

Level Set Topology Optimization for Problems in Solid & Fluid Mechanics

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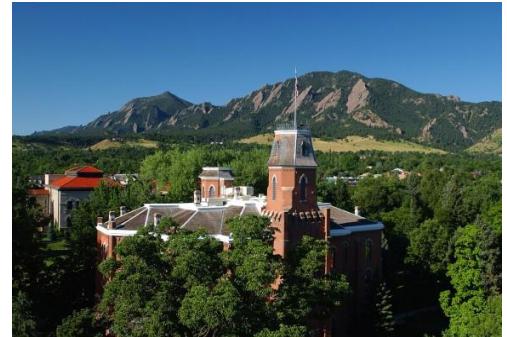
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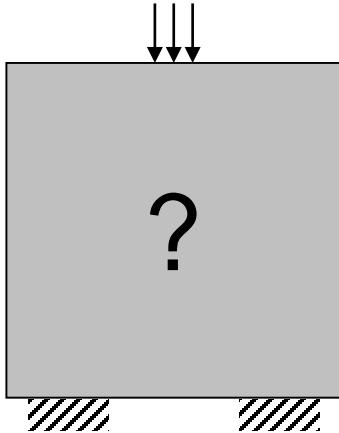
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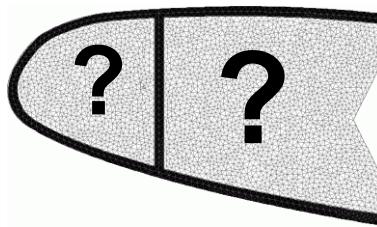
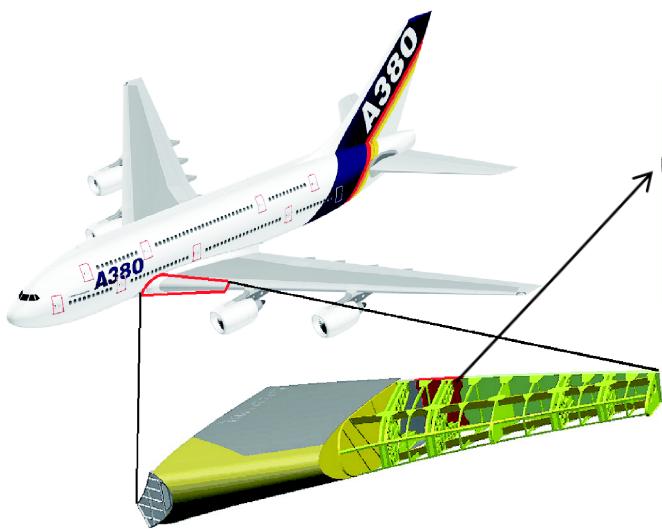
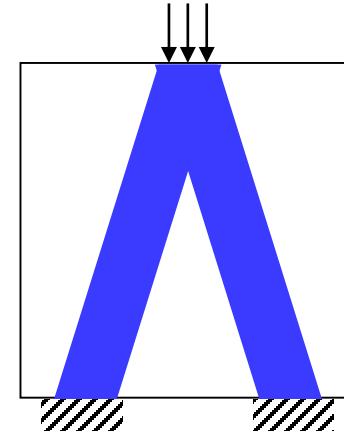
Topology Optimization



Formulation of
Optimization Problem

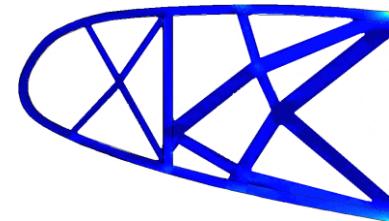


Physics / Mechanics



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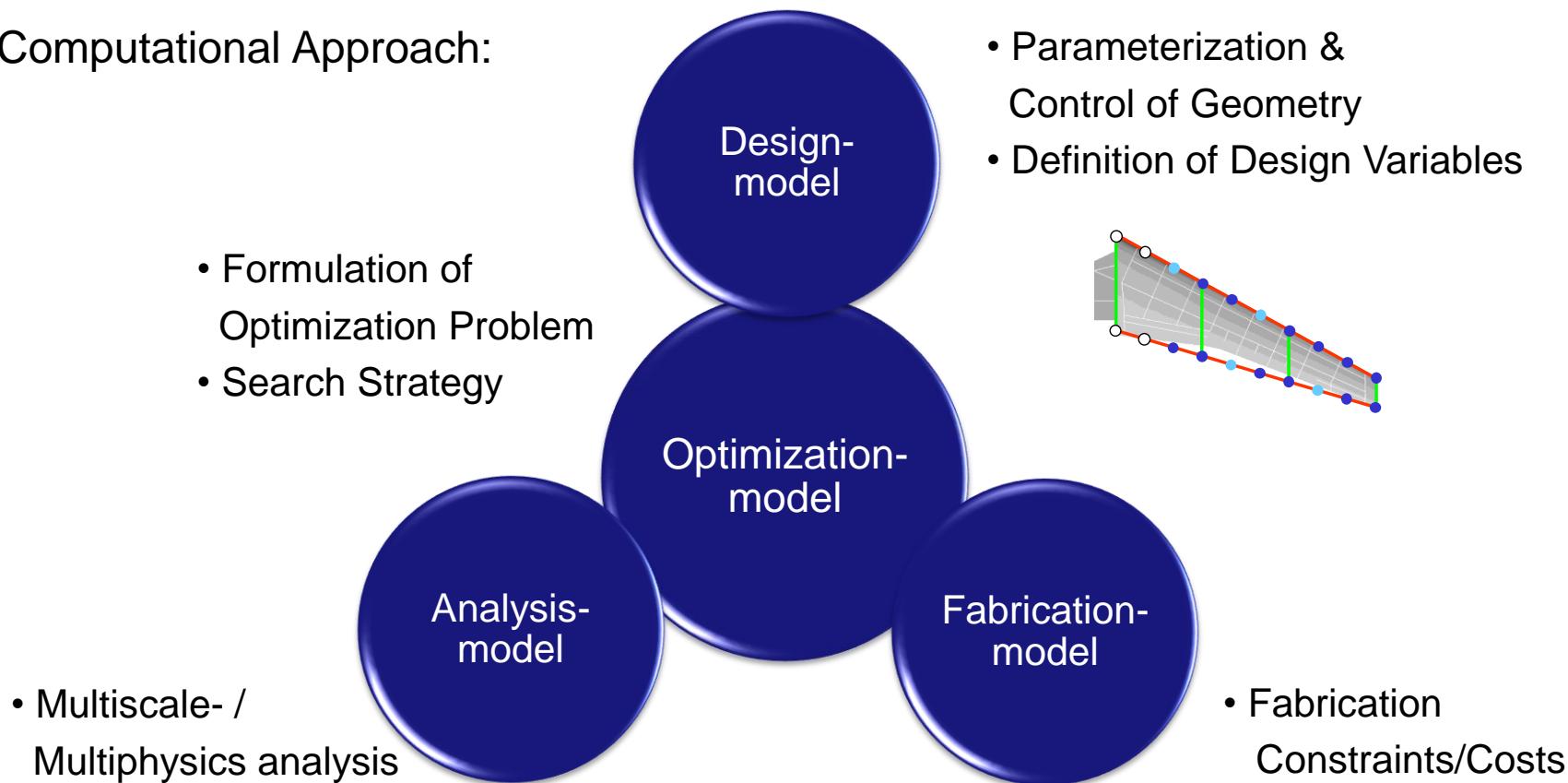
Maximizing Stiffness
(aeroelastic phenomena
ignored)



Design Optimization

Inverse Problem: *Find a Realizable Arrangement and Geometry
of Materials and Components with desired Functionality*

Computational Approach:



Overview

- Classical Methods in Topology Optimization
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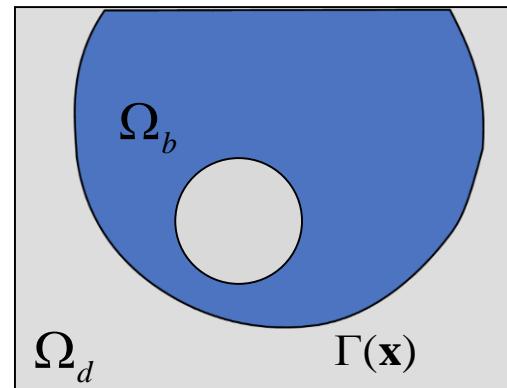
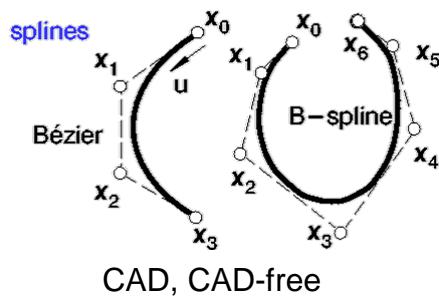
Topology Optimization

Geometry of a body in design domain Ω_d

Definition:
interior / exterior
& boundary $\Gamma(\mathbf{x})$

Parameterization

$$\Gamma(\mathbf{x}) \rightarrow \Gamma^h(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{x})$$

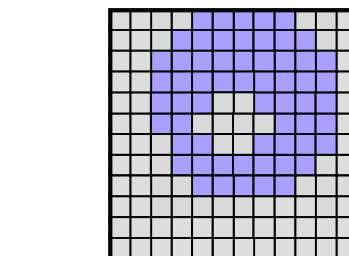
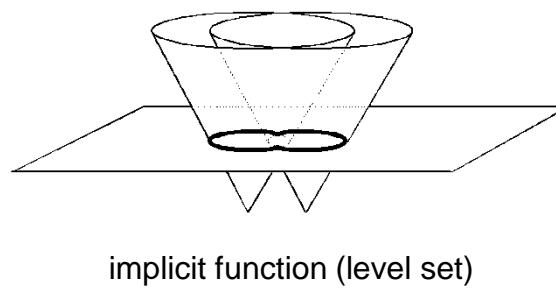


Material? yes / no

$$\chi(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{cases} 0 & \forall \mathbf{x} \in \Omega_b \\ 1 & \forall \mathbf{x} \in \Omega_d / \Omega_b \end{cases}$$

Parameterization

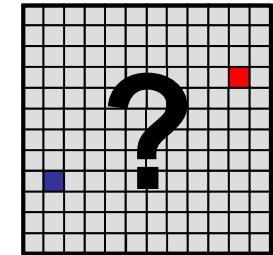
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element wise Ansatz functions

Material based Topology Optimization

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Relaxation of Integer Problems:

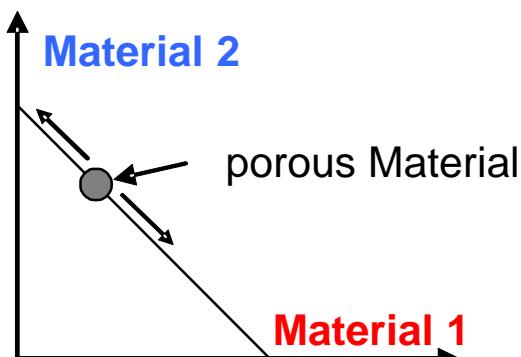
$$\chi \rightarrow \{\rho \in \mathbb{R} \mid 0 \leq \rho \leq \rho_0\}$$

Interpolation of Material Properties:

Homogenization, SIMP, RAMP, ...
& Penalty & Projection

Search Strategies / Algorithms:

NLP or Phase-field Methods &
adjoint Sensitivity Analysis



$$E(p) = E_1 + (E_2 - E_1) p^\beta$$

$$\rho(p) = \rho_1 + (\rho_2 - \rho_1) p$$

$$p \geq 0 ; \beta \geq 1$$

“SIMP”

Solid Isotropic Material with Penalization

Existence of Solution

Spaces:

$$\chi(\mathbf{x}), \rho(\mathbf{x}) \in L_\infty(\Omega_d)$$

$$\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}) \in H_1(\Omega_d)$$

Convergence depends on Physical Model:

E.g. Elasticity

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left(\rho^\beta EA \frac{du}{dx} \right) + b = 0 \quad \text{No convergence}$$

E.g. Navier-Stokes & Brinkman

$$F_{NS}(p, v) + \frac{1}{1-\rho} v = 0 \quad \text{Convergence}$$

Regularization

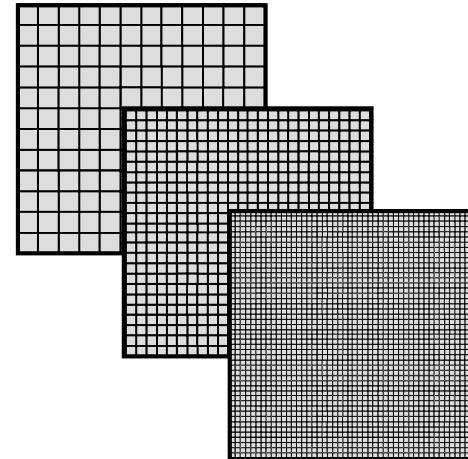
$$\chi(\mathbf{x}) \rightarrow H_1(\Omega_d)$$

- Filter (density, sensitivities^{*})

- Constraints

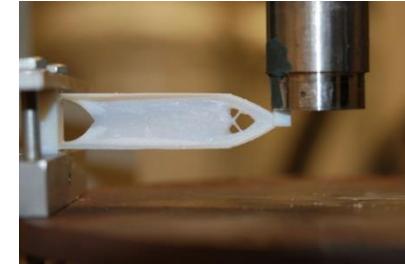
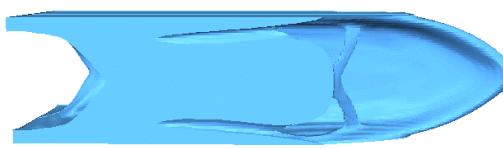
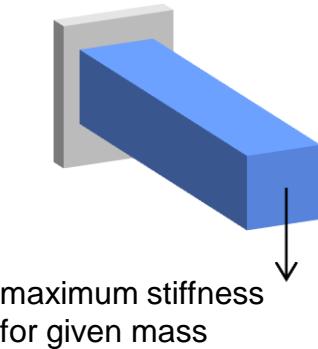
$$\int_{\Omega} |\nabla \rho(\mathbf{x})|^n d\Omega_d \leq \varepsilon$$

*Analogy to Elasticity with non-local Strains, Sigmund & Maute 2012



Material based Topology Optimization

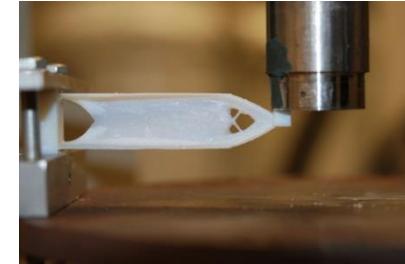
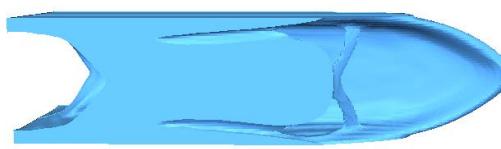
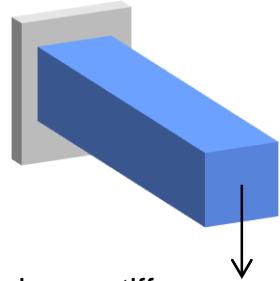
Linear / Nonlinear Elasticity



3-D Printer & Test

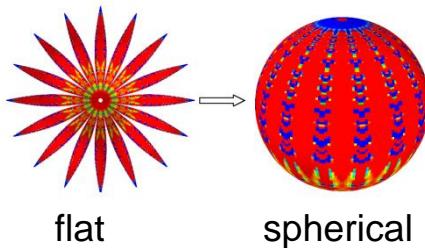
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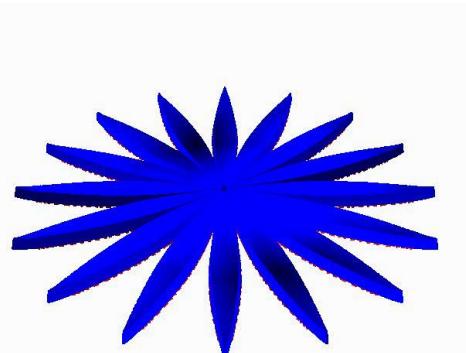
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Photo-Active Polymers



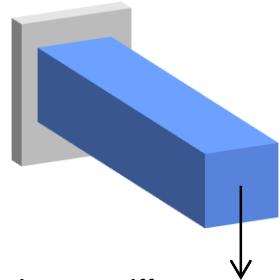
substrate coated with
photo-active polymer

■ active ■ passive



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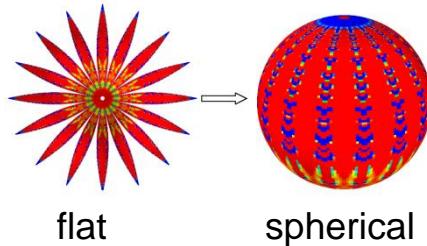


maximum stiffness
for given mass



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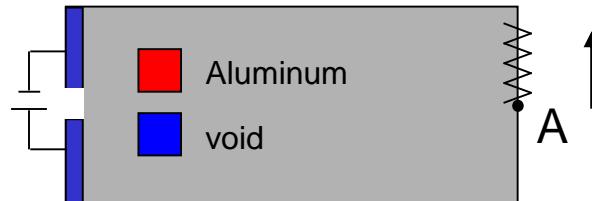
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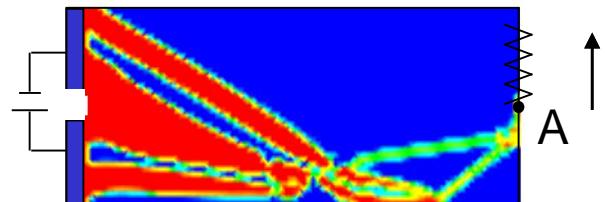
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■ active ■ passive

MEMS Actuator



electro-thermo-mechanical coupling



Material based Topology Optimization

Optimization variables $p_n \rightarrow$ material parameters

*Well suited for problems where physical response can
be “manipulated” via constitutive behavior.*

Multi-physics example: Thermo-Elastic Coupling

thermal flux:
$$J_j = K_{ij} \cdot T_{,i}$$

elastic stress:
$$\sigma_{ij} = C_{ijkl} (\varepsilon_{kl} - \alpha_{kl} \Delta T)$$

Design \rightarrow Physical Model:

$$k_{ij} = k_{ij}(p_n)$$

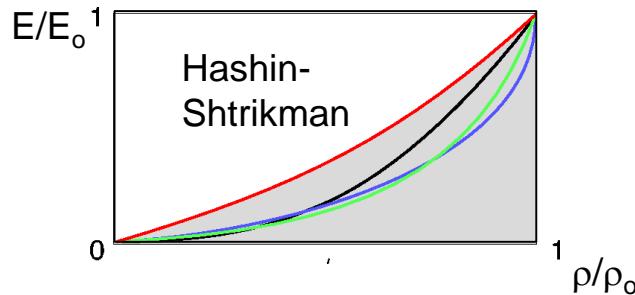
$$C_{ijkl} = C_{ijkl}(p_n)$$

$$\alpha_{ij} = \alpha_{ij}(p_n)$$

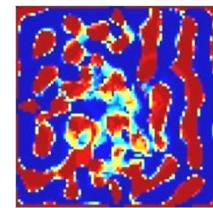
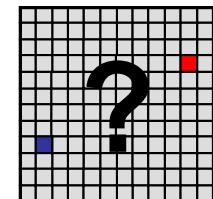
Interpolation functions chosen such
that resulting design problem is
smooth and converges to “0-1” solution

Convergence toward “0-1” Density Distribution

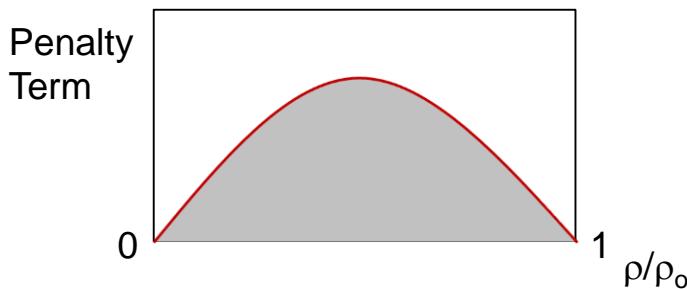
SIMP-type Methods



Implicit Penalization of
Porosity for Stiffness / Mass
Problems

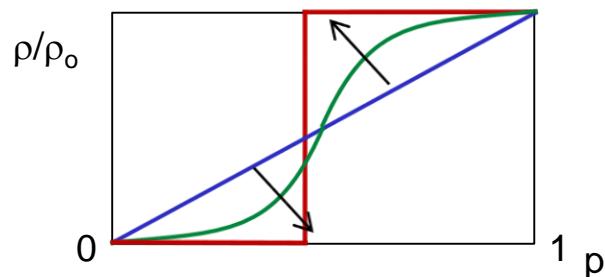


Explicit Methods



Strong Dependence of Results on Control
Penalty Term (continuation methods)

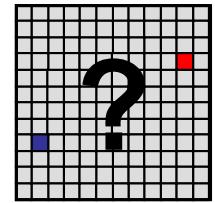
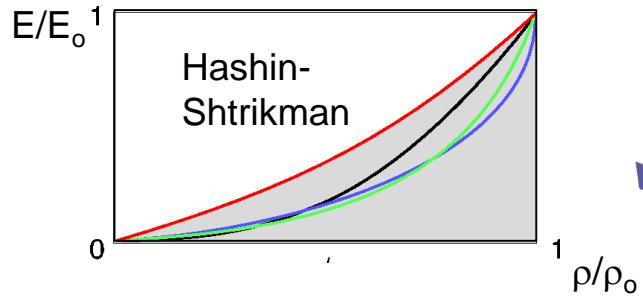
Projection Methods



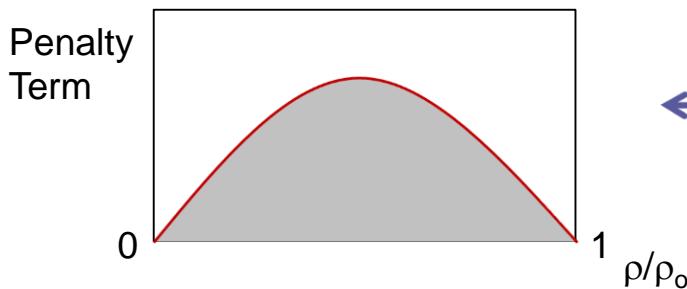
Only enhancement of methods above to
mitigate blurring due to filters
(continuation methods)

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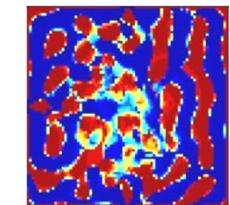
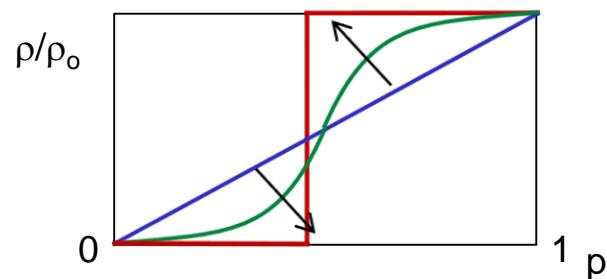


Non-convex,

Non-linear

Optimization Problems

Projection Methods



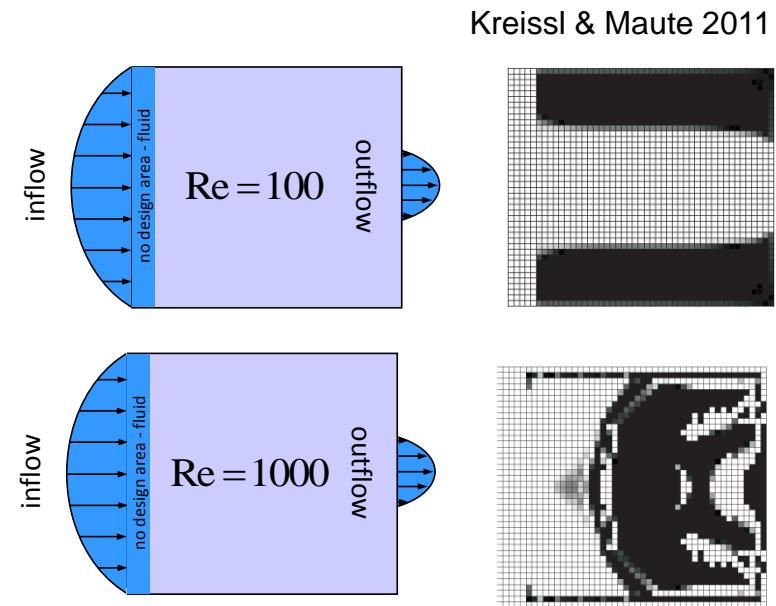
Unresolved Issues

- Dilemma: Convergence “0-1” vs. local minima
- Enforcing Boundary- and Interface-Conditions:

e.g.: incompressible Navier-Stokes
with Brinkman Model:

$$\min F = \int_{\Gamma_{in}} P_{inlet}^{tot} d\Gamma - \int_{\Gamma_{out}} P_{outlet}^{tot} d\Gamma$$

$$\text{s.t. } g = \int_{\Omega_d} p d\Omega - V_{fluid} \leq 0$$



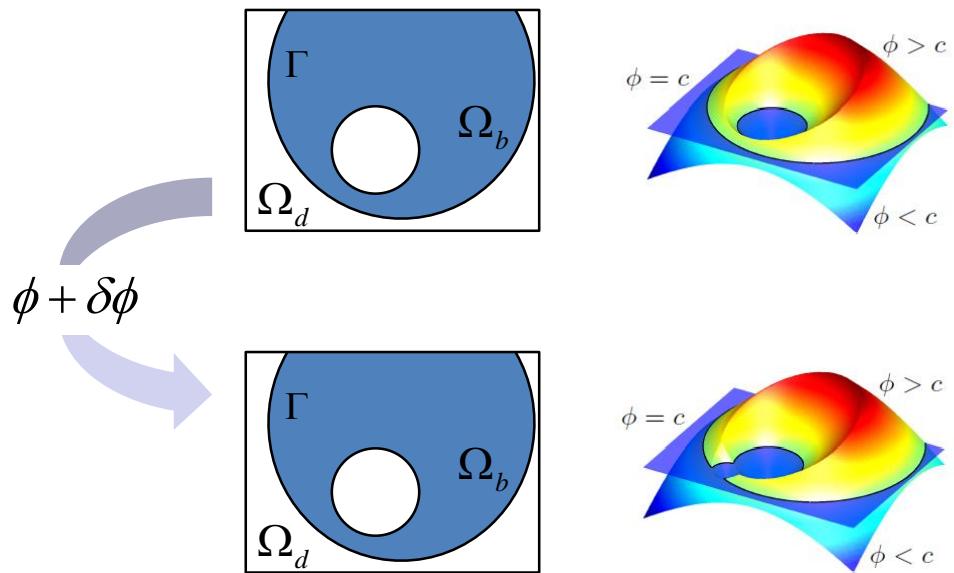
Other examples: non-diffuse transport, high-frequency wave propagation, surface reactions, sub-continuum interface-phenomena (phonon & photon scattering, surface stress), ...

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Level-Set based Topology Optimization

$$\phi(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{cases} > c & \forall \mathbf{x} \in \Omega_b \\ = c & \forall \mathbf{x} \in \Gamma \\ < c & \forall \mathbf{x} \in \Omega_d / \Omega_b \end{cases}$$

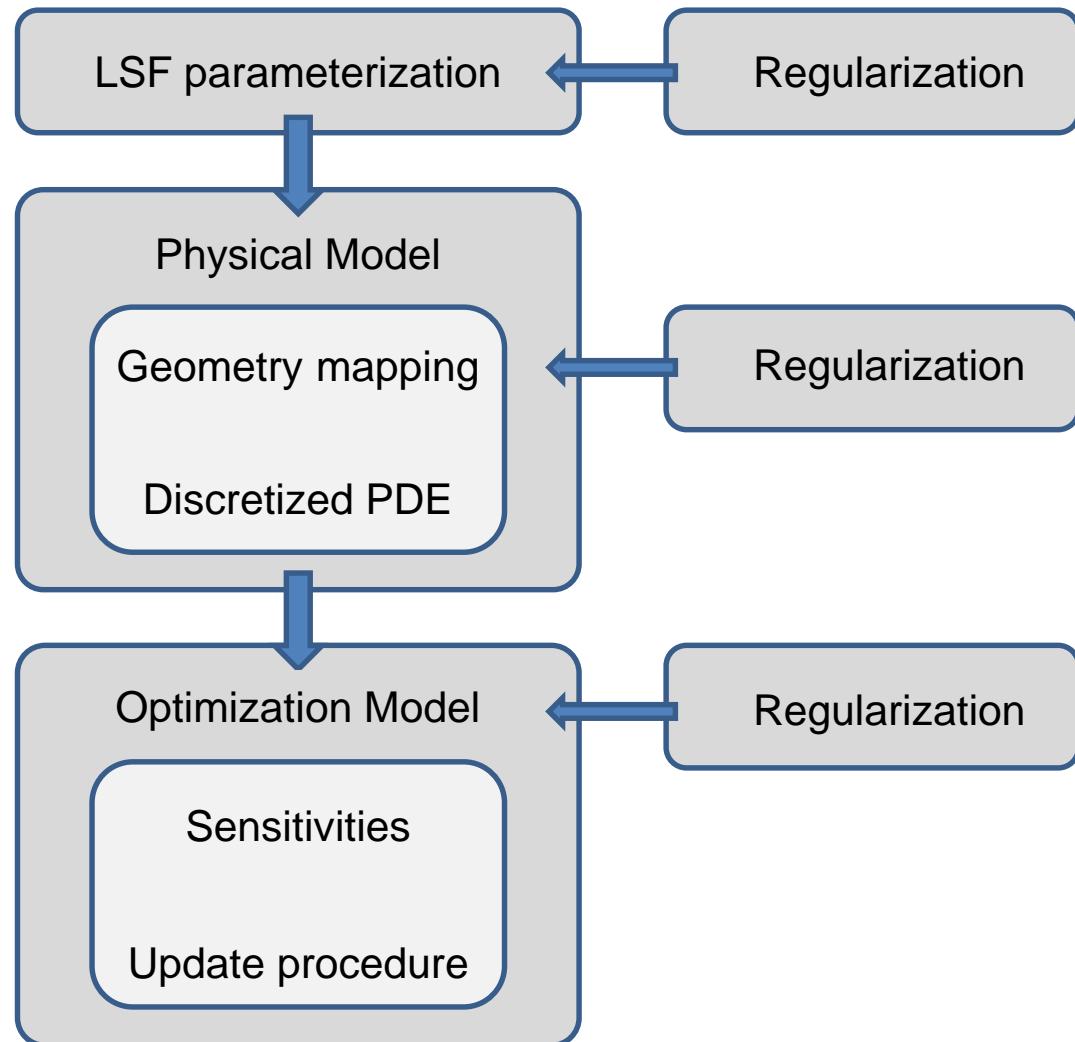


Remarks:

- continues change in level-set field leads to change in topology (geometry)
- geometry evolves through shape changes driven by shape sensitivities
- to seed new “holes” additional information needs to be provided
(e.g. topological derivatives)

Level-Set based Topology Optimization

Common Framework:



Parameterization of Level Set Function

optimization variables

p



filter

e.g. $\varphi(\mathbf{x}) = N_\phi(\mathbf{x}) \mathbf{p}$



discretized LSF

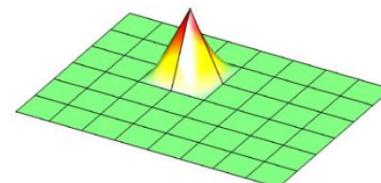
e.g. $\phi_k = N_\phi(\mathbf{x}) \varphi(\mathbf{x})$



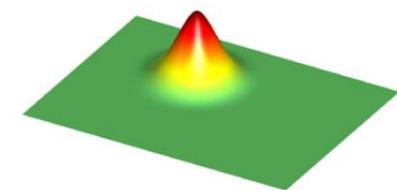
Combination of LSFs

$\phi = \mathfrak{M}(\phi_1, \phi_2, \dots)$

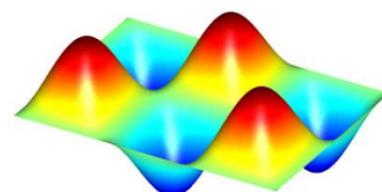
Common discretization schemes of LSFs



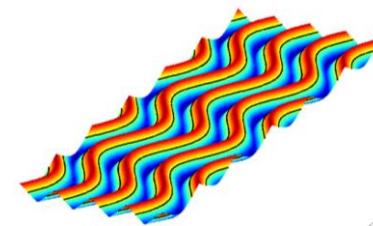
bilinear basis function



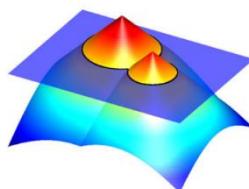
radial basis function



spectral basis function



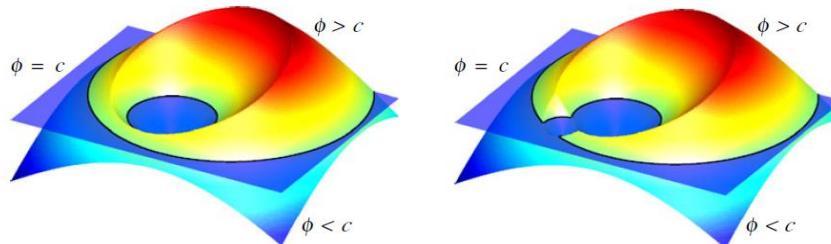
geometric primitives



Update Schemes

continuous

$$\phi(\mathbf{x})^{(n)} \rightarrow \phi(\mathbf{x})^{(n+1)}$$



parameterized

$$\phi(\mathbf{p}^{(n)}) \rightarrow \phi(\mathbf{p}^{(n+1)})$$

Update scheme in level set methods include:

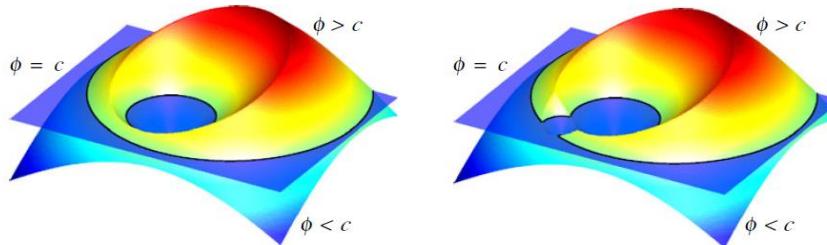
- Parameter optimization problems solved by Nonlinear Programming Methods
- Pseudo-time integration of (generalized) Hamilton-Jacobi equation

$$\frac{d\phi}{dt} - v_n |\nabla \phi| - \mathcal{D} - \mathcal{R} = 0$$

- Seeding of new “holes” via e.g. topological derivatives

Update Schemes

Nonlinear Programming



$$\min_{\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{u}} F(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{u})$$

$$s.t. \quad h_j(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{u}) = 0 \quad j = 1 \dots N_h$$

$$g_j(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{u}) \geq 0 \quad j = 1 \dots N_g$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{R}}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{0}$$

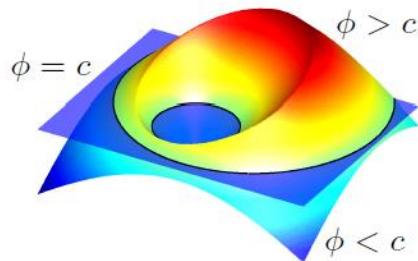
- augmented by regularization techniques
- solved by NLP (e.g. GCMMA)

$$\mathbf{p} \in \Pi = \left\{ \Re^{N_p} \mid \mathbf{p}_L \leq \mathbf{p} \leq \mathbf{p}_U \right\}$$

$$\mathbf{u} \in \Re^{N_u}$$

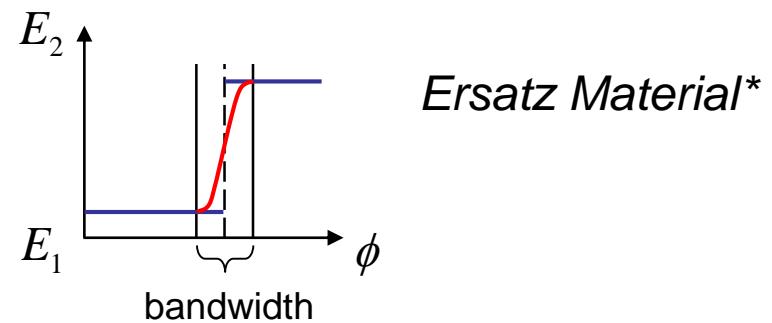
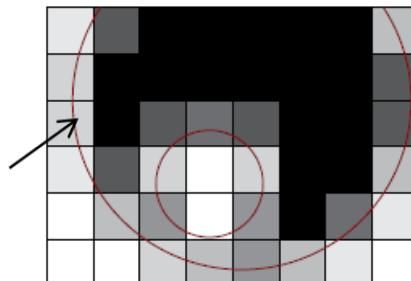
Geometry → Physics Model

Geometry Model



Physics Model

Porous Material
along Interface



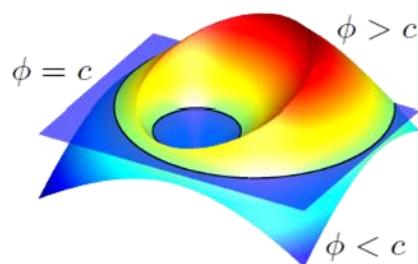
Imprecise Enforcement of
Boundary- & Interface-Conditions

* close relation to projection methods in material-based approaches

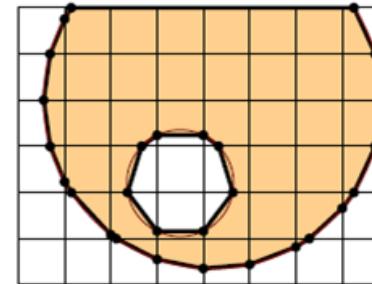
(van Dijk et al. 2013, Sigmund & Maute, 2013)

XFEM for Level-Set based Optimization

Geometry Model
(Level-set)



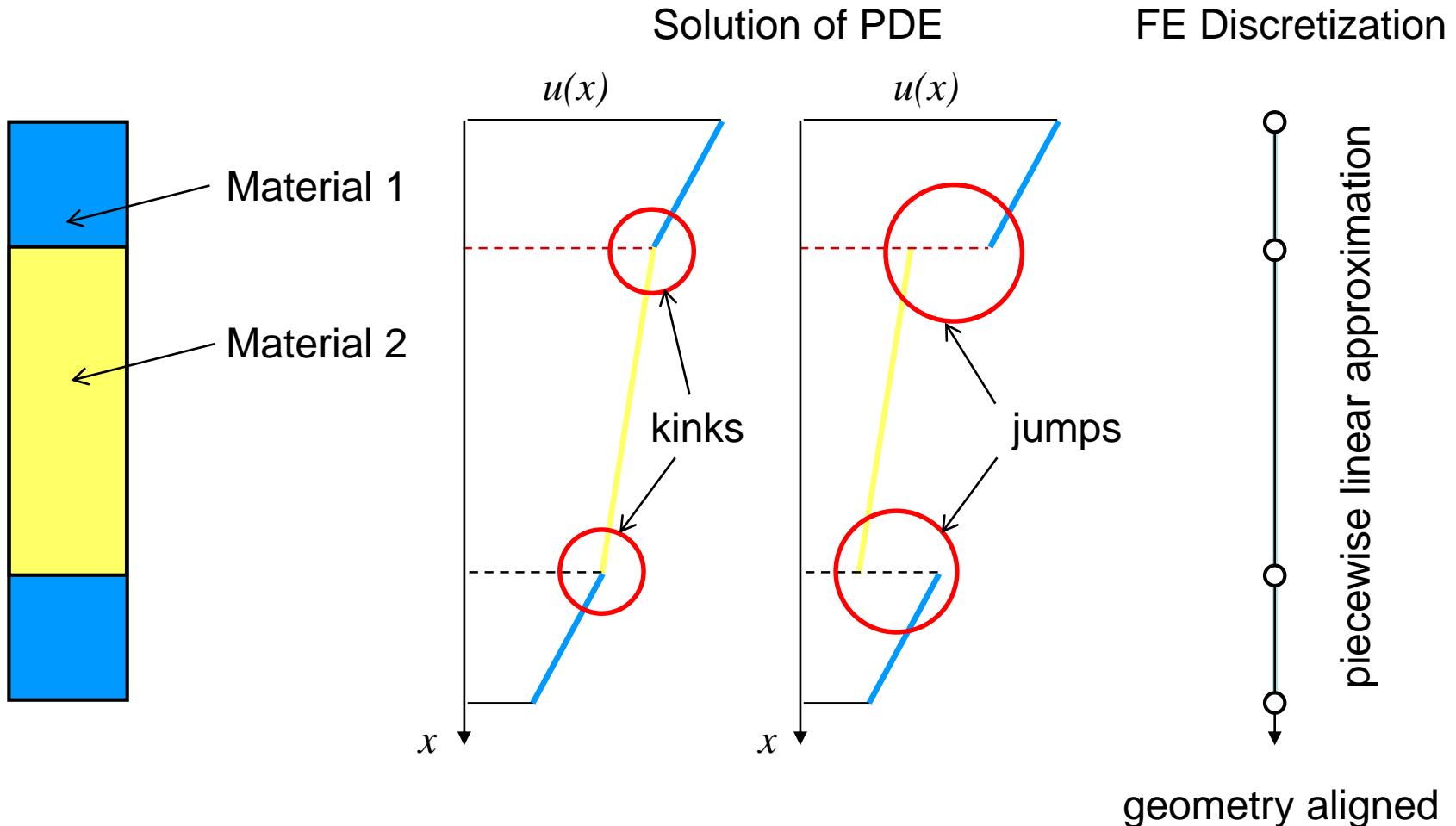
Mechanics Model
eXtended Finite Element Method (XFEM)



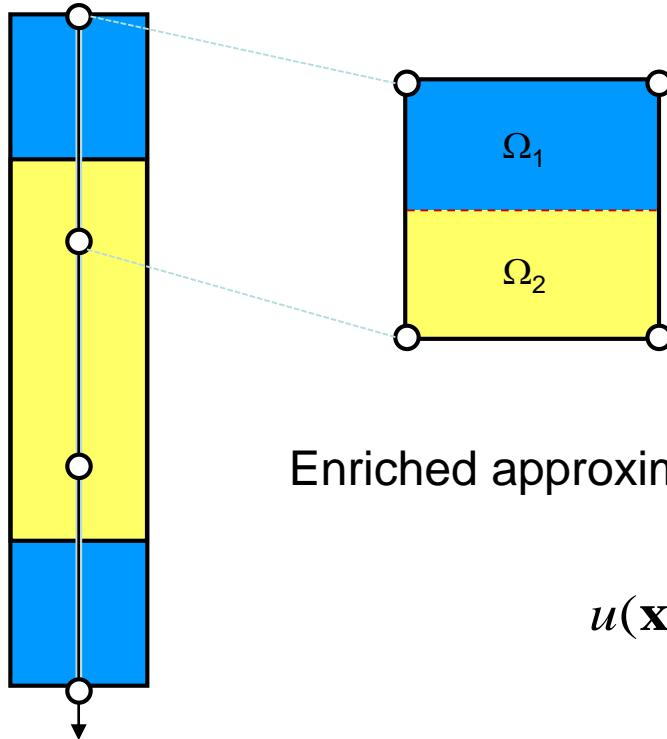
- Alternative to “Ersatz Material” Method
- Preserves Crispness of Level-set based Geometry Description
- “Standard” Methods for Boundary- und Interface-Constraints
- Robust Analysis of Complex Configurations

XFEM 101

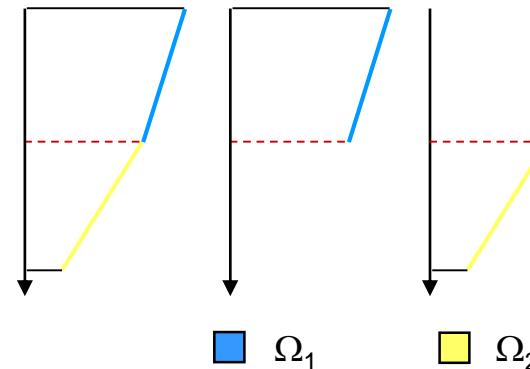
Model problem: $\nabla \cdot (k \nabla u) = q \quad \text{in } \Omega_b$



XFEM 101



solution across interface

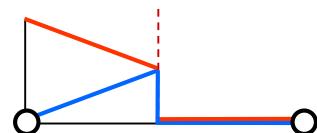


Enriched approximation:

$$u(\mathbf{x}, t) = \sum_{i=1}^n N_i(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \left[u_i(t) + \sum_{j=1}^{n_{rich}} G_j(\mathbf{x}, t) a_{ij}(t) \right]$$

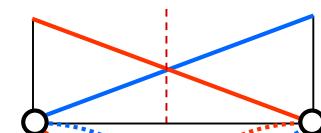
C^0 -discontinuity:

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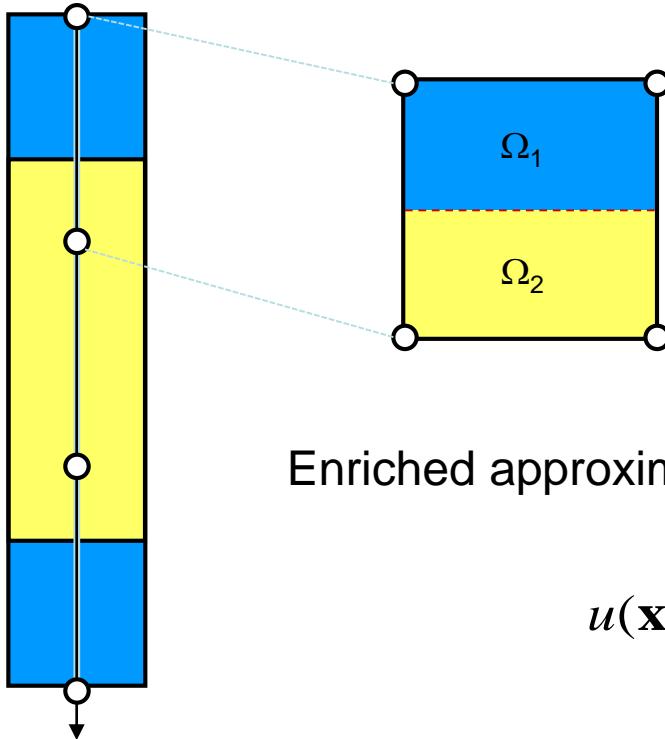
C^1 -discontinuity:

$$G_j = |\phi(x, t)| - |\phi_j(t)|$$

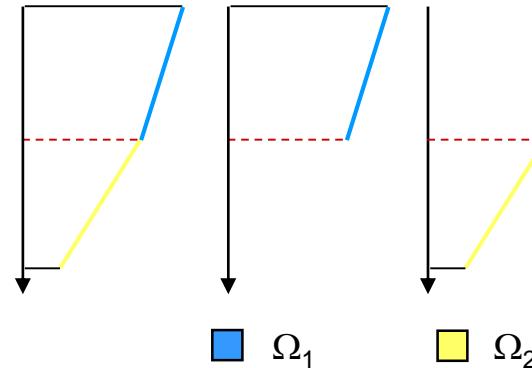


Interface definition via Level-set function ϕ

XFEM 101



solution across interface

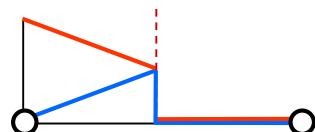


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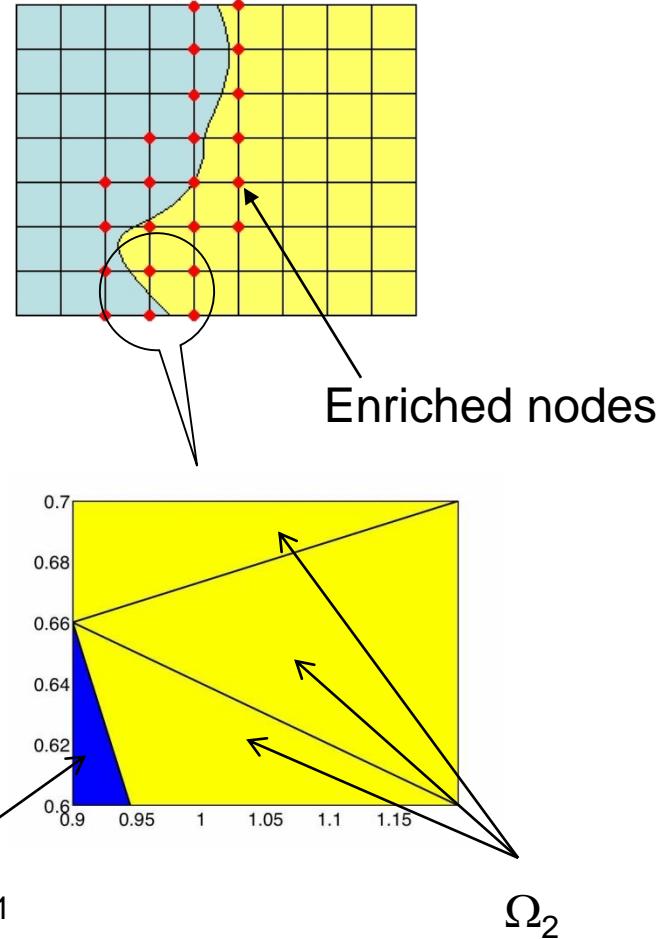
Note: N_i represents any type of shape function

XFEM 101

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- Numerical integration via triangulization of intersected element

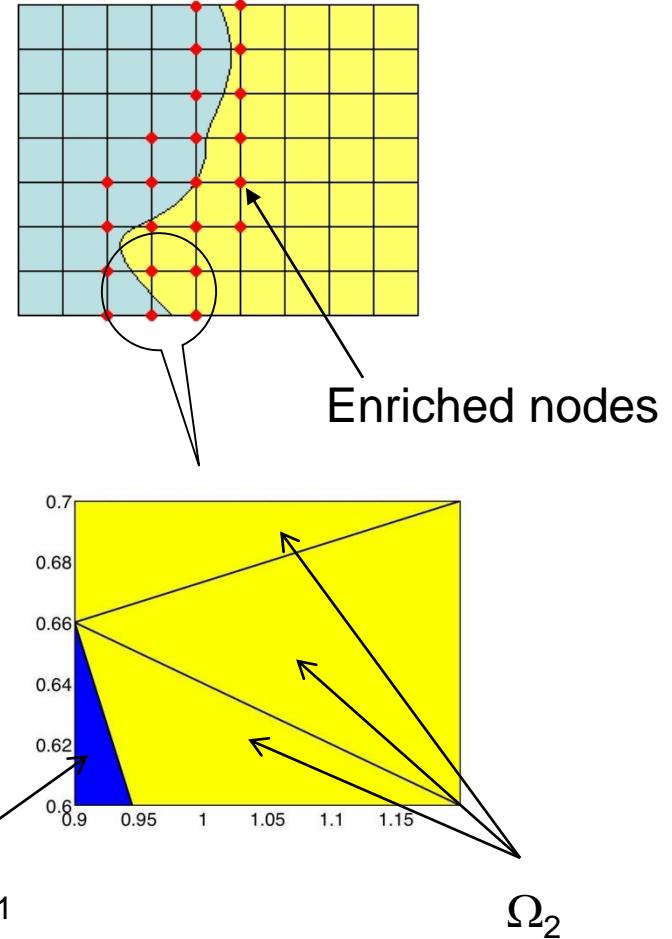


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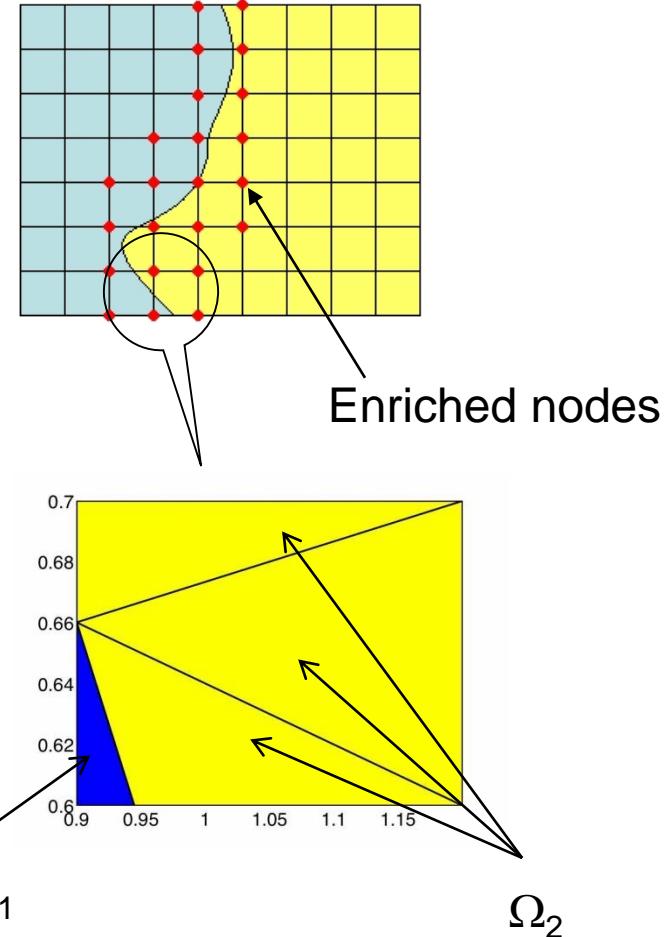
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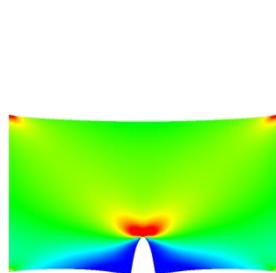
- Enforcement of interface conditions*:
 - Penalty method
 - Lagrange multipliers
 - Stabilized Lagrange multipliers
 - Nitsche method



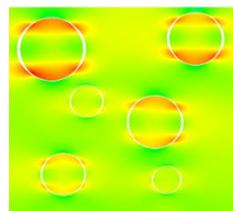
* proper treatment of interface conditions is key to obtaining accurate solution gradient along interface

Application Examples of XFEM

Fracture-Mechanics

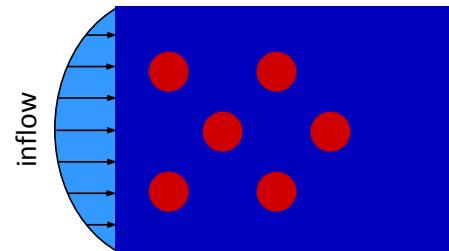


Crack Propagation

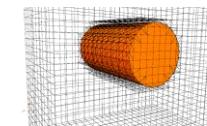


Delamination

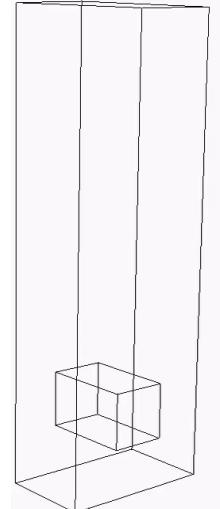
Fluid Mechanics



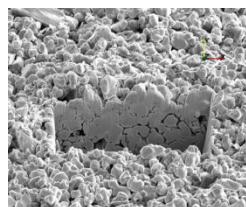
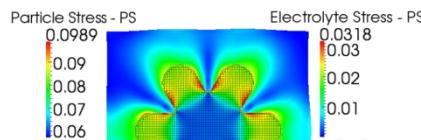
Forces Convection
w. hydrodynamic BTG



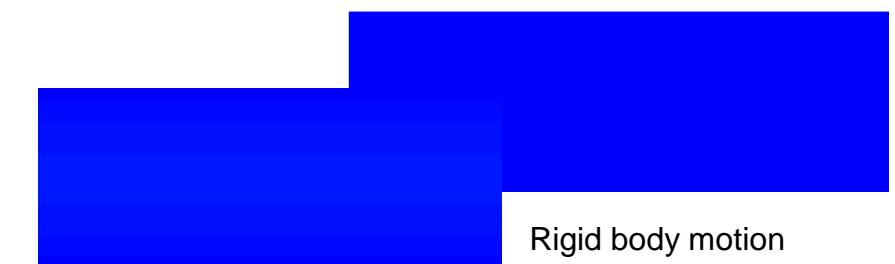
free Convection
with incompressible N.-S.



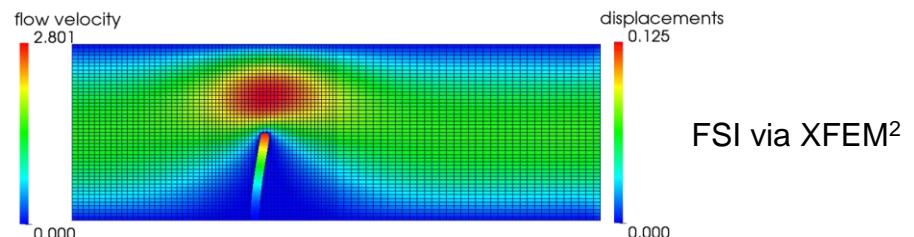
Multiscale Problems



Battery Electrodes

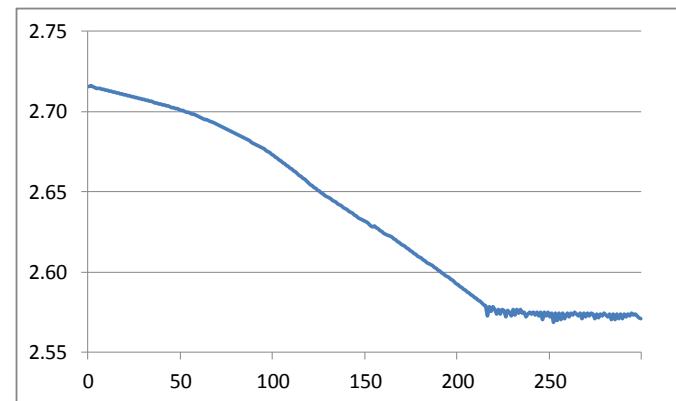
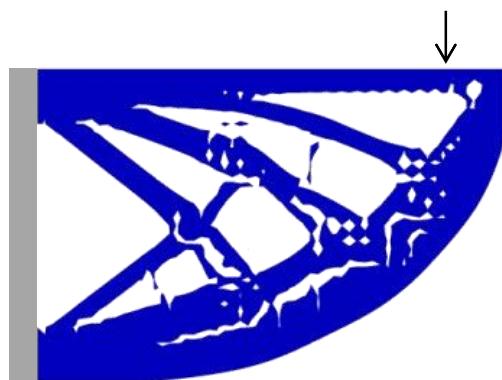


Rigid body motion



FSI via XFEM²

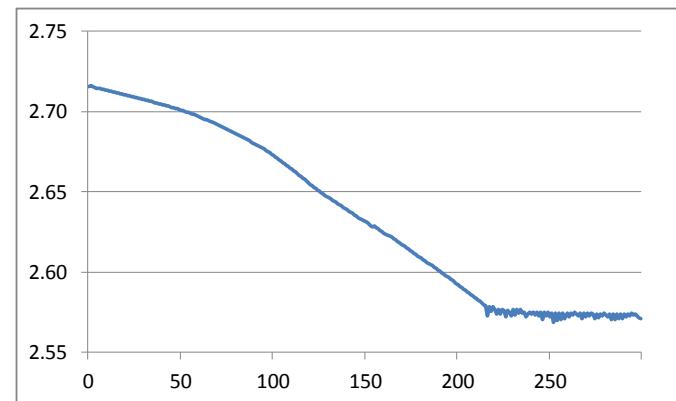
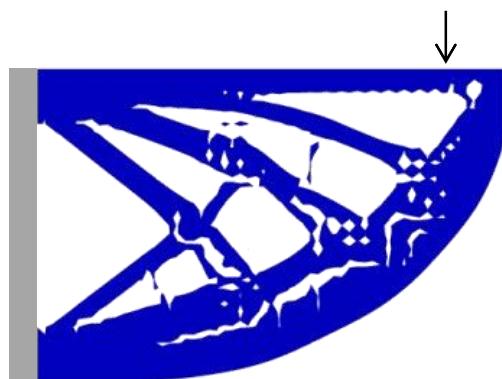
XFEM for Level-Set based Optimization



Issues:

- Ill-conditioned Analysis Problems
- Emergence of numerical geometric Artifacts
- Discontinuities as Topology changes
- Slow convergence of Optimization Process

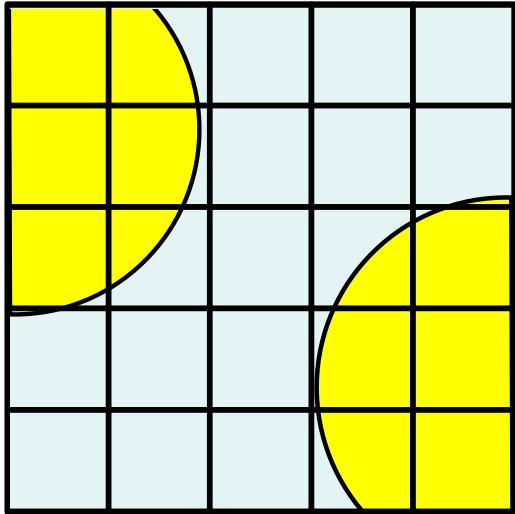
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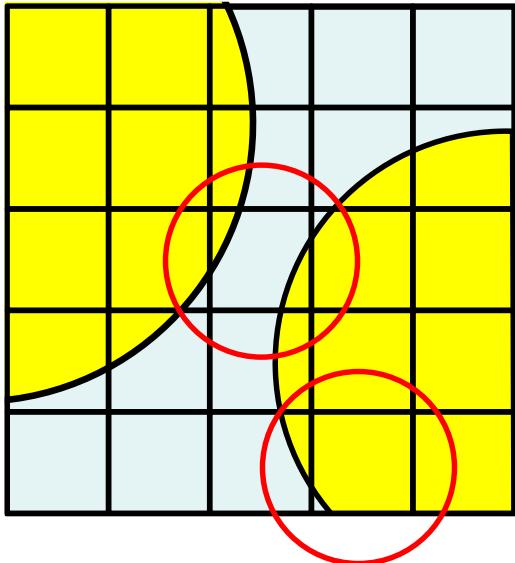
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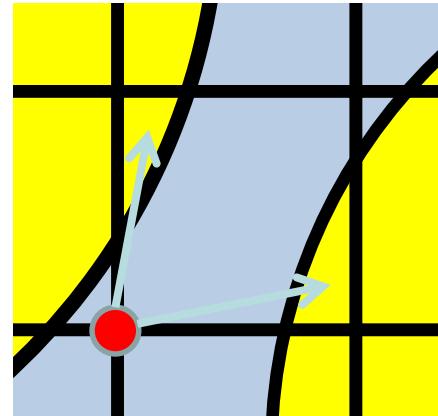
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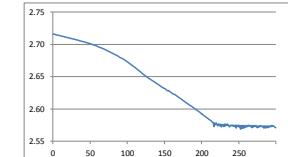
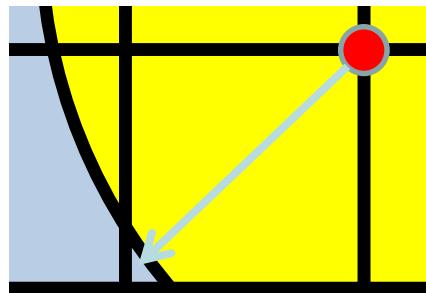
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💣 vanishing zone of influence

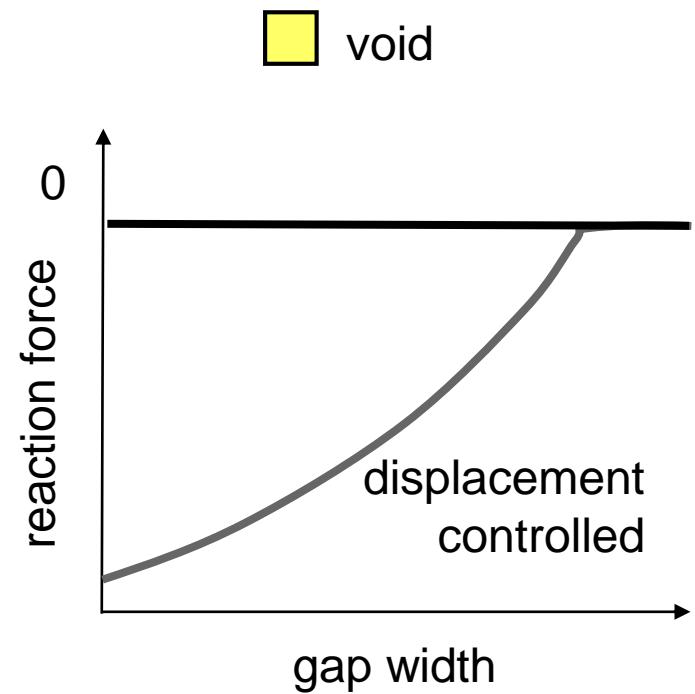
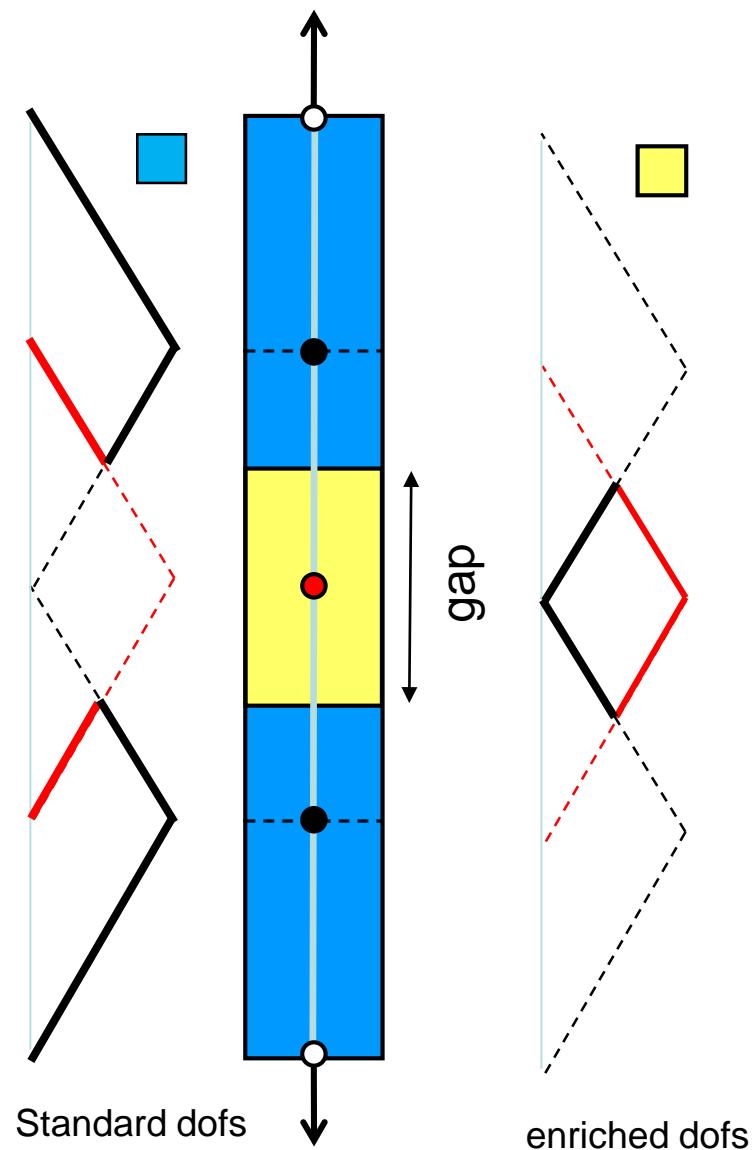


💣 Interpolation in spatially disconnected areas of same phase*

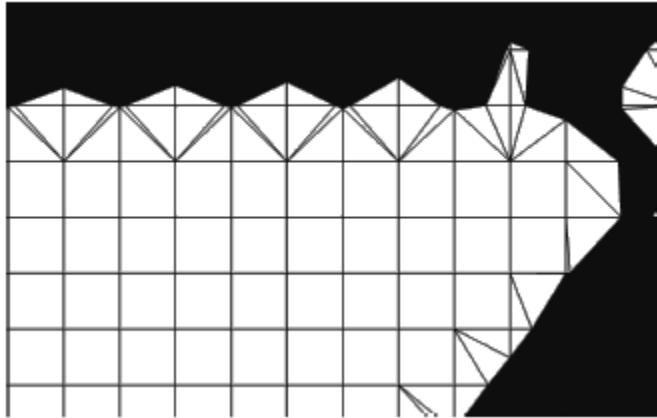


* Issues typically mitigated via locale mesh refinement, not suited for topology optimization.

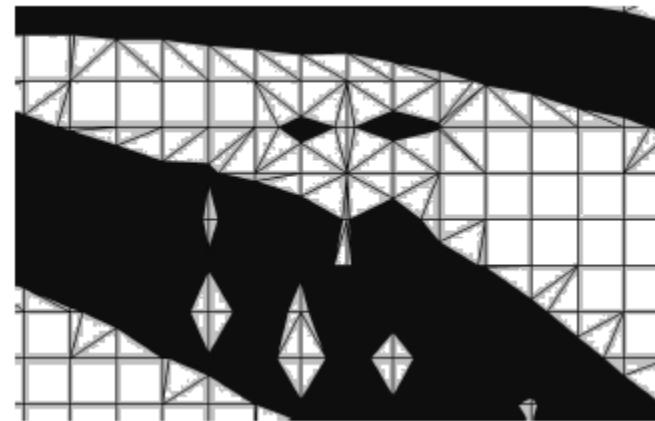
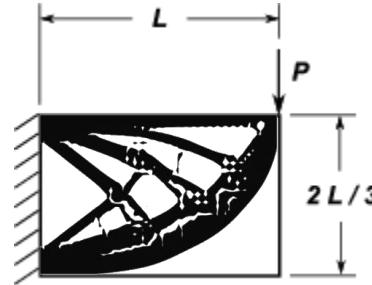
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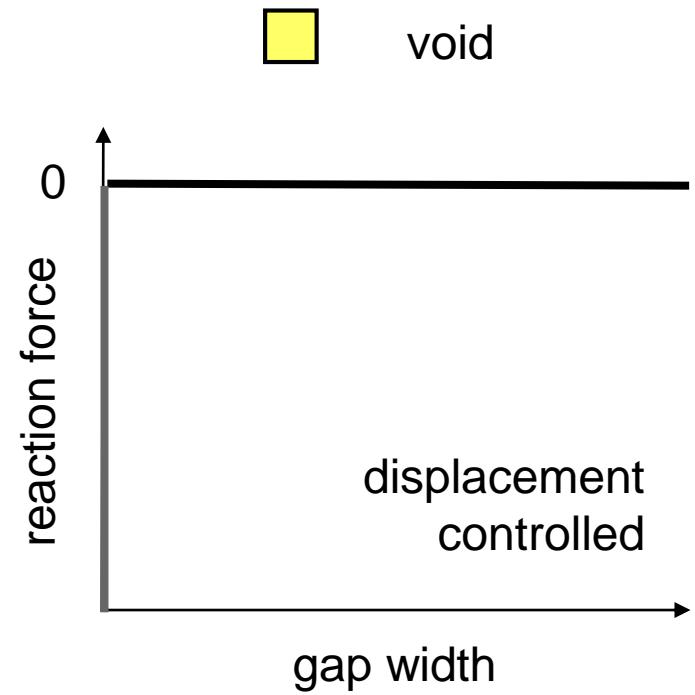
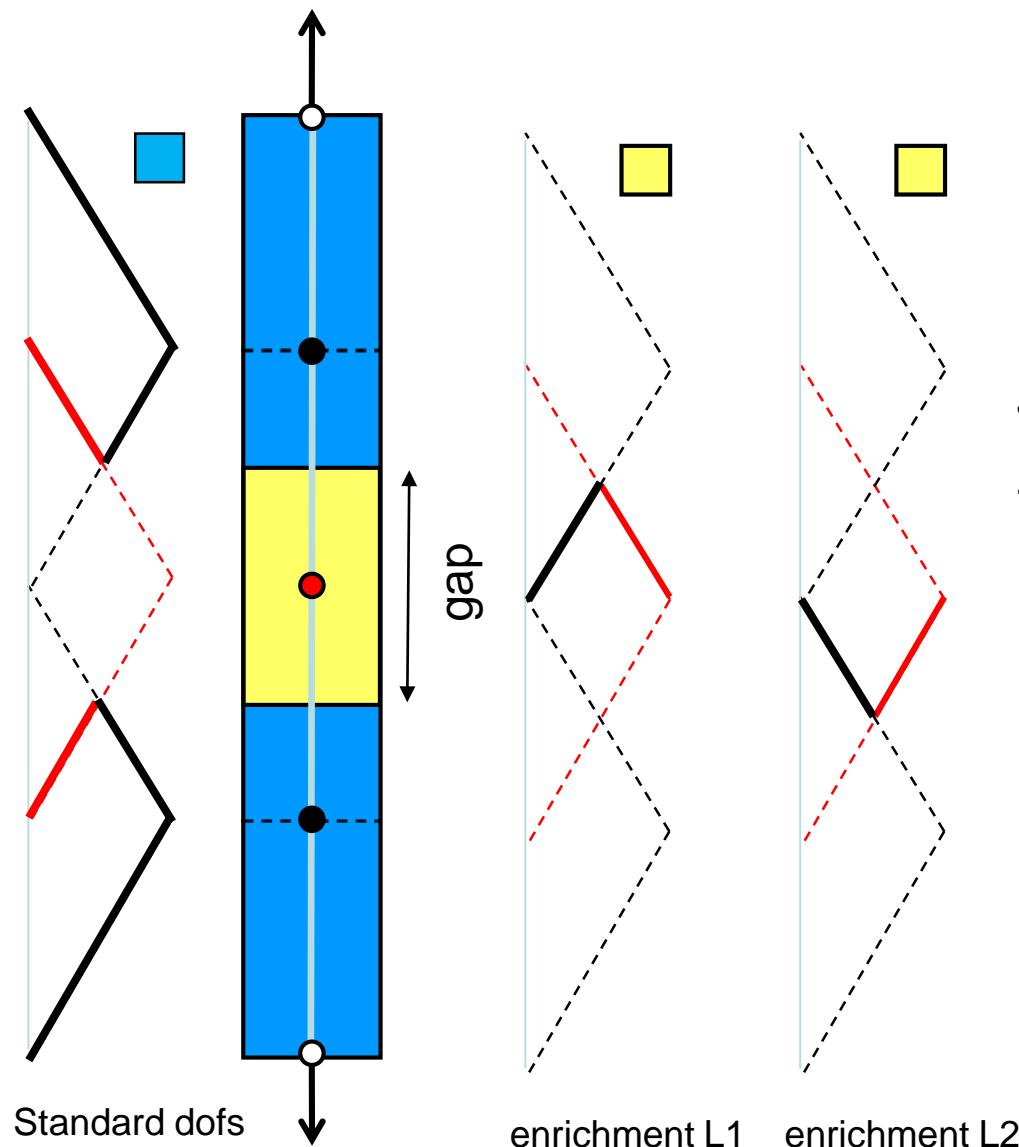


artificial stiffness across
void domains



"free-floating" material

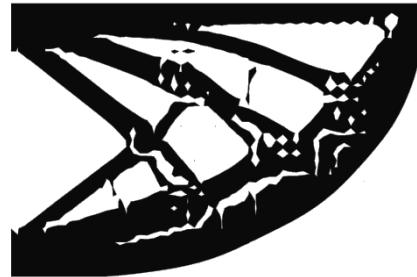
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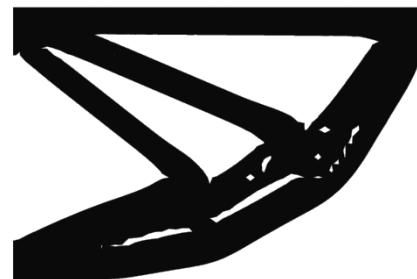
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Standard
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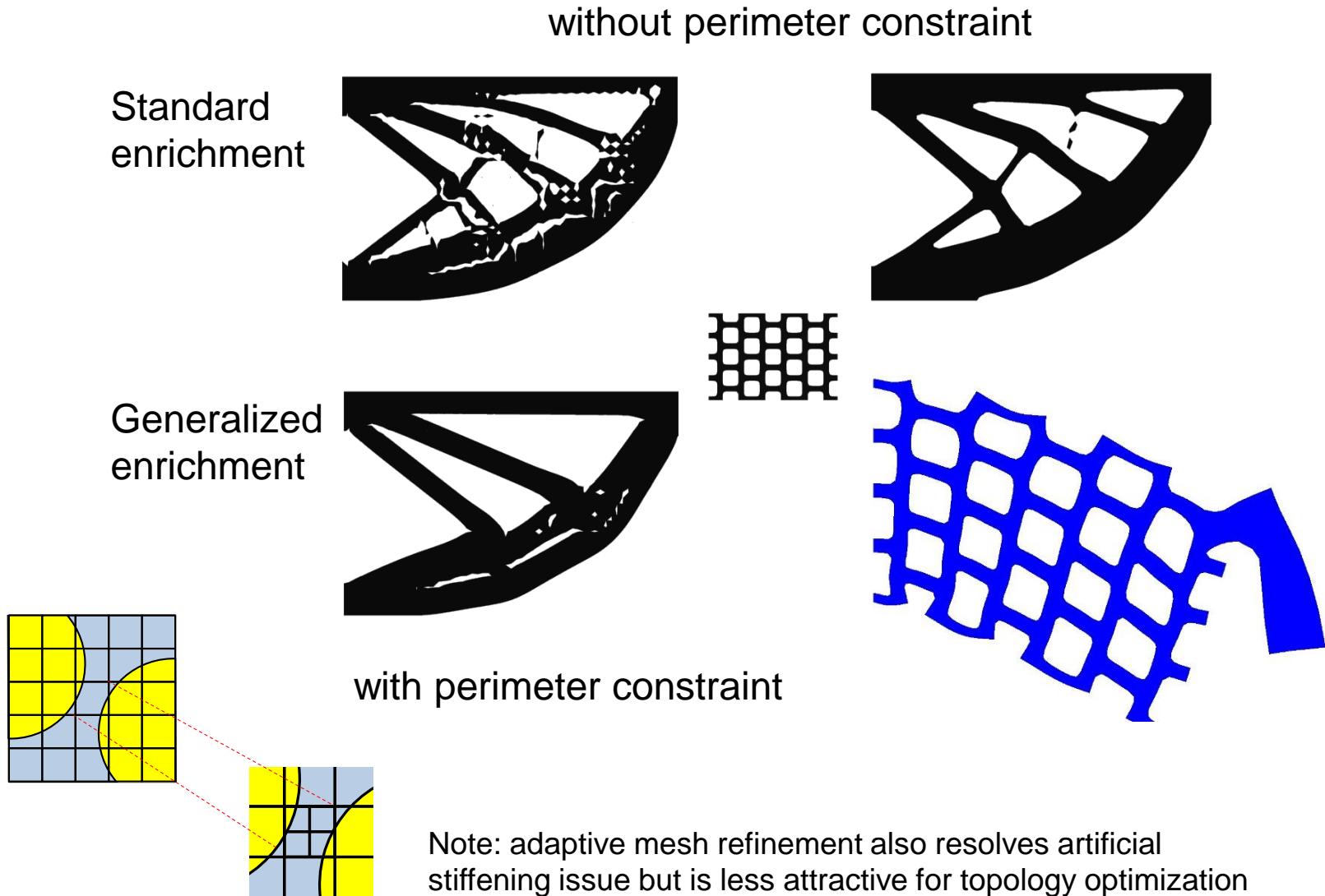
without perimeter constraint

Generalized
enrichment

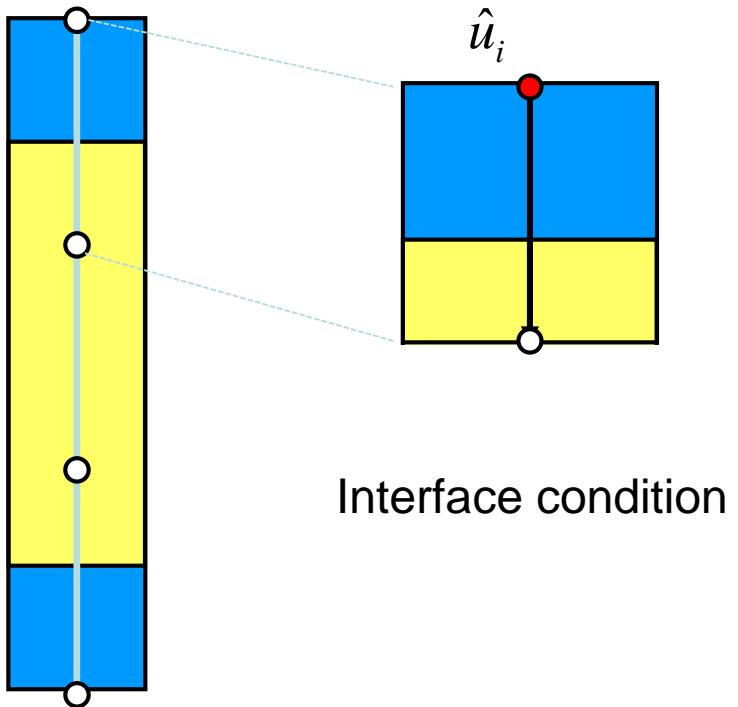


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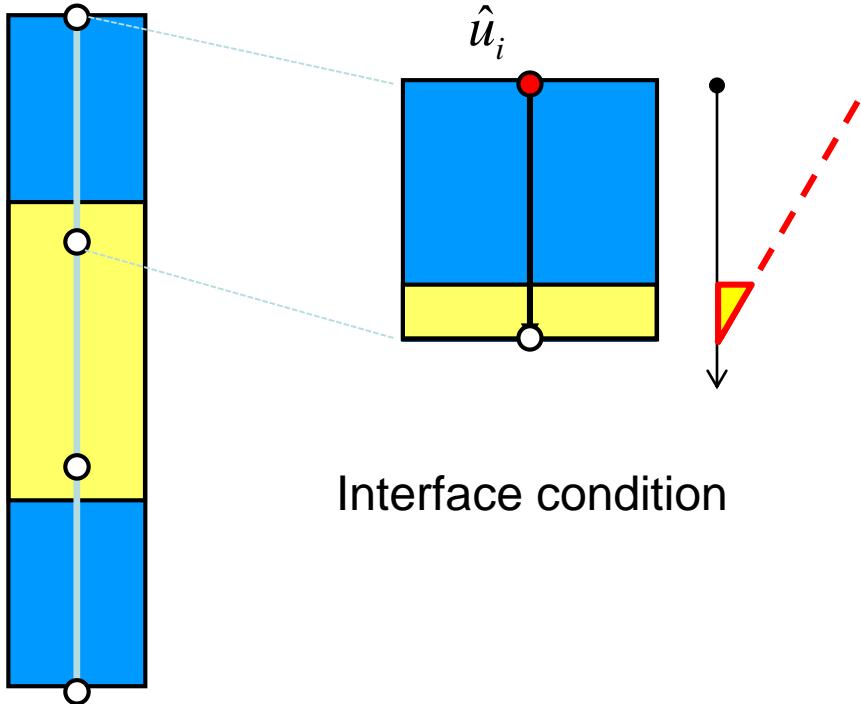


ILL-Conditioning



Interface condition

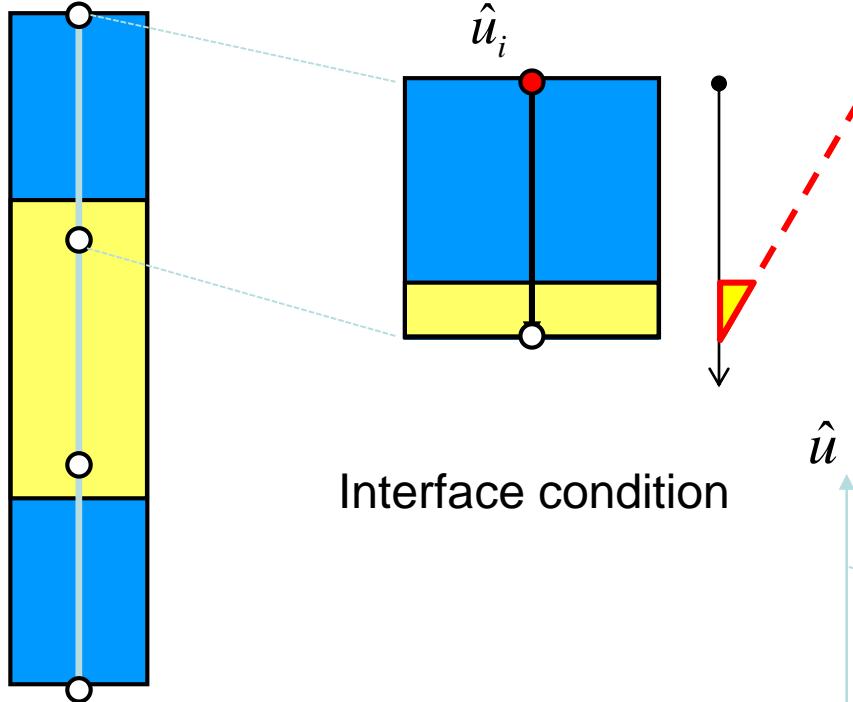
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Interface condition

$$\int_{\Omega} \delta \hat{u}_i (\nabla \cdot (k \nabla u) - q) d\Omega \rightarrow 0$$

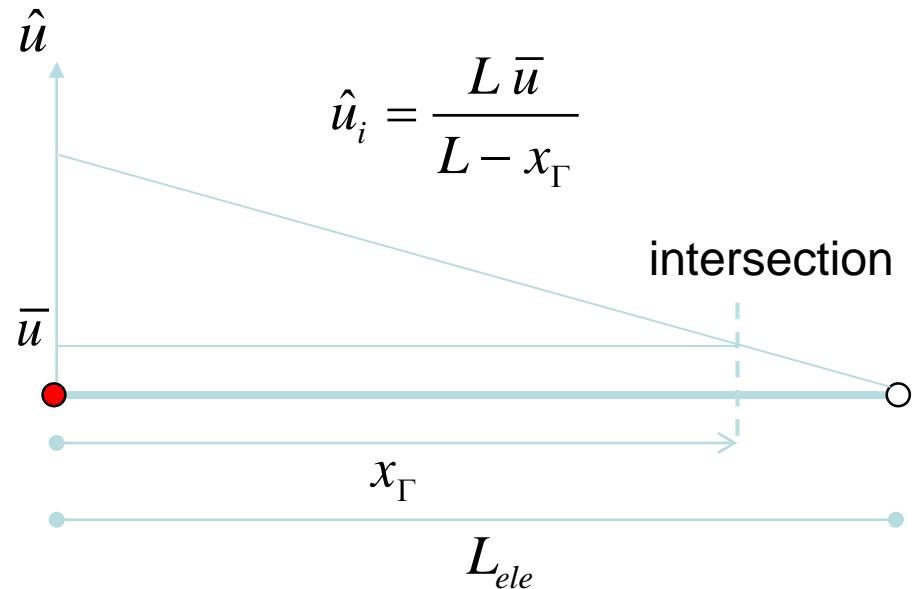
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Loss of influence of \hat{u}_i

$$\int_{\Omega} \delta \hat{u}_i (\nabla \cdot (k \nabla u) - q) d\Omega \rightarrow 0$$



ILL-Conditioning

Moving Nodes

→ *efficiency, robustness, “moving mesh”*

Modify Vibrational Form of Governing Equations

→ *mostly limited to linear elliptic problems*

Pre-conditioning (standard or tailored techniques)

→ *linear system only, effectiveness*

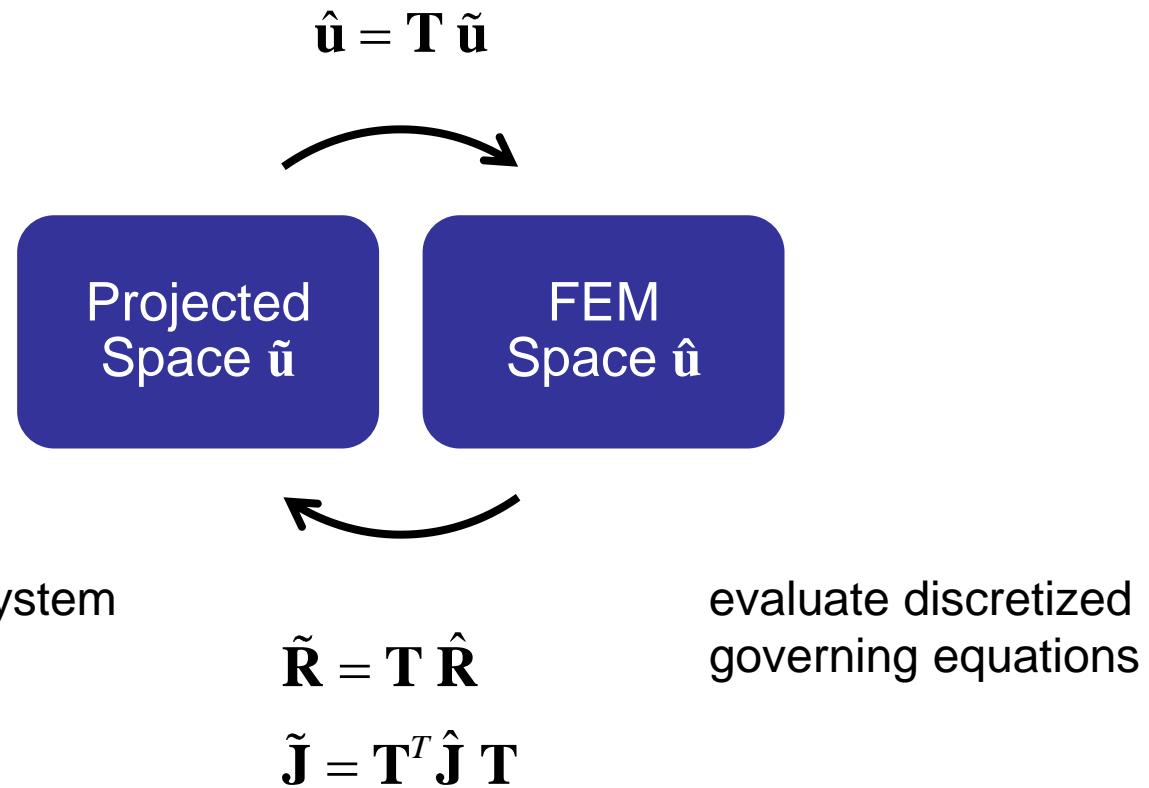
Modifying Enrichment Functions

→ *affect XFEM solution, complexity*

Dropping DOFs with smaller Domain of Influence

→ *strong influence of threshold on effectiveness versus accuracy*

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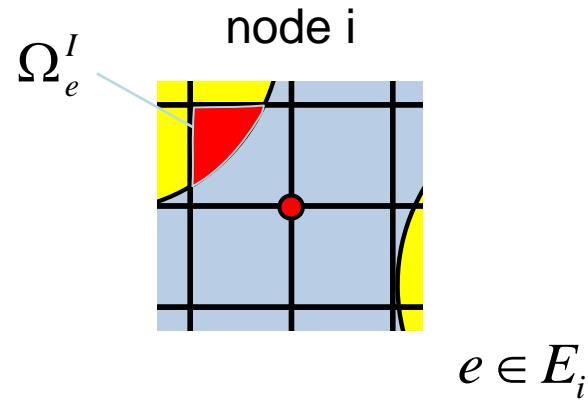


$\mathbf{T} = \mathbf{T}(\phi)$: projection matrix

ILL-Conditioning

Diagonal Projection Operator

$$T_{ii,m}^I = \max_{e \in E_i} \left(\frac{\Omega_e^I}{\int N_i(x) dx} \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$



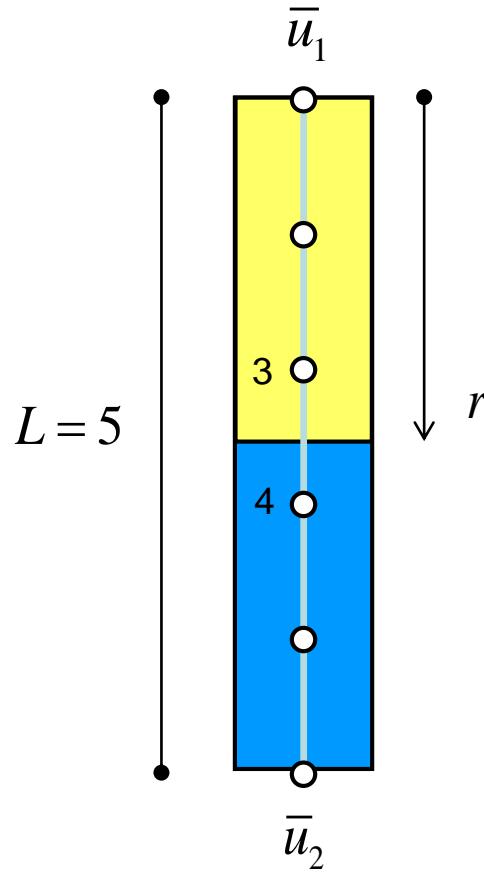
$$T_{ii,m}^I = \max_{e \in E_i} \left(\frac{\int \nabla N_i(x) \cdot \nabla N_i(x) dx}{\int N_i(x) dx} \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

non-local measure

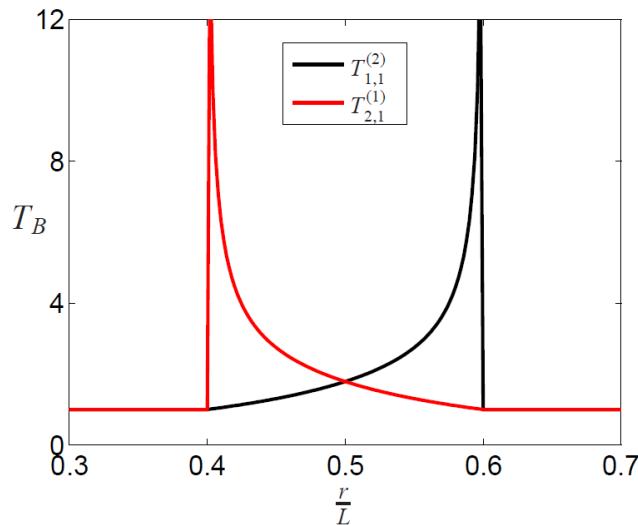
Constrain Degrees of Freedom

$$T_{ii,m}^I > T_{tol}$$

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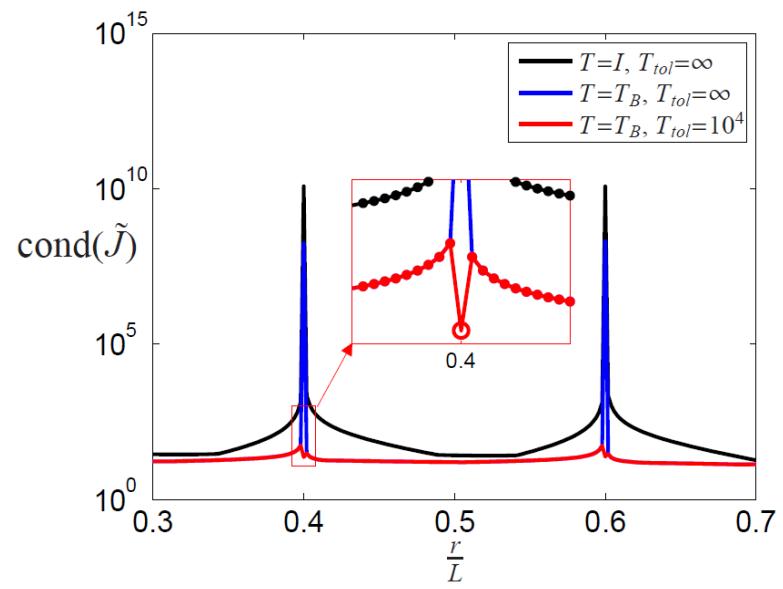


stabilized Lagrange multiplier formulation



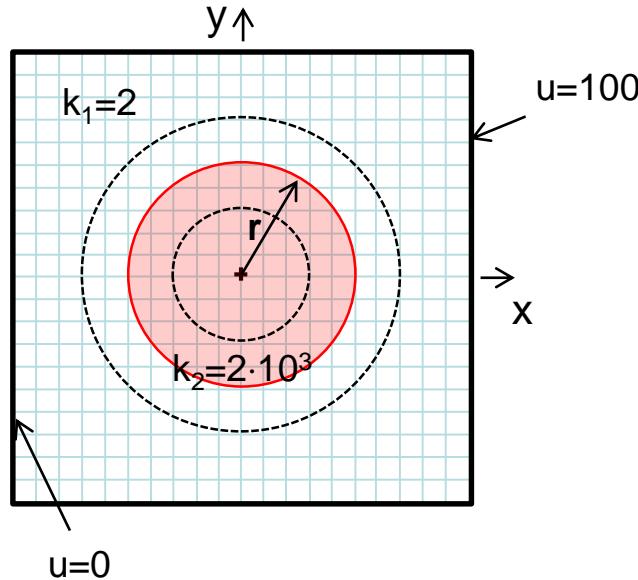
gradient-based formulation

condition number

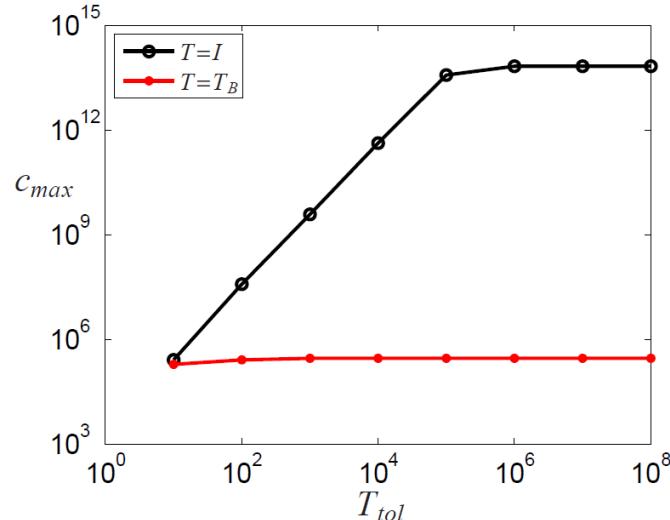
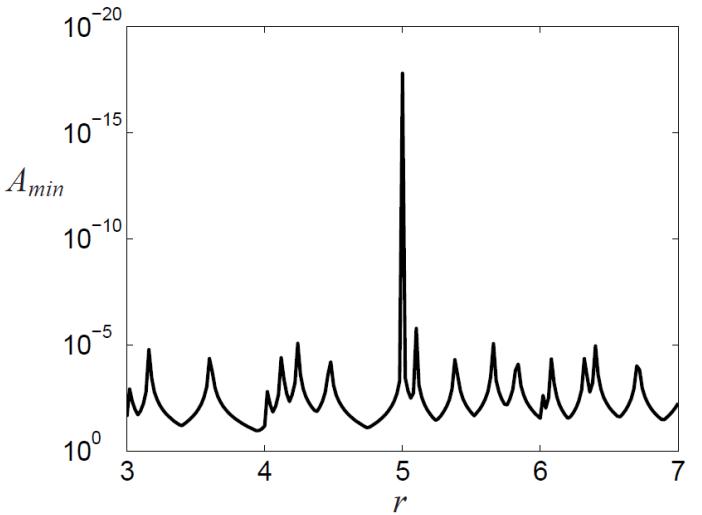


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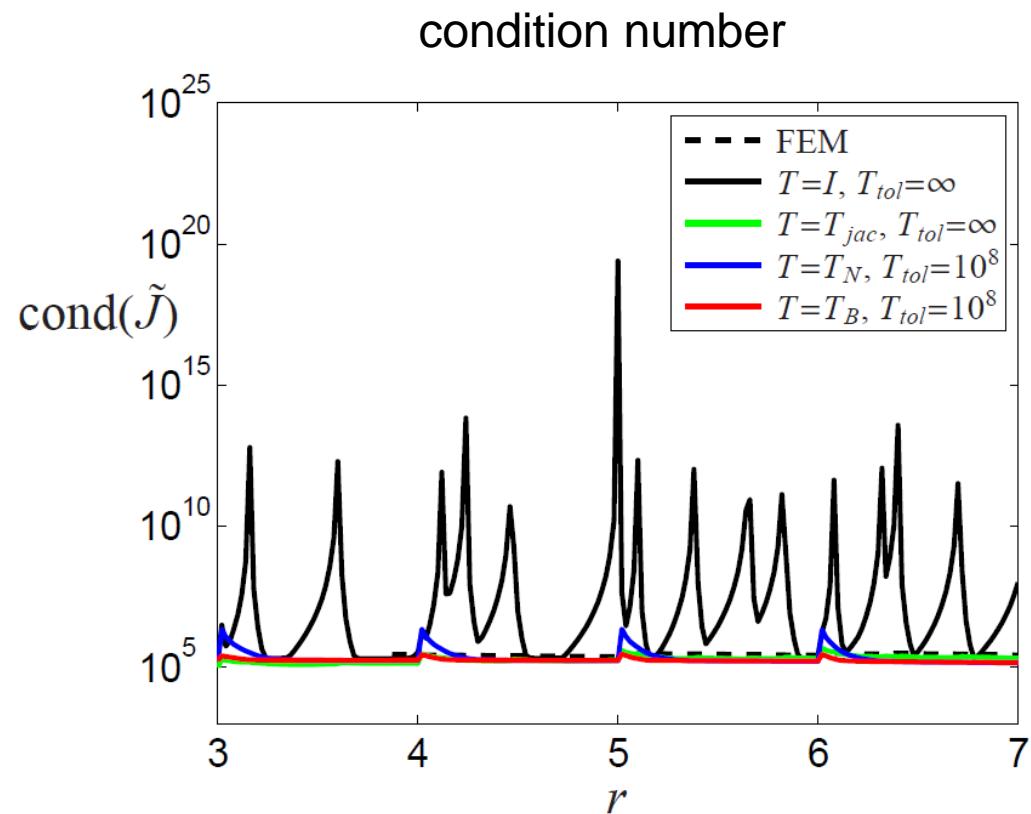
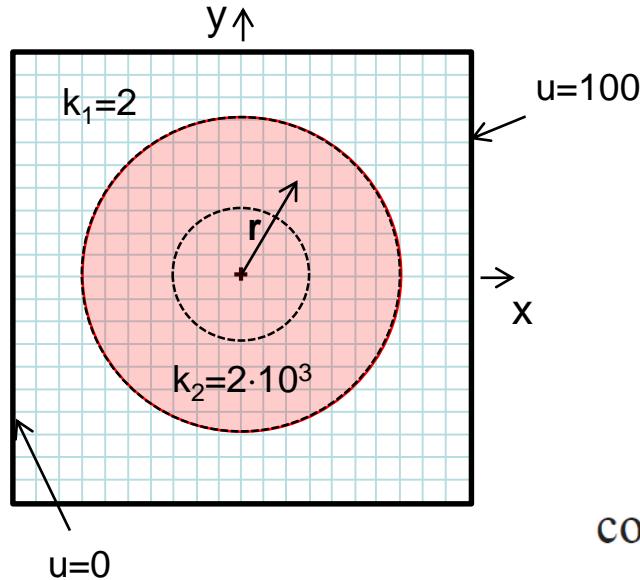


maximum condition number
encountered during sweep
as function of drop tolerance



ILL-Conditioning

stabilized Lagrange multiplier formulation



Regularization

- Issues:
- Checker-boarding for low-order elements
 - “Irregular shapes” (i.e. wiggly boundaries)
 - Many || small features
 - Level set function too flat or too step
 - Slow convergence of optimization process

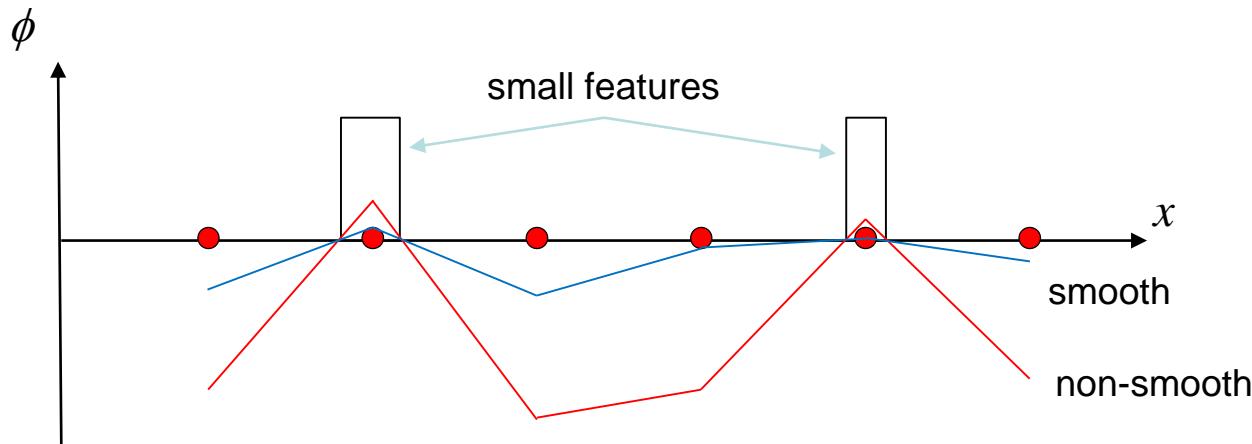
Common concepts:

- Interpolation of level set function
- Filtering of sensitivities
- Re-initialization of level set function
- Adding constraints or penalty terms (e.g. perimeter, curvature)

Note: several of the above concepts are “built-in” into augmented formulations and/or time integration schemes of the HJ equation

Regularization

Smooth level set function (e.g. by interpolation or filtering):



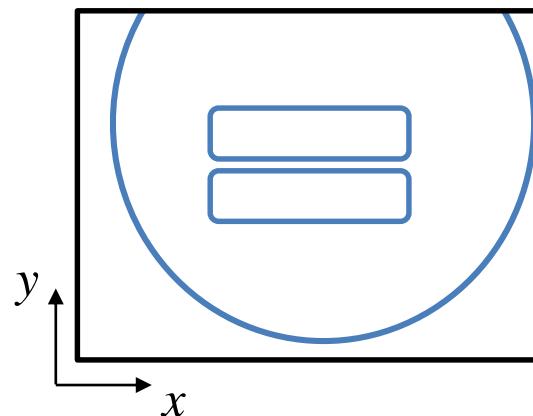
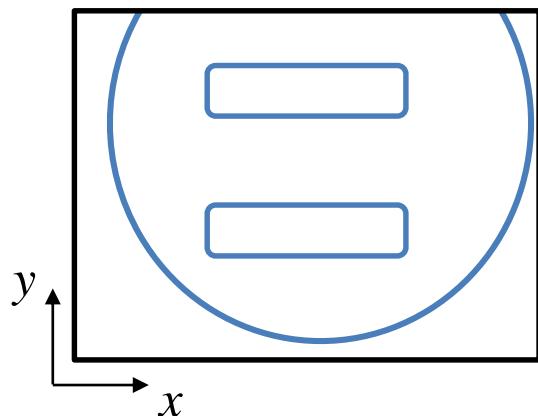
- smoothing the level set function does not suppress small features
- promotes flat level-set field

Regularization

Perimeter Constraint / Penalty:

$$P = \int_{\Gamma} dS \leq P_{\max}$$

- smoothens boundary globally; i.e. reduces wiggles and sharp corners.
- does not control local shape, e.g. thickness of members.



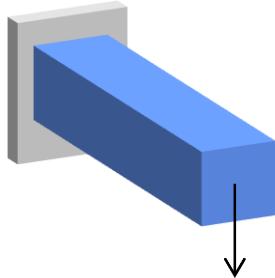
both designs have the same perimeter.

Overview

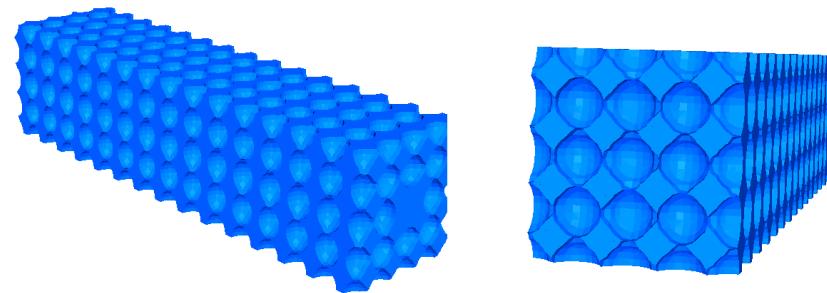
- Classical Methods in Topology Optimization
- Level-Set based Topology Optimization
 - Parameterization of Level-Set Field
 - Update Schemes
 - Numerical Modeling of Physical Response
 - Regularization Schemes
- Case Studies
 - Structural Mechanics
 - Conjugated Heat Transfer
- Conclusions

LSM & XFEM – Structural Design

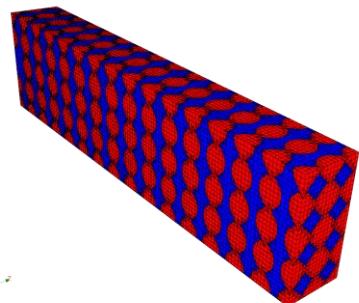
Linear Elasticity



Maximum Stiffness
for given Mass (50%)



Initial design – solid Phase



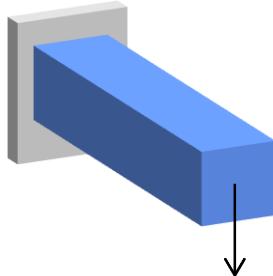
symmetry

324,448 elements

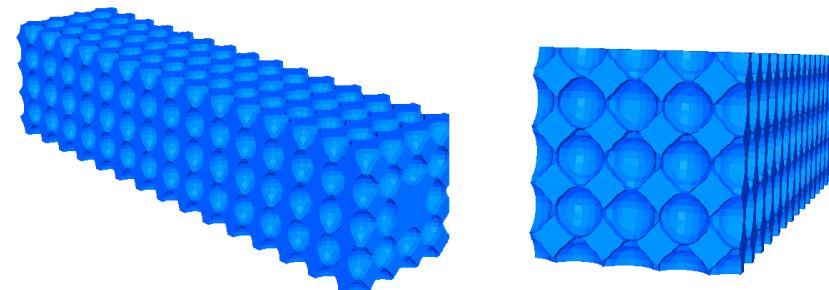
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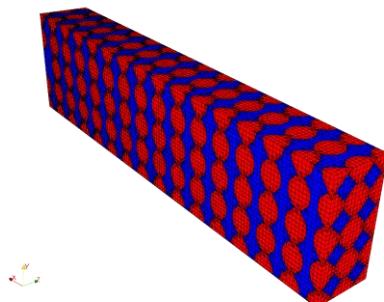
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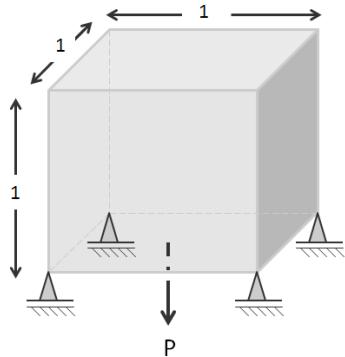
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Optimized Design (deformed)

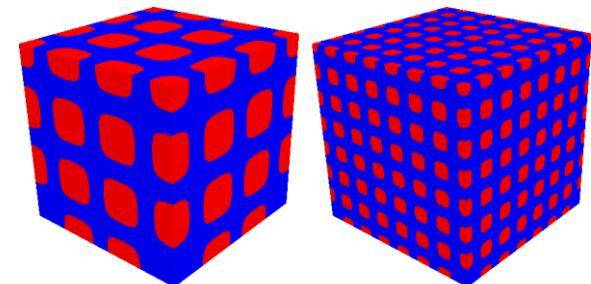
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Idea: from Optimization Process directly to 3D Printing

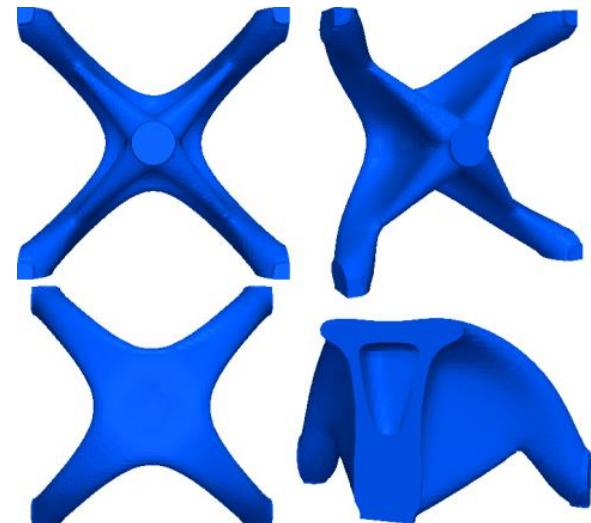


3-D Printed Structure

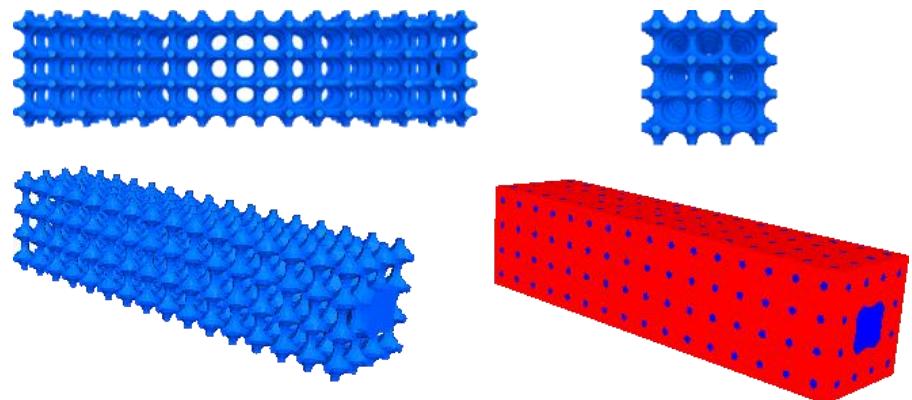
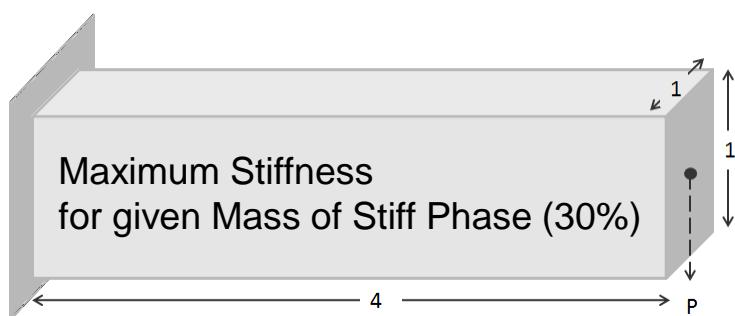
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LS&XFEM



LSM & XFEM – Bi-Material Structural Design



Stiffness ratio E_{red}/E_{blue}

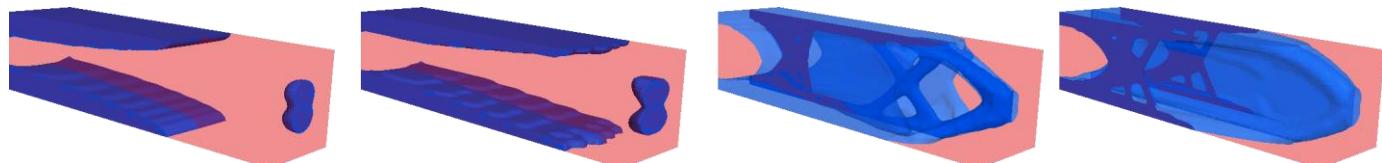
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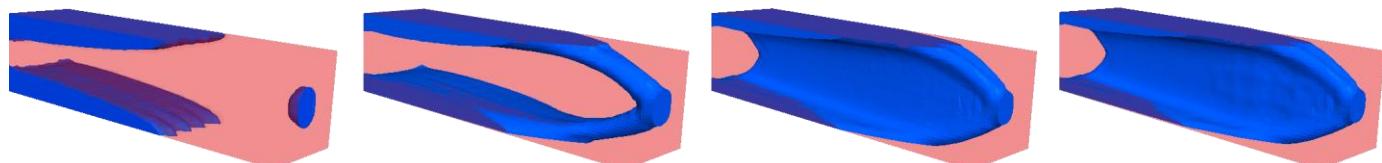
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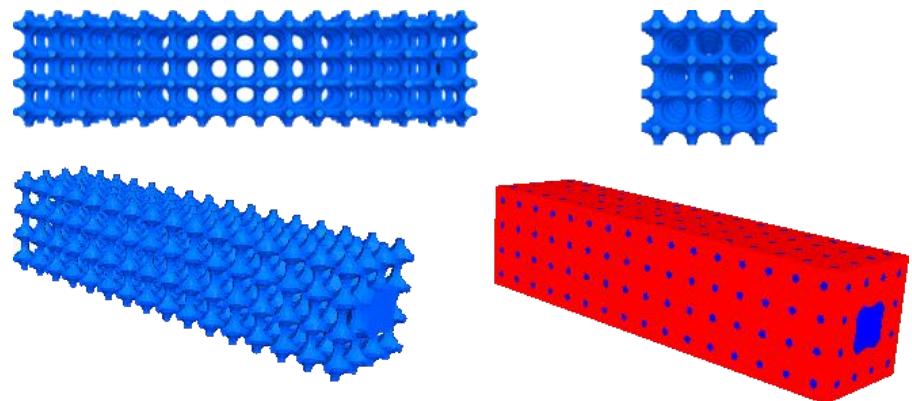
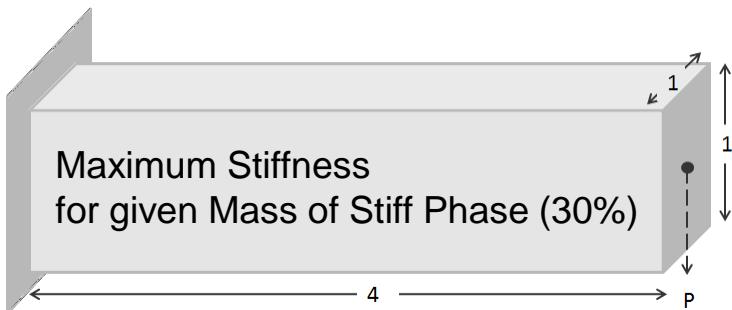
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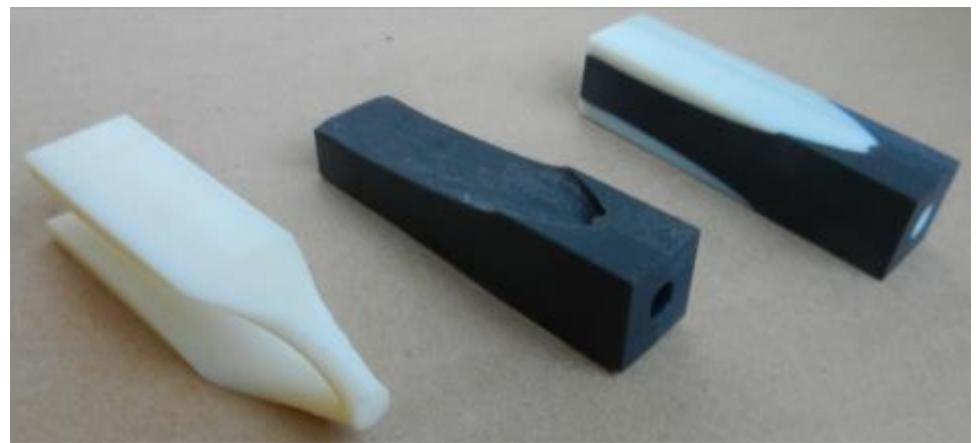
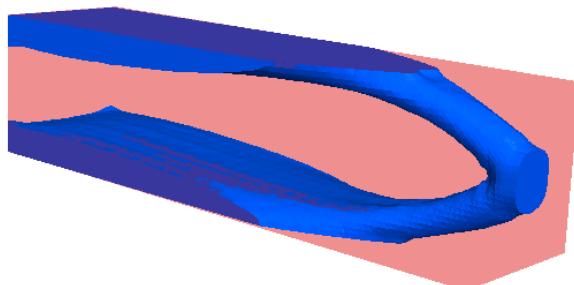
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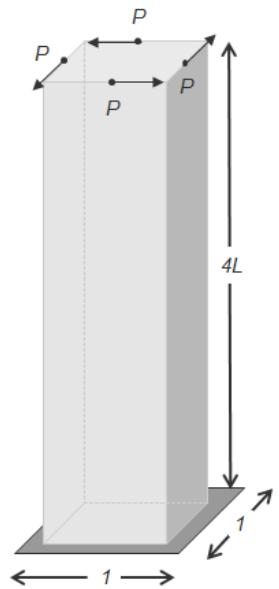
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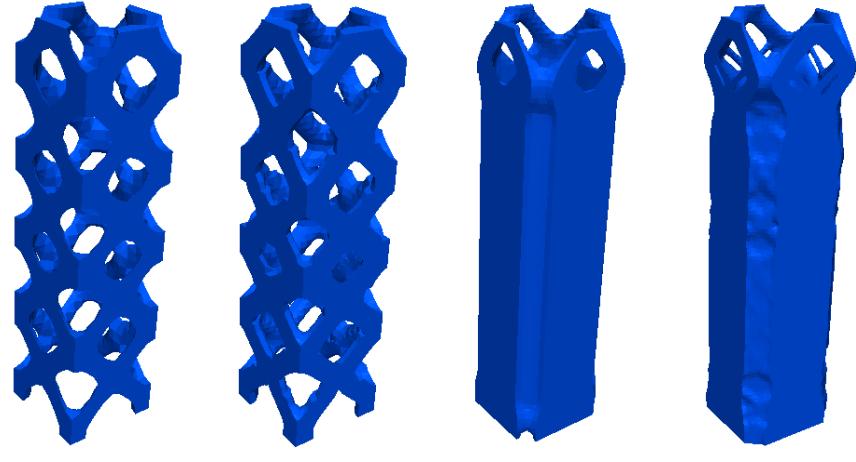
Stiffness ratio: $E_1/E_2 = 0.1$



Comparison of SIMP vs. LSM & XFEM

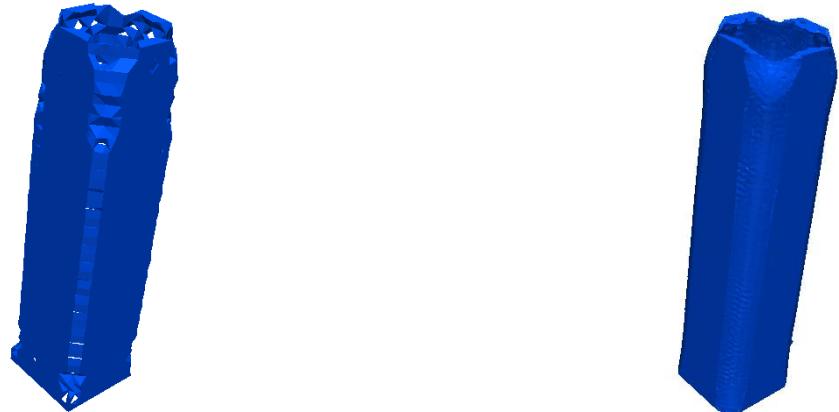


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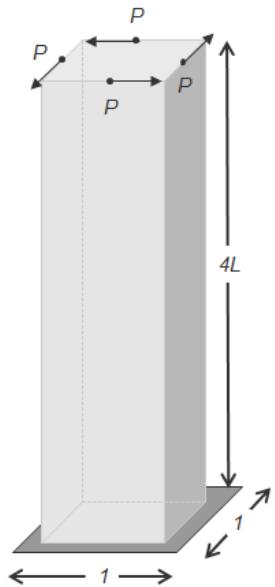


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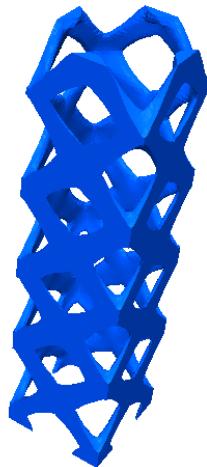


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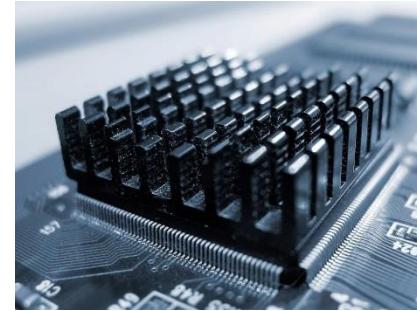
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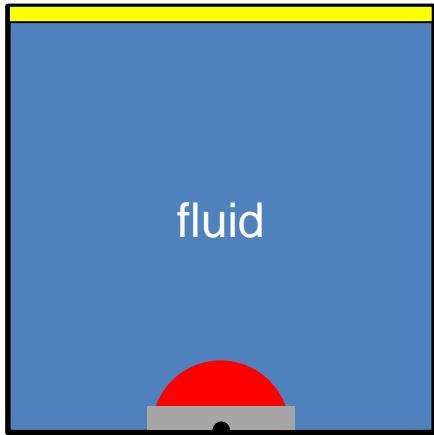


Multi-Physics Design Problems

- Example: Conjugated Heat Transfer



Conjugated Heat Transfer – Model Problem



- adiabatic
- T_Γ
- solid
- non-design (solid)

Minimize Temperature T_A
s.t. constraints on solid volume
& perimeter of interface

Relevant physical phenomena:

- Heat conduction in solid
- Convection / diffusion in fluid
- Response potentially unsteady

Conjugated Heat Transfer Modeling Framework

- Diffusive heat conduction in solid

$$\rho_s c \left(\frac{\partial T_s}{\partial t} \right) - \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left(k_s \delta_{ij} \frac{\partial T_s}{\partial x_i} \right) - q_s = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega_s$$

$$k_s \delta_{ij} \frac{\partial T_s}{\partial x_j} n_i^{SF} = Q_{SF} \quad \text{on } \Gamma_{FS} \quad \quad T = \hat{T} \quad \text{on } \Gamma_{ST}$$

- Convective heat transfer in fluid

$$\rho_F c_p \left(\frac{\partial T_F}{\partial t} + u_j \frac{\partial T_F}{\partial x_j} \right) - \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left(k_F \delta_{ij} \frac{\partial T_F}{\partial x_i} \right) - q_F = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega_s$$

$$k_F \delta_{ij} \frac{\partial T_F}{\partial x_j} n_i^{FS} = Q_{FS} \quad \text{on } \Gamma_{FS} \quad \quad T = \hat{T}_F \quad \text{on } \Gamma_{FT}$$

Conjugated Heat Transfer Modeling Framework

- Flow model: Incompressible Navier- Stokes

$$\rho_F \left(\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial t} + u_j \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} \right) - \frac{\partial \sigma_{ij}}{\partial x_j} - \rho_F g_i = 0 \quad \sigma_{ij} = -p \delta_{ij} + \mu \left(\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial u_j}{\partial x_i} \right)$$

Boussinesq approximation $\rho_F g_i = \rho_0 g (1 - \alpha(T - T_0)) n_i$

incompressibility $\rho_F = \rho_0 = const : \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_i} = 0$

Conjugated Heat Transfer Modeling Framework

- Interface conditions

Continuity of velocities: $u_i = 0 \quad \text{on} \quad \Gamma_{FS}$

Conservation of heat flux: $Q_{FS} + Q_{SF} = 0 \quad \text{on} \quad \Gamma_{FS}$

(1) Continuity of temperature: $T_F - T_S = 0 \quad \text{on} \quad \Gamma_{FS}$

$$\rightarrow k_F \delta_{ij} \frac{\partial T_F}{\partial x_j} n_i^{FS} + k_S \delta_{ij} \frac{\partial T_S}{\partial x_j} n_i^{SF} = 0$$

(2) Jump in temperatures: $T_F - T_S \neq 0 \quad \text{on} \quad \Gamma_{FS}$

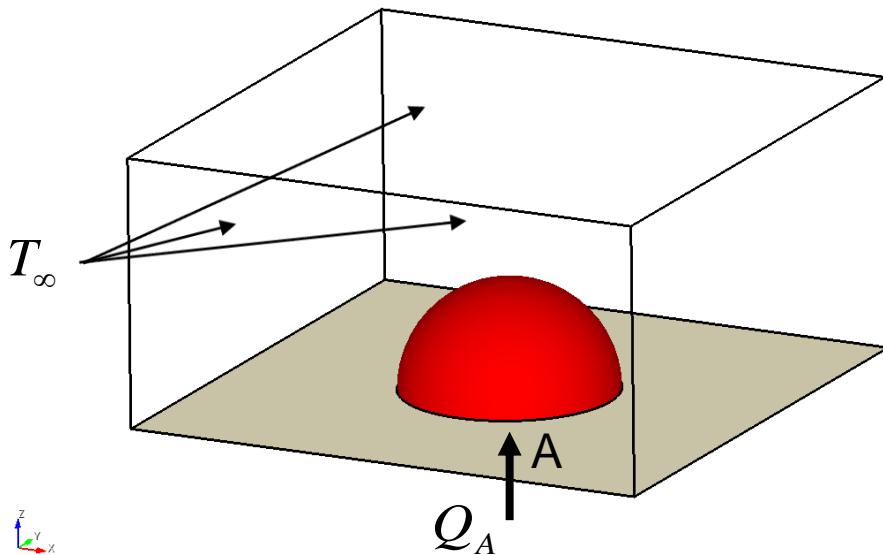
$$\rightarrow k_F \delta_{ij} \frac{\partial T_F}{\partial x_j} n_i^{FS} = h(T_S - T_F)$$

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Simple Model: Newton's Law of Cooling

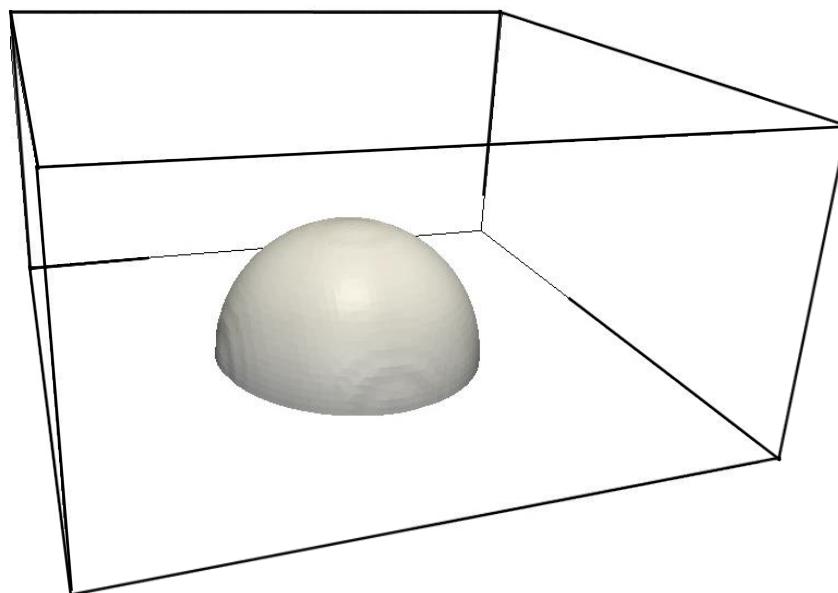
$$Q_{SF} = h(T_F - T_S)$$

- Fluid: isothermal $T_F = T_\infty$ T_∞ : ambient temperature
- Fluid: diffusive medium
 - convection ignored
 - ambient temperature prescribed at design domain boundaries



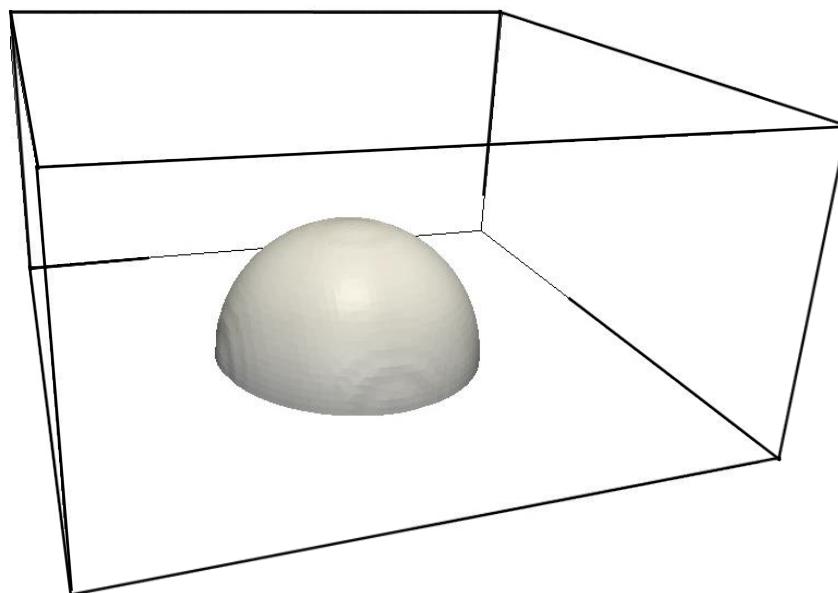
Minimize Temperature T_A
s.t. constraints on solid volume
& perimeter of interface

Conjugated Heat Transfer – Simple Model



- Fluid: isothermal

Conjugated Heat Transfer – Simple Model

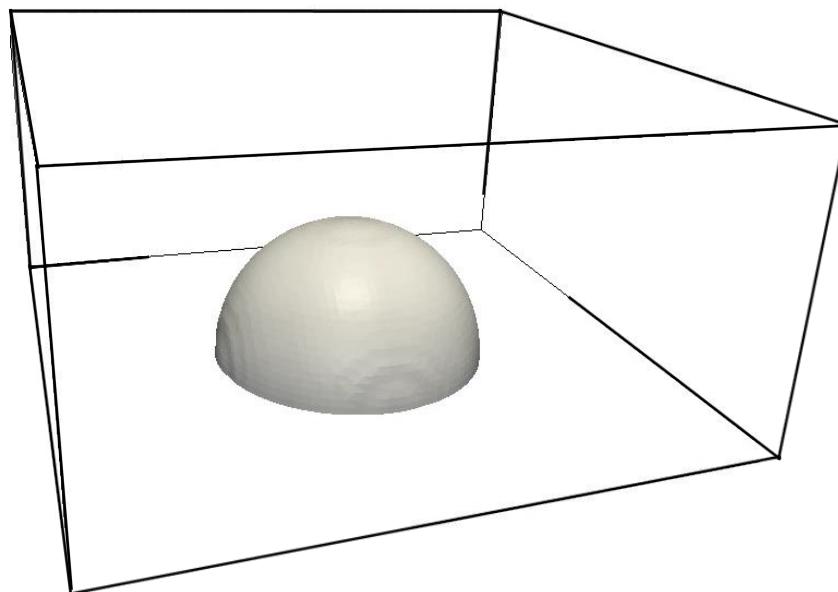


- Fluid: isothermal

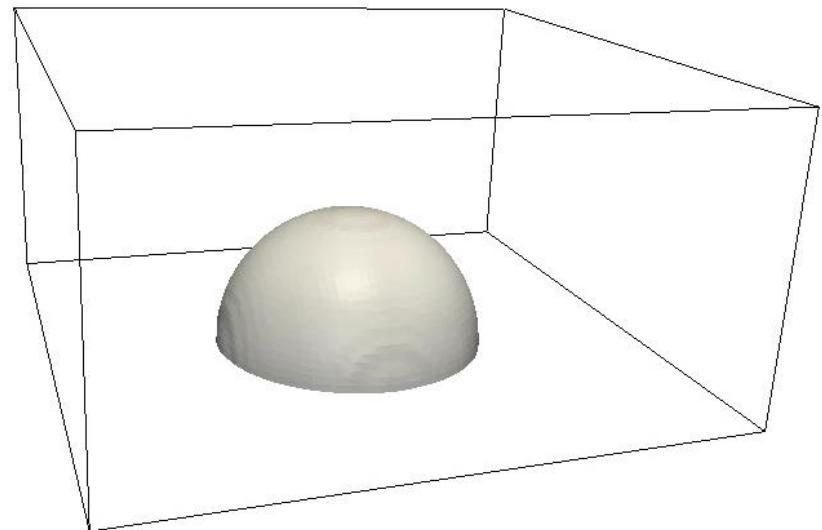


slice through final design

Conjugated Heat Transfer – Simple Model



- Fluid: isothermal

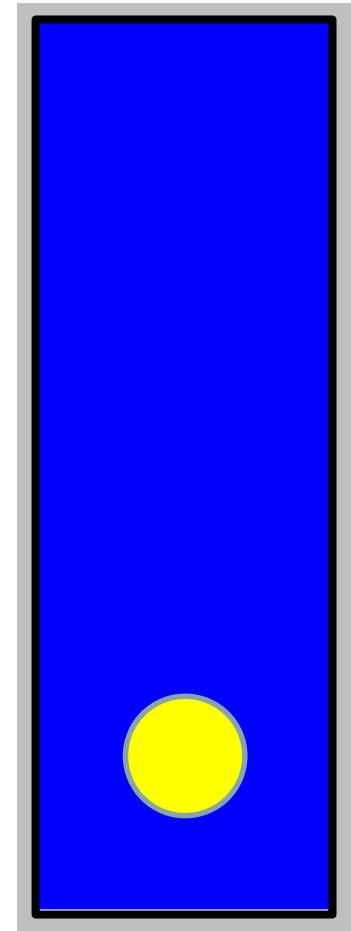


- Fluid: diffusive medium

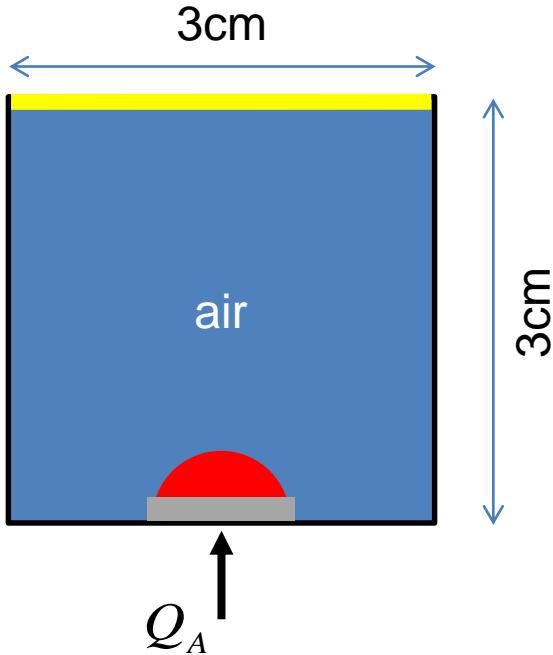
Conjugated Heat Transfer with Natural Convection Flow

Numerical framework:

- fluid: SUPG/PSPG stabilized formulation
- solid: SUPG stabilized formulation
- generalized Heaviside enrichment along interface
- stabilized Lagrange multiplier interface formulation
for stick condition and temperature continuity



Natural Convection Example



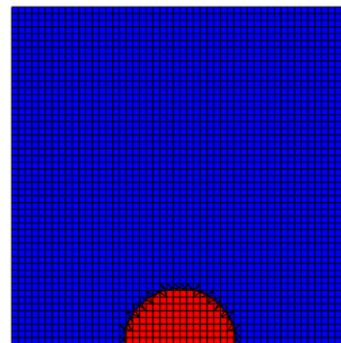
- adiabatic
- T_Γ
- non-design (solid)

Minimize Temperature T_A at steady state
s.t. constraint on solid volume (< initial)
& perimeter (< $2 \times$ initial)

symmetry of design enforced

case 1: $Q_A = 0.05 W$

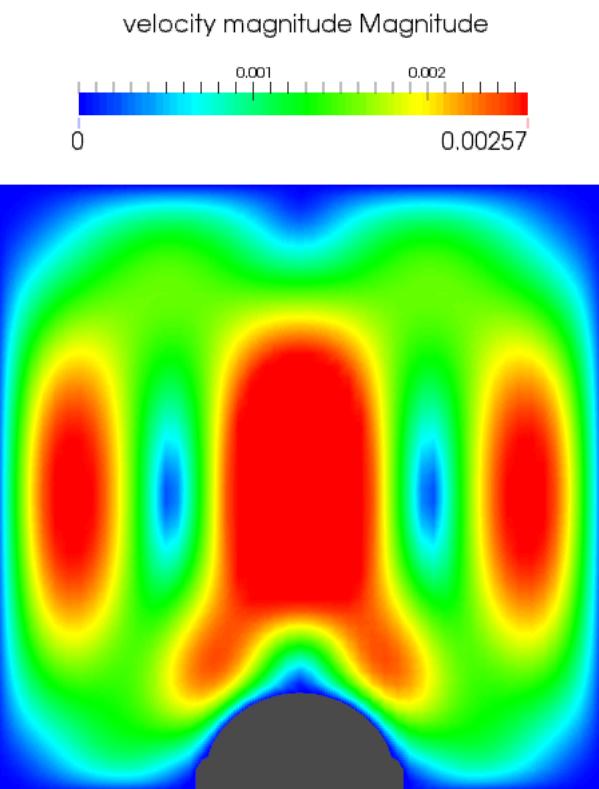
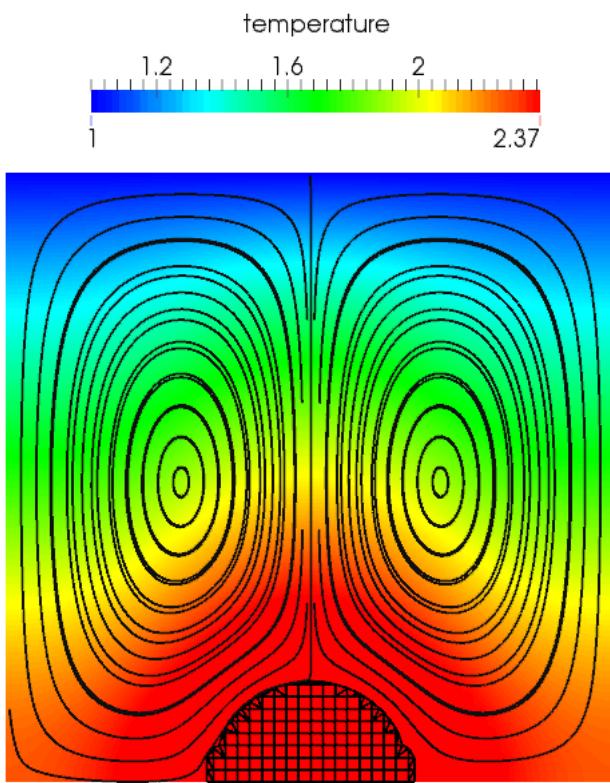
case 2: $Q_A = 0.25 W$



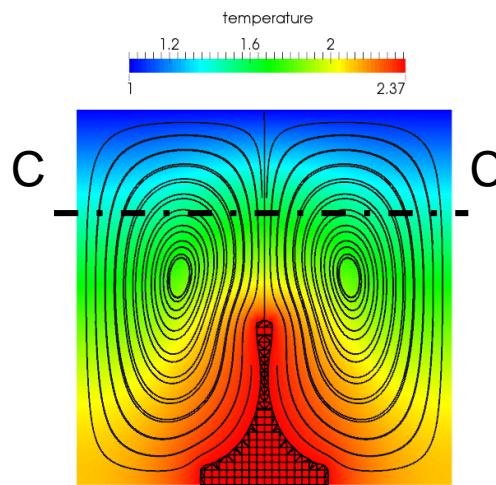
steady-state assumed
response predicted on full mesh
50x50 elements
GCMMA & adjoint SA

Case 1: Low Heating

$$Q_A = 0.05 \text{ W}$$



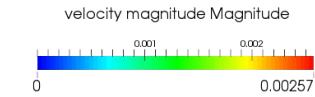
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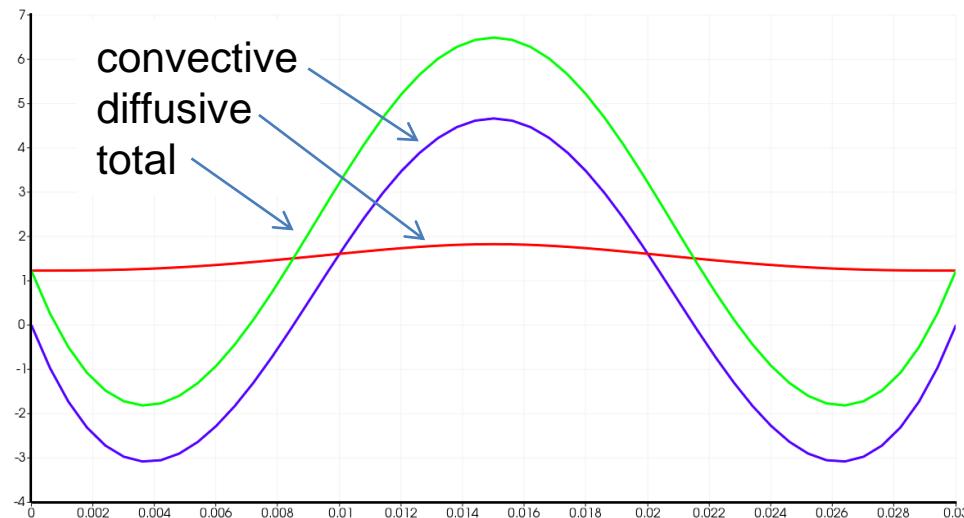
$$Q_A = 0.05 \text{ W}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Re} &= 6.15 \\ Ra &= 4680 \end{aligned}$$

heat flux C-C

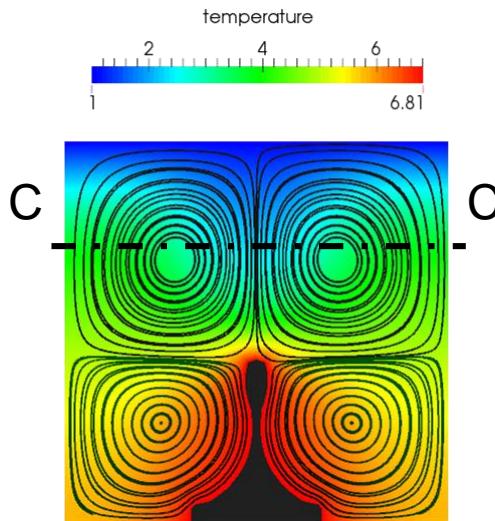


C C



no significant change
during optimization

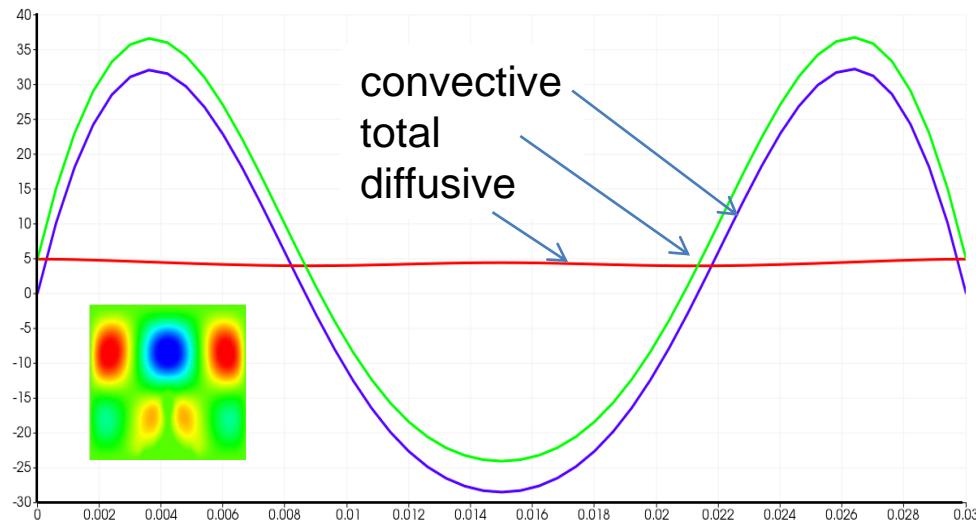
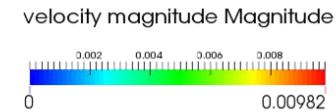
Case 2: Strong Heating



$$Q_A = 0.25 \text{ W}$$

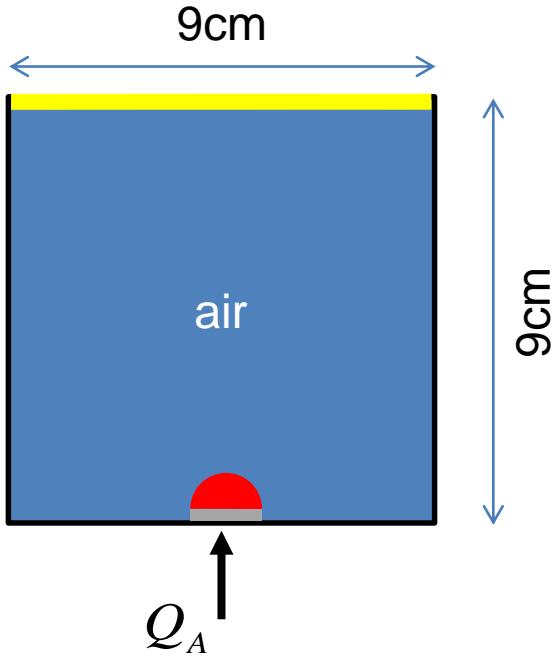
$$\begin{aligned} \text{Re} &= 23.50 \\ Ra &= 19.840 \end{aligned}$$

heat flux C-C



higher flux values for optimized design but similar shape

Unsteady Example



Minimize Mean Temperature T_A after 40 Minutes

s.t. constraint on solid volume (< initial)

& perimeter (< $2 \times$ initial)

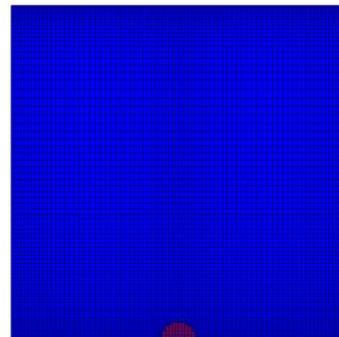
symmetry of design enforced

$$Q_A = 50 \text{ W}$$

— adiabatic

— T_Γ

■ non-design (solid)



transient response computed

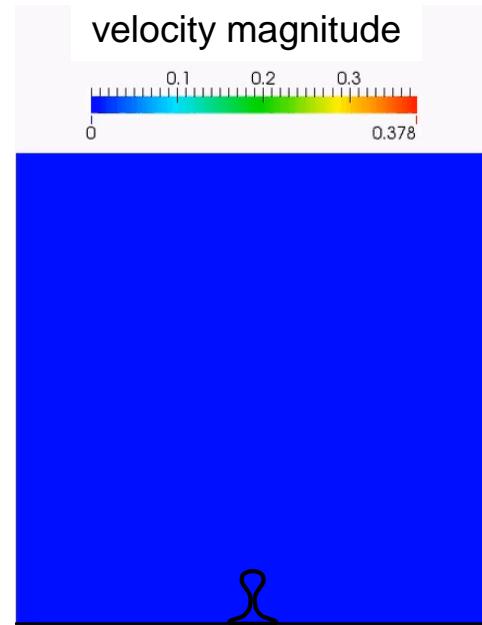
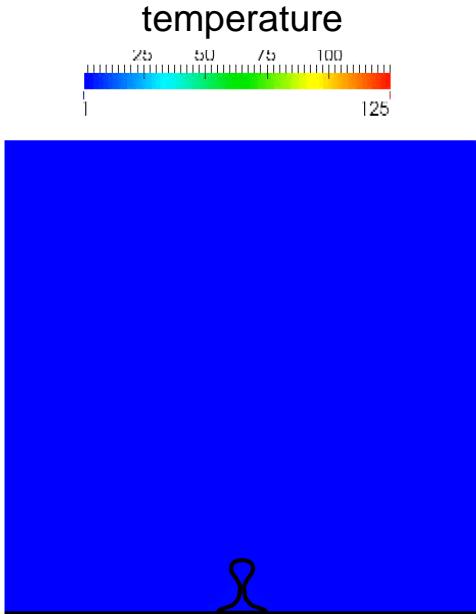
by BDF-2 (2500 time steps)

12,896 elements

GCMMMA & adjoint SA

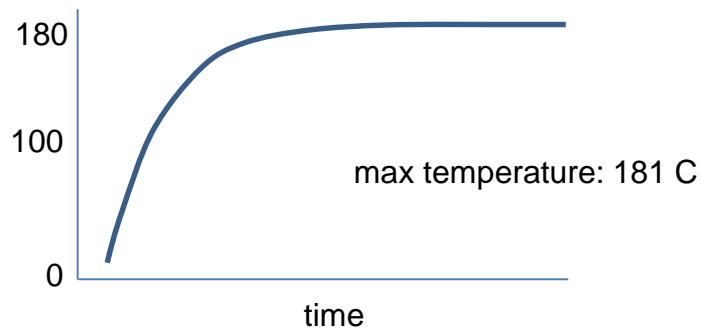
Unsteady Example

Transient Analysis of Optimized Design

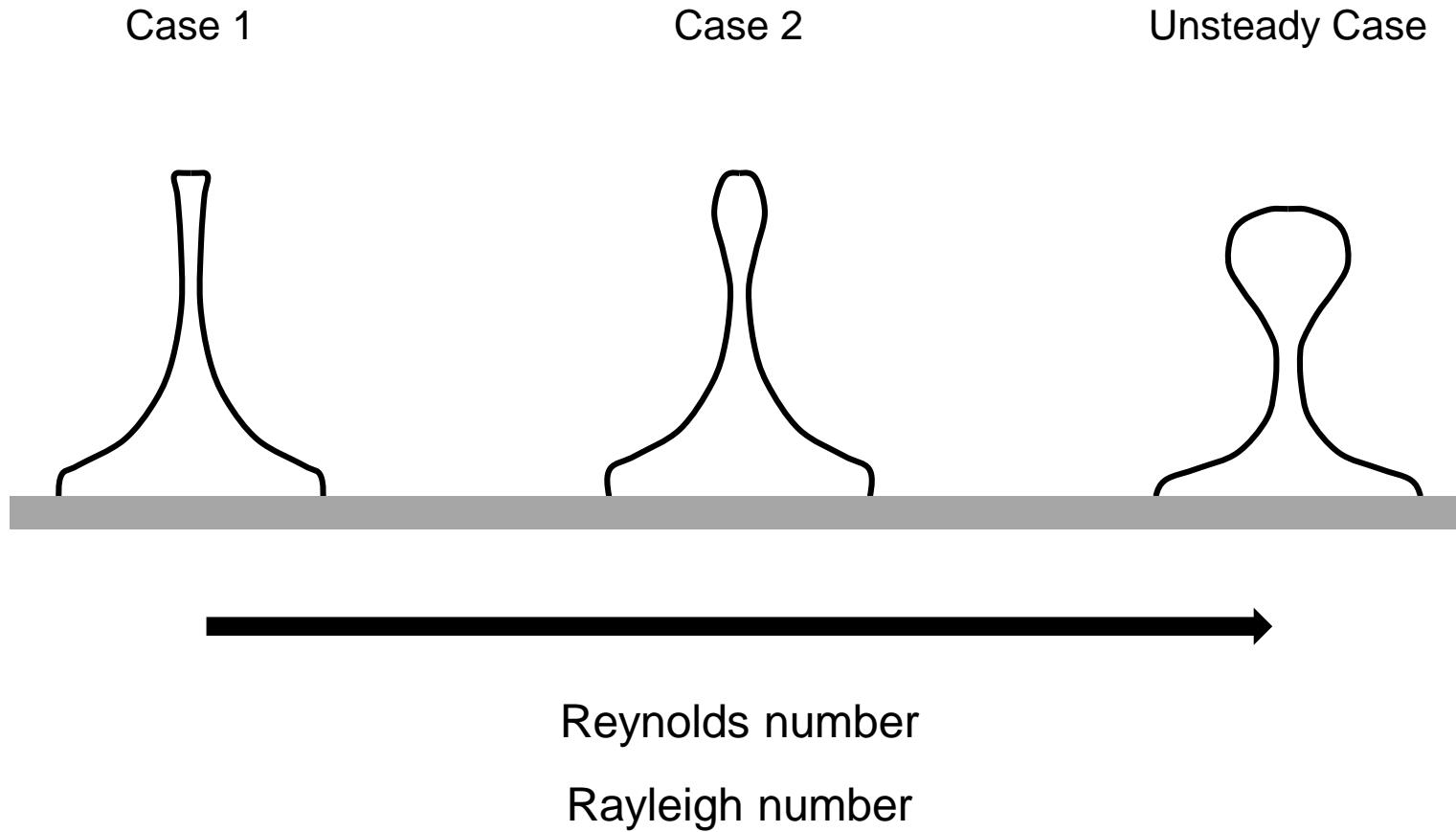


$$\text{Re} = 2,6915$$
$$Ra = 1.67 \cdot 10^7$$

Evolution of temperature at point A

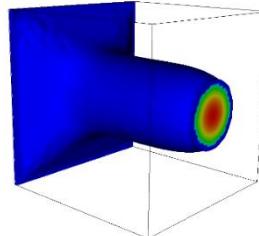
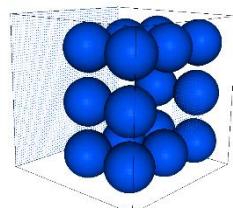
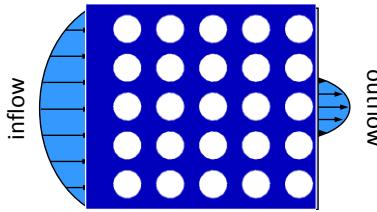


Comparison of Geometries



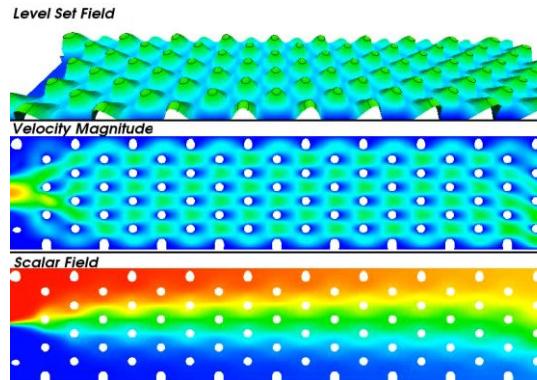
LSM & XFEM Optimization of Flow Problems

Fluid Mechanics:



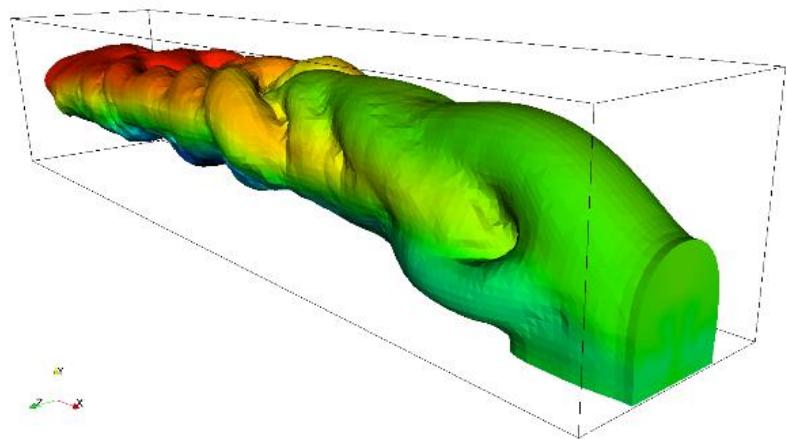
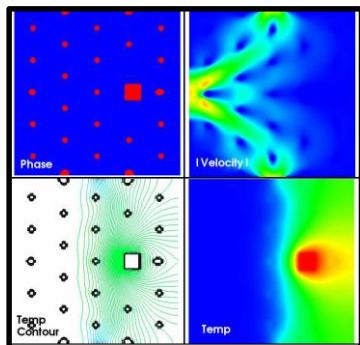
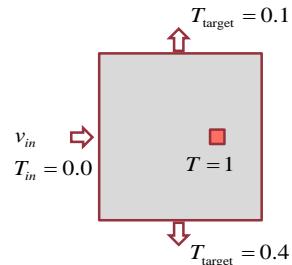
diffuser designs

Forced Convection:



micro-mixer designs

Forced Convection:



Conclusions

LSM & XFEM Topology Optimization:

- a promising alternative to SIMP:
 - no need for material interpolation & penalization
 - higher geometry resolution on given mesh
- requires a robust and versatile XFEM formulation
- features great algorithmic and implementation complexity

Open Issues:

- stable enforcement of boundary conditions for nonlinear, non-elliptic problems
- regularization methods for local shape control
- overcoming discontinuities in shape evolution

