A Qualitative Assessment of the Multiphase EMMI Plasticity Model Coupled with Phase Transformation Kinetics

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Abstract

Commonly implemented material processing routines not limited to quenching, welding or heat treatment requires exposure of a part to complex thermal and mechanical loading histories that in turn manifest as residual stress and distortion. Of interest to material designers and fabricators is modeling and simulating the evolutionary process a part undergoes for the sake of capturing this observable residual stress states and geometric distortion accumulated after processing. In an attempt to move toward an overall consistent modeling approach, we premise this investigation with a consistent thermodynamic framework for a generalized multiphase material. Following this, we extend the single phase Evolving Microstructural Model of Inelasticity (EMMI) internal state variable model to multiphase affirming that the interaction between phases is through an interfacial stress. We then employ a self-consistent polycrystalline model in order to partition each individual phase’s strain field ensuring a hybrid between compatibility and equilibrium. With a synthesis of the aforementioned ideas, the additional transformation plasticity (TRIP) is accounted for by modifying each phase’s flowrule to accommodate an interfacial stress. Following this, we couple the mechanical multiphase model equations with a previously developed non-diffusional phase transformation kinetics model. A numerical evaluation of the coupled model is performed and applied to a simplified quenching boundary value problem.

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1. Introduction

The pioneering working of Truesdell and Noll [1, 2] on developing, composing and documenting the nonlinear-field theories of mechanics has fostered the extensive application of continuum mathematics to modeling of engineering materials exhibiting non-linear behavior. Subsequent works of Coleman and Noll [3, 4] on finding the restrictions placed on the constitutive formulation designed to account for the dissipative effects expressed through heat conduction and subsequent deformation helped propel the application of thermodynamics to continuum mechanics. Based on the approach taken by [3, 4], Coleman and Gurtin [5] formulated a continuum thermodynamics framework for the application of Internal State Variables (ISVs) to modeling the nonlinear behavior of engineering materials.
The works of Eshelby [6, 7] on determination of the elastic field in and around an ellipsoidal inclusion encouraged the development of view point of a framework for handling materials with discontinuous properties. Further works of Ericksen [8], Ball [9] encouraged the development of an approach to mathematically model the existence of multiphases in an elastic solid. A number of researchers [10, 11] through experimentation, theoretical derivation and calculation have established the fact that martensite develops 24 possible variants in the presence of an austenite phase with each variant showing a distinct lattice orientation.

In the past, several researchers have demonstrated the possibility of extending a continuum mechanics based formulation with ISVs to modeling of co-existing phases. Tanaka and Nagaki [12] devised an approach for modeling engineering materials experiencing phase transition. They introduce two ISVs, one that kept track of crystallographic structure evolution and the other that measures the extent of phase transition. To model the interaction or effects of parent and product phases they introduce a TRIP strain quantity to account for the additional plasticity experienced during phase transformation. In an attempt to capture the plasticity induced as a result of phase transition, Leblond et al. [13, 14] used the Hill-Mandel [15, 16] homogenization process to decompose the macroscopic plastic strain into two contributing portions. They decompose the macroscopic plastic strain into a contribution from classical plasticity and the other from transformation plasticity without a priori assumption of a new microscopic plastic strain.

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Previously, Bammann et al. [26, 27, 28, 29] developed an ISV framework that enabled capturing the temperature and strain rate dependent behavior observable in engineering materials notably the Bammann-Chelsea-Johnson (BCJ) plasticity model. The well established kinematic hardening phenomena was captured using a tensorial state variable where its rate was cast in a hardening minus recovery format following Ashby [30]. Similarly to the format of the kinematic hardening rate state variable, isotropic hardening rate though a scalar variable, was cast in a hardening minus recovery format. In a subsequent work, Bammann et al. [31] extend the BCJ single phase framework to capture the occurrence of coexisting phase in an engineering material. The effort was directed toward capturing the residual stress and distortion observable in the event of a welding, heat treatment or quenching procedure performed on low alloy steels.

Several finite deformation kinematic frameworks have been proposed to enable capturing the phase transformation phenomena observed in crystalline materials. The more common mathematical framework used to formulate the kinematics of finite deformation for a single phase is based on a multiplicative decomposition of the deformation gradient (F) into an elastic and plastic component. Following Khan [32], the deformation gradient can be decomposed into:

\[ F = F_e F_p \]  

where \( F_e \) and \( F_p \) is the elastic and plastic part. In a similar manner, this approach has been extended to a multiphase framework. Bock and Holzapfel [33], Kroner [34], and Lee and Liu [35] extended the small strain phase transition framework work earlier developed by Leblond et al. [17, 18] to a large strain framework. They accounted for the additional plasticity relating to the orientation process (Magee Effect) [21].
The evolution law accounting for the TRIP strains was chosen to be of a visco-plastic nature.

More recently, Hallberg et al. [36] using a large-strain plasticity framework proposed a phase transition model to describe martensitic formation in austenitic steels. For the thermodynamic formulation, their choice of state variable included the elastic strain, a hardening variable, temperature and the phase volume fraction of martensite. Using a Crystal plasticity framework, Tjahjanto et al. [37] modeled the Transformation plasticity phenomenon. Based on a finite strain framework they decompose the deformation gradient into:

\[ F = F_e F_p F_{tr} \]  \hspace{1cm} (2)

where \( F_e \), \( F_p \) and \( F_{tr} \) is the elastic, plastic and transformation deformation gradient component. A similar model development approach as described above had been taken by numerous authors [38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44] where the fundamental difference in the model approach may lie in either the TRIP strain formulation and or incorporation, the kinematic assumption, the scale of interest, the choice of internal state variable or the phase evolution kinetics model used.

Continuum mechanics as an approach to modeling and simulating engineering material behavior is attractive. Its mathematical framework enables scientist and engineers capture the behavior of a material in an average manner. Effectively coupling phase kinetics models to a continuum mechanics framework requires several consideration. One of which includes homogeneity, that is, uniform without irregularities, have to be made in order to deem a material point differentiable or continuous where in a numerical sense, the imposed differentiability would allow for a discretizable subset space. It would only be reasonable to assume that each continuum point can readily accommodate evolving new phases. With this approach, phase transformation kinetics can be modeled. Similarly, conservation of energy or similar principles can be estimated as a cumulative sum of each cohabiting phase. In addition, the cumulative stress may then be deduced using a volume fraction weighted rule of mixtures.

Today several researchers are given credit for the development of the equation for modeling the kinetics of phase transformation of a diffusional or non-diffusional type. Common diffusional models are commonly referred to as JMAK after Johnson and Mehl [45], Avarami [46, 47, 48] and Kolmogorov [49]. For a non-diffusional transformation the Koistinen-Marburger [50] model (KM) or some form of it is the most widely adopted model for austenite to martensite transformation. In more recent years, Lusk et al. [51, 52, 53] have experimented with similar approaches to phase transformation kinetics where they premise the development of their model with the balance principle for both diffusional and non-diffusional types. Of consideration here are non-diffusion type models with a focus on low to mild carbon steels.

The rapid development in computer architecture coupled with industrial demand for high resolution and low cost computer simulations has led to the continuous development of numerical tools for simulating heat treatment. Ferguson et al. [54, 55], developed DANTE® a heat treatment subroutine that interfaces with ABAQUS [56]. Using DANTE®, several numerical studies have been conducted in an attempt to better understand the physics of heat treatment and quenching. The development of DANTE® has also fostered collaborative efforts [57, 58, 59, 60]. Other tools such as HEARTS [61, 62], SYSWELD [63] and TRAST [64] have also been developed. The aforementioned tools work as either stand-alone packages or in a plug-in type fashion into well know table-top multi-physics packages like COMSOL [65], ABAQUS [56], SolidWorks [66] and so on.

Motivated by the need to develop a better understanding of heat treatment and quenching of metal alloys, the continuum based EMMI framework has being extended to capture the occurrence of more than a single phase coexisting in a polycrystalline material. Of interest here are materials that undergo phase transformation that consequentially modifies the material mechanical response. Here in we premise this investigation with a consistent thermodynamic framework generalized for n phases. Following this, we extend the single phase EMMI plasticity state variable model to multiphase affirming that the interaction between multiple
The composition of the macroscopic work is:

\[ W_{\text{macro}} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sigma^{(i)} : (\dot{\epsilon}_{\text{L}}^{(i)} + \dot{\epsilon}_{\beta}^{(i)} + \dot{\epsilon}_{\text{ss}}^{(i)} + \dot{\epsilon}_{\text{f}}) \rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sigma^{(i)} : (\dot{\epsilon}_{\text{L}}^{(i)}) + \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sigma^{(i)} : (\dot{\epsilon}_{\beta}^{(i)} + \dot{\epsilon}_{\text{ss}}^{(i)} + \dot{\epsilon}_{\text{f}}) \]  

(7)

where \( \sigma^{(i)} \) is the macroscopic Cauchy stress operating on each component of strain in a multiphase body. The microscopic work comprises of:

\[ W_{\text{micro}} = \pi : \dot{\epsilon}_{\pi} + \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left[ \alpha^{(i)} : (\dot{\epsilon}_{\beta}^{(i)} + \dot{\epsilon}_{\text{ss}}^{(i)}) \right] \]  

(8)

2. Methodology

2.1. Multiphase Modeling - Thermodynamic arguments for a multiphase polycrystalline material

The formulation of the model follows the general thermodynamic formulation proposed by Bammann [70, 71]. The deformation or strain is decomposed into a lattice strain (which is further decomposed into strains in each component if multiple phases are present), the interface between phases, and the elastic strain associated with each defect densities in each phases. Therefore, given a body consisting of \( n \) phases, the strain components are:

\[ \epsilon \supset \{ \epsilon_{\text{L}}^{(i)}, \epsilon_{\beta}^{(i)}, \epsilon_{\text{ss}}^{(i)}, \epsilon_{\pi} \} \]  

(3)

where \( \epsilon_{\text{L}}^{(i)} \) is the lattice strain in the each phase, \( \epsilon_{\beta}^{(i)} \) is the strain resulting from statistically stored dislocations (SSDs) in the each phase, \( \epsilon_{\text{ss}}^{(i)} \) is the strain resulting from geometrically necessary dislocations (GNDs) in the each phase, \( \epsilon_{\pi} \) is the interface strain between phases. The superscript \( i \) is a range variable representing each phase where the symbol \( n \) represents the total number of phases under consideration. Furthermore, each of these strains is decomposed into elastic and inelastic (plastic) parts, such that:

\[ \epsilon_{\text{L}}^{(i)} = (\dot{\epsilon}_{\text{L}}^{(i)} + \dot{\epsilon}_{\beta}^{(i)}) \quad \epsilon_{\beta}^{(i)} = (\dot{\epsilon}_{\beta,\text{e}}^{(i)} + \dot{\epsilon}_{\beta,\text{p}}^{(i)}) \quad \epsilon_{\text{ss}}^{(i)} = (\dot{\epsilon}_{\text{ss},\beta}^{(i)} + \dot{\epsilon}_{\text{ss},\text{p}}^{(i)}) \quad \epsilon_{\pi} = (\dot{\epsilon}_{\beta,\pi} + \dot{\epsilon}_{\text{f},\pi}) \]  

(4)

From the second law of thermodynamics, the reduced entropy inequality is:

\[ \psi \leq W_{\text{total}} \]  

(5)

where \( W_{\text{total}} \) represents the total work done. Similar to the thermodynamics proposed by Gurtin [72], for a single phase material the right hand side of the inequality represents the total work done comprising of macroscopic and microscopic:

\[ \psi \leq W_{\text{macro}} + W_{\text{micro}}. \]  

(6)

The composition of the macroscopic work is:

\[ W_{\text{macro}} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sigma^{(i)} : (\dot{\epsilon}_{\text{L}}^{(i)} + \dot{\epsilon}_{\beta}^{(i)} + \dot{\epsilon}_{\text{ss}}^{(i)} + \dot{\epsilon}_{\text{f}}) \rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sigma^{(i)} : (\dot{\epsilon}_{\text{L}}^{(i)}) + \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sigma^{(i)} : (\dot{\epsilon}_{\beta}^{(i)} + \dot{\epsilon}_{\text{ss}}^{(i)} + \dot{\epsilon}_{\text{f}}) \]  

(7)
where \( \pi \) is the tensorial interface stress between phases. \( \kappa^{(t)} \) is the tensorial stress like internal state variable serving as a work conjugate pair to the straining \( \epsilon^{(t)}_{ss} \) associated with the SSDs in each phase. \( \alpha^{(t)} \) is the tensorial stress like internal state variable serving as a work conjugate pair to the straining \( \epsilon^{(t)}_\beta \) associated with the GNDs in each phase. At this point, we assume that \( \epsilon^{(t)}_{ss} \) the SSDs strain reduces to a scalar measure of the elastic strain in a dislocation array. In that case, for a polycrystalline material \( \epsilon^{(t)}_{ss} \) averages to the same value in all directions; similar to the concept of isotropic hardening in classical plasticity. Similarly, we treat the interfacial stress in the same manner as the as acting in a non-directional manner. In a future work, we will utilize an orientation tensor to introduce the directionality of the tensorial interfacial \( \pi \) stress into the model, naturally incorporating the shearing aspects of the transformation process. In addition, we would neglect cross terms between stresses and strain rates. With this assumption, given a body consisting of two phases, austenite and martensite, the macroscopic work simplifies to:

\[
W_{macro} = \sum_{i=1}^{2} \alpha^{(t)} : (\epsilon^{(t)}_i).
\]

Following the aforementioned assumptions the microscopic work reduces to:

\[
W_{micro} = \pi \varepsilon + \sum_{i=1}^{2} \left[ \kappa^{(t)} \left( \epsilon^{(t)}_{ss} \right) + \alpha^{(t)} : (\epsilon^{(t)}_\beta) \right].
\]

Following the approach introduced by Coleman and Noll [3] in an attempt to determine the logical connection between the principles of conservation of energy, entropy inequality and the general principles in mechanics, Coleman and Gurtin [5] determined the thermodynamic restrictions necessary when introducing ISVs to a continuum mechanics framework. In the same light we argue that, the Helmholtz free energy is of the form:

\[
\psi = e - \theta \eta
\]

where \( e \) is the internal energy, \( \theta \) represents temperature and \( \eta \) the entropy. In rate form the Helmholtz free energy is:

\[
\dot{\psi} = \dot{e} - \dot{\theta} \eta - \dot{\eta}.
\]

If we assume isothermal conditions, the rate form of the Helmholtz free energy reduces to:

\[
\dot{\psi} = \dot{e} - \theta \dot{\eta}.
\]

Substituting Eqn. (9) and Eqn. (10) into Eqn. (6) gives:

\[
\psi \leq \pi \dot{\varepsilon} + \sum_{i=1}^{2} \left[ \alpha^{(t)} : (\dot{\epsilon}^{(t)}_i) + \alpha^{(t)} : (\dot{\epsilon}^{(t)}_\beta) + \kappa^{(t)} (\dot{\epsilon}^{(t)}_{ss}) \right].
\]

Furthermore, decomposing each of these strains into elastic and inelastic or plastic parts, Eqn. (14) becomes:

\[
\psi \leq \pi \dot{\varepsilon} + \sum_{i=1}^{2} \left[ \alpha^{(t)} : (\dot{\epsilon}^{(t)}_i + \dot{\epsilon}^{(t)}_{ss}) + \alpha^{(t)} : (\dot{\epsilon}^{(t)}_\beta + \dot{\epsilon}^{(t)}_{ss}) + \kappa^{(t)} (\dot{\epsilon}^{(t)}_{ss}) \right].
\]

Assuming that no inelastic deformation occurs, at the interface, Eqn. (15) becomes:

\[
\psi \leq \pi \dot{\varepsilon} + \sum_{i=1}^{2} \left[ \alpha^{(t)} : (\dot{\epsilon}^{(t)}_i + \dot{\epsilon}^{(t)}_{ss}) + \alpha^{(t)} : (\dot{\epsilon}^{(t)}_\beta + \dot{\epsilon}^{(t)}_{ss}) + \kappa^{(t)} (\dot{\epsilon}^{(t)}_{ss}) \right].
\]
We assume that the Helmholtz free energy depends on a number of independent state variables namely the elastic portion of the lattice strain in each phase \( \epsilon_{l,i}^{(i)} \), the elastic strain like internal state variable due to SSDs and GNDs \( \epsilon_{ss,i}^{(i)} \) and \( \epsilon_{ss,e}^{(i)} \) and the elastic interfacial strain \( \epsilon_{s,e} \). We further represent each category of state variables in each phase as:

\[
\begin{align*}
Z_{l,i} & \Rightarrow \{\epsilon_{l,i}^{(1)}, \epsilon_{l,i}^{(2)}\} \\
Z_{p,i} & \Rightarrow \{\epsilon_{p,i}^{(1)}, \epsilon_{p,i}^{(2)}\} \\
Z_{ss,i} & \Rightarrow \{\epsilon_{ss,i}^{(1)}, \epsilon_{ss,i}^{(2)}\} \\
Z_{s,e} & \Rightarrow \{\epsilon_{s,e}\}.
\end{align*}
\] (17)

Therefore the Helmholtz free energy is further expressed as dependent on:

\[
\psi = \hat{\psi} \left( Z_{l,i}, Z_{p,i}, Z_{ss,i}, Z_{s,e} \right).
\] (18)

Applying the chain rule to Eqn. (18) yields:

\[
\psi = \sum_{i=1}^{2} \left[ \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \epsilon_{l,i}^{(i)}} : \dot{\epsilon}_{l,i}^{(i)} + \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \epsilon_{p,i}^{(i)}} : \dot{\epsilon}_{p,i}^{(i)} + \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \epsilon_{ss,i}^{(i)}} : \dot{\epsilon}_{ss,i}^{(i)} + \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \epsilon_{s,e}} : \dot{\epsilon}_{s,e} \right] + \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \epsilon_{s,e}} \dot{\epsilon}_{s,e} \leq 0.
\] (19)

Substituting Eqn. (19) into Eqn. (16) and further expanding:

\[
\sum_{i=1}^{2} \left[ \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \epsilon_{l,i}^{(i)}} - \alpha_{l,i}^{(i)} : \dot{\epsilon}_{l,i}^{(i)} + \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \epsilon_{p,i}^{(i)}} - \alpha_{p,i}^{(i)} : \dot{\epsilon}_{p,i}^{(i)} + \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \epsilon_{ss,i}^{(i)}} - \kappa_{ss,i}^{(i)} \dot{\epsilon}_{ss,i}^{(i)} + \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \epsilon_{s,e}} - \pi \right] : \dot{\epsilon}_{s,e} \leq 0.
\] (20)

Employing the Coleman and Noll [3] argument and grouping yields:

\[
\sum_{i=1}^{2} \left[ \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \epsilon_{l,i}^{(i)}} : \dot{\epsilon}_{l,i}^{(i)} + \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \epsilon_{p,i}^{(i)}} : \dot{\epsilon}_{p,i}^{(i)} + \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \epsilon_{ss,i}^{(i)}} : \dot{\epsilon}_{ss,i}^{(i)} + \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \epsilon_{s,e}} : \dot{\epsilon}_{s,e} \right] \leq 0.
\] (21)

Therefore as the elastic strains vanish the stresses and internal state variables associated with each phase is:

\[
\begin{align*}
\sigma^{(1)} & = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \epsilon_{l,i}^{(1)}} \\
\sigma^{(2)} & = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \epsilon_{l,i}^{(2)}} \\
\alpha^{(1)} & = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \epsilon_{p,i}^{(1)}} \\
\alpha^{(2)} & = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \epsilon_{p,i}^{(2)}} \\
\kappa^{(1)} & = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \epsilon_{ss,i}^{(1)}} \\
\kappa^{(2)} & = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \epsilon_{ss,i}^{(2)}} \\
\pi & = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \epsilon_{s,e}}.
\end{align*}
\] (22)

The dissipation inequality becomes:

\[
\sum_{i=1}^{2} \left[ \sigma^{(i)} : \dot{\epsilon}_{l,i}^{(i)} + \alpha^{(i)} : \dot{\epsilon}_{p,i}^{(i)} + \kappa^{(i)} \dot{\epsilon}_{ss,i}^{(i)} + \pi \dot{\epsilon}_{s,e} \right] \geq 0
\] (23)
2.2. Multiphase Modeling - Multiphase EMMI Constitutive Equations

In order to extend the EMMI model to capture the physics of materials undergoing phase transformation, while the dislocation based internal state variable (ISV) model is developed for finite strain, the assumption that each continuum point is occupied by both a parent and a product phase had to be made. Using a volume fraction weighted rule of mixtures the Cauchy stress in the current configuration is determined to be of the form:

$$\sigma = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \phi^{(i)} \sigma^{(i)}$$  \hspace{1cm} (24)$$

where $\sigma^{(i)}$ represents the Cauchy stress in each phase and the superscript indicate the $i^{th}$ phase. Subsequent volume fraction ($\phi^{(i)}$) are given by:

$$\phi^{(i)} = (1 - \sum_{j \neq i} \phi^{(j)})$$  \hspace{1cm} (25)$$

Here we assume a two-phase system and qualitatively associate these phases with austenite and martensite. Therefore the Cauchy stress reduces to:

$$\sigma = \frac{\phi^{(1)} \sigma^{(1)} + \phi^{(2)} \sigma^{(2)}}{\text{total}} \rightarrow \sigma = \frac{(1 - \phi) \sigma^{(1)} + \phi \sigma^{(2)}}{\text{austenite and martensite}}$$  \hspace{1cm} (26)$$

where $\phi^{(1)}$ and $\phi^{(2)}$ represents the volume fraction of the austenite and martensite and therefore can be mathematically replaced by $1 - \phi$ and $\phi$. From the assumption of linear elasticity, and for a homogeneous isotropic material, the deviatoric stress and pressure in each phase is given by:

$$\dot{\sigma}^{(i)} = \frac{\mu^{(i)}(i) d\mu^{(i)}}{d\theta} \theta + 2\mu^{(i)} d\theta^{(i)}$$ \hspace{1cm} (27)$$

$$\dot{\psi}^{(i)} = \frac{\kappa^{(i)}(i) d\kappa^{(i)}}{d\theta} \theta + \kappa^{(i)} Tr [d\theta^{(i)}] I$$

where $\mu^{(i)}$ and $\kappa^{(i)}$ represent the temperature dependent shear and bulk modulus for each phase. $\theta^{(i)}$ is the temperature in each phase. $d\theta^{(i)}$ is the deviatoric elastic part of the symmetrical portion of the velocity gradient in each phase. $I$ is the three dimensional identity tensor. The convective derivative of the Cauchy stress is of the form:

$$\dot{\sigma}^{(i)} = \sigma^{(i)} - \dot{w}^{(i)} \sigma^{(i)} + \sigma^{(i)} \dot{w}^{(i)}$$  \hspace{1cm} (28)$$

where $\dot{w}^{(i)}$ is the elastic part of the asymmetrical portion of the velocity gradient in each phase. The elastic symmetrical and asymmetrical portions of the velocity gradient in each phase are respectively:

$$d^{(i)} = d^{(i)}_{\text{sym}} \quad d^{(i)}_{\text{asym}}$$  \hspace{1cm} (29)$$

where the total, plastic and thermal parts of the symmetrical portion of the velocity gradient in each phase is $d^{(i)}, d^{(i)}_{\text{p}}$ and $d^{(i)}_{\text{th}}$, respectively. Similarly the total, plastic and thermal parts of the asymmetrical portion of the velocity gradient in each phase is $w^{(i)}, w^{(i)}_{\text{p}}$ and $w^{(i)}_{\text{th}}$, respectively. The partitioning of the total velocity gradient based on it’s constituent spin and stretch is will be dependent on the polycrystalline model chosen. The form of the temperature dependent portion of each material property was chosen following the approach taken by Marin et al. [73]. The shear modulus ($\mu^{(i)}$) in each phase is defined as:

$$\mu^{(i)} = \mu^{(i)}_{0} \hat{\mu} (\theta^{(i)})$$  \hspace{1cm} (30)$$

where $\mu^{(i)}_{0}$ is the shear modulus at room temperature in each phase. $\hat{\mu} (\theta^{(i)})$ is the functional form of the temperature dependence of the shear modulus. Following Frost and Ashby [74] the definition of the temperature dependence is:

$$\hat{\mu} (\theta^{(i)}) = 1 + \epsilon_{\theta}^{(i)} \left( \frac{\theta - \theta_{0}^{(i)}}{\theta_{0}^{(i)}} \right)^{2}$$  \hspace{1cm} (31)$$

$$\epsilon_{\theta}^{(i)} = \frac{\ddot{\mu}_{0}^{(i)}}{\mu_{0}^{(i)}} < 0$$
\[ \theta \] represents the temperature of the material. \( \theta^0_i \) represents the reference temperature in each phase. \( \theta_m \) represents the melt temperature in each phase. Similarly, the bulk modulus \( \kappa_i \) is defined as:
\[ \kappa_i = \kappa_i^0 \kappa (\theta^i) \]  
(32)
where \( \kappa_i^0 \) is the bulk modulus at room temperature in each phase. \( \kappa (\theta^i) \) is the functional form of the temperature dependence of the bulk modulus. Following Frost and Ashby [74] the definition of the temperature dependence of the bulk modulus is:
\[ \dot{k} (\theta^i ) = 1 + \epsilon_{\kappa}^i \left( \frac{\theta^i - \theta^i_0}{\theta^i_0} \right) \]  
(33)
\[ \dot{\epsilon}_{\kappa}^i = \frac{\theta^i_m}{\kappa^i_0} \frac{d\kappa^i_0}{d\theta} < 0 \]
similarly, \( \theta \) represents the temperature of the material. \( \theta^i_0 \) represents the reference temperature in each phase. \( \theta_m \) represents the melt temperature in each phase. The tensorial internal state variables \( \alpha^i \) is of the form:
\[ \alpha^i = 2 \mu^i \epsilon^i_\alpha \epsilon^i_\beta \]  
(34)
where \( \mu^i \) is the temperature dependent shear modulus in each phase. \( \epsilon^i_\beta \) is the straining associated with GNDs in each phase. \( \epsilon^i_\alpha \) is a dimensionless material parameter associated with each phase. In rate form \( \alpha^i \) in each phase is:
\[ \dot{\alpha}^i = \frac{\alpha}{\mu^i} \dot{\mu}^i + 2 \mu^i \epsilon^i_\alpha \dot{\epsilon}^i_\beta \]  
(35)
The tensorial rate form of the straining associated with GNDs density in each phase is determined to be in a hardening minus recovery format following Armstrong and Frederick [75]:
\[ \dot{\epsilon}^i_\beta = \left[ h^i \left( \frac{\epsilon^i_\beta}{3} \right) - r^i_d \left( \frac{2}{3} \right) \| \epsilon^i \| \| \alpha \| \right] \dot{\epsilon}^i_\beta \]  
(36)
Substituting Eqn. (34) into Eqn. (36) gives the evolution equation for \( \alpha \) (Eqn. (37)):
\[ \dot{\alpha}^i = \left( \frac{\alpha^i}{\mu^i} \frac{d\mu^i}{d\theta} \right) \theta + \left( 3 \mu^i \epsilon^i_\beta \epsilon^i_\alpha \right) \| \alpha \| \| \epsilon \| \right) \dot{\epsilon}^i_p \]  
(37)
where \( h^i \) the hardening parameter in each phase. \( r^i_d \) is the temperature dependent dynamic recovery parameter in each phase. \( \dot{\epsilon}^i_p \) is the net effective plastic strain rate. The convective derivative of the kinematic state variable is of the form:
\[ \dot{\alpha}^i = \dot{\alpha}^i - w_e \dot{\epsilon}^i_e + \alpha^i \dot{w}_e \]  
(38)
Following the assumption that the SSDs strain \( \epsilon^i_{ss} \) reduces to a scalar measure of the elastic strain in a dislocation array, for a polycrystalline material it mathematically implies that \( \epsilon^i_{ss} \) averages to the same value in all directions; similar to the concept of isotropic hardening in classical plasticity. Therefore the stress like internal state variable \( \kappa_i \), the work conjugate pair to the straining \( \epsilon^i_{ss} \) associated with the SSDs in each phase reduces to a scalar chosen to be of the form:
\[ \kappa_i = 2 \mu_i \epsilon_{ss} \]  
(39)
where \( \mu^i \) is the temperature dependent shear modulus. \( \epsilon_{ss} \) is the straining associated with SSDs. \( \epsilon^i_{ss} \) is the dimensionless material parameter associated with each phase. In rate form \( \kappa_i \) is:
\[ \dot{k}^i = \frac{k}{\mu^i} \dot{\mu}^i + 2 \mu^i \epsilon^i_{ss} \]  
(40)
The mathematical definition of $\dot{\epsilon}_{ss}^{(i)}$ in each phase is:

$$\dot{\epsilon}_{ss}^{(i)} = b^{(i)} \sqrt{\rho_{ss}^{(i)}}$$  \hspace{1cm} (41)

where $b^{(i)}$ is the magnitude of the burger and $\rho_{ss}^{(i)}$ is the dislocation density of SSDs. The rate form the SSDs density is:

$$\dot{\epsilon}_{ss}^{(i)} = b^{(i)} \sqrt{\rho_{ss}^{(i)}} + b^{(i)} \cdot \frac{1}{4} \rho_{ss}^{(i)} \rightarrow \dot{\epsilon}_{ss}^{(i)} = b^{(i)} \sqrt{4 \rho_{ss}^{(i)}} \hspace{1cm} (42)$$

The form of the evolution law for $\dot{\epsilon}_{ss}^{(i)}$ as determined by Nes [78] is of the form:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \rho_{ss}^{(i)} \text{ is determined using experimental data. The static recovery component of } \dot{\rho}_{ss}^{(i)} \text{ accounting for thermal diffusion of dislocations as determined by Nes [78] is of the form:}$$

$$\dot{\rho}_{ss}^{(i)} = -c_3^{(i)} (\theta) \rho_{ss}^{(i)} \sinh \left[ c_4^{(i)} (\theta) \sqrt{\rho_{ss}^{(i)}} \right] \hspace{1cm} (44)$$

where $c_3^{(i)}$ and $c_4^{(i)}$ are material parameters associated with each phase determined using experimental data. In full form, the SSDs density rate $\dot{\rho}_{ss}^{(i)}$ accounting for thermal diffusion of dislocations and thermally activated hardening and dynamic recovery is:

$$\dot{\rho}_{ss}^{(i)} = \left( c_1^{(i)} \sqrt{\rho_{ss}^{(i)}} - c_2^{(i)} (\theta) \rho_{ss}^{(i)} \right) \dot{\epsilon}_{p}^{(i)} - c_3^{(i)} (\theta) \rho_{ss}^{(i)} \sinh \left[ c_4^{(i)} (\theta) \sqrt{\rho_{ss}^{(i)}} \right] \hspace{1cm} (45)$$

Substituting Eqn. (40), Eqn. (41) and Eqn. (42) into Eqn. (45) gives the evolution equation for $\kappa$ (Eqn. (46)):

$$\dot{\kappa}^{(i)} = \kappa^{(i)} \frac{d\mu^{(i)}}{d\theta} \dot{\theta} + (2\mu^{(i)} H^{(i)} \dot{e}_p^{(i)} + R_d^{(i)} \dot{e}_p^{(i)} + R_s^{(i)} \sinh \left[ \frac{Q^{(i)} \kappa^{(i)}}{2\mu^{(i)} c_4^{(i)}} \right] \dot{\kappa}^{(i)} \hspace{1cm} (46)$$

where $H^{(i)}$ is the hardening parameter in each phase. $R_d^{(i)} (\theta)$ and $R_s^{(i)} (\theta)$ are the static and dynamic recovery parameter associated with each phase. $c_4^{(i)}$ is the dimensionless isotropic parameter in each phase. The constitutive equation governing plastic flow is presumed to be of the form:

$$\dot{\epsilon}_{p}^{(i)} = \frac{3}{2} \dot{\kappa}^{(i)} \dot{\epsilon}^{(i)} \hspace{1cm} (47)$$

where $\dot{\epsilon}^{(i)}$ is the normalized deviatoric tensorial quantity dictating direction of plastic flow in each phase given by:

$$\dot{\epsilon}^{(i)} = \frac{\dot{\epsilon}_{p}^{(i)}}{\left\| \dot{\epsilon}_{p}^{(i)} \right\|} \hspace{1cm} \left\| \dot{\epsilon}_{p}^{(i)} \right\| = \left\| \dot{\epsilon}^{(i)} - \frac{3}{2} \dot{\epsilon}^{(i)} \right\| \hspace{1cm} (48)$$

The effective plastic flow $(\dot{\epsilon}_{p}^{(i)})$ in each phase given by:

$$\dot{\epsilon}_{p}^{(i)} = f^{(i)} \sinh \left[ \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \left\| \dot{\epsilon}^{(i)} \right\| \pm \pi^{(i)} \right] \kappa^{(i)} + Y^{(i)} (\dot{\theta}) - 1 \hspace{1cm} (49)$$
where \( f^{(i)} \) is the transition parameter in each phase. \( n^{(i)} \) is the plastic exponent in each phase. \( Y^{(i)} \) is the temperature dependent yield strength in each phase given by:

\[
Y^{(i)} = 2\mu_0^{(i)} c_8^{(i)} \hat{Y}(\theta)^{(i)}
\]

where \( c_8^{(i)} \) is the yield parameter in each phase fitted to experimental data. \( \hat{Y}^{(i)}(\theta) \) is the temperature dependent portion of the yield strength in each phase assumed to be of the form:

\[
\hat{Y}(\theta)^{(i)} = \left[ \frac{m_1^{(i)}}{1 + m_2^{(i)} \exp \left( \frac{-m_3^{(i)} \theta}{\theta} \right)} \right] \frac{1}{2} \left[ 1 + \tanh \left( m_4^{(i)} (m_5^{(i)} - \theta) \right) \right].
\]

The thermal part of the symmetric portion of the velocity gradient in each phase is given by:

\[
\mathbf{d}_\theta^{(i)} = \frac{\dot{\varepsilon}_\theta^{(i)} \mathbf{I}}{v}
\]

\( \dot{\varepsilon}_\theta^{(i)} \) represents the thermal elastic strain rate due to result of thermal expansion and contraction in each phase is given by:

\[
\dot{\varepsilon}_\theta^{(i)} = f_\beta^{(i)} (\theta)^{(i)} \dot{\theta}
\]

where \( \dot{\theta} \) is the rate of change of temperature in the material volume and \( f_\beta^{(i)} (\theta)^{(i)} \) is the temperature dependent thermal expansion coefficient in each phase given by:

\[
f_\beta^{(i)} (\theta)^{(i)} = \frac{\beta^{(i)} (\theta)^{(i)} - \beta_0^{(i)} (\theta - \theta_0)}{1 - \beta^{(i)} (\theta)^{(i)} (\theta - \theta_0)} \quad \beta^{(i)} (\theta)^{(i)} = \beta_0^{(i)} (1 - b_0^{(i)} (\theta - \theta_0))
\]

where \( \beta_0^{(i)} \) is a thermal parameter fitted to experimental data. \( \beta^{(i)} (\theta)^{(i)} \) is the functional form of the temperature dependence of the thermal expansion coefficient in each phase.

2.3. Multiphase Modeling - Interfacial stress formulation, polycrystalline approximation and transformation kinetics model

The transformation from austenite into martensite occurs via a shearing process. Here, we treat the interfacial stress in the same manner as the scalar hardening internal state variable \( \kappa \), as acting in a non-directional manner. In a future work, we will utilize an orientation tensor to introduce the directionality of the interfacial (\( \pi \)) stress into the model, naturally incorporating the shearing aspects of the transformation process. The interfacial stress is determined to act in a manner where prior to the appearance of a second phase, the parent phase must experience a zero interfacial stress. This implies that the interfacial stress must cease to evolve at a parent phase volume fraction value of unity. With the aforementioned mathematical requirements in mind and assuming a two phase system, the interfacial stress experienced by both the austenitic and martensitic phases is determined to be of the form:

\[
\pi = c_\pi \frac{\Delta V}{V} \left[ \phi - \phi^2 \right]
\]

where \( c_\pi \) is the interfacial stress parameter fitted to experimental data. \( \frac{\Delta V}{V} \) is the change in lattice volume due to carbon addition given by:

\[
\frac{\Delta V}{V} = \frac{V^{n+1} - V^n}{V^n} \quad V = (3.548 + 0.44\% c)^3
\]

The resulting interfacial stress evolution equation is of the form:

\[
\dot{\pi} = c_\pi \frac{\Delta V}{V} \left[ \phi - 2\phi^2 \right]
\]
The formulation of the interfacial stress evolution implemented here stipulates that communication between each phase is through an interaction stress $\pi$ where each phase imposes its presence on all others and vice versa. This representative form of communication between each phase stipulates that the interaction between each phase is strictly through and resulting from each phases volume fraction, volume fraction rate and volume change. In the absence of an evolving volume fraction the interfacial stress ceases to evolve leading to a constant inter-phase interaction stress. In an attempt to satisfy the requirements of a polycrystalline model several techniques have been developed in the past to satisfy either equilibrium, compatibility or a combination of both. A Taylor [79, 80, 81] polycrystalline approximation (compatibility) requires uniform straining in all phases of a multiphase material. Therefore the elastic symmetric portion of the velocity gradient (Eqn. (29)) in each phase becomes:

$$d_i^{(e)} = d_i - d_i^{(p)} - d_i^{(\theta)}.$$  \hspace{1cm} (58)

For the case where there is negligible plasticity and thermal straining, the upper bound on the stress field is proportional to the symmetric portion of the velocity gradient:

$$\sigma^{(i)} \propto d$$  \hspace{1cm} (59)

A Sachs [82] approximation requires proportional straining in all phases implying that the far-field forcing function is proportional to that experienced in each phase. For a two phase model, the austenite and martensite phases experience a stretch rate proportional to the far field strain rate:

$$d^{(1)} = (1 - \phi) d$$  \hspace{1cm} (austenite strain rate)

$$d^{(2)} = (\phi) d$$  \hspace{1cm} (martensite strain rate)

where $1 - \phi$ represent the volume fraction of the austenite phase. For the case where $\phi = 0$ we recover a single phase model. When $\phi = 1$ a complete transformation in the material has occurred from austenite to martensite. Using a Sachs [82] argument, the coefficient of proportionality at the upper and lower bounds of the volume fraction must satisfy the constraint:

$$(1 - \phi)\phi = 0$$  \hspace{1cm} (61)

mathematically enforcing a bound for the martensitic volume fraction $\phi$ such as:

$$0 \leq \phi \leq 1$$  \hspace{1cm} (62)

Budiansky and Wu [83] and a host of others as documented by Kocks et al. [84] developed a polycrystalline approximation technique that combines the benefits of both a Sachs and Taylor approach. Commonly referred to as a self-consistent approximation, it satisfies neither compatibility nor equilibrium but combines the physical features of both models. According to Kocks et al. [84], self-consistent polycrystal models aim at deducing the overall response of the aggregate from the known properties of the constituent grains and an assumption concerning the interaction of each grain with its environment. With this in mind, we modify the requirements on the proportionality constants Eqn. (61) and replace the scalar volume fraction with a functional constraint:

$$(1 - f(\phi))f(\phi) = 0$$  \hspace{1cm} (63)

therefore the response of a satisfactory function $f(\phi)$ must satisfy the Eqn. (62). Therefore we can replace Eqn. (58) and Eqn. (59) with:

$$d^{(1)} = (1 - f(\phi)) d$$  \hspace{1cm} (mod. austenite strain rate)

$$d^{(2)} = (f(\phi)) d$$  \hspace{1cm} (mod. martensite strain rate)

The efficacy of the multiphase model is dependent on the ability of each constituent part to capture the underlying physical behavior therefore implementing a physically based portioning algorithm is important.
We determine that a functional form that satisfies the constraint Eqn. (63) is sufficient; such as those used in determining a self-consistent approximation or as applied in percolation theory. We propose:

\[ f(\phi) = \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + \tanh \left[ c_{f1} (\phi - c_{f2}) \right] \right) \quad (65) \]

where \( c_{f1} \) determines the profile of the partitioning function. Analogous to inclusion used in material strengthening, further investigation will be directed towards determining the relationship between the shape parameter \( c_{f1} \) and martensitic spheroidal particles or platelets and how they affect the partitioning profile. The parameter \( c_{f2} \) is a transition parameter that determines the volume faction at which the martensite phase starts to experience the intensity of the strain field upon yielding of the softer austenite phase. The final set of evolution equations needed to complete the multiphase model is the phase kinetics evolution. As aforementioned, we are assuming a two phase system and qualitatively associate these phases with austenite to martensite; a non-diffusional type of transformation. The classical approach used to represent a non-diffusional transformation is the KM [50] kinetics model given by:

\[ \dot{\phi} = -b_{km} \exp \left[ -b_{km} (\theta_s - \theta) \right] U(\theta) \dot{\theta} \quad (66) \]

where \( b_{km} \) is a fixed parameter. \( \theta_s \) is the temperature at which martensite starts forming determined using Andrews [85]. \( U(\theta) \) is a unit step function given by:

\[ U(\theta) = \begin{cases} 1 & \theta_f \leq \theta \leq \theta_s, \\ 0 & \text{else.} \end{cases} \quad (67) \]

where \( \theta_f \) is the temperature at which martensite stops forming. For many reasons not limited to the notable burst in transformation rate analogous to a mathematical discontinuity [86], it has become necessary to develop alternative models. The KM [50] model is explicitly dependent on temperature rate and a fixed parameter \( b_{km} = 0.011 \). In other to circumvent the burst in transformation rate new models have been developed Lusk et al. [51, 67, 52]. These models are analogous in part to the transformation profile but with less of a discontinuous transformation rate. The non-diffusional kinetics model adopted here is that of Lusk et al. [51, 67, 52] where additional consideration was given to the carbon content influence on the transformation kinetics. Lusk’s model for computing martensite’s phase fraction (\( \phi \)) is given by:

\[ \dot{\phi} = -v(\%c) \phi^{a(\%c)} (1 - \phi)^{b(\%c)} U(\theta) \dot{\theta} \quad (68) \]

where \( \%c \) is the carbon content in percentage. \( \dot{\theta} \) is the temperature rate. \( v, a, \) and \( b \) are transformation parameters fitted to dilatometry test. With initial conditions:

\[ \phi(0) = 1E - 5 \quad (69) \]

3. Results

3.1. Multiphase model evaluation - Parameter Identification

Parameter identification for the mechanical response of both the martensite and austenite phases was performed using a gradient based optimization routine following previous works of Marin et al. [73]. Table (1) is a list of the functional dependencies of mechanical and kinetics parameters. The material properties used here are that of SS304L table (3). Table (2) is a listing of 5120 Steel material constants. Figure (1a) and (1b) show EMME model’s mechanical response fitted to experimental data of 5120 austenite and martensite steel. Uniaxial tension tests for 5120 stainless steel were performed at a limited range of temperatures and strain rates.
Table 1: Material Parameters - Functional Dependencies

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Table 2: Material Parameters - 5120 Steel Constants

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3.2. Multiphase model evaluation - Polycrystalline approximation

A quantitative assessment of a Taylor, Sach and self-consistent polycrystalline approximation was carried with the help of a number of simplifying assumptions. We assumed isothermal conditions therefore material parameter and properties were evaluated at a fixed temperature. For the cases implemented here the material parameters were assumed to be a fit for a fixed carbon content, therefore:

\[
\frac{\Delta V}{V} = 1. \tag{70}
\]

Figure (2a) is strain rate as appropriated to each phase based on a Sachs, Taylor and a self-consistent polycrystalline approximation at a strain rate of \( \dot{\epsilon} = 1/\text{s} \). The Taylor model, represented by the horizontal line at \( \dot{\epsilon} = 1/\text{s} \), shows each phase experiences the same strain rate at all volume fractions of martensite. The Sachs model however, represented by a linear line through the origin, requires that each phase experiences a strain rate proportional to its respective volume fractions. The self-consistent polycrystalline approximation using the constraint Eqn. (63) captures a more physical interaction between the mechanical properties of constituent phases.

For an assessment of the material response based on a Taylor, Sachs and self-consistent polycrystalline approximation three combinations of volume fraction ratios of both phases were tested. A combination of 90%\text{A} + 10%\text{M}, 50%\text{A} + 50%\text{M} and 10%\text{A} + 90%\text{M} were used, where \text{A} and \text{M} stand for austenite and martensite. The resulting deviatoric stress field for all cases were determined using Eqn. (26). The parameter values chosen for the self-consistent approximation are \( c_1 = 3.68 \) and \( c_2 = 0.5 \).

At 10% martensite figure (2b), the self-consistent and Sachs models are expected to predict a similar deviatoric stress field. This is because the value of the proportionality functional in the self-consistent and Sachs are of very close. The result is physically meaningful because the stress field in general should not deviate much from a predominantly austenitic field irrespective of the material properties of the martensite. The disparity in the resulting deviatoric stress field from the Taylor model when compared with the Sachs and self-consistent is because both phases experience the same straining; this is in most cases non physical.

Similarly, at 50% martensite figure (2c), the self-consistent and Sachs approximations are expected to predict exactly the same magnitude of deviatoric stress field. This is because the transition parameter for the
Fig. 2: Polycrystalline approximation. Figure (a): Strain rate partitioning as a function of martensite volume fraction based on a Sachs, Taylor and a self-consistent (sc) polycrystalline approximation at $\dot{\varepsilon} = 1/s$. For the self-consistent model the parameter $c_{f1}$ is 4, 6, 11 evaluated at $c_{f2} = 0.5$. Predicted deviatoric stress field using a Taylor, Sachs and self-consistent approximation: figure (b) at 90% A + 10% M, figure (c) at 50% A + 50% M, figure (d) at 10% A + 90% M.
self-consistent approach was chosen to match exactly exactly at $\phi = 0.5$. The difference however with the Taylor assumption in emphasized by the difference in the internal state variable material parameter.

At 90% martensite figure (2d), there is very little distinction between a Taylor, Sachs or self-consistent approximation. For a self-consistent and Sachs approach the dominant strain rate in carried by the martensite which is naturally imposed using a Taylor approximation.

### 3.3. Multiphase model evaluation - Cooling rate and carbon content variation

A quantitative assessment of the multiphase EMMI material model coupled with the non-diffusive phase transformation kinetic model of Lusk et al. [51, 67, 52] was carried out. The parameters used for the transformation kinetics are published values based on previous works of Lusk et al. [51, 67, 52]. For the sake of simplicity material hardening dependence on carbon content was not accounted for. A evaluation of how the local thermal histories affect phase transformation was performed. Three multiphase EMMI material point simulation (mmps) runs were performed at 100C/s, 200C/s and 300C/s cooling rates. The transformation kinetics as depicted on figure (3a) shows a rapid transformation from austenite to martensite at higher cooling rates. As shown on figure (3b) and (3c) the deviatoric stress in the austenite and martensite phases increases as the transformation proceeds. Though these simulations only indicate the effect of cooling rate at a material point they qualitatively help to highlight how the deformation at juxtaposed material points would interact to cause deformation due to a temperature gradients. Figure (3d) shows the interfacial stress acting as a forward in the austenite and backward stress in the martensite phase. The simulation shows how the cooling rate controls the interfacial stress and consequently the transformation plasticity. Carbon content effect on the mechanical response was investigated. The transformation kinetics coupled with the multiphase EMMI model for a fixed cooling rate of 20/s at a carbon content ranging from 0.05% to 0.2%. Prantil et al. [86] determined that the rate of transformation was faster as the carbon content was increased. The results here show a similar qualitative behavior when coupled with the EMMI mechanical response. The field variables however show no change in the mechanical response. The transformation kinetics as depicted on figure (4a) the effect of carbon content on the transformation kinetics. The percentage of carbon content controls the smoothness of the rate of additional deformation due to transformation from austenite to martensite. Figure (4b) shows the additional straining induced by the transformation accounted for by the interfacial stress. Though these simulation only indicate the effect of carbon content locally, however they help qualitatively determine how carbon gradients at juxtaposed material points affect the transformation kinetics.

### 3.4. Multiphase model evaluation - Quenching BVP

The multiphase EMMI model coupled with the phase transformation kinetics model proposed by Lusk et al. [51, 67, 52] is applied to the case of a high aspect ratio annular rod (figure (5a)). In a high aspect ratio annular rod the temperature only varies in the radial direction. The inner and outer radius of the annular rod are 18mm and 56mm, respectively. In order to compute the thermal history of a high aspect ratio annular rod the one dimensional heat equation given by:

$$ \dot{\theta} - k \nabla^2 \theta = 0 $$

has to be solved for temperature field. $k$ is the thermal diffusivity coefficient of SS304L steel. The initial conditions of the one dimensional rod is such that:

$$ \theta(t_0, r) = \begin{cases} 
700-6 \exp[r], & \text{if } r \leq 0 \\
700-6 \exp[-r], & \text{if } r \geq 0. 
\end{cases} $$

The boundary conditions at the inner and outer radii were prescribed to be at:

$$ \theta(t, r_i) = 372.4I, \quad \theta(t, r_o) = 372.4I. $$

Carbon content was chosen to be at $c = 0.2\%$ and therefore martensite start and finish temperatures were determined to be at $\theta_s = 650K$ and $\theta_f = 300K$. Figure (5b) shows the total deviatoric stress distribution at
Fig. 3: Numerical evaluation of effects cooling rate. Multiphase EMMI model coupled with phase transformation kinetics model of Lusk et al. [51, 67, 52] evaluated at cooling rate 100C/s, 200C/s and 300C/s and 0.2% carbon content. Figure (a): Showing transformation kinetics from austenite to martensite. Figure (b): Showing the deviatoric stress in the austenite phase. Figure (c): Showing the deviatoric stress in the martensite phase. Figure (d): Showing the interfacial stress acting as a forward and backward stress in the austenite and martensite phases respectively.
Fig. 4: Numerical evaluation of effects carbon content. Multiphase EMMI model coupled with phase transformation kinetics model of Lusk et al. [51, 67, 52] evaluated at 0.05%, 0.1% and 0.2% carbon content and 20°C/s. Figure (a): Showing the kinetics of transformation from austenite to martensite. Figure (b): Showing the TRIP strain computed using the interfacial stress acting in the austenite and martensite phases, respectively.

4. Summary

The EMMI single phase internal state variable model was extended to accommodate the presence of product phases. We assumed a two-phase system where the mechanical response and transformation kinetics model for austenite and martensite were qualitatively associated with austenite and martensite. Available is experimental data of 5120 steel over a limited strain rate and temperature regime.

The additional TRIP was accounted for through the introduction of a physically appropriate interfacial stress acting as a forward stress in the softer austenite, and a backward stress in the martensite. Since the
Fig. 5: Numerical evaluation of quenching BVP. Multiphase EMMI model coupled with the phase transformation kinetics model of Lusk et al. [51, 67, 52] applied to the quenching of a long annular rod. Figure (a): Showing dimensions of high aspect ratio annular rod. Figure (b): Showing the $\sigma_{\text{total}}$ and $\phi$ distribution along the radius after 300 and 600 seconds. Figure (c): Showing the $\sigma_{\text{total}}$ and $\phi$ distribution along the radius after 300(s) with and without accounting for transformation plasticity. Figure (d): Showing the $\sigma_{\text{total}}$ and $\phi$ distribution along the radius after 600(s) with and without accounting for transformation plasticity.
efficacy of a multiphase model is dependent on its ability to capture the behavior of constituents phases and their subsequent interaction, we introduce a physically based self-consistent partitioning algorithm. A quantitative assessment of the material response and plastic flow based on the Taylor, Sachs and self-consistent approximation was carried out.

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