#### Ph.D. Final Exam

Asphalt Pavement Aging and Temperature Dependent Properties using a Functionally Graded Viscoelastic Model

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## Asphalt Concrete

- Constituents:
  - Asphalt Binder
  - Aggregates
- Asphalt Binder:
  - Derived from Crude Oil



- Many times modified with polymers to enhance properties
- Undergoes oxidative aging (stiffening) with time
- Asphalt Concrete (Asphalt Mixture)
  - Large fraction produced as hot-mix asphalt (HMA)
  - Most common form of pavement surfacing material (96% of pavement surface in United States)



### **Motivation**

 Cracking in Asphalt Concrete Pavements and Overlays:

Reflective cracking

Thermal cracking

#### Big Picture:

 Predict reflective and thermal cracking in asphalt concrete pavements

Design pavements and overlays (with/without interlayers) to prevent thermal/reflective cracking

### Motivation: Progress in Recent Years

- Significant improvements have been made towards accurate simulation of asphalt pavement systems:
  - Viscoelastic characterization and modeling
  - Fracture energy measurements
  - Cohesive zone fracture model
  - Integrated studies



### Pavements are Non-Homogeneous Structures

#### Sources:

- 1. Oxidative aging
- 2. Temperature dependence of material properties
- 3. Other sources (construction, additives etc.)





## Motivation

Simulation Approaches for Non-Homogeneous Structures

<u>Layered</u>





- Layered approach is the current state of practice
  - AASHTO MEPDG (Aging Gradient)





## **Objectives**

- Develop efficient and accurate simulation scheme for asphalt concrete pavements
- Viscoelastic characterization of asphalt concrete (Chapter 3)
- Viscoelastic analysis
  - a) Correspondence Principle (Chapter 4)
  - b) Time Integration Scheme (Chapter 5)
- Account for:
  - Aging gradients
  - Temperature dependent property gradients
- Simulate asphalt concrete pavements and overlay systems (Chapter 6)

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### Viscoelastic Characterization

- Asphalt concrete samples
- Use of indirect tensile test (IDT), AASHTO-T322
- Softer/Compliant Mixtures → Crushing under loading head

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## Flattened IDT Test

- Increase contact area to prevent crushing under loading head
- Viscoelastic solution to bi-axial loading
- Results indicate flat IDT as a viable alternative to IDT

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## Viscoelasticity: Commonly used models for asphaltic materials

- Could be classified as:
  - Prony series forms (Generalized models)
  - Parabolic models
  - Others
- Prony series form: Generalized Maxwell Model

$$E(t) = \sum_{i=1}^{h} E_i E_i E_i \left[ -t / \tau_i \right]$$
$$\tau_i = \frac{\eta_i}{E_i}$$

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# Viscoelasticity: Constitutive models

- Parabolic Models:
  - Huet-Sayegh Model (1965):

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Parabolic Unit (time dependent dashpot) :

$$\mathcal{E}(t) = \frac{\sigma}{A} t^k , \ 0 < k < 1$$

- 2S2P1D Model: Di Benedetto et al. (2005, 2007)

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- Fewer parameters compared to generalized models
- Shared parameters between asphalt binders, mastics and mixtures
- Other Models: Power law, sigmoidal etc.

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### Viscoelasticity: Prony Series Models

- Generalized Maxwell model is selected for the current study:
  - Applicability to asphaltic and other viscoelastic materials
  - Flexibility w.r.t. fitting of experimental data
  - Equivalence between compliance and relaxation forms
  - Transformations are well established
  - Compatibility with previous research (e.g. GOALI study, ABAQUS etc.)
  - Availability of model parameters for variety of asphalt mixtures

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### Viscoelasticity: Basics

Constitutive Relationship:

$$\sigma(x,t) = \int_{t'=-\infty}^{t'=t} C(x,\xi-\xi') \frac{\partial \mathcal{E}(x,t')}{\partial t'} dt'$$

 $\sigma$ : Stresses,  $C(x,\xi)$ : Relaxation Modulus,  $\varepsilon$ : Strains

Model of Choice: Generalized Maxwell Model

$$C(x,t) = \sum_{h=1}^{N} E_h(x) Exp\left[-\frac{t}{\tau_h(x)}\right]$$
  
Relaxation Time,  $\tau_h = \frac{\eta_h}{E_h}$ 

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Time-Temperature Superposition

Reduced Time, 
$$\xi(x,t) = \int_{0}^{t'} a(T,x,t) dt'$$

## Viscoelasticity: Correspondence Principle

 Correspondence Principle (Elastic-Viscoelastic Analogy): "Equivalency between transformed (Laplace, Fourier etc.) viscoelastic and elasticity equations"

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- Extensively utilized to solve variety of nonhomogeneous viscoelastic problems:
  - Hilton and Piechocki (1962): Shear center of non-homogeneous viscoelastic beams
  - Mukherjee and Paulino (2003): Correspondence principle for viscoelastic FGMs

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## Graded Finite Elements

Homogeneous

Graded

 Graded Elements: Account for material non-homogeneity within elements unlike conventional (homogeneous) elements

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- Direct Gaussian integration (properties sampled at integration points)
- Kim and Paulino (2002)
  - Generalized isoparametric formulation (GIF)
- Paulino and Kim (2007) and Silva et al. (2007) further explored GIF graded elements
  - Proposed patch tests
  - GIF elements should be preferred for multiphysics applications
- Buttlar et al. (2006) demonstrated need of graded FE for asphalt pavements (elastic analysis)

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### Generalized Isoparametric Formulation (GIF)

- Material properties are sampled at the element nodes
- Iso-parametric mapping provides material properties at integration points
- Natural extension of the conventional isoparametric formulation

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### General FE Implementation

Variational Principle (Potential):

$$\begin{aligned} \boldsymbol{\mathcal{T}} &= \int_{\Omega_{u}} \int_{t'=-\infty}^{t'=t} \int_{t'=-\infty}^{t'=t-t'} \frac{1}{2} C \Big[ x, \boldsymbol{\xi} \big( t-t'' \big) - \boldsymbol{\xi}' \big( t' \big) \Big] \frac{\partial \boldsymbol{\varepsilon} \big( t' \big)}{\partial t'} \frac{\partial \boldsymbol{\varepsilon} \big( t'' \big)}{\partial t''} dt'' d\Omega_{u} \\ &- \int_{\Omega_{\sigma}} \int_{t'=-\infty}^{t'=t} P \big( x, t-t'' \big) \frac{\partial u \big( t'' \big)}{\partial t''} dt'' d\Omega_{\sigma} \end{aligned}$$

Where,  $\pi$  is Potential,  $\varepsilon$  are strains for body of volume  $\Omega_{\mu}$ ,

*P* is the prescribed traction on surface  $\Omega_{\sigma}$  and *u* is the corresponding displacement

Stationarity forms the basis for problem description:

$$\begin{split} \delta \pi &= \int_{\Omega_{u}} \int_{t^{'}=-\infty}^{t^{'}=t} \int_{t^{'}=-\infty}^{t^{'}=t-t^{'}} \left\{ C \left[ x, \xi \left( t-t^{''} \right) - \xi^{'} \left( t^{'} \right) \right] \frac{\partial \varepsilon \left( t^{'} \right)}{\partial t^{'}} \frac{\partial \delta \varepsilon \left( t^{''} \right)}{\partial t^{''}} \right\} dt^{'} dt^{''} d\Omega_{u} \\ &- \int_{\Omega_{\sigma}} \int_{t^{''}=-\infty}^{t^{''}=t} P \left( x, t-t^{''} \right) \frac{\partial \delta u \left( t^{''} \right)}{\partial t^{''}} dt^{''} d\Omega_{\sigma} = 0 \end{split}$$

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*Non-Homogeneous Viscoelastic FEM*Equilibrium:

$$K_{ij}\left(x,\xi(t)\right)u_{j}\left(0\right)+\int_{0^{+}}^{t}K_{ij}\left(x,\xi(t)-\xi(t')\right)\frac{\partial u_{j}\left(t'\right)}{\partial t'}dt'=F_{i}\left(x,t\right)$$

Solution approaches:
 1. Correspondence Principle (CP)

$$\left[K^{0}(x)s\tilde{K}^{t}(s)\right]_{ij}\tilde{u}_{j}(s) = \tilde{F}_{i}(x,s)$$

 $\tilde{a}(s)$  is Laplace transform of a(t); s is transformation variable

$$\tilde{a}(s) = \int_{0}^{\infty} a(t) Exp[-st]dt$$

#### 2. Time-Integration Schemes

Recursive Formulation

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## Non-Homogeneous Viscoelastic FEM

#### **1. Correspondence Principle (CP)**

- Benefits:
  - Solution does not require evaluation of hereditary integral
  - Direct extension of elastic formulations
- Limitations:
  - Inverse transformations are computationally expensive
  - Transform/Convolution should exist for material model and boundary conditions

#### 2. Time-Integration Schemes (Recursive formulation)

- Benefits:
  - Fewer limitations on material model and boundary conditions
- Limitations:
  - Convergence studies are required to determine time step size
  - Elaborate formulation and implementation
- Both are explored in this dissertation

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#### Verification examples:

- 1. Analytical solution (Creep extension shown here)
- 2. Comparison with commercial software

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### Verification: Comparison with ABAQUS

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Time Integration Approach (Ch. 5)

$$K_{ij}(x,\xi)u_{j}(0) + \int_{0^{+}}^{t} K_{ij}(x,\xi-\xi')\frac{\partial u_{j}(t')}{\partial t'}dt' = F_{i}(x,t)$$

 Above could be solved sequentially using Newton-Cotes expansion (material history effect needs to be considered)

$$u_{j}(t_{n}) = \left[K_{ij}(x,0) + K_{ij}(\xi_{n} - \xi_{n-1})\right]^{-1} \begin{cases} 2F_{i}(t_{n}) - \left[K_{ij}(\xi_{n}) - K_{ij}(\xi_{n} - \xi_{1})\right]u_{j}(0) \\ -\sum_{m=1}^{n-1}\left[K_{ij}(\xi_{n} - \xi_{m-1}) - K_{ij}(\xi_{n} - \xi_{m+1})\right]u_{j}(t_{m}) \end{cases}$$

 Alternatively, recursive formulation could be developed that requires only few previous solutions

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$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Time-Integration Analysis (Ch. 5)} \\ \text{Recursive Formulation (Yi and Hilton, 1994):} \\ & \left[ \sum_{h=1}^{m} \left( K_{ij}^{e}(x) \right)_{h} \cdot \left[ \left( v_{ij}^{1}(x,t_{n}) \right)_{h} \Delta t - \left( v_{ij}^{2}(x,t_{n}) \right)_{h} \right] \frac{2}{\Delta t^{2}} \right] u_{j}(t_{n}) = F_{i}(t_{n}) \\ & + \sum_{h=1}^{m} \left[ \left[ \left( K_{ij}^{e}(x) \right)_{h} \cdot Exp \left[ -\frac{\xi(t_{n})}{(\tau_{ij}(x))_{h}} \right] \right] \left\{ \left( v_{ij}^{1}(x,t_{n-1}) \right)_{h} \left[ u_{j}(t_{n-1}) \frac{2}{\Delta t} + \dot{u}_{j}(t_{n-1}) \right] \\ & - \frac{2}{\Delta t^{2}} \left( v_{ij}^{2}(x,t_{n-1}) \right)_{h} \left[ u_{j}(t_{n-1}) + \dot{u}_{j}(t_{n-1}) \Delta t \right] - u_{i}(t_{0}) + \left( v_{ij}^{1}(x,t_{0}) \right) \dot{u}_{j}(t_{0}) \right\} + \left( R_{i}(t_{n}) \right)_{h} \right] \end{aligned}$$

Where

$$\left( v_{ij}^{1}(x,t_{n}) \right)_{h} = \int_{0}^{t_{n}} Exp \left[ -\xi(t') / (\tau_{ij}(x))_{h} \right] dt'; \left( v_{ij}^{2}(x,t_{n}) \right)_{h} = \int_{t_{n-1}}^{t_{n}} \left( v_{ij}^{1}(x,t') \right)_{h} dt$$

$$\left( R_{i}(t_{n}) \right)_{h} = K_{ij}^{e} \cdot Exp \left[ -\xi(t') / (\tau_{ij}(x))_{h} \right] \cdot \left( v_{ij}^{2}(x,t_{n}) \right)_{h} \ddot{u}_{j}(t_{n-1})$$

$$+ Exp \left[ -\xi(t') / (\tau_{ij}(x))_{h} \right] \left( R_{j}(t_{n-1}) \right)_{h}$$

Verification examples:

- 1. Analytical solution (Stress relaxation shown here)
- 2. Comparison with commercial software

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### Verification: Comparison with ABAQUS

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- Temperature Dependent Property Gradient
  - ABAQUS Simulations: Using layered gradation
  - Temperature distribution  $\rightarrow T(y) = -e^{3y}$

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### Example-1: Full Depth AC Pavement

- Based on I-155, Lincoln IL
- Single Tire load simulated (up to 1000 sec loading time)
- Aged material properties (Apeagyei et al., 2008)
  - Surface of AC: Long term aged
  - Bottom of AC: Short term aged

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### Example-1: FEM Discretization

- Two mesh refinement levels
  - Coarse mesh: Graded and Homogeneous simulations
  - Fine Mesh: Layered simulations
- Coarse Mesh Fine Mesh 6 Layers  $\mathbf{x}$  1 2.5 16 Lavers 0.5 e 372, Top 225 10  $10^{5}$   $10^{4}$   $10^{3}$   $10^{2}$ 150 10 10 0, Bottom Reduced Time (sec) Height of AC Layer (mm) 72150 DOFs 42 1867

### Example-1: Simulation Results

- Material Distributions:
  - FGM
  - Layered

- Aged
- Unaged

- Pavement Responses:
  - Tensile strain at bottom of asphalt layer (to investigate cracking and fatigue)
  - Shear strain at wheel edge (longitudinal cracking/rutting)
- Comparison of FGM and Layered predictions
  - Compressive strain at interface of asphalt layers

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### Example-1: Peak Shear Strain

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## **Example 2: Graded Interface**

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- Pavement: LA34, Monroe LA
- Two simulation scenario
  - 1. Step interface 2. Graded interface

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# Summary

- Viscoelastic graded finite elements using GIF are proposed
- Correspondence principle based formulation is developed and implemented
- Recursive formulation is utilized for time-integration analysis
- Verifications are performed by comparison of present approaches with:
  - Analytical solutions
  - Commercial software (ABAQUS)
- Asphalt pavement systems are simulated:
  - Aged pavement conditions
  - Graded interfaces

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## Conclusions

- Aging and temperature dependent property gradients should be considered in simulation of asphalt pavements
- Non-homogeneous viscoelastic analyses procedures presented here are suitable and preferred for simulation of asphalt pavement systems
- Proposed procedures yield greater accuracy and efficiency over conventional approaches
- Layered gradation approach can yield significant errors
  - Most pronounced errors are at layer interfaces in the stress and strain quantities.

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## Conclusions (cont.)

- Interface between asphalt concrete layers can be realistically simulated using the procedures discussed in the current dissertation
- When using the layered approach, averaging at layer interfaces may lead to significantly different predictions as compared to the FGM approach
  - The difference is usually exaggerated with time when a significant viscoelastic gradation is present

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### Other Applications and Future Extensions

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## Thank you for your attention!!

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