation

## INTRODUCTION

Under-dense material (UDM) describes material in which deliberate void space exists within a volume of a given material which may or may not be filled with other material. UDM take several forms and names like cellular materials, metal foams, and Lattice Structured Materials (LSM) [1], [2]. The use of UDM for impact absorption and energy dissipation is well documented with uses such as armors [3] and airplane wings [1]. A LSM is a porous material usually made up of periodic cells of structural members. In [2], Messner describes them as akin to the beams and trusses of bridges and skyscrapers, but at a reduced scale. These materials are advantageous as they reduce the mass density of a given volume of a material and allow for the modification and customization of the mechanical behavior. LSMs can be manufactured through a variety of processes such as wire-weaving [4] and additive manufacturing processes like Selective Laser Melting (SLM) [5] and Electron Beam Melting (EBM)[6]. Bending dominated LSMs are compliant structures whose structural members are dominated by bending behavior [7]. A rhombic dodecahedron lattice is a bending dominated lattice made up of 12 rhombic faces for which the edges are the structural members of the LSM [8].

A Shape-Memory Alloy (SMA) is a class of material characterized by its unique mechanical property the Shape Memory Effect (SME) [9]–[11]. SME is the property of shape memory alloys in which a specimen of a SMA appears to be plastically deformed and, upon heating, that deformation is recovered. The Superelastic Effect (SEE) is another mechanical property that is characteristic of certain SMAs and can be described

as the large, elastically recoverable deformation that occurs during a solid-state, “stress-induced” [10, p. 176] phase change. Nickel-Titanium (NiTi) is the nearly equiatomic nickel and titanium shape memory alloy. NiTi is also commonly referred to as Nitinol, as it is a NiTi alloy that was researched at the Naval Ordnance Laboratory (NOL) [12]. Superelastic NiTi wire is known for its damping properties as shown in [13]. Superelastic NiTi can accommodate strains in excess of 8%, making it a considerably compliant material relative to other metal alloys as shown in [9],[13].

SMA UDMs have been shown to be capable of providing desirable energy dissipation properties given the strain accommodation that can be provided with UDMs and SMAs as illustrated in [4]. A superelastic NiTi rhombic dodecahedron LSM could provide considerable energy dissipation properties due to the compliant mechanical behavior of both superelastic NiTi and the rhombic dodecahedron lattice structure.

Unit cell modeling of a periodic UDM is a computationally efficient means of analysis for generalizing the behavior of a UDM to a larger global structure. However, there are some limitations to unit cell modeling, namely higher stiffness than modeling an entire structure. The geometry and base materials of LSMs can be modified to in order to optimized the LSMs to a chosen application as noted in [2]. Adjusting the cross section of the members parallel and perpendicular to loading while keeping the relative density and volume of the unit cell constant may allow for better material performance, such as increased capacity for energy dissipation while maintaining the periodicity of the LSM. Adjusting the relative density of the structure will show how the energy dissipated changes with an increase in mass density. Finding a geometric optimum for maximum energy dissipation using a finite element analysis of a SMA LSM unit cell can be



computationally expensive and time intensive for large numbers of simulations. Utilizing simplified beam element models allows for reduced computational time so that an optimal geometry for the LSM unit cell can be found. This thesis will find such an optimum using simplified beam element models of a superelastic NiTi rhombic dodecahedron LSM. It will provide the background of the aforementioned subjects, the methodology of these studies, and the results of the studies with pertinent discussion of geometric optimums for energy dissipation of a superelastic NiTi rhombic dodecahedron LSM.

## BACKGROUND

### I. Shape Memory Alloy Background

As noted earlier, SMA is a classification of metal alloys that exhibit the shape memory effect, a thermo-mechanical property. The SMA NiTi has been the subject of numerous studies, some of which will be outlined here. NiTi exhibits the SME as well as the SEE depending on temperature and alloy composition. The SME is the property of shape memory alloys in which a specimen of a SMA appears to be plastically deformed and, upon heating, that deformation is recovered. SEE is the property of some SMAs in which large recoverable deformations, typically uncharacteristic of metals, occur due to a “stress-induced” [10, p. 176] phase change [9]–[11]. Figure 1 shows typical stress-strain curves of the (a) SME with loading in blue and unloading in red with heat induced strain recovery in green and (b) SEE with loading in blue and unloading in red. These plots were created with color and labels for clarity based on the plots in [8, Fig. 1].

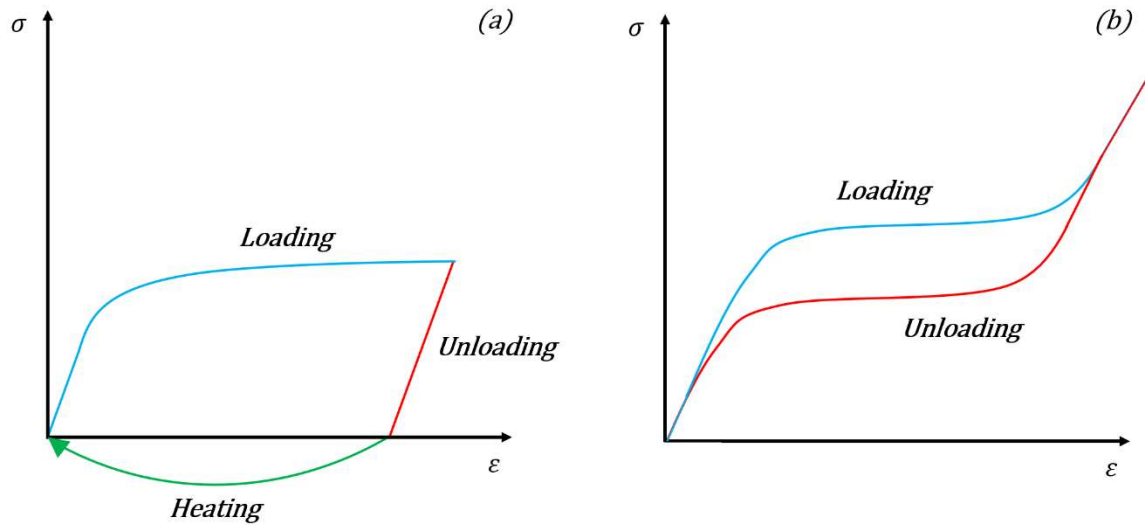


Figure 1: Typical stress-strain curves of the (a) SME and (b) SEE based on the plots in [8, Fig. 1].

Solid-state phase change are responsible for the SME and SEE in NiTi.

Martensite is the lower temperature phase of NiTi and austenite is the higher temperature, “parent” [9, p. 230] phase of NiTi [9]. Martensite has the monoclinic crystalline structure  $B19'$  [14]. Austenite has the crystalline structure  $B2$  [14]. Unstressed low-temperature martensitic NiTi has several variants of martensite whose “crystallographic equivalence” [9, p. 230] induces twinning of related martensite variants which accommodates any transformation strain caused by phase transformation from austenite to martensite upon cooling[9, p. 230].

When stressed sufficiently, all the twinned martensite variants detwin, accommodating strain inelastically. This provides the appearance of plastic deformation. The inelastically deformed, low-temperature detwinned martensitic NiTi transforms to austenite upon heating and the inelastic deformation is recovered. When the NiTi cools, the austenite transforms to the low-temperature martensite phase and the martensite

retwins [9]. This is the basis for the SME for which Shape Memory Alloys are named, however, this effect will not be considered in this thesis.

If NiTi is loaded in the high temperature austenite phase, NiTi transitions to a single-variant martensite due to transformation strain induced by stress. When a critical stress is reached during loading, the austenite begins to transform to single-variant martensite. This transformation during loading can be seen in the plateau during loading in Figure 1(b). During unloading, the “stress-induced” [10, p. 176] single variant martensite transforms to austenite. This can be seen in Figure 1(b), represented by the lower plateau during unloading. Single-variant martensite transforms entirely to austenite when unloaded entirely. This is the basis for the SEE [9]. The stress-strain response of the SEE of NiTi is utilized in this thesis.

## II. Superelasticity Material Model

From the Abaqus Theory Manual on Superelasticity [15], the Abaqus Material Model Library contains a superelastic material model that is based on the uniaxial stress-strain response of superelastic NiTi. The superelasticity material model requires the use of the elastic material model in conjunction to define the material properties. The material model works similarly to an elastoplastic material model using a Drucker-Prager based flow rule to calculate the transformation strain increment. The plateau in the stress-strain curve of superelastic NiTi, as shown in Figure 2, is representative of this transformation flow. An effective modulus of elasticity and Poisson’s ratio are calculated by the material model at every increment based on the fraction of martensite that has transformed from

austenite and the elastic properties of the austenite and martensite phases. From [15], the elastic properties are represented by

$$E = E_A + \zeta(E_M - E_A) \quad (1)$$

$$\nu = \nu_A + \zeta(\nu_M - \nu_A) \quad (2)$$

where  $E$  is the calculated modulus of elasticity,  $\zeta$  is fraction of martensite,  $E_A$  is the elastic modulus of austenite,  $E_M$  is the elastic modulus of martensite,  $\nu$  is the calculated Poisson's ratio,  $\nu_A$  is the Poisson's ratio of austenite, and  $\nu_M$  is the Poisson's ratio of martensite. Figure 3 illustrates NiTi under load before and after its full transformation from austenite to martensite. The unstressed cubic austenite phase, represented by vertical lines, which is loaded until the stress is greater than  $\sigma_{tL}^E$  and all the austenite is transformed into single-variant martensite as represented by slanted lines. This figure was adapted from [8, Fig. 2]. From [15], the total strain increment,  $\Delta\epsilon$ , is given by equation (3) below

$$\Delta\epsilon = \Delta\epsilon^{el} + \Delta\epsilon^{tr} \quad (3)$$

where  $\Delta\epsilon^{el}$  is the elastic component of strain increment and  $\Delta\epsilon^{tr}$  is the transformation component of the strain increment.

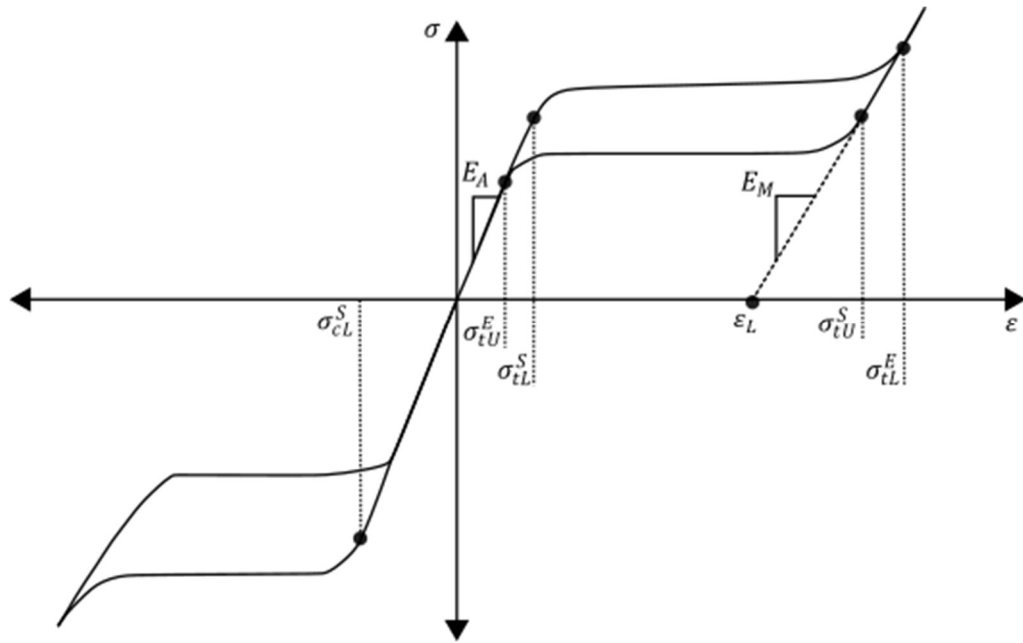


Figure 2: Example of a typical superelasticity stress-strain curve indicating material parameters adapted from [15, Fig. 1].

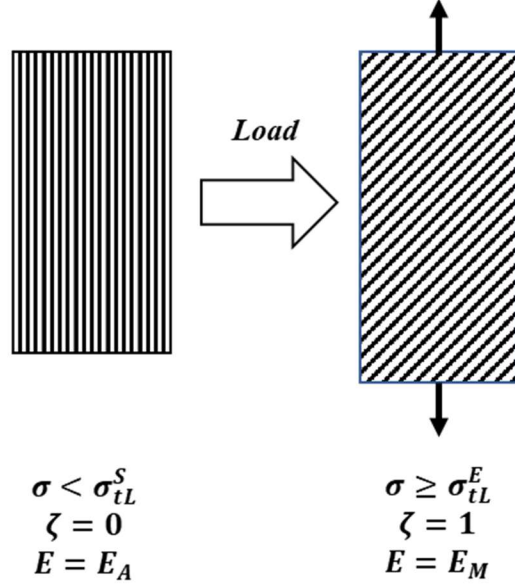


Figure 3: Depiction of superelastic NiTi stress-induced phase transformation with straight and slanted lines indicating austenite and martensite phases, respectively, adapted from [9, Fig. 2].

The material input parameters of the material model in [15] will now be described.  $\varepsilon^L$  is the transformation strain.  $\sigma_{tL}^S$  is the stress where austenite begins transformation to single-variant martensite during tensile loading.  $\sigma_{tL}^E$  is the stress where all austenite has transformed into single-variant martensite during tensile loading where  $\zeta = 1$ .  $\sigma_{tU}^S$  is the stress during tensile unloading where single-variant martensite begins transformation into austenite.  $\sigma_{tU}^E$  is the stress during tensile unloading where single-variant martensite finishes transformation into austenite where  $\zeta = 0$ .  $\sigma_{cL}^S$  is the stress where austenite begins transformation to single-variant martensite during compressive loading and is different from  $\sigma_{tL}^S$  [15]. Figure 2 shows these material parameters in relation to the stress-strain curve of the SMA.

The parameter  $\alpha$  defined in Equation (4) describes the relationship between the initial values of  $\sigma_{cL}^S$  and  $\sigma_{tL}^S$  [11, Eq. 82], shown as.

$$\alpha = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3} \frac{\sigma_{cL}^S - \sigma_{tL}^S}{\sigma_{cL}^S + \sigma_{tL}^S}} \quad (4)$$

$\alpha = 0$  was used for the analyses in this thesis, as the initial compressive and tensile austenite to martensite starting transformation stresses during loading are assumed to be equal. The material parameters in [11] were used for evaluations of the material model in [11, pp. 33–34] and for the analyses in this thesis.

*Table 1: Material Parameters from [11, pp. 33–34] used in these analyses.*

$E_M$ (MPa)	60000	$T_0$ (°C)	0
$\nu_M$	0.3	$\left(\frac{\delta\sigma}{\delta T}\right)_L$ $\left(\frac{MPa}{^\circ C}\right)$	0
$\varepsilon_L$	0.075	$\left(\frac{\delta\sigma}{\delta T}\right)_U$ $\left(\frac{MPa}{^\circ C}\right)$	0
$\sigma_{tL}^S$ (MPa)	520	Shape Set Parameter	0
$\sigma_{tL}^E$ (MPa)	600	$E_A$ (MPa)	60000
$\sigma_{tU}^S$ (MPa)	300	$\nu_a$	0.3
$\sigma_{tU}^E$ (MPa)	200	$\rho$ $\left(\frac{kg}{mm^3}\right)$	6.50(10 <sup>-6</sup> )
$\sigma_{cL}^S$ (MPa)	520		



### III. Under-Dense Material Background

As noted earlier, under-dense material (UDM) describes material in which deliberate void space exists within a volume of a given material which may or may not be filled with other material. This can be periodic or non-periodic in nature. These materials reduce the relative density of a given volume of material and modify the mechanical behavior. The relative density,  $\bar{\rho}$ , is a term used to relate the density of a bulk material and the space that is occupied by that material in a finite volume or a unit cell of the UDM. Relative density is generally given by

$$\bar{\rho} = \frac{V_{Bulk\ Material}}{V_{Total}} \quad (5)$$

Where  $V_{Bulk\ Material}$  is the volume of the bulk material and  $V_{Total}$  is the total volume of occupied space. Relative density for a unit cell is given by

$$\bar{\rho}_{Unit\ Cell} = \frac{V_{Bulk\ Material}}{V_{Unit\ Cell}} \quad (6)$$

where  $\bar{\rho}_{Unit\ Cell}$  represents the relative density,  $V_{Bulk\ Material}$  is the volume of bulk material within the unit cell, and  $V_{Unit\ Cell}$  is the volume of the entire unit cell [8].

LSMs are periodic UDMs made up of beam-like or truss-like members. LSMs achieve modification of the mechanical behavior of a given base material such as the stiffness, density, and isotropy by the deliberate arrangement of the structural members [2], [7]. LSM can be characterized by the dominating mechanical behavior of the lattice members as “bending-dominated” or “stretching-dominated” [7, p. 1035]. The macroscale mechanical behavior of bending-dominated lattices is relatively compliant while the mechanical behavior of stretching-dominated lattices is relatively stiff. The

dominating mechanical behavior of these lattices is a spectrum of these as noted in [7].

The “Maxwell Criterion” [7, p. 1036] describes the dominating behavior of a LSM based on an algebraic rule. For 3D space from [7, Eq. 2], it is represented by

$$M = s - 3n + 6 \quad (7)$$

where  $M$  is the Maxwell number,  $s$  is the number of struts, and  $n$  is the number of joints. Maxwell numbers less than 0 are considered bending-dominated. Maxwell numbers equal to zero are considered stretching-dominated. Maxwell numbers greater than zero are considered mostly stretch-dominated [5].

Rhombic dodecahedron lattices are bending-dominated structures. It is made up of 12 faces of rhombuses whose edges are the members of the unit cell. [8] describes the mechanical properties of the rhombic dodecahedron unit cell as orthotropic with equivalent elastic moduli in the  $y$ -direction and  $z$ -direction and a more compliant elastic modulus in the  $x$ -direction. Figure 4 shows the rhombic dodecahedron structure based off of [8, Fig. 1]. Figure 4(a) shows the structural members in blue and the vertices as red dots. Figure 4(b) shows the rhombic dodecahedron face has side lengths of  $L$  and internal angles of  $2\alpha$  and  $2\theta$ . Figure 4(c) shows top, side, and front views of the rhombic dodecahedron unit cell with overall unit cell dimensions. Figure 5 shows 3-Dimensional renderings of the rhombic dodecahedron structure created in Abaqus CAE.

Evaluation of the rhombic dodecahedron unit cell by Maxwell’s Criterion finds the structure to be bending-dominated. There are 14 joints of the rhombic dodecahedron Unit Cell and 24 members, and therefore the Maxwell number is -12. The rhombic

dodecahedron structure is a bending-dominated lattice by this rule. A circular-cross section was selected for the analyses in this thesis.

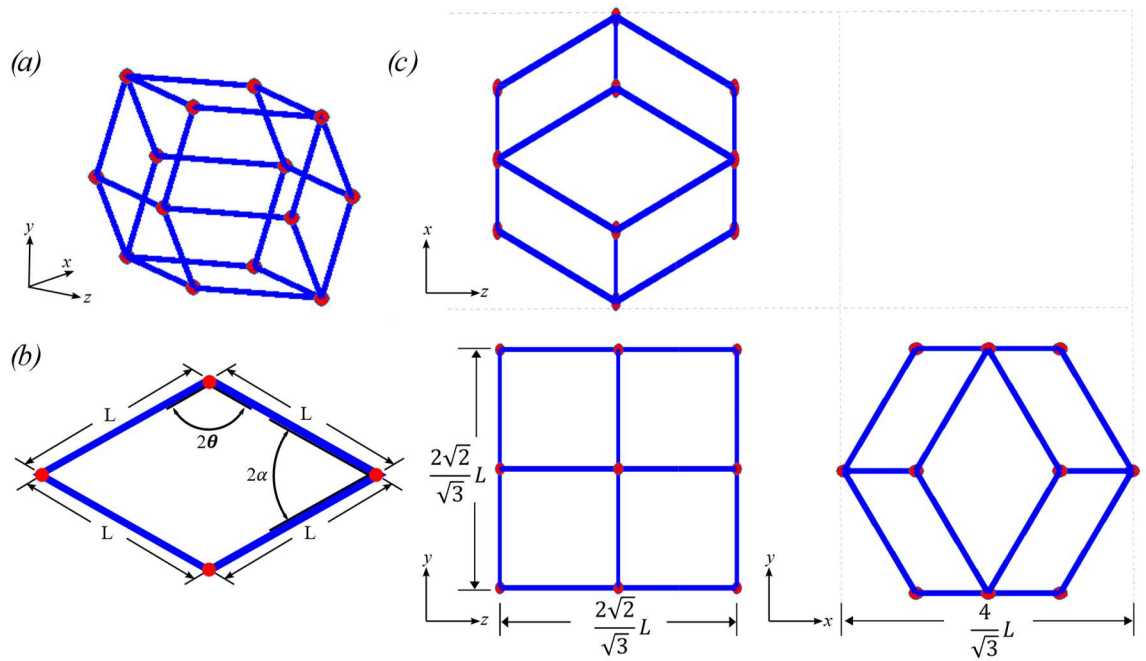


Figure 4: Open-cell rhombic dodecahedron structure with dimensions adapted from [8, Fig. 1]

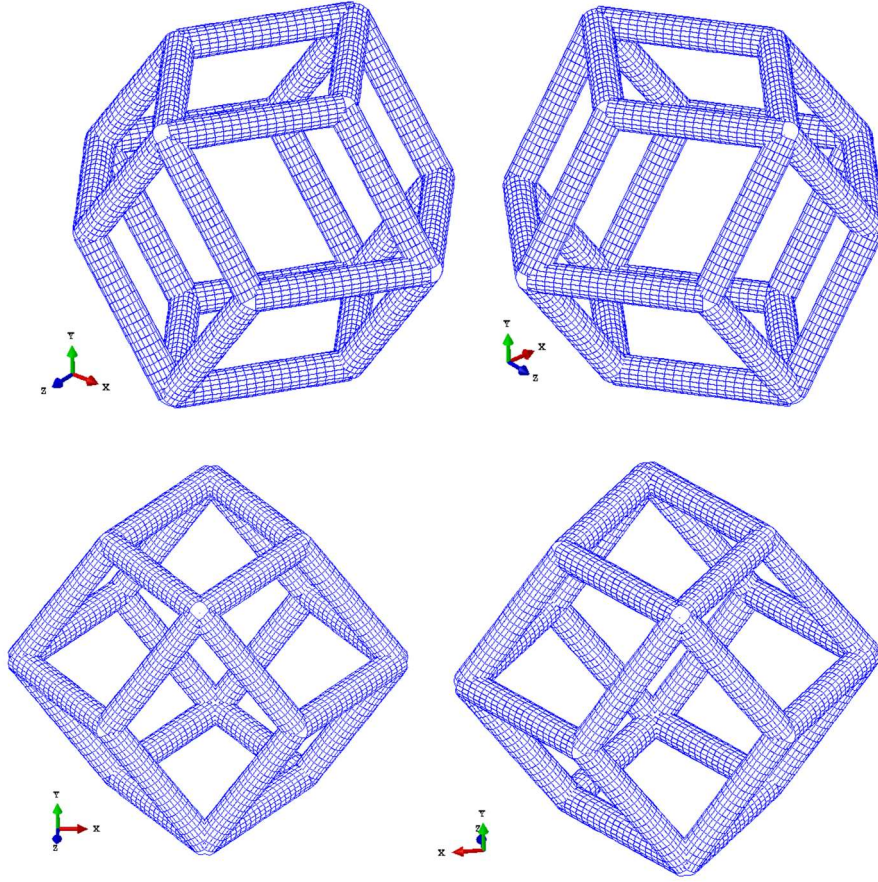


Figure 5: The rhombic dodecahedron unit cell rendered in Abaqus CAE from multiple viewpoints.

The relative density of the rhombic dodecahedron unit cell with a circular cross-section for the structural members is represented by

$$\bar{\rho}_{RhD} = \frac{27\sqrt{3}\pi r^2}{4L^2} \quad (8)$$

where  $\bar{\rho}_{RhD}$  is the relative density of the rhombic dodecahedron unit cell,  $r$  is the radius of the cross-section, and  $L$  is the side length of the rhombus.

Manufacturing of a superelastic NiTi rhombic dodecahedron LSM could be manufactured via a variety of methods. Wire-woven methods were used to produce a

SMA truss as shown in [4]. These structures could also be created by an additive manufacturing method such as 4D printing [16].

#### IV. Damping and Energy Dissipation

Materials capable of high energy dissipation are of interest for their damping properties when considering a need to absorb and control high energy impacts and intense vibrational loading [1], [3], [4], [13]. Energy dissipation is shown to be desirable for applications such as composite armor in [1] and for an impact absorber on an airplane wing in [3]. Superelastic NiTi has desirable energy dissipation properties based on the work in [13]. Energy is dissipated as a result of the “stress-induced” [10, p. 176] solid state phase change as the unloading path has lower energy than the loading path [4], [13].

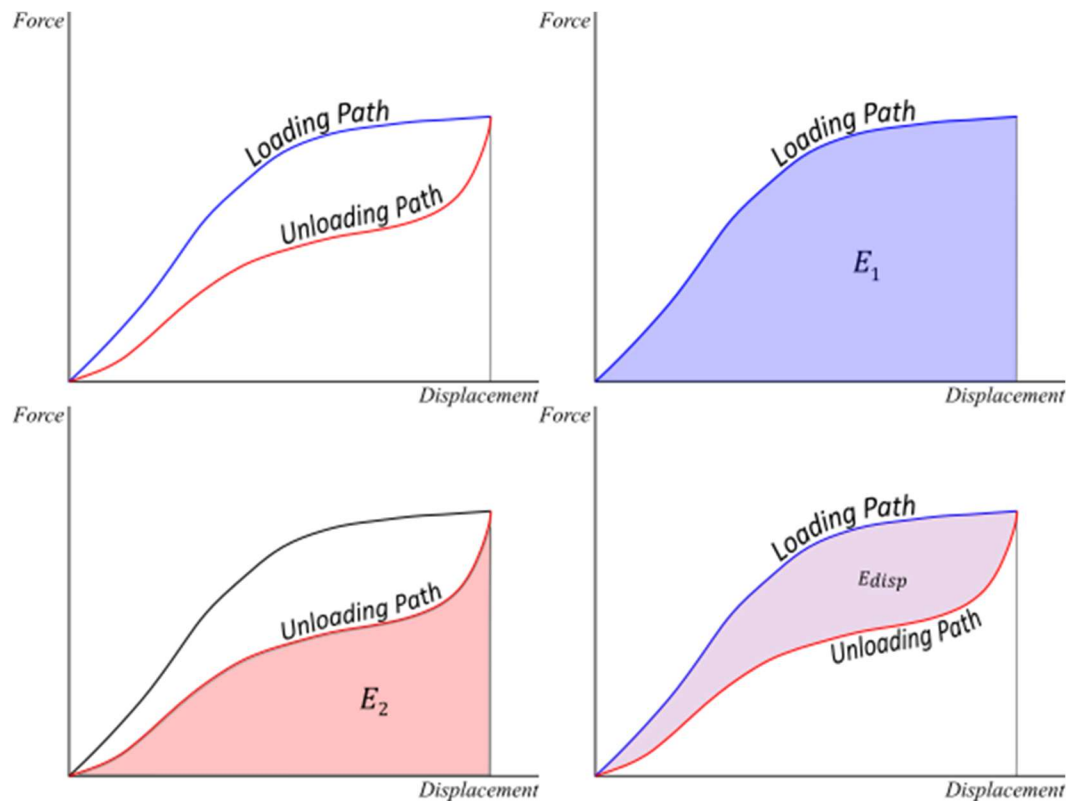


Figure 6: Energy dissipation shown as the difference between the energy of the loading path in blue and the unloading path in blue on a typical compression curve of an SMA adapted from [4, Fig. 11].

Energy dissipation can be quantified by the difference in potential energy input during loading and the potential energy output during unloading. [4] calculated the dissipated energy from the difference of energy in the loading and unloading paths of wire-woven SMA trusses in compression. From [4, Eq. 1], the energy dissipated is calculated by

$$E_{disp} = E_1 - E_2 \quad (9)$$

where loading energy, the unloading energy, and energy dissipated are represented by  $E_1$ ,  $E_2$ , and  $E_{disp}$ , respectively. Figure 6 shows  $E_1$ ,  $E_2$ , and  $E_{disp}$  with respect to the loading paths. From [4, Eq. 2] and [4, Eq. 3], the energy dissipation coefficient,  $\eta$ , which for the purposes of this thesis represents a normalization of the energy dissipated, is calculated by

$$\eta = \frac{E_{disp}}{\pi(E_1 - \frac{E_{disp}}{2})} \quad (10)$$

where  $\eta$  is the energy dissipation coefficient [4, p. 2288].

## SIMULATION SET-UP AND STUDIES

### I. Overview

The superelastic NiTi rhombic dodecahedron structure unit cell was modeled using two methods. The first model, which will be referred to as the Direct Numerical Simulation (DNS) model, uses a mesh of tetrahedral elements. The second model, which will be referred to as the Beam model, was created using beam finite elements [17, pp. 535–596] for computational efficiency. The DNS is the more precise model of behavior at the expense of computational efficiency. A study to evaluate the mechanical behavior of the unit cell was carried out in which the unit cell was displaced in tension and compression along the  $x$ -direction and  $y$ -direction. This study was carried out using both the DNS model and the Beam model to evaluate how well the Beam model can model the mechanical behavior of the unit cell. The Beam model was then used for two studies to evaluate the unit cell for its capacity for energy dissipation given changes in geometry and relative density, respectively. A third study was then carried out to evaluate the unit cell for its capacity for energy dissipation when combining the changes in geometry and relative density while also scaling up the unit cell.



## II. Meshing

Both the DNS model and the Beam Model used elements from the Abaqus Element Library [18][19]. The DNS model was meshed using *C3D10* tetrahedral elements. The unit cell was modeled in PTC CREO Parametric 4.0 Academic and meshed in Abaqus CAE. The DNS Model used 21683 elements and 38303 nodes. The Beam model was meshed using *B31* beam elements. The unit cell was also modeled in Abaqus CAE with line segments between vertex points on which *B31* beam elements were meshed on. *B31* beam elements model beam bending behavior based on Timoshenko beam theory[17, pp. 535–596]. *B31* elements have a single-integration point and were used for analyses in this thesis. The Beam model had 480 elements and 1430 nodes. Figure 7 and Figure 8 show the meshes of the rhombic dodecahedron unit cell for the Beam model and the DNS model, respectively.

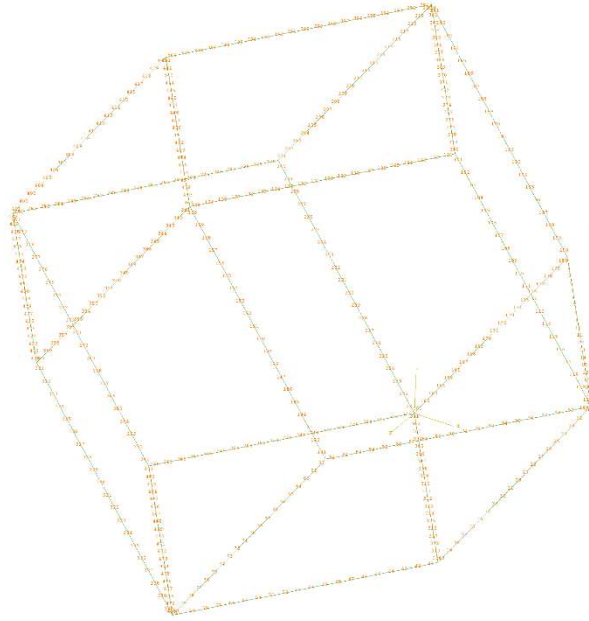


Figure 7: Beam model mesh using B31 beam elements with 480 elements and 1430 nodes

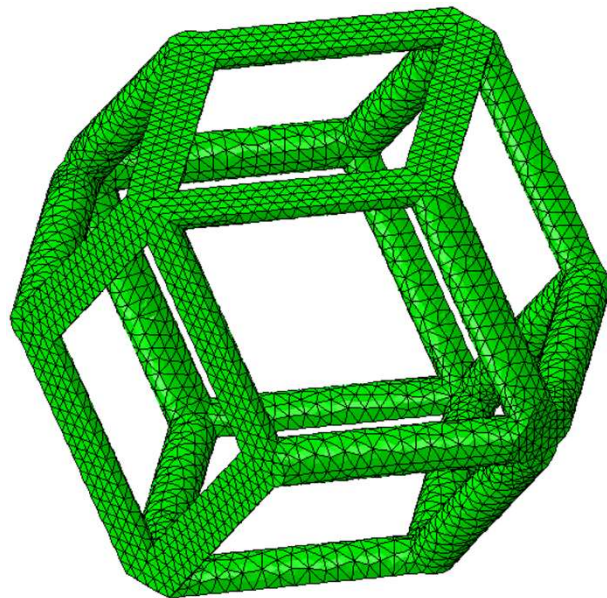


Figure 8: DNS model mesh of the rhombic dodecahedron unit cell using C3D10 elements with 21683 elements and 38303 nodes

### III. Mechanical Behavior Study

A study on the mechanical behavior of the superelastic NiTi rhombic dodecahedron unit cell was carried out. The force-displacement responses of the unit cell in the  $x$ -direction and the  $y$ -direction were evaluated. The structural members of the unit cell had a length of 1 mm and a radius of 0.087 mm. Figure 9 shows the boundary conditions used for this analysis for displacement-controlled loading in tension and compression along the  $x$ -direction and  $y$ -direction, respectively. Figure 9(a) and Figure 9(b) shows the boundary conditions used on the DNS model and the Beam model, respectively. Both show the top, front, and side views of the unit cell. The applied displacements in the  $x$ -direction and  $y$ -direction are shown in green and orange, respectively. The DNS model is shown with the displacements on the highlighted areas of application. The Beam model is shown with the displacements applied at the nodes. Both the DNS model and the Beam Model were used for this study. The edge planes of the unit cell were displacement constrained in the direction perpendicular to the direction of loading as shown by the rollers. The unit cell was displaced along the  $x$ -direction and  $y$ -direction as denoted in green and orange, respectively, at the opposite edge planes edges to 2%, 4%, 6%, and 8% of the side length, and then unloaded to 0% displacement. Force and displacement parallel to the loading direction was extracted from the nodes of the loading plane. The mean average of the force and displacement of these nodes was calculated at every increment. It should be noted that the displacement-controlled loading in the  $x$ -direction and  $y$ -direction occurred as two independent loading conditions; displacement-controlled loading in the  $x$ -direction and  $y$ -direction did not occur simultaneously.

Quasi-static loading conditions were assumed for both models. No contact analysis or post-buckling analysis was performed in both models. Both the DNS Model and the Beam Model used a full Newton-Raphson solution and nonlinear geometry was accounted for. The Beam model had an initial step size (unitless) of 0.01, a maximum step size of 0.01, and a minimum step-size of 0.00001 over an interval of 1. The DNS model had an initial step size of 0.001, a maximum step size of 0.05, and a minimum step-size of 0.00001 over an interval of 1.

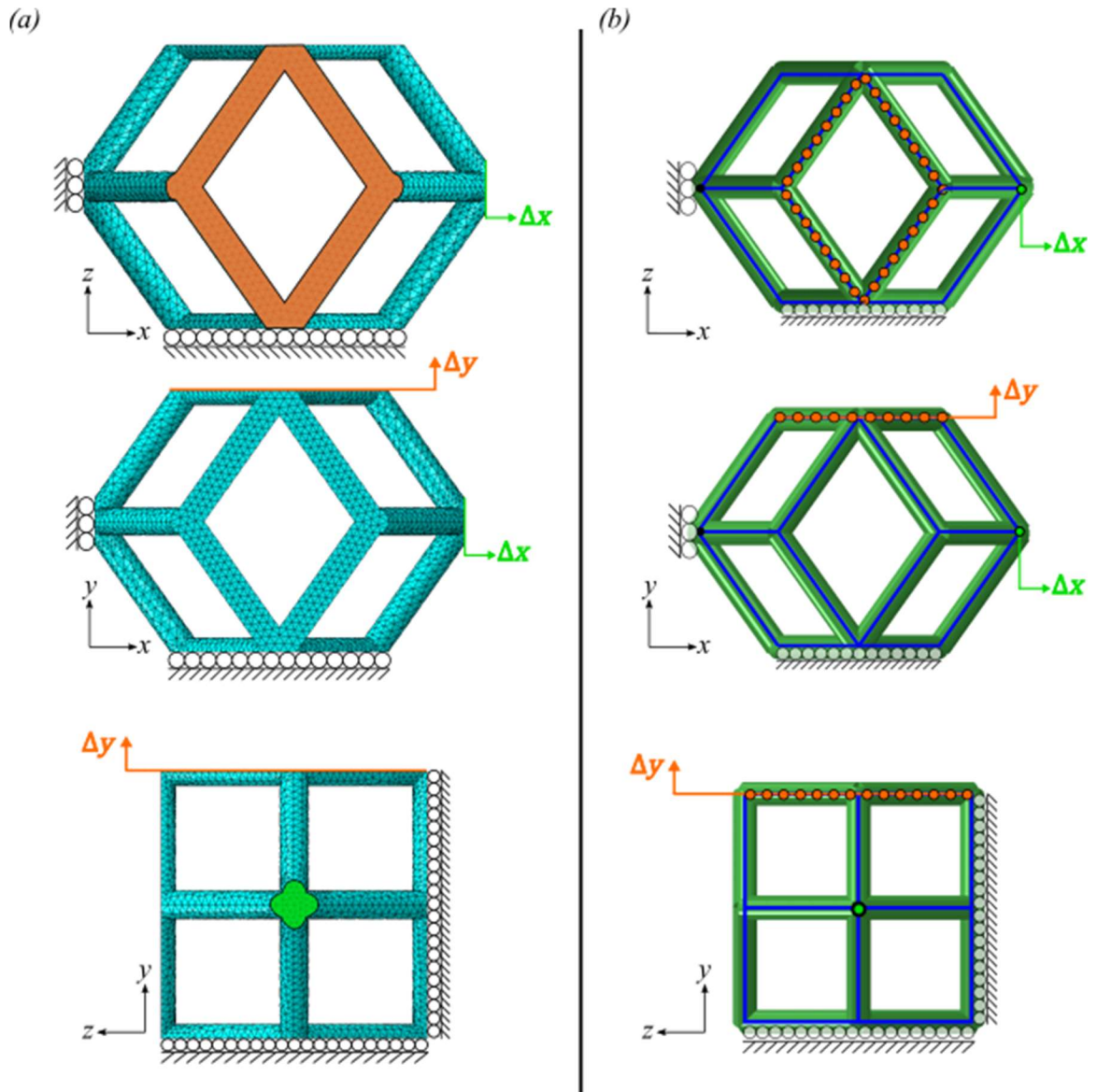


Figure 9: Boundary conditions for the unit cell analyses performed for the (a) DNS model and (b) Beam model.

#### IV. Energy Dissipation Studies

Three studies were carried out to find an energy dissipation optimum using the Beam model. Only the beam model was used for these studies due to its computational efficiency. Only the compression loading regime was used to calculate the energy dissipated and the energy dissipation coefficient. The trapezoid rule was used to calculate the energy of loading and unloading from the force-displacement curves. This was used to calculate the energy dissipated and the energy dissipation coefficient. The loading and boundary conditions of the Beam model in compression used in the mechanical behavior study were used for the energy dissipation studies.

For the first study, the relative density was kept constant while the radii of the members lying parallel to the  $xz$ -plane and  $xy$ -plane were varied. The members parallel to the  $xz$ -plane and  $xy$ -plane are referred to as the horizontal group and the vertical group, respectively. The radius of the horizontal group was changed while the unit cell volume remained constant, so the vertical group radii changed with it. The choice of varying the radii of members in perpendicular planes was deliberate as periodicity can be maintained while the geometry is modified. Figure 10 shows the unit cell with the horizontal radius at its upper and lower bounds of 0.039 mm and 0.120 mm. A step-size of .003 mm was used. When loading the unit cell as if it were in a “sandwich structure” [4, p. 2285] or in a “Sandwich Panel Configuration” [8, p. 2881], structural members of the rhombic dodecahedron unit cell perpendicular to loading behave primarily in uniaxial tension and compression. The energy dissipated and the energy dissipation coefficient are plotted against the horizontal radius.

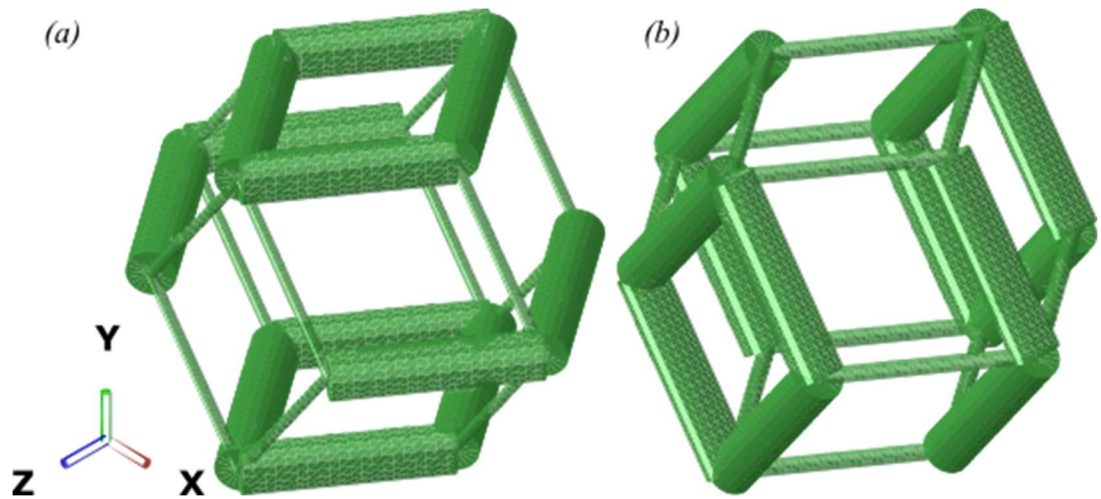
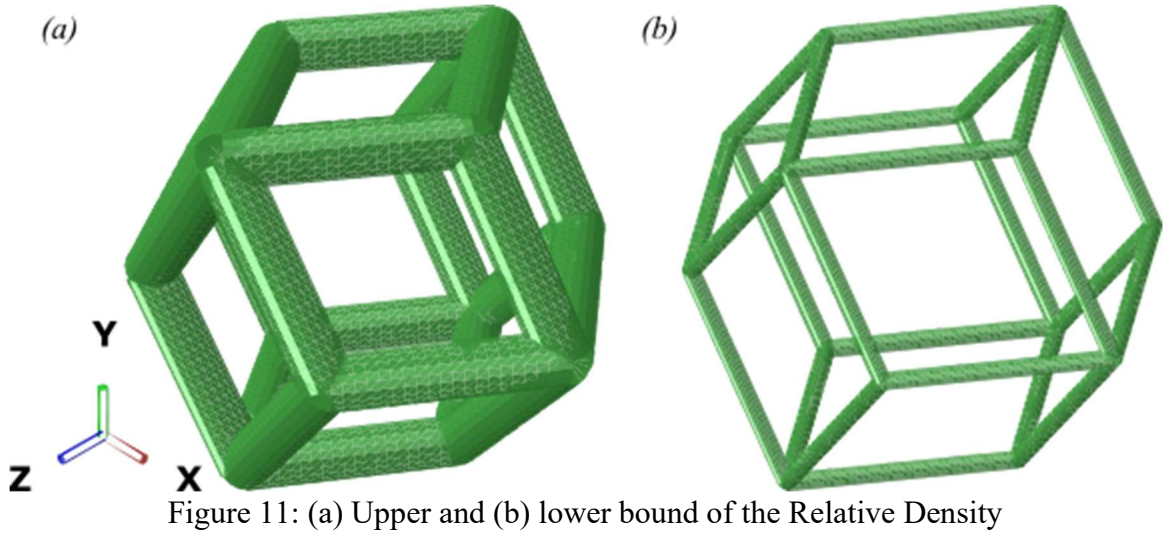


Figure 10: (a) Upper and (b) lower bound of the Horizontal Radius

For the second study, the relative density,  $\bar{\rho}_u$ , (unitless) was varied between 0.0372 and 0.3526. The relative density was calculated from radius values of 0.039 mm to 0.12 mm with a step-size of 0.03. The energy dissipated and the energy dissipation

coefficient are plotted against the relative density. Figure 11 shows the unit cell of the rhombic dodecahedron with the upper and lower bounds of the relative density.





The third study combined the concepts of the first and second study. The length of the strut members was changed to 5 mm. The relative density,  $\bar{\rho}_u$ , was varied between 0.03 and 0.045 at a resolution of 0.03. The horizontal radius was changed by a factor named  $R_{var}$  between 0.5-1.25 at a resolution of 0.05. The load was varied between 1-8% of the unit cell length in the  $x$ -direction and  $y$ -direction. Energy Dissipation and the Energy Dissipation Coefficient were calculated. A peak von-Mises stress limit of 700 MPa was chosen using engineering judgement based on the upper limits of stresses of numerical studies and experimental data in [4], [10], [11] as to not include any simulations with stresses where fracture may occur. Any simulation exceeding this von-Mises stress or that provided a warning indicating buckling behavior was not included in plots. The third study was done to be thorough and to demonstrate that  $\bar{\rho}_u$  and  $R_{var}$  are independent.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

### I. Overview

This chapter will show and discuss the results of the three studies. Python scripts were used to extract force, displacement, and stress values from the ABAQUS .odb (output database) files and warning messages from the ABAQUS .msg (message) files. These values and warning messages were then post-processed and plots were created using MATLAB. Stress contour plots were generated in the Visualization Module of Abaqus CAE then processed and arranged for clarity and conciseness using Inkscape. Samples of the source code utilized in this work can be found in the appendices.

### II. Mechanical Behavior Study Results

Figure 12 and Figure 13 show the force-displacement curve of the superelastic rhombic dodecahedron unit cell in the  $x$ -direction and the  $y$ -direction, respectively. The DNS model and the beam model are shown plotted together with varying displacements. The qualitative shape of the force-displacement plots show that the models exhibit similar mechanical behavior, although the response of the beam model is stiffer. The unit cell of the DNS model only includes volume of the material within the boundary of the unit cell; the cross-section is a semi-circle for the structural members which lie on the border of the unit cell, whereas the cross-section of the beam model is a full circle. The Beam model does not model the behavior of stress-concentrations from the geometry at the vertices of the structure. The force-displacement response of the  $y$ -direction is stiffer than the  $x$ -direction. This is consistent with the mechanical behavior of the rhombic dodecahedron

structure in [8] that showed a stiffer modulus of elasticity in the  $y$ -direction than in the  $x$ -direction.

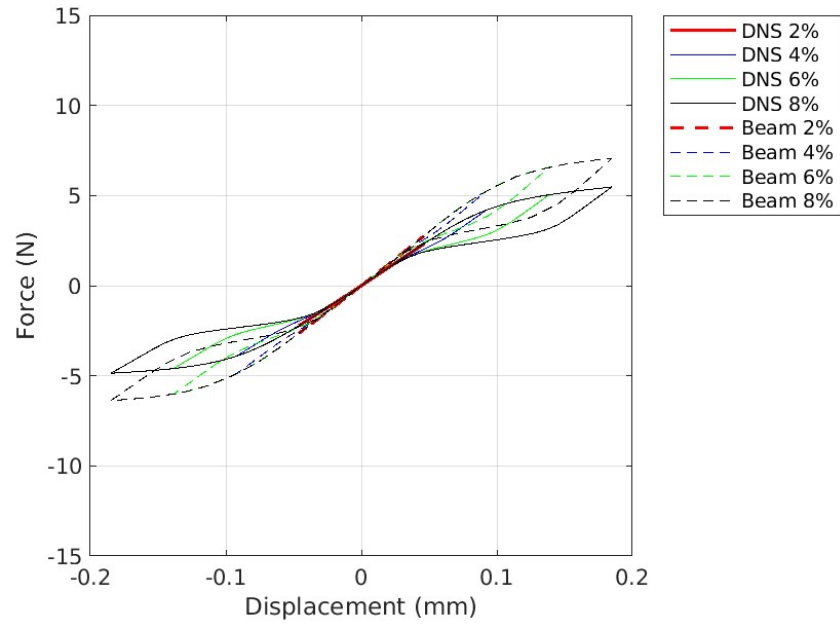


Figure 12: Force-Displacement Curve of Beam and DNS Model in  $x$ -Direction

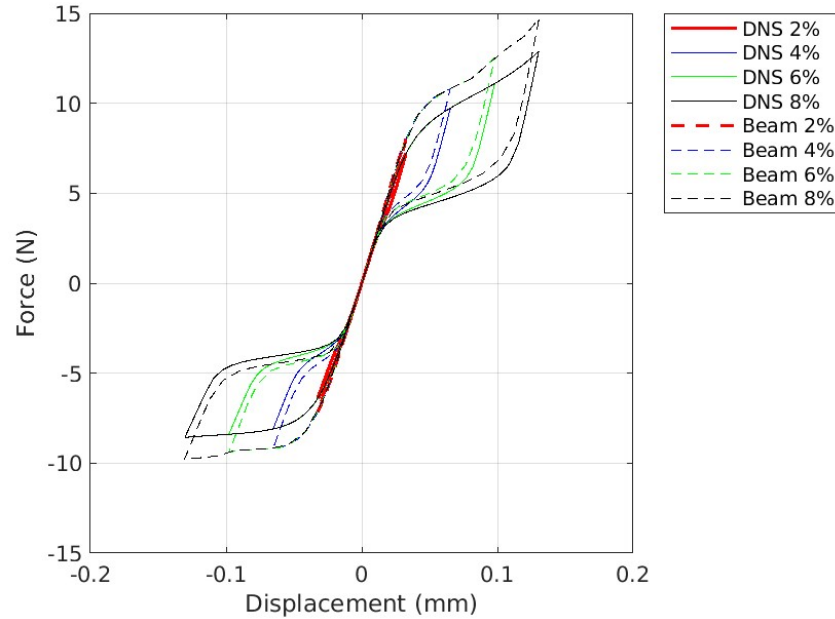


Figure 13: Force-Displacement Curve of Beam and DNS Model for  $y$ -direction

Figure 14-17 show the equivalent von-Mises Stress contour plots of the rhombic dodecahedron unit cell in compression in the  $x$ -direction, tension in the  $x$ -direction, compression in the  $y$ -direction, and tension in the  $y$ -direction, respectively, on the deformed model. In both models and for all displacements, stresses are similarly distributed along the structural members with higher stresses closer to the vertices of the LSM. The DNS model shows higher stresses at the vertices than the Beam model. The elements used in the Beam model only model beam bending behavior of the and do not model the complex geometry at the vertices where stress concentrations occur. The stress of the outermost structural members is higher in the DNS model, as the full cross section of each member was not used in the unit cell of the DNS model.

Some of the stresses in the models would exceed the stress where fracture would occur are shown for the 6% and 8% displacement loading conditions of the displacement.

These results show that the predicted stresses are consistent between the DNS and Beam models.

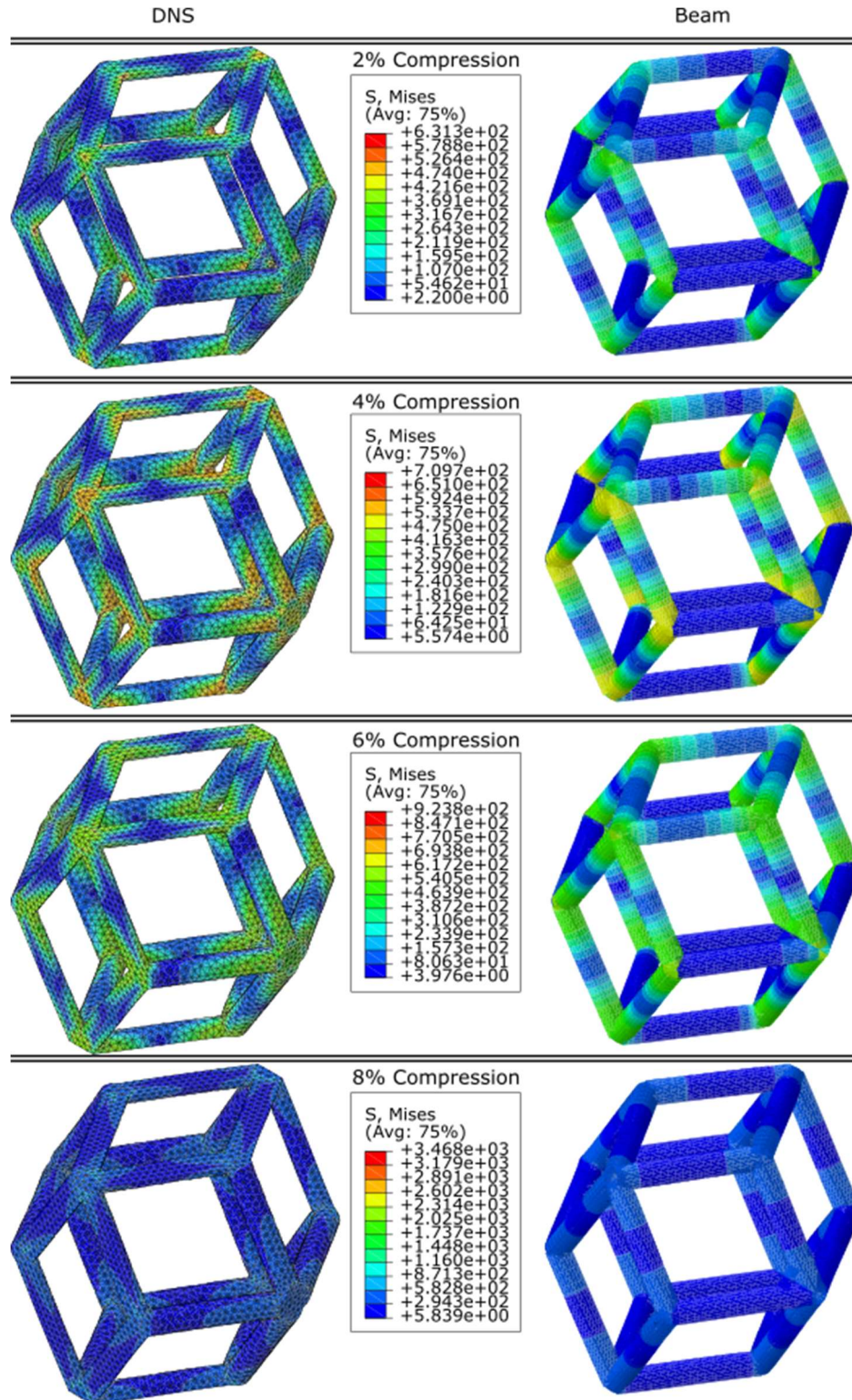


Figure 14: Equivalent Von-Mises Stress (MPa) contour plots for compression in the  $x$ -direction for the DNS (left) and Beam Model (right). The colored legend changes with each displacement.

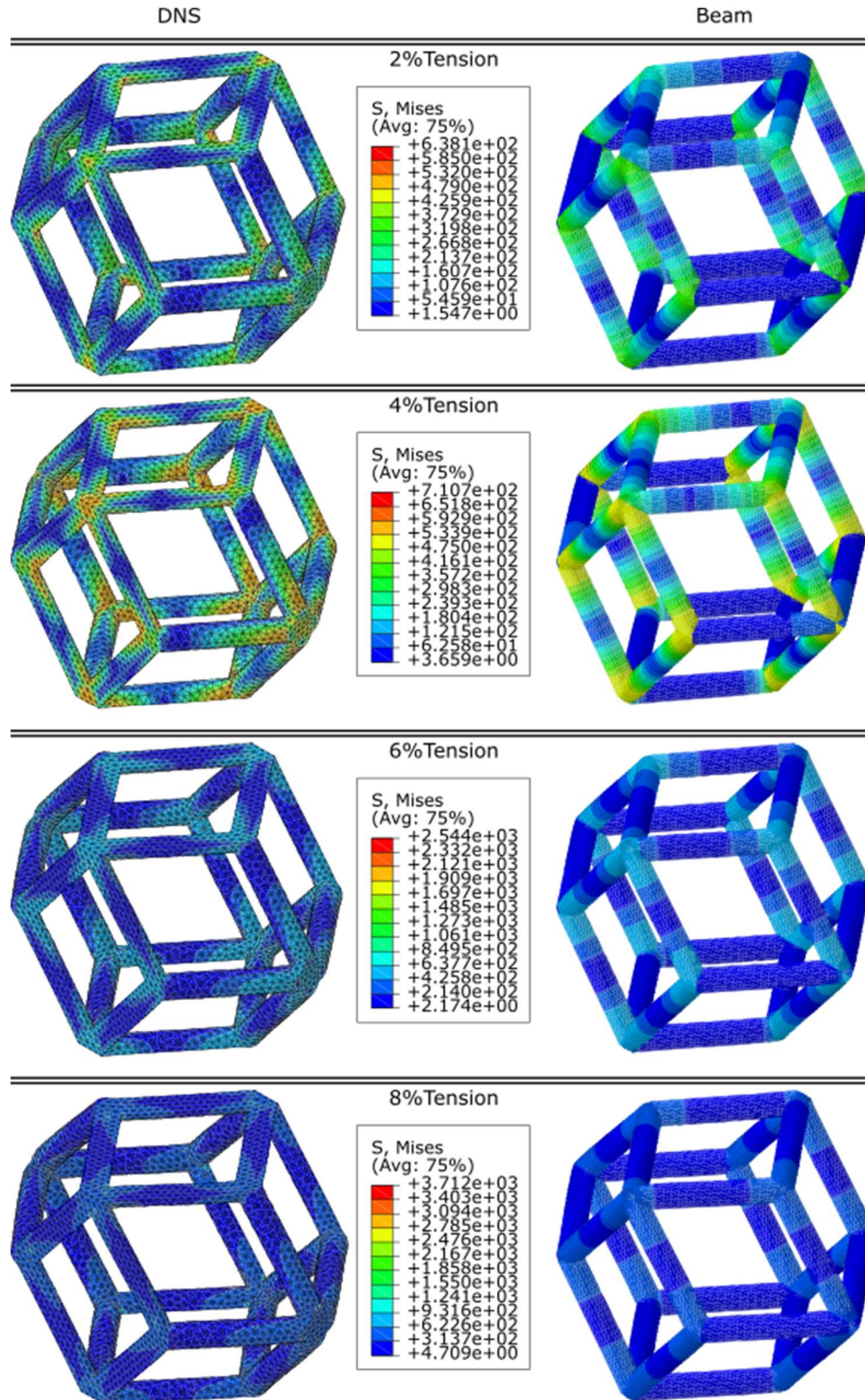


Figure 15: Equivalent Von-Mises Stress (MPa) contour plots for tension in the  $x$ -direction for the DNS (left) and Beam Model (right). The colored legend changes with each displacement.

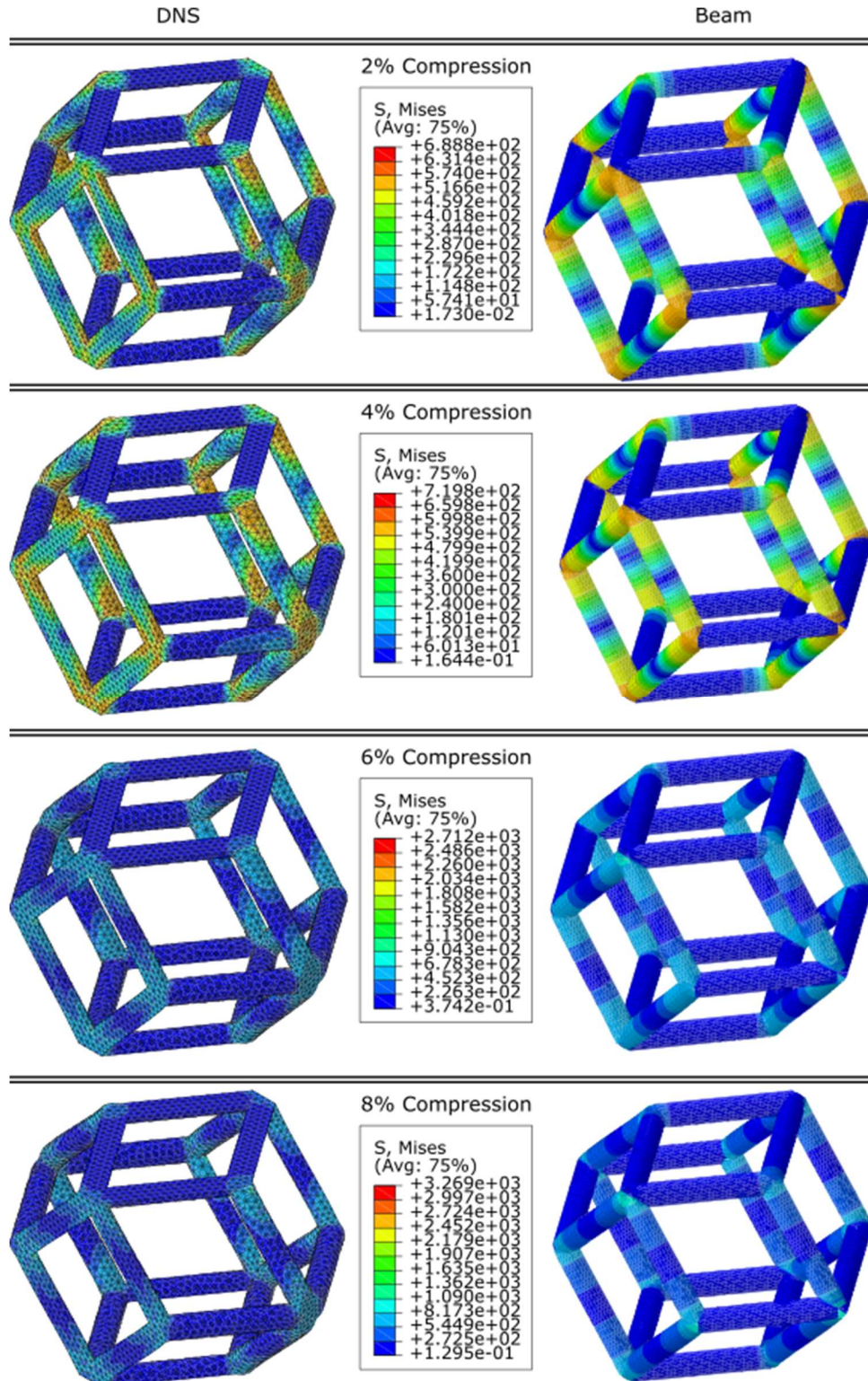


Figure 16: Equivalent Von-Mises Stress (MPa) contour plots for compression in  $y$ -direction for the DNS (left) and Beam Model (right). The colored legend changes with each displacement.



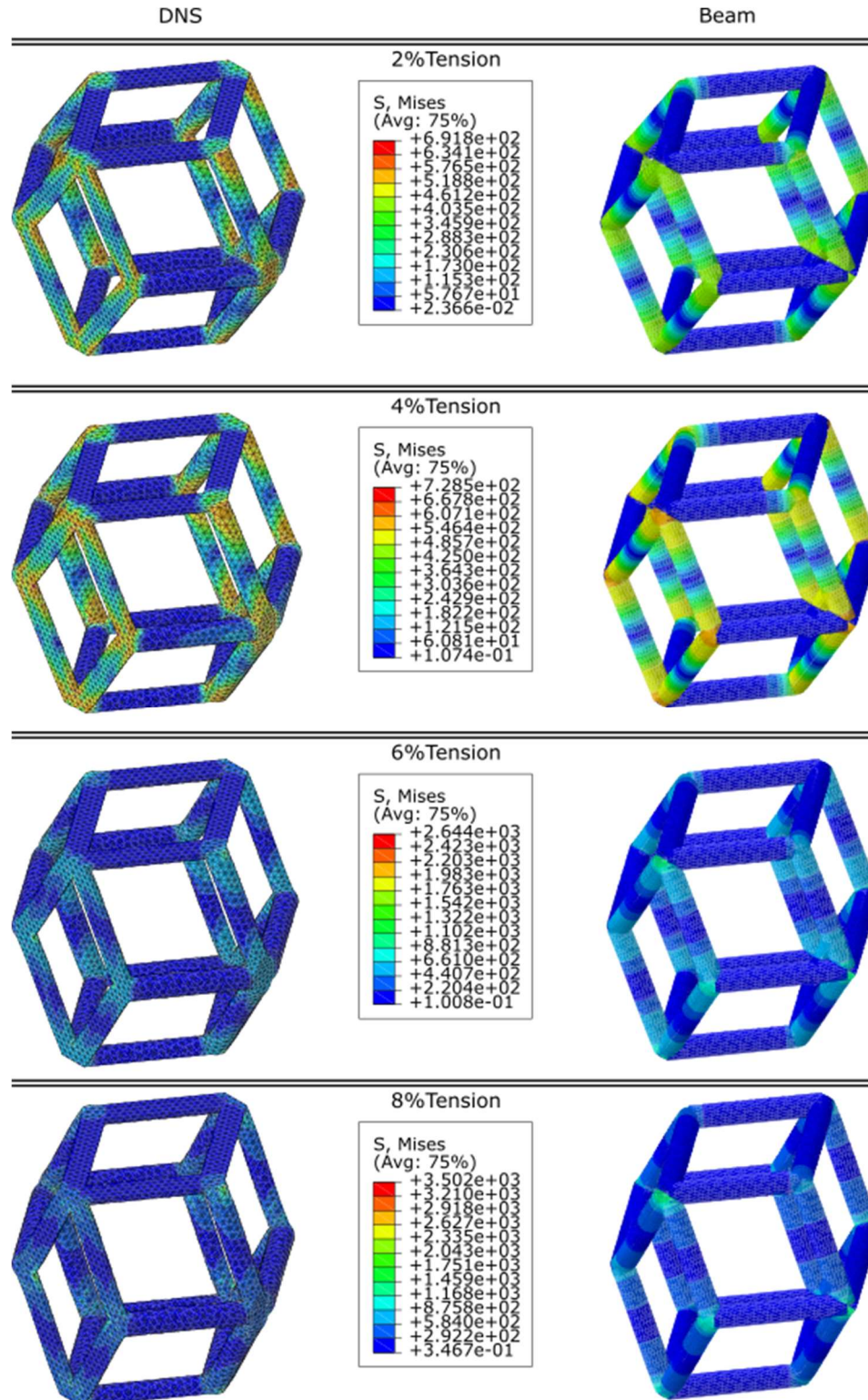


Figure 17: Equivalent Von-Mises Stress (MPa) contour plots for tension in the  $y$ -direction for the DNS (left) and Beam Model (right). The colored legend changes with each displacement.

### III. Energy Dissipation and Radii Variation Study

Simulation results indicating buckling behavior were not included. These points are omitted from the plots in Figures 20-21. Figure 18 shows the energy dissipated versus horizontal radius for loading in the  $x$ -direction. Figure 19 shows the energy dissipation coefficient versus the horizontal radius for loading in the  $x$ -direction. The variation of geometry is symmetric relative to loading which may cause the bimodal response. There are local maximums centered about the nominal radius for the energy dissipated and the energy dissipation coefficient in both Figure 18 and Figure 19. There is a local minimum where the horizontal and vertical radii are equal at 0.087 mm in both Figure 18 and Figure 19. Figure 20 shows the energy dissipation versus horizontal radius for loading in the  $y$ -direction. Figure 21 shows the energy dissipation coefficient versus horizontal radius for loading in the  $y$ -direction. As the horizontal radius increases, the energy dissipation and energy dissipation coefficient decrease. The energy dissipated and energy dissipation coefficient increased with larger displacements for loading in the  $x$ -direction and the  $y$ -direction, which is consistent with the results found in [4].

The local maxima indicate that there is a geometric optimum for energy dissipation by varying the radii. The optimum occurs when the horizontal radii are less than the vertical radii at around 0.07mm. This can be used to find an energy dissipation optimum for a given relative density. For non-additively manufactured structures, this result could be used in conjunction with tabulated nominal wire sizes to find a wire-woven optimal structure using existing wire sizes.

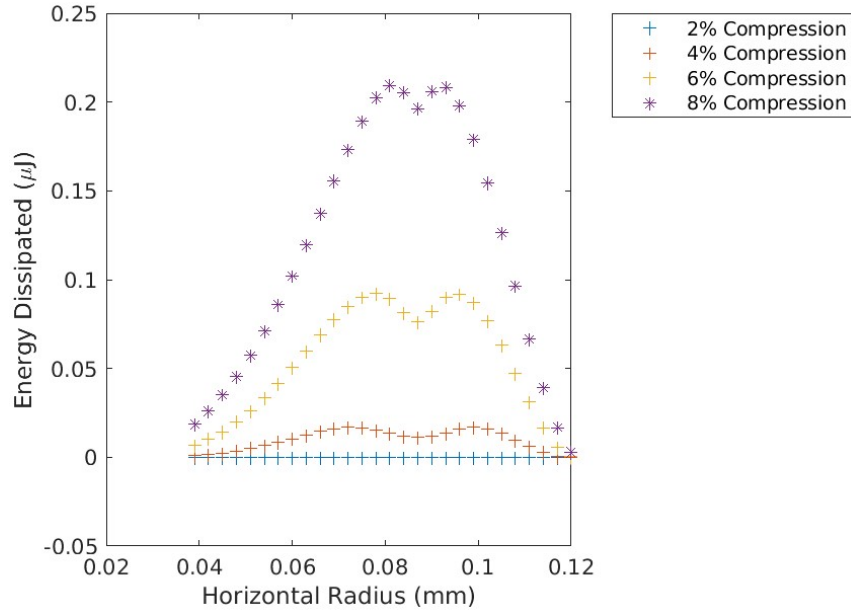


Figure 18: Energy dissipated vs horizontal radius for loading in  $x$ -direction.

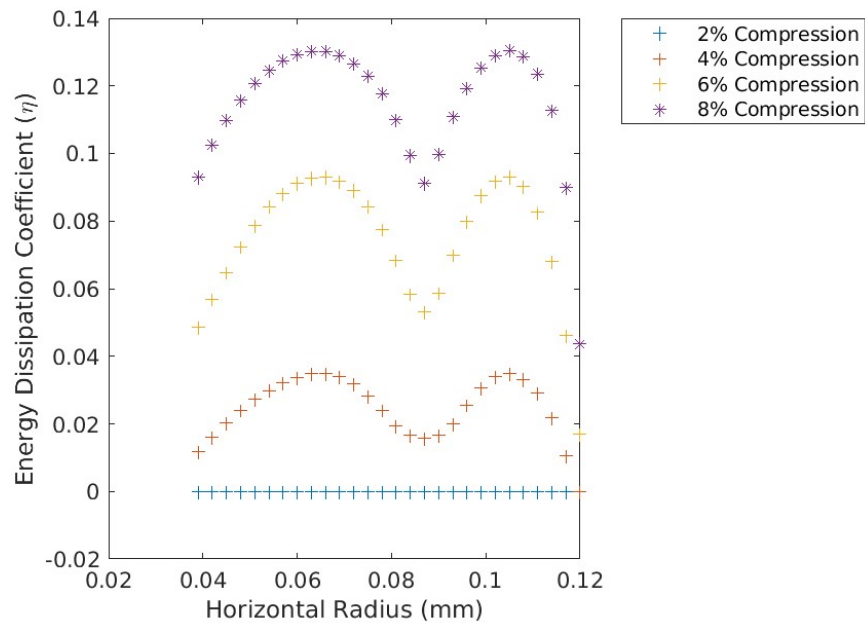


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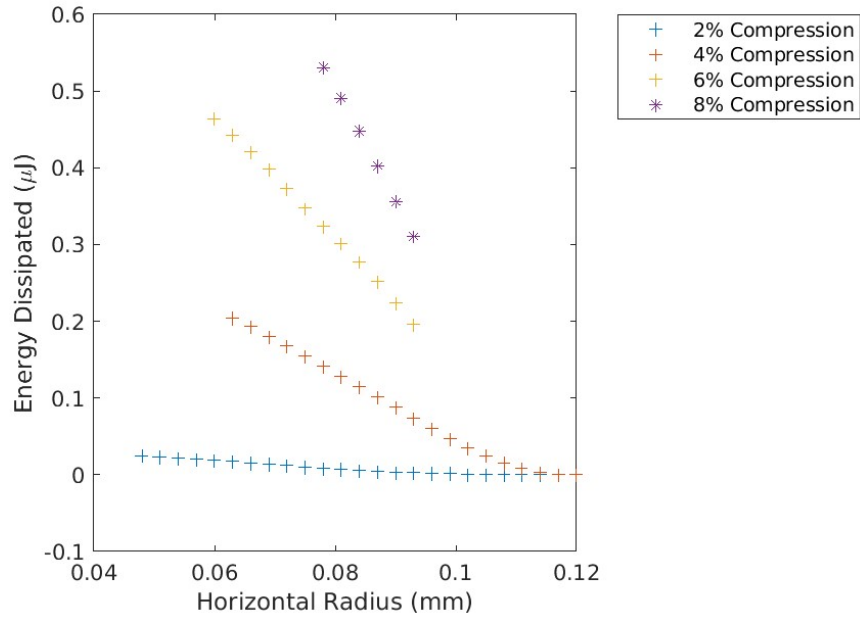


Figure 20: Energy dissipation vs horizontal radius for loading in  $y$ -direction. Simulations that indicated buckling were not included in this plot.

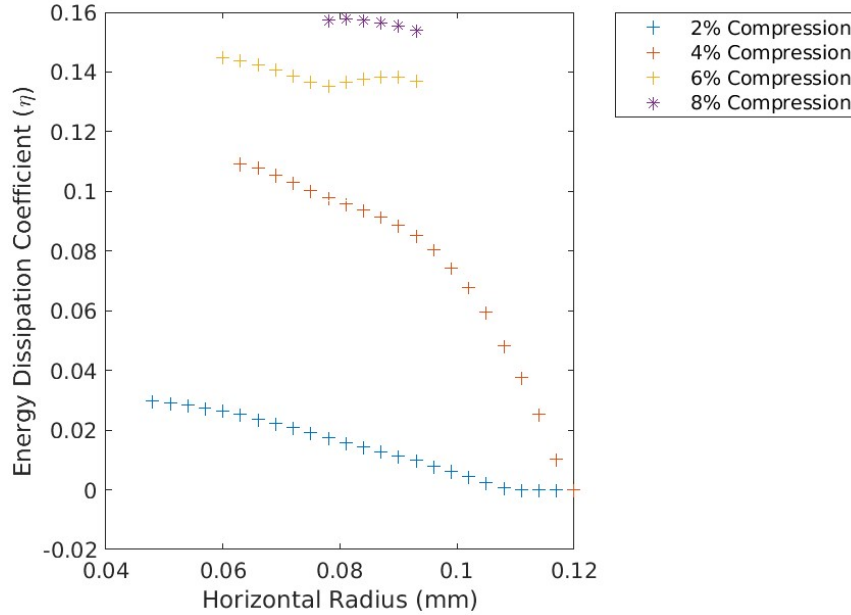


Figure 21: Energy dissipation coefficient vs horizontal radius for loading in  $y$ -direction. Simulations that indicated buckling were not included in this plot.

#### IV. Energy Dissipation and Relative Density Study

Figure 22 and Figure 24 shows the energy dissipated versus the relative density for loading in the  $x$ -direction and the  $y$ -direction, respectively. Figure 23 and Figure 25 shows the energy dissipation coefficient versus the relative density for loading in the  $x$ -direction and  $y$ -direction, respectively. All figures show that as the relative density increases, the energy dissipated and the energy dissipation coefficient increase. An increase in the energy dissipated and the energy dissipation coefficient with an increase in displacement remains consistent with the results in [4]. As the relative density increases, the energy dissipated appears to increase exponentially. As the relative density increases, the energy dissipation coefficient appears to increase logarithmically. In other words, there are diminishing returns as the density of the structure is increased with respect to using more material, namely an increase in mass density and financial cost.

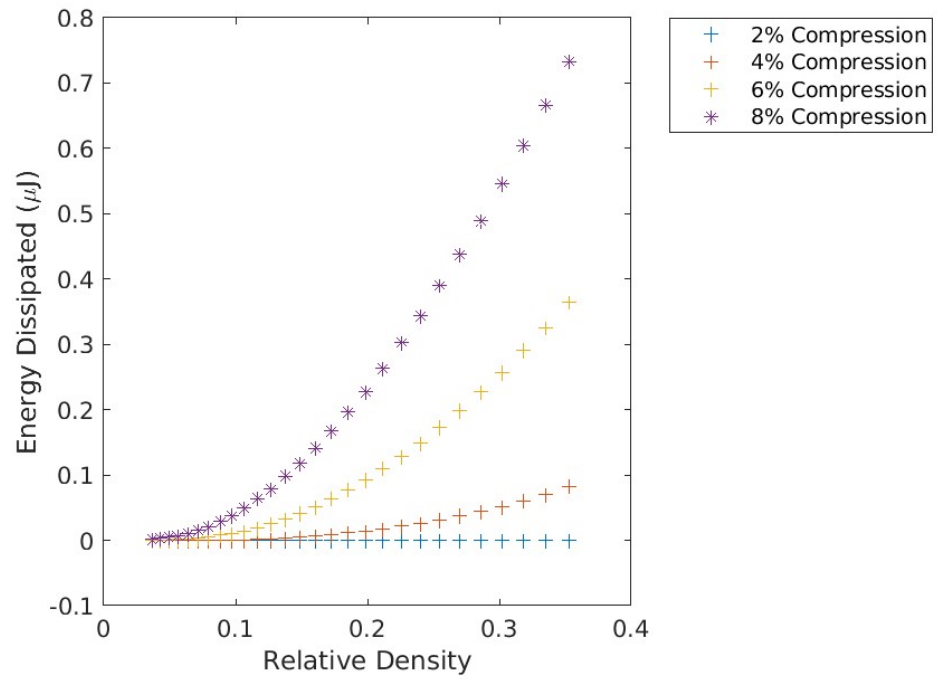


Figure 22: Energy dissipation vs relative density for loading in  $x$ -direction.

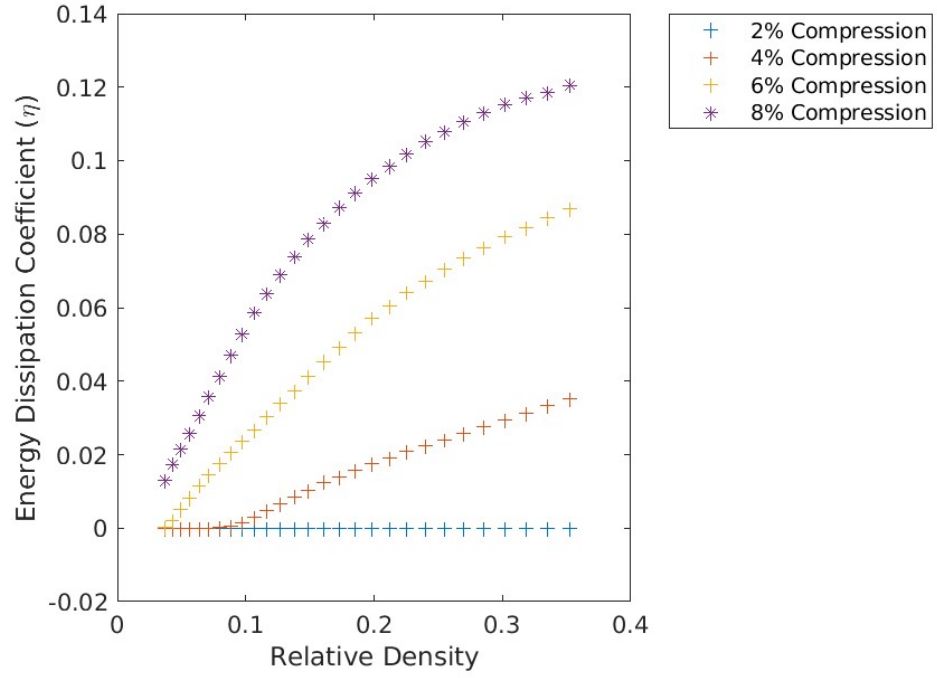


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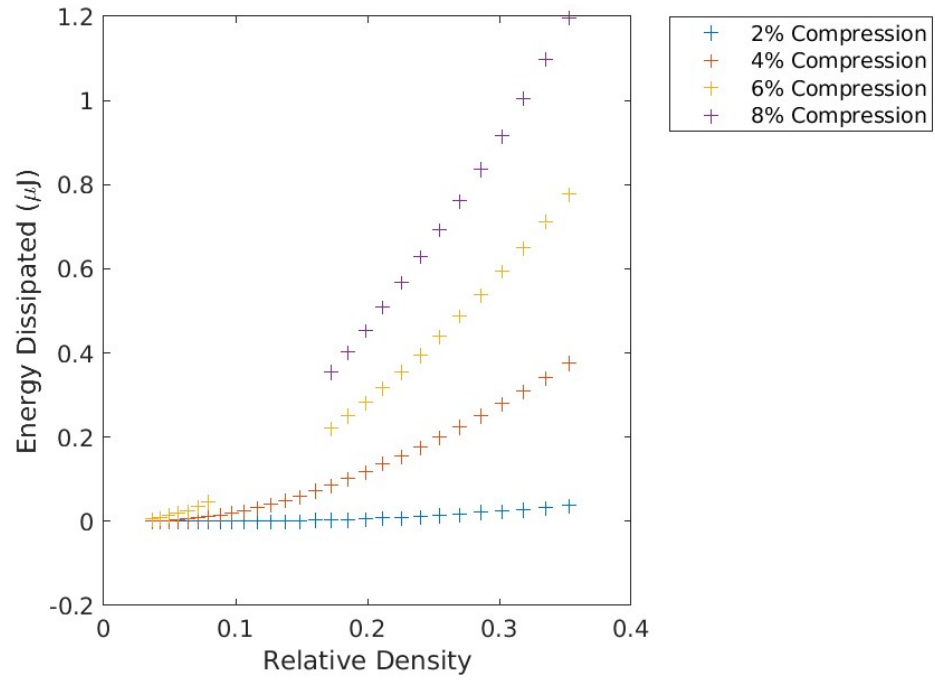


Figure 24: Energy dissipated vs relative density for loading in  $y$ -direction. Simulations that indicated buckling were not included in this plot.



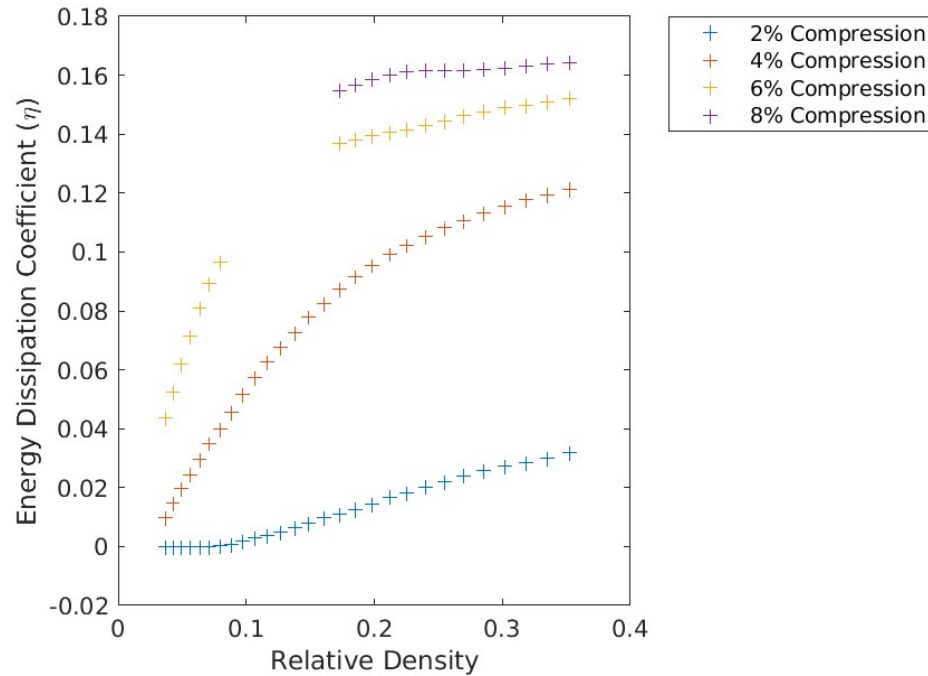


Figure 25: Energy dissipation coefficient vs relative density for loading in  $y$ -direction. Simulations that indicated buckling were not included in this plot.

## V. Energy Dissipation Combined Study

Figure 26 and Figure 28 shows the energy dissipated plotted against the  $R_{var}$  and the relative density for a displacement of 4% of height in the  $x$ -direction and  $y$ -direction, respectively. Figure 27 and Figure 29 shows the Energy Dissipation Coefficient plotted against the  $R_{var}$  and the relative density for a displacement of 4% of height in the  $x$ -direction and  $y$ -direction, respectively. Only the 4% displacement data in this section as presenting the other plots does not provide additional meaning information these results Plots for other displacements, 1-8%, can be found in Appendix A. Peaks can be seen in the plots of Figure 26 and Figure 27. As the relative density increases, the Energy dissipation appears to increase exponentially, and the Energy Dissipation Coefficient appears to increase logarithmically and approach a plateau. As  $R_{var}$  increases, the energy

dissipation and Energy Dissipation Coefficient decrease for the  $y$ -direction loading condition. These are the same trends for relative density and a change in the horizontal radius is found in the plots in the other energy dissipation studies. These plots show that the energy dissipation and the Energy Dissipation Coefficient can be controlled when manipulating the relative density and  $R_{var}$ . These results show that utilizing the Beam model is an efficient method of providing information on the energy dissipation properties of a superelastic NiTi rhombic dodecahedron LSM and its use in a design space. These results need to be verified with a DNS model. This model could be used with existing tabulated wire sizes to create a wire-woven design for a given relative density, which could be modeled using a Beam model and verified with a DNS model.

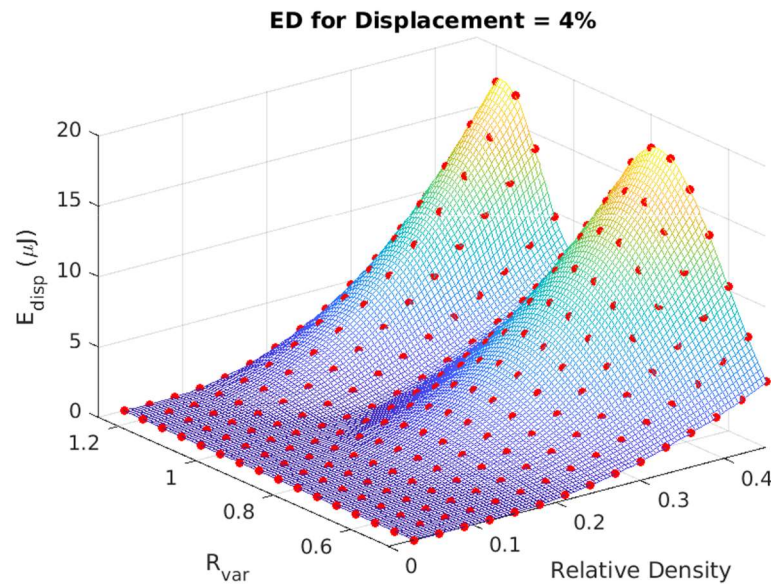


Figure 26: Energy Dissipated plotted against  $R_{var}$  and relative density for 4% displacement in  $x$ -direction

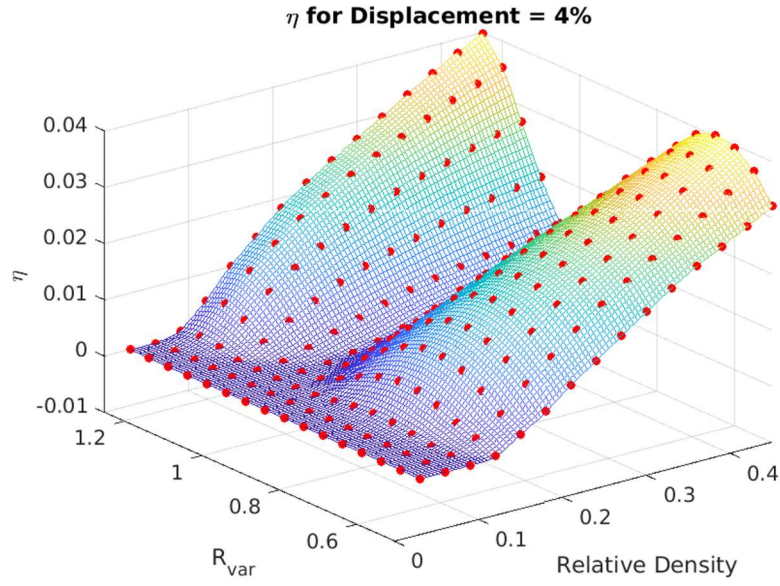


Figure 27: Energy Dissipation Coefficient,  $\eta$ , plotted against  $R_{var}$  and relative density for 4% displacement in  $x$ -direction

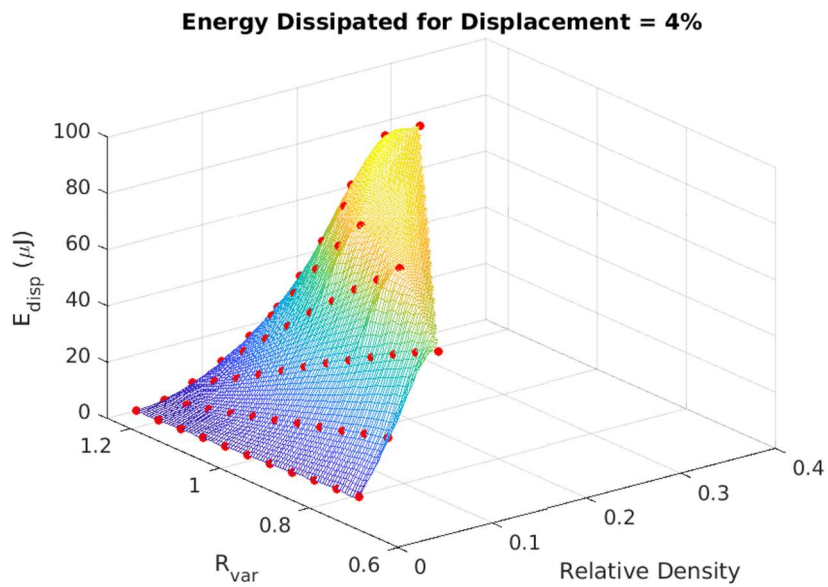


Figure 28: Energy Dissipated plotted against  $R_{var}$  and relative density for 4% displacement in  $y$ -direction. Simulations that exceeded stress limit or that indicated buckling were not included in this plot.

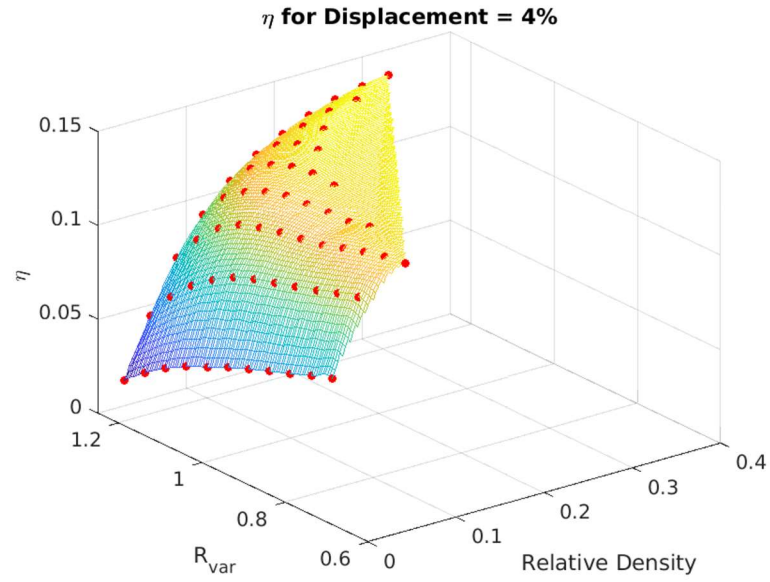


Figure 29: Energy Dissipation Coefficient,  $\eta$ , plotted against  $R_{var}$  and relative density for 4% displacement in  $y$ -direction. Simulations that exceed stress limit or that indicated buckling were not included in this plot.

## CONCLUSION

These studies show that an optimum for energy dissipation can be found by manipulating the geometry by changing the relative density and the horizontal radius of the superelastic NiTi rhombic dodecahedron LSM. The Beam model provides information about the mechanical behavior of the superelastic NiTi Rhombic Dodecahedron LSM at a reduced computational expense compared to the DNS model. The Beam model was used to efficiently create the plots of the energy dissipation studies. The information provided by Figures 26-29 about the sensitivities of energy dissipation and the Energy Dissipation Coefficient to manipulation of the geometry of the LSM can be used as a tool to understand the design and implementation of these structures. It can also be used to weigh performance versus cost. The numerical studies shown in Figures 26-29 could be efficiently reproduced using other material parameters or other material models for NiTi without incurring the cost of using more computationally expensive DNS.

## FUTURE WORK

This model could be expanded to other material parameters and superelastic materials. The studies in this thesis utilized the material parameters used to verify the original material model. Future simulations could utilize a wide scope of SMA material models of varying properties. These results should be validated with a DNS model before any experimentation. From there, these structures could be created via AM or a wire-woven process and validated experimentally. These concepts could be applied to other bending-dominated structures and other superelastic materials. This work only provided information on relatively small deformations of the structure as compared to full compaction of the LSM, however, DNS with contact and post-buckling analysis as well as experimental work would provide information for higher displacements. These results and methods could be utilized in a wide variety of applications such as noise suppression from the rapid expansion of gas, e.g., a firearm suppressor or a car muffler. They could also be used in the design space of mediating a sonic boom in aerospace applications.

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## APPENDIX A

This appendix shows all the plots from the third energy dissipation study for all displacements used. Omitted data points in plots are the simulations where buckling is indicated or the peak von-Mises Stress exceeds the limit set. All simulations for loading in the  $y$ -direction for displacements greater than 5% were not included as either the peak von-Mises stress was exceeded or the simulation indicated buckling.

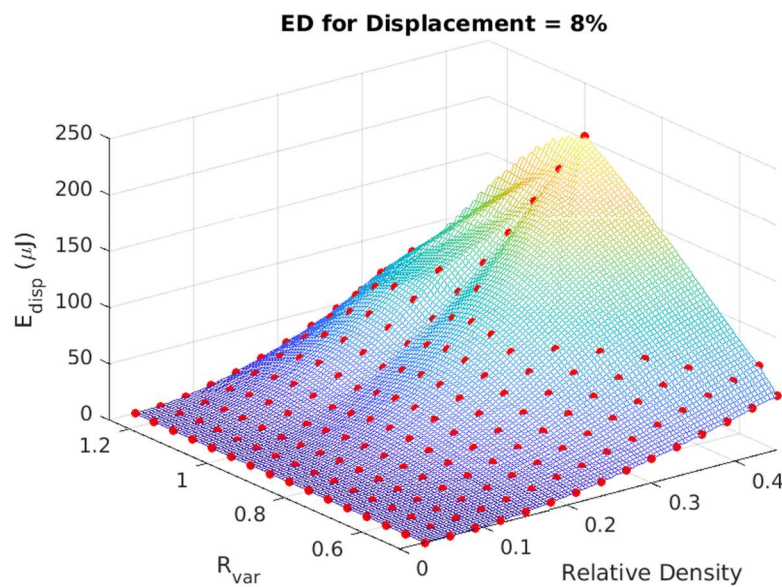


Figure 30: Energy Dissipated plotted against  $R_{var}$  and relative density for 8% displacement in  $x$ -direction. Simulations that exceeded stress limit or that indicated buckling were not included in this plot.

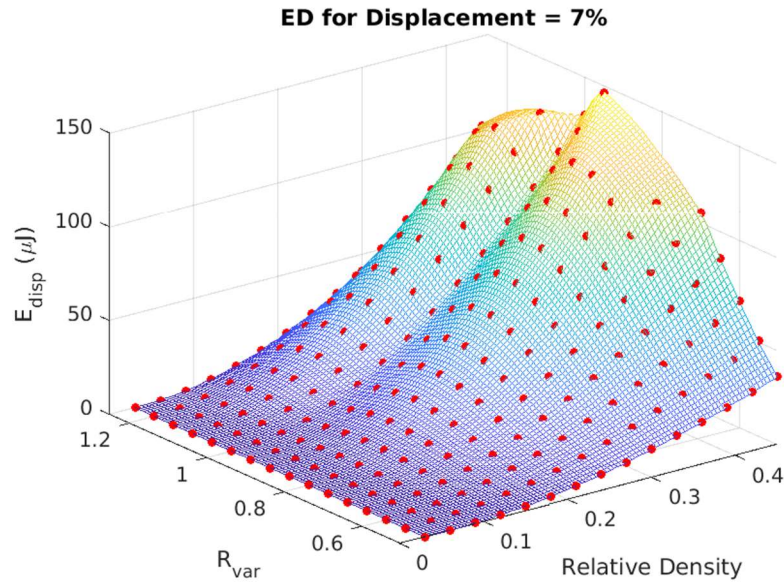


Figure 31: Energy Dissipated plotted against  $R_{var}$  and relative density for 7% displacement in  $x$ -direction. Simulations that exceeded stress limit or that indicated buckling were not included in this plot.

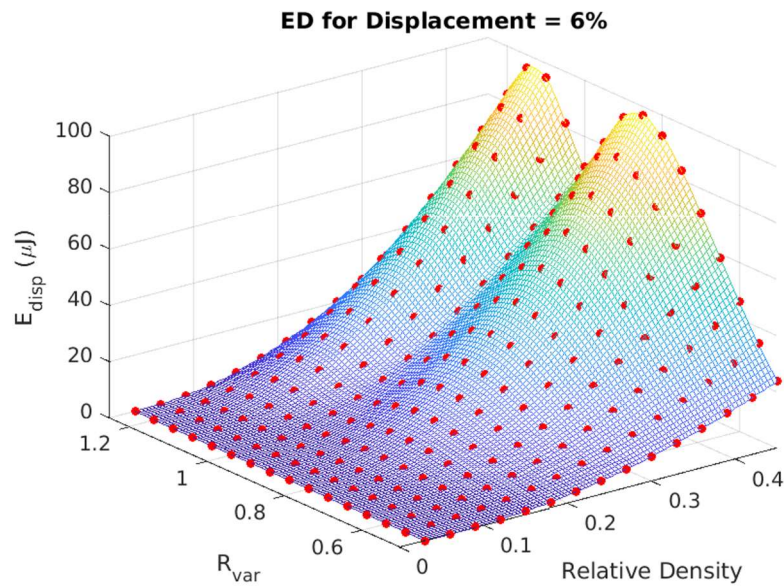


Figure 32: Energy Dissipated plotted against  $R_{var}$  and relative density for 6% displacement in  $x$ -direction. Simulations that exceeded stress limit or that indicated buckling were not included in this plot.

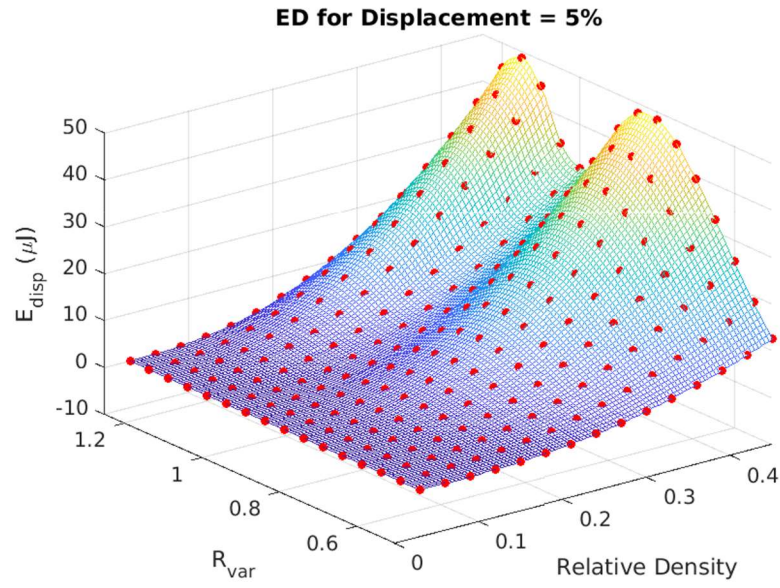


Figure 33: Energy Dissipated plotted against  $R_{\text{var}}$  and relative density for 5% displacement in  $x$ -direction. Simulations that exceeded stress limit or that indicated buckling were not included in this plot.

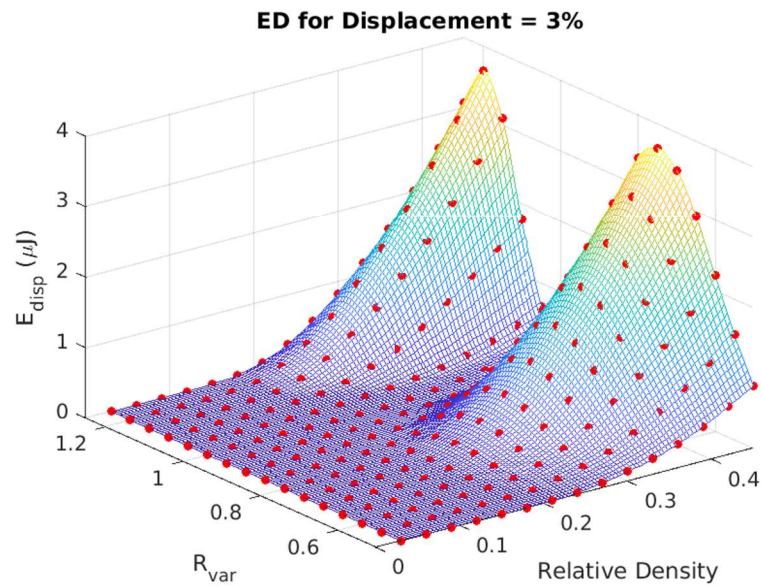


Figure 34: Energy Dissipated plotted against  $R_{\text{var}}$  and relative density for 3% displacement in  $x$ -direction.

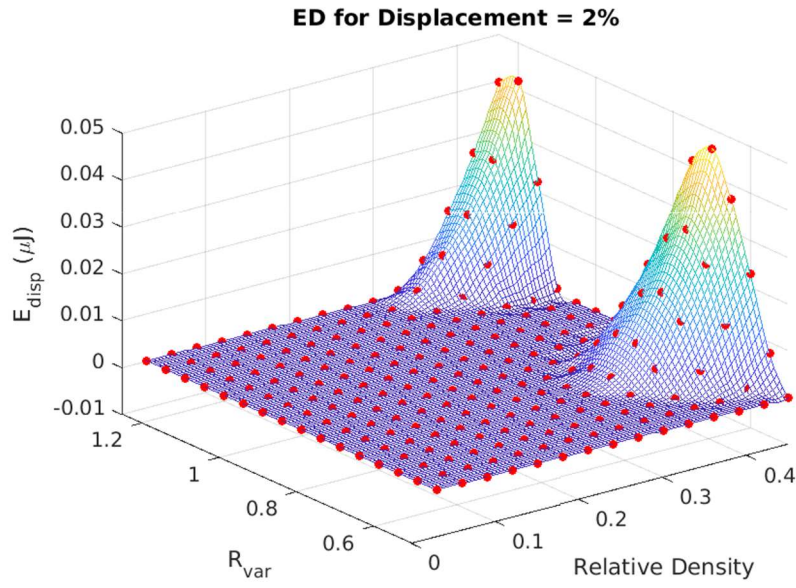


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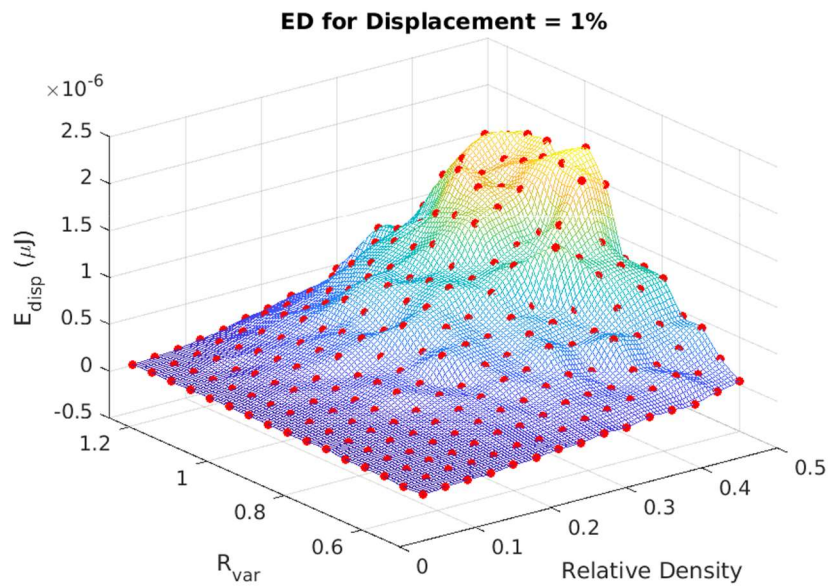


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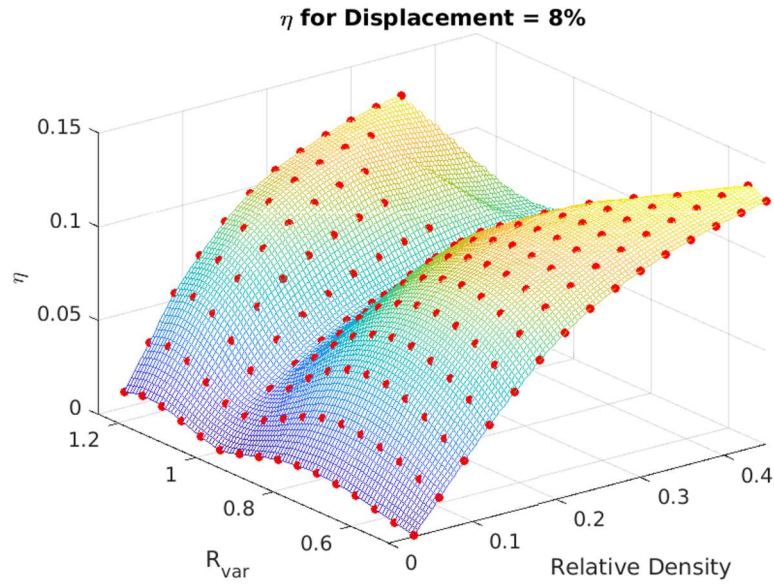


Figure 37: Energy Dissipation Coefficient plotted against  $R_{var}$  and relative density for 8% displacement in  $x$ -direction. Simulations that exceeded stress limit or that indicated buckling were not included in this plot.

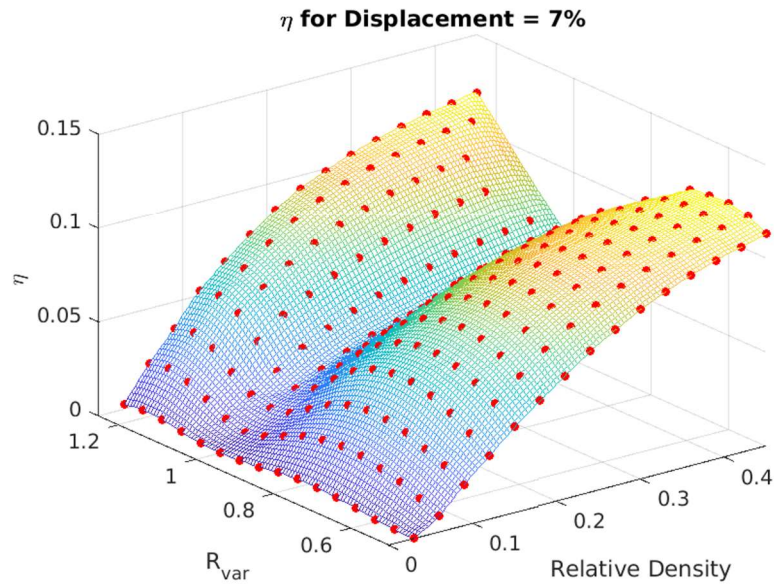


Figure 38: Energy Dissipation Coefficient plotted against  $R_{var}$  and relative density for 7% displacement in  $x$ -direction

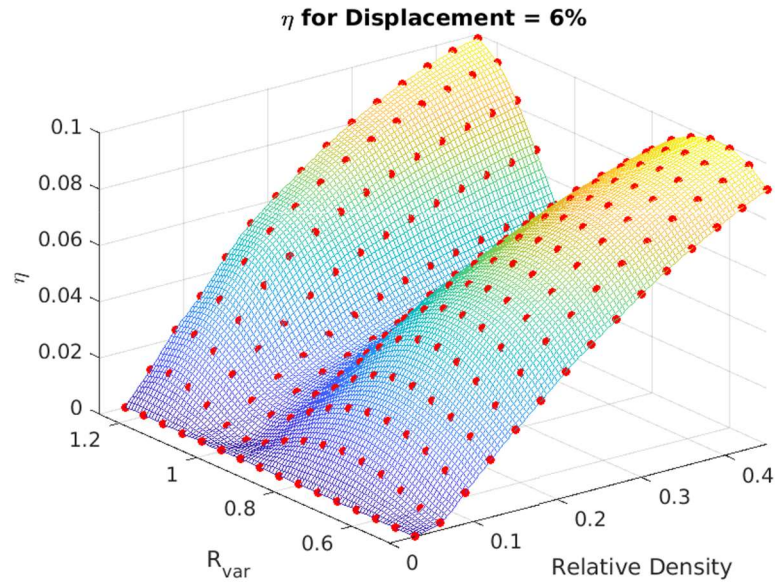


Figure 39: Energy Dissipation Coefficient plotted against  $R_{var}$  and relative density for 6% displacement in  $x$ -direction

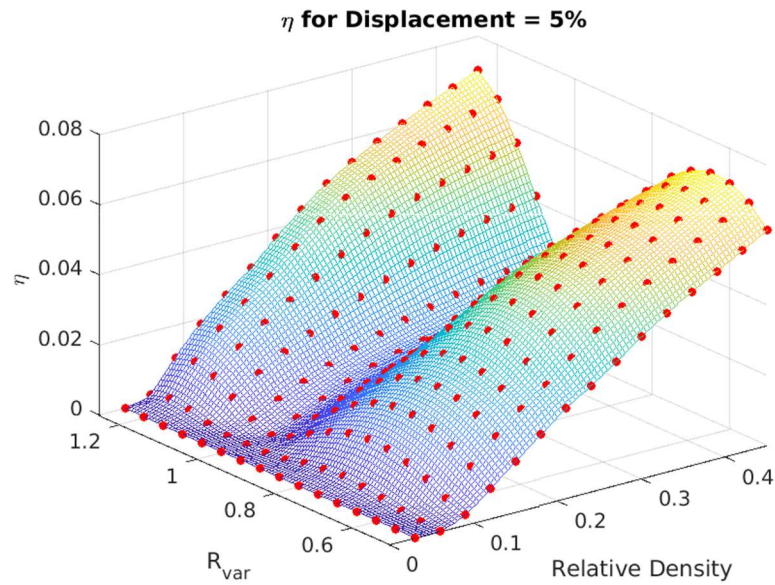


Figure 40: Energy Dissipation Coefficient plotted against  $R_{var}$  and relative density for 5% displacement in  $x$ -direction

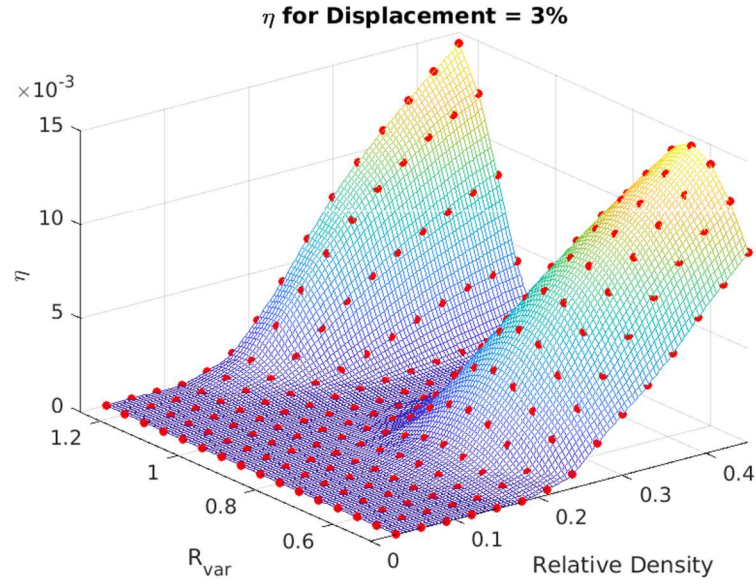


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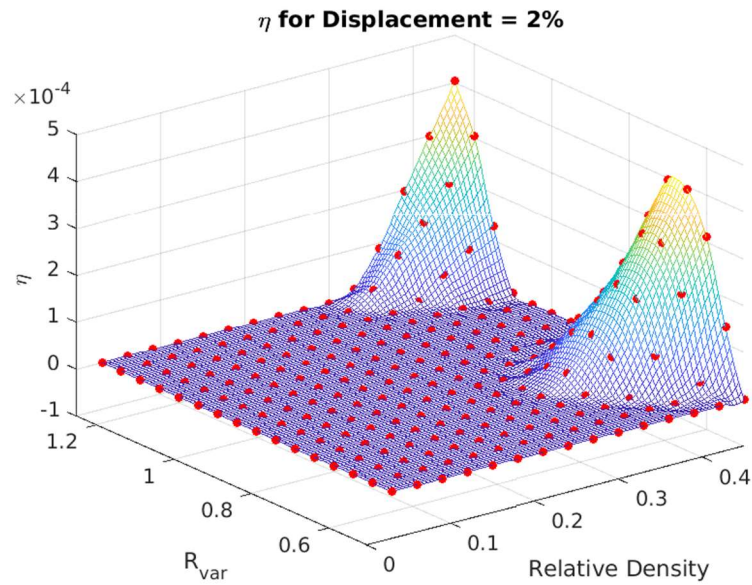


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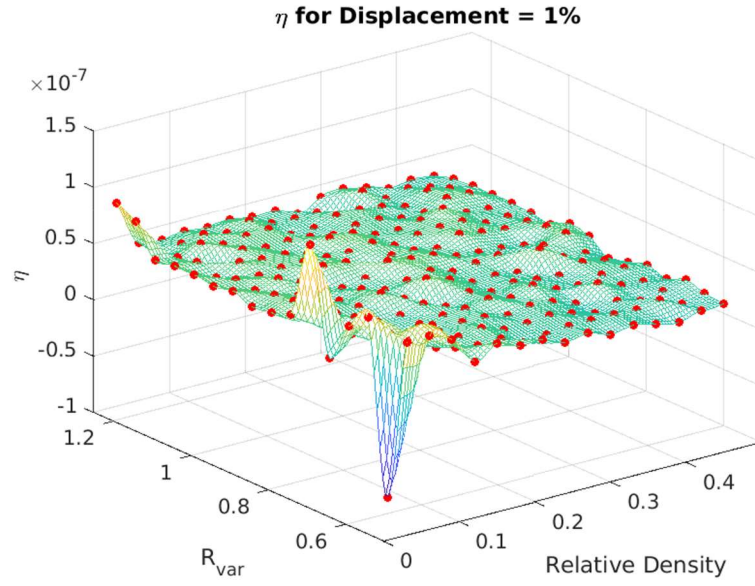


Figure 43: Energy Dissipation Coefficient plotted against  $R_{var}$  and relative density for 1% displacement in  $x$ -direction. All values of  $\eta$  are effectively zero.

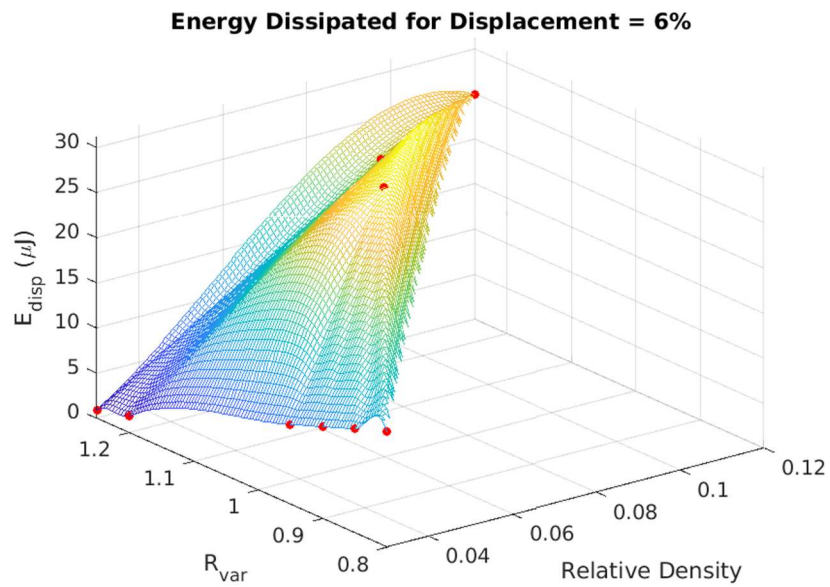


Figure 44: Energy Dissipated plotted against  $R_{var}$  and the relative density for 6% displacement in  $y$ -direction

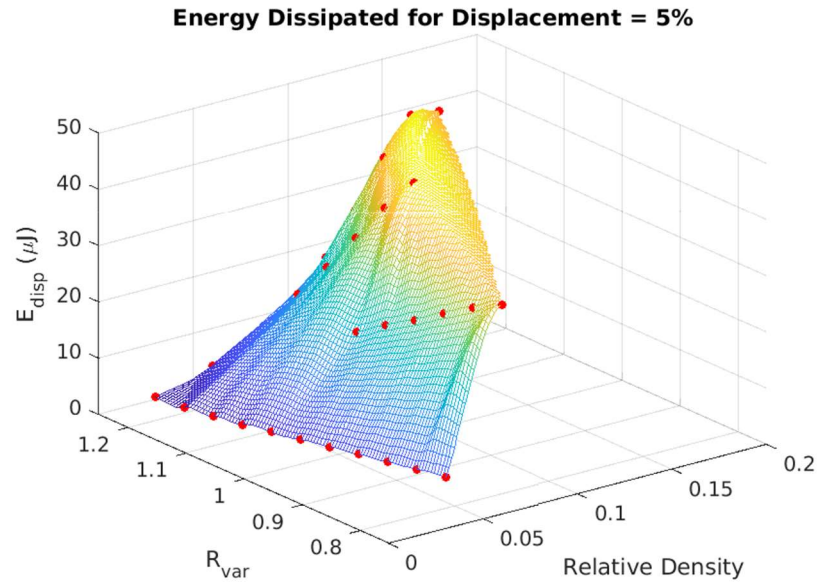


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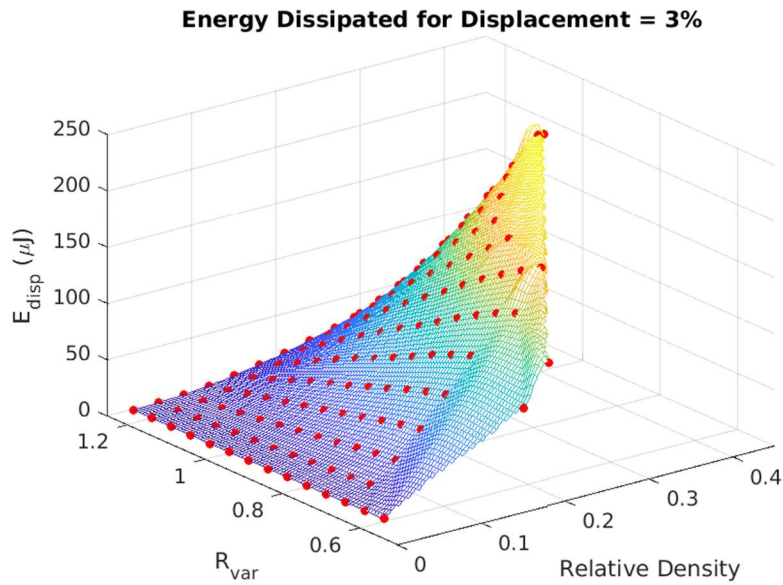


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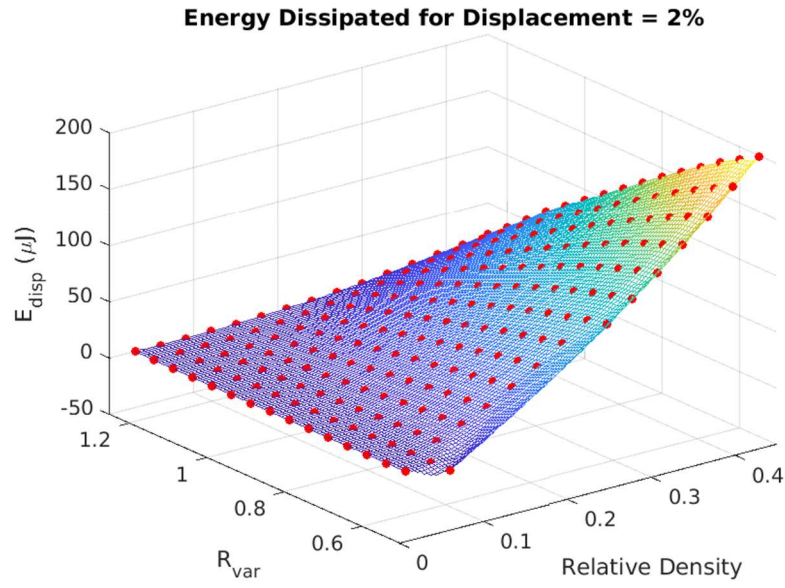


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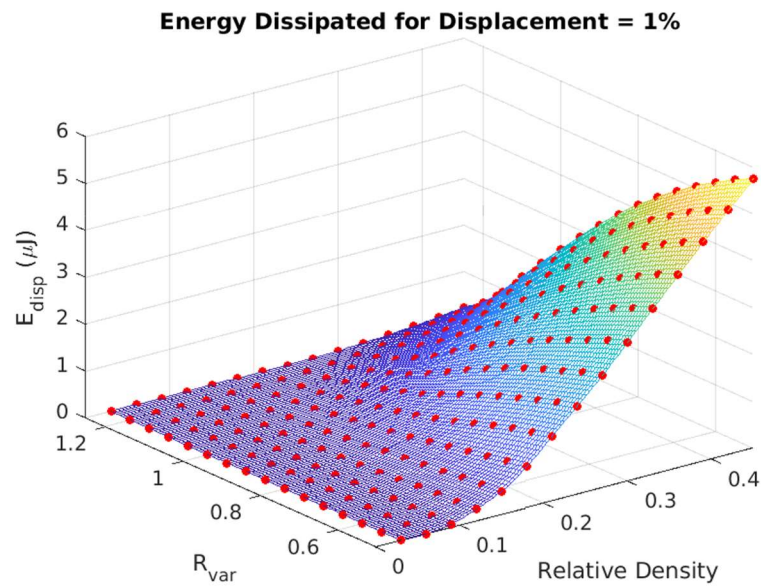


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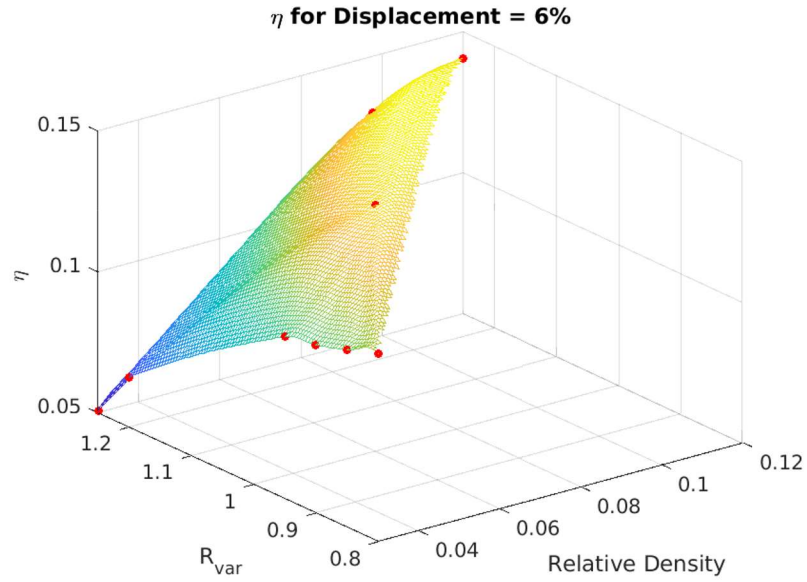


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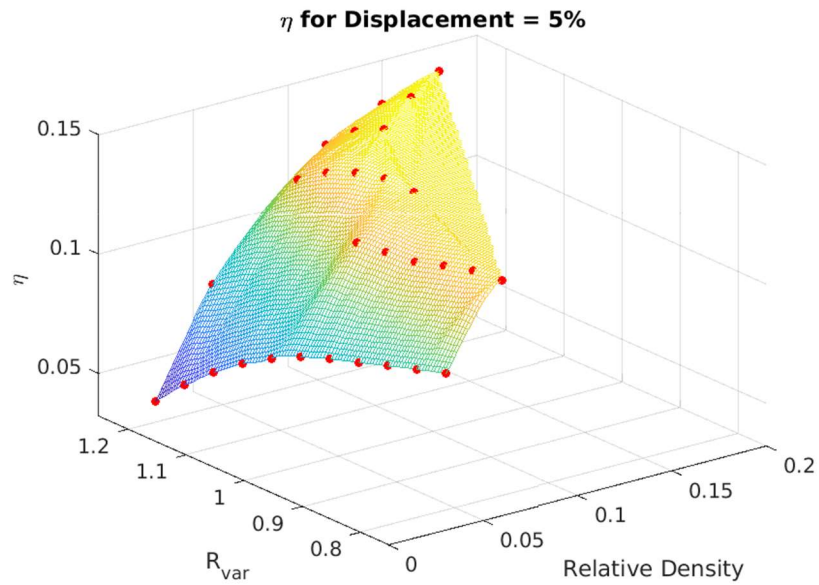


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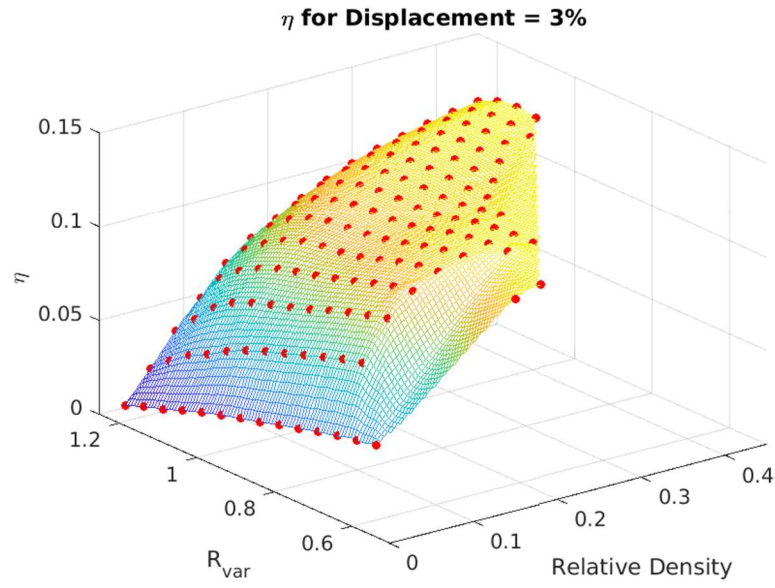


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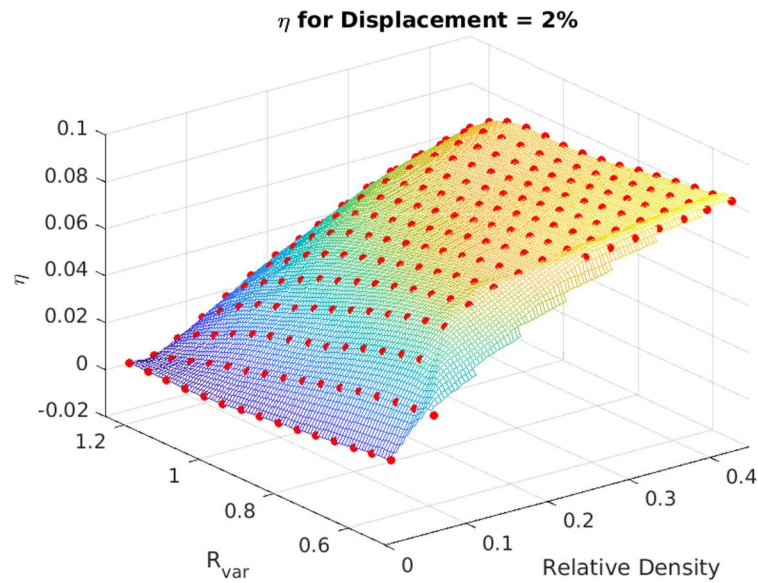


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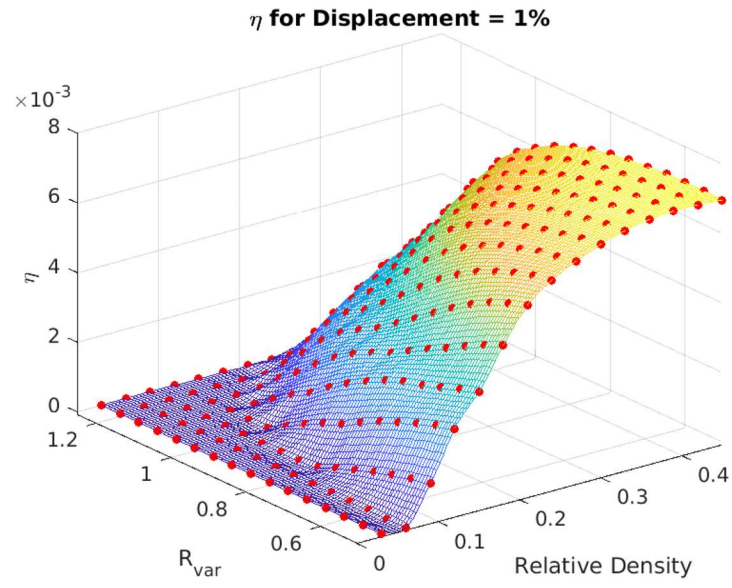


Figure 53: Energy Dissipation Coefficient plotted against  $R_{var}$  and relative density for 1% displacement in  $y$ -direction

## APPENDIX B

This appendix shows examples of the python scripts that were used to write and submit input decks (.inp files), vary parameters, and post-process from outputs (.odb and .msg files) with ABAQUS.

## I. writeinput.py

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1 # Author: Ian P. Morrissey
2 # Description: writes ABAQUS .inp files for a range of
  displacements, relative density, and radius variation
3
4 import math
5 import numpy
6 # displacement magnitude
7 d1L=5.7735 # direction 1 or x-direction
8 dispMag=d1L*numpy.linspace(-.08,-.01,8)
9
10 # relative density
11 rd=numpy.linspace(0.03,0.45,15)
12 print('rd='+str(rd))
13
14 # calculate nominal radius based on r
15 r=numpy.sqrt((rd*2*pow(5,2))/(3*numpy.pi*numpy.sqrt(3)))
16 print('r='+str(r))
17
18 # calculate total volume for unit cell
19 totVol=32/9*numpy.sqrt(3)*pow(5,3)
20 print('totVol='+str(totVol))
21
22 # calculate volume of occupied
23 volume=24*pow(r,2)*numpy.pi*5
24 print('volume='+str(volume))
25
26 # radius variation coefficient
27 rvar=numpy.linspace(0.5,1.25,16)
28 print('rvar='+str(rvar))
29
30 # number of loads to index by
31 numLoads=len(dispMag)
32 print('numLoads='+str(numLoads))
33
34 # number of relative densities to index by
35 numrd=len(rd)
36 print('numrd='+str(numrd))
37

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38 # number of radius variation coefficient to vary by
39 numrvar=len(rvar)
40 print('numrvar='+str(numrvar))
41
42 # index over number of loads/displacements, relative densities,
43 # and radius variations
44 for j in range(numLoads):
45     for i in range(numrd):
46         for k in range(numrvar):
47             rh=r[i]*rvar[k] #calculate horizontal radius
48             rv=numpy.sqrt((volume[i]-
49 12*5*numpy.pi*pow(rh,2))/(12*5*numpy.pi)) #calculate vertical
50 radius
51
52 #inp file name
53 filename='D1B-'+str(j+1)+'-'+str(i+1)+'-'+str(k+1)
54 #write inp file
55 fileOutput = open(filename + '.inp','w')
56 fileOutput.write("""*Heading
57 ** Job name: BD1ex Model name: BD1ex
58 ** Generated by: Abaqus/CAE 2019
59 *Preprint, echo=NO, model=NO, history=NO, contact=NO
60 **
61 ** PARTS
62 **
63 *Part, name=PART-1
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      407, 408, 409, 410, 411
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1123      *Elset, elset=AVERTICAL
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      32, 33, 34, 35, 36
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1138      405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415,
      416, 417, 418, 419, 420
1139      *Nset, nset=SET-9, generate
1140          1, 470, 1
1141      *Elset, elset=SET-9, generate
1142          1, 480, 1
1143      *Nset, nset=AHORIZONTAL
1144          1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11,
      12, 13, 14, 15, 16
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1159          469, 470
1160      *Elset, elset=AHORIZONTAL
1161          1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11,
      12, 13, 14, 15, 16
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1175     465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475,
      476, 477, 478, 479, 480
1176     *Nset, nset=SET-10, generate
1177         1, 470, 1,
1178     ** Section: Section-1-AHORIZONTAL Profile: Profile-1
1179     *Beam Section, elset=AHORIZONTAL,
      material=NITI_SE_AURRICHIO, poisson = 0.3,
      temperature=GRADIENTS, section=CIRC
1180     "")
1181         fileOutput.write(str(rh)) # write horizontal radius
1182         fileOutput.write("")
1183     0.,0.,-1.
1184     ** Section: Section-2-AVERTICAL Profile: Profile-2
1185     *Beam Section, elset=AVERTICAL,
      material=NITI_SE_AURRICHIO, poisson = 0.3,
      temperature=GRADIENTS, section=CIRC
1186     "")
1187         fileOutput.write(str(rv)) # write vertical radius
1188         fileOutput.write("")
1189     0.,0.,-1.
1190     *End Part
1191     **
1192     **
1193     ** ASSEMBLY
1194     **
1195     *Assembly, name=Assembly
1196     **
1197     *Instance, name=PART-1-1, part=PART-1
1198     *End Instance
1199     **
1200     *Nset, nset=BOTTOM, instance=PART-1-1

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1201      3, 4, 8, 11
1202      *Nset, nset=TOP, instance=PART-1-1
1203      6, 7, 9, 14
1204      *Nset, nset=XYPLANE, instance=PART-1-1
1205      1, 8, 9, 10
1206      *Nset, nset=YZPLANE, instance=PART-1-1
1207      12,
1208      *Nset, nset=ZXBOTTOM, instance=PART-1-1
1209      3, 4, 8, 11, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59,
1210      60, 61, 62, 63, 64
1211      65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 243, 244, 245, 246,
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1217      455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465,
1218      466, 467, 468, 469, 470
1219      *Nset, nset=ZXTOP, instance=PART-1-1
1220      6, 7, 9, 14, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135,
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1222      141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 357, 358, 359, 360,
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1227      393, 394, 433, 434, 435
1228      436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446,
1229      447, 448, 449, 450, 451
1230      *Nset, nset=XYBOTTOM, instance=PART-1-1
1231      1, 8, 9, 10, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173,
1232      174, 175, 176, 177, 178
1233      179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189,
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1238      222, 223, 224, 225, 226
1239      227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237,
1240      238, 239, 240, 241, 242
1241      *Nset, nset=XYTOP, instance=PART-1-1
1242      4, 5, 7, 13, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78,
1243      79, 80, 81, 82, 83
1244      84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 148, 149, 150, 151,
1245      152, 153, 154, 155, 156
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1249      336, 337, 338, 339, 340
1250      341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351,
1251      352, 353, 354, 355, 356
1252      *Nset, nset=ZYBOTTOM, instance=PART-1-1
1253      12,
1254      *Nset, nset=ZYTOP, instance=PART-1-1
1255      2,
1256      *End Assembly
1257      **
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1238      ** MATERIALS
1239      **
1240      *Material, name=NITI_SE_AURRICHIO
1241      *SUPERELASTIC
1242      60000., 0.3, 0.075, 520., 600., 300., 200., 520.
1243      0., 0., 0., 0.
1244      *Density
1245      6.5e-06,
1246      *Elastic
1247      60000., 0.3
1248      **
1249      ** BOUNDARY CONDITIONS
1250      **
1251      ** Name: Disp-BC-1 Type: Displacement/Rotation
1252      *Boundary
1253      ZXBOTTOM, 2, 2
1254      ** Name: Disp-BC-2 Type: Displacement/Rotation
1255      *Boundary
1256      XYBOTTOM, 3, 3
1257      ** Name: Disp-BC-3 Type: Displacement/Rotation
1258      *Boundary
1259      YZPLANE, 1, 1
1260      ** -----
1261      **
1262      ** STEP: LOAD
1263      **
1264      *Step, name=LOAD, nlgeom=YES
1265      *Static
1266      0.01, 1., 1e-05, 0.1
1267      **
1268      ** BOUNDARY CONDITIONS
1269      **
1270      ** Name: BC-4 Type: Displacement/Rotation
1271      *Boundary
1272      """)
1273      fileOutput.write('ZYTOP, 1, 1, '+str(displacementMag[j])) #
1274      write displacement magnitude
1275      fileOutput.write("""
1276      **
1277      ** OUTPUT REQUESTS
1278      **
1279      *Restart, write, frequency=0
1280      **
1281      ** FIELD OUTPUT: F-Output-1
1282      **
1283      *Output, field, variable=PRESELECT
1284      **
1285      ** HISTORY OUTPUT: H-Output-1
1286      **
1287      *Output, history, variable=PRESELECT
1288      *End Step
1289      ** -----
1290      **
1291      ** STEP: UNLOAD
1292      **

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1292      *Step, name=UNLOAD, nlgeom=YES
1293      *Static
1294      0.01, 1., 1e-05, 0.1
1295      **
1296      ** BOUNDARY CONDITIONS
1297      **
1298      ** Name: BC-4 Type: Displacement/Rotation
1299      *Boundary, op=NEW
1300      ** Name: BC-5 Type: Displacement/Rotation
1301      *Boundary, op=NEW
1302      ZYTOP, 1, 1
1303      ** Name: Disp-BC-1 Type: Displacement/Rotation
1304      *Boundary, op=NEW
1305      ZXBOTTOM, 2, 2
1306      ** Name: Disp-BC-2 Type: Displacement/Rotation
1307      *Boundary, op=NEW
1308      XYBOTTOM, 3, 3
1309      ** Name: Disp-BC-3 Type: Displacement/Rotation
1310      *Boundary, op=NEW
1311      YZPLANE, 1, 1
1312      **
1313      ** OUTPUT REQUESTS
1314      **
1315      *Restart, write, frequency=0
1316      **
1317      ** FIELD OUTPUT: F-Output-4
1318      **
1319      *Output, field
1320      *Contact Output
1321      CDISP, CSTRESS
1322      **
1323      ** FIELD OUTPUT: F-Output-2
1324      **
1325      *Node Output
1326      CF, RF, U
1327      **
1328      ** FIELD OUTPUT: F-Output-3
1329      **
1330      *Element Output, directions=YES
1331      LE, MVF, PE, PEEQ, PEMAG, S
1332      **
1333      ** HISTORY OUTPUT: H-Output-2
1334      **
1335      *Output, history, variable=PRESELECT
1336      *End Step
1337
1338      """)
1339      fileOutput.close() #close inp file

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## II. inpAbaqusRunAll.py

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1 #Author: Ian P. Morrissey
2 #Description: Submits every input deck in current directory
3 # and provides the job status for each submission to end each
4 # job before submitting the next job
5
6
7 import os
8
9 #create array textstring of .inp file names with file extensions
10 path=os.getcwd()
11 inpNames = [f for f in os.listdir(path) if f.endswith('.inp')]
12
13 #number of input files or decks
14 numinps=len(inpNames)
15
16 #remove .inp extension from text string
17 inpNamesNoExt =[]
18 inpNamesNoExt =[0 for i in range(numinps)]
19 for i in range(1,numinps+1):
20     inpNamesNoExt[i-1] = inpNames[i-1].replace('.inp', '')
21
22 #submit all input files and display job status for each
23 # submission to end each job before submitting the next job
24 for i in range(1,numinps+1):
25     os.system('abaqus job='+inpNamesNoExt[i-1]+' int')
26 print('Done')
```

## III. post\_tensor.py

```

1 # Author: Dr. John A. Moore
2 # Edited by: Ian P. Morrissey
3 # Changes: changed node sets, input name
4 # Description: Extracts reaction Force values in 1, 2, & 3
5 # directions from node set at every frame in each step and sums
6 # Extracts displacement values in 1, 2, & 3 directions from node
7 # set at every frame in each step and sums and averages
8
9
10 import math
11 import datetime
12 from odbAccess import *
13 from abaqusConstants import *
14 # number of displacements
15 numLoads=8
16 # number of relative densities
17 numruns=15
18 # number of radii variation
19 numrvar=16
20 for j in range(1,numLoads+1):
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19     for i in range(1,numruns+1):
20         for k in range(1,numrvar+1):
21             runnum = str(i)
22             loadnum = str(j)
23             rvarnum = str(k)
24
25             # Input and ouput file names
26             InputName='D1B-'+loadnum+'-'+runnum+'-'+rvarnum
27
28             # Sum of Reaction Forces
29             OutName1='RF'
30             # top displacement
31             OutName2='U'
32
33             print 'ODB = ' + InputName
34
35             print 'Output Variable = ' + OutName1
36             print 'Output Variable = ' + OutName2
37
38             #vector component
39
40             vecComp = 2
41
42
43             outputfilename1=InputName+'-'+str(OutName1)+'-
'+str(1)+'.txt' #output file name of reaction force in 1-
direction
44             outputfilename2=InputName+'-'+str(OutName1)+'-
'+str(2)+'.txt' #ofn rf in 2
45             outputfilename3=InputName+'-'+str(OutName1)+'-
'+str(3)+'.txt' #ofn rf in 3
46             outputfilename4=InputName+'-'+str(OutName2)+'-
'+str(1)+'.txt' #ofn displacement in 1-direction
47             outputfilename5=InputName+'-'+str(OutName2)+'-
'+str(2)+'.txt' #ofn d in 2
48             outputfilename6=InputName+'-'+str(OutName2)+'-
'+str(3)+'.txt' #ofn d in 3
49
50
51             ## open txt file to write to
52             out1 = open(outputfilename1,'w') #w is mode used to
open a file to write or to create one if it does not exist
53             out2 = open(outputfilename2,'w')
54             out3 = open(outputfilename3,'w')
55             out4 = open(outputfilename4,'w')
56             out5 = open(outputfilename5,'w')
57             out6 = open(outputfilename6,'w')
58
59             # open .odb file to read from
60             odb = openOdb(InputName+'.odb')
61
62             # part
63             partInstance = odb.rootAssembly.instances['PART-1-
1']
64
65             # assembly
66             assembly = odb.rootAssembly

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67
68     #n node sets
69
70     nsetName = 'ZYTOP' #node set name of center top
nodes
71     nsetTop = assembly.nodeSets[nsetName]
72
73
74     steps = ['LOAD','UNLOAD'] #load steps
75     #steps = ['LOAD']
76     for s in steps:
77         print s
78
79         # number of frames in step
80         numberFrame = len(odb.steps[s].frames)
81
82         # extract frame 1 to determine how many elements
it has
83         frame = odb.steps[s].frames[1]
84         outvar1=frame.fieldOutputs[str(OutName1)]
85         outvar2=frame.fieldOutputs[str(OutName1)]
86         outvar3=frame.fieldOutputs[str(OutName1)]
87         outvar4=frame.fieldOutputs[str(OutName2)]
88         outvar5=frame.fieldOutputs[str(OutName2)]
89         outvar6=frame.fieldOutputs[str(OutName2)]
90
91         numelem = len(outvar2.values)
92         print 'Number of Elements ' + str(numelem)
93
94
95         # loop over all times (ie frames)
96         for ns in range (1,numberFrame):
97             # these just let you know its running
and how long it takes
98             print ns
99             print str(datetime.datetime.now())
100
101             # extract variables desired
102             frame = odb.steps[s].frames[ns]
103
104             outvar1 =
frame.fieldOutputs['RF'].getSubset(region=nsetTop)
105             outvar2 =
frame.fieldOutputs['U'].getSubset(region=nsetTop)
106
107             # number of nodes in sets
108             nNsetTop = len(outvar1.values)
109
110             # average over all nodes in set
111             # this is adding all variable values
together, starting the variable at 0 value
112             sumvar1=0.
113             sumvar2=0.
114             sumvar3=0.
115             sumvar4=0.
116             sumvar5=0.
117             sumvar6=0.

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118
119
120         for n in range (0,nNsetTop):
121             # sum of reaction for all nodes
122             var1 =outvar1.values[n].data[0]
123             sumvar1 += var1
124             var2 =outvar1.values[n].data[1]
125             sumvar2 += var2
126             var3 =outvar1.values[n].data[2]
127             sumvar3 += var3
128             # sum of displacment for all
nodes
129             var4 =outvar2.values[n].data[0]
130             sumvar4 += var4
131             var5 =outvar2.values[n].data[1]
132             sumvar5 += var5
133             var6 =outvar2.values[n].data[2]
134             sumvar6 += var6
135
136             # average of varibale for all
displacment (forces don't need averaged)
137             avevar4 = sumvar4/nNsetTop
138             avevar5 = sumvar5/nNsetTop
139             avevar6 = sumvar6/nNsetTop
140
141             # write data
142             out1.write(str(sumvar1)+'\n')
143             out2.write(str(sumvar2)+'\n')
144             out3.write(str(sumvar3)+'\n')
145             out4.write(str(avevar4)+'\n')
146             out5.write(str(avevar5)+'\n')
147             out6.write(str(avevar6)+'\n')
148
149
150             # close input and output files
151             out1.close()
152             out2.close()
153             out3.close()
154             out4.close()
155             out5.close()
156             out6.close()

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#### IV. odbMaxMises.py [20]

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1 #code is from
2 #Title:odbMaxMises.py
3 #Author: D'assault Systemes
4 #Date:2018
5 #Code Version: N/A

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6 #Location:
  https://help.3ds.com/2018/english/dssimulia_established/simacaec
  mdrefmap/simacmd-c-odbintroexamaxmisespyc.htm?contextscope=all
7 #
8 #
9 #Changes: Peak stress is written to text file based off of odb
  file name
10 #~~~~~
11 from odbAccess import *
12 from sys import argv,exit
13 #~~~~~
14
15 def rightTrim(input,suffix):
16     if (input.find(suffix) == -1):
17         input = input + suffix
18     return input
19 #~~~~~
20
21 def getMaxMises (odbName,elsetName):
22     """ Print max mises location and value given odbName
23         and elset(optional)
24     """
25     elset = elemset = None
26     region = "over the entire model"
27     """ Open the output database """
28     opname=str(odbName)
29     opname=opname.replace('.odb','')
30     odb = openOdb(odbName)
31     assembly = odb.rootAssembly
32
33     """ Check to see if the element set exists
34         in the assembly
35     """
36     if elsetName:
37         try:
38             elemset = assembly.elementSets[elsetName]
39             region = " in the element set : " + elsetName;
40         except KeyError:
41             print 'An assembly level elset named %s does' \
42                 'not exist in the output database %s' \
43                 % (elsetName, odbName)
44             odb.close()
45             exit(0)
46
47     """ Initialize maximum values """
48     maxMises = -0.1
49     maxElem = 0
50     maxStep = "_None_"
51     maxFrame = -1
52     Stress = 'S'
53     isStressPresent = 0
54     for step in odb.steps.values():
55         print 'Processing Step:', step.name
56         for frame in step.frames:
57             allFields = frame.fieldOutputs
58             if (allFields.has_key(Stress)):
59                 isStressPresent = 1

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60     stressSet = allFields[Stress]
61     if elemset:
62         stressSet = stressSet.getSubset(
63             region=elemset)
64     for stressValue in stressSet.values:
65         if (stressValue.mises > maxMises):
66             maxMises = stressValue.mises
67             maxElem = stressValue.elementLabel
68             maxStep = step.name
69             maxFrame = frame.incrementNumber
70     if(isStressPresent):
71         print 'Maximum von Mises stress %s is %f in element
%d'%(
72             region, maxMises, maxElem)
73         outt=open(opname+'-PVM.txt','w') # open a text file
named after the odb
74         outt.write(str(maxMises)) #write peak vm stress
75         outt.close() #close text file
76         print 'Location: frame # %d step: %s
'%(maxFrame,maxStep)
77     else:
78         print 'Stress output is not available in' \
79             'the output database : %s\n' %(odb.name)
80
81     """ Close the output database before exiting the program """
82     odb.close()
83
84     #=====
85     # S T A R T
86     #
87     if __name__ == '__main__':
88
89         odbName = None
90         elsetName = None
91         argList = argv
92         argc = len(argList)
93         i=0
94         while (i < argc):
95             if (argList[i][:2] == "-o"):
96                 i += 1
97                 name = argList[i]
98                 odbName = rightTrim(name, ".odb")
99             elif (argList[i][:2] == "-e"):
100                 i += 1
101                 elsetName = argList[i]
102             elif (argList[i][:2] == "-h"):
103                 print __doc__
104                 exit(0)
105                 i += 1
106         if not (odbName):
107             print ' **ERROR** output database name is not provided'
108             print __doc__
109             exit(1)
110         getMaxMises (odbName, elsetName)

```

## V. PVM.py

```

1 # Author: Ian Morrissey
2 # Description: Runs odbMaxMisesText.py for all .odb files in the
  current directory
3 import os
4
5 # create array textstring of .odb file names with file
  extensions in current directory
6 path = os.curdir
7 odbNames = [f for f in os.listdir(path) if f.endswith('.odb')]
8 numodbs=len(odbNames)
9 #submit odb for peak von mises
10 for i in range(1,numodbs+1):
11     os.system('abaqus python odbMaxMisesText.py -odb
  '+odbNames[i-1]+' -elset " ALL ELEMENTS"')
12     print('**'+odbNames[i-1]+' executed**')
13 print('Done')
```

## VI. indBuck.py

```

1 # Author: Ian P. Morrissey
2 # Description: Reads ABAQUS .msg file for buckling warning,
  writes 1 if no buckling warning
3 # writes 0 if negative eigenvalue warning is present
4
5
6 import os
7
8 path=os.curdir
9 #create array of textstring of .msg file names with file
  extensions within current directory
10 msgNames = [f for f in os.listdir(path) if f.endswith('.msg')]
11 numMsg=len(msgNames)
12 #remove file extension
13 outNames=[]
14 outNames=[0 for i in range(numMsg)]
15 for i in range(1,numMsg+1):
16     outNames[i-1]=msgNames[i-1].replace('.msg','')
17
18 # text string that appears in .msg file when buckling does not
  occur
19 eigString= '0 ANALYSIS WARNINGS ARE NEGATIVE EIGENVALUE
  MESSAGES'
20
21 #output files for each simulation
22
23 for i in range(1,numMsg+1):
```



```

24     currMsg = open(msgNames[i-1], 'r') #current .msg file to open
25     readMsg = currMsg.read() #read message file
26     buckMsg=open(outNames[i-1]+'-Buck.txt', 'w') #open output
    file to write
27     if eigString in readMsg:
28         buckMsg.write('1') #write No Buckling warning
29     else:
30         buckMsg.write('0') # write Negative Eigen-value warning
31     currMsg.close #close current msg
32     buckMsg.close #close current buck msg
33
34     print('Done')

```

## VII. writeRunPost.py

```

1 #Author: Ian P. Morrissey
2 #Description: Runs all scripts for writing input decks,
    submitting input decks, extracting values from odb and msg files
3
4 import os
5
6 #write .inp files
7 os.system('python writeinput.py')
8 print('                **inp files written**')
9
10 #submit .inp files
11 os.system('python inpAbaqusRunAll.py')
12 print('                **jobs completed**')
13
14 #extract force and displacement from .odb files
15 os.system('abaqus python post_tensor.py')
16 print('                **force and displacement processed**')
17
18 #extract peak von mises stresses from .odb files
19 os.system('python PVM.py')
20 print('                **peak von mises processed**')
21
22 #indicate whether or not buckling occurred
23 os.system('python indBuck.py')
24 print('                **buckling indication processed**')
25
26 #done
27 print('                **All Scripts Complete**')

```

## APPENDIX C

This appendix shows samples of the MATLAB scripts that were used to process and create plots from the extracted values from ABAQUS.

## I. PlotresultsD1DNSBeam.m

```

1 % Author: Ian Morrissey
2 % description import force and displacment of DNS and Beam
  models and plot
3 clc; clear all; close all
4
5
6
7 %import force f and displacement u DNS models
8 % 2 compression
9 uc2=load(['D1C2-U-1.txt'])
10 Fc2=load(['D1C2-RF-1.txt'])
11 % 4 compression
12 uc4=load(['D1C4-U-1.txt'])
13 Fc4=load(['D1C4-RF-1.txt'])
14 % 6 compression
15 uc6=load(['D1C6-U-1.txt'])
16 Fc6=load(['D1C6-RF-1.txt'])
17 % 8 compression
18 uc8=load(['D1C8-U-1.txt'])
19 Fc8=load(['D1C8-RF-1.txt'])
20 % 2 tensile
21 ut2=load(['D1T2-U-1.txt'])
22 Ft2=load(['D1T2-RF-1.txt'])
23 % 4 tensile
24 ut4=load(['D1T4-U-1.txt'])
25 Ft4=load(['D1T4-RF-1.txt'])
26 % 6 tensile
27 ut6=load(['D1T6-U-1.txt'])
28 Ft6=load(['D1T6-RF-1.txt'])
29 % 8 tensile
30 ut8=load(['D1T8-U-1.txt'])
31 Ft8=load(['D1T8-RF-1.txt'])
32
33
34
35
36 %import force f and displacement u beam models at nominal
37 % 2 compression
38 Buc2=load(['D1B-1-1-U-1.txt'])
39 BFc2=load(['D1B-1-1-RF-1.txt'])
40 % 4 compression

```

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41 Buc4=load(['D1B-2-1-U-1.txt'])
42 BFc4=load(['D1B-2-1-RF-1.txt'])
43 % 6 compression
44 Buc6=load(['D1B-3-1-U-1.txt'])
45 BFc6=load(['D1B-3-1-RF-1.txt'])
46 % 8 compression
47 Buc8=load(['D1B-4-1-U-1.txt'])
48 BFc8=load(['D1B-4-1-RF-1.txt'])
49 % 2 tensile
50 But2=load(['D1B-5-1-U-1.txt'])
51 BFt2=load(['D1B-5-1-RF-1.txt'])
52 % 4 tensile
53 But4=load(['D1B-6-1-U-1.txt'])
54 BFt4=load(['D1B-6-1-RF-1.txt'])
55 % 6 tensile
56 But6=load(['D1B-7-1-U-1.txt'])
57 BFt6=load(['D1B-7-1-RF-1.txt'])
58 % 8 tensile
59 But8=load(['D1B-8-1-U-1.txt'])
60 BFt8=load(['D1B-8-1-RF-1.txt'])
61
62
63
64 %plot dns and beam force-displacement
65 figure(1)
66 p1=plot(uc2,Fc2,'r')
67 p1.LineWidth = 1.5
68 hold on
69 p2=plot(ut2,Ft2,'r')
70 p2.LineWidth = 1.5
71 p3=plot(Buc2,BFc2,'r--')
72 p3.LineWidth = 1.5
73 p4=plot(But2,BFt2,'r--')
74 p4.LineWidth = 1.5
75 p5=plot(uc4,Fc4,'b')
76 p6=plot(ut4,Ft4,'b')
77 p7=plot(Buc4,BFc4,'b--')
78 p8=plot(But4,BFt4,'b--')
79 p9=plot(uc6,Fc6,'g')
80 p10=plot(ut6,Ft6,'g')
81 p11=plot(Buc6,BFc6,'g--')
82 p12=plot(But6,BFt6,'g--')
83 p13=plot(uc8,Fc8,'k')
84 p14=plot(ut8,Ft8,'k')
85 p15=plot(Buc8,BFc8,'k--')
86 p16=plot(But8,BFt8,'k--')
87 hold off
88 xlabel('Displacement (mm)');ylabel('Force (N)');grid
89 axis([-0.2 0.2 -15 15]);
90 legend([p1 p5 p9 p13 p3 p7 p11 p15],{'DNS 2%','DNS 4%','DNS
6%','DNS 8%','Beam 2%','Beam 4%','Beam 6%','Beam 8%'});
91 legend('Location','northeastoutside')
92 saveas(gcf,'BeamDNSFDDirection1.svg')

```

## II. plotresults1cont.m

```

1 % Author: Ian P. Morrissey
2
3 % Description: Import displacement and force values
4 % Imports peak Von Mises stress values and Buckling indication
5 % Calculates energy dissipation and energy dissipation
  coefficient
6 % Plots Energy Dissipation and Energy Dissipation Coefficient
  for set-displacements vs Rvar and Relative Density
7
8 clc; clear all; close all;
9 disp=linspace(-0.08,-0.01,8); % displacment values
10 rvar=linspace(0.5,1.25,16); % radius variance coefficient values
11 rd=linspace(0.03,0.45,15); % relative density values
12 k=0; %initialize k index
13 for u=1:8; %index by displacment
14     for ii=1:15; % index by relative desnity
15         for j=1:16; %index by rvar
16             clear d F di Fi F1 F2 E1 E2 h; % clear variables
  from last loop
17             vm=load(['D1B-' num2str(u) '-' num2str(ii) '-'
  num2str(j) '-PVM.txt']); %load peak von mises stress
18             buck=load(['D1B-' num2str(u) '-' num2str(ii) '-'
  num2str(j) '-Buck.txt']); %load buckling indication
19             if buck==1 && vm<=700 % only proceed if buckling
  did not occur and the stress limit was not reached
20                 di=load(['D1B-' num2str(u) '-' num2str(ii) '-'
  num2str(j) '-U-1.txt']); %import displacement
21                 Fi=load(['D1B-' num2str(u) '-' num2str(ii) '-'
  num2str(j) '-RF-1.txt']); %import force
22                 k=k+1; %index k
23                 vab(k,1)=rd(ii); % create rd that is to be used
24                 vab(k,2)=rvar(j); %create rvar to be used
25                 d(1)=0; %initialize displacment
26                 F(1)=0; %initialize force
27                 for i= 1:length(di); %convert
28                     d(i+1)=-di(i);
29                     F(i+1)=-Fi(i);
30                 end
31                 %separate curves for calculating area under
  loading and
32                 %unloading for energy calculations and calculate
  energy
33                 %dissipated and ED coefficeint
34                 [maxval,maxind]=max(d);
35                 d1=d(1:maxind);
36                 d2=d(maxind:length(d));
37                 F1=F(1:maxind);
38                 F2=F(maxind:length(d));
39                 E1=trapez(d1,F1);
40                 E2=-trapez(d2,F2);
41                 vab(k,3)=E1-E2; %energy calc;
42                 vab(k,4)=(E1-E2)./( (E1-(E1-E2)./2)*pi); % energy
  dissipation coefficient

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43         else % continue to next if vm limit exceed
44             %or if buckling occurred
45         end
46     end
47 end
48 clear k %clear and reinitialize k
49 k=0;
50
51 % put mesh over points so they can be seen on plot clearly
52 x1=linspace(min(vab(:,1)),max(vab(:,1)),100)
53 y1=linspace(min(vab(:,2)),max(vab(:,2)),100)
54 [X,Y]=meshgrid(x1,y1)
55 Z1=griddata(vab(:,1),vab(:,2),vab(:,3),X,Y,'cubic');
56
57 %plot ED and save svg of plot
58 figure(2*u-1)
59 mesh(X,Y,Z1),grid;title(['ED for Displacement = ' num2str(-
100*disp(u)) '%']);xlabel('Relative
Density');ylabel('R_{var}');zlabel('E_{disp} ({\mu}J)');
60 hold on
61 plot3(vab(:,1),vab(:,2),vab(:,3),'r.','MarkerSize',15),grid
62 saveas(gcf,['D1ED-' num2str(u) '.svg'])
63
64 %plot EDC and save svg of plot
65 figure(2*u)
66 Z2=griddata(vab(:,1),vab(:,2),vab(:,4),X,Y,'cubic');
67 mesh(X,Y,Z2),grid;title(['\eta for Displacement = '
num2str(-100*disp(u)) '%']);xlabel('Relative
Density');ylabel('R_{var}');zlabel('\eta ');
68 hold on
69 plot3(vab(:,1),vab(:,2),vab(:,4),'r.','MarkerSize',15),grid
70 saveas(gcf,['D1EDC-' num2str(u) '.svg'])
71 end

```