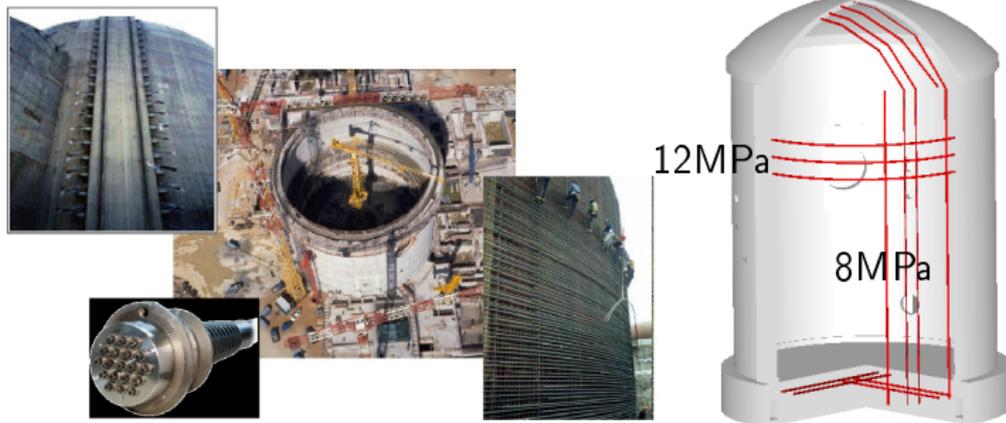


Pre-stressed concrete of containment vessels



Tensions in cables induce a compressive stress in concrete

- Good mechanical behaviour in case of internal pressure
- air tightness

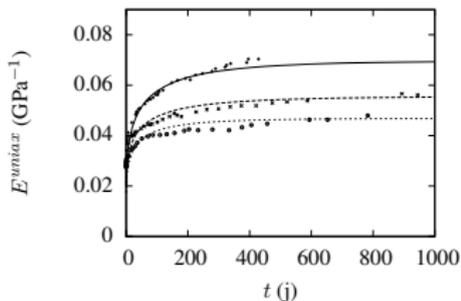
Creep in concrete hinders prestress forces.

Creep in concrete

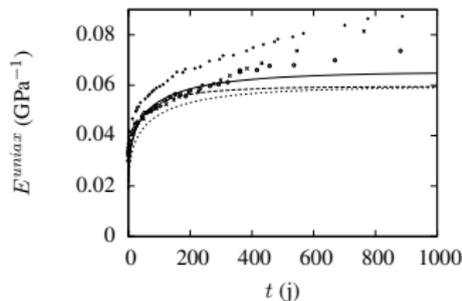
Direct experiment is difficult :

- many concretes
- Time scale
- Complexity of the phenomenon

Taking account of lower scales may improve our knowledge of the viscoelastic behaviour of concrete.



— Chooz · exp
- - - Civaux BHP · exp
... Paluel · exp



— Civaux B11 · exp
- - - Flamanville · exp
... Penly · exp

Comparison between models and experimental mesures on 6 concretes.

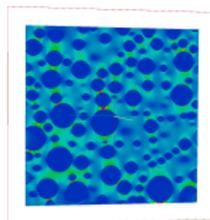
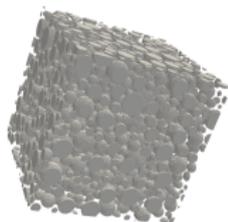
Modélisation micro-macro du fluage propre du béton
Julien Sanahuja et al. ,19^{ème} Congrès Français de Mécanique 2009

Full-field methods in homogeneization

Input : a **3D image** of the microstructure

and the behaviour of each phase (cement paste, gravel)

Output : The **macroscopic behaviour** of the material (concrete)



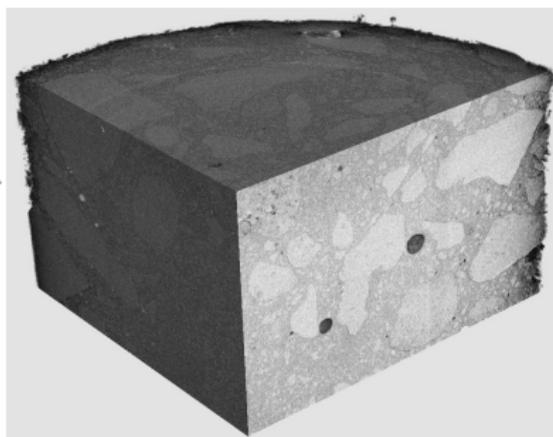
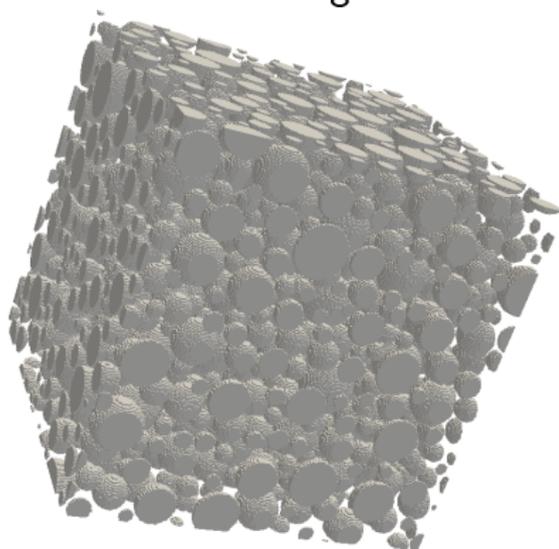
To solve the local problem, finite differences/volumes are used on grids.

- Systematic \Rightarrow Useful if many runs are needed (statistics)
- Quality \Leftrightarrow high resolution
- Models can handle **larger numbers of degrees of freedom** (FFT)

B11

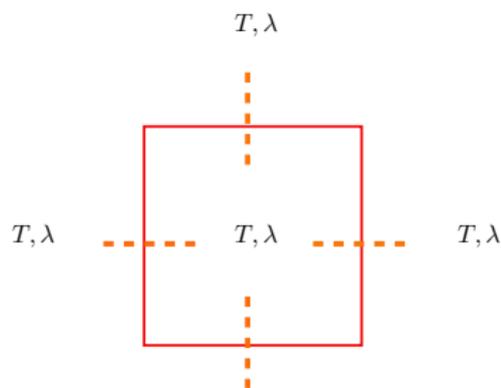
2024 non-overlapping **spherical inclusions** with various radius, non periodic because of edges.

The volumic ratio of gravel is 0.4018.



Tomography, J. Escoda, 2011

Studying diffusion by finite volumes on a regular grid



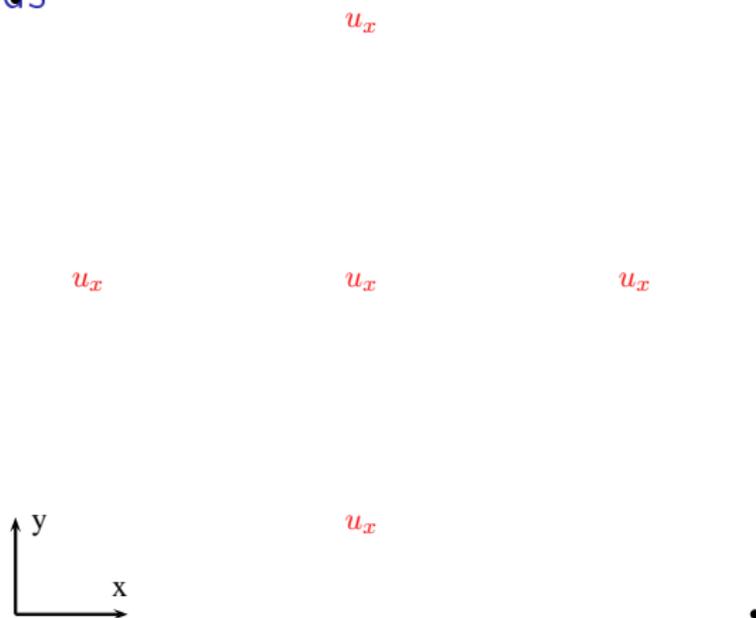
The local behaviour is isotropic

Advantages :

- **precise** at order 2 in space within the domain, conservative
- The matrix is **small** : sparse, symmetric \implies 4 non-nul terms per line.
- The matrix is **positive semi-definite** \implies iterative solvers such as preconditioned conjugate gradient are available. (lower RAM consumption, good scalability)

\implies Large problems can be treated

Studing elasticity by centered finite differences on regular grids



Studing elasticity by centered finite differences on regular grids

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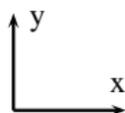
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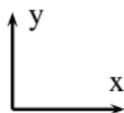
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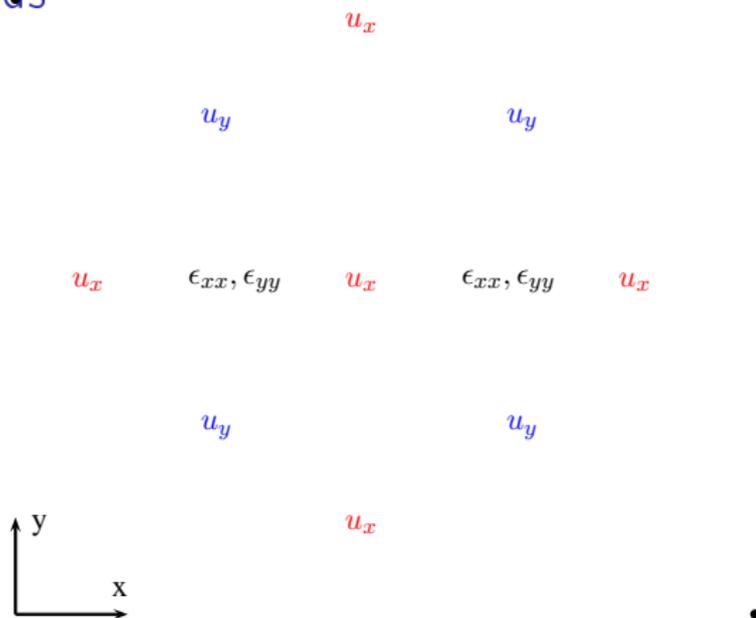
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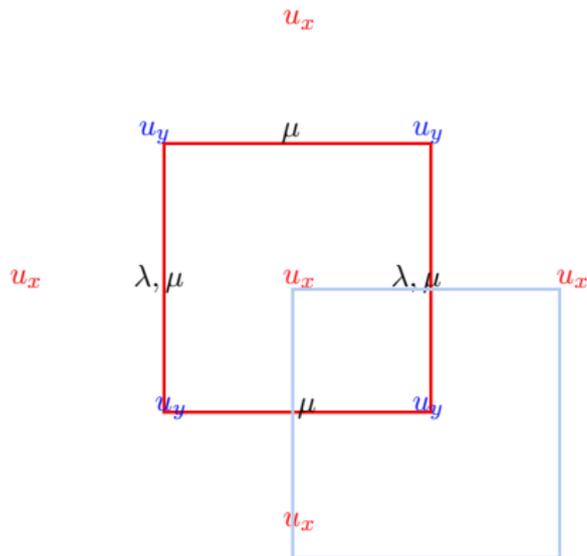
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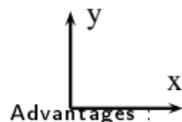
Studying elasticity by centered finite differences on regular grids



The local behaviour is isotropic, compressible.

Seismic Waves : J. Virieux 1984

Elasticity : Y. Zhu, E. Sifakis, J. Teran, A. Brandt 2010



- precise at order 2 in space within the domain, conservative
- The matrix is small : sparse, symmetric
 ⇒ 8 non-nul terms per line (in fact 7 3x3 blocs per 3 lines)
- The matrix is positive semi-definite

⇒ Large problems can be treated.

- The implementation is based on **PETSC**
Portable Extensive Toolkit for Scientific Computation
- Algorithm : full multigrid V-cycles.
- Aim : an optimal complexity $O(N)$

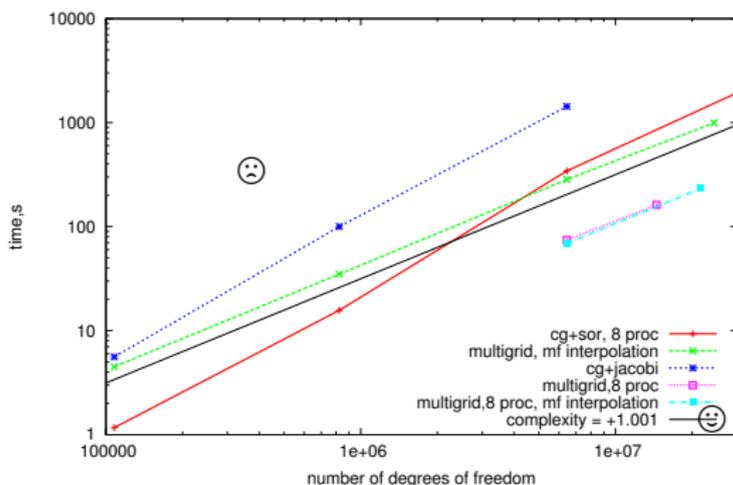


Figure: B11, elasticity, displacement BC, $E_i/E_m = 100$, $\nu = 0.2$,
on HP Z600 12Go RAM, 21×10^6 dofs, 233s

Scalability : Speed Up

$$\text{Speed_Up}(nb_{proc}) = \frac{t_{sequential}}{t_{parallel}(nb_{proc})}$$

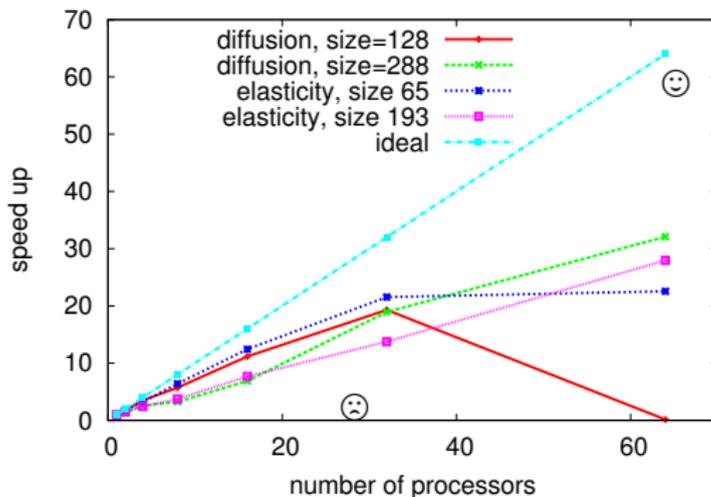


Figure: B11, diffusion with periodic BC and elasticity with displacement BC, multigrid algorithms

Big cases are more scalable than small ones.

Scalability : scale up, toward bigger cases

Thanks to distributed memory and a large memory band,
it is possible to work on large cases within an acceptable time.

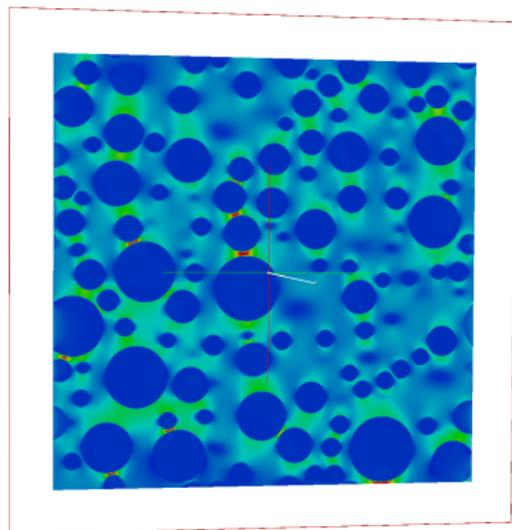


Figure: B11, elasticity, displacement BC,
 $E_i/E_m = 100$, size = 513, $dofs = 4 \times 10^8$, $t=65s$
with 64 nodes, 8ppn on cluster Clamart2

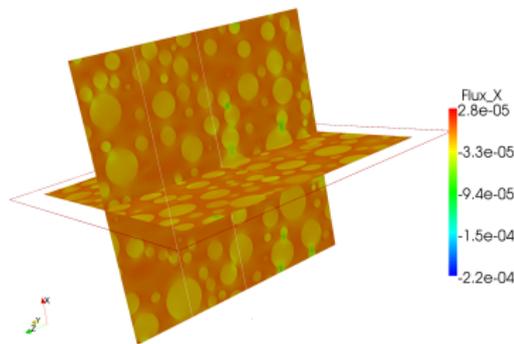


Figure: B11, diffusion, periodic BC,
 $\lambda_i/\lambda_m = 100$, size = 512, $dofs = 1.3 \times 10^8$,
 $t=25s$ with 32 nodes

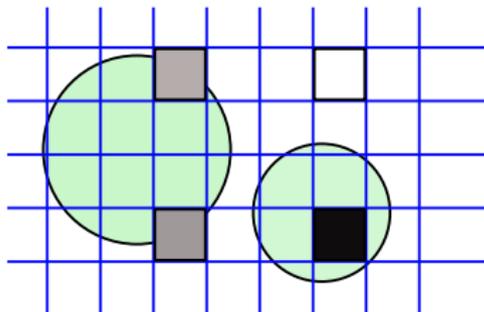
How to ensure reliability ?

- **Compare** results with analytical ones.
Homogeneous material, laminar composites.
- Compare with fields produced by the finite element method
- **Benchmark** of many codes. Exemple on B11, diffusion, λ_i/λ_m

$\lambda_i/\lambda_m,$	$\lambda_{FDVGRID}$	λ_{FFT}^*	HS + or-
100, grey=Reuss	$3.258\lambda_m$	$3.242\lambda_m$	$2.918\lambda_m$
0.01, grey=Voigt	$0.4915\lambda_m$	$0.4942\lambda_m$	$0.504\lambda_m$

* : The implementation of the FFT algorithm is the one of François Willot, Centre de Morphologie Mathématique, Mines Paristech

Effects of grey elements



Estimates of conductivity for different choices for grey elements

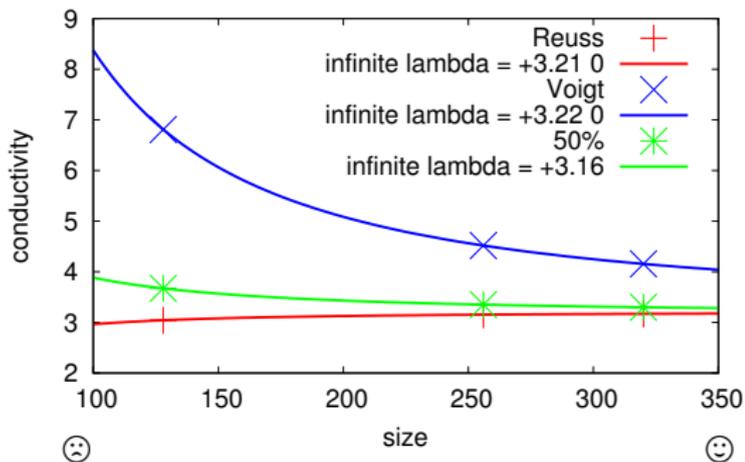


Figure: B11, diffusion, $\lambda_i/\lambda_m = 100$, periodic BC

As the resolution increases, different rules for grey elements lead to closer estimates of behaviour.

Effects of boundary conditions

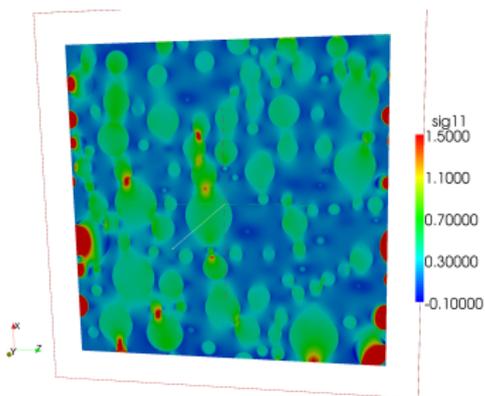


Figure: B11, elasticity, displacement BC, $E_i/E_m = 100$

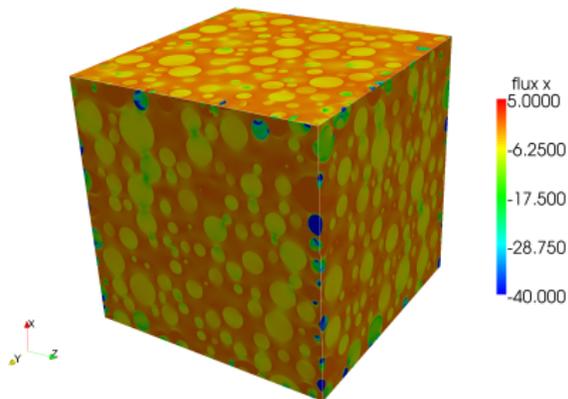


Figure: B11, diffusion, periodic BC, $\lambda_i/\lambda_m = 100$

⇒ Boundary effects hinder the precision of the estimated behaviour.
 The **contrast** ($E_{inclusions}/E_{matrice}$ here) between phases **matters** a lot.
 Low contrast ⇒ good estimated behaviour

No boundary effects in the case of periodic microstructures with periodic boundary conditions.



The Material Ageing Platform

The [Material Ageing Platform MAP](#) gathers many codes of MMC

- Chaining codes easily
- Documentation and usability
- A common build
- Non-regression tests

components : [c_solver_diffusion_fdvgrid](#) and [c_solver_elasticity_fdvgrid](#)
 scheme : [s_concrete_st1](#) : elastic homogeneization in concrete

Conclusion

`c_solver_diffusion_fdvgrid` :

- isotropic diffusion, Fick law / Fourier law
- Dirichlet, Neumann, periodic and Newton boundary conditions
- Source term

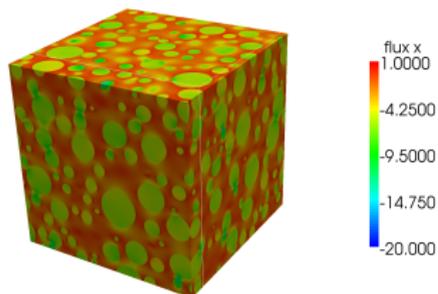
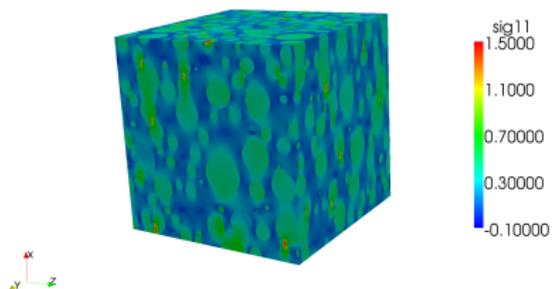
`c_solver_elasticity_fdvgrid` :

- isotropic elasticity
- periodic, displacement and force boundary conditions
- Porosity, Prestress

Towards `long term viscoelasticity` :

- Using Laplace-Carson transform \Rightarrow high contrast between phases ($E_{inclusions}/E_{matrice} > 100$)
- Or time stepping \Rightarrow it requires fast computation
Implicit formulation : an elastic problem at each step

Questions ?



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