



Modeling the mechanical behavior of amorphous and crystalline engineering materials

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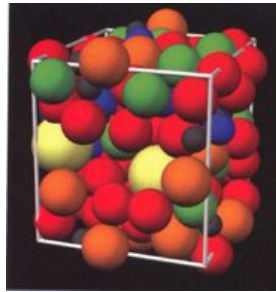


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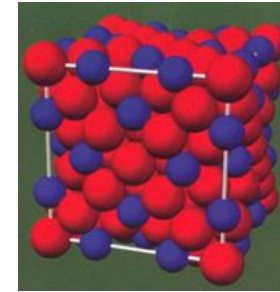




Amorphous vs. Crystalline



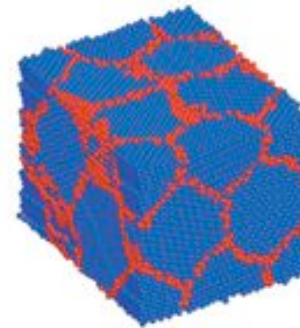
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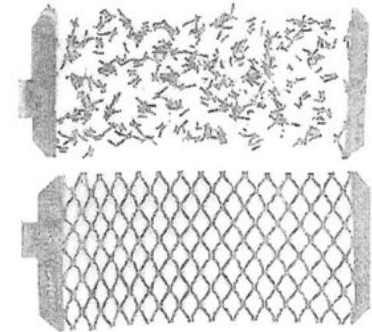
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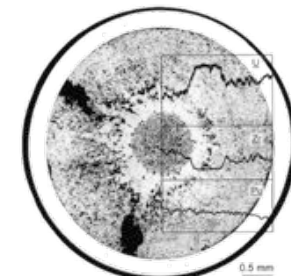
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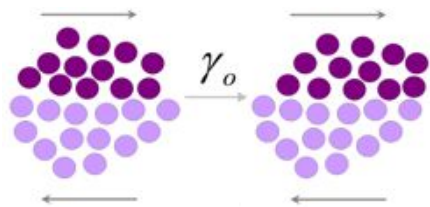
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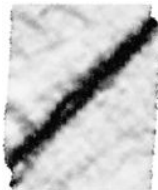
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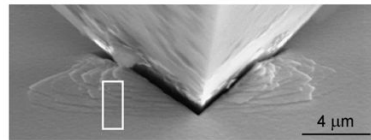
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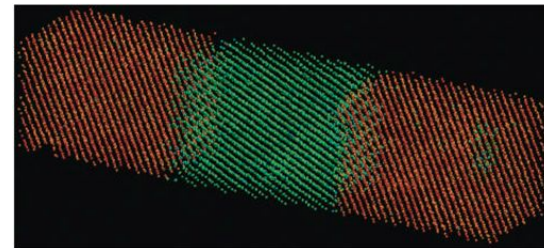


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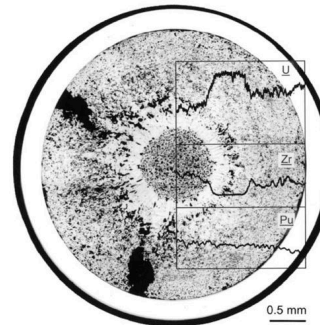
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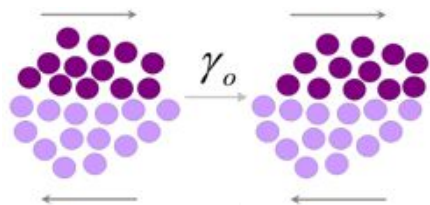
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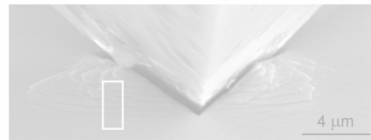
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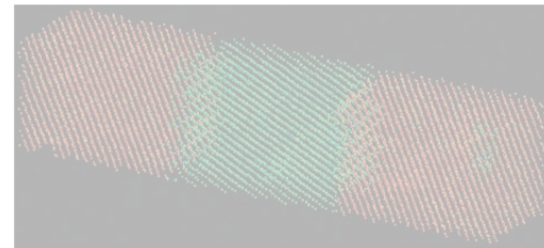


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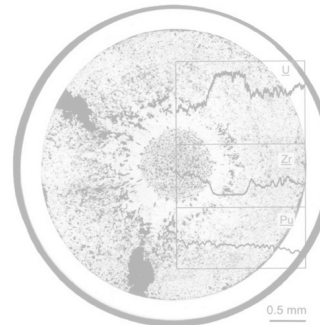
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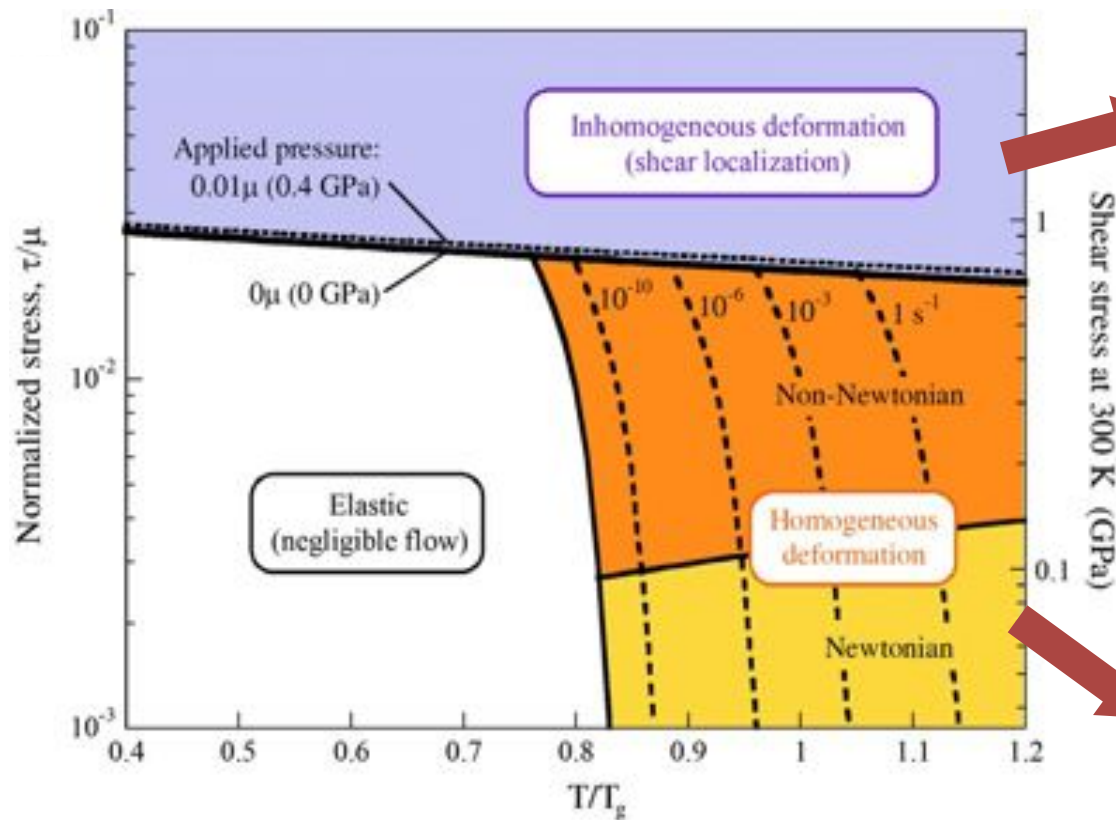
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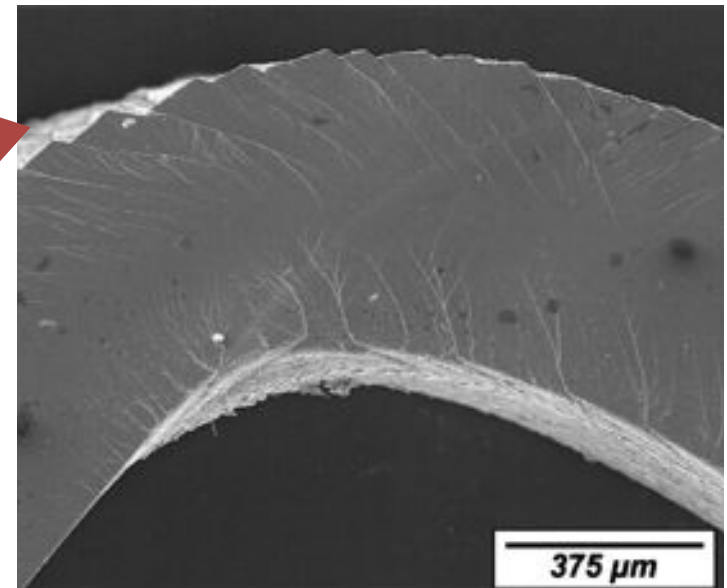
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Mechanical behavior of an amorphous metal

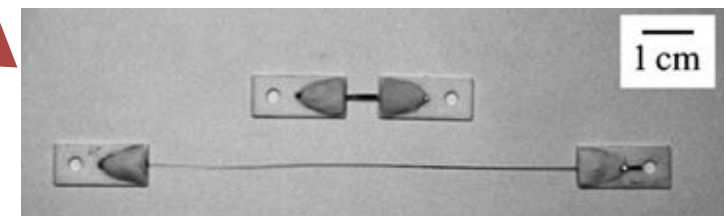
Shear Band Event
 Propagation: 10^{-5} - 10^{-3} s
 Thickness: 10^{-8} m



Schuh et al. Acta Mat. 2007.



Conner et al. J. Appl. Phys. 2003.



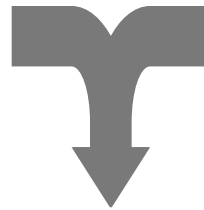
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Combined approach of modeling techniques

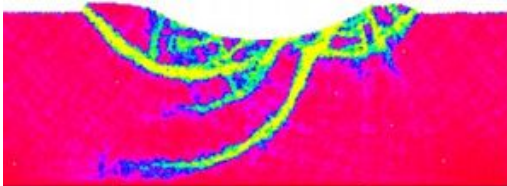
Atomistic Simulations

- Interatomic Potentials
- Time Scale $\sim 10^{-12} - 10^{-6}$
- Strain Rate $\sim 10^6 - 10^8$
- Length Scale $\sim 10^{-9}$



Continuum Simulations

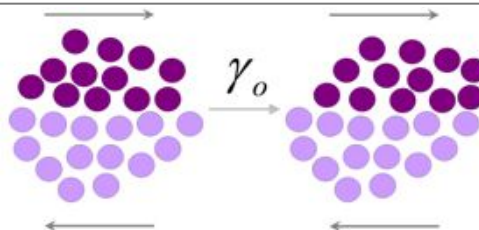
- Constitutive Relation
- Longer Time Scale
- Range of Strain Rates
- Larger Length Scale



Shi, Falk. Acta Mat 2007.

Meso-scale Simulations

- Characteristic Event, STZ
- Time Scale $\sim 10^{-9} - 10^{-3}$
- Length Scale $\sim 10^{-9} - 10^{-6}$



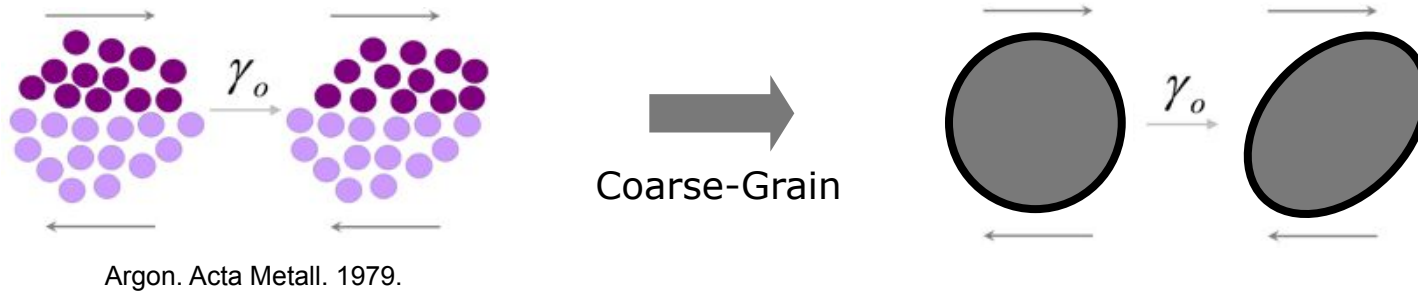
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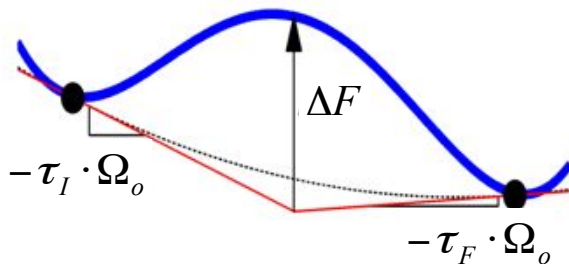
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Coarse-graining the shear transformation zone



Potential Energy Landscape



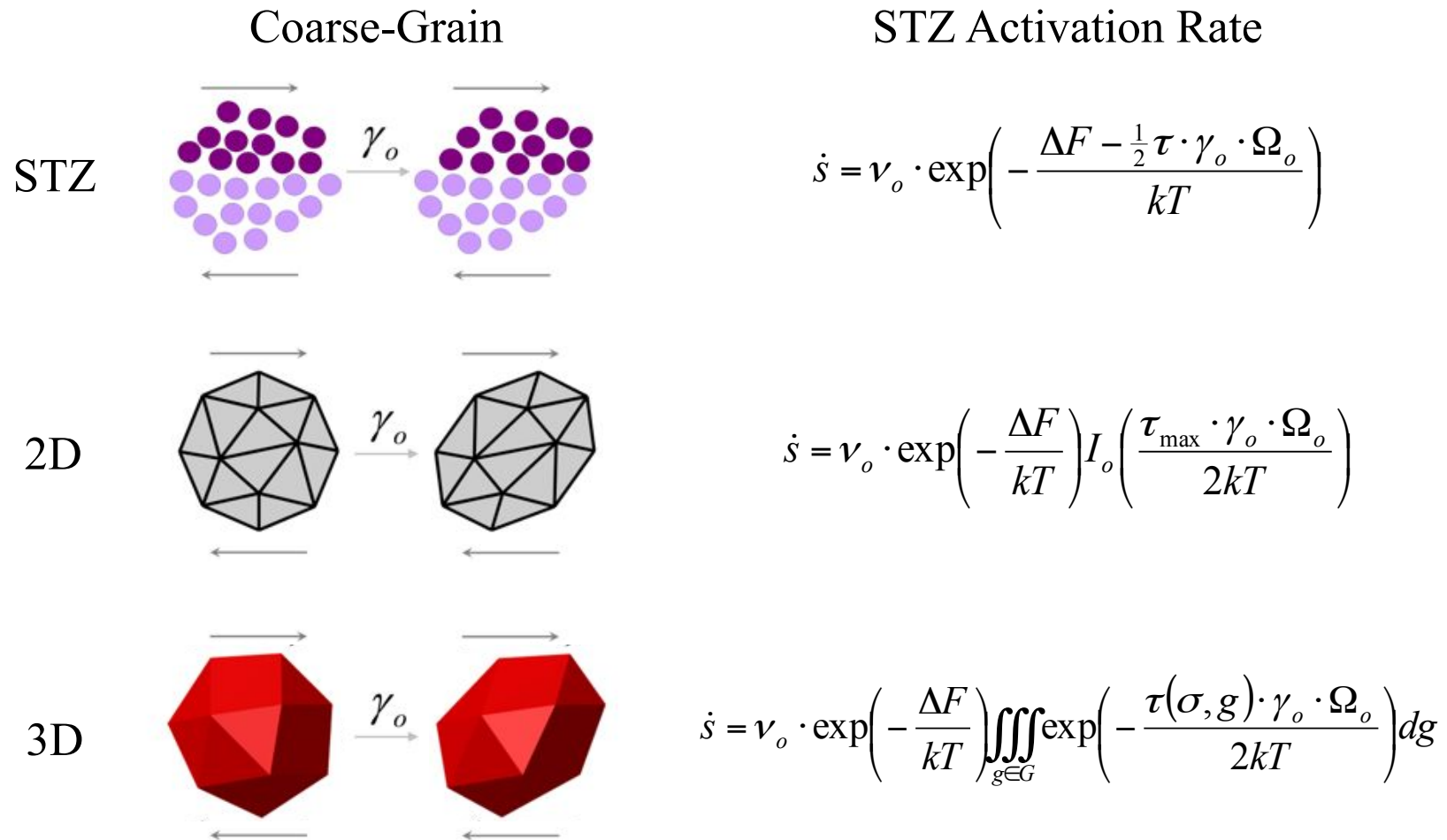
Bulatov, Argon. Model. Simul. Mater. Sci. Eng. 1994.

Characteristic Attempt Frequency

$$\dot{s} = \nu_o \cdot \exp\left(-\frac{\Delta F - \frac{1}{2}\tau \cdot \gamma_o \cdot \Omega_o}{kT}\right)$$



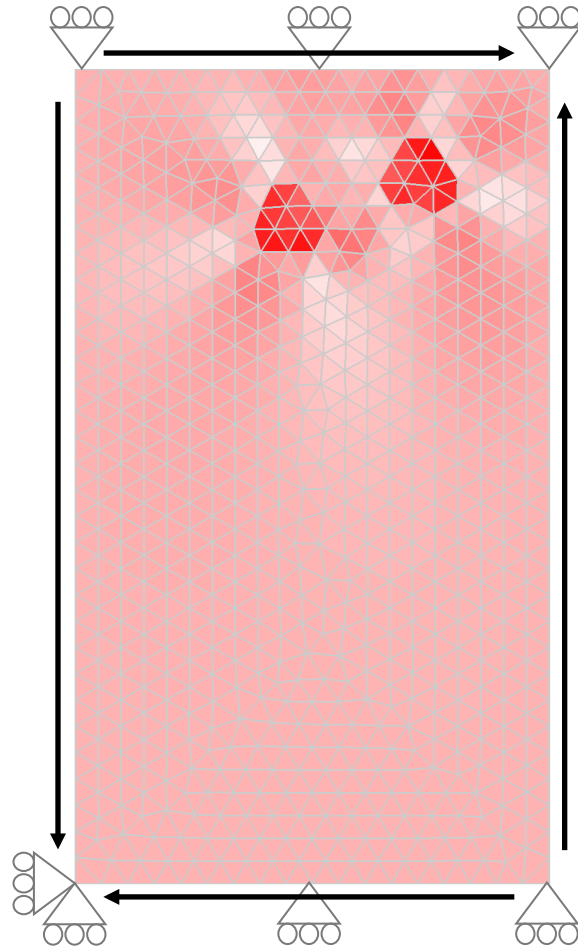
Key elements for a mesoscale model



Numerical Accuracy: 2D error ~1%, 3D error ~2%

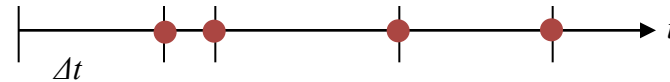
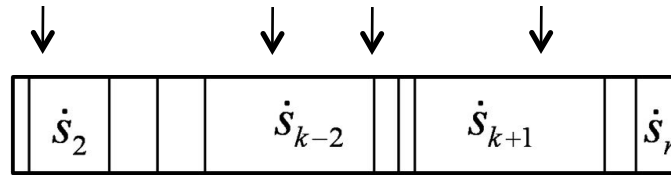


Kinetic Monte Carlo algorithm for STZs



Kinetic Monte Carlo

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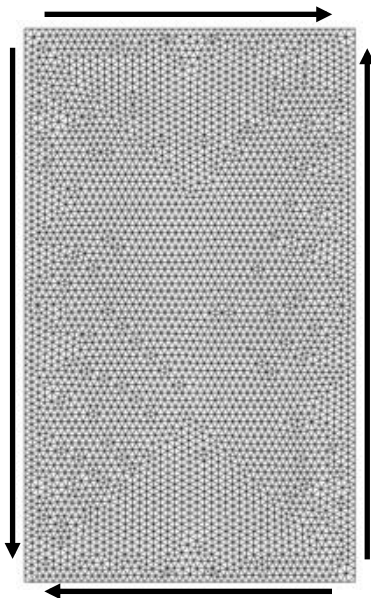


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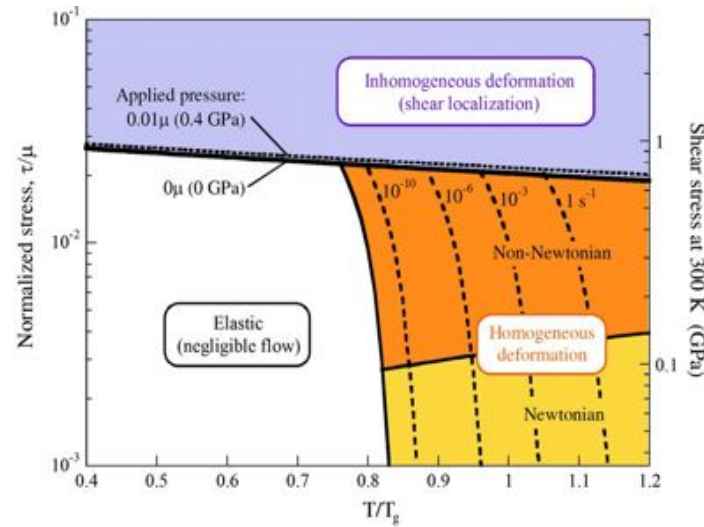


Validation of the STZ Dynamics framework

2D



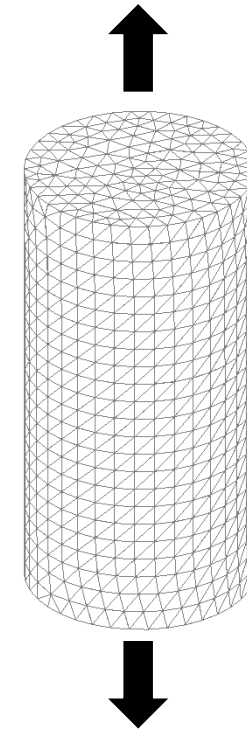
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H: 58nm



$\text{Zr}_{41.2}\text{Ti}_{13.8}\text{Cu}_{12.5}\text{Ni}_{10}\text{Be}_{22.5}$ (Vitreloy 1)

Property	Value
Shear Modulus	$\mu(T) = -0.004 * T + 37 [\text{GPa}]$
Poisson's ratio	$\nu = 0.352$
Debye Temperature	$327 [\text{K}]$
Activation Energy	$\Delta F(T) = 0.8 - 1.2 \times 10^{-29} * \mu(T) [J]$
STZ Volume	$\Omega_o = 1.6 - 2.0 [\text{nm}^3]$

3D



D: 10nm
H: 20nm



Characteristic Model Response

Vitreloy 1 ($\text{Zr}_{41.2}\text{Ti}_{13.8}\text{Cu}_{12.5}\text{Ni}_{10}\text{Be}_{22.5}$) Properties: G , ν , θ_D , ΔF

High T
Low σ

2D (Pure Shear)
35nm x 58nm

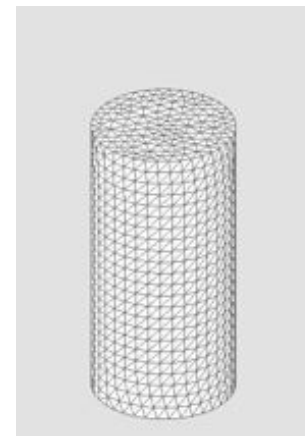
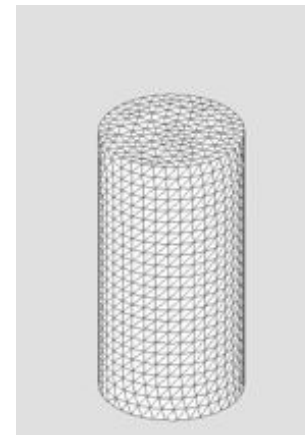


Low T
High σ



Homer, Schuh. Acta Mat. 2009.

3D (Tension)
10nm x 20 nm

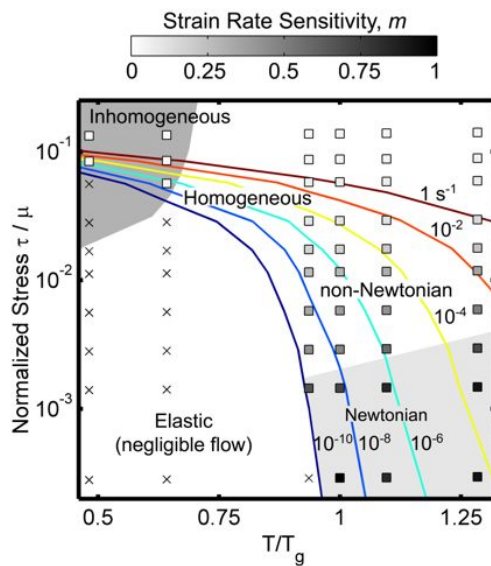


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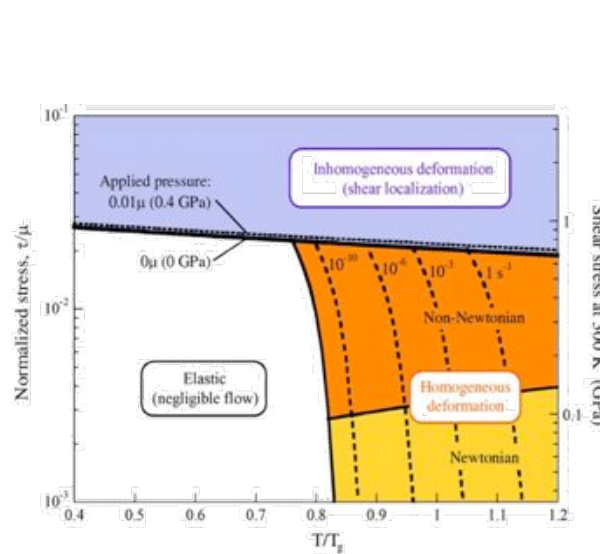
STZ Dynamics characteristic response

2D

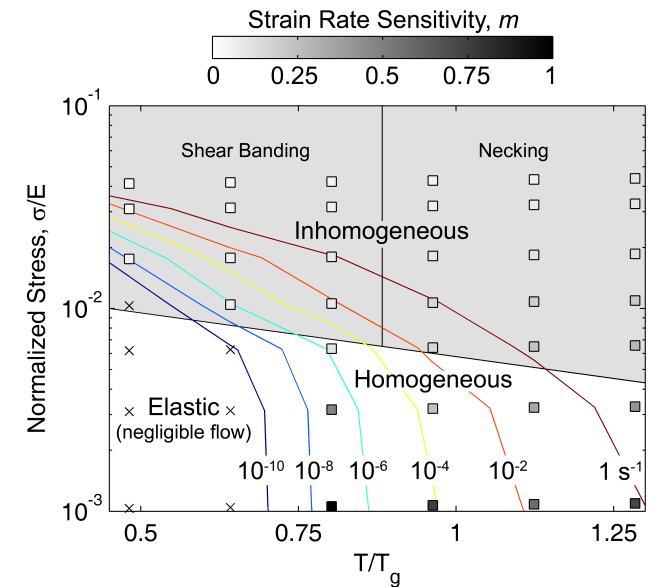


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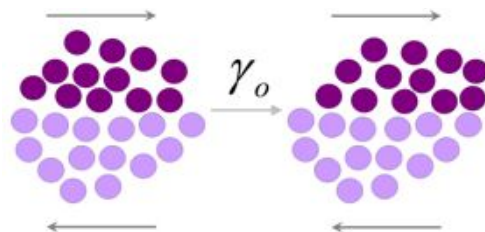
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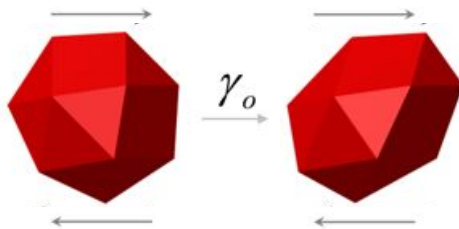
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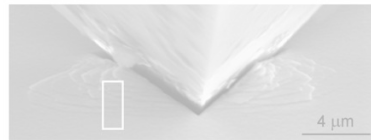
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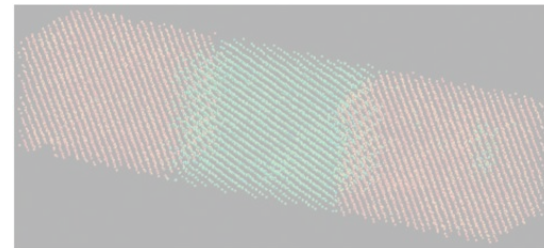


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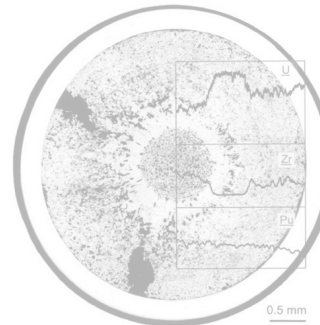
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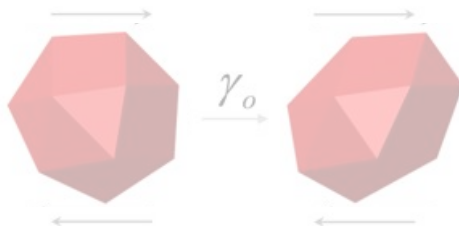
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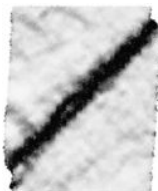
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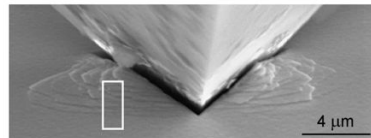
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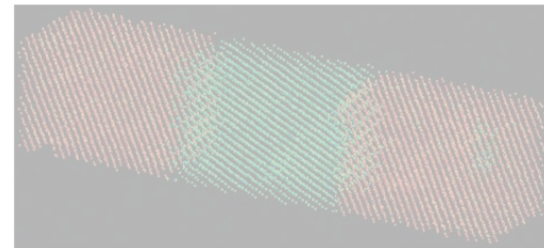


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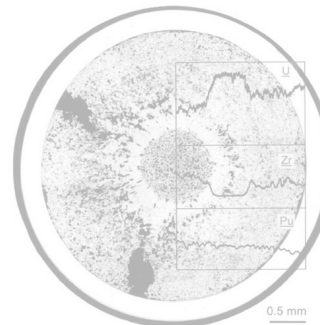
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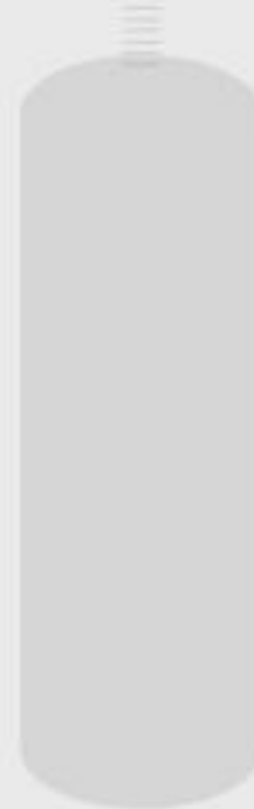
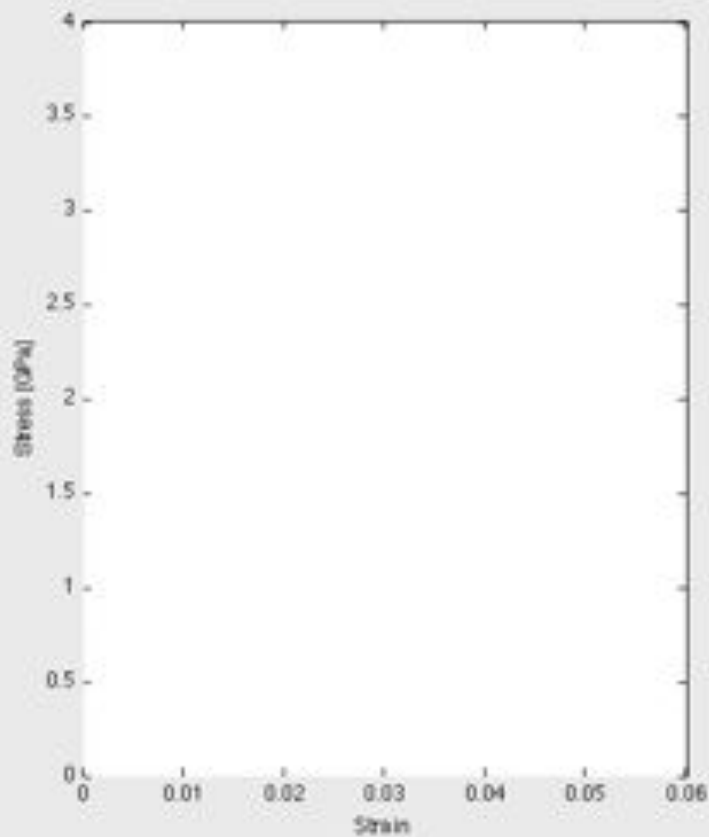
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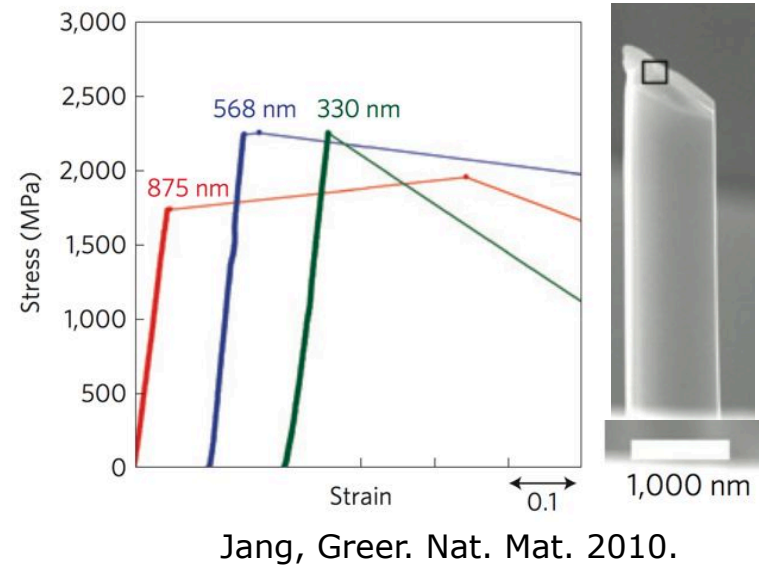
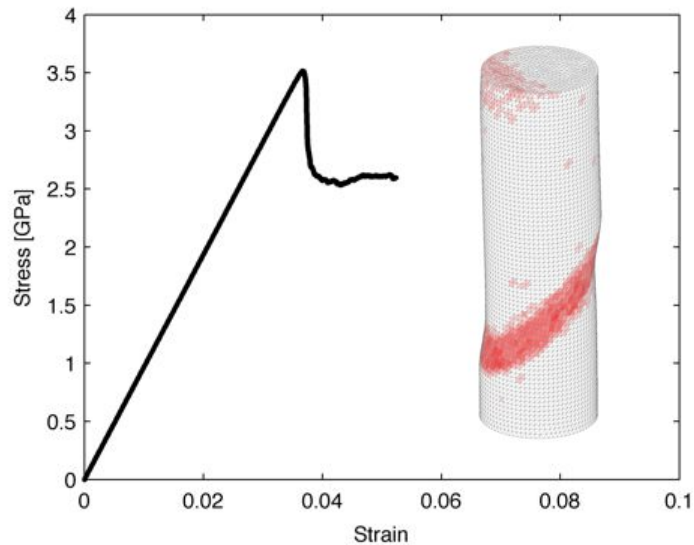
Constant Strain Rate Tensile Test

Strain Rate: 10^{-3} s^{-1} D: 20nm, H: 60nm





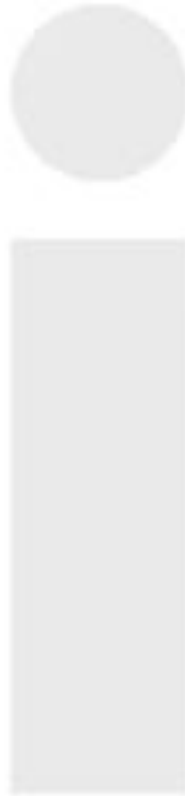
Model & Experimental Comparisons





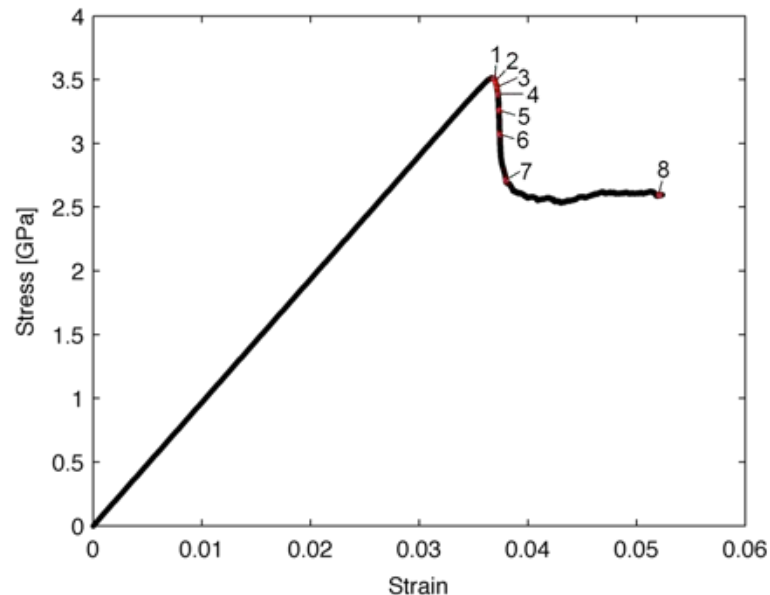
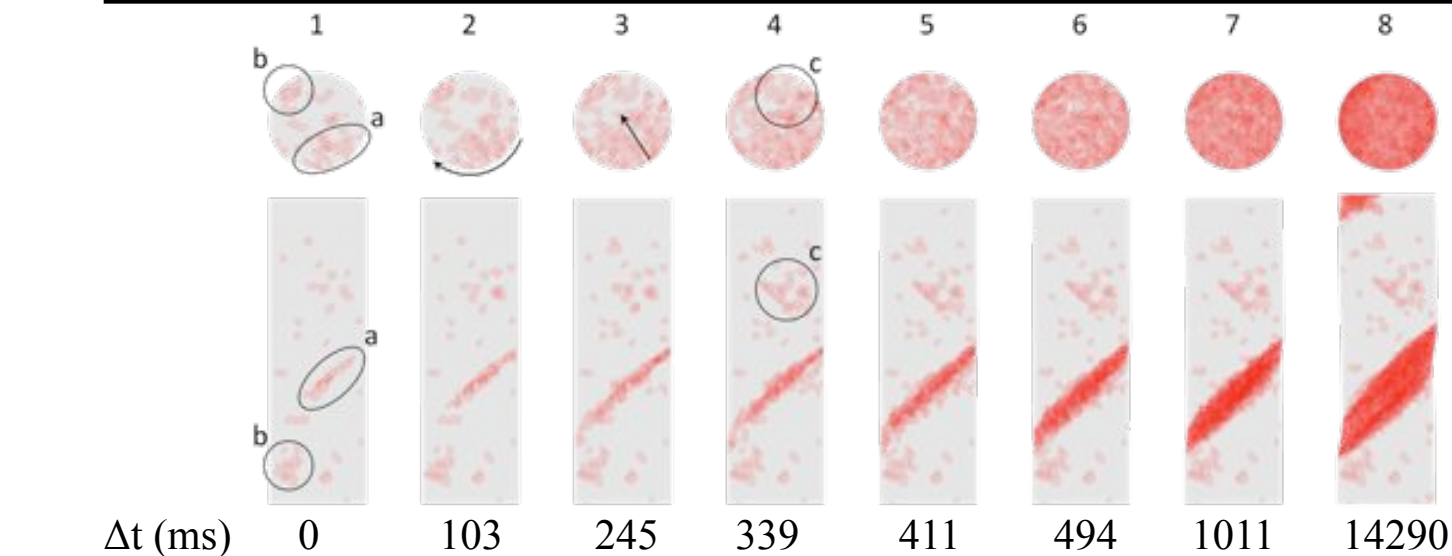
Isolated Shear Localization Event

Strain: 2.9526 %
Time: 27.7504 s





Details of shear localization event



	Model	Experiment
Nucleation	Several possible sites	Areas of high free volume / stress concentrations
Path	Free Surface	Connected path of free volume / short range order
Velocity	Front: 0.274 $\mu\text{m/s}$ Band: 0.017 $\mu\text{m/s}$	40 $\mu\text{m/s}$ ¹ 317-336 $\mu\text{m/s}$ ² $\geq 5.3 \times 10^5 \mu\text{m/s}$ ³

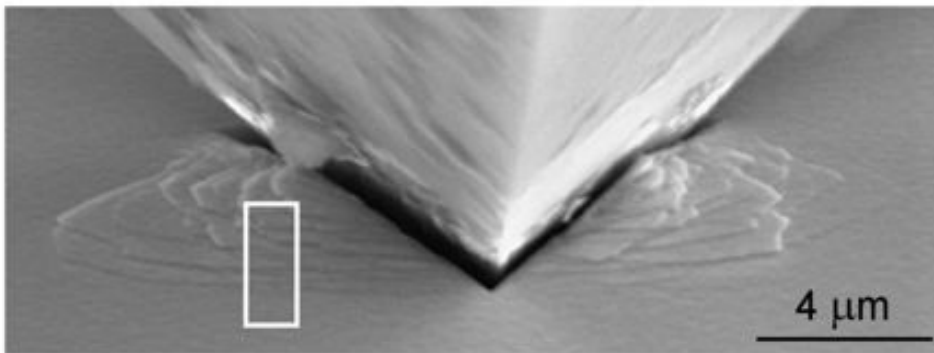
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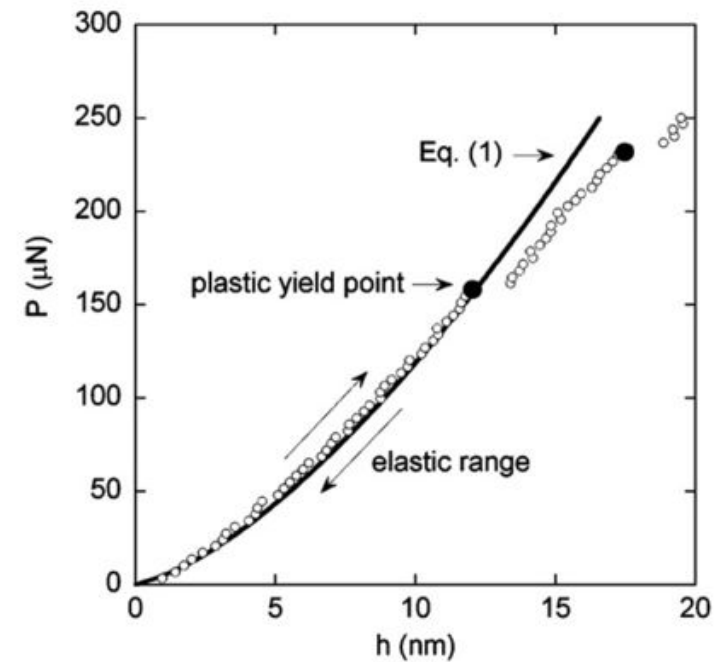
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Precision nanoindentation of a metallic glass

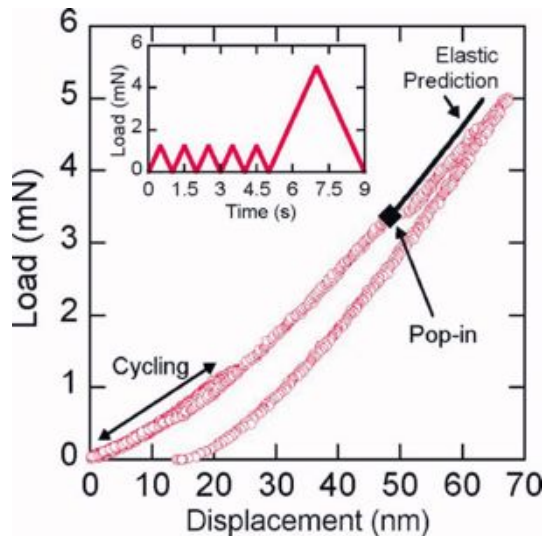


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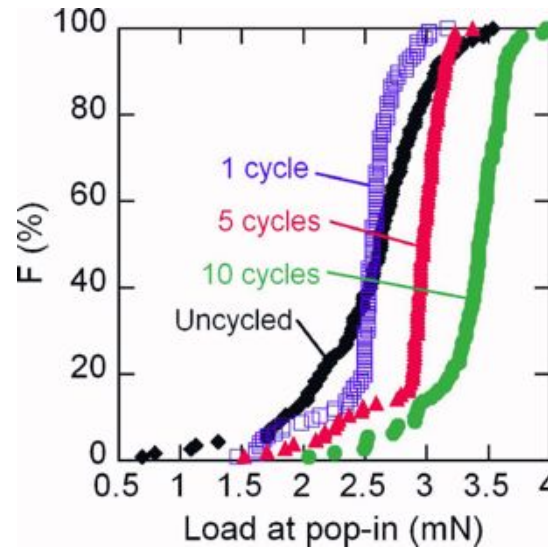


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Cyclic loading leads to nanoscale strengthening

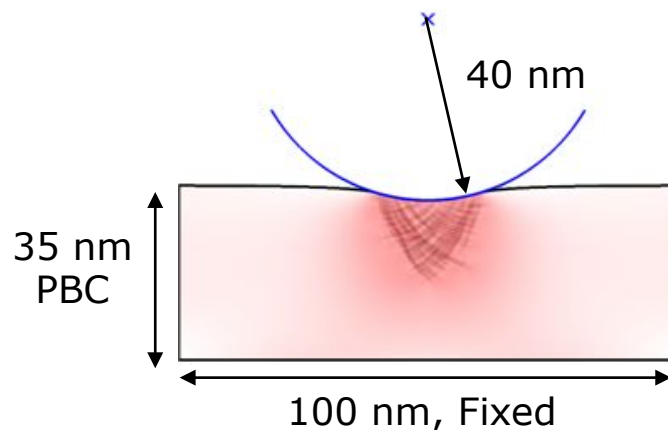


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- Cycling load threshold
- Act of cycling required
- Saturation in strengthening

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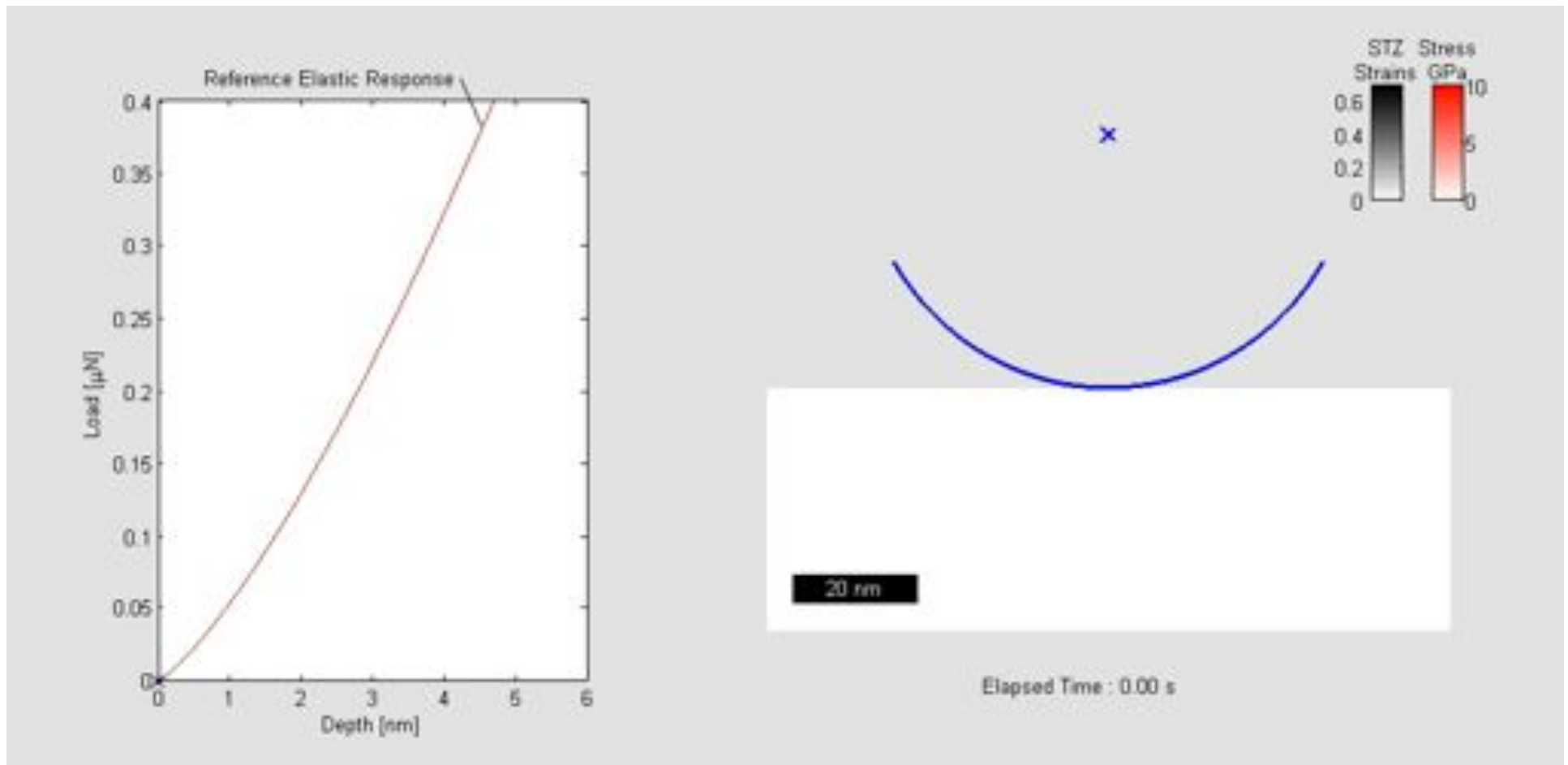


Microplasticity (STZ activity)

- Energetically plausible
- Imperceptible activity
- Low T kinetics – correct time
- STZ activity leads to hardening



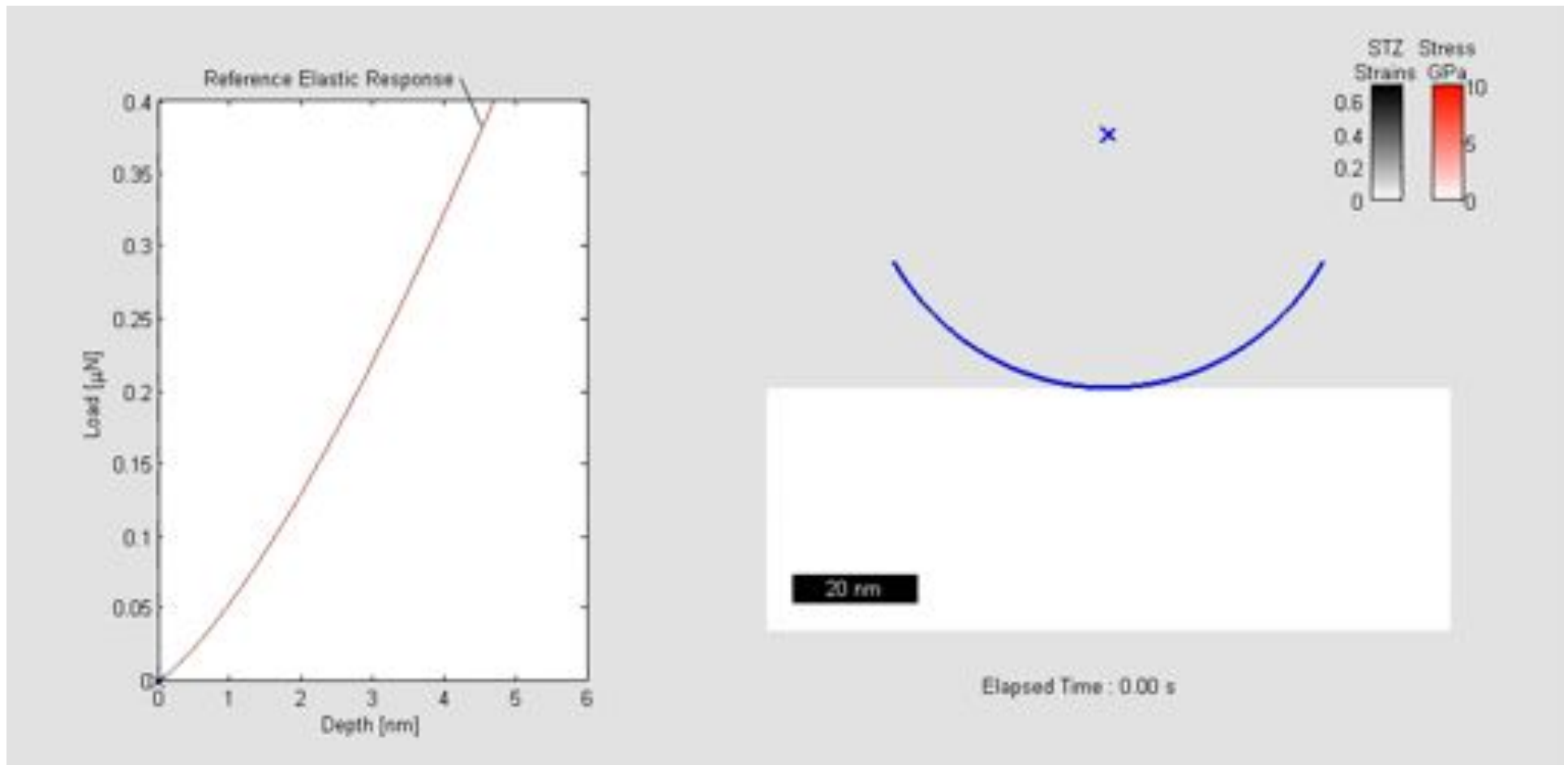
Monotonic loading of a metallic glass



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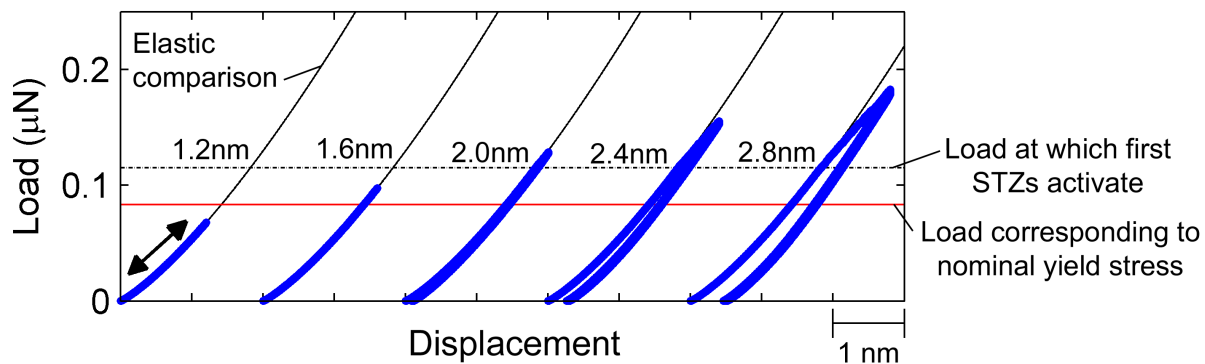
Effect of cycling indenter to a depth of 2.0 nm



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STZ activity is significant and undetectable

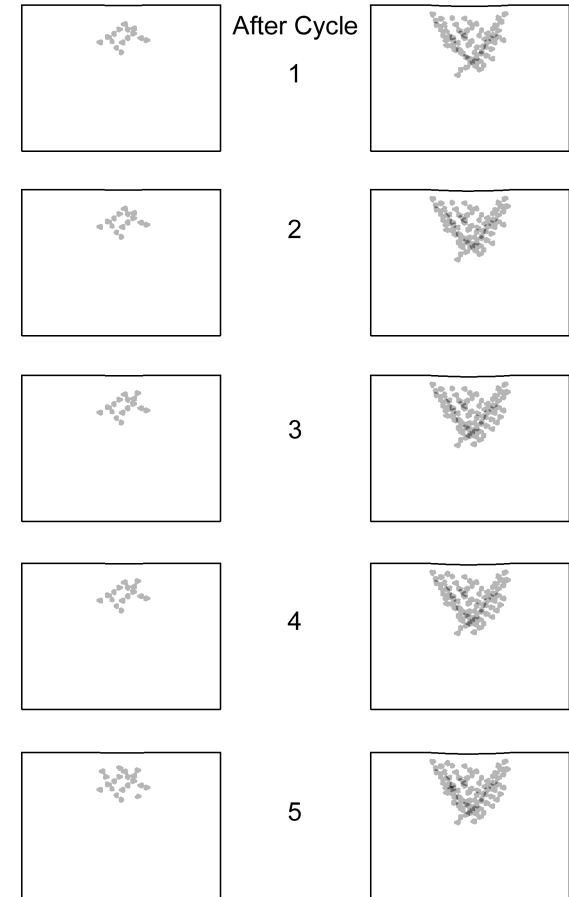


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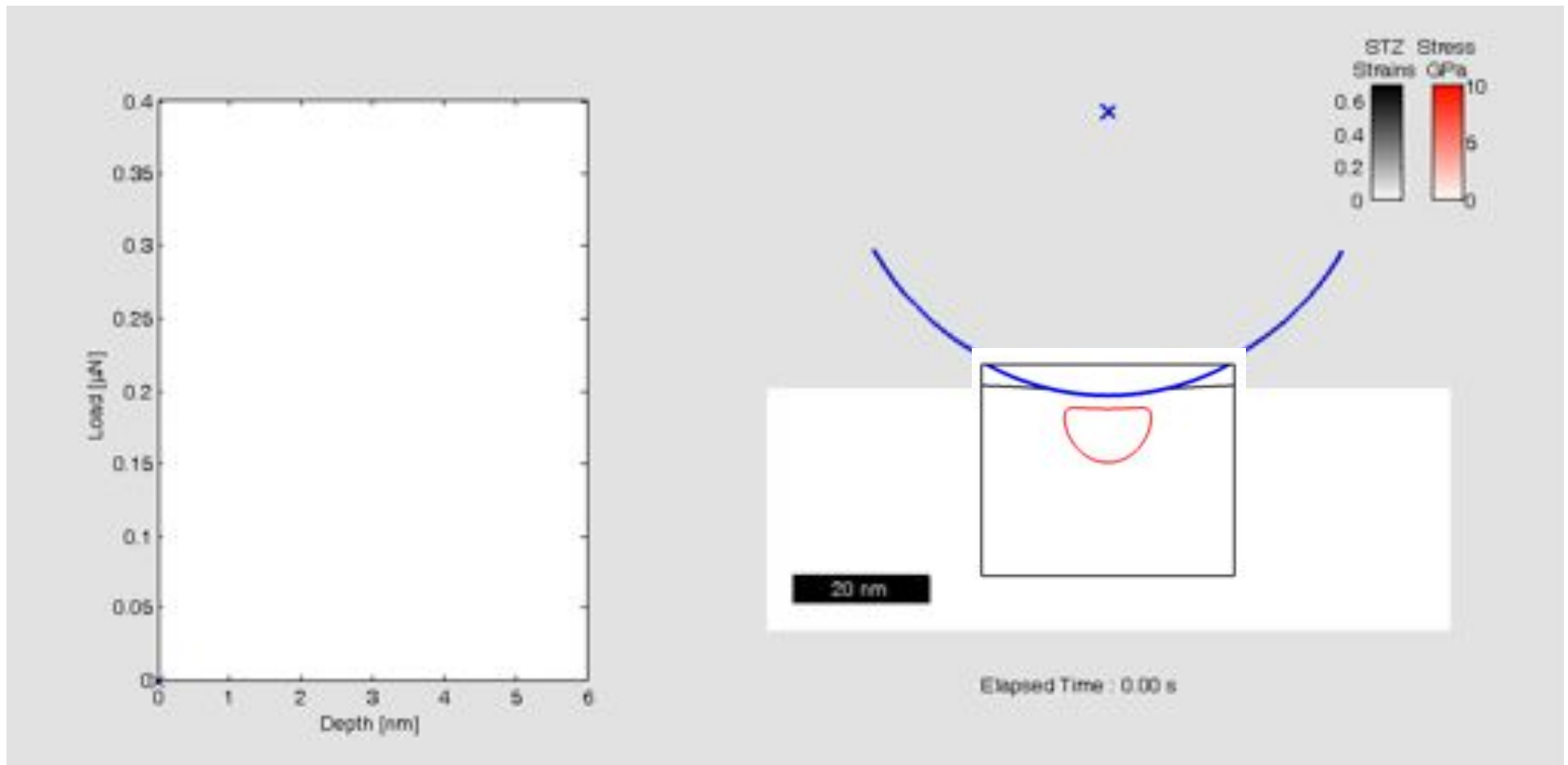
Cycle Amplitude: 2.0 nm

Cycle Amplitude: 2.4 nm



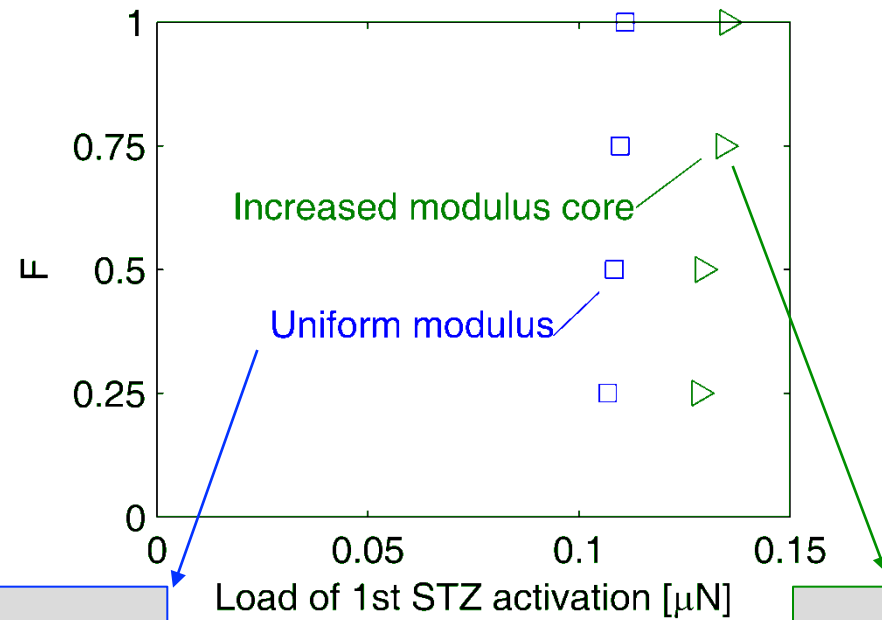


Indentation of a strengthened metallic glass





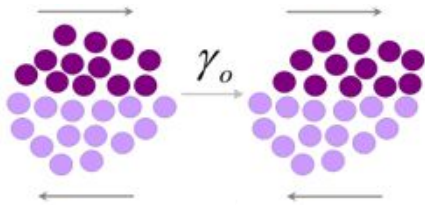
Strengthening a glass increases STZ load





STZ Dynamics Extensions

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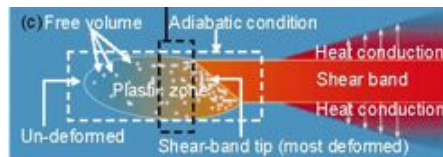
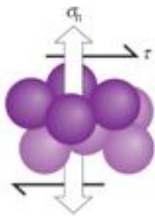


Redistribute stress

Isothermal

$$\dot{s} = \dot{s}(\tau, T)$$

Extensions



$$\dot{s} = \dot{s}(\tau, T, V_f, \sigma_n)$$

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Source Code



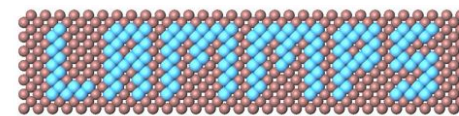
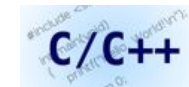
Fortran



Parallel Processing

Open-Source

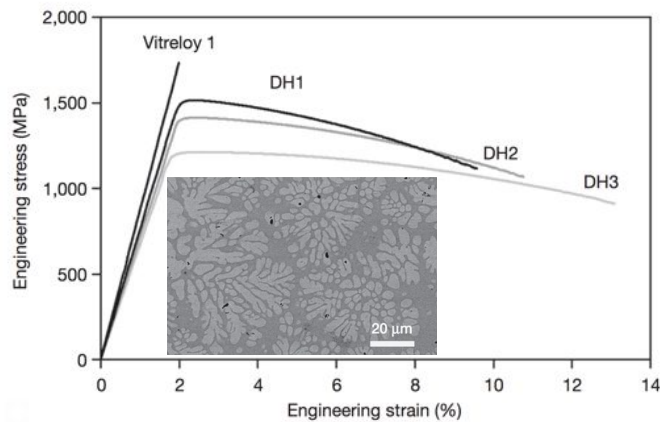
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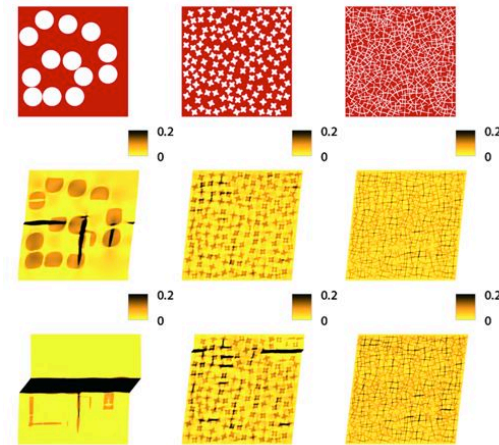


STZ Dynamics Extensions: Composites

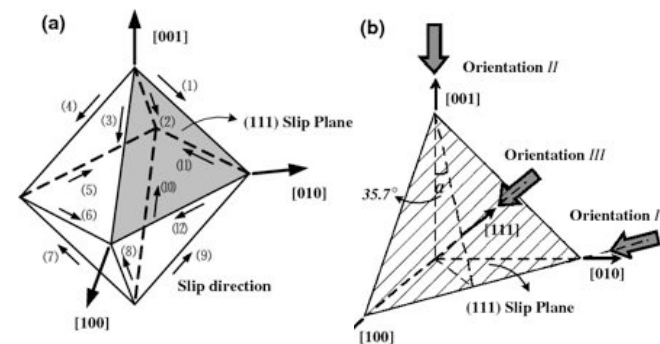
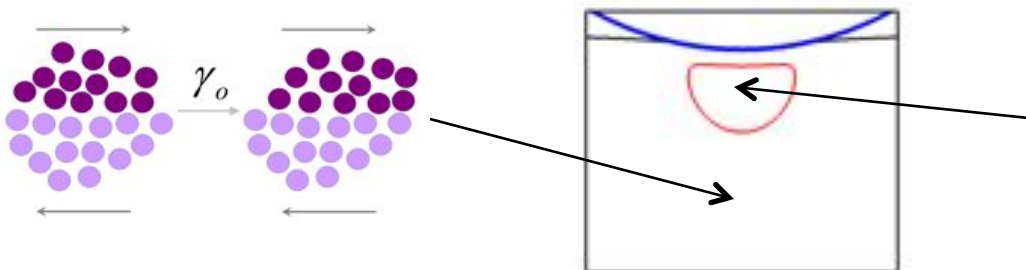
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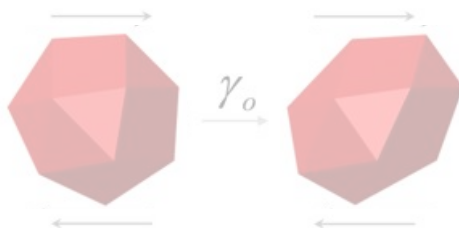
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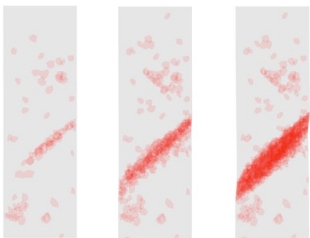
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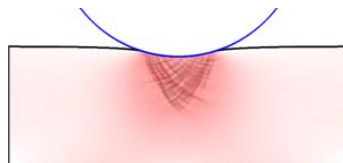
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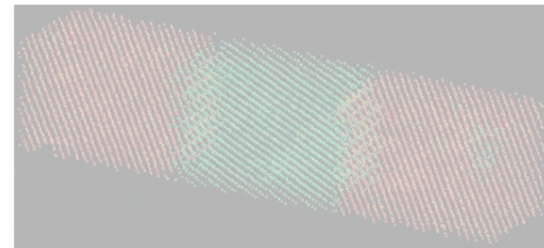
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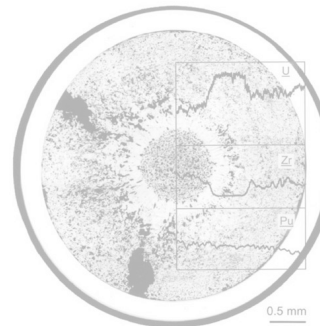
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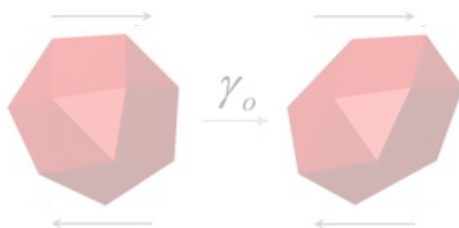
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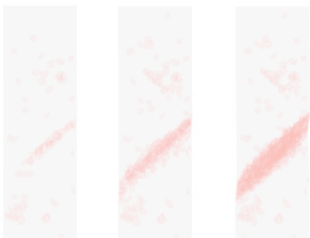
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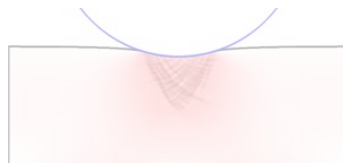
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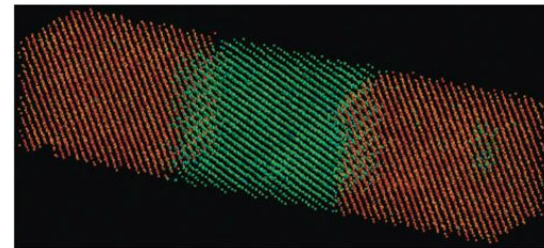
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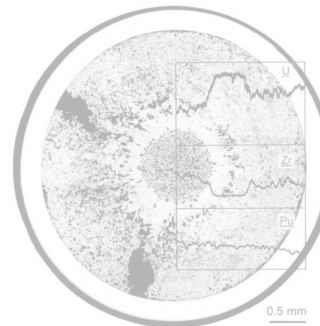
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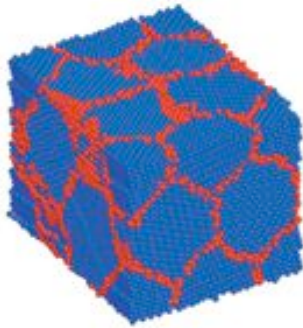
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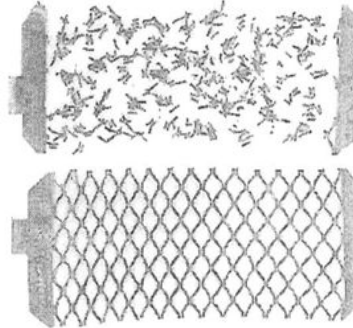
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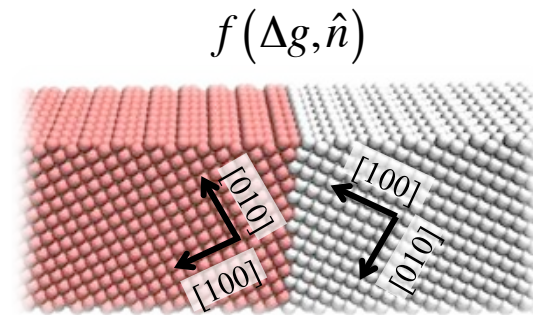
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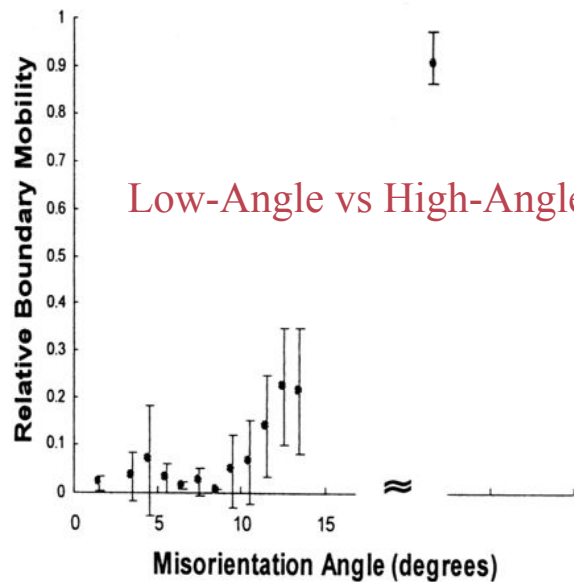


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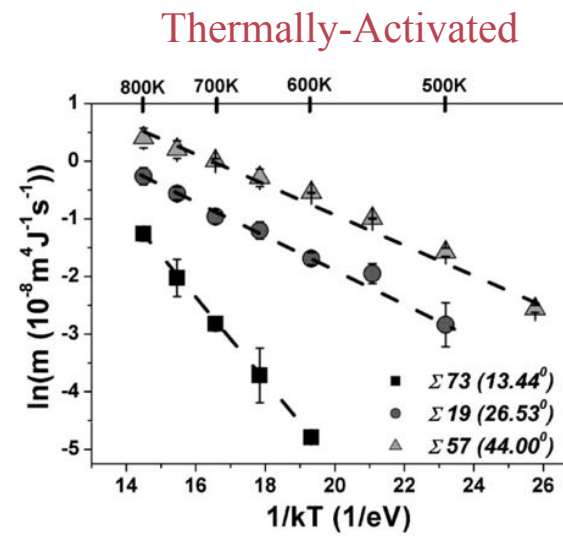


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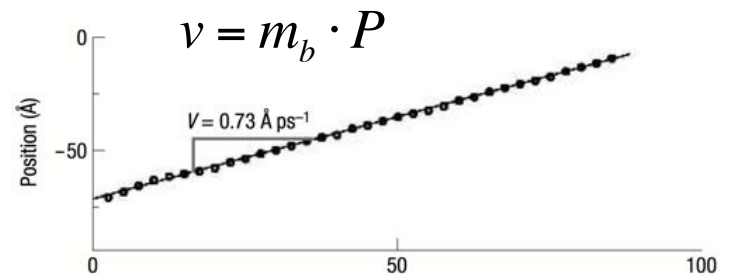
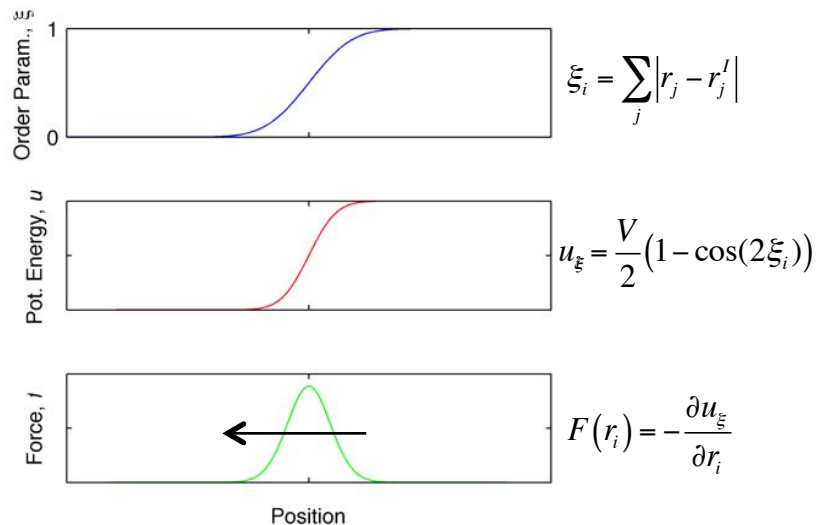
Synthetic Driving Force Molecular Dynamics



Pair Potential:
$$E_i = F_\alpha \sum_{i \neq j} \rho_\beta(r_{ij}) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \neq j} \phi_{\alpha\beta}(r_{ij})$$

Integrate Motion: (r_i, v_i, a_i, f_i)

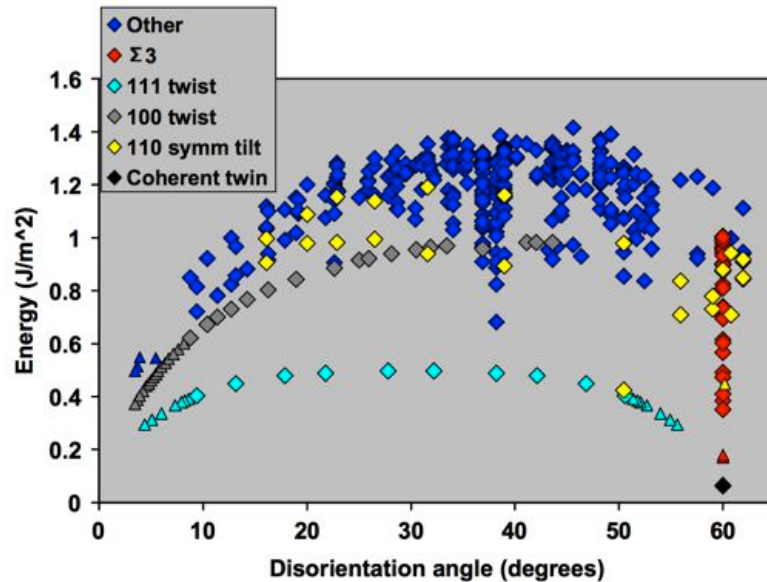
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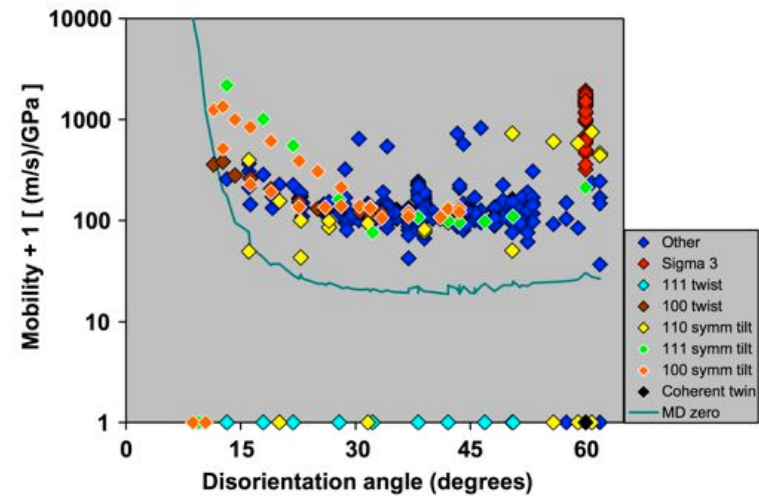


Energy and Mobility of Grain Boundaries

388 Different Boundaries $f(\Delta g, \hat{n})$



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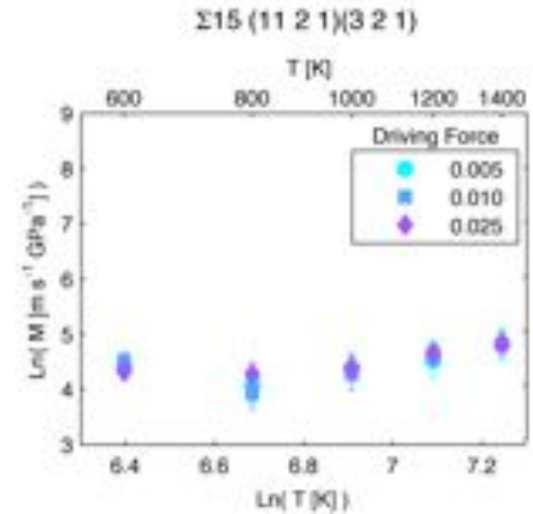
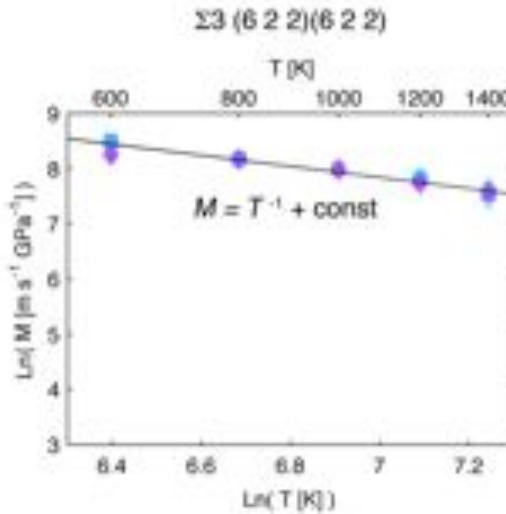
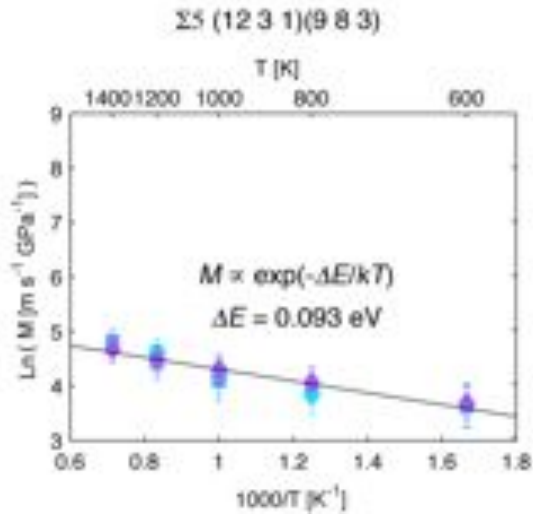


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Mobility Temperature-Dependence: ~ 10,000 Simulations



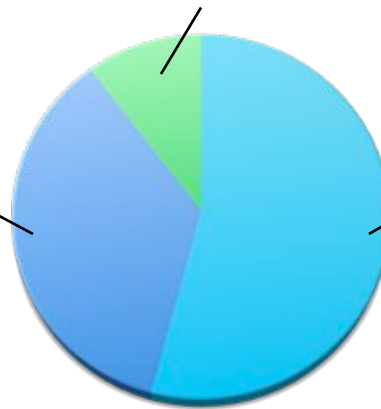
Temperature-Dependent Boundary Motion



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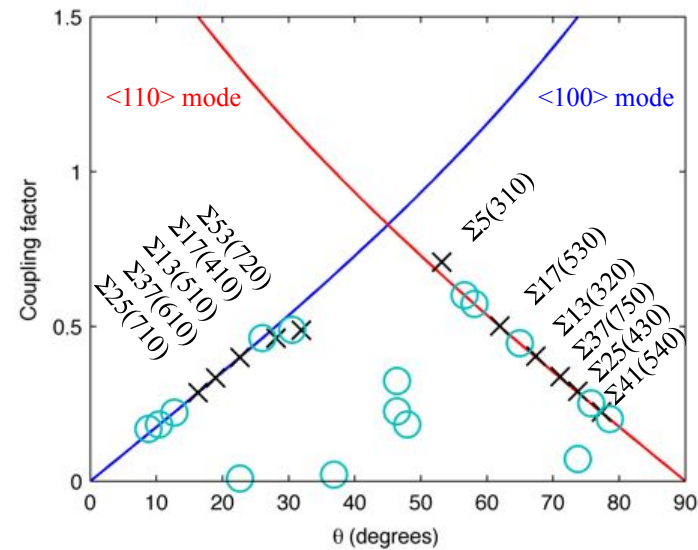
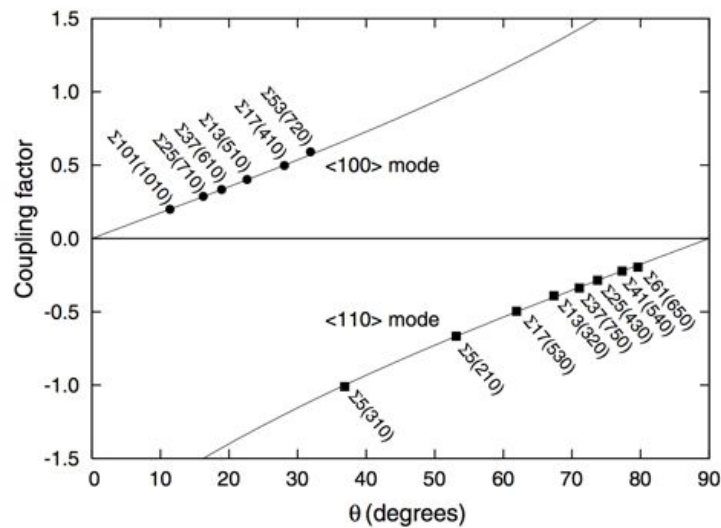
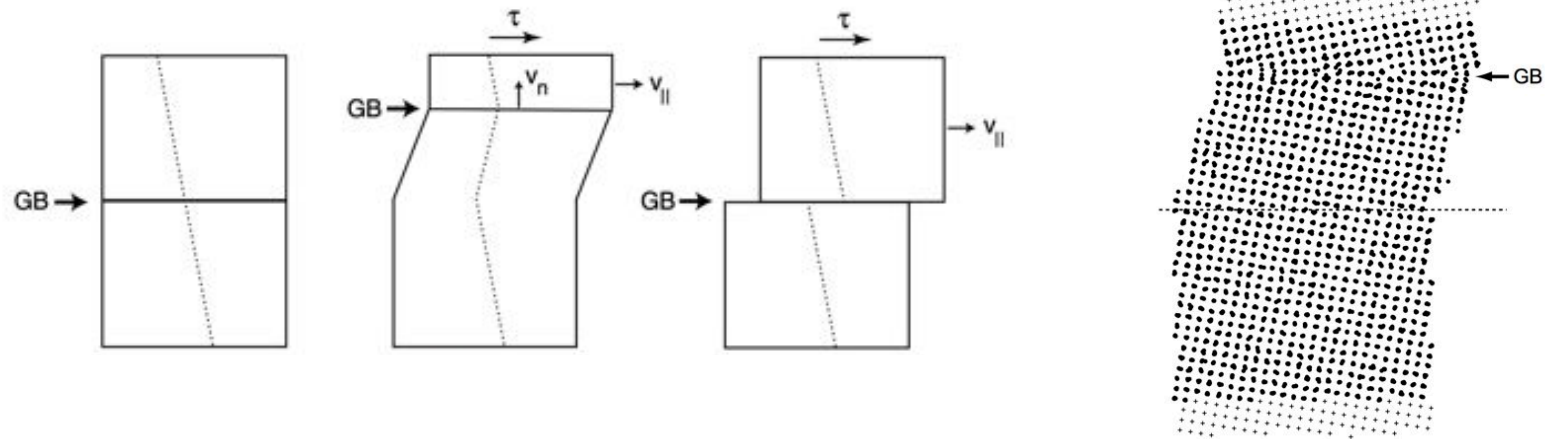
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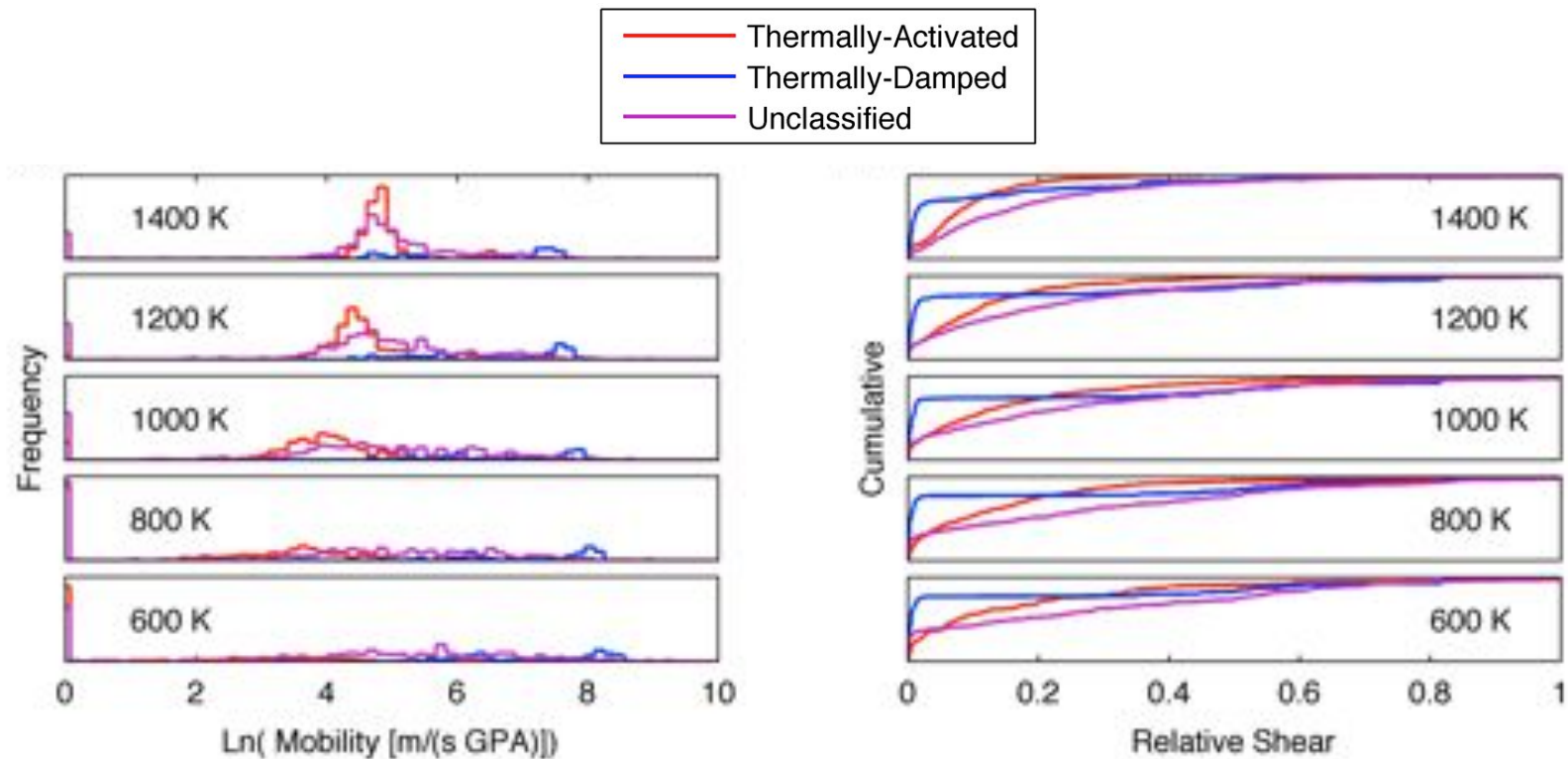
Shear-Coupled Boundary Motion



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Mobility and Shear Distributions

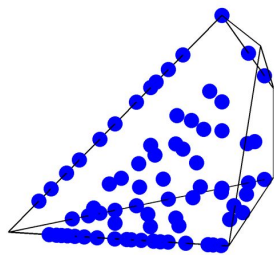




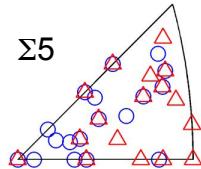
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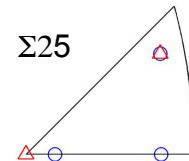
73 Misorientations



$\Sigma 5$



$\Sigma 25$



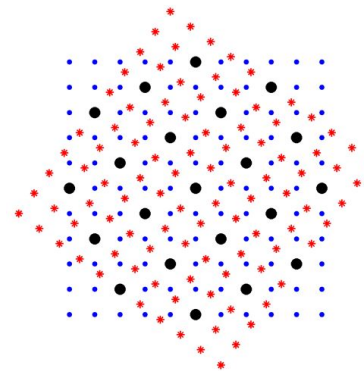
Sampling & Fitting

Uniform Sampling

$$E(\Delta g, \hat{n}) = \sum_{i,j,k} \sum_{l,m} a_{ijk}^{lm} T_i^{jk}(\Delta g) k_l^m(\hat{n})$$

$$E(\Delta g) = \iint_{S^2} \sum_{i,j,k} \sum_{l,m} a_{ijk}^{lm} k_l^m(\hat{n})$$

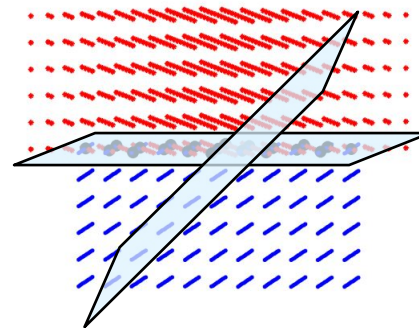
CSL Determination



$$f(\Delta g)$$

$$\Delta \theta \leq 15^\circ \Sigma^{-5/6}$$

Consider Inclination



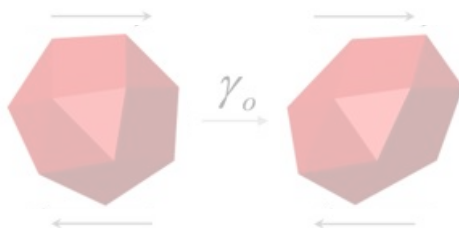
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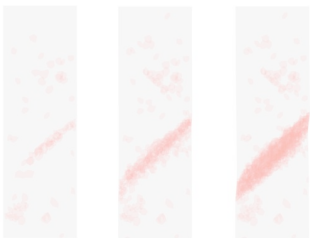
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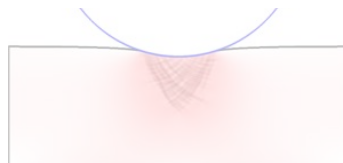
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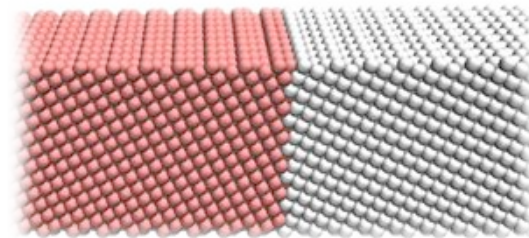
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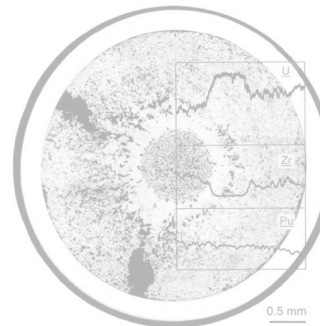
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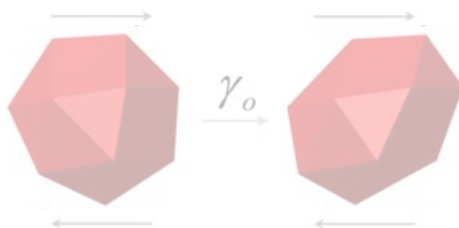
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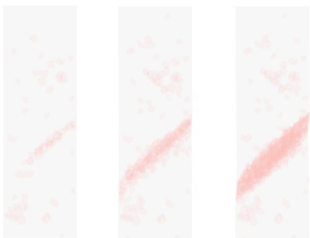
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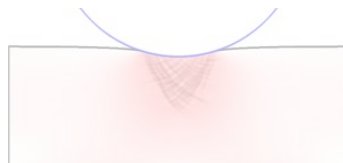
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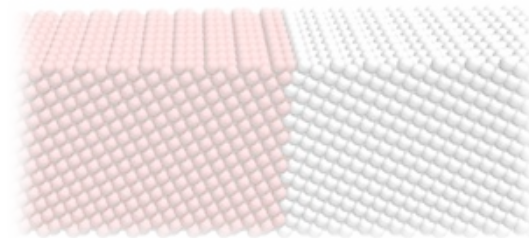
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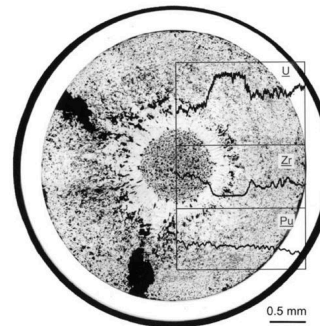
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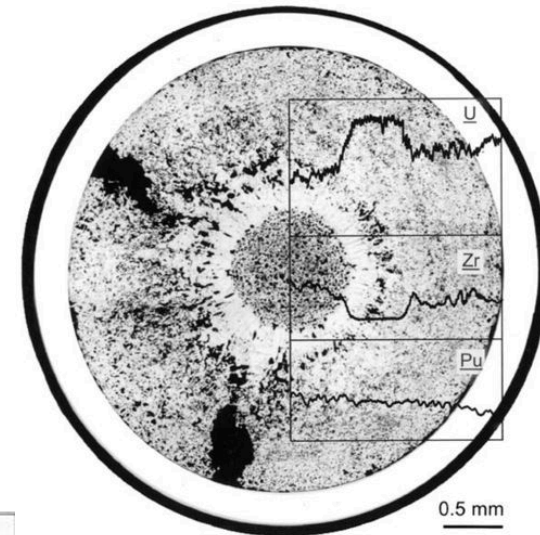
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Extreme Environments of Nuclear Power

Irradiation & Thermal Effects

- Fission Gas Generation
- Damage / Plasticity
- Impurity Fission Bi-Products
- Diffusion
- Creep
- Chemical attack between cladding and fuel



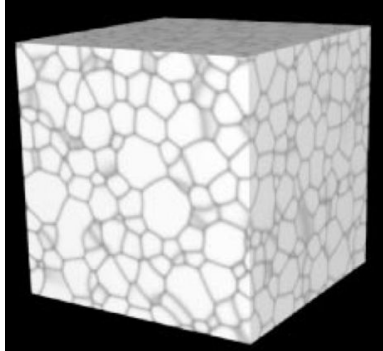
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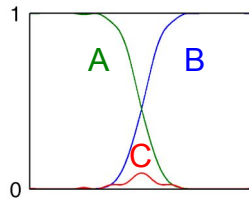
Combined approach of modeling techniques

Phase-Field

- Deterministic Continuum Model
 - Smoothly varying fields
 - Diffuse Interfaces
 - Computationally expensive

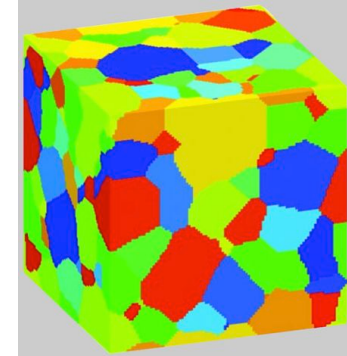


Chen. Annu Rev. Mat. Res. 2002.



Potts Monte Carlo

- Statistical-Mechanical Model
 - Discrete Particles
 - Sharp Interfaces
 - Less expensive



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A	A	A	B
A	A	B	B
A	C	B	B
C	C	C	C

Combined Model

- Potts: Grain evolution
- PF: Concentration evolution
- Balance resolution / efficiency

A	A	A	B
A	A	B	B
A	C	B	B
C	C	C	C

Blue	Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue
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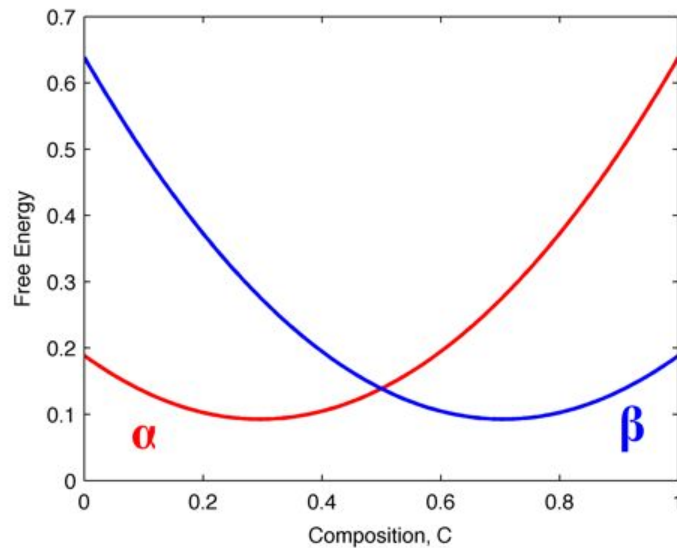


Details of the Combined Model

Combined Model Energetics

$$E_{hyb} = \sum_{i=1}^N \left(E_v(q_i, C) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^n J(q_i, q_j) \right) + \int \kappa_c (\nabla C)^2 dV$$

$$E_v = \gamma \left[(C - C_1)^2 + (C_2 - C)^2 \right] + a_1 (C - C_3)^2 q_\alpha + a_2 (C_4 - C)^2 q_\beta$$



Potts Evolution

$$P = \begin{cases} \exp\left(-\frac{\Delta E}{k_B T}\right) & \text{for } \Delta E > 0 \\ 1 & \text{for } \Delta E \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

A	A	A	B
A	A	B	B
A	A	B	B
C	C	C	C

Phase-Field Evolution

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial t} = M_c \left(\nabla^2 \frac{\partial E_v}{\partial C} - \kappa_c \nabla^4 C \right)$$

Blue	Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue
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Coupled Potts – Phase Field Simulations

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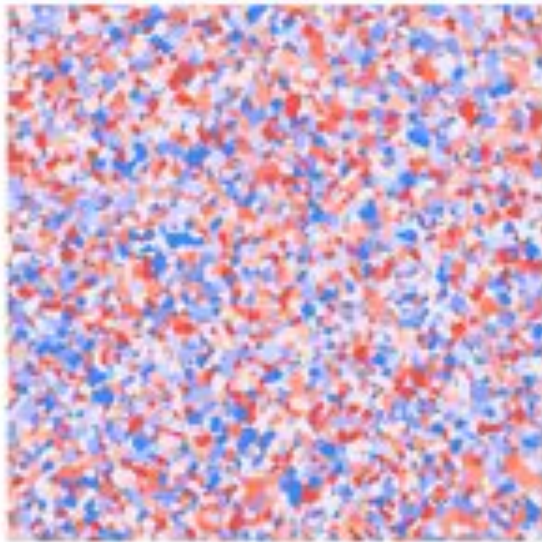
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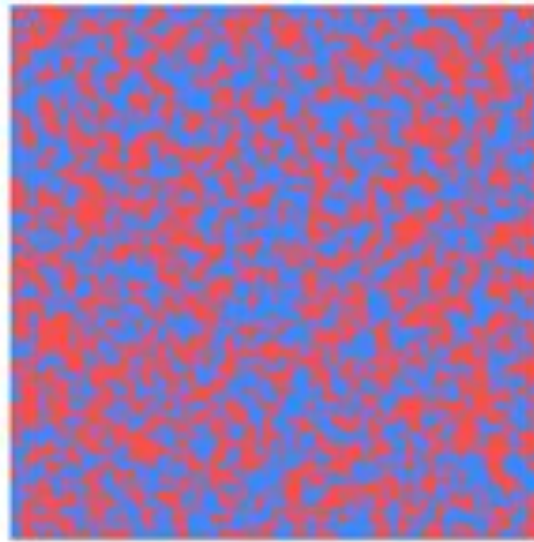
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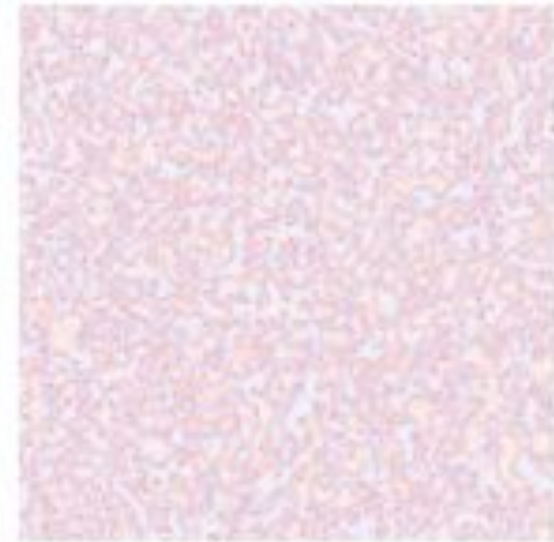
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10 MCS
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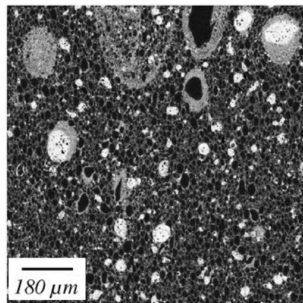


Future Nuclear Fuels Research

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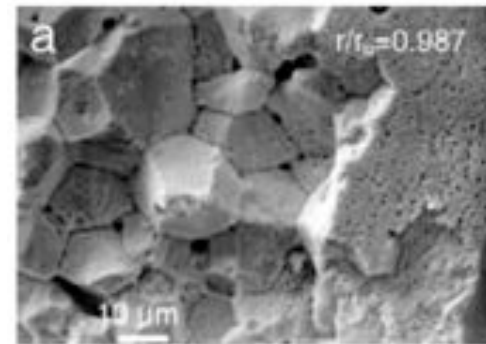
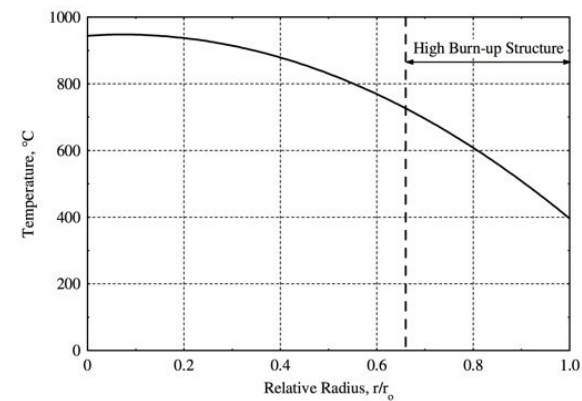
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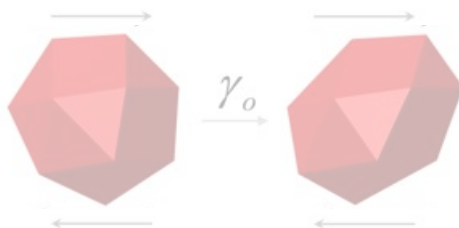
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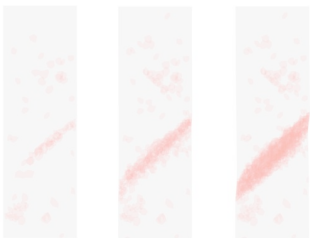
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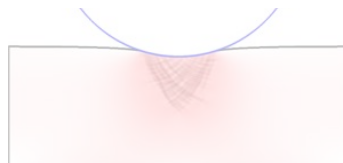
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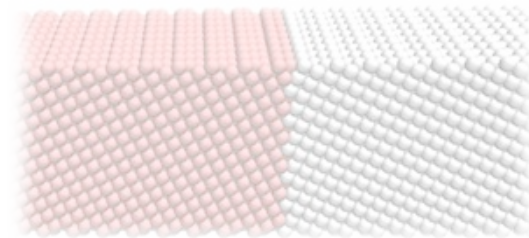
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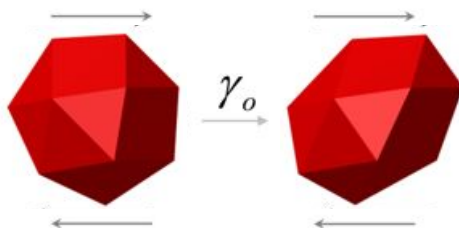




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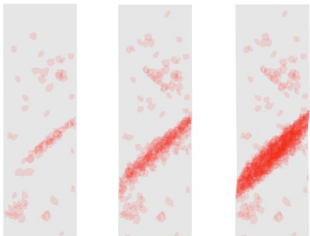
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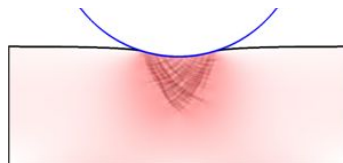
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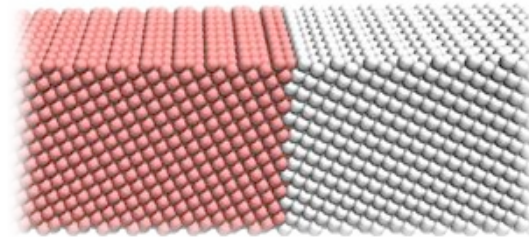
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