

# Lecture 1 - Intro to Micromechanics

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## schedule

- Feb 2 - Intro to Micromechanics
- Feb 4 - Tensor review, Anisotropic Elasticity
- Feb 9 - Coordinate Transformation
- Feb 11 - 1D Micromechanics (HW1 Due)

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- syllabus
- micromechanics
- software
- plotting

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## about me



**Figure 1:** family picture

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- B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from Brigham Young University
  - Worked with ATK to develop tab-less gripping system for tensile testing composite tow specimens
  - Needed to align the specimen, as well as grip it without causing a stress concentration

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- M.S. and Ph.D. from School of Aeronautics and Astronautics at Purdue University
  - Worked with Boeing to simulate mold flows
  - First ever mold simulation with anisotropic viscosity

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**Figure 2:** picture of chopped carbon fiber prepreg

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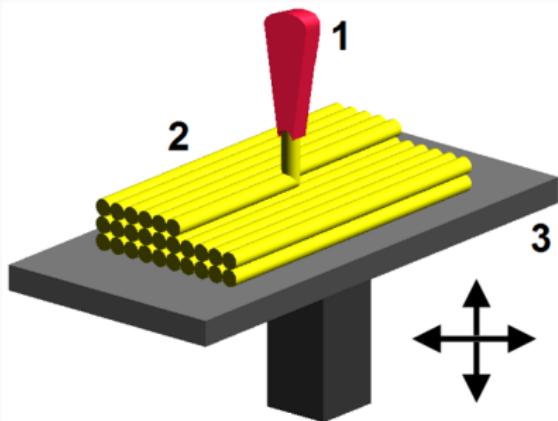


**Figure 3:** picture of lamborghini symbol made from compression molded chopped carbon fiber

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- No simulation is currently able to predict fiber orientation from these processes
- Part of the challenge is that we only have information from initial state and final state
- I want to quantify intermediate stages using a transparent mold

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**Figure 4:** picture illustrating the fused deposition modeling 3D printing process, where plastic filament is melted and deposited next to other filament, and fuses together

- Name
- Student status (Undergrad, Masters, Ph.D)
- Full time or part time student?
- One interesting thing to remember you by
- What are you hoping to learn in Micromechanics?

## course textbook

- The textbook used in this class is: *Introduction to Micromechanics and Nanomechanics*, Shaofan Li and Gang Wang
- Homework will be given in handouts
- I will supplement the text with some material from my former professor at Purdue
- In particular, this book teaches micromechanics, but also links traditional micromechanics to smaller scales
- My intent is to focus primarily on the micro-scale and above

- I will e-mail everyone in the course a Doodle link we can use to find the optimal office hours
- Let me know if you do not receive the e-mail, you may need to update your information in Blackboard
- Take advantage of office hours, this is time that I have already set aside for you
- If the regular office hours do not work for your schedule, send me an e-mail and we can work out a time to meet

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## tentative course outline

- Section 1 - analytical methods
  - Anisotropic elasticity
  - Coordinate transformation
  - 1D analysis (voigt-reuss)
  - Eshelby
  - Mean-field

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- Section 2 - numerical methods
  - Finite elements
  - Variational calculus
  - Fourier methods

- Section 3 - damage
  - Damage
  - Dislocation
  - Final project (due 15 May)

- Grade breakdown
  - Homework 40%
  - Final Project 60%
- Follow a traditional grading scale

## final project

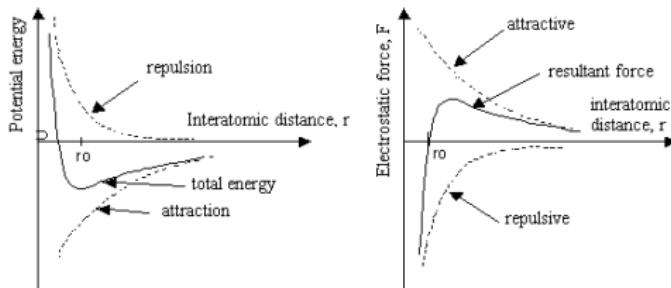
- Model some multi-scale problem using the techniques taught in this class.
- You should use at least one micromechanics software tool, compare your results to a converged finite element model, and make an appropriate comparison to an analytical model.
- More details on the final project will be given later in the course.

- Consider the cost (to you or others) of your being in class
- I ask that you refrain from distracting behaviors during class
- When you have something more important than class to take care of, please take care of it outside of class

## micromechanics

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# electrostatic force



**Figure 5:** a diagram plotting inter-atomic forces vs distance between atoms

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## micromechanics

- Many problems involve heterogeneous materials
- Composites, biomechanics
- Micromechanics is used to homogenize in order to predict global behavior
- Can also be used in reverse to de-homogenize (or localize) global stresses/strains

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- In a composite laminate, the ABD matrix is used to homogenize the various laminae
- Different materials will have different methods for homogenization
- Eshelby, Mori-Tanaka are two analytic methods
- There are also many numerical methods that can be used to homogenize

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## de-homogenization

- De-homogenization, or localization, is often valuable in predicting failure
- Stiffness, load-displacement are “global” effects, can be predicted well with some homogenized material
- Failure initiates at the local level, need to know stress in fiber/matrix (for composites)

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- While the term “micromechanics” implies a certain scale, the methods we will use in this class are mathematically general
- Can be used at any scale where the continuum assumption is valid
- We only need some periodic structure

## software

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- Many specialized micromechanics tools exist for various problems
- Standard finite element software is always used as the benchmark to which micromechanics is compared
- Everyone will need access to FEA software in this class
- Class examples will use COMSOL, since we have a class-kit license for that, but you are free to use any software package you have access to and are comfortable with

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## comsol

- the files needed for installation can be downloaded here<sup>1</sup>
- need to have WSU on-campus IP address to access license (can use vpn<sup>2</sup>)
- license format -> port number @ hostname
- port number: 1718, hostname: aecomsl.wichita.edu
- note: you do not need to install the license manager, and in this class we will not need Acoustics, Heat Transfer, Microfluidics, or Non-Linear Structural Mechanics modules

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<sup>1</sup><https://drive.google.com/open?id=1IT4IIM9j0nTDVDE9L8QhhhpKa7RXEjyw>

<sup>2</sup><https://vpn.wichita.edu>

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- while I do not require you to use python, I use it for many examples so I will provide some installation instructions
- a minimal installation can be done by installing conda<sup>3</sup>
- afterwards install libraries using bash      conda  
install ipython jupyter matplotlib numpy  
pandas scipy
- alternatively, you may use a cloud-based python installation, such as the one provided by Microsoft<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>3</sup><https://conda.io/miniconda.html>

<sup>4</sup><https://notebooks.azure.com/>

## micromechanics

- You are encouraged to find specialized micromechanics software for your final project
- Different micromechanics software tools will utilize different theories to homogenize/de-homogenize
- SwiftComp is available here<sup>5</sup> (uses variational calculus)
- Some others are CRAFT<sup>6</sup> (uses Fourier transforms)
- MAC/GMC<sup>7</sup> (uses generalized method of cells)

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<sup>5</sup><https://cdmhub.org/>

<sup>6</sup><http://craft.lma.cnrs-mrs.fr/>

<sup>7</sup><https://www.grc.nasa.gov/WWW/StructuresMaterials/MLP/software/mac-gmc/>

- Another software alternative, although not strictly micromechanics, is the MOOSE Framework
- This is a little bit more similar to a standard FEA program (albeit open source and less user friendly)
- But it does have some multi-scale capabilities built in via the “multi-app” interface

## plotting

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## plotting

- Plotting is an important part of graduate work, and this course
- There are many software programs which can generate good scientific plots
  - Microsoft Excel
  - MATLAB
  - Maple
  - Mathematica
  - Python
  - R
  - Plot.ly
- You are welcome to use whatever software you desire, I will use Python for a quick demonstration

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## plotting

- To make a good scientific plot, we must first decide what we are plotting, and which plot style will best illustrate our data
- Let us consider as an example the popular Halpin-Tsai equations

$$P_c = P_m \left( \frac{1 + \zeta \eta f}{1 - \eta f} \right)$$

$$\eta = \frac{P_f/P_m - 1}{P_f/P_m + \zeta}$$

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- Where  $f$  is the fiber volume fraction, and  $P$  is some property, with  $c$  indicating composite properties,  $f$  indicating fiber properties and  $m$  indicating matrix properties

- The parameter,  $\zeta$  is determined based on the type of property and composites (axial vs. transverse modulus, long vs. short fibers, etc.)
- For axial stiffness of oriented short-fiber composites, we will use  $\zeta = 2l/d$
- Where  $l/d$  is the aspect ratio of the fibers

- We are interested in plotting the effect of aligned, short-fiber reinforcements
- In our chosen software (Excel, MATLAB, Python), we set up the aspect ratios we will simulate (x-axis of plot)
- Then we calculate  $\zeta$ ,  $\eta$  at each aspect ratio
- It is often desirable to generalize equations as much as possible. We can divide by  $P_m$  to find the normalized version,  $P_c/P_m$ .

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View rendered example here<sup>8</sup>

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<sup>8</sup><http://nbviewer.jupyter.org/github/ndaman/multiscale/blob/master/examples/Halpin-Tsai%20Example.ipynb>