

# **Anisotropic Mesh Adaptation and Structural Optimisation**

**- optimising the optimisation**

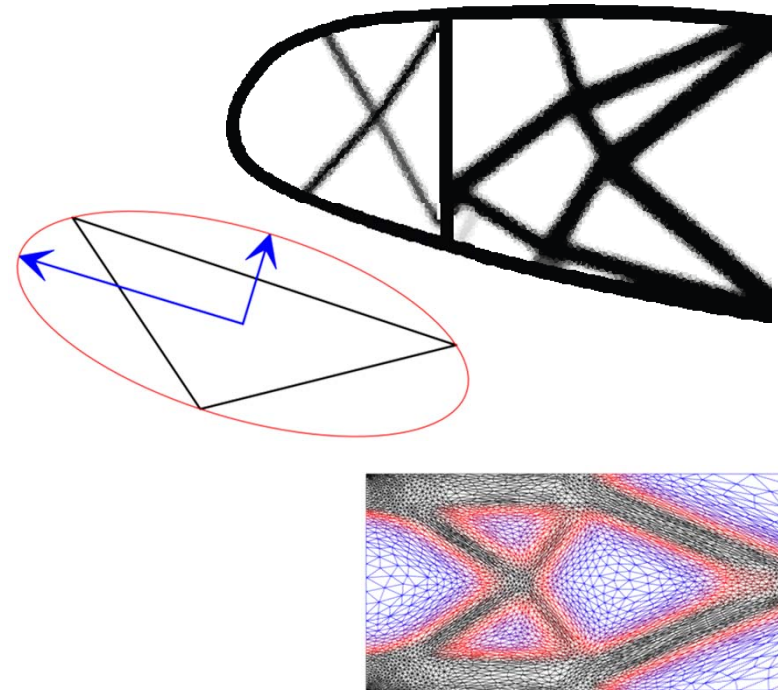
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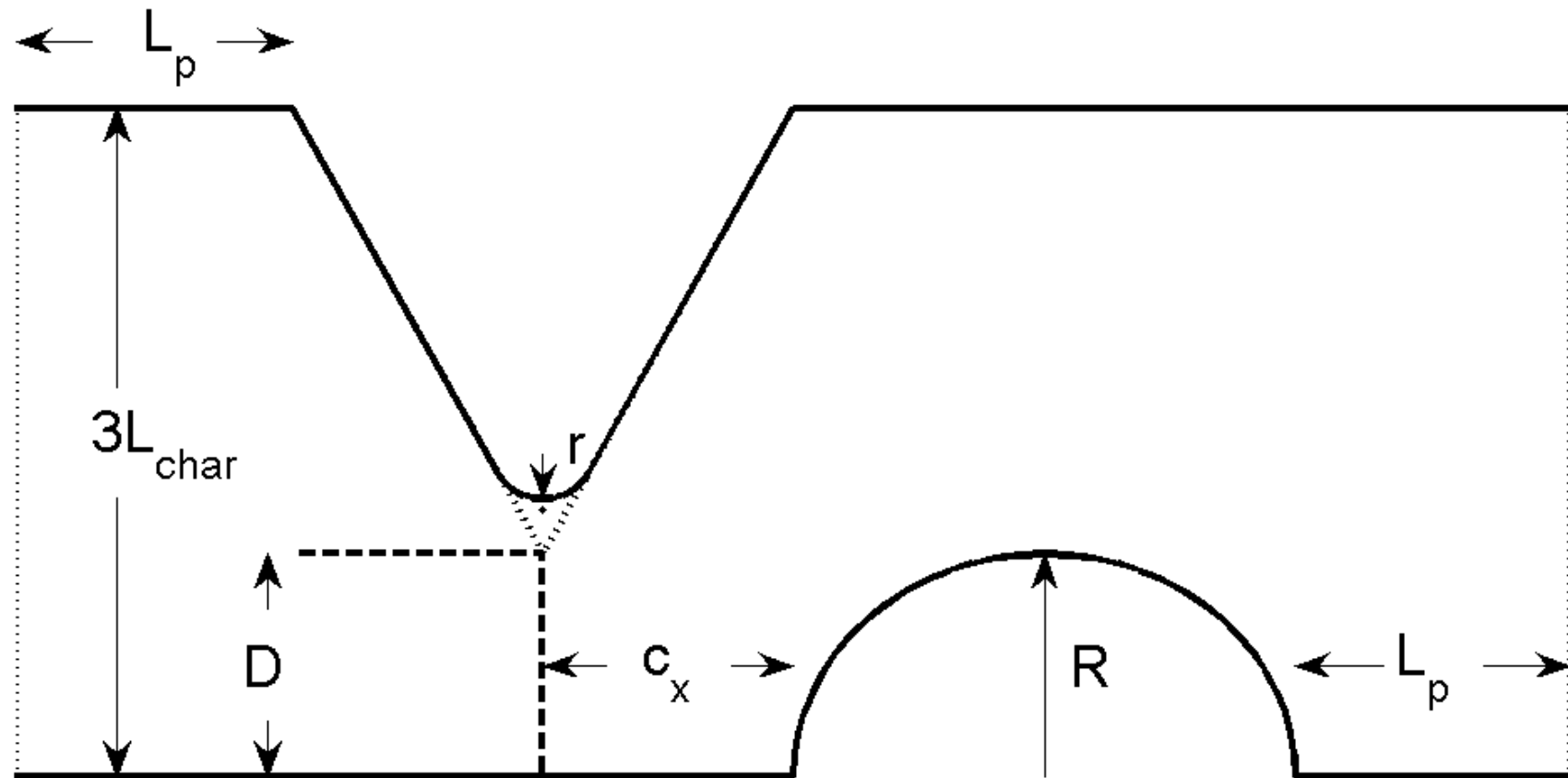
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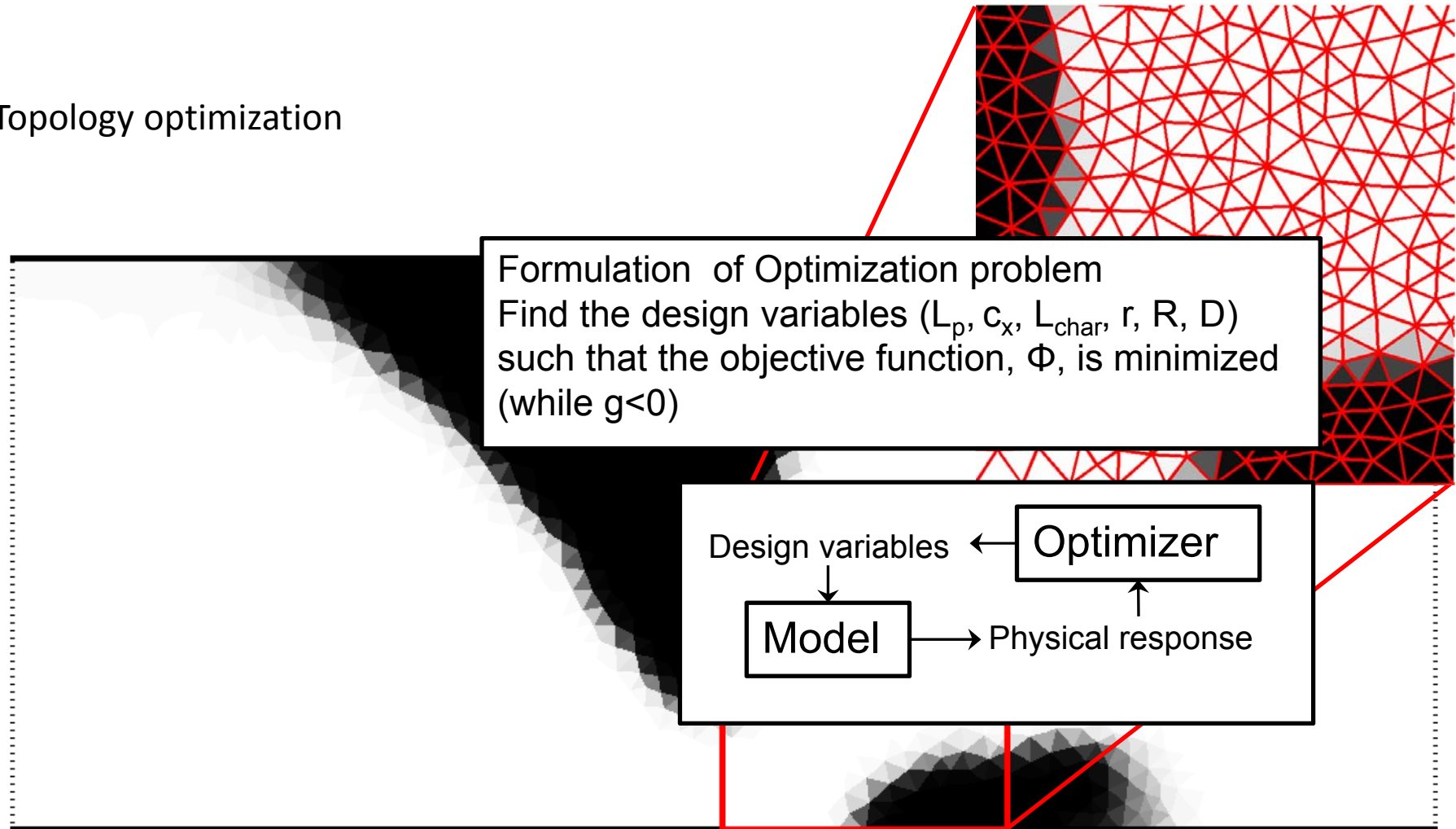
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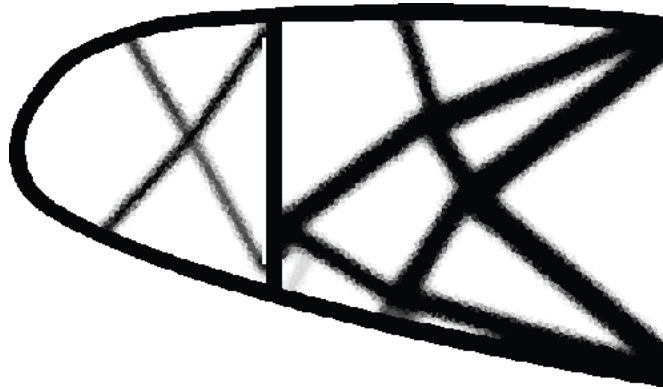


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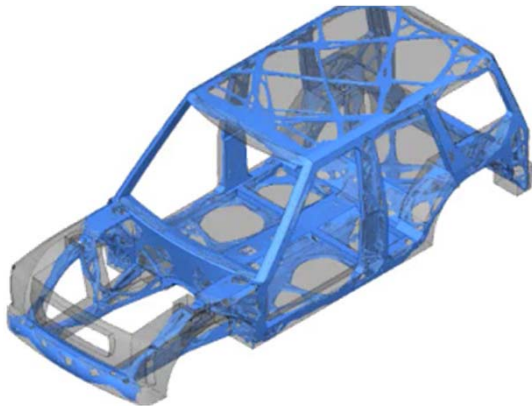
Topology optimization



## Aerospace/automotive

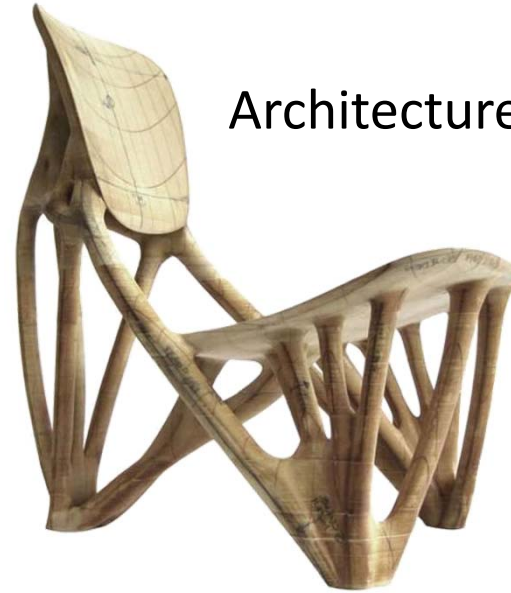


DTU TOPOPT ([www.topopt.dtu.dk](http://www.topopt.dtu.dk))



Vehicle optimization  
([www.youtube.com/watch?v=yztnDAexTHE](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yztnDAexTHE))

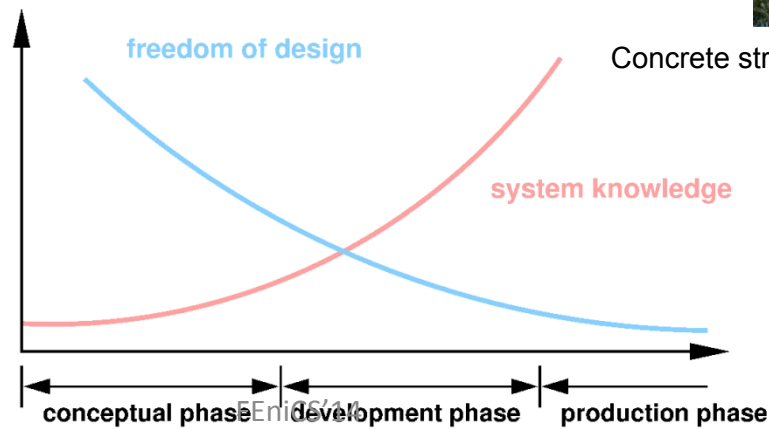
## Architecture/design



Bone Chair ([designgallerist.com](http://designgallerist.com))



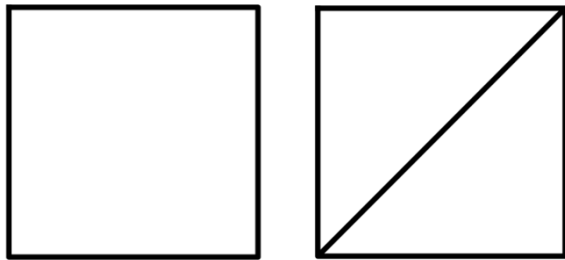
Concrete structure ([www.digitalcrafting.dk](http://www.digitalcrafting.dk))



# Anisotropic Mesh Generation

# Continuous mesh framework

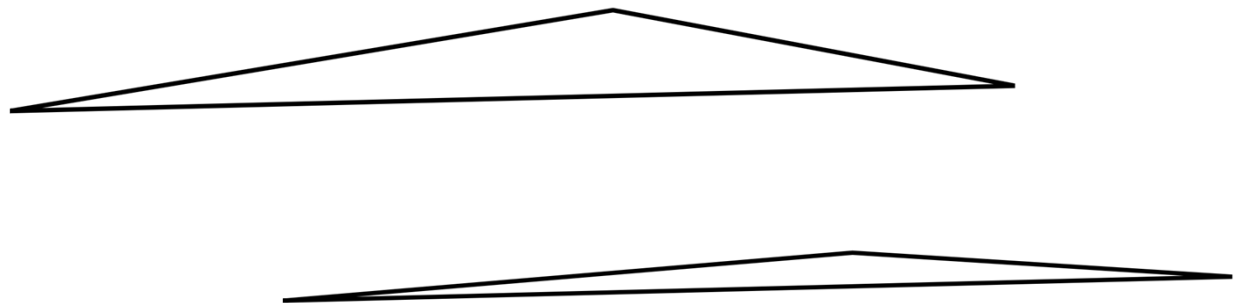
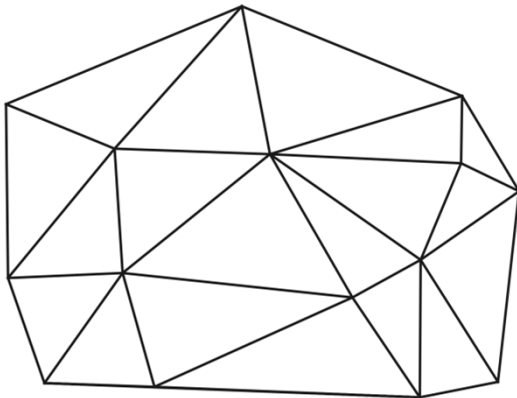
- Structured meshes



- Isotropic continuous framework:  $M(\underline{x})$
- Anisotropic continuous framework  $\underline{M}(\underline{x})$  (SPD)

*Optimal 3D Highly Anisotropic Mesh Adaptation Based on the Continuous Mesh Framework, Adrien Loseille, Frédéric Alauze, Proceedings of the 18th International Meshing Roundtable 2009, 575-594*

- Unstructured mesh

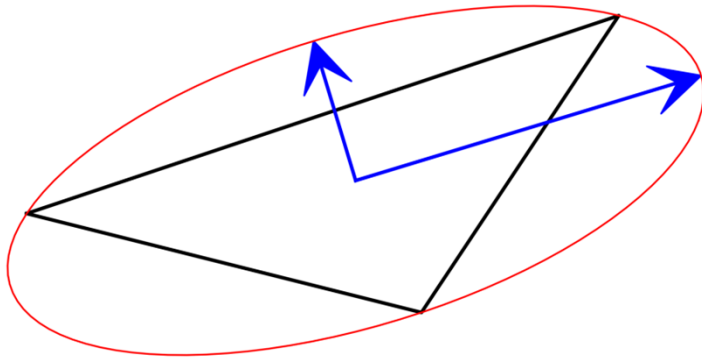








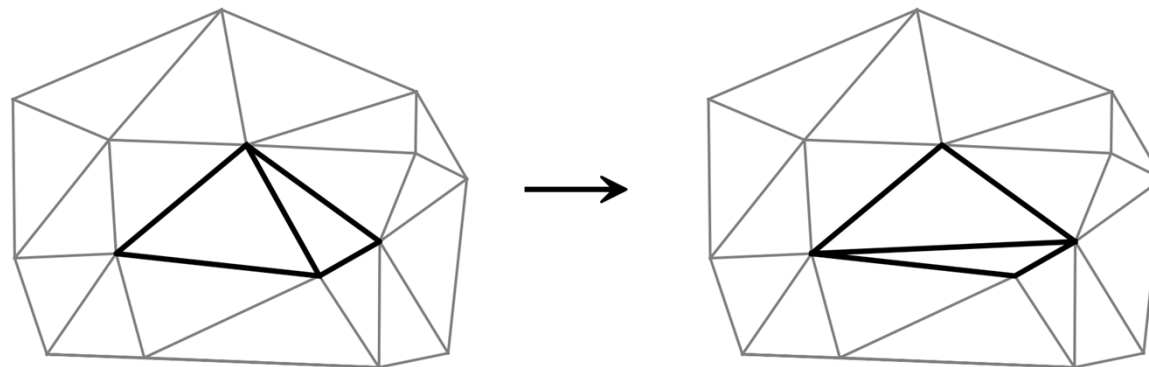
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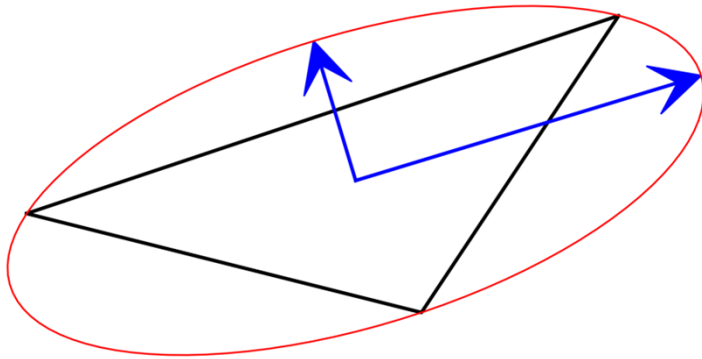
$$q = \frac{\Delta_A}{\sqrt{3}/4 (\Delta_\partial)^2} F(\Delta_\partial/3)^3$$
$$F(x) = \min(x, x^{-1}) (2 - \min(x, x^{-1}))$$

*Error bounds for controllable adaptive algorithms based on a hessian recovery,*  
Yu V. Vasilevski, KN Lipnikov, Computational Mathematics and Mathematical  
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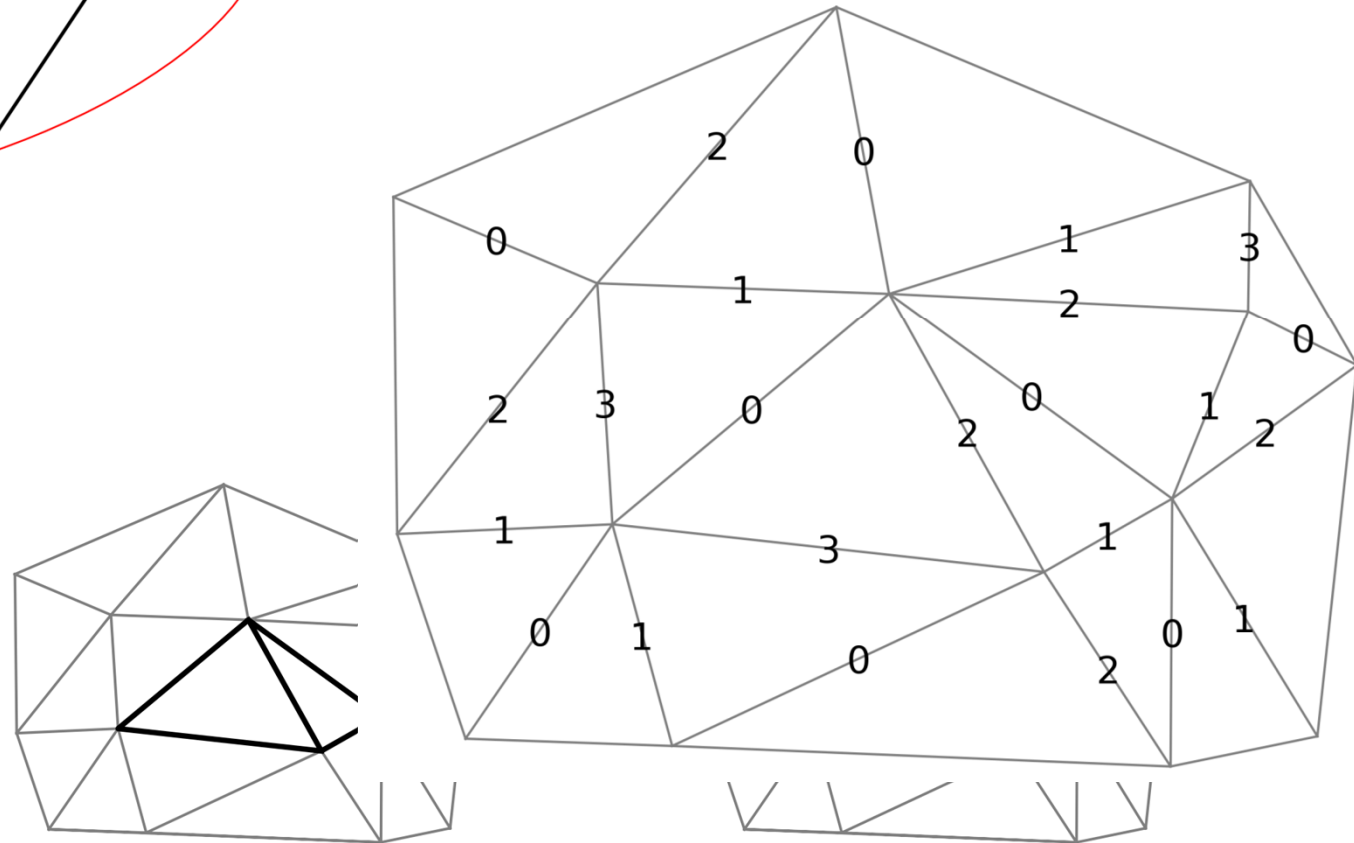
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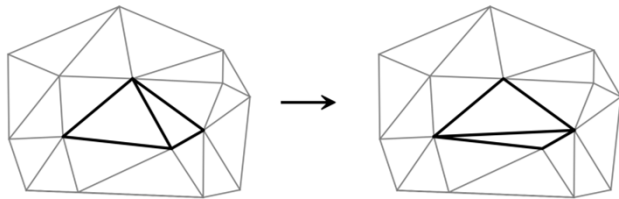


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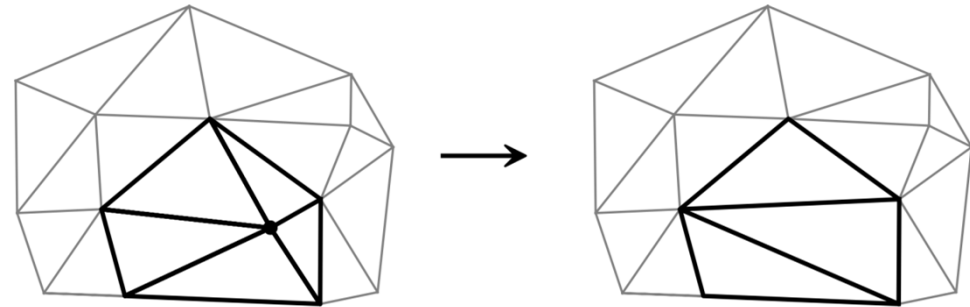


# Local operations (II)

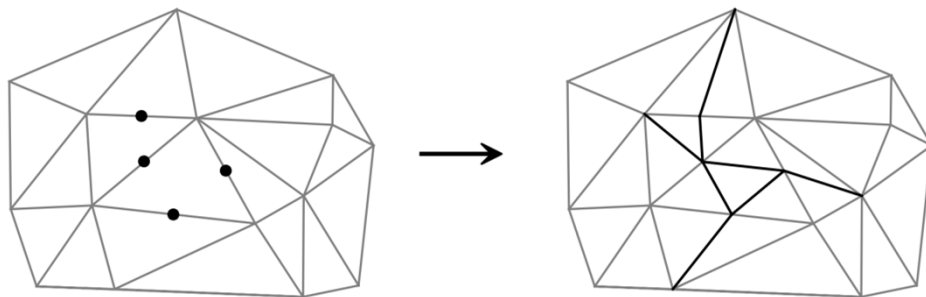
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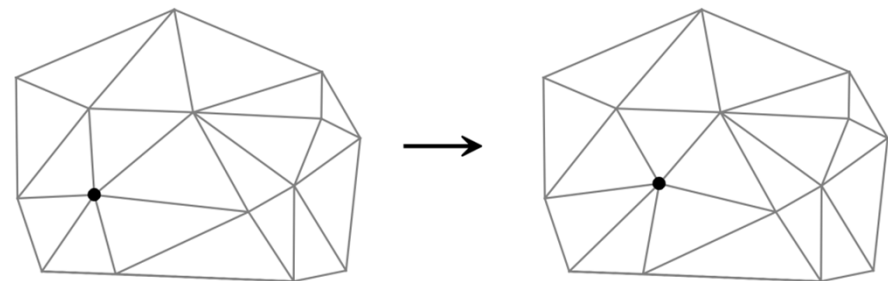
Coarsening



Refinement

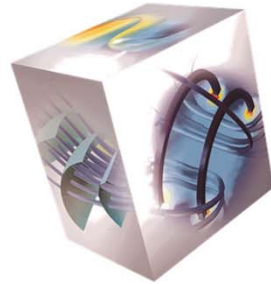


Smoothing



*A thread-parallel algorithm for anisotropic mesh adaptation, G. Rokos, G.J. Gorman, J. Southern, P.H.J. Kelly, 2014.*

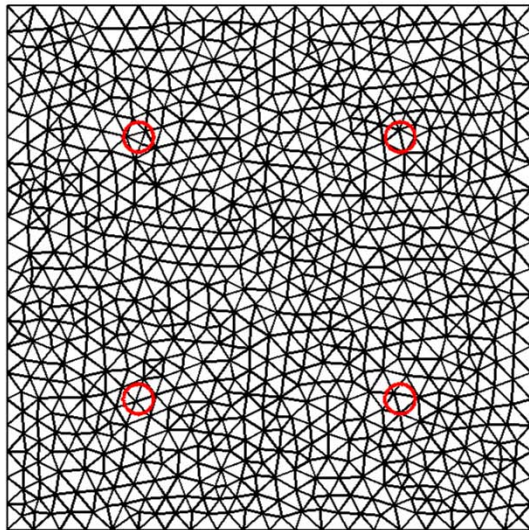
# Isotropic benchmark



Speed: 10k nodes/second/core (up to ~10 cores)

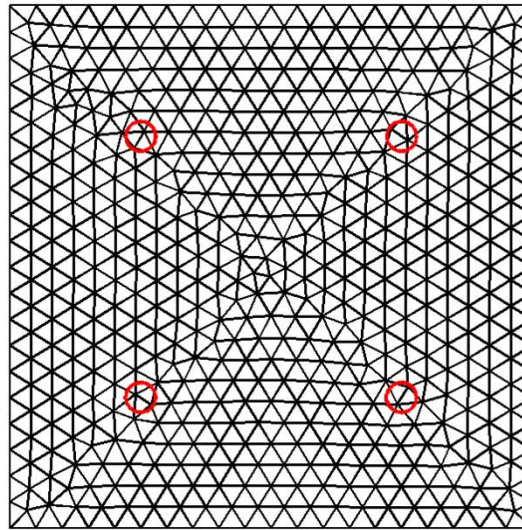
~1-2% of total computation time (excluding metric computation)

edges between 38% and 114% of target  
average edge = 76% of target, std = 12%



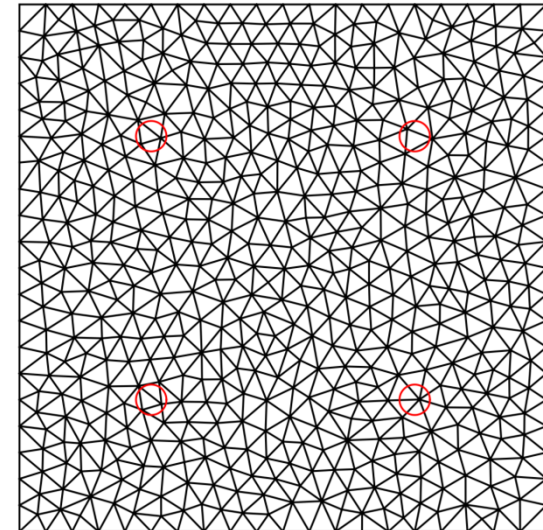
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edges between 59% and 112% of target  
average edge = 95% of target, std = 6%



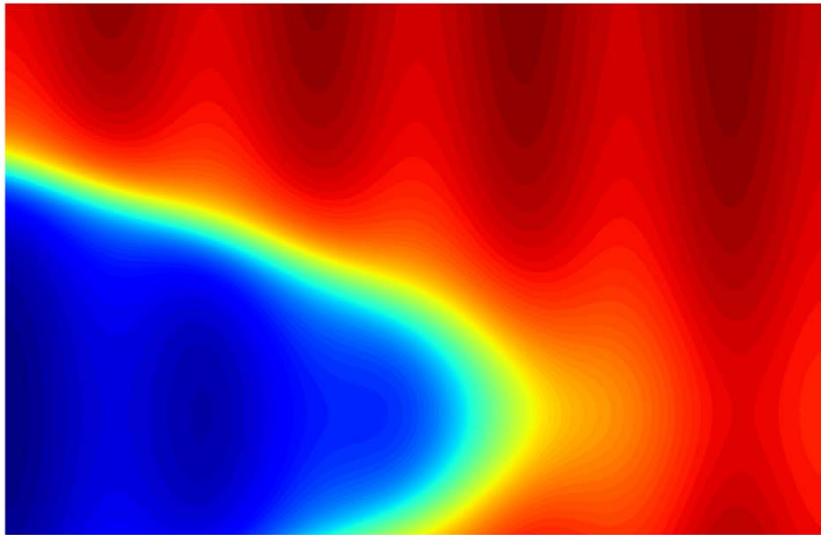
FEniCS'14

edges between 62% and 141% of the target  
average edge = 95% of the target, std = 15%



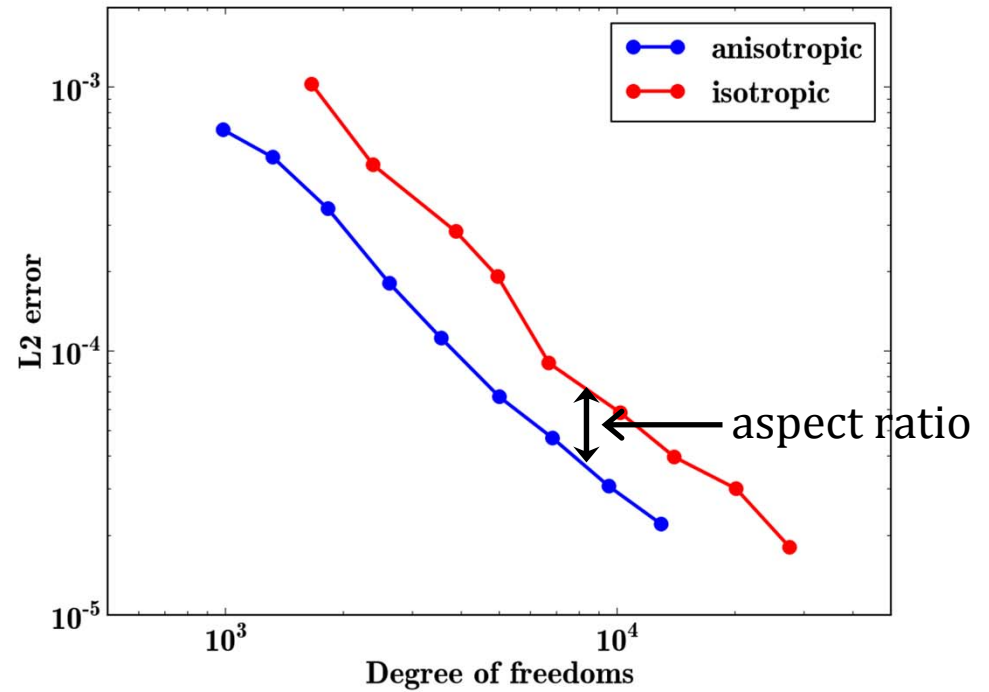
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# Example

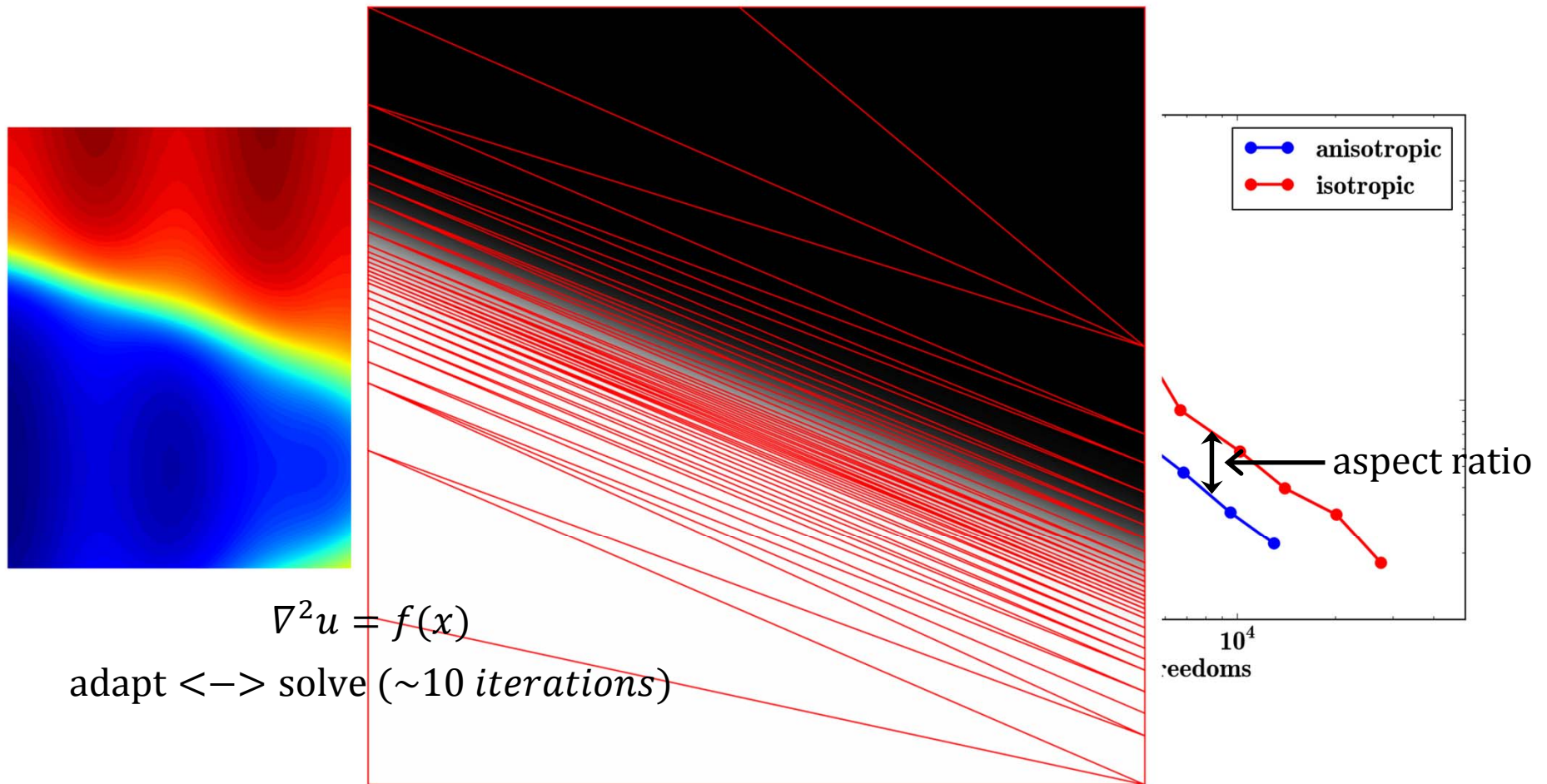


$$\nabla^2 u = f(x)$$

adapt  $\leftrightarrow$  solve ( $\sim 10$  iterations)



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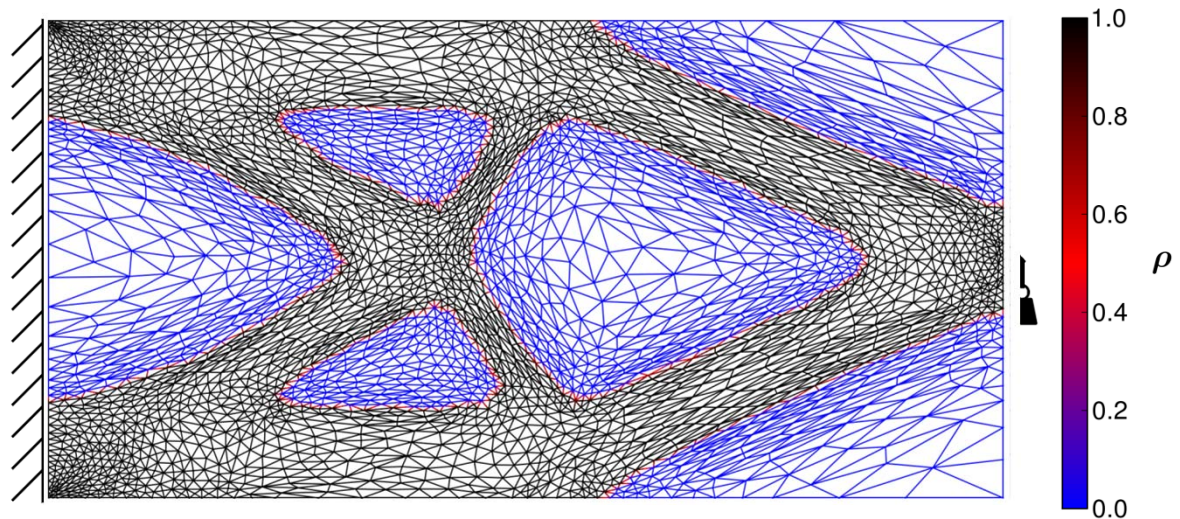


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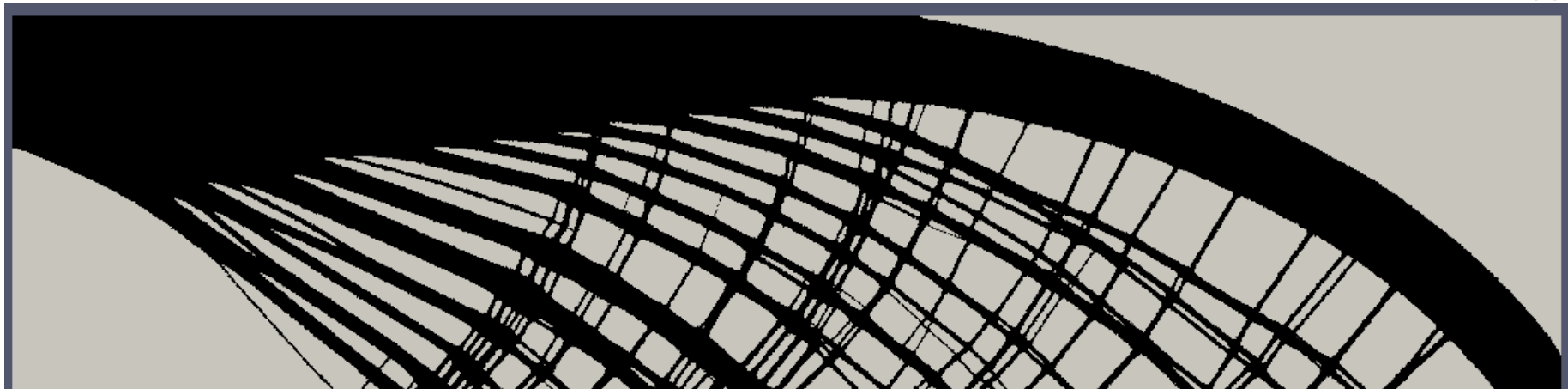
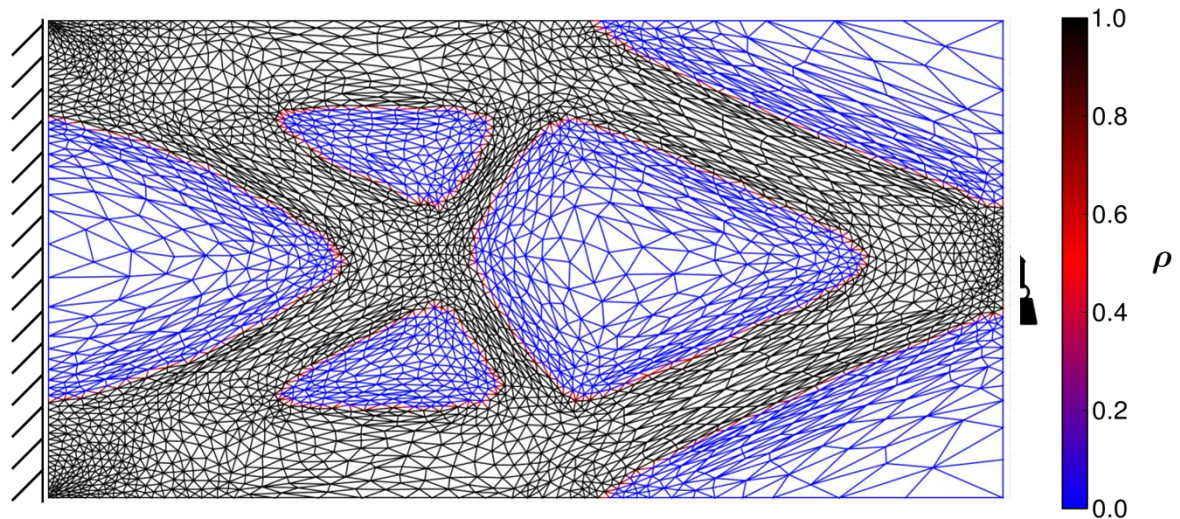
- Design and sensitivity drives adaptation
- Interpolation of internal optimiser variables



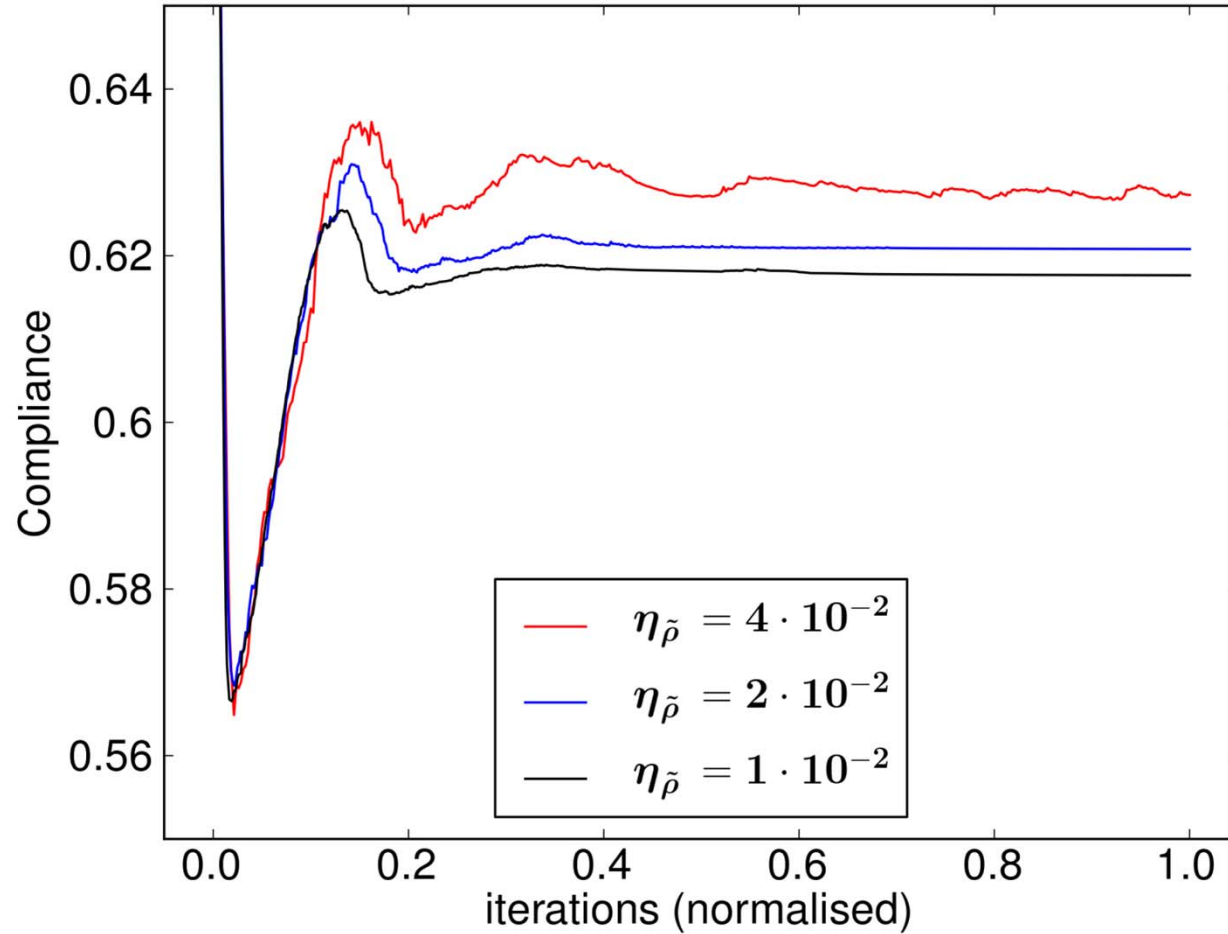
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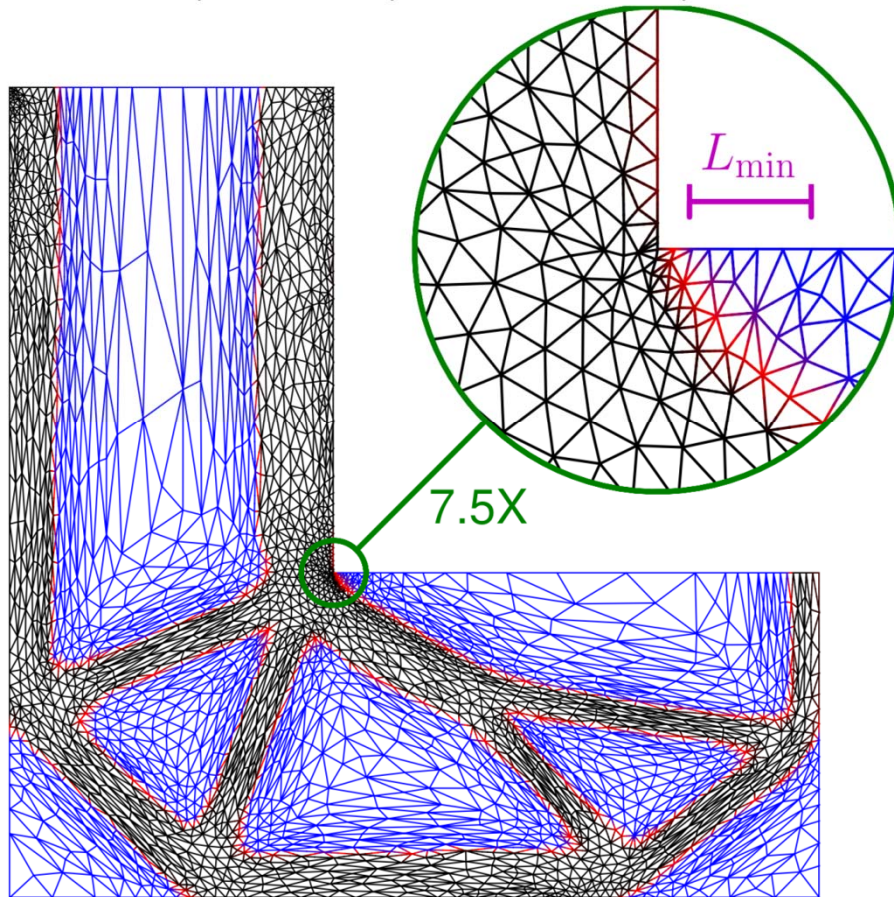


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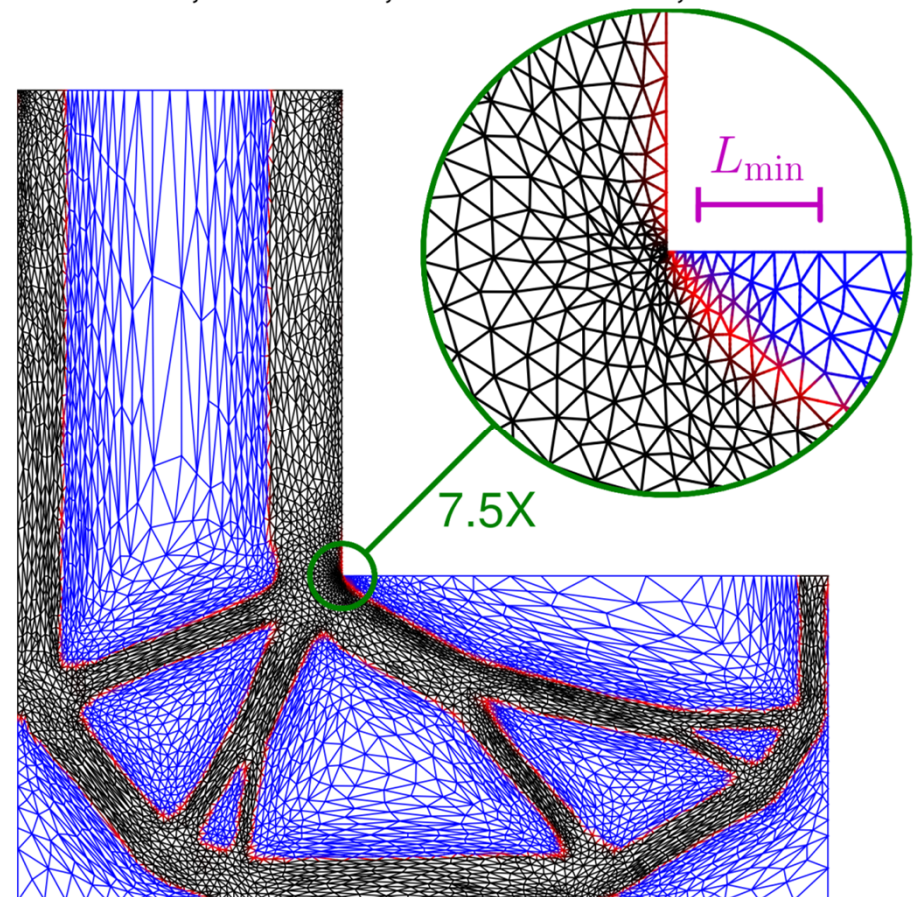


# Stress constraint, designs

$i=388, V=0.374, \text{nodes}=2472, 3.2\text{h}$



$i=381, V=0.361, \text{nodes}=4845, 10.9\text{h}$

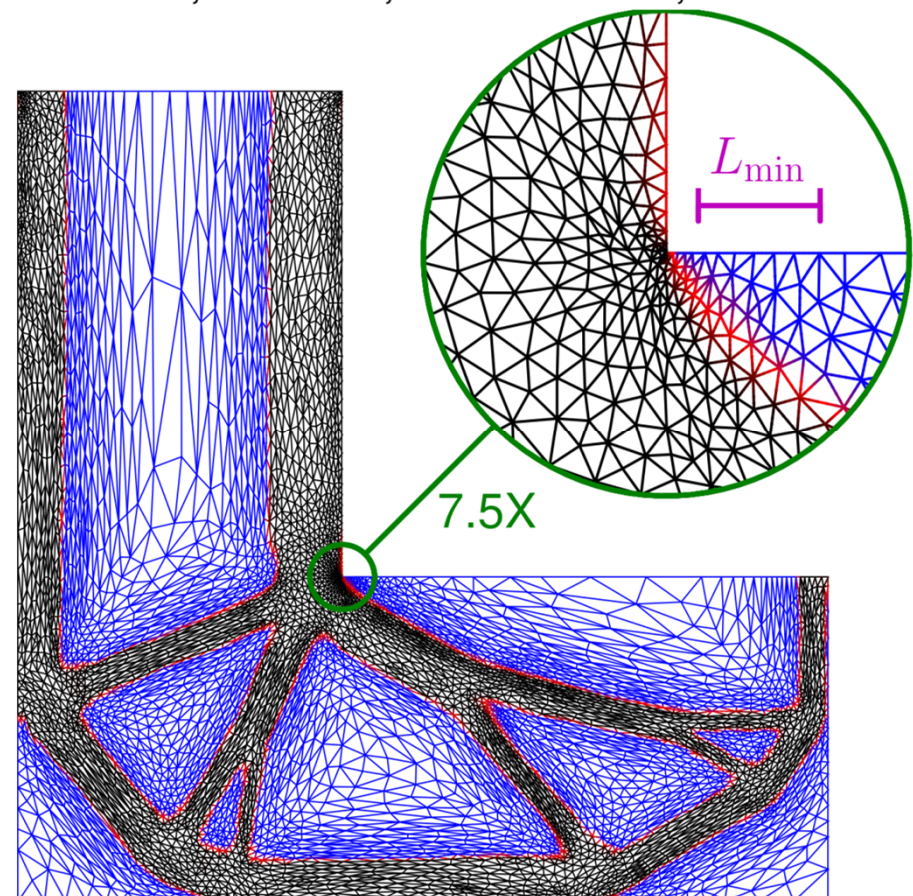
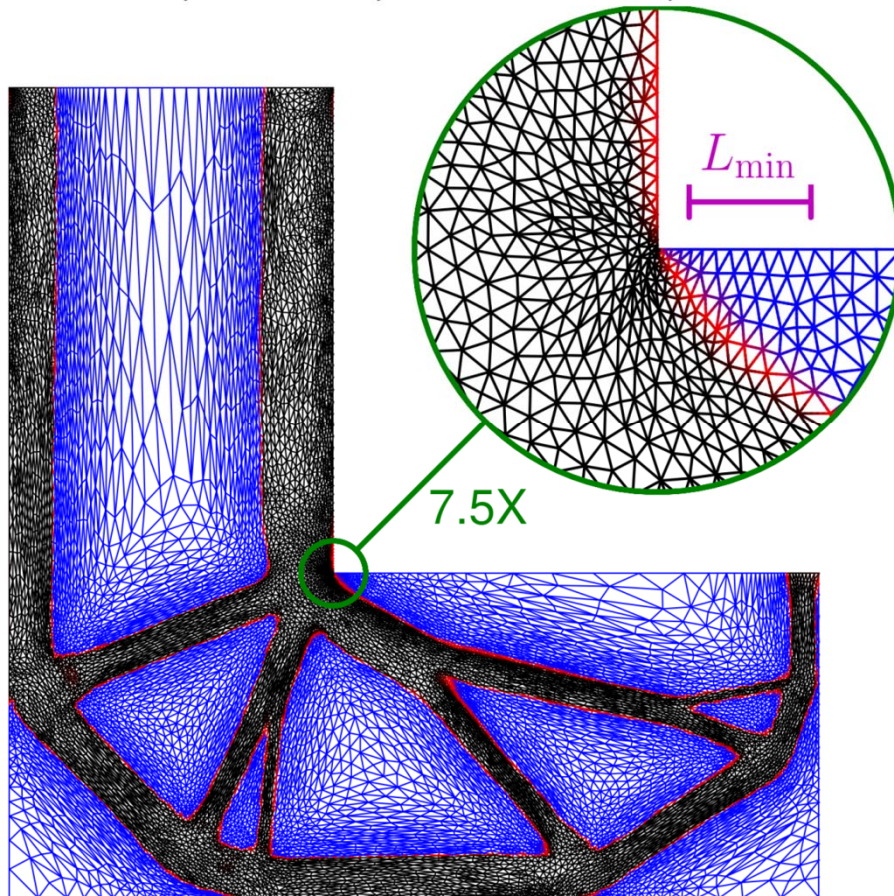


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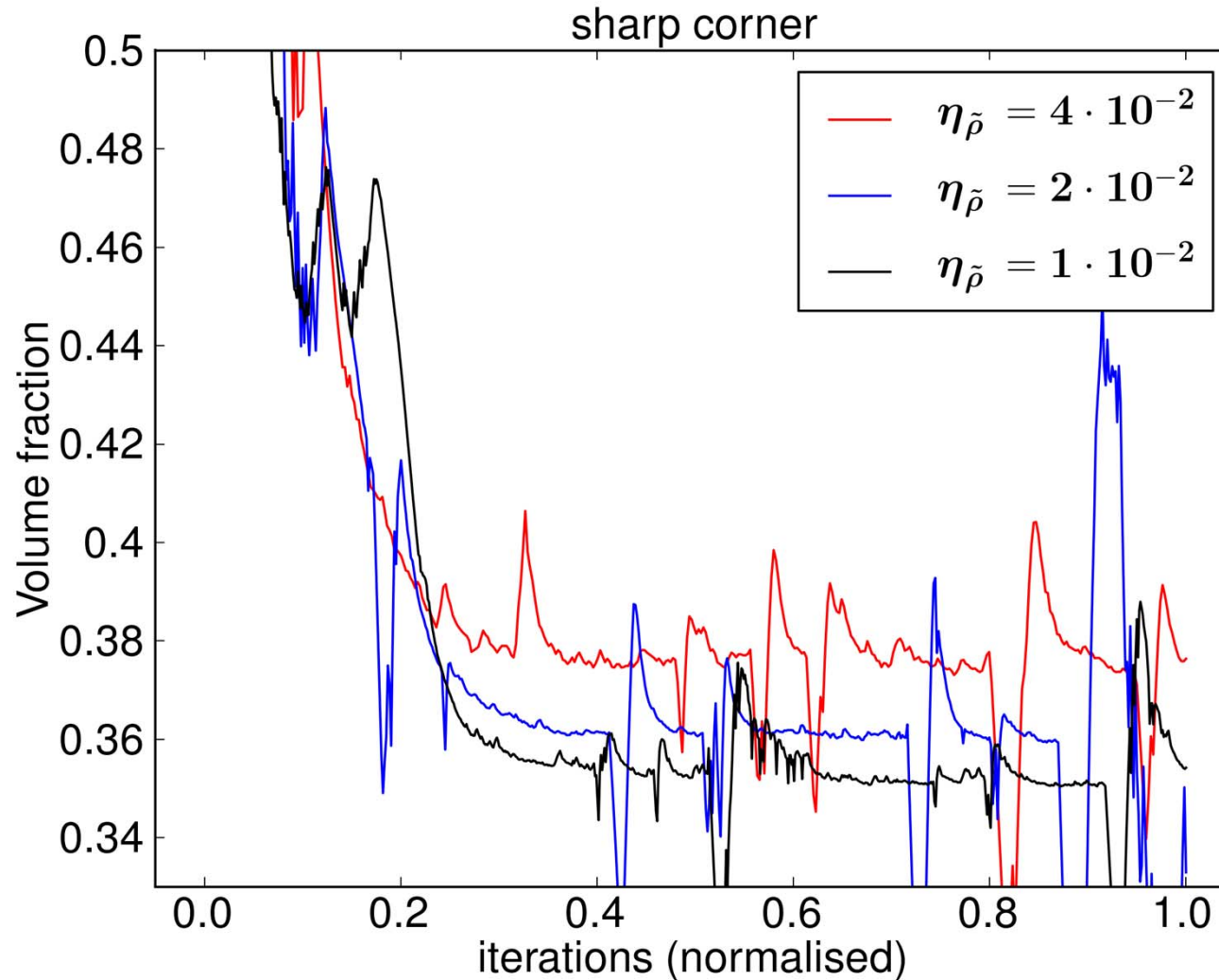
i=567, V=0.351, nodes=9815, 15.0h

i=381, V=0.361, nodes=4845, 10.9h

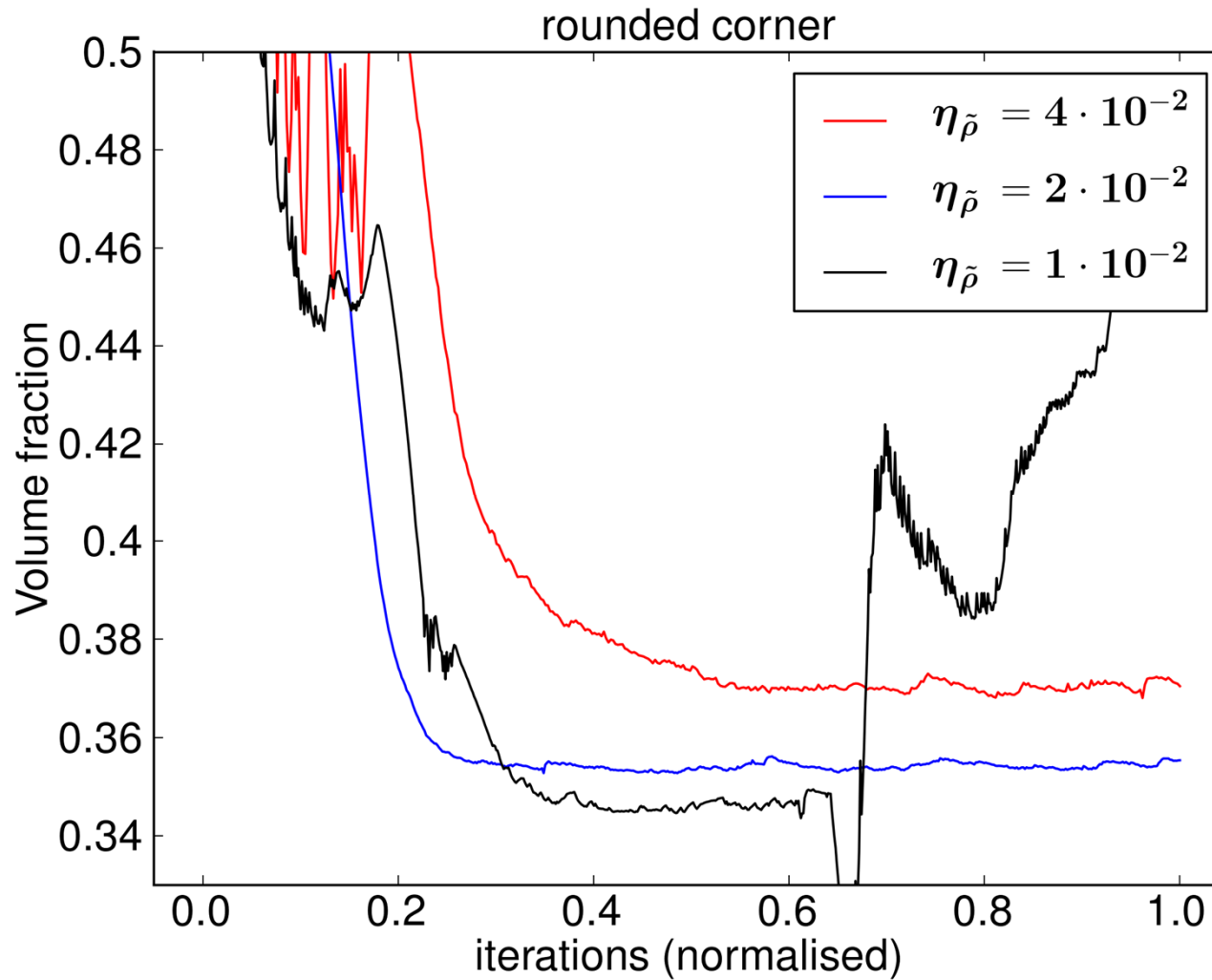


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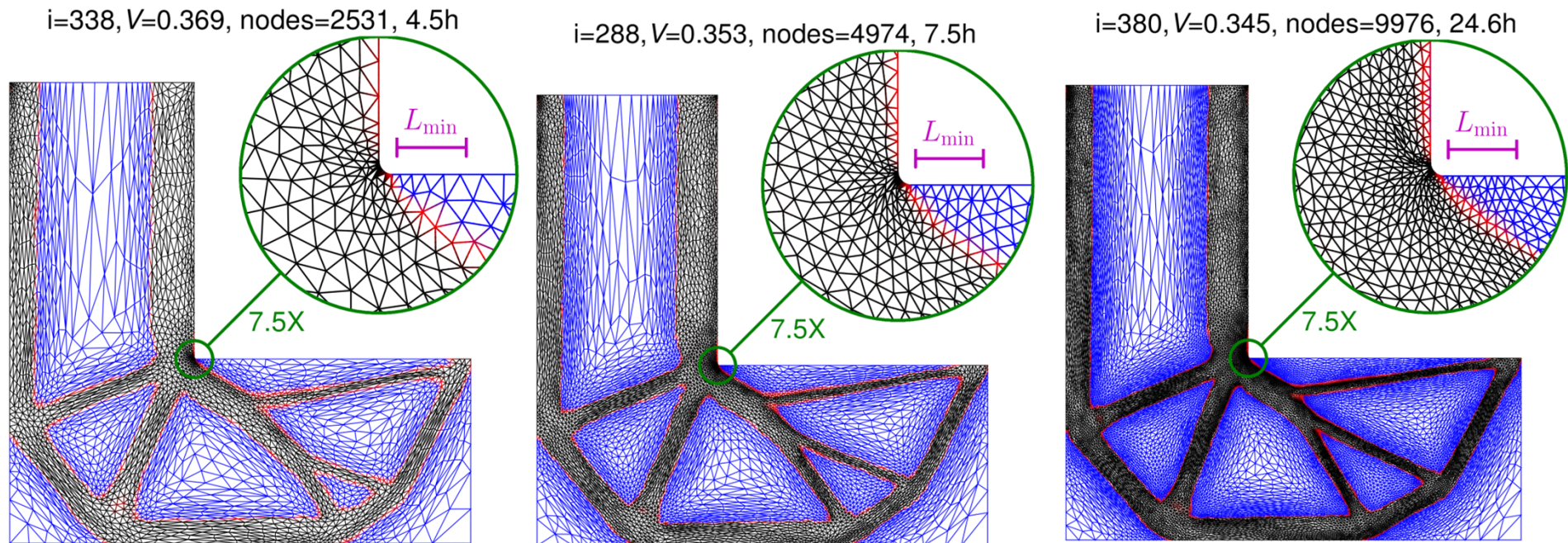
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$C^1$  continuity at the corner might be important



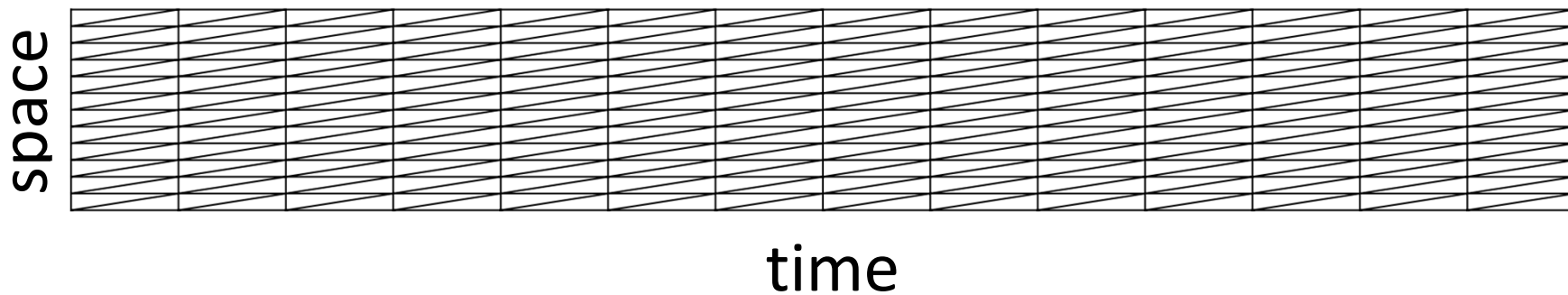
# Parallelisation or adaptivity? No!

- time = money
  - time to solution is the relevant metric
    - thus, strong scaling is important
      - But this always top out
        - » So minimizing the number of degrees of freedom is always critical
- Domain decomposition is ignorant of physics
  - Stiff domains may appear
    - destroying load balancing and thus scaling

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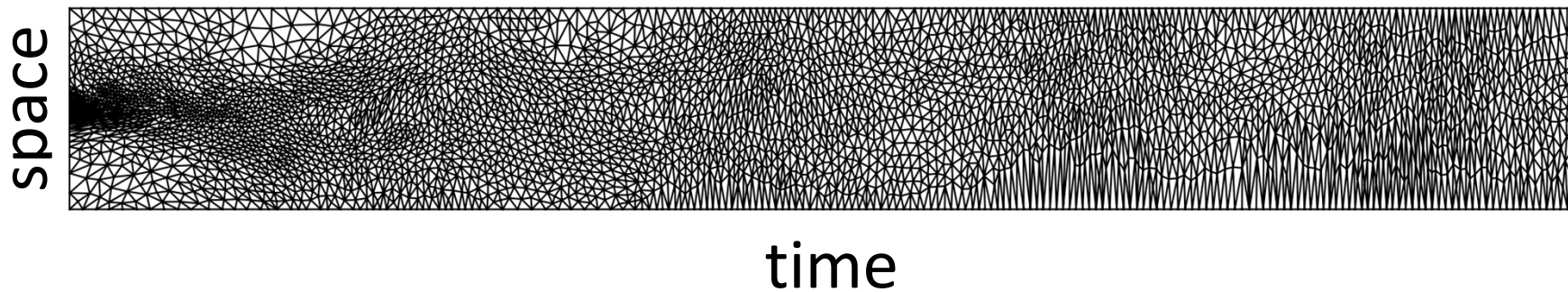
0: 195 nodes, 336 elements



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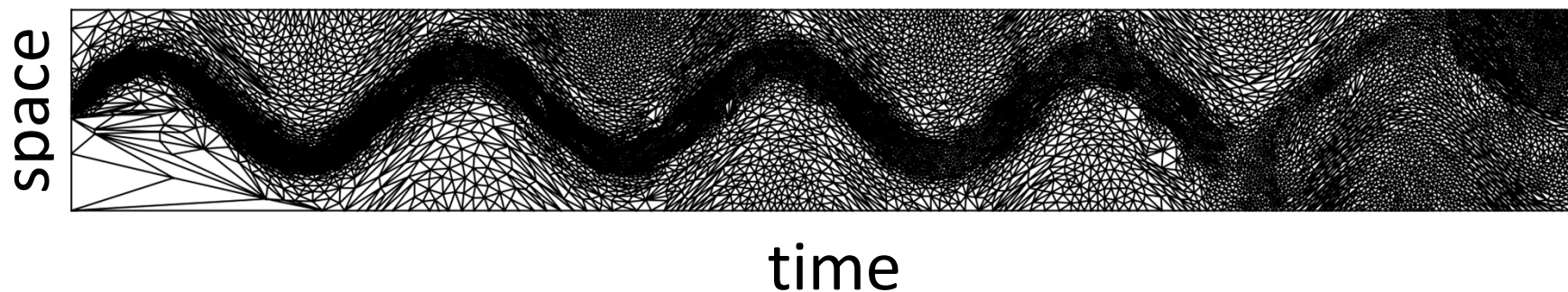
1: 3493 nodes, 6569 elements



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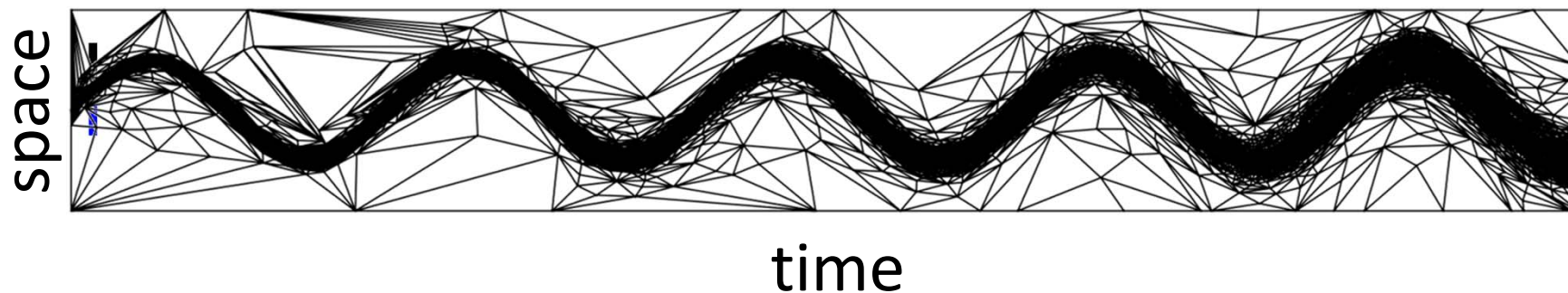
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3: 9150 nodes, 18217 elements

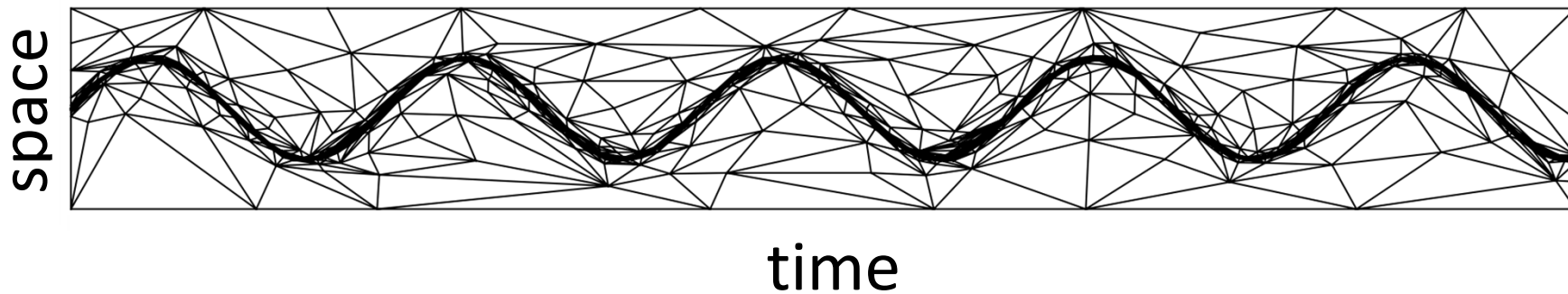


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**We want 4D FEniCS**

9: 6459 nodes, 12872 elements



# Syntax

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solve(a == L, u, bc)
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```

## Ellipse method

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from adaptivity import metric_ellipse
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solve(a == L, u, bc1)
solve(b == M, v, bc2)
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H2 = metric_pnorm(v) #eta=0.01, p=2
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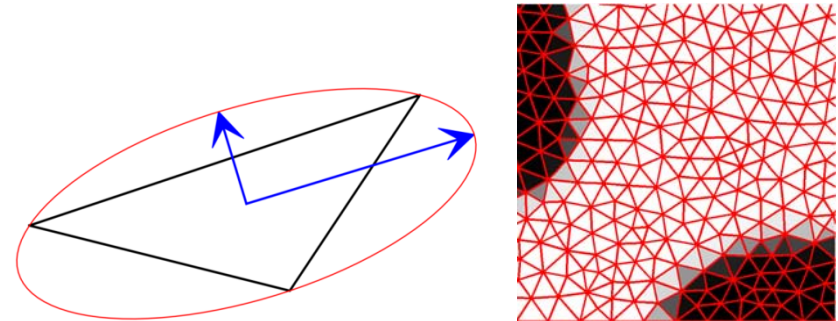
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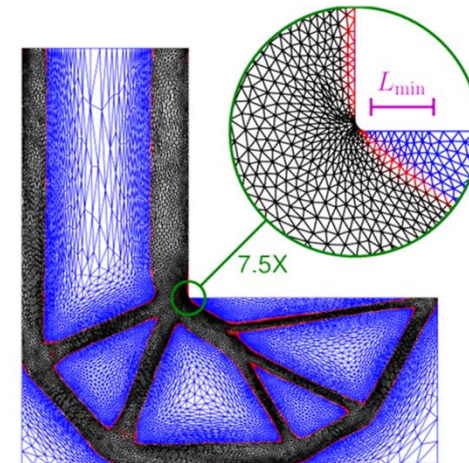


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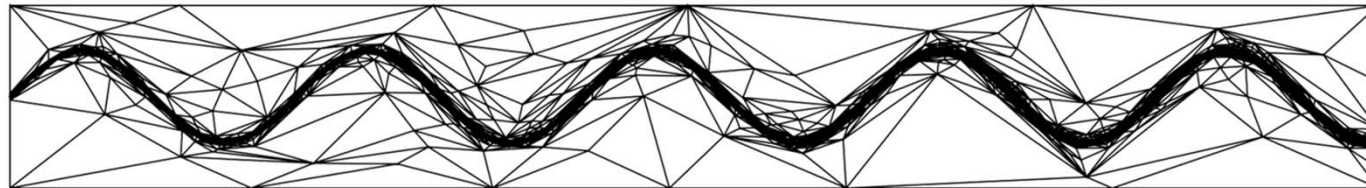
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# Questions

