



# A model for polycrystalline shape-memory alloys derived from microscopically motivated assumptions

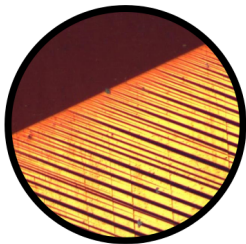
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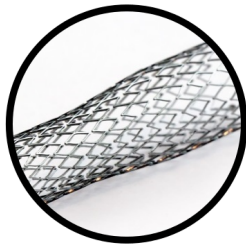
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# Views on shape-memory alloys

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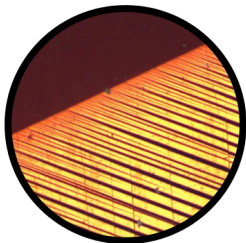


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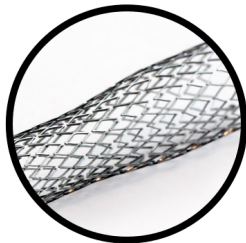


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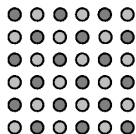
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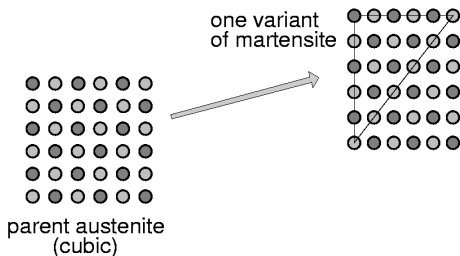


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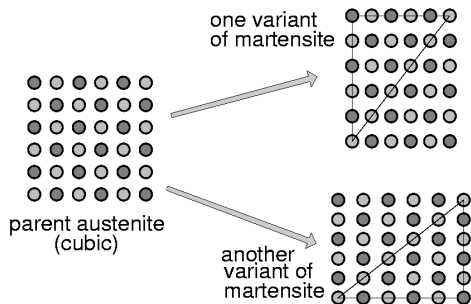
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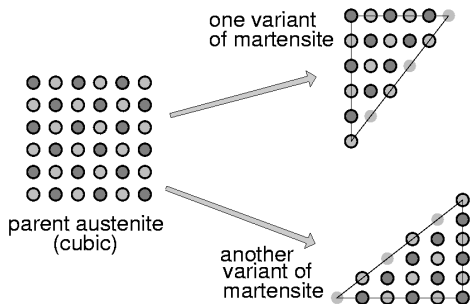
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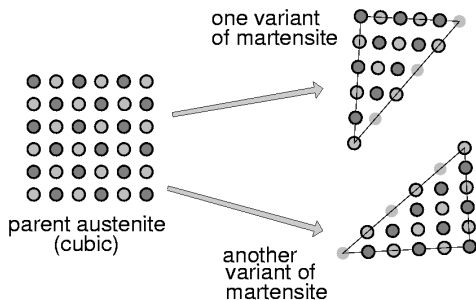
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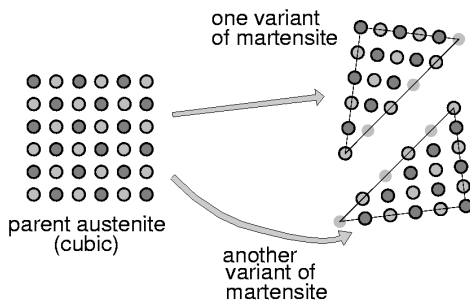




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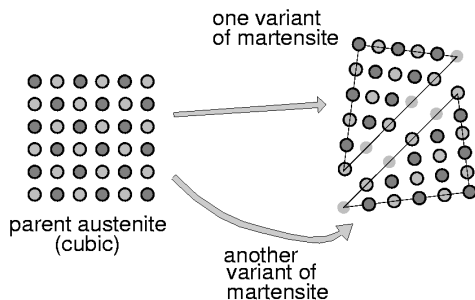
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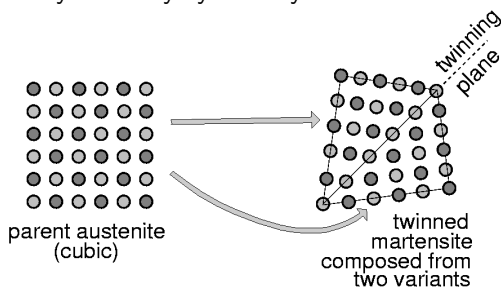
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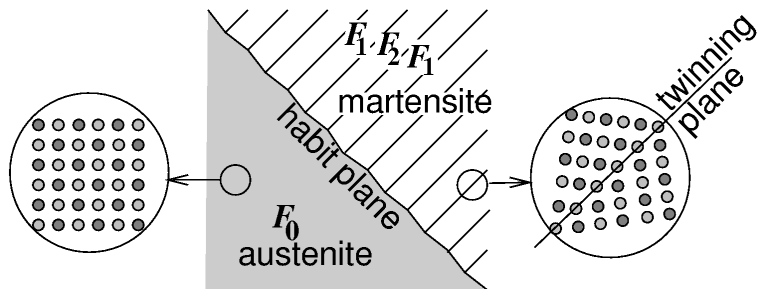
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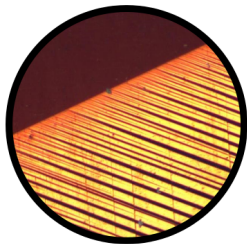
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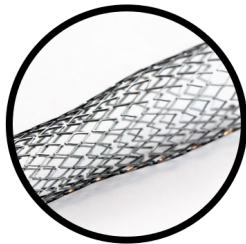


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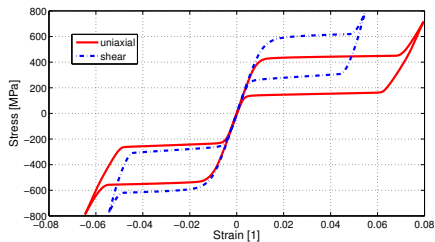


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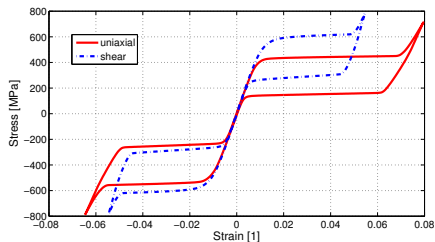
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⇒ see Petr Sedlák's talk for more experimental data

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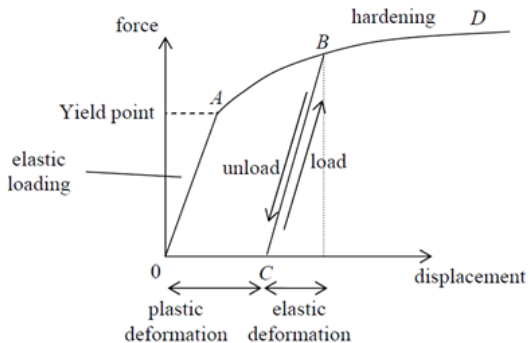
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The region of elasticity is of a high dimension (tensor as inner variable)



maybe a different (“scalar”) modelling approach?

# Generalized standard materials (GSM)

- ▶ The constitutive properties of the material are encoded in two **scalar** potentials:

$$\phi(\varepsilon, \xi, \varepsilon^{\text{tr}}) \quad \text{energy}$$

$$d(\varepsilon, \xi, \varepsilon^{\text{tr}}, \dot{\xi}, \dot{\varepsilon}^{\text{tr}}) \quad \text{dissipation potential}$$

- ▶ The **generalized thermodynamic forces** are given by

$$A \in \partial_{\dot{\xi}, \dot{\varepsilon}^{\text{tr}}} d(\varepsilon, \xi, \varepsilon^{\text{tr}}, \dot{\xi}, \dot{\varepsilon}^{\text{tr}})$$

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- ▶ If the dissipation distance is derived from a potential, we have that

$$d(\alpha, \dot{\alpha}) = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{\epsilon} \delta(\alpha, \alpha + \epsilon \dot{\alpha})$$

*(but otherwise the “reverse” relation is unclear)*

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- ▶  $\delta$  is convex in the second variable
- ▶ it fulfills the **triangle inequality**

$$\delta(\alpha_A, \alpha_B) \leq \delta(\alpha_A, \alpha_C) + \delta(\alpha_C, \alpha_B)$$

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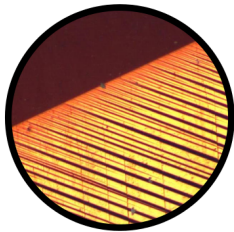
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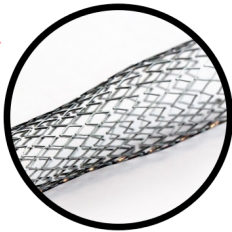
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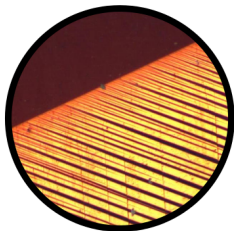
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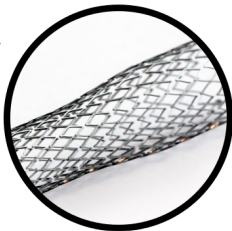
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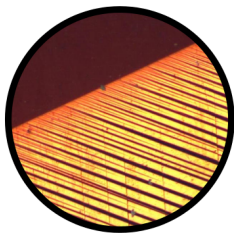
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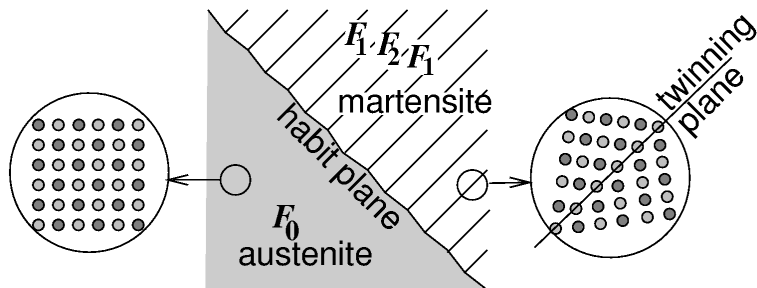
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What we have in mind....



.... when an austenite-martensite interface is formed, the martensite has to form twins/microstructure at the interface for compatibility.

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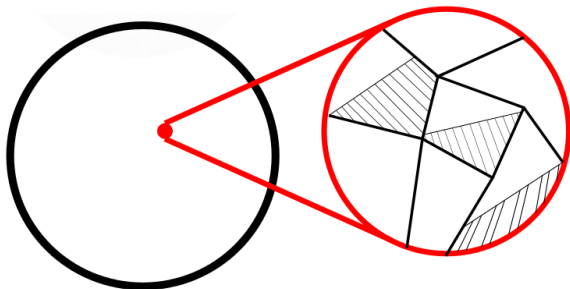
- ▶ Even for monoclinic SMAs (like NiTi) no twinned structure actually has zero-net strain.



*How can we actually interpret this assumption?*

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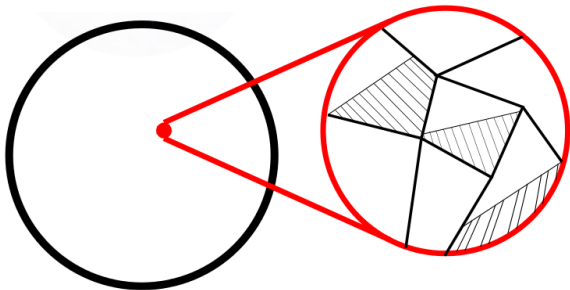
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*However, there is no rigorous proof that the average has to be of zero-net strain*

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## Looking just from the dissipation point of view...

- ▶ The assumption is that there is no dissipation connected to reorientation when transforming from austenite to TFM (and back)
- ▶ in the simplified case of phenomenological modelling this is achieved by the zero-net strain assumption
- ▶  $\rightsquigarrow$  also other phenomenological models assume that the twinned structure is of zero-net inelastic strain

[Lexcellent et al; 2006], [Popov, Lagoudas; 2007]



## On the microscopic level...

The best argument is of course that the derived model compares well to experiment



*see Petr Sedlák's talk!*

# Implications on the dissipation distance

- ▶ We can split the dissipation distance into a **transformation part** and a **reorientation part**:

$$\delta = \delta^{\text{tr}} + \delta^{\text{reo}}.$$



*Notice: Here this split is a consequence of formation of TFM*

[Zaki, Moumni;2009], [Chemisky et al.; 2011]

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$\rightsquigarrow$  this gives the following form of the dissipation distance:

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*Nevertheless, also other settings would be compatible with the TFM idea...*

## Summing up

Altogether, we have the following energy and dissipation distance in **one material point**:

$$\begin{aligned}\phi(T, \varepsilon, \varepsilon^{\text{in}}, \xi, \eta) &= \frac{1}{2} K \text{tr}(\varepsilon)^2 + G(\xi, \eta) \|\text{dev}(\varepsilon) - \varepsilon^{\text{in}}\|^2 \\ &+ \Delta s^{AM} (T - T_0) \xi \\ &+ u_0^A - s_0^A T + c^A \left[ (T - T_0) - T \ln \left( \frac{T}{T_0} \right) \right], \\ \delta(T, \varepsilon_A^{\text{in}}, \xi_A, \varepsilon_B^{\text{in}}, \xi_B) &= \begin{cases} c(\xi_A, \xi_B) |\xi_B - \xi_A| + \sigma^{\text{reo}} \|\varepsilon_B^{\text{in}} - \varepsilon_A^{\text{in}}\| & \text{if } \xi_B \geq \xi_A, \\ c(\xi_A, \xi_B) |\xi_B - \xi_A| + \sigma^{\text{reo}} \left[ \left\| \frac{\xi_B}{\xi_A} \varepsilon_A^{\text{in}} - \varepsilon_A^{\text{in}} \right\| \right. \\ \left. + \left\| \varepsilon_B^{\text{in}} - \frac{\xi_B}{\xi_A} \varepsilon_A^{\text{in}} \right\| \right] & \text{if } \xi_B < \xi_A. \end{cases}\end{aligned}$$

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Notice that the proposed dissipation distance

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- ▶ is non-negative (and zero if no change of state occurs)
- ▶ is convex in the  $B$ -variables
- ▶ satisfies the **triangle inequality**

# Global formulation

The derived energy and dissipation distance hold for *one material point*. For the whole specimen ( $\Omega$ ) we have to integrate (here  $u$  is the underlying deformation and  $\alpha := (\varepsilon^{\text{in}}, \xi)$  are the dissipative variables):

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{E}(t, u, \alpha) := & \int_{\Omega} \phi(t, \varepsilon(u), \alpha) + \underbrace{\nu \|\nabla \alpha(t)\|^2}_{\text{regularization term}} - \underbrace{F_{\text{vol}}(t) \cdot u}_{\text{volume force}} dx \\ & - \int_{\Gamma_N} \underbrace{F_{\text{surf}} \cdot u}_{\text{surface force}}(t) dS, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{D}(t, \alpha, \tilde{\alpha}) &:= \mathcal{D}^{\text{tr}}(t, \alpha, \tilde{\alpha}) + \mathcal{D}^{\text{reo}}(t, \alpha, \tilde{\alpha}) \\ &= \int_{\Omega} \delta^{\text{tr}}(t, \alpha, \tilde{\alpha}) dx + \int_{\Omega} \delta^{\text{reo}}(t, \alpha, \tilde{\alpha}) dx. \end{aligned}$$

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*the triple  $(\mathcal{Q}, \mathcal{E}, \mathcal{D})$  defines the rate-independent system under consideration*

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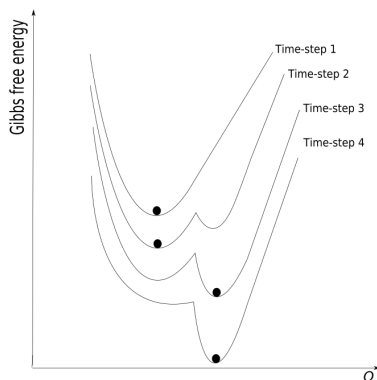
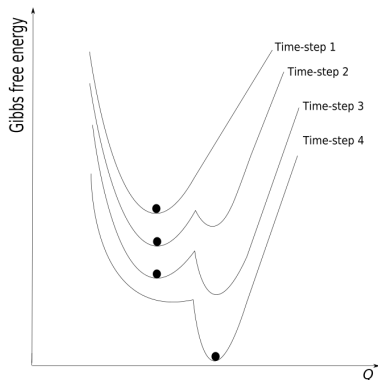
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*this helps to identify whether the found minimum would not have been optimal already in the last time-step.*

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# Convergence

- ▶ Based on the a-priori estimates we choose convergent sub-sequences for  $\tau \rightarrow 0$
- ▶ The convergence is pointwise for every time-step
- ▶ Here we additionally have to cope with the fact that the dissipation distance depends on time (through temperature)

# Obtained result

## Theorem (MF, BB, PS, '14)

Let  $\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{D}$  be defined by as above, let the prescribed forces be “sufficiently smooth” and let initial conditions  $(u_0, \alpha_0, \eta_0) \in \mathcal{Q}$  satisfy the stability condition. Then there exists an energetic solution of the rate-independent system  $(\mathcal{Q}, \mathcal{E}, \mathcal{D})$ , that is

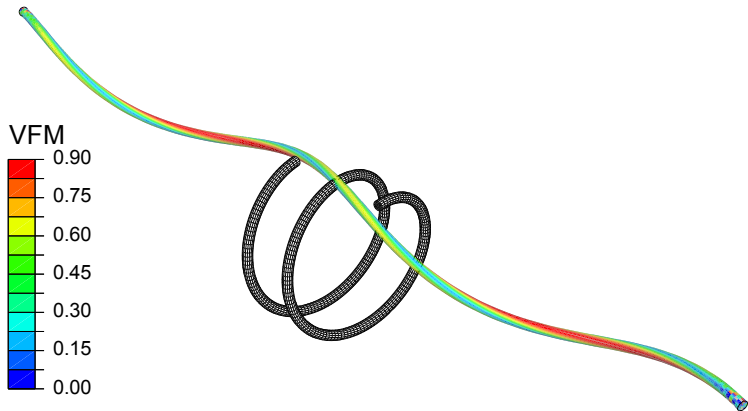
- ▶ **Stability condition:** (for all  $(\tilde{u}, \tilde{\alpha}, \tilde{\eta}) \in \mathcal{Q}$ )

$$\mathcal{E}(t, u(t), \alpha(t)) \leq \mathcal{E}(t, \tilde{u}, \tilde{\alpha}) + \mathcal{D}(t, \alpha(t), \tilde{\alpha})$$

- ▶ **Energy balance:**

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathcal{E}(t, u(t), \alpha(t)) + \text{Diss}_{\mathcal{D}}(\alpha, [0, \mathcal{T}]) \\ & = \mathcal{E}(0, u(0), \alpha(0)) + \int_0^{\mathcal{T}} \partial_t \mathcal{E}(s, u(s)) ds. \end{aligned}$$

# A numerical calculation



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