Homogenization estimates for the macroscopic response and field statistics in viscoplastic polycrystals

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MOTIVATION

Examples of Microstructures



Cement Paste Matrix

concrete



Polycrystalline ice



Polycrystalline olivine



Fluid-impregnated sandstone

Homogenization



 If there is a wide separation of length scales and the boundary conditions vary "slowly" relative to the micro-scale, then an RVE of the composite behaves like a homogeneous material with effective properties depending on the properties and distribution of the constituent phases (i.e., microstructure), but not on the specific boundary conditions. BACKGROUND

Nonlinear Elasticity/Viscoplasticity

• Strain-displacement (strain-rate/velocity) relation

$$\boldsymbol{\varepsilon} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\nabla \mathbf{u} + \nabla \mathbf{u}^T \right) \quad \varepsilon_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \left(u_{i,j} + u_{j,i} \right)$$

• Equilibrium

$$\nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} + \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{0}, \quad \text{or} \quad \sigma_{ij,j} + b_i = 0$$

• Constitutive relation

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where $u^{(r)}$ is a convex stress potential, which may be isotropic or anisotropic

$$u^{(r)}(\boldsymbol{\sigma}) = \phi^{(r)}(\sigma_e) \qquad u^{(r)}(\boldsymbol{\sigma}) = \sum_{k=1}^{K^{(r)}} \phi^{(r)}_{(k)}(\tau^{(r)}_{(k)})$$

Homogenization: Effective Properties

• Local behavior:

$$\boldsymbol{\epsilon} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial \boldsymbol{\sigma}}, \quad u(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\sigma}) = \sum_{r=1}^{N} \chi^{(r)}(\mathbf{x}) \ u^{(r)}(\boldsymbol{\sigma})$$

where the $\chi^{(r)}$ characterize the microstructure.

• *Effective or macroscopic* behavior:

$$\overline{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}} = \frac{\partial U}{\partial \overline{\boldsymbol{\sigma}}} \qquad \qquad \widetilde{U}(\overline{\boldsymbol{\sigma}}) = \min_{\boldsymbol{\sigma} \in \mathcal{S}} \langle u(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\sigma}) \rangle$$

where $S = \{\sigma, \text{ div } \sigma = 0 \text{ in } \Omega, \sigma \mathbf{n} = \overline{\sigma} \mathbf{n} \text{ on } \partial \Omega \}$ and $\langle \sigma \rangle = \overline{\sigma}$ and $\overline{\epsilon} = \langle \epsilon \rangle$ are average stress and strain (rate).

Hashin (1964); Hill (1965); Hutchinson (1976); Willis (1983)

Homogenization: Field Statistics

• Phase averages:

$$\overline{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}}^{(r)} = \langle \boldsymbol{\epsilon} \rangle^{(r)} \quad \overline{\boldsymbol{\sigma}}^{(r)} = \langle \boldsymbol{\sigma} \rangle^{(r)}$$

• Second moments/covariance tensors:

• Results can be obtained via identities of the type

$$\overline{\boldsymbol{\sigma}}^{(r)} = \frac{1}{c^{(r)}} \left. \partial_{\boldsymbol{\eta}^{(r)}} \widetilde{U}_{\boldsymbol{\eta}} \right|_{\boldsymbol{\eta}^{(r)} = \mathbf{0}}$$
$$u_{\boldsymbol{\eta}}(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\sigma}) = \sum_{s=1}^{N} \chi^{(s)}(\mathbf{x}) u^{(s)}(\boldsymbol{\sigma}) + \chi^{(r)}(\mathbf{x}) \boldsymbol{\eta}^{(r)} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}$$

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