

# Multiscale modeling of materials: Linking microstructure and macroscopic behavior

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# Multiscale Modeling & Simulation

- Interest in multiscale modeling and simulation has undergone a notable resurgence over the past decade...
- However, multiscale analysis also enjoys a long tradition in a number of guises, including:
  - *Statistical physics*
  - *Structure-property relations in material science*
  - *Homogenization*
  - *Micromechanics...*
- Why multiscale modeling and simulation now?
- What is different from previous approaches to the subject?



# Multiscale Modeling & Simulation - ASC

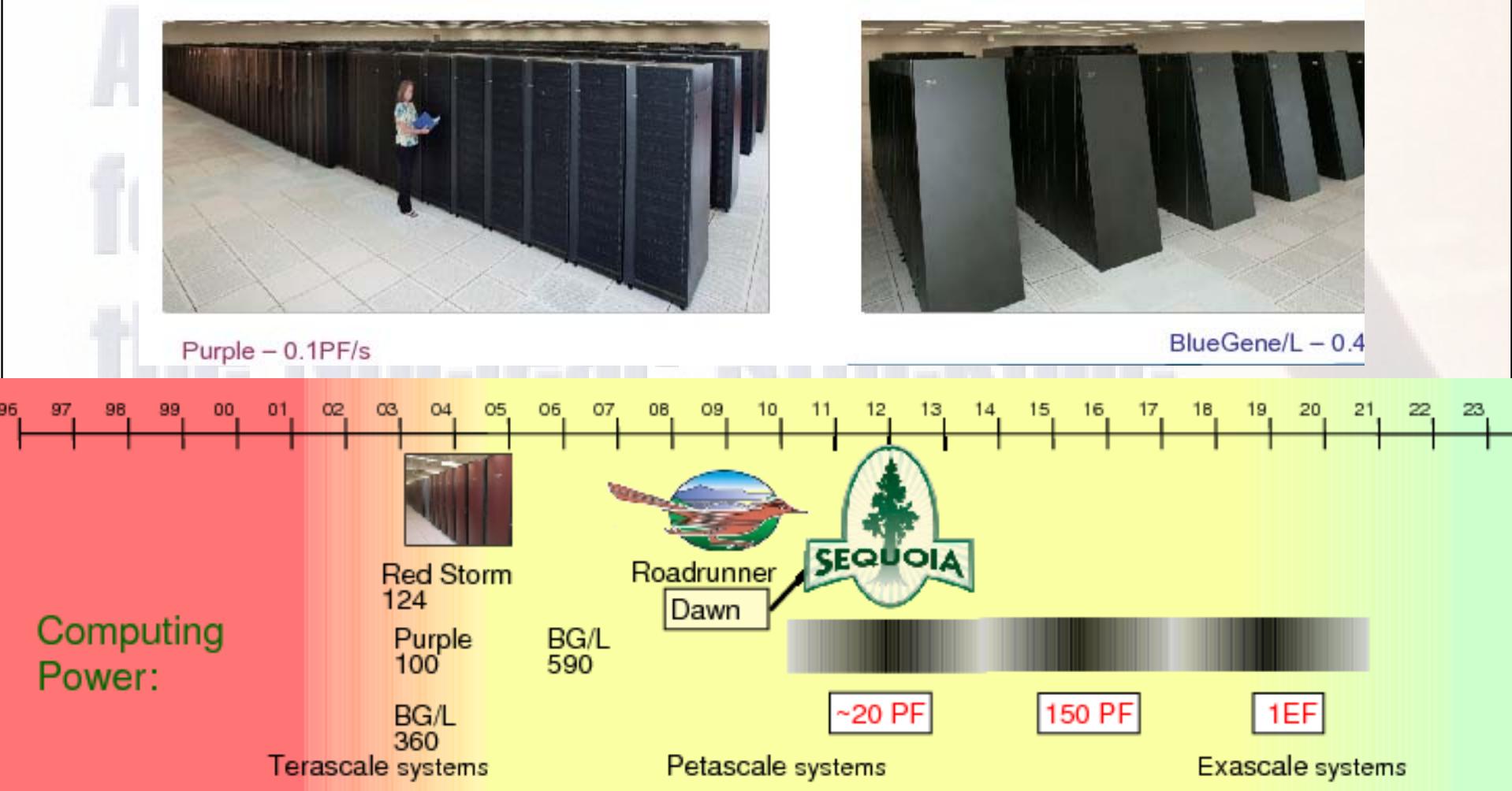
- President Clinton in 1993 committed the United States to a global ban on underground nuclear testing, and on Sept. 24, 1996, he signed the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty at the United Nations
- In the absence of underground testing: use modeling and simulation—requiring unprecedented levels of computing power—to certify the safety and reliability of a reduced U.S. nuclear weapons stockpile
- ASCI is DOE's 10-year, \$2 billion program, that was formed to develop the high-resolution, three-dimensional physics modeling needed to evaluate the aging nuclear stockpile

# Multiscale Modeling & Simulation

- Present day MM&S emphasizes:
  - *Petascale to exascale massively parallel computing*
  - *High-resolution 4D geometry*
  - *High-fidelity physics, chemistry*
  - *Predictivity (validation, verification, certification)*
- ...with main focus on:
  - *System behavior under extreme dynamical conditions: pressure, temperature, strain rate...*
  - *Complex physics: Deformation microstructures, phase transitions, excited states, chemistry, phenomena far away from equilibrium, failure mechanisms...*
- ...intersects with:
  - *High-performance computing*
  - *Applied physics, materials science*
  - *Probability, uncertainty quantification*



# Multiscale Modeling & Simulation - ASC



Roadmap to exascale computing

# Multiscale Modeling & Simulation

## ASC/ASAP → ASC/PSAAP

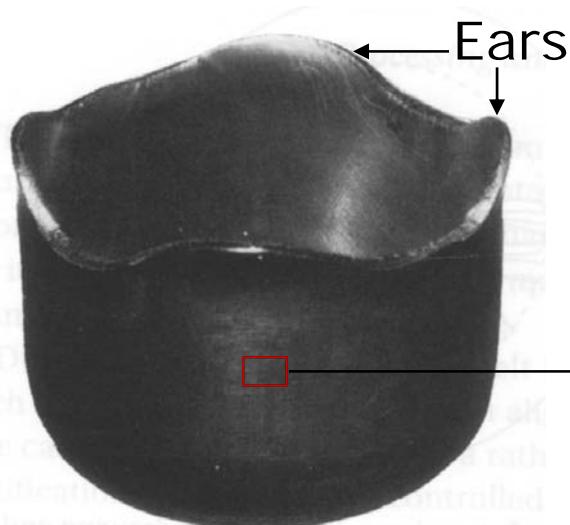


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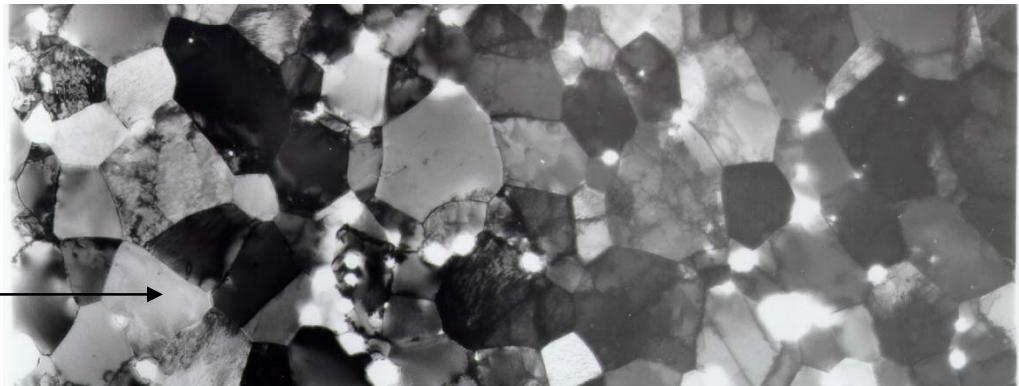


ASC/PSAAP Centers

# MS&S – Limitations of empirical models



Deep-drawn cup

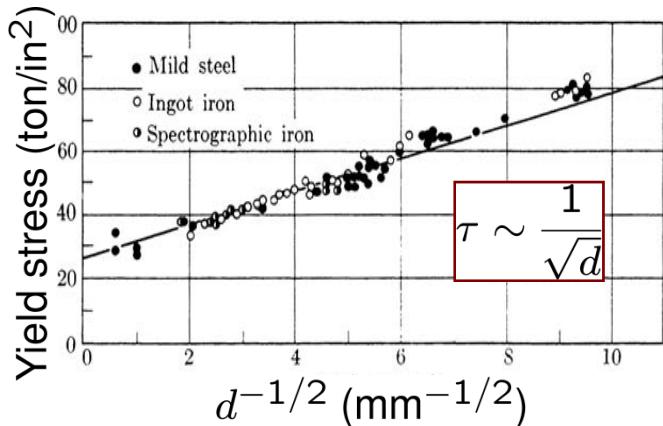


Grain structure of polycrystalline W  
(Courtesy of Clyde Briant)

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

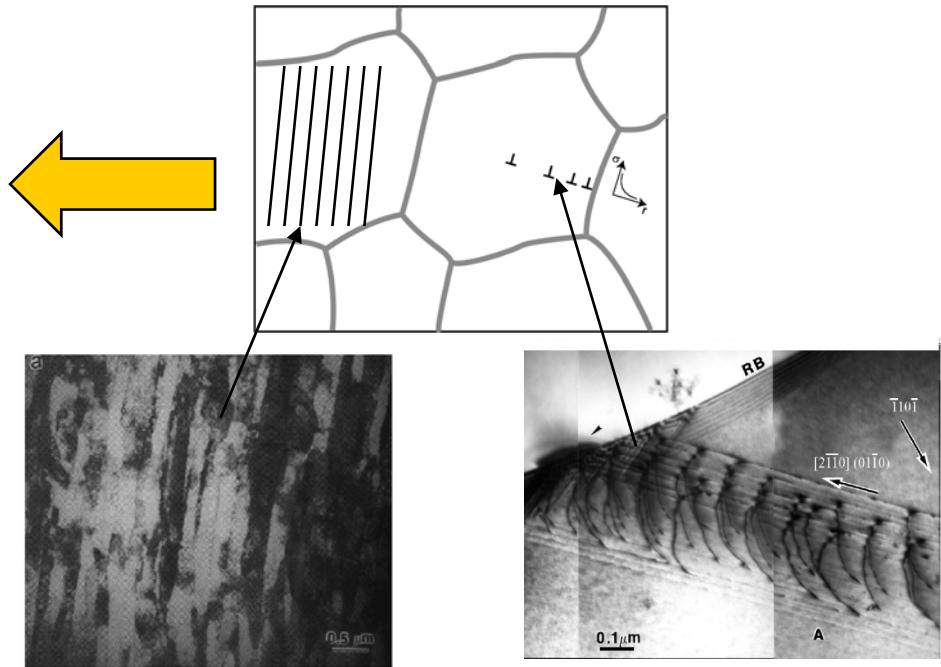


# MS&S – Limitations of empirical models



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

Yield stress (Kg/mm<sup>2</sup>)

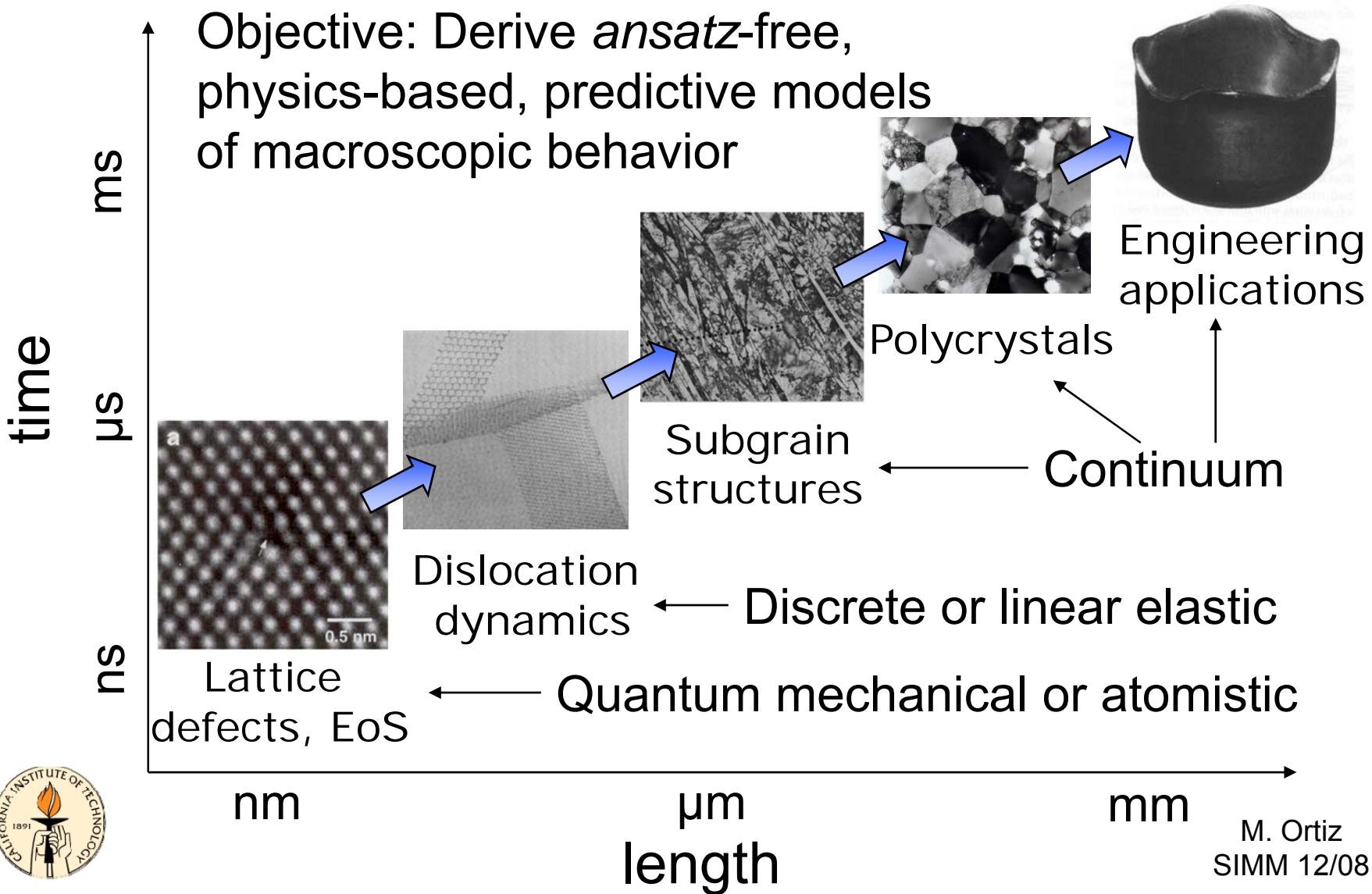


Lamellar structure  
in shocked Ta  
(MA Meyers et al '95)

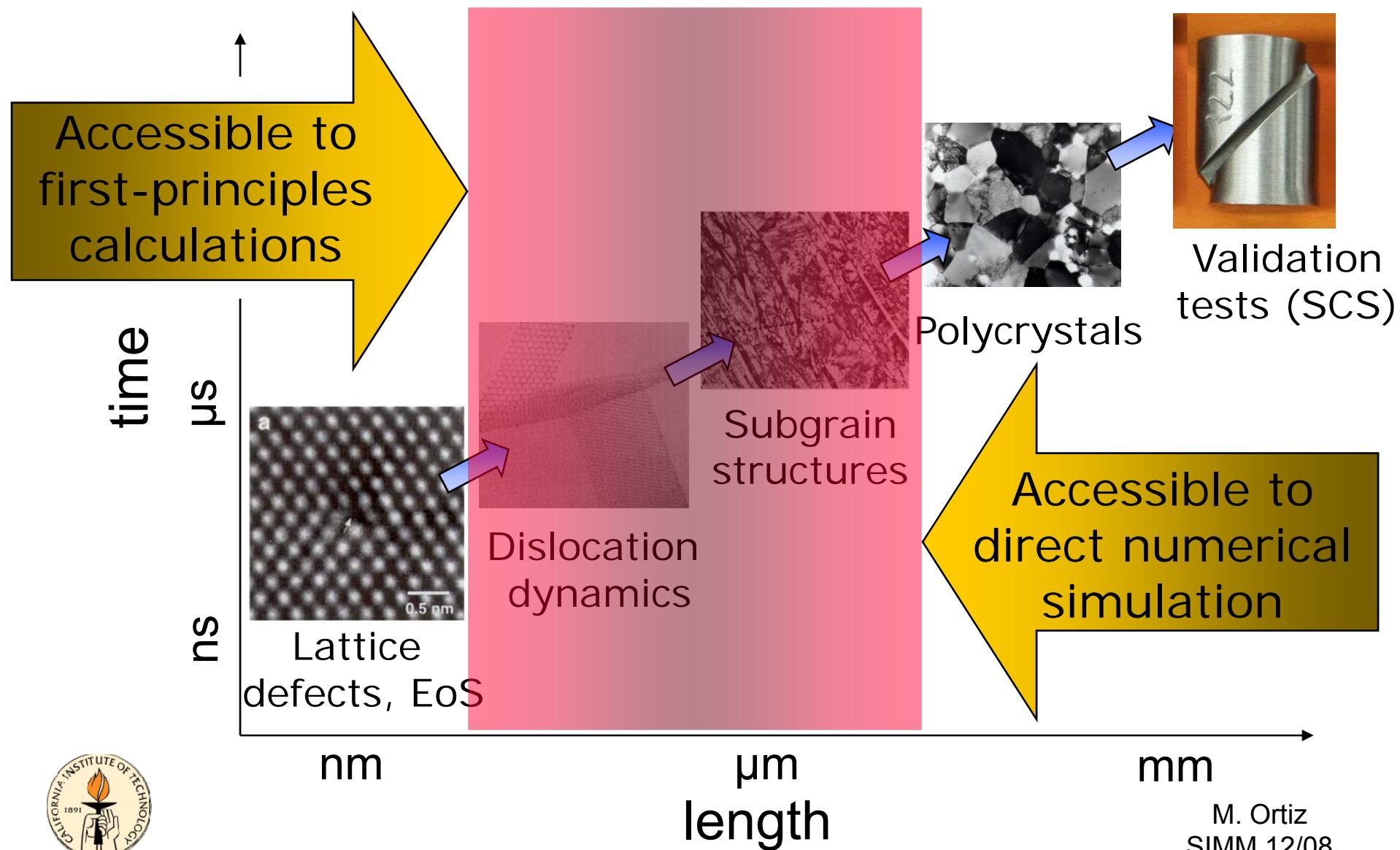
Dislocation pile-up  
at Ti grain boundary  
(I. Robertson)

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

# MS&S – Metal plasticity



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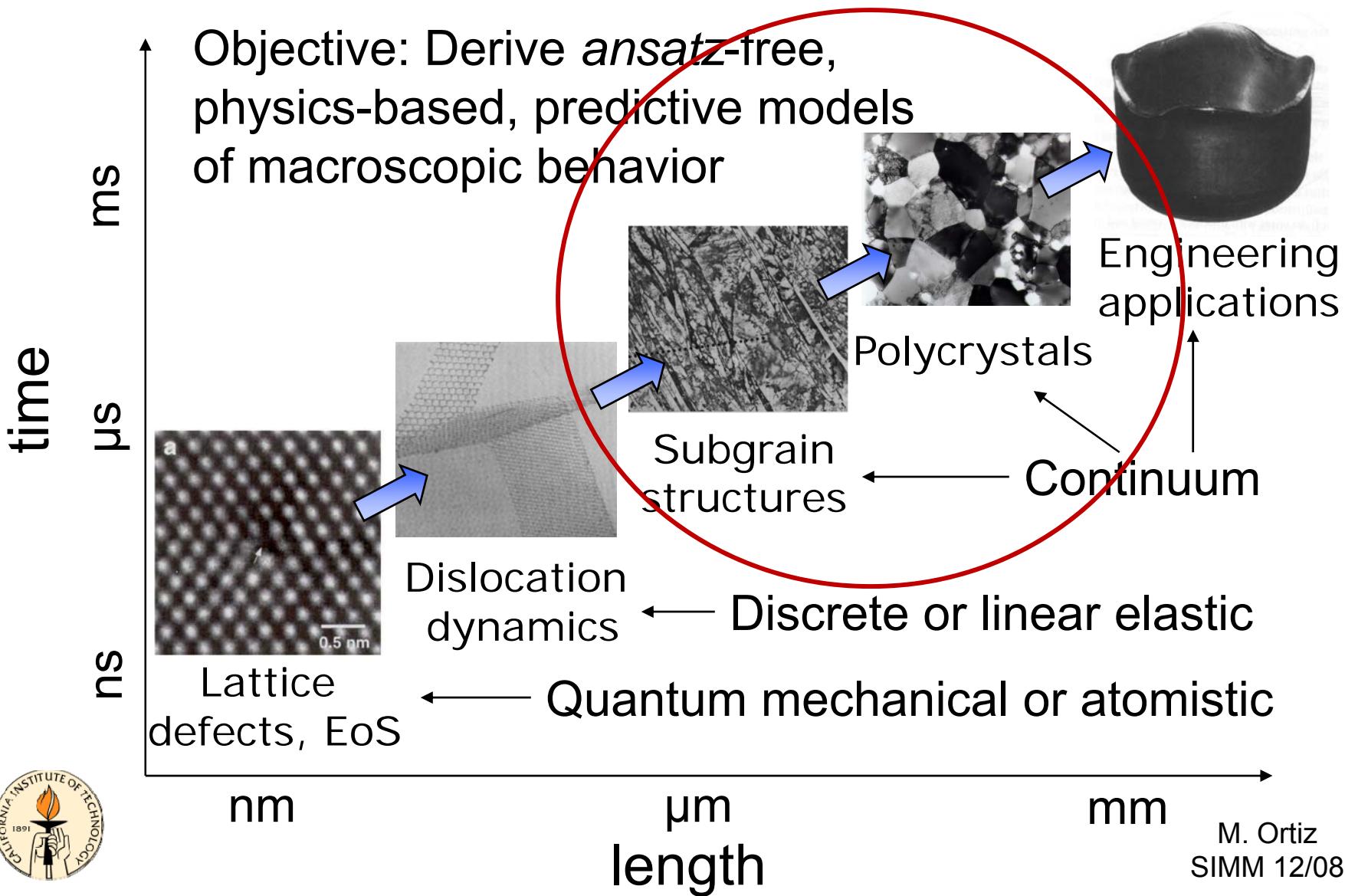


# MM&S – Material modeling

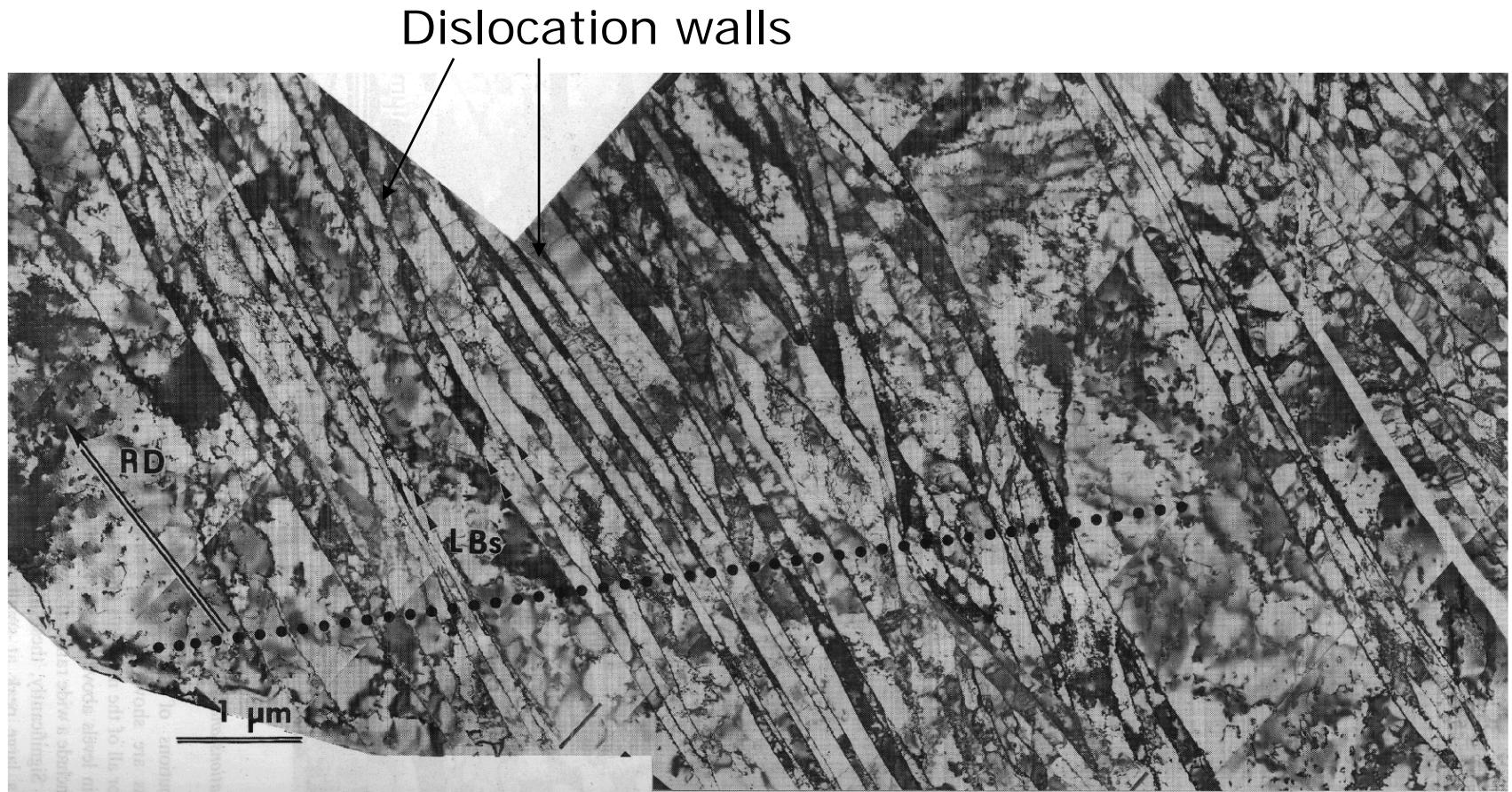
- Objective: Derive *ansatz*-free, physics-based, predictive models of macroscopic behavior
- Multiscale model must account for all possible microstructures (no physics lost)
- Multiscale models must yield exact macroscopic behavior (e.g., force-displacement curves...)
- Multiscale model must allow for the *a posteriori* reconstruction of microstructures (no loss of microstructural information)
- Multiscale models must be computationally efficient: Fast Multiscale Models (FMM)
- Static problems: Calculus of variations, relaxation, Gamma convergence, scaling...



# MS&S – Metal plasticity



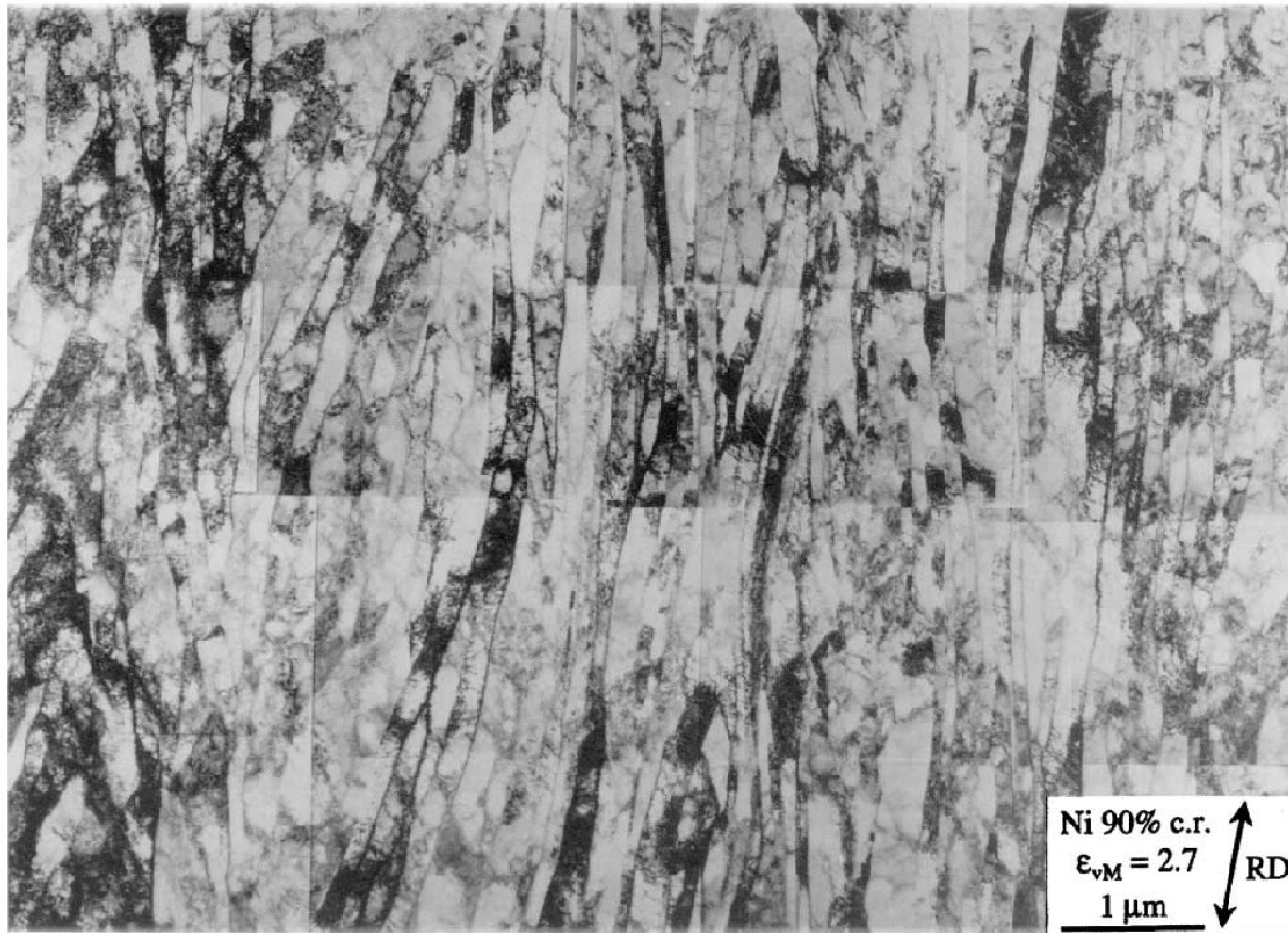
# Dislocation structures



**Lamellar dislocation structure in 90% cold-rolled Ta**  
(DA Hughes and N Hansen, Acta Materialia,  
44 (1) 1997, pp. 105-112)



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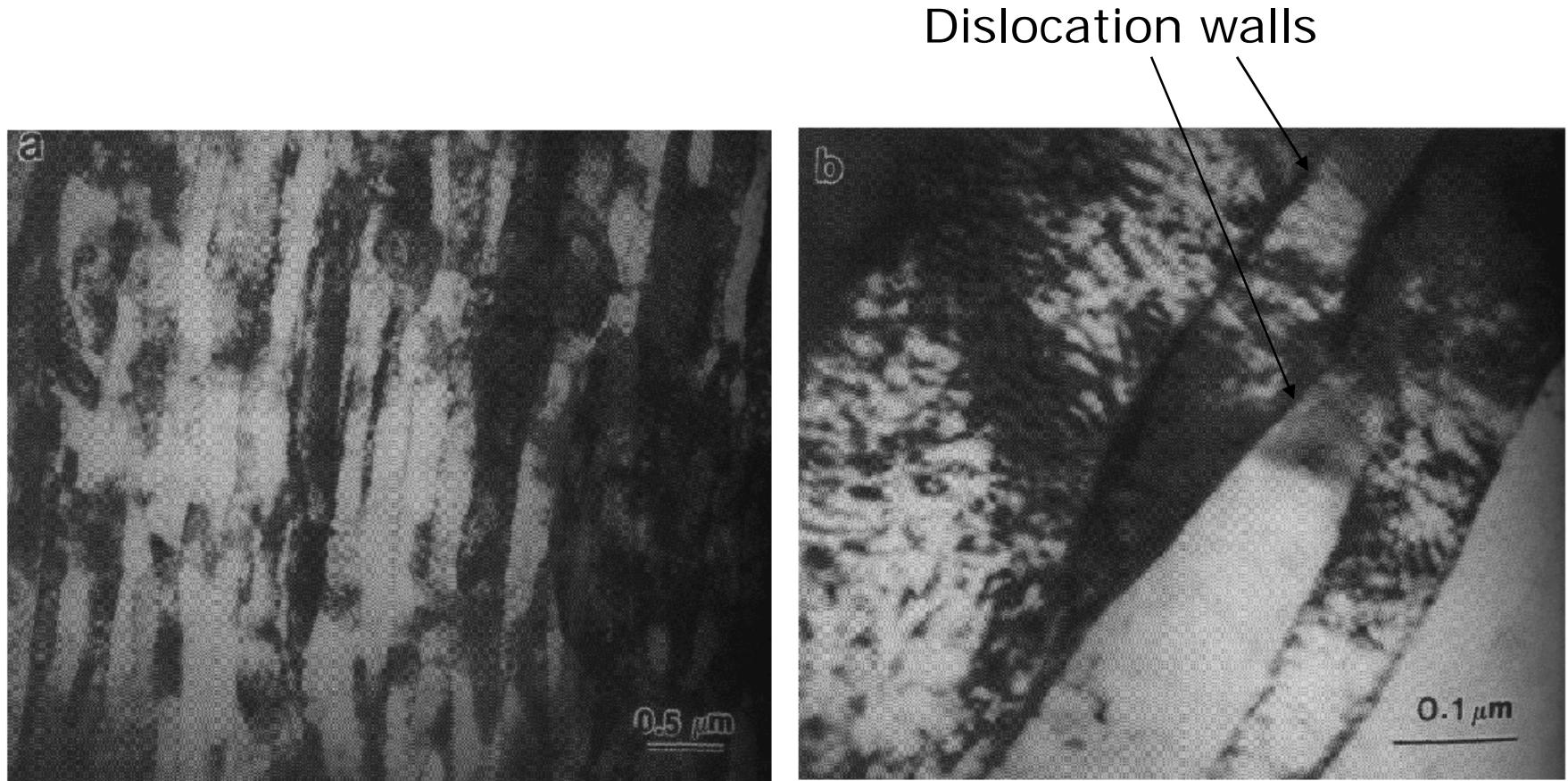
**Pure nickel cold rolled to 90%**

Hansen *et al.* Mat. Sci. Engin. A317 (2001)



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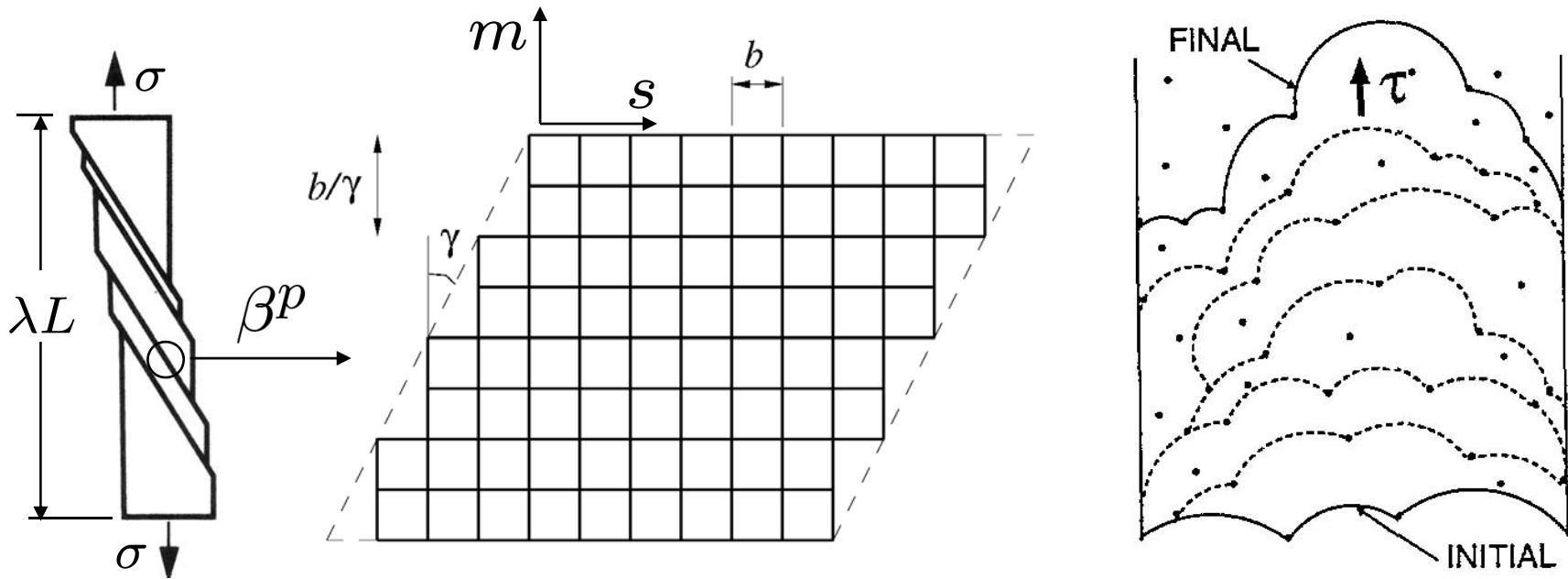
# Dislocation structures



**Lamellar structures in shocked Ta**  
(MA Meyers et al., Metall. Mater. Trans.,  
26 (10) 1995, pp. 2493-2501)



# Crystal plasticity – Local



- Incremental flow rule:  $\epsilon^p(\gamma) = \sum \gamma s \odot m$
- Pseudo-elastic strain energy density:

$$W(\epsilon) = \inf_{\gamma > 0} \{W^e(\epsilon - \epsilon^p(\gamma)) + W^p(\gamma)\}$$

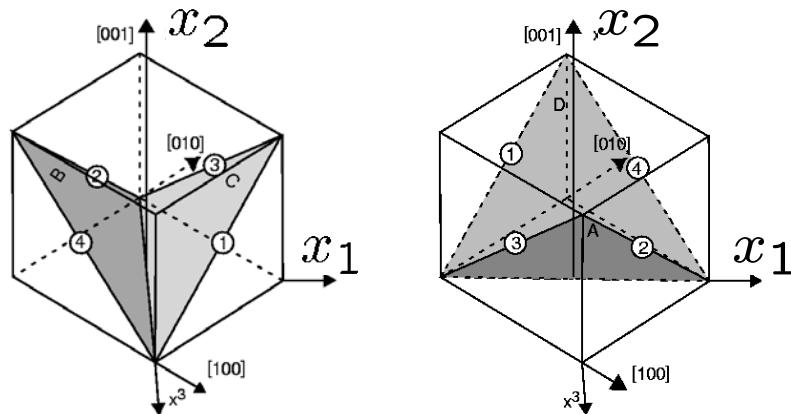
- Variational problem (static equilibrium):

$$F(u) = \int_{\Omega} W(\epsilon(u)) dx \rightarrow \inf!$$



# Non-convexity - Strong latent hardening

- Example: FCC crystal deforming on  $(1\bar{1}0)$ -plane

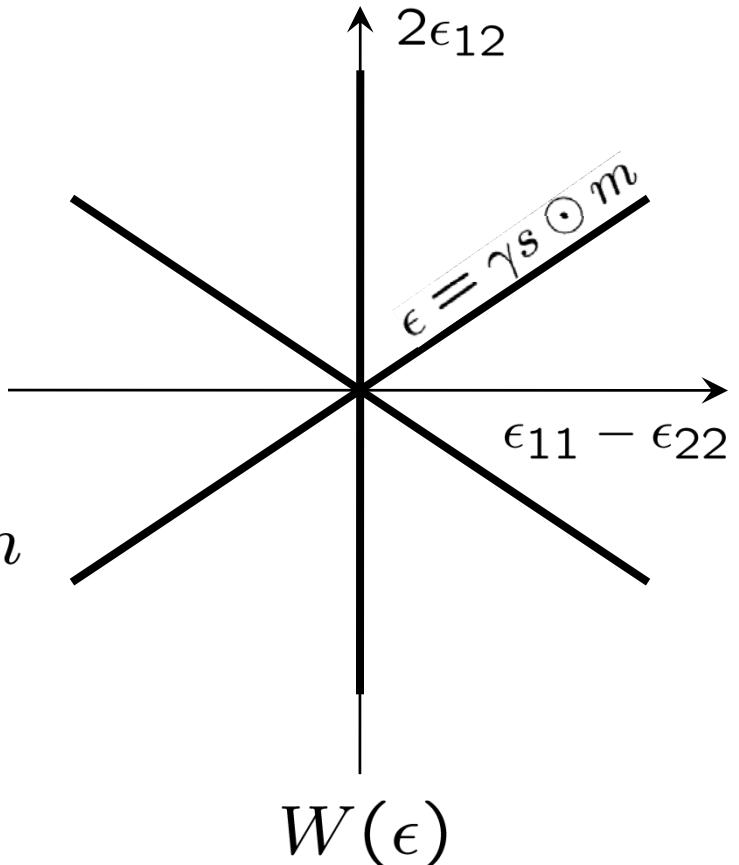


- Rigid-plastic case:

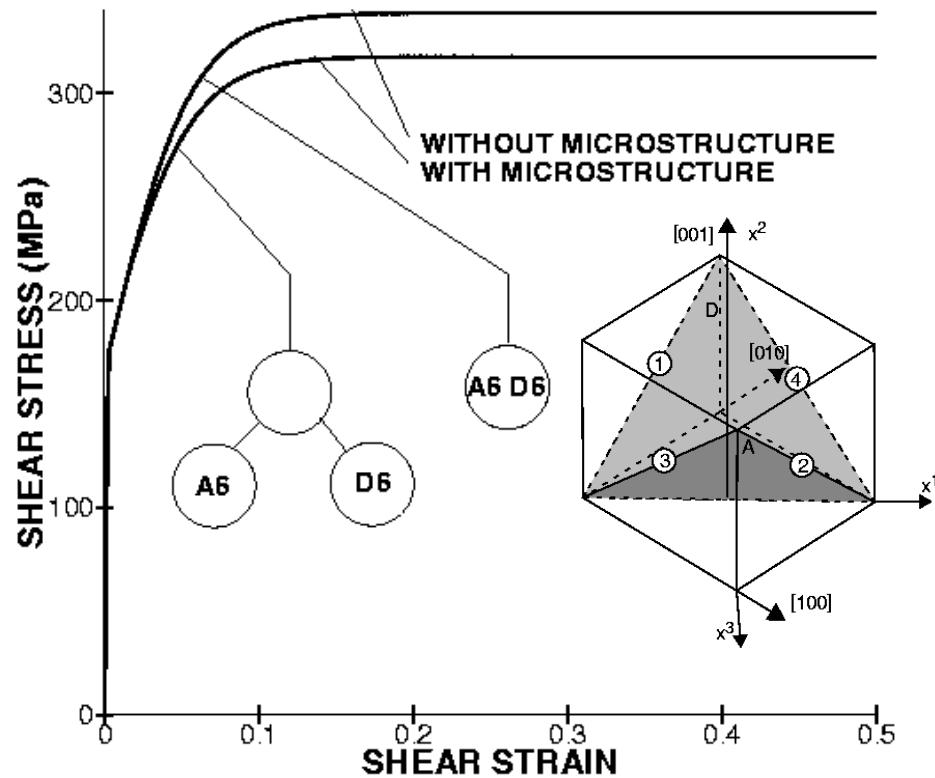
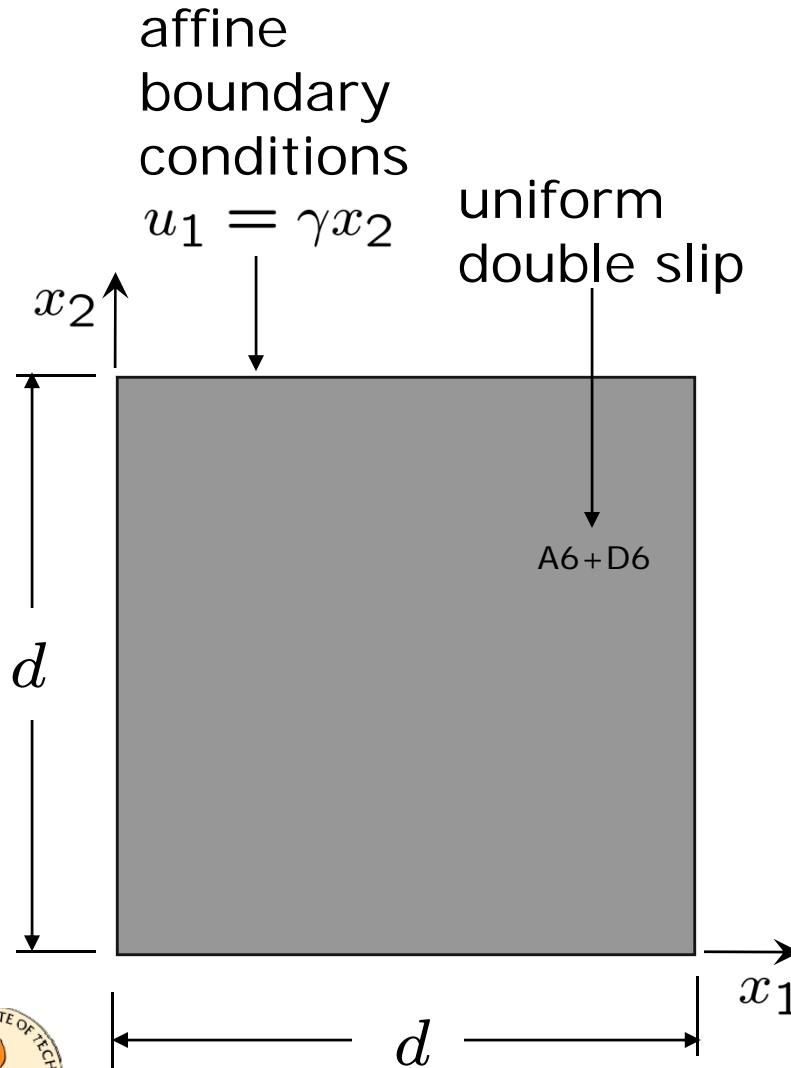
$$W = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } \epsilon = \gamma s \odot m \\ +\infty, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- $W(\epsilon)$  non-convex!

(Ortiz and Repetto, *JMPS*,  
47(2) 1999, p. 397)



# Strong latent hardening & microstructure



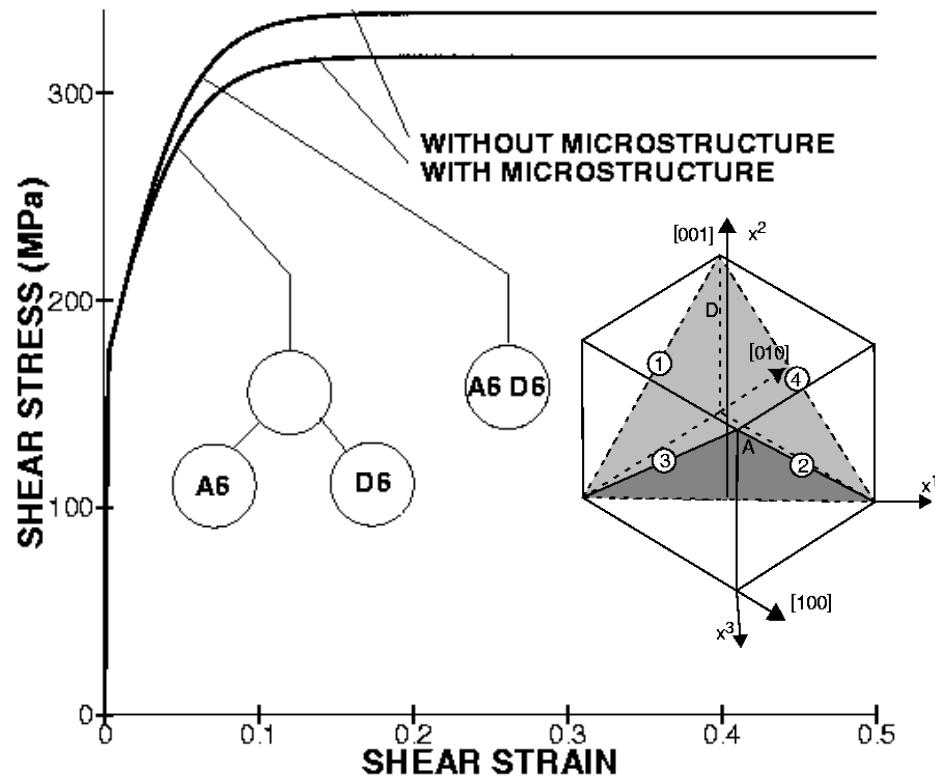
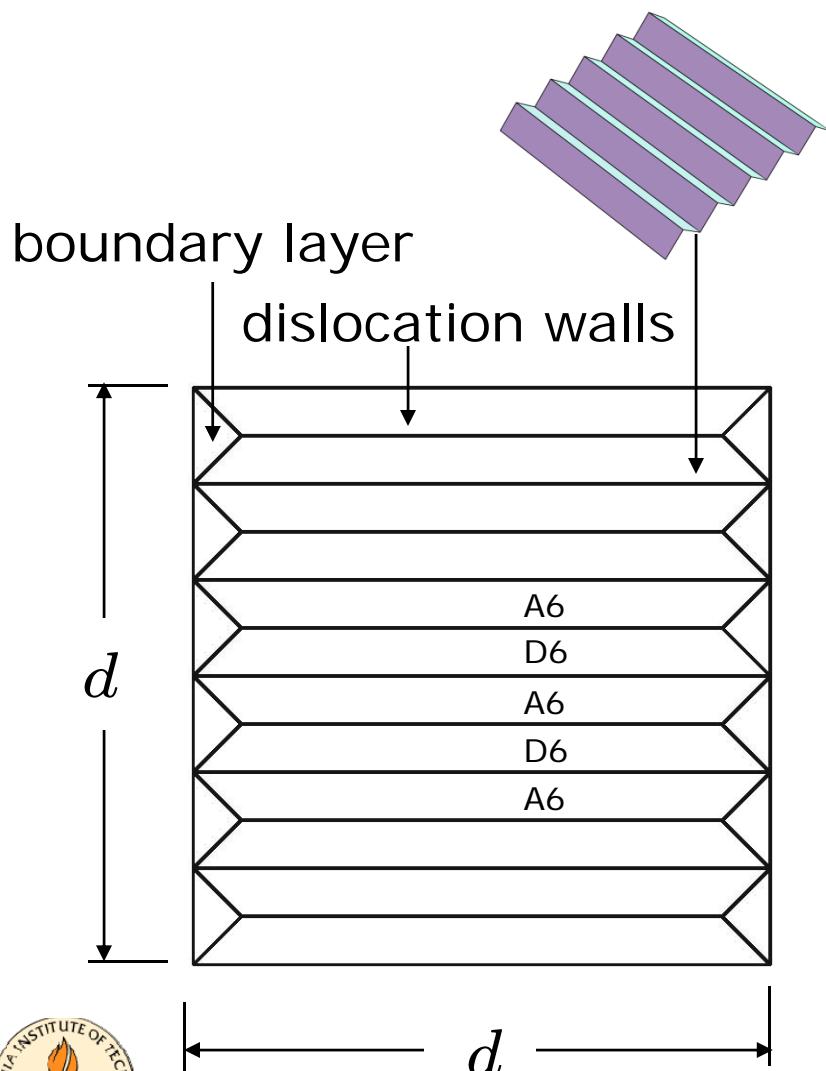
FCC crystal deformed in simple shear on (001) plane in [110] direction

(M Ortiz, EA Repetto and L Stainier  
*JMPS*, **48**(10) 2000, p. 2077)

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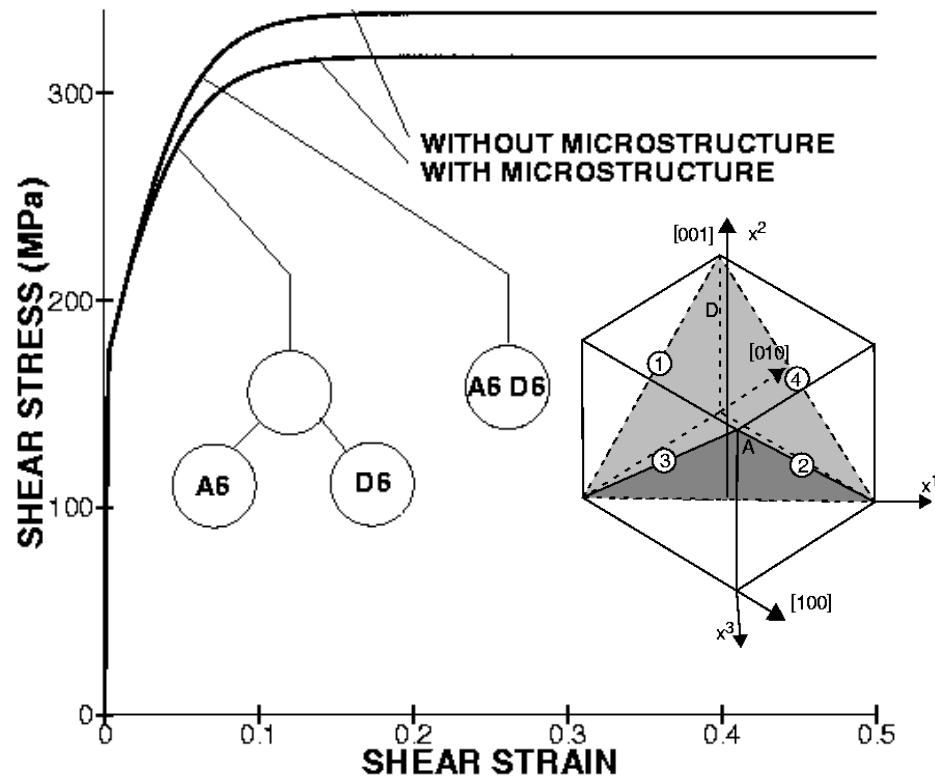
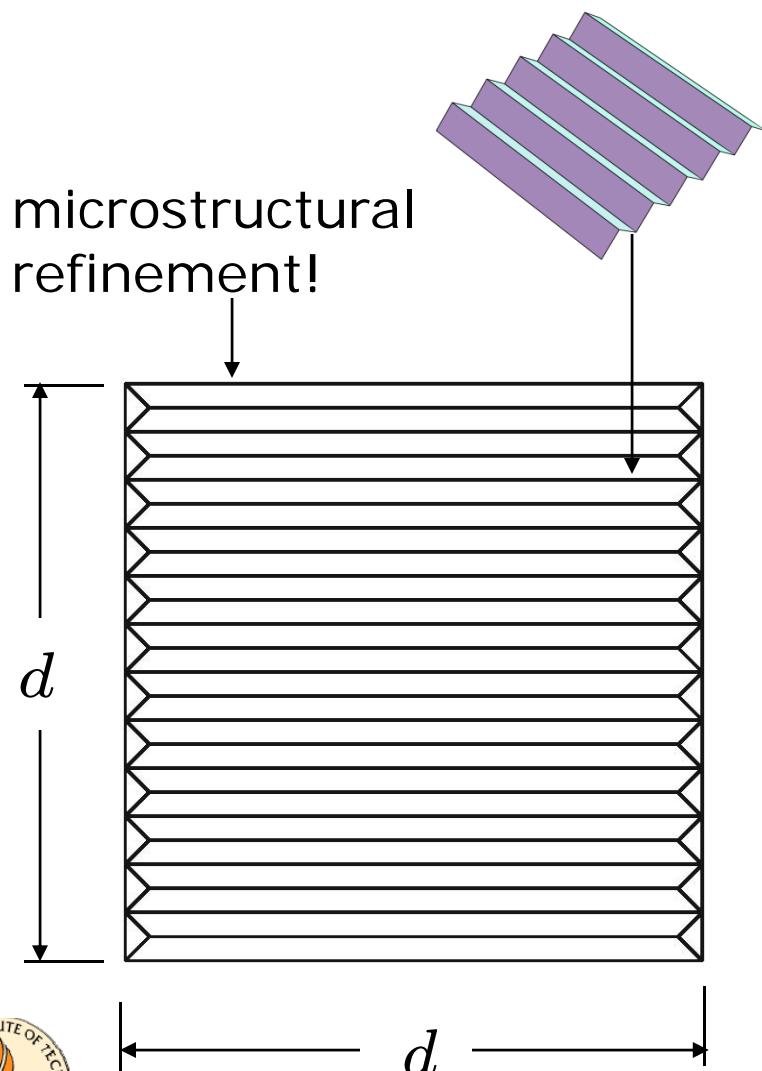


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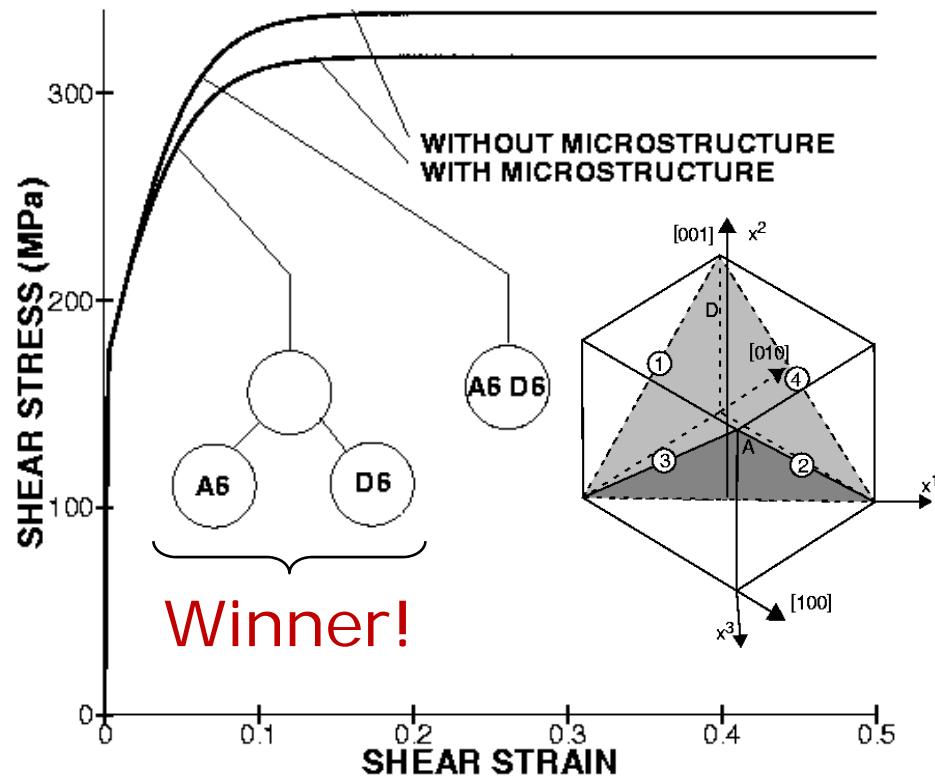
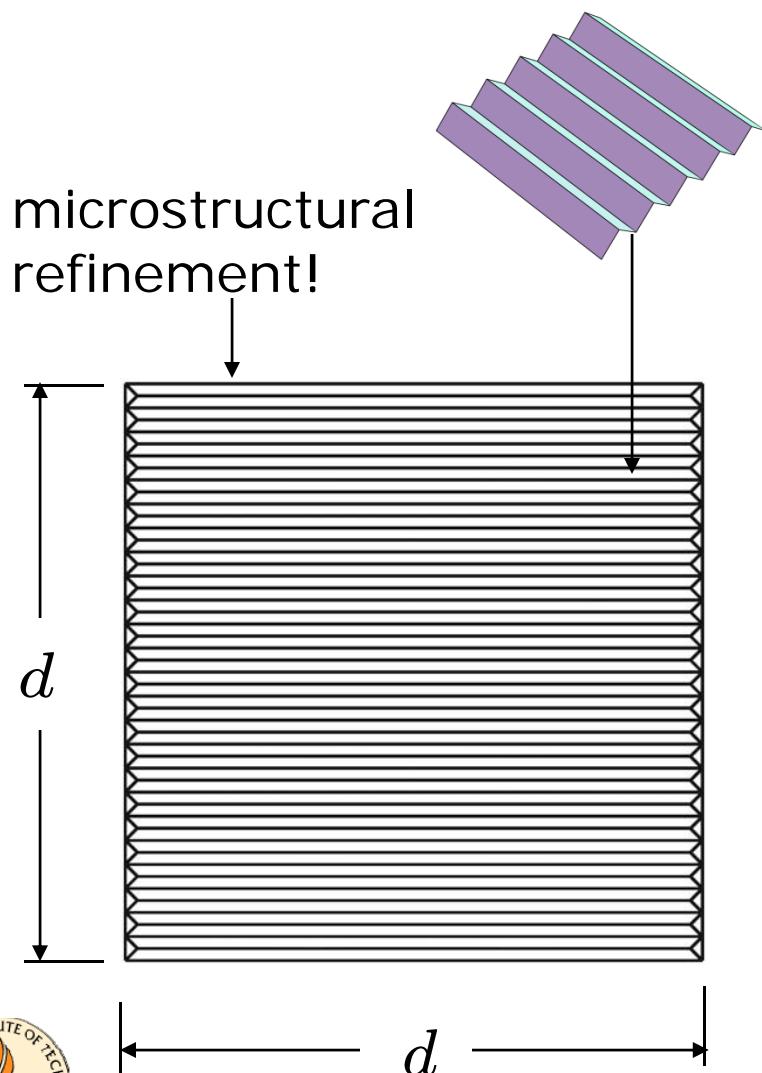


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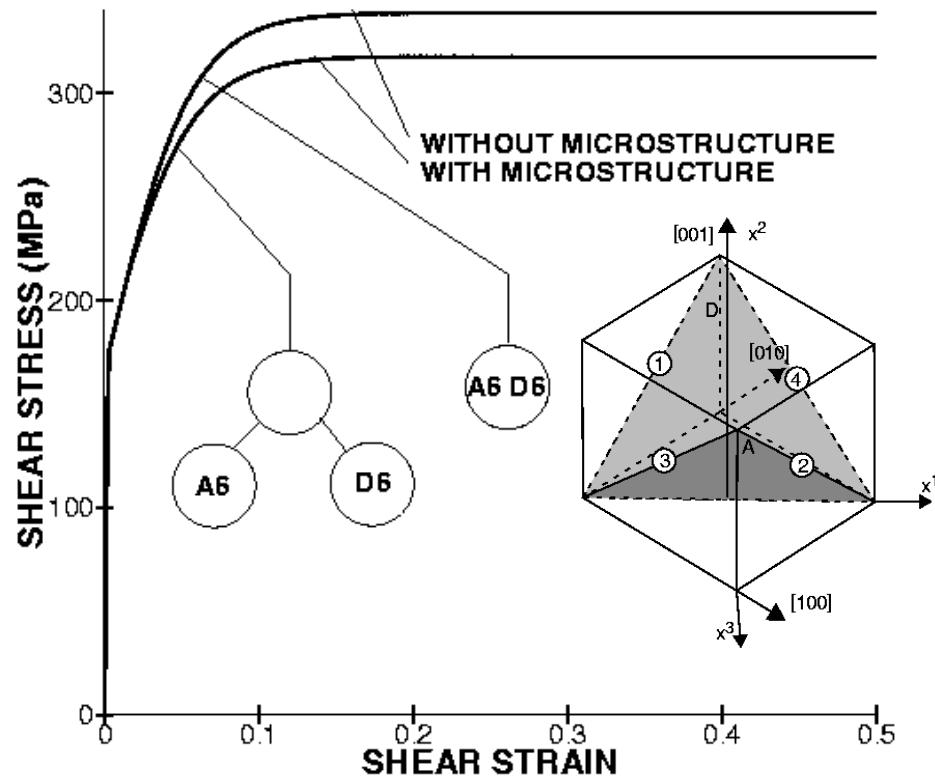
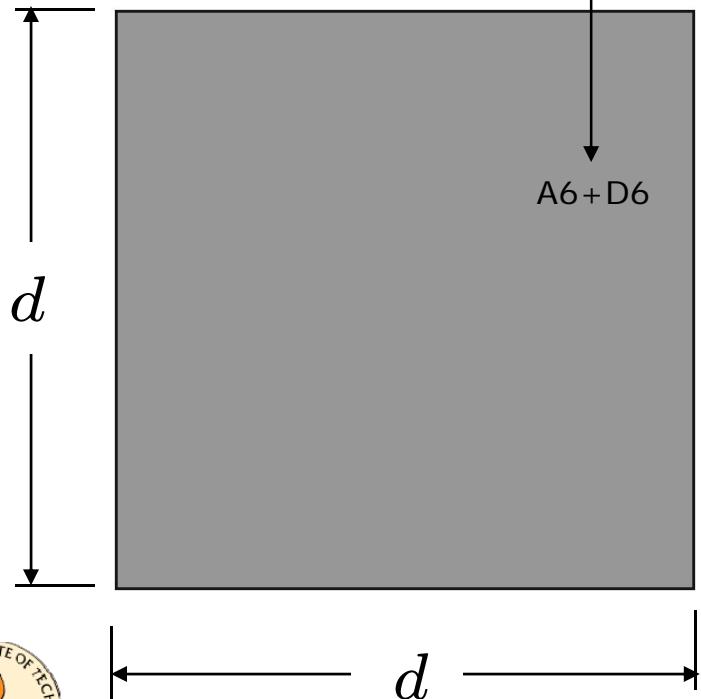
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# Strong latent hardening & microstructure

NON-EXISTENCE!

Pass to the uniform double slip!

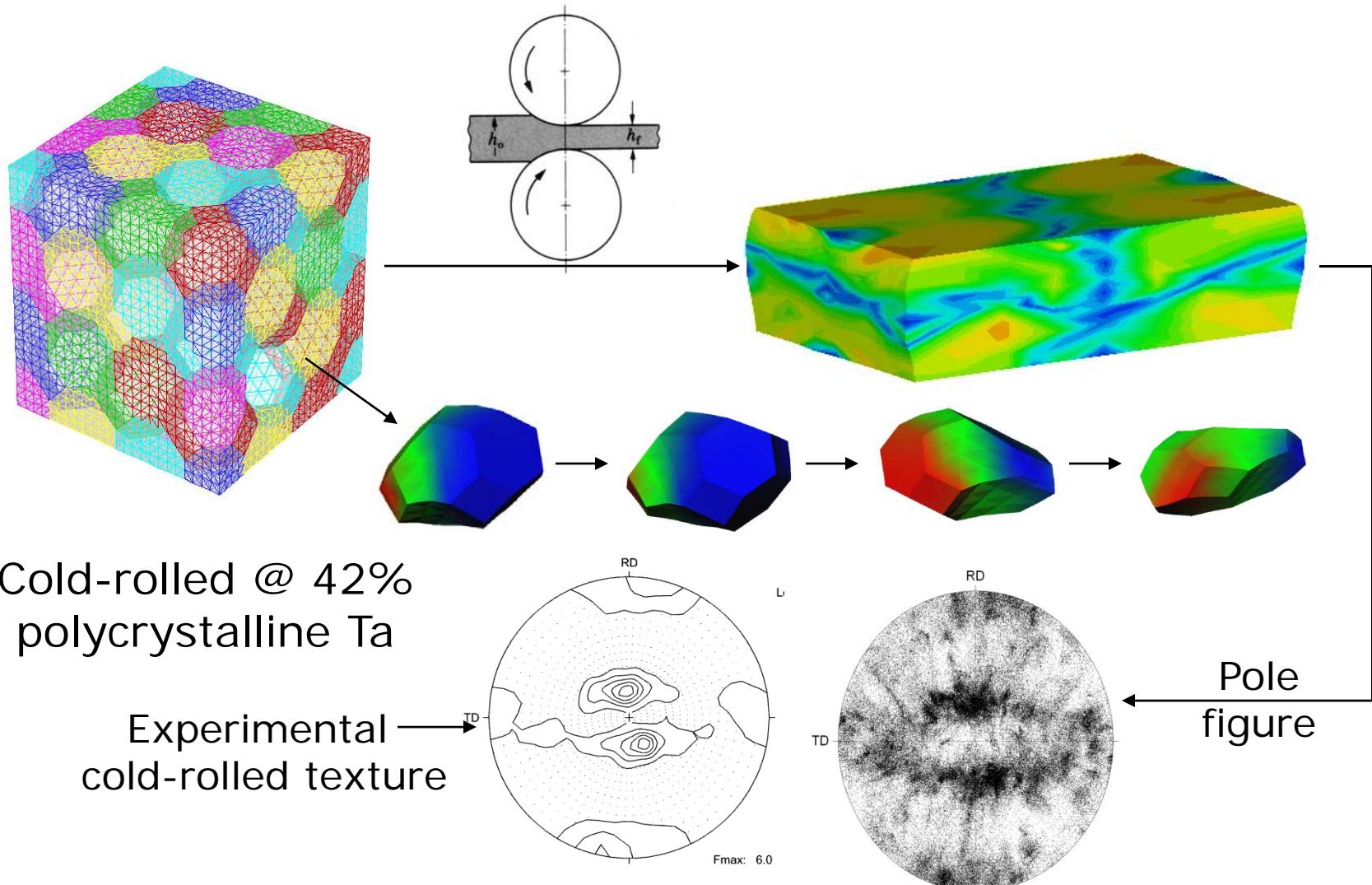


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# Polycrystals – Limitations of DNS



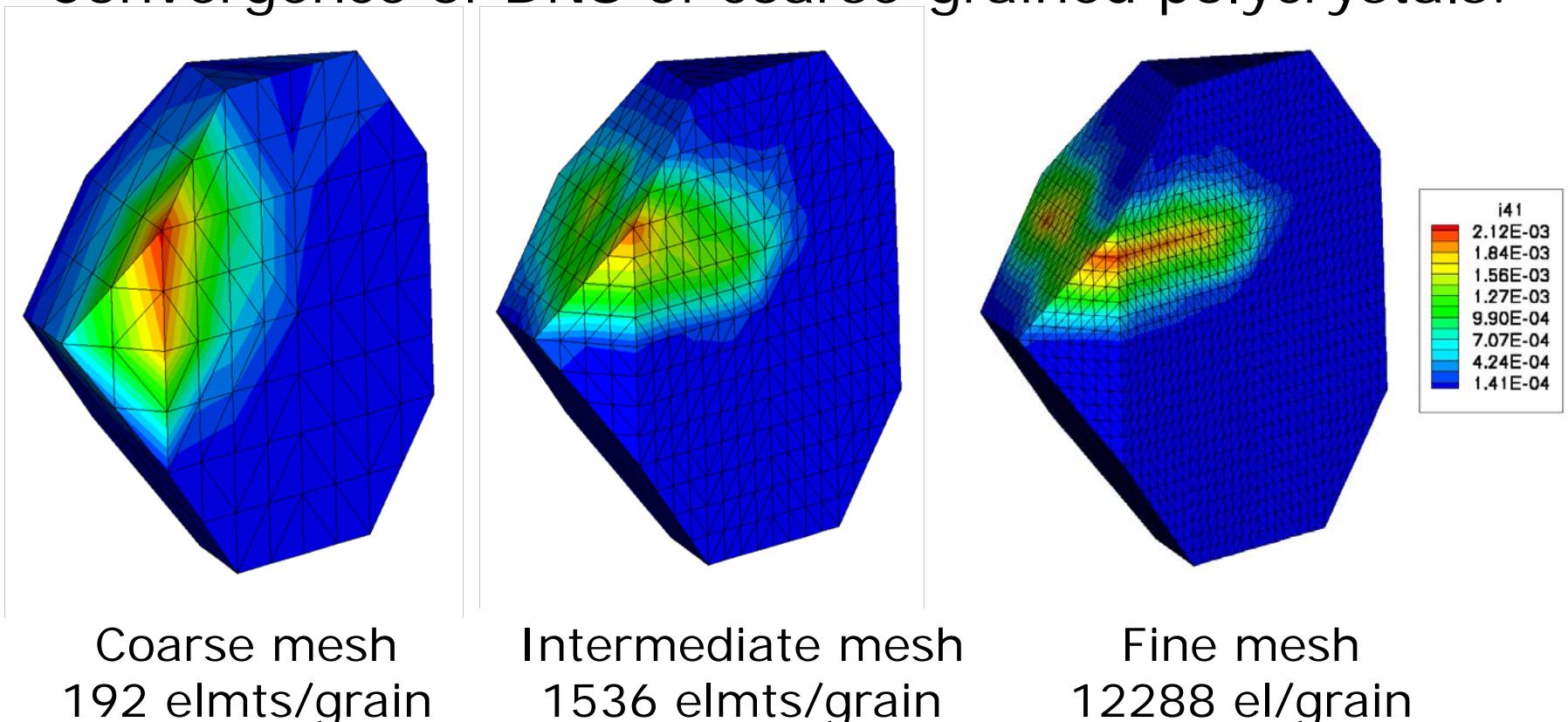
(Zhao, Z. et al., *Acta Mater.*, **55** (2007) 2361-2373)

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Convergence of DNS of coarse-grained polycrystals:



Cold-rolled @ 42% polycrystalline Ta  
(Zhao, Z. et al., *Acta Mater.*, 55 (2007) 2361-2373)

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# Non-convexity and microstructure

- Strong latent hardening and geometrical softening render the variational problem of crystal plasticity ill-posed...
- Microstructures beat uniform multiple slip in general, soften the macroscopic response of the crystal, lead to scaling behavior
- Microstructures are much too fine to be resolved numerically by direct numerical simulation
- How to build microstructure into finite element calculations?



# Calculus of variations and microstructure



Morrey, C.B. Jr.,  
“Quasi-convexity and  
the semicontinuity  
of multiple integrals,”  
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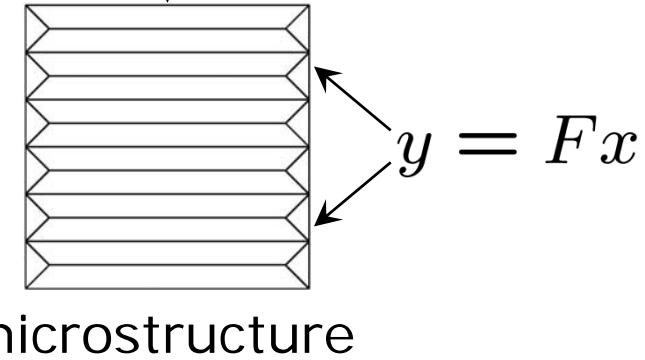
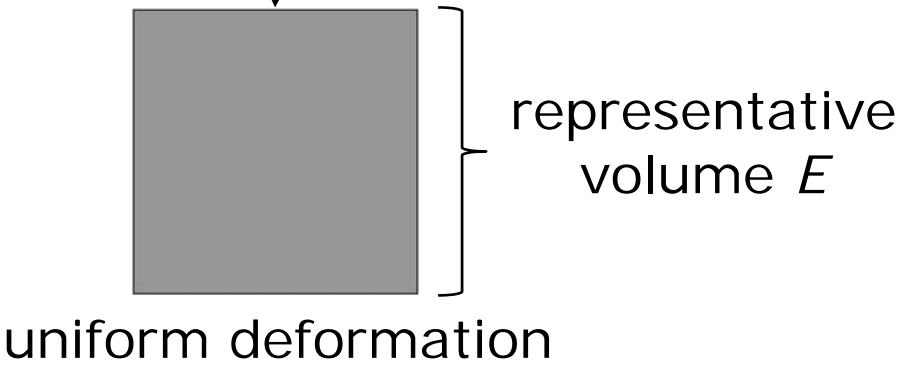
De Giorgi, E., “Sulla  
convergenza di alcune  
successioni di integrali  
del tipo dell’area,”  
*Rend. Mat.*, Vol. 8  
(1975) pp. 277-294.



# Calculus of variations and microstructure

- Quasiconvex envelope of an energy density  $W(F)$ :

$$QW(F) = \inf_{v \in W_0^{1,p}(E)} \frac{1}{|E|} \int_E W(F + \nabla v) dx$$



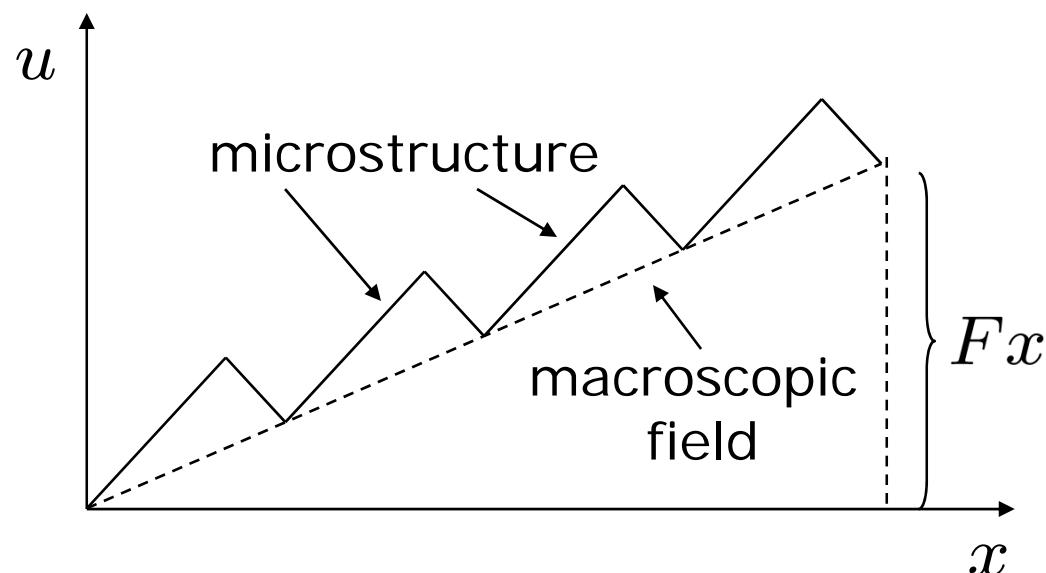
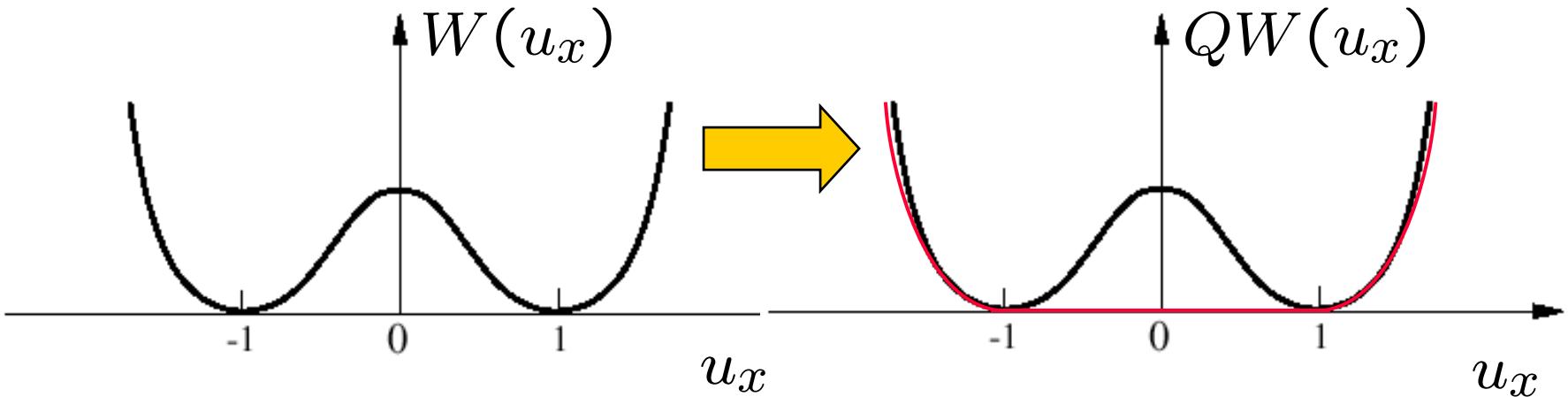
- $QW(F)$  is the largest quasi-convex (stable) energy density majorized by  $W(F)$ .

- Relaxed problem:

$$\inf_{u \in u_0 + W_0^{1,p}(\Omega)} \int_{\Omega} QW(\nabla u) dx$$



# Calculus of variations and microstructure



# Separation of scales - Relaxation

- The relaxed problem is much nicer than the original one, can be solved, e.g., by finite elements
- The relaxed and unrelaxed problems deliver the same macroscopic response (e.g., force-displacement curve)
- All microstructures are accounted for by the relaxed problem (no physics lost)
- All microstructures can be reconstructed from the solution of the relaxed problem (no loss of information)
- Relaxation is the 'perfect' multiscale method!

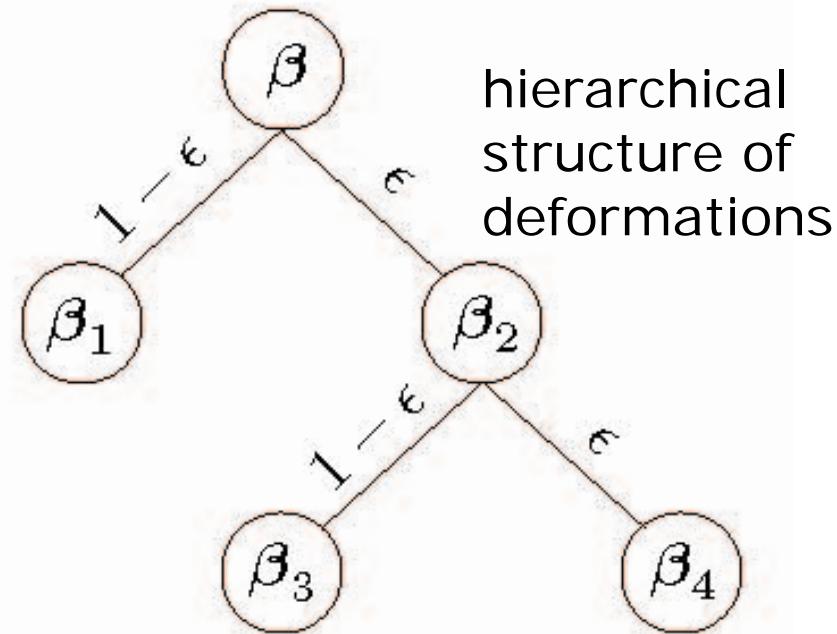
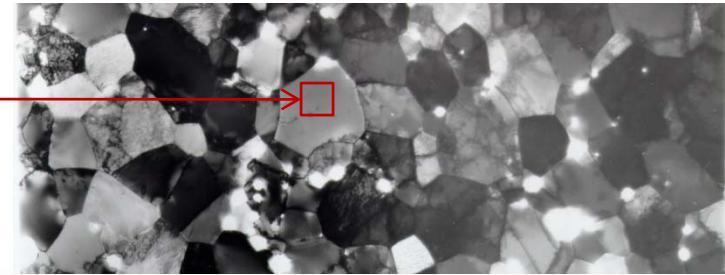
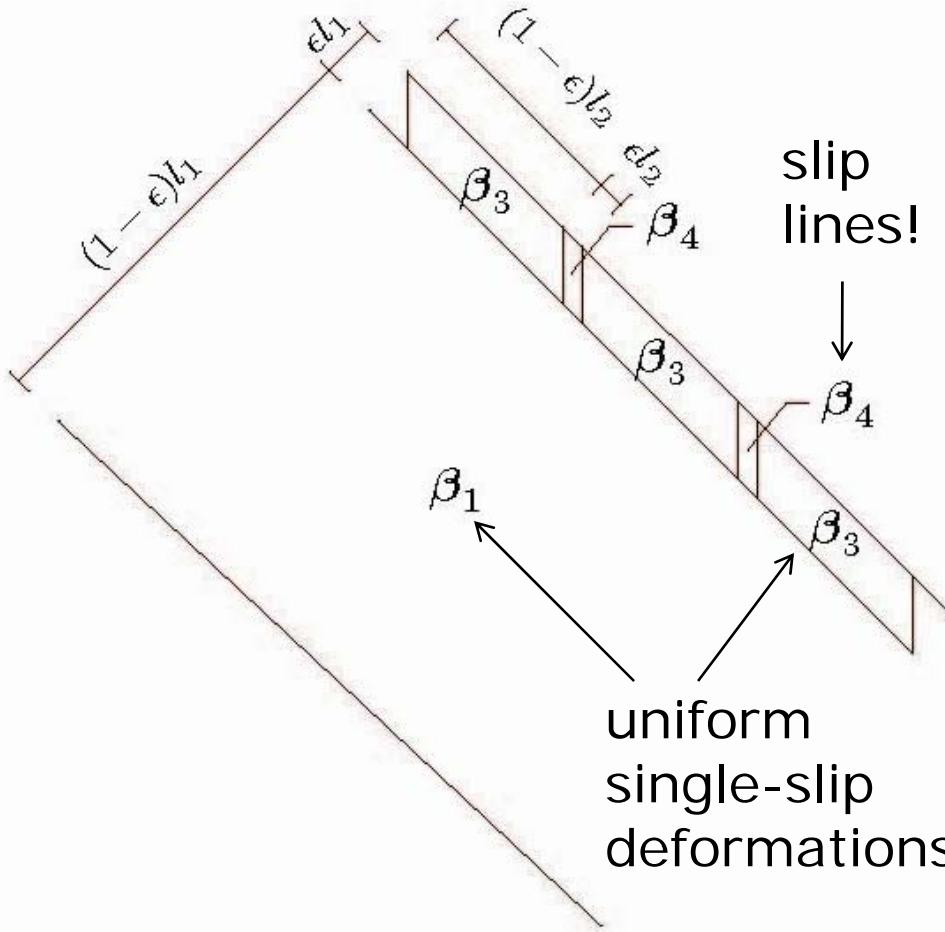


# Relaxation as 'exact' multiscale method

- General strategy for computing the relaxation:
  - *Exhibit a microstructure construction that 'beats' uniform deformations over representative volumes*
  - *Prove that the material cannot do better (optimality)*
- Optimality is difficult to prove in general => Exact relaxation is known for few material models:
  - *Small-strain single crystal plasticity* (Conti, S. and Ortiz, M., *Arch. Rat. Mech. Anal.*, **176** (2005) 103-147)
  - *Finite-deformation plasticity in single slip* (S. Conti and F. Theil, *Arch. Rat. Mech. Anal.*, **178** (2005) 125-148)
  - *Hierarchical fracture/fragmentation of brittle materials* (Pandolfi, A., Conti, S. and Ortiz, M., *J. Mech Phys. Solids*, **54** (2006) 1972-2003)



# Crystal plasticity – Relaxation



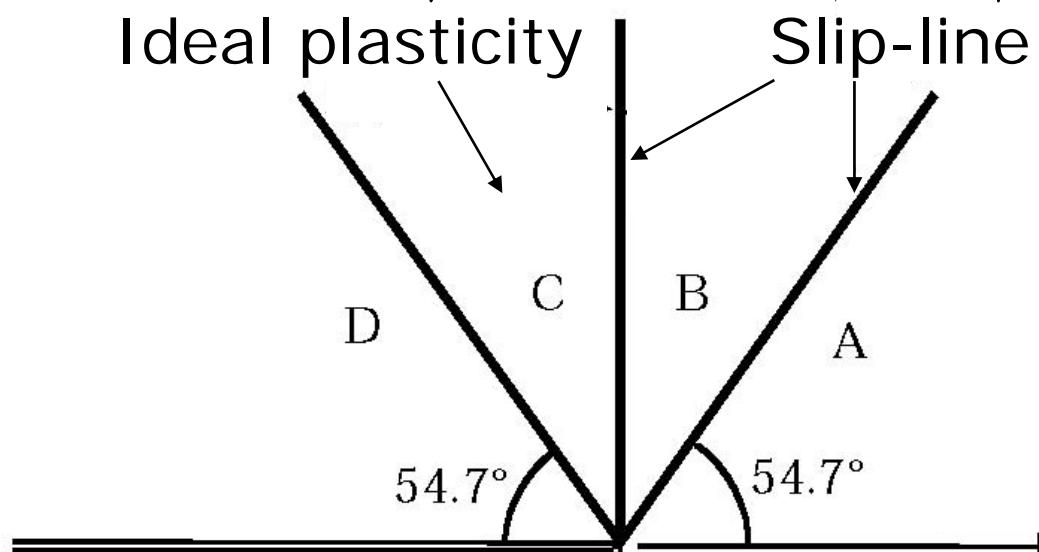
Optimal microstructure construction in double slip  
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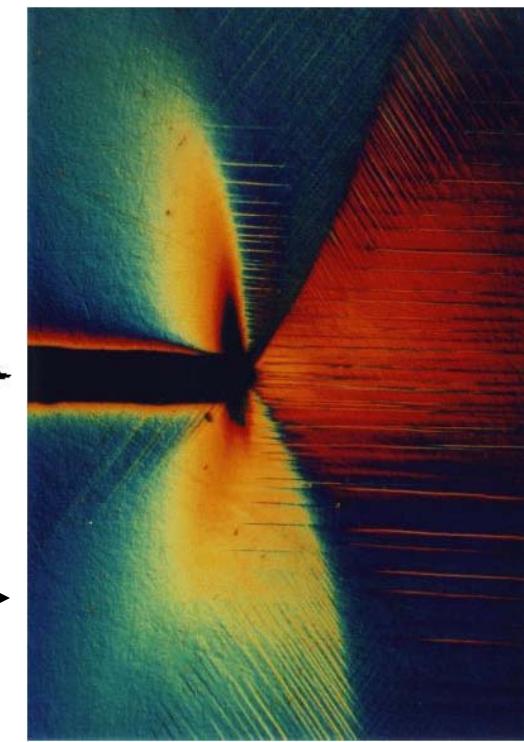
# Crystal plasticity – Relaxation

- Relaxed problem:

$$\text{Minimize: } \underbrace{\int_{\Omega} W^{**}(\epsilon(u))dx}_{\text{Ideal plasticity}} + \underbrace{\int_{\Omega} W^{\infty}\left(\frac{E_s u}{|E_s u|}\right) d|E_s u|}_{\text{Slip-line energy}}$$



(Rice, *Mech. Mat.*, 1987)



(Crone and Shield, *JMPS*, 2002) →

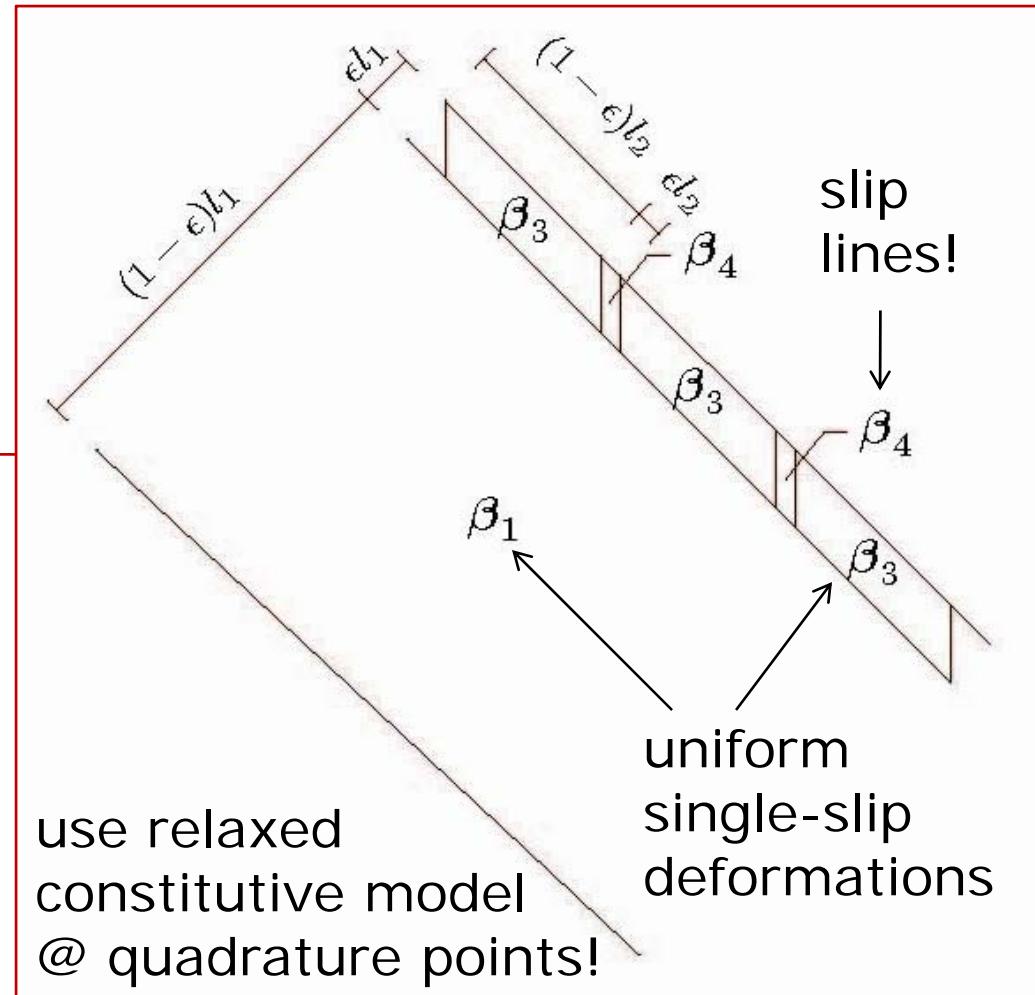
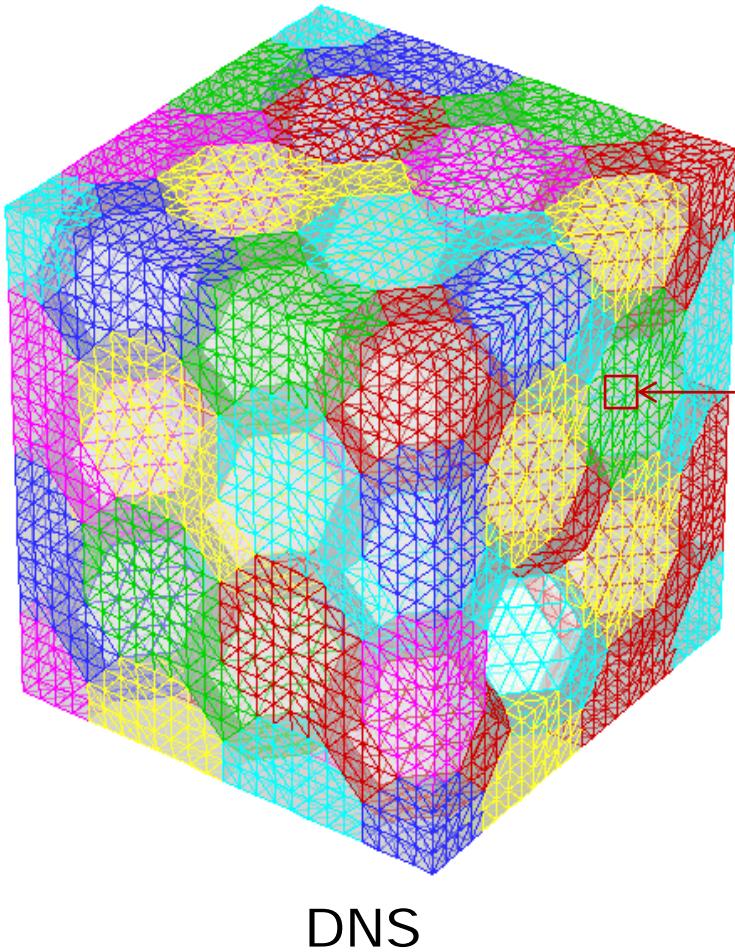


# Relaxation – Fast Multiscale Models

- Fast Multiscale Models: Use explicitly relaxed constitutive relation (when available) to represent sub-grid behavior
- Much faster than concurrent multiscale calculations (on-the-fly generation of sub-grid microstructures, e.g., by sequential lamination)
- Elements equipped with optimal microstructures, exhibit optimal effective behavior
- Convergence of approximations in the sense of Gamma convergence (Conti, S., Hauret, P. and Ortiz, M., *SIAM Multiscale Model. Simul.*, **6** (2007) 135-157)
- FMM: Optimal element enhancement!



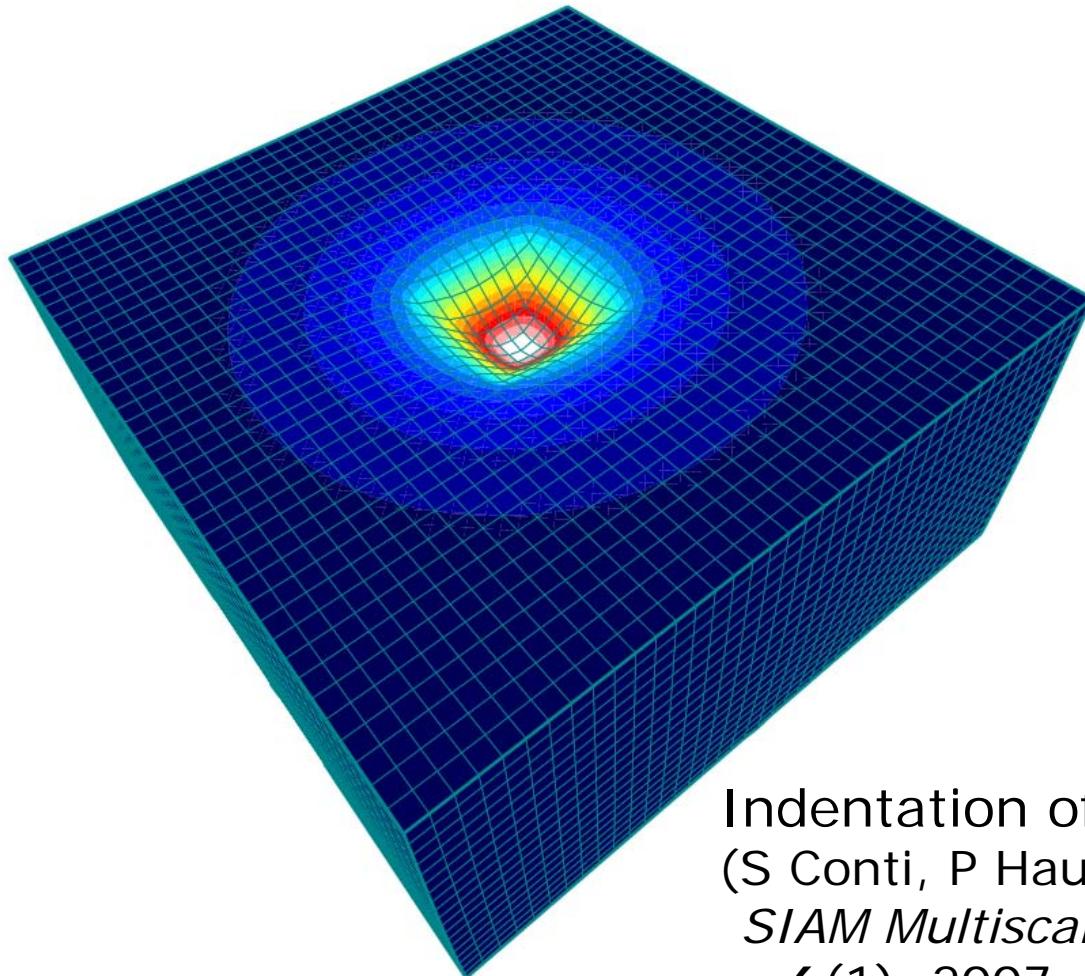
# Relaxation – Fast Multiscale Models



FMM scheme for polycrystal



# Fast Multiscale Models – Indentation



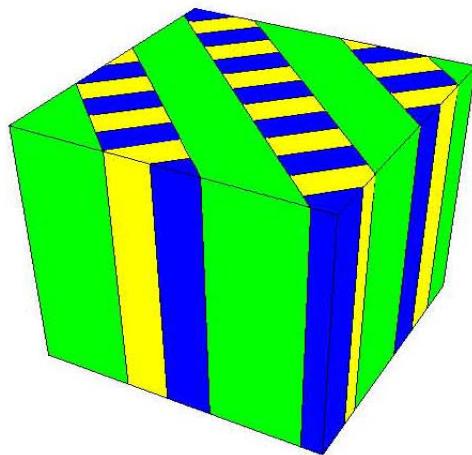
Indentation of [001] copper  
(S Conti, P Hauret and M Ortiz,  
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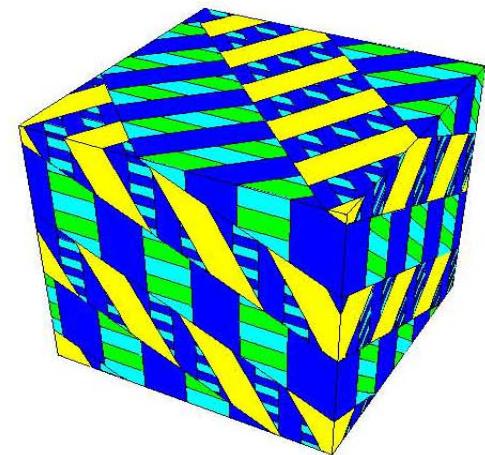


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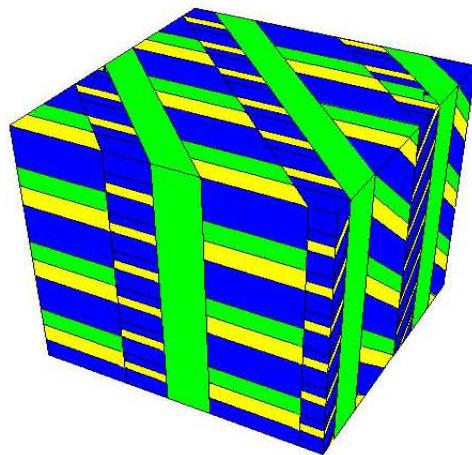
rank 2/2,  $|\gamma|_\infty = 0.0025$



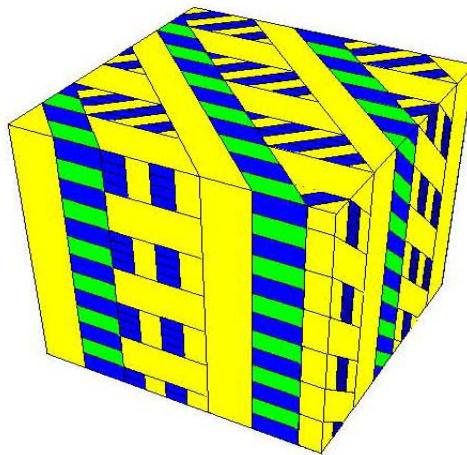
rank 4/14,  $|\gamma|_\infty = 0.43$



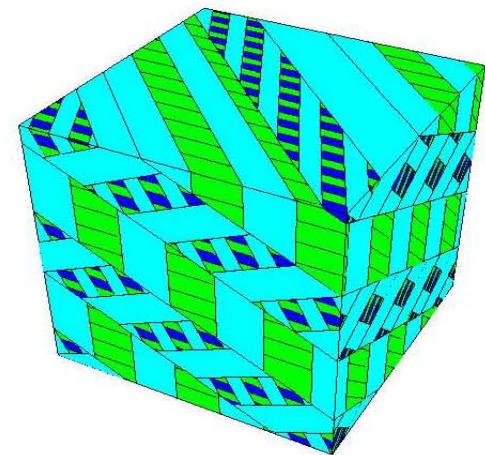
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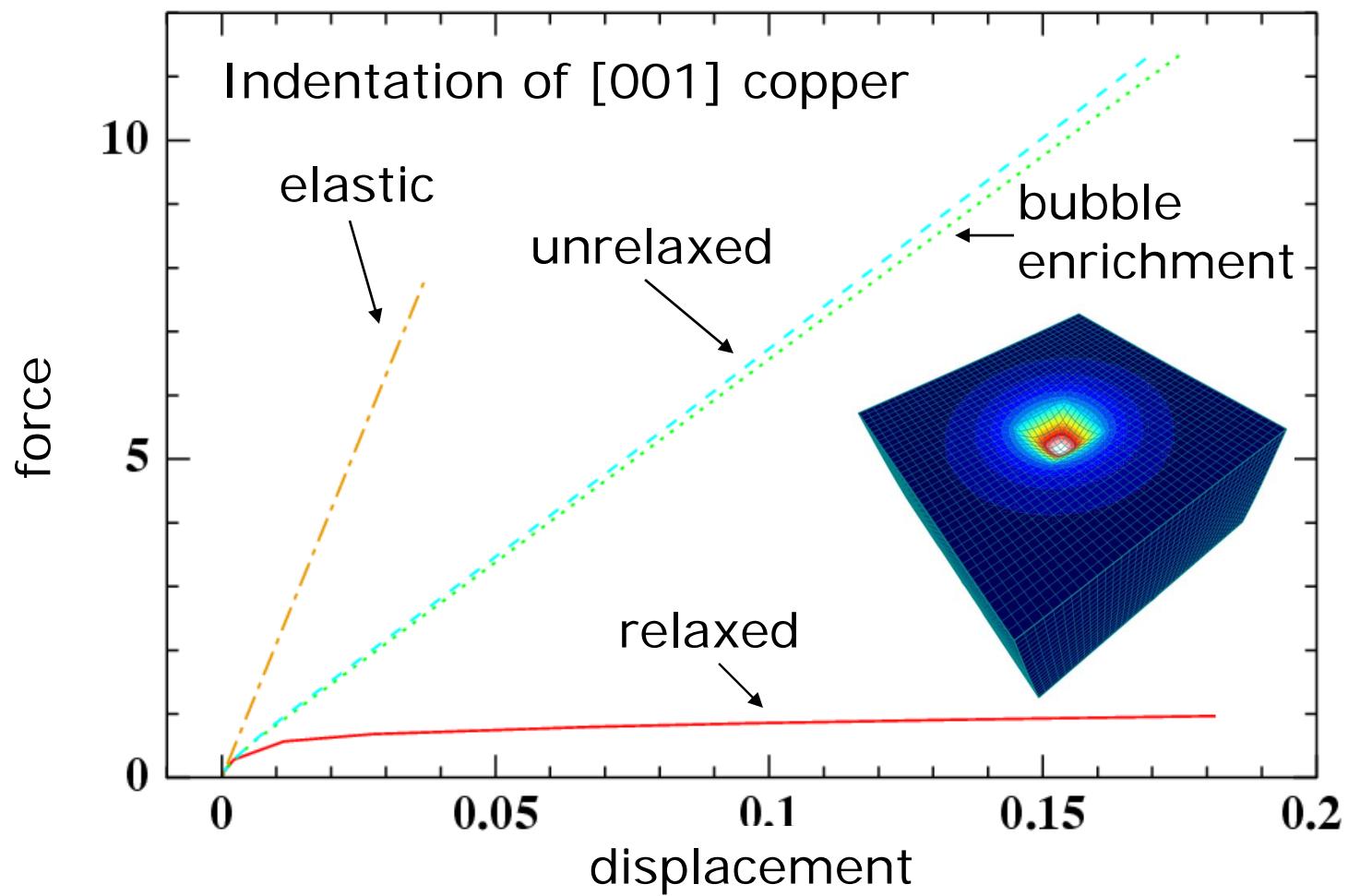
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# Fast Multiscale Models – Indentation



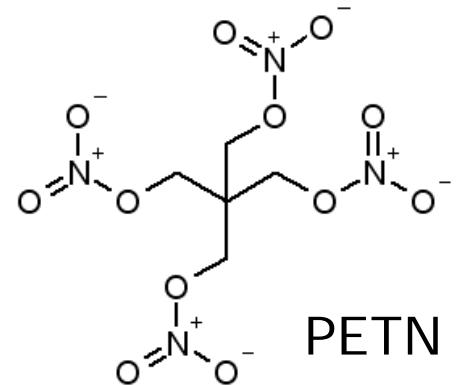
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# Fast Multiscale Models High-Explosives Detonation Initiation



Detonation of  
high-explosive  
([RDX](#), [PETN](#), [HMX](#))



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# High-Explosives Detonation Initiation

- In high explosives (HE) localized hot spots cause detonation initiation
- Some hot spots may arise as a result of localized plastic deformation
- Heterogeneity and defects act as stress risers and promote localization
- Need to predict deformation microstructures, extreme events! (not just average behavior)



Polycrystalline structure  
of high-explosive (LLNL  
S&TR June 1999)



# Fast Multiscale Models – HE detonation

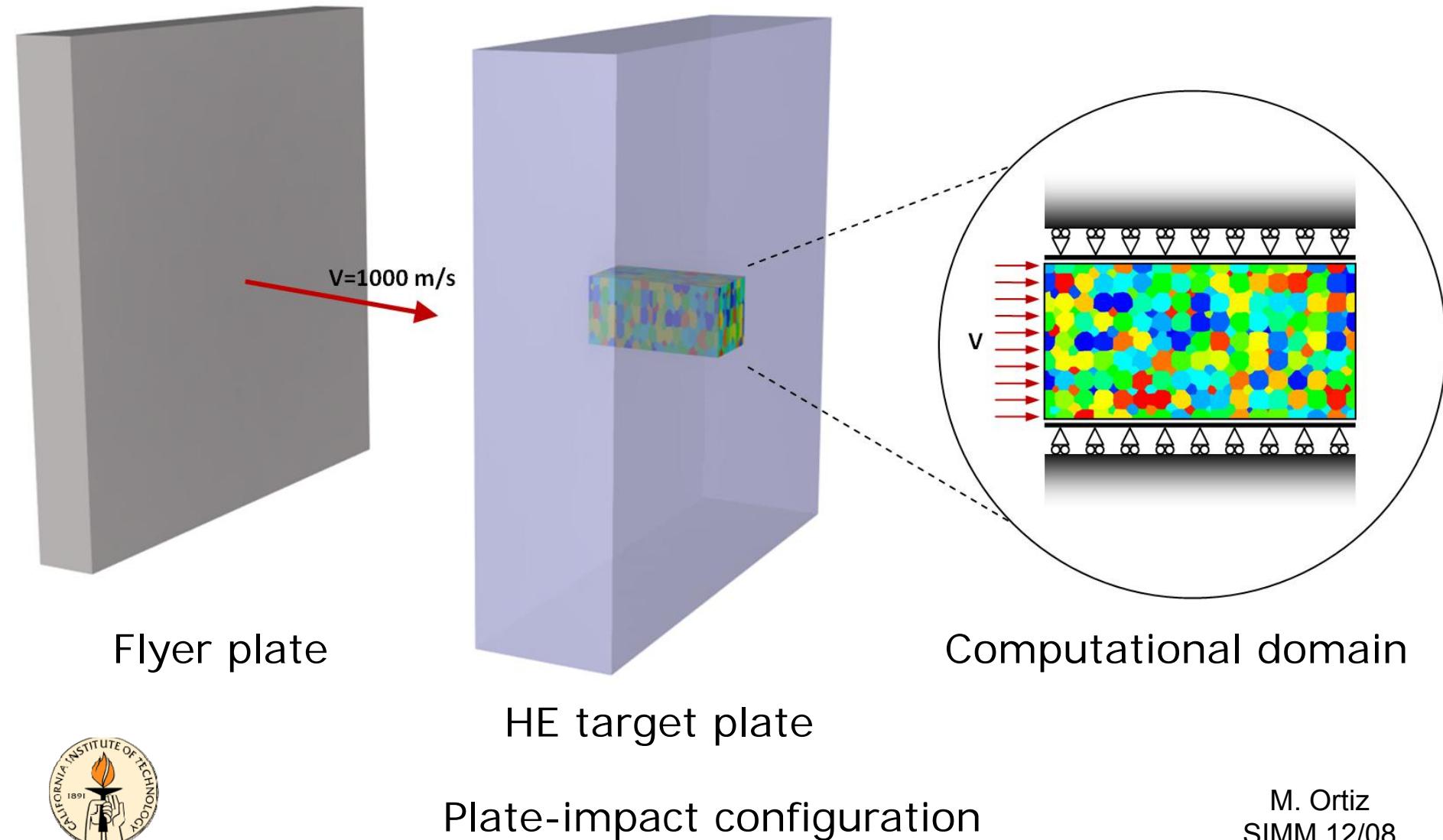
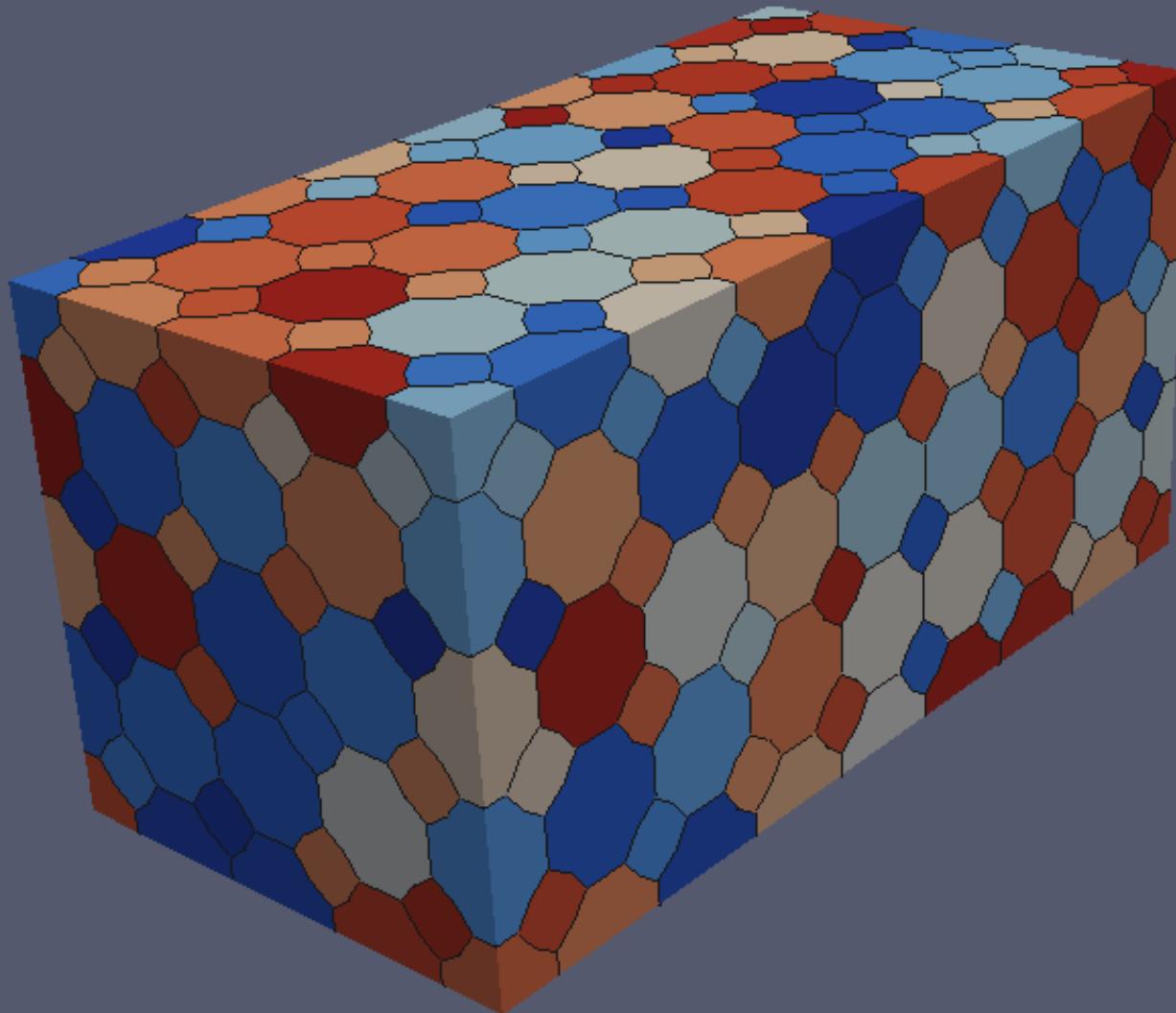


Plate-impact configuration

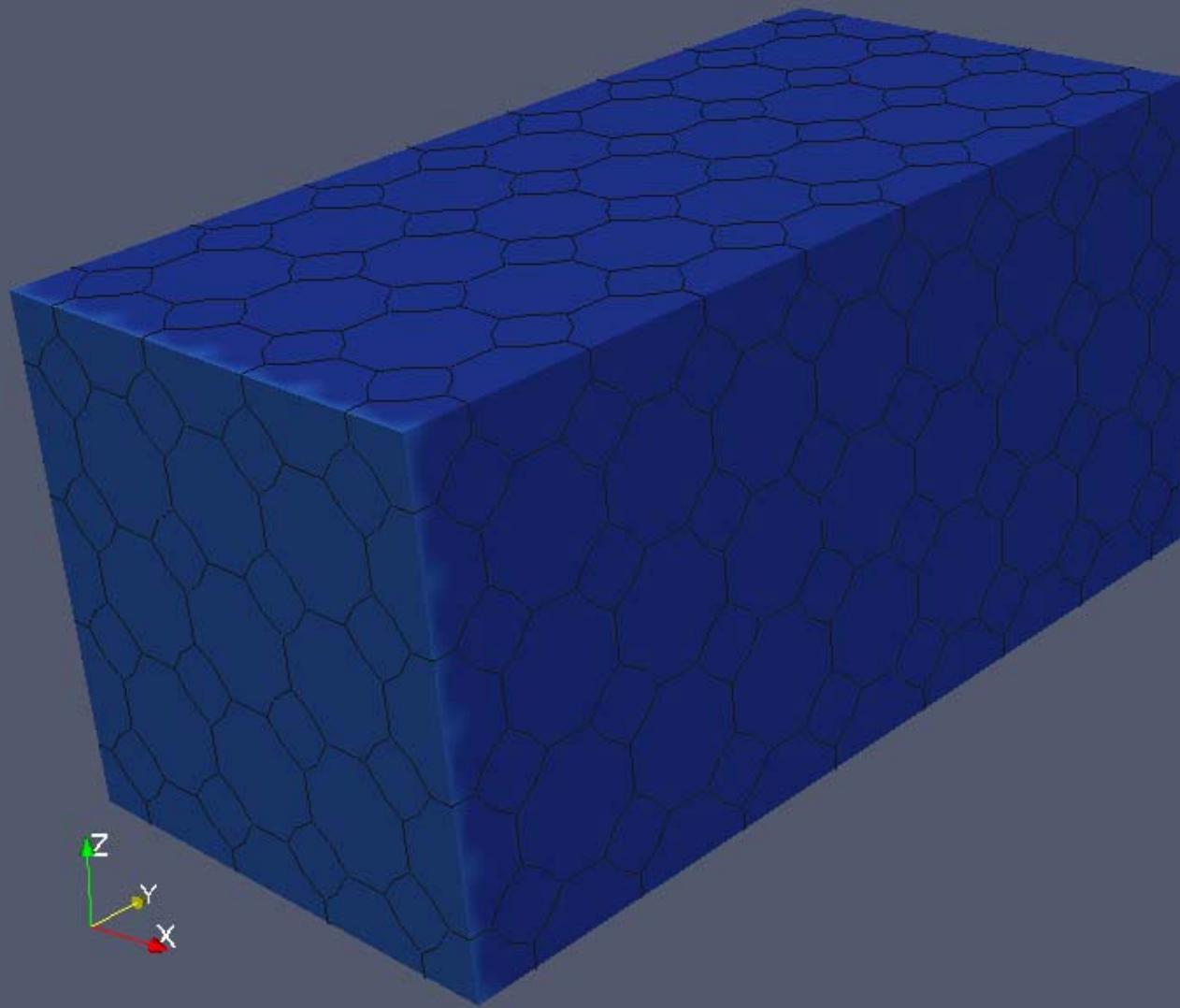
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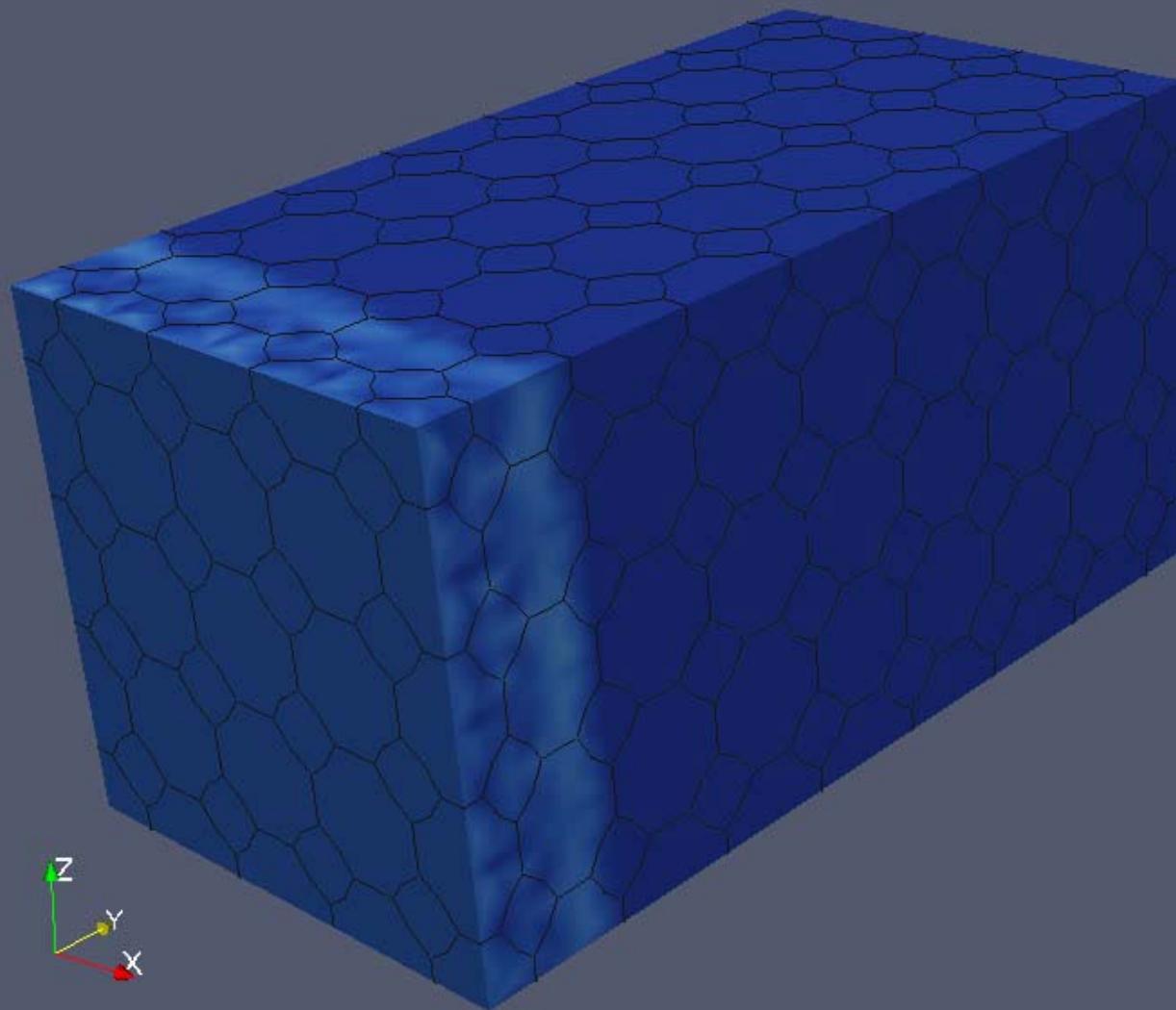


Polycrystal model and grain boundaries

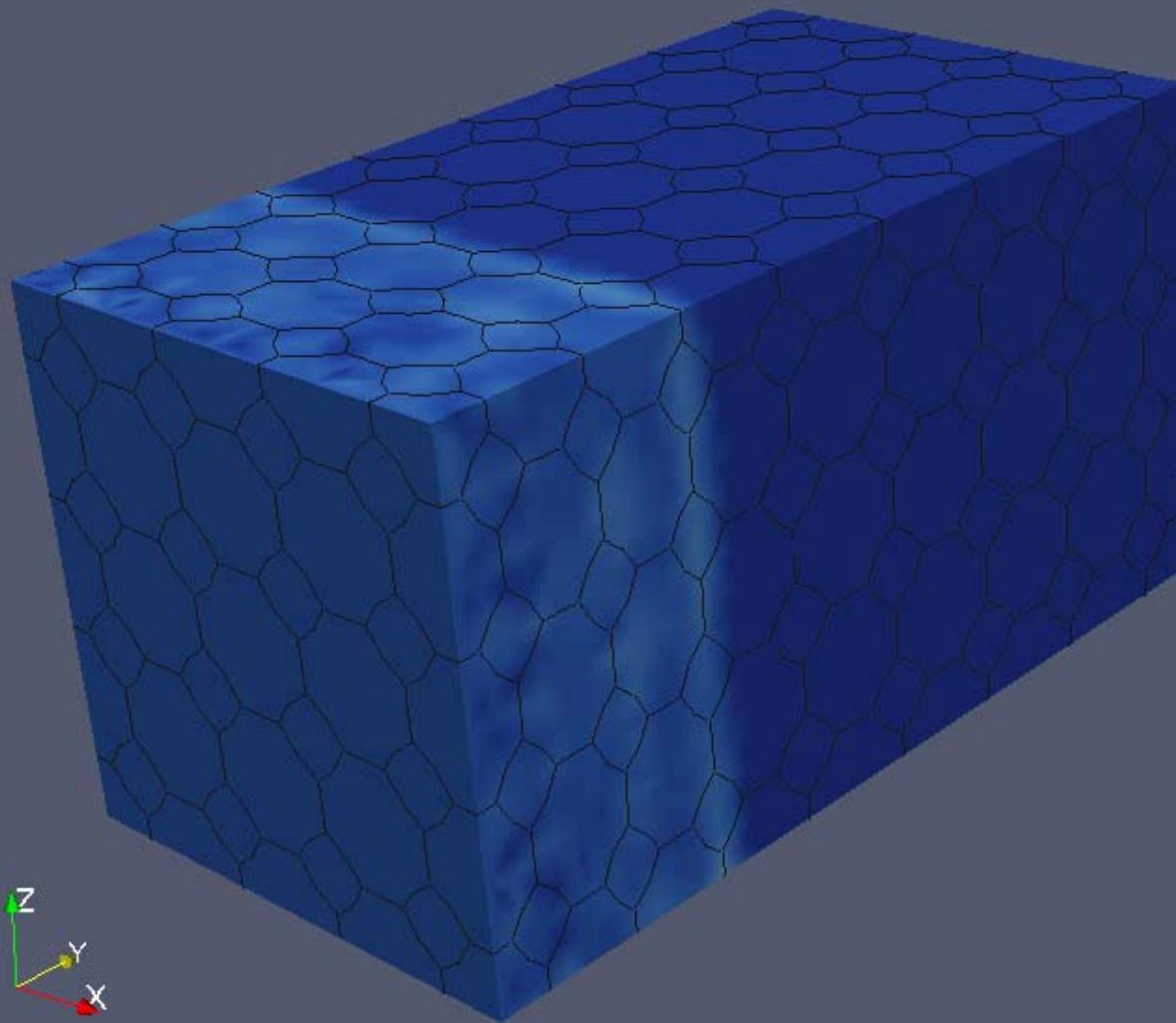
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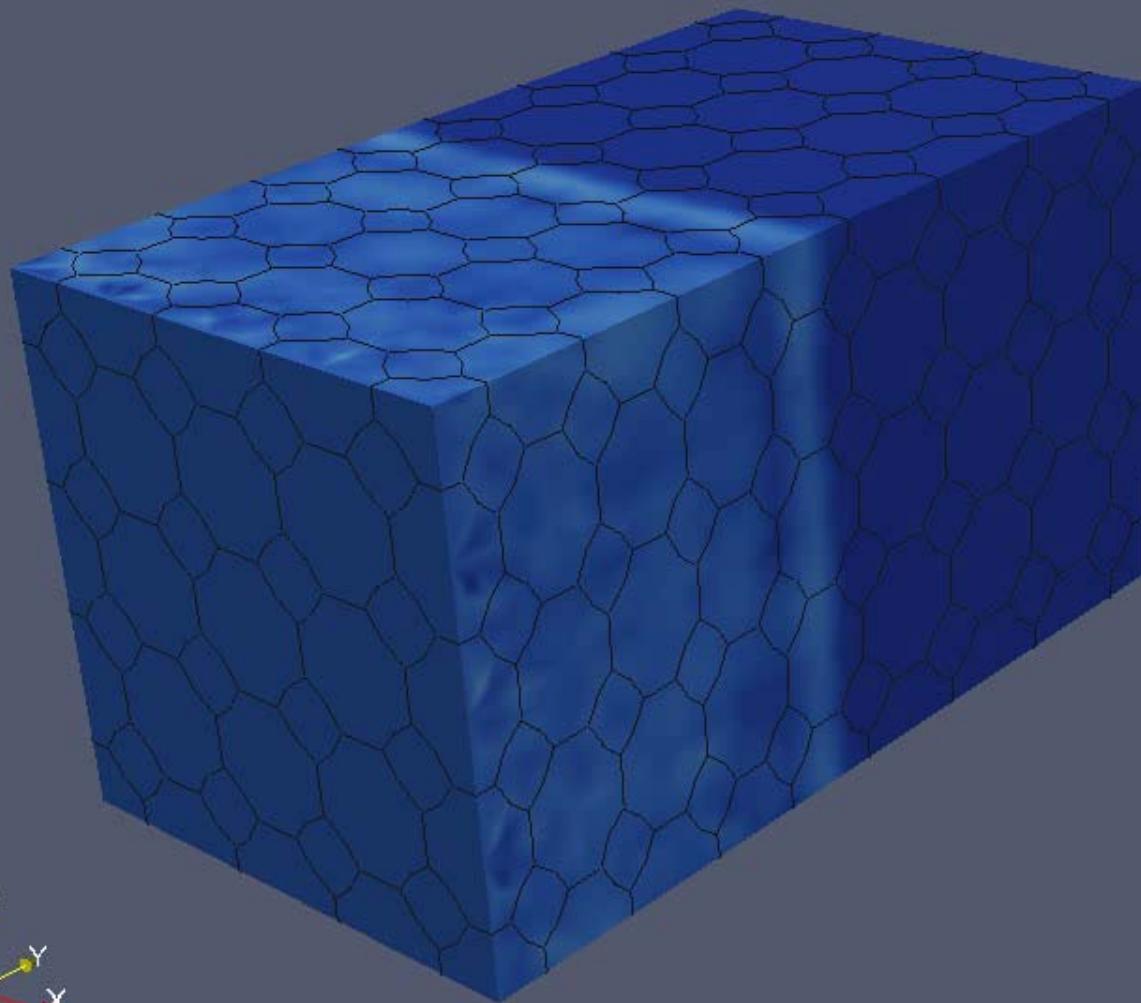
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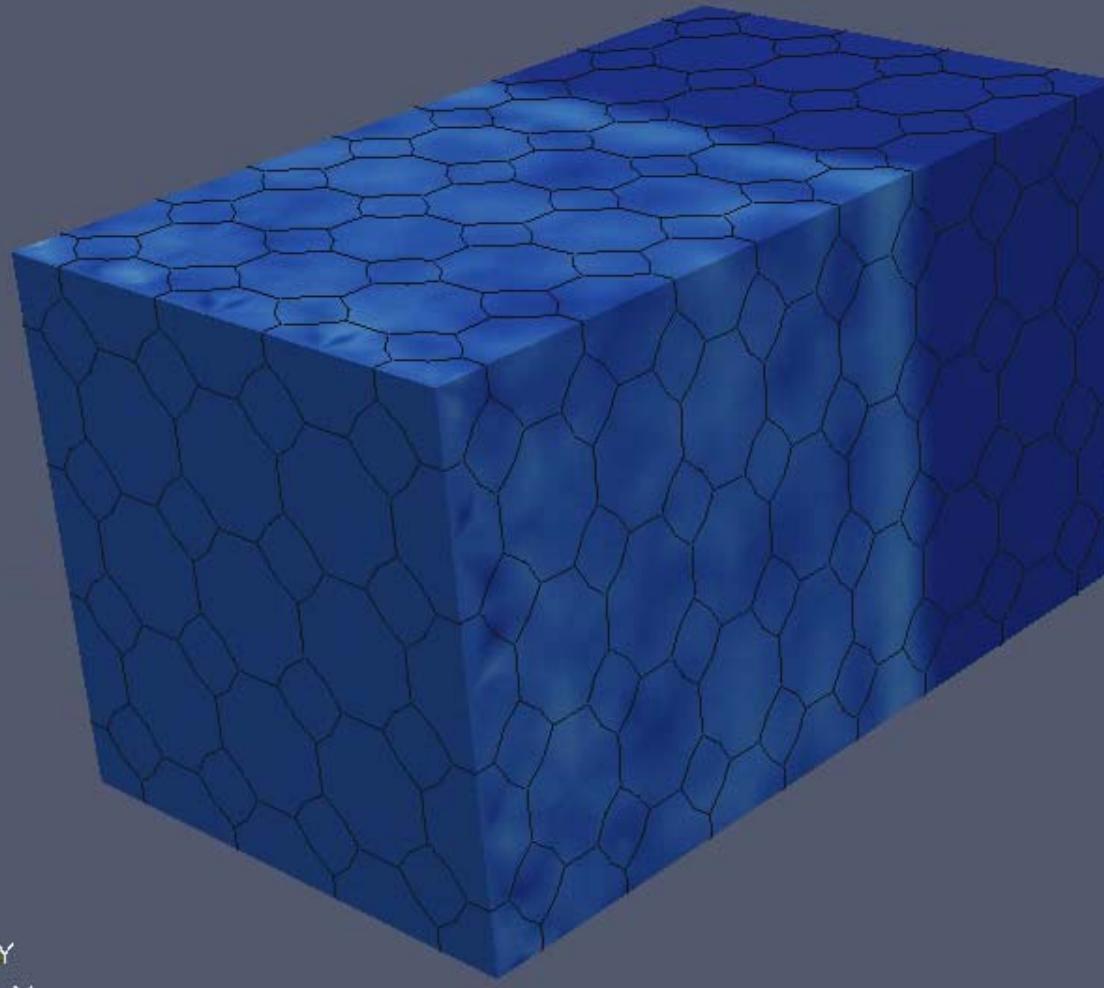
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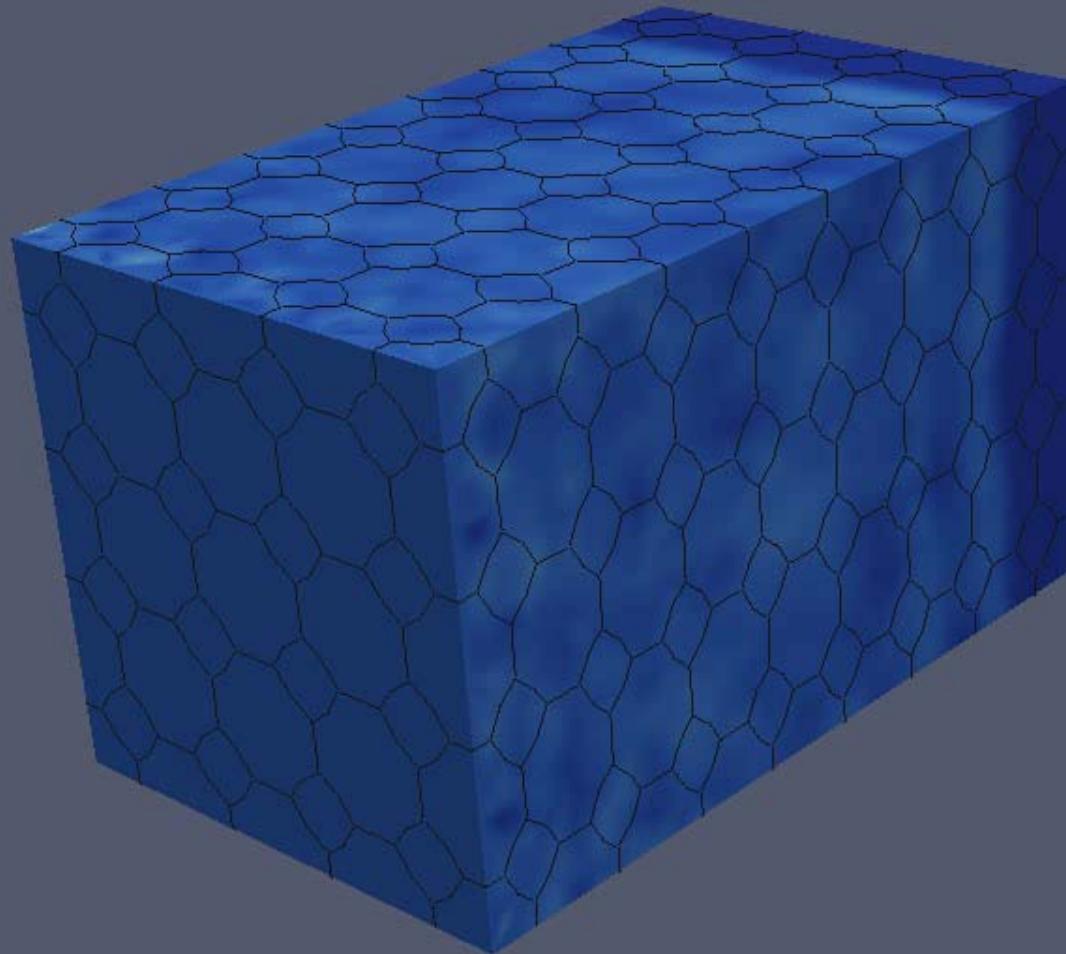
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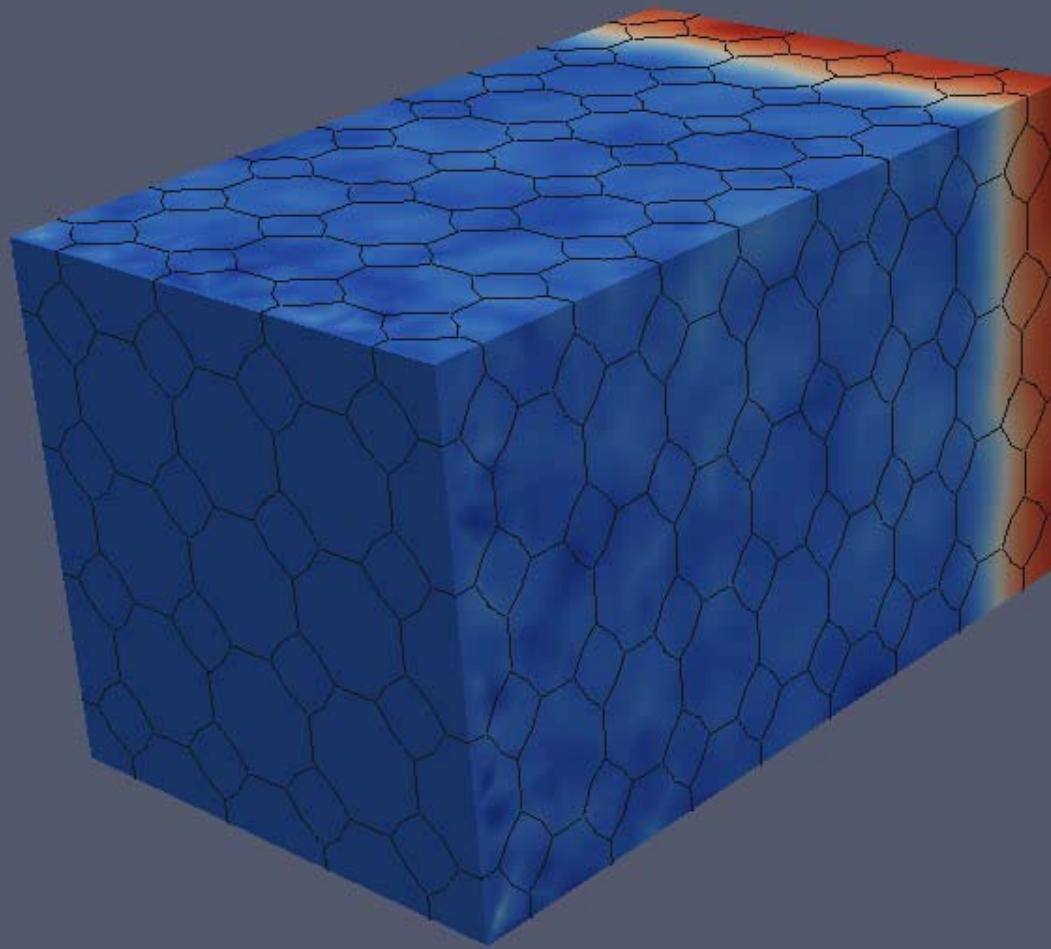
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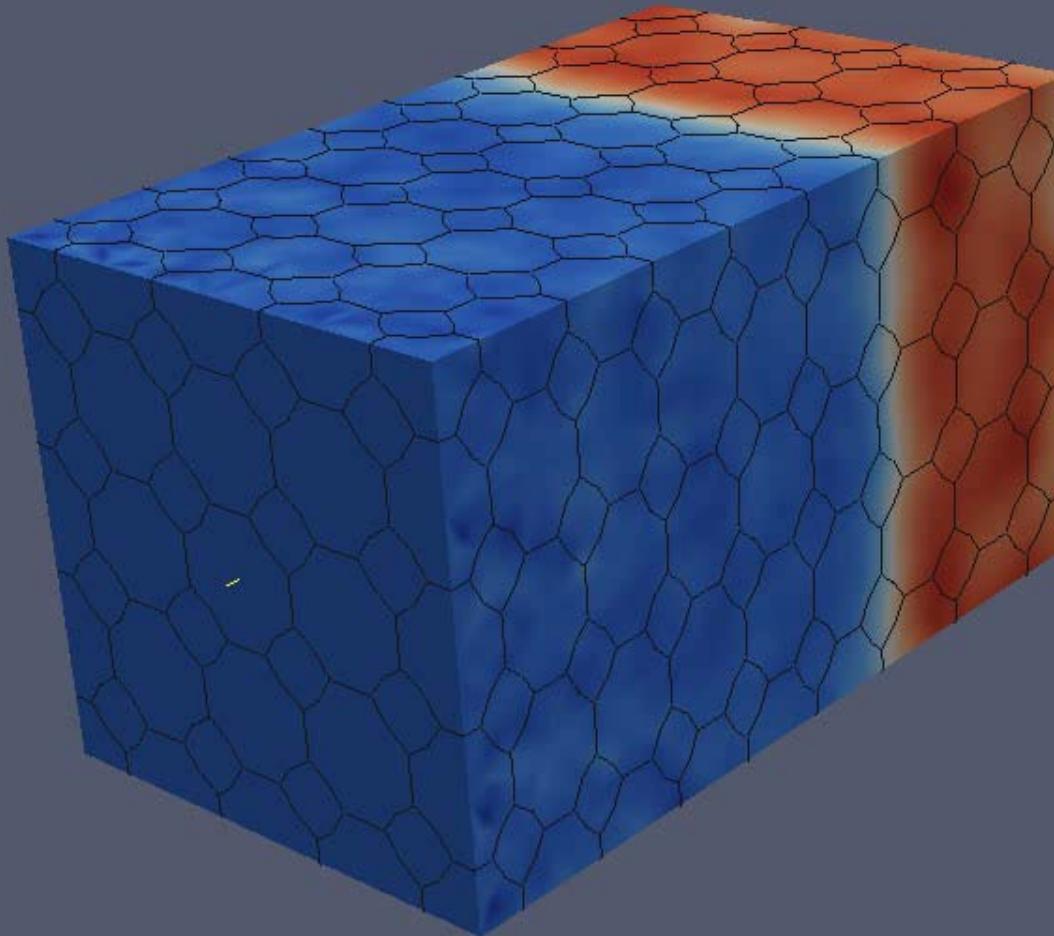
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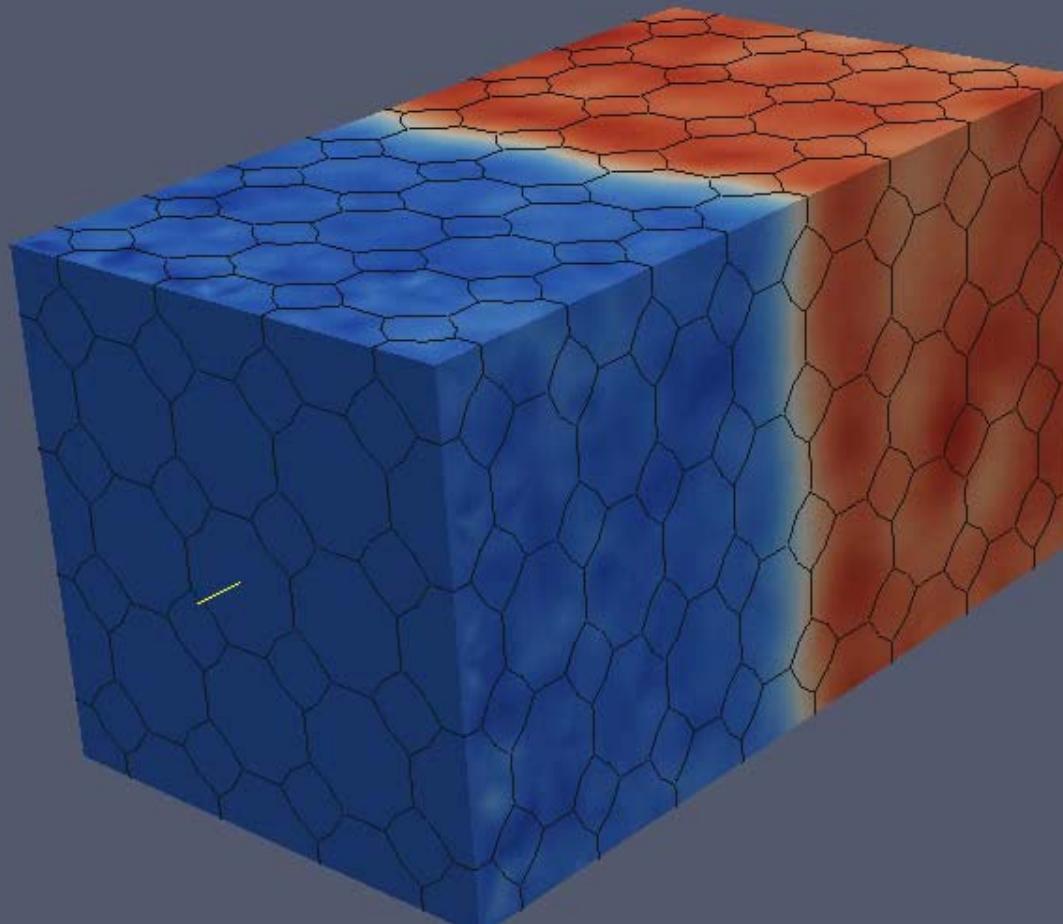
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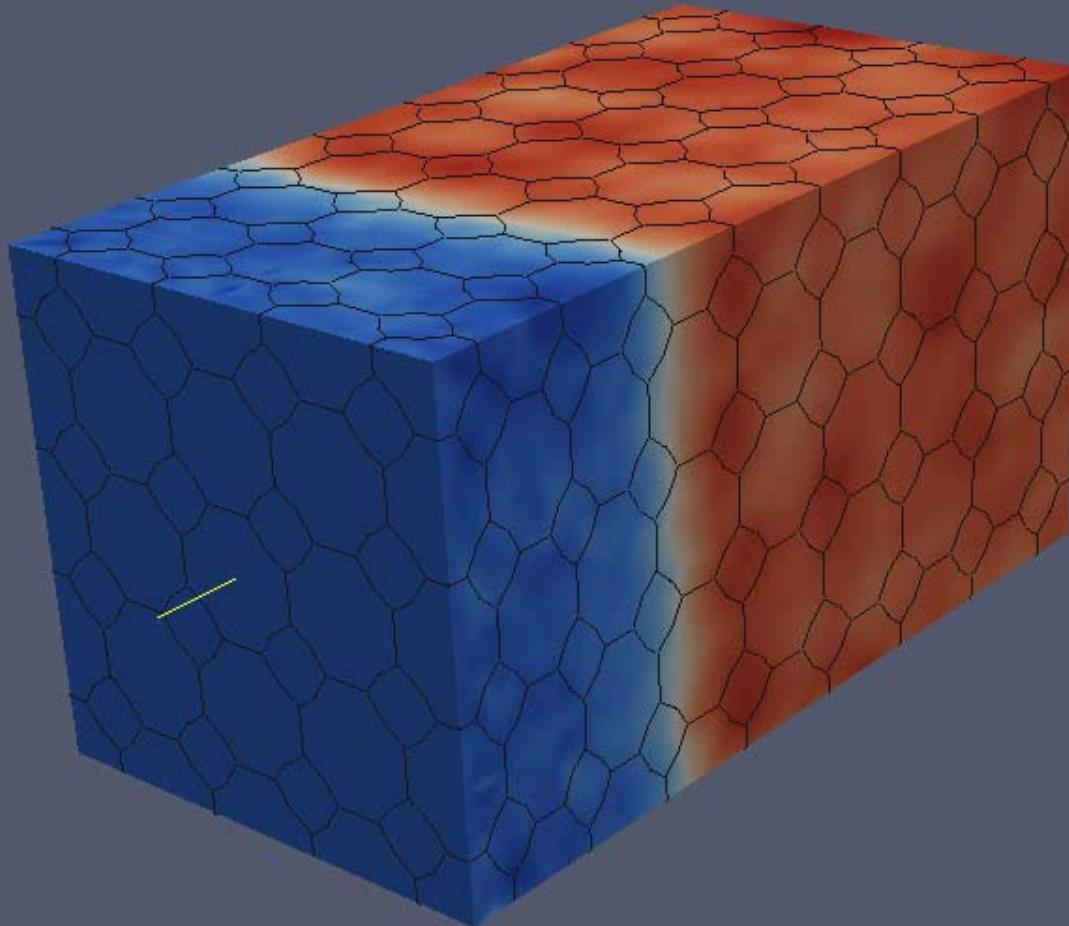
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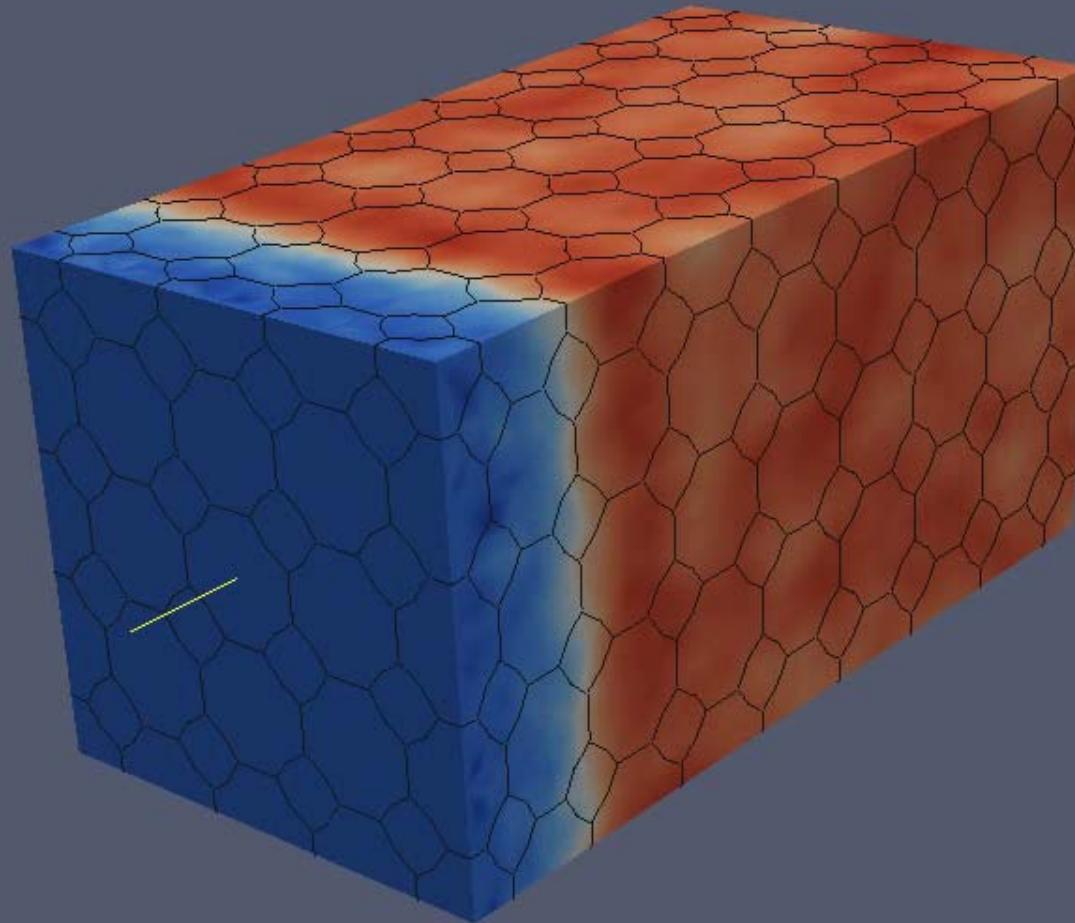
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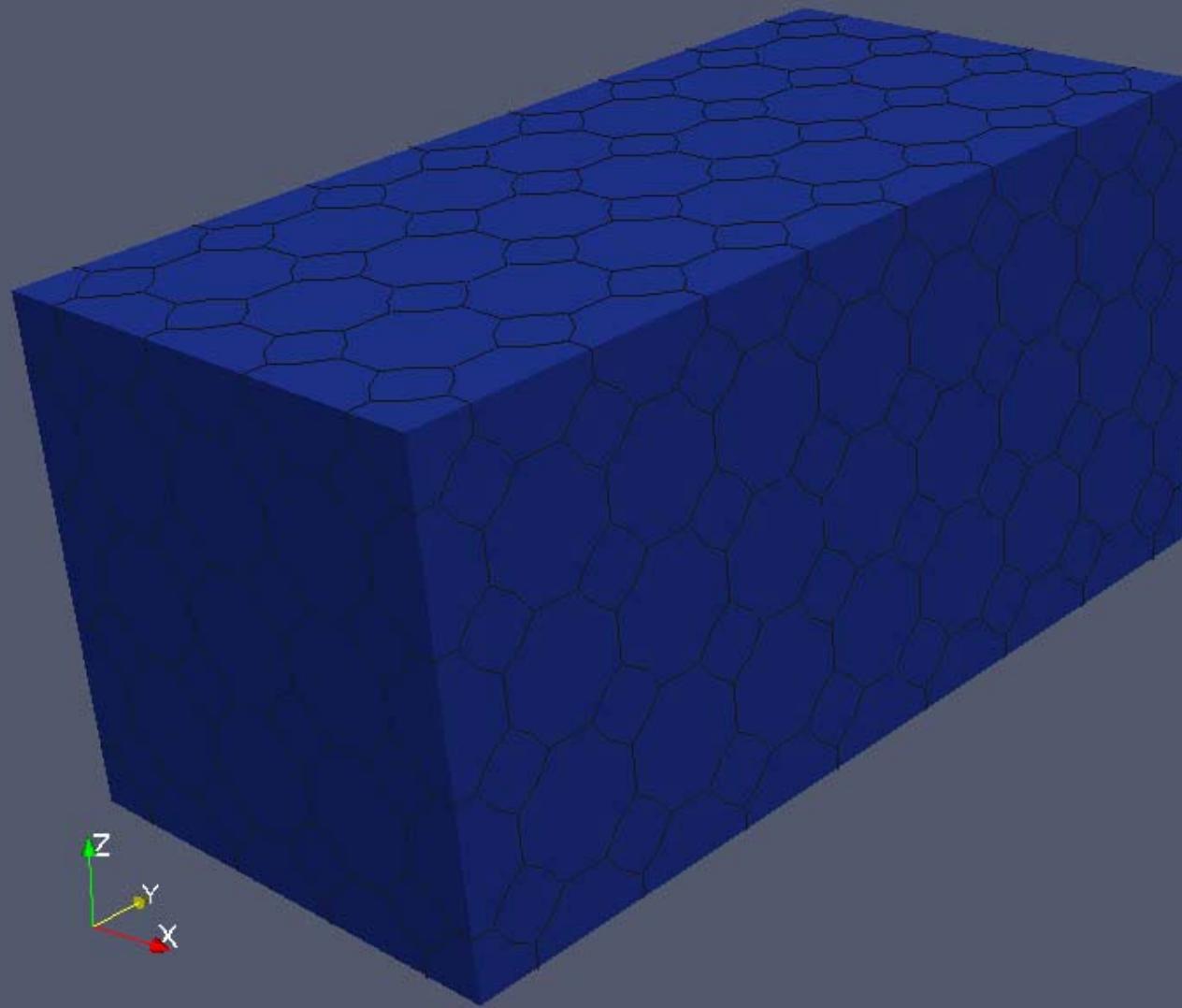
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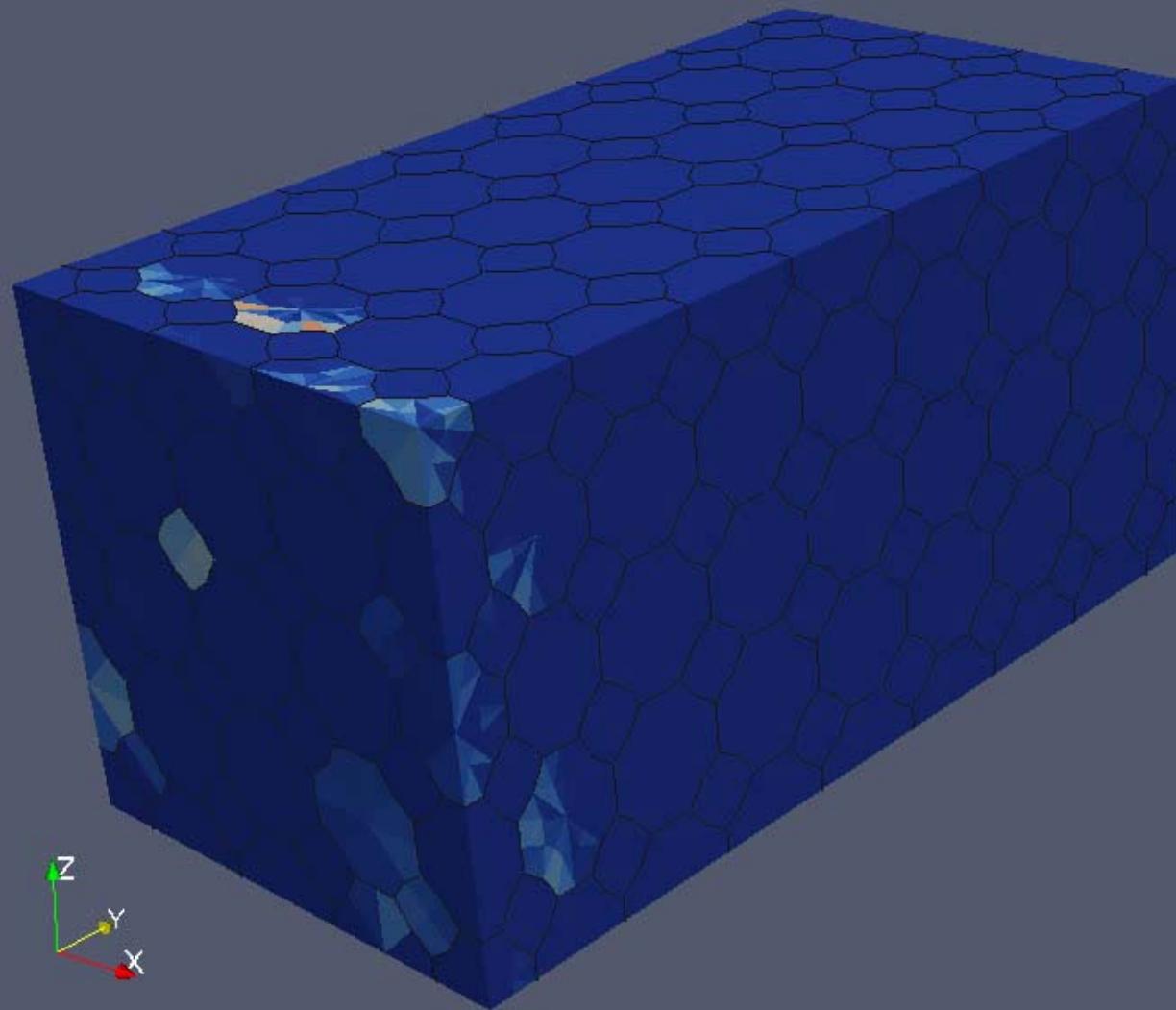
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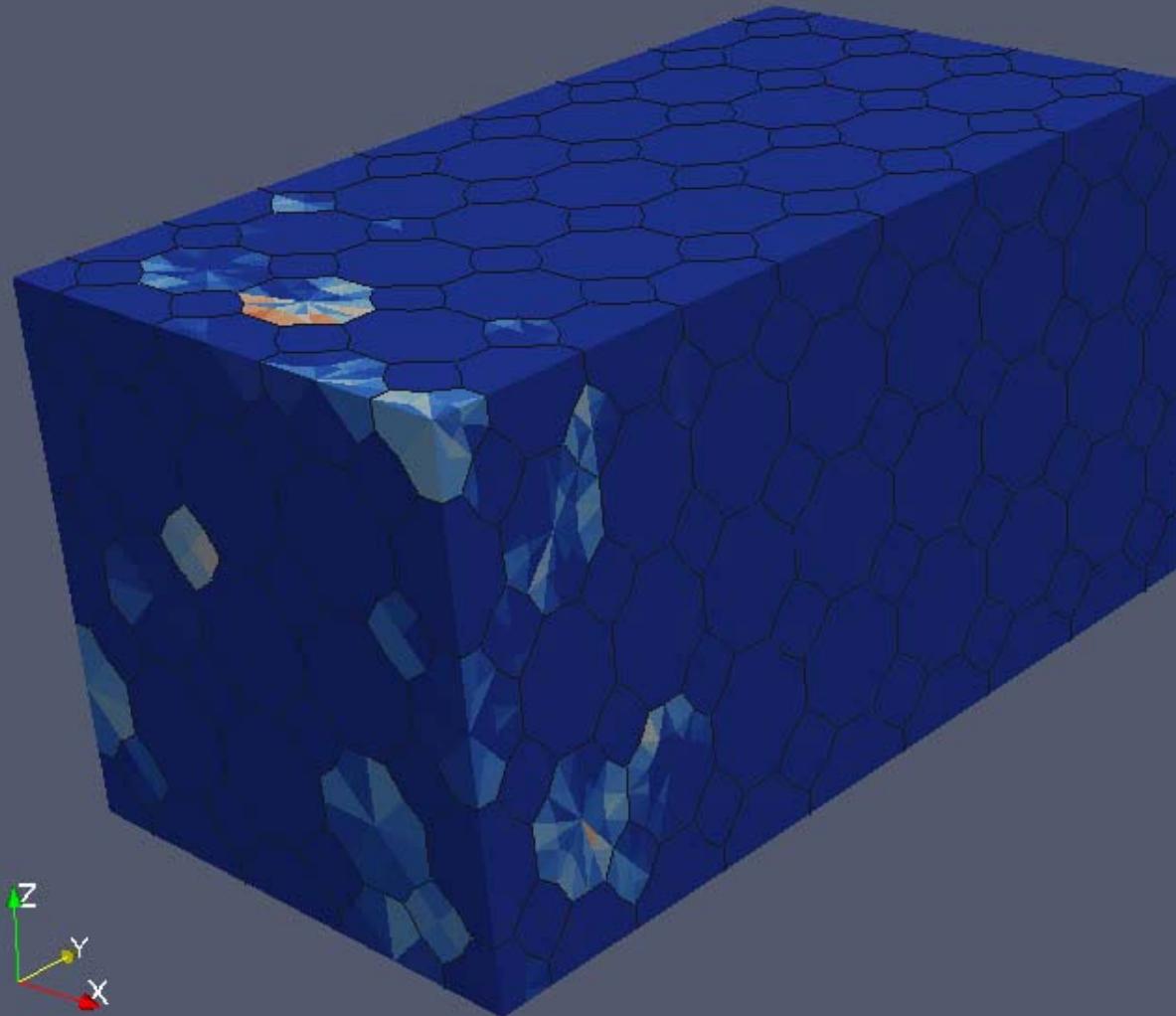
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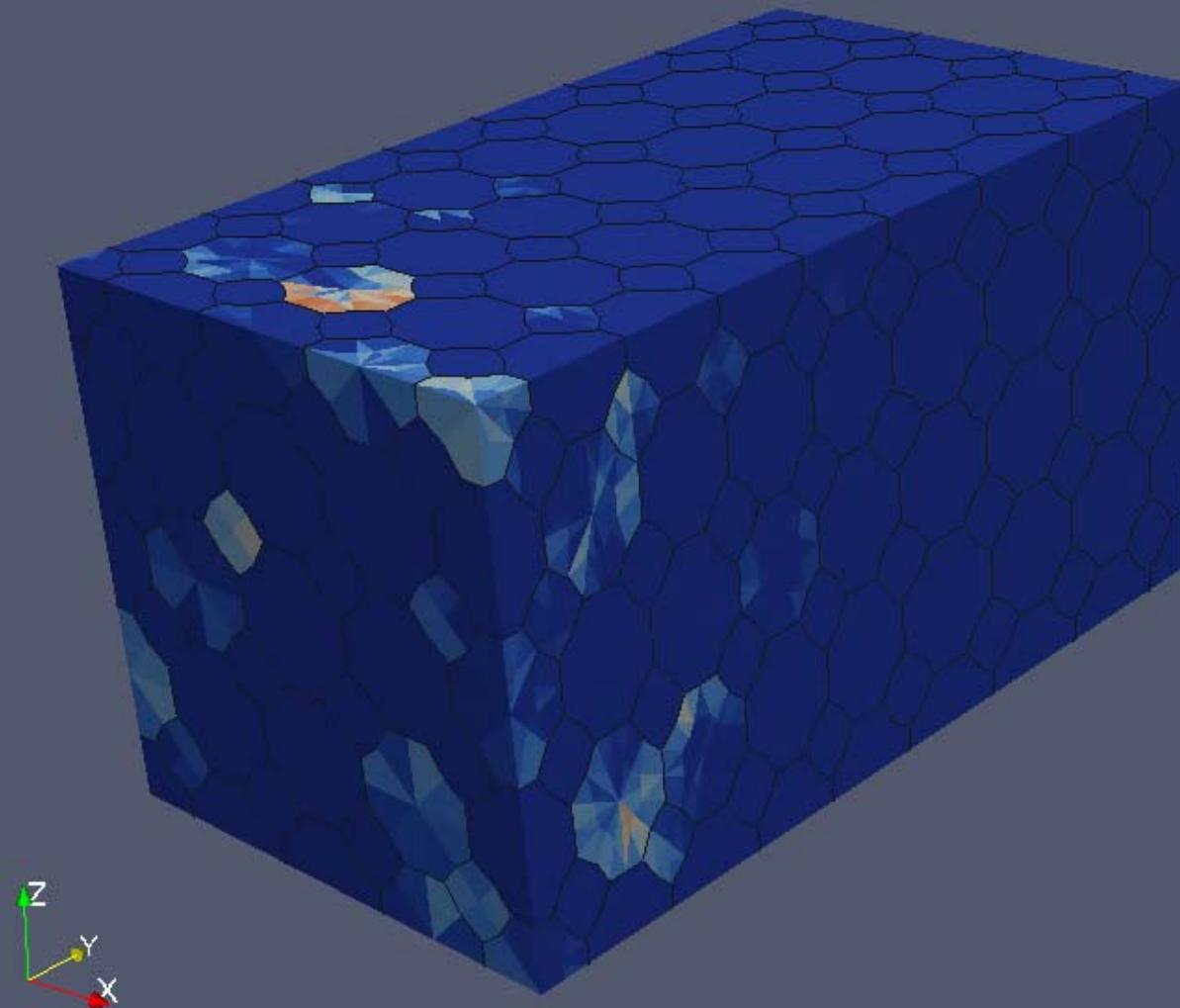
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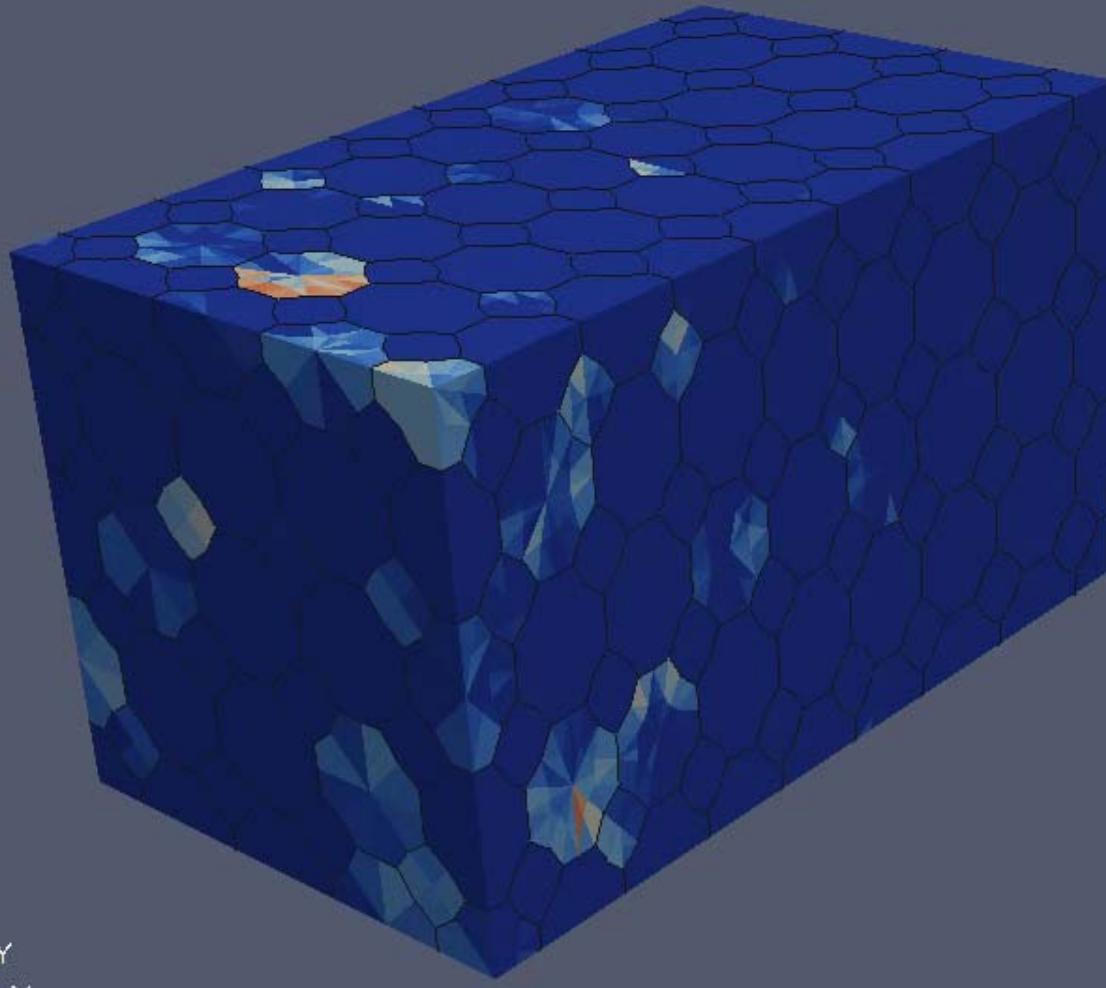
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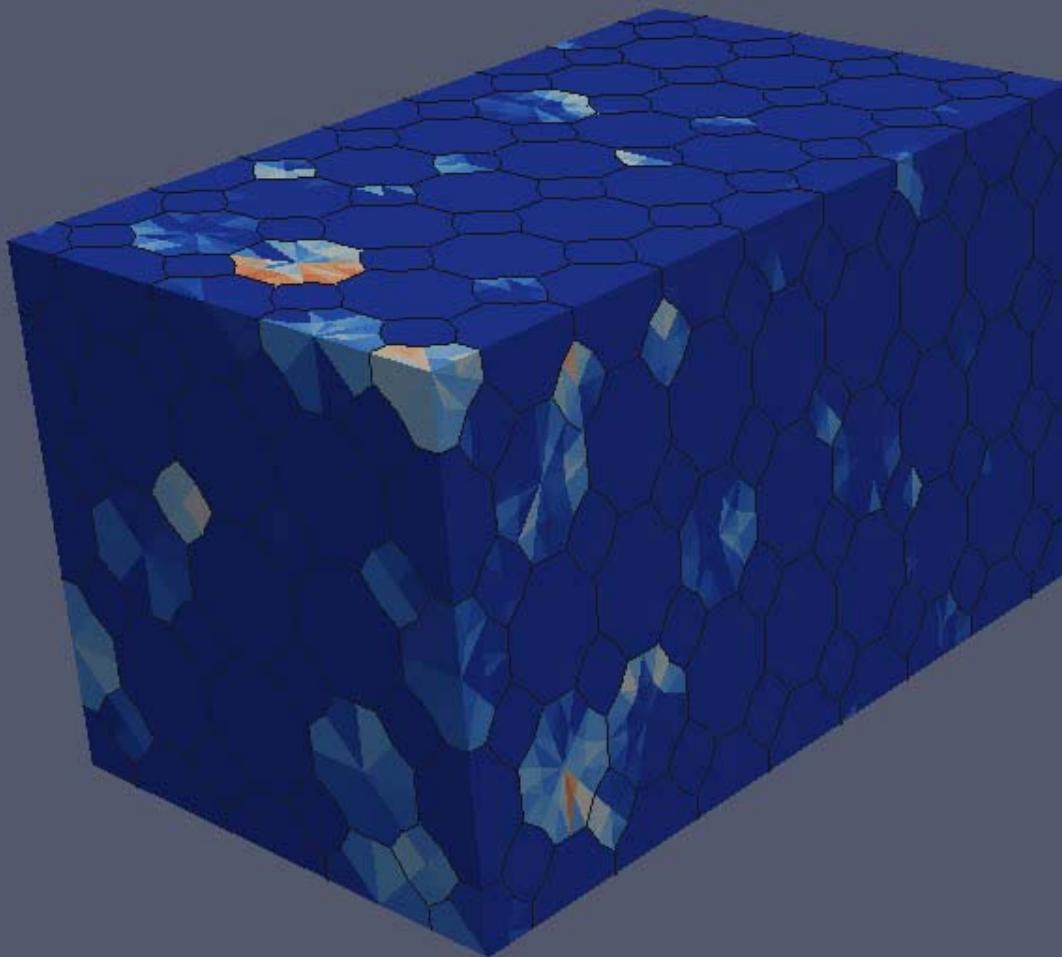
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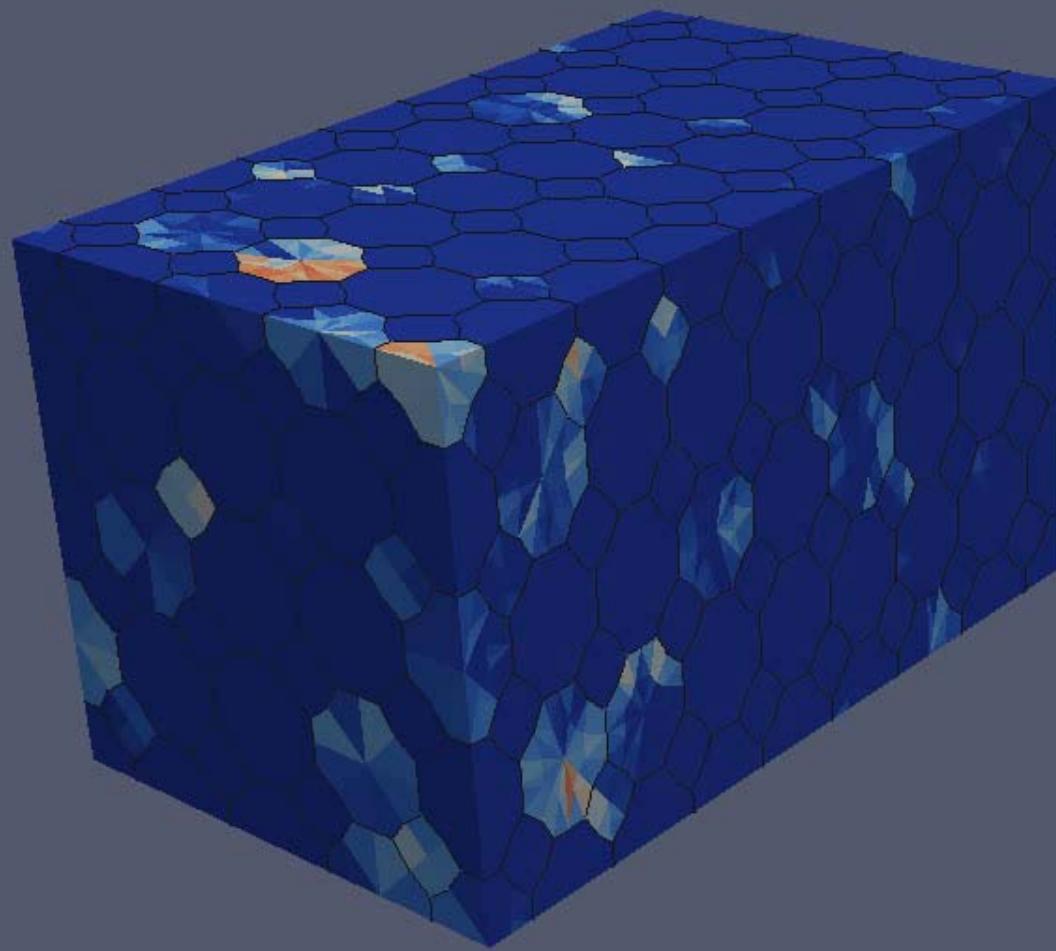
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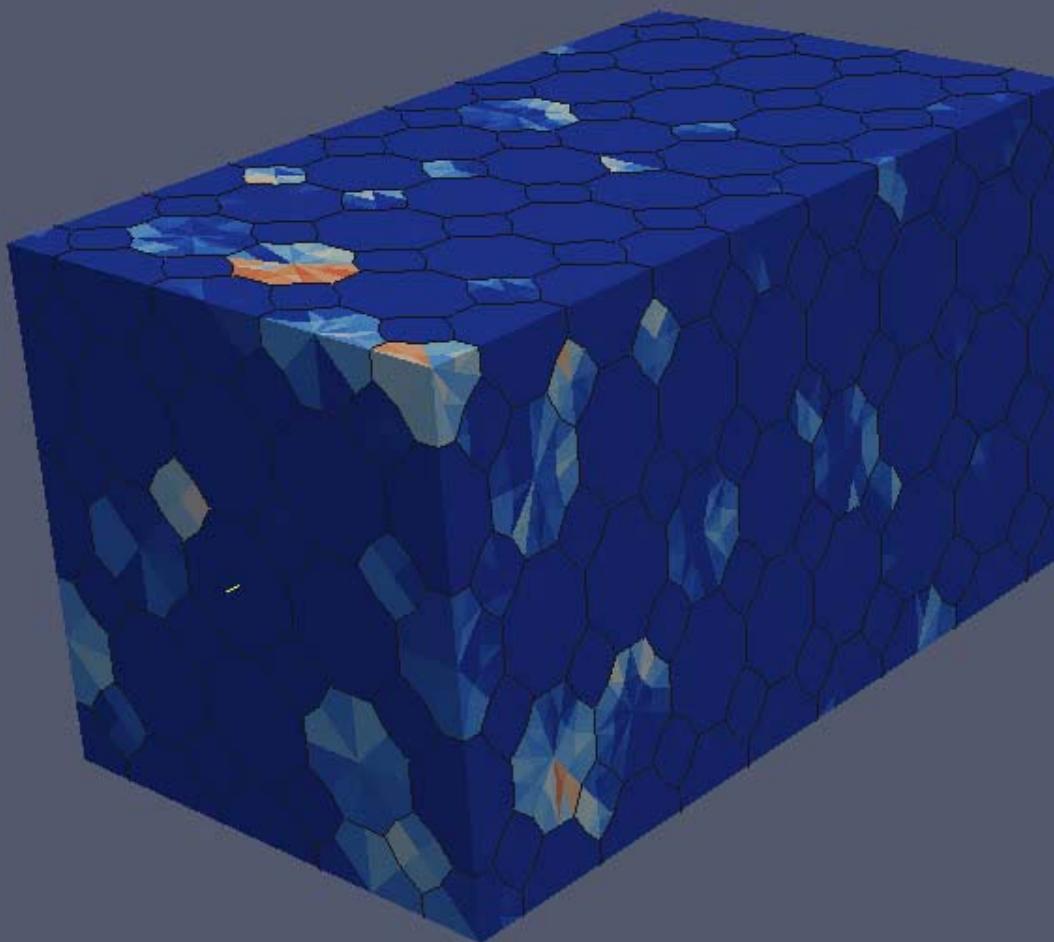
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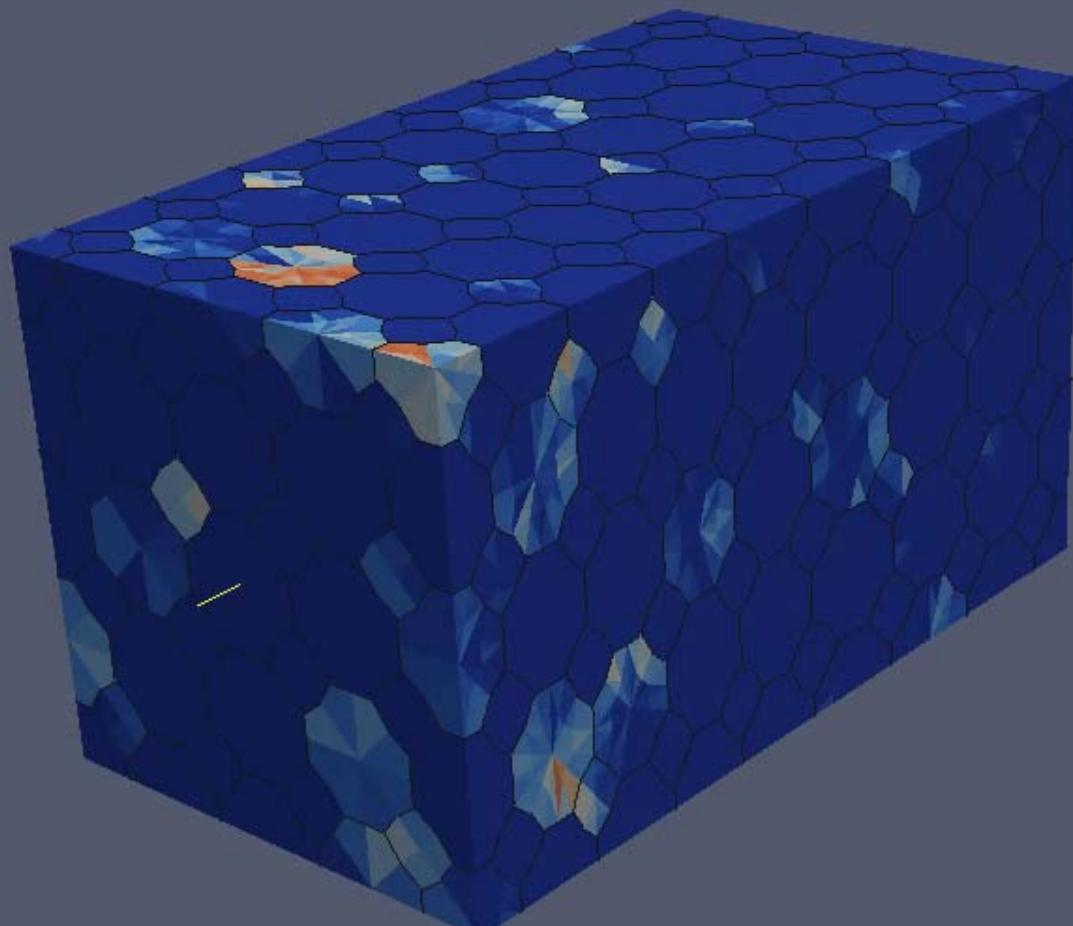
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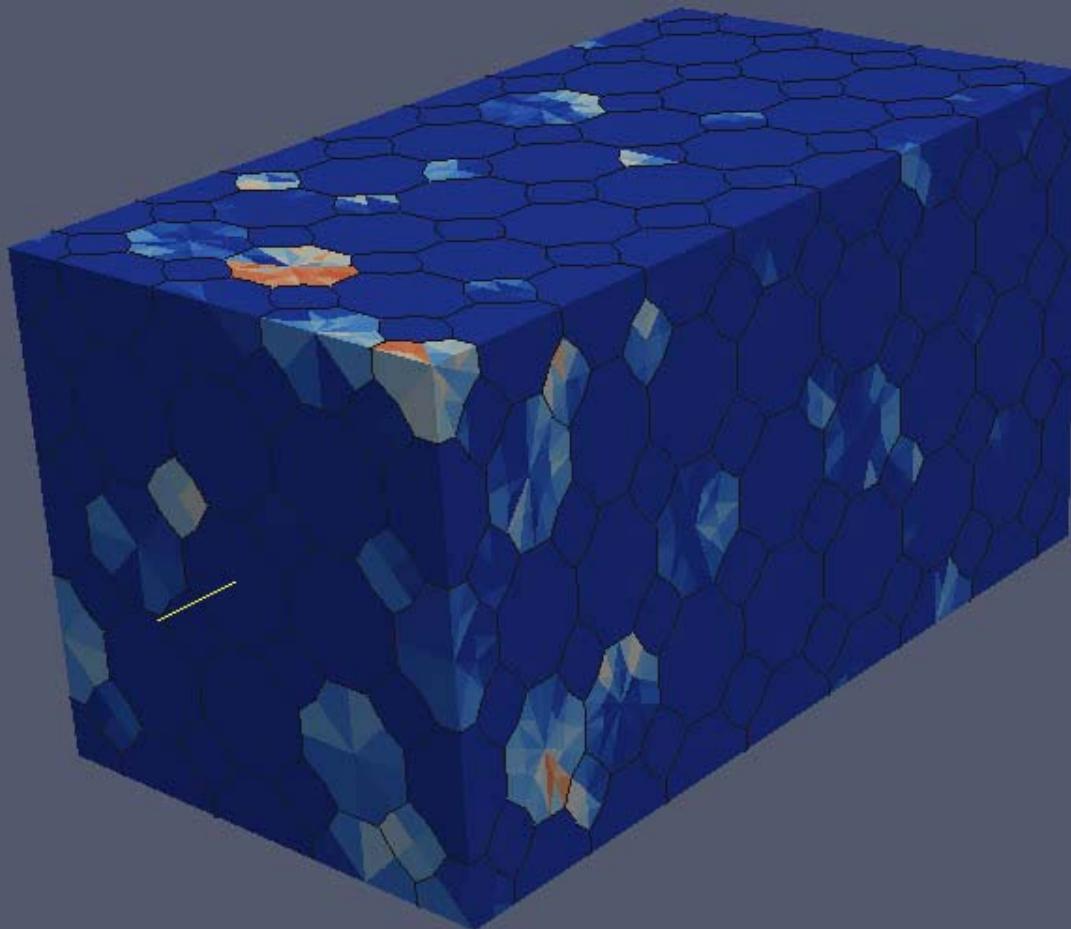
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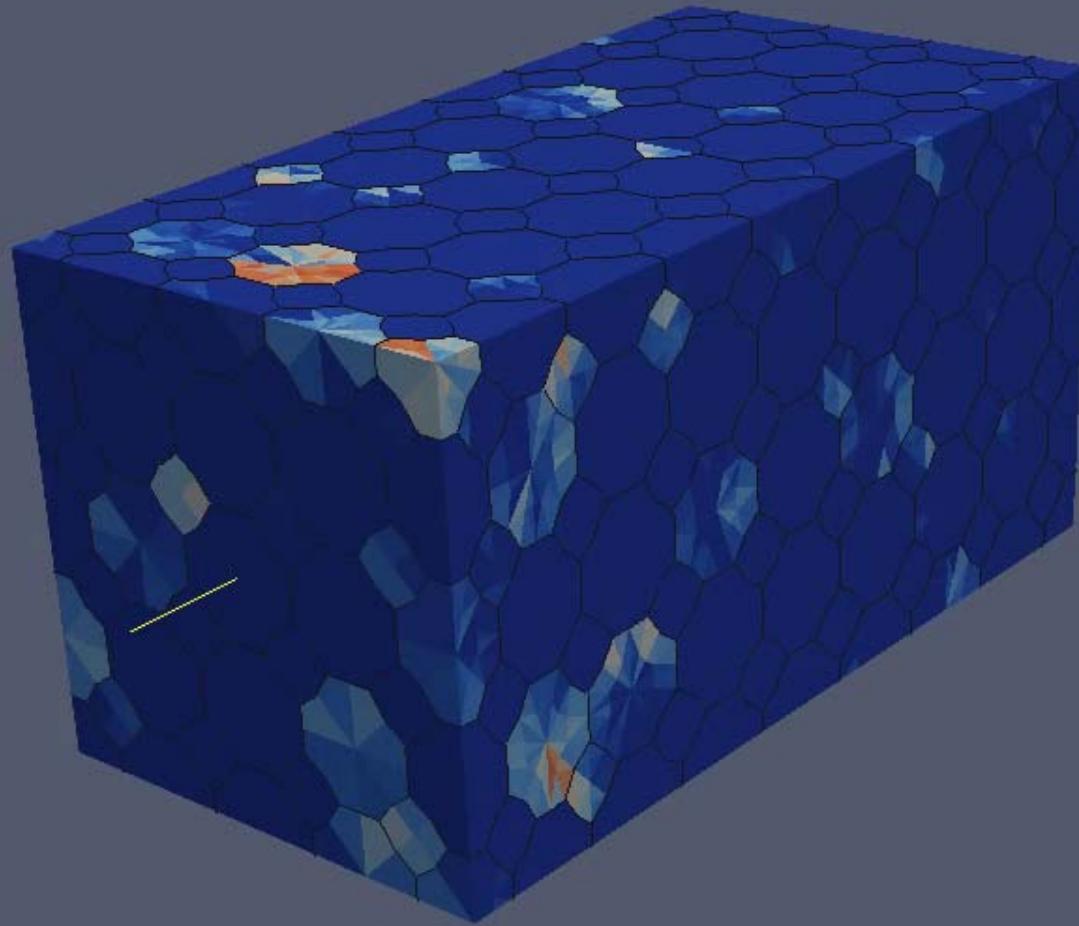
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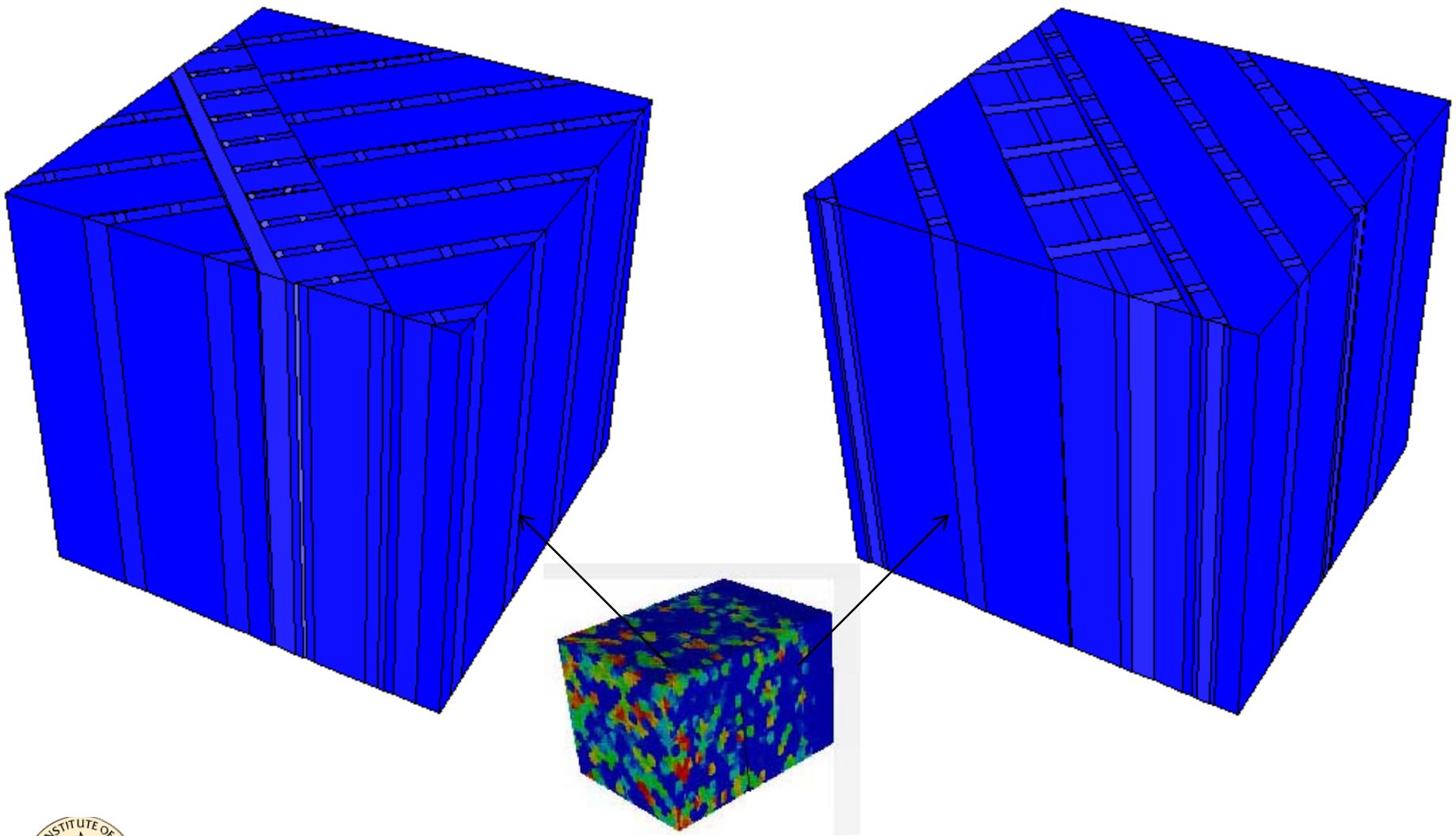
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# Fast Multiscale Models – HE detonation



Microstructure evolution at selected material points

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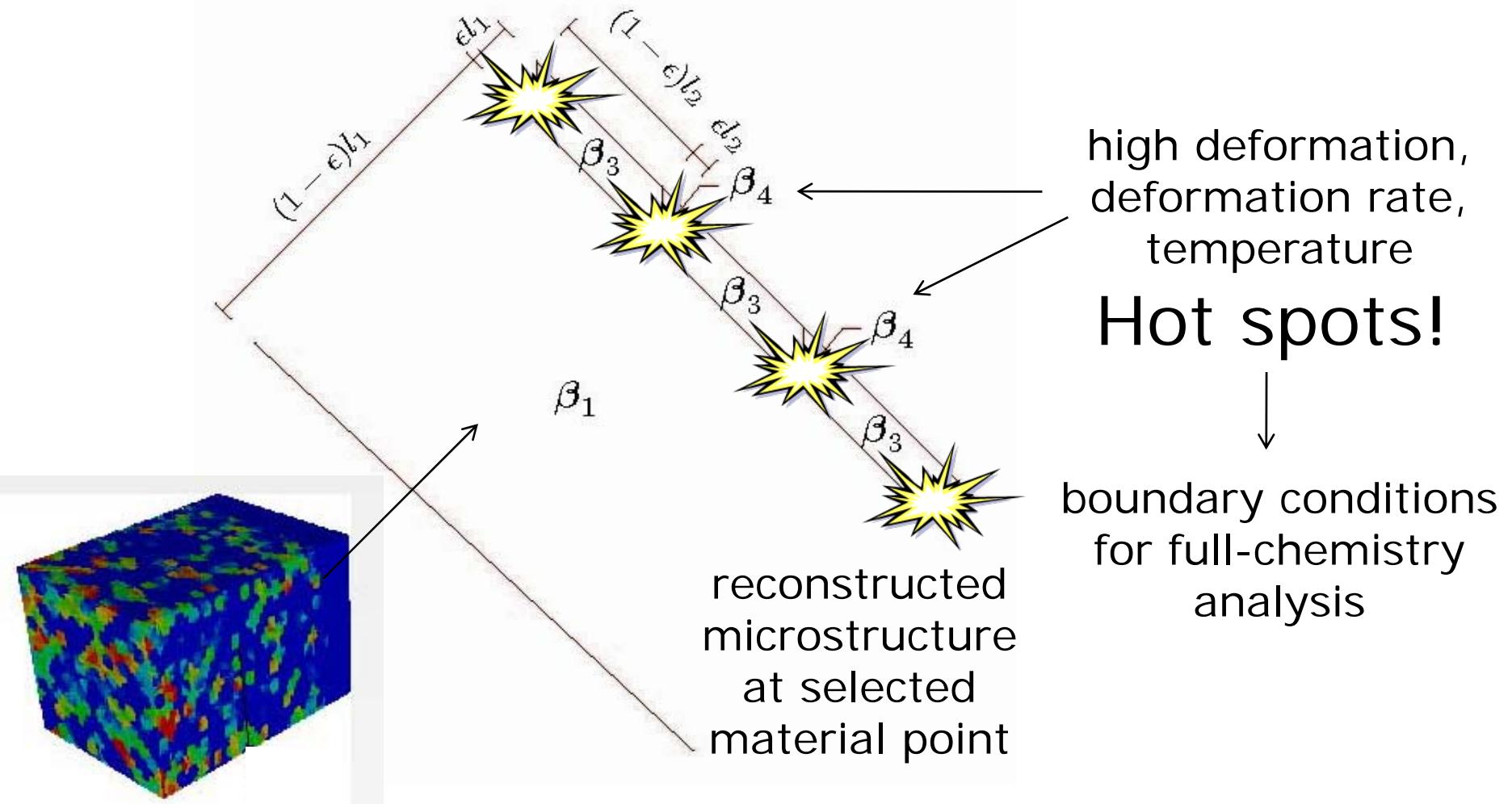


Plate impact simulation hot spot analysis



# MM&S - Outlook

- Present standard theory in the Calculus of Variations covers well static problems with strict separation of scales
- Open problems:
  - *Frustration: Lengthscale cutoff, branching microstructures, non-local behavior, scaling...*
  - *Microstructural evolution: Non-proportional paths, unloading, cyclic loading...*
  - *Relaxation of crystal plasticity with finite kinematics*
  - *Dynamics: Micro-inertia, heating rates, phonon drag...*
  - *Finer scales: Dislocation dynamics, crystallization, defect core structure, quantum-mechanical accuracy...*
  - *Larger scales: Fast Multiscale Models of polycrystals...*
  - *Other multiscale phenomena: ductile fracture, fragmentation...*

