

Universal Machine Learning for Topology Optimization

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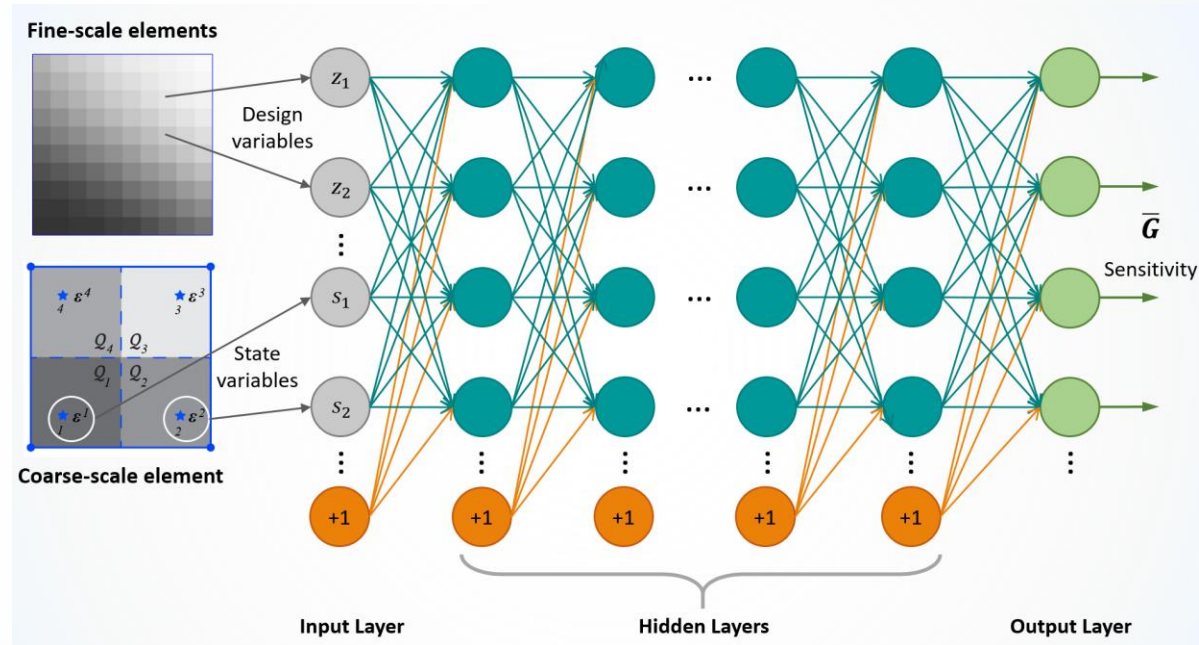
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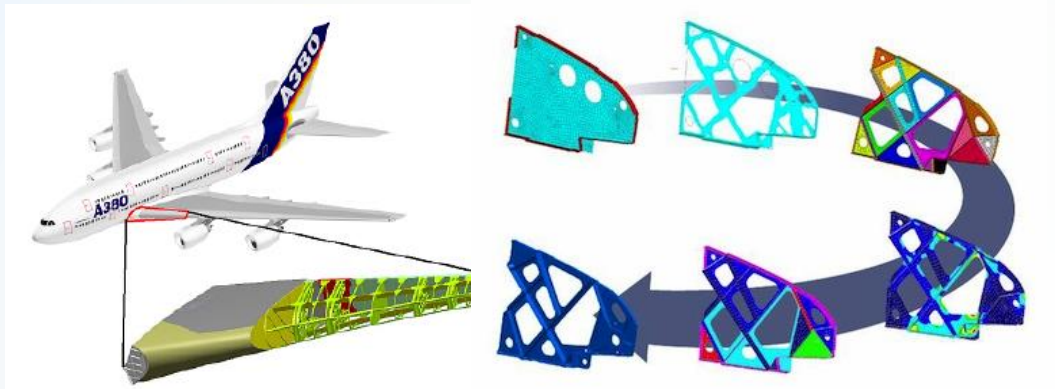
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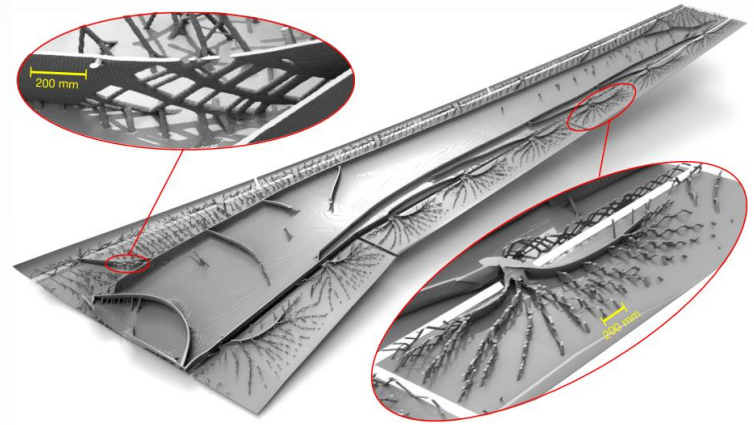
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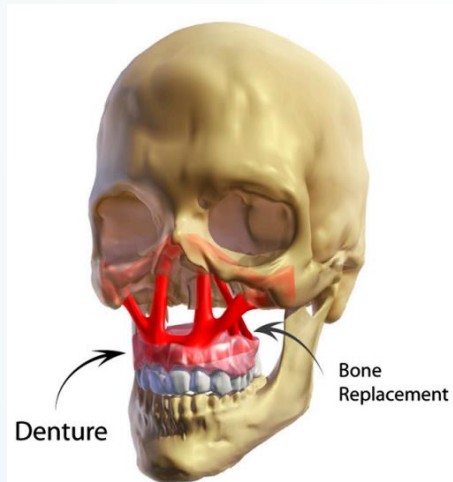
Topology Optimization in Engineering



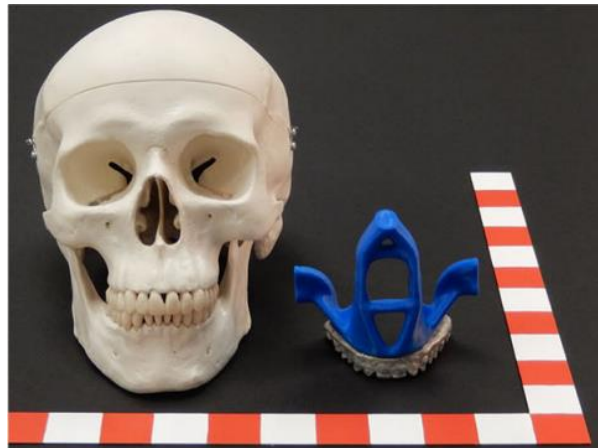
de Klerk and Sotirov, 2009



Aage, Andreassen, Lazarov, Sigmund, *Nature*, 2017



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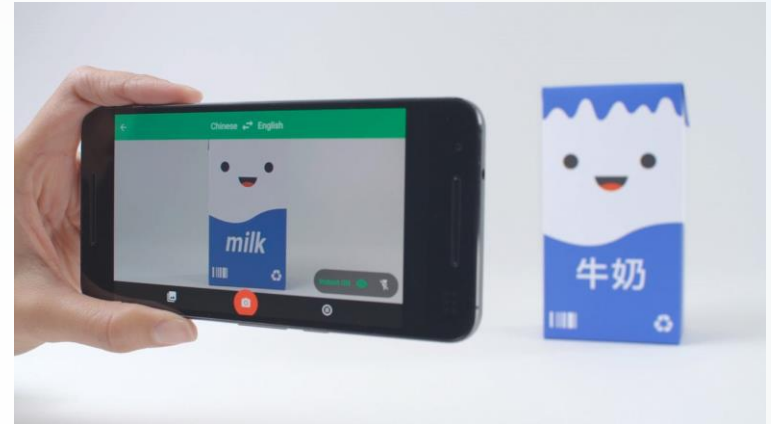


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Machine learning and artificial intelligence



Go Game
(Silver et al. 2017)



Instant translation
(www.sciencemag.org)



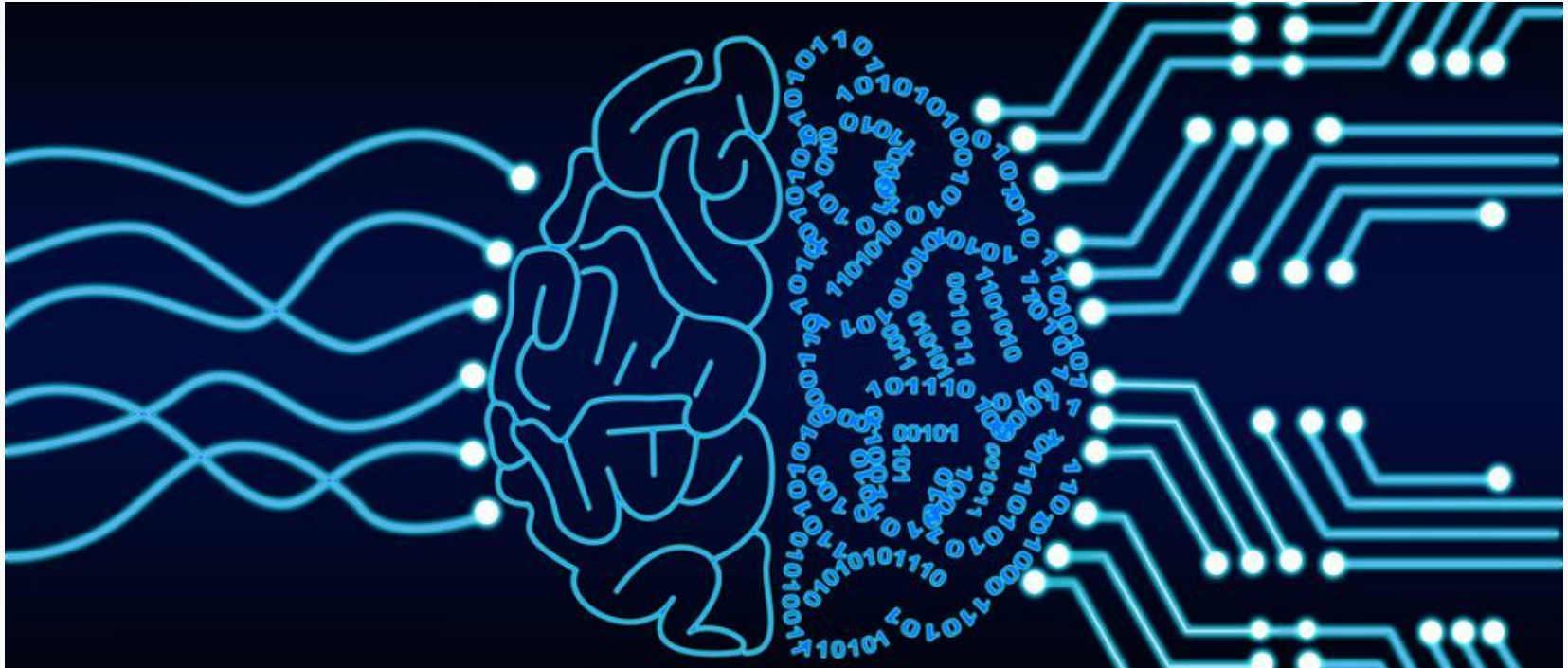
Image Segmentation
(Krähenbühl and Koltun, 2012)



Self-driving Car
(aitrends.com)



Artistic Style Transfer
(Andrychowicz et al. 2016)

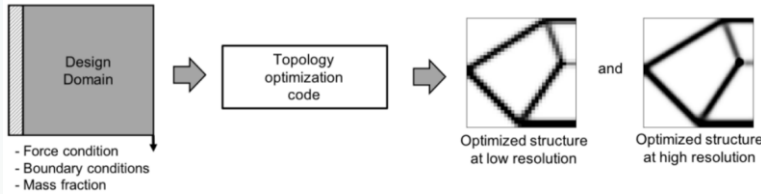


**Can deep learning accelerate
topology optimization without
losing accuracy?**

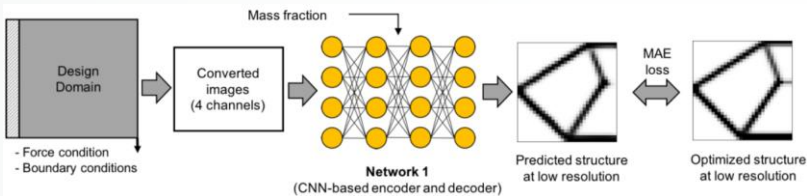
Machine learning in topology optimization

Training Stage

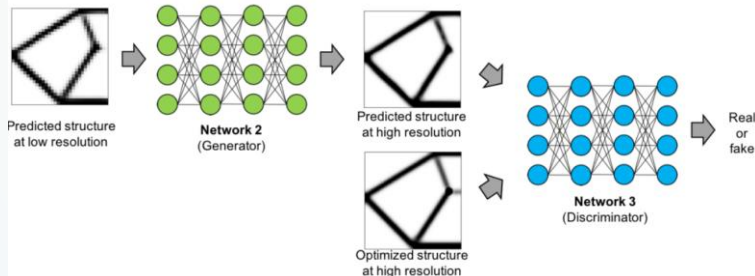
Step 1: generating dataset (with ~100,000 training data)



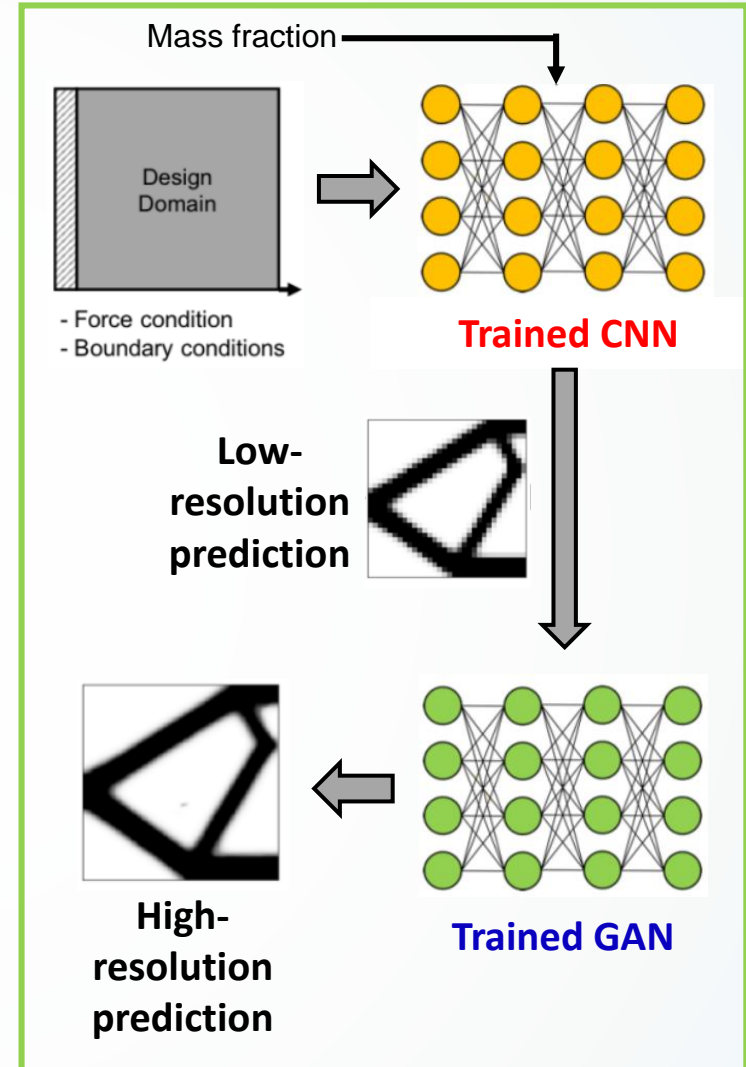
Step 2: training the CNN for low resolution prediction



Step 3: training the conditional GAN for upscaling prediction



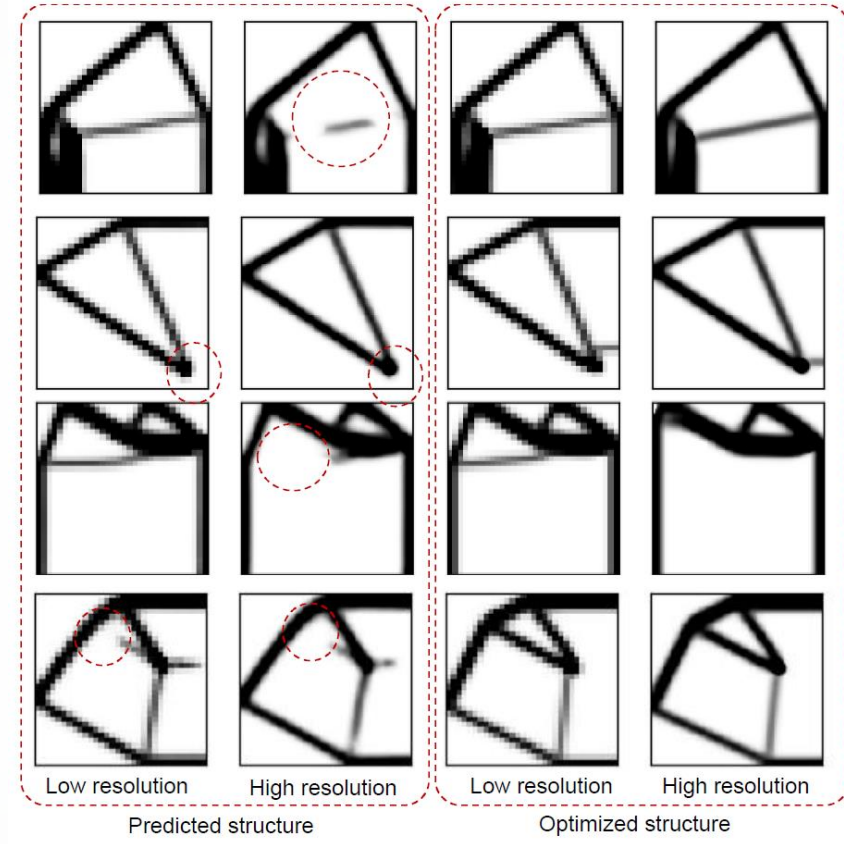
Prediction Stage



Limitations of the existing frameworks

Major Limitations:

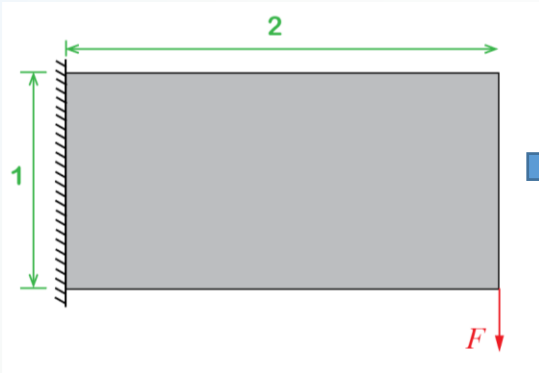
- Designs with structural defects
- Unable to perform large-scale designs
- Collecting training data is expensive
- Generalizable to any design domain?



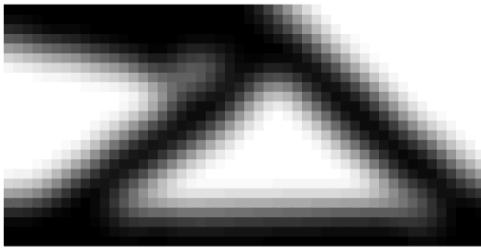
Yu, Hur, Jung and Jang, 2018

Training from history data of topology optimization

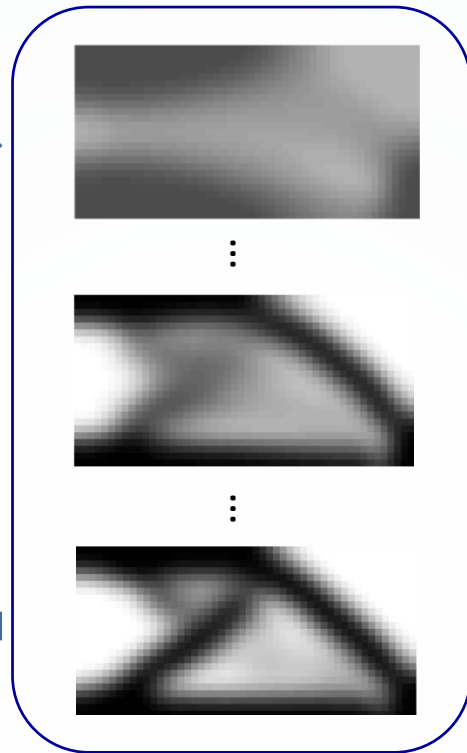
Design problem



Final design



Design history



Our idea:

To train a DL model based on the history data to learn the mapping between a given design and its sensitivity.

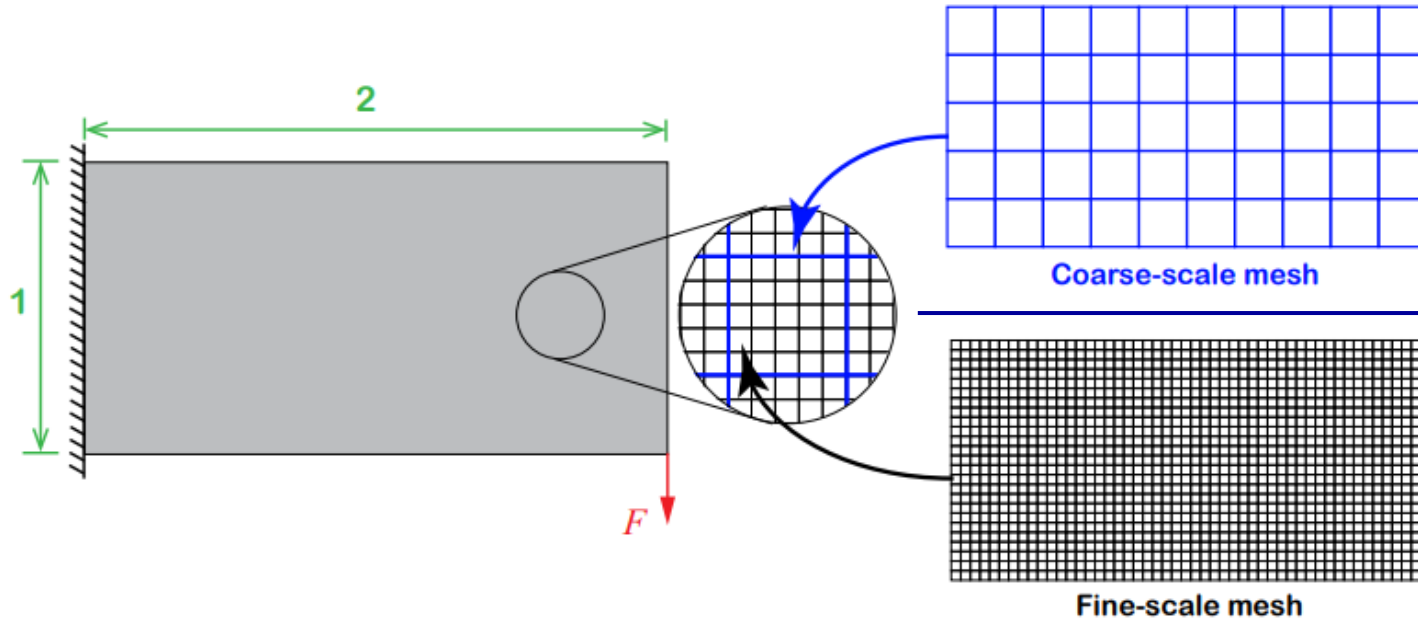
Key challenges:

1. Limited training samples
2. Unable to scale up
3. Limited model capacity

A Neural Network with 4 hidden layers and 1000 neuron per layer

# of DVs	86K	250K	1.5M
# of params	175M	867M	3B
GPU memory	3.9GB	-	-

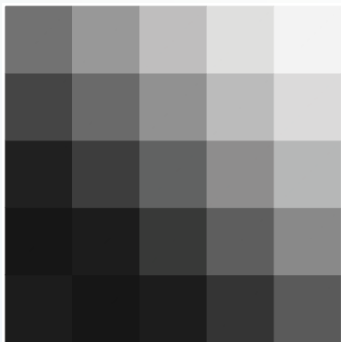
We propose a two-scale topology optimization setup



- State variable \mathbf{u}^C
- NO optimization

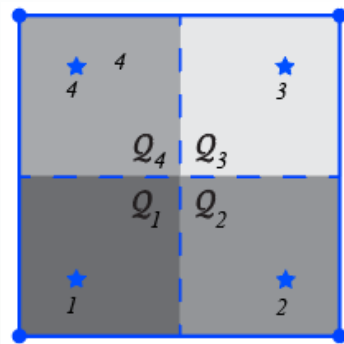
- Design variable ρ
- Sensitivity
- Optimization

Fine-scale elements



Block size:
 $N_B = 5$

Coarse-scale element



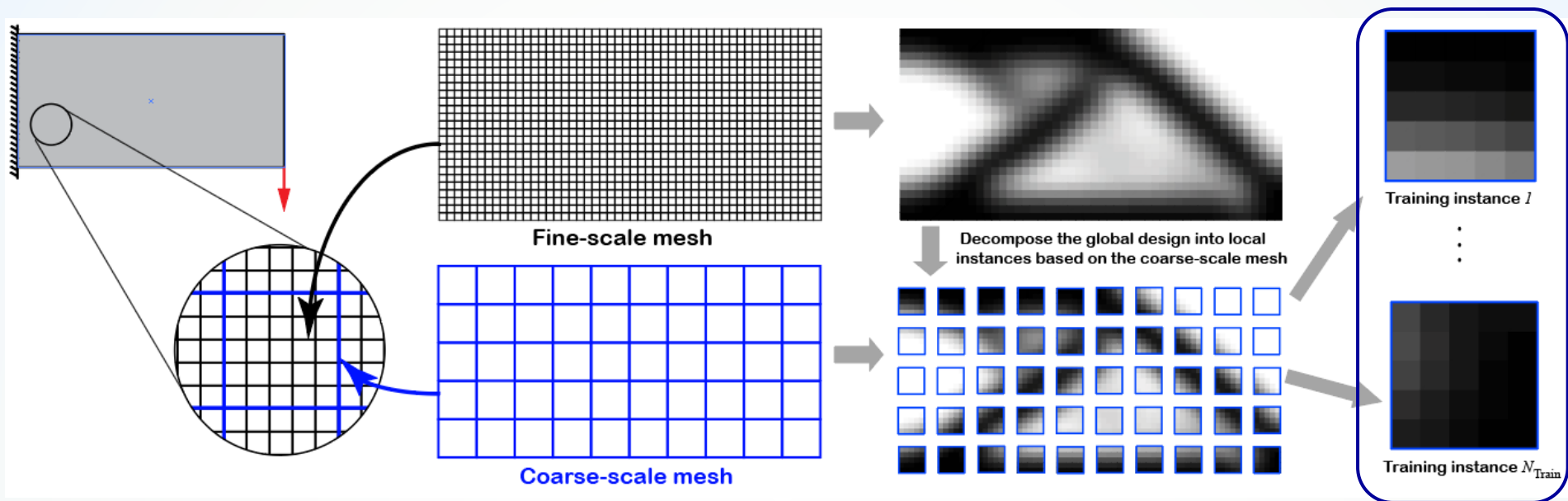
- The interpolated stiffness at j th integration point is defined as:

$$E_j^C = \frac{\sum_{i \in Q_j} w_i^{Q_j} E_i}{\sum_{i \in Q_j} w_i^{Q_j}}$$

- The local stiffness of a coarse-scale element is then computed as:

$$\mathbf{k}^C = \sum_j E_j^C W_j (\mathbf{B}_j)^T \mathbf{D}_0 \mathbf{B}_j$$

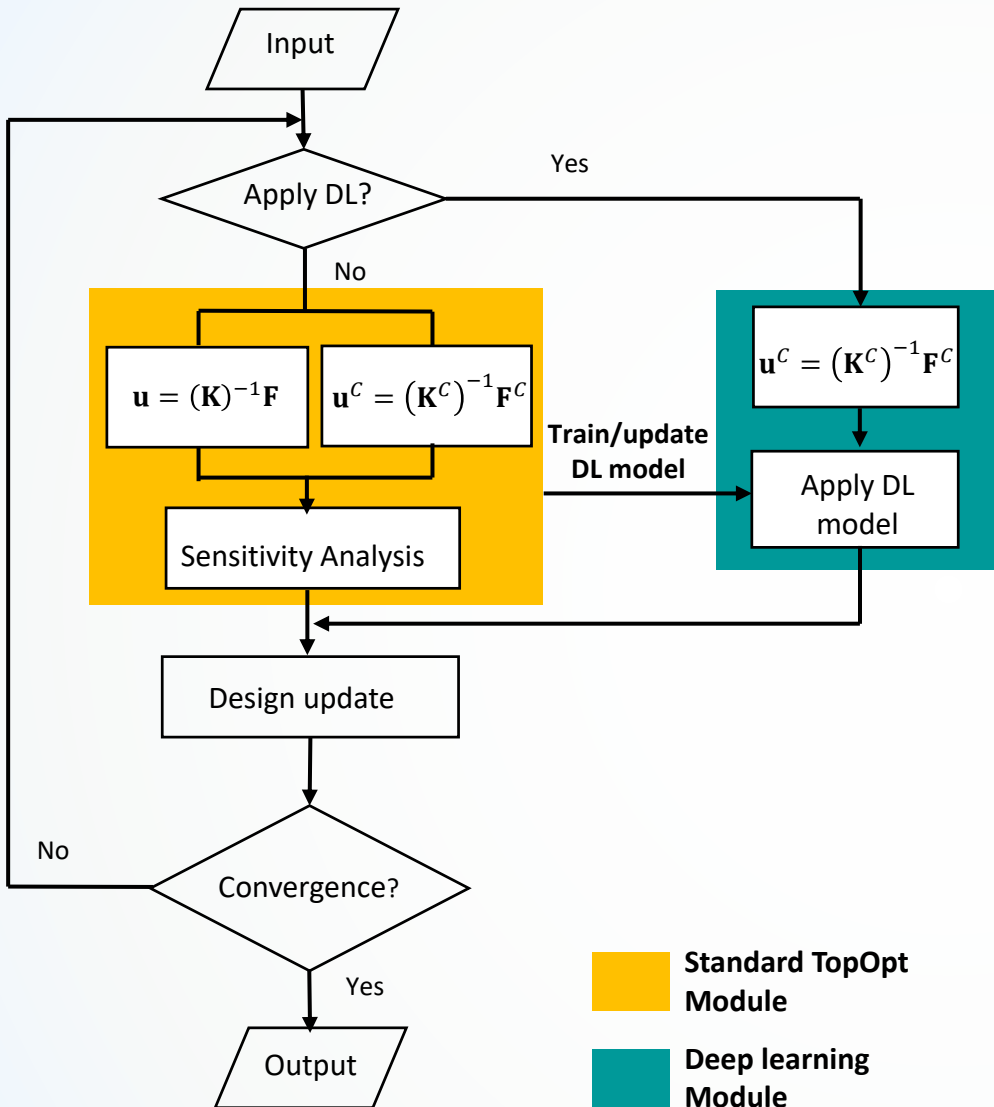
A tailored two-scale topology optimization setup



A Neural Network with 4 hidden layers and 1000 neuron per layer

	# of DVs	86K	250K	1.5M
Single-scale	# of params	175M	867M	3B
	GPU memory	3.9GB	-	-
Two-scale ($N_B = 5$)	# of params	3.3M	3.3M	3.3M
	GPU memory	0.7GB	0.7GB	0.9GB

Overall algorithmic flowchart



Main Features:

- No separate training step
- Online update to constantly provide new supervision
- Controllable GPU memory
- Highly scalable

Online Updating Scheme

Key Parameters:

N_I : Initial training step

W_I : Initial training window size

N_F : Online update frequency

W_U : Online update window size

An example of the online updating strategy with $N_I = 10, N_F = 10, W_I = 10, W_U = 5$:

Optimization steps as training/updating data

Initial training	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
1 st Online updating	17	18	19	20	30					
2 nd Online updating	18	19	20	30	40					
3 rd Online updating	19	20	30	40	50					

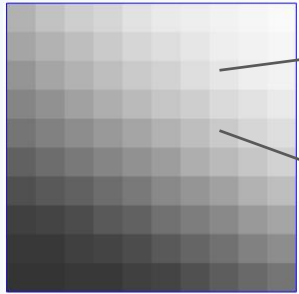
Initial training data

New training data

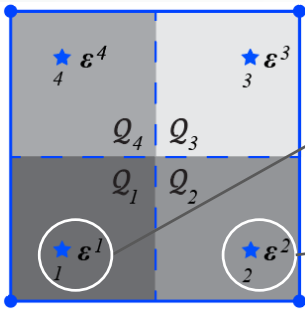
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Architecture of the deep neural network

Fine-scale elements

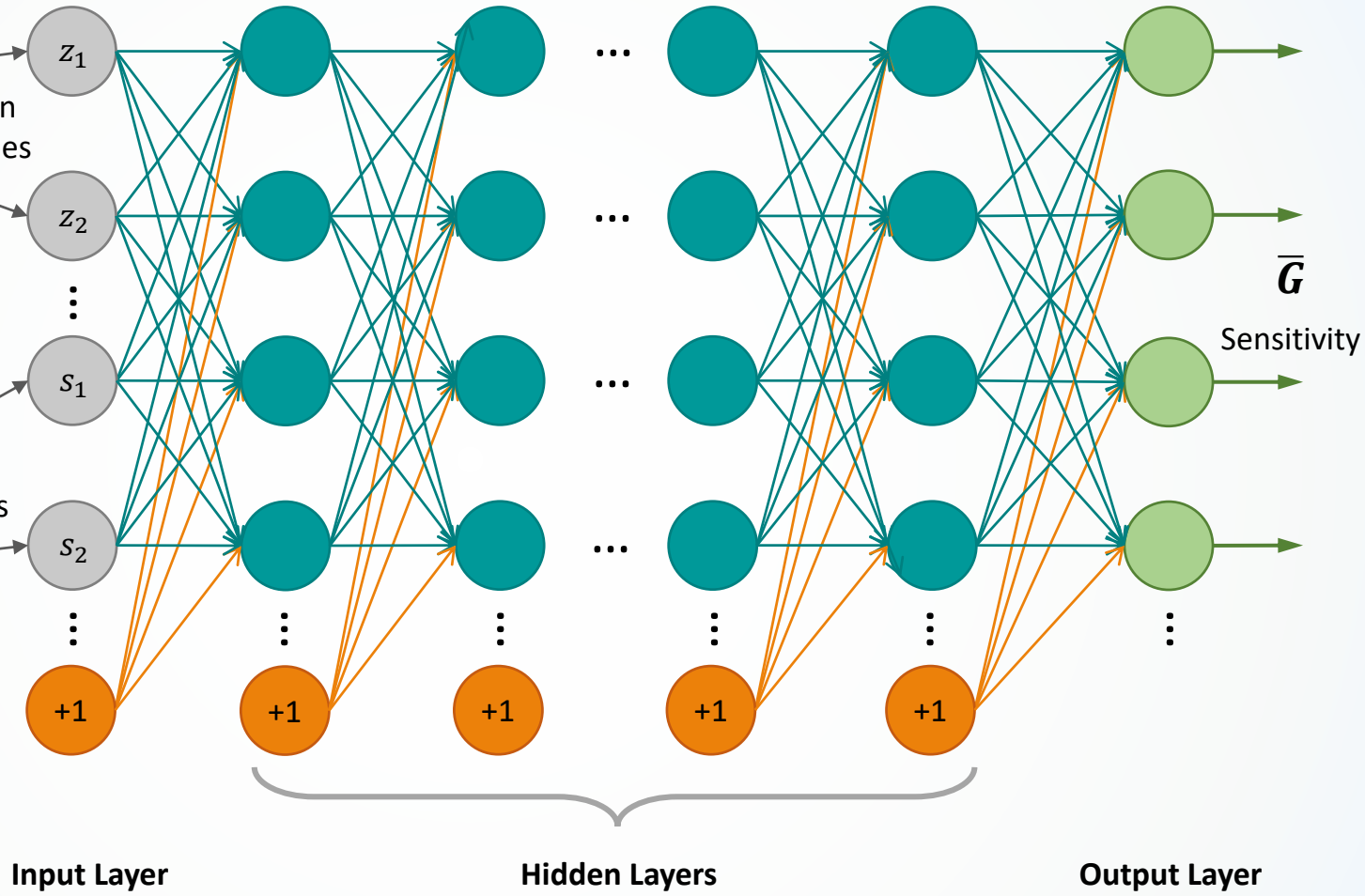


Design variables

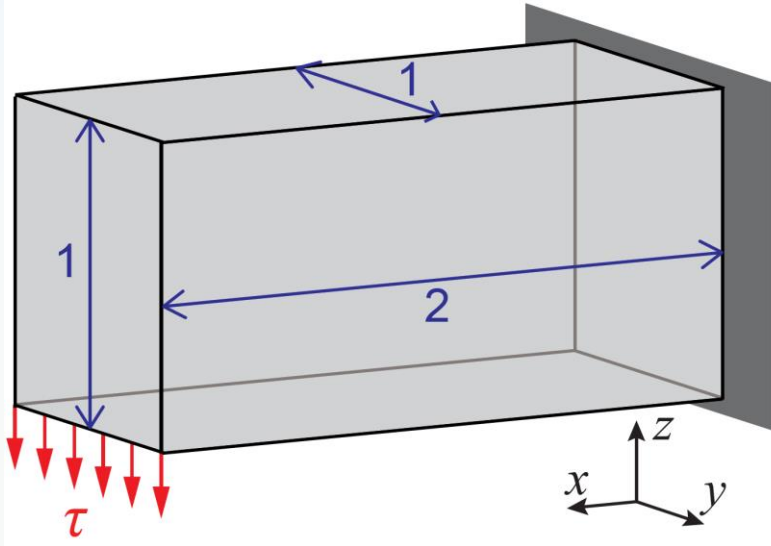


State variables

Coarse-scale element



A cantilever design example



Design parameters:

- Maximum optimization step: 200
- Volume Fraction: 12%
- $\tau = 1$
- Filter radius $R = 0.08$

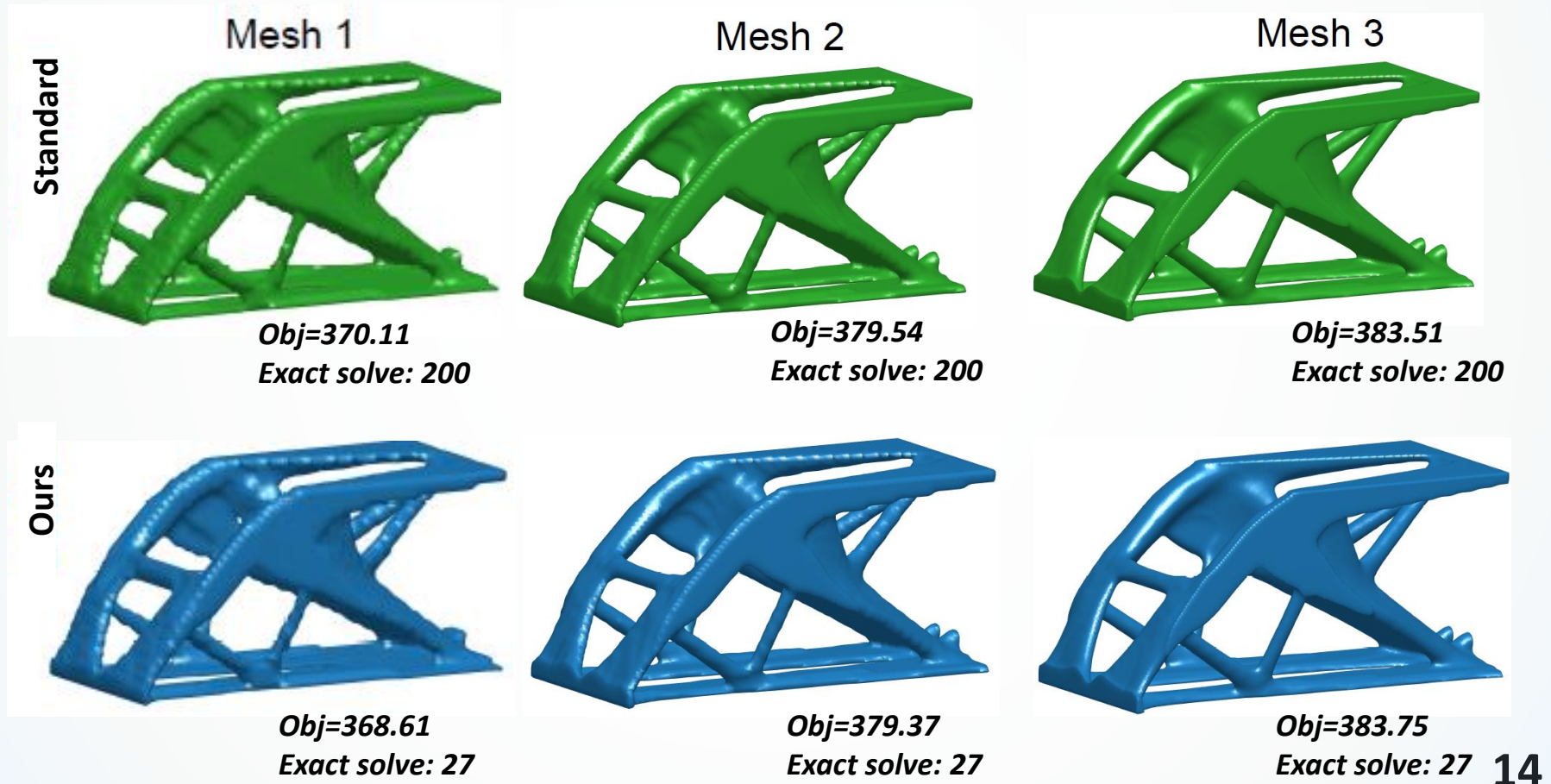
$N_B = 5$	Mesh 1	Mesh 2	Mesh 3
# of DVs	86K	250K	1.5M
Fine-scale K size	276K	788K	4.5M
Coarse-scale K size	3K	8K	40K

The state equations are solved using PCG with Jacobi preconditioner on a *single* GPU.

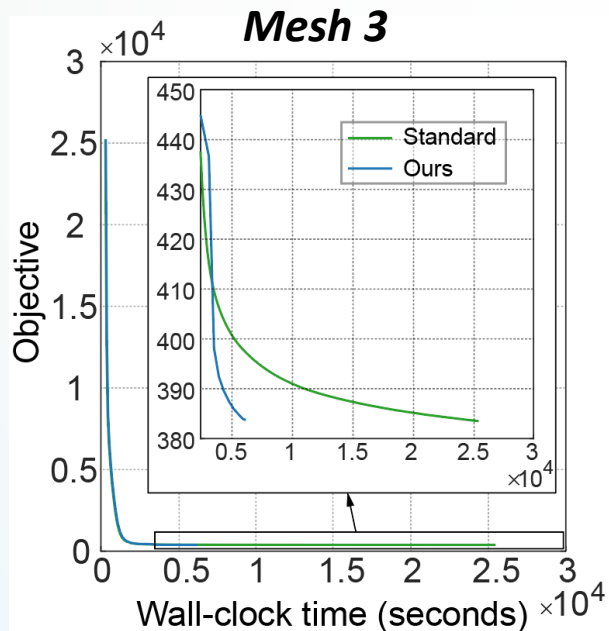
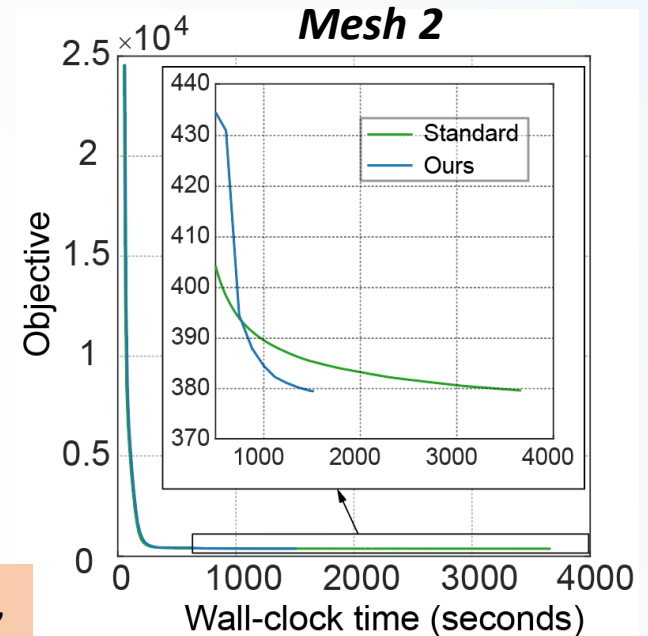
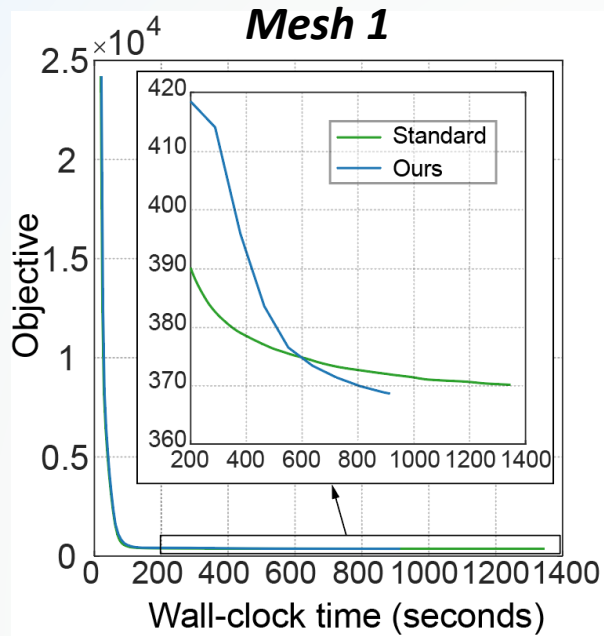
Cantilever design: problem setup and final topologies

$N_I = 10$ (Initial training step)
 $N_F = 25$ (Online update frequency)

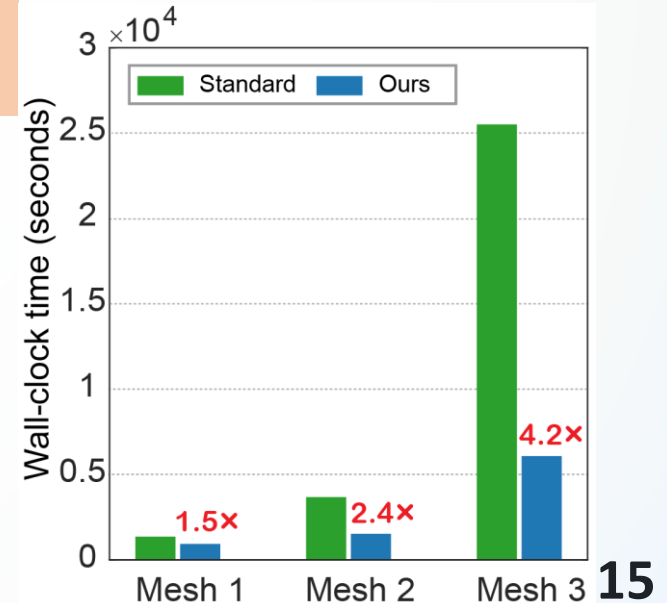
$W_I = 10$ (Initial training window size)
 $W_U = 2$ (Online update window size)



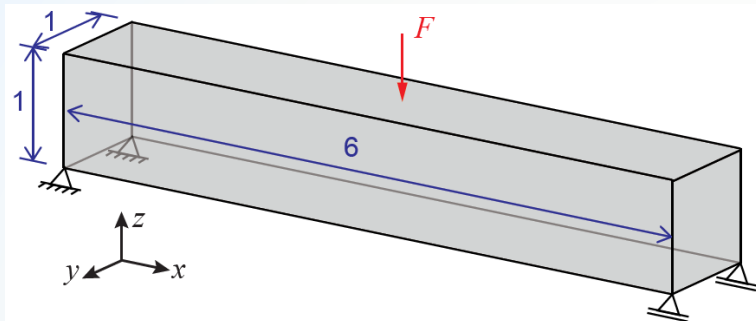
Cantilever design: convergence history and speedup



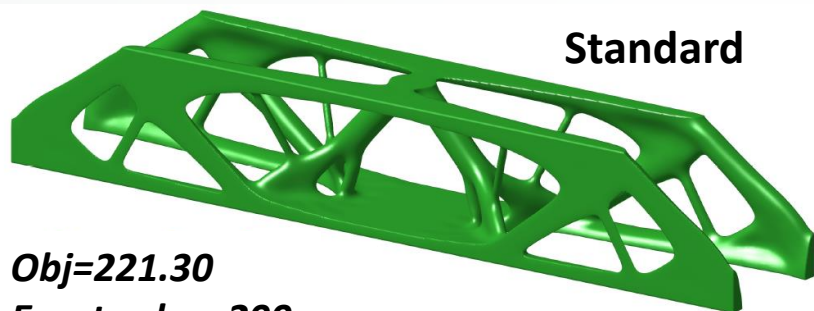
The larger the problem, the more speedup we get from our method.



MBB beam design: problem setup and final topologies

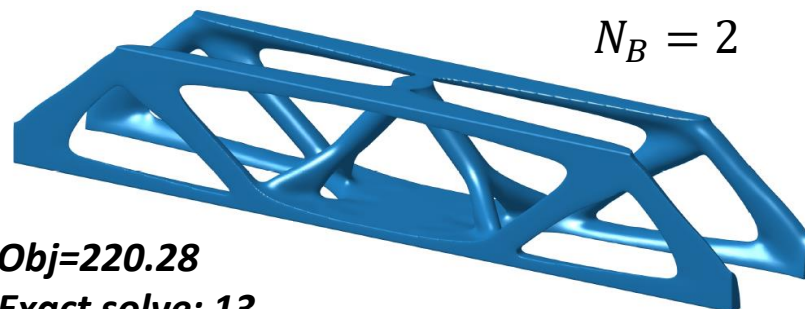


N_B	2	4	8
# of DVs	1.4M	1.4M	1.4M
Fine-scale K size	4.1M	4.1M	4.1M
Coarse-scale K size	533K	71K	10K



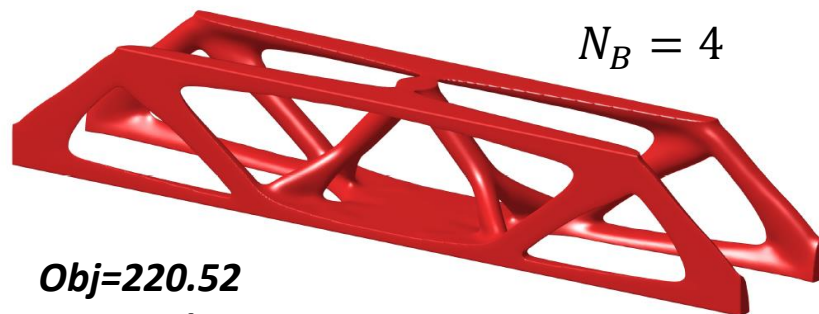
Obj=221.30
Exact solve: 200

Standard



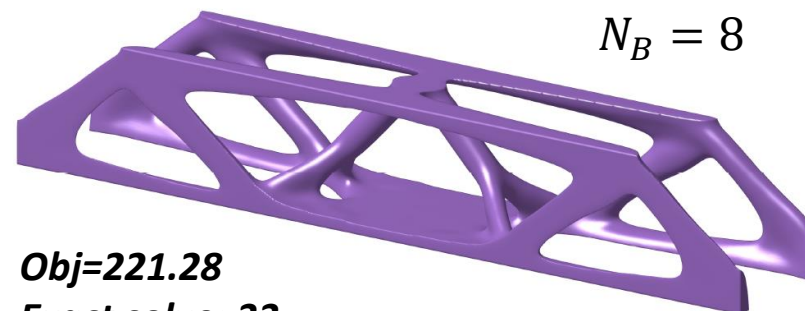
Obj=220.28
Exact solve: 13

$N_B = 2$



Obj=220.52
Exact solve: 14

$N_B = 4$

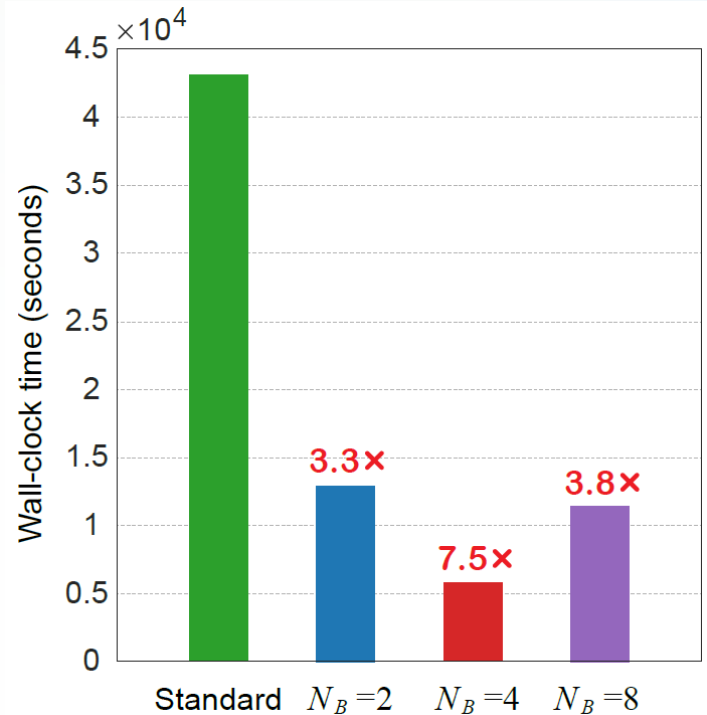
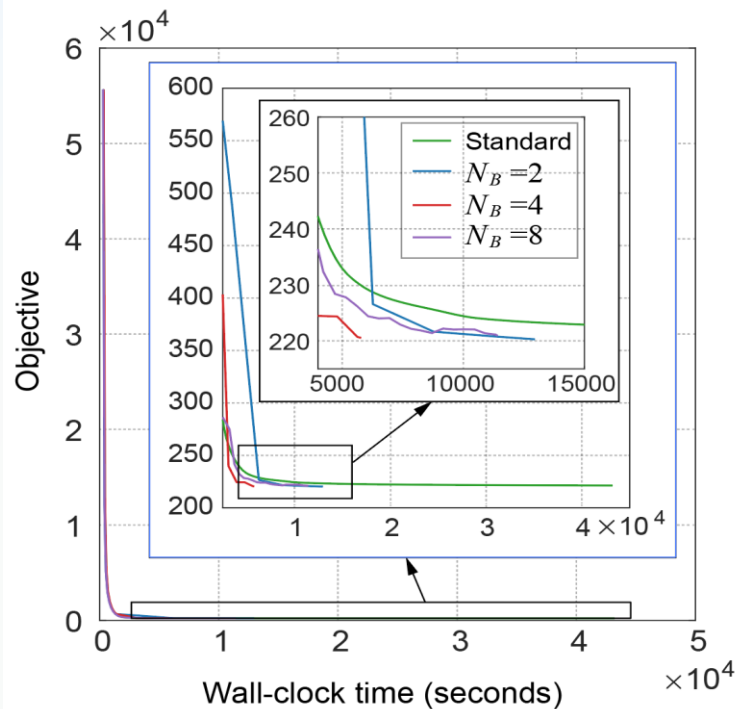


Obj=221.28
Exact solve: 33

$N_B = 8$

Smaller block size allows us to provide less supervisions (exact solves) to the DL model in our proposed framework.

MBB beam design: convergence history and speedup

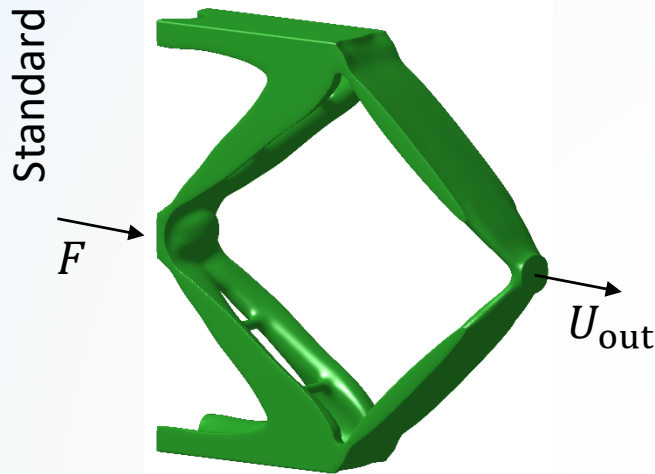


The trade-off between small and large block sizes:

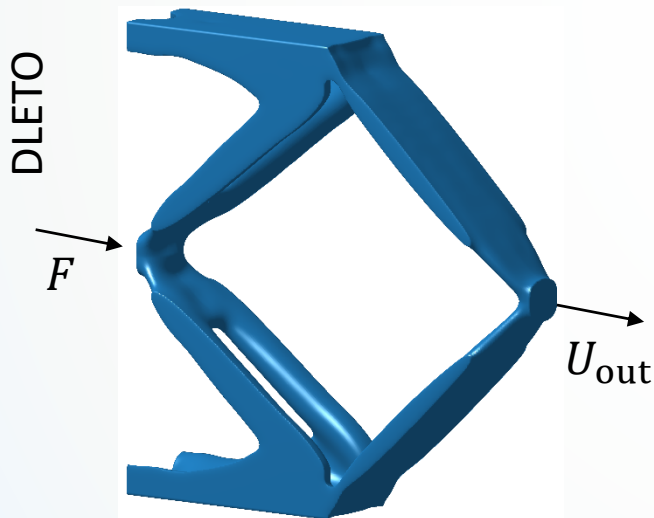
- **Smaller block sizes**
 - ❖ Need less supervision \rightarrow less exact solves
 - ❖ Larger coarse-scale mesh
- **Larger block sizes**
 - ❖ Need more supervision \rightarrow more exact solves
 - ❖ Smaller coarse-scale mesh

Compliant mechanism design

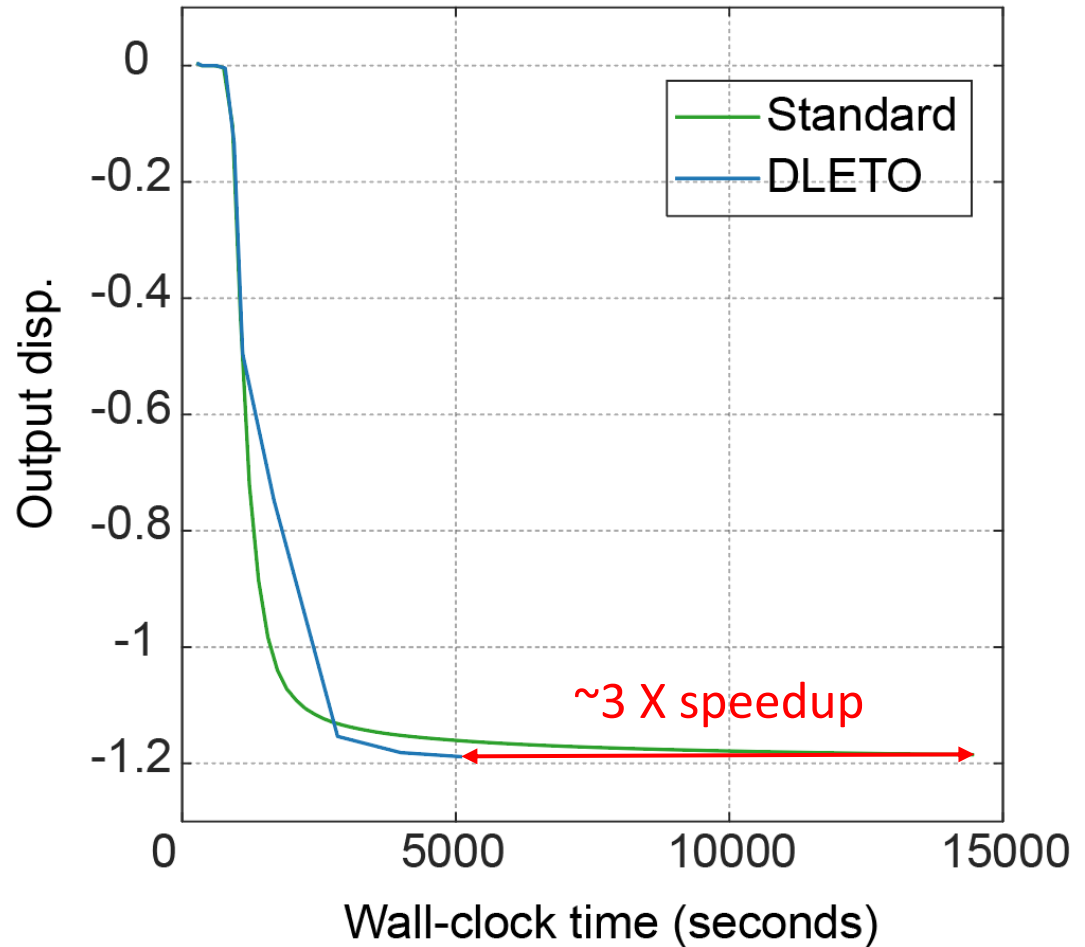
~1M design variables



$U_{out} = -1.185$, 100 exact steps



$U_{out} = -1.189$, 12 exact steps



Conclusions

- We demonstrate that the proposed machine learning-based topology optimization framework is universal:
 - ❖ *No pre-collected training data is needed*
 - ❖ *Can be readily applied to any design problems*
 - ❖ *Can be potentially combined with any regression machine learning models*
- The proposed machine-learning-based topology optimization framework can offer more speedup for problem of larger scale without any sacrifice in accuracy.
- With the two-scale topology optimization setup, the proposed framework is highly scalable and efficient.