Nonlocal constitutive equations of elasto-visco-plasticity coupled with damage and temperature

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Abstract. In this paper, the nonlocal anisothermal elasto-visco-plastic constitutive equations strongly coupled with ductile isotropic damage, nonlinear isotropic hardening and kinematic hardening are developed to model the material behaviour under finite strain. The new micromorphic variable of damage is introduced into the principle of virtual power and new additional balance equations are obtained. Thermodynamically-consistent nonlocal constitutive equations are then deduced. The evolution equations are deduced from the generalized normality rule for the Norton-Hoff visco-plastic potential. This model is used to simulate various material responses under different velocities at high temperature. The micromorphic parameters of damage: micromorphic density and H moduli are studied to examine the effects of micromorphic damage. Biaxial tension is performed to make a comparison between the local damage model and the micromorphic damage model.

1 Introduction

Nowadays, economic and environmental demands are forcing the industrialists to design lightweight mechanical components. The large-scale complex metallic components are manufactured using hot or cold forming processes under relatively extreme conditions, such as complex multi-axial loading, high strain rate, and high temperature. Even for the experienced engineers, it is hardly possible to estimate the finite deformations.

The fully local Cauchy constitutive equations have been well established to model the induced material softening behaviour due to thermal, damage and other microstructure-dependent phenomena. However, the solutions of the fully local constitutive equations are highly sensitive to the space and time discretization. The natural way to overcome this drawback is to account for an appropriate neighbourhood effect of each material point by introducing some characteristic lengths, representative of the materials’ microstructures, into constitutive equations1.

The generalized continuum mechanics makes possible the straightforward introduction of characteristic lengths into the constitutive equations of materials with microstructure. During the 1960s, motivated by the original works of the Cosserat2,3 brothers, many theoretical works have been devoted to the mechanics of generalized continua to solve various problems in mechanics of solids and fluids left without satisfactory solution in the framework of classical local continuum mechanics as found in Mindlin4,5, Eringen and Suhubi6,7. As summarised by Forest8,9, all these generalized continuum theories, which are still based on the assumption of local action (Truesdell and Noll10), can be classified into two classes: (i) the higher grade continua and (ii) the higher order continua. Higher grade continua are those based on higher order spatial derivatives of the displacement field. While, higher order continua are based on the introduction of additional degrees of freedom11,12. A third class of generalized continuum theories is the so called strictly nonlocal continuum field theories, well summarized by Eringen13 where a unified foundation of the basic field equations are presented and are not based on the principle of the local action.

The micromorphic theory was proposed by (Eringen and Suhubi6, Mindlin7). It envisions a material body as a continuous collection of deformable particles; each possesses finite size and inner structure and requires supplying additional degrees of freedom (dof) to a material point13. On the other hand, classical continuum mechanics considers a material body as a continuous collection of material points, each with infinitesimal size and no inner structure and usually needs displacements as dofs. The purpose to go beyond the classical continuum mechanics is to take into account the microstructure of the material in question while still keeping the advantages of continuum theory. The micromorphic approach can be applied to any macroscopic quantity in order to introduce a character length scale in the original classical continuum model in a systematic way, as presented by (Forest9). From the comparison between nonlocal and micromorphic theories, Forest and Aifantis14 concluded

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that when the micromorphic variable remains as close as possible to the plastic strain, the micromorphic model reduces to the strain gradient theory.

The main goal of this paper is to develop and examine the generalized anisothermal elasto-visco-plastic constitutive equations strongly coupled with ductile damage, nonlinear isotropic and kinematic hardening. The effects on the thermal viscoplasticity from the micromorphic damage are examined from the parametrical study and biaxial tension test.

2 Theoretical aspects

In this section, a set of fully coupled constitutive equations will be derived from the state and dissipation potentials in the form of elasto-visco-plasticity and anisothermal formulations, coupled with the local isotropic and kinematic hardening, local isotropic damage, micromorphic isotropic and kinematic hardening, and micromorphic damage, under the framework of thermodynamic irreversible processes with state variables.

2.1 The Extended principle of virtual power

The generalized virtual power of internal forces is extended by the micromorphic damage, isotropic and kinematic hardenings, and their first gradients:

$$P_{in} (\tilde{u}^*, \tilde{d}^*) = -\int \left[ \sigma : \nabla \tilde{u}^* + \tilde{Y}^* \cdot \nabla \tilde{d}^* \right] dV$$

(1)

where, $\sigma$ is the Cauchy stress tensor. $\tilde{Y}$ and $\tilde{Y}^*$ are the stress-like variables with respect to micromorphic damage $\tilde{d}$ and its first gradient respectively.

The extended virtual power of external forces can be written in the additive form: classical local contributions and additional micromorphic contributions:

$$P_{ex} = \rho \int \left( \tilde{f}^* \cdot \tilde{u}^* + \tilde{R}^* \cdot \tilde{d}^* \right) dS$$

$$+ \rho \int \left( \tilde{f}^* \tilde{d}^* + \tilde{f} \tilde{d}^* \cdot \tilde{\nabla} \tilde{d}^* \right) dV + \left( \tilde{F}^* \tilde{d}^* \right) dS$$

(2)

where, the small $f$ indicates the generalized body force associated with the displacement, micromorphic degree of freedoms and their first gradients. The capital $F$ is the generalized contact surface forces of displacement and micromorphic dofs respectively.

In the same way, the generalized virtual power of inertia forces is given below:

$$P_{\ddot{u}} = \rho \int \left( \tilde{\ddot{u}} \cdot \tilde{u}^* + \tilde{\xi} \tilde{\ddot{d}} \tilde{d}^* \right) dV$$

(3)

where, $\tilde{\xi}$ is a scale factor which maps the local density to the micromorphic level\(^{[15]}\).

Applying the generalized virtual power for any given kinematical admissible fields, we may obtain the classical equilibrium equation and three additional balance equations:

$$\tilde{\nabla} \cdot \sigma + \rho \tilde{f}^* = \rho \tilde{\ddot{u}} \qquad \text{in } \Omega$$

$$\sigma \cdot \tilde{n} = \tilde{F}^* \qquad \text{on } \Gamma$$

(4)

$$\left\{ \tilde{\nabla} \cdot \tilde{Y} + \tilde{Y} \right\} + \rho \left( \tilde{f}^* - \nabla \cdot \tilde{\alpha} \tilde{d}^* \right) = \rho \tilde{\zeta} \tilde{\ddot{d}} \quad \text{in } \Omega$$

$$\left( \tilde{Y} - \rho \tilde{\alpha} \tilde{d}^* \right) \cdot \tilde{n} = \tilde{F}^* \quad \text{on } \Gamma$$

(5)

2.2 Thermodynamic irreversible processes

We assume that the energy conservation holds for the micromorphic continuum of the first order. Using the kinetic energy theorem, the local form of the rate of specific internal energy ($1^{st}$ principle of thermodynamics) is enhanced with the additional micromorphic dofs:

$$\rho \dot{e} = \sigma : \dot{\varepsilon} + \left( \rho \zeta - \tilde{\nabla} \cdot \tilde{\alpha} \right) \cdot \left( \dot{\tilde{Y}} + \tilde{\nabla} \dot{\tilde{d}} \right)$$

(6)

where, $\zeta$ is the volume heat generation. $\tilde{q}$ is the heat flux vector across the boundary surface.

According to the well-known Clausius-Duhem inequality and the relations between the specific internal energy and specific Helmholtz free energy, we may have the following inequality:

$$\sigma : \dot{\varepsilon} - \rho \left( s \dot{T} + \psi \right) - \frac{\tilde{q}}{T} \tilde{\nabla} T + \left( \dot{\tilde{Y}} + \tilde{\nabla} \dot{\tilde{d}} \right) \geq 0$$

(7)

where, $s$ is the specific entropy. $T$ represents the temperature.

As in local continuum mechanics, the state potential is assumed to be a closed concave function of temperature and convex function of all the classical local state variables elastic strain, isotropic and kinematic hardening, and local damage as well as the micromorphic damage, micromorphic isotropic and kinematic hardening, and their first gradients. With the assumption of additive decomposition of total strain rate, the Clausius-Duhem inequality Eq.(7) can be expressed as:

$$\left\{ \sigma - \rho \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \varepsilon} \right\} : \dot{\varepsilon}^* + \rho \left( s + \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial T} \right) \dot{T} + \left( \dot{\tilde{Y}} - \rho \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \tilde{d}} \right) \dot{\tilde{d}}$$

$$+ \left( \dot{\nabla} \cdot \tilde{\alpha} \right) \tilde{\nabla} \dot{\tilde{d}} + \sigma : \dot{\varepsilon}^*$$

(8)

Generally, if we assume that overall the formulas $\sigma - \rho \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \varepsilon}$, $s + \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial T}$, $\tilde{Y} - \rho \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \tilde{d}}$ and $\tilde{\nabla} \cdot \tilde{\alpha}$ do not depend on their rates respectively and the micromorphic variables do not dissipate, the following state relations and pure local residual dissipation are obtained:

- The classical local state relations:

$$\sigma = \rho \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \varepsilon} \quad s = - \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial T}$$

$$X = \rho \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r} \quad R = \rho \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r} \quad Y = - \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \tilde{d}}$$

(9)

- The micromorphic (nonlocal) state relations:

$$\tilde{Y} = \rho \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial d} \quad \tilde{\nabla} \cdot \tilde{\alpha} = \rho \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \nabla \tilde{d}}$$

(10)
- The residual dissipation:
  \[ \phi_n = \sigma : \dot{\varepsilon}^p - X : \dot{\varepsilon} - R \dot{r} + Y \dot{d} - \frac{\rho}{T} \dot{V} T \geq 0 \]  

(11)

### 2.3 The heat equation

Using the local form of 1\textsuperscript{st} principle of thermodynamic Eq.(6), the state relations Eqs.(9)-(10) and the relations of internal energy and Helmholtz free energy, we may have the following enhanced heat equation:

\[ \sigma : \dot{\varepsilon}^p - X : \dot{\varepsilon} - R \dot{r} + Y \dot{d} + \left( \rho \varepsilon - \nabla \cdot \dot{q} \right) - \rho \dot{\theta} T = 0 \]  

(12)

Substituting the state relation of entropy into the above equation:

\[ \sigma : \dot{\varepsilon}^p + Y \dot{d} - X : \dot{\varepsilon} + \left( \rho \varepsilon - \nabla \cdot \dot{q} \right) - \rho T \frac{\partial (s)}{\partial T} \dot{T} + T \left( \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial T} : \dot{\varepsilon} - \frac{\partial Y}{\partial T} \dot{\theta} + \frac{\partial R}{\partial T} \dot{r} + \frac{\partial \varepsilon}{\partial T} : \dot{\varepsilon} \right) = 0 \]  

(13)

If we assign:

\[ R_{\sigma} = \left( \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial T} : \dot{\varepsilon} - \frac{\partial Y}{\partial T} \dot{\theta} + \frac{\partial R}{\partial T} \dot{r} + \frac{\partial \varepsilon}{\partial T} : \dot{\varepsilon} \right) \]  

(14)

The final heat equation can be rewritten as:

\[ \rho C \dot{\theta} - \rho \varepsilon + \nabla \cdot \dot{q} - \phi_n - R_{\sigma} \dot{T} = 0 \]  

(15)

where, \( C \) is the specific heat capacity for constant volume.

Clearly, \( R_{\sigma} \) comprises the additional contributions to the heat equation from the micromorphic variables.

### 3 An example of micromorphic constitutive and evolution equations

In this section, a specific state potential is constructed for the anisothermal isotropic elasto-visco-plasticity model fully coupled with isotropic local damage, isotropic and kinematic hardening and isotropic micromorphic damage. The damaged state variables are applied to the local state variables according to the assumption of the equivalence of total energy developed in references\textsuperscript{[1, 11, 16-18]}.

#### 3.1 Micromorphic state potential and associated state relations

For simplification, we also postulate that only the local damage is coupled with the micromorphic damage. With these assumptions, a quadratic the Helmholtz free energy can be expressed as:

\[ \rho \psi = \frac{1}{2} \left( \varepsilon^* : \Lambda : \varepsilon^* + \frac{2}{3} C \alpha : \alpha + Q \right) + \frac{1}{2} H (d - d_0)^2 + \frac{1}{2} H' \dot{\theta} d \cdot \dot{\theta} d \]  

(16)

where, \( \Lambda = \lambda \frac{1}{2} \sum_{1}^{1} + 2 \mu \frac{1}{2} \) is the fourth order elastic tensor expressed with Lamé’s parameters. \( C \) and \( Q \) are the macro moduli of local kinematic and isotropic hardening respectively. \( H \) and \( H' \) are the moduli of coupled local and micromorphic damage and its first gradient respectively. \( P \) is a scalar modulus for isotropic thermal expansion.

Using the state relations Eqs.(9)-(10), we may have the following expressed local stress-like variables:

\[ \sigma = \Lambda : \varepsilon^* - (T - T_0) \frac{1}{\rho} \]  

\[ s = \frac{C}{T_0} (T - T_0) + \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{1}{P} \varepsilon^* \]  

\[ X = \frac{2}{3} C \alpha \]  

\[ R = \dot{\theta} r \]  

\[ Y = \frac{1}{2} \left( \varepsilon^* : \Lambda : \varepsilon^* + \frac{2}{3} C \alpha : \alpha + Q \right) \]  

\[ - H (d - d_0) - \frac{1}{2} H' \dot{\theta} d \cdot \dot{\theta} d \]  

(17)

And nonlinear stress-like variables:

\[ \dot{Y} = -H (d - d_0) \quad \ddot{Y} = H' \dot{\theta} d \]  

(18)

It’s clear that if the micromorphic effects are neglected, \( H = H' = 0 \), then all the micromorphic state variables given by Eq.(18) vanish leading to zero contribution of the nonlinear terms. In that case the classical fully coupled local state relations originally given in Saamouni et al\textsuperscript{[1, 16]} are recovered.

#### 3.2 Dissipation analysis and evolution equations

For the case of the single potential, fully isotropic damageable thermo-elasto-visco-plasticity with ductile damage, we postulate that the overall viscoplastic potential \( \varphi (\dot{s}, \ddot{s}, \dot{r}; T) \) is additively decomposed\textsuperscript{[1]} into two contributions representing respectively the Norton-Hoff viscoplastic flow \( \varphi_p (\dot{s}, \ddot{s}, \dot{r}; T) \) and the damage potential \( \varphi_d (d; T) \):

\[ \varphi_p = \frac{K^*}{m_v(T)+1} \left( \frac{F_p (\dot{s}, \ddot{s}, \dot{r}; T)}{K^* (T)} \right)^{m_v(T)+1} \]  

(19)

\[ \varphi_d = \frac{S_d(T)}{(s_d(T)+1)(1-d)} \left( \frac{Y - Y_c(T)}{S_d(T)} \right)^{s_d(T)+1} \]  

where, \( K^* \) and \( m_v \) are two constants which are characteristic of material viscosity and \( F_p (\dot{s}, \ddot{s}, \dot{r}; T) \) is expressed in term of fully isotropic case.
\[ F_p = f_p + \frac{3}{4} \frac{aX : X}{C(1-d)} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{bR^2}{2(1-d)} - \frac{1}{3} aC \hat{\alpha} = \hat{\alpha} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{bQ}{2} \]
\[
(20)
\]
with \( f_p = \| \sigma - \bar{X} \| - \bar{R} - \sigma \) is the classical yield function.
\( \hat{\rho} \) is the accumulated viscoplastic strain rate.

The evolution equations deduced from these potentials, using the generalized normality rule are:
- Viscoplastic strain rate:
  \[ \dot{\gamma} = \left( f_p \right)^{\frac{m}{m'}} \left( \frac{\partial f_p}{\partial \sigma} \right) \dot{\sigma} = \hat{\lambda}_p \hat{\rho} \]
  \[ (21) \]
  where, \( \hat{\rho} = \frac{\partial f_p}{\partial \sigma} = \frac{3}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-d}} \left( \frac{\sigma^{\mu\nu}}{\sigma^{\mu\nu} - X} \right) \) and the multiplier \( \hat{\lambda}_p \), depending on the form of the potential, is given as follow:
  \[ \hat{\lambda}_p = \left( f_p \right)^{\frac{m}{m'}} \]
  \[ (22) \]
- Kinematic hardening strain rate:
  \[ \dot{\alpha} = -\left( f_p \right)^{\frac{m}{m'}} \frac{\partial f_p}{\partial X} = \hat{\lambda}_p \left( \dot{\bar{Y}} - a\dot{\alpha} \right) \]
  \[ (23) \]
- Isotropic hardening strain rate:
  \[ \dot{\tau} = -\left( f_p \right)^{\frac{m}{m'}} \frac{\partial f_p}{\partial R} = \frac{\hat{\lambda}_p}{\sqrt{1-d}} (1-b\dot{\rho}) \]
  \[ (24) \]
- Isotropic ductile damage rate:
  \[ \dot{d} = \frac{1}{(1-d)^{\gamma}} \frac{\dot{Y}}{S_d} \]
  \[ (25) \]

From Eq. (22), we define the equation for the actual viscoplastic yield surface in the form:
\[ f_{p,v} = f_p - K' \left( \hat{\lambda}_p \right)^{\frac{1}{m'}} = f_p - \sigma' = 0 \]
\[ (26) \]

As expected, viscous stress is very dependent on the form of the viscoplastic potential and is defined as follow:
\[ \sigma' = K' \left( \hat{\lambda}_p \right)^{\frac{1}{m'}} \]
\[ (27) \]

**4 Numerical implementation**

In this section, we perform the parametrical study of the proposed model of anisothermal damaged isotropic elasto-visco-plasticity fully coupled isotropic, kinematic hardening and micromorphic isotropic damage. The material property under the reference temperature (20°C) is given in the below table.

| Name                 | Symbol | Value     |
|----------------------|--------|-----------|
| Young’s modulus      | \( E(T) \) | 205000 MPa |
| Poisson ratio        | \( \nu \) | 0.3       |

**Table 1. Material parameters under reference temperature.**

**4.1 Anisothermal viscoplasticity with local damage for a material point**

In this section, the parametrical studies of temperature, load velocity, micromorphic density and its moduli are performed in a material point to examine the response of the proposed anisothermal elasto-visco-plastic model coupled with local and micromorphic isotropic damage, local isotropic hardening and kinematic hardening. 

Figure 1 illustrates the thermal effects on the evolutions of equivalent stress based on the proposed constitutive equations coupled with local damage and local mixed hardening. The accumulated plastic strain (max: 0.652; min: 0.592) increases and the tensile stress (max: 1108.72 MPa; min: 416.91 MPa) decreases steadily as temperature increases.

Figure 2 shows the four types of evolutions of local damage under different strain rates (velocity) (from 1.0E-04 s\(^{-1}\) to 0.1 s\(^{-1}\)) under the initial temperature 1000°C. Clearly, the evolution of local damage is accelerated by the increasing strain rate. The fracture plastic strains are 0.652, 0.648, 0.636 and 0.605 respectively.
4.2 Biaxial tension for local damage with FE

The geometric size and boundary conditions of the sample are shown in Figure 3. For simplifications, three different initial temperatures (20°C, 500°C and 1000°C), and four velocities (2.0E-04mm/s, 2.0E-05mm/s, 2.0E-06mm/s and 2.0E-07mm/s) are performed on a single finite element in this example. The approximate strain rates are 1.0E-01s⁻¹, 1.0E-02s⁻¹, 1.0E-03s⁻¹ and 1.0E-04s⁻¹ respectively.

![Figure 3. Scheme of tension test.](image)

Figure 4 summarizes the material responses of the local damage model, in terms of equivalent stress – accumulated plastic strain curves, for 7 cases including three temperatures and three velocities. From this figure the viscoeffects are very clear: when the temperature increases the ductile plasticity is extended and the final fracture plastic strain is also enlarged (0.591 in 20°C, 0.626 in 500°C and 0.653 in 1000°C with velocity 2.0E-07mm/s). However, both the initial yield stress (792.00MPa, 547.09MPa and 281.12MPa) and hardening effects are decreased. The opposite tendency of the fracture plastic strain is observed for the raise of loading velocity at each temperature, while the equivalent stress after yield point shows significant differences (31.24MPa for 500°C and 66.85MPa for 1000°C). In Figure 5, it illustrates the different evolutions of local damage for the same seven cases. It’s clear that the evolution of damage is delayed by the raise of the temperature and the decelerated load velocity.

![Figure 4. Stress-strain curves for different temperature and load velocity coupled with local damage.](image)

Figure 5. Evolution of local damage for different temperature and load velocity.

4.3 Choices of micromorphic parameters with FE

Let us consider the choices of micromorphic parameters including micromorphic density, the H moduli for the coupled local damage and micromorphic damage and the gradient of micromorphic damage. In this section, all the simulations are performed under temperature 500°C and load velocity 2.0E-05mm/s.

In Figure 6, it illustrates the stress-strain curves and the evolutions of damage for different micromorphic density (0.1~100 times of local density) with given H modules equal to 1000MPa. From the theoretical formula Eq.(5), we can see that the micromorphic density will be...
used to calculate the accelerate of micromorphic damage at each time step, which determines the incremental micromorphic damage and affects the local damage. In this figure, it clearly represents that the larger micromorphic density evidently slows the evolutions of local damage and enlarged the ductile plasticity of the material.

Figure 7 represents the effects of different choices of H modules (1.0~1000MPa) for the stress-strain curves and the evolution of local damage. From the state relations of stress-like variable with respect to local damage Eq.(17), we know that the evolution of the local damage is affected by the micromorphic damage through the H modules. In this figure, it describes that the larger H modules the slower evolution of local damage. We can also find this character from Eq.(17), the term of coupled local and micromorphic damage has a negative sign, which induces the reduction of the stress-like variable Y of local damage.

Compared with the curves for local damage, both of the figures imply that when the micromorphic density or the H modules approach to zero, the material response becomes closer and closer to the one from local damage.

4.4 Biaxial tension for micromorphic damage with FE

After the analysis of parameters, we have a conclusion that the smaller micromorphic density and H modules gives the more approximate result to the ones from the local damage formulas. In absence of any experimental indication, the micromorphic parameters: density 100 times, H modules 1000MPa, will be considered to perform the biaxial tension test in this section.

In Figure 8 and Figure 9, it gives the stress-strain curves and the evolutions of local damage of 9 cases (three temperatures and four velocities). It’s clear that, in this choice of parameters, the fracture plastic strain is significantly improved and the evolution of local damage is apparently delayed. Compared with the curves from local damage formulas Figure 4 and 5, it’s apparently that the maximum tensile stresses have very little differences for the four velocities on each temperature. However, the final fracture accumulated plastic strain grows larger significantly (maximum roughly 1.556 for temperature 1000°C and load velocity 2.0E-04mm/s).

Compared with the curves for local damage, both of the figures imply that when the micromorphic density or the H modules approach to zero, the material response becomes closer and closer to the one from local damage.

5 Conclusions

The nonlocal anisothermal elasto-viscoplastic constitutive equations strongly coupled with ductile damage, nonlinear isotropic hardening and kinematic hardening
are developed under the framework of the irreversible thermodynamic processes.

The new micromorphic damage is introduced into the principle of virtual power and a new balance equation is obtained. From the comparisons of the biaxial tension between local and micromorphic damage, we can make a conclusion that when micromorphic density and $H$ modules approach to zero, the micromorphic effect is negligible and it degenerates to the local damage case; otherwise, the micromorphic damage significantly delays the evolution of local damage especially under cases of high temperature or high strain rate.

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