

# Shape and Topology Optimization Powered by MFEM

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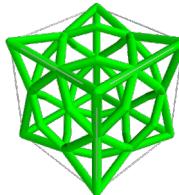
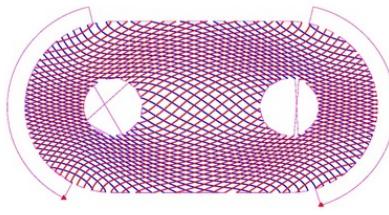
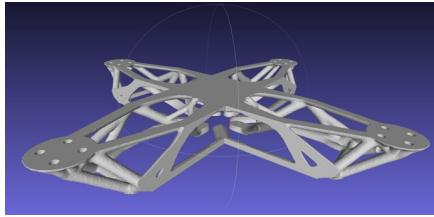
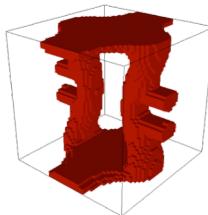
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# Systematic Design Optimization

## Livermore Design Optimization (LiDO) code:

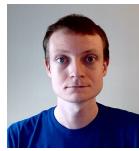
- Developing production-quality design optimization tools for Lab community and collaborators
- HPC-enabled design for coupled, transient, and nonlinear physics
- Developing and using optimization-aware machine learning models
- AM process optimization
- Manufacturing constraints
- Design under uncertainty



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LiDO



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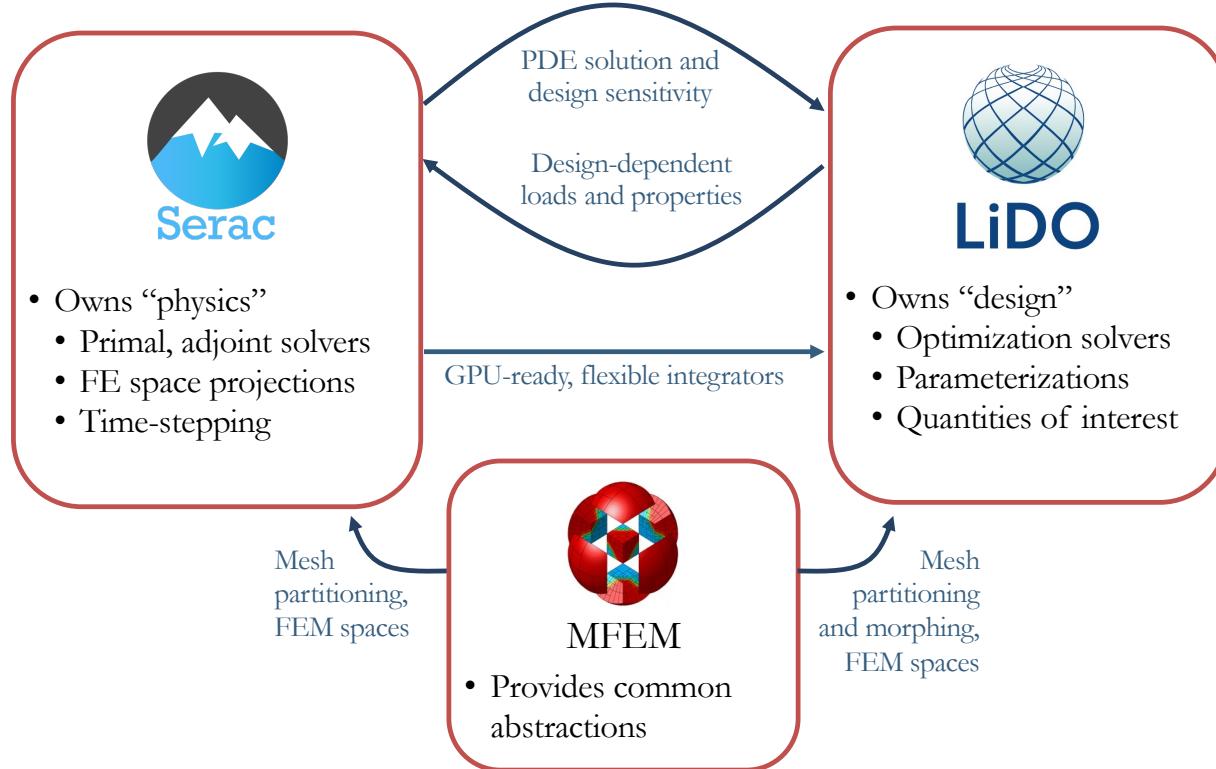
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# Optimization Framework: Building Blocks

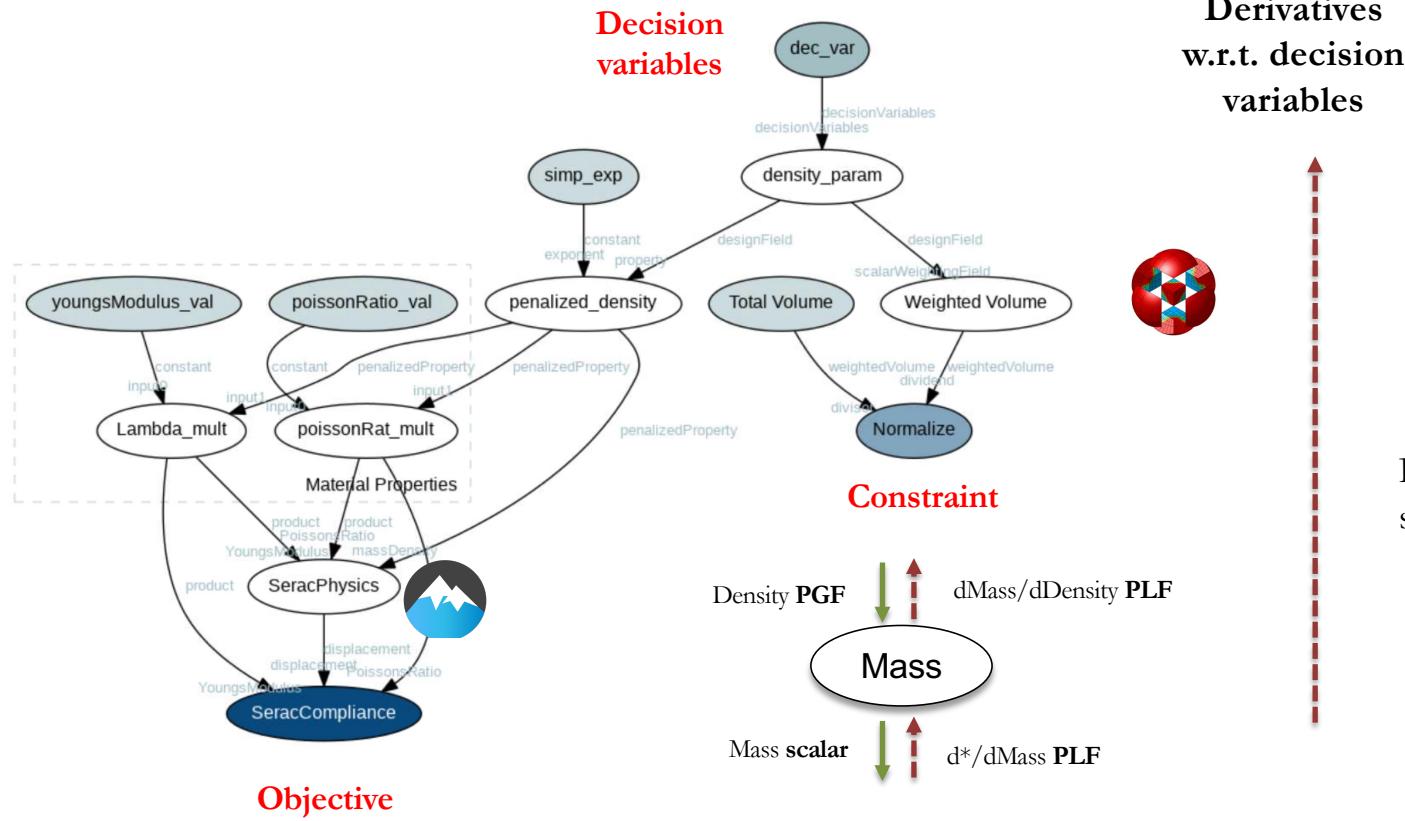
Smith and LiDO are being co-developed to improve utility, integration, and performance



# Example of LiDO Graph Data Flow

Forward physical analysis

Performance metric (i.e., objective and constraints)



Backward sensitivity analysis

# Gradient-based topology and shape optimization

Current alternatives for gradient-based optimization in LiDO:

Design evolves  
**automatically** via

**Topology optimization**  
(TopOpt)

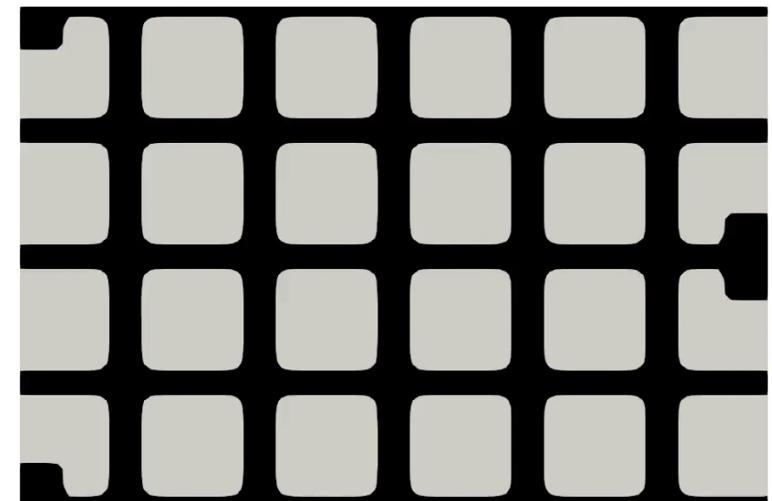


Parameterizes

Fields

$$\int_{\Omega} \nabla \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbb{C}(\mathbf{d}) [\nabla \mathbf{u}] dv = 0$$

**Shape optimization**  
(ShapeOpt\*)



Domain

$$\int_{\Omega(\mathbf{d})} \nabla \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbb{C} [\nabla \mathbf{u}] dv = 0$$

\*Under active development

# TopOpt: Multi-material design considering geometric measures

A mass mock part designed for additive manufacturing with two materials (red and clear) to match a given total mass, center of mass, and multiple moments of inertia.

$$\min_p \quad \theta(\mathbf{p}) = w_0 \int_{\Omega} p(1.0 - p) dV$$

such that  $g_1(p) = w_1 \left( \mathcal{M}(p)/\bar{\mathcal{M}} - 1.0 \right)^2 \leq$

$$g_2(p) = w_2 \left( \mathcal{I}_{XX}(p)/\bar{\mathcal{I}}_{XX} - 1.0 \right)^2 \leq 0$$

$$g_3(p) = w_3 \left( \mathcal{I}_{YY}(p)/\bar{\mathcal{I}}_{YY} - 1.0 \right)^2 \leq 0$$

$$g_4(p) = w_4 \left( \mathcal{I}_{ZZ}(p)/\bar{\mathcal{I}}_{ZZ} - 1.0 \right)^2 \leq 0$$

$$g_5(p) = w_5 \left( \mathcal{C}_X(p) - \bar{\mathcal{C}}_X \right)^2 \leq 0$$

$$g_6(p) = w_6 \left( \mathcal{C}_Y(p) - \bar{\mathcal{C}}_Y \right)^2 \leq 0$$

$$g_7(p) = w_7 \left( \mathcal{C}_Z(p) - \bar{\mathcal{C}}_Z \right)^2 \leq 0$$



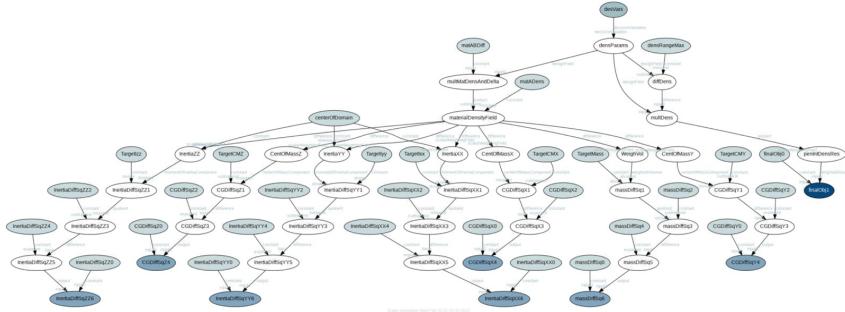
Skin thickness  
of 0.1 inches

$w_i$  : weights to adjust sensitivity contributions

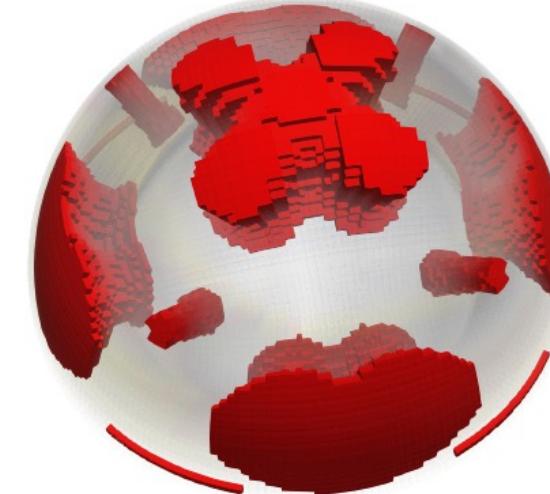
$$\mathcal{M}(p) = \int_{\Omega} \rho(p) dV$$

$$\rho = \rho_A + p(\rho_B - \rho_A)$$

Simple implementation of graph despite number of vertices.



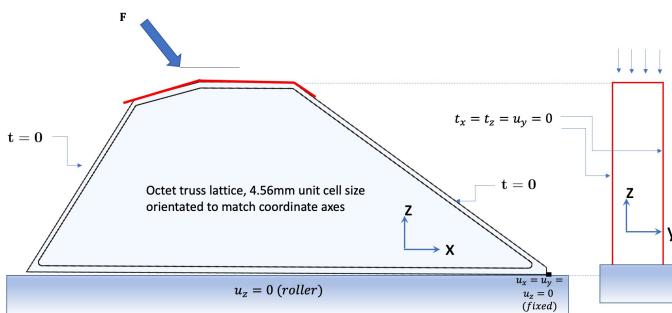
Optimal design



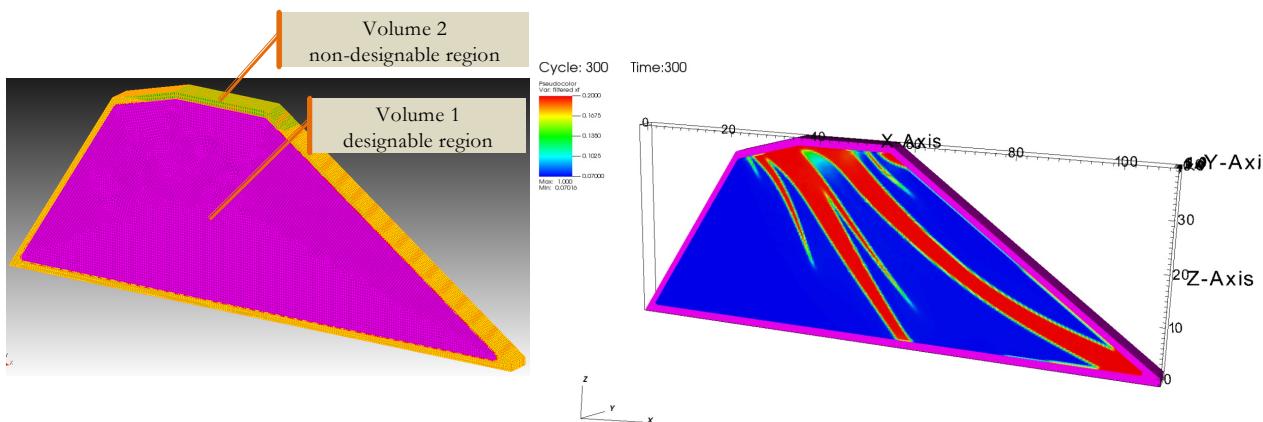
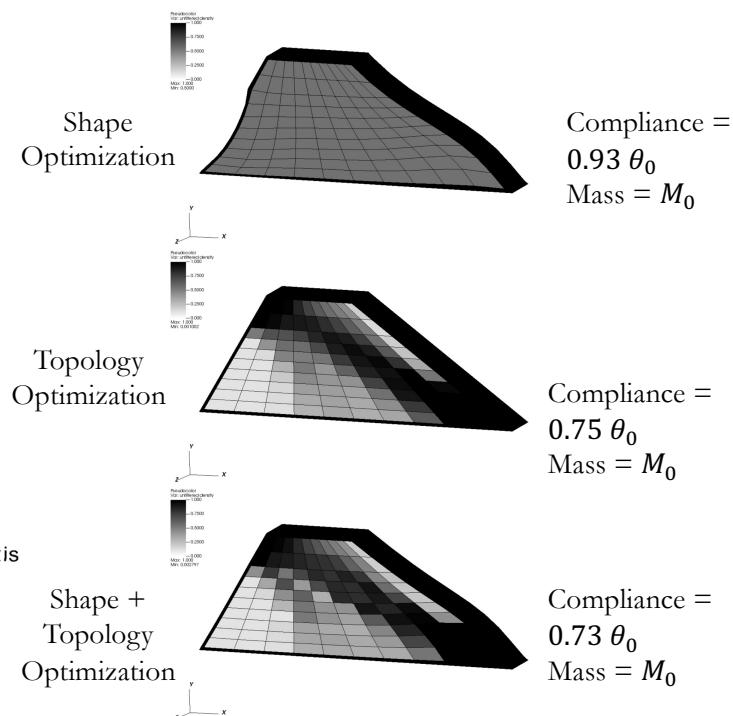
# TopOpt: Field-based octet truss lattice structural design

Minimize compliance,  
subject to the mass fraction  
constraint:

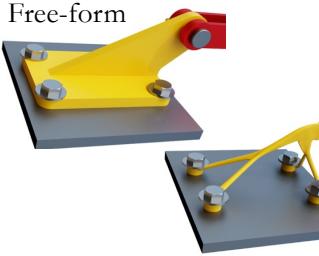
- mass fraction of  
designable region  $\leq 10\%$ ,  
where the designable  
region is made up of an  
octet lattice.



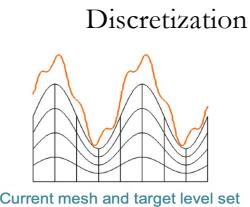
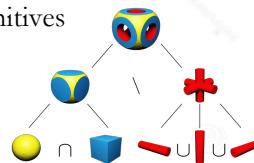
Combining design optimization approaches



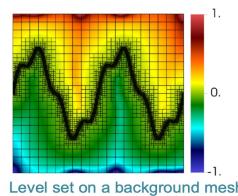
# Shape Optimization 101



Free-form  
Combining  
geometric  
primitives



Discretization  
Current mesh and target level set



Level set on a background mesh

## Shape Optimization Team



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Mittal



Schmidt



Swartz



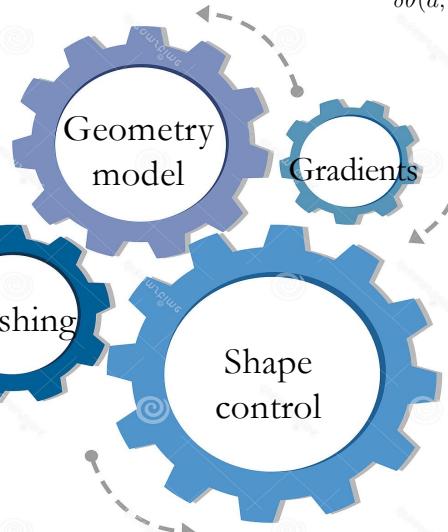
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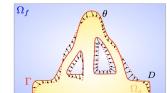


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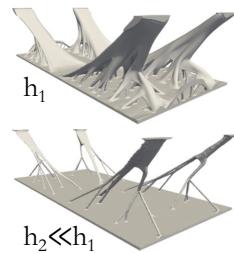
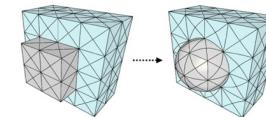


## Shape sensitivity analysis

$$\delta\theta(d; \delta d) = \int_{\Omega} \left( -\frac{\partial g}{\partial \nabla \mathbf{u}} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u} \nabla \mathbf{v}_d + g \operatorname{div} \mathbf{v}_d \right) dv - \int_{\Omega} \left( -\nabla \mathbf{w} \nabla \mathbf{v}_d \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} - \nabla \mathbf{w} \cdot \frac{\partial \boldsymbol{\sigma}}{\partial \nabla \mathbf{u}} [\nabla \mathbf{u} \nabla \mathbf{v}_d] \right. \\ \left. - \mathbf{w} \cdot \dot{\mathbf{b}} + (\nabla \mathbf{w} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} - \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{b}) \operatorname{div} \mathbf{v}_d \right) dv$$



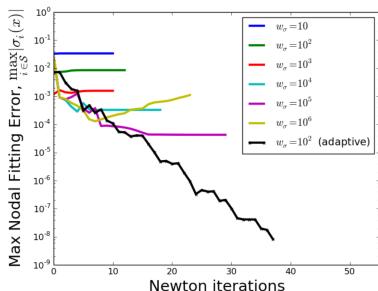
Accurate mesh morphing,  
feature size control, ...



# ShapeOpt: Pre-processing Discretized Design Domain

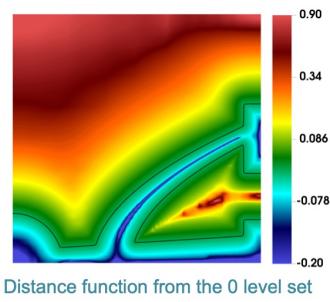
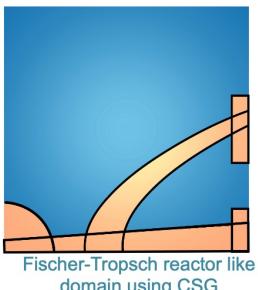
- MFEM's TMOP adapt structured meshes to parameterized geometry (uses GSLib too)

$$F(\mathbf{x}) = \underbrace{\sum_{E(\mathbf{x}_E)} \int_{E_t} \mu(T(\mathbf{x})) d\mathbf{x}_t}_{F_\mu} + \underbrace{w_\sigma \int_{\mathcal{S}} \sigma^2(\mathbf{x})}_{F_\sigma}$$

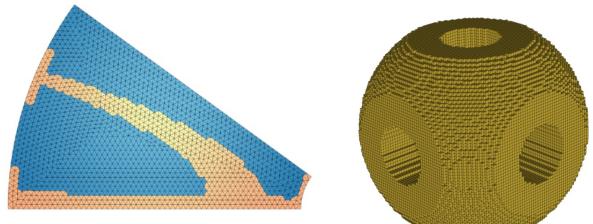


$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial F_\sigma(\mathbf{x})}{\partial x_{a,i}} &= 2\omega_\sigma \sum_{s \in \mathcal{S}} \sigma(x_s) \frac{\partial \sigma(x_s)}{\partial x_a} \frac{\partial x_a(\bar{x}_s)}{\partial x_{a,i}} = 2\omega_\sigma \sum_{s \in \mathcal{S}} \sigma(x_s) \frac{\partial \sigma(x_s)}{\partial x_a} \bar{w}_i(\bar{x}_s), \\ \frac{\partial^2 F_\sigma(\mathbf{x})}{\partial x_{b,j} \partial x_{a,i}} &= 2\omega_\sigma \sum_{s \in \mathcal{S}} \left( \frac{\partial \sigma(x_s)}{\partial x_b} \frac{\partial \sigma(x_s)}{\partial x_a} + 2\omega_\sigma \frac{\partial^2 \sigma(x_s)}{\partial x_b \partial x_a} \right) \bar{w}_i(\bar{x}_s) \bar{w}_j(\bar{x}_s), \end{aligned}$$

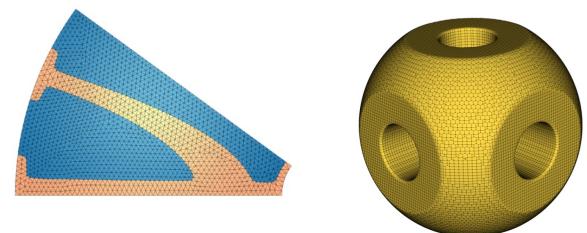
$$a, b = 1 \dots d, \quad i, j = 1 \dots N_x.$$



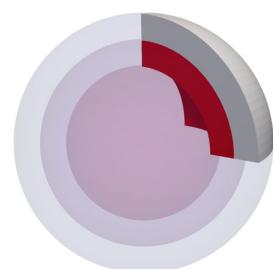
Initial mesh



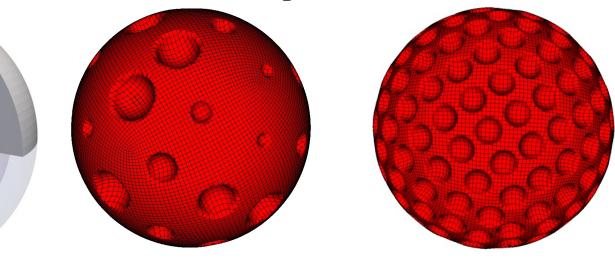
Morphed mesh



Initial mesh

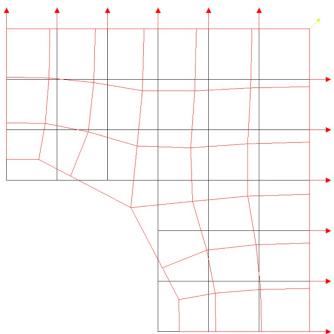


Flexible parameterization



# ShapeOpt: Alternatives Explored

**Option 1:** node coordinates as decision variables



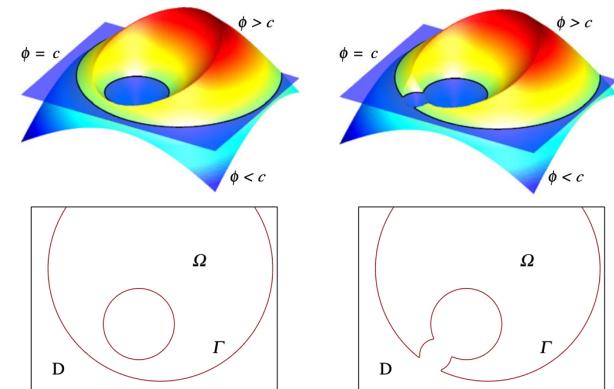
## Node aware shape optimization

$$r_d(\tilde{\mathbf{u}}_d, \tilde{\mathbf{w}}, \mathbf{u}_d) = 0 = \int_{\Omega_0} (\nabla \tilde{\mathbf{w}} \cdot \gamma \nabla \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_d + \tilde{\mathbf{w}} \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_d) dv - \int_{\Omega_0} \tilde{\mathbf{w}} \cdot \mathbf{u}_d dv$$

$$\min_{\tilde{\mathbf{u}}_d \in \mathcal{H}_c} \theta_\gamma = \int_{\Omega_0} |\tilde{\mathbf{u}}_d - \mathbf{u}_d|^2 dv + \gamma \int_{\Omega_0} |\nabla \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_d|^2 dv$$

$$\delta \theta_i(\tilde{\mathbf{u}}_d; \delta \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_d) = \delta \theta_i^E(\mathbf{x}; \delta \mathbf{x}) - \delta r^E(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{x}; \delta \mathbf{x})$$

**Option 2:**  
interface/boundary defined implicitly by isocontour of a level set function

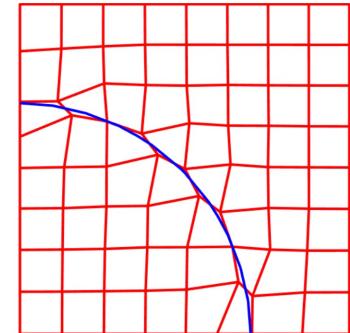


## Level set shape optimization

Design (fixed) mesh

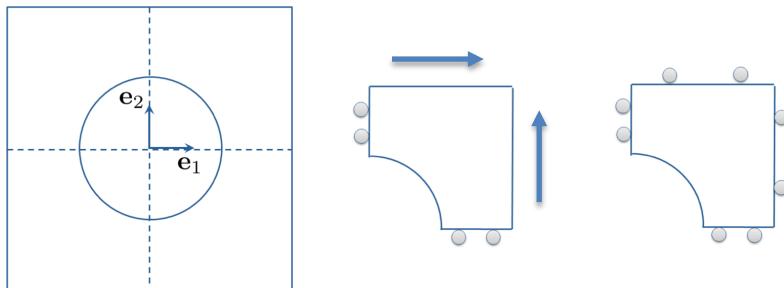
9	18	27	36	45	54	63	72	81
8	17	26	35	44	53	62	71	80
7	16	25	34	43	52	61	70	79
6	15	24	33	42	51	60	69	78
5	14	23	32	41	50	59	68	77
4	13	22	31	40	49	58	67	76
3	12	21	30	39	48	57	66	75
2	11	20	29	38	47	56	65	74
1	10	19	28	37	46	55	64	73

Analysis (morphing) mesh



# ShapeOpt: Structural design of benchmark stress problem

Plate with Hole:



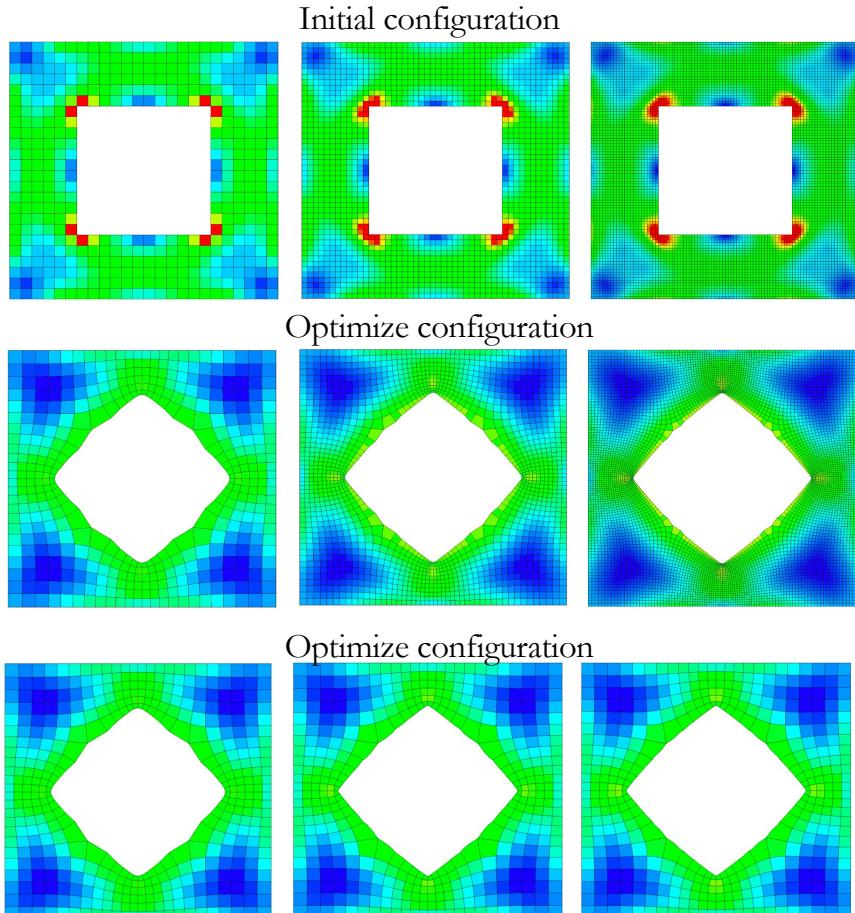
$$\min_{\mathbf{u}_d \in \mathcal{H}_H} \quad \theta_0 = \left( \int_{\Omega} \sigma_{VM}^p dv \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}$$

such that

$$\theta_1 = \int_{\Omega} dv - \bar{V} = 0$$
$$\underline{u}_d \leq \mathbf{u}_d \cdot \mathbf{e}_i \leq \bar{u}_d \text{ for } i = 1, 2$$

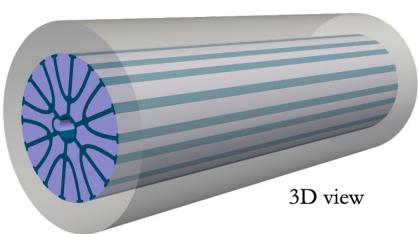
h-refinement

p-refinement

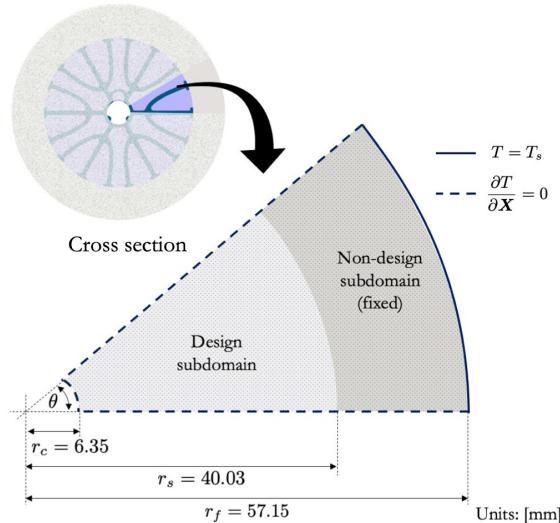


# ShapeOpt: Reactor Design for Thermal Management

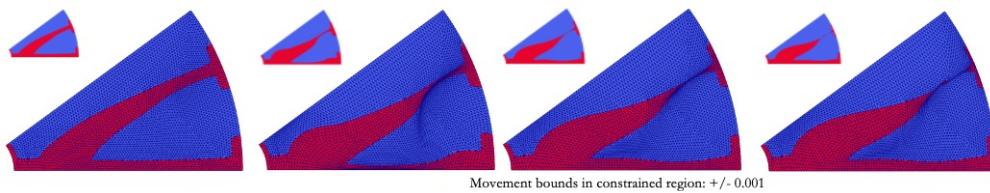
Design optimization of integrated cooling inserts in modular Fischer-Tropsch reactors



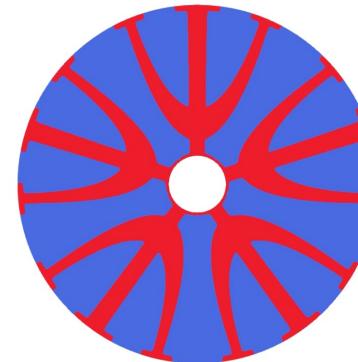
- Steel Tube
- Aluminum Insert
- Iron/ Cobalt Catalyst



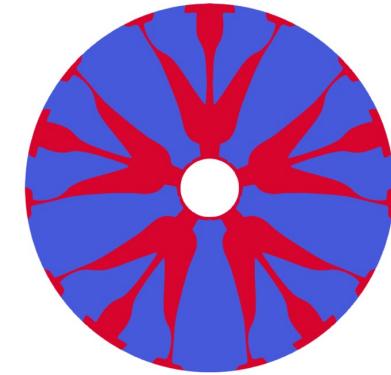
Controlling minimum feature size in topology preserving designs



Initial design



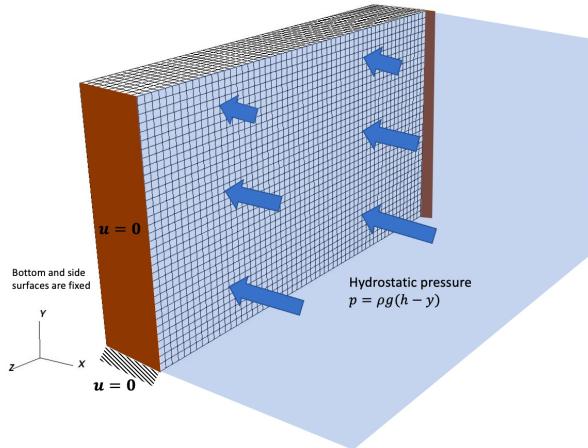
Optimal design



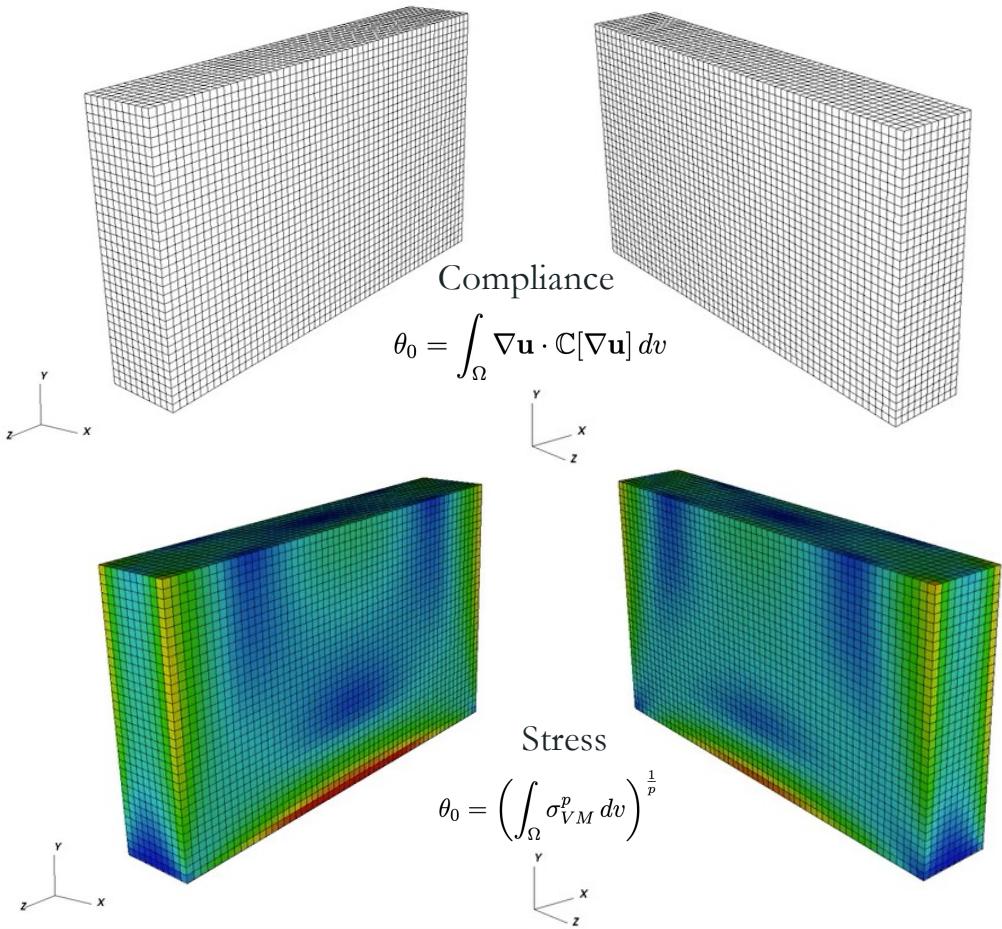
Temperature fields

# ShapeOpt: Dam Structural Design

Shape optimization of a concrete dam. Enforcing an anisotropic stress constraint yields a familiar compression arch shape.



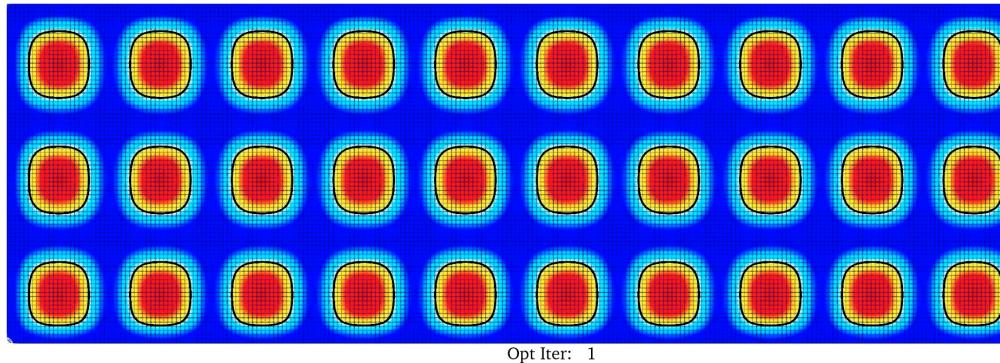
$$\begin{aligned} & \min_{\mathbf{u}_d \in \mathcal{H}_H} \theta_0 \\ \text{such that } & \theta_1 = \int_{\Omega} dv - \bar{V} = 0 \\ & \underline{u}_d \leq \mathbf{u}_d \cdot \mathbf{e}_i \leq \bar{u}_d \text{ for } i = 1, 2 \end{aligned}$$



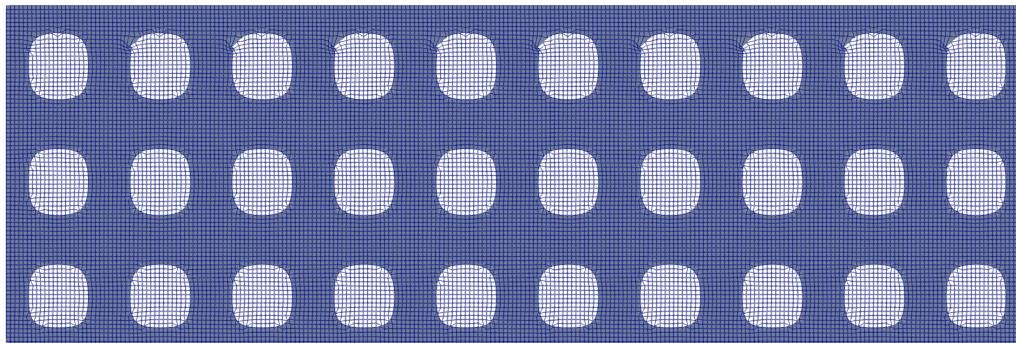
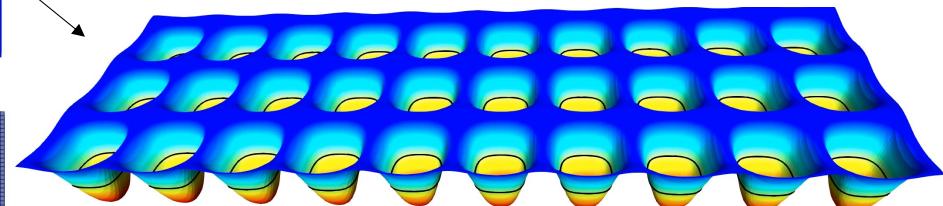
# ShapeOpt: Parameter-free via Level Sets

- Two meshes: one fixed for design and another that morphs for analysis.
- Leverages graph, TMOP, and (in the near future) Serac's shape sensitivities.
- Current approach allows for topological changes and circumvents remeshing by redefining the element attributes of the mesh to be morphed.

MBB Beam compliance minimization with mass constraint

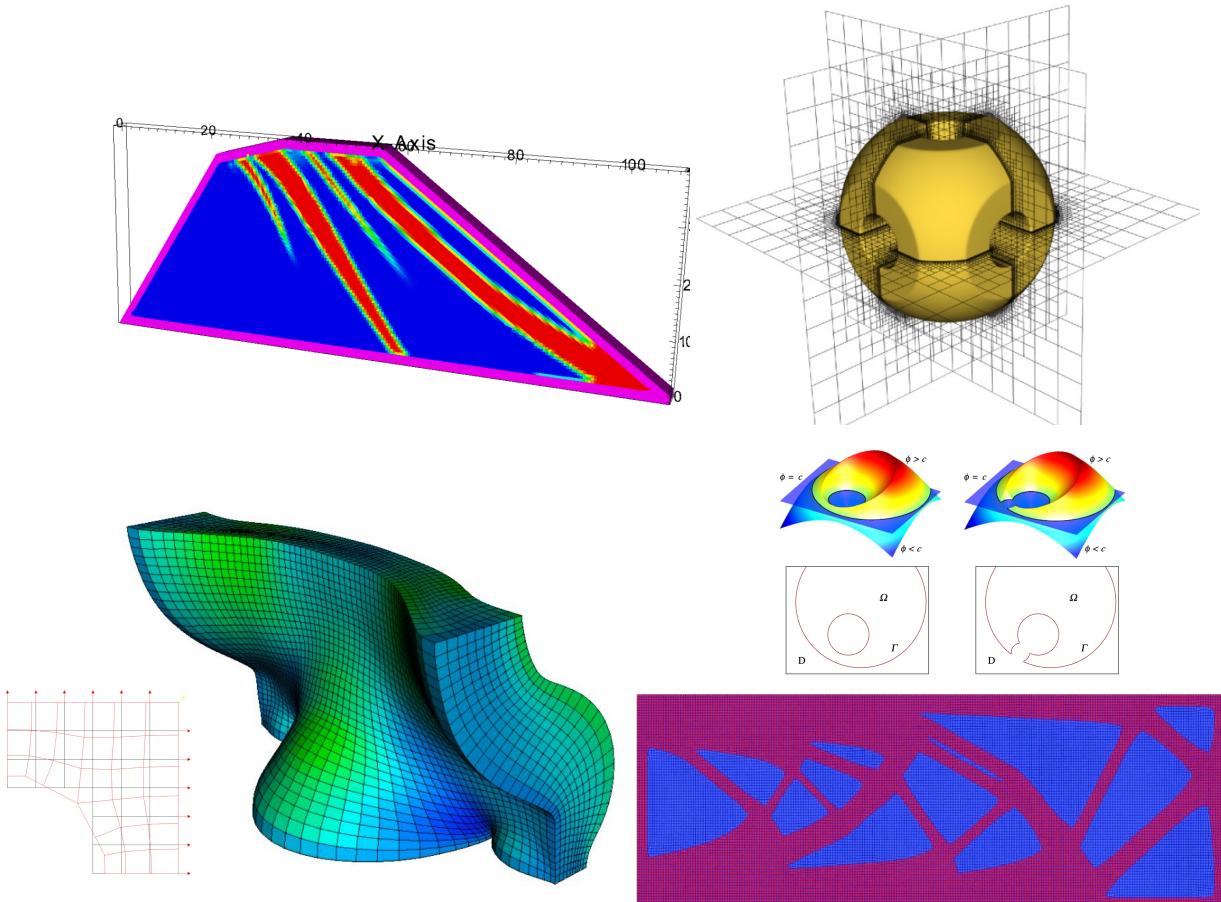


LS regularization via Heat Method using MFEM's Miniapp to compute a signed distance function.



# Summary

- LiDO->Serac-> MFEM
- Graph paradigm aids in modularization.
- Flexibility to exchange building blocks based on applications.
- Robust topology optimization (fictitious density/volume fraction fields) for various physics in 2D and 3D.
- Level set shape optimization using TMOP for mesh morphing.
- Potential application of shape optimization approaches to large scale problems since they are purely based on MFEM abstractions.



# Thank you!

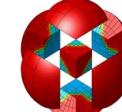
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LiDO



Serac



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