

**SFB-Kolloquium zwischen Potsdam und Berlin**

**Effective behavior of random media**

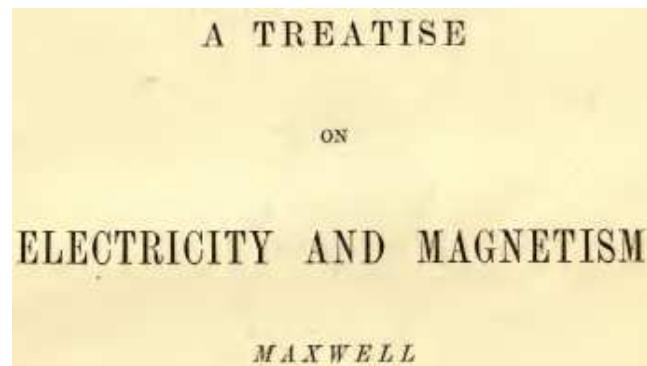
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**Effective behavior of random media**

**=Stochastic homogenization:**

**Early explicit asymptotic treatment,  
recent numerical applications**

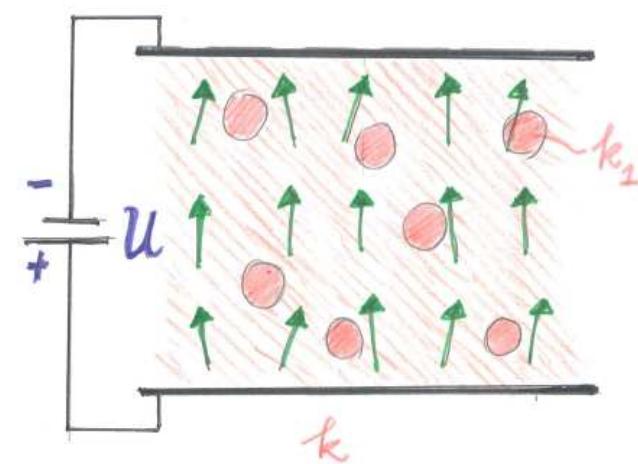
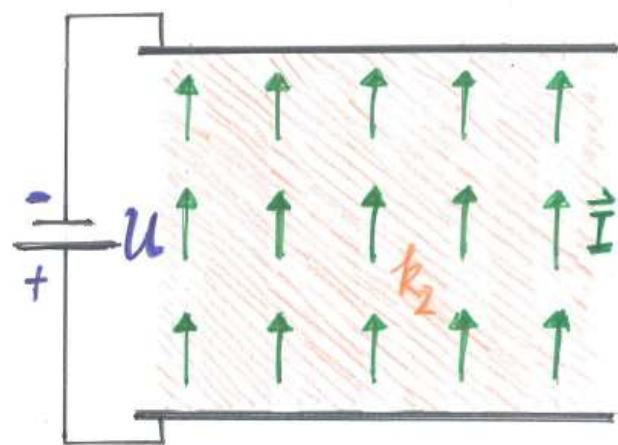
# Maxwell: Effective resistance of a composite



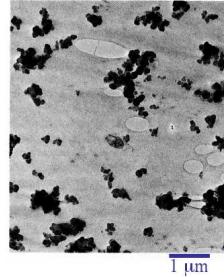
That the one expression should be equivalent to the other,

$$K = \frac{2k_1 + k_2 + p(k_1 - k_2)}{2k_1 + k_2 - 2p(k_1 - k_2)} k_2. \quad (17)$$

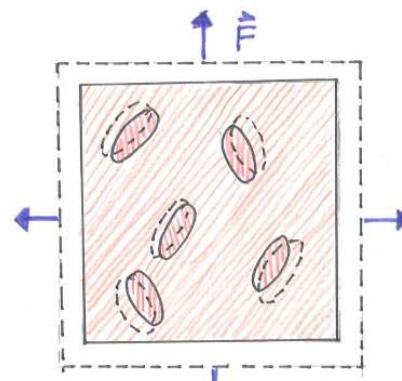
This, therefore, is the specific resistance of a compound medium consisting of a substance of specific resistance  $k_2$ , in which are disseminated small spheres of specific resistance  $k_1$ , the ratio of the volume of all the small spheres to that of the whole being  $p$ . In order that the action of these spheres may not produce effects depending on their interference, their radii must be small compared with their distances, and therefore  $p$  must be a small fraction.



## Recent: composite materials & porous media



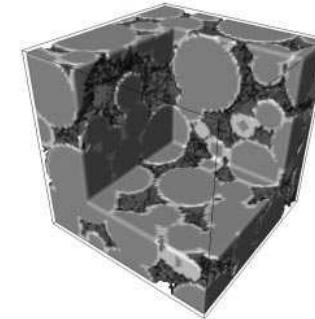
Effective elasticity



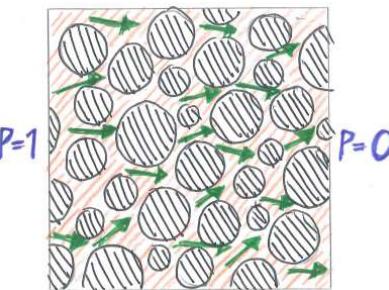
Effective behavior by simulation  
of “Representative Volume Element”

Mathematical theory on qualitative level:

Varadhan&Papanicolaou, Kozlov '79,  $H$ -convergence by Murat&Tartar



Effective permeability



## Random medium ...

symmetric coefficient field  $a = a(x)$  on  $d$ -dimensional space

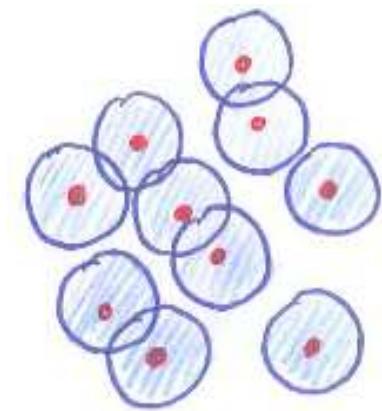
$$\lambda|\xi|^2 \leq \xi \cdot a(x)\xi \leq |\xi|^2 \quad \text{for all points } x \text{ and vectors } \xi$$

$\rightsquigarrow$  uniformly elliptic operator  $-\nabla \cdot a \nabla u$

Ensemble  $\langle \cdot \rangle$  of such coefficient fields  $a$

Example of ensemble  $\langle \cdot \rangle$ :

**points** Poisson distributed with density 1,  
**union of balls** of radius  $\frac{1}{4}$  around points,  
 $a = \text{id}$  on union,  $a = \lambda \text{id}$  on complement,



Stationarity:  $a$  and  $a(y + \cdot)$  have same distribution under  $\langle \cdot \rangle$

... = **elliptic operator with random stationary coefficient field**

## Plan for talk

- 1) Error in Representative Volume Element (RVE) Method:  
Scaling of random and systematic contribution  
in terms of RVE-size
- 2) Fluctuations of macroscopic observables:  
leading-order pathwise characterization,  
RVE method for extraction

**Representative Volume Element method**

to extract effective tensor  $\bar{a}$ :

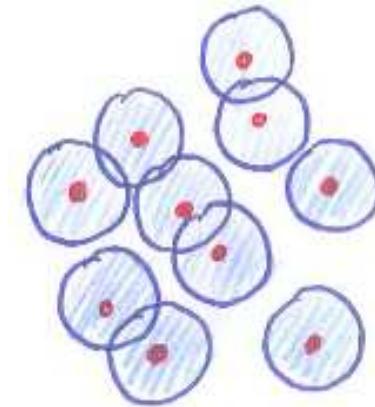
**Scaling of random and systematic error in RVE size**

**A. Gloria, S. Neukamm**

## Goal: Extract effective behavior $\bar{a}$ from $\langle \cdot \rangle \dots$

Recall example of ensemble  $\langle \cdot \rangle$ :

points Poisson distributed with density 1,  
union of balls of radius  $\frac{1}{4}$  around points,  
 $a = \text{id}$  on union,  $a = \lambda \text{id}$  on complement,



$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{ensemble } \langle \cdot \rangle & \rightsquigarrow & \text{effective conductivity } \bar{a} \\ \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{density of points } 1 \\ \text{radius of inclusions } \frac{1}{4} \\ \text{conductivity in pores } \lambda \end{array} \right\} & \rightsquigarrow & \bar{a} = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{a}_{11} & \bar{a}_{12} \\ \bar{a}_{21} & \bar{a}_{22} \end{pmatrix} = \bar{\lambda} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ \text{3 numbers} & \rightsquigarrow & \text{1 number} \end{array}$$

... via Representative Volume Element (RVE)

## Representative Volume Element method

Introduce artificial period  $L$

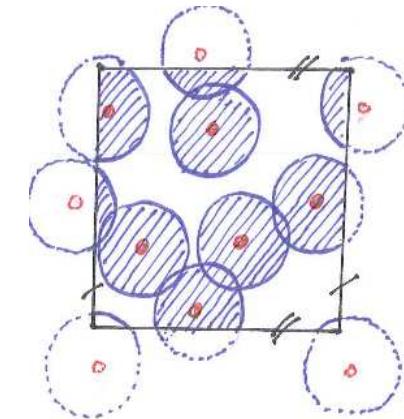
Periodized ensemble  $\langle \cdot \rangle_L$

points Poisson distributed with density 1,

on  $d$ -dimensional torus  $[0, L)^d$

union of balls of radius  $\frac{1}{4}$  around points,

$a = \text{id}$  on union,  $a = \lambda \text{id}$  on complement,



Given coordinate direction  $i = 1, \dots, d$  seek  $L$ -periodic  $\varphi_i$  with

$$-\nabla \cdot a(e_i + \nabla \varphi_i) = 0 \quad \text{on } [0, L]^d.$$

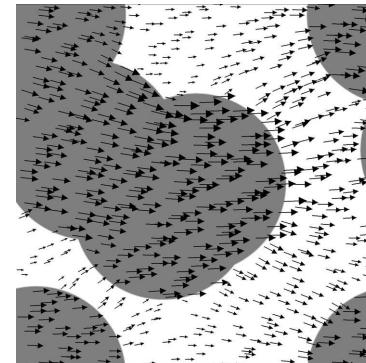
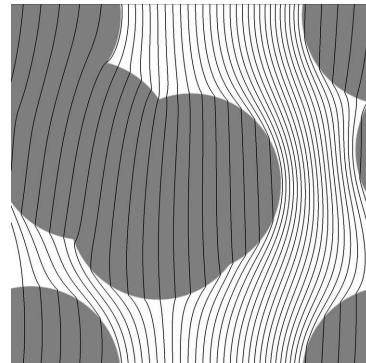
Spatial average  $\int_{[0, L]^d} a(e_i + \nabla \varphi_i)$  of flux  $a(e_i + \nabla \varphi_i)$

as approximation to  $\bar{a}e_i$  for  $L \gg 1$ ;

$\varphi_i$  is approximate “corrector”,  $e_i$  unit vector in  $i$ -th coordinate direction

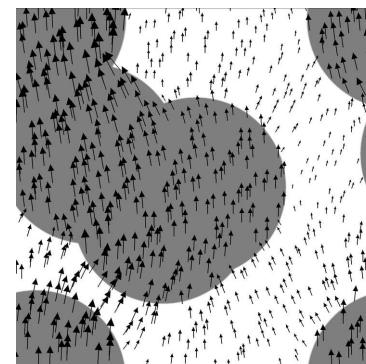
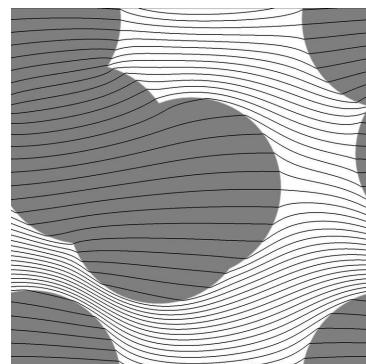
## Solving $d$ elliptic equations $-\nabla \cdot a(e_i + \nabla \varphi_i) = 0 \dots$

direction  $e_1$   
potential  
 $x_1 + \varphi_1$   
flux  
 $a(e_1 + \nabla \varphi_1)$



average flux  
 $\int a(e_1 + \nabla \varphi_1) = \begin{pmatrix} 0.49641 \\ -0.02137 \end{pmatrix} \approx \bar{a}e_1$

direction  $e_2$   
potential  
 $x_2 + \varphi_2$   
flux  
 $a(e_2 + \nabla \varphi_1)$



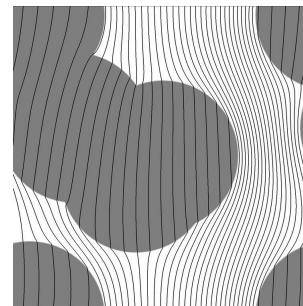
average flux  
 $\int a(e_2 + \nabla \varphi_2) = \begin{pmatrix} -0.02137 \\ 0.53240 \end{pmatrix} \approx \bar{a}e_2$

simulations by R. Kriemann (MPI)

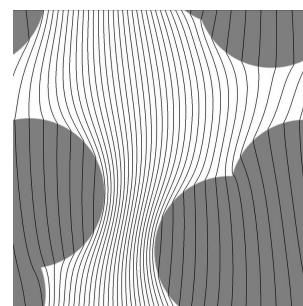
... gives approximation  $\bar{a}_L$

## Random error: approx. $\bar{a}_L$ depends on realization

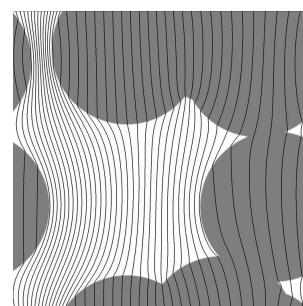
realization 1  
potential,  
current



realization 2  
potential,  
current



realization 3  
potential,  
current



$$\bar{a}_L =$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0.49641 & -0.02137 \\ -0.02137 & 0.53240 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\bar{a}_L =$$

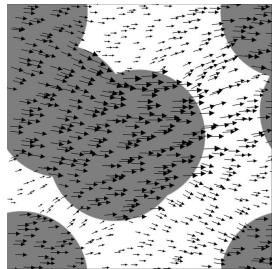
$$\begin{pmatrix} 0.45101 & 0.01104 \\ 0.01104 & 0.45682 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\bar{a}_L =$$

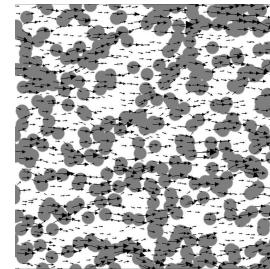
$$\begin{pmatrix} 0.56213 & 0.00857 \\ 0.00857 & 0.60043 \end{pmatrix}$$

... and thus fluctuates / is random

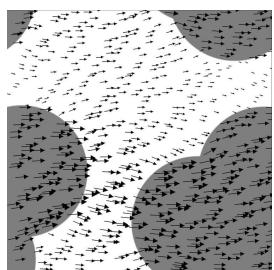
## Fluctuations of $\bar{a}_L$ decrease with increasing $L$



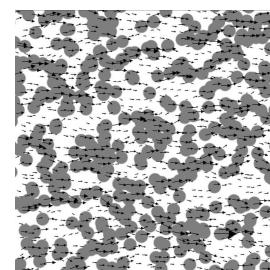
$$\bar{a}_L = \begin{pmatrix} 0.50 & -0.02 \\ -0.02 & 0.53 \end{pmatrix}$$



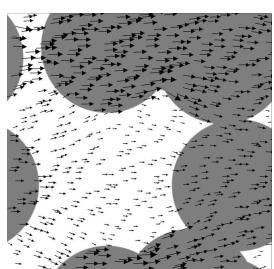
$$\bar{a}_L = \begin{pmatrix} 0.518 & 0.004 \\ 0.004 & 0.511 \end{pmatrix}$$



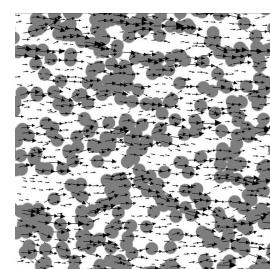
$$\bar{a}_L = \begin{pmatrix} 0.45 & 0.01 \\ 0.01 & 0.46 \end{pmatrix}$$



$$\bar{a}_L = \begin{pmatrix} 0.532 & 0.005 \\ 0.005 & 0.523 \end{pmatrix}$$



$$\bar{a}_L = \begin{pmatrix} 0.56 & 0.01 \\ 0.01 & 0.60 \end{pmatrix}$$

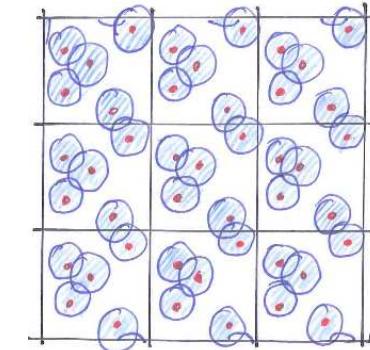


$$\bar{a}_L = \begin{pmatrix} 0.515 & -0.001 \\ -0.001 & 0.521 \end{pmatrix}$$

... scaling of variance  $\text{var}(\bar{a}_L)$  in  $L$ ?

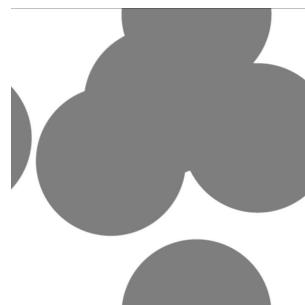
## Systematic error, decreases with increasing $L$

Also expectation  $\langle \bar{a}_L \rangle_L$  depends on  $L$  since from  $\langle \cdot \rangle$  to  $\langle \cdot \rangle_L$  statistics are altered by artificial long-range correlations



$$\langle \bar{a}_L \rangle_L = \bar{\lambda}_L \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{because of symmetry of } \langle \cdot \rangle \text{ under rotation}$$

$L = 2$



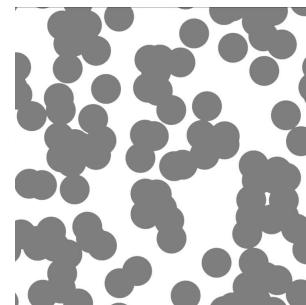
0.551

$L = 5$



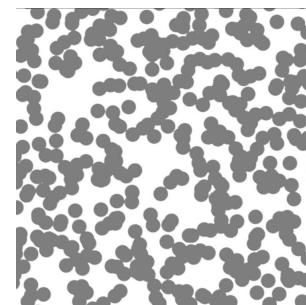
0.524

$L = 10$



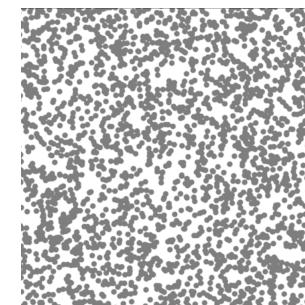
0.520

$L = 20$



0.522

$L = 50$



0.522

## Scaling of both errors in $L$ ...

Pick  $a$  according to  $\langle \cdot \rangle_L$ , solve for  $\varphi$  (period  $L$ ),  
compute spatial average  $\bar{a}_L e_i := \int_{[0,L)^d} a(e_i + \nabla \varphi_i)$

Take random variable  $\bar{a}_L$  as approximation to  $\bar{a}$

$\langle \text{error}^2 \rangle_L = \text{random}^2 + \text{systematic}^2$ :

$$\langle |\bar{a}_L - \bar{a}|^2 \rangle_L = \text{var}_{\langle \cdot \rangle_L}[\bar{a}_L] + |\langle \bar{a}_L \rangle_L - \bar{a}|^2$$

Qualitative theory yields:

$$\lim_{L \uparrow \infty} \text{var}_{\langle \cdot \rangle_L}[\bar{a}_L] = 0, \quad \lim_{L \uparrow \infty} \langle \bar{a}_L \rangle_L = \bar{a}$$

... why rate is of interest?

## Number of samples $N$ vs. artificial period $L$

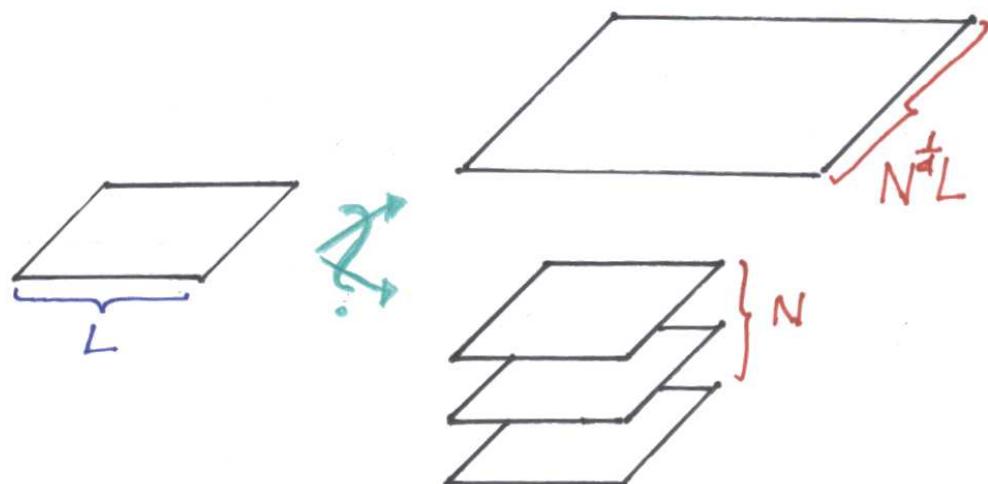
Take  $\mathbf{N}$  samples, i. e. independent picks  $a^{(1)}, \dots, a^{(N)}$  from  $\langle \cdot \rangle_L$ .

Compute empirical mean  $\frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \int_{[0,L)^d} a^{(n)}(e_i + \nabla \varphi_i^{(n)})$

$$\langle \text{total error}^2 \rangle_L = \frac{1}{N} \text{random error}^2 + \text{systematic error}^2$$

$L \uparrow$  reduces  
**systematic error** and  
**random error**

$N \uparrow$  reduces only  
effect of **random error**



## An optimal result

Let  $\langle \cdot \rangle_L$  be ensemble of  $a$ 's with period  $L$ ,  
with  $\langle \cdot \rangle_L$  suitably coupled to  $\langle \cdot \rangle$

For  $a$  with period  $L$

solve  $\nabla \cdot a(e_i + \nabla \varphi_i) = 0$  for  $\varphi_i$  of period  $L$ .

Set  $\bar{a}_L e_i = \int_{[0,L)^d} a(e_i + \nabla \varphi_i)$ .

**Theorem** [Gloria&O.'13, G.&Neukamm&O. Inventiones'15]

**Random error**<sup>2</sup> =  $\text{var}_{\langle \cdot \rangle_L}[\bar{a}_L] \leq C(d, \lambda) L^{-d}$

**Systematic error**<sup>2</sup> =  $|\langle \bar{a}_L \rangle_L - \bar{a}|^2 \leq C(d, \lambda) L^{-2d} \ln^d L$

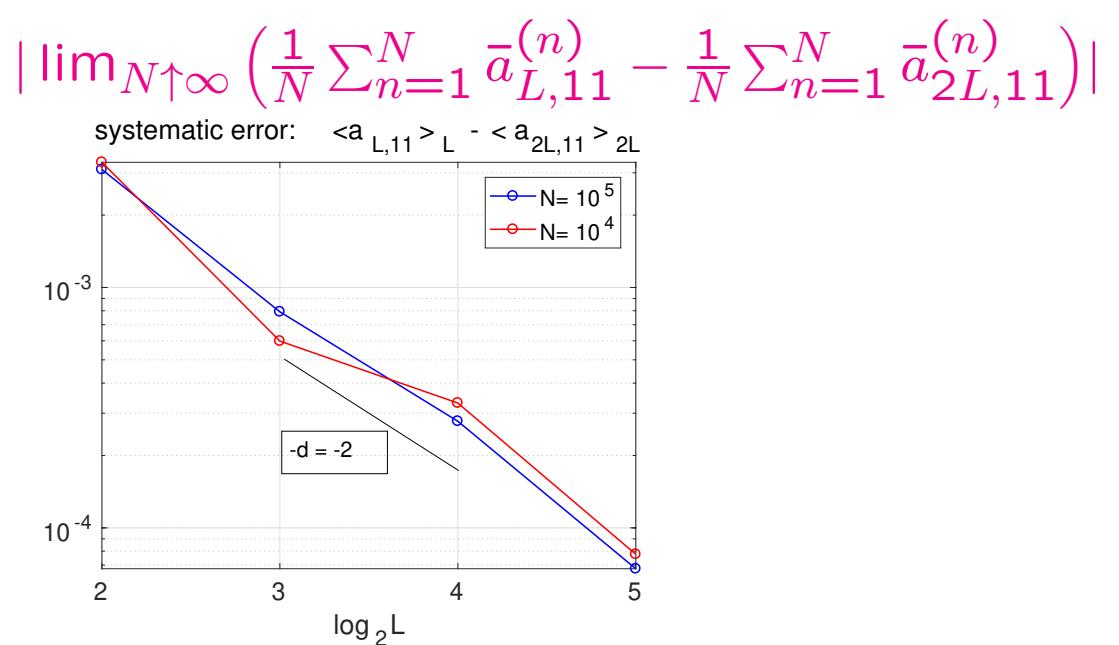
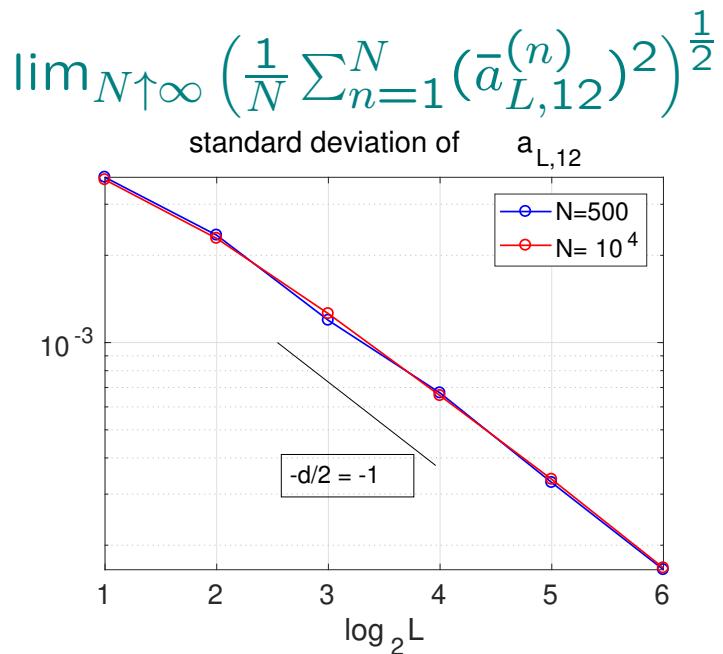
Gloria&Nolen '14: (random) error approximately Gaussian

Fischer '17: variance reduction

## Numerical experiments display optimality

$$\text{Random error} = \text{var}_{\langle \cdot \rangle_L}^{\frac{1}{2}} [\bar{a}_L] \leq C(d, \lambda) L^{-\frac{d}{2}}$$

$$\text{Systematic error} = |\langle \bar{a}_L \rangle_L - \bar{a}| \leq C(d, \lambda) L^{-d} \ln^{\frac{d}{2}} L$$



simulations from Khoromskij&Khoromskaja&Otto for  $d = 2$ , different ensemble

## State of art in quantitative stochastic homogenization ...

Yurinskii '86 : suboptimal rates in  $L$  for mixing  $\langle \cdot \rangle$

Naddaf & Spencer '98, & Conlon '00:  
optimal rates for small contrast  $1 - \lambda \ll 1$ ,  
for  $\langle \cdot \rangle$  with spectral gap

Gloria & O. '11, & Neukamm '13, & Marahrens '13:  
optimal rates for all  $\lambda > 0$  for  $\langle \cdot \rangle$  with spectral gap,  
Logarithmic Sobolev (concentration of measure)

Armstrong & Smart '14, & Mourrat '14, & Kuusi '15,  
Gloria & O. '15  
optimal stochastic integrability for finite range  $\langle \cdot \rangle$

... of linear equations in divergence form

**Homogenization error on macroscopic observables**

**Characterization of leading-order variances**

**via a pathwise characterization of leading-order**

**fluctuations**

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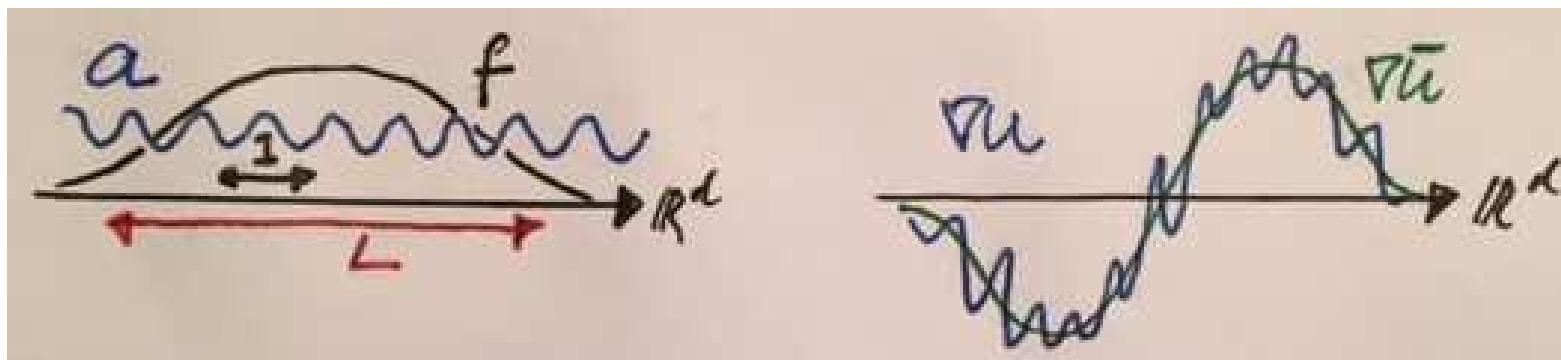
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## Homogenization is based on scale separation

Given  $f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)^d$  consider Lax-Milgram solution  $\nabla u, \nabla \bar{u}$  solution of  
 $\nabla \cdot (a \nabla u + f) = 0, \quad \nabla \cdot (\bar{a} \nabla \bar{u} + f) = 0 \quad \text{in } \mathbb{R}^d$

- $a$  has microscopic characteristic scale  $1$ ,  
e. g. correlation length in random case, period in periodic case
- $f$  has macroscopic characteristic scale  $L \gg 1$ ,  
e. g.  $f(x) = \hat{f}\left(\frac{x}{L}\right)$  for fixed deterministic mask  $\hat{f} \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)^d$

Then we want  $\nabla u \approx \nabla \bar{u}$  on macroscopic scale  $L$ .



## Homogenization, general approach

Object of interest: elliptic operator  $-\nabla \cdot \mathbf{a} \nabla$ ,  
naturally on level of Helmholtz projection  $\nabla(-\nabla \cdot \mathbf{a} \nabla)^{-1} \nabla \cdot$ ,  
recall  $f \mapsto \nabla u$  where  $\nabla \cdot (\mathbf{a} \nabla u + f) = 0$

Goal: Relate heterogen.  $\mathbf{a}$  to homogen.  $\bar{\mathbf{a}}$  in sense of  
 $\nabla(-\nabla \cdot \mathbf{a} \nabla)^{-1} \nabla \cdot \approx \nabla(-\nabla \cdot \bar{\mathbf{a}} \nabla)^{-1} \nabla \cdot$  weakly (macro averages)

Key object: Helmholtz decomposition of  $\mathbf{a}-\bar{\mathbf{a}}$ :

$$(\mathbf{a}-\bar{\mathbf{a}})e_i = -\underbrace{\mathbf{a} \nabla \phi_i}_{\text{curl-free}} + \underbrace{\nabla \cdot \sigma_i}_{\text{div-free}} \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, d, \quad e_i \text{ } i\text{-th Cartesian unit vector}$$

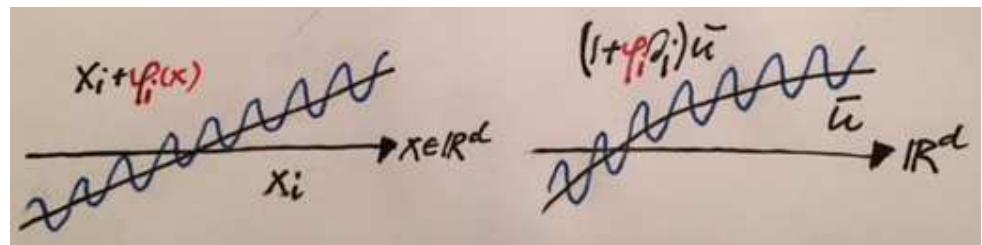
in part.  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{a}(\nabla \phi_i + e_i) = 0, \quad x \mapsto x_i + \phi_i(x)$   $a$ -harmonic coordinates

Crucial property: Sublinearity of corrector potentials  
 $\phi_i$  (scalar),  $\sigma_i$  (skew-symmetric tensor, i. e.  $\sigma_{ijk} = -\sigma_{ikj}$ )

## Merit of correctors, two scale expansion

Recall:  $(a - \bar{a})e_i = -\underbrace{a \nabla \phi_i}_{\text{curl-free}} + \underbrace{\nabla \cdot \sigma_i}_{\text{div-free}}$  for  $i = 1, \dots, d$

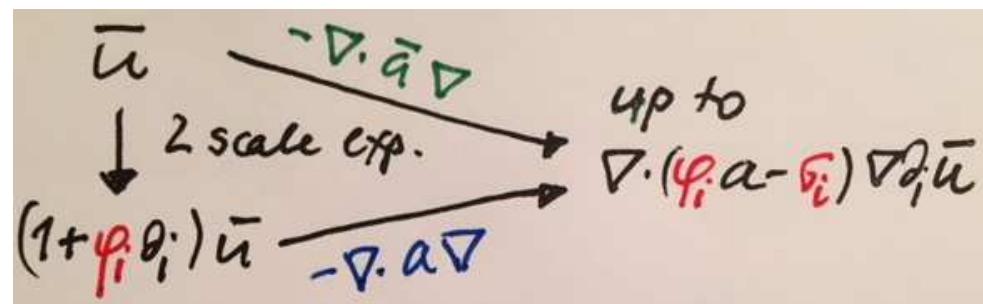
$\phi_i$  corrects affine  $x_i$  to become  $a$ -harmonic;  
 modulate arbitrary  $\bar{u}$  in same way  
 $\rightsquigarrow$  “two-scale expansion”



Merit: Relate differential operators  $-\nabla \cdot a \nabla$ ,  $-\nabla \cdot \bar{a} \nabla$ :

$$-\nabla \cdot a \nabla \underbrace{(1 + \phi_i \partial_i) \bar{u}}_{\substack{\text{two-scale expansion} \\ \text{Einstein's summation convention}}} = -\nabla \cdot \bar{a} \nabla \bar{u} + \underbrace{\nabla \cdot (\phi_i a - \sigma_i) \nabla \partial_i \bar{u}}_{\substack{\text{divergence-form} \\ \text{good for estimate}}}$$

An almost  
 commuting diagram



## Micro oscillations vs. macro fluctuations

For deterministic  $f$  consider

$$\nabla \cdot (a \nabla u + f) = 0 \text{ and } \nabla \cdot (\bar{a} \nabla \bar{u} + f) = 0;$$

where we think of  $f(x) = \hat{f}(\frac{x}{L})$  for  $\hat{f} \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)^d$  deterministic.

Microscopic oscillations:

$\nabla u \approx \nabla(1 + \phi_i \partial_i) \bar{u}$  in **strong topology**,  
i.e. in  $(\int |\nabla(u - (1 + \phi_i \partial_i)\bar{u})|^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$

Macroscopic fluctuations:  $\nabla u \approx \nabla \bar{u}$  in **weak topology**,

i. e. in  $\int g \cdot (\nabla u - \nabla \bar{u})$ ,

where we think of  $g(x) = \frac{1}{L^d} \hat{g}(\frac{x}{L})$  for  $\hat{g} \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)^d$  deterministic.

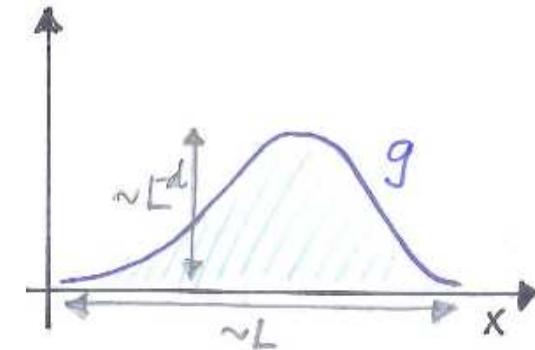
## Here: Macroscopic fluctuations

solution  $\nabla u$  of  $\nabla \cdot (a \nabla u + f) = 0$ ,

where r. h. s.  $f(x) = \hat{f}(\frac{x}{L})$  deterministic

macroscopic observable  $\int g \cdot \nabla u$ ,

where  $g(x) = L^{-d} \hat{g}(\frac{x}{L})$  deterministic



Marahrens & O.'13:  $\text{var}(\int g \cdot \nabla u) = O(\frac{1}{L^d})$

**Goal:** Characterize limiting variance  $\lim_{L \uparrow \infty} L^d \text{var}(\int g \cdot \nabla u)$

## Naive approach via two-scale expansion

**Goal:** Characterize limiting variance  $\lim_{L \uparrow \infty} L^d \text{var}(\int g \cdot \nabla u)$

Corrector  $\varphi_i$  corrects affine  $x_i$   
such that  $-\nabla \cdot a(e_i + \nabla \varphi_i) = 0$   
for coordinate direction  $i = 1, \dots, d$

Solution  $\bar{u}$  of homogenized equation

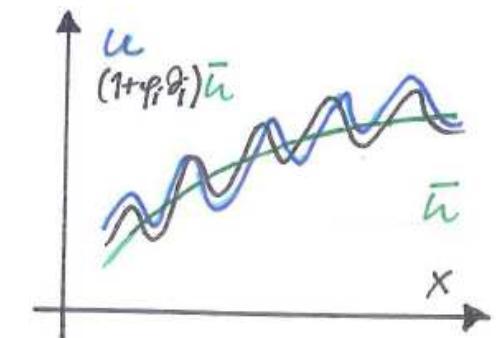
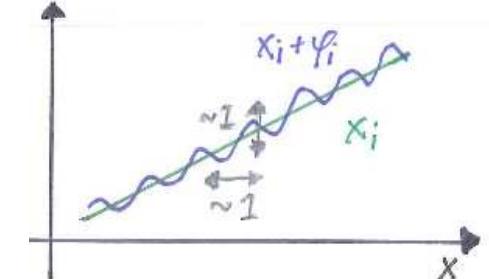
$$\nabla \cdot (\bar{a} \nabla \bar{u} + f) = 0$$

Compare  $u$  to two-scale expansion

$$(1 + \varphi_i \partial_i) \bar{u} \quad \text{Einstein's summation rule}$$

Naively expect  $\text{var}(\int g \cdot \nabla u) = \text{var}(\int \nabla \cdot g u) \approx \text{var}(\int \nabla \cdot g (1 + \varphi_i \partial_i) \bar{u})$

Hence study asymptotic covariance  $\langle \varphi_i(x - y) \varphi_j(0) \rangle$



## The subtle role of the two-scale expansion

Mourrat&O.'14:  $\lim_{L \uparrow \infty} L^{d-2} \langle \varphi_i(L(\hat{x}-\hat{y})) \varphi_j(0) \rangle$  exists,  
but  $\neq$  a Green function  $\bar{G}(\hat{x}-\hat{y})$  (Gaussian free field)  
Helffer-Sjöstrand, annealed Green's function bounds  $\rightsquigarrow$  4-tensor  $\bar{Q}$

Gu&Mourrat'15:  $\lim_{L \uparrow \infty} L^d \text{var}(\int g \cdot \nabla u)$  exists,  
but  $\neq \lim_{L \uparrow \infty} L^d \text{var}(\int \nabla \cdot g (1 + \varphi_i \partial_i) \bar{u})$   
Helffer-Sjöstrand  $\rightsquigarrow$  same 4-tensor  $\bar{Q}$ , Gaussianity, heuristics  
i. e. two-scale expansion cannot be applied naively

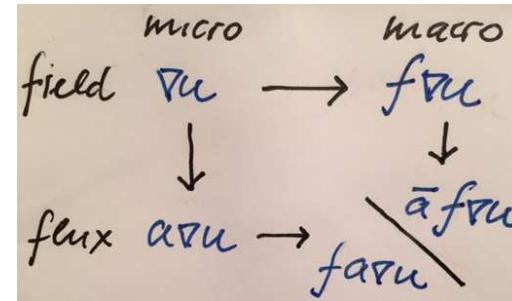
Duerinckx&Gloria&O.'16: Two-scale expansion  
 $\nabla u \approx \partial_i \bar{u} (e_i + \nabla \varphi_i)$  ok on level of “commutator”:  
 $(a - \bar{a}) \nabla u \approx \partial_i \bar{u} (a - \bar{a}) (e_i + \nabla \varphi_i)$ .

## Homogenization commutator is natural

$$(a - \bar{a})\nabla u = \underline{a\nabla u} - \bar{a}\underline{\nabla u}$$

flux vs. field

micro vs. macro (=average)



For arbitrary  $a$ -harmonic  $u$ :

$$e_j \cdot (a\nabla u - \bar{a}\nabla u) = -\nabla \cdot (\phi_j^* a^* - \sigma_j^*) \nabla u,$$

where  $(\phi^*, \sigma^*)$  corrector of transpose  $a^*$

cf. for arbitrary  $\bar{u}$ :

- $\nabla \cdot a \nabla (1 + \phi_i \partial_i) \bar{u} = -\nabla \cdot \bar{a} \nabla \bar{u} + \nabla \cdot (\phi_i a - \sigma_i) \nabla \partial_i \bar{u};$
- a similar algebra for oscillations and fluctuations

Standard homogenization commutator for  $u$  = harmonic coord.

$$\Xi e_i := a(\nabla \phi_i + e_i) - \bar{a}(\nabla \phi_i + e_i) \quad \text{stationary tensor field}$$

## Leading-order fluctuation of macro observables ...

$$\Xi e_i = a(e_i + \nabla \varphi_i) - \bar{a}(e_i + \nabla \varphi_i)$$

I) fluctuations commutator  $\rightsquigarrow$  fluctuations observable

$$\int g \cdot \nabla u = \int \nabla \bar{v} \cdot (a \nabla u - \bar{a} \nabla u) + \text{deterministic},$$

where  $\bar{v}$  solves dual equation  $\nabla \cdot (\bar{a}^* \nabla \bar{v} + g) = 0$ .

II)  $a \nabla u - \bar{a} \nabla u \approx \Xi \nabla \bar{u}$  holds in quantitative sense of

$$L^d \text{var}(\int g \cdot (a \nabla u - \bar{a} \nabla u - \Xi \nabla \bar{u})) = O(L^{-2}).$$

III)  $\Xi \approx$  tensorial white noise holds in quantitative sense of

$$L^d |\text{var}(\int g \cdot \Xi f) - \int f \otimes g : \bar{Q} f \otimes g| = O(L^{-2})$$

for four-tensor  $\bar{Q}$  from Mourrat&O.

$$\text{I-III}) L^d |\text{var}(\int g \cdot \nabla u) - \int \nabla \bar{v} \otimes \nabla \bar{u} : \bar{Q} \nabla \bar{v} \otimes \nabla \bar{u}| = O(L^{-2})$$

... characterized via homogenization commutator

## How to extract $\bar{Q}$ from $\langle \cdot \rangle$ ?

Recall standard commutator  $\Xi e_i = a(e_i + \nabla \varphi_i) - \bar{a}(e_i + \nabla \varphi_i)$

$$L^d \text{var} \left( \int g \cdot \nabla u - \int \nabla \bar{v} \cdot \Xi \nabla \bar{u} \right) = O(L^{-2}), \quad \nabla \cdot (\bar{a}^* \nabla \bar{v} + g) = 0$$

$$L^d \left| \text{var} \left( \int g \cdot \Xi f \right) - \int f \otimes g : \bar{Q} f \otimes g \right| = O(L^{-2})$$

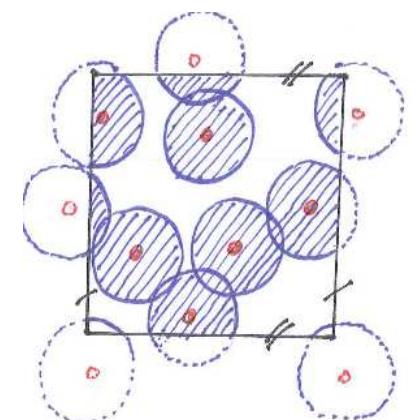
Duerinckx&Gloria&O.'17:

$$|L^d \text{var}_{\langle \cdot \rangle_L}(\bar{a}_L) - \bar{Q}|^2 \leq C(d, \lambda) L^{-d} \ln^d L ,$$

recall:  $\langle \cdot \rangle_L$  ensemble of  $a$ 's with period  $L$ ,

solve  $\nabla \cdot a(e_i + \nabla \varphi_i) = 0$  for  $\varphi_i$  of period  $L$ ,

Set  $\bar{a}_L e_i = \int_{[0,L)^d} a(e_i + \nabla \varphi_i)$ .



## In practise: Extract $\bar{Q}$ from RVE ...

Recall periodized ensemble  $\langle \cdot \rangle_L$

$$\bar{a}_L e_i = \int_{[0,L)^d} a(e_i + \nabla \varphi_i)$$

Previous result:  $|\langle \bar{a}_L \rangle_L - \bar{a}|^2 \lesssim L^{-2d} \ln^d L$

Duerinckx&Gloria&O.'17:  $|L^d \text{var}_{\langle \cdot \rangle_L}(\bar{a}_L) - \bar{Q}|^2 \lesssim L^{-d} \ln^d L$

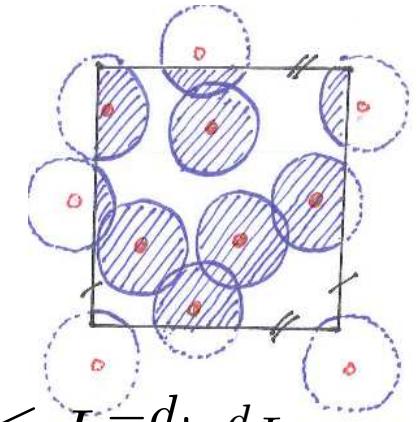
Hence get  $\bar{a}$  and  $\bar{Q}$  by same procedure:

$N \sim L^{\frac{d}{2}}$  independent samples  $\{\bar{a}_L^{(n)}\}_{n=1, \dots, N}$  from  $\langle \cdot \rangle_L$

$$\left\langle \left| \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \bar{a}_L^{(n)} - \bar{a} \right|^2 \right\rangle_L \lesssim L^{-2d} \ln^d L,$$

$$\left\langle \left| \frac{L^d}{N-1} \sum_{m=1}^N (\bar{a}_L^{(m)} - \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \bar{a}_L^{(n)})^{\otimes 2} - \bar{Q} \right|^2 \right\rangle_L \lesssim L^{-d} \ln^d L$$

... at no further cost than  $\bar{a}$

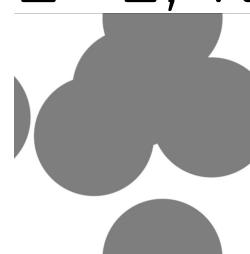


## Back to numerical example

$N \sim L^{\frac{d}{2}}$  independent samples  $\{a^{(n)}\}_{n=1,\dots,N}$  from  $\langle \cdot \rangle_L$ ,

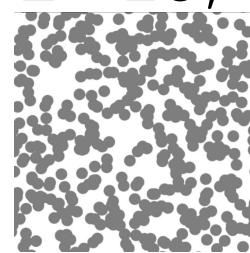
$$\left\langle \left| \frac{L^d}{N-1} \sum_{m=1}^N (\bar{a}_L^{(m)} - \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \bar{a}_L^{(n)})^{\otimes 2} - \bar{Q} \right|^2 \right\rangle_L \lesssim L^{-d} \ln^d L$$

$L=2, N=500$



$$\bar{Q} = 10^{-2} \times \begin{pmatrix} 1.01 & 0.00 & 0.00 & 0.09 \\ 0.00 & 0.31 & 0.09 & 0.00 \\ 0.00 & 0.09 & 0.31 & 0.00 \\ 0.09 & 0.00 & 0.00 & 0.99 \end{pmatrix}$$

$L=20, N=500$



$$\bar{Q} = 10^{-2} \times \begin{pmatrix} 1.00 & 0.00 & 0.00 & 0.23 \\ 0.00 & 0.56 & 0.23 & 0.00 \\ 0.00 & 0.23 & 0.56 & 0.00 \\ 0.23 & 0.00 & 0.00 & 1.01 \end{pmatrix}$$

## Credits

Gaussianity of various errors: Nolen'14 based on Stein/Chatterjee, Biskup&Salvi&Wolf'14, Rossignol'14, ...

Quartic tensor  $Q$  via Helffer-Sjöstrand and Mahrarens& O.'13: Mourrat&O'14, Gu&Mourrat'15

Heuristics of a path-wise approach w/o  $\Xi$ : Gu&Mourrat'15, based on variational approach by Armstrong&Smart '13

$\nabla\varphi = \bar{a}$ -Helmholtz-projection of white noise:  
Armstrong&Mourrat&Kuusi'16, Gloria&O.'16  
based on finite range rather than Spectral Gap

## Commutator & two-scale expansion

Recall:  $\langle \cdot \rangle$  ensemble of stationary, centered Gaussian field  $g$  on  $\mathbb{R}^d$ ; covariance such that  $\mathcal{F}c(k) \leq (1+|k|)^{-d-2\alpha}$ .

Set  $a(x) = A(g(x))$  for smooth  $A$ , range in  $\lambda$ -elliptic coefficients.

Recall:  $\nabla \cdot (a\nabla u + \textcolor{teal}{f}) = 0$ ,  $\textcolor{teal}{\nabla} \cdot (\bar{a}\nabla \bar{u} + f) = 0$ ,

Standard hom. commutator  $\Xi e_i = \textcolor{blue}{a}(\nabla \phi_i + e_i) - \bar{a}(\nabla \phi_i + e_i)$ .

**Proposition** (Duerinckx&Gloria&O. '14).

$F := \int \textcolor{teal}{h} \cdot (a\nabla u - \bar{a}\nabla u - \Xi \textcolor{teal}{\nabla} \bar{u})$  satisfies

$$\langle (F - \langle F \rangle)^{2p} \rangle^{\frac{1}{p}} \lesssim \left( \int |h|^4 \int |\nabla f|^4 + \int |\nabla h|^4 \int |f|^4 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad (d > 2)$$

## Structure of proof for fluctuations ...

Recall claim:  $F = \int h \cdot (a\nabla u - \bar{a}\nabla u - \Xi\nabla\bar{u})$  satisfies

$$\langle (F - \langle F \rangle)^{2p} \rangle^{\frac{1}{p}} \lesssim \left( \int |h|^4 \int |\nabla f|^4 + \int |\nabla h|^4 \int |f|^4 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

1)  $L^p$ -version of spectral gap

$$\langle (F - \langle F \rangle)^{2p} \rangle^{\frac{1}{p}} \lesssim \left\langle \left( \int \left| \frac{\partial F}{\partial a} \right|^2 \right)^p \right\rangle^{\frac{1}{p}}$$

2) Representation of Malliavin derivative  $\frac{\partial F}{\partial a}$   
in terms of solutions to dual problems

3) Annealed Calderon-Zygmund estimate  
to estimate solutions of dual problems

... as for oscillations

## Representation of Malliavin derivative ...

Recall  $\nabla \cdot (a \nabla u + f) = 0, \quad \nabla \cdot (\bar{a} \nabla \bar{u} + f) = 0, \quad f, h$  deterministic.

Recall  $F = \int h \cdot (a - \bar{a}) (\nabla u - \partial_i \bar{u} (e_i + \nabla \phi_i))$

Recall  $\lim_{\epsilon \downarrow 0} \frac{1}{\epsilon} (F(a + \epsilon \delta a) - F(a)) = \int \frac{\partial F}{\partial a}(a, x) \delta a(x) dx$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial F}{\partial a} &= h_j (e_j + \nabla \phi_j^*) \otimes (\nabla w + \phi_i \nabla \partial_i \bar{u}) \\ &+ (\nabla w^* + \phi_j^* \nabla h_j) \otimes \nabla u \\ &- (\nabla w_i^* + \phi_j^* \nabla (h_j \partial_i \bar{u})) \otimes (e_i + \nabla \phi_i), \end{aligned}$$

where  $\nabla \cdot (a \nabla w + (\phi_i a - \sigma_i) \nabla \partial_i \bar{u}) = 0,$

$\nabla \cdot (a^* \nabla w^* + (\phi_j^* a^* - \sigma_j^*) \nabla h_j) = 0,$

$\nabla \cdot (a^* \nabla w_i^* + (\phi_j^* a^* - \sigma_j^*) \nabla (h_j \partial_i \bar{u})) = 0.$

... via solutions to dual equations

## Annealed Calderon-Zygmund estimate

Recall auxiliary problems from representation:

$$\nabla \cdot (a \nabla w + (\phi_i a - \sigma_i) \nabla \partial_i \bar{u}) = 0,$$

$$\nabla \cdot (a^* \nabla w^* + (\phi_j^* a^* - \sigma_j^*) \nabla h_j) = 0,$$

$$\nabla \cdot (a^* \nabla w_i^* + (\phi_j^* a^* - \sigma_j^*) \nabla (h_j \partial_i \bar{u})) = 0.$$

**Lemma** (Duerinckx&O.'19)

Suppose that  $\nabla \cdot (a \nabla w + h) = 0$ ; then for all  $p, q, q' \in (1, \infty)$

$$\left( \int \langle |\nabla w|^q \rangle^{\frac{p}{q}} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \lesssim \left( \int \langle |h|^{q'} \rangle^{\frac{p}{q'}} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \quad \text{provided } q < q'.$$

Maximal regularity in  $L^p(\mathbb{R}^d, L^q(\langle \cdot \rangle))$ ,  
no loss in spatial  $p$ , tiny (unavoidable) loss in stochastic  $q$ .

Relies on stochastic estimates of  $(\phi, \sigma)$   
and on quenched large-scale Calderon-Zygmund

## Summary

### Quantitative stochastic homogenization

#### Goals:

numerical analysis of Representative Volume Element method,  
estimate of homogenization error:  
[oscillations (micro/strong)], fluctuations ( macro/weak)

**Concepts:** two-scale expansion, flux correctors  
homogenization commutator

**Tools:** spectral gap estimate,  
representation formula for Malliavin derivative,  
annealed Calderon-Zygmund estimates