

Grain size evolution and mechanical behaviors of rocks during dynamic recrystallization: Theory and numerical simulation

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The mechanical behavior and the grain size distribution during high-temperature dislocation creep accompanied with dynamic recrystallization was numerically investigated by a simple 'box model'. Each 'box' contains grains of the same grain-size class of either 'growing' or 'shrinking' mode. Strain hardening by accumulation of dislocations, and softening by nucleation and grain boundary migration were simulated, and volume fractions and stored energies of each 'boxes' are traced. According to the cycles of deformation-nucleation-growth, flow stress is oscillated.