Connecting atomistic & continuum descriptions of failure in amorphous solids

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Bulk Metallic Glasses



Douglas Hoffman, E-Science News 1998

- Unique material with promising properties, but disordered structure.
- High strength.
- High formability due to lack of shrinkage upon solidification.

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Shear Bands in Metallic Glass

strain localization (shear banding) is the primary failure mode



Electron Micrograph of Shear Bands Formed in Bending Metallic Glass Hufnagel, El-Deiry, Vinci (2000) Quasistatic Fracture Specimen Mukai, Nieh, Kawamura, Inoue, Higashi (2002) Can we use examples of shear banding to validate the effective temperature STZ theory against MD and experimental realizations?

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Development of a Shear Band



Relating χ to the microstructure

• Consider a linear relation between the χ parameter and the local internal energy

$$C_{1}\chi/e_{Z} = PE - PE_{0}$$
$$\dot{\varepsilon}_{pl} = e^{-e_{Z}/\chi}f(s)$$
$$c_{0}\dot{\chi} = 2s\dot{\varepsilon}_{pl}(\chi_{\infty} - \chi) - \kappa e^{-\beta/\chi}$$

• Is there an underlying scaling?

$$\frac{\dot{\varepsilon}_{pl}(y)}{\dot{\varepsilon}_{b}} = e^{\frac{e_{Z}}{\chi_{b}} - \frac{e_{Z}}{\chi_{b}}} \ln\left[\frac{\dot{\varepsilon}_{pl}(y)}{\dot{\varepsilon}_{b}}\right] = \frac{e_{Z}}{\chi_{b}} - \frac{C_{1}}{PE - PE_{0}}$$

$$2s\dot{\varepsilon}_{b}(\chi_{\infty} - \chi_{b}) = \kappa e^{-\beta/\chi_{b}} \qquad \ln\left[\frac{\dot{\varepsilon}_{pl}(y)}{\dot{\varepsilon}_{b}}\right] - \frac{e_{Z}}{\chi_{\infty} - r\dot{\varepsilon}_{b}^{-1}} = -\frac{C_{1}}{PE - PE_{0}}$$

Scaling verifies that varies as



• Assuming, $\chi_{\infty} = kT_g$, $e_Z = 1.9\varepsilon$

Numerical Results

M. Lisa Manning and J.S. Langer, PRE, 76, 056106(2007)

 These equations closely reproduce the details of the strain rate and structural profiles during band formation

$$\partial_t \chi - D \partial_x^2 \chi = \frac{2s \dot{\varepsilon}_{pl}}{c_0} (\chi_\infty - \chi)$$





Stability Analysis Manning, Langer and Carlson, PRE, 76, 056106(2007)

- Stability analysis of the equations indicates linear instability during a portion of the loading curve.
- Both the initial χ and the size of perturbations are important for determining strain localization.





2D Implementation Chris Rycroft, Harvard Univ.



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Cross Validation of MD and Stochastic Continuum Model



MD Simultion of Lamellar Composite Pengfei Guan

H: thickness of the crystalline layer L: thickness of glassy layer





ID Modeling of Lamellar Composite Adam Hinkle



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Code: Chris Rycroft, Harvard; Sim: Adam Hinkle, JHU



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1% wt carbopol ETD 2050

G' = 100 ± 10 Pa

 $G'' = 12 \pm 2 Pa$

0.5% wt hollow glass spheres



poly(acrylic acid) polymer

[Ketz et al. (1988), Baudonnet et al. (2004), Oppong et al. (2006), Lee (2011)]







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- Before shear band propagates across entire cell, band destabilizes and homogeneous flow sets in.

Transient shear banding in time-dependent fluids Illa, Puisto, Lehtinen, Mohtaschemi, Alava, PRE 87, 022307 (2013)

$$\frac{d\phi}{dt} = \frac{A_b}{(\mu/\mu_o)^m} + (A_s - B_s\phi) \left(\frac{\dot{\gamma}}{\dot{\gamma}_0}\right)^k,$$
$$\mu(\phi) = \mu_0 \left(1 - \frac{\phi}{\phi_m}\right)^{-\eta},$$

- Develops transient shear band
- Fluidization time depends trivially on k
- No destabilization of band
- System once fluidized will not localize again on second sweep



Effective Temperature Equations of Motion (Athermal Limit)

$$\dot{\epsilon}_{ij}^{pl} = e^{-e_{Z/\chi}} f_{ij} \left(s_{kl} \right)$$
$$c_0 \dot{\chi} = 2s_{ij} \dot{\epsilon}_{ij}^{pl} \left(\chi_{\infty} - \chi \right) + l^2 \left| \dot{\epsilon}_{ij}^{pl} \right| \nabla^2 \chi$$

- Recall that in the STZ formulation the function f(s) is derived from the microscopic equations for the STZ flips.
- Here we will choose f(s) to be consistent with the steady state rheology, such that we recover the Herschel-Bulkley behavior.



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Initial Model

Successes

- Shear band growth and destabilization are both observed.
- The stress vs. time curve is reasonably close.

Deficiencies

- Like Illa, once fluidized the system is in a structural steady state and cannot band again.
- The scaling of fluidization time is trivial $(\tau_f \sim \dot{\gamma}^{-1})$



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$$\dot{\epsilon}_{ij}^{pl} = e^{-e_{Z/\chi}} f_{ij} \left(s_{kl} \right)$$

$$c_0 \dot{\chi} = 2s_{ij} \dot{\epsilon}_{ij}^{pl} \left[\chi_{\infty} \left(|\dot{\epsilon}^{pl}| \right) - \chi \right] + l^2 \left| \dot{\epsilon}_{ij}^{pl} \right| \nabla^2 \chi$$

- We make the degree of disorder explicitly dependent on the steady state shear rate. This permits low χ solutions at low rates of shear.
- Again we will choose *f*(*s*) to be consistent with the steady state rheology, such that we recover the Herschel-Bulkley behavior.
- Form for χ_∞ taken from Manning, Daub, Langer and Carlson, PRE 79, 016110 (2009).



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Rate Dependent Disorder Model

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- Shear band growth and destabilization are both observed.
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- Can initialize the system at low rate and shear band at high rate.

Deficiencies

- Fluidization time varies like shear rate to the -0.5. This reflects more strain needed to reach higher disorder at higher rates.
- More complex functional form of the structural dependence of the yield stress?

Conclusions

- Modeling shear banding provides a challenge for constitutive theories.
- MD simulation indicates that predicting nucleation of shear bands in metallic glasses requires correctly characterizing fluctuations in the structure and that the nucleation process is sensitive to the dimensionality of the mechanics problem.
- The STZ effective temperature phenomenology produces a transition from shear band broadening to fluidization that matches the phenomenology in yield stress fluids.
- Introducing a rate dependent steady state χ permits shear banding on repeated loadings.
- Missing ingredient relating rate of fluidization to shear rate requires further study. Perhaps this arises due to structure dependence of yield stress.