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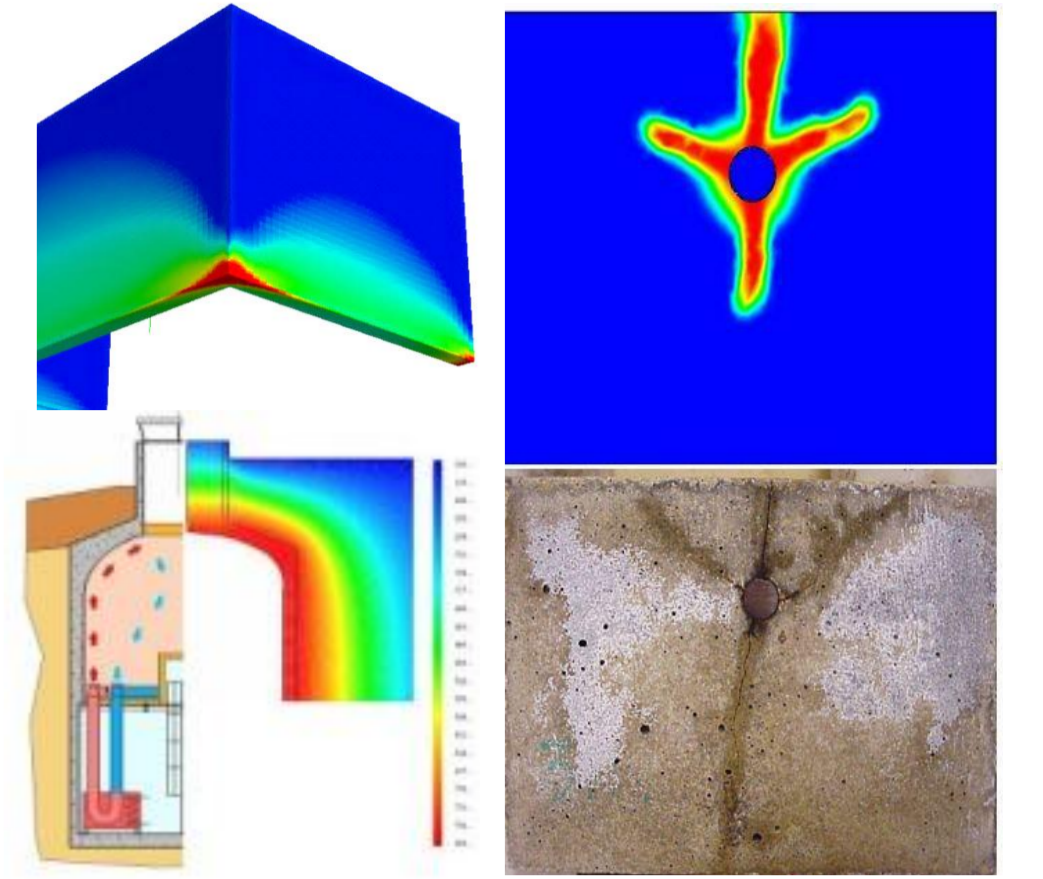
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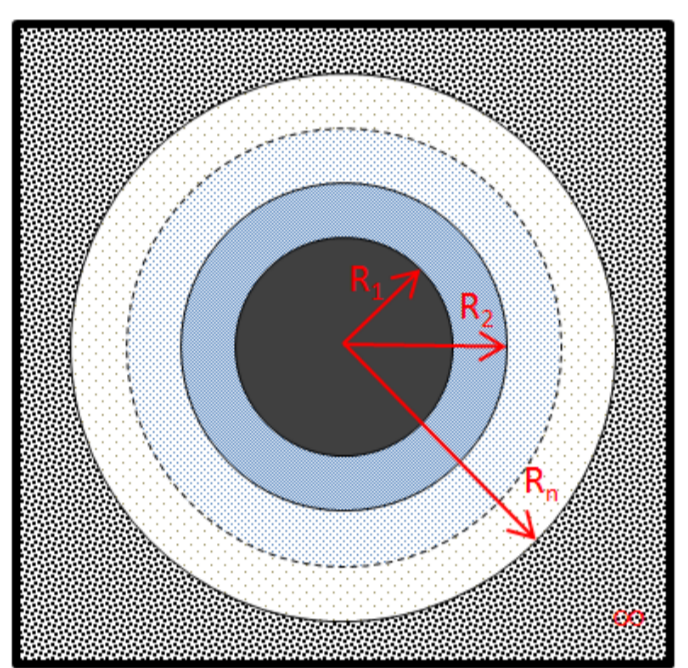


Partner Project : Multiscale estimation of the thermo-viscoelastic properties of cementitious materials at early age

### Upscaling Ageing Linear Viscoelastic behaviour: Effects of precipitation

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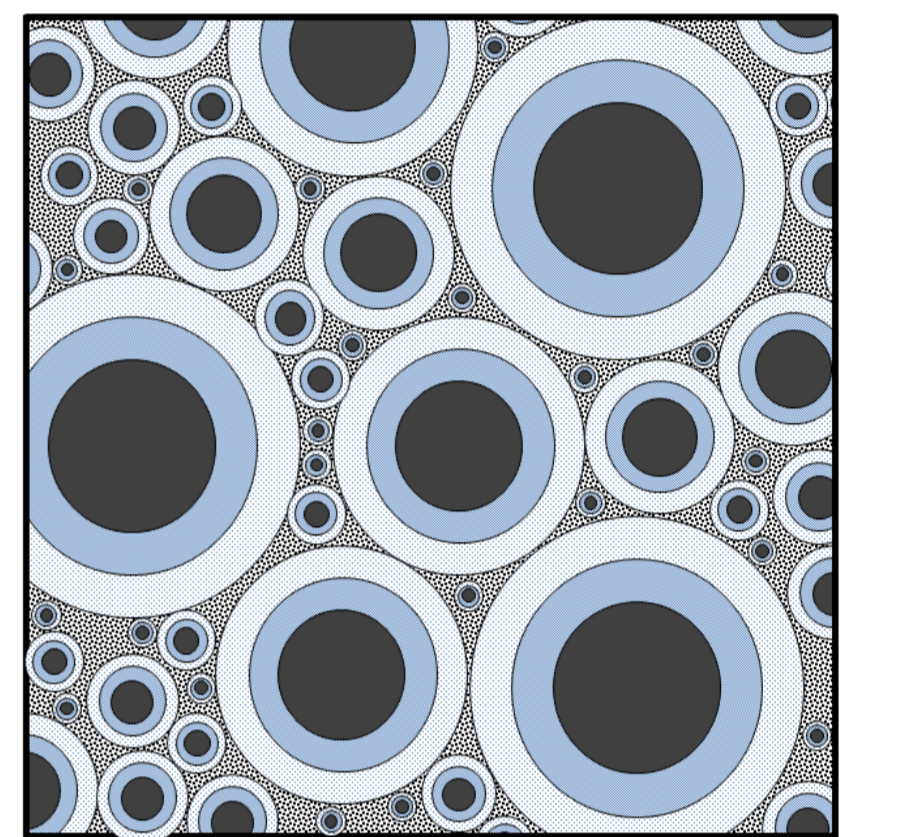
#### Background and Objectives



N-layered composite sphere

- Schemes based on morphological representative patterns of the microstructure have been extensively used in the upscaling of different material properties
- GSC scheme:** n-layered spheres used to represent cement paste, mortar or concrete (Bary and Béjaoui, 2006; Hashin and Monteiro, 2002; Honorio et al., 2014; Stora et al., 2009)
  - Representation of the HD and LD product zones
  - Representation of the ITZ
- GSC in ageing linear viscoelasticity:** general formulation to upscale properties
  - Mechanistic approach to estimate properties at early-age
  - Influence of different mechanisms related to dissolution/precipitation or solidification

Composite spheres filling completely the space: going to infinitesimally small diameters →



#### Results

##### GSC in ageing viscoelastic framework:

- Definition of the division ring ( $F; +, \circ$ ) with

$$(f \circ g)(t, \tau) \equiv \int_{t'=-\infty}^t f(t, t') d_t' g(t', \tau)$$

- Volterra integral operator
- Valable for tensors

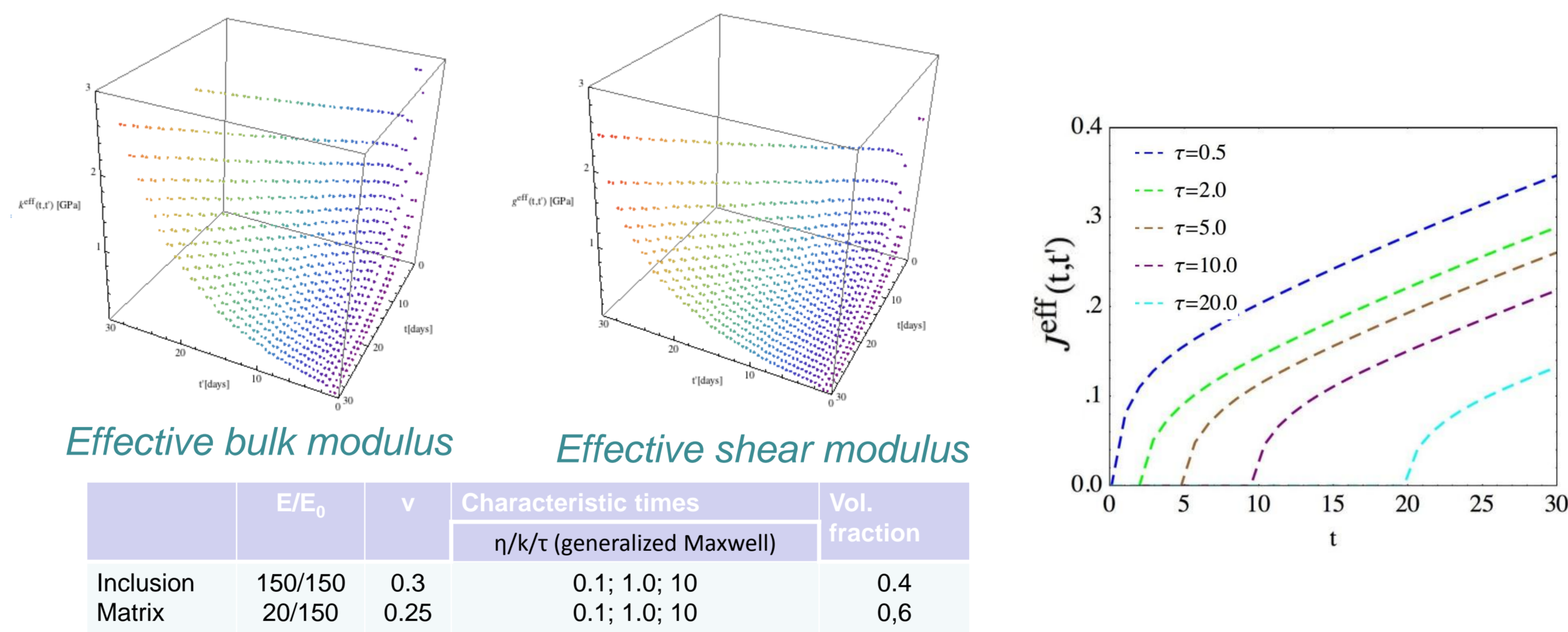
- For instance, with  $n = 2$ :

$$k_{(2)}^{eff} = [R_2^3 k_2 \circ [4\mu_2 + 3k_2]^{-1} \circ [4\mu_2 + 3k_1] - 4\mu_2 \circ [4\mu_2 + 3k_2]^{-1} \circ [R_1^3 (k_2 - k_1)]] \circ [R_2^3 [4\mu_2 + 3k_2]^{-1} \circ [4\mu_2 + 3k_1] + 3[4\mu_2 + 3k_2]^{-1} \circ [R_1^3 (k_2 - k_1)]]^{-1}$$

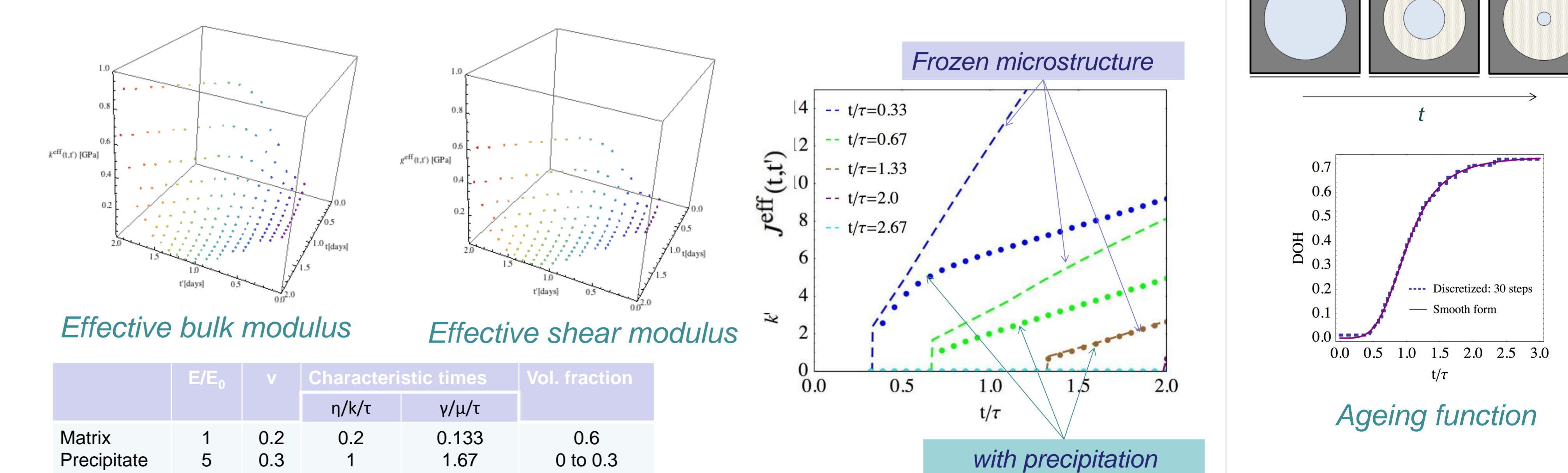
- which corresponds to Hashin-Shtrikman lower bounds in elasticity

##### Ageing effective compliance functions according to different scenarios:

###### Phases with intrinsically viscoelastic behavior



###### Non-ageing phase precipitating inwards pores



#### Conclusions

- Development of a semi-analytical multiscale approach to estimate the ageing viscoelastic properties of the cement paste, mortar and concrete at early-age from the composition of these systems.
- N-coated morphology: applicable to represent hydrating cement particles with HD and LD zones at cement paste scale and sand particles with ITZ at mortar scale
- In association with a hydration model → Tool to investigate different mechanisms leading to ageing behaviour
- Input behaviour to numerical homogenization and structural analysis

#### What's next?

- Application to determine creep and relaxation behavior of cement paste and mortar at early-age from adequate hydration model

