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## Seminar über Fragen der Mechanik

zu folgendem Vortrag wird herzlich eingeladen

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### Discrete modeling and homogenization techniques for materials with random network microstructures

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We will discuss the approaches that can be taken to predict mechanical behavior of materials that on microstructural level present a network of interconnected fibers. When these materials are subject to a finite three-dimensional strain the network undergoes certain generally non-affine microdeformation. To predict it a variational framework is suggested. We derive a relation between fiber stretch and orientation and the deformation gradient. It serves as a kinematic constraint in energy minimization problem that allows to determine the axial forces and ultimately the macroscopic stress.

As a verification step for the simplifying assumptions about the geometry and kinematics of random networks a series of discrete element models have been evaluated. The two methods display similar non-affine microdeformation patterns that explain such phenomena as stiffening of elastomers in uniaxial and equibiaxial loading as well as tensile normal tractions in sheared semiflexible gels.

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