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An Entropy-Based Perspective on Fracture Toughness

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Entropy and Fracture Toughness



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Principles of Thermodynamics (I+II):

$$\dot{s} = \frac{\dot{h}}{T} - \frac{\dot{q}}{T_B} + \dot{\gamma}, \quad \dot{\gamma} \ge 0.$$

Dissipation:

$$T\dot{\gamma} = \left[\sigma - \frac{\partial f}{\partial \delta}\right]\dot{\delta} - \left(s + \frac{\partial f}{\partial T}\right)\dot{T} + Y\dot{D} + \dot{q}\left(\frac{T}{T_B} - 1\right), \quad Y := -\frac{\partial f}{\partial D}$$

Helmholtz free energy for Generalised Maxwell model:

$$f = \frac{1}{2}(1-D) \left[k_0(T)\delta^2 + \sum_{n=1}^{N} k_n \int_{0^-}^{t} \int_{0^-}^{t} e^{-\frac{2\hat{t}(t) - \hat{t}(\xi_1) - \hat{t}(\xi_2)}{\tau_n}} d\delta(\xi_1) d\delta(\xi_2) \right] - \int_{T_B}^{T} \int_{0}^{\theta_2} \frac{c(\theta_1)}{\theta_1} d\theta_1 d\theta_2 - (T - T_B)s_1(D)$$
Coleman-Noll -> $\dot{\gamma} = \frac{1}{T}Y\dot{D} + \dot{q}\left(\frac{1}{T_B} - \frac{1}{T}\right)$
Work to failure -> $w_f = T_B\gamma_f + \int_{0^-}^{t_f} \dot{h}(t) \left[\frac{T(t)}{T_B} - 1\right] dt + \int_{T_B}^{T_f} c(\theta_1) \left(1 - \frac{T_B}{\theta_1}\right) d\theta_1.$

Rate- and Temperature-Dependent Viscoelastic CZM

A physically-based model that includes

- Strain rate effects at the interfaces due to QS/dynamic loading
- Temperature and moisture effects

The loading part of the traction-separation curve is modelled by the **Generalized Maxwell model**

$$\sigma(T,t) = \int_0^t E_0 \dot{\delta}(s) ds + \sum_{i=1}^N \int_0^t E_i \exp\left(-\frac{t-s}{\tau_i}\right) \dot{\delta}(s) ds$$

Using FDM forward scheme, we get

$$\sigma^{n+1} = \sigma_0^{n+1} + \sum_{i=1}^{N} \exp\left(-\frac{\Delta t}{\tau_i}\right) \sigma_i^n + \frac{E_i \tau_i}{E_0 \Delta t} \left(1 - \exp\left(-\frac{\Delta t}{\tau_i}\right)\right) \left[\sigma_{i0}^{n+1} - \sigma_{0i}^n\right]$$



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From sub-microcrack formation theory, damage of material could be represented as

 $D(T,t) = \frac{N(T,t)}{N_r}; \text{ where } \begin{array}{l} D(T,t) = 0 \rightarrow no \ damage \\ D(T,t) = 1 \rightarrow macrocrack \end{array}$

 N_r - sub-microcrack concentration at rupture Assuming a form for rate of damage

$$\frac{dD(T,t)}{dt} = \left(1 - D(T,t)\right)^p A(T,t)$$

where the damage rate constant A is represented by the Zhurkov's kinetic theory* as

$$A(T,t) = \frac{1}{t_0} \exp((-U + \gamma \sigma(t))/(RT))$$
$$\frac{dD(T,t)}{dt} = \left(1 - D(T,t)\right)^p \frac{1}{t_0} \exp((-U + \gamma \sigma(T,t))/(RT))$$

Using FDM forward scheme

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 $D^{n+1} = D^n + \Delta t (1 - D^n)^p \frac{1}{t_0} \exp((-U + \gamma \sigma^n) / (RT))$ Finally, the traction is $\sigma(T, t) = (1 - D(T, t))^* \sigma(T, t)$

*A rate dependent kinetic theory of fracture for polymers, Hansan A. C and Baker-Jarvis J, International journal of fracture, 1990.



Rate- and Temperature-Dependent Viscoelastic – Mode II ELS

Model calibrated at room temperature, ASTM-standard rate, i.e. 1 mm/min

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Traction-displacement laws from analysis - these are not prescribed, but obtained from the damage evolution law



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