

Interface control of multi-phase flow

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“Geometry”

“Cost”

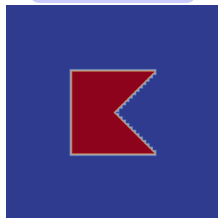
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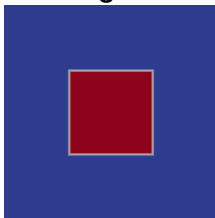
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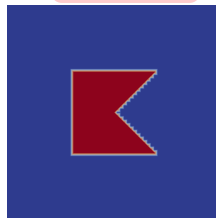


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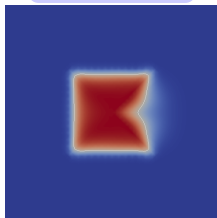
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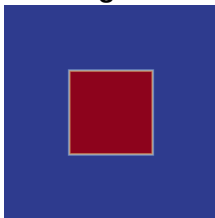


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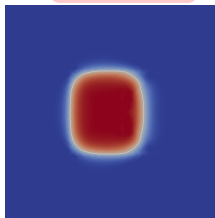


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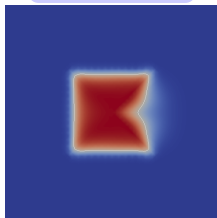
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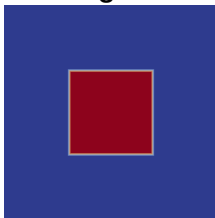
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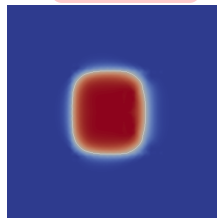
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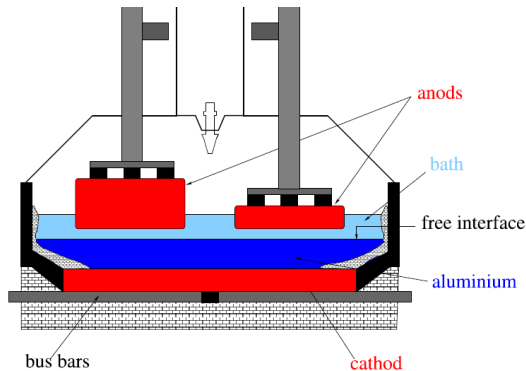
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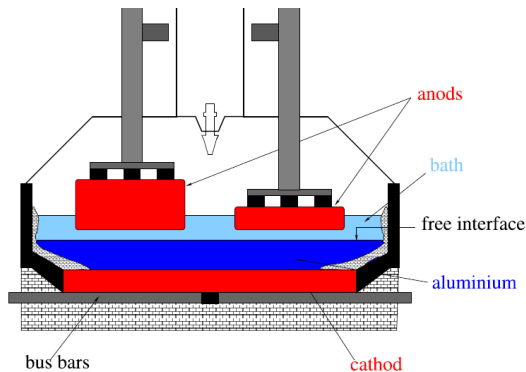


correct geometry

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Anods shall not touch the interface!
⇒ Interface control

Goals

- Existence of optimum.
- (Necessary) first order optimality conditions.
- Numerical scheme with low order Finite Elements.
- Convergence of the numerical scheme.

Known result

- Optimization (analysis, no numerics) of L^2 -functional (no geometric term) subject to Stokes equation, cf. [Kunisch and Lu, 2011].
- Convergent numerical scheme for equation (low regularity), cf. [Bañas and Prohl, 2010].

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$$J_\delta(\rho, \mathbf{u}) = \square + \frac{\beta}{2} \left(\delta \int_{\Omega_T} |\nabla \rho|^2 + \frac{1}{\delta} \int_{\Omega_T} W(\rho) \right) + \square$$

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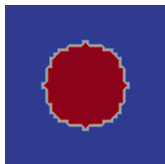
Passing to the limit for $\varepsilon, \delta \rightarrow 0$?

Necessary condition for convergence of the whole system is

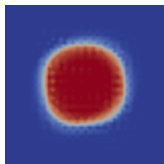
$$\delta \approx \varepsilon.$$

Case $\varepsilon \ll \delta$: parasitic currents

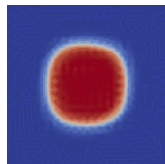
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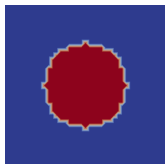
$\rho(t = 0.25)$



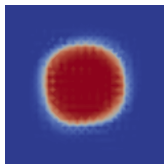
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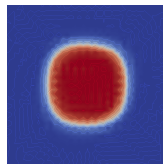
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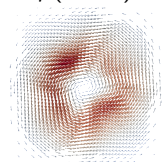
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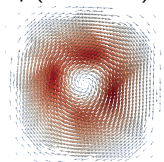
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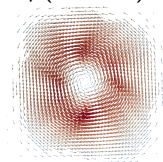
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$\mathbf{y}(t=0.05)$



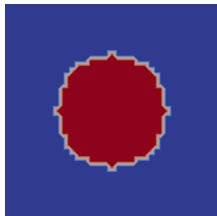
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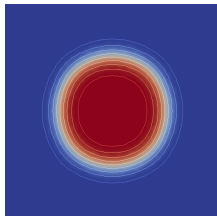
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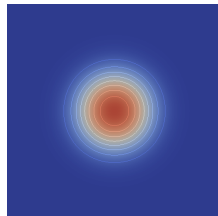
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- ⇒ Bounds for dual variables, **but...**

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- Consider

$$\text{big number} \cdot (\text{A}) + (\text{B})$$

and use Gronwall.

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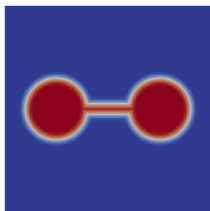
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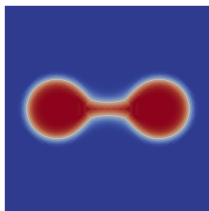
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The limit functions solve the original fully continuous optimality system.

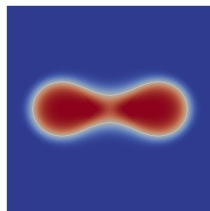
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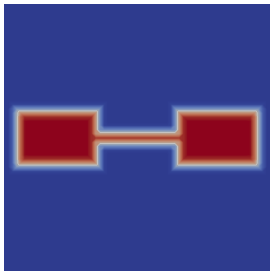


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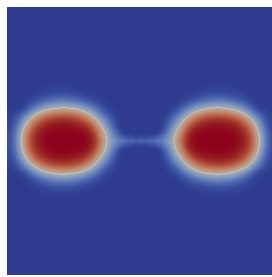
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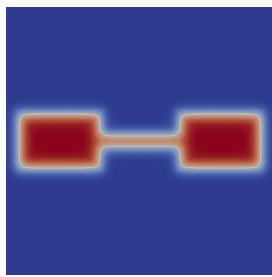
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