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

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![Diagram of an atomic grid with high symmetry]
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See Petr Sedlák’s talk for more experimental data.
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The inelastic material properties are described by the inner variable and the main constitutive quantity for their modelling is the “shape” of the region of elasticity
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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^{tr}) \quad \text{energy}
  
  d(\varepsilon, \xi, \varepsilon^{tr}, \dot{\xi}, \dot{\varepsilon}^{tr}) \quad \text{dissipation potential}
  \]

- The generalized thermodynamic forces are given by
  \[
  A \in \partial_{\dot{\xi}, \dot{\varepsilon}^{tr}} d(\varepsilon, \xi, \varepsilon^{tr}, \dot{\xi}, \dot{\varepsilon}^{tr})
  \]

- To ensure thermodynamicical consistency (second law of thermodynamics) the dissipation potential is convex and zero for zero rates
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We will restrict our modelling only to rate-independent processes in shape-memory alloys
From dissipation potential to a dissipation distance

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

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

(but otherwise the “reverse” relation is unclear)
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- \(\delta(\cdot, \cdot) \geq 0\)
- \(\delta\) 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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for all admissible states of the system \(\alpha_A, \alpha_B, \alpha_C\).
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In our modelling, we will see the dissipation distance as the dissipation between two states within a small time increment.
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*We will try to take this into account for the dissipation distance*
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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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this is an oversimplification!
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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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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
- \(\leadsto\) 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 Sedláčk’s talk!
Implications on the dissipation distance

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

\[ \delta = \delta^{\text{tr}} + \delta^{\text{reo}}. \]

\[ \downarrow \]

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

[Zaki, Moumni;2009], [Chemisky et al.; 2011]
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\[ \Rightarrow \] for thermodynamical consistency (triangle inequality) the form of \( c(\xi_A, \xi_B) \) is not arbitrary
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\[ \text{this already allows us to deduce the dissipation when no phase transition is occurring....} \]
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We adopt the assumption that the inelastic strain does not change during the austenite-to-martensite transition

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

$$\delta^{\text{reo}}(\varepsilon_{\text{in}}^A, \xi_A, T_B, \varepsilon_{\text{in}}^B, \xi_B) = \sigma^{\text{reo}}(T_B) \| \varepsilon_{\text{in}}^B - \varepsilon_{\text{in}}^A \|.$$

$\sigma^{\text{reo}}(T_B)$ is the proportionality factor
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With this assumptions we arrive at

\[ \delta^{\text{reo}}(\varepsilon_{\text{in}}^{\text{in}}, \xi_{A}, T_B, \varepsilon_{\text{in}}^{\text{in}}, \xi_{B}) = \sigma^{\text{reo}}(T_B) \left\| \frac{\xi_{A} - \xi_{B}}{\xi_{A}} \varepsilon_{\text{in}}^{\text{in}} - 0 \right\| \]

\( \text{trf. to TFM} \)

\[ + \sigma^{\text{reo}}(T_B) \left\| \varepsilon_{\text{in}}^{\text{in}} - \frac{\xi_{B}}{\xi_{A}} \varepsilon_{\text{in}}^{\text{in}} \right\| \]

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...or rewriting as

\[
\delta^{reo}(\varepsilon_A^{in}, \xi_A, T_B, \varepsilon_B^{in}, \xi_B) = \sigma^{reo}(T_B) \left[ \left\| \frac{\xi_B}{\xi_A} \varepsilon_A^{in} - \varepsilon_A^{in} \right\| + \left\| \varepsilon_B^{in} - \frac{\xi_B}{\xi_A} \varepsilon_A^{in} \right\| \right]
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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:

\[
\phi(T, \varepsilon, \varepsilon^{in}, \xi, \eta) = \frac{1}{2}K \text{tr}(\varepsilon)^2 + G(\xi, \eta)\|\text{dev}(\varepsilon) - \varepsilon^{in}\|^2
+ \Delta s^{AM}(T - T_0)\xi
+ u_0^A - s_0^A T + c^A \left[ (T - T_0) - T \ln \left( \frac{T}{T_0} \right) \right],
\]

\[
\delta(T, \varepsilon_A^{in}, \xi_A, \varepsilon_B^{in}, \xi_B) = \begin{cases} 
    c(\xi_A, \xi_B)|\xi_B - \xi_A| + \sigma^{\text{reo}}\|\varepsilon_B^{in} - \varepsilon_A^{in}\| & \text{if } \xi_B \geq \xi_A, \\
    c(\xi_A, \xi_B)|\xi_B - \xi_A| + \sigma^{\text{reo}} \left[ \|\frac{\xi_B}{\xi_A} \varepsilon_A^{in} - \varepsilon_A^{in}\| + \|\varepsilon_B^{in} - \xi_B\xi_A^{-1} \varepsilon_A^{in}\| \right] & \text{if } \xi_B < \xi_A.
\end{cases}
\]
Thermodynamical consistency

Notice that the proposed dissipation distance

\[
\delta(T, \xi_A, \varepsilon_A, \xi_B, \varepsilon_B) = \begin{cases} 
    c(\xi_A, \xi_b)|\xi_B - \xi_A| + \sigma^{\text{reo}}||\varepsilon^\text{in}_B - \varepsilon^\text{in}_A|| & \text{if } \xi_B \geq \xi_A, \\
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\end{cases}
\]

- 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 $\alpha := (\varepsilon^{in}, \xi)$ are the dissipative variables):

$$
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$$

$$
- \int_{\Gamma_N} F_{\text{surf}} \cdot u \, (t) dS,
$$

$$
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the triple \((Q, \mathcal{E}, \mathcal{D})\) defines the rate-independent system under consideration
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In other words, as soon as a process is admissible from the thermodynamic point of view, it will happen immediately.
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For the proof, we highlight just some steps...
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at every time-step we minimize the energy + dissipation from the last step
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This will converge to a critical point (and due to convexity) a minimizer.

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Advantages of the split:

1. The elasticity problem (for \(u\)) can be solved by standard packages in FEM

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Convergence

- Based on the a-priori estimates we choose convergent sub-sequences for $\tau \to 0$
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A numerical calculation

![Graph with VFM values ranging from 0.00 to 0.90]

Thank you for your attention!