

## What Numerical Modelling Tells Us About Dislocation Creep in Earth Mantle

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#### Diffusion creep

Bulk diffusion (Nabarro-Herring creep)

Grain boundary diffusion (Coble creep)



Dislocation glide

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## A few words about dislocation



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## Multi-Scale model of dislocation creep



• dislocation core properties

(effect of high Pressure)

Dislocation mobility

(effect of temperature on glide velocity)

Mesoscale simulation (grain scale) -> Collective behavior

Introduction of Climb (Steady state conditions, Constant vacancy concentration)

-> Rheological law (strain rate vs stress)

## Computational details for atomic scale calculations

Atomistic calculations performed with LAMMPS using a classical pairwise potential

$$U_{ij}(R_{ij}) = \frac{z_i z_j}{R_{ij}} + b_{ij} \exp\left(-\frac{R_{ij}}{\rho_{ij}}\right) - \frac{c_{ij}}{R_{ij}^6}$$

 $R_{ij}$  interatomic distance and  $z_i$  charge





## Dislocation in wadsleyite (15 GPa)



Stacking fault

Ritterbex et al. Am. Min. 2016

## **Dislocation core structure and Peierls stress**



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Atomic core structure and mobility of [100](010) and [010](100) dislocations in MgSiO<sub>3</sub> perovskite

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**Peierls stress** 







### Comparison with experimental data: Wadsleyite Peierls stresses



### Comparison with experimental data: Ringwoodite Peierls stresses



## Thermally activated glide velocity



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#### KINK PAIR NUCLEATION AND CRITICAL SHEAR STRESS

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 $\Delta H_k = \Delta E_{\text{elas}} + \Delta W_P - W_r$ 





## From dislocations to plasticity: a practical example

Kraych et al. EPSL 2016

Orowan equation  $\dot{\varepsilon} = \rho \ b \ v(\tau, T)$ 



### Comparison with experimental data: Ringwoodite (20 GPa)



## Dislocation glide in wadsleyite (15 GPa)



Ritterbex et al. Am. Mineralogist (2016)

## Dislocation glide in bridgmanite (30 GPa)



Kraych et al. (2016) EPSL – Results on MgO from Amodeo et al. Phil. Mag. 2012

## Dislocation glide in wadsleyite: from the lab to the mantle

Decreasing strain rate shifts CRSS to lower stress values



## Dislocation glide in wadsleyite: from the lab to the mantle





## Multi-Scale model of dislocation creep



# Climb velocity in Dislocation Dynamics simulations

- Point defects (vacancies) diffuse toward the dislocations
- They are absorbed (or emitted)

The dislocation moves away from its glide plane

$$v_{climb} = \frac{2\pi}{\ln R/r_c} \frac{D_{Si}^{sd}}{b} \left( \exp\left(\frac{\tau\Omega}{kT}\right) - 1 \right)$$

Steady state conditions

Constant vacancy concentration



(see Mordehai et al. Phil. Mag. 2008 or Keralavarma et al. 2012)



[100] dislocations



#### [100] dislocations

8µm



Boioli et al. Phys Rev B 2015

#### [100] dislocations



[100] dislocations



## Glide versus Climb in MgSiO<sub>3</sub> perovskite as a function of Stress and Temperature



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## 2.5 DD simulations of pure climb creep



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 $d > 0, 1 \text{ mm} \rightarrow \text{Pure climb creep} > \text{NH creep}$ 

## Pure climb creep:

A very important mechanism for planetary interiors rheology



A few facts:

- Strain is produced by dislocation *climb*
- Strain is not produced by shear: no crystal preferred orientations
- No grain size dependence
- Controlled by diffusion, but rheology *may not* be linear

## Conclusions

We develop a multi-scale model of dislocation creep in high pressure mineral

- Combining atomic scale and meso-scale DD simulations

- Calculated glide properties are found in agreement with experiments
- Confirm that at relatively low stress glide is highly prohibited
- Creep may involves pure climb (grain size > a few mm)







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atomistic calculation of thermally activated glide velocity





[001] dislocation in MgSiO3 Pv

## Peierls potential computed using NEB Example of screw [010](100) dislocation



#### Dislocation core structure and Peierls stress



## Kink pair nucleation energy computed within periodic cell



Dipole configuration of kinked dislocation => kink energy Hk = 9.5 eV (P=30 GPa)

$$H_k = rac{\mu b^3}{2} \sqrt{ au_P/\mu}$$

Kraych et al. (PRB 2016)

## Two slip systems : [100](010) and [010](100)





Two slip systems consistent with classical <110>{110} slip system observed in perfect cubic perovskite (ex. SrTiO3, known to be ductile)

## $\Delta H^*$ function of stress

Kink-pairs configuration: Trapezoidal shape described using *I*, *w* and *h* 

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## SrTiO<sub>3</sub> cubic perovskite mechanical properties



Hirel et al. (under review Scripta Mat.)





Cubic		Orthorhombic
$\langle 100 \rangle_{c} \{010\}_{c}$	[100] <sub>c</sub> (010) <sub>c</sub>	[110] <sub>o</sub> (110) <sub>o</sub>
	[010] <sub>c</sub> (001) <sub>c</sub>	$[\bar{1}10]_{o}(001)_{o}$
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$\langle 100 \rangle_{c} \{011\}_{c}$	[001] <sub>c</sub> (110) <sub>c</sub>	[001] <sub>o</sub> (010) <sub>o</sub>
	$[001]_{c}(1\overline{1}0)_{c}$	[001] <sub>o</sub> (100) <sub>o</sub>
$\langle 110 \rangle_c \{ 001 \}_c$	[110] <sub>c</sub> (001) <sub>c</sub>	[010] <sub>o</sub> (001) <sub>o</sub>
	$[1\overline{1}0]_{c}(001)_{c}$	[100] <sub>o</sub> (001) <sub>o</sub>
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$$\dot{\epsilon} = \alpha \frac{D_{sd} \sigma \Omega}{d^2 k_b T}$$

Poirier, Creep of crystals (198

Slip systems ; orthorhombic -> cubic





 $\gamma = \rho b v_s$ 

## MgSiO<sub>3</sub> perovskite (60 GPa)



Kraych et al. EPSL submitted – Results on MgO from Amodeo et al. Phil. Mag. 2012

## MgSiO<sub>3</sub> perovskite (30 GPa)



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