# Two-Scale Topology Optimization using Microstructures

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# Motivation: Direct Design v.s. Generative Design





Generative Design

Direct Design

# Topology Optimization





#### Hardware: Object-1000 Plus

- Up to 39.3 x 31.4 x 19.6 in.
- 600dpi (~40 microns)
- 5 trillion voxels



#### Software: SIMP Topology Optimization

- Up to millions of elements
- Difficult to handle multiple materials

#### Previous Work: Fabrication-Oriented Optimization



[Lu et.al. 2014]



[Matinez et.al. 2016]



[Xu et.al. 2015]



[Panetta et.al. 2015]



[Musialski et.al. 2016]



[Schumacher et.al. 2015]

### Topology Optimization



[Langlois et.al. 2016]





[Matinez et.al. 2015]



[Wu et.al. 2016]

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#### Microstructure



### Continuous Representation: Levelset



### Expanding the Achievable Property Domain





Stochastically-Ordered Sequential Monte Carlo

### Expanding the Achievable Property Domain



**Continuous Microstructure Optimization** 



# **Two-scale Topology Optimization**



## **Topology** Optimization



Minimum Compliance/Target Deformation



Linear Elastic FEM:  $\longrightarrow F(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{u}) = K(\mathbf{p})\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{f} = 0$ (Adjoint Method)



### Minimum Compliance $\overline{S_c}(\boldsymbol{p},\boldsymbol{u}) = \boldsymbol{u}^T \boldsymbol{K} \boldsymbol{u}$



**Topology optimization iterations:** material distribution in 4D space



Density



**Poisson ratio** 

Shear modulus

Density ->

Density, Young's modulus, Poisson's Ratio, ...

(0,1] ->

Levelset boundary

# Target Deformation

$$S_d(\boldsymbol{p}, \boldsymbol{u}) = (\boldsymbol{u} - \widehat{\boldsymbol{u}})^T \boldsymbol{D} (\boldsymbol{u} - \widehat{\boldsymbol{u}})^T$$



Optimizing for target deformation on boundary cells

# **Two-scale Topology Optimization**



# Microstructure Mapping

Map points in continuous space to discrete microstructures

# Example: Soft Gripper







Optimization

Fabrication

#### Example: Different Gripping Mechanisms



for the same target deformation



#### Example : Flexure

Multiple objectives
Topology Optimization Iterations

Soft



#### Example: Soft Ray



Target 1: flapping down

Target 2: flapping up

### Limitations and Future Work

- Linear elasticity simulation
- Incorporating other physical properties into the framework
- More flexible discretization



## Conclusion

- Material property space representation and computation
  - Algorithm to explore the material property space
  - Continuous representation of boundary
- Two-scale topology optimization
  - Optimizing material properties for each cell
  - Constraint within the achievable levelset
  - Achieves resolution 10<sup>5</sup> higher compared to prior techniques



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**Material Distribution** 



Target 2: flapping up





**Optimization Iterations**