

A model of imperfect interface with damage

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Abstract In this paper two models of damaged materials are presented. The first model is a model of glue including micro-cracks evolution and which has two different regimes, one in traction and one in compression. The second model is model of interface derived from the first one by an asymptotic analysis. Simple numerical examples are presented.

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1 Introduction

These last years, the study of imperfect interface between solids became a subject of a very large interest for scientists and the industries, in particular because of the development of composite materials [1–3, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 21–23, 25, 26, 28, 29]. It is extremely important in particular to control the damage between the fiber and the matrix. Precise models of damaged interface are thus necessary to design structures.

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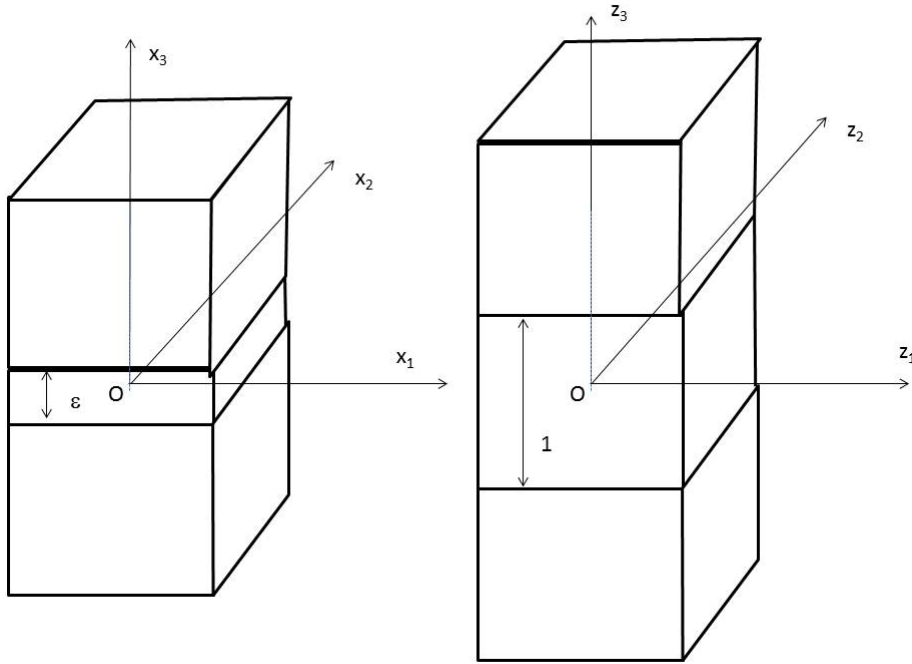


Fig. 1 Composite body: initial structure and rescaled structure

In this paper, a model of imperfect interface including damage is proposed. This model is based on the asymptotic analysis [4, 9, 12, 13, 29, 31, 32, 34] of a composite made by two elastic solids bonded together by a third thin one, which has a non linear behavior. In order to obtain impenetrability conditions, the glue is micro-cracked and has two different regimes, one in traction and one in compression.

The paper is divided in three parts. In the first section, the problem of composite body made by three deformable solids bonded together, two adherents and an adhesive is presented. The adhesive is a non linear material. The constitutive equation of this material takes into account damage and the non symmetry between traction and compression. In the second part of the paper, an asymptotic expansion method is introduced and applied at the problem introduced in the first section. A model of imperfect interface is derived. In the third section, the model is applied to a particular cracked material. A simple example in one dimension is studied.

2 The three-dimensional equations of the composite body

In the following a composite body made by three deformable solids (see figure 1), two adherents and an adhesive (also called a glue), and occupying the domain Ω^ε is considered. The dependance of the domain Ω^ε on the parameter ε will be precized in the following. An orthonormal Cartesian basis $(O, \mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \mathbf{e}_3)$ is introduced and let (x_1, x_2, x_3) be taken to denote the three coordinates of a particle. The origin lies at the center of the adhesive midplane and the x_3 -axis runs perpendicular to the open bounded set S , $S = \{(x_1, x_2, x_3) \in \Omega^\varepsilon : x_3 = 0\}$ which will be called in the following the interface. The adhesive, also called interphase is occupying the domain B^ε , defined by $B^\varepsilon = \{(x_1, x_2, x_3) \in \Omega^\varepsilon : |x_3| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}\}$. Note that ε is the thickness of the glue. The adherents are occupying respectively the domains Ω_\pm^ε defined by $\Omega_\pm^\varepsilon = \{(x_1, x_2, x_3) \in \Omega : \pm x_3 > \frac{\varepsilon}{2}\}$. The two-dimensional domains S_\pm^ε are taken to denote the interfaces between the adhesive and the adherents, $S_\pm^\varepsilon = \{(x_1, x_2, x_3) \in \Omega : x_3 = \pm \frac{\varepsilon}{2}\}$. On a part S_g of the boundary $\partial\Omega^\varepsilon$, an external load g is applied, and on a part S_u of $\partial\Omega^\varepsilon$ such that $S_g \cap S_u = \emptyset$, the displacement is imposed to be equal to 0. Moreover, it is assumed that $S_u \cap B^\varepsilon = \emptyset$ and $S_g \cap B^\varepsilon = \emptyset$. A body force f is applied in Ω_\pm^ε . In the following, u^ε is taken to denote the displacement field, σ^ε the Cauchy stress tensor and $e(u^\varepsilon)$ the strain tensor. Under the small strain hypothesis we have $e_{ij}(u^\varepsilon) = \frac{1}{2}(u_{i,j}^\varepsilon + u_{j,i}^\varepsilon)$, where the comma is the partial derivative.

The two adherents are supposed to be elastic, thus

$$\sigma_{ij}^\varepsilon = a_{ijhk}^\pm e_{hk}(u^\varepsilon) \quad (1)$$

or

$$\sigma^\varepsilon = \partial\psi_{,e}^\pm(e(u^\varepsilon)), \quad (2)$$

where the free energy $\psi^\pm = \frac{1}{2}a^\pm e(u^\varepsilon) : e(u^\varepsilon)$, a^\pm is the fourth order elasticity tensor verifying the usual conditions of positivity and symmetry.

The adhesive is a generalized Kachanov-type material. In the Kachanov theory [24,35], the constitutive equations are obtained after the homogenization of a micro-cracks material, with k families of cracks. The elastic coefficients depend on the lengths l_k of these cracks. In the following, only a family of cracks is considered and l is taken to denote the length of these cracks. This parameter can be considered as a damage parameter. It is observed also, that in this theory the stiffness of the material $b^\varepsilon(l)$ takes the form $b^\varepsilon \approx \varepsilon b(l)$ [8].

As an example, for a crack orthogonal to \mathbf{e}_3 , the Young modulus in the third direction E_3 is equal to

$$E_3 = \frac{E_0}{1 + 2\rho CE_0}, \quad (3)$$

where

$$C = \frac{\Pi}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{E_0}} \left(\frac{1}{\mu_0} - 2\frac{\nu_0}{E_0} + \frac{2}{E_0} \right)^{1/2} \quad (4)$$

and E_0 (resp. μ_0 , resp. ν_0) is the Young modulus (resp. the shear modulus, resp. the Poisson ratio) of the undamaged material and ρ is the density of cracks i.e. $\rho = \frac{l^3}{V}$ in 3 dimensions and $\rho = \frac{l^2}{S}$ in 2 dimensions, where V (resp. S) is the volume (resp. the surface) of the representative elementary domain. Note that V and S are proportional to the thickness of the interphase ε . In order to avoid the penetration along the cracks, it is supposed that the elasticity coefficients do not depend on the length of the cracks in compression, only in traction. In conclusion, in the interphase, two regimes are considered,

$$\sigma_{ij}^\varepsilon = \begin{cases} \varepsilon b_{ijhk}(l) e_{hk}(u^\varepsilon) & \text{if } e^s(u^\varepsilon) \geq 0 \\ e^s(u^\varepsilon) B_{ijhk} \delta_{hk} + \varepsilon b_{ijhk}(l) e_{hk}^d(u^\varepsilon) & \text{if } e^s(u^\varepsilon) \leq 0 \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

where b and B are two fourth order elasticity tensors verifying the usual conditions of positivity and symmetry, $e^s = \frac{1}{3} \text{tr}(e(u^\varepsilon))$ (resp. $e^d = e(u^\varepsilon) - \frac{1}{3} \text{tr}(e(u^\varepsilon)) Id$) is the spheric (resp. deviatoric) part of e and δ is the Kroenecker symbol.

Now, the possible evolution of the length l is introduced. Following the general theory proposed in [6], a pseudo-potential of dissipation ϕ is considered. For the sake of simplicity, this potential which is rate dependent is chosen as quadratic i.e.

$$\phi(\dot{l}) = \frac{1}{2} \eta^\varepsilon \dot{l}^2 + I_{\{i \geq 0\}}(\dot{l}), \quad (6)$$

where I_A is the indicator function of the set A , $I_A(x) = 0$ if $x \in A$, $I_A(x) = +\infty$, otherwise and η^ε a viscosity parameter. This indicator function imposes to \dot{l} to be positive i.e. the crack length increases. The free energy associated to the constitutive equation of the interphase (eqs. 5) is given by

$$\psi^i(e(u^\varepsilon), l) = \psi^{i-s}(e(u^\varepsilon)) - \omega^\varepsilon l + I_{[l_0, +\infty[}(l) \quad (7)$$

where ω^ε is a (negative) parameter similar to the Dupr's energy [6,7], l_0 is a given initial crack length and

$$\psi^{i-s}(e(u^\varepsilon)) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon b(l) e(u^\varepsilon) : e(u^\varepsilon) & \text{if } e^s(u^\varepsilon) \geq 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} (e^s(u^\varepsilon))^2 B_{ijhk} \delta_{ij} \delta_{hk} + \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon b(l) e^d(u^\varepsilon) : e^d(u^\varepsilon) & \text{if } e^s(u^\varepsilon) \leq 0 \end{cases} \quad (8)$$

Note that η^ε and ω^ε are volumic densities and thus these two coefficients are inversely proportional to ε . In next sections, we will denote $\eta^\varepsilon = \eta/\varepsilon$ and $\omega^\varepsilon = \omega/\varepsilon$.

Thus, the evolution equation is written

$$\eta^\varepsilon \dot{l} = \begin{cases} \left(\omega^\varepsilon - \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon b_{,l}(l) e(u^\varepsilon) : e(u^\varepsilon) \right) & \text{if } e^s(u^\varepsilon) \geq 0 \\ \left(\omega^\varepsilon - \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon b_{,l}(l) e^d(u^\varepsilon) : e^d(u^\varepsilon) \right) & \text{if } e^s(u^\varepsilon) \leq 0 \end{cases}_+ \quad (9)$$

where $(\cdot)_+$ is the positive part of a function. In the following l is supposed to be independent of x_3 i.e. the interphase and the representative volume thicknesses are equal. A more general hypothesis is presented in appendix.

The equations governing the equilibrium problem of the composite structure are written as follows:

$$\begin{cases} \sigma_{ij,j}^\varepsilon + f_i = 0 & \text{in } \Omega_\pm^\varepsilon \\ \sigma_{ij}^\varepsilon n_j = g_i & \text{on } S_g \\ \sigma_{ij,j}^\varepsilon = 0 & \text{in } B^\varepsilon \\ [[\sigma_{i3}^\varepsilon]] = 0 & \text{on } S_\pm^\varepsilon \\ [[u_i^\varepsilon]] = 0 & \text{on } S_\pm^\varepsilon \\ u_i^\varepsilon = 0 & \text{on } S_u \\ \sigma_{ij}^\varepsilon = a_{ijhk}^\pm e_{hk}(u^\varepsilon) & \text{in } \Omega_\pm^\varepsilon \\ \sigma_{ij}^\varepsilon = \varepsilon b_{ijhk}(l) e_{hk}(u^\varepsilon) \text{ if } e^s(u^\varepsilon) \geq 0 & \text{in } B^\varepsilon \\ \sigma_{ij}^\varepsilon = e^s(u^\varepsilon) B_{ijhk} \delta_{hk} + \varepsilon b_{ijhk}(l) e_{hk}^d(u^\varepsilon) \text{ if } e^s(u^\varepsilon) \leq 0 & \text{in } B^\varepsilon \\ \eta^\varepsilon \dot{l} = \left(\omega^\varepsilon - \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon b_{,l}(l) e(u^\varepsilon) : e(u^\varepsilon) \right) & \text{if } e^s(u^\varepsilon) \geq 0 \text{ in } B^\varepsilon \\ \eta^\varepsilon \dot{l} = \left(\omega^\varepsilon - \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon b_{,l}(l) e^d(u^\varepsilon) : e^d(u^\varepsilon) \right) & \text{if } e^s(u^\varepsilon) \leq 0 \text{ in } B^\varepsilon \end{cases}_+ \quad (10)$$

where $[[f]]$ denotes the jump of f along S_\pm^ε i.e. $f((\varepsilon/2)^\pm) - f((\varepsilon/2)^\mp)$. We recall that $f(a^+) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a, x > a} f(x)$ and $f(a^-) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a, x < a} f(x)$.

3 The asymptotic expansion method

Since the thickness of the interphase is very small, it is natural to seek the solution of problem (10) using asymptotic expansions with respect to the parameter ε [14–18, 20, 33]. In particular, the following asymptotic series with integer powers are assumed:

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{u}^\varepsilon = \mathbf{u}^0 + \varepsilon \mathbf{u}^1 + o(\varepsilon) \\ \sigma^\varepsilon = \sigma^0 + \varepsilon \sigma^1 + o(\varepsilon). \end{cases} \quad (11)$$

The domain is then rescaled (see figure 1) using a classical procedure:

– In the adhesive, the following change of variable is introduced

$$(x_1, x_2, x_3) \in B^\varepsilon \rightarrow (z_1, z_2, z_3) \in B, \text{ with } (z_1, z_2, z_3) = (x_1, x_2, \frac{x_3}{\varepsilon})$$

and it is set $\hat{\mathbf{u}}^\varepsilon(z_1, z_2, z_3) = \mathbf{u}^\varepsilon(x_1, x_2, x_3)$ and $\hat{\sigma}^\varepsilon(z_1, z_2, z_3) = \sigma^\varepsilon(x_1, x_2, x_3)$, where $B = \{(x_1, x_2, x_3) \in \Omega : |x_3| < \frac{1}{2}\}$.

– In the adherent, the following change of variable is introduced

$$(x_1, x_2, x_3) \in \Omega_\pm^\varepsilon \rightarrow (z_1, z_2, z_3) \in \Omega_\pm, \text{ with } (z_1, z_2, z_3) = (x_1, x_2, x_3 \pm 1/2 \mp \varepsilon/2)$$

and it is set $\bar{\mathbf{u}}^\varepsilon(z_1, z_2, z_3) = \mathbf{u}^\varepsilon(x_1, x_2, x_3)$ and $\bar{\sigma}^\varepsilon(z_1, z_2, z_3) = \sigma^\varepsilon(x_1, x_2, x_3)$, where $\Omega_\pm = \{(x_1, x_2, x_3) \in \Omega : \pm x_3 > \frac{1}{2}\}$. The external forces is assumed to be independent of ε . As a consequence, it is set $\bar{f}(z_1, z_2, z_3) = f(x_1, x_2, x_3)$ and $\bar{g}(z_1, z_2, z_3) = g(x_1, x_2, x_3)$.

The governing equations of the rescaled problem are as follows:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \bar{\sigma}_{ij,j}^\varepsilon + \bar{f}_i = 0 & \text{in } \Omega_\pm \\ \bar{\sigma}_{ij}^\varepsilon n_j = \bar{g}_i & \text{on } \bar{S}_g \\ \hat{\sigma}_{ij,j}^\varepsilon = 0 & \text{in } B \\ \bar{\sigma}_{i3}^\varepsilon = \hat{\sigma}_{i3}^\varepsilon & \text{on } S_\pm \\ \bar{u}_i^\varepsilon = \hat{u}_i^\varepsilon & \text{on } S_\pm \\ \bar{u}_i^\varepsilon = 0 & \text{on } \bar{S}_u \\ \bar{\sigma}_{ij}^\varepsilon = \bar{a}_{ijhk}^\pm \bar{e}_{hk}(\bar{u}^\varepsilon) & \text{in } \Omega_\pm \\ \hat{\sigma}_{ij}^\varepsilon = \varepsilon \hat{b}_{ijhk}(l) \hat{e}_{hk}(\hat{u}^\varepsilon) \text{ if } \hat{e}^s(\hat{u}^\varepsilon) \geq 0 & \text{in } B \\ \hat{\sigma}_{ij}^\varepsilon = \hat{e}^s(\hat{u}^\varepsilon) \hat{B}_{ijhk} \delta_{hk} + \varepsilon \hat{b}_{ijhk}(l) \hat{e}_{hk}^d(\hat{u}^\varepsilon) \text{ if } \hat{e}^s(\hat{u}^\varepsilon) \leq 0 & \text{in } B \\ \hat{\eta}^\varepsilon \hat{l} = \left(\hat{\omega}^\varepsilon - \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon \hat{b}_{,l}(l) \hat{e}(\hat{u}^\varepsilon) : \hat{e}(\hat{u}^\varepsilon) \right) & \text{if } \hat{e}^s(\hat{u}^\varepsilon) \geq 0 \text{ in } B \\ \hat{\eta}^\varepsilon \hat{l} = \left(\hat{\omega}^\varepsilon - \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon \hat{b}_{,l}(l) \hat{e}^d(\hat{u}^\varepsilon) : \hat{e}^d(\hat{u}^\varepsilon) \right) & \text{if } \hat{e}^s(\hat{u}^\varepsilon) \leq 0 \text{ in } B \end{array} \right. \quad (12)$$

where $S_\pm = \{(x_1, x_2, x_3) \in \Omega : x_3 = \pm \frac{1}{2}\}$ and $\bar{\cdot}, \hat{\cdot}$ denote the rescaled operators in the adherents and in the adhesive, respectively.

In view of 11 the displacement and stress fields are written as asymptotic expansions

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \hat{\sigma}^\varepsilon = \hat{\sigma}^0 + \varepsilon \hat{\sigma}^1 + o(\varepsilon) \\ \hat{u}^\varepsilon = \hat{u}^0 + \varepsilon \hat{u}^1 + o(\varepsilon) \\ \bar{\sigma}^\varepsilon = \bar{\sigma}^0 + \varepsilon \bar{\sigma}^1 + o(\varepsilon) \\ \bar{u}^\varepsilon = \bar{u}^0 + \varepsilon \bar{u}^1 + o(\varepsilon), \end{array} \right. \quad (13)$$

in the rescaled adhesive and adherents, respectively.

3.1 Expansions of the equilibrium equations in the adherents

Substituting 13 into the first, second, sixth and seventh equations of 12, it is obtained at the first order of expansion (power 0)

$$\begin{cases} \bar{\sigma}_{ij,j}^0 + \bar{f}_i = 0 & \text{in } \Omega_{\pm} \\ \bar{\sigma}_{ij}^0 n_j = \bar{g}_i & \text{on } \bar{S}_g \\ \bar{u}_i^0 = 0 & \text{on } \bar{S}_u \\ \bar{\sigma}_{ij}^0 = \bar{a}_{ijhk}^{\pm} \bar{e}_{hk}(\bar{u}^0) & \text{in } \Omega_{\pm} \end{cases} \quad (14)$$

3.2 Expansions of the equilibrium equations in the adhesive

Substituting 13 into the third equation of 12 it is deduced that the following conditions hold in B (power -1):

$$\hat{\sigma}_{i3,3}^0 = 0, \quad (15)$$

i.e. $\hat{\sigma}_{i3}^0$ does not depend on z_3 , that it can be expressed as

$$[\hat{\sigma}_{i3}^0] = 0, \quad (16)$$

where $[f] = f(x_1, x_2, \frac{1}{2}) - f(x_1, x_2, -\frac{1}{2})$. In the adhesive the strain field becomes:

$$\hat{e}(\hat{u}^{\varepsilon}) = \varepsilon^{-1} \hat{e}^{-1} + \hat{e}^0 + \varepsilon \hat{e}^1 + o(\varepsilon) \quad (17)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{e}_{33}^{-1} &= \hat{u}_{3,3}^0 \\ \hat{e}_{\alpha 3}^{-1} &= \frac{1}{2} \hat{u}_{\alpha,3}^0, \quad \alpha = 1, 2 \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

It is obvious to remark that

$$\hat{e}^s(\hat{u}) = \frac{1}{3} (\varepsilon^{-1} \hat{u}_{3,3}^0 + \hat{u}_{1,1}^0 + \hat{u}_{2,2}^0 + \hat{u}_{3,3}^1 + o(1)) \quad (19)$$

and that at the first order of expansion the sign of the spheric part of the strain tensor is the sign of $\hat{u}_{3,3}^0$. The eighth equation in 12 is considered i.e. $\hat{u}_{3,3}^0 \geq 0$. At the first order in the expansions (power 0), it is obtained

$$\hat{\sigma}_{i3}^0 = \hat{b}_{i3j3}(l) \hat{u}_{j,3}^0 \quad (20)$$

It is observed that $\hat{\sigma}_{i3}^0$ (and thus $\hat{u}_{i,3}^0$) does not depend on z_3 , thus

$$\hat{\sigma}_{i3}^0 = \hat{b}_{i3j3}(l) [\hat{u}_j^0] \quad (21)$$

which is the classical equation of soft interface. Denoting $\hat{b}_{i3j3}(l) = K_{ij}^{33}(l)$, it is obtained

$$\hat{\sigma}^0 \mathbf{e}_3 = K^{33}(l) [\hat{u}^0] \quad \text{if } [\hat{u}_3^0] \geq 0 \text{ on } S^{\pm} \quad (22)$$

Now the ninth equation in 12 is considered. The expansion gives at the first order (power -1)

$$0 = \hat{B}_{ii33} \hat{u}_{3,3}^0 \text{ if } \hat{u}_{3,3}^0 \leq 0 \quad (23)$$

or due the property of positivity of the tensor B

$$\hat{u}_{3,3}^0 = 0 \text{ if } \hat{u}_{3,3}^0 \leq 0 \quad (24)$$

Function $\hat{u}_{3,3}^0$ being constant in the third direction, it can be deduced that

$$[\hat{u}_3^0] = 0 \text{ if } [\hat{u}_3^0] \leq 0 \quad (25)$$

Note that at the second order in the expansions (power 0), it is obtained

$$\hat{\sigma}_{i3}^0 = \hat{b}_{i3j3}(l) \hat{u}_{j,3}^0 \quad (26)$$

In conclusion, it is obtained on S^\pm

$$\hat{\sigma}^0 \mathbf{e}_3 = K^{33}(l) [\hat{u}^0] \text{ if } [\hat{u}_3^0] \geq 0 \\ \hat{\sigma}^0 \mathbf{e}_3 = K^{33}(l) [\hat{u}^0], [\hat{u}_3^0] = 0 \text{ if } [\hat{u}_3^0] \leq 0 \quad (27)$$

Now the two last equations in 12 are considered. If we consider that the lenght l increases, the first term in the expansion gives (power -1)

$$\hat{\eta} \hat{l} = \hat{\omega} - \frac{1}{2} (\hat{b}_{i,l}(l))_{i3j3} \hat{u}_{j,3}^0 : \hat{u}_{i,3}^0 = \hat{\omega} - \frac{1}{2} (K_{i,l}^{33}(l))_{ij} \hat{u}_{j,3}^0 \cdot \hat{u}_{i,3}^0$$

Now, this equation can be integrated along the third direction in two steps, considering that $\hat{\sigma}_{i3}^0 = K_{ij}^{33}(l) \hat{u}_{j,3}^0$ or $\hat{u}_{i,3}^0 = (K^{33}(l))^{-1} \hat{\sigma}^0 \mathbf{e}_3$. Thus, it is obtained

$$\hat{\eta} \hat{l} = \hat{\omega} - \frac{1}{2} K_{i,l}^{33}(l) [\hat{u}^0] \cdot [\hat{u}^0]$$

This equation can be decomposed, as classical, into normal and tangential parts

$$\hat{\eta} \hat{l} = \hat{\omega} - \frac{1}{2} K_{N,l}^{33}(l) [\hat{u}_N^0]^2 - \frac{1}{2} K_{T,l}^{33}(l) [\hat{u}_T^0] \cdot [\hat{u}_T^0]$$

3.3 Matching between the adhesive and the adherents

Substituting 15 into the fourth and fifth equations of 12, it is deduced that the following conditions hold on S_\pm :

$$\hat{\sigma}_{i3}^0(z_1, z_2, \pm \frac{1}{2}) = \bar{\sigma}_{i3}^0(z_1, z_2, \pm \frac{1}{2}) = \sigma_{i3}^0(x_1, x_2, \pm \frac{\varepsilon}{2}) \approx \sigma_{i3}^0(x_1, x_2, 0) \\ \hat{u}_i^0(z_1, z_2, \pm \frac{1}{2}) = \bar{u}_i^0(z_1, z_2, \pm \frac{1}{2}) = u_i^0(x_1, x_2, \pm \frac{\varepsilon}{2}) \approx u_i^0(x_1, x_2, 0^\pm) \quad (28)$$

In conclusion, it s obtained

$$\begin{cases} \sigma_{ij,j}^0 + f_i = 0 & \text{in } \Omega_{\pm} \\ \sigma_{ij}^0 n_j = g_i & \text{on } S_g \\ u_i^0 = 0 & \text{on } S_u \\ \sigma_{ij}^0 = a_{ijhk}^{\pm} e_{hk}(u^0) & \text{in } \Omega_{\pm} \\ \sigma_{i3}^0 = K_{ij}^{33}(l) [u_j^0]_+ & \text{on } S \\ \eta i = \left(\omega - \frac{1}{2} K_{,i}^{33}(l) [u^0]_+ \cdot [u^0]_+ \right)_+ & \text{on } S \end{cases} \quad (29)$$

where $[u^0]_+ = [u^0]$ if $[u_3^0] \geq 0$, $[u^0]_+ = ([u_1^0], [u_2^0], 0)^T$ if $[u_3^0] \leq 0$.

It is obtained a model of imperfect soft interface with unilateral contact and damage evolution. Note that the variable l (length variable) is similar to the density of adhesion (no dimension variable) introduced by M. Frmond in [5]. This intensity of adhesion can be interpreted mechanically as the ratio l/l_0 .

4 An example in 2D: Kachanov material

4.1 Constitutive equations

In two dimensions (in the plan $(O, \mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2)$), the problem can be rewritten as

$$\begin{cases} \sigma_{ij,j}^0 + f_i = 0 & \text{in } \Omega_{\pm} \\ \sigma_{ij}^0 n_j = g_i & \text{on } S_g \\ u_i^0 = 0 & \text{on } S_u \\ \sigma_{ij}^0 = a_{ijhk}^{\pm} e_{hk}(u^0) & \text{in } \Omega_{\pm} \\ \sigma_{i2}^0 = K_{ij}^{22}(l) [u_j^0]_+ & \text{on } S \\ \eta i = \left(\omega - \frac{1}{2} K_{,i}^{22}(l) [u^0]_+ \cdot [u^0]_+ \right)_+ & \text{on } S \end{cases} \quad (30)$$

For the Kachanov model of homogenized cracked material [24, 35], the stiffness matrix is written under engineer notations as

$$K^{\varepsilon} = \begin{bmatrix} E_0 & \frac{\nu_0 L \varepsilon}{2l^2 C} & 0 \\ \frac{\nu_0 L \varepsilon}{2l^2 C} & \frac{L \varepsilon}{2l^2 C} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{L \varepsilon}{l^2 C} \end{bmatrix} \quad (31)$$

where L is the length of the interphase, C is given in (4). It is supposed that the crack is along x_1 axis. Matrix K^{33} (in fact K^{22} in this configuration), which is diagonal, reads

$$K^{22} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{L}{2l^2 C} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{L}{l^2 C} \end{bmatrix} \quad (32)$$

and its derivative reads

$$K_{,l}^{22} = \begin{bmatrix} -L & 0 \\ l^3 C & -2L \\ 0 & l^3 C \end{bmatrix} \quad (33)$$

The last equation in (30) (evolution of l) is written

$$\eta \dot{l} = \left(\omega + \frac{L}{2l^3 C} [u_1^0]^2 + \frac{L}{l^3 C} [u_2^0]^2 \right)_+$$

4.2 A focus on the crack length evolution

As a first approach of the evolution of l , we can consider the case $\eta = 0$ (the viscosity is equal to zero) and in order to simplify $[u_1^0] = 0$. As we can see on figure 2, in compression $[u_2^0] = 0$ (unilateral contact). In traction, until $\frac{L}{l^3 C} [u_2^0]^2 \leq -\omega$ i.e. $[u_2^0] \leq \sqrt{-\frac{\omega l^3 C}{L}} = \delta_2$ the stiffness is constant and the relation between σ_{22} and $[u_2^0]$ is linear, with the slope equal to $\frac{L}{2l^2 C}$. We take σ_{22}^{max} to denote $\frac{1}{2} \sqrt{-\frac{\omega L}{Cl}}$, the maximum value of σ_{22} . When the threshold is reached, we have

$$l = \left(-\frac{L [u_2^0]^2}{\omega C} \right)^{1/3}$$

and then

$$\sigma_{22} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{L \omega^2}{C [u_2^0]} \right)^{1/3}$$

This relation is represented on figure 2. On figure 2, the relation between σ_{22} and $[u^0]$ is represented approximatively (using implicit Euler integration schema) for various values of the viscosity.

4.3 A simple academic example

In this section, the example of a simple bar of length L_0 is considered (see figure 3). The bar is bonded on its left part and loaded on its right part. The volumic force is neglected. The force on the right part is given by

$$F(t) = \begin{cases} F_0 t & t \leq t_1 \\ F_0 t_1 & t_1 \leq t \leq t_2 \\ \frac{F_0 t_2}{t_2 - t_3} t - \frac{F_0 t_2}{t_3(t_2 - t_3)} t_2 & t_2 \leq t \leq t_3 \end{cases} \quad (34)$$

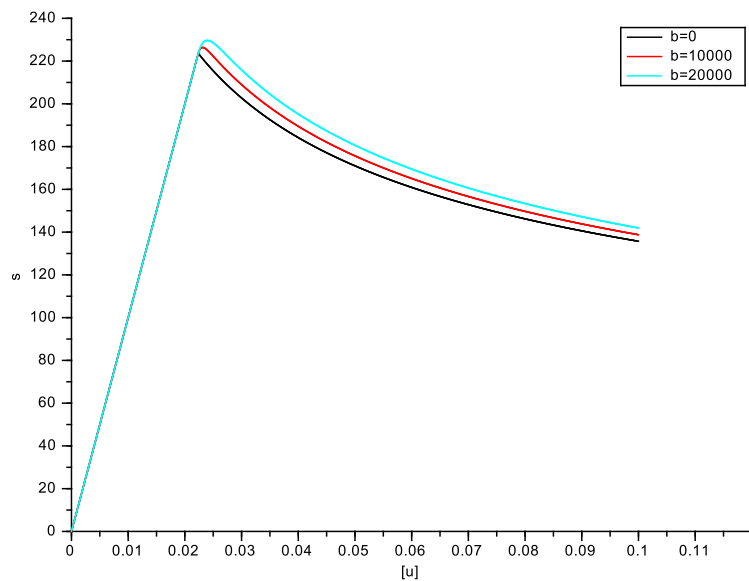


Fig. 2 Evolution of normal stress vs jump of displacement for various values of viscosity (normalized values, $L = 1$, $C = 100$, $\omega = -50$)



Fig. 3 A simple example

where F_0 and t_i , $i = 1, 2, 3$ are given. It is obvious to show that the displacement field u takes the form

$$u(x) = \frac{F(t)}{E}x + u_0,$$

where E is the Young's modulus of the bar and u_0 is given by the interface law $\sigma = F(t) = \frac{C}{l^2}u_0$. The length l is given by the equation

$$bl = \left(w + \frac{C}{l^3}u_0^2 \right)_+.$$

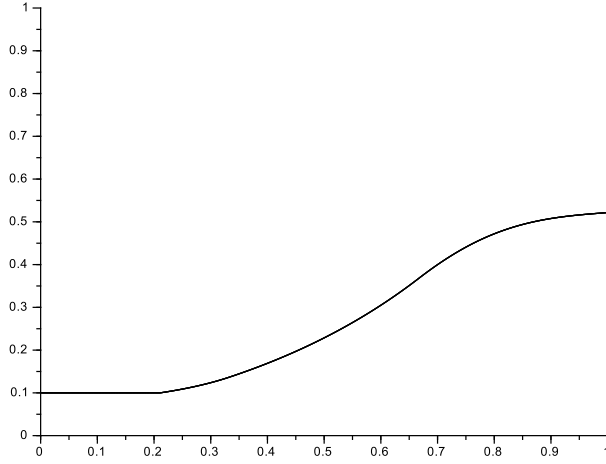


Fig. 4 Evolution of the crack length along time ($C = 1$, $\omega = 1$, $b = 1$, $F_0 = 15$, $l_0 = 0.1$, $T_3 = 1$, $T_1 = T_3/3$, $T_2 = 2T_3/3$)

We take l_0 to denote the initial length of the crack. If $t \leq \sqrt{\frac{\omega C}{l_0}}$, then $l = l_0$. If $t \geq \sqrt{\frac{\omega C}{l_0}}$, then the crack length can be computed by a simple implicit Euler schema, i.e.

$$l^{k+1} = \frac{l^k - \omega \frac{\Delta t}{b}}{1 - \frac{\Delta t (F(t))^2}{bC}}$$

where Δt is taken to denote the time step, $l^k = l(t^k)$ and $t^k = k\Delta t$.

We can observe on figure 4 the increase of the crack length along time and on figure 5 the decrease of the stiffness of the glue in relation with the increase of the crack length for academic values of the coefficients. The model proposed here seems qualitatively coherent. During the first part of the loading (linear increase) and if $t < 0.21$, the crack length remains constant ($l = l_0$). When $t > 0.21$ the crack length increases. We can observe the change of curvature corresponding to the variation of the loading. On figure 5, we can see that the stiffness is divided by more than 25 during the process.

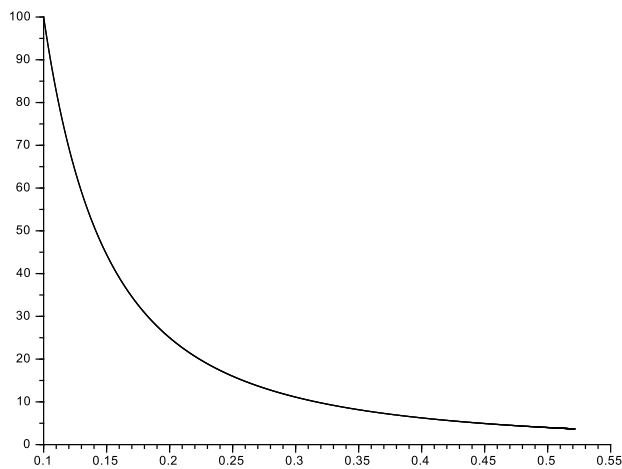


Fig. 5 Evolution of the stiffness vs crack length $C = 1$, $\omega = 1$, $b = 1$, $F_0 = 15$, $l_0 = 0.1$, $T_3 = 1$, $T_1 = T_3/3$, $T_2 = 2T_3/3$)

5 Conclusion

In the first part of this paper, a model of damaged material was proposed. This model is based on homogenization techniques and thermodynamics principles. The damage was governed by the evolution of the crack length at the micro-scale. In a second part of the paper, a model of imperfect interface has been derived from the asymptotic study of a three phase composite with perfectly bonding conditions between two adherents and an adhesive having the behavior studied in the first part of the paper. The expansion at the first level yields a model of imperfect interface taking into account damage. This last model was studied on a simple example in one dimension. It was shown that this model is qualitatively efficient.

In the future, the model of imperfect interface proposed in this paper will be mathematically analyzed \square and numerically implemented to test its reliability and efficiency. Other kind of cracked materials [27] and damage evolutions models will also be studied. Stochastic processes can be also introduced to take into account the variability of crack lengths.

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Appendix

In this appendix, it is supposed that the crack length l depends on x_3 . A stratified interphase with n layers is considered. We take l_k , $k = 1, \dots, n$ to denote the crack length in each layer. Introducing the rescaling and let

$$h_0 = -\frac{1}{2} < h_1 < \dots < h_{n-1} < h_n = \frac{1}{2} \quad (35)$$

Note that $h_k - h_{k-1}$ is the thickness of the k -th layer. The eighth and ninth equations in 12 are considered. At the first order in the expansions (power 0), it is obtained

$$\hat{\sigma}_{i3}^0 = \hat{b}_{i3j3}(l_k) \hat{u}_{j,3}^0, \quad k = 1, \dots, n \quad (36)$$

By integration, it is obtained

$$(h_k - h_{k-1}) \hat{\sigma}_{i3}^0 = \hat{b}_{i3j3}(l_k) [\hat{u}_j^0]_{k-1}^k, \quad k = 1, \dots, n \quad (37)$$

where $[f]_{k-1}^k = f(z_1, z_2, h_k) - f(z_1, z_2, h_{k-1})$. Thus,

$$[\hat{u}_j^0]_{k-1}^k = (h_k - h_{k-1}) \hat{K}^{33}(l_k) \hat{\sigma}_{i3}^0, \quad k = 1, \dots, n \quad (38)$$

and

$$[\hat{u}_j^0] = \sum_{k=1}^n (h_k - h_{k-1}) \left(\hat{K}^{33} \right)^{-1} (l_k) \hat{\sigma}_{i3}^0, \quad k = 1, \dots, n \quad (39)$$

We take $\left(\hat{K}_n^{33} \right)^{-1} (l)$ to denote $\sum_{k=1}^n (h_k - h_{k-1}) \left(\hat{K}^{33} \right)^{-1} (l_k)$, and thus

$$\sigma_{i3}^0 = \hat{K}_n^{33}(l) [\hat{u}_j^0]. \quad (40)$$