

FFT-accelerated solvers for computational micromechanics: A linear algebraic view



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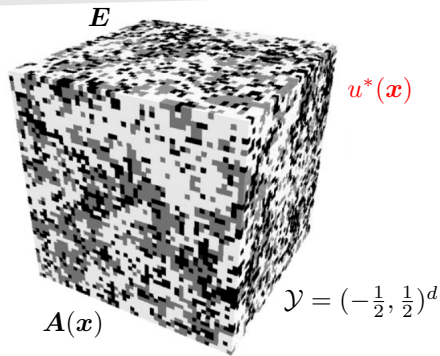
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Corrector problem in (image-based) homogenization

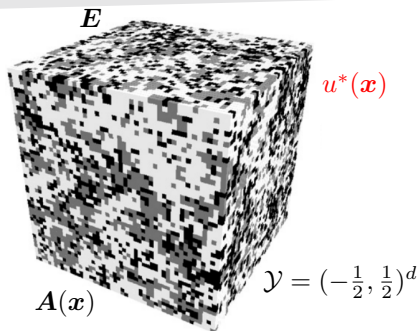


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↔ Claude Le Bris, Wednesday, 25 September (9:20, 9:36)

Reformulation using polarization

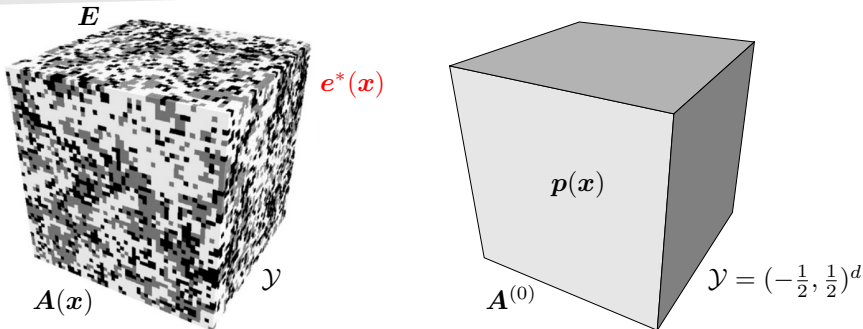


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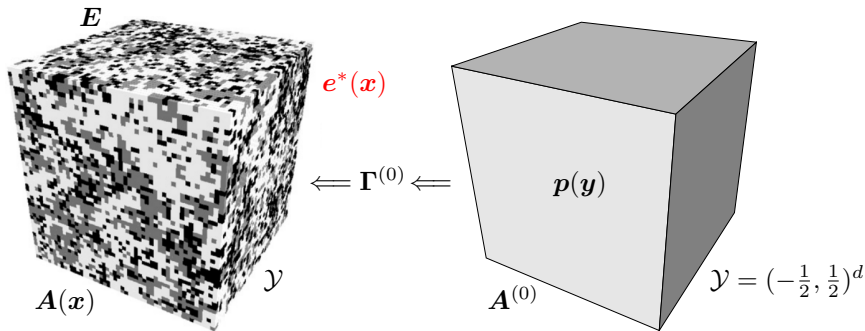


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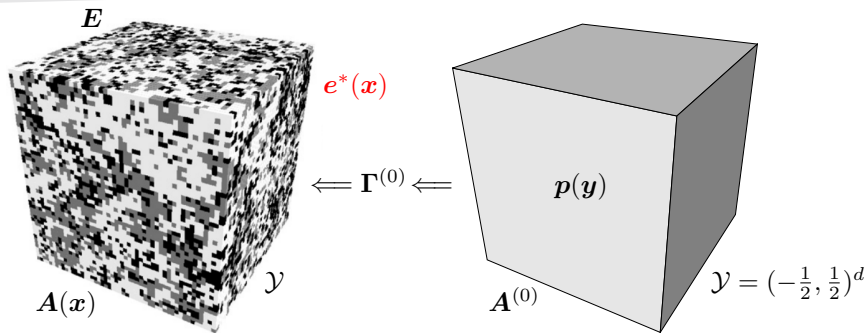
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Lippmann-Schwinger equation



$$e^*(x) = - \int_{\mathcal{Y}} \Gamma^{(0)}(x - y) \overbrace{\left(A(y) - A^{(0)} \right)}^{p(y)} (E + e^*(y)) dy$$

Moulinec-Suquet basic scheme



$$e_{(k+1)}^*(x) = - \overbrace{\int_{\mathcal{Y}} \Gamma^{(0)}(x-y)}^{\text{convolution in Step II}} \overbrace{\left(A(y) - A^{(0)} \right) \left(E + e_{(k)}^*(y) \right)}^{p_{(k)}(y) \text{ in Step I}} dy$$

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A fast numerical method for computing the linear and nonlinear mechanical properties of composites

Hervé MOULINEC and Pierre SUQUET

Abstract – This Note is devoted to a new iterative algorithm to compute the local and overall response of a composite from images of its (complex) microstructure. The elastic problem for a heterogeneous material is formulated with the help of a homogeneous reference medium and written under the form of a periodic Lippman-Schwinger equation. Using the fact that the Green's function of the pertinent operator is known explicitly in Fourier space, this equation is solved iteratively. The method is extended to the case where the individual constituents are elastic-plastic Von Mises materials with isotropic hardening.

Une méthode de calcul rapide des propriétés macroscopiques linéaires et non linéaires de composites

Résumé – Cette Note est consacrée à un nouvel algorithme de détermination de la réponse locale et du comportement global d'un composite, à partir d'images complexes de sa microstructure. Le problème d'une hétérogénéité élastique est tout d'abord reformulé à l'aide d'un milieu homogène de référence ce qui conduit à une équation de Lippman-Schwinger périodique. Cette équation, dont la fonction de Green est explicitement connue dans l'espace de Fourier, est résolue itérativement. L'algorithme proposé est étendu à des phases présentant un comportement élasto-plastique avec écrouissage.

Version française abrégée – Le but de cette étude est de développer une méthode de simulation numérique du comportement d'un matériau hétérogène à partir d'images réelles ou

A numerical method for computing the overall response of nonlinear composites with complex microstructure

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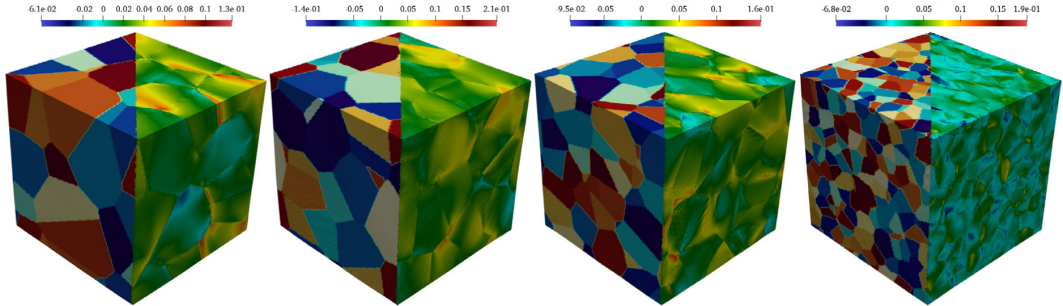
The local and overall responses of nonlinear composites are classically investigated by the Finite Element Method. We propose an alternate method based on Fourier series which avoids meshing and which makes direct use of microstructure images. It is based on the exact expression of the Green function of a linear elastic and homogeneous comparison material. First, the case of elastic nonhomogeneous constituents is considered and an iterative procedure is proposed to solve the Lippman-Schwinger equation which naturally arises in the problem. Then, the method is extended to non-linear constituents by a step-by-step integration in time. The accuracy of the method is assessed by varying the spatial resolution of the microstructures. The flexibility of the method allows it to serve for a large variety of microstructures. © 1998 Elsevier Science S.A.

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Fast and memory-efficient solver



- Easy to implement
- Matrix-free
- Convergence independent of mesh size + efficiency of FFT
- $\approx 10\times$ faster than finite elements

A. Vidyasagar, A. D. Tutcuoglu, D. M. Kochmann, *Comput Methods Appl Mech Eng* **335**, 584 (2018)

Why Moulinec-Suquet scheme works?



- Contributions in \approx (1994 + 20) and (mostly) equivalent
- French stream: **Sébastien Brisard** and Luc Dormieux
 - Hashin-Shtrikman variational principles
- German stream: **Matti Schneider**
 - gradient descent
- Czech stream: **Jaroslav Vondřejc**, Jan Zeman, and Ivo Marek[†]
 - Fourier-Galerkin method

Outline

Preliminaries

Discrete Laplace/Green's function preconditioning

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Preliminaries

- Model problem

$$\begin{aligned} -\nabla \cdot [\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{x})\nabla u(\mathbf{x})] &= f(\mathbf{x}) && \text{for } \mathbf{x} \in \Omega \\ u(\mathbf{x}) &= 0 && \text{for } \mathbf{x} \in \partial\Omega \end{aligned}$$

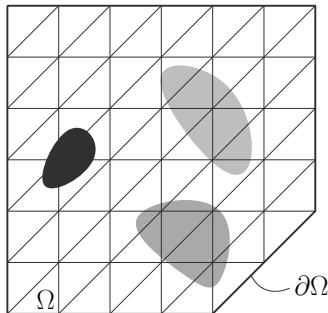
- Weak form: Find $u \in H_0^1(\Omega)$ such that

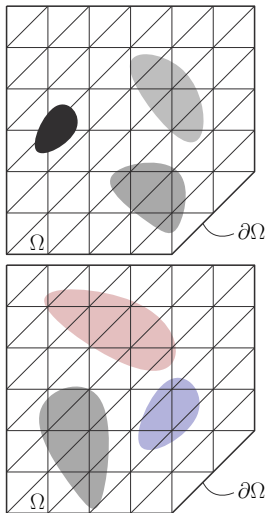
$$\int_{\Omega} \nabla v(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{x})\nabla u(\mathbf{x}) \, d\mathbf{x} = \int_{\Omega} v(\mathbf{x})f(\mathbf{x}) \, d\mathbf{x} \text{ for all } v \in H_0^1(\Omega)$$

- Finite element approximation

$$u(\mathbf{x}) \approx \sum_{i=1}^N u(\mathbf{x}_N^i)\varphi_i(\mathbf{x}) \text{ for } \mathbf{x} \in \Omega$$

$$v(\mathbf{x}) \approx \sum_{j=1}^N v(\mathbf{x}_N^j)\varphi_j(\mathbf{x}) \text{ for } \mathbf{x} \in \Omega$$





- Galerkin projection: Find $\mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{R}^N$ such that

$$\mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{K} \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{f} \text{ for all } \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^N$$

where $(i, j = 1, \dots, N)$

$$u_i = u(\mathbf{x}_N^i), \quad v_j = v(\mathbf{x}_N^j)$$

$$K_{ji} = \int_{\Omega} \nabla \varphi_j(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{x}) \nabla \varphi_i(\mathbf{x}) \, d\mathbf{x},$$

$$f_j = \int_{\Omega} \varphi_j(\mathbf{x}) f(\mathbf{x}) \, d\mathbf{x}$$

- Reference problem

$$K_{ji}^{(0)} = \int_{\Omega} \nabla \varphi_j(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \mathbf{A}^{(0)}(\mathbf{x}) \nabla \varphi_i(\mathbf{x}) \, d\mathbf{x}$$

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Preconditioned system of equations

- Find $\mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{R}^N$ such that

$$(\mathbf{K}^{(0)})^{-1} \mathbf{K} \mathbf{u} = (\mathbf{K}^{(0)})^{-1} \mathbf{f}$$

- For the generalized eigenvalue problem

$$\mathbf{K} \phi_k = \lambda_k \mathbf{K}^{(0)} \phi_k \text{ for } k = 1, \dots, N$$

characterize all eigenvalues λ_k .

- Previous works (mostly concerned with $N \rightarrow \infty$)
 1. B. F. Nielsen, A. Tveito, W. Hackbusch, *IMA J Numer Anal* **29**, 24 (2009)
 2. T. Gergelits, K.-A. Mardal, B. F. Nielsen, Z. Strakoš, *SIAM J Numer Anal* **57**, 1369 (2019)
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 4. T. Gergelits, B. F. Nielsen, Z. Strakoš, *Numer Algorithms* **91**, 301 (2022)
 5. B. F. Nielsen, Z. Strakoš, *SIAM Rev* **66**, 125 (2024)

Our alternative to 2

Guaranteed upper-lower bounds on all eigenvalues

For each $j = 1, \dots, N$, determine

$$\underline{\lambda}_j = \operatorname{ess\,inf}_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{P}_j} \lambda_{\min} \left((\mathbf{A}^{(0)}(\mathbf{x}))^{-1} \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{x}) \right)$$

$$\bar{\lambda}_j = \operatorname{ess\,sup}_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{P}_j} \lambda_{\max} \left((\mathbf{A}^{(0)}(\mathbf{x}))^{-1} \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{x}) \right)$$

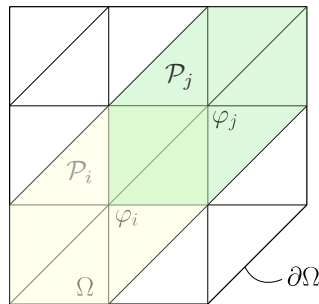
and sort them in the non-decreasing order

$$\{\underline{\lambda}_1, \underline{\lambda}_2, \dots, \underline{\lambda}_N\} \rightarrow \underline{\lambda}_{r(1)} \leq \underline{\lambda}_{r(2)} \leq \dots \leq \underline{\lambda}_{r(N)}$$

$$\{\bar{\lambda}_1, \bar{\lambda}_2, \dots, \bar{\lambda}_N\} \rightarrow \bar{\lambda}_{s(1)} \leq \bar{\lambda}_{s(2)} \leq \dots \leq \bar{\lambda}_{s(N)}$$

Then

$$\underline{\lambda}_{r(k)} \leq \lambda_k \leq \bar{\lambda}_{s(k)} \text{ for } k = 1, \dots, N$$



Outline of the proof (for lower bounds)

Auxiliary lemma

For $\mathcal{D} \subseteq \Omega$, let

$$c^{\mathcal{D}} = \operatorname{ess\,inf}_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{D}} \lambda_{\min} \left((\mathbf{A}^{(0)}(\mathbf{x}))^{-1} \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{x}) \right) \quad (*)$$

Then for any $v \in H_0^1(\Omega), v \neq 0$

$$c^{\mathcal{D}} \leq \frac{\int_{\mathcal{D}} \nabla v(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{x}) \nabla v(\mathbf{x}) \, d\mathbf{x}}{\int_{\mathcal{D}} \nabla v(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \mathbf{A}^{(0)}(\mathbf{x}) \nabla v(\mathbf{x}) \, d\mathbf{x}}$$

From (*), we have

$$c^{\mathcal{D}} \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{A}^{(0)}(\mathbf{x}) \mathbf{w} \leq \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{x}) \mathbf{w} \text{ for all } \mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{R}^d \text{ and for almost all } \mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{D}$$

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For $k = 1$, set $\mathbb{I} = \{1, \dots, N\}$. By C-F theorem,

$$\lambda_1 = \min_{\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^N, \mathbf{v}_1 \neq 0} \frac{\mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{K} \mathbf{v}}{\mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{K}^{(0)} \mathbf{v}}$$

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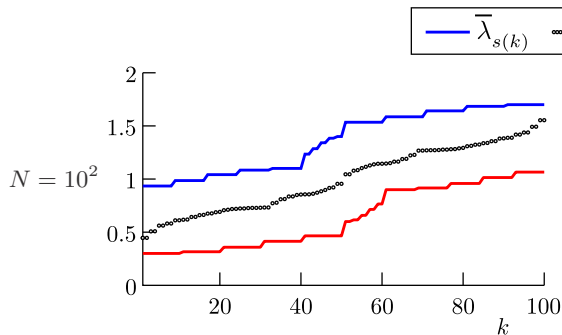
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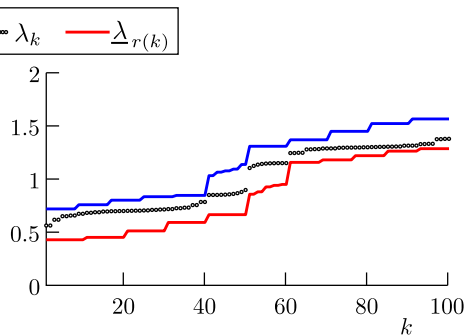


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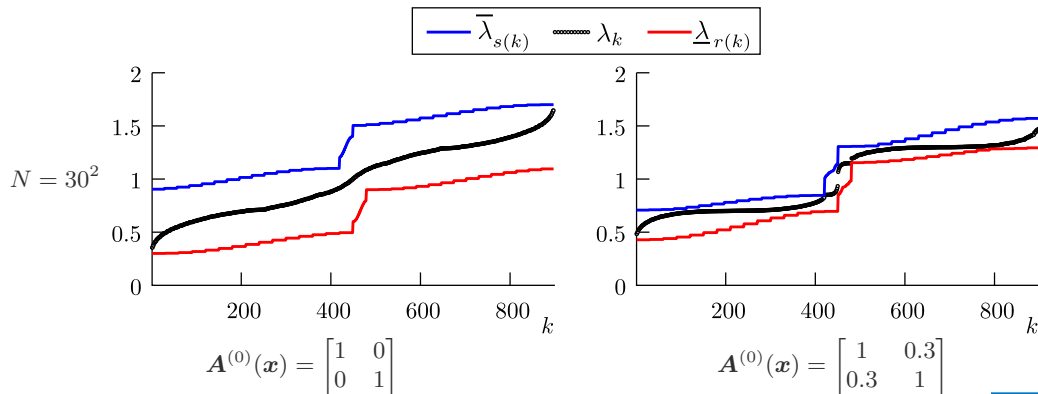
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 - Mixed boundary conditions
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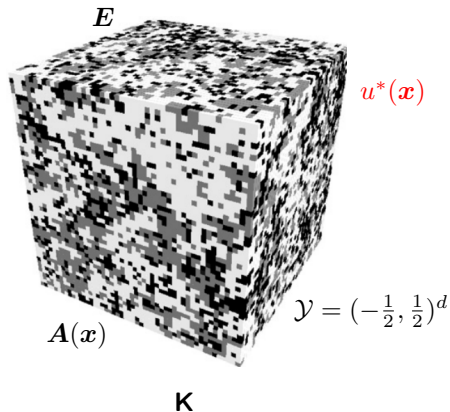
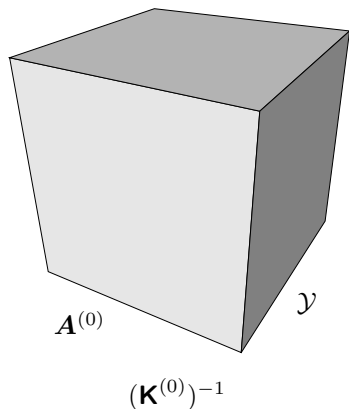
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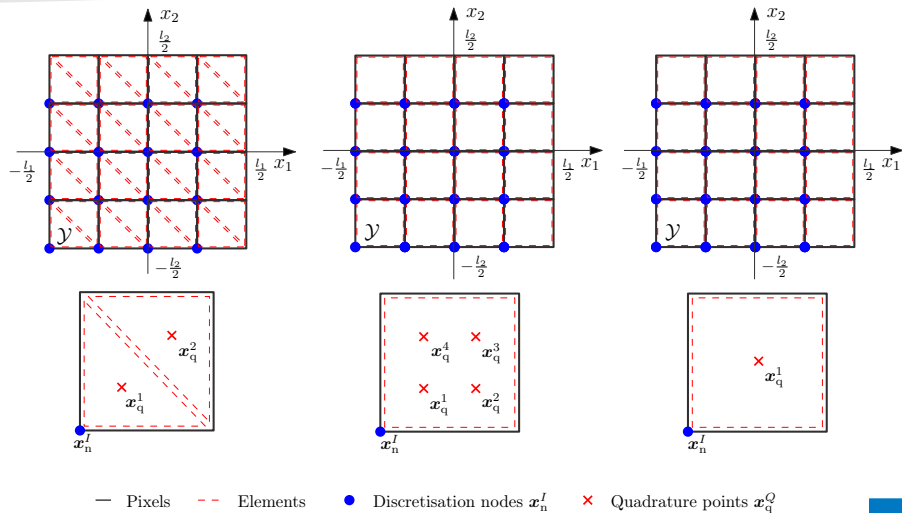


Laplace/Green's function preconditioning viewpoint



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Regular finite element meshes



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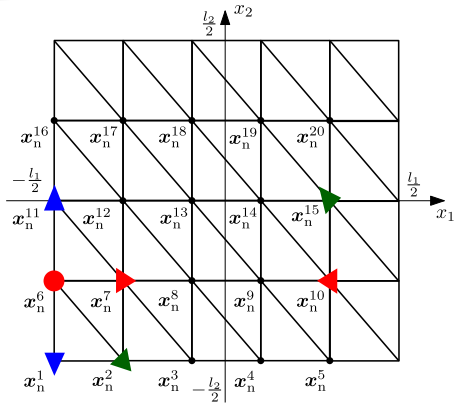
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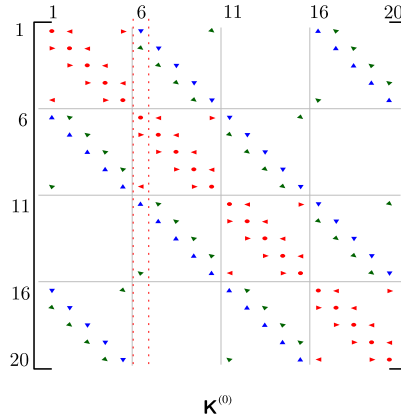
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Block-circulant structure of $\mathbf{K}^{(0)}$



– Elements • Discretisation nodes - \mathbf{x}_n^l



$\widehat{\mathbf{K}}^{(0)} = \mathbf{F}\mathbf{K}^{(0)}\mathbf{F}^{-1}$ is diagonal and thus cheaply invertible

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Inversion of $\mathbf{K}^{(0)}$

- Because $(\widehat{\mathbf{K}}^{(0)})^{-1}$ is diagonal

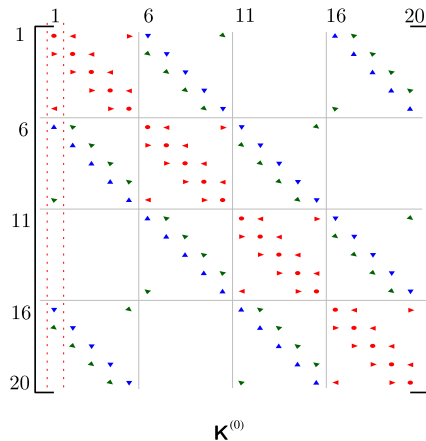
$$(\mathbf{K}^{(0)})^{-1} = \mathbf{F}^{-1}(\widehat{\mathbf{K}}^{(0)})^{-1}\mathbf{F}$$

- Row extraction ($\mathbf{K}^{(0)}$ is never assembled)

$$\mathbf{K}_{:,1}^{(0)} = \mathbf{K}^{(0)} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Diagonal

$$\text{diag}(\widehat{\mathbf{K}}^{(0)}) = \mathbf{F}\mathbf{K}_{:,1}^{(0)}$$



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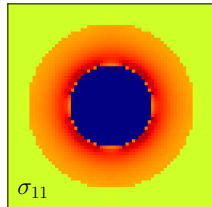
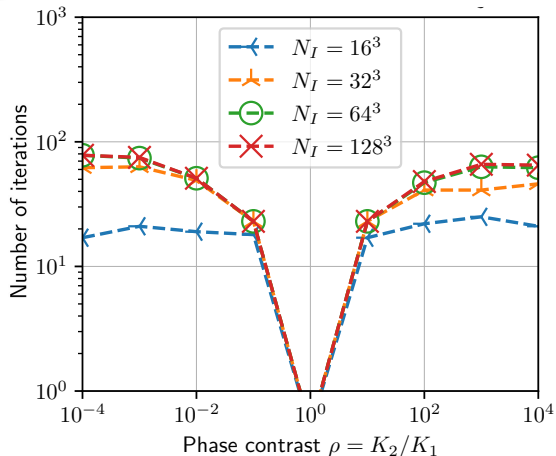
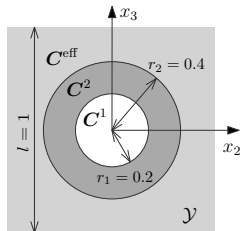
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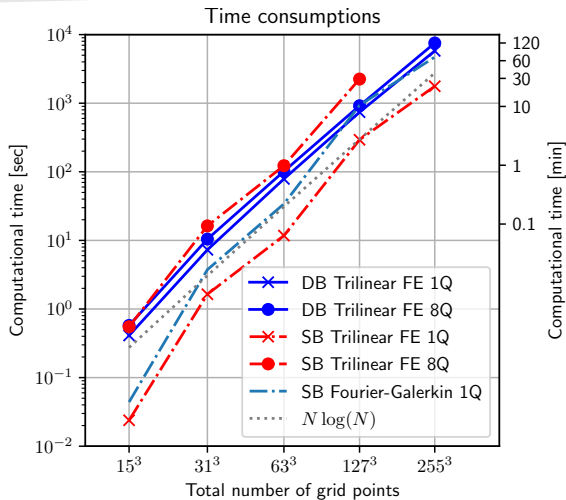
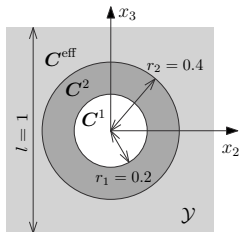
Results (3D small-strain elasticity)



- Independence of mesh size (Q_8 elements)

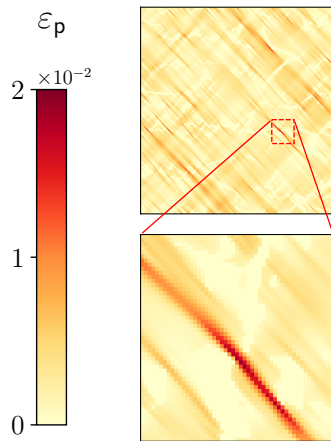
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Results (3D small-strain elasticity)



- Quasi-linear scaling (3D linear elasticity)

Results (2D finite-strain elasto-plasticity)



	$\mathbf{A}^{(0)}$	Fourier	linear FE	bilinear FE
Newton		11	9	10
(P)CG	\mathbf{I}	1,012	861	761
	\mathbf{I}_{sym}	781	609	540
	$\mathbf{A}_{\text{mean}}^{(0)}$	585	457	407

- Choice of reference problem's coefficients (T_3 and Q_4 elements)

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- Linear-algebraic perspective on FFT-based solvers \equiv Laplace/Green's function preconditioning
- All eigenvalues of the preconditioned matrix can be bounded by coefficients
- Limited influence of grid spacing
- Extends to other scenarios, e.g., finite differences, stochastic Galerkin, discontinuous Galerkin
- Provides the basis for generic regular finite element discretization
- Preconditioner constructed by purely algebraic means
- WIP: Guaranteed (certified) bounds on discretization and algebraic errors

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