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BIO

Christian Linder is a Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering and, by courtesy, of Mechanical Engineering. Through the development of novel and efficient in-house computational methods based on a sound mathematical foundation, the research goal of the Computational Mechanics of Materials (CM2) Lab at Stanford University, led by Dr. Linder, is to understand micromechanically originated multi-scale and multi-physics mechanisms in solid materials undergoing large deformations and fracture. Applications include sustainable energy storage materials, flexible electronics, and granular materials.

Dr. Linder received his Ph.D. in Civil and Environmental Engineering from UC Berkeley, an MA in Mathematics from UC Berkeley, an M.Sc. in Computational Mechanics from the University of Stuttgart, and a Dipl.-Ing. degree in Civil Engineering from TU Graz. Before joining Stanford in 2013 he was a Junior-Professor of Micromechanics of Materials at the Applied Mechanics Institute of Stuttgart University where he also obtained his Habilitation in Mechanics. Notable honors include a Fulbright scholarship, the 2013 Richard-von-Mises Prize, the 2016 ICCM International Computational Method Young Investigator Award, the 2016 NSF CAREER Award, and the 2019 Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers (PECASE).

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Professor, Civil and Environmental Engineering
- Member, Bio-X
- Member, Institute for Computational and Mathematical Engineering (ICME)
- Member, Wu Tsai Neurosciences Institute

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2019 Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers, White House Office of Science and Technology (2019)
- 2016 NSF CAREER Award, National Science Foundation (2016)
- 2016 ICCM Young Investigator Award, International Conference on Computational Methods (2016)
- Richard-von-Mises Prize, International Association of Applied Mathematics and Mechanics (2013)
- Haythornthwaite Research Initiation Award, ASME Applied Mechanics Division. (2013)

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- Habilitation, University of Stuttgart , Mechanics (2012)
- PhD, UC Berkeley , Computational Mechanics (2007)
- MA, UC Berkeley , Mathematics (2006)
- MSc, University of Stuttgart , Computational Mechanics of Materials and Structures (2003)
- Dipl.-Ing., Graz University of Technology , Civil and Environmental Engineering (2001)

LINKS

- Linder Lab: <https://cm2.stanford.edu>

Teaching

COURSES

2025-26

- Mechanics of Materials: CEE 101A (Win)
- Solid Mechanics: CEE 291 (Aut)

2024-25

- Mechanics of Materials: CEE 101A (Win)
- Solid Mechanics: CEE 291 (Aut)

2023-24

- Mechanics of Materials: CEE 101A (Win)
- Solid Mechanics: CEE 291 (Aut)

2022-23

- Mechanics of Materials: CEE 101A (Win)
- Solid Mechanics: CEE 291 (Aut)

STANFORD ADVISEES

Doctoral Dissertation Reader (AC)

Jun Geng, Akiri Seki, Hemiao Zhang

Master's Program Advisor

Amrit Bahl, Even Chen, Vilde Ellingsen, Liwen Fan, Shang Gao, Zhiyang Mao, Amanda Ng, Varun Sahay, Changju Yuan, Shujun Zhang, Iris Zheng

Doctoral (Program)

Sondre Aasen, Sungwon La, Jinchen Xie

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- **A multiscale anisotropic polymer network model coupled with phase field fracture** *INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL FOR NUMERICAL METHODS IN ENGINEERING*
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2024
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2021; 157
 - **A non-affine micro-macro approach to strain-crystallizing rubber-like materials** *JOURNAL OF THE MECHANICS AND PHYSICS OF SOLIDS*
Rastak, R., Linder, C.
2018; 111: 67–99
 - **On the enhancement of low-order mixed finite element methods for the large deformation analysis of diffusion in solids** *INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL FOR NUMERICAL METHODS IN ENGINEERING*
Krischok, A., Linder, C.
2016; 106 (4): 278-297
 - **Tri-layer wrinkling as a mechanism for anchoring center initiation in the developing cerebellum** *SOFT MATTER*
Lejeune, E., Javili, A., Weickenmeier, J., Kuhl, E., Linder, C.
2016; 12 (25): 5613-5620
 - **Computational aspects of growth-induced instabilities through eigenvalue analysis** *COMPUTATIONAL MECHANICS*
Javili, A., Dortdivanlioglu, B., Kuhl, E., Linder, C.
2015; 56 (3): 405-420
 - **All-electron Kohn-Sham density functional theory on hierarchic finite element spaces** *JOURNAL OF COMPUTATIONAL PHYSICS*
Schauer, V., Linder, C.
2013; 250: 644-664
 - **Effect of electric displacement saturation on the hysteretic behavior of ferroelectric ceramics and the initiation and propagation of cracks in piezoelectric ceramics** *JOURNAL OF THE MECHANICS AND PHYSICS OF SOLIDS*
Linder, C., Miehe, C.
2012; 60 (5): 882-903
 - **The maximal advance path constraint for the homogenization of materials with random network microstructure** *PHILOSOPHICAL MAGAZINE*
Tkachuk, M., Linder, C.
2012; 92 (22): 2779-2808
 - **A micromechanically motivated diffusion-based transient network model and its incorporation into finite rubber viscoelasticity** *JOURNAL OF THE MECHANICS AND PHYSICS OF SOLIDS*
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2011; 59 (10): 2134-2156
 - **Finite elements with embedded strong discontinuities for the modeling of failure in solids** *INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL FOR NUMERICAL METHODS IN ENGINEERING*
Linder, C., Armero, F.
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 - **Full field crack solutions in anti-plane flexoelectricity** *THEORETICAL AND APPLIED FRACTURE MECHANICS*
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- **Exact solutions for functionally graded flexoelectric micro-cylinders** *MECHANICS OF MATERIALS*
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- **Ellipsoidal Inclusions in Flexoelectric Solids** *JOURNAL OF APPLIED MECHANICS-TRANSACTIONS OF THE ASME*
Xie, J., Linder, C.
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Xie, J., Linder, C.
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- **Plane strain problem of flexoelectric cylindrical inhomogeneities** *INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF SOLIDS AND STRUCTURES*
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- **Analysis of Flexoelectric Solids With a Cylindrical Cavity** *JOURNAL OF APPLIED MECHANICS-TRANSACTIONS OF THE ASME*
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- **An analytical model for nanoscale flexoelectric doubly curved shells** *MATHEMATICS AND MECHANICS OF SOLIDS*
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- **A better understanding of the mechanics of borehole breakout utilizing a finite strain gradient-enhanced micropolar continuum model** *COMPUTERS AND GEOTECHNICS*
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- **Modeling quasi-static crack growth with the embedded finite element method on multiple levels.**
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- **All-electron calculations with finite elements.**
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- **New finite elements with embedded strong discontinuities for the modeling of failure in electromechanical coupled solids** *COMPUTER METHODS IN APPLIED MECHANICS AND ENGINEERING*
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