

# Crystal plasticity treated as quasi-static material flow through adjustable crystal lattice

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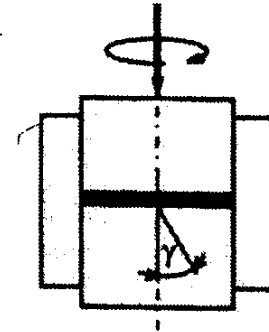
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- Flow model of crystal plasticity
- Example: high pressure torsion

## Motivation

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high pressure torsion

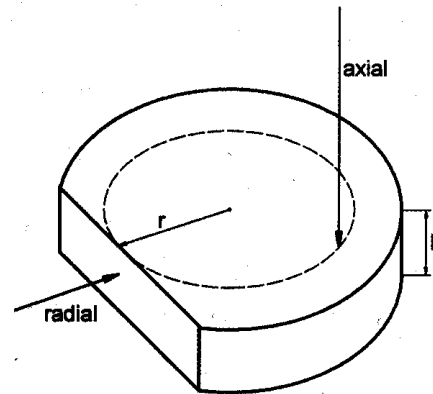


- After an initial adjustment to a tool, specimens twisted under high axial compression do not change their shape and they **withstand unlimited amount of plastic deformation**
- An initial non-steady material flow (up to strain  $>\sim 20$ ) is followed by a **steady flow (saturation)** where no further work hardening and structural changes are observed
- The observations excluded grain boundary sliding as the main mechanism in explored HPT; the deformation was achieved by **intergranular glide**
- Strain can be defined approximately as **simple shear**

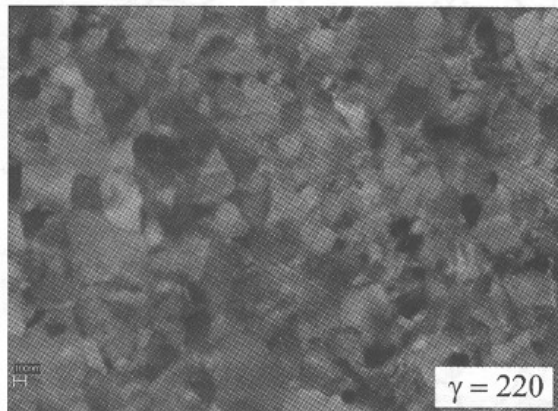
Austrian school: Habesberger, Pippan, Schafler, Stüve, Vorhauer, Wetscher, Zehetbauer

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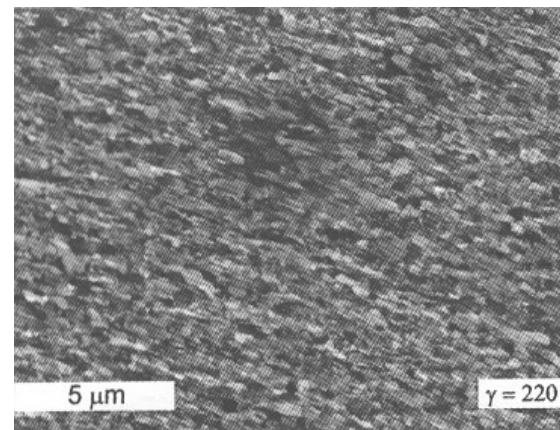
- preferred alignment of structural elements in radial direction inclined with respect to the torsion axis the alignment is changing with reverse of twist no alignment is observed in axial direction



HPT copper: Hebesberger et al.: *Acta Mat.* (2004)



axial viewpoint



radial viewpoint

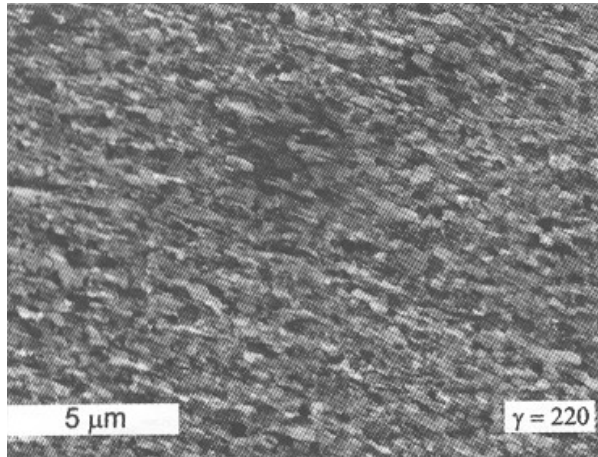
## Motivation

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Motivated by severe plastic deformation experiments it seems that crystalline materials at yield behave as a special kind of incompressible, anisotropic, highly viscous fluids.

**Crystal plasticity can be interpreted as:**

**material flow through adjustable crystal lattice space  
analogously as a riverbed adjusts to a water flow.**



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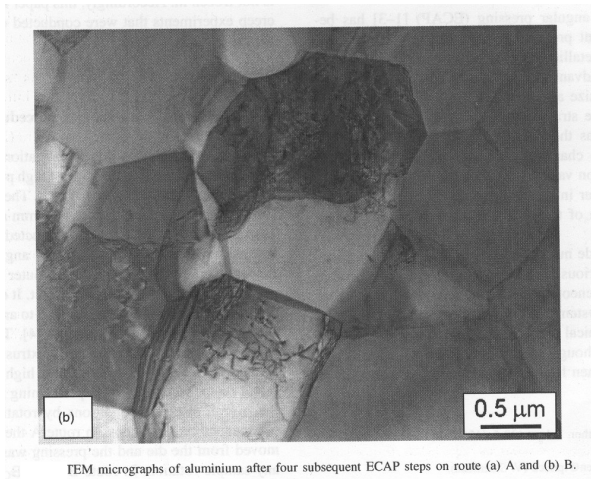


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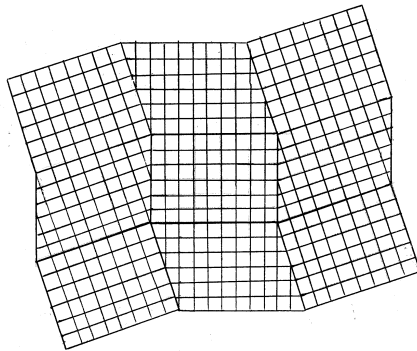
The material flow through the crystal lattice has been regarded by Asaro as crystal plasticity "basic tenet" *Advances in Applied Mechanics*, 1983.

# Flow model of crystal plasticity

**misoriented cells (subgrains):**



**scheme of corresponding lattice space:**



crystal plasticity framework:  
rate dependent (rigid-viscous-plastic)

*principal variables of the model:*

$\vec{v}(\vec{x}, t)$  velocity  
 $\nu^{(i)}(\vec{x}, t)$  slip rates  
 $R(\vec{x}, t)$  rotation of lattice  
 $T(\vec{x}, t)$  stress  
 $\tau_Y^{(i)}(\vec{x}, t)$  yield stresses  
 $i = 1, 2, \dots, I$

*governing equations:*

kinematics:

- flow rule
- GND density

dynamics:

- stress equilibrium
- dissipation inequality

constitutive relations:

- yield condition
- hardening law

# Flow model of crystal plasticity

## Kinematics

~~$$F = F^e F^p$$~~

- flow rule:

$$L = \nabla v = \overset{\text{rate of lattice adjustment}}{\dot{R}R^T} + \sum_{i=1}^I \overset{\text{material flow}}{\nu^{(i)} s^{(i)} \otimes m^{(i)}}$$

$$s^{(i)} = R s_0^{(i)}, m^{(i)} = R m_0^{(i)}$$

material stretching:

$$D = (\nabla v + \nabla v^T)/2 = \sum_{i=1}^I \nu^{(i)} (s^{(i)} \otimes m^{(i)} + m^{(i)} \otimes s^{(i)})/2$$

evolution of lattice adjustment:

$$\dot{R} = [(\nabla v - \nabla v^T)/2 - \sum_{i=1}^I \nu^{(i)} (s^{(i)} \otimes m^{(i)} - m^{(i)} \otimes s^{(i)})/2] R$$

- GND density:  
seen in micrographs

$$\Lambda = [\text{curl } R^T] R^T$$

## Flow model of crystal plasticity

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### *Dynamics*

- stress equilibrium:  $\operatorname{div} \mathbf{T} = 0$
- resolved shear stress:  $\tau^{(i)} = \mathbf{s}^{(i)} \cdot \mathbf{T} \mathbf{m}^{(i)}$
- dissipation inequality:  $\mathbf{T} \cdot \mathbf{D} = \sum_{i=1}^I \tau^{(i)} \nu^{(i)} \geq 0$

# Flow model of crystal plasticity

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## Constitutive relations

- yield condition: 
$$\nu^{(i)} = \left| \frac{\tau^{(i)}}{\tau_y^{(i)}} \right|^{1/r} \text{sign } \tau^{(i)}$$

- hardening law:

$$\dot{\tau}_y^{(i)} = \sum_{j=1}^I H_{ij} |\nu^{(j)}| + \sum_{j=1}^I K_{ij} (\mathbf{s}^{(i)} \cdot \nabla)(\mathbf{s}^{(j)} \cdot \nabla) \nu^{(j)}$$

local hardening

non-local hardening

(close range dislocation interaction)

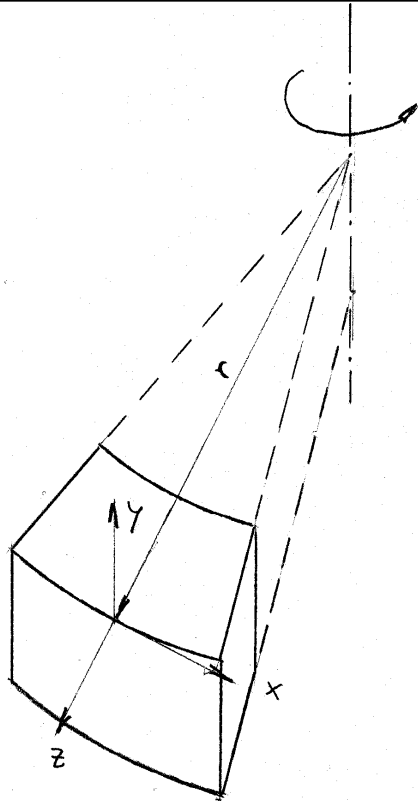
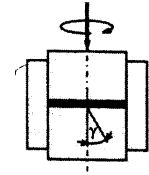
Grama et al *Acta Materialia* 2003,

Kratochvil et al *Physical Review* 2007

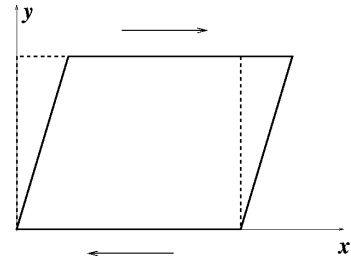
- Boundary conditions:*
- periodic
  - surface layer



# Example: high pressure torsion



radial direction ~ simple shear



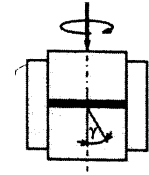
$$\gamma = \frac{r\theta}{h}$$

axial direction ~ plastic strain gradient

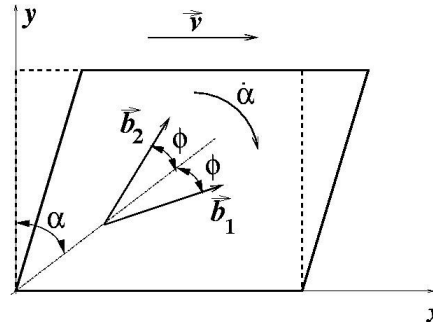
$$\nabla\gamma = \frac{\theta}{h} = b\rho_G, \quad \rho_G = \frac{\gamma}{rb}$$

$$\rho_G = 10^{13} - 10^{14} \text{ m}^{-2}$$

# Example: high pressure torsion



double slip rigid-plastic model



$v$  velocity field  
 $\alpha$  lattice rotation  
 $\kappa^{(1)}, \kappa^{(2)}$  slip rates

$$\nabla v = \overset{\text{rate of lattice rotation}}{\dot{R}R^{-1}} + \sum_{i=1}^2 \overset{\text{material flow}}{\kappa^{(i)} s^{(i)}} \otimes m^{(i)}$$

in components:

$$\kappa^{(1)} = -\frac{2 \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial x} \cos 2(\alpha - \phi) - \left( \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial x} \right) \sin 2(\alpha - \phi)}{\sin 4\phi}$$

$$\kappa^{(2)} = \frac{-2 \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial x} \cos 2(\alpha + \phi) + \left( \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial x} \right) \sin 2(\alpha + \phi)}{\sin 4\phi}$$

$$\dot{\alpha} = -\frac{\frac{\partial v_x}{\partial x} \sin 2\alpha + \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial y} \cos(\alpha + \phi) \cos(\alpha - \phi) - \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial x} \sin(\alpha + \phi) \sin(\alpha - \phi)}{\cos 2\phi}$$

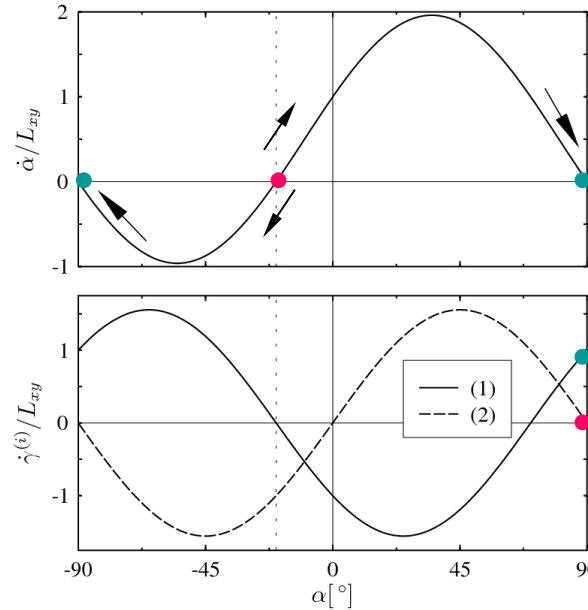
# 1. rotation of slip systems: homogeneous solution

Kratochvíl, Kružík and Sedláček: *Acta Materialia* (2009)

rate of rotation

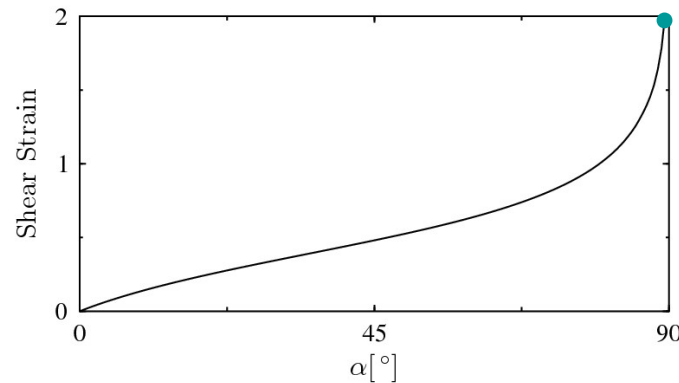
$$L_{xy} = \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial y}$$

double slip activity



← steady state single slip

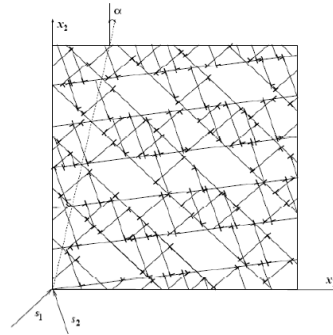
steady state single slip  
is reached asymptotically  
(saturation)



**! homogenous states are unstable !**

## 2. fragmentation = spontaneous structuralization

formation and reconstruction of structural elements (subgrains)



Kratochvíl, Kružík and Sedláček: Rev.Adv.Mater.Sci. (2010)

Scheme of misoriented fragmented structural elements.



fragmentation of crystal or polycrystalline grains into a pattern of structural elements (misoriented cells) is a result of a trend to reduce energetically costly multislip.

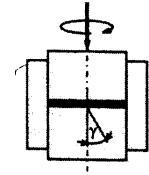


orientation of the pattern follows the orientation of the slip systems



rotation of the slip systems causes a permanent subgrains reconstruction

## Example: high pressure torsion



cell size:

$$R = \frac{4|\tilde{h}|}{\delta h} \approx \frac{2G}{\pi(1-\nu)} \frac{D}{\delta \rho h}$$

Kratochvíl, Kružík and Sedláček: *Phys. Rev. B* (2007)

shear modulus  $G$   
hardening  $h$   
dislocation density in boundaries  $\rho = 10^6 \text{ m}^{-2}$   
width of non-equilibrium boundaries  $\delta = 10 \text{ nm}$

$$G/h = 100$$



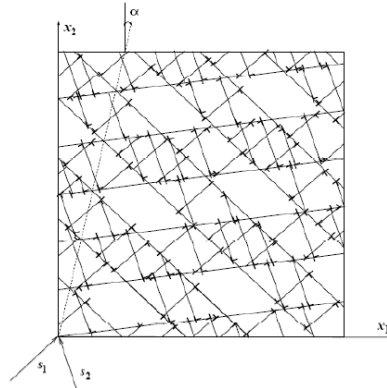
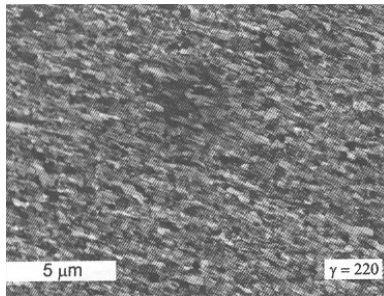
$$R \sim 1 \mu\text{m}$$

# Summary: interpretation of HPT observations

Kratochvíl, Kružík and Sedláček: *Acta Materialia* (2009), *Rev. Adv. Mater. Sci.* (2010)

**key assumption:** *glide is carried by a double slip along rotating slip systems*

**modeling:** material flow through adjustable crystal lattice



| observations                               | model |
|--|-------|
| preferred alignment                        | ✓     |
| structural misorientation<br>"3D meanders" | ✓     |
| saturation                                 | ✓     |
| size                                       | ?     |