

# Multiscale Physics Challenges for Plasma- Facing Materials

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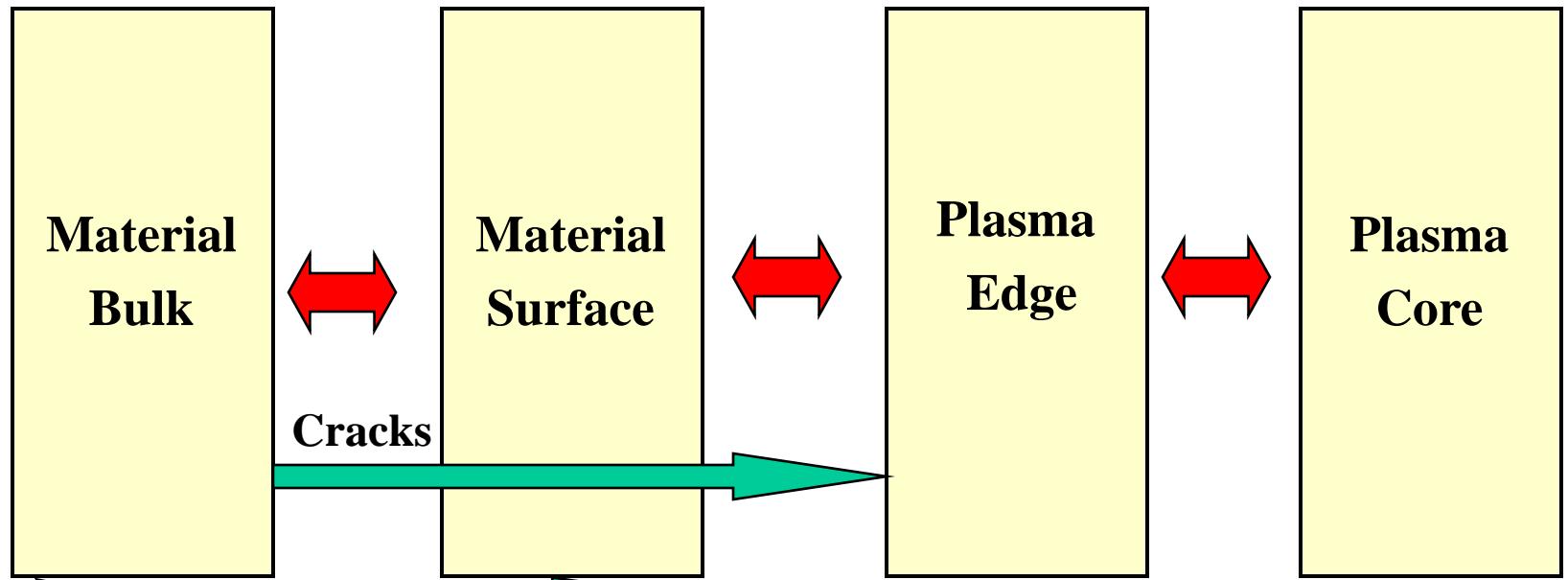
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# Lecture Outline

- Research Approach and the Materials Environment;
- Plasma Physics – Materials Science Analogies;
- The new kid on the block: Multiscale Modeling;
- A few Basics: collision cascades. Defects & Microstructure;
- Surface and Bulk Phenomena;
- Fundamental Equations and Algorithms;
- Modeling Challenges and Limitations.

# Material-Plasma Interfacing



- Ab initio;
- MD
- KMC
- DD
- Rate Theory
- FEM

- VFTRIM;
- REDEP
- HEIGHTS
- BPHI-3D
- UEDGE-2D

- Transport;
- Turbulence;
- MHD;
- Confinement;
- Islands,  
Stability &  
Oscillations.



# Correspondence & Analogy

Phenomenon	Plasma	Material
Density & Degrees of Freedom per cm <sup>3</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/> $10^{14} - 10^{16}$	<input type="checkbox"/> $10^{23}$
Forces	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Long-range:</b> Coulomb, Electromagnetic	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Short-range:</b> Atomic > Pair, Many-body <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Long-range:</b> Elastic
Particle Methods	<input type="checkbox"/> Particle-Particle (P-P); <input type="checkbox"/> Particle-Field (PIC); <input type="checkbox"/> KMC	<input type="checkbox"/> Particle-Particle (MD); <input type="checkbox"/> Particle-Field (DD-FEM); <input type="checkbox"/> KMC, Lattice MC, Event MC.
Transport & Continuum	<input type="checkbox"/> Collisions & Fokker-Planck; <input type="checkbox"/> Fluid, MHD <input type="checkbox"/> Reaction Cross-sections; <input type="checkbox"/> Turbulence	<input type="checkbox"/> Microstructure Evolution & Fokker-Planck*; <input type="checkbox"/> Elasticity; <input type="checkbox"/> Rate Theory; <input type="checkbox"/> Plasticity
Instabilities	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Space:</b> Islands, Coherent Structures; <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Time:</b> Oscillations, Disruptions	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Space:</b> Self-organization, segregation; <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Time:</b> shear bands, cracks.

\*H. Huang and N.M. Ghoniem, "Formulation of a Moment Method for n-dimensional Fokker-Planck Equations", *Phys. Rev. E*, **51**, 6: 5251-5260, 1995.

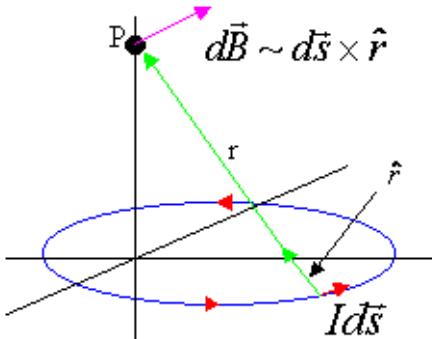


# Correspondence & Analogy

Biot-Savart

$$d\vec{B} = \frac{\mu_o}{4\pi} \frac{Id\vec{s} \times \hat{r}}{r^2}$$

$$\vec{B} = \frac{\mu_o I}{4\pi} \oint \frac{d\vec{s} \times \hat{r}}{r^2}$$



## Electromagnetics

Magnetic intensity

$$H_i$$

Magnetic induction

$$B_i$$

Current density

$$J_i$$

Permeability

$$\mu$$

Vector potential

$$A_i$$

Current

$$I$$

Maxwell's Equation:

$$\epsilon_{ijk} H_{k,j} = J_i$$

## Dislocation Dynamics

Strain

$$\epsilon_{ij}$$

Stress

$$\sigma_{ij}$$

Incompatibility tensor

$$\eta_{ij}$$

Elastic constants

$$E, \nu$$

Stress function

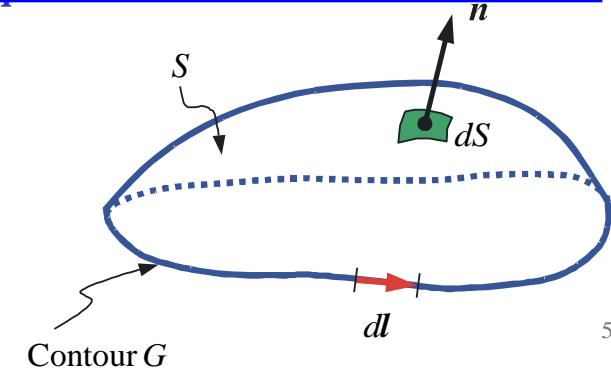
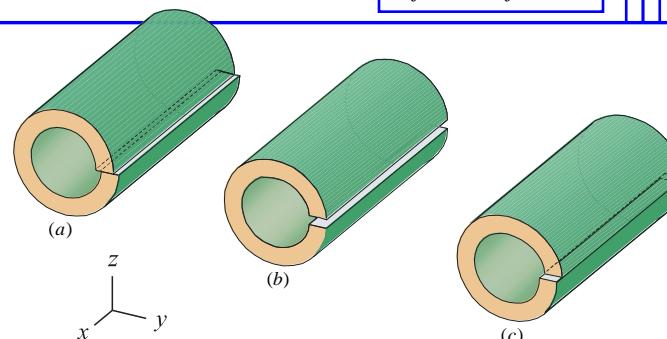
$$\chi_{ij}$$

Burgers vector

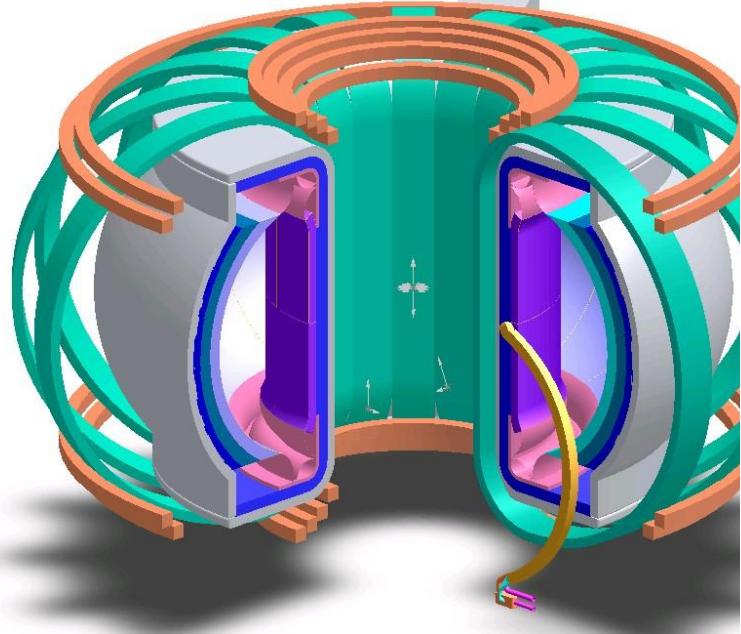
$$b_i$$

Incompatibility Equation:

$$-\epsilon_{ikl} \epsilon_{jmn} \epsilon_{nl,km} = \eta_{ij}$$



# Approach and Materials Environment - MFE



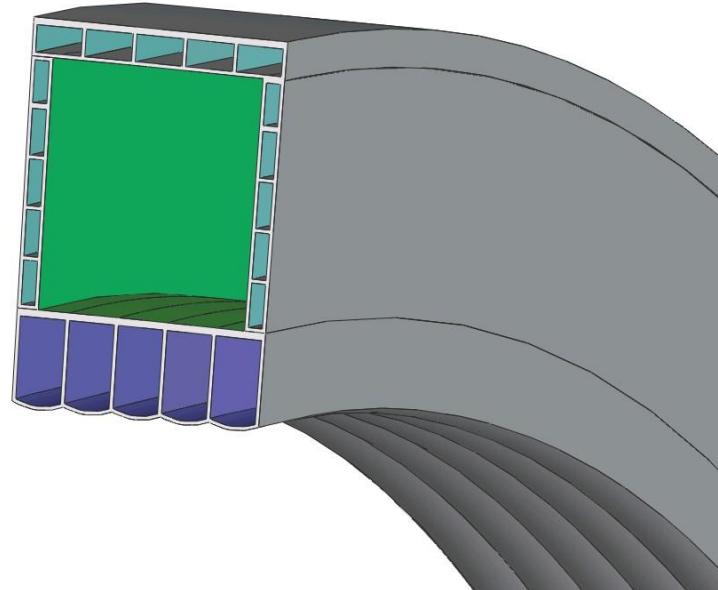
**Environment**

**Heat Flux:** FW  $\sim 1 \text{ MW/m}^2$ ; Divertor  $\sim 5 - 15 \text{ MW/m}^2$

**Neutron Flux:**  $\sim 3 - 5 \text{ MW/m}^2$

**Particle Flux:** Divertor  $\sim 10^{21} - 10^{22} \text{ m}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$

**Mechanical Loads:** Pressure  $\sim 2-5 \text{ MPa}$



**Approach**

**Predictive;**

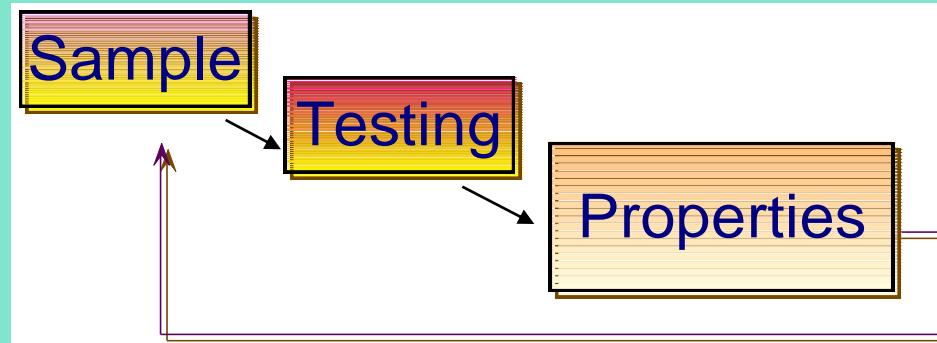
**Physics-Based;**

**Computational Design of Materials;**

**Experimentally-verifiable at Scale Interfaces.**

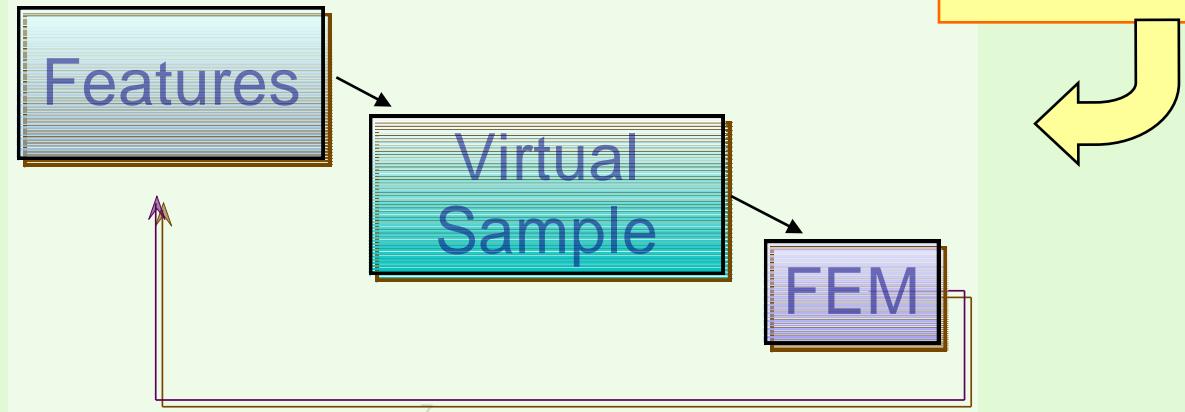
# ACCELERATED MATERIAL DEVELOPMENT METHODOLOGY

- Traditional Physical Methodology:

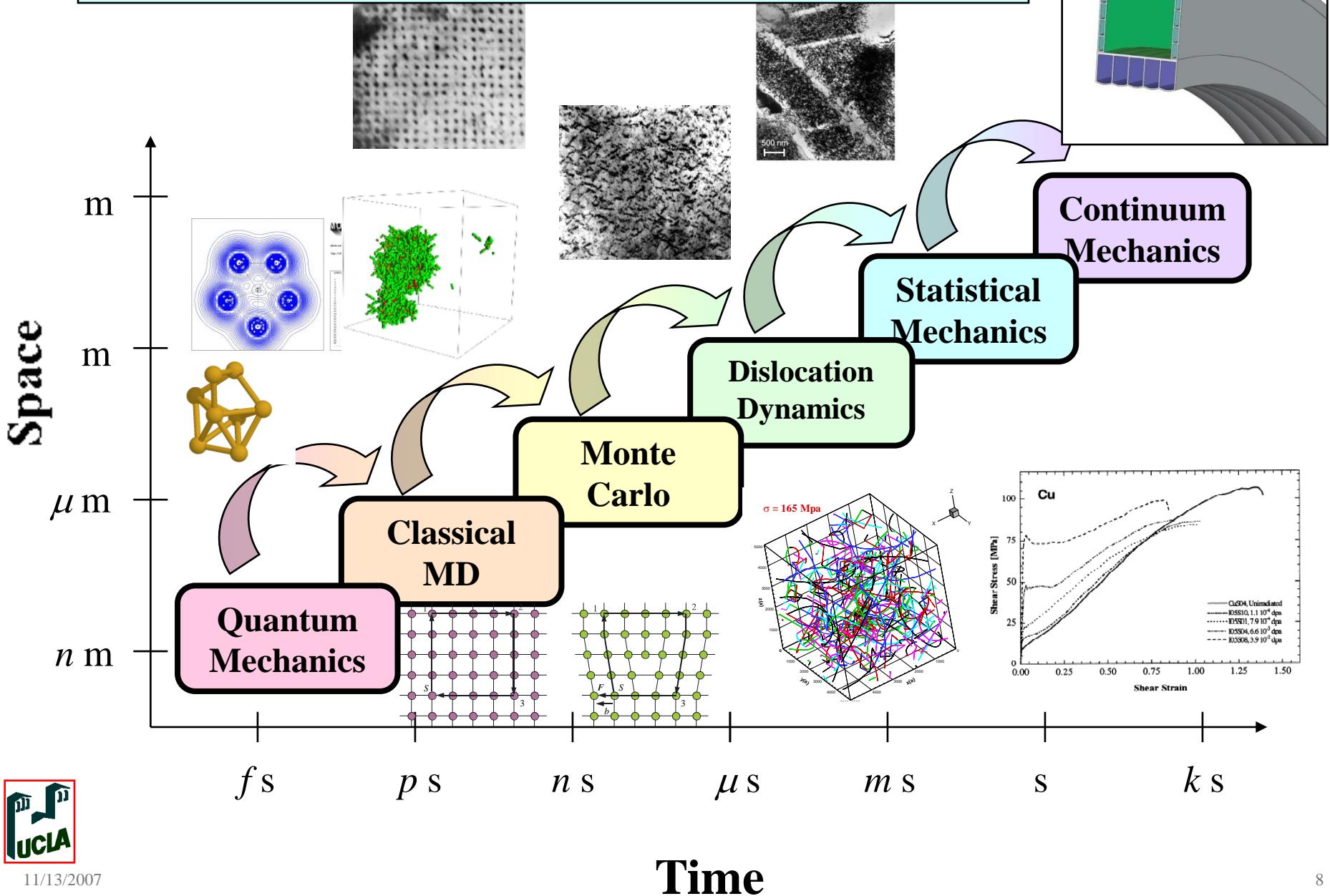


- Digital Analog Methodology:

INTEGRATED  
MODELING  
INPUT

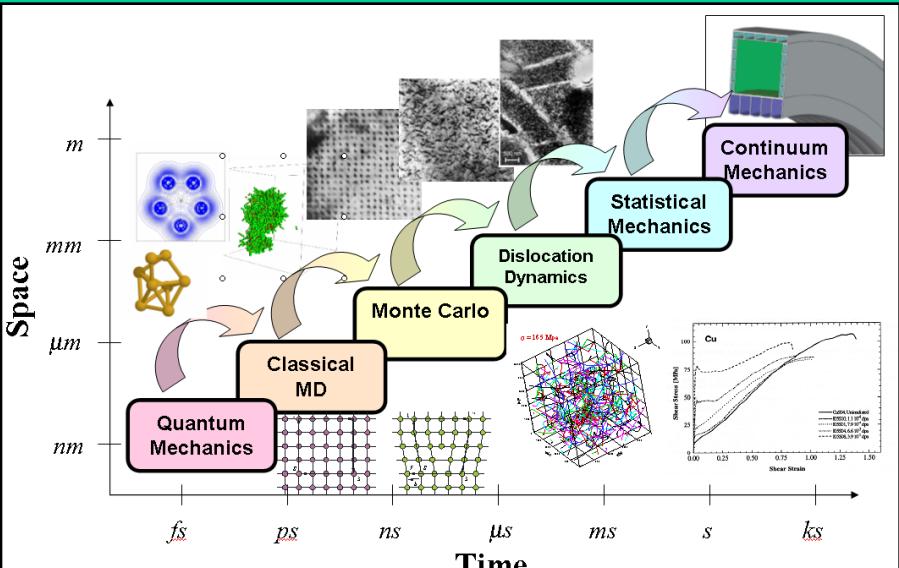


# Multi-scale Modeling Strategy

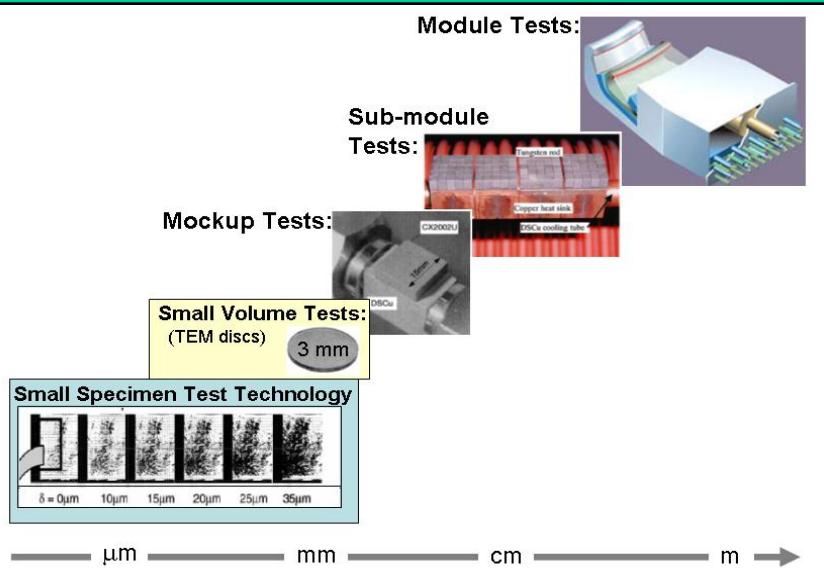


# FUSION STRUCTURAL COMPONENT DEVELOPMENT LOGIC

## Multi-Scale Material Modeling



## Experiments and Tests



## PROPERTIES:

Tensile, fatigue, toughness, creep, crack growth, swelling...



Structural Performance and Reliability Assessment

# Defects & the Microstructure

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In materials, critical phenomena such as phase transitions, plastic deformation, and fracture are intimately related to self-organization. Understanding the origin of spatio-temporal order in systems far from thermal equilibrium and the selection mechanisms of spatial structures and their symmetries is a major theme of present day research on the structure of continuous matter. Furthermore, the development of methods for producing spatially-ordered and self-assembled microstructure in solids by non-equilibrium methods opens the door to many technological applications. There is an increasing demand for a better understanding of new materials from a more fundamental point of view. In order to describe and understand the behavior of such materials, dynamical concepts related to non-equilibrium phenomena, irreversible thermodynamics, nonlinear dynamics, and bifurcation theory, are required. The generic presence of defects and their crucial influence on pattern formation and critical phenomena in extended systems is now well-established. Similar to observations in hydrodynamical, liquid crystal, and laser systems, defects in materials have a profound effect. We found it thus timely to develop a unified presentation of tools, concepts, and methods that are useful to material scientists and engineers. Although specialized treatments of various topics covered in this book are available, we feel that a comprehensive approach may give the reader a higher vantage point. Hence, emphasis is placed on combining the basic physical, mathematical, and computational aspects with technological applications within the material's life-cycle, from processing, degradation to eventual failure.

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Kaushik Bhattacharya, California Institute of Technology

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Robert Rudd, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory

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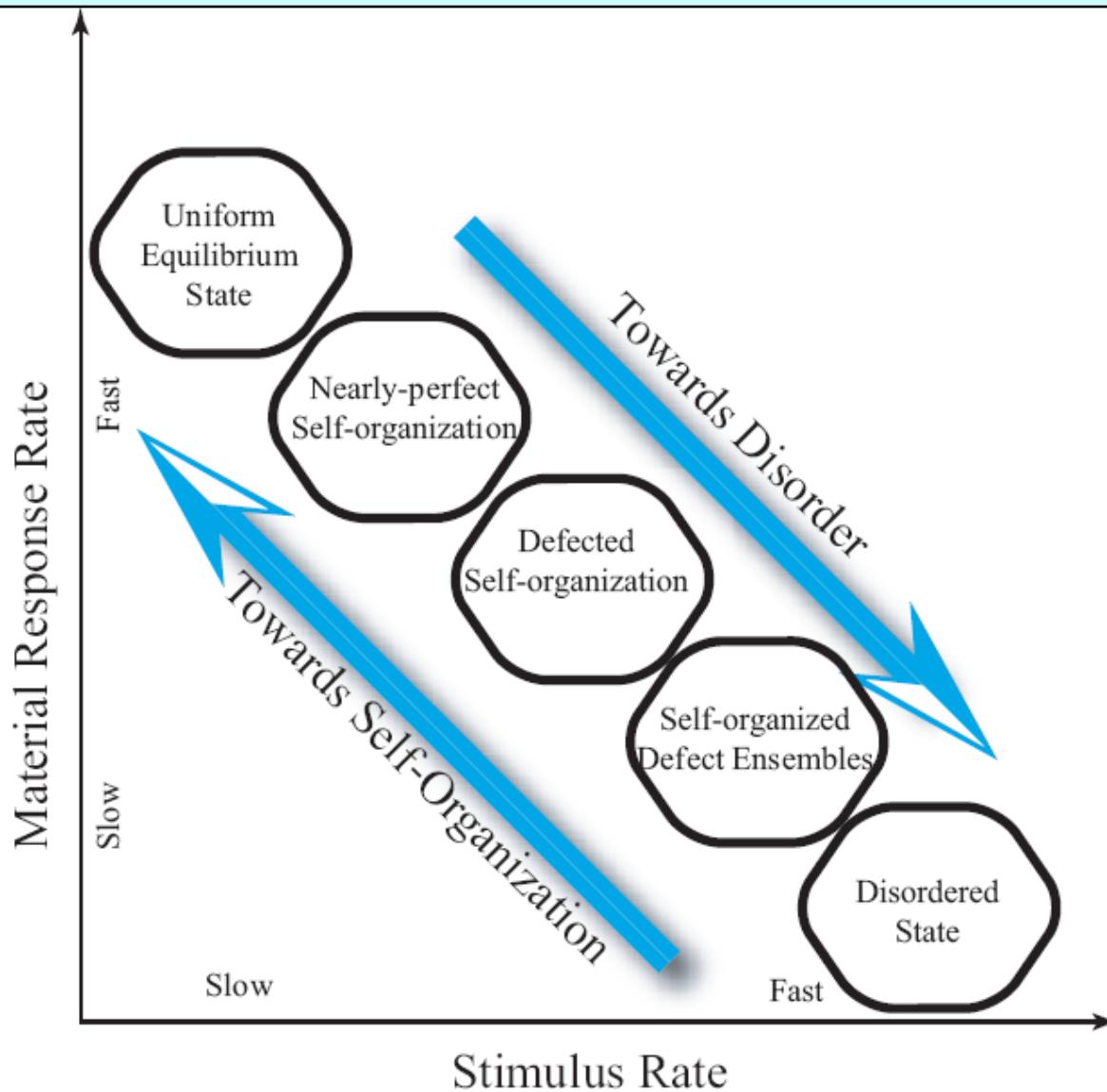


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# Defects & the Microstructure



# Point & Line Defects

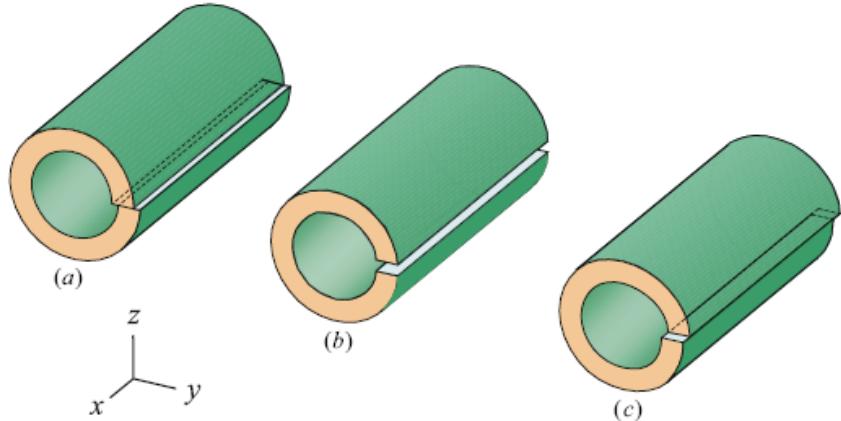
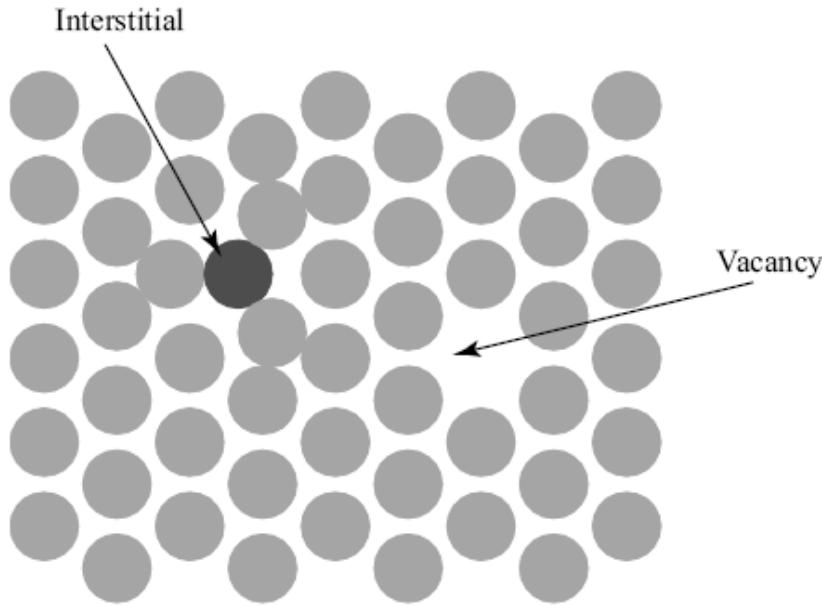


Figure 3.1: Dislocation types in materials

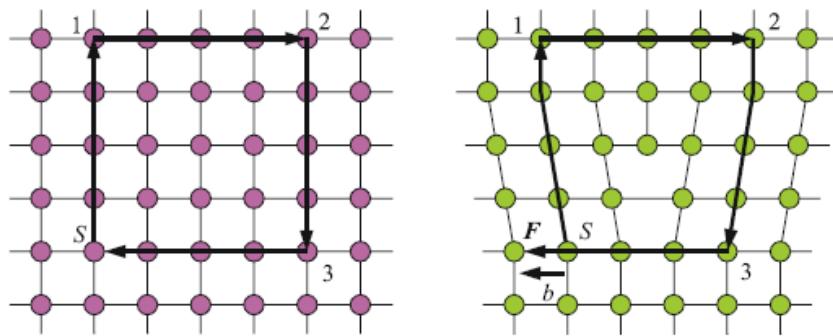


Figure 3.2: Burgers circuit for an edge dislocation



# Interfacial Defects & Boundaries

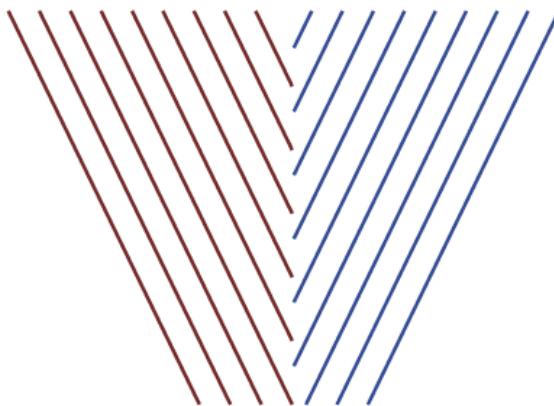


Figure 3.6: Stable tilt boundary

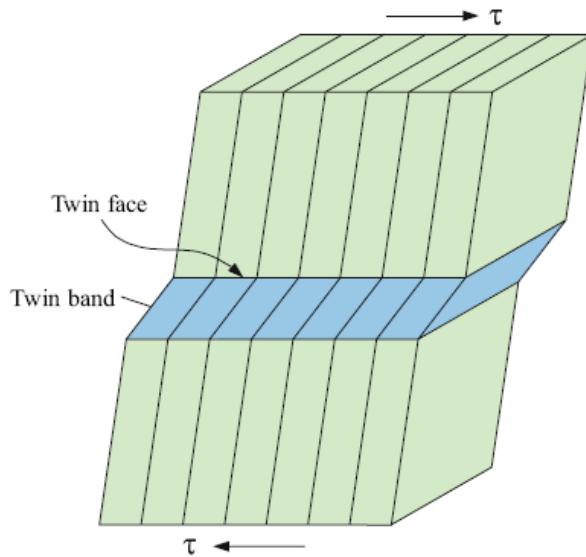


Figure 3.9: Twin band geometry

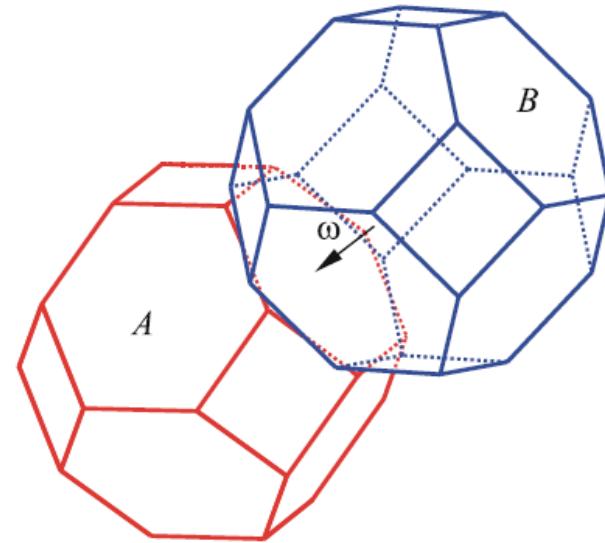


Figure 3.7: Twist boundary between grains

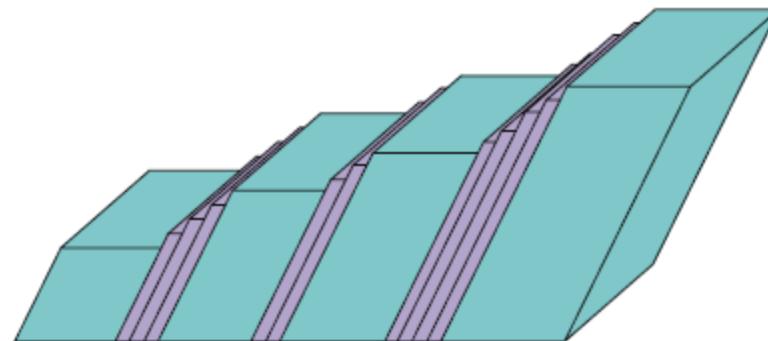
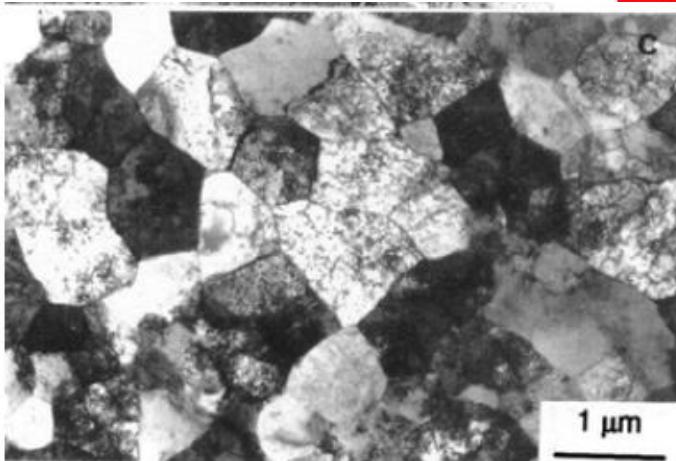
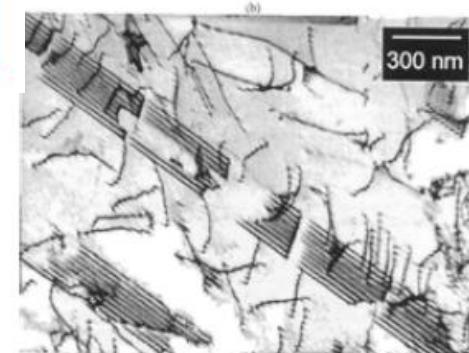
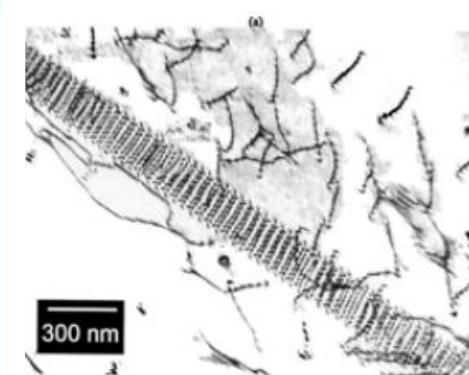
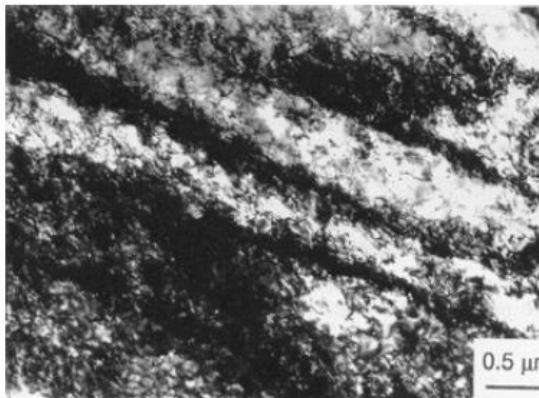
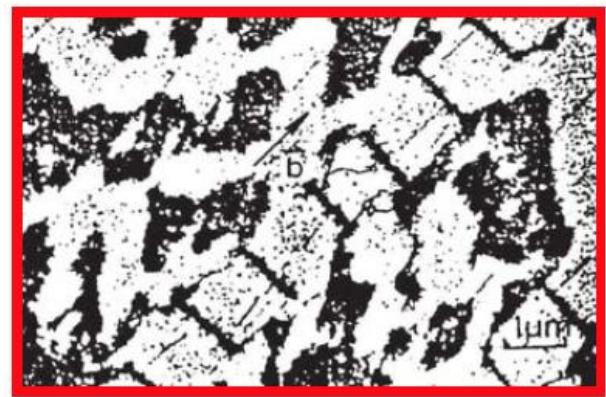
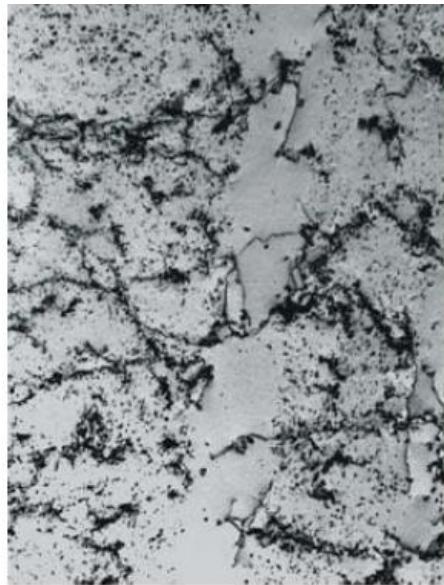
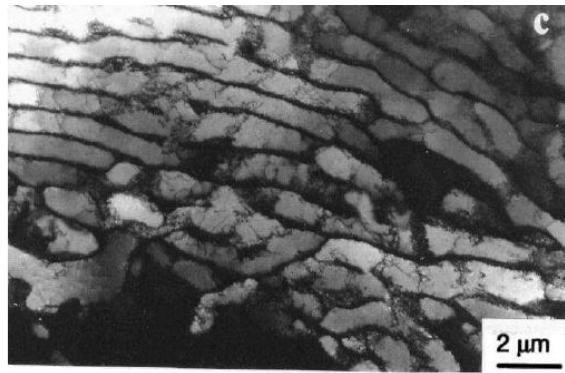
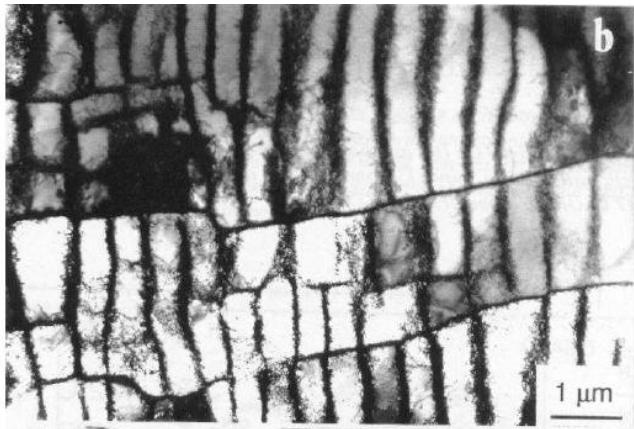
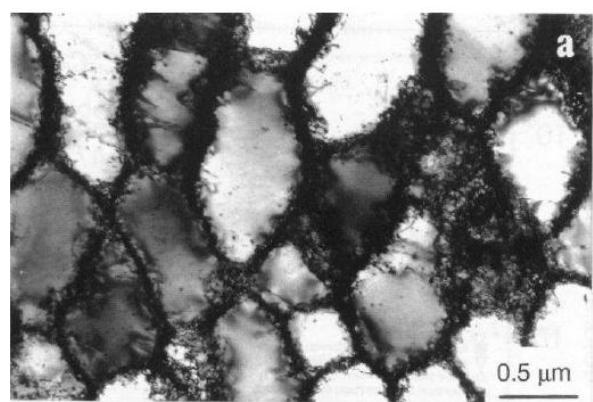


Figure 3.8: Slip band geometry

# Defects & the Microstructure





# Bulk Phenomena

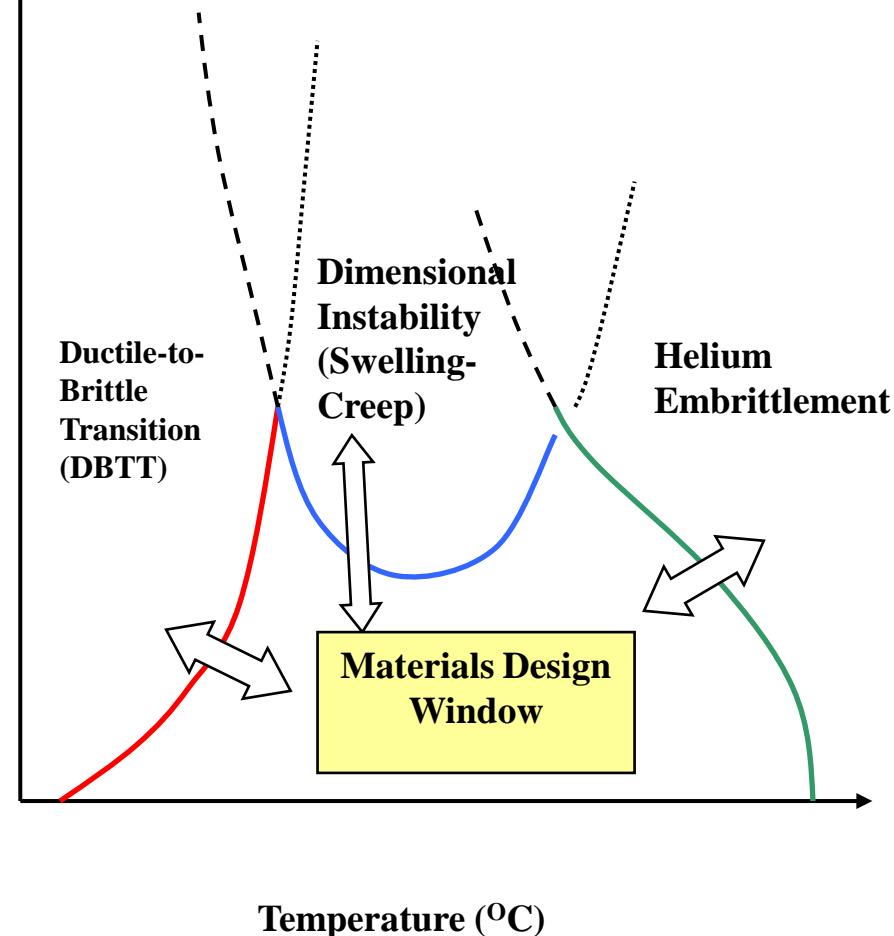
High Heat Flux/ Neutron flux/ Mechanical Loads result in:

Short timescale phenomena (e.g.  $10^{-12} - 10^{-9}$  s):

- Atomic Displacements;
  - Fast Transport;
  - Lattice Defects (Vacancies and Interstitials).
- Lifetime  
(Yrs)

Long timescale phenomena (e.g.  $10^{-3} - 10^6$  s):

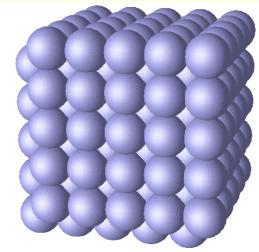
- Microstructure Evolution (Voids, Bubbles, Dislocations, Phases);
- Dimensional Instabilities (Swelling and Creep);
- Shear Bands (Localized plasticity);
- Helium Embrittlement.



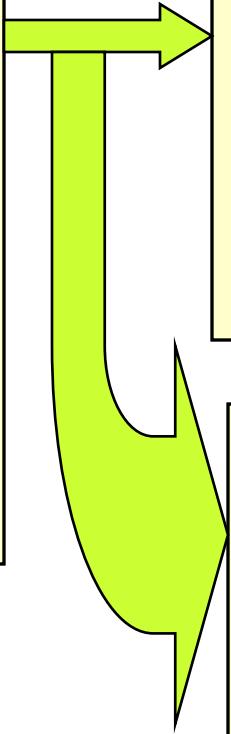
# Atomistic Simulations\*

## First-principles

(<200 atoms,<10ps)

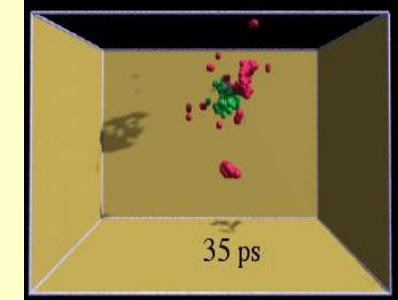


- Start from Schrödinger's Equation;
- Approximate: DFT;
- Accurate energetics of point defects and defect clusters



## Molecular dynamics

- Empirical Potentials;
- Initial defect distribution;
- Verlet or predictor-corrector;
- time-step  $\sim 1$  fs;
- Short-range forces;
- Parallelization by spatial decomposition with MPI.
- (1-100 million atoms, < 100 ns)

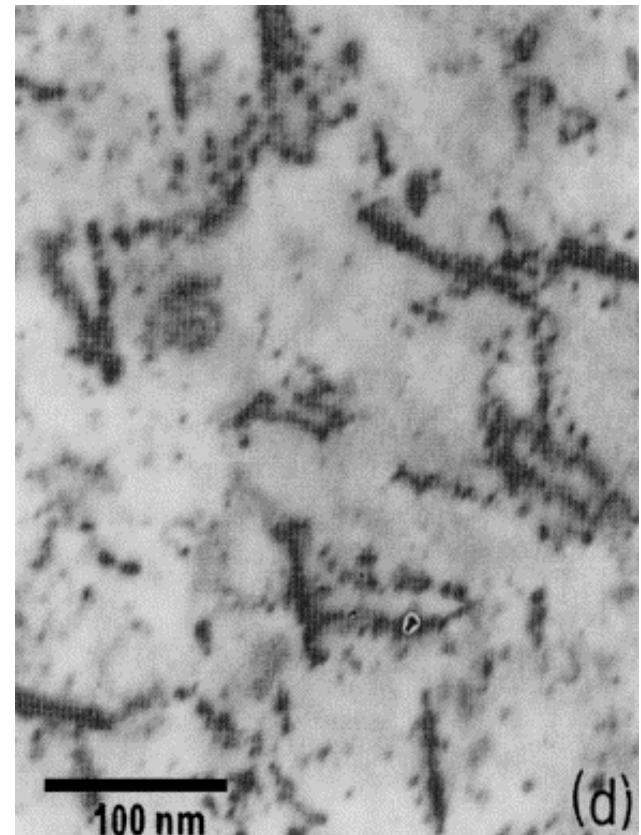
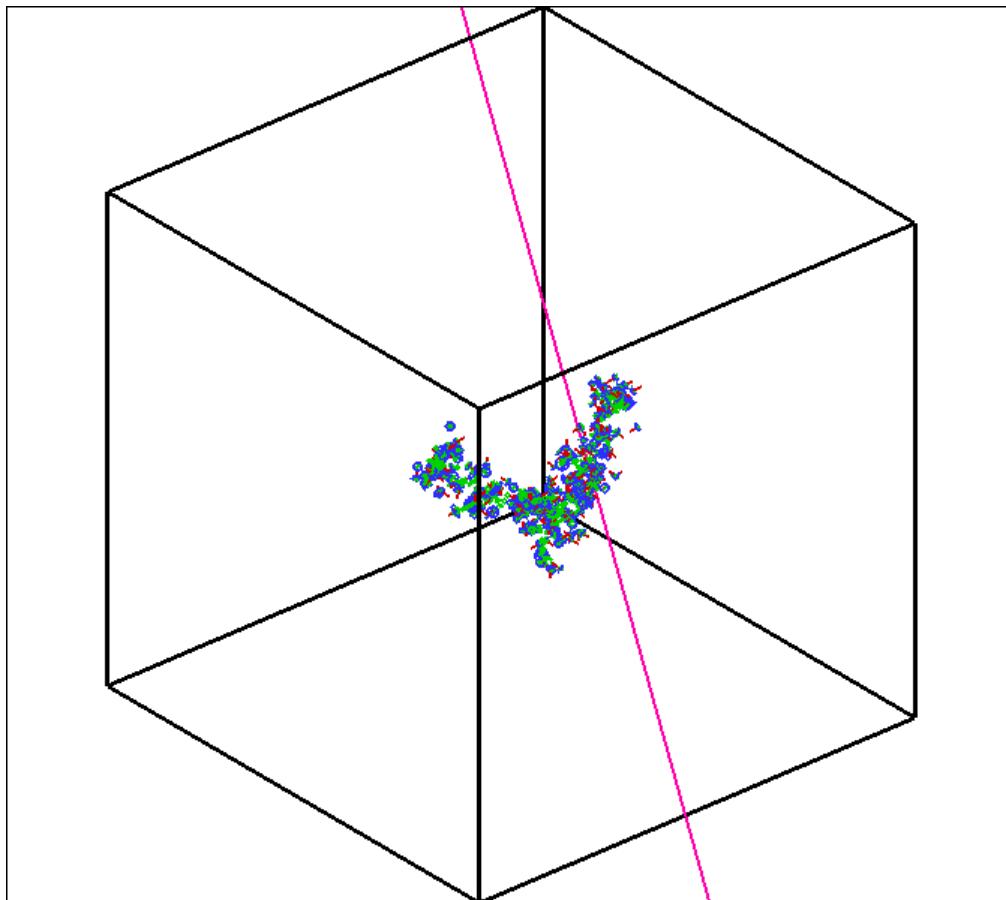


## KMC (< $\mu\text{m}$ ,<ms)

- Freeze atomic degrees of Freedom;
- Track defects only;
- Microstructure evolution of defects
- Spatial inhomogeneity.

\* Srolovitz and Carr - Princeton

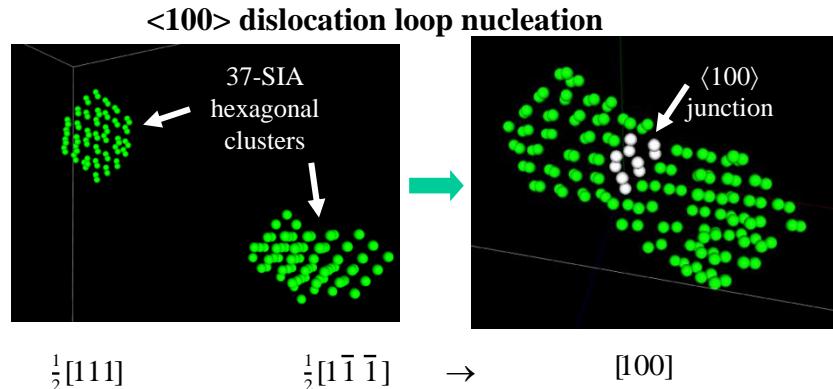
# Atomic Displacements



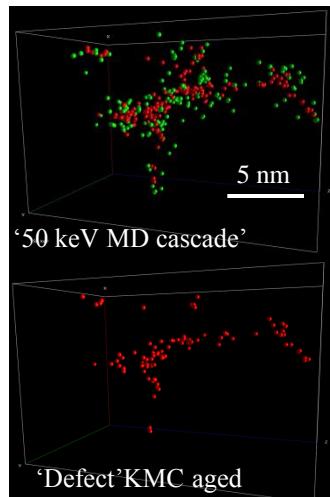
# Radiation damage and defect cluster physics

- Atomistic (molecular dynamics, molecular statics and kinetic Monte Carlo) simulations to investigate displacement cascade evolution (Fe-10%Cr), defect cluster structure & transport (Fe, Fe-He, Fe-Cr, V), cascade aging - Collaborative effort with UCSB, ORNL, PNNL and Princeton (V)

20 keV cascade in Fe-10%Cr



QuickTime™ and a  
Cinepak decompressor  
are needed to see this picture.



Cascade aging in Fe

Cascade energy (keV)	MD defects ( $\sim 100$ ps)	Surviving vacancies ( $\sim 100$ ns)
5	22.0	13.2 (60%)
10	33.9	20.2 (60%)
20	59.3	38.2 (64 %)
40	131	77.5 (59%)
50	168.3	90.9 (54%)
100	332.3	180.1 (54 %)

# Interatomic Potentials and MD Simulations

$$\mathcal{H}\Phi\{R_I, r_i\} = E_{tot}\Phi\{R_I, r_i\}$$

$$\mathcal{H} = \sum \frac{P_I^2}{2M_I} + \sum \frac{Z_I Z_J e^2}{R_{IJ}} + \sum \frac{p_i^2}{2me} + \sum \frac{e^2}{r_{ij}} - \sum \frac{Z_I e^2}{|R_I - r_i|}$$

- ❑ Born-Oppenheimer: Adiabatically eliminate nuclear degrees of freedom. Solve only for electrons.
- ❑ Kohn-Sham-Hohenberg: Density Functional Theory (DFT) reduces to the single electron quantum problem, with effective potentials.
- ❑ Exchange-Correlation potentials are approximated with the Local Density Approximation (LDA).
- ❑ Using DFT-LDA material properties have been calculated without input.



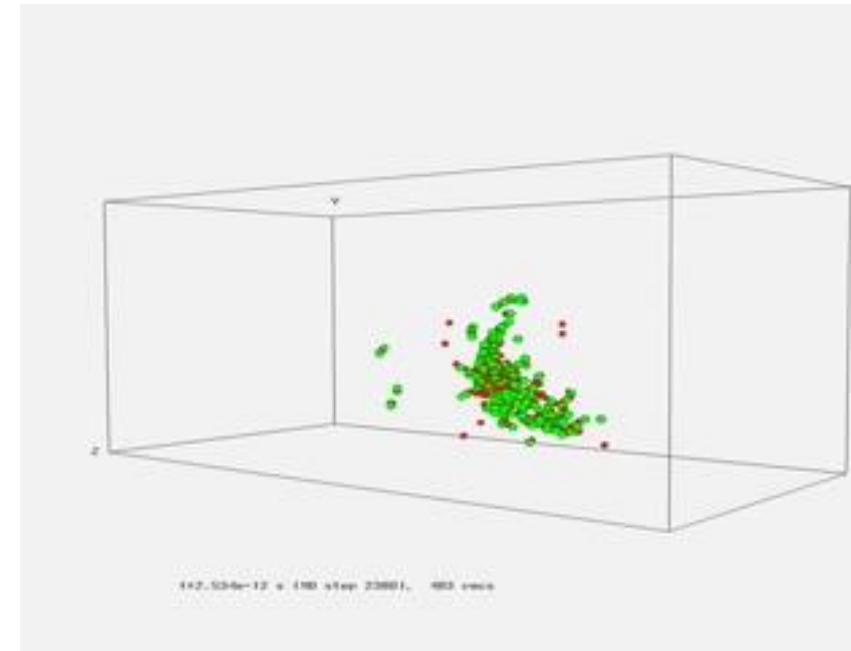
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Quantum MD



Bond-order  
Potentials

Stoller, ORNL



$$\frac{d^2 R_I}{dt^2} = F_I = -\frac{dV}{dR_I}, \quad \mathcal{H} = \sum \frac{P_I^2}{2M_I} + V(R_I)$$
$$E = \sum_i \left\{ F_i(\bar{\rho}_i) + \sum_{j \neq i} \frac{1}{2} \Phi_{ij}(r_{ij}) \right\} \quad F_i = A_i E_i^0 \bar{\rho}_i \ln \bar{\rho}_i$$

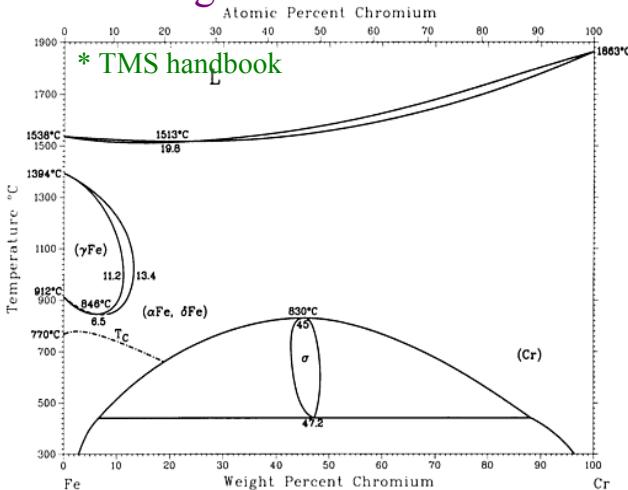
Classical MD with Empirical Potentials

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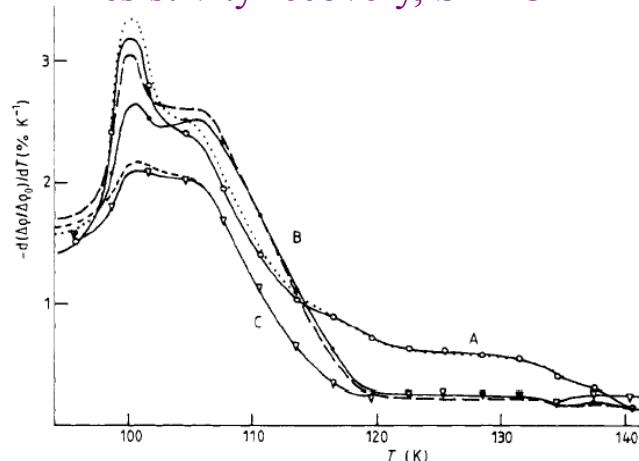
# Response of Fe-Cr Alloys to Irradiation

- Fe-Cr ferritic/martensitic steels and dispersion strengthened variants are candidate structural materials for high(er) temperature fission and fusion applications

## Phase diagram

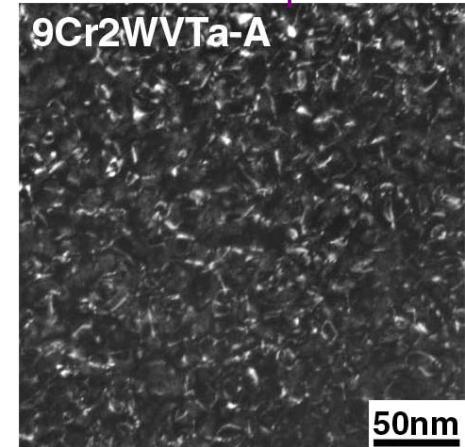


## Resistivity recovery, SIA-Cr



\* F. Maury et al., *J. Phys F* **17** (1987)

## Dislocation loops



\* N. Hashimoto et al., MRS **650** (2000)

## Grain boundary segregation of Cr

F82H  
Proton irradiated  
250°C, 0.5 dpa:

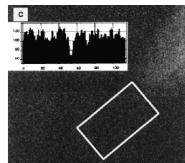
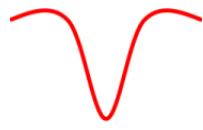
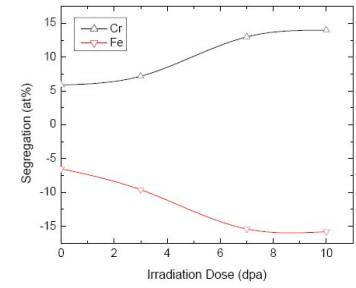
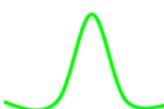


Fig. 3. Chemical mapping of the F82H material irradiated at 0.5 dpa at 523 K. (a) Zero loss image, (b) Fe map and (c) Cr map. The inserts show the image profile integrated in the respective boxes outlined in white. Horizontal axis is in pixels, vertical axis is counts.

\* R. Schaeublin et al., *JNM* **258-263** (1998)

HCM12A  
Ni+ irradiated  
500°C, 5 dpa:



\* T.R. Allen et al., 22nd ASTM

Understand Cr - point defect interactions, Cr segregation behavior and microstructural evolution

# Semi-empirical potentials: Size effects

Finnis-Sinclair potentials:  $E_{tot} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \neq j}^n V_{ij}(R_{ij}) - \sum_i^n \left\{ \sum_j^n \phi_{ij}(R_{ij}) \right\}^{1/2}$

For Fe-Cr:

Konishi et al.,  
Comp. Mater. Sci.  
(1999)

$$\phi_{FeCr} = \alpha \sqrt{\phi_{FeFe} \phi_{CrCr}}$$

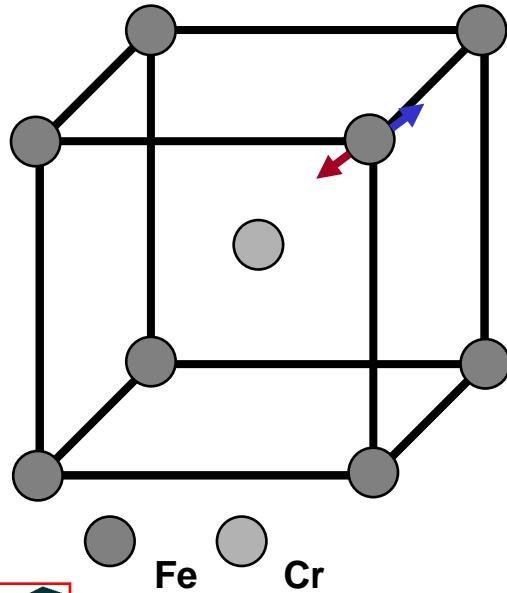
$$V_{FeCr} = \beta \left( \frac{\phi_{FeCr}}{\phi_{FeFe}} V_{FeFe} + \frac{\phi_{FeCr}}{\phi_{CrCr}} V_{CrCr} \right)$$

Fe: Ackland et al., Phil. Mag. (1997)

Cr: Finnis and Sinclair, Phil. Mag. (1984)

$\alpha$  and  $\beta$  fit to  
experimental  
data

## Substitutional Cr atom



### 1st NN change (%)

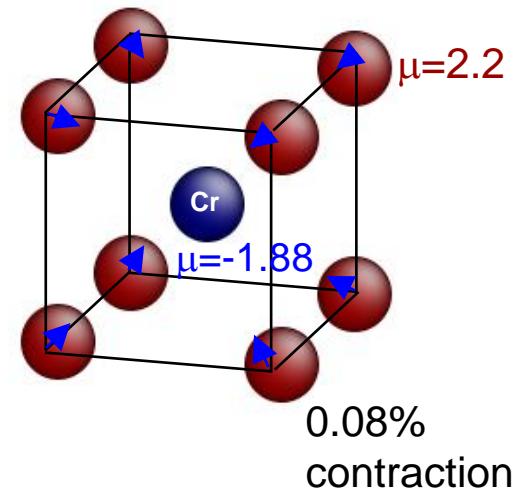
FeCr I      +0.53

FeCr II      -0.32

Ab-initio      -0.29  
(LCAO)

Ab-initio      -0.08 -  
(VASP)      -0.5

Cr concentration 1.8%



FeCr II potential in reasonable agreement with ab-initio predictions for size effects, but not vac-Cr binding energy. FeCr I potential in better agreement for SIA-Cr interactions.

# Point defect - Cr binding energy

Cr - Vacancy

1NN

0.04

$E_b$  (eV)

-0.002

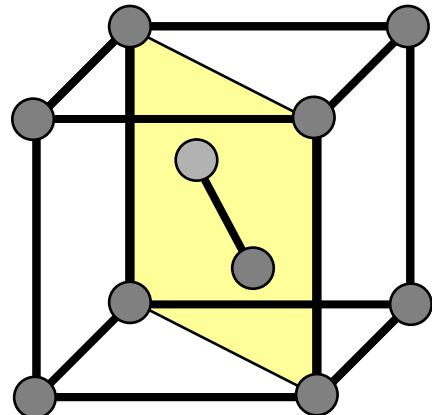
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2NN

-0.04  
Fe-CrI

-0.01  
Fe-CrII

-0.005  
VASP



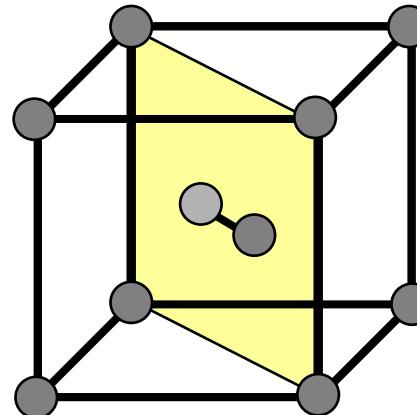
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$E_b$  (eV)

FeCr I -0.25

FeCr II +0.20

Ab-initio +0.37\*



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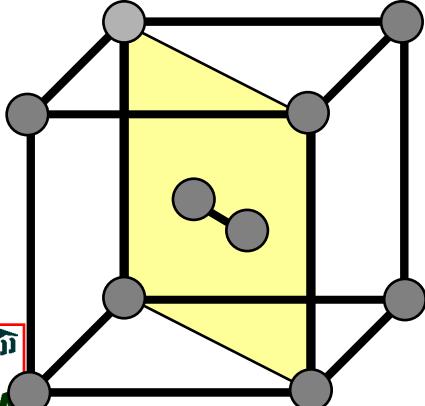
$E_b$  (eV)

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FeCr II +0.10

Ab-initio 0.08\*  
\*P. Olsson, et al.

● Fe ● Cr



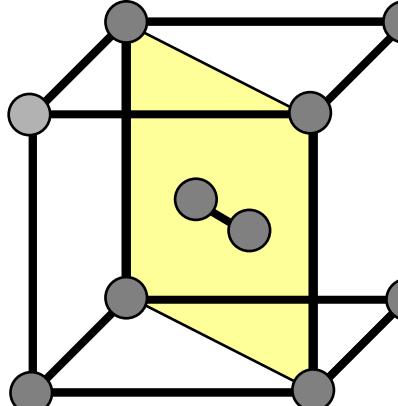
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$E_b$  (eV)

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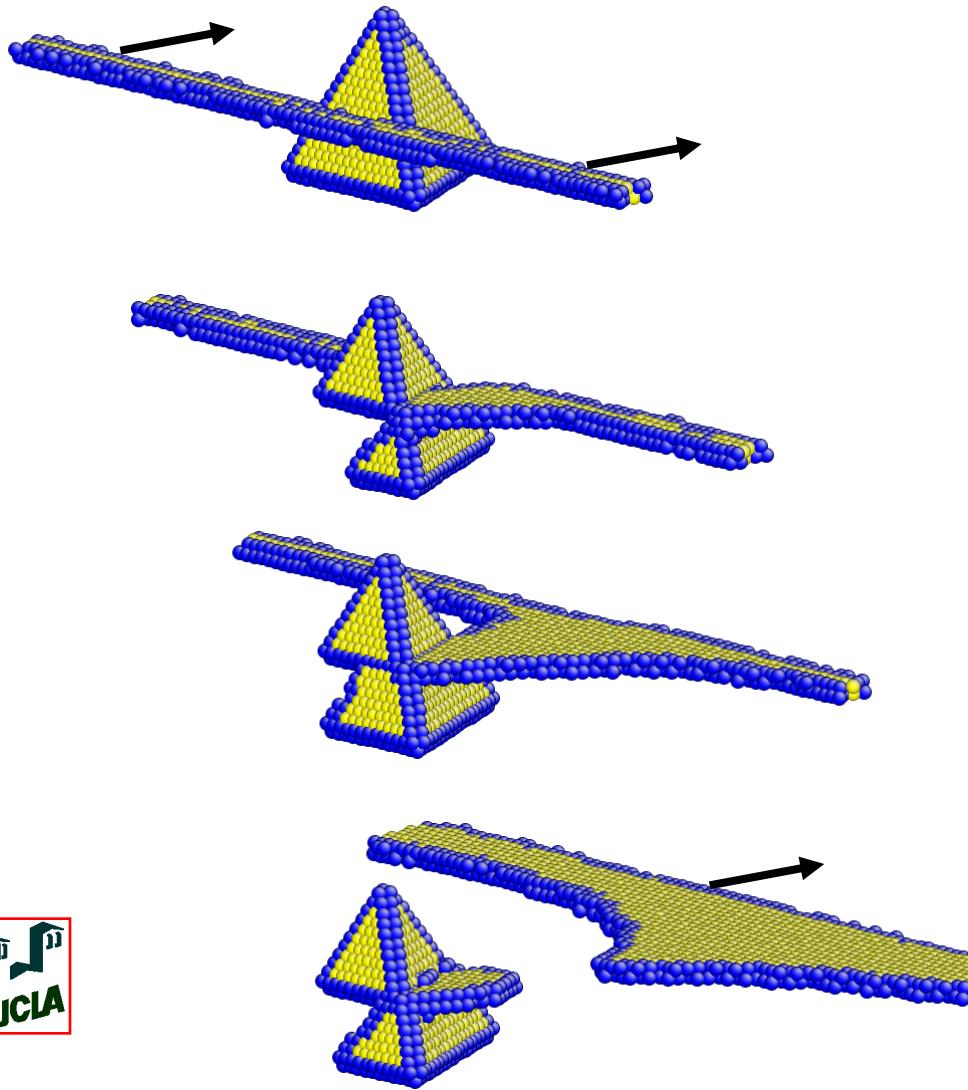
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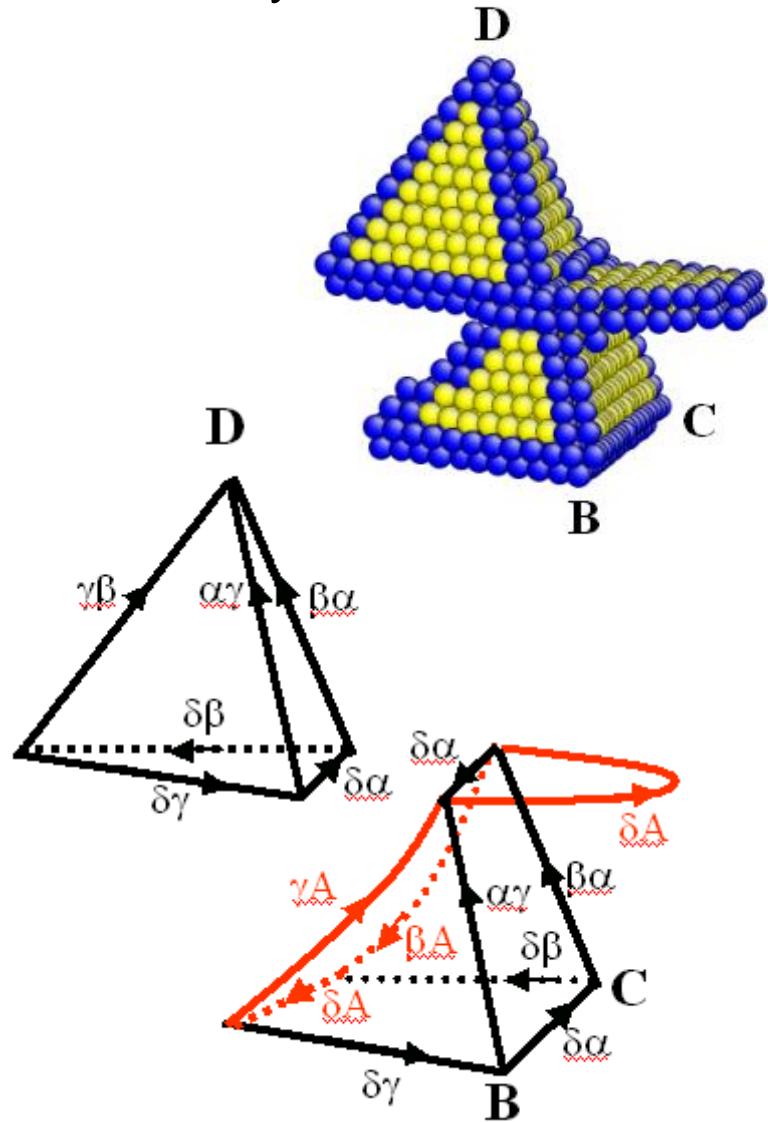


# Screw dislocation-SFT interaction in FCC Cu

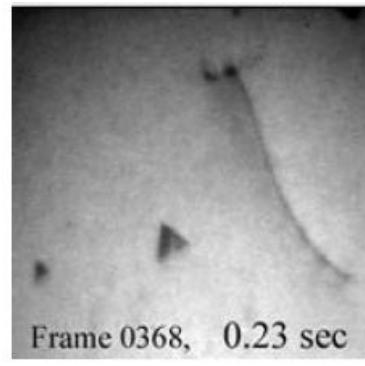
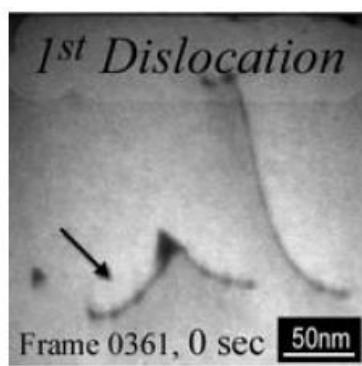
- Snapshots of SFT and screw dislocation interaction process at  $\tau_{xy}=300\text{ MPa}$



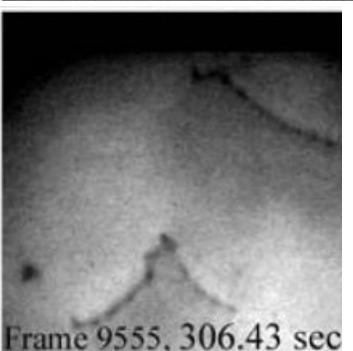
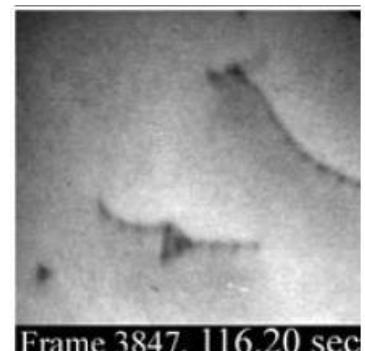
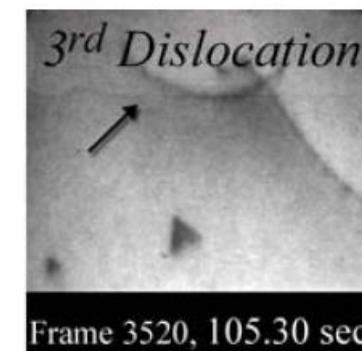
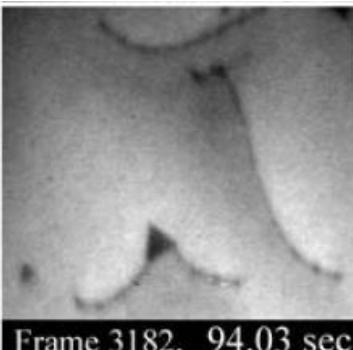
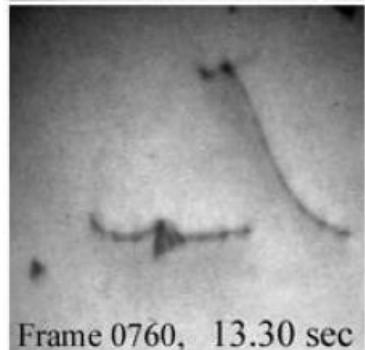
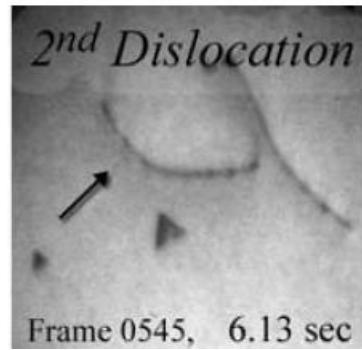
- Remaining structure immediately after the interaction



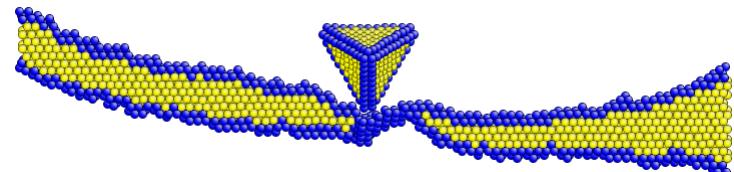
# *Comparison to in-situ TEM results*



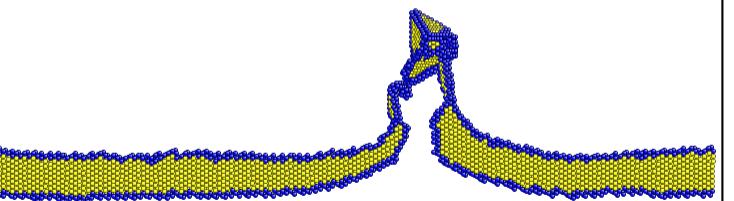
Deformation of Au at room temperature



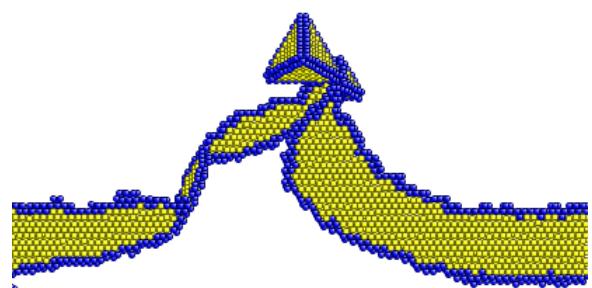
Screw dislocation



Edge dislocation



Mixed dislocation

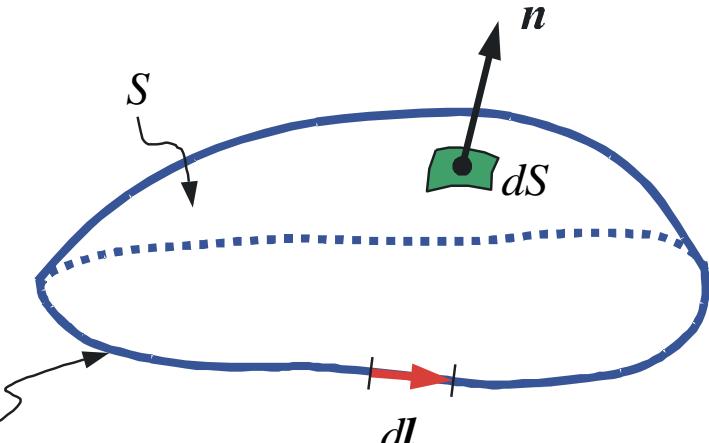


# Mesoscopic Simulations: Dislocation Dynamics

## Covariant Vectors

$$(\mathbf{a}_1 = \mathbf{e}, \mathbf{a}_2 = \mathbf{t}, \mathbf{a}_3 = \mathbf{b})$$

$$\mathbf{e} = \frac{\mathbf{R}}{R} \quad \mathbf{t} = \frac{\mathbf{T}}{T} \quad \mathbf{T} = \frac{d\mathbf{l}}{dw}$$



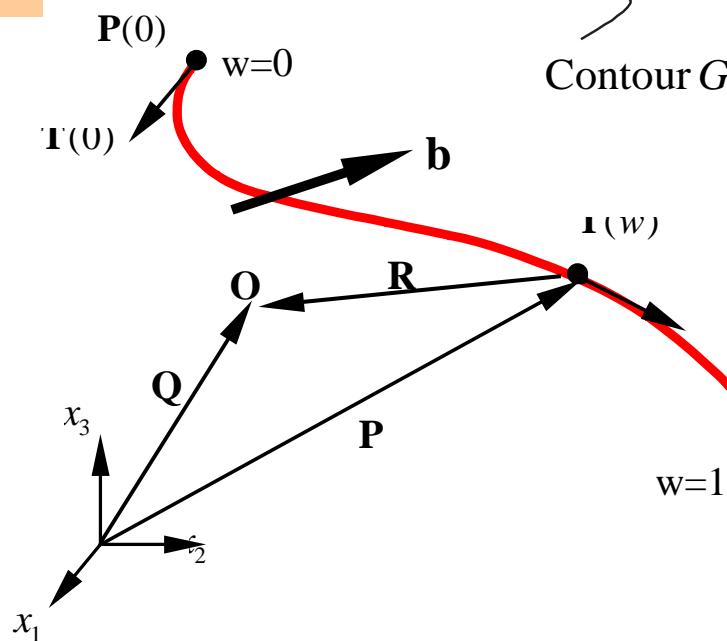
## Contravariant Vectors

$$\mathbf{a}^1 = \frac{1}{2\pi V} (\mathbf{a}_2 \times \mathbf{a}_3)$$

$$\mathbf{a}^2 = \frac{1}{2\pi V} (\mathbf{a}_3 \times \mathbf{a}_1)$$

$$\mathbf{a}^3 = \frac{1}{2\pi V} (\mathbf{a}_1 \times \mathbf{a}_2)$$

$$V = (\mathbf{a}_1 \times \mathbf{a}_2) \cdot \mathbf{a}_3$$



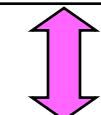
Curved dislocation segment  
Represented by a spline



# Differential Forms of DD are analogous to Electromagnetics, but of higher dimensionality

Biot-Savart

$$d\vec{B} = \frac{\mu_o}{4\pi} \frac{Id\vec{s} \times \hat{r}}{r^2}$$



Stress

Displacement

$$\frac{d\mathbf{u}}{dw} = \frac{T}{4R} \left\{ \frac{(\mathbf{s} \times \mathbf{a}_1) \cdot \mathbf{a}_2}{\pi(1 + \mathbf{s} \cdot \mathbf{a}_1)} \mathbf{a}_3 + \frac{V}{1-\nu} [(1-2\nu)\mathbf{a}^1] + \frac{1}{2\pi} \mathbf{a}_1 \right\}$$

$$\frac{d\boldsymbol{\sigma}}{dw} = \frac{\mu VT}{2R^2} \left\{ \frac{1}{1-\nu} (\mathbf{a}^1 \otimes \mathbf{a}_1 + \mathbf{a}_1 \otimes \mathbf{a}^1) + (\mathbf{a}^2 \otimes \mathbf{a}_2 + \mathbf{a}_2 \otimes \mathbf{a}^2) - \frac{1}{2\pi(1-\nu)} (\mathbf{a}_1 \otimes \mathbf{a}_1 + \mathbf{I}) \right\}$$

Interaction Energy

$$\frac{dE_{\text{int}}}{dw_I dw_{II}} = -\frac{\mu T_I T_{II}}{4\pi R} \left[ (\mathbf{a}_2^I \cdot \mathbf{a}_3^I)(\mathbf{a}_2^{II} \cdot \mathbf{a}_3^{II}) - \frac{1}{1-\nu} (\mathbf{a}_2^I \cdot \mathbf{a}_2^I)(\mathbf{a}_3^I \cdot \mathbf{a}_3^I) + \frac{2\nu}{1-\nu} (\mathbf{a}_2^{II} \cdot \mathbf{a}_3^I)(\mathbf{a}_2^I \cdot \mathbf{a}_3^{II}) - \frac{1}{1-\nu} (\mathbf{a}_2^I \cdot \mathbf{a}_2^{II})(\mathbf{a}_3^I \cdot \mathbf{a}_1)(\mathbf{a}_3^{II} \cdot \mathbf{a}_1) \right]$$



# Weak Variational Form for DD Equations of Motion

## Equations of Motion

$$\int_{\Gamma} \left( f_k^t - BV_k \right) \delta r_k ds = 0$$

$$\mathbf{v} = \frac{d\mathbf{r}}{dt} \quad \mathbf{f} = \mathbf{f}_{P-K} + \mathbf{f}_{self} + \mathbf{f}_{others}$$

Define:

$$\mathbf{r}^* = \frac{\mathbf{r}}{a}$$

$$\mathbf{f}^* = \frac{\mathbf{f}}{\mu a}$$

$$t^* = \frac{\mu t}{B}$$

## Final Equation of Motion

$$\mathbf{K} \frac{d\mathbf{Q}}{dt^*} = \mathbf{F}$$

$$\mathbf{Q} = [\mathbf{P}_1, \mathbf{T}_1, \mathbf{P}_2, \mathbf{T}_2]$$

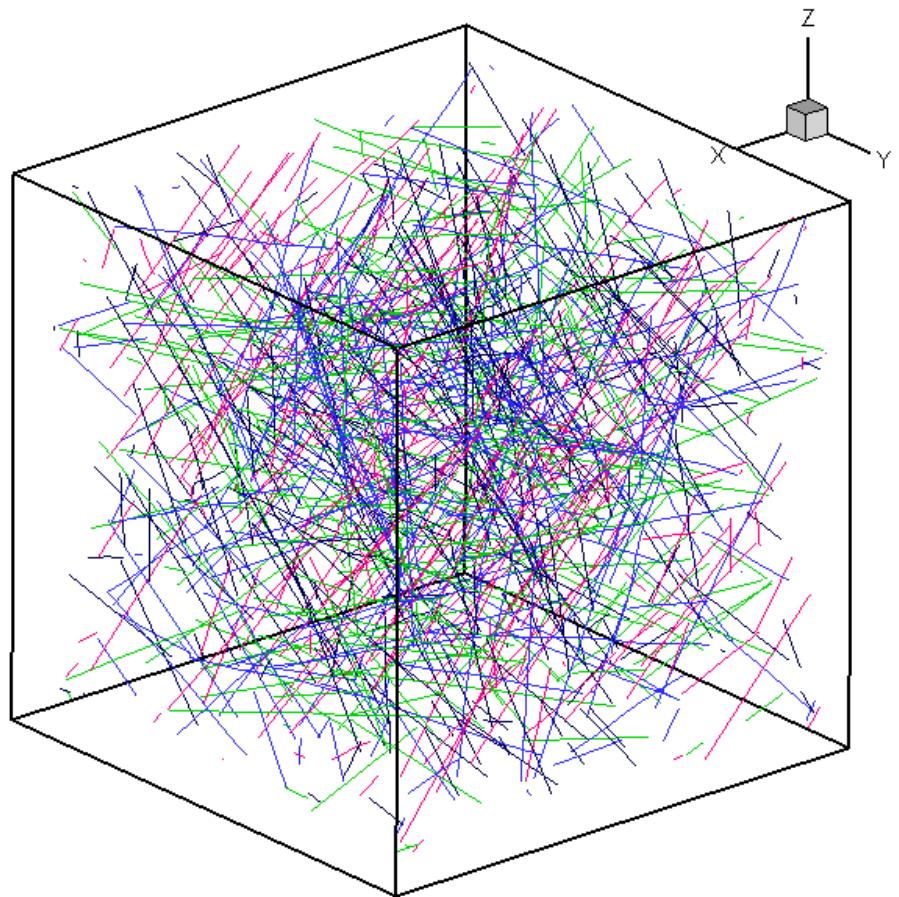
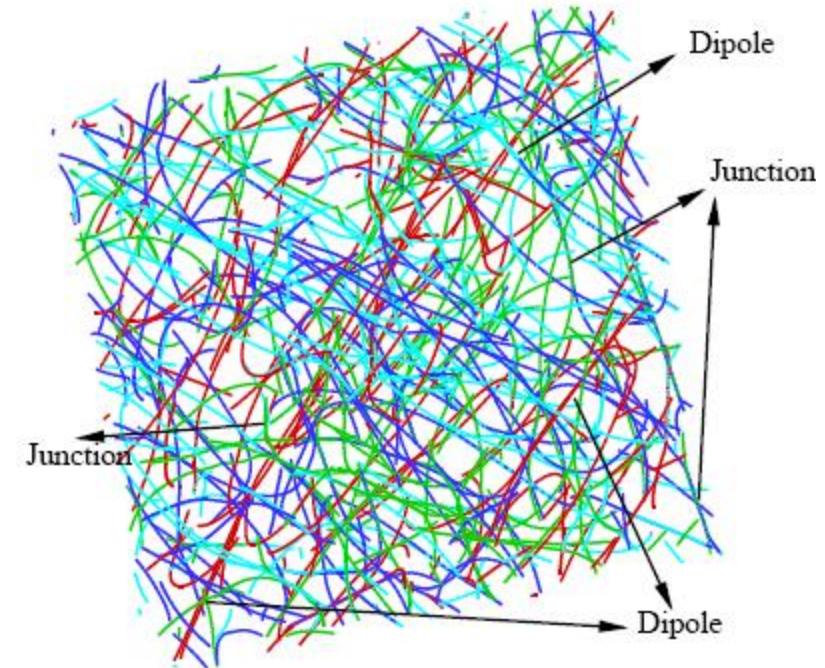
$\mathbf{Q}$ =Nodal coordinate vector

$\mathbf{F}$ =Nodal Forces

$\mathbf{K}$ =Mobility Matrix

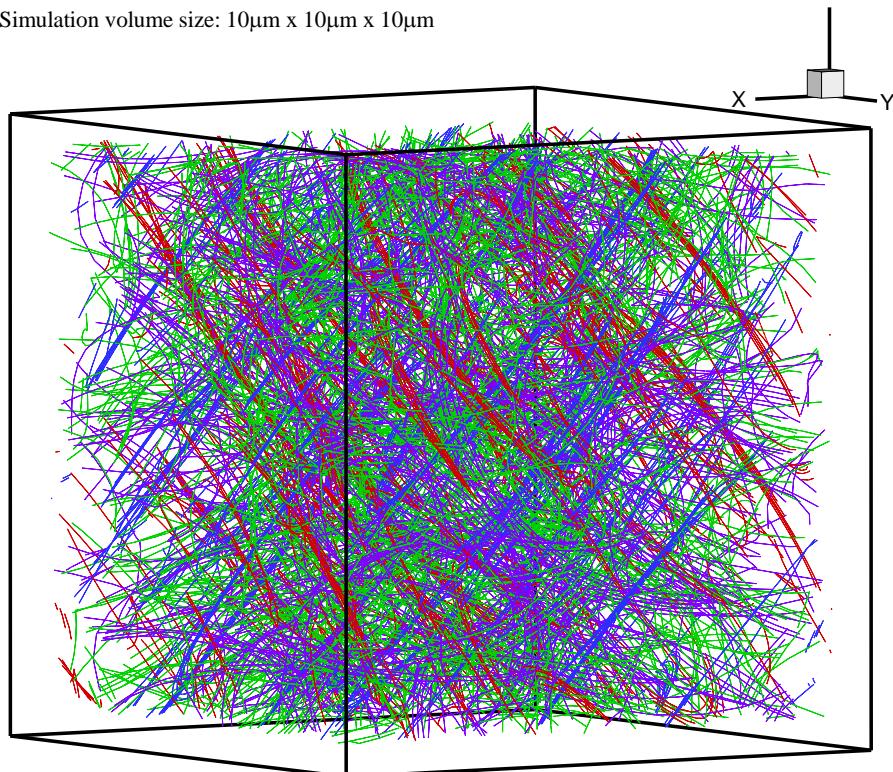


# Mesoscopic Simulations of Plasticity

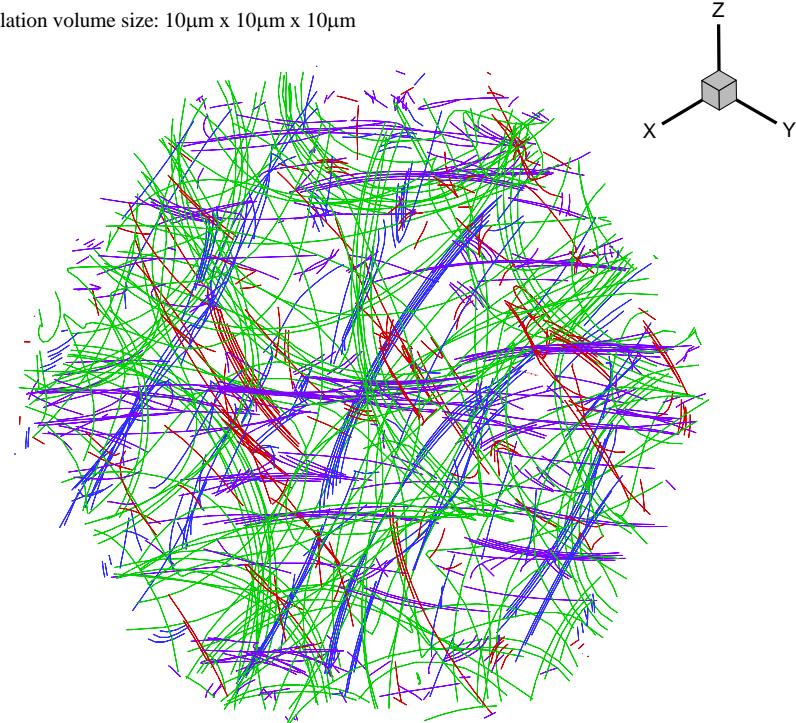


# Microstructures (cont.)

Simulation volume size:  $10\mu\text{m} \times 10\mu\text{m} \times 10\mu\text{m}$



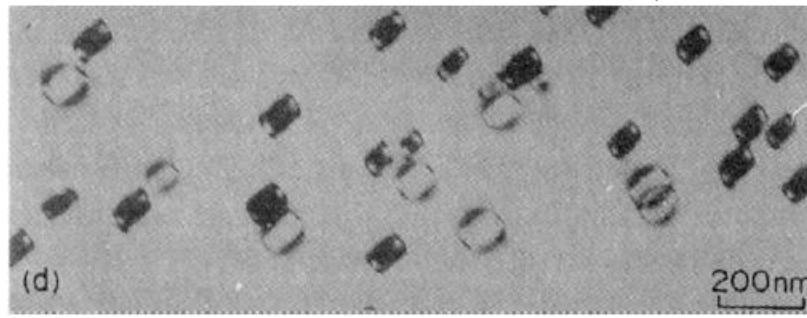
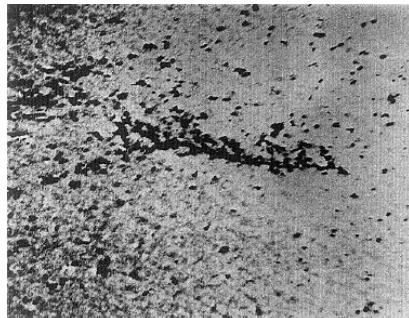
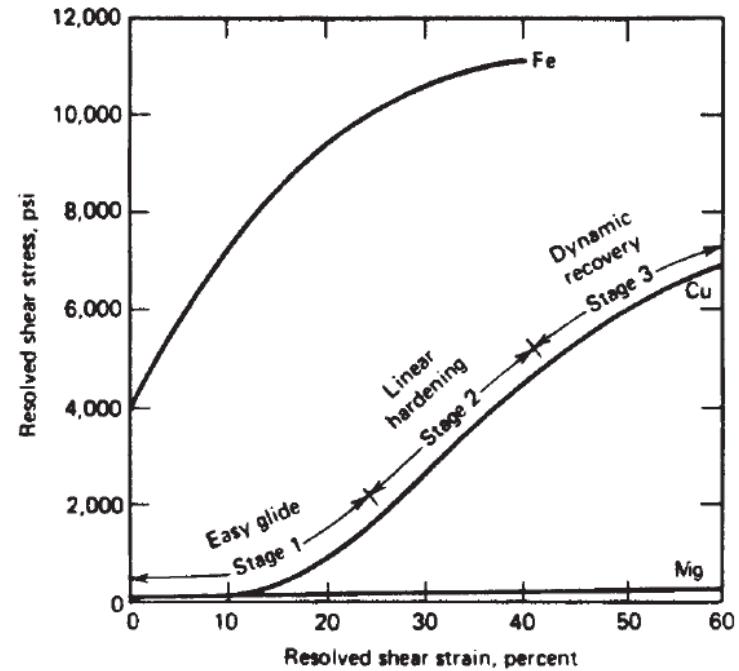
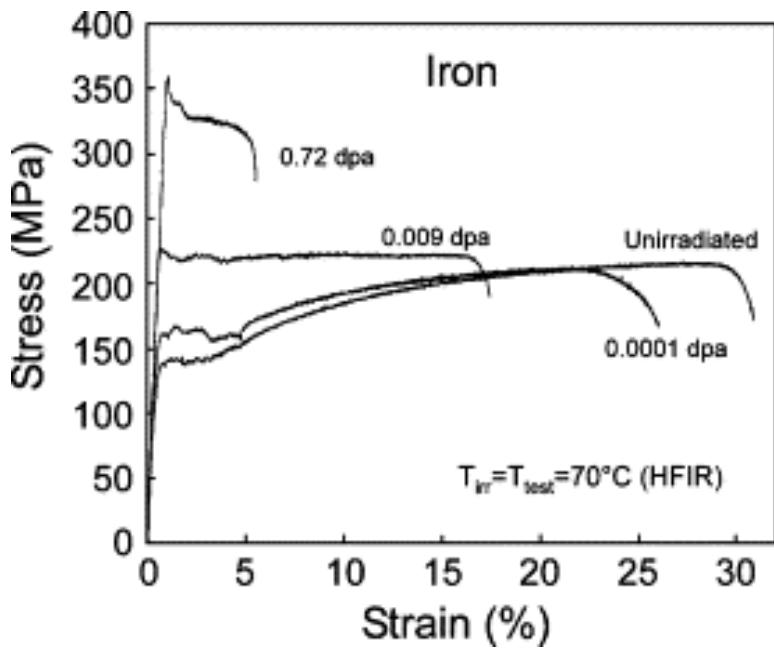
Simulation volume size:  $10\mu\text{m} \times 10\mu\text{m} \times 10\mu\text{m}$



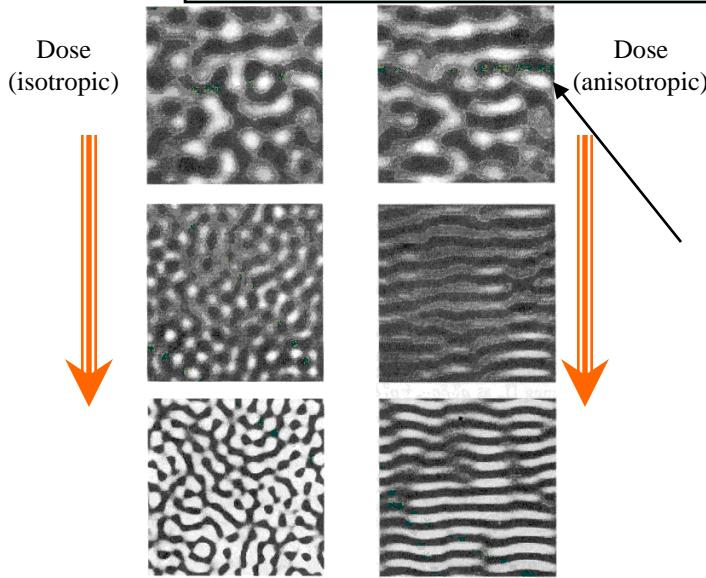
$$D = 7.5 \times 10^8 \text{ cm/cm}^3$$

Slice thickness: 2 micrometers

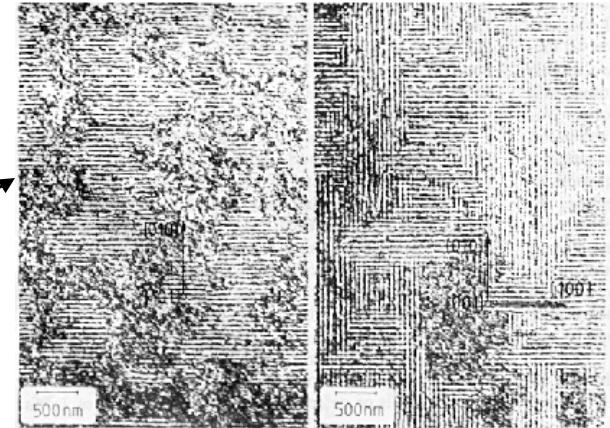
# Radiation Increases Strength & Reduces Ductility (embrittlement)



# Continuum Modeling of Microstructure Instabilities and Self-Organization



Simulations & experiments on self-organization of irradiated Cu microstructure.



## Continuum Rate Equations for concentrations

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t c_i = & K(1 - \epsilon_i) - \alpha c_i c_v + D_i \nabla^2 c_i \\ & - D_i c_i (Z_{iN} \rho_N + Z_{iV} \rho_V + Z_{iI} \rho_I), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t c_v = & K(1 - \epsilon_v) - \alpha c_i c_v + D_v \nabla^2 c_v \\ & - D_v [Z_{vN} (c_v - \bar{c}_{vN}) \rho_N \\ & + Z_{vV} (c_v - \bar{c}_{vV}) \rho_V \\ & + Z_{vI} (c_v - \bar{c}_{vI}) \rho_I], \end{aligned}$$

$$\partial_t \rho_I = \left[ \frac{2\pi N}{|\mathbf{b}|} \right] [\epsilon_i K + D_i Z_{iI} c_i - D_v Z_{vI} (c_v - \bar{c}_{vI})],$$

$$\partial_t \rho_V = \frac{1}{|\mathbf{b}| r_V^0} \{ \epsilon_v K - \rho_V [D_i Z_{iV} c_i - D_v Z_{vV} (c_v - \bar{c}_{vV})] \}$$

Ginzburg-Landau Dynamics Give Amplitude  
Equation for Patterns; bc= critical bifurcation  
Parameter

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_0 \partial_t A_i = & \left[ \frac{b - b_c}{b_c} - 4(\mathbf{q}_i \cdot \nabla)^2 \right] A_i + v \sum_{j,k} \overline{A}_j \overline{A}_k \\ & - 3u A_i (|A_i|^2 + 2 \sum_{j \neq i} |A_j|^2), \end{aligned}$$



# Surface Phenomena

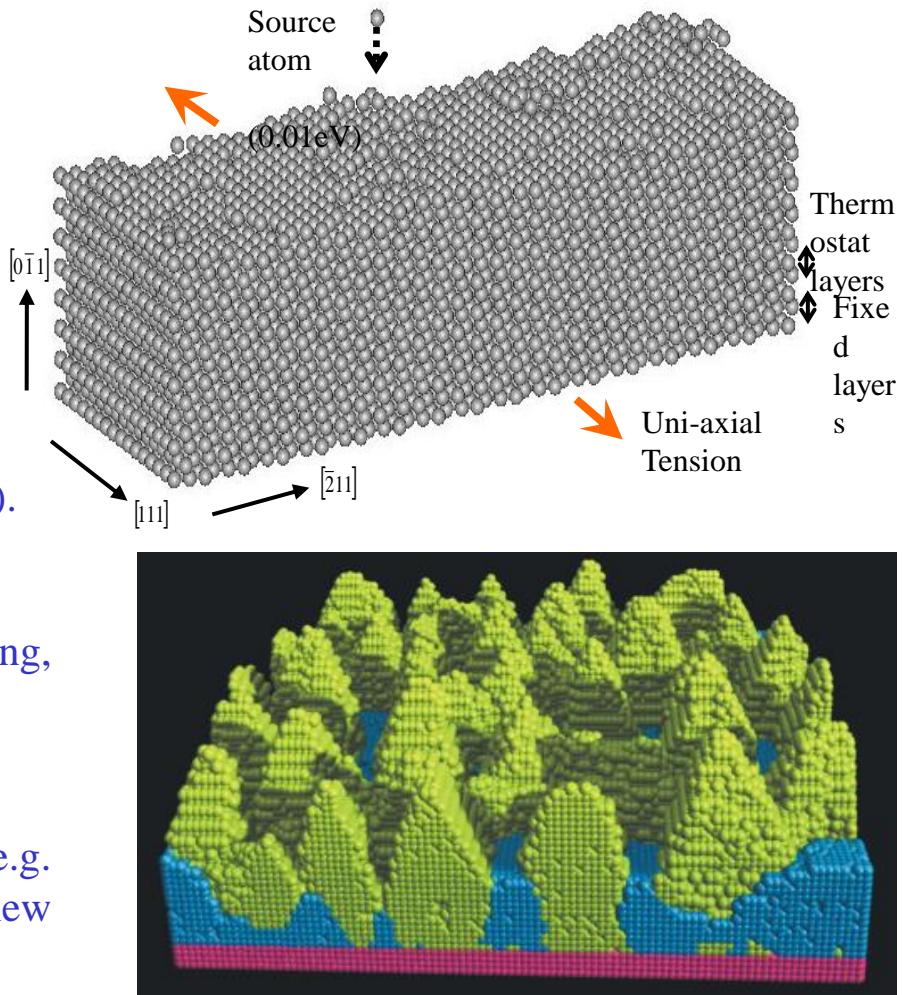
High Heat Flux/ Particle Flux result in:

Short timescale phenomena (e.g.  $10^{-12} - 10^{-9}$  s):

- ❑ Sputtering;
- ❑ Implantation of helium and tritium;
- ❑ Re-deposition and tritium co-deposition;
- ❑ Near-surface damage (collision cascades).

Long timescale phenomena (e.g.  $10^{-3} - 10^6$  s):

- ❑ Atomic transport (e.g. diffusion, trapping, adsorption, recombination and desorption);
- ❑ Surface roughening and re-structuring;
- ❑ Microstructure and phase evolution (e.g. voids, bubbles, dislocations, grains & new phases).



Surface Re-structuring after re-deposition.

H. Huang, RPI

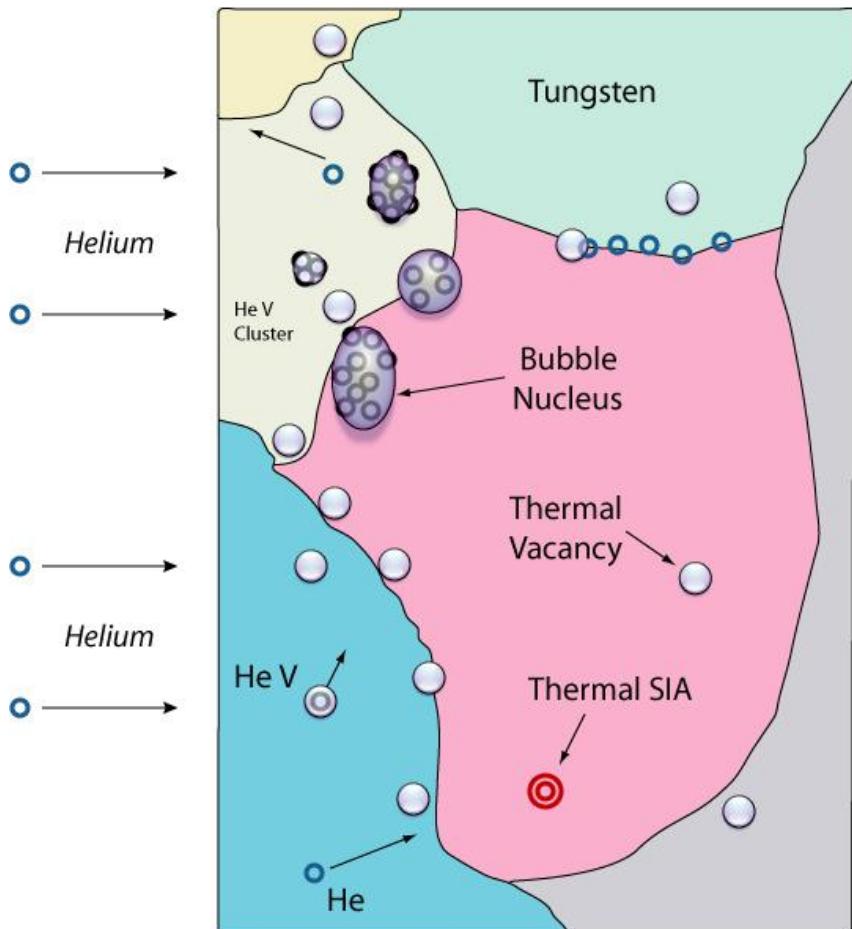


# Low Energy He-Bombardment

- ITER divertor plates are exposed to low temperature He,  $T_{He} < 100 \text{ eV}$
- ITER Helium fluxes are expected to be high:  $\sim 10^{20} - 10^{23} \text{ He/m}^2\text{-s}$
- Tungsten displacement threshold energy:  $E_d \sim 90 \text{ eV}$ ;
- Tungsten surface energy barrier for helium implantation:  $E_{SB} \sim 6 \text{ eV}$
- Divertor Tungsten surface temperature:  $600 < T < 1500^\circ\text{C}$
- Although  $T_{He} < E_d$ , low energy He-bombardment experiments with Tungsten have shown significant surface morphology changes:
  - High density of surface penetrating pores
  - High density sub-surface bubbles
  - Roughening
  - Formation of “cones” and “valleys”



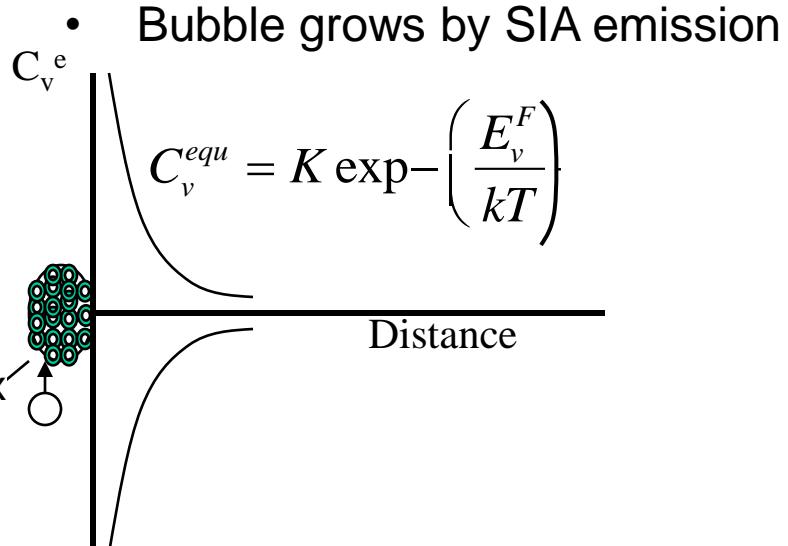
# Bubble Formation Process:



SIA is expelled from surface leaving behind a vacancy

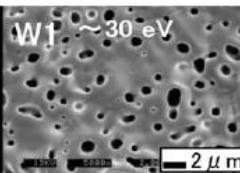
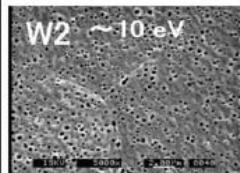
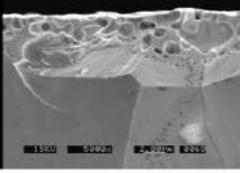
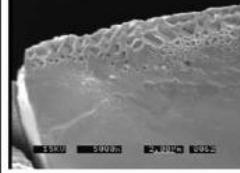
## Bubble Growth Steps:

- Pre-existing “Thermal Vacancies” ( $C_v^e$ )
- Interstitial He arrives
- He is trapped in Vacancy
- Bubble Nucleus forms (<nm)
- Bubbles **pressurized** by He
- Vacancies form READILY on bubble surface
- Bubble grows by SIA emission

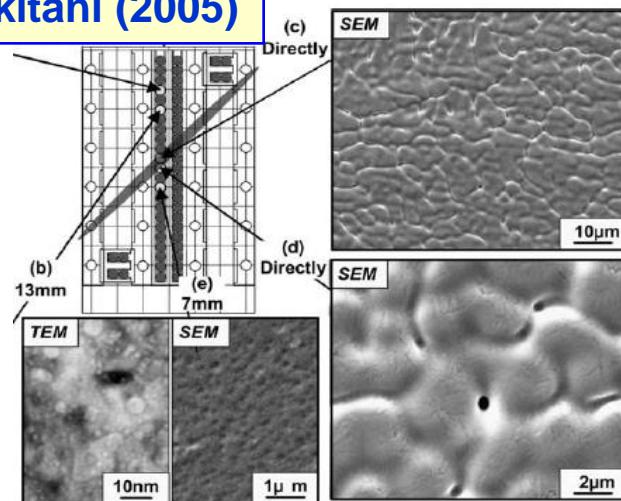


# Low Energy He Implantation in Tungsten:

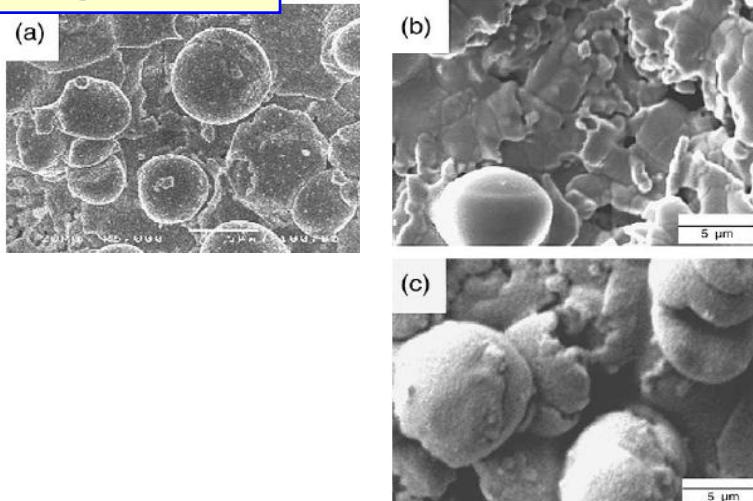
Nishijima(2004)

	Fluence Ion flux Time Temperature	$2.6 \times 10^{27} / \text{m}^2$ $3.7 \times 10^{23} / \text{m}^2\text{s}$ 7200 s 2100 K	$0.9 \times 10^{27} / \text{m}^2$ $1.2 \times 10^{23} / \text{m}^2\text{s}$ 7200 s 2600 K
Surface			
Cross section			

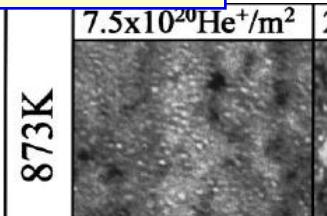
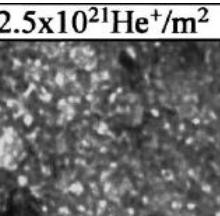
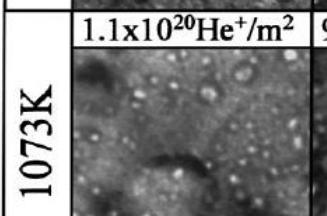
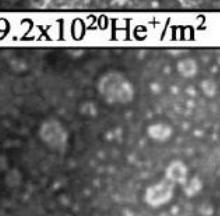
Tokitani (2005)



Tokunaga (2003)



Iwakiri (2003)

873K	$7.5 \times 10^{20} \text{He}^+/\text{m}^2$	$2.5 \times 10^{21} \text{He}^+/\text{m}^2$
		
1073K	$1.1 \times 10^{20} \text{He}^+/\text{m}^2$	$9.2 \times 10^{20} \text{He}^+/\text{m}^2$
		



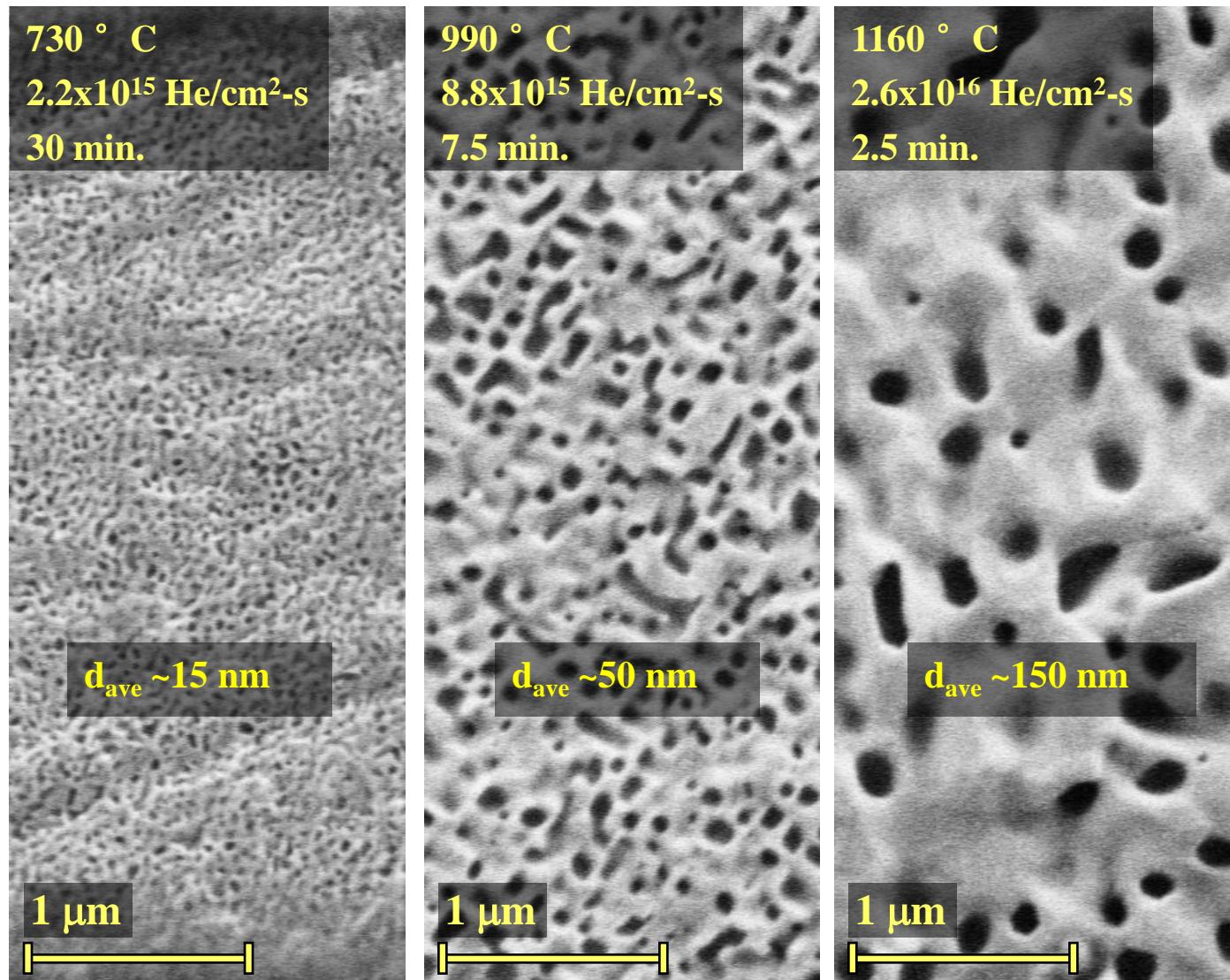
# IEC Results (Cipiti & Kulcinski, 2004) :

Steady State:

40 KeV He

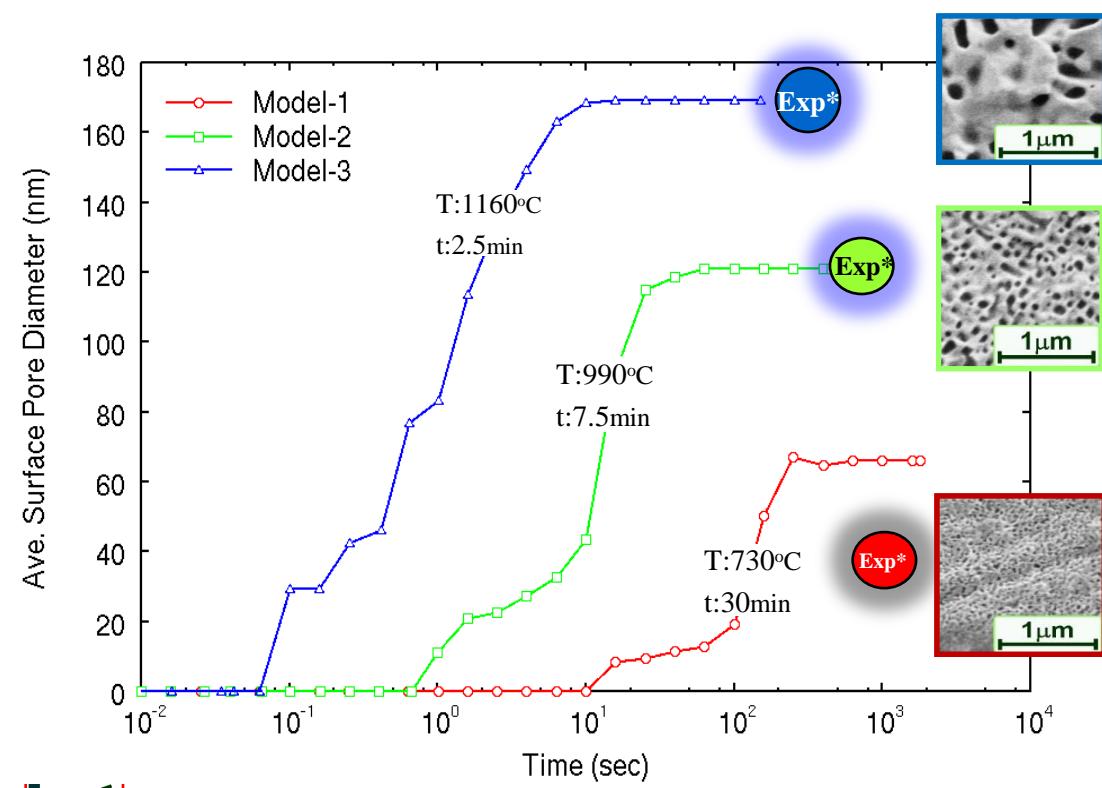
$5 \times 10^{18} \text{ } ^4\text{He}/\text{cm}^2$

Temperature ↑  
Pore Size ↑  
Pore Density ↓

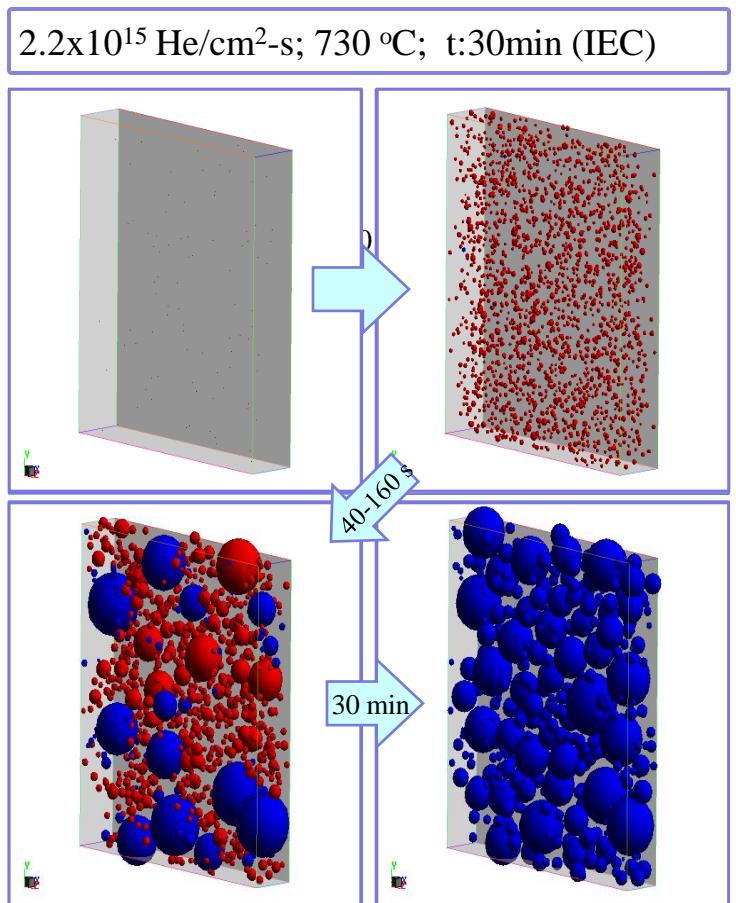


# McHEROS Code Simulates IEC Surface Pores

	Temperature (°C)	Implantation Rate (He/cm <sup>2</sup> -s)	L <sub>x</sub> (μm)	L <sub>y</sub> (μm)	L <sub>z</sub> (μm)
Model-1	730	2.2x10 <sup>15</sup>	0.2	1.0	1.0
Model-2	990	8.8x10 <sup>15</sup>	0.2	2.5	2.5
Model-3	1160	2.6x10 <sup>16</sup>	0.2	5.0	5.0



\*Exp: IEC (UW-Madison)

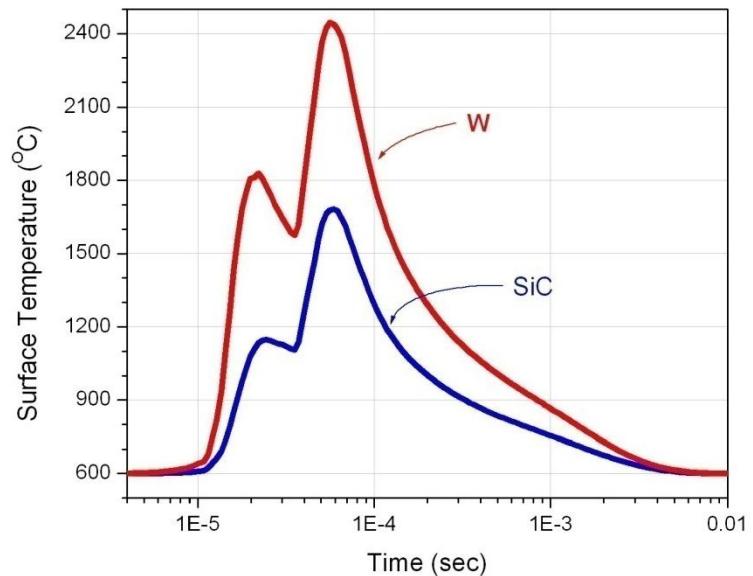
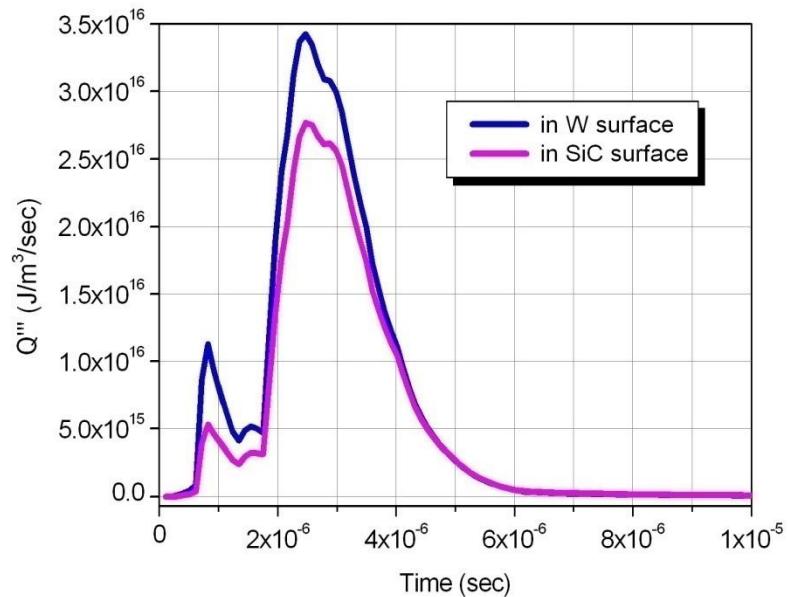
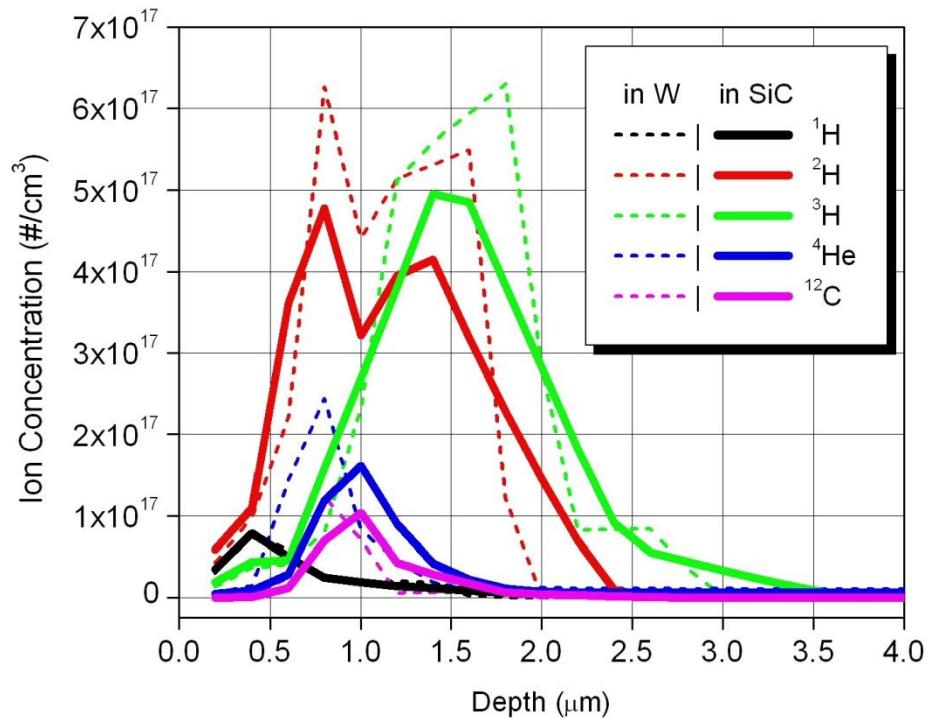


## McHEROS

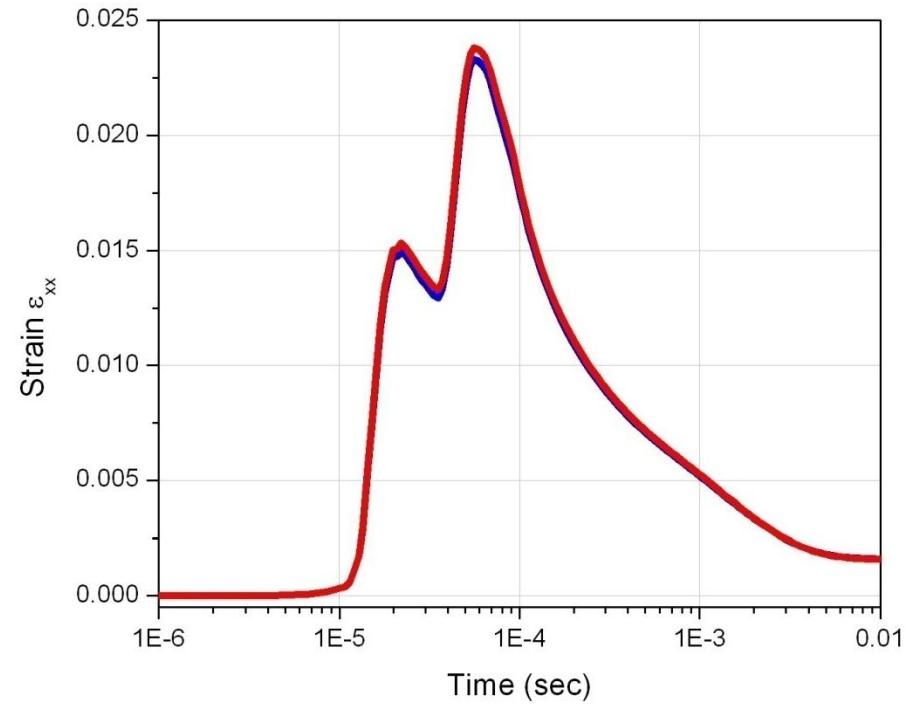
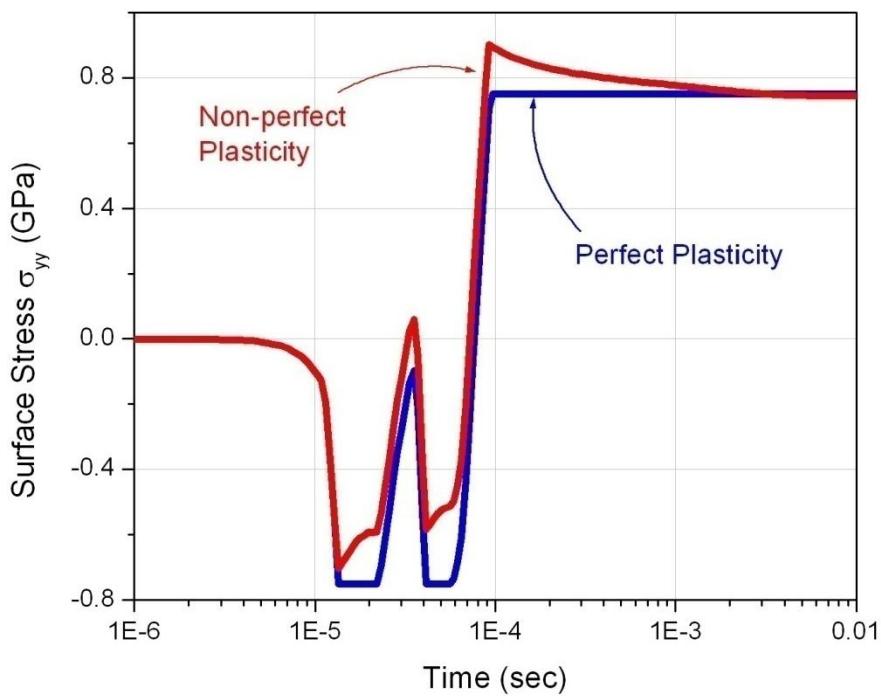
- Good Agreement between Simulation and McHEROS Experiment
- McHEROS provides an EXPLANATION for the oversized Surface Pores

## Results:

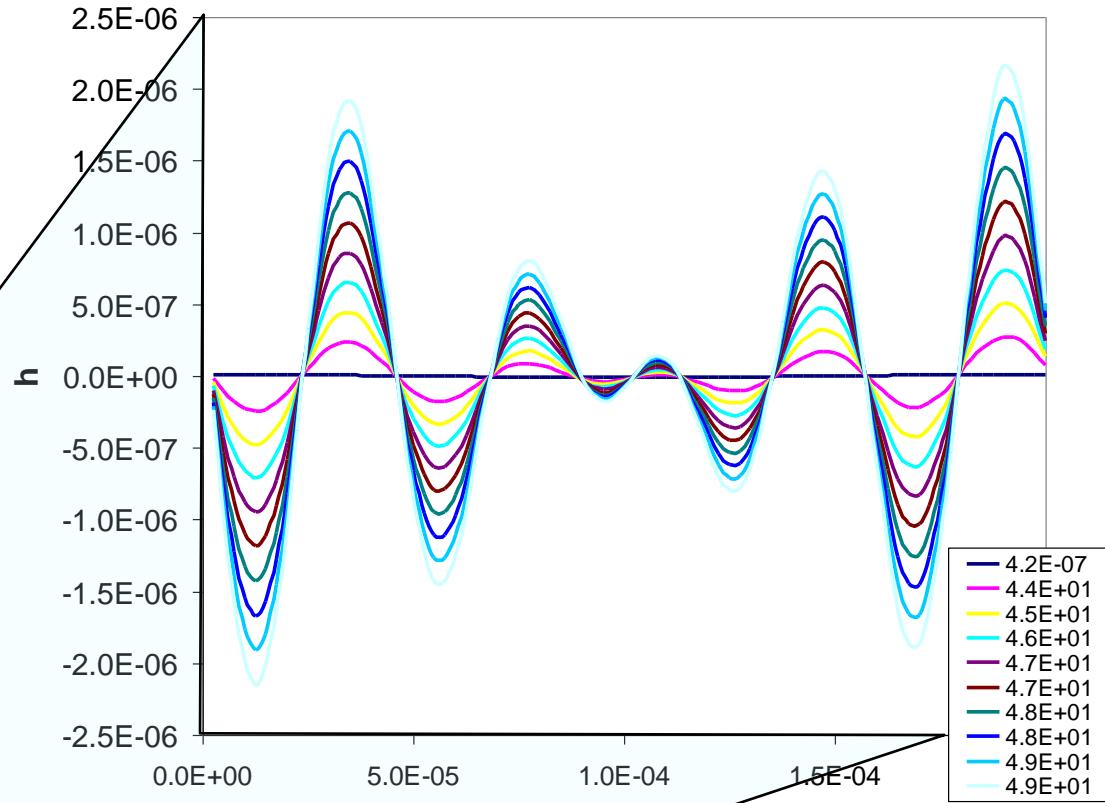
# SiC vs. W: Ion profiles & Surface heating



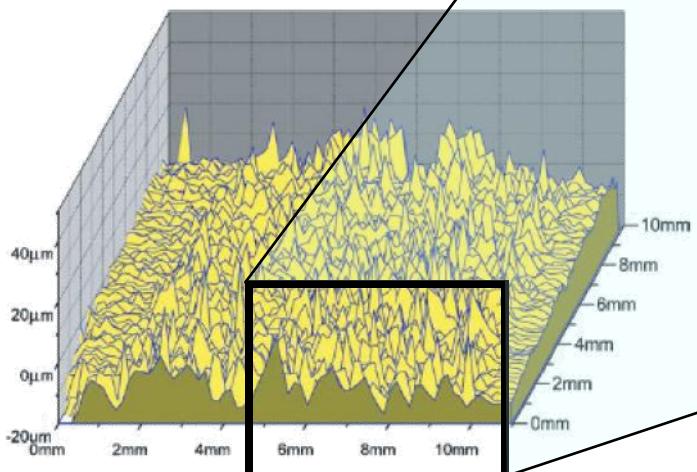
# Single shot on W: stress & strain on surface



## Perfect Plastic, Roughened to Failure, W

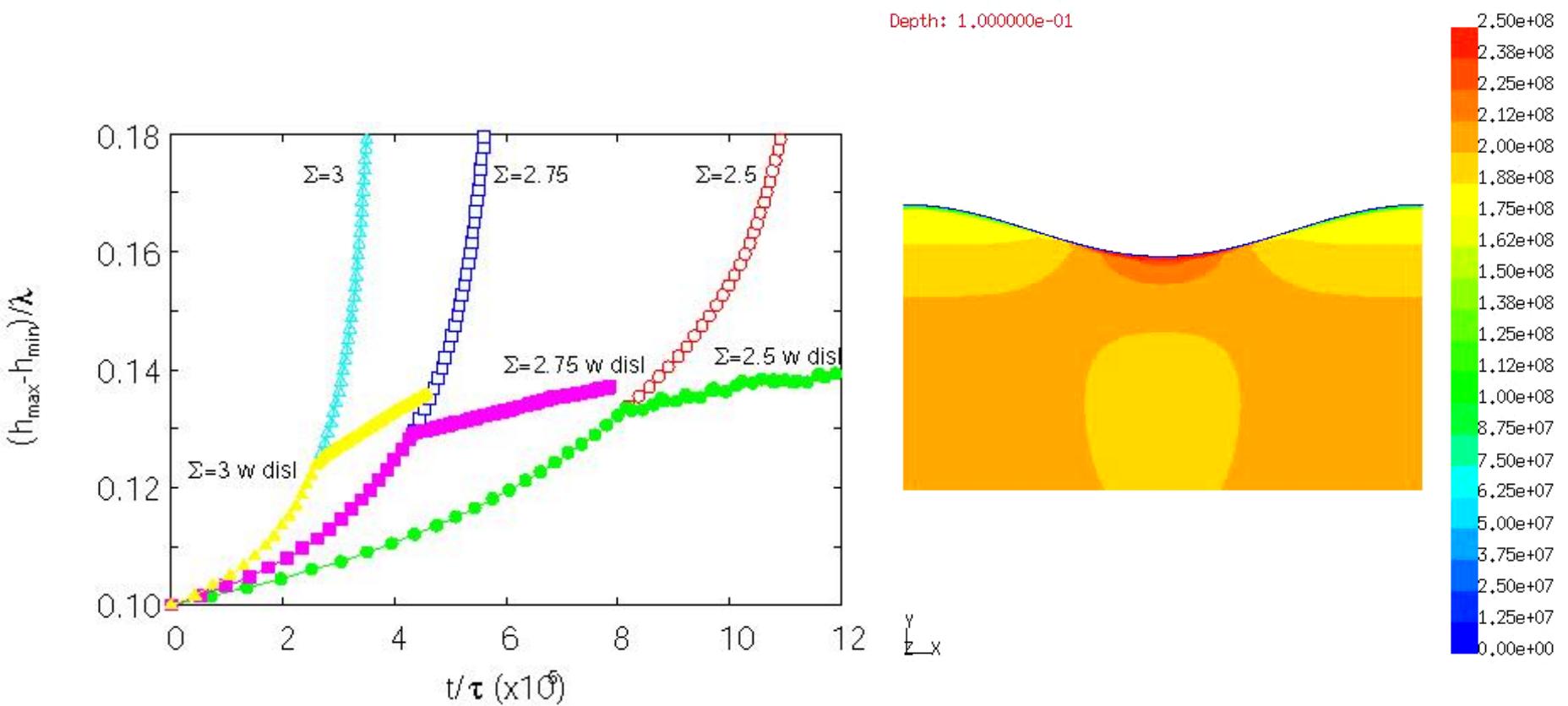


Roughening model produces surface profile similar to experimental results.

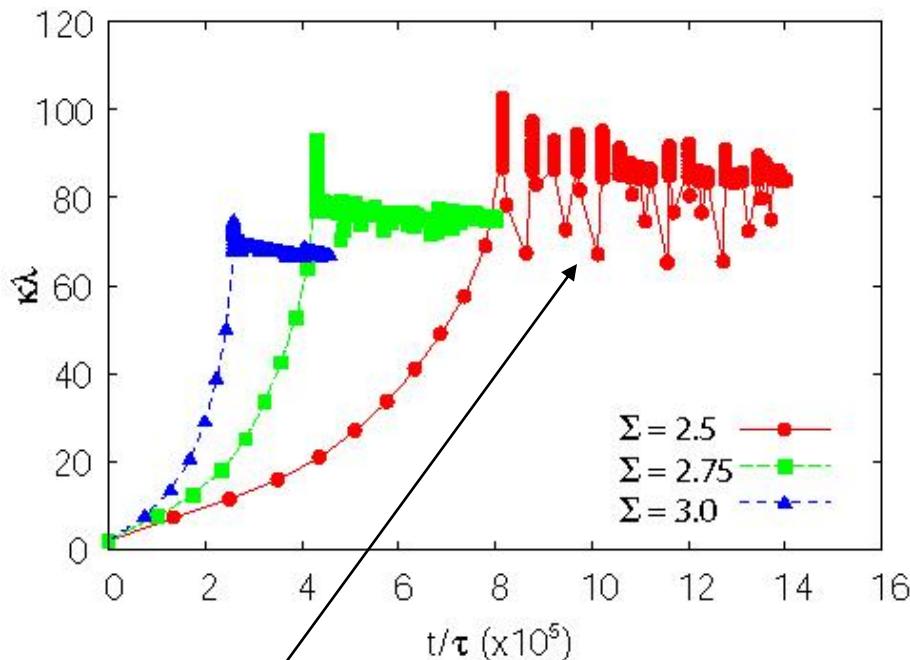


Critical depth reached after 49 seconds.

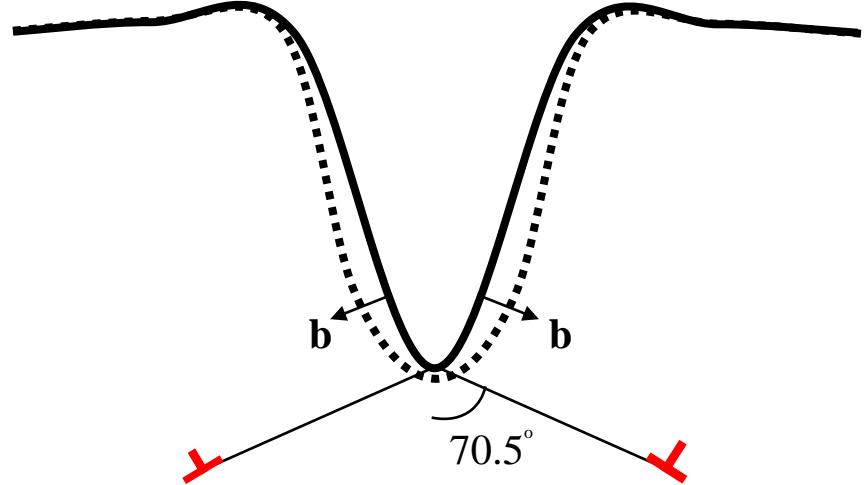
# Surface Crack Nucleation including Plasticity



## Curvature as a function of time.



Blunting effect  
shown by drop  
in curvature.



Super-dislocation containing 100  
dislocations and  $100 \times$  Burgers  
Vector.