



# Modeling of multifunctional materials

how to describe  
evolving microstructures in solids

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Albert Einstein:

*Theory determines what is observable.*

*Mathematical theory determines  
what can be calculated numerically.*

*Analysis substantially enlarges the class of  
problems that can be simulated efficiently.*



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Application Area	Optimiz. discr.math.	Numerics sci.comp.	Applied & stoch.anal.
A Life sciences			■
B Logistics, traffic, telecomm.			
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F Visualization			
G Education, Outreach, Adm.			

Intersection of **Numerical and Applied Analysis**  
and **Multifunctional Materials**



- 1 Multi-functional materials
- 2 Shape-memory alloys
- 3 Mathematical modeling
- 4 Mesoscopic evolution model
- 5 Numerical approximation



# 1. Multi-functional materials

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- ▷ magnetization
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- ▷ phase transformations
- ▷ electric and electronic properties



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## **Example 1:**

piezo-electric effect = nontrivial coupling between elastic deformation and polarization

↔ use as actuator or sensors



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**Example 2:**

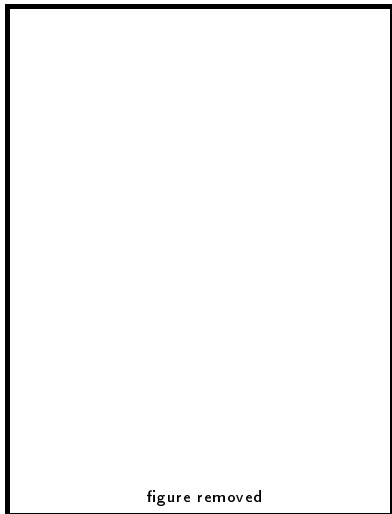
shape-memory effect = nontrivial coupling between elastic deformation and phase transformation



The multi-functional behavior is often generated by **internal microstructure**

e.g., in **wood**

- elasticity
- inflammability
- heat insulation
- water sensitivity







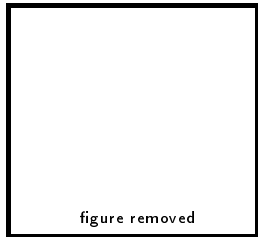
# Microstructure in multi-functional materials

## Steel

outside hard and inside soft



Excalibur

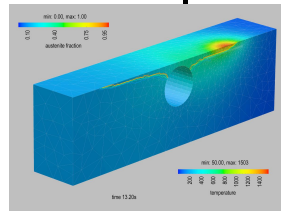




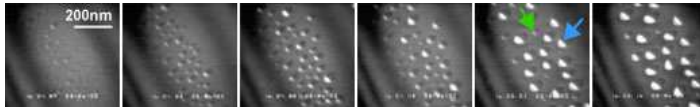
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## C11 Modeling and optimization of phase transitions in steel



## C10 Thin-film nanostructures on crystal surfaces



quantum dots

## C14 Macroscopic models for precipitation in crystalline solids





### Shape-memory effect

drastic permanent deformation

↪ heating

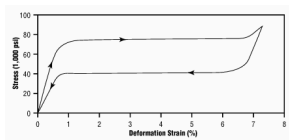
↪ material remembers original shape

### Super-elasticity

Nickel-Titan National Ordnance Laboratory 1961

- large plateau (constant stresses)
- hysteresis loop (energy absorption)

Nitinol





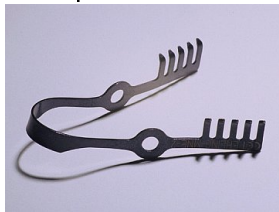
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### Applications of the **super-elastic effect** in medicine:

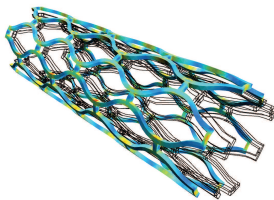
stents for blood vessels



separators



dental braces





## 2. Shape-memory alloys



Medical grippers without joints

- Deformable airplane wings



- MEMS micro-electronical-mechanical systems

micro-gripper, -pumps, -valves

(without any joint, screw or other disturbing part)

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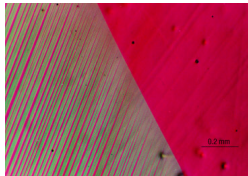
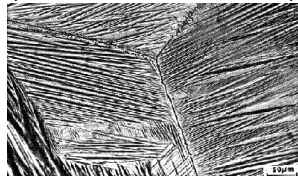
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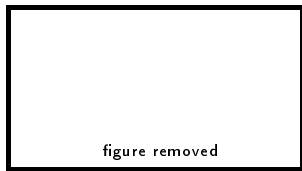
## 2. Shape-memory alloys: microstructure

These effects rely on microstructural arrangements of different phases

CuAlNi alloy  
(Hornbogen, Bochum)



NiMaGa alloy



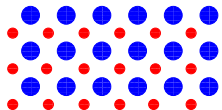
right: austenite  
left: twinned martensite  
(Chu, James)

austenite = symmetric high-temperature phase

martensite = less symmetric, low temperature phase (several variants)



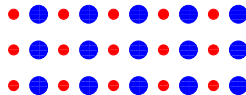
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**Austenite**

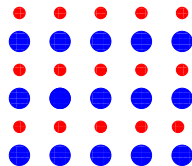
Sir W.C. Roberts-Austen (1843–1902)



less symmetric, low temperature  
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two variants of **Martensite**

Adolf Martens (1850–1914)

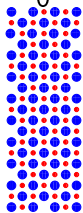




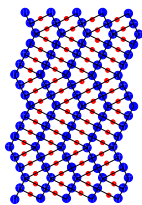
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**Twinning:** layering of two variants of martensite

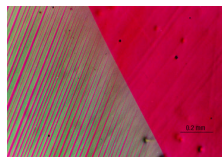
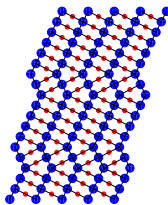
Austenite, no shear



small shear



large shear



← martensite layer

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**Super-elastic plateau:** Easy flipping between the martensite variants.

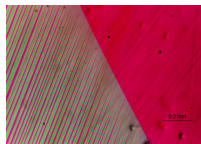
**Shape-memory effect:** After heating pure austenite is produced, which returns into the original shape.

After cooling regularly layered twins reappear while keeping the shape.



### 3. Mathematical modeling

Typical size of specimens: 1 mm to 1 cm  
Typical size of microstructure: 100 nm to 10  $\mu\text{m}$



Numerical resolution of microstructure via Finite-Element Methods impossible or undesirable ( $\geq 1000^3$  elements)

The important quantity is  $\mathbf{F} = \nabla\phi \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}$ , the deformation gradient, which fluctuates wildly on the (sub-)micron scale

#### Idea of Ball & James 1987:

Microstructure can be described by a **probability distribution**:

**Gradient Young measure** at point  $x \in \Omega$

$$\mu_x(A) \approx \frac{\text{vol}(\{y \in B_r(x) \mid \mathbf{F}(y) \in A\})}{\text{vol}(B_r(x))} \rightsquigarrow \mu_x \in \text{Prob}(\mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3})$$



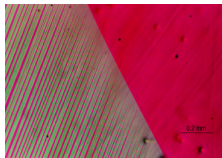
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Gradients  $\mathbf{F} \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}$  lie in a

9-dimensional linear space

Simple laminates lie in a

nonlinear 15-dimensional manifold

[  $\mathbf{F}_1, \mathbf{F}_2 \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}$  with  $\text{rank}(\mathbf{F}_1 - \mathbf{F}_2) = 1$  and  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$  ]

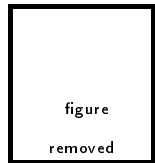
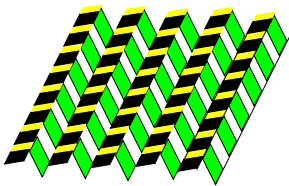
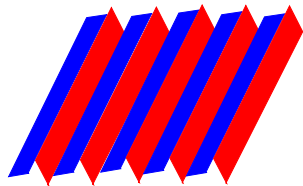


## Sequential laminates

$(F_1, F_2)$  laminate with average  $F = \lambda F_1 + (1-\lambda)F_2$

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Double laminates lie in a nonlinear manifold of dimension  
 $= 9+6+(6+6) = 27$

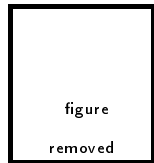
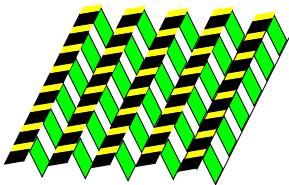
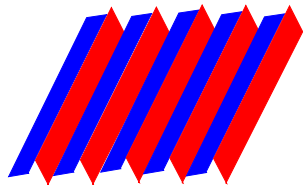


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Instead of linear  $100^3$  unknowns in FEM for microstructure one can use 27 nonlinear unknowns obtained from analysis.



### 3. Mathematical modeling: mixture function

For each **pure phase**  $e_j \in Z_{\text{pure}} = \{e_1, \dots, e_N\} \subset \mathbb{R}^N$   
there is given a stored-energy density  $W(\mathbf{F}, e_j)$ .

$Z = \text{conv}(Z_p)$  Gibbs simplex of **possible mixtures** of phases

**Mixture function**  $\mathbb{W} : \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3} \times Z \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  [M.&Theil'02]

(also called free-energy of mixing by Govindjee&Hackl'07)

$$\mathbb{W}(\mathbf{F}, z) = \min \int_{\mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3} \times Z_p} W(\mathbf{G}, \tilde{z}) \mu(d\mathbf{G}, d\tilde{z})$$

over  $\mu \in \text{Prob}^{\text{GYM}}(\mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3} \times Z_p)$  with  $\int_{\mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3} \times Z_p} (\mathbf{G}, \tilde{z}) \mu(d\mathbf{G}, d\tilde{z}) = (\mathbf{F}, z)$

$\mathbb{W}$  must be evaluated numerically using laminates or FEM, see  
MATHEON C13: Adaptive simul. of PT in solid mech. (C. Carstensen) or  
Institute of Fundamental Technol. Research, Polish Acad. Sci., Warszawa  
H. Petryk, S. Stupkiewicz



### Statics is quite well understood:

- using calculus of variations (**Weierstraß' principle**)
- energy minimizers
- starting from Ball&James there are now more than 1000 papers

**What about models for evolution of microstructure ?**



## 4. Mesoscopic evolution model

State  $q = (\phi, z) \in \mathcal{Q} = \mathcal{F} \times \mathcal{Z}$  state space

Energy storage functional

$$\mathcal{E}(t, \phi, z) = \int_{\Omega} \mathbb{W}(x, \nabla \phi(x), z(x)) + \rho |\nabla z(x)|^{\alpha} dx - \langle \ell(t), \phi \rangle$$

Dissipation distance

$$\mathcal{D}(z_{\text{old}}, z_{\text{new}}) = \int_{\Omega} D(x, z_{\text{old}}(x), z_{\text{new}}(x)) dx$$

### Energetic formulation for rate-independent systems.

A function  $q : [0, T] \rightarrow \mathcal{Q}$  is called *energetic solution*, if for all  $t \in [0, T]$  **global stability (S)** and **energy balance (E)** hold:

(S)  $\mathcal{E}(t, q(t)) \leq \mathcal{E}(t, \hat{q}) + \mathcal{D}(q(t), \hat{q})$  for all  $\hat{q} \in \mathcal{Q}$ ;

(E)  $\mathcal{E}(t, q(t)) + \text{Diss}_{\mathcal{D}}(q, [0, t]) = \mathcal{E}(0, q(0)) + \int_0^t \partial_s \mathcal{E}(s, q(s)) ds.$

**Existence theory** developed in C18 by M&Petrov and coworkers.





## 5. Numerical approximation

Joint work with **Kručík & Roubíček** [Meccanica'05, M2AN'08]:

**CuAlNi** with cubic-to-orthorhombic phase transformation

$$W_j(\mathbf{F}) = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{F}^T \mathbf{F} - \mathbf{U}_j) : \mathbb{C}_j : (\mathbf{F}^T \mathbf{F} - \mathbf{U}_j) + \gamma_j \quad (j = 1, \dots, 7)$$

with experimental values for  $\gamma_j$ ,  $\mathbf{U}_j$ ,  $\mathbb{C}_j$  from experiments by Šittner

**Problem:** mixture function  $\mathbb{W}$  is not known.

Go back and use gradient Young measures!!



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**State space**  $\mathcal{Q}$  involving **gradient Young measures**:

Mesoscopic phase indicator  $z = \Lambda(\mathbf{F})$  with continuous  $\Lambda : \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3} \rightarrow Z$

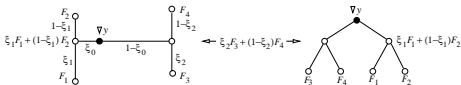
$$\widehat{\mathcal{Q}} = \left\{ (\phi, \mu, z) \in W^{1,4}(\Omega) \times \text{GYM}^4(\Omega; \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}) \times L^1(\Omega) \mid \begin{array}{l} \nabla \phi = \text{id} \bullet \mu, z = \Lambda \bullet \mu \text{ a.e.} \\ \text{where } (\Phi \bullet \mu)(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}} \Phi(x, \mathbf{F}) \mu(x, d\mathbf{F}) \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\widehat{\mathcal{E}}(t, q) = \int_{\Omega} (W \bullet \mu)(x) + \rho |\nabla z|^\alpha dx - \langle \ell(t), \phi \rangle$$

Existence of energetic solutions for  $(\widehat{\mathcal{Q}}, \widehat{\mathcal{E}}, \mathcal{D})$  can be shown.

# 5. Numerical approximation

- time discretization  $0 = t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_{N-1} < t_N = T$
- triangulation  $\mathcal{T}_h$  of domain  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^3$
- lamination level  $\kappa = 2$  (double laminates)



Numerical phase space  $\mathcal{Q}_{h,\kappa}$

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Penalized energy

$$\mathcal{E}_\delta(t, q) = \int_\Omega \left( (W \bullet \mu)(x) + \rho |\nabla z|^\alpha \right) dx + \frac{1}{\delta} \|\mathbf{\Lambda} \bullet \mu - z\|_{H^{-1}(\Omega)}^2 - \langle \ell(t), \phi \rangle$$

Dissipation  $\mathcal{D}$  as above



### Discrete time-incremental minimization problems

$$j = 1, \dots, N: q_{h,j,\delta} \in \operatorname{Argmin} \{ \mathcal{E}_\delta(t_j, q) + \mathcal{D}(q_{h,j-1,\delta}, q) \mid q \in \mathcal{Q}_{h,\kappa} \}$$

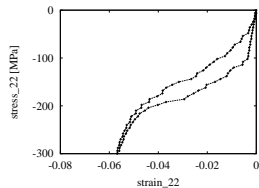
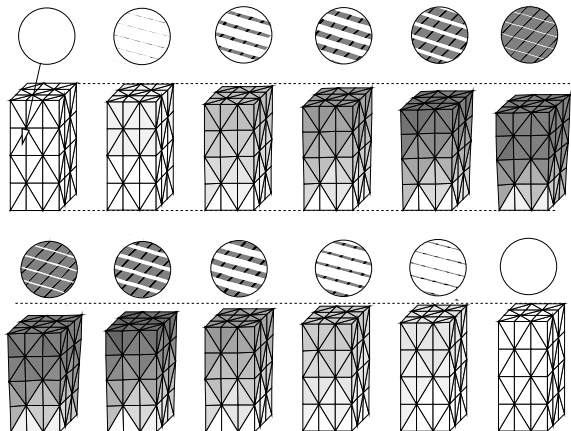
For  $\max\{t_j - t_{j-1} \mid k = 1, \dots, N\} \rightarrow 0$ ,  $\delta, h \rightarrow 0$  with  $h \in (0, H(\delta)]$




- we have uniform a priori bounds,
- we find limit points in the associated weak topologies,
- a general abstract  $\Gamma$ -convergence theorem is applicable.

### Theorem (M&Roubíček&Stefanelli'07/'08):

Numerics converges to an energetic solution  $(\widehat{\mathcal{Q}}, \widehat{\mathcal{E}}, \mathcal{D})$   
(after choosing subsequences, due to non-uniqueness)

## Numerical example: cyclic compression test



-  austenite
-  martensite  $M_2$
-  martensite  $M_3$

We see nontrivial hysteresis through sesqui-laminates:  
Austenite is laminated with twinned ( $M_2$ ,  $M_3$ ).



- ▷ Analytical multiscale modeling leads to well-posed mesoscopic models.
- ▷ A dramatic reduction of unknowns is possible by giving up the linear FE structure.
- ▷ Applied analysis can identify new mesoscopic quantities, which
  - behave well in the upscaling procedure and
  - faithfully describe the effects of the microstructure.
- ▷ Nonlinear analysis may contribute substantially to the progress in simulation of complex systems.

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