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2 **Elastic Plastic Self Consistent (EPSC) Modeling of San Carlos Olivine Deformed in a D-**
3 **DIA Apparatus**

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7 **Abstract**

8 We present a suite of low strain deformation experiments conducted on polycrystalline San
9 Carlos olivine in a D-DIA apparatus at temperatures ranging from 440 C to 1106 C at pressures
10 between 3.8 and 4.6 GPa. The deformation behavior was monitored using in-situ diffraction of
11 white synchrotron x-rays. The experiments were conducted at a slow strain rate of $\sim 5 \times 10^{-6}$ /sec
12 so as to allow the initial elastic behavior to be closely monitored. For each experiment we fit the
13 diffraction data using elastic plastic self-consistent (EPSC) models. We find that in order to
14 model the experiments, we must incorporate an isotropic deformation mechanism that permits a
15 small amount of non-elastic deformation during the initial elastic portion of the experiment. This
16 deformation mechanism mimics the observed reduction in the elastic modulus as a function of
17 temperature and permits us to better model the remainder of the stress strain curve. The critical
18 resolved shear stresses (CRSS) for slip obtained from these models compare well with those
19 measured in single crystal deformation experiments

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24 **Introduction**

25 The advent of synchrotron based high pressure deformation experiments has produced
26 significant advances in our understanding of deformation in Earth's deep interior. However,
27 methods for measuring the bulk strength of materials from x-ray powder diffraction data with
28 certainty are still lacking (Jain et al., 2017). Most investigators use the difference between d-
29 spacings measured in the compressional and transverse directions combined with the diffraction
30 elastic constants (Singh et al., 1998) to calculate the stress state in their samples. The method
31 assumes a Reuss state of stress in the material, but the stresses given by different reflections can
32 vary widely (c.f. (Burnley and Zhang, 2008), (Mei et al., 2010)). The average of the measured
33 stresses is typically used, however the resulting average is dependent upon which diffraction
34 lines the experimenter happens to measure. Significant success has been achieved with elastic
35 plastic self-consistent (EPSC) modeling which has been used extensively to interpret neutron and
36 x-ray diffraction from deforming metals (Agnew et al., 2006; Merkel et al., 2009; Turner et al.,
37 1995; Turner and Tome, 1994) as well as x-ray diffraction from in-situ deformation experiments
38 on MgO ((Li et al., 2004), quartz (Burnley and Zhang, 2008), alumina (Kaboli and Burnley,
39 2017; Raterron et al., 2013) and olivine (Burnley, 2015; Hilairet et al., 2012; Kaboli et al., 2017)).
40 EPSC models simulate the response of crystals based on their orientation with respect to the
41 loading boundary conditions and includes groups of grains (grain populations) observed by
42 diffraction as well as the mechanical contribution of 'silent' grains that are not participating in
43 producing diffraction. However, finding EPSC fits for diffraction from olivine deforming at

44 high temperature has been more challenging (Hilaireret et al., 2012). We have shown (Burnley,
45 2015; Kaboli et al., 2017) that including a kinkband deformation mechanism to close the yield
46 surface produces more satisfactory EPSC models, however modeling the slope of olivine stress
47 strain curves at low strain remains a challenge especially at high temperature (c.f. (Hilaireret et al.,
48 2012))

49 The motivation to examine low strain behavior is two-fold. First, if one is going to use a
50 forward modelling strategy such as EPSC to interpret diffraction from in-situ deformation it
51 would be most desirable for the model to match the evolution of stress in the sample from the
52 start rather than deviating significantly early on and then trying to match the experimental results
53 at higher strain levels. Second, the process governing the early evolution of stress and strain
54 during deformation are important in their own right, in that these processes govern the initial
55 distribution of stress and strain throughout the body of the polycrystal and are probably also
56 important for understanding phenomena such as transient creep.

57 Textbook descriptions as well the EPSC model assume that materials behave elastically
58 when load is first applied. However, the elastic portion of typical stress strain curves from
59 compression experiments on polycrystalline materials generally do not reproduce what is
60 predicted by the Young's modulus of the material as measured by other techniques. This
61 discrepancy is often informally attributed by experimentalists to a variety of instrumental effects
62 that depend on where, relative to the sample, the load and displacement are measured. There is
63 also the recognition that grain boundary effects may be involved in the apparent lowering of the
64 modulus as it is in metals (Ke, 1947), but due to the instrument effects, little attention has been
65 paid to this phenomena.

66 In-situ deformation experiments conducted with synchrotron x-rays offer the opportunity
67 to explore low strain behavior further. Unlike standard laboratory deformation apparatus where
68 the load and displacement are measured remotely from the sample via a load cell and
69 displacement transducers, synchrotron x-ray diffraction techniques measure both the stress and
70 strain directly from the sample (Vaughan et al., 2000; Weidner et al., 1998; Weidner et al.,
71 2010). Therefore, instrument effects should not exist (or at worst be of a substantially different
72 variety). In this paper, we describe a series of low strain deformation experiments on San Carlos
73 olivine performed at a variety of temperatures. We chose a strain rate that was slow enough to
74 collect many data points during the first 2% strain. We construct EPSC models to match our
75 data and discuss the implications.

76 **Methods**

77 **D-DIA apparatus**

78 The experiments described in this manuscript were conducted using the D-DIA apparatus
79 ((Durham et al., 2002; Wang et al., 2003; Weidner and Li, 2006; Weidner et al., 2010) located at
80 beam line 6BM-B at the Advanced Photon Source, Argonne National Laboratory, which utilizes
81 a bending magnet that produces a white x-ray beam. The sample assembly (Figure S1), based on
82 the “sphere-in-seats design” (Durham et al., 2009); is described in detail in the supplementary
83 section as well as in (Kaboli et al., 2017). The sample consisted of a pulverized single crystal of
84 San Carlos olivine in series with a fully dense Al_2O_3 ‘inner piston’ (Coors AD998) all enclosed
85 in a 25 μm thick Ni metal jacket. A W-Re thermocouple was incorporated into the upper piston.
86 Pt foils (25 μm thick) were placed at the top and bottom of the olivine specimen and at the bottom

87 of the inner piston in order to measure the length of both from radiographs taken during the
88 experiment.

89 The experiment was compressed to ~ 6 GPa at room temperature and annealed at 1200 C
90 for 3 hours and 50 minutes. For experimental samples of San Carlos olivine produced in this
91 fashion, we generally obtain an aggregate with a variety of grain sizes ranging from 1 – 50 μm .
92 For this particular experiment, we infer from the grain size distribution in the sample after the
93 experiment (see Figure S7) that the resulting initial grain size was around ~35 μm as is described
94 in detail in the supplementary material. After annealing, the temperature was then lowered to the
95 first experimental temperature. The combination of cell relaxation during annealing and thermal
96 contraction on cooling considerably reduces the experimental pressure from that observed during
97 the initial compression. X-ray spectra were collected at this initial condition and then the D-DIA
98 inner rams were advanced to deform the specimen while in-situ diffraction observations were
99 made. The motor speed for the D-DIA ram pumps was chosen to produce a strain rate of $\sim 5 \times 10^{-6}$
100 sec^{-1} , a strain rate that would allow for good documentation of the low strain behavior of the
101 sample. After several percent strain was achieved the motors for the inner D-DIA rams were
102 stopped. The temperature was then raised to 1200 C and the inner rams were retracted briefly at
103 rate $\sim 10^{-5} \text{sec}^{-1}$ to relax any remaining stresses. The temperature was then changed to the next
104 experimental temperature and the next sequence begun. This sequence of short deformation
105 experiments and relaxation periods was repeated for the four temperature conditions reported
106 here. A fifth and final deformation sequence was conducted, but since during data analysis we
107 found that the stress state was not fully relaxed before the start of the final sequence, that data
108 was discarded. No effort was made to adjust the experimental pressure beyond the automatic
109 feedback system that keeps the oil pressure constant. Thus the pressure for each deformation

110 sequence was somewhat different. Conditions for the deformation sequences and annealing
111 times before each sequence are given in Table 1.

112 **In-situ X-ray measurements**

113 Radiographs of the sample and inner piston were taken at ~12 minute intervals during
114 deformation and the length of each was analyzed using Image-J (Schneider et al., 2012). Sample
115 strain was calculated as $\epsilon = (l - l_0) / l_0$ where l is the instantaneous sample length and l_0 is
116 starting length of the sample, which was recorded at the pressure and temperature conditions of
117 the experiment immediately before the D-DIA rams began advancing for each deformation
118 sequence. Sample strain measurements are not synchronous with the diffraction measurements;
119 therefore, the sample strain associated with each diffraction measurement must be calculated.
120 Since we typically observe some sluggishness in the system when deformation first begins,
121 rather than calculating sample strain from a linear fit of all the sample strain vs time data, we fit
122 the data with a polynomial function (see supplementary section). This is particularly important
123 for characterizing the slope of the stress strain curve at the lowest strains. Quoted strain rates
124 (Table 1) are for the portion of the experiment after the sample strain vs time behavior becomes
125 linear.

126 **X-ray diffraction data analysis**

127 Diffraction data for both the sample and the inner piston were taken at 6 minute intervals
128 throughout each deformation sequence. The experimental setup had 10 energy dispersive
129 detectors, but our data analysis procedure relies primarily on three of the detectors, the two
130 detectors (at $\psi=0^\circ$ & 180° in Figure S2) that are positioned to record diffraction coming from

131 planes nearly normal to the compression axis and one detector (at $\psi=90^\circ$ in Figure S2) that
132 measures diffraction coming from planes that are nearly parallel to the compression axis (the
133 transverse direction). The other detectors should produce lattice strains that are intermediate
134 between these two end members and confirmation of this is used as a check on data quality.
135 Further details regarding the data analysis procedure are contained in the supplementary
136 material. Lattice strain (ε^{hkl}) is calculated for each diffraction peak as follows:

$$\varepsilon^{hkl} = \frac{(d^{hkl} - d_0^{hkl})}{d_0^{hkl}}$$

137 where d_0^{hkl} is the lattice spacing measured by a given detector immediately before the beginning
138 of deformation for each sequence.

139 In order to interpret the diffraction measurements, lattice strain vs sample strain curves
140 for the experiments are then compared with simulated diffraction data generated with an EPSC
141 model (Tome and Oliver, 2002). The single crystal elastic constants used in each model were
142 calculated for the appropriate experimental temperature and pressure from constants given in
143 (Abramson et al., 1997; Anderson and Isaak, 1995; Isaak, 1992; Liu and Li, 2006) and are listed
144 in the supplementary material. Typically for olivine we model the eight commonly observed slip
145 systems in olivine as well as three unidirectional slip systems to simulate the formation of kink
146 bands (Burnley, 2015; Kaboli et al., 2017). For this study we also used an additional isotropic
147 deformation mechanism that will be discussed below. The EPSC model uses a Voce hardening
148 law to describe the evolution of the critical resolved shear stress (τ) for each slip system with
149 shear strain (Γ) as follows:

$$\tau = \tau_0 + (\tau_1 + \phi_1 \Gamma) \left[1 - e^{-(\phi_0 \Gamma / \tau_1)} \right]$$

150 where τ_0 is the initial critical resolved shear stress and τ_1 , ϕ_0 , and ϕ_1 are hardening parameters
151 (Turner and Tome, 1994) (Tome and Oliver, 2002)). The values of τ_0 , τ_1 , ϕ_0 , and ϕ_1 used in
152 each model are listed in Table 2.

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Results

154 Lattice strain vs sample strain plots are given in Figure 1. A number of key observations are
155 worth pointing out when examining the data. First, as is expected of stress strain curves, the
156 lattice strain rises sharply with sample strain at low sample strains. This behavior is generally
157 referred to as the elastic portion of the stress strain curve. However, with the exception of the
158 initial portion of the 440 C sequence, the slope of the curves deviates visibly from purely elastic
159 behavior, as illustrated in Figure 1 by the self-consistent elastic simulations which are indicated
160 by solid lines. The deviation from pure elastic behavior is temperature dependent with the slope
161 deviating more at higher temperatures. Second, for each experiment, the relative difference
162 between the lattice strains changes markedly at the yield point where the lattice strain vs. sample
163 strain curves bend over as the sample yields (Burnley, 2015; Kaboli et al., 2017). This spreading
164 of the lattice strains can be seen in both the compressional and transverse directions. In addition,
165 at the yield point, the internal consistency of the diffraction data, particularly in the transverse
166 direction begins to deteriorate.

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Discussion

Application of EPSC models

169 Two of the observations above have important implications for developing an EPSC model that
170 will fit the diffraction data. The first is that a deformation mechanism that has a very low critical
171 resolved shear stress (τ_0) is required in order for deformation to deviate from elastic behavior so

172 early in the deformation experiment. In addition, this mechanism cannot accommodate very
173 much strain or else the entire aggregate would yield completely. The second important
174 observation is that because the lattice strains for the individual reflections remain close to each
175 other, whatever this mechanism is, it does not differentiate between any of the measured grain
176 populations. All of the known slip systems for olivine as well as kinkband formation produce
177 dispersion between the olivine lattice strains (Burnley, 2015). Thus a new deformation
178 mechanism that affects all grain orientations to the same degree is required to keep the lattice
179 strains from deviating from each other.

180 Although the exact nature of this new deformation mechanism has not been determined,
181 we can simulate its behavior with a ‘fake’ slip system in the EPSC model in order to improve the
182 overall fit of the models. To do this, we created a deformation mechanism for which the Schmid
183 factor is close to 0.5 for each grain. This ‘slip system’ consisted of planes belonging to four
184 rhombic prisms ($\{021\}$, $\{101\}$, $\{120\}$, $\{301\}$) and two rhombic dipyramids ($\{111\}$, $\{231\}$) with a
185 variety of slip directions (full details are found in the supplementary material). This system
186 produced the observed lack of dispersion between the measured lattice strains. The slope of the
187 lattice strain vs. sample strain curves is adjusted using the work hardening parameters. Results
188 of this slip system operating alone are illustrated in Figure S5 of the supplementary materials.
189 Once the low strain portion of the lattice strain vs. sample strain curves were successfully
190 modeled then the slip systems typical of olivine as well as the model for kinkband formation
191 (Burnley, 2015) were applied to produce the observed yielding and dispersion of the lattice
192 strains. The inability of the models to reproduce the behavior of the (122) reflection in the
193 second deformation sequence is probably due to issues with properly identifying the initial peak

194 position at the start of that deformation sequence. Table 2 gives the parameters that we used to
195 produce the model fits shown in Figure 2.

196 **Deriving CRSS from EPSC**

197 In the EPSC model, the CRSS and hardening constants are treated as fitting parameters.
198 However, if the theory behind the model is correct and the modeling process takes all the
199 deformation mechanisms into account, then the CRSS and hardening constants should also be
200 related to the physical processes that they describe. We therefore compared the CRSS for the
201 slip component of the EPSC models, with determination of the CRSS of [100] and [001] slip
202 from previous work by (Durinck et al., 2007)(Figure 3). Durink et al (Durinck et al., 2007)
203 compiled experimental data on the CRSS of olivine slip systems measured at low pressure in
204 single crystal studies and then parameterized the CRSS as a function of temperature. The dashed
205 lines in Figure 3 show the range of CRSS as a function of temperature as indicated by the
206 uncertainty in their parameterization. Some of our models required that different CRSS be used
207 for different slip planes that have the same Burger's vector; in this case a weighted average was
208 used in Figure 3. In the case of [100] slip at 440 C, we found two EPSC models that were
209 indistinguishable in terms of their fit to the experimental data, which had different CRSS (Table
210 2). This variation in CRSS is indicated by plotting a symbol for each model value and using a
211 larger error bar. It is important to keep in mind that our CRSS values were determined at high
212 pressure and that the CRSS for slip, especially along [100] should be somewhat higher (Durinck
213 et al., 2005) than at low pressure. Differences in composition between forsterite and San Carlos
214 olivine were ignored by (Durinck et al., 2007), but this small difference in chemistry has not
215 been observed to have a large impact on slip (Bollinger et al., 2015; Bollinger et al., 2012).
216 Keeping in mind the pressure difference, the match between the CRSS for [001] slip from our

217 models as compared to that from previous work is remarkable considering the difference in the
218 experimental techniques used to determine the CRSS. It is interesting to note that the
219 parameterization from (Durinck et al., 2007) gives a CRSS for [100] slip between 1550 and 2250
220 MPa at 440 C which is not consistent with our models, which require some slip on [100].
221 However, it should be noted that this parameterization is based on only 5 experimental data
222 points below 1000 C, which offer little constraint at low temperature.

223 **Inelastic behavior at low strain**

224 While the isotropic slip system that we used in the EPSC models was useful to describe the
225 physical phenomena that we observed, it is just a ‘hack’ and the input parameters (e.g. CRSS and
226 hardening parameters) do not have a direct physical meaning. A more meaningful description of
227 the phenomena is to calculate the apparent value of the Young’s modulus for each temperature
228 and compare that to the Young’s modulus as derived from single crystal elasticity (Figure 4).

229 Although additional studies are required, we suggest that the physical process that is
230 operating at low strain could be grain boundary sliding accommodated either elastically or by
231 dislocation glide. The theory of elasticity of polycrystals with viscous grain boundaries was
232 developed by (Zener, 1941) who showed that the apparent elastic modulus reduction caused by
233 relaxation on grain boundaries is a function of the viscosity of the grain boundaries, which is in
234 turn a function of temperature. The decrease in the apparent Young’s modulus as a function of
235 temperature that we observe is similar to that observed in metals (e.g.(Ke, 1947) ~ 20%) but of a
236 greater magnitude. Displacement along grain boundaries in olivine aggregates has been directly
237 observed in high temperature deformation experiments (1200-1300 C) (Maruyama and Hiraga,
238 2017a; Maruyama and Hiraga, 2017b) and dislocation assisted grain boundary sliding is widely

239 understood to be an important deformation process for high temperature flow of olivine
240 ((Dimanov et al., 2011; Hansen et al., 2011; Hansen et al., 2012; Hirth and Kohlstedt, 1995a;
241 Hirth and Kohlstedt, 1995b; Tielke et al., 2016). Elastically accommodated grain boundary
242 sliding is thought to be an important process in the anelastic behavior of the mantle (Cooper,
243 2002; Sundberg and Cooper, 2010). At present, work on grain boundary sliding as a deformation
244 mechanism in olivine aggregates has been confined to low pressure. Thus these observations
245 may point to a means of using the D-DIA apparatus to study the effect of pressure on grain
246 boundary sliding.

247 **Implications**

248 The results of this project have a number of implications both for the improved utility of
249 using EPSC models to better interpret in-situ diffraction data from deformation experiments as
250 well as understanding the deformation processes occurring in the experiment. First, the fact that
251 we can reproduce the CRSS for [001] and [100] slip from single crystal experiments argues that
252 polycrystalline deformation experiments analyzed with an EPSC model which achieves a good
253 match to the diffraction, may be a good way to measure CRSS under conditions where single
254 crystal deformation experiments are more challenging. Second, the observation of low strain
255 inelastic behavior points to a number of interesting avenues for future research. Although this
256 deformation mechanism does not produce substantial bulk strain it will play a role in the
257 distribution of stress throughout the aggregate and is therefore an important part of the
258 aggregate's deformation history. In addition, as suggested above, the D-DIA can be used to
259 study the effect of pressure on this deformation mechanism and determine its importance in the
260 Earth's mantle.

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393 **Figure Captions**

394 **Figure 1** Lattice strain vs sample strain data (symbols) for the four deformation sequences. The
395 solid lines show the self-consistent elastic model for each lattice plane calculated for the pressure
396 and temperature conditions of each sequence. The uncertainty in lattice strain is ± 0.001 which
397 is illustrated by an error bar placed to the right side of each deformation sequence.

398 **Figure 2** Lattice strain vs sample strain data (symbols) for the four deformation sequences. The
399 lines show the self-consistent models calculated to match the data. The slip system activity is
400 plotted below each. The slip systems included in each group are listed in Table 2. The
401 uncertainty in lattice strain is ± 0.001 which is illustrated by an error bar placed to the right side
402 of each deformation sequence.

403 **Figure 3** CRSS of slip as a function of temperature for (a) [001] and (b) [100] slip. The data
404 points (symbols) are derived from the CRSS listed in Table 2. The dashed lines indicate a
405 variety of parameterizations taken from (Durinck et al., 2007), based on the upper and lower
406 bound of each parameter given by that study.

407 **Figure 4** Plot of the apparent Young's modulus from the initial portion of each deformation
408 sequence compared with the Young's modulus as calculated from the single crystal elastic
409 constants.

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Tables

412 **Table 1 - Experimental Conditions for each deformation sequence**

Anneal	Anneal	Temperature	Pressure	Strain	Strain
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	Temperature (°C)	Time (h:mm)	Deformation (°C)	rate (GPa)	x10 ⁻⁶ /sec	%
Sequence 1	1210.2 ± 3.9	3:48	440.5 ± 1.9	3.8 ± 0.1	2.5	3.47
Sequence 2	1192.9 ± 9.6	1:17	663.2 ± 2.5	4.3 ± 0.1	3.3	3.64
Sequence 3	1207.5 ± 2.7	0:23	882.3 ± 1.2	4.5 ± 0.1	4.3	3.09
Sequence 4	1198.9 ± 7.8	0:24	1106.4 ± 3.9	4.6 ± 0.1	4.7	2.77

413 †Uncertainty in temperature is based on observed temperature variation during experiment. As discussed

414 in the supplementary material, we estimate the systematic uncertainty in temperature to be <3%.

415 ‡ Uncertainty in pressure includes both uncertainty in measured d-spacings and temperature uncertainty.

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417 **Table 2.** Summary of the critical resolved shear stress (τ), hardening parameters (τ_0 , φ_0 and φ_1) and
 418 macroscopic stress at 3% strain for EPSC models which fit the experimental data. All units are in GPa.

	τ	τ_0	φ_0	φ_1	$\sigma_{\ddagger}^{\ddagger}$
Sequence 1					2.42
Isotropic system†	0.2	60	60	60	
Group A:					
[001](100), [001]{110}, [001](010)	0.7	0.001	0.01	0.01	
[100](010)					
Group B:					
Kink system*	1.1	0.001	0.01	0.01	
[100]{011}					
Sequence 1 (alternative fit)					2.38
Isotropic system†	0.2	60	60	60	
Group A:					
[001](100), [001]{110}, [001](010)	0.7	0.001	0.01	0.01	
[100]{011}					
Group B:					
Kink system*	1.2	0.001	0.01	0.01	
Sequence 2					2.13

Isotropic system†	0.05	57	57	57	
Group A:					
[001](100), [001]{110}, [001](010)	0.5	0.001	0.01	0.01	
Group B:					
Kink system*	0.9	0.001	0.01	0.01	
[100]{011}					
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Sequence 3					1.43
Isotropic system†	0.04	22	22	22	
Group A:					
[001](100), [001]{110}	0.3	0.001	0.01	0.01	
Group B:					
Kink system*	0.6	0.001	0.01	0.01	
[100]{011}					
[001](010)					
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Sequence 4					0.63
Isotropic system†	0.01	9	9	9	
Group A:					
[001](100), [001]{110}	0.1	0.001	0.01	0.01	
Group B:					
Kink system*	0.3	0.001	0.01	0.01	
[100]{011}					
[001](010)					

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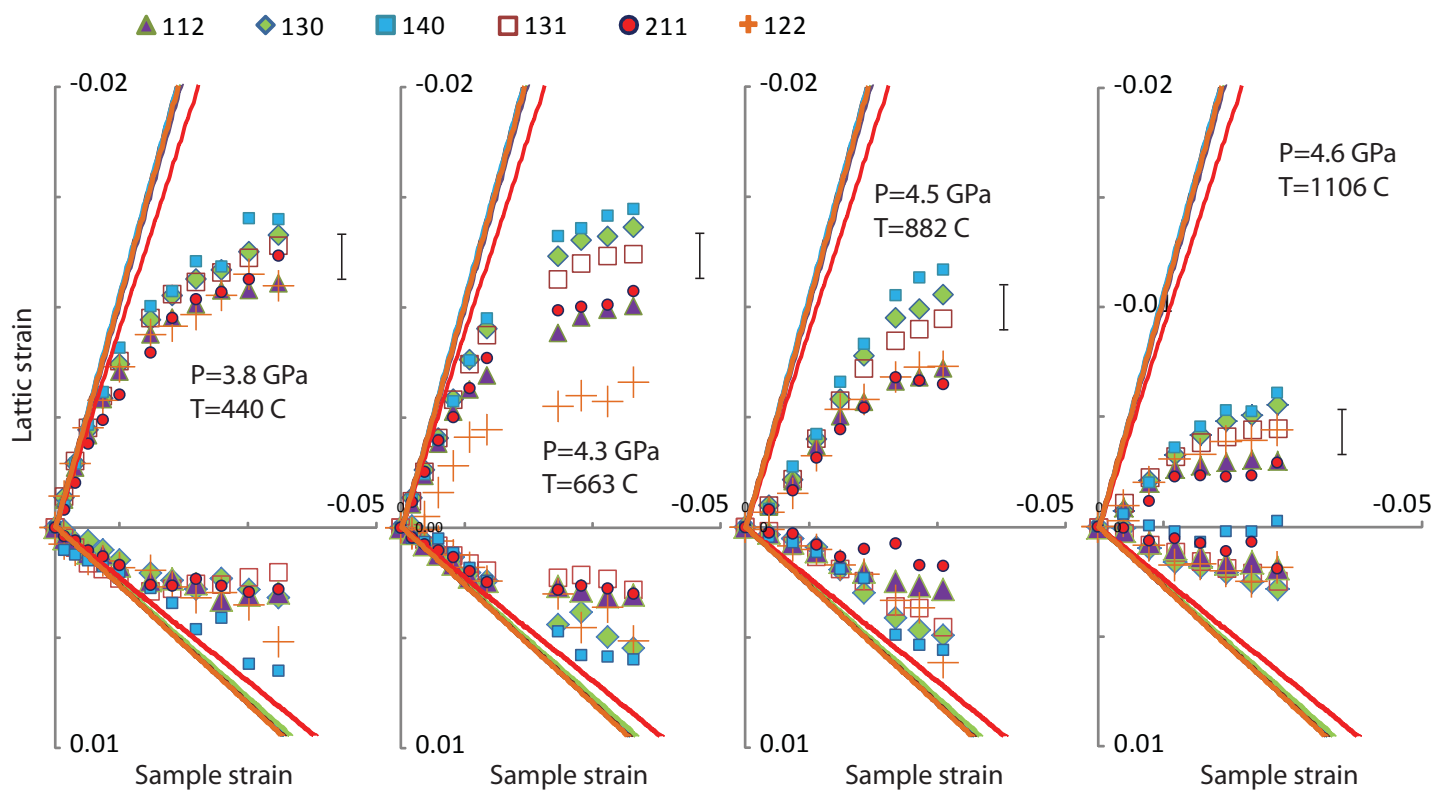
420 * [-210] on (120), [210] on (1-20), [-504] on (405) and [-50-4](40-5) are used to simulate
 421 kinkband formation

422 † planes and directions found in Table S3

423 ‡ From EPSC model at 3 % strain

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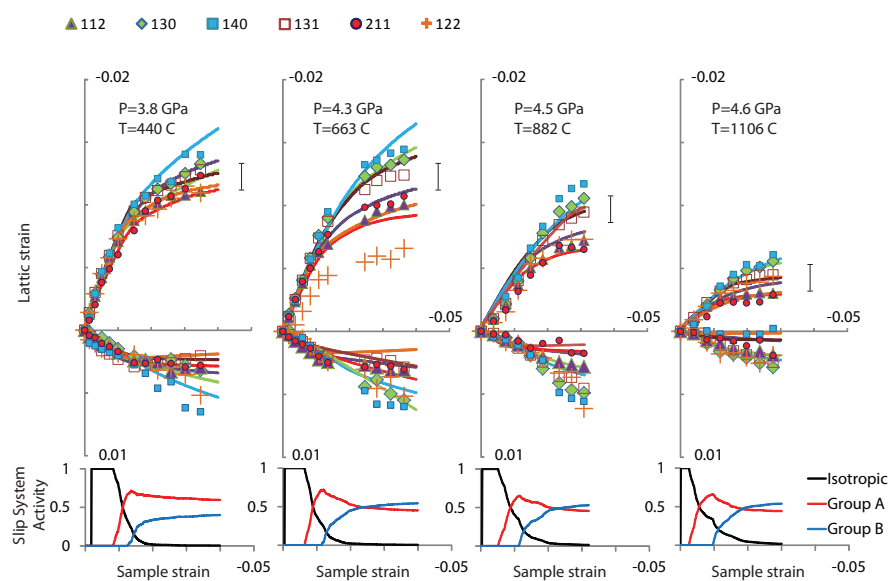
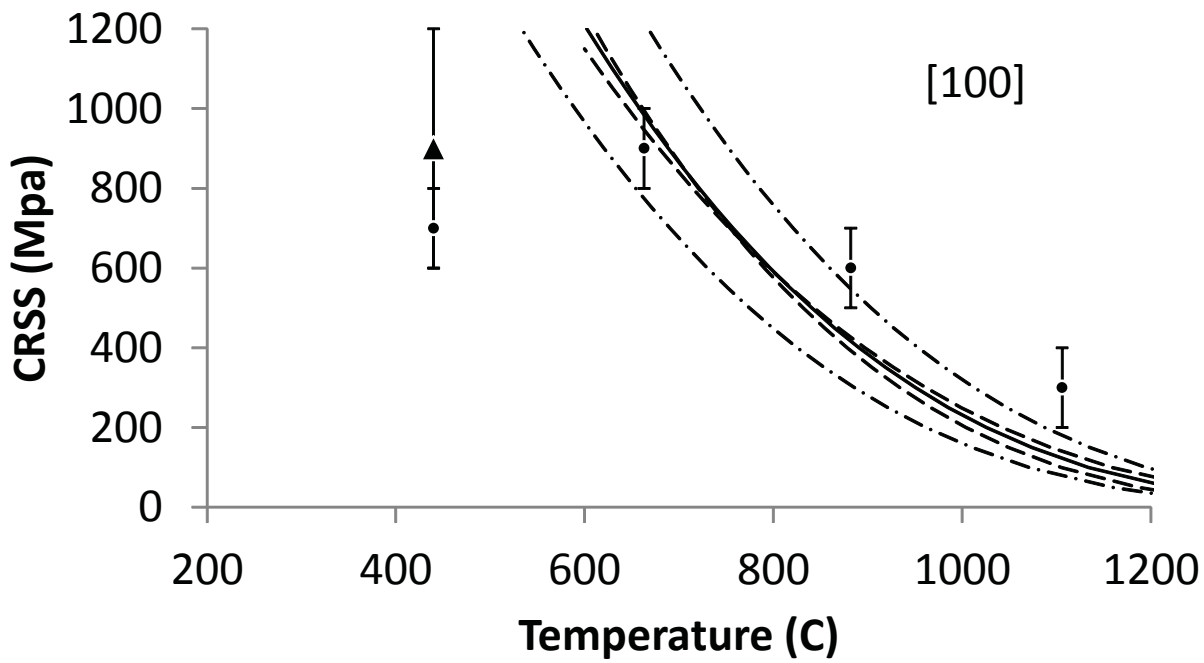
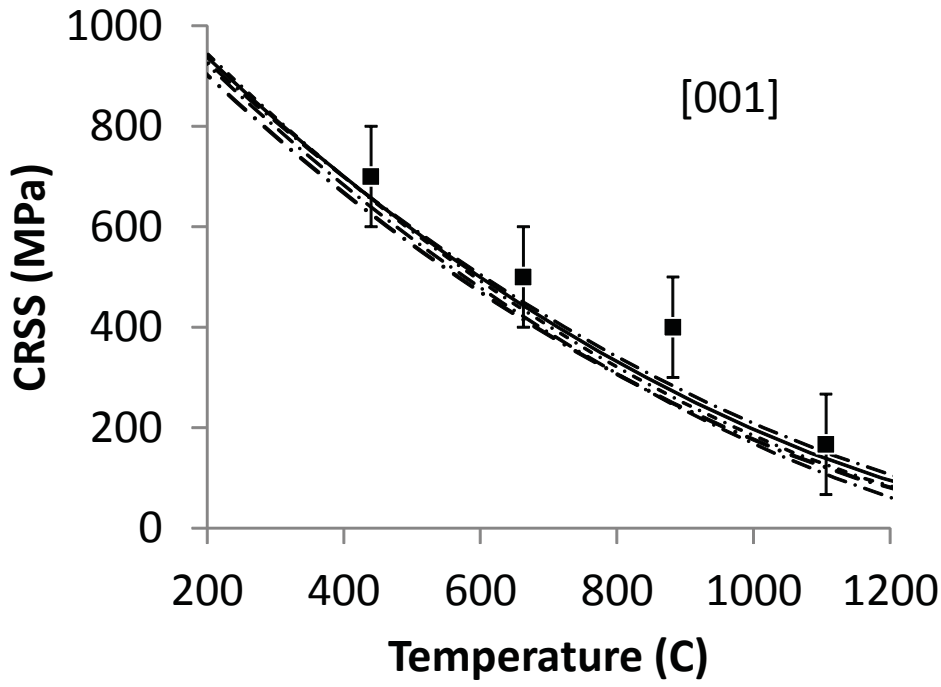
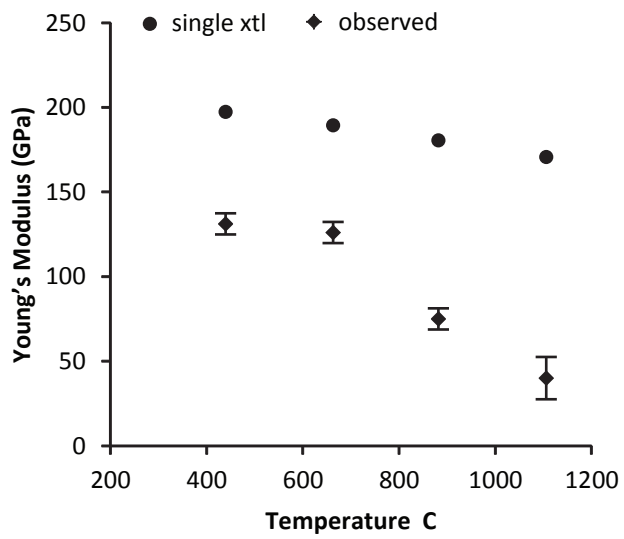


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Burnley&Kaboli Figure 4