

A not so short introduction to MFront, MGIS and MFrontGallery

MFront training course

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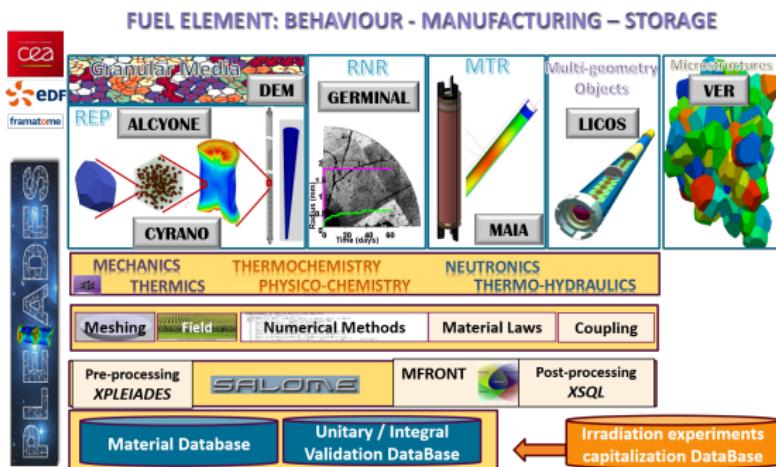


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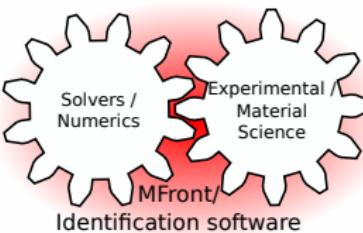
The Pleiades platform



- A wide range of materials (ceramics, metals, composites).
- A wide range of mechanical phenomena and behaviours.
 - Creep, swelling, irradiation effects, phase transitions, etc..
- A wide range of mechanical loadings.



Material knowledge management



- The need to guarantee the quality of engineering studies has never been so high and is constantly growing.
- Every part of a study must be covered by strict AQ procedures:
 - The finite element solver on the one hand (see the `code_aster` documentation and unit tests).
 - The material knowledge (material properties, **mechanical behaviours**) and experimental data on the other hand.
- **One must guarantee a complete consistency from experimental data to engineering studies**
- See also the MFrontGallery project



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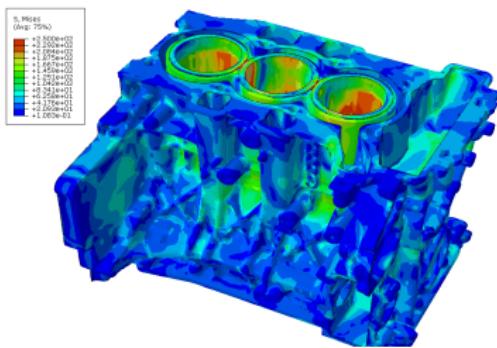
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Design of a cylinder block



- Industrial thermomechanical design of a cylinder block with MFront and Abaqus at Groupe PSA.
- This study is one result of the PhD thesis of L. Jacquinot which provides a continuous modelling of the AlSi9Cu3Mg aluminium alloy behaviour from manufacturing to final usage (see the attached figure).
- The finite element model contains 11e6 dofs (3e6 elements) and has been solved using a 72 cores computers with Abaqus 2016.

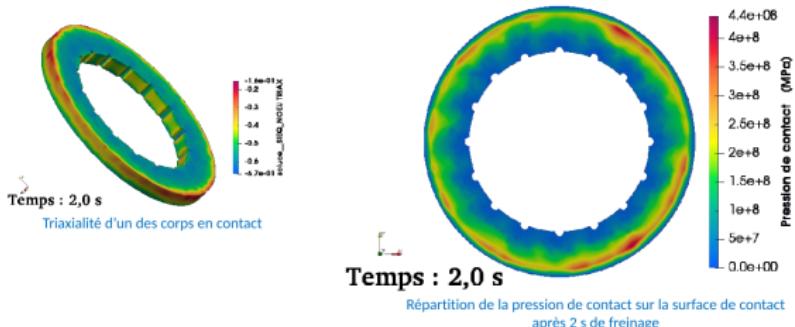
Modelling of braking with code_aster et MFront

Modélisation du freinage à partir d'une formulation thermomécanique

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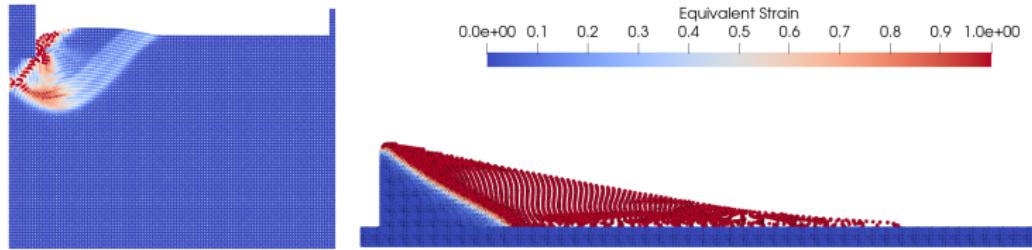
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- MFront User Meeting 2020
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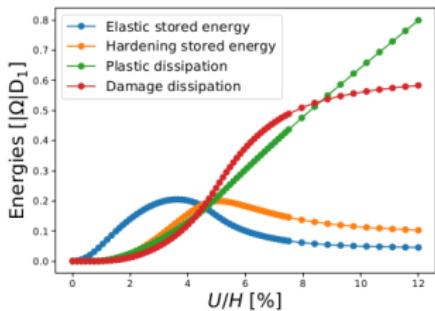
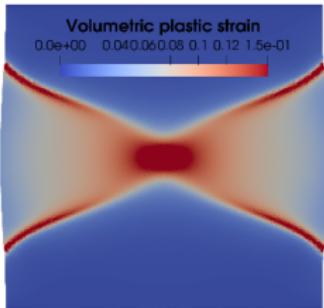
Geo-materials simulated using a material point method



- Equivalent strain contour from the material point method simulations: the footing (left) and the column collapse
- Courtesy of Ning Guo, Wenlong Li (Zhejiang University)

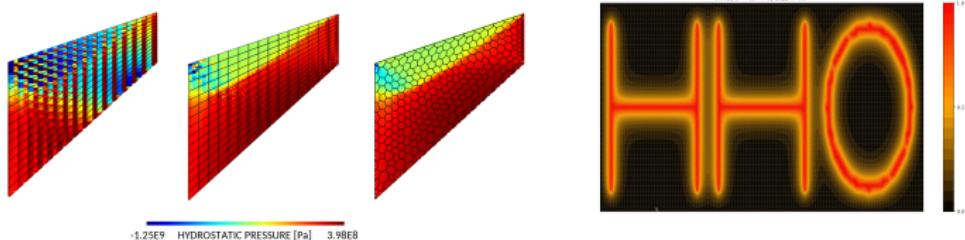


Variational approaches to geomaterials



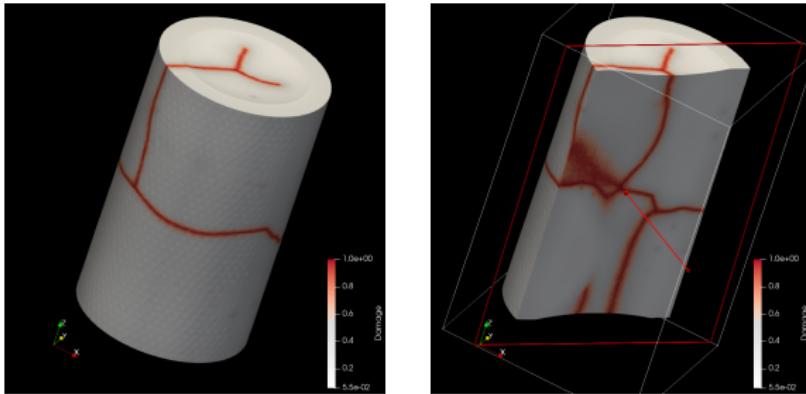
- Coupling damage and plasticity accounts for classical geomaterials behaviours (contractancy and dilatancy)
- Currently tested with the `mgis.fencis` 'python' module. Shall be introduced in `code_aster` during the PhD of G. Bacquaert.
- Courtesy of G. Bacquaert, V. Alves, Fernandes , J. Bleyer, D. Kondo, C. Maurini, S. Raude, F. Volodire

Hybrid High Order method



- PhD of D. Siedel.
- Python and C++ libraries to test new algorithms:
 - Compare different stabilisation operators.
 - Compare different cell elimination strategies.
 - Local treatment of the irreversibility constraint at the element level.

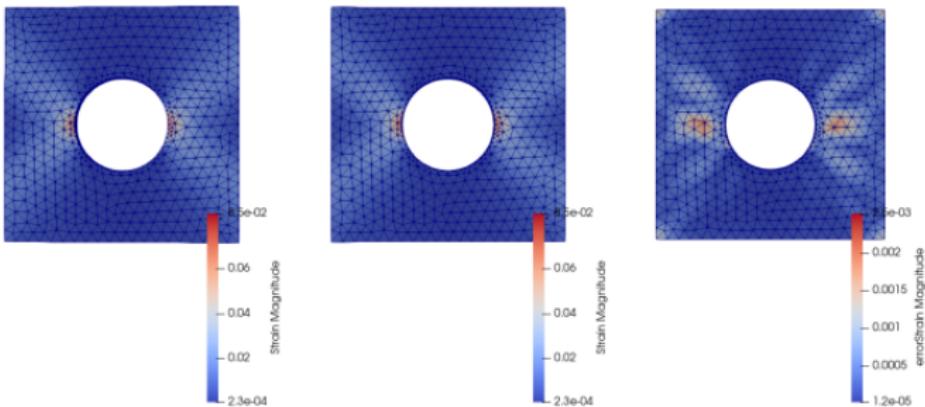
Fuel pellet fragmentation during reactor start-up



- Micromorphic damage approach (Phd Thesis of D. Siedel).
- Computations with MFEM/MGIS on 2 500 cores.
 - Qualified in `mgis.fenics`
 - 33 230 848 triangles, 132 923 392 nodes, 4.10^8 degrees of freedom for the mechanical problem.
 - Various classical phase-field models have been tested AT1, AT2, Lorentz...
 - Exact treatment of the irreversibility constraint at integration points.
 - Good scalability.



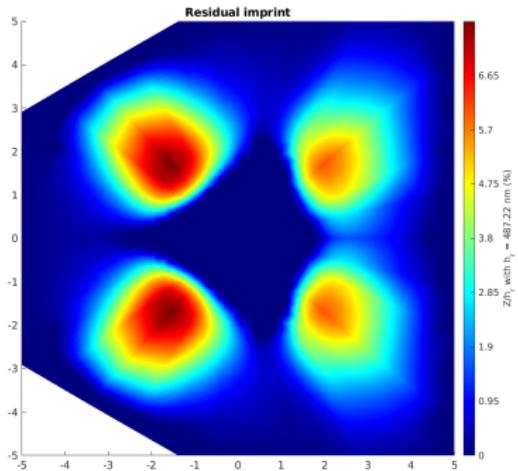
Neural network based constitutive models



- Internship of M. Duvillard. Courtesy of L. Giraldi.
- Neural network trained on unit tests at the material point level.

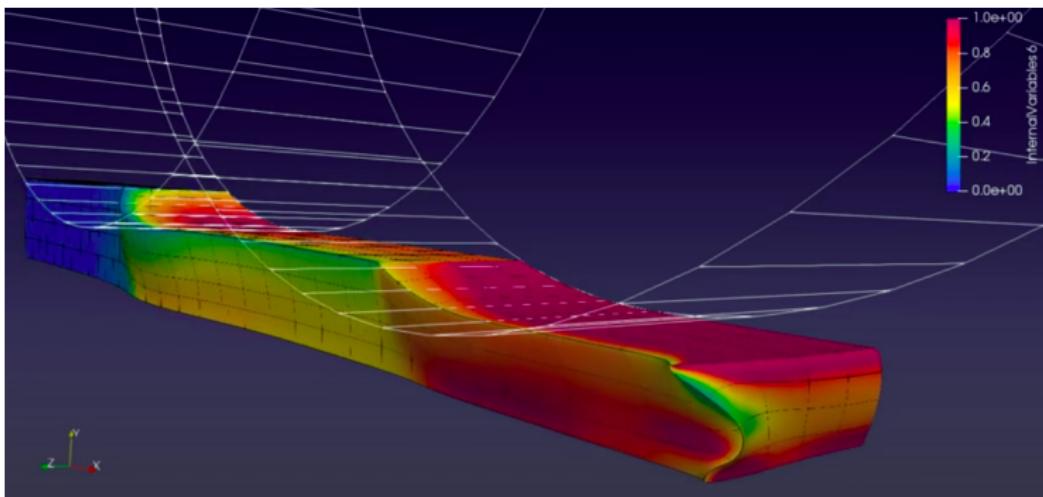


Berkovitch indentation on a single crystal



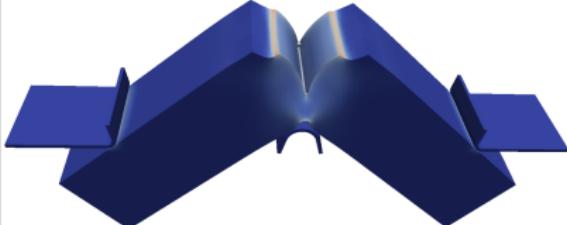
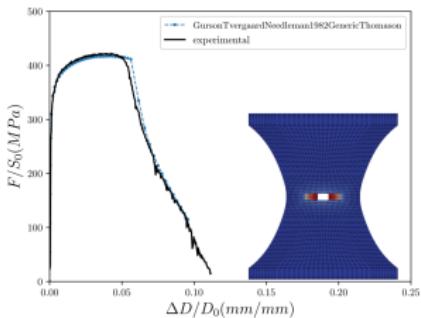
- Normalised residual topography after an indentation test on a single crystal of copper with Méric-Cailletaud' finite stain behaviour using Ansys
- Courtesy of A. Bourceret, FEMTO

Simulation of rolling



- Simulation of rolling using the innovative CEA' proto-application MEFISTO (implicit/explicit solver)
- Courtesy of O. Jamond, CEA

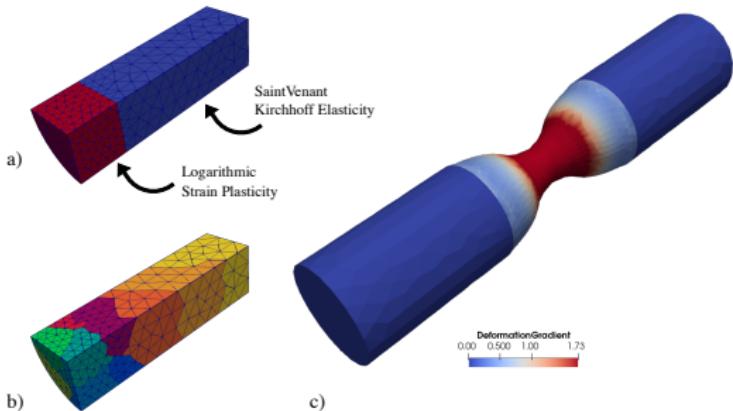
Ductile failure



- Simulation of ductile failure using CEA' Cast3M finite element solver.
- GTN behaviour in the logarithmic space.
- Illustration of the extension of the StandardElastoViscoPlasticity brick to porous plasticity.
- Courtesy of M. Shokeir and J. Hure, CEA



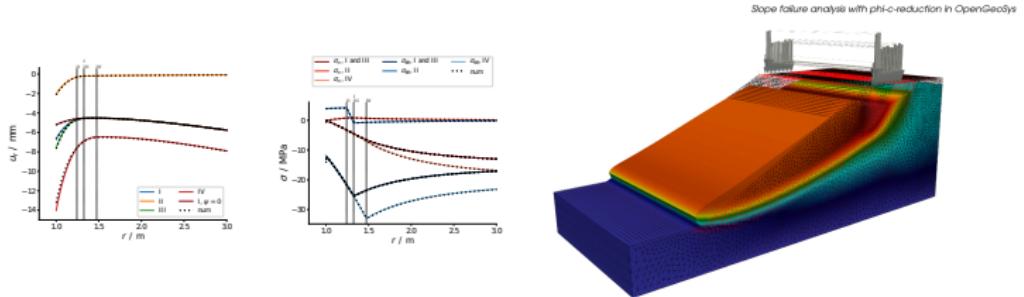
Necking of a rod in finite strain plasticity



- Example of usage of MFront in the MoFEM finite element solver.
- a) Discretised one eighth of the geometry. b) Parallel domain decomposition. c) Deformed specimen and distribution of deformation gradient.
- Courtesy of K. Lewandowski and L. Kaczmarczyk, University of Glasgow.

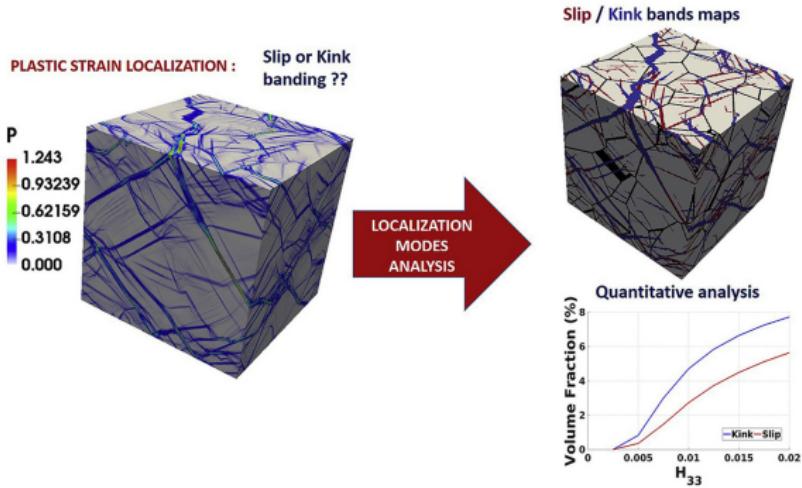


Slope failure analysis



- Analytical verification (left)
- Slope failure analysis with strength reduction in OpenGeoSys by T. Deng and T. Nagel (Technische Universität Bergakademie Freiberg)
- For details, see [https://opengeosys.org/docs/benchmarks/
small-deformations/slope_stability.pdf](https://opengeosys.org/docs/benchmarks/small-deformations/slope_stability.pdf).
- The implementation of the behaviour is described here:
<http://tfel.sourceforge.net/MohrCoulomb.html>

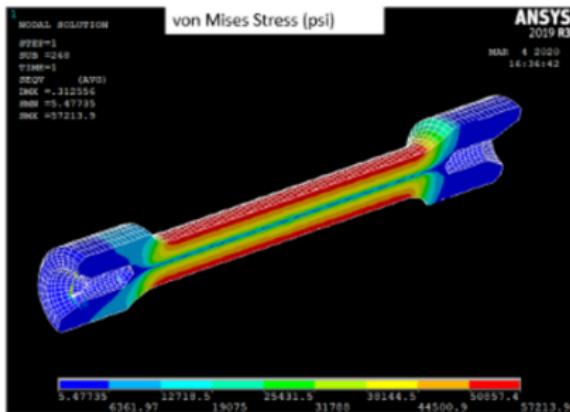
Intragranular localization induced by softening crystal



- <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S1359645419303696>
- Based on the CEA' AMITEX_FFTP solver
- Courtesy of L. Gelebart (CEA)



Torsional twist of a bar

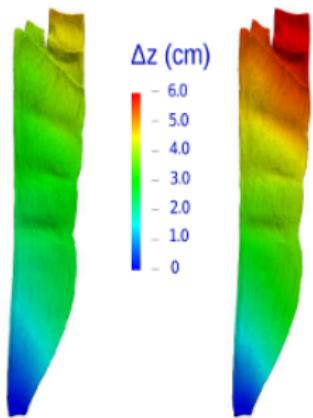


Torsional twist of a notched bar using an Hosford plastic behaviour with a bilinear hardening law
Alex Grishin
Ansys MAPDL
2020

- Plastic behaviour based on the Hosford criterion. Implementation described here:
<http://tfel.sourceforge.net/hosford.html>



Modelling of abdominal muscles



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Lluís Tuset, Gerard Fortuny,
Joan Herrero, Dolors Puigjaner,
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Code_Aster
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- Hyperelastic behaviour in `code_aster`



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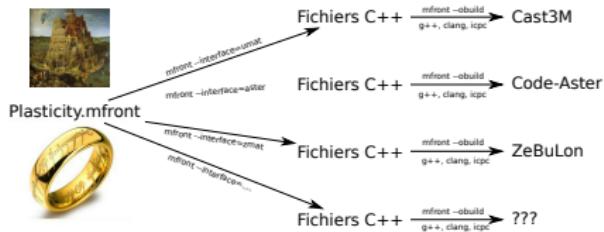
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MFront: overview



- MFront is a code generation tool dedicated to material knowledge (material properties, mechanical behaviours, point-wise models):
 - Support for small and finite strain behaviours, cohesive zone models, **generalised behaviours** (non local and or multiphysics).
- Main goals:
 - Numerical efficiency (see various benchmarks on the website).
 - Portability (Cast3M, Cyrano, code_aster, Europlexus, TMFTT, AMITEX_FFTP, Abaqus, CalculiX, MTest).
 - **Ease of use:** *Longum iter est per praecepta, breve et efficax per exempla* (It's a long way by the rules, but short and efficient with **examples**).



Software quality: an industrial strength software

- Very stringent compilers warnings:
 - `g++ -Wall -Wextra -pedantic -Wdisabled-optimization -Wlong-long -Winline -Wswitch -Wsequence-point -Wignored-qualifiers -Wzero-as-null-pointer-constant -Wvector-operation-performance -Wtrampolines -Wstrict-null-sentinel -Wsign-promo -Wsign-conversion -Wold-style-cast -Wnoexcept -Wmissing/include-dirs -Wmissing-declarations -Wlogical-op -Winit-self ...`
- Continuous integration based on [Jenkins](#) and Github Actions
- Tested on Linux, Mac OS and FreeBSD with gcc, clang and icc.
- 18 227 test cases in 4.0 (18 208 in 3.4.3, 16 316 in 3.4.0)
 - Most of them are based on `mtest`
- More tests inside PLEIADES applications, MFrontMaterials, MFrontGallery, etc...
- [TFEL](#) is mainly developed on LiNuX. Ports have been made to various POSIX systems, Mac Os, [FreeBSD](#), OpenSolaris, cygwin, Windows Subsystem for LiNuX, Haiku etc... and Windows !



Open-source projects developed in the Pleiades platform

- MFront.
 - <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0898122115003132>
 - <https://thelfer.github.io/tfel/web/index.html>
 - <https://thelfer.github.io/tfel/web/gallery.html>
- MGIS (MFrontGenericInterfaceSupport).
 - <https://joss.theoj.org/papers/10.21105/joss.02003>
 - <https://thelfer.github.io/mgis/web/index.html>
 - <https://thelfer.github.io/mgis/web/bindings-cxx.html>
- MFrontGallery.
 - <https://github.com/thelfer/MFrontGallery/tree/master/docs/papers/joss>
 - <https://thelfer.github.io/MFrontGallery/web/index.html>





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- Material properties
- Point-wize models and `mtest`
- Isotropic viscoplastic behaviours
- The StandardElastoViscoplasticity brick
- The Implicit DSL