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Investigation of microstructure on phase transition kinetics of iron

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- Background
- Experimental study of phase transition kinetics of annealed and cold-rolled polycrystalline iron
- Numerical study of microstructure evolution of martenstic phase transition
- Conclusion



Background





Background

PT kinetic

Loading condition







- A: Deformation zone
- B: Partial phase transition zone
- C: Complete phase transition zone

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- D: Melting/Gasify zone
- E: Hollow zone





Background





- Heat treatment
- Radiation
- Impurity
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• Grain size samples



Grain size~10 µm

(cold rolling 80%; 800°C, 8hour, furnace colding)



Grain size~200 μ m (1150°C, 1.0Hour, furnace colding)



Grain size~500 μ m (1150°C, 4.0Hour, furnace colding)



Cold rolling samples



(cold rolling 50%)



(cold rolling 70%)



(cold rolling 90%)



• Experiment sketch



[1-flyer, 2-sample, 3-sample ring, 4-recycling bin, 5-sub-recycling bin, 6-buffer rubber, 7-lid 1, 8-lid 2]

- Electric probes: tilt angle of flyer
- PDV: iron/sapphire interface velocity measurement;
- Recovery of samples



• Loading consistency(interface velocity profile)



- Electric probes: tilt angle of flyer is less than 0.2°
- PDV: loading consistency is good



• Complete recovery of samples







• Cold rolling samples



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EBSD figs of initial samples

The PT rates are slightly increasing with the deformation of cold rolling

Initial defect



Nucleation density



• Cold rolling and grain size samples(same loading condition)



The PT rates of cold rolling samples are obviously slow than grain size samples

The grain boundary inhibit the growth of new phase





 EBSD data of recovery samples at different loading velocity (grain size~200µm)



Loading velocity m/s	Peak pressure GPa	Fraction of PT	Average hardness HV
0	0	0	81.3
666	13.1	10%	155
886	16.4	85%	220

Shock loading direction



• EBSD data of recovery samples at different loading velocity (cold rolling 70%) Loading Peak Fraction



Loading velocity m/s	Peak pressure GPa	Fraction of PT	Average hardnes s HV
0	0	0	215. 3
714	13.6	34%	220
880	16.4	85%	210

Shock loading direction



• Phase transition pathway theory



Hundred Variants

Denoual, *PRL*, 2010 Denoual, *JMPS*, 2016





$$\int_{\Omega_{0}} \left\{ \left(\mathbf{P} \cdot \mathbf{F} \mathbf{p}^{t} \cdot \mathbf{F} \mathbf{t}^{t} - \rho_{0} \frac{\partial \psi_{e}}{\partial \mathbf{F} \mathbf{e}} \Big|_{\mathbf{F} \mathbf{t}} \right) : \dot{\mathbf{F}} \mathbf{e} + \left(\mathbf{F} \mathbf{e}^{t} \cdot \mathbf{P} \cdot \mathbf{F} \mathbf{p}^{t} - \rho_{0} \frac{\partial \psi_{e}}{\partial \mathbf{F} \mathbf{t}} \Big|_{\mathbf{F} \mathbf{e}} - \rho_{0} \frac{\partial \psi_{e}}{\partial \mathbf{F} \mathbf{t}} \right) : \dot{\mathbf{F}} \mathbf{t} + \left(\mathbf{F} \mathbf{t}^{t} \cdot \mathbf{F} \mathbf{e}^{t} \cdot \mathbf{P} \right) : \dot{\mathbf{F}} \mathbf{p} - \rho_{0} \frac{\partial \psi_{\nabla}}{\partial \nabla \mathbf{F} \mathbf{t}} \therefore \nabla \dot{\mathbf{F}} \mathbf{t} \right\} d\Omega_{0} \ge 0$$

Phase transition driving force $\mathbf{X}\mathbf{t} = \mathbf{F}\mathbf{e}^{t} \cdot \mathbf{P} \cdot \mathbf{F}\mathbf{p}^{t} - \rho_{0} \frac{\partial \psi_{e}}{\partial \mathbf{F}\mathbf{t}}\Big|_{\mathbf{F}\mathbf{e}} - \rho_{0} \frac{\partial \psi_{t}}{\partial \mathbf{F}\mathbf{t}} + \rho_{0} \nabla \cdot \frac{\partial \psi_{\nabla}}{\partial \nabla \mathbf{F}\mathbf{t}}$

Vattre, Denoual, JMPS, 2016



Small strain hypothesis: $\dot{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}_{V} + \dot{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}_{d} + \dot{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}_{p} + \dot{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}_{t}$ Volume strain rate Deviatoric strain rate Plastic strain rate Phase transition strain rate $\dot{\varepsilon}_{t} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\dot{\mathbf{F}} \mathbf{t} \cdot \mathbf{F} \mathbf{t}^{-1} + \mathbf{F} \mathbf{t}^{-T} \dot{\mathbf{F}} \mathbf{t}^{T} \right)$ Plasticitic Anisotropic EOS elastic constitution constitution Phase transition deformation gradient evolution: $\eta \dot{\mathbf{F}} \mathbf{t} = \mathbf{X} \mathbf{t} = j \mathbf{F} \mathbf{e}^{\mathrm{T}} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{F} \mathbf{e}^{-\mathrm{T}} \cdot \mathbf{F} \mathbf{t}^{-\mathrm{T}} + \lambda \nabla^{2} \mathbf{F} \mathbf{t} \sum_{i=1}^{18} \left[2\left(\rho_0 \psi_{ik}(\zeta_k) + \sigma_h d_k(\mathbf{Ct})\right) \mathbf{Ft} \cdot \frac{\partial \omega_k(\mathbf{Ct})}{\partial \mathbf{Ct}} + 2\left(\rho_0 \psi_{ik}'(\zeta_k) \mathbf{Ft} \cdot \mathbf{D} + 2\sigma_h \mathbf{Ft} \cdot \mathbf{N}(\mathbf{Ct})\right) \right]$ 6 Phase transition energy: $\times 10^{3}$ J/mm³ 3 - $\psi_t(\mathbf{Ct}) = \sum_{k=1}^{18} \omega_k(\mathbf{Ct}) \Psi_{tk}(\mathbf{Ct})$ 0 $\omega_k(\mathbf{Ct}) = \frac{d_k^{-h}(\mathbf{Ct})}{\sum_{k=1}^{18} d_k^{-h}(\mathbf{Ct})}$ -3 - $\Psi_{tk} = \rho_0 \psi_{tk}(\zeta_k) + \sigma_h d_k(\mathbf{Ct})$



• Simulation results (1D strain)



Z axis strain 0.09





Z axis strain 0.092

Z axis strain 0.096



Conclusion

- The consistency of loading condition is important to decouple the effects of heat treatment of the sample on the phase transition kinetics;
- The phase transition rates of grain size samples is obviously fast than the cold rolling samples, and under the same heat treatment process the grain size and deformation of cold rolling will slightly affect the PT rates;
- Pathway theory will be very useful to investigate the microstructure evolution of reconstructive martenstic phase transition.

Prospect

- Crystal plasticity constitutive will be coupled in the pathway theory;
- The multi-variants evolution simulation results will be further validated by the microstructure analysis of the recovery samples.



Thanks for your attention!