

A COMPARISON OF AN EFFICIENT CRYSTAL PLASTICITY FINITE ELEMENT METHOD AND A SPECTRAL SOLVER

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A recent fully implicit implementation of a rate-independent crystal plasticity finite element method (CPFEM) [1,2] enables efficient and robust calculations for any realistically large strain increments. Uniqueness of the rate-independent solution is ensured by a regularized crystal yield surface [3]. Fast convergence of the return-mapping algorithm is achieved by a well-chosen initial guess and use of line search as part of the Newton iterations. The algorithm shows excellent stability, even with a yield surface exponent as high as one million, corresponding to a strain rate sensitivity of 10^{-6} . A rate dependent version is also implemented, where the yield surface is replaced by a visco-plastic potential. As an alternative to CPFEM, DAMASK [4], a crystal plasticity simulation tool based on a spectral solver, has been reported to reduce computational costs by 1-2 orders of magnitude compared to CPFEM [5]. This was obtained using a strain rate sensitivity of 0.05. In the current work, uniaxial tension of a polycrystalline representative volume element, deformed up to large strains, is simulated by both CPFEM and DAMASK for strain rate sensitivities down to 0.001. Computational costs and both the global (average) and local model-response are compared and discussed.

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