



Multiphysics Multiscale Simulation Platform for Damage, Environmental Degradation and Life Prediction of CMCs in Extreme Environments

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Project Summary



Methodologies

Objectives



- Develop a stochastic concurrent multiscale framework for accurate analysis of CMC components operating in turbine service environments
- Integrate modeling and experiments
- Incorporate developed models into life prediction methodologies and FEA software for more accurate estimate of service life

Schedule

BP2					BP3				BP1			
10/1/10-9/30/19				10/1/20-9/30/21				10/1/21-8/15/22				
Qtr1	Qtr2	Qtr3	Qtr4	Qtr1	Qtr2	Qtr3	Qtr4	Qtr1	Qtr2	Qtr3	Qtr4	
Task 1: Project Management and Planning												
Task 2: Material Characterization and Uncertainty												
Task 3: Multiphysics Constitutive Modeling with Thermomechanical Damage												
Task 4: Integrated Multiscale Framework												
Task 5: Integration into FE Model												
Task 6: Closed Loop Testing and Validation												
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- Key Issues & Objectives
- Tasks & Technical Framework
- Research Progress
 - Material Characterization & Uncertainty Quantification
 - Thermomechanical Progressive Damage Modeling
 - Creep Modeling
 - Damage-diffusion Oxidation Coupling
 - Integrated Multiscale Framework
- Publications
- Concluding Remarks & Future Work
- Acknowledgements





- Next generation CMCs must meet challenges of DOE's advanced turbine concepts, which involve inlet temperatures up to 3100°F, high thermal gradients, multi-regimed oxidation & mechanical loading over long time periods
- Limited knowledge of CMC response and damage in operating environment
- Significant manufacturing induced flaws and scale-dependent architectural variability
- Temperature-dependent damage mechanisms & failure modes
- Matrix progressive damage creates pathways for gaseous oxidants to attack CMC interior; distinct effects in intermediate & high temperature
- Interface and load sharing between constituents strongly influences material behavior

Enhance the understanding of CMC degradation & failure in service conditions through more accurate life prediction methodologies - reduce empiricism & enable improved utilization of CMCs in turbine applications

Integrated Multiscale Framework





MSGMC - Liu & Chattopadhyay, 2011

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Material Characterization and Uncertainty Quantification



Motivation: Systematically factor uncertainty into the model and capture effects of length-scale dependent variability on CMC response

- Material characterization
- Uncertainty assessment
- Stochastic microstructural simulation & RVEs







- Characterization, quantification, & representation of multiscale material & architectural variabilities
 - Inter-tow porosity volume fraction
 - Intra-tow porosity volume fraction
 - Fiber volume fraction
 - Fiber radii
 - Inter-tow spacing
 - Intra-tow spacing
 - Tow size & shape



- Image processing algorithms for material feature recognition & image segmentation
- Information used in multiscale analysis









Material Characterization



Scanning Electron Microscopy (SEM) – S400N C/SiNC CMC



a: shrinkage crack between different ceramic phases (ceramics particles and SiNC matrix)
*b: different ceramic phases in intratow regions
c: fiber hexagonal close packing
d: intratow porosity

Multiple phases detected in matrix regions; preferable fiber packing structure & intra-tow porosity identified; fiber/matrix interphase layer not visible



Material Characterization



X-ray Micro-CT

S200H SiC/SiNC CMC

S400N C/SiNC CMC



High-resolution macroscale tomographs show SiC/SiNC versus C/SiNC geometry, internal structure & architectural variability in as-received material





Energy-dispersive spectroscopy (EDS) – S400N C/SiNC CMC



Intertow regions have higher oxidation volume fractions than intratow regions; carbon-rich interphase layer observed around fibers



C/SiNC CMC Variability



Image processing algorithm developed to detect multiscale structural & defects variability



of intra-tow region

image





- Porosity volume fractions: Intratow ~3%; Inter-tow: ~5%
- Tow cross section: 1498.221µm x 172.673µm
- Fiber radius: 2.4846 µm (mean); standard deviation 0.1489 µm
- Fiber volume fraction: 49.59%

Khafagy, K., Datta S. & Chattopadhyay, A., "Multiscale Characterization and Representation of Variability in Ceramic Matrix Composites", Journal of Composite Materials (in press).

ASU Microstructural Simulation & SRVE



Image processing algorithms under development to generate detailed 3D stochastic representative volume elements (SRVEs)



Micrographs illustrating intra-tow matrix porosity



Microscale SRVEs containing intra-tow matrix porosity

Accurate in-situ microstructural representation will facilitate accurate modeling of damage initiation, progression, & subsequent failure

Microstructural Simulation & SRVE

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Microstructural Simulation & SRVE



Longitudinal modulus Transverse modulus 400 SRVEs generated No Porosity No Porosity with 1-3% intra-tow Normal Fit Normal Fit 3% Porosity VF 3% Porosity VF Jormal Fit Normal Fit porosity VF **Elastic properties** Frequency Frequency obtained using high fidelity micromechanics theory 11 Longitudinal Modulus (GPa) 22 Transverse Modulus (GPa) Transverse Young's Modulus (GPa) Transverse Shear Modulus (GPa) Longitudinal Young's Modulus (GPa) ¹ Porosity VF (%) Porosity VF (%) Porosity VF (%)

Presence of intra-tow matrix porosity deteriorates elastic properties of UD C/SiNC CMC. Larger standard deviation in transverse & shear



<u>Converted high-fidelity SRVEs to finite element (FE) based grids</u>





Microstructural Simulation & SRVE



von-Mises & shear stress comparison



Good agreement with results from FE geometry and ABAQUS

Microstructural Simulation & SRVE



Incorporated SRVEs in parallelized HFGMC (pHFGMC)

Transverse stresses & strains comparison





Size Effect in Stochastic Representative Volume Elements (SRVE)

Multiscale analysis uses localization & homogenization schemes to bridge the length scales - <u>key issue is the size of the RVE over which</u>

homogenization is conducted

- Stochastic RVE (SRVE): RVE in the presence of disorder/stochasticity in the microstructure
- A minimum SRVE size is required to approximate the mesoscale material behavior
- Minimum SRVE size increases
 - As stochasticity increases*
 - Critical for simulating nonlinear mechanical behaviors (plasticity, damage, failure)**



Characteristic lengths

d: Microscale (e.g., fiber diameter) *L*: SRVE *L_{meso}*: Mesoscale

Weak stochasticity $d < \Box - L \ll L_{meso}$ Large stochasticity $d \ll \Box - L \ll L_{meso}$

*Ostoja-Starzewski (2006) **Trias (2006)



Size Effect in Stochastic Representative Volume Elements (SRVE)



Example: SRVE for Tow Failure

Unknown SRVE size for tow failure

Experimentally observed tow behavior:

- I: Linear elastic behavior
- II: Nonlinear behavior with matrix cracking until saturation
- III: Nonlinear behavior with sequential fiber failure

Model assumptions:

- No fiber failure occurs in region II
- Matrix has no load sharing role in region III
- Stochasticity arises from varying fiber strengths



Experimental distribution of strength for Hi-Nicalon fiber**

Stochasticity in tow failure behavior due to varying fiber strengths

*Chateau (2014); **Calard, V., & Lamon, J. (2004)





SRVE for Tow Failure

- Force controlled loading until failure
- Fiber strengths randomly sampled from experimental Weibull distribution
- Global load sharing is assumed bundle strength mean strength of the fibers in the bundle Strength CDF of 20 fiber tow Strength CDF of 500 fiber tow 1 1 0.8 0.8 0.6 0.6 0.4 0.4 0.2 0.2 0 0 2.5 3.5 2 3 2 2.5 3 3.5 4 Strength (GPa) Strength (GPa)

Increase in number of fibers decreases stochasticity

Tow strength prediction strongly depends on number of fibers - illustrates importance of minimum SRVE size





SRVE for Tow Failure: Modified Fiber Damage Model

- Objective: Simulate strength of tows with 500 fibers using an equivalent <u>20-</u> <u>fiber SRVE</u>
- Each fiber consist of 25 pseudo fibers with same cross-sectional area & initial elastic stiffness



- Fiber failure model modified to a discrete-progressive damage model
- If the stress on a fiber exceeds the strength of one of its pseudo fibers, then that pseudo fiber fails
 - Fiber stiffness degraded accordingly
 - Strengths of remaining pseudo fibers degraded by same fraction



Size Effect in Stochastic Representative

- Tow strength distributions with the 20-fiber SRVE compare well with 500fiber tows
- Stress-strain responses show excellent agreement

The modified fiber damage model enables the SRVE to capture stochasticity in tow fiber failure strength with significantly reduced number of fibers

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Bayesian framework for uncertainty assessment



Bayesian inference for estimating parameters of material behavior models based on sparse characterization data & experimental observations





Thermomechanical progressive damage model accounting for crack growth & nucleation and micropore formation

- Incorporation of flaw statistics, temperature dependent material properties
- Crack & void growth governed by fracture mechanics, crack growth kinetics
- Matrix cracks activate when stress intensity factor exceeds critical value; crack growth rate affected by temperature, environment



- C: Elastic stiffness tensor
- ε^{tot} : Total strain
- ε^p : Porosity-based strain
- ε^{D} : Flaw growth-based strain
- ε^T : Thermal strain

- *D*: Damage ISV *D_p*: Porosity ISV
- D_c : Matrix cracking ISV
- *K_I*: Stress intensity factor (SIF)
- K_{IC} : Critical SIF

Skinner and Chattopadhyay (2020) Composite Structures





Cooldown Framework

- CMC response highly dependent on as-produced thermal residual stress and damage state
- Developed multiscale cooldown simulation framework to determine thermal residual stress at micro-, meso-, and macroscales in CMC weave
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Thermal Residual Stresses

Cooldown framework captures realistic initial state with thermal residual stress profiles, initial damage distribution. Damage initiates in undulating tows and propagates to the intertow matrix subcells.





Results

- Cooldown framework captures realistic initial state, accounts for manufacturing-induced damage, thermal residual stresses
- Mechanical loading simulation captures nonlinear elastic material behavior, first matrix cracking



Cooldown simulation followed by mechanical loading simulation makes framework applicable to entire range of CMC operating temperatures





Complex creep behavior in CMC components, under sustained loading & elevated service temperatures, occurs across multiple length scales and interacts with the inherent brittle damage behavior of the individual constituents.

Accurate CMC component life prediction requires in-depth understanding of creep, creep-fatigue, and damage interactions across the length scales

Key Issues

- Time-dependent constituent load transfer due to differing creep rates; CMC creep consists of creep & relaxation in constituents
- Damage mechanisms & failure modes depend on constituent creep susceptibility
- Thermal residual stresses in as-produced CMC parts affect subsequent creep behavior

Develop a 3D viscoplasticity model; integrate into a micromechanics framework to simulate constituent creep & subsequent time-dependent load transfer





Development of 3D thermomechanical orthotropic viscoplasticity model

- Norton-Bailey creep power law
- Hill orthotropic plastic potential
- Arrhenius temperature dependence
- Associative flow rule
- Time-hardening and strain-hardening formulations
- Matrix damage modeled with previously developed thermomechanical progressive damage model (Task 3.1)
- Curtin progressive damage model applied to simulate stiffness reduction due to successive fiber failure

Constitutive law:
$$\sigma_{ij} = (1 - D)C_{ijkl} \left(\varepsilon_{kl}^{tot} - \varepsilon_{kl}^{I} - \varepsilon_{kl}^{th} \right)$$

where $\varepsilon_{ij}^{I} = \int_{0}^{t} \dot{\varepsilon}_{ij}^{I} dt$ and $D = \int_{0}^{t} \dot{D} dt$

Constituent model parameters will be determined from in-house creep-fatigue tests





3D orthotropic viscoplasticity formulation incorporated into generalized method of cells (GMC) micromechanics framework

Effective stiffness matrix

$$\overline{\boldsymbol{C}} = \frac{1}{h_{tot}l_{tot}} \sum_{\beta=1}^{N_{\beta}} \sum_{\gamma=1}^{N_{\gamma}} \boldsymbol{C}^{(\beta,\gamma)} \boldsymbol{A}^{(\beta,\gamma)} h_{\beta} l_{\gamma}$$

Global RUC stresses

$$\overline{\boldsymbol{\sigma}} = \frac{1}{h_{tot} l_{tot}} \sum_{\beta=1}^{N_{\beta}} \sum_{\gamma=1}^{N_{\gamma}} \boldsymbol{\sigma}^{(\beta,\gamma)} h_{\beta} l_{\gamma}$$

A: Strain concentration tensor h_{β} , l_{γ} : Subcell dimensions

 h_{tot} , l_{tot} : RUC dimensions

 N_{β}, N_{γ} : Number of subcells in each dimension

GMC integration facilitates simulation of CMCs with arbitrary microstructures & ply/weave architectures; enables simulation of creep in individual constituents & associated constituent load transfer

Unidirectional GMC RUC







Thermal residual stress effects, Contd.

 Simulated response – <u>Hi Nicalon SiC/CVD-SiC</u> microcomposite* subjected to thermal cooldown from 1450 °C to RT followed by 100 MPa creep at 1000 °C



- Post-manufacturing cooldown causes <u>as-produced tensile stress</u> in matrix & compressive stress in fiber (matrix CTE > fiber CTE)
- Creep causes redistribution of constituent residual stresses; matrix creeps first and sheds load to fiber; <u>matrix is in compression and fibers</u> <u>are in tension upon unloading</u>

* Model calibrated using microcomposite creep test results presented in Rugg et al. (1999)





Effect of processing temperature: 1000°C vs. 1450°C



Higher predicted inelastic (creep) strain for higher processing temperature due to process-induced compressive stress in matrix, <u>which is less creep-resistant</u> than fiber for the SiC/SiC microcomposite





Simulated total longitudinal strain time history for Hi-Nicalon/CVD-SiC CMC single fiber microcomposite

- Prescribed loading: 381 MPa (constant), 1300 °C
- Matrix damage simulated with developed thermomechanical progressive damage model
- Fiber damage & failure simulated with Curtin progressive damage model



Total longitudinal strain vs. time

Incorporation of matrix and fiber progressive damage models permit simulation of i) tertiary creep; ii) microcomposite progressive damage; iii) microcomposite failure





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Damage-diffusion Oxidation Coupling



Oxidation plays a major role in the response of CMCs at elevated temperatures

- Matrix cracks create passages for oxygen to diffuse into the material
- Oxidation of the fiber interphase or the fusion of the SiC fiber to the SiNC matrix impairs load transfer capabilities
- Oxidation reaction of oxygen-exposed SiNC matrix activates at extreme temperatures, resulting in a multi-regimed response



Terrani (2014) "Silicon carbide oxidation in steam up to 2 MPa". Journal of the American Ceramic Society.

Model under development to address complex coupling between anisotropic damage, diffusion, crack closure, & oxidation of the fibermatrix interphase at the microscale



Damage-diffusion Oxidation Coupling



Model under development

- Anisotropic damage model with crack closure
- Nonlinear damage-diffusion coupling
- Oxidation model couple concentrations of gaseous oxygen to interface material
- User defined elements (UELs) with additional concentration degrees of freedom developed & integrated into Abaqus FE software

Oxidation of Fiber Interface



Jacobson (1999) "High-Temperature Oxidation of Boron Nitride: II, Boron Nitride Layers in Composites".

Need for Computational Efficiency



Necessary to balance fidelity & efficiency to enable model scalability

- Multiscale handshaking methods: Hierarchical, concurrent, synergistic
- Hierarchical models unable to admit constitutive nonlinearity; precludes simulation of creep & progressive damage
- Concurrent models prohibitively computationally expensive
- Part & component simulation require <u>parallelization</u> & <u>model order reduction</u>

Additional efficiency required in presence of:

- Complex geometry
- Multiple analysis scales
- Material & geometric uncertainty
- Time-dependent nonlinear material behavior



Computational Efficiency

Approach: Increase computational efficiency & model scalability via parallelization & model order reduction techniques

Need for Computational Efficiency



- GMC*: First-order local fields highly efficient; lack of normalshear coupling & local field gradients*
- Higher order local fields necessary to accurately model nonlinear response and failure
- HFGMC***: Second-order local fields highly accurate; admits normal-shear coupling & local field gradients ^z Subcells in direction *i*: N_i



Improved fidelity of HFGMC comes at significant computational cost
Efficient HFGMC implementation necessary for model scalability





Methodology to achieve computational efficiency

- Most memory & time-consuming operation in HFGMC is inversion of global stiffness matrix
- Global stiffness matrix must be computed every time local subvolume experiences damage
- Multiscale simulations require solution of multiple expensive micromechanics simulations at every time increment



Illustration of sparsity in global stiffness matrix & methodology used to achieve computational efficiency

Combination of efficient reformulation, sparse matrix representation & parallel processing used to achieve improved computational efficiency







- Computation time and memory savings increase when larger subcell configurations are simulated
- Additional time savings achieved using parallel processing
- Improved HFGMC efficiency through use of sparse matrices & parallelization techniques
- Memory required and computation time reduced by two orders of magnitude

Integrated Multiscale Framework



Efficient HFGMC Implementation – Verification



Results compare well with benchmark problem; verifies efficient HFGMC implementation

*Sertse et al. (2018); Balusu & Chattopadhyay, Comput. Mat. Sci. (2021)



Incorporation of Plasticity and Thermal Effects in HFGMC



The methodology will allow accurate analysis of processing-induced thermal residual stresses, creep & damage



Integration into an FEA Model – Assessment and Feedback



HFGMC (elastic case) has been implemented into Abaqus as a user-defined material subroutine for implicit (UMAT) and explicit (VUMAT) FEA in Abaqus
VUMAT/UMAT will be extended to include <u>inelastic</u> and <u>thermal</u> effects



HFGMC UMAT will facilitate simulation of realistic coupon/part geometries & boundary conditions while accounting for microstructural architectural features



Machine Learning-based Reduced Order Model (ROM)

Background and Motivation

- High-fidelity multiscale simulation of CMCs requires solution of multiple scale-dependent SRVEs
- Woven CMC architecture requires at least two analysis scales
- Efficient handshaking & structural scale integration requires additional computational efficiency



Model order reduction necessary to enable i) efficient handshaking across multiple scales; ii) integration of developed tools into continuum-scale life prediction tools



Machine Learning-based Reduced Order Model (ROM)



Approach

Machine learning (ML)-based reduced order model (ROM) to improve computational efficiency & facilitate structural scale integration; enforcement of governing physical laws & constraints will guide inference & ensure physical consistency & model stability

- Replace effective nonlinear constitutive law of microscale SRVEs with ML-based reduced order model (ROM)
- Use of custom layers to endow NN architecture with domainspecific knowledge to i) guide model inference; ii) satisfy physical laws & constraints
- Custom layers will solve constrained convex optimization problems to enforce physical consistency; optimization problem solved within layer <u>need not have closed form solution</u>

Challenge – learned constitutive law must be thermodynamically consistent; numerical integration requires symmetric positive definite tangent stiffness matrix

Machine Learning-based Reduced Order Model (ROM)

Schematic of ROM implementation in multiscale framework



Initial development of ML-based ROM focused on replacing microscale SRVEs; model architecture amenable to other scales in integrated multiscale framework

Closed Loop Testing and Validation





- Multiscale material characterization
- Low, intermediate & high test temperatures
- Quasi-static tensile testing
- Creep-fatigue testing in air and inert atmosphere
- Thermal properties of interest: specific heat, thermal diffusivity, CTEs





- Calibrate creep model parameters
- Inform/update damage model
- Identify key micro mechanisms that govern creep-fatigue
- Identify PEL change



Publications



Journals

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Development of integrated multiscale multiphysics framework to model CMC material response under service conditions

- Characterized SiC-SiNC and C-SiNC CMCs using SEM, EDS, Micro-CT, and confocal microscopy
- Quantified uncertainty and generated detailed 3D SRVEs
- Incorporated 3D SRVE in structural scale FE simulation
- Developed cooldown framework and temperature-dependent damage model i) simulates manufacturing-induced damage & thermal residual stresses; ii) captures nonlinear thermomechanical response
- Developed a novel 3D orthotropic creep model
- Formulated a model for the microscale oxidation of fiber interface with complex coupling between anisotropic damage, diffusion, crack closure, & oxidation
- Developed parallelized efficient pHFGMC framework; accounted for plasticity & thermal effects
- Initiated NN-based ROM development to improve computational efficiency

Future Work

- Thermomechanical testing
- Bayesian framework for UQ
- Model refinement & validation
- Oxidation model and integration with multiscale analysis





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Material Characterization



Confocal Microscopy – S400N C/SiNC CMC



Confocal Microscopy – S200H SiC/SiNC CMC



Increasing magnification

Micrographs illustrating SiC/SiNC and C/SiNC CMC weave structure and defect types such as (i) denuded matrix, (ii) shrinkage cracks, (iii) interand intra-tow defects interactions, (iv) open porosity, and (v) intra-tow porosity