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<i>Anotace:</i>	Zpráva popisuje skript pro kalibraci Chabocheovy plasticity, skript pro vyhodnocení poškození od NCTMÚ a creepu v rámci MKP programu Abaqus.

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Chapter 1

Elastic–plastic material model

For numerical description, elastoplastic model has been chosen. As plastic zones are expected in large areas, other way elastic model with appropriate notch formula can be used. Viscoplastic FEA is too much time consuming. Only local viscoplastic approximations will be made in future.

1.1 Temperature dependent Chaboche kinematic hardening

In FEM program Abaqus Chaboche model is implemented as the *nonlinear isotropic/kinematic hardening model with multiple backstresses* included under models of plasticity for metals subjected to cyclic loading. It is built on the basis of *Mises yield surface*

$$F = f(\boldsymbol{\sigma} - \boldsymbol{\alpha}) - \sigma_Y = 0, \quad (1.1)$$

where,

$$f(\boldsymbol{\sigma} - \boldsymbol{\alpha}) = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}(\boldsymbol{\sigma}^{\text{dev}} - \boldsymbol{\alpha}^{\text{dev}}) : (\boldsymbol{\sigma}^{\text{dev}} - \boldsymbol{\alpha}^{\text{dev}})}, \quad (1.2)$$

$\boldsymbol{\sigma}$ is stress tensor with deviatoric part

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma}^{\text{dev}} = \boldsymbol{\sigma} - \frac{1}{3}\text{trace}(\boldsymbol{\sigma}) \mathbf{I},$$

$\boldsymbol{\alpha}$ is backstress tensor with deviatoric part

$$\boldsymbol{\alpha}^{\text{dev}} = \boldsymbol{\alpha} - \frac{1}{3}\text{trace}(\boldsymbol{\alpha}) \mathbf{I};$$

associative flow rule

$$\dot{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}}^{\text{pl}} = \dot{\bar{\epsilon}}^{\text{pl}} \frac{\partial F}{\partial \boldsymbol{\sigma}}, \quad (1.3)$$

where equivalent plastic strain rate depends on plastic strain tensor rate $\dot{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}}^{\text{pl}}$, as

$$\dot{\bar{\epsilon}}^{\text{pl}} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3} \dot{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}}^{\text{pl}} : \dot{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}}^{\text{pl}}};$$

and *nonlinear isotropic/kinematic hardening model* to determine backstress history

$$\boldsymbol{\alpha} = \sum_{k=1}^N \boldsymbol{\alpha}_k, \quad (1.4)$$

where

$$\dot{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}_k = C_k \frac{1}{\sigma_Y} (\boldsymbol{\sigma} - \boldsymbol{\alpha}) \dot{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}}^{pl} - \gamma_k \boldsymbol{\alpha}_k \dot{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}}^{pl}. \quad (1.5)$$

Cyclically stable *cyclic stress-strain curves* were obtained experimentally at high strain rates (to exclude viscous effect) for a few distinct temperatures in condition of uniaxial strain-controlled loading with given strain amplitude ε_a , kept constant during the test up to fracture, and mean value $\varepsilon_m = 0$. These curves represent the dependence of equivalent strain amplitude ε_a , resp. equivalent plastic strain amplitude $\varepsilon_{a,pl}$ on stress amplitude σ_a of stable cycle in conditions of strain-controlled loading. Cyclic stress-strain curves, or hysteresis loops, are needed for elastoplasticity calibration.

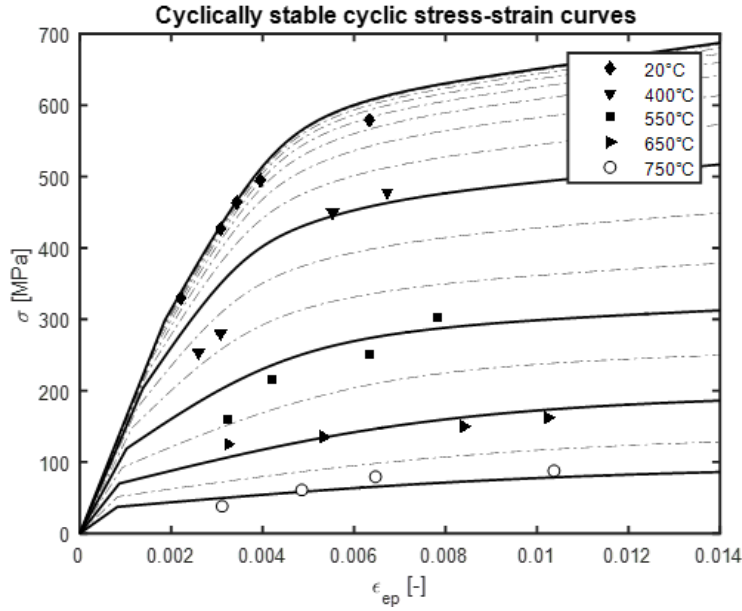


Figure 1.1: Cyclic stress- strain curves

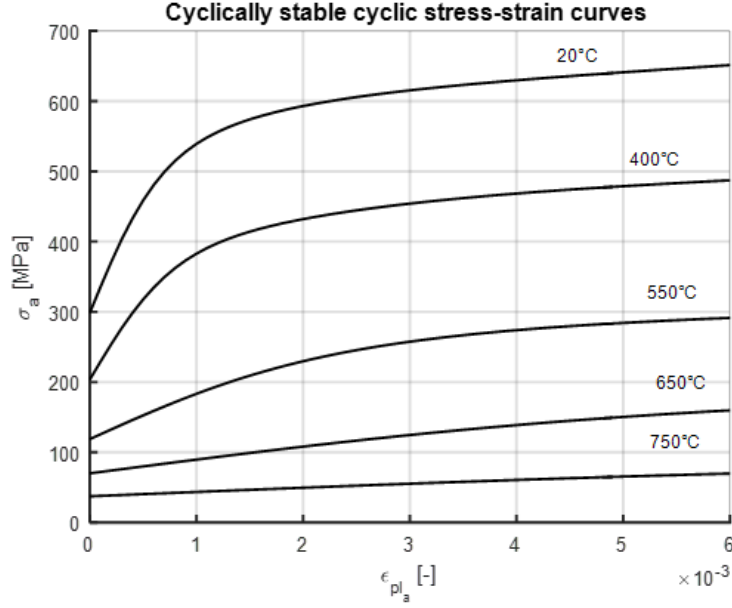


Figure 1.2: Cyclic stress- strain curves, plastic part only

Temperature dependent Chaboche non-linear kinematic hardening has been chosen to describe plastic response of the material. Stress amplitude of stabilized cycle σ_a in conditions of uniaxial isothermal strain-controlled loading in Chaboche model can be expressed, using infinite number of cycles while integrating equations 1.1–1.5, as

$$\sigma_a = \sigma_Y + \sum_{k=1}^N \begin{cases} \frac{C_k}{\gamma_k} \tanh(\gamma_k \cdot \epsilon_{a pl}) & \text{for } \gamma_k > 0 \\ C_k \epsilon_{a pl} & \text{for } \gamma_k = 0 \end{cases} . \quad (1.6)$$

Parameters C_k and γ_k at given temperature describe the cyclically stable stress-strain curve (see Fig 1.2). For instance, model with three backstresses (γ_3 is assumed equal 0) presented below, could be used to calibrate parameters $C_k(T_i)$, $\gamma_k(T_i)$, where $T_i \in \{20, 400, 550, 650, 750\}$,

$$\sigma = \sigma_y + \frac{C_1(T_i)}{\gamma_1(T_i)} \tanh(\gamma_1(T_i) \epsilon_{a pl}) + \frac{C_2(T_i)}{\gamma_2(T_i)} \tanh(\gamma_2(T_i) \epsilon_{a pl}) + C_3(T_i) \epsilon_{a pl} \quad (1.7)$$

temperature by temperature. This way of calibration is insufficient, because temperature dependence of parameters $C_k(T_i)$, $\gamma_k(T_i)$ is oscillating and cannot be used to describe loading with variable temperature. Rather than on single cyclic stress-strain curves at single temperatures, model parameters have been calibrated to follow monotonic downward trend, dependent on temperature. After some experimental research, appropriate form of temperature dependence of Chaboche parameters was mathematically described as Boltzmann function

$$C_k, \text{ resp. } \gamma_k = \frac{a_1 - a_2}{1 + \exp\left(\frac{T - a_3}{a_4}\right)} + a_2 \quad (1.8)$$

where a_1, a_2, a_3 , and a_4 are constants, T is temperature [°C]. Script based on Python was programmed to perform such a calibrations. It is described in

chapter 3 on page 22. Example calibration is presented in figures 1.3–1.5, and in table 1.1.

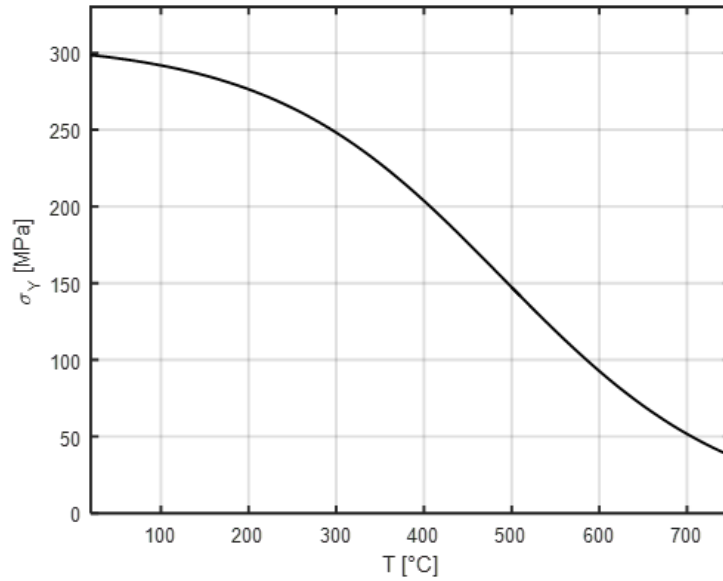


Figure 1.3: Yield stress

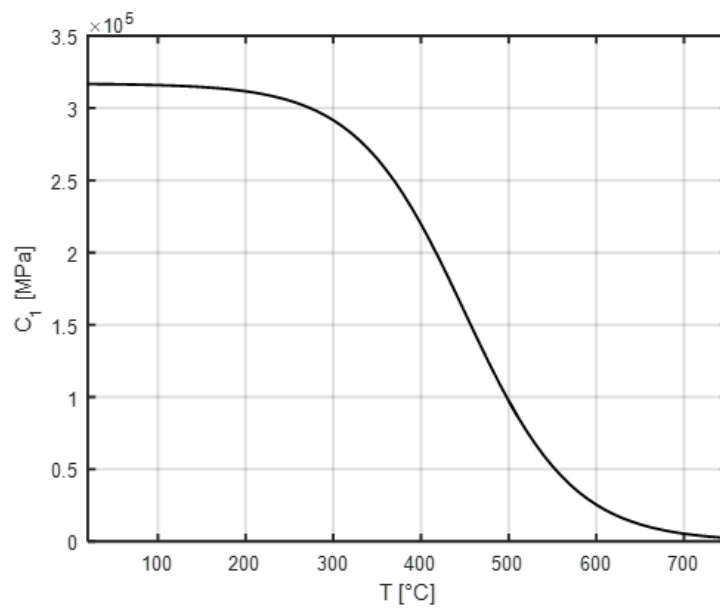


Figure 1.4: Temperature dependent backstress parameter C_1

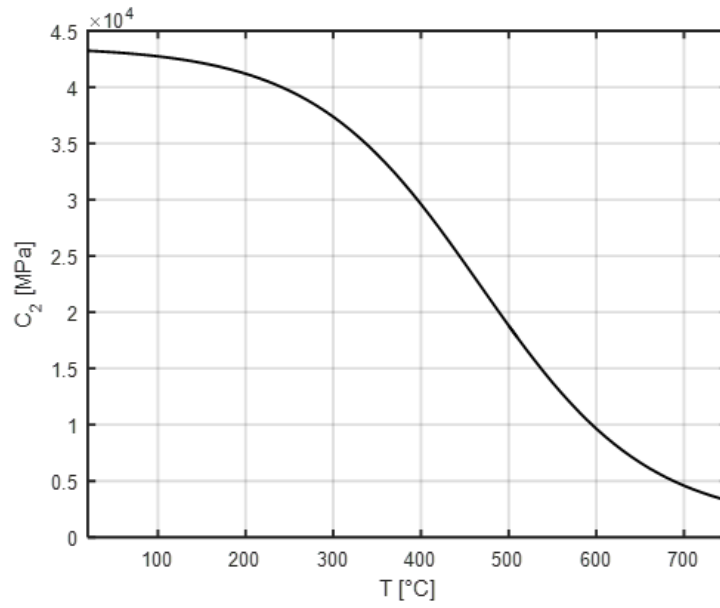


Figure 1.5: Temperature dependent backstress parameter C_2

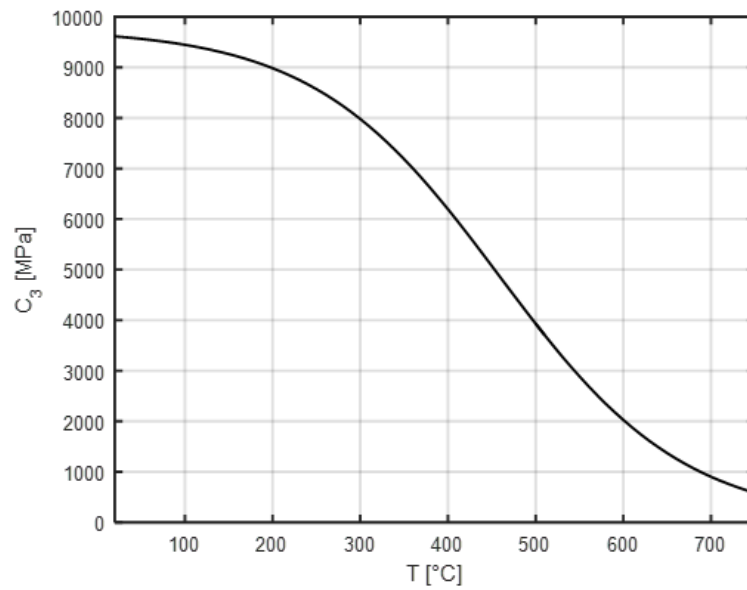


Figure 1.6: Temperature dependent backstress parameter C_3

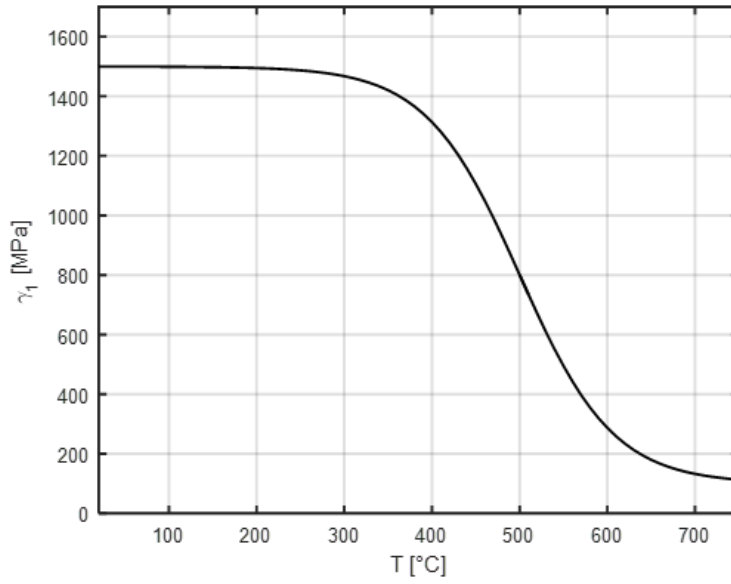


Figure 1.7: Temperature dependent backstress parameter γ_1

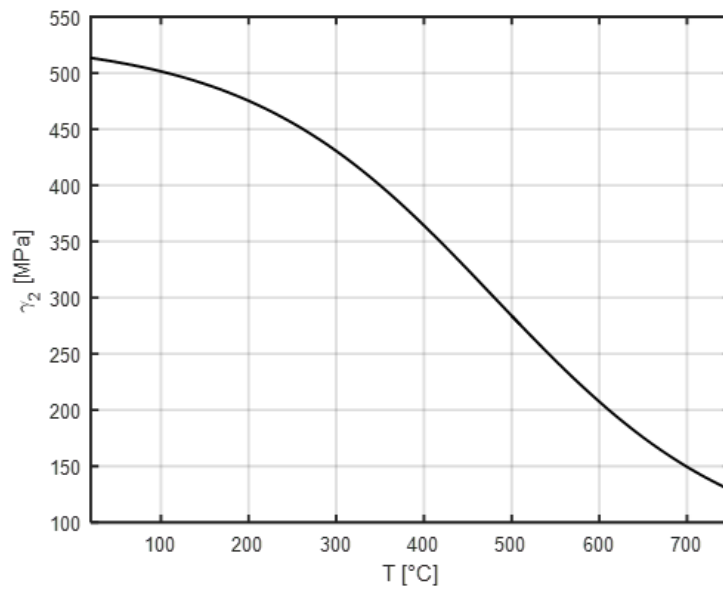


Figure 1.8: Temperature dependent backstress parameter γ_2

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Table 1.1: Boltzmann function constants

	a_1	a_2	a_3	a_4
E	160999,5	72,13443	651,079	105,5435
σ_y	307,2062	3,65E-07	489,1807	131,9151
C_1	316971,3	7,145086	450	61,41123
γ_1	1500	100	500	53,40917
C_2	43632,34	1173,358	467,4107	95,44679
γ_2	530	70,24628	480,2177	139,9565
C_3	9766,941	3,079251	458,1124	105,6972

Chapter 2

Lifetime predictions

2.1 Fatigue damage calculation

Before fatigue damage calculation is done. Input data needs to be prepared.

2.1.1 Fatigue-oxidation curves

Strain-life curves

Strain-life curves attained at high strain rate for few temperatures covering temperature range of a component under investigation are required for fatigue lifetime predictions. For now, due to limited number of tested specimens on current temperature, following extrapolation has been made

$$\epsilon_{ep_a} = a.N_f^b, \quad (2.1)$$

where N_f are cycles to failure, $a(t)$ and $b(t)$ are temperature dependent coefficients.

Table 2.1: Temperature dependent coefficients of strain-life curves

$t[^\circ C]$	a	b
20	0,0068	-0,122
400	0,0137	-0,226
550	0,0259	-0,29
650	0,0626	-0,407
750	0,1483	-0,568

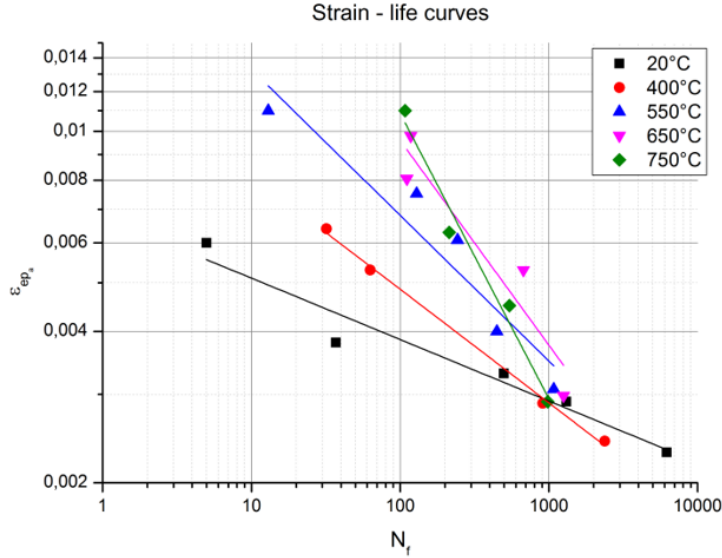


Figure 2.1: Strain-life curves

Coefficients for a temperature, where no tests were performed, can be gained by linear interpolation or analytical description for coefficients depending on the temperature can be found. However, piecewise cubic interpolation (PCHIP) seems to be most safe way.

Energy-life curves

For lifetime predictions based on dissipated plastic work, strain-life curves needs to be transformed to equivalent energy-life curves. Curves were transformed using hysteresis loops parameters (stress amplitude) generated by elastoplastic model in ABAQUS

$$w = c_1 \cdot N_f^{c_2}, \quad (2.2)$$

where $w [J.mm^{-3}]$ is dissipated energy of plastic work (for one full cycle), N_f are cycles to failure, $c_1(t)$ and $c_2(t)$ are temperature dependent coefficients. For interpolation between temperatures, piecewise cubic interpolation has been used.

Table 2.2: Temperature dependent coefficients of energy-life curves

$t [^{\circ}C]$	c_1	c_2
20	8,6628	-0,447
400	39,743	-0,592
550	269,2	-0,842
650	79,257	-0,663
750	52,376	-0,738

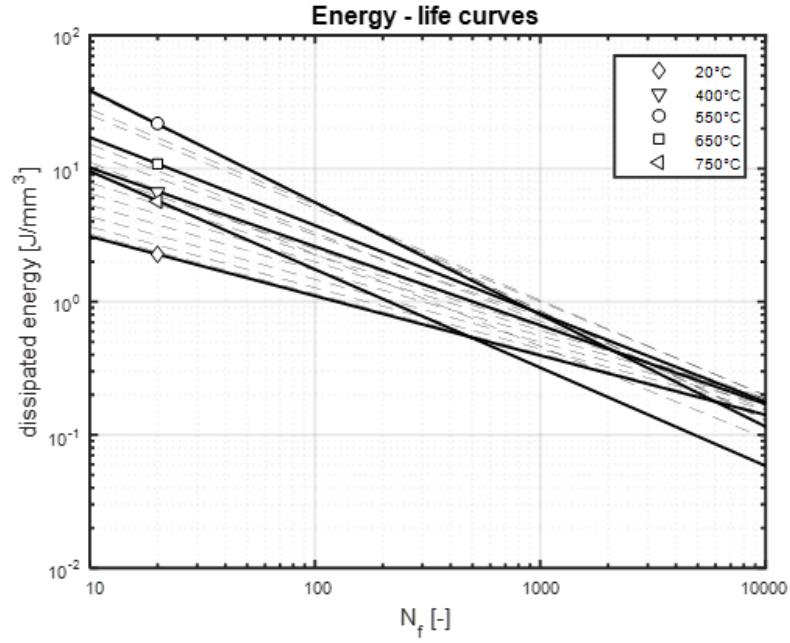


Figure 2.2: Energy-life curves, tested and interpolated

Relation between plastic strain amplitude and generated dissipated energy for one closed cycle is also needed for further predictions. Dependency is described as

$$w = k_1(t) \cdot \epsilon_{pl_a}^{k_2(t)}. \quad (2.3)$$

For coefficients interpolation at temperature, at which was not FEM generation done, piecewise cubic interpolation has been used.

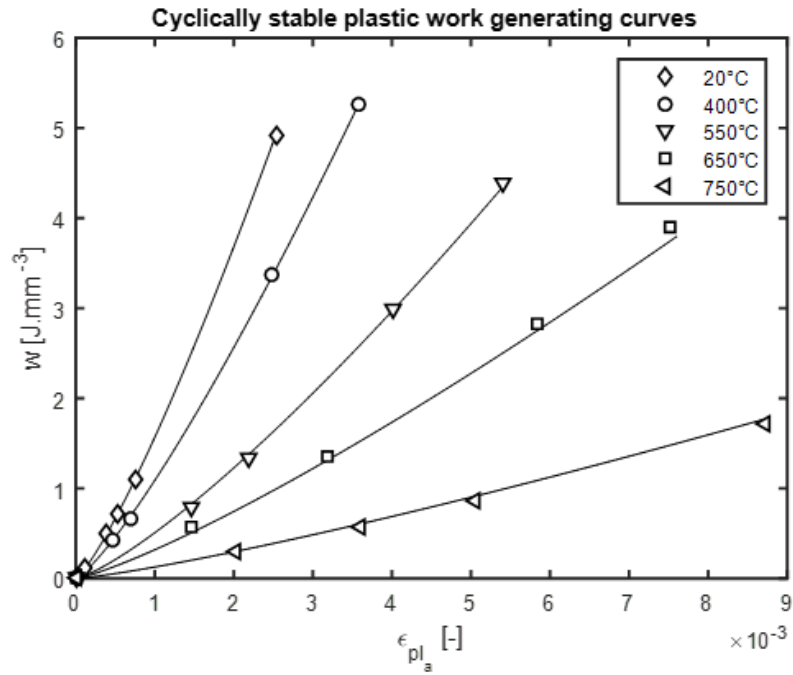


Figure 2.3: Energy-amplitude curves

Table 2.3: Energy-amplitude curves coefficients

t [°C]	k_1	k_2
20	7745,778	1,231355
400	5526,505	1,234941
550	3321,872	1,271482
650	1459,237	1,21279
750	555,2598	1,219729

Online amplitude extraction will be presented using mentioned rules applied on strain history only, dealing with nested loops.

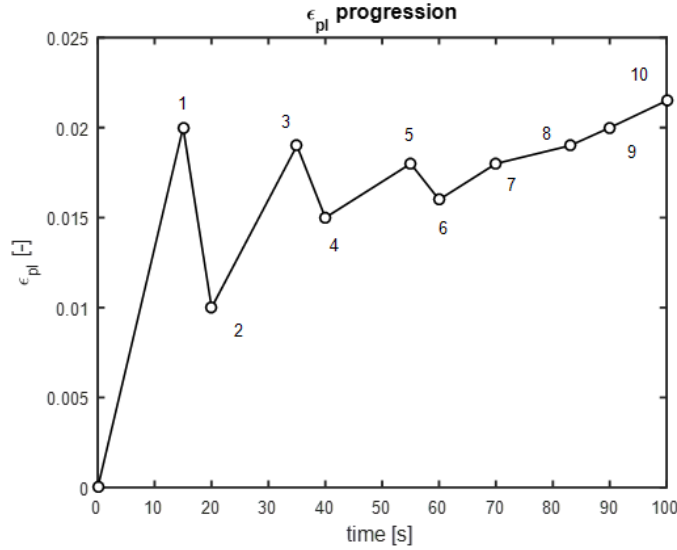


Figure 2.5: Plastic strain time history

- 0-1: Path starts at CSSC, amplitude is equal to plastic strain magnitude $\epsilon_{pl_a}(t) = \epsilon_{pl}(t)$.
- 1-2: Point 1 is strain reversal point, path continuous, tending to close hysteresis loop from 0-1, amplitude is equal amplitude in reversal point 1.
- 2-3: Point 2 is strain reversal point, path continuous with amplitude produced by last two reversals - 1 and 2 (equal half distance between reversals).
- 3-4: Point 3 is strain reversal point, amplitude is defined by reversals 2 and 3
- 4-5: Point 4 is strain reversal point, amplitude is defined by reversals 3 and 4
- 5-6: Point 5 is strain reversal point, amplitude is defined by reversals 4 and 5
- 6-7: Point 6 is strain reversal point, amplitude is defined by reversals 5 and 6
- 7-8: Point 7, memory is applied, amplitude is defined by reversals 3 and 4, loop 5-6 closed
- 8-9: Point 8, memory is applied, amplitude is defined by reversals 1 and 2, loop 3-4 closed
- 9-10: Loop 1-2 closed, Path continues on CSSC, amplitude is equal to plastic strain magnitude $\epsilon_{pl_a}(t) = \epsilon_{pl}(t)$.
- 10-...: Path continues on CSSC, amplitude is equal to plastic strain magnitude $\epsilon_{pl_a}(t) = \epsilon_{pl}(t)$.

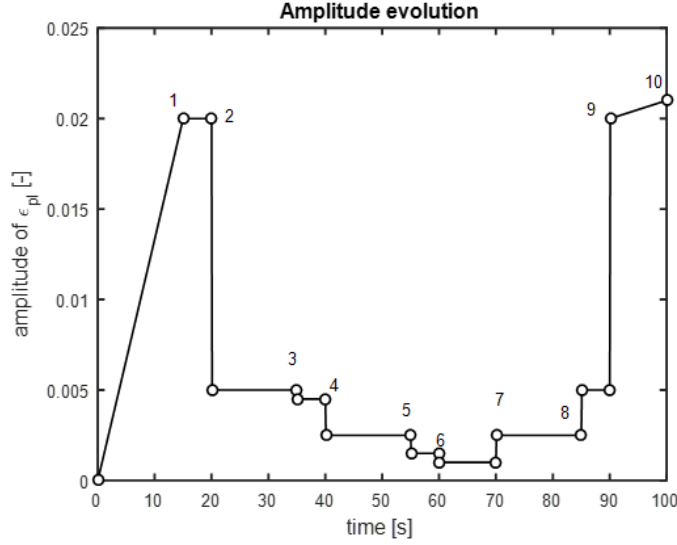


Figure 2.6: Extracted amplitudes

Fatigue damage calculation

Now, fatigue damage calculation is presented, using Palmgren-Miner linear damage accumulation rule. Nodal temperature, plastic strain and stress histories needs to be transfered from elastoplastic finite element method analysis. Incremental work done is defined as

$$dW = \sigma d\epsilon_{pl} \quad (2.4)$$

Actual $\epsilon_{pl_a}(t)$ is also know, using extraction algorithm presented. Amplitude defines actual dissipated energy $w(t)$, which cycle would have under current circumstances (dependency gained from plastic work generating curves (Figure 3.3)), temperature $T(t)$ needs to be also known, as w also depends on temperature,

$$w = w(\epsilon_{pl_a}(t), T(t)). \quad (2.5)$$

Later will be shown, that w defines output damage. Temperature for current time step in calculation is assumed constant, but only for current increment. Damage increment dD_f for actual step can be obtained, using linear dependency of total work done W_T on cycles to failure N_f from current isothermal histories (Figure 3.7), as

$$dD_f = \frac{dW}{N_f \cdot \tan \alpha}, \quad (2.6)$$

where dW is increment in plastic work done, $N_f = f(w((\epsilon_{pl_a}(t), T(t))))$, are cycles to failure for current energy $w(t)$, temperature $T(t)$ and amplitude $\epsilon_{pl_a}(t)$. Because total work done W_T to failure can be obtained as

$$W_T = w \cdot N_f, \quad (2.7)$$

then

$$\tan \alpha = w, \quad (2.8)$$

and also

$$dW = dW_T = w \cdot dN_f, \quad (2.9)$$

w is energy of one cycle for current temperature and strain amplitude. Value of N_f is obtained for current temperature and w from energy-life curves (Figure 3.2). Linear dependency is also applied for incremental values of work done. Now actual value of dD_f is obtained as

$$dD_f = \frac{dN_f}{N_f(t)}, \quad (2.10)$$

$$dD_f = \frac{\sigma(t)d\epsilon pl}{N_f(t) \cdot w(t)}, \quad (2.11)$$

Value of $D_f(t)$ as time function is then

$$D_f(t) = \int_0^t dD_f. \quad (2.12)$$

Approach is applied on out-phase thermo-mechanical loading history in 4.2.

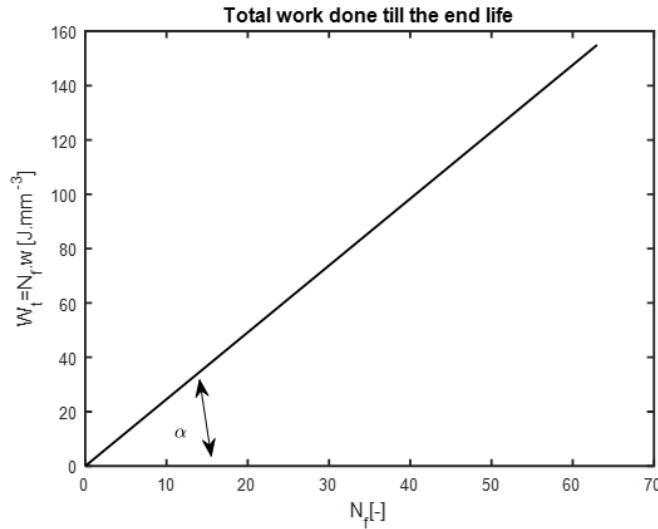


Figure 2.7: Total work done vs. cycles to failure

2.2 Creep damage calculation

Robinson's linear accumulation rule is used for further creep damage calculation

$$D_c(t_i) = \sum_{i=0}^{n_i} \sum_{j=0}^{m_{ij}} \frac{\Delta t_{ij} \sigma_{ij}}{t_{Rij}(T_i, \sigma_{ij})} + D_c(t_{i-1}), \quad (2.13)$$

where Δt_{ij} and t_{Rij} are the actual times under some loading and temperature and the corresponding time to rupture at the same loading and temperature, respectively. Index i represents the number of the time step in load history and index j represents additional subdivisions of time step i . Loading temperature T has to be higher or equal to creep temperature T_C and loading stress σ has to be higher than the temperature dependent elastic limit of the material $k(T)$ otherwise, no creep occurs. When the sum of individual creep damages reaches the defined limit value, usually 1, creep rupture occurs.

2.2.1 Creep master curves

Main objective is to determine master curves from the shortest creep-rupture tests, using extrapolation time to rupture for any combination of stress and temperature can be obtained.

Creep master curves were determined, using LM (Larson - Miller) parameter (Orr-Sherby-Dorn or Manson Brown parameters or any other parameter can be used also). Larson - Miller parameter assumes that the logarithm of the time to rupture is inversely proportional to temperature

$$LM = T(\log t_R + C). \quad (2.14)$$

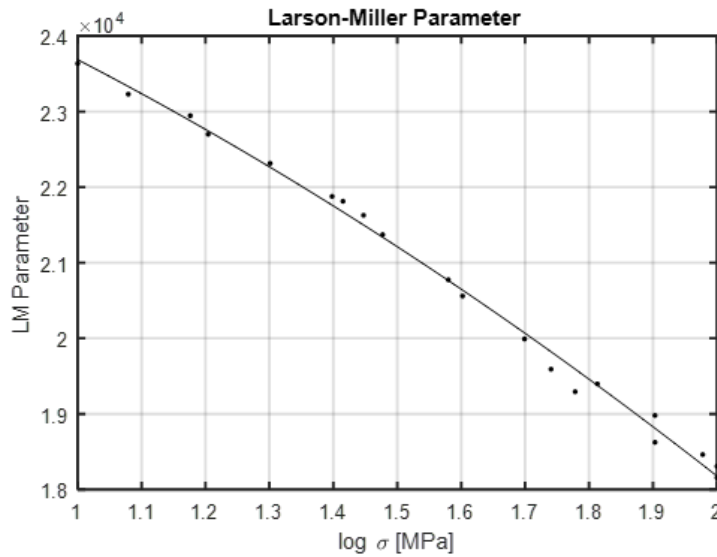


Figure 2.8: LM parameter

Time to rupture is then obtained as second degree polynomial, dependent on stress and temperature

$$\log t_R = -C + \frac{1}{T}(a_0 + a_1 \log \sigma + a_2 \log^2 \sigma), \quad (2.15)$$

where $T[K]$ is temperature and $\sigma[MPa]$ is stress.

Table 2.4: Obtained polynomial coefficients from least square method

C	a_0	a_1	a_2
20	26960,21	-2155,62	-1117,56

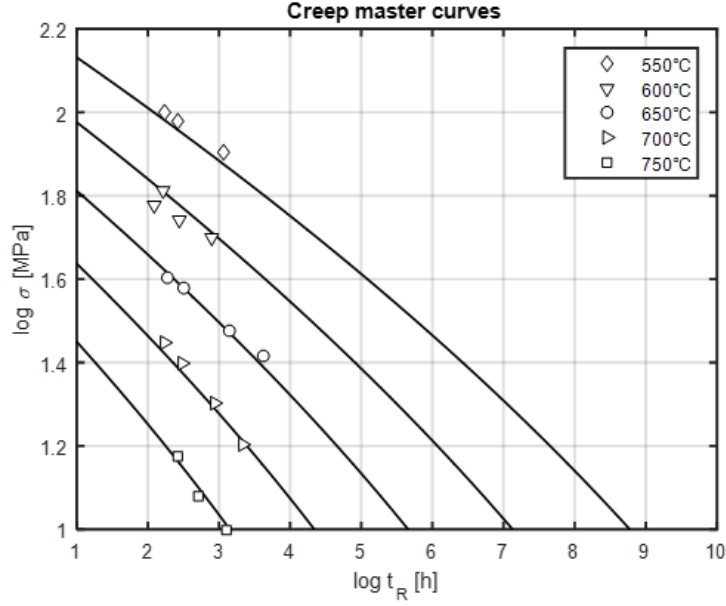


Figure 2.9: Creep Master Curves

Creep can be

- tensile only
- compressive-tensile
- or even compressive healing can occur.

How creep affects life, specifically of SiMo 4.06, needs further more study. To be safe, compressive-tensile creep should be assumed.

2.3 Total damage calculation

Total damage at t_i is defined as

$$D(t_i) = D_f(t_i) + D_c(t_i). \quad (2.16)$$

For better correspondence with reality, damage calculation should be done for first and for second loading cycle corresponding to FEA, as first cycle is more damaging. Second cycle is characterized by stabilization of stress-strain trajectory, $D(t_i)$ also tends to stabilize. Number of cycles to failure is than

$$N_f = \frac{1 - D_1 + D_2}{D_2}$$

or

$$N_f = 1, \text{ if } D_1 > 1.$$

Damage for first and second cycle is defined as

$$\begin{aligned} D_1 &= D_{1f} + D_{1c} \\ D_2 &= D_{2f} + D_{2c} \end{aligned} \quad (2.17)$$

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Further more study needs to be done on how plastic works affects life together with creep.

Chapter 3

Script for material model constants evaluation.

The script serves to evaluate parameters of Chaboche's phenomenological material model of plastic response described in chapter 1.1 with equations 1.1–1.5. It works on the basis of minimization of difference between experimentally determined and calculated *cyclic, stress-plastic strain curves*.

3.1 The function of script

To calculate cyclic stress/strain curves equation 1.7

$$\sigma_a = \sigma_Y + \sum_{k=1}^N \begin{cases} \frac{C_k}{\gamma_k} \tanh(\gamma_k \cdot \varepsilon_{a pl}) & \text{for } \gamma_k > 0 \\ C_k \varepsilon_{a pl} & \text{for } \gamma_k = 0 \end{cases},$$

is used, at which parameters C_k and γ_k are expressed as temperature dependent according to equation 1.8

$$C_k(T), \text{ resp. } \gamma_k(T) = \frac{a_1 - a_2}{1 + \exp \frac{T - a_3}{a_4}} + a_2.$$

The model has N backstresses and the last, $(N+1)^{\text{th}}$ backstress assumes $\gamma_{N+1} = 0$. There are $2 \times 4 \times N + 4$ parameters $\{P_j\}_{j=1}^{2 \times 4 \times N + 4}$. Let us arrange the parameters as algebraic vector

$$\mathbf{P} = [P_1, P_2, \dots, P_{2 \times 4 \times N + 4}]. \quad (3.1)$$

Then we can express

$$C_k(T) = \frac{P_{8 \times (k-1) + 1} - P_{8 \times (k-1) + 2}}{1 + \exp \frac{T - P_{8 \times (k-1) + 3}}{P_{8 \times (k-1) + 4}}} + P_{8 \times (k-1) + 2}, \quad \text{for } k = 1, 2, \dots, N + 1, \quad (3.2)$$

and

$$\gamma_k(T) = \frac{P_{8 \times (k-1) + 5} - P_{8 \times (k-1) + 6}}{1 + \exp \frac{T - P_{8 \times (k-1) + 7}}{P_{8 \times (k-1) + 8}}} + P_{8 \times (k-1) + 6}, \quad \text{for } k = 1, 2, \dots, N. \quad (3.3)$$

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Now, stress amplitude of stabilized cycle under strain-controlled cyclic loading with constant plastic strain amplitude $\varepsilon_{a\,pl}$ (mean value $\varepsilon_m = 0$) at given temperature T_i , can be expressed via substituting equations 3.2, and 3.3 into 1.7 as function of parameters $\{P_j\}_{j=1}^{2 \times 4 \times N + 4}$.

$$\sigma_a = \sigma_a \left(\{P_j\}_{j=1}^{2 \times 4 \times N + 4}, T_i, \varepsilon_{a\,pl} \right). \quad (3.4)$$

We have Q cyclic, stress-plastic strain curves providing us with dependences of measured stress amplitude on controlled strain amplitude at temperature T_i , $i = 1, 2, \dots, Q$, each approximated on the basis of M_i measured stabilized cycles represented as a sequence of points

$$\{[\tilde{\sigma}_{a\,T_i\,j}; \tilde{\varepsilon}_{a\,pl\,j}]\}_{j=1}^{M_i}.$$

Number of measured points at all temperatures, M , is

$$M = \sum_{i=1}^Q M_i,$$

so, we can express M differences between calculated and measured stress amplitude at these points as a residua vector

$$\Delta\sigma_a = [\Delta\sigma_{a\,T_1\,1}, \dots, \Delta\sigma_{a\,T_1\,M_1}, \dots, \Delta\sigma_{a\,T_Q\,1}, \dots, \Delta\sigma_{a\,T_Q\,M_Q}], \quad (3.5)$$

or

$$\Delta\sigma_a = [\Delta\sigma_{a\,1}, \Delta\sigma_{a\,2}, \dots, \Delta\sigma_{a\,M}]. \quad (3.6)$$

It is in evidence, that we can construct function mapping parameters \mathbf{P} onto residua $\Delta\sigma_a$, using measured cyclic, stress-plastic strain curves

$$\Delta\sigma_a = \underbrace{\Delta\sigma_a}_{\text{residua_CDKT}} \left(\underbrace{\mathbf{P}}_{\text{paramsT}}, \underbrace{\left\{ \{[\tilde{\sigma}_{a\,T_i\,j}; \tilde{\varepsilon}_{a\,pl\,j}]\}_{j=1}^{M_i} \right\}_{i=1}^Q}_{\text{T_eap_sigma}}, \underbrace{N}_{\text{nback}}, \underbrace{m}_{\text{TYPE}} \right). \quad (3.7)$$

To search parameters \mathbf{P} we use non-linear least square method *leastsq* implemented in Python module *scipy.optimize*. It uses function taking array of optimized parameters and returning array of residua, and minimizes the sum of quadrats of residua, so,

$$\mathbf{P} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{P}} (\Delta\sigma_a \cdot \Delta\sigma_a) \quad (3.8)$$

3.2 Usage of script

The script is written in language Python, and uses modules *scipy.optimize*, *numpy*, *matplotlib.pyplot*, and *xlswriter*.

3.2.1 Inputs

should be written in pre-scribed places of script denoted as remark with **USER EDITABLE AREA**. First, basic definitions should be done

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```

=====
# USER EDITABLE AREA
# BASIC DEFINITIONS
=====
backStressNo = 3 # Number of backstresses: if backStressNo = i, than we have
# C1, Gamma1, C2, Gamma2, ... Ci, Gammai, C(i+1)
#
MATERIALNAME = 'SiMo CZ'
TASKNAME='CZ_2'
SHEETNAME = 'AA'

```

At this place number of backstresses is set and strings describing material and task. **MATERIALNAME** will appear at plots, **TASKNAME** and **SHEETNAME** constitute names of output figures and excel file with results. Next, measured data input as following structure

```

=====
# USER EDITABLE AREA
# DATA T_eap_sigma
=====
# Data represent N cyclic deformation curves (CDC) measured under N temperatures
#
# [[Temperature1, StrainAmplitudes1, StressAmplitudes1], ...,
# [Temperaturei, StrainAmplitudesi, StressAmplitudesi], ...
# [TemperatureN, StrainAmplitudesN, StressAmplitudesN]]
#
# Temperaturei ... number ... temperature of mesuring i-th CDC
# StrainAmplitudesi array of Mi numbers
# StressAmplitudesi array of Mi numbers
#
# (StrainAmplitudesi[j], StressAmplitudesi[j]) j-th point of i-th CDC
=====
T_eap_sigma = [
[
20.,
[0., 0.000166406, 0.000439653, 0.00057489, 0.000874943, 0.002748034],
[298., 330., 427., 464., 495., 580.]
],
[
400.,
[0., 0.000862059, 0.001140157, 0.002409895, 0.003438169],
[204., 260., 290., 450., 477.]
],
[
550.,
[0., 0.001895626, 0.002417357, 0.004242806, 0.005293459],
[119., 160., 220., 255., 302.]
],
[
650.,
[0., 0.001659135, 0.003624521, 0.006501653, 0.008173044],
[70., 130., 135., 150., 172.]
],
[
750.,
[0., 0.002274266, 0.003562612, 0.004719857, 0.008468261],
[37., 38., 60., 80., 88.]
]
]
=====

```

The last user input is accomodation of $C_k(T)$, resp. $\gamma_k(T)$ form. Provided, Boltzmann form was found as appropriate, but user can change parameters **CENTERT** - temperature of inflexe of the dependence should be somewhere at the center of temperature ranges, **DELTACENTERT** - represents range at which inflexe point does not result into penalty, **DELTAT** - controls the steepnes of dependence. The smaller a_3 , the steeper dependence. So, if $a_3 < \text{DELTAT}$, penalty is generated.

```

=====
# USER EDITABLE AREA
# Function chaboche_par_T of chaboche parameters Ci(T), Gammai(T) temperature
# dependence.
=====
# The dependence is expressed on the base of chaboche_T_npar temperature

```

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```

# independent parameters for each chaboche parameter.
# The function, according to chosen form, may require some external definition.
#
# def chaboche_par_T(Parameters, T):
#     Defines Chaboche parameter Ci, or Gammai as function of temperature T.
#     It depends on parameters in list Parameters (number of parameters must be
#     stored in chaboche_T_npar)
#     The Parameters are variable. It changes outside to fit required response
#     (as CDC or hysteresis loop)
#     There may be external fixed parameters to modify the model, that are defined
#     together with (in front of) function
#     Function returns the value of chaboche parameter Ci, or Gammai (number) for
#     given parameters and temperature T, and penalty (number), that expresses
#     measure of violation of conditions. If penalty equals 1., no modification of
#     target function
#
#     In descriptions P0 = Parameter[0] ... Pi = Parameter[i]
#=====
# BOLTZMANN1
# (P0 - P1)/(1+e^((T - P2)/(P3))) + P1
#
# P2 ... temperature at inflex point
# P3 ... width of transfer interval
# CENTERT ... expected temperature at inflex point
# DELTAT .... expected width of transfer interval
#
# We require decreasing positive function <=> P1 > 0 and P0 > P1
#=====
chaboche_T_npar = 4
CENTERT = 400.
DELTACENTERT = 30.
DELTAT = 30.
#rellim = 0.
#centerlim = 0.1
#klim = 100.

#=====
def chaboche_par_T(Parameters, T):
#=====
    return (Parameters[0]-Parameters[1])/(1.+np.exp((T-Parameters[2])/
    Parameters[3])) + Parameters[1]

#=====
def chaboche_par_pen(Parameters):
#=====
    Penalty = []
    if Parameters[0] > Parameters[1]:
        Penalty.append(0.)
    else:
        Penalty.append(Parameters[1]-Parameters[0])
    if Parameters[1] >= 0.:
        Penalty.append(0.)
    else:
        Penalty.append(-Parameters[1])
    if Parameters[2] < CENTERT-DELTACENTERT:
        parpen = CENTERT-DELTACENTERT-Parameters[2]
    elif Parameters[2] > CENTERT+DELTACENTERT:
        parpen = Parameters[2] - CENTERT-DELTACENTERT
    else:
        parpen = 0.
    Penalty.append(parpen)
    if Parameters[3] < DELTAT:
        Penalty.append(DELTAT-Parameters[3])
    else:
        Penalty.append(0.)
    return Penalty

```

3.2.2 Outputs

is provided in form of pictures with plots of parameters and stabilized cyclic plastic strain-stress curves, or as an excel sheet with plasticity data.

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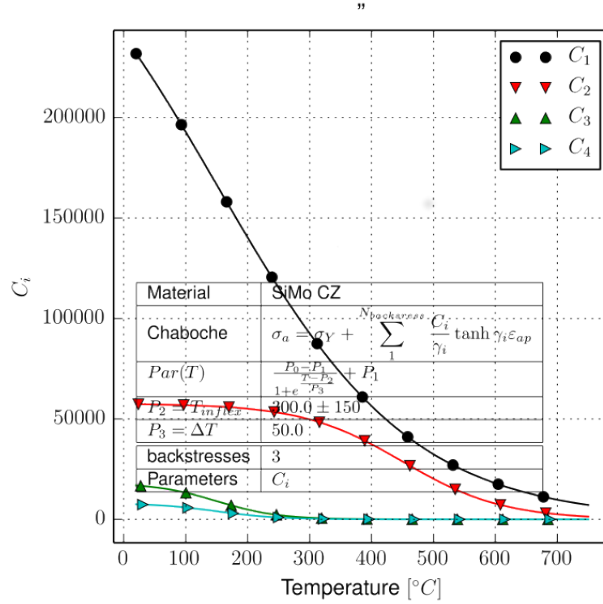


Figure 3.1: Example calibration, parameters $C_k(T)$.

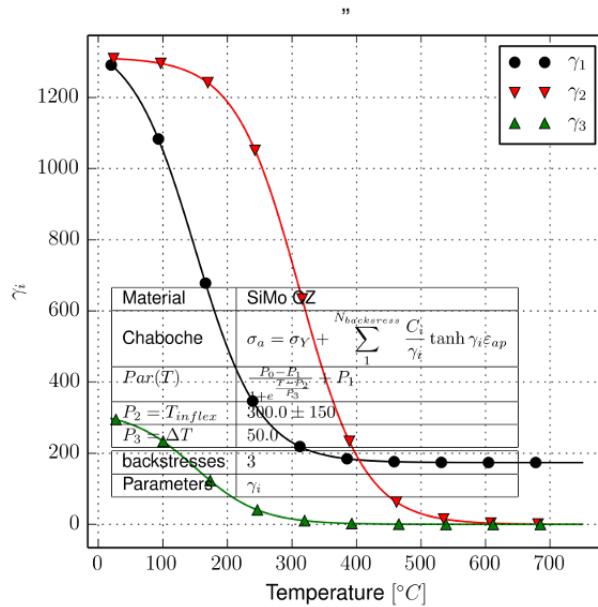


Figure 3.2: Example calibration, parameters $\gamma_k(T)$.

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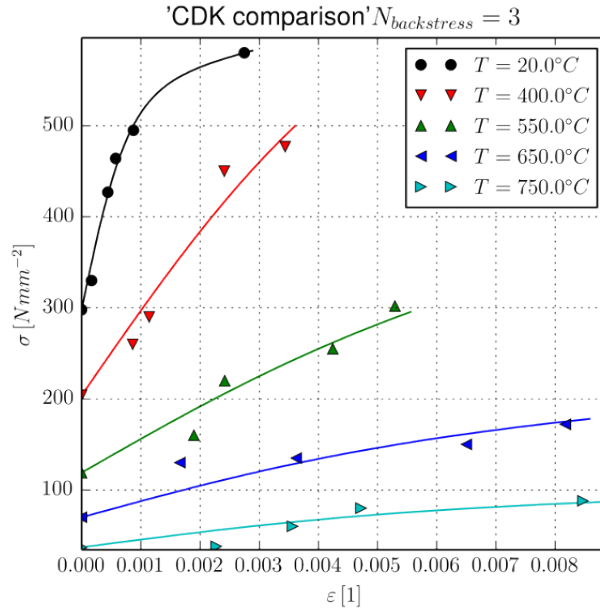


Figure 3.3: Example calibration, resulting cyclic stress-plastic strain curves

Chapter 4

Script for thermo-mechanical fatigue predictions

The script evaluates both low-cycle thermo-mechanical fatigue and creep damage during step representing, typically stabilized, operational cycle (fatigue step) in FEM model under software Abaqus by Dassault Systemes.

The evaluation follows chapter 2, so there is no need of another comments about theory.

4.1 Usage of script

The script is based on Python and Abaqus application interface API. It is dedicated to run on fatigue step containing time history of temperature (in Abaqus output variable TEMP), stress (in abaqus output variable S), and plastic strain (in abaqus output variable PE). The user is responsible for writing these variables into Abaqus output database (odb) in fatigue step, as well as for appropriate computational time sampling within the fatigue step. Fatigue step represents typically, but not necessarily stabilized cycle.

4.1.1 Inputs

User must provide name of file with output database **resultodbname** (without extension), name of fatigue step **fatigue_step_name**, and for purposes of creep, the temperature and time units.

```
#####  
# MKP model  
#####  
resultodbname = 'spec-center-direct-0-CR'  
fatigue_step_name = 'cycle-4'  
# fatigue_domain = ''  
TempQuant = 'C' # C pro teploty ve st. Celsia, K pro teploty v Kelvinech  
TimeQuant = 's' # s pro sekundy, h pro hodiny  
#####
```

Further, material data for LCTMF in form of coefficients k_1 , resp. k_2 given in arrays **k1**, resp. **k2** corresponding with temperatures of single cyclic stress-plastic strain curves, at which fatigue life was determined - **LCF_temperatures**, that

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describe relation between plastic strain amplitude $\varepsilon_{a\,pl}$ and density of energy dissipated per cycle via plastic strain

$$w = k_1 * \varepsilon_{a\,pl}^2 + k_2 * \varepsilon_{a\,pl}$$

It is not in correspondence with equation 2.3, nevertheless quadratic dependence can be calibrated as almost identical, and provides higher performance of script. Parameters c_1 , resp. c_2 given in arrays **c1**, resp. **c2** corresponding with temperatures **LCF_temperatures** corresponds with c_1 , resp. c_2 in equation 2.2.

```
#####
#Material data by experiments
#####
# Low cycle fatigue (LCF)
# Calibration temperatures
LCF_temperatures = [20.,400.,550.,650.,750.]

#Dependence between amplitude of plastic strain and dissipated energy
#
#          k1*e_a_pl^2+k2*e_a_pl=w_dis_merna,

# coefficients k1 and k2 at calibration temperatures
k1=[135913, 98889, 45636, 17829, 14018 ]
k2=[1396.2, 1071.4, 558.02, 389.51, 252.88]

# LCF dependence on dissipated energy
#
#          w_diss_merna=c1*Nfatigue^c2
# konstanty c1 a c2 z unavovych krivek pro jednotlive teploty
c1=[10.1, 31.689, 174.14, 168.75, 186.91]
c2=[-0.406, -0.531, -0.773, -0.788, -0.929]
```

At least, material data for creep in form of creep experimental temperatures array **CRP_temperatures**, elastic limit of material as array **kT** corresponding with **CRP_temperatures**, parameters **a0**, **a1,a2**, and **C** approximating Larson-Miller parameter and providing time to failure under creep. It corresponds with a_0 , a_1 , a_2 , and C in equations 2.2.1, and 2.15. Parameter **TCRP** represents so, called creep temperature.

```
#####
# Creep
# Kalibracni teploty
CRP_temperatures = [550., 600., 650., 700., 750.]
kT = [ 50., 40., 12., 8., 3.]
a0 = 26960.21092
a1 = -2155.615956
a2 = -1117.558112
C = 20.
TCRP=450.
#####
```

Now, the script can be run in Abaqus environment using *run script* command in *file* menu.

4.1.2 Outputs

are the fields of LCTMF damage, creep damage, and total damage per fatigue step as field outputs in session step.

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