

CONTRIBUTION OF A MULTI-SCALE APPROACH TO MODEL AND CHARACTERIZE SUPRACONDUCTING COMPOSITES

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Complex history



Low temperature

Lorentz forces



SOME QUESTIONS TO BEGIN...

Which step of the life cycle do we want to predict/characterize?

State of the material Loadings (mechanical, thermal, cyclic/monotonous...)

	To predict the answer of the material		
A model for what?	To understand the behavior of the material		
	To validate an object		

Which experimental characteristics do we need?



EXPERIMENTAL CHARACTERIZATION OF THE MECHANICAL BEHAVIOUR

- Measurement of Young's modulus
- Non-linear mechanical behaviour
- Test on heterogeneous media
- Local mechanical behaviour

MEASUREMENT OF YOUNG'S MODULUS

Tensile test on Nb₃Sn wire



Where is the elastic part? Slope intrinsic or due to tightening of the grips? Nb of points necessary to determine the slope of the curve?

MEASUREMENT OF YOUNG'S MODULUS



E measured on the loading part is underestimated It is necessary to calculate E only on elastic parts

MEASUREMENT OF YOUNG'S MODULUS

Errors may be due to

- Control of the loading. Is is pure tension?
- The wire may be initially bended
- Damage of the material (during handling?)
- Calculation of strain from the displacement measured by the tensile machine

How can we improve the results?



SOME TENSILE TESTS OF THE LITERATURE (NOT EXHAUSTIVE)





[Seth 12]

[van den Eijnden 05]



[[]Konstantopoulou 16]





[Xin 16]

Various systems used for the grips: keyless clamp, 3 jaws mandrell, soldering in a tube, soldering in a ball.

Most of them don't prevent damage to occur in the wire during handling.

The handling of the specimen, installation of the extensometer are generally not described, whereas researchers are dealing with fragile specimens, which require careful procedures.

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OTHER WAYS TO ACCESS YOUNG'S MODULUS

Compression tests

- E generally under-estimated
- Problems of contact on the loading surfaces

3 or 4 point bending tests

Very efficient to measure E

Nanoindentation





Resonance ultrasound spectroscopy



Possible to access to local values

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Displacement, h

WHAT ABOUT THE NON-LINEAR BEHAVIOUR

We obtain typical non-linear curves, whatever the sample loaded (wire, 10 stack, ...)



Is it true to describe this curve with two modulus and to write $\sigma = E \epsilon$ or $\sigma = K \epsilon + k_1$ depending on the level of strain?



If the model has to be used under **non-monotonous loading** (cyclic loading, change of loading direction), it is **necessary to use an elasto-plastic model**.



FOCUS ON ELASTO-PLASTIC BEHAVIOUR

Assumption of an elastic domain



X = kinematic hardening (Displacement of the elastic domain)

R = isotropic hardening (Change in the size of the elastic domain)

Behaviour elastic inside the domain, and elasto-plastic at the boundary

• Classical formulations

$$\dot{X} = C \ast \dot{\epsilon^p} - \gamma \ast X \ast \dot{p}$$

$$\dot{R} = b * (Q - R) * \dot{p}$$



RATCHETTING EFFECT



WHICH EFFECT IN A COMPOSITE? С 6 CentraleSupéle In the elastic component $\sigma_s = E_s \varepsilon_s$ Plastic component σ (MPa) 3 Ratchetting Elastic component 0.008 200 0.007 0.006 100 0.005 3 0.004 0.003 0.002 0.004 -0.002 1E-17 0.002 0.006 0.008 time 0.001 -100 0 10 15 5 0 Mean stress -200 ⊣σ (MPa) 200 -300 100 time -400 0 The plastic component may ratchet, 15 -100 10 inducing higher stress in the elastic -500 -200 component -300 Stress [⊘] in the -400 elastic component Cyclic damage, failure -500

TESTS ON HETEROGENEOUS COMPOSITES

10 stack sample



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Experimental characterization difficult to carry out

- Only some loadings can be applied (compression, bending, shear)
- Sample heterogeneous
 - Measuring what?

Interest of kinematic field measurements

- To verify the boundary conditions
- To provide average strain measurement if not available
- To product displacement/strain fields related to heterogeneities



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MECHANICAL CHARACTERIZATION AT THE LOCAL SCALE



Which behaviour do these various zones have?

+ characterization of microstructure (phases, grain size, texture, chemical composition, porosities, cracks...)

Nb₃Sn-PIT [Lenoir 2017]



CHARACTERIZATION AT THE LOCAL SCALE



	Com	ponents	# indents	E (GPa)	SD E (GPa)	H (GPa)
	Cu	Outside layer	18	133	5	1.25
	Cu	Core	15	125	4	1.14
		Matrix	92	132	6	1.33
	Ν	lb₃Sn	35	171	6	13.10
		Nb	13	125	13	1.68

[Lenoir 2017]

- ⇒ Shows homogeneity of copper
- ➡ Measurement of E
- \Rightarrow Estimation of σ_{y}

Large number of indentations needed Sensitivity to surface roughness



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CHARACTERIZATION AT THE LOCAL SCALE

Tensile test at micro-scale



[Ben Salem 2012]





Micro-specimen (70x15x10µm) Grips machined at the end of rotating needle Load measured by a specific load cell Strain field measured by DIC





Axial compressive stress (MPa)