

# Continuum Models of Dislocation Dynamics and Dislocation Structures

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# Outline

- The case for multiscale simulation
- The case for multiscale modeling
- The lengthscale hierarchy of polycrystalline metals
- The quasicontinuum method
- Phase-field dislocation dynamics
- Subgrid models of martensite
- Subgrid models of dislocation structures



# Machining – Experimental Validation

## Chip Morphology Validation (Courtesy of Third Wave Systems Inc)



(Courtesy of IWH, Switzerland)

FE simulation

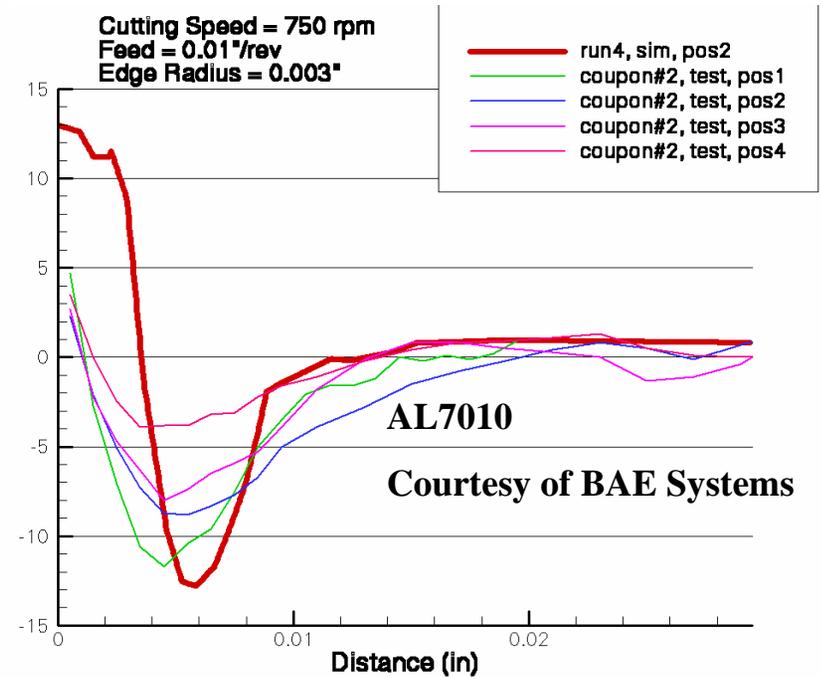
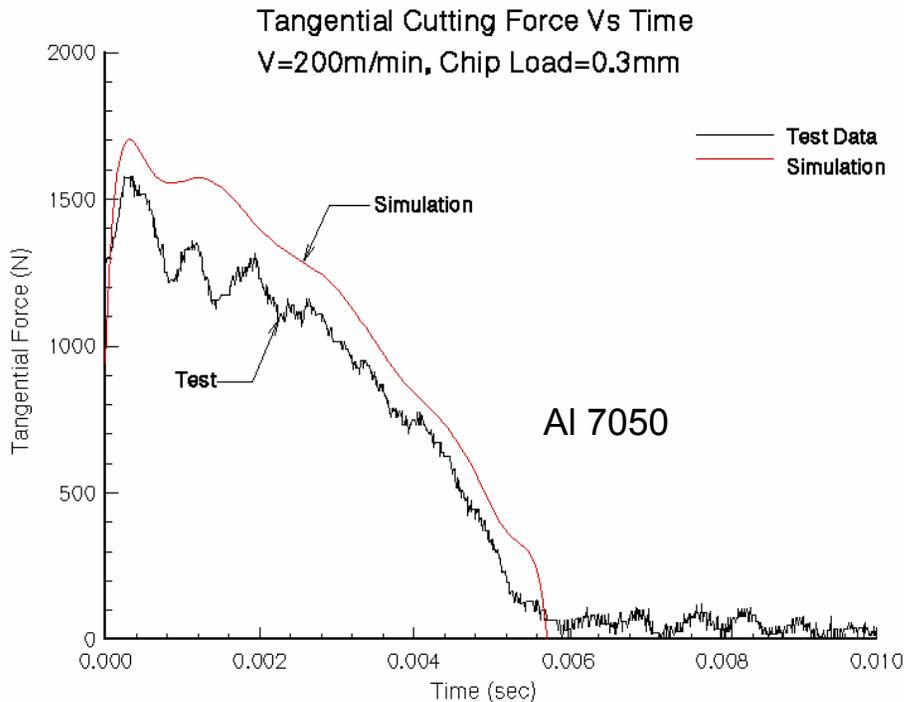
(Marusich and Ortiz, IJNME '95)

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# Machining – Experimental Validation

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Cutting Force Validation

Residual Stress Validation

- General trends predicted, but discrepancies remain!

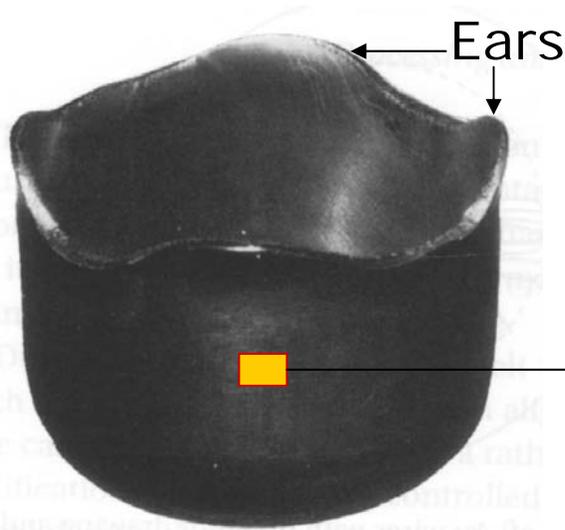


# Validation and Verification

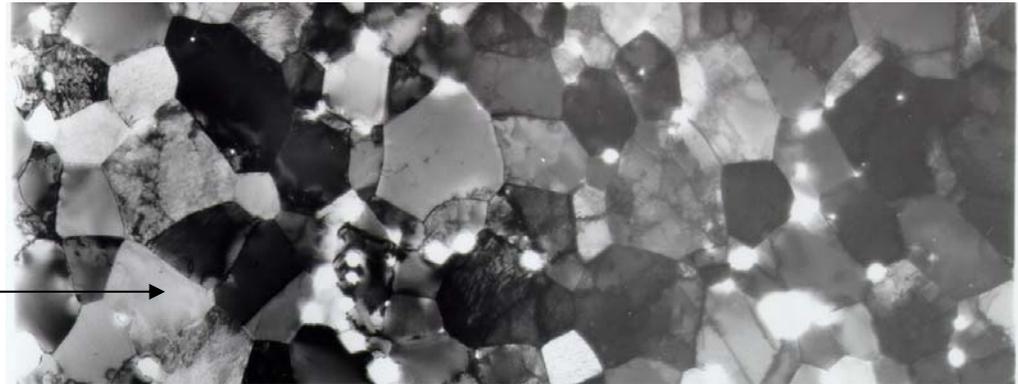
- Fidelity of simulation codes is critically limited by uncertainties in engineering (empirical) material models
- Main sources of error and uncertainty
  - *Discretization errors (spatial + temporal)*
  - *Uncertainties in data:*
    - *Material properties*
    - *Model geometry*
    - *Loading and boundary conditions...*
  - *Empiricism of constitutive models*
- Need to reduce uncertainty in engineering constitutive models for codes to be predictive!



# Limitations of empirical models



Deep-drawn cup

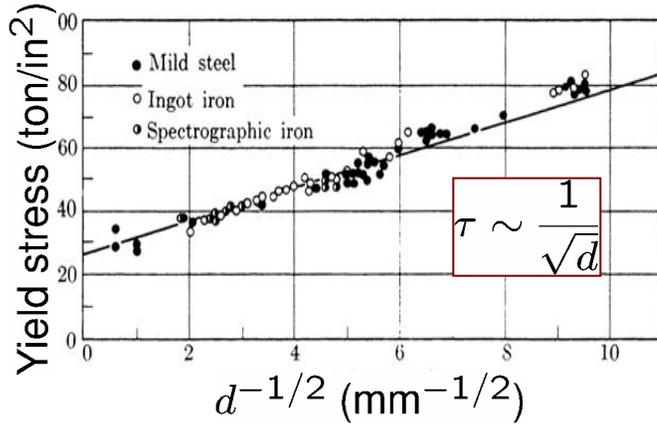


Grain structure of polycrystalline W  
(Courtesy of Clyde Briant)

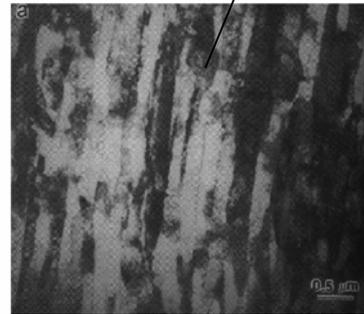
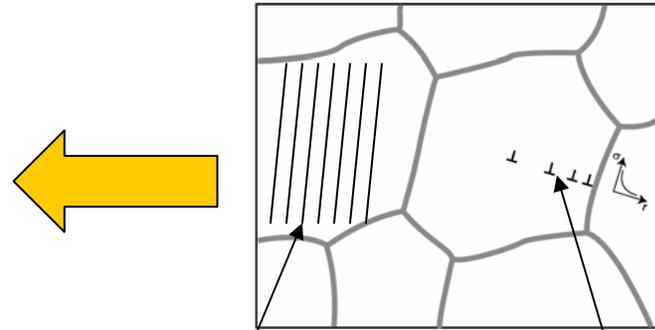
- Conventional engineering plasticity models fail to predict earing in deep drawing
- Prediction of earing requires consideration of polycrystalline structure, texture development



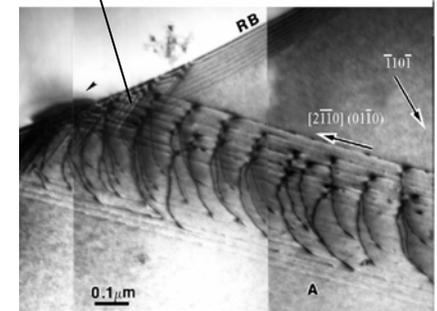
# Limitations of empirical models



Hall-Petch scaling  
(NJ Petch,  
J. Iron and Steel Inst.,  
174, 1953, pp. 25-28.)



Lamellar structure  
in shocked Ta  
(MA Meyers et al '95)



Dislocation pile-up  
at Ti grain boundary  
(I. Robertson)

- Conventional plasticity models fail to predict scaling, size effects.

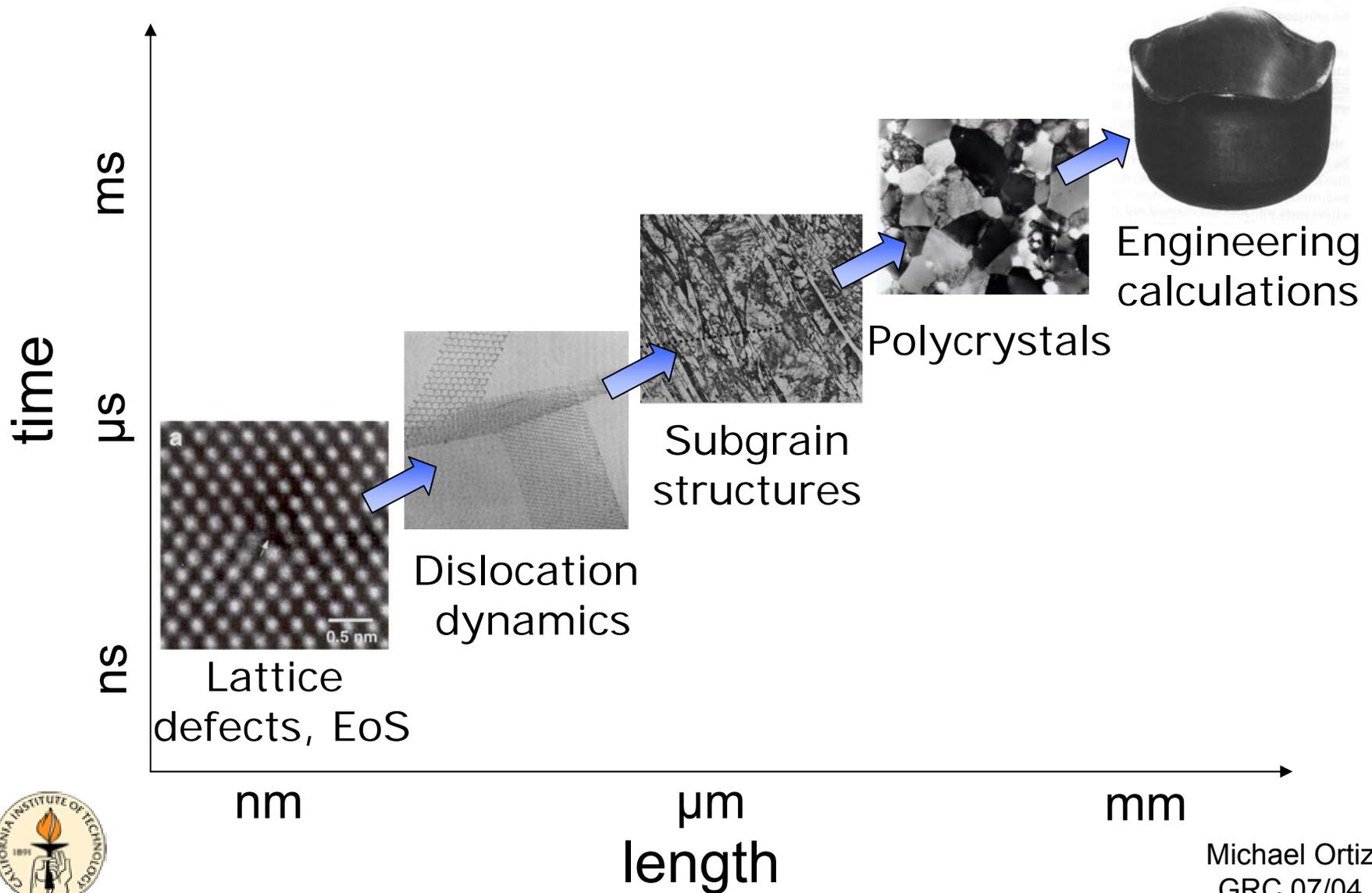


# The case for multiscale computing

- Empirical models fail because they do not properly account for microstructure
- The empirical approach does not provide a systematic means of eliminating uncertainty from material models
- Instead, concurrent multiscale computing:
  - *Model physics at first-principles level, fine lengthscales*
  - *Compute on multiple lengthscales simultaneously*
  - *Fully resolve the fine scales*
- Bypasses the need to model at coarse lengthscales

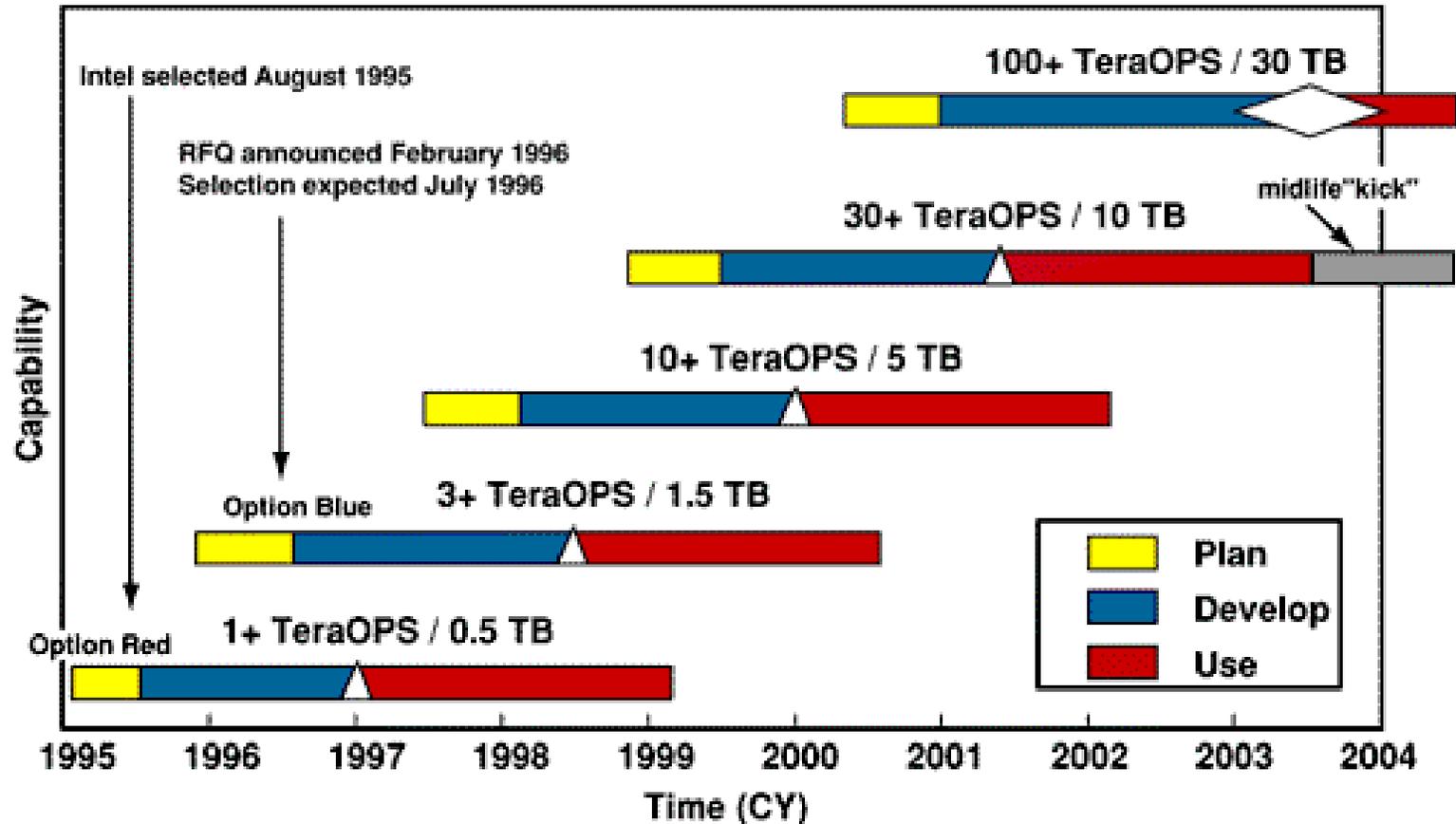


# Metal plasticity - Multiscale modeling



# Multiscale computing - Feasibility

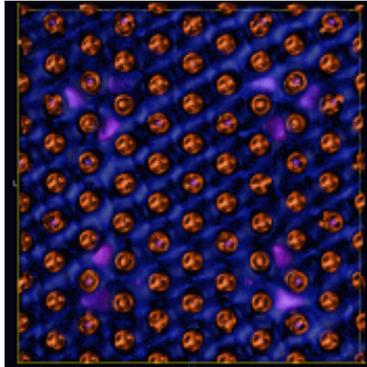
## ASCI computing systems roadmap



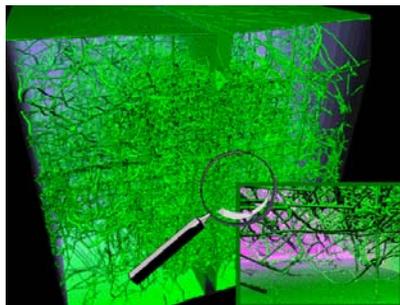
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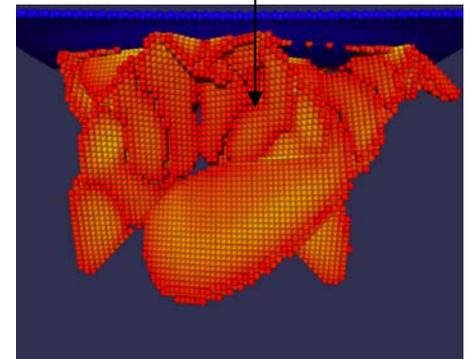
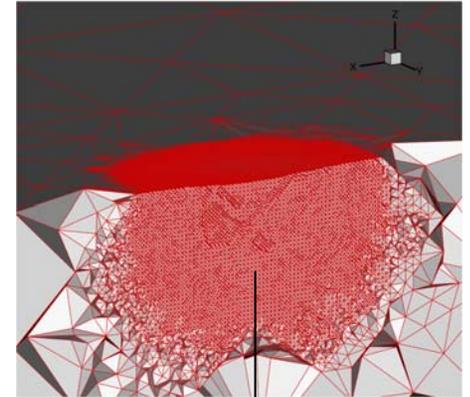
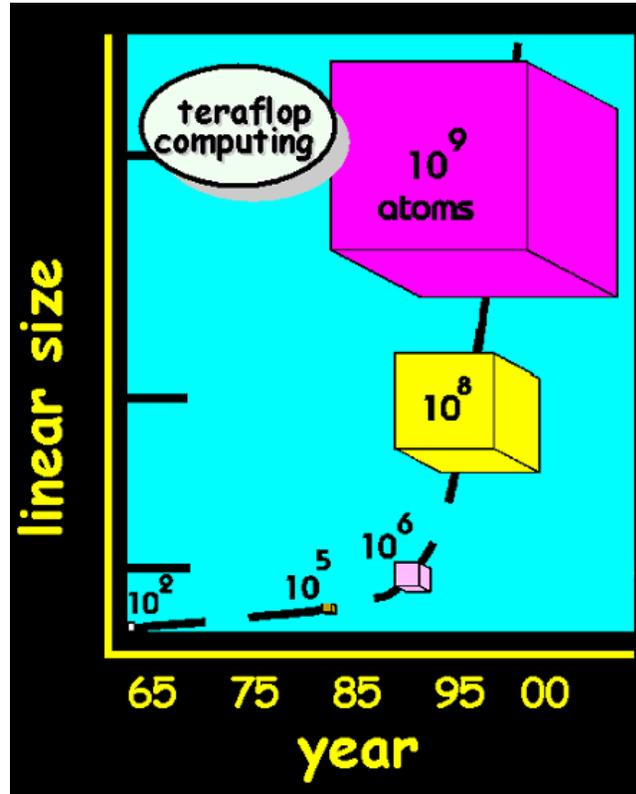
# Multiscale computing – Feasibility



Ta quadrupole  
(T. Arias '00)



FCC ductile fracture (Courtesy F.F. Abraham)  
(F.F. Abraham '03)

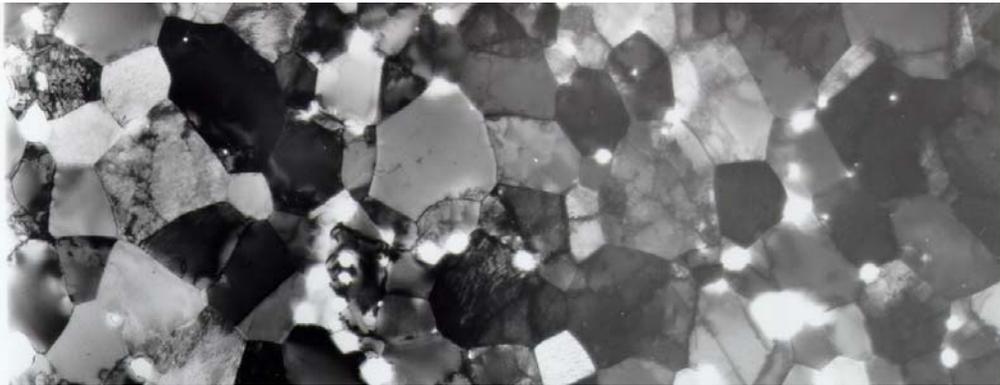


Au nanoindentation  
(Knap and Ortiz '03)

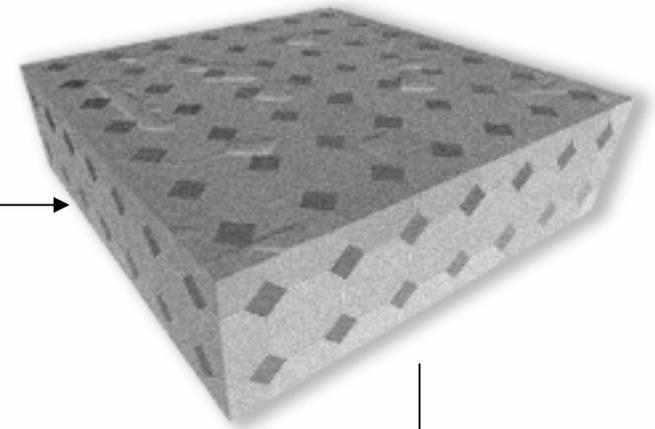
- Computing power is growing rapidly, but  
 $10^9 \ll 10^{23}$



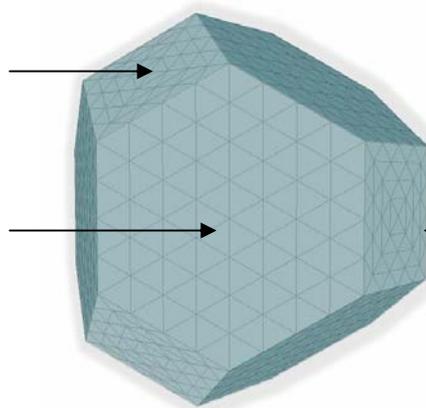
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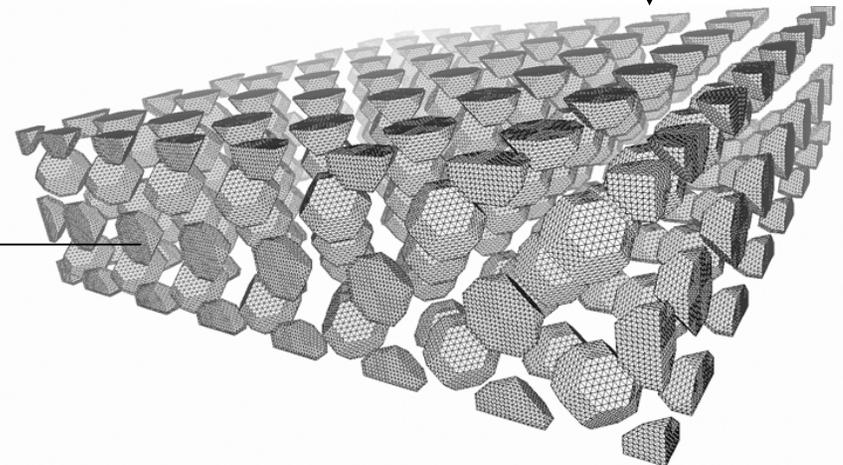
Polycrystalline W (Courtesy of C. Briant)



Grain-boundary  
sliding model



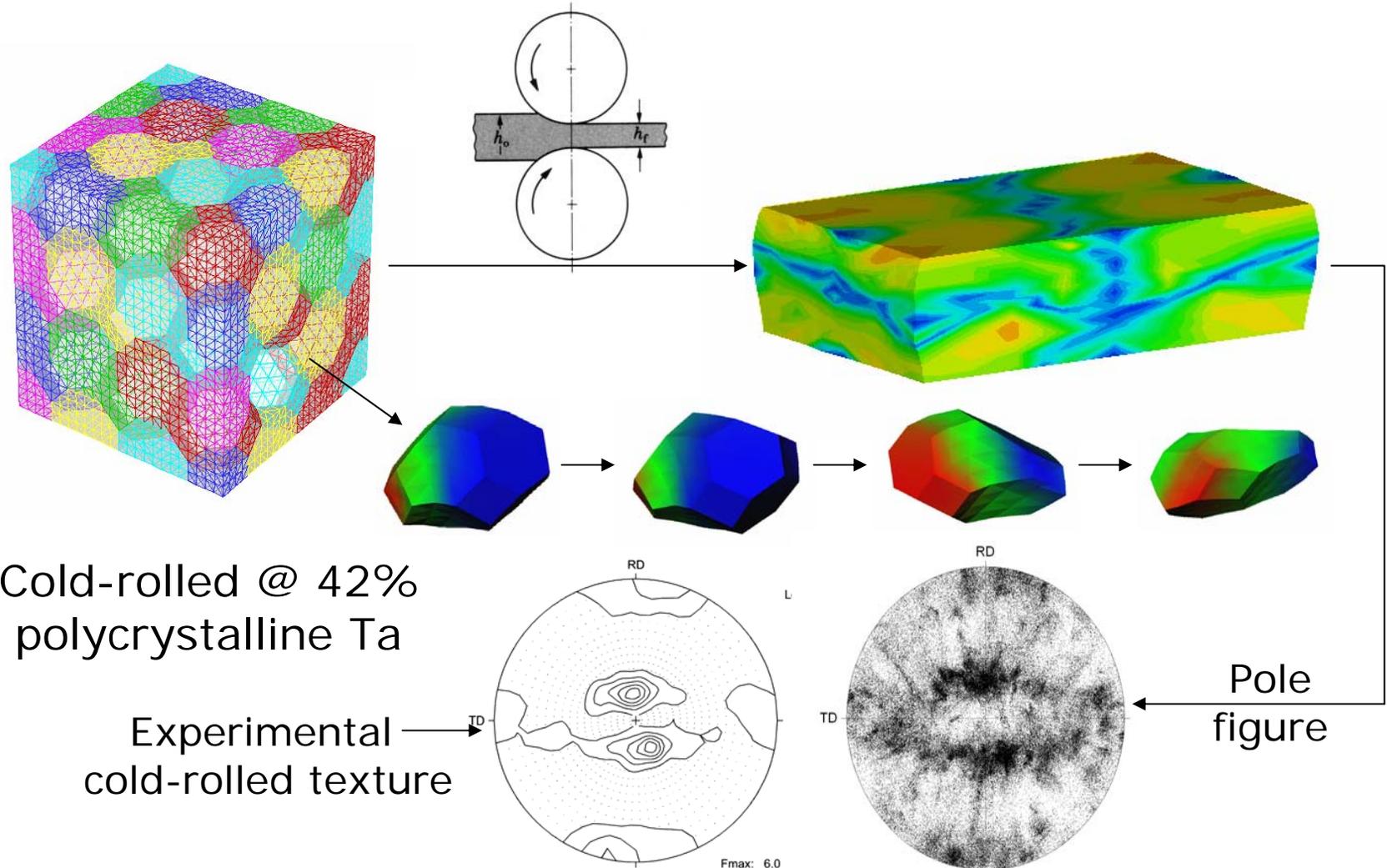
Single-crystal  
plasticity model



(A.M. Cuitiño and R. Radovitzky '02)



# Multiscale computing – Feasibility



Cold-rolled @ 42%  
polycrystalline Ta

Experimental  
cold-rolled texture

Pole  
figure

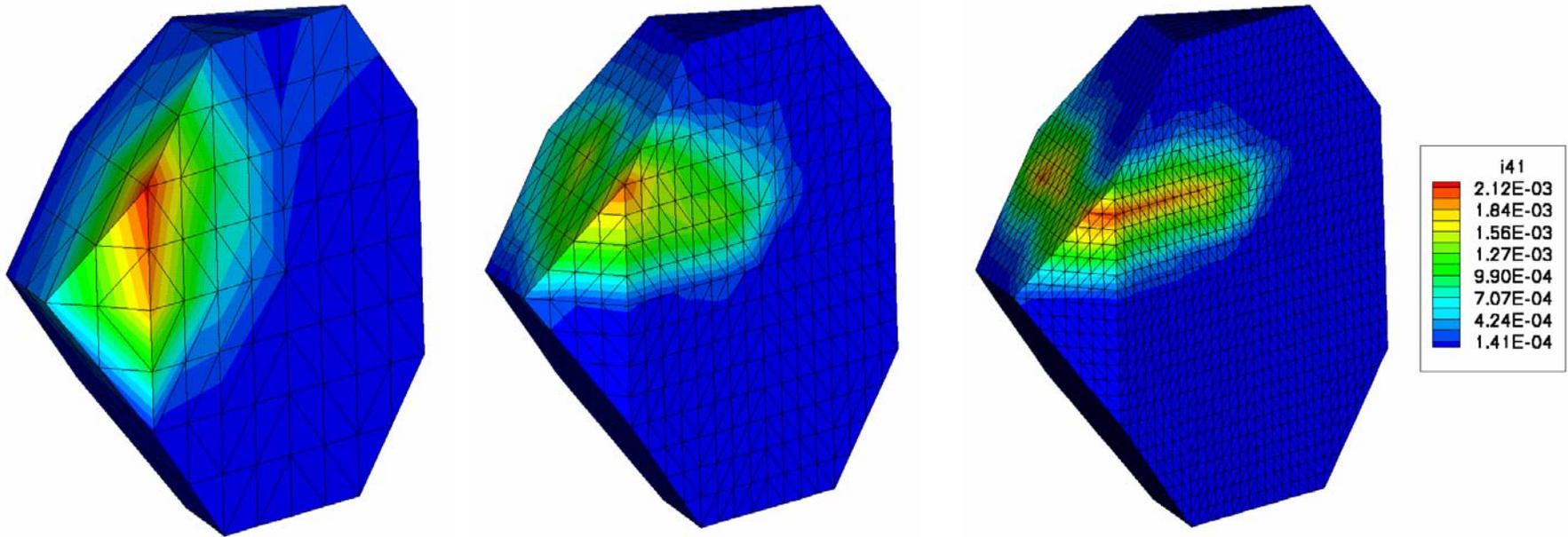


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# Multiscale computing – Feasibility

## DNS of polycrystals: Convergence



Coarse mesh  
192 elmts/grain

Intermediate mesh  
1536 elmts/grain

Fine mesh  
12288 el/grain

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- Numerical convergence extremely slow!

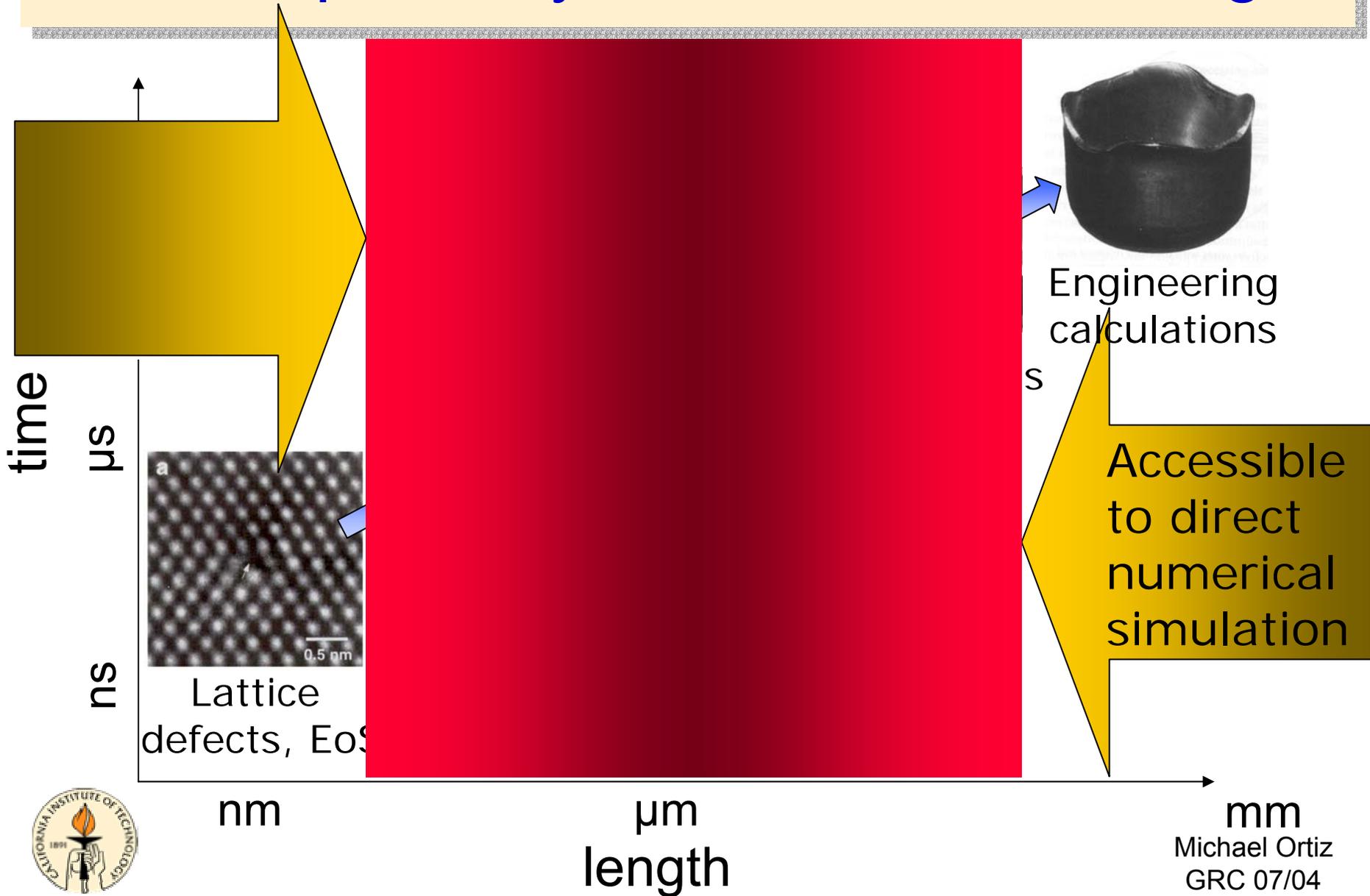


# Multiscale computing - Feasibility

- $\sim 10^9$  elements at our disposal ( $10^6$  elements/processor x 1000 processors)
- $\sim 1000$  elements/coordinate direction
- $\sim 20$  elements/grain/direction (8000 elements/grain)
- $\sim 50$  grains/direction (125K grains)
- $\sim 2.5$  mm specimen for  $50 \mu\text{m}$  grains
- Not enough for complex engineering simulations!
- Subgrain scales still unresolved, need modeling!



# Metal plasticity - Multiscale modeling

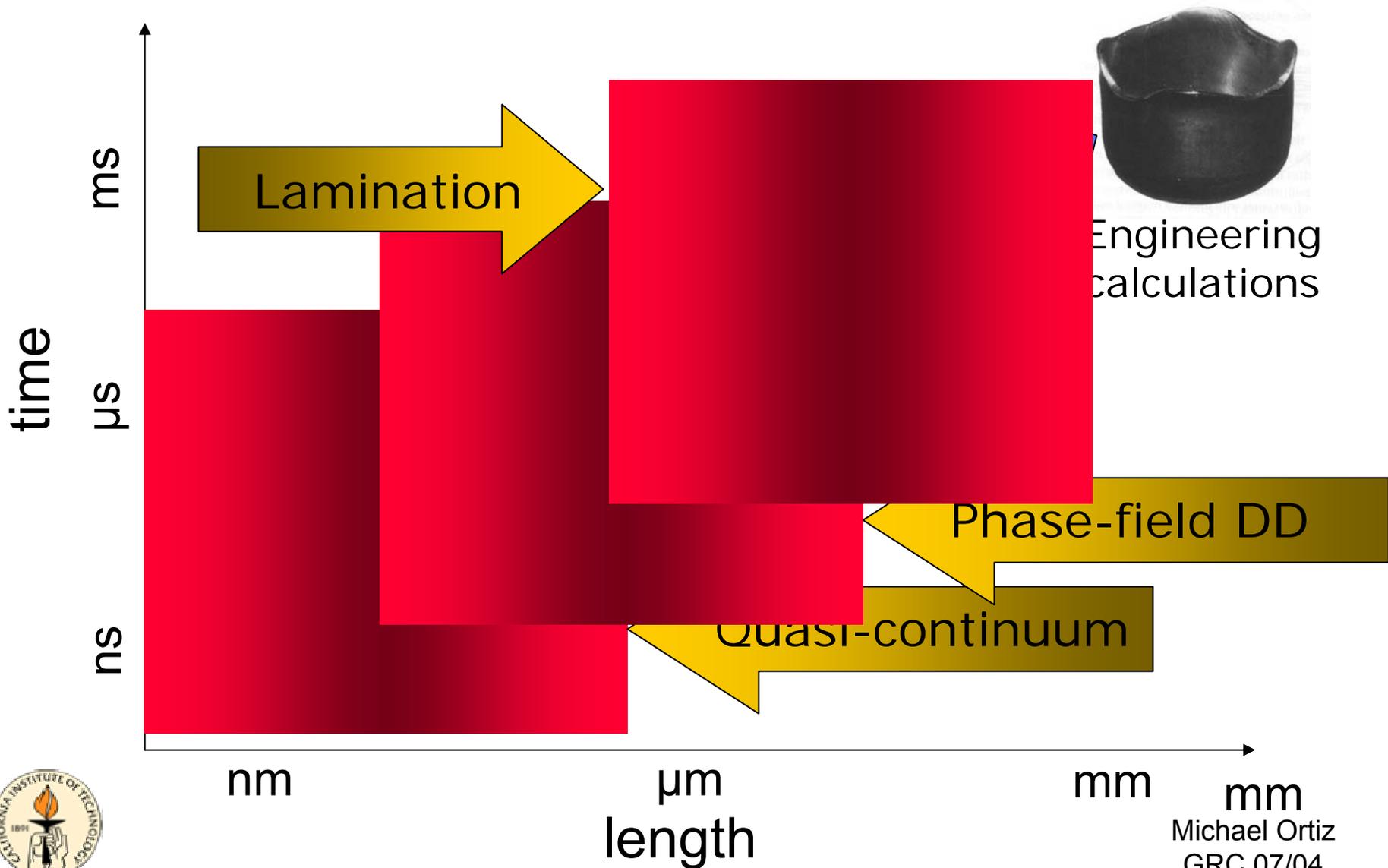


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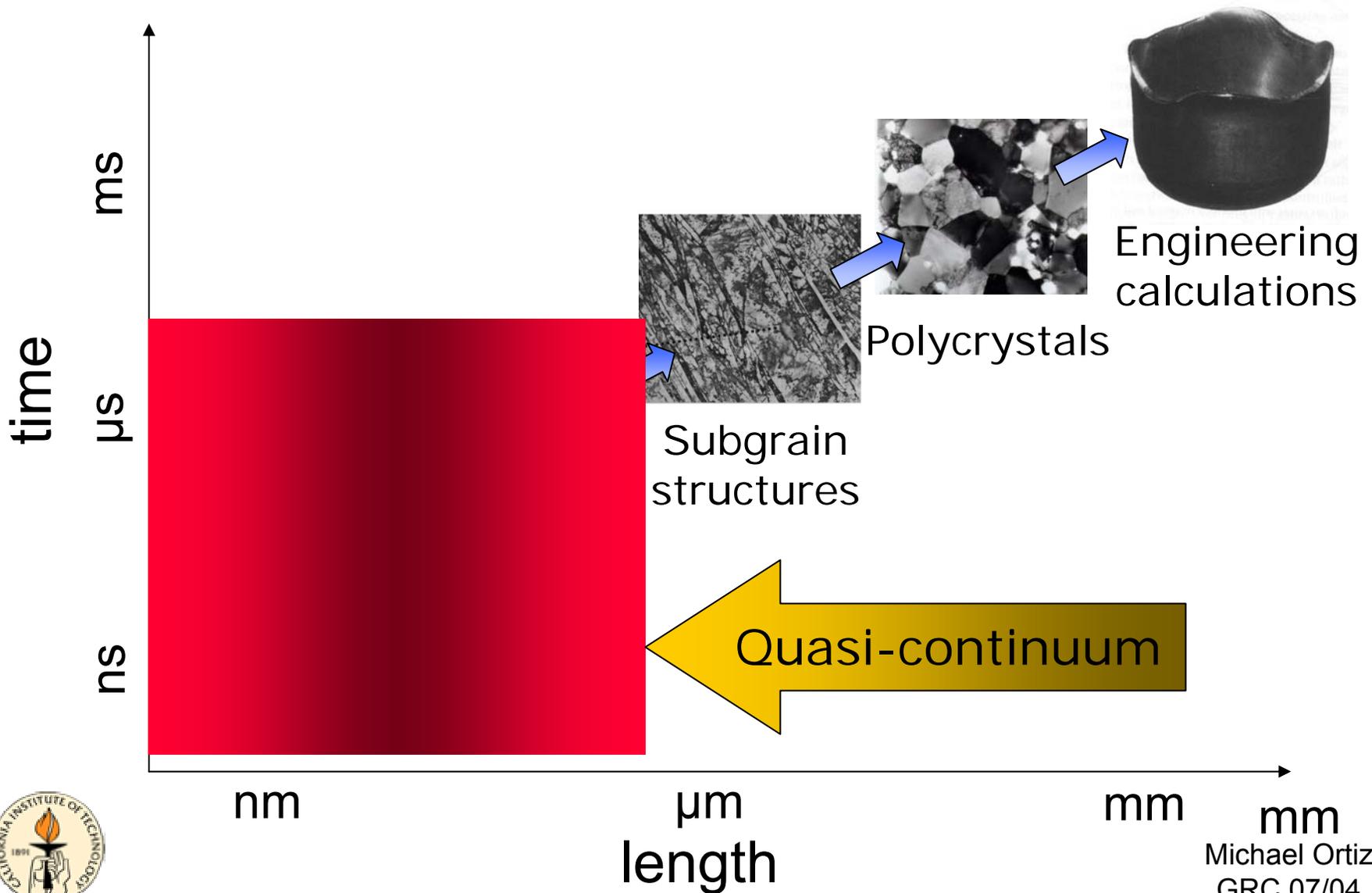
- It is not possible to fully resolve material and deformation microstructures in complex engineering applications directly by brute force
- Instead, multiscale modeling:
  - *Identify relevant structures and mechanisms at all lengthscales*
  - *Bridge lengthscales by:*
    - *Building models of effective behavior (coarse graining)*
    - *Computing material parameters from first principles (parameter passing)*
- Approaches?



# Multiscale modeling - Approaches



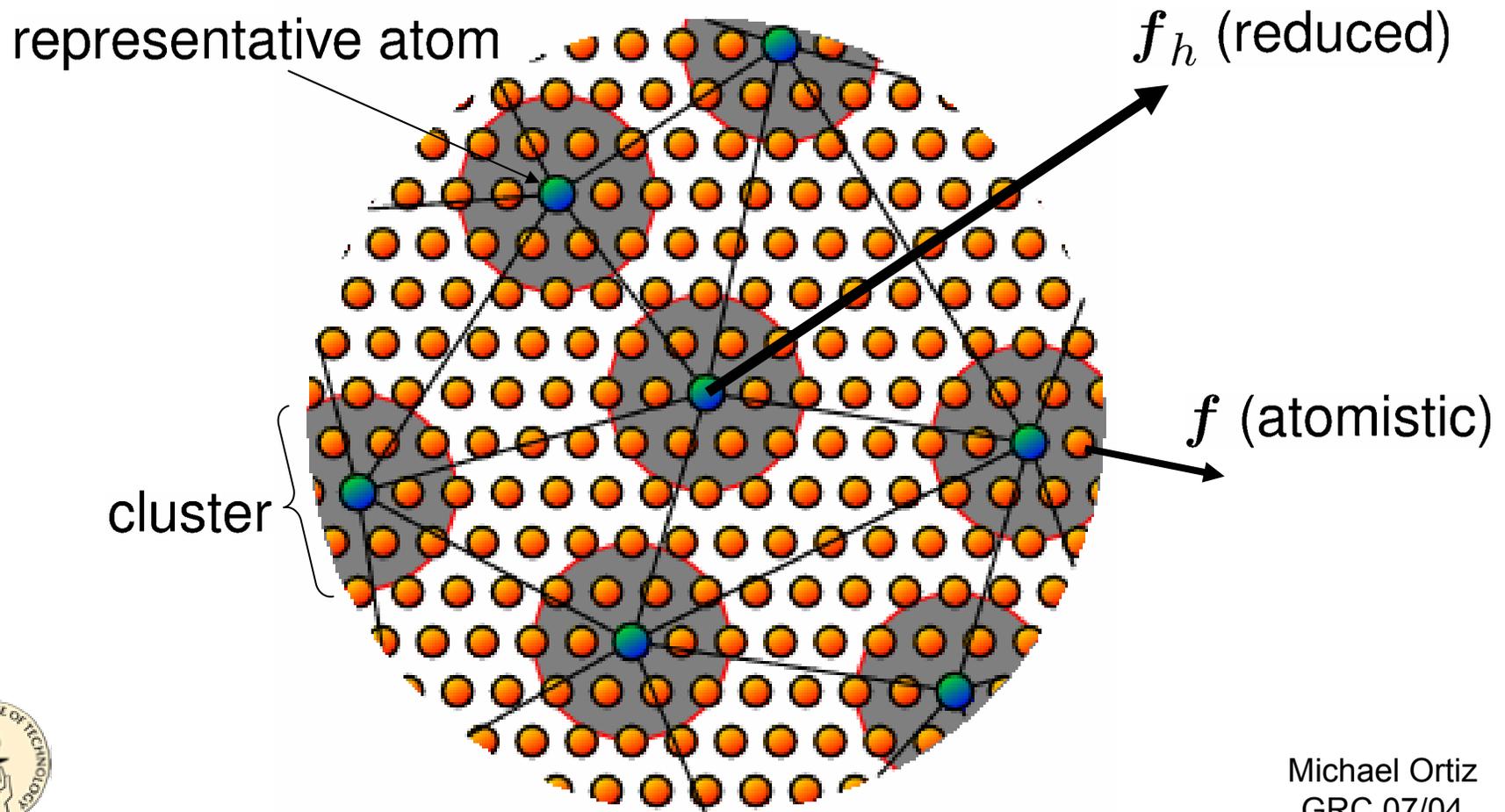
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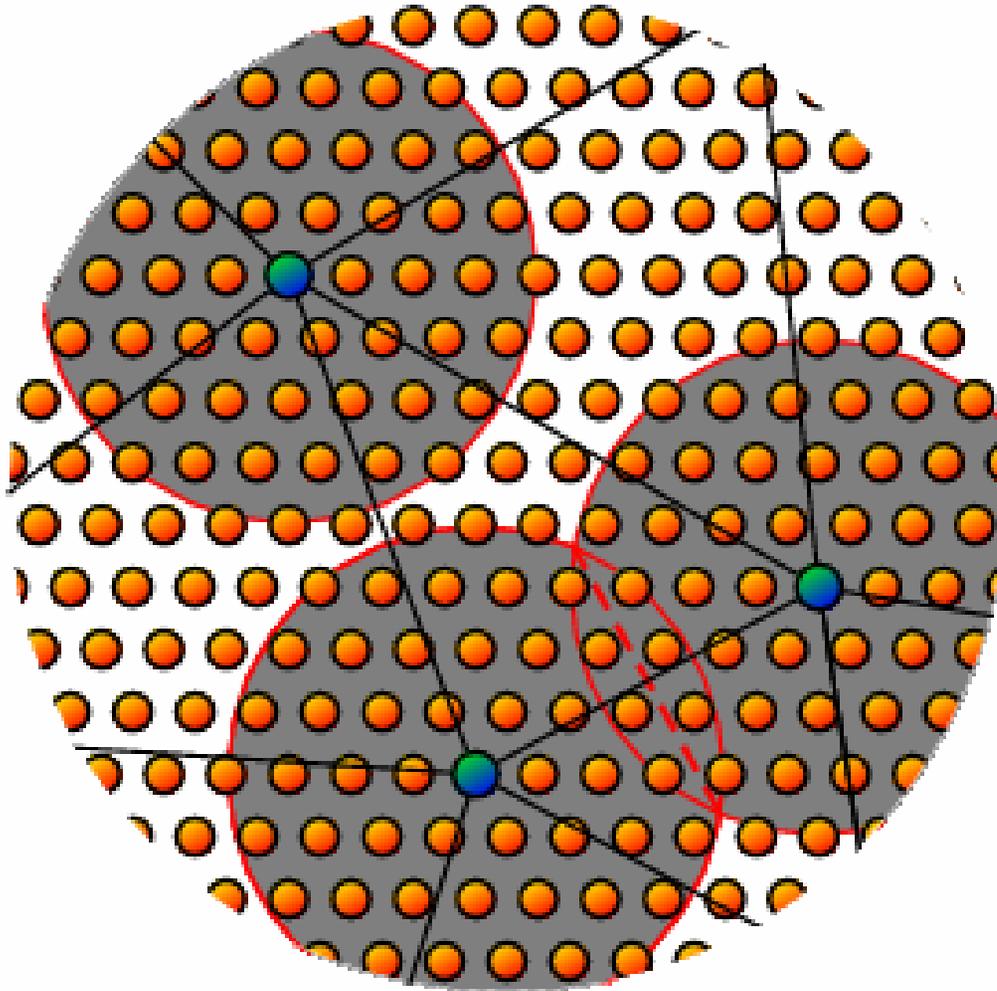
# Quasicontinuum - Reduction

Tadmor, Ortiz and Phillips, *Phil. Mag. A*, **76** (1996) 1529.

Knap and Ortiz, *J. Mech. Phys. Solids*, **49** (2001) 1899.



# Quasicontinuum – Cluster sums



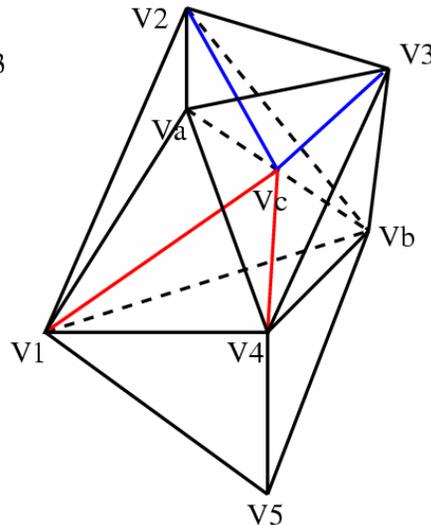
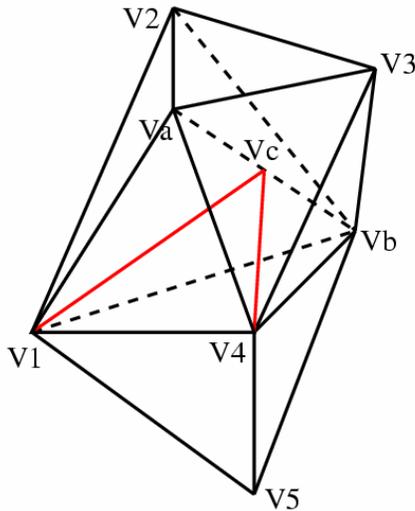
Merging of clusters near atomistic limit



# Quasicontinuum - Adaptivity

- $E(K) \equiv$  Lagrangian strain in simplex  $K$

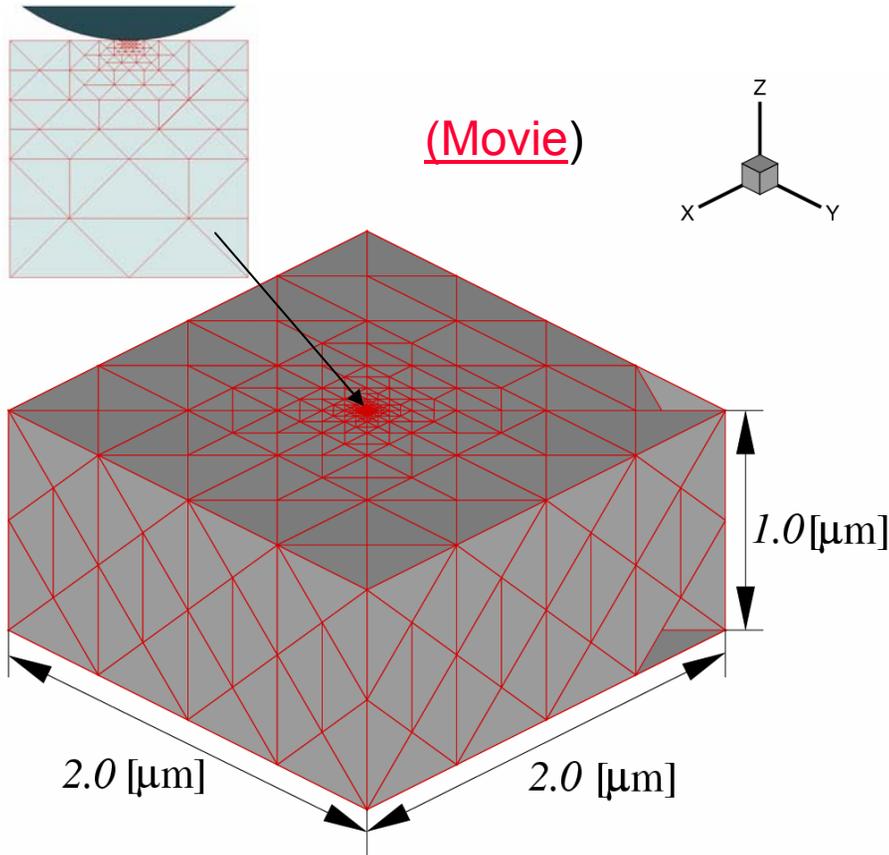
- Refinement criterion: *Bisect*  $K$  if  $|E(K)| \geq \text{TOL} \frac{b}{h(K)}$



Longest-edge bisection of tetrahedron  $(1,4,a,b)$  along longest edge  $(a,b)$  and of ring of tetrahedra incident on  $(a,b)$



# QC - Nanoindentation of [001] Au



- Nanoindentation of [001] Au, 2x2x1 micrometers
- Spherical indenter,  $R=7$  and 70 nm
- Johnson EAM potential
- Total number of atoms  $\sim 0.25 \cdot 10^{12}$
- Initial number of nodes  $\sim 10,000$
- Final number of nodes  $\sim 100,000$

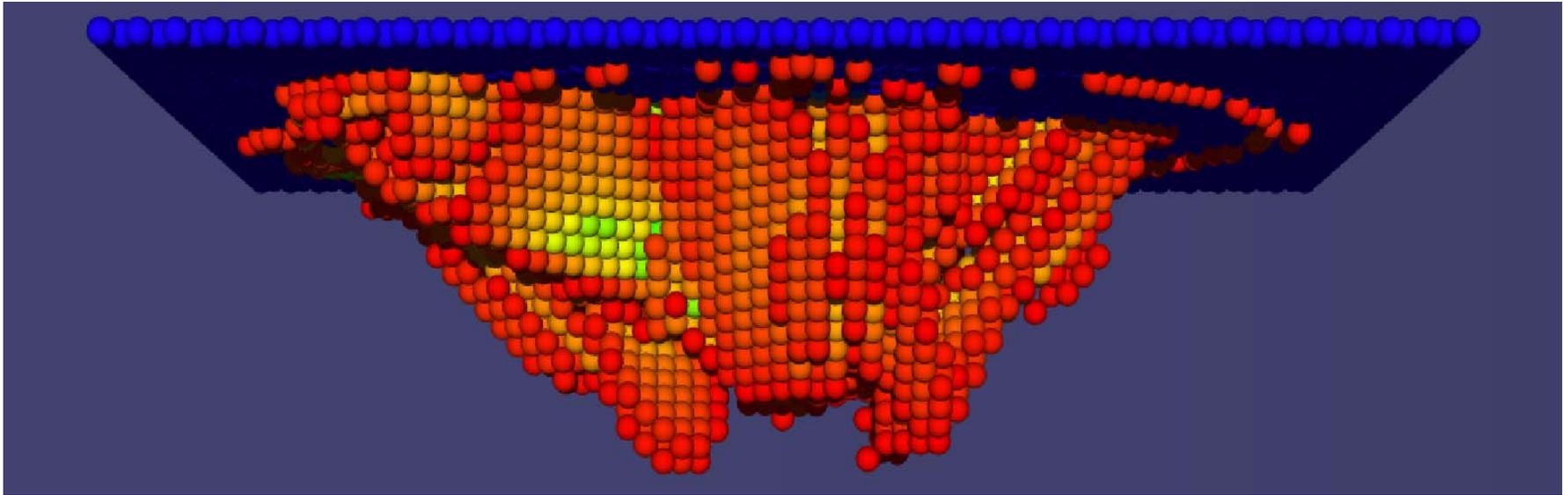
Detail of initial computational mesh



(Knap and Ortiz, *PRL* **90** 2002-226102)

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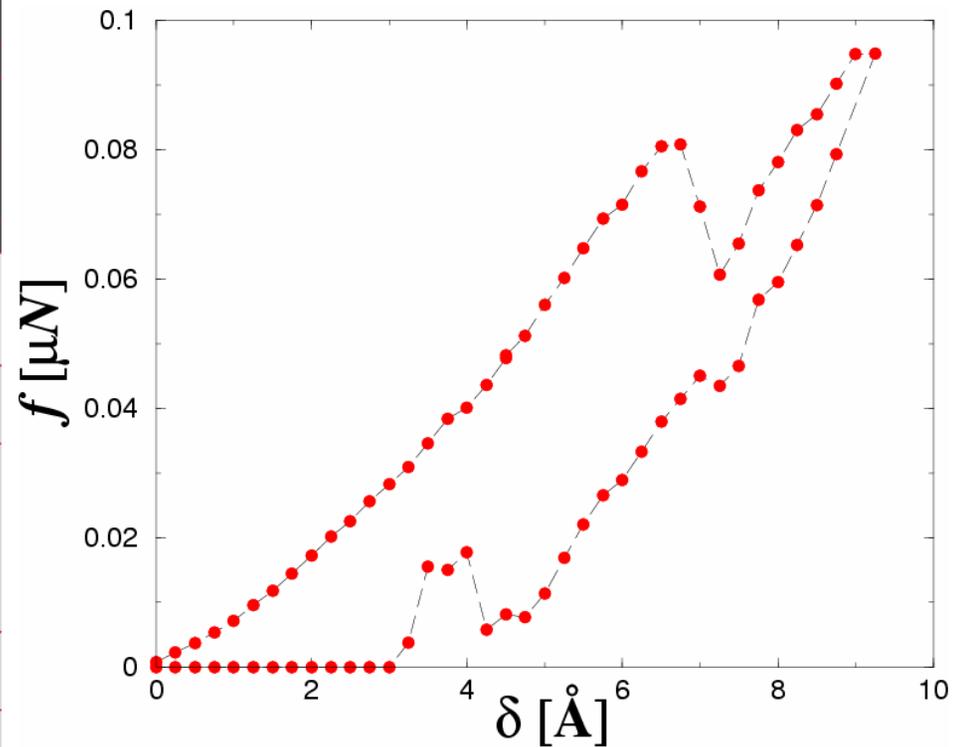
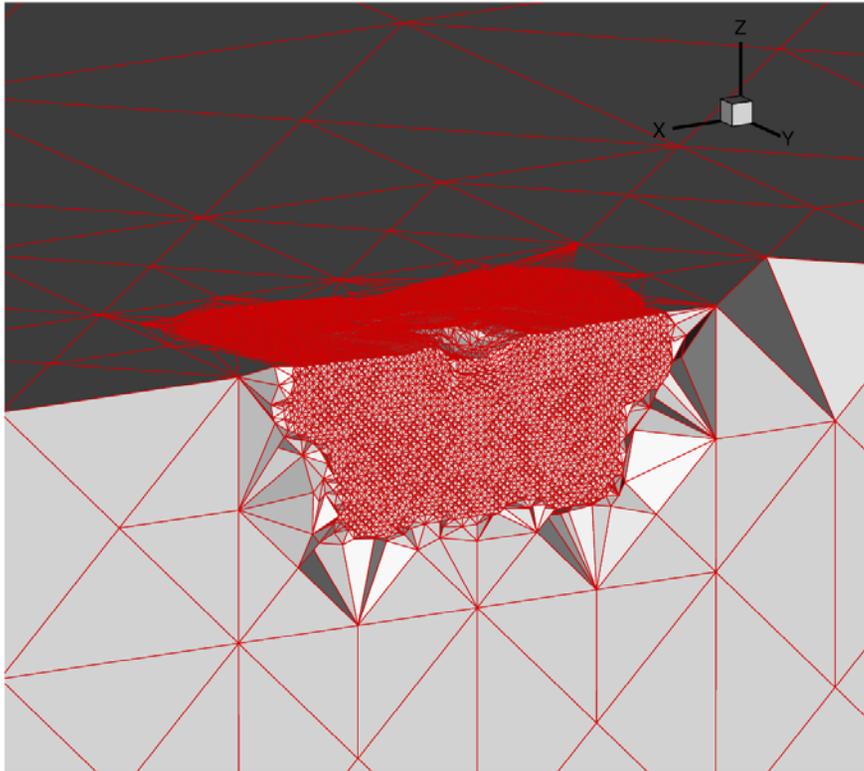
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7 nm indenter, depth = 0.92 nm



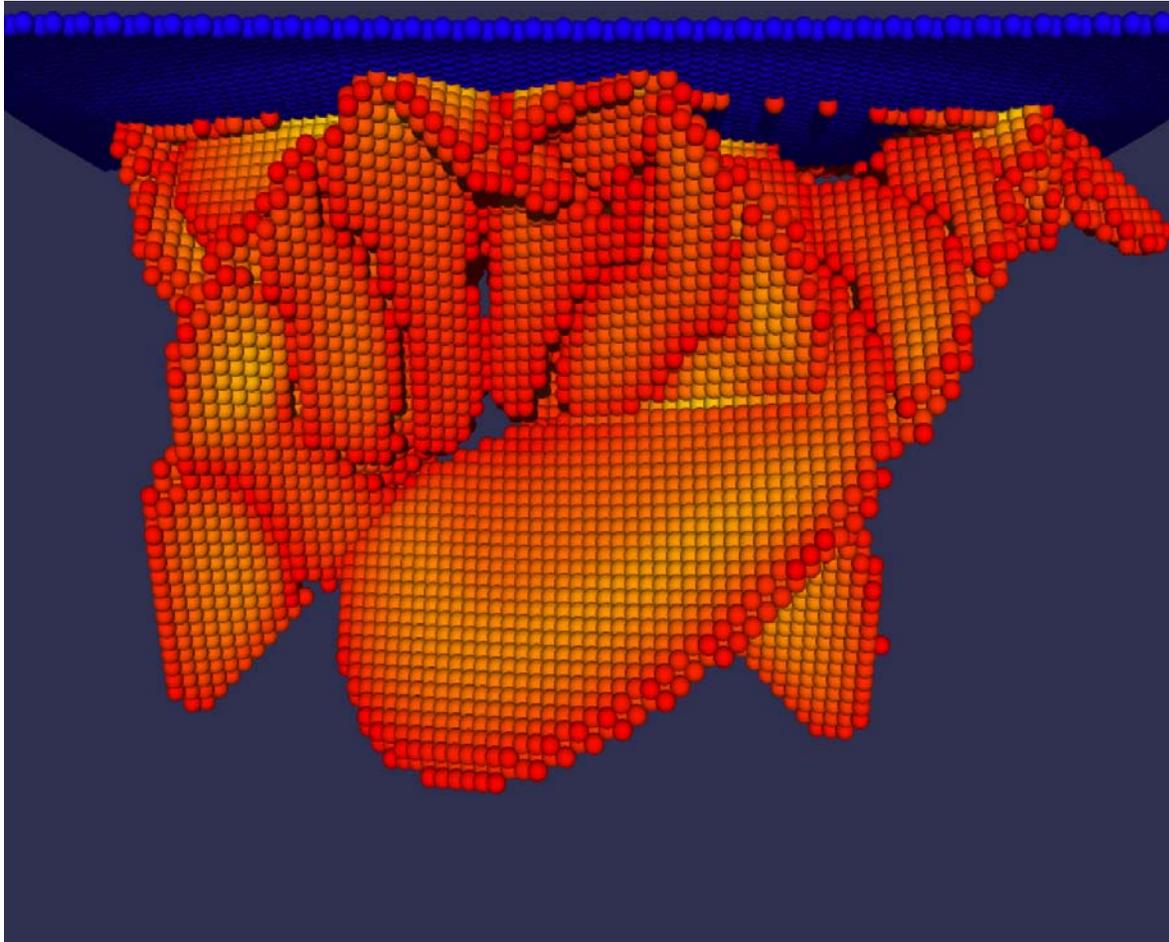
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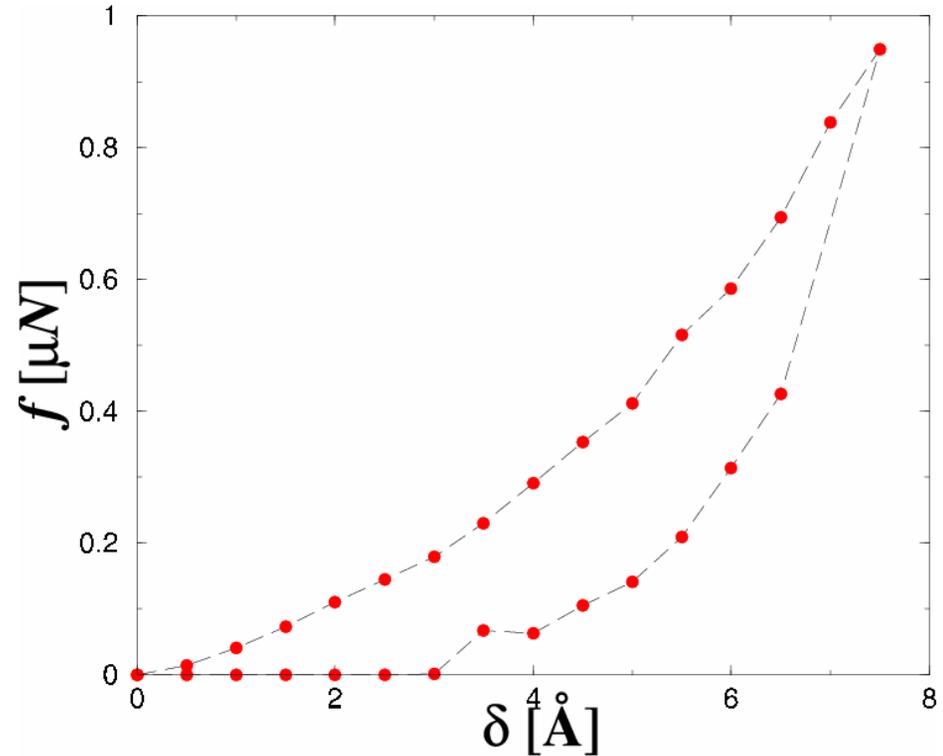
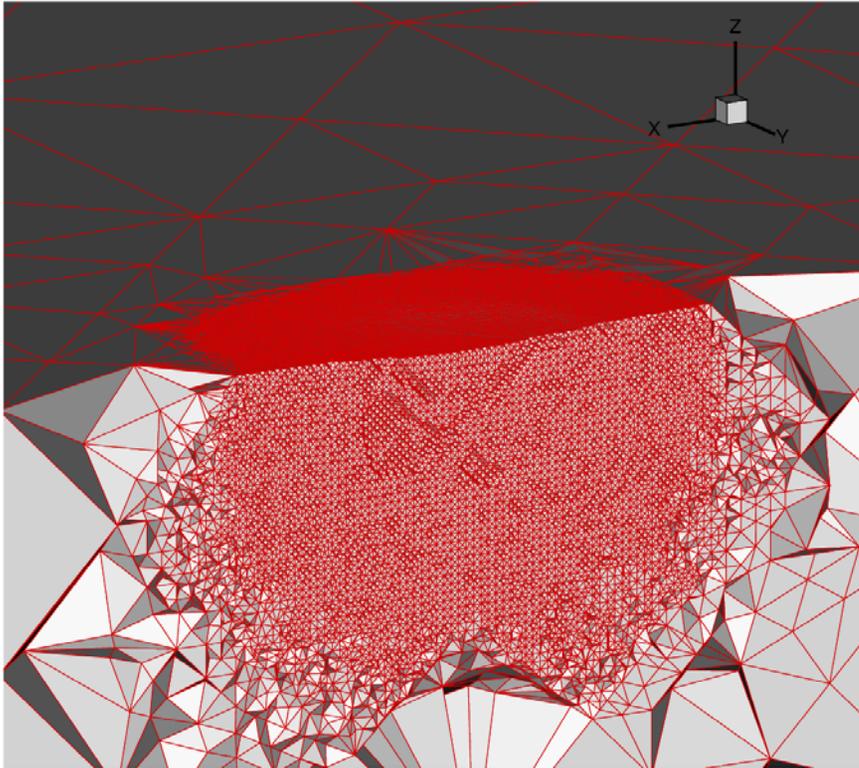
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70 nm indenter, depth = 0.75 nm



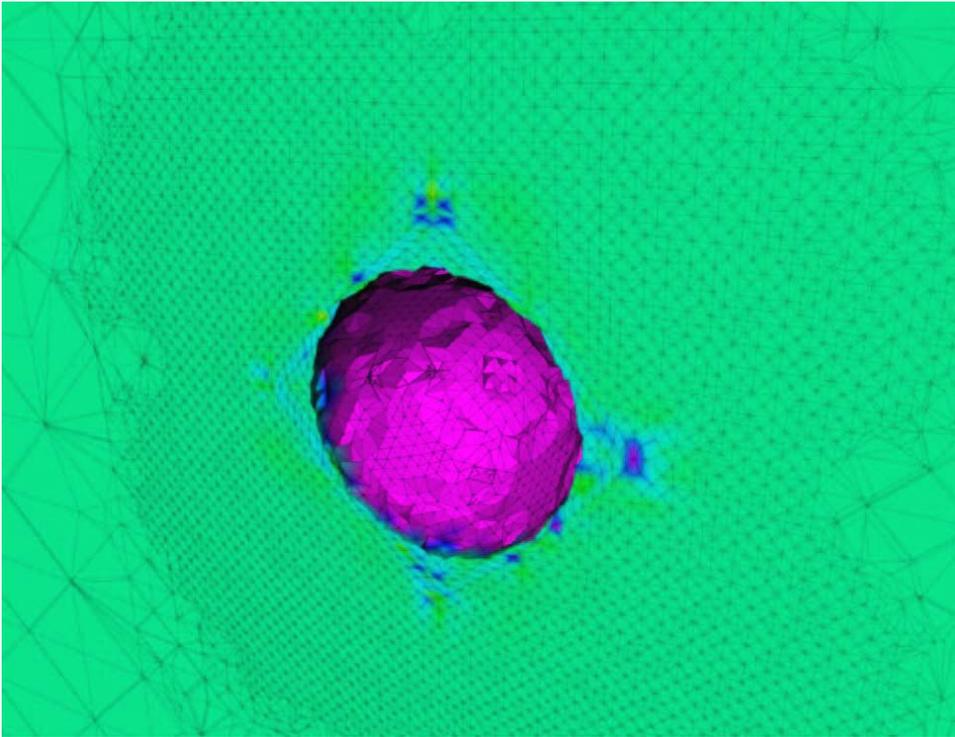
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# QC - Nanovoid cavitation in Al



Close-up of internal void

- 72x72x72 cell sample
- Initial radius  $R=2a$
- Ercolessi and Adams (*Europhys. Lett.* **26**, 583, 1994) EAM potential.
- Total number of atoms  $\sim 16 \times 10^6$
- Initial number of nodes  $\sim 34,000$

(Marian, Knap and Ortiz '04)



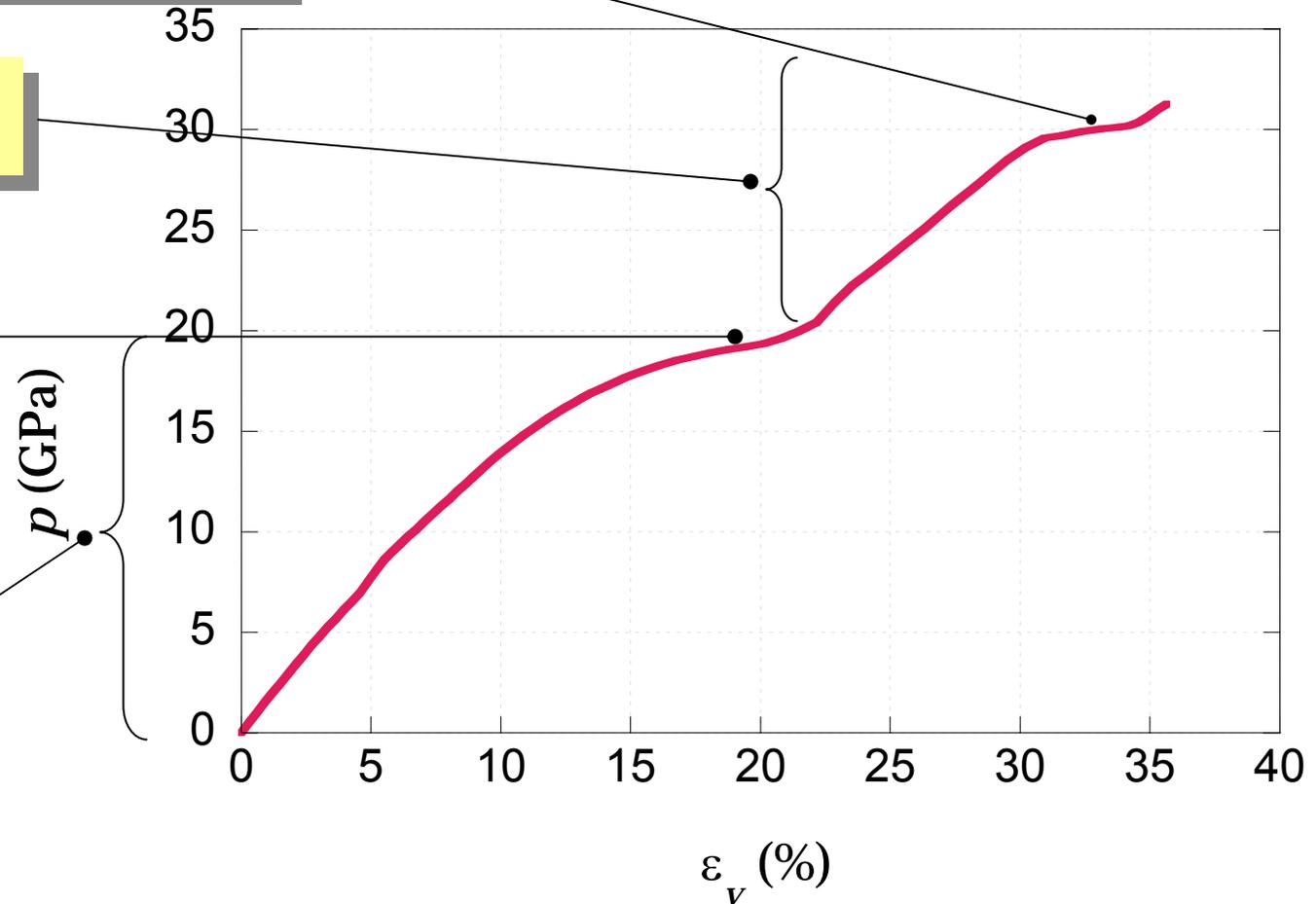
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2<sup>nd</sup> yield point: possible material failure (under investigation)

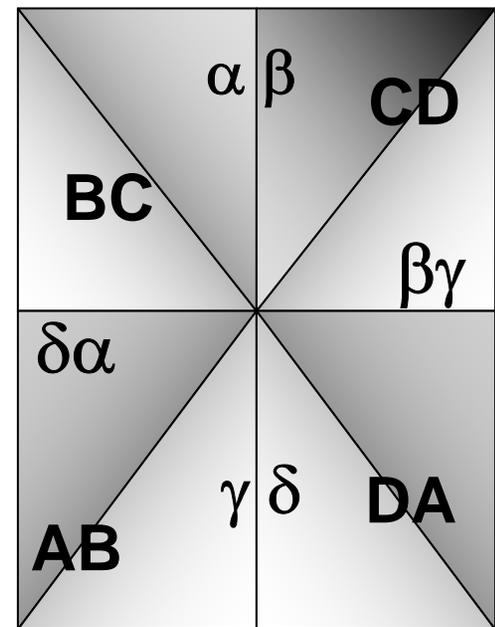
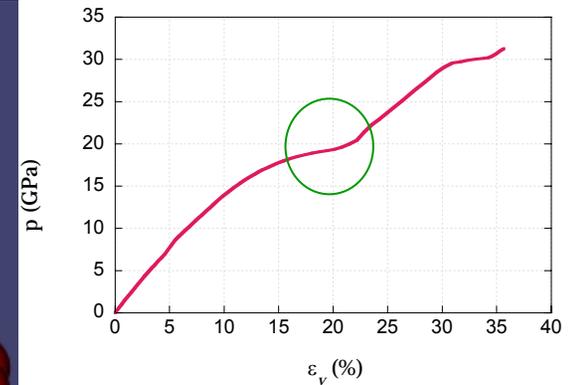
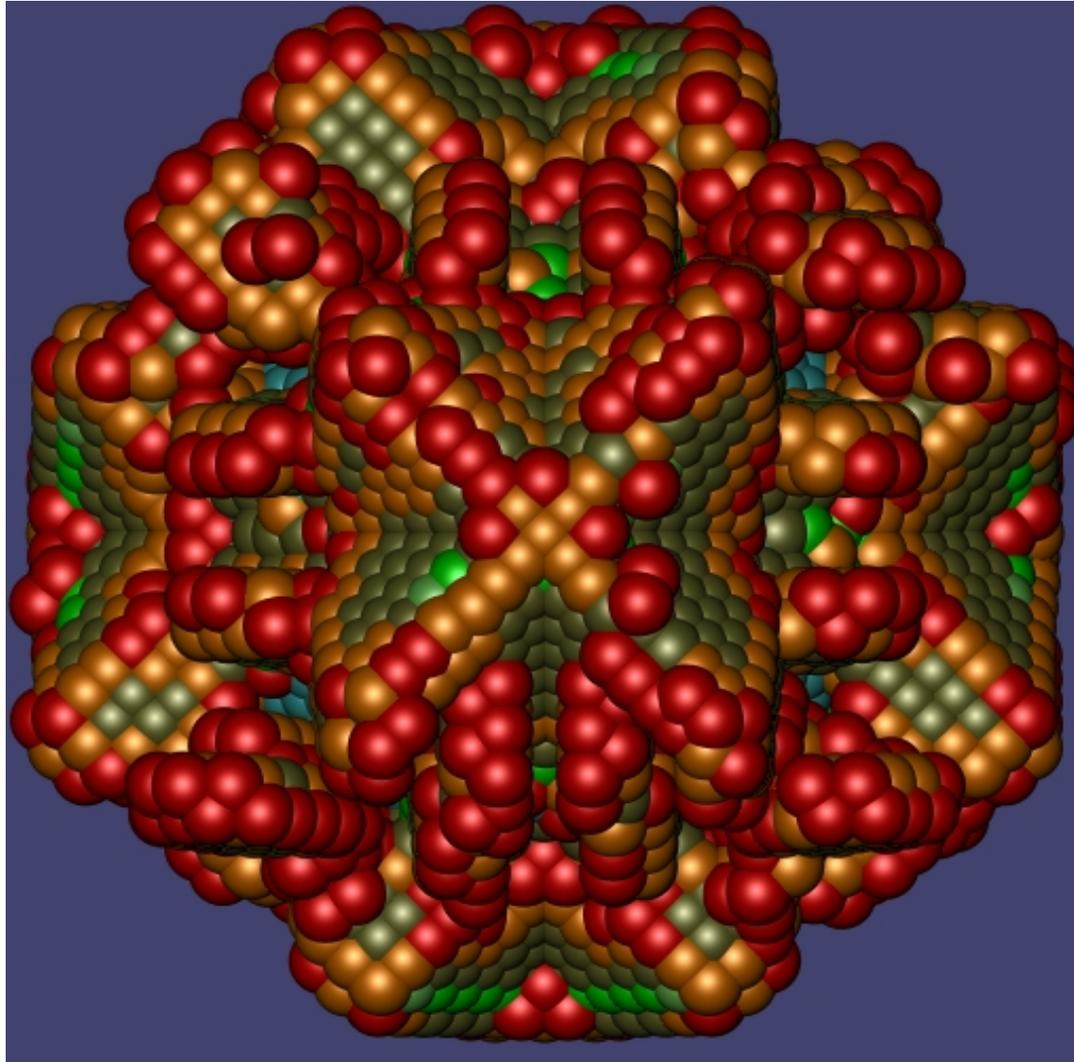
Hardening regime: dislocation locking

1<sup>st</sup> yield point

Initial elastic regime, following the interatomic potential's shape



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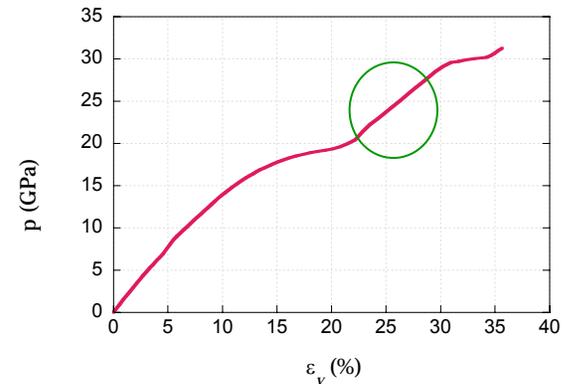
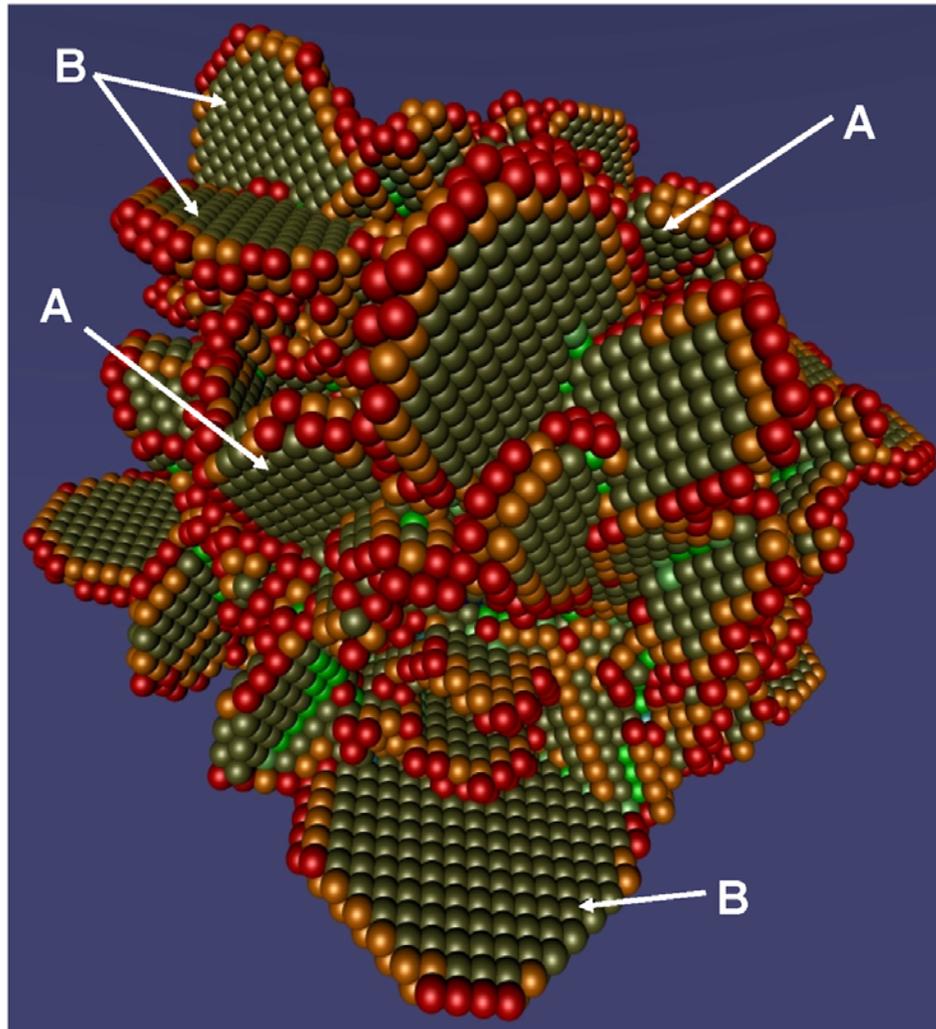


Dislocation structures, first yield point

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Dislocation types:

**A** - *Conventional*

$$\frac{1}{2}\langle 110 \rangle \{ 111 \}$$

**B** - *Anomalous*

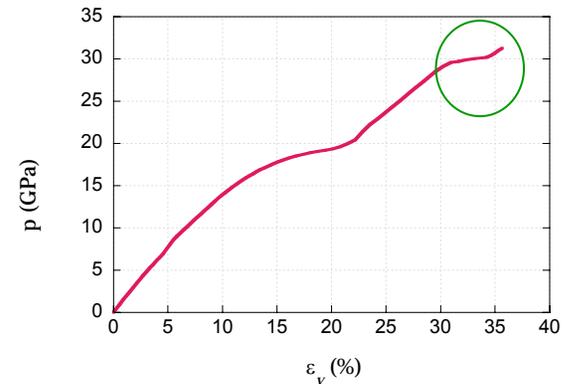
$$\frac{1}{2}\langle 110 \rangle \{ 001 \}$$



Dislocation structures, hardening stage

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# QC - Nanovoid cavitation in Al



Unconfined plastic  
flow carried by  
*conventional*  
 $\frac{1}{2}\langle 110 \rangle \{ 111 \}$   
*dislocations*



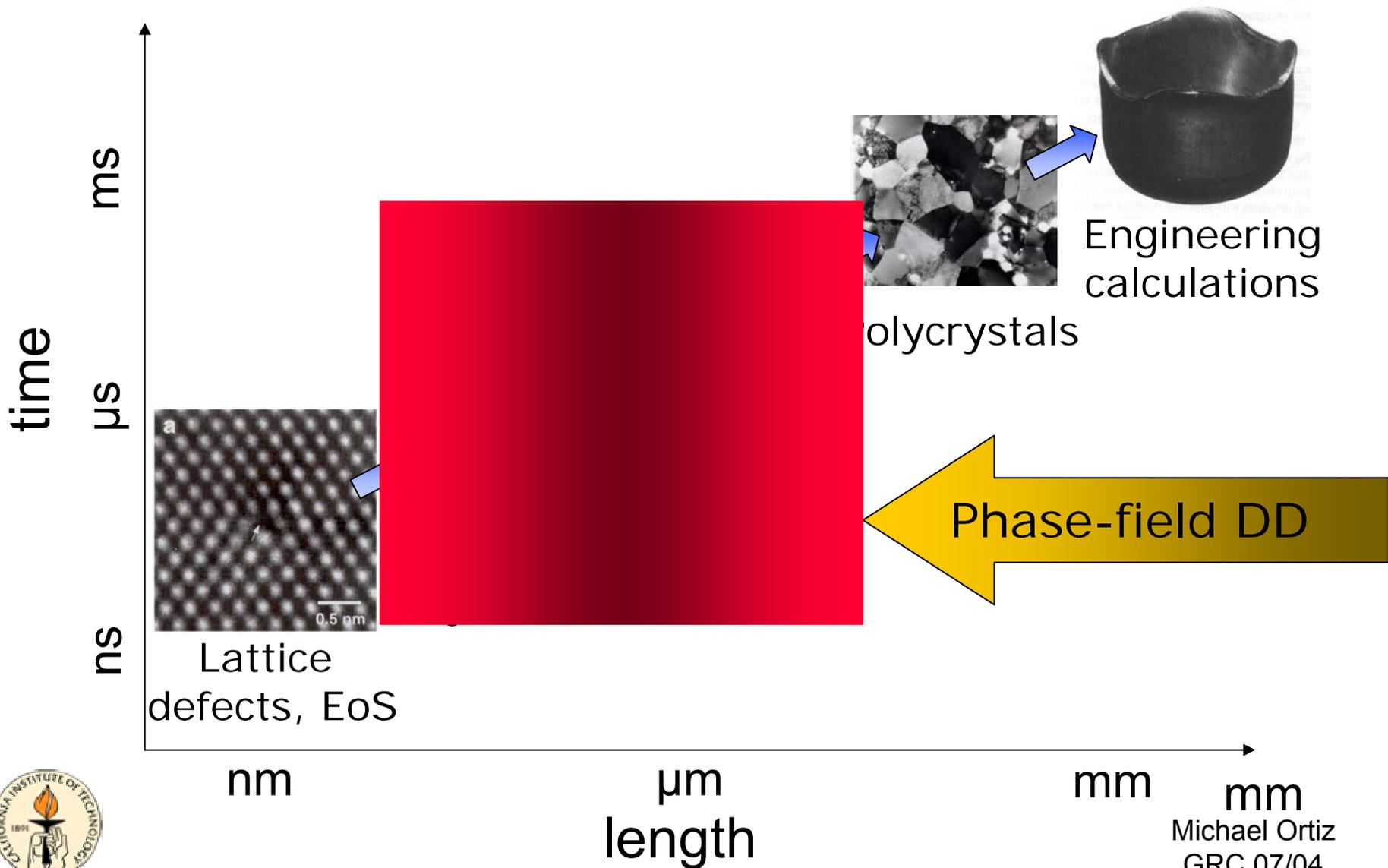
Dislocation structures, second yield point

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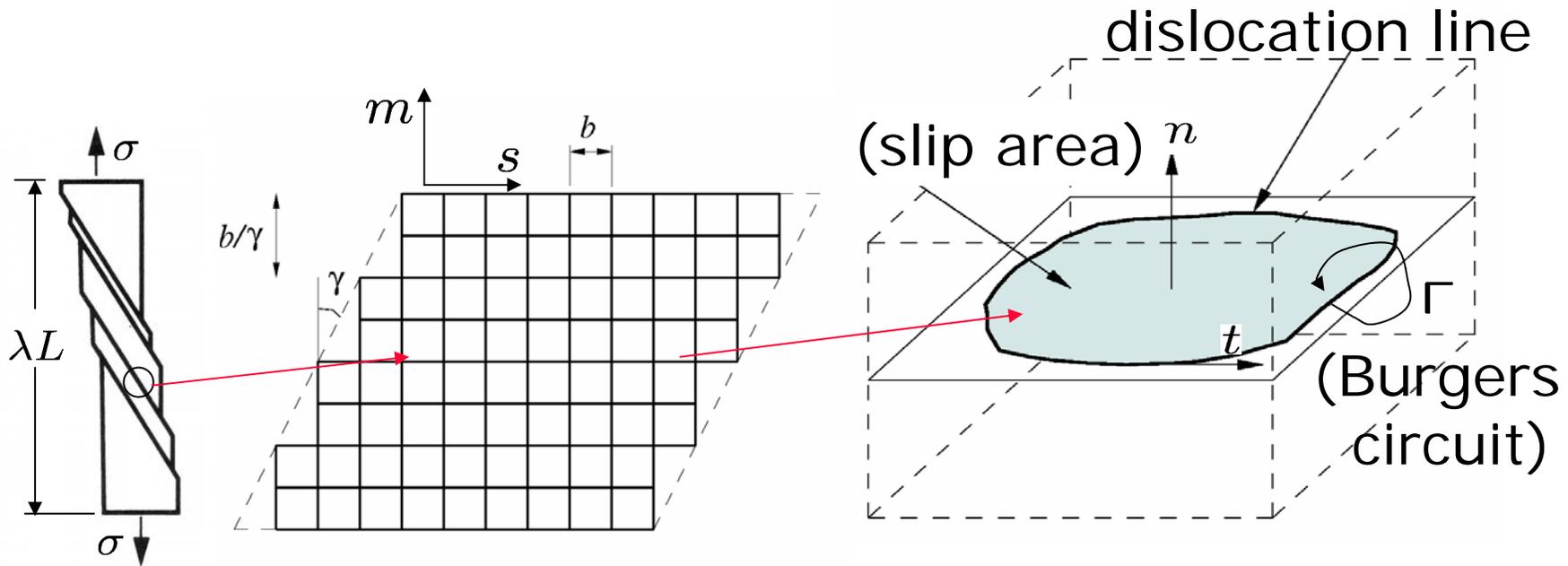
# Quasicontinuum

- The Quasicontinuum method is an example of a multiscale method based on:
  - *Kinematic constraints (coarse-graining)*
  - *Clusters (sampling)*
  - *Adaptivity (spatially adapted resolution)*
- The Quasicontinuum method is an example of a *concurrent multiscale computing*: it resolves continuum and atomistic lengthscales concurrently during same calculation
- Challenges:
  - *Dynamics (internal reflections)*
  - *Finite temperature (heat conduction)*
  - *Transition to dislocation dynamics*

# Multiscale modeling - Approaches



# Phase-field dislocation dynamics

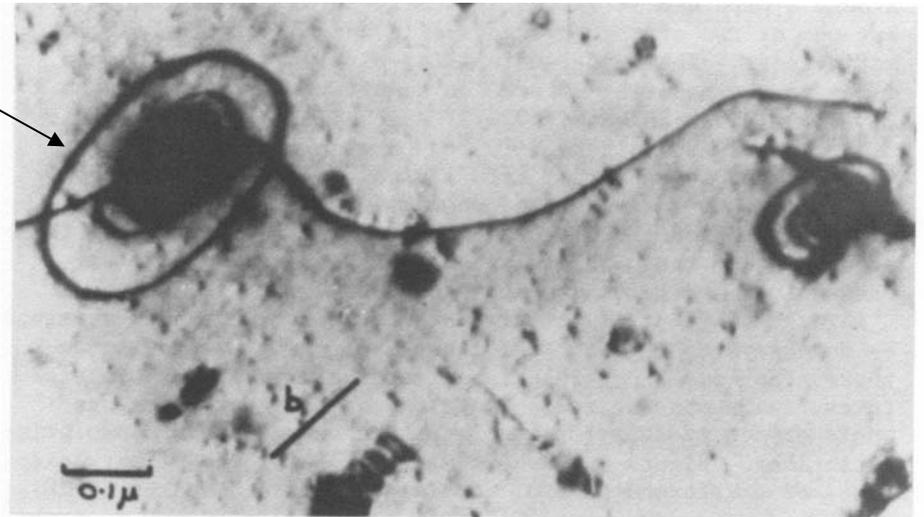
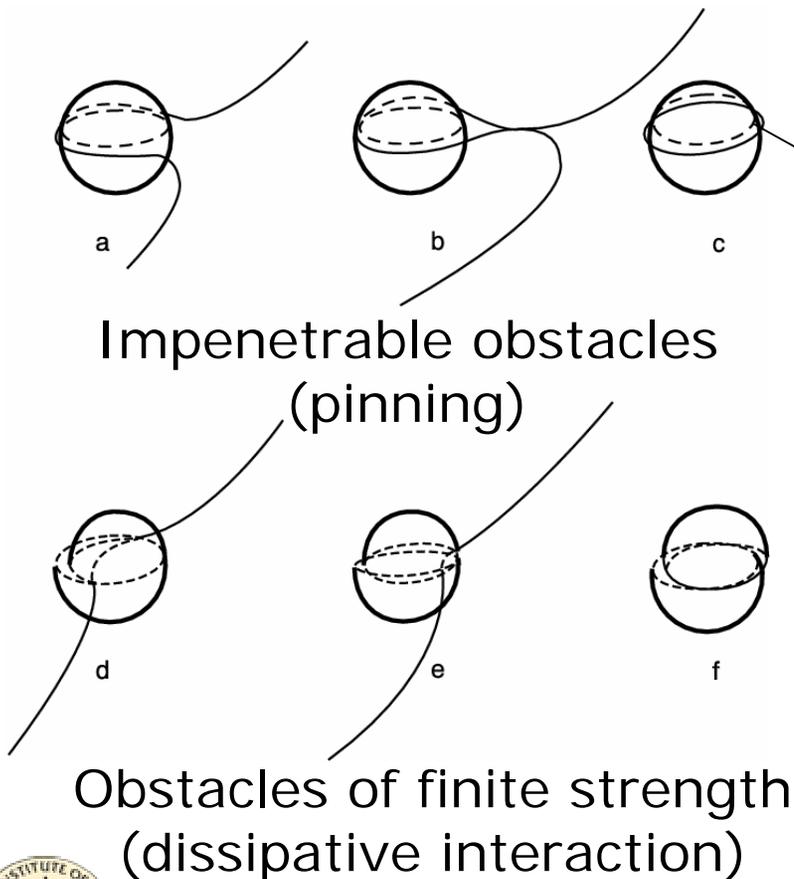


- Irreversible accommodation of shear deformation by crystallographic slip
- Volterra dislocation:  $[[u]] = b$ , on slip area



# Phase-field dislocation dynamics

- Interaction with short-range obstacles:



(Humphreys and Hirsch '70)



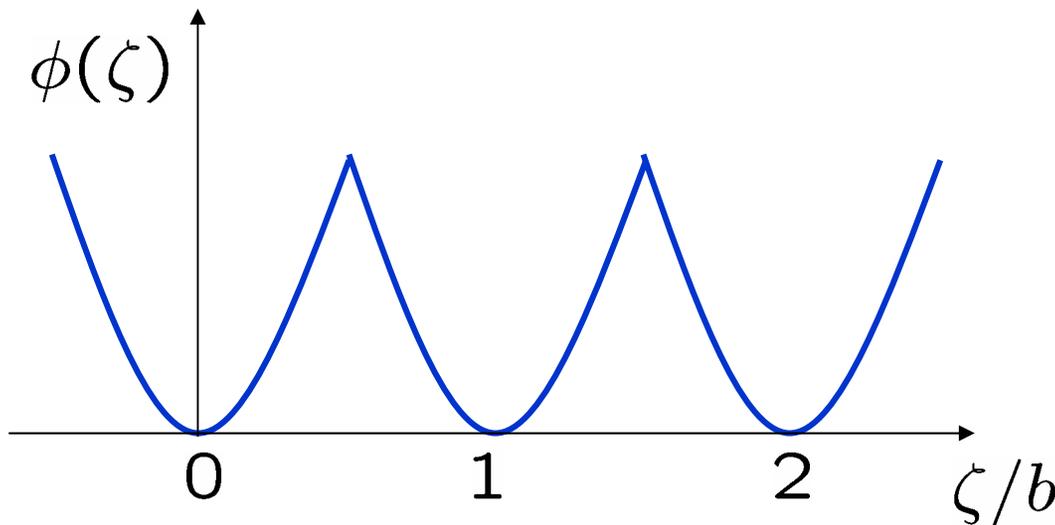
# Phase-field dislocation dynamics

(Koslowski, Cuitiño and Ortiz, JMPS '02)

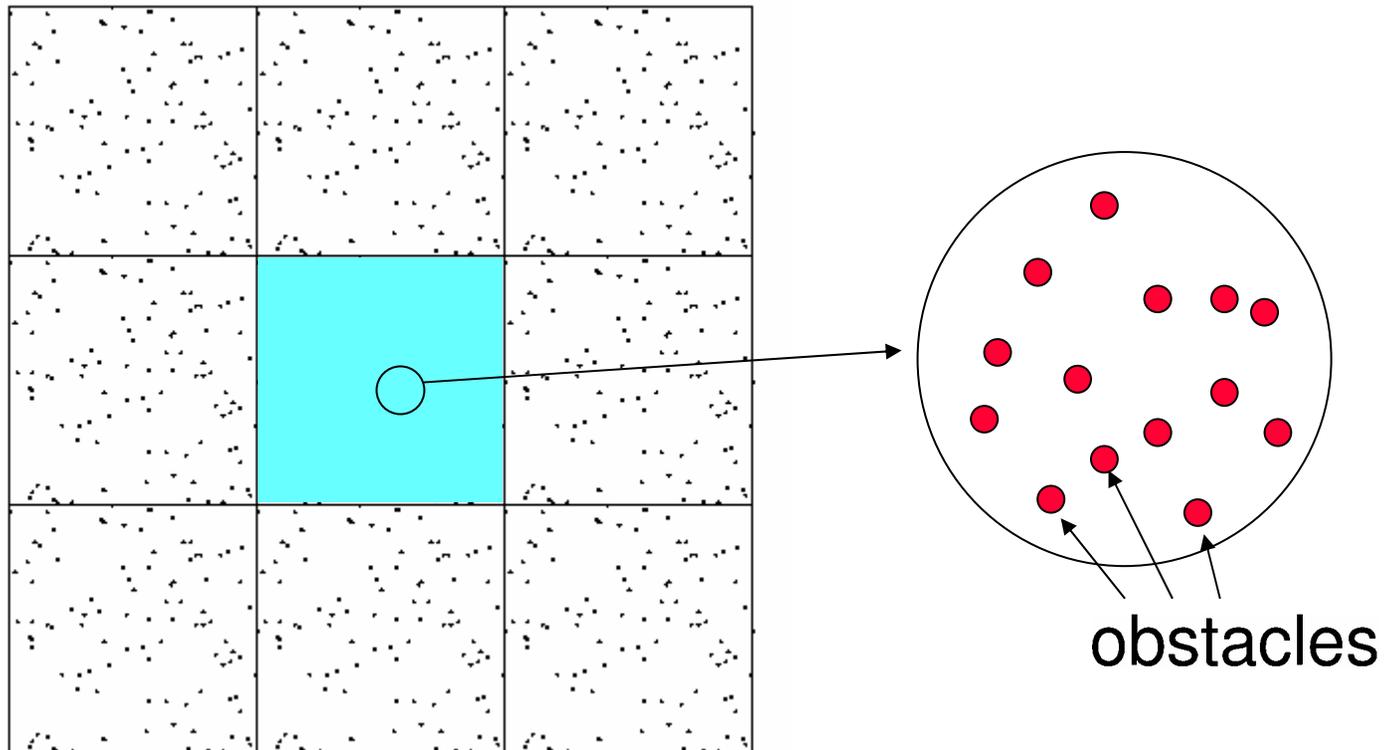
- Assumption: The energy is of the form

$$E(u) = \underbrace{\int \frac{1}{2} c_{ijkl} u_{i,j} u_{k,l} dx}_{\text{Elastic energy}} + \underbrace{\int_S \phi(\llbracket u \rrbracket) dS}_{\text{Peierls energy}}$$

- Piecewise-quadratic Peierls potential:



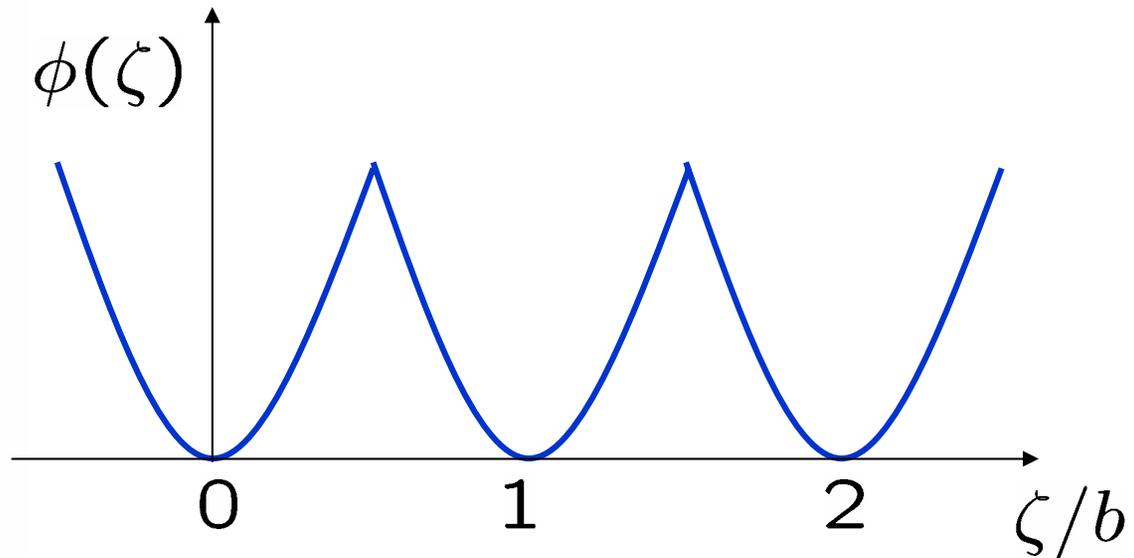
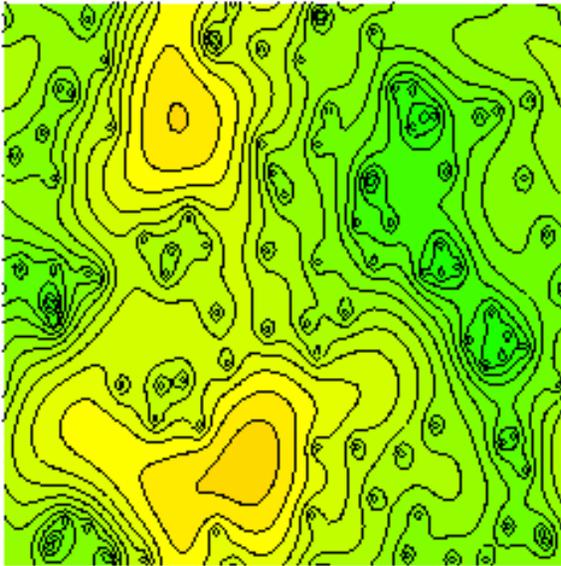
# Phase-field dislocation dynamics



- Problem: Minimize energy  $E(u)$  subject to:
  - Interaction with obstacles (pinning or dissipative)
  - Applied shear stress



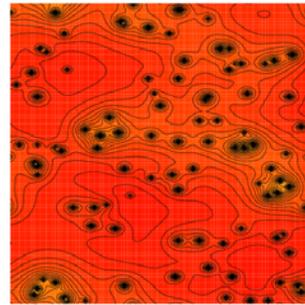
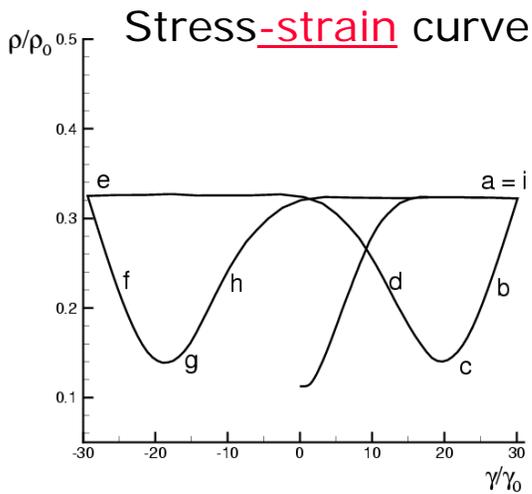
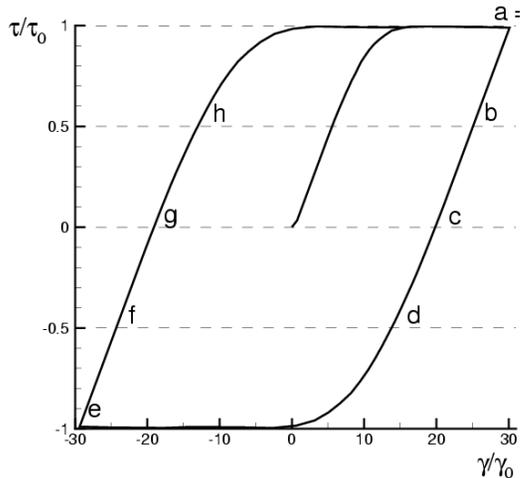
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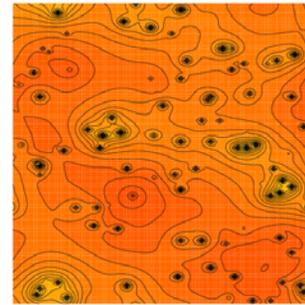
- Phase field  $\xi(x)$ : Counts (signed) crossings of dislocations over  $x \equiv$  Peierls energy well, or *phase*
- Pinning case can be solved analytically.
- Penetrable obstacle case can be reduced to determining value of phase field on obstacles.



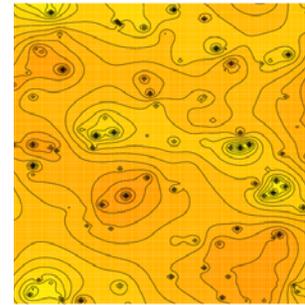
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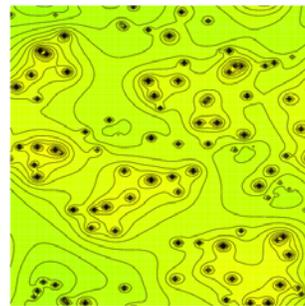
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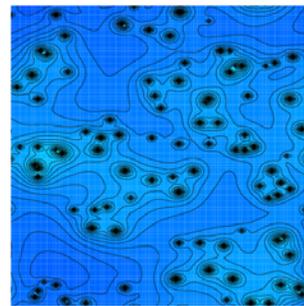
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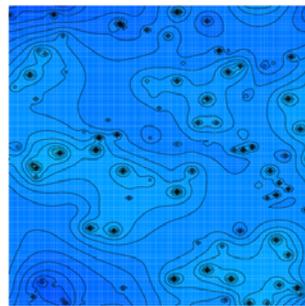
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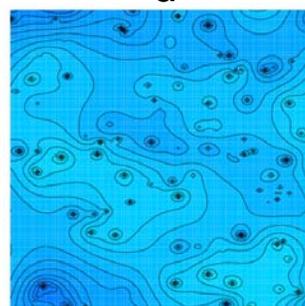
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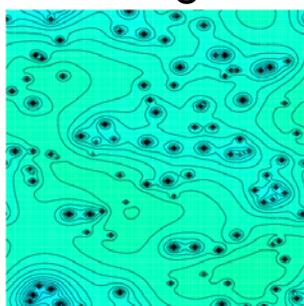
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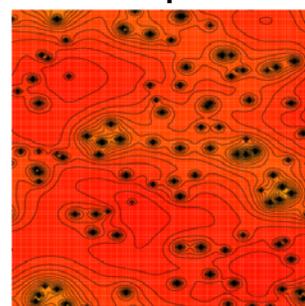
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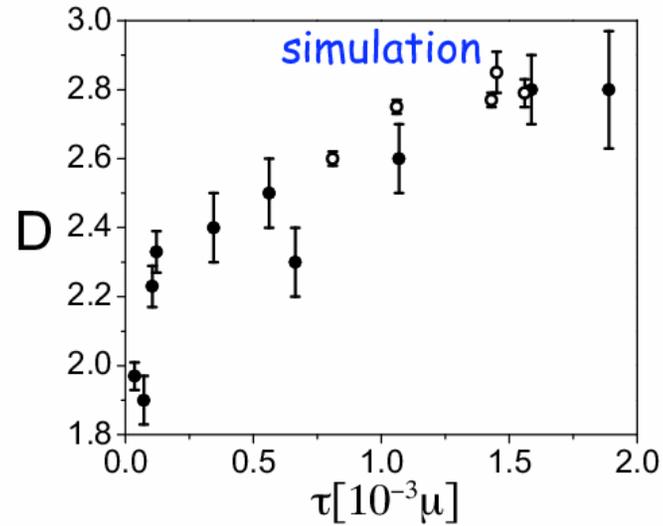
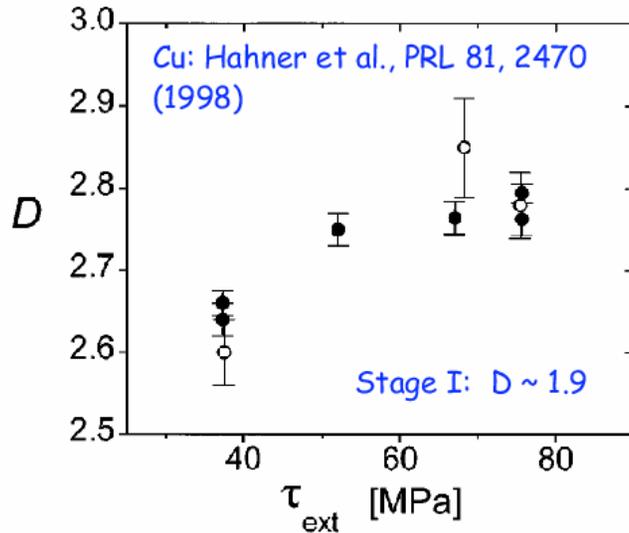
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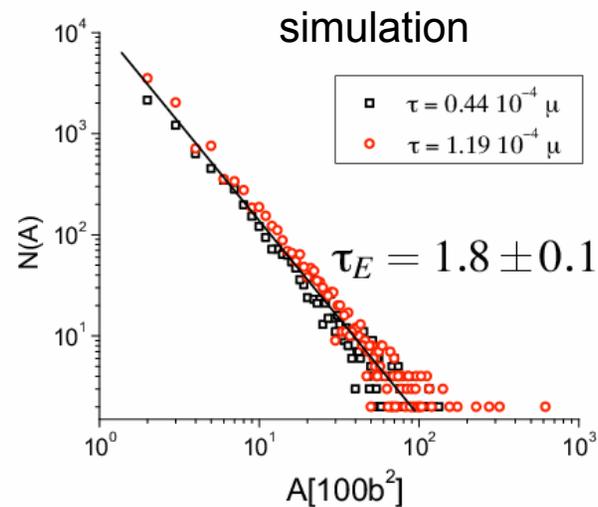
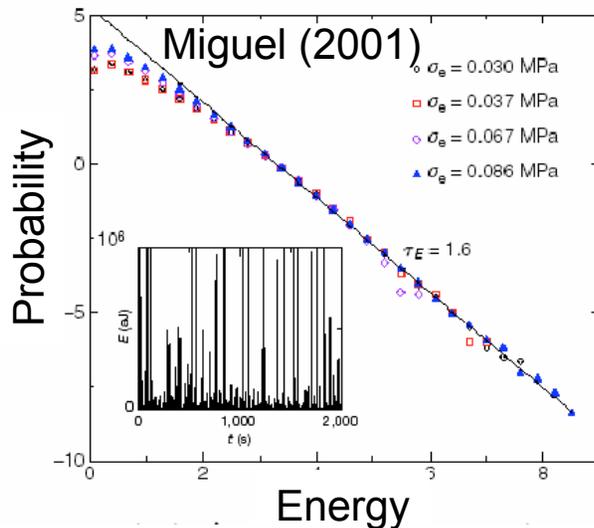


# Phase-field dislocation dynamics

Fractal dimension



Avalanches



Koslowski, Le Sar and Thompson '04

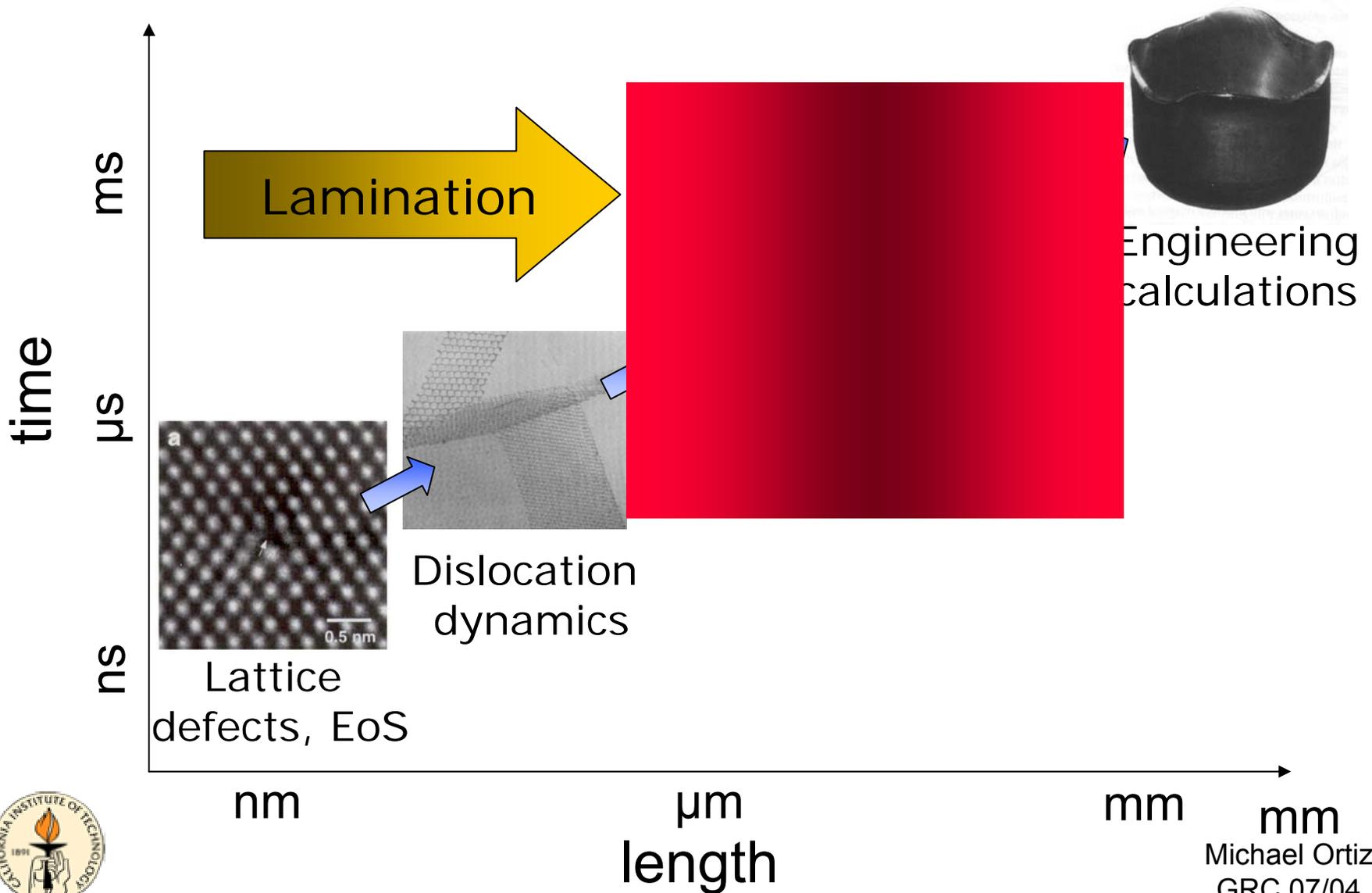
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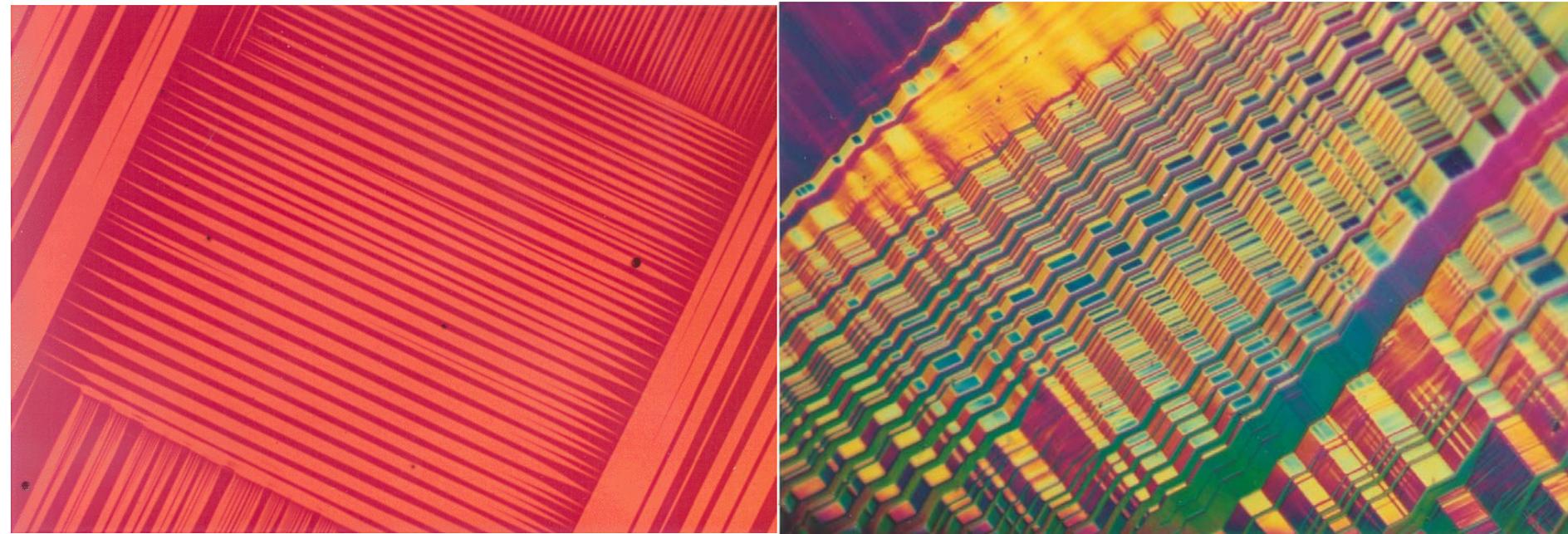
# Phase-field dislocation dynamics

- Dislocation dynamics approaches rely on *analytical solutions* of linear elasticity to reduce the *dimensionality* of the problem from 3 (crystal) to 1 (dislocation lines): semi-inverse approach
- Phase-field dislocation dynamics with pairwise Peierls potential reduces dimensionality further, from 3 (crystal) to 0 (point obstacles)
- Challenges:
  - *Large three-dimensional ensembles*
  - *Atomistic dislocation cores*
  - *Dislocation reactions, junctions*

# Multiscale modeling - Approaches



# Twinning - Microstructures

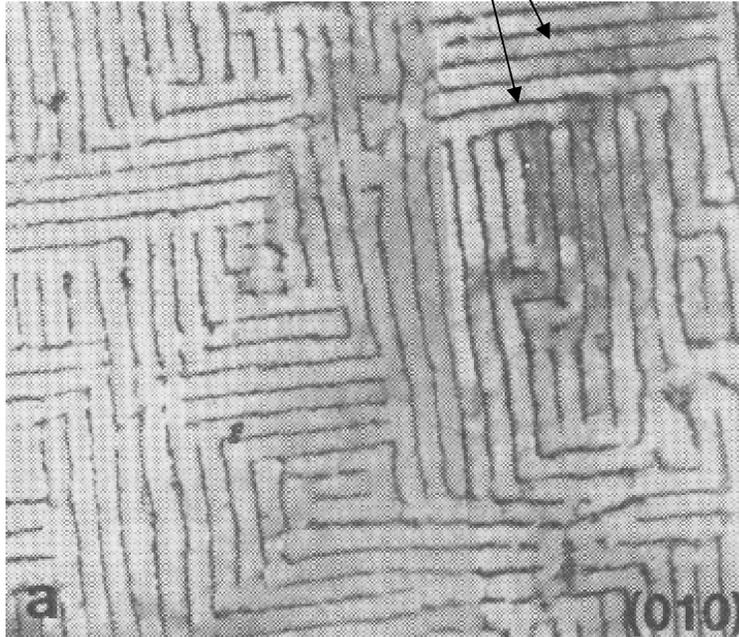


(Cu-Al-Ni, C. Chu and R. D. James)



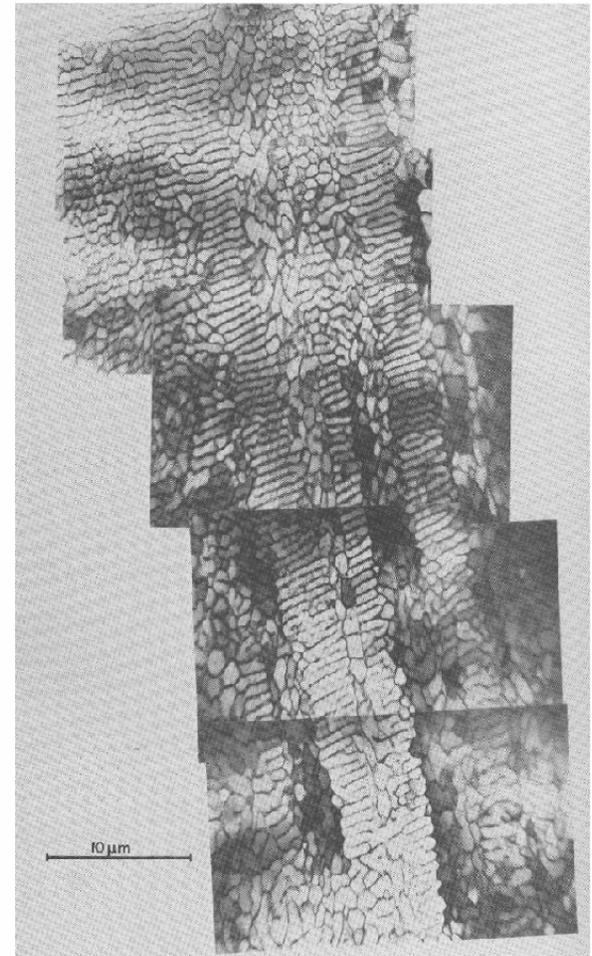
# Crystal plasticity - Microstructures

Dipolar dislocation walls

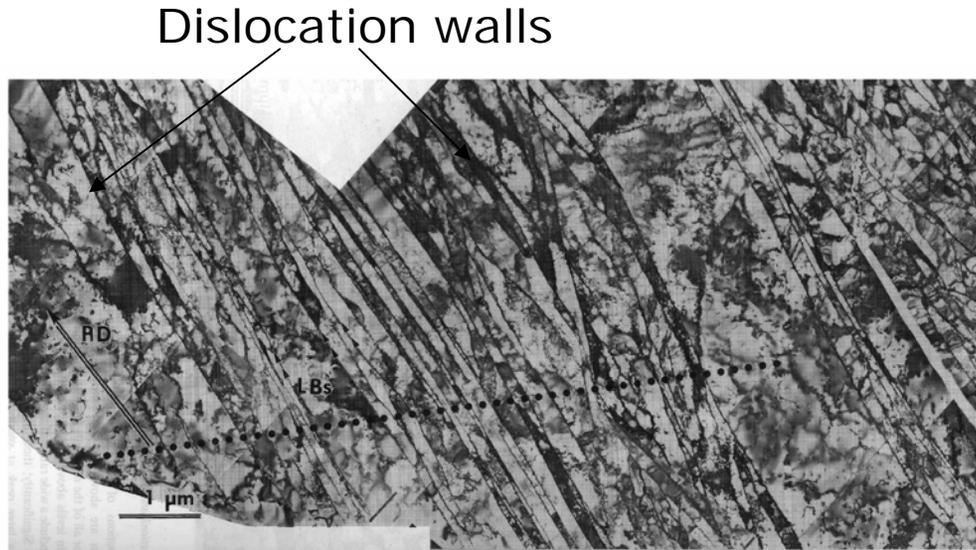


Labyrinth structure in fatigued copper single crystal  
(Jin and Winter '84)

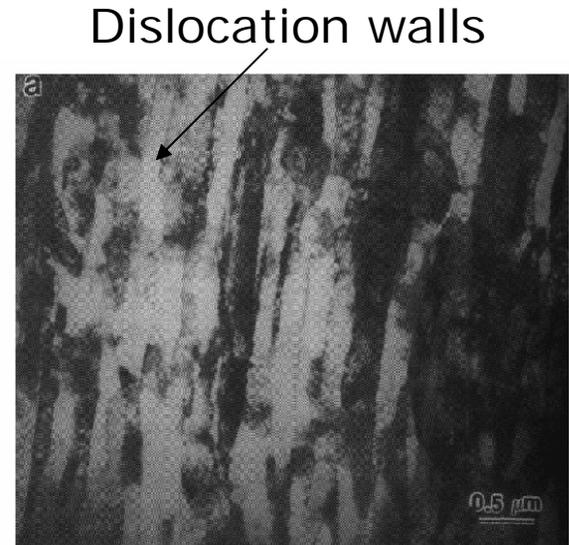
Nested bands in copper single crystal fatigued to saturation →  
(Ramussen and Pedersen '80)



# Crystal plasticity - Microstructures



Lamellar dislocation structure  
in 90% cold-rolled Ta  
(Hughes and Hansen '97)

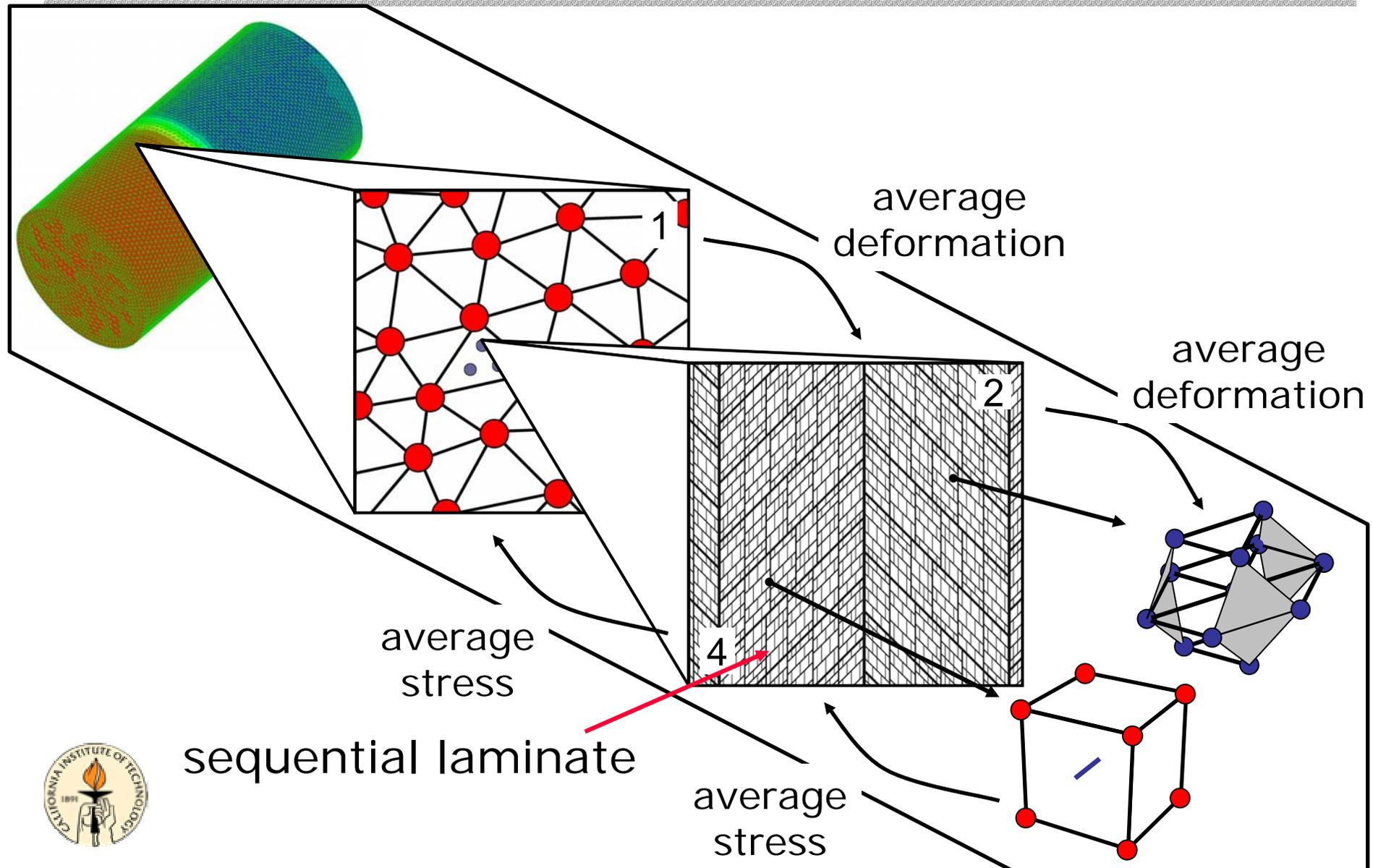


Lamellar structure  
in shocked Ta  
(Meyers et al '95)

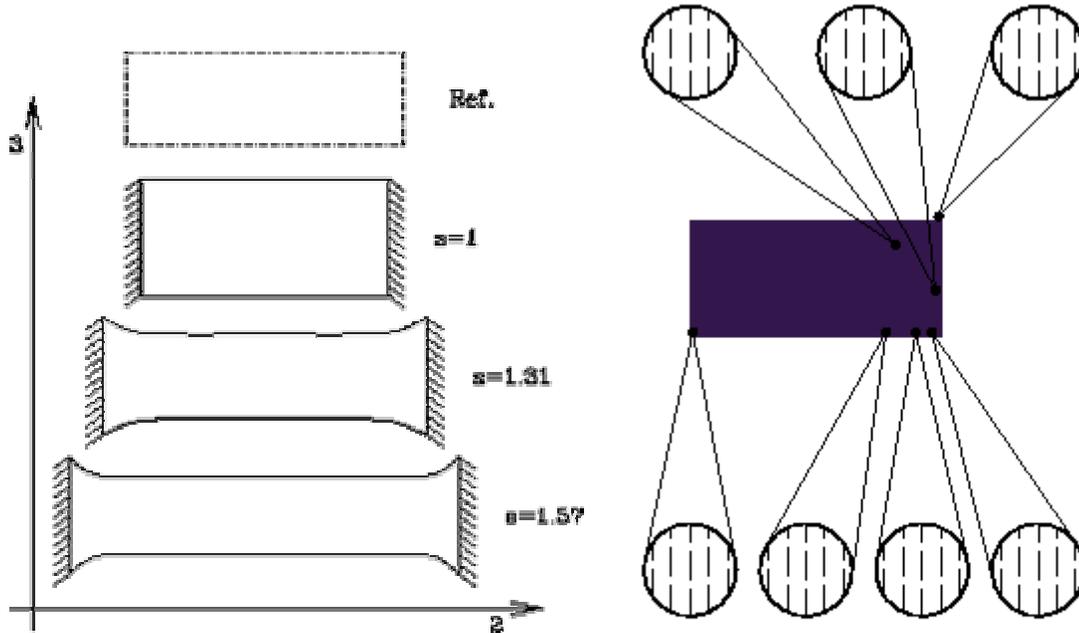
- Lamellar structures are universally found on the micron scale in highly-deformed crystals
- These microstructures are responsible for the soft behavior of crystals and for size effects



# Microstructures – Sequential lamination



# Nematic elastomers - Lamination



(Courtesy of de Simone and Dolzmann)

$$W(F, n) = A \operatorname{tr}(FF^T) - B \|F^T n\|^2$$



Central region of sample at moderate stretch  
(Courtesy of Kunder and Finkelmann)

Blandon *et al.* '93

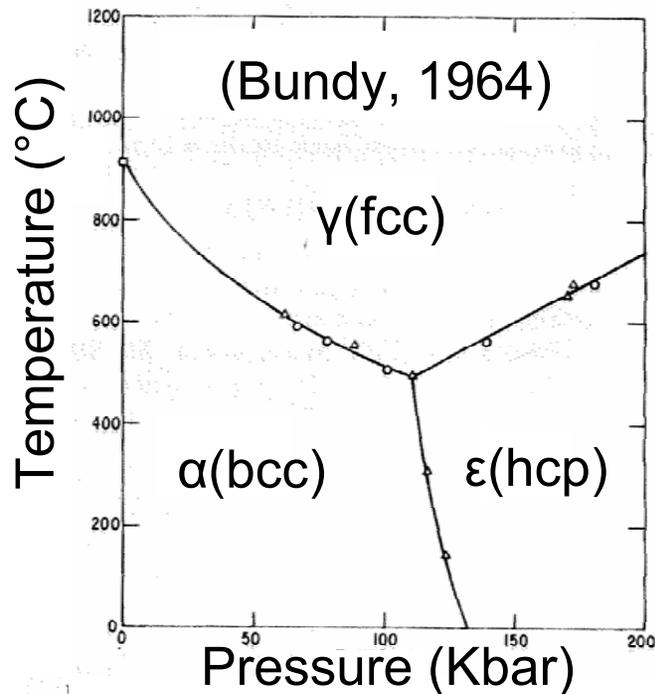
De Simone and Dolzmann '00

De Simone and Dolzmann '02

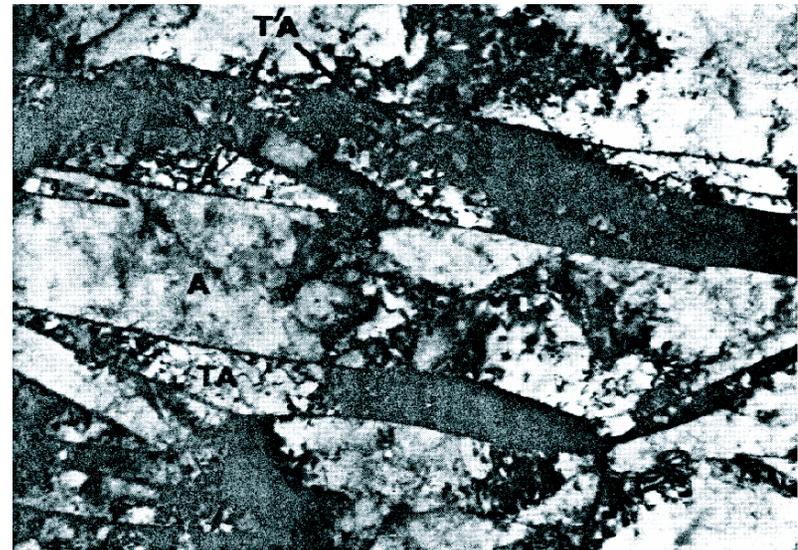


# Solid/solid transitions in iron

- Commonly observed solid/solid transitions in Fe:
  - $\alpha(\text{bcc}) \rightarrow \varepsilon(\text{hcp})$  at  $p = 13 \text{ GPa}$ , coexisting phases  $p <$



Phase diagram for Fe

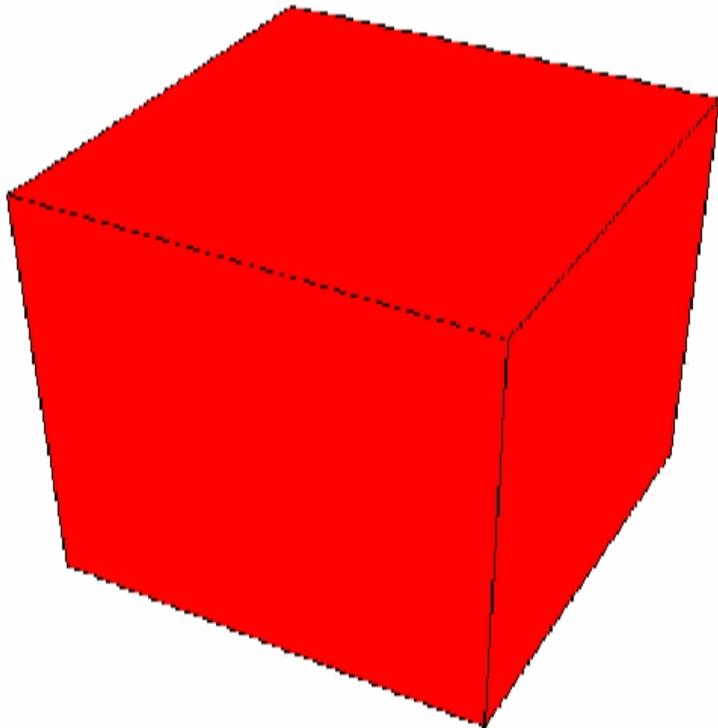


$\varepsilon$  platelets in 0.1% C steel shocked to 20 GPa (Bowden and Kelly, 1967)

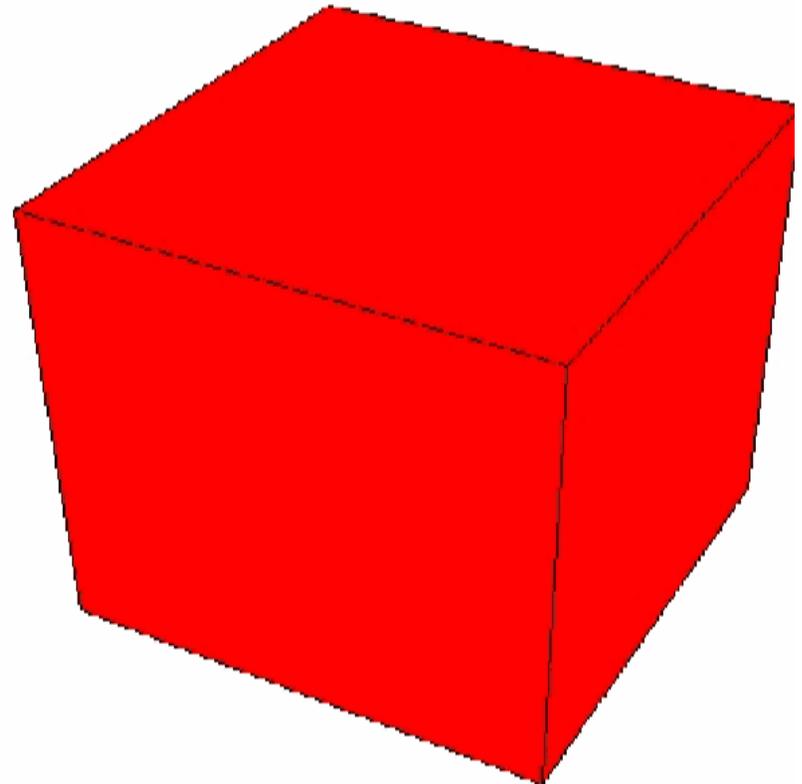


# Phase transitions in Fe – Effect of shear

Hydrostatic Compression



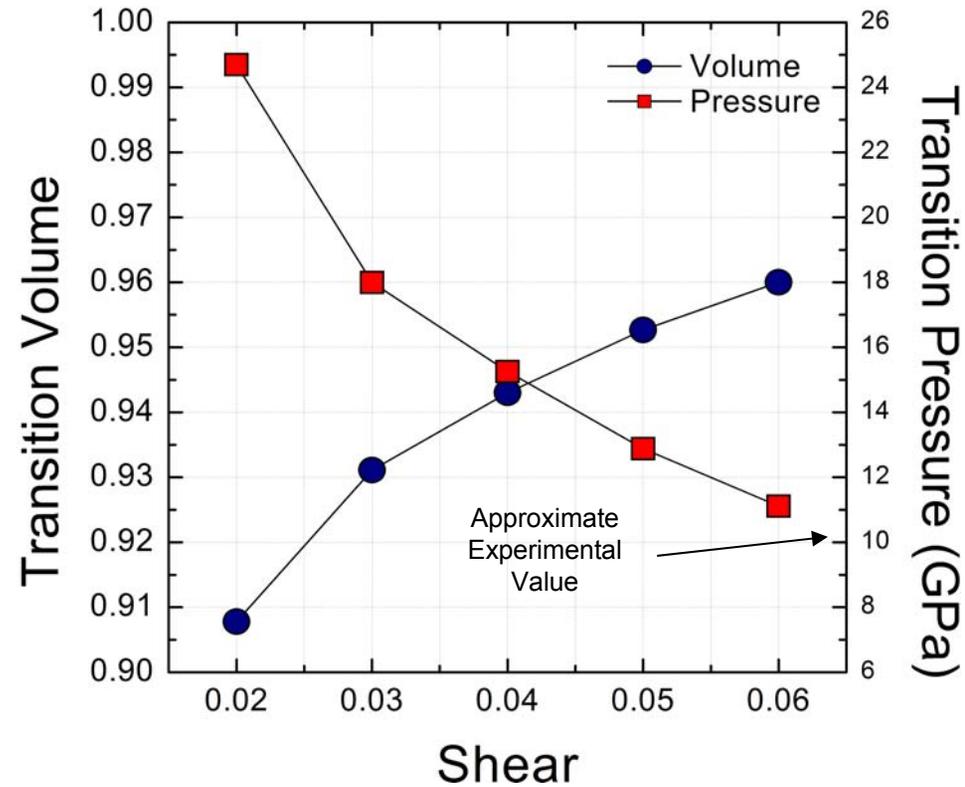
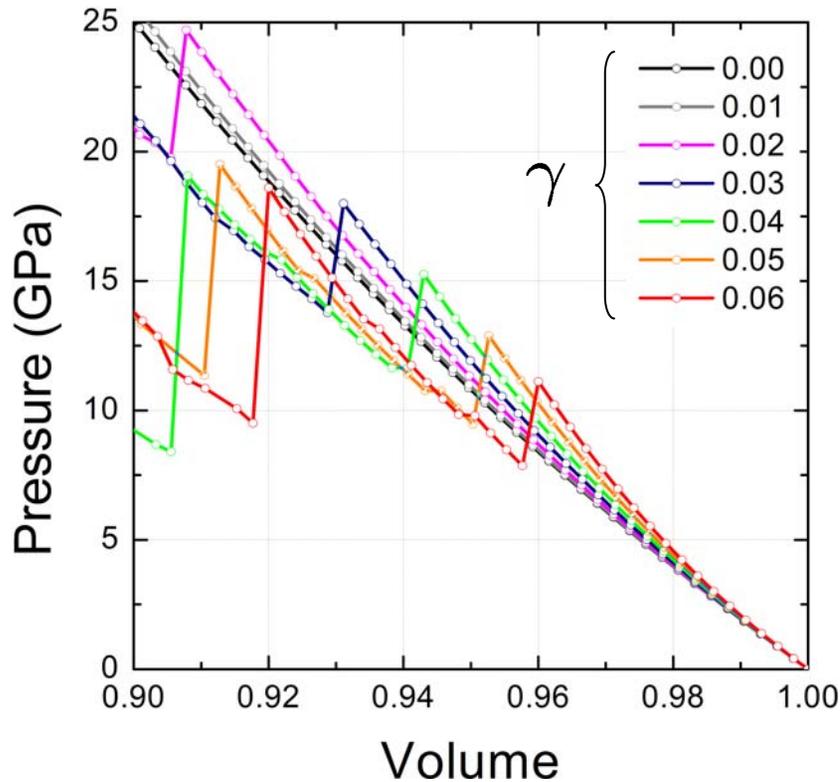
Shear Compression



Initial model with 7 total variants (1 bcc/6 hcp)

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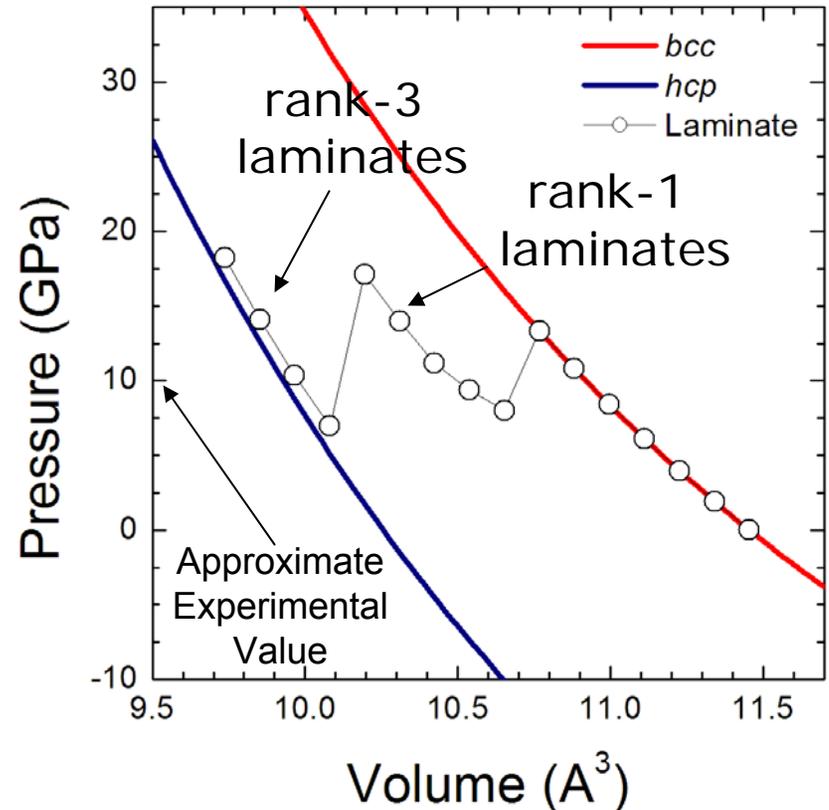
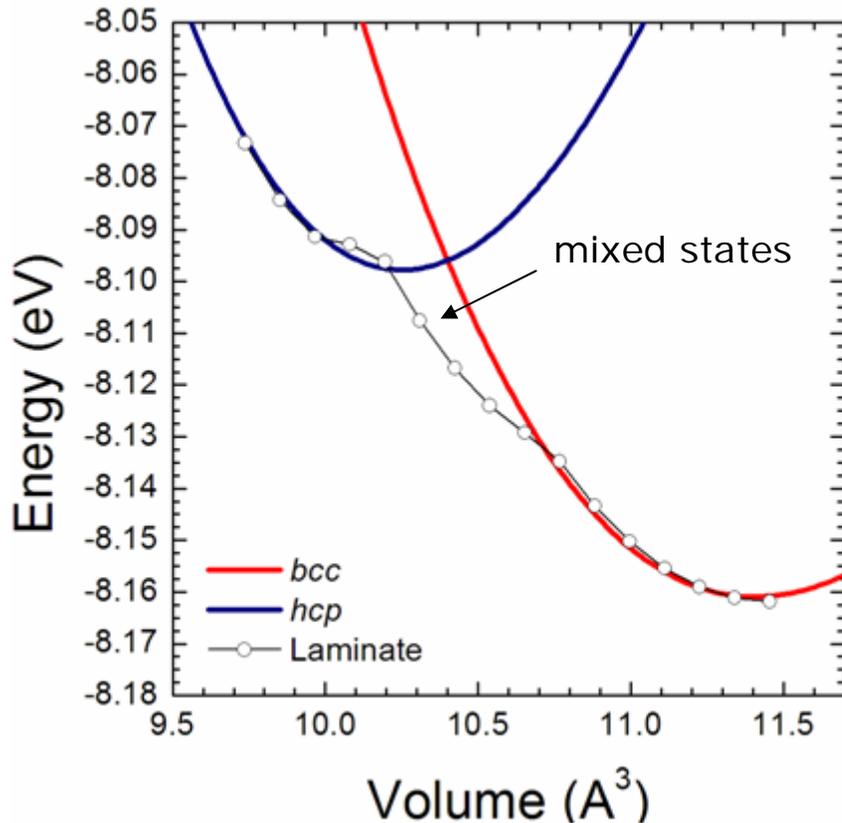
# Phase transitions in Fe – Effect of shear



$$F = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \gamma & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda \end{pmatrix}$$



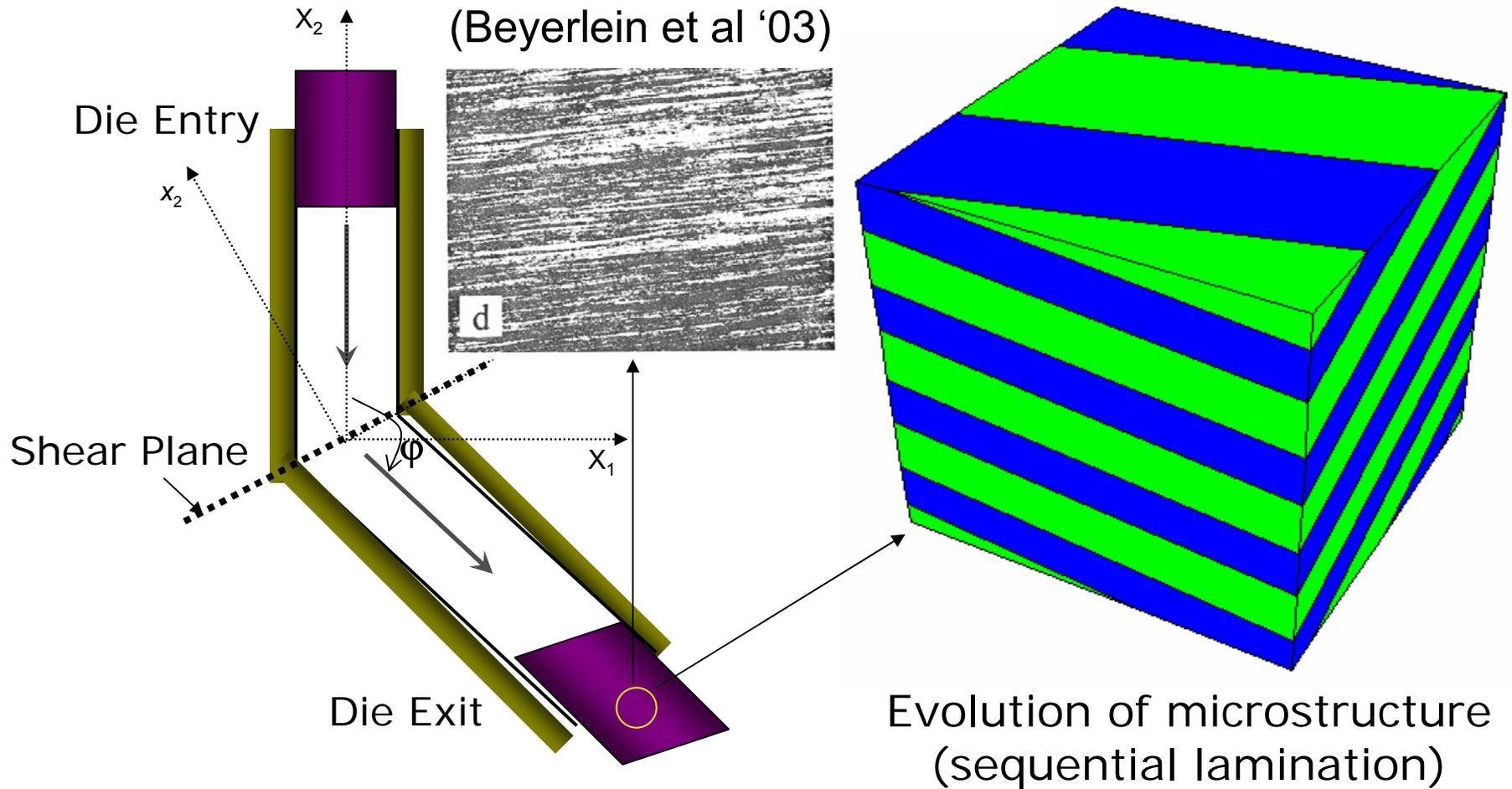
# Phase transitions in Fe – Effect of shear



- Shear lowers bcc to hcp transition pressure.
- bcc to hcp transition path involves mixed states in the form of rank-1 and rank-3 laminates



# ECAP – Lamination



(Beyerlein et al '03)

Die Exit

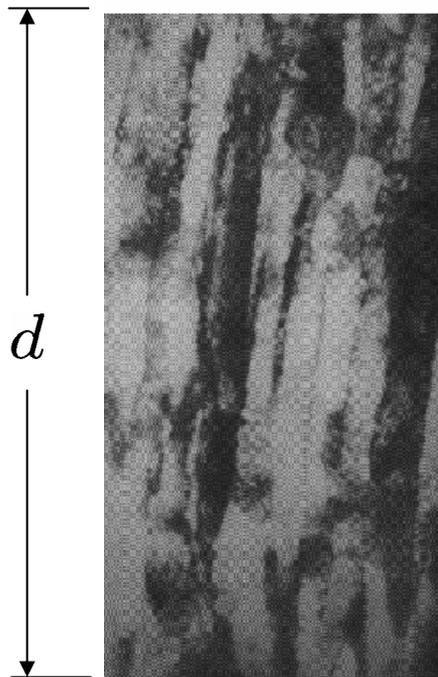
Evolution of microstructure  
(sequential lamination)

(Sivakumar and Ortiz '03)

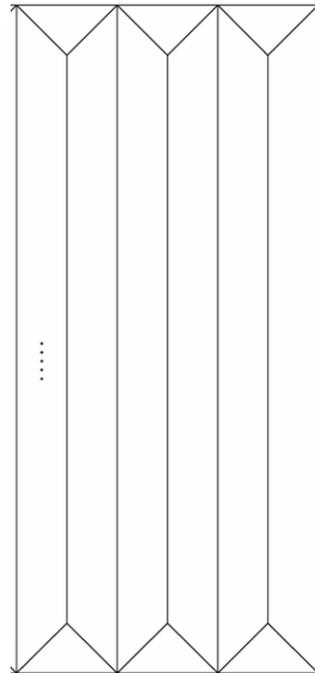


# Crystal plasticity – size effects

- Optimal scaling constructions for double slip, antiplane shear (Conti and Ortiz '04)



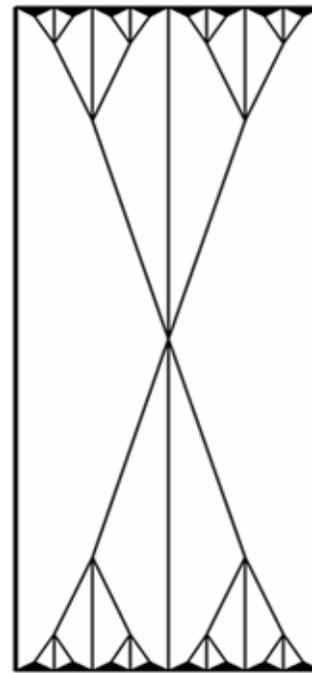
Shocked Ta  
(Meyers et al '95)



Laminate

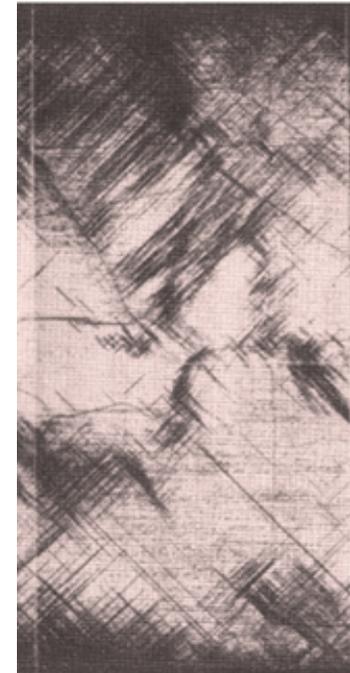
$$\tau_c \sim d^{-1/2}$$

Hall-Petch effect!



Branching

$$\tau_c \sim d^{-2/3}$$



LiF impact

(Meir and Clifton '86)



# Subgrid microstructures - Lamination

- Sequential lamination supplies microstructures 'on demand' and is another example of concurrent multiscale computing
- Sub-grid microstructural information is recovered locally at the Gauss-point level
- But: Effective response is known explicitly in very few cases (e.g., nematic elastomers)
- Instead: Consider easy-to-generate special microstructures, such as sequential laminates
  - *Off-line* (Dolzmann '99; Dolzmann & Walkington '00)
  - *Concurrently with the calculations* (Aubry et al. '03)



# Summary and conclusions

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- The multiscale modeling paradigm provides a systematic means of eliminating empiricism and uncertainty from material models
- Present computing capacity is not sufficient to integrate entire multiscale hierarchies into large-scale engineering simulations
- There remains a need for modeling at all lengthscales, including:
  - *subgrid models of microstructure (a la sequential lamination)*
  - *analytical methods, algorithms, for computing effective behavior, coarse graining*
  - *Kinetics, dynamics, rare events...*

