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Unified treatment of microscopic boundary conditions in computational homogenization method for multiphysics problems

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- Computational homogenization scheme for micro-structured materials
 - Two boundary value problems (BVP) are concurrently solved
 - Macroscale BVP
 - Microscale BVP
 - Representative Volume Elements (RVE) extracted from material microstructure
 - An appropriate boundary condition
 - Constitutive laws (a priori known or can be another lower-scale BVP)
 - Separation of length scales: $L_{
 m macro} \gg L_{
 m RVE} \gg L_{
 m micro}$







- Computational homogenization scheme for micro-structured materials
 - Multiphysics problems can be considered
 - Mechanical (Michel et al. 1999, Feyel & Chaboche 2000, ...)
 - (Ozdemir et al. 2008, Monteiro et al. 2008, ...)
 - Thermo-mechanical (Ozdemir et al. 2008, Temizer et al. 2011, ...)
 - Electro-mechanical (Schröder & Keip 2012, Keip et al. 2014, ...)
 - Magneto-mechanical
- (Javili et al. 2013, ...)
- Electro-magneto-mechanical (Schröder et al. 2015, ...)
- Etc.

Thermal

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- Computational homogenization scheme for micro-structured materials
 - Macroscale BVP
 - Formulation depending on homogenization scheme (e.g. first-order, second-order → classical Cauchy, Mindlin strain gradient)
 - Microscale BVP
 - Classical continuum mechanics for the mechanical part
 - Conventional steady balance laws for other physical phenomena (thermal, electrical, magnetic)
 - Fully-coupled constitutive laws are a priori known





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 - Macroscopic stress quantities and their tangent operators are upscaled based on generalized energy equivalence statements (Hill-Mandel principle)
 - \rightarrow An efficient method to compute tangent operators is necessary







• Microscale BVP in multiphysics

General method to compute tangent operators

• Finite element resolution of microscale BVP

• Numerical examples

Conclusions



Microscale BVP in multiphysics

- Strong form
 - Mechanical field $\mathbf{P}_m \cdot \nabla_0 = \mathbf{0}$ on V_0
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 - Field

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– Field gradients

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• Two-scale procedure





- Microscopic boundary condition
 - For an arbitrary field k

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Homogenous part

• First-order: $\varPhi_m^k = \mathcal{X}_M^k + \mathcal{F}_M^k \cdot \mathbf{X}_m$

- Kinematical equivalence
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• Satisfied a priori by choosing the boundary condition

- LDBC
$$\mathcal{W}_m^k = 0$$

- **PBC**
$$\mathcal{W}_m^k(\mathbf{X}_m^+) = \mathcal{W}_m^k(\mathbf{X}_m^-) \ \forall \left(\mathbf{X}_m^-, \mathbf{X}_m^+\right) \in \text{ pair of facets } \left(S^i, S^{i+3}\right)$$

- Interpolation-based PBC (IPBC) $\begin{cases} \mathcal{W}_m^k \left(\mathbf{X}_m^+ \right) &= \mathbb{S}^i \left(\mathbf{X}_m^- \right) \ \forall \mathbf{X}_m^+ \in S^{i+3} \\ \mathcal{W}_m^k \left(\mathbf{X}_m^- \right) &= \mathbb{S}^i \left(\mathbf{X}_m^- \right) \ \forall \mathbf{X}_m^- \in S^i . \end{cases}$

 $\mathbb{S}^{i} = \sum_{k=1}^{n+1} \mathbb{N}_{k}^{i} \left(\mathbf{X}_{m} \right) a_{k}^{i} \text{ (no sum on } i)$

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- Microscopic boundary condition
 - Field equivalence of field k

$$\frac{1}{V_0} \int_{V_0} w_m^k \, dV = w_M^k \text{ if } \mathcal{X}_m^k \text{ in } \mathcal{X}_m^C$$

• E.g. temperature field with the capacity equivalence

$$\begin{cases} w_m^k = C_m^k \mathcal{X}_m^k \\ w_M^k = C_M^k \mathcal{X}_M^k \end{cases}$$

$$C_M^k = \frac{1}{V_0} \int_{V_0} C_m^k \, dV$$



• Micro-macro transition

- Based on the generalized Hill-Mandel principle
- Homogenized stresses

$$\boldsymbol{\mathcal{P}}_M = rac{1}{V_0} \int_{V_0} \boldsymbol{\mathcal{P}}_m \, dV$$

- Quantities other than homogenized stresses (thermo-elastic heating, damage ...)

$$\boldsymbol{\mathcal{Z}}_M = \frac{1}{V_0} \int_{V_0} \boldsymbol{\mathcal{Z}}_m \, dV$$

Homogenized tangent operators

$$\mathcal{L}_{M} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{P}_{M}}{\partial \mathcal{F}_{M}} \qquad \mathcal{J}_{M} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{P}_{M}}{\partial \mathcal{X}_{M}^{C}}$$
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 \rightarrow This work provides an efficient method to compute these tangent operators



- Homogenized tangent operator is estimated at the converged solution
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– After assembling



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• Microscopic boundary condition in FE discretization

 $\mathbf{C}\mathcal{U}-\mathbf{S}\mathcal{K}_M=0$

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– Multiplier elimination

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 $\mathbf{R}^{T} = (\mathbf{C}\mathbf{C}^{T})^{-1}\mathbf{C}$ $\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{R}\mathbf{C}$

- Considering $\,\mathcal{U}\,$ as unknowns only
- Need to estimate $\frac{\partial \mathcal{U}}{\partial \mathcal{K}_M}$ for tangent estimation





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- Linearized system

 $\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{Q}^T \mathbf{K} \mathbf{R}$

- \mathcal{U} can be obtained by considering $\delta \mathcal{K}_M = \mathbf{0}$

Iterative loop

$$\tilde{\mathbf{K}} = \mathbf{C}^T \mathbf{C} + \mathbf{Q}^T \mathbf{K} \mathbf{Q}, \quad \text{(Ainsworth 2001)} \\ \tilde{\mathbf{r}} = \mathbf{r} + \left(\mathbf{C}^T - \mathbf{V}\right) \mathbf{r}_c$$





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- Constraint matrices (**C** and **S**) depend on the BC type (LDBC, PBC, IPBC, MKBC, etc.)
- Microscopic equilibrium equations with constraint elimination method
 - Total unknowns is decomposed into
 - Internal part \mathcal{U}_i
 - Dependent part \mathcal{U}_d
 - Independent part \mathcal{U}_f
 - Direct constraint part \mathcal{U}_c
 - True unknowns $\tilde{\mathcal{U}} = \left[\mathcal{U}_i^T \ \mathcal{U}_f^T \right]^T$

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• We can have a similar result with the constraint elimination method

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Computation efficiency

- Linear elastic material
- A unit cell consisting of a spherical void of radius $0.2L_{
 m ref}$
- RVE dimensions ranging from $L_{ref} \times L_{ref} \times L_{ref}$ to $4L_{ref} \times 4L_{ref} \times L_{ref}$







• Fully-coupled thermo-elastoplastic problem





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 - Geometry



Fully-coupled thermo-elastoplastic law

Constant	Notation (unit)	Matrix	Fiber
Bulk modulus	K (GPa)	73.53	213.89
Shear modulus	$\mu ~({ m GPa})$	28.19	160.42
Initial yield stress	τ_{y0} (MPa)	300	
Hardening modulus	H_0 (MPa)	150	
Thermal expansion coefficient	$\alpha \ (10^{-6} \mathrm{K}^{-1})$	23.6	5
Thermal conductivity	$\kappa \; (\mathrm{Wm^{-1}K^{-1}})$	247	38
Specific heat capacity	$C (10^6 \mathrm{Jm}^{-3} \mathrm{K}^{-1})$	2.43	3.38

(Ozdemir et al. 2008)

• Thermal softening ($\omega_T = 0.002 K^{-1}$)

$$\tau_y(\gamma, T_m) = (\tau_{y0} + H_0\gamma) \left[1 - \omega_T \left(T_m - T_0\right)\right]$$

• Mechanical heating characterized by the Taylor-Quinney factor $\beta=0.9$

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• Fully-coupled thermo-elastoplastic problem





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• An arbitrary kind of microscopic boundary condition can be applied in multi-scale computational homogenization analyses

• The macroscopic tangent operators can be directly estimated without any significant computational cost

• The capability of the proposed procedure is demonstrated in the microscopic analyses as well as in a fully-coupled thermo-mechanical two-scale problem





Thank you for your attention !



