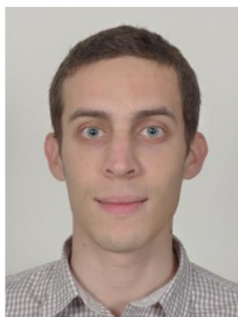




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### Mechanics of 2D and 3D graphene ensembles under impact and extreme loads

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**Abstract:** The shielding from high-speed impacting projectiles or shock loads can be easily achieved with massive structures which however are not compatible with the requirements of real technological applications, such as flexibility and ergonomics in body armors or extreme lightness in spacecrafts. Through the computational modeling, basic concepts about the behaviour and optimization of multilayer composite structures will be introduced and elucidated, focusing on the scalings of energy dissipation in graphene- and other 2D materials-based armors. Furthermore, the 3D foam structuring of such materials allows to exploit their extreme strength and toughness at the nanoscale while tremendously reducing weight at the macro-level. In this perspective, the peculiar mechanics of the recently synthesized hollow aerographite tetrapods and related networks (>99% porosity) will be presented.

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