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FREQUENCY DEPENDENCE OF THE RVE SIZE IN RANDOM VISCOELASTIC MEDIA

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Somehow the soil is a random media..let us see in which sense

- In a given layer of soil, voids may be present;
- their distribution is random;
- one way to model the surrounding soil is to consider it viscoelastic;
- so, even if the soil is normally layered, in a given layer the matter behaves like a random viscoelastic composite;
- In finding the effective properties of the soil, already the viscoelasticity of it leads to a wide open problem, which has been solved by the authors;
- A more realistic situation should account for the presence of water, so both saturated and partially saturated viscoelastic media with voids should be further examined.

Outline

What's out there:

- Nothing for random composites and their response;
- No investigations on the effects of past histories in non-virgin composites (even conventional, not just random).

What can we do? Provide insights on both aspects above. How?

- 1) “Smart” choice of the polarization stress w.r.to the comparison solid
- 2) Ensemble average (up to two-point statistics) - Hashin & Shtrickman v.p.
Integral equation for the averaged actual polarization

Nonlocal stress-strain/state response

Second-gradient approximation

First consequences on the frequency dependence of the RVE size

And alot more....

What needs to be done? A lot of work!

2 AN IMPORTANT REMARK OF DETERMINISTIC (LINEAR) VISCOELASTICITY

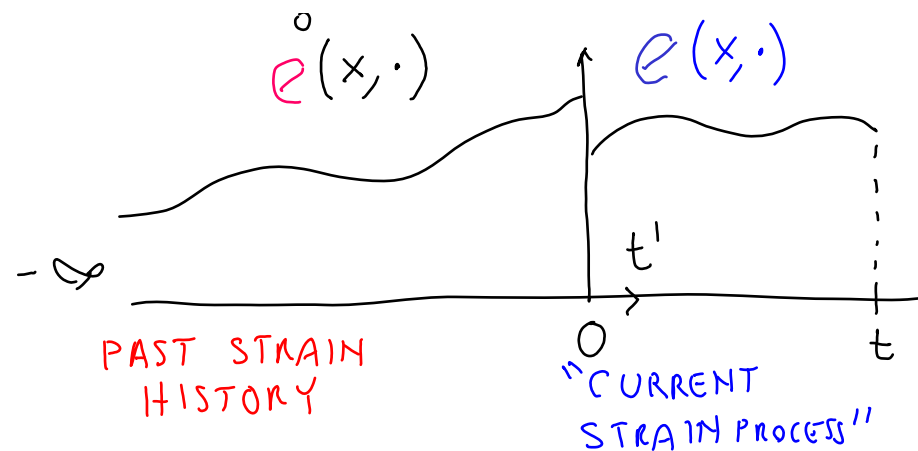
Stress σ at a point \mathbf{x} and at a time $t \geq 0$:

$$\sigma(\mathbf{x}, t) = \mathbb{G}(\mathbf{x}, 0)\mathbf{e}(\mathbf{x}, t) + \int_0^t \dot{\mathbb{G}}(\mathbf{x}, t - t') \mathbf{e}(\mathbf{x}, t') dt' + \mathbf{I}^0(\mathbf{x}, t), \quad (1)$$

where

$$\mathbf{I}^0(\mathbf{x}, t) := \int_0^{+\infty} \dot{\mathbb{G}}(\mathbf{x}, t + s) \mathbf{e}(\mathbf{x}, s) ds. \quad (2)$$

The former provides information about the state of the material at time $t \geq 0$.



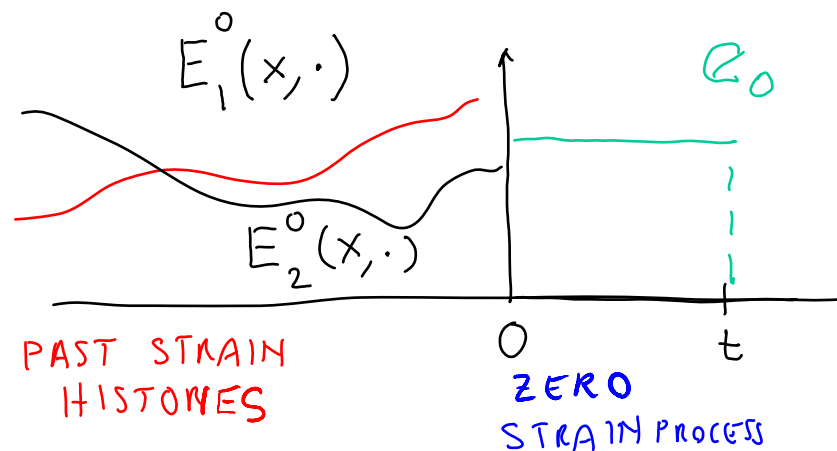
RELAXATION TESTS I

Two tests could be compared under the same prescribed constant strain e_0 .

The first experiment could be done by imposing such a strain on a specimen extracted by a sample of the given material.

In this first case:

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma^0(\mathbf{x}, t) &:= \mathbb{G}(\mathbf{x}, 0)e_0 + \int_0^t \dot{\mathbb{G}}(\mathbf{x}, t - t') dt' e_0 + \mathbf{I}^0(\mathbf{x}, t) \\ &= \mathbb{G}(\mathbf{x}, t)e(0) + \mathbf{I}^0(\mathbf{x}, t), \end{aligned} \tag{3}$$



3 RELAXATION TESTS II

Annealing occurs \Rightarrow *virgin state* i.e. $\mathbf{I}^0 \equiv \mathbf{0}$, hence:

$$\sigma^{(I)}(\mathbf{x}, t) := \mathbb{G}(\mathbf{x}, t)\mathbf{e}(0) \quad (4)$$

which indeed would allow for the regular relaxation test, i.e. the determination of the relaxation function for the annealed material.

$$\mathbf{I}^0(\mathbf{x}, t) = \sigma^0(\mathbf{x}, t) - \sigma^{(I)}(\mathbf{x}, t)$$

$\mathbf{I}^0(\mathbf{x}, t)$ is the *State Variable*

i.e.

the *relaxing residual stress* induced by past histories experienced at x , whenever $\mathbf{e}(\mathbf{x}, 0) = \mathbf{0}$.

So...how can we proceed to get the effective constitutive properties of a random viscoelastic media?

Following a strategy undertaken by R. Hill (seventies), Willis (eighties and early nineties) in deterministic elastic media & Drugan and Willis (96) for the random case, we:

1) Choose a comparison solid, whose properties (either relaxation or creep Function) are spatially constant, i.e. it is homogeneous and viscoelastic;

2) Examine the deviation of the real stress from the one experienced by this fictitious body, i.e. the *polarization stress*;

Since for the given medium there is more than just one choice for it, a “smart” choice is made;

Deterministic heterogeneous viscoelastic media

1) Actual Polarization Stress

$$\underline{\tau(\mathbf{x}, t)} := \Sigma(\mathbf{x}, t) - \Sigma_0(\mathbf{x}, t), \quad (10)$$

$$\Sigma(\mathbf{x}, t) := \mathbb{G}(\mathbf{x}, 0)e(\mathbf{x}, t) + \int_0^t \dot{\mathbb{G}}(\mathbf{x}, t-t') e(\mathbf{x}, t') dt', \quad (11)$$

$$\Sigma_0(\mathbf{x}, t) := \mathbb{G}_0(0)e(\mathbf{x}, t) + \int_0^t \dot{\mathbb{G}}_0(t-t') e(\mathbf{x}, t') dt'. \quad (12)$$

2) Equivalent Expressions for the Stress

$$\underline{\sigma(\mathbf{x}, t)} = \Sigma_0(\mathbf{x}, t) + \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{x}, t) + \mathbf{I}_0^0(\mathbf{x}, t)$$

$$= \underline{\Sigma_0(\mathbf{x}, t) + \tau(\mathbf{x}, t) + \mathbf{I}_0^0(\mathbf{x}, t)};$$



**this decomposition “does not feel”
the state of the comparison solid**

3) Ensemble average (up to two-point statistics) polarizations over all possible realizations at a given point and take the resulting components $\hat{\tau}_r(\mathbf{x}, \omega)$ of such average as unknown fields;

4) Average out the strain field solving the balance of linear momentum for each realization at a given point and plug it in the stationary points of a Hashin & Shtrickman variational principle, which may be written for the $\hat{\tau}_r(\mathbf{x}, \omega)$.

⇒ Integral equations for $\hat{\tau}_r(\mathbf{x}, \omega)$ ⇒ $\langle \hat{\tau}(\mathbf{x}, \omega) \rangle = \sum_{r=1}^n c_r \hat{\tau}_r(\mathbf{x}, \omega)$

⇒ Nonlocal stress-strain/state response



Second-gradient approximation

Ensemble average (up to two-point statistics) - Hashin & Shtrickman v.p.

Integral equation for the **averaged actual polarization-**

Nonlocal stress-strain/state response -Second-gradient approximation

$$\langle \hat{\sigma} \rangle = \langle \hat{\sigma} \rangle + \langle \hat{\sigma} \rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \hat{\sigma} \rangle (\mathbf{x}, \omega) &= \left[\hat{\mathbb{C}}_2(\omega) + c_1 \left(c_2 \tilde{\mathbf{Y}}(\mathbf{0}, \omega) + \hat{\mathbb{C}}_1^{2^{-1}}(\omega) \right)^{-1} \right] \langle \hat{\mathbf{e}} \rangle (\mathbf{x}, \omega) \\ &\quad - \frac{c_1 c_2}{2} \left(c_2 \tilde{\mathbf{Y}}(\mathbf{0}, \omega) + \hat{\mathbb{C}}_1^{2^{-1}}(\omega) \right)^{-1} \tilde{\mathbf{Y}}_{,mn}(\mathbf{0}, \omega) \left(c_2 \tilde{\mathbf{Y}}(\mathbf{0}, \omega) + \hat{\mathbb{C}}_1^{2^{-1}}(\omega) \right)^{-1} [\hat{\mathbf{e}}_{,nm}(\mathbf{x}, \omega)], \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \hat{\sigma} \rangle (\mathbf{x}, \omega) &= \left[\mathbb{I} + c_1 c_2 \hat{\mathbb{C}}_1^2(\omega) \left(\tilde{\mathbf{Y}}^{-1}(\mathbf{0}, \omega) + c_2 \hat{\mathbb{C}}_1^2(\omega) \right)^{-1} \right] \hat{\mathbf{I}}_2^0(\mathbf{x}, \omega) \\ &\quad + \frac{c_1 c_2}{2} \hat{\mathbb{C}}_1^2(\omega) \left(\tilde{\mathbf{Y}}^{-1}(\mathbf{0}, \omega) + c_2 \hat{\mathbb{C}}_1^2(\omega) \right)^{-1} \tilde{\mathbf{Y}}^{-1}(\mathbf{0}, \omega) \tilde{\mathbf{Y}}_{,mn}(\mathbf{0}, \omega) \tilde{\mathbf{Y}}^{-1}(\mathbf{0}, \omega) \left(\tilde{\mathbf{Y}}^{-1}(\mathbf{0}, \omega) + c_2 \hat{\mathbb{C}}_1^2(\omega) \right)^{-1} [\hat{\mathbf{I}}_{2, nm}^0(\mathbf{x}, \omega)] \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{\tilde{\Upsilon}_{ijkl, mn}(\mathbf{0}, \omega)}{H} &:= \hat{A}_1(\omega) \delta_{ij} \delta_{kl} \delta_{mn} + \hat{A}_2(\omega) (\delta_{ik} \delta_{jl} + \delta_{il} \delta_{jk}) \delta_{mn} \\
 &+ \hat{A}_3(\omega) (\delta_{ij} (\delta_{km} \delta_{ln} + \delta_{kn} \delta_{lm}) + (\delta_{im} \delta_{jn} + \delta_{in} \delta_{jm}) \delta_{kl}) \\
 &+ \hat{A}_4(\omega) (\delta_{ik} (\delta_{jm} \delta_{ln} + \delta_{jn} \delta_{lm}) + \delta_{il} (\delta_{jm} \delta_{kn} + \delta_{jn} \delta_{km}) \\
 &+ \delta_{im} (\delta_{jk} \delta_{ln} + \delta_{jl} \delta_{kn}) + \delta_{in} (\delta_{jk} \delta_{lm} + \delta_{jl} \delta_{km})), \tag{60}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$H := \int_0^{+\infty} h(r) r dr.$$

Isotropic statistics and isotropic phases.
Choose the matrix as a comparison solid

$$\mathbb{G}_0 = \mathbb{G}_2$$

then

$$\begin{aligned}
 \hat{A}_1(\omega) &= \frac{4}{105} \frac{3\hat{\kappa}(\omega) + \hat{\mu}(\omega)}{\hat{\mu}(\omega)(3\hat{\kappa}(\omega) + 4\hat{\mu}(\omega))}, & \hat{A}_2(\omega) &= -\frac{1}{35} \frac{3\hat{\kappa}(\omega) + 8\hat{\mu}(\omega)}{\hat{\mu}(\omega)(3\hat{\kappa}(\omega) + 4\hat{\mu}(\omega))} \\
 \hat{A}_3(\omega) &= -\frac{1}{35} \frac{3\hat{\kappa}(\omega) + \hat{\mu}(\omega)}{\hat{\mu}(\omega)(3\hat{\kappa}(\omega) + 4\hat{\mu}(\omega))}, & \hat{A}_4(\omega) &= \frac{3}{140} \frac{3\hat{\kappa}(\omega) + 8\hat{\mu}(\omega)}{\hat{\mu}(\omega)(3\hat{\kappa}(\omega) + 4\hat{\mu}(\omega))} \tag{61}
 \end{aligned}$$

where $\hat{\kappa}(\omega)$, $\hat{\mu}(\omega)$, bulk and shear-like complex moduli.

Frequency dependence of the RVE size

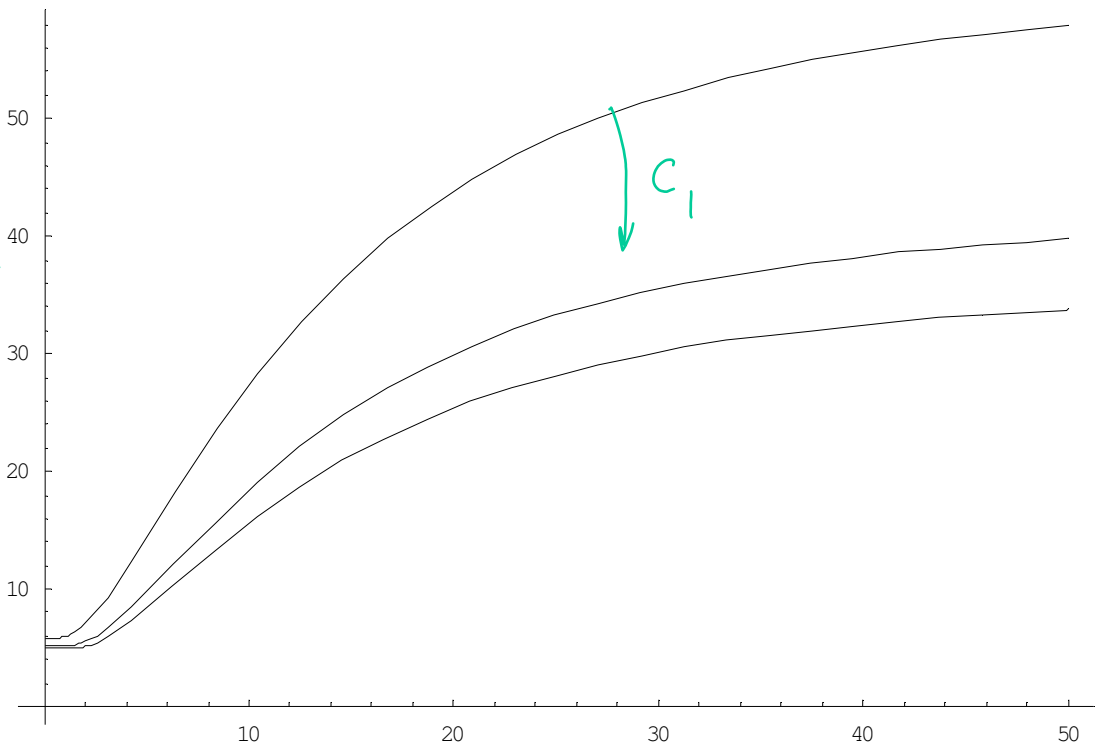
Example: Single relaxation type matrix with voids

1) The effect of the residual stress on the RVE

$$\langle \underline{\underline{I}}^0 \rangle (x_1, \omega) = \hat{i}(\omega) \sin \frac{2\pi x_1}{l_{11}} \quad \underline{e}_1 \otimes \underline{e}_1$$

Plot ~~starVOIDS~~ 0.25, 0.2 ~~starVOIDS~~ 0.25, 0.1 ~~starVOIDS~~ 0.25, 0.05 ~~starVOIDS~~ 0.25, 0.05, 50

l_{11}/R
 DIMENSION-
 LESS
 RVE
 SIZE

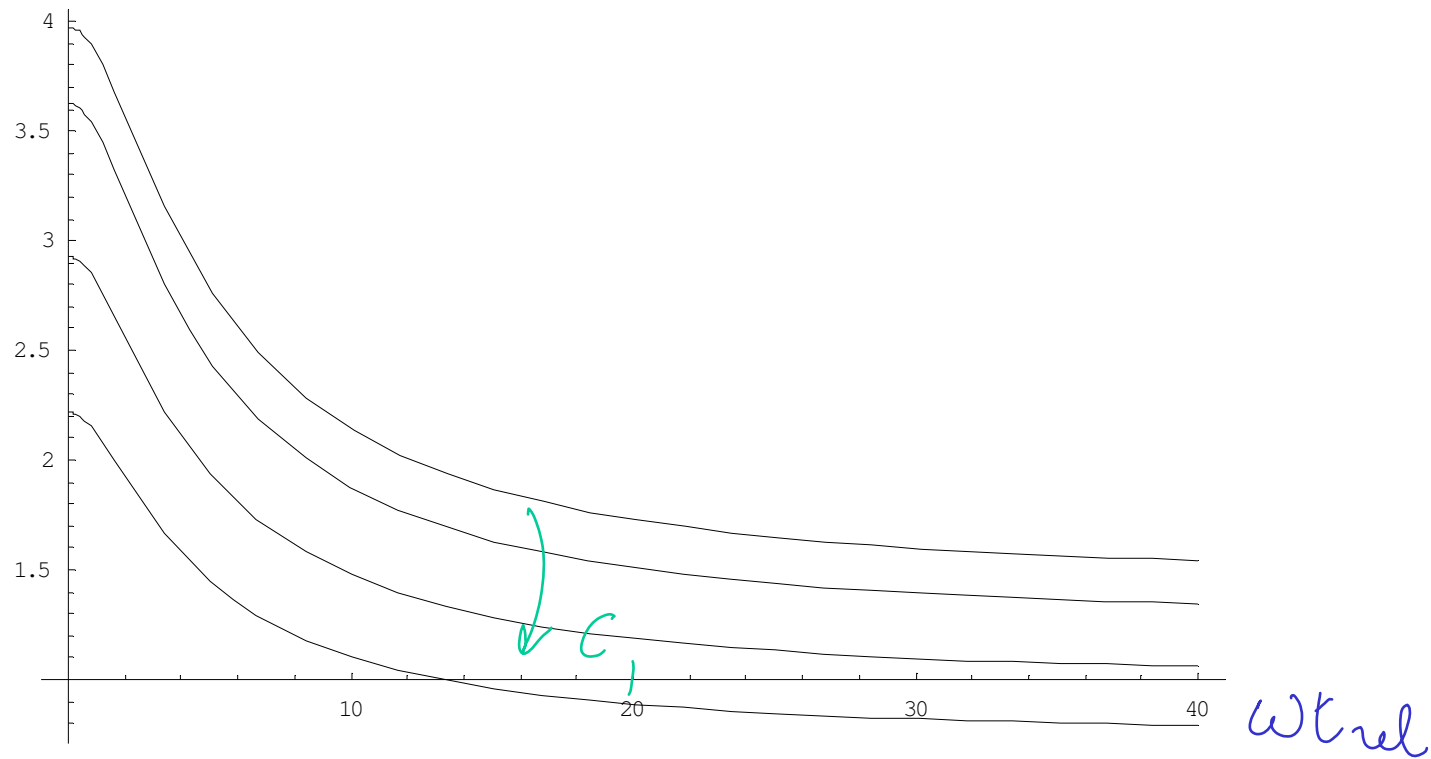


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1) The effect of the actual strain process on the RVE

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l_{11} / R



Out[5]= ...Graphics ...

For single time relaxation materials there are two competitive effects
What about more realistic materials (Power law relaxation functions)?

Supplementary material

TARGET: $\hat{\boldsymbol{\tau}}(\mathbf{x}, \omega)$ the TFT of the *actual polarization*

Balance of l.m.

$$\text{Div}(\hat{\mathbf{C}}_0(\omega) \hat{\mathbf{e}}(\mathbf{x}, \omega)) + \hat{\mathbf{f}}(\mathbf{x}, \omega) + \text{Div}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\tau}}(\mathbf{x}, \omega) + \hat{\mathbf{I}}^0(\mathbf{x}, \omega)) = \mathbf{0}.$$

where $\hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_0(\mathbf{x}, \omega) = \hat{\mathbf{C}}_0(\omega) \hat{\mathbf{e}}(\mathbf{x}, \omega)$ is the TFT of (12).

.....we need the one of the random medium though.....

An equation for $\hat{\boldsymbol{\tau}}(\mathbf{x}, \omega)$ comes from balance of l.m.:

$$\hat{\mathbb{C}}^0(\mathbf{x}, \omega)^{-1} \hat{\boldsymbol{\tau}}(\mathbf{x}, \omega) + \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \hat{\boldsymbol{\Gamma}}_0(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}', \omega) \hat{\boldsymbol{\tau}}(\mathbf{x}', \omega) d\mathbf{x}' = \hat{\mathbf{e}}_0(\mathbf{x}, \omega) + \hat{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}}(\mathbf{x}, \omega)$$

where

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}}(\mathbf{x}, \omega) := - \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \hat{\boldsymbol{\Gamma}}_0(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}', \omega) \hat{\mathbf{I}}^0(\mathbf{x}', \omega) d\mathbf{x}'$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 (\hat{\mathcal{G}}_0(\mathbf{x}, \omega))_{jm}}{\partial x_i \partial x_l} \hat{\mathbb{C}}_{0,ijkl}(\omega) + \delta_{km} \delta(\mathbf{x}) = 0$$

and

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\Gamma}}_0(\mathbf{x}, \omega) := -\frac{1}{4} \sum_{ijkh} \frac{\partial^2 (\hat{\mathcal{G}}_0)_{jh}(\mathbf{x}, \omega)}{\partial x_i \partial x_k} (\mathbf{e}_i \otimes \mathbf{e}_j + \mathbf{e}_j \otimes \mathbf{e}_i) \otimes (\mathbf{e}_h \otimes \mathbf{e}_k + \mathbf{e}_k \otimes \mathbf{e}_h),$$

which is meant to hold in the sense of distributions (see e.g. [9]).

Probabilistic framework

Substituting the trial field for $\hat{\boldsymbol{\tau}}$ and (40) into (28) yield $\hat{e}_0(\mathbf{x}, \omega)$:

$$\hat{e}_0(\mathbf{x}, \omega) = \langle \mathbf{e} \rangle(\mathbf{x}, \omega) - \langle \hat{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}} \rangle(\mathbf{x}, \omega) + \sum_{s=1}^n c_s \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \hat{\Gamma}_0(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}', \omega) \hat{\boldsymbol{\tau}}_s(\mathbf{x}', \omega) d\mathbf{x}' \quad (41)$$

$$\langle \hat{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}} \rangle(\mathbf{x}, \omega) := \sum_{s=1}^n c_s \hat{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}}_s(\mathbf{x}, \omega)$$

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}}_s(\mathbf{x}, \omega) := - \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \hat{\Gamma}_0(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}', \omega) \hat{\mathbf{I}}_s^0(\mathbf{x}', \omega) d\mathbf{x}'. \quad (42)$$

Following [4], the functional (34) in $\hat{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}}_s(\circ, \omega)$ may now be written making use of (38), (40) and (37)₁ into (34) and then taking the ensemble average to get

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H}(\{\hat{\boldsymbol{\tau}}_r(\circ, \omega)\}_{r=1,2,\dots,n}) &:= \sum_{r=1}^n c_r \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \{\hat{\boldsymbol{\tau}}_r(\mathbf{x}, \omega) \cdot (\hat{\mathcal{C}}_r^0)^{-1}(\omega) \hat{\boldsymbol{\tau}}_r(\mathbf{x}, \omega) \\ &\quad - 2[\hat{e}_0(\mathbf{x}, \omega) - \sum_{s=1}^n \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \hat{\Gamma}_0(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}', \omega) \hat{\mathbf{I}}_s^0(\mathbf{x}', \omega) \mathcal{P}_{rs}(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}') d\mathbf{x}']\} \\ &\quad + \sum_{r,s=1}^n \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \hat{\boldsymbol{\tau}}_r(\mathbf{x}, \omega) \cdot \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \hat{\Gamma}_0(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}', \omega) \hat{\boldsymbol{\tau}}_s(\mathbf{x}, \omega) \mathcal{P}_{rs}(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}') d\mathbf{x}' \right) d\mathbf{x} \end{aligned} \quad (43)$$

after setting

$$\hat{\mathcal{C}}_r^0(\omega) := \hat{\mathcal{C}}_r(\omega) - \hat{\mathcal{C}}_0(\omega). \quad (44)$$

A BRIEF REVIEW OF RANDOM COMPOSITES¹

If, at the given ω , the r^{th} phase is homogeneous with complex moduli $\hat{C}_r(\omega)$, $r = 1, 2, \dots, n$,

$\Rightarrow \hat{C}(\mathbf{x}, \omega; \alpha)$ the moduli at \mathbf{x} in the α^{th} sample, and its ensemble average, are

$$\hat{C}(\mathbf{x}, \omega; \alpha) = \sum_{r=1}^n \hat{C}_r(\omega) \chi_r(\mathbf{x}; \alpha) \Rightarrow \langle \hat{C}(\mathbf{x}, \omega) \rangle = \sum_{r=1}^n \hat{C}_r(\omega) \mathcal{P}_r(\mathbf{x}). \quad (37)$$

Ansatz :

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\tau}}(\mathbf{x}, \omega; \alpha) := \sum_{r=1}^n \hat{\boldsymbol{\tau}}_r(\mathbf{x}, \omega) \chi_r(\mathbf{x}; \alpha), \quad (38)$$

$\hat{\boldsymbol{\tau}}_r(\mathbf{x}, \omega)$ is the TFT of $\boldsymbol{\tau}$ when the r^{th} phase is found at \mathbf{x} at the ω .

Take

$$\hat{\mathbf{I}}^0(\mathbf{x}, \omega; \alpha) := \sum_{r=1}^n \hat{\mathbf{I}}_r^0(\mathbf{x}, \omega) \chi_r(\mathbf{x}; \alpha); \quad (39)$$

\Rightarrow

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}}(\mathbf{x}, \omega; \alpha) := - \sum_{r=1}^n \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \hat{\boldsymbol{\Gamma}}_0(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}', \omega) \hat{\mathbf{I}}_r^0(\mathbf{x}', \omega) \chi_r(\mathbf{x}'; \alpha) d\mathbf{x}' \quad (40)$$

For this case we may follow the reasoning of [10] (see also [4], p.503 relation (22)) where it is shown that

$$\mathcal{P}_{rs}(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}') - c_r c_s = c_r (\delta_{rs} - c_s) h(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}') \quad (50)$$

h is the two-point correlation function.

\Rightarrow (47) becomes:

$$\begin{aligned} & c_r (\hat{\mathbb{C}}_r^0)^{-1}(\omega) \hat{\tau}_r(\mathbf{x}, \omega) + \sum_{s=1}^2 c_r (\delta_{rs} - c_s) \int_{\mathbb{R}^s} \hat{\Upsilon}(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}', \omega) \hat{\tau}_s(\mathbf{x}', \omega) h d\mathbf{x}' \\ &= c_r < \tilde{\mathbf{e}} > (\xi, \omega) - \sum_{s=1}^2 c_r (\delta_{rs} - c_s) \int_{\mathbb{R}^s} \hat{\Upsilon}(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}', \omega) \hat{\mathbf{I}}_s^0(\mathbf{x}', \omega) h d\mathbf{x}' \end{aligned} \quad (51)$$

$r = 1, 2, \dots, n,$

where

$$\hat{\Upsilon}(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}', \omega) := \hat{\mathbf{\Gamma}}_0(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}', \omega) h(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}').$$

After SFT we get:

$$\hat{\tau}_r(\xi, \omega) = \sum_{s=1}^2 c_s \hat{\mathbb{T}}_{rs}(\xi, \omega) \hat{\Upsilon}(\xi, \omega) \left(c_r < \tilde{\mathbf{e}} > (\xi, \omega) - \sum_{\ell=1}^2 (\delta_{s\ell} - c_\ell) \hat{\mathbf{\Gamma}}_\ell^0(\xi, \omega) \right), \quad r = 1, 2, \quad (52)$$

In the $\mathbf{x} - \omega$ domain this is fully nonlocal and has two (potentially competitive) contributions

Frequency dependence of the RVE size

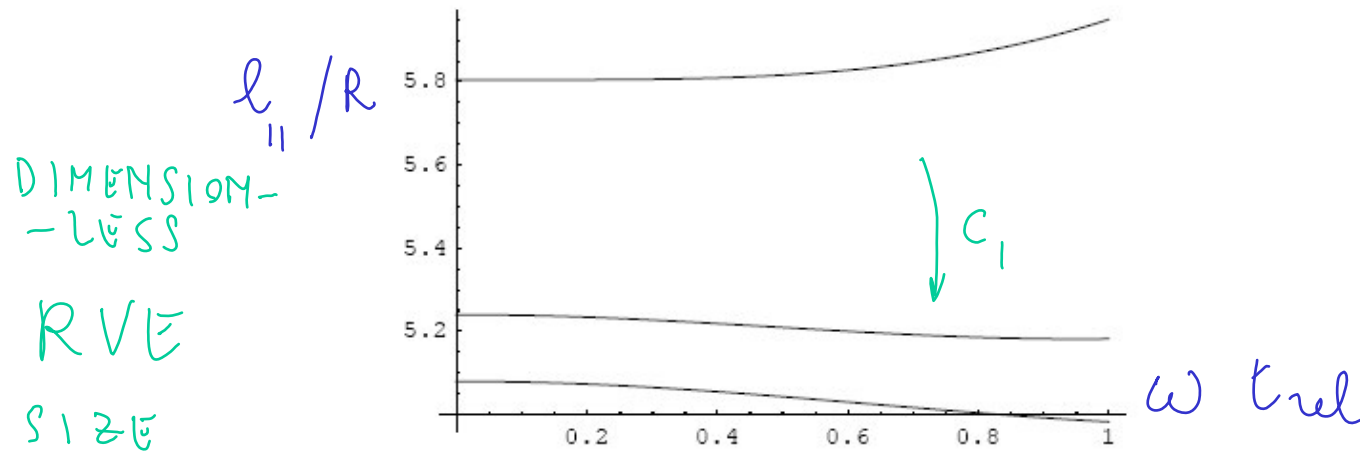
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1) The effect of the residual stress on the RVE

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CHANGING CONCENTRATION OF VOIDS - LOWERING TOWARDS THE "DILUTE CASE"

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Plot[{LL11starVOIDS[x, 0.25, 0.2], LL11starVOIDS[x, 0.25, 0.1],
      LL11starVOIDS[x, 0.25, 0.05]}, {x, 0, 1}]
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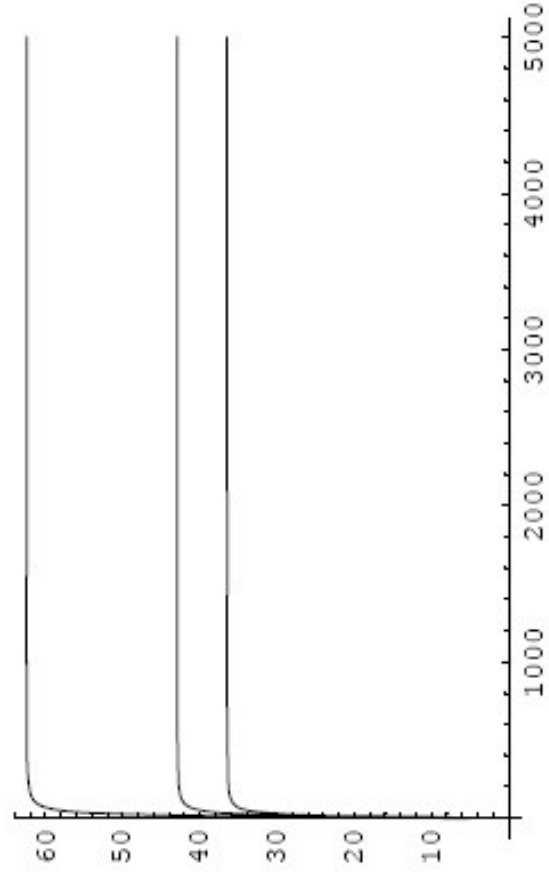


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at lower frequencies (i.e. at equilibrium - i.e. for "slow residual stresses")
the effect of lowering the concentration of voids is to lower the
importance of the nonlocal effect, i.e. to lower the RVE size.

$$\frac{L_{11}}{R}$$

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Plot[{LL11starVOIDS[x, 0.25, 0.2], LL11starVOIDS[x, 0.25, 0.1],
      LL11starVOIDS[x, 0.25, 0.05]}, {x, 0, 5000}]
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$$\omega_{rel}$$

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Here is the situation at high frequencies : in this case the RVE size decreases as the concentration of voids does.