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Introduction

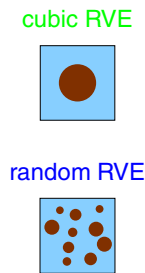
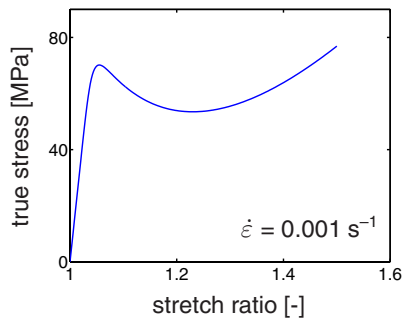
Homogenisation provides a way to relate the microstructural response of a material to its macroscopic mechanical behaviour [1]. The heterogeneous material is effectively replaced by an equivalent homogeneous continuum, which is defined by a closed form constitutive equation.

Homogenisation method

On both levels, Perzyna's elastoviscoplastic constitutive model is adopted [2].

Micromodel

The constitutive parameters for the micromodel are identified for polycarbonate with a fixed strain rate $\dot{\epsilon}$. Two different representative volume elements (RVEs) are considered.

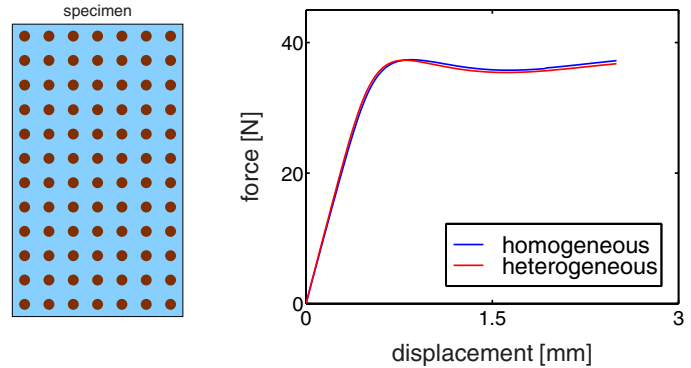


Macromodel

The constitutive coefficients for the macromodel follow from the homogenisation procedure developed in [3], extended to account for finite deformations.

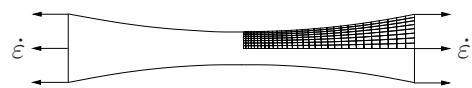
Benchmark problem

A tensile test on a polycarbonate plate with regularly distributed rubber inclusions is simulated in two different ways: (1) a homogeneous simulation using homogenised material parameters from the cubic RVE (CPU-time: 2 minutes); (2) a heterogeneous simulation where the structure is completely discretised ('reference solution': CPU-time: 3 days):

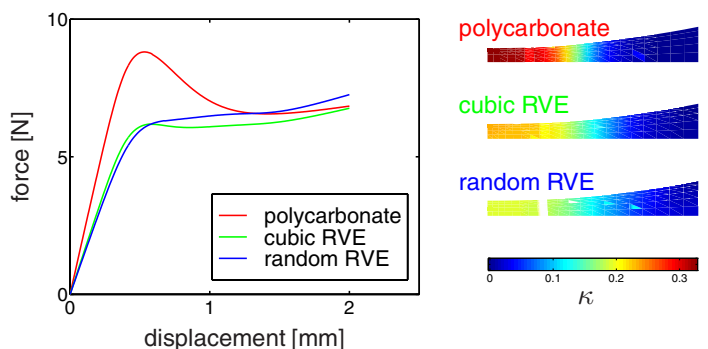


Application

As application of the method, a tensile test of a geometrically imperfect specimen is performed.



Modifying the microstructure of the material changes the overall mechanical behaviour of the heterogeneous tensile specimen significantly. The contourbands of the equivalent viscoplastic strain κ illustrate the difference between strain concentrations for the respective microstructures in the specimen.



Conclusion

The homogenisation method for elastoviscoplastic solids exhibiting large deformations results in a very good approximation of the mechanical behaviour of these materials, while reducing computational costs.

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