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### **Cavitation Failure in Rubber-Like Materials**

A New Modeling Approach

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### Chapter 1 Introduction



### 1. Introduction - Motivation Adhesive Connections in Modern Glass Facades



#### Modern Structural Sealant Glazing Systems

- Adhesive connections in point supported façade systems
- Transparent structural silicone adhesive (TSSA) with strong adhesion performance under aesthetic and transparent look
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### 1. Introduction Cavitation in Rubber-Like Materials



#### **Cavitation Phenomenon**

- Cavitation in rubber-like materials describes sudden void growth due to hydrostatic tension loading until material failure occurs
- Cavitation was analyzed experimentally, analytically and numerically
- Classical volumetric constitutive hyperelastic models cannot represent cavitation effect
- Numerical full-scale calculations accounting for cavitation are rare
- Many numerical approaches lack of a user-friendly environment in terms of finite element calculations and numerical robustness

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## Chapter 2 Development of Volumetric Constitutive Model



### 2. Development of Volumetric Constitutive Model Basics on Continuum Mechanics

#### **Compressible Hyperelastic Material Law**

Split of the Helmholtz free energy function into isochoric / volumetric components



### 2. Development of Volumetric Constitutive Model Nano-Structure of Transparent Structural Silicone



#### Identification of a RVE (Periodic / Non-periodic Microstructure)

- TSSA bulk material consists of polydimethylsiloxane polymers
- High amount of nano-silica particles with d=1nm
- Multitude of nano-cavities developed during admixing
- → Built-up of numerical model accounting for nano-structure varying the fraction between bulk and cavity

2. Development of Volumetric Constitutive Model Nano-Structure of Transparent Structural Silicone



### **Transmission Electron Microscopy (TEM) Images**

• Resolution ca. 1000 nm



- (1) void diameter ca. 30 nm; (2) void coalescence
- TSSA is a poro-hyperelastic material under finite void fraction



### 2. Development of Volumetric Constitutive Model Homogenization



### Identification of a RVE (Periodic / Non-periodic microstructure)



Dirichlet / Neumann boundary conditions applied



### 2. Development of Volumetric Constitutive Model Homogenization

#### **Rational Micro-Micro-Transition of Mechanical Fields**



\* Suitable for large deformation



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#### **Theory of Micromechanics and Homogenization**

- Identification of a RVE (Periodic / Non-periodic microstructure)
- Rational micro-macro-transition of mechanical fields
- Determination of effective material properties



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### 2. Development of Volumetric Constitutive Model EHM vs. RVE



 Excellent representation of the structural behavior of RVE with developed constitutive law



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## Chapter 3 Novel Modeling Approach



### 3. Helmholtz Free Energy Couple Term Basic Idea



#### Isoperimetric, Volumetric Coupling Term Accounting for Cavitation

• To avoid volumetric softening during isochoric deformations, a couple term will be introduced with

 $\Psi = \Psi_{\rm iso} + \Psi_{\rm vol,ND} + \Psi_{\rm vol,couple}$ respectively

$$\Psi = \Psi_{\rm iso} + \Psi_{\rm vol,ND} + \Omega \left( \Psi_{\rm vol,classic} - \Psi_{\rm vol,ND} \right)$$

- In this context  $\Omega$  is defined as isoperimetric, volumetric shape function with

$$\Omega(\Pi, \Theta) = (1 - \Pi)\Theta \text{ with } \Omega \in [0, 1]$$



### 3. Helmholtz Free Energy Couple Term Basic Idea



#### Isoperimetric, Volumetric Coupling Term Accounting for Cavitation

- The volumetric shape function  $\Theta$  defines weather a void is growing in volume
- The isoperimetric inequality  $\Pi$  describes how the void is geometrically growing



### 3. Helmholtz Free Energy Couple Term Isoperimetric Inequality



#### **Definition of Isoperimetric Inequality**

- The isoperimetric inequality is a fundamental problem in classical calculus of variations
- It is described by finding the geometric figure with maximal area at a given perimeter
- In 2D Euclidean space, it is defined by

$$t = \frac{4\pi A_s}{L_s} \le 1 \text{ with } t \in [0,1]$$

$$L_s$$
 = Length of a simple closed curve  $s$ 

$$A_s$$
 = Area of the closed curve  $s$ 



3. Helmholtz Free Energy Couple Term Isoperimetric Inequality



Plot of Isoperimetric Inequality – n = 1



### 3. Helmholtz Free Energy Couple Term Equivalent Volumetric Strain



• Introduction of equivalent volumetric strain (Hencky Strains)

$$\varepsilon_{\text{eqn,vol}} = I_{\varepsilon} + II_{\varepsilon} + III_{\varepsilon} \quad \text{with} \quad I_{\varepsilon} = \varepsilon_1 + \varepsilon_2 + \varepsilon_3$$
$$II_{\varepsilon} = \varepsilon_1 \varepsilon_2 + \varepsilon_2 \varepsilon_3 + \varepsilon_1 \varepsilon_3$$
$$III_{\varepsilon} = \varepsilon_1 \varepsilon_2 \varepsilon_3$$

• Normalization of equivalent volumetric strain to obtain single scalar, which differentiates between isochoric and volumetric deformations

$$\Theta = \frac{\frac{2\varepsilon_{\text{eqn,vol}}}{\left|\varepsilon_{\text{eqn,vol}}\right|} + 2}{4} \text{ with } \Theta \in [0,1]$$





## Chapter 4 Computational Validation



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Simulation of Bulge Test

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**Simulation of Pancake Tension Test** 



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