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Abstract

The mechanical response of an elastoplastic polycrystalline aggregate is estimated by means of Taylor and Hill's incremental self-consistent models in conjunction with two rate-independent crystal plasticity laws: standard and regularized Schmid laws. With the Taylor model, both constitutive laws lead to the same result whereas for the self-consistent model, the standard Schmid law predicts softer effective response than the regularized Schmid law and higher strain heterogeneity within the polycrystal. It is found that these features are related to the decrease of the shear tangent moduli during deformation when the standard Schmid law is considered. The presented results with the regularized Schmid law are in agreement with previous findings for power law viscoplastic polycrystals. It is demonstrated that the description of the crystal plasticity law significantly affects the estimate delivered by the Hill's incremental self-consistent model for elastoplastic polycrystals.

Keywords

Self-consistent model, rate-independent elastoplasticity, polycrystal, nonlinear homogenization

31 **1. Introduction**

32 Homogenization methods are efficient approaches to estimate the mechanical properties of
33 heterogeneous materials. In the case of polycrystalline media, theoretical results have shown
34 that the linear elastic self-consistent model (Hershey, 1954; Kröner, 1958) is well appropriated
35 to describe their effective properties (Kröner, 1978). This has been assessed by comparing the
36 effective behavior and the local fields with results delivered by full-field computations on
37 various polycrystalline microstructures (see, for instance, Lebensohn et al., 2004; Castelnau et
38 al., 2006; Brenner et al., submitted).

39
40 The extension of the self-consistent model to rate-independent elastoplastic behavior has first
41 been proposed by Budiansky et al. (1960) and Kröner (1961) who investigated the early stage
42 of plasticity by considering plastic grains interacting with an elastic matrix. To describe
43 entirely the elastoplastic response of polycrystals, a seminal work was further introduced by
44 Hill (1965) and Hutchinson (1970) who proposed an incremental approach based on the linear
45 rate-form of local constitutive equations which rely on the Schmid law. More recently, an
46 affine approach has been proposed by Masson et al. (2000) who showed, for a non-hardening
47 f.c.c. polycrystal, that it leads to a lower steady-state effective yield stress than the
48 incremental model.

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50 In the related context of power-law viscoplastic f.c.c. polycrystals, various extensions of the
51 self-consistent model, including the incremental (Hutchinson, 1976) and affine (Masson et al,
52 2000) approaches, have been compared to rigorous nonlinear bounds obtained with the
53 variational procedure of Ponte Castañeda (1991). Nebozhyn et al. (2001) have shown that the
54 incremental model violates the variational self-consistent estimate on the effective yield stress,
55 which is an upper bound for all self-consistent estimates, and tends to the Taylor bound in the
56 rate-independent limit. By contrast, the affine model respects the available bounds, for this
57 specific class of polycrystals. In view of these results, Hill's incremental model (1965) could
58 be expected to present similar shortcomings in the context of rate-independent elastoplasticity.
59 However, a few works (Hutchinson, 1970 and Takahashi, 1988) show that the incremental
60 model estimates softer response than the Taylor bound for elastoplasticity, which contradicts

61 the above expectation. The link between the rate-independent limit of viscoplasticity and
62 rate-independent elastoplasticity remains an open question.

63

64 In the present work, we analyze the influence of the local elastoplastic behavior on the
65 incremental self-consistent estimate of the polycrystal response. For that goal, two
66 rate-independent crystal plasticity models have been chosen. On one hand, use is made of the
67 Standard Schmid Law (SSL) in which plastic slip is considered to occur on a slip system
68 when the resolved shear stress reaches a critical value. This constitutive law leads multi-yield
69 functions and the determination of the slip rates is an inverse problem of the constraint
70 conditions. The constraints can be linearly dependent and result in the non-uniqueness of the
71 set of active slip systems when the hardening matrix is not positive definite (Hill, 1966). This
72 has led to various proposals for the hardening description (see, for instance, Franciosi and
73 Zaoui, 1991; Bassani, 1994) and for the technique to identify the set of slip systems (Anand
74 and Kothari, 1996; Miehe and Schröder, 2001; Busso and Cailletaud, 2005). A simple and
75 often used method to circumvent this difficulty is to forsake the rate-independent formulation
76 and adopt a power-law type rate-dependent viscoplastic formulation (see, for instance, Asaro
77 and Needleman, 1985). On the other hand, Regularized Schmid Law (RSL) has been
78 proposed to overcome this problem within the framework of the rate-independent plasticity
79 (see, Gambin, 1992; Darrieulat and Piot, 1996; Franz et al. 2009). The advantage of the
80 regularization is that it does not involve the problem of linear dependence. It has been used in
81 the homogenization context with the Taylor model (Darrieulat and Piot, 1996, Kowalczyk and
82 Gambin, 2004), the Transformation Field Analysis (Franciosi and Berbenni, 2007) and,
83 recently, the self-consistent model (Franz et al. 2009). In section 2, two crystal-plasticity
84 models (SSL and RSL) are presented and the corresponding tangent moduli in the rate-form
85 constitutive relations are compared for single and double slip cases in the single crystal
86 context. These crystal plasticity laws are then introduced in the Taylor and incremental
87 self-consistent models and the mechanical responses of two different non-hardening f.c.c.
88 polycrystals are estimated (Sections 3 and 4). The significance of the description of
89 constitutive law, especially the instantaneous tangent moduli, on the self-consistent estimates
90 is discussed in details in section 5.

91

92 **2. Rate-independent crystal plasticity models**93 *2.1. Framework of crystal plasticity model*

94 In this study, we confine attention to small strain conditions. The strain rate is given by the
 95 symmetry part of $\partial \mathbf{v} / \partial \mathbf{x}$, where \mathbf{v} and \mathbf{x} are velocity and position, respectively. We
 96 consider additive decomposition of strain rate into elastic and plastic parts.

$$97 \quad \dot{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}} = \dot{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}}^e + \dot{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}}^p. \quad (1)$$

98 Elastic relation is given by Hooke's law.

$$99 \quad \boldsymbol{\sigma} = \mathbf{C}^e : \dot{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}}^e = \mathbf{C}^e : (\dot{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}} - \dot{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}}^p), \quad (2)$$

100 where \mathbf{C}^e is the fourth-order elastic moduli tensor.

101

102 Crystallographic slips are considered to be the source for the plastic deformation, and the
 103 plastic strain rate takes the form

$$104 \quad \dot{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}}^p = \sum_{\alpha} \dot{\gamma}^{(\alpha)} \mathbf{p}^{(\alpha)}, \quad (3)$$

$$105 \quad \mathbf{p}^{(\alpha)} := \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{s}^{(\alpha)} \otimes \mathbf{m}^{(\alpha)} + \mathbf{m}^{(\alpha)} \otimes \mathbf{s}^{(\alpha)}), \quad (4)$$

106 where $\dot{\gamma}^{(\alpha)}$, $\mathbf{s}^{(\alpha)}$ and $\mathbf{m}^{(\alpha)}$ are the slip rate, the slip direction and the slip plane normal for
 107 the α th slip system, respectively. The resolved shear stress for the α th slip system, $\tau^{(\alpha)}$, is
 108 written as

$$109 \quad \tau^{(\alpha)} = \mathbf{s}^{(\alpha)} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{m}^{(\alpha)} = \boldsymbol{\sigma} : \mathbf{p}^{(\alpha)}, \quad (5)$$

110 where $\boldsymbol{\sigma}$ is true stress. From Equations (3) and (5), a resolved shear stress rate is given as

$$111 \quad \dot{\tau}^{(\alpha)} = \mathbf{p}^{(\alpha)} : \mathbf{C}^e : \dot{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}} - \sum_{\beta} \dot{\gamma}^{(\beta)} \mathbf{p}^{(\alpha)} : \mathbf{C}^e : \mathbf{p}^{(\beta)}, \quad (6)$$

112 where $\mathbf{s}^{(\alpha)}$ and $\mathbf{m}^{(\alpha)}$ are assumed to be constant. Slip resistance for the α th slip system is
 113 denoted by $g^{(\alpha)}$, and its evolution is governed by

$$114 \quad \dot{g}^{(\alpha)} = \sum_{\beta} h^{\alpha\beta} |\dot{\gamma}^{(\beta)}|, \quad (7)$$

115 where $h^{\alpha\beta}$ denotes hardening moduli.

116

117 2.2. Standard Schmid law

118 For a crystal plasticity model based on the standard Schmid law, the local yield function, f ,
119 is written as

$$120 \quad f = \sup_{\alpha=1,\dots,N^s} f^{(\alpha)} = 0, \quad (8)$$

121 with

$$122 \quad f^{(\alpha)} = |\tau^{(\alpha)}| - g^{(\alpha)} = 0, \quad (9)$$

123 where N^s is the number of slip systems and $f^{(\alpha)}$ is a yield function for each slip system.

124 The plastic strain rate is given by

$$125 \quad \dot{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}}^p = \sum_{\alpha} \text{sgn}(\tau^{(\alpha)}) \dot{\gamma}^{(\alpha)} \mathbf{p}^{(\alpha)}, \quad (10)$$

126 where slip rates, $\dot{\gamma}^{(\alpha)}$, are assumed to be positive. It is worth noting that the above equation

127 can be derived from the normality rule if the yield function for each slip system is considered

128 as a potential: $\dot{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}}^p = \sum_{\alpha} \dot{\gamma}^{(\alpha)} (\partial f^{(\alpha)} / \partial \boldsymbol{\sigma})$.

129

130 Based on N^s independent yield functions (Equation (9)) potentially active and inactive slip
131 systems are classified as

$$132 \quad \dot{\gamma}^{(\alpha)} \geq 0, \quad \text{for } f^{(\alpha)} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \dot{f}^{(\alpha)} = 0, \quad (11a)$$

$$133 \quad \dot{\gamma}^{(\alpha)} = 0, \quad \text{for } f^{(\alpha)} < 0, \quad \text{or } f^{(\alpha)} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \dot{f}^{(\alpha)} < 0. \quad (11b)$$

134 From the consistency condition of the yield functions, the slip rates, $\dot{\gamma}^{(\alpha)}$, on the active slip

135 systems are determined as

$$136 \quad \dot{f}^{(\alpha)} = R^{\alpha} - \sum_{\beta} X^{\alpha\beta} \dot{\gamma}^{(\beta)} = 0, \quad (12)$$

$$137 \quad \dot{\gamma}^{(\alpha)} = \sum_{\beta} Y^{\alpha\beta} R^{(\beta)}, \quad (13)$$

138 where

$$139 \quad R^{(\alpha)} := \text{sgn}(\tau^{(\alpha)}) \mathbf{p}^{(\alpha)} : \mathbf{C}^e : \dot{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}, \quad (14a)$$

$$140 \quad X^{\alpha\beta} := h^{\alpha\beta} + \text{sgn}(\tau^{(\alpha)}) \text{sgn}(\tau^{(\beta)}) \mathbf{p}^{(\alpha)} : \mathbf{C}^e : \mathbf{p}^{(\beta)}, \quad (14b)$$

$$141 \quad [Y^{\alpha\beta}] := [X^{\alpha\beta}]^{-1}, \quad (14c)$$

142 where $(\bullet)^{-1}$ denotes the inverse. Under a particular hardening rule, $h^{\alpha\beta}$, $X^{\alpha\beta}$ may become
 143 singular, and this results in a possible non-uniqueness of the set of the active slip systems for a
 144 given deformation mode. But for perfect plasticity, $h^{\alpha\beta} = 0$, it is always possible to choose at
 145 least one set of linearly independent slip systems from the potentially active slip systems such
 146 that $X^{\alpha\beta}$ is non-singular and Equations (11) are satisfied (Hutchinson, 1970). If there are
 147 greater than five linearly independent systems, five slip systems are selected in the
 148 computations¹.

149

150 Using equations (2), (10) and (13), we finally obtain the rate-form of the constitutive
 151 equation, $\dot{\boldsymbol{\sigma}} = \mathbf{L} : \dot{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}$, in term of the elastoplastic tangent moduli,

$$152 \quad \mathbf{L} := \mathbf{C}^e - \sum_{\alpha} \left\{ \left(\text{sgn}(\tau^{(\alpha)}) \mathbf{C}^e : \mathbf{p}^{(\alpha)} \right) \otimes \sum_{\beta} \left(\text{sgn}(\tau^{(\beta)}) Y^{\alpha\beta} \mathbf{p}^{(\beta)} : \mathbf{C}^e \right) \right\}. \quad (15)$$

153

154 2.3. Regularized Schmid law

155 In order to avoid the possible singularity of $X^{\alpha\beta}$ in the Schmid law, a regularized Schmid
 156 law for rate-independent crystal plasticity was proposed (Gambin, 1992). The following

¹ For comparison purpose we use the same approach as Hutchinson's (1970). In a preliminary study, different criteria have been used for the selection of the five active slip systems, and it has been confirmed that the choice of the criterion does not have any influence on the estimation.

157 regularized yield function is introduced.

$$158 \quad f = \left\{ \sum_{\alpha} \left(\frac{\tau^{(\alpha)}}{g^{(\alpha)}} \right)^{2N} \right\}^{\frac{1}{2N}} - 1 = 0, \quad (16)$$

159 where N is an integer parameter so that the exponent always becomes an even number. The
160 plastic strain rate is assumed to be given by

$$161 \quad \dot{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}^p = \sum_{\alpha} \dot{\gamma}^{(\alpha)} \mathbf{p}^{(\alpha)}, \quad (17)$$

162 and follows, on the other hand, from the normality rule associated with the yield function
163 (16),

$$164 \quad \dot{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}^p = \dot{\lambda} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \boldsymbol{\sigma}}. \quad (18)$$

165 From these two expressions of the plastic strain rate, the slip rate on a given slip system reads

$$166 \quad \dot{\gamma}^{(\alpha)} = \frac{\dot{\lambda}}{g^{(\alpha)}} \left(\frac{\tau^{(\alpha)}}{g^{(\alpha)}} \right)^{2N-1} \quad \text{with} \quad \dot{\lambda} = \dot{\lambda} \left\{ \sum_{\alpha} \left(\frac{\tau^{(\alpha)}}{g^{(\alpha)}} \right)^{2N} \right\}^{\frac{1}{2N}-1}, \quad (19)$$

167 where $\dot{\lambda}$ is a positive plastic multiplier. By contrast to the SSL, slip rates for all the slip
168 systems derived from a unique plastic multiplier. Therefore, there is no need to classify active
169 and inactive slip systems among the set of slip systems. Equation (19) is similar to the one
170 describing viscoplastic crystal (e.g. Asaro and Needleman, 1985) in which a reference slip
171 rate is introduced instead of a plastic multiplier.

172

173 Loading-unloading conditions are written as

$$174 \quad \dot{\lambda} \geq 0, \quad \text{for } f = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \dot{f} = 0, \quad (20a)$$

$$175 \quad \dot{\lambda} = 0, \quad \text{for } f < 0, \quad \text{or } f = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \dot{f} < 0. \quad (20b)$$

176 From the consistency condition of the yield function, the plastic multiplier, $\dot{\lambda}$, is determined.

$$177 \quad \dot{f} = \mathbf{G} : \mathbf{C}^e : \dot{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}} - \dot{\lambda} (\mathbf{G} : \mathbf{C}^e : \mathbf{G} + H) = 0, \quad (21)$$

$$178 \quad \dot{\lambda} = \frac{\mathbf{G} : \mathbf{C}^e : \dot{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}}{\mathbf{G} : \mathbf{C}^e : \mathbf{G} + H}, \quad (22)$$

179 where

$$180 \quad \mathbf{G} := \sum_{\alpha} \left\{ \left(\frac{\tau^{(\alpha)}}{g^{(\alpha)}} \right)^{2N-1} \frac{\mathbf{p}^{(\alpha)}}{g^{(\alpha)}} \right\}, \quad (23a)$$

$$181 \quad H := \sum_{\alpha} \left[\left(\frac{\tau^{(\alpha)}}{g^{(\alpha)}} \right)^{2N} \frac{1}{g^{(\alpha)}} \sum_{\beta} \left\{ \frac{h_{\alpha\beta}}{g^{(\beta)}} \left(\frac{|\tau^{(\beta)}|}{g^{(\beta)}} \right)^{2N-1} \right\} \right]. \quad (23b)$$

182 In the derivation of $\dot{\lambda}$, any inverse of a matrix is not required. Namely, the difficulty related
183 to the linearly dependence in the Schmid law is avoided.

184

185 We finally obtain the rate-form constitutive equation for a single crystal, $\dot{\boldsymbol{\sigma}} = \mathbf{L} : \dot{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}$, in terms of
186 the elastoplastic tangent moduli,

$$187 \quad \mathbf{L} := \mathbf{C}^e - \frac{(\mathbf{C}^e : \mathbf{G}) \otimes (\mathbf{G} : \mathbf{C}^e)}{\mathbf{G} : \mathbf{C}^e : \mathbf{G} + H}. \quad (24)$$

188

189 2.3. Comparison of Schmid and regularized Schmid laws

190 In this subsection, the standard Schmid and regularized Schmid laws are compared in terms of
191 yield locus, active slip systems and tangent moduli. The SSL gives multi-plane yield locus
192 which possesses corners, while the RSL gives a smooth yield locus with rounded corners. The
193 curvature of the rounded corner for the RSL increases with the exponent N , and when N is
194 large enough, the smooth yield locus is in good agreement with the multi-plane SSL's one
195 (Darrieulat and Piot, 1996; Gambin and Barlat, 1997). Besides, although all the slip systems
196 are active if the yield condition is satisfied, finite slips take place only on the slip systems
197 where $\tau^{(\alpha)} \approx g^{(\alpha)}$ when the exponent N is large, while slip rates for the other slip systems,
198 where $\tau^{(\alpha)} < g^{(\alpha)}$, are close to zero (Equation (19)). This is similar to the Schmid law, for
199 which slip system activates when $\tau^{(\alpha)} = g^{(\alpha)}$. Therefore, the yield locus and active slip
200 systems corresponding to the Schmid law are correctly described by the regularized Schmid
201 law when $N \rightarrow +\infty$. On the contrary, the tangent moduli given in Equation (15) and (24) are
202 not identical a priori. To be more specific, the tangent moduli given by the two laws are
203 compared for some special cases.

204

205 (i) *Single slip case*

206 Let us consider a crystal that possesses a single slip system. The exponent in the regularized
 207 Schmid law is taken to $N = +\infty$. In this case, the yield function (16) reduces to Equation (9).
 208 It is assumed that $\tau^{(1)} = g^{(1)}$ and $\dot{\tau}^{(1)} = \dot{g}^{(1)}$ for the slip system. This situation results in the
 209 activation of the slip system for both SSL and RSL. Then the tangent moduli is written as

$$210 \quad \mathbf{L} = \mathbf{C}^e - \frac{(\mathbf{C}^e : \mathbf{p}^{(1)}) \otimes (\mathbf{p}^{(1)} : \mathbf{C}^e)}{\mathbf{p}^{(1)} : \mathbf{C}^e : \mathbf{p}^{(1)} + h^{11}}. \quad (25)$$

211 The tangent moduli (15) and (24) are reduced to the same equation.

212

213 (ii) *Double slip case*

214 Next, let us consider a crystal that possesses two slip systems. It is assumed that $\tau^{(1)} = g^{(1)}$,
 215 $\tau^{(2)} = g^{(2)}$ and $\dot{\tau}^{(1)} = \dot{g}^{(1)}$, $\dot{\tau}^{(2)} = \dot{g}^{(2)}$. For both the Schmid and regularized Schmid laws, the
 216 yield criteria are satisfied and slips occur for both the first and second slip systems. These
 217 situations are similar to that for the single slip case. In this case, the tangent moduli obtained
 218 with the Schmid law (Equation(15)) reduces to

$$219 \quad \mathbf{L} = \mathbf{C}^e - \mathbf{C}^e : \{ \mathbf{p}^{(1)} \otimes (Y^{11} \mathbf{p}^{(1)} + Y^{12} \mathbf{p}^{(2)}) + \mathbf{p}^{(2)} \otimes (Y^{21} \mathbf{p}^{(1)} + Y^{22} \mathbf{p}^{(2)}) \} : \mathbf{C}^e, \quad (26)$$

220 where

$$221 \quad \begin{bmatrix} Y^{11} & Y^{12} \\ Y^{21} & Y^{22} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} h^{11} + \mathbf{p}^{(1)} : \mathbf{C}^e : \mathbf{p}^{(1)} & h^{12} + \mathbf{p}^{(1)} : \mathbf{C}^e : \mathbf{p}^{(2)} \\ h^{21} + \mathbf{p}^{(2)} : \mathbf{C}^e : \mathbf{p}^{(1)} & h^{22} + \mathbf{p}^{(2)} : \mathbf{C}^e : \mathbf{p}^{(2)} \end{bmatrix}^{-1}, \quad (27)$$

222 and $g^{(1)} = g^{(2)}$ is assumed for simplicity.

223

224 With the regularized Schmid law, the tangent moduli (Equation(24)) gives

$$225 \quad \mathbf{L} = \mathbf{C}^e - \frac{\mathbf{C}^e : (\mathbf{p}^{(1)} + \mathbf{p}^{(2)}) \otimes (\mathbf{p}^{(1)} + \mathbf{p}^{(2)}) : \mathbf{C}^e}{(\mathbf{p}^{(1)} + \mathbf{p}^{(2)}) : \mathbf{C}^e : (\mathbf{p}^{(1)} + \mathbf{p}^{(2)}) + h_{11} + h_{12} + h_{21} + h_{22}}. \quad (28)$$

226 For the double slip case, the two crystal plasticity laws do not give the identical expression of
 227 tangent moduli. For the Schmid law, interaction of $\mathbf{p}^{(\alpha)}$ for each slip system appears with
 228 different coefficient, $Y^{\alpha\beta}$, while interaction of the summation of $\mathbf{p}^{(\alpha)}$ emerges for the
 229 regularized Schmid law.

230

231 The tangent moduli given by the two laws are calculated for a special case shown in Figure 1

232 (a). Two slip systems are arranged symmetrically about the x_1 axis and slip directions and233 slip plane normals are in the $x_1 - x_2$ plane, that is,234 $\mathbf{s}^{(1)} = (\cos \phi, \sin \phi, 0)$ $\mathbf{m}^{(1)} = (\sin \phi, -\cos \phi, 0)$, $\mathbf{s}^{(2)} = (\cos \phi, -\sin \phi, 0)$ and235 $\mathbf{m}^{(2)} = (\sin \phi, \cos \phi, 0)$. For simplicity, isotropic elasticity and non-hardening is assumed.

236 Then, analytical expression of tangent moduli are written as

237
$$L_{1111} = L_{2222} = L_{1122} = \lambda + \mu , \quad (29a)$$

238
$$L_{1212} = \begin{cases} C_{1212}^e - \mu = 0 & \text{for the Schmid law} \\ C_{1212}^e = \mu & \text{for the regularized Schmid law} \end{cases} \quad (29b)$$

239
$$L_{ijkl} = C_{ijkl}^e \text{ for others components} \quad (29c)$$

240 where λ and μ are Lamé constants. The difference of tangent modulus is appeared for241 L_{1212} component.

242

243 In the derivation of the analytical expression of the tangent moduli $N = +\infty$ is assumed,244 however, a finite value of N is required in actual computation. In order to check the245 sensitivity of N , the same problem is solved numerically with $N = 500$. Parameters are set246 to $\phi = 15^\circ$, $E/\tau_0 = 1000$, $\nu = 1/3$ and $h^{\alpha\beta} = 0$, where E , ν and τ_0 are the Young's

247 modulus, Poisson's ratio and critical resolved shear stress, respectively. Uniaxial tension in

248 the x_1 direction is applied. Figure 1(b) shows the tangent moduli normalized by E as a

249 function of the tensile strain. Tangent moduli given by the two crystal plasticity laws coincide

250 except for the L_{1212} component, and L_{1212} for the Schmid law decrease to zero when the

251 yield condition is satisfied, whereas that for the regularized Schmid law remains constant. The

252 tangent moduli computed with $N = 500$ coincide with those obtained analytically with253 $N = +\infty$. Figure 1(c) shows the good agreement between SSL and RSL tensile flow stresses.

254 Thus, the yield stress and active slip systems are the same for both crystal plasticity laws

255 whereas the shear tangent moduli are different.

256

257 Following these comparisons at the single crystal level, the question which arises is the

258 influence, if any, of the different instantaneous local tangent moduli on the polycrystal
 259 response. To tackle this problem, use will be made of the Taylor and self-consistent models
 260 which are briefly described in the next section.

261

262 **3. Homogenization estimates**

263 *3.1. Self-consistent model*

264 In this study, we mainly focus on the role of the crystal plasticity law on the local and
 265 effective response for the elastoplastic polycrystalline aggregate. Consequently, the Hill's
 266 (1965) incremental self-consistent model, which is up to now the most widely used model for
 267 elastoplastic polycrystal, is adopted. Polycrystal is considered to consist of ellipsoidal phases
 268 which compose grains orientating at the same direction. In the self-consistent model, an
 269 ellipsoidal phase is assumed to be embedded in an infinite linear comparison homogenous
 270 medium which has a unique tangent moduli corresponding to the effective tangent ones. The
 271 phase average stress and strain rates can be related to the macroscopic ones through the
 272 localization tensors, \mathbf{A}^r and \mathbf{B}^r ,

$$273 \quad \langle \dot{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}} \rangle^r = \mathbf{A}^r : \dot{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}, \quad \langle \dot{\boldsymbol{\sigma}} \rangle^r = \mathbf{B}^r : \dot{\boldsymbol{\sigma}}, \quad (30)$$

274 where the superscript r refers to the quantity for the r th phase, a bar indicates a
 275 macroscopic value and $\langle \bullet \rangle$ stands for a volume average. The rate-form constitutive
 276 equation is used to represent linear relationship between the stress and strain rates. The
 277 constitutive equations of a phase and effective medium are respectively denoted as

$$278 \quad \langle \dot{\boldsymbol{\sigma}} \rangle^r = \mathbf{L}^r : \langle \dot{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}} \rangle^r, \quad (31)$$

$$279 \quad \dot{\boldsymbol{\sigma}} = \tilde{\mathbf{L}} : \dot{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}, \quad (32)$$

280 with

$$281 \quad \tilde{\mathbf{L}} := \langle \mathbf{L}^r : \mathbf{A}^r \rangle. \quad (33)$$

282 where \mathbf{L}^r and $\tilde{\mathbf{L}}$ are the tangent moduli of a phase and effective medium, respectively. \mathbf{L}^r
 283 is assumed to be homogeneous within a phase and can be calculated by Equation (15) or (24)
 284 replacing the local quantities with the phase average ones, for instance, a resolved shear stress
 285 $\langle \tau^{(\alpha)} \rangle^r = \mathbf{p}^{(\alpha)} : \langle \boldsymbol{\sigma} \rangle^r$ is used instead of $\tau^{(\alpha)} = \mathbf{p}^{(\alpha)} : \boldsymbol{\sigma}$. The strain localization tensor is given

286 by

$$287 \quad \mathbf{A}^r = \{\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{P} : (\mathbf{L}^r - \tilde{\mathbf{L}})\}^{-1}. \quad (34)$$

288 where \mathbf{I} is fourth-order identity tensor and \mathbf{P} is so called Hill's tensor described as

$$289 \quad \mathbf{P} = \int_{\Omega} \Gamma dV, \quad (35)$$

290 where

$$291 \quad \Gamma_{ijkl} := \frac{1}{4} (K_{ik}^{-1} \xi_j \xi_l + K_{jk}^{-1} \xi_i \xi_l + K_{il}^{-1} \xi_j \xi_k + K_{jl}^{-1} \xi_i \xi_k), \quad (36a)$$

$$292 \quad \mathbf{K} := \xi \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{L}} \cdot \xi, \quad (36b)$$

293 where Ω is the domain within a phase and ξ is a position vector on the surface of
 294 inclusion (see, for instance, Mura, 1982). This set of relations defines a nonlinear systems for
 295 the average strain rates per phase, $\langle \dot{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}} \rangle^r$, which can be solved using a fixed-point iterative
 296 algorithm.

297

298 3.2. Taylor model

299 In the Taylor model, $\mathbf{A}^r = \mathbf{I}$ is assumed, that is, the local strain field is taken to be identical
 300 to the macroscopic one,

$$301 \quad \dot{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}} = \langle \dot{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}} \rangle^r = \dot{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}. \quad (37)$$

302 Then, the effective tangent moduli in the rate-form of constitutive equation, $\dot{\boldsymbol{\sigma}} = \tilde{\mathbf{L}} : \dot{\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}}$, are
 303 given by

$$304 \quad \tilde{\mathbf{L}} = \langle \mathbf{L} \rangle. \quad (38)$$

305 Since the local strain field is known a priori, iterative computation is not needed for the Taylor
 306 model.

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308 In the next section, the Taylor and incremental self-consistent models described above are
 309 used in conjunction with SSL and RSL for estimating the mechanical behavior of f.c.c.
 310 polycrystals at both local and overall scales.

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312 4. Results

313 4.1. Uniaxial tension for non-hardening f.c.c. polycrystalline aggregate

314 Macroscopically isotropic polycrystal is considered. Its microstructure is represented by 216
 315 crystalline phases with same volume fractions. Besides, a spherical shape is assumed for the
 316 each phase. A non-hardening ($h^{\alpha\beta} = 0$) f.c.c. crystal with 12 slip systems, $\{111\}\langle 110\rangle$, is
 317 assumed for each phase, and slip resistances are set as $g^{(\alpha)} = \tau_0$, where τ_0 is a critical
 318 resolved shear stress. For simplicity isotropic elasticity with $E/\tau_0 = 1000$ and $\nu = 1/3$ is
 319 considered. The exponent in the regularized Schmid laws is $N = 500$. (The effect of the
 320 exponent, N , on homogenization estimates is discussed in Appendix.) Mechanical response
 321 of the polycrystal subjected to the uniaxial tension in the x_1 direction is simulated with the
 322 Taylor and self-consistent models in conjunction with the Schmid and regularized Schmid
 323 laws.

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325 Figure 2 shows the macroscopic uniaxial stress-strain curve, where the flow stress is
 326 normalized by critical resolved shear stress, τ_0 . For the Taylor model, the flow stresses
 327 predicted by both the Schmid and regularized Schmid laws are in good agreement. Since
 328 $N = 500$ is large enough, the regularized Schmid law approaches Schmid one as is
 329 mentioned in section 2. The flow stresses, eventually, saturate to the value of 3.06, which is
 330 the same as the well-known Taylor factor for rigid-plastic f.c.c. polycrystal.

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332 For the self-consistent model, plastic yielding occur earlier than for the Taylor model and the
 333 estimation of flow stress significantly depend on the crystal plasticity laws used in the
 334 analysis. When the Schmid law is used, softer response is obtained. Indeed, the normalized
 335 flow stress saturate to the value of 2.82. On the contrary, when the regularized Schmid law is
 336 used, stiffer response is predicted and the stress state asymptotically approaches the one
 337 predicted by the Taylor model. When the regularized Schmid law is used, the Taylor and
 338 self-consistent models estimate almost the same behavior for the large strain range.

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340 By definition, local strain states are the same as macroscopic one for the Taylor model and
 341 vary for the self-consistent model. Figure 3 shows the evolution of local strain component

342 normalized by the macroscopic tensile strain for the self-consistent model. The normalized
 343 strain components for 216 phases are depicted. During the whole tensile straining process, the
 344 Schmid law based self-consistent model predicts about $\pm 15\%$ of constant variation of local
 345 strain field. On the other hand, for the regularized Schmid law, similar variation is predicted
 346 just after plastic yielding, but then the variation shrinks. At $\bar{\varepsilon}_{11} = 0.05$, the variation is less
 347 than $\pm 2\%$. Thus, the self-consistent model with the regularized Schmid law is closer to the
 348 Taylor model in terms of local field fluctuation. This small strain heterogeneity is consistent
 349 with the macroscopic stress-strain curve that approaches the one of the Taylor model.

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351 The local strain rate is specified by localization tensor in Equation (34), which includes the
 352 local and effective tangent moduli and Hill's \mathbf{P} tensor. The \mathbf{P} tensor reflects the difference
 353 of the local and effective tangent moduli to the localization tensor. The higher the components
 354 of \mathbf{P} are, the more enhanced the strain heterogeneity is. Components of \mathbf{P} are shown in
 355 Figure 4. For the Schmid model, the absolute value of the \mathbf{P} components increase with
 356 tensile straining. On the other hand, for the RSL, the \mathbf{P} components are almost constant and
 357 small. Therefore, the localization tensor is close to unit tensor and the fluctuation of local
 358 strain field is small. The evolution of \mathbf{P} tensor is in agreement with the local strain variation
 359 in Figure 3.

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361 As is shown in the equations (35) and (36), the \mathbf{P} tensor depends on the effective tangent
 362 moduli. Figure 5 shows the estimated effective tangent moduli in the rate-form of the
 363 constitutive equations. The tangent moduli, \tilde{L}_{ijkl} , are normalized by the elastic moduli, C_{ijkl}^e .
 364 For the uniaxial tensile loading, the macroscopic tangent moduli display transverse isotropy
 365 with respect to the x_1 direction, that is, $\tilde{L}_{2222} = \tilde{L}_{3333}$, $\tilde{L}_{1122} = \tilde{L}_{1133}$ and $\tilde{L}_{1212} = \tilde{L}_{1313}$. The
 366 tangent moduli predicted by the two crystal plasticity laws do not agree except for 1111 and
 367 1122 components. Both tangent moduli depicted in Figure 5 correspond to uniaxial tension
 368 state although they are not identical. The most significant difference is the shear tangent
 369 moduli: those obtained with the Schmid law rapidly decrease after plastic yielding and
 370 eventually reach to zero, whereas those for the regularized Schmid law are almost constant
 371 during deformation. This trend is the same as that for the simple double slip case depicted in

372 Figure 1(b). General relationships between \mathbf{P} and $\tilde{\mathbf{L}}$ are given in Equations (35) and (36)
 373 and analytical expressions can be found by Hutchinson (1970) for transverse isotropic
 374 symmetry. \mathbf{P} tensor increases when $\tilde{\mathbf{L}}$ decreases, thus the lower $\tilde{\mathbf{L}}$ components
 375 pronounce a deviation of the localization tensor from the identity tensor.

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377 For the Taylor model, SSL and RSL give the identical behavior so long as the exponent is
 378 high enough. However, for the self-consistent model, the description of the tangent moduli
 379 affects the local strain heterogeneity as well as effective response.

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381 *4.2. Polycrystalline aggregate with an elastic phase*

382 In this subsection, the polycrystal aggregate is assumed to consist of 216 elastoplastic phases
 383 and an elastic phase. The elastic phase is considered in order to increase the contrast of the
 384 mechanical properties among phases. The volume fraction of the elastic phase is 0.3 and that
 385 of the other 216 phases are 0.00324. The material properties of the 216 elastoplastic phases
 386 are the same as ones in 4.1, and the same elastic properties are assigned to an elastic phase.
 387 All phases have spherical shape. Uniaxial tension in the x_1 -direction is analyzed by means of
 388 the self-consistent model. Taylor model is not used here because the uniform strain field
 389 assumption is far from the reality for this problem.

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391 Figure 6 shows the normalized flow stress as a function of the macroscopic tensile strain. The
 392 Schmid law based model predicts softer response than that for the regularized Schmid law.
 393 The qualitative tendency is the same as in Figure 2, and the existence of an elastic phase
 394 enhances the difference of effective response. Figure 7 shows the local strain distribution of
 395 the 216 elastoplastic and the elastic phases. The strain variation among the elastoplastic
 396 phases is larger for the Schmid law than the regularized Schmid law. For the Schmid law, the
 397 strain evolution in an elastic phase decreases with tensile strain, and the strain is much smaller
 398 than that for the elastoplastic phases. On the other hand, for the regularized Schmid law the
 399 strain develops linearly and its amount is about half of the elastoplastic phases. The Schmid
 400 law allows larger strain heterogeneity among elastoplastic phases as well as between
 401 elastoplastic and elastic phases. Figure 8 shows the effective shear tangent moduli normalized

402 by the same way as in 4.1. Again, the shear moduli decrease rapidly after yielding for the
403 Schmid law, whereas those for the regularized Schmid law are almost constant. The influence
404 of the tangent moduli emerges again for this problem and the strong contrast of the phases
405 enhances this effect on the local and effective response.

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407 **5. Discussion**

408 The description of standard Schmid law and regularized Schmid law has been examined for a
409 uniaxial tensile loading (Section 2). It has become clear that both laws predict the same
410 mechanical behavior of single grain under given boundary conditions, provided that the
411 exponent in the regularized Schmid law is high enough. But, it has to be recalled that the
412 tangent moduli given by the two laws are different, although the same response is predicted.
413 For the non-hardening polycrystalline aggregate, the two laws with the Taylor model lead to
414 the same mechanical response under uniaxial tension. This can be explained by the fact that,
415 by definition, each phase undergoes the same strain field with the Taylor assumption. Since
416 the SSL and RSL predict the same response for a phase under the same boundary conditions,
417 the same mechanical response is predicted for each phase and consequently, the same local
418 and effective responses are obtained for the polycrystal.² On the other hand, the two crystal
419 plasticity laws lead to different estimates with the incremental self-consistent model. The
420 shear tangent moduli for the SSL are lower than those for the RSL and are used to obtain
421 strain localization tensors which specify the average strain field within a phase. Therefore,
422 with the self-consistent model, the average strain field of a given phase varies between the
423 SSL and RSL. Furthermore, the lower the tangent moduli are, the more the strain
424 heterogeneity is enhanced. As a consequence, the self-consistent model with the SSL leads to
425 the larger strain heterogeneity and softer overall response. On the other hand, the
426 self-consistent model with the RSL predicts a smaller strain heterogeneity and a flow stress
427 approaching to the upper bound. From this point of view, it can be concluded that the
428 self-consistent model based on the SSL gives a better estimation.

² Uniaxial tensile behavior is also computed for the static model, which assumes a uniform stress field within the polycrystal. SSL and RSL with $N = 500$ estimate the same behavior and the macroscopic stress is stationary at $\bar{\sigma}_{11} / \tau_0 = 2$.

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430 There are some similarities in the constitutive equations for the RSL and a power law
 431 viscoplasticity model: (i) the slip law in equation (19) and the one for viscoplasticity both obey
 432 a power law, (ii) the regularized Schmid law possesses a smooth yield locus and the
 433 viscoplastic model presents a smooth equal potential locus in stress space. The power law
 434 viscoplastic model can thus also be considered as a regularization of the Schmid law.
 435 Numerous investigations have been performed on the self-consistent model in the viscoplastic
 436 context (see, among others, Hutchinson, 1976; Masson et al., 2000; Nebozhyn et al., 2001)
 437 and it has been shown that the effective yield stress predicted by the Hill's incremental model
 438 in the rate-independent limit is very close to the Taylor bound. By noting that this effective
 439 yield stress corresponds to the saturated flow stress of a non-hardening elastoplastic
 440 polycrystal, it is pointed out that our self-consistent estimates with a RSL are fully consistent
 441 with the results obtained in the viscoplastic context. Following these remarks, it is likely that
 442 any regularization (i.e. single yield function with associated flow rule) would lead to
 443 incremental self-consistent estimates with the same shortcomings than the one reported in the
 444 present study.

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446 The physical interpretation of the reduced shear tangent moduli is considered here. First, a
 447 situation is assumed such that the double slip single grain shown in Figure 1(a) is
 448 continuously subjected to the uniaxial tension, and instantly shear strain rate, $\dot{\epsilon}_{12}$, is applied
 449 additionally. Schematic illustration of yield surfaces for the RSL and SSL in $\sigma_{11} - \sigma_{12}$ space
 450 are shown in Figure 9. In these circumstances, the stress state is uniaxial tension, i.e. $\sigma_{ij} = 0$
 451 except for σ_{11} , and non-zero strain rate components are $\dot{\epsilon}_{11}$, $\dot{\epsilon}_{22}$ and $\dot{\epsilon}_{12}$. For the RSL, the
 452 direction of the plastic strain rate is normal to the yield surface at the current stress state and
 453 $\dot{\epsilon}_{12}^p$ is not produced, hence $\dot{\epsilon}_{12}$ is accomplished by elastic strain rate, $\dot{\epsilon}_{12}^e$. Thus, the tangent
 454 modulus of L_{1212} is identical to the elastic shear modulus. On the other hand, for the RSL,
 455 the direction of plastic strain rate lies between the normal directions of the facets. Therefore,
 456 when $\dot{\epsilon}_{12}$ is applied, $\dot{\epsilon}_{12}^p$ is produced and the tangent modulus is consequently reduced. The
 457 introduction of the regularization, which avoids the difficulty of the selection of active slip
 458 systems, loses the vertex effect on the tangent moduli.

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460 It is interesting to note an analogy between the standard and regularized Schmid laws and the
461 phenomenological J_2 flow and J_2 deformation theories. Reduced tangent moduli were
462 observed by Hutchinson (1970) who compared tangent moduli for the J_2 flow and
463 deformation theories. The flow theory assumes a smooth yield locus and associated flow rule
464 and the deformation theory reflects the point vertex effect on the yield surface. The flow and
465 deformation theories predict respectively constant and decreasing shear tangent moduli during
466 plastic deformation. The flow and deformation theories are similar to the RSL and SSL,
467 respectively. In fact, there is a vertex on the yield locus for the SSL and a single smooth yield
468 locus and associated flow rule are assumed in the RSL (Equations (16) and (18)).

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470 In the crystalline context, our results highlight the fact that the flow stress estimate obtained
471 with a regularized crystal plasticity law can be different from the one that is obtained with the
472 non-smooth multi-criteria yield function corresponding to the SSL. In particular, the
473 incremental self-consistent model is significantly affected by the mathematical description of
474 the constitutive model and does not always lead to a stiff overall response with respect to the
475 Taylor model. Indeed, with the incremental self-consistent model, the Schmid law gives a
476 saturated flow stress of 2.82, which is lower than the estimation derived from the viscoplastic
477 power law in the rate-independent limit (≈ 3.06). Interestingly, it is noted that the saturated
478 flow stress obtained with the SSL does not violate the variational self-consistent estimate of
479 Ponte Castañeda for viscoplastic behavior which is equal to 2.948 in the rate-independent
480 limit (Nebozhyn et al. 2001). To give an insight on the pertinence of Hill's incremental model
481 in the framework of the standard Schmid law, it would be necessary to compare the
482 self-consistent estimate of the saturated flow stress with more rigorous bounds: the one
483 derived for polycrystalline materials exhibiting a rigid-plastic behavior with a multi-criteria
484 local yield function (see, for instance, Nesi et al., 2000) or the recent improvement of the
485 variational approach of Ponte Castañeda (Idiart and Ponte Castañeda 2007a,b) which was
486 shown to improve on earlier bounds in the case of a two-phase porous crystalline material.

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488 Concerning the RSL, it is interesting to note that different studies on particulate composites

489 (matrix-inclusion microstructure) (Gonzales and LLorca, 2000; Doghri and Ouaar, 2003;
490 Chaboche et al., 2005) with an elastoplastic matrix obeying the J_2 flow theory have shown
491 that the incremental model deliver a too stiff overall stress-strain response by comparison with
492 finite element computations. This is qualitatively in agreement with our results obtained by
493 RSL for non-hardening polycrystal with an elastic phase. To obtain better self-consistent
494 estimates, it would be necessary to incorporate the field heterogeneity in the nonlinear
495 homogenization procedure for elastoplasticity.

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497 **6. Concluding remarks**

498 The mechanical response of polycrystals has been investigated using the Hill's incremental
499 self-consistent model in conjunction with different rate-independent crystal plasticity laws.
500 The investigation of standard and regularized Schmid laws has revealed that they deliver the
501 same plastic deformation behavior but different tangent moduli. The use of these two
502 constitutive laws to describe the elastoplastic behavior of a non-hardening f.c.c. polycrystal
503 has shown that the standard Schmid law predicts a wider heterogeneity of the local strain field
504 and a softer overall response. We found that the reduced shear tangent moduli are responsible
505 for this behavior. The incorporation of an elastic phase in the elastoplastic polycrystal allowed
506 us to point out that an increase of the mechanical contrast implies a more pronounced
507 influence of the tangent moduli on the self-consistent description. The shear tangent moduli
508 decrease with the deformation for the SSL and remain constant for the RSL. With the
509 incremental self-consistent model, the Schmid law gives a saturated flow stress which is
510 lower than the estimation derived from the viscoplastic power law in the rate-independent
511 limit. The saturated flow stress obtained with the SSL (Hutchinson, 1970) does not violate the
512 variational self-consistent estimate of Ponte Castañeda for viscoplastic behavior in the
513 rate-independent limit. Comparisons with more restrictive bounds are thus required.

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603 **Appendix**

604 *A1. Influence of exponent, N , in regularized Schmid law*

605 The exponent, N , in the regularized Schmid law has been taken to 500 for the all
606 computations in Section 4. In this section, N is taken to 5 and 50 in order to examine its
607 influence on the microscopic and macroscopic mechanical responses, and the problems in

608 Section 4.1 and 4.2 are simulated. Figure A1(a) shows the macroscopic uniaxial stress-strain
609 curve for the isotropic non-hardening crystalline aggregate. The saturated flow stresses
610 predicted with the Taylor and self-consistent models coincide with each other for the same
611 N and decrease with N . When $N = 5$, the flow stresses predicted by the Taylor and
612 self-consistent models are softer than the one predicted by the self-consistent model with the
613 Schmid law (Figure 2), since the yield stress of a single crystal becomes lower with
614 decreasing the exponent. Thus, this prediction does not imply that the regularized Schmid law
615 with $N = 5$ is capable of predicting the softer effective response with large strain
616 heterogeneity. The development of the phase average strain for $N = 5$ is shown in Figure
617 A1(b). The phase average strains once have a variation in the range of -20% to +10% just
618 after the plastic yielding and then, the variation shrinks. The amount of strain heterogeneity is
619 the same magnitude as the one for $N = 500$ in Figure 3(b). The strain heterogeneity for
620 $N = 50$, which is not shown in the present paper, is almost the same as that for $N = 500$.
621 Therefore, it is concluded that the exponent, N , has little influence on the estimation of
622 mechanical response.

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624 The microscopic and macroscopic deformation of polycrystals reinforced by an elastic
625 inclusion, which is the problem in Section 4.2, is also simulated for $N = 5$ and 50, and the
626 results are shown in Figure A2. Softer behavior is predicted for the case of $N = 5$, since lower
627 exponent gives softer flow stress for a single crystal. Figure A2(b) shows the strain
628 distribution in the polycrystalline and elastic phases. The predicted strain heterogeneity is
629 almost the same as the one for $N = 500$ shown in Figure 7(b). We again conclude that the
630 exponent, N , in the regularized Schmid law has almost no influence on the estimation of the
631 mechanical behavior.

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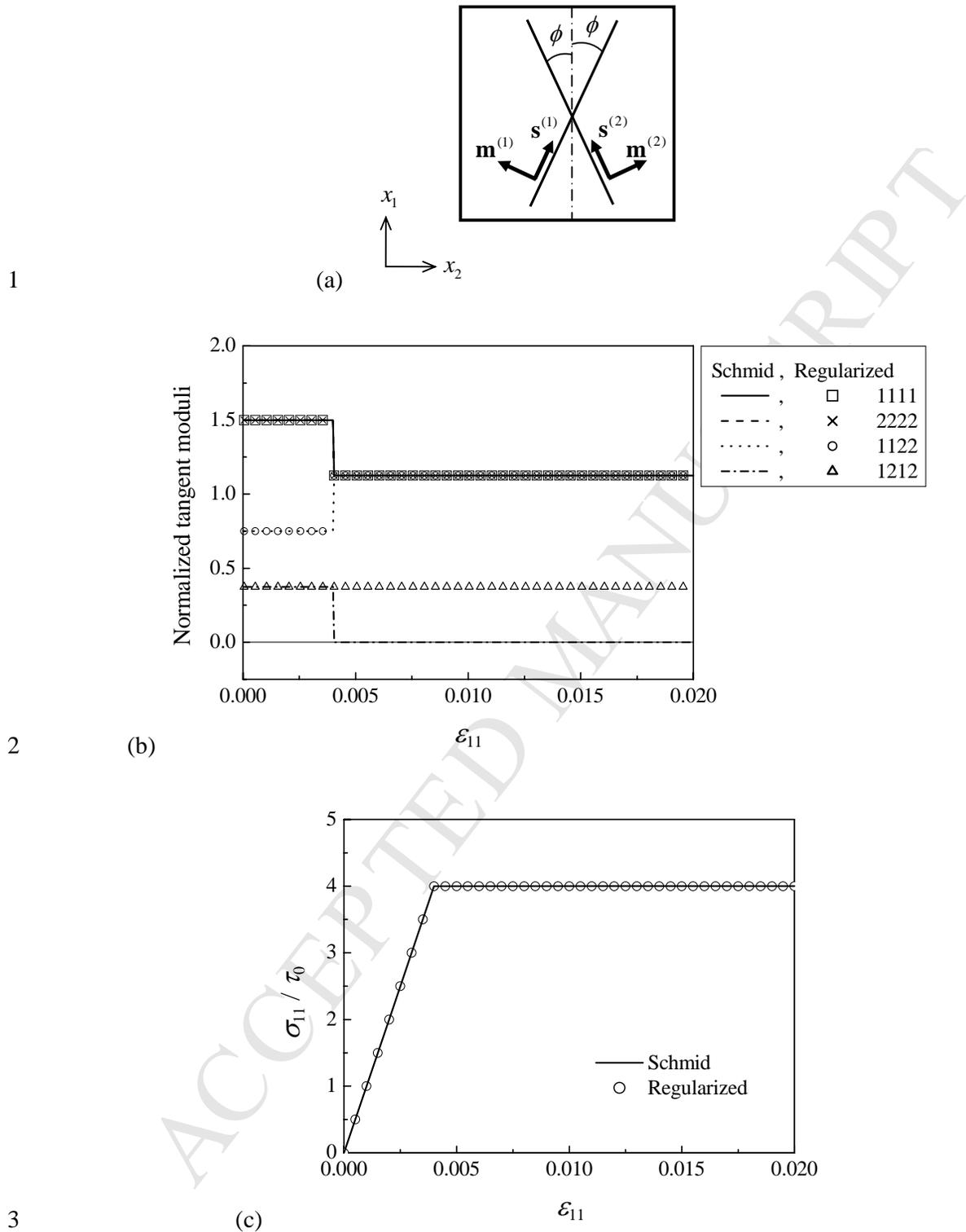
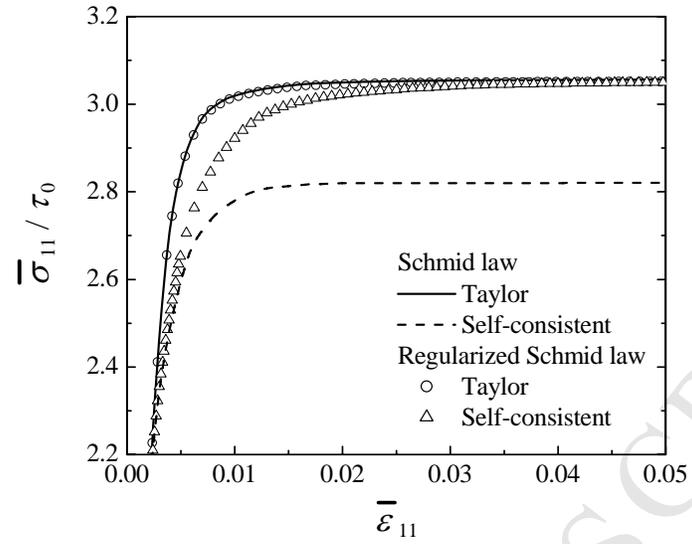


Figure 1. Tangent moduli for a double slip crystal under uniaxial tension. (a) Geometry of slip systems, (b) tangent moduli normalized by the Young's modulus and (c) tensile stress normalized by a critical resolved shear stress as a function of tensile strain.

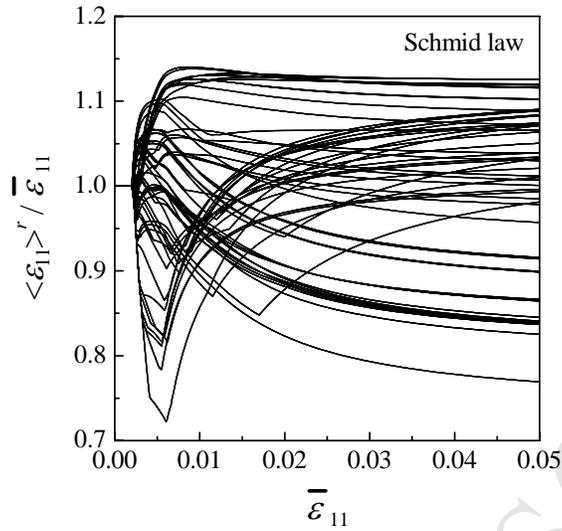


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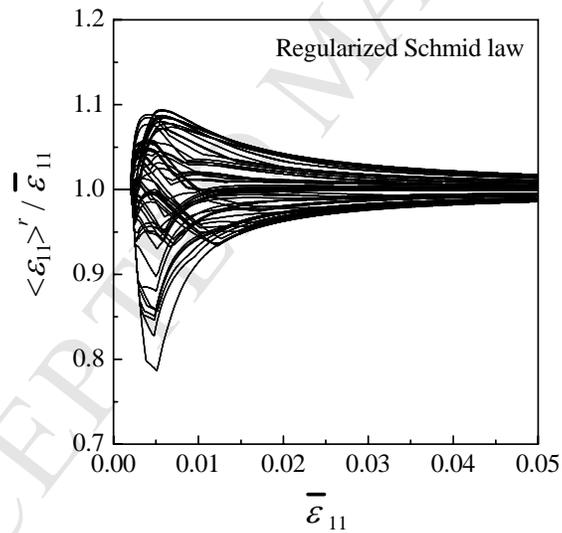
8 Figure 2. Macroscopic uniaxial stress-strain curve for isotropic non-hardening f.c.c.
 9 crystalline aggregate. Taylor and incremental self-consistent models are used in conjunction

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with Schmid and regularized Schmid laws.



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(b)

Figure 3. Evolution of local strain component, $\langle \varepsilon_{11} \rangle^r$, in 216 phases under uniaxial tension. Incremental self-consistent model is used in conjunction with (a) Schmid law and (b) regularized Schmid law.

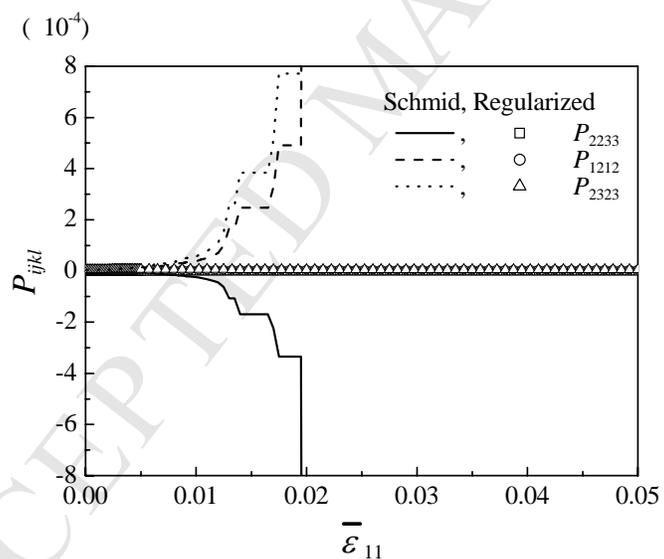
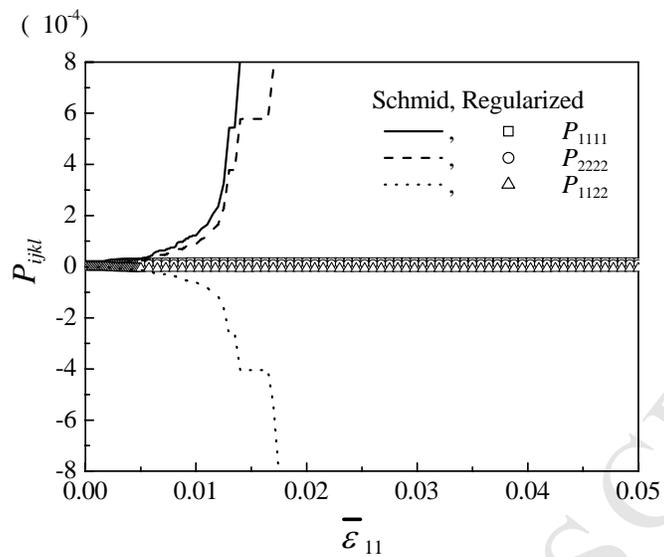
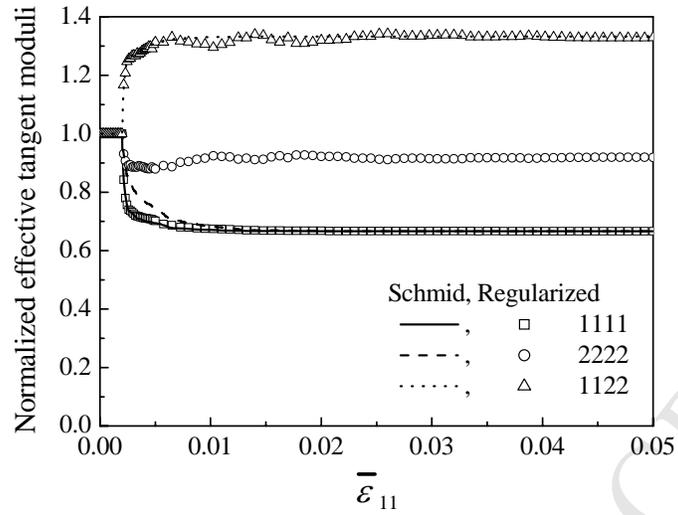


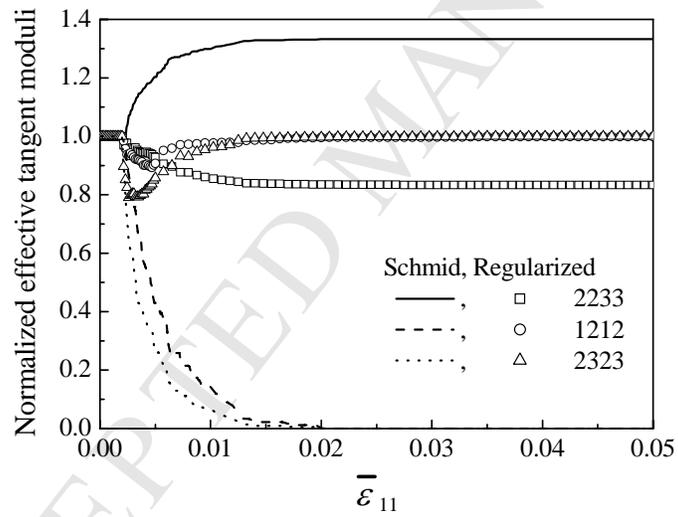
Figure 4. Evolution of \mathbf{P} tensor for uniaxial tension as a function of macroscopic tensile strain.

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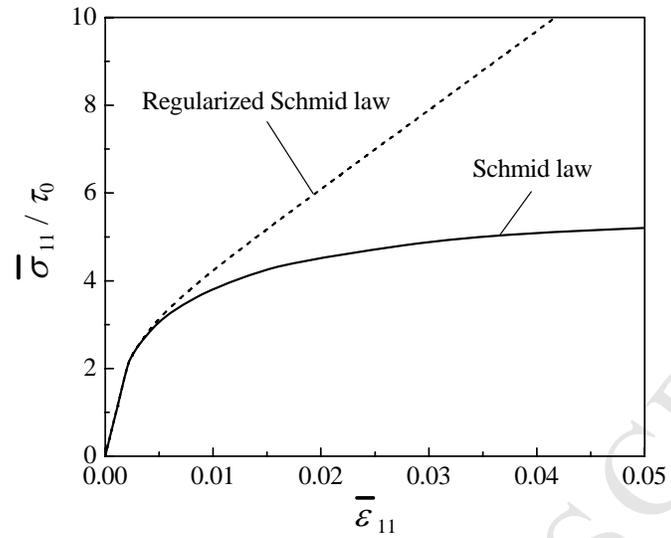


(b)

Figure 5. Evolution of tangent moduli under uniaxial tension. Effective tangent moduli, \tilde{L}_{ijkl} , are normalized by corresponding elastic moduli, C_{ijkl}^e .

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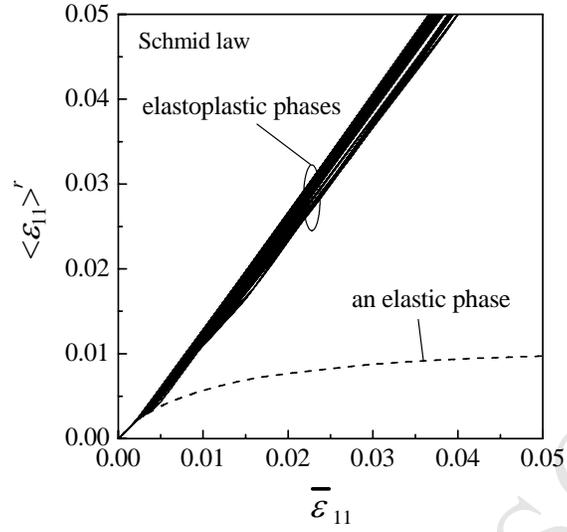


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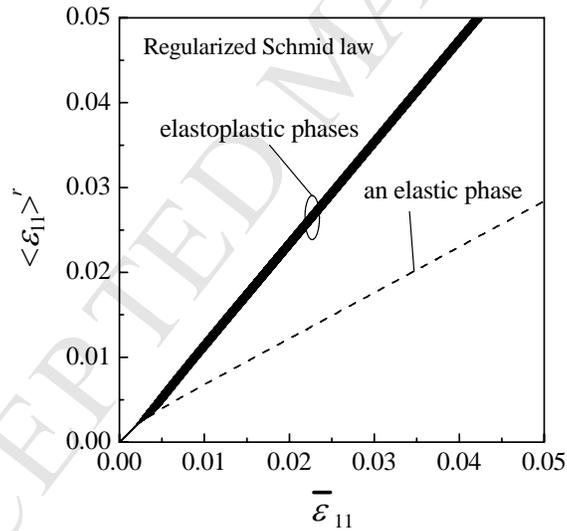
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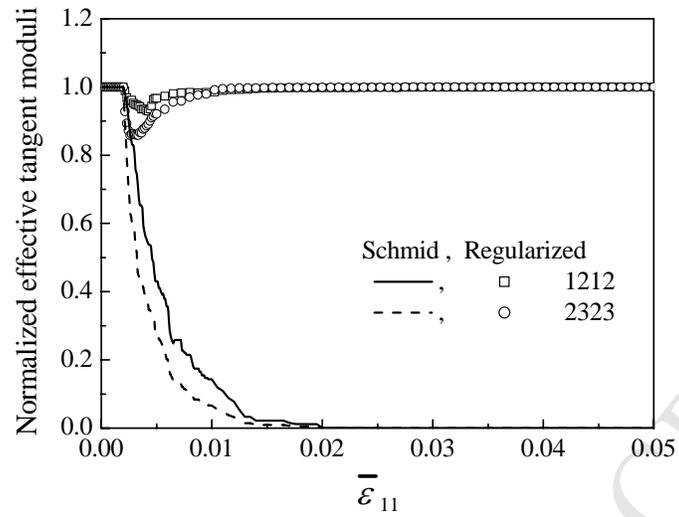


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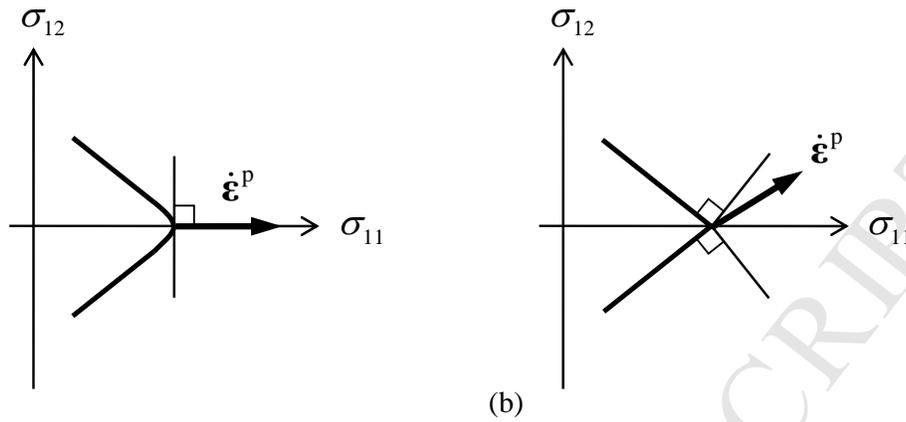
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50 Figure 8. Evolution of tangent moduli for aggregate consisting of 216 elastoplastic phases
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 52 elastic moduli, C_{ijkl}^e , for each component.

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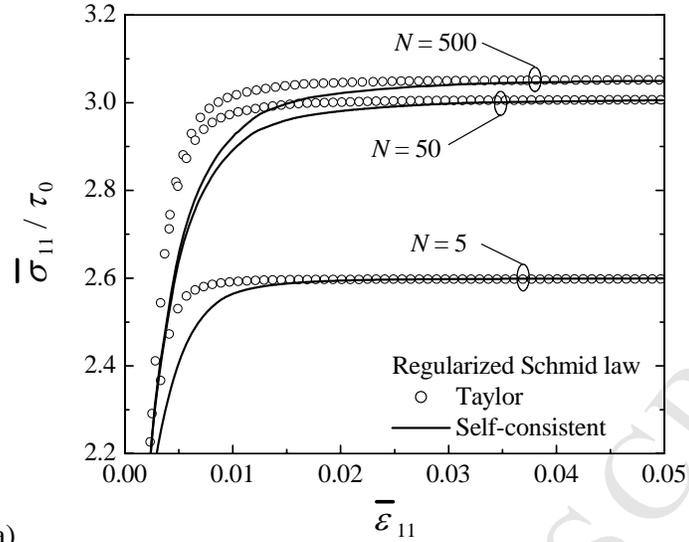
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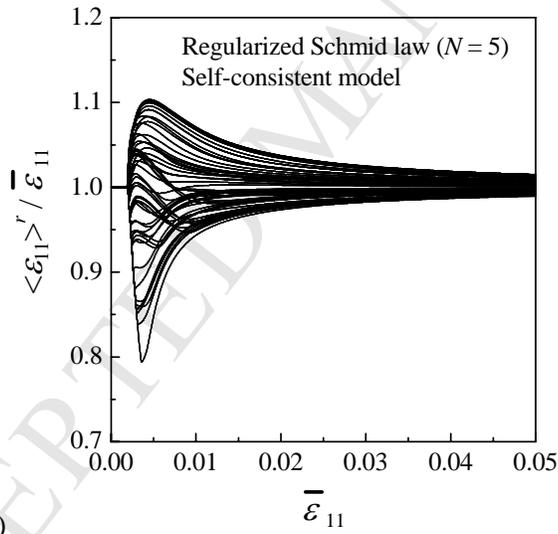
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 56 and (b) standard Schmid laws for a double slip crystal shown in Figure 1.

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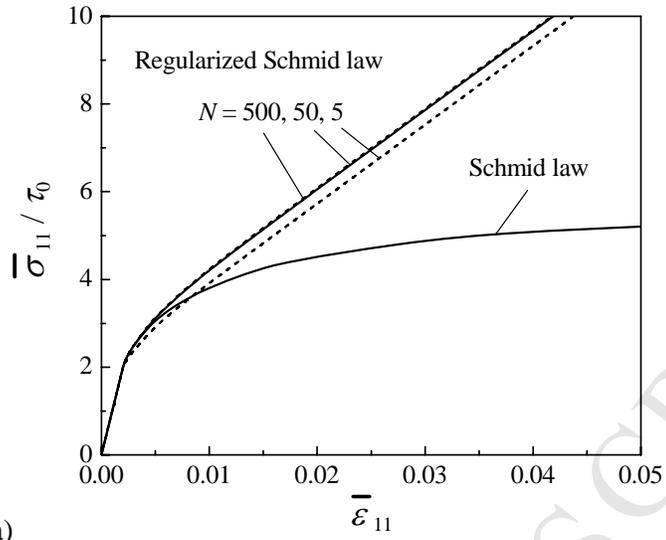


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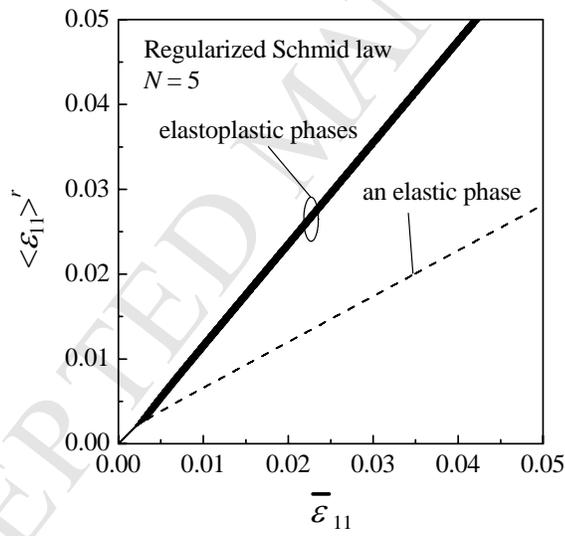


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Figure A1. Influence of exponent in regularized Schmid law for isotropic non-hardening f.c.c. polycrystal. (a) Macroscopic flow stress and (b) strain heterogeneity.



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Figure A2. Influence of exponent in regularized Schmid law for isotropic non-hardening f.c.c. polycrystal reinforced by an elastic inclusion. (a) Macroscopic flow stress and (b) strain heterogeneity.

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