Shape and Topology optimization applied to Compact Heat Exchangers

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Topology optimization



Figure: Optimization of the rigidity of a mechanical structure subject to flexural load



(a) Siemens (2017)



(c) M2DO (Kambampati et. al. 2018)



(b) APWorks (2016)



(d) AIRBUS (2010)

For thermal-fluid systems it is still an active research field.





(a) Dede (2009, Toyota)

(b) Papazoglou (2015, TU Delft)

Figure: Fluid pipes optimized for convective heat transfer.



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The objective today: shape and topologically optimized heat exchangers with the method of Hadamard and body-fitted meshes.



Figure: Topology optimized heat exchanger devices with the method of Hadamard and a body-fitted mesh evolution algorithm. Figures from 1 .

¹Feppon et al., Body-fitted topology optimization of 2D and 3D fluid-to-fluid heat exchangers (2021)

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Optionally, mass constraints on fluids (or on solid):

$$extsf{Vol}(\Omega_{f, ext{cold}}) \leq extsf{Vol}_0, \quad extsf{Vol}(\Omega_{f, ext{hot}}) \leq extsf{Vol}_0.$$
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Under suitable regularity assumptions, Hadamard structure theorem holds:

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}J}{\mathrm{d}\theta}(\Omega)(\theta) = \int_{\partial\Omega} v_J(\Omega) \,\theta \cdot \boldsymbol{n} \mathrm{d}y$$

for some $v_J(\Omega) \in L^1(\partial \Omega)$.

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2D heat exchangers



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A comparison with an analytic case:





Figure: A prescribed $-j'(d_{\Omega}(x))$.

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Try it yourself! Open source implementation⁵:



https://gitlab.com/florian.feppon/null-space-optimizer

pip install nullspace_optimizer

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3D thermal diffusion

Maximization of heat conduction:

$$\min_{\Omega_f \subset D} \quad \int_D T \, \mathrm{d}x \\ s.c. \quad \int_{\Omega_f} \, \mathrm{d}x \le V_0$$

Figure: Thermal diffusion

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Figure: Elastic deformation.























This allows to compute the shape derivatives of the heat transfer and of the pressure drop.

 $\begin{array}{l} \max_{\Gamma = \overline{\Omega_f} \cap \overline{\Omega_s}} & \mathbb{W}(\Omega_f, \boldsymbol{\nu}(\Omega_f), T(\Omega_f)) \\ s.t. \begin{cases} \mathsf{DP}(\Omega_{f, \mathrm{cold}}, p(\Omega_f)) \leq \mathsf{DP}_0 \\ \mathsf{DP}(\Omega_{f, \mathrm{hot}}, p(\Omega_f)) \leq \mathsf{DP}_0 \\ d(\Omega_{f, \mathrm{cold}}, \Omega_{f, \mathrm{hot}}) \geqslant d_{\min}. \end{cases}$

2D counter-current Heat exchanger



2D Heat Exchangers with non-mixing constraint



(a) Initial temperature



(b) Final temperature.



(c) Intermediate iterations 0, 8, 20, 50, 88 et 200.

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Figure: Zoom on the optimized mesh.

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3D fluid-to-fluid heat exchanger



Figure: Schematic of the 3D setting.

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Figure: Initial distribution of fluid considered for the 3D heat exchanger test case.

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Figure: Intermediate iterations.



(a) Cold phase

(b) Hot phase

Figure: Separate plots of the topologically optimized cold and hot fluid phases in the configuration $d_{\min} = 0.04$.



Figure: Cut of the resulting solid domain



(a) Objective function (opposite of the heat exchanged). (b) Averaged phases.



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Many thanks for your attention!



Appendix : an alternative, simple 2D heat exchanger model.

Safran Aeroboosters case study:

 $T = T_{oil}$ on Γ . $T_{air} < T_{oil}$.



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