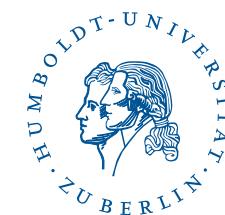


Global Existence for Rate-Independent Gradient Plasticity

Alexander Mielke

Weierstraß-Institut für Angewandte Analysis und Stochastik, Berlin
Institut für Mathematik, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
www.wias-berlin.de/people/mielke/



CRM De Giorgi, Pisa, 17 November 2007
Rate-Independence, Homogenization and Multiscaling

*Joint work with Andreas Mainik
with credits to Stefan Müller and Gilles Francfort*

Overview

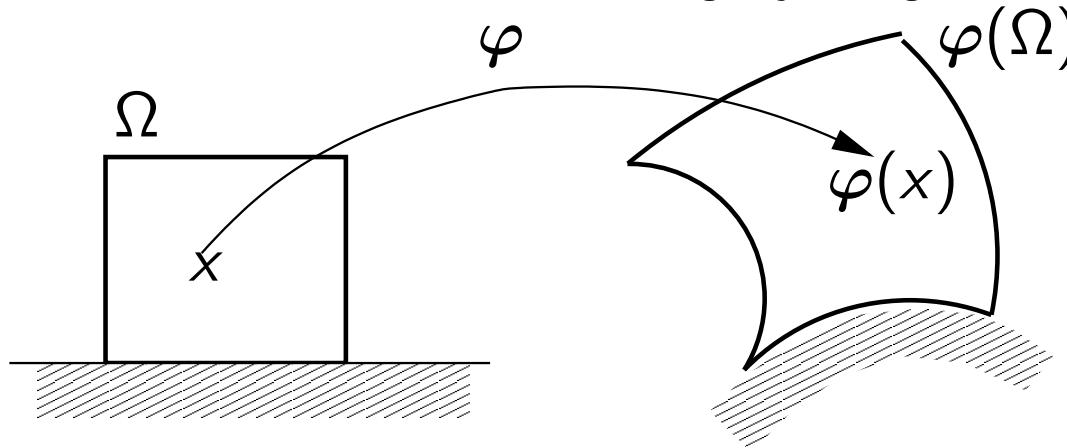
1. Introduction
2. Finite-strain elastoplasticity
3. Energetic solutions for rate-independent systems
4. Existence results
5. Time-dependent boundary data

- Finite-strain relates to **geometric nonlinearities**

multiplicative decomposition $\nabla \varphi = \boldsymbol{F} = \boldsymbol{F}_{\text{elast}} \boldsymbol{F}_{\text{plast}}$

- plastic yielding gives **nonsmoothness**

partially hysteretic behavior in loading cycling



Develop **sufficient conditions** for **existence** such as

- strong hardening • gradient regularization
- to understand the mechanisms for failure
- localization, shearbands • microstructure formation

Finite-strain relates to geometric nonlinearities

- invariance under rigid-body transformations (frame indifference)
 $\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{F}^T \mathbf{F}$ symmetric Cauchy strain tensor
- no self-penetration, i.e., $\det \mathbf{F} > 0$
- multiplicative decomposition $\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{F}_{\text{elast}} \mathbf{P}$ or $\mathbf{F}_{\text{elast}} = \nabla \varphi \mathbf{P}^{-1}$
- $\mathbf{F} \in \text{GL}^+(d) := \{ \mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d} \mid \det \mathbf{A} > 0 \}$ and
 $\mathbf{P} \in \text{SL}(d) := \{ \mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d} \mid \det \mathbf{A} = 1 \}$

Use (sub) Riemannian and Finslerian geometry
on the Lie groups $\text{GL}^+(d)$, $\text{SL}(d)$, ...

Nonsmoothness is treated by a weak solution concept:

- energetic solutions do not need derivatives

Literature

ORTIZ ET AL 1999, ... ,

MIEHE ET AL 2002, ...

M/THEIL/LEVITAS 1999, NoDEA 2001/04, ARMA 2002

CARSTENSEN/HACKL/M [PRSL 2002]

Non-convex potentials and microstructure in finite-strain plasticity

M. [CMT 2003] *Energetic formulation of multiplicative elastoplasticity*

M. [SIMA 2004] *Existence of minimizers in incremental elastoplasticity*

FRANCFORT/M. [JRAM 2006] *Existence results for rate-independent material models.* (based on DAL MASO ET AL)

M/MÜLLER [ZAMM 2006] *Lower semicontinuity and existence of minimizers for a functional in elastoplasticity*

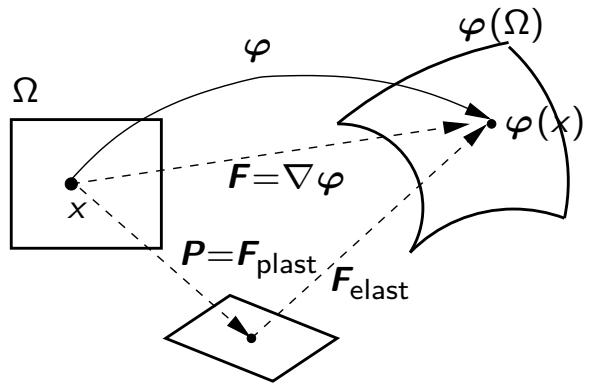
MAINIK/M. 2007 *Global existence for rate-independent strain-gradient plasticity at finite strains.* In preparation.

Overview

1. Introduction
2. Finite-strain elastoplasticity
3. Energetic solutions for rate-independent systems
4. Existence results
5. Time-dependent boundary data

2. Finite-strain elastoplasticity

Multiplicative decomposition



\mathbf{P} plastic tensor

p hardening variables

$$\nabla \varphi = \mathbf{F} = \mathbf{F}_{\text{elast}} \mathbf{F}_{\text{plast}}$$

$$\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{F}_{\text{plast}} \in \text{SL}(d), \quad \mathbf{F}_{\text{elast}} = \nabla \varphi \mathbf{P}^{-1}$$

For elastic properties only $\mathbf{F}_{\text{elast}}$ matters.

Plastic invariance (except for hardening)

$$R(\mathbf{P}, p, \dot{\mathbf{P}}, \dot{p}) = \widehat{R}(\dot{\mathbf{P}} \mathbf{P}^{-1}, p, \dot{p})$$

Energy-storage functional $\mathcal{E}(t, \varphi, \mathbf{P}, p) =$

$$\underbrace{\int_{\Omega} W(\nabla \varphi \mathbf{P}^{-1})}_{\text{elastic energy}} + \underbrace{H(\mathbf{P}, p)}_{\text{hardening}} + \underbrace{U(\mathbf{P}, p, \nabla \mathbf{P}, \nabla p)}_{\text{regularization}} \, dx - \langle \ell(t), \varphi \rangle$$

Elastic equilibrium: “ $0 = D_{\varphi} \mathcal{E}(t, \varphi, \mathbf{P}, p)$ ”

Plastic flow law: $0 \in \partial_{\dot{\mathbf{P}}} R(\mathbf{P}, p, \dot{\mathbf{P}}, \dot{p}) + D_{\mathbf{P}} \mathcal{E}(t, \varphi, \mathbf{P}, p)$

$0 \in \partial_{\dot{p}} R(\mathbf{P}, p, \dot{\mathbf{P}}, \dot{p}) + D_p \mathcal{E}(t, \varphi, \mathbf{P}, p)$

2. Finite-strain elastoplasticity

W I A S

Rayleigh's dissipation potential $R(\mathbf{P}, p, \dot{\mathbf{P}}, \dot{p})$

Rate independence $R(\mathbf{P}, p, \gamma \dot{\mathbf{P}}, \gamma \dot{p}) = \gamma^1 R(\mathbf{P}, p, \dot{\mathbf{P}}, \dot{p})$ for $\gamma \geq 0$.

\rightsquigarrow (sub) Riemannian/Finslerian metric on $\text{SL}(d) \times \mathbb{R}^m$.

To avoid rates we introduce a **dissipation distance**

$$D(\mathbf{P}_0, p_0, \mathbf{P}_1, p_1) = \min \left\{ \int_0^1 R(\tilde{\mathbf{P}}, \tilde{p}, \dot{\tilde{\mathbf{P}}}, \dot{\tilde{p}}) ds \mid (\tilde{\mathbf{P}}, \tilde{p})(0) = (\mathbf{P}_0, p_0), (\tilde{\mathbf{P}}, \tilde{p})(1) = (\mathbf{P}_1, p_1), (\tilde{\mathbf{P}}, \tilde{p}) \in C^1([0, 1]; \text{SL}(d) \times \mathbb{R}^m) \right\}$$

Triangle inequality

$$D(\mathbf{P}_0, p_0, \mathbf{P}_2, p_2) \leq D(\mathbf{P}_0, p_0, \mathbf{P}_1, p_1) + D(\mathbf{P}_1, p_1, \mathbf{P}_2, p_2)$$

No symmetry, in general $D(\mathbf{P}_0, p_0, \mathbf{P}_1, p_1) \neq D(\mathbf{P}_1, p_1, \mathbf{P}_0, p_0)$

Plastic invariance

$$D(\mathbf{P}_0 \mathbf{P}_*, p_0, \mathbf{P}_1 \mathbf{P}_*, p_1) = D(\mathbf{P}_0, p_0, \mathbf{P}_1, p_1) \text{ for all } \mathbf{P}_* \in \text{SL}(d)$$

2. Finite-strain elastoplasticity

WIAS

$$D(\mathbf{P}_0 \mathbf{P}_*, p_0, \mathbf{P}_1 \mathbf{P}_*, p_1) = D(\mathbf{P}_0, p_0, \mathbf{P}_1, p_1) \text{ for all } \mathbf{P}_* \in \text{SL}(d)$$

Plastic invariance implies

- $D(\mathbf{P}_0, p_0, \mathbf{P}_1, p_1) = D(\mathbf{I}, p_0, \mathbf{P}_1 \mathbf{P}_0^{-1}, p_1)$
- $D(\mathbf{I}, p_0, \mathbf{P}, p_1) \approx |\log \mathbf{P}| \rightsquigarrow \text{nonconvex, bad coercivity}$

von Mises plasticity: isotropic hardening $p \in [0, \infty)$

$$R(\mathbf{P}, p, \dot{\mathbf{P}}, \dot{p}) = \begin{cases} A'(p)\dot{p} & \text{if } \|\dot{\mathbf{P}}\mathbf{P}^{-1}\|_{vM} \leq \dot{p}, \\ \infty & \text{else,} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{with } \|\boldsymbol{\xi}\|_{vM} = (\alpha|\boldsymbol{\xi} + \boldsymbol{\xi}^T|^2 + \beta|\boldsymbol{\xi} - \boldsymbol{\xi}^T|^2)^{1/2}$$

$$\beta = 0: D(\mathbf{I}, p_0, \mathbf{P}, p_1) = A(p_1) - A(p_0) \text{ for } p_1 - p_0 \geq \frac{\alpha}{2} \|\log(\mathbf{P}^T \mathbf{P})\|_{vM}$$

$\beta > 0$: No formula is known!

Under what conditions is $\mathbf{P} \mapsto D(\mathbf{I}, p_0, \mathbf{P}, p_1)$ polyconvex ?

Overview

1. Introduction
2. Finite-strain elastoplasticity
3. Energetic solutions for rate-independent systems
4. Existence results
5. Time-dependent boundary data

3. Energetic solutions for rate-independent systems WIAS

Admissible deformations $\Gamma_{\text{Dir}} \subset \partial\Omega$

$$\mathcal{F} = \{ \varphi \in W^{1,q_\varphi}(\Omega; \mathbb{R}^d) \mid \varphi = \varphi_{\text{Dir}} \text{ on } \Gamma_{\text{Dir}} \}$$

(for the moment, we assume time-independent Dirichlet data)

Set of internal states $\mathbf{z} = (\mathbf{P}, p)$

$$\mathcal{Z} = \{ (\mathbf{P}, p) \in W^{1,r_P}(\Omega; \mathbb{R}^d) \times W^{1,r_p}(\Omega; \mathbb{R}^m) \mid \mathbf{P} \in \text{SL}(d) \text{ a.e. in } \Omega \}$$

Energy-storage functional (as above)

$$\mathcal{E} : [0, T] \times \mathcal{F} \times \mathcal{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_\infty := \mathbb{R} \cup \{\infty\}$$

$$(t, \varphi, \mathbf{z}) \mapsto \int_{\Omega} W(\nabla \varphi \mathbf{P}^{-1}) + H(\mathbf{z}) + U(\mathbf{z}, \nabla \mathbf{z}) \, dx - \langle \ell(t), \varphi \rangle$$

Dissipation distance on \mathcal{Z} :

$$\mathcal{D} : \mathcal{Z} \times \mathcal{Z} \rightarrow [0, \infty]$$

$$(\mathbf{z}_0, \mathbf{z}_1) = (\mathbf{P}_0, p_0, \mathbf{P}_1, p_1) \mapsto \int_{\Omega} D(\mathbf{P}_0(x), p_0(x), \mathbf{P}_1(x), p_1(x)) \, dx.$$

Definition [M/THEIL'99, M.'03]:

$(\varphi, z) : [0, T] \rightarrow \mathcal{F} \times \mathcal{Z}$ is called an **energetic solution** associated with \mathcal{E} and \mathcal{D} , if for all $t \in [0, T]$ the **stability condition (S)** and the **energy balance (E)** hold:

$$(S) \quad \forall (\tilde{\varphi}, \tilde{z}) \in \mathcal{F} \times \mathcal{Z}: \mathcal{E}(t, \varphi(t), z(t)) \leq \mathcal{E}(t, \tilde{\varphi}, \tilde{z}) + \mathcal{D}(z(t), \tilde{z})$$

$$(E) \quad \begin{aligned} & \mathcal{E}(t, \varphi(t), z(t)) + \text{Diss}_{\mathcal{D}}(z, [0, t]) \\ &= \mathcal{E}(0, \varphi(0), z(0)) + \underbrace{\int_0^t \partial_{\tau} \mathcal{E}(\tau, \varphi(\tau), z(\tau)) \, d\tau}_{\text{power ext. forces}} \end{aligned}$$

Any sufficiently smooth energetic solution solves

Elastic equilibrium: $0 = D_{\varphi} \mathcal{E}(t, \varphi, z)$

Plastic flow law: $0 \in \partial_{\dot{z}} R(z, \dot{z}) + D_z \mathcal{E}(t, \varphi, z)$

However, in general energetic solutions have jumps w.r.t. to time.

Overview

1. Introduction
2. Finite-strain elastoplasticity
3. Energetic solutions for rate-independent systems
- 4. Existence results**
5. Time-dependent boundary data

Main assumptions on \mathcal{E} and \mathcal{D} :

$$\mathcal{E}(t, \varphi, \mathbf{P}, p) \mapsto \int_{\Omega} W(\nabla \varphi \mathbf{P}^{-1}) + H(\mathbf{P}, p) + U(\mathbf{P}, p, \nabla \mathbf{P}, \nabla p) dx - \langle \ell(t), \varphi \rangle$$

$$\mathcal{D}(\mathbf{P}_0, p_0, \mathbf{P}_1, p_1) = \int_{\Omega} D(\mathbf{P}_0, p_0, \mathbf{P}_1, p_1) dx$$

(A1) Lower semicontinuity:

$W : \mathbb{R}^{d \times d} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\infty}$ is polyconvex and lsc

$H : \text{SL}(d) \times \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\infty}$ is lsc

U continuous and $U(\mathbf{P}, p, \cdot, \cdot)$ is convex

$D : (\text{SL}(d) \times \mathbb{R}^m) \times (\text{SL}(d) \times \mathbb{R}^m) \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ lsc

(A2) Coercivity:

$$W(\mathbf{F}_{\text{el}}) \geq c|\mathbf{F}_{\text{el}}|^{q_F} - C$$

$$H(\mathbf{P}, p) + D(\mathbf{I}, p_*, \mathbf{P}, p) \geq c(|\mathbf{P}|^{q_P} + |\mathbf{P}^{-1}|^{q_P} + |p|^{r_p}) - C$$

$$U(\mathbf{P}, p, \nabla \mathbf{P}, \nabla p) \geq c(|\nabla \mathbf{P}|^{r_P} + |\nabla p|^{r_p}) - C$$

Proposition. Let (A1) and (A2) hold with

$$\frac{d}{q_P} + \frac{1}{q_F} < 1 \text{ and } r_P, r_P > 1.$$

Define q_φ via $\frac{1}{q_\varphi} = \frac{1}{q_P} + \frac{1}{q_F}$ and assume $q_\varphi > d$ and $\ell \in C^1([0, T], (W^{1,q_\varphi}(\Omega; \mathbb{R}^d))^*)$. Consider

$\mathcal{F} \subset W^{1,q_\varphi}(\Omega; \mathbb{R}^d)$ and

$\mathcal{Z} \subset (W^{1,r_P}(\Omega; \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}) \cap L^{q_P}(\Omega; SL(d))) \times W^{1,r_P}(\Omega; \mathbb{R}^m)$

equipped with the weak topologies, respectively. Then,

- \mathcal{D} is weakly lower semicontinuous on $\mathcal{Z} \times \mathcal{Z}$
- $\mathcal{E}(t, \cdot)$ has weakly compact sublevels in $[0, T] \times \mathcal{F} \times \mathcal{Z}$
(\iff coercivity and lower semicontinuity)

Lower semicontinuity

$\nabla \varphi_k \rightharpoonup \nabla \varphi$ in L^{q_φ} and $P_k \rightarrow P$ in L^{q_P}

\implies minors converge: $\mathbb{M}_s(\nabla \varphi_k P_k^{-1}) \rightharpoonup \mathbb{M}_s(\nabla \varphi P^{-1})$ in L^{q_s}

Existence via the **Incremental Minimization Problem (IP)**:

Partitions $0 = t_0^N < t_1^N < \dots < t_{K_N-1}^N < t_{K_N}^N = T$

$(\varphi_k^N, z_k^N) \in \text{Arg Min} \left\{ \mathcal{E}(t_k^N, \tilde{\varphi}, \tilde{z}) + \mathcal{D}(z_{k-1}^N, \tilde{z}) \mid \tilde{\varphi} \in \mathcal{F}, \tilde{z} \in \mathcal{Z} \right\}.$

Piecewise constant interpolants $(\bar{\varphi}^N, \bar{z}^N) : [0, T] \rightarrow \mathcal{F} \times \mathcal{Z}$.

Limit passage needs the **Joint Recovery Condition**

If (φ_n, z_n) stable at t_n , $(t_n, \varphi_n, z_n) \rightharpoonup (t, \varphi, z)$, $\mathcal{E}(t_n, \varphi_n, z_n) \leq C$ and $(\hat{\varphi}, \hat{z}) \in \mathcal{F} \times \mathcal{Z}$,
then there exists $(\hat{\varphi}_n, \hat{z}_n)$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{E}(t_n, \hat{\varphi}_n, \hat{z}_n) + \mathcal{D}(z_n, \hat{z}_n) - \mathcal{E}(t_n, \varphi_n, z_n) \\ \leq \mathcal{E}(t, \hat{\varphi}, \hat{z}) + \mathcal{D}(z, \hat{z}) - \mathcal{E}(t, \varphi, z) \end{aligned}$$

Easy to satisfy, if \mathcal{D} is weakly continuous: $\hat{z}_n = \hat{z}$

Existence Result [MAINIK/M.'07]

Assume (A1), (A2) and that either (i) or (ii) holds:

(i) $D : (\text{SL}(d) \times \mathbb{R}^m) \times (\text{SL}(d) \times \mathbb{R}^m) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ is continuous and

$$D(\mathbf{P}_0, p_0, \mathbf{P}_1, z_1) \leq C(|\mathbf{P}_0|^{q_P} + |\mathbf{P}_1|^{q_P} + |p_0|^{r_p} + |p_1|^{r_p})$$

(ii) $r_P, r_p > d$ and for each (\mathbf{P}_0, p_0) the set

$\{(\mathbf{P}_1, p_1) \mid D(\mathbf{P}_0, p_0, \mathbf{P}_1, p_1) < \infty\}$ has nonempty interior.

Then, for each stable initial state $(\varphi_0, \mathbf{z}_0)$ with $\mathcal{D}(\mathbf{I}, p_*, \mathbf{z}_0) < \infty$ there exists an energetic solution $(\varphi, \mathbf{z}) : [0, T] \rightarrow \mathcal{F} \times \mathcal{Z}$.

Case (i) applies for “kinematic hardening” (no p needed)

Case (ii) is needed for isotropic hardening, i.e., $p \in \mathbb{R}$:

$$H(\mathbf{P}, p) = \exp(\kappa p), \quad D(\mathbf{I}, p_0, \mathbf{P}, p_1) = \begin{cases} p_1 - p_0 & \text{for } p_1 - p_0 \geq |\log(\mathbf{P}^\top \mathbf{P})| \\ \infty & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

Overview

1. Introduction
2. Finite-strain elastoplasticity
3. Energetic solutions for rate-independent systems
4. Existence results
5. Time-dependent boundary data

Essential idea in FRANCFORT/M. 2006

using FRANCFORT, DAL MASO, TOADER 2005 and BALL 2002

Dirchlet data $\varphi(t, x) = \varphi_{\text{Dir}}(t, x)$ for $(t, x) \in [0, T] \times \Gamma_{\text{Dir}}$.

Usual additive ansatz:

$$\varphi(t, \cdot) = \varphi_{\text{Dir}}(t, \cdot) + \psi(t, \cdot) \text{ with}$$

$$\psi(t) \in \overline{\mathcal{F}} = \{ \psi \in W^{1,q_\varphi}(\Omega; \mathbb{R}^d) \mid \psi|_{\Gamma_{\text{Dir}}} = 0 \}$$

$$\overline{\mathcal{E}}(t, \psi, z) = \mathcal{E}(t, \varphi_{\text{Dir}}(t) + \psi, z)$$

Power of external loading (now including power of φ_{Dir})

$$\partial_t \overline{\mathcal{E}}(t, \psi, z) = \int_{\Omega} \underbrace{\partial_F W((\nabla \varphi_{\text{Dir}}(t) + \nabla \psi) \mathbf{P}^{-1})}_{\text{1st Piola-Kirchhoff tensor. } \mathbf{T}} : \underbrace{(\nabla \dot{\varphi}_{\text{Dir}} \mathbf{P}^{-1})}_{\in L^q(\Omega)} dx - \langle \dot{\ell}(t), \psi \rangle$$

In general we cannot expect $\mathbf{T} \in L^{q'}(\Omega)$, not even $L^{\mathbf{1}}(\Omega)$

Way out? ↵ Matrices are elements of Lie groups: Multiply !!

Extend φ_{Dir} to all of \mathbb{R}^d , namely $\mathbf{g}_{\text{Dir}} \in C^2([0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^d; \mathbb{R}^d)$
 such that $\nabla \mathbf{g}_{\text{Dir}}, (\nabla \mathbf{g}_{\text{Dir}})^{-1} \in L^\infty([0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^d; \mathbb{R}^{d \times d})$

$\varphi(t, x) = \mathbf{g}_{\text{Dir}}(t, \psi(t, x))$ with

$$\psi(t) \in \tilde{\mathcal{F}} = \{ \psi \in W^{1, q_\varphi}(\Omega; \mathbb{R}^d) \mid \psi|_{\Gamma_{\text{Dir}}} = \text{id}_{\Gamma_{\text{Dir}}} \}$$

Chain rule replaces linearity:

$$\nabla_x \varphi(t, x) = \nabla_y \mathbf{g}_{\text{Dir}}(t, \psi(t, x)) \nabla_x \psi(t, x)$$

$$\tilde{\mathcal{E}}(t, \psi, z) = \mathcal{E}(t, \mathbf{g}_{\text{Dir}}(t, \cdot) \circ \psi, z)$$

Power of external loading

$$\partial_t \tilde{\mathcal{E}}(t, \psi, z) =$$

$$\int_{\Omega} \partial_F W(\nabla \mathbf{g}_{\text{Dir}}(t, \psi) \nabla \psi \mathbf{P}^{-1}) : (\nabla \dot{\mathbf{g}}_{\text{Dir}}(t, \psi) \nabla \psi \mathbf{P}^{-1}) \, dx$$

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t \tilde{\mathcal{E}}(t, \psi, z) &= \int_{\Omega} \partial_F W(\underbrace{\nabla g_{\text{Dir}}}_{G} \underbrace{\nabla \psi}_{F} P^{-1}) : (\underbrace{\nabla \dot{g}_{\text{Dir}}}_{H} \nabla \psi P^{-1}) \, dx \\ &= \int_{\Omega} \underbrace{\partial_F W(GFP^{-1})(GFP^{-1})^T}_{\text{Kirchhoff } K(GFP^{-1})} : \underbrace{(HFP^{-1}(GFP^{-1})^{-1})}_{V := HG^{-1}} \, dx \end{aligned}$$

$\mathbf{V} \in L^\infty([0, T] \times \Omega; \mathbb{R}^{d \times d})$ independently of $\psi : [0, T] \rightarrow \tilde{\mathcal{F}}$

Multiplicative stress control

(BAUMANN, PHILLIPS, OWEN '91, BALL '02)

Kirchhoff tensor $K(F) := \partial_F W(F) F^T$

$$\exists c_0, c_1 \quad \forall F \in \text{GL}^+(d)_+(\mathbb{R}^d) : \quad |K(F)| \leq c_1 (W(F) + c_0)$$

Multiplicative stress control is
compatible with finite-strain polyconvexity:

$$W(\mathbf{F}) = \alpha |\mathbf{F}|^q + \frac{\beta}{(\det \mathbf{F})^\gamma}$$

$$\mathbf{T}(\mathbf{F}) = \alpha q |\mathbf{F}|^{q-2} \mathbf{F} - \frac{\beta \gamma}{(\det \mathbf{F})^{\gamma+1}} \operatorname{cof} \mathbf{F} \quad (\text{not bounded by } W)$$

$$\mathbf{K} = \mathbf{T} \mathbf{F}^\top = \alpha q |\mathbf{F}|^{q-2} \mathbf{F} \mathbf{F}^\top - \frac{\beta \gamma}{(\det \mathbf{F})^\gamma} \mathbf{I} \quad (\text{as } (\operatorname{cof} \mathbf{F}) \mathbf{F}^\top = (\det \mathbf{F}) \mathbf{I})$$

Hence, $|\mathbf{K}(\mathbf{F})| \leq \max \alpha, \beta \sqrt{d} W(\mathbf{F})$.

Corollary: There exist c_0^E, c_1^E such that
 $|\partial_t \tilde{\mathcal{E}}(t, \psi, z)| \leq c_1^E (\tilde{\mathcal{E}}(t, \psi, z) + c_0^E)$
 whenever the right-hand side is finite.

- Provides useful a priori **energetic** estimates
- needs of course sufficient hardening
- ALBER's group: Self-controlling property

Using **full regularization** and **strong coercivity** the existence of energetic solutions can be shown for many plasticity models.

Future tasks:

- Study formation of microstructure for vanishing regularization:
$$U(z, \nabla z) = \varepsilon |\nabla z|^r \text{ with } \varepsilon \rightarrow 0$$
- Study failure via localization for vanishing strong coercivity
 - $H(P, p) = |p|^2 + \varepsilon \exp(\kappa|p|)$ for $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$
 - deformation gradients $\nabla \varphi^\varepsilon$ behaves badly,
 - but energy densities and stresses have suitable limits
(cf. [BOUCHITTÉ/M/ROUBÍČEK'07])
- Replace global minimization by local minimization in (IP)
viscous approximations

Thank you for your attention!

Papers available under <http://www.wias-berlin.de/people/mielke>

C. Carstensen, K. Hackl, and A. Mielke. Non-convex potentials and microstructures in finite-strain plasticity. Proc. Royal Soc. London, Ser. A, 458: 299-317, 2002.

A. Mielke. Existence of minimizers in incremental elasto-plasticity with finite strains. SIAM J. Math. Analysis, 36: 384-404, 2004.

A. Mielke and S. Müller. Lower semicontinuity and existence of minimizers for a functional in elastoplasticity. Z. angew. Math. Mech., 86: 233-250, 2006.

E. Gürses, A. Mainik, C. Miehe, and A. Mielke. Analytical and numerical methods for finite-strain elastoplasticity. In "Helmig/Mielke/Wohlmuth (eds), Multifield problems in Fluid and Solid Mechanics. Springer 2006", pp. 491-529 (WIAS preprint 1127).

A. Mainik, A. Mielke. Global existence for rate-independent gradient plasticity at finite strain. ≈ December 2007.