

Shape Memory Alloys – Frontier Developments

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Abstract

This article is mainly concerned with summarizing the recent discoveries in the deformation physics of shape memory materials with special emphasis on (1) the need to develop fundamental understanding of twinning, slip, shear/shuffle at atomic scales, martensite twin boundary topologies, atomic stacking and stable/metastable fault structures in shape memory materials, and (2) factors that result in performance degradation and accumulation of residual strains leading to fatigue and fracture. The fundamental understanding has benefitted from ab-initio modeling of atomic-electronic structures and the fault energetics of stable/metastable crystal structures. Especially, the slip phenomenon during nucleation of martensite needs further elaboration, as it exercises a strong influence on hysteresis, functional and mechanical degradation of the shape memory alloys. Finally, we discourse on studies of fatigue and fracture of shape memory alloys from the literature and outline efforts to explain the complex experimental trends with respect to fatigue thresholds and nucleation. It is in the fatigue area where advancing the understanding of cycle by cycle accumulation of the irreversibilities, the strong orientation dependence of slip resistance (i.e., non-Schmid behavior), complex evolution of elastic moduli,

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strain sensitive evolution of interfaces with terrace-disconnection energy minimal nanostructures, and asymmetric stress-strain response will lead to the development of a comprehensive model. In the case of fracture, continuum models employ LEFM concepts and the results need corrections for martensite-induced tractions which are rather complex with localized variants. Overall, deeper scientific activities, with potential use of lattice scale theories and ab-initio based empirical atomic potentials, are paramount to advance the field to the next level.

Key Points

- Modeling approaches across length scales from continuum to atomistics in shape memory alloys (primarily in NiTi).
- Understanding of interfaces, transformation-induced slip, martensite twinning and elastic moduli.
- New developments in high-temperature, high-entropy, titanium- and iron-based shape memory alloys.
- Functional and structural fatigue in shape memory alloys, the complexity of driving force determination in fracture.
- Basics of operation of ferro-magnetic, elasto-caloric shape memory materials, and observations of hysteresis in super-elasticity and isobaric shape memory.

Introduction to Shape Memory Alloys

Shape memory alloys recover large strains under thermo-mechanical loadings (Bhattacharya, 2003; Christian, 2002; Lagoudas, 2008b; Otsuka and Wayman, 1999; Perkins, 1975; Funakubo and Kennedy, 1987) and have many potential applications (Yamauchi *et al.*, 2011; Hartl and Lagoudas, 2007; Jani *et al.*, 2014; Duerig *et al.*, 2013) in biomedical, aerospace, mechanical and civil engineering fields. The reversible austenite \rightleftharpoons martensite transformation at the microstructural level (Knowles and Smith, 1981; Olson and Cohen, 1982) is mainly responsible for the large recoverability (Chowdhury *et al.*, 2016; Chowdhury and Sehitoglu, 2017a; Gall *et al.*, 1999c; Ishida and Hiwatari, 2007; Ko *et al.*, 2017; Lai *et al.*, 2000; Miyazaki *et al.*, 1984; Sato *et al.*, 2006; Tang *et al.*, 2010) in SMAs. The SMAs in applications undergo multiple cycles of reversible transformation and could suffer from loss of functionality and fatigue damage (Norfleet *et al.*, 2009; Malarria *et al.*, 2009) primarily due to localized slip deformation and accumulation (Delville *et al.*, 2011; Mohammed and Sehitoglu, 2020a,b, 2021; Simon *et al.*, 2010; Treppmann and Hornbogen, 1995). Internal interfaces (Hamilton *et al.*, 2004), precipitates (Tirry and Schryvers, 2005) and grain boundaries can form barriers (Wang and Sehitoglu, 2013, 2014a; Sehitoglu *et al.*, 2002) that assist the accumulation of localization. Many of the critical stress magnitudes for martensite formation (Alkan and Sehitoglu, 2019a; Alkan *et al.*, 2018a) and slip nucleation (Alkan and Sehitoglu, 2017b; Ojha and Sehitoglu, 2016b), and twinning (Wang and Sehitoglu, 2013, 2014a) have been established from experiments and modeling. Ideally, a very high slip resistance, high transformation strains and low transformation stresses would be desirable (Sehitoglu *et al.*, 2002) to develop new SMAs (Abuzaid *et al.*, 2019; Duerig *et al.*, 2013; Lagoudas, 2008a; Yamauchi *et al.*, 2011). These properties hold the key to formulating new theories for functionality and fatigue resistance although this goal has not been achieved yet. The resistance to fatigue and fracture require a better understanding of dislocation formation and intrinsic slip propensity in SMAs that originate from interfaces. Many treatments have been continuum based and phenomenological (Auricchio and Taylor, 1997; Boyd and Lagoudas, 1996; Brinson, 1993; Christ and Reese, 2009; Hartl and Lagoudas, 2008; Lagoudas *et al.*, 2012; Patoor *et al.*, 1996; Shaw, 2000; Stebner and Brinson, 2013; Zaki and Moumni, 2007) including studies on grain size, plastic strain effects, and assumptions on driving forces (Bouvet *et al.*, 2004; Gall *et al.*, 2000a; Gall and Sehitoglu, 1999; Sedlak *et al.*, 2012; Thamburaja and Anand, 2001). The advent of molecular dynamics (Parrinello and Rahman, 1981) tools, and quantum length scale tools such as the density functional theory revealed insight at subatomic scales (Engel and Dreizler, 2011; Ezaz and Sehitoglu, 2011; Ren and Sehitoglu, 2016). In the current paper, we summarize past work and frontier developments in atomic scale calculations, experiments and studies on new alloys and outline basic and detailed concepts for understanding the SMAs. It is our intention to put the new developments and tools in perspective to guide future developments.

Major Issues in Shape Memory Alloys

The field of shape memory alloys has been an intriguing topic. There are new alloys that are being developed that exhibit shape memory behavior. The rate of publications remains strong. The purpose of this overview is two-fold: The *first purpose* is to put forth the fundamental concepts in shape memory behavior that differ from our understanding of conventional (untransforming) materials (Sections “Key Quantities in Shape Memory and Superelasticity”, “Summary of Classes of Shape Memory Alloys”, “Superelasticity-Examples”, “Shape Memory Response (ISME)-Examples”) and follow with explanation of the mechanisms (Section “Explanation of the Mechanisms”). Early textbooks covered the crystallography of shape memory alloys (Section “Summary of Classes of Shape Memory Alloys”), but new developments including atomistic modeling need to be emphasized in new texts covering topics such as “Energy Barriers”, “Elastic Modulus”, “Slip Behavior- Slip Systems and Non-Schmid Effects”, “Transformation Stress- Non-Schmid Effects”, “The Use of MD potentials in SMA Research the Use of MD potentials in SMA Research”, “Twinning”, “Irrational Twin Planes and the Origin of the Irrationality (Comparison With Experiments) and Slip Emission that are emphasized in this chapter. The

atomistic modeling provided insights into displacements at the lattice level, and contributed to key information on elastic moduli and energy barriers for transformation and twinning that continuum models require. New materials with shape memory characteristics emerged adding to the traditional Ni-, Cu-, and Fe- based shape memory alloys (Section “New SMAs – Fe based SMAs, High temperature SMAs, Ferromagnetic SMAs, High Entropy SMAs”). These new compositions resulted in different crystallography, higher transformation strains, crystal orientation dependence, and higher stress magnitudes in some cases. We will show new findings and current challenges in the shape memory field and discuss them throughout the paper. Some of the new materials and their behavior are complex and intriguing such as:

- (1) the very wide range of superelasticity in the new Fe based SMAs (Section “Fe Based SMAs/Fe Based SMAs”),
- (2) the high fatigue thresholds in Ni_2FeGa SMAs (Section “Fatigue Crack Growth”),
- (3) very low twinning stresses in ferromagnetic SMAs and in martensites (Sections “Ferromagnetic Shape Memory Behavior” and “Twinning”),
- (4) the discovery of new high temperature SMAs with moderate strength (Section “High Temperature Shape Memory alloys”),
- (5) the source of hysteresis and its dependence on strain rate and temperature (Sections “Stress and Thermal Hysteresis” and “Irrational Twin Planes and the Origin of the Irrationality (Comparison With Experiments) and Slip Emission”),
- (6) the discovery of high entropy shape memory alloys with wide superelastic window (Section “High Entropy-Shape Memory Alloy Synergy”),
- (7) the use of SMAs as elastocaloric materials, and the development of new compositions for environmentally friendly cooling technologies (Section “Elasto-caloric Behavior”).

Now, the *second purpose of this contribution* is to clarify some of the confusion in the shape memory field such as:

- (1) the non-Schmid behavior for slip and transformation and variant selection criteria (Sections “Slip Behavior- Slip Systems and Non-Schmid Effects” and “Transformation Stress- Non-Schmid Effects”),
- (2) the meaning of elastic modulus in an environment when martensite is twinned and detwinned (Section “Elastic Modulus”),
- (3) the toughening versus non-toughening in fatigue depending on the variant orientation near the crack tip (Section “Fatigue Crack Growth”),
- (4) the source of slip in shape memory alloys (Section “Irrational Twin Planes and the Origin of the Irrationality (Comparison With Experiments) and Slip Emission”),
- (5) the reliability of atomic potentials and their performance for SMAs (Section “The Use of MD potentials in SMA Research”),
- (6) the irrational interface planes and the confusion surrounding them (Section “Irrational Twin Planes and the Origin of the Irrationality (Comparison With Experiments) and Slip Emission”),
- (7) the complexity associated with determination of driving forces in fracture (Section “Fracture of Shape Memory Alloys”),
- (8) the complexity in understanding fatigue crack initiation and development of a theory for fatigue (Section “Fatigue Crack Initiation (LCF and HCF)”).

Some of the intriguing behaviors such as tension-compression asymmetry, crystal orientation dependence, stress and thermal hysteresis and the role of precipitates are well documented especially for NiTi (Section “Explanation of the Mechanisms”) even though they are not completely understood (Sections “Slip Behavior- Slip Systems and Non-Schmid Effects” and “Transformation Stress- Non-Schmid Effects”). What emerges from these findings is the following: The shape memory alloys are a special class of materials that present behaviors that are more complex compared to conventional cubic (fcc/bcc) and hexagonal close packed (hcp) materials. Their crystal structure, transformation displacements (paths), slip and twin mechanisms (including non-crystallographic planes), internal misfit strains bring about additional sources of complication. Therefore, we will first provide an overview of shape memory alloys and then will undertake a discussion of the items listed above.

The purpose of **Fig. 1** is to illustrate why shape memory alloys are so important and some of the deep understanding that is necessary for their widespread use. The majority of the engineering applications of shape memory alloys (upper portion of **Fig. 1**) utilize the NiTi alloy. The most important use of the NiTi material is in cardiovascular stents. There are other biomedical applications including staples and anchor locks. There are emerging structural applications such as torque tubes for flow modification in jet engines in aerospace industry, resilient tire development, and in addition there are several applications that utilize SMAs as switches in automotive industry. Other potential applications are in civil engineering as dampers and concrete reinforcement which utilize iron-based shape memory materials. On the theoretical side, there are new developments in understanding the twinning interfaces and their migration, elastic moduli, the energy barriers, precise positioning of atoms in crystal structures that affect the properties. On the experimental front, the use of digital image correlation at micro- and meso-scales, high resolution transmission electron microscopy (HRTEM) complemented the existing tools such as X-ray diffraction, conventional TEM, SEM and EBSD to gain insight into our understanding. Some of these tools are listed in the bottom portion of **Fig. 1**.

Key Quantities in Shape Memory and Superelasticity

Three types of response for shape memory alloys (Otsuka and Wayman, 1998) have been investigated (shown in **Fig. 2**): (i) shape memory, (ii) superelasticity, and (iii) constrained recovery. The shape memory effect refers to forward and reverse transformation

NiTi, a shape memory alloy (SMA)

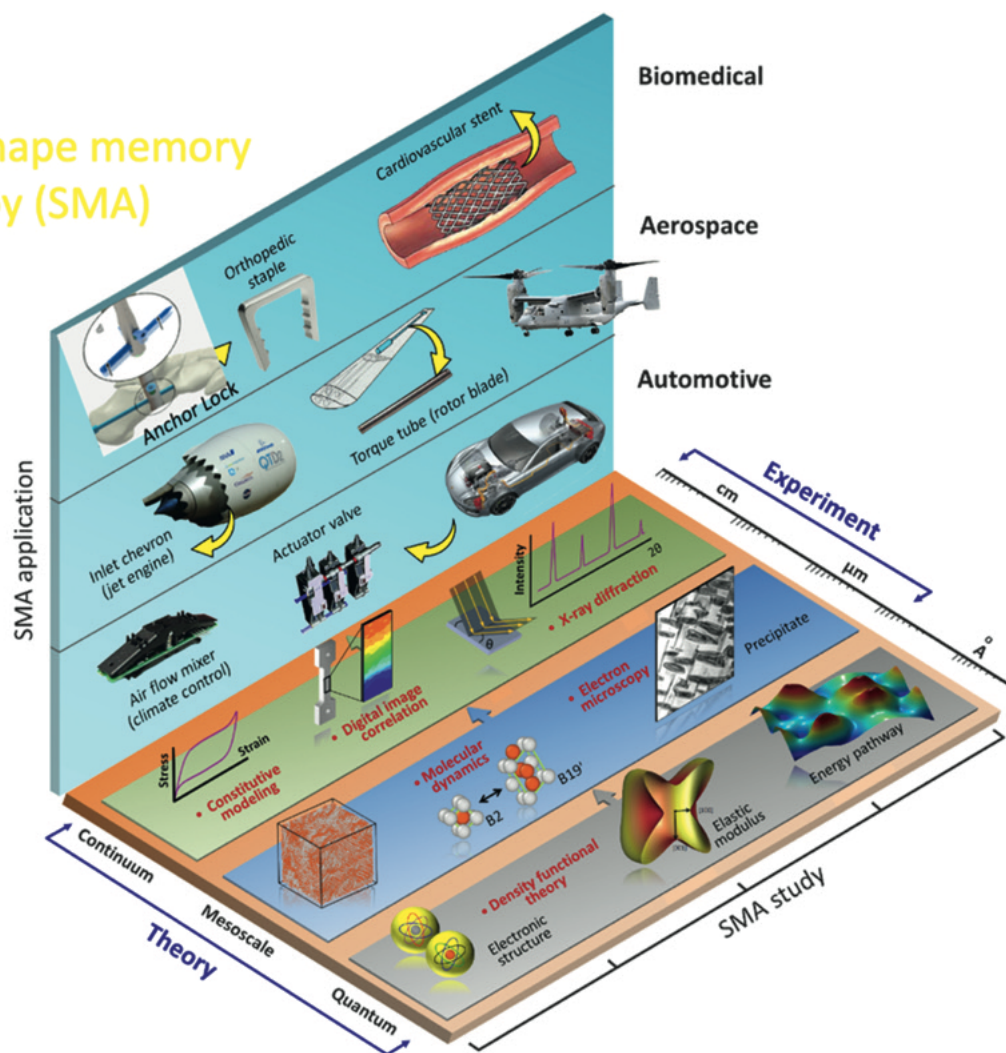


Fig. 1 Applications of shape memory alloys are shown in multiple sectors in the upper part of the diagram. The bottom half depicts the theoretical and experimental developments. Reproduced from Chowdhury, P., Ren, G., Sehitoglu, H., 2015. NiTi superelasticity via atomistic simulations. *Philosophical Magazine Letters* 95, 574-586, doi:[10.1080/09500839.2015.1123819](https://doi.org/10.1080/09500839.2015.1123819).

under stress (actuator type response) upon cycling the temperature (isobaric SME). The superelasticity (SE) is the forward transformation upon loading and reverse transformation upon unloading at a constant temperature (rubber like behavior).

The SME is the recovery of strains at zero external load (marked as SME) in **Fig. 2**. In the case of shape memory, the deformed martensite reverts to austenite upon heating and upon cooling back to twinned martensite. The difference between isobaric SME and SME is whether this happens at zero load or at finite load (tension and compression) respectively. The strains in (i) and (ii) can be fully or partially recovered depending on the alloy. The application in stents requires understanding of primarily SE. The actuator applications (including thin films) utilize the isobaric SME effect. In constrained recovery, the SMA is heated and cooled under constant strain and the stress developed as a result is called the 'recovery stress' marked as level B in **Fig. 2(a)**. In this case, the recovery stress can impose a preload on structural components (such as prestressing concrete). Note the characteristic temperatures shown in **Fig. 2(a)**. The subscripts s and f refer to start and finish and M and A refer to martensite and austenite respectively. At the M_d temperature substantial slip in the austenite occurs limiting the reversibility. Only four temperature levels, characterizing the austenite and martensite start and finish temperatures, are shown in **Fig. 2(a)**. When a single transformation temperature is given, this refers to the equilibrium temperature, i.e., the average of peak temperatures observed in the DSC experiment.

Scientifically, the crystallography of transformation from the austenite phase to the martensite phase has been one of the first developments in shape memory field. The advance of the phenomenological theory of martensitic transformation from Wechsler, Lieberman and Read (WLR) (Wechsler *et al.*, 1953) permitted the determination of the habit plane (austenite-

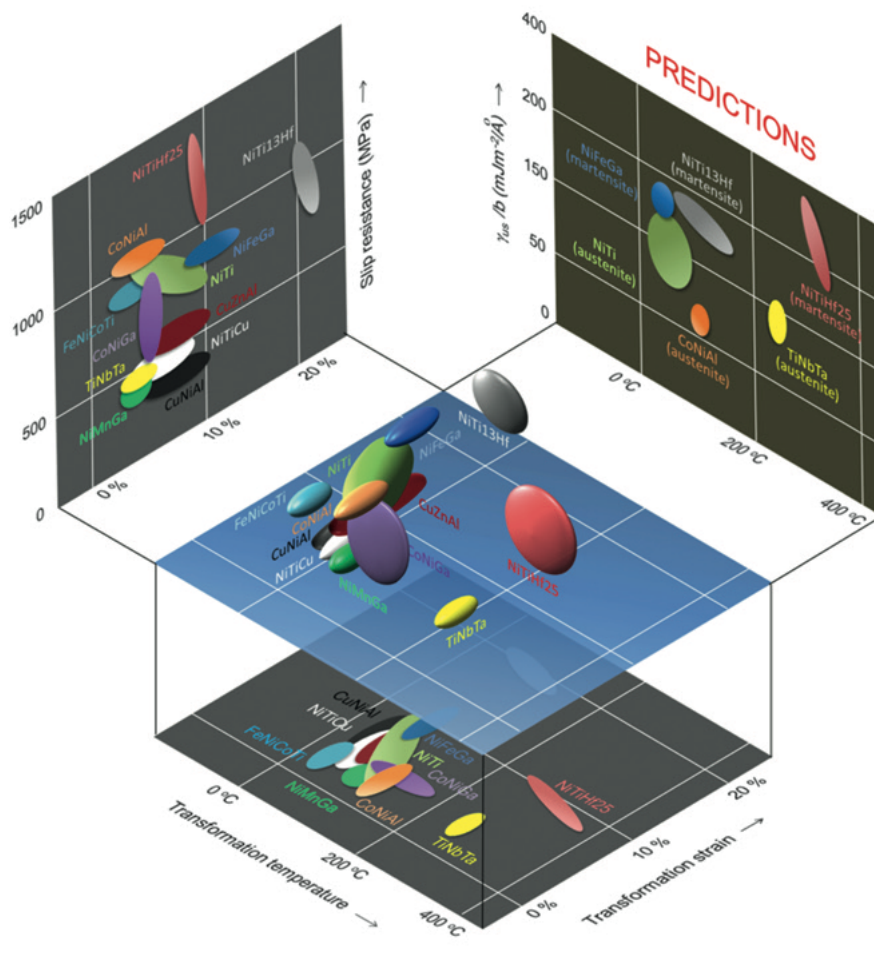
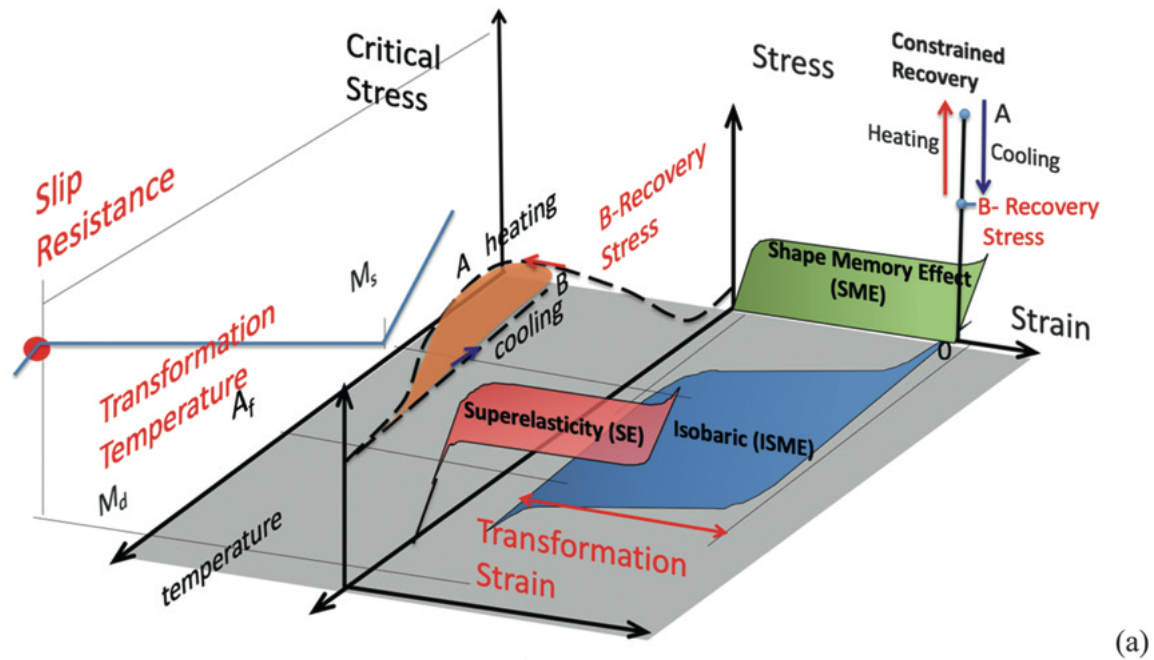


Fig. 2 (a) SMA response under (i) shape memory effect (SME), (ii) isobaric shape memory behavior (ISME), (iii) superelasticity (SE), constrained recovery (path AB). Critical stress for initiating plasticity, marked as “Slip Resistance”, controls the maximum stresses achievable in SMAs during their operation, transformation temperatures are noted on the figure, (b) Transformation temperatures, transformation strains, slip resistance and unstable fault energies (theory) of most well-known shape memory alloys. Reproduced from Chowdhury, P., Sehitoglu, H., 2016. Significance of slip propensity determination in shape memory alloys. Scripta Materialia 119, 82–87.

martensite interface plane) indices with a full understanding of the orientation dependence as martensite evolves and spreads across the whole austenite domain. The equilibrium transformation temperatures, the transformation temperatures, the transformation strains, the slip resistance, unstable fault energies are marked in Fig. 2(b). The slip resistance is proportional to the unstable fault energy for dislocation mediated slip. In Fig. 2(b), the most important shape memory alloys are listed which are further discussed below.

Summary of Classes of Shape Memory Alloys

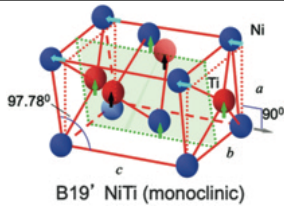
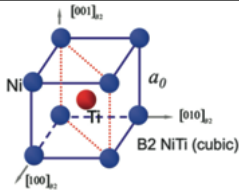
In Table 1, we provide a summary of the most important shape memory alloys. The main alloy that has been investigated and utilized in many applications is NiTi. More than 85% of the papers in the literature are on NiTi. The CuZnAl and CuAlNi also exhibit excellent strains but they are not suitable for bio-applications. There has been significant amount of work on Cu based

Table 1 Summary of the shape memory alloys and their key attributes

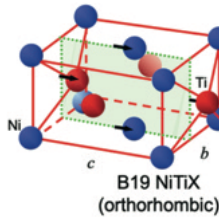
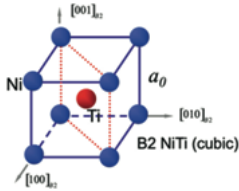
Major shape memory materials	Comments
NiTi	NiTi is the most widely studied SMA. It exhibits excellent cyclic stability, and moderate fatigue resistance. Higher Ni content provides higher transformation stress but with loss of recoverability (ie.transformation strain). It exhibits strong dependence on crystal orientation (texture) and also high anisotropy (Benafan <i>et al.</i> , 2014a; Buehler <i>et al.</i> , 1963; Chumlyakov <i>et al.</i> , 2013; Delville <i>et al.</i> , 2011; Hamilton <i>et al.</i> , 2004; Liu <i>et al.</i> , 1998; Miller and Lagoudas, 2001; Miyazaki <i>et al.</i> , 1981; Pelton <i>et al.</i> , 2012; Pfetzinger-Micklich <i>et al.</i> , 2012; Sehitoglu <i>et al.</i> , 2000, 2001a; Shaw and Kyriakides, 1995; Simon <i>et al.</i> , 2010; Xie <i>et al.</i> , 1998; Ishida <i>et al.</i>)
CuZnAl/ CuAlNi	This is the next widely studied class of SMAs after NiTi. The results depend strongly on composition. They exhibit high recoverable strains (>10%), high elastic anisotropy, and low fatigue resistance especially as polycrystals. Slip resistance is not adequate resulting in loss of functionality (Ahlers, 1986; Delaey <i>et al.</i> , 1981; Gall <i>et al.</i> , 1998a; Gil and Guilemany, 1992; LExcellent <i>et al.</i> , 1996; Melton and Mercier, 1979a; Patoor <i>et al.</i> , 1995a; Perkins 1975; Pons <i>et al.</i> , 1993; Saburi <i>et al.</i> , 1982; Sade <i>et al.</i> 2007; Sade and Hornbogen, 1988; Schroeder and Wayman, 1979; Thumann and Hornbogen, 1988; Vinals <i>et al.</i> , 1984; Vivet and LExcellent, 1999; Warlimont and Delaey, 1974; Wu <i>et al.</i> , 1989).
NiTiCu/Fe/Nb/Hf/Pd	Variations of NiTi are primarily designed to alter the transformation temperatures, stress level. With Hf, the equilibrium temperature can reach 500°C making it a potential high temperature shape memory alloy (Ball and James, 1992; Bhattacharya <i>et al.</i> , 2004; Bigelow <i>et al.</i> , 2010, 2011; Coughlin <i>et al.</i> , 2012; Cui <i>et al.</i> , 2006; Golberg, 1995a, b; Gou <i>et al.</i> , 2014, 2015; Han <i>et al.</i> , 1996; Karaca <i>et al.</i> , 2013a; Karaca <i>et al.</i> , 2014; Kockar <i>et al.</i> , 2010; Kockar <i>et al.</i> , 2006; Kotil <i>et al.</i> , 2003; Kumar and Lagoudas, 2010; Lagoudas, 2008b; Lin <i>et al.</i> , 2009; Meng <i>et al.</i> , 2006; Miyazaki <i>et al.</i> , 1999; Nam <i>et al.</i> , 1990a,b; Nishida <i>et al.</i> , 1990; Noebe <i>et al.</i> , 2006; Otsuka <i>et al.</i> , 1993; Sandu <i>et al.</i> , 2006; Sehitoglu <i>et al.</i> 2017b,c; Soboyejo and Srivatsan, 2006; Tadaki and Wayman, 1982; Tang <i>et al.</i> , 2000; Teng <i>et al.</i> , 2007; Yang <i>et al.</i> 2013; Cai <i>et al.</i> , 2000; Hatcher, 2010; Hatcher <i>et al.</i> , 2009c)
FeNiCoTi/Al FeMnSi	FeNiCoTi/Al shape memory alloys exhibit higher stiffnesses and high recovery stresses compared to NiTi. The addition of Al imparts superelasticity. They exhibit larger thermal hysteresis compared to NiTi (Sato and Mori, 1991; Sato <i>et al.</i> , 1984; Bergeon <i>et al.</i> , 1998a, 1998b; Sato <i>et al.</i> , 1982; Sehitoglu <i>et al.</i> , 2005)
FeMnNiAl	FeMnNiAl based SMAs that show remarkable superelasticity over 500°C extending to low temperatures. Functionality decays with cycles, and the elastic anisotropy is high. So far, they have excellent attributes as single crystals. Strain rate insensitivity can be harnessed in some applications (Abuzaid <i>et al.</i> , 2019; Omori <i>et al.</i> , 2011; Tseng <i>et al.</i> , 2015a,b; Tseng <i>et al.</i> , 2016; Vollmer <i>et al.</i> , 2016, 2019)
Ni ₂ FeGa	These SMAs undergo two stage transformation they exhibit good fatigue resistance, but the results are highly orientation dependent making the polycrystalline versions prone to early fracture. Ni ₂ FeGa SMAs are known to possess considerably larger transformation strains (>12% in tension and >6 in compression) compared to NiTi (Omori <i>et al.</i> , 2004; Barandiarán <i>et al.</i> , 2008; Oikawa <i>et al.</i> , 2002; Sutou <i>et al.</i> , 2004; Sehitoglu <i>et al.</i> , 2012; Hamilton <i>et al.</i> , 2007a; Wang <i>et al.</i> , 2014; Hamilton <i>et al.</i> , 2007b; Chumlyakov <i>et al.</i> , 2008)
CoNiAl/CoNiGa	These SMAs exhibit superelasticity above 100°C, and recoverable strains are moderate, ~6%. The microstructure is complex with secondary phases that do not transform (Efsthathiou <i>et al.</i> , 2004; Pun <i>et al.</i> , 2015; Yamakov <i>et al.</i> , 2016; Hamilton <i>et al.</i> , 2005).
Ni ₂ MnGa	Ferromagnetic shape memory alloys undergo twin variant motion under magnetic fields. These materials exhibit very low twin migration stresses. They are too brittle to operate under tension and are expensive (O'Handley, 2000; O'Handley <i>et al.</i> , 2000; Söderberg <i>et al.</i> , 2005; Webster <i>et al.</i> , 1984; Enkovaara <i>et al.</i> , 2003; Ullakko <i>et al.</i> , 1996; Khovailo <i>et al.</i> , 2001; Brown <i>et al.</i> , 2002; Pons <i>et al.</i> , 2003, 2005; Zayak <i>et al.</i> , 2002, 2003; Zayak and Entel, 2004; Planes <i>et al.</i> , 2009; Dunand and Müllner, 2011; Chmielusz <i>et al.</i> , 2009; Solomon <i>et al.</i> , 2005; De Graef <i>et al.</i> , 2001; Venkateswaran <i>et al.</i> , 2007)
TiNb/Zr/Ta/Al	The Ti based SMAs are developed for bio- applications or for high temperature. The loss of functionality with repeated transformation is the main concern. Alloying can improve the functionality (Ahmed and Rack, 1996; Al-Zain <i>et al.</i> , 2010; Biesiekierski <i>et al.</i> , 2012; Bönisch, 2013; Fukui <i>et al.</i> , 2004; Geetha <i>et al.</i> , 2009; Kim <i>et al.</i> , 2004, 2006a, 2015; Moffat and Kattner, 1988; Pathak <i>et al.</i> , 2014; Prokoshkin <i>et al.</i> , 2016; Tahara <i>et al.</i> , 2009; Takahashi <i>et al.</i> , 2002)
(TiZrHf)50Ni25Co10Cu15	The high entropy shape memory alloys exhibit high strength and wide range of superelasticity although the transformation strains are modest (<3%) (Chen and Chen, 2019; Firstov <i>et al.</i> , 2015c)

Table 2 Summary of the crystallography of the most common shape memory alloys

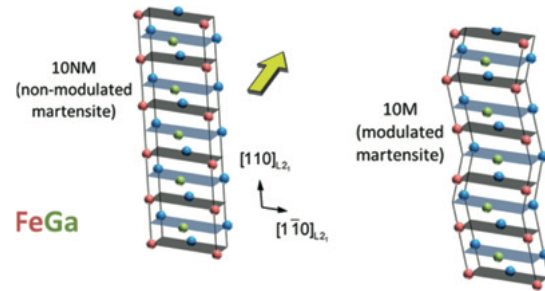
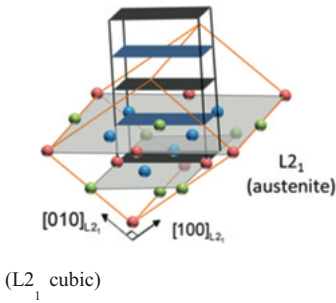
NiTi (Kibey *et al.*, 2009)



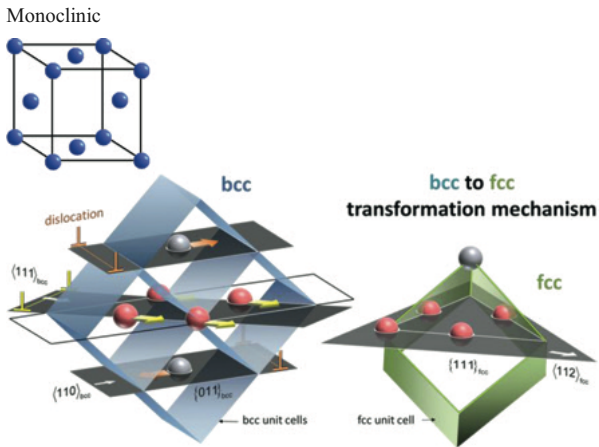
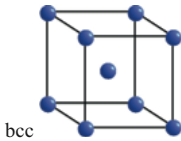
NiTiX (Kibey *et al.*, 2009; Wang and Sehitoglu, 2014a,c)
X=Hf, Cu...



Ni₂FeGa (Chowdhury and Sehitoglu, 2017a)



FeMnNiAl (Chowdhury *et al.*, 2017)



FeMnSi (Chowdhury *et al.*, 2017)

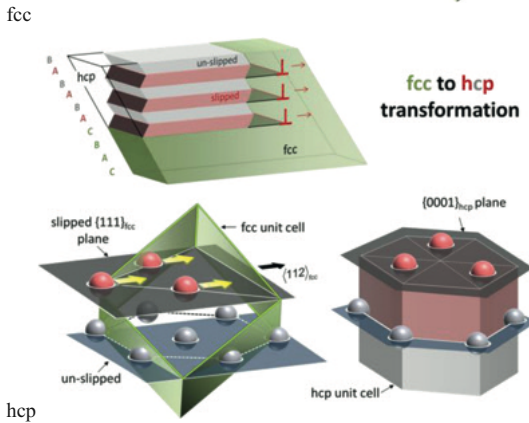
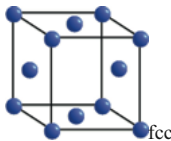
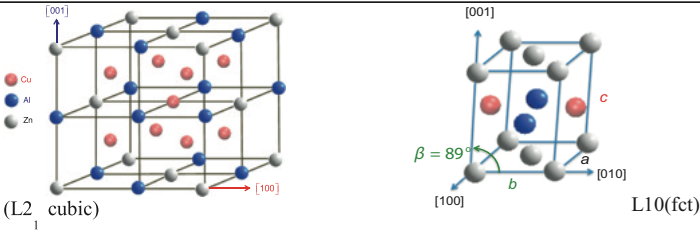
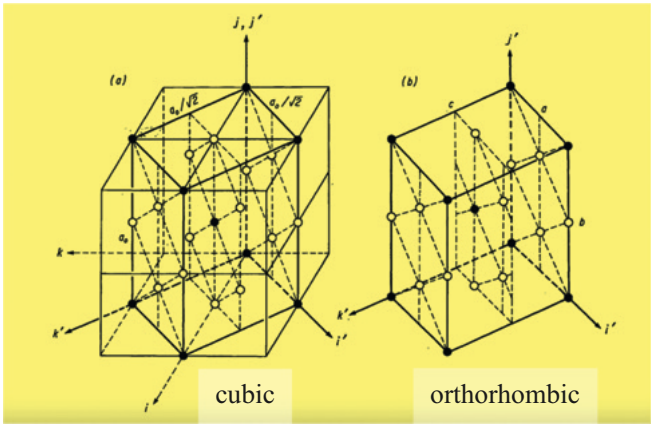


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CuZnAl(adapted from (Alkan *et al.*, 2018a)

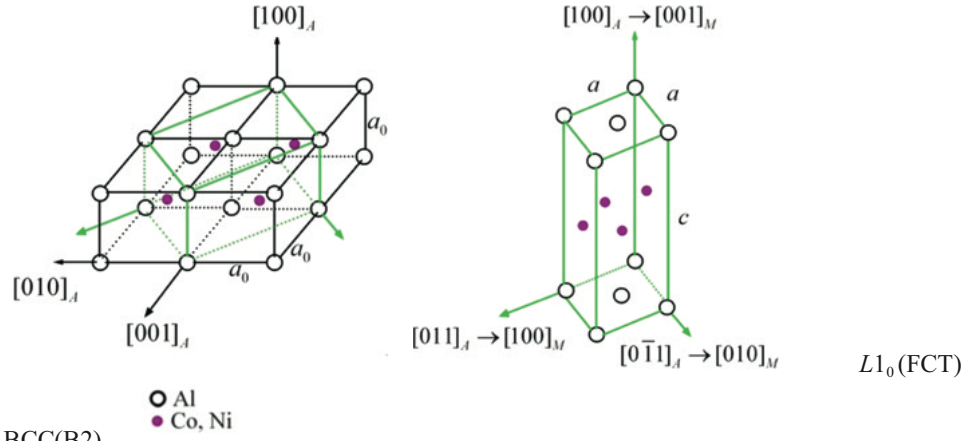


CuNiAl (Otsuka *et al.*, 1976; Shield, 1995; Xiangyang *et al.*, 2000; Otsuka *et al.*, 1974)

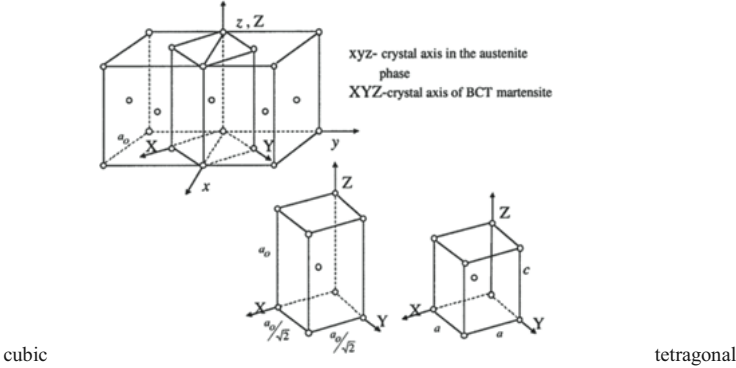


DO3 (cubic) austenite to Orthorhombic martensite phase (thermal induced, SME) -from²⁰³. Also, monoclinic martensite phase (stress-induced, SE) with 18R structure can format high stresses (not shown above)-closed circles Al, open circles-Cu, Ni

CoNiAl (Hamilton *et al.*, 2006b, 2005)

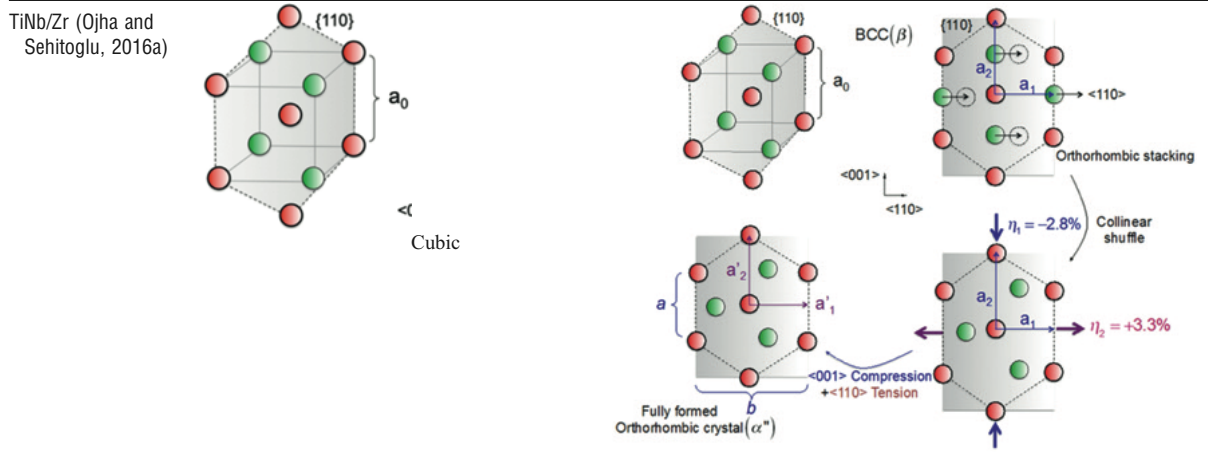


FeNiCoTi (Sehitoglu *et al.*, 2002)



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alloys in the 1970–1990 period but the interest waned somewhat except for potential elastocaloric applications. The NiTiCu and other ternary additions to NiTi can provide more stable transformation temperatures than NiTi but exhibit lower transformation strains. The transformation strains are lower in ternary NiTi compared to the binary NiTi alloys except the NiTiHf that has shown higher strains and high transformation temperatures. There has been developing interest on Fe based shape memory alloys. The first class of iron based SMAs was the FeMnSi variety that exhibits shape memory (SME) only. The FeNiCoTi was the next developed alloy which also exhibited SME and high transformation stresses. The FeNiCoAl/Ti/Ta alloys exhibit superelasticity, but are somewhat brittle. The most recent FeMnNiAl alloys are intriguing because the transformation strains are rather high (10%) and the superelasticity develops over a very wide temperature range but are susceptible to blockage of transformation at grain boundaries which leads to cracking. In addition, shape memory and superelasticity have been observed in Ni₂FeGa, CoNiAl, Co₂NiGa, Ni₂MnGa, Ti based shape memory alloys such as TiNbZr/Al/Ta and the high entropy alloys, such as (TiZrHf) 50Ni25Co10Cu15. To our knowledge, only NiTi alloys are commercially available among all these SMAs listed above. The others are custom made for research and specific application purposes. We should note that for majority of these alloys, with the exception of NiTi and Cu based varieties which are well established, the discovery of exact composition and the heat treatment to achieve superelasticity and/or shape memory is an onerous task. The results are very sensitive to austenitizing temperature, the quenching conditions and the following heat treatments. For the case of polycrystals the dependence on texture (especially for the case of rods and wires) is very significant.

The crystallography associated with the shape memory alloys is summarized in Table 2. For each material, we presented the austenite and martensite crystal structures and note the large variety of crystal structures. It is worth noting that the shape memory alloys exhibit crystallographically ordered structures and also low symmetries, so their behavior deviates from the well-known fcc and bcc crystals. For example, for the NiTi martensite the atoms inside the martensite crystal are not in center positions of the lattice and they are shifted as shown with arrows. This shift of the atoms in motif positions can only be realized via atomistic simulations, and it has a considerable influence on elastic modulus determination. The shape memory experiments probe: (1) the functionality (transformation stresses, strains, hysteresis) (2) the response over many transformation cycles, (3) transformation temperatures and the response at different temperatures, (4) response under magnetic fields, (5) durability under repeated loadings, and (6) fracture toughness. Therefore, the repertoire of experiments can be exceedingly large compared to conventional materials. We list below (Table 3) some of the experimental tools that are utilized to uncover shape memory material properties. They range from stress-strain and strain-temperature measurements (Bewerse *et al.*, 2013; Efstathiou and Sehitoglu, 2008; Reedlunn *et al.*, 2013) in test machines with special software control, electrical resistivity, magnetic field, DSC, X-ray diffraction (Kudoh *et al.*, 1985; Pons *et al.*, 2000; Sedmák *et al.*, 2016), advanced microscopy (Liu *et al.*, 1998; Liu and Xie, 2003; Nishida, 2006; Nishida *et al.*, 1988) to fatigue experiments (Robertson *et al.*, 2007; Robertson and Ritchie, 2007). We note that intermediate phases are present in some cases. In select NiTi compositions, the B19' martensite can be obtained by a two-step transformation of B₂ → R-phase → B19' where the R-phase is designated as a "premartensitic" rhombohedral phase. The most important finding is that when R phase is incorporated in calculations the compound twinning is offered as a solution of the phenomenological theory of martensite (Zhang and Sehitoglu, 2004). The two-step transformation, A → R → M, has been linked to internal stresses such as those induced by plastic deformation or coherent Ti₃Ni₄ precipitates (Chrobak and Morawiec, 2001; Favier and Liu, 2000; Liu and McCormick, 1996; Gall *et al.*, 1998c, 1999a; Tadaki *et al.*, 1987; Treppmann and Hornbogen, 1995; Mari and Dunand, 1995; Bataillard *et al.*, 1998). This could assist the two way shape memory effect.

Major developments were made in recent years in the theoretical arena. The type of models can be divided into three categories: (1) continuum models, (2) micro-mechanical models, and (3) atomistic modeling. The continuum models were the first to be

Table 3 Summary of experimental techniques in studying shape memory materials

<i>Experiments to Probe Shape Memory Functionality and Endurance</i>	<i>Comments</i>
Stress-strain response under deformation at constant temperature (twinning, superelasticity (SE) and plasticity).	Observation of superelasticity over a wide temperature curve, establishing the Clausius-Clapeyron (CC) curve and M_s temperature
Temperature Cycling under Constant Stress (isobaric thermal cycling, ISME)	Transformation temperatures under stress, thermal hysteresis.
Differential Scanning Calorimetry (DSC)	A very effective tool for determination of transformation temperatures. Also, using the second law, one can determine the entropy change hence predict the Clausius-Clapeyron slope
Cycling the Magnetic Field under Constant Stress	This set up allows determination of the martensite reorientation induced strain associated with magnetic fields
Electrical Resistivity /Magnetization Measurements/ Nanocalorimetry on single and polycrystals	Transformation temperatures can be established from resistivity measurements. Magnetization and magnetic anisotropy experiments can assess the potential for ferromagnetic shape memory alloys.
Scanning/Transmission Electron Microscopy/EBSD/ High Energy Diffraction Microscopy	Lattice orientation relations, dislocation (slip) emission, twin and habit planes, grain orientations, and elastic strain tensor.
Fatigue Crack Growth/Initiation Experiments	Measurement of fatigue crack growth rate leads to the determination of the Paris constants and the fatigue threshold which are key parameters in design. The high cycle fatigue behavior is useful in determining the allowable stress (fatigue limit) corresponding to long lives.
Fracture Experiments	Load-displacement curves and determination of fracture initiation load and corresponding crack length.

Table 4 Theoretical models for transformation, plasticity, atomistic energy barriers

<i>Theoretical Approaches/Tools for Superelasticity/Twinning Modeling</i>	<i>Comments</i>
Crystal Plasticity for correspondent variant pairs.	Texture effects and hardening have been accounted for upon interaction of variants with semi-empirical constants (Patoor <i>et al.</i> , 1996; Gall <i>et al.</i> , 1998a; Patoor <i>et al.</i> , 1995a; Sehitoglu and Gall, 1999).
Thermodynamics/Continuum Approach	A number of semi-empirical continuum models some with thermo-mechanical coupling and FEM implementation have been developed (Boyd and Lagoudas, 1996; Zaki and Moumni, 2007; Lagoudas, 2008b)
Non-Schmid Transformation/ Slip Stress Models	Anisotropic Elasticity accounting for splitting of twin or transformation dislocations, atomistic simulation input via GPFE and GSFE (Alkan <i>et al.</i> , 2018a,b; Alkan and Sehitoglu, 2017b, 2017a, 2017b, 2019b; Ojha <i>et al.</i> , 2015).
Twinning Stress Models	Peierls stress calculation for twinning utilizing GPFE (Wang and Sehitoglu, 2013, 2014a; Ezaz and Sehitoglu, 2011; Ezaz <i>et al.</i> , 2012a; Wang and Sehitoglu, 2014b, 2014c; Ezaz <i>et al.</i> , 2011) has been implemented.
MD Simulations	Key issues are correct prediction of Ni and Ti atom positions, and correct elastic moduli determination. The MD models can predict superelasticity (Chowdhury <i>et al.</i> , 2016; Chowdhury and Sehitoglu, 2017a; Chowdhury <i>et al.</i> , 2015, 2017; Ren and Sehitoglu, 2016; Chowdhury and Sehitoglu, 2017b; Zhong <i>et al.</i> , 2011, 2012; Mirzaeifar <i>et al.</i> , 2014)
DFT (Ab-initio) Calculations	This is the most advanced model that predicts lattice constants, cohesive energy, elastic constants and fault energies (Ezaz and Sehitoglu, 2011; Hatcher <i>et al.</i> , 2009a,b; Huang <i>et al.</i> , 2003; Kibey <i>et al.</i> , 2009; Ko <i>et al.</i> , 2015, 2017; Wagner and Windl, 2008; Zayak <i>et al.</i> , 2002, 2003a,b; Zayak and Entel, 2004; Hatcher <i>et al.</i> , 2009c) accurately. The results can feed to continuum models.

developed as constitutive equations including a transformation strain term. The transformation strain was allowed to evolve with increase in martensite volume fraction according to an empirical relation. These phenomenological laws were consistent with the first and second law and relied on constants to fit the experimental results. The micro-mechanical models also relied on experimental constants but discretized the microstructure (an RVE) as a collection of grains with austenite and martensite domains. These models predicted the tension-compression asymmetry and texture effects which is prevalent in NiTi and other SMAs. Finally, the atomistic models can be divided into two categories: the MD models and the DFT models. The DFT models can deliver the energy barriers associated with twinning and phase transformation accurately. Further calculations are needed to relate these energy barriers to stresses. The MD models, on the other hand, have to be constructed with utmost care to match the DFT results, but have the advantage of bridging the DFT results to continuum. A summary of these models is given in **Table 4** and the results from these models will be discussed throughout this review.

Superelasticity-Examples

The aim in this section is to show examples of the superelastic response for various SMAs.

In **Fig. 3**, we consider a wide range of shape memory materials. This figure does not encompass all SMAs, but the most important ones. We start with the most famous shape memory alloy, Ni(50.8%at.)Ti, (**Fig. 3(a)**), and also show NiTiCu, CuZnAl, NiMnGa, FeMnNiAl, CoNiAl, Ni₂FeGa, TiZrNbSn, FeNiCoAlTi and 51.5%Ni-Ti (**Fig. 3(j)**). Note that the NiTi results (a) vs (j) depend on the exact chemical composition near the stoichiometric one (note the difference between 50.8%Ni and 51.5%Ni results) and the heat treatments which will be discussed later. Key parameters to note are the transformation stress, transformation strain and the stress hysteresis. Elastic moduli upon loading and unloading are also important and could be substantially different. The transformation strains are smaller for NiTiCu compared to NiTi ((a) vs (g)). The CuZnAl system was one of the earliest shape memory alloys that exhibited very high transformation strains and small hysteresis (d). There are some limitations especially the degradation in functionality because of cycling and also the high elastic anisotropy that precludes their use as polycrystals. Nevertheless, in single crystal form, they exhibit excellent properties. The NiMnGa is a ferromagnetic shape memory alloy that undergoes switching from one variant to another in the martensitic phase. The material can also be utilized in shape memory or superelasticity (**Fig. 3(f)**) mode but there are limitations because of lack of ductility. The CoNiAl and FeNiGa materials also exhibit large transformation strains (as high as 14% for FeNiGa case) and extend the temperature of superelasticity to 100°C and above. The FeMnNiAl shape memory materials that have been discovered recently display large transformation strains exceeding 10% (Abuzaid *et al.*, 2019; Omori, 2011; Vollmer, 2016, 2019) and superelasticity over a wide temperature range. It is too early to judge all the attributes of this class of Fe-based alloys. There are other SMA classes which have been studied including the high temperature shape memory alloys, such as NiTiHf, and various compositions of Ti (without Ni) based SMAs which provide distinct advantages. We will discuss these alloys in a later section.

It is important to name the groups who worked on these shape memory alloys over the years: Navy Ordinance Lab worked on NiTi (Buehler *et al.*, 1963), Otsuka and Miyazaki (Otsuka and Wayman, 1998; Miyazaki *et al.*, 1981; Otsuka *et al.*, 1993; Miyazaki *et al.*, 1986, 1984, 1982; Morii *et al.*, 1991; Onda *et al.*, 1992; Otsuka *et al.*, 1990; Otsuka and Ren, 2005; Otsuka *et al.*, 1971) also focused on NiTi, Univ. of Illinois worked on Cu- and NiTi alloys originally with Wayman (Otsuka and Wayman, 1999, 1998; Schroeder and Wayman, 1979; Wu *et al.*, 1989; Tadaki and Wayman, 1982; Adachi *et al.*, 1986; Au and Wayman, 1972; Jian and Wayman, 1992, 1994; Nishida *et al.*, 1988, 1986; Saburi *et al.*, 1981; Wayman, 1964, 1993; Yang and Wayman, 1994) and then with Sehitoglu (Chowdhury and Sehitoglu, 2017a; Hamilton *et al.*, 2004; Alkan *et al.*, 2018a; Wang and Sehitoglu, 2013; Sehitoglu *et al.*, 2001a; Gall *et al.*, 1998a; Sehitoglu *et al.*, 2000; Abuzaid *et al.*, 2019; Hamilton *et al.*, 2006b, 2005; Sehitoglu *et al.*, 2002; Ojha and Sehitoglu, 2016a; Alkan *et al.*, 2018b; Alkan and Sehitoglu, 2017b, 2019b; Ojha *et al.*, 2015; Wu *et al.*, 2019; Sidharth *et al.*, 2020a; Hamilton *et al.*, 2006b; Callaway *et al.*, 2006; Ezaz *et al.*, 2013; Gall *et al.*, 1999e, 2001; Hamilton *et al.*, 2006a, 2007a, 2006b; Patriarca *et al.*, 2016a; Ojha and Sehitoglu, 2015, 2016c,b; Patriarca and Sehitoglu, 2015; Patriarca *et al.*, 2016a,b; Sehitoglu *et al.*, 2001a,c, 2017a,b,c; Sgambitterra *et al.*, 2019; Sidharth *et al.*, 2020b; Wang and Sehitoglu, 2014c; Wang *et al.*, 2014; Wu *et al.*, 2015, 2016; Yaacoub and Sehitoglu, 2019). Texas AM group worked on NiTi and NiTiHf class of alloys with Lagoudas and Karaman (Haghighouyan *et al.*, 2019; Karaca *et al.*, 2004, 2003; Karaman and Lagoudas, 2006; Kumar *et al.*; Monroe *et al.*, 2011). UC Berkeley's Ritchie (Cao *et al.*, 2020; Gall *et al.*, 2008; Gludovatz *et al.*, 2014; McKelvey and Ritchie, 1999, 2001; Robertson *et al.*, 2007, 2012; Robertson and Ritchie, 2007) studied fatigue of NiTi. Industrial groups such as Duerig and Pelton primarily worked on NiTi (Duerig *et al.*, 2013; Pelton *et al.*, 2008, 2012; Goo *et al.*, 1985; Moberly *et al.*, 1990; Pelton, 2011). In Europe, Hornbogen and then Eggeler (Simon *et al.*, 2010; Pfetzinger-Micklich *et al.*, 2012; Eggeler *et al.*, 2004; Gollerthan *et al.*, 2008, 2009; Hornbogen and Eggeler, 2004; Khalil-Allafi *et al.*, 2002; Krooß *et al.*, 2014; Pfetzinger-Micklich *et al.*, 2013; Schmidt *et al.*, 2015; Simon *et al.*, 2010; Zhang *et al.*, 2012) and Maier (Lin *et al.*, 2009; Gall and Maier, 2002; Gerstein *et al.*, 2018; Meyer *et al.*, 2006) worked on NiTi. In Spain, Cesari and colleagues (Pons *et al.*, 1993; Barandiarán *et al.*, 2008; Pons *et al.*, 2003, 2005, 2000; Kireeva *et al.*, 2010; Seguí *et al.*, 2004; Chumlyakov *et al.*, 2008) worked on Cu based and Fe based SMAs, Manosa and Planes worked on NiTi and Cu based SMAs (Bonnot *et al.*, 2008; Manosa *et al.*, 1993, 2009, 2013a,b; Mañosa and Planes, 2017; Planes *et al.*, 2005, 2009; Vives, 2011), Patoor and Berveiller (Patoor *et al.*, 1996, 1995a; Lagoudas *et al.*, 2006; Nidaeys *et al.*, 2002; Patoor *et al.*, 1995b) worked on Cu and NiTi based materials. In Russia, Chumlyakov and Prokoshkin (Chumlyakov *et al.*, 2013; Prokoshkin *et al.*, 2016; Patriarca *et al.*, 2016a; Timofeeva *et al.*, 2012; Chumlyakov *et al.*, 2008) worked primarily on NiTi and in Czech Republic Sittner (Delville *et al.*, 2011; Heller *et al.*, 2009; Sedlak *et al.*, 2012; Sedmák, 2016; Sedmák *et al.*, 2015; Sittner, 2014) worked on Cu based and then NiTi, and in Belgium, Delaey and then Van Humbeeck studied Cu based SMAs and NiTi (Delaey, 1981; Firstov *et al.*, 2004a,b; Humbeeck and Kustov, 2005; Liu *et al.*, 1998; Van Humbeeck, 2001, 2003; Van Humbeeck and Delaey, 1981; Xie *et al.*, 1998; Delaey *et al.*, 1987). In South America, Ahlers, Sade and colleagues (Malaría *et al.*, 2009; Pons *et al.*, 1993; Sade and Hornbogen, 1988; Ahlers, 1986; Sade *et al.*, 2007; Ahlers, 2004; Pelegrina and Ahlers, 1992; Romero *et al.*, 1988, 1988; Sade *et al.*, 1985; Damiani *et al.*, 2002, 2003; Malaría *et al.*, 2001; Sade *et al.*, 1987) worked on Cu based and Fe based SMAs. Miyazaki and Nishida worked on Ti based SMAs (Fukui *et al.*, 2004; Al-Zain *et al.*, 2010; Tahara *et al.*, 2009; Kim *et al.*, 2015; Buenconsejo *et al.*, 2009), Kainuma and colleagues worked on Co based and Fe based SMAs (Omori *et al.*, 2011; Kainuma *et al.*, 1996; Omori and Kainuma, 2017). Recently, there are groups working on fracture in Italy with Furgiele (Sgambitterra *et al.*, 2019; Falvo *et al.*, 2009; Maletta *et al.*, 2013; Sgambitterra *et al.*, 2018) and on constitutive simulations in Rome with Auricchio (Auricchio and Taylor, 1997) and in France-Turkey with Moumni and Anlas respectively (Zaki and Moumni, 2007; Chen *et al.*, 2014a; Hazer *et al.*, 2016, 2015; Moumni *et al.*, 2005; Mutlu *et al.*, 2020; Özerim *et al.*, 2018; Zhang *et al.*, 2017). Most companies such as SAES Getters, CoFluent, Medtronic, Boston Scientific, Edwards, Johnson and Johnson and Fort Wayne Metals are primarily working on producing NiTi relevant to and utilizing NiTi for biomedical applications, and NASA (Glenn) is pursuing actuation applications and high temperature SMAs. There are certainly other groups who published on SMAs, but we summarized above the main groups who are active currently.

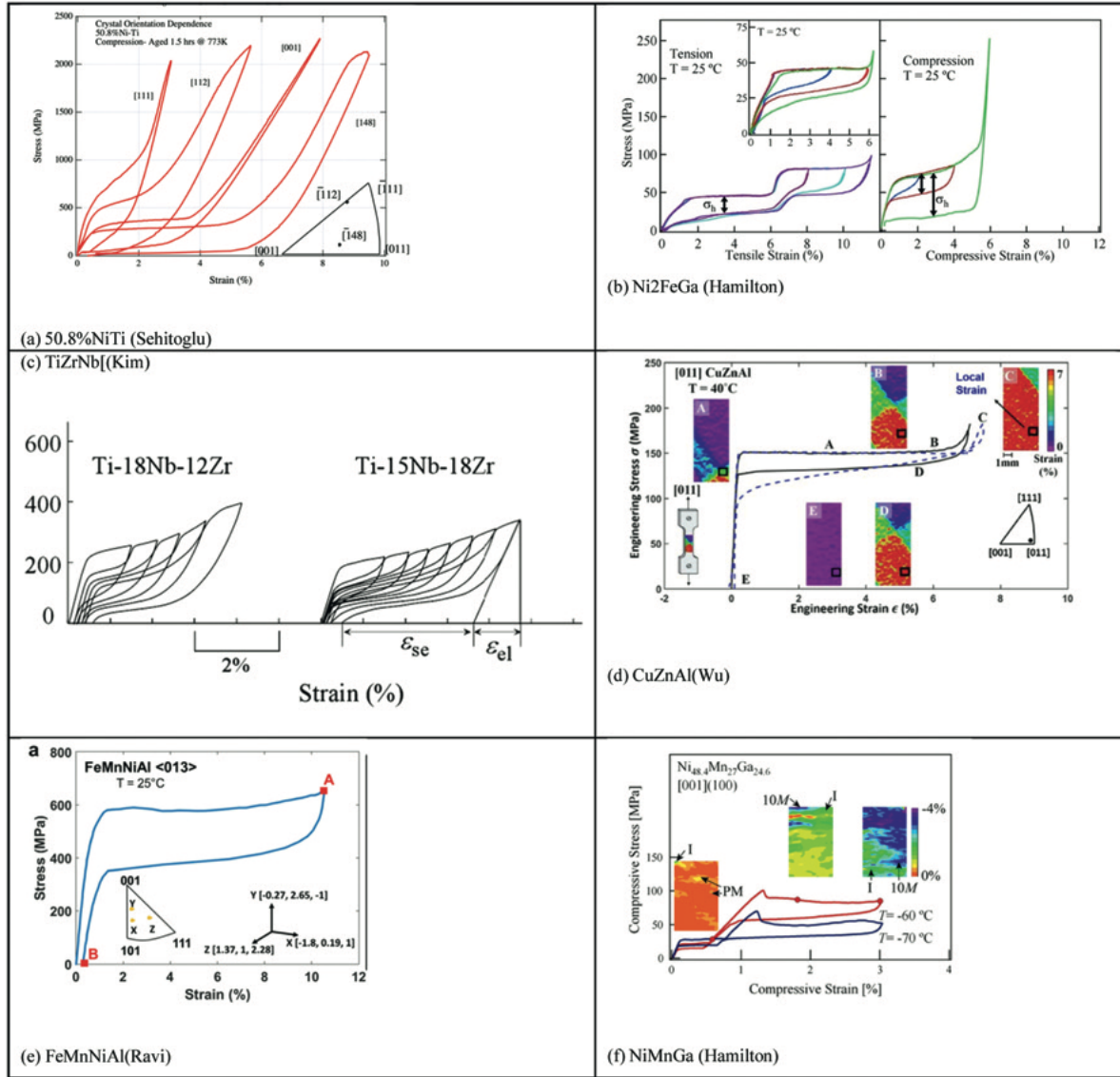


Fig. 3 Superelastic response of various shape memory materials. For details, see the references in the text and the annotations embedded in the figures; (a) NiTi (Sehitoglu *et al.*, 2000) (b) Ni₂FeGa (Hamilton *et al.*, 2007b) (c) TiNbZr (Kim *et al.*, 2015) (d) CuZnAl (Wu *et al.*, 2019) (e) FeMnNiAl (Sidharth *et al.*, 2020a) (f) Ni₂MnGa (Hamilton *et al.*, 2008).

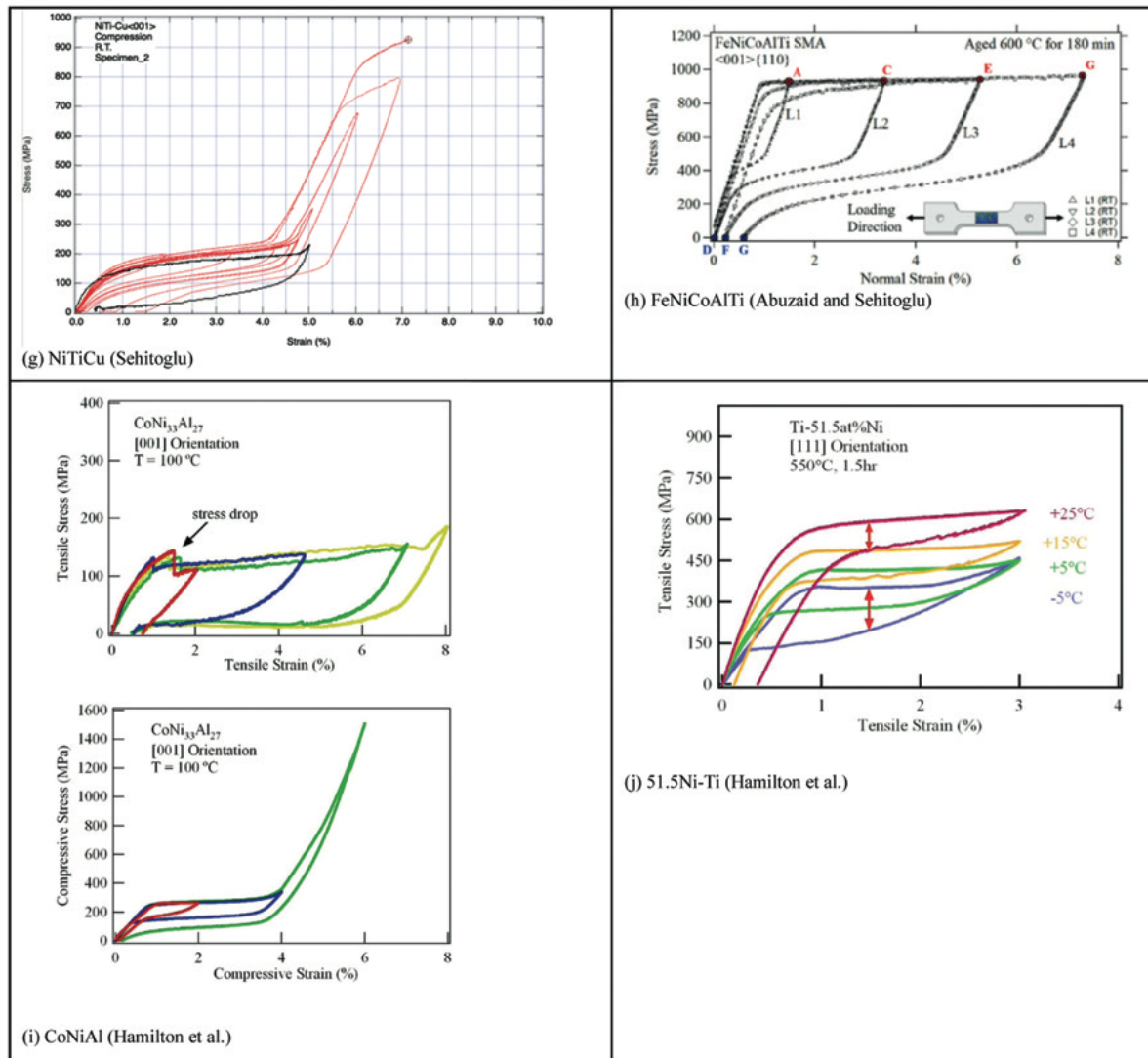


Fig. 3 Continued. (g) NiTiCu (Sehitoglu *et al.*, 2001b) (h) FeNiCoAlTi (Abuzaid and Sehitoglu, 2018) (i) CoNiAl (Hamilton *et al.*, 2006b) (j) 51.5NiTi (Hamilton *et al.*, 2004).

Shape Memory Response (ISME)-Examples

In the next set of figures (**Fig. 4**), we provide the temperature cycling results for several shape memory alloys referred to as ISME (isobaric shape memory effect). The thermal hysteresis is shown with red arrows in **Fig. 4(a)–(c)**, and the magnitude of constant stress during these experiments is indicated in the annotation. The constant stress that can be sustained in 51.5%Ni is higher than 50.4%Ni and 50.1%Ni but at the expense of transformation strain. The horizontal lines are strain predictions from CVP formation and CVP + detwinning respectively.

Iron based materials such as FeNiCoTi do not display superelasticity but they could be exploited for applications requiring high thermal hysteresis (such as in civil engineering for reinforcements (Chen *et al.*, 2014b)). The experimental transformation strain results for FeNiCoTi (**Fig. 4(d)**) fall considerably short of theoretical strain values. In general, the NiTi based alloys have narrow hysteresis while FeNiCoTi and FeMnNiAl based alloys have wider hysteresis. The transformation strains and transformation temperatures can be also noted from these figures. The shape of the curves can vary depending on the temperature. One of the intriguing temperature cycling behavior is that the hysteresis magnitude changes with applied stress. The thermal hysteresis increases with applied stress in low Ni compositions while it decreases with higher Ni compositions (Hamilton *et al.*, 2004) (**Fig. 4(b)** vs (c)). The results for NiTiHf (with 24.7% at. Hf) are impressive (**Fig. 4(h)**) resulting in high strains at high temperatures and at high stress levels.

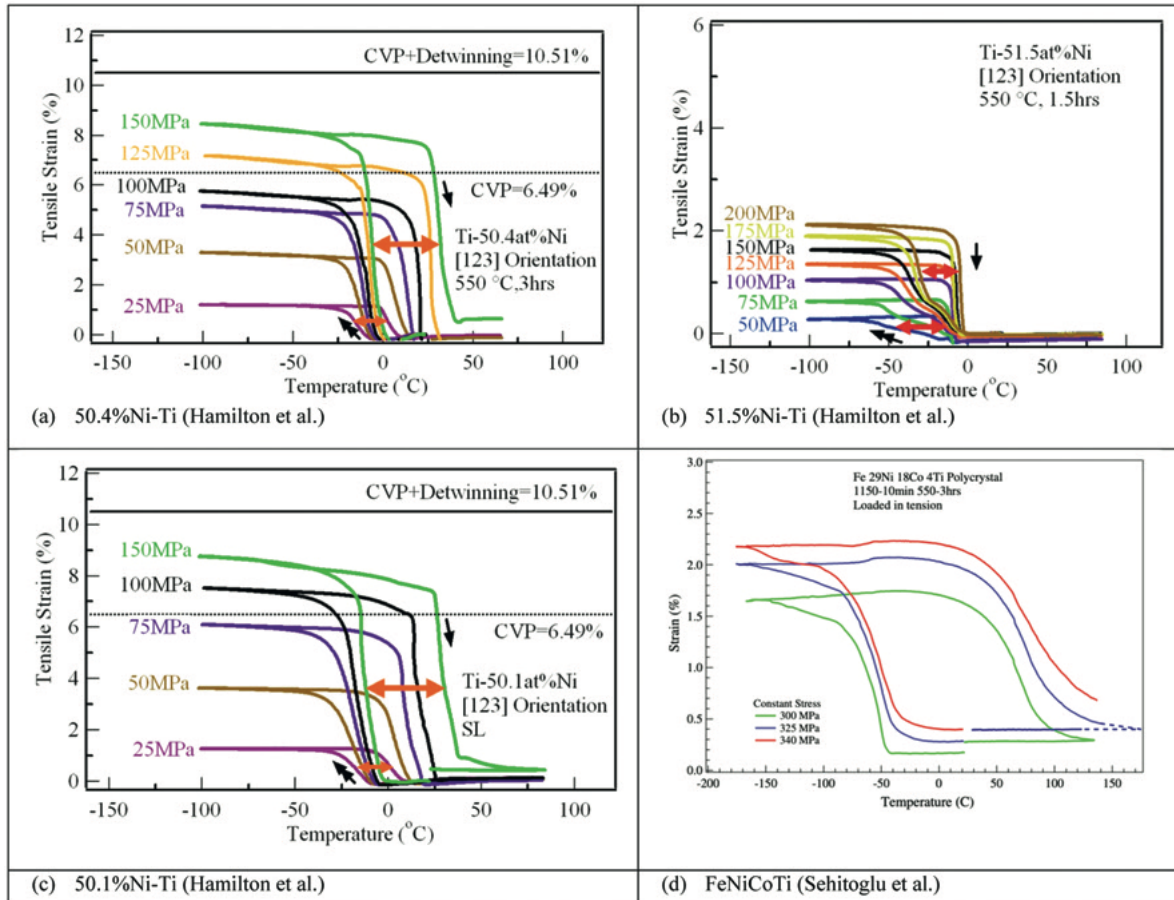


Fig. 4 Isobaric shape memory response of various shape memory materials. For details, see the references in the text. (a) 50.4%NiTi (Hamilton *et al.*, 2004) (b) 51.5%NiTi (Hamilton *et al.*, 2004) (c) 50.1%NiTi (Hamilton *et al.*, 2004) (d) FeNiCoTi (Sehitoglu *et al.*, 2005).

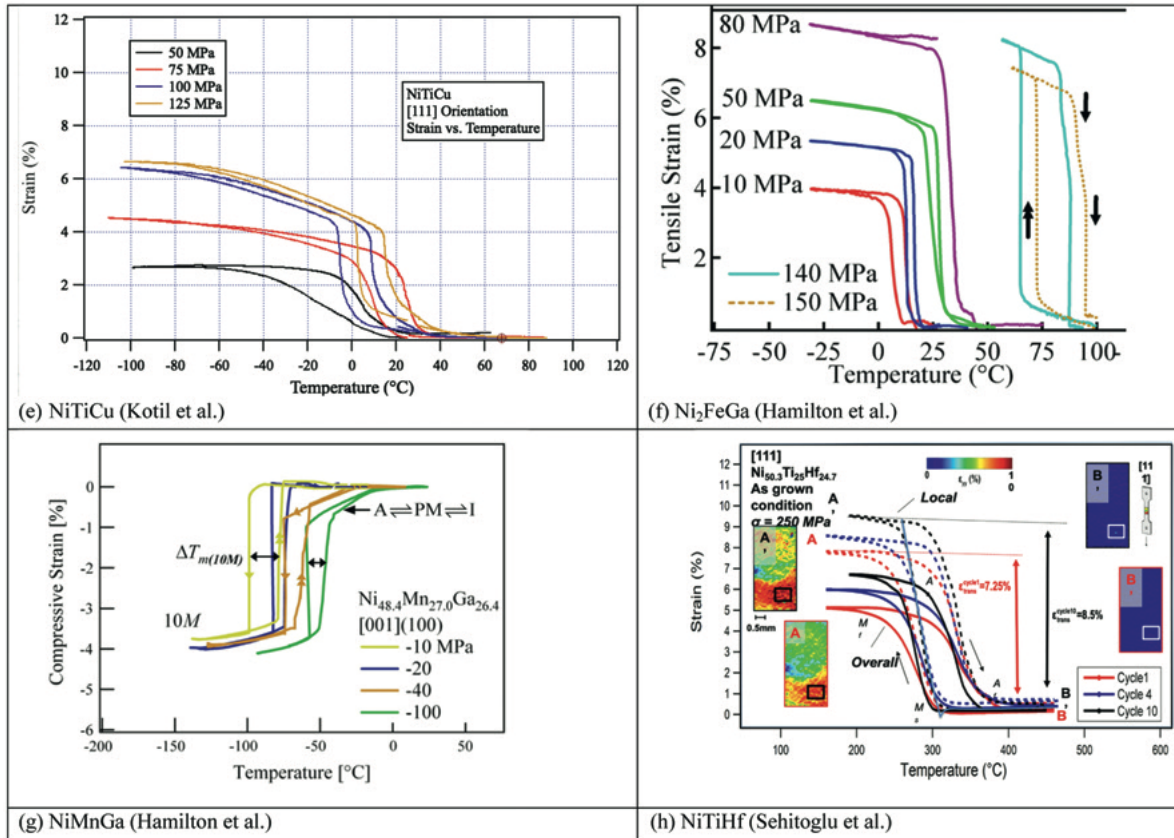


Fig. 4 Continued. (e) NiTiCu (Kotil *et al.*, 2003) (f) Ni₂FeGa (Hamilton *et al.*, 2007b) (g) Ni₂MnGa (Hamilton *et al.*, 2008) (h) NiTiHf (Sehitoglu *et al.*, 2017b)

Explanation of the Mechanisms

Stress and Thermal Hysteresis

A fundamental and critical property in shape memory alloys is the recoverability of transformation albeit with transformation hysteresis. The hysteresis observed in martensitic transformations results from energy dissipative (irreversible) processes. Although irreversibilities are inherent to martensitic transformations, the origin of the energy dissipative processes is still not well understood. The irreversible component of the non-chemical energy is mainly related to two energy dissipative processes. One process is attributed to energy dissipated in the form of frictional work (Niclea *et al.*, 2002; Ortin and Planes, 1988; Patoor *et al.*, 1995b; Delaey *et al.*, 1987). The frictional work is spent overcoming resistance to interfacial motion that is associated with the strength of the parent phase. The second dissipative process is due to the dissipation of elastic strain energy. Stored elastic strain energy is dissipated when the coherency strains of martensite-austenite interfaces relax. Therefore, plastic accommodation causes dissipation of elastic strain energy. Relaxation of coherency strains as an interface advances will also occur when it interacts with dislocations or precipitates (Liu and McCormick, 1996; Delaey *et al.*, 1987; Sehitoglu *et al.*, 2004). Hamilton *et al.* (2004) provides a detailed discussion of the hysteresis through continuum energetics, which is now briefly summarized to highlight the role of dissipation. Dissipative mechanisms are non-chemical contributions to the total Gibbs free energy of the system. Thermo-elastic equilibrium at a transforming interface requires a local balance between chemical and non-chemical contributions to the total Gibbs free energy (Olson and Cohen, 1975; Ortin and Planes, 1988; Delaey *et al.*, 1987). The non-chemical constituent is comprised of reversible and irreversible components, and the chemical constituent results from the chemical energy difference due to the nature of bonding in the crystalline phases. The mechanical strain energy provides the reversible non-chemical contribution. When dissipation occurs the mechanical strain energy needs to be modified. Since the state variables in martensitic transformations are stress and temperature dependent, the complementary free energy is chosen as the representative thermodynamic potential (Gall, 1998; Hamilton *et al.*, 2004; Lagoudas, 2006; Patoor *et al.*, 1995b; Patoor *et al.*, 1995):

$$\Psi(\Sigma_{ij}, T, f) = -\Delta G_{chem} - W_{mech} - W_{inter} + \Sigma_{ij} E_{ij}$$

where ΔG_{chem} is the chemical free energy difference between the parent phase and the martensitic phase ($=B(T_o - T)\sum_n f^n$), W_{mech} is the total elastic strain energy associated with the transformation. In Equation (1), The last three terms represent non-chemical

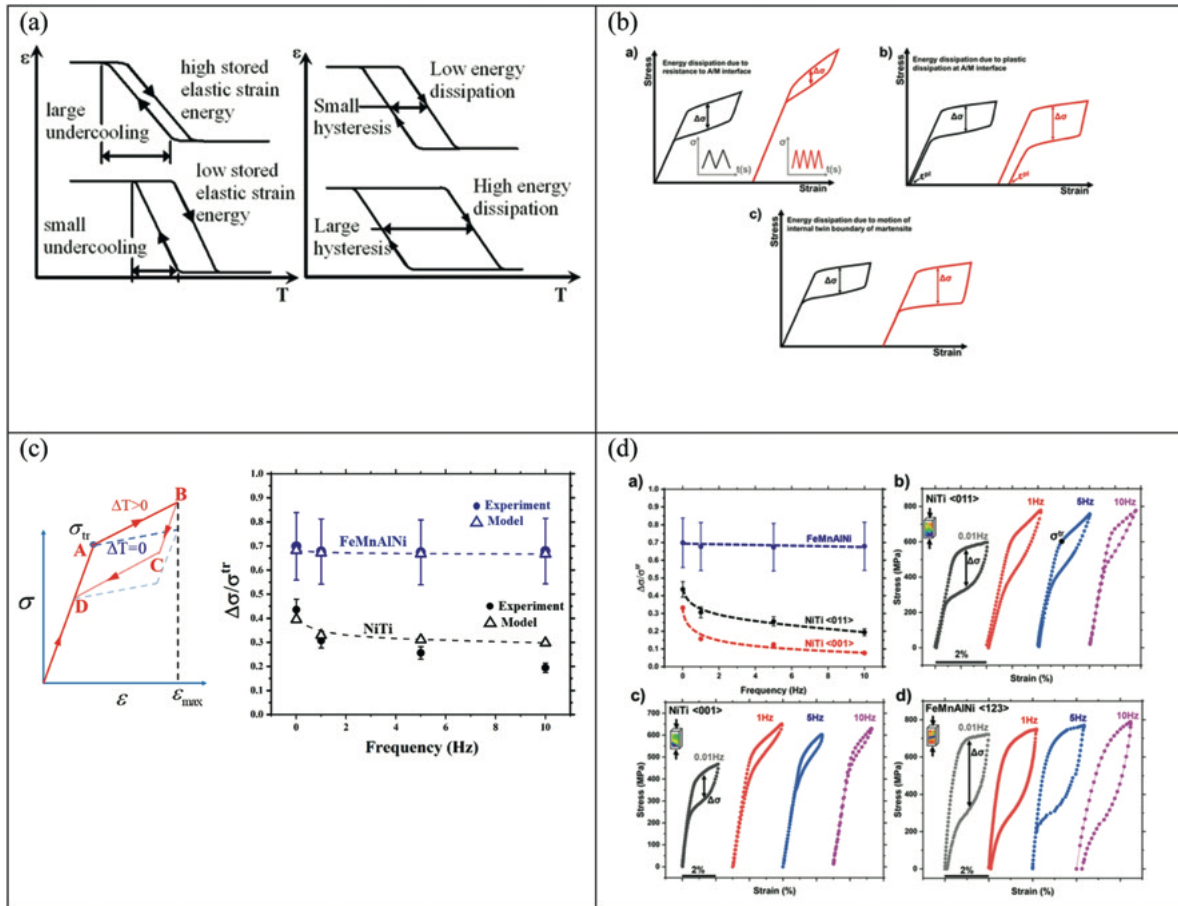


Fig. 5 (a) Illustration of strain-temperature response and the role of high and low elastic strain energy (b) multiple contributions to the generation of hysteresis in shape memory alloys, (c) prediction of hysteresis based on the thermodynamics model as a function of frequency, (d) the stress-strain responses showing the dramatic effect of frequency and material (NiTi versus FeMnNiAl). Reproduced from (a) Hamilton, R.F., Sehitoglu, H., Chumlyakov, Y., Maier, H.J., 2004. Stress dependence of the hysteresis in single crystal NiTi alloys. *Acta Materialia* 52, 3383–3402. (b), (c) and (d) Sidharth, R., Mohammed, A., Abuzaid, W., Sehitoglu, H., 2021. Unraveling frequency effects in shape memory alloys: NiTi and FeMnAlNi. *Shape Memory and Superelasticity*, 1–15.

contributions. The chemical energy difference is evaluated from calorimetry experiments. In our study, atomistic simulations will be used to evaluate this quantity and identify B and T_0 . The W_{inter} is the interfacial energy between the new martensite and parent phase, and $\Sigma_{ij}E_{ij}$ represents macroscopic applied stresses and strain product. The interfacial energy can be calculated from atomistic simulations. The volume fraction of n th variant is denoted as f^n and B is a measure of transformation enthalpy. When Equation (1) is greater than zero, then the transformation from the parent phase to the martensitic phase occurs.

The W_{mech} opposes the transformation through elastic strain energy and variant-variant interaction terms. In the presence of plastic strain, there would be an additional term within W_{mech} . The term $\Sigma_{ij}E_{ij}$ promotes the transformation, while the resultant elastic strain energy, W_{mech} , and interfacial energy, W_{inter} , of the transformation prevent it. The continuum models based on micromechanics do not predict dislocation emission hence cannot consider plastic relaxation of elastic strain energy. If the physical dissipative processes are modeled, the CRSS for transformation should change and the reverse transformation and the forward transformation stress magnitudes will be altered. Clearly, the underlying physics of the transformation requires solutions that extends beyond the published literature, especially if hysteresis is to be predicted.

Shape memory alloys exhibit hysteresis even under fully recoverability (Van Humbeeck, 2001; Müller and Xu, 1991; Blanter *et al.*, 2007; San Juan and N6, 2003), the hysteresis is a form of a damping mechanism (Kumar and Lagoudas, 2008). The high damping capacity of SMAs being much higher than steels (Van Humbeeck, 2001; Juan *et al.*, 2009) can potentially be utilized in engineering applications. The hysteresis depends on the frequency of loading (or strain rate) and on the exact composition of the SMA alloy. Previous work has studied damping by measuring the phase-lag between the oscillatory load-input and output strain-response (Seguí *et al.*, 2004; Van Humbeeck, 2001, 2003; Blanter *et al.*, 2007; San Juan and N6, 2003; Bidaux *et al.*, 1989; San Juan and Perez-Saez, 2001; Chen *et al.*, 2009) such as in dynamic analyzer tests. It is more common to study superelastic mechanical response via conventional mechanical tests (Shaw and Kyriakides, 1995; Heller *et al.*, 2009; Van Humbeeck and Delaey, 1981; He *et al.*, 2010;

Dayananda and Rao, 2008; Dolce and Cardone, 2001; DesRoches *et al.*, 2004; Nemat-Nasser *et al.*, 2005a; Malécot *et al.*, 2006; Tobushi *et al.*, 1998; Yin *et al.*, 2014; Zhang *et al.*, 2010; Hartl and Lagoudas, 2008; Leo *et al.*, 1993; Yin *et al.*, 2013) where the dissipated energy (area under the stress strain loop) and the total stored elastic strain energy (Zener, 1938) ratio is indicative of the internal friction. The internal friction influences the fatigue life of the SMA (Moumni *et al.*, 2005; Zhang *et al.*, 2017; Sateesh *et al.*, 2014).

The variation of hysteresis is shown schematically in Fig. 5(a). It is intuitive to analyze the superelastic hysteresis due to three contributions (Van Humbeeck, 2001; San Juan and N6, 2003; Bidaux *et al.*, 1989): (1) transitory part, (2) phase transformation part and (3) intrinsic part. Fig. 5(b) outlines each contribution under superelastic conditions. The transitory term arises from the latent heat of transformation which raises the temperature levels. This effect is often considered to be small (Van Humbeeck, 2001; San Juan and N6, 2003; Dejonghe and Batist, 1976) but it depends on the alloy. Because the temperature evolution can be asymmetric, this differential would produce hysteresis. The heat is transferred to the surrounding medium at low frequencies (Tobushi *et al.*, 1998; Zhang *et al.*, 2010) and while at higher frequencies (> 20 Hz), nearly adiabatic conditions prevail. Secondly, the phase transformation (San Juan and N6, 2003; Bidaux *et al.*, 1989; Perez-Saez *et al.*, 1998) creates dislocation generation at the A/M transformation fronts (Mercier and Melton, 1976) and is affected by the crystallography, internally twinned martensite and misfit strains at the A/M interface (Bhattacharya, 2003; Bhattacharya *et al.*, 2004; Olson and Cohen, 1975; Hornbogen, 1985, 2004; Roitburd and Kurdjumov, 1979; Kajiwar, 1999; Kajiwar and Owen, 1977). Under mechanical cycling the dislocation accumulation (Simon *et al.*, 2010; Kajiwar, 1999; Mohammed and Sehitoglu, 2020a) will affect the dissipation.

The third contribution originates from intrinsic damping capacity of austenite and of internally twinned martensite (Van Humbeeck, 2001). The interfaces are decorated with twin partials (Humbeeck and Kustov, 2005). If twinning is fully reversible in martensite (Humbeeck and Kustov, 2005; Van Humbeeck, 2001; San Juan and N6, 2003) the contribution can be small, but locally higher twin modes can become activated which are not reversible.

In summary, the formulation for hysteresis in shape memory alloys has a number of terms that cannot be readily determined. The source of the hysteresis is due to three main reasons: (1) energy dissipation due to resistance at A/M interface, (2) energy dissipation due to plastic dissipation (slip emission) at interface, (3) energy dissipation due to motion of internal twin boundaries in martensite. Among these three mechanisms, the twin boundary motion can be reversible, the slip emission is not reversible, and the A/M motion can be reversible but with hysteresis. Similarly, in thermal cycling case one could obtain hysteresis and the strain energy dictates the amount of undercooling, high amount of dissipation can produce hysteresis upon cycling. This is a known limitation in Ti shape memory alloys and iron-based shape memory alloys, for example. The results are a function of frequency and crystal orientation of the material.

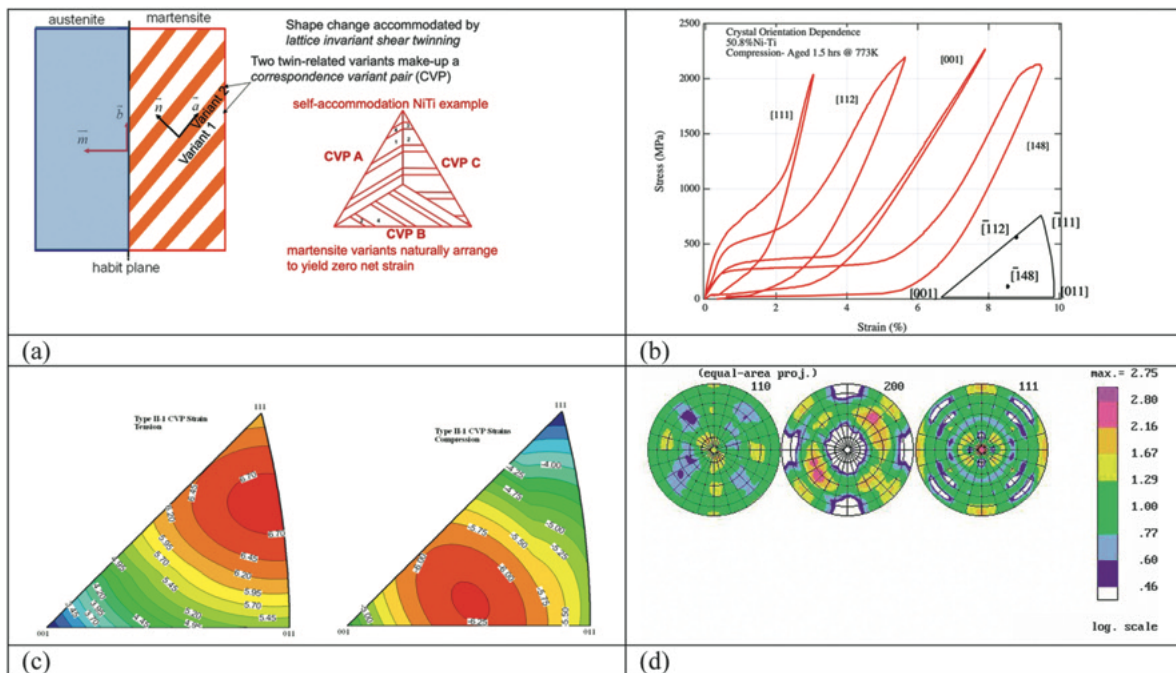


Fig. 6 (a) PTMT provides the habit plane and the internal twin details in martensite, (b) crystal orientation dependence of the transformation strains and the critical stress of NiTi, (c) the transformation strains (the CVP part without detwinning) for NiTi, (d) illustration of strong $\langle 111 \rangle$ texture in polycrystals of NiTi. Reproduced from (b) Sehitoglu, H., *et al.* Proceedings of the IUTAM Symposium on Mechanics of Martensitic Phase Transformation in Solids, pp. 103–109. Dordrecht: Springer. (c) Sehitoglu, H., *et al.*, 2003. Detwinning in NiTi alloys. Metallurgical and Materials Transactions A 34, 5–13. (d) Gall, K., Sehitoglu, H., 1999. The role of texture in tension-compression asymmetry in polycrystalline NiTi (vol 15, pg 69, 1999). International Journal of Plasticity 15, 781–781.

Crystal Orientation Dependence of Mechanical Response

The origin of the modeling required to predict the orientation dependence of transformation strains and critical stress for a single crystal undergoing a martensitic phase transformation dates back to the phenomenological theory of martensitic transformations (PTMT) (Wechsler *et al.*, 1953; Miyazaki *et al.*, 1981; Knowles and Smith, 1981). The key outcomes from PTMT are illustrated in Fig. 6(a). The twinning mode, habit plane, orientation relationship, magnitude and direction of shape strain have been well documented for the well-known SMAs. We note that the martensite-austenite transformation plane shown in Fig. 6(a) and the martensite is internally twinned with twin plane and direction indicated. The thermally induced self-accommodating microstructure consisted of multiple three plate groups or CVPs (correspondent variant pairs). The martensite plates formed are called correspondence variant pairs (CVP's) because they represent stacking of different type II twin related single crystal variants. The habit plane of the martensite is a low symmetry plane, this results in considerable orientation dependence of the transformation stress and transformation strain. Strong crystal orientation dependence can be explained based on the low symmetry of the habit planes and the variant selection (Fig. 6(b)) as well as the non-planar transformation dislocation cores (Alkan *et al.*, 2018a; Alkan and Sehitoglu, 2019a). In solutionized NiTi single crystals, the maximum recoverable strains predicted (Buchheit and Wert, 1996) are consistent with experimental results on single crystal NiTi loaded under tension (Miyazaki *et al.*, 1984). Although the deformation behavior of solutionized NiTi single crystals obeys the PTMT, aged NiTi single crystals do not demonstrate such a favorable agreement. Several researchers (Miyazaki *et al.*, 1984) have observed that the recoverable strain levels under tension were significantly smaller in aged samples versus solutionized samples. It has been proposed that the precipitates effectively inhibit the detwinning process (Buchheit and Wert, 1996; Sehitoglu *et al.*, 2003). An example of the transformation strains for CVP formation (no detwinning) is given in Fig. 6(c). These researchers noted that when detwinning strains were removed from the model, the predicted recoverable strains were closer to the experimental results for the aged NiTi single crystals.

The stress-strain behavior in metallic materials is often described by isotropic moduli, yield criteria and strain hardening flow rules in three-dimensional principal stress space. In metals that undergo dislocation-mediated slip, the deformation induced anisotropy is well known. The concept of crystallographic texture, or a so-called deformation texture at large strains is well known. These textures arise during processing, resulting in a strong orientation dependence of material properties resulting in a textured polycrystal exhibiting significant anisotropy. The NiTi wires have $\langle 111 \rangle$ texture, so their behavior is very similar to $\langle 111 \rangle$ single crystals (Fig. 6(d)). The strong crystal orientation dependence has ramifications in understanding the polycrystalline behavior. Also, the data displays the crystal orientation dependence of elastic moduli (from the stress-strain curves) in Fig. 6(b).

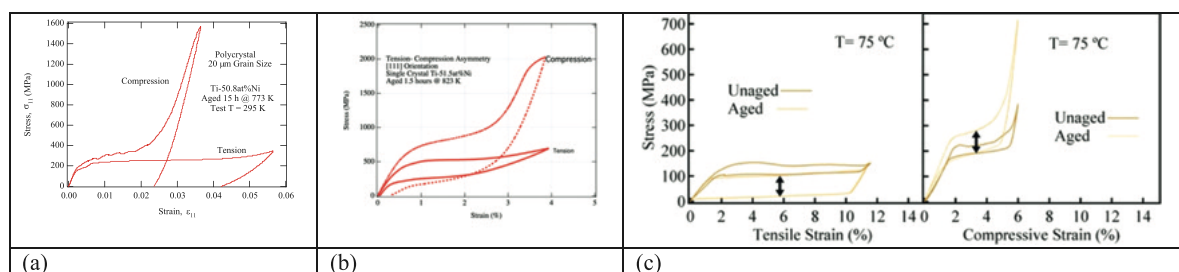


Fig. 7 (a) Tension-compression asymmetry of shape memory response in textured polycrystal, The corresponding pole figure is shown in Fig. 6 (d), (b) Tension-compression asymmetry in $\langle 111 \rangle$ oriented single crystals, (c) Tension compression asymmetry in Ni₂FeGa single crystals under superelasticity. Reproduced from (a) Gall, K., Sehitoglu, H., Chumlyakov, Y., Kireeva, I.V., Maier, H.J., 1999a. The influence of aging on critical transformation stress levels and martensite start temperatures in NiTi: Part II – Discussion of experimental results. *Trans ASME* 121, 28–37. Gall, K., Sehitoglu, H., Chumlyakov, Y.I., Kireeva, I.V., Maier, H.J., 1999b. The influence on critical transformation stress levels and martensite start temperatures in NiTi: Part I-aged microstructure and micro-mechanical modeling. *ASME Journal of Engineering Materials and Technology* 121, 19–27. (b) Sehitoglu, H., *et al.* Proceedings of the IUTAM Symposium on Mechanics of Martensitic Phase Transformation in Solids, pp. 103–109. Dordrecht: Springer. (d) Based on Hamilton, R.F., Sehitoglu, H., Efsthathiou, C., Maier, H.J., 2007a. Mechanical response of NiFeGa alloys containing second-phase particles. *Scripta Materialia* 57, 497–499. doi: [10.1016/j.scriptamat.2007.05.024](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.scriptamat.2007.05.024).

Tension-compression Asymmetry

In traditional metals, the mechanical properties will depend strongly on the loading axes; however, the material will not demonstrate strong tension-compression asymmetry because dislocations may move along the positive or negative slip direction with similar resistance. Contrary to this trend, metals that deform by twinning demonstrate considerable tension-compression asymmetry at the single crystal level. This strong asymmetry is a result of the unidirectional nature of the shear strain across the twinning planes. The crystallography and energy barriers and the magnitude of shear prohibit deformation in the reverse sense. Similar to twinning, the martensitic transformation also is directional resulting in considerable asymmetry. The low symmetry of the habit planes creates a strong tension-compression asymmetry which translates to strong tension-compression asymmetry at the polycrystalline level (Saburi *et al.*, 1981). The drawn polycrystalline NiTi demonstrate anisotropic properties (Gall *et al.*, 1998a;

Jacobus *et al.*, 1996) and tension-compression asymmetry (Gall and Sehitoglu, 1999; Gall *et al.*, 1999b, 1999c). Previous research showed that under compression the polycrystalline NiTi demonstrates much smaller transformation strains and higher critical transformation stress levels, and steeper transformation stress-strain slopes.

Tension compression asymmetry is a well-known feature of shape memory alloys. This phenomenon is clearly illustrated in Fig. 7. It is often explained based on variant selection. In reality, there are dislocations on twin boundaries and also on habit plane boundaries. At the atomic level the transformation dislocation glide is crystal orientation dependent because the core of the dislocations is split on multiple planes. The plastic (slip) response in austenite is highly dependent on crystal orientation, i.e., stresses other than the glide stress dictate the flow behavior (Alkan and Sehitoglu, 2019a; Alkan *et al.*, 2018a). The slip behavior will be discussed in the later sections.

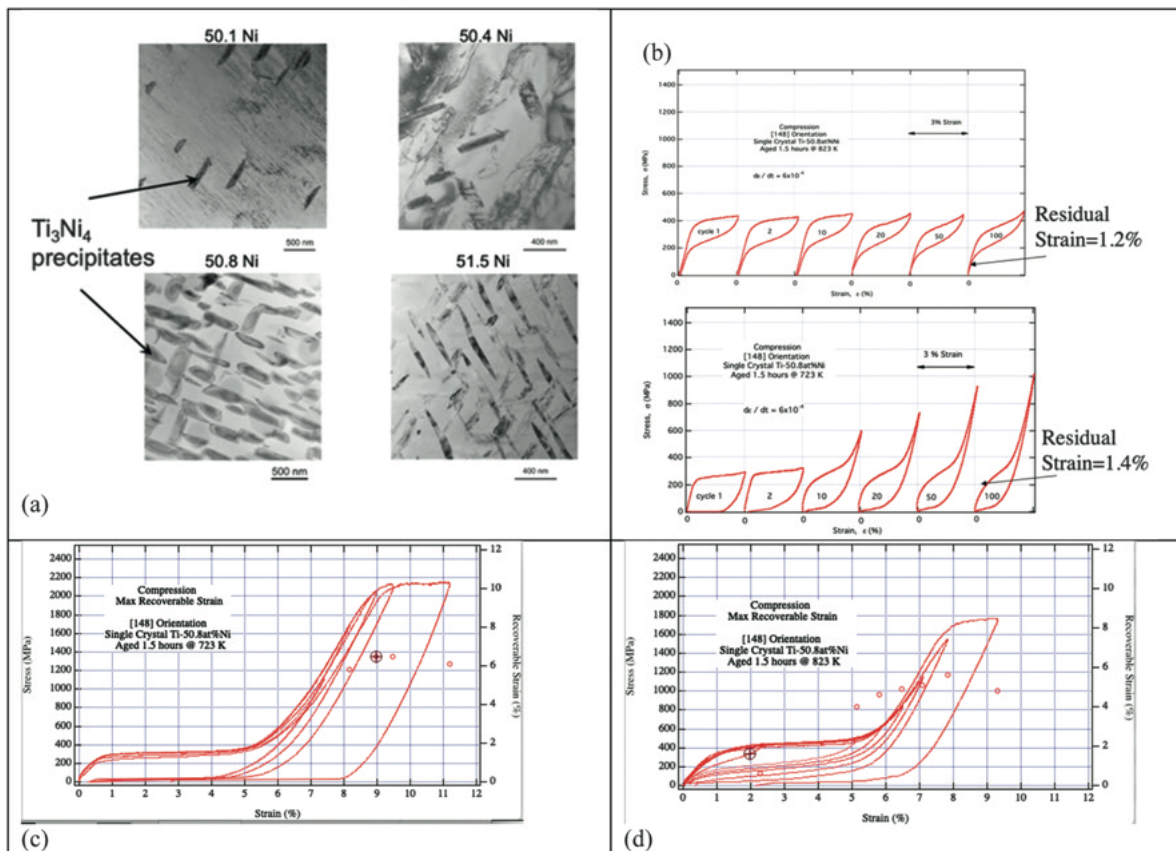


Fig. 8 (a) TEM microscopy of the NiTi precipitates as a function of Ni content, (b) Cyclic loading of overaged (823 K 1.5 h) and peak aged (723 K 1.5 h) superelastic curves showing substantially lower transformation stress for peak aged case and accumulation of residual strains under cyclic loading, (c) Superelasticity for peak aged case, (d) Superelasticity for overaged case. Note that the slip resistance (the upper plateau) is higher for peak aged case. On the other hand, the transformation stress (lower plateau) is higher for the overaged case. The recoverable strains are shown with data points and reach could exceed 6% in compression. Reproduced from (a) Hamilton, R.F., Sehitoglu, H., Chumlyakov, Y., Maier, H.J., 2004. Stress dependence of the hysteresis in single crystal NiTi alloys. *Acta Materialia* 52, 3383–3402. (b) Gall, K., Sehitoglu, H., Chumlyakov, Y.I., Kireeva, I.V., 1998b. Pseudoelastic cyclic stress-strain response of over-aged single crystal Ti-50.8 at% Ni. *Scripta materialia* 40, 7–12. (c) and (d) Sehitoglu, H., *et al.*, 2000. Compressive response of NiTi single crystals. *Acta Materialia* 48, 3311–3326.

The Role of Precipitates

It is well-known that when NiTi (and many other SMAs) are used in engineering applications they are frequently given some type of aging treatment that results in a precipitated microstructure. All present research efforts agree that the precipitation of semi-coherent Ti_3Ni_4 precipitates (Tadaki *et al.*, 1986) leads to a large change in the macroscopic mechanical properties of Ni rich NiTi alloys. Peak-aging treatments can lead to the most drastic changes in the mechanical properties of NiTi although solutionized and overaged states with precipitate free and incoherent precipitates respectively have been studied as well (Gall *et al.*, 1999a, 2000b, 1998b,c). In the peak aged samples the lattice parameter mismatch between the Ti_3Ni_4 precipitates and the B2 matrix produces strong local stress fields. These stress fields from the coherent precipitates contribute to martensite formation and hence assist the transformation. The local

stress fields resolve differently onto the martensite variants (Gall *et al.*, 1998; Sehitoglu, 2001) and affect the preferred variant selection, effectively weakening the orientation dependence of critical stress. In the overaged state, the local lattice mismatch stress fields are diminished by interfacial dislocations and the transformation behavior should be similar to that of solutionized specimens. It is noted that the precipitates act as obstacles for dislocation motion, so they increase the critical stress for dislocation motion and decrease the critical transformation stress for inducing martensite (Treppmann and Hornbogen, 1995) converging towards optimal microstructures. Finally, superelasticity is not usually observed in solutionized NiTi (Miyazaki *et al.*, 1982) while observed for the aged case with precipitates. The aging may also create the conditions for the two-way shape memory effect (Nishida and Honma, 1984). It is also important to note that under aging the most common precipitate is the nickel rich Ti_3Ni_4 (Nishida *et al.*, 1986) and due to aging few other changes are noted: (1) the transformation temperatures (Johnson *et al.*, 2005) are modified, (2) the martensite morphology is dominated by a single plate growing from precipitate variants rather than the thermally-induced morphology, and (3) the martensite in aged alloys was comprised of compound twins (internal defects on (100) planes) rather than type II twins (internal defects on (110) planes).

Fine precipitates that are rich in Ni are observed in nickel rich NiTi alloys. Fig. 8(a) summarizes the precipitate images with increasing Ni content. Fig. 8(b) shows fatigue results and one notes the accumulation of residual strains and the reduction of transformation strains and stress hysteresis with cycles. The precipitates have been observed in other shape memory alloys as well and dramatically alter the transformation stresses and the slip resistance. The volume fraction of the precipitates increases with increasing Ni content. This increase ultimately limits the transformation strains in tension of 51.5% NiTi to less than 4%. The dramatic effect of the aging effect is shown in Fig. 8(c) and (d) below. Note that the lower temperature aging treatment produces a lower transformation stress and at the same time a higher slip stress which can produce a superior performance. Under fatigue conditions, the cyclic response also displays different trends as noted above.

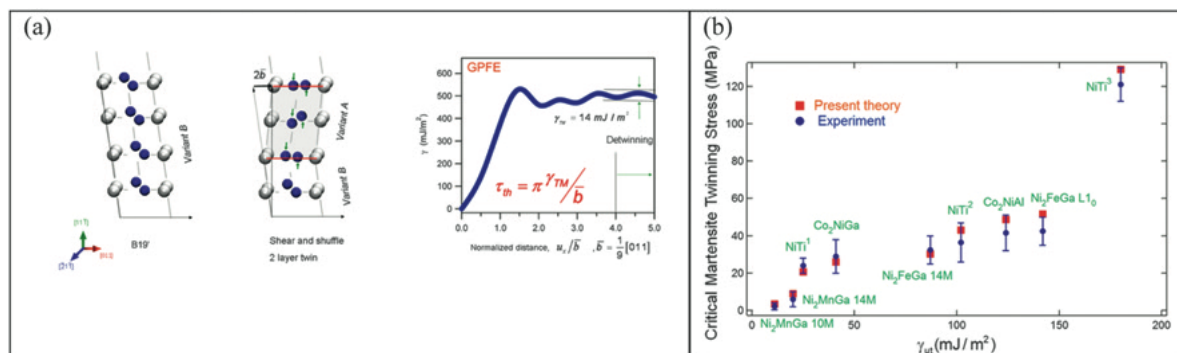


Fig. 9 (a) The growth of the Type II variant (GPFE) via combined shear and shuffle, (b) the martensite twinning stress for well-known SMAs. Reproduced from (a) Ezaz, T., Sehitoglu, H., 2011. Type II detwinning in NiTi. *Applied Physics Letters* 98, 141906. (b) Wang, J., Sehitoglu, H., 2013. Twinning stress in shape memory alloys: Theory and experiments. *Acta Materialia* 61, 6790–6801.

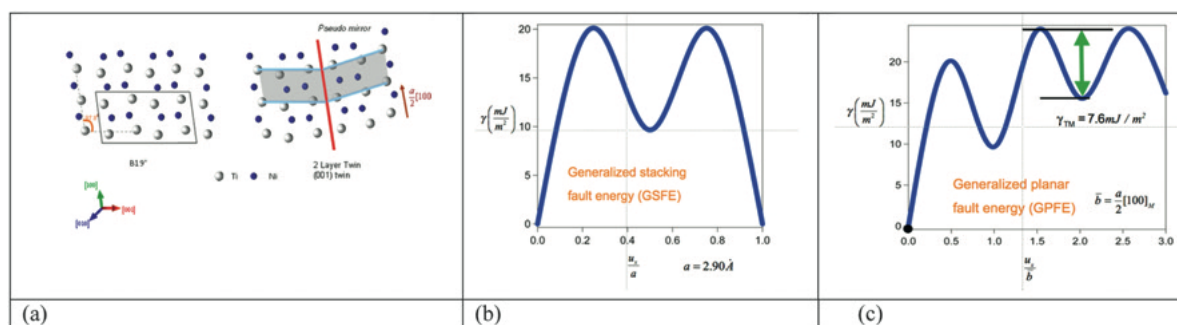


Fig. 10 (a) atomic positions during twinning process for (001) twin, (b) the GSFE curve corresponding to slip on the (001) plane, (c) the GPFE curve that shows that the twin boundary migration barrier is as low as 7.6 mJ/m². Reproduced from Ezaz, T., Sehitoglu, H., Maier, H.J., 2011. Energetics of twinning in martensitic NiTi. *Acta Materialia* 59, 5893–5904. doi:10.1016/j.actamat.2011.05.063.

Energy Barriers

The SMAs undergo reversible phase transformation (Bhattacharya, 2003; Ahlers, 2004) between austenite and martensite where martensite advances via twinning (Nishida *et al.*, 1995a; Kainuma *et al.*, 2006). The degradation of shape memory, on the other hand, is attributed to slip-mediated plastic deformation (Chowdhury and Sehitoglu, 2016, 2017b). These events involve atoms displacing to mirror symmetry positions for forming twins and lattice displacements to minimize energies at the transforming interfaces. The developments center on atomic shear and shuffle determinations. Since the experimental techniques are often limited to probe such sub-atomic length scale events the developments in density functional theory have been invaluable to understand the SMA properties with precise construction of energy landscapes (Entel, 2013; Ezaz and Sehitoglu, 2011; Huang *et al.*, 2003; Hatcher, 2010). Several new SMAs (NiTiPt, NiTiPd, Ni₂FeGa, Ni₂MnGa, Fe-Mn-Al-Ni) have been examined to understand the unstable or metastable and more stable structures (Hatcher *et al.*, 2009a; Vishnu and Strachan, 2010; Wang and Sehitoglu, 2012). Examples are shown in Figs. 9–11.

The energy barriers associated with internal twinning play a key role in understanding the critical stress levels. The GPFE curve is obtained by shearing of consecutive layers starting with the twin plane, and by shearing all atoms above the next plane and so on. The slip barriers are characterized by the GSFE curve and the twinning barriers with the GPFE curve. We briefly discuss the energy barrier for the Type II twinning case in NiTi martensite (Fig. 9(a)). To achieve high strains the martensite undergoes detwinning and as noted in Fig. 9(a) the migration barriers are rather small in NiTi. Note that other SMAs that exhibit very low critical stress magnitudes are the Ni₂MnGa variety as shown below. The other main issue is what is the burgers vector associated with the twinning system of the martensite? This magnitude dictates the critical stress determination. This burgers vector can be inferred from the energy landscape determination. There are other methods to obtain the burgers vector, such as the topological model (Hirth and Pond, 1996), but then one must be very careful about the exact starting atomic structure at the interfaces (i.e., lattice offsets). A summary of the martensite twin stress for well known SMAs is summarized in Fig. 9(b). The agreement between theory and experiment is remarkably good.

A two layer (001) twin with a shear strain of 0.2385 is constructed in Fig. 10(a)–(b). Initially, we show the GSFE curve in Fig. 10(b), then the GPFE curve in Fig. 10(c). Because the twin shear is small, the twin related planes are close which requires careful experiments to identify. The direction of shear is the [100] or ‘a’ direction, which is the shortest lattice vector in B19’.

The, $\gamma_{TM} = 7.6 \text{ mJ/m}^2$ (shown with green vertical arrow in Fig. 10(c)) decides the twin migration stress.

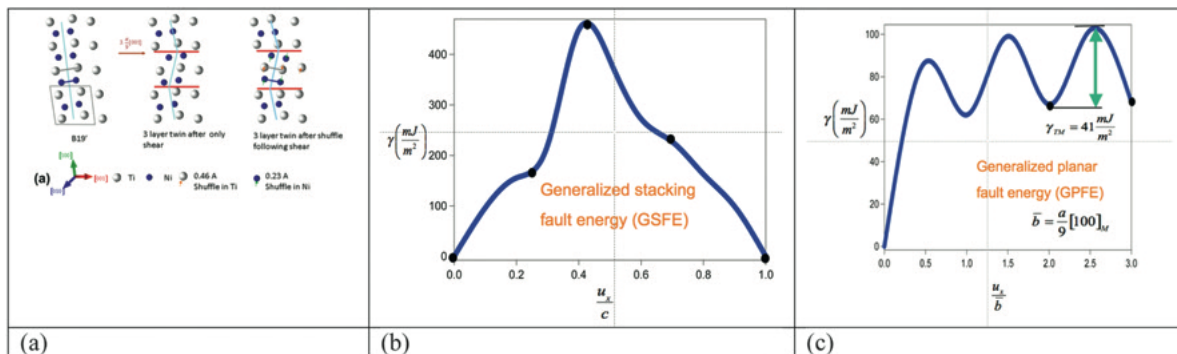


Fig. 11 (a) Shear and shuffles associated with creation of the (100) twin (shuffles are shown with arrows), (b) GSFE for the (100) slip showing very high unstable stacking fault energy, see also Section “Twinning”, (c) GPFE for (100) twinning displaying the twin migration energy. Reproduced from (b) and (c) Ezaz, T., Sehitoglu, H., Maier, H.J., 2011. Energetics of twinning in martensitic NiTi. *Acta Materialia* 59, 5893–5904. doi:10.1016/j.actamat.2011.05.063.

As deformation proceeds, higher order twin modes such as $\{100\}$ twins can occur at moderate strains (Fig. 11) and has been experimentally observed (Onda *et al.*, 1992). The $\{100\}$ and $\{001\}$ are from the same family, hence they are difficult to distinguish experimentally, but the barriers are different because the c -axis and a -axis dimensions differ in monoclinic structure. This twinning mode involves a shuffle making the atomic displacements rather complicated. Also, an additional shuffle is required for Ni and Ti to obtain mirror symmetry along the boundary plane. The shuffling direction is nearly normal to the $[001]$ direction and the magnitude is 0.46 \AA and 0.23 \AA for Ti atoms and Ni atoms, respectively.

Note that in GSFE, shuffles are not permitted and the GSFE barriers are much higher than GPFE. Also for the (100)[001] GSFE, there is no metastable energy position, and the higher barriers in the GSFE compared to GPFE preclude the propensity of slip in this case. Then, twinning for the (100) case can develop because of lower GPFE energy barriers.

Elastic Modulus

This elastic moduli of austenite and martensite remain a topic of current interest (Benafan, 2013a; Brill *et al.*, 1991; Mercier *et al.*, 1980; Rajagopalan *et al.*, 2005; Sittner, 2014; Stebner *et al.*, 2013; Wagner and Windl, 2008; Wang and Sehitoglu, 2014d; Ye *et al.*, 1997;

Hatcher *et al.*, 2009) since the elastic moduli differ in austenite and martensite. The NiTi austenite phase, has three elastic constants (C_{11} , C_{12} and C_{44}) (Ren *et al.*, 2001) while the monoclinic martensite has thirteen constants (Wagner and Windl, 2008) (C_{11} , C_{12} , C_{13} , C_{15} , C_{22} , C_{23} , C_{25} , C_{33} , C_{35} , C_{44} , C_{46} , C_{55} , C_{66}) computed by a select group of researchers (Wang and Sehitoglu, 2014d; Hatcher *et al.*, 2009b). The elastic moduli in micromechanical models is often deficient and can be improved with these constants. Also, good molecular dynamics potentials must predict these moduli correctly which is a difficult task. In fact, the moduli can be used to optimize the potentials (Yamakov *et al.*, 2016; Ren and Sehitoglu, 2016; Daw and Baskes, 1984; Baskes, 1997). To transition to polycrystals, theorems have been developed (Hill, 1952; Reuss, 1929; Voigt, 1928; Nye, 1985; Hashin and Shtrikman, 1963) for calculation, but one must note that the SMAs are often textured so the random texture assumption will not hold. In addition, in the martensitic phase the twinned variants undergo detwinning creating a directional moduli. Furthermore, the twinning/detwinning stress strongly depends on the shear moduli.

We draw attention to an important dichotomy in the literature. The inelastic deformation of twinned martensite which is made up of correspondence-variant pairs involves growth of the preferred variant. Therefore, the initial slope during loading is the stretching of the twinned lattice (and twinned and detwinned lattice have different moduli (Wagner and Windl, 2008; Wang and Sehitoglu, 2014d) with twinned lattice having a lower moduli). Hence a lower ground state exists for twinned martensite compared to detwinned martensite stress-induced. In comparison, the austenite moduli do not depend on the initial microstructural state. The notion that martensite moduli is lower than austenite moduli is fundamentally wrong because the moduli in martensite is altered by the presence of twin interfaces.

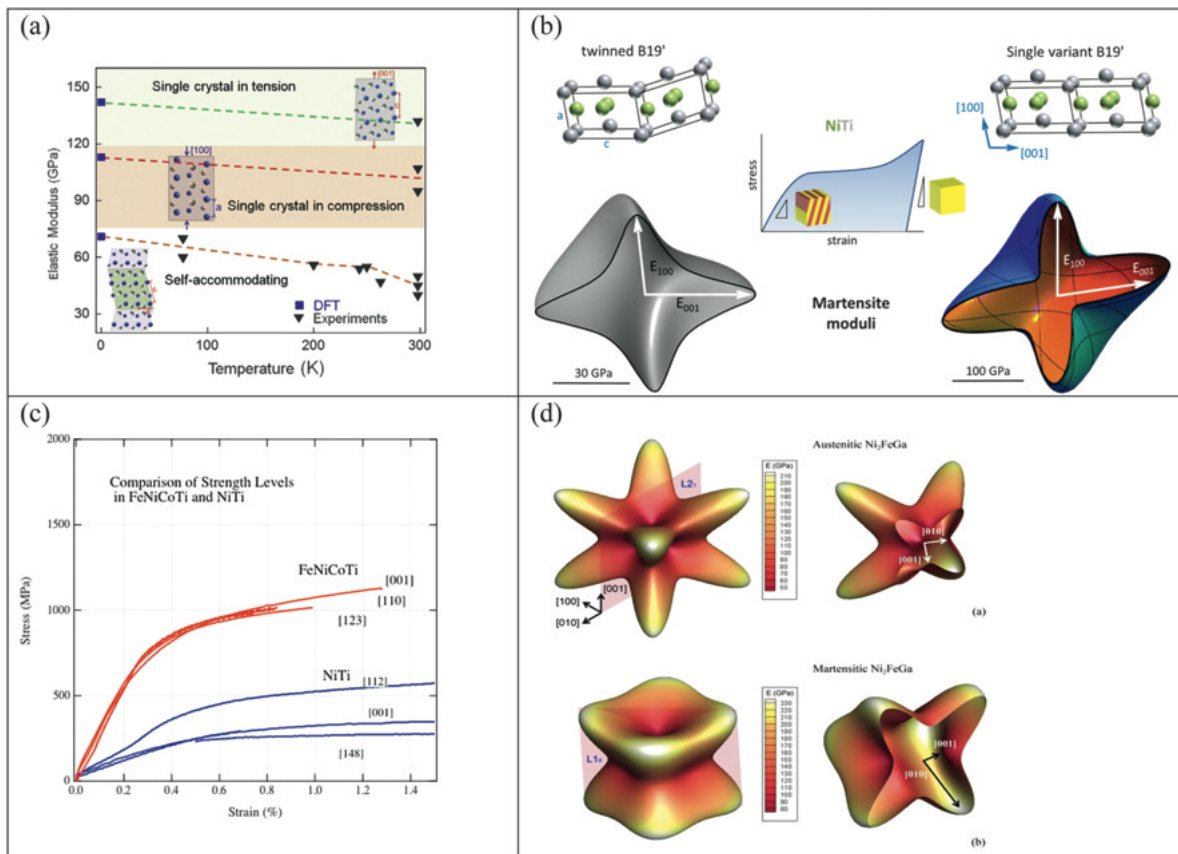


Fig. 12 (a) The elastic moduli of self accommodating twinned martensite in comparison with the martensite modulus in tension and in compression, (b) Comparison of elastic moduli of twinned variant and single crystal of martensite. Note the scale difference between the two cases (30 GPa vs 100 GPa), (c) experiments showing the difference between NiTi moduli and FeNiCoTi moduli for single crystals, and (d) 3D comparison of the anisotropy of the moduli for Ni₂FeGa austenite and martensite. Reproduced from (a) Wang, J., Sehitoglu, H., 2014d. Martensite modulus dilemma in monoclinic NiTi-theory and experiments. *International Journal of Plasticity* 61, 17–31. (b) Chowdhury, P., Sehitoglu, H., 2017a. Deformation physics of shape memory alloys – Fundamentals at atomistic frontier. *Progress in Materials Science* 88, 49–88. Available at: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.pmatsci.2017.03.003>. (c) Wu, Y., Ojha, A., Patriarca, L., Sehitoglu, H., 2015. Fatigue crack growth fundamentals in shape memory alloys. *Shape Memory and Superelasticity* 1, 18–40.

Overall, the moduli anisotropy has ramifications in determining constitutive response. Also, the elastic modulus is highly orientation dependent, i.e., anisotropic. It is difficult to comprehend the role of this anisotropy because many of the textbooks covering fatigue, fracture and related topics treat the elastic modulus as a scalar. The results from DFT calculations for self accommodated, and detwinned martensites are given in Fig. 12(a). The problem is complicated because the martensite detwinning can start at low stresses and the detwinning process in reality is not an elastic response but is a consequence of twin variant motion. So, trying to extract an elastic modulus from the detwinning process may lead to erroneous results. In fact, the moduli of martensite may be underpredicted with this approach with many consequences. For example, when trying to determine the driving forces in fatigue and fracture from displacement measurements (such as DIC), one needs an accurate value of the elastic moduli. The anisotropy of elastic moduli in NiTi is illustrated in Fig. 12(b). The difference in iron and NiTi based SMAs modulus is shown in Fig. 12(c). Finally, we illustrate the dramatic anisotropy in Ni₂FeGa austenite and martensite in Fig. 12(d).

Slip Behavior- Slip Systems and Non-Schmid Effects

In early work, the austenite stresses predicted from theory for several important shape memory alloys in austenite phase and compared to the experimental slip stress data (Table 5). The martensite slip stress levels are rather high. The austenite slip stress levels, on the other hand, are more readily available in the experiments and are also very important. The austenite of these materials (Ni₂FeGa, Co₂NiGa, Co₂NiAl, NiTi, CuZn and Ni₂TiHf) possess the L2₁ and B2 cubic structures. For each material, the lattice type, the slip system, and the experimental range of critical slip stresses and the theory are shown. If the ideal stress levels are included, these exceed several GPa and are much higher than experiments. Interestingly, the critical stress for CuZnAl, which has excellent transformation properties, but suffers from plastic deformation, exhibits the lowest levels. For austenitic NiTi the most likely slip system is (011)[100] with a slip stress level of 0.71 GPa which is higher than experiments. This difference is expected because in the theory the calculation of the core width is based on a fraction of interplanar spacing (consistent with classical PN (Peierls-Nabarro) theory) which produces higher stresses than experiments. For further discussion, the reader is referred to Mohammed *et al.* (2022).

Table 5 Predicted Peierls stresses for shape memory alloys are compared to known reported experimental values. The slip systems and crystal structures of SMAs are given. (L2₁ and B2 are the crystal structures in austenite phase)

Material	Crystal Structure	Slip system	Critical Shear Stress-Theory (GPa)	Critical Shear Stress-Experiment (GPa)
Ni ₂ FeGa	L2 ₁	(110) $\frac{1}{2}$ [111]	0.63	0.40–0.65 (Timofeeva <i>et al.</i> , 2012)
Co ₂ NiGa	B2	(011)[100]	0.76	0.40–0.70 (Karaman and Lagoudas, 2006; Chumlyakov <i>et al.</i> , 2008)
Co ₂ NiAl	B2	(011)[100]	0.72	0.60–0.80 (Chumlyakov <i>et al.</i> , 2008; Dilibal <i>et al.</i> , 2011a)
NiTi	B2	(011)[100]	0.71	0.40–0.80 (Ezaz <i>et al.</i> , 2013; Sehitoglu <i>et al.</i> , 2001a; Chumlyakov <i>et al.</i> , 2008; Efsthathiou and Sehitoglu, 2008)
		(011)[111]	1.2	
Ni ₂ TiHf	B2	(011)[100]	0.78	0.55–0.75 (Coughlin <i>et al.</i> , 2012; Wang <i>et al.</i> , 1999)
CuZn	B2	(011)[111]	0.08	0.03–0.07 (Romero <i>et al.</i> , 1988; Wollmershauser <i>et al.</i> , 2009)

The experimental slip stress data are taken from the plot of critical stress vs. temperature. The critical austenite slip stress at M_d is considered as the experimental data for austenite and compared to the (Peierls based) theory. Since the calculations represented the lattice resistance with no thermal activation one must keep this difference in mind.

The slip behavior of shape memory materials is rather complex. The crystal structures display non-Schmid behavior and the Schmid law is not applicable. So, the slip behavior is orientation dependent. Plastic slip develops mainly at the interfaces and progresses to the austenite phase during phase transformation and limits the functionality of SMAs. The well-known Schmid law utilizes a CRSS value independent of slip system orientation and the sense of loading (Schmid and Boas, 1950). While this law holds for fcc metals, it is considered an exception because most other crystal structures do not obey the Schmid law including the well-known body centered cubic (bcc) cases (Christian, 1983; Duesbery, 1989). The main reason for the deviation from the Schmid law is that non-glide shear (NGS) stresses affect the dislocation core displacements hence the critical stress magnitudes (Alkan and Sehitoglu, 2017b, 2019b; Ojha *et al.*, 2015; Ezaz and Sehitoglu, 2011; Ezaz *et al.*, 2012a, 2011). Another factor in non-Schmid behavior via twinning or antitwining direction of slip in <111> direction in bcc crystals (Duesbery, 1984; Taylor, 1928; Guieu, 1969) (Fig. 13(a)) reflected through the anti-symmetry of the Generalized Stacking Fault Energy (GSFE), or γ , surface (Duesbery and Vitek, 1998; Dezerald *et al.*, 2016).

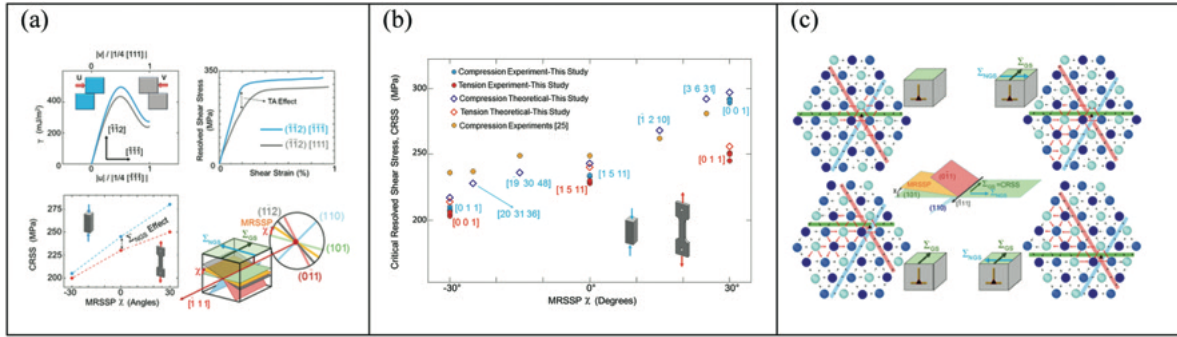


Fig. 13 Dislocation-mediated Slip : (a) the twin, anti-twin asymmetry, (b) Non-Schmid Slip response of Fe_3Al , (c) the core displacements, the CRSS as a function of orientation in (d) CuZnAl and (e) NiTi . The orientation dependence is very significant in both of these most well-known SMAs. If Schmid law was obeyed then CRSS would have been independent of MRSSP (Maximum Resolved Shear Stress Plane) angle, (f) the difference of core displacements for tension and compression in NiTi slip, (g) shows the geometry of the leading partial core in CuZnAl , (h) the resolved shear stresses τ_1 , τ_2 and τ_3 acting on the core fractions, (i) dislocation density distributions on the three planes at the dislocation core. Reproduced from Alkan, S., Sehitoglu, H., 2019a. Prediction of transformation stresses in NiTi shape memory alloy. *Acta Materialia* 175, 182–195. Alkan, S., Wu, Y., Ojha, A., Sehitoglu, H., 2018a. Transformation stress of shape memory alloy CuZnAl : Non-Schmid behavior. *Acta Materialia* 149, 220–234. Available at: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.actamat.2018.02.011>. Alkan, S., Ojha, A., Sehitoglu, H., 2018b. The complexity of non-Schmid behavior in the CuZnAl shape memory alloy. *Journal of the Mechanics and Physics of Solids* 114, 238–257. Alkan, S., Sehitoglu, H., 2017b. Dislocation core effects on slip response of NiTi – a key to understanding shape memory. *International Journal of Plasticity* 97, 126–144. Available at: <http://doi.org/10.1016/j.ijplas.2017.05.012>. Alkan, S., Sehitoglu, H., 2017a. Non-Schmid response of Fe_3Al : The twin-antitwin slip asymmetry and non-glide shear stress effects. *Acta Materialia* 125, 550–566. Available at: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.actamat.2016.12.019>. Alkan, S., Sehitoglu, H., 2019b. Plastic flow resistance of NiTiCu shape memory alloy-theory and experiments. *Acta Materialia* 163, 173–188. Available at: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.actamat.2018.09.063>. (d) Alkan, S., Wu, Y., Ojha, A., Sehitoglu, H., 2018b. Transformation stress of shape memory alloy CuZnAl : Non-Schmid behavior. *Acta Materialia* 149, 220–234. Available at: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.actamat.2018.02.011>. (e) Alkan, S., Sehitoglu, H., 2017b. Dislocation core effects on slip response of NiTi – a key to understanding shape memory. *International Journal of Plasticity* 97, 126–144. Available at: <http://doi.org/10.1016/j.ijplas.2017.05.012>. Alkan, S., Wu, Y., Sehitoglu, H., 2017. Giant non-Schmid effect in NiTi . *Extreme Mechanics Letters* 15, 38–43. Available at: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.eml.2017.05.003>.

A simple illustration of the GS and NGS stress components, i.e., Σ_{GS} and Σ_{NGS} , which act along a parallel and perpendicular direction to the Burgers' vector on the active glide plane. The bcc-based ordered structures, e.g., DO_3 , B2, L_{21} , which are common in shape memory alloys, exhibit non-Schmid behavior (Paidar, 1976; Umakoshi *et al.*, 1985; Yamaguchi *et al.*, 1981; Yamaguchi and Umakoshi, 1984, 1990) including $\text{DO}_3\text{-Fe}_3\text{Al}$ undergoing reversible slip (Ojha *et al.*, 2015; Yasuda *et al.*, 2005, 2007, 2003; Yasuda and Umakoshi, 2010) with dissociated four $1/4 <111>$ superpartials (Marcinkowski and Brown, 1961; Kubin *et al.*, 1982) (Fig. 13(b)). This alloy exhibits both Σ_{GS} and Σ_{NGS} effects (Yasuda *et al.*, 2003; Yasuda and Umakoshi, 2010; Hanada *et al.*, 1981) (Fig. 13(c)-(d)). The orientation relationship of crystals and the applied loading are designated via the conventional angle χ (Duesbery, 1989). Physically, χ corresponds the angle between the $\{110\}$ family plane with the highest resolved shear stress along the slip vector and the maximum resolved shear stress plane (MRSSP). The angle χ is bounded between $\pm 30^\circ$ owing to the bcc crystal symmetry for Fe_3Al and CuZnAl , for the case of NiTi the range of the angle is 45° .

The slip response of NiTi is of significant interest, and there has been attempts to understand it in detail based on experimental and theoretical treatments (Ezaz *et al.*, 2013; Simon *et al.*, 2010; Benafan *et al.*, 2013b; Sehitoglu *et al.*, 2017d). It is well known that $\{110\} <001>$ slip is dominant in the NiTi alloy. The detailed experimental measurements suggest the non-Schmid behavior of B2 ordered NiTi and a theory has been developed to predict the non-Schmid behavior (Fig. 13(e) and (f)).

As shown in Fig. 13(f), the screw core in NiTi is non-planar, and depends on the entire stress tensor acting under uniaxial tension and compression. The dislocation core is affected by the sense of loading- a more compact core resulting in higher slip resistance. The deviatoric stress tensor \mathbf{S} tensor has components of S_{11} , S_{22} , S_{21} , S_{13} and the glide component is designated as S_{23} , i.e., CRSS (see Table 6 for the constants).

$$\tau_{cr} = \text{CRSS} + a_1 S_{11} + a_2 S_{22} + a_3 S_{21} + a_4 S_{13}$$

where the parameters τ_{cr} , a_1 , a_2 , a_3 and a_4 are obtained from theory. The simulation results are given in Fig. 13(d) and (e). We show experimental data on 3 orientations under uniaxial tension-compression (6 cases) loading for NiTi , i.e., $<111>$, $<249>$ and $<011>$. We predict the significant tension-compression asymmetry of the slip and the orientation (including non-glide and normal stress) dependence.

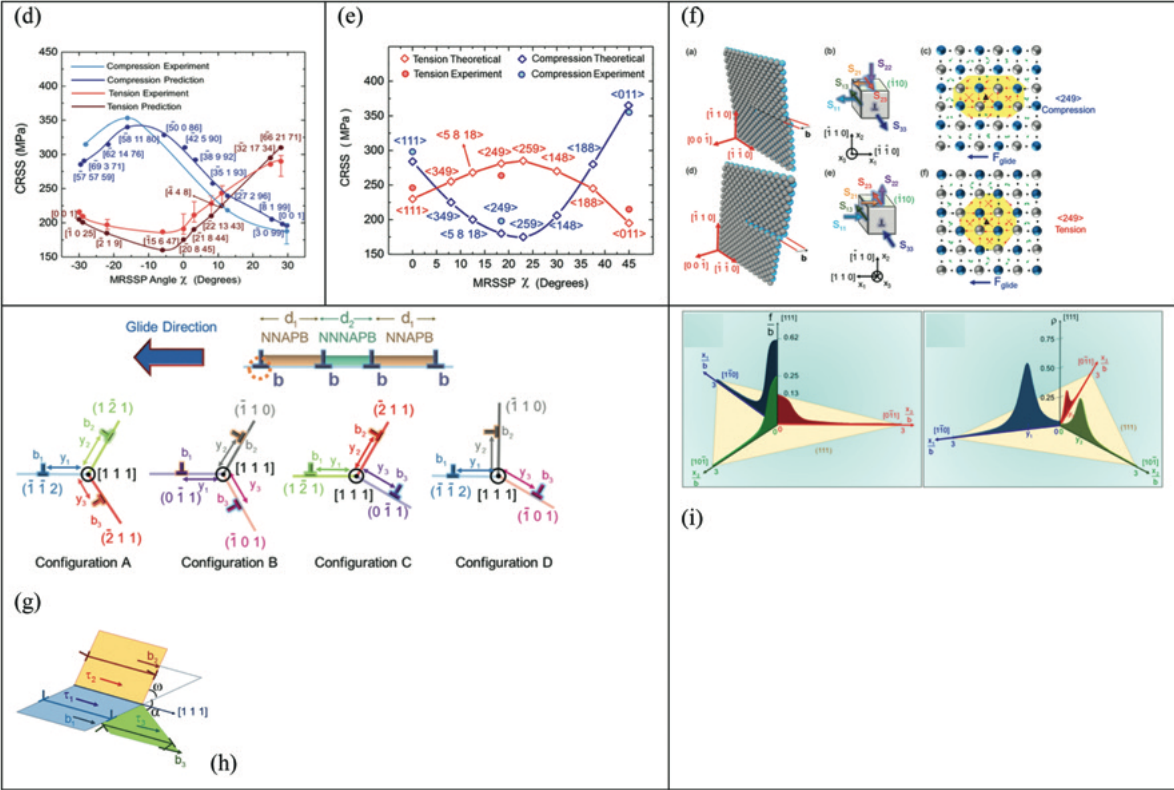


Fig. 13 Continued.

Table 6 Multiaxial yield criteria for NiTi incorporating both glide and non-glide shear stress components

τ_{cr} (MPa)	a_1	a_2	a_3	a_4
240	0.14	0.11	-0.19	0.22

Note: Alkan, S., Sehitoglu, H., 2017b. Dislocation core effects on slip response of NiTi- a key to understanding shape memory. International Journal of Plasticity 97, 126–144. Available at: <http://doi.org/10.1016/j.jiplas.2017.05.012>.

We consider CuZnAl next which exhibits considerable non-Schmid behavior (Fig. 13(d)). Earlier literature on CuZnAl addresses that significant CRSS differentials can be observed as a function of the single crystal orientation under uniaxial loading (Romero *et al.*, 1988). In the case of CuZnAl, the super-lattice dislocation dissociates into the four partial dislocations of each having $a/4 <111>$ Burgers vector. The partials are joint by the Nearest Neighbor (NN) and Next Nearest Neighbor (NNN) Antiphase boundary (APB) faults (Fig. 13(g)). The core structure of the screw character partials in $L2_1$ ordered lattices exhibit non-planar extension on $\{110\}$ and/or $\{112\}$ family planes (four configurations are shown in Fig. 13(g)) within the glide zone of $<111>$ (Duesbery and Richardson, 1991; Yamaguchi and Umakoshi, 1983) (Fig. 13(h)). The distribution of slip (Fig. 13(i)) inside the non-planar core structure is affected by the external stress tensor (stress components other than the glide stress play a role) which results in significant deviations from the Schmid Law (Romero *et al.*, 1988). The huge orientation dependence is evident in the CuZnAl case. There are no fitting parameters or adjustments in the modified Peierls-Nabarro model that predicts the nonlinear CRSS trends (Fig. 13(d)).

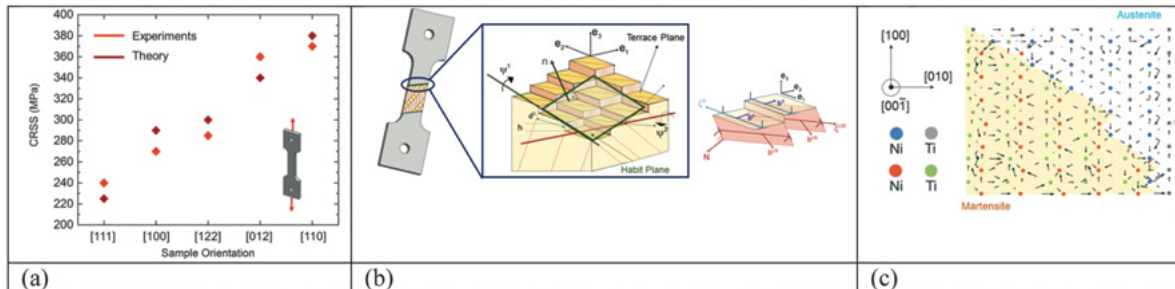


Fig. 14 Transformation Stress Calculation: (a) The variation of CRSS with crystal orientation, (b) the stepped austenite martensite-interface and illustration of twinning dislocations and austenite-martensite interfacial dislocations, (c) differential displacement map illustrating the austenite-martensite interface. Reproduced from Alkan, S., Sehitoglu, H., 2019a. Prediction of transformation stresses in NiTi shape memory alloy. *Acta Materialia* 175, 182–195.

Transformation Stress- Non-Schmid Effects

The magnitude of the transformation stress is a key quantity that characterizes the constitutive response of a shape memory alloy. The transformation stress is considered as one of the input parameters for the constitutive model. Previous studies presume the validity of Schmid Law, i.e., also known Critical Resolved Shear Stress-CRSS Law, but it is well known that the shape memory alloys do not obey the Schmid law. The most recent approach uses a Peierls Nabarro framework (Alkan and Sehitoglu, 2017a; Wang *et al.*, 2014) to characterize the stress required for advancing the transformation dislocations (Fig. 14). It predicts the correct trend for orientation dependence of the transformation stress in NiTi. The treatment is based on the defect network (periodic dislocation arrays) considering the discrete lattice structure generated on the interface at the austenite-martensite boundaries (Zhou *et al.*, 2018; Koch, 2007). This is an advancement over the phenomenological theory of martensite crystallography (PTMC). This treatment is consistent with dislocation motion (Dalle *et al.*, 2002; Sinclair and Mohamed, 1978) at austenite-martensite transformation front. The topological model (Pond, 1989) or other treatments provide the boundary structure, and local displacement fields and stress fields are established via Stroh formulation (Stroh, 1958). The motion of the dislocations depend on the stress state because their cores are non-planar resulting in a coupling between the applied loading direction and the non-planar core structure (Alkan and Sehitoglu, 2017b; Alkan *et al.*, 2017). The interfacial dislocations produce a non-Schmid transformation stress consistent with earlier experimental works (Gall, 1998; Sehitoglu *et al.*, 2001a; Surikova and Chumlyakov, 2000). The derivation has accounted for the energy barriers associated with austenite (B2) to martensite (B19') crystallographic change. The transformation interface treatment and the molecular statics (MS) simulations reveal the non-Schmid dislocation glide behavior of NiTi (Chowdhury *et al.*, 2015; Alkan and Sehitoglu, 2017b). These theoretical formulations, accounting for the fundamental variables, are expected to advance our understanding of SMAs. This type of formulation will predict the anisotropy of the slip resistance depending on the grain orientation; hence it will advance modeling of polycrystals.

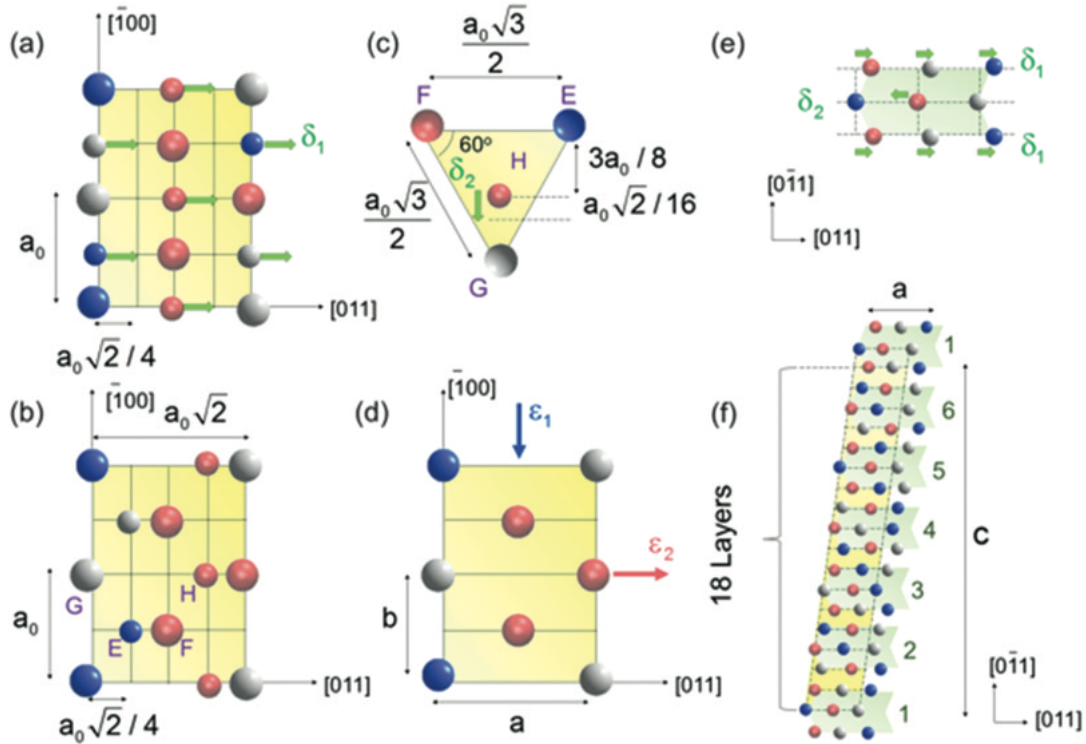


Fig. 15 CuZnAl Transformation- The schematic illustrates the sequential shuffle and shear mechanisms for L2₁-18R transformation. (a) shows the primary glide along $\delta_1 = a_0/4[011]$ on each consecutive $(0\bar{1}1)$ plane. The smaller atoms are located on a neighboring plane of $(0\bar{1}1)$. (b) the intermediate displaced positions of the atoms are shown in the undeformed coordinates. (c) shows the secondary shuffling (d) shows the accompanying principle Bain strain components, ϵ_1 and ϵ_2 (e) shows the three layer formed as a result of primary shearing and the shuffling mechanism. (f) The 18 R structure involves six of these packing layers. Reproduced from Alkan, S., Wu, Y., Ojha, A., Sehitoglu, H., 2018a. Transformation stress of shape memory alloy CuZnAl: Non-Schmid behavior. *Acta Materialia* 149, 220–234. Available at: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.actamat.2018.02.011>.

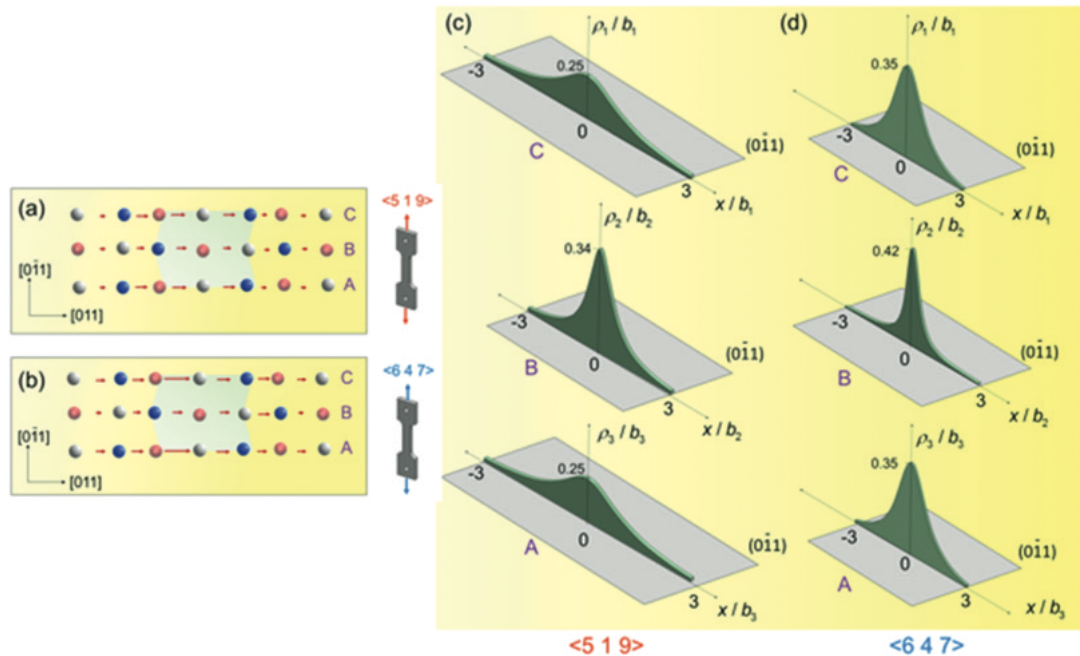


Fig. 16 (a) and (b) illustrates the atomistic scale relative displacements parallel to $[011]$ along the (011) planes of C, B and A for the uniaxial tensile loading directions $\langle 519 \rangle$ and $\langle 647 \rangle$. It is noted that they are normalized with respect to $\max\{\rho_1 b_1\}$. (c) and (d) shows the resulting dislocation densities along the planes C, B and A for the uniaxial tensile directions along $\langle 519 \rangle$ and $\langle 647 \rangle$ respectively. From Alkan, S., Wu, Y., Ojha, A., Sehitoglu, H., 2018a. Transformation stress of shape memory alloy CuZnAl: Non-Schmid behavior. *Acta Materialia* 149, 220–234. Available at: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.actamat.2018.02.011>.

A stacking fault mechanism for $L2_1$ to $18R$ transformation in CuZnAl has been also modeled by considering the shears and shuffles in the underlying process (Fig. 15). Both the shear and normal applied stress components contribute to the non-Schmid criteria. The results are strongly orientation dependent and also exhibit tension-compression asymmetry of the CRSS values as a function of crystal orientation by a factor of almost 2.5. The austenitic β phase in CuZnAl (Ahlers, 1986) is essentially an ordered cubic crystal structure- the $L2_1$ structure. The martensite has an $18R$ structure - denoted as β' phase (Pelegrina and Ahlers, 1992). The transformation stress calculation is based on glide of $a_0/2 \langle 111 \rangle$ dislocations which upon (Rodriguez *et al.*, 1996) dislocation dissociation result in a pair of $a_0/4[011]$ dislocations gliding on each consecutive (011) planes and $a_0/2[100]$ dislocations as explained earlier (Malarria *et al.*, 2001; Sade *et al.*, 1987). Fig. 16 below illustrates the motion of the dissociated dislocations. The core widths of these three imperfect dislocations with Burgers vectors of $b_1 = a_0/4[011]$, $b_2 = a_0/2[100]$ and $b_3 = a_0/4[011]$ are derived which then provide the critical stress for transformation. The experimental and predicted results are given in Table 7 below. The trends are correct.

Table 7 Transformation stress magnitudes in tension and compression for CuZnAl as a function of orientation

Alloy		$\langle 001 \rangle$ T	$\langle 001 \rangle$ C	$\langle 519 \rangle$ T	$\langle 849 \rangle$ T	$\langle 103 \rangle$ T	$\langle 17019 \rangle$ T	$\langle 647 \rangle$ T
Cu-27Zn-13.8Al	τ_{crit}^{trans} RT Theory, (Alkan <i>et al.</i> , 2018a)	25	25	25	33	39.7	41	55.2
Cu-23.7Zn-9.4Al	τ_{crit}^{trans} (Exp.) RT (Lexcelent <i>et al.</i> , 1996)	25	25	29.5	48.4	50.7	51.9	70.8

Note: Alkan, S., Wu, Y., Ojha, A., Sehitoglu, H., 2018a. Transformation stress of shape memory alloy CuZnAl: Non-Schmid behavior. *Acta Materialia* 149, 220–234. Available at: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.actamat.2018.02.011>. Alkan, S., Ojha, A., Sehitoglu, H., 2018b. The complexity of non-Schmid behavior in the CuZnAl shape memory alloy. *Journal of the Mechanics and Physics of Solids* 114, 238–257.

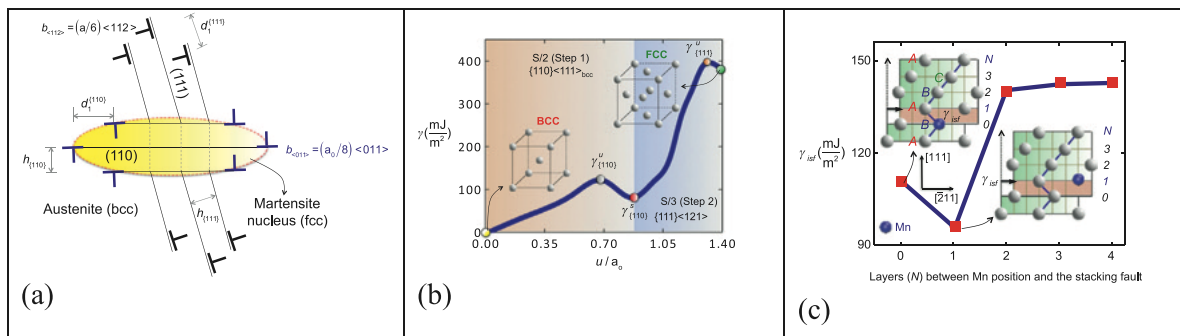


Fig. 17 The transformation in FeMnNiAl: (a) double slip to transition from a bcc to fcc structure, (b) the energy path indicating the barriers associated with the two shear steps, (c) the minimization of the energies upon segregation of Mn atoms near the transformation interface. Reproduced from Ojha, A., Sehitoglu, H., 2016c. Transformation stress modeling in new FeMnAlNi shape memory alloy. *International Journal of Plasticity* 86, 93–111. doi:10.1016/j.iijplas.2016.08.003.

Next, we consider FeMnNiAl which undergoes a bcc-fcc transformation via a dislocation-based shear glide on S/3 and S/2 systems (glide every third and second plane respectively). The double shear mechanism occurs via motion of two sets of dislocations, $a_0/8 \langle 110 \rangle$ and $a_0/6 \langle 112 \rangle$. The shear on the $\{110\} \langle 110 \rangle$ system is termed S/2 shear and the shear on the $\{111\} \langle 112 \rangle$ system is designated as S/3 shear. The energy barriers and the strain energy associated with the participating dislocations are considered to formulate the transformation stress in agreement with experiments. On different planes in a bcc crystal, the intersection of which forms the fcc crystal, as shown in Fig. 17. This is analogous to the Bogers-Burgers double shear mechanism (Bogers and Burgers, 1964). We note that the energy profile for the Bain path in this case is higher and not favored. The derivation is based on the modified Peierls Nabarro (PN) formalism (based on our early work on PN (Carrez *et al.*, 2007; Joos and Duesbery, 1997; Joós *et al.*, 1994; Lu *et al.*, 2000; Peierls, 1940) and forward a theoretical model for bcc-fcc transformation stress. The agreement between theory and experiment is excellent (Table 8). The martensite is internally twinned so one must include the twinning stress in fcc martensite (Wang and Sehitoglu, 2013) for further insight. Since the solute atoms close to the fault can reduce the stacking fault energy (Suzuki, 1962; Finkenstadt and Johnson, 2006), the GPFE with the minimum value of stacking fault energy is utilized for critical twinning stress calculations (Table 8).

Table 8 Comparison of theoretical and experimental critical transformation stress and the twinning stress in the martensite (fcc phase)

Alloy	Critical transformation stress ($\tau_{\text{crit}}^{\text{trans}}$, MPa)		Critical twinning stress ($\tau_{\text{crit}}^{\text{trans}}$, MPa)
	Theory	Experiment (Tseng <i>et al.</i> , 2016)	Theory (study Ojha and Sehitoglu)
FeMnAlNi	191	200	201

Note: Ojha, A., Sehitoglu, H., 2016c. Transformation stress modeling in new FeMnAlNi shape memory alloy. International Journal of Plasticity 86, 93–111. doi:10.1016/j.ijplas.2016.08.003.

The Use of MD Potentials in SMA Research

The solution of the interatomic bonding is most accurately given by the Schrödinger's equation, the basis of the quantum mechanics (Tadmor and Miller, 2011). To determine millions of electronic positions by simultaneously solving the same number of Schrödinger's equations is beyond the capabilities of supercomputers! Therefore, the first principle calculations using density functional theory have been employed for extracting certain properties (e.g., elastic constants, energy of phases, transformation energy pathways etc.) (Wagner and Windl, 2008; Huang *et al.*, 2003). It is crucial to establish the transformation response at the continuum and mesoscales. Using the *first principle* extracted properties as a basis one can develop molecular dynamics simulations describing the interatomic force-fields through the so-called "pair-potential". Despite the critical need, there have been limited progress on development of pair potentials for shape memory alloys at mesoscale (Zhong *et al.*, 2012; Lai and Liu, 2000).

One of the first potentials for NiTi B2 phase was developed by Farkas *et al.* (1996) which predicted the cohesive energy (4.93 eV/atom) and the lattice constant of stable B2 NiTi ($a_{\text{B2}} = 3.00 \text{ \AA}$) in agreement with DFT results (Hultgren *et al.*, 1973). The studies of transformation from the B2 to the B19' phase have been undertaken later by Lai and Liu (Lai *et al.*, 2000; Lai and Liu, 2000) and then utilized by Sato *et al.* (2006), Ishida and Hiwatari (2007) to evaluate shape memory behavior. Others utilizing this potential (Zhong *et al.*, 2011; Mirzaeifar *et al.*, 2014; Mutter and Nielaba, 2011, 2013) made good progress for understanding the equiatomic NiTi response. Hysteresis and two-way transformations were predicted in Mutter and Nielaba (2011, 2010) as well as detwinning (Mutter and Nielaba, 2013). Lower energy structures were proposed B33 (BCO) where superelasticity was predicted (Zhong *et al.*, 2011, 2012), including abrupt stress drop upon martensite nucleation. When internal stress-fields are present, the B19' phase dominates instead of B33' and B19' has been observed experimentally without exception.

In summary, there are very few MD potentials that can predict the NiTi behavior (stress levels, atom positions and elastic moduli) accurately (Fig. 18(a)-(d)). The major challenge has been to obtain the correct elastic moduli, the correct lattice-motif atom positions from the MD simulations. The next issue is to predict superelasticity, and then the correct transformation stress magnitudes. Among several MD potentials that have been published, the one closest to experimental findings is Ren and Sehitoglu (2016) (Fig. 18(a)). It predicts the tension-compression asymmetry and temperature dependence. This is a newly developed Finnis-Sinclair type pair-potential. This new potential is an improvement over other potentials in the literature (Zhong *et al.*, 2012; Lai and Liu, 2000; Mutter and Nielaba, 2010), in that it can predict, for example, a better level of elastic constants among other important crystal properties. In fact, this potential was used to determine the energy barriers in conformity with DFT calculations. The model is also used to determine the lattice offsets in Type II twinning and the migration mechanism by exchange of atoms in lattice and motif points (Mohammed and Sehitoglu, 2020a, 2020b, 2021).

Since the response of SMAs is extremely complex, to our knowledge, the NiTi is the only SMA with MD potentials that have been tested under different loading scenarios. The CoNiAl shape memory alloy, which also exhibits superelasticity, has also been considered in the literature (Pun *et al.*, 2015; Yamakov *et al.*, 2016). However, further work is necessary to evaluate the CoNiAl potentials.

The stress-strain response from MD simulations (Ren-Sehitoglu potential) are summarized in Fig. 18(c) showing the role of precipitates on the results. A comparison of elastic moduli using the MD potentials by Ren-Sehitoglu and the one by Zhu are given in Fig. 18(b). The stress-strain results for NiTi using the Zhu's potential are given in Fig. 18(e), and in Fig. 18(f) the results for CoNiAl are shown using the CoNiAl potential (Pun *et al.*, 2015; Yamakov *et al.*, 2016) from the literature.

Early x-ray diffraction studies affirmed that the lattice structure of the Ni_4Ti_3 precipitate is of rhombohedral type (Saburi *et al.*, 1986; Tadaki *et al.*, 1986). The Ni_4Ti_3 precipitates are typically found to be of oblate spheroid geometry, lying on the $\{111\}_{\text{B2}}$ family of planes. Schryvers (Tirry and Schryvers, 2005; Schryvers *et al.*, 2006) have measured the strain gradient near a Ni_4Ti_3 particle in an austenitic matrix using TEM and GPA methods, revealing a complex spatial variation. The MD (Chowdhury *et al.*, 2016) accurately capture the local stress gradient at the precipitate-matrix interface in agreement with the experimentally determined trend.

Given the important role of Ni_4Ti_3 precipitates, a number of theoretical approaches have been undertaken in the earlier literature. Most of these models based on the principles of thermodynamics, finite element and self-consistent methods address the continuum aspects of the problem (Bhattacharya, 2003; Boyd and Lagoudas, 1996; Patoor *et al.*, 1996). Most noteworthy among them are the Eshelby-type analyses (Mura, 2012) capturing the internal/external stress/strain distributions for various precipitate geometries. Sehitoglu *et al.* explained the biased variants due to the precipitate fields with micro-mechanical calculations (Gall *et al.*, 1999d). On the other hand, the fundamental effects of a precipitate disturbance fields originate from the atomistic interactions (Khalil-Allafi *et al.*, 2002) at the discrete lattice level. Most recently, ab-initio calculations were made showing the elastic anisotropy of the Ni_4Ti_3 lattice founded on the sub-lattice electronic structure (Wagner and Windl, 2009). However, ab-initio calculations deal with finite number of atoms (Tadmor and Miller, 2011), and MD approaches more

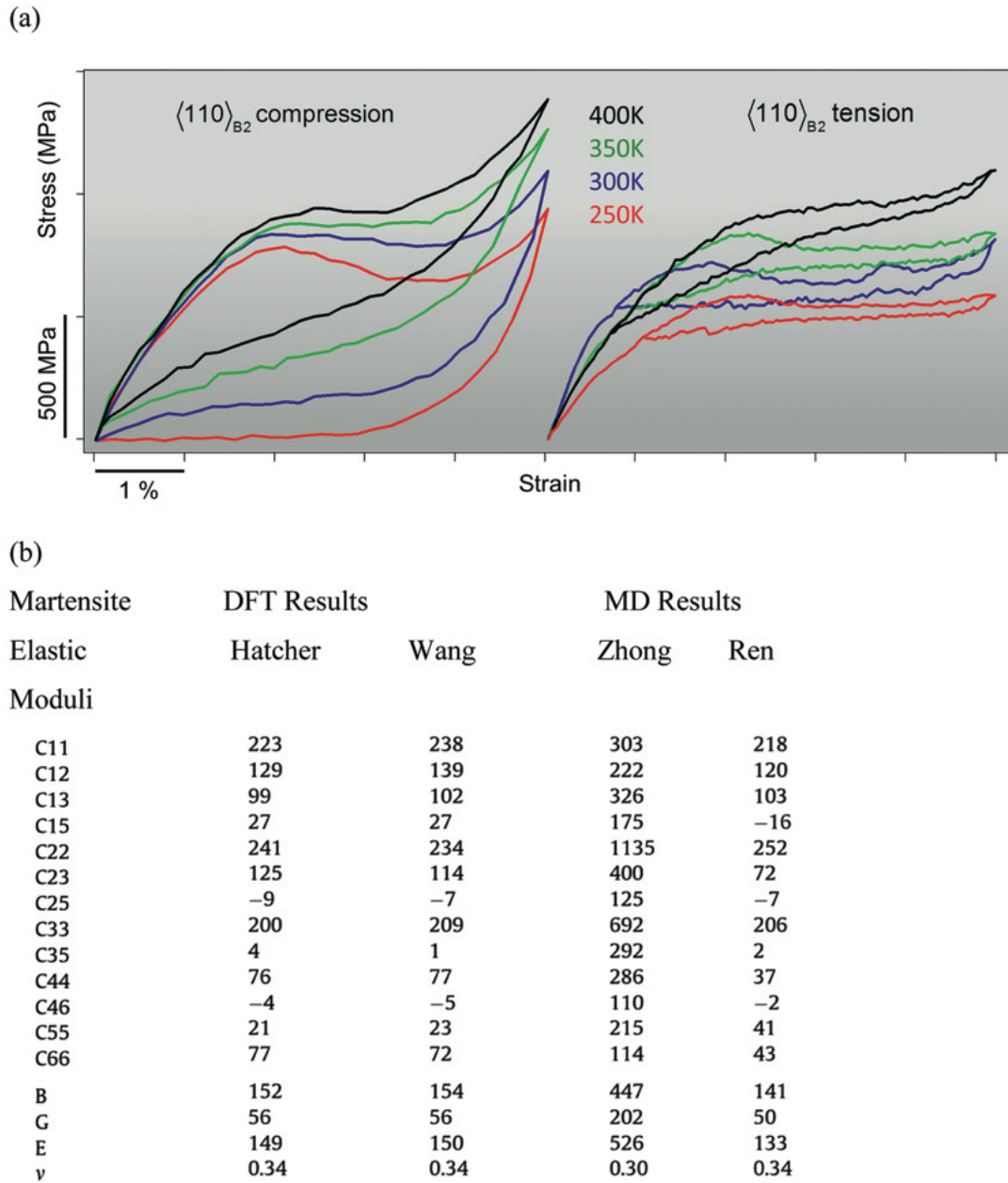


Fig. 18 (a) The simulations of compression and tension with the MD potential, (b) comparison of martensite elastic constants utilizing the MD potentials of Sehitoglu-Ren, the DFT results, and based on the proposed potential by Zhu *et al* (c) the role of precipitates on the stress-strain response via MD simulations, (d) precipitate dimensions for NiTi utilized in the simulations shown in (c), (e) another example of MD simulations of stress-strain response from the literature, (f) MD simulations for CoNiAl shape memory alloy. Reproduced from (a) Chowdhury, P., Ren, G., Sehitoglu, H., 2015. NiTi superelasticity via atomistic simulations. *Philosophical Magazine Letters* 95, 574–586. doi: [10.1080/09500839.2015.1123819](https://doi.org/10.1080/09500839.2015.1123819). (b) Based on Ren, G., Sehitoglu, H., Interatomic potential for the NiTi alloy and its application. *Computational Materials Science* 123, 19–25. Zhong, Y., Gall, K., Zhu, T., 2012. Atomistic characterization of pseudoelasticity and shape memory in NiTi nanopillars. *Acta Materialia* 60, 6301–6311. (c) Chowdhury, P., Patriarca, L., Ren, G., Sehitoglu, H., 2016. Molecular dynamics modeling of NiTi superelasticity in presence of nanoprecipitates. *International Journal of Plasticity* 81, 152–167. (e) Zhong, Y., Gall, K., Zhu, T., 2011. Atomistic study of nanotwins in NiTi shape memory alloys. *Journal of Applied Physics* 110, 033532. Zhong, Y., Gall, K., Zhu, T., 2012. Atomistic characterization of pseudoelasticity and shape memory in NiTi nanopillars. *Acta Materialia* 60, 6301–6311. (f) Based on the potential proposed in references Pun, G.P., Yamakov, V., Mishin, Y., 2015. Interatomic potential for the ternary Ni–Al–Co system and application to atomistic modeling of the B2–L10 martensitic transformation. *Modelling and Simulation in Materials Science and Engineering* 23, 065006. Yamakov, V., *et al.*, 2016. Multiscale modeling of sensory properties of Co–Ni–Al shape memory particles embedded in an Al metal matrix. *Journal of Materials Science* 51, 1204–1216.

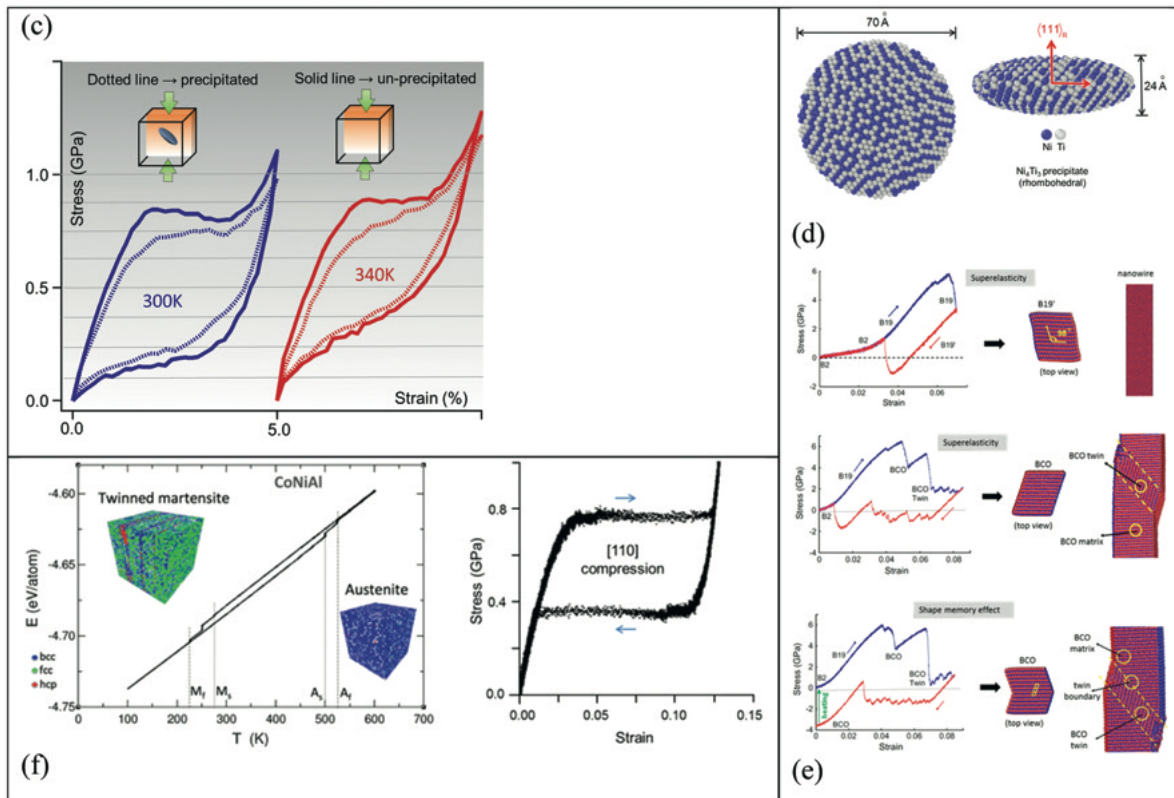


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suitable for studying nm size domains. Since the previous MD studies (Zhong *et al.*, 2012; Lai and Liu, 2000; Mutter and Nielaba, 2010) were for pristine NiTi austenite utilizing the MD potential produced insightful results.

The results in Fig. 18(c) give insight to the role of precipitates (Chowdhury *et al.*, 2016; Sato *et al.*, 2006) in NiTi. The aging treatments can lower transformation stress and the hysteresis. The presence of precipitates create internal strain fields, which affects variant selection for the Ni_4Ti_3 particle. The stress-strain fields and the overall stress-strain behavior has been simulated in recent works and the non-linear internal fields associated with misfit of the precipitates create a different response than expected based on the matrix. The results are in agreement with experiments (Tirry and Schryvers, 2005) and the observation of preferred martensite variants near the precipitate (Bataillard *et al.*, 1998). In the presence of precipitates forming on different planes (multi-variants), there would be disturbance fields that overlap and potentially produce a more isotropic response.

Twinning

The martensite NiTi which is cooled under no external stress is internally twinned and this is often called a self-accommodated state (Otsuka and Ren, 2005). Among the multiple twin modes, Type II twins (with $\{111\}$ terraces) are the most common (Knowles and Smith, 1981; Otsuka *et al.*, 1971) for solutionized cases while (001) twins exist in the aged alloys (Nishida *et al.*, 1988; Miyazaki *et al.*, 1981) or in fine grained NiTi (Waitz *et al.*, 2004, 2005). Upon application of stress, the transformation twin boundaries migrate and this typically occurs at low stresses. Deformation twins such as $\{012\}$ are activated at higher strains. We illustrate the martensite (B19') load/unload curve (red curve) stress-strain curve in Fig. 19(a). Upon heating above A_f (blue curve) the deformation is recovered and the martensite returns to the self-accommodated state. In NiTi martensite, Type I, Type II and compound twins (Otsuka *et al.*, 1971; Knowles and Smith, 1981; Gupta and Johnson, 1973) have been encountered upon transformation- the Type II being the most common one. Type II twin is achieved via rotation (180° rotational symmetry) about the η_1 axis ([011] direction). Upon deformation one variant of Type II twin overtakes the other variant, and this process is called detwinning. There has been debate whether the (001) twins are also possible initially, at higher stresses, these twins, called compound twins, have been observed (Kudoh *et al.*, 1985). Higher order twins ($\{201\}$ and $\{113\}$) can also form (Onda *et al.*, 1992; Nishida *et al.*, 1998) (Fig. 19(b)) but they may not be recoverable upon unloading or upon heating. Finally, in the austenite phase, twins of types (114) and (112) (Goo *et al.*, 1985; Nishida *et al.*, 2006; Moberly *et al.*, 1991; Tyumentsev *et al.*, 2004) are reported (Fig. 19(c)). It has been shown that there is a direct correspondence between the austenite twins and the higher order martensite twins ($\{114\}A$ to $\{012\}M$).

Experimentally, Type II type twins are most commonly observed for solutionized NiTi (Onda *et al.*, 1992; Xie and Liu, 2004) and rearrange during the stress plateau of the martensite deformation. The study of Type II twins in NiTi martensite has remained a topic of considerable debate, and a general consensus regarding its unique interface morphology has emerged recently (Nishida *et al.*, 1995b). Specifically, phenomenological models (Wayman, 1964; Lieberman *et al.*, 1955; Bowles and Mackenzie, 1954) widely consider the twinning plane as irrational (Bilby and Crocker, 288AD), i.e. $K_1 = (0.72051 \bar{1})$, while high resolution TEM analyses (Knowles, 1982; Liu and Xie, 2003) suggest a rational yet stepped geometry. The origin of rather unusual boundary geometry is attributed to a need to minimize the total interfacial energy (Liu and Xie, 2003; Christian, 2002). Both shear and shuffle displacements contribute to this type of twinning (Ezaz and Sehitoglu, 2011). Additional straining can be achieved via activation of (001) and (100) twinning modes (Kudoh *et al.*, 1985; Onda *et al.*, 1992; Waitz *et al.*, 2004, 2005; Nishida *et al.*, 1998; Waitz *et al.*, 2007). Higher order twins such as {201} type twins, impart additional ductility to the deformed martensite. In addition, dislocation activities can also accompany the deformation at this stage (Liu *et al.*, 1998; Chumlyakov *et al.*, 2013). The twinning energy landscapes for the (001) and (100) modes (based on (Ezaz *et al.*, 2011)) were illustrated in Figs. 10 and 11 and they produce different barriers 7.6 mJ m^{-2} and 41 mJ m^{-2} respectively for (001) and (100) twins. We note that a 20 mJ m^{-2} of barrier magnitude is required for (001) slip, which points to potential slip occurring in concurrence with twinning.

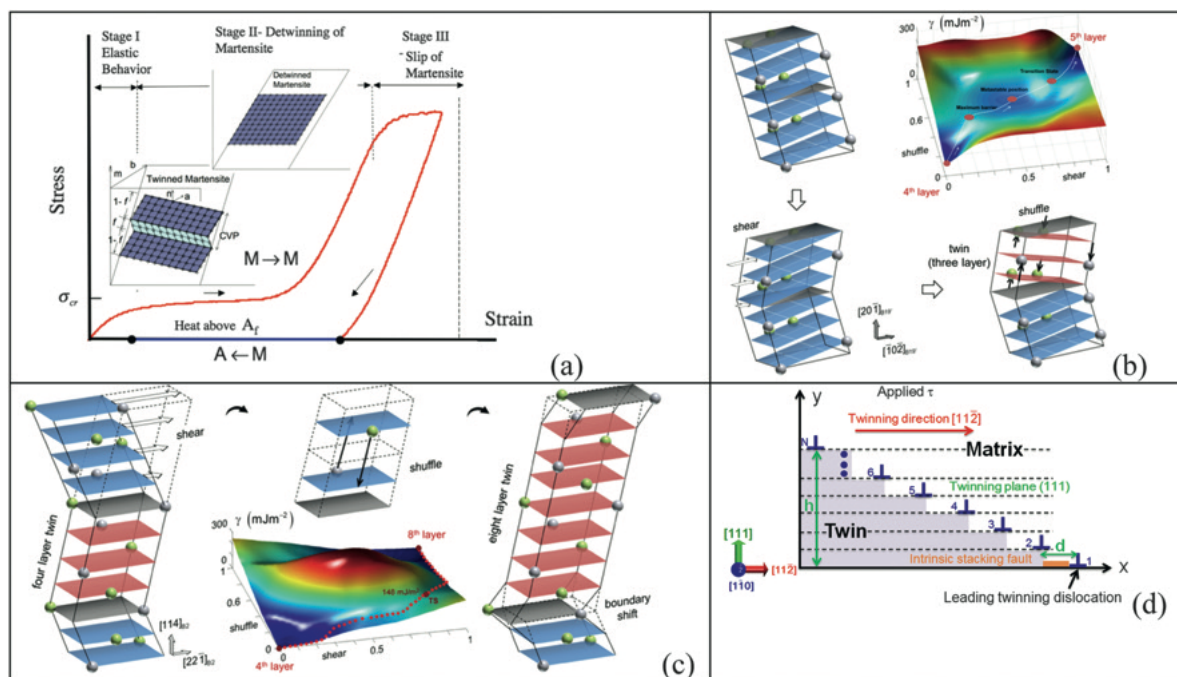


Fig. 19 (a) Stress-strain response in the martensitic phase (M to M (martensite to martensite), and M to A (martensite to austenite) upon heating at zero stress to a temperature above the austenite finish temperature is shown with a blue line), a schematic for NiTi martensite showing the detwinning of martensite upon progressive deformation as the inset figures, (b) a higher order twin in NiTi, the {201} system, (c) the {114} twin in NiTi austenite, (d) a generalized theoretical model for twinning. Reproduced from (b) Chowdhury, P., Sehitoglu, H., 2017a. Deformation physics of shape memory alloys – Fundamentals at atomistic frontier. Progress in Materials Science 88, 49–88, Available at: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.pmatsci.2017.03.003>. (c) Ezaz, T., Sehitoglu, H., Maier, H.J., 2012a. Energetics of (114) twinning in B2 NiTi under coupled shear and shuffle. Acta Materialia 60, 339–348. Wang, J., Sehitoglu, H., 2013. Twinning stress in shape memory alloys: Theory and experiments. Acta Materialia 61, 6790–6801.

Table 9 Predicted critical twin nucleation stresses τ_{crit}^{theory} for shape memory alloys are compared to known reported experimental values τ_{crit}^{expt} . The twin systems, equilibrium spacing d and unstable twin nucleation energy γ_{ut} corresponding to SMAs are given. (10M, 14M, L1₀ and B19' are the martensitic crystal structures explained in the text)

Material	Twin system	$\gamma_{ut}(mJ/m^2)$ (pred.)	$d(\text{\AA})$ (pred.)	τ_{crit}^{theory} (MPa) (pred.)	τ_{crit}^{expt} (MPa) (experiment)
Ni ₂ MnGa 10M	[100](010)	11	38	3.5	0.5–4 (Callaway <i>et al.</i> , 2006; Chulist <i>et al.</i> , 2012; Müllner <i>et al.</i> , 2003; Müllner and King, 2010; Straka <i>et al.</i> , 2004; Soolshenko <i>et al.</i> , 2003; Sozinov <i>et al.</i> , 2001)
Ni ₂ MnGa 14M	[100](010)	20	21	9	2–10 (Sozinov <i>et al.</i> , 2002; Soolshenko <i>et al.</i> , 2003)
NiTi ¹ B19'	(001)[100]	25	45	20	20–28 (Sehitoglu <i>et al.</i> , 2000; Ezaz <i>et al.</i> , 2011)
Co ₂ NiGa L1 ₀	(111)[11 $\bar{2}$]	41	42	26	22–38 (Kireeva <i>et al.</i> , 2010; Chumlyakov <i>et al.</i> , 2008)
Ni ₂ FeGa 14M	[100](010)	87	17	30	25–40 (Timofeeva <i>et al.</i> , 2012; Sutou <i>et al.</i> , 2004)
NiTi ² B19'	(100)[001]	102	35	43	26–47 (Sehitoglu <i>et al.</i> , 2000; Ezaz <i>et al.</i> , 2011)
Co ₂ NiAl L1 ₀	(111)[11 $\bar{2}$]	124	37	48	32–51 (Chumlyakov <i>et al.</i> , 2008; Dilibal <i>et al.</i> , 2011a)
Ni ₂ FeGa L1 ₀	(111)[11 $\bar{2}$]	142	24	51	35–50 (Timofeeva <i>et al.</i> , 2012; Sutou <i>et al.</i> , 2004)
NiTi ³ B19'	(20 $\bar{7}$)[$\bar{7}$ 0 $\bar{2}$]	180	9	129	112–130 (Ezaz <i>et al.</i> , 2011, 2012b)

There is also experimental evidence of twins in the B2 phase, the existence of the {114} twin system (Goo *et al.*, 1985; Moberly *et al.*, 1990; Chumlyakov *et al.*, 2008; Nishida *et al.*, 2006; Moberly, 1991; Moberly *et al.*, 1991; Surikova and Chumlyakov, 2000; Li *et al.*, 2003; Krishnan and Maji, 2001; Zheng *et al.*, 1999), involving both the energy pathway as a function of shear and shuffle is reported in Fig. 19(b) and (c) (Ezaz *et al.*, 2012a). The fault energy (γ) is the maximum (148 mJ m⁻²) and such a low energy barrier can be the preferred mode delaying slip in the austenite.

The critical twinning stress (for martensite) τ_{crit} was predicted for several important shape memory alloys (based on the Peierls-Nabarro formulations schematically shown in Fig. 19(d) and the results are given in Table 9) and compared to experimental twinning stress data. The martensitic crystal structures of these materials present 10M (five-layered modulated tetragonal structure for Ni₂MnGa and five-layered modulated monoclinic structure for Ni₂FeGa), 14M (seven-layered modulated monoclinic structure), L1₀ (non-modulated tetragonal structure) and B19' (monoclinic structure). There is excellent agreement between the predicted values and experimental data without any fitting parameters in theory as shown in Table 9. The equilibrium d (separation width) corresponding to the minimum total energy for different materials is also shown. This study important crystal structures 10M and 14M in Ni₂MnGa, and the monoclinic B19' structure of NiTi. In all cases, we determined the lattice constants prior to our simulations. The twin system and unstable twin nucleation energy γ_{ut} corresponding to SMAs are also given. We should note that because the core width of the twin partials is calculated from simplified considerations, its magnitude is slightly smaller than reality which gives higher theoretical values. Further work is needed in this area. It is experimentally observed that the morphology of twinning dislocations array near the twin tip is thin and semi-lenticularly shaped (Jin and Bieler, 1995; Zhang, 1999; Müllner and Romanov, 2000; Gutkin *et al.*, 2007). The critical stage of twin nucleation is the activation of the first twinning partial dislocation on twin plane involving an intrinsic stacking fault (Jin and Bieler, 1995; Gutkin *et al.*, 2007; Marcinkowski and Sree Harsha, 1968; Appel *et al.*, 2011). This can occur in a region of high stress concentration (Marcinkowski and Sree Harsha, 1968). The h is the twin thickness and N is the number of twin-layers, and d is the spacing between two adjacent twinning dislocations and varies depending on their locations relative to the twin tip (Fig. 19(d)). It is experimentally observed that twinning partials near the twin tip are more closely spaced (d is smaller) compared to the dislocations far away from the twin tip (d is larger) (Jin and Bieler, 1995). The minimum shear stress to form a twin is called critical twin nucleation stress, τ_{crit} . Once the first twinning partial (leading twinning dislocation) has nucleated, subsequent partials readily form on successive twin planes (Appel *et al.*, 2011). We note that a three-layer fault forms the twin nucleus in L1₀ Ni₂FeGa, which reproduces the L1₀ structure. Thus, the number of twin-layers, N , equals to 3 in the models.

Irrational Twin Planes and the Origin of the Irrationality (Comparison With Experiments) and Slip Emission

It is well known that the cause of functional fatigue in shape memory alloys is transformation-induced slip (Norfleet *et al.*, 2009; Delville *et al.*, 2011; Pelton *et al.*, 2012; Simon *et al.*, 2010; Sade *et al.*, 1985; Damiani *et al.*, 2003; Kajiware and Owen, 1973; Kajiware and Kikuchi, 1982; Jiang *et al.*, 1997). It is the accumulation of these slip dislocations over multiple cycles of transformation that leads to accumulating residual strain, degrading functionality, and eventually structural failure. However, the mechanism that leads to the formation of the slip dislocations during transformation is not well understood. It is indeed perplexing to fathom why slip-dislocation activity is observed when the stress-levels associated with transformation are far lower than that required for austenitic slip (Sehitoglu *et al.*, 2000). Given this disparity, there must be a slip-dislocation “source” from the transformation to explain the induced slip. An early hypothesis of such a mechanism was offered Kajiware and Kikuchi (1982). The mechanism was based on a consistent observation regarding the observed slip dislocations. It was evidenced that not all slip-systems are activated in the austenite phase and only a preferential slip system selected by the transformation is active. The activated slip system exhibits a consistency with the internal lattice-invariant deformation mode of the martensite, most commonly twinning. In other words, the Burgers vector of

the emitted slip dislocation and the plane of slip were consistent with the martensitic direction of twinning shear and the plane of twinning respectively (Norfleet *et al.*, 2009; Simon *et al.*, 2010; Zhang *et al.*, 2012).

This observation pointed to the possibility of the slip-dislocations originating from the internal twin boundary within the martensitic phase. And the mechanism proposed by Kajiwara-Kikuchi (K-K) was founded on this idea. A brief description is provided here and the reader is referred to reference Kajiwara and Kikuchi (1982) for a more detailed exposition. The mechanism involves the role of two critical interfaces during the martensitic transformation namely the habit-plane and the internal twinning interface within martensite. During the forward transformation, the habit-plane sweeps into the austenite and the internal martensitic twin boundary is also mobile leading to the growth of one martensitic twin variant at the expense of the other. This growth is achieved by twinning dislocations on the twin boundary, gliding under the stress of forward transformation. During the reverse transformation, the twinning dislocations are immobilized due to a lower prevailing stress of transformation. And now the habit-plane is mobile in the reverse direction closing down and shrinking the martensitic phase. The twinning dislocations cannot readily slip into the austenitic phase since the corresponding slip-system has a much higher glide resistance. It was hypothesized that the twinning dislocations build-up on the habit-plane until at a certain critical point, a dislocation reaction is triggered. This reaction leads to the emission of slip-dislocations into the austenitic phase. The possibility of twin-dislocation build-up and slip-emission reaction proposed by the K-K mechanism offered a plausible explanation for occurrence of slip at far lower stress levels than the native slip-stress of the austenitic phase. Furthermore, the importance of twinning dislocations and their role during the martensitic transformation was brought to the fore.

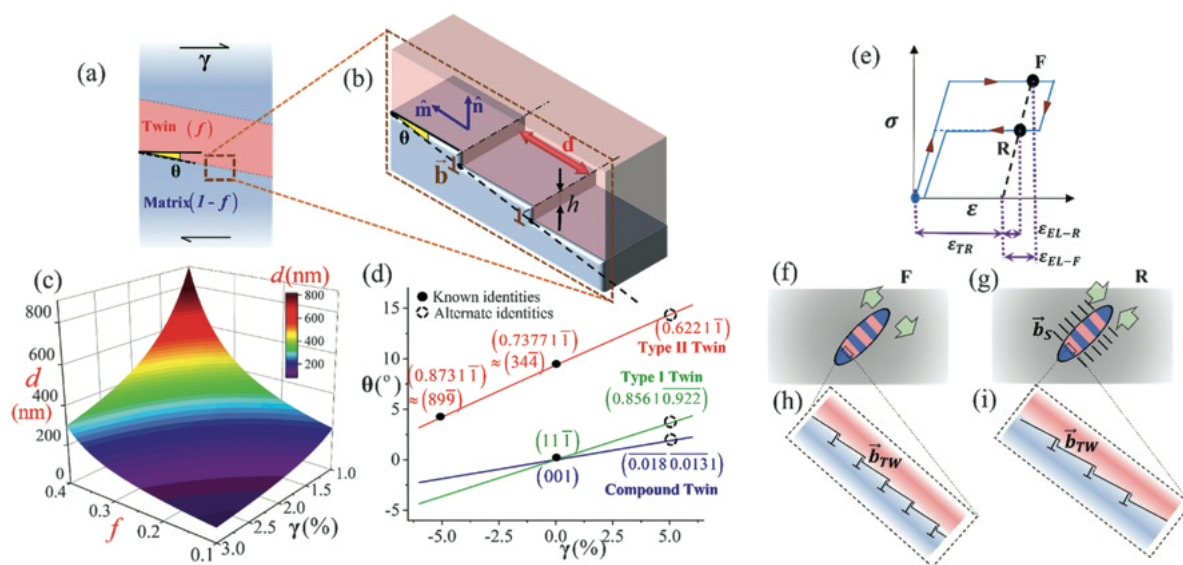


Fig. 20 Strain-sensitive twin interface evolution and relevance to slip-emission: (a) Schematic of the martensitic twinned structure where one twin variant has volume fraction f and is subject to a shear-strain γ (b) Terrace-disconnection topology of the twin interface illustrating the disconnection spacing d , the Burgers vector \vec{b} , step height h and angle of inclination from rational terrace θ (c) Prediction of strain-sensitive evolution of dislocation-spacing with variation of strain γ and volume-fraction f (d) Prediction of evolving θ for all twin-types in NiTi illustrating the varying Miller-index identities that the twin interfaces can exhibit, also explaining the two experimentally proposed identities of the Type II twin (e) Schematic illustration of a superelastic response of a Shape Memory Alloy, also showing the partitioning of the prevailing strain-state at any point based on the transformation-strain ε_{TR} and elastic-strain ε_{EL} (f) Nucleated martensitic inclusion within the austenitic phase growing outward, and the internal twinned morphology of the martensite (g) Receding martensitic inclusion and the internal twinned morphology along with emitted slip-lines, with Burgers vector \vec{b}_S (h) martensitic twin interface under higher elastic-strain at F , given by ε_{EL-F} , consequently exhibiting higher twin-disconnection density, with Burgers vector \vec{b}_{TW} (i) martensitic twin interface under lower elastic-strain at R , given by ε_{EL-R} , consequently exhibiting lower twin-disconnection density; the deficit in twin-disconnection density is used to explain the emitted slip based on the law of conservation of Burgers vectors in the system. Reproduced from Mohammed, A.S.K., Sehitoglu, H., 2020a. Martensitic twin boundary migration as a source of irreversible slip in shape memory alloys. *Acta Materialia* 186, 50–67. Mohammed, A.S.K., Sehitoglu, H., 2020b. Modeling the interface structure of type II twin boundary in B19' NiTi from an atomistic and topological standpoint. *Acta Materialia* 183, 93–109. Available at: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.actamat.2019.10.048>.

Despite such an early proposition of the mechanism, several aspects remained unaddressed. A clear understanding of the internal martensitic twin boundary is only currently emerging. The primary impediment which delayed this development was the complex low-symmetry crystal structure often exhibited by the martensite, distinguishing them from simpler twins in fcc and bcc materials. Furthermore, the internal twin boundaries of martensite often exhibit “irrational” Miller indices as observed in NiTi, CuZnAl, CuAlNi and other alloys (Morii *et al.*, 1991; Adachi *et al.*, 1986; Xie and Liu, 2004; Knowles, 1982; Okamoto *et al.*, 1986; Hara *et al.*, 1992; Nishida *et al.*, 1997; Liu and Dunne, 2003; Nishida *et al.*, 2008; Zou *et al.*, 2018). These irrational twins are

classified under “Type II” twin boundaries under the classical theory of deformation twinning (Bilby and Crocker). The topology of such irrational twin boundaries has been a recent topic of significant research interest particularly in the last few years (Mohammed and Sehitoglu, 2020b, 2021; Pond and Hirth, 2018; Pond *et al.*, 2019; Karki *et al.*, 2020; Hirth and Wang, 2021). The development of reliable interatomic potentials, as discussed previously in the chapter, and methods such as Topological Modeling (Pond *et al.*, 2007) in recent times has led to much needed advancements in understanding of the martensitic twin boundary.

Using atomistic and topological methods it was shown that the irrational plane of the twin boundary can be explained as a stepped topology over rational terrace planes with periodically spaced twinning dislocations or “disconnections” (Mohammed and Sehitoglu, 2020b, 2021). Thus, the involvement of twinning disconnections on the equilibrium topology of the twin boundary was established. The crystal structure on the rational terraces were clarified using atomistic simulations, establishing new concepts of lattice-motif shuffles in the detwinning mechanism and lattice-offset required for the equilibrium twin structure. This advancement opened avenues for more exploratory research along the lines of the K-K mechanism within atomistic frameworks. The mechanism of twin migration via motion of the twinning disconnection was simulated and an emissary dislocation-reaction upon interaction with a barrier was shown to occur, justifying the K-K proposition (Mohammed and Sehitoglu, 2020a).

Furthermore, the terrace-disconnection topological model of the type II twin was shown to be relevant to other twin modes in general. A new “Evolving Interface (EI)” theory was proposed showing that all twin topologies, irrespective of type and rationality, can evolve under the influence of local elastic lattice strains to exhibit varying arrangement of twin-disconnection densities (Mohammed and Sehitoglu, 2021). As shown in Fig. 20(a)-(d), the twin-disconnection spacing reduces (or equivalently disconnection density increases) with increasing elastic-strain and vice versa. Such behavior has direct implications on twin-dislocation activity during the martensitic transformation. For instance, consider a superelastic cycle under external stress as schematically represented in Fig. 20(e). Consider two analogous points during the forward and reverse transformation, F and R, where the total-transformation strain ϵ_{TR} is the same, correlated with the same underlying martensitic volume fraction (refer Fig. 20(f) and (g)). During the forward transformation at F, the magnitude of elastic-strain is higher and therefore enforces a higher twin-disconnection density (refer Fig. 20(h)). During the reverse-transformation at R, the magnitude of elastic-strain is reduced and therefore enforces a lower twin-disconnection density (refer Fig. 20(i)). Thus, between the two analogous points F and R, the only difference is a deficit in the twin-disconnection density on the internal martensitic twin boundary. Then from the law of conservation of Burgers vectors, it is plausible to expect that this deficit is emitted as austenitic slip at the transformation front, during the reverse transformation, as represented in Fig. 20(g). This mechanism revamps and provides a modern interpretation of Kajiwar’s mechanism following decades of development in understanding of the internal martensitic twin boundary and their behavior under strain. And such an understanding will be instrumental in narrowing future research focus on aspects such as the sensitivity of twin-boundary topology to external strain and the mobility of the twin-disconnection on the twin-boundary as tailorable parameters, in search of fatigue-resistant shape memory alloys.

New SMAs – Fe Based SMAs, High Temperature SMAs, Ferromagnetic SMAs, High Entropy SMAs

Fe Based SMAs

The Fe-based shape memory alloys have many desirable attributes. The FeMnSi alloys (Sato and Mori, 1991; Sato *et al.*, 1984, 1982) which exhibit shape memory response are potentially very significant because of their lower cost compared to other SMAs and their transformation strains as high as 8%. The development of the most recent FeMnNiAl (Omori *et al.*, 2011; Vollmer *et al.*, 2019, 2016; Ojha and Sehitoglu, 2016; Omori and Kainuma, 2017; Ozcan *et al.*, 2018, 2017; Vollmer *et al.*, 2017a,b, 2015) alloys also exhibit huge potential with strains approaching 10% and they undergo superelasticity over a broad temperature range. Another class of iron based SMAs are the FeNiCoTiAl/Ta/Nb (Abuzaid and Sehitoglu, 2018; Krooß *et al.*, 2014; Chumlyakov *et al.*, 2016; Ma *et al.*, 2013) which are rather brittle. The early FePt, FePd (Wayman, 1993; Sohmura *et al.*, 1980; Oshima and Sugiyama, 1982; Sugiyama *et al.*, 1984a,b) alloys are prohibitive in

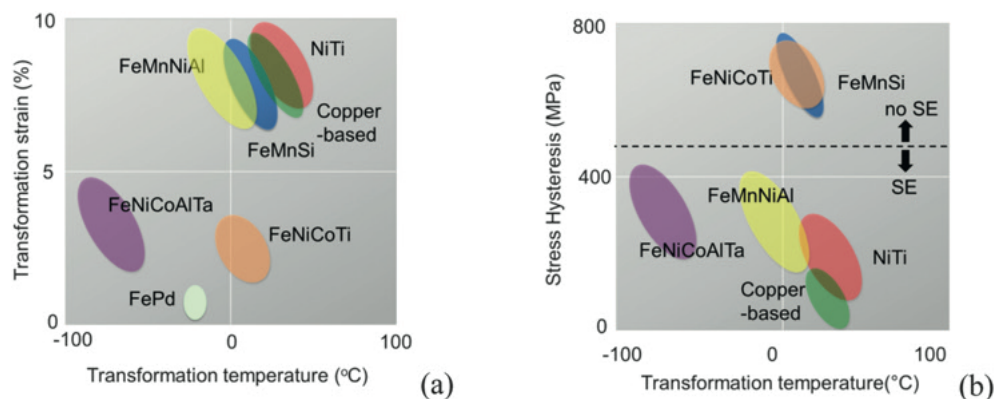


Fig. 21 The Fe based SMAs can exhibit (a) maximum transformation strains that can be achieved depending on the crystallographic texture, the horizontal axis shows the equilibrium temperature, and (b) stress hysteresis levels strongly depend on the chemical composition (see Table 10 for more details). Some of the alloy compositions such as FeMnSi and FeNiCoTi do not exhibit SE (superelasticity) but they show shape memory.

cost and exhibit transformation strains less than 3%. We summarize the iron based alloys in Fig. 21, and also in Table 10.

These FeMnNiAl alloys constitute a major advancement that is worthy of further studies (Fig. 22(a)–(b)). The results so far unequivocally showed that alloy FeMnNiAl exhibits superelasticity over a very wide temperature range, spanning from -100 – 200°C (Fig. 22(a)). In Fig. 22(b) the stress-strain response is indicated and how the strain transfer from one grain to another is difficult (GB is indicated with a dashed line in Fig. 22(b)). Suitable crystallographic textures during processing will circumvent this issue. In Fig. 22(c), we illustrate the potentially high transformation strains in the case of FeMnNiAl with theoretical strains far exceeding 10%.

The onset of new variants is expected to impart additional superelasticity (Fig. 22(d)) when existing variants are exhausted. When the recoverable strain on a particular variant is exhausted, new variants are activated; this results in return of superelasticity. This phenomenon is illustrated after cycle 12780 in Fig. 22(d). The ramifications of such phenomenon are that activation of new variants produces transient deceleration of the fatigue crack growth rates and such a phenomenon imparts increased fatigue crack growth resistance (Sidharth *et al.*, 2020a).

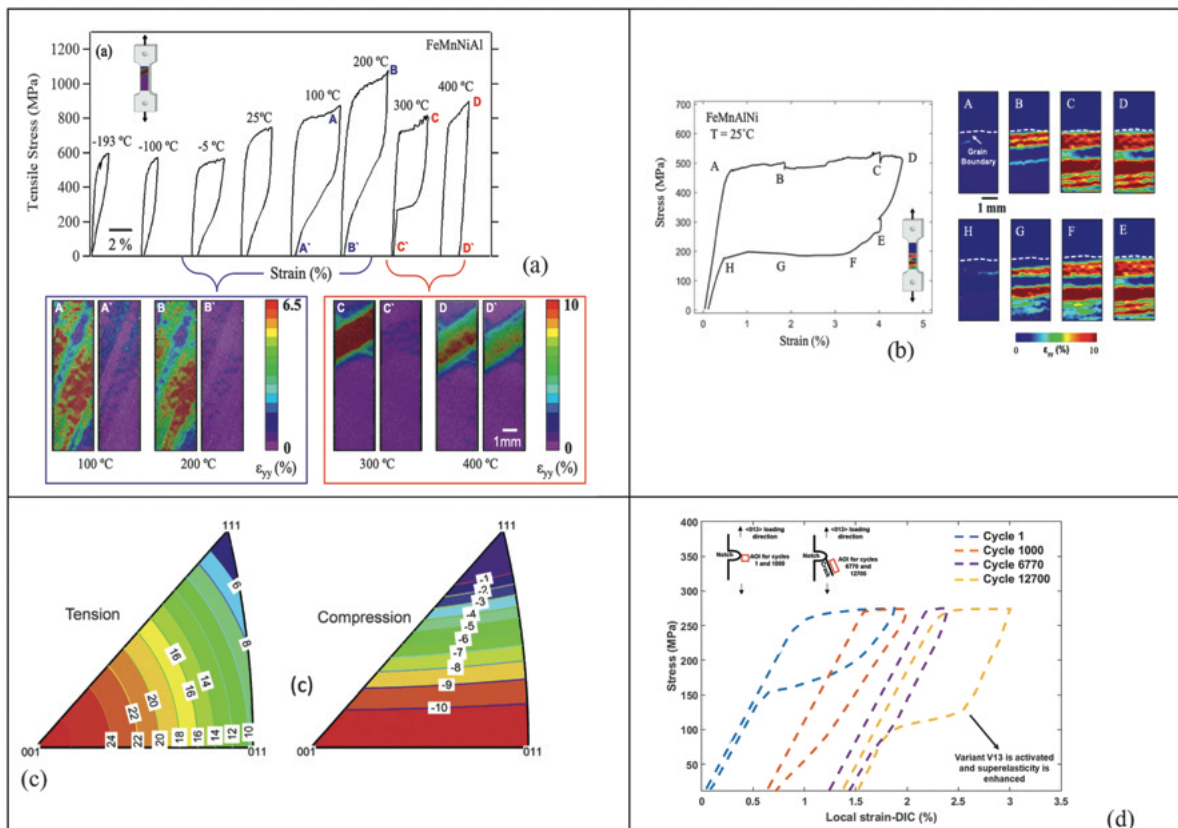


Fig. 22 The superelasticity observations over a wide temperature range in FeMnNiAl, the local strains exceed 10%, (b) Stress-strain response where the transmission of transformation boundary (DIC images show the local strains) is inhibited at the grain boundary (the GB is shown as a dashed line), (c) theoretical transformation strains showing potentially very high strain levels in FeMnNiAl, (d) illustrates the return of superelasticity upon activation of a new variant (V13) in FeMnNiAl upon exhaustion of the primary variant and the subsequent return of superelasticity (after cycle 12,700). Such behavior is beneficial as it imparts FCG deceleration. Reproduced from (b) Abuzaid, W., *et al.*, 2019. FeMnNiAl iron-based shape memory alloy: Promises and challenges. *Shape Memory and Superelasticity* 5, 263–277, doi:10.1007/s40830-019-00230-9. (c) Ojha, A., Sehitoglu, H., 2016c. Transformation stress modeling in new FeMnAlNi shape memory alloy. *International Journal of Plasticity* 86, 93–111, doi:10.1016/j.ijplas.2016.08.003. (d) See reference Sidharth, R., Wu, Y., Brenne, F., Abuzaid, W., Sehitoglu, H., 2020a. Relationship between functional fatigue and structural fatigue of iron-based shape memory alloy FeMnNiAl. *Shape Memory and Superelasticity* 6, 256–272.

Table 10 A summary of iron based shape memory alloys and comments on major findings

<i>Fe- based SMAs</i>	<i>Austenite and martensite phases - Major Findings</i>
FeNiCoTi (Sehitoglu <i>et al.</i> , 2002, 2001c; Maki <i>et al.</i> , 1984; Jost, 1999; Koval <i>et al.</i> , 1979)	-bcc to bct (3 variants), 33%Ni,10%Co,4%Ti, Observations of Shape Memory Behavior with strains as high as 4%, high strength, [001] texture preferred, large hysteresis, low ductility in polycrystalline form
FeMnSi (Otsuka <i>et al.</i> , 1990; Jian and Wayman, 1992, 1994; Sato <i>et al.</i> , 1982)	-fcc to hcp, 30%Mn (12 variants), 5%Si. Observations of shape memory as high as 6%, moderate strength, large hysteresis, high ductility for poly and single crystals
FeMnNiAl/Ti (Omori <i>et al.</i> , 2011; Vollmer <i>et al.</i> , 2019, 2016; Ojha and Sehitoglu, 2016c; Omori and Kainuma, 2017; Ozcan <i>et al.</i> , 2018, 2017; Vollmer <i>et al.</i> , 2017a,b, 2015)	-bcc to fcc (3 variants), 34%Mn, 15%Al, 7.5%Ni. Observations of superelasticity with local strains near 10%, moderate to high strength, [001] texture preferred, small stress hysteresis, improved ductility for bamboo crystals
FeNiCoTiAl/Ta/Nb (Abuzaid and Sehitoglu, 2018; Krooß <i>et al.</i> , 2014; Chumlyakov <i>et al.</i> , 2016; Ma <i>et al.</i> , 2013)	-bcc to bct (3 variants), 30%Ni,15%Co,10%Al,2.5%Ti (Abuzaid and Sehitoglu, 2018) observations of superelasticity with local strains near 6%, high strength, small hysteresis, [001] texture preferred, poor ductility, brittle in polycrystalline form
FePt, FePd (Wayman, 1993; Sohmura <i>et al.</i> , 1980; Oshima and Sugiyama, 1982; Sugiyama <i>et al.</i> , 1984a, 1984b)	25%Pt- L1 ₂ to ordered bct and 30%Pd-fcc to fct (3 variants, disordered), transformation strains less than 3%, small hysteresis, moderate ductility

High Entropy-Shape Memory Alloy Synergy

High entropy alloys are a new class of materials that defy the strength and ductility tradeoff well known in materials science and mechanics (Cantor *et al.*, 2004). Often they include multiple elements and result in the formation of a single phase solid solution with an fcc, hcp or bcc crystal structure. High entropy alloys have the characteristics to impart unusually high slip resistance (Gludovatz *et al.*, 2014; Cantor *et al.*, 2004; Abuzaid and Sehitoglu, 2017a; Tong *et al.*, 2005a), so developing high entropy shape memory alloys can potentially achieve properties not realized previously. A summary of the previous works on high entropy shape memory alloys are summarized in **Table 11**. We note that there are few works that have appeared despite the tremendous potential of these alloys. The first proposed composition was derived from the NiTi (Firstov *et al.*, 2015a,b,c). The compositions based on the NiTi composition has given very promising results with shape memory strain near 5% (Chen and Chen, 2019). Very preliminary work on compositions based on NiAl and CoNiAl have been reported (Gerstein *et al.*, 2018). As noted in **Table 11**, several of these compositions have the B2 austenite phase similar to NiTi and NiAl. The thermal hysteresis of 40°C is comparable to NiTi alloys. The shape memory strains of 5% are comparable to CoNiAl behavior and is excellent as long as functionality could be maintained with cycles. The degradation in functionality is the drawback of most SMAs and imparting HEA characteristics may address this concern.

The idea of high entropy alloys first started by building on the successful and well explored NiTi system. The NiTi based systems have essentially B2 type crystal structure, on the other hand the HEA B2 exhibits triclinic distortion (Firstov *et al.*, 2015a, b,c). The composition that is considered in **Fig. 23** is the (TiZrHf)₅₀(CoNiCu)₅₀ type. The M_s temperature and the volume of the phases can be adjusted with the Ni and Cu replacement of cobalt. The best shape memory attributes include: (1) small volume change, (2) small lattice invariant shear, (3) high flow (slip) resistance of the austenite and martensite phases and (4) low twin boundary energy in martensite to minimize irreversibilities. Whether the HEA-SMA performance is superior in the metrics above needs to be determined over time. The compositions, and the role of the Cu and Ni replacement of Co on the volume of austenite are shown in **Fig. 23(a)** and (b). The composition effect on volume/atom of austenite is significant. The lattice is considerably distorted and deviated from the B2 structure to a triclinic one (**Fig. 23(c)**). In **Fig. 23(d)** the experimental stresses

Table 11 Summary of selected works on high entropy shape memory alloys (HESMAs). The major results are included and the shape memory strains of >5% are impressive

<i>Investigator</i>	<i>Material</i>	<i>Crystal phases</i>	<i>Major results</i>	
		<i>Austenite to martensite</i>	<i>Thermal hysteresis (°C)</i>	<i>Shape memory or superelastic strains (%)</i>
Firstov <i>et al.</i> (Firstov <i>et al.</i> , 2015a,b,c)	(TiZrHf) ₅₀ Co ₁₀ Ni ₂₀ Cu ₂₀	B2 to B19'	90	0.6–1.84
Wang/Hui (Wang <i>et al.</i> , 2019)	Ti ₄₉ Zr ₂₀ Hf ₁₅ Al ₁₀ Nb ₆	BCC to B19	150	>3
Chen <i>et al.</i> (Chen and Chen, 2019)	(TiZrHf) ₅₀ Ni ₂₅ Co ₁₀ Cu ₁₅	B2 to B19'	40	>5
Maier <i>et al.</i> (Gerstein <i>et al.</i> , 2018)	(CoNiCu) ₆₇ (AlGaIn) ₃₃	B2 to L1 ₀	15	Not Reported

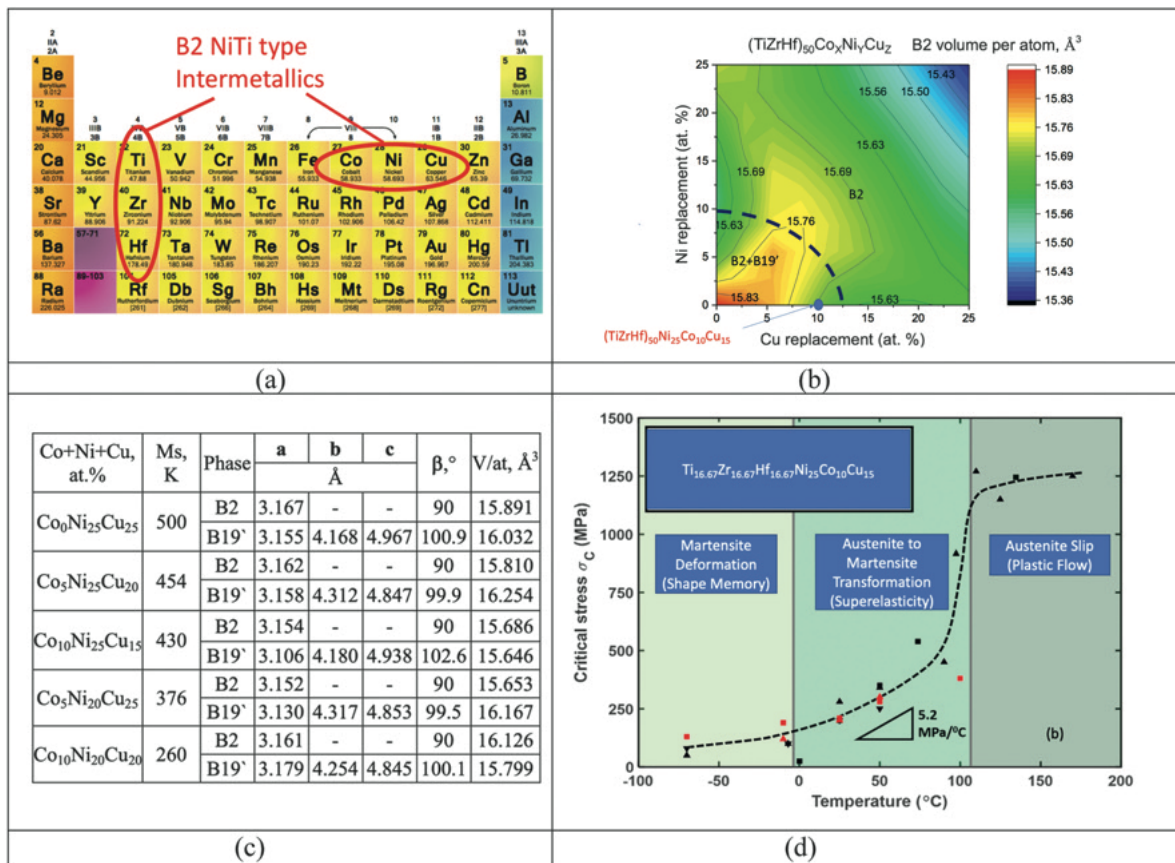


Fig. 23 (a) Periodic table with pseudo NiTi HEASMA alloy compositions, (b) the volume of the B2 volume per atom for the CoNiCu elements of the $(\text{TiZrHf})_{50}(\text{CoNiCu})_{50}$ system, minimizing the volume difference between B2 and B19' is an important consideration, the $(\text{TiZrHf})_{50}\text{Ni}_{25}\text{Co}_{10}\text{Cu}_{15}$ is marked on the volume map with a blue dot, (c) a table showing the summary of Co + Ni + Cu compositions for M_s for $(\text{TiZrHf})_{50}(\text{CoNiCu})_{50}$ and the lattice constants, note the finite monoclinic angle as high as 102.6° , (d) the transformation stress as a function of temperature. Reproduced from (a) Firstov, G., Van Humbeeck, J., Koval, Y.N., 2004b. Comparison of high temperature shape memory behaviour for ZrCu-based, Ti-Ni-Zr and Ti-Ni-Hf alloys. *Scripta Materialia* 50, 243–248. (a)–(c) Firstov, G., *et al.*, 2015c. Electronic and crystal structure of the high entropy TiZrHfCoNiCu intermetallics undergoing martensitic transformation. *MATEC Web of Conferences* 33, 06006. Yaacoub, J., Abuzaid, W., Brenne, F., Sehitoglu, H., 2020. Superelasticity of $(\text{TiZrHf})_{50}\text{Ni}_{25}\text{Co}_{10}\text{Cu}_{15}$ high entropy shape memory alloy. *Scripta Materialia* 186, 43–47.

for $\text{Ti}_{16.67}\text{Zr}_{16.67}\text{Hf}_{16.67}\text{Ni}_{25}\text{Co}_{10}\text{Cu}_{15}$ are shown for martensite deformation (twinning), austenite to martensite transformation, and austenite slip (plastic flow) respectively. The slip resistance is very high, consistent with fcc and bcc HEA alloys.

There are several important remarks on this structure:

- (1) The crystal structure is heavily distorted and deviates from B2 to a P1 triclinic one.
- (2) Interatomic distances among Co, Ni and Ti, Zr, Hf deviate from ideal levels, while the bond lengths between Cu and Ti, Zr and Hf are near ideal levels.
- (3) The volume change difference is a strong function of Co substitution by Ni and Cu. The volume change is smallest for the $\text{Co}_{10}\text{Ni}_{25}\text{Cu}_{15}$ case. This small volume change being slightly negative is similar to NiTi.
- (4) The multi-element HEA possesses high lattice friction stress and should reduce the degradation observed in shape memory alloys. This has not been studied experimentally or with theory yet.

Another class of high entropy alloys are emerging based on the NiAl structure (Fig. 24). First observations of shape memory characteristics in Ni-Al dates back to 1970s (Au and Wayman, 1972; Enami *et al.*, 1973). A major drawback has been the extreme brittleness and the formation of Ni_5Al_3 phase that does not transform (Yang and Wayman, 1994). The addition of Co to NiAl has been introduced that significantly advanced the shape memory and superelasticity characteristics (Hamilton *et al.*, 2006b, 2005; Oikawa *et al.*, 2001). This was followed by CoNiGa with excellent high temperature properties. The CoNiAl and CoNiGa share similar characteristics. To achieve HESMAs, for each binary element equiatomic distribution of elements have been adopted- the CoNiCu for Ni67 and AlGaIn for Al33. The lattice distortions in this case are expected to be significant and indeed a yield stress near 1400 MPa was achieved. Such a high strength could be very beneficial in addressing the limitations in the functionality of CoNiAl systems.

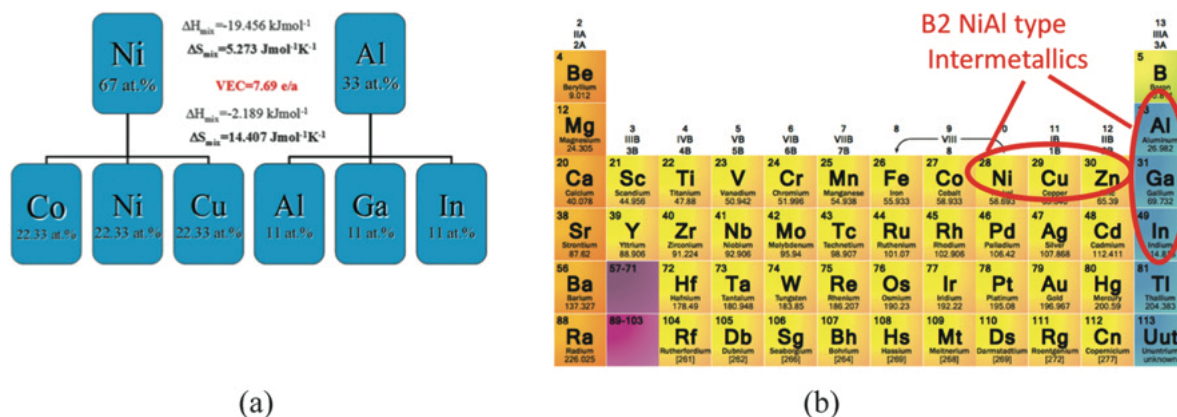


Fig. 24 The development of high entropy alloys based on the intermetallic NiAl, CoNiAl systems, (a) the $(\text{CoNiCu})_{67}(\text{AlGaIn})_{33}$ (Gerstein *et al.*, 2018), (b) the periodic table with illustration of the compositional design of NiAl type intermetallics. Reproduced from Gerstein G., Firstov G.S., Kosorukova T.A., Koval Y.N., Maier H.J., 2018. Development of B2 shape memory intermetallics beyond NiAl, CoNiAl and CoNiGa Shape Memory and Superelasticity 360–368.

Preliminary HEASMA compositions are illustrated in Fig. 24(a) and (b) showing the mixing entropies and the elements. The composition that has been explored are given in Ref (Kainuma *et al.*, 1996). Preliminary DSC results have been established achieving high temperature SMA characteristics with the $(\text{CoNiCu})_{67}(\text{AlGaIn})_{33}$.

High Temperature Shape Memory Alloys

Despite the commercial dominance of NiTi in biomedical industry, it is only applicable for low to intermediate stress and low-temperature applications ($< 100^\circ\text{C}$). This limitation excludes its utilization in most of aerospace applications. The NiTi's irreversibility under cycling due to lack of slip resistance and small range of transformation temperatures (TTs) limits its potential use in aerospace applications. Shape memory materials with higher strength and higher TTs, especially above 100°C , are needed for compact actuators for flow and controls, actuation tubes for rotors, moving or morphing surfaces as well as inlet/exhaust configurations (Schetky, 1991; Webster, 2006; Benafan and Gaydos, 2017) in aeronautics.

Recently, there has been significant emphasis on high temperature shape memory alloys with potential applications. These materials are either the NiTi with ternary additions such as NiTiHf (Dalle *et al.*, 2002; Potapov *et al.*, 1997; Bigelow *et al.*, 2011; Dalle *et al.*, 2003; Karaca *et al.*, 2011; Kockar *et al.*, 2006; López *et al.*, 1996; Liu *et al.*, 2002; Pozzi and Airoldi, 1999; Rao *et al.*, 2010; Sanjabi *et al.*, 2005; Tong *et al.*, 2009, 2008, 2005b; Zarinejad *et al.*, 2009, 2008), NiTiPd (Kumar *et al.*, 2011; Monroe *et al.*, 2011; Atli *et al.*, 2011; Bozzolo *et al.*, 2005; Kockar *et al.*, 2010; Kumar and Lagoudas, 2010; Yang and Mikkola, 1993), NiTiPt (Lin *et al.*, 2009; Kovarik *et al.*, 2010; O'Donoghue *et al.*, 2010) or Ni_2FeGa (Hamilton *et al.*, 2006a, 2007a; Biswas and Krishnan, 2010; Dilibal *et al.*, 2011a; Efstathiou *et al.*, 2007, 2010; Morito *et al.*, 2005; Yu *et al.*, 2009a,b; Zhu and Dui, 2010), Co_2NiGa (Arróyave *et al.*, 2010; Craciunescu *et al.*, 2002; Dadda *et al.*, 2006; Dogan *et al.*, 2011; Fu *et al.*, 2009; Kishi *et al.*, 2003, 2008; Liu *et al.*, 2006a,b, 2005a; Monroe *et al.*, 2010) or CoNiAl (Hamilton *et al.*, 2006b; Karaca *et al.*, 2004, 2003; Meyer *et al.*, 2006; Dilibal *et al.*, 2011a; Bartova *et al.*, 2008; Dilibal *et al.*, 2011b; Liu *et al.*, 2005b, 2008; Rajini Kanth *et al.*, 2010; Wang *et al.*, 2005; Xu *et al.*, 2006) or Ti based shape memory alloys (Buenconsejo *et al.*, 2009; Niendorf *et al.*, 2015) (Fig. 25(a)). Their widespread utilization is limited primarily due to the lack of understanding of their shape memory response. The NiTiHf alloys have emerged as a promising shape memory alloy system. In 2010, there was a major review article in International Materials Reviews that summarized the state of the art (Ma *et al.*, 2010). Since then, many papers have appeared with compositions as high as 25%Hf and strength levels exceeding 1.5 GPa (Patriarca *et al.*, 2016a; Patriarca and Sehitoglu, 2015; Patriarca *et al.*, 2016b; Wang and Sehitoglu, 2014c; Wu *et al.*, 2016; Santamarta *et al.*, 2013; Evirgen *et al.*, 2015; Benafan *et al.*, 2014b). The fundamental and critical properties in shape memory alloys are the following (Fig. 25(b)-(d)): (1) transformation stress, (2) twinning stress, (3) slip stress, and (4) stress and/or thermal hysteresis. Theoretical models for slip stress of austenite have been studied recently with some promising results (Alkan and Sehitoglu, 2017a, 2019b), while the determination of transformation stress is far more complicated (Alkan *et al.*, 2018a) and is also the subject of current theoretical studies. The potential advantage of NiTiHf alloys is that the addition of Hf raises the slip strength considerably. These alloys enable potential aerospace actuators that can be part of the structure (Benafan and Gaydos, 2017; Calkins *et al.*, 2008).

SMA's functionalities are sensitive to variation in composition as well as microstructural morphology (Elahinia *et al.*, 2012) depending on the processing route. Ternary or quarterly elemental addition to binary NiTi, has been used to achieve raised TTs

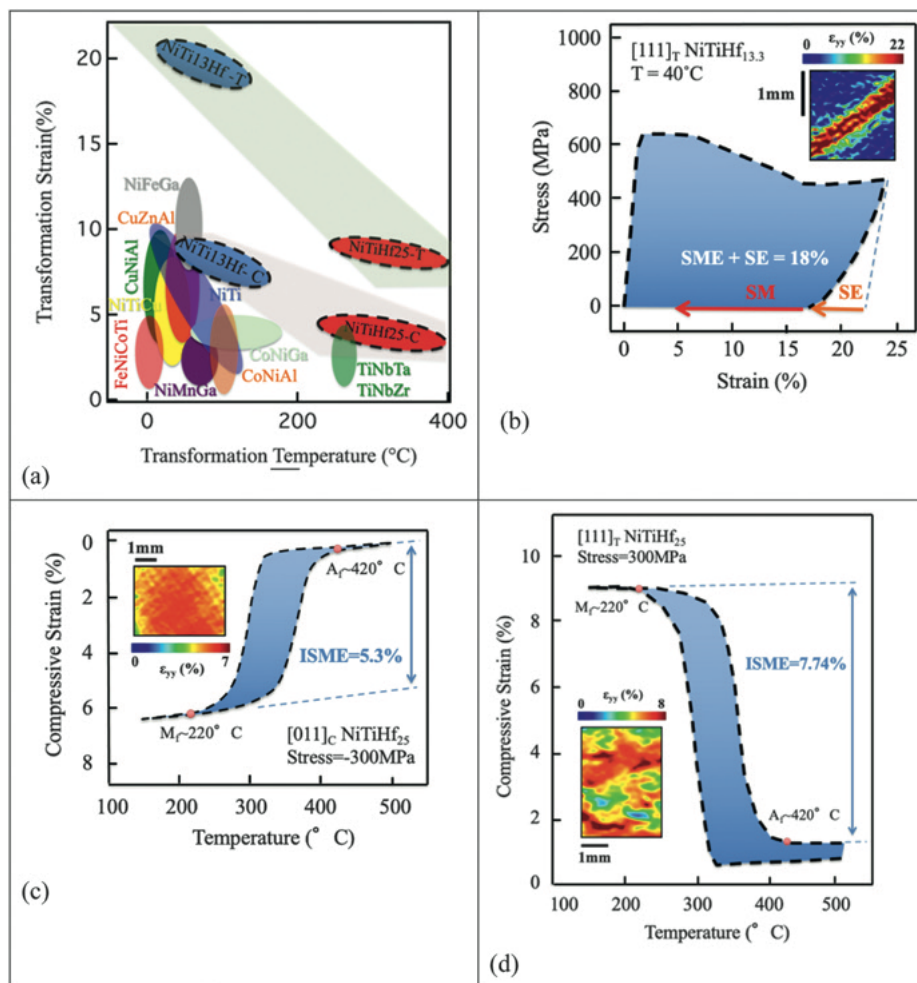


Fig. 25 From reference (Sehitoglu, H., Patriarca, L., Wu, Y., 2017a. Shape memory strains and temperatures in the extreme. *Current Opinion in Solid State and Materials Science* 21, 113–120), (a) High temperature capability of NiTiHf alloys (with 13% and 25%Hf), (b) Shape memory response of NiTi with 13%Hf, note that the recoverable strains exceed 15%, (c) illustration of high temperature capabilities of NiTiHf₂₅ showing A_f temperature of 420°C, transformation strains exceed 5%, (d) Isobaric shape memory (ISME) response under tension of NiTiHf₂₅. The strains exceed 7.7%. Reproduced from (a) Sehitoglu, H., Patriarca, L., Wu, Y., 2017a. Shape memory strains and temperatures in the extreme. *Current Opinion in Solid State and Materials Science* 21, 113–120.

based on the type of element and concentration. These higher temperature and strength ordered intermetallic compounds are achieved via partial or complete substitution of Ni or Ti by a third element such as Hf, Zr, Pt, Pd, and Au (Ma *et al.*, 2010; Ojha and Sehitoglu, 2016a,b; Sehitoglu *et al.*, 2017b,c). A discussion is provided in [Table 12](#).

Ideally, higher transformation temperatures (near 400°C) could open significant applications in various industries. In [Fig. 25](#) the results on NiTiHf alloys martensite start temperatures and actuation strains for common (Sehitoglu *et al.*, 2017a) 13Hf and 25Hf alloys are given. But, there are myriad of compositions to explore in the future.

Table 12 The primary NiTiHf alloys systems with a summary of main features and performance of each alloy

(Ti + Hf) rich NiTiHf (Firstov <i>et al.</i> , 2004b; Kockar <i>et al.</i> , 2006; Meng <i>et al.</i> , 2002)	-cubic B2 to monoclinic B19', Peak martensite temperature as high as 300°C, large thermal hysteresis of transformation, poor thermal and dimensional stability, lack of a superelastic response
Ni _{50.3} Ti _{34.7} Hf ₁₅ (Canadinc <i>et al.</i> , 2017; Olier <i>et al.</i> , 1995; Moshref-Javadi <i>et al.</i> , 2013; Evirgen <i>et al.</i> , 2015)	-cubic B2 to monoclinic B19', transformation temperatures decreased below room temperature when the precipitate size, and thus the interparticle distance, was below ~20 nm, excellent dimensional stability under stress levels as high as 300 MPa, maximum fully recoverable strain of 4.5% after aging, Peak martensite temperature as high as 175°C, Thermal hysteresis in the range of 35–75°C
Ni _{50.3/50.6} Ti _{29.7/29.4} Hf ₂₀ (Karaca <i>et al.</i> , 2013a; Coughlin <i>et al.</i> , 2012; Bigelow <i>et al.</i> , 2011; Benafan <i>et al.</i> , 2014b, 2012; Karaca <i>et al.</i> , 2011)	-cubic B2 to monoclinic B19', Actuation strains up to 5%, excellent dimensional and cyclic stability at high stress levels without training, perfect superelastic behavior (at 210°C by Coughlin <i>et al.</i> (2012), at 220°C by Bigelow <i>et al.</i> (2011), and at 240°C by Benafan <i>et al.</i> (2014b) and Karaca <i>et al.</i> (2013a)), Thermal hysteresis in the range of 30–60°C, Work output up to 30 J/cm ³ , Peak martensite temperature as high as 230°C, Martensite phase is resistant to plastic deformation at stresses greater than 1 GPa.
Ni _{50.3} Ti ₂₅ Hf _{24.7} (Abuzaid and Sehitoglu, 2017b; Patriarca <i>et al.</i> , 2016b)	-cubic B2 to orthorhombic B19, local transformation strains in tension up to 7.74% and 5.3% in compression alongside the austenite finish temperature of 422°C, thermal hysteresis in the range of 50–65°C
Ni _{50.6} Ti _{24.4} Hf _{25.0} (Patriarca and Sehitoglu, 2015)	-cubic B2 to orthorhombic B19, Peak martensite temperature as high as 288°C, Local actuation strains up to 3.25%, thermal hysteresis of 29–60°C Near perfect superelastic behavior at (255–300)°C range, Peak martensite temperature of 224°C
Ni _{51.2} Ti _{23.4} Hf _{25.4} (Patriarca <i>et al.</i> , 2016a)	-cubic B2 to orthorhombic B19, high TTs (>250°C) along with high strength (>1000 MPa), Local actuation strains up to 4.04%, thermal hysteresis of 55–72°C,
NiTiHf(Pd/Nb) (Karaca <i>et al.</i> , 2012, 2013b; Kim <i>et al.</i> , 2011; Acar <i>et al.</i> , 2015)	-cubic B2 to monoclinic B19', perfect superelastic loop with 4.2% actuation strain, ultrahigh yield strength of more than 2500 MPa, Peak martensite temperature up to 180°C, high work outputs and damping capacities reaching up to 30–35 J/cm ³

Ti Based SMAs

The original developments in this field were through the development of Ti-Nb based SMAs with the impetus to remove Ni-related toxicity in medical applications (Kim *et al.*, 2006a; Biesiekierski *et al.*, 2012; Geetha *et al.*, 2009; Prokoshkin *et al.*, 2016). Several experiments (Kim *et al.*, 2015, 2006b, 2005; Miyazaki *et al.*, 2006), and recent theoretical calculations (Ojha and Sehitoglu, 2015) have shown that upon alloying Ti-alloys with Nb, Ta, and Zr, high transformation strains (11%) can be achieved. Further advancements focused on alloying with Zr, Ta, Al (Bönisch, 2013; Kim *et al.*, 2004) to modify stress hysteresis, slip resistance and transformation strains (Takahashi *et al.*, 2002; Fukui *et al.*, 2004; Al-Zain *et al.*, 2010; Tahara *et al.*, 2009; Kim *et al.*, 2015). We note that alloys with Nb less than 7.2% have an hcp structure (Ahmed and Rack, 1996; Moffat and Kattner, 1988) while higher Nb contents develop a bcc structure. The transformation is from cubic to orthorhombic crystal structure. We also note that the use of NiTi is limited to less than 100°C (Sehitoglu *et al.*, 2000). In fact, the transformation temperatures in SMAs with good functional properties are typically less than 150°C for most cases (Fig. 26(a)). At elevated temperatures, the activation of slip impedes the reversibility of transformation (Ma *et al.*, 2010). On the other hand, the TiNb, TiPd, TiAu, TiPdX, TiAuX (X = Nb, Ta) alloys can permit high transformation temperatures (see Fig. 26(a)), but their twin/slip stresses with respect to transformation stress is available only in limited studies (Ojha and Sehitoglu, 2016a,b) (Fig. 26(b)–(c)). In fact, Fig. 26 (c) shows why these alloys are successful, because the twin/slip stresses exceed the transformation stress. The complex variation with increasing Zr is illustrated in Fig. 26(d).

Although the Ni₂FeGa and CoNiGa (Al) alloys can exhibit superelasticity at temperatures above 75°C (Hamilton *et al.*, 2007a, 2006b), their austenite finish temperature is less than 50°C. Therefore, they cannot be used as an actuator at high temperatures. The CuZnAl, CuNiAl, and FeNiCoTi alloys are limited to temperatures less than 100°C. Previous work explored the transformation temperatures of less than 250°C with Hf contents in the range 15%–20% (Evirgen *et al.*, 2015; Karaca *et al.*, 2011; Stebner *et al.*, 2014). Most recently, the use of 25% Hf NiTi₂₅Hf (Patriarca and Sehitoglu, 2015) resulted in higher transformation temperatures (near 400°C, see Fig. 26(a)). On the other hand, the recent introduction of Nb, Ta, and Zr ternary elements in TiTa and TiNb (Kim *et al.*, 2015; Buenconsejo *et al.*, 2009; Miyazaki *et al.*, 2006) alloys have opened new possibilities. The Ti alloys can reach high transformation temperatures exceeding 450°C but these alloys with potential combinations with Pd, Au, Ta, Nb needs further study.

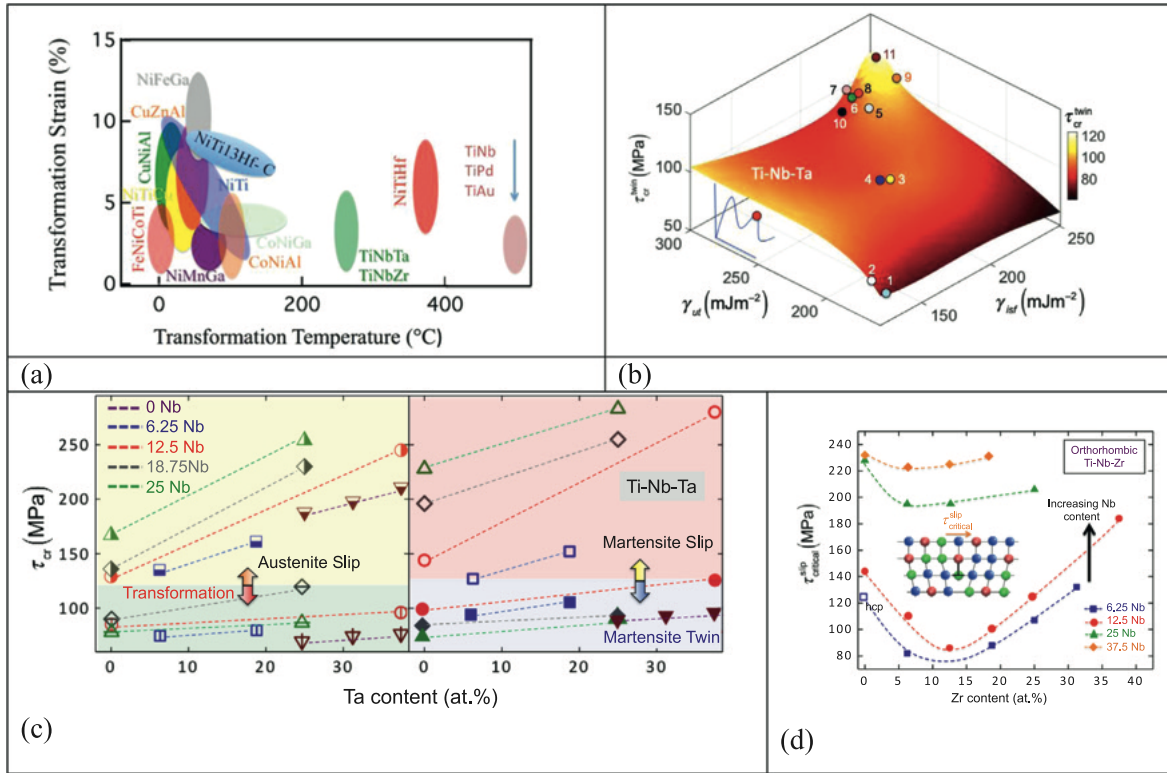


Fig. 26 (a) Transformation temperatures of SMAs in comparison with Ti based alloys, (b) Critical stress levels of Ti based SMAs as a function of composition, 1: Ti-25Nb, 2: Ti-18.75Nb, 3: Ti-6.25Nb-6.25Ta, 4: Ti-25Nb-25Ta, 5: Ti-12.5Nb, 6: Ti-31.25Ta, 7: Ti-37.5Ta, 8: Ti-18.75Nb-25Ta, 9: Ti-6.25Nb-18.75Ta, 10: Ti-25Ta, 11: Ti-12.5Nb-37.5Ta, (c) Critical stresses as a function of composition, (d) the nonlinear dependence of critical stresses as a function of chemical composition. Reproduced from (b) and (c) Ojha, A., Sehitoglu, H., 2016a. Critical stresses for twinning, slip, and transformation in Ti-based shape memory alloys. *Shape Memory and Superelasticity* 2, 180–195. (d) Ojha, A., Sehitoglu, H., 2015. Slip resistance of Ti based high temperature shape memory alloys. *Shape Memory and Superelasticity*. Ahead of print.

Elasto-Caloric Behavior

Solid state refrigeration technology has been significant in reducing the dependence on vapor compression with harmful refrigerants (such as the common hydrofluorocarbon (HFC) HFC-134a). The solid state refrigeration utilizes the well-known magnetocaloric effect (MCE) (Mañosa and Planes, 2017; Moya *et al.*, 2014). Elastocaloric cooling with shape memory alloys (SMA) is an alternative solid state refrigeration solution without the necessity of a large magnetic field (Qian *et al.*, 2016; Kirsch *et al.*, 2018). Recent works focused on elasto-caloric effect have been published (Schmidt *et al.*, 2015; Bonnot *et al.*, 2008; Manosa *et al.*, 2013, 1993, 2009; Pataky *et al.*, 2015; Ossmer *et al.*, 2015). Cu-Zn-Al has shown a temperature change of 6°C and the NiTi wires (Cui *et al.*, 2012) and thin films (Ossmer *et al.*, 2014; Bechtold *et al.*, 2012) displayed higher temperature changes reaching 20°C. An ideal SMA refrigerant (one that produces the largest ΔT) for elastocaloric cooling would maximize the entropy change: $\Delta S(T) = S_A(T) - S_M(T)$, where $S_A(T)$ is the entropy of the austenite phase and $S_M(T)$ is the entropy of the martensite phase at temperature T . The ΔT results from the inverse relationship between ΔS and the specific heat, C_p , so SMAs that have the largest ΔS with the smallest C_p are the best candidates for EC cooling. Previous work on SMAs are summarized in Fig. 27(a) for Ni_{50.8}Ti_{49.2} (at%) single crystals (Pataky *et al.*, 2015), Ni₅₀Ti₅₀ (at%) wire (Cui *et al.*, 2012), Ni₅₀Ti₅₀ (at%) thin film (Ossmer *et al.*, 2014), Ni_{32.5}Ti_{59.4}Cu_{12.6} (at%) thin film (Bechtold *et al.*, 2012), NiTiCuCo (Ossmer *et al.*, 2015), and NiTiCuV (Schmidt *et al.*, 2015), CuZnAl (Bonnot *et al.*, 2008; Manosa *et al.*, 2013; Vives, 2011), Ni₂FeGa (Pataky *et al.*, 2015), Ni₂FeGaCo (Xiao *et al.*, 2015), CoNiAl (Pataky *et al.*, 2015), FePd (Xiao *et al.*, 2013), NiMnInCo (Lu *et al.*, 2014), NiMnIn (Huang *et al.*, 2015), and NiMnSn (Sun *et al.*, 2016). The quantity ΔT_{th} is related to ΔS by the relationship $\Delta T_{th} = -\frac{T\Delta S}{C_p}$, where T is the deformation temperature and C_p is the heat capacity (Mañosa and Planes, 2017; Moya *et al.*, 2014). Elastocaloric (EC) effect refers to the temperature decrease in shape memory alloys (SMAs) during reverse transformation from martensite to austenite (Fig. 27(b)).

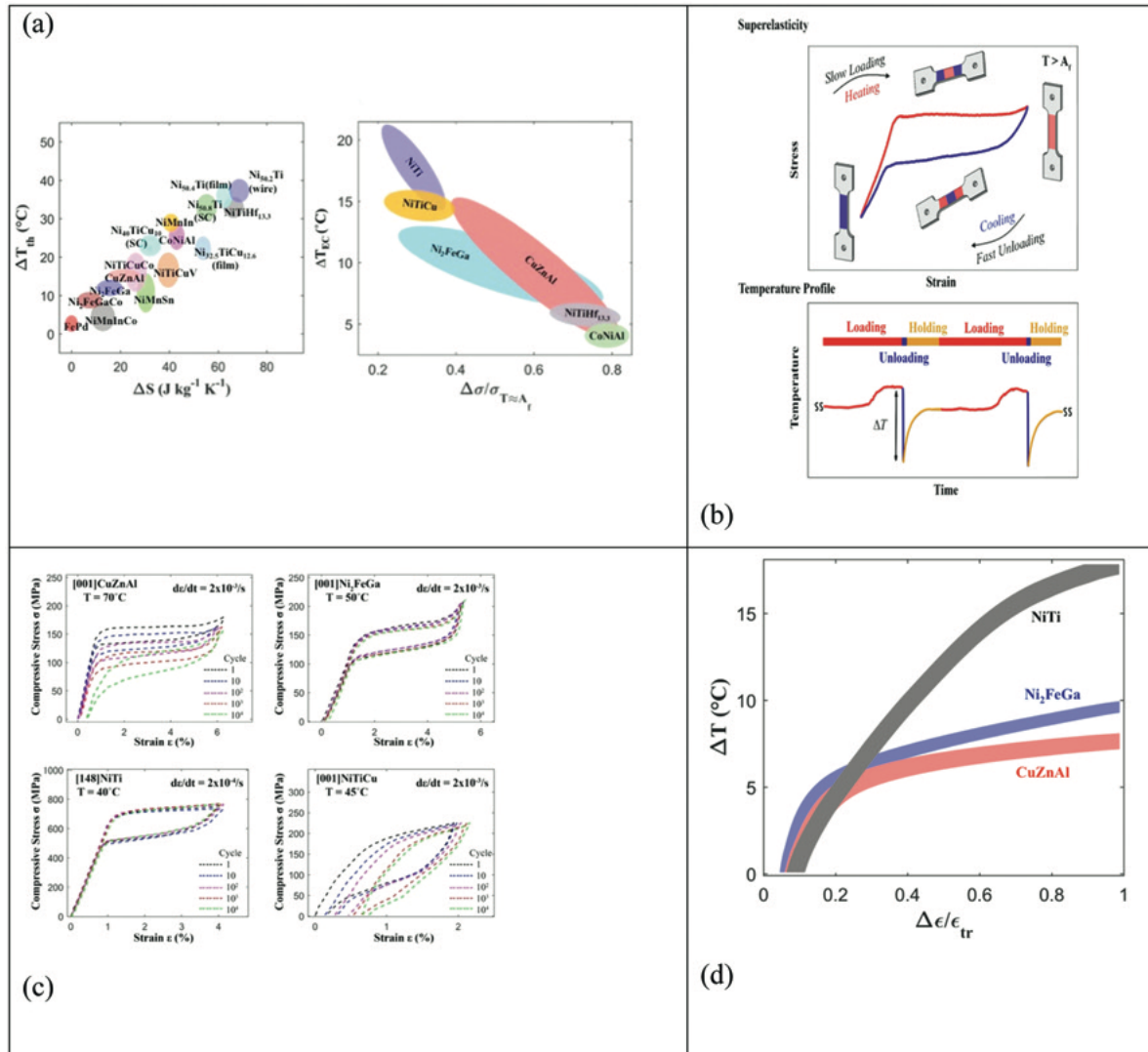


Fig. 27 (a) The linear correlation between theoretical change in temperature and the entropy change, (b) stress-strain and temperature profile that illustrates the EC effect, (c) Cyclic stress-strain curves for SMAs that have been tested to study the EC effect, (d) the increase in temperature due to EC effect as a function of applied strain showing that the effect is maximized when applied strain is near maximum transformation strain, (e) A 3D plot showing the dependence of the temperature change as a function of applied strain, entropy change and maximum applied stress. Reproduced from (a) and (d) Sehitoglu, H., Wu, Y., Ertekin, E., 2018. Elastocaloric effects in the extreme. *Scripta Materialia* 148, 122–126. (b) and (e) Wu, Y., Ertekin, E., Sehitoglu, H., 2017. Elastocaloric cooling capacity of shape memory alloys – Role of deformation temperatures, mechanical cycling, stress hysteresis and inhomogeneity of transformation. *Acta Materialia* 135, 158–176.

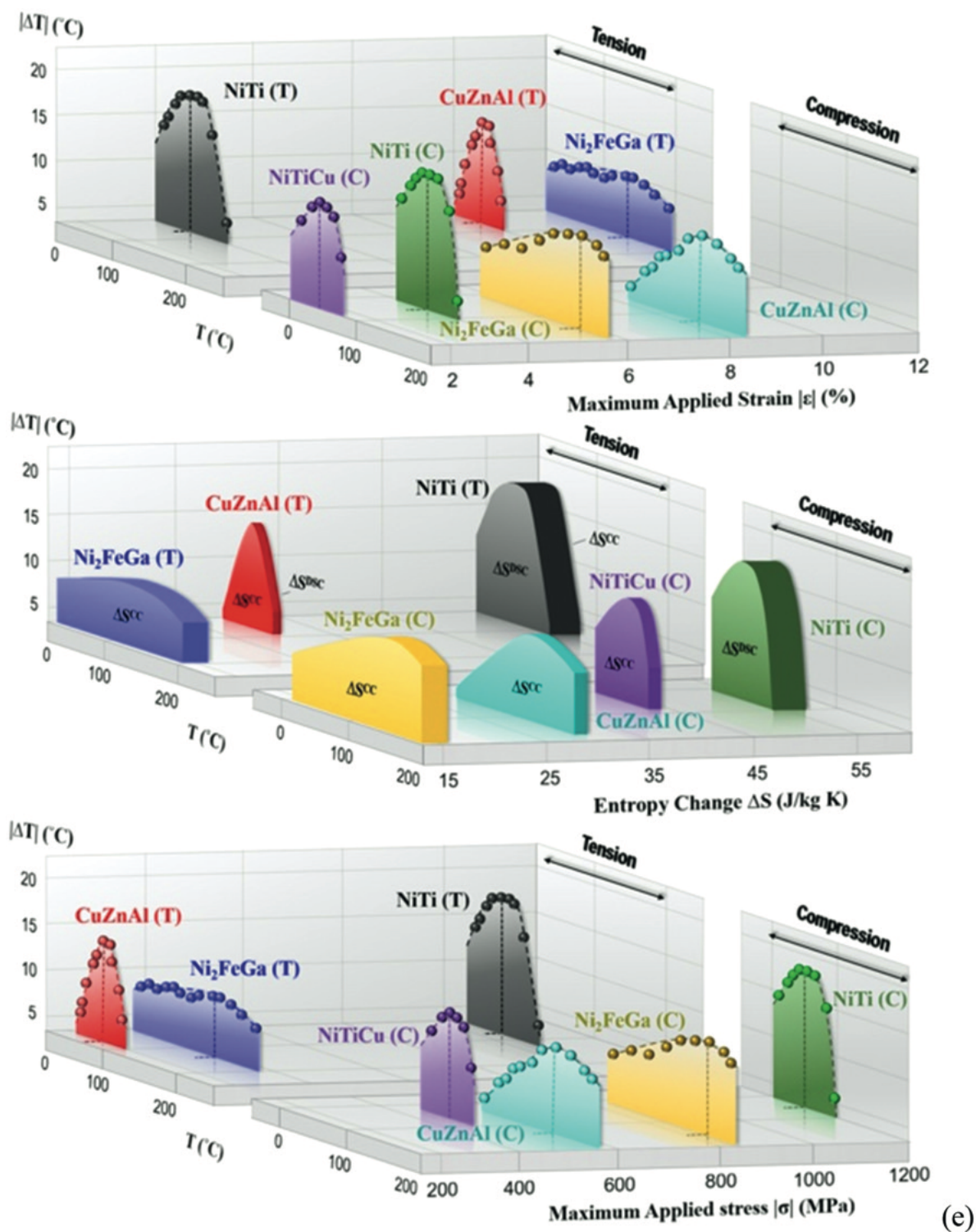


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The EC effect occurs under phase transformation due to an entropy change under adiabatic conditions. It is important to know if the EC effect is stable under multi-cycles (Manosa *et al.*, 2013) and the range of deformation temperatures over which the effect is active. Several experiments were conducted to study this effect because as noted in Fig. 27(c) the measured temperature change is a function of the normalized cycling strain with the largest temperature changes corresponding to application of high strain near the transformation strain (Fig. 27(d)). If the rate of unloading is fast, the cooling is nearly adiabatic which produces a temperature drop of nearly 25°C in NiTi. Such a temperature change can open potentially new applications and avoid the expensive rare earth materials which are inherently brittle. The results show that under long-term cyclic deformation the response of NiTi and Ni₂FeGa are stable under loading and unloading but the failure under fatigue conditions remain a concern. In the case of NiTi-based SMAs, many papers have been published regarding the fatigue lives of NiTi (Pelton *et al.*, 2008; Miyazaki *et al.*, 1999; Pelton, 2011; Eggeler *et al.*, 2004; Melton and Mercier, 1979c; Nakahara *et al.*, 2000; Figueiredo *et al.*, 2009) and polycrystalline NiTiCu (Miyazaki *et al.*, 1999). For practical usage EC operation must exceed millions of cycles and longer fatigue lives are obtained for smaller $\Delta\epsilon/\epsilon_{tr}$ (Fig. 27(d)). A 3D plot showing the dependence of the temperature change as a function of applied strain, entropy change and maximum applied stress is given in Fig. 27(e).

Ferromagnetic Shape Memory Behavior

The magnetically induced shape changes occur primarily in the martensitic regime in nickel manganese gallium and iron palladium alloys (Chen *et al.*, 2014a; Heczko *et al.*, 2000; Kainuma, 2006; Manosa *et al.*, 1993; Müllner *et al.*, 2003; Müllner and Kosterz, 2008; Murray *et al.*, 2000; O'Handley, 2000; O'Handley *et al.*, 2000; Sozinov *et al.*, 2002; Straka *et al.*, 2004; Sun *et al.*, 2016; Tickle, 2000; Ullakko *et al.*, 1996; Webster *et al.*, 1984; Yu, 2009b; Zayak *et al.*, 2003; Karaman and Lagoudas, 2006; Sozinov *et al.*, 2001). The martensite domains have internal twin variants to minimize the energy of the system. The orientation of the variants with respect to the crystallographic axis is known. If the sample is cooled under an applied stress a single variant of martensite will form. The ferromagnetic shape memory alloys undergo the largest shape change when the rearrangement of a single martensitic variant occurs under an applied magnetic field. It is the rearrangement of the martensite at relatively low fields that has attracted considerable scientific attention. The levels of strain in magnetic shape memory alloys are much higher than the small strains of the order of 0.1% encountered in magnetostrictive and piezoelectric materials.

The twin boundary motion is the key and is dependent on the different magnetic anisotropy (the difference in area between the M-H curves for easy and hard axis), which undergoes alignments under the applied magnetic field. The L1₀ is the martensitic ground state (Ayuela *et al.*, 2002; Zayak *et al.*, 2003). The process can proceed at low stresses via disconnection-assisted migration (Müllner and Kosterz, 2008; Pond and Celotto, 2003).

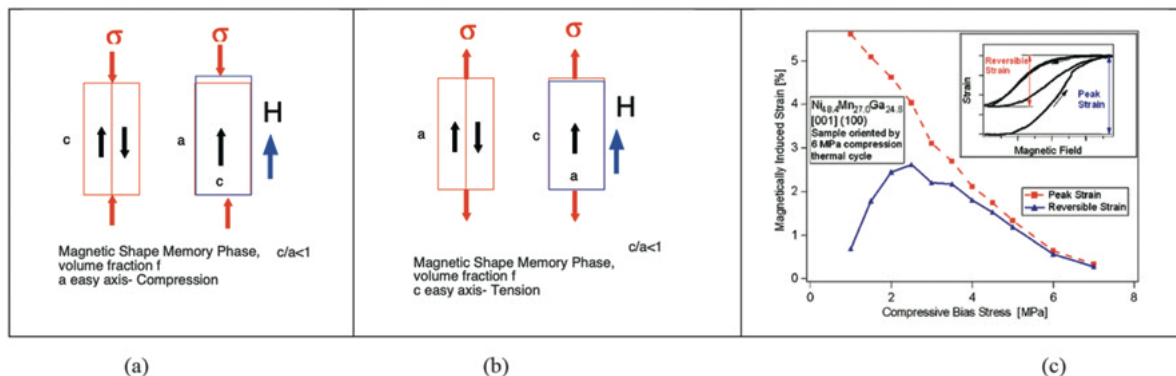


Fig. 28 (a) If $c/a < 1$ upon cooling under compression, the c axis is vertical. Upon application of magnetic field a c axis becomes vertical if a c axis is the easy axis, (b) Under tension a -axis is vertical, if c -axis is easy axis, the magnetic field shifts vertical axis to c -axis, (c) the measurements of magnetically induced strain as a function of biasing stress. Reproduced from Callaway, J.D., *et al.*, 2006. Magnetic shape memory in Ni₂MnGa as influenced by applied stress. Applied Physics Letters 89, 221905–221901.

In the case of ferromagnetic shape memory, the strain is derived from a switch of the martensite domains from 'a' axis vertical to 'c' axis vertical (or vice versa) under the application of a magnetic field (Fig. 28(a)). If compression was applied as biasing stress, then 'a-axis' vertical would form because $c/a < 1$. Since the magnetically easy axis is the 'c-axis' the applied vertical field will switch the martensite to vertical 'c'-axis' resulting in a large dimensional change. A high magnetic anisotropy and a low energy barrier for twin boundary motion is conducive to reorientation and magnetic shape memory. If during magnetization the boundary movement is not reversible the magnetization versus field strength curves exhibit considerable hysteresis. The absence of a hysteresis is an indication of reversible boundary motion, a desirable attribute in ferromagnetic shape memory alloys.

An overview of magnetic shape memory developments is given (Ullakko *et al.*, 1996; Murray *et al.*, 2000). The accompanying strain change can be a few percent as shown in Fig. 28(c). We note that MSM alloys produce large strains but not high stresses. The ferromagnetic shape memory materials have several characteristics that make them unique. They have to: (a) exhibit low twinning stress, (b) high magnetic anisotropy, and (c) high strains due to variant orientation change. The major drawbacks have been: (a) inherent brittleness of these materials, (b) the high cost of producing these materials, (c) extreme sensitivity to the compositional variations and (d) operation at low bias stress levels while higher stress is desirable in structures.

This field of research received considerable emphasis in the 1990s and over time continuous efforts by teams in Germany, Japan, Spain, and Czech Republic continue. The major advantage of these materials is the speed of actuation due to magnetic field application compared to the relatively slow actuation under temperature application (shape memory). The majority of the works in this field were undertaken on the well-known NiMnGa alloys (Callaway *et al.*, 2006; Heczko *et al.*, 2000) but other alloys have also been utilized (such as FePd) (Tickle, 2000).

Fatigue of Shape Memory Alloys

Fatigue Crack Growth

There have been early attempts to generate fatigue crack growth characterization of NiTi (Melton and Mercier, 1979b) (Fig. 29(a)). The well-known fatigue crack growth experiments on NiTi SMAs have been conducted by Ritchie and his students (McKelvey and Ritchie, 1999, 2001; Robertson *et al.*, 2007, 2012) who documented the threshold stress intensity, the Paris Regime for austenite and martensite microstructures (Fig. 29(b)). The general consensus that emerged from their experiments is that the martensite exhibits superior fatigue crack growth response compared to austenite. Since the work of Ritchie (Table 13 first row), there has been a paucity of experimental works in shape memory fatigue crack growth. Later experiments on fatigue crack growth were undertaken by Sehitoglu and his students (Wu *et al.*, 2019; Sidharth *et al.*, 2020a; Sgambitterra *et al.*, 2019; Sidharth *et al.*, 2020b; Wu *et al.*, 2015; Yaacoub and Sehitoglu, 2019; Sgambitterra *et al.*, 2018) on Ni₂FeGa, NiTi, CuZnAl and FeMnNiAl (Fig. 29(c)-(g)). The stress intensity has been derived by regression of the displacement fields. This provided insight into the local driving forces accounting for the transformation strain of the initially austenitic specimens. Three observations are noted from these experiments:

- (1) The local driving force differs from the handbook solutions because of shielding effects for Ni₂FeGa (Wu *et al.*, 2015) and NiTi (Sgambitterra *et al.*, 2018) (Fig. 29(c)-(e)). The closure forces due to transformation are more substantial in Ni₂FeGa resulting in higher thresholds.
- (2) Non-shielding effects were observed in CuZnAl (Wu *et al.*, 2019) and FeMnNiAl (Sidharth *et al.*, 2020a) in view of the asymmetric transformation zones contributing to higher fatigue crack growth rates compared to other SMAs (Fig. 29(d-g)).
- (3) In FeMnNiAl, when new variants are activated ahead of the crack tip, transient retardation effects were observed (Sidharth *et al.*, 2020a) (Fig. 29(g)).
- (4) The fatigue crack growth rates are crystal orientation dependent in NiTi (Yaacoub and Sehitoglu, 2019) and the local accumulation of strain that produces irreversible displacements is also orientation dependent (Fig. 29(h)).
- (5) The driving forces in shape memory alloys have a Mode II component that must be considered especially when the transformation zone is not symmetric with respect to the crack plane (Fig. 29(f and g)).
- (6) The major finding in these studies is that the load carrying capacity of CuZnAl (Fig. 29(f)) is far lower than other SMAs. This is unfortunate because the CuZnAl has excellent transformation strains and low hysteresis.
- (7) Intrinsic threshold stress intensity could be high in shape memory alloys but the extrinsic value could be lower in FeMnNiAl and CuZnAl (Wu *et al.*, 2019; Sidharth *et al.*, 2020a) due to non-shielding effects. Further work is needed along the lines of the schematic shown in Fig. 29(i).

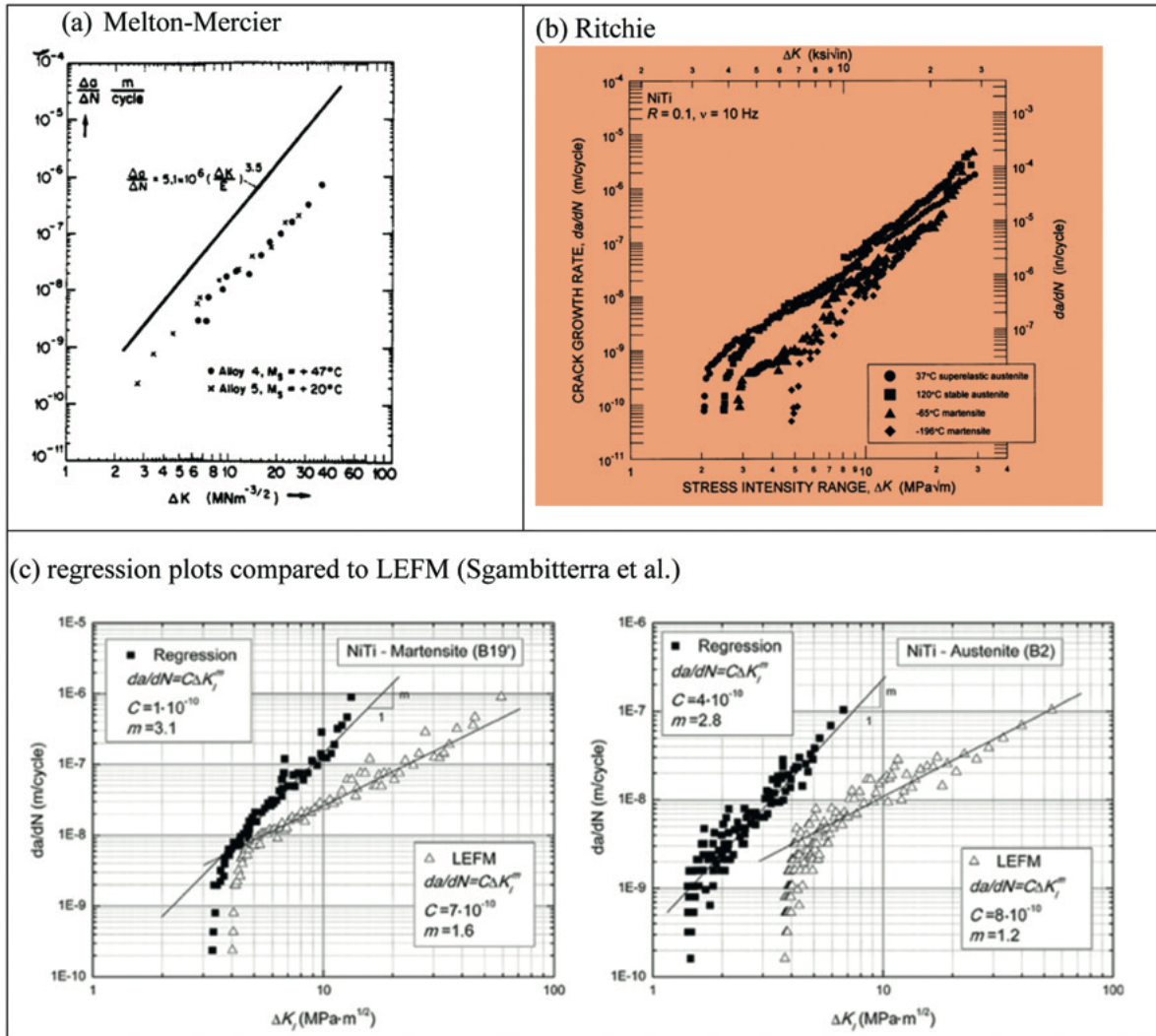


Fig. 29 (a) Early works on fatigue crack growth display rather low threshold stress intensity, (b) results that show superior FCG in martensite compared to austenite, (c) comparison of martensite and austenite fatigue crack growth data, (d) asymmetric transformation zones near the crack tip, (e) Fatigue Crack growth (the effective stress intensity range is arrived at by regression of the displacement fields), CuZnAl FCG curves showing the deshielding effect (i.e., the effective values of stress intensity are higher than the LEFM solution), (e) fatigue crack growth data on Ni2FeGa class of SMAs, (f) fatigue crack growth experiments on a new SMA (FeMnNiAl), details of the stress-intensity range calculation is given in reference (Sidharth, R., Wu, Y., Brenne, F., Abuzaid, W., Sehitoglu, H., 2020a. Relationship between functional fatigue and structural fatigue of iron-based shape memory alloy FeMnNiAl. *Shape Memory and Superelasticity* 6, 256–272) (g) the evolution of irreversible displacements as crack growth occurs, (g) accumulation of residual strains at the crack tip with fatigue cycling, (h) potential modeling strategies of dislocation emission at the crack tip in an inhomogeneous microstructure with plastic zone in martensite, the matrix is austenitic. Reproduced from (a) Melton, K.N., Mercier, O., 1979b. Fatigue of NiTi thermoelastic martensites. *Acta Metallurgica* 27, 137–144. Available at: [http://doi.org/10.1016/0001-6160\(79\)90065-8](http://doi.org/10.1016/0001-6160(79)90065-8). (b) McKelvey, A.L., Ritchie, R.O., 2001. Fatigue-crack growth behavior in the superelastic and shape-memory alloy nitinol. *Metallurgical and Materials Transactions A* 32, 731–743. doi: 10.1007/s11661-001-1008-7. Sgambitterra, E., Maletta, C., Furguele, F., Sehitoglu, H., 2018. Fatigue crack propagation in [0 1 2] NiTi single crystal alloy. *International Journal of Fatigue* 112, 9–20). (d) Wu, Y., et al., 2019. Deshielding effects on fatigue crack growth in shape memory alloys-A study on CuZnAl single-crystalline materials. *Acta Materialia* 176, 155–166. (e) Wu, Y., Ojha, A., Patriarca, L., Sehitoglu, H., 2015. Fatigue crack growth fundamentals in shape memory alloys. *Shape Memory and Superelasticity* 1, 18–40.

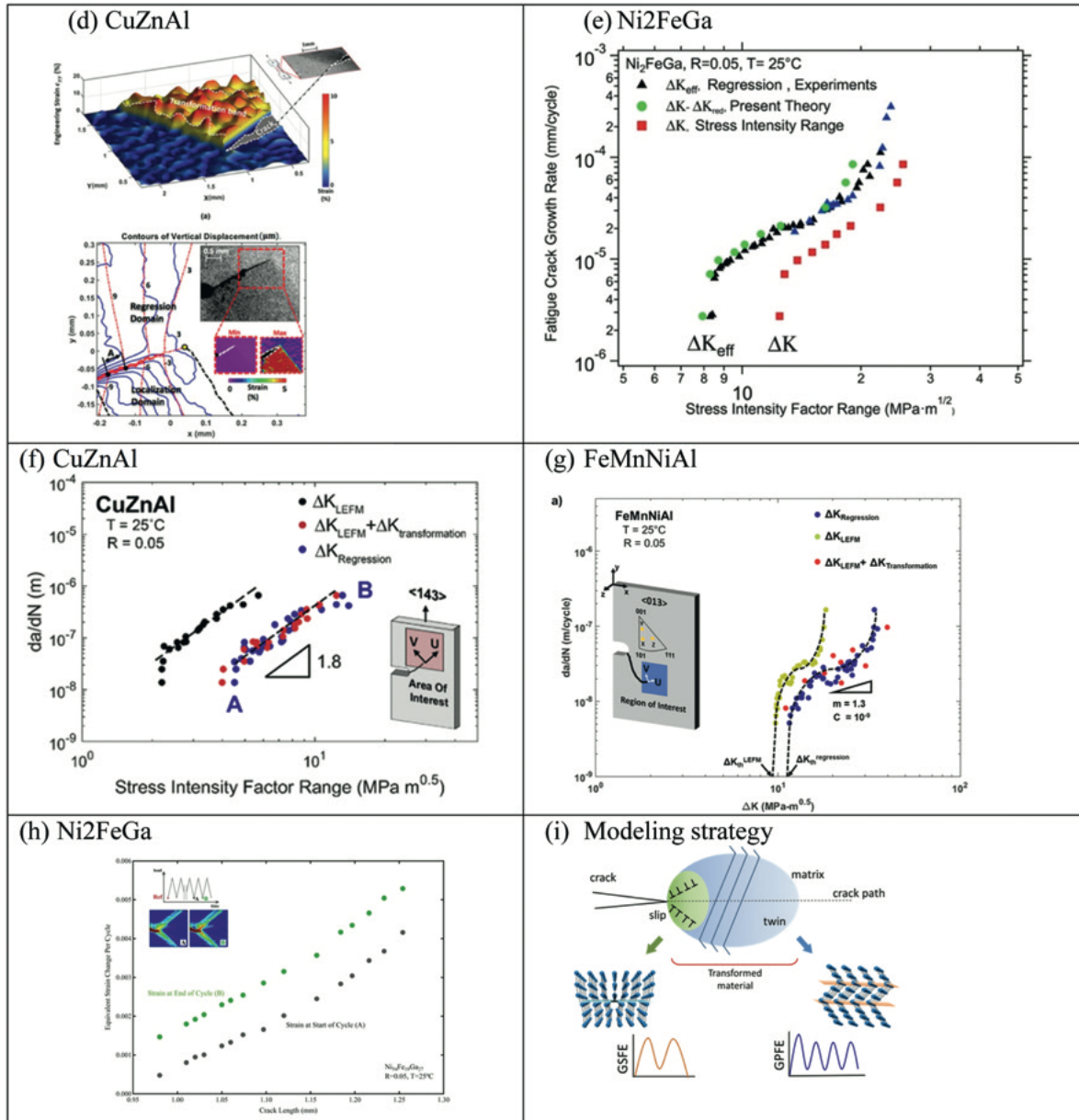


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Table 13 Summary of the FCG and LCF/HCF research on shape memory materials

Melton-Mercier (Melton and Mercier, 1979b), Ritchie <i>et al</i> (McKelvey and Ritchie, 1999, 2001; Robertson <i>et al.</i> , 2007, 2012), Sehitoglu <i>et al</i> (Wu <i>et al.</i> , 2019; Sidharth <i>et al.</i> , 2020a; Sgambitterra <i>et al.</i> , 2019; Sidharth <i>et al.</i> , 2020b; Wu <i>et al.</i> , 2015; Yaacoub and Sehitoglu, 2019; Sgambitterra <i>et al.</i> , 2018), Daly-LePage (LePage <i>et al.</i> , 2021)	NiTi, CuZnAl, Ni ₂ FeGa	Very low crack thresholds less than $3\text{MPa}\sqrt{\text{m}}$ in NiTi and CuZnAl, higher thresholds ($10\text{MPa}\sqrt{\text{m}}$) in Ni ₂ FeGa. Martensite has higher thresholds compared to austenite.
Sade <i>et al</i> (Sade and Hornbogen, 1988; Damiani <i>et al.</i> , 2002), Gall-Sehitoglu-Maier (Gall <i>et al.</i> , 1999d, 2001, 2008; Gall and Maier, 2002; Gall <i>et al.</i> , 1998b), Miyazaki <i>et al</i> (Miyazaki <i>et al.</i> , 1986, 1998), Hornbogen-Eggeler <i>et al</i> (Hornbogen and Eggeler, 2004; Hornbogen, 1978), Pelton <i>et al</i> (Pelton <i>et al.</i> , 2008), Ritchie <i>et al</i> (Cao <i>et al.</i> , 2020), Petrini <i>et al</i> (Berti <i>et al.</i> , 2021), Moumni <i>et al</i> (Moumni <i>et al.</i> , 2005)	CuZnAl, NiTi	Demonstrated residual martensite and irreversibility at microscale, interaction of dislocation tangles with martensites lowering of transformation stress and significant hardening in fatigue, emerging debate on mean strain effects in HCF.
Brown <i>et al</i> (Brown, 1979, 1982), Laird <i>et al</i> (Ritter <i>et al.</i> , 1979; Yang <i>et al.</i> , 1977), Delaey <i>et al</i> (Andrade <i>et al.</i> , 1985; Delaey <i>et al.</i> , 1978; Janssen <i>et al.</i> , 1979)	CuAlNi	Fatigue crack initiation at matrix-martensite and grain boundary interfaces, incompatibility among grains, local rise in temperature during fatigue.

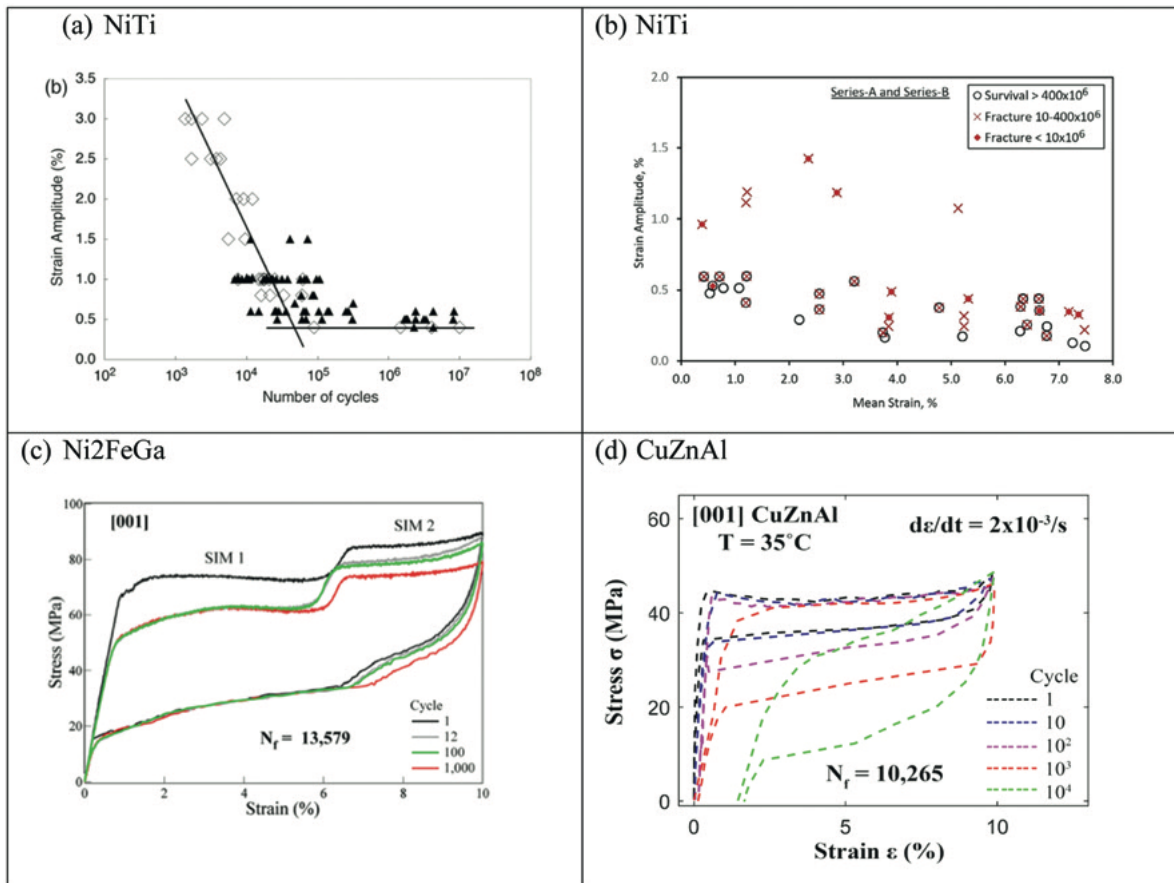


Fig. 30 (a) Strain amplitude vs fatigue life displaying the LCF and HCF regimes, (b) the strain amplitude versus mean strain corresponding to the fatigue limit region, (c) Stress-strain response of Ni₂FeGa showing fatigue lives over 13,000 cycles at a strain range exceeding 10%, (d) the stress-strain response of CuZnAl showing fatigue lives exceeding 10,000 cycles for a strain range of 10%, (e) Ni₂FeGa results, (f) Slip in Austenite displaying localization at austenite-martensite interfaces as evidenced by many research groups. NiTi is one of the most researched SMAs as well as most widely used in commercial applications., (g) Slip in martensite, dislocations are noted on twin variant interfaces. (h) nucleation and growth of fatigue cracks at austenite-martensite interfaces in FeMnNiAl. Reproduced from (a) Pelton, A., *et al.*, 2008. Fatigue and durability of Nitinol stents. *Journal of the Mechanical Behavior of Biomedical Materials* 1, 153–164. (b) Cao, H., Wu, M.H., Zhou, F., McMeeking, R.M. & Ritchie, R.O., 2020. The influence of mean strain on the high-cycle fatigue of Nitinol with application to medical devices. *Journal of the Mechanics and Physics of Solids* 143, 104057, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jmps.2020.104057>. (c) Efstathiou, C., Sehitoglu, H., Kurath, P., Foletti, S., Davoli, P., 2007. Fatigue response of NiFeGa single crystals. *Scripta materialia* 57, 409–412. (d) and (e) Wu, Y., Ertekin, E., Sehitoglu, H., 2017. Elastocaloric cooling capacity of shape memory alloys – Role of deformation temperatures, mechanical cycling, stress hysteresis and inhomogeneity of transformation. *Acta Materialia* 135, 158–176. (f) Chowdhury, P., Sehitoglu, H., 2017b. A revisit to atomistic rationale for slip in shape memory alloys. *Progress in Materials Science* 85, 1–42. Norfleet, D., *et al.*, 2009. Transformation-induced plasticity during pseudoelastic deformation in Ni–Ti microcrystals. *Acta Materialia* 57, 3549–3561. Delville, R., Malard, B., Pilch, J., Sittner, P., Schryvers, D., 2011. Transmission electron microscopy investigation of dislocation slip during superelastic cycling of Ni–Ti wires. *International Journal of Plasticity* 27, 282–297. Hamilton, R. F., Sehitoglu, H., Chumlyakov, Y., Maier, H.J., 2004. Stress dependence of the hysteresis in single crystal NiTi alloys. *Acta Materialia* 52, 3383–3402. Pfetzinger-Micklich, J., *et al.*, 2012. Orientation dependence of stress-induced phase transformation and dislocation plasticity in NiTi shape memory alloys on the micro scale. *Materials Science and Engineering: A* 538, 265–271. Pelton, A., Huang, G., Moine, P., Sinclair, R., 2012. Effects of thermal cycling on microstructure and properties in Nitinol. *Materials Science and Engineering: A* 532, 130–138. Nemat-Nasser, S., Choi, J.-Y., Guo, W.-G., Isaacs, J.B., 2005b. Very high strain-rate response of a NiTi shape-memory alloy. *Mechanics of materials* 37, 287–298. (g) Chowdhury, P., Sehitoglu, H., 2017b. A revisit to atomistic rationale for slip in shape memory alloys. *Progress in Materials Science* 85, 1–42. From Liu, Y., Xie, Z., Van Humbeeck, J., Delaey, L., 1998. Asymmetry of stress-strain curves under tension and compression for NiTi shape memory alloys. *Acta Materialia* 46, 4325–4338. Chumlyakov, Y., *et al.* Shape memory effect and high-temperature superelasticity in high-strength single crystals. *Journal of Alloys and Compounds* 577, S393–S398. (h) Sidharth, R., Abuzaid, W., Vollmer, M., Niendorf, T., Sehitoglu, H., 2020b. Fatigue crack initiation in the iron-based shape memory alloy FeMnAlNiTi. *Shape Memory and Superelasticity* 6, 323–331.

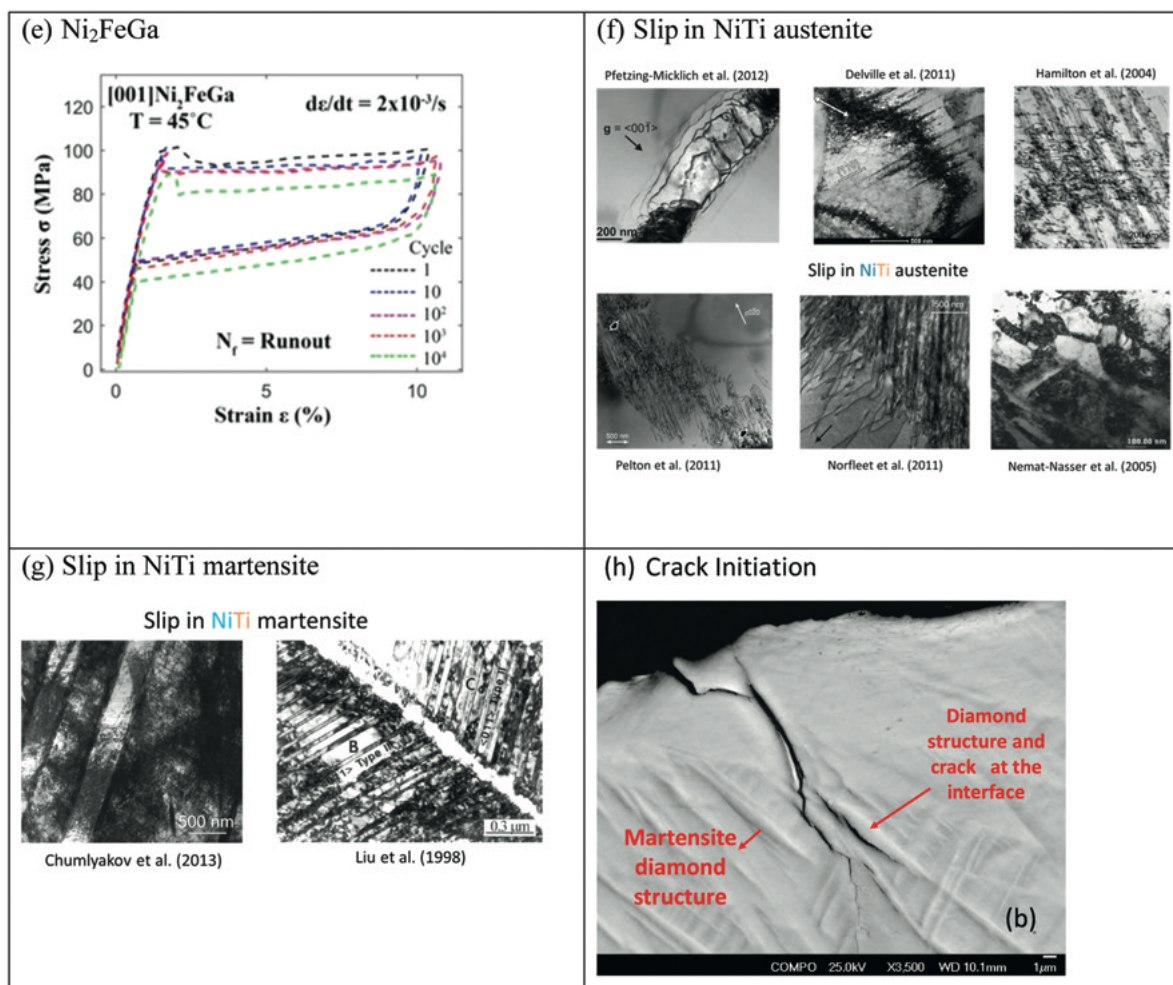


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Fatigue Crack Initiation (LCF and HCF)

There are many studies which have focused on experiments (in LCF and HCF regimes- Table 13–2nd and 3rd rows) and collected fatigue data. Then, plots of strain-life and stress-life curves have been generated. These fatigue experiments were conducted on polycrystals, and often in the superelastic regime. Majority of the works have been conducted on NiTi; however, there are early experiments on Cu based alloys and more recent work on Ni_2FeGa and others. The recent results on NiTi stent wires subjected to axial-bending loading showed that the strain amplitudes corresponding to the fatigue limit is of the order of 0.4% (Fig. 30(a)). There has been debate on the dependence of this strain amplitude on the mean strain, one study proposing an increase in the allowable strain with increasing mean strain (Pelton *et al.*, 2008) while others proposing a decrease in the strain amplitude from 0.4% to 0.16% for mean strains higher than 3% (Cao *et al.*, 2020) (Fig. 30(a) and (b)). Nevertheless, two observations are noteworthy: (1) the strain amplitude limit of 0.4% corresponding to long lives in HCF is still relatively high compared to conventional metals but is significantly lower compared to the maximum recoverable strains which can be of the order of 6%–10% in NiTi polycrystals, (2) there is considerable scatter in fatigue lives in the very high cycle fatigue regime of the order of three orders of magnitude. Further work is needed to explain the source of this variation in lives. The variations in grain size, grain misorientations, dislocation emission and nucleation at austenite/martensite boundaries, internal stresses at matrix/precipitate boundaries, the origin of cracking (surface where there are high image stresses versus the interior of the sample) need to be incorporated in a comprehensive fatigue model.

There has been previous fatigue work on other shape memory compositions. The results shown in Fig. 30(c)–(e) are for Ni_2FeGa and CuZnAl single crystals respectively. We note that the fatigue lives exceeded 10^4 cycles for a strain amplitude of 5% in Ni_2FeGa . Note that the Ni_2FeGa alloy undergoes two stage transformation and the maximum transformation strains can reach 14%. We note that the absence of grain boundaries is conducive to long fatigue lives in CuZnAl alloys as well pointing to the role

strain accumulation at the boundaries. While a preferred variant forms in single crystals the variant selection changes from grain to grain in the case of polycrystals. There has been also interest in NiTiCu as it could produce a lower hysteresis compared to NiTi and other SMAs, but its fatigue response could be inferior to the alloys discussed in this section.

Using electron microscopy, the fatigue-induced dislocation slip structures and the prevailing systems have been identified and shown in Fig. 30(f) for the austenitic phase of NiTi SMA (Norfleet *et al.*, 2009; Delville *et al.*, 2011; Hamilton *et al.*, 2004; Pfitzing-Micklich *et al.*, 2012; Pelton *et al.*, 2012; Nemat-Nasser *et al.*, 2005b). The lattice resistance to slip operative at the sub-lattice scale has been established in theoretical works from Ezaz *et al.* and Hatcher *et al.* (Ezaz *et al.*, 2013; Hatcher *et al.*, 2009b) based on fault energetics of NiTi austenite. The slip in martensite is generally more difficult and occurs only at higher stress magnitudes than in austenite (Liu *et al.*, 1998; Chumlyakov *et al.*, 2013; Xie *et al.*, 1998) (Fig. 30(g)). On the other hand, the martensitic twinning can occur at relatively low stresses and different modes of twinning have been discussed earlier. The images in Fig. 30(f) and (g) point to localization (or high density of dislocations and entanglements) at interfaces. Fig. 30(h) shows the nucleation of the fatigue cracks at the austenite-martensite interfaces in FeMnNiAl where localization develops consistent with the early observations from Section “Irrational Twin Planes and the Origin of the Irrationality (Comparison With Experiments) and Slip Emission”.

Fracture of Shape Memory Alloys

The fracture of conventional materials has been studied in depth from a continuum viewpoint over several decades. Measures such as critical stress intensity (K_{IC}) and critical energy release rate (G_C or J_{IC}) emerged as engineering tools to measure cracking resistance. From the continuum viewpoint, the driving forces such as stress intensity (LEFM) have been computed with finite elements for different crack geometries, and their critical values, often related to the surface energy for cleavage, correspond to the material toughness. On the experimental side, the load displacement curves in cracked specimens have been measured to establish the critical load that corresponds to nucleation (initiation) of fracture. The occurrence of plasticity is known to raise the resistance to fracture and measures such as J-integral have been introduced to account for nonlinear material behavior. The main issue with the shape memory alloys is that primary deformation mechanism is via crystallographic transformation with internal twinning and concurrent plasticity. The transformation is mainly due to shear and can be as high as 10% strain. One would expect relatively high toughness with such high levels of crack tip shear, but shape memory materials have low intrinsic toughness. This is partly because of the crystallographic order and higher unstable fault energies (which control slip mediated plasticity) compared to the surface energy (Rice and Thomson, 1974). The onset of slip can result in crack blunting hence ductile behavior. Plastic slip can occur in shape memory alloys during transformation and is expected to affect the

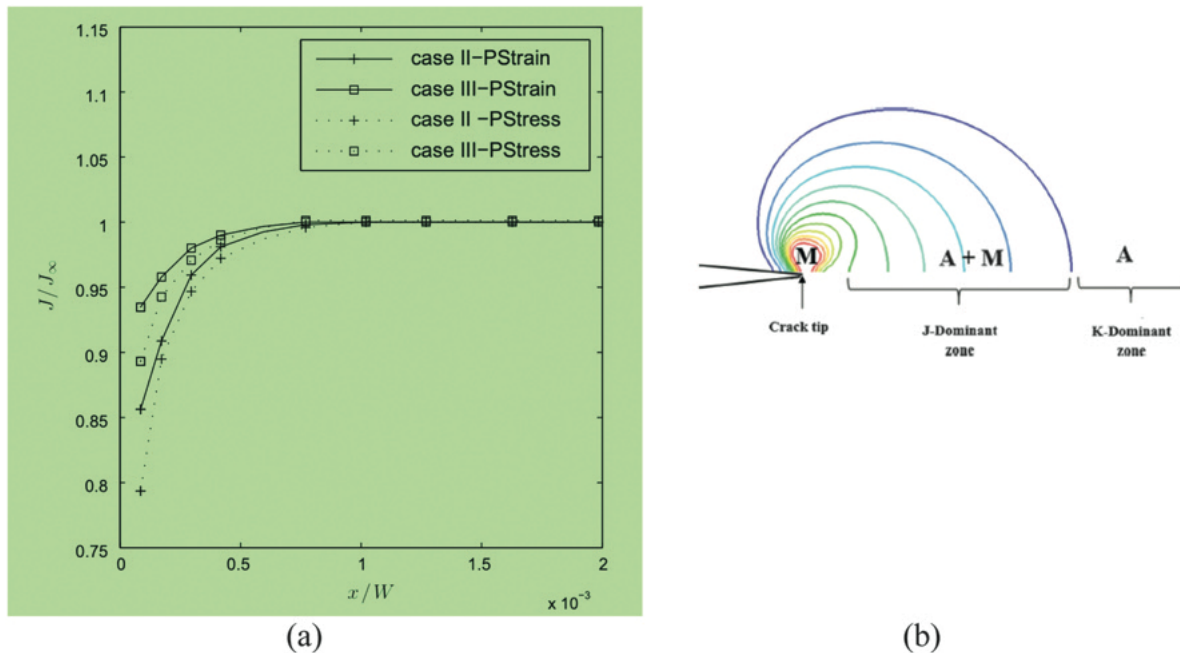


Fig. 31 (a) The magnitude of J varies near the crack tip (M and A + M domains) and reaches a steady state, J_{∞} , far from the crack tip (in the austenite regime), (b) nonlinear crack tip asymptotic equations were derived in Özerim *et al.* Reproduced from (a) Hazar, S., Zaki, W., Moumni, Z., Anlas, G., 2015. Modeling of steady-state crack growth in shape memory alloys using a stationary method. *International Journal of Plasticity* 67, 26–38. Available at: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ijplas.2014.08.018>. (b) Özerim, G., Anlas, G., Moumni, Z., 2018. On crack tip stress fields in pseudoelastic shape memory alloys. *International Journal of Fracture* 212, 205–217. doi:10.1007/s10704-018-0300-0.

fracture behavior but the phenomenon is not well understood. The design of high toughness SMAs has eluded current researchers with most SMAs exhibiting toughness levels less than $50 \text{ MPa m}^{1/2}$. This is a topic to be investigated in future studies. In this article, we will review the existing works on both experimental and theoretical (mainly continuum) fronts on fracture behavior of SMAs.

Several continuum formulations of stress-strain response of shape memory alloys have been proposed but they have considerable limitations to predict a wide range of material behavior over a broad range of strains, temperatures, strain rates. These thermo-mechanical models are phenomenological in nature and have several internal variables such as volume fraction of martensite, the critical stress for transformation, and temperature. They have been used in simulations to formulate a fracture criteria. We note that forward transformation results in a temperature rise and cooling upon reverse transformation which alters the stress-strain response considerably. The plastic strains are handled as additive in these models which is a huge approximation because the plastic strain must be coupled with transformation. The strain energies depend on the elastic moduli (with large number of anisotropic constants) which is evolving during the deformation as martensite forms and is distinct from austenite as illustrated earlier in the paper (Wang and Sehitoglu, 2014d). These details complicate the interpretation of numerical results and can potentially be resolved in future treatments.

Determination of Driving Forces

When a crack is present in a structure made of a superelastic shape memory alloy, high stresses that occur at the crack tip induce almost an immediate phase transformation, and the crack tip is surrounded by a non-homogeneous region of martensite and austenite + martensite. The parent austenite surrounds this zone further away. Even for a simple crack geometry and loading state, the resulting problem to be studied is a nonhomogeneous cracked domain which deviates significantly from the homogenous continuum treatments. Standard linear elastic fracture mechanics solutions do not apply to determine the driving forces in these cases.

Asymptotic equations of (LEFM), as $r \rightarrow 0$, describe the stress field around the crack tip (Williams, 1957) in homogenous bodies. Assuming the transformation region is small with respect to crack dimensions, the far field stress field is described by

$$\sigma_{ij}(r, \theta) = \frac{K_I}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} f_{ij}(\theta).$$

The asymptotic equations above require the knowledge of the Mode I stress intensity factor (SIF), K_I i.e., the driving force. Although results for SIFs for several different geometries and loadings are presented in the literature in detail for LEFM (Sih, 1973; Murakami, 1992) for homogeneous elastic deformations, studies on the precise evaluation of the driving forces in SMAs are limited because one must account for transformation-induced strains and tractions which are difficult to determine.

Several approaches from finite elements have been undertaken for evaluation of SIFs. In general, the J- contour integral was determined and the stress intensity factor determination follows; but in the case of an SMA this integral is contour dependent as a result of nonhomogeneity around the crack tip (Hazar *et al.*, 2015) (Fig. 31(a)). The steady state levels correspond to contours obtained in the austenite regime and results stabilize. In the constitutive model utilized in Hazar *et al.* (2015), there is provision for martensite reorientation upon unloading which modifies the results (Case II vs Case III from Hazar *et al.* (2015)), nevertheless the non-uniqueness in J-integral near the crack front is noted in both cases. Using nonlinear crack tip asymptotic equations, a J-dominant region was derived (Özerim *et al.*, 2018) similar to the Hutchinson's asymptotic treatment (Hutchinson, 1968) as shown in Fig. 31(b).

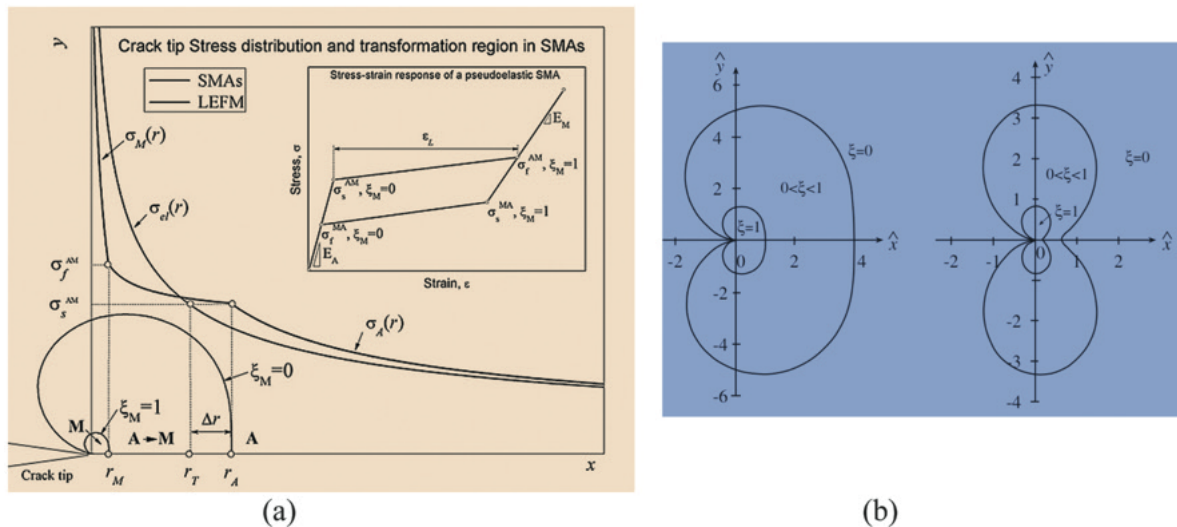


Fig. 32 (a) The stress distribution ahead of a crack tip based on the constitutive model shown in the inset, (b) the transformation zones based on a multiaxial transformation surface - the difference in plane stress and plane strain case and the evolution of the zone as volume fraction of martensite increases is noted. From (a) Maletta, C., Sgambitterra, E., Furguele, F., 2013. Crack tip stress distribution and stress intensity factor in shape memory alloys. *Fatigue & Fracture of Engineering Materials & Structures* 36, 903–912. doi:10.1111/ffe.12055. (b) Freed, Y., Bankssills, L., 2007. Crack growth resistance of shape memory alloys by means of a cohesive zone model. *Journal of the Mechanics and Physics of Solids* 55, 2157–2180. doi:10.1016/j.jmps.2007.03.002.

Furthermore, due to the dislocation-mediated localized plasticity as noted earlier, an accurate J_{tip} value cannot be readily established. This is because the martensite is often in the form of a band with a given orientation and may not be symmetric around the crack tip. Further advances in constitutive formulations (energy or other criteria) are needed which could be then applied to crack tip transformation to identify the shear band propensity (Crone and Shield, 2001) and ensuing plasticity and driving force determination. Since the elastic moduli at the tip of a stationary crack (which immediately transformed into martensite) is also needed for conversion of energy release rate, J , to stress intensity, K which is especially difficult for monoclinic martensites with 13 constants in single crystal (orientation) (Ren and Sehitoglu, 2016). In the existing finite element formulations different phenomenological constitutive equations have been adopted to model the behavior of the SMAs (Lagoudas *et al.*, 2012; Stebner and Brinson, 2013; Zaki and Mousni, 2007; Gall *et al.*, 2000a; Lagoudas *et al.*, 2006; Baxevanis *et al.*, 2012). Commercial FE softwares have their own built in models (Auricchio *et al.*, 1997); and also permit user- defined subroutines, a code prepared separately by the user. In summary, a universally accepted methodology for K calculations has not emerged.

Transformation Zone

The phase transformation region (PTR) at the crack tip evolves as crack advances. Previous treatments in the literature employed the asymptotic equations of linear elastic fracture mechanics (LEFM) to predict the extent of the PTR (Birman, 1998) based on simple constitutive equations (Tanaka and Sato, 1986). The transformation zone can be determined as a function of r and θ (Falvo *et al.*, 2009; Xiong and Liu, 2007). In Fig. 32(a), the extent of the martensitic region and the two phase domain (A + M) and the remote austenite region (A) are shown (Maletta *et al.*, 2013). The stress redistribution at the crack tip due to transformation is noted and the extent of the transformation zone considers the equilibrium due to stress redistribution. The extent of the transformation zone is illustrated for plane stress and plane strain conditions in Fig. 32(b) without considering redistribution of stresses. Nevertheless, the results point to transformation zones that differ depending on the out-of-plane constraint (Fig. 32).

In most of the studies, the stress intensity factor, K , has been calculated using LEFM, but it is well known that the transformation-induced internal forces in the crack wake modify the stress intensity (McMeeking and Evans, 1982). Similar calculations have been undertaken for shape memory alloys to illustrate the closure forces under transformation eigen strains which are dictated by shear (Wu *et al.*, 2015) which modify the transformation zones. In other treatments, the stress state around the crack tip was accounted for based on a transformation function, or a thermodynamic force together with asymptotic equations of LEFM (Hazar *et al.*, 2016; Freed and Bankssills, 2007; Stam and van der Giessen, 1995; Yi and Gao, 2000; Yi *et al.*, 2001; LExcellent and Thiebaud, 2008).

The validity of a square root singularity and the existence of a K Dominant region to calculate the stresses may be rather approximate, and non-linear response can be better characterized with energy release rate calculations (Hutchinson, 1968). This is the impetus behind the J -integral formulations in recent work. However, the J -integral determination varies within the A + M zone as shown above (Özerim *et al.*, 2018). This result points to an ambiguity regarding the use of these standard measures in SMA analysis.

There have been previous attempts on experimental determination of the transformation zone (Daly *et al.*, 2007). Digital image correlation (DIC) is a powerful tool to obtain the displacement field, and to calculate local strains that provide an approximate measure (Mutlu *et al.*, 2020; Haghgouyan *et al.*, 2016; Ahadi and Sun, 2016). In-situ synchrotron measurements (Robertson *et al.*, 2007; Gollerthan *et al.*, 2009) provide valuable insight into the phase transformation region and the contours are illustrated in Fig. 33(a).

The full displacement data (the u - v field) obtained from DIC can be fitted into asymptotic equations to obtain the crack tip parameters, K_I , K_{II} , T -stress, etc (Sgambitterra *et al.*, 2018; Haghgouyan *et al.*, 2016). Using a similar approach, SIFs can be obtained numerically using the full displacement field obtained from finite elements, and fitting them into the asymptotic formulas (Hazar *et al.*, 2016; Mutlu *et al.*, 2020; Özerim *et al.*, 2018).

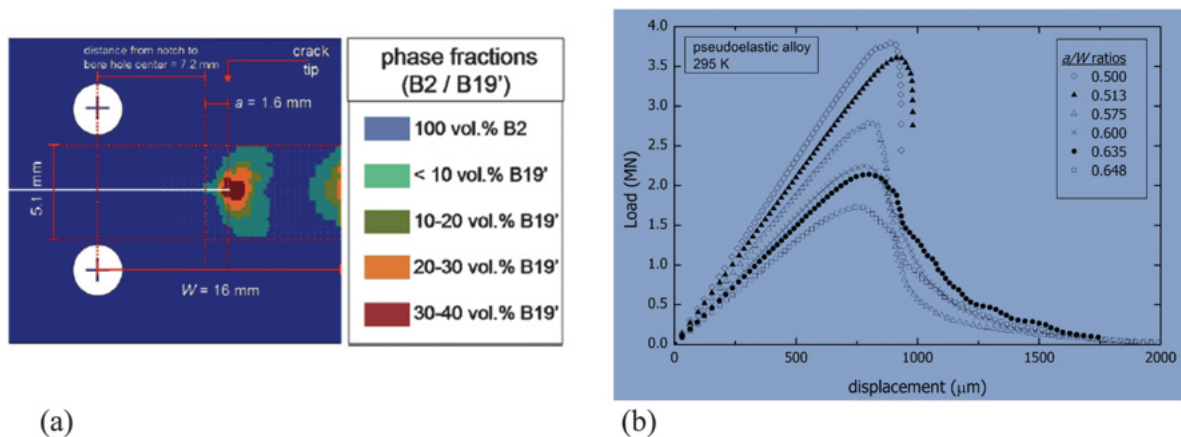


Fig. 33 (a) Phase fractions of the austenite B2 and martensite B19' structures for the two transformation zones in a pseudoelastic NiTi SMA CT specimen obtained by in situ synchrotron measurements at high stress intensity, (b) The fracture toughness estimate is obtained by using the maximum load and the corresponding crack length and the standard stress intensity formulas for the CT specimen which relate stress intensity to load, crack length, and a/W ratio. Reproduced from (a) and (b) Gollerthan, S., 2009. Fracture mechanics and microstructure in NiTi shape memory alloys. *Acta Materialia* 57, 1015–1025. doi:10.1016/j.actamat.2008.10.055.

Fracture Toughness

There are well known methods and standards for the determination of fracture toughness for metallic materials. In the case of an SMA, no closed form solution is available for K_{IC} , and no standard method exists for the evaluation of fracture toughness: the maximum level of K may be extracted from a load displacement curve (from simulations or experiments) can be used as an estimate for the toughness. If an energy approach is undertaken then the need for elastic modulus arises which is harder to define for shape memory materials considering the crack tip zone is B19' martensite and has preferred crystallographic orientation.

Experimental measurements of fracture toughness have been undertaken only in few studies (Robertson *et al.*, 2012; Robertson and Ritchie, 2007; Gollerthan *et al.*, 2008; Jiang and Vecchio, 2007; Wang *et al.*, 2008; Luo *et al.*, 2016; Baxevanis *et al.*, 2013a). A typical load vs displacement curve for pseudoelastic NiTi (Gollerthan *et al.*, 2009) is shown in Fig. 33(b), and the stress intensity is computed using the P , the maximum load, as the critical or the maximum stress intensity.

Table 14 Summary of fracture toughness results from the literature. Most experiments were conducted on NiTi

Material	Pseudoelastic NiTi	$T > M_d$ Austenitic NiTi	Martensitic NiTi	Research Group
49.2 at % Ni-Ti, 0.5 mm Thick NiTi Sheet	33.8 MPa.m ^{1/2}			Maletta <i>et al</i> (Maletta <i>et al.</i> , 2013)
52 wt % Ni-Ti, 0.16 mm Thick NiTi Sheet	51.4 + -3.6 MPa.m ^{1/2}			Daly <i>et al</i> (Daly <i>et al.</i> , 2007)
55.9 wt % Ni-Ti, 1.0 mm Thick NiTi Sheet	33.8 MPa.m ^{1/2} (DIC) 31.9 MPa.m ^{1/2} (E399)	28.1 MPa.m ^{1/2} at 373 K		Haghgouyan <i>et al</i> (Haghgouyan <i>et al.</i> , 2016)
50.7 at % Ni-Ti, 2 mm Thick NiTi Sheet	34 MPa.m ^{1/2} (E399)	53 MPa.m ^{1/2} at 423 K	31 MPa.m ^{1/2} at 295 K (50.3 at % Ni)	Gollerthan <i>et al</i> (Gollerthan <i>et al.</i> , 2009)
50.9 at % Ni -Ti 1.7 mm Thick NiTi Sheet. Nanocrystalline SE Niti. GS x, Grain Size, "x" nanometer:	GS 10: 25 MPa.m ^{1/2} GS 18: 27 MPa.m ^{1/2} GS 42: 32 MPa.m ^{1/2} GS 64: 34 MPa.m ^{1/2} GS 80: 42.5 MPa.m ^{1/2} GS 1500: 44 MPa.m ^{1/2}			Ahadi <i>et al</i> (Ahadi and Sun, 2016)
50.8 at % Ni-Ti, 0.4 mm Thick	34 MPa.m ^{1/2}			Robertson <i>et al</i> (Robertson and Ritchie, 2007)
NiTi Alloy, Ni/Ti Ratio of 55/45	39.2 + -2.8 MPa.m ^{1/2}			He <i>et al</i> (He <i>et al.</i> , 2004)
Compilation of Fracture Toughness Data for NiTi	All virtually identical steady state values of 30 MPa.m ^{1/2}			Robertson <i>et al</i> (Robertson <i>et al.</i> , 2012)
49.9 at % Ni-Ti	40 MPa.m ^{1/2} at 25 °C	64 MPa.m ^{1/2} at 150 °C		Holtz, <i>et al</i> (Holtz, 1999)
Hot Rolled NiTi Plates				
50.0 at % Ni -Ti	39.0 MPa.m ^{1/2}			Jiang <i>et al</i> (Jiang and Vecchio, 2007).
50.3 at % Ni -Ti	31.5 MPa.m ^{1/2}			Gollerthan <i>et al</i> (Gollerthan <i>et al.</i> , 2008)
Ni 56.3 wt % - Ti NiTi	39.4 MPa.m ^{1/2}			Wang <i>et al</i> (Wang <i>et al.</i> , 2008)
50.8 at % Ni -Ti	18–35 MPa.m ^{1/2} when $T < M_d$	40 MPa.m ^{1/2} at $T \approx 230$ °C	At -40 °C: 30 MPa.m ^{1/2} At 0 °C: 18 MPa.m ^{1/2}	Luo <i>et al</i> (Luo <i>et al.</i> , 2016)
NiTi Strips, 0.60–0.64 mm				
50.8 at % Ni -Ti, NiTi Sheet, Thickness: 0.60–0.50 mm	30 MPa.m ^{1/2} at 293 K to 37.5 MPa.m ^{1/2} at 333 K.			Maletta <i>et al</i> (Maletta <i>et al.</i> , 2016)
50.8 at % Ni -Ti	29.13 MPa.m ^{1/2}			Katanchi <i>et al</i> (Katanchi <i>et al.</i> , 2018)
NiTi, Thickness: 6.0 mm				
49.5 at % Ni -Ti NiTi	38 MPa.m ^{1/2} at 20°C 41 MPa.m ^{1/2} at 80°C From J_{IC} 95 MPa.m ^{1/2} at 20°C 90 MPa.m ^{1/2} at 80°C	50 MPa.m ^{1/2} at 170°C From J_{IC} 110 MPa.m ^{1/2} at 170°C		Haghgouyan <i>et al</i> , (Haghgouyan <i>et al.</i> , 2019)
49.5 at % Ni -Ti NiTi Specimens With 2,3,4,5 mm Thicknesses	32 + - 1 MPa.m ^{1/2} From J_{IC} 93–94 MPa.m ^{1/2}			Abut <i>et al</i> (Abut <i>et al.</i> , 2021)
Ni ₂ MnGa SMA (Using Vickers Hardness Test)	4–10 MPa. m ^{1/2}			D'Silva <i>et al</i> (D'Silva <i>et al.</i> , 2021)
3–1.5 mm. thick CuAlBeMn Samples. Compositions differ.	34.81 MPa.m ^{1/2} 36.75 MPa.m ^{1/2} 41.94 MPa.m ^{1/2}			Shivasiddaramaiah <i>et al</i> (Shivasiddaramaiah <i>et al.</i> , 2018)

In most studies, fracture tests have been carried out on non-standard specimen geometry and the value obtained does not correspond to that of plane strain fracture toughness (He *et al.*, 2004). Another approach to calculate the fracture toughness is to use the full displacement field obtained from Digital Image Correlation (DIC) at P_{\max} and to extract the SIF, K_{\max} using the asymptotic equations of LEFM (Haghgouyan *et al.*, 2016). A summary of the results is provided in Table 14. In almost all of the studies the fracture toughness has been found superior in martensite compared to austenite.

It is possible to evaluate the driving forces such as J Integral from simulations, however, caution should be taken as there is path dependence. The crack tip energy release rate was established virtual crack closure technique (Baxeianis *et al.*, 2013a,b, 2014) incorporating the role of transformation. The maximum SIFs from critical J values for crack growth were found to be considerably higher than the ones reported in the literature (Haghgouyan *et al.*, 2019). Correlation has been sought between hardness to toughness, via Vickers micro indentation to evaluate the fracture toughness of Ni_2MnGa magnetic shape memory alloy (D'Silva *et al.*, 2021) but further work is needed to interpret the results.

In summary, most works of fracture of SMAs rely on stress intensity approaches; but the calculation of the SIF depends on the transformation zone and the modified crack tip stresses. The complexity of material behavior in the region ahead of the crack tip precludes simple remote loading based stress intensity determination. Since martensites exhibit internal twinning with twinning dislocations that are emitted to the austenite domains, prediction of ductile vs brittle behavior is complex, and this is left aside for future work. In the field of fracture, following the Rice and Thomson treatment (Rice and Thomson, 1974), recent efforts have considered atomistic level calculations of free surface and fault energies. The fault energy decides the propensity of slip nucleation from crack tips, hence this methodology incorporates the role of plasticity on fracture behavior. From the atomistic standpoint, the model of Rice-Thomson classified ductile vs brittle behaviors in untransforming materials upon comparison of unstable fault energies versus the surface energy. This is equivalent to comparing the dislocation core widths with the equilibrium distance of dislocation from the crack front. Such an approach has been applied to assess different crystal structures and environmental effects in recent years with considerable success. On the other hand, applying such a model to shape memory alloys is premature at this point due to the complexity of deformation behavior.

Concluding Remarks

This review article outlined the different modeling approaches across length scales providing a current understanding of lattice level and macroscopic SMA behaviors. The need for grain level atomic simulations via MD are needed to bridge the length scale from discrete physics to continuum. Because shape memory alloys pose complex elastic constants, lattice-motif sites, shears and shuffles the preparation of the MD potentials to match the atomistic approach are rather demanding. This pursuit is needed for unraveling the complexity of fatigue damage evolution in SMAs.

The Peierls barrier concept which energetically represented slip in the past has been extended to twinning and transformation fronts. These fault energy considerations hold considerable promise in unraveling the complexity in SMAs which have complex crystal structures and atomic positions at the atomic crystal lattice level. Mesoscale treatments to convert energy barriers to frictional (flow) stresses that can be used in continuum formulations must be the goals of future studies. These developments would replace the old empirical approaches especially in understandings of fatigue in SMAs.

In summary, theoretical developments must address the couplings of (Robertson *et al.*, 2012; Pelton, 2011; Eggeler *et al.*, 2004; Sedmák *et al.*, 2015): (1) functional fatigue and (2) structural fatigue. Functional fatigue refers to the drifting of superelastic or shape memory responses over cycles, which results from persistent accumulation of slip. As a result, the slip localization and formation of intense shear bands produce structural fatigue damage in the form of nucleation of cracks. Structural fatigue leads to gradual progression to catastrophic fracture. The branch of atomistic simulations that unveil the actual mechanism of concurrent plasticity and transformation is of significant interest (Pfetzinger-Micklich *et al.*, 2013). The MD simulations have been insightful for understanding the concepts of slip emission and interactions with twins (Baker and Warner, 2014; Chowdhury *et al.*, 2013, 2014; Horstemeyer *et al.*, 2010; Tang *et al.*, 2010; Zamora *et al.*, 2015; Potimiche *et al.*, 2006) and further work is needed to extend these ideas towards a successful SMA fatigue modeling.

Regarding the understanding of fracture, the determination of driving force in the presence of asymmetric transformation zones, spatially varying phase fractions (martensite and austenite) ahead of the crack tip, and localized dislocation mediated slip remains a challenge. Since the fracture toughness of the SMAs are low compared to structural materials, the efforts to enhance the toughening by introducing secondary ductile phases and with compositionally complex microstructures (similar to developments in high entropy alloys) would be worthwhile.

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