

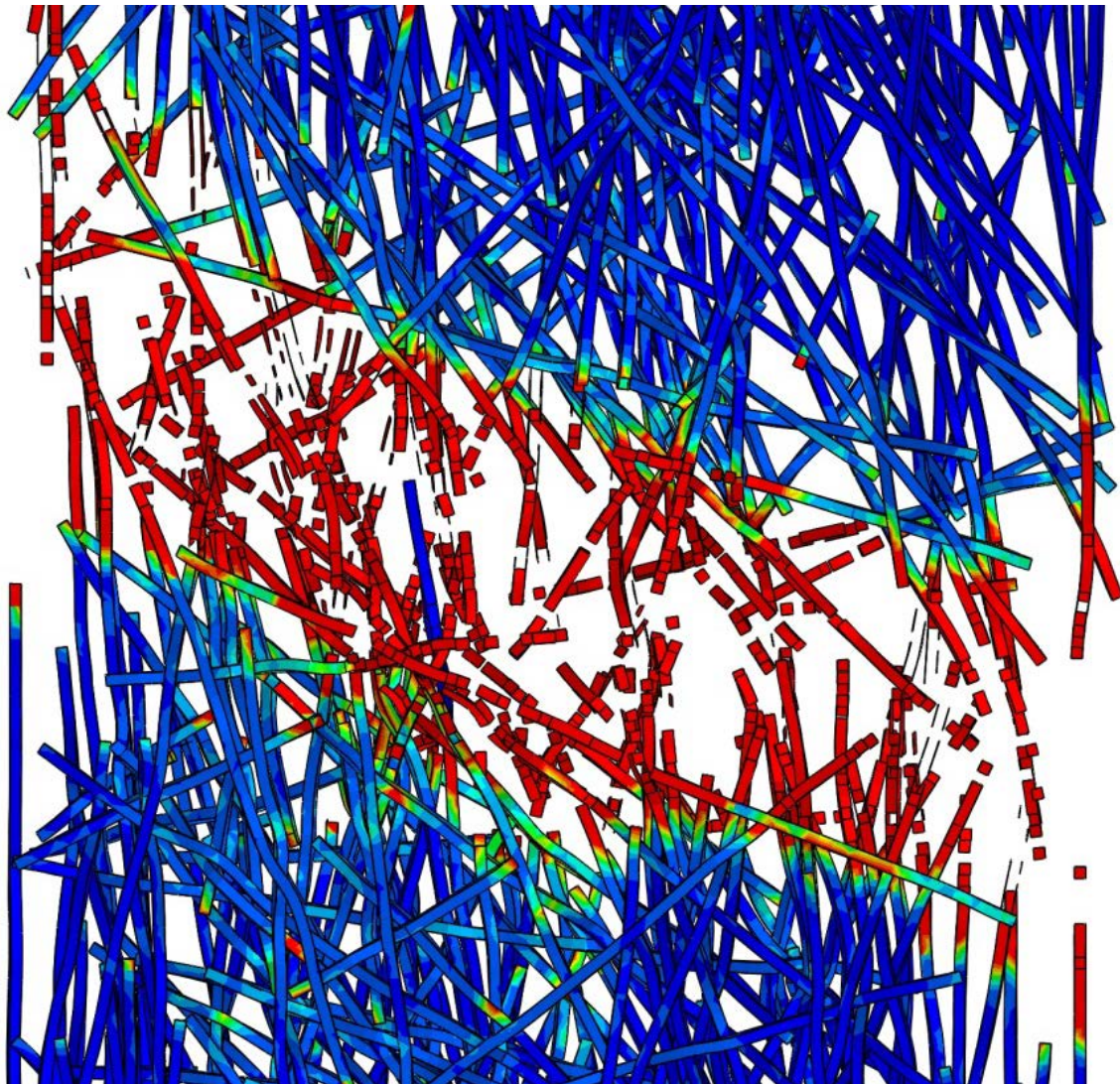
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Multiscale modeling of sintering process of mixture of two-phase powder

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Sintering is a manufacturing process in which loose or weakly bonded metal or ceramic powders are consolidated into a solid compact body by heat treatment which can be combined with mechanical pressure. Macroscopically during sintering, one can observe changes of the bulk material volume (shrinkage) and, associated with this, densification and decrease of porosity. The microstructure during sintering undergoes an evolution characterized by grain rearrangement, increase of grain compaction and formation of cohesive bonds between powder particles which occurs due to mass transport. Surface and grain boundary diffusion are normally dominant mechanisms of mass transport in sintering.

This work presents a three-scale framework for numerical modelling of sintering phenomena of two-phase mixture. The proposed approach bridges simulations performed at the atomistic, microscopic and macroscopic scales. The atomistic modelling has been carried out using the molecular dynamics (MD) to determine the diffusive parameters, which define material behavior during sintering and are used in the microscopic model of sintering. The authors' own original viscoelastic model [1] developed within the framework of the discrete element model have been used for simulation of the powder sintering process at the microscopic level. The macroscopic constitutive model is based on the assumption that the sintered material is a continuous medium. The parameters of the constitutive model are determined by simulation of sintering at the microscopic level. The model has been validated using the results of own experimental studies of pressure-sintering of NiAl/Al₂O₃ powder.

[1] S. Nosewicz, J. Rojek, K. Pietrzak, and M. Chmielewski (2013). Viscoelastic discrete element model of powder sintering, *Powder Technology*, 246, 157–168.

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