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The study takes place in the context of magneto-elastic coupling. A new magnetoelastic energy formulation is proposed at the magnetic domain scale in order to account for the non-linear and non-monotonous effect of stress on magnetization and magnetostriction. The model uses 1st order cubic/isotropic invariants and a transition function taking an equivalent stress as argument.

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1 Introduction

Magnetostriction and Villari effect are two consequences of the magneto-elastic coupling [1]. In some materials such as Fe-3%Si, the mechanical loading has a non-monotonous influence on the magnetic behaviour (fig1). This second-order phenomenon is denoted as the morphic effect [2,3,4].

2 Former simulations and drawbacks

This phenomenon can be modeled by adding a quadratic term to the usual Gibbs magneto-elastic energy density $\Psi^{\mu\sigma}$. This term can be formulated via a constitutive 6th order tensor [3] or via an equivalent polynomial formulation using polynomial invariants [4]. The main drawback of this formulation is that both magnetostriction strain and magnetic behaviour are not bounded with respect to the stress leading to strong divergences at high stress.

3 New first order transitional model

One way to avoid this problem is to use a transition function *f* (eq. 1) in the magnetoelastic free energy density allowing to switch from one linear energy formulation ψ_1 to another ψ'_1 (both functions of local stress σ and magnetization *m*) This reflects a modification of the material constants c_{210} involved in eq. 2 (where ' indicates the deviatoric part of tensors). *f* takes as argument a magneto-elastic equivalent stress σ_{eq} (eq. 3 – M_s: saturation magnetization) [5].

$$\Psi^{\mu\sigma}(\boldsymbol{\sigma}, \boldsymbol{m}) = f(\sigma_{eq}) \cdot \psi_1(\boldsymbol{\sigma}, \boldsymbol{m}) + (1 - f(\sigma_{eq})) \cdot \psi'_1(\boldsymbol{\sigma}, \boldsymbol{m})$$
(1)

 $\psi_1(\boldsymbol{\sigma}, \boldsymbol{m}) = c_{210} \cdot [(\boldsymbol{m} \otimes \boldsymbol{m})': \boldsymbol{\sigma}']$ (2)

$$\sigma_{eq} = 3/(2M_s^2).[(\boldsymbol{m} \otimes \boldsymbol{m})^{\prime}: \boldsymbol{\sigma}^{\prime}]$$
(3)

The new formulation is introduced in a multiscale model. Figure 1 illustrates the way the new model respects the non-monotony of the magnetization, the change of sign of the magnetostriction and its saturation at high stress.



Figure 1 : Comparison between experimental magnetostriction (left) and transition model (right) for magnetization (up) and magnetostriction (down) as function of stress.

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