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Statistical study of polycrystal plasticity using experimental and simulation data

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Background on crystal plasticity

- Why: Quest to improve knowledge in life duration, damage, manufacturing processes
- Material Science Paradigm : Establish Process-Structure-Properties (PSP) relationships
- **Scope for plasticity** : Microstructure scale
- Mechanisms investigated :
 - Intra-granular slip systems activation
 - Inter-granular plasticity propagation
 - Influence and evolution of dislocations
 - Lattice curvature evolution

Long term vision :

- Derive physics based behavior laws
- Relate them to macroscopic material properties
- Adapt material design based on environment, properties requirements

DAXM: Differential Apperture Xray Microscopy In-situ = Measure of deformations during the test = adding temporal dimension SEM: Scanning Electron Microscope





Dislocations concentration DAXM microscopy (Guo et al., 2020)





Background on crystal plasticity History & state of the art

- > 1950: Theoretical framework (Hill, 1950) (Mandel, 1972) (Germain, 1983)
- > 1970s: Characterization : non destructive 2D, destructive 3D





Background on crystal plasticity



- ~2000: New era of non destructive volumic techniques : 3DXRD (Poulsen)
- > 2010: DCT at ESRF (Ludwig et al., 2009) (Reischig et al., 2013)
- > 2010: DCT compatible in-situ stress rigs (Xlab) development at CDM
- 2014 : ESRF : in-situ DCT + TT (Guéninchault, 2017)



In-situ = 4D = Measure of deformations during the test = adding temporal dimension TT: Topotomography



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Problems vs Opportunities

- **Problem**: Complexity of mechanical mechanisms at mesoscopic scale (~10³ grains)
 - \rightarrow Current approaches limited to derive realistic models in realistic time frame.

- Opportunities:
 - Machine learning applied to mechanics :
 - Extract physics based statistical data
 - Derive microstructural behavior laws
 - TT results (Guéninchault, 2017)
 - CDM expertise: characterization, simulation
 - Deployment of DCT technique at SOLEIL



SOLEIL : Synchrotron at Plateau de Saclay (Paris Area)





Objectives & Methodology - Overview





3DXRD : 3D Xray Diffraction CPFEM : Crystal Plasticity Finite Element Modeling DIC : Digital Image Correlation DFXM : Dark Field X-ray Microscopy EBSD : Electron Back Scattering Diffraction FFT : Fast Fourier Transform PCT : Phase Contrast Tomography SEM: Scanning Electron Microscope

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Methodology – Experimental data Synchrotron campaign - Preparation





- Material :
 - Titanium phase-α (T40)
 - Hexagonal lattice
 - Transus 913°C
 - Raw material : sheet 1.6mm thick
 - Manufacturer : TIMET
 - Initial average grain size : 15μm

• Heat Treatment :

- Target grain size : 60μm
- AET oven
- Oven T°C mapping & calibration (855°C)
- Cycle : Duration screening, 855°C, argon (10 L/min)
- Representative sheet treated : 30x35mm
- Micrographies :
 - Main face + Through thickness cut
 - Pre-polishing (respectivly electrolytic, mechanical)
 - Chemical etching (Kroll)
 - Cross validation with EBSD
- Outcome :
 - Cycles selected : 17h (+1 backup 24h cycle)
 - Actual average grain size : ~50µm



Micrographies Bright Light, Polarized, x200, 17h: (a) Main face, (b) Through thickness cut





EBSD : (c) Initial grain size ~ 15μm, (d) after heat treatment (855°C, 17h, 24h) ~ 50μm

Methodology – Experimental data Synchrotron campaign - Preparation

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- 28 dog-bone samples (7 samples/sheet) by EDM machining
- Preparation of reference scans (SEM-mapping + EBSD): Pre-polishing $1200 \rightarrow 4000$ grit abrasive $\rightarrow 12h$ OPS $\rightarrow 8 \mu$ -indents Vickers (virtual extenso)
- Opposite face + edges: 1200 grit abrasive by hand



Methodology – Experimental data

Synchrotron campaign

- SOLEIL PSICHE line : 4-9 March 2020
- Scale of interest : Slip systems
- 5 samples scanned ~ 2 To data
- 4D DCT in-situ by steps 2.85µm resolution, 1h/scan

Sample	Approx section	# DCT 1 scan scans height		# load Steps	Total height scanned	
ET11_2_	850x850µm	7	400µm	3	1000µm	

• 3D DCT – 2.85µm resolution, 1h/scan

Sample	Approx section	# DCT scans	1 scan height	# load Steps	Total height scanned
ET8_6_	800x800µm	3	200µm	NA	560µm
ET11_3_	800x800µm	9	120µm	NA	920µm

• 4D DCT in-situ by steps – 1.3µm resolution, 2h/scan

Sample	Approx section	# DCT scans	1 scan height	# load Steps	Total height scanned
ET11_4_	600x600µm	12	~285µm*	2	~700µm (твс)
ET11_5_	600x600µm	8	~400µm*	3	750µm





VIDEO : Sample on Bulky stress rig with DCT setup, Near Field



- Extra data: 3DXRD (Far Field), Absorption tomography, PCT
- Extra samples tested : Ti7Al, HEA (for VTT)

CMOS : Complementary Metal Oxide Semiconductor HEA : High Entropy Alloy PCT : Phase Contrast Tomography XRD: X-ray Diffraction VTT : Teknologian tutkimuskeskus University (Finland) *Height adapted depending on load step



Methodology – Experimental data

Bulky in-situ test rig

- Existing rig (developed by CDM) with design improvements :
 - New anchoring system compatible with DCT experiment
 - Specific integration on PSICHE line
- User friendly + valid load range for current experiment
- Calibration before campaign : Load cell (500 lbs) + conditioner









Methodology – Experimental data Synchrotron campaign







1 projection/3600 on detector 2.85µm. sample ET11_3_ Beam height 120µm. → 1 scan = 1800 grains



1 projection/3600 on detector $1.3\mu m$. sample ET11_4_. Beam height 285µm. → 1 scan = 2100 grains

Methodology – Image reconstruction





SIRT: Simultaneous Iterative Reconstruction Technique

Methodology – Image reconstruction

Pushing the limits of DCT reconstruction algorithm:

- 3D DCT

Sample	Approx section	# DCT scans	1 scan height	# load Steps	#grains /scan	Total height scanned	Total # grains estimate
ET8_6_	800x800µm	3	200µm	NA	4000	560µm	~8,000 grains
ET11_3_	800x800µm	9	120µm	NA	1800	920µm	~10,000 grains

4D DCT

Sample	Approx section	Load step	#scans /step	1 scan height	#grains /scan	Total height scanned	Total # grains estimate
ET11_4_ (600x600µm	0	3	285µm	2100	~700µm (твс)	~5,000 grains
		1	3	260µm*	on-going		on-going
		2	6	200µm	on-going	1080µm	on-going

Sub-volumes merging:

 First sub-volumes merged (from previous ESRF campaign on Ti7Al)

*Average



XY slice of PSICHE reconstructed DCT sub-volume ET11_3_dct_0_z4_





Methodology – Experimental data



Multimodal dataset construction strategy



Methodology – Experimental data Multimodal dataset construction strategy

- Short term :
 - 3DXRD (Far Field)
 - 3D LabDCT™
 - EBSD
 - SEM mapping
 - Optical DIC (virtual extenso)
 - In-situ SEM
- Long term :
 - SEM DIC (20 nm)
 - PSICHE 2
 - DFXM (100 nm)



motor elongation gage drive shaft



load cell specimen specimen clamp (Kammers et Daly 2013)





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Zeiss Xradia Versa X-ray Microscope with LabDCT





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Methodology – Simulation data





- Simulate directly with digital twin
- FEA (Zset):
 - New approach : Morphological meshing (N'Guyen, 2014) on test volume fromprevious DCT campaign (Ti7Al - 105 grains)
 - Improvement on-going (coarsening)
 - Anisotropic elasticity → Plasticity

- **FFT** (Amitex) :
 - No need for meshing
 - Anisotropic elasticity → Plasticity



Conclusion

• First milestones achieved :

- Data statistically representative for study of polycrystalline plasticity : 10⁴ grains/sample
- First 3D volumes reconstructed (digital twins)

• Current focus:

- Merge sub-volumes of PSICHE data
- Perform first simulations on test volume
- Build **data plateform** (Aldo MARANO)

• Future work :

- Perform simulations on PSICHE samples
- Complete multimodal dataset
- Implement Machine learning to help us understanding key plasticity mechanisms





PCT ptical DIG

SEM in-situ SEM DIC







THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION. ANY QUESTIONS ?



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