

Optimisation des structures plastiques par programmation conique

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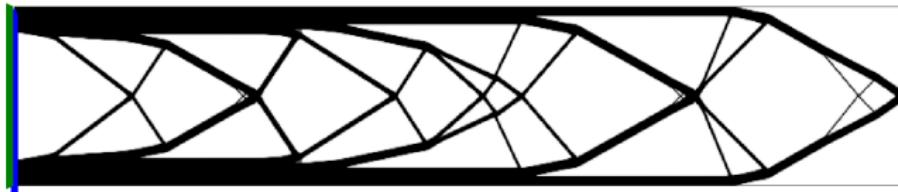
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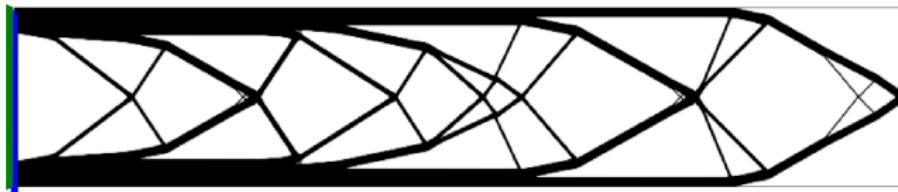


[TopOpt in Python, DTU]

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⇒ **non-convex** problem, iterative procedure

e.g. SIMP method [Bendsoe and Kikuchi, 1988] : $\mathbb{C}(\rho) = \rho^p \mathbb{C}_0$ with $p > 1$

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Limitations of compliance minimization with an **elastic behaviour**

- in practice, materials are non-linear (plasticity, tension/compression, etc.)
- does not account for stress limits
- not relevant for optimizing reinforcements e.g. steel in reinforced concrete

Extensions to **nonlinear behaviours**:

- local stress constraints make TopOpt formulations more difficult (non smoothness) [Duysinx and Bendoe, 1998]
- sensitivities (or shape derivatives) are often computed using regularized behaviours [Maury et al., 2018]
- need to optimize with respect to the whole loading path

Here, we want to optimize with the structure **limit load** rather than elastic compliance using **limit analysis theory**

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Collapse load

Find the **maximum** load multiplier λ such that such a stress field exists

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usually G (thus also g_G) has a simple geometrical shape: ellipsoid, cone, etc.

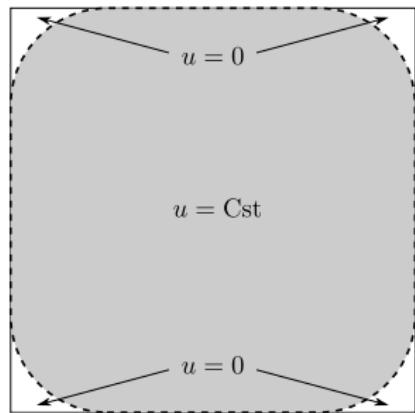
⇒ **conic programming solvers** e.g. MOSEK

Antiplane case : Cheeger problem [Cheeger, 1969]

Dual problem:

$$c_\Omega = \inf_{\omega \subseteq \Omega} \frac{|\partial\omega|}{|\omega|} = \inf_{u \in V_0} \int_{\Omega} \|\nabla u\|_2 \, d\Omega$$

s.t. $\int_{\Omega} f u \, d\Omega = 1$



`fenics_optim` package: convex variational problems + finite-element discretization with FEniCS [Bleyer, 2020, ACM TOMS]

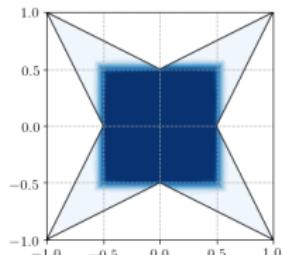
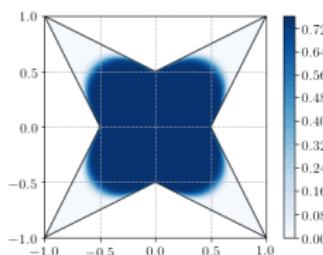
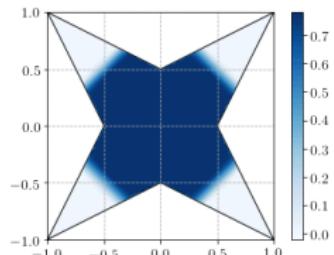
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V = FunctionSpace(mesh, "CG", 2)
prob = MosekProblem("Cheeger problem")
u = prob.add_var(V, bc=bc)

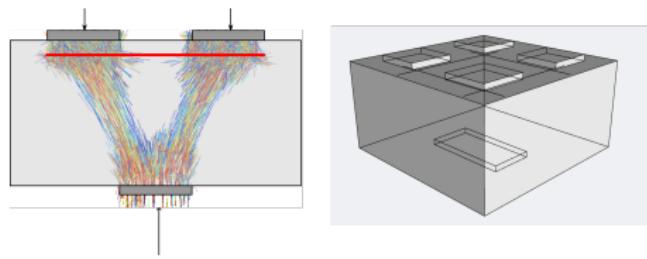
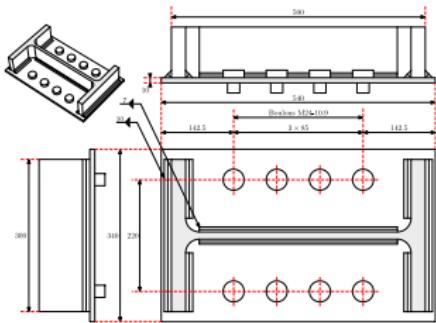
F = L2Norm(grad(u), degree=0)
prob.add_convex_term(F)

f = Constant(1.)
R = FunctionSpace(mesh, "Real", 0)
def constraint(l):
    return l*f*u*dx
prob.add_eq_constraint(R, A=constraint, b=1)

prob.optimize()
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(a) $\|\nabla u\|_1$ (b) $\|\nabla u\|_2$ (c) $\|\nabla u\|_\infty$

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ρ being the characteristic function of Ω

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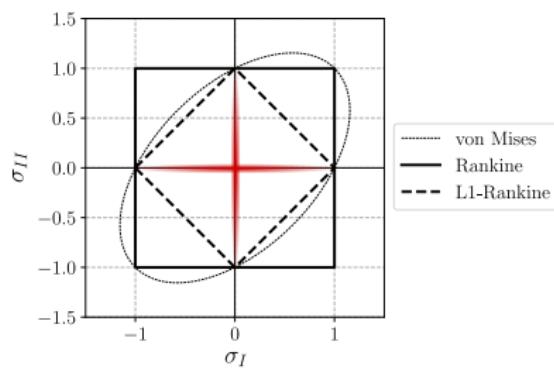
- $g_G(\sigma) \leq \rho$ is a **convex constraint** in (σ, ρ)
- akin to a limit analysis problem with an additional scalar variable ρ
- $\lambda^+(\eta = 1)$: limit load associated with \mathcal{D}

Choice of the strength criterion G

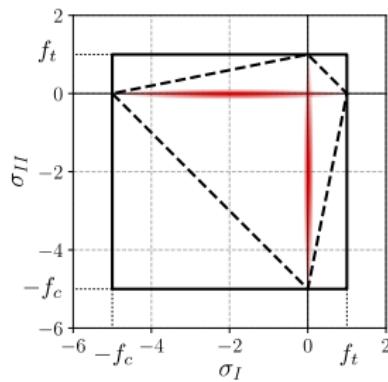
Optimized structures behave like trusses (σ uniaxial) $\sigma \approx \begin{cases} +f_t \mathbf{e}_\alpha \otimes \mathbf{e}_\alpha \\ -f_c \mathbf{e}_\alpha \otimes \mathbf{e}_\alpha \end{cases}$

Proposition: L_1 -Rankine criterion

$$g_{L1\text{-Rankine}}(\sigma) = \sum_{J=I,II,III} \max \left\{ -\frac{\sigma_J}{f_c}; \frac{\sigma_J}{f_t} \right\} \leq 1$$



(a) symmetric strengths $f_t = f_c$



(b) asymmetric strengths $f_c/f_t = 5$

Numerical implementation

Penalisation procedure

- **continuation** on $g_G(\sigma) \leq \rho^p$ with $p \rightarrow p_{\max} > 1$ (SIMP-like)
⇒ ρ is driven towards 0 or 1 (**truss-like topology**)
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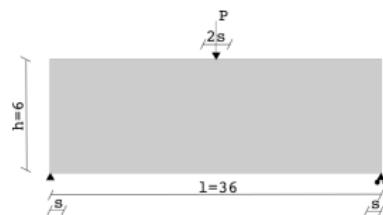
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Solver : conic optimization Mosek

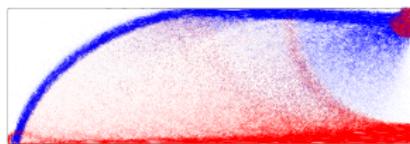
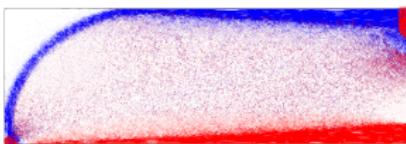
MBB beam

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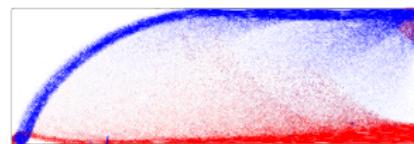
(b) Rankine



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LOAD-MAX with $\eta = 0.20$, without penalisation(a) L_1 -Rankine

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Principal stresses (compression/traction)

Alternative formulation: volume minimisation

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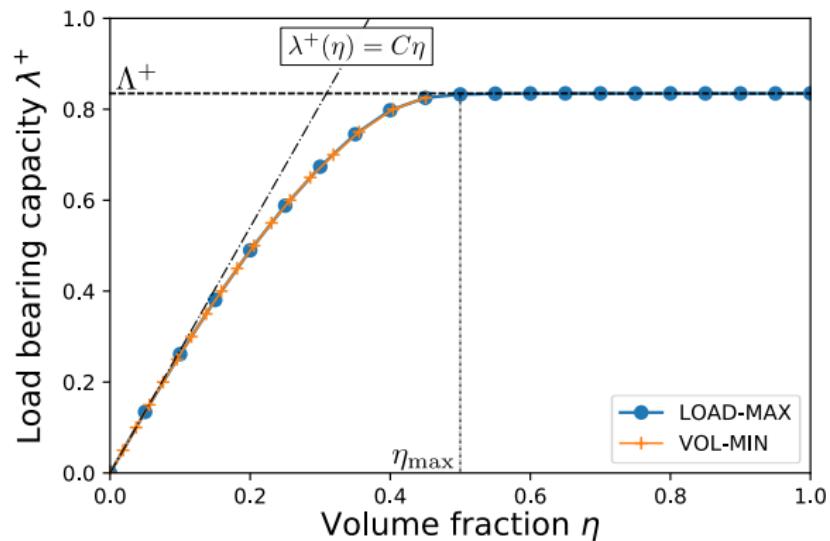
$$\begin{aligned} \eta^-(\lambda) = \min_{\rho, \sigma} \quad & \frac{1}{|\mathcal{D}|} \int_{\mathcal{D}} \rho \, d\Omega \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \operatorname{div} \sigma = 0 \quad \text{in } \mathcal{D} \\ & \sigma \cdot \mathbf{n} = \lambda T \quad \text{in } \partial\mathcal{D}_N \\ & g_G(\sigma) \leq \rho \quad \text{in } \mathcal{D} \\ & \rho \in [0; 1] \end{aligned} \tag{VOL-MIN}$$

can be more relevant for engineering practice

MBB beam

Results

- $(VOL-MIN) = (LOAD-MAX)$
- up to 50% of material savings with respect to the limit load



MBB beam (after penalization)

$p_{\max} = 3$, 20 iterations



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penalized (LOAD-MAX)



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penalized (VOL-MIN)

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(a) $\ell = \frac{1}{24}h, \lambda^+ = 0.36\Lambda^+$



(b) $\ell = \frac{1}{12}h, \lambda^+ = 0.29\Lambda^+$



(c) $\ell = \frac{1}{6}h, \lambda^+ = 0.19\Lambda^+$

Gradient-control parameter ℓ



(a) $\eta = 0.2, \lambda^+ = 0.36\Lambda^+$



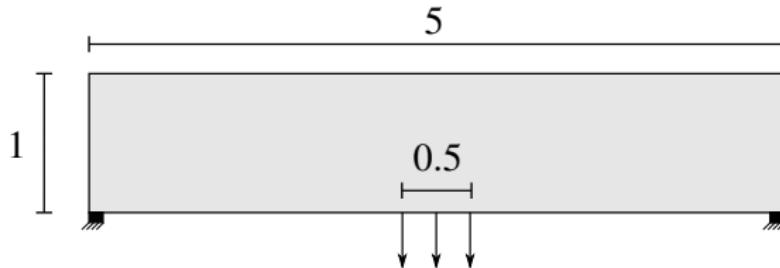
(b) $\eta = 0.3, \lambda^+ = 0.55\Lambda^+$



(c) $\eta = 0.4, \lambda^+ = 0.77\Lambda^+$

Volume constraint η

Material with asymmetric strengths



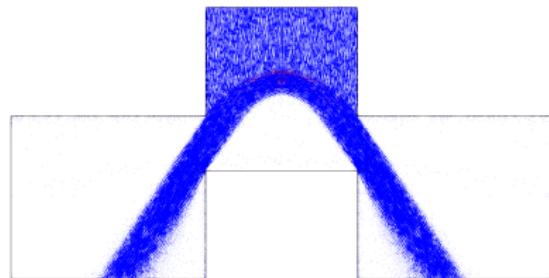
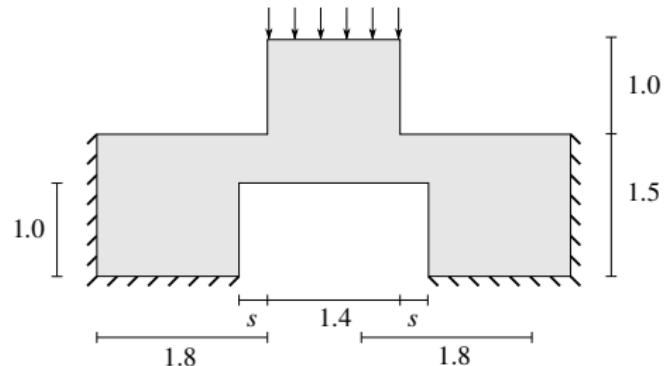
(a) $f_c/f_t = 10$

(b) $f_c/f_t = 0.1$

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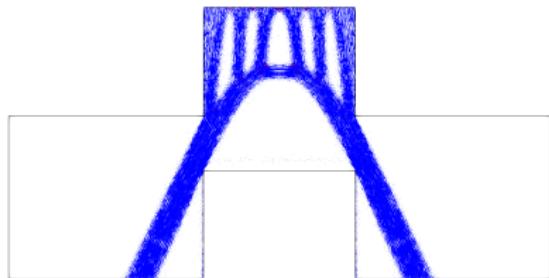
Material without tensile strength

ex: rock or masonry structures



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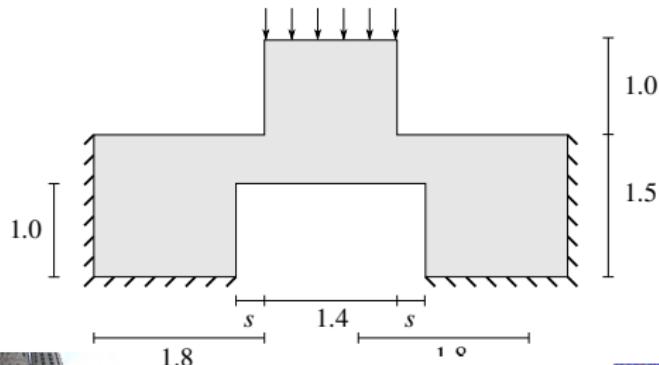
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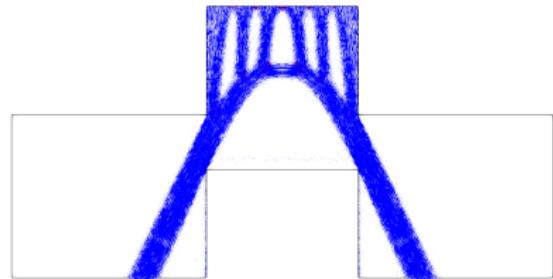
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(a) The Passion Façade

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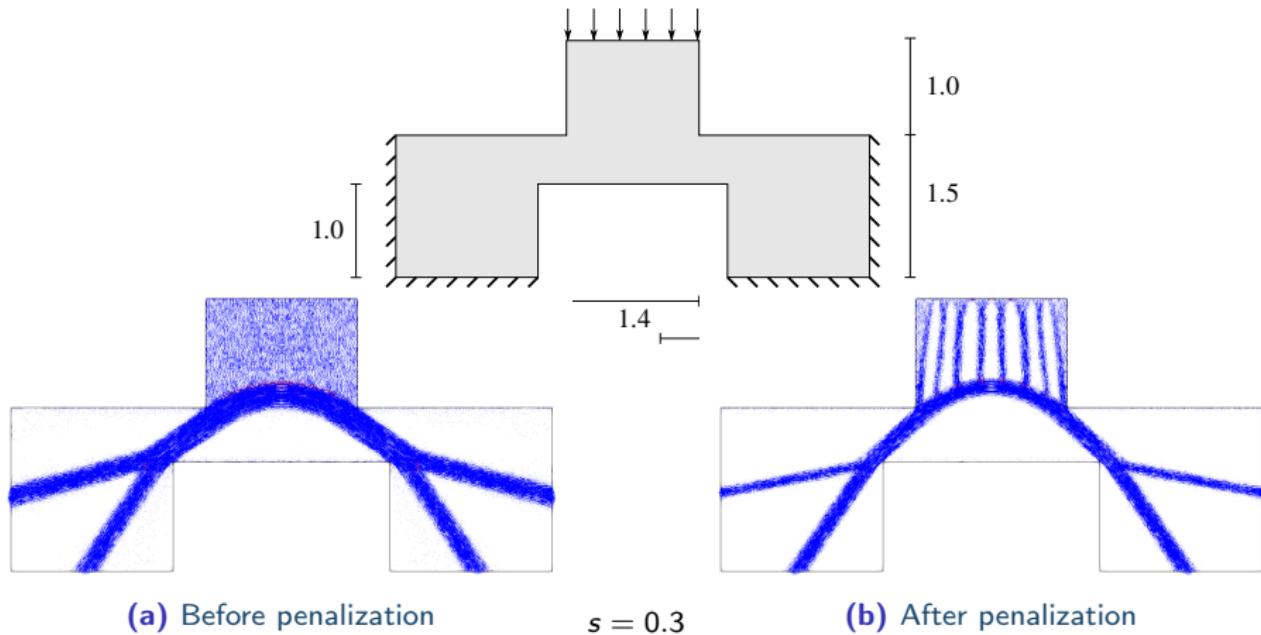


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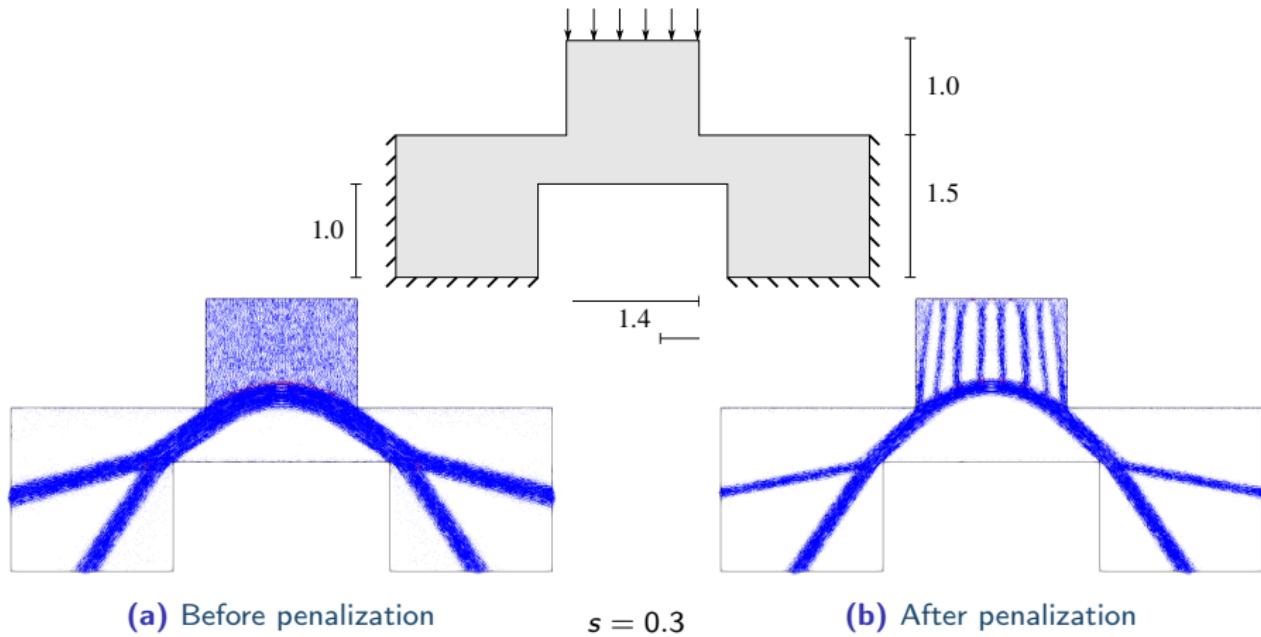
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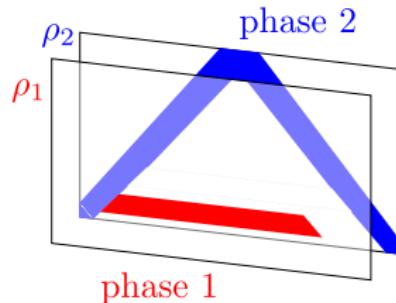


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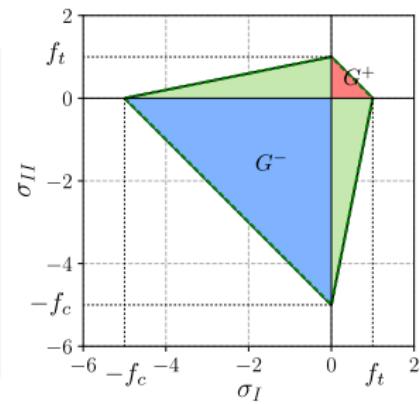


we want to optimize independently **two phases** (+ void)
e.g. steel and concrete, tension and compression

Strength condition

$$\sigma \in G(\rho_1, \rho_2) \Leftrightarrow \exists \sigma^1, \sigma^2 \text{ s.t. } \begin{cases} \sigma = \sigma^1 + \sigma^2 \\ \sigma^1 \in \rho_1 G^1 \\ \sigma^2 \in \rho_2 G^2 \end{cases}$$

with $\rho_1 + \rho_2 \leq 1$



Problem formulation

$$\begin{aligned}
 \lambda^+ &= \max_{\lambda, \sigma^1, \sigma^2, \rho_1, \rho_2} \lambda \\
 \text{s.t.} \quad & \operatorname{div}(\sigma^1 + \sigma^2) = 0 \\
 & (\sigma^1 + \sigma^2)\mathbf{n} = \lambda \mathbf{T} \\
 & \sigma^1 \in \rho_1 G^1 \\
 & \sigma^2 \in \rho_2 G^2 \\
 & \int_{\mathcal{D}} (\rho_1 + \rho_2) d\Omega \leq \eta |\mathcal{D}| \\
 & 0 \leq \rho_1 \leq 1 \\
 & 0 \leq \rho_2 \leq 1 \\
 & \rho_1 + \rho_2 \leq 1
 \end{aligned} \tag{BIMAT-LOAD-MAX}$$

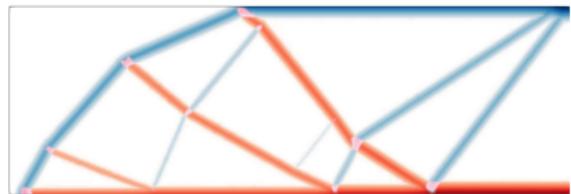
and similarly for the volume minimization

MBB beam

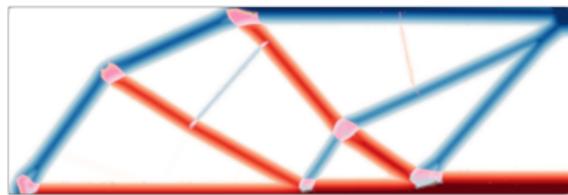
L_1 -Rankine with **pure compression** G^- and **pure tension** G^+



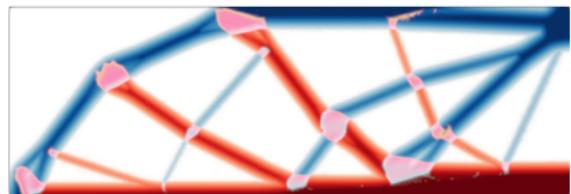
(a) $\eta = 0.05$



(b) $\eta = 0.1$



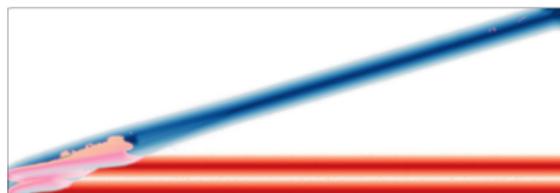
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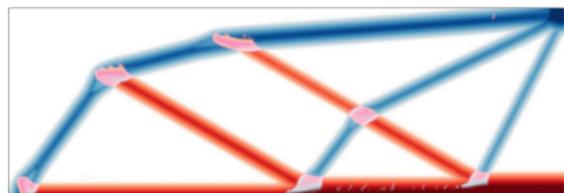
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Poutre MBB

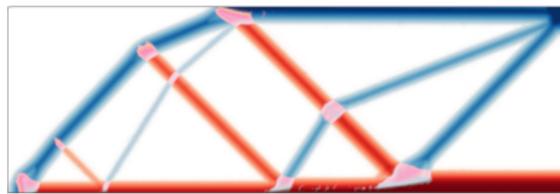
We can also enforce **specific orientations** for one phase e.g. the traction phase



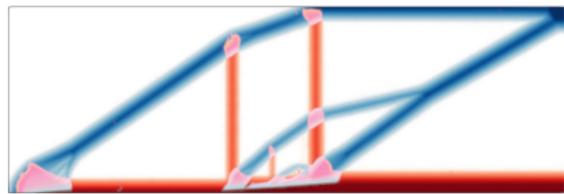
(a) Orientations along 0°



(b) Orientations along 0° and $\pm 30^\circ$



(c) Orientations along 0° and $\pm 45^\circ$



(d) Orientations along 0° and 90°

A deep-beam structure

The proposed methodology is linked with the use of **strut-and-tie models** for the design of reinforced-concrete structures

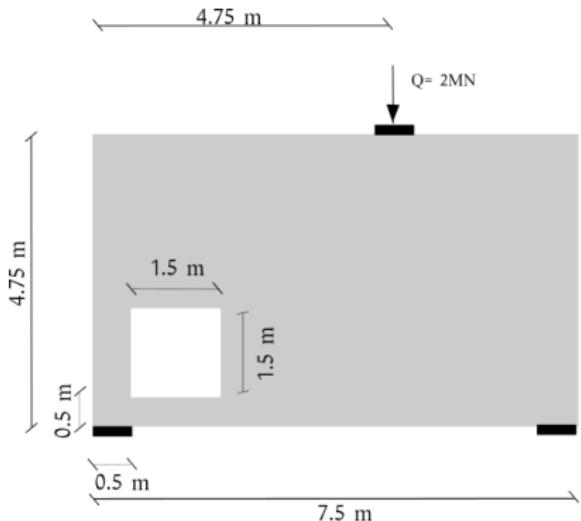


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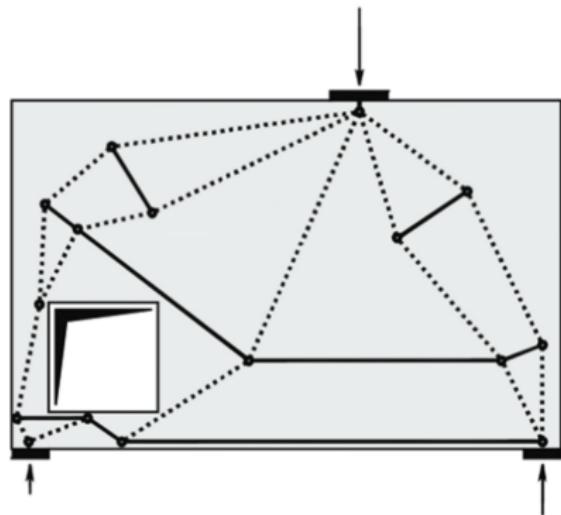


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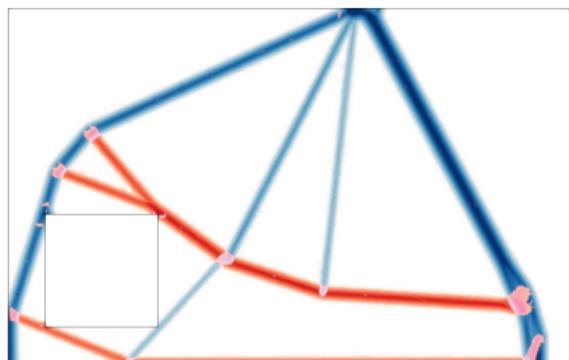


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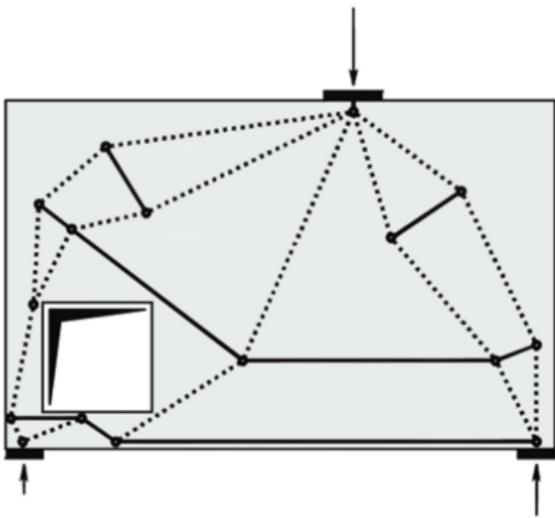


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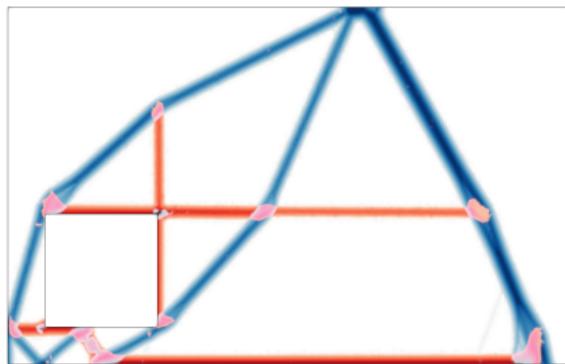


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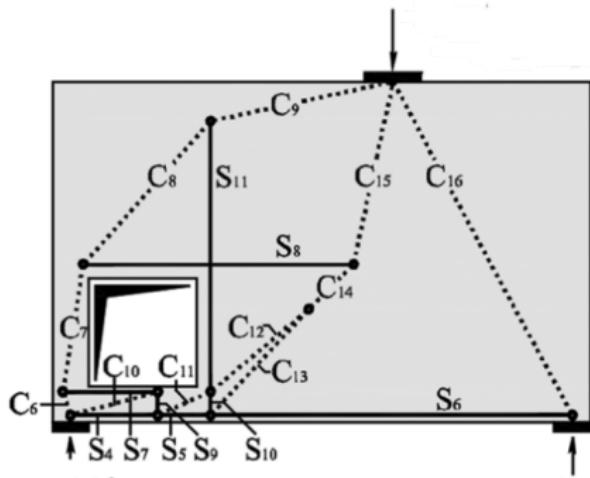
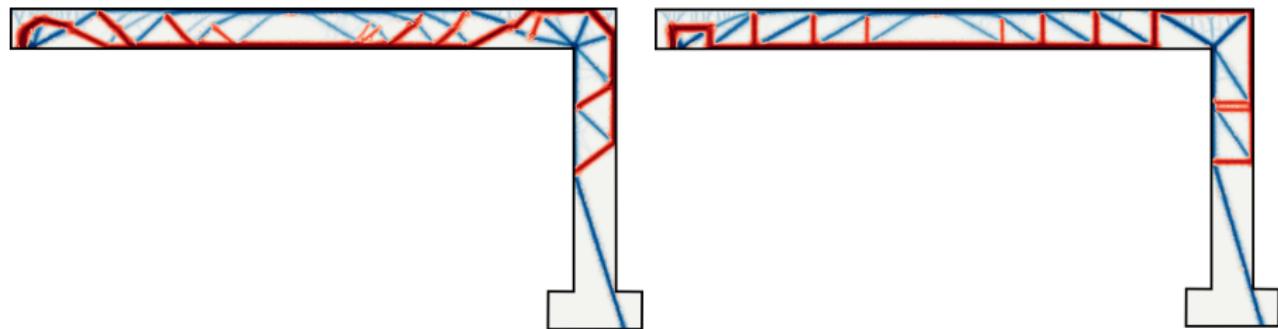
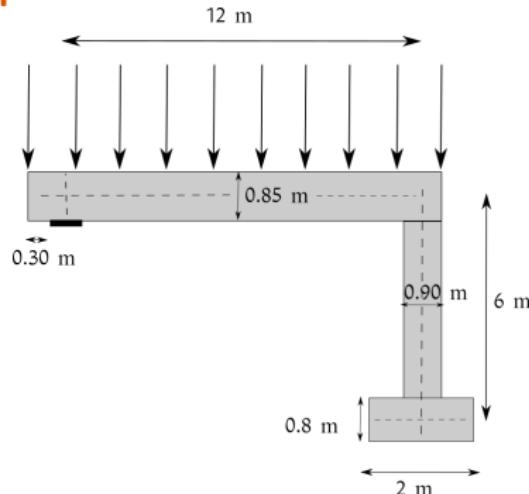


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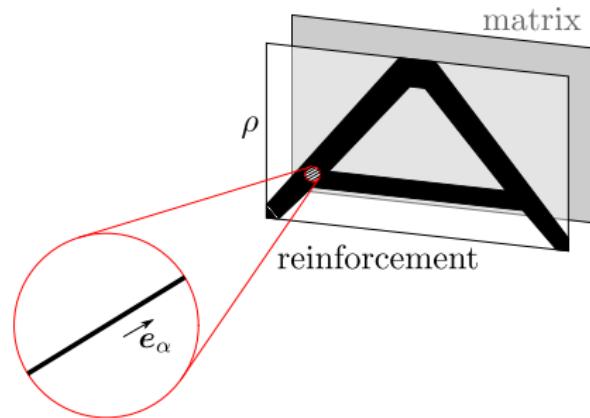
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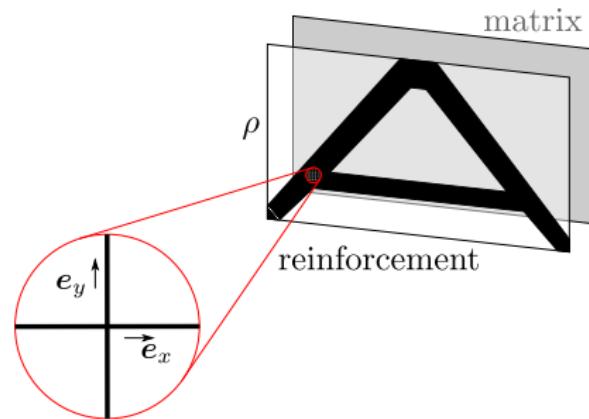


Uniaxial reinforcements

only one **known** direction e_α

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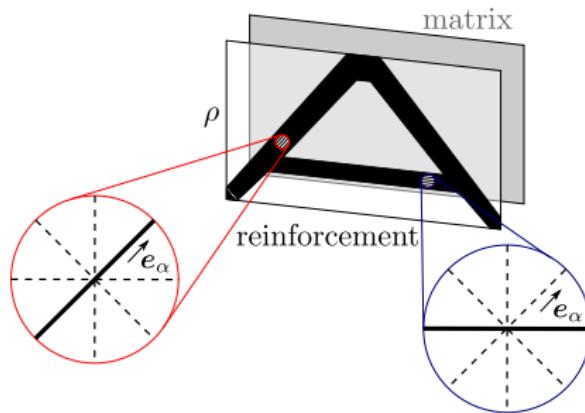
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Reinforcements along x and y

$$\begin{aligned}
 G^r = & \left\{ \sigma^{r,x} \mathbf{e}_x \otimes \mathbf{e}_x + \sigma^{r,y} \mathbf{e}_y \otimes \mathbf{e}_y \right. \\
 \text{s.t. } & -f_c^r \leq \sigma^{r,x}, \sigma^{r,y} \leq f_t^r \left. \right\}
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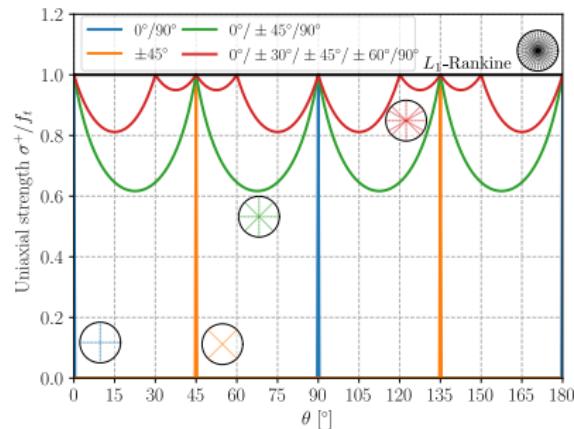
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L_1 -Rankine = isotropic distribution ($\mathcal{A} = [0; \pi]$)