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introduction

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Over several decades, an in-house constitutive model for glassy polymers was developed [1, 2], that accurately captures the yield and post-yield response of glassy polymers. Despite these capabilities, several problems exist due to the nature of the single-mode modeling:

- □ inaccurate description of the pre-yield regime.
- □ incapability to qualitatively predict elastic recovery.

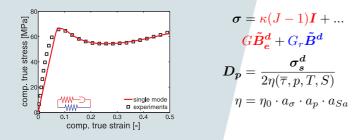


Figure 1 Experiment and simulation using the single-mode model for uni-axial compression (left); governing constitutive relations (right).

solution

An elegant solution to this problem was proposed by [1], hence a multi-mode approach is employed.

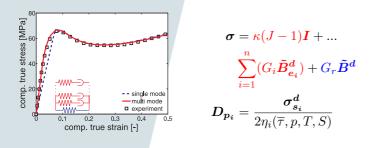


Figure 2 *Experiment and simulation using the multi-mode model for uni-axial compression (left); modified constitutive relations (right).*

This is a straightforward extension to multi-relaxation times, with the special feature that the non-linearity is coupled to the total stress.

material characterization

As model material, polycarbonate was selected, and values for material parameters were taken from literature [2]. The moduli and initial viscosities of the modes were obtained from an intrinsic deformation curve as depicted in figures 1 and 2. The stress up to yield can be described with the well known Boltzmann integral.

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By taking into account the non-linearity of the stress in the viscosities, the moduli and corresponding viscosities can be calculated.

$$\sigma(t) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left[E_i \dot{\epsilon} \int_{-\infty}^t \exp\left(-\frac{\psi - \psi'}{\lambda_i}\right) dt' \right] \quad ; \quad \eta_i = \lambda_i \cdot E_i$$

where

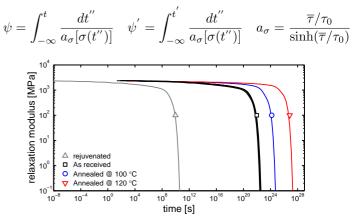


Figure 3 Relaxation moduli versus time.

Similar to the single-mode approximation [2], a unique rejuvenated relaxation time spectrum can be defined that accurately describes the pre-yield range in different strain rates and thermal history.

results

The multi-mode model accurately describes the pre-yield regime and is therefore capable of calculating loading and unloading curves for flat-tip indentation (Figure 4).

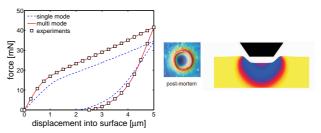


Figure 4 Flat-tip indentation using the single and multi-mode model.

conclusion

The new multi-mode implementation is capable of describing the non-linear viscoelastic pre-yield regime accurately, while the post-yield behavior of the single-mode model remains unaffected.

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