Computing polycrystalline aggregates for comparison with field measurements

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Characterization of thin layers and coatings



coating of a galvanized steel sheet EBSD analysis



2D geometry but 3D deformation modes!

Models for polycrystals : Voronoi mosaics



Meshing polycrystals : Voronoi cells



Morphological and crystallographic texture



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Continuum crystal plasticity theory



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Multi-crystalline specimens



[Eberl, 2002]

Comparison with topographical X-ray diffraction measurements



G3-beamline HASYLAB elastic strain tensor field

[Eberl, 2002]





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Boundary conditions for material volume elements

• Kinematic uniform boundary conditions (KUBC) :

$$\underline{\mathbf{u}} = \underline{\mathbf{E}} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{x}} \quad \forall \underline{\mathbf{x}} \in \partial V$$

$$< \varepsilon >= rac{1}{V} \int_V \varepsilon \, dV = \mathbf{E} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{\Sigma} \hat{=} < \mathbf{\sigma} >= rac{1}{V} \int_V \mathbf{\sigma} \, dV$$

• Static uniform boundary conditions (SUBC) :

$$\underline{\sigma}.\underline{\mathbf{n}} = \underline{\mathbf{\Sigma}}.\underline{\mathbf{n}} \quad \forall \underline{\mathbf{x}} \in \partial V$$

$$=rac{1}{V}\int_V arphi \, dV=\mathbf{\Sigma} \quad ext{and} \quad \mathbf{E} \hat{=} =rac{1}{V}\int_V arepsilon \, dV$$

• Periodicity conditions (PERIODIC) :

$$\underline{\mathbf{u}} = \underline{\mathbf{E}}.\underline{\mathbf{x}} + \underline{\mathbf{v}} \quad \forall \underline{\mathbf{x}} \in V, \ \underline{\mathbf{v}} \ periodic$$

RVE for elastic copper crystals

isotropic texture



 $C_{11} = 168400 \text{ MPa}, \quad C_{12} = 121400 \text{ MPa}, \quad C_{44} = 75390 \text{ MPa}$ cubic elasticity $a = 2C_{44}/(C_{11} - C_{12}) = 3.2$

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Elastoplastic deformation of polycrystalline aggregates



Strain heterogeneities in bulk polycrystals

Macroscopic response



Mean response per grain



Local response in one grain



Local response in one grain



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Boundary value problem



Copper (FCC)

- anisotropic elasticity
 - $C_{11} = 159300 \text{ (MPa)}$
 - $C_{12} = 122000 \; (MPa)$
 - $C_{44} = 81000 (MPa)$

anisotropy coefficient a = 4.34

 continuum crystal plasticity [Méric, Gaspérini, Cailletaud 1994]

Range of plastic deformation



Range of plastic deformation



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What is the grain morphology below a given surface ?



given surface grain morphology

Strain heterogenities at a free surface



What is the grain morphology below a given surface





given surface grain morphology

associated FE mesh

What is the grain morphology below a given surface





given surface grain morphology

associated FE mesh



columnar grains



Voronoi polyhedra

Construction of 3D aggregates with prescribed surface morphology



[N'Guyen, 2005]

Construction of 3D aggregates with prescribed surface morphology



von Mises equivalent stress field



Strain heterogenities at a free surface

Comparison between realizations 1 and 2





min:0.5 max:2.5

Strain heterogenities at a free surface
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Surface ensemble averaging

Ensemble average:
$$\overline{\sigma}_{eq}(P) = \frac{1}{17} \sum_{i=1}^{17} \sigma_{eq}^{i}(P)$$



Strain heterogenities at a free surface

Ensemble average field for anisotropic elasticity

 $\bar{\sigma}_{eq}(P)/\bar{\Sigma}_{eq}$



min:0.4 max:3.0

Strain heterogenities at a free surface

Ensemble average and relative variance for anisotropic elasticity

 $\bar{\sigma}_{eq}/\bar{\Sigma}_{22}$

 $D(\sigma_{eq})/\bar{\sigma}_{eq}$



min:0.05 max:0.6

Plastic strain field for a tensile test $E_{22} = 2\%$



Strain heterogenities at a free surface

Ensemble average and relative variance



Ensemble average and relative variance



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RVE for polycrystalline thin films?

The RVE does not exist for a one-grain thick polycrys-talline layer



However 3 to 5 grains within the thickness are sufficient to reach bulk properties... [El Houdaigui, 2004]

periodic or mixed boundary conditions Polycrystalline thin films and coatings

Microstructure of the polycrystalline films

columnar grains

relative grain size d/h = 1



1 realization 225 grains



10 realizations 50 grains [Siska, 2006]

Crystallographic texture and boundary conditions



90% {111} grains 6% {001} grains 4% random grains



free-standing film

or film on a substrate flat interface

[Siska, 2006]

Overal cyclic response of the films



 $E_{22} = \pm 0.5\%$

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Local vs. overall kinematic hardening

Stabilized overall stress-strain loops for models with and without local kinematic hardening (averaged over 10 realizations of 50-grain aggregates)



Mean response per texture component



Polycrystalline thin films and coatings

Cyclic hardening per texture component



cyclic tension–compression $E_{22} = \pm 0.5\%$

Mean stress/strain per grain after 100 cycles



cyclic tension–compression $E_{22} = \pm 0.5\%$

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Plastic strain heterogeneity at the free surface



cyclic tensioncompression $E_{22} = \pm 0.5\%$

film on a substrate (N=1, 100)

free-standing film (N=1, 100)

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Distribution of plastic strain in $\{111\}$ grains



cyclic tension–compression $E_{22} = \pm 0.5\%$

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Plasticity induced roughness at the free surface

deformed state after N = 100 cycles (magnification $\times 50$)



Polycrystalline thin films and coatings

Local roughness maps



$$R_{loc}(x^i, y^i) =$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \frac{U_3(x^i,y^j)-\overline{U_3}(x^i,y^j)}{|\langle \overline{U_3}(x^i,y^i)\rangle|} \\ \xrightarrow{1}{15} \\ \xrightarrow{1$$

free-standing film (N=1, 100)

Evolution of global and local roughness with cycling



global roughness

local roughness along a grain boundary

$$R_{RMS} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (U_3(x^i, y^i) - \overline{U_3}(x^i, y^i))^2}_{R_{loc}}, \qquad R = \frac{R_{RMS}}{|\langle \overline{U_3} \rangle|}$$
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Dislocation density tensor





 a) circuit de Burgers autour d'une surface élémentaire de cristal traversée de lignes de dislocations

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 $\xi \otimes$

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(b) densité scalaire de dislocations définie comme la longueur de lignes de dislocations dans un volume donné

Nye's relation (1953)

$$\underline{\alpha} = \underline{K}^{T} - (\operatorname{trace} \underline{K}) \underline{1}$$

lattice curvature tensor

$$\mathbf{K} = \underline{\phi} \otimes \mathbf{\nabla}$$

lattice curvature due to edge dislocations lattice torsion due to screw dislocations



b

Cosserat crystal plasticity model

$${}^{\sharp}\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{R}^{T} \cdot \mathbf{F}, \quad {}^{\sharp}\mathbf{K} = \mathbf{R}^{T} \cdot \mathbf{K}$$

multiplicative/additive decomposition
$${}^{\sharp}\mathbf{F} = {}^{\sharp}\mathbf{F}^{e, \sharp}\mathbf{F}^{p}, \quad {}^{\sharp}\mathbf{K} = {}^{\sharp}\mathbf{K}^{e, \sharp}\mathbf{F}^{p} + {}^{\sharp}\mathbf{K}^{p}$$

$${}^{\sharp}\mathbf{F}^{e, \sharp}\mathbf{F}^{p, -1} = \sum_{s=1}^{n} \dot{\gamma}^{s \sharp}\mathbf{P}^{s}$$

$${}^{\sharp}\mathbf{K}^{p, \sharp}\mathbf{F}^{p-1} = \sum_{s=1}^{n} \left(\frac{\dot{\theta}_{\perp}^{s}}{l_{\perp}}\mathbf{Q}^{s} \perp + \frac{\dot{\theta}_{\odot}^{s}}{l_{\odot}}\mathbf{Q}^{s} \odot\right)$$

$${}^{\sharp}\mathbf{P}^{s} = {}^{\sharp}\mathbf{m}^{s} \otimes {}^{\sharp}\mathbf{n}^{s}$$

$${}^{\sharp}\mathbf{Q} \perp = {}^{\sharp}\mathbf{\xi} \otimes {}^{\sharp}\mathbf{m}, {}^{\sharp}\mathbf{Q} \odot = \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{1} - {}^{\sharp}\mathbf{m} \otimes {}^{\sharp}\mathbf{m}$$

hardening law
$$r^{s} = r_{0} + q \sum_{s=1}^{n} h^{sr}(1 - \exp(-bv^{r})) + \mathbf{R}(|\theta^{s}|), \quad r_{c}^{s} = r_{c0}$$

Continuum modelling of size effects in polycrystals

r=1

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Grain size effects in polycrystals




Lattice curvature in a ferritic steel



Microplasticity: plastic strain



150 μ m

 $10 \mu m$

Microplasticity: lattice rotation



Microplasticity: lattice curvature



 $150 \mu m$

 $10 \mu m$

Microplasticity : local stresses





Open problems

- Experimental needs:
 - ★ systematic 3D "EBSD" measurements
 - ★ systematic 3D elastic strain tensor components measurements
 - ★ measuring 3D total strain components?
- Computational improvements:
 - $\star\,$ larger volume element size and finer meshes
 - statistical orientation distribution models taking grain neighbour misorientations into account
 - realistic size-dependent constitutive models, possibly based on generalized continuum models (strain gradient plasticity or Cosserat...)
 - ★ links with DDD simulations to account for slip line or PSB formation
 - tinks with DDD and atomistics and TEM for a better description of dislocation grain boundary interaction
 - * incorporate other mechanisms like twinning