High Throughput Computational Framework of Materials Properties for Extreme Environments

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Outline

- Predictive crystal plasticity modeling of Ni single crystal based on first-principles calculations
- Density functional theory informed dislocation density hardening within crystal plasticity: Application to Ni polycrystals
- First-principles calculations of ideal shear strength for Ni-X-Z dilute multicomponent alloys

Overview of high throughput computational framework for materials properties under extreme environments



Mechanical Behavior from First Principles

Physically-meaningful crystal plasticity parameters \rightarrow predictive framework for deformation



First-Principles Calculations for Crystal Plasticity

- Elastic constants

- Ideal shear stress:

- Alias shear one layer involved
- One lattice parameter fixed, all else relaxed
- Needs a conversion to dislocation-mediated critical resolved shear stress



Joós-Duesbery Peierls-Nabarro model:

$$\tau_{\rm P} = \frac{Kb}{a} \exp\left(\frac{-2\pi Kb}{4\pi d\tau_{\rm IS}}\right)$$

 τ_{IS} : Ideal shear strength from DFTbased calculations (a function of prestrains)

K: anisotropic elastic factor, which depends on dislocation character a, d: lattice periodicity length respectively within slip plane, between slip places

Describing Hardening at Finite Strain

Need to account for short range effects on dislocation motion – increased screw dislocation density within junctions with increase of strain

- Flow stress from $K^{edge} \rightarrow \tau_{\rm P}^{edge}$ (low)
- Flow stress from $K^{screw} \rightarrow \tau_{\rm P}^{screw}$ (high)



Large strains (edge, screw, junction behavior): τ

 $\tau_{c}^{\alpha} = (1 - w\gamma^{\beta})\tau_{P}^{edge} + w\gamma^{\beta}\tau_{P}^{screw}$

w - Weighting factor (0.33, calibrated with macroscale experimental data from Yao et al.)



Experimental Comparison: Ni

- With accurate $\tau_0 \& h_0$, can calibrate τ_s
 - Based on Yao data (as is *w*) at one orientation
- Use these parameters to predict large strain response of new orientations:





Haasen, *Philos. Mag. 1958*, 328, 384–418. Yao et al., *J. Nucl. Mater. 2003*, 323:2–3, 388– 393.

Extension to Alloys: Binary Ni-X (Ni₁₁X)

22 **Ti**

40 **Zr**

72

Hf

- Alias shear deformation to Ni-X (Ni₁₁X) solution
- 26 alloying elements
- Use alloying element **descriptors** to examine the variations of ideal shear strength





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Ni₁₁X Correlational Study

Index	Regression Relief Algorithm	Coefficient of Determination	Maximal Information Coefficient	Backward Wrapper: SVM	Forward Wrapper: SVM
1	Volume	Volume	Volume	Electronic conductivity	Volume
2	Electron Density	Electronegativi ty	Electronegati vity	Volume	Debye Temperature
3	Mendeleev Number	Electron Density	Debye Temperature	No. F Valence Filled	G
4	Covalent Radius	Covalent Radius	E	Debye Temperature	Electronic Conductivity
5	Standard Entropy	Debye Temperature	G	Heat Capacity	No. F Valence Unfilled
6	Electronegati vity	Pauling Electronegativi ty	Mendeleev Number	Electron Density	E
7	Pseudopoten tial Radius: s- shell	Mendeleev Number	Covalent Radius	Covalent Radius	Electronegati vity
8	Pseudopoten tial Radius: p-shell	G	Electron Density	No. Valence Filled	Heat of Sublimation
9	Electron Range	E	No. D Valence Unfilled	No. P Valence Filled	В
10	Debye Temperature	No. Valence Unfilled	Group	Mass	Boiling Temperature

- 26 Ni-based binary alloys, 45 atomic features
- Shown are five measures of association between pure atomic physical features and calculated ideal shear strength
- Several features in common:
 - Volume
 - Debye Temperature
 - Covalent radius
 - Electron density
 - Electronegativity
- Unexpected is the low importance of elastic constants

Ternary Ni-X-Z (Ni₃₄XZ) Ideal Shear Stress



Deviation from fit above indicates nonlinear effects not captured in equation below:

$$\tau_{id}^{linear}(Ni_{34}XZ) = 0.5 * \tau_{id}(Ni_{34}X_2) + 0.5 * \tau_{id}(Ni_{34}Z_2)$$

Ti

Si



Alias shear deformation

Ni₃₄XZ Correlational Study

Index	Ftest	Regression Relief Algorithm	Coefficient of Determination	Maximal Information Coefficient
1	Volume	Volume	Volume	Volume
2	B_DFT	Van der Waals atomic radius	G/B_DFT	B_DFT
3	G/B_DFT	Boiling Temperature	Cohesive energy	Cohesive energy
4	Heat of Fusion	The third ionization potential	B_DFT	G/B_DFT
5	Cohesive energy	Elastic constant C12_DFT	Vaporization heat	Heat of Sublimation
6	Mass	Heat of Sublimation	Elastic constant C44_DFT	Poisson ratio
7	Heat of Sublimation	Cohesive energy	Heat of Sublimation	Mass
8	Number of valence electron	The first ionization potential	Poisson ratio	Heat of Fusion
9	Van der Waals atomic radius	Elastic constant C13_DFT	Number of valence electron	Square root of B/G
10	Vaporization heat	Heat of Fusion	Square root of B/G	Vaporization heat



- 45 Ni-based ternary alloys, 80 physical features
- Several features in common:
 - Volume (agree with Ni-X study)
 - Ratio between shear modulus and bulk modulus
 - Cohesive energy
 - Bulk modulus
 - Vaporization heat

Extension of PAN-CPFEM to Polycrystals



SFE, mJ/m²

Crystal plasticity fast Fourier transform (CPFFT)

CPFFT explicitly models the microstructure, individual grains, slip systems and their interactions to capture the micromechanical anisotropy of polycrystals





Supercomputer with computing nodes of GPU and CPU

GPU plus CPU per computing node

Original dislocation density (DD) hardening



Rate of dislocation debris

 Γ_{USEE} : unstable stacking fault energy

 Γ_{ISFE} : intristic stacking fault energy

 $H_{V_{\alpha}}^{F}$: vacancy formation energy

 H_{Va}^{F}

 $q = \frac{16\mu b_{\mu}^{3}}{16\mu b_{\mu}^{3}}$

g, *q*

DFT-Informed CPFFT



Polycrystalline deformation

Simulation of flow response in polycrystalline Ni as a function of grain size



Correlating calibrated DD parameters with grain size



Identification of micromechanical hotspots

- Full-field CPFFT model offers quantification of micromechanical fields
- Provide insights into micromechanical micro-crack incubation zones
- Assist with microstructure sensitive design for performance optimization



Correlation of microstructural descriptors with full-field hotspots



Microstructural descriptors



Local misorientation and m' at grain boundary (GB) m' indicates the slip transmissibility at GBs



Grain Morphology



(c) equiaxed grains with contrast in size.

(d) mix of equiaxed and elongated

(a) equiaxed(b) elongated

(e) mix of equiaxed and elongated with contrast in size and shape.

Estimating microstructural feature importance on stress hotspots using machine learning: Random forest and SHapley Additive explanation (SHAP)



Hotspots in Ni microstructure after uniaxial deformation to 2.5% strain **Feature importance**

Summary

Electrons Atoms y Phases Process

CALPHAD

Multiscale approach from electron, atoms, to phase, and applications

High-throughput calculations and modeling for efficient data generation

Molecular Dynamics

- DFT-based first-principles calculations of thermodynamic/mechanical properties
- Machine learning models to predict and analyze properties
- CALPHAD modeling to develop the databases

Density Functional Theory

- Python-based open-source codes: SIPFENN, DFTTK, PyCalphad and ESPEI
- A combined DFT/CP approach to study tensile stress-stain behaviors
 - Crystal plasticity finite element method (CPFEM) for single crystals with a phenomenological hardening law (PAN)
 - Ideal shear strength of alloys, Ni₁₁X and Ni₃₄XZ, by DFT calculations and machine learning models
 - DFT-informed hardening model based on dislocation densities, efficiently implemented through FFT for larger scale polycrystal calculations

Applications

K-fold cross-validation (KCV)

Cross-validation is a statistical technique used to evaluate the suitability of a model type. Errors for models tested on each fold are averaged and compared across models.

