Optimization with Differential Equations:

Where many large scale optimization problems come from

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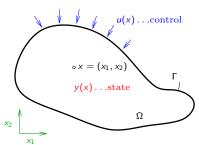
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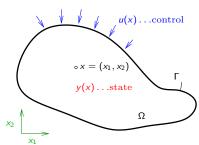
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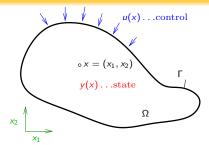
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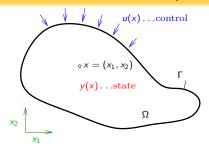
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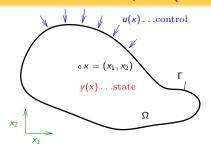
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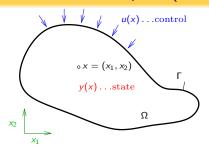


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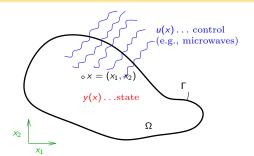
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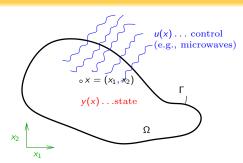
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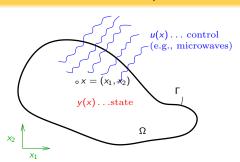
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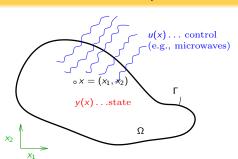


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Cancer treatment

Application of distributed heating in medicine: Objective: Heat a tumor (up to maybe 42-45 degree) without damaging the tissue around it (compare with Potato II)

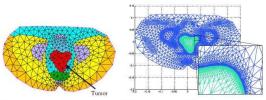
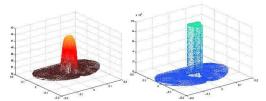
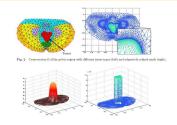
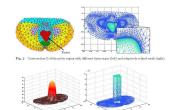


Fig. 2 Cross-section Ω of the pelvic region with different tissue types (left) and adaptively refined mesh (right).

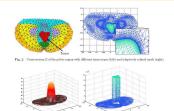






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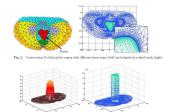
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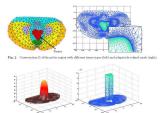
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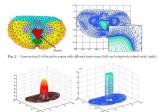
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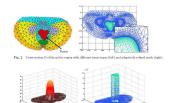
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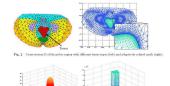
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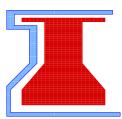
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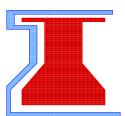
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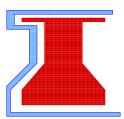
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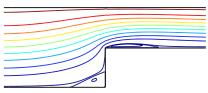
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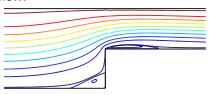
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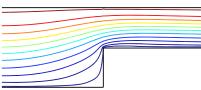
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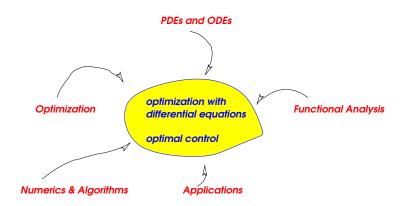
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