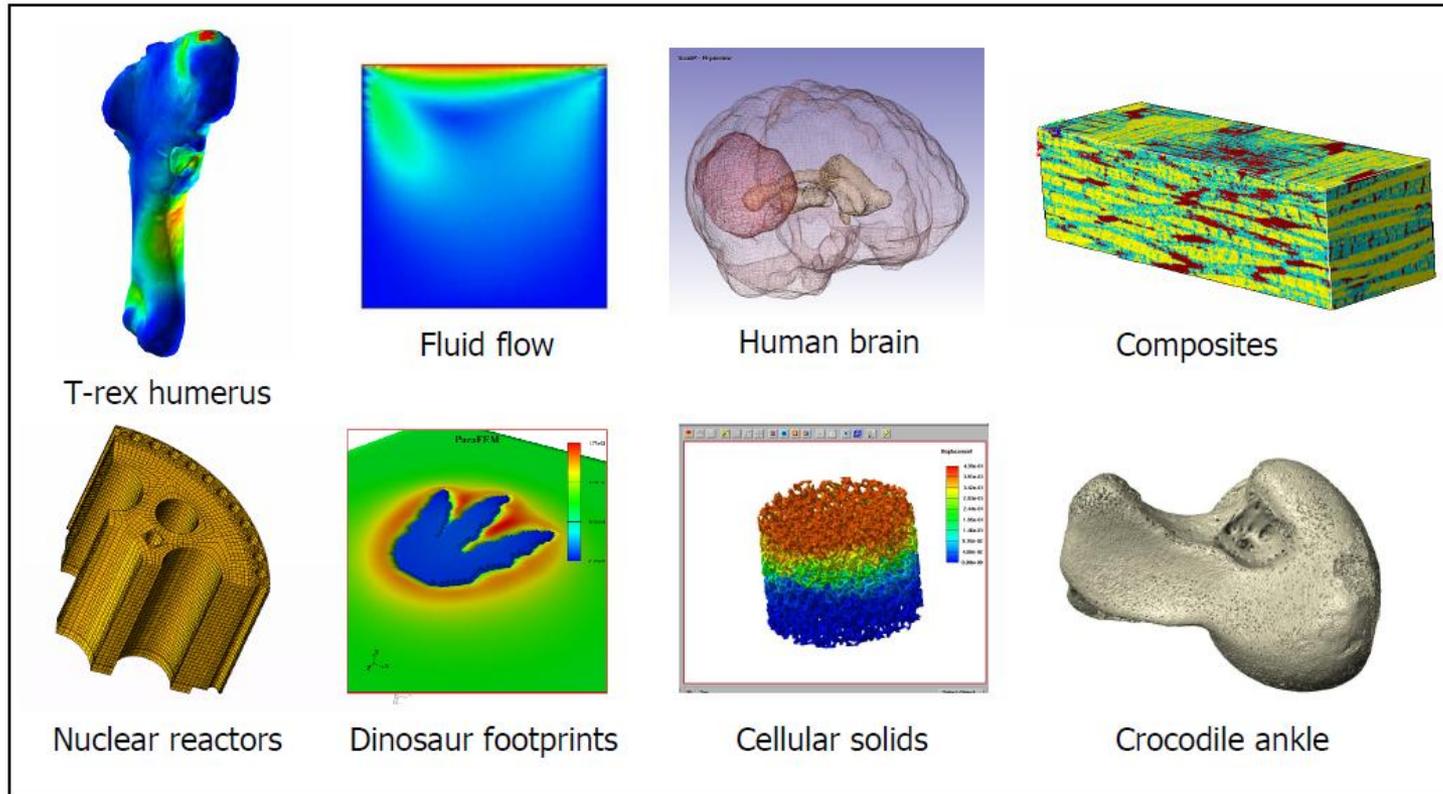


ParaFEM: Microstructurally Faithful Modelling of Materials



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HECToR dCSE Seminar, NAG, Manchester, UK

9.30am Wednesday 5 October 2011

Background

1. The Speaker
2. ParaFEM
3. Manchester Imaging

Activities

1. dCSE Project
2. ParaFEM OSS Strategy

The Speaker

- Current employment, University of Manchester, 1993-present
 - Senior Consultant, IT Services for Research
 - Member of Eurographics UK Executive Committee

- Project manager and lead developer for AVS/Express development at Manchester
 - International AVS Centre
 - Multi-Pipe Edition
 - Parallel Edition

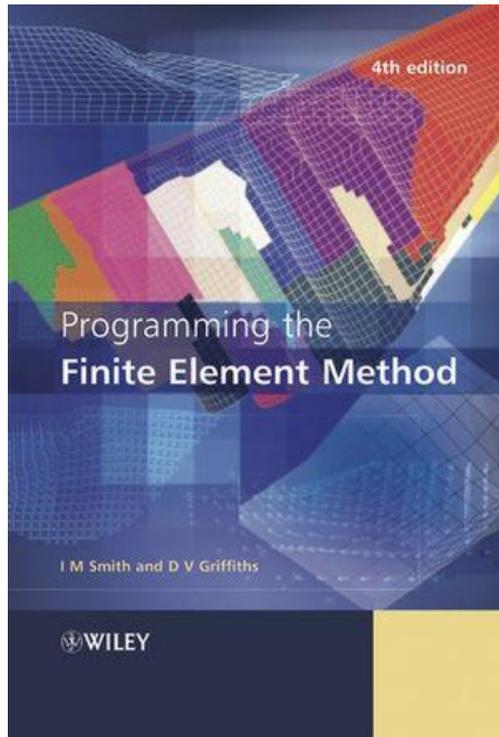
IT Services for Research @ UoM

- Supporting local researchers
 - Collaborative, research driven support model
- Supporting national services
 - CSAR (Manchester Computing)
 - National Grid Service
 - Access Grid
 - Data Management (JISC Madam project)
- Academic support via Manchester Informatics (Mi)
 - Key Themes
 - Computational Shared Facility

ParaFEM

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Programming the Finite Element Method 2004



“Programming the Finite Element Method”

- I.M. Smith and D.V. Griffiths
- 4th Edition
- Easy to use example programs
- FORTRAN90/95
- Parallel versions

Over 500 Citations

Capabilities of ParaFEM

Static/Steady Analysis

- Static Linear Elastic Equilibrium (Small Strain)
- Static Elastoplastic Equilibrium
- Steady State Heat Flow & Seepage (Poisson equation)
- Steady Fluid Flow (Navier-Stokes equations)
- Large Strain Elasticity (St Venant-Kirchoff Material)

Transient Analysis

- Explicit/Implicit Transient Flow
- Coupled Transient Deformation/Flow
- Dynamic Equilibrium of Elastic/Elastoplastic Solids

Others

- Eigenvalues/vectors (elastic solids)

Manchester Imaging

Manchester X-Ray Imaging Facility

- New facility at the University of Manchester
- Includes existing Henry Moseley X-Ray Imaging Facility (HMXIF) in Manchester
 - <http://xray-imaging.org.uk/>
- And the University of Manchester has a beamline at the Diamond Light Source Facility
- New MXIF Experiment Management System
 - <http://www.manchester.ac.uk/imaging> [Future]



Experiment Management System

Henry Moseley X-Ray Imaging Facility

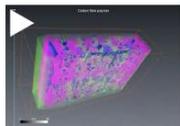
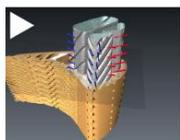
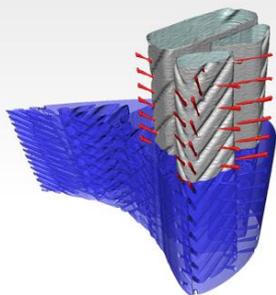
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3D X-ray vision is no longer solely the subject of movies and comic books.

Today's researchers from cutting edge fields such as aeronautical, materials and biological tissue engineering are gaining new insights by using 3D X-ray Computed Tomography (CT).

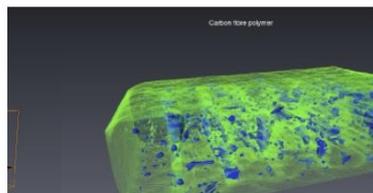


What is 3D X-ray Computed Tomography?

So what is 3D X-ray Computed Tomography (CT) and how does it work? Well, it works along the same lines as when a doctor takes an X-ray of a broken bone. However, rather than taking just one 2D X-ray picture, known as a radiograph, hundreds or even thousands of radiographs are taken of the object as it is rotated through 360°. The series of 2D radiographs are then reconstructed into a 3D image using sophisticated software packages coupled with powerful computers. The real advantage of CT lies in the fact that a virtual replica is created where one can slice through the layers of the object to reveal its internal structure, akin to peeling an onion. Further, in some cases one can then follow its structure as it changes over time.

Originally CT was developed in the 1970's for medical imaging and today it is routinely used in both state and private medical centres for diagnosis purposes, such as for the detection of tumours, etc. Recently, CT has seen an increased use in preventative medicine by the use of body scans as part of a general health check.

Although CT has been around for the last 40



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Proposals

Characterization of process parameters of Mg composites produced by hot pressing.

Written by: [Hanna Marta Myalska](#)
Wednesday, 20 July 2011 13:47

Last Updated on Wednesday, 14 September 2011 13:57

Short Description: Material was obtained from magnesium and silicon dioxide powders mixtures by hot pressing. Three different volume fractions of silicon dioxide were applied in initial powders mixtures used for sintering. An effect of reaction between components will be characterized with X-ray tomography.

Scanner: Xradia MicroXCT

Material Type: Metals

Other Material: Composites

Features of Interest: Mg2Si, porosity

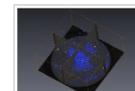
Experiment Gallery:



Mg sample with 10% SiO₂_3



Mg sample with 10% SiO₂_2



Mg sample with 10% SiO₂_1



Mg sample with 6% SiO₂_3

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Determination of the Re-passivation Kinetics of Pits in Pure Aluminium

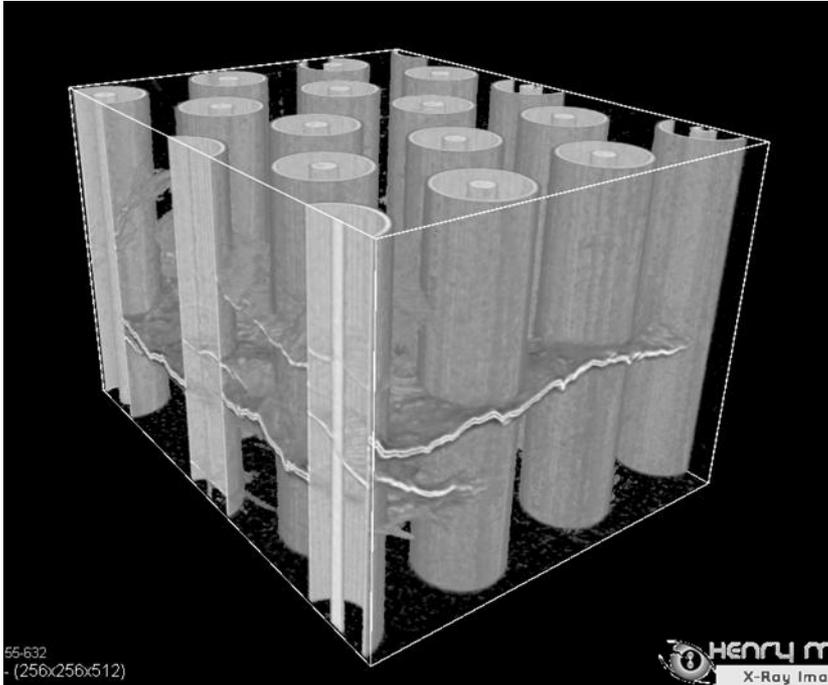
Written by: [Dirk Lars Engelberg](#)

Tuesday, 19 July 2011 15:41

Last Updated on Monday, 22 August 2011 10:33

Short Description: Corrosion pit growth studies will be carried out, in-situ, in a small electrochemical cell using artificial pencil electrodes with aluminium wires of 15, 50 and 125 µm diameter. The experiments will be conducted in dilute HCl solution (1 M) under external potential control. It is proposed to monitor changes in the morphology of various diameter artificial pits (15, 50 and 125 µm diameter wire), in-situ, using radiography over a range of applied

HMXIF Examples



Incremental crack growth in titanium/silicon carbide



Pacemaker battery

- Engineers historically used imaging techniques to simply “look at” materials
- Now using imaging to create the models
- And model how they behave

- HPC requirements at most stages of their workflow

Webbed Tracks From Non-webbed feet

Dr Phil Manning and Dr Peter Falkingham

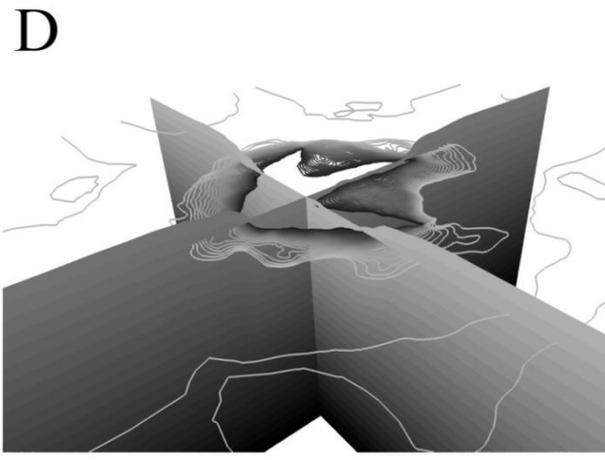
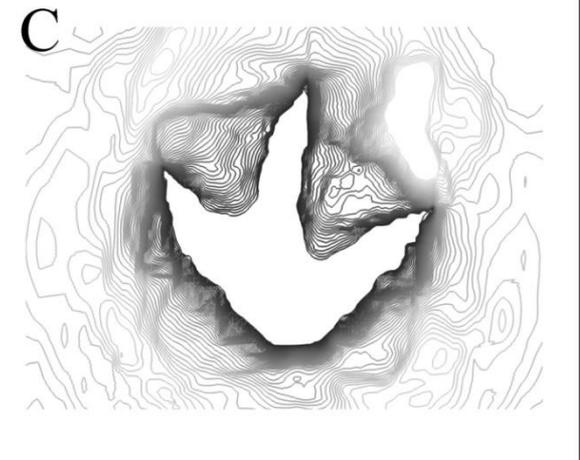
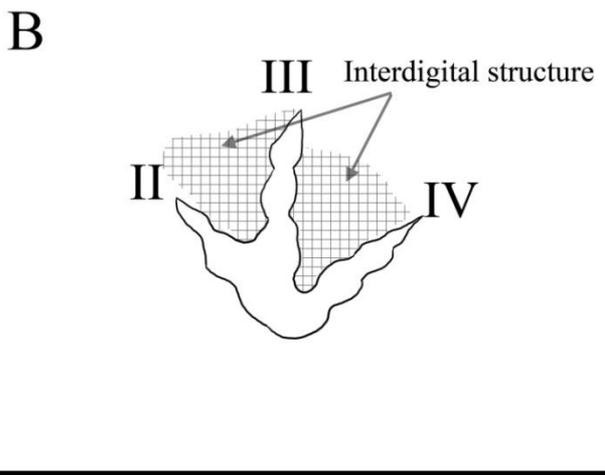
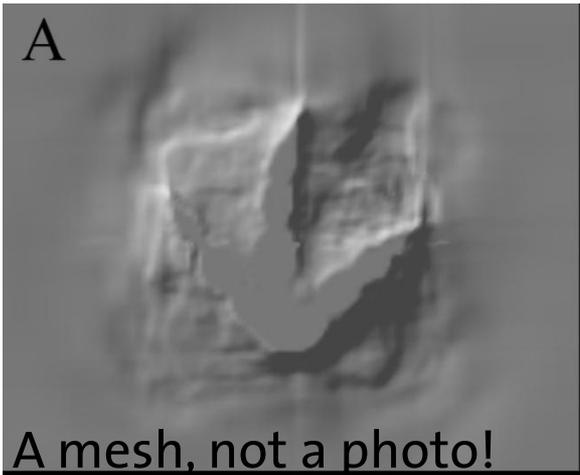


Image Based Meshing

Dr Paul Mummery and Dr Philippe Young

- Tomography follows a “Moore’s Law” for image resolution and number of detectors. 2000^3 to 4000^3 voxels etc
- Requires “Out-of-core” and parallel grid based meshing
- Meshes with 2+ billion element models created

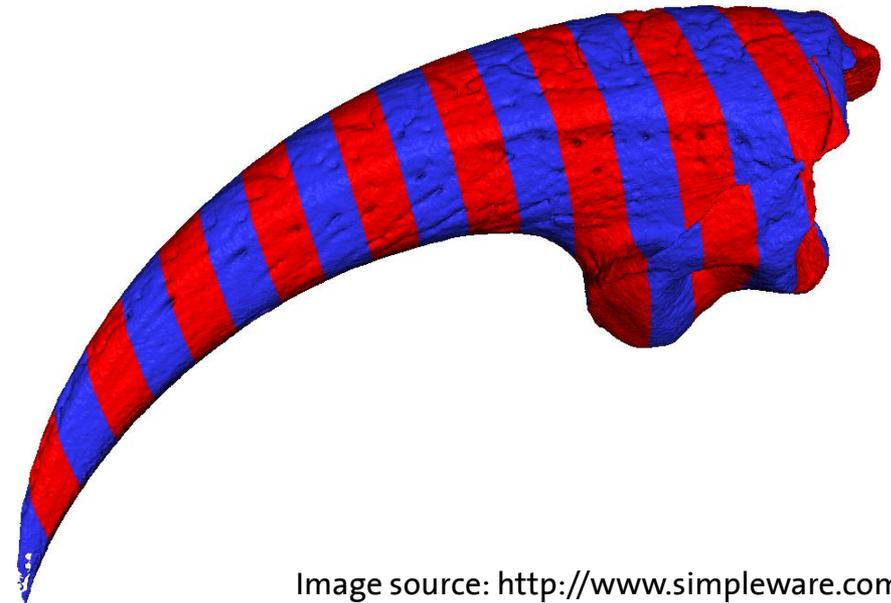


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Multiscale Modelling

Dr Phil Manning and Dr Bill Sellers

- FE based micro-scale to macro-scale homogenization
- KUBC, SUBC and periodic boundary conditions
- Unit cell or RVE based characterization
- Based on separation of length scales

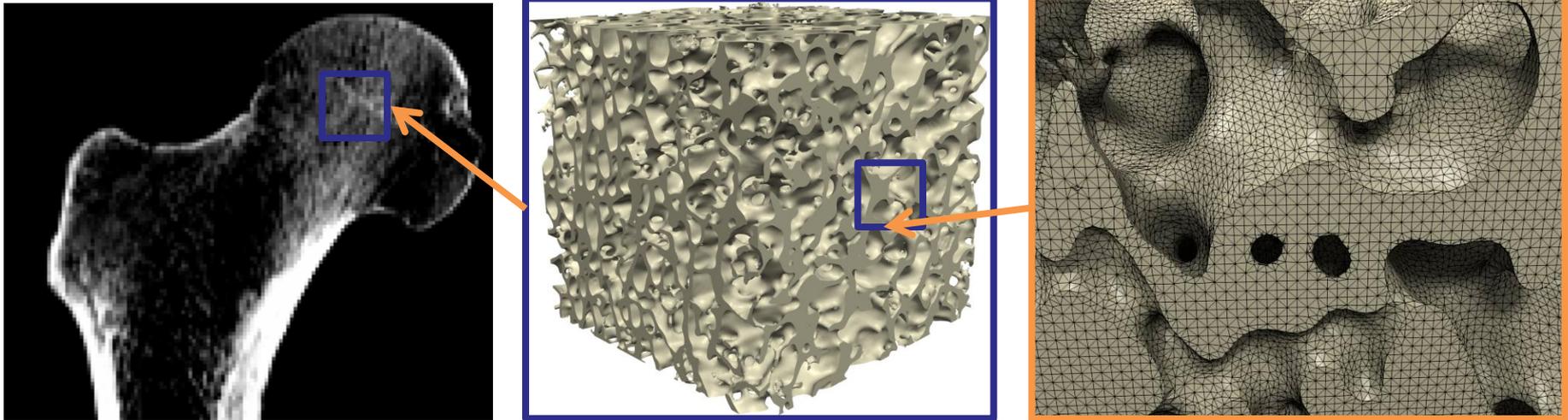


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Multiscale Modelling

- KUBC Kinematic Uniform Boundary Conditions - Apply the macro strain to the micro-scale, solve for micro stresses and compute macro stress. Macro stress-strain relationship gives "effective" Young's modulus.

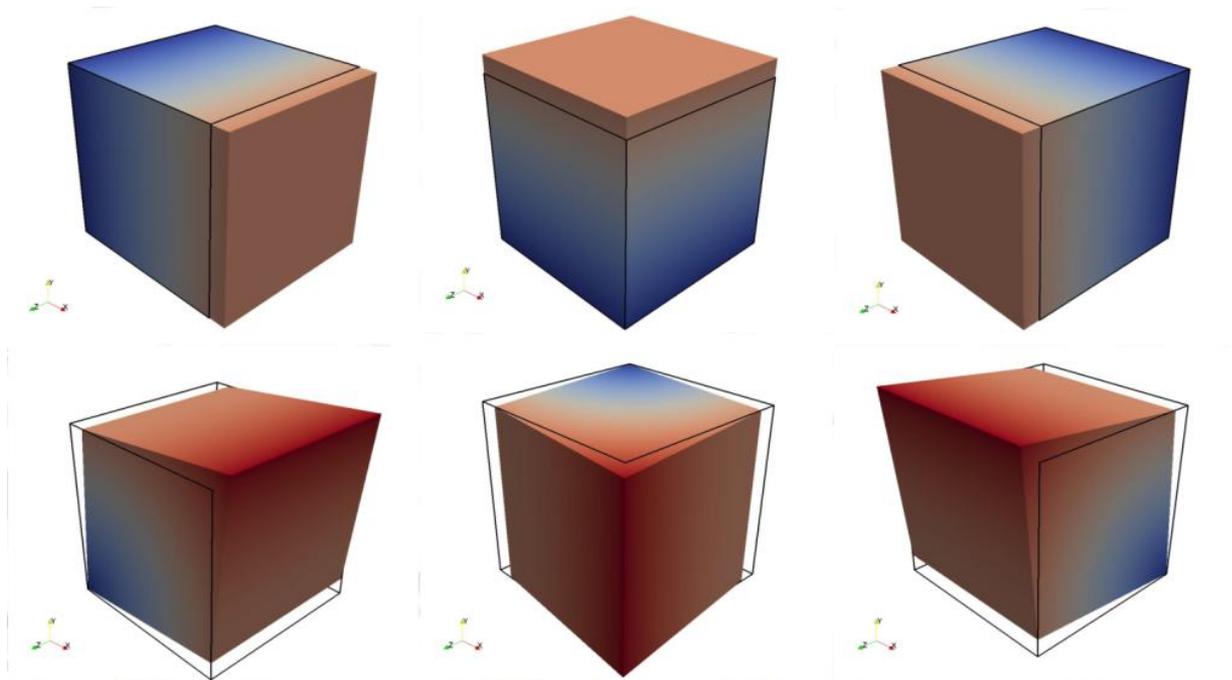
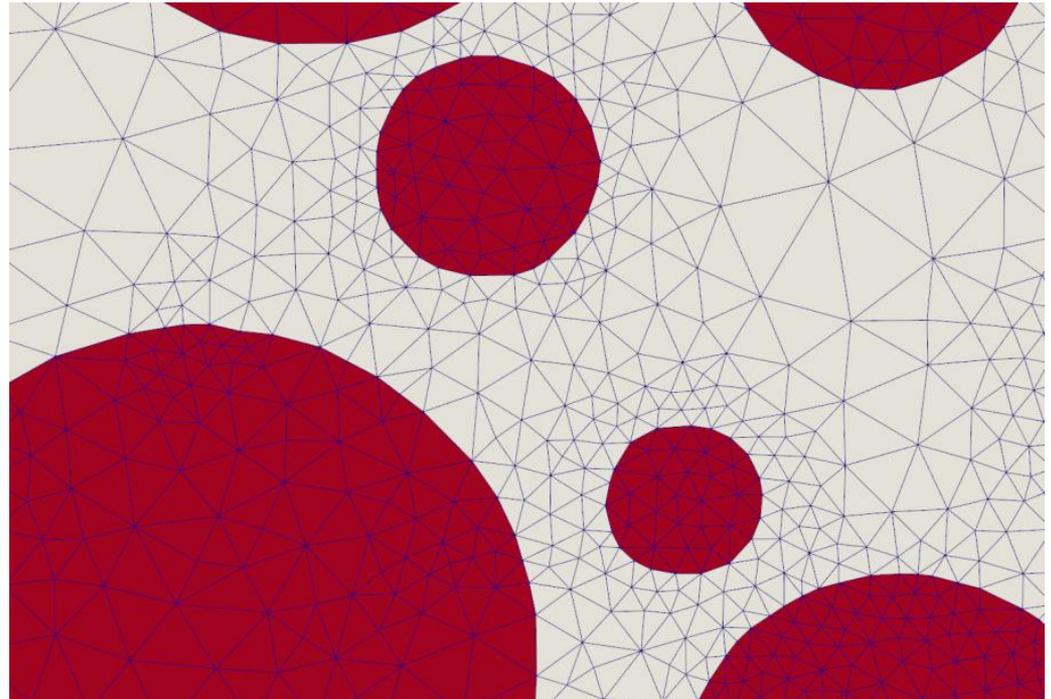
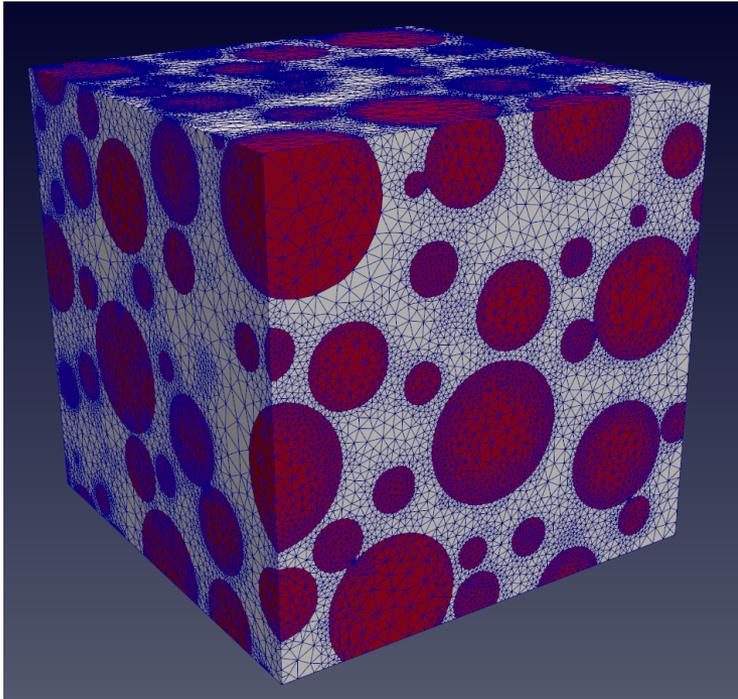


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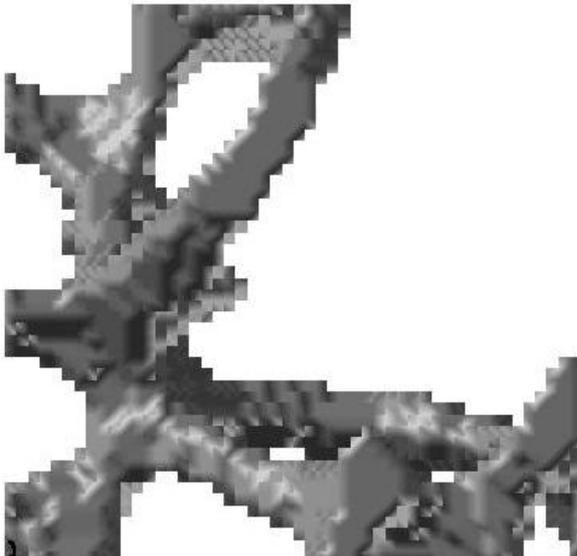
- EDF homogenization benchmark problem
- 330+ million elements



HECToR GPU Testbed

Dr Paul Mummery and Dr Michael Bane

- Pilot evaluation of GPU acceleration for iterative solvers
- ParaFEM can be easily adapted to run on multiple compute nodes with GPU accelerators
- GPU implementation of the iterative solver needs to accelerate large loops of small matrix-vector multiplies

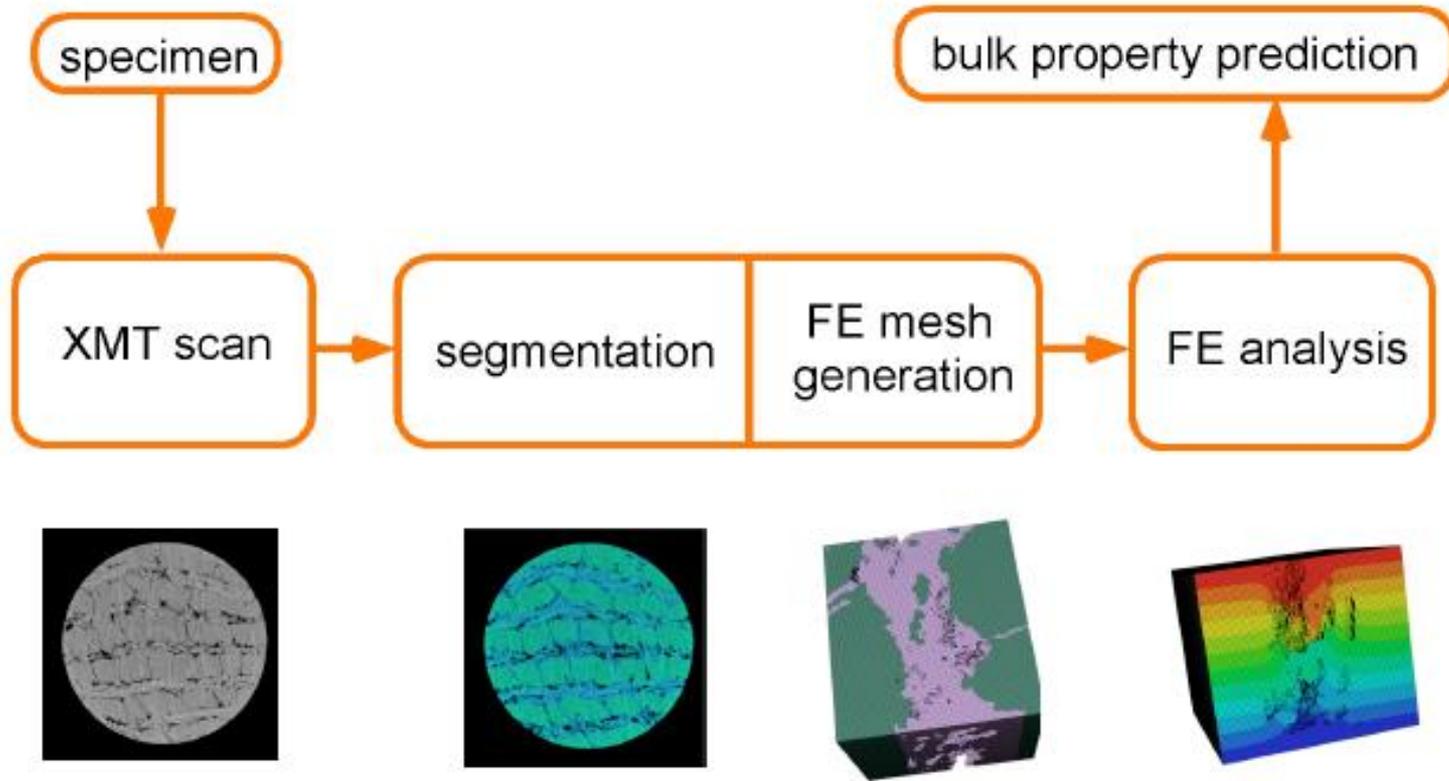


- Some special cases, voxelated meshes from CT images very suitable
- Single matrix, multiple vectors – high level memory reuse

dCSE Project

Image Based Modelling

Professor Philip Withers & Professor Paul Mummery

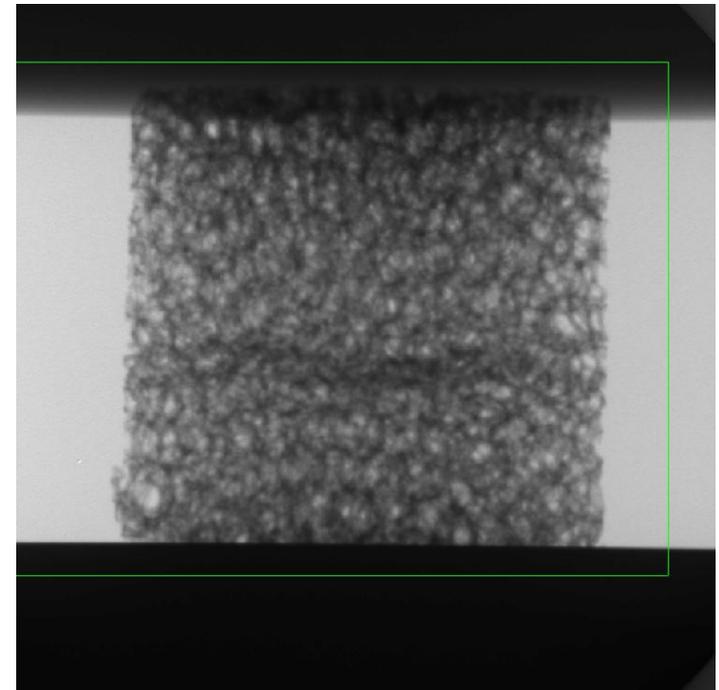
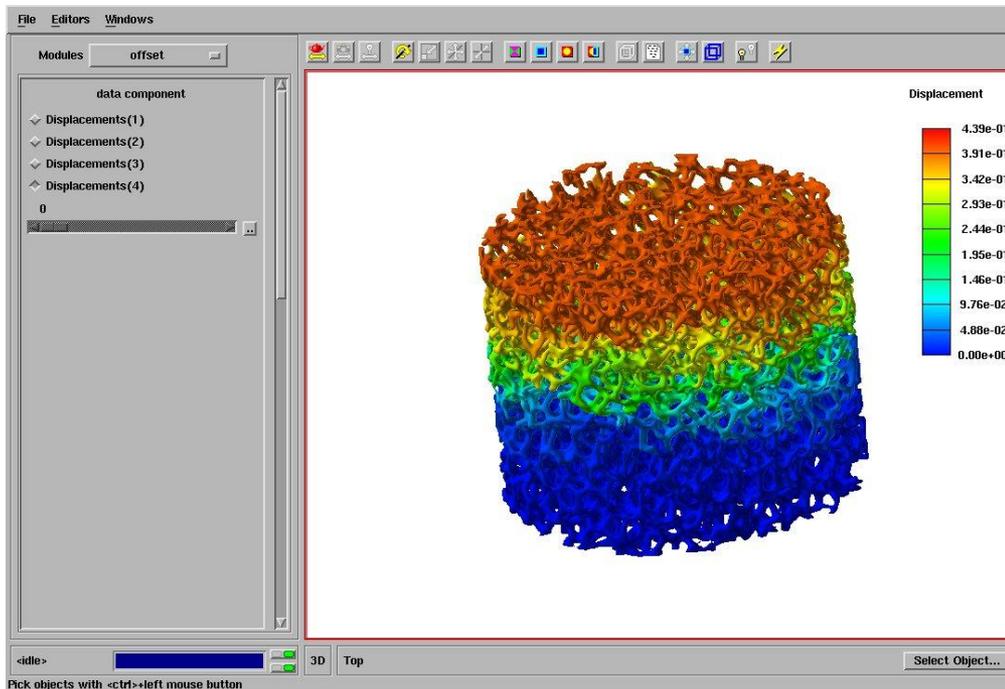


Supporting Henry Moseley X-Ray Imaging Facility

<http://xray-imaging.org.uk/>

Dr Paul Mummery, Prof Stephane Bordas & Prof Karl Kadler

- ParaFEM interface to Abaqus UMATs (User Material Subroutines)
- Visualization of large datasets: ParaFEM-Viewer (MRBV), ParaView
- Example below 170M element model of aluminium foam



Purpose of dCSE

- The goal is to make it easier to use ParaFEM
- By allowing addition of new material models
- And enabling the visualization of large models
- Commercial sponsors have people wanting to use ParaFEM
 - EDF; Microsoft; ESA; Rolls-Royce; and SMEs (using PaaS)
- Would like them to move away from systems like Abaqus
 - Problem size limitations
- While simultaneously not wanting them to abandon Abaqus
 - It's a closed environment and provides most things

- User *MA*terial Types are Fortran subroutines that implement a specific material behaviour
- Can add to Abaqus to extend modelling options
- Provide mechanism for users to quickly add the same UMATs to ParaFEM
- Not straightforward because the implementation depends on problem type and there are a huge number of types of problem

Why use UMATs

- Different types of material behaviour require different types of solutions
- ParaFEM is limited in number of models supported
- For Large Strain Deformation a new type of model was required
- Materials like brain, skin and other tissue do not behave like traditional engineering materials
- Maths for aluminium block (small strain) is not the same as bio-material (large strain)

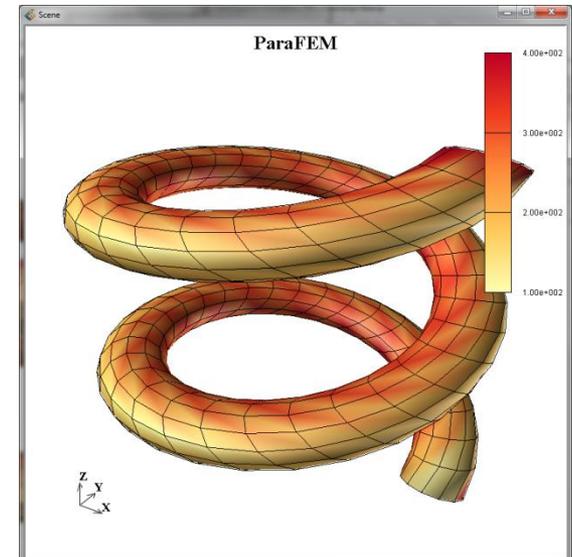
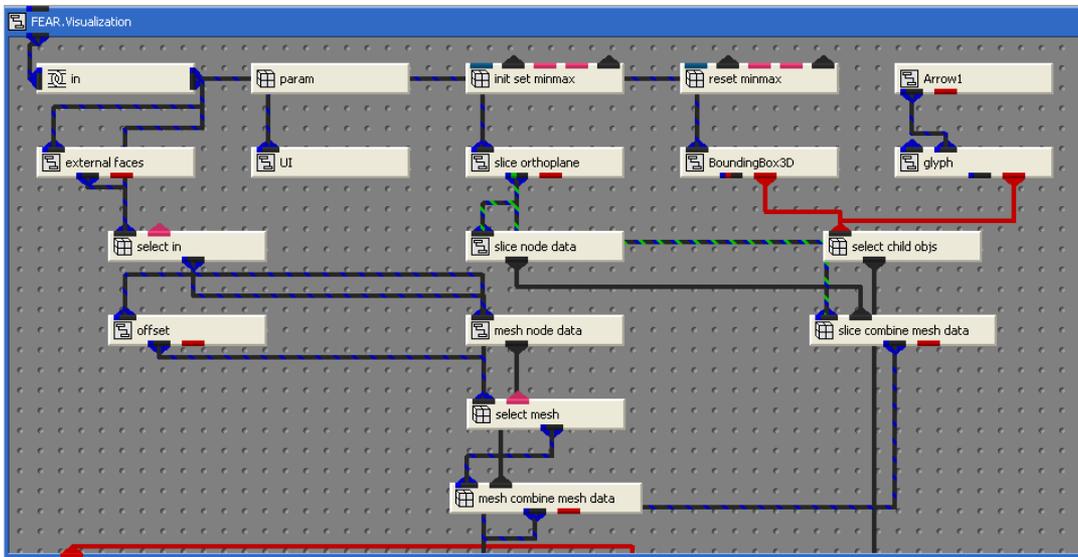
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194 ! 8. Element stiffness integration and storage
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196 !   Note that the DEEMAT and UMAT subroutines are currently outside the loop
197 !   elements_3. This is only correct when all the elements are of the same
198 !   type and have the same material properties.
199 ! -----
200
201   CALL sample(element,points,weights)
202
203 !   dee = zero
204 !   CALL deemat(e,v,dee)
205
206
207   dee = zero
208   CALL umat(sigma,statev,dee,sse,spd,scd,rp1,ddsddt,drplde,drpldt,stran,    &
209             eps,time,dtime,temp,dtemp,predef,dpred,cmname,ndi,nshr,      &
210             nst,nstatv,props,nprops,points,drot,pnewdt,celent,dfgrd0,dfgrd1, &
211             iel,npt,layer,kspt,kstep,kinc)
212
213   storkm_pp      = zero
214
215   elements_3: DO iel=1,nels_pp
216     gauss_pts_1: DO i=1,nip
217       CALL shape_der(der,points,i)
218       jac  = MATMUL(der,g_coord_pp(:, :, iel))
219       det  = determinant(jac)
220       CALL invert(jac)

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- Model viewer built on AVS/Express
- Custom reader for ParaFEM file format
- Custom application to enable users to visualize data rather than building visualization networks

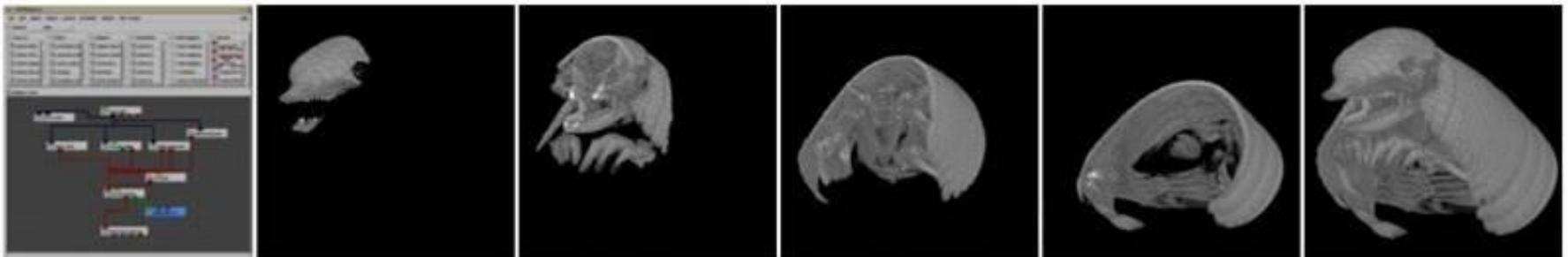


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- Massive Remote Batch Visualizer
- Extension of AVS/Express Parallel Edition
 - Using Multi-Pipe and Distributed Data Renderer (DDR)
 - And Parallel Support Toolkit (PST) for computation
 - Parallel rendering without need for graphics hardware
 - Ported to HECToR by George Leaver in dCSE project

- Some problems with MPI on HECToR to overcome
 - DDR already fully MPI based but no MPI on HECToR head node
- Focuses primarily on rendering of structured volumes
 - Includes MPI and thread-based direct volume renderer

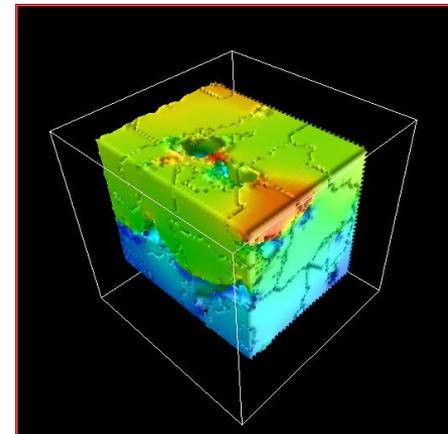
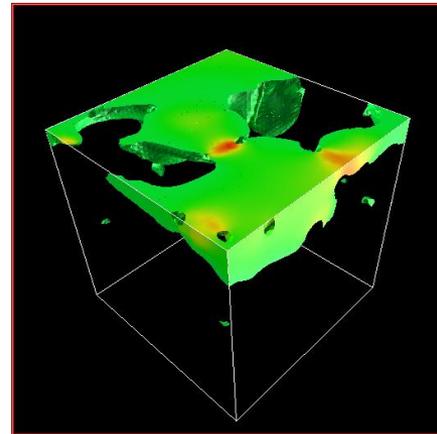
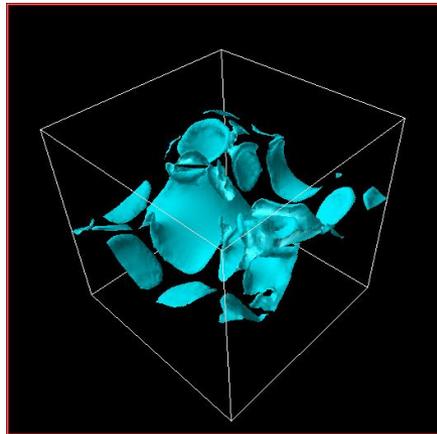
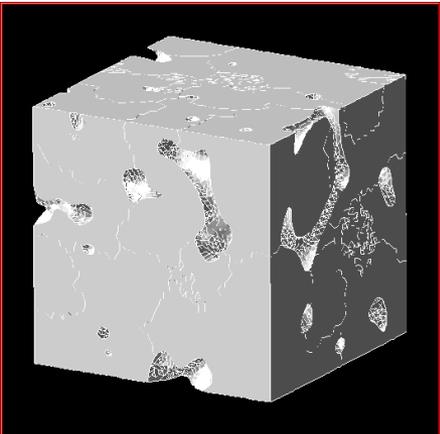


Porting ParaFEM-Viewer to MRBV

- Wanted to port ParaFEM-Viewer
 - Write parallel IO for ParaFEM file format
 - Or convert to existing supported format such AVS UCD
 - Replace serial modules in application with their parallel counterparts
 - Add animation scripts to enable batch usage

Experience with MRBV

- Developed conversion scripts to single and multi-file UCD
- Can read data in
 - Serial: is then decomposed and distributed by parallel toolkit
 - Parallel: each node reads a pre-decomposed file
- And see the model and results



Problems with MRBV

- Problems encountered included
 - Limitations of multi-file UCD: no time steps
 - Limitations of parallel toolkit: no element data
- Effort to create a native parallel reader would have to include further development of AVS/MRBV
 - Beyond scope of this dCSE project
- Licensing
 - Manchester is only academic site with license
 - Very likely to change in 2012
 - Similar issue for desktop users
 - And concern for ParaFEM open source plans

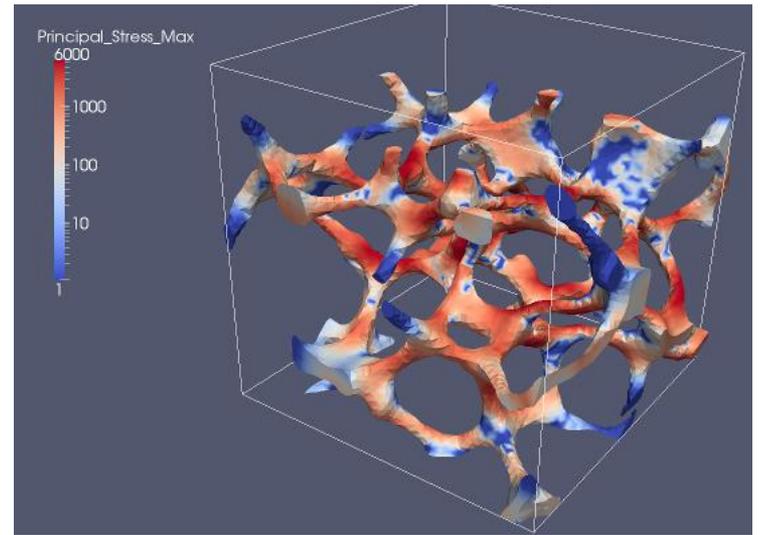
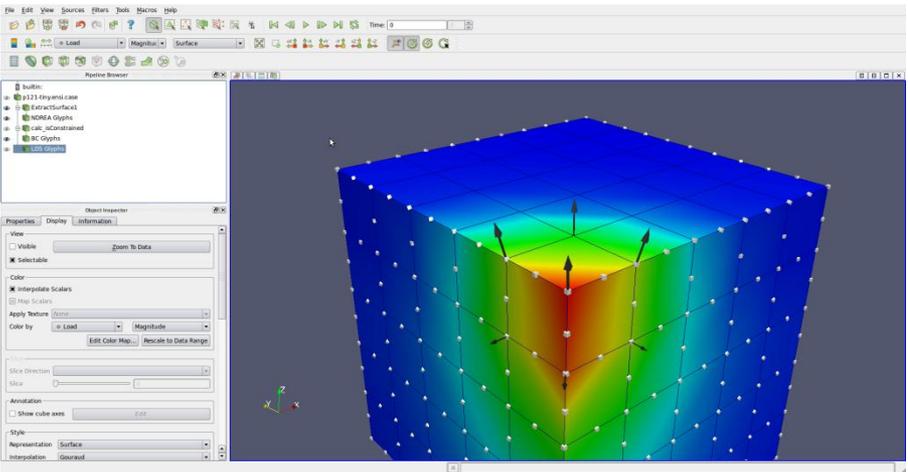
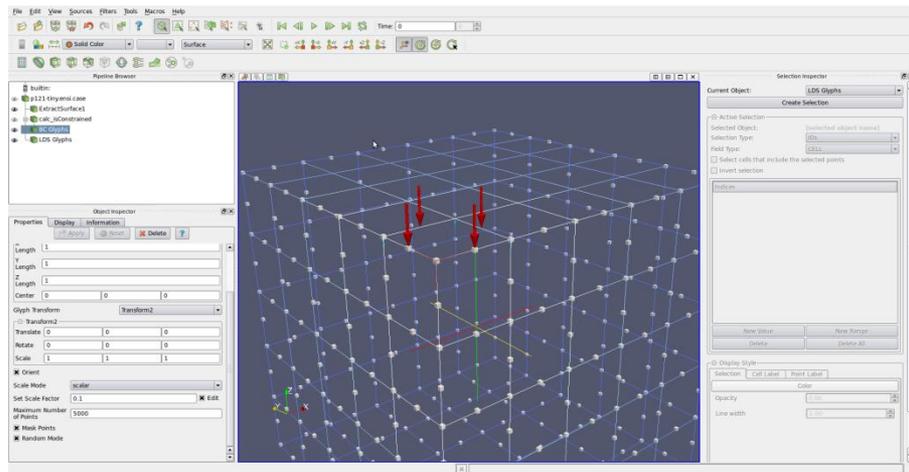
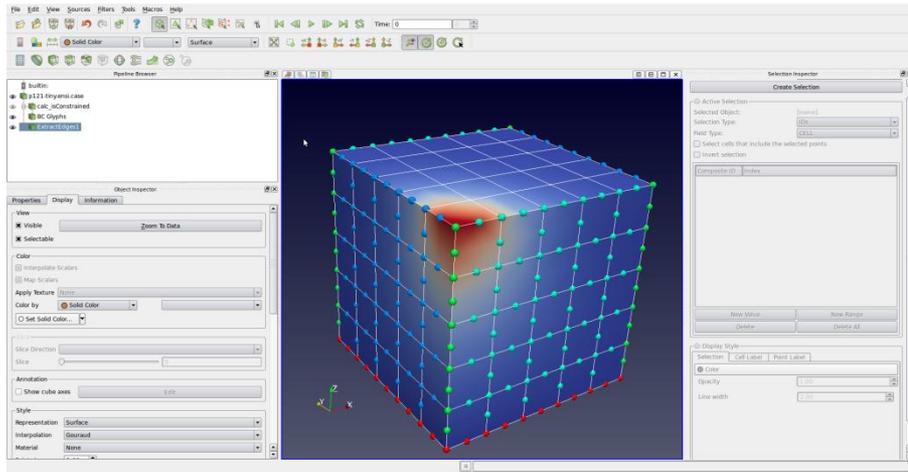
Using ParaView

- **Benefits**
 - Open Source, freely customizable, multi-platform
 - Built on comprehensive and sophisticated VTK library
 - Many visualization and parallelization strategies
- **Drawbacks**
 - Takes users (initially) back to hands-on control of visualization pipeline
 - Greater effort to provide a custom interface

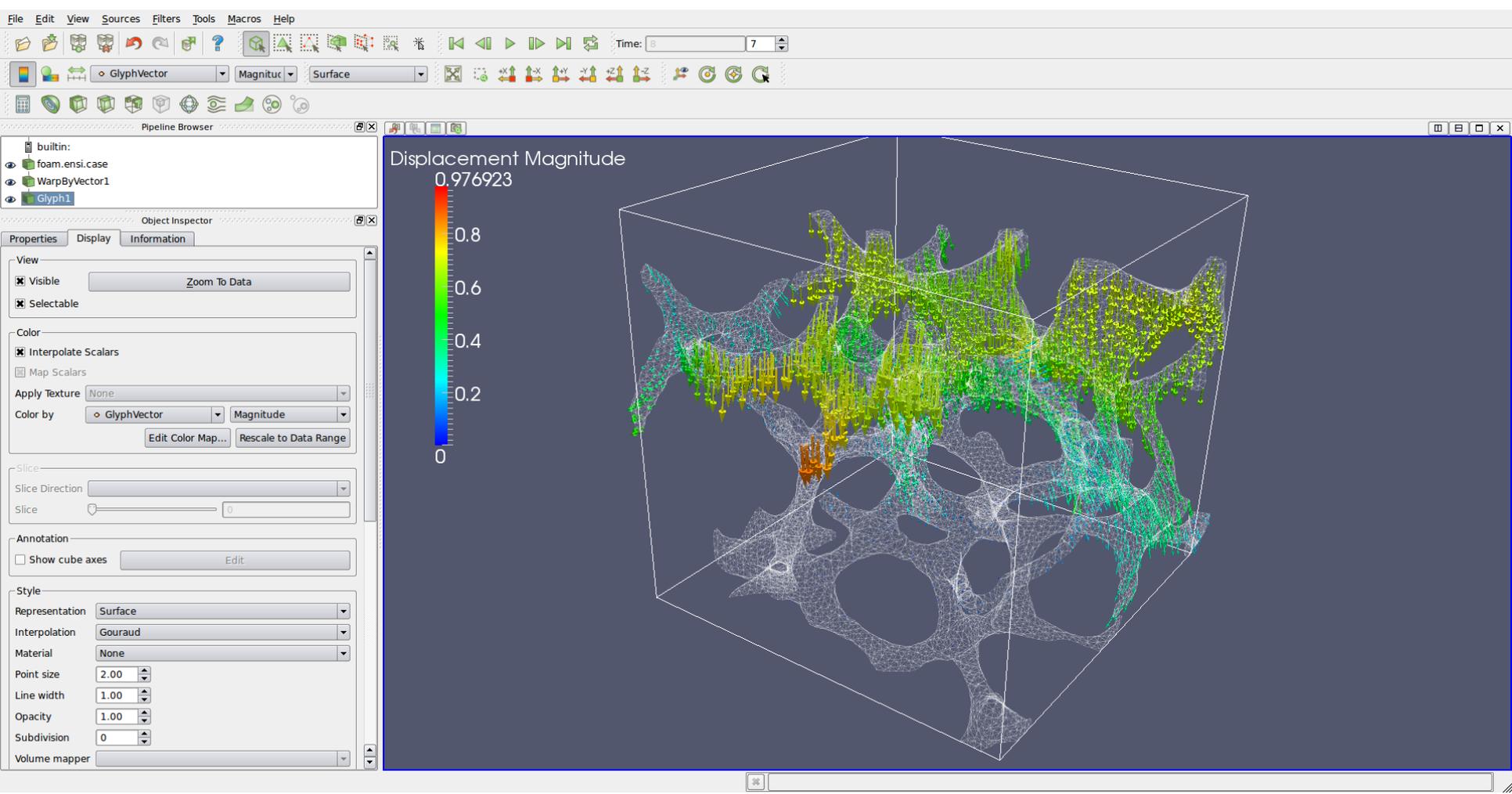
Moving to ParaView

- Data format handling
 - No native ParaFEM reader for ParaView
 - Beyond scope of dCSE project
 - Opted for conversion to supported EnSight Gold Format
- Issues
 - ASCII only at the moment
 - VTK reader code has errors and does not load partial data
 - VTK code fixed but not submitted yet
 - File access every time on loading of each time step
 - Seems slow in comparison to AVS/Express

ParaFEM Results in ParaView



ParaFEM Results in ParaView



Remaining Work on dCSE

- Tidying up of software
- Looking for more UMATs
- Load-balancing tests
 - ParaFEM is perfectly balanced for simple material types
 - Have non-linear parts in certain regions
 - Will measure and profile how non-linearity affects load-balancing
- Have already integrated METIS tools into ParaFEM suite
 - Re-partition with METIS
 - See if we get better load-balancing with METIS partitions
 - Have two strategies to compare

6. ParaFEM OSS Strategy

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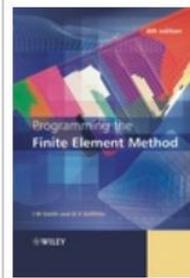
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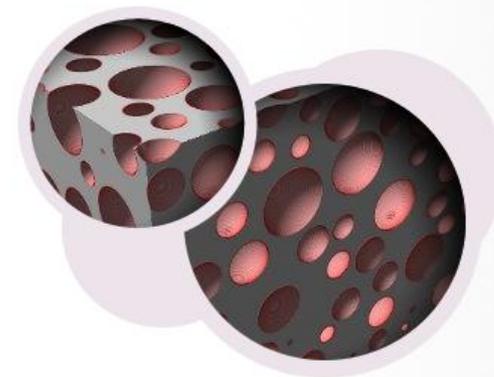
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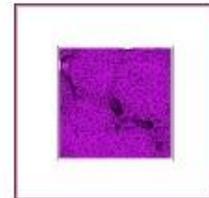
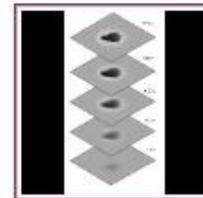
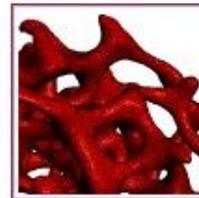
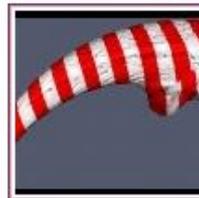
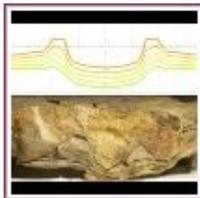
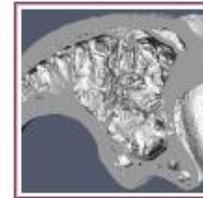
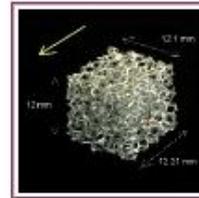
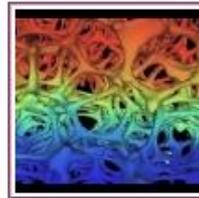
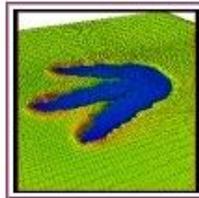
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Joomla back end for paraferm.org.uk

The screenshot shows the Joomla! back end interface for ParaFEM. The top navigation bar includes Site, Menus, Content, Components, Extensions, Tools, Help, and CCK. The Components menu is expanded, showing a list of available components. The 'FTP Upload' component is highlighted. On the right side, there is a 'Logged in Users' table and a list of articles with duplicate meta descriptions, titles, and aliases.

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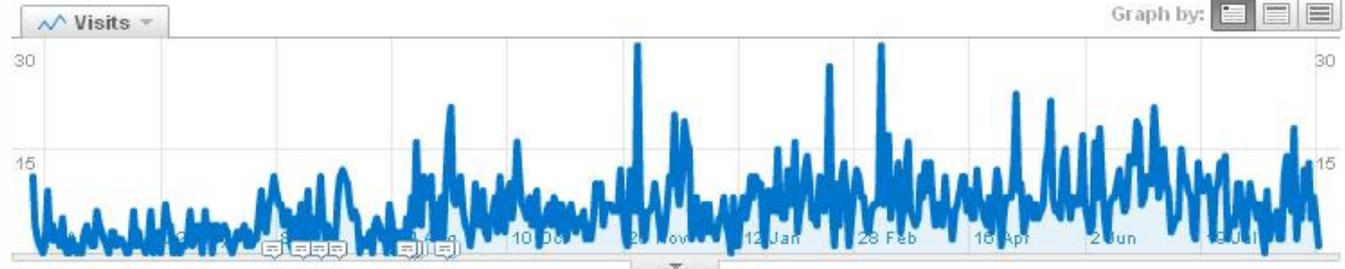
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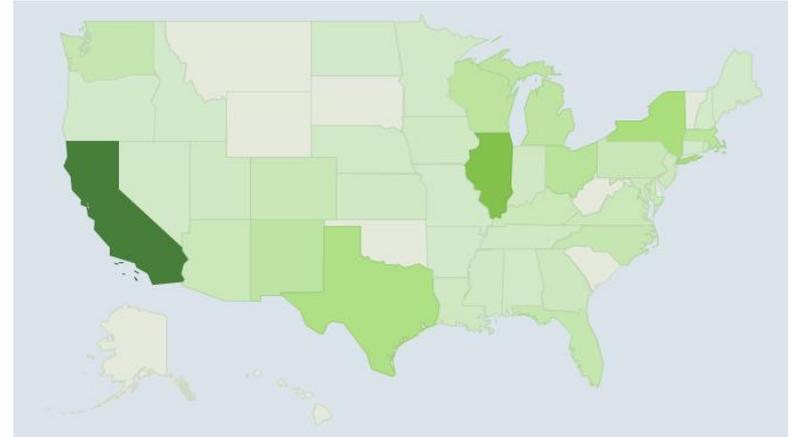
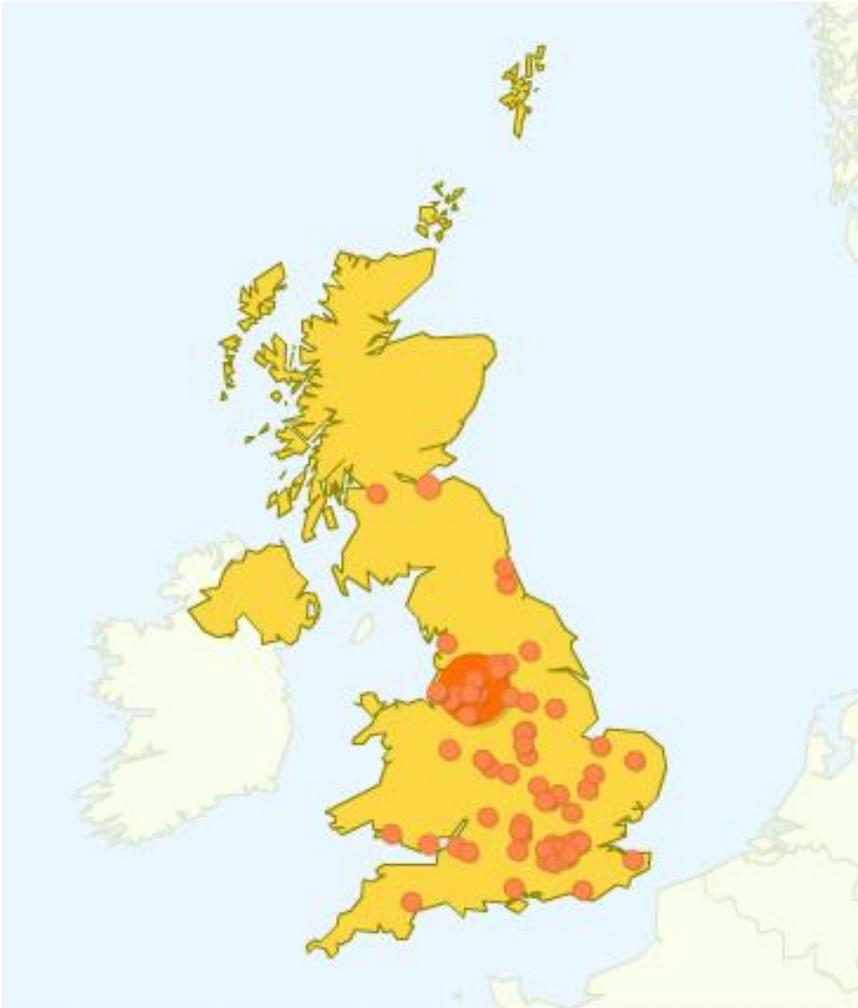
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Map Overlay

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