

# Solving industrial design problems by using COMSOL Multiphysics with MATLAB

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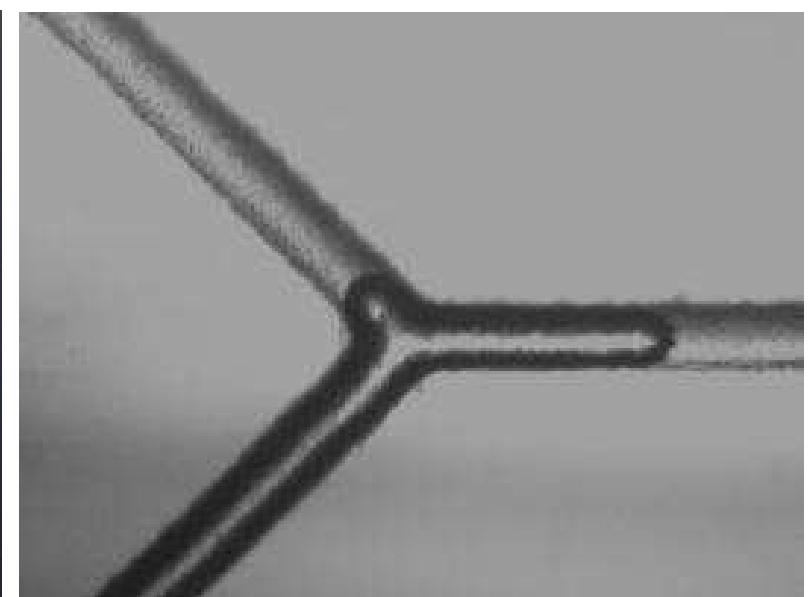
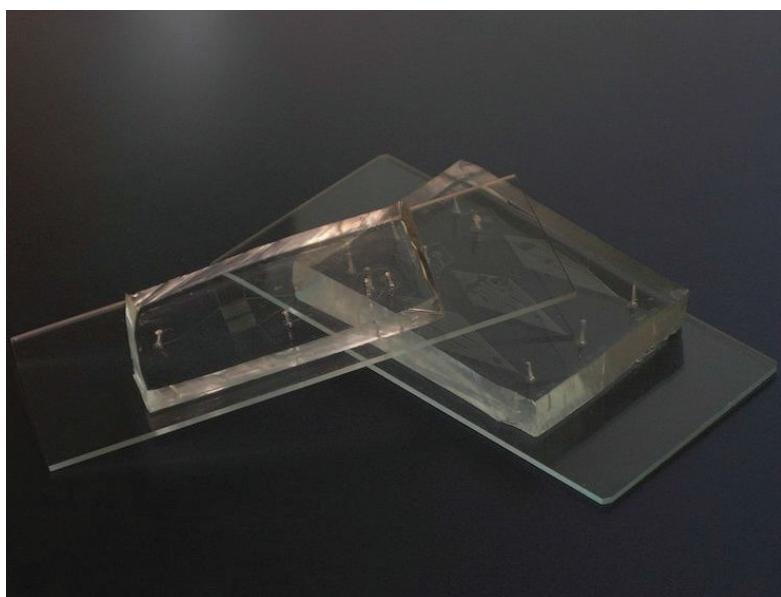
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# Part I: Industrial examples

## Device: Microfluidic mixer

Application: Microfluidic mixers are used to quickly mix a protein solution with a solvent provoking a **rapid change** in chemical potential resulting in the unfold of certain proteins.

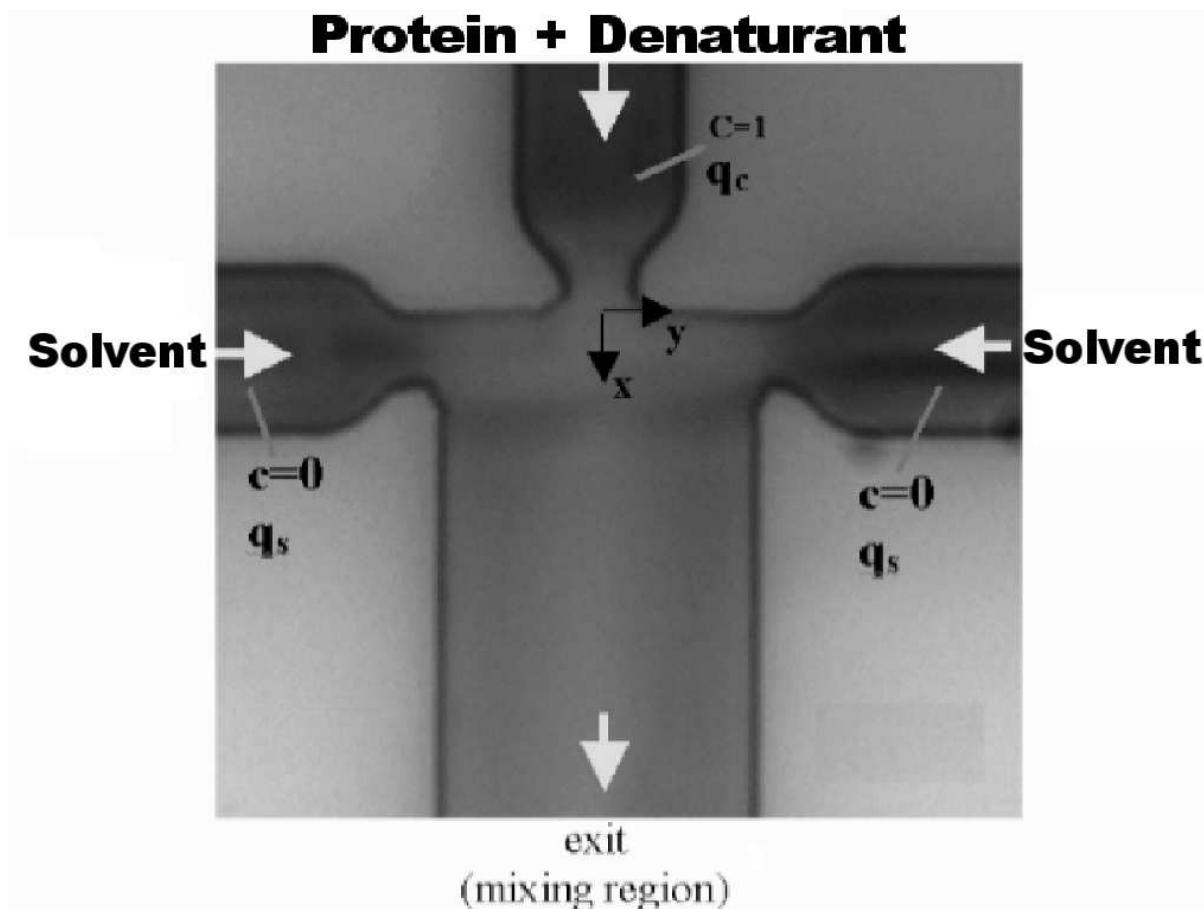
Example of microfluidic mixer: There exist a **wide range** of techniques to create microfluidic mixers. For instance:



# Industrial problem

Objective: optimize the mixer to **reduce the time** needed to reach a certain protein concentration.

Considered mixer: **Knight** mixer



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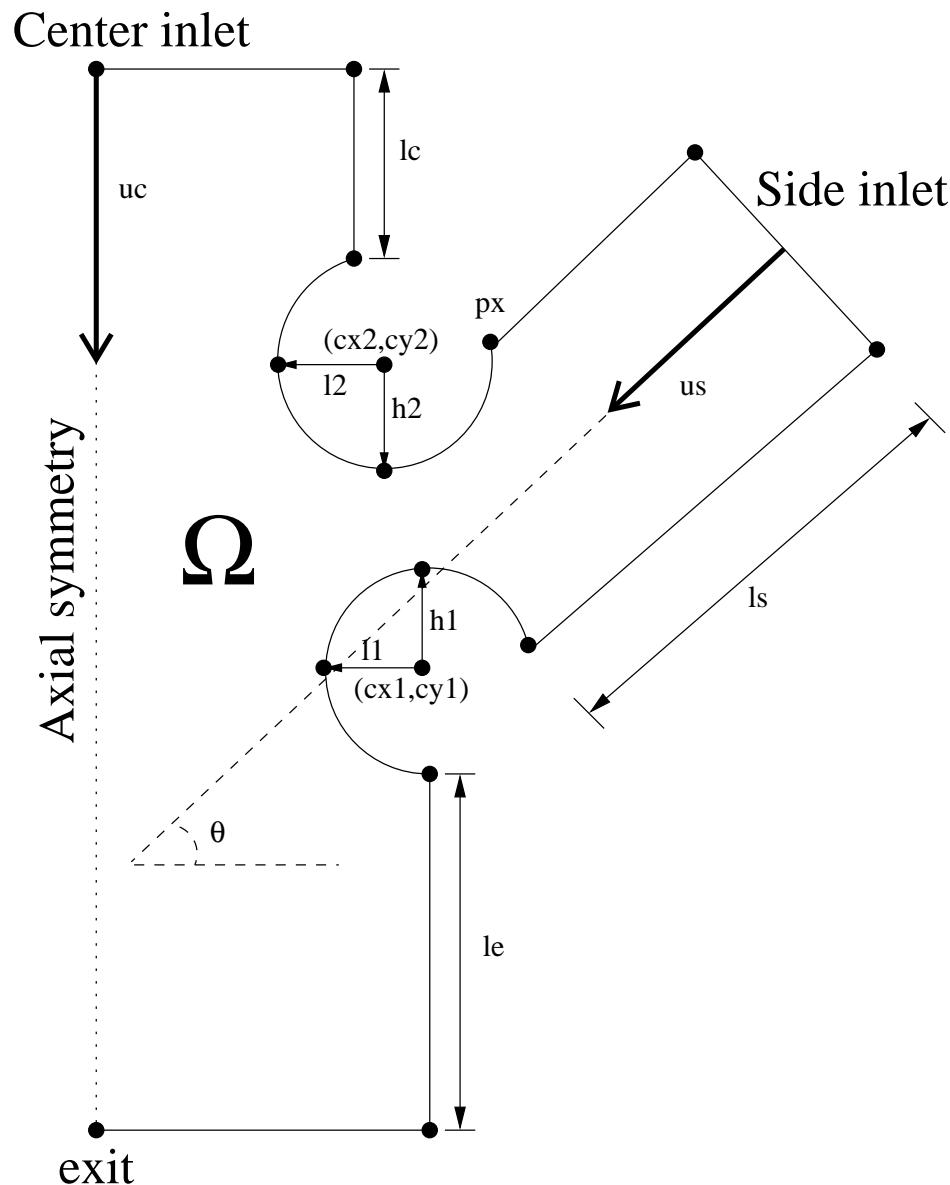
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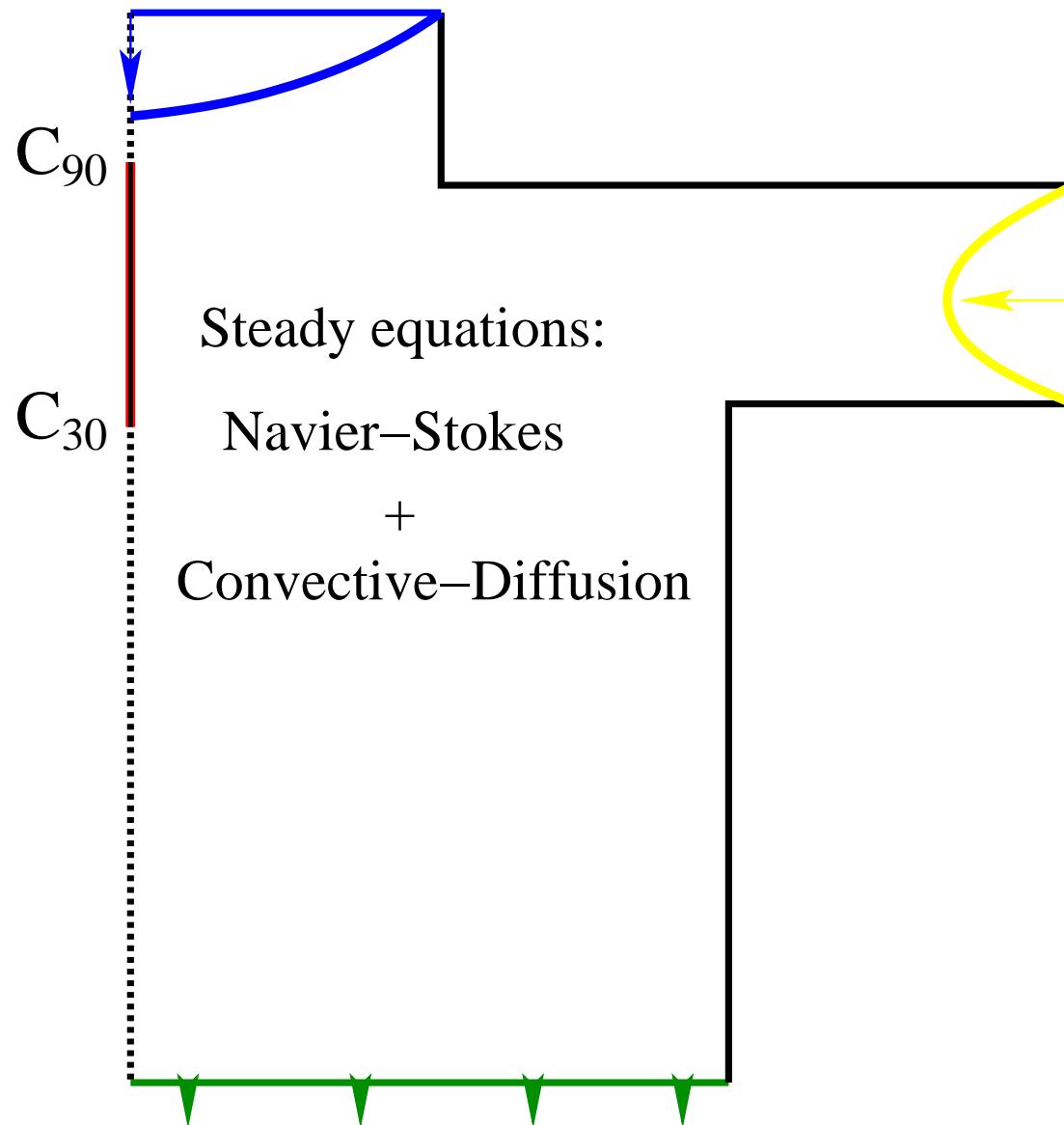
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# Design Problem

We are interested in minimizing:

$$J(x_{\text{param}}) = \int_{c_{90}^{x_{\text{param}}}}^{c_{30}^{x_{\text{param}}}} \frac{dy}{\mathbf{u}^{x_{\text{param}}}(y) \cdot t},$$

where  $c_{90}^{x_{\text{param}}}$ ,  $c_{30}^{x_{\text{param}}}$  and  $\mathbf{u}^{x_{\text{param}}}$  are computed by solving numerically (**COMSOL**) the following system:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} -\nabla \cdot (\eta(\nabla \mathbf{u} + (\nabla \mathbf{u})^\top)) + \rho(\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u} + \nabla p = 0 & \text{in } \Omega, \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0 & \text{in } \Omega, \\ \nabla \cdot (-D \nabla c + c \mathbf{u}) = 0 & \text{in } \Omega, \\ + \text{boundary conditions.} & \end{array} \right.$$

This optimization problem is solved by using the **Global Optimization Platform** software (**MATLAB**):  
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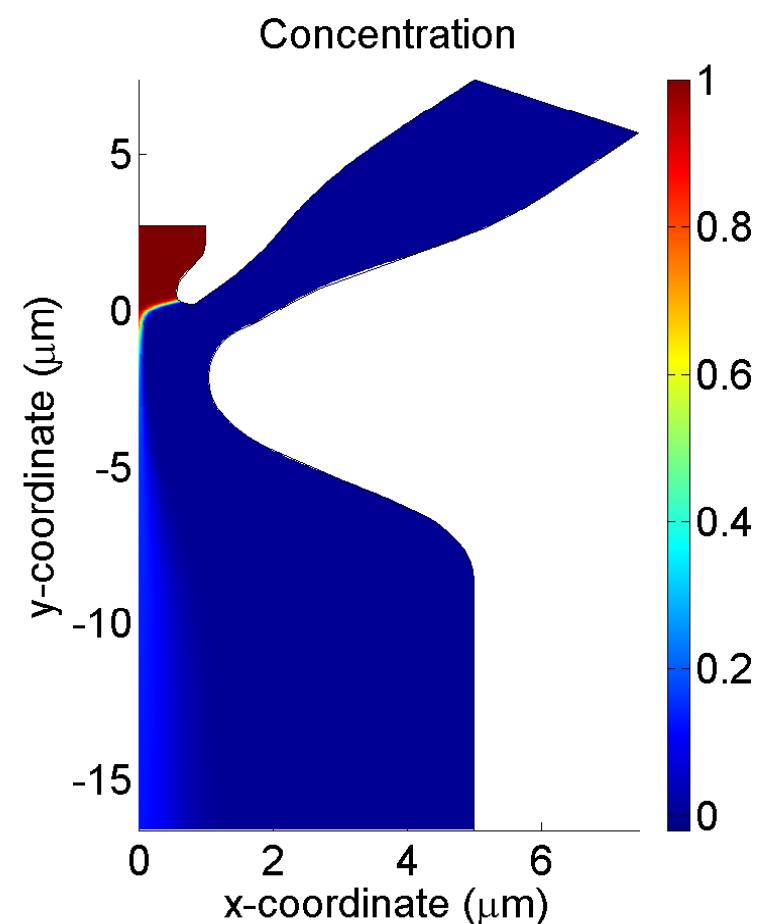
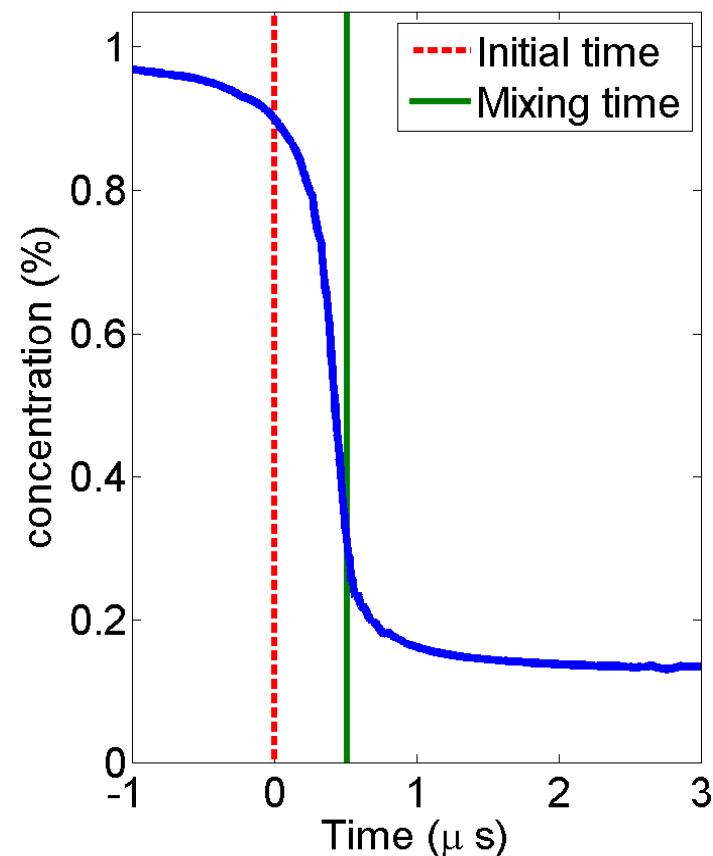
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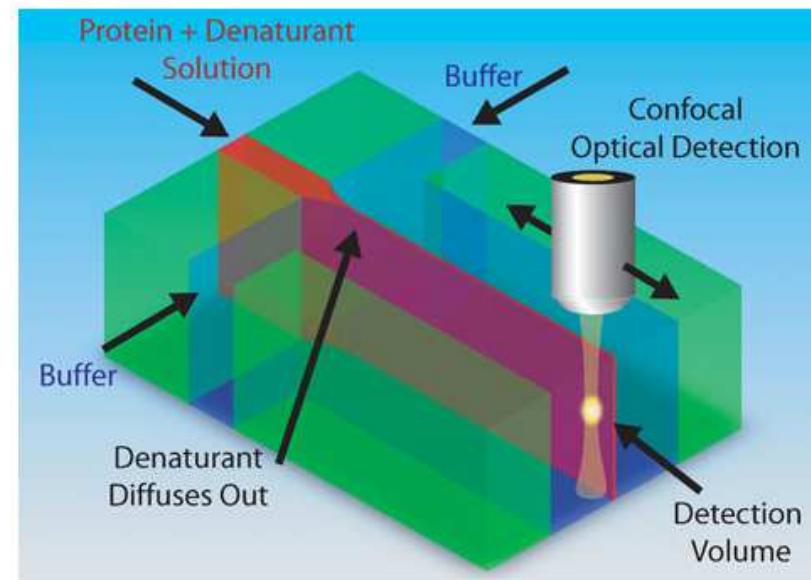
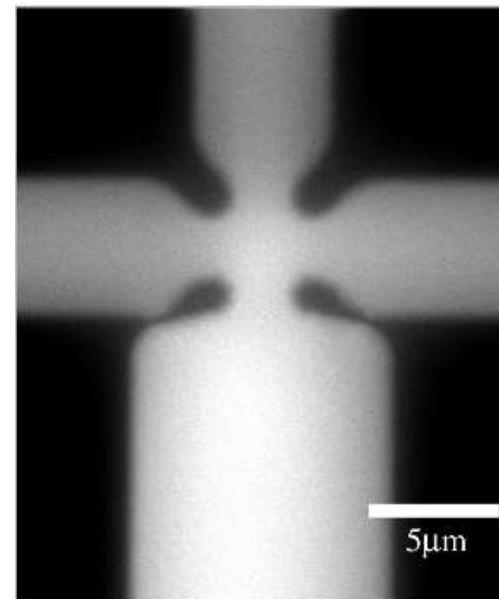
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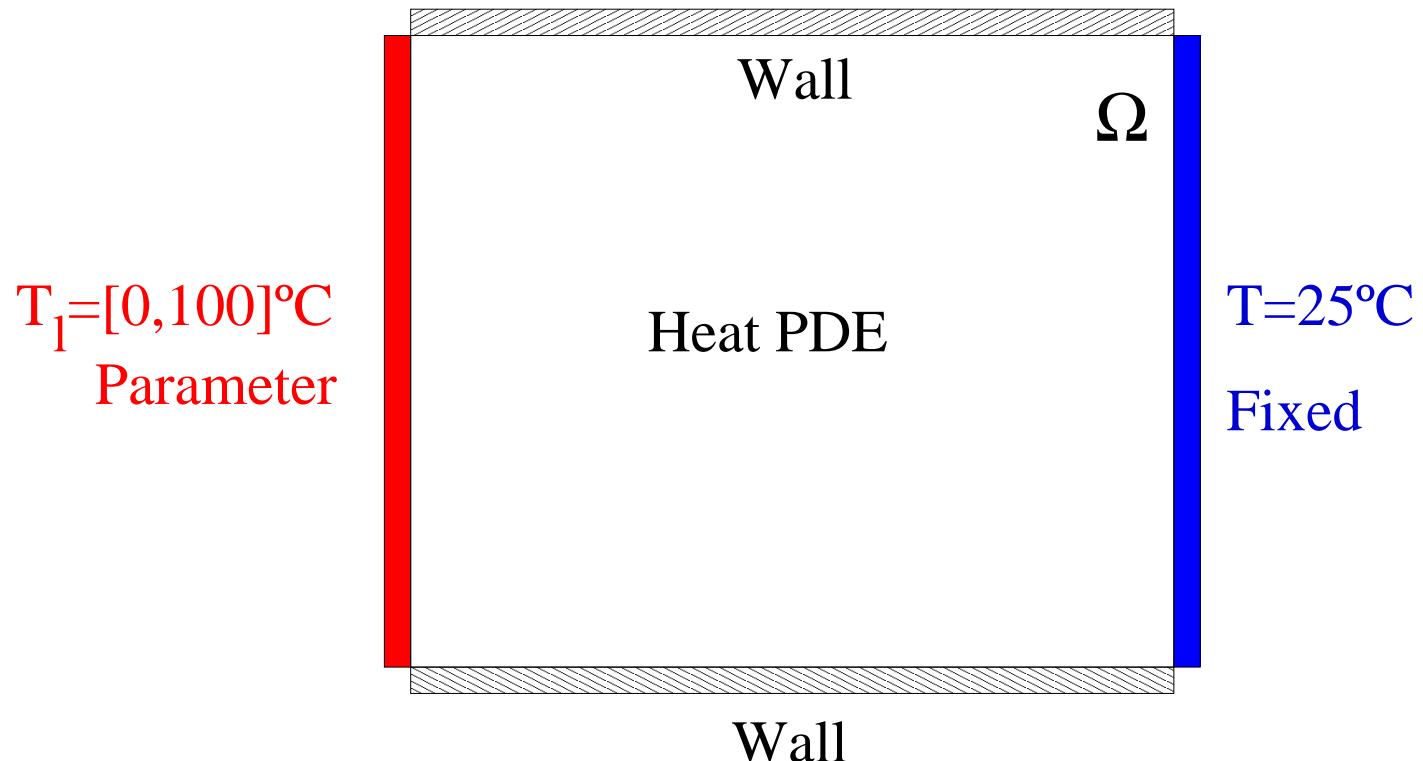
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## Toy problem

We want to **optimize** the **temperature** of the left wall ( $T_l$ ) of a given rectangular heat chamber such that the **mean spatial temperature is 50°C**:

$$\min_{T_l \in [0,100]} J(T_l) = \left| \left( \int_{\Omega} T(T_l) dx / \int_{\Omega} 1 dx \right) - 50 \right|$$



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## Part II: COMSOL Multiphysics

## Main steps

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- Use the **COMSOL GUI** to easily **create** the model.
- **Identify and isolate** all the parameters to be modified by the MATLAB code.
- **Compress history** before exporting the model to MATLAB format.

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# Useful MATLAB commands

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- `mphgeom(model,'geom1')`
- `mphmesh(model,'mesh1')`
- `model.result.table('tbl1').getReal`
- `mphint(model,'u','T',tf,'edim',2,'selection',[1])`
- `mphinterp(model,'u','T',tf,'coord',[0.2;0.2])`
- `mphsave(model,'optimum')`
- `model=mphload('optimum')`
- `model.variable('var1').set('Tmax', num2str(x(1)))`

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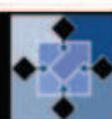
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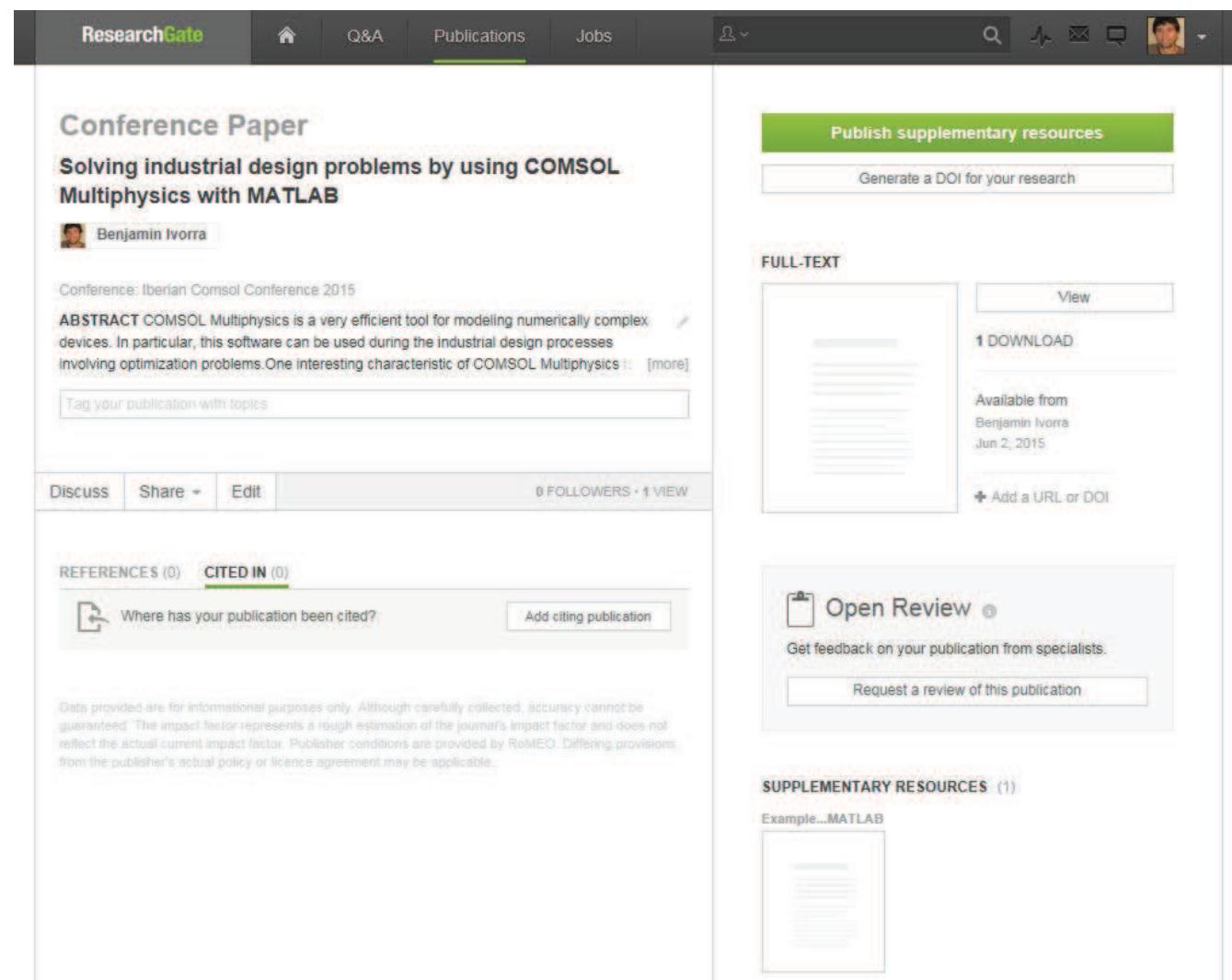
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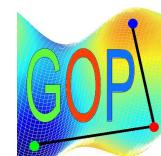
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