

# Multiscale Modeling of Materials

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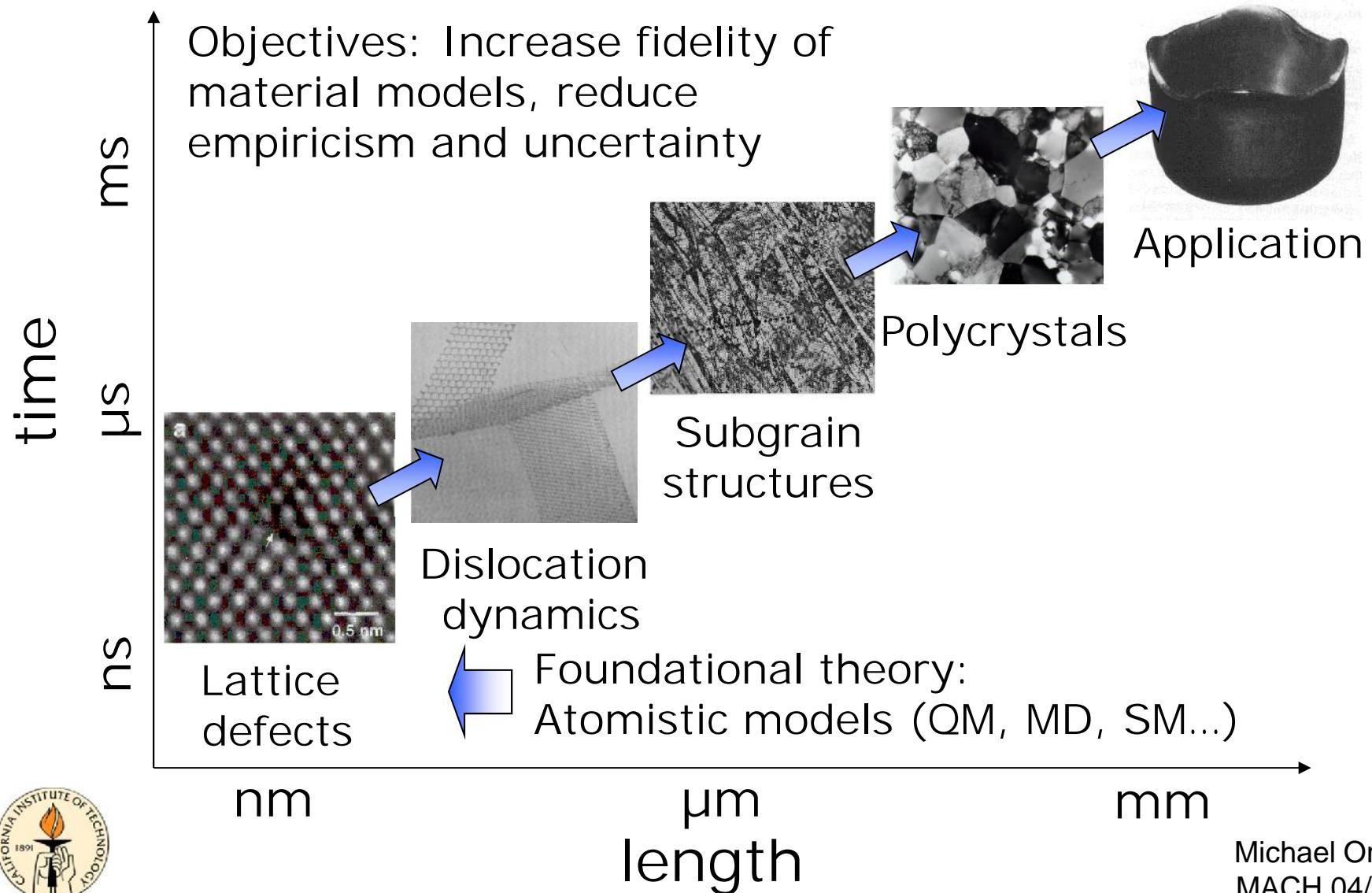
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# Multiscale modeling – Strength of metals

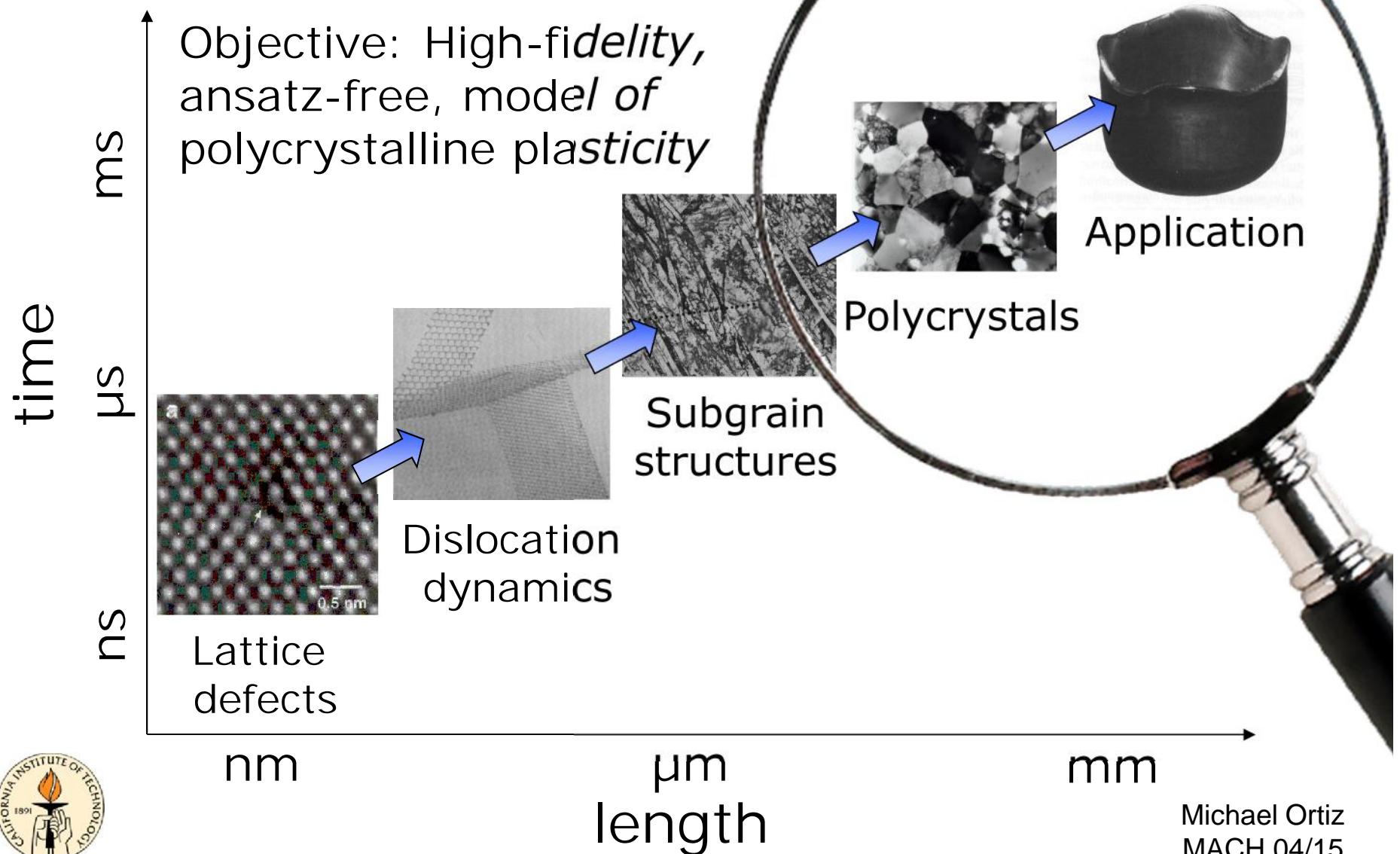


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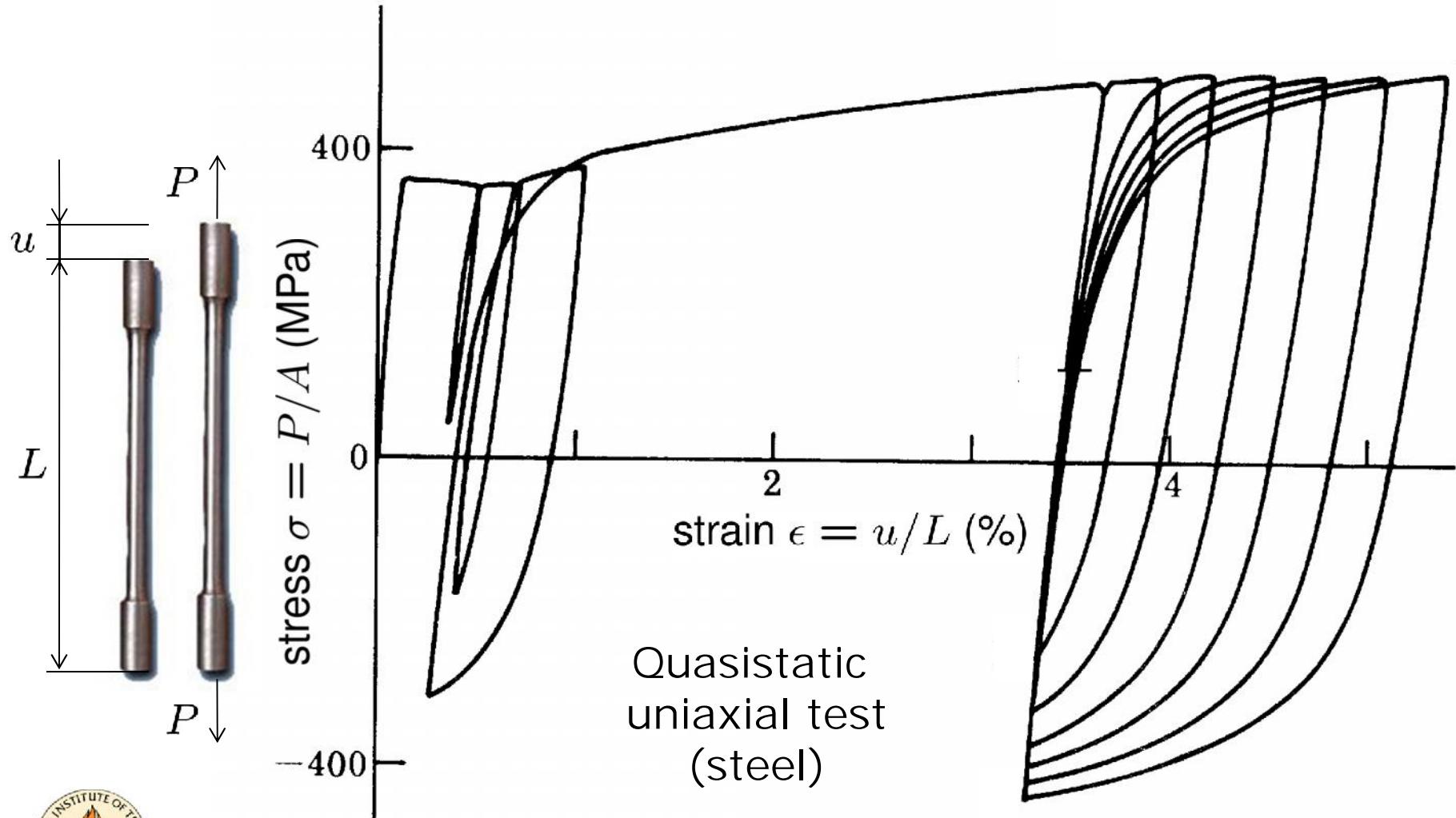
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- Paradigm: Model the physics, not the data...
- But: Physics happens on multiple spatial and temporal scales...
- Require a multiplicity of approaches (analytical, computational, experimental), theories, tools, approximation and computational schemes...
- To date many challenges remain, but also some successes, recent advances...
- Where do we stand?



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# Quasistatic cyclic tension-compression

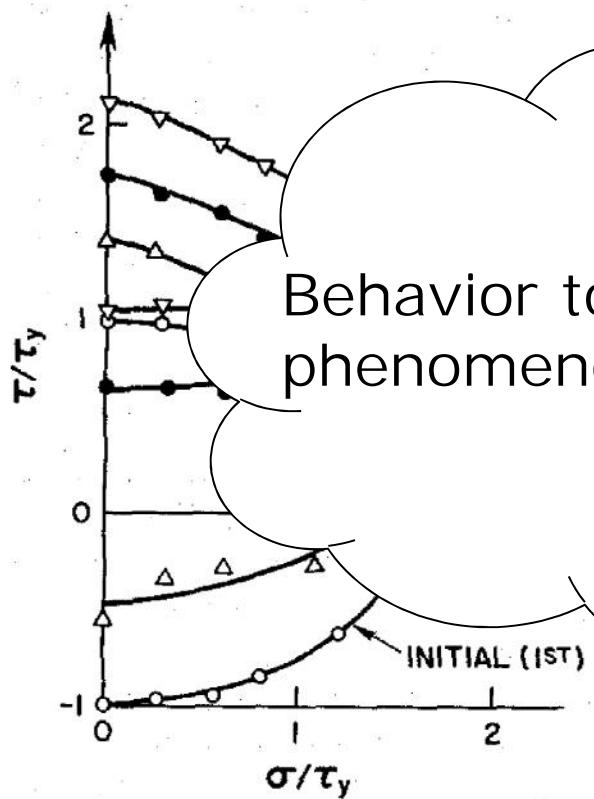


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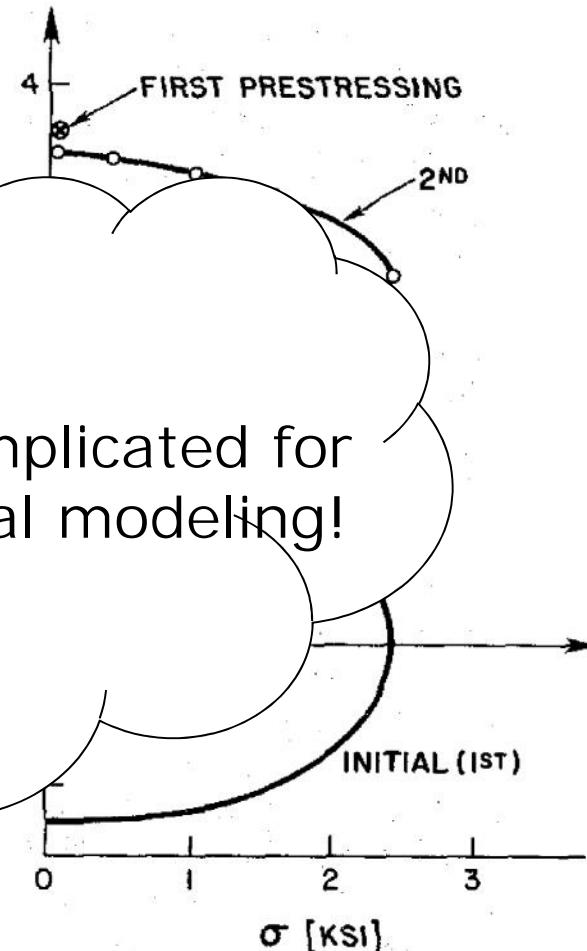
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# Multiaxial yielding and hardening

Tension-shear tests:



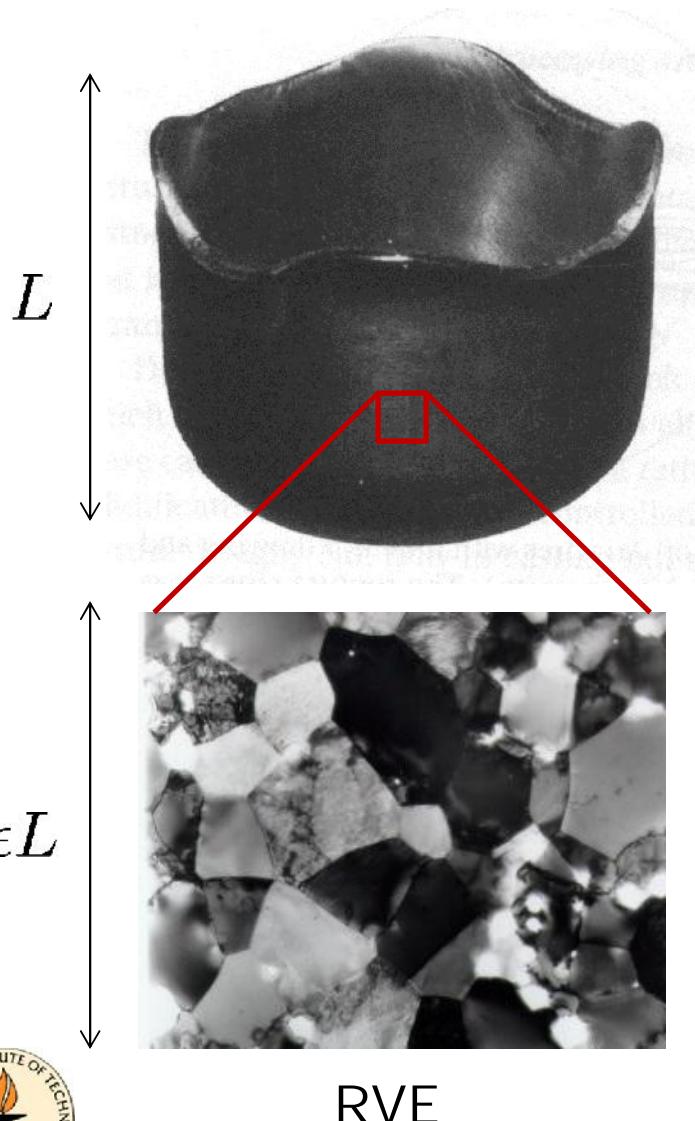
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AFTER IVEY



b) ALUMINUM  
AFTER PHILLIPS, TANG, AND RICCIUTI



# Polycrystals: Homogenization



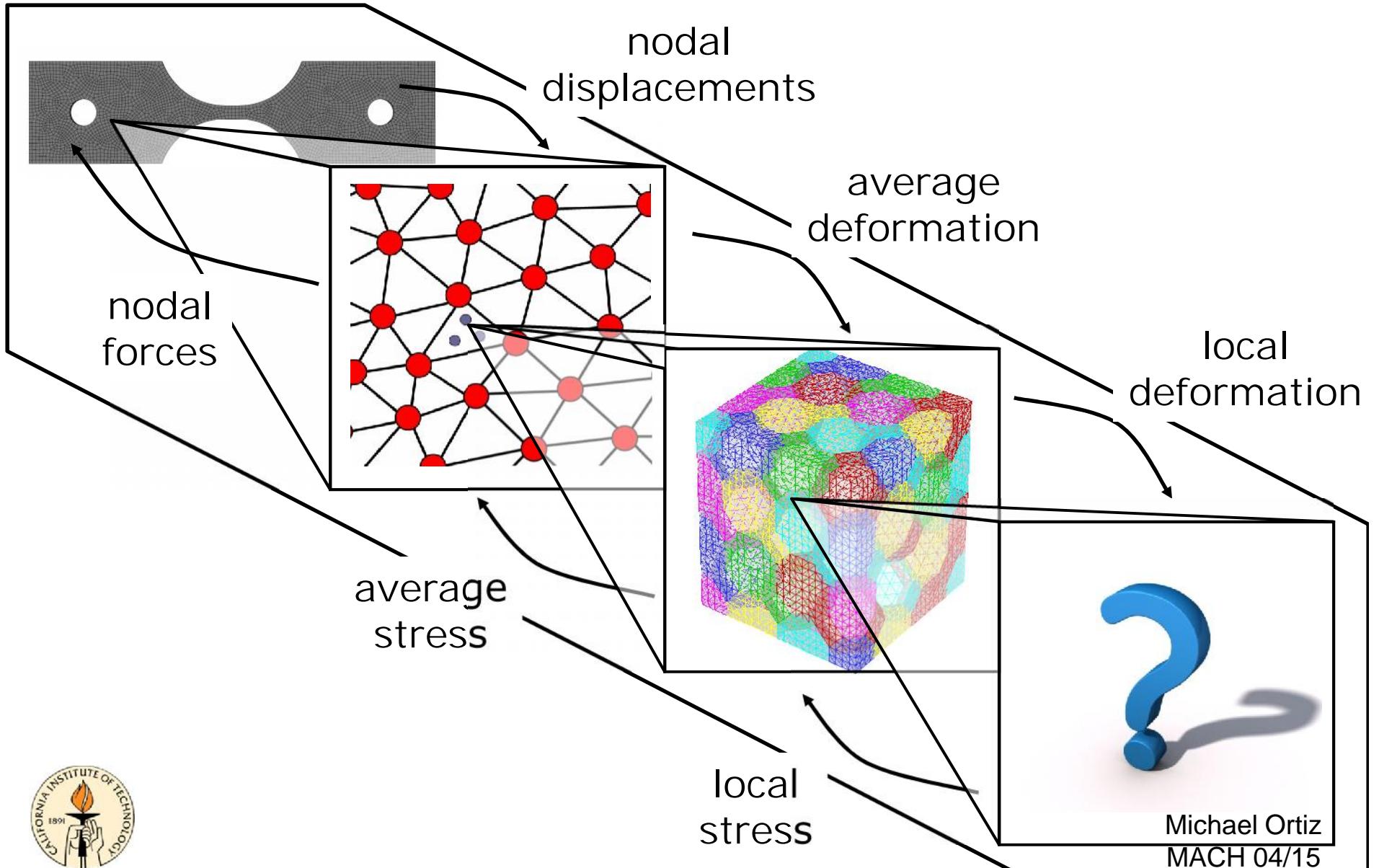
- Polycrystals:
  - Built-in microstructure (from casting, sintering...)
  - Assume strict separation of scales ( $\epsilon \ll 1$ )
- Known effective theory:  
Mathematical theory of homogenization
- Fundamental theorem<sup>1</sup>:  
Assume material is stable (no localization). Then, the effective behavior is that of an RVE subject to affine boundary conditions.
- But: Hard cell problem!



<sup>1</sup>G. dal Maso, *An Introduction to*

*-Convergence*, Birkhäuser (1993)

# Polycrystals – Concurrent multiscale



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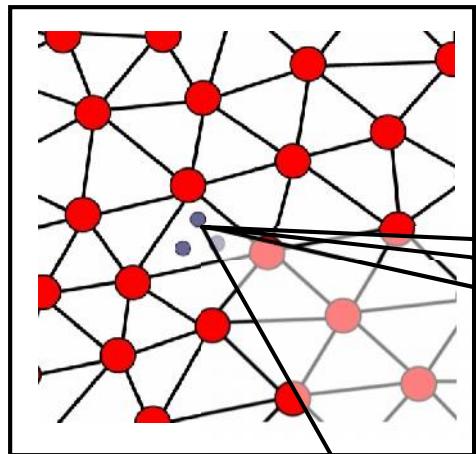
- Concurrent polycrystalline plasticity models (e.g.,  $\text{FE}^2$ ) implement homogenization theory
- They bypass the need to model pollycrystalline plasticity analytically or phenomenologically
- Result in doubly convergent approximations as  $h$  (mesh size) and  $\epsilon$  (RVE size)  $\rightarrow 0^1$
- Essential difficulty: Too slow!
- Path forward: Acceleration methods...
- Examples: Database methods (non-concurrent), adaptive tabulation (databasing on the fly), Kriging<sup>2</sup> (stochastic interpolation)...

<sup>1</sup>Conti, S., Hauret, P. and Ortiz, M., *MSMSE*, 2007; **6**:135-157.

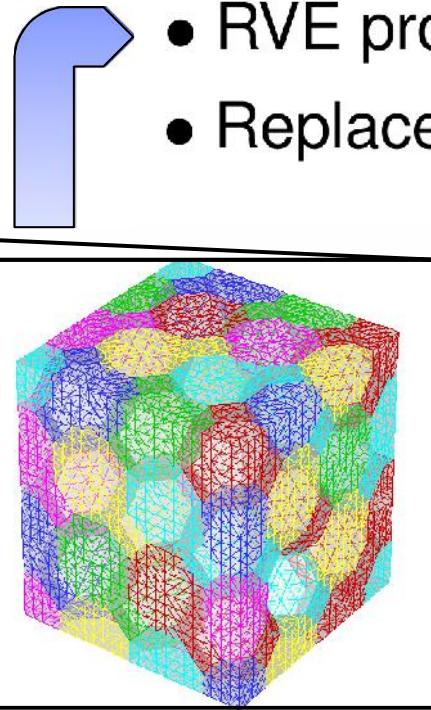


<sup>2</sup>Barton, N.R., Knap, J., Arsenlis, A., Becker, R., Hornung, R.D. and Jefferson, D.R., *International Journal of Plasticity*. 2008; **24**(2):242-266.

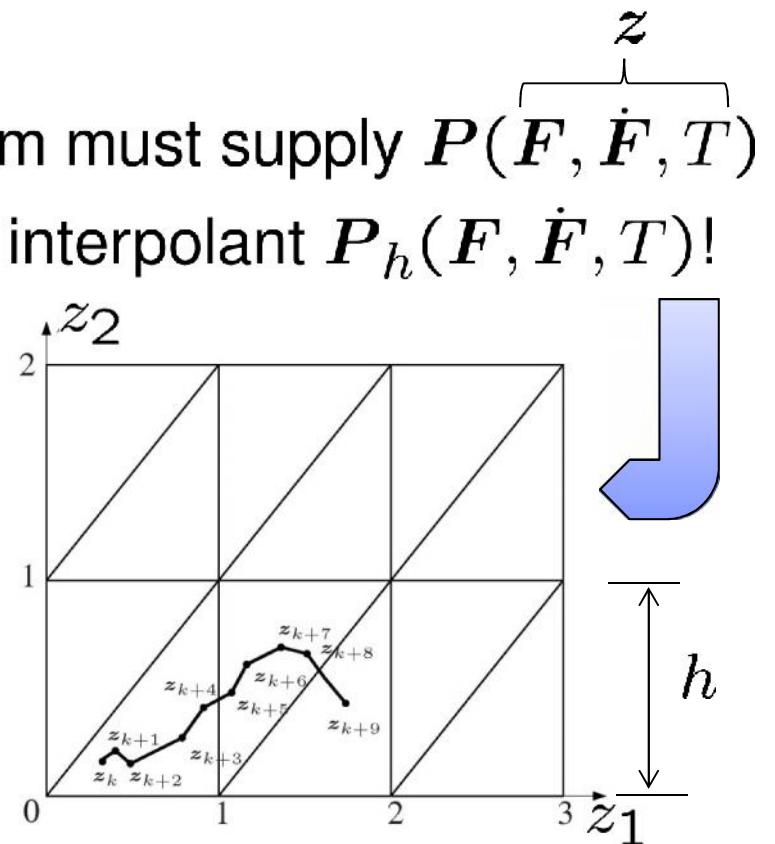
# Phase-space interpolation



RVE problem



- RVE problem must supply  $P(F, \dot{F}, T)$
- Replace by interpolant  $P_h(F, \dot{F}, T)$ !

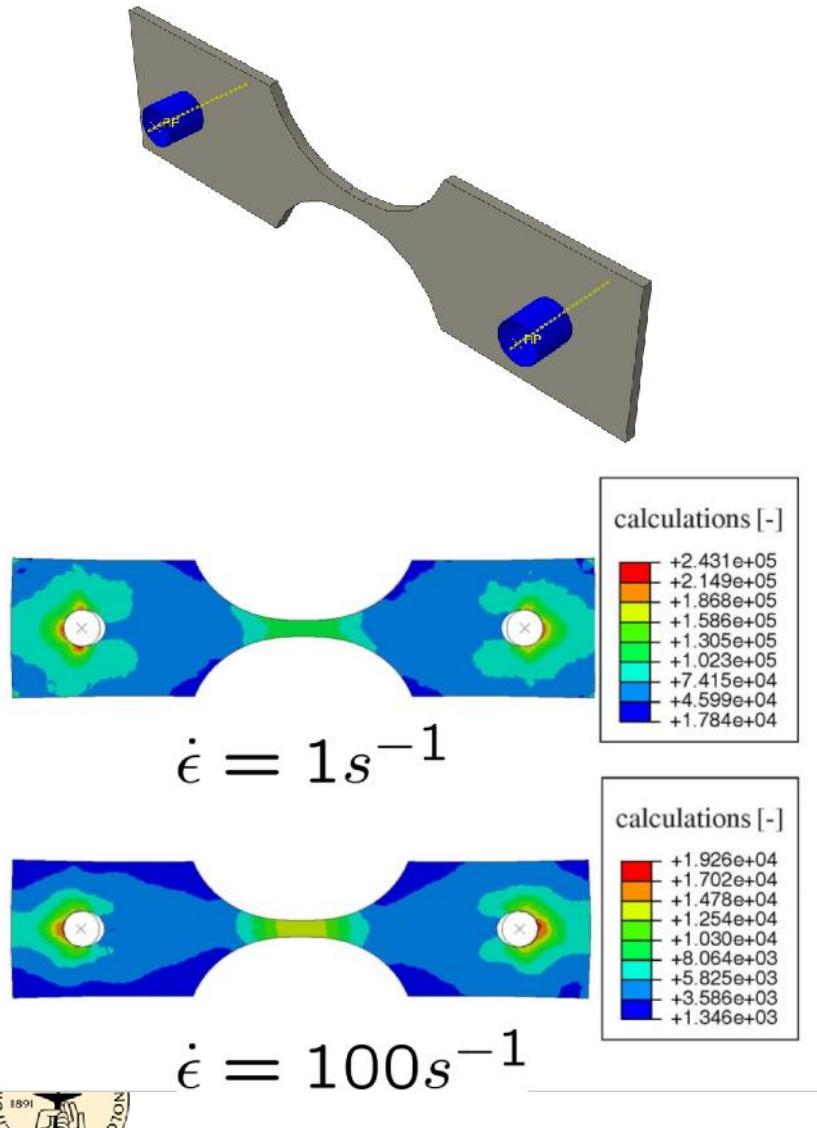


- Simplicial interpolation in high-dimensional spaces<sup>1</sup>
- One single RVE calculation per boundary crossing
- Speed-up = #steps/simplex @ constant accuracy

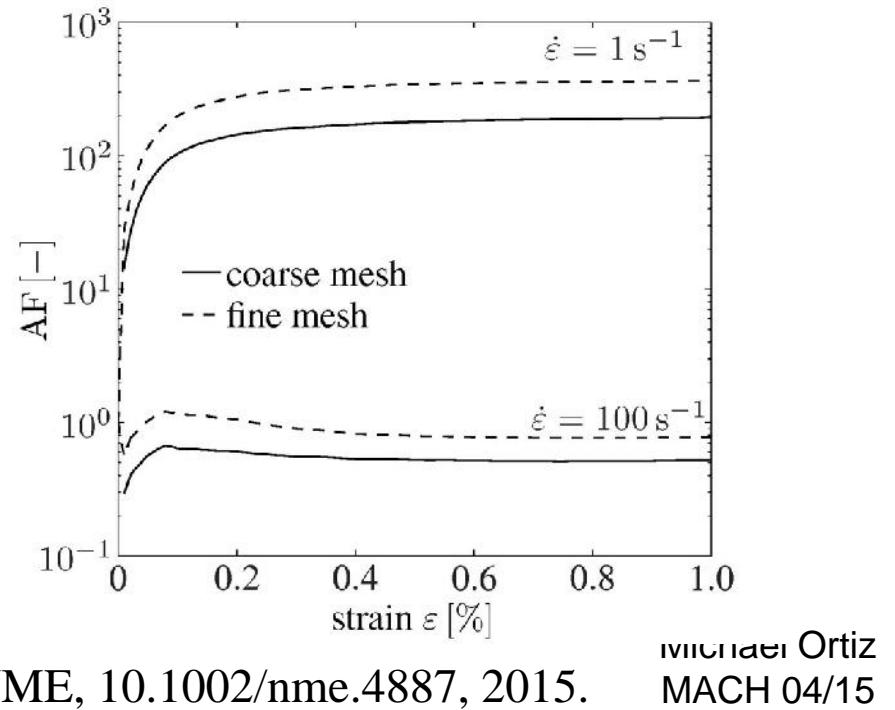


<sup>1</sup>Chien, M.J. and Kuh, E., *IEEE Transactions*, 1978; **25**(11):938–940. Michael Ortiz  
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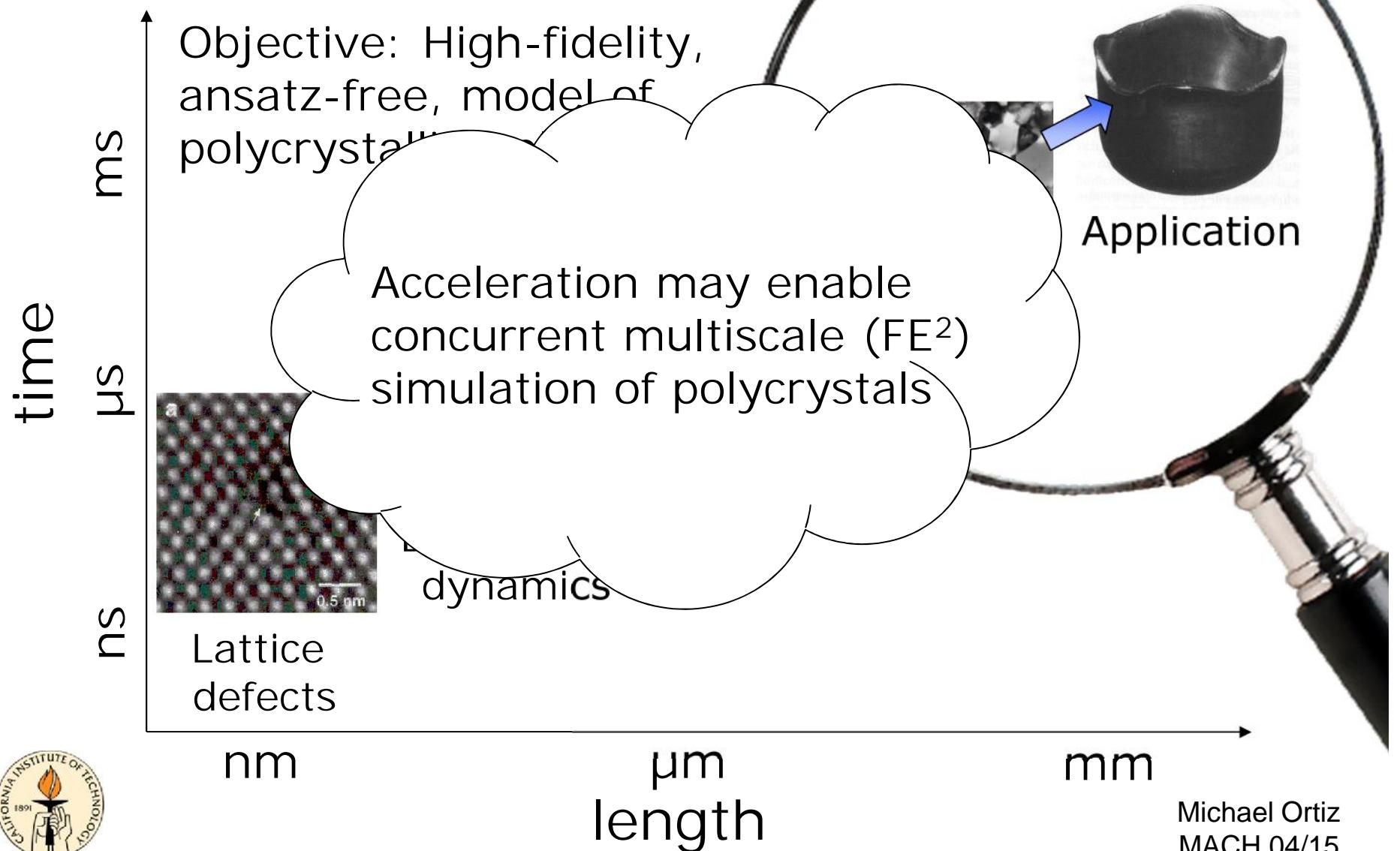
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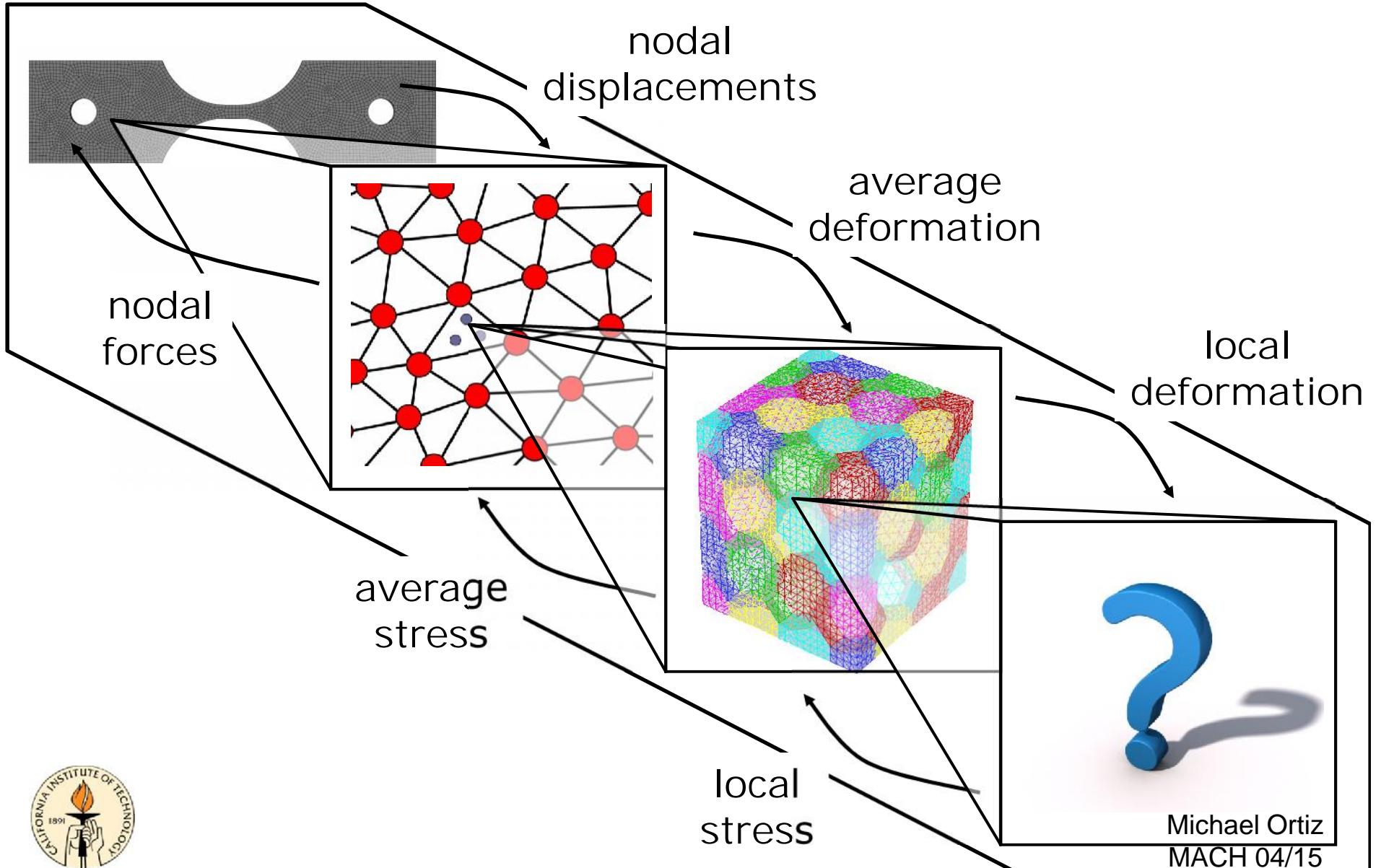
- Dynamic extension of tensile neo-Hookean specimen
- Explicit Newmark integration
- Hexahedral finite elements
- Quadratic interpol. of  $W(F)$



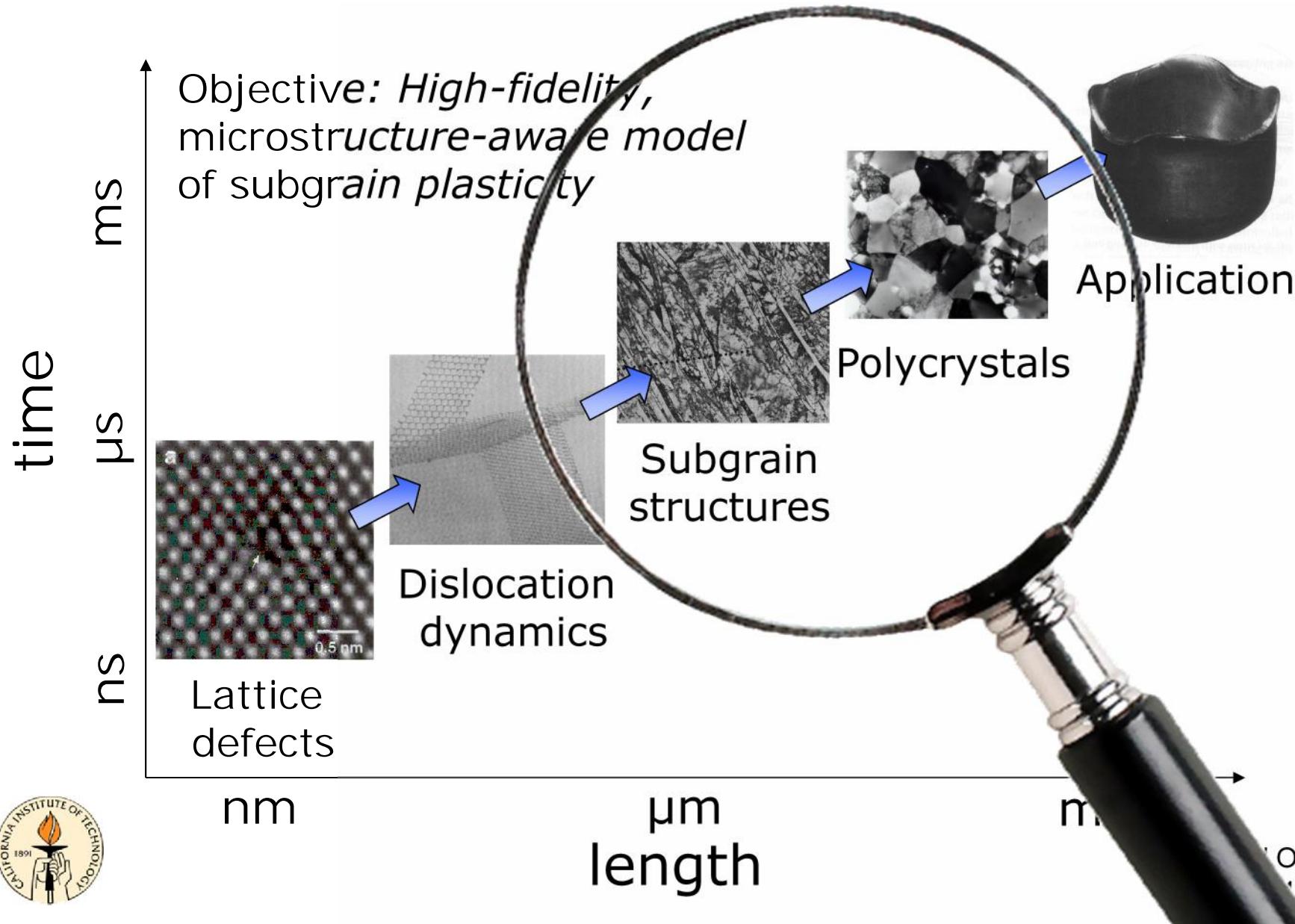
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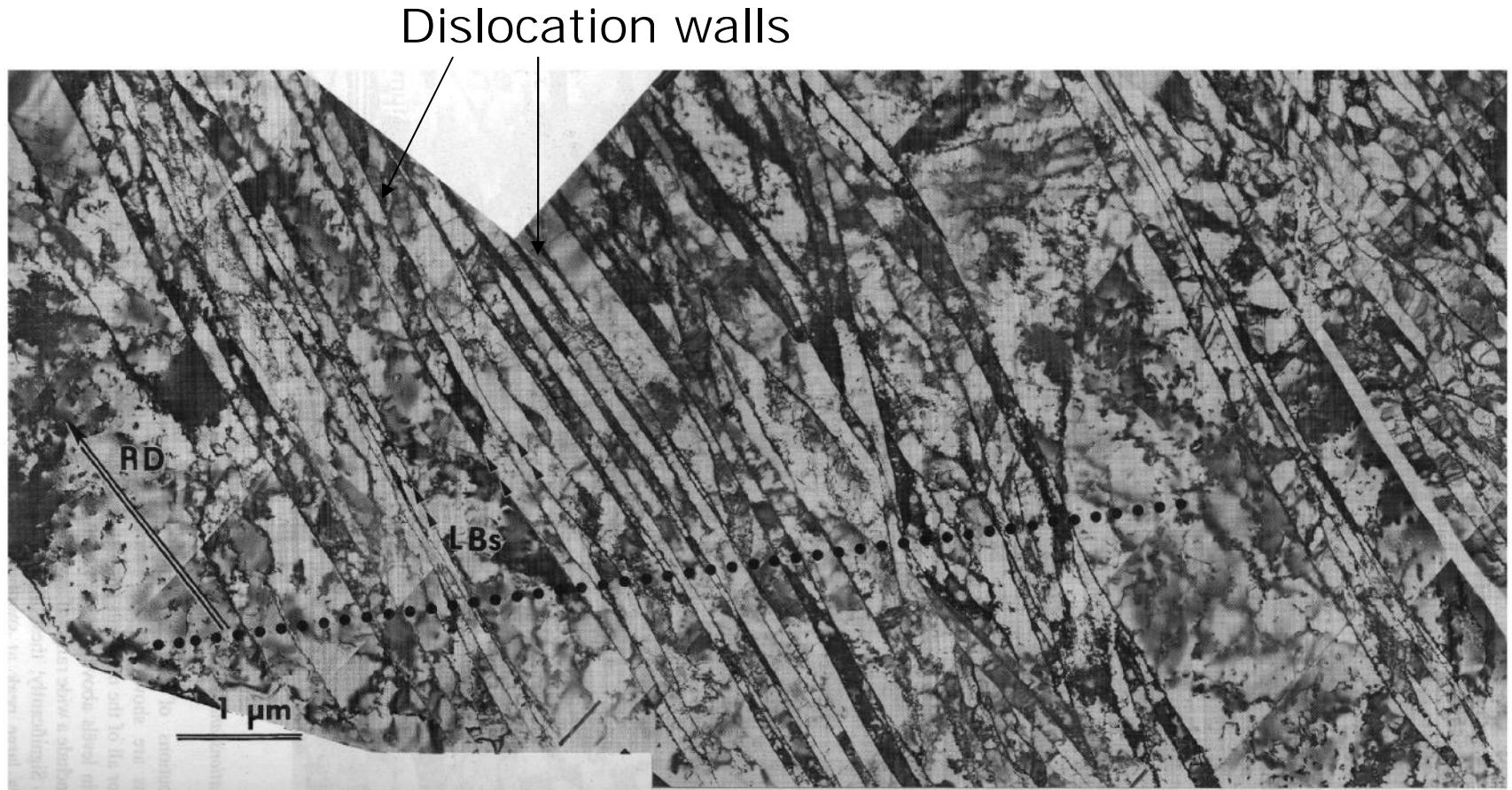
# Not done yet... Subgrain plasticity?



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# Subgrain dislocation structures - Static

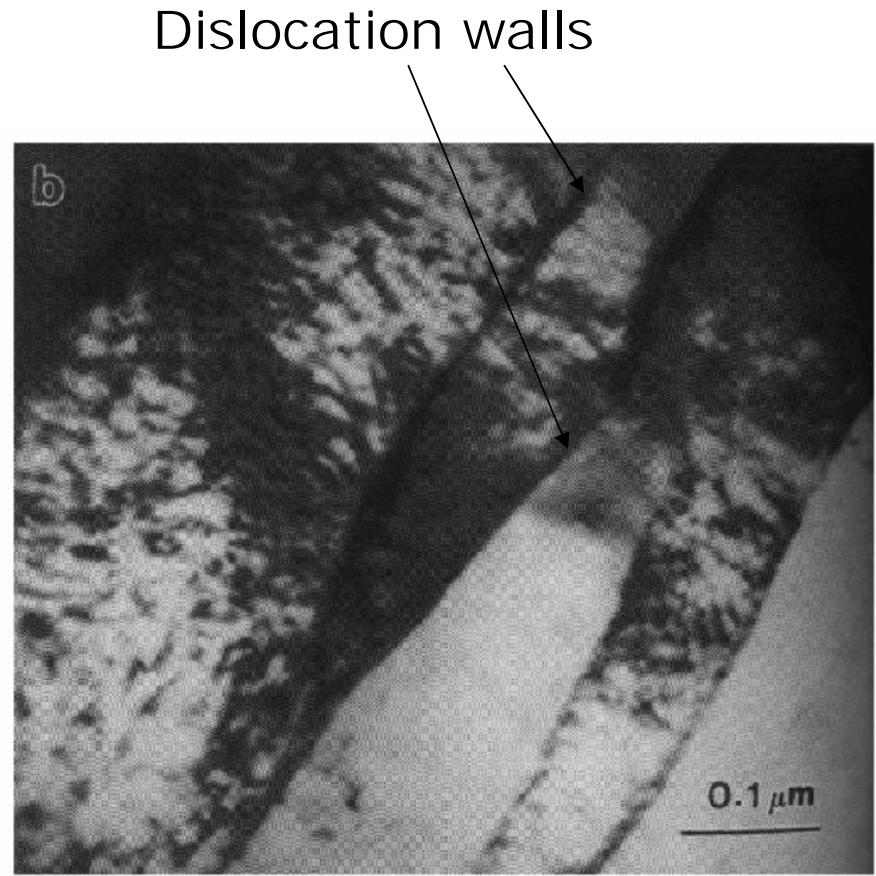
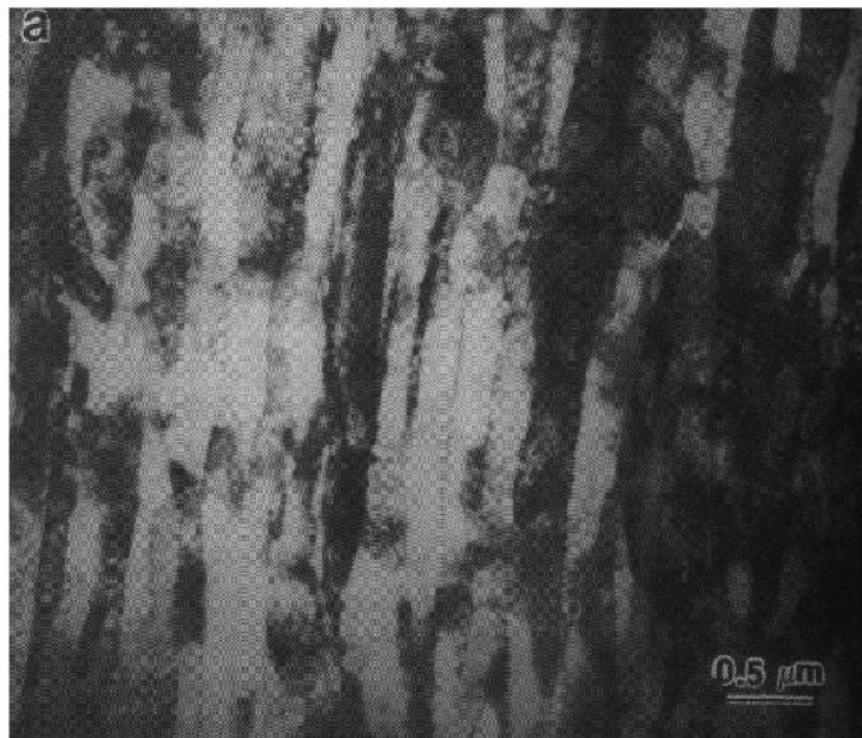


90% cold rolled Ta (Hughes and Hansen, 1997)



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# Subgrain dislocation structures - Shock

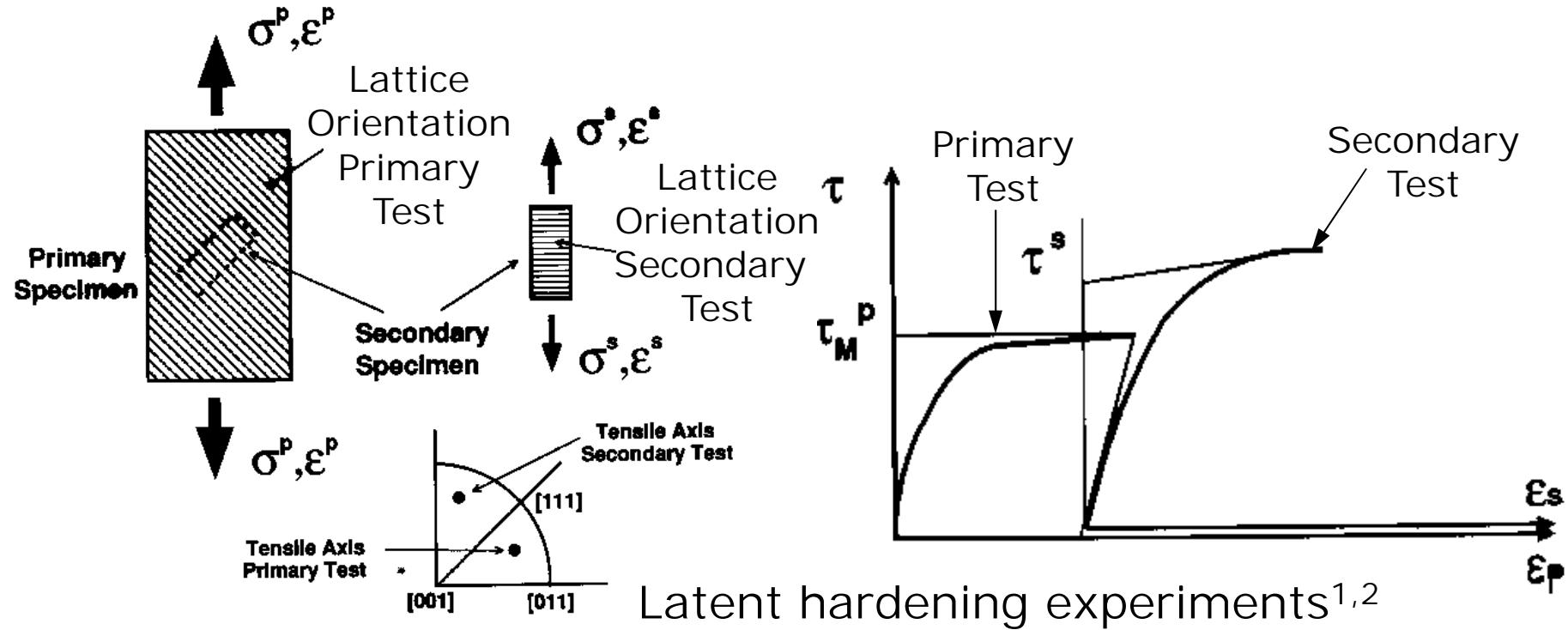


Shocked Ta (Meyers et al., 1995)



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# Strong latent hardening & microstructure



- Strong latent hardening: Activity on one slip system hardens other systems much more than it hardens the system itself (owing to dislocation multiplication and forest hardening...)

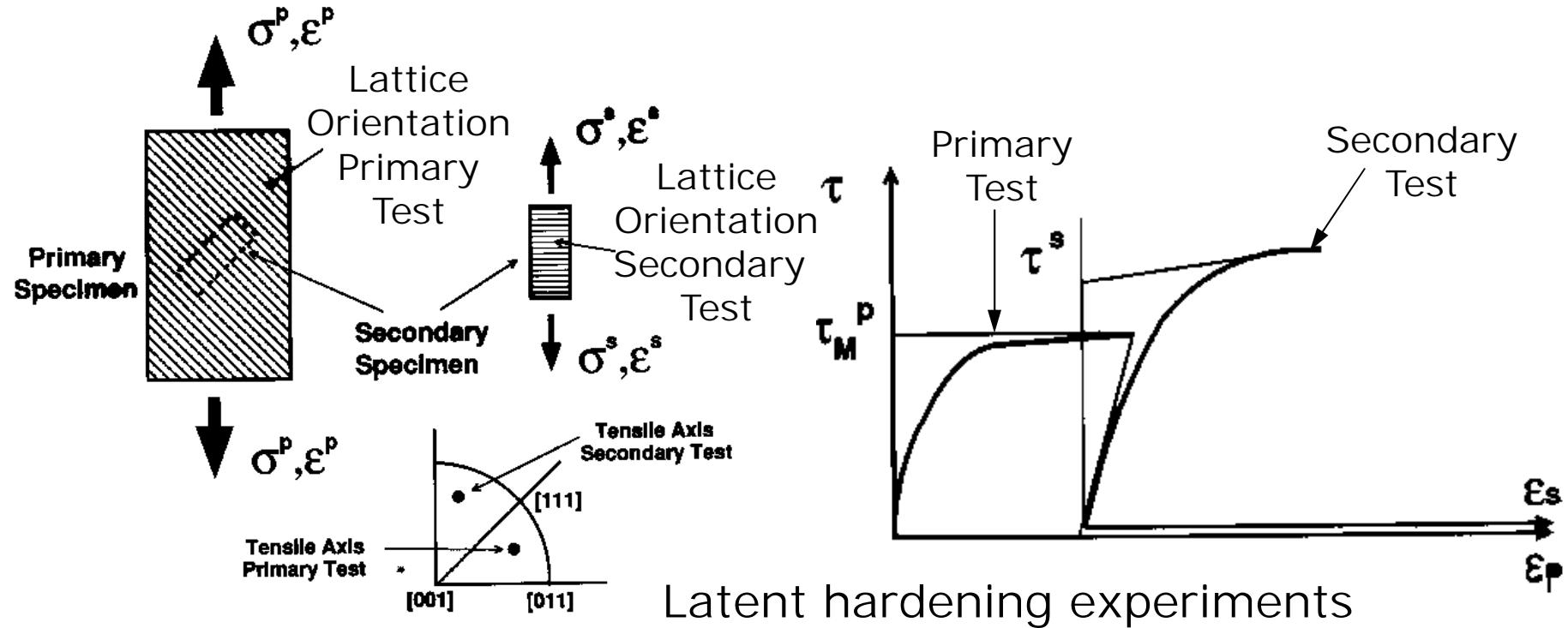


<sup>1</sup>Kocks, U.F., *Acta Metallurgica*, **8** (1960) 345

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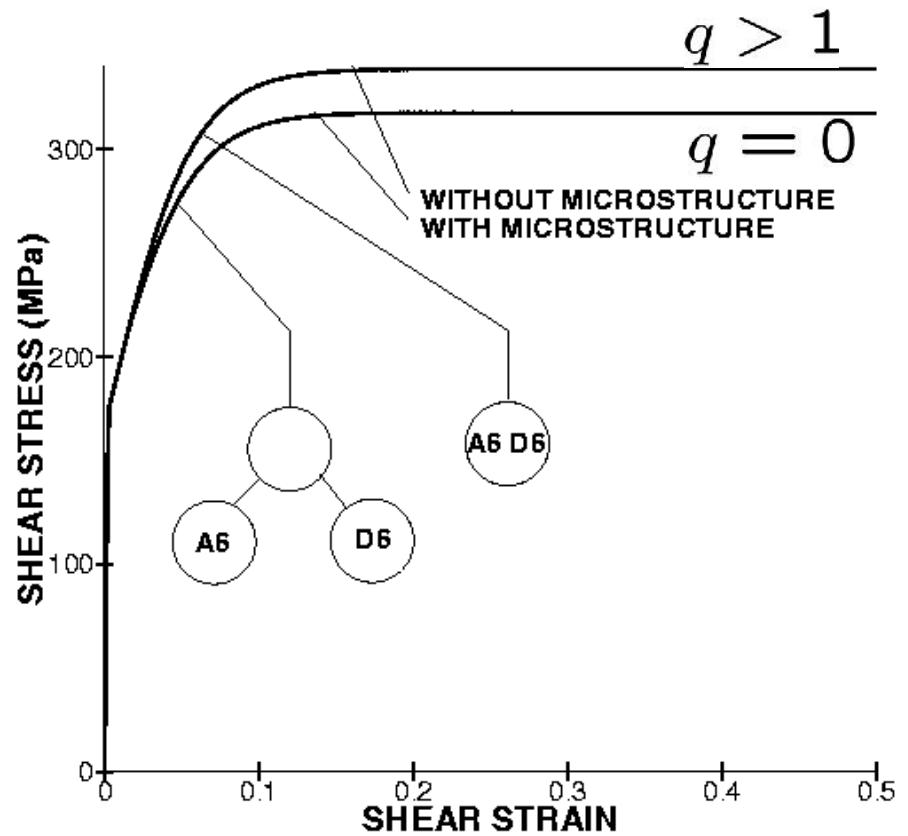
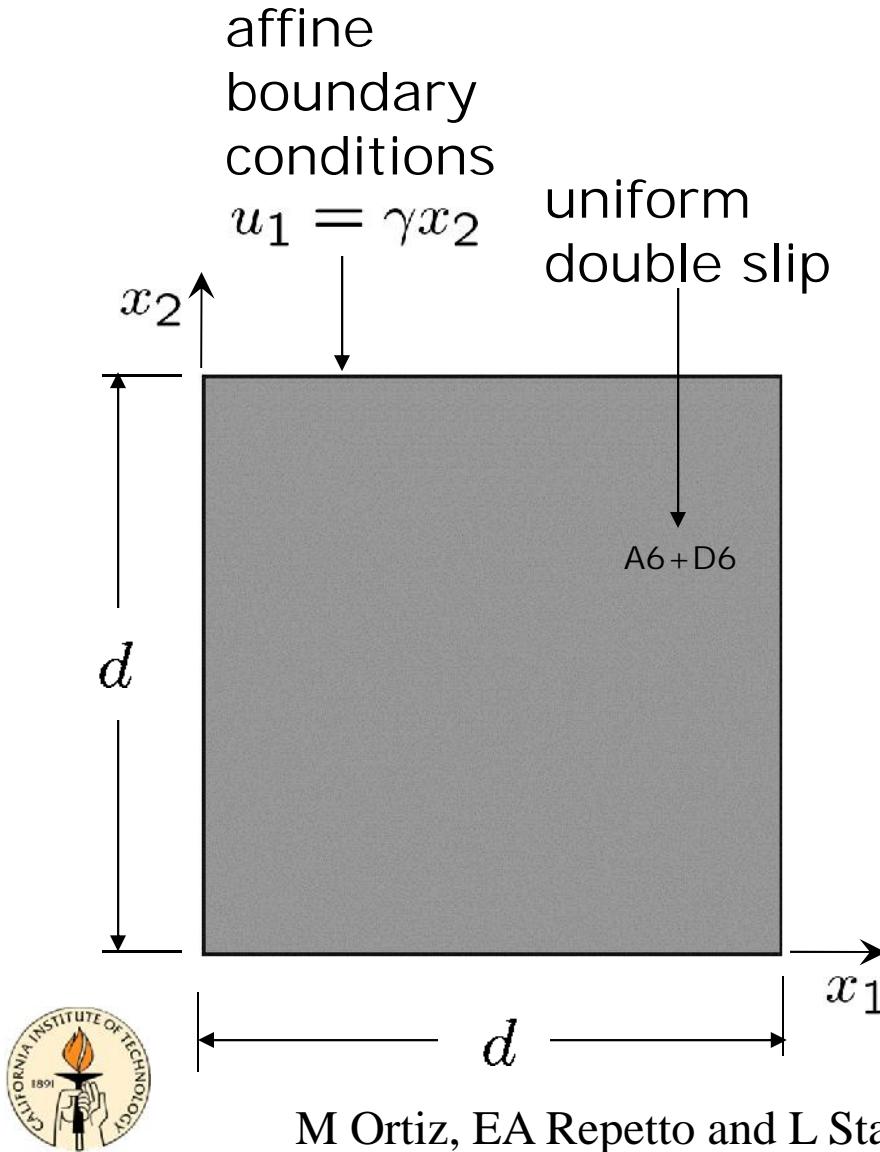


- Classical model<sup>1</sup>:  $\dot{\tau}_\alpha = \sum_{\beta=1}^N \left[ qh + (1 - q)h\delta_{\alpha\beta} \right] |\dot{\gamma}_\beta|$
- Strong latent hardening:  $q > 1 \rightarrow$  Nonconvexity!



<sup>1</sup>Peirce, D., Asaro, R. and Needleman, A. *Acta Metall.*, **31** (1983) 1951.

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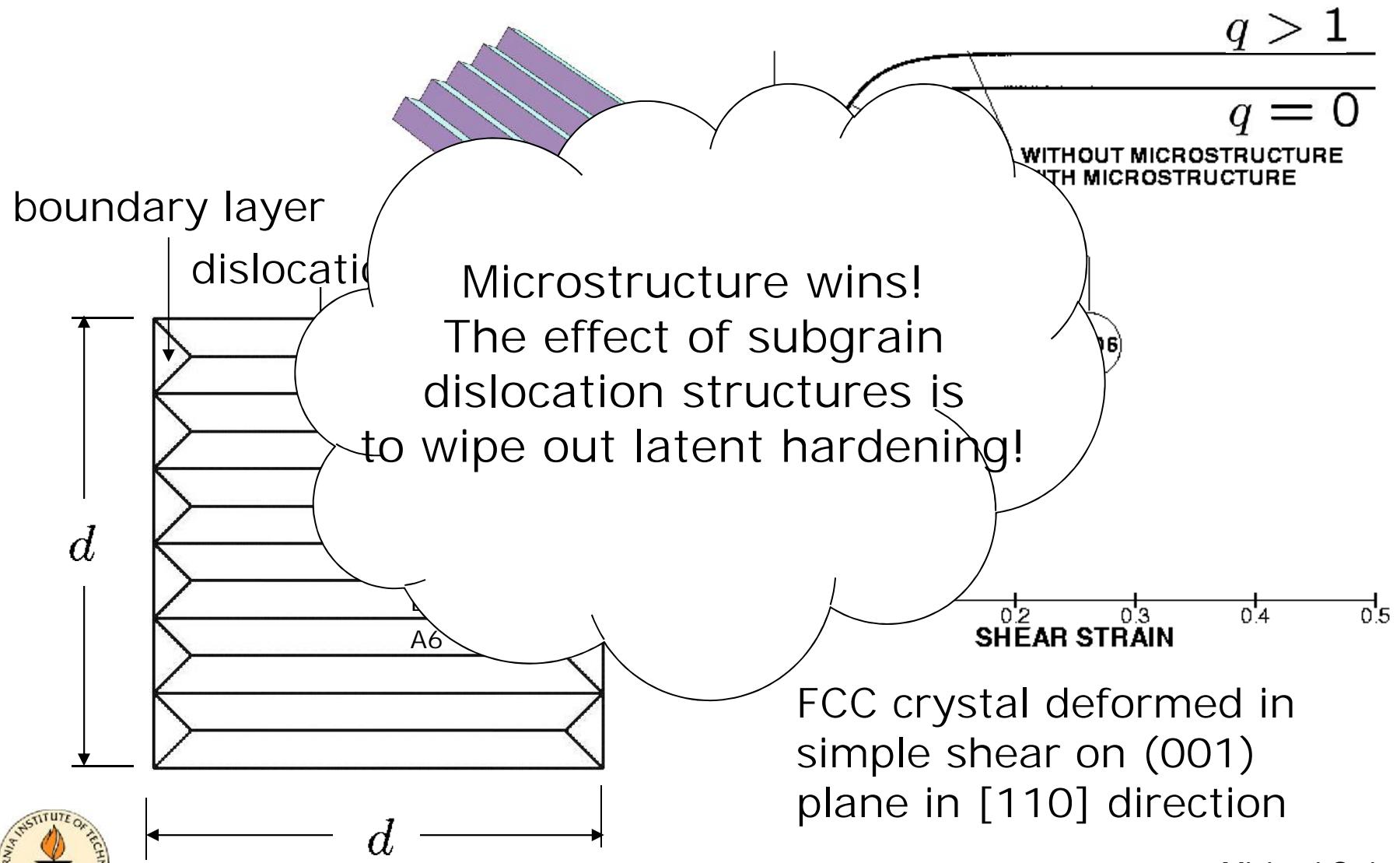
FCC crystal deformed in simple shear on (001) plane in [110] direction



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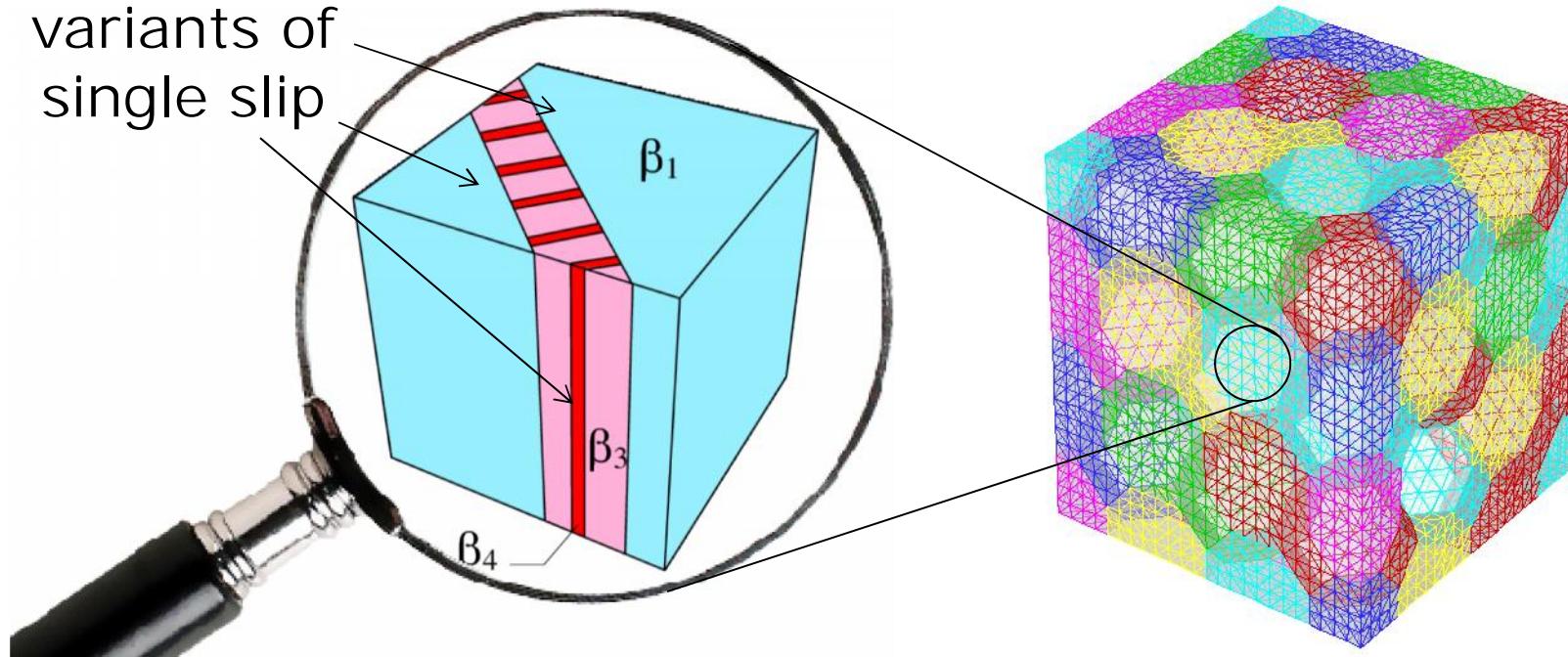


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# Optimal subgrain structures – Laminates

variants of  
single slip



- Laminates are known to be optimal microstructures<sup>1</sup>
- Explicit on-the-fly sequential lamination construction delivers effective response<sup>1,2</sup>
- Caveat emptor: All other bases are sub-optimal!  
(e.g., Fourier, spectral, p-enrichment...)

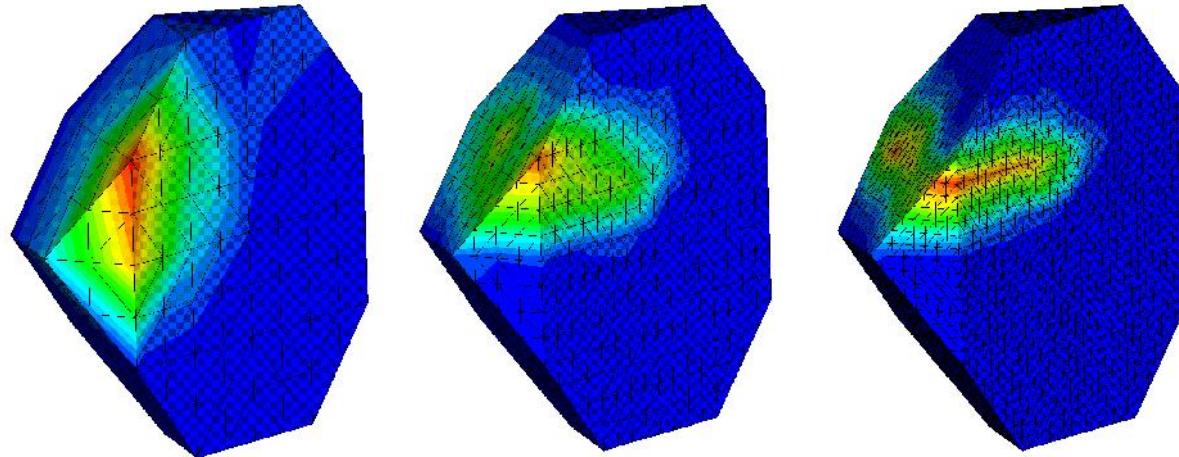
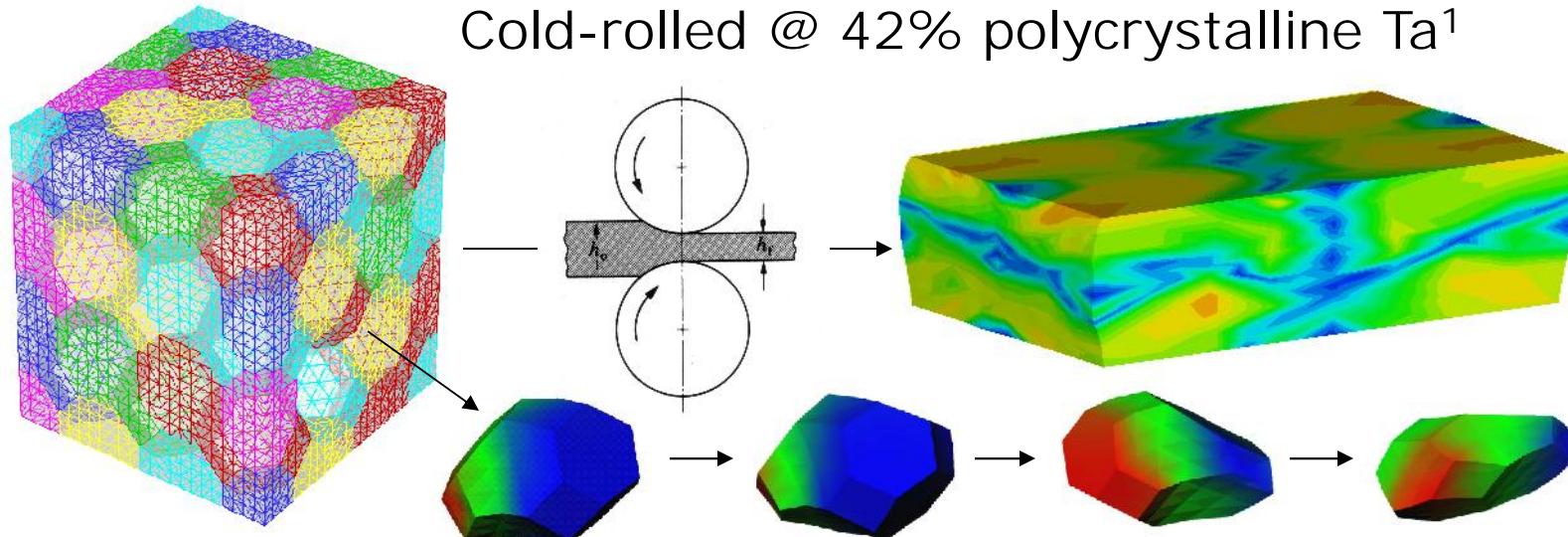


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<sup>2</sup>Hansen, B., Bronkhorst, C.A., Ortiz, M., MSMSE, 18: 055001, 2010. Michael Ortiz  
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# Suboptimal subgrain structures

Cold-rolled @ 42% polycrystalline Ta<sup>1</sup>



192 elmts

1,536 elmts.

12,288 elmts.

Zhao, Z., Radovitzky, R. and Cuitino A. (2004) Acta Mater., 52(20) 5791.

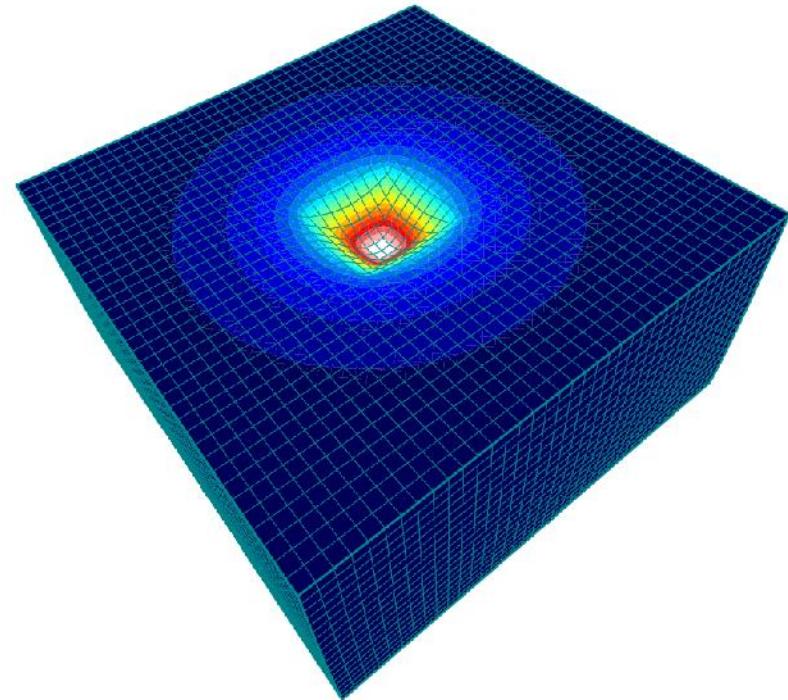
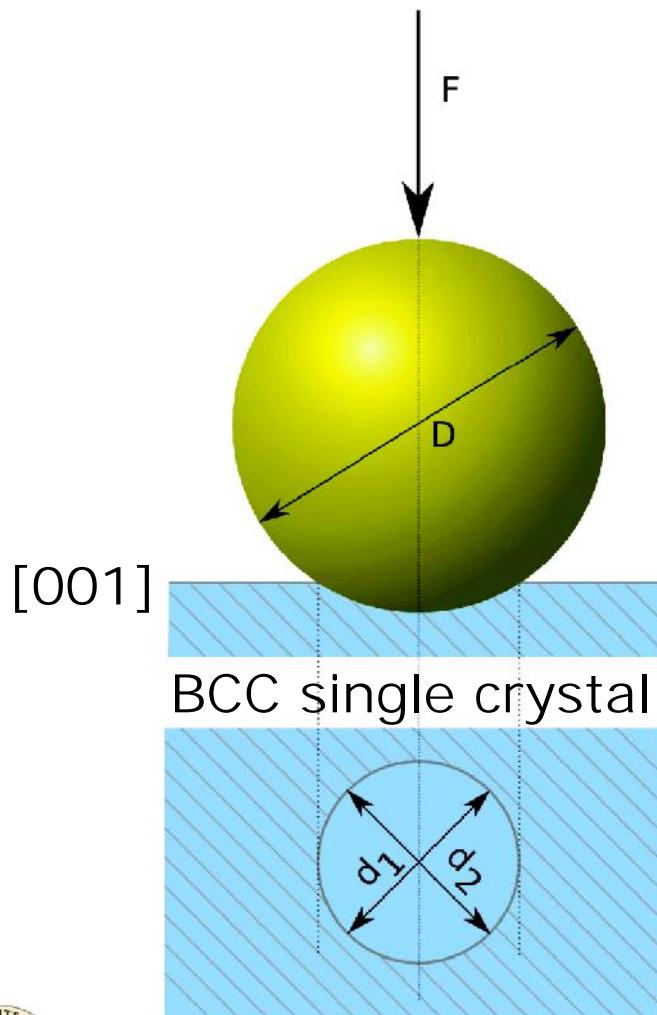
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Slow or no  
convergence!

# Optimal vs. suboptimal microstructures



Indentation of [001] surface  
of BCC single crystal  
32,000 nodes  
27,436 hexahedral elements

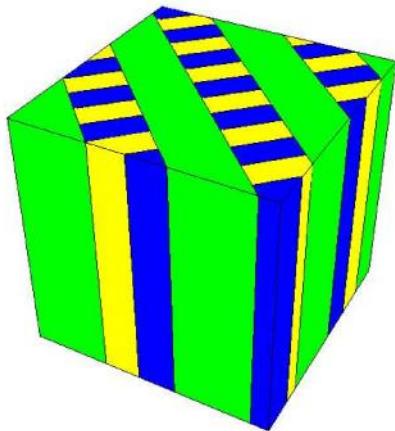


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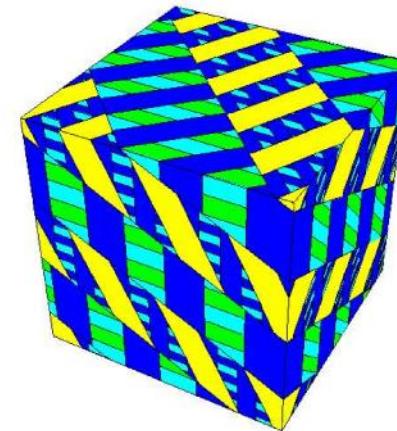
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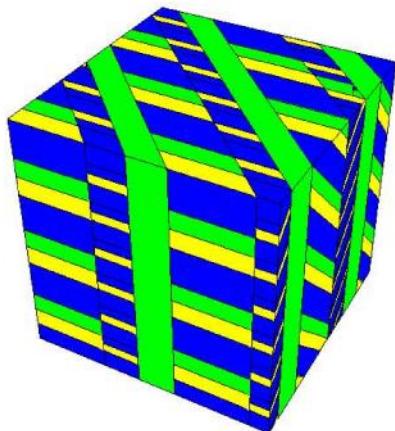
rank 2/2,  $|\gamma|_\infty = 0.0025$



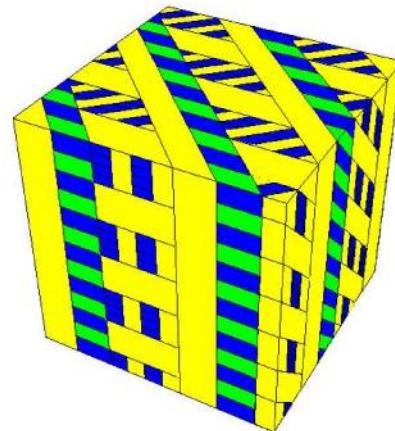
rank 4/14,  $|\gamma|_\infty = 0.43$



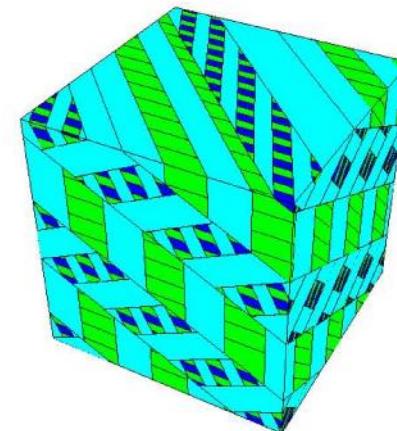
rank 4/12,  $|\gamma|_\infty = 0.02$



rank 4/6,  $|\gamma|_\infty = 0.026$



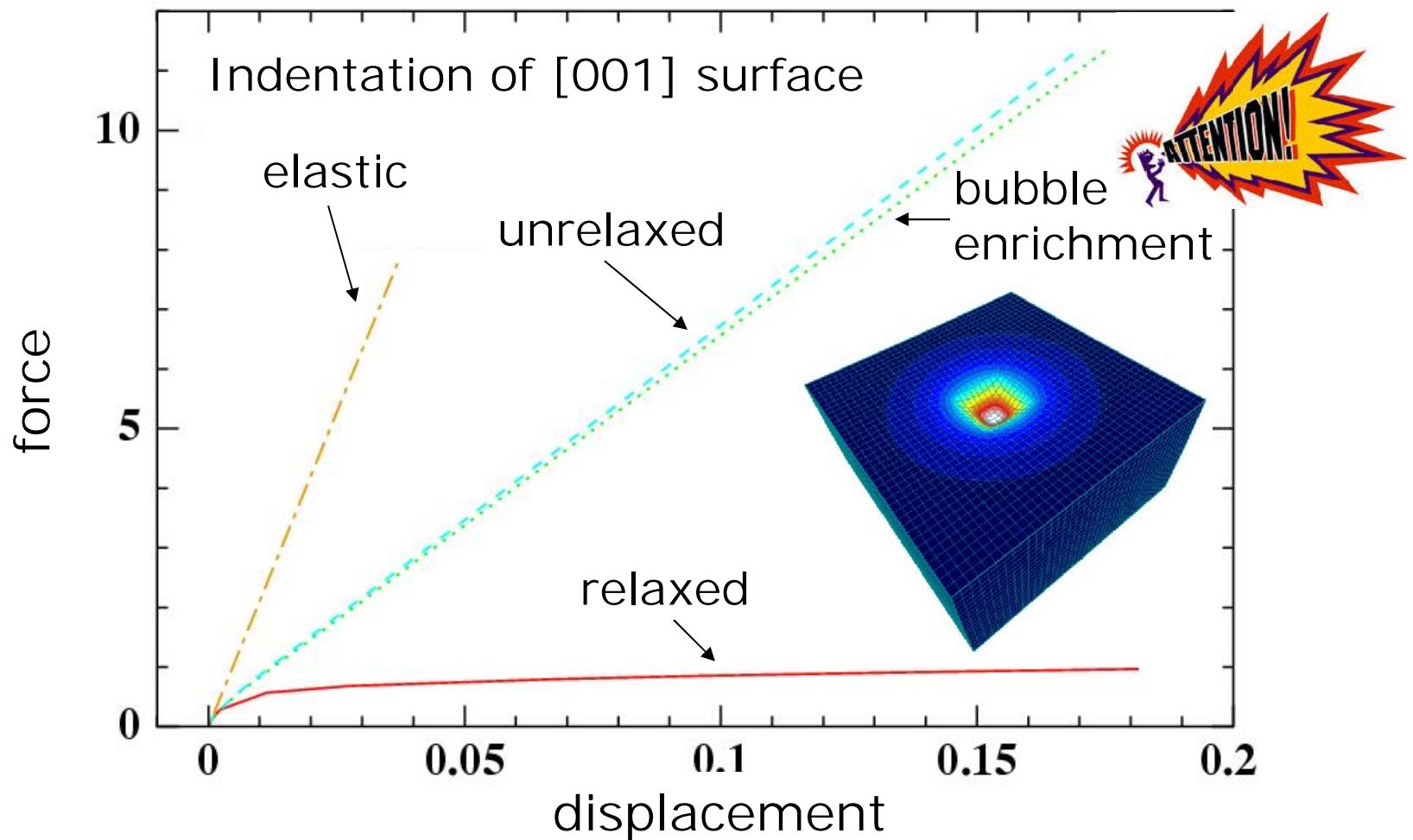
rank 4/16,  $|\gamma|_\infty = 0.21$



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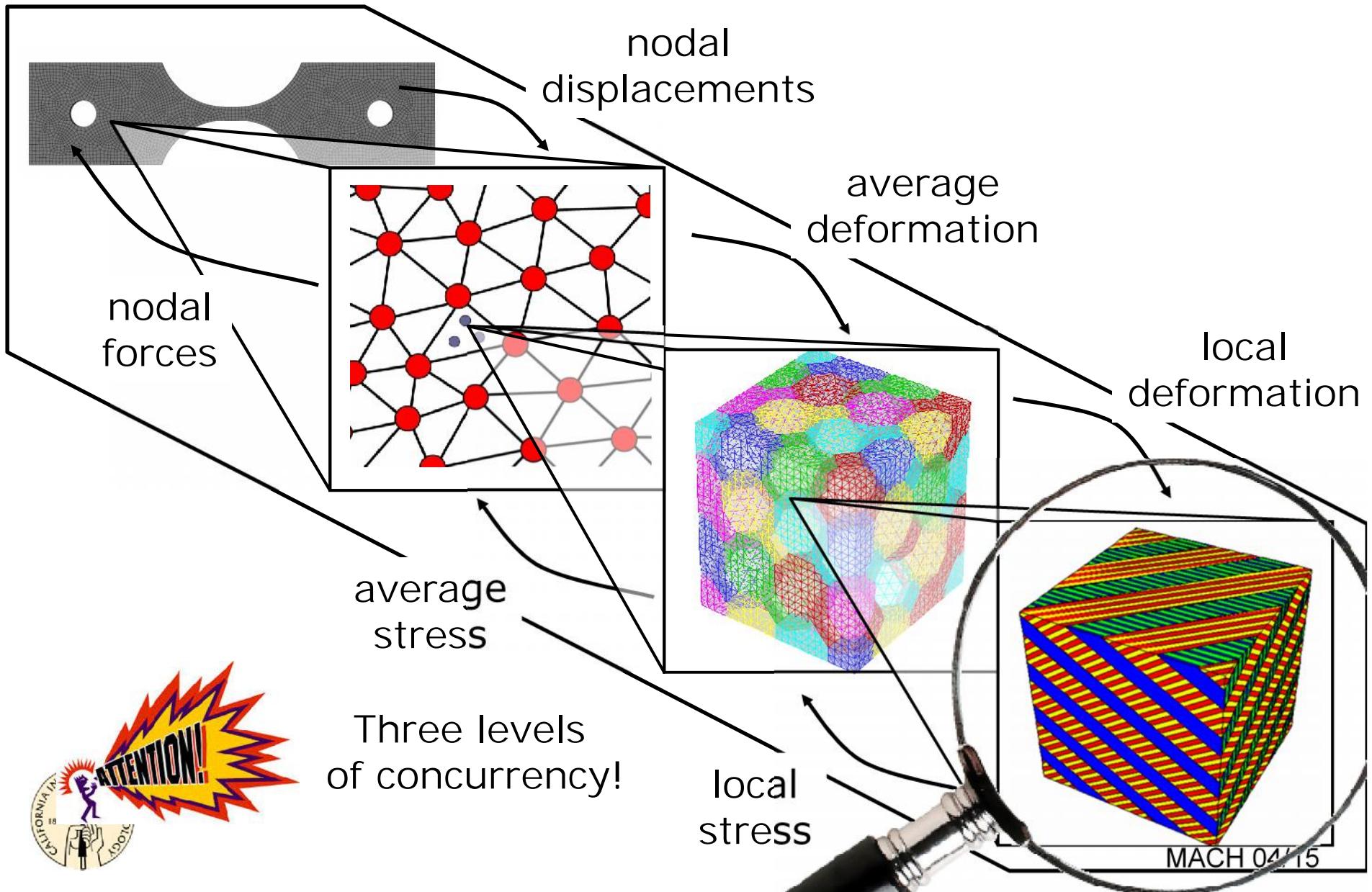
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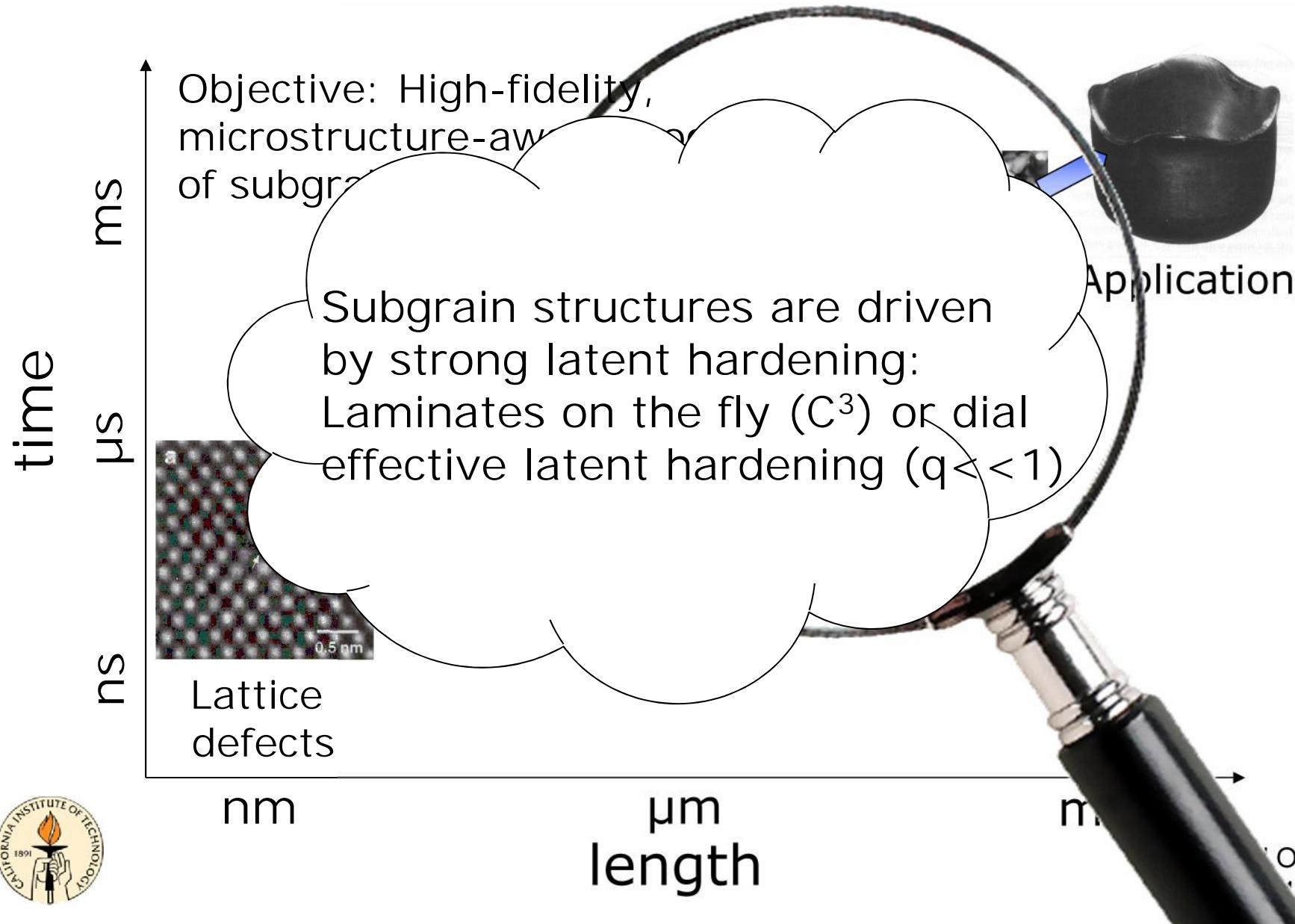
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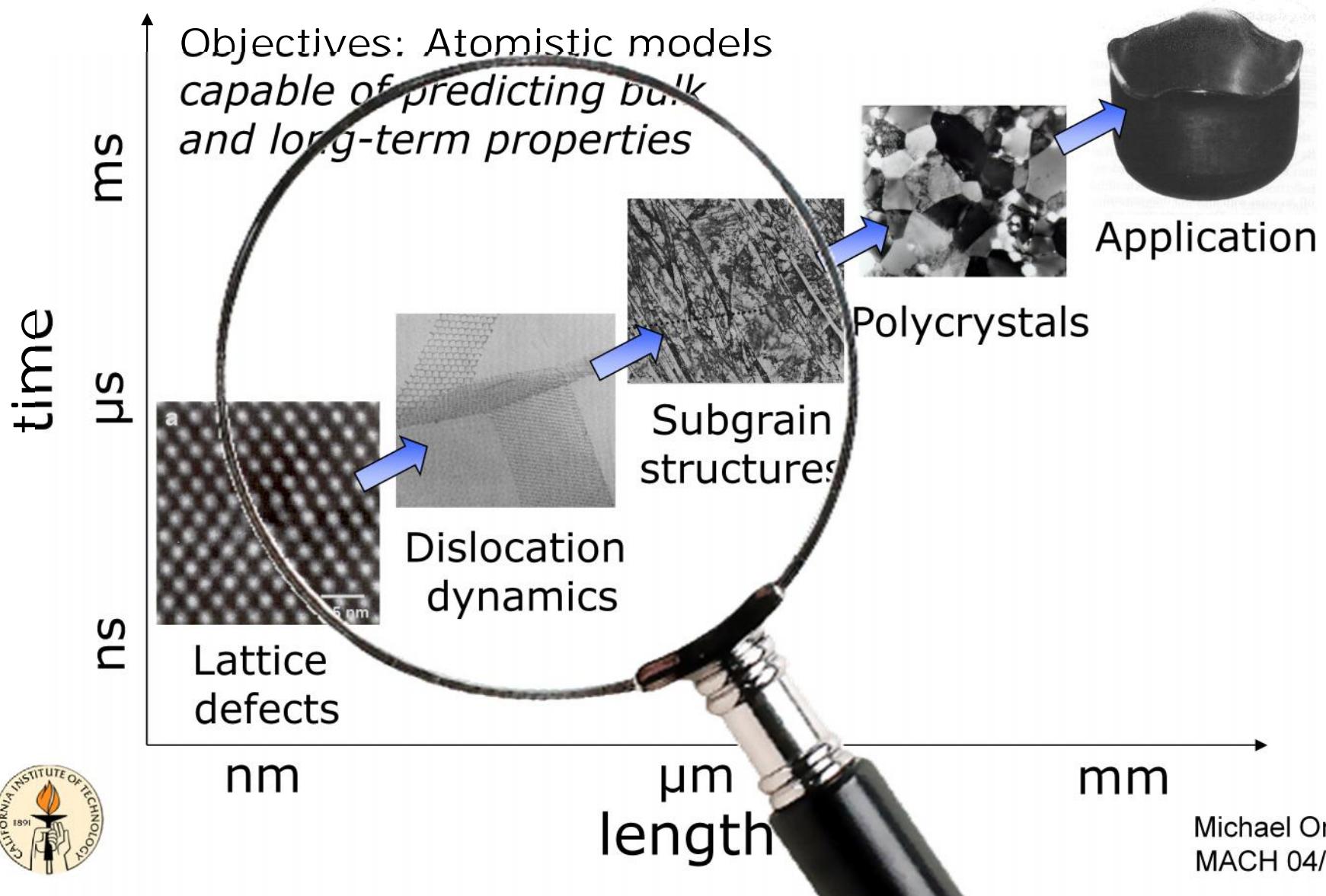
# Polycrystals – Concurrent multiscale ( $C^3$ )



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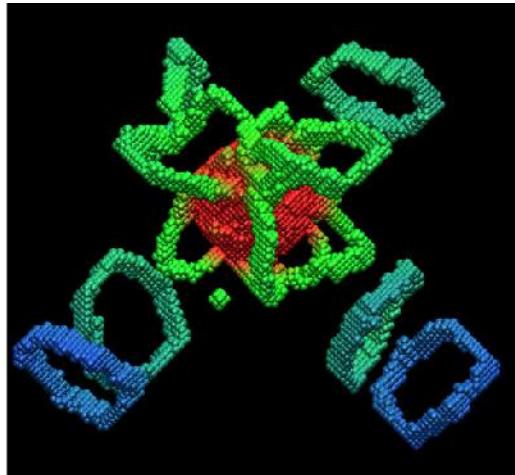


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# The essential difficulty...

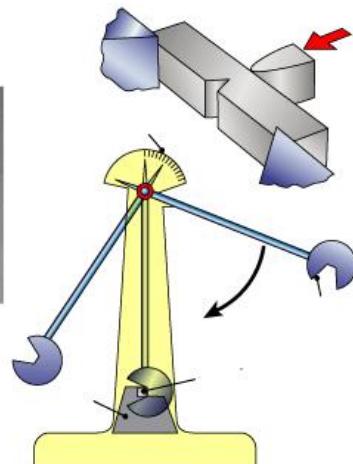
↑  
—  $10^{10} \text{ s}^{-1}, 100 \text{ nm}$   
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MD simulation of  
nanovoids growth in Ta<sup>1</sup>



Cup-cone  
ductile  
fracture



Charpy test

- Many mechanical properties are rate-controlled by lattice defects
- MD can access strain rates  $\sim 10^8\text{-}10^{12} \text{ s}^{-1}$ , nano-samples
- Engineering applications involve lower strain rates, larger sizes
- Materials testing:
  - Servo-hydraulic:  $1 \text{ s}^{-1}$
  - Hopkinson bar:  $10^4 \text{ s}^{-1}$
  - Plate impact:  $10^7 \text{ s}^{-1}$
- MD outside realm of typical engineering application and materials testing...

<sup>1</sup>Tang, Y., Bringa, E.M., Remington, B.A., and Meyers, M.A., *Acta Materialia*, **59**:1354, 2011

# Paradigm shift: Deterministic-to-Statistical

- Treat atomic-level fluctuations statistically (away from equilibrium) through maximum-entropy principle
- Approximate grand-canonical free entropy using variational meanfield theory
- Append Onsager-like empirical atomic-level kinetic laws (heat and mass transport)
- Treat (smooth) mesodynamics by implicit integration (large time steps  $>>$  MD!)
- Quasicontinuum spatial coarse-graining



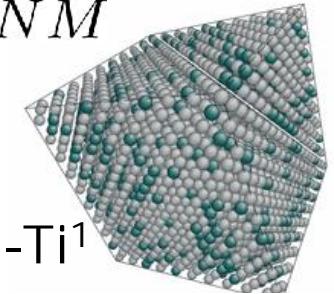
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<sup>2</sup>G. Venturini, K. Wang, I. Romero, M.P. Ariza & MO,  
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# Max-Ent Non-Equilibrium SM

- Grand-canonical ensemble,  $N$  atoms,  $M$  species:
  - State:  $(\{\mathbf{q}\}, \{\mathbf{p}\}, \{\mathbf{n}\}) \in \mathbb{R}^{3N} \times \mathbb{R}^{3N} \times \mathcal{O}_{NM}$
  - Atomic positions:  $\{\mathbf{q}\} = \{\mathbf{q}_1, \dots, \mathbf{q}_N\}$
  - Atomic momenta:  $\{\mathbf{p}\} = \{\mathbf{p}_1, \dots, \mathbf{p}_N\}$
  - Occupancy:  $n_{ik} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{site } i \text{ occupied by species } k, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$
- Ensemble average of observable:  $\langle A \rangle =$ 
$$\sum_{\{\mathbf{n}\} \in \mathcal{O}_{NM}} \int A(\{\mathbf{q}\}, \{\mathbf{p}\}, \{\mathbf{n}\}) \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{grand-canonical pdf}}}{\rho}(\{\mathbf{q}\}, \{\mathbf{p}\}, \{\mathbf{n}\}) dq dp$$



J. von Pezold, A. Dick, M. Friak and J. Negebauer,  
Phys. Rev. B, 81 (2010) 094203.

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# Max-Ent Non-Equilibrium SM

- Assume  $H = \sum_{i=1}^N h_i$ , (e. g., EAM, TB...)
- Principle of max-ent<sup>1</sup>:  $S[p] = -k_B \langle \log \rho \rangle \rightarrow \max!$   
subject to:  $\langle q_i \rangle = \bar{q}_i, \langle p_i \rangle = \bar{p}_i,$        $\left. \begin{array}{l} \langle h_i \rangle = e_i, \langle n_{ik} \rangle = x_{ik} \end{array} \right\}$  local constraints!
- Lagrangian: reciprocal temperatures      chemical potentials  
 $\mathcal{L}[p, \{\beta\}, \{\gamma\}] = S[p] - k_B \{\beta\}^T \{\langle h \rangle\} - k_B \{\gamma\}^T \{\langle n \rangle\}$
- Gran-canonical pdf:  $\rho = \frac{1}{\Xi} e^{-\{\beta\}^T \{h\} - \{\gamma\}^T \{n\}},$   
on affine subspace  $\left\{ \langle \{q\} \rangle = \{\bar{q}\}, \langle \{p\} \rangle = \{\bar{p}\} \right\}$



<sup>1</sup>E.T. Jaynes, *Physical Review Series II*,  
**106**(4) (1957) 620–630; **108**(2) (1957) 171–190.

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# Non-Equilibrium Statistical Mechanics

- From max-ent principle, free entropy:

$$\Phi = k_B \log \int e^{-\{\beta\}^T \{h(q,p)\}} dq dp$$

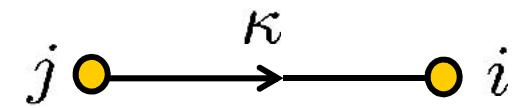
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reciprocal atomic temperatures  
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local atomic Hamiltonians

- Mesoscopic dynamics:

$$\frac{d\bar{q}_i}{dt} = \frac{\partial \bar{H}}{\partial \bar{p}_i}, \quad \frac{d\bar{p}_i}{dt} = -\frac{\partial \bar{H}}{\partial \bar{q}_i}, \quad \bar{H} = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{k_B} \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial \beta_i}$$

- Temperature field evolution, discrete heat equation:

$$\underbrace{\frac{d}{dt} \frac{1}{k_B} \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial \beta_i}}_{\text{internal energy of atom } i} = \sum_{j \neq i} \underbrace{\partial \psi(\beta_i - \beta_j)}_{\text{heat flux into atom } i}$$



internal energy  
of atom  $i$

heat flux  
into atom  $i$

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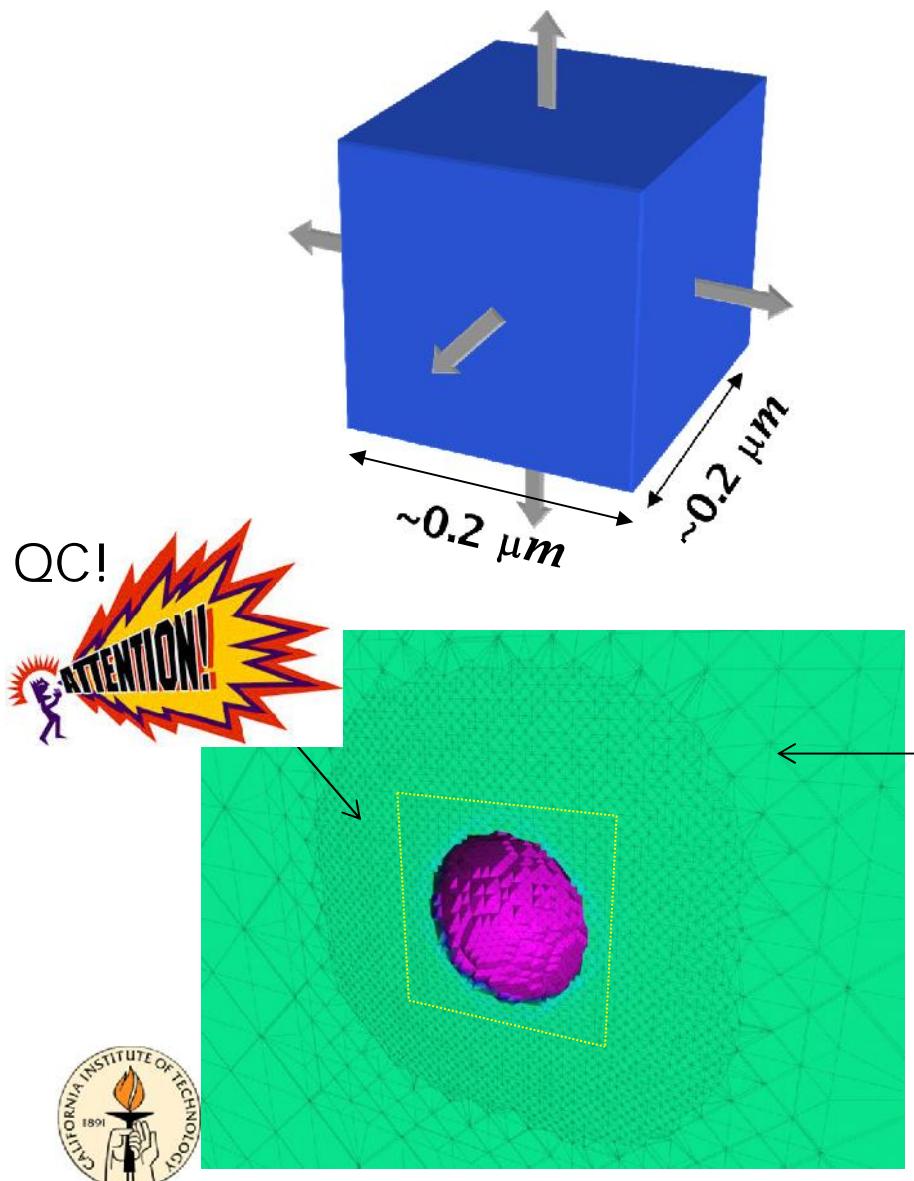
# Non-Equilibrium Statistical Mechanics

	Molecular dynamics	N.E. Stat. Mech.
Configuration space	Phase space ( $q, p$ )	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Temperature field</li><li>• Atomic-fraction field</li></ul>
Governing equations	$F=ma$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Diffusive transport</li><li>• Mesodynamics</li></ul>
Spatial resolution	Atomic lattice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Temperature grads.</li><li>• Concentration grads.</li></ul>
Temporal resolution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Thermal vibrations</li><li>• Transition states</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mesoscopic dynamics</li><li>• Diffusional transients</li></ul>
Time-scale bridging	Non-equilibrium statistical mechanics	
Spatial-scale bridging	Quasicontinuum method	

- Paradigm shift: From Newtonian dynamics to diffusional transport (heat and mass)
- Time step limited by diffusional time scale!



# Application: Nanovoid cavitation in Cu<sup>1</sup>



- Parameters:
  - $T_0$  (initial) = 300K
  - Full Size =  $72a_0$
  - Atomistic Zone =  $14a_0$
  - Diameter =  $12a_0$
  - Strain Rate =  $10^5$ - $10^{12} \text{ s}^{-1}$
- Loading: Triaxial, uniaxial
- Potential: EAM-Mishin<sup>2</sup>

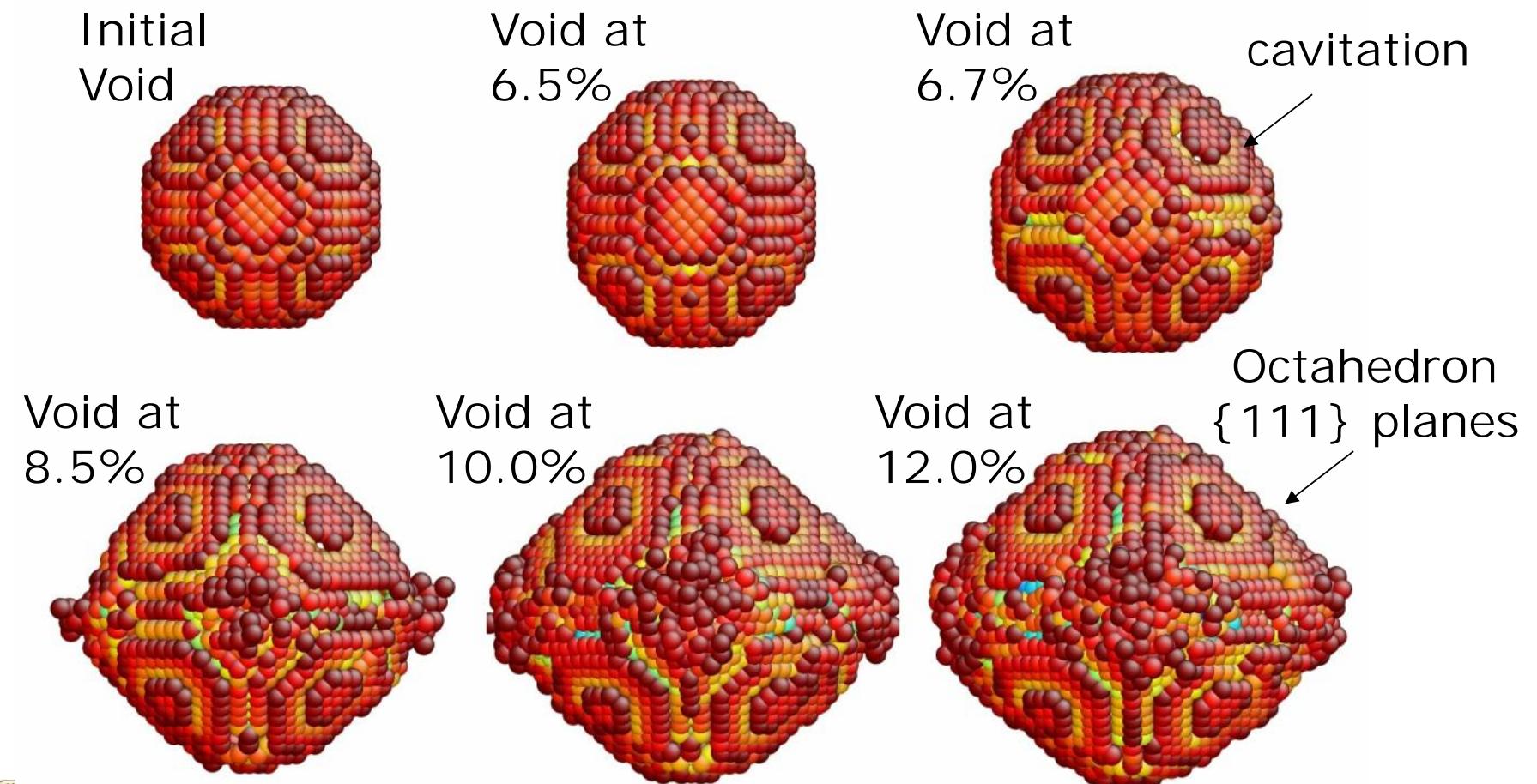
Initial quasicontinuum mesh with full atomistic resolution near void

<sup>1</sup>M. Ponga, M. Ortiz and P. Ariza,  
*Mechanics of Materials* (submitted)

<sup>2</sup>Y. Mishin, M. Mehl, D. Papaconstantopoulos, A. Voter, A. and J. Kress,  
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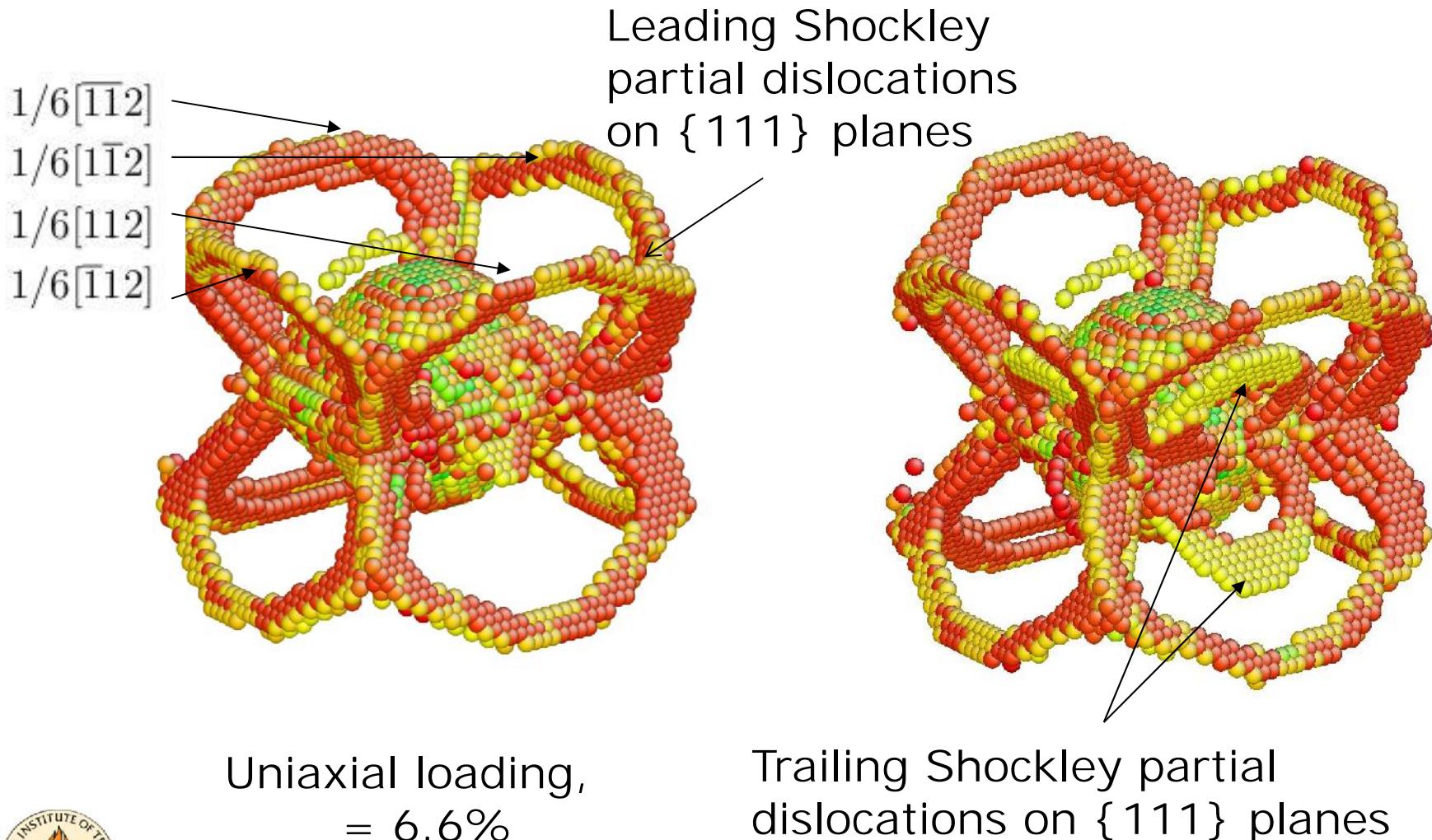
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Uniaxial loading



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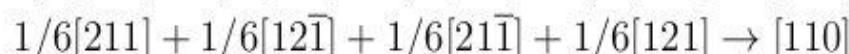
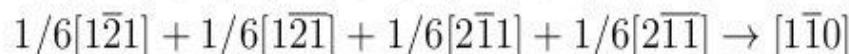
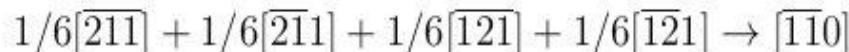
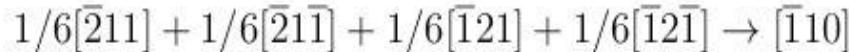


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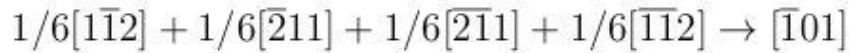
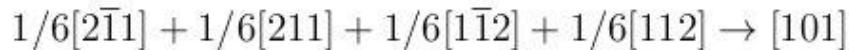
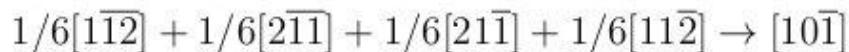
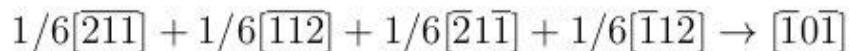
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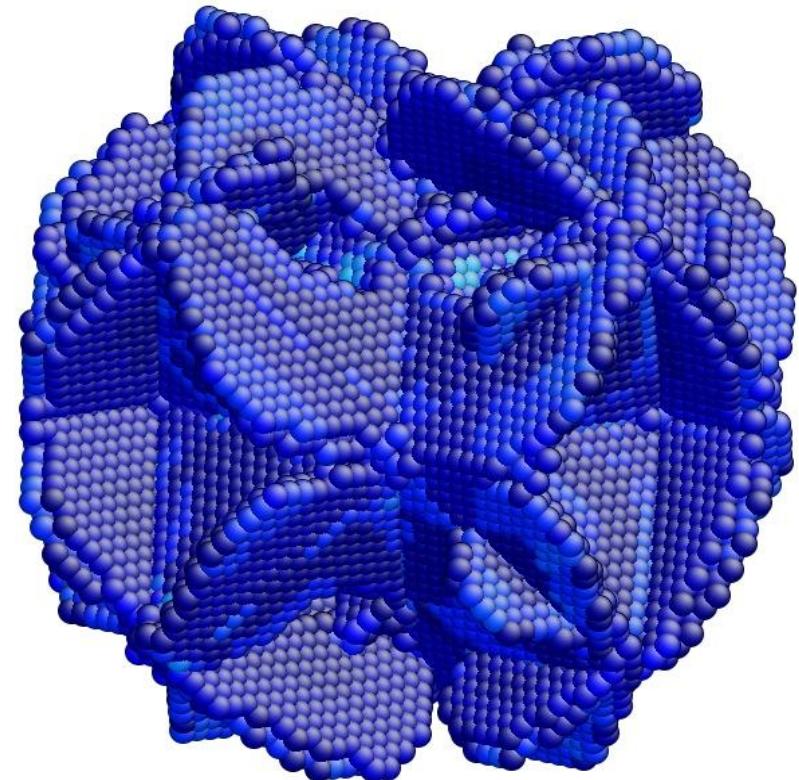
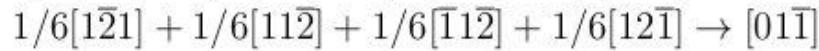
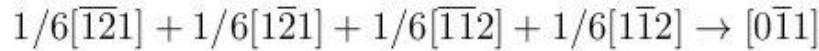
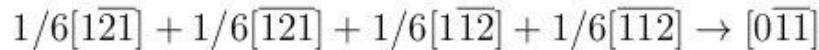
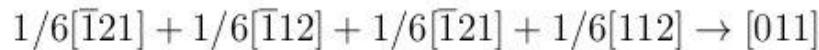
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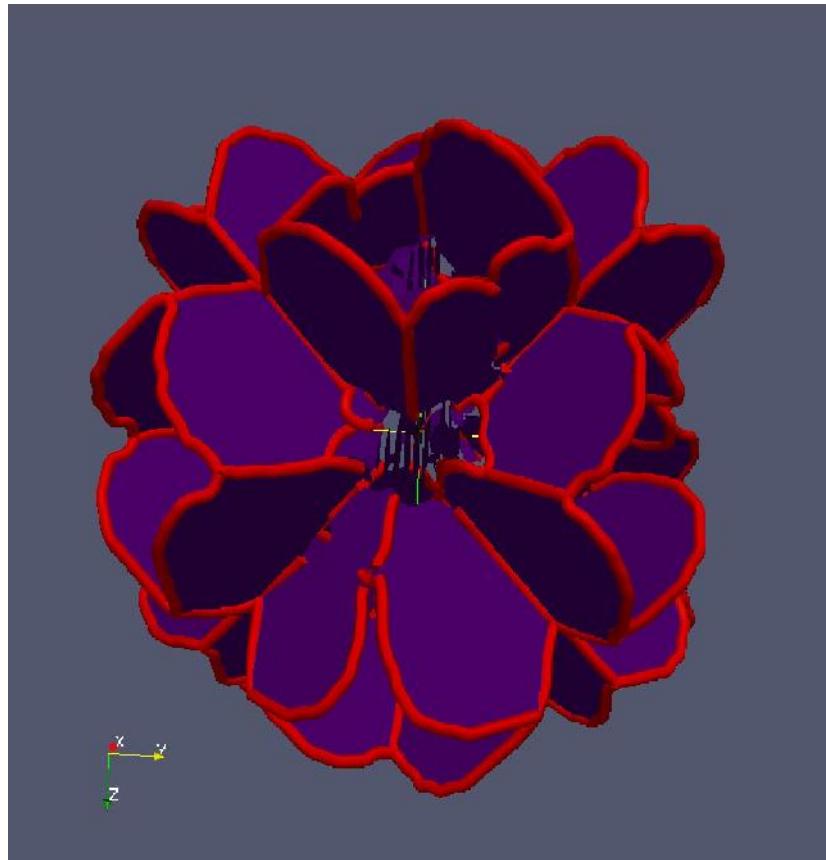
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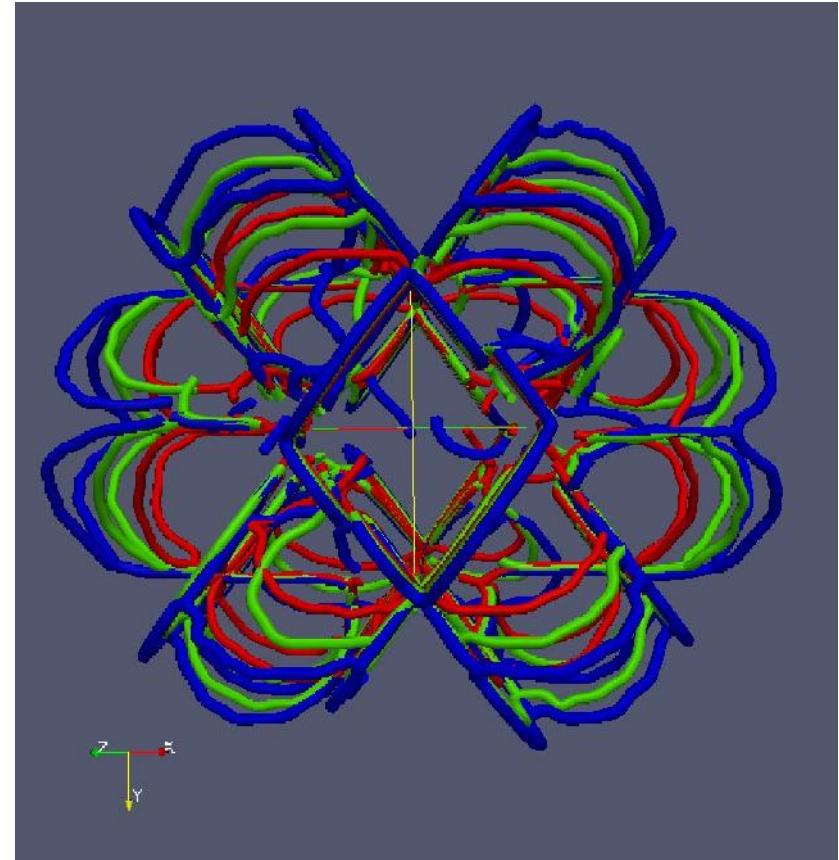
Triaxial loading



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Prismatic loop structure,  
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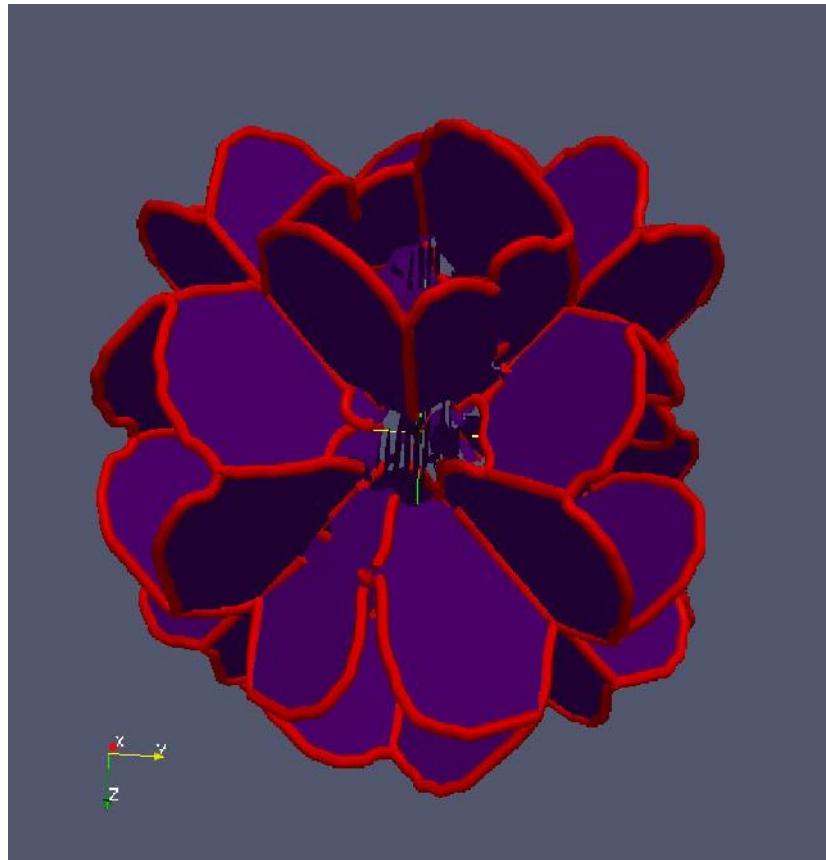
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( $\epsilon = 5, 6, 7\%$ )



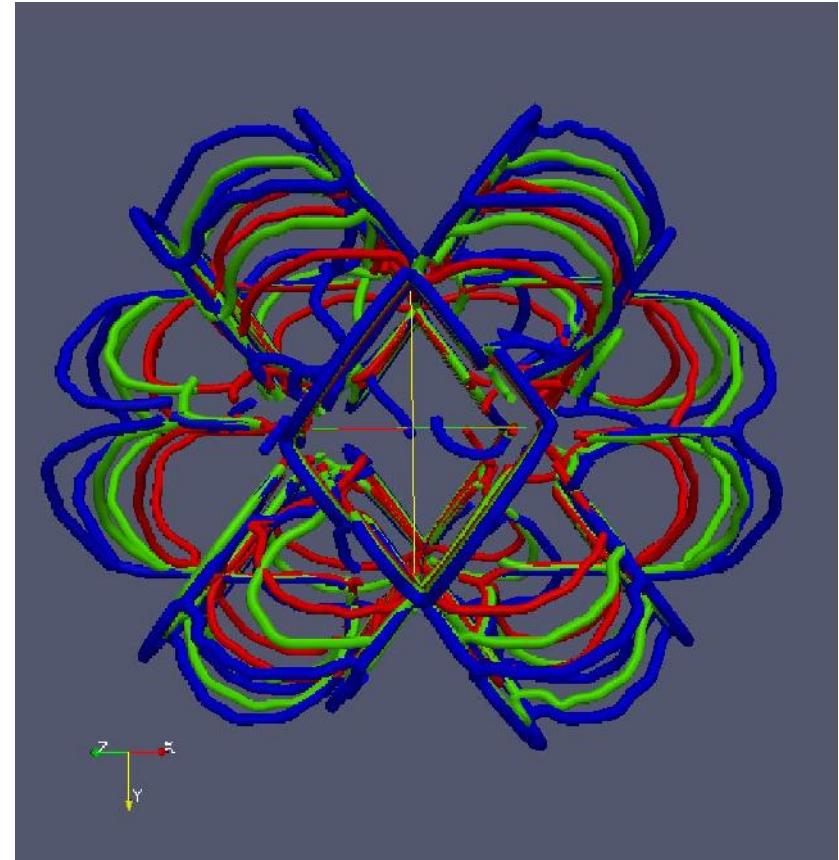
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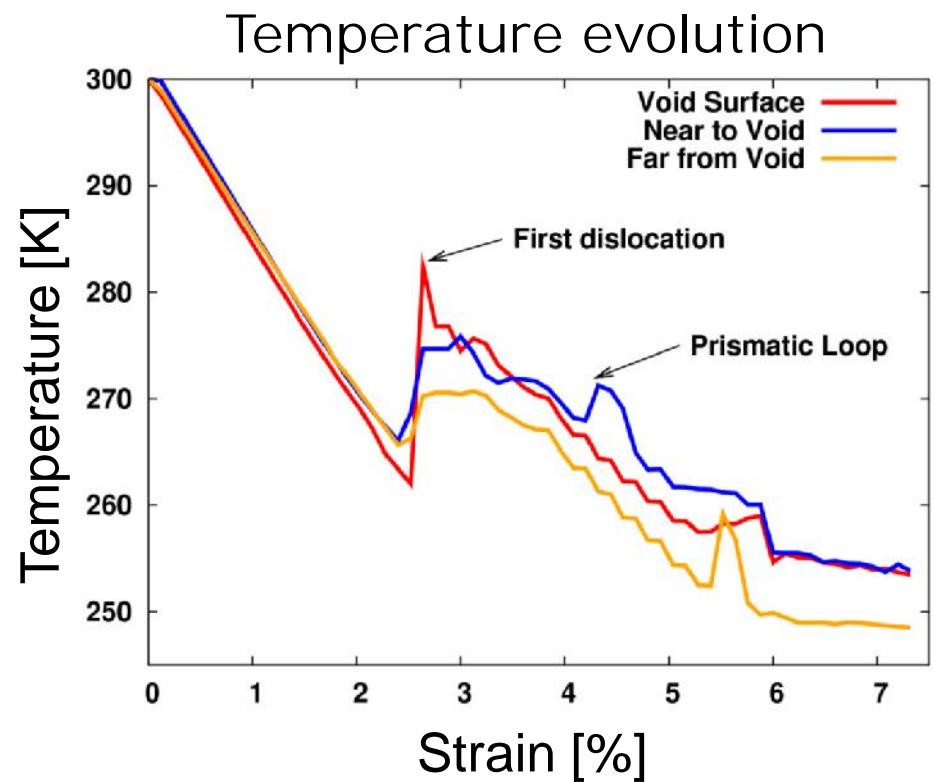
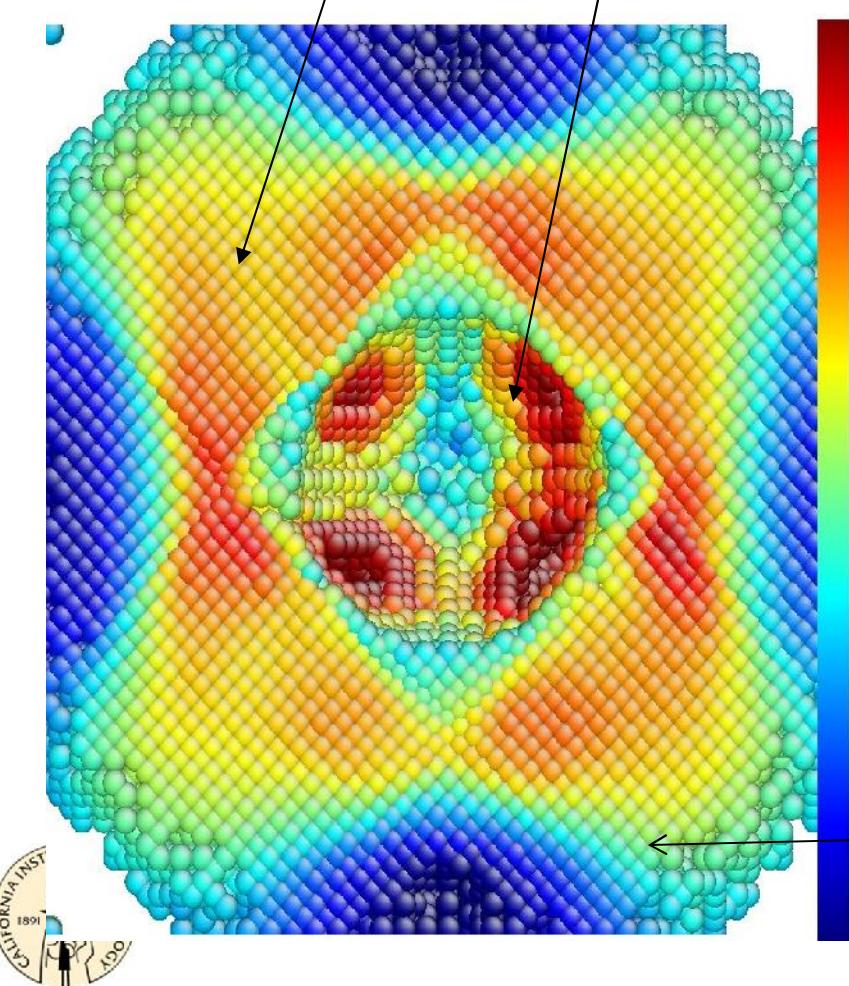


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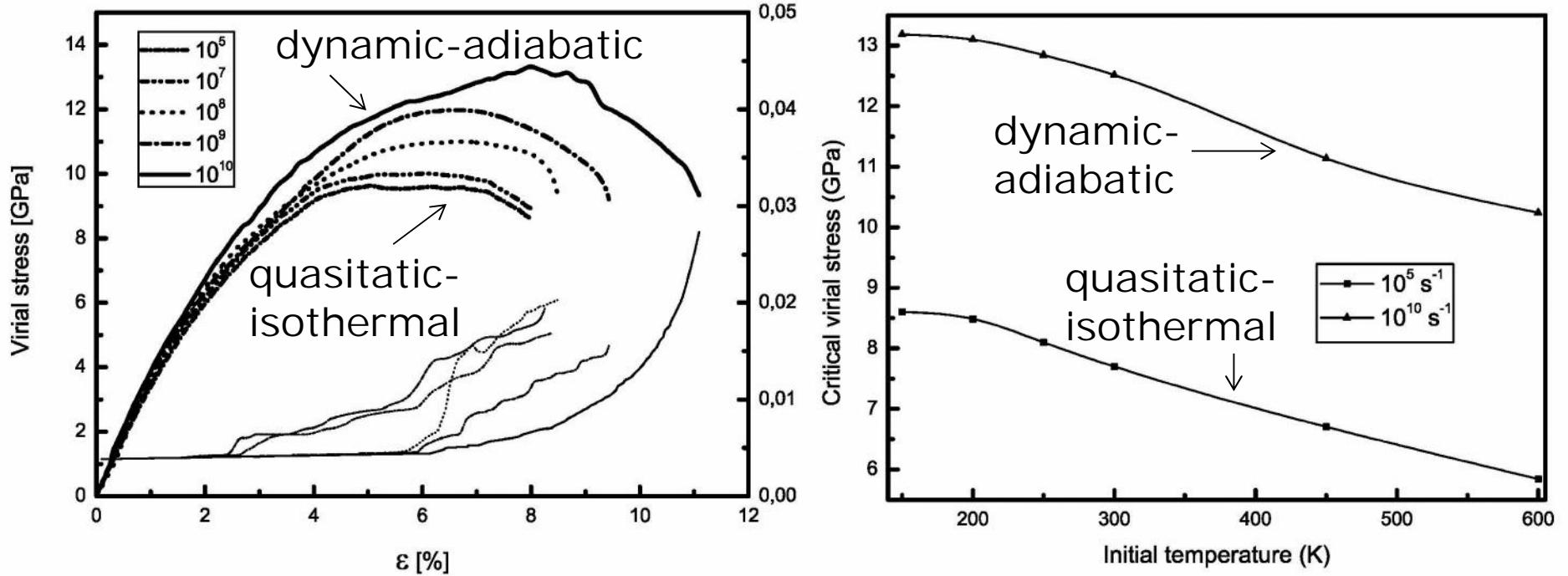
Temperature increase  
on {111} planes due  
to dislocation activity



Temperature field @  $\epsilon = 2.7\%$

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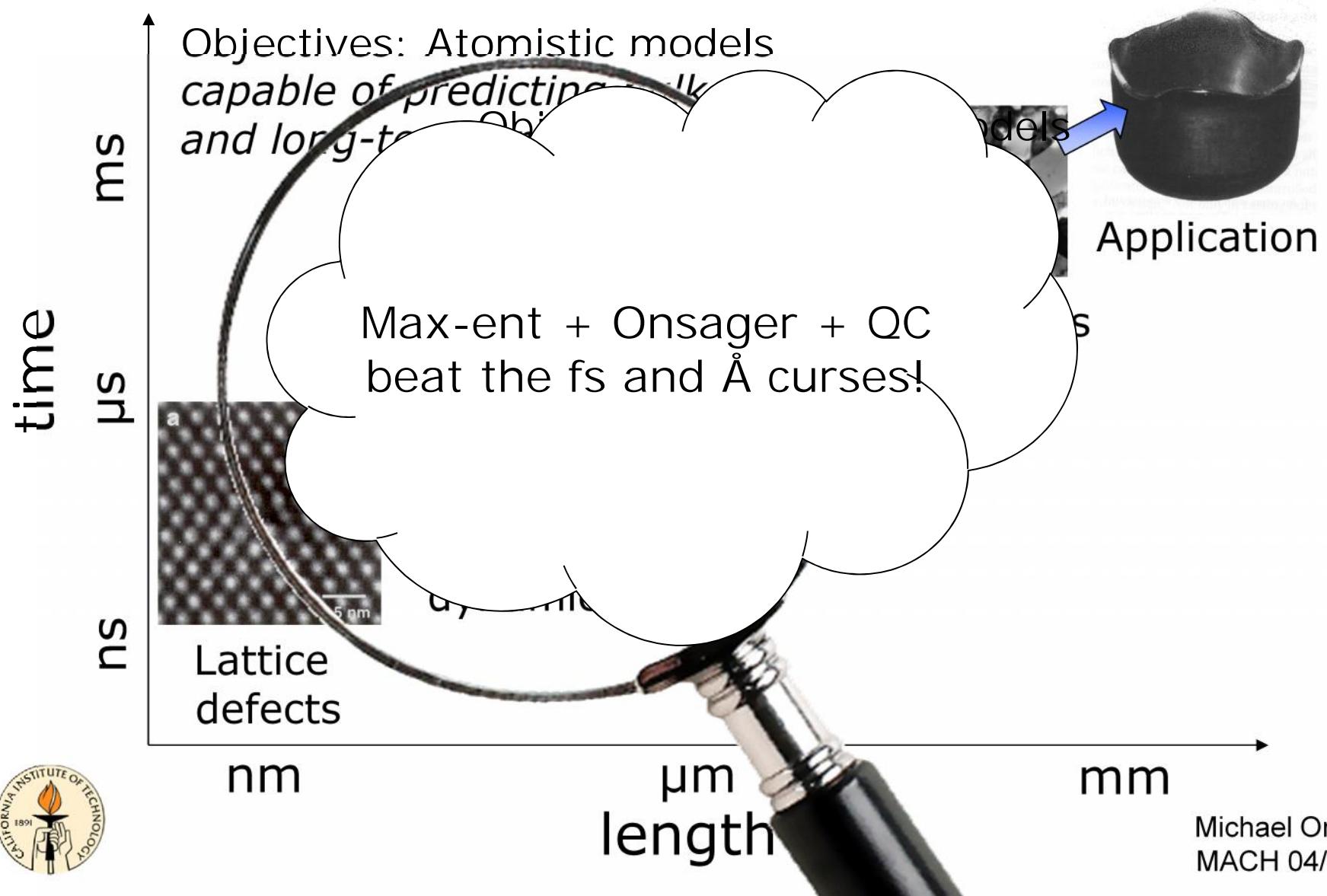
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- Transition between quasistatic-isothermal to dynamic-adiabatic behavior at  $10^7$ - $10^8$  s $^{-1}$  (not accessible to molecular dynamics!) ← 
- Quasistatic regime: Time scale set by heat conduction  
Dynamic regime: Time scale set by microinertia



# Multiscale modeling of materials



# Concluding remarks

- Multiscale modeling of materials is still very much a work in progress...
- There are major gaps in theory, analysis, scientific computing that need to be plugged...
  - Nonlinear analysis of evolving microstructures
  - Beyond strict separation of scales: Scaling, size effect
- Most current schemes are computational
- Analysis and experiment have a much more important role to play (we compute too much!)

THANK YOU!



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