

# Optimized Stencils for Acute Triangulations

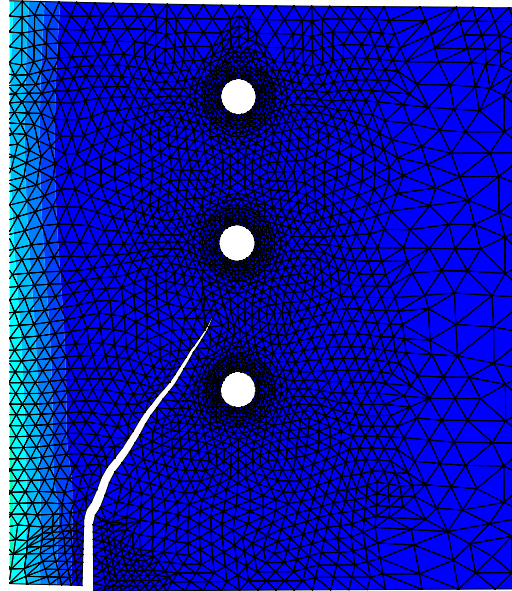
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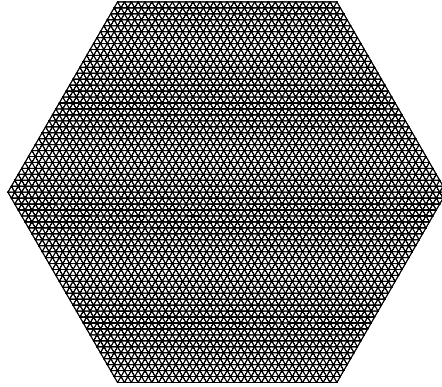
# Motivation

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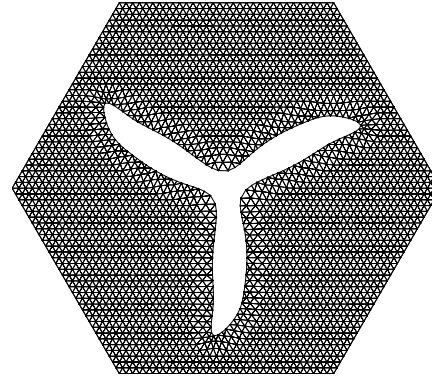
- Fractur



# Universal Meshing



Universal Mesh

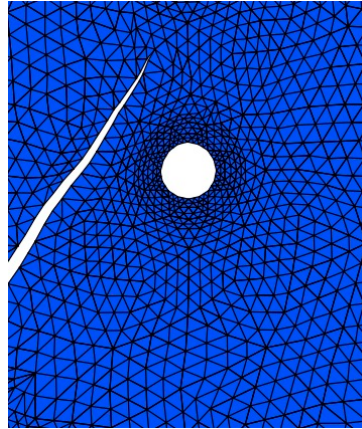


Conforming Mesh

Rangarajan, Lew 2012

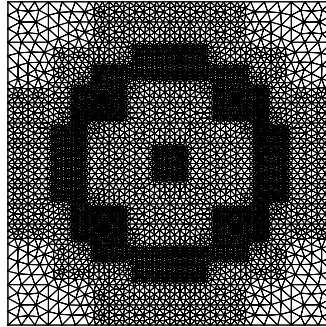
# Universal Meshing

- Conditions that guarantee it works:
  - The universal mesh is sufficiently refined.
  - The immersed geometry is smooth.
  - All the triangles in the universal mesh should have only acute angles.



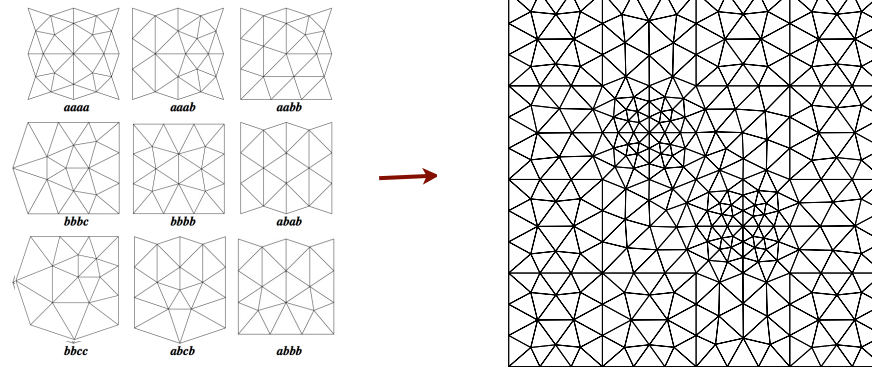
# Problem Statement

- Can we build adaptive universal meshes with acute triangulations ?
- Build Quadtree based background mesh such that:
  - All the angles in the mesh are acute.
  - Adaptive refinement.
- For example:



# Existing Solution

- Bern et al. 1994 gave the stencils with acute triangulations for quadtree based mesh generator



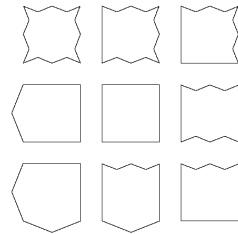
- Angle range  $36^{\circ}$  -  $80^{\circ}$

# Proposed Methodology

In order to build similar stencils , we divide this problem into 3 steps:

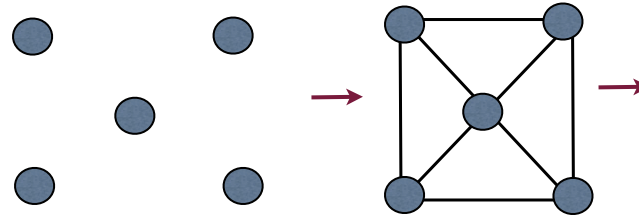
- Nodal location optimization
- Triangulation
- Angle optimization

- We fix the faces of the stencils.



# Nodal location optimization

- For example: the case of bbbb



Best angle possible is 90°!

Number of interior points play important role.

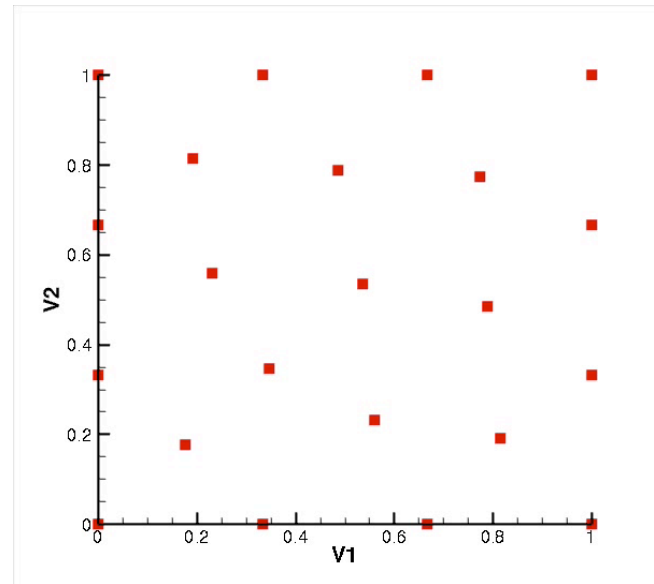
- We 'throw' in the nodes and optimize potential function  $V$ .

$$V = \sum_{\forall (pt_1, pt_2)} \frac{1}{C^p} X^{-p}$$

Where,  $X = \text{dist}(pt_1, pt_2)$

$C$  is constant and  $p=4$

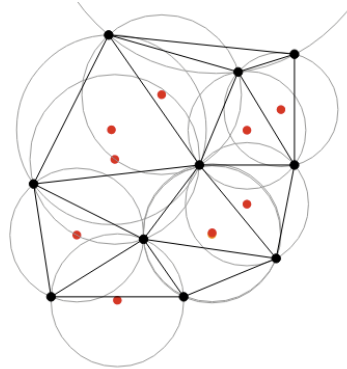
# Nodal location optimization



- Optimization process for bbb stencil with 10 interior points

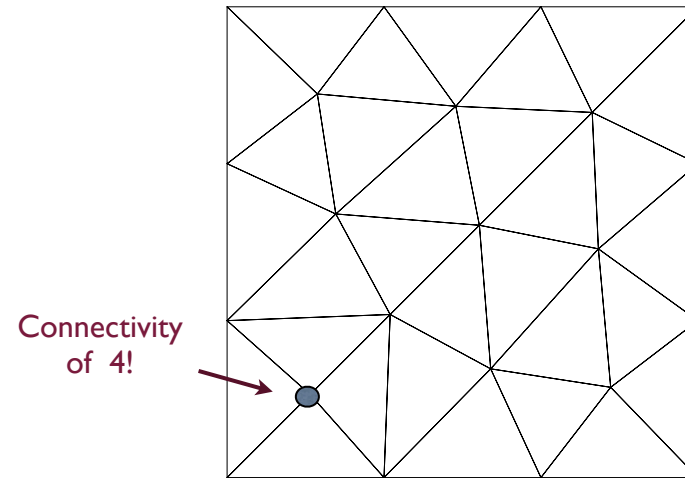
# Delaunay Triangulation

•“ In mathematics and computational geometry, a Delaunay triangulation for a set  $P$  of points in a plane is a triangulation  $DT(P)$  such that no point in  $P$  is inside the circumcircle of any triangle in  $DT(P)$ . Delaunay triangulations maximize the minimum angle of all the angles of the triangles in the triangulation; they tend to avoid skinny triangles.”



# Triangulation

We use Delaunay triangulation to generate mesh over the fixed location of nodes for each stencils.



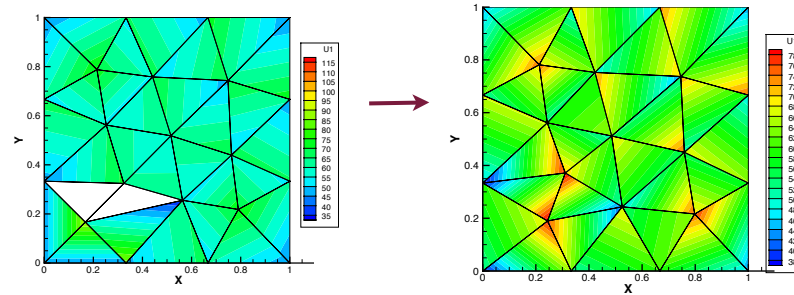
# Angle Optimization

We optimize the potential function  $E$  to achieve acute triangulation.

$$E = \sum_{\theta \in M} \left( \cos \theta - \frac{1}{2} \right)^2$$

Edge Flipping changes connectivity so that:

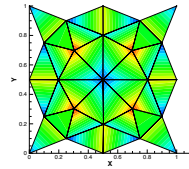
- Interior nodes have connectivity of 5 or more.
- Boundary nodes have connectivity of 4 or more.



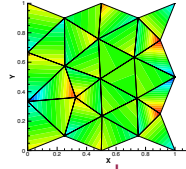
The contours represent the angles, triangles with an obtuse angle are blanked

# Optimized Stencils

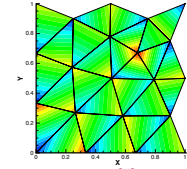
- Angle range  $41^{\circ}$ - $78^{\circ}$



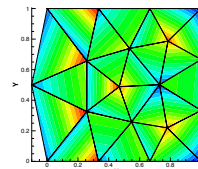
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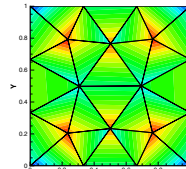
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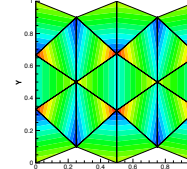
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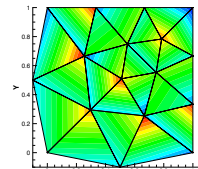
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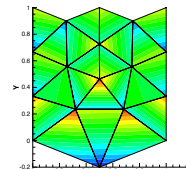
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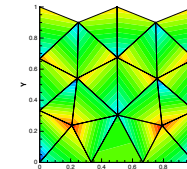
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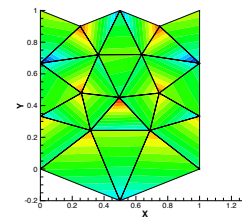
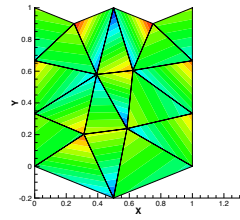
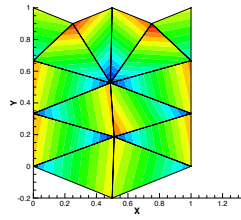
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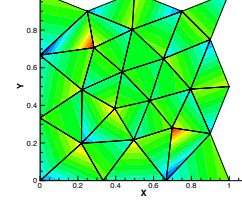
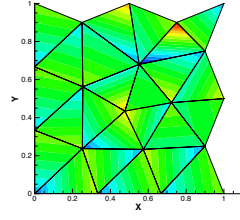
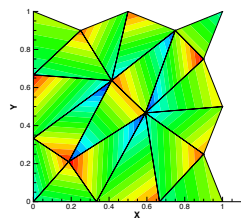
# Family of Stencils

- We achieve family stencils for the same face combinations.

For example abcb stencil



aabb stencil



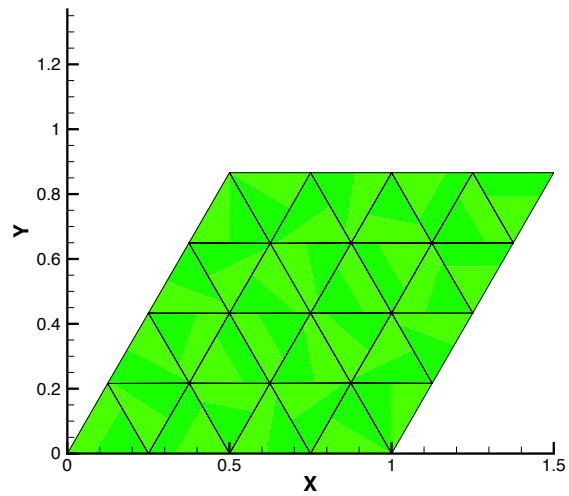
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## Family of Stencils

Stencil	Number of interior points
aaaa	4, 5, 6, 7, 8, <b>9</b> , 10, 11, 12, 13, 14
aaab	4, 5, 6, <b>7</b> , 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
aabb	3, 5, 6, <b>7</b> , 8, 9, 10
abab	1, 3, <b>4</b> , 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10
abbb	<b>6</b> , 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
bbbb	<b>8</b> , 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14
abcb	2, 3, 4, <b>5</b> , 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11
bbcc	<b>7</b> , 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
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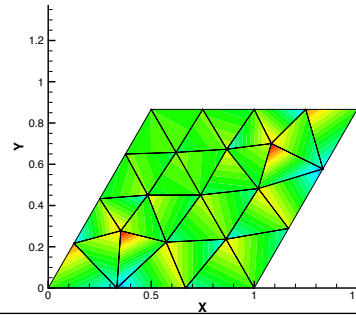
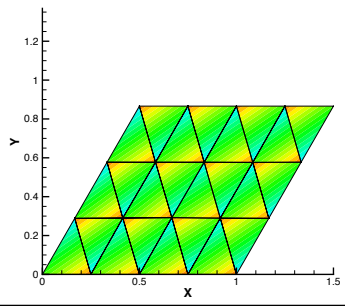
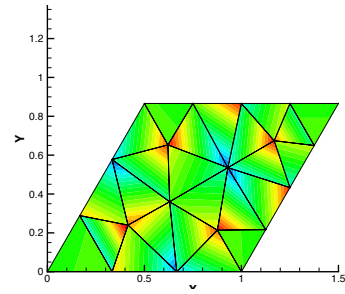
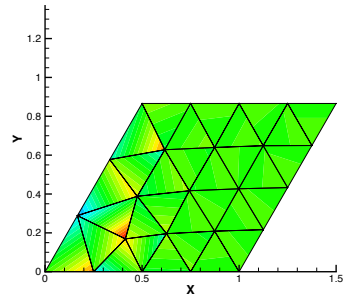
**Any better stencils ?!**

# Diamond Stencils

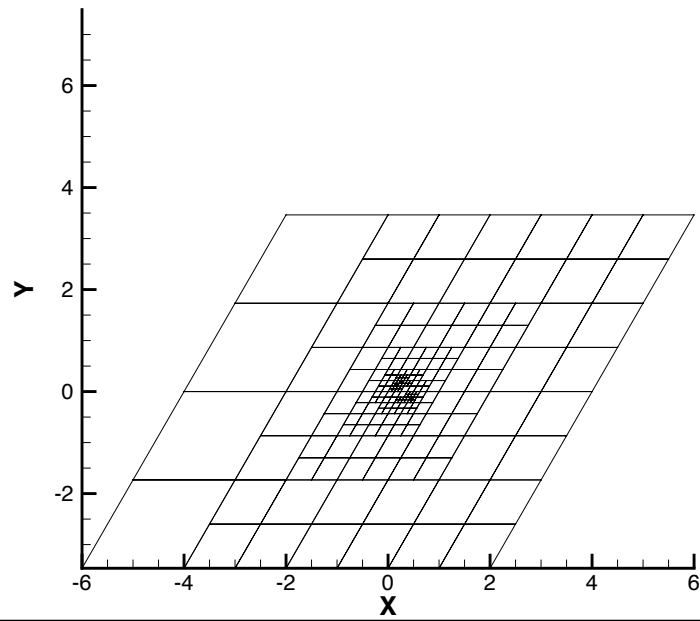


Instead of square, use rhombus to get better angles.  
All angles 60!

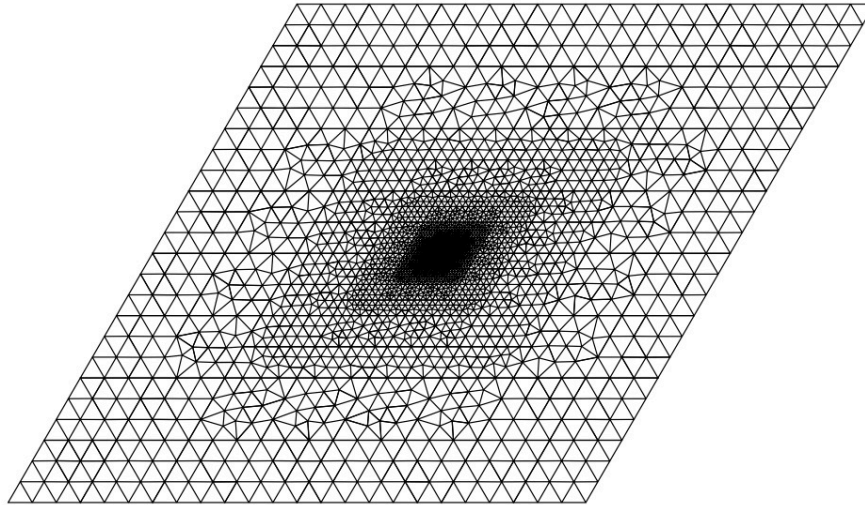
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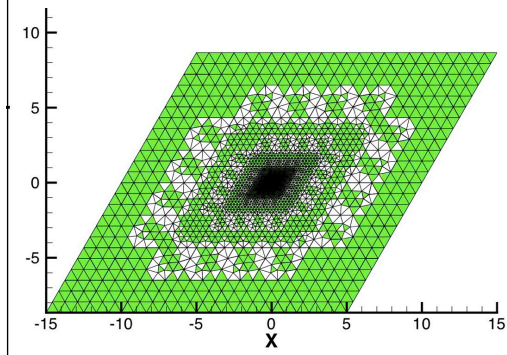
# Diamond - Tree



## Mesh from Diamond - Tree

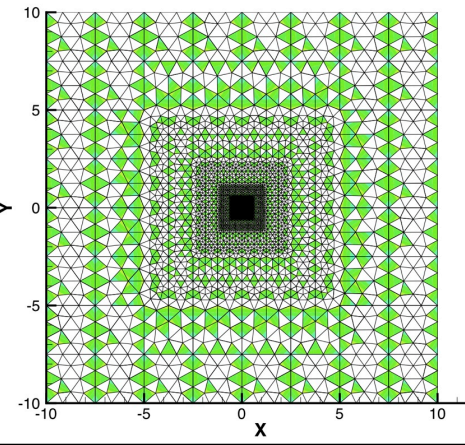


# Comparison

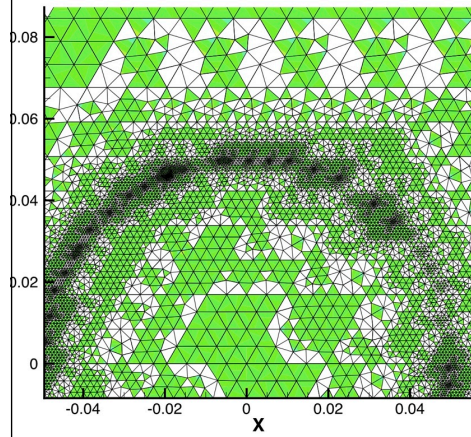


Diamond stencils based

Square stencils based

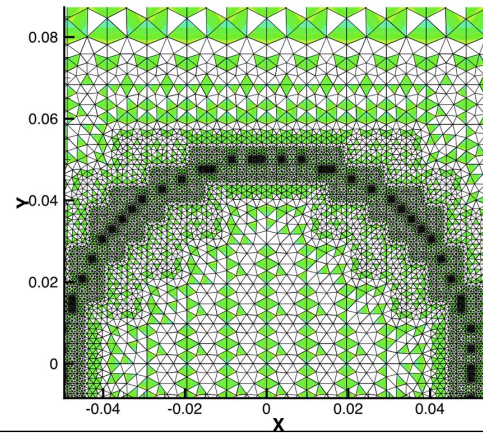


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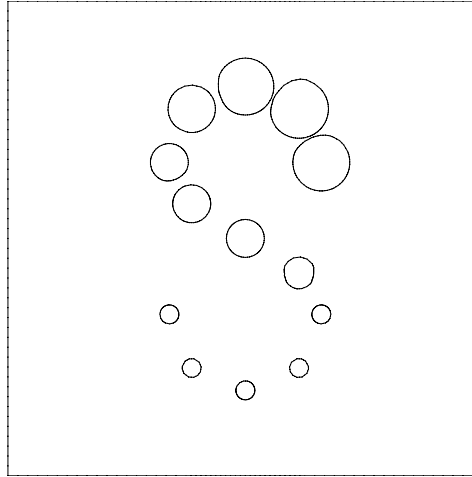
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Application

# Numerical Examples

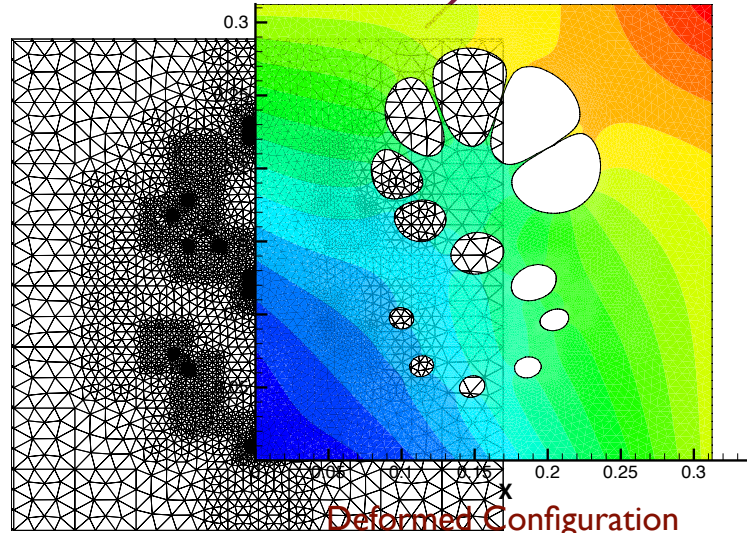
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Domain of analysis

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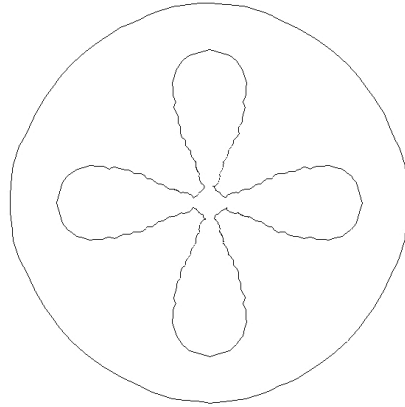


Universal mesh  
Conforming mesh

The contours represent the net displacement

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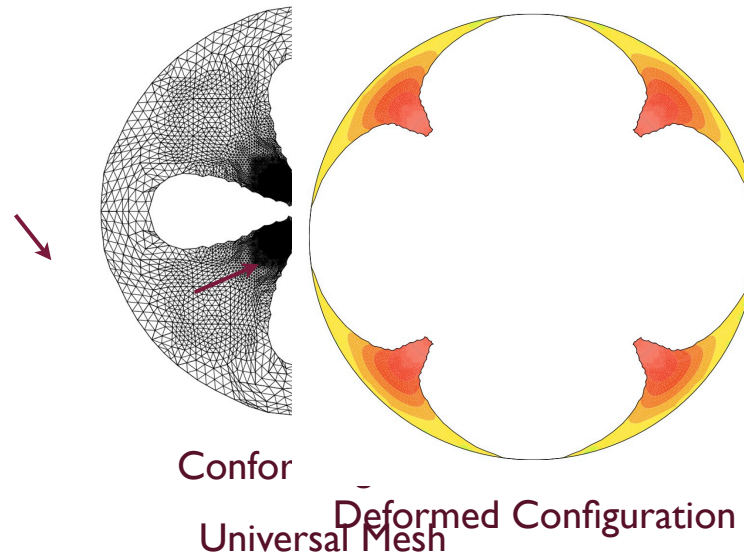
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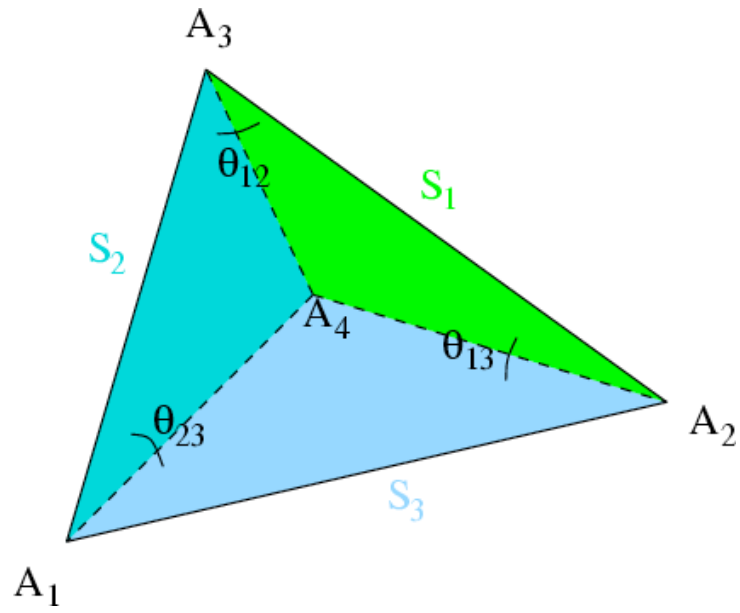


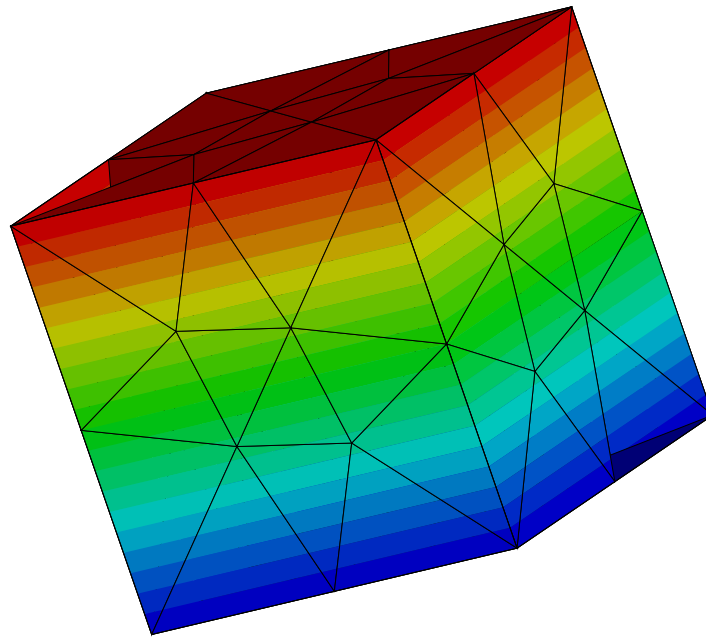
## Concluding Remarks

- We have set up an optimization problem leading us to stencils having all acute angles.
- Through this setup we improve the stencil provided in Bern et al. 1994.
- This enables us to achieve family stencils for the same face combinations by varying number of interior points.
- This leads to better acute angle universal mesh.
- This optimization problem would serve as primary step to achieve acute tetrahedralization of a cube.

**Tetrahedralize 3D Domain!**

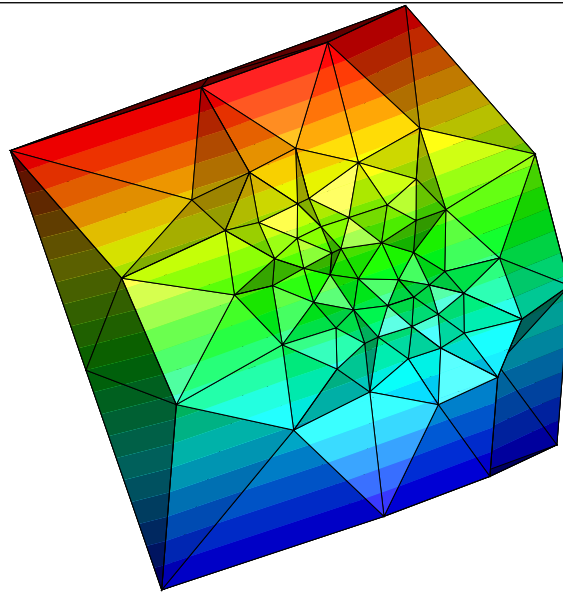
# Acute Tetrahedron





Vanderzee. E, et al 2012

1370 Tets, All active  
dihedral angles

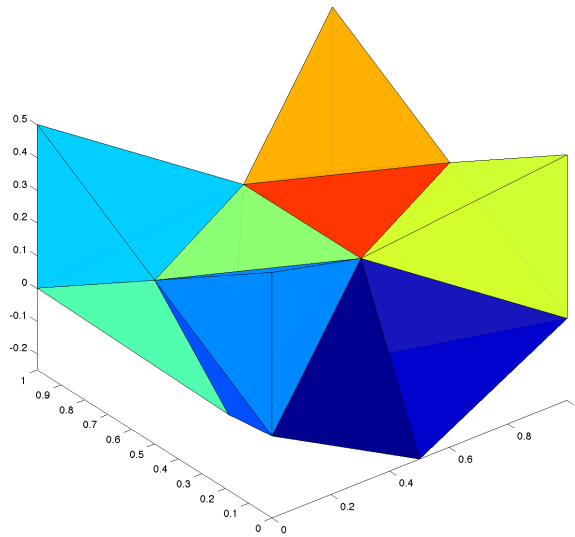


Size of the tetrahedron  
vary a lot, leads to bad  
mesh.

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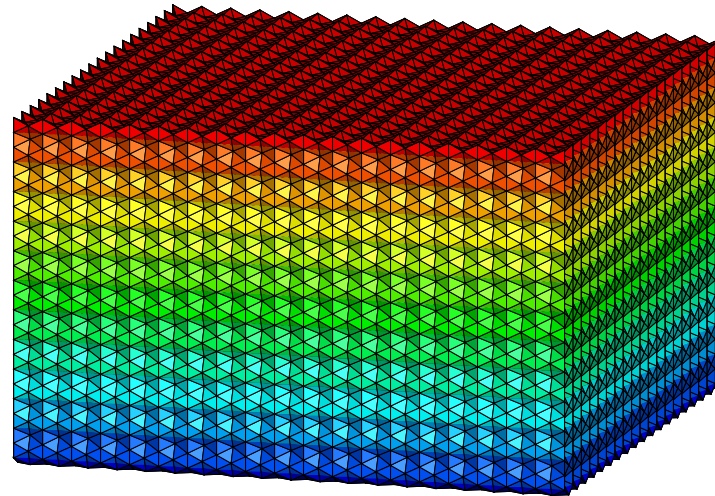
Next Idea ?  
Tetrahedral Close Packing

# Building Block



- Place nodes similar to BCC lattice.
- Apply off the shelf Delaunay Tetrahedralization.
- Apply Constraint to form a tetrahedron only when acute condition is satisfied

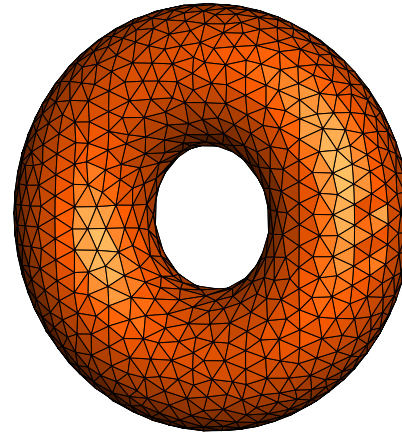
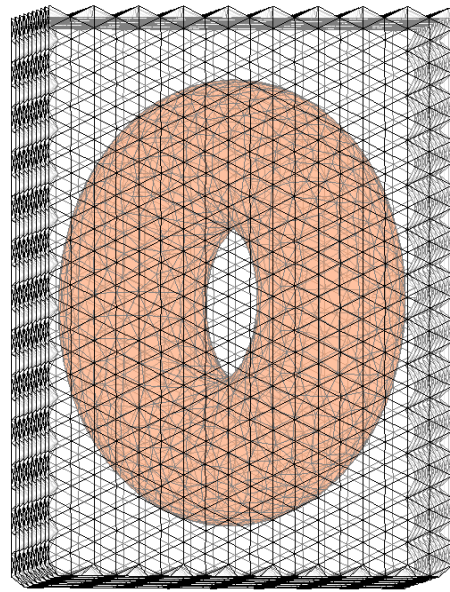
## Repeat in 3D: “Universal Mesh”



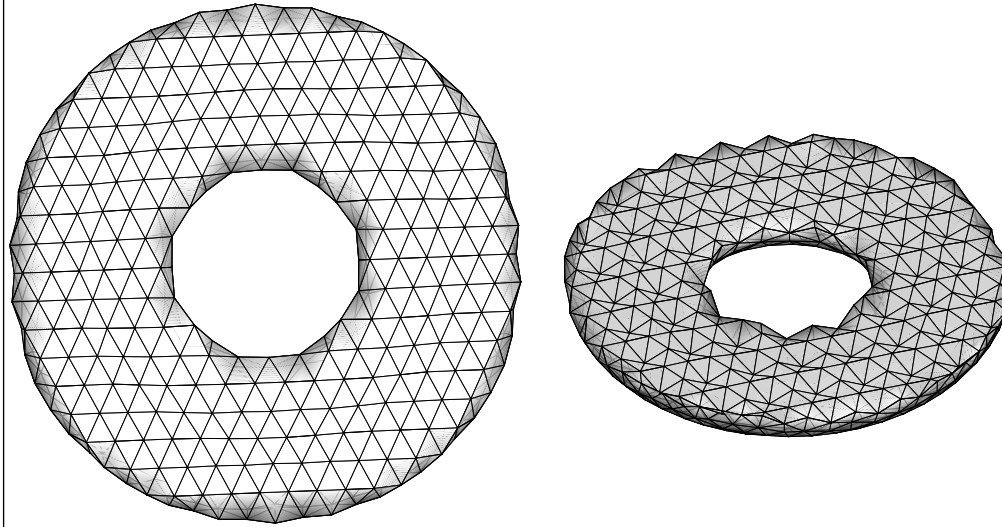
Size of the tetrahedrons do not vary, all dihedral angles less than 77 degree.

## Test on 3D geometries

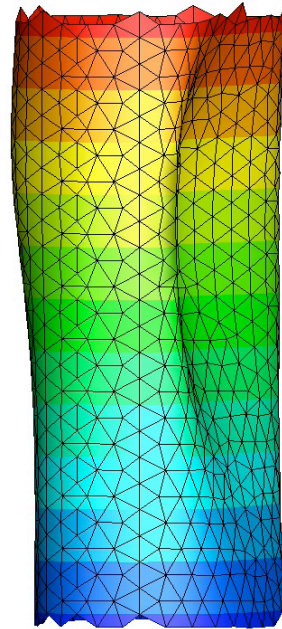
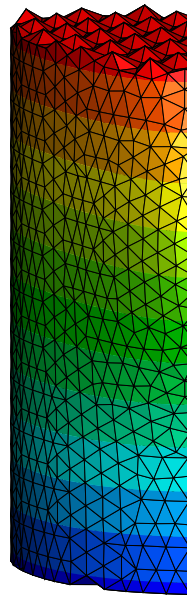
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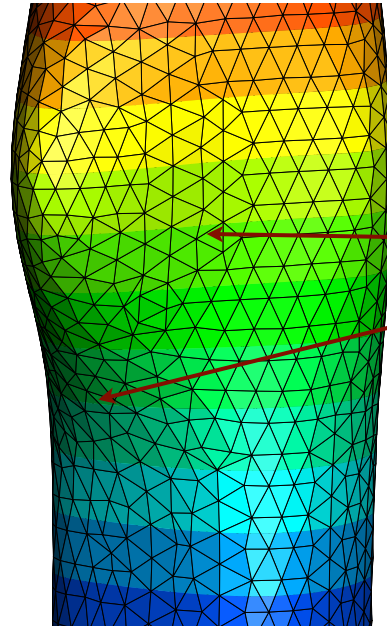
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## Changing Geometry



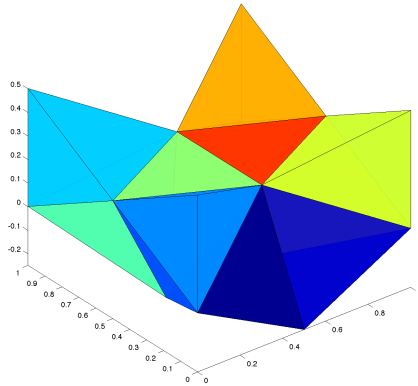
## But is it efficient ?



Size of the tetrahedrons doesn't have to be the same.

As one can establish bound on the minimum size of face of the tetrahedron in terms of the local curvature.

## Transition in the size..



**19 stencils required for Oct-tree.  
Build Stencils based on building  
block similar to those done in 2D.**

