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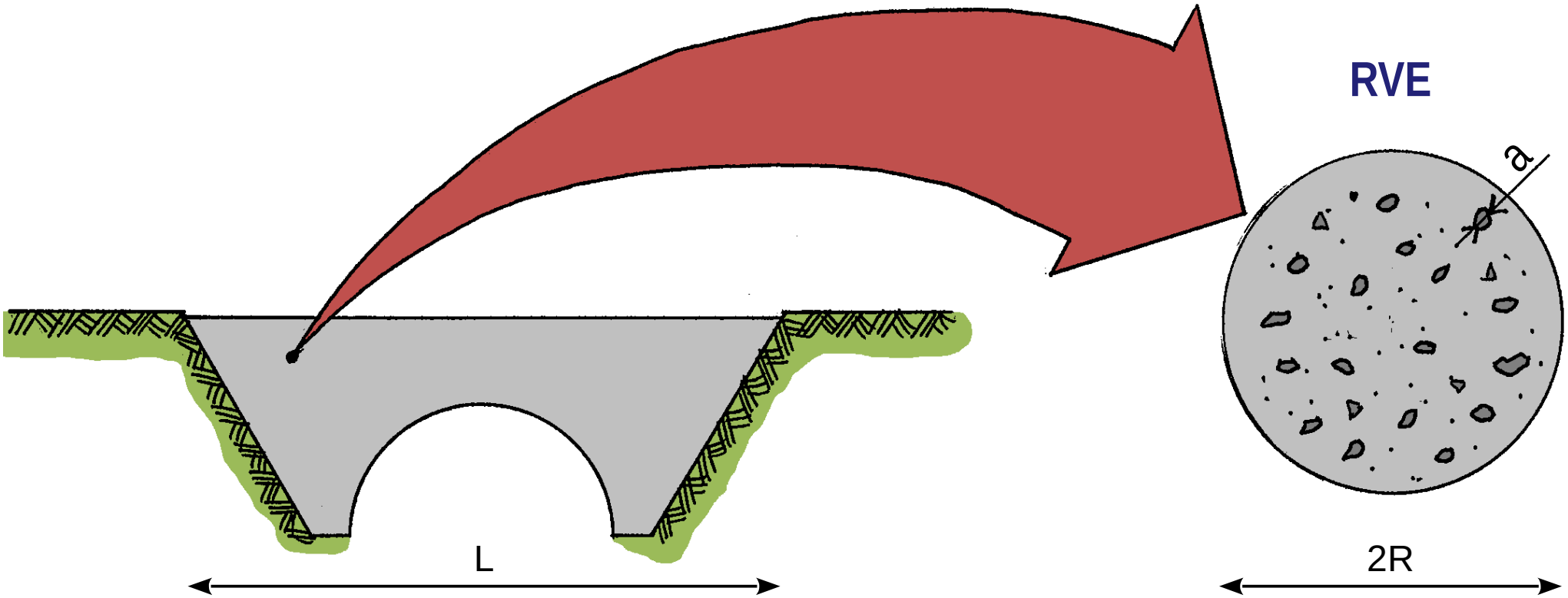
Introduction

- Homogenization requires the solution to the so-called “corrector problem”
- Traditional numerical methods (e.g. FEM) can be costly
  - Conforming mesh
  - Large linear system
- Grid-based methods are handy in such situations!
- FFT-based methods first introduced by Moulinec and Suquet (1994)
- Since about 2010, regain of interest for these methods
- Present talk: overview, biased towards a variational point of vew
  - Brief recap on homogenization
  - The Lippmann-Schwinger equation (LS): strong and weak forms
  - Galerkin discretization of LS: consistent and asymptotically consistent discretizations
  - 3D application

Homogenization in a nutshell



Initial problem

$$\mathrm{div}\left(\boldsymbol{C}:\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}\right)+\boldsymbol{B}=\boldsymbol{0}$$
$$\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}=\mathrm{sym}\,\mathrm{grad}\,\boldsymbol{u}$$
+ Boundary Conditions

Homogenization

Separation of scales $a \ll R \ll L$

Homogenized problem

$$\mathrm{div}\left(\boldsymbol{C}^{\mathrm{eff}}:\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}\right)+\boldsymbol{B}=\boldsymbol{0}$$
$$\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}=\mathrm{sym}\,\mathrm{grad}\,\boldsymbol{u}$$
+ Boundary Conditions

Computation of the homogenized stiffness

Elastic equilibrium of RVE

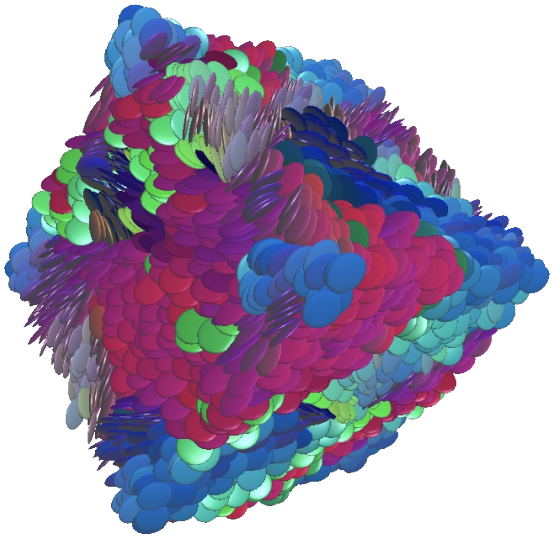
Heterogeneous

$$\mathrm{div}\left(\boxed{\boldsymbol{C}}:\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}\right)=\boldsymbol{0}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}=\mathrm{sym}\,\mathrm{grad}\,\boldsymbol{u}$$

$$\mathrm{BC}\left(\boldsymbol{E}\right)$$

Can be complex!



Boundary conditions

- Ensure that average strain is $\boldsymbol{E}$
- Hilll's lemma must hold

Example: periodic BCs

$$\boldsymbol{u}\left(\boldsymbol{x}\right)=\boldsymbol{E}\cdot\boldsymbol{x}+\boxed{\boldsymbol{u}^{\mathrm{per}}}\left(\boldsymbol{x}\right)$$

Periodic

Well-suited to numerical homogenization

Kanit et al. (2003), *Int J Sol Struct* **40**, 3647-3679

Macroscopic stress

$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma}=\overline{\boldsymbol{\sigma}}=\boldsymbol{C}^{\mathrm{eff}}:\overline{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}=\boldsymbol{C}^{\mathrm{eff}}:\boldsymbol{E}$$

The Lippmann-Schwinger equation (LS)

Reference material

- Arbitrary, homogeneous stiffness: $\boldsymbol{C}_0$
- Interesting additional properties if reference material stiffer/softer than all phases

Hashin and Shtrikman (1962), *J Mech Phys Sol* **10**, 335-342

Willis (1977), *J Mech Phys Sol* **25**, 185-202

The Green operator for strains

$$\operatorname{div}\left(\boldsymbol{C}_0 : \boldsymbol{\varepsilon} + \boldsymbol{\varpi}\right) = \boldsymbol{0}$$
$$\boldsymbol{\varepsilon} = \operatorname{sym}\operatorname{grad}\boldsymbol{u}^{\text{per}}$$

$$\overset{\text{def.}}{\Longleftrightarrow}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\varepsilon} = -\boldsymbol{\Gamma}_0 * \boldsymbol{\varpi}$$

The Lippmann-Schwinger equation

$$\operatorname{div}\left(\boldsymbol{C} : \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}\right) = \boldsymbol{0}$$
$$\boldsymbol{\varepsilon} = \boldsymbol{E} + \operatorname{sym}\operatorname{grad}\boldsymbol{u}^{\text{per}}$$

$$\Longleftrightarrow$$

$$\left(\boldsymbol{C} - \boldsymbol{C}_0\right)^{-1} : \boldsymbol{\tau} + \boldsymbol{\Gamma}_0 * \boldsymbol{\tau} = \boldsymbol{E}$$
$$\boldsymbol{\tau} = \left(\boldsymbol{C} - \boldsymbol{C}_0\right) : \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$$

Korringa (1973), *J Math Phys* **14**, 509-513
Kröner (1974), *Topics in Applied Continuum Mechanics*, 22-38

Nemat-Nasser et al. (1982), *Mech Mat* **15**, 163-181
Zeller and Dederichs (1973), *Physica Status Solidi (B)* **55**, 831-842

LS as a variational problem

Strong form

$$(\boldsymbol{C}-\boldsymbol{C}_0)^{-1}:\boldsymbol{\tau}+\boldsymbol{\Gamma}_0*\boldsymbol{\tau}=\boldsymbol{E}$$

$$\Longleftrightarrow$$

Weak form: find $\boldsymbol{\tau}\in V$ such that

$$a(\boldsymbol{\tau},\boldsymbol{\varpi})=f(\boldsymbol{\varpi}) \text{ for all } \boldsymbol{\varpi}\in V$$

V: space of square integrable, second order, symmetric tensors.

The linear form: $f(\boldsymbol{\varpi})=\boldsymbol{E}:\int \boldsymbol{\varpi}$

The bilinear form

$$a(\boldsymbol{\tau},\boldsymbol{\varpi})=\boxed{a_{\text{diag}}(\boldsymbol{\tau},\boldsymbol{\varpi})}+\boxed{a_{\text{circ}}(\boldsymbol{\tau},\boldsymbol{\varpi})}$$

$$a_{\text{diag}}(\boldsymbol{\tau},\boldsymbol{\varpi})=\int \boldsymbol{\varpi}(\boldsymbol{x}):[\boldsymbol{C}(\boldsymbol{x})-\boldsymbol{C}_0]^{-1}:\boldsymbol{\tau}(\boldsymbol{x})\,\mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{x}$$

$$a_{\text{circ}}(\boldsymbol{\tau},\boldsymbol{\varpi})=\iint \varpi(\boldsymbol{x}):\boldsymbol{\Gamma}_0(\boldsymbol{x}-\boldsymbol{y}):\boldsymbol{\tau}(\boldsymbol{y})\,\mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{x}\,\mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{y}$$

Galerkin discretization of the LS equation

$$\text{Find } \boldsymbol{\tau} \in V \text{ such that } a_{\text{diag}}(\boldsymbol{\tau}, \boldsymbol{\varpi}) + a_{\text{circ}}(\boldsymbol{\tau}, \boldsymbol{\varpi}) = f(\varpi) \text{ for all } \boldsymbol{\varpi} \in V$$

Consistent discretization

Brisard and Dormieux (2010), *Comp Mat Sci* **49**, 663-671

Evaluation over V^h remains difficult!

$$\text{Find } \boldsymbol{\tau}^h \in \boxed{V^h} \text{ such that } a_{\text{diag}}(\boldsymbol{\tau}^h, \boldsymbol{\varpi}^h) + \boxed{a_{\text{circ}}(\boldsymbol{\tau}^h, \boldsymbol{\varpi}^h)} = f(\boldsymbol{\varpi}^h) \text{ for all } \boldsymbol{\varpi}^h \in V^h$$

Space of cell-wise constant polarization fields

Asymptotically consistent discretization: exact evaluation is not necessary!

$$\text{Find } \boldsymbol{\tau}^h \in V^h \text{ such that } a_{\text{diag}}(\boldsymbol{\tau}^h, \boldsymbol{\varpi}^h) + \boxed{a^h_{\text{circ}}(\boldsymbol{\tau}^h, \boldsymbol{\varpi}^h)} = f(\boldsymbol{\varpi}^h) \text{ for all } \boldsymbol{\varpi}^h \in V^h$$

Asymptotically consistent approximation

Brisard and Dormieux (2012), *Comp Meth Appl Mech Eng* **217-220**, 197-212

Asymptotically consistent approximations

- Periodic Green operator for strains is in fact given by an infinite Fourier series
- Various estimates of this series for cell-wise constant functions
  - **Truncation** of high frequencies: Moulinec and Suquet (1994, 1998)
  - **Exact** (up to round-off errors): Brisard and Dormieux (2010)
  - **Filtering** of high frequencies: Brisard and Dormieux (2012)
  - **Finite elements** approximation: Yvonnet (2012)
  - **Finite differences** approximation: Willot et al. (2014), Willot (2015)
- All these approximations can be fitted in the general framework introduced here!
- If appropriately implemented, they can be switched on-the-fly in a simulation.

Moulinec and Suquet (1994), *CR Acad Sci II* **318**, 1417-1423
Moulinec and Suquet (1998), *Comp Meth Appl Mech Eng* **57**, 69-94
Brisard and Dormieux (2010), *Comp Mat Sci* **49**, 663-671
Brisard and Dormieux (2012), *Comp Meth Appl Mech Eng* **217-220**, 197-212
Yvonnet (2012), *Int J Num Meth Eng* **92**, 178-205
Willot et al. (2014), *Int J Num Meth Eng* **98**, 518-533
Willot (2015), *CR Acad Sci Mec* **343**, 232-245

The underlying linear system

Discrete variational problem results in a linear system

$$\left(\boxed{A_{\text{diag}}} + \boxed{A_{\text{circ}}}\right) x = b$$

Block-diagonal

Block-circulant

Solving the linear system

- Matrix is not sparse: matrix-free approach
- Use iterative linear solvers
  - Fixed-point iterations: Moulinec and Suquet (1994, 1998)
  - Augmented-Lagrangian: Michel et al. (2001)
  - Conjugate Gradient: Brisard and Dormieux (2010)
- Use FFT to compute matrix-vector products (Moulinec and Suquet, 1994, 1998)

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Moulinec and Suquet (1998), *Comp Meth Appl Mech Eng* ***157***, 69-94
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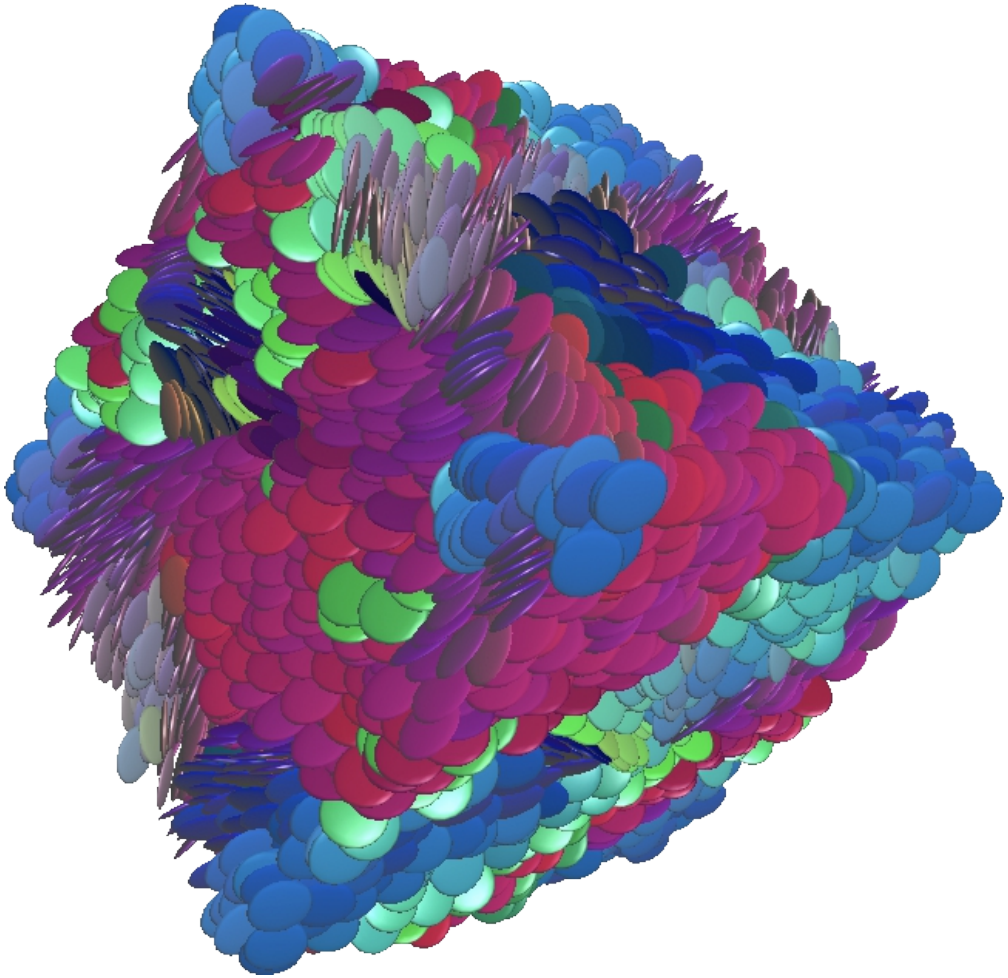
Example: 3D microstructure (1/2)



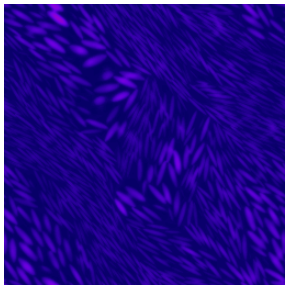
Microstructural parameters

- Flat spheroids (1/8 aspect ratio)
- Dense packing (60%)
- Large model (10000 particles)
- Moderate contrast (inclusions 100 times stiffer than matrix)

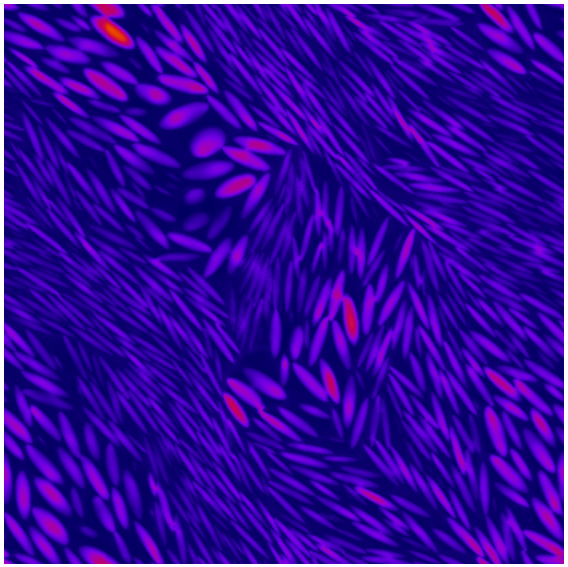
The simulation

- Home-made code
  - Python + Cython + FFTW + MPI
  - Very flexible implementation
  - Soon to be open-sourced (contact me!)
- Simulations run on two servers
  - Intel Xeon X5690, 3.47GHz, 192 Go
  - Intel Xeon E5-2643, 3.30GHz, 762 Go
- Most simulations run on 16 cores

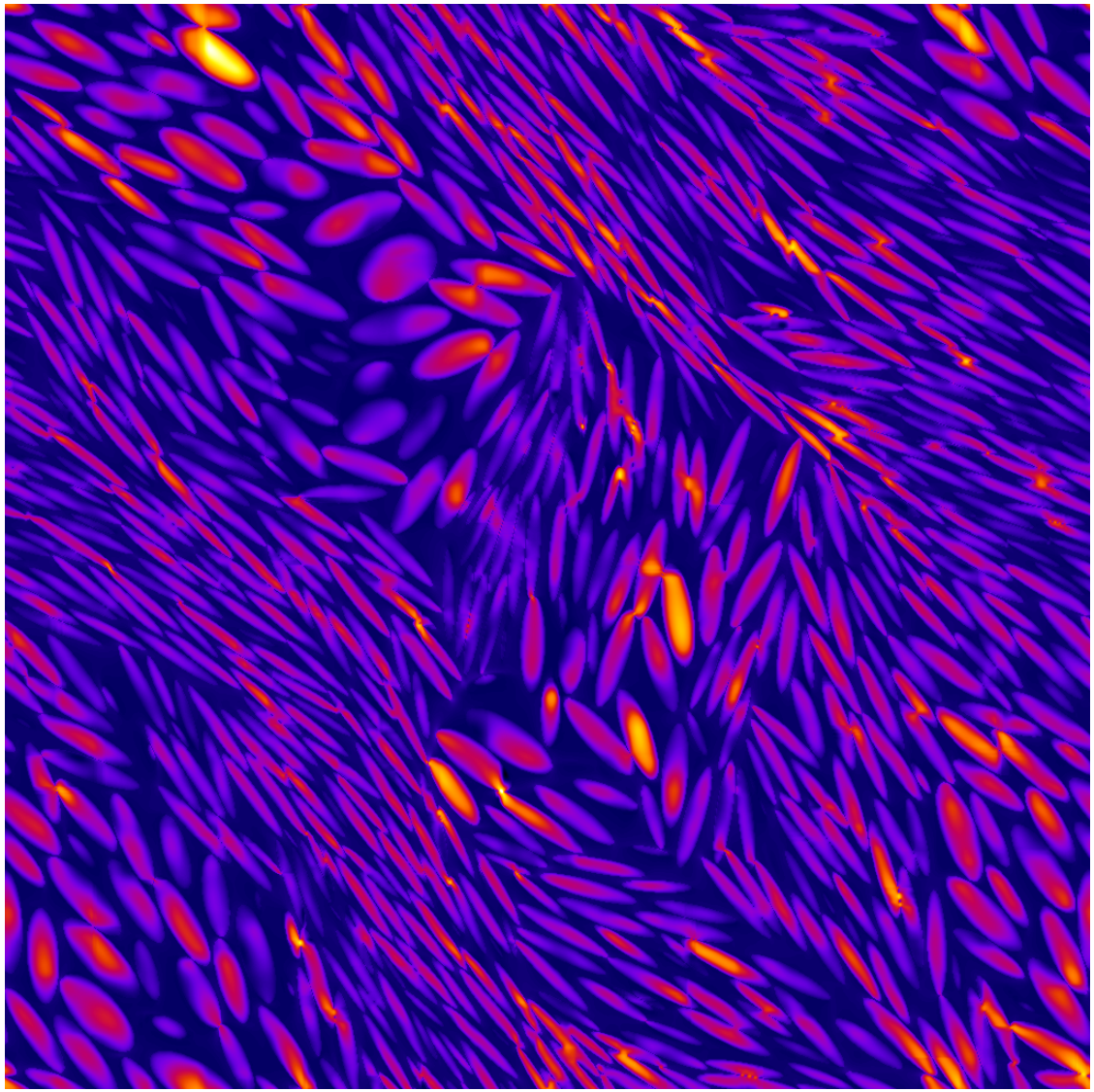
Example: 3D microstructure (2/2)



256^3



512^3



1024^3 (approx. $6 \cdot 10^9$ dofs)

Conclusion and outlook

- Summary
  - **General, unified** framework for FFT-based homogenization techniques
  - All avatars of this method (Moulinec & Suquet; Michel, Moulinec and Suquet; Yvonnet; Willot; Monchiet; …) fit into this unified framework
  - Clear distinction between **discretization** and iterative **solution** of the discretized problem: **any** discrete Green operator can be combined with **any** iterative linear solver
- Work in progress
  - **A priori** error estimates: with F. Legoll (Navier Laboratory, Ecole des Ponts ParisTech)
  - **A posteriori** error estimates: with L. Chamoin (LMT, ENS Cachan)
- Open questions
  - Matrix-free preconditioners
  - What is the “best” discrete Green operator?
  - What is the “best” reference material?

Thank you for your attention!

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