

# Numerical solution of some geometric inverse problems

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We consider:

- Geometric inverse problems
- Wave equation and Lamé systems
- Motivation: *Elastography*

A non-invasive method of tumor detection: when a mechanical compression or vibration is applied, the tumor deforms less than the surrounding tissue

A technique to detect elastic properties of tissue from acoustic wave generators (applications in Medicine)

Classical detection methods in mammography:

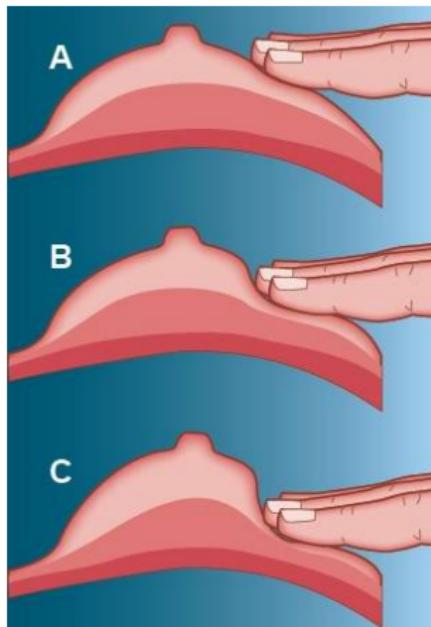


Figure: Palpation

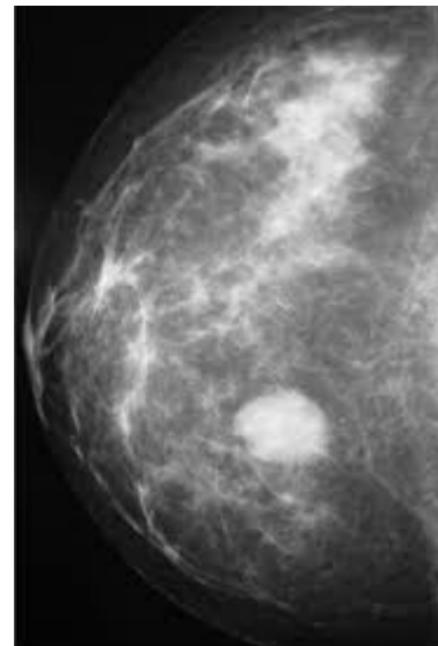
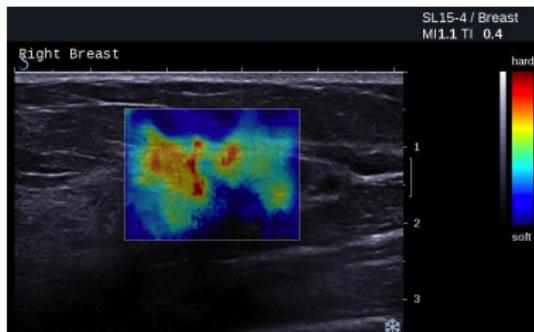


Figure: x-rays

Elastography (“imaging palpation”) is better suited than palpation and x-rays techniques:

- Tumors can be **far** from the surface
- or **small**
- or may have properties **indistinguishable** through palpation or x-rays



**Figure:** Stiffness is represented by a color spectrum, ranging from dark red (very stiff) through orange, yellow, and green, to blue (very soft).

# Wave equation

N-dimensional wave equation ( $N = 2$  or  $3$ )

## (a) Direct problem:

Data:  $\Omega$ ,  $T > 0$ ,  $\varphi$ ,  $D$  and  $\gamma \subset \partial\Omega$

Result: the solution  $u$

$$(1) \quad \begin{cases} u_{tt} - \Delta u = 0 & \text{in } (\Omega \setminus \bar{D}) \times (0, T) \\ u = \varphi & \text{on } (\partial\Omega) \times (0, T) \\ u = 0 & \text{on } (\partial D) \times (0, T) \\ u(x, 0) = u_0, \quad u_t(x, 0) = u_1 & \text{in } \Omega \end{cases}$$

Information:

$$(2) \quad \alpha = \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} \quad \text{on } \gamma \times (0, T)$$

## (b) Inverse problem:

(Partial) data:  $\Omega$ ,  $T$ ,  $\varphi$  and  $\gamma \subset \partial\Omega$

(Additional) information:  $\alpha$

Goal: Find  $D$  such that the solution to (1) satisfies (2)

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} u_{tt}^i - \Delta u^i = 0 & \text{in } \Omega \setminus \overline{D^i} \times (0, T), \quad i = 0, 1 \\ u^i = \varphi & \text{in } \partial\Omega \times (0, T) \\ u^i = 0 & \text{in } \partial D^i \times (0, T) \\ u^i(x, 0) = 0, \quad u_t^i(x, 0) = 0 & \text{in } \Omega \setminus \overline{D^i} \end{array} \right.$$

**Theorem**

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} T > T_*(\Omega, \gamma), \quad D^0, D^1 \text{ are convex}, \quad \varphi \neq 0 \\ \frac{\partial u^0}{\partial n} = \frac{\partial u^1}{\partial n} \quad \text{on} \quad \gamma \times (0, T) \end{array} \right\} \implies D^0 = D^1$$

Fundamental results: **Hörmander, Lions**

Attention: Weaker than the geometric condition (Only uniqueness, not observability!)

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} - \nabla \cdot (\mu(x)(\nabla u + \nabla u^t) + \lambda(x)(\nabla \cdot u)\mathbf{Id.}) = 0 & \text{in } \Omega \setminus \bar{D} \times (0, T) \\ u = \varphi & \text{on } \partial\Omega \times (0, T) \\ u = 0 & \text{on } \partial D \times (0, T) \\ u(0) = u_0, \quad u_t(0) = u_1 & \text{in } \Omega \setminus \bar{D} \end{cases}$$

Observation:  $\sigma(u) \cdot n := (\mu(x)(\nabla u + \nabla u^t) + \lambda(x)(\nabla \cdot u)\mathbf{Id.}) \cdot n$  on  $\gamma \times (0, T)$

### Explanations:

- $u = (u_1, u_2, u_3)$  is the displacement vector
- Small displacements. Hence, linear elasticity
- Isotropy assumptions. The tissue is described by  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt}^i - \nabla \cdot (\mu(x)(\nabla u^i + \nabla)(u^i)^t) + \lambda(x)(\nabla \cdot u^i)\mathbf{Id.} = 0 & \text{in } \Omega \setminus \overline{D^i} \times (0, T) \\ u^i = \varphi & \text{on } \partial\Omega \times (0, T) \\ u^i = 0 & \text{on } \partial D^i \times (0, T) \\ u^i(0) = 0, \quad u_t^i(0) = 0 & \text{in } \Omega \setminus \overline{D^i} \end{cases}$$

Theorem (Constant coefficients)

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} T > T_*(\Omega, \gamma), \quad D^0, D^1 \text{ are convex}, \quad \varphi \neq 0 \\ \sigma(u^0) \cdot n = \sigma(u^1) \cdot n \quad \text{on} \quad \gamma \times (0, T) \end{array} \right\} \implies D^0 = D^1$$

For **uniqueness**, the key point is **Unique continuation property**  
 (Imanuvilov–Yamamoto, 2008, complex conditions on  $\mu, \lambda$ )

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( $\exists$  Other unique continuation results for stationary problems:  
 Lin–Wang, 2005; Escauriaza, 2005; Alessandrini–Morassi, 2001;  
 Nakamura–Wang, 2006; Imanuvilov–Yamamoto, 2012)

# Reconstruction: 2-D wave equation

Case of a ball

Resolution of an optimization problem

Optimization problem: case of a ball

Given:  $\tilde{\alpha} = \tilde{\alpha}(x, t)$ .

Find  $x_0$ ,  $y_0$  and  $r$  such that  $(x_0, y_0, r) \in X_b$  and

$$J(x_0, y_0, r) \leq J(x'_0, y'_0, r') \quad \forall (x'_0, y'_0, r') \in X_b$$

the function  $J : X_b \mapsto \mathbb{R}$  is defined by

$$J(x_0, y_0, r) := \frac{1}{2} \iint_{\gamma \times (0, T)} |\alpha[x_0, y_0, r] - \tilde{\alpha}|^2 ds dt$$

with

$$\alpha[x_0, y_0; r] := \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} \quad \text{on } \gamma \times (0, T)$$

and

$$X_b := \{ (x_0, y_0, r) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : \overline{B}(x_0, y_0; r) \subset \Omega \}$$

The problem formulation contains inequality constraints

$$\begin{cases} \text{Minimize } f(x) \\ \text{Subject to } x \in X_0; \quad c_i(x) \geq 0, \quad 1 \leq i \leq l \end{cases}$$

$$X_0 = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^m : \underline{x}_j \leq x_j \leq \bar{x}_j, \quad 1 \leq j \leq m\}$$

### Optimization problem

$$\begin{cases} \text{Minimize } \mathcal{L}_A(x, \lambda^k; \mu_k) := f(x) - \sum_{i=1}^l \lambda_i^k (c_i(x) - s_i) + \frac{1}{2\mu_k} \sum_{i=1}^l (c_i(x) - s_i)^2 \\ \text{Subject to } x \in X_0; \quad s_i \geq 0, \quad 1 \leq i \leq l \end{cases}$$

$\lambda_i^k$ : multipliers,     $\mu_k$ : penalty parameters

### Algorithm (Augmented Lagrangian: inequality constraints)

- (a) Fix  $\mu_1$  and starting points  $x^0$  and  $\lambda^1$ ;
- (b) The, for given  $k \geq 1$ ,  $\mu_k$ ,  $x^{k-1}$ ,  $\lambda^k$ :

- (b.1) *Unconstrained optimization:* Find an approximate minimizer  $x^k$  of  $\mathcal{L}_A(\cdot, \lambda^k; \mu_k)$ , starting at  $x^{k-1}$ :

$$\begin{cases} \text{Minimize } \mathcal{L}_A(x, \lambda^k; \mu_k) \\ \text{Subject to } x \in X_0 \end{cases}$$

- (b.2) Update the Lagrange multipliers:

$$\lambda_i^{k+1} = \max \left( \lambda_i^k - \frac{c_i(x_k)}{\mu_k}, 0 \right), \quad 1 \leq i \leq I$$

- (b.3) Choose a new parameter and check whether a stopping convergence test is satisfied:

$$\mu_{k+1} \in (0, \mu_k)$$

Subsidiary optimization algorithms for (b.1) (among others):

- **CRS2** is a gradient-free algorithm a version of Controlled Random Search (CRS) for global optimization
- **DIRECTNoScal** is variant of the DIviding RECTangles algorithm for global optimization

$$\begin{cases} \text{Minimize } f(x) \\ \text{Subject to } x \in G \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

where  $G \subset \mathbb{R}^m$  is either a box or some other region easy to sample and  $f : G \subset \mathbb{R}^m \mapsto \mathbb{R}$  is continuous.

### CRS2: Main ideas

- ➊ Large initial sample of random points
- ➋ At each step:
  - The current worst point  $x_h$  is replaced by a new trial point  $\tilde{x}$  (generates from the current best point  $x_\ell$  and other random points)
  - A stopping condition  $f_h - f_\ell \leq \varepsilon$  is checked

## DIRECT: Main ideas

- (a) Normalize the domain to be the unit hyper-cube with center  $c^1$

Find  $f(c^1)$ ; set  $f_{min} = f(c^1)$ ,  $i = 0$ ,  $k = 1$

Evaluate  $f(c^1 \pm \frac{1}{3}e^i)$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq m$ , and divide the hyper-cube:  $c^1 \pm \frac{1}{3}e^i$  are the centers of the new hyper-rectangles (see Figure)

- (b) Then, for given  $k \geq 1$ :

(b.1) Identify the set  $S$  of all potentially optimal rectangles

(b.2) For each rectangle in  $S$ , identify the longest side(s), evaluate  $f$  at the center, divide in smaller rectangles and update  $f_{min}$

Potentially optimal means:

- Best value at the center if the size is the same
- Optimal value at the center if the size is minimal

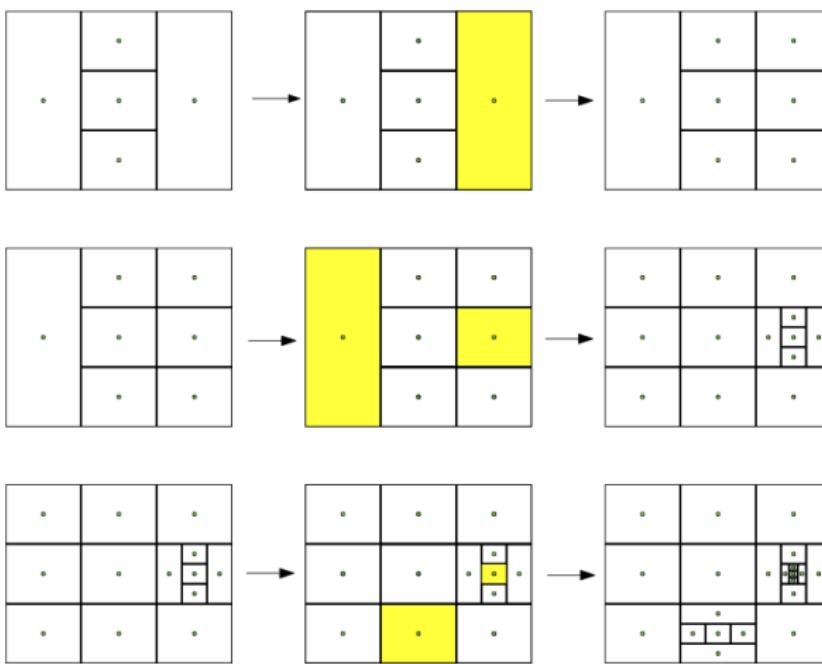


Figure: Some interactions of DIRECT algorithm

# Numerical results: 2-D wave equation I

Case of a ball

**Test 1:**  $T = 5$ ,  $u_0 = 10x$ ,  $u_1 = 0$ ,  $\varphi = 10x$

$x0des = -3$ ,  $y0des = 0$ ,  $rdes = 0.4$

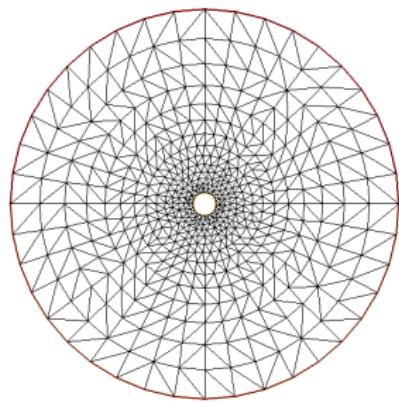
$x0ini = 0$ ,  $y0ini = 0$ ,  $rini = 0.6$

NLOpt (**AUGLAG + CRS2**), N°Iter = 1007, FreeFem++:

$x0cal = -2.998645439$ ,  $y0cal = 0.000425214708$

$r0cal = 0.4001667063$

INITIAL MESH



OBSERVATION AT FINAL TIME

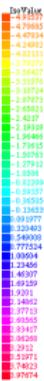
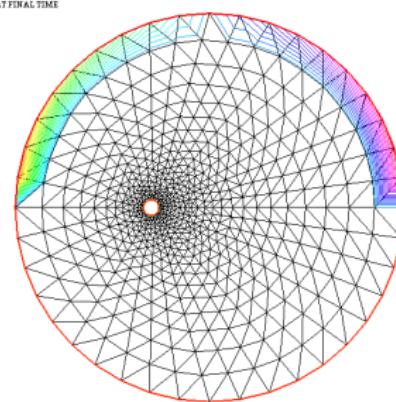


Figure: Initial mesh: triangles 992, vertices 526

Figure: The desired center and radius of the ball

# Numerical results: 2-D wave equation II

Case of a ball

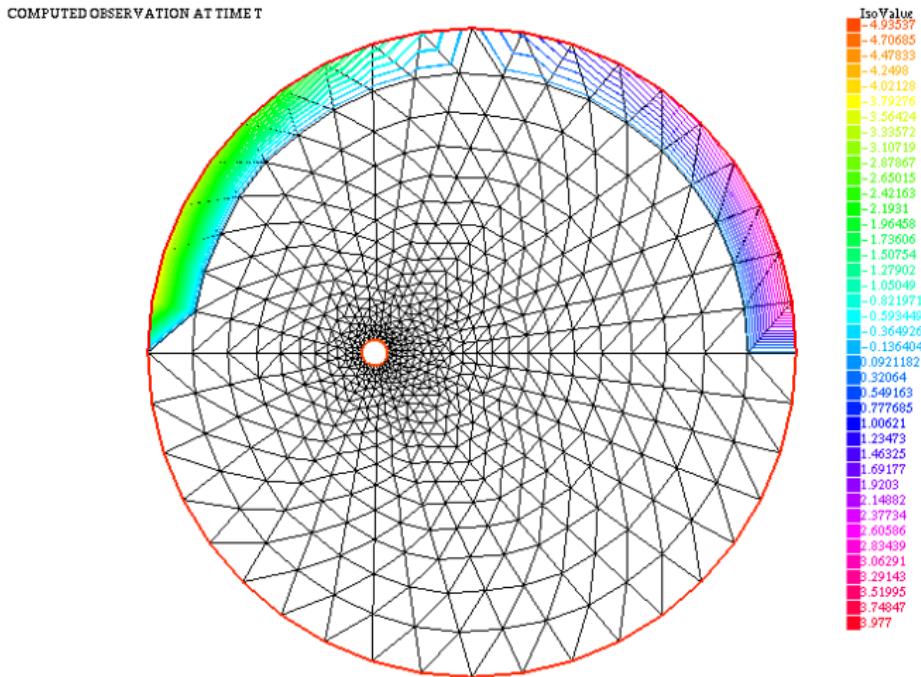
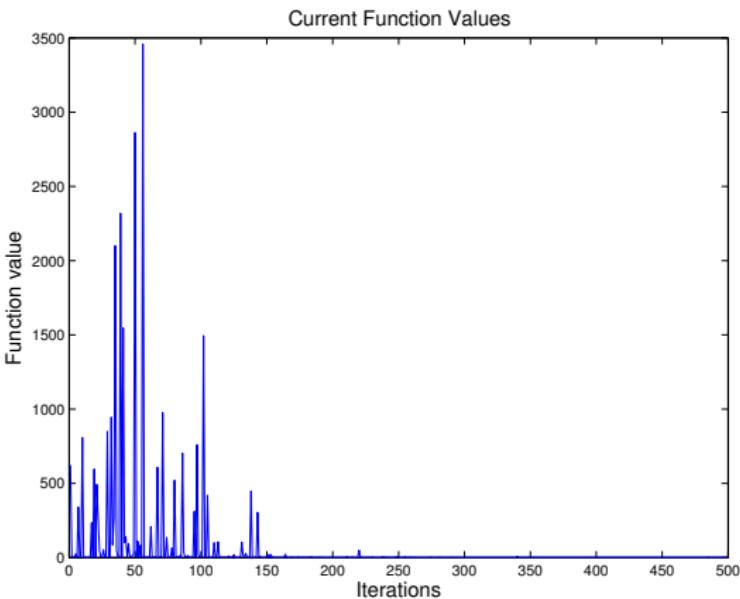


Figure: Computed center and radius: AUGALG + CRS2

$x0cal = -2.998645439$ ,  $y0cal = 0.000425214708$ ,  $r_{cal} = 0.4001667063$

# Numerical results: 2-D wave equation III

Case of a ball



**Figure:** Evolution of  $J$  during the first 500 iterations of CRS2

# Numerical results: 2-D wave equation IV

Case of a ball

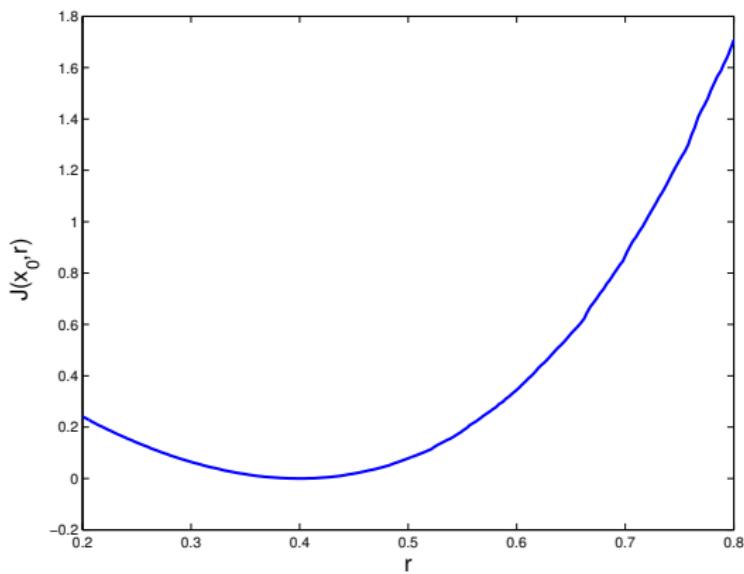
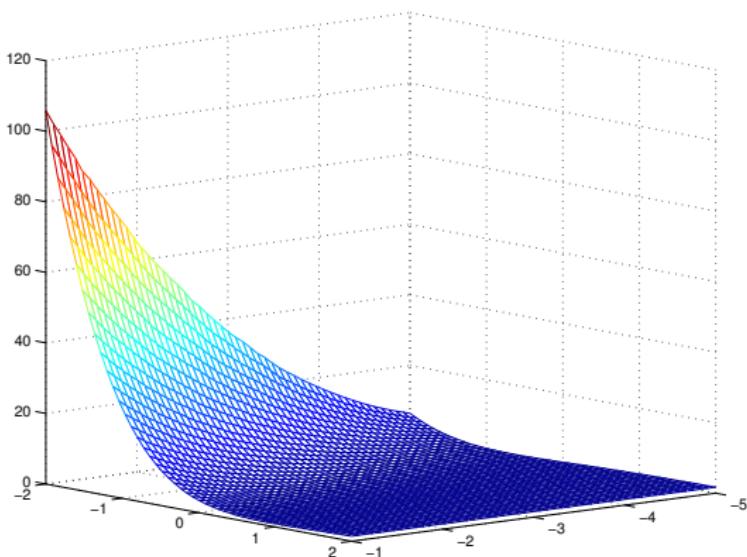


Figure: The functional  $J$  with respect to the variable  $r$

# Numerical results: 2-D wave equation V

Case of a ball



**Figure:** The functional  $J$  with respect to the variables  $x_0$  and  $y_0$

# Numerical results: 2-D wave equation VI

Case of a ball

**Test 2:**  $T = 5$ ,  $u_0 = 10x$ ,  $u_1 = 0$ ,  $\varphi = 10x$

`x0des = -3, y0des = 0, rdes = 0.4`

`x0ini = 0, y0ini = 0, rini = 0.6`

`Nlopt (AUGLAG + DIRECT), N°Iter = 1001, FreeFem++:`

<code>x0cal = -2.962962963</code>
<code>y0cal = -0.01219326322</code>
<code>rcal = 0.4220164609</code>

# Numerical results: 2-D wave equation VII

Case of a ball

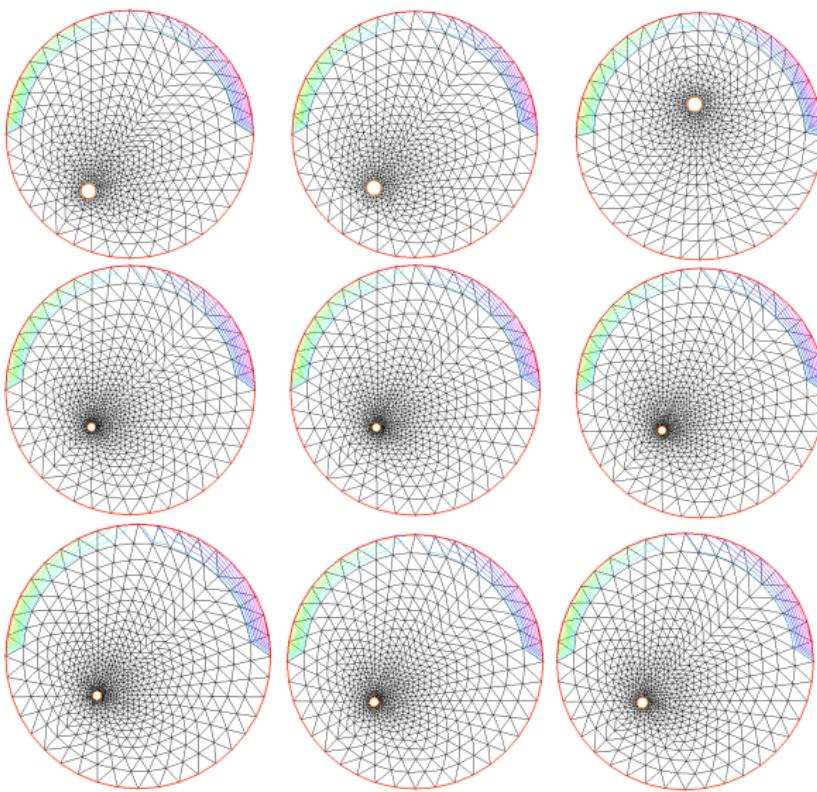


Figure: Some experiences with AUGLAG and DIRECT

# Numerical results: 2-D wave equation VIII

Case of a ball

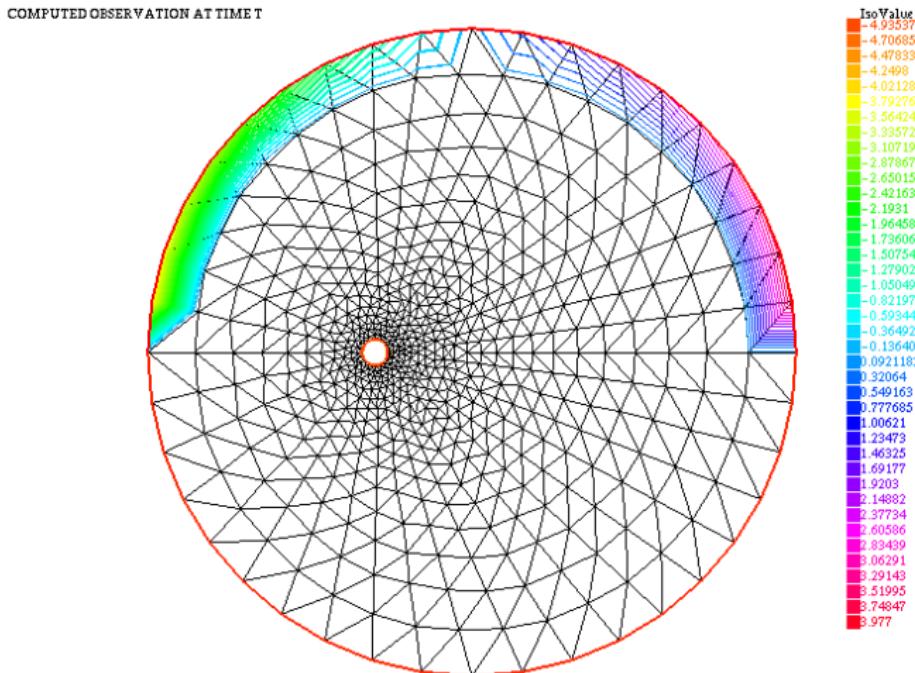


Figure: Desired and computed radius and centers of the ball

# Numerical results: 2-D wave equation I

Case of an ellipse

## Optimization problem: case of an ellipse

Given:  $\tilde{\alpha} = \tilde{\alpha}(x, t)$ .

Find  $x_0, y_0$  and  $\theta$  and  $a, b$  such that  $(x_0, y_0, \theta, a, b) \in X_e$  and

$$J(x_0, y_0, \theta, a, b) \leq J(x'_0, y'_0, \theta', a', b') \quad \forall (x'_0, y'_0, \theta', a', b') \in X_e, \quad (2)$$

the function  $J : X_e \mapsto \mathbb{R}$  is defined by

$$J(x_0, y_0, \theta, a, b) := \frac{1}{2} \iint_{\gamma \times (0, T)} |\alpha[x_0, y_0, \theta, a, b] - \tilde{\alpha}|^2 ds dt$$

with

$$\alpha[x_0, y_0, \theta, a, b] = \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} \quad \text{on } \gamma \times (0, T)$$

$$X_e := \{ (x_0, y_0, \theta, a, b) \in \mathbb{R}^5 : \bar{E}(x_0, y_0, \theta, a, b) \subset \Omega \}$$

# Numerical results: 2-D wave equation II

Case of an ellipse

Resolution of an optimization problem. Now,  $J = J(x_0, y_0, \theta, a, b)$

**Test 3:**  $T = 5$ ,  $u_0 = 10x$ ,  $u_1 = 0$ ,  $\varphi = 10x$

x0des=-3, y0des=-3, sin(thetaedes)=0, ades=0.8, bdes=0.4

x0ini=-1, y0ini=-1, sin(thetaaini)=0, aini=0.5, bini=0.5

Nlopt (AUGLAG + DIRECTNoScal), N°Iter = 2001, FreeFem++

x0cal	=	-2.963301665
y0cal	=	-3.035106437
sin(thetaacal)	=	0.112178021
acal	=	0.8446502058
bcal	=	0.4166666667

# Numerical results: 2-D wave equation III

Case of an ellipse

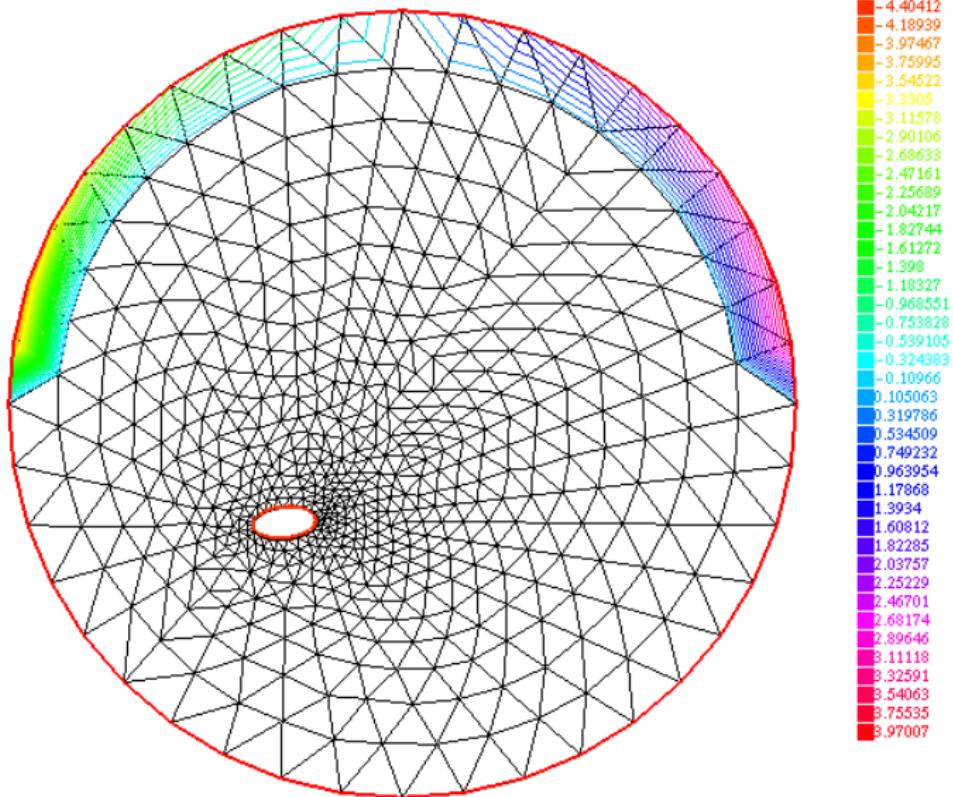


Figure: Computed center, radius, angle and semi-axis

# Numerical results: 2-D Lamé system I

Case of a ball

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} - \nabla \cdot \sigma(u) = 0 & \text{in } \Omega \setminus \bar{D} \times (0, T) \\ u = \varphi & \text{on } \partial\Omega \times (0, T) \\ u = 0 & \text{on } \partial D \times (0, T) \\ u(0) = u_0, \quad u_t(0) = u_1 & \text{in } \Omega \setminus \bar{D} \end{cases}$$

$$\sigma(u) \cdot n := \left( \mu(x)(\nabla u + \nabla u^t) + \lambda(x)(\nabla \cdot u)\mathbf{Id} \right) \cdot n = \tilde{\sigma} \quad \text{on } \gamma \times (0, T)$$

## Optimization problem

Given:  $\tilde{\sigma} = \tilde{\sigma}(x, t)$

Find  $x_0, y_0$  and  $r$   $(x_0, y_0, r) \in X_b$  and

$$J(x_0, y_0, r) \leq J(x'_0, y'_0, r') \quad \forall (x'_0, y'_0, r') \in X_b, \tag{3}$$

the function  $J : X_b \mapsto \mathbb{R}$  is defined by

$$J(x_0, y_0, r) := \frac{1}{2} \iint_{\gamma \times (0, T)} |\sigma[x_0, y_0, r] - \tilde{\sigma}|^2 ds dt.$$

# Numerical results: 2-D Lamé system II

Case of a ball

**Test 4:**  $T = 5$ ,  $u_{01} = 10x$ ,  $u_{02} = 10y$ ,  $u_{11} = 0$ ,  $u_{12} = 0$ ,  
 $\varphi_1 = 10x$ ,  $\varphi_2 = 10y$

`x0des = -3, y0des = 0, rdes = 0.4`

`x0ini = 0, y0ini = 0, rini = 0.6`

`NLopt (AUGLAG + DIRECTNoScal), N° Iter = 1000, FreeFem++`

<code>x0cal = -3.000224338</code>
<code>y0cal = -0.0005268693985</code>
<code>rcal = 0.4000228624</code>

# Numerical results: 2-D Lamé system III

Case of a ball

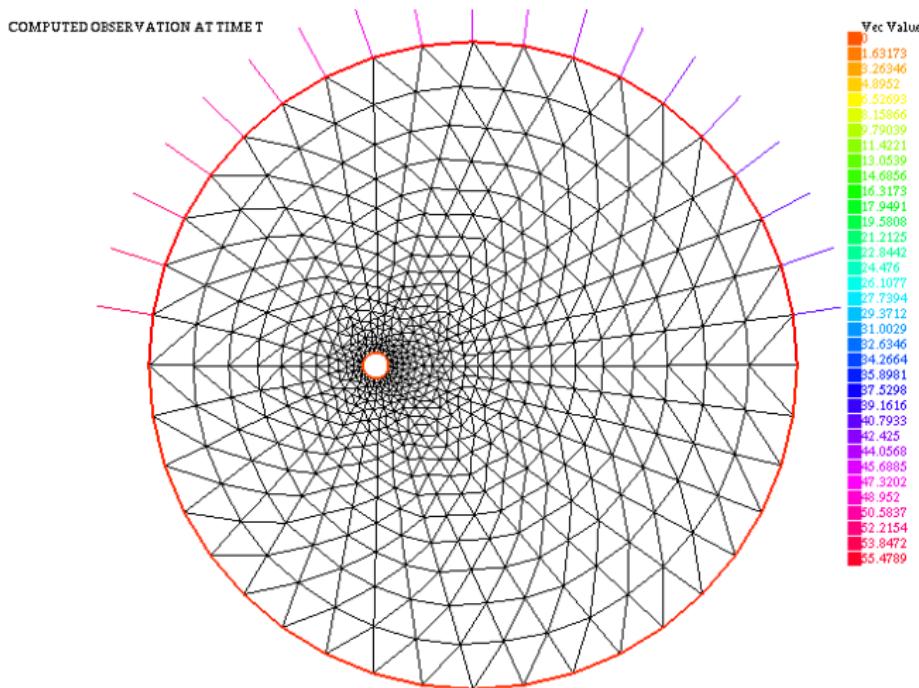


Figure: Computed center and radius

# Numerical results: 2-D Lamé system I

Case of an ellipse

**Test 5:**  $T = 5$ ,  $u01 = 10x$ ,  $u02 = 10y$ ,  $u11 = 0$ ,  $u12 = 0$ ,  
 $\varphi_1 = 10x$ ,  $\varphi_2 = 10y$

x0des=-3, y0des=0, sin(thetaedes)=0, ades=0.8, bdes=0.4  
x0ini=-1, y0ini=-1, sin(thetaaini)=0, aini=0.5, bini=0.5

Nlopt (AUGLAG + DIRECTNoScal), N° Iter = 2001, FreeFem++:

x0cal	=	-3.002591068
y0cal	=	-3.001574963
sin(thetaacal)	=	0.00548696845
acal	=	0.8036351166
bcal	=	0.400617284

# Numerical results: 2-D Lamé system II

Case of an ellipse

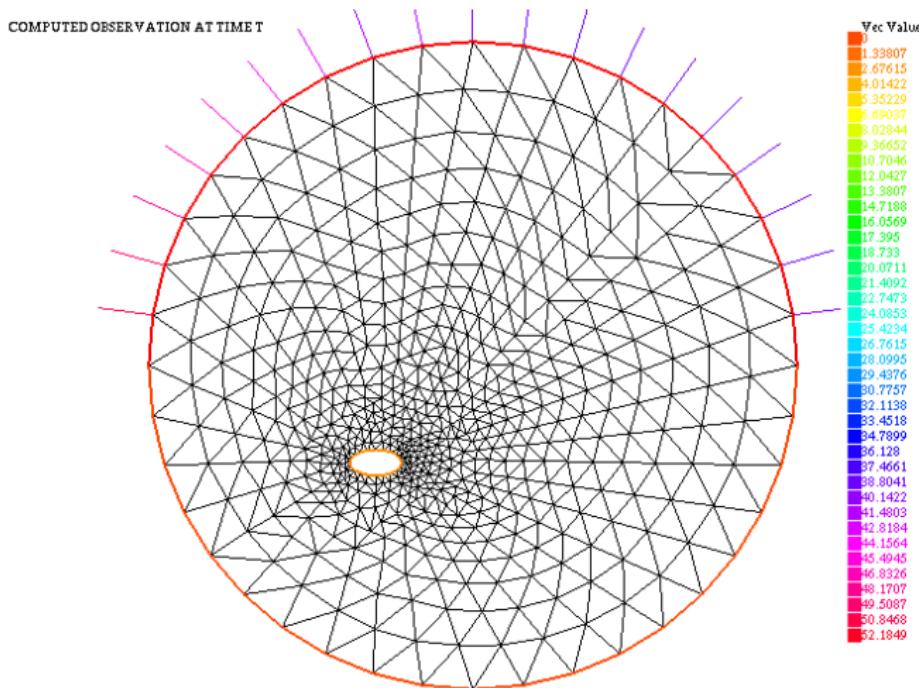


Figure: Computed center, angle and semi-axis

# Numerical results: 2-D Lamé system III

Case of an ellipse

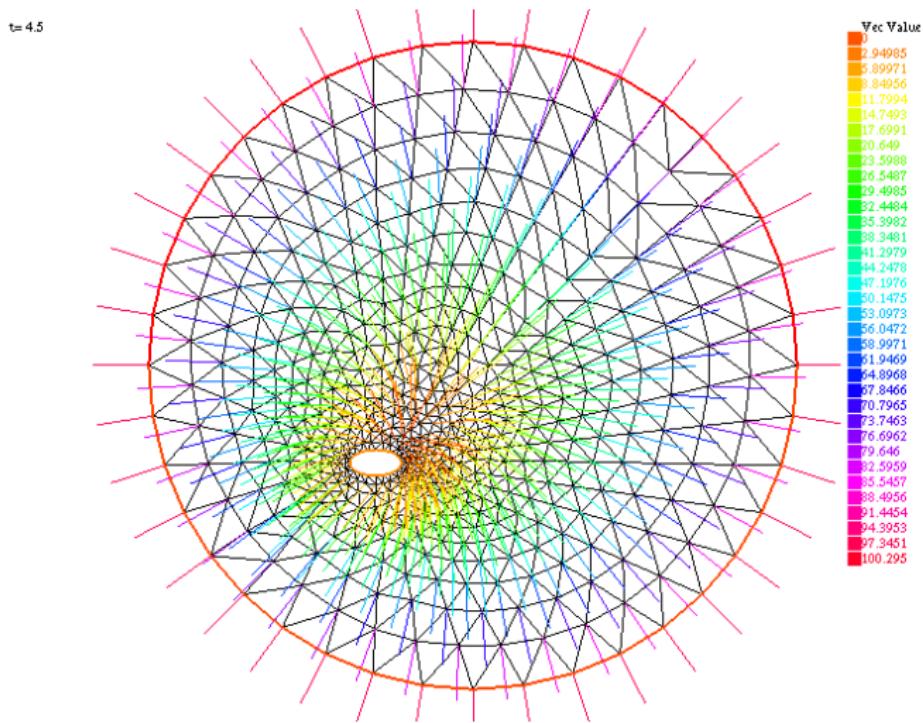


Figure: Computed solution at the final time

# Numerical results: 3-D wave equation I

Case of a sphere

**Test 6:**  $T = 5$ ,  $u_0 = 10x$ ,  $u_1 = 0$ ,  $\varphi = 10x$

x0des = -2, y0des = -2, z0des = -2, rdes = 1

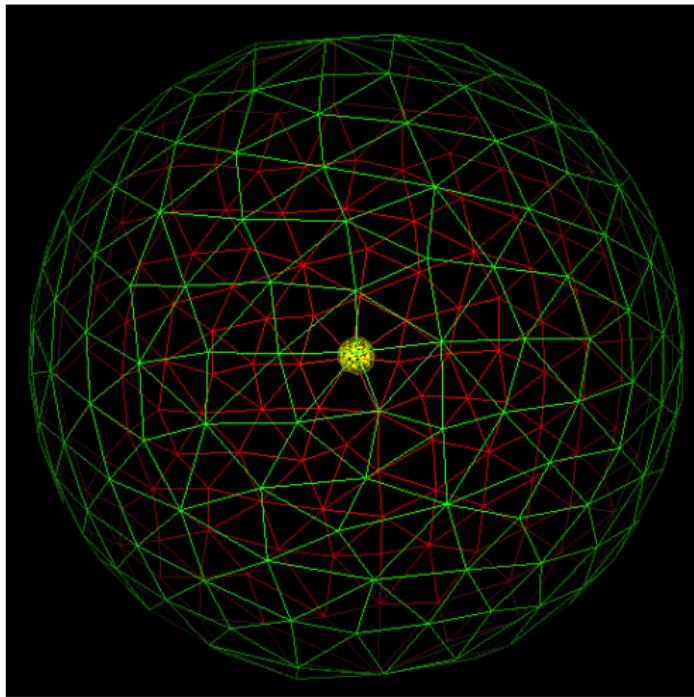
x0ini = 0, y0ini = 0, z0des = 0, rini = 0.6

NLopt (AUGLAG + DIRECTNoScal), N° Iter = 438, FreeFem++

x0cal	=	-1.975308642
y0cal	=	-2.232383275
z0cal	=	-2.305542854
rcal	=	1.05

# Numerical results: 3-D wave equation II

Case of a sphere



**Figure:** Initial mesh. Points: 829, tetrahedra: 4023, faces: 8406, edges: 5210, boundary faces: 720, boundary edges: 1080

# Numerical results: 3-D wave equation III

Case of a sphere

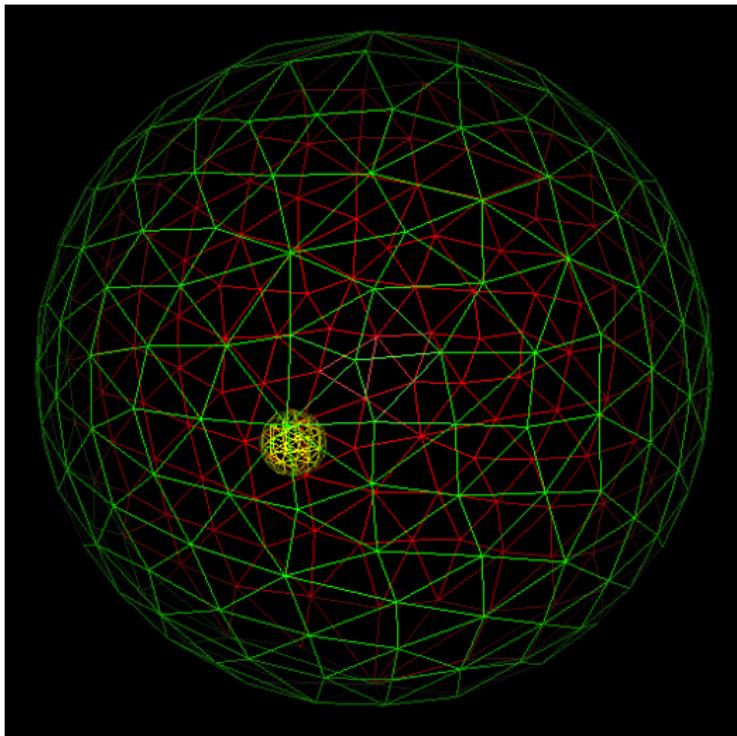


Figure: Desired configuration

# Numerical results: 3-D wave equation IV

Case of a sphere

COMPUTED OBSERVATION AT TIME T

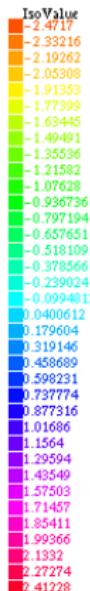
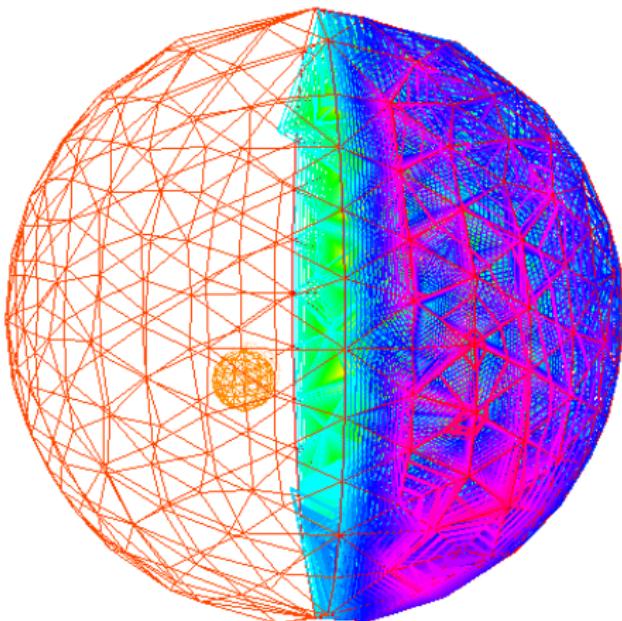


Figure: Computed observation and mesh

# Numerical results: 3-D wave equation V

Case of a sphere

t= 4.75

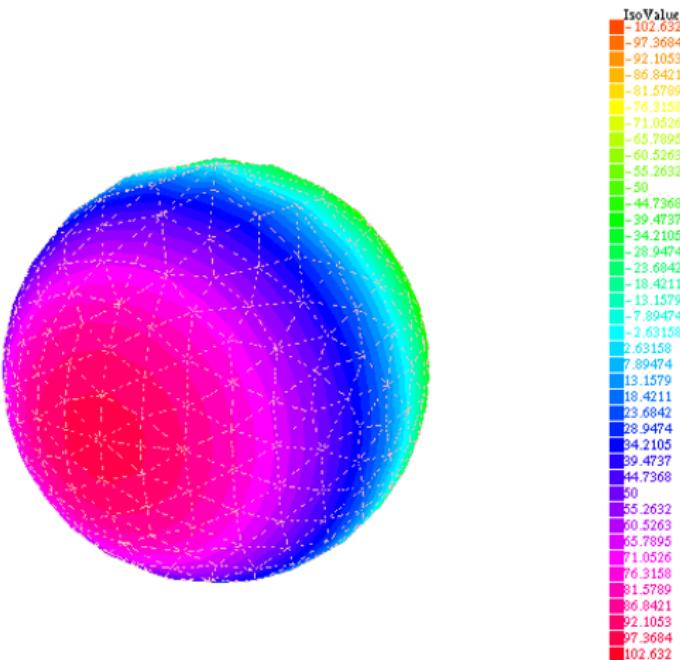


Figure: Solution of the wave equation corresponding to computed data

# Numerical results: 3-D Lamé system I

Case of a sphere

$$u_{01} = 10x, \quad u_{02} = 10y, \quad u_{03} = 10z$$

**Test 7:**  $T = 5, \quad u_{11} = 0, \quad u_{12} = 0, \quad u_{13} = 0$

$$\varphi_1 = 10x, \quad \varphi_2 = 10y, \quad \varphi_3 = 10z$$

`x0des = -2, y0des = -2, z0des = -2, rdes = 1`

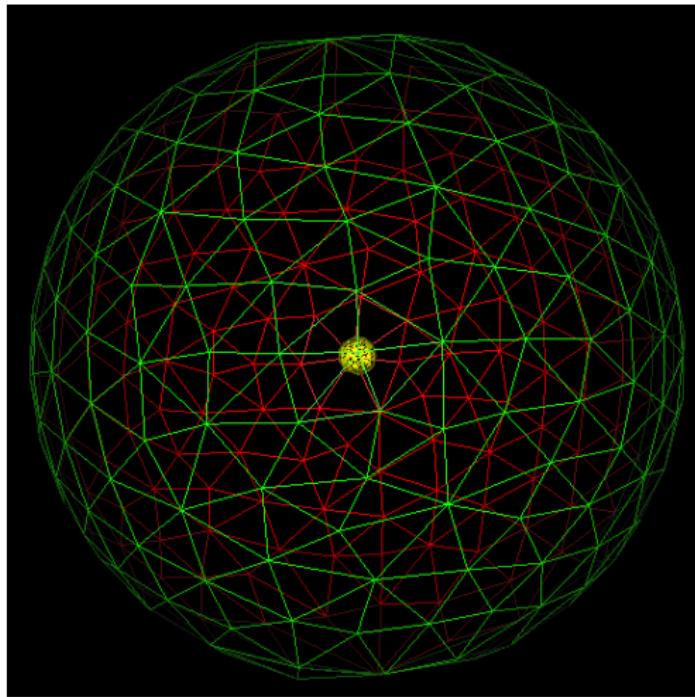
`x0ini = 0, y0ini = 0, z0des = 0, rini = 0.6`

`Nlopt (AUGLAG + DIRECTNoScal), N° Iter = 444 , FreeFem++:`

<code>x0cal = -1.981405274</code>
<code>y0cal = -2.225232904</code>
<code>z0cal = -2.148084171</code>
<code>rcal = 0.9504115226</code>

# Numerical results: 3-D Lamé system II

Case of a sphere



**Figure:** Initial mesh. Points: 829, tetrahedra: 4023, faces: 8406, edges: 5210, boundary faces: 720, boundary edges: 1080

# Numerical results: 3-D Lamé system III

Case of a sphere

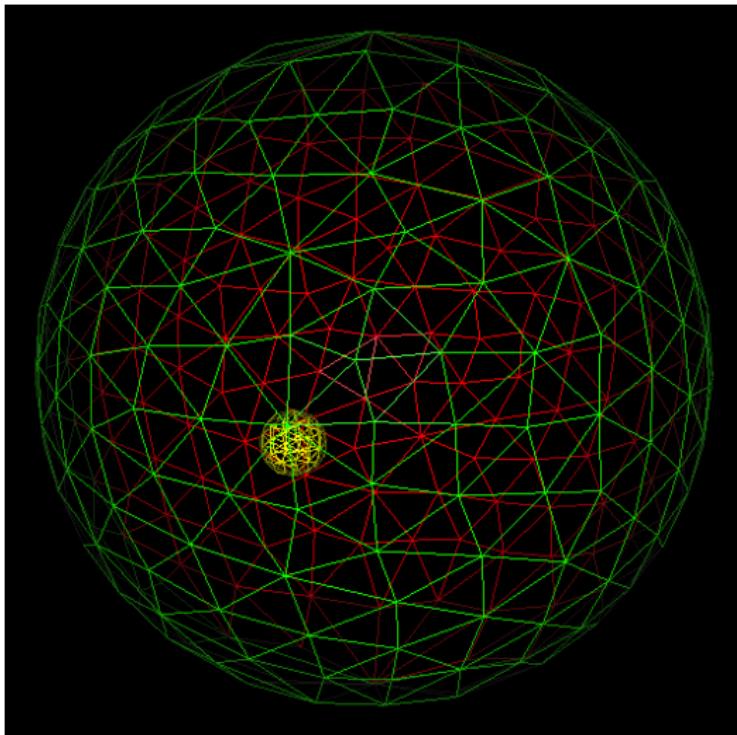
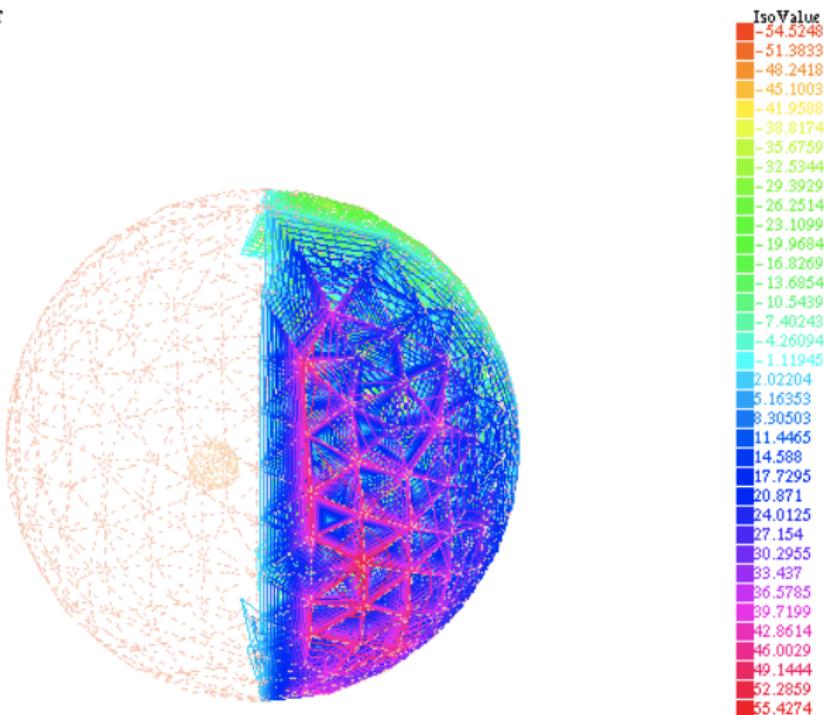


Figure: Desired configuration

# Numerical results: 3-D Lamé system IV

Case of a sphere

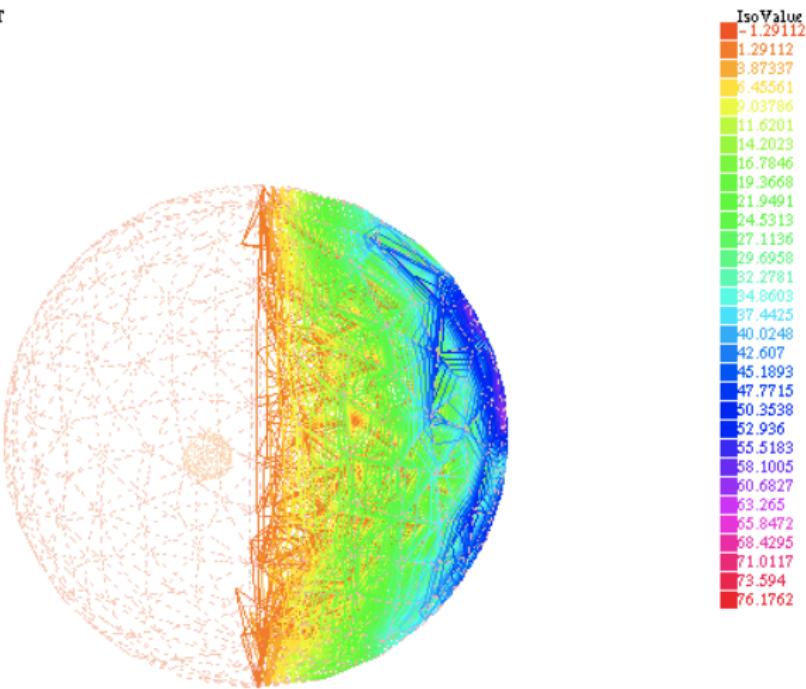
COMPUTED OBS AT T, 1st COMPONENT



# Numerical results: 3-D Lamé system V

Case of a sphere

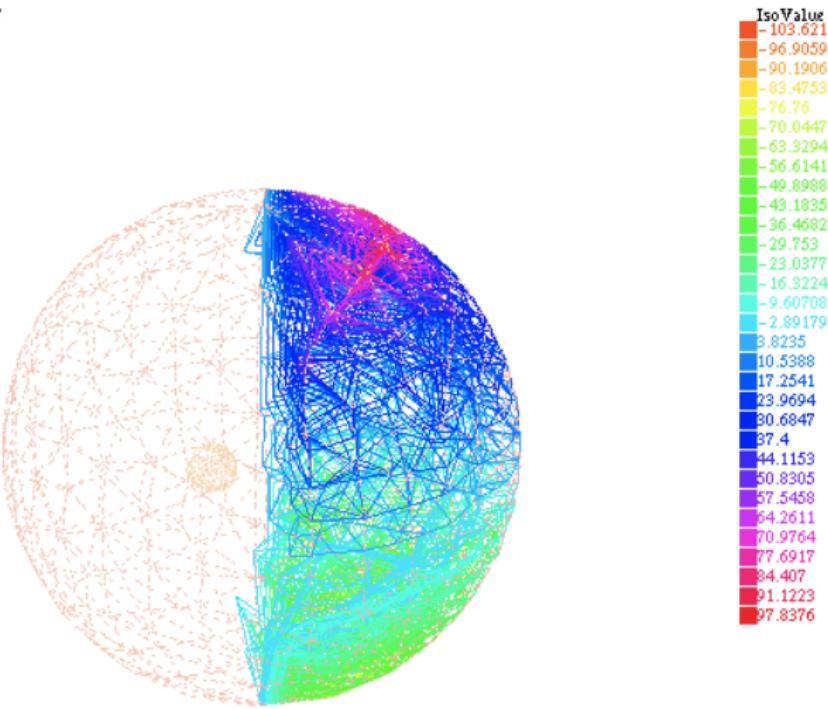
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# Numerical results: 3-D Lamé system VI

Case of a sphere

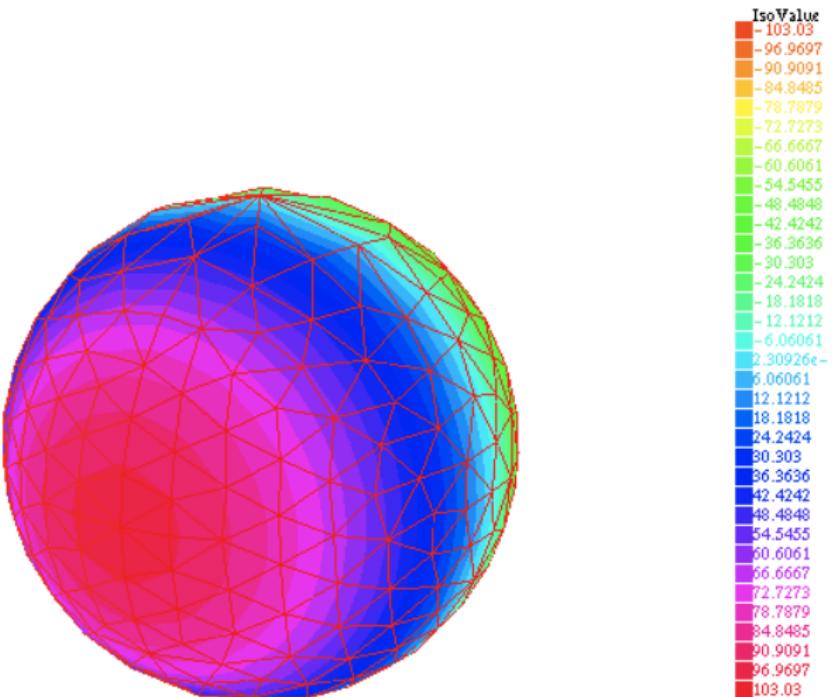
COMPUTED OBS AT T, 3rd COMPONENT



# Numerical results: 3-D Lamé system VII

Case of a sphere

t= 4.75



# Some additional comments

Work in progress

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## 1 Evolution elasticity system:

$$\begin{cases} -u_{tt} - \nabla \cdot \sigma(u) = 0 & \text{in } \Omega \setminus \bar{D} \times (0, T) \\ u = \varphi & \text{on } \partial\Omega \times (0, T) \\ u = 0 & \text{on } \partial D \times (0, T) \\ u(0) = u_0, \quad u_t(0) = u_1 & \text{in } \Omega \setminus \bar{D} \end{cases}$$

$$\sigma_{kl}(u) = \sum_{i,j=1}^3 a_{ijkl} \varepsilon_{ij}(u), \quad \varepsilon_{kl}(u) = \frac{1}{2}(\partial_k u_l + \partial_l u_k)$$

$$a_{ijkl} = \lambda(x) \delta_{ij} \delta_{kl} + \mu(x) (\delta_{ik} \delta_{jl} + \delta_{il} \delta_{jk}), \quad 1 \leq i, j, k, l \leq 3$$

— Numerical results ?

- 2 Ellipsoids, other more complicated geometries
- 3 Internal observations ?: At present: new (emerging) techniques detect internal waves via non-invasive techniques (a very precise description)

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