

**– Brutal partial damage –
a case study for the interaction
between
evolution and relaxation**

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1/ Brutal damage – a mechanical model – 1

Quasi-static evolution
no kinetic energy

Rate independence
no viscous type behavior

Energy density:
 $W(\varepsilon|d)$

kinematic variable:

$$\begin{aligned}\boldsymbol{\epsilon}(\boldsymbol{u}) &= \boldsymbol{\varepsilon} = 1/2(\boldsymbol{D}\boldsymbol{u} + \boldsymbol{D}\boldsymbol{u}^T) \\ \boldsymbol{u} : \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^3 &\rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3\end{aligned}$$

internal variable:

$$d$$

+ loads:

$\boldsymbol{f}(t)$: volume or surface forces $\boldsymbol{g}(t)$: imposed displacements

Principles:

instantaneous equilibrium:

$$\begin{aligned}-\operatorname{div} D_{\varepsilon} W(\boldsymbol{\epsilon}(\boldsymbol{u})(t), d(t)) &= \boldsymbol{f}(t) \\ \boldsymbol{u}(t) &= \boldsymbol{g}(t) \text{ on } \partial\Omega\end{aligned}$$

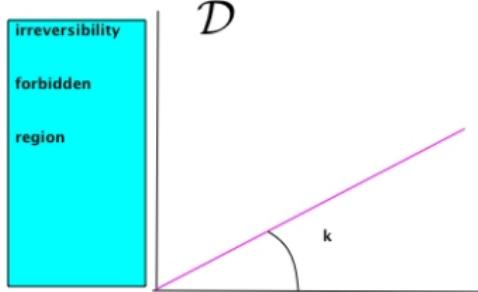
positivity of dissipation :

$$\begin{aligned}-D_d W(\boldsymbol{\epsilon}(\boldsymbol{u})(t), d(t)) &\in \partial \mathcal{D}(d(t)) \\ \mathcal{D} \text{ convex, } &\geq 0, \mathcal{D}(0) = 0\end{aligned}$$

2/ Brutal damage – a mechanical model – 2

- Assumptions:

► on \mathcal{D} : $d \in [0, 1]$



► on W :

$$W(\varepsilon|d) := \frac{1}{2}A(d)\varepsilon \cdot \varepsilon$$

$A(d) \searrow$ with d

isotropy:

$$A(d) = \lambda(d)i \otimes i + 2\mu(d)I$$

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$$\begin{cases} -\operatorname{div}(A(d(t))\epsilon(u)(t)) = f(t) \\ u(t) = 0 \text{ on } \partial\Omega \\ -1/2A'(d(t))\epsilon(u)(t) \cdot \epsilon(u)(t) \leq k \\ -1/2A'(d(t))\epsilon(u)(t) \cdot \epsilon(u)(t) = k, \text{ if } \dot{d}(t) > 0 \\ d(t) \nearrow^t \end{cases}$$

3/ Brutal damage and rate independence – 1

Unilateral Stationarity of:

$$\begin{aligned} -\operatorname{div}(\dots) &= f(t) & \leftrightarrow & \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} A(\eta) \epsilon(v) \cdot \epsilon(v) dx \\ \bullet \quad u(t) = 0 \text{ on } \partial\Omega & & & - \int_{\Omega} f(t) \cdot v dx \\ & & & + \int_{\Omega} D(\eta - d(t)) dx \\ -1/2 A'(d(t)) \epsilon(u)(t) \cdot \epsilon(u)(t) & \leq k & & v = 0 \text{ on } \partial\Omega \end{aligned}$$

- $\dot{d}(t) = 0$ if strict ineq. \leftrightarrow Energy Balance:

$$\frac{d\mathcal{E}}{dt} = - \int_{\Omega} \dot{f}(t) \cdot u(t) dx$$

with

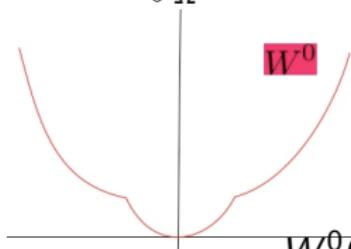
$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{E}(t) := & 1/2 \int_{\Omega} A(d(t)) \epsilon(u)(t) \cdot \epsilon(u)(t) dx \\ & - \int_{\Omega} f(t) \cdot u(t) dx + k \int_0^t \int_{\Omega} \dot{d}(s) dx ds \end{aligned}$$

In what follows $d \equiv \chi \in \{0, 1\}$,
 $A(\chi) := \chi A_w + (1 - \chi) A_s$, $A_w \leq A_s$, and $\chi(0) \equiv 0$.

4/ Brutal damage and rate independence – 2

- First departure: replace Stationarity by Global Minimality
- Initial time step: u^0, χ^0 minimizes

$$\frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} \{ (\chi A_w + (1 - \chi) A_s) \epsilon(v) \cdot \epsilon(v) - f^0 \cdot v + k\chi \} dx$$



\Downarrow get rid of χ
 u^0 minimizer of
 $\int_{\Omega} (W^0(\epsilon(u)) - f^0 \cdot u) dx$
where

$$W^0(\epsilon) = \min_{\chi \in \{0,1\}} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} (\chi A_w \epsilon + (1 - \chi) A_s \epsilon) + k\chi \right\}$$

or still

$$W^0(\varepsilon) = \min \left\{ \frac{1}{2} A_s \varepsilon \cdot \varepsilon + k, \frac{1}{2} A_w \varepsilon \cdot \varepsilon \right\}$$

No minimizers! \implies Relaxation through quasiconvexification

$$u^0 \text{ minimizes } \int_{\Omega} \{ QW^0(\epsilon(u)) - f^0 \cdot u \} dx$$

where

$$QW^0(\varepsilon) := \min \left\{ \int_Y W^0(\varepsilon + \epsilon(\varphi)) dy : \varphi \in H_{\#}^1(Y; \mathbb{R}^3) \right\}$$

periodic instead of $\uparrow H_0^1$

5/ Relaxation first time step – 1

- General homogenization formula for two-phase periodic mixtures:

$$A^0 \varepsilon \cdot \varepsilon = \int_Y (\chi B + (1 - \chi) C)(\varepsilon + \epsilon(w_\varepsilon)) \cdot \begin{cases} \varepsilon & \text{or} \\ (\varepsilon + \epsilon(w_\varepsilon)) \end{cases} dy,$$

with w_ε periodic solution of $\operatorname{div} A(y)(\epsilon(w_\varepsilon) + \varepsilon) = 0$ with 0-mean.

- Define for any $\theta \in [0, 1]$ and any B, C :

$G_\theta(B; C) = \text{set of (periodic) homogenized tensors asstd. with}$

$$\int_Y \chi(y) dy = \theta$$

(Also define $G(B; C) = \cup_{\theta} \{G_\theta(B; C)\}$)



$$QW^0(\varepsilon) := \min_{0 \leq \theta \leq 1} \left\{ \min_{A^0 \in \overline{G}_\theta(A_w; A_s)} \left[\frac{1}{2} A^0 \varepsilon \cdot \varepsilon \right] + k\theta \right\}$$

- How does one compute QW^0 ?

Problem: $G_\theta(A_w; A_s)$ is unknown as of yet!!!

- Only need to compute $G_\theta(A_w; A_s) \varepsilon \cdot \varepsilon$.

The minimum inside the brackets is attained for a finite rank laminate. Indeed,.....

6/ Energy bounds – 1 – Lamination

- Assume $\chi(y) = \chi(y \cdot \xi)$ with $\int_Y \chi(y) dy = \theta$: then

$$(1 - \theta)(A^{lam} - A_w)^{-1} = (A_s - A_w)^{-1} + \theta G(\xi), \text{ where}$$

$$G(\xi)\varepsilon := \frac{1}{\mu_w}\varepsilon\xi \odot \xi - \frac{\lambda_w + \mu_w}{\mu_w(\lambda_w + 2\mu_w)}(\varepsilon\xi \cdot \xi)\xi \odot \xi.$$

Proof: Seek $\varepsilon(w_\varepsilon) = \varepsilon_w\chi + \varepsilon_s(1 - \chi)$, $\varepsilon_w, \varepsilon_s$ constant.

◊ $\varepsilon_w\chi + \varepsilon_s(1 - \chi)$ sym. grad. $\implies \varepsilon_w - \varepsilon_s = \tau \odot \xi$ for some τ

◊ $A(y)(\varepsilon + \varepsilon(w_\varepsilon)) = A_w(\varepsilon + \varepsilon_w)\chi + A_s(\varepsilon + \varepsilon_s)(1 - \chi)$ has 0 div.

$$\implies [A_w(\varepsilon + \varepsilon_w) - A_s(\varepsilon + \varepsilon_s)]\xi = 0 \implies$$

$$[(A_s - A_w)(\varepsilon + \varepsilon_s)]\xi = \mu_w\tau + (\lambda_w + \mu_w)(\tau \cdot \xi)\xi$$

◊ Set $h := (A_s - A_w)(\varepsilon + \varepsilon_s) \Rightarrow \tau = \frac{1}{\mu_w}h\xi - \frac{\lambda_w + \mu_w}{\mu_w(\lambda_w + 2\mu_w)}(h\xi \cdot \xi)\xi$

$$\implies \tau \odot \xi = \frac{1}{\mu_w}h\xi \odot \xi - \frac{\lambda_w + \mu_w}{\mu_w(\lambda_w + 2\mu_w)}(h\xi \cdot \xi)\xi \odot \xi$$

◊ $\begin{cases} \theta\varepsilon_w + (1 - \theta)\varepsilon_s = 0 \Rightarrow \varepsilon_s = -\theta\tau \odot \xi \stackrel{\text{def. of } h}{\Rightarrow} \varepsilon = (A_s - A_w)^{-1}h + \theta\tau \odot \xi \\ A^{lam}\varepsilon = \theta A_w(\varepsilon + \varepsilon_w) + (1 - \theta)A_s(\varepsilon + \varepsilon_s) \end{cases}$

$$(A^{lam} - A_w)\varepsilon = \theta A_w(\varepsilon + \varepsilon_w) + (1 - \theta)A_s(\varepsilon + \varepsilon_s) - A_w(\varepsilon + \theta\varepsilon_w + (1 - \theta)\varepsilon_s)$$

$$= (1 - \theta)(A_s - A_w)(\varepsilon + \varepsilon_s) = (1 - \theta)h$$

$$\implies \varepsilon = (1 - \theta)(A^{lam} - A_w)^{-1}h \text{ also } = (A_s - A_w)^{-1}h + \theta\tau \odot \xi.$$

7/ Energy bounds – 2 – Lamination

- Formula iterates (finite rank laminates):

$$(1 - \theta)(A^{lam} - A_w)^{-1} = (A_s - A_w)^{-1} + \theta \sum_1^p m_i G(e_i), \quad \begin{cases} m_i \geq 0 \\ \sum_1^p m_i = 1. \end{cases}$$

\Downarrow

- In general any finite rank laminate is given by

$(1 - \theta)(A^{lam} - A_w)^{-1} = (A_s - A_w)^{-1} + \theta \int_{S^{N-1}} G(e) d\nu(e)$, with ν probability measure on the sphere (since extreme points of the set of such measures are Dirac masses).

- Multi-ranks (> 1) laminates are not periodic! A subtle point....

8/ Energy bounds – 3 – Hashin-Shtrikman bounds

- Thm: Any A^0 in $G_\theta(A_w; A_s)$ is such that there exist two finite rank laminates A^- and A^+ with

$$A^- \leq A^0 \leq A^+.$$

Proof: $A^0\varepsilon \cdot \varepsilon =$

$$\inf \left\{ \int_Y (1-\chi)(A_s - A_w)(\varepsilon + \epsilon(v)) \cdot (\varepsilon + \epsilon(v)) dy + \int_Y A_w \text{idem} dy : v \in H_{per}^1 \right\}$$
$$= \inf_v \left\{ \sup_\eta \left\{ \int_Y (1-\chi)(2\eta \cdot (\varepsilon + \epsilon(v)) - (A_s - A_w)^{-1}\eta \cdot \eta) dy + \text{idem} \right\} \geq \right.$$

same with constant $\eta =$

$$\sup_{\eta \text{ cst.}} \left\{ A_w \varepsilon \cdot \varepsilon + (1-\theta)[2\eta \cdot \varepsilon - (A_s - A_w)^{-1}\eta \cdot \eta] \right\}$$

$$+ \inf_v \left\{ \int_Y A_w \epsilon(v) \cdot \epsilon(v) - 2\chi\eta \cdot \epsilon(v) dy \right\}$$

- the inf. in v is computed with Fourier series..... \Rightarrow

$$A^0\varepsilon \cdot \varepsilon \geq \sup_{\eta \text{ cst.}} \left\{ A_w \varepsilon \cdot \varepsilon + (1-\theta)[2\eta \cdot \varepsilon - (A_s - A_w)^{-1}\eta \cdot \eta] - \sum_{k \neq 0} |\hat{\chi}_k|^2 G\left(\frac{k}{|k|}\right) \eta \cdot \eta \right\}$$

$$\sum_{k \neq 0} |\hat{\chi}_k|^2 = \int_Y (\chi - \theta)^2 dy = \theta(1-\theta)$$

9 / Energy bounds – 4 – Hashin-Shtrikman bounds – part II

Set $\nu := \frac{1}{\theta(1-\theta)} \sum_{k \neq 0} |\hat{\chi}_k|^2 \delta_{\frac{k}{|k|}}$

$$A^0 \varepsilon \cdot \varepsilon \geq A_w \varepsilon \cdot \varepsilon +$$

↓

$$(1 - \theta) \sup_{\eta \text{ cst.}} \left[2\eta \cdot \varepsilon - \underbrace{\left((A_s - A_w)^{-1} + \theta \int_{S^{N-1}} G(e) d\nu(e) \right) \eta \cdot \eta \right]$$

$$= (1 - \theta)(A^{lam} - A_w)^{-1} \text{ for some laminate}$$

Thus: $A^0 \varepsilon \cdot \varepsilon \geq A^{lam} \varepsilon \cdot \varepsilon$

□

↓

$$\min_{A^0 \in \overline{G}_\theta(A_w; A_s)} \left[\frac{1}{2} A^0 \varepsilon \cdot \varepsilon \right] = A_w \varepsilon \cdot \varepsilon + (1 - \theta) \min_\nu \{ \sup_\eta \dots \}$$

↓

$$\min_{A^0 \in \overline{G}_\theta(A_w; A_s)} \left[\frac{1}{2} A^0 \varepsilon \cdot \varepsilon \right] = \quad \text{in 2d}$$

$$A_w \varepsilon \cdot \varepsilon + (1 - \theta) \sup_\eta [2\eta \cdot \varepsilon - (A_s - A_w)^{-1} \eta \cdot \eta - \theta \max_{e \in S^{N-1}} G(e) \eta \cdot \eta]$$

$$= A_w \varepsilon \cdot \varepsilon + (1 - \theta) \sup_{\eta_1, \eta_2} \left[2(\eta_1 \varepsilon_1 + \eta_2 \varepsilon_2) - \frac{(\eta_1 - \eta_2)^2}{4(K_s - K_w)} - \frac{(\eta_1 + \eta_2)^2}{4(\mu_s - \mu_w)} \right]$$

$$- \frac{\theta}{\mu_w} \max_{0 \leq \nu \leq 1} \left(\eta_1^2 \nu + \eta_2^2 (1 - \nu) - \frac{\lambda_w + \mu_w}{\lambda_w + 2\mu_w} (\nu \eta_1 + (1 - \nu) \eta_2)^2 \right)$$



10/ Relaxation first time step – 2 – 2d case

- We have to compute $\min_{A^0 \in \overline{G}_\theta(A_w; A_s)} [\frac{1}{2} A^0 \varepsilon \cdot \varepsilon]$ using the previous expression.

Not a simple task.

- Explicit result is unimportant: There are three regimes

◊ regime 1: $(K_s - K_w)(\theta \mu_s + (1-\theta)\mu_w) |\operatorname{tr} \varepsilon| < (\mu_s - \mu_w)(\theta K_s + (1-\theta)K_w) \sqrt{2} \|\varepsilon_d\| \implies \text{rank-one layering}$

◊ regime 2:

$\theta(K_s - K_w) |\operatorname{tr} \varepsilon| \geq (\mu_w + \theta K_s + (1-\theta)K_w) \sqrt{2} \|\varepsilon_d\| \implies \text{rank-one layering}$

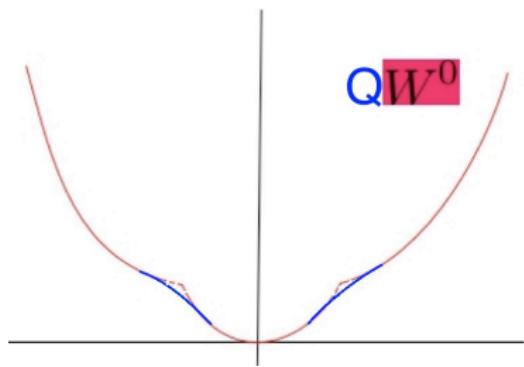
◊ regime 3: the rest $\implies \text{rank-2 layering}$

Still have to minimize in θ , so as to obtain $QW^0(\varepsilon)$!

In the end: we get a pair

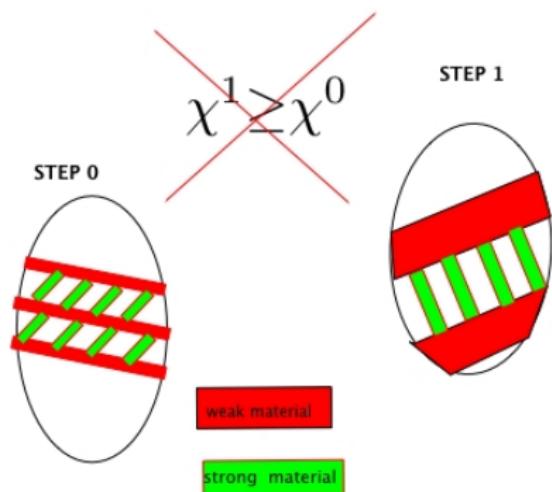
$(\theta^0(\varepsilon), A^0(\varepsilon))$ with

$$QW^0(\varepsilon) = \frac{1}{2} A^0(\varepsilon) \varepsilon \cdot \varepsilon + k \theta_0(\varepsilon)$$



11/ Relaxation next time steps t_i^n , $0 = t_0^n \leq \dots \leq t_{k(n)}^n = T$

- Say we perform time stepping. At time step 1, it seems that we should impose $\theta_1 \geq \theta_0$. **Bad:**



At next time step mix weak material with result of previous step, paying at maximum in terms of dissipated energy the vol. frac. of remaining strong material at previous step

at time t_i^n with $\downarrow \Theta_{i-1}^n$ v.f. strong mat. at t_{i-1}^n

$$W(t_i^n, \varepsilon) := \min \left\{ \frac{1}{2} A_w \varepsilon \cdot \varepsilon + k \Theta_{i-1}^n, \frac{1}{2} A_{i-1}^n \varepsilon \cdot \varepsilon \right\}$$

\Downarrow

$$QW(t_i^n, \varepsilon) = \min_{0 \leq \theta \leq 1} \left[\min_{A \in \overline{G}_\theta(A_w, A_{i-1}^n)} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} A \varepsilon \cdot \varepsilon \right\} + k \Theta_{i-1}^n \theta \right]$$

12/ Relaxation next time steps t_i^n , $0 = t_0^n \leq \dots \leq t_{k(n)}^n = T - 2$

- u_i^n minimizer for $I(t_i^n) = \min_v \left\{ \int_{\Omega} QW(t_i^n, \epsilon(v)) dx - \int_{\Omega} f_i^n \cdot v dx \right\}$
- θ_i^n and A_i^n measurable minimizers for $QW(t_i^n, \epsilon(u_i^n))$
- Set:

$$\text{v.f. strong mat.: } \Theta_i^n := \Theta_{i-1}^n(1 - \theta_i^n), \quad \Theta_{-1}^0 := 1$$

$$\implies \theta_i^n := 1 - \frac{\Theta_i^n}{\Theta_{i-1}^n}$$

↓

$$QW(t_i^n, \epsilon(u_i^n)) = \frac{1}{2} A_i^n \epsilon(u_i^n) \cdot \epsilon(u_i^n) + k(\Theta_{i-1}^n - \Theta_i^n)$$

$$I(t_i^n) = \int_{\Omega} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} A_i^n \epsilon(u_i^n) \cdot \epsilon(u_i^n) dx + k(\Theta_{i-1}^n - \Theta_i^n) \right\} dx - \int_{\Omega} f_i^n \cdot u_i^n dx$$

- Note that u_i^n minimizes in particular

$$\frac{1}{2} A_i^n \epsilon(v) \cdot \epsilon(v) dx - \int_{\Omega} f_i^n \cdot v dx$$

13/ Properties of the discrete time evolution

- Monotonicity: $A_i^n \searrow i \nearrow$

- G-closure: $A_{i+1}^n(x) \in \overline{G}_{(\theta_{i+1}^n + (1 - \theta_{i+1}^n)\theta_{i+1-1}^n)(x)}(A_w, A_{i+1-2}^n) =$
 $\Downarrow \quad \overline{G}_{1 - \left[\frac{\Theta_{i+1}^n}{\Theta_{i+1-2}^n} \right](x)}(A_w, A_{i+1-2}^n)$
 $A_j^n(x) \in \overline{G}_{1 - \left[\frac{\Theta_j^n}{\Theta_i^n} \right](x)}(A_w, A_i^n), \quad j > i$

- Lower bound total energy:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{T}_i^n := \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} A_i^n \epsilon(u_i^n) \cdot \epsilon(u_i^n) \, dx - \int_{\Omega} f_i^n \cdot u_i^n \, dx + k \int_{\Omega} (1 - \Theta_i^n) \, dx = \\ I(t_i^n) + k \int_{\Omega} (1 - \Theta_{i-1}^n) \, dx \\ \Downarrow \\ \mathcal{T}_j^n - \mathcal{T}_i^n + \int_{\Omega} (f_j^n - f_i^n) \cdot u_j^n \, dx \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

- Continuity Estimate:

$$\|u_j^n - u_i^n\|_{H_0^1} \leq C \left\{ \|f_j^n - f_i^n\|_{H^{-1}(\Omega; \mathbb{R}^N)} + \|\Theta_j^n - \Theta_i^n\|_{L^1(\Omega)}^{\frac{1}{2}} \right\}$$

- Upper bound total energy:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{T}_i^n = \int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{2} A_i^n \epsilon(u_i^n) \cdot \epsilon(u_i^n) \, dx - \int_{\Omega} f_i^n \cdot u_i^n \, dx + k \int_{\Omega} (1 - \Theta_i^n) \, dx \leq \\ T_0 - \sum_{j=1}^i \int_{\Omega} \int_{t_{j-1}^n}^{t_j^n} \dot{f}(\sigma) u_{j-1}^n \, d\sigma \, dx, \text{ if e.g. } f \in W^{1,1}(0, T; L^2(\Omega; \mathbb{R}^N)) \end{aligned}$$

14/ Time interpolation

- Define the piecewise constant in time interpolants of all quantities on $[t_i^n, t_{i+1}^n]$:

$$u^n(t), A^n(t) \overset{t}{\searrow}, \Theta^n(t) \overset{t}{\searrow}, f^n(t), I^n(t), \mathcal{T}^n(t)$$

- **H-convergence** (Murat-Tartar):

We say that $A^n \xrightarrow{H} A$ iff, for any $f \in H^{-1}(\Omega; \mathbb{R}^N)$, the solutions of
 $-\operatorname{div} A^n \epsilon(u^n) = f, \quad u^n \in H_0^1(\Omega; \mathbb{R}^N)$

satisfy

$$\begin{cases} u^n \rightharpoonup u, \text{ weakly in } H_0^1(\Omega; \mathbb{R}^N) \\ A^n \epsilon(u^n) \rightharpoonup A \epsilon(u), \text{ weakly in } L^2(\Omega; \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}), \end{cases}$$

where u is the solution of

$$-\operatorname{div} A \epsilon(u) = f, \quad u \in H_0^1(\Omega; \mathbb{R}^N)$$

The following compactness thm. is at the root of H -convergence:

If A^n is uniformly strongly elliptic and bounded, there exists a subsequence, $A^{k(n)}$ and $A \in L^\infty$ with same constants of ellipticity and boundedness such that $A^n \xrightarrow{H} A$.

15/ Time interpolation – 2

Assume $\Delta_n = t_i^n - t_{i-1}^n \searrow 0$

- Then, in particular $\exists \{k(n)\}_n$ such that

$$A^{k(n)}(t) \xrightarrow{H} A(t), \quad \Theta^{k(n)}(t) \xrightarrow{L^\infty} \Theta(t), \quad A(t, x) \in \overline{G}_{1-\Theta(t,x)}(A_w, A_s)$$

Proof: metrizable char. H -conv. + G-closure prop. + Thm.

Mainik-Mielke:

Let (\mathcal{Y}, d) be a compact metric space and let $Y_n : [0, T] \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$ be a sequence with equibounded total variation $\text{Var}_d(Y_n, [0, T])$ with respect to the distance d . Then, there exists a subsequence $\{k(n)\}$ of $\{n\}$ and a function $Y : [0, T] \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$ such that

$$d(Y_{k(n)}(t), Y(t)) \xrightarrow{n} 0, \quad \forall t \in [0, T].$$

- The associated $u^{k(n)}$ satisfies $u^{k(n)}(t) \xrightarrow{H_0^1} u(t)$ with $u(t)$ minimizes $\frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} A(t) \epsilon(v) \cdot \epsilon(v) - \int_{\Omega} f(t) \cdot v dx$

$$\stackrel{\text{cont.est.}}{\implies} \|u(t)\|_{H_0^1} \leq C, \text{ provided e.g. } f \in W^{1,1}(0, T; L^2(\Omega; \mathbb{R}^N))$$



16/ Minimality in the limit

- Take $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \theta \in L^\infty(\Omega; [0, 1]) \\ A(x) \in \overline{G}_{\theta(x)}(A_w, A(t, x)), \text{ a.e. in } \Omega \end{array} \right. \text{ arbitrary} \implies$

$\exists \chi_p$ char. fct. with $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \chi_p \xrightarrow{L^\infty} \theta \\ \chi_p A_w + (1 - \chi_p) A(t) \xrightarrow{H} A, p \nearrow \infty. \\ \Downarrow \text{locality} \end{array} \right.$

$$\chi_p A_w + (1 - \chi_p) A^n(t) \in G_{[\theta^n(t)(1 - \chi_p) + \chi_p]}(A_w, A^n(t - \Delta_n)) \xrightarrow{H} \chi_p A_w + (1 - \chi_p) A(t)$$

forgetting the x -dependence \uparrow with $\theta^n(t) := \frac{\Theta^n(t - \Delta_n) - \Theta^n(t)}{\Theta^n(t - \Delta_n)}$

- Then: $\int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{2} A^n(t) \epsilon(u^n(t)) \cdot \epsilon(u^n(t)) dx - \int_{\Omega} f^n(t) \cdot u^n(t) dx +$

$$k \int_{\Omega} (\Theta^n(t - \Delta_n) - \Theta^n(t)) dx \leq \int_{\Omega} QW^n(t, \epsilon(v_p^n)) dx - \int_{\Omega} f^n(t) \cdot v_p^n dx \leq$$

$$\int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{2} (\chi_p A_w + (1 - \chi_p) A^n(t)) \epsilon(v_p^n) \cdot \epsilon(v_p^n) dx - \int_{\Omega} f^n(t) \cdot v_p^n dx$$

$$+ k \int_{\Omega} \Theta^n(t - \Delta_n) (\theta^n(t)(1 - \chi_p) + \chi_p) dx$$

$$= \int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{2} (\chi_p A_w + (1 - \chi_p) A^n(t)) \epsilon(v_p^n) \cdot \epsilon(v_p^n) dx - \int_{\Omega} f^n(t) \cdot v_p^n dx$$

$$+ k \int_{\Omega} [\Theta^n(t - \Delta_n) - \Theta^n(t)] (1 - \chi_p) + \Theta^n(t - \Delta_n) \chi_p dx. \quad \square \quad \square \quad \square$$

17/ Minimality in the limit – 2

- Choose v_p^n minimizer of

$$\int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{2}(\chi_p A_w + (1 - \chi_p)A^n(t))\epsilon(v) \cdot \epsilon(v) dx - \int_{\Omega} f(t) \cdot v dx$$

and assume $\Theta^{n_t}(t - \Delta_{n_t}) \xrightarrow{L^\infty} \Psi$

\Downarrow pass to limit in previous ineq. in n

$$\int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{2}A(t)\epsilon(u(t)) \cdot \epsilon(u(t)) dx - \int_{\Omega} f(t) \cdot u(t) dx + k \int_{\Omega} (\Psi - \Theta(t)) dx \leq$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{2}(\chi_p A_w + (1 - \chi_p)A(t))\epsilon(v_p) \cdot \epsilon(v_p) dx - \int_{\Omega} f(t) \cdot v_p dx \\ & \quad + k \int_{\Omega} [(\Psi - \Theta(t))(1 - \chi_p) + \Psi \chi_p] dx \end{aligned}$$

with v_p minimizer of

$$\int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{2}(\chi_p A_w + (1 - \chi_p)A(t))\epsilon(v) \cdot \epsilon(v) dx - \int_{\Omega} f(t) \cdot v dx$$

\Downarrow pass to limit in previous ineq. in p

$$\begin{aligned} \text{idem} & \leq \int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{2}A\epsilon(\bar{v}) \cdot \epsilon(\bar{v}) dx - \int_{\Omega} f(t) \cdot \bar{v} dx + \\ & \quad k \int_{\Omega} [(\Psi - \Theta(t))(1 - \theta) + \Psi \theta] \end{aligned}$$

with \bar{v} minimizer of $\int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{2}A\epsilon(v) \cdot \epsilon(v) dx - \int_{\Omega} f(t) \cdot v dx$

$\Downarrow \forall v$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} A(t)\epsilon(u(t)) \cdot \epsilon(u(t)) dx - \int_{\Omega} f(t) \cdot u(t) dx & \leq \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} A\epsilon(v) \cdot \epsilon(v) dx \\ & \quad - \int_{\Omega} f(t) \cdot v dx + k \int_{\Omega} \Theta(t)\theta dx \end{aligned}$$



18/ Minimality in the limit – 3

- v.f. of weak mat. is $1 - \Theta(t)$ for a solution, and
 $(1 - \theta)(1 - \Theta(t)) + \theta = 1 - \Theta(t) + \Theta(t)\theta$ for a competitor \implies previous condition is equivalent to:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} A(t) \epsilon(u(t)) \cdot \epsilon(u(t)) dx - \int_{\Omega} f(t) \cdot u(t) dx + k \int_{\Omega} (1 - \Theta(t)) dx &\leq \\ \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} A \epsilon(v) \cdot \epsilon(v) dx - \int_{\Omega} f(t) \cdot v dx + k \int_{\Omega} (1 - \Theta) dx \end{aligned}$$

Θ v.f. of strong material for $A(x) \in \overline{G}(A_w, A(t, x))$

19/ Energy balance

- Upper bound on total energy \Rightarrow

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{T}(t) &:= \int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{2} A(t) \epsilon(u(t)) \cdot \epsilon(u(t)) dx - \int_{\Omega} f(t) \cdot u(t) dx + k \int_{\Omega} (1 - \Theta(t)) dx \\ &\leq \mathcal{T}_0 - \int_0^t \int_{\Omega} \dot{f}(\sigma) \cdot u(\sigma) dx d\sigma\end{aligned}$$

- Lower bound on the total energy \Rightarrow

$$\mathcal{T}(t') - \mathcal{T}(t) \geq - \int_{\Omega} (f(t') - f(t)) \cdot u(t') dx, \quad t' > t$$

+ continuity estimate

↓

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{T}(t) &:= \int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{2} A(t) \epsilon(u(t)) \cdot \epsilon(u(t)) dx - \int_{\Omega} f(t) \cdot u(t) dx + k \int_{\Omega} (1 - \Theta(t)) dx \\ &\geq \mathcal{T}_0 - \int_0^t \int_{\Omega} \dot{f}(\sigma) \cdot u(\sigma) dx d\sigma\end{aligned}$$

20/ A relaxed evolution

- We have established the following

Thm.: For $f \in W^{1,1}(0, T; L^2(\Omega; \mathbb{R}^N))$ there exist $u(t) \in H_0^1(\Omega; \mathbb{R}^N)$, $\Theta(t) \in L^\infty(\Omega)$, $A(x, t) \in \overline{G}_{1-\Theta(x,t)}(A_w, A_s)$, such that

- ▶ Initial time: $(u(0), A(0), (1 - \Theta(0)))$ minimizes
$$\int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{2} A \epsilon(v) \cdot \epsilon(v) dx - \int_{\Omega} f(0) \cdot v dx + k \int_{\Omega} (1 - \Theta) dx;$$
- ▶ Monotonicity: $A(t)$ and $\Theta(t)$ are decreasing functions of t , as well as $\overline{\Theta}(t) := \int_{\Omega} \Theta(t) dx$;
- ▶ Continuity: u is continuous with values in H_0^1 , except at the (at most countable) discontinuity points of $\overline{\Theta}$;
- ▶ One-sided minimality: $(u(t), A(t), \Theta(t))$ minimizes
$$\int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{2} A' \epsilon(v) \cdot \epsilon(v) dx - \int_{\Omega} f(t) \cdot v dx + k \int_{\Omega} (1 - \Theta) dx,$$
among all $(v, \Theta \leq \Theta(t), A'(x, t) \in \overline{G}(A_w, A(x, t)))$;
- ▶ Energy balance: $\mathcal{T}(t) := \int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{2} A(t) \epsilon(u(t)) \cdot \epsilon(u(t)) dx - \int_{\Omega} f(t) \cdot u(t) dx + k \int_{\Omega} (1 - \Theta(t)) dx$ satisfies
$$\mathcal{T}(t) = \mathcal{T}(0) - \int_0^t \int_{\Omega} f(\sigma) \cdot u(\sigma) dx d\sigma$$



21/ Optimality of the evolution

In which sense is this relaxed evolution close to that of a putative classical evolution?

- Recovery – we are not too low: $\exists \chi^n(t) \nearrow^t$ s.t. for the solution $v^n(t)$ of pb. with $\chi^n(t)$,

$$\begin{cases} \chi^n(t) \xrightarrow{L^\infty} 1 - \Theta(t) \\ \chi^n(t)A_w + (1 - \chi^n(t))A_s \xrightarrow{H} A(t). \end{cases}$$

Indeed, by metrizability, can find $\chi_k^n \nearrow^t$ with

$$\chi_k^n(t) \xrightarrow{L^\infty} 1 - \Theta^n(t), \quad \chi_k^n(t)A_w + (1 - \chi_k^n(t))A_s \xrightarrow{H} A^n(t).$$

Then by a diagonalization argument, we can construct $\chi^{n_k(n)}$ that satisfies the statement.



Sort of $\Gamma - \limsup$ statement

- Are we too high? Probably. Indeed,....

22/ A different relaxation – 1

- For a sequence of sets D_n , define $\mathcal{G}_{1-\Theta'}(\{D_n\}, A_w, A_s) := \{ \text{set of } H\text{-lims. of } \chi_{D'_n} A_w + (1 - \chi_{D'_n}) A_s : D'_n \supset D_n; \chi_{D'_n} \xrightarrow{L^\infty} 1 - \Theta' \}$

Thm.: $\exists D_n(t) \xrightarrow{t} \begin{cases} \chi_{D_n(t)} \xrightarrow{L^\infty} 1 - \Theta(t) \\ \chi_{D_n(t)} A_w + (1 - \chi_{D_n(t)}) A_s \xrightarrow{H} A(t) \end{cases}$ and one-sided minimality holds $\forall (\nu, \Theta'(\leq \Theta), A' \in \mathcal{G}_{1-\Theta'}(\{D_n\}, A_w, A_s))$

- Improved minimality: Take $A'(x) \in \overline{G}_\theta(A_w, A(x, t))$; there exists E_h s.t. $A'_h := \chi_{E_h} A_w + (1 - \chi_{E_h}) A(t) \xrightarrow{H} A'$ with $\chi_{E_h} \xrightarrow{L^\infty} \theta$.

$$\diamond \text{loc. } H\text{-conv.} \implies A'_h \in \mathcal{G}_{1-\Theta(t)+\Theta(t)\chi_{E_h}}(\{D_n\}, A_w, A_s) \xrightarrow{\text{improved minim.}}$$

$$\int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{2} A(t) \epsilon(u(t)) \cdot \epsilon(u(t)) dx - \int_{\Omega} f(t) \cdot u(t) dx \leq$$

$$\min_{\nu} \left\{ \int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{2} A'_h \epsilon(\nu) \cdot \epsilon(\nu) dx - \int_{\Omega} f(t) \cdot \nu dx + k \int_{E_h} (1 - \Theta) dx \right\}$$

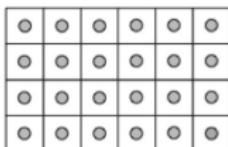
$\Downarrow h \rightarrow 0$
previous minimality

- But prev. min. $\implies A(t, x) \in \overline{G}_{1-\frac{\Theta(x,t)}{\Theta(x,s)}}(A_x, A(s, x))$; not this one!



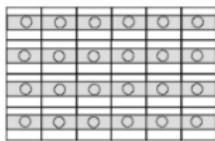
23/ A different relaxation – 2

- However, if $\{D_n\}$ is such that $\chi_{D_n}A_w + (1 - \chi_{D_n})A_s \xrightarrow{H} A$, then $B \in \mathcal{G}_{1-\Theta}(\{D_n\}, A_w, A_s)$ for some $\Theta \neq \Theta \Rightarrow B(x) \in \overline{\mathcal{G}}_\theta(A_w, A)$ for some θ
- Indeed, for a scalar 2d pb.:



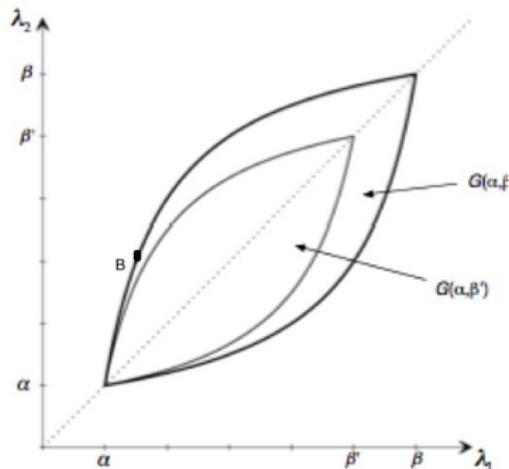
periodic set D_n

\implies isotropic material
 β'



periodic set $E_n \supset D_n$, a lamination

\implies material on
boundary of
 G -closure B



But:

- Proof of existence of relaxed evol. very similar to that of previous theorem: replace relaxation by sequences of near minimizers,

24/ Final remarks

- Can be shown that any evolution where global minimality is replaced by a decent notion of local minimality \implies local minimizers are also global minimizers.
- No possibility of total brutal damage, i.e., $A_w \equiv 0$.
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