

# Uncertainties in THM-coupled integrity calculations

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# OUTLINE

Parameter uncertainty in THM process – Feliks

Inhomogeneity and anisotropy in THM simulations – Aqeel

Additional slides (`kleme`: C++ library for generating random fields – Charlie)

## INTRODUCTION

### Goals:

- Investigate if combining experimental data with modelling allows to gain insight to the effect of the thermo-osmosis process has impact on the pressurization.
- If an impact can be detected, quantify how big it is -> parameter estimation.

### Uncertainties

- Parameter uncertainty
- Measurement uncertainty
- Inhomogeneity of clay
- Model uncertainty

### What is thermo-osmosis?

TO is defined as follows:

"Thermo-osmosis may be defined as the process of diffusion of a fluid through a membrane under the influence of a temperature gradient" (Denbigh et al. 1952), (Gonçalvès et al. 2018)

- Fluid flow driven by a temperature gradient
- Unit:  $\text{Pa} * \text{m} * \text{K}^{-1}$

## INTRODUCTION - ATLAS EXPERIMENT

### Geometry of experiment

- 2D, axisymmetric
- 100m x 119m
- Observation point at: (1.515, 14.0)

### Numerical setup

- Processes:
  - Thermo Hydro Mechanical (THM)
  - Thermo Hydro Mechanical with thermo osmosis (THM+TO)
- Isotropy is assumed

### Goals

- Match pressure and temperature observations
- Test if TO improves match between observed data and simulation

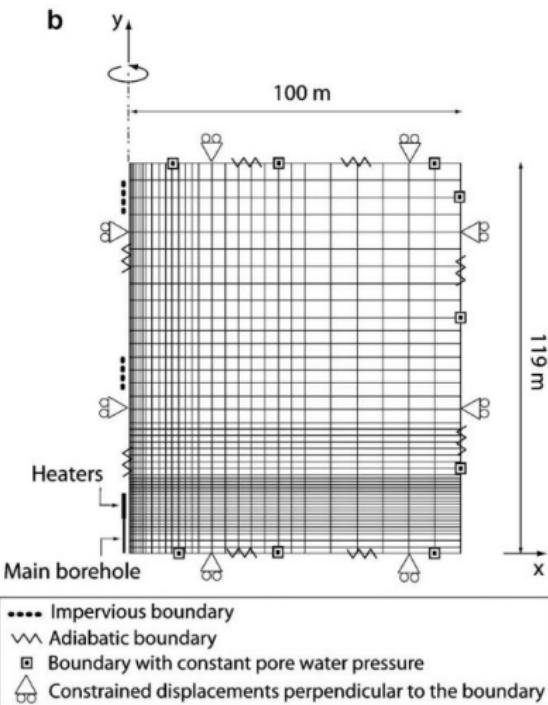


Fig. 1: Layout of ATLAS Experiment. Figure from: François et al. 2009

## UNCERTAINTY QUANTIFICATION WORKFLOW

- Proxy building: parameter space was explored using numerical simulations based on Latin Hypercube Sampling (LHS) and 2-level-full-factorial experiment design
- Monte Carlo combined with proxies were used to explore parameter space with high saturation

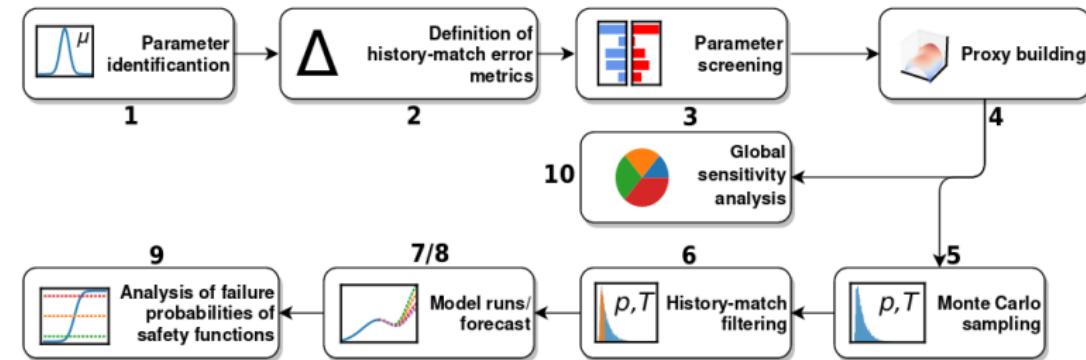


Fig. 2: Overview of the workflow used in this study. J. Buchwald et al. 2020

## HYPOTHESIS TESTING

### Goals:

- Test if TO has more impact than just being an arbitrary tweaking parameter
- Test if numerical method allow to select correct physical process
- Investigate how well the correct parameters can be recovered

**Tab. 1:** Table presenting an overview of tested process hypothesis. Each hypothesis is combination of a selection of a physical process and how thermo-osmosis is added to process. **Bold hypothesis** is the correct hypothesis in first experiment with no thermo-osmosis in reference data, *hypothesis in italics* is the correct hypothesis in the second experiment in which thermo-osmosis was included in the reference data.

Process \ TO status	no TO	with TO	with TO active
THM	<b>THM</b>	<i>THM+TO</i>	<i>THM+TO_active</i>
TRuni	TRuni	TRuni+TO	TRuni+TO_active
TRhyd	TRhyd	TRhyd+TO	TRhyd+TO_active

## SIMULATION SETUP

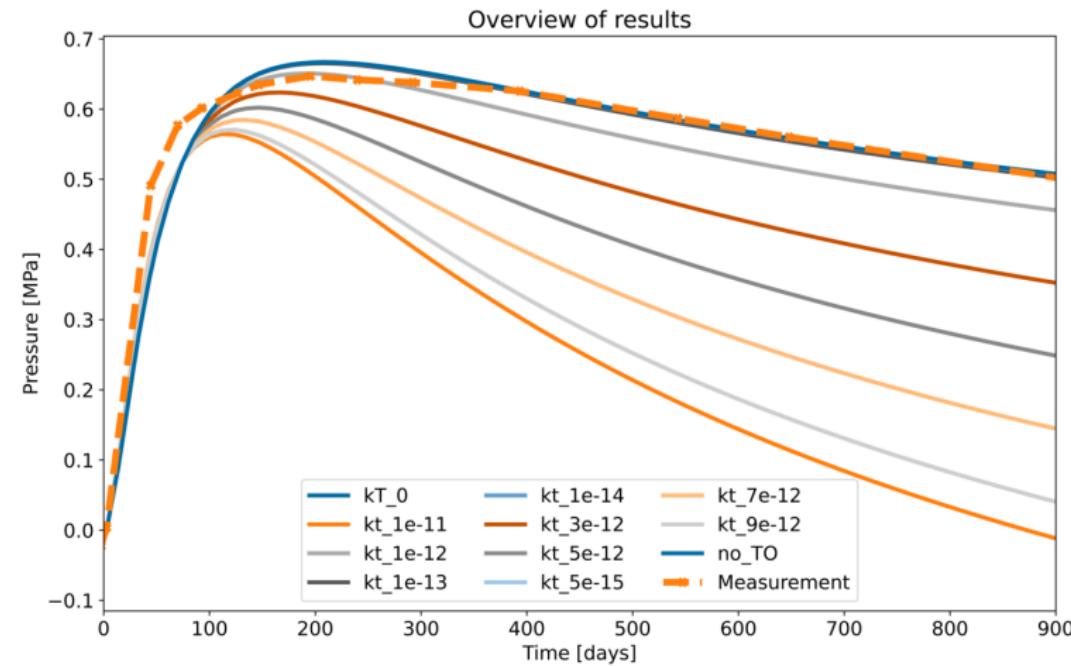
### Tested parameter ranges

Parameter name	Unit	Reference	Min	Max
Intrinsic permeability ( $k$ )	$\text{m}^2$	$2.5e - 19$	$1e - 19$	$9e - 19$
TO coefficient (narrow) ( $k_T$ )	$\text{Pa} * \text{m} * \text{K}^{-1}$	$3e - 12$	$1e - 12$	$5e - 12$
TO coefficient (wide) ( $k_T$ )	$\text{Pa} * \text{m} * \text{K}^{-1}$	$3e - 12$	$1e - 14$	$1e - 11$
Young's modulus ( $E$ )	Pa	$3.5e8$	$2e8$	$8e8$

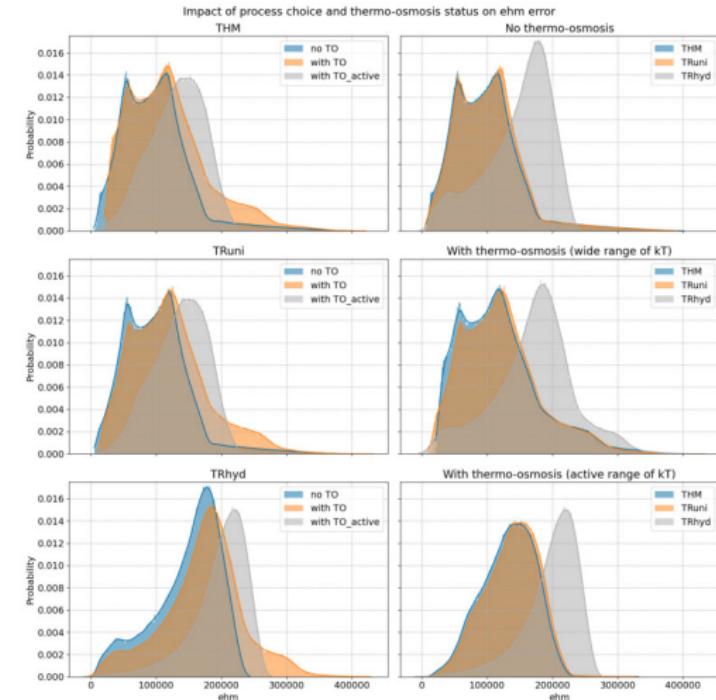
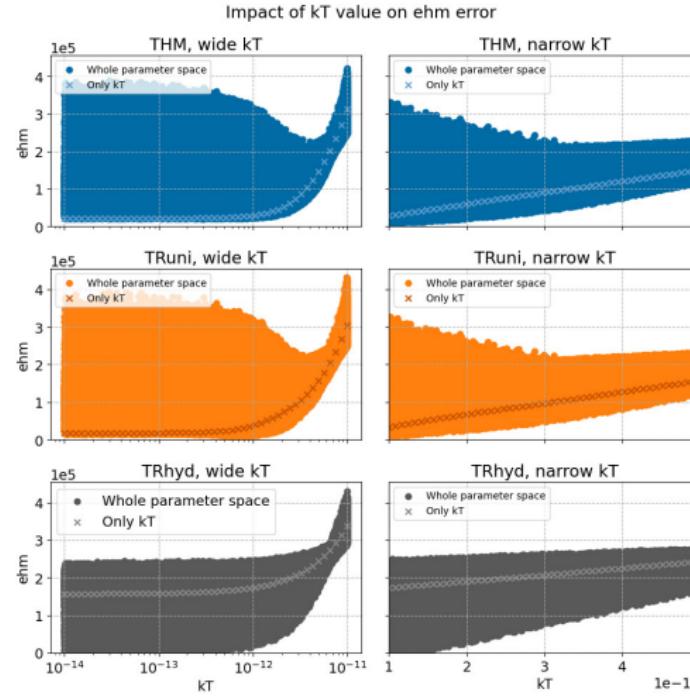
Error metrics - History matching error:

$$e_{HM} = \sqrt{\sum_1^n \frac{(d_{obs} - d_{sim})^2}{n}} \quad (1)$$

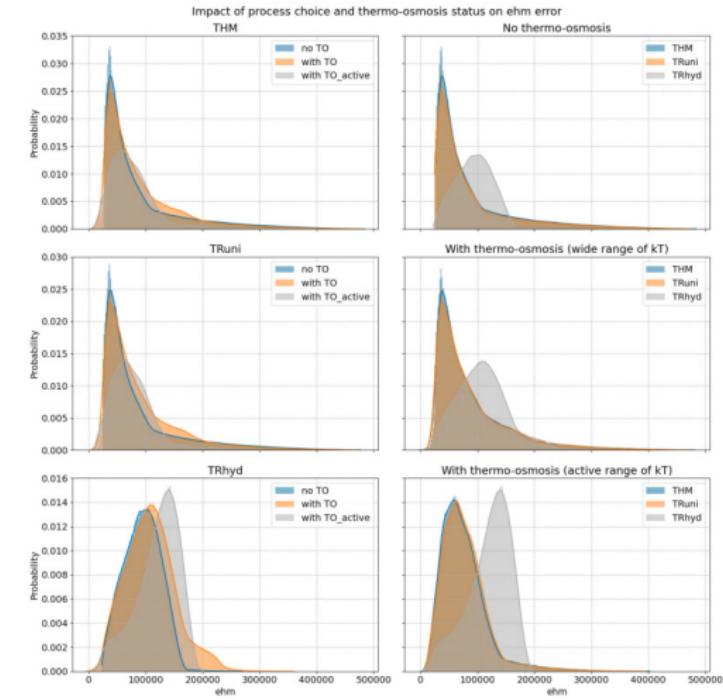
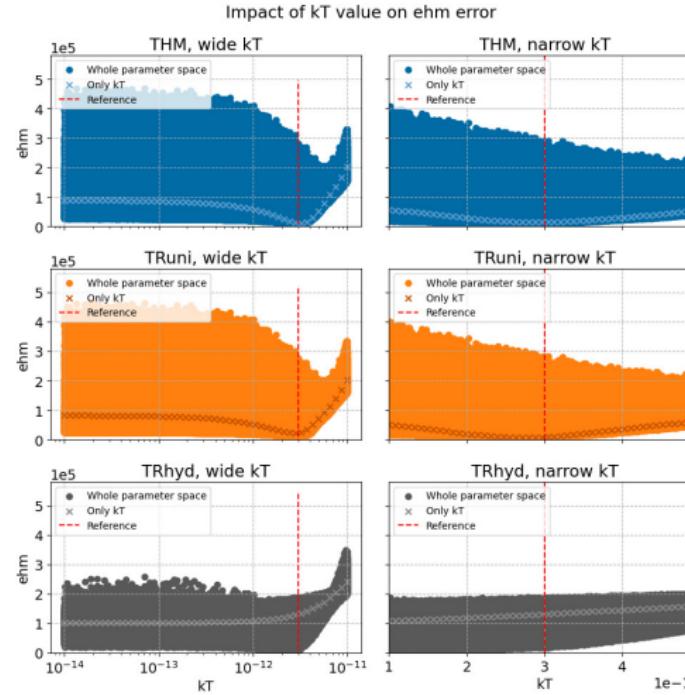
Parameters and initial conditions after: (Tamizdoust et al. 2021).

IMPACT OF THE VALUE OF  $K_T$  - TO COEFFICIENT

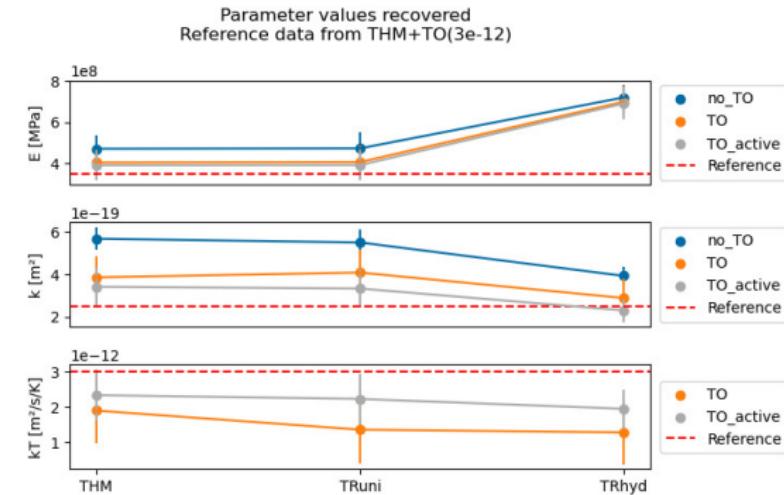
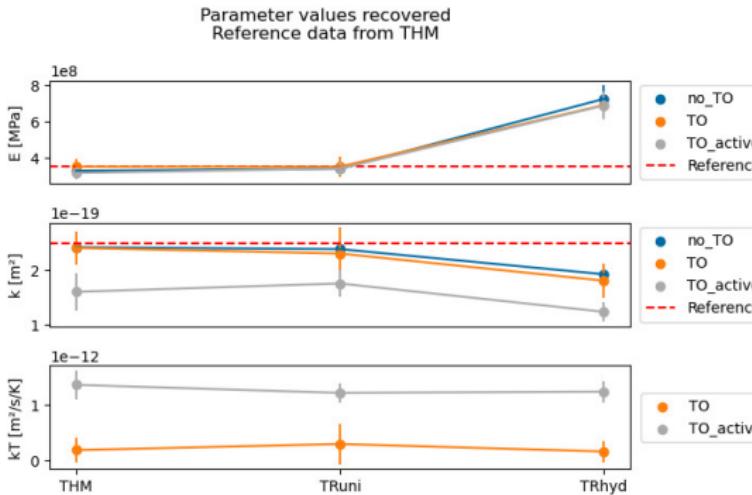
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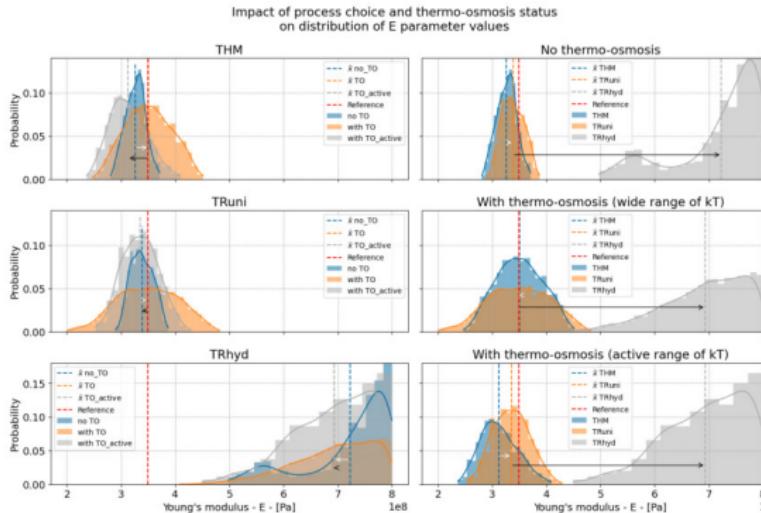
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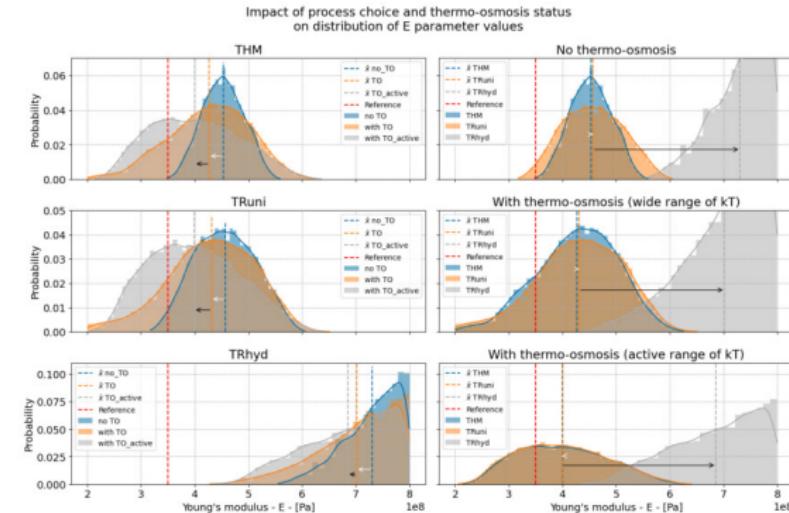
## ESTIMATED PARAMETERS



## DISTRIBUTION OF PARAMETER VALUES



**Fig. 3:** Distribution of E values recovered with different processes with  $\text{TO}_{\text{active}}$ . No TO in the reference data.



**Fig. 4:** Distribution of E values recovered with different processes with  $\text{TO}_{\text{active}}$ . With TO in the reference data.

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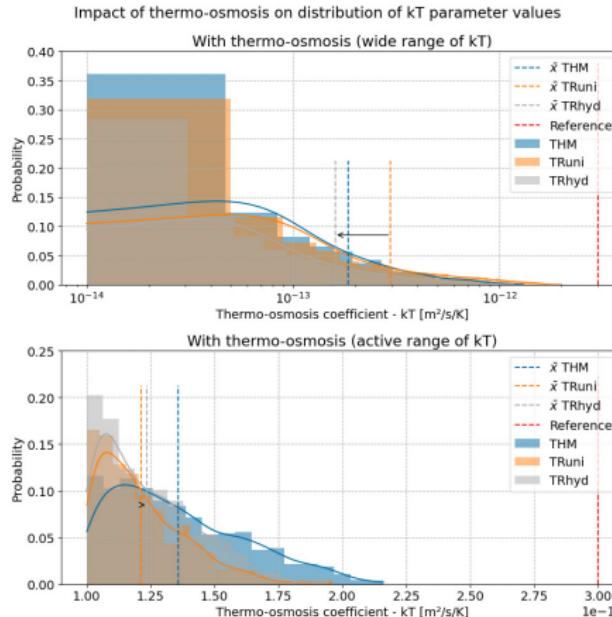


Fig. 5: Distribution of  $kT$  recovered with different processes with TO\_active. No TO in the reference data.

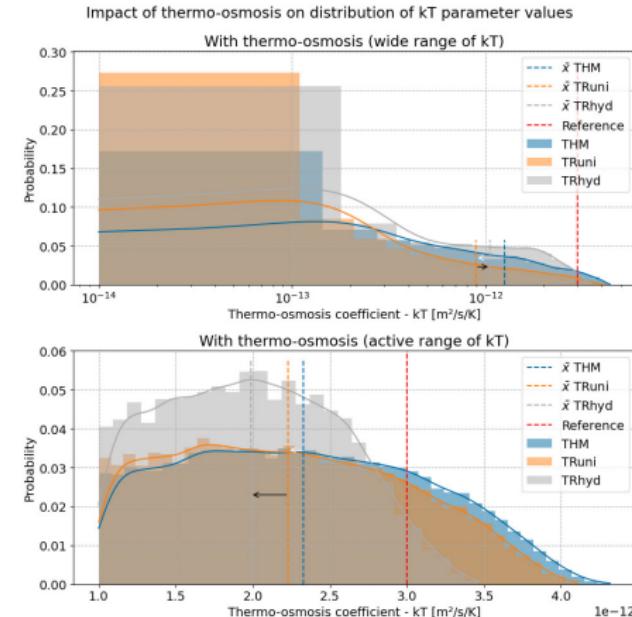


Fig. 6: Distribution of  $kT$  recovered with different processes with TO\_active. With TO in the reference data.

## SUMMARY AND OUTLOOK

### Summary and conclusions:

- Increasing the complexity of the model doesn't necessarily improve the result
- The UQ tools can be used to discriminate between processes, select parameter values and quantify uncertainty

### Outlook:

- Add information from multiple observations points
- Repeat the study presented in this presentation using data from real waste storage experiment
- Verify the significance of difference between the recovered distributions of parameter values with statistical methods

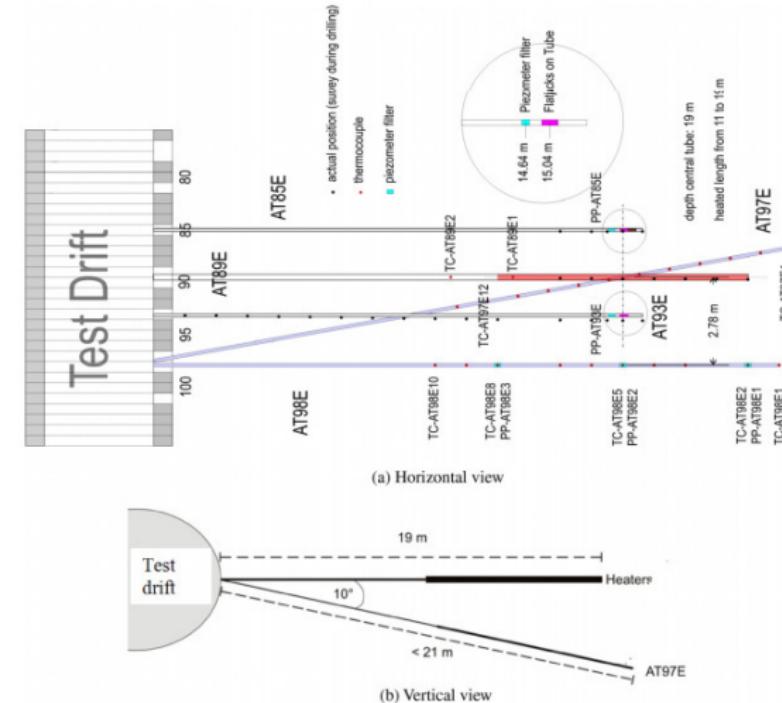
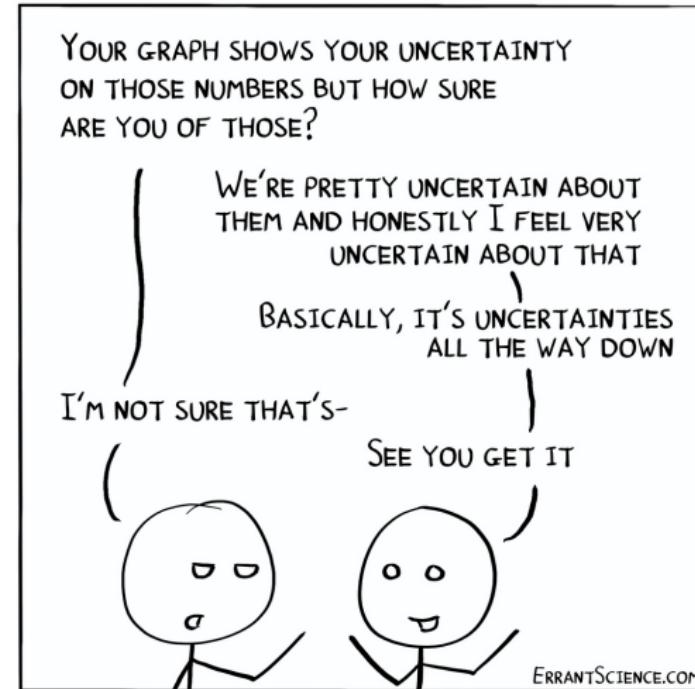


Fig. 1. Schematic view with instrumentation of the ATLAS III in situ test.

Fig. 7: ATLAS experiment - sensor positions (Chen et al. 2011)

## COMICAL RELIEF AT THE END OF PRESENTATION :)



## FLASHBACK – EXPECTED PLAN FOR MEQUR

Starting point → FE experiment

### Planned study steps

- Selection of input parameters for SA/UQ
  - based on knowledge from previous studies like Buchwald et al. 2020; Chaudhry et al. 2021
- Survey of available data sources (BGR)
  - parameter heterogeneities, (auto)correlation lengths
- Simplified 2D mesh/model based on FE experiment
- Use of as realistic data as possible from the original FE experiment
- Initial study based on 1 parameter (hydraulic conductivity <-> intrinsic permeability)

### What's new?

- Extension to other parameters like  $E$ ,  $\lambda$ ,  $\alpha_s$ ,  $c_p$ ,  $\phi$
- Departure from rectangular to circular geometry
- Extension of plots to two more measures
- Spatial percentile plots

## Governing equations – TRM (Pitz et al. 2023)

Heat balance:

$$(\rho c_p)_{\text{eff}} \frac{dT}{dt} + L_0 \frac{d\theta_{\text{vap}}}{dt} - \operatorname{div} (\boldsymbol{\lambda}_{\text{eff}} \operatorname{grad} T) \\ + \operatorname{div} \left( \frac{L_0 \mathbf{J}_G^W}{\rho_{\text{GR}}^W} \right) + \operatorname{grad} T \cdot (c_{p,\text{L}} \mathbf{A}_{\text{L}} + c_{p,\text{vap}} \mathbf{J}_G^W) = Q_T$$

Mass balance:

$$\rho_{\text{LR}} S_{\text{L}} (\alpha_B - \phi) \beta_{p,\text{SR}} \frac{dp_{\text{LR}}}{dt} - \rho_{\text{LR}} S_{\text{L}} (\alpha_B - \phi) \operatorname{tr}(\boldsymbol{\alpha}_{T,\text{SR}}) \frac{dT}{dt} \\ + \phi \left( (1 - S_{\text{L}}) \frac{d\rho_{\text{GR}}^W}{dt} + S_{\text{L}} \frac{d\rho_{\text{LR}}}{dt} \right) + (\rho_{\text{LR}} - \rho_{\text{GR}}^W) [\phi + p_{\text{LR}} S_{\text{L}} (\alpha_B - \phi)] \frac{dS_{\text{L}}}{dt} \\ + \rho_{\text{LR}} S_{\text{L}} \alpha_B \operatorname{div} \left( \frac{du_S}{dt} \right) + \operatorname{div} (\mathbf{A}_{\text{L}}^W + \mathbf{J}_G^W) = Q_H$$

Momentum balance:

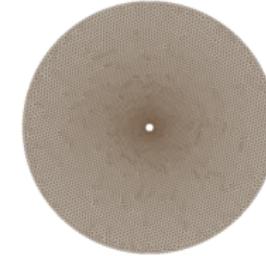
$$\operatorname{div} (\boldsymbol{\sigma}^{\text{eff}} - \alpha_B \chi(S_{\text{L}}) p_{\text{LR}} \mathbf{I}) + \rho \mathbf{g} = \mathbf{0}$$

with

$$\dot{\boldsymbol{\sigma}}^{\text{eff}} = \mathcal{C} : (\dot{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}} - \dot{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}}_{\text{pl}} - \dot{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}}_{\text{th}} - \dot{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}}_{\text{sw}})$$

## Model setup and specifics

- Simplified 2D mesh:  $r = 50$  m
  - > host rock (Opalinus clay)
- Circular heat source of  $r = 1.5$  m
  - > emplaced waste cell
- Anisotropic -> Transverse isotropy
  - > parallel and perpendicular to bedding plane
- Heterogeneous input parameters
  - > Random Heterogeneous Field Generator Code
  - > TU Chemnitz
- Uncertainty quantification using numerical modeling
  - > TRM -> OpenGeoSys
- Comparison of results with homogeneous, isotropic models



Simplified 2D mesh

### Initial conditions:

$T_0 = 15^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $p_0 = 2 \text{ MPa}$ ,  $u_{S0} = 0$

### Boundary conditions:

- $Q_T$  (Neumann) at tunnel boundary
- $p = 0$  at tunnel boundary
- Normal  $u_S = 0$  on outer boundary

## CASE STUDIES

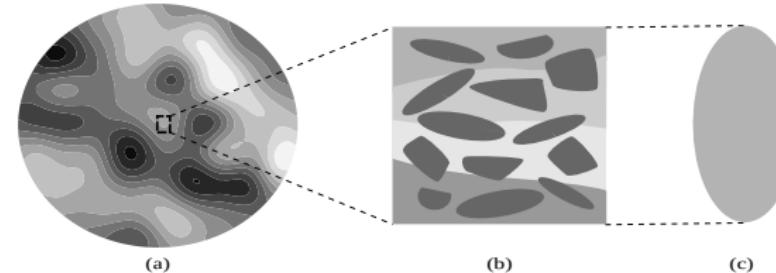
- > Let  $f$  be the parameter in question
- >  $f$  in this study  $\rightarrow \lambda, k, E$
- >  $f_{\perp} = a_f f_{\parallel}$ , where  $a_f$  is a scaling factor

- Homogeneous, isotropic
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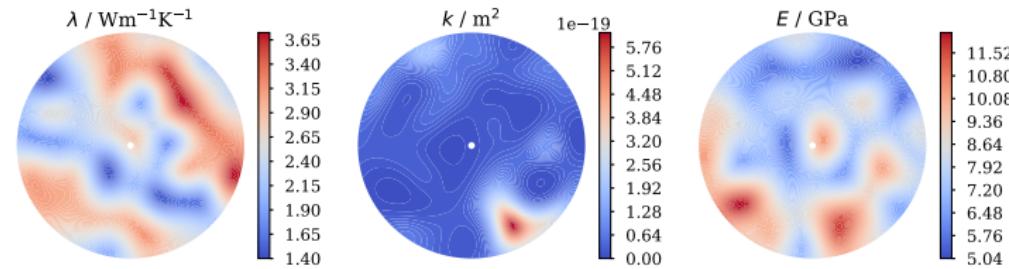
### Work in progress

- Heterogeneous, statistically anisotropic, hydraulically isotropic
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- Basic concept of the study



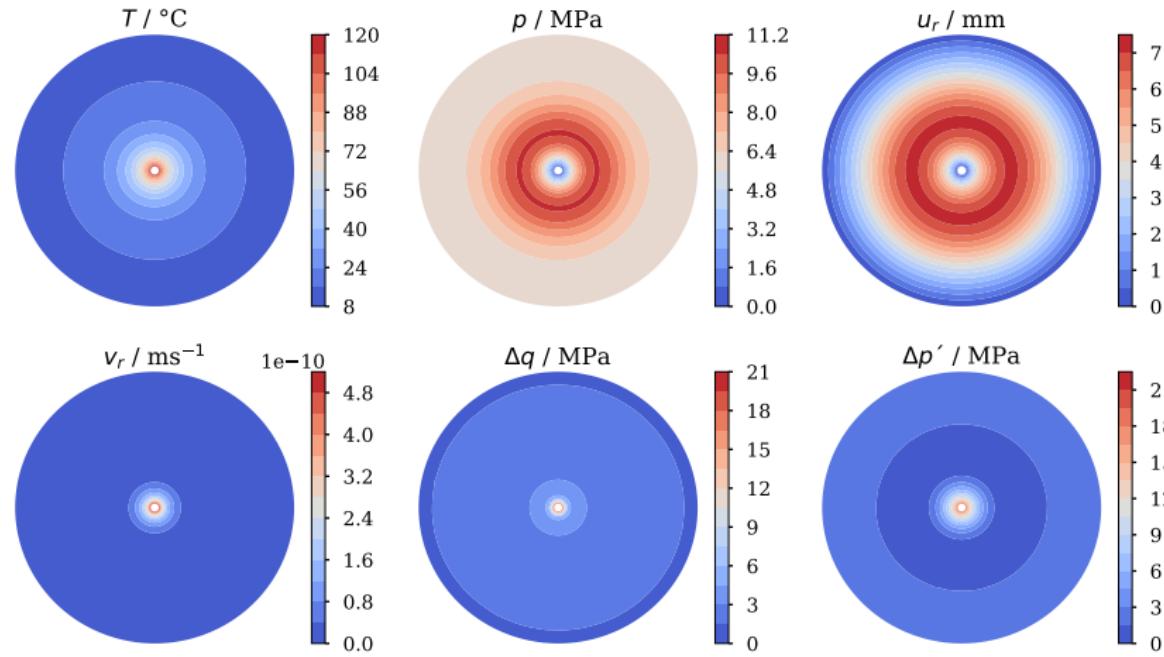
- Example of one random realisation



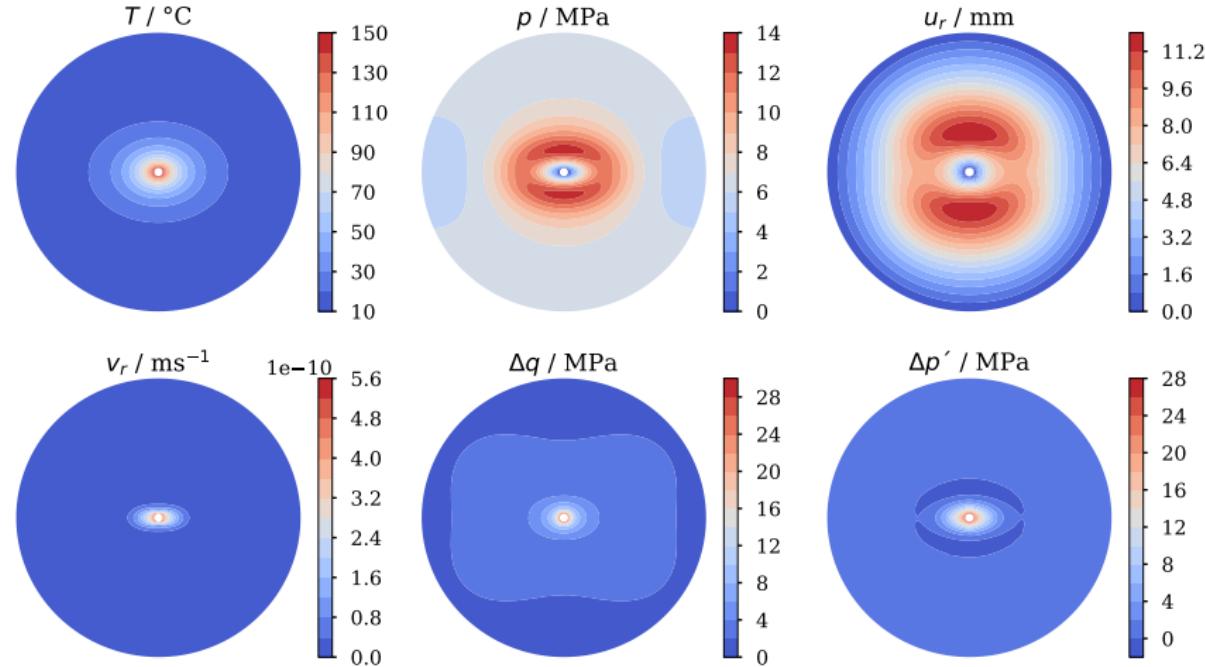
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$$\rightarrow \Delta q = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2} \sigma'_d : \sigma'_d} \quad \Delta p' = -\frac{1}{3} \sigma'_{ii}$$

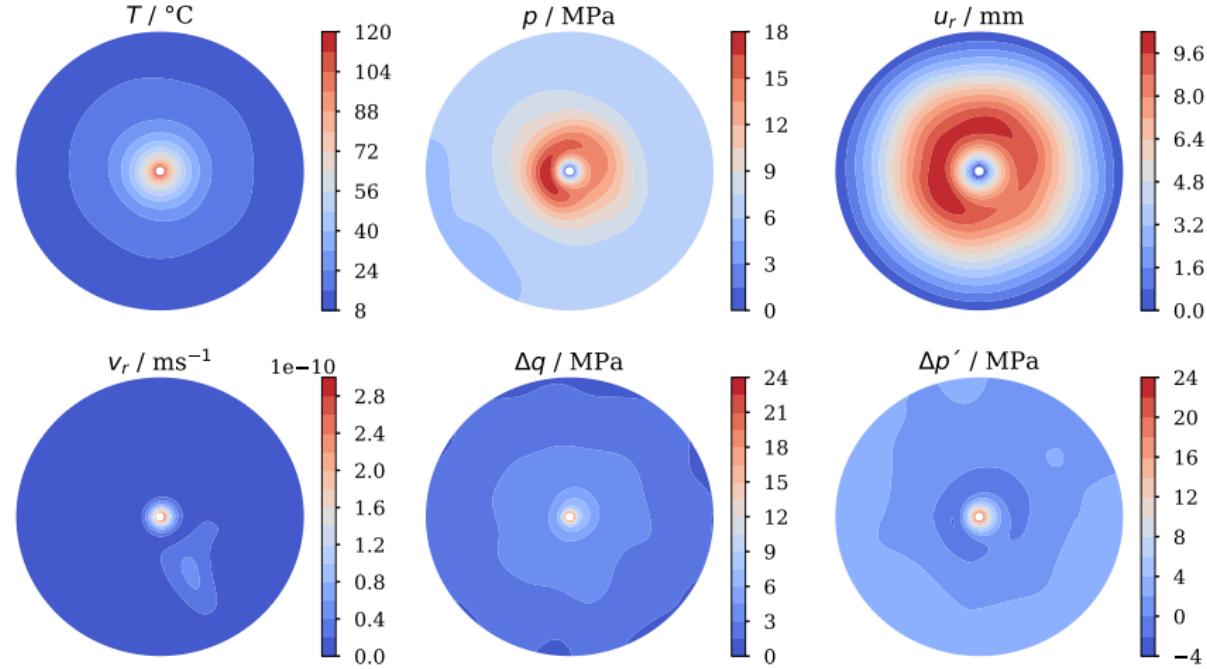
Homogeneous, isotropic (reference) case



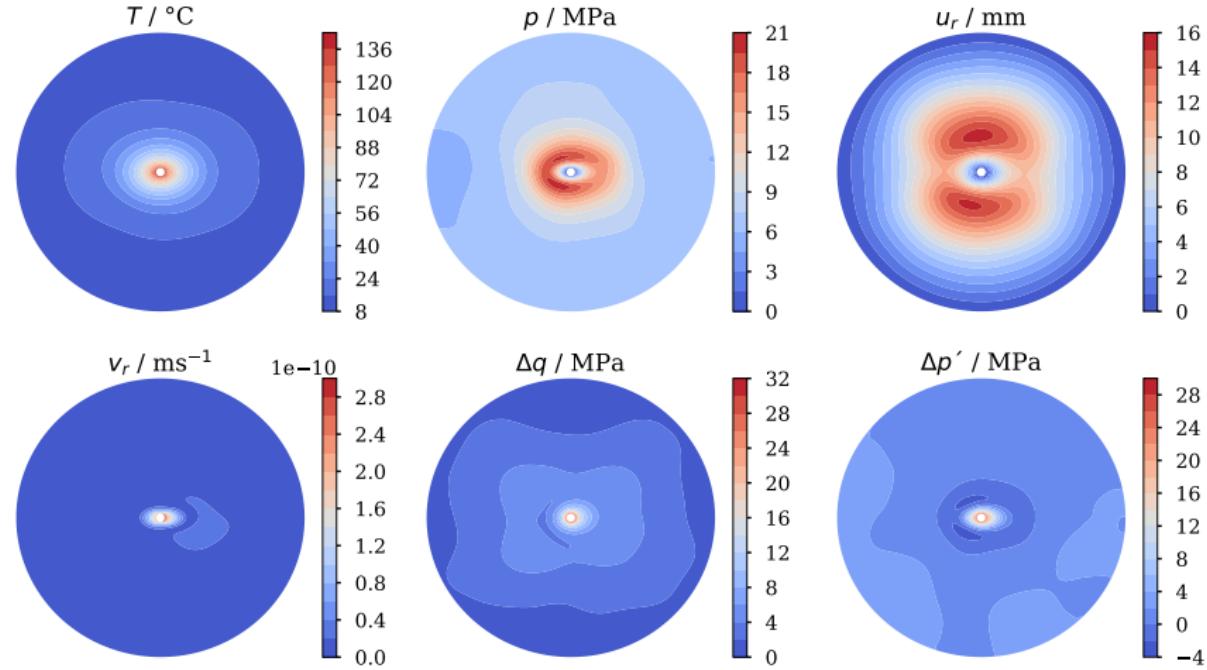
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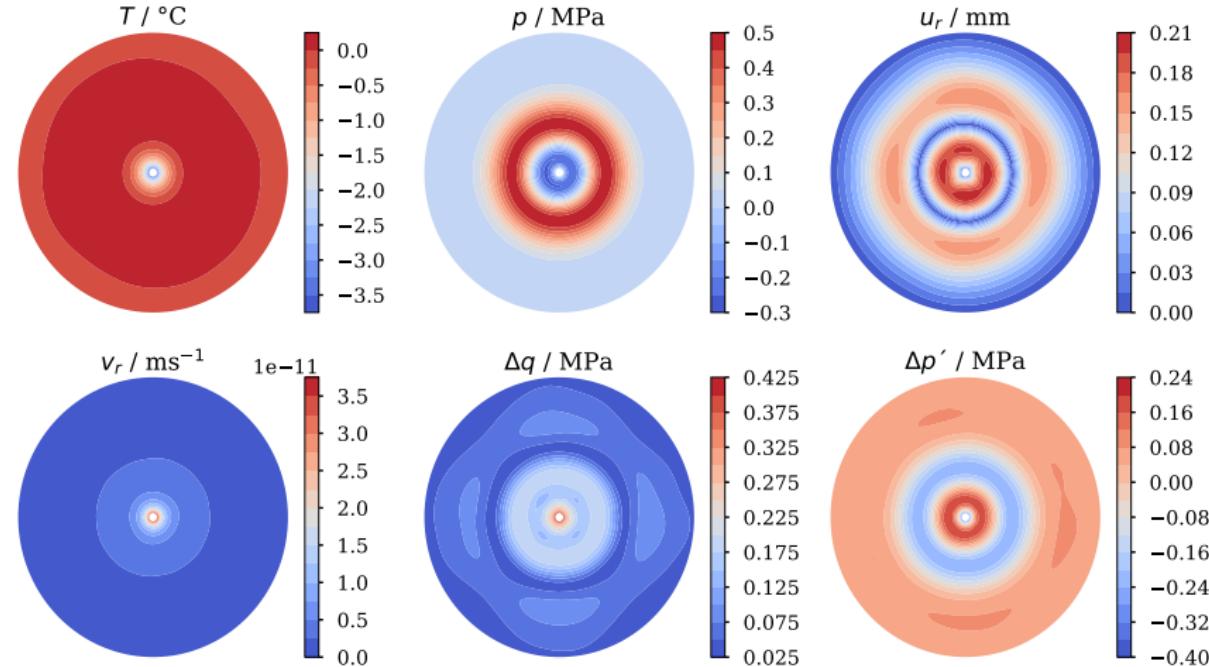
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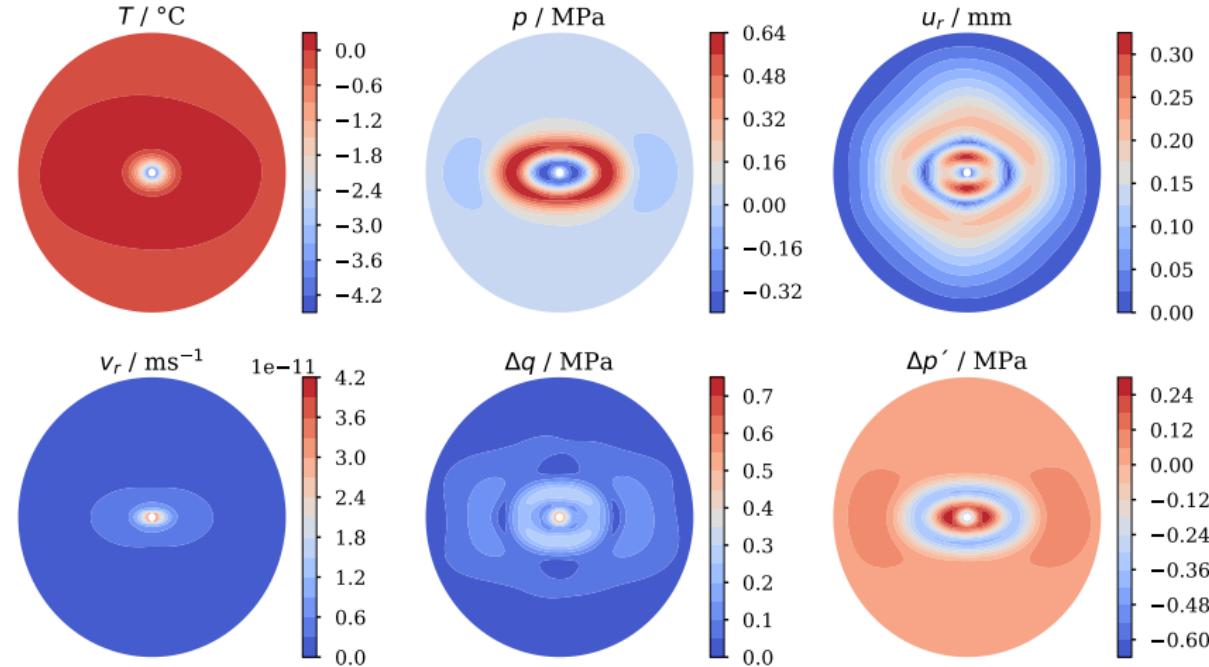
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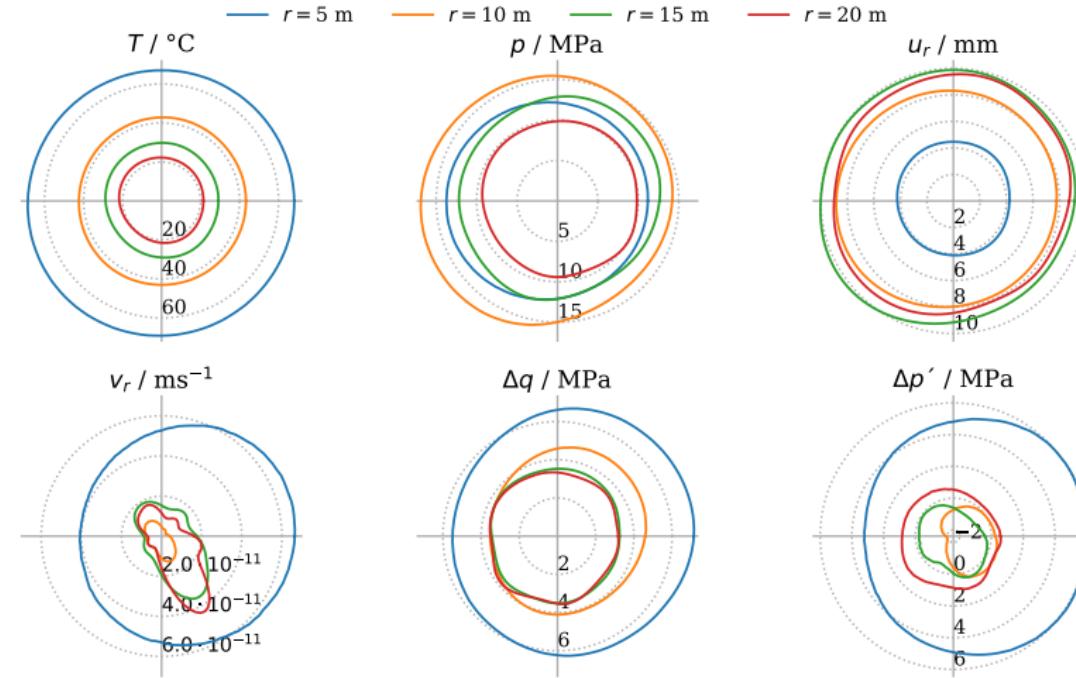
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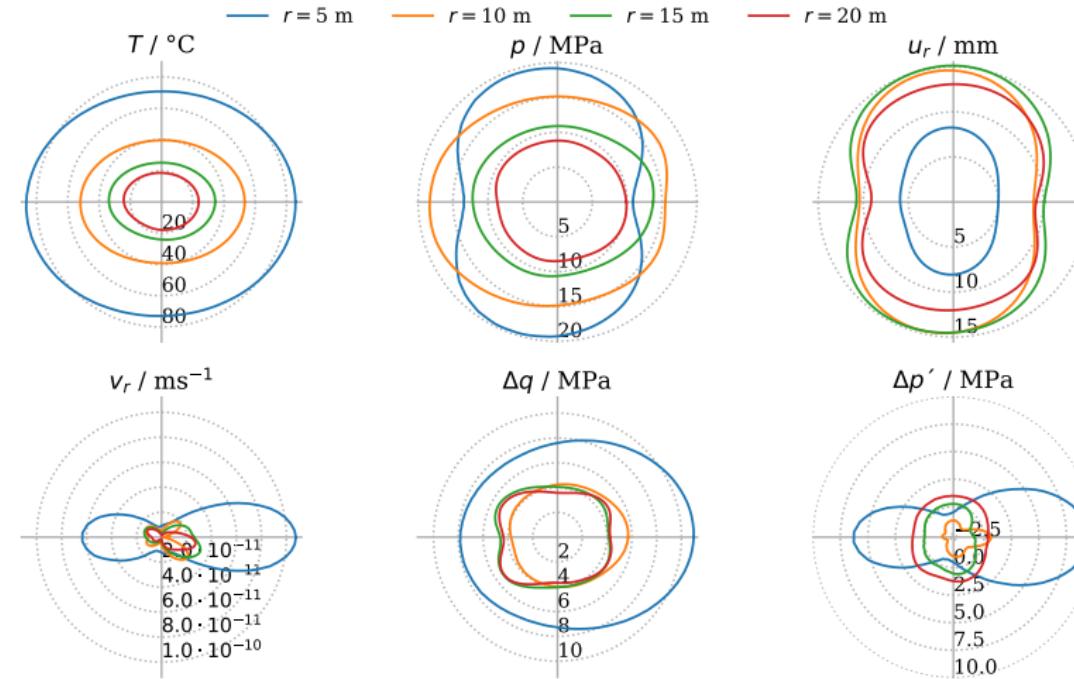
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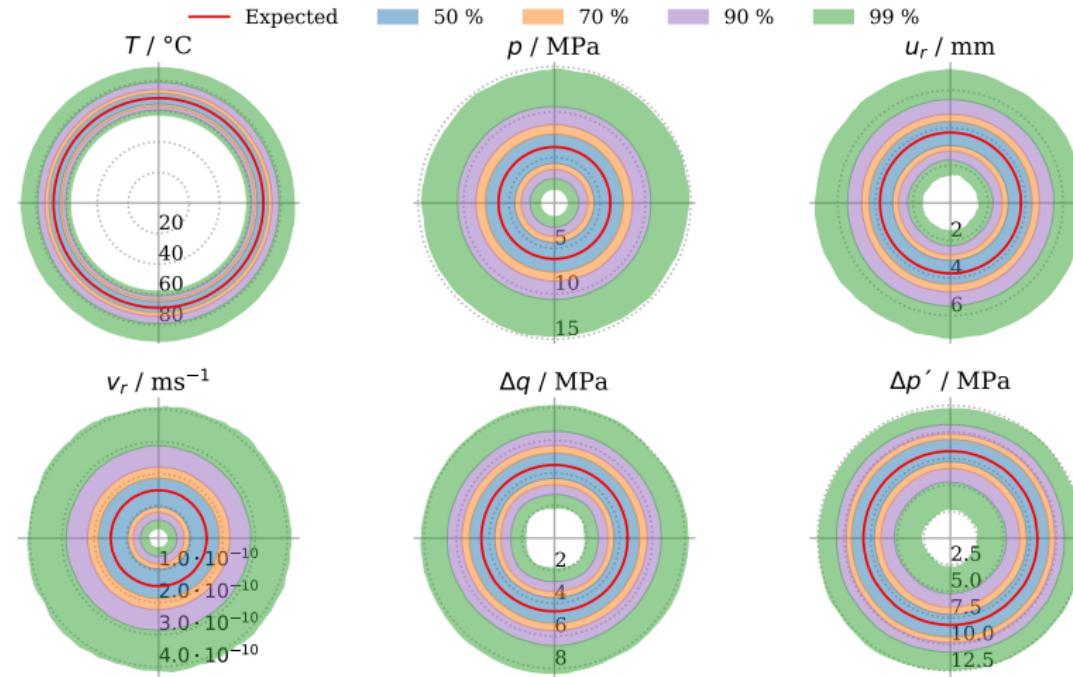
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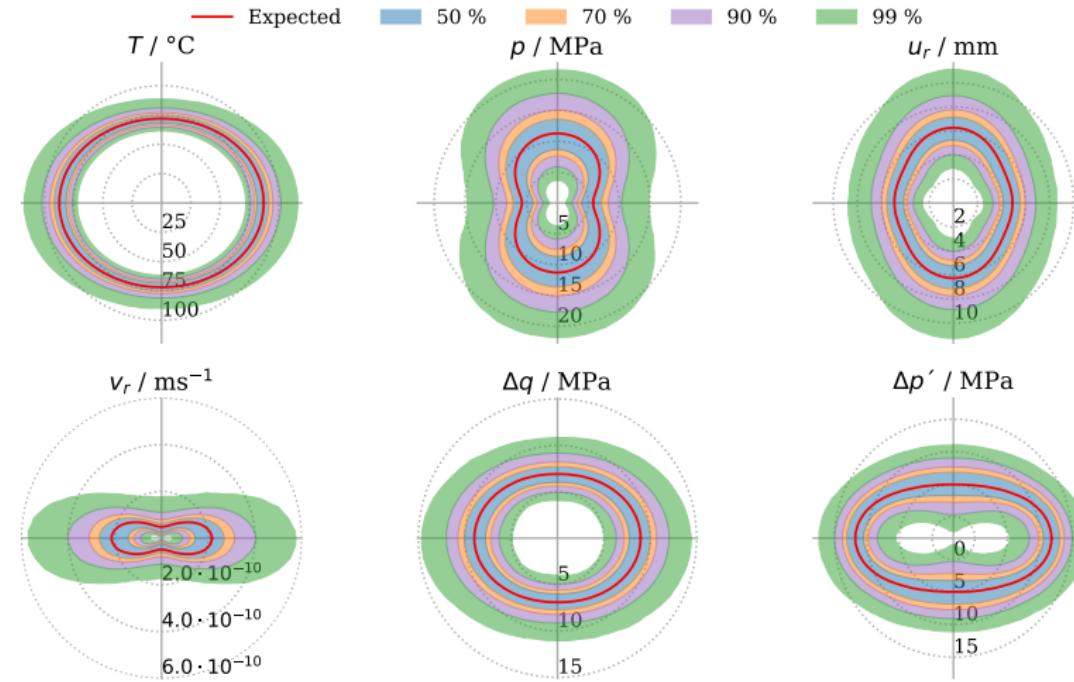
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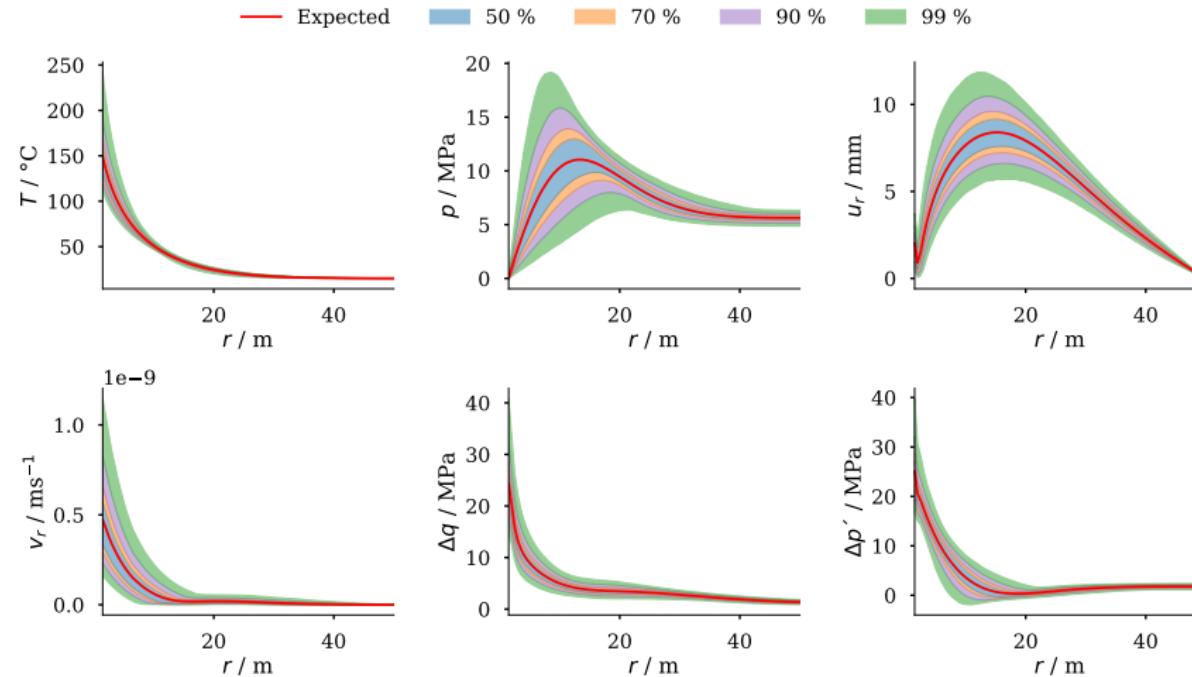
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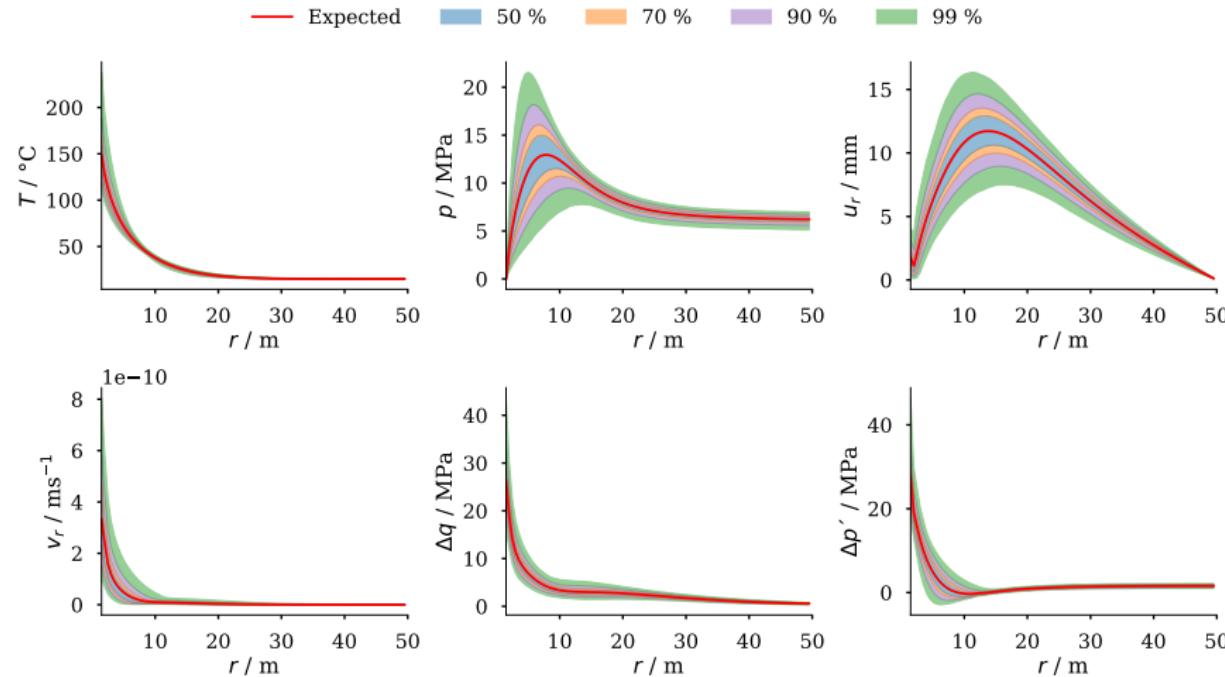
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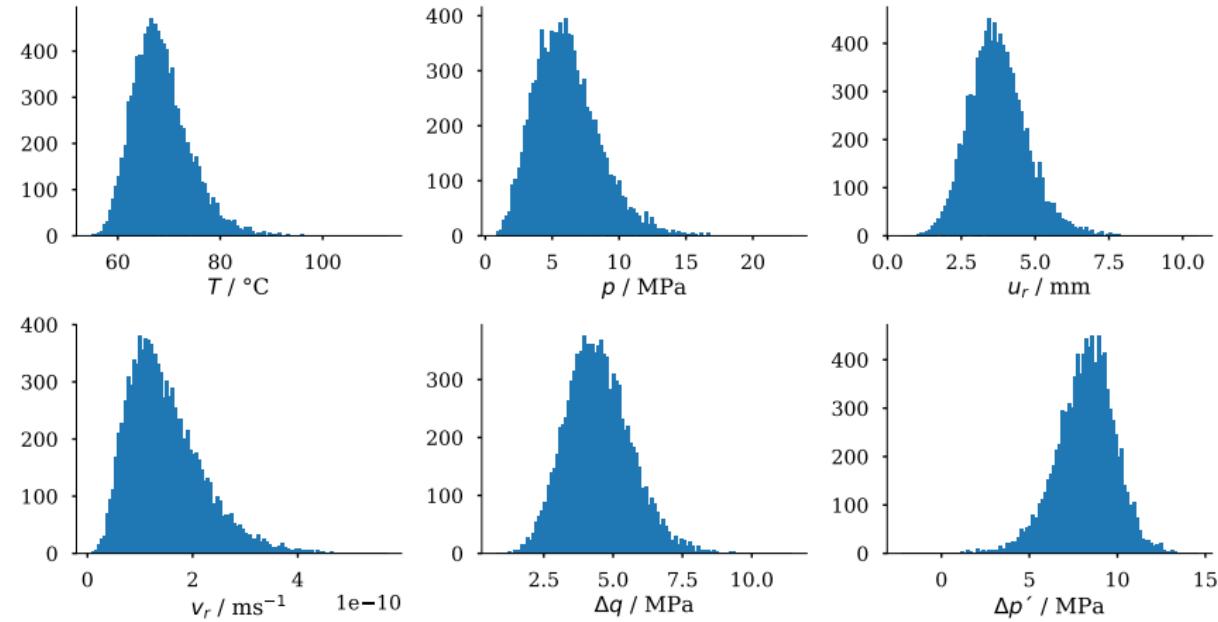
Heterogeneous, anisotropic, percentiles at  $\theta = 0^\circ$



Heterogeneous, anisotropic, percentiles at  $\theta = 90^\circ$



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Heterogeneous, isotropic, histogram at  $r = 5$  m &  $\theta = 0^\circ$ 

## Outlook

- Statistical anisotropy  
-> Different correlation lengths
- Random anisotropy  
->  $f_{\perp} \neq a_f f_{\parallel}$  ?
- Different boundary conditions (?)
- Unsaturated settings (?) (complex)
- Better ways to interpret results?
- Additional runs for min, mean, max for all 3 inputs

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## OUTLINE

kleme: a C++ library to efficiently generate random fields for large-scale problems

- review of Karhunen-Loëve expansion (KLE)
- numerical difficulties and our solutions in implementing KLE
- demo code

## KARHUNEN-LOÈVE EXPANSION (KLE)

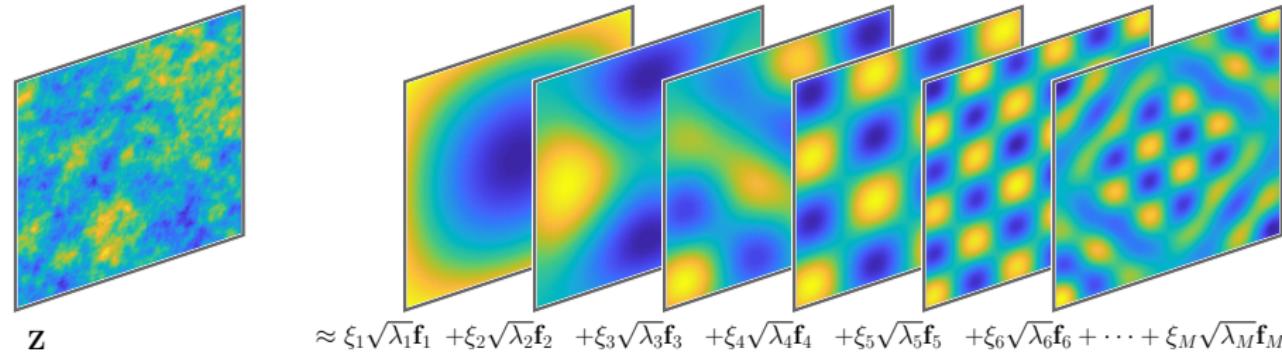
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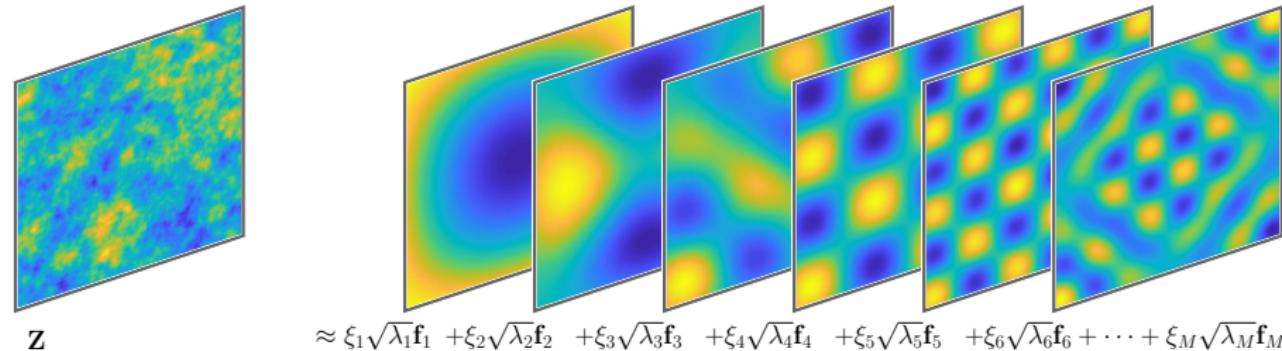
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A random field  $Z$  represented as a set of  $\{\xi_i\}$ : dimension reduction

## CALCULATION OF $\lambda_I$ AND $F_I$

$$\mathbf{C}\mathbf{f}_i = \lambda_i \mathbf{M}\mathbf{f}_i$$

$$[\mathbf{C}]_{i,j} = \int_D \phi_j(\mathbf{x}) \int_D c(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \phi_i(\mathbf{y}) d\mathbf{y} d\mathbf{x}$$

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### Difficulties

1.  $[\mathbf{C}]_{i,j}$  involves integration of **singular** functions, i.e.,  $c(|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}|)$
2.  $\mathbf{C}$  is **dense**, of size DOFs  $\times$  DOFs
  - storage is expensive
  - matrix-vector product is also expensive
3. **eigen** solver

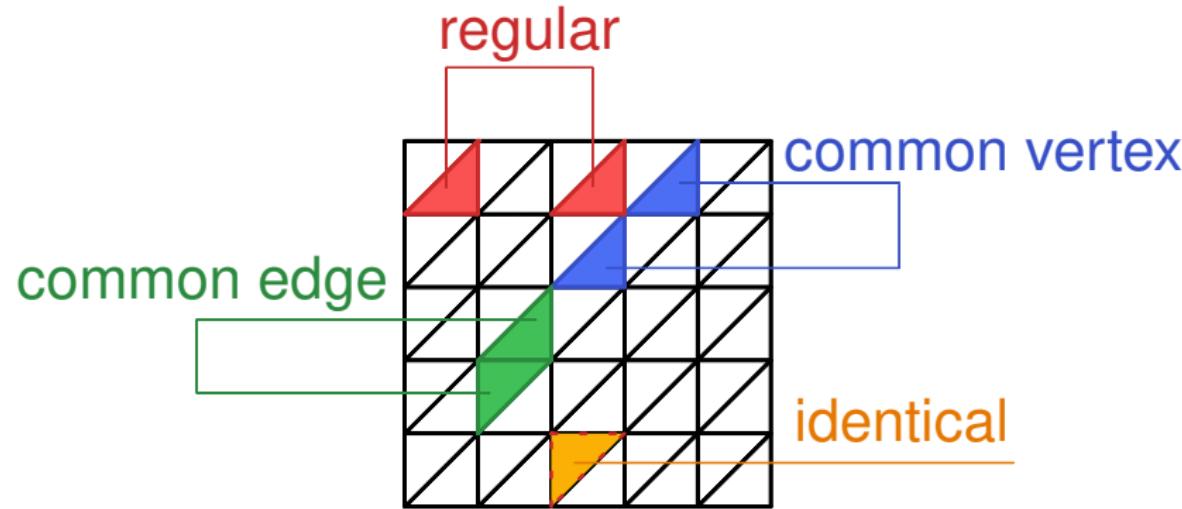
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### Solutions

1. **Schauter-Schwab** quadrature from the BEM community to alleviate singularity
2. **hierarchical matrices**
3. **Thick-restart Lanczos**

## SCHAUTER-SCHWAB QUADRATURE

$$[\mathbf{C}]_{i,j} = \int_D \phi_j(\mathbf{x}) \int_D c(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \phi_i(\mathbf{y}) d\mathbf{y} d\mathbf{x}$$



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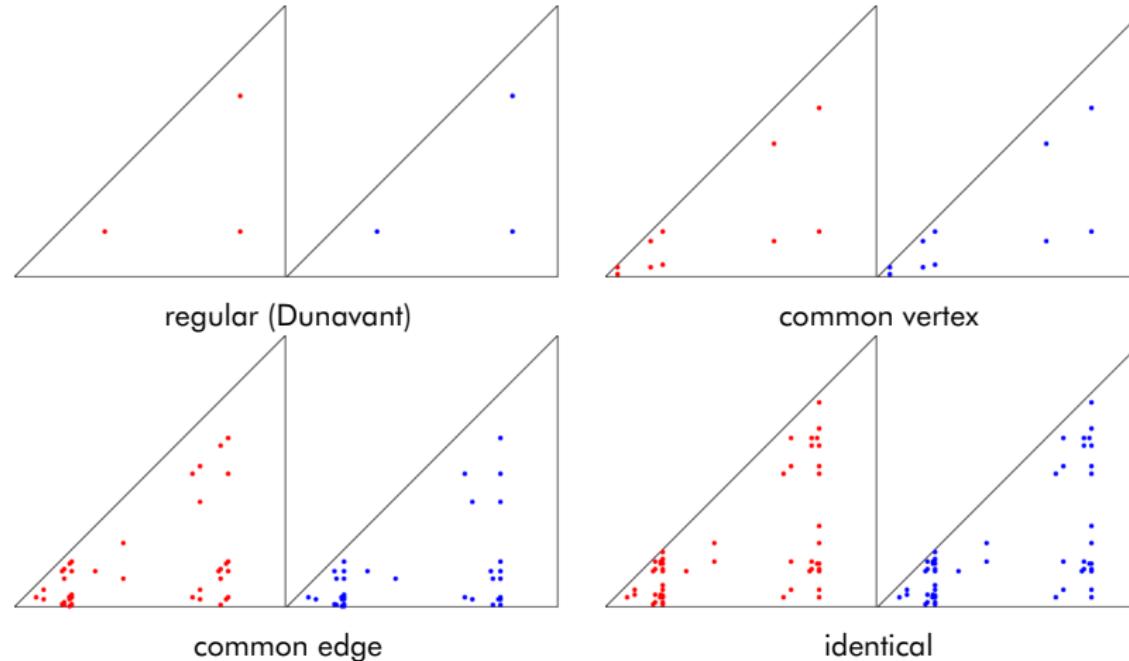


Fig. 9: Quadrature scheme on reference element pairs for 4 different cases

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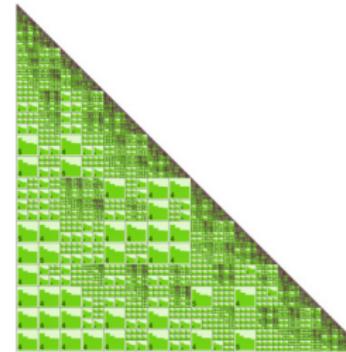


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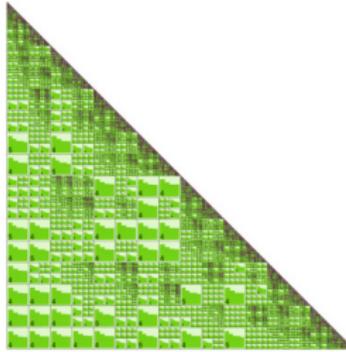


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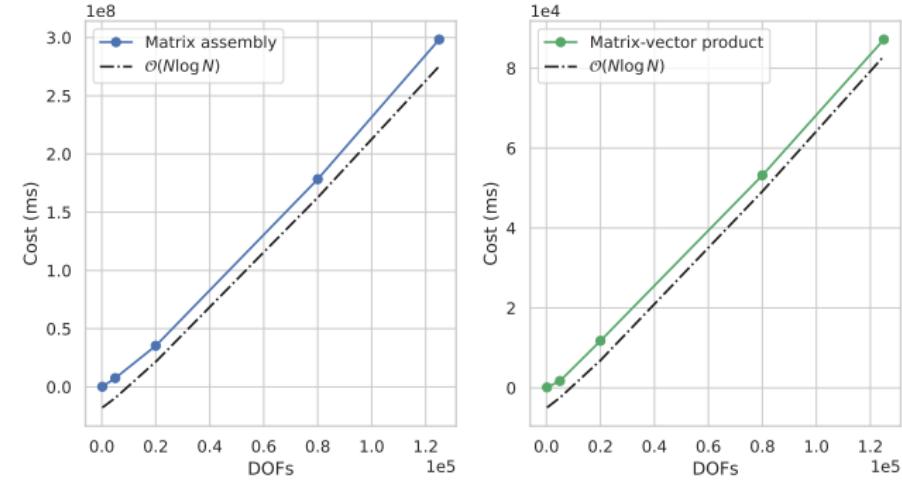


Fig. 11: Cost in terms of doing matrix assembly and matrix-vector product is reduced to  $\mathcal{O}N \log N$  from  $N^2$

## CODE STRUCTURE

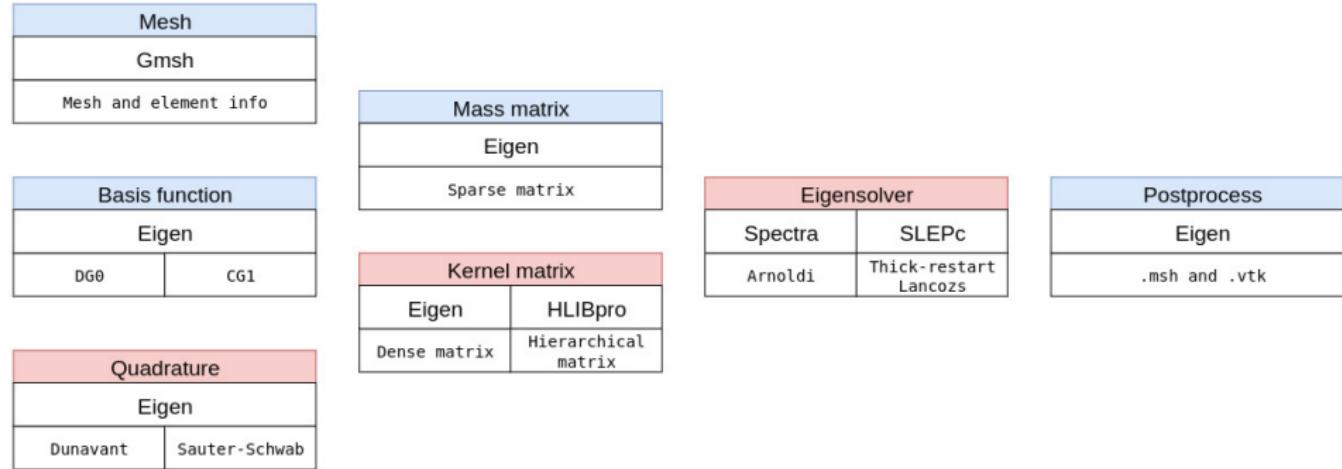


Fig. 12: Code structure

## MINIMAL BUT COMPLETE DEMO

```
#include <kleme.h>
int main(int argc,char **argv)
{
    // parse mesh
    kleme::Mesh mesh(argv[1]);

    // define dofhandler to handle mesh and basis function
    kleme::DofHandler dofhandler(mesh, 0);

    // create and assemble mass matrix
    kleme::Mass m_matrix(&dofhandler);
    m_matrix.assemble_matrix();

    // prepare quadrature rule and kernel for later use
    // in assembling stiffness matrix
    kleme::Quadrature quad(mesh.get_dim(), 2);
    kleme::ExponentialKernel kernel(1, 0.1, 45, 0.5);

    // create and assemble stiffness matrix
    kleme::StiffnessHmatrix k_hmatrix(&dofhandler, &kernel, &quad);
    k_hmatrix.assemble_matrix();

    // create solver
    kleme::SLEPc_Solver solver_hmatrix(&k_hmatrix, &m_matrix);
    int no_of_eigens = 100;
    solver_hmatrix.solve(no_of_eigens);

    // postprocess
    kleme::Postprocess postprocess(&dofhandler);
    postprocess.write_vtk(slepc_solver.eigen_vectors, "slepc_eigens.vtk");

    return 0;
}
```

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**kleme** 0.3  
Karhunen–Lo  e expansion made easy

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**kleme Documentation**

**kleme** stands for Karhunen–Lo  e expansion made easy. It is a C++ library for solving the integral eigen-value problem (IEVP) from discretizing the kernel operator with the Galerkin method.

## Example

```
#include <kleme.h>
int main(int argc,char **argv)
{
    // parse mesh
    kleme::Mesh mesh(argv[1]);

    // define dofhandler to handle mesh and basis function
    kleme::DofHandler dofhandler(&mesh, 0);

    // create and assemble mass matrix
    kleme::Mass m_matrix(&dofhandler);
    m_matrix.assemble_matrix();

    // prepare quadrature rule and kernel for later use
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    kleme::Quadrature quad(mesh.get_dim(), 2);
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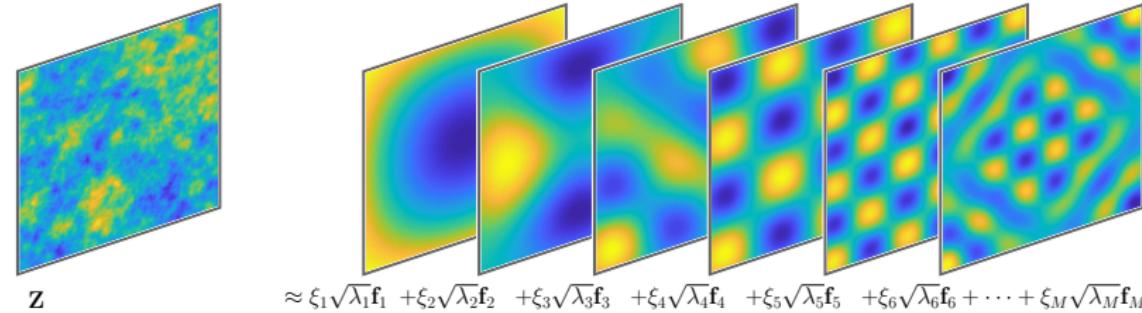
    // create and assemble stiffness matrix
    kleme::StiffnessMatrix k_hmatrix(&dofhandler, &kernel, &quad);
    k_hmatrix.assemble_matrix();

    // create solver
    kleme::SLEPC_Solver solver_hmatrix(&k_hmatrix, &m_matrix);
    int no_of_eigens = 100;
    solver_hmatrix.solve(no_of_eigens);

    // postprocess
    kleme::Postprocess postprocess(&dofhandler);
    postprocess.write_vtk(slepc_solver.eigen_vectors, "slepc_eigens.vtk");
}
```

## CONCLUSIONS

- theories and techniques behind kleme
- demonstration of the use
- working on further improvement of internal data structure and documentation



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Thanks!