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# Multiscale Total Lagrangian Formulation for Modeling Dislocation-Induced Plastic Deformation in Polycrystalline Materials

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## ABSTRACT

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*Multiscale mathematical and computational formulation for coupling mesoscale dislocation mechanics and macroscale continuum mechanics for prediction of plastic deformation in polycrystalline materials is presented. In this development a total Lagrangian multiscale variational formulation for materials subjected to geometric and material nonlinearities is first introduced. By performing scale decomposition of kinematic variables and the corresponding dislocation kinematic variables, several leading-order equations, including a scale-coupling equation, a mesoscale dislocation evolution equation, and a homogenized macroscale equilibrium equation, are obtained. By further employing the Orowan relation, a mesoscopic plastic strain is obtained from dislocation velocity and its distribution, and a homogenized elastoplastic stress-strain relation for macroscale is constructed. The macroscale, mesoscale, and scale-coupling equations are solved interactively at each macroscopic load increment, and information on the two scales is passed through the macroscale integration points. In this multiscale approach the phenomenological hardening rule and flow rule in the classical plasticity theory are avoided, and they are replaced by a homogenized mesoscale material response characterized by dislocation evolution and their interactions.*

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Plastic deformation in metals occurs mainly due to the breaking and reforming of atomic bonds, which allows dislocations to glide through crystalline materials. This process, together with dislocation mutual interactions as well as interactions with other mesoscopic defects, results in a heterogeneous plastic deformation in crystalline grains. The macroscale phenomenological description of material plastic behavior has intrinsic limitations in incorporating mesoscale information and local defects in the material law.

The classical theory of dislocations has led to significant understanding of the behavior of individual crystal defects and elementary interactions among them. However, it does not seem to be well suited to the description of the highly organized and complex behavior of dislocation populations under dynamic conditions. For that reason, two new approaches have emerged over the last decade: direct computer simulation of dislocation dynamics [1–3] of the collective dynamics of dislocations and the self-organization approach [4–6] for describing dislocation structure formation. The computer simulation approach incorporates the behavior of individual dislocations, as known from classical theory, and the complexity of their interactions is explicitly handled by numerical methods. For example, Kubin and Canova [7] and Kubin *et al.* [8] divided dislocation lines into pure edge and screw segments without any mixed dislocations, which requires small segmentation as well as a large number of subsegments during the dislocation evolution. H. M. Zbib and others [9,10] proposed another model based on a straight segment with mixed character. A superdislocation model was also introduced to deal with the long-range dislocation interactions. Ghoniem *et al.* [3] and Ghoniem and Sun [11] developed the parametric dislocation dynamics approach by utilizing

parametrized curves to describe the dislocation lines that yield enhanced computational accuracy and efficiency.

The mathematical theory of homogenization has been introduced by Bensoussan *et al.* [12]. Multiscale methods have received significant attention in recent years, and many of these developments have been applied to the modeling of heterogeneous materials [13–17]. The homogenized Dirichlet projection method by Oden *et al.* [18] and Oden and Zohdi [19] was developed based on the concept of hierarchical modeling. In this method the mathematical model at the coarsest level is represented by homogenized material properties. This is referred to as the homogenized problem, and the exclusion of heterogeneity generally makes the homogenized problem computationally inexpensive compared to models of finer scale. An error estimate was developed for identifying the error between the coarse-scale solution using homogenized properties and the fine-scale solution of the heterogeneous material with microstructures [19]. This approach was further extended to a hierarchical modeling of heterogeneous materials where the most essential scales of the problem can be adaptively selected in the discretization [18]. In the asymptotic expansion approach introduced by Bensoussan *et al.* [12] the relationship between the coarse-scale and fine-scale solution can be derived, and the corresponding homogenized differential operator and homogenized coefficients for solving the macroscopic solution can be obtained. This method has been applied to multiscale modeling of microstructural evolution in the process of grain growth by Chen and Mehraeen [13,14]. Alternatively, a multigrid method for a periodic heterogeneous medium has been introduced by Fish and Belsky [20] and Fish and Shek [21]. In this approach a multigrid method was employed to develop a fast iterative solver for differential equations with oscillatory coefficients. An in-

tergrid transfer operator was constructed following the asymptotic expansion so that the problem on the auxiliary grid gives rise to a homogenization problem. Wavelet-based multiscale homogenization has been introduced by Dorobantu and Engquist [22], Chen and Mehraeen [13], and Mehraeen and Chen [23] for problems with fixed microstructures.

For inelastic materials, Fish *et al.* [24] introduced a multiscale analysis of composites, where continuum plasticity in the matrix is taken into consideration. On the basis of the two-scale asymptotic expansion of the displacement field, a closed form expression relating eigenstrains in the inclusion to the mechanical fields was derived, and an averaging theorem was employed for solving the overall structural response. This work considered small strain in the macroscopic structure. A multiscale approach presented by Smit *et al.* [25] considered a large deformation effect, in which the micro-macro structural relations in large deformations were obtained, and the method was implemented in a multilevel finite element framework. In the context of nonlinear analysis a homogenization-based multiscale method was also proposed by Cricri and Luciano [26], where a macroscopic failure surface is defined with microstructure taken into consideration. Recently, a homogenization method was proposed by Takano *et al.* [27,28], in which the scale-coupling function between macroscopic and mesoscopic variables was defined in a general, nonlinear form. Although the aforementioned approaches introduced multiscale formulation for modeling inelastic behavior of heterogeneous materials, the phenomenological laws have been employed.

This work aims to develop a multiscale variational and computational formulation, which allows the modeling of plastic deformation in a continuum by incorporating mesoscopic dislocation evolution and the corresponding ho-

mogenized stress-strain relation in a multiscale framework. In this approach the averaged plastic strain in the microstructure is obtained by the mesoscopic simulation of dislocation evolution, and this information is utilized to form the homogenized elastoplastic tangent modulus for macroscopic computation. The mesoscopic deformation and dislocation evolution are linked to the macroscopic deformation through the integration points in the macroscopic continuum. The outline of this paper is as follows. Section 2 reviews dislocation mechanics and describes how plastic strain and elastoplastic tangent modulus can be constructed in grain structures. In Section 3, the variational equation for coupled continuum mechanics and dislocation mechanics is presented, and scale decomposition based on asymptotic expansion is introduced. The multiscale variational equations, including a scale-coupling equation, the mesoscale dislocation evolution equation, and a homogenized macroscale equilibrium equation, are derived. The linearization of these multiscale equations for general nonlinear problems as well as numerical procedures for multiscale computation are also presented in this section. Numerical procedures of the proposed multiscale formulation are given in Section 4. In Section 5, a numerical example demonstrating multiscale modeling of the elastoplastic behavior of a CS.016 cold-worked carbon steel is presented. Conclusion remarks are outlined in Section 6.

## 2. OVERVIEW OF DISLOCATION MECHANICS

Plastic deformation in polycrystalline materials can be described microscopically by considering point defects (vacancies interstitials and impurities), dislocations, grain boundaries, microcracks, and voids in grain structures. In this work, discrete dislocation evolution is modeled

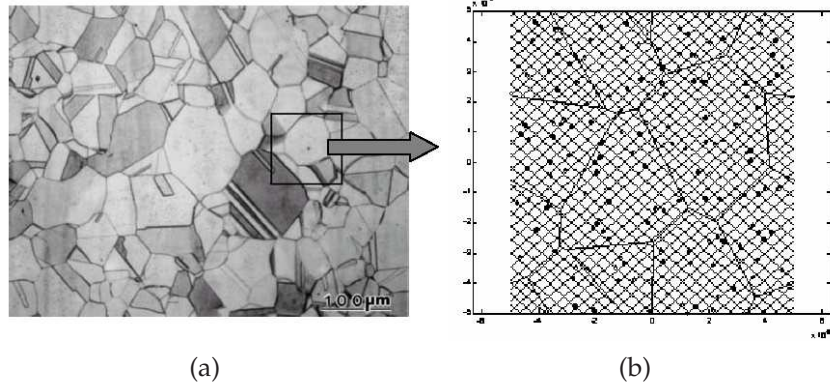
to characterize the plastic yielding and hardening process. The internal length scales within grain structure, such as Burgers vector and dislocation density, are embedded in the mesoscopic model. In what follows, dislocation mechanics is introduced as the basic mechanism of plastic deformation via a multiscale homogenization.

## 2.1 Discrete Description of Dislocation Mechanics

The primary mechanisms at the mesoscale level controlling plastic deformation in continuum are the dislocation formation, evolution, and interactions between dislocation loops [3,10,16,22]. In this work, two-dimensional geometry and the double slip systems with discrete edge dislocations are considered in each grain as shown in Fig. 1. Frank-Read sources, shown as solid dots in Fig. 1(b), are introduced at discrete nucleation points. Periodic boundary conditions are imposed for both dislocation motions and grain boundary geometry.

Following Ghoniem *et al.* [3], the virtual work of a dislocation motion can be expressed as

$$\delta E_d^I = \oint_{S_d^I} \delta \mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{f}_{PK} ds - \oint_{S_d^I} \delta \mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{B} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{v}} ds \quad (2.1)$$



**FIGURE 1.** (a) Microstructure of AL-6XN stainless steel; (b) unit cell/microstructure with grain boundaries and slip planes utilized in multiscale analysis

where  $\mathbf{B}$  is the inverse mobility matrix,  $\hat{\mathbf{v}}$  is the dislocation velocity,  $S_d^I$  is the  $I$ th dislocation loop, and  $\mathbf{f}_{PK}$  is the Peach-Koehler force, which is defined as

$$\mathbf{f}_{PK} = [(\boldsymbol{\sigma} + \boldsymbol{\sigma}^d) \cdot \mathbf{b}] \times \boldsymbol{\xi} \quad (2.2)$$

where  $\boldsymbol{\sigma}$  is the external applied Cauchy stress field,  $\boldsymbol{\sigma}^d$  is the Cauchy stress field induced by other dislocations,  $\mathbf{b}$  is the Burger's vector, and  $\boldsymbol{\xi}$  is the dislocation line vector as shown in Fig. 2. In two dimensions the equation of motion (Eq. (2.1)) can be simplified in the following linear drag relationship:

$$\hat{\mathbf{v}} = M_g \mathbf{f}_{PK} \quad (2.3)$$

where  $M_g$  is the mobility of dislocation glide. Here we assume that the motion of dislocation is limited to glide along the slip plane, and the dislocation climbing process related to high temperature is not considered.

Following the general coordinate convection for two interacting dislocations as shown in Fig. 2, the stress tensor  $\boldsymbol{\sigma}^d$  of an arbitrary test dislocation is given by



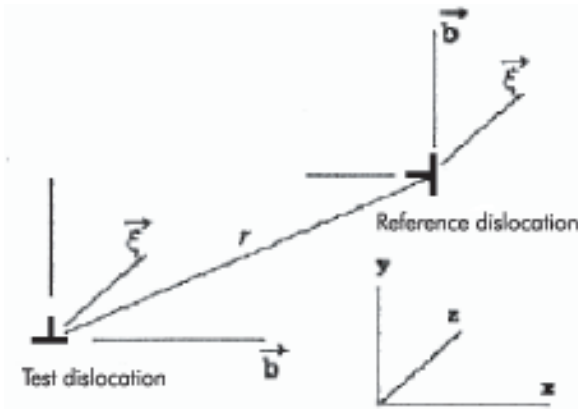


FIGURE 2. General coordinate convection for two interacting dislocations

$$\sigma^d = \frac{\mu b}{2\pi(1-\nu)} \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{r_x(3r_x^2 + r_y^2)}{(r_x^2 + r_y^2)^2} & \frac{r_x(r_x^2 - r_y^2)}{(r_x^2 + r_y^2)^2} & 0 \\ \frac{r_x(r_x^2 - r_y^2)}{(r_x^2 + r_y^2)^2} & \frac{r_y(r_x^2 - r_y^2)}{(r_x^2 + r_y^2)^2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{2r_y}{r_x^2 + r_y^2} \end{bmatrix} \quad (2.4)$$

where  $r_x$  and  $r_y$  are the components of position vector measured in the coordinate system shown in Fig. 2,  $b$  is the magnitude of Burgers vector,  $\mu$  is shear modulus, and  $\nu$  is Poisson's ratio.

Dislocation multiplication is introduced by Frank-Read source points, which generate new dislocations when the resolved shear stress is beyond the critical nucleation stress over a given nucleation time period. Annihilation of two dislocations on the same slip plane with opposite Burgers vectors occurs when they are within critical annihilation distance. In addition, if the resolved shear stress on a dislocation is below the friction stress, the dislocation becomes immobilized. It can be remobilized if the resolved shear stress is higher than the friction stress. The plastic deformation of a crystalline material is largely dependent on the abil-

ity for dislocation to move within a material. Therefore grain structural parameters that impede the movement of dislocations, such as the existence of grain boundaries, results in reducing plastic deformation of the material. In this work we consider grain boundaries as the energy barrier of dislocation motions, and transmission and absorption of dislocations across grain boundaries are ignored.

## 2.2 Dislocation and Plastic Deformation

On the basis of Orowan [29], the plastic strain rate produced by gliding dislocations can be expressed as

$$\dot{\epsilon}^p = \rho_m \bar{v} b \mathbf{M} \quad (2.5)$$

where  $\rho_m$  is the mobile dislocation density,  $\bar{v}$  is the average dislocation velocity,  $b$  is magnitude of Burgers vector, and  $\mathbf{M}$  is the Schmid tensor of slip system, defined as

$$\mathbf{M} = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{m} \otimes \mathbf{n} + \mathbf{n} \otimes \mathbf{m}) \quad (2.6)$$

where  $\mathbf{m}$  is slip direction and  $\mathbf{n}$  is slip plane normal direction. On the basis of the discrete dislocation mechanics and Orowan equation, the plastic strain rate in a double slip system, as shown in Fig. 1(b), can be expressed as

$$\dot{\epsilon}^p = \frac{1}{2} \sum_i \rho_m^{(i)} \bar{v}^{(i)} b (\mathbf{m}^{(i)} \otimes \mathbf{n}^{(i)} + \mathbf{n}^{(i)} \otimes \mathbf{m}^{(i)}) \quad (2.7)$$

where  $i$  is a given slip system. Further considering strain rate  $\dot{\epsilon}$ , decomposition into elastic strain rate  $\dot{\epsilon}^e$  and plastic strain rate  $\dot{\epsilon}^p$ :

$$\dot{\epsilon} = \dot{\epsilon}^e + \dot{\epsilon}^p \quad (2.8)$$

A general stress-strain rate relation can be expressed by

$$\dot{\sigma} = \mathbf{C} : \dot{\epsilon}^e \quad (2.9)$$

where  $\dot{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}}$  is the Cauchy stress rate and  $\mathbf{C}$  is the elastic modulus tensor. Substituting Eqs. (2.7) and (2.8) into Eq. (2.9), we have

$$\dot{\boldsymbol{\sigma}} = \mathbf{C} : \left[ \dot{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}} - \frac{1}{2} \rho_m \bar{\mathbf{v}} b (\mathbf{m} \otimes \mathbf{n} + \mathbf{n} \otimes \mathbf{m}) \right] \quad (2.10)$$

### 3. COUPLED DISLOCATION AND CONTINUUM MECHANICS

#### 3.1 Variational Equation

Define macroscopic and mesoscopic coordinates as shown in Fig. 3 in the undeformed configuration as  $\mathbf{X}$  and  $\mathbf{Y}$ , respectively, and macroscopic and mesoscopic coordinates in the deformed configuration as  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{y}$ , respectively. To start, we consider a continuum with a domain  $\Omega_X$  and boundary  $\Gamma_X = \Gamma_X^h \cup \Gamma_X^g$ , subjected to an external traction  $\mathbf{h}$  and body force  $\mathbf{b}$ . At any point  $\mathbf{X}$  in the macroscale domain, there is an associated representative mesoscale unit cell describing the fine-scale material heterogeneity and deformation expressed in both mesoscale coordinate  $\mathbf{Y}$  and macroscale coordinate  $\mathbf{X}$ . To set up the multiscale variational equation, we first **point** for all the macro- and mesoscale features and mechanisms in the continuum domain  $\Omega_X$ . If a virtual material dis-

placement  $\delta \mathbf{u}$  and a virtual dislocation motion  $\delta \mathbf{r}$  are imposed on this system, we have the following variational equation:

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\Omega_X} \delta u_{i,j} P_{ji} d\Omega \\ & + \sum_{I=1}^{NUC \times ND} \left( \oint_{S_d^I} \delta r_i \mathbf{f}_{PK_i} ds - \oint_{S_d^I} \delta r_i B_{ij} \hat{\mathbf{v}}_j ds \right) \\ & - \int_{\Omega_X} \delta u_i b_i d\Omega - \int_{\Gamma_X^h} \delta u_i h_i d\Gamma = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (3.1)$$

with boundary conditions

$$\begin{aligned} P_{ji} N_j &= h_i \quad \text{on } \Gamma_X^h \\ u_i &= g_i \quad \text{on } \Gamma_X^g \end{aligned} \quad (3.2)$$

where  $\Gamma_X^h$  and  $\Gamma_X^g$  are natural and essential boundaries in the undeformed configuration, respectively,  $(\cdot)_{,j} = \partial(\cdot)/\partial X_j$ ,  $P_{ji}$  is first Piola-Kirchhoff stress,  $b_i$  is the body force defined in  $\Omega_X$ ,  $h_i$  is the surface force divided by the undeformed surface area,  $N_j$  is the surface normal defined on  $\Gamma_X^h$ ,  $\mathbf{B}$  is the inverse mobility matrix,  $\hat{\mathbf{v}}$  is the dislocation velocity,  $\mathbf{f}_{PK}$  is the

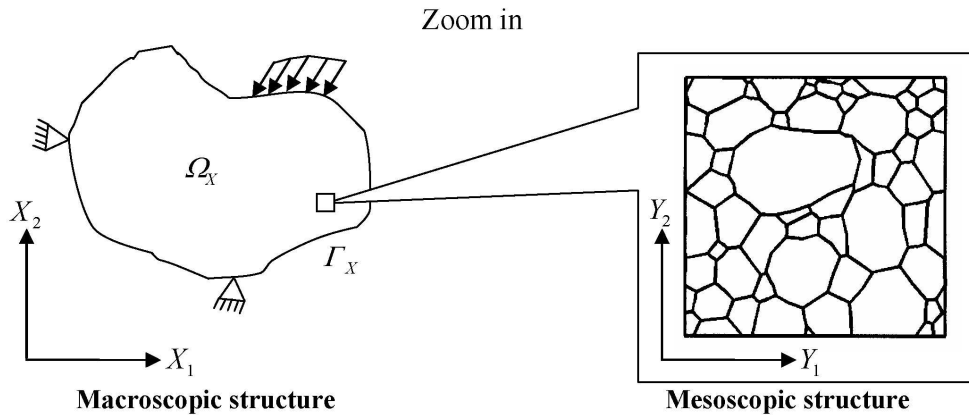


FIGURE 3. Micro- and mesocoordinate systems



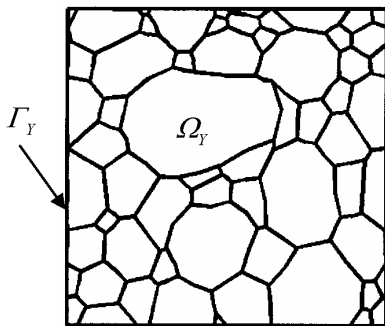
Peach-Koehler force,  $S_d^I$  is the  $I$ th dislocation loop,  $NUC$  is the total number of mesoscale unit cells in  $\Omega_X$ , and  $ND$  is the total number of dislocations within each mesoscale unit cell. It is understood immediately that since this equation is expressed in the macroscale domain with all macroscale and mesoscale features considered, incorporating all dislocation loops on this scale is computationally impossible. In Section 3.2, a multiscale decomposition of macroscale and mesoscale kinematic variables will be introduced so that certain variables are only solved at their appropriate scale level, and a scale-coupling relation will be introduced to bridge variables at different scales.

### 3.2 Multiscale Decomposition

Define a representative mesoscale unit cell in the mesoscale coordinate with domain  $\Omega_Y$  as shown in Fig. 4, and periodicity in the unit cell at any deformation state is assumed. The interrelation of macroscopic and mesoscopic coordinates in the undeformed configuration is identified by

$$Y_i = \frac{X_i}{\lambda} \quad (3.3)$$

where the scale ratio  $\lambda$  is a very small number. Similarly, Eq. (3.3) in deformed configuration reads



**FIGURE 4.** Periodic grain structure with domain  $\Omega_Y$  and  $\Gamma_Y$  boundary

$$y_i = \frac{x_i}{\lambda} \quad (3.4)$$

For notational convenience in this work, any multiscale variable  $t$  is defined in the following asymptotic form

$$t = t^{[0]} + \lambda t^{[1]} + O(\lambda^2) \quad (3.5)$$

where  $t$  is the mesoscopic variable,  $t^{[0]}$  is referred to as the macroscopic variable (coarse-scale component of  $t$ ), and  $t^{[1]}$  is defined as the fine-scale component of  $t$ .

By employing the asymptotic theory, the mesoscopic displacement in the unit cell (with fixed  $\mathbf{X}$ ) measured using mesoscopic coordinates can be expressed by the asymptotic expansion in Eq. (3.5) (scaled by  $1/\lambda$ ) to yield

$$u_i(\mathbf{Y}) = \frac{1}{\lambda} u_i^{[0]}(\mathbf{X}) + u_i^{[1]}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}) \quad (\text{holding } \mathbf{X} \text{ fixed}) \quad (3.6)$$

where  $u_i(\mathbf{Y})$  is the mesoscopic displacement and  $u_i^{[0]}(\mathbf{X})$  and  $u_i^{[1]}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y})$  are coarse- and fine-scale components of displacement, respectively. Here, the coarse-scale component  $u_i^{[0]}(\mathbf{X})$  is independent of mesoscale coordinate  $\mathbf{Y}$ , whereas  $u_i^{[1]}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y})$  is a perturbed term caused by the heterogeneity of the grain structure.

Furthermore, we adopt the following coarse-fine scale interrelation

$$u_i^{[1]}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}) = \alpha_{kli}(\mathbf{Y}) \left( \frac{\partial u_k^{[0]}}{\partial X_l} \right) = \alpha_{kli}(\mathbf{Y}) F_{kl}^{[0]} \quad (3.7)$$

where the coupling function  $\alpha_{kli}(\mathbf{Y})$  is independent of macroscopic coordinates  $\mathbf{X}$ . From the stress-strain relation, and considering that the coarse-scale component of displacement is independent of mesoscopic coordinates  $\mathbf{Y}$ , Cauchy stress can be expressed as

$$\sigma_{ij} = \sigma_{ij}^{[0]} + \lambda \sigma_{ij}^{[1]} + O(\lambda^2) \quad (3.8)$$

Consequently, the dislocation velocity  $\hat{\mathbf{v}}$  and dislocation stress  $\boldsymbol{\sigma}^d$  induced by the multi-scale stress field can be expressed by the same asymptotic form:

$$\hat{\mathbf{v}} = \hat{\mathbf{v}}^{[0]} + \lambda \hat{\mathbf{v}}^{[1]} + O(\lambda^2) \quad (3.9)$$

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma}^d = \boldsymbol{\sigma}^{d[0]} + \lambda \boldsymbol{\sigma}^{d[1]} + O(\lambda^2) \quad (3.10)$$

where  $\hat{\mathbf{v}}^{[0]}$  and  $\hat{\mathbf{v}}^{[1]}$  are the dislocation velocities induced by the coarse-scale and fine-scale stress fields, respectively, and  $\boldsymbol{\sigma}^{d[0]}$  and  $\boldsymbol{\sigma}^{d[1]}$  are the corresponding coarse- and fine-scale dislocation-induced stresses, respectively. Introducing Eq. (3.8) into Eq. (2.2) gives rise to

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{f}_{PK}(\boldsymbol{\sigma}, \boldsymbol{\sigma}^d) &= \mathbf{f}_{PK}^{[0]}(\boldsymbol{\sigma}^{[0]}, \boldsymbol{\sigma}^{d[0]}) \\ &+ \lambda \mathbf{f}_{PK}^{[1]}(\boldsymbol{\sigma}^{[1]}, \boldsymbol{\sigma}^{d[1]}) + O(\lambda^2) \end{aligned} \quad (3.11)$$

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{PK}^{[0]}(\boldsymbol{\sigma}^{[0]}, \boldsymbol{\sigma}^{d[0]}) = [(\boldsymbol{\sigma}^{[0]} + \boldsymbol{\sigma}^{d[0]}) \cdot \mathbf{b}] \times \boldsymbol{\xi} \quad (3.12)$$

$$\mathbf{f}_{PK}^{[1]}(\boldsymbol{\sigma}^{[1]}, \boldsymbol{\sigma}^{d[1]}) = [(\boldsymbol{\sigma}^{[1]} + \boldsymbol{\sigma}^{d[1]}) \cdot \mathbf{b}] \times \boldsymbol{\xi} \quad (3.13)$$

Subsequently, the energy due to an evolving dislocation follows the same asymptotic form:

$$\begin{aligned} \delta E_d^I &= \oint_{S_d^I} \delta \mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{f}_{PK} ds - \oint_{S_d^I} \delta \mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{B} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{v}} ds \\ &= \oint_{S_d^I} \delta \mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{f}_{PK}^{[0]} ds - \oint_{S_d^I} \delta \mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{B} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{v}}^{[0]} ds \\ &+ \lambda \left( \oint_{S_d^I} \delta \mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{f}_{PK}^{[1]} ds - \oint_{S_d^I} \delta \mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{B} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{v}}^{[1]} ds \right) + O(\lambda^2) \\ &= \delta E_d^{I[0]} + \lambda \delta E_d^{I[1]} + O(\lambda^2) \end{aligned} \quad (3.14)$$

where

$$\delta E_d^{I[0]} = \oint_{S_d^I} \delta \mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{f}_{PK}^{[0]} ds - \oint_{S_d^I} \delta \mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{B} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{v}}^{[0]} ds \quad (3.15)$$

$$\delta E_d^{I[1]} = \oint_{S_d^I} \delta \mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{f}_{PK}^{[1]} ds - \oint_{S_d^I} \delta \mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{B} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{v}}^{[1]} ds \quad (3.16)$$

To obtain multiscale variational equations, Eqs. (3.6) and (3.14) are introduced to the variational Eq. (3.1) to yield

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_{\Omega_X} \left( \frac{\partial \delta u_i^{[0]}}{\partial X_j} + \frac{\partial \delta u_i^{[1]}}{\partial Y_j} \right) P_{ji} d\Omega \\ &+ \sum_I^{NUC \times ND} (\delta E_d^{I[0]} + \lambda \delta E_d^{I[1]}) \\ &= \int_{\Omega_X} (\delta u_i^{[0]} + \lambda \delta u_i^{[1]}) b_i d\Omega \\ &+ \int_{\Gamma_X^h} (\delta u_i^{[0]} + \lambda \delta u_i^{[1]}) h_i d\Gamma \end{aligned} \quad (3.17)$$

in which we used the scaling relation in Eq. (3.3) and employed the following chain rule:

$$\frac{\partial (\cdot)}{\partial X_i} = \frac{\partial (\cdot)}{\partial Y_l} \frac{\partial Y_l}{\partial X_i} = \frac{1}{\lambda} \frac{\partial (\cdot)}{\partial Y_i} \quad (3.18)$$

Treating  $\delta u_i^{[0]}$ ,  $\delta u_i^{[1]}$ , and  $\delta \mathbf{r}_i$  as independent variations and considering the limit of  $\lambda \rightarrow 0$ , Eq. (3.17) gives rise to three multiscale variational equations:

### 3.2.1 Scale-Coupling Equation

$$\int_{\Omega_X} \frac{\partial \delta u_i^{[1]}}{\partial Y_j} P_{ji}(\boldsymbol{\sigma}^d, \hat{\mathbf{v}}, u) d\Omega = 0 \quad (3.19)$$

where the fine-scale variable  $u_i^{[1]}$  is related to the coarse-scale variable  $\frac{\partial u_k^{[0]}}{\partial X_l}$  via the scale-coupling function  $\alpha_{kli}(\mathbf{Y})$ , as given in Eq. (3.7).

Note that the first Piola-Kirchhoff stress is a function of dislocation evolution. This equation is to be used to solve for the coupling function  $\alpha_{kli}(\mathbf{Y})$ , where the details will be discussed in the next section.

### 3.2.2 Macroscale Equilibrium Equation

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\Omega_X} \frac{\partial \delta u_i^{[0]}}{\partial X_j} P_{ji}(\boldsymbol{\sigma}^d, \hat{\mathbf{v}}, u) d\Omega \\ &= \int_{\Omega_X} \delta u_i^{[0]} b_i d\Omega + \int_{\Gamma_X^h} \delta u_i^{[0]} h_i d\Omega \end{aligned} \quad (3.20)$$

where the homogenized stress-strain relationship required in this macroscale equation is to be obtained from the scale-coupling function solved in Eq. (3.19) and the mesoscale dislocation evolution equation given below.

### 3.2.3 Mesoscale Dislocation Evolution Equation

Utilizing the coarse-scale component of the strain obtained by Eq. (3.20), the third decoupled equation gives rise to

$$\sum_{I=1}^{NUC \times ND} \delta E_d^{I[i]} = 0, i = 0, 1 \quad (3.21)$$

from which dislocation velocity  $\hat{\mathbf{v}}^{[i]}$  can be solved. Separating the summation operator in Eq. (3.21) into two levels, one over each unit cell, and the other over all unit cells in the domain  $\Omega_X$  reads

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{m=1}^{NUCND} \sum_{l=1} \left( \oint_{S_d^{l,m}} \delta \mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{f}_{PK}^{[i]}(\boldsymbol{\sigma}^{[i]}, \boldsymbol{\sigma}^{d[i]}) ds - \oint_{S_d^{l,m}} \delta \mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{B} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{v}}^{[i]} ds \right) \\ &= 0, i = 0, 1 \end{aligned} \quad (3.22)$$

where  $NUC$  is the total number of unit cells in  $\Omega_X$  and  $ND$  is the total number of dislocations within each unit cell. A sufficient condition to satisfy Eq. (3.22) reads

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{l=1}^{ND} \left( \oint_{S_d^l} \delta \mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{f}_{PK}^{[i]}(\boldsymbol{\sigma}^{[i]}, \boldsymbol{\sigma}^{d[i]}) ds - \oint_{S_d^l} \delta \mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{B} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{v}}^{[i]} ds \right) \\ &= 0, i = 0, 1 \end{aligned} \quad (3.23)$$

Given coarse-scale components of the strain at quadrature points of global structure, Cauchy stress is computed through an elastic trial predictor at each unit cell. If elastic trial stress is greater than the nucleation stress, Eq. (3.23) is then solved for dislocation velocity  $\hat{\mathbf{v}}$ , which leads to the incremental plastic strain. Consequently, an elastic trial stress is corrected by means of calculated plastic strain. It is important to note that since the driving force of dislocation evolution is a linear function of stresses  $\boldsymbol{\sigma}$  and  $\boldsymbol{\sigma}^d$ , we have  $\mathbf{f}_{PK}^{[0]} + \lambda \mathbf{f}_{PK}^{[1]} = [(\boldsymbol{\sigma}^{[0]} + \lambda \boldsymbol{\sigma}^{[0]}) + (\boldsymbol{\sigma}^{d[0]} + \lambda \boldsymbol{\sigma}^{d[0]}) \cdot \mathbf{b}] \times \boldsymbol{\xi} = \mathbf{f}_{PK}$ . Thus it is straightforward to show that the dislocation velocity can be solved from the combined equation  $\sum_{l=1}^{ND} \delta E_d^{l[0]} + \lambda \delta E_d^{l[1]} = \sum_{l=1}^{ND} \delta E_d^l = 0$ , i.e.,

$$\sum_{l=1}^{ND} \left( \oint_{S_d^l} \delta \mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{f}_{PK}(\boldsymbol{\sigma}, \boldsymbol{\sigma}^d) ds - \oint_{S_d^l} \delta \mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{B} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{v}} ds \right) = 0 \quad (3.24)$$

This implies that dislocation velocity can be treated strictly as a mesoscale variable. Although the dislocation evolution equation now can be expressed at the mesoscale level, the stress fields involved in the evolution equation need to be calculated from coarse- and fine-scale displacements that are to be solved from the macroscale equilibrium equation and scale-coupling equations, respectively.

### 3.3 Linearization of Multiscale Equations

The multiscale Eqs. (3.19) and (3.20) are, in general, nonlinear with respect to  $u_i$ , and linearization of these two equations is needed. We first consider that coarse-scale component  $u_i^{[0]}(\mathbf{X})$  varies linearly with respect to  $\mathbf{X}$  in the mesoscale unit cell:

$$u_i^{[0]}(\mathbf{X}) \approx \left( \frac{\partial u_i^{[0]}}{\partial X_j} \right) X_j = \lambda \left( \frac{\partial u_i^{[0]}}{\partial X_j} \right) Y_j \quad (3.25)$$

in which  $u_i(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y})$  is measured in macroscopic scale, and we ignore higher-order terms  $O(\lambda^2)$ . Substituting Eq. (3.25) into the incremental form of Eq. (3.6) yields

$$\Delta u_i(\mathbf{Y}) = \Delta F_{ij}^{[0]} Y_j + \Delta u_i^{[1]}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}) \quad (3.26)$$

where  $\Delta F_{ij}^{[0]} = \frac{\partial \Delta u_i^{[0]}}{\partial X_j}$  is the incremental macroscopic deformation gradient, and incremental fine-scale component of displacement  $\Delta u_i^{[1]}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y})$  is obtained from Eq. (3.7) as

$$\Delta u_i^{[1]}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}) = \alpha_{kli}(\mathbf{Y}) \Delta F_{kl}^{[0]} \quad (3.27)$$

#### 3.3.1 Incremental Scale-Coupling Equation

Introducing Eqs. (3.26) and (3.27) into the incremental form of Eq. (3.19) yields

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\Omega_X} \frac{\partial \delta u_i^{[1]}}{\partial Y_j} (D_{ijkl} + T_{ijkl}) \left( \frac{\partial \Delta u_k^{[0]}}{\partial X_l} + \frac{\partial \Delta u_k^{[1]}}{\partial Y_l} \right) d\Omega \\ &= - \int_{\Omega_X} \frac{\partial \delta u_i^{[1]}}{\partial Y_j} P_{ji} d\Omega \end{aligned} \quad (3.28)$$

where

$$D_{ijkl} = F_{im} C_{jlmn}^2 F_{kn}, \quad T_{ijkl} = S_{jl} \delta_{ik} \quad (3.29)$$

Here  $C_{jlmn}^2$  is the second elasticity tensor and  $S_{ij}$  is the second Piola-Kirchhoff stress. Further, substituting Eq. (3.27) into Eq. (3.28) and taking the average over the unit cell gives rise to

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\Omega_X} \frac{1}{A_Y} \left[ \int_{\Omega_Y} \frac{\partial \delta u_i^{[1]}}{\partial Y_j} (D_{ijkl} + T_{ijkl}) \right. \\ & \quad \left. \times \left( \delta_{km} \delta_{nl} + \frac{\partial \alpha_{mnk}(\mathbf{Y})}{\partial Y_l} \right) d\Omega \right] \frac{\partial \delta u_m^{[0]} \partial X_n}{d} \Omega \\ &= - \int_{\Omega_X} \frac{1}{A_Y} \left[ \int_{\Omega_Y} \left( \frac{\partial \delta u_i^{[1]}}{\partial Y_j} \right) P_{ji} d\Omega \right] d\Omega \end{aligned} \quad (3.30)$$

where  $A_Y$  is the area of the unit cell in the undeformed configuration and  $\Omega_Y$  is the domain of the unit cell. Since the length scale of the mesoscale unit cell is considerably smaller than the macroscopic length scale, the residual (R.H.S.) in the mesoscopic Eq. (3.30) can be ignored, and it yields

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\Omega_Y} \frac{\partial \delta u_i^{[1]}}{\partial Y_j} (D_{ijkl} + T_{ijkl}) \frac{\partial \alpha_{mnk}(\mathbf{Y})}{\partial Y_l} dY \\ &= - \int_{\Omega_Y} \frac{\partial \delta u_i^{[1]}}{\partial Y_j} (D_{ijmn} + T_{ijmn}) dY \end{aligned} \quad (3.31)$$

Note that mesoscale displacement  $u_i$  must be used to calculate  $D_{ijkl}$  and  $T_{ijkl}$  in Eq. (3.31). Once the scale-coupling function  $\alpha_{mnk}$  is obtained from Eq. (3.31), the fine-scale incremental displacement can be calculated using Eq. (3.27).

#### 3.3.2 Incremental Macroscale Equilibrium Equation

Substituting Eqs. (3.26) and (3.27) into the incremental equation of Eq. (3.20) and performing an average process over the unit cell, the

following incremental equilibrium equation is obtained:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_{\Omega_X} \frac{\partial \delta u_i^{[0]}}{\partial X_j} \left\{ \frac{1}{A_Y} \int_{\Omega_Y} (D_{ijkl} + T_{ijkl}) \right. \\
& \times \left. \left( \delta_{km} \delta_{nl} + \frac{\partial \alpha_{mnk}(\mathbf{Y})}{\partial Y_l} \right) dY \right\} \frac{\partial \Delta u_m^{[0]}}{\partial X_n} d\Omega \\
& = \int_{\Omega_X} \delta u_i^{[0]} b_i d\Omega + \int_{\Gamma_X^h} \delta u_i^{[0]} h_i d\Gamma \\
& - \int_{\Omega_X} \left( \frac{\partial \delta u_i^{[0]}}{\partial X_j} \right) P_{ji}^{[0]} d\Omega \quad (3.32)
\end{aligned}$$

Recall that the inner integral in Eq. (3.32) is calculated over the unit cell, which leads to homogenized geometric and material response tensors in each unit cell. Recasting the inner integral in Eq. (3.32) leads to homogenized material and geometric response tensors as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
\bar{D}_{ijmn} &= \frac{1}{A_Y} \int_{\Omega_Y} D_{ijkl} \\
& \times \left( \delta_{km} \delta_{nl} + \frac{\partial \alpha_{mnk}(\mathbf{Y})}{\partial Y_l} \right) d\Omega \quad (3.33)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\bar{T}_{ijmn} &= \frac{1}{A_Y} \int_{\Omega_Y} T_{ijkl} \\
& \times \left( \delta_{km} \delta_{nl} + \frac{\partial \alpha_{mnk}(\mathbf{Y})}{\partial Y_l} \right) d\Omega \quad (3.34)
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\bar{D}_{ijmn}$  is the homogenized material response tensor and  $\bar{T}_{ijmn}$  is the homogenized geometric response tensor. Equation (3.32) is rewritten as

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_{\Omega_X} \frac{\partial \delta u_i^{[0]}}{\partial X_j} \bar{A}_{ijmn}^{[0]} \frac{\partial \Delta u_m^{[0]}}{\partial X_n} d\Omega = \int_{\Omega_X} \delta u_i^{[0]} b_i d\Omega \\
& + \int_{\Gamma_X^h} \delta u_i^{[0]} h_i d\Gamma - \int_{\Omega_X} \left( \frac{\partial \delta u_i^{[0]}}{\partial X_j} \right) P_{ji}^{[0]} d\Omega \quad (3.35)
\end{aligned}$$

$$A_{ijmn}^{[0]} = \bar{D}_{ijmn} + \bar{T}_{ijmn} \quad (3.36)$$

At each macroscopic iteration, homogenized tensor  $A_{ijmn}^{[0]}$  is calculated from the unit cell that corresponds to each integration point of the macroscopic structure using the macroscopic information  $F_{ij}^{[0]}$ . Obtaining the homogenized material property at integration points requires solving the scale-coupling function in Eq. (3.31). With the homogenized material property, the macroscopic displacement increment is computed using Eq. (3.35), and the macroscopic deformation of structure is updated.

It can be easily identified that both the homogenized material response tensor  $\bar{D}_{ijmn}$  and the homogenized geometric response tensor  $\bar{T}_{ijmn}$  do not possess major symmetry. The symmetry property in the material and homogenized geometric response tensors can be recovered by adopting a consistent homogenization procedure [30], as discussed in Appendix A, where the macroscopic strain energy density  $W^{[0]}$  is first calculated, and the homogenized incremental stress-strain relation is then obtained consistently.

The dislocation evolution Eq. (3.23) is a linear function of  $\hat{\mathbf{v}}$ , and thus the linearized equation takes the same form as the total form equation. The multiscale Eqs. (3.24), (3.31), and (3.35) are solved interactively to yield the complete macroscopic and mesoscopic solutions.

#### 4. NUMERICAL PROCEDURES

In this multiscale analysis the macroscale equilibrium equation is discretized by a coarse mesh for computational efficiency. At each integration point of the macroscopic mesh, the scale-coupling function is solved on the unit cell using the scale-coupling equation and macroscopic stress and strain information. The mesoscopic deformation and stress are then obtained using the scale-coupling function, and

this information is employed to calculate dislocation motion using the mesoscopic dislocation evolution equation. The computed dislocation velocities and their distributions are used to obtain plastic deformation of the unit cell. Finally, the homogenized elastoplastic stress-strain relation is returned to the macroscopic equilibrium equation for solving macroscopic deformation at the next load step. These computational procedures are illustrated in Fig. 5.

## 5. NUMERICAL EXAMPLE

The elastoplastic behavior of a CS.016 cold-worked carbon (0.2% C) steel rod subjected to uniaxial tension is analyzed by the proposed multiscale method, and the results are compared with experimental data reported by Brooks [17]. This model problem is shown in Fig. 6, in which the rod is subjected to an uniaxial tension of 400 MPa. The mesoscopic para-

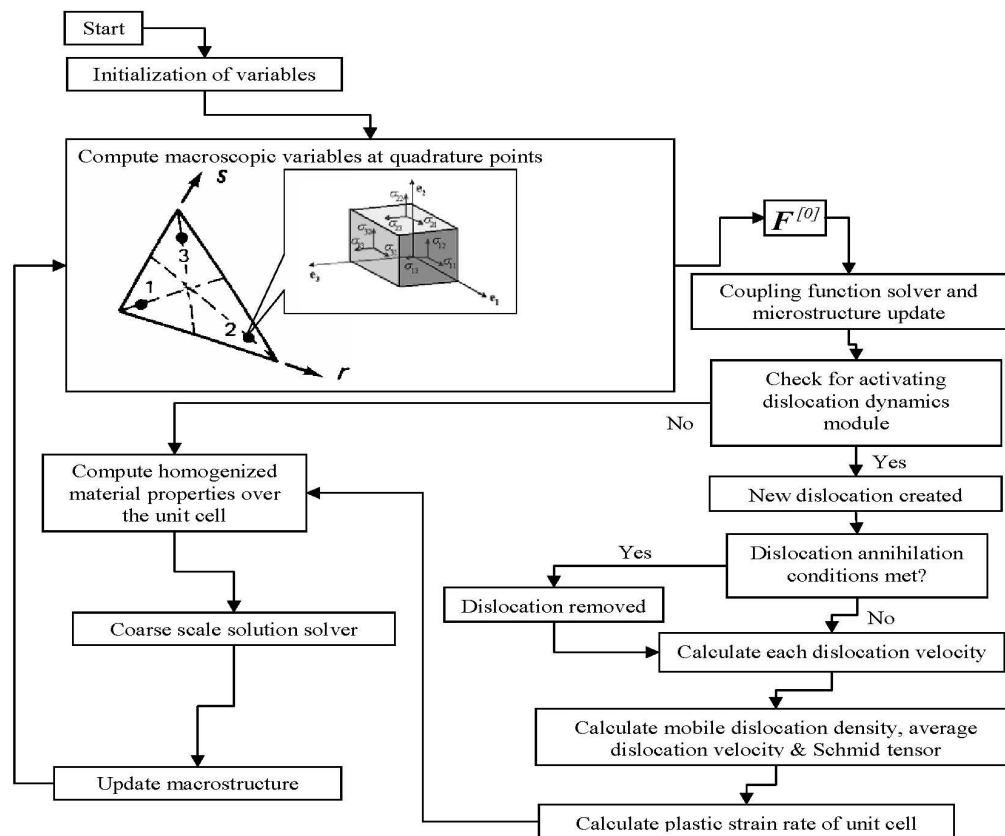


FIGURE 5. Computational algorithm of multiscale analysis



FIGURE 6. CS.016 cold-worked carbon steel rod subjected to an uniaxial tension



meters are given in Table 1. The grain structures of the unit cell (size =  $100 \mu m \times 100 \mu m$ ) are taken from Mehraeen and Chen [23], as shown Fig. 3, and the Young's modulus of each grain is assigned randomly in the range of  $E_0 \pm (20\%)E_0$  such that the averaged modulus is consistent with the macroscopic Young's modulus  $E_0$  give in Table 1.

The macroscopic tension increment of  $20 \text{ MPa}$  is used. At each macroscopic load step, macroscopic strains and stresses based on elastic trial at the integration points are computed. For a given macroscopic incremental strain, mesoscopic incremental displacement is obtained through the scale-coupling function by Eq. (3.31), and consequently, the mesoscopic strain increment is computed. The dislocation computations in the grains are invoked if the trial stress is greater than the dislocation nucleation stress. On the basis of the dislocation calculations given in Section 4, the mesoscopic plastic strain increment is computed, and the elastoplastic tangent operator is returned to the macroscopic integration points for macroscopic equilibrium calculation. Figure 7 shows the evolution of dislocations with increasing strain in the grain structure. The dislocation pileups increase with increasing deformation. The predicted axial stress-strain response, as shown in Fig. 8, agrees well with experimental observations [17].

## 6. CONCLUSIONS

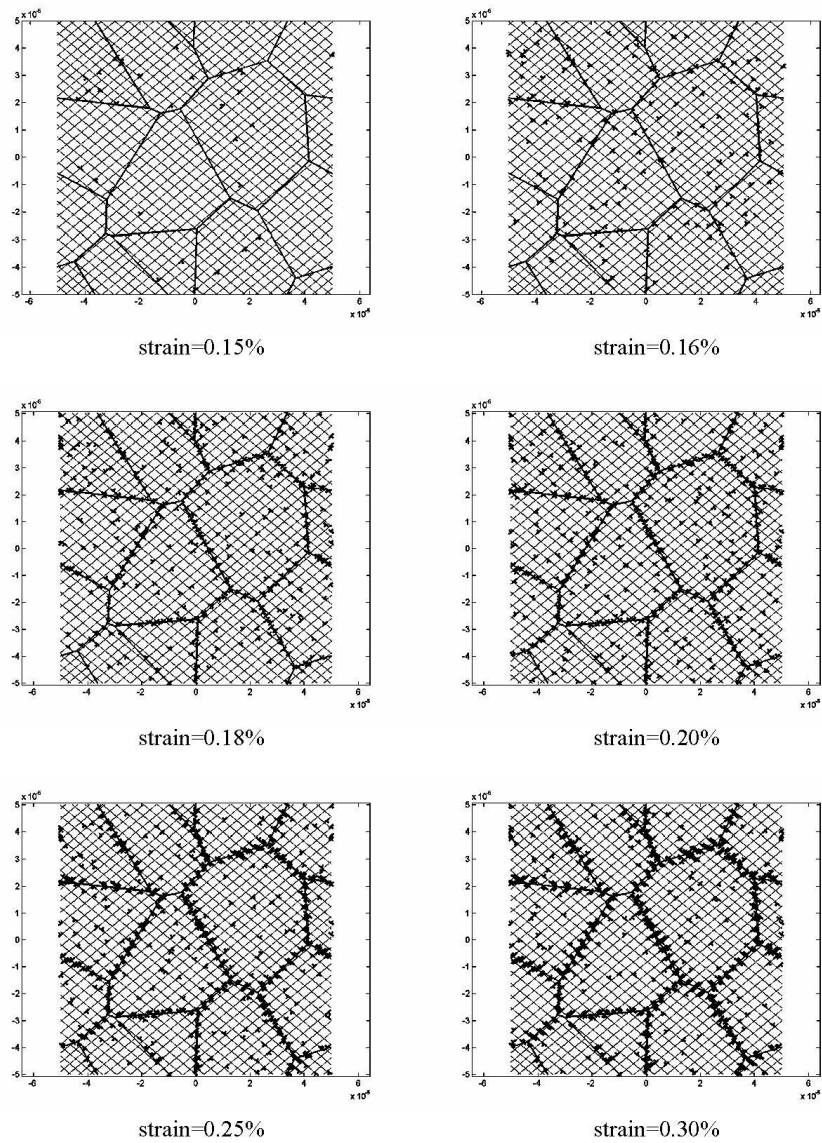
This work aims to develop a dislocation-based, multiscale formulation for modeling dislocation formation and evolution in grain structures and for characterizing how mesoscale dislocations are related to plastic deformation in the continuum. This paper addresses the following issues: (i) multiscale variational equations between continuum scale and mesoscale for general, large deformation conditions; (ii) cou-

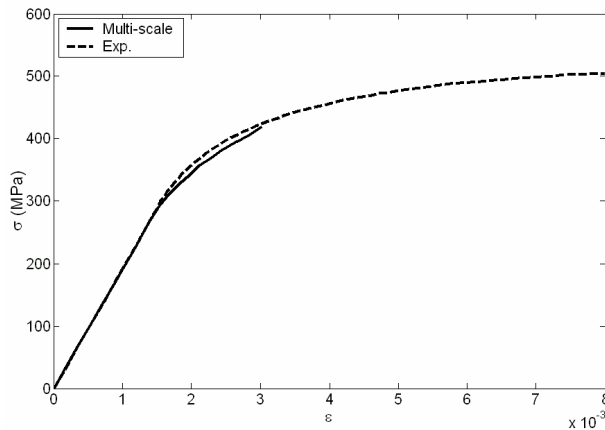
pling of mesoscale dislocations and continuum plastic deformation; (iii) numerical procedures for multiscale modeling of plastic deformation; and (iv) dislocation-based, multiscale analysis of plastic deformation of a CS.016 cold-worked carbon steel without using phenomenological plasticity flow and hardening rules.

An asymptotic, expansion-based, homogenization method incorporated with mesoscale dislocation mechanics has been proposed to provide a systematic approach for multiscale modeling of plastic deformation in polycrystalline materials. To yield the multiscale variational equations and scale-coupling relation, a total Lagrangian formation and its linearization have been adopted. By introducing the asymptotic expansion of the material displacement in the test and trial functions in the variational equation and by averaging strain energy density of the unit cell, the resulting leading-order equations yield the scale-coupling relation, coarse-scale homogenized equilibrium equation, and fine-scale dislocation evolution equation. At every integration point in the macroscopic structure, the pointwise macroscale strain is passed onto the corresponding mesoscale unit cell. Within the mesoscale unit cell, the scale-coupling function was first solved numerically, and mesoscale incremental displacement, strain, and trial stress were computed using the scale-coupling function and macroscale strain information. The mesoscale dislocation evolution in the grain structures was then simulated, and the mesoscale incremental plastic strain was obtained from the dislocation velocity and distribution. By incorporating the scale-coupling function and the mesoscale plastic strain, a homogenized elastoplastic stress-strain relation was obtained and returned to the macroscale integration points. Using the elastoplastic tangent moduli at integration points in the continuum domain, the macroscopic discrete equilibrium equation was constructed and solved. In

**TABLE 1.** Material properties of AL-6XN stainless-steel and microstructure parameters

Young's modules ( $E_0$ )	207 GPa
Poisson's ratio	0.30
Dislocation mobility	$1.1 \times 10^3 (Pa^{-1}s^{-1})$
Dislocation nucleation time	$3.0 \times 10^{-7}s$
Dislocation nucleation stress	150 MPa

**FIGURE 7.** Evolution of dislocations at different stain stages



**FIGURE 8.** Comparison of macroscopic stress-strain curve obtained from proposed multiscale approach with the experimental results of Brooks [17]

this multiscale approach, the phenomenological hardening rule and the flow rule in classical plasticity theory are avoided, and they are replaced by a homogenized mesoscale material response characterized by dislocation evolution and their interactions.

In the numerical example, the elastoplastic deformation of a CS.016 cold-worked carbon steel has been demonstrated. The macroscopic stress-strain response has been obtained by means of the proposed multiscale formulation and numerical algorithms. This stress-strain relation depicted a good agreement with the experimental data.

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## APPENDIX A: CONSISTENT HOMOGENIZATION OF THE MACROSCALE EQUILIBRIUM EQUATION

In this section we follow the consistent homogenization method proposed by Bensoussan *et al.* [12]. First, the macroscale strain energy density function is defined by

$$W^{[0]} = \frac{1}{A_Y} \int_{\Omega_Y} W(\mathbf{F}) d\Omega \quad (\text{A1})$$

$$F_{ij} = \partial u_i / \partial X_j \quad (\text{A2})$$

where  $\mathbf{f}$  and  $W$  are the mesoscopic deformation gradient and strain energy density in the unit cell, respectively, and  $W^{[0]}$  is the pointwise macroscopic strain energy density. Conse-

quently, it is demonstrated that [12] the macroscopic first PK stress tensor is obtained by

$$\begin{aligned} P_{ij}^{[0]} &= \frac{\partial W^{[0]}}{\partial F_{ji}^{[0]}} = \frac{1}{A_Y} \int_Y \frac{\partial W}{\partial F_{ji}^{[0]}} d\Omega \\ &= \frac{1}{A_Y} \int_Y P_{nm} K_{nmij} d\Omega \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A3})$$

$$P_{nm} = \frac{\partial W}{\partial F_{mn}} \quad (\text{A4})$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} K_{nmij} &= \delta_{jm} \delta_{in} + \eta_{jimn}, \\ \eta_{klin} &= \frac{\partial \alpha_{kli}(\mathbf{Y})}{\partial Y_n} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A5})$$

Recasting Eq. (A3) in the incremental form yields

$$\Delta P_{ij}^{[0]} = A_{ijkl}^{[0]} \Delta F_{lk}^{[0]} \quad (\text{A6})$$

$$A_{ijkl}^{[0]} = \frac{1}{A_Y} \int_{\Omega_Y} A_{pqrs} K_{pqij} K_{rskl} dY,$$

$$A_{pqrs} = \frac{\partial^2 W}{\partial F_{qp} \partial F_{sr}} = C_{pntr}^2 F_{qn} F_{st} + S_{pr} \delta_{sq} \quad (\text{A7})$$

Recall that Eq. (A6) demonstrates the major symmetry property of the homogenized first elasticity tensor  $A_{ijkl}^{[0]}$ . Furthermore, unlike other asymptotic, expansion-based methods [12, 20, 24, 25, 28], the second elasticity tensor in above proposed method also possesses a major symmetry property [12]. On the basis of the incremental form of macroscopic equilibrium Eq. (3.35) and the above consistent homogenization procedures, the macroscopic incremental equation is obtained:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Omega_X} \frac{\partial du_i^{[0]}}{\partial X_j} A_{ijmn}^{[0]} \frac{\partial \Delta u_m^{[0]}}{\partial X_n} d\Omega &= \int_{\Omega_X} du_i^{[0]} b_i d\Omega \\ &+ \int_{\Gamma_X^h} du_i^{[0]} h_i d\Gamma - \int_{\Omega_X} \frac{\partial du_i^{[0]}}{\partial Y_j} P_{ij}^{[0]} d\Omega \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A8})$$