

Microscopic Simulation of Solid State Sintering Regarding Irregularly Shaped Powder Particles

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Classic Monte Carlo Methods

Kinetic Monte Carlo Methods

1.2.5 The Thermodynamic Extremal Principle (TEP)

General things about internal state and non-equilibrium

Classic Formulation

The classic formulation of the principle was basically formulated by Svoboda and Turek [3], however dependent on the works of Ziegler [4, 5] and Onsager [2].

$$\mathcal{D}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{x}, \dot{\mathbf{x}}) = \frac{\partial G(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{x})}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \cdot \dot{\mathbf{x}} \rightarrow \max_{\dot{\mathbf{x}}} \quad (1.1a)$$

$$\mathcal{D}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{x}, \dot{\mathbf{x}}) - \mathcal{Q}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{x}, \dot{\mathbf{x}}) = 0 \quad (1.1b)$$

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{D}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{x}, \dot{\mathbf{x}}) + \lambda (\mathcal{D}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{x}, \dot{\mathbf{x}}) - \mathcal{Q}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{x}, \dot{\mathbf{x}})) \quad (1.2)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\dot{\mathbf{x}}} = (1 + \lambda) \frac{\partial G(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{x})}{\partial \mathbf{x}} - \lambda \frac{\partial \mathcal{Q}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{x}, \dot{\mathbf{x}})}{\partial \dot{\mathbf{x}}} \quad (1.3a)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\lambda} = \mathcal{D}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{x}, \dot{\mathbf{x}}) - \mathcal{Q}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{x}, \dot{\mathbf{x}}) \quad (1.3b)$$

Generalized Formulation

Acc. to Hackl, Fischer, and Svoboda [1]

$$\mathcal{D}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{x}, \dot{\mathbf{x}}) = \frac{\partial G(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{x})}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \cdot \dot{\mathbf{x}} \rightarrow \max_{\dot{\mathbf{x}}} \quad (1.4a)$$

$$\mathcal{D}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{x}, \dot{\mathbf{x}}) - \mathcal{Q}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{j}) = 0 \quad (1.4b)$$

$$\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{x}, \dot{\mathbf{x}}, \mathbf{j}) = 0 \quad (1.4c)$$

$$\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{x}, \dot{\mathbf{x}}, \mathbf{j}) = 0 \quad (1.4d)$$

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{D}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{x}, \dot{\mathbf{x}}) + \lambda_1 (\mathcal{D}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{x}, \dot{\mathbf{x}}) - \mathcal{Q}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{x}, \dot{\mathbf{x}})) + \boldsymbol{\lambda}_2 \cdot \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{x}, \dot{\mathbf{x}}, \mathbf{j}) + \boldsymbol{\lambda}_3 \cdot \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{x}, \dot{\mathbf{x}}, \mathbf{j}) \quad (1.5)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\dot{\mathbf{x}}} = (1 + \lambda_1) \frac{\partial G(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{x})}{\partial \mathbf{x}} - \lambda_1 \frac{\partial \mathcal{Q}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{x}, \dot{\mathbf{x}})}{\partial \dot{\mathbf{x}}} + \boldsymbol{\lambda}_2 \frac{\partial \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{x}, \dot{\mathbf{x}}, \mathbf{j})}{\partial \dot{\mathbf{x}}} + \boldsymbol{\lambda}_3 \frac{\partial \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{x}, \dot{\mathbf{x}}, \mathbf{j})}{\partial \dot{\mathbf{x}}} \quad (1.6a)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\lambda_1} = \mathcal{D}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{x}, \dot{\mathbf{x}}) - \mathcal{Q}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{x}, \dot{\mathbf{x}}) \quad (1.6b)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\boldsymbol{\lambda}_2} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{x}, \dot{\mathbf{x}}, \mathbf{j}) \quad (1.6c)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\boldsymbol{\lambda}_3} = \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{x}, \dot{\mathbf{x}}, \mathbf{j}) \quad (1.6d)$$

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- Particles, Coordinate System
- Node Types
- Multi-Scale Considerations, Matrix

4.2 Considerations on Free Surfaces

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4.6 Application of the Thermodynamic Extremal Principle (TEP)

5 Software Implementation of the Model

Reference to open source code

5.1 Representation of Particles and Nodes

- Classes
- Tree Structure
- Coordinate Systems

5.2 Numerical Solution Procedure

- TEP Solution
- Time Step
- Monte-Carlo Drawing

5.3 Calculation and Extraction of Key Features

- Volume Cell, Shrinkage
- Neck Measures

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