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Shear bands, material instabilities, and the folding of an elastic continuum

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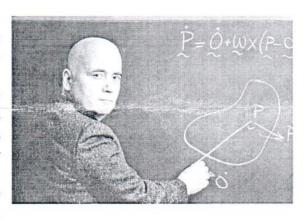
Abstract:

Shear bands are a common example of material instability. They occur at a broad range of spatial scales: from kilometric scale to the nanoscale. In addition to their university, shear bands have the typical feature of remaining straight during mode II propagation (whereas cracks do not).

Using the perturbative approach, it is possible to explain the tendency of ductile materials towards failure into shear bands and the typical straight propagation. Moreover, it is possible to analyse dynamical effects and the interactions between a shear band and a rigid thin inclusion. The perturbative approach is employed to show how an elastic continuum, near a material instability condition, can suffer a folding or a chessboard discontinuity instability.

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