



# Représentations et connaissances du domaine pour l'identification évolutionnaire

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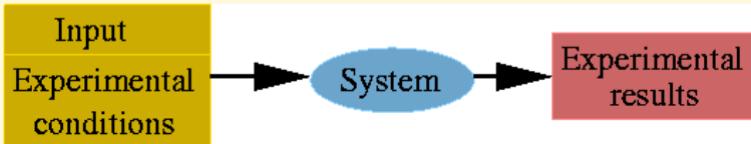
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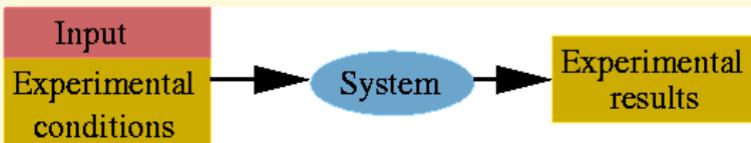
# Identification de systèmes



## Problème direct:

Phénomène physique - ou sa simulation numérique

Précise et robuste

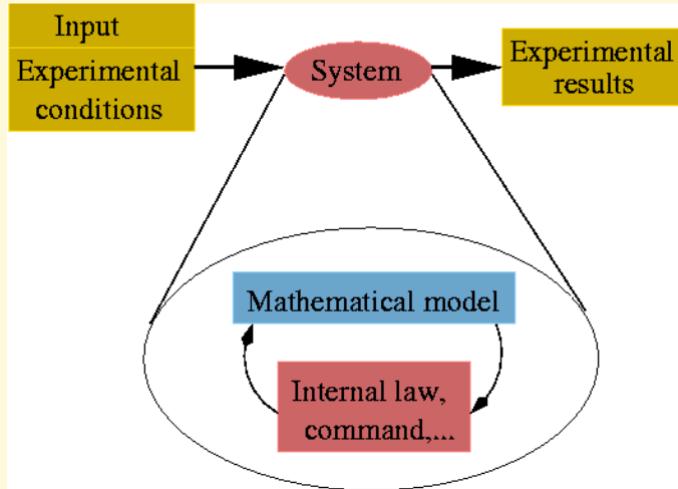


## Problème inverse:

Trouver l'entrée qui va donner la sortie désirée

## Identification de systèmes (2)

Reconstruire le système à partir de couples entrée/sortie



- Approche boîte noire : régression Data fitting
- Modèle mathématique interne : identification de fonction

Problèmes souvent mal posés  $\Rightarrow$  optimisation évolutionnaire

# Survol

## • Contexte

- Algorithmes évolutionnaires
- Choix de la **représentation**
- Connaissances du domaine

Programmation génétique  
ou ?

## • Identification de lois

- Modèles rhéologiques
- Loi d'indentation

Mécanique des structures  
dans la représentation par arbres  
Analyse dimensionnelle

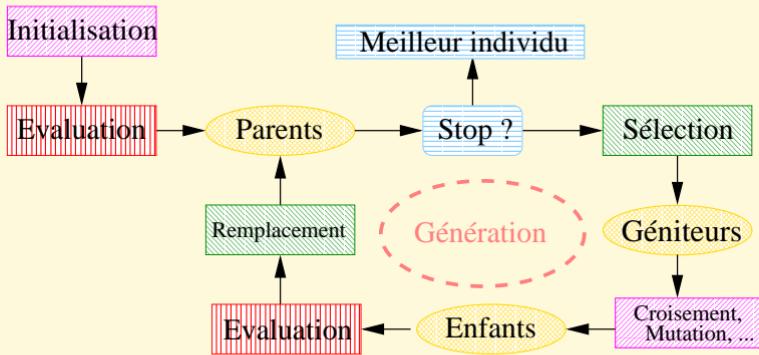
## • Optimisation de “formes”

Représentation adaptative

Géophysique, Structures  
dans la fonction performance

## • Conclusions et Perspectives

# Un algorithme “évolutionnaire”



- [Opérateurs stochastiques: Dépendent de la représentation]
- [ "Darwinisme" (stochastique ou déterministe)]
- [Coût calcul]
- [Critère d'arrêt, statistiques, ...]

- Paradigme Darwinien grossier
- Optimisation stochastique d'ordre 0



## La représentation

- Le Darwinisme ne dépend que de la **performance**
- L'initialisation et les opérateurs de variation ne dépendent que de la **représentation**.

### Trois exemples de base:

- Représentation “binaire”  $\Omega = \{0, 1\}^N$
- Représentation “réelle”  $\Omega = [0, 1]^N$  or  $\mathbb{R}^N \dots$
- Représentation par arbres GP

Le choix de la représentation est **crucial**

# Espaces d'arbres

J. Koza

$$\Omega = \text{Arbres}(\mathcal{N}, \mathcal{T})$$

$\mathcal{N}$  ensemble de noeuds (ou opérateurs)

$\mathcal{T}$  ensemble de feuilles (ou opérandes)

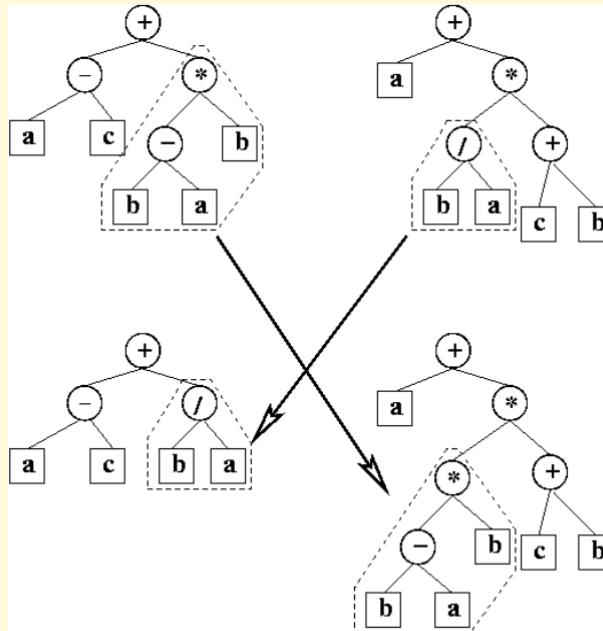
Exemples :

- $$\begin{cases} \mathcal{N} = \{+, \times\} \\ \mathcal{T} = \{X, \mathcal{R}\} \\ \Omega = \text{Polynomes de } X. \end{cases}$$
- $$\begin{cases} \mathcal{N} = \{ \text{ if-then-else, while-do, repeat-until... } \} \\ \mathcal{T} = \{\text{expressions, instructions}\} \\ \Omega = \text{Programmes} \end{cases}$$

# Croisement des arbres

## Principe :

Deux points sont choisis dans les deux parents  
Les sous-arbres sous ces points sont échangés.





## Croisement des arbres (2)

**Idée-Force** : fermeture syntaxique

**Points délicats** :

- Vérifier que la longueur max des arbres est respectée.
- Tout croisement est-il possible ?

**Remarque** :

1. Opérateur historiquement privilégié de GP.
2. “Le croisement suffit à produire des mutations”...
3. Le croisement tend à produire      un enfant long et un enfant court.



## Mutation des arbres

## Mutation traditionnelle

- Remplacement de sous-arbre Choisir un point dans le parent  
Remplacer le sous arbre par un arbre aléatoire
  - Remplacement de noeud Choisir un noeud/feuille dans le parent  
Remplacer ce noeud/feuille par un noeud/feuille de même arité

## Mutation “promotionnelle”

- Insertion de noeud Choisir un point dans le parent  
Faire du fils le petit fils
  - Promotion de noeud Choisir un noeud/feuille dans le parent  
Remplacer le noeud pere par le noeud fils

## Mutation des arbres (2)

### Mutation: Terminaux numériques

## Mutation “numérique”

- Muter toutes les constantes dans l'arbre. très destructeur
  - Mise à niveau : tirer  $n$  jeux de constantes, garder le meilleur.  
coupler optim. non paramétrique/paramétrique
  - Optimisation de type montée, ou ... évolutinnaire

## Points délicats :

- Mutation structurelles:  
Remet en cause la structure de l'arbre  
⇒ Ajustement des constantes nécessaire
  - Très peu de “petites” modifications possibles



# Espaces d'arbres

## Applications

- “Toutes” fonctions analytiques ensemble de primitives non limité
- Expressions booléennes Multiplexeur, classifieur, ...
- Contrôleurs robots, usines, ...
- Règles de développement Embryogénèse artificielle

**Pros :** Richesse en fonction des primitives  
Fermeture du croisement

**Cons :** aucun argument théorique !



## Représentation : Paramétrique ou non-paramétrique ?

- Représentations paramétriques : souvent utilisées pour de mauvaises raisons !

Limitations des méthodes d'optimisation traditionnelles

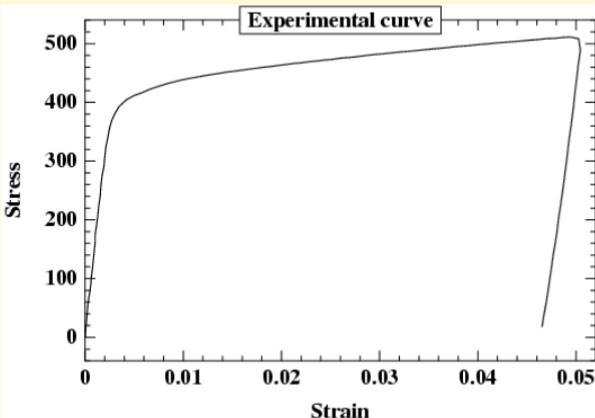
- AEs : savent manipuler des représentations quelconques  
avec des opérateurs “sémantiquement” corrects

Revenir au problème initial sans *a priori*

# I – 1D Elasto-visco plastic materials

## Input: Experimental curves

- observed strain  $\epsilon(t)$  for applied stress  $\sigma(t)$ ;
- observed stress  $\sigma(t)$  for applied strain  $\epsilon(t)$ ;



## Output: Behavioral law

Differential equations linking  $\epsilon(t)$ ,  $\sigma(t)$  and their derivatives, e.g.

$$\text{if } \sigma(t) < \sigma_1 \text{ then } \sigma(t) = a.\epsilon(t) + b.\dot{\epsilon}(t)$$

$$\text{else if } \sigma(t) < \sigma_2 \text{ then } \sigma(t) = c.\epsilon(t) + d.\dot{\epsilon}(t)$$

**Criteria:** the law must fit the experiments **and** be comprehensible.

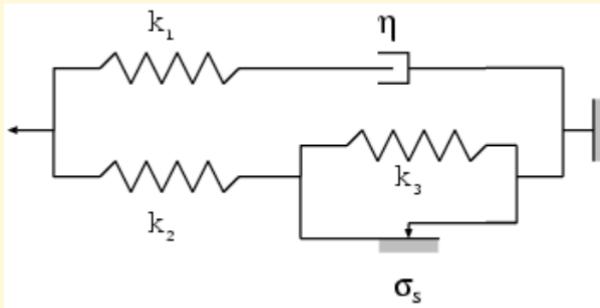


# Search space: Rheological models

## Dynamic 1-D laws.

Assembly in series or parallel of

- springs (elastic behavior)
- sliders (plastic behavior)
- dashpots (viscous behavior)



## Search space: Rheological models (2)

### Identification Goals:

- For a given model, adjust the parameters  
     $\implies$  **Parametric optimization**
- Optimize both the model and the parameters  
     $\implies$  **Non-parametric optimization**

# Simulation of a Rheological model

## Elementary equations:

- Spring( $k$ )  $\sigma(t) = k \cdot \epsilon(t)$
- Slider( $\eta$ )  $\sigma(t) = \eta \cdot \dot{\epsilon}(t)$
- Dashpot( $\sigma_S$ )  $(\dot{\epsilon}(t) = 0) OR (|\sigma(t)| = \sigma_S)$

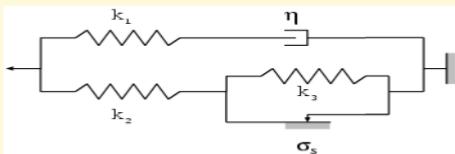
## Connection equations:

- Series  $\epsilon_{parent}(t) = \epsilon_{child_1}(t) + \dots + \epsilon_{child_m}(t)$   $\sigma_{parent}(t) = \sigma_{child_1}(t) = \dots = \sigma_{child_m}(t)$
- Parallel  $\epsilon_{parent}(t) = \epsilon_{child_1}(t) = \dots = \epsilon_{child_n}(t)$   $\sigma_{parent}(t) = \sigma_{child_1}(t) + \dots + \sigma_{child_n}(t)$

**Solve**  $\rightarrow \sigma_{sim}(t) = Fn(\epsilon_{exp}(t), \dot{\epsilon}_{exp}(t))$

# Parametric identification

A given model (e.g. that of the polyethylene)



$$\sigma_{sim}(t) = \mathcal{F}(\epsilon(t), \dot{\epsilon}(t); k_1, k_2, k_3, \eta, \sigma_S)$$

The unknown are  $k_1, k_2, k_3, \eta, \sigma_S$ , and the goal is to minimize  
 $\sum_i |\sigma_{exp}(t_i) - \sigma_{sim}(t_i)|^2$

Measures are available at discrete times  $t_i$  only ( $\approx 30\text{-}300$  values).

## Ill-posed optimization problem



## Methodology

- Write the program computing  $\sigma_{sim}$  (by finite differences approximation of the equations). The parameters of that program are  $k_1, k_2, k_3, \eta, \sigma_S$ .
- Use trial-and-errors, or iterated hill-climbing to adjust the parameters.

Evolutionary Algorithms are a better choice!

Standard  $(10 + 30) - ES$  was used.

# Evaluation

## Compilation

$$H \rightarrow \text{Système d'équations } \mathcal{S}_H$$

- Ressort( $k$ )  $\sigma(t) = k \cdot \varepsilon(t)$
- Amortisseur( $\eta$ )  $\sigma(t) = \eta \cdot \dot{\varepsilon}(t)$
- Patin( $\sigma_S$ )  $(\dot{\varepsilon}(t) = 0) \text{ OR } (|\sigma(t)| = \sigma_S)$
- Série  $\varepsilon_{parent}(t) = \varepsilon_{fils_1}(t) + \varepsilon_{fils_2}(t)$   
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- Parallèle  $\varepsilon_{parent}(t) = \varepsilon_{fils_1}(t) = \varepsilon_{fils_2}(t)$   
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## Simulation

$$\mathcal{S}_H \cup (\varepsilon_H(t) = \varepsilon_{exp}(t)) \rightarrow \sigma_H(t)$$

## Evaluation

$$f(H) = Distance(\sigma_H, \sigma_{exp})$$

# Critère d'arrêt

## Sources d'erreur

- ED → Différences finies
- Erreurs expérimentales
- Bruit de résolution

## Estimation de l'erreur

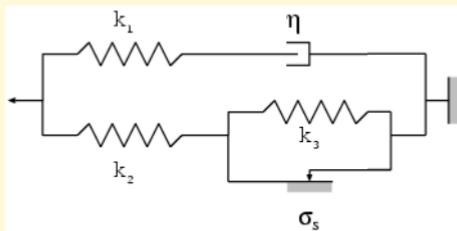
$$Err = ||\sigma_H(t_{exp} = t_1, t_2, t_3, \dots) - \sigma_H(t_{exp} = t_1, t_3, t_5, \dots)||$$

## Critère de succès

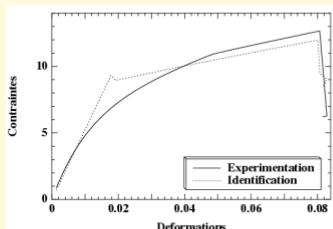
$$f(H) \approx Err$$

# Results

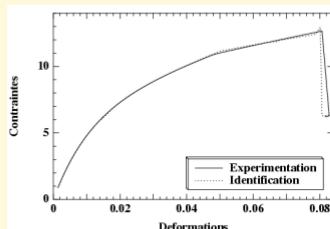
## Model for the polyethylene



Responses of the best model in the population



after 20 generations



after 200 generations

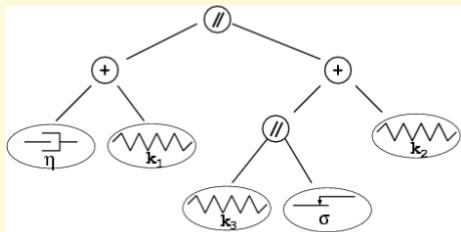
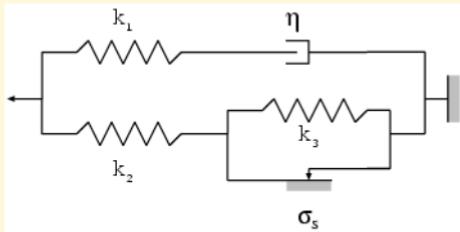
	$k_1$	$\eta$	$k_2$	$k_3$	$\sigma_S$
Identification	627.2	4748.	98.3	73.8	4.94
"Experimental"	587.9	4914.	93.1	116	4.49



# Rheological GP

Rheological models  $\equiv$  Trees built from

- $\mathcal{N} = \{ \text{series } +, \text{parallel } // \}$
- $\mathcal{T} = \{ \text{Spring}(k), \text{Slider}(\sigma_S), \text{Dashpot}(\eta) \}$





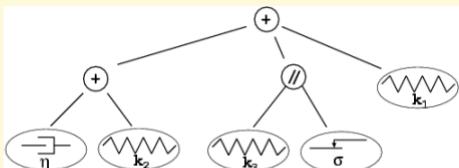
## Fitness computation

- Need for an **interpreter** of rheological model
- The sliders raise many difficulties (2 modes depending on  $\sigma$  w.r.t. the threshold).
- Complexity:  $T \times 2.(3N)^3/3$ , where  $T$  is the number of time steps of the loading history and  $N$  the size of the model
- Much slower than the compiled program used for parametric identification.



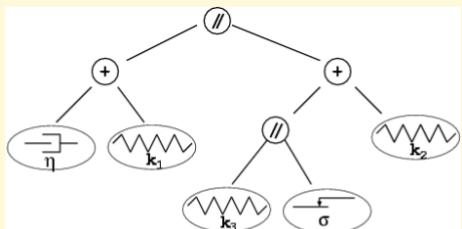
## Results

- 20% of successful runs (w.r.t. error criterion)



## Repeatedly found (wrong!) structure

→ due to the absence of *creep* in the experiments.



Compare to actual one

- Best values of the parameters:

	$k_1$	$\eta$	$k_2$	$k_3$	$\sigma_S$
"Exp."	790.45	6248.60	150.20	41.60	7.25
Res.	998.89	8698.78	133.08	39.66	19.04



# Rheological models identification: conclusion

## Parametric identification

- gives more accurate results more rapidly
- ... if the guess of the model is good.
- otherwise, the bias can be misleading.

## Non-parametric identification

- looks for solution in a much larger space
- ... but can easily get lost
- and may require heavier computational skills.

In both cases, the experimental data are crucial:

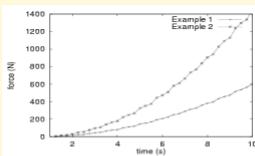
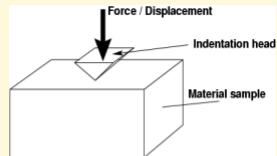
Use EC to discover discriminant experiments for similar models.

e.g. creep in the polyethylene case above

## II – Dimension aware GP

### The mechanical problem

Indentation experiments on unknown material



**Goal:** Find expression  $\mathcal{F}$  s.t.

$$\text{Force} = \mathcal{F}(\text{displacement, time, material parameters})$$

Ratle, Sebag – EEAAX and LMS, Ecole Polytechnique, 2000

# Representations

- **Parametric:** Look for scalar  $A$  and  $P$  s.t.

$$\mathcal{F} := Au^2 e^{Pt}$$

Smallest possible search space – no need for EC

- **Non-parametric:**

Need for understandable law → **Genetic Programming**

Largest possible search space, best possible solutions?

- **Refinement:** dimension aware GP

**Assumption:**

finite set of units  
compound units

$\{m, s, kg\}$  length, time, mass  
 $U_{ijk} : m^i s^j kg^k \quad -2 \leq i, j, k \leq 2$

# GP with prior knowledge on the search space

## Historical GP:

Closure hypothesis

All expressions are admissible

- PRO: Simple variation operators
- CON: Huge search space, many irrelevant individuals

**Physical identification** → Dimensionally consistent laws

$$\text{Oranges} \neq \text{Apples} + \text{Bananas}$$

Constraints on the admissible expressions

syntactic constraints = grammar



## Context-Free Grammars: $\{S, N, T, P\}$

$S$  : start symbol

$N$  : set of non-terminal symbols

rewritten using production rules

$T$  : set of terminal symbols

$P$  : set of production rules

### Example: Universal grammar

$$N = \{\langle E \rangle, \langle O \rangle, \langle V \rangle\}$$

$$T = \{+, \times, x, \mathcal{R}\} \quad \mathcal{R} = \text{any real-valued constant}$$

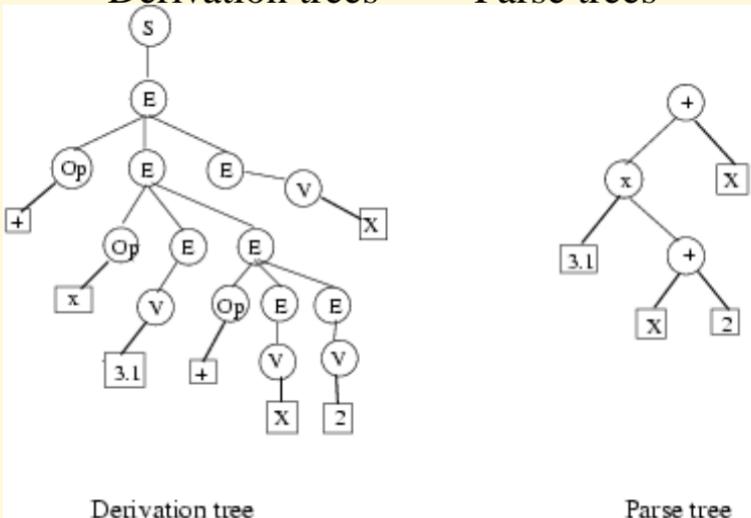
$$P = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} S := \langle E \rangle; \\ \langle E \rangle := \langle O \rangle \langle E \rangle \langle E \rangle \mid \langle V \rangle; \\ \langle O \rangle := + \mid \times; \\ \langle V \rangle := x \mid \mathcal{R}; \end{array} \right\}$$

→ “Standard” GP trees ( $\mathcal{N} = \{+, \times\}$ ,  $\mathcal{T} = \{x, \mathcal{R}\}$ )



# Enforcing constraints through grammars

Derivation trees → Parse trees



Beware !

**Terminals**

**Non-Terminals**

**CFG**

variables, constants, operators

typed expressions

**GP**

variables and constants

operators



## GP on derivation trees – Gruau 96

- **Initialization:** uniform selection among derivations in a production rule

filter out trees with depth  $> D_{max}$

- **Crossover:** swap nodes with same non-terminal symbol
  - ≡ Strongly Type Genetic Programming
  - Montana 1995, Haynes et al. 1996

- **Mutation:** select another derivation

# Dimension grammar

Physical units			
Quantity	mass	length	time
<i>Variables</i>			
$K$ (Elastic element)	+1	0	-1
$n$ (Viscous element)	+1	0	-1
$t$ (time)	0	0	+1
$u$ (displacement)	0	1	0
<i>Solution</i>			
$F$ (Force)	1	1	-2



## Automatic generation of the grammar

each compound unit → a non-terminal symbol  
admissible combinations → production rules

$N$	non-terminals	$\{U_{ijk}\}$
$T$	terminals	$\{Vars, \mathcal{R}, +, -, *, /, exp\}$
$P$	production rules	

$$U_{ijk} := \begin{cases} U_{ijk} + U_{ijk} \mid U_{ijk} - U_{ijk} \mid U_{ijk} \exp^{U_{000}} \\ \mid abc+def=ijk U_{abc} * U_{def} \\ \mid abc-def=ijk U_{abc} / U_{def} \\ \mid \text{unit(var)}=ijk Var \end{cases}$$

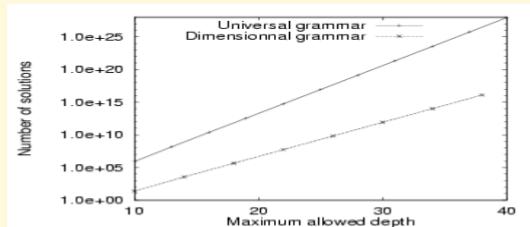
$$\mathcal{F} := \text{mass} \times \text{length} \times \text{time}^{-2}$$

## Automatically generated



# First Results

## Reduction of the search space



## Poor performances

...blamed on Initialization

Uniform initialization:  $\mathcal{P}(\text{non-terminal}) \gg \mathcal{P}(\text{terminal})$

deep trees, most are filtered out

**Note** : Similar to constrained optimization with sparse feasible region

Ryan et al, 1998

Poor initial population → poor performances

# Initialization in Grammar Guided GP

## Biased initialization fails

- Set  $\mathcal{P}(\text{terminals}) \gg \mathcal{P}(\text{non-terminals})$
- Population poorly diversified, premature convergence

## Constraint resolution for initialization

- Minimal tree depth for each non-terminal or derivation
  - On-line filtering out of derivations
    - incompatible with maximum depth
  - GP initialization = constraint solver
- Diversified initial population within depth  $D_{Max}$



# Experimental validation

## Parameters

Population size	2000
Max. number of generations	1000
Probability of Crossover	0.8
Probability of tree mutation	0.2
Probability of point mutation	0.8
Number of training examples	20
Number of independent runs	10

## Experiment Goal

Compare the effects of Background Knowledge

- No background knowledge (Universal Grammar)

GP search space

- Little BK: ad hoc operators

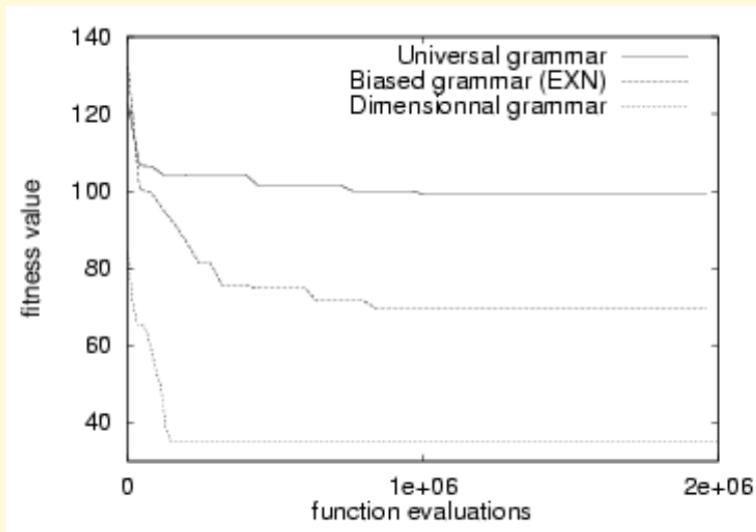
*Exponential-Neg to guarantee stability*

- Knowledge on the model shape

$$\mathcal{F} := Au^2 \exp(Pt), \text{ where } A \text{ and } P \text{ are GP trees}$$

- On each of the above, dimensional consistency: Grammar-Guided GP

# Experimental Results – on-line



Convergence: Impact of grammars

## Experimental Results – off-line

Grammar	Average fitness	Std. deviation
universal-untyped	6.2236E+4	0.0E+0
$[A \exp(Pt)]$ -untyped	6.5762E+4	2.2E+3
$[Au^2 \exp(Pt)]$ -untyped	5.1194E+4	1.9E+3
universal-dim	3.1009E+4	5.8E+3
$[A \exp(Pt)]$ -dim	4.0089E+4	2.7E+3
$[Au^2 \exp(Pt)]$ -dim	3.6357E+4	3.4E+3

## Grammar Guided GP: lessons

- If you can bypass EC safely, please do :-)
- “**The more the better**” not always true
- GP needs help - use background knowledge

But G<sup>3</sup>P hardly scales up ...

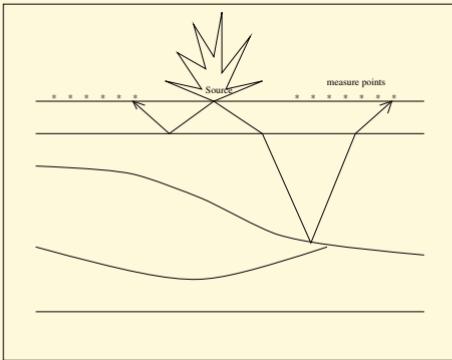
GE, Keijzer & Ryan 2000



# Adaptive complexity

## The geophysical problem

- **Question:** Where is the oil?  
Underground layout of velocity?
- **Experiment:**  
A seismic explosion +  
recordingS of elastic waves at  
some receptors (*seismograms*).



**Hypothesis:** Blocky model

Piecewise constant velocity

PhD of F. Mansanne – Dec. 2000 – coll. IFP



## Parametric Representation

- Series of layers

Stoffa and Sen 91

Unrealistic

- User-defined models of increasing complexity

Boschetti 95

A priori information required

- Control points of splines (**not** blocky model)

CMAP-IFP 95

Uniformly distributed

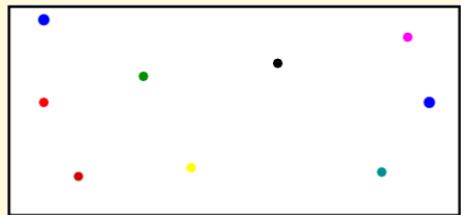
Docherty & al. 97

Cleverly situated

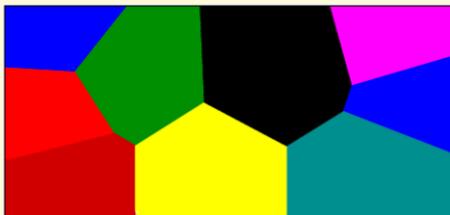
But domain knowledge is not always available

→ representations of variable complexity

# Voronoi representation



Colored Voronoi sites



Colored Voronoi cells

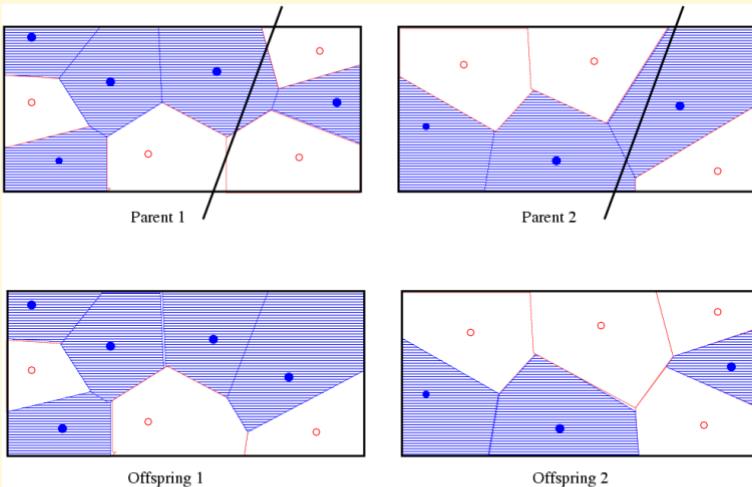
## Genotype:

Unordered variable length list of labeled Voronoi sites  
 $((S_1, v_1), \dots, (S_n, v_n))$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $v_i \in \{V_{min}, V_{max}\}$

# Variation operators

## Crossover

Geometrical exchange of Voronoi sites



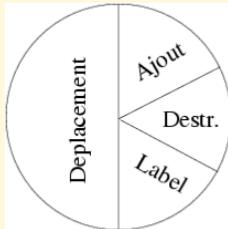


# Variation operators

## Mutations

- Adaptive Gaussian mutation of sites coordinates
- Adaptive Gaussian mutation of velocity labels
- Site addition - deletion as smooth as possible

Choice according to user-defined weights



## Two fitness functions

### “Standard” Least Square fitness

- Solve the wave equation in the whole domain
- Compute LS distance between simulation and experiments
- CPU time increases with # shots, mesh size

### Semblance fitness

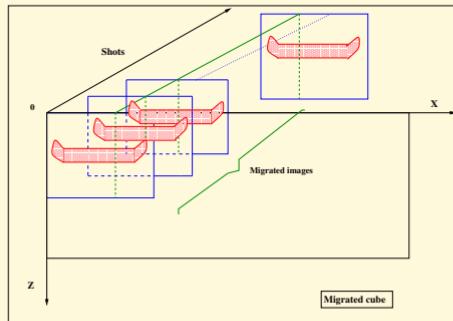
- Using geophysic specific image analysis techniques
- CPU time  $\propto$  # shots, # receptors, mesh size
- Much faster to compute than the wave equation . . .

for a single receptor



## Image migration

- For each receptor,
- Compute the backward propagation of the recorded wave
- Compare with the direct seismic wave due to the explosion

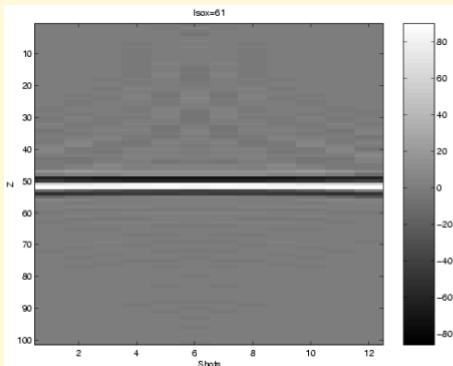


- Diffracting points are the only points where there is time coincidence
- ... if the velocity model used to compute the waves is correct!

# The semblance fitness function

Taner & Koehler, 1969

- Measures the horizontal alignment of reflection events at a given X position.
- Successful in GA-based (1D) North Sea profile identification (Jin & Madriaga 93).



$$Fitness = \sum_{X \in \xi} \frac{\left\| \sum_{i=1}^{nshots} trace_i(X, Z) \right\|}{\sum_{i=1}^{nshots} \left\| trace_i^2(X, Z) \right\|}$$

# First experiments using Semblance

## Geological

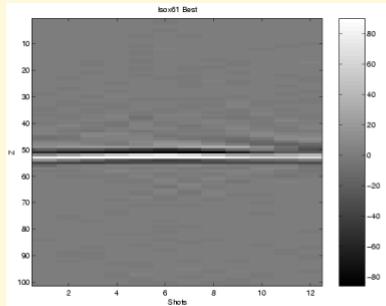
- 3100m  $\times$  1000m domain, 25m discretization step
- 12 shots (every 50m), 101 receptors (every 25m)
- IFP dedicated solver One direct problem = 70s of Alpha 500
- Artificial test case:  
homogeneous underground ( $2000ms^{-1}$ )  
one horizontal diffractor at  $Z = 500m$

## Evolutionary

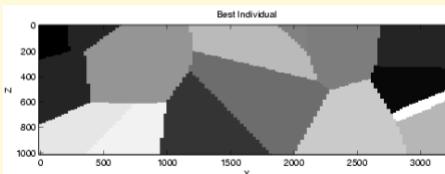
- Pop. size 30,  $p_{crois} = 0.7$ ,  $p_{mut} = 0.6$
- Deterministic binary tournament,  
Standard elitist generational replacement
- 2500 evaluations ( $\equiv 24h$ )

# A bug in the fitness

Robust convergence to very low semblance values ...



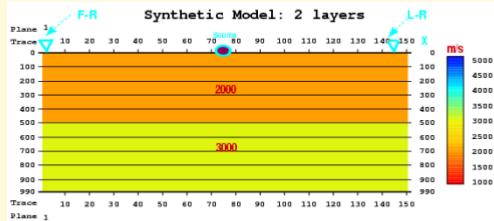
*Best Iso-X plot for receptor 61  
found by evolution*



*Corresponding absurd  
velocity layout*

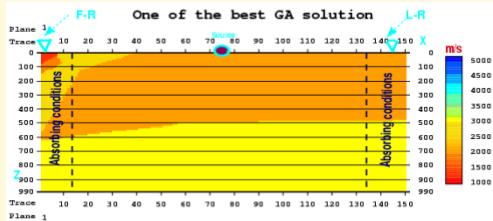
LS fitness would avoid such weird solutions

# Results using LS fitness

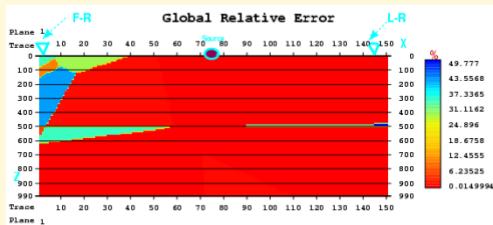


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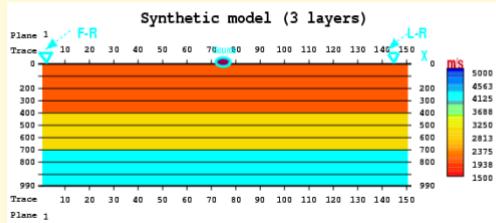
- 2 homogeneous layers
- $100 \times 150$  mesh
- 30000 LS evaluations
- 150h on O2 Silicon



Best results (out of 5 runs)

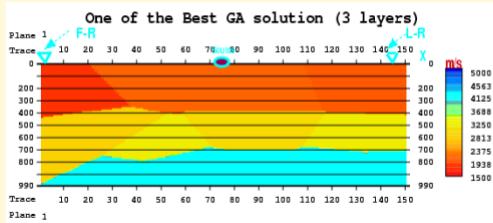


Relative error

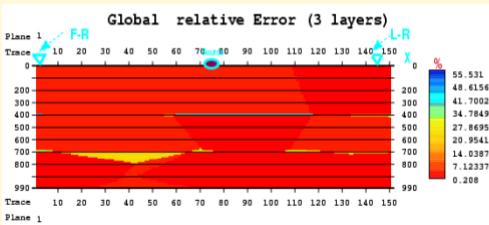


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But does not work on more complex undergrounds



## A mixed fitness

- Use both fitnesses Semblance and Least Square
- But not at the same time Swap fitness every N generations

You can also use tune the complexity of the simulation

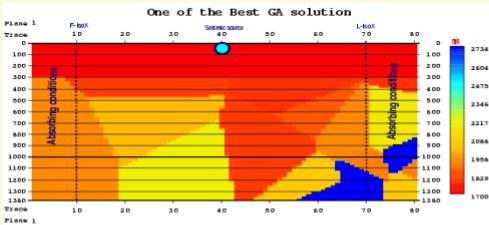
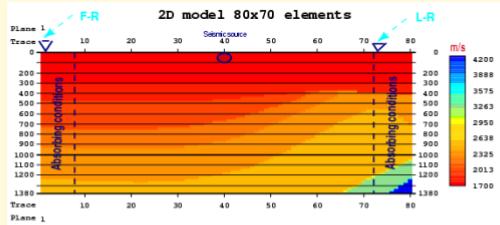
- Number of receptors, of migrates wavelengths Semblance cost only
- Number of shots requires as many simulations
- Size of mesh Not done yet

and eventually gradually increase it along evolution

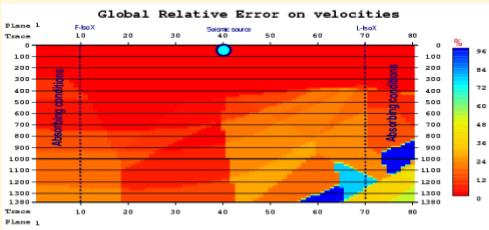


# Results using mixed fitness

swap every 5 generations



- Picrocol benchmark
- $80 \times 70$  mesh
- 20000 evaluations each
- 200h on O2 Silicon



Relative error



## Geophysical inversion: lessons

- EAs do not have any common sense
- Beware of ... exclusive background knowledge
- Use **all** information
- Go parallel!



# Conclusions

- Représentations

Souplesse extraordinaire  
Pas de magie

- Connaissance du domaine

Initialisation, opérateurs de variation, fonction objectif

- Hybridation

Techniques d'apprentissage, de recherche locale