Porous Media and Plasticity - Homogenization for Equations with Hysteresis

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Modelling subsurface flow

Describe the flow of water in unsaturated porous media

Variables

domain	$\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^N$
saturation	$s : \Omega \times (0,T) \to \mathbb{R}$
pressure	$p : \Omega \times (0,T) \to \mathbb{R}$
velocity	$v : \Omega \times (0,T) \to \mathbb{R}^N$

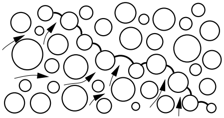
Equations

Darcy law	$v = -k(s)\nabla p$
conservation law	$\partial_t s + \nabla \cdot v = 0$
some relation between	p and s

We combine these to the evolution equation

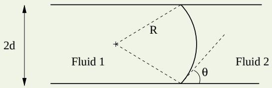
$$\partial_t s = \nabla \cdot (k(s)\nabla p).$$

Microscopic Analysis I



relation $p \leftrightarrow s$ depends on pores

Tube-Model



d radius of the tube

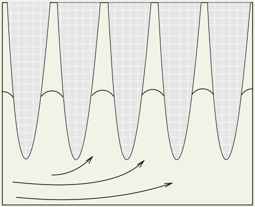
θ contact angle

$\mathcal{H} = R^{-1}$ curvature

β surface tension

$p = \beta\mathcal{H} = F(d)$

Variable radius



At a given saturation s, pores of radius $d_0(s)$ must be filled.

This needs the pressure

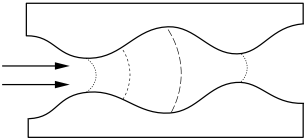
$$p = p_c(s)$$

Richards equation:

$$\partial_t s = \nabla \cdot (k(s)\nabla[p_c(s)])$$

Microscopic Analysis II: Play-type capillary hysteresis

In reality, the radius of the tubes is oscillatory.



This implies that an interval of pressures is allowed for one saturation,

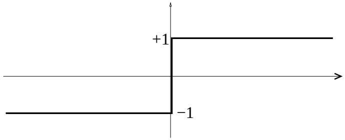
$$p \in [p_1, p_2] =: p_{c,0}(s) + [-\gamma, \gamma].$$

with the rule: upper/lower value for increasing/decreasing saturation

Resulting model

$$p \in p_{c,0}(s) + \gamma\ \mathbf{sign}(\partial_t s)$$

with the multi-valued sign-function, $\mathbf{sign}(0) = [-1, 1]$.



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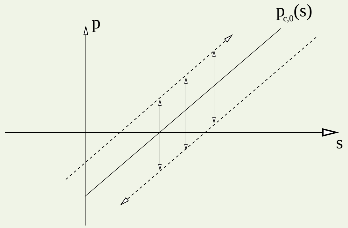
Existence results for the hysteresis model

$$p \in p_{c,0}(s) + \gamma\, \mathbf{sign}(\partial_t s)$$

Hysteresis relation p to s



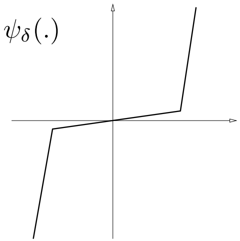
Theorem

Let $T > 0$ and let initial data s_0 be compatible. Then there exists a weak solution of the differential inclusion $\partial_t s = \Delta p$ with $p \in as + b + \gamma\, \mathbf{sign}(\partial_t s)$

Method of proof: Regularization.

Discretize $\Omega \longrightarrow h > 0$

Approximate $\psi = \mathbf{sign}^{-1} \longrightarrow \delta > 0$



$$\partial_t s^{h,\delta} = \psi_\delta([p^{h,\delta} - a s^{h,\delta} - b]/\gamma)$$
$$\Delta_{(h)} p^{h,\delta} = \psi_\delta([p^{h,\delta} - a s^{h,\delta} - b]/\gamma)$$

Plasticity equations

Variables

domain	$\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^N$
displacement	$u : \Omega \times (0,T) \to \mathbb{R}^N$
strain	$\epsilon : \Omega \times (0,T) \to \mathbb{R}^{N\times N}$
stress	$\sigma : \Omega \times (0,T) \to \mathbb{R}^{N\times N}$

Equations

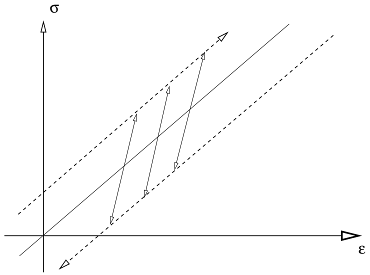
conservation law	$\rho\, \partial_t^2 u = \nabla \cdot \sigma + f$
strain relation	$\epsilon = \frac{1}{2}(\nabla u + (\nabla u)^\perp)$
a relation between	ϵ and σ

Linear elasticity

One uses the simplest choice,

$$\sigma = A \cdot \epsilon.$$

The observation in **plasticity** is: the material flowing beyond some stress



Melan-Prager

One-dimensional relation

$$\alpha\epsilon \in \sigma - \gamma\, \mathbf{sign}(\partial_t \epsilon - \beta \partial_t \sigma).$$

Hysteresis problems of plasticity and hydrology

Wave equation with hysteresis

$$\rho\partial_t^2 u = \partial_x \sigma + f$$
$$\partial_x u = \epsilon + \beta\sigma$$
$$\alpha\epsilon \in \kappa\sigma - \gamma\, \mathbf{sign}(\partial_t \epsilon).$$

$\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \kappa$ are parameters.

Richards equation with hysteresis

$$\partial_t s = \Delta p$$
$$p \in as + b + \gamma\, \mathbf{sign}(\partial_t s)$$

a, b, γ are parameters.

Energy estimate, Plasticity. Testing with $\partial_t u$ gives, for $f = 0$

$$\partial_t \frac{1}{2} \int \rho|\partial_t u|^2 = -\int \sigma\, \partial_t \partial_x u = -\int \sigma\, \partial_t(\epsilon + \beta\sigma)$$
$$\in -\partial_t \frac{1}{2} \int \beta|\sigma|^2 - \int \left[\frac{\alpha}{\kappa}\epsilon + \frac{\gamma}{\kappa}\mathbf{sign}(\partial_t \epsilon)\right] \partial_t \epsilon$$
$$= -\partial_t \frac{1}{2} \int \beta|\sigma|^2 - \partial_t \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{\alpha}{\kappa}|\epsilon|^2 - \int \frac{\gamma}{\kappa}|\partial_t \epsilon|$$

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Energy estimate, Richards. Multiplication of the first equation with p and integration over Ω gives

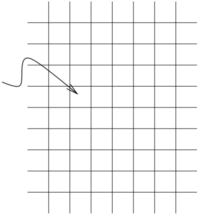
$$\int |\nabla p|^2 = -\int p\, \partial_t s \in \int [as + b + \gamma\, \mathbf{sign}(\partial_t s)]\partial_t s$$
$$= \partial_t \int \left\{ \frac{a}{2}|s|^2 + bs \right\} + \int \gamma |\partial_t s|.$$

The fundamental question

We are interested in composite materials (periodic or stochastic).

The material parameters are constant in each cell, chosen randomly in each cell.

The grid-spacing is $\varepsilon > 0$.



Fundamental question of homogenization

If u^ε are solutions to the ε-problems, and $u^\varepsilon \rightharpoonup u^*$.
What is the equation for u^*?

- Two-scale convergence (Allaire, ...)
- Energy method (Tartar, ...)

B.S. Homogenization of the Prager model in one-dimensional plasticity. Continuum Mechanics and Thermodynamics 20(8), 2009.

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Main result on plasticity

Let u^ε be a solution to the problem with oscillating parameters,

$$\partial_t^2 u^\varepsilon = \partial_x \sigma^\varepsilon + f$$
$$\partial_x u^\varepsilon = \epsilon^\varepsilon + \beta^\varepsilon \sigma^\varepsilon$$
$$\alpha^\varepsilon \epsilon^\varepsilon \in \kappa^\varepsilon \sigma^\varepsilon - \gamma^\varepsilon \mathbf{sign}(\partial_t \epsilon^\varepsilon).$$

Idea: Material label $y \in I := [0,1]$. The measure $\mu \in \mathcal{M}(I)$ denotes the probability distribution of materials.
The strain in material $y \in I$ is $w(x,t,y)$. **Problem (P_*) is**

$$\partial_t^2 u^* = \partial_x \sigma^* + f$$
$$\partial_x u^* = \int_I w(y)\, d\mu(y) + \beta^* \sigma^*$$
$$\alpha(y) w(y) \in \kappa(y)\sigma^* - \gamma(y)\mathbf{sign}(\partial_t w(y)) \qquad \mu - a.e. \quad y \in I$$

where β^* is the expected value of β.

Theorem (S. 2009, Cont. Mech. Therm.)

Under ergodicity assumptions, the functions u^ε converge to the unique solution u^* almost surely.

Main result in hydrology: Expected pressure

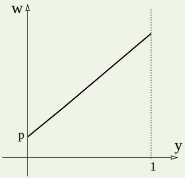
The pressure has bounded gradients, hence $\longrightarrow p^\varepsilon$ without oscillations.
The saturation s^ε, instead, oscillates.

A new quantity: The expected capillary pressure
$w^\varepsilon := a^\varepsilon s^\varepsilon + b^\varepsilon = p_{c,0}(s^\varepsilon)$.

1. case: saturation decreases. Then

$s^\varepsilon = \frac{p^\varepsilon - b^\varepsilon + \gamma^\varepsilon}{a^\varepsilon}$ is oscillatory

The expected pressure is
$w^\varepsilon := a^\varepsilon s^\varepsilon + b^\varepsilon = p^\varepsilon + \gamma^\varepsilon$

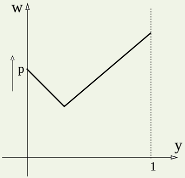


... at places with $\gamma^\varepsilon = y$.

2. case: Variable saturation

Expected pressure

$$w^\varepsilon(x, y, t) := a^\varepsilon s^\varepsilon + b^\varepsilon$$



w **encodes the saturation history of the porous medium!**

Equations for w

Averaged equations. Conservation law:

$$\partial_t s = \nabla \cdot (K^* \nabla p) \qquad \forall x \in \Omega,$$

where K^* determined by a cell-problem.
The saturation is reconstructed from w via

$$s(x,t) := \int_I \frac{w(x,y,t) - b^*}{a^*}\, dy,$$

where $b^* = \langle b^\varepsilon \rangle$ and $a^* = \langle 1/a^\varepsilon \rangle^{-1}$.
The hysteresis relation holds point-wise,

$$p(x) \in w(x,y) + y\, \mathbf{sign}(\partial_t w(x,y)) \qquad \forall x \in \Omega, y \in [0,1].$$

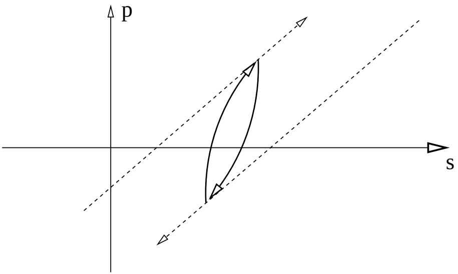
Theorem (S. 2004/07, Eur. J. Appl. Math.)

The equations posess a unique weak solution (s, w, p).
For solutions $(s^\varepsilon, p^\varepsilon)$ of the stochastic ε-problem we have

$$s^\varepsilon \rightharpoonup s, \quad p^\varepsilon \rightharpoonup p \quad \textit{almost surely.}$$

Scanning curves for the effective equations.

The presence of the history variable w alters the scanning curves.



Hysteresis-cell-problem and operator-cell-problem decouple:

Play-type hysteresis *averages to* **Prandtl-Ishlinskii-hysteresis**

Francu and Krejci (1999): 1-dim. deterministic wave-eq.

Visintin (02-), Alber (09): n-dim. deterministic static

S.-Veneroni (09): n-dim. deterministic wave-eq.

The effective model has scanning curves that are qualitatively as in the experiment.

Desirable for realistic modelling!

Oscillating test-functions

The "correct" description of porous media:

- $\chi_1 : \mathbb{R}^d \to I = [0,1]$ describes the distribution of material, it is chosen stochastically, e.g. constant in unit cubes.
- Heterogeneous media: $\chi_\varepsilon : \Omega \to [0,1], x \mapsto \chi_1(x/\varepsilon)$
- Parameters depend on the material: $a^\varepsilon(x) = a_0(\chi_\varepsilon(x))$ etc.

Method of oscillating test-functions for plasticity. Knowing the homogenized solution (u^*, σ^*, w), we may construct

$$w^\varepsilon(t,x) := w(t,x,\chi^\varepsilon(x)).$$

We expect w^ε to be similar to ϵ^ε.

$$E(t) = \frac{1}{2}\int_\Omega |\partial_t u^\varepsilon - \partial_t u^*|^2 + \frac{1}{2}\int_\Omega \frac{\alpha^\varepsilon}{\kappa^\varepsilon}|\epsilon^\varepsilon - w^\varepsilon|^2 + \frac{1}{2}\int_\Omega \beta^\varepsilon|\sigma^\varepsilon - \sigma^*|^2$$

A direct calculation gives

$$E(t) \le \int_{\Omega_t} \left\{ \left(\int_I \partial_t w(y)\, d\mu(y) - \partial_t w^\varepsilon \right) - (\beta^\varepsilon - \beta^*)\partial_t \sigma^* \right\} (\sigma^\varepsilon - \sigma^*)$$

Stochastic choice of χ_1

To describe stochastic media, one chooses χ_1 stochastically.
Let μ be the distribution of values of χ_1.

Loose definition of ergodicity

The stochastic process is ergodic, if spatial averages yield the expected values (almost surely).

The ergodicity of the medium implies

Definition (Ergodicity property)

Let $g \in L^q(I, d\mu)$ for $q \geq 1$ and let $g^\varepsilon : \Omega \to \mathbb{R}$ be defined as

$$g^\varepsilon(x) = g(\chi^\varepsilon(x)).$$

Then g^ε converges weakly to a constant function,

$$g^\varepsilon(x) \rightharpoonup \langle g \rangle \text{ in } L^q(\Omega) \text{ almost surely.}$$

Two-scale ergodicity

Definition (Two-scale ergodicity property)

We say that the stochastic process and a function $g : \Omega \times I \to \mathbb{R}$ satisfy the *two-scale ergodicity property with* $q \in [1, \infty)$ if the following holds. Consider $g^\varepsilon : \Omega \to \mathbb{R}$ and $\langle g \rangle : \Omega \to \mathbb{R}$,

$$g^\varepsilon(x) = g(x, \chi^\varepsilon(x)), \quad \langle g \rangle (x) = \int_I g(x, y)\, d\mu(y).$$

Then

$$g^\varepsilon \rightharpoonup \langle g \rangle \text{ for } \varepsilon \to 0 \text{ in } L^q(\Omega) \text{ almost surely.}$$

The pair is two-scale ergodic when χ is ergodic and

- g is continuous **or**
- μ has finite support (finite number of materials).

This is the case in the discrete approximation!

Conclusions

- The homogenized system is the one you had guessed in the first place ... once you understood the system well.
- Method of oscillating test-functions is very powerful for rigorous results
- Technical problems are BV-controls and two-scale ergodicity.

Further steps:

- fingering in porous media
- improved existence in porous media hysteresis
- periodic coefficients for plasticity in $\mathbb{R}^n$ ($\longrightarrow$ Marco Veneroni)

Open problem:

- Stochastic coefficients for plasticity in $\mathbb{R}^n$

Thank you!