

REDUCED ORDER MULTISCALE MODELING OF THE VISCOELASTIC VISCOPLASTIC RESPONSE OF FIBER REINFORCED COMPOSITES

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Predicting the long-term mechanical response of fiber reinforced composites requires a micromechanical approach. By explicitly modeling fibers, resin and interfaces, the complex response of the composite material due to e.g. cyclic loading can be derived from a detailed model with relatively simple constitutive ingredients. In order to describe the evolution of the macromechanical stress distribution in relation to the local response, a multiscale approach with continuous two-way coupling between the scales can be used [1]. However, such multiscale modeling comes with very high computational costs, because of the high number of micromechanical models that is to be solved. This problem is aggravated when cyclic loading and long-term aging of the material are considered and many steps are needed in order to maintain accuracy in time-dependent models.

In this contribution, the possibilities to speed up the micromechanical analysis with reduced order modeling are explored. A multiscale problem with cyclic loading is analyzed. The micromodel consists of linear elastic fibers, a viscoelastic/viscoplastic resin with damage and cohesive interfaces. A hyper-reduction scheme is employed that combines the Proper Orthogonal Decomposition (POD) with the Empirical Cubature Method (ECM) [2] within the cycles where evolution of state variables is very slow. Between cycles, state variables are updated as well as, if necessary, the POD basis. In order to recover the stresses at all integration points a Gappy Data least-squares reconstruction is used in combination with a k-means clustering algorithm [3]. The speed-up obtained with the different reduced order techniques is analyzed.

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