

# Surrogate models of elastic responses from truss lattices for multiscale design

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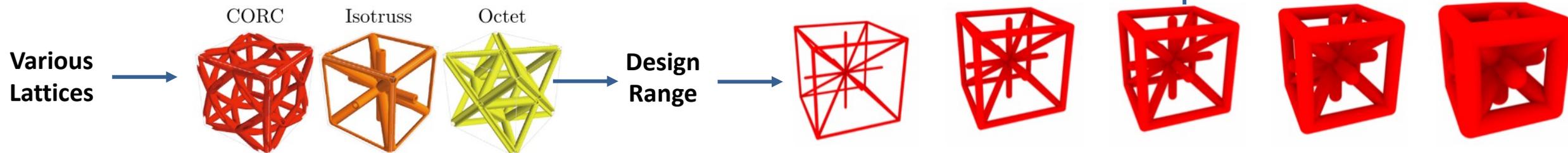
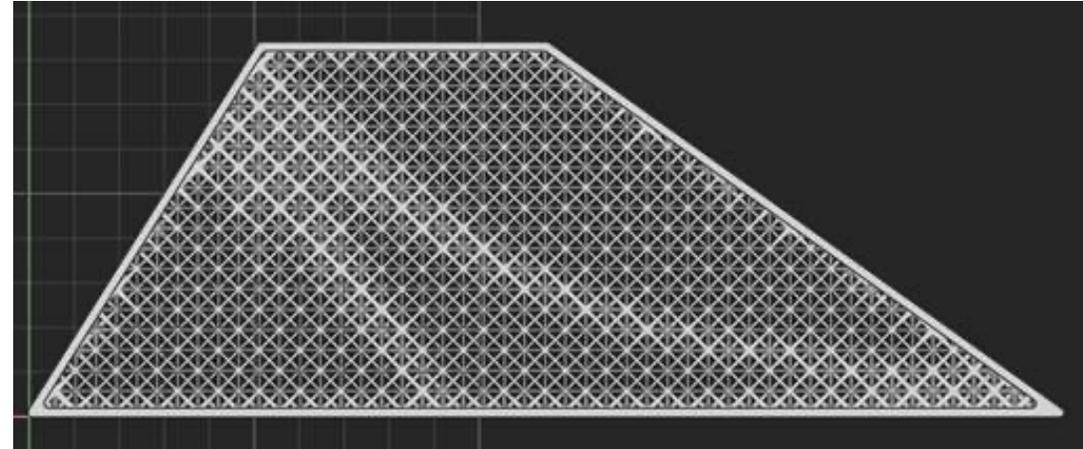


# Using surrogate models for linear elastic material models and concerned whether stiffness tensors are positive definite

- Interested in design optimization of functionally graded materials
- Using surrogate models to represent homogenized micro truss structures
- Show an example where surrogate stiffness tensors are not positive definite
- Discuss a few approaches to obtain positive definite stiffness tensors
- Propose positive definite model validation as an optimization problem

# Surrogate models for micro-architected materials

- Learning the homogenized stiffness tensors of various hollow lattice architectures [1] [2]
- Density based topology optimization to design functionally graded micro-geometry
- Design variables are cylindrical rod diameters
- **Surrogate model** to represent homogenized material
  - Outputs stiffness tensors as function of rod diameters
  - Differentiable with respect to design variables



# Learning the homogenized stiffness tensors from data

- Model learns  $\mathcal{C}$  as function of
  - Inner radius to outer radius ratio  $\iota$
  - Outer rod radius  $r$
  - Poisson's ratio  $\nu$
- Required to produce all derivatives
  - $\frac{\partial \mathcal{C}}{\partial \iota}$ ,  $\frac{\partial \mathcal{C}}{\partial r}$ ,  $\frac{\partial \mathcal{C}}{\partial \nu}$
- 21 coefficients to learn for anisotropy
- 9 coefficients to learn for orthotropy
  - Reasonable if using 1/8 symmetry

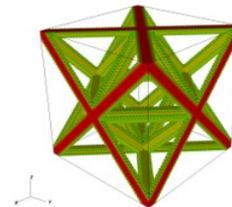
**Anisotropic**

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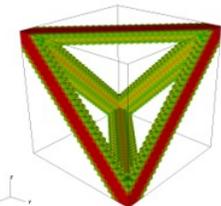
**Orthotropic**

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Octet Truss

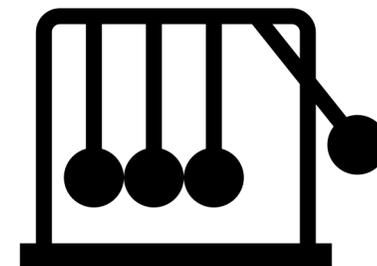


1/8<sup>th</sup> Symmetric Octet Truss



# Surrogate model needs to produce positive definite stiffness tensors

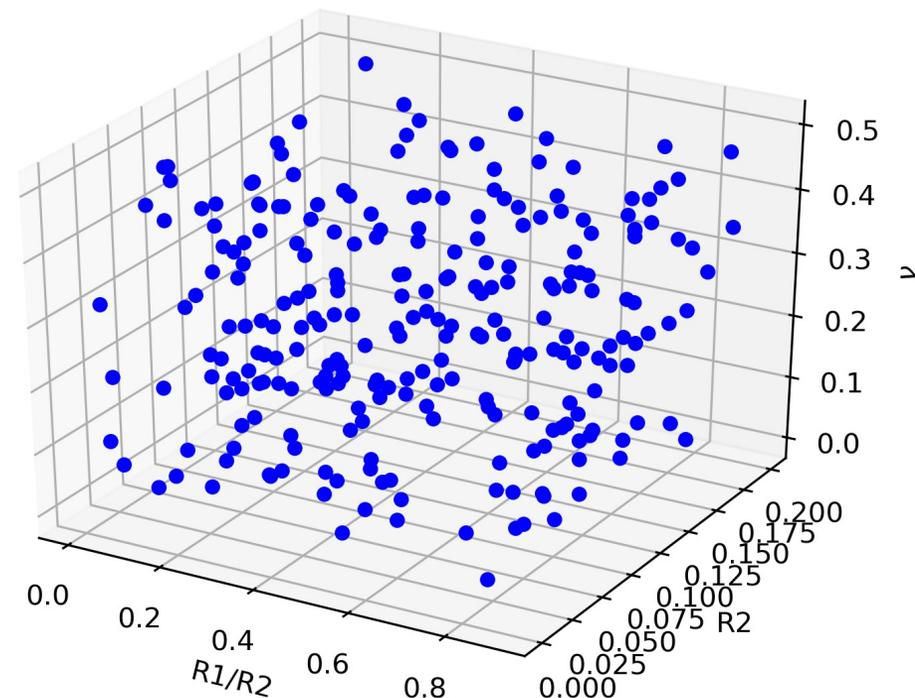
- Stiffness tensor  $\mathcal{C}$  must be positive definite
- Ensure uniqueness of PDE
- Required for strain energy to be positive
  - Materials generally store energy when deformed
  - If positive definite is violated, the material releases energy when deformed



The surrogate models must obey physics,  
but is this really a problem?

# Investigation on whether we need to be concerned about positive definite surrogate predictions

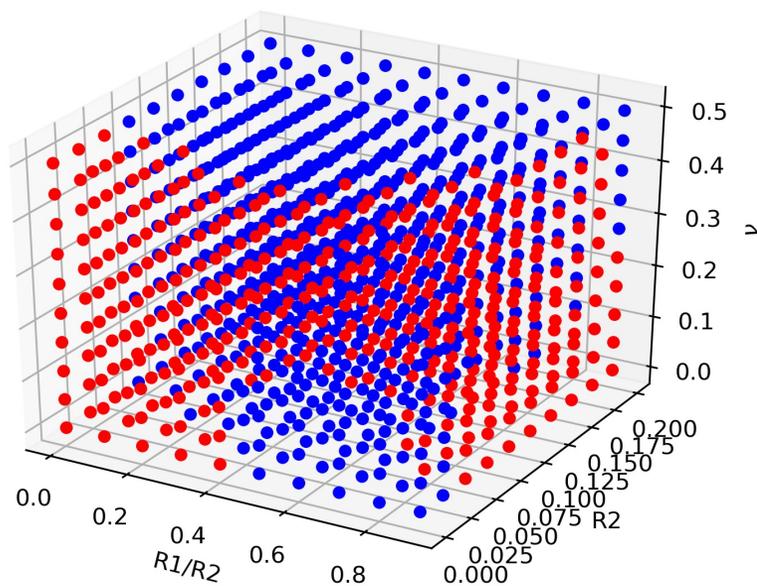
- Homogenized dataset from hollow strut Octet truss
- 250 Data points in 3 dimensions
  - Random Latin Hypercube sampling
  - Input dimensions: radius ratio, outer radius, Poisson's ratio
- All homogenized stiffness tensors are positive definite!
  - Our homogenization solver obeys physics!
- Train various surrogate models to this data
  - Evaluate the trained models on factorial design
  - Show examples where the surrogate stiffness tensor is not positive definite



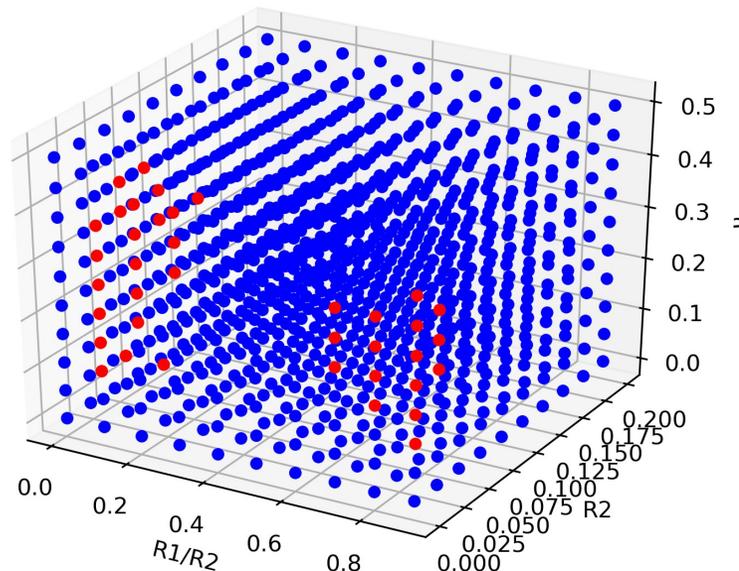
# Surrogate stiffness tensors were not positive definite on the domain!

- **Red** points are not positive definite
- **Blue** points are positive definite

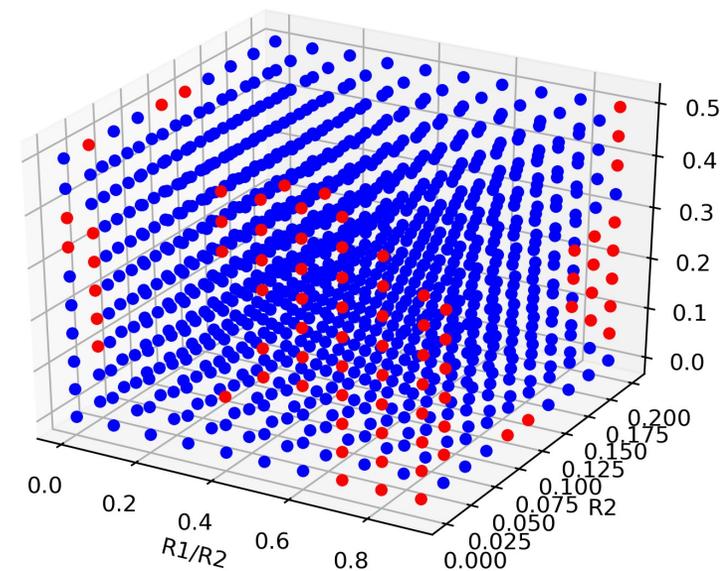
Quadratic Polynomial



Linear Kernel Radial Basis Functions



Neural Network



Training to positive definite data does not guarantee positive definite predictions.

# Approaches we can take to achieve positive definite stiffness tensors

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- Data driven approach and build a larger dataset
- Use specialized loss functions to penalize non-positive definite data points
- Prove that a surrogate model architecture will always be positive definite
- Manually iterate architectures with numerical validation

# Why we are showing our numerical validation approach

- Data driven approach and build a larger dataset
  - It is not known how much data you will need
  - Extra homogenization simulations incurs additional cost
- Use specialized loss functions to penalize non-positive definite data points
  - This only enforces positive definiteness at point locations
  - Does not enforce on the entire domain!
- Prove that a surrogate model architecture will always be positive definite
  - Does not generalize to arbitrary surrogate models
  - Do we make sacrifices in potential model accuracy?
- Manually iterate architectures with numerical validation
  - We need to validate our surrogate models anyways!

# Sylvester's criteria is commonly used to outline material stability

- Sylvester's criteria states that  $\mathcal{C}$  is positive-definite if and only if all of the following have a positive determinant:
  - the upper left 1-by-1 corner of  $\mathcal{C}$
  - the upper left 2-by-2 corner of  $\mathcal{C}$
  - the upper left 3-by-3 corner of  $\mathcal{C}$
  - the upper left 4-by-4 corner of  $\mathcal{C}$
  - the upper left 5-by-5 corner of  $\mathcal{C}$
  - $\mathcal{C}$  itself.
- Commonly used to define material model coefficient stability
- We need to ensure Sylvester's criteria is satisfied on the entire design domain!

# Derivative information is available from our surrogate models

- Predictions for  $\mathbf{C}$  are generated in a machine learning framework
- Use automatic differentiation of these predictions to get derivative information
- Easily compute derivatives of Sylvester's criteria!
- Sounds like an optimization problem
  - Want to find the smallest values in a domain
  - If the smallest values are positive, then our model is positive definite
  - Derivative information is available

$$\frac{\partial(\det \mathbf{C}(l, r, v))}{\partial l}$$

$$\frac{\partial(\det \mathbf{C}(l, r, v))}{\partial r}$$

$$\frac{\partial(\det \mathbf{C}(l, r, v))}{\partial v}$$

# Positive definite validation as an optimization problem

- Find the minimum of the six determinants on the design domain
  - Use multi-start gradient based optimization
  - Start from random points on the design domain
- **If any minimum is less than zero, then model is not positive definite!**
- Number of optimizations performed dictates certainty of finding the lowest possible value
- With three input dimensions, 100 L-BFGS-B optimizations seemed sufficient
  - Very cheap to perform, results almost instantaneous!

1) Minimize  $\det \mathbf{C}_{1 \times 1} (l, r, v)$

2) Minimize  $\det \mathbf{C}_{2 \times 2} (l, r, v)$

3) Minimize  $\det \mathbf{C}_{3 \times 3} (l, r, v)$

4) Minimize  $\det \mathbf{C}_{4 \times 4} (l, r, v)$

5) Minimize  $\det \mathbf{C}_{5 \times 5} (l, r, v)$

6) Minimize  $\det \mathbf{C} (l, r, v)$

**Subject to:**

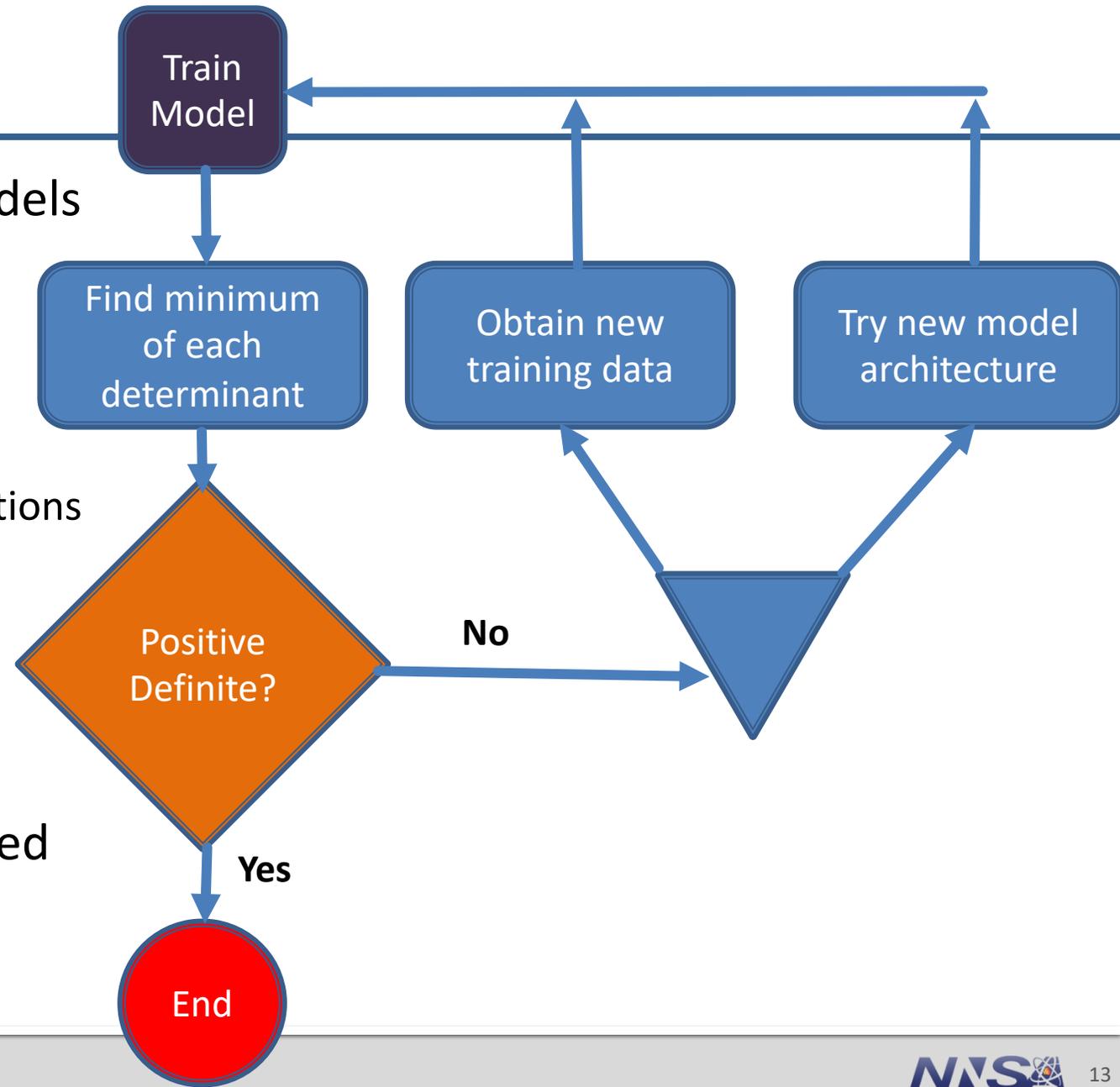
$$l_l \leq l \leq l_u$$

$$r_l \leq r \leq r_u$$

$$v_l \leq v \leq v_u$$

# Our validation process

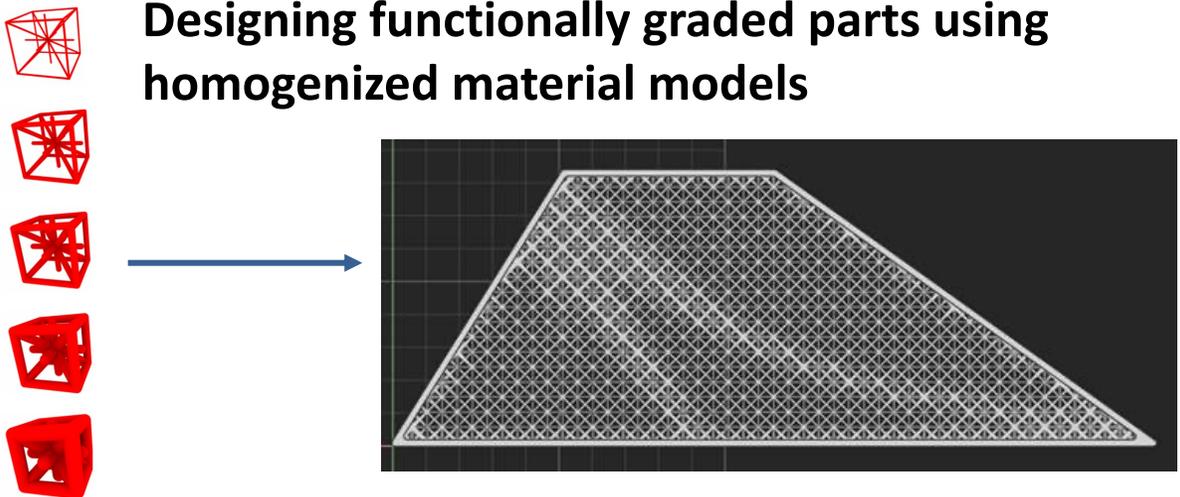
- It is very easy to generate surrogate models that are not physical!
- For orthotropic material models
  - Ensure most coefficients are positive
  - Can be enforced with simple activation functions
- Take hints from which determinants fail
  - Restrict the architecture in these regions
  - Or add more data in these locations!
- Our implementation has been generalized for arbitrary anisotropic models



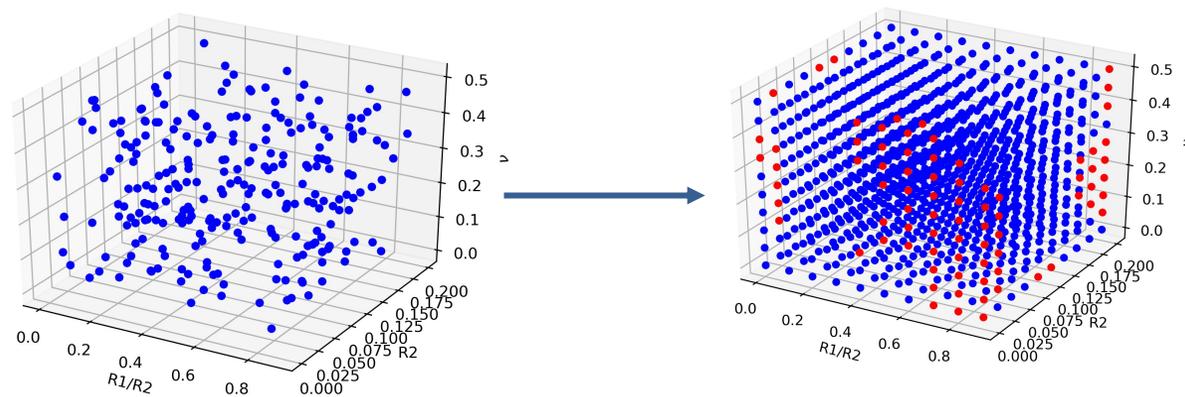
# Conclusions

- Using surrogate models to learn homogenized stiffness tensors of various hollow lattice architectures
  - These surrogate models are then used to design functionally graded materials
  - Material models can be non-linear with respect to lattice geometry
- The surrogate stiffness tensors must be positive definite
  - Chances of generating non-positive definite surrogates
  - Discussed various methods to ensure model obeys physics
- Demonstrated an optimization framework to validate surrogate models
  - Find the minimum of Sylvester's criteria over the domain
  - Computationally efficient derivative information is available
- Future work
  - Physics informed adaptive sampling training process
  - Finding classes of models that will always be positive definite
  - Introducing loss functions that prioritize positive definite constraints

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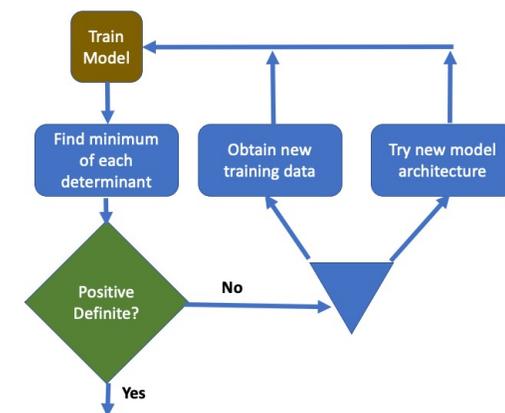
Positive definite training data may not be enough!



Sylvester's criteria as optimization problem to validate surrogate models

- 1) Minimize  $\det C_{1 \times 1}(l, r, v)$ , 2) Minimize  $\det C_{2 \times 2}(l, r, v)$ ,
- 3) Minimize  $\det C_{3 \times 3}(l, r, v)$ , 4) Minimize  $\det C_{4 \times 4}(l, r, v)$ ,
- 5) Minimize  $\det C_{5 \times 5}(l, r, v)$ , 6) Minimize  $\det C(l, r, v)$

Adaptative validation process ensures surrogate model is positive definite on domain!



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