

# MULTISCALE METHODS, MOVING BOUNDARIES AND INVERSE PROBLEMS

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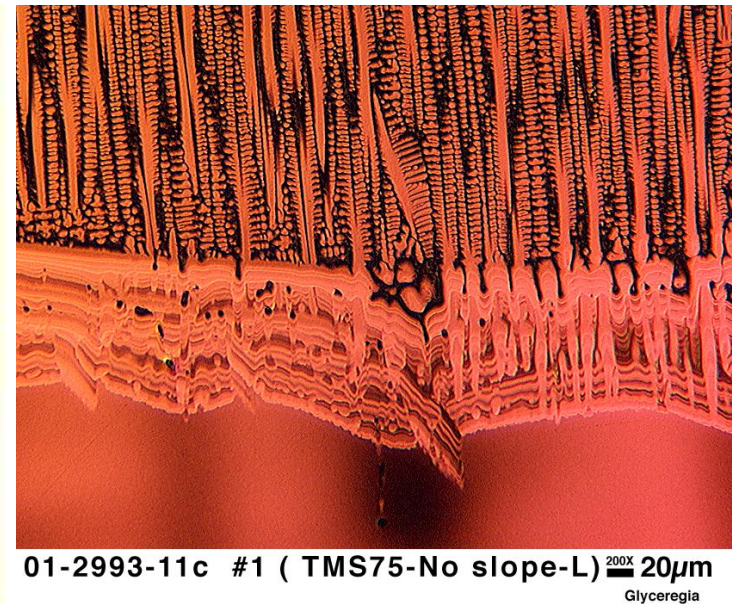
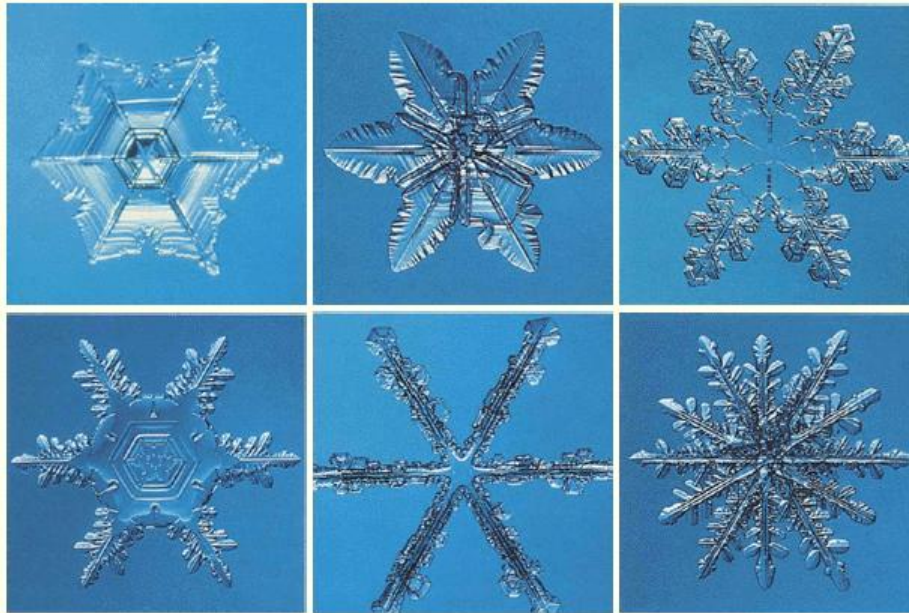
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- Multiscale and moving boundary problems
  - § Multiple length and time scales
  - § Formulation of mathematical problem
  - § Moving boundary problems
  - § Adaptive methods for resolving length scales
  - § Solidification problems as a context
- Inverse methods for design and parameter identification
  - § Design as a complement to analysis
  - § Mathematical methods for inverse problems
  - § Examples: shape and topology optimization
- Summary and conclusions

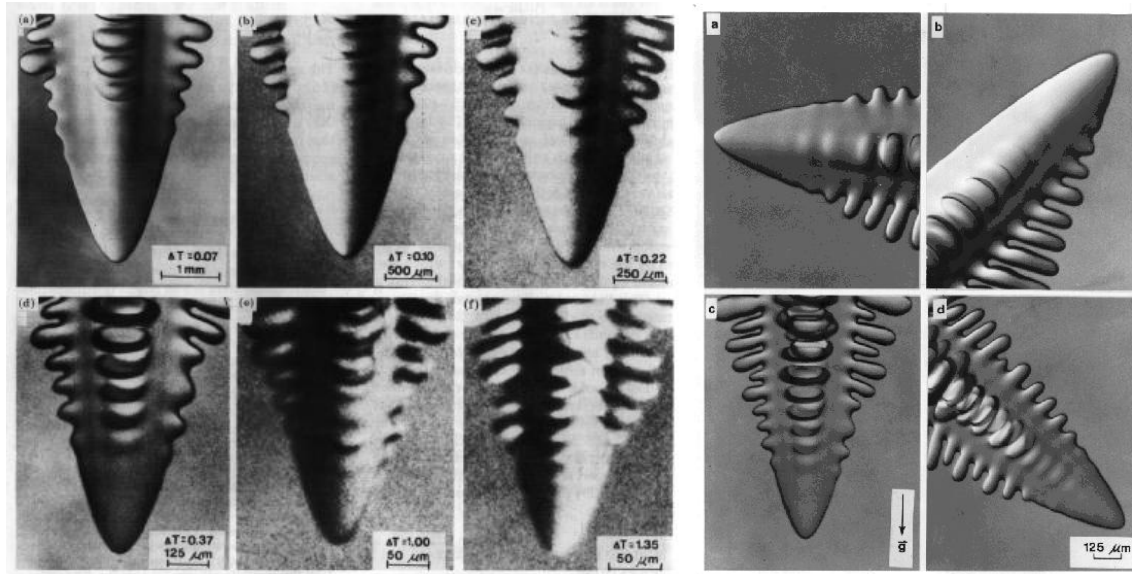


## Crystal pattern selection



- “Every snowflake is different”
  - § Pattern set by environment during growth (FURUKAWA)
- Dendrite also canonical microstructural form in metals and alloys
  - § Spot weld in Ni-based superalloy (BABU AND DAVID, ORNL)
- Processing conditions determine microstructure and properties

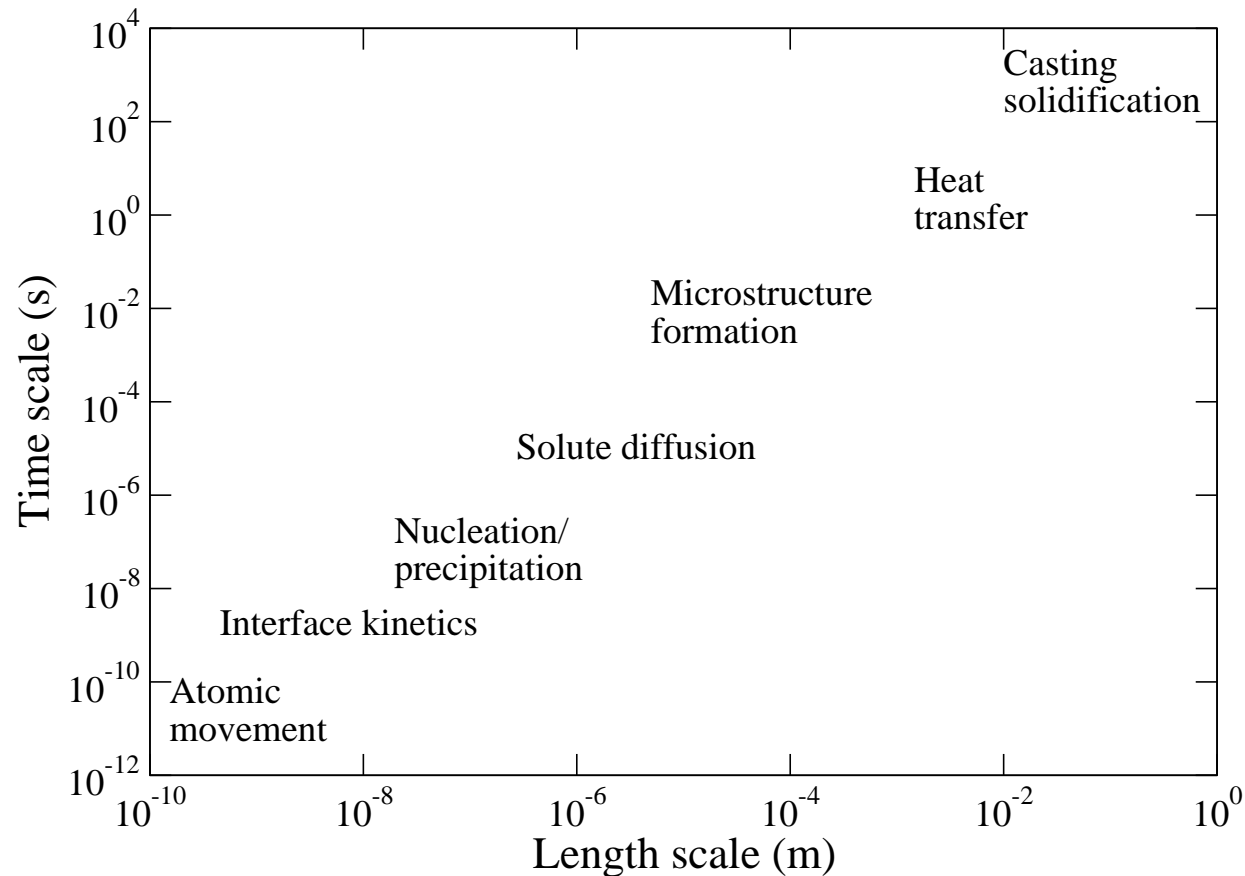
## Observations in succinonitrile



- Succinonitrile (SCN) is transparent organic analog for metals
- High purity SCN growing into undercooled melt
- Experiments by Glicksman, et al.,  $0.02 < \Delta T / (L_f / c_p) < 0.06$
- Left-hand photographs scaled on  $\Delta T$
- Right-hand photos at different orientations wrt gravity

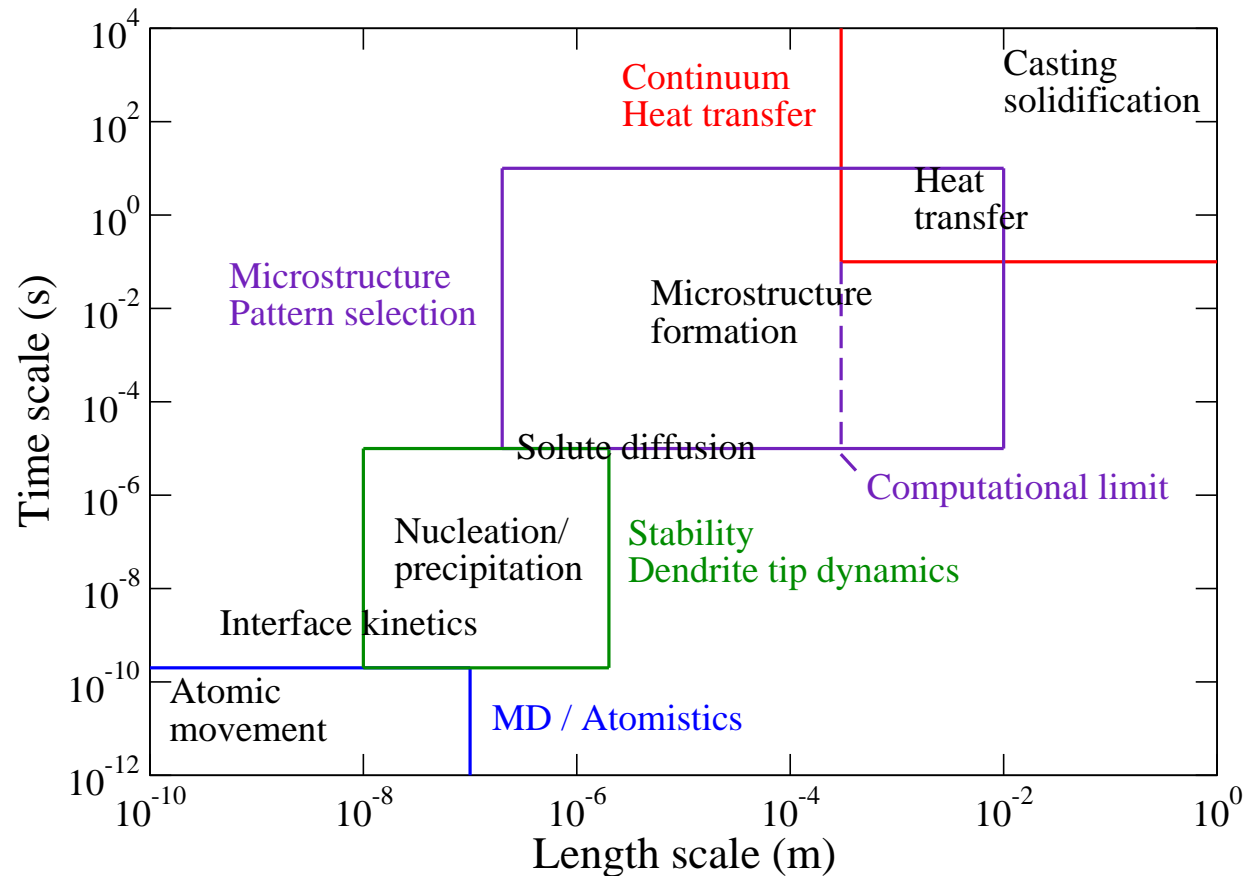
## *Solidification phenomena*

- Vast range of length and time scales
- Slope of 1 cm/s typical interface speed



## Computational models and limits

- 2D:  $10^3 \times 10^3$  in space,  $10^3$  in time, 8 bytes/datum = 8Gb
- 3D:  $10^2 \times 10^2 \times 10^2$  in space,  $10^3$  in time, 8 bytes/datum = 8Gb





## *Solidification of a pure material in an undercooled melt*

- Dendritic growth as a generalized Stefan problem

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \frac{k}{\rho c_p} \nabla^2 T = \alpha \nabla^2 T$$

§ Interface conditions:

$$\begin{aligned} \rho L_f V_n &= k (\nabla T \cdot \vec{n}|_S - \nabla T \cdot \vec{n}|_L) \\ T &= T_m - \Gamma [(a + a_{\theta\theta})\kappa_\theta + (a + a_{\phi\phi})\kappa_\phi] - \beta(\mathbf{n})V_n \end{aligned}$$

§ Anisotropy:  $a(\mathbf{n}) = 1 - 3\epsilon_4 + 4\epsilon_4 (n_x^4 + n_y^4 + n_z^4)$

§ Far-field condition:  $T(\infty) = T_\infty$

- Scaling temperature  $\theta = \frac{T - T_m}{L_f/c_p}$  gives

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial t} &= \alpha \nabla^2 \theta \\ V_n &= \alpha (\nabla \theta \cdot \vec{n}|_S - \nabla \theta \cdot \vec{n}|_L) \\ \theta &= -d_0 [(a + a_{\theta\theta})\kappa_\theta + (a + a_{\phi\phi})\kappa_\phi] - \beta' V_n \\ \theta(\infty) &= -\Delta \end{aligned}$$



## *Moving boundary problems*

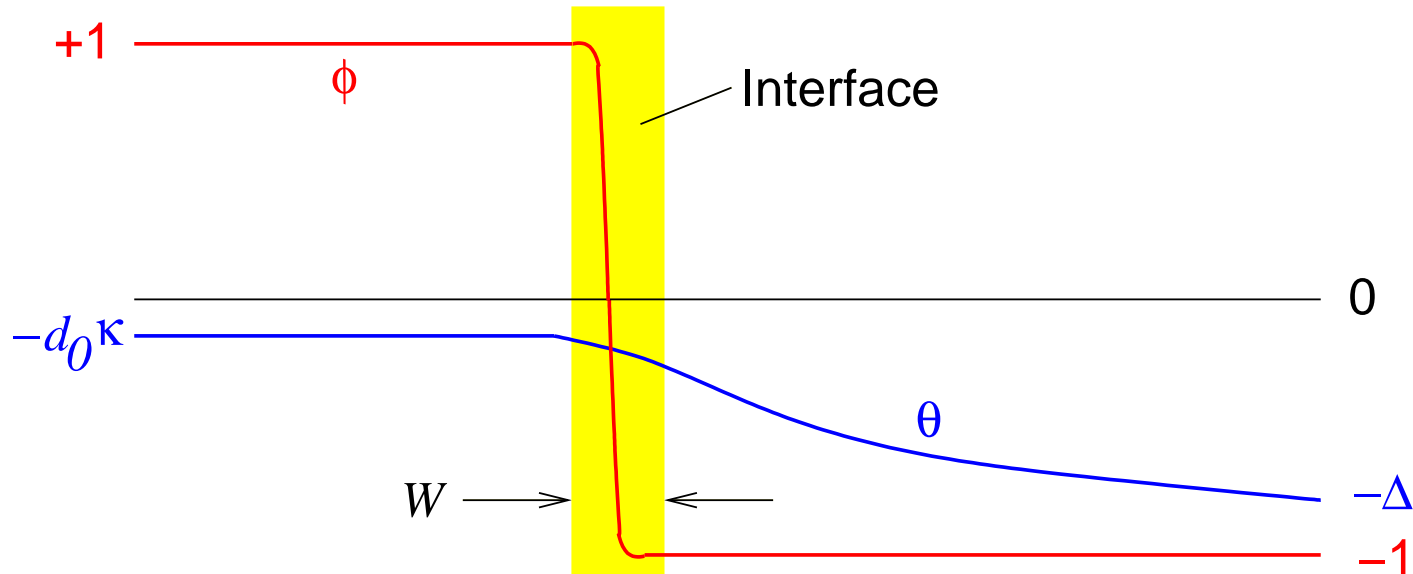
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- Must apply boundary conditions on interface whose location is unknown
- Deforming mesh methods (UNGAR AND BROWN, PRB, 1985)
  - § Adjust grid to align with interface
  - § Works in 2D, when mesh deformation is not large
  - § Satisfy one BC (Gibbs-Thomson), advance interface with other
  - § Cannot accommodate topology changes
- Fixed grid methods
  - § Grid remains fixed and interface moves through it
  - § Level set method (OSHER AND SETHIAN, JCP, 1988)
  - § Other hybrid methods (JURIC AND TRYGVASSON, JCP, 1996)
  - § Phase field method (LANGER, REV. MOD. PHYS., 1980)



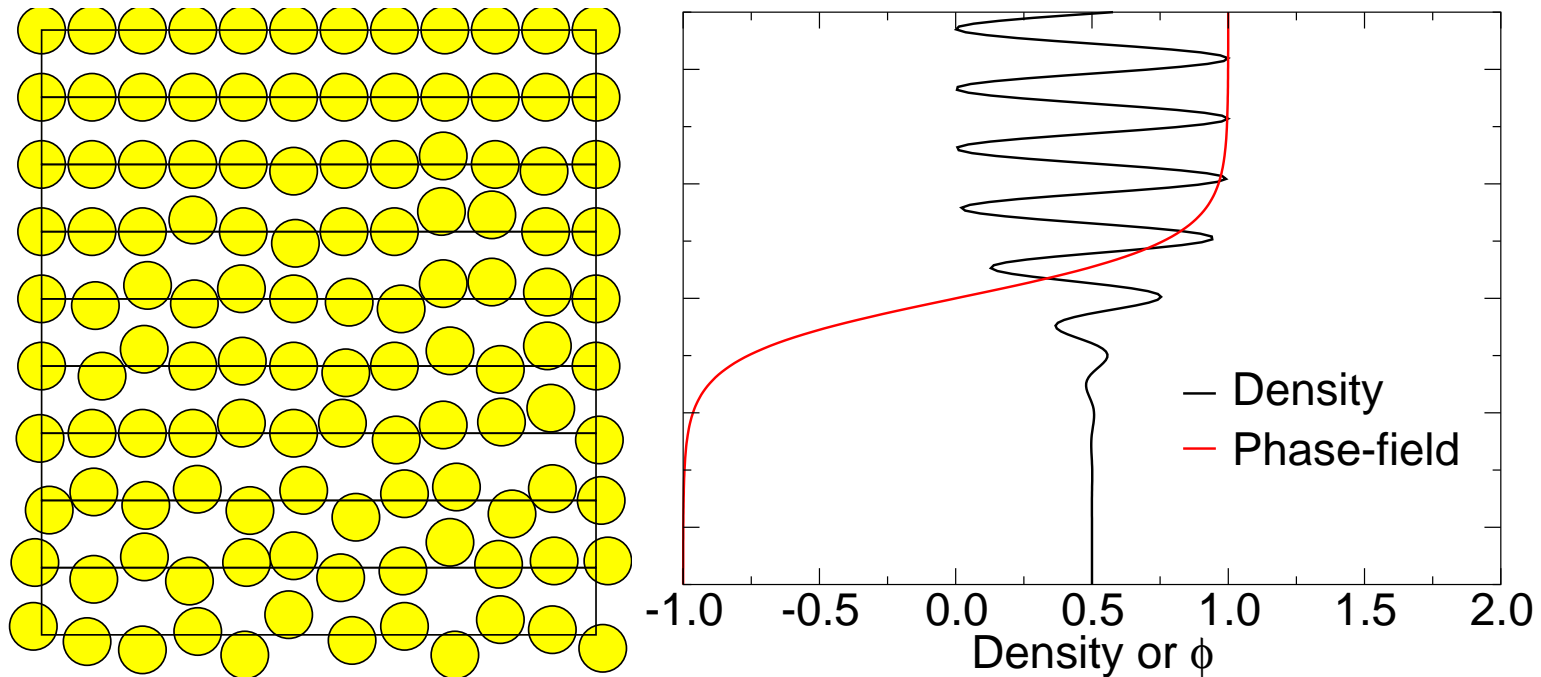
## Phase-field method for solidification

- Introduce *phase-field* on a fixed grid
  - § Define a continuous order parameter  $-1 < \phi < 1$
  - §  $\phi = -1$  corresponds to liquid,  $\phi = +1$  to solid
  - § Define interface position as  $\phi = 0$
- Interface is now a diffuse region, finite width  $W$



## *Physical interpretation of the phase-field*

- Consider a rough interface (WARREN AND BOETTINGER)
- Plot atomic density near interface



## Phase-field model for a pure material

- Coupled equations for temperature and  $\phi$

$$\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial t} = \nabla \cdot (\alpha \nabla \theta) + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t}$$

$$\tau \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} = - \frac{\delta \mathcal{F}}{\delta \phi}$$

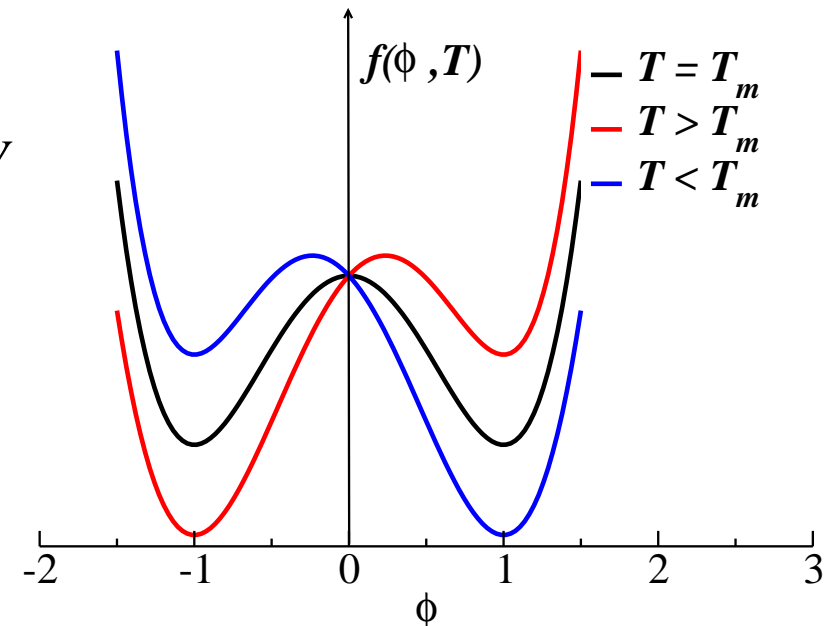
- Attributes: thin interface,  $\phi = \pm 1$  as stable states

$$\mathcal{F} = \int_V \left( \frac{1}{2} |w(\vec{n}) \nabla \phi|^2 + f(\phi, T) \right) dV$$

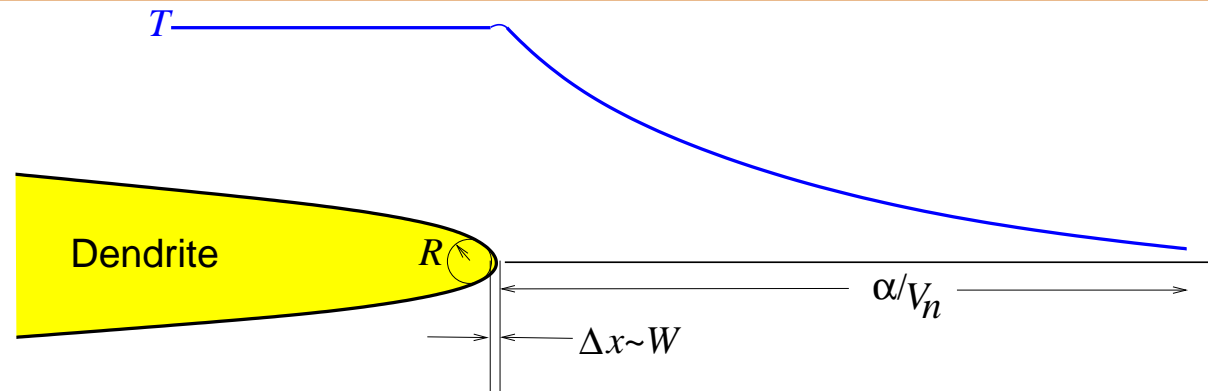
$$f(\phi, T) = \phi(1-\phi^2) + \lambda \theta(1-\phi^2)^2$$

§  $\lambda$  controls double well tilt

§  $f(\phi, T)$  form *not* crucial



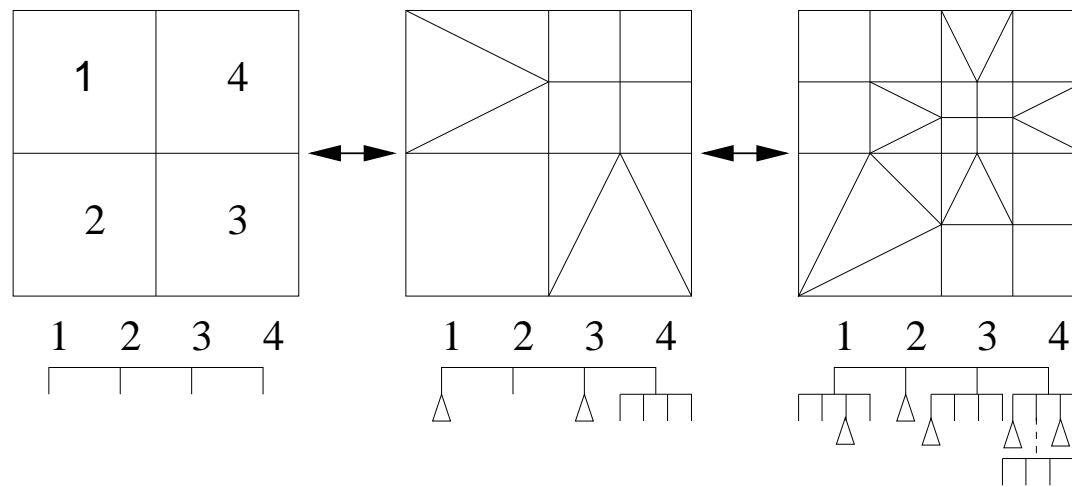
## Hierarchy of length scales



- Length scales:  $d_0(10^{-9}\text{m})$ ,  $R(10^{-5}\text{m})$ ,  $\alpha/V_n(10^{-4}\text{m})$ ,  $W_0$ ,  $\Delta x$ ,  $L_B$ 
  - § Grid convergence requires  $\Delta x \sim \mathcal{O}(W)$
  - § Karma and Rappel, *PRE*, 1995:  $W/(\alpha/V_n) \ll 1$  ( $\sim 10^{-2}$ )
  - § Domain independence requires  $L_B/(\alpha/V_n) \gg 1$  ( $\sim 10$ )
  - §  $L_B/W \sim L_B/\Delta x \sim 10^3$
  - § Uniform mesh requires  $N_g = (L_B/\Delta x)^d$  ( $10^6$  in 2-D,  $10^9$  in 3-D)
- Problem is even more acute at low  $\Delta$ 
  - § Slow approach to steady state  $\Rightarrow L_B/(\alpha/V_n) \sim 100$
  - § Experiments at  $\Delta < 0.1$

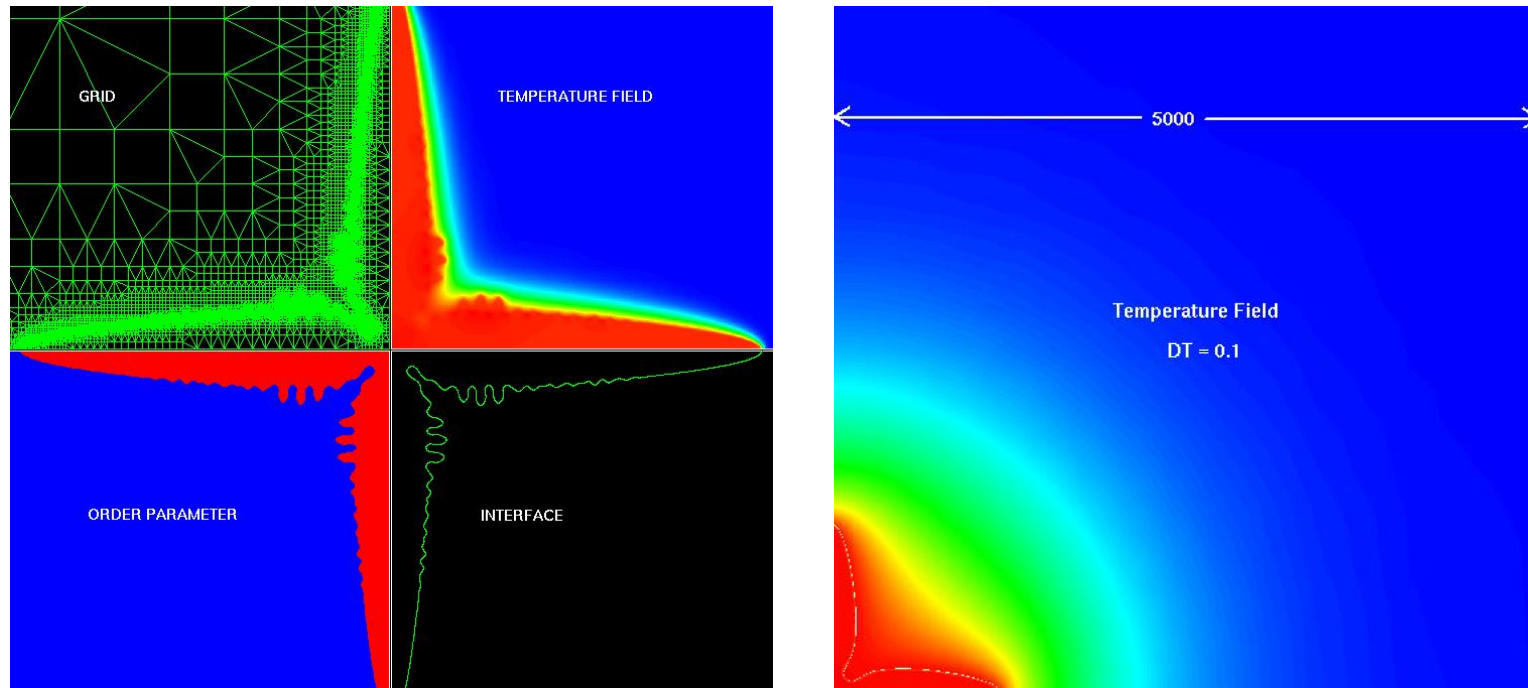
## *Finessing the length scale problem*

- Maximum resolution needed only near the interface
- Adaptive FEM grid (PROVATAS, GOLDENFELD AND DANTZIG, PRL, JCP, 1998-2000)
- Initial mesh of 4-noded quadrilateral elements
- Refinement/fusion based on local error estimator  $f(\nabla\phi, \nabla U)$
- Data structure
  - § Linked lists and quadtrees makes element traversal efficient
  - § Extra side nodes resolved with triangular elements (in 2D)



## *Dendritic growth at high and low undercooling*

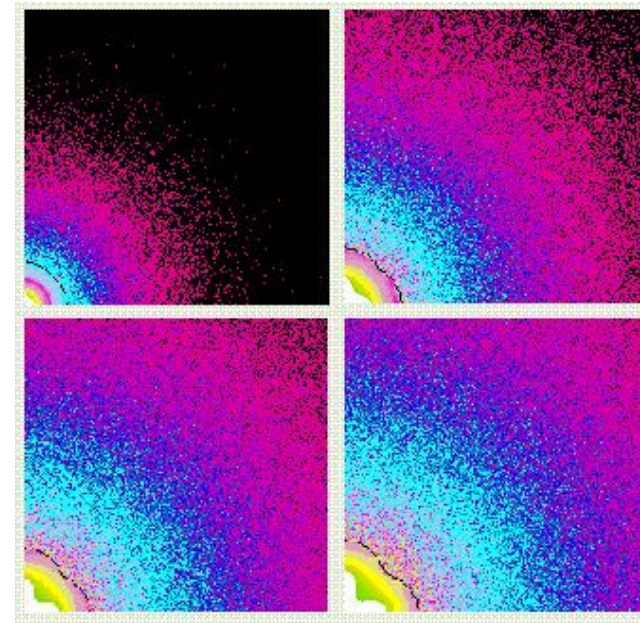
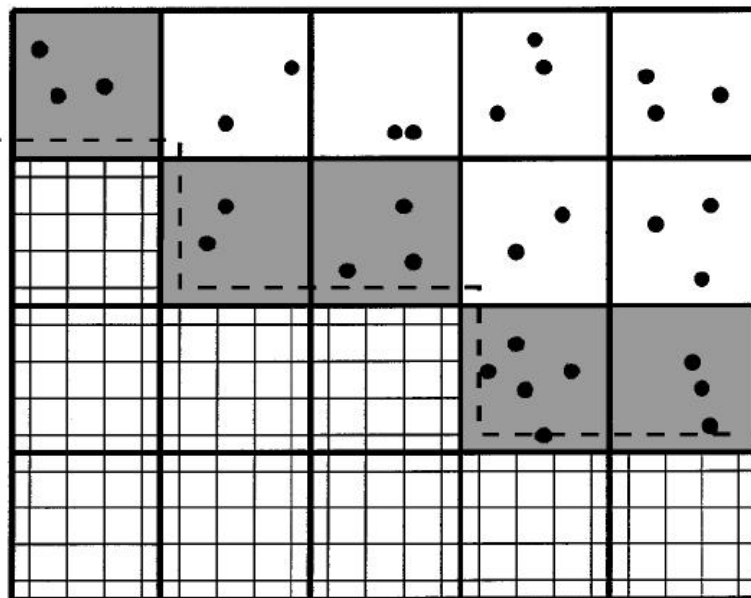
- Analytical theory for isolated arm in infinite medium
  - § Tip speed and shape match theory at high  $\Delta$  (left)
  - § Both arms within thermal boundary layer at low  $\Delta$  (right)



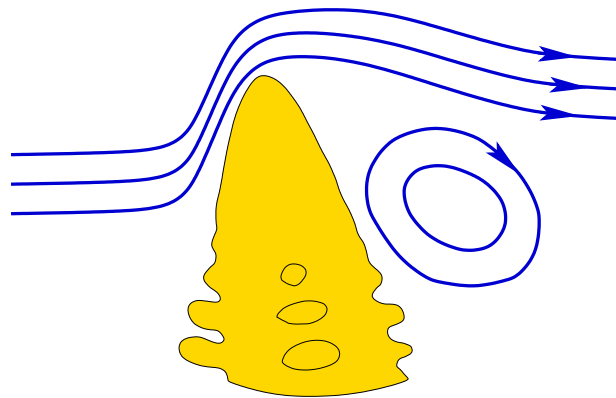


## *Another approach to the length scale problem*

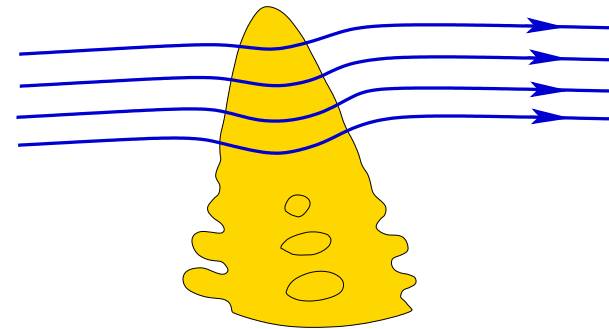
- Combine FDM and random walkers (PLAPP AND KARMA, PRL, 2000):
  - § Solve using combined FDM/Random walker method
  - § Inner fine FDM mesh includes dendrite
  - § Outer diffusion field solved using random walkers
  - § Match solutions at boundary



## 3D dendritic growth with fluid flow



2-D

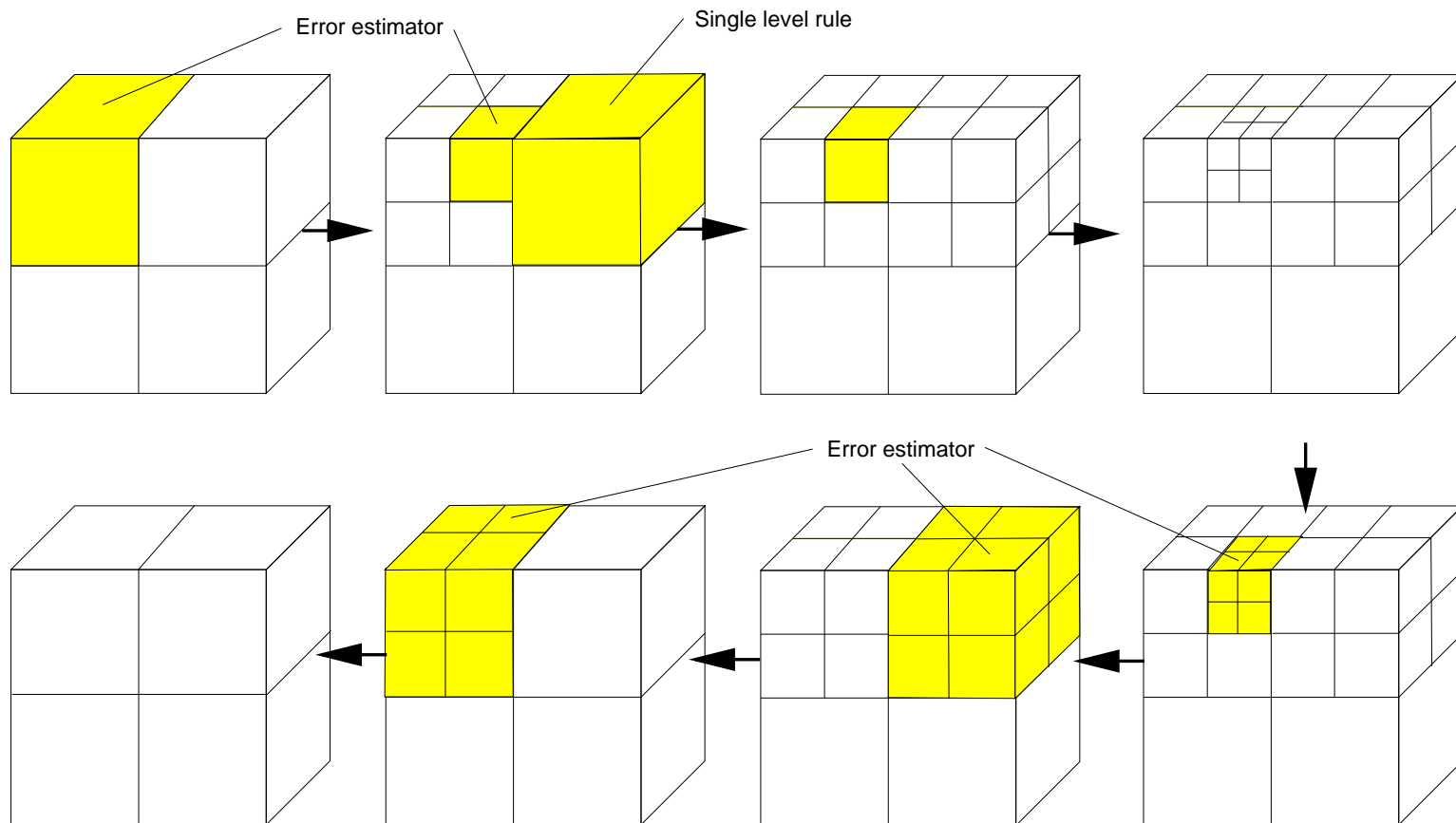


3-D

- 3D nature is essential (DANTZIG AND CHAO, IUTAM, 1986)
  - § 2D transport: Fluid must flow up and over the tip
  - § 3D transport: Vertical and horizontal flow around the tip
- Formulation (BECKERMANN, DIEPERS, STEINBACH, KARMA AND TONG, JCP, 1999)
  - § Volume averaged form
  - § Special source to get correct drag force

## Adaptive grid procedure in 3D

- Octree data structure
- Disconnected nodes handled by constraints



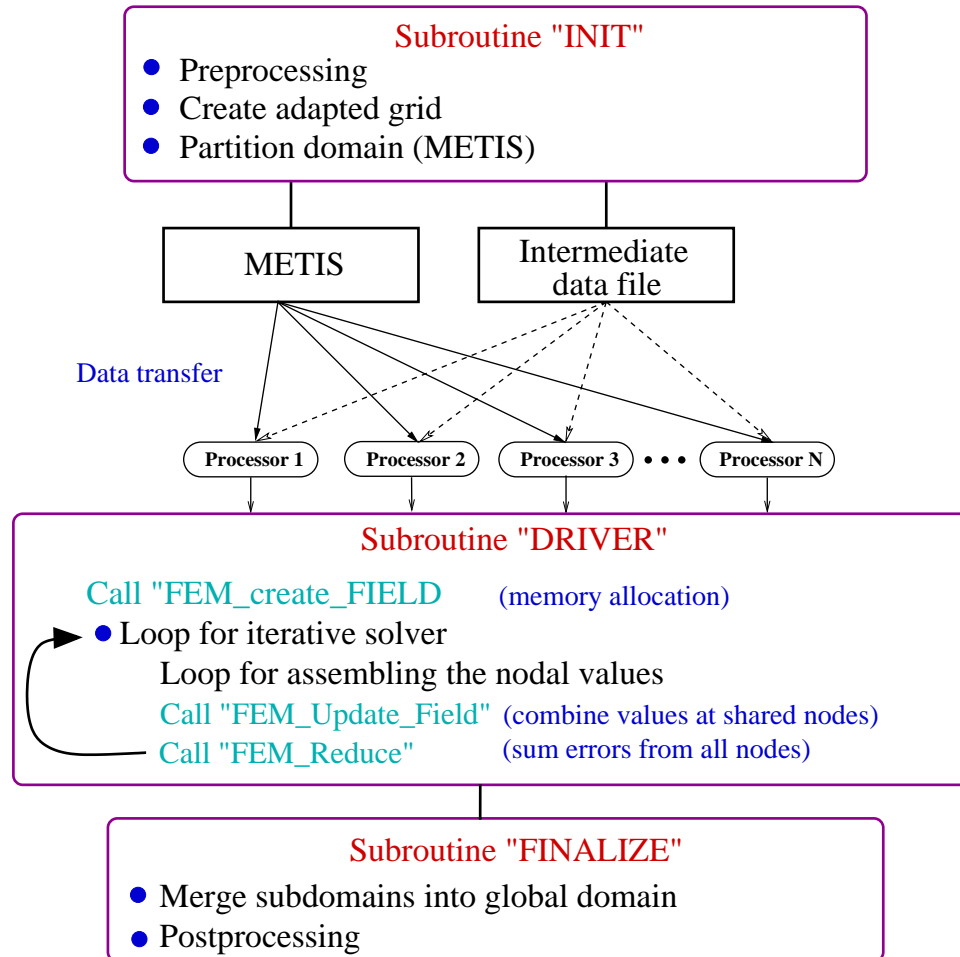
## *Parallel implementation of 3D code*

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- Need large speedup factors ( $\mathcal{O}(100)$ )
- Domain decomposition not obvious
- Strategy
  - § Distributed memory
  - § CHARM++
- Code details
  - § Explicit time stepping for phase-field, implicit for others
  - § Flow computed using semi-implicit approximate projection method
  - § Element-by-element conjugate gradient solver

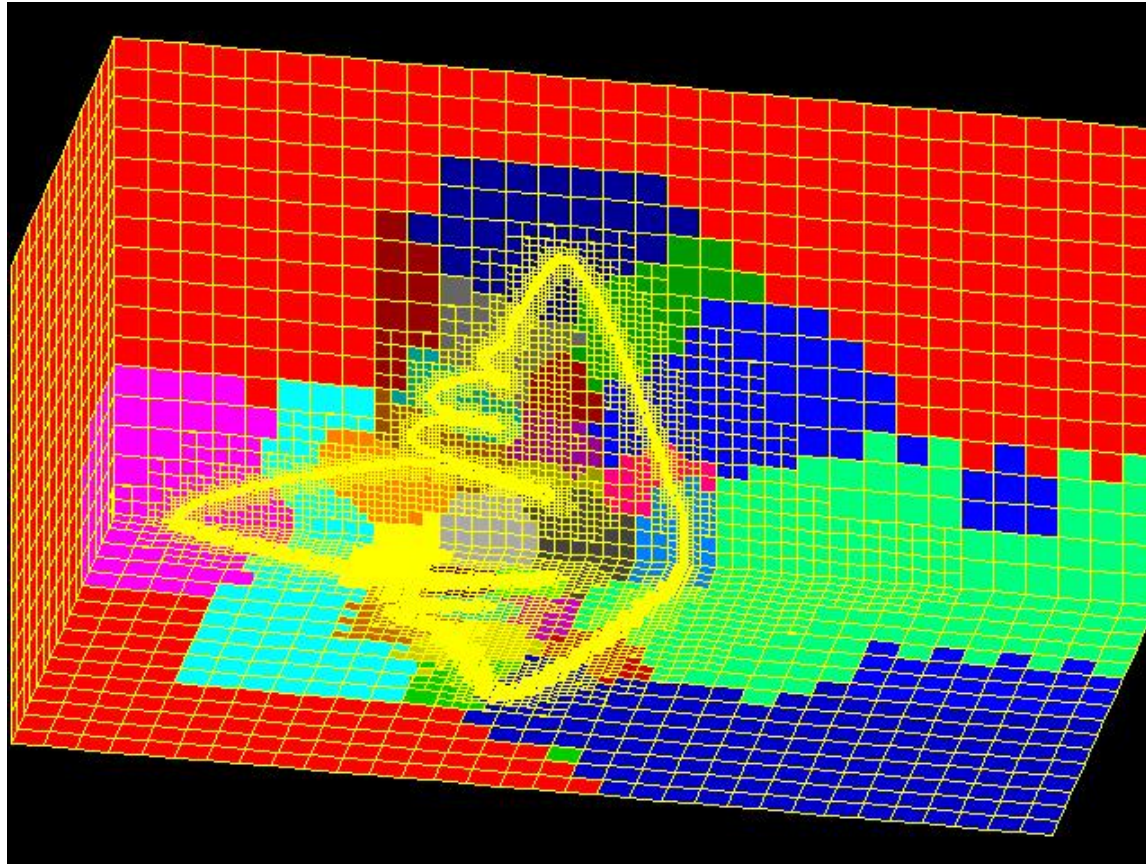


# Framework for parallelization by CHARM++



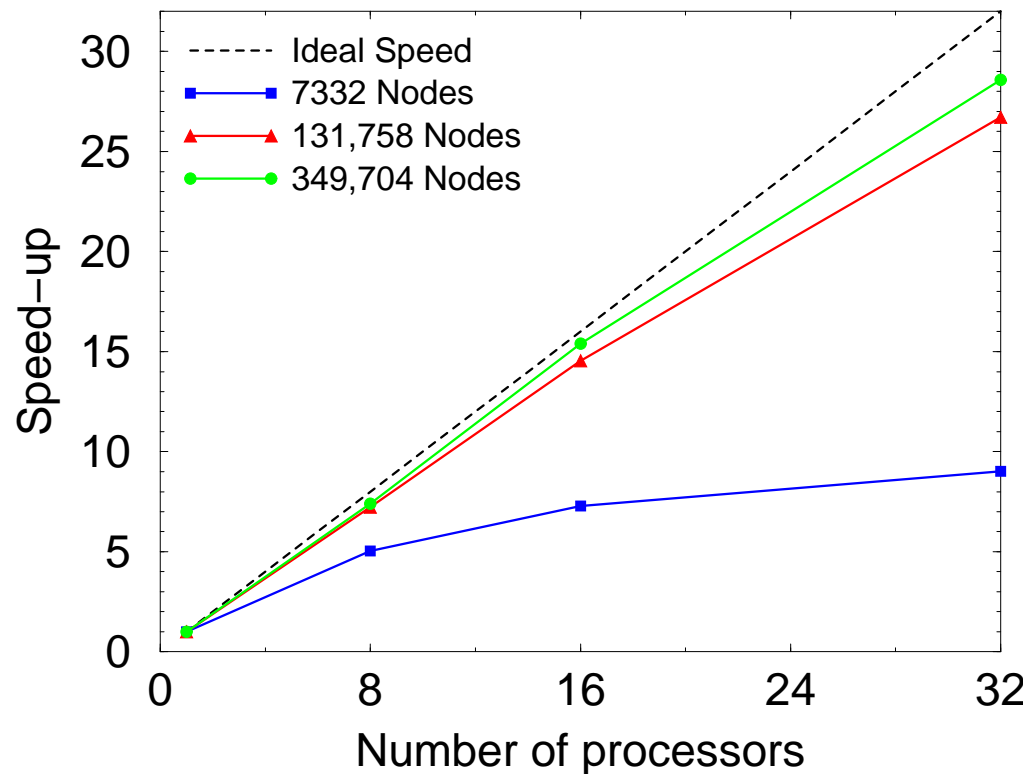
## *Domain decomposition*

- Processor assignment for 32 processors (METIS)



## *Parallel performance of code*

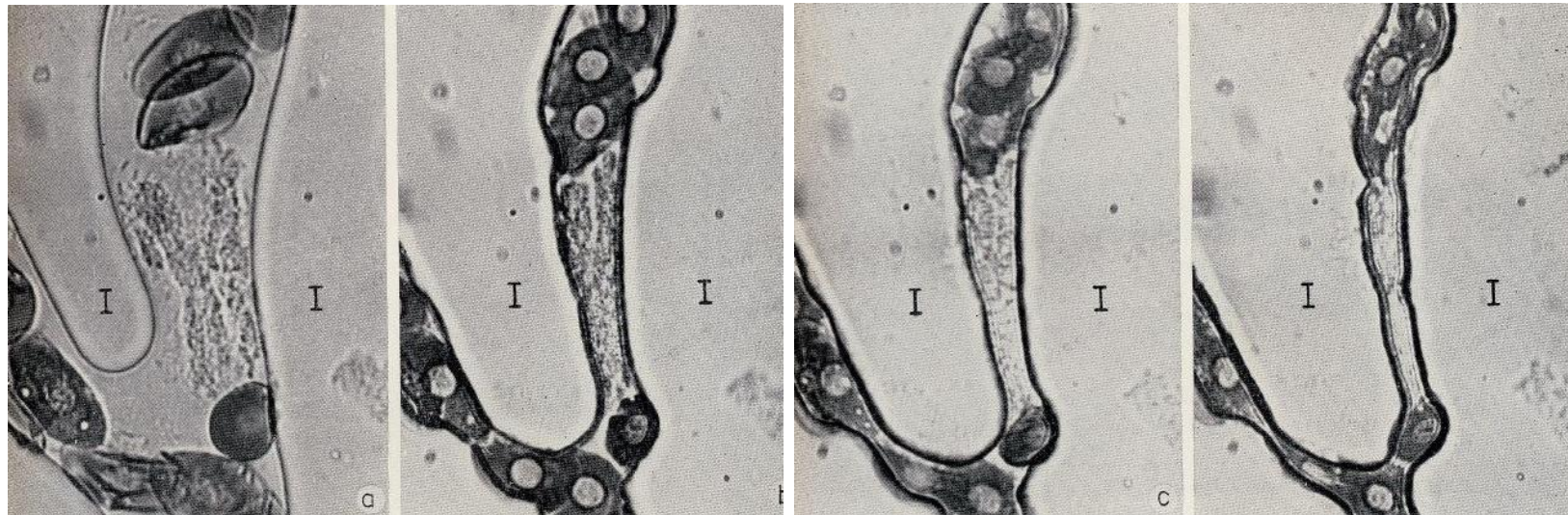
- Perform 20-100 time steps on a single mesh
- Speed-up approaches ideal as mesh size increases





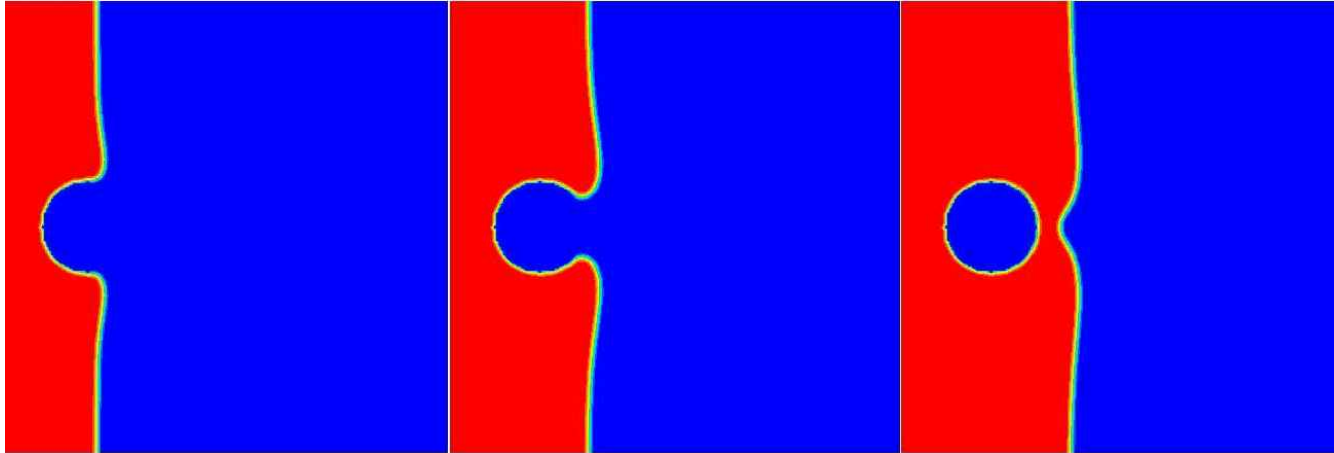
## *Biological application*

- Cryobiology: freezing cells for preservation
- Cells segregate from freezing ice
  - § Local concentration important
  - § Minimize mechanical damage
- Frog blood (RAPATZ, MENZ AND LUYET, CRYOBIOLOGY, 1966)

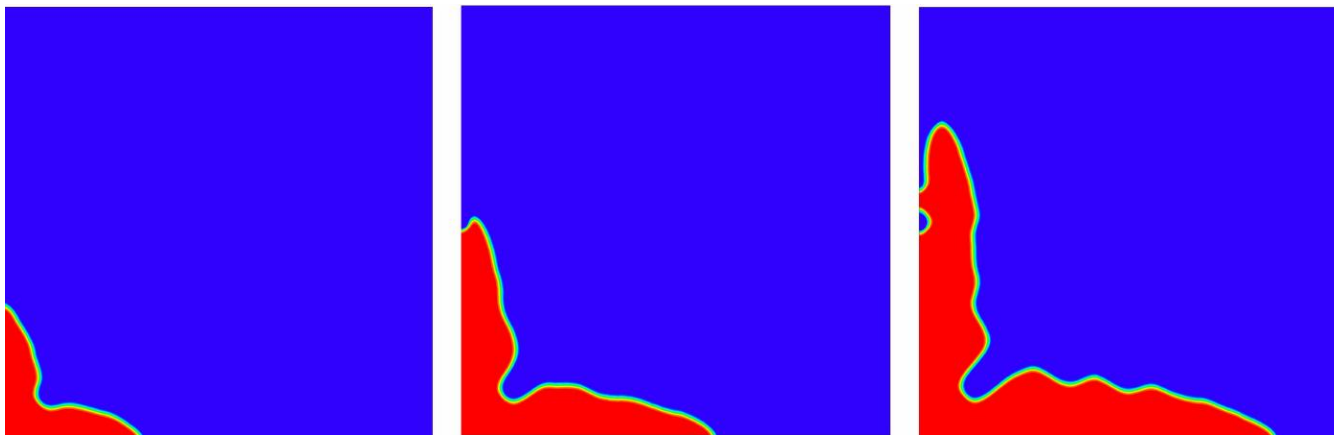


## *Modeling particle interaction*

- Fixed particles, engulfed by interface



- Changes in dendritic growth patterns



## *Summary: dendritic growth*

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- Dendritic growth is complex pattern selection problem
- Multiple length scales can be resolved using adaptive grids
- Fluid flow has a profound effect on structure evolution
- 2D is different from 3D
- High  $\Delta$  is different from low  $\Delta$
- Adaptive, 3-D Navier-Stokes, phase field code enables comparison to experimental observations
- More than one way to solve this problem!



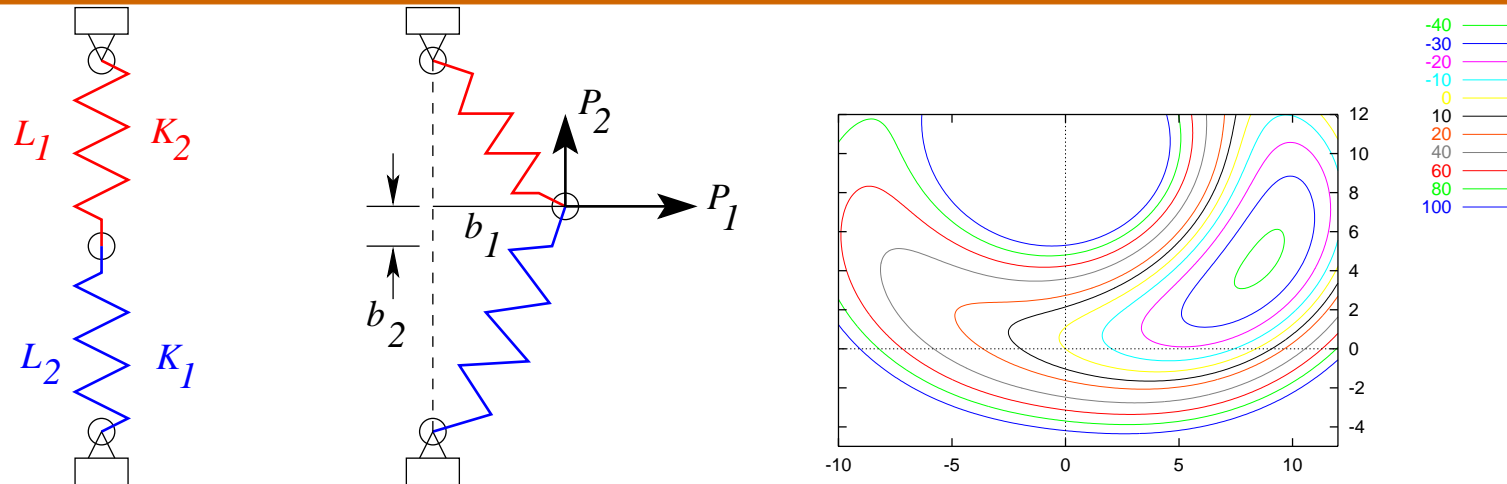
## Optimal design

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- Have become adept at complex modeling
- Make transition from *analysis* to *design*
- Use simulations to improve design, or identify parameters
- Pose as an optimization problem:
  - § Identify *design variables*  $b$
  - § Solve problem for a given design  $u(b)$
  - § Minimize (or maximize) and objective function  $G(u, b)$
  - § Possible constraints  $F(u, b)$
- Design space is “orthogonal” to analysis space



## Example: Equilibrium of two springs



- Equilibrium position is minimum potential energy  $P$

$$P = \frac{1}{2}K_1 \left( \sqrt{b_1^2 + (L_1 - b_2)^2} - L_1 \right)^2 + \frac{1}{2}K_2 \left( \sqrt{b_1^2 + (L_2 + b_2)^2} - L_2 \right)^2 - P_1 b_1 - P_2 b_2$$

- How do you find minimum?
  - § Generate contours (response surface) and select
  - § Pick starting point and search discrete points

## Solution strategies

- Each design implies a full simulation for  $u(b)$
- Simulations are costly  $\Rightarrow$  limited number of designs
- Efficient search strategies require *sensitivities*,  $dG/db$
- “Forward problem:”  $R(u, b) = 0$ 
  - § Solve by Newton-Raphson iteration

$$R(u^{i+1}, b) = 0 = R(u^i, b) + \left. \frac{\partial R}{\partial u} \right|_i \Delta u + \dots$$

- § Truncate and rearrange

$$\left. \frac{\partial R}{\partial u} \right|_i \Delta u = -R(u^i, b)$$

- § Update  $u^{i+1} = u^i + \Delta u$
- § Iterate to convergence



## Sensitivity evaluation

- Finite difference evaluation of sensitivity very costly
- $dG/db$  involves “response sensitivity”  $\partial u/\partial b$

$$\frac{dG}{db} = \frac{\partial G}{\partial b} + \frac{\partial G}{\partial u} \cdot \frac{\partial u}{\partial b}$$

- Direct differentiation of forward problem wrt  $b$

$$\frac{dR}{db} = 0 = \frac{\partial R}{\partial b} + \frac{\partial R}{\partial u} \cdot \frac{\partial u}{\partial b}$$

- Rearrange to evaluate response sensitivity:

$$-\left(\frac{\partial R}{\partial u}\right)^{-1} \cdot \frac{\partial R}{\partial b} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial b}$$

- Efficient implementation

§ Uses *same* tangent matrix as the forward problem

§  $\partial R/\partial b$  reforms force vector





## *Example: Nonlinear FEM heat conduction*

- Interpolation using shape functions

$$T = \mathbf{N}T; \quad \nabla T = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{N}_x \\ \mathbf{N}_y \\ \mathbf{N}_z \end{bmatrix} T = \mathbf{B}T$$

- Analysis, after assembly

$$\mathbf{R} = 0 = \mathbf{K}T - \mathbf{F}$$

§ Isoparametric form

$$\mathbf{K} = \int_V \mathbf{B}^T k(T) \mathbf{B} dV = \int_{V_r} \mathbf{J}^{-T} \mathbf{B}_r^T k(T) \mathbf{J}^{-1} \mathbf{B}_r |\mathbf{J}| dV_r$$

- Tangent matrix  $\partial \mathbf{R} / \partial T = \mathbf{K} + (\partial \mathbf{K} / \partial T)T + \partial \mathbf{F} / \partial T$

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{K}}{\partial T} = \int_V \mathbf{B}^T \frac{dk}{dT} \mathbf{N} \mathbf{B} dV$$



## Sensitivity evaluation

- Parameter identification:  $k = k(\mathbf{b})$

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{R}}{\partial \mathbf{b}} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{K}}{\partial \mathbf{b}} \mathbf{T} = \int_V \mathbf{B}^T \frac{\partial k}{\partial \mathbf{b}} \mathbf{B} dV$$

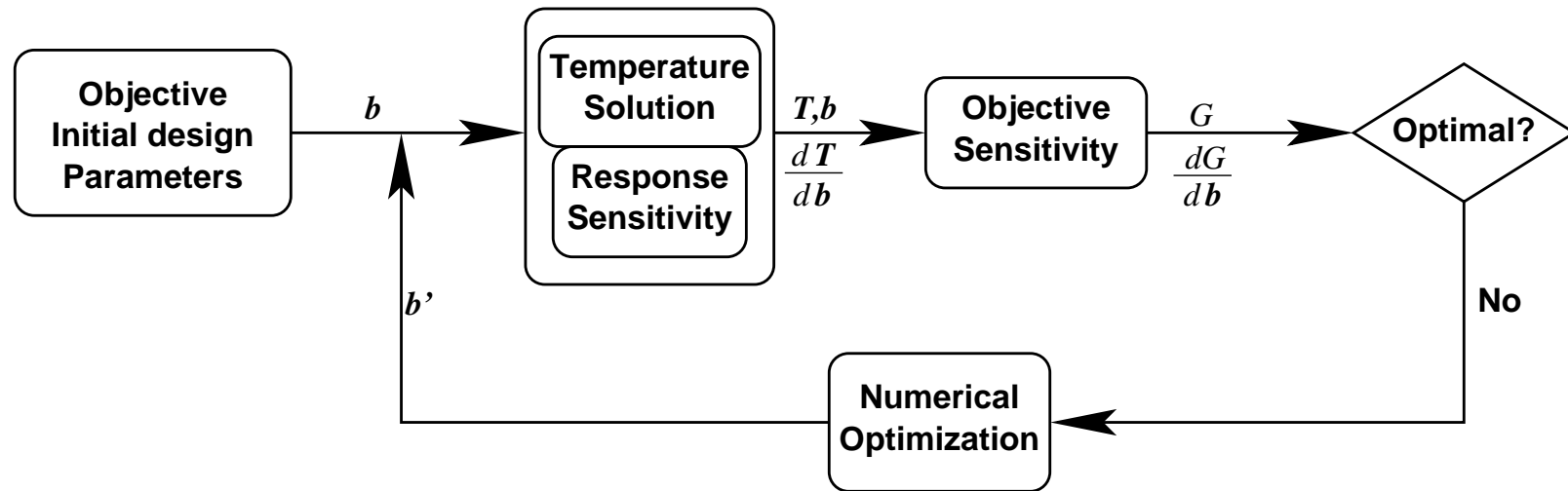
- Shape optimization:  $J = J(\mathbf{b})$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \mathbf{R}}{\partial \mathbf{b}} = \int_{V_r} & \left( \frac{\partial \mathbf{J}^{-T}}{\partial \mathbf{b}} \mathbf{B}_r^T k(T) \mathbf{J}^{-1} \mathbf{B}_r + \mathbf{J}^{-T} \mathbf{B}_r^T k(T) \frac{\partial \mathbf{J}^{-1}}{\partial \mathbf{b}} \mathbf{B}_r + \right. \\ & \left. \mathbf{J}^{-T} \mathbf{B}_r^T k(T) \mathbf{J}^{-1} \mathbf{B}_r \operatorname{tr} \left( \mathbf{J}^{-1} \frac{\partial \mathbf{J}}{\partial \mathbf{b}} \right) \right) |\mathbf{J}| dV_r \end{aligned}$$

- Form multiple right hand sides and back-substitute

$$- \left( \frac{\partial \mathbf{R}}{\partial \mathbf{T}} \right)^{-1} \cdot \frac{\partial \mathbf{R}}{\partial \mathbf{b}} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{T}}{\partial \mathbf{b}}; \quad \frac{dG}{d\mathbf{b}} = \frac{\partial G}{\partial \mathbf{b}} + \frac{\partial G}{\partial \mathbf{T}} \cdot \frac{\partial \mathbf{T}}{\partial \mathbf{b}}$$

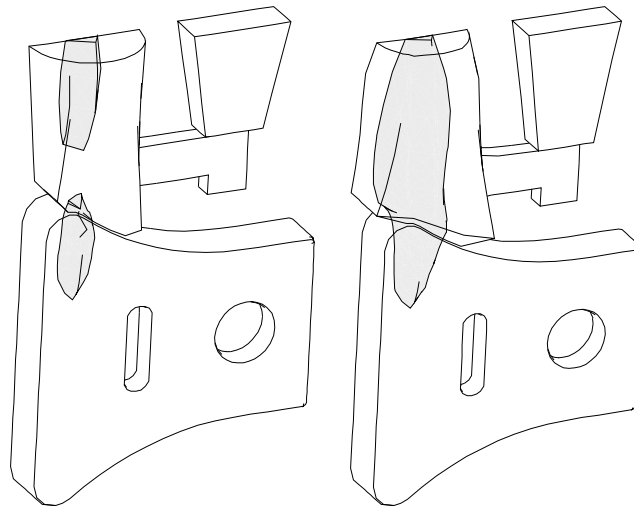
## Optimization strategy



- Link to standard analysis codes
- Requires access to code for efficient sensitivity evaluation

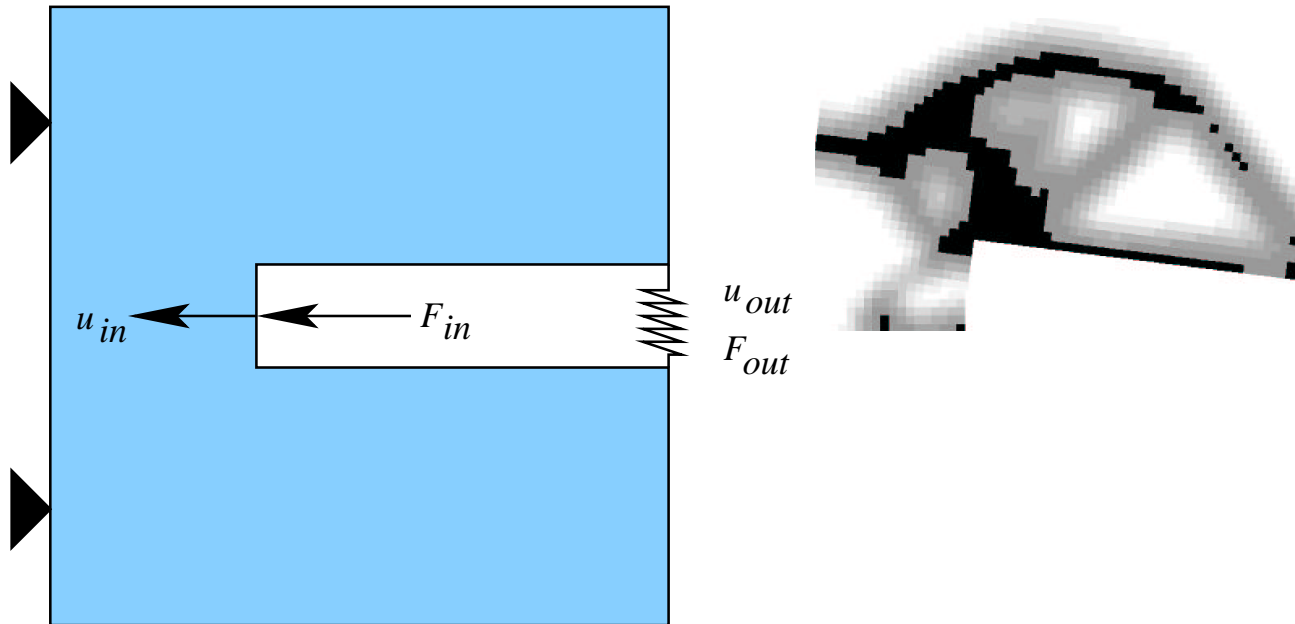
## *Example: Hammer casting simulation*

- Original design produced porosity
- Optimization problem
  - § Design variables parameterize riser dimensions
  - § Objective: Minimize riser volume
  - § Constraint: Connected freezing path from part to riser
  - § Solution: 24 designs evaluated, 5 line searches (total  $\mathcal{O}$ (week))



# Topology optimization

- Work of Bruns and Tortorelli
- Material density  $\rho_e$  in each element becomes a design variable
- Compliant mechanism
  - § Maximize  $F_{out}/F_{in}$
  - § Discrete values through penalization of values  $0 < \rho_e < 1$
  - § Nonlinear (geometric) elastic analysis



## *Features of inverse problems*

- Powerful method for improving product design, identifying parameters
- Must be able to quantify objectives
- Problems are ill-posed
- Solutions are not unique

§ Regularization can be used, e.g.,

$$G = G_0 + \sum_{i=1}^N a_i b_i^2$$

- Some strategies can trap local minima
- Multiple analyses need to be run
- Multiple objectives can be complicated to include



## *Conclusion*

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- Multiscale phenomena exist across a range of disciplines
- Mathematics can be similar
  - § Disparate array of length scales
  - § Moving interfaces driven by long range fields
- Numerous approaches to modeling
- Optimization methods extend analysis capability
  - § Fashion design from analysis tools
  - § Parameter identification
- Questions?

