



*Current state of the statistical physics-based continuum theory of dislocations  
what is next*

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## Outline

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- Large deformation
- Kinematical considerations
- Dipole approximations
- Deriving velocity laws
- Generalization to multiple slip
- Stochastic extension
- Summary



## Large elastic deformation: Lagrangian description

The state is described by the function  $\vec{x}(\vec{X})$

Applying functional derivation

$$-\delta W = E[\tilde{x}(\vec{X}) + \delta\tilde{x}(\vec{X})] - E[\tilde{x}] = - \int \tilde{f}(\tilde{x}(\vec{X}))\delta\tilde{x}(\vec{X})d^3\vec{X} = - \int \frac{\delta E}{\delta x_i} \delta\tilde{x}(\vec{X})d^3\vec{X} = 0$$

With the notations:

$$F_{ij} = \frac{\partial x_i}{\partial X_j}, \quad \epsilon_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \tilde{F}_{ik}F_{kj} - \delta_{ij} \right)$$

The energy is a functional of  $\epsilon_{ij}$ , so

$$\frac{\delta E}{\delta x_i} = -\partial_j \frac{\delta E}{\delta F_{ij}} = -\partial_j \left( \frac{\delta E}{\delta \epsilon_{kl}} \frac{d\epsilon_{kl}}{dF_{ij}} \right) = -\partial_j \left( \frac{\delta E}{\delta \epsilon_{kj}} F_{ik} \right) = -\partial_j \left( F_{ik} \sigma_{kj}^{2PK} \right) = 0$$



$$F_{ij} = F_{im}^e F_{mj}^P$$

The energy depends on only the elastic deformation

$$\epsilon_{ij}^e = \frac{1}{2} \left( F_{mo} F_{oi}^{-P} F_{mp} F_{pj}^{-P} - \delta_{ij} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \tilde{F}_{io}^{-P} C_{op} F_{pj}^{-P} - \delta_{ij} \right)$$

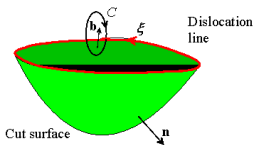
From this

$$-\frac{\delta E}{\delta x_i} = \partial_j \frac{\delta E}{\delta F_{ij}} = \partial_j \left[ \frac{\delta E}{\delta \epsilon_{kl}^e} \frac{d\epsilon_{kl}^e}{dF_{ij}} \right] = \partial_j \left[ F_{ip} F_{pk}^{-P} \sigma_{kl}^{2PK} F_{lj}^{-P} \right] = \partial_j \left[ F_{ip} \sigma_{pj}^{2PK*} \right] = 0$$

Functional derivative with respect to  $F_{ij}^{-P}$

$$E(F_{ij}^{-P} + \delta F_{ij}^{-P}) - E(F_{ij}^{-P}) = \frac{\delta E}{\delta F_{ij}^{-P}} \delta F_{ij}^{-P} = \frac{\delta E}{\delta \epsilon_{kl}^e} \frac{d\epsilon_{kl}^e}{dF_{ij}^{-P}} \delta F_{ij}^{-P} = \tilde{F}_{ip} F_{pl}^e \sigma_{lj}^{2PK} \delta F_{ij}^{-P}$$

# Individual dislocation



$$F_{ij}^P = \delta_{ij} + b_i n_j \delta(\zeta) = \delta_{ij} + \beta_{ij}^P$$

What is  $F_{ij}^{-P}$ ?

What is the inverse of something containing a Dirac delta?

$$1 + b\delta(x) \approx 1 + \frac{1}{s\sqrt{\pi}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{s^2 b^2}}$$

so

$$(1 + b\delta(x))^{-1} \approx 1 - b\delta(x)$$

# Individual dislocation

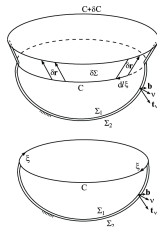
$$F_{ij}^{-P} = \delta_{ij} - b_i n_j \delta(\zeta) = \delta_{ij} - \beta_{ij}^P$$

Effective stress

$$\sigma_{ji}^{\text{eff}} = \tilde{F}_{ip} F_{pl}^e \sigma_{lj}^{2PK}$$

Peach Köhler force?

$$\vec{F}_{PK} = (\hat{\sigma}_{\text{eff}} \vec{b}) \times \vec{l}$$





Loop can be given as  $\vec{r}(s)$  but

$$\vec{r}(s) = \vec{r}(s_0) + \frac{d\vec{r}}{ds}(s - s_0) + \frac{1}{2} \frac{d^2\vec{r}}{ds^2}(s - s_0)^2 + \dots$$

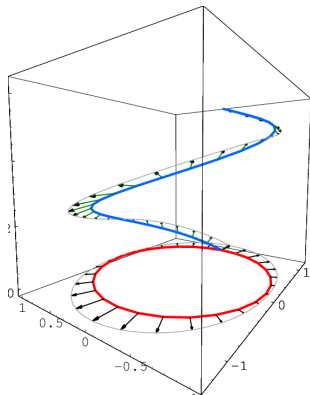
Probability of the “state” of the dislocation system

$$p(\vec{r}, \varphi, k, \dots x_i \dots)$$

Variable we work with

$$\rho'(\vec{r}, \varphi) = \langle \rho \rangle = \int p(\vec{r}, \varphi, k, \dots x_i \dots) dk \dots dx_i \dots$$

$$k(\vec{r}, \varphi) = \int k p(\vec{r}, \varphi, k, \dots x_i \dots) dk \dots dx_i \dots$$



Variables  $\rho'(\vec{r}, \varphi)$ ,  $\mathbf{q}'(\vec{r}, \varphi) = \rho' \mathbf{k}$  and  $v(\vec{r}, \varphi)$



## Evolution of the loops

Quantities:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{L} &= (\cos \varphi, \sin \varphi, k) = (\tilde{\mathbf{l}}, k) \\ \boldsymbol{\alpha}' &= \rho'(\mathbf{r}, \varphi) \mathbf{L}(\mathbf{r}, \varphi) \otimes \mathbf{b} \\ \mathbf{V}(\tilde{\mathbf{r}}, \varphi) &= (v \sin \varphi, -v \cos \varphi, -\hat{\mathbf{L}}(v)) \\ \hat{\mathbf{L}} &= \cos \varphi \partial_x + \sin \varphi \partial_y + k \partial_\varphi\end{aligned}$$

Lie derivative (3D)

$$\begin{aligned}\partial_t \vec{A} &= \nabla \times (\vec{v} \times \vec{A}) = \mathcal{L}_v A \\ &\quad \partial_n (v_n A_l - v_l A_n)\end{aligned}$$

Evolution of the generalized dislocation density tensor

$$\begin{aligned}\partial_t \boldsymbol{\alpha}' &= \mathcal{L}_v \boldsymbol{\alpha}' \\ \hat{\text{Div}} \boldsymbol{\alpha}' &= 0\end{aligned}$$

Bubnov-Galerkin weighted residual method in Fourier space

$$\rho'(\bar{r}, \varphi) \approx \rho(\bar{r}) + 2\kappa_1(\bar{r}) \cos \varphi + 2\kappa_2(\bar{r}) \sin \varphi$$

$$v(\bar{r}, \varphi) \approx v^m(\bar{r}) + v_1^d(\bar{r}) \cos \varphi + v_2^d(\bar{r}) \sin \varphi$$

$$q'(\bar{r}, \varphi) \approx q(\bar{r}) + Q_2(\bar{r}) \cos \varphi - Q_1(\bar{r}) \sin \varphi$$

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t \rho &= -\partial_x(\rho v_2^d) + \partial_y(\rho v_1^d) + \partial_y(\kappa_1 v^m) - \partial_x(\kappa_2 v^m) \\ &\quad + qv^m + \frac{1}{2}\rho\partial_y v_1^d - \frac{1}{2}\rho\partial_x v_2^d \end{aligned}$$

$$\partial_t \kappa_1 = \partial_y(\rho v^m + \kappa_1 v_1^d + \kappa_2 v_2^d)$$

$$\partial_t \kappa_2 = -\partial_x(\rho v^m + \kappa_1 v_1^d + \kappa_2 v_2^d)$$

$$\partial_t q = -\partial_x(qv_2^d - v^m Q_1) + \partial_y(qv_1^d + v^m Q_2)$$

$$\partial_x \kappa_1 + \partial_y \kappa_2 = 0, \quad \kappa_1 = \partial_y \gamma_{13}, \quad \kappa_2 = -\partial_x \gamma_{13}$$

$$Q_1 = \partial_x \rho, \quad Q_2 = \partial_y \rho$$

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$$\partial_t \kappa_1 = \partial_y(\rho v^m + \kappa_1 v_1^d + \kappa_2 v_2^d)$$

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$$Q_1 = \partial_x \rho, \quad Q_2 = \partial_y \rho$$

$$\lambda(x) = \begin{cases} ax & \text{if } x \rightarrow 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} & \text{if } x \rightarrow \infty \end{cases}$$



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$$\partial_t \gamma_{13} = \rho v^m + \kappa_1 v_1^d + \kappa_2 v_2^d$$

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## Plastic potential

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{P}[\rho, \gamma_{13}, \kappa_1, \kappa_2, \mathbf{q}] &= \int \left[ \frac{\delta P}{\delta \rho} \dot{\rho} + \frac{\delta P}{\delta \gamma_{13}} \dot{\gamma}_{13} + \frac{\delta P}{\delta \mathbf{q}} \dot{\mathbf{q}} \right] dV \\ &= \int \left[ (\dots) v^m + (\dots) v_1^d + (\dots) v_2^d \right] dV < 0\end{aligned}$$

“Chemical potentials“

$$\mu_\rho = \frac{\delta P}{\delta \rho}, \quad \mu_{\mathbf{q}} = \frac{\delta P}{\delta \mathbf{q}}.$$

Stress like variables

$$\begin{aligned}\tau^* &= \frac{\delta P}{\delta \gamma_{13}} = \tau_{mf} - \partial_y \frac{\delta P}{\delta \kappa_1} + \partial_x \frac{\delta P}{\delta \kappa_2} = \tau_{mf} + \tau_b \\ \tau_1^d &= \frac{1}{b\rho} [(\partial_y \mu_\rho) \rho + (\partial_y \mu_{\mathbf{q}}) \mathbf{q} + \partial_y (\lambda_1 \mu_\rho \rho)], \\ \tau_2^d &= -\frac{1}{b\rho} [(\partial_x \mu_\rho) \rho + (\partial_x \mu_{\mathbf{q}}) \mathbf{q} + \partial_x (\lambda_2 \mu_\rho \rho)]\end{aligned}$$



## Field:

$$\rho(\vec{r}, t), \kappa_1(\vec{r}, t), \kappa_2(\vec{r}, t), q(\vec{r}, t)$$

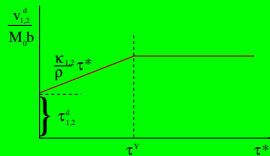
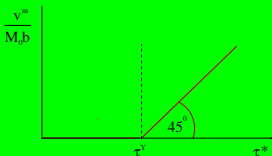
## Dynamics

$$\text{Plastic potential } P[\vec{x}, \rho, \kappa_1, \kappa_2, q]$$

$$\Downarrow$$

$$\tau^*, \tau_1^d, \tau_2^d$$

## Velocities



## Plastic potential

$$P[\tilde{x}, \rho, \gamma_{13}, \kappa_1, \kappa_2, q] = P^{\text{mf}}[\rho, \gamma_{13}] + P^{\text{corr}}[\rho, \kappa_1, \kappa_2, q]$$

Coarse grained fields

$$P^{\text{mf}}[\rho, \gamma_{13}]$$

Correlations

$$P^{\text{corr}}[\rho, \kappa_1, \kappa_2, q] = \int Gb^2 \left[ A\rho \ln \left( \frac{\rho}{\rho_0} \right) + \frac{\kappa \cdot \mathbf{D} \cdot \kappa}{2\rho} + \rho\chi \left( \frac{q^2}{\rho^3} \right) \right] dV$$

$$\chi(x) = \begin{cases} ax & \text{if } x \ll 1 \\ \rightarrow 0 & \text{if } x \rightarrow \infty \end{cases}$$

displacement field:

$$\frac{\delta P}{\delta x_i} = 0$$

$$\partial_j [F_{ip} \sigma_{pj}^{2PK*}] = 0$$



## Patterning

Main source of instability:  $\tau^y = \alpha \mu b \sqrt{\rho}$

Length scale selection:  $P^{corr}[\rho, \kappa_{12}, q]$

$P$  is convex! No LEDS!

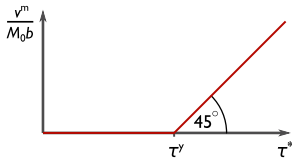
No reaction terms!

2D and 3D are practically the same

The instability is "massive"



# Mobility function



$$M \left( \frac{\tau^* - \tau^y}{\tau^y} \right) > 0$$

Strain rate sensitivity

$$M \left( \frac{\tau^* - \tau^y}{\tau^y} \right) = M_0 \left| \frac{\tau^* - \tau^y}{\tau^y} \right|^{\frac{1}{n} - 1}$$



Monavari and Zaiser (2018)  
Annihilation (Kocks-Mecking)

$$\dot{\rho} = B|\dot{\gamma}_{13}|(\sqrt{\rho} - \frac{\rho}{l})$$

$$\dot{\rho}_A = -A|\dot{\gamma}_{13}|\rho \approx -A'|v^m|\rho^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t \rho = & -\partial_x(\rho v_2^d) + \partial_y(\rho v_1^d) + \partial_y(\kappa_1 v^m) - \partial_x(\kappa_2 v^m) \\ & + qv^m + \lambda_1 \rho \partial_y v_1^d - \lambda_2 \rho \partial_x v_2^d + \dot{\rho}_A \end{aligned}$$



$q$  is a conserved quantity

$$\partial_t q = \partial_x (-qv_2^d + v^m Q_1) + \partial_y (qv_1^d + v^m Q_2)$$

Extra terms  
Annihilation

$$\dot{q}_A = \frac{q}{\rho} \dot{\rho}_A = -Aq|\dot{\gamma}_{13}|$$

FR source+ ...

$$\dot{q}_S = B|v^m|\rho_1\rho$$

Further "local terms" like cross slip, junction formation?

## Multiple slip



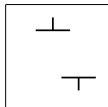
$$\rho^{\zeta}, h_{1,2}^{\zeta}, q^{\zeta} \dots$$
$$P(\rho^{\zeta}, \dots)$$

Yield stress

$$\tau_{\zeta}^Y = \sqrt{\sum_{\zeta} h_{\zeta,s} \rho_{\zeta}} = \alpha(\rho_1 / \rho_{\zeta}, \dots) G b \sqrt{\rho_{\zeta}}$$

FR source+ ...

$$\dot{q}_S^{\zeta} = \sum_{\zeta} B_{\zeta,s} |v_{\zeta}^m| \rho^s \rho^{\zeta}$$



$\tau^Y$  is an independent variable

Deterministic case

$$\partial_t \tau^Y = -\alpha Gb \frac{1}{\sqrt{\rho}} \partial_t \rho = -(\alpha Gb)^2 \frac{1}{\tau^Y} \partial_t \rho$$

Stochastic case

$$\partial_t \tau^Y = -(\alpha Gb)^2 \frac{1}{\tau^Y} \partial_t \rho + \delta(\vec{X}, t)$$

$$\langle \delta(\vec{X}, t) \delta(\vec{X}', t') \rangle = \text{????}$$



## Determining the parameters

Averaging for the yz plane

$$\begin{aligned}\tau_{\text{ext}} - \alpha\mu b\sqrt{\rho} &= \frac{\mu b}{2\pi(1-\nu)\rho} D_{22}\partial_1\kappa_2 \\ \alpha\sqrt{\rho}\kappa_2 &= A^*\partial_1\rho\end{aligned}$$

Combining the two

$$\tau_{\text{ext}}(\sqrt{\rho})^2 - \alpha\mu b(\sqrt{\rho})^3 = \frac{\mu b\alpha}{2\pi(1-\nu)} A^* D_{22}\partial_1\partial_1\sqrt{\rho}$$

Introducing  $\xi(x) = \sqrt{\rho}$

$$\partial_1 \left\{ \frac{\tau_{\text{ext}}}{3}\xi^3 - \frac{\alpha\mu b}{4}\xi^4 \right\} = \partial_1 \frac{\mu b\alpha}{2\pi(1-\nu)} \frac{A^* D_{22}}{2} (\partial_1\xi)^2$$

## Determining the parameters



This follows that

$$e = \frac{\mu b \alpha}{2\pi(1-\nu)} \frac{A^* D_{22}}{2} (\partial_1 \xi)^2 - \left\{ \frac{\tau_{\text{ext}}}{3} \xi^3 - \frac{\alpha \mu b}{4} \xi^4 \right\}$$

is "conserved".

$$\partial_1 \xi = \pm \frac{1}{C} \sqrt{e - \phi(\xi)}$$

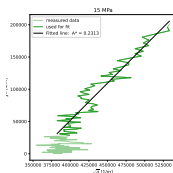
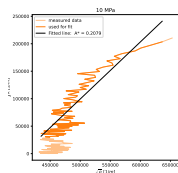
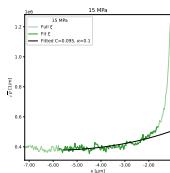
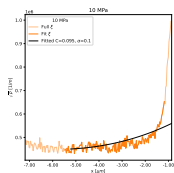
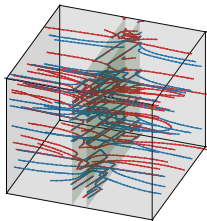
where

$$\phi(\xi) = -\frac{\tau_{\text{ext}}}{3} \xi^3 + \frac{\alpha \mu b}{4} \xi^4$$

$$C^2 = \frac{\mu b \alpha}{2\pi(1-\nu)} \frac{A^* D_{22}}{2}, \quad e = \phi\left(\sqrt{\rho(x = -L/2)}\right)$$

$$\frac{1}{C} \int_{\xi(-L/2)}^{\xi(x)} \frac{1}{\sqrt{e + \frac{\tau_{\text{ext}}}{3} \xi^3 - \frac{\alpha \mu b}{4} \xi^4}} d\xi = x + L/2$$

$$\int_{x_0}^x \kappa dx = \frac{A^*}{\alpha} (\xi(x) - \xi(x_0))$$







- 3D continuum theory obtained on a systematic manner
- DDD verification (doable)
- Parameter determination (doable)
- Incorporating local events (junction formation, cross slip, ...) (?)
- Adding random aspects (doable)

Details in:

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