



# Multiscale Modeling of Piezoelectric Materials

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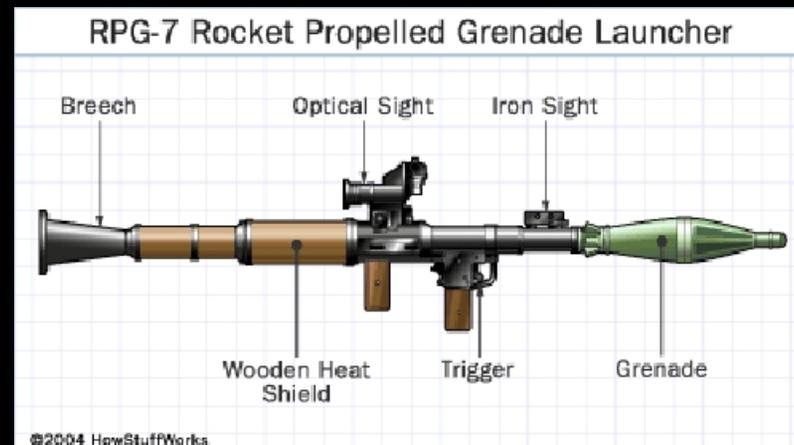
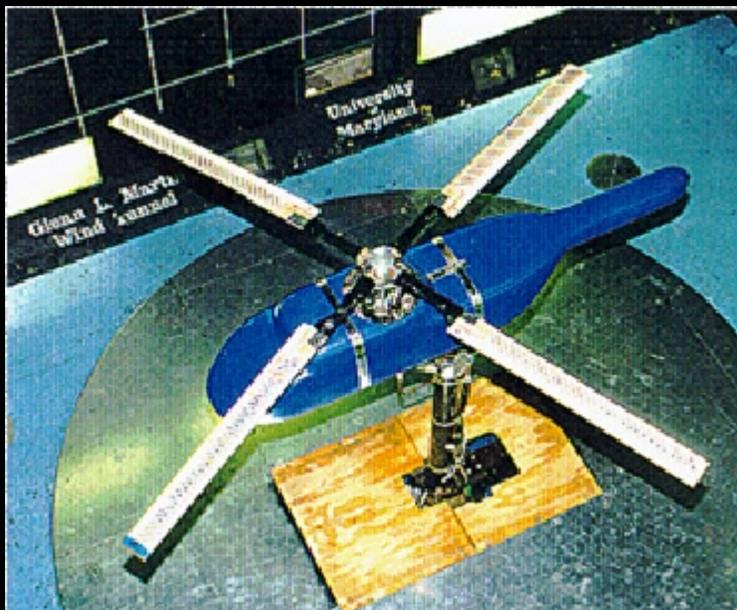


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# Introduction

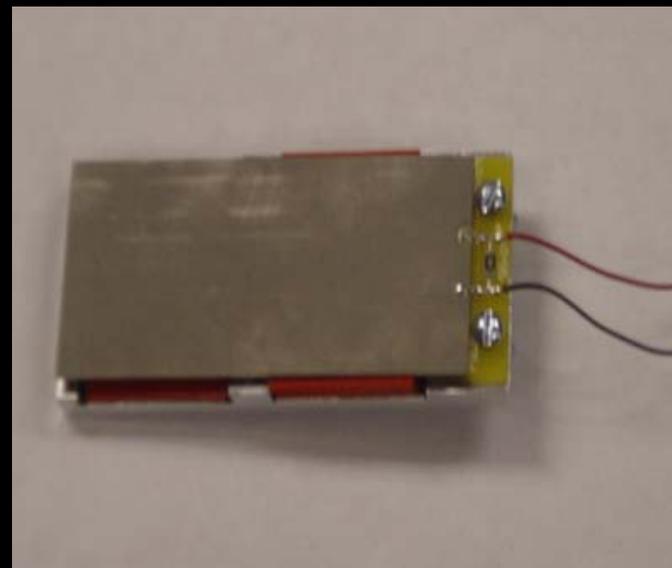
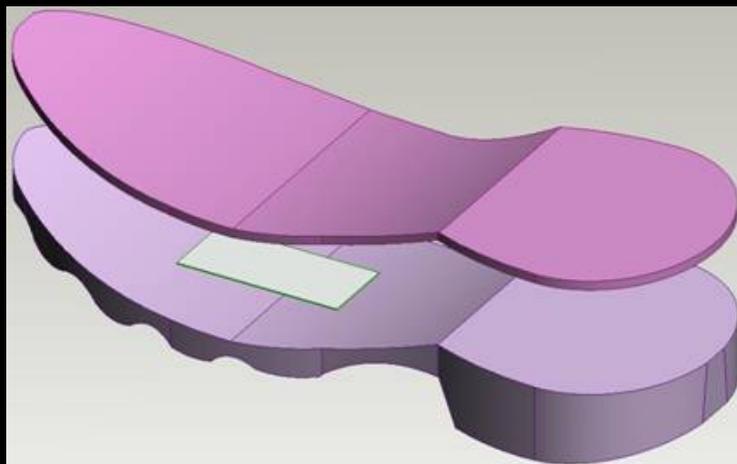


Booster → Piezo Fuse → Gunpowder Flash → Nitro Propellant

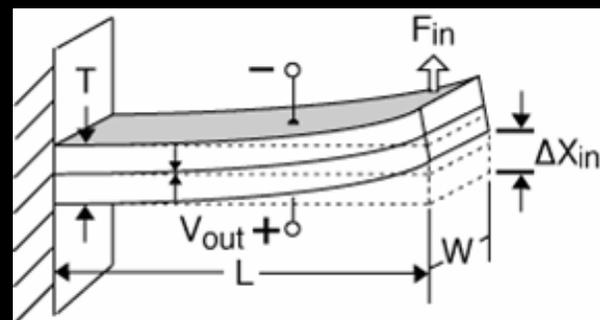
Smart controllable rotor twist research at the University of Maryland's Glen L. Martin wind tunnel.



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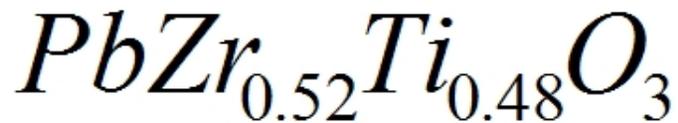
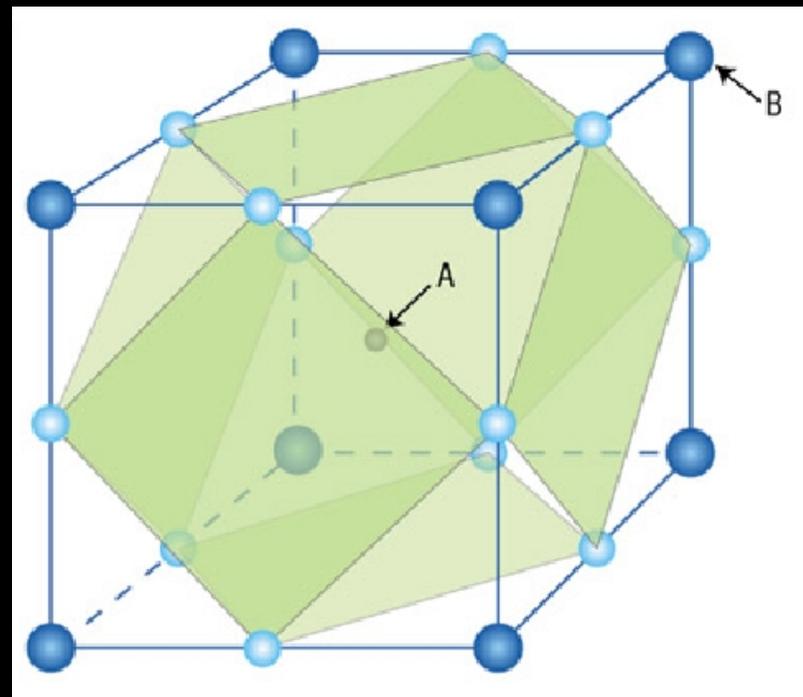
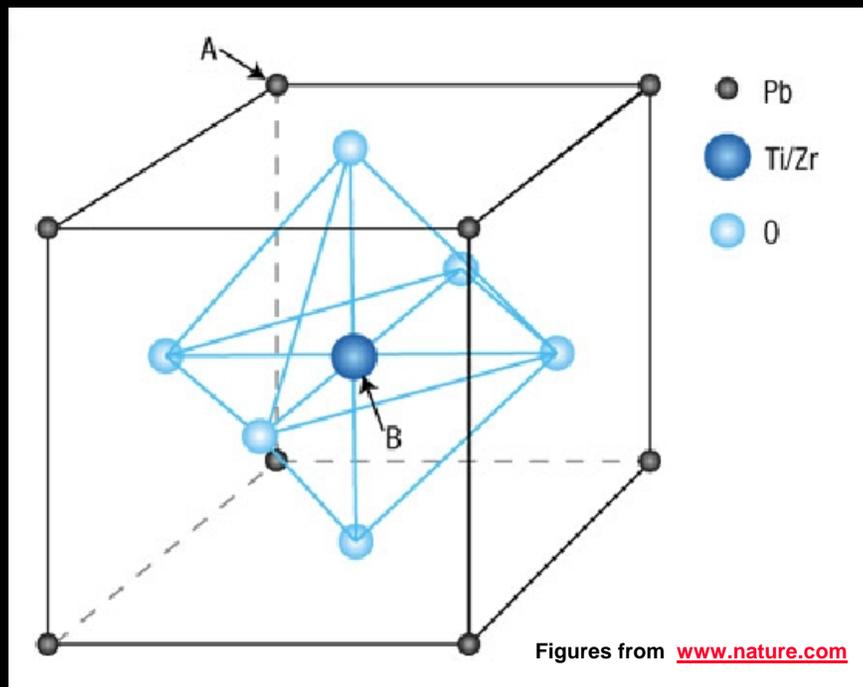


Piezoelectric research at USMA conducted by cadets using piezoelectric boards in an attempt to generate electricity using the natural gait of a soldier's step.





# PZT Monoclinic Structure



Perovskite Structure  $ABO_3$



# Constitutive Equation (Solid Mechanics – Continuum)

## Hooke's Law

$$S_{IJ} = C_{IJKL} E_{KL}$$

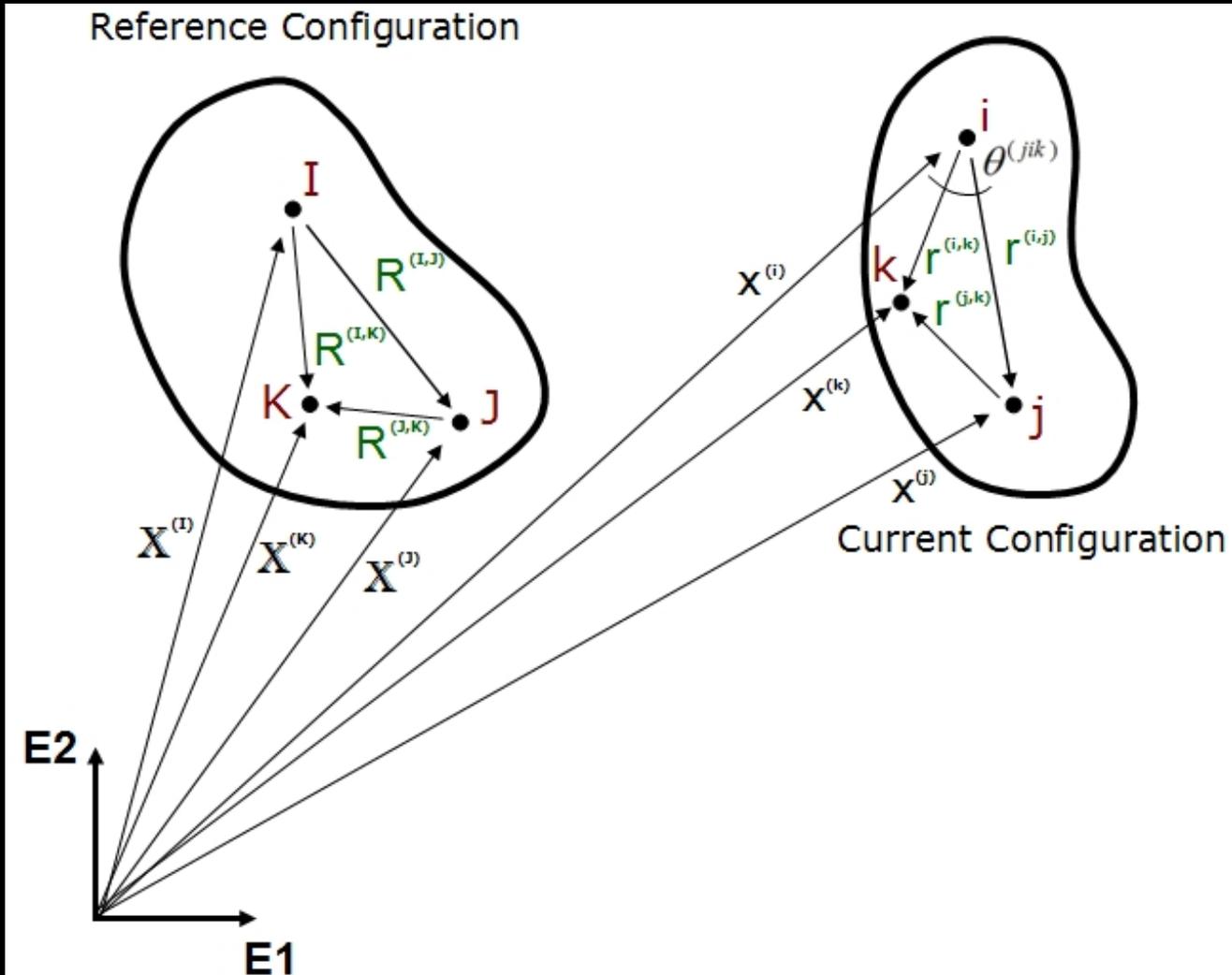
↑  
Stress

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Elasticity Tensor

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Strain



# Atomistic Position Vectors





# Atomistic Elasticity Tensor

$$\begin{aligned} C_{IJKL} &= \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial C_{IJ} \partial C_{KL}} \quad \leftarrow \text{Elasticity Tensor} \\ &= \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial F_{mN} \partial F_{pQ}} \frac{\partial F_{mN}}{\partial C_{IJ}} \frac{\partial F_{pQ}}{\partial C_{KL}} \quad (\text{Chain Rule}) \\ &= \left( \begin{aligned} &\frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial r_i^{(ij)} \partial r_j^{(ik)}} \frac{\partial r_i^{(ij)}}{\partial F_{mN}} \frac{\partial r_j^{(ik)}}{\partial F_{pQ}} + \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial r_i^{(ij)} \partial r_j^{(ij)}} \frac{\partial r_i^{(ij)}}{\partial F_{mN}} \frac{\partial r_j^{(ij)}}{\partial F_{pQ}} \\ &+ \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial r_i^{(ik)} \partial r_j^{(ik)}} \frac{\partial r_i^{(ik)}}{\partial F_{mN}} \frac{\partial r_j^{(ik)}}{\partial F_{pQ}} + \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial r_i^{(ik)} \partial r_j^{(ij)}} \frac{\partial r_i^{(ik)}}{\partial F_{mN}} \frac{\partial r_j^{(ij)}}{\partial F_{pQ}} \end{aligned} \right) \frac{\partial F_{mN}}{\partial C_{IJ}} \frac{\partial F_{pQ}}{\partial C_{KL}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\phi = \sum_{\substack{i,j \\ i < j}} v_2(r_{(ij)}) + \sum_{\substack{i,j,k \\ i < j < k}} v_3(r_{(ij)}, r_{(ik)}, r_{(jk)})$$

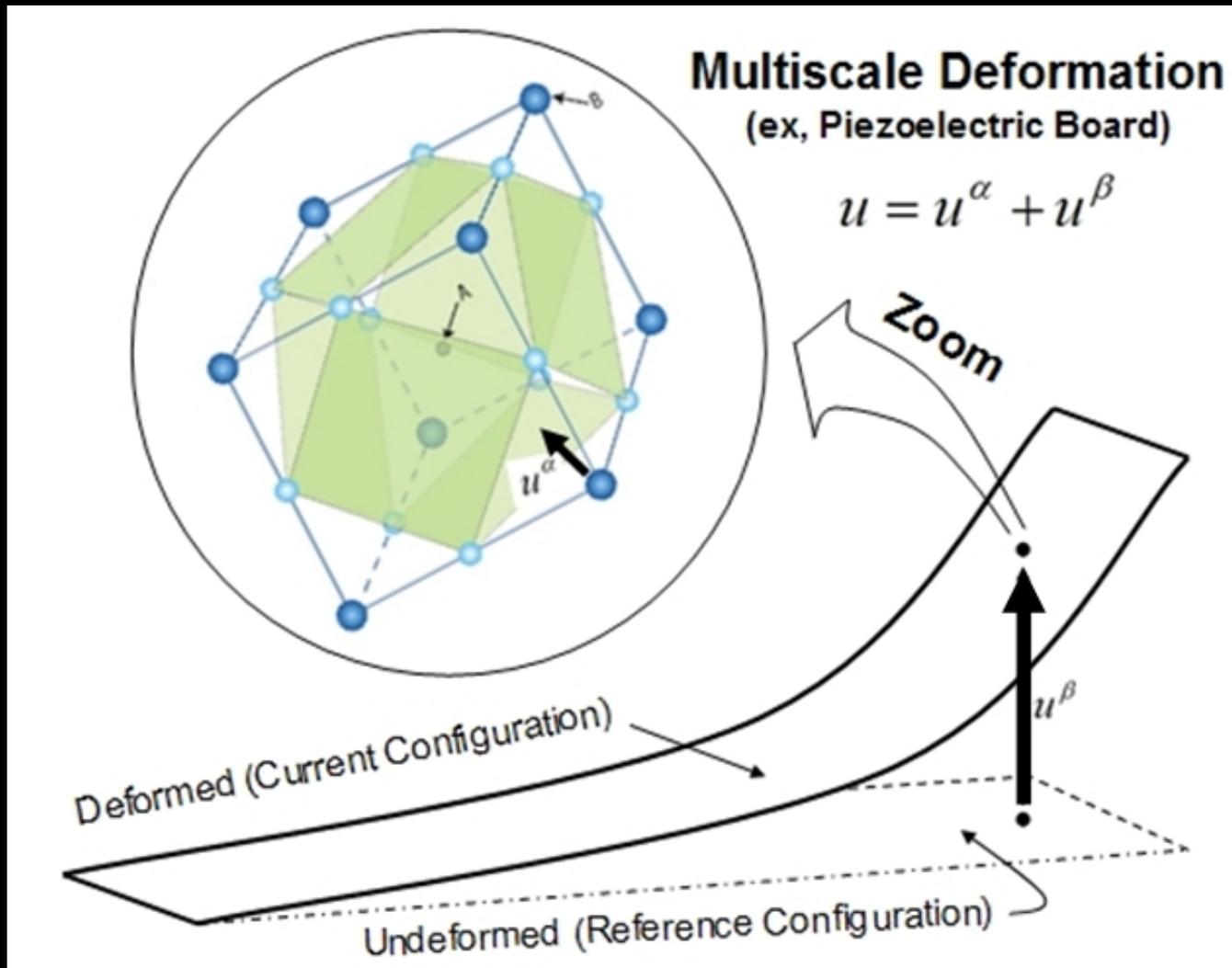
Potential Function

$$(\mathbf{r})_i = (\mathbf{FR})_i = r_i = \sum_I F_{iI} R_I = F_{iI} R_I$$

Cauchy-Born Rule



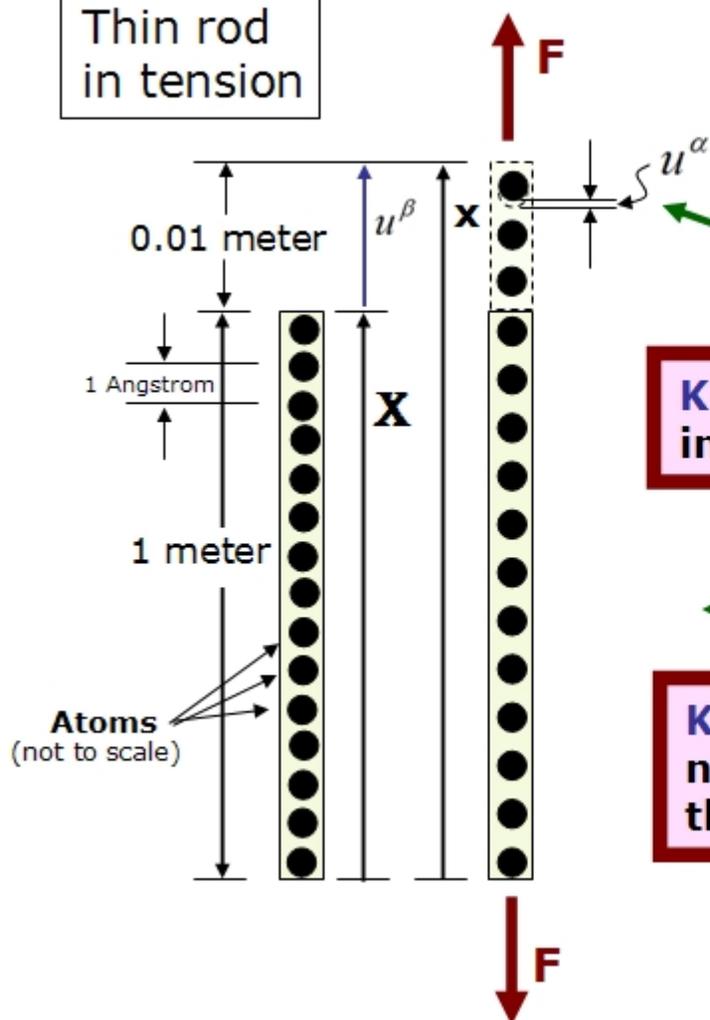
# Multiscale Deformation





# Multiscale Deformation

Thin rod  
in tension



**KEY POINT #1:** The magnitude of  $u^\alpha$  is on the Angstrom scale. The magnitude of  $u^\beta$  is on the meter scale.

Local strain is  $0.01 \frac{\text{Angstrom}}{\text{Angstrom}}$

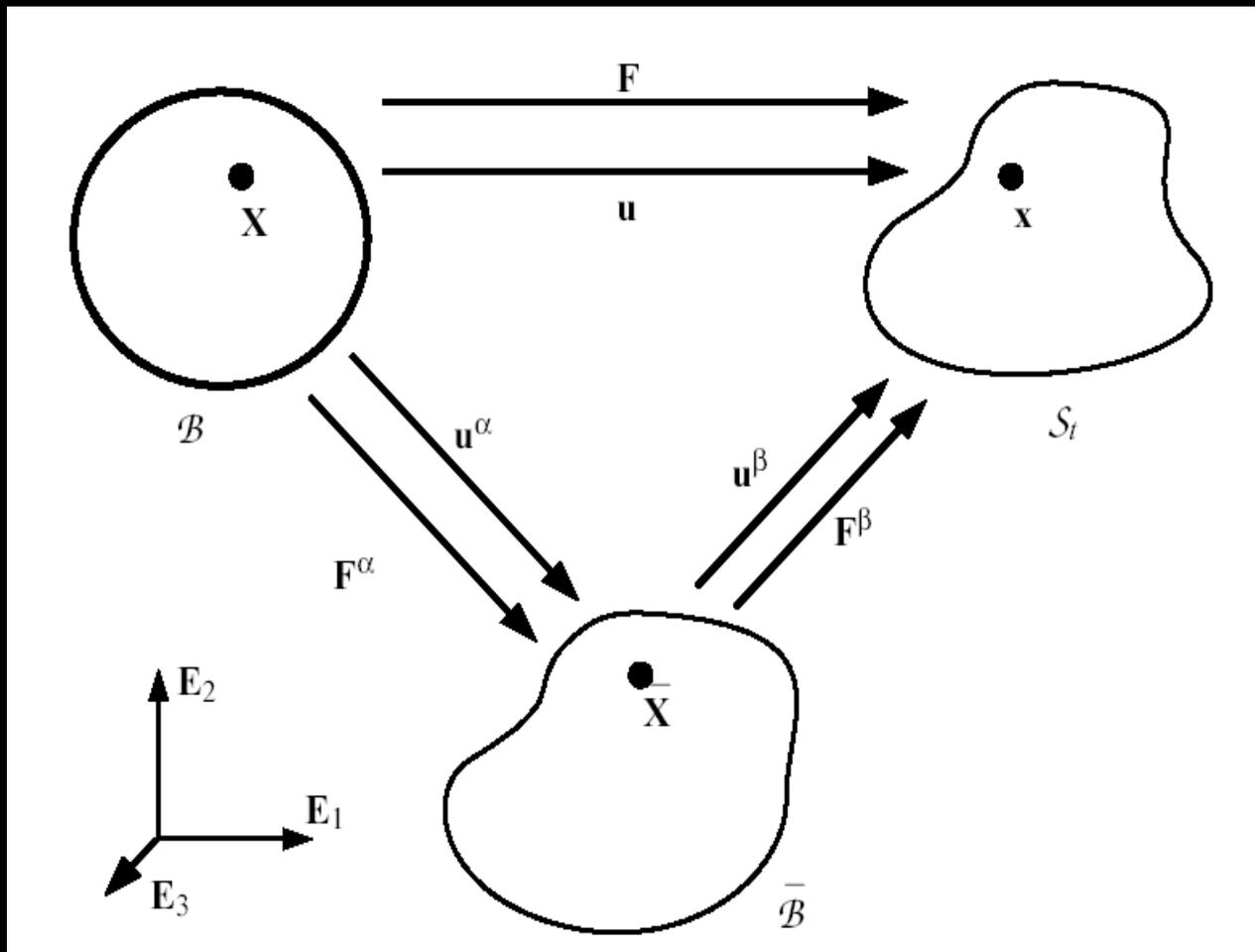
**KEY POINT #2:** Strain is scale independent. It's equal to 0.01

Global strain is  $0.01 \frac{\text{meter}}{\text{meter}}$

**KEY POINT #3:** An enormous number of  $u^\alpha$  experienced by all the atoms over a region sums up to  $u^\beta$ .



# Multiscale Kinematics



$$u = u^\alpha + u^\beta$$
$$u := x - X$$
$$u^\alpha := \bar{X} - X$$
$$u^\beta := x - \bar{X}$$

$$F = F^\beta F^\alpha$$
$$F := \frac{dx}{dX}$$
$$F^\beta := \frac{dx}{d\bar{X}}$$
$$F^\alpha := \frac{d\bar{X}}{dX}$$



# Pertinent Equations

**Conservation of  
Linear  
Momentum**

$$\nabla \cdot \sigma(u^\alpha, u^\beta) + b = \rho \frac{d^2 u^\beta}{dt^2}$$

$$\sigma = \frac{1}{J} F^\beta S F^{\beta T}$$

**Hooke's Law**

$$S = C : E^\beta$$

**Lagrange  
Strain**

$$E^\beta = \frac{1}{2} (F^{\beta T} F^\beta + I)$$

$$F^\beta(u^\alpha, u^\beta) = I + \frac{\partial u^\beta}{\partial X} \left( \frac{\partial u^\alpha}{\partial X} \right)^{-1}$$

$$F = m \ddot{u}^\alpha$$

$$F = q_o E$$

$$F = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_o} \frac{qq_o}{r^2}$$

$$\epsilon_o \oint E \cdot ds = q$$

**Newton's 2<sup>nd</sup> Law**

**Coulomb's Law**

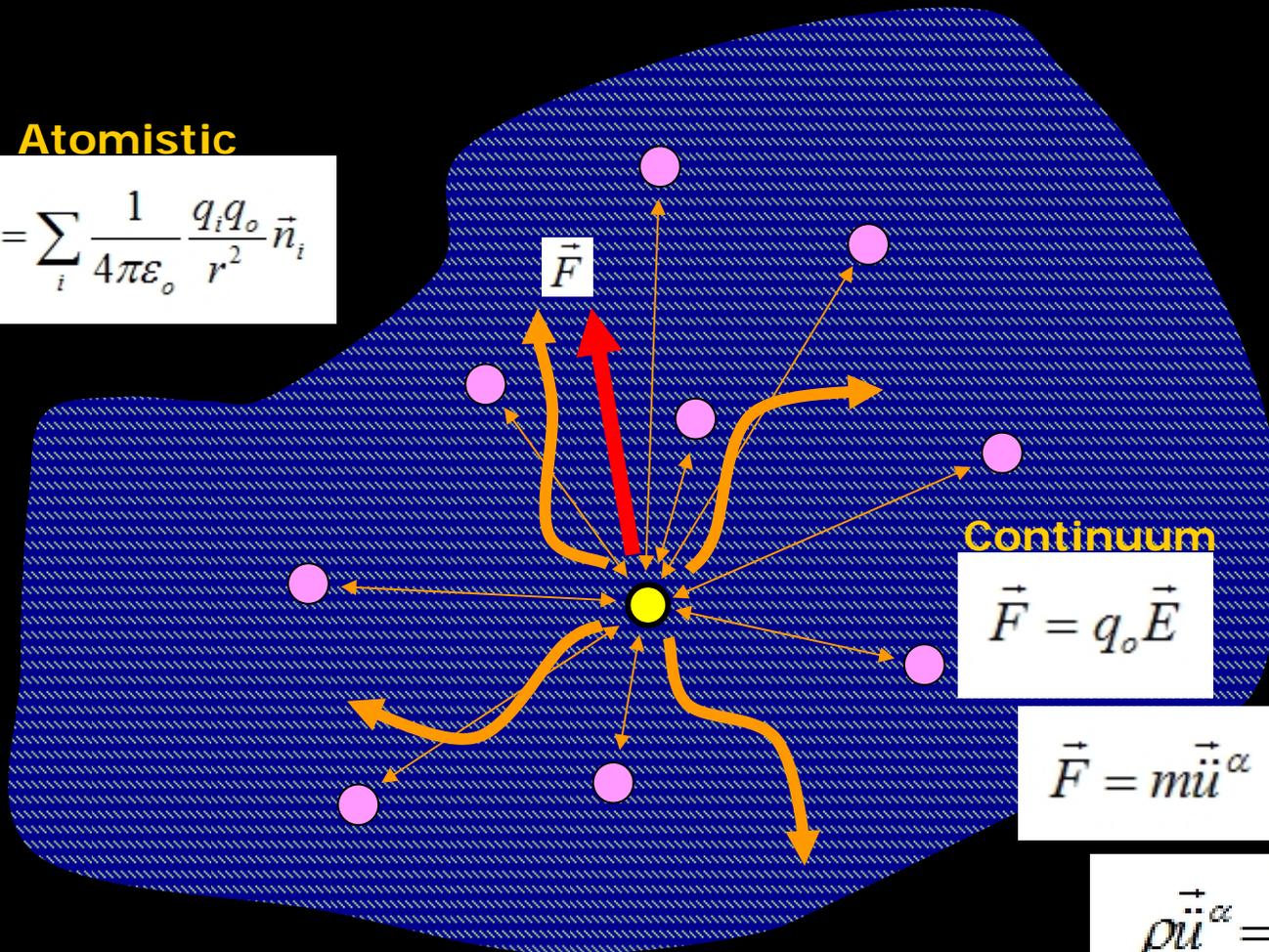
**Gauss's Law**



# Charges and Electric Field

Atomistic

$$\vec{F} = \sum_i \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q_i q_o}{r^2} \vec{n}_i$$



Continuum

$$\vec{F} = q_o \vec{E}$$

$$\vec{F} = m \vec{u}^\alpha$$

$$\rho \vec{u}^\alpha = \frac{q_o}{V} \vec{E}$$



# Variational Multiscale Equations

$$\mathcal{Q}_1 := \int_{S_t} \nabla w^\beta : \sigma(u^\alpha, u^\beta) dS_t - \int_{S_t} (w^\beta \cdot b) dS_t - \int_{\partial S_t} (w^\beta \cdot t) d\partial S_t - \int_{S_t} (w^\beta \cdot \rho \ddot{u}^\beta) dS_t = 0$$

Unknowns  $\{u^\alpha, u^\beta\}$

$$\mathcal{Q}_2 := \int_{S_t} w^\alpha \cdot (\rho \ddot{u}^\alpha - \tilde{q} E) dS_t = 0$$

Unknowns  $\{u^\alpha, E\}$

$$\mathcal{Q}_3 := \int_{S_t} w^E \cdot \left( \frac{1}{\mu} \nabla \times \nabla \times E \right) dS_t + \int_{S_t} w^E \cdot (\epsilon \ddot{E} + \gamma \dot{E}) dS_t = 0$$

Unknowns  $\{E\}$



# Questions?