

# A new approach to topological ligaments in shape optimization

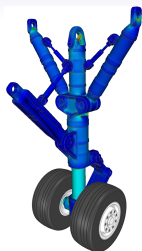
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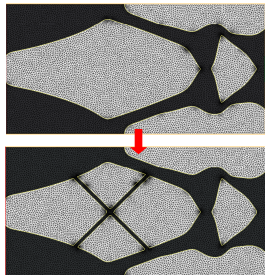
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## Foreword

- **Shape optimization** aims at finding the “best” design of a physical device  $\Omega$  with respect to a measure of performance  $J(\Omega)$ .
- This discipline has raised a tremendous enthusiasm in the academic and industrial communities.
- Most numerical algorithms rely on a notion of “**derivative**” for the mapping  $\Omega \mapsto J(\Omega)$ ...
- ... which, in turn, calls for a definition of “**small variations**” of a given shape  $\Omega$ .
- We introduce a method to appraise the sensitivity of  $J(\Omega)$  with respect to the **graft of a thin bar** to  $\Omega$ .
- This task relies on a connection with the mathematical field of **small inhomogeneities**.



*Optimization of a landing gear  
(courtesy of Ansys).*



*“Optimized” addition of thin bars to a  
shape with poor topology.*

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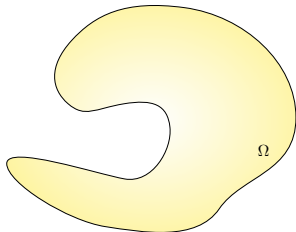
## Different sensitivities with respect to the domain (I)

A typical **shape and topology optimization** problem reads:

$$\min_{\Omega} J(\Omega) \text{ s.t. } C(\Omega) \leq 0,$$

where

- $\Omega$  is a **shape**, e.g. an elastic structure.
  - $J(\Omega)$  measures the **physical performance** of  $\Omega$ .
  - $C(\Omega)$  is a **constraint** functional.
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- Most numerical algorithms rely on the “**derivatives**” of  $\Omega \mapsto J(\Omega)$  and  $\Omega \mapsto C(\Omega)$ .
  - Multiple notions of derivative with respect to the design exist, which are based on as many descriptions of “**small variations of shapes**”.

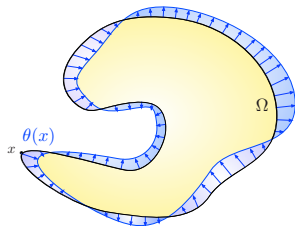


### ① Hadamard's boundary variation method.

Variations of a shape are considered under the form

$$\Omega_\theta := (\text{Id} + \theta)(\Omega),$$

where  $\theta : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$  is a “small” vector field [HenPi].



This gives rise to the notion of **shape derivative**  $J'(\Omega)(\theta)$  for a function  $\Omega \mapsto J(\Omega)$ :

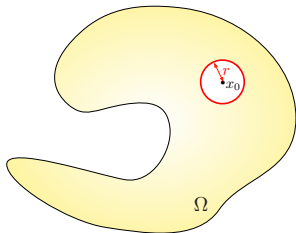
$$J(\Omega_\theta) = J(\Omega) + J'(\Omega)(\theta) + o(\theta).$$

## ② Nucleation of a tiny hole.

Variations of  $\Omega$  are considered under the form

$$\Omega_{x_0, r} := \Omega \setminus \overline{B(x_0, r)},$$

where  $x_0 \in \Omega$  and  $r \ll 1$  [NoSo].



This yields the notion of **topological derivative**  $dJ_T(\Omega)(x_0)$  for a function  $\Omega \mapsto J(\Omega)$ :

$$J(\Omega_{x_0, r}) = J(\Omega) + r^d dJ_T(\Omega)(x_0) + o(r^d).$$

## Different sensitivities with respect to the domain (III)

### ③ Graft of a thin ligament.

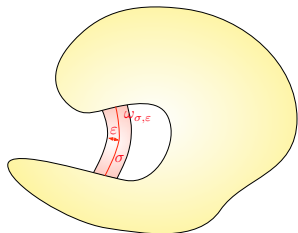
One third means to define “small” variations of  $\Omega$  is:

$$\Omega_{\sigma,\varepsilon} := \Omega \cup \omega_{\sigma,\varepsilon},$$

where

$$\omega_{\sigma,\varepsilon} := \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^d, d(x, \sigma) < \varepsilon \right\}$$

is a tube with thickness  $\varepsilon \ll 1$  around a curve  $\sigma$  [NaSo]



Such variations pave the way to a notion of **topological ligament** derivative:

$$J(\Omega_{\sigma,\varepsilon}) = J(\Omega) + \underbrace{\varepsilon^{d-1}}_{\approx |\omega_{\sigma,\varepsilon}|} dJ_L(\Omega)(\sigma) + o(\varepsilon^{d-1}).$$

This topic has been seldom investigated in the literature. Unfortunately,

- The mathematical derivation of such asymptotic formulas is very difficult.
- The resulting formulas are difficult to use in practice.



## Guidelines of this work

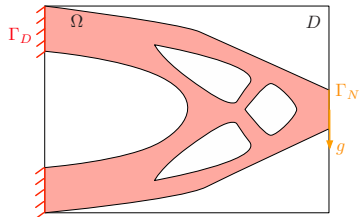
- We approximate the considered “one-phase and void” shape optimization problems by **two-phase problems**, featuring an “**ersatz**”, nearly degenerate phase.
- This allows to approximate rigorous topological ligament asymptotic expansions by formulas pertaining to the field of **small inhomogeneities**.
- We present a **formal energy method** to obtain such expansions with a minimum amount of technicality.
- We use the derived formulas to **add bars to a shape in an optimal way**, in several practical contexts.

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## Shape optimization of elastic structures

**Shapes** are bounded Lipschitz domains  $\Omega \subset D$  in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ .

- They are clamped on a fixed subset  $\Gamma_D \subset \partial D$ .
- Traction loads  $g : \Gamma_N \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$  are applied on  $\Gamma_N \subset \partial D$ .
- The remaining part  $\Gamma = \partial\Omega \setminus (\overline{\Gamma_D} \cup \overline{\Gamma_N})$  is traction-free.



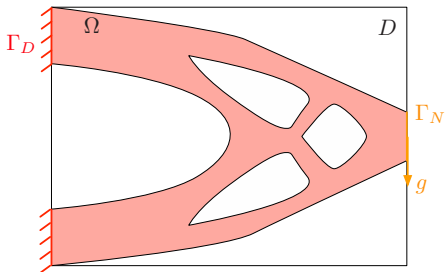
The elastic displacement  $u_\Omega \in H^1(\Omega)^d$  is the unique solution to

$$\begin{cases} -\operatorname{div}(Ae(u_\Omega)) = 0 & \text{in } \Omega, \\ u_\Omega = 0 & \text{on } \Gamma_D, \\ Ae(u_\Omega)n = g & \text{on } \Gamma_N, \\ Ae(u_\Omega)n = 0 & \text{on } \Gamma, \end{cases}$$

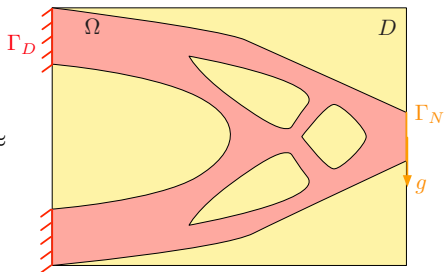
where  $A$  is the (homogeneous) Hooke's law of the material.

# The ersatz material approximation (I)

We approximate this setting by “filling the void”  $D \setminus \bar{\Omega}$  with a **soft** material  $\eta A$ ,  $\eta \ll 1$ .



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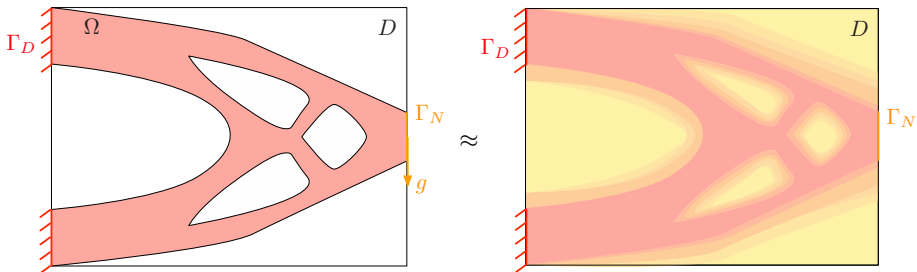
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$$A_\eta = \begin{cases} A & \text{if } x \in \Omega, \\ \eta A & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

## The ersatz material approximation (II)

We may as well use a **smoothed** version  $\widetilde{A}_\eta$  of  $A_\eta$ .



$$\begin{cases} -\operatorname{div}(Ae(u_\Omega)) = 0 & \text{in } \Omega, \\ u_\Omega = 0 & \text{on } \Gamma_D, \\ Ae(u_\Omega)n = g & \text{on } \Gamma_N, \\ Ae(u_\Omega)n = 0 & \text{on } \Gamma. \end{cases}$$

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$$\widetilde{A}_\eta = (\text{smoothed}) \begin{cases} A & \text{if } x \in \Omega, \\ \eta A & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

## The ersatz material approximation (III)

- A **quantity of interest**  $J(\Omega)$ , depending on  $\Omega$  via  $u_\Omega$  can be given an **approximate counterpart** by the same token.

Example: The shape functional

$$J(\Omega) = \int_{\Omega} j(x, u_\Omega(x)) \, dx \text{ where } j : \mathbb{R}^d_x \times \mathbb{R}^d_u \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ is smooth}$$

can be approximated as

$$J(\Omega) \approx \int_D j(x, u_\eta(x)) \, dx, \quad \text{up to modifying } j.$$

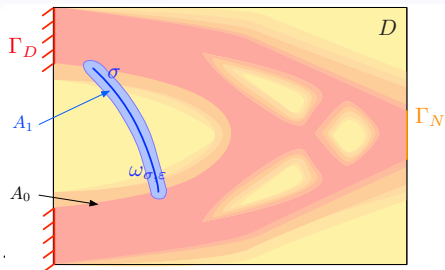
- In the same spirit, we aim to construct an ersatz material approximation

$$J_\sigma(\varepsilon) \approx J(\Omega_{\sigma,\varepsilon}), \text{ where } \Omega_{\sigma,\varepsilon} = \Omega \cup \omega_{\sigma,\varepsilon}.$$

# The ersatz material approximation: perturbed setting (I)

- Let  $A_0(x)$  be a smooth Hooke's law in  $D$ .
- The “background displacement  $u_0$  is the  $H^1(D)^d$  solution to:

$$\begin{cases} -\operatorname{div}(A_0 e(u_0)) = 0 & \text{in } D, \\ u_0 = 0 & \text{on } \Gamma_D, \\ A_0 e(u_0) n = g & \text{on } \Gamma_N, \\ A_0 e(u_0) n = 0 & \text{on } \partial D \setminus (\overline{\Gamma_D} \cup \overline{\Gamma_N}). \end{cases}$$



- In a perturbed situation, the properties  $A_0(x)$  are traded for  $A_1(x)$  in a tube

$$\omega_{\sigma,\varepsilon} := \{x \in D, d(x, \sigma) < \varepsilon\}$$

with “small” thickness  $\varepsilon \ll 1$  around a curve  $\sigma$ .

- The perturbed elastic displacement  $u_\varepsilon$  is the solution to:

$$\begin{cases} -\operatorname{div}(A_\varepsilon e(u_\varepsilon)) = 0 & \text{in } D, \\ u_\varepsilon = 0 & \text{on } \Gamma_D, \\ A_\varepsilon e(u_\varepsilon) n = g & \text{on } \Gamma_N, \\ A_\varepsilon e(u_\varepsilon) n = 0 & \text{on } \partial D \setminus (\overline{\Gamma_D} \cup \overline{\Gamma_N}), \end{cases} \quad \text{where } A_\varepsilon(x) = \begin{cases} A_1(x) & \text{if } x \in \omega_{\sigma,\varepsilon}, \\ A_0(x) & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

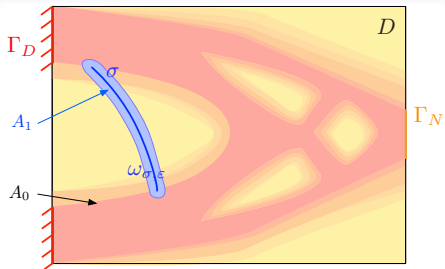
## The ersatz material approximation: perturbed setting (II)

The perturbed version of a quantity

$$J_\sigma(0) := \int_D j(u_0) \, dx$$

reads

$$J_\sigma(\varepsilon) = \int_D j(u_\varepsilon) \, dx.$$



- Intuitively, the asymptotic expansion of  $J'_\sigma(0)$ ,

$$J_\sigma(\varepsilon) = J_\sigma(0) + \varepsilon^{d-1} J'_\sigma(0) + o(\varepsilon^{d-1})$$

measures the **sensitivity of  $J_\sigma$  with respect to changing material properties from  $A_0$  to  $A_1$  in the thin tube  $\omega_{\sigma,\varepsilon}$ .**

- When  $A_0$  is obtained from  $\Omega \subset D$  by the ersatz material approximation, i.e.

$$A_0(x) = \begin{cases} A & \text{if } x \in \Omega, \\ \eta A & \text{if } x \in D \setminus \bar{\Omega}, \end{cases} \quad \text{where } \eta \ll 1,$$

$J'_\sigma(0)$  is an **approximate sensitivity of  $J(\Omega)$  with respect to the addition of  $\omega_{\sigma,\varepsilon}$ .**



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## A glimpse of “small” inhomogeneities (I)

To set ideas, let us consider a model problem in the **conductivity** setting.

- $D \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  is a smooth bounded domain, filled by a material with smooth conductivity  $\gamma_0 \in C^\infty(\overline{D})$ .
- A smooth current  $g$  is applied on  $\partial D$  such that  $\int_{\partial D} g \, ds = 0$ .
- The “background” potential  $u_0$  is the unique  $H^1(D)$  solution such that  $\int_D u_0 \, dx = 0$  to the boundary-value problem

$$\begin{cases} -\operatorname{div}(\gamma_0 \nabla u_0) = 0 & \text{in } D, \\ \gamma_0 \frac{\partial u_0}{\partial n} = g & \text{on } \partial D. \end{cases}$$

- In a **perturbed** situation,  $D$  contains inhomogeneities with conductivity  $\gamma_1 \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$ , occupying a “small” subset  $\omega_\varepsilon \Subset D$ .
- The **perturbed potential**  $u_\varepsilon \in H^1(D)$  satisfies  $\int_D u_\varepsilon \, dx = 0$  and

$$\begin{cases} -\operatorname{div}(\gamma_\varepsilon \nabla u_\varepsilon) = 0 & \text{in } D, \\ \gamma_0 \frac{\partial u_\varepsilon}{\partial n} = g & \text{on } \partial D, \end{cases} \quad \text{where } \gamma_\varepsilon(x) := \begin{cases} \gamma_1(x) & \text{if } x \in \omega_\varepsilon, \\ \gamma_0(x) & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

## A glimpse of “small” inhomogeneities (II)


- A general **representation formula** for  $u_\varepsilon$  in the **low-volume limit**  $|\omega_\varepsilon| \rightarrow 0$  was derived in [CapVo]: for  $x \in \partial D$  and a subsequence of the  $\varepsilon$ ,

$$u_\varepsilon(x) = u_0(x) + |\omega_\varepsilon| \int_D (\gamma_1 - \gamma_0)(y) \mathcal{M}(y) \nabla u_0(y) \cdot \nabla_y N(x, y) \, d\mu(y) + o(|\omega_\varepsilon|),$$

where

- The probability measure  $\mu$  describes the “limiting position” of the subsets  $\omega_\varepsilon$ .
  - The **polarization tensor**  $\mathcal{M}(y)$  accounts for the “limiting behavior” of a rescaled version of the field  $u_\varepsilon$  inside  $\omega_\varepsilon$ .
  - $N(x, y)$  is the **Neumann function** of the background problem.
- The relevant quantity to measure the “smallness” of  $\omega_\varepsilon$  is the **volume**  $|\omega_\varepsilon|$ .
  - This formula can be refined when particular geometries are assumed for  $\omega_\varepsilon$ .

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 **Y. Capdeboscq and M. S. Vogelius**, *A general representation formula for boundary voltage perturbations caused by internal conductivity inhomogeneities of low volume fraction*, ESAIM: M2AN, 37 (2003), pp. 159–173.

## "Small" inhomogeneities: examples (I)

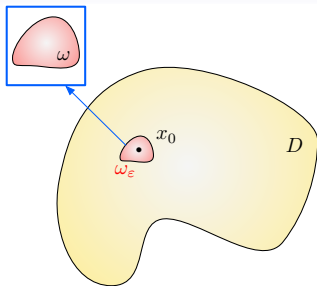
① **Diametrically small inhomogeneities** read

$$\omega_\varepsilon = x_0 + \varepsilon\omega,$$

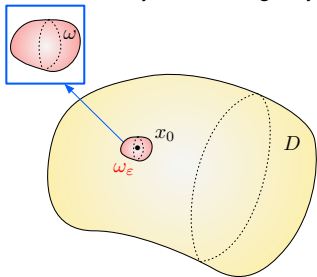
where  $\omega \in \mathbb{R}^d$  is a given bounded subset.

Then,

- $\mu$  is a multiple of  $\delta_{x_0}$ ,
- $\mathcal{M}$  involves the solution to an **exterior problem**, posed on  $\omega$  and  $\mathbb{R}^d \setminus \bar{\omega}$ .
- References: [ASe, CeMoVo]



A 2d diametrically small inhomogeneity



A 3d diametrically small inhomogeneity

## "Small" inhomogeneities: examples (II)

② **Thin inhomogeneities** have small thickness about a codimension 1 entity:

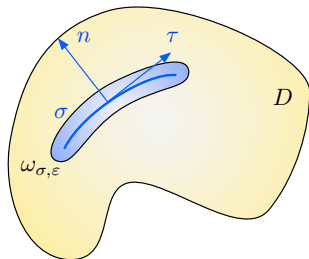
$$\omega_{\sigma,\varepsilon} = \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^d, d(x, \sigma) < \varepsilon \right\} \text{ if } d = 2,$$

and

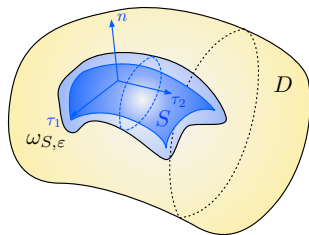
$$\omega_{S,\varepsilon} = \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^d, d(x, S) < \varepsilon \right\} \text{ if } d = 3,$$

where  $\sigma \Subset D$  and  $S \Subset D$  are (open or closed) curve and hypersurface in  $\mathbb{R}^2, \mathbb{R}^3$ , respectively.

- $\mu$  is an integration measure on  $\sigma$  or  $S$ ,
- $\mathcal{M}$  is diagonal in a local basis  $(\tau_1, \dots, \tau_{d-1}, n)$  attached to  $\sigma$  or  $S$ .
- References: [BeFranVo, KheZri]



A 2d thin inhomogeneity



A 3d thin inhomogeneity

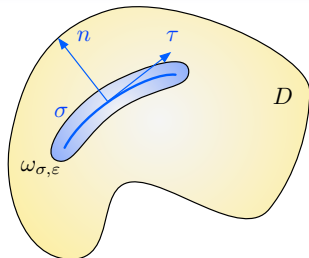
## "Small" inhomogeneities: examples (III)

### ③ Tubular inhomogeneities are of the form

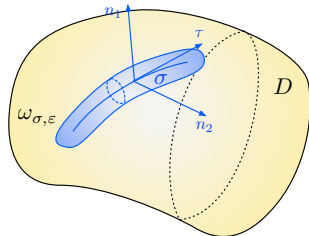
$$\omega_{\sigma,\varepsilon} = \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^d, d(x, \sigma) < \varepsilon \right\},$$

where  $\sigma \in D$  is an (open or closed) curve in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ .

- $\mu$  is an integration measure on  $\sigma$ ,
- $\mathcal{M}$  is diagonal in a local basis  $(\tau, n_1, \dots, n_{d-1})$  attached to  $\sigma$ .
- References: [BeCapGoFran, CapGrieKno]



In 2d, tubular inhomogeneities coincide with thin inhomogeneities



A 3d tubular inhomogeneity

## “Small” inhomogeneities: extensions and applications

- These questions have been considered in various more challenging physical settings, such as
  - that of the **linearized elasticity equations** [BeFran, BeBoFranMa]
  - that of the **Maxwell system** [AmVoVo, Grie].
- These asymptotic formulas pave the way to multiple numerical methods for the **detection** or the **reconstruction** of small inhomogeneities [AmKa].
- They also allow for the **optimization** of the placement and shape of inhomogeneities:
  - **Topological derivatives** in shape optimization [NoSo].
  - Optimization of the placement of tubular inhomogeneities [present work].

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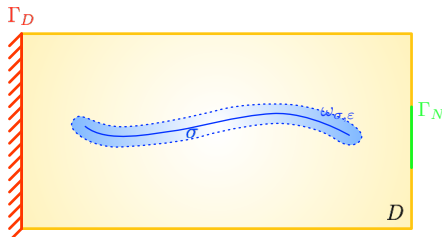
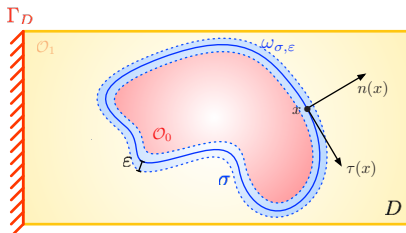


# The model context of the conductivity equation

- For simplicity, we consider the model setting of the **conductivity equation**.
- The functions  $u_0$  and  $u_\varepsilon \in H^1(D)$  are the solutions to the respective equations:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} -\operatorname{div}(\gamma_0 \nabla u_0) = f \text{ in } D, \\ u_0 = 0 \quad \text{on } \Gamma_D, \\ \gamma_0 \frac{\partial u_0}{\partial n} = g \quad \text{on } \Gamma_N, \\ \gamma_0 \frac{\partial u_0}{\partial n} = 0 \quad \text{on } \partial D \setminus (\Gamma_D \cup \Gamma_N), \end{array} \right. \quad \text{and} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} -\operatorname{div}(\gamma_\varepsilon \nabla u_\varepsilon) = f \text{ in } D, \\ u_\varepsilon = 0 \quad \text{on } \Gamma_D, \\ \gamma_0 \frac{\partial u_\varepsilon}{\partial n} = g \quad \text{on } \Gamma_N, \\ \gamma_0 \frac{\partial u_\varepsilon}{\partial n} = 0 \quad \text{on } \partial D \setminus (\Gamma_D \cup \Gamma_N), \end{array} \right.$$

$$\text{where } \gamma_\varepsilon(x) = \begin{cases} \gamma_1(x) & \text{if } x \in \omega_{\sigma, \varepsilon} \\ \gamma_0(x) & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$



The base curve  $\sigma$  may be open (left) or closed (right).

## The main result (I)

### Theorem 1.

The following expansion holds at any point  $x \in D \setminus \sigma$ :

$$u_\varepsilon(x) = u_0(x) + \varepsilon u_1(x) + o(\varepsilon), \text{ where } u_1(x) := \int_\sigma \mathcal{M}(y) \nabla u_0(y) \cdot \nabla_y N(x, y) \, d\ell(y).$$

Here,

- $N(x, y)$  is the **Green's function** of the background operator;
- For any point  $y \in \sigma$ , the **polarization tensor**  $\mathcal{M}(y)$  is a symmetric  $2 \times 2$  matrix, whose expression reads, in the local orthonormal frame  $(\tau(y), n(y))$ :

$$\mathcal{M}(y) = \begin{pmatrix} 2(\gamma_1(y) - \gamma_0(y)) & 0 \\ 0 & 2\gamma_0(y) \left(1 - \frac{\gamma_0(y)}{\gamma_1(y)}\right) \end{pmatrix}.$$

## The main result (II)

- This result is proved in [BeFranVo, KheZri] by using different techniques.
- The conclusion holds regardless of  $\sigma$  being closed or open.
  - When  $\sigma$  is closed,  $u_1$  can be characterized by a variational equation.
  - When  $\sigma$  is open, the interpretation of  $u_1$  as the solution to a “classical PDE” is more difficult.
- This indicates that “the endpoints” of  $\sigma$  contribute only at higher order to the expansion of  $u_\varepsilon$ . This phenomenon is observed in all known investigations about thin or tubular inhomogeneities.
- In the following, we present a formal energy argument, which allows to “easily” derive the correct formula (in the case of closed  $\sigma$ ).

## The main result: sketch of proof (I)

Sketch of the proof:

We consider the **error**

$$r_\varepsilon := \frac{1}{\varepsilon}(u_\varepsilon - u_0)$$

which is the unique solution in the space

$$H_{\Gamma_D}^1(D) := \{u \in H^1(D), u = 0 \text{ on } \Gamma_D\}.$$

to the following variational problem:

$$\forall v \in H_{\Gamma_D}^1(D), \int_D \gamma_\varepsilon \nabla r_\varepsilon \cdot \nabla v \, dx = -\frac{1}{\varepsilon} \int_{\omega_{\sigma,\varepsilon}} (\gamma_1 - \gamma_0) \nabla u_0 \cdot \nabla v \, dx.$$

Equivalently,  $r_\varepsilon$  is the unique solution to the **minimization problem**

$$\min_{u \in H_{\Gamma_D}^1(D)} E_\varepsilon(u), \text{ where } E_\varepsilon(u) := \frac{1}{2} \int_D \gamma_\varepsilon |\nabla u|^2 \, dx + \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \int_{\omega_{\sigma,\varepsilon}} (\gamma_1 - \gamma_0) \nabla u_0 \cdot \nabla u \, dx.$$

## The main result: sketch of proof (II)

Step 1: We derive a **representation formula** for the values  $r_\varepsilon(x)$  at  $x \in D \setminus \sigma$  in terms of the values of  $r_\varepsilon(x)$  **inside**  $\omega_{\sigma, \varepsilon}$ .

This task relies on the **Green's function**  $N(x, y)$  of the **background operator**:

For all  $x \in \Omega$ ,  $y \mapsto N(x, y)$  satisfies

$$\begin{cases} \operatorname{div}_y(\gamma_0(y)\nabla_y N(x, y)) = \delta_{y=x} & \text{in } D, \\ \gamma_0(y)\frac{\partial N}{\partial n_y}(x, y) = 0 & \text{for } y \in \partial D \setminus \overline{\Gamma_D}, \\ N(x, y) = 0 & \text{for } y \in \Gamma_D, \end{cases}$$

$N(x, y)$  can be constructed from (and behaves like) the modified fundamental solution to Laplace operator in free space:

$$G(x, y) = \frac{1}{2\pi\gamma_0(x)} \log|x - y|.$$

## The main result: sketch of proof (III)

Using the definition of the Green's function  $N(x, y)$ , we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned}r_\varepsilon(x) &= \int_D \operatorname{div}_y(\gamma_0(y)\nabla_y N(x, y))r_\varepsilon(y) \, dy, \\&= - \int_D \gamma_0(y)\nabla r_\varepsilon(y) \cdot \nabla_y N(x, y) \, dy, \\&= - \int_D \gamma_\varepsilon(y)\nabla r_\varepsilon(y) \cdot \nabla_y N(x, y) \, dy + \int_{\omega_{\sigma, \varepsilon}} (\gamma_1 - \gamma_0)(y)\nabla r_\varepsilon(y) \cdot \nabla_y N(x, y) \, dy.\end{aligned}$$

Now “using  $y \mapsto N(x, y)$  as **test function**” in the variational formulation for  $r_\varepsilon$ , we get:

$$\int_D \gamma_\varepsilon(y)\nabla r_\varepsilon(y) \cdot \nabla_y N(x, y) \, dy = -\frac{1}{\varepsilon} \int_{\omega_{\sigma, \varepsilon}} (\gamma_1 - \gamma_0)(y)\nabla u_0(y) \cdot \nabla_y N(x, y) \, dy,$$

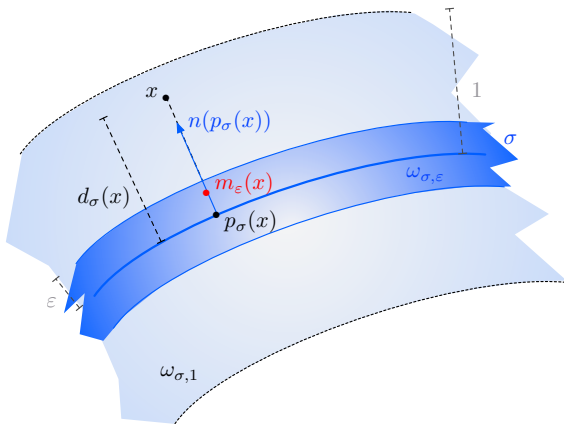
and so:

$$\begin{aligned}r_\varepsilon(x) &= \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \int_{\omega_{\sigma, \varepsilon}} (\gamma_1 - \gamma_0)(y)\nabla u_0(y) \cdot \nabla_y N(x, y) \, dy \\&\quad + \int_{\omega_{\sigma, \varepsilon}} (\gamma_1 - \gamma_0)(y)\nabla r_\varepsilon(y) \cdot \nabla_y N(x, y) \, dy.\end{aligned}$$

## The main result: sketch of proof (IV)

We **rescale** the thin tube  $\omega_{\sigma,\varepsilon}$  into that  $\omega_{\sigma,1}$  with unit size, thanks to the mapping:

$$m_\varepsilon : \omega_{\sigma,1} \rightarrow \omega_{\sigma,\varepsilon}, \quad m_\varepsilon(x) := p_\sigma(x) + \varepsilon d_\sigma(x) n(p_\sigma(x)).$$



## The main result: sketch of proof (V)

A change of variables now yields immediately:

$$r_\varepsilon(x) = \int_{\omega_{\sigma,1}} \frac{1 + \varepsilon d_\sigma \kappa}{1 + d_\sigma \kappa} ((\gamma_1 - \gamma_0) \circ m_\varepsilon) ((\nabla u_0) \circ m_\varepsilon) \cdot \nabla_y N(x, m_\varepsilon(y)) \, dy$$
$$+ \int_{\omega_{\sigma,1}} (\gamma_1 - \gamma_0) \circ m_\varepsilon \left( \varepsilon \frac{\partial s_\varepsilon}{\partial \tau} \frac{\partial N}{\partial \tau_y}(x, m_\varepsilon(y)) + \frac{1 + \varepsilon d_\sigma \kappa}{1 + d_\sigma \kappa} \frac{\partial s_\varepsilon}{\partial n} \frac{\partial N}{\partial n_y}(x, m_\varepsilon(y)) \right) \, dy,$$

where

- $\kappa : \sigma \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is the **curvature** of  $\sigma$ ,
- $s_\varepsilon = r_\varepsilon \circ m_\varepsilon \in H^1(\omega_{\sigma,1})$  is the **profile** of  $r_\varepsilon$  inside the rescaled inclusion  $\omega_{\sigma,1}$ .



## The main result: sketch of proof (VI)

Step 2: We get information about the behavior of the *rescaled error*  $s_\varepsilon$  inside  $\omega_{\sigma,1}$ .

The couple  $(r_\varepsilon, s_\varepsilon)$  is the solution to the **two-scale minimization problem**:

$$\min_{(u,v) \in V_\varepsilon} F_\varepsilon(u, v),$$

where the space  $V_\varepsilon$  is defined by:

$$V_\varepsilon = \left\{ (u, v) \in H_{\Gamma_D}^1(D) \times H^1(\omega_{\sigma,1}), \forall x \in \sigma, \begin{cases} v(x + n(x)) = u(x + \varepsilon n(x)) \\ v(x - n(x)) = u(x - \varepsilon n(x)) \end{cases} \right\},$$

and the **two-scale energy**  $F_\varepsilon(u, v)$  reads:

$$F_\varepsilon(u, v) := \frac{1}{2} \int_{D \setminus \overline{\omega_{\sigma,\varepsilon}}} \gamma_0 |\nabla u|^2 dx + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\omega_{\sigma,1}} (\gamma_1 \circ m_\varepsilon) |\det \nabla m_\varepsilon| (\nabla m_\varepsilon^{-1} \nabla m_\varepsilon^{-T}) \nabla v \cdot \nabla v dx \\ + \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \int_{\omega_{\sigma,1}} ((\gamma_1 - \gamma_0) \circ m_\varepsilon) |\det \nabla m_\varepsilon| (\nabla u_0) \circ m_\varepsilon \cdot (\nabla m_\varepsilon^{-T} \nabla v) dx.$$

## The main result: sketch of proof (VII)

An elementary calculation yields:

$$\begin{aligned}
 F_\varepsilon(u, v) := & \frac{1}{2} \int_{D \setminus \overline{\omega_{\sigma, \varepsilon}}} \gamma_0 |\nabla u|^2 \, dx + \frac{1}{2\varepsilon} \int_{\omega_{\sigma, 1}} (\gamma_1 \circ m_\varepsilon) \left( \frac{1 + \varepsilon d_\sigma \kappa}{1 + d_\sigma \kappa} \right) \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial n} \right)^2 \, dx \\
 & + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \int_{\omega_{\sigma, 1}} (\gamma_1 \circ m_\varepsilon) \left( \frac{1 + d_\sigma \kappa}{1 + \varepsilon d_\sigma \kappa} \right) \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial \tau} \right)^2 \, dx + \int_{\omega_{\sigma, 1}} ((\gamma_1 - \gamma_0) \circ m_\varepsilon) \left( \frac{\partial u_0}{\partial \tau} \circ m_\varepsilon \right) \frac{\partial v}{\partial \tau} \, dx \\
 & \quad + \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \int_{\omega_{\sigma, 1}} ((\gamma_1 - \gamma_0) \circ m_\varepsilon) \left( \frac{1 + \varepsilon d_\sigma \kappa}{1 + d_\sigma \kappa} \right) \left( \frac{\partial u_0}{\partial n} \circ m_\varepsilon \right) \frac{\partial v}{\partial n} \, dx.
 \end{aligned}$$

Idea: The behavior of  $s_\varepsilon$  should be dictated by the **minimization of the highest-order terms** in this energy:

$$s_\varepsilon \approx \arg \min_{v \in H^1(\omega_{\sigma, 1})} \tilde{F}(v), \text{ where}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \tilde{F}(v) := & \frac{1}{2} \int_{\omega_{\sigma, 1}} (\gamma_1 \circ p_\sigma) \left( \frac{1}{1 + d_\sigma \kappa} \right) \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial n} \right)^2 \, dx \\
 & + \int_{\omega_{\sigma, 1}} ((\gamma_1 - \gamma_0) \circ p_\sigma) \left( \frac{1}{1 + d_\sigma \kappa} \right) \left( \frac{\partial u_0}{\partial n} \circ p_\sigma \right) \frac{\partial v}{\partial n} \, dx.
 \end{aligned}$$

## The main result: sketch of proof (VIII)

Writing down the corresponding [Euler-Lagrange equations](#), we obtain that the minimizer  $v \in H^1(\omega_{\sigma,1})$  of  $\tilde{F}(v)$  satisfies:

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial n}(p + tn(p)) = -\frac{1}{\gamma_1(p)}(\gamma_1(p) - \gamma_0(p))\frac{\partial u_0}{\partial n}(p), \quad p \in \sigma,$$

which is all that we need for the following.

## The main result: sketch of proof (IX)

Step 3: We pass to the limit in the representation formula.

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} r_\varepsilon(x) &= \int_{\omega_{\sigma,1}} \frac{1}{1 + d_\sigma \kappa} ((\gamma_1 - \gamma_0) \circ p_\sigma) ((\nabla u_0) \circ p_\sigma) \cdot \nabla_y N(x, p_\sigma(y)) \, dy \\ &\quad + \int_{\omega_{\sigma,1}} (\gamma_1 - \gamma_0) \circ p_\sigma \frac{1}{1 + d_\sigma \kappa} \frac{\partial v}{\partial n} \frac{\partial N}{\partial n_y}(x, p_\sigma(y)) \, dy, \end{aligned}$$

We now employ the **coarea formula** (as a curvilinear version of the Fubini theorem) to rewrite integrals over  $\omega_{\sigma,1}$  as nested integrals over  $\sigma \times (-1, 1)$ .

### Proposition 2.

For any function  $\varphi \in L^1(\omega_{\sigma,1})$ , it holds:

$$\int_{\omega_{\sigma,1}} \varphi(x) \, dx = \int_{\sigma} \left( \int_{-1}^1 (1 + t\kappa(p)) f(p + tn(p)) \, dt \right) \, d\ell(p).$$

## The main result: sketch of proof (X)

Eventually, a simple calculation yields

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} r_\varepsilon(x) &= 2 \int_\sigma (\gamma_1 - \gamma_0)(p) \nabla u_0(p) \cdot \nabla_y N(x, p) \, d\ell(p) \\ &\quad + \int_\sigma (\gamma_1 - \gamma_0)(p) \left( \int_{-1}^1 \frac{\partial v}{\partial n}(p + tn(p)) \, dt \right) \frac{\partial N}{\partial n_y}(x, p) \, d\ell(p), \\ &= 2 \int_\sigma (\gamma_1 - \gamma_0)(p) \frac{\partial u_0}{\partial \tau}(p) \frac{\partial N}{\partial \tau_y}(x, p) \, d\ell(p) \\ &\quad + 2 \int_\sigma \gamma_0(p) \left( 1 - \frac{\gamma_0(p)}{\gamma_1(p)} \right) \frac{\partial u_0}{\partial n}(p) \frac{\partial N}{\partial n_y}(x, p) \, d\ell(p),\end{aligned}$$

which is the desired expression.



## Derivative of an observable (I)

The previous result allows to calculate the derivative of the observable

$$J_\sigma(\varepsilon) = \int_D j(u_\varepsilon) \, dx.$$

### Proposition 3.

The function  $J_\sigma(\varepsilon)$  is differentiable at  $\varepsilon = 0$ , with derivative:

$$J'_\sigma(0) = \int_\sigma \mathcal{M} \nabla u_0 \cdot \nabla p_0 \, dl,$$

where  $\mathcal{M}$  is the **polarization tensor**, and the **adjoint state**  $p_0 \in H_{\Gamma_D}^1(D)$  is the unique solution to the equation:

$$\begin{cases} -\operatorname{div}(\gamma_0 \nabla p_0) = -j'(u_0) & \text{in } D, \\ p_0 = 0 & \text{on } \Gamma_D, \\ \gamma_0 \frac{\partial p_0}{\partial n} = 0 & \text{on } \partial D \setminus \overline{\Gamma_D}. \end{cases}$$

## Derivative of an observable (II)

Sketch of proof: At first, the dominated convergence theorem implies that

$$J'_\sigma(0) = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{J_\sigma(\varepsilon) - J_\sigma(0)}{\varepsilon} = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_D \frac{j(u_\varepsilon) - j(u_0)}{\varepsilon} dx = \int_D j'(u_0) u_1 dx.$$

Then, using the integral formula for  $u_1$  with Fubini's theorem, we get

$$\begin{aligned} J'_\sigma(0) &= \int_D \int_\sigma j'(u_0)(x) \mathcal{M}(y) \nabla u_0(y) \cdot \nabla_y N(x, y) d\ell(y) dx \\ &= \int_\sigma \mathcal{M}(y) \nabla u_0(y) \cdot \nabla_y \left( \int_D j'(u_0)(x) N(x, y) dx \right) d\ell(y). \end{aligned}$$

Finally, the definition of the **adjoint state** and the properties of  $N(x, y)$  entail

$$p_0(y) = \int_D j(u_0)(x) N(x, y) dx,$$

and the desired result follows.



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## The 2d linear elasticity context

A similar (albeit more technical) result holds in the context of 2d elasticity.

### Theorem 4.

For an arbitrary point  $x \in D \setminus \sigma$ , the following asymptotic expansion holds:

$$u_\varepsilon(x) = u_0(x) + \varepsilon u_1(x) + o(\varepsilon), \text{ where } u_1(x) = \int_\sigma \mathcal{M}(y) e(u_0) : e_y(N(x, y)) \, d\ell(y).$$

The *polarization tensor*  $\mathcal{M}(y)$  reads, for any symmetric  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $e \in \mathcal{S}_2(\mathbb{R})$ :

$$\mathcal{M}(y)e = \alpha_T(y) \operatorname{tr}(e) \mathbf{I} + \beta_T(y) e + \gamma_T(y) (e_T \cdot \tau)_T \otimes \tau + \delta_T(y) (e_n \cdot n) n \otimes n,$$

where the coefficients  $\alpha_T, \beta_T, \gamma_T$  and  $\delta_T$  are given by:

$$\alpha_T = 2(\lambda_1 - \lambda_0) \frac{\lambda_0 + 2\mu_0}{\lambda_1 + 2\mu_1}, \quad \beta_T = 4(\mu_1 - \mu_0) \frac{\mu_0}{\mu_1},$$

and

$$\gamma_T = 4(\mu_1 - \mu_0) \left( \frac{2\lambda_1 + 2\mu_1 - \lambda_0}{\lambda_1 + 2\mu_1} - \frac{\mu_0}{\mu_1} \right), \quad \delta_T = 4(\mu_1 - \mu_0) \frac{\mu_1 \lambda_0 - \mu_0 \lambda_1}{\mu_1 (\lambda_1 + 2\mu_1)}.$$

## Diametrically small inhomogeneities

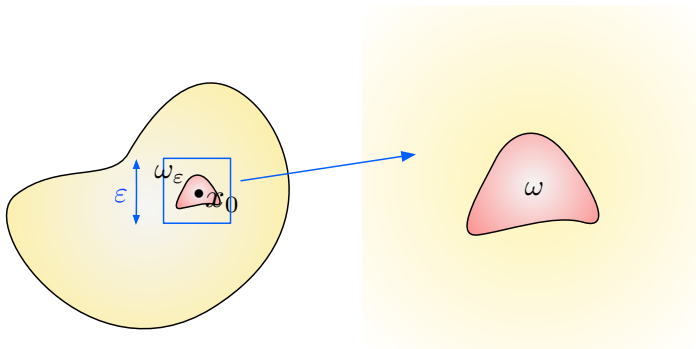
- The previous formal energy argument allows to deal with **diametrically small inhomogeneities**

$$\omega_\varepsilon = x_0 + \varepsilon\omega, \text{ where } \omega \in \mathbb{R}^d.$$

- The “classical” formulas are recovered:

$$u_\varepsilon(x) = u_0(x) + \varepsilon^d u_1(x) + o(\varepsilon^d), \text{ where } u_1(x) := \mathcal{M} \nabla u_0(x_0) \cdot \nabla_y N(x, x_0),$$

and the **polarization tensor**  $\mathcal{M}$  involves the solution to an **exterior problem**, posed on the rescaled configuration  $\omega \cup (\mathbb{R}^d \setminus \bar{\omega})$ .



## 3d tubular inhomogeneities (I)

- In the 3d conductivity case, a similar expansion holds

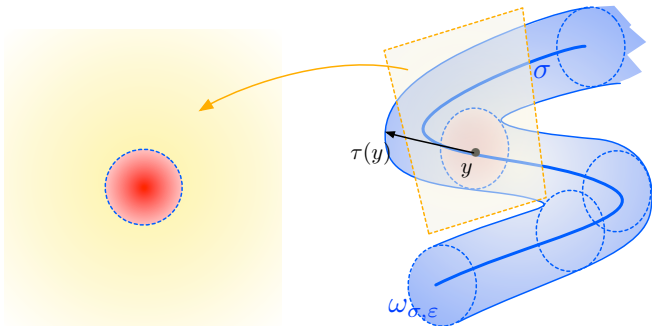
$$u_\varepsilon(x) = u_0(x) + \varepsilon^2 u_1(x) + o(\varepsilon^2), \text{ where } u_1(x) := \int_\sigma \mathcal{M}(y) \nabla u_0(y) \cdot \nabla_y N(x, y) \, d\ell(y).$$

- For  $y \in \sigma$ , the **polarization tensor**  $\mathcal{M}(y) \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}$  is defined by:

$$\mathcal{M}(y) = \begin{pmatrix} \pi(\gamma_1 - \gamma_0)(y) & 0 \\ 0 & \mathcal{M}_{NN}(y) \end{pmatrix},$$

as expressed in a basis made from  $\tau(y)$  and the normal plane to  $\tau(y)$ .

- $\mathcal{M}_{NN}(y)$  is the polarization tensor for a **2d disk-shaped small inclusion**.



## 3d tubular inhomogeneities (II)

- The **derivative** of the quantity of interest

$$J_\sigma(\varepsilon) = \int_D j(u_\varepsilon) \, dx$$

can be calculated as in the 2d case:

$$J_\sigma(\varepsilon) = J_\sigma(0) + \varepsilon^2 J'_\sigma(0) + o(\varepsilon^2)$$

- Finally, similar (but much more complicated) expressions hold in the context of **3d linear elasticity**.

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## The general strategy to add a tube to a shape

In order to **graft a tube**  $\omega_{\sigma,\varepsilon}$  to a given shape  $\Omega \subset D$ ,

- 1 We convert the elasticity problem in  $\Omega$  into a two-phase elasticity problem in  $D$  thanks to the **ersatz material method**.
- 2 We calculate the **ersatz material approximations**  $u_\eta, p_\eta$  of  $u_\Omega, p_\Omega$ .
- 3 For “many” curve configurations  $\sigma$  (segments), we calculate the quantity

$$J'_\sigma(0) = \int_\sigma \mathcal{M}e(u_\Omega) : e(p_\Omega) \, d\ell,$$

measuring the sensitivity of adding a tube (a bar) with direction  $\sigma$  to  $\Omega$ .

- 4 The curve  $\sigma$  realizing the largest negative value of  $J'_\sigma(0)$  yields the “optimal” tube (bar) to be added to  $\Omega$ .

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## Optimal insertion of a bar in the course of a shape evolution (I)

- We minimize the **compliance** of a shape  $\Omega$  under a **volume constraint**:

$$\min_{\Omega} C(\Omega) \text{ s.t. } \text{Vol}(\Omega) \leq V_T,$$

$$\text{where } C(\Omega) := \int_{\Omega} Ae(u_{\Omega}) : e(u_{\Omega}) \, dx, \text{ and } \text{Vol}(\Omega) = \int_{\Omega} dx.$$

- We rely on the **level set based mesh evolution method** from [AIDaFre].
- Like with any boundary variation algorithm, the optimized shape is prone to falling into local minima with trivial topologies.

- To remedy this, we periodically interrupt the optimization process to **insert bars**.



## Optimal insertion of a bar in the course of a shape evolution (II)

The “benchmark” 2d **cantilever** test case is considered.

- The shape  $\Omega$  is optimized with a **boundary variation algorithm**.
- Every now and then, the process is interrupted and a **bar** is added to  $\Omega$  at an “optimal location”.

## Optimal insertion of a bar in the course of a shape evolution (III)

The optimization of a 3d bridge  $\Omega$  is considered.

- We minimize the compliance of  $\Omega$

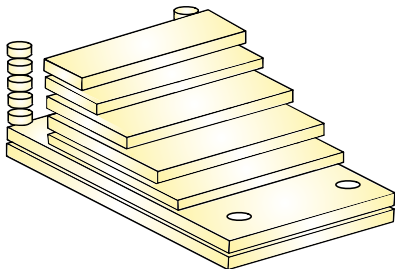
$$C(\Omega) = \int_{\Omega} A e(u_{\Omega}) : e(u_{\Omega}) \, dx.$$

- A volume constraint is enforced.
- Every now and then, a bar is added to  $\Omega$  at an “optimal location”.

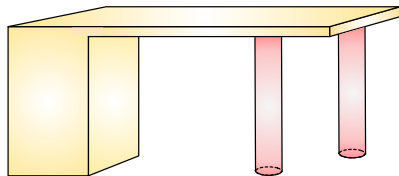
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## Optimization of supports in additive manufacturing (I)

- **Additive manufacturing** processes feature a layer by layer assembly of the shape  $\Omega$ .
- Most of these technologies experience difficulties dealing with **overhang** regions.
- One remedy is to erect a **scaffold structure**  $S$  with  $\Omega$ , such that:
  - The compliance of the total structure  $\Omega \cup S$  has minimum value.
  - $S$  has minimum volume and... it does not itself present overhangs!
- To achieve this, we propose to
  - ① Incrementally add **vertical pillars** to  $\Omega$ , made of a different material.
  - ② (Optionally) Optimize  $S$  further via a more “classical” algorithm.



Layer by Layer construction of a structure by additive manufacturing



Supporting pillars for an overhang feature

## Optimization of supports in additive manufacturing (II)

The **scaffold structure**  $S$  of a fixed MBB beam  $\Omega$  is optimized.

- We minimize the **compliance** of the total structure  $\Omega \cup S$

$$C(S) = \int_{\Omega \cup S} A e(u_{\Omega \cup S}) : e(u_{\Omega \cup S}) \, dx.$$

- A constraint is imposed on the **volume**  $\text{Vol}(S)$  of supports.

## Optimization of supports in additive manufacturing (III)

The **scaffold structure**  $S$  of a 3d chair  $\Omega$  is optimized.

- The **compliance** of the total structure  $\Omega \cup S$  is minimized:

$$C(S) := \int_{\Omega \cup S} A e(u_{\Omega \cup S}) : e(u_{\Omega \cup S}) \, dx.$$

- A constraint on the **volume**  $\text{Vol}(S)$  of supports is enforced.

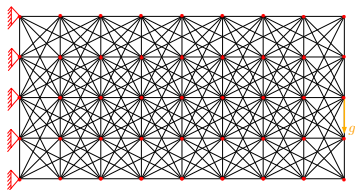
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## A “clever” initialization for truss structures (I)

- **Truss structures** are collections of bars.
- Many truss optimization methods rely on the **ground structure** approach: an initial, dense network of bars is iteratively decimated.
- We propose instead to **start from void** and
  - 1 Incrementally add bars to the structure.
  - 2 (Optionally) Take on the optimization with a more “classical” boundary-variation algorithm.



Example of a truss structure



Initialization of a truss optimization algorithm by the ground structure approach



## A “clever” initialization for truss structures (II)

We consider the optimization of the shape of a **2d crane**  $\Omega$ .

- The **compliance**

$$C(\Omega) := \int_{\Omega} A e(u_{\Omega}) : e(u_{\Omega}) \, dx$$

is minimized.

- A **volume constraint** is enforced.

## A “clever” initialization for truss structures (III)

The shape of a 3d mast  $\Omega$  is optimized.

- The compliance






$$C(\Omega) := \int_{\Omega} A e(u_{\Omega}) : e(u_{\Omega}) \, dx$$

of  $\Omega$  is minimized.





- A constraint is imposed on the volume of  $\Omega$ .

Thank you!






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