

Optimal Design Of Fused Deposition Modeling Structures using Comsol Multiphysics

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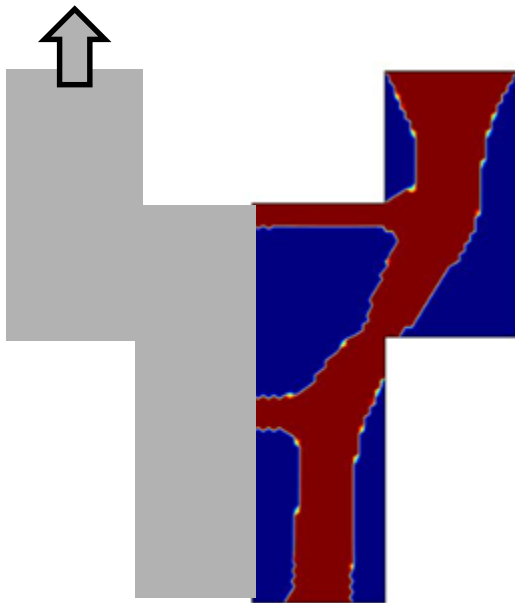
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Optimal design and manufacturing strategy for 3d printing

Step 1

Topological optimisation



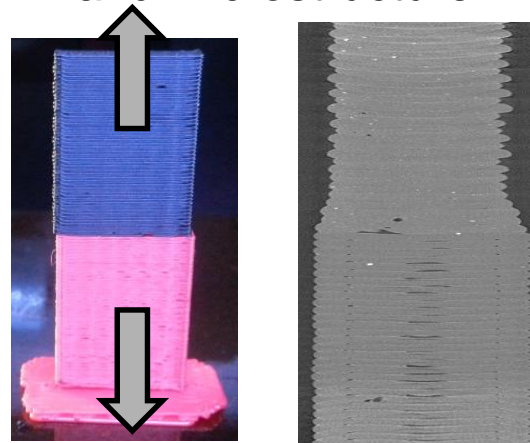
Reduce weight
Optimal stiffness

Step 2

Optimal infill



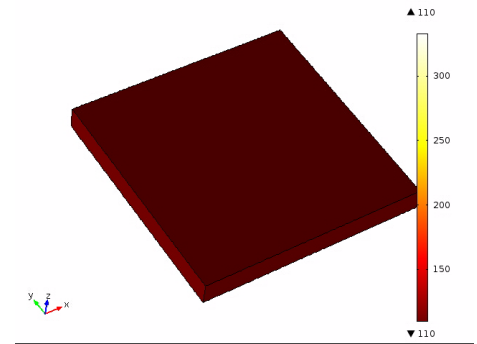
Interface resistance
and microstructure



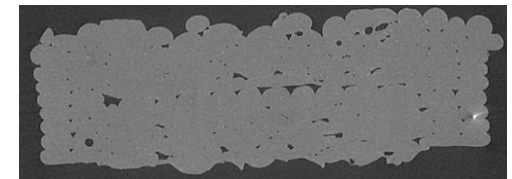
Optimal interface resistance

Step 3

3d printing Heat
transfer modelling



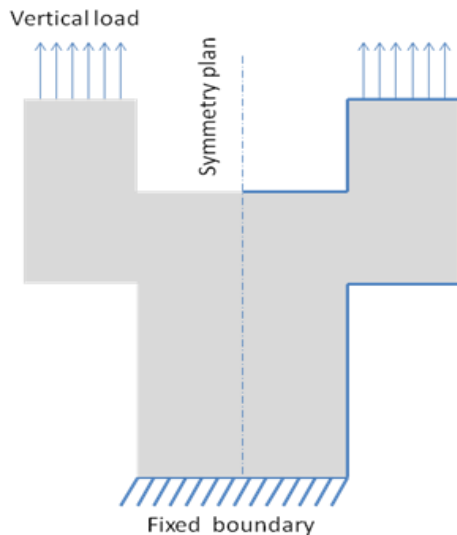
Optimal filaments
adhesion



Step 1 Optimal outer design : topological optimization

Topological optimization: Solid Isotropic Material with Penalization (Bendsoe 1989)

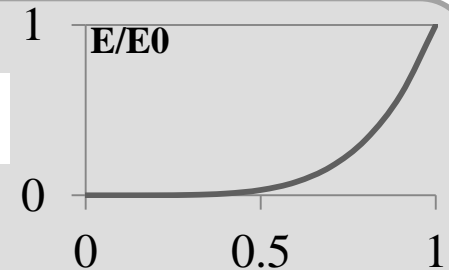
Objective: Minimise weight and maxime stiffness



$$\text{Maximal surface : } 0 \leq \int_{\Omega} \rho_{design}(x) d\Omega \leq 0.5A$$

$$E(x) = \rho_{design}(x)^p E_0$$

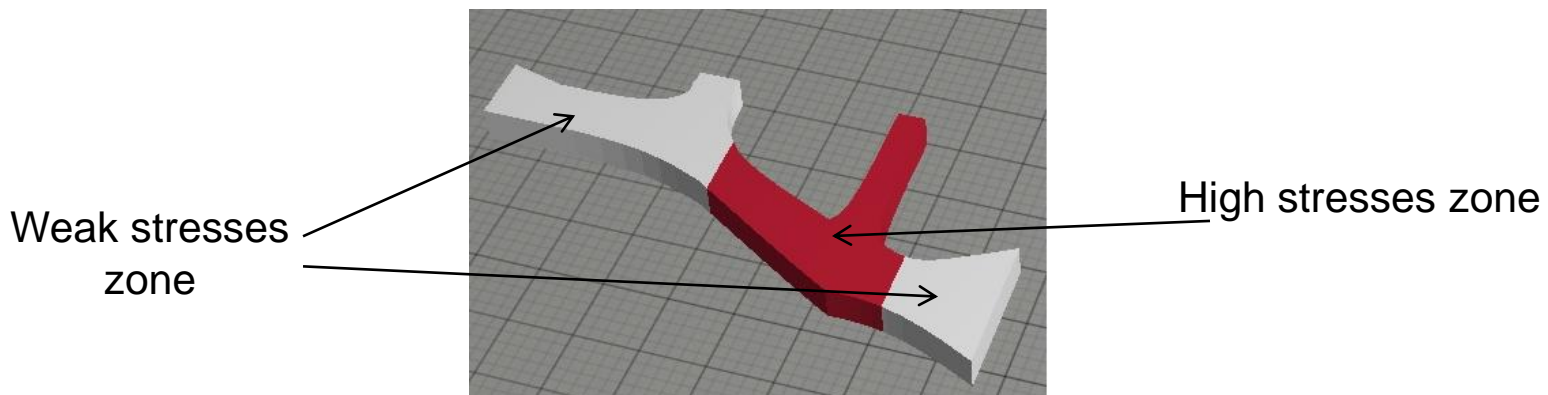
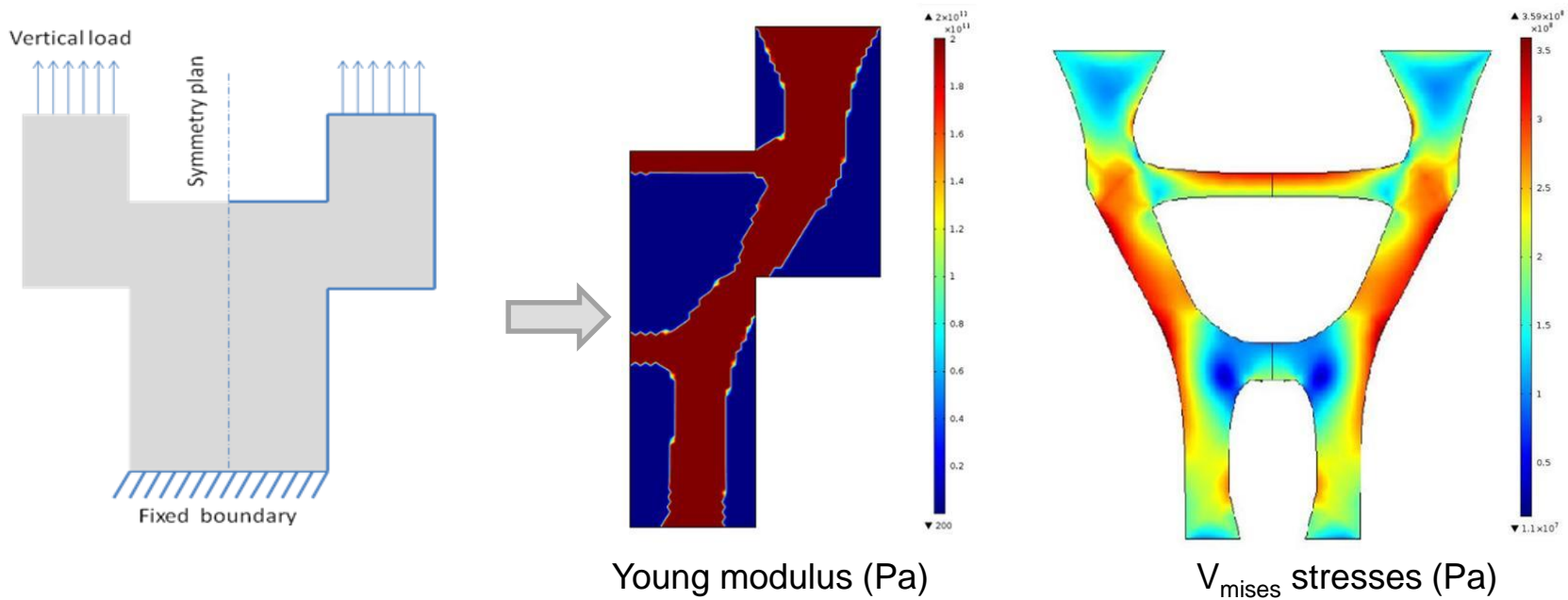
$$10^{-9} \leq \rho^p \leq 1 \text{ et } p=5$$



minimise

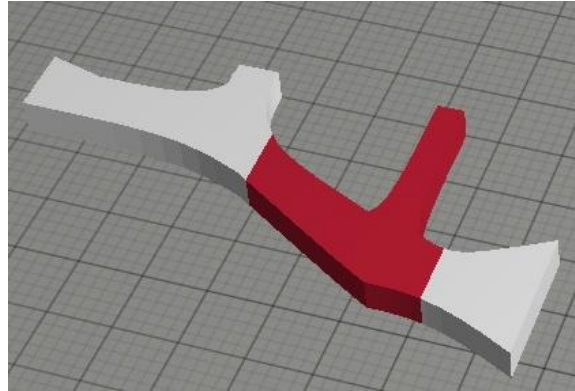
$$f = \frac{(1-q)}{W_{s_0}} \int_{\Omega} W_s(x) d\Omega + q \frac{h_0 h_{max}}{A} \int_{\Omega} |\nabla \rho_{design}(x)|^2 d\Omega$$

Topological optimization : Solid Isotropic Material with Penalization



Step 2 Optimal infill: heterogeneous infill / multi materials

Optimize manufacturing patterns (inner structure)
with outer optimal geometry



Two materials structure



Heterogeneous infill structure

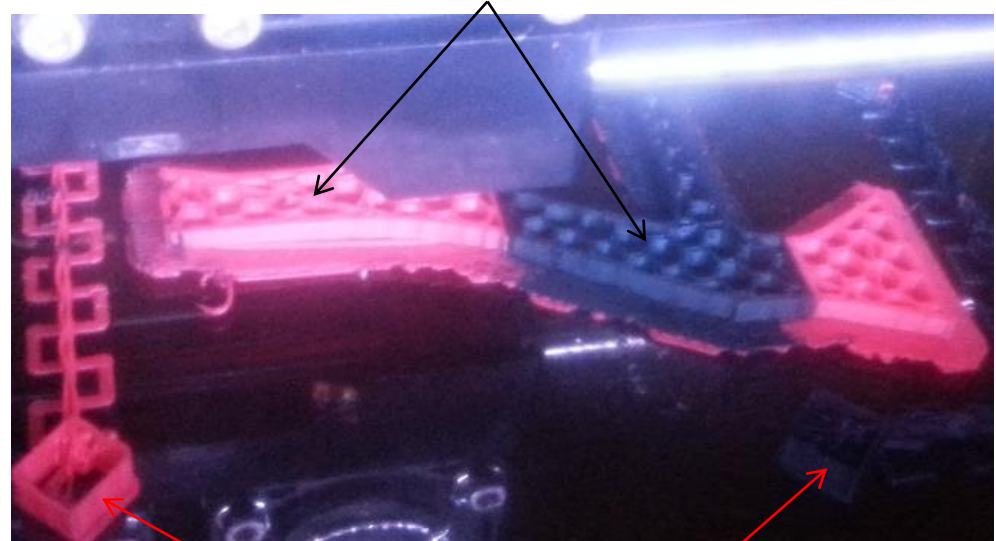


Step 2 Optimal infill: multi materials

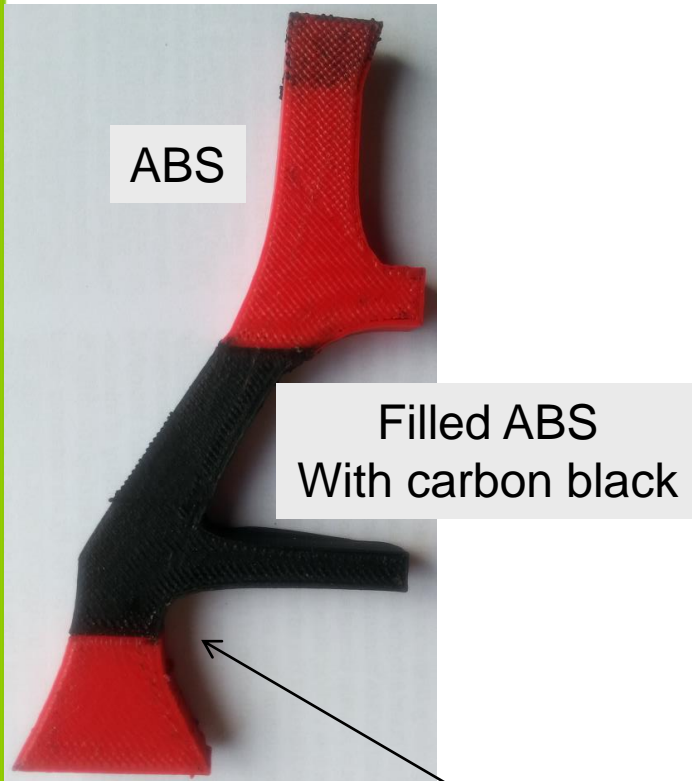
Two materials structure with Fused deposition modelling

Manufacturing

Honeycomb structure



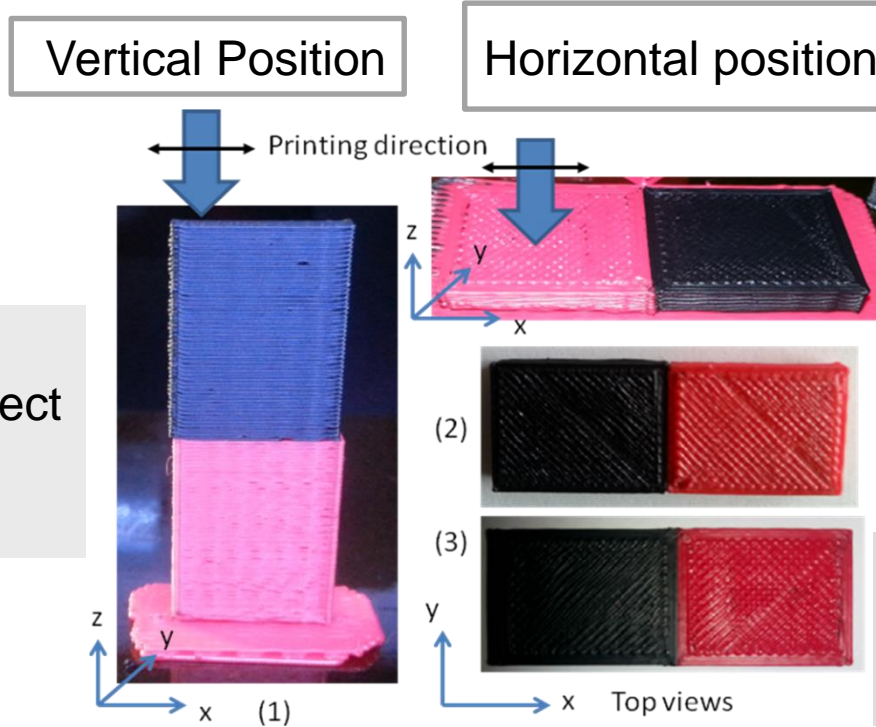
Purged walls used
before extruder changing



Interface resistance ?

Step 2 Optimal infill: multi materials

Two materials structure printed by Fused Deposition Modeling : interface resistance ?



Effect of part positioning effect on the printing platform?

Interface ?

Side by side position (zero gap)

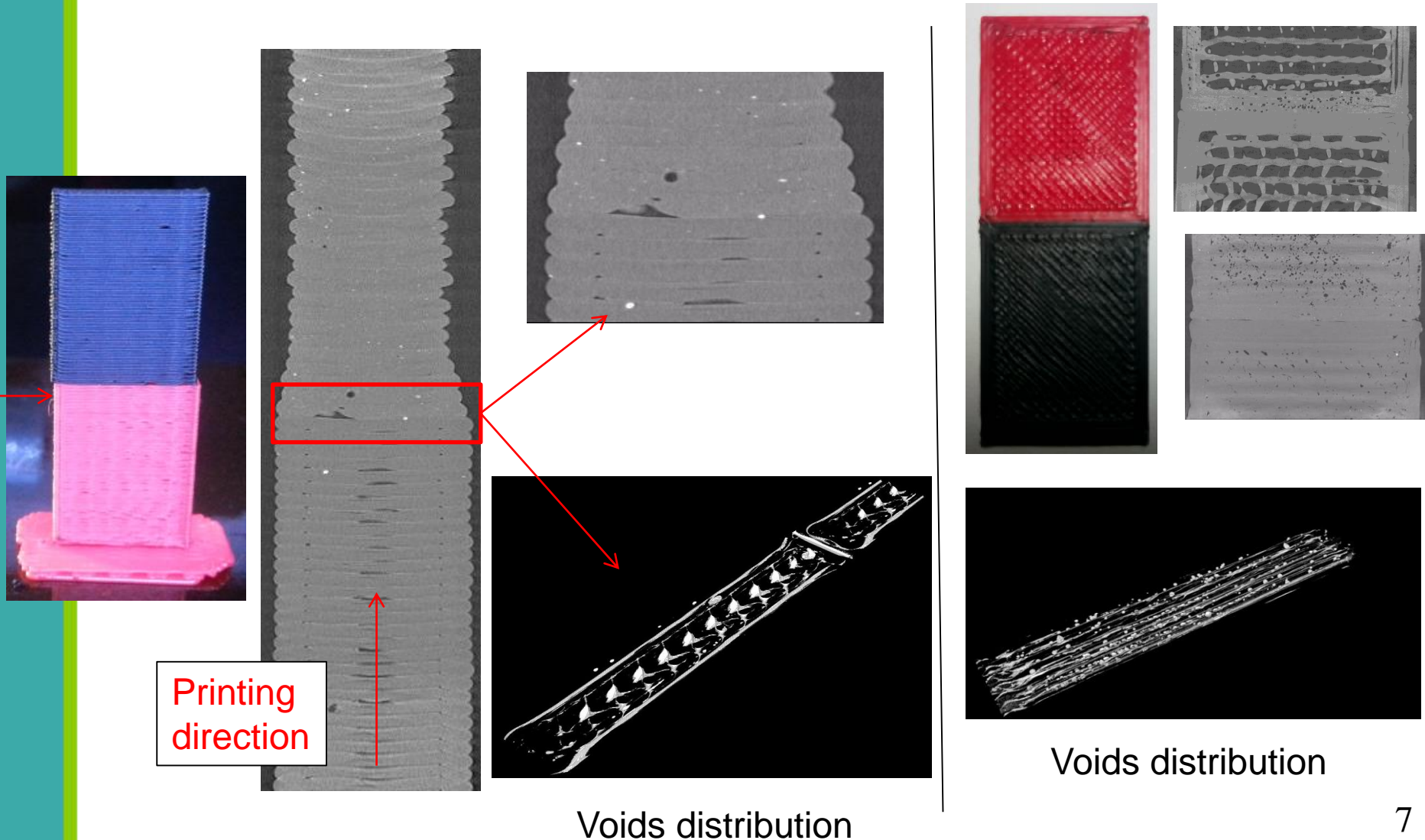
Layers interpenetration of materials at the interface

Tensile tests

Sample configuration	Two materials			One material	
	1	2	3	Black ABS	Red ABS
Position on platform	vertical	horizontal	horizontal	horizontal	horizontal
Ultimate stress (Mpa)	3.2	0	6.24	10.55	23

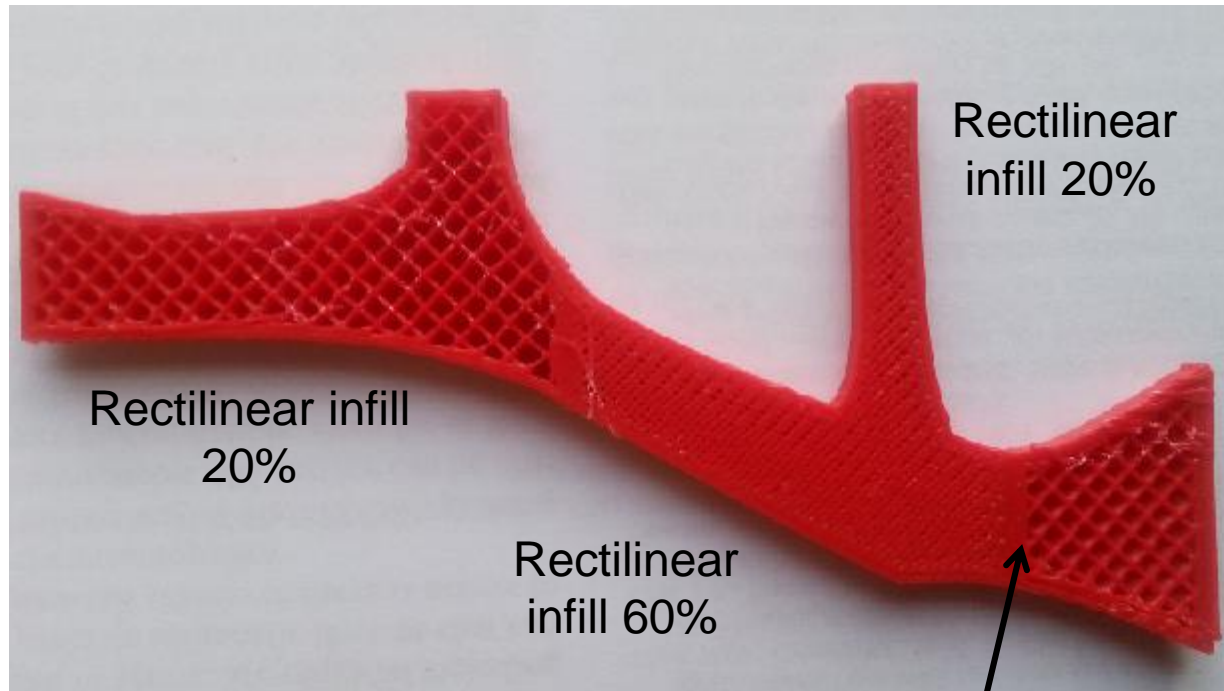
Step 2 Optimal infill: multi materials

Two materials structure printed by Fused Deposition Modeling : microstructures?



Step 2 Optimal infill: heterogeneous infill

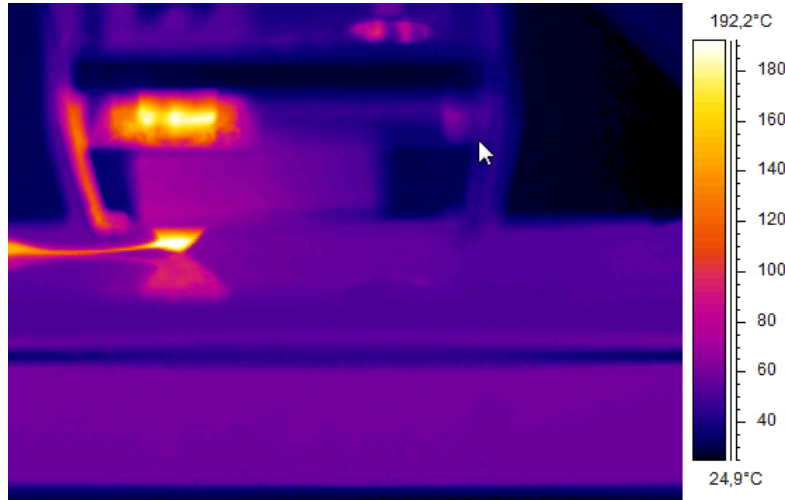
Optimized part manufacturing (inner structure)
with optimal outer geometry



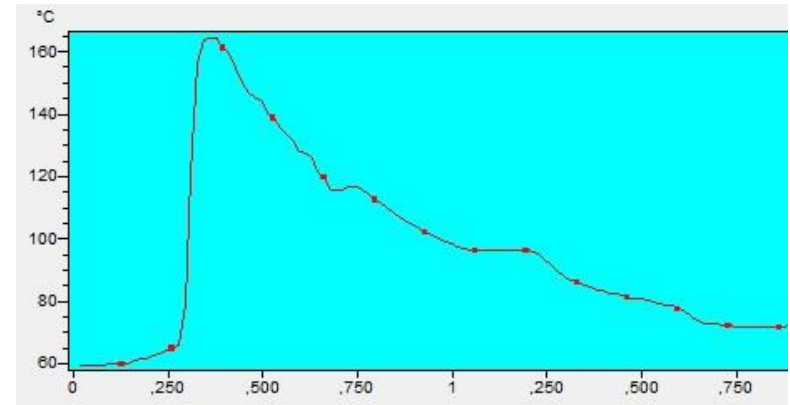
Good adhesion with one material with side by side placed parts

Step 3 FEM modelling : heat transfer

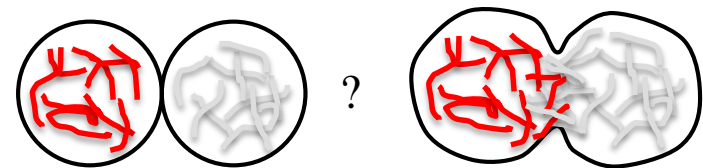
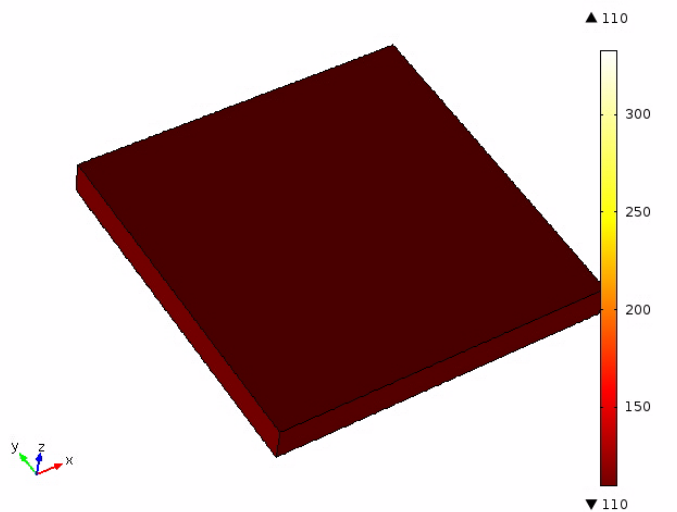
Simulation of Fused Deposition Modeling for optimal infill patterns



Infrared thermography



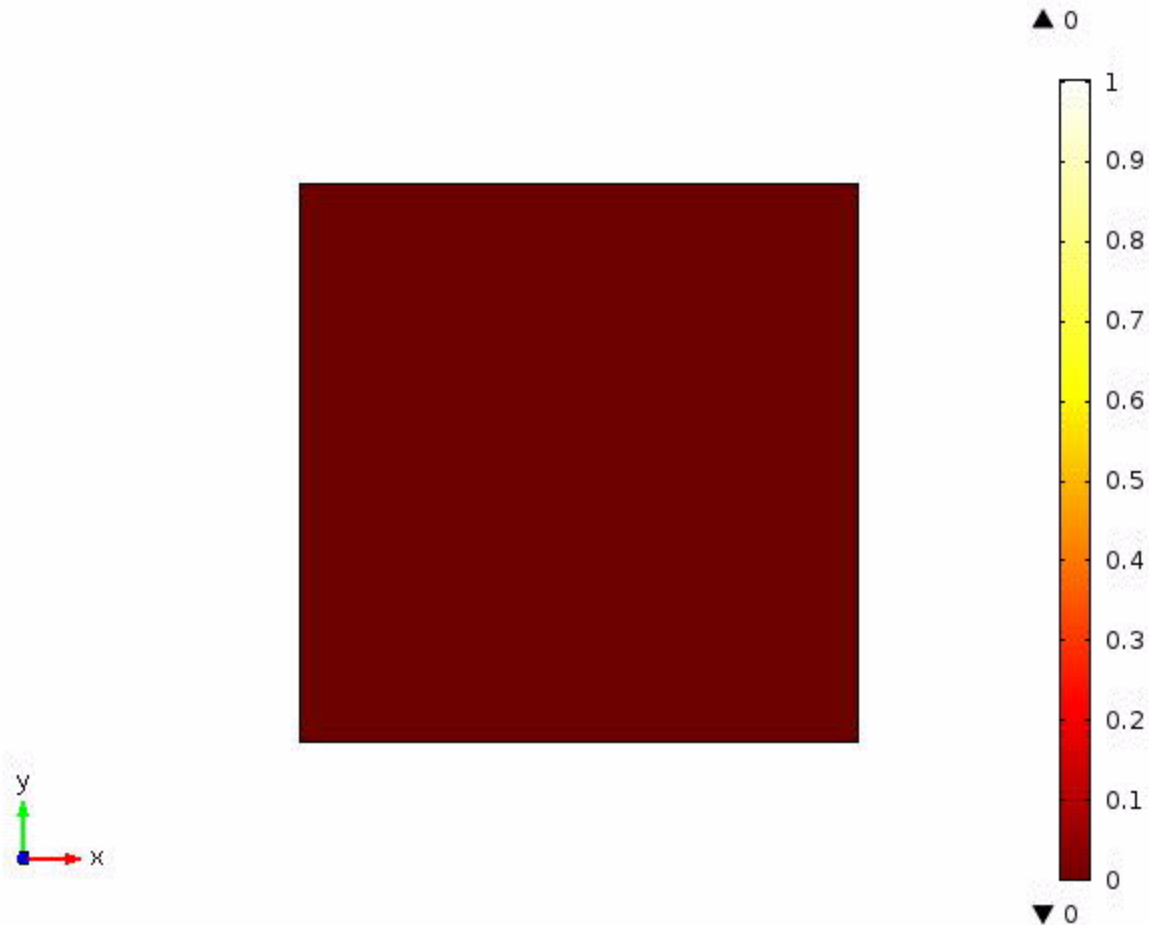
Thermal cycle



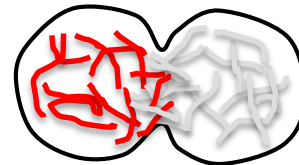
Adhesion between filament

Step 3 FEM modelling : heat transfer

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Extract patterns with possible coalescence

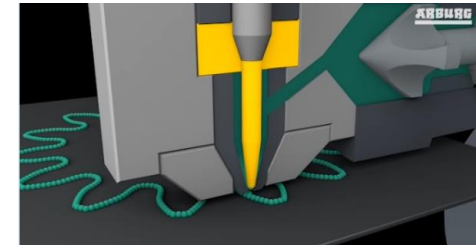


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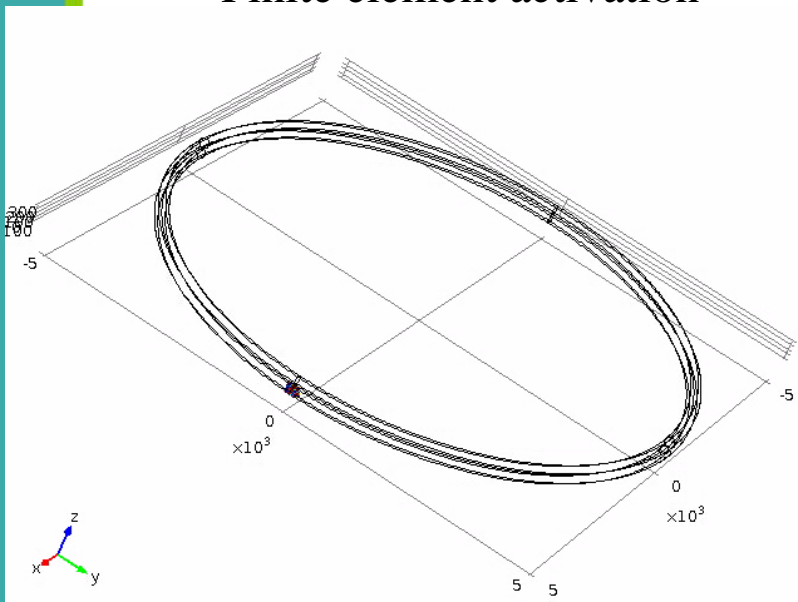
Step 3 FEM modelling : heat transfer with material deposition

Simulation of freeforming (Freeformer Arburg) for optimal infill patterns

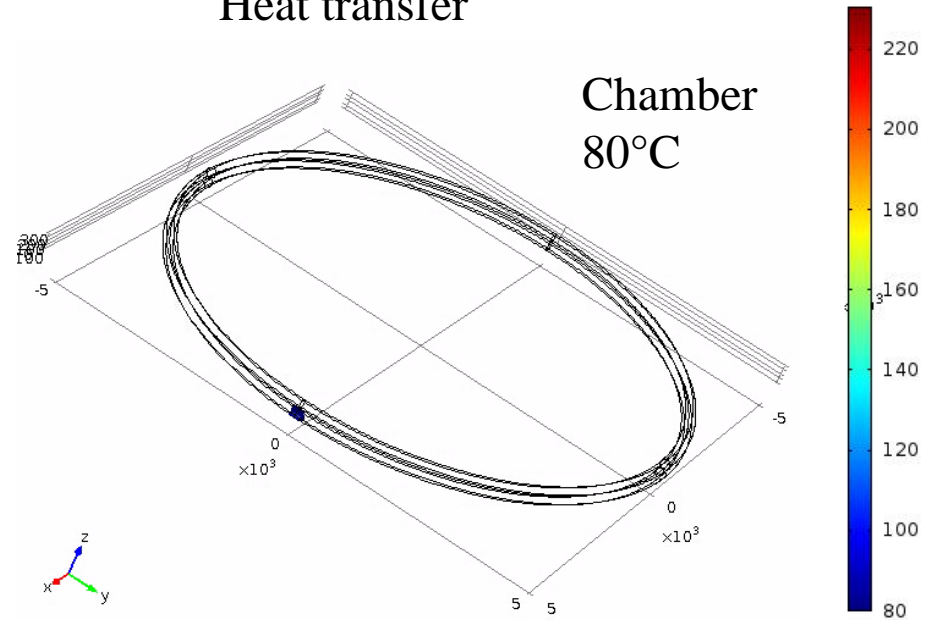
*Deposition of 2 circular patterns at 40mm/s et 80mm/s,
droplet (ABS) diameter 200 microns*



Finite element activation



Heat transfer



155 droplets / circle of radius 5mm,

200 000 degree of freedom

Conclusion and *perspectives*:

- Optimal part shape can be obtained by topological optimization
- Optimal Inner structure can improve part resistance :
 - Adding a high strength materials in critical areas
 - Choosing the right layers orientations
 - Increasing infill density in critical areas
- Heat transfer and material deposition modeling can help to find best infill patterns strategy to maximise filaments adhesion
- Next steps:
 - Modeling of filament wetting and adhesion
 - Modeling of stresses and strains during and after 3d printing

Thank you for your attention

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