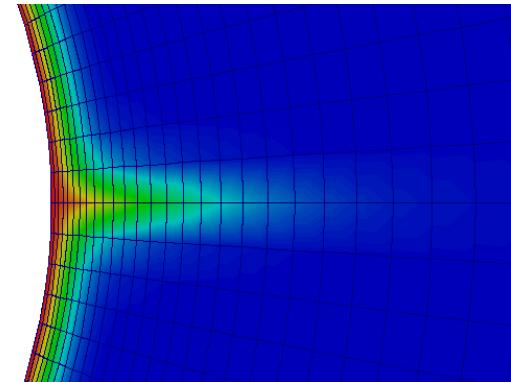
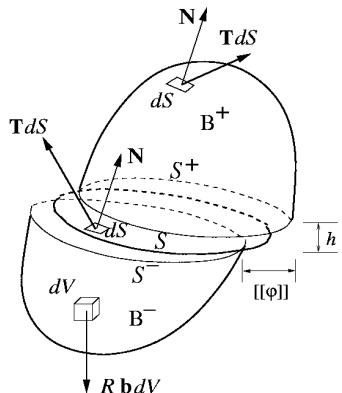
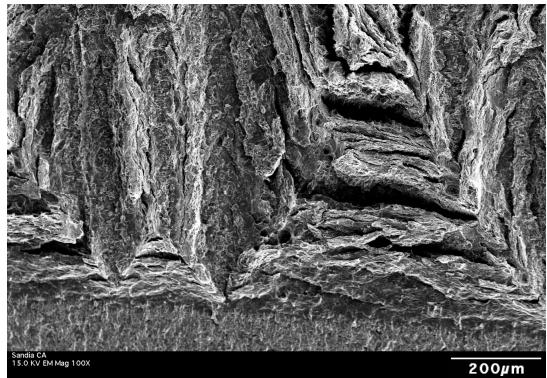


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## Simulating hydrogen embrittlement and fast pathways for diffusion through localization elements

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# The driving force and the resistance

$\Pi$  – potential energy of body

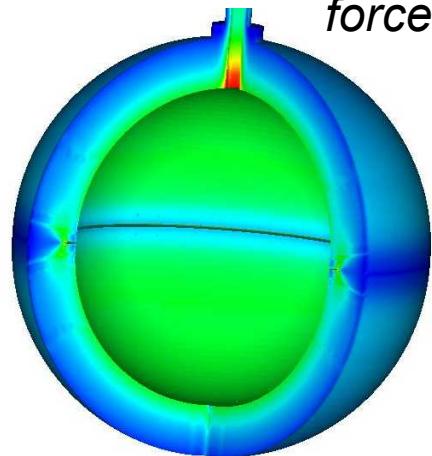
$R$  – resistance of the body

$a$  - crack length

$$\frac{\partial \Pi}{\partial a} + R(a) = 0$$

*energetics of crack propagation*

*calculate driving  
forces*



x

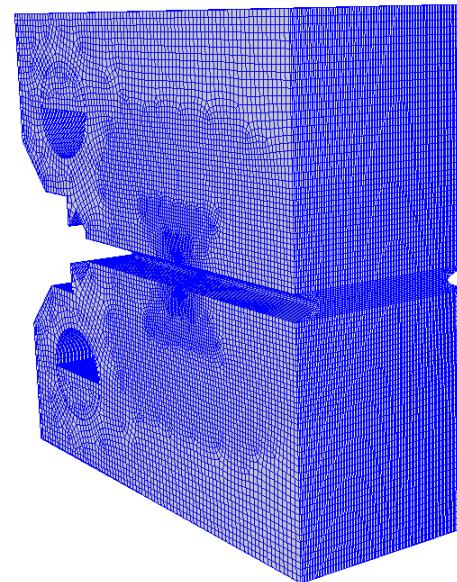
$$J = \int_{\Gamma_0} \mathbf{L} \cdot \boldsymbol{\Sigma} \mathbf{N} dA$$

$\mathbf{L}$  – crack trajectory

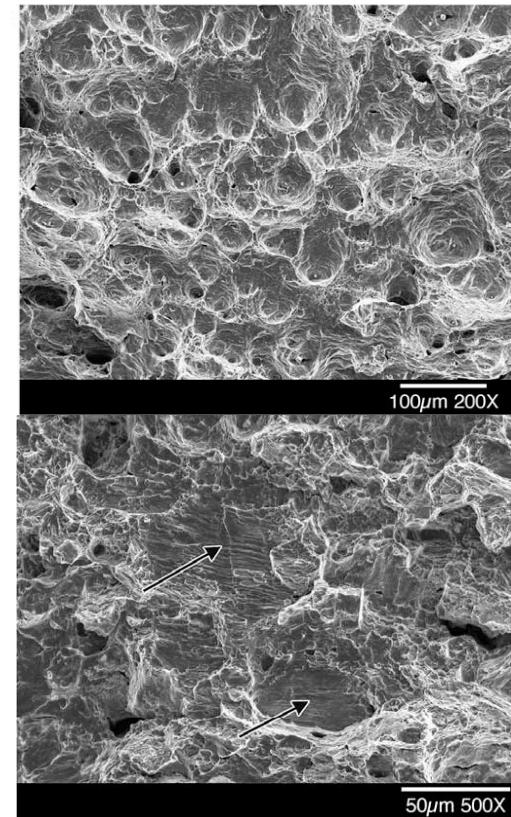
$\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$  – Energy-momentum tensor

$\mathbf{N}$  – surface normal

*measure fracture  
toughness*



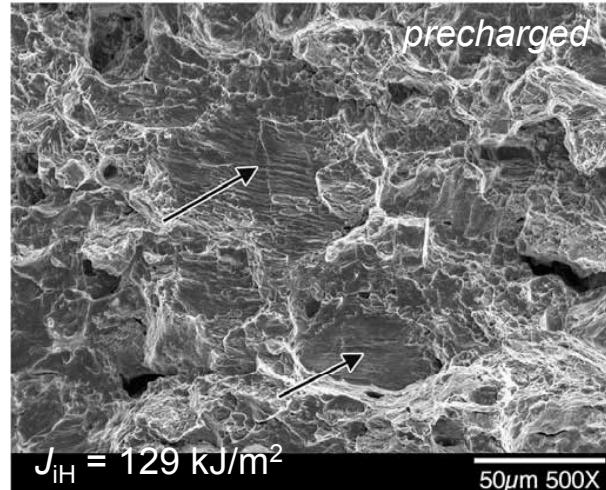
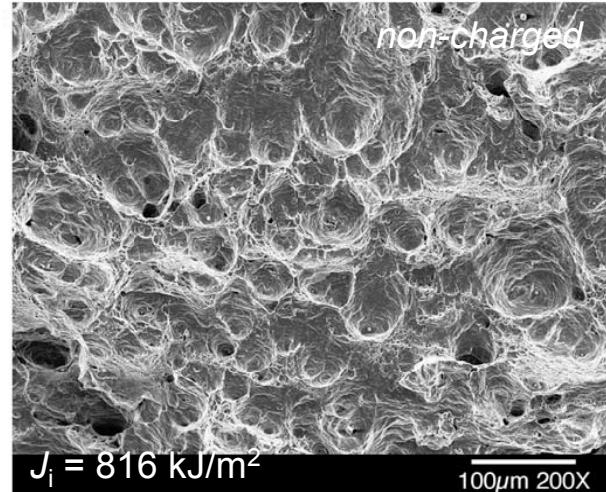
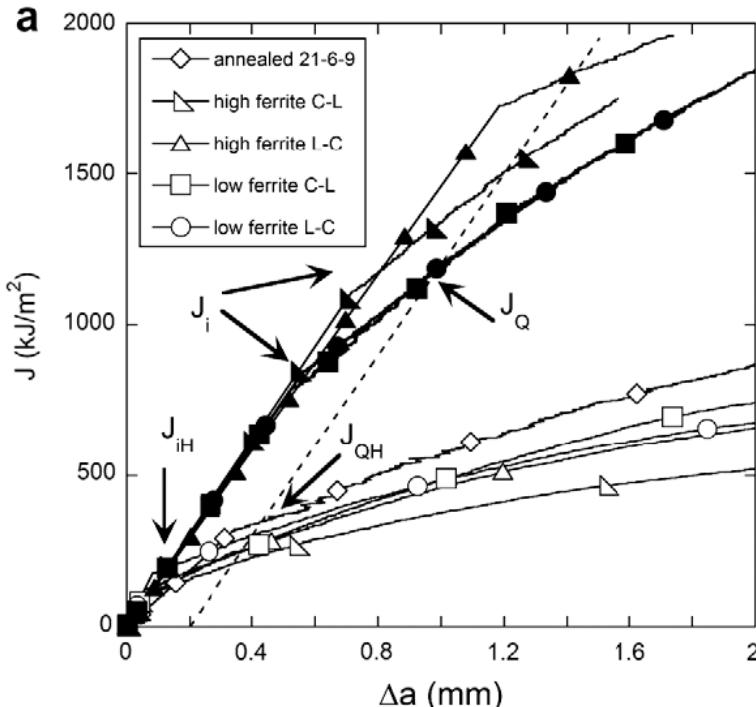
*quantify fracture  
mechanisms*



*Our goal is to model the resistance and predict crack initiation and propagation*

# Hydrogen localizes deformation

*The role of localized deformation in hydrogen-assisted crack propagation in 21Cr-6Ni-9Mn stainless steel, Nibur, Somerday, Balch, and San Marchi, Acta Materialia, 2009.*



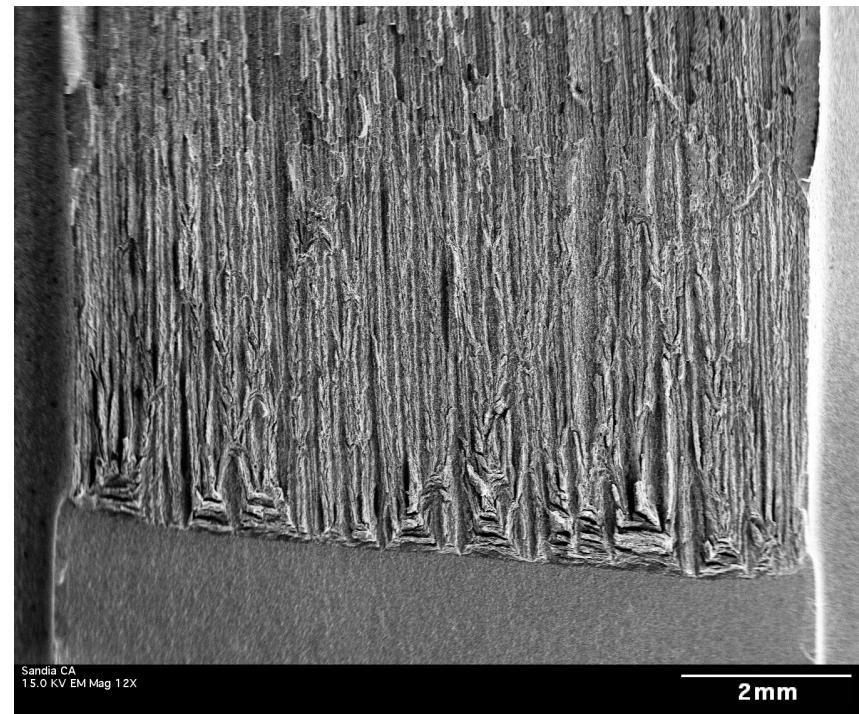
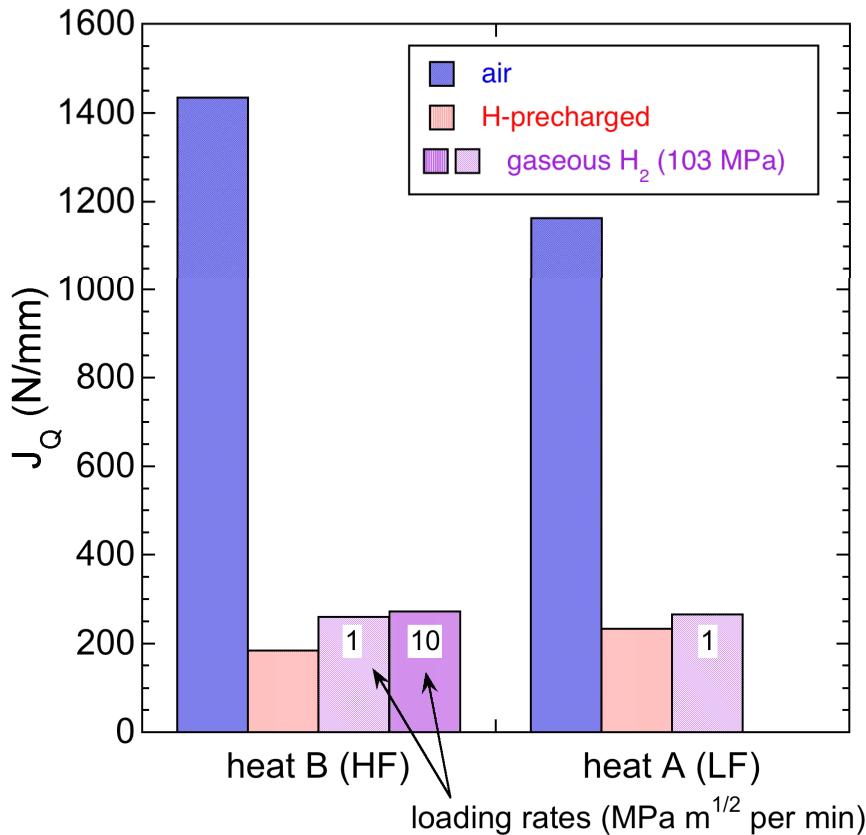
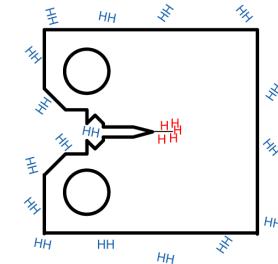
- Hydrogen enhanced localized deformation (HELP)
  - Increases dislocation mobility
  - Stabilized edge component
  - Deformation bands (slip localization) evolve
- Voids nucleate at intersection of boundaries
- Planar nucleation and growth – elongated dimples

*Embrittlement stems from hydrogen enhanced localized deformation – Coupling needed!*

forged, low ferrite, 21-6-9 (L-C)

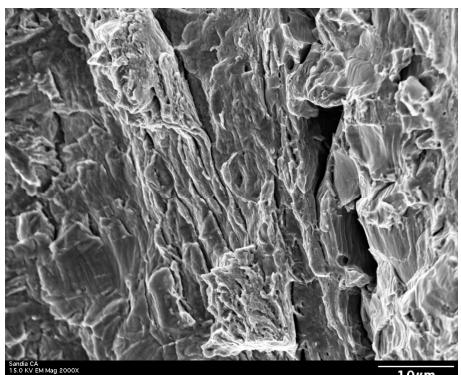
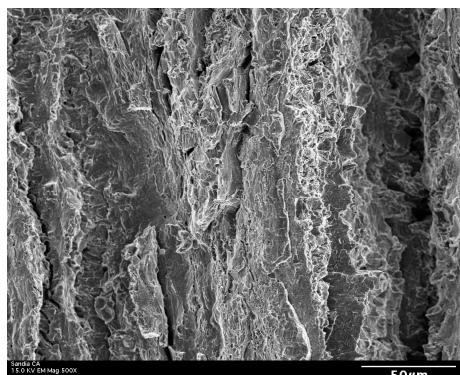
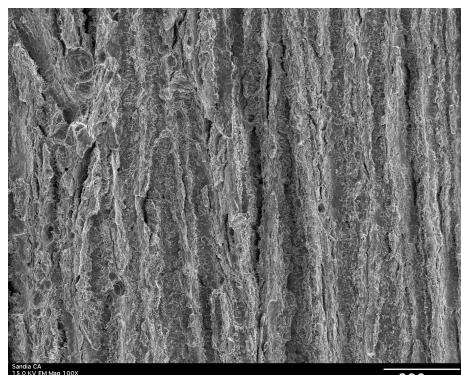
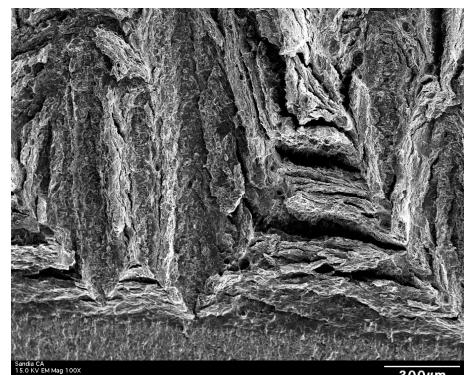
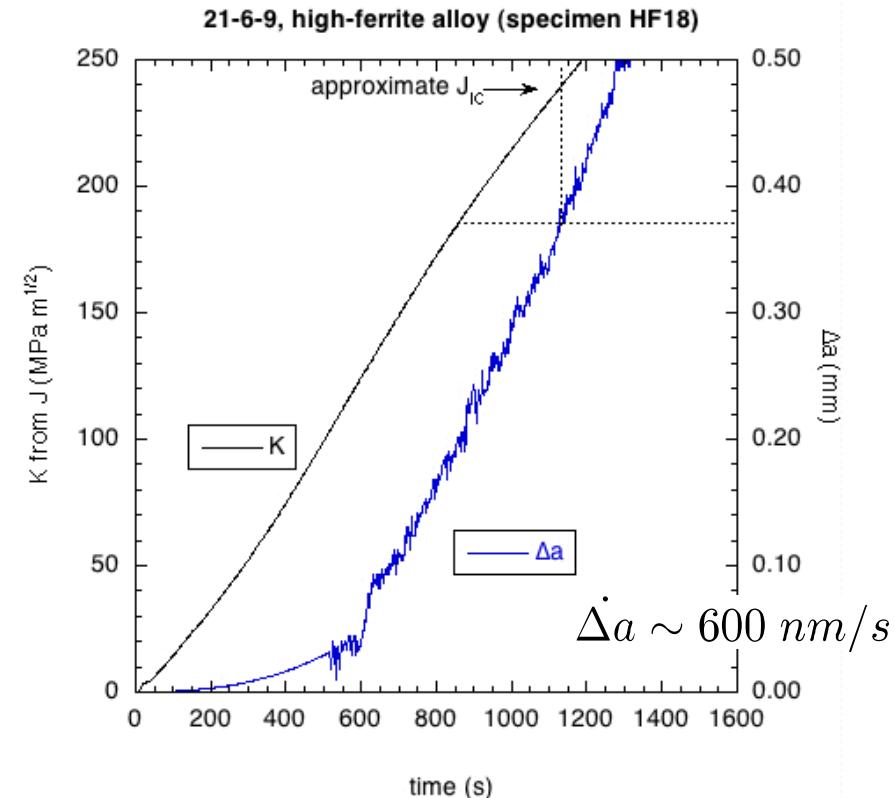
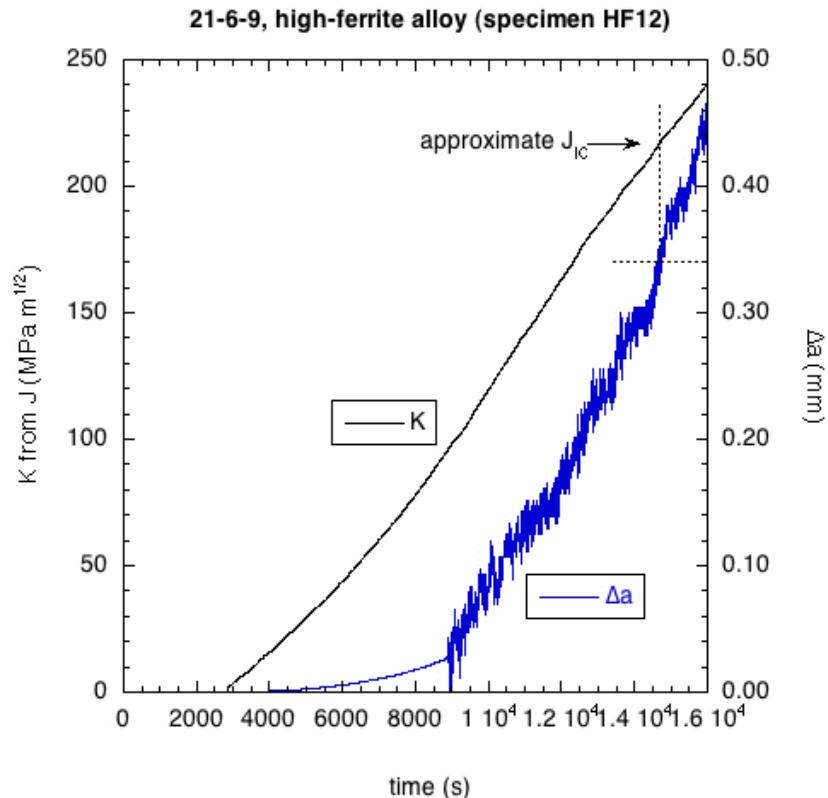
# Initial studies in 21Cr-6Ni-9Mn SS

- Compact tension specimens,  $B \sim 13$  mm;  $W \sim 26$  mm
- Constant pressure of gaseous hydrogen: 103 MPa
- “Loading rates”  $\sim 0.6 - 10$  MPa  $m^{1/2}$  per minute



Note:  $220 \text{ MPa } m^{1/2} = 224 \text{ kJ/m}^2 \text{ (N/mm)}$

# Rapid crack growth in 21Cr-6Ni-9Mn

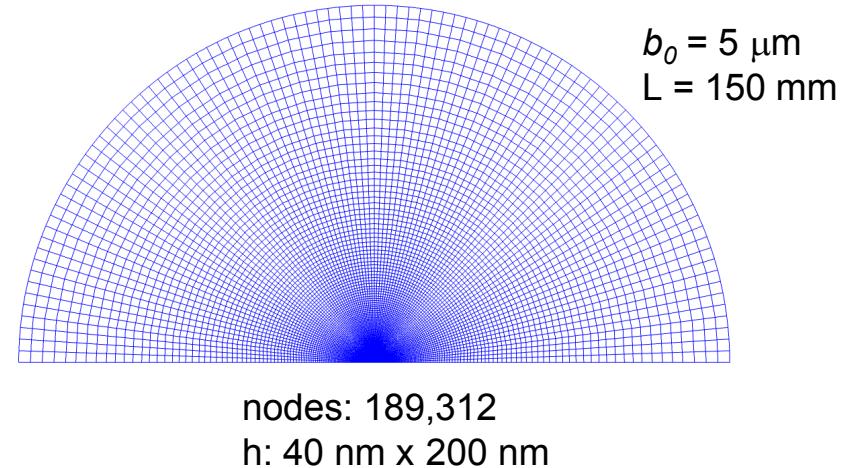
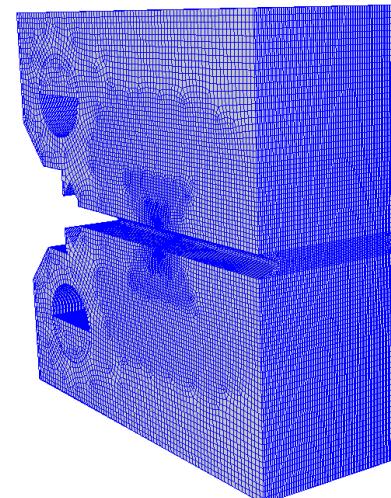
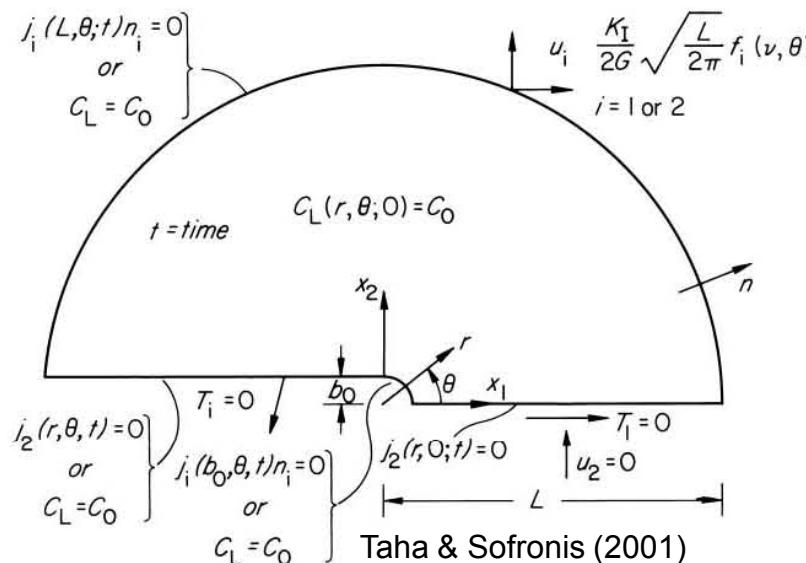


(HF18)

# Modeling 21Cr-6Ni-9Mn in H<sub>2</sub> gas

*Before moving to complex and computationally challenging fracture geometries, we need to understand phenomena in plane strain*

*Mechanical analysis should be performed to help experimentalists reduce driving forces from non-standard fracture geometry. Iteration required.*



*NOTE: Not pre-charged, constant concentration  $C_{L, \text{applied}}$  applied to crack faces*

# Coupled hydrogen transport

This path heavily leverages Sofronis/McMeeking (1989)\* and Krom (1998).

Recent work by Leo and Anand (2013).

*chemical potential*  $\mu_l = \mu_0 + RT \ln(\theta_l) - v_h \sigma_h$

$$\mathbf{F} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{x}}{\partial \mathbf{X}} \quad J = \det[\mathbf{F}]$$

$$\theta_l = c_l/n_l \quad \theta_t = c_t/n_t$$

*model for flux*  $\mathbf{j}_l = -\mathbf{m}_l c_l \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \mu_l$

$$n_l = N_L/J \quad n_t = N_T(\epsilon_p)/J$$

$$v_h = V_H J \quad \tau_h = J \sigma_h$$

$$\mathbf{d}_l = RT \mathbf{m}_l$$

*conservation of hydrogen*  $\frac{d}{dt} \int_B c dv = - \int_{\partial B} \mathbf{j} \cdot \mathbf{n} da \quad \dot{c} = \dot{c}_l + \frac{\partial c_t}{\partial c_l} \dot{c}_l + \frac{\partial c_t}{\partial n_t} \frac{\partial n_t}{\partial \epsilon_p} \dot{\epsilon}_p + \frac{\partial c_t}{\partial n_t} \frac{\partial n_t}{\partial J} \dot{J}$

$$c_t = c_t(c_l, \epsilon_p, J)$$

*equilibrium of lattice/trap sites*  $\theta_t = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{k_t \theta_l}}$   $C^* = c_l + \frac{n_t}{1 + \frac{n_t}{k_t c_l}} \quad D^* = 1 + \frac{\partial c_t}{\partial c_l}$

$$D^* \dot{c}_l + C^* \text{div} \mathbf{v} - \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \cdot \mathbf{d}_l \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} c_l - \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \cdot \frac{c_l}{J} \mathbf{d}_l \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} J + \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \cdot \frac{c_l V_H}{RT} \mathbf{d}_l \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \tau_h +$$

$$\frac{\theta_l}{J} \frac{\partial N_T}{\partial \epsilon_p} \dot{\epsilon}_p - \frac{\theta_t N_T}{J^2} \dot{\mathbf{j}} = 0$$

\*P. Sofronis and R.M. McMeeking, J. Mech. Phys. Solids 37 (1989) 317

# Simplification in reference

*Transport of hydrogen in the current configuration*

$$D^* \dot{c}_l + C^* \operatorname{div} \mathbf{v} - \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \cdot \mathbf{d}_l \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} c_l - \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \cdot \frac{c_l}{J} \mathbf{d}_l \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} J + \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \cdot \frac{c_l V_H}{RT} \mathbf{d}_l \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \tau_h + \theta_l \frac{\partial N_T}{\partial \epsilon_p} \dot{\epsilon}_p - \frac{\theta_t N_T}{J^2} \dot{J} = 0$$

*Transport of hydrogen in the reference configuration (push back)*

$$D^* \dot{C}_L - \nabla_{\mathbf{X}} \cdot \mathbf{d}_l \mathbf{C}^{-1} \nabla_{\mathbf{X}} C_L + \nabla_{\mathbf{X}} \cdot \frac{d_l V_H}{RT} \mathbf{C}^{-1} \nabla_{\mathbf{X}} \tau_h C_L + \theta_T \frac{d N_T}{d \epsilon_p} \dot{\epsilon}_p$$


  
 transient term      diffusion term      advection term from pressure      source term from trapping

Deformation-dependent diffusivity  $D_L = \mathbf{F}^{-1} \mathbf{d}_l \mathbf{F}^{-T} = \mathbf{d}_l \mathbf{C}^{-1}$

# Baseline properties for 21Cr-6Ni-9Mn

## Transport\*

$$D_0 = 5.4E-7 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$$

$$Q = 53.9E3 \text{ J/mol}$$

$$R = 8.314 \text{ J/(mol K)}$$

$$T = 300 \text{ K}$$

$$D_L = 2.2E-16 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$$

$$N_A = 6.0232 \text{ atoms/mol}$$

$$V_M = 7.116E-6 \text{ m}^3/\text{mol} - \text{molar volume of Fe}$$

$$V_H = 2.0E-6 \text{ m}^3/\text{mol} - \text{partial molar volume of H}$$

$$N_L = 8.46E28 \text{ atoms/m}^3 = 1.40E5 \text{ solvent lattice mol/m}^3$$

$$C_{L,0} = 38.7 \text{ mol/m}^3 \text{ (from 316 alloys, assumes 5 wppm)}$$

$$C_{L,applied} = 560 \text{ mol H/m}^3 \text{ (280 moles H}_2\text{/m}^3\text{)}$$

$$N_{T,total} = \alpha N_T = 10N_T = 10^{(26.6 - 1.5\exp(-6.96ep))} \text{ mole/m}^3$$

$$C_{T,0} = 3.94E24 \text{ atoms/m}^3 = 6.542 \text{ mol/m}^3$$

$$W_B = 9.65E3 \text{ J/mol}$$

$$K_T = 47.9$$

## Mechanics – non-charged, forged, transverse, LF

$$\rho = 7806 \text{ kg/m}^3$$

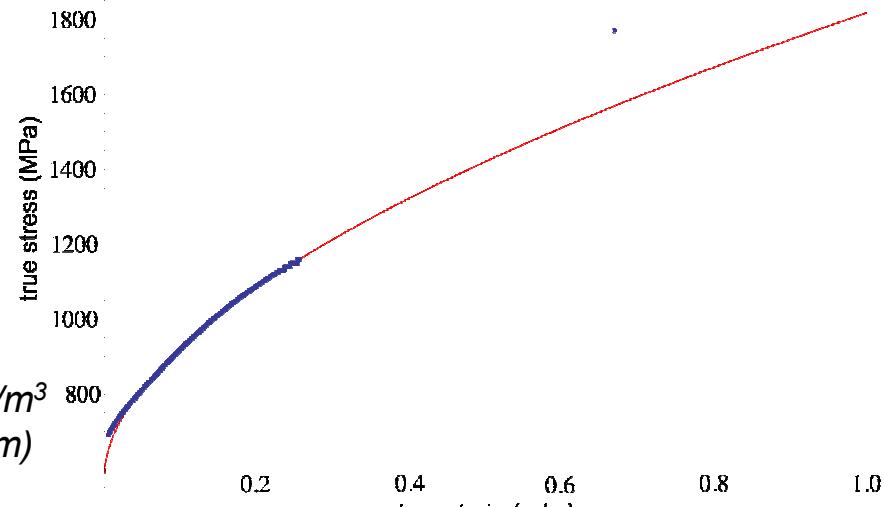
$$E = 196.6 \text{ GPa}$$

$$\nu = 0.3$$

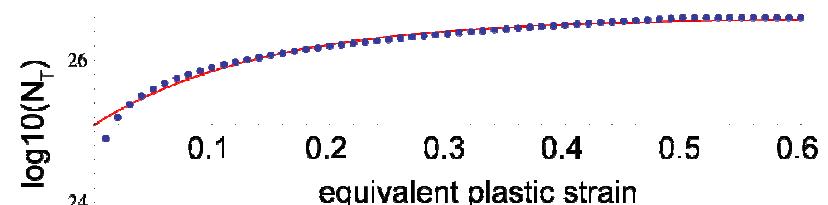
$$\sigma_0 = 590 \text{ MPa}$$

$$H = 1227 \text{ MPa}$$

$$m = 0.563$$



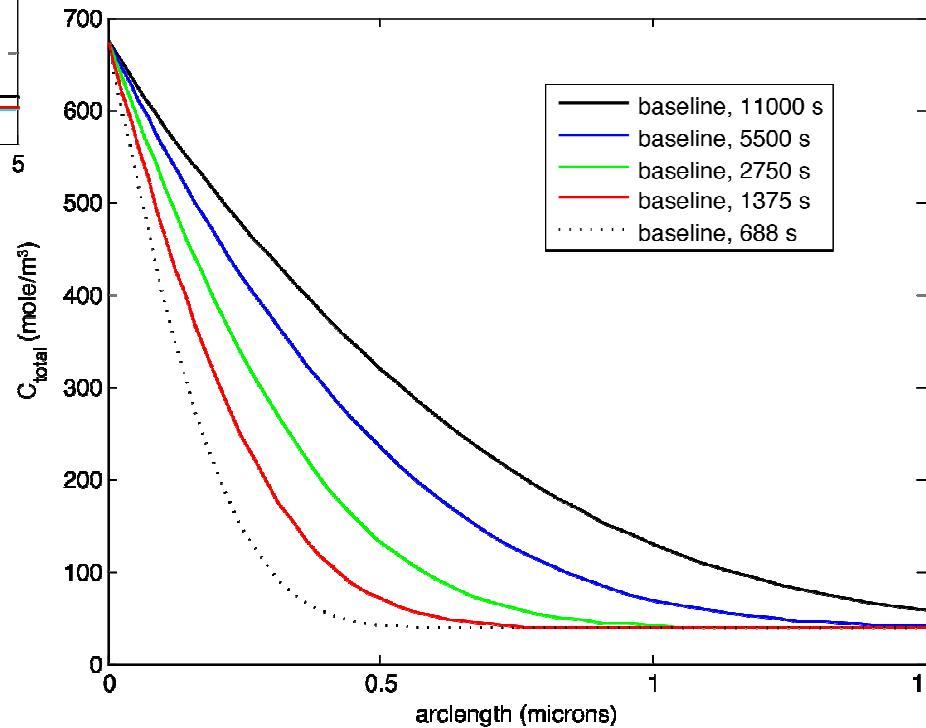
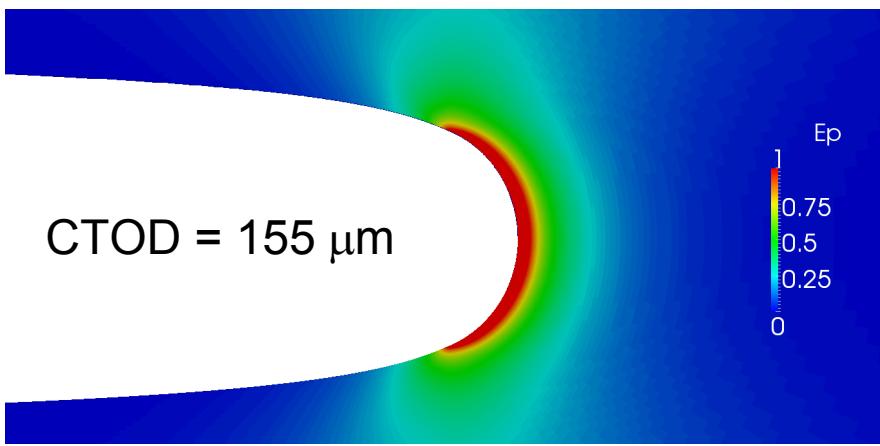
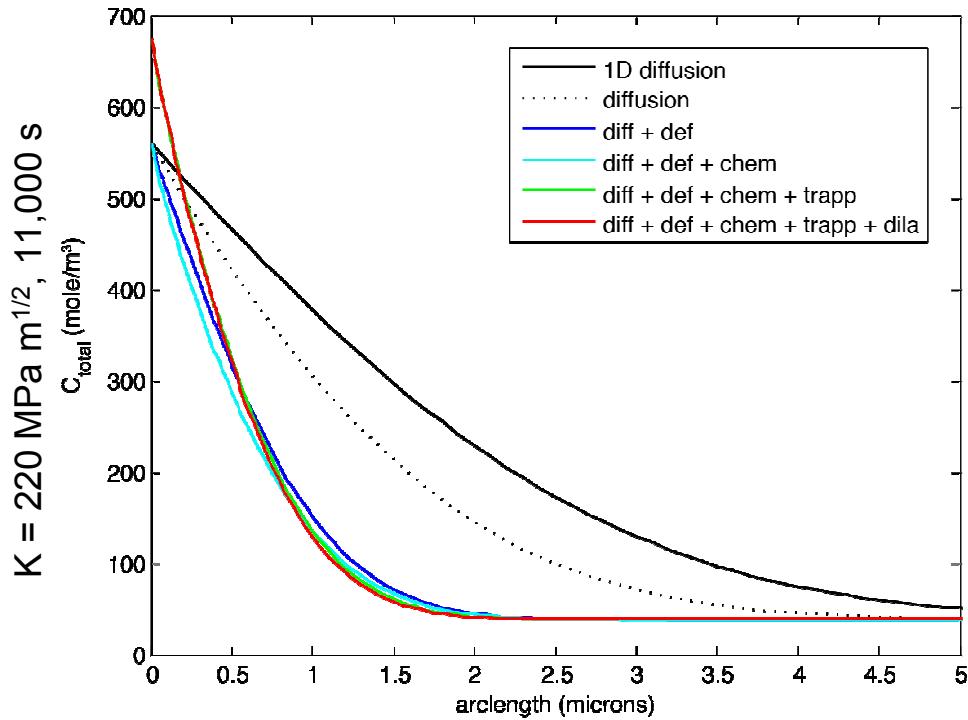
$$C_{L,applied} = K f^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad \text{San Marchi, et al., IJHE, 2007}$$



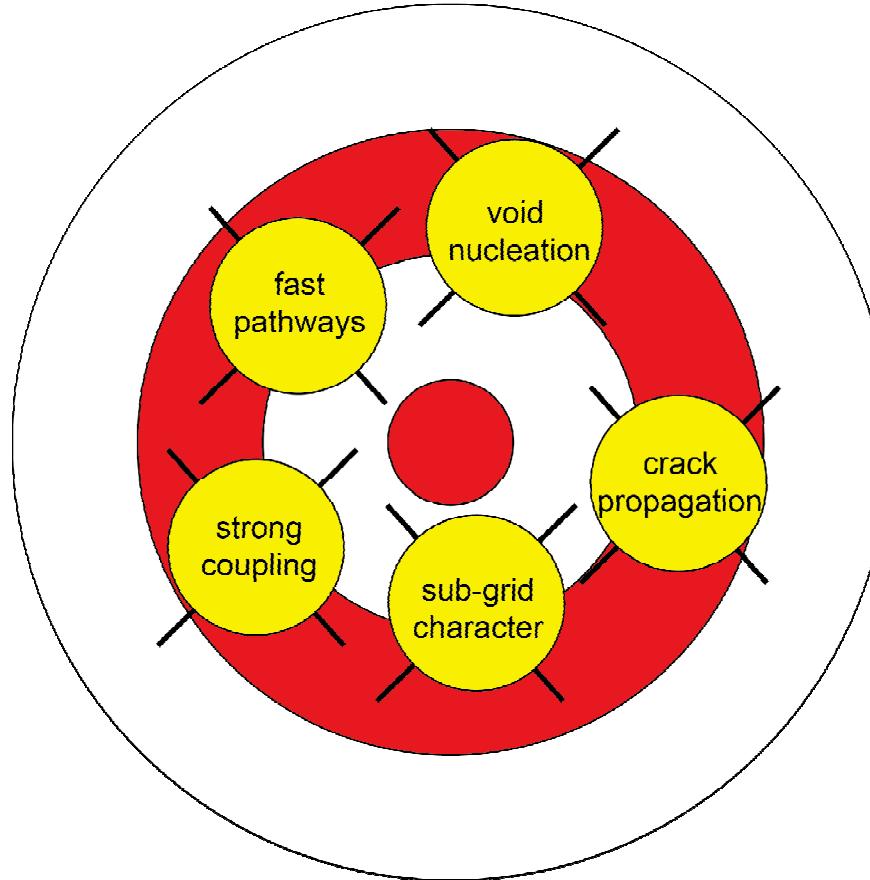
\*Transport properties aligned with Somerday, et al., Met Trans, 2009

NOTE: Constant concentration, not chemical potential, is applied. Will fix.

# Initial computations in 21Cr-6Ni-9Mn SS



# Tools useful for discovery



- We may need strong coupling to capture auto-catalytic processes
- Capture sub-grid processes through a smooth idealization
- Test hypotheses regarding fast pathways for diffusion
- Flexibility to easily include models for void nucleation and growth
- Model both crack initiation and propagation

Analysis Tools  
(black-box)

Optimization

UQ (sampling)

Parameter Studies

V&V, Calibration

OUU, Reliability

Analysis Tools  
(embedded)

Nonlinear Solver

Time Integration

Continuation

Sensitivity Analysis

Stability Analysis

Constrained Solves

Optimization

UQ Solver

Linear Algebra

Data Structures

Iterative Solvers

Direct Solvers

Eigen Solver

Preconditioners

Matrix Partitioning

Architecture-  
Dependent Kernels

Multi-Core

Accelerators

# Reusable Software Tool Components



(Andy Salinger)

Composite Physics

MultiPhysics Coupling

System Models

System UQ

Mesh Tools

Mesh I/O

Inline Meshing

Partitioning

Load Balancing

Adaptivity

Remeshing

Grid Transfers

Quality Improvement

DOF map

Utilities

Input File Parser

Parameter List

Memory Management

I/O Management

Communicators

PostProcessing

Visualization

Verification

Model Reduction

Mesh Database

Mesh Database

Geometry Database

Solution Database

Local Fill

Discretizations

Discretization Library

Field Manager

Derivative Tools

Sensitivities

Derivatives

Adjoints

UQ / PCE

Propagation

Physics Fill

Element Level Fill

Material Models

Objective Function

Constraints

Error Estimates

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Backups

Verification Tests

Mailing Lists

Unit Testing

Bug Tracking

Performance Testing

Code Coverage

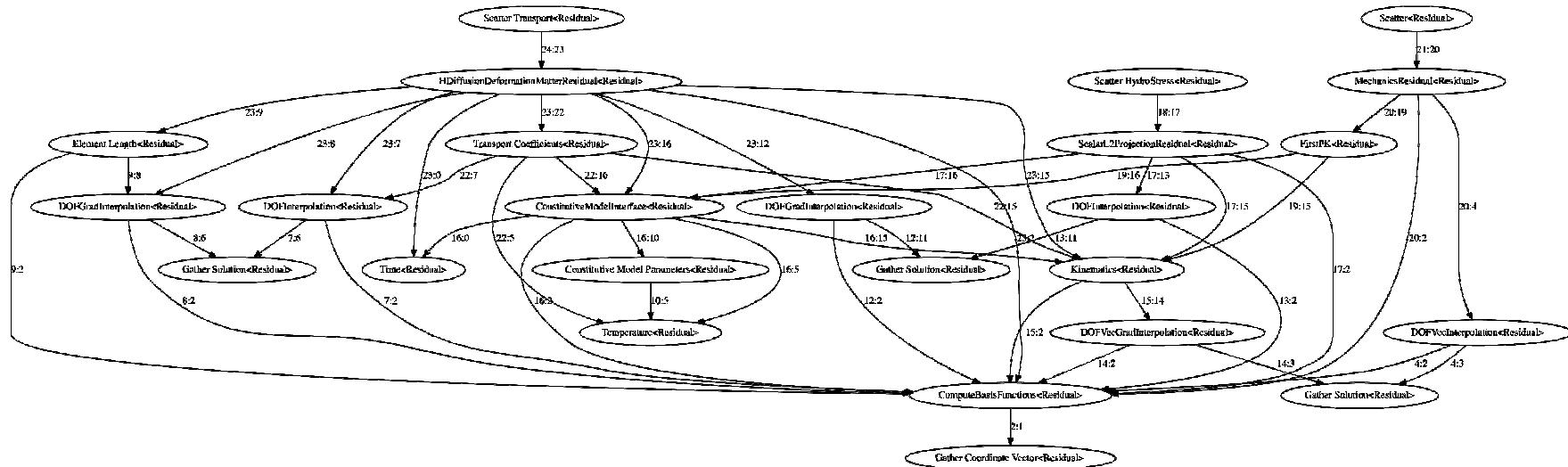
Porting

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Release Process

# LCM research environment

*The Laboratory for Computational Mechanics (LCM) is a research environment that leverages Albany which employs a host reusable components in Trilinos*



- *Phalanx* helps manage multiphysics dependencies
- *Intrepid* provides an extensive element library
- *Sacado* yields an exact Jacobian via automatic differentiation
- *NOX* provides nonlinear solution methods



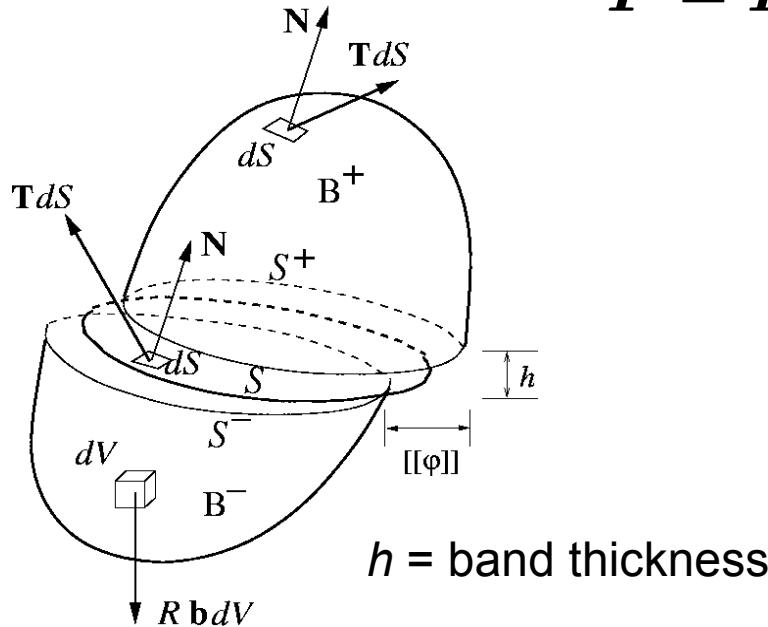
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<http://trilinos.sandia.gov/>

# Capture sub-grid processes

Goal: Capture sub-grid processes through methods that regularize the jump

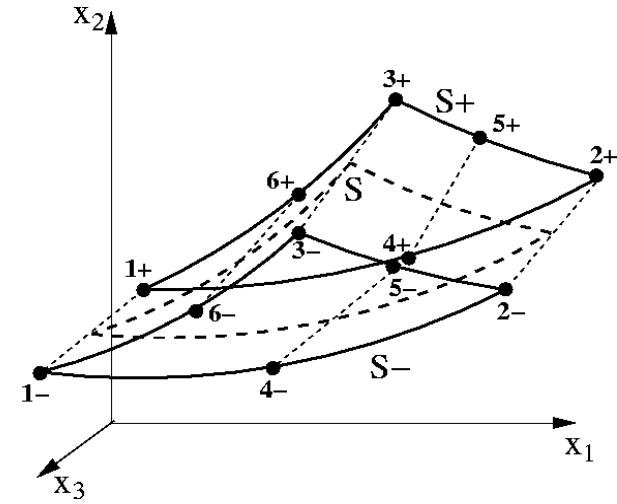


$$\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{F}^{\parallel} \mathbf{F}^{\perp}$$

$$\mathbf{F}^{\parallel} = \mathbf{g}_i \otimes \mathbf{G}^i$$

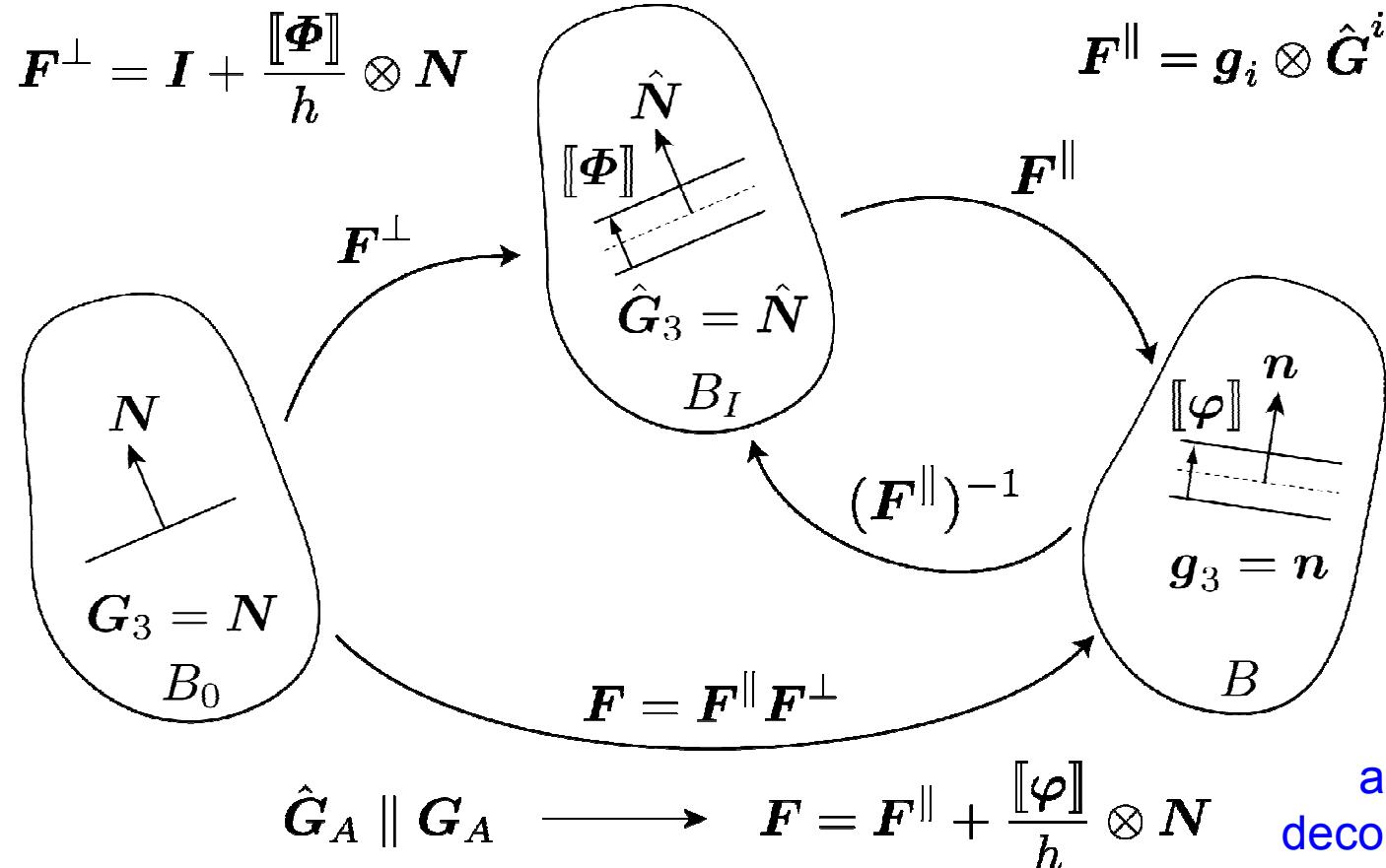
$$\mathbf{F}^{\perp} = \mathbf{I} + \frac{[\![\Phi]\!]}{h} \otimes \mathbf{N}$$

$$\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{F}^{\parallel} + \frac{[\![\varphi]\!]}{h} \otimes \mathbf{N}$$



Akin to “cohesive” element

# An intermediate configuration



The jump is pushed backwards

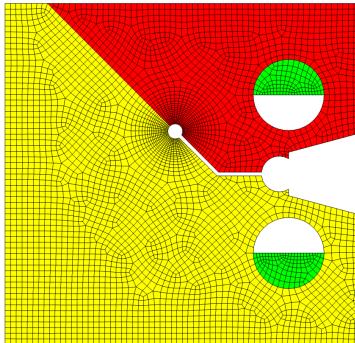
$$[\![\Phi]\!] = (\mathbf{F}^\parallel)^{-1} [\![\varphi]\!]$$

Retain definition of membrane def.  
grad.

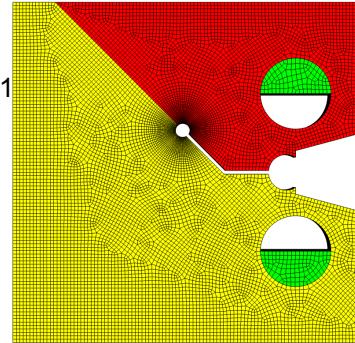
$$\mathbf{F}^\parallel = \mathbf{g}_i \otimes \mathbf{G}^i$$

# Damage is convergent with refinement

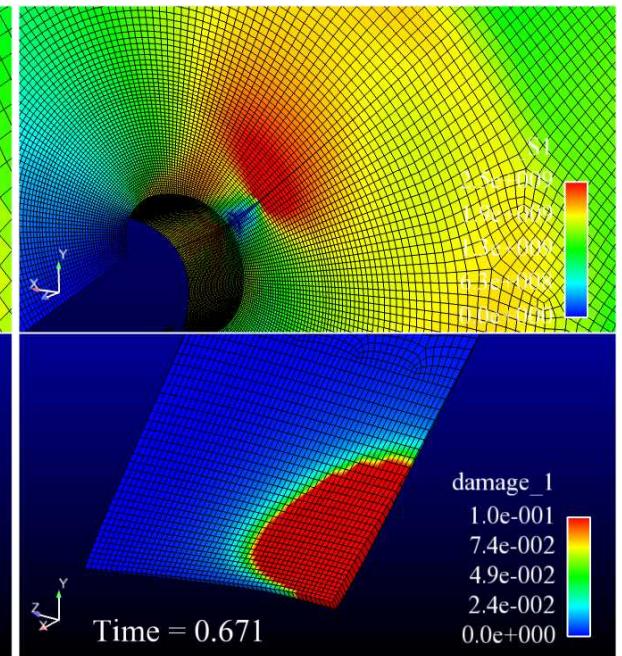
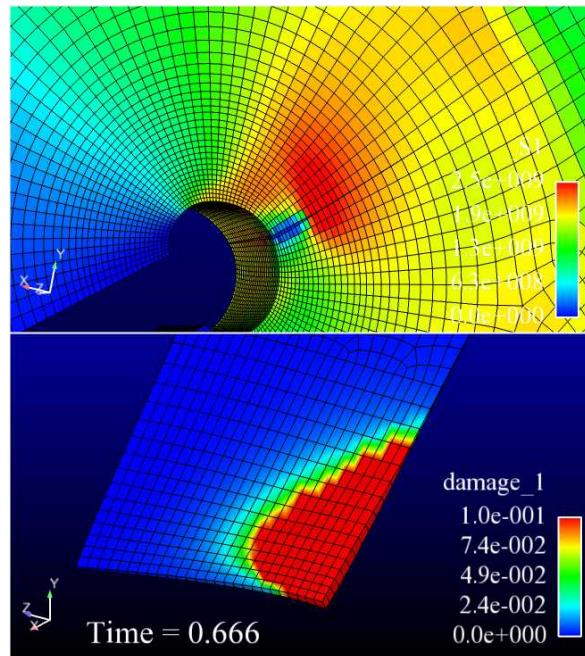
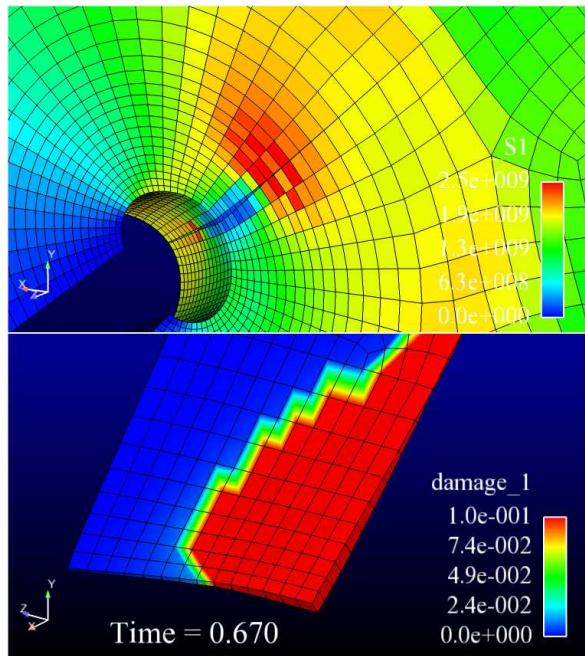
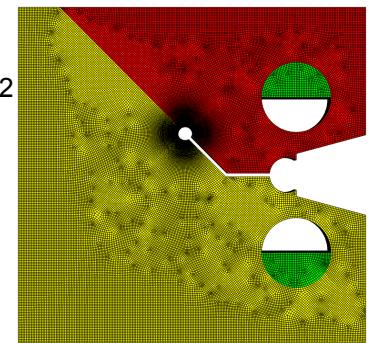
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 $s \sim 120 \mu\text{m}$



Mesh: 03  
Label: Fine  
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Elem: 125,865  
 $s \sim 60 \mu\text{m}$



Mesh: 04  
Label: Finest  
Nodes: 1,079,622  
Elem: 1,015,812  
 $s \sim 30 \mu\text{m}$



Although at slightly different times, the evolution of damage is comparable for 03 & 04.

NOTE: Smooth notch – the specimen was not pre-cracked.

# Extend sub-grid model for multiphysics

Fox and Simo (1980), Callari, Armero, Abati (2010)

*redefine space*  $\mathbf{X} = \Phi(\xi^1, \xi^2, \xi^3) = \bar{\Phi}(\xi^1, \xi^2) + \mathbf{N}(\xi^1, \xi^2)\xi^3$

$$\mathbf{G}_i = \Phi_{,i} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{X}}{\partial \xi^i}$$

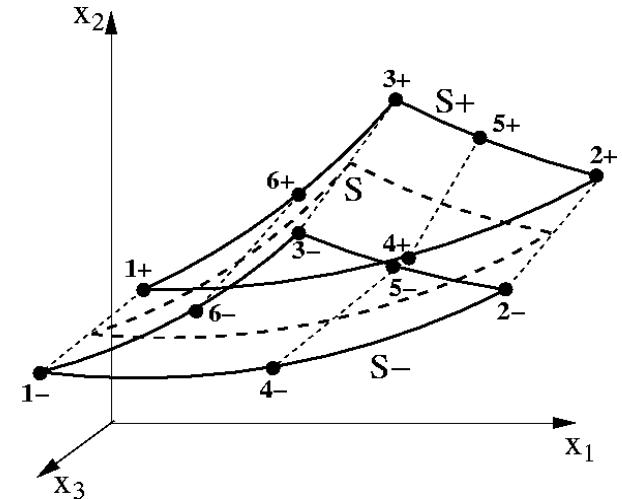
*include jump in C*  $C(\mathbf{X}) = \bar{C}(\phi[\xi^1, \xi^2]) + \frac{[C](\phi[\xi^1, \xi^2])}{h}\xi^3 \quad \nabla_{\mathbf{X}} C = (\nabla \Phi)^{-T} \frac{\partial C}{\partial \xi^i}$

Finite element implementation is straightforward

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{X}} C|_{\xi^3=0} = [B] \begin{bmatrix} \{C\}^+ \\ \{C\}^- \end{bmatrix} = [[B]^+ \quad [B]^-] \begin{bmatrix} \{C\}^+ \\ \{C\}^- \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B_{ia}^{\pm} = [G_i^1 \quad G_i^2 \quad G_i^3] \cdot \left[ \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial N_a}{\partial \xi^1} \quad \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial N_a}{\partial \xi^2} \quad \pm \frac{1}{h} N_a \right]$$

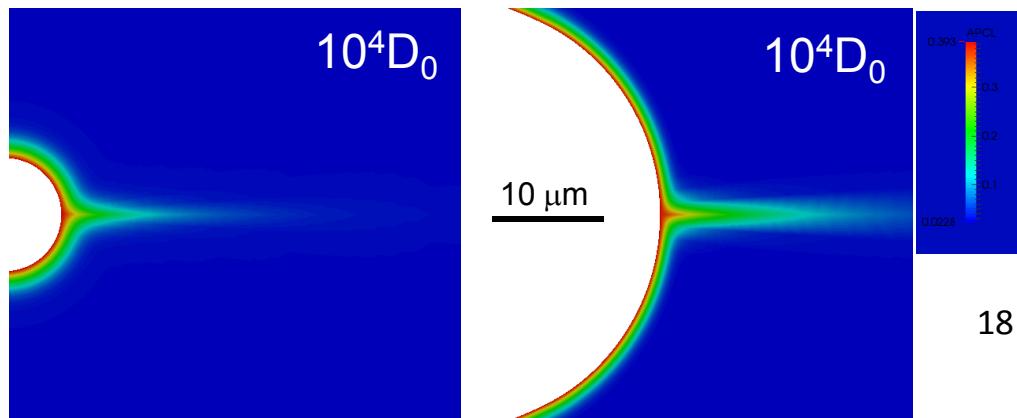
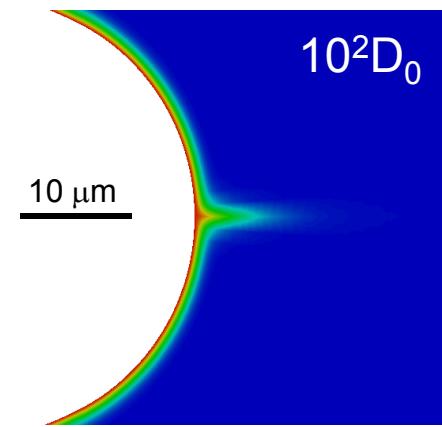
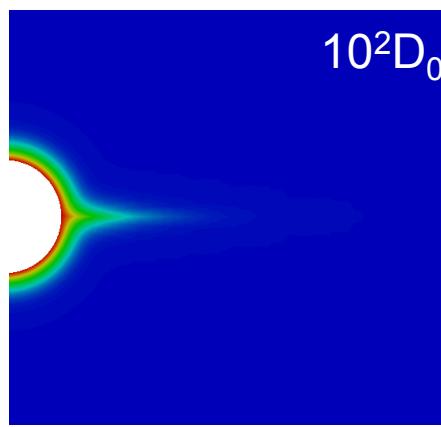
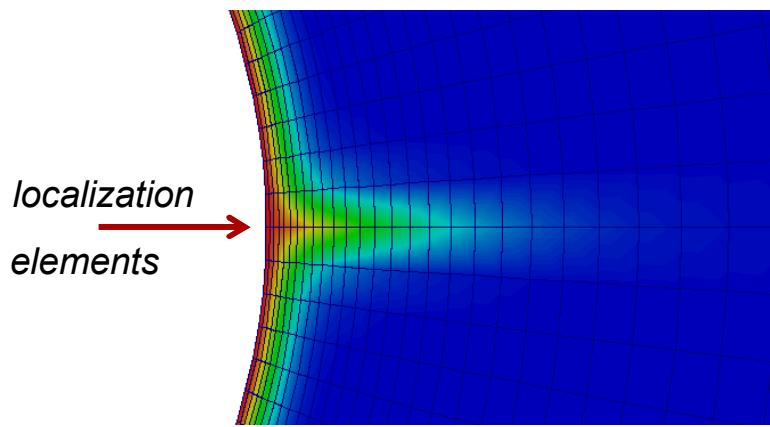
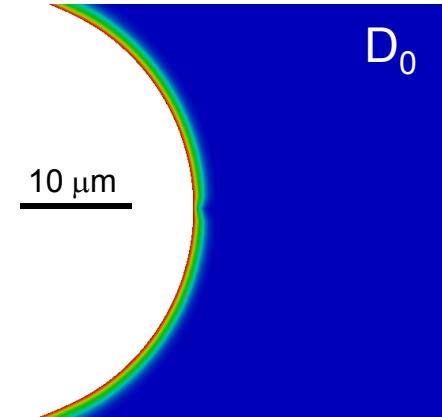
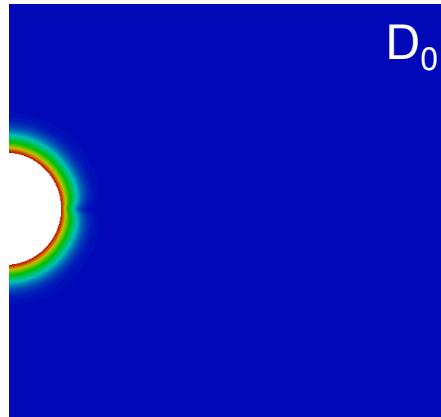
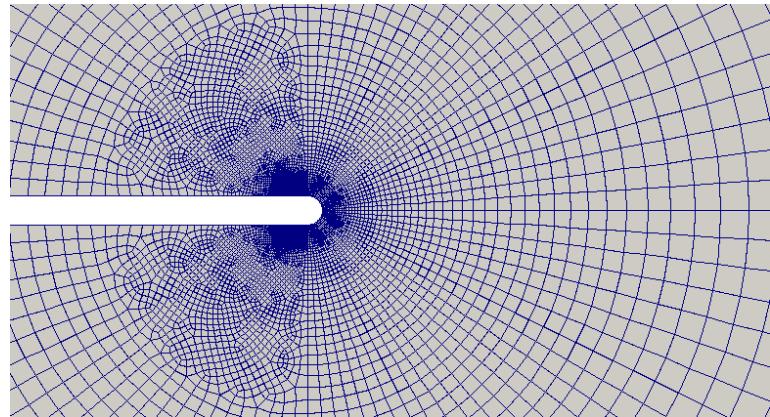
$i = \# \text{ dimensions}, a = \# \text{ nodes}$



Given this gradient operator, we can use the same PDE for finite-deformation diffusion

$$D^* \dot{C}_L - \nabla_{\mathbf{X}} \cdot d_l \mathbf{C}^{-1} \nabla_{\mathbf{X}} C_L + \nabla_{\mathbf{X}} \cdot \frac{d_l V_H}{RT} \mathbf{C}^{-1} \nabla_{\mathbf{X}} \tau_h C_L + \theta_T \frac{dN_T}{d\epsilon_p} \dot{\epsilon}_p \quad 17$$

# Examining a fast pathway

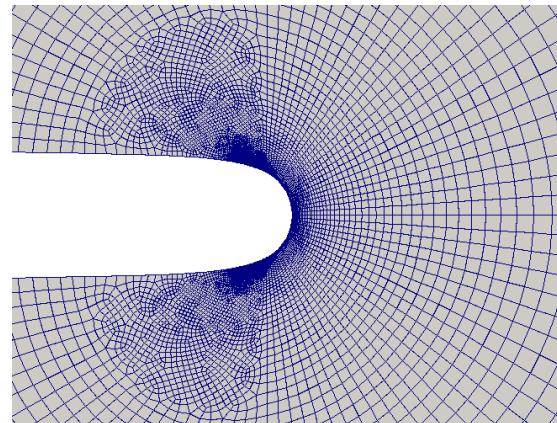
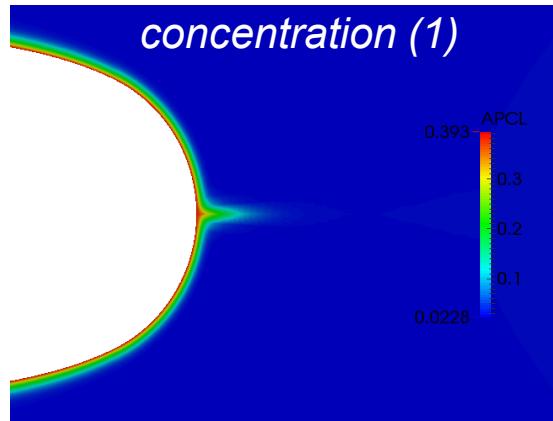


- Baseline properties, 21-6-9
- Study:  $D_0$ ,  $10^2 D_0$ ,  $10^4 D_0$
- No deformation,  $100 \text{ MPa m}^{1/2}$
- Rate:  $100 \text{ MPa m}^{1/2} / \text{hour}$
- Tip element size  $\sim 330 \text{ nm}$
- Length scale,  $h = 2 \text{ nm}$
- Plotting atomic %, (lattice H)/Fe

# Solving 5 fields simultaneously

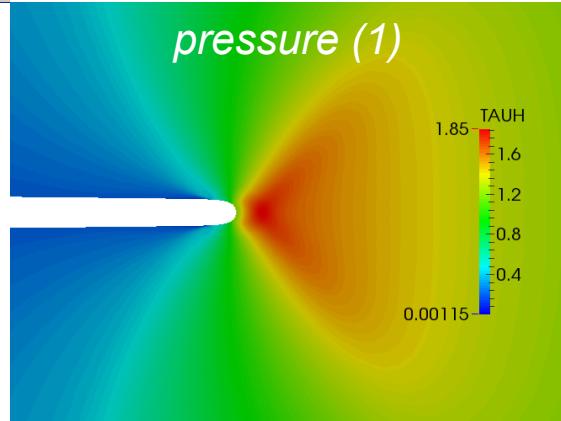
Units are scaled in the balance of linear momentum, conservation of concentration, and  $L_2$  projection to improve condition number of the system

$$D^* \dot{C}_L$$

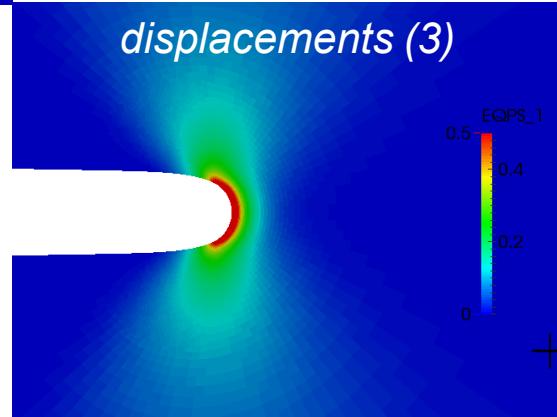


Because we have an analytical Jacobian, we employ Newton's method.

- Path:  $10^2 D_0$
- $K_{app}$ :  $100 \text{ MPa m}^{1/2}$
- Time: 3600 s



$$\nabla_{\mathbf{X}} \cdot d_l \mathbf{C}^{-1} \nabla_{\mathbf{X}} C_L$$

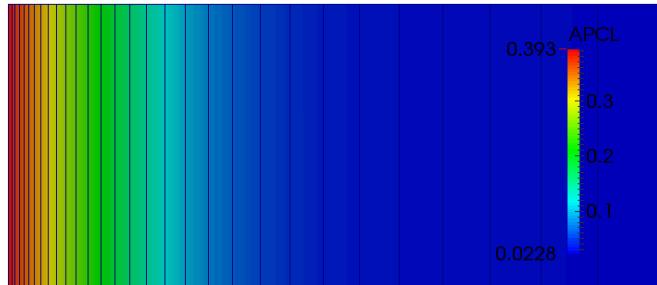


$$\nabla_{\mathbf{X}} \cdot \frac{d_l V_H}{R T} \mathbf{C}^{-1} \nabla_{\mathbf{X}} \tau_h C_L$$

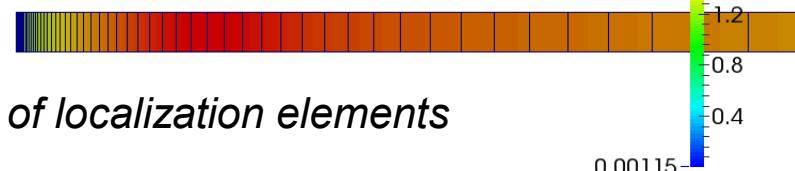
$$+ \theta_T \frac{dN_T}{d\epsilon_p} \dot{\epsilon}_p$$

NOTE:  $100 \text{ MPa m}^{1/2}$  is well below  $J_Q$  for 21Cr-6Ni-9Mn ( $220 \text{ MPa m}^{1/2}$ )

# Natural sub-grid representation



*solution variables,  $C_L$  and  $\tau_H$*



path:  $10^2 D_0$ ,  $K_{app}$ : 100 MPa  $m^{1/2}$ , time: 3600 s

NOTE: Width of localization elements is 10  $\mu\text{m}$

*Localization elements leverage bulk models*

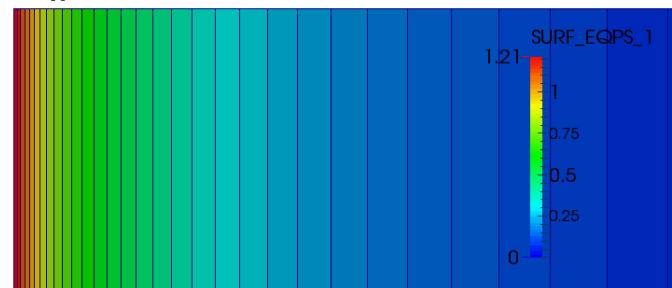
- Employing bulk,  $J_2$  plasticity model
- Finite deformation kinematics
- Evolve stresses and internal state variables
- Employing bulk models for trapping
- Damage nucleation, growth straightforward

*stress triaxiality*

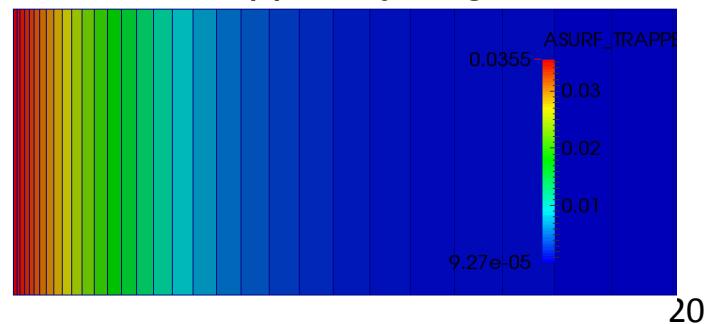


Future goal: Adaptive insertion along element boundaries (simplicial elements)

*eqps*

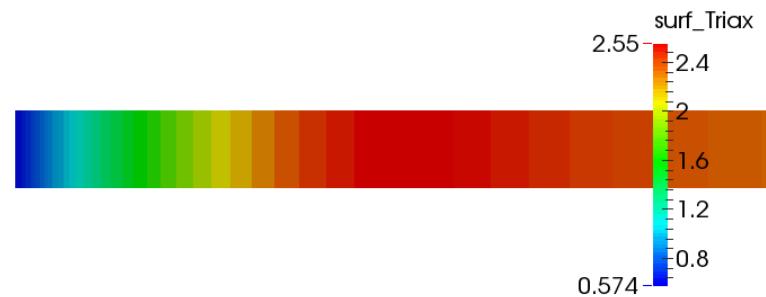
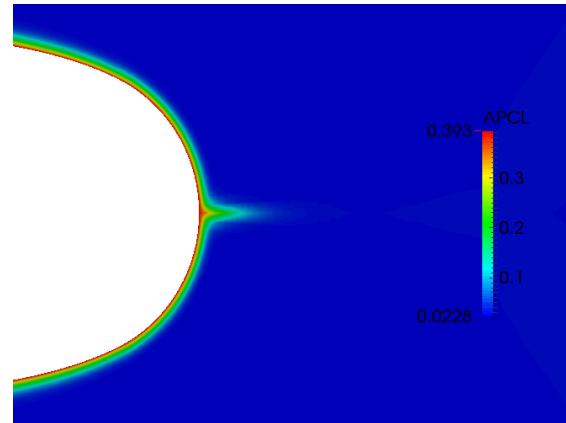


*atomic % trapped hydrogen*



# Summary and path forward

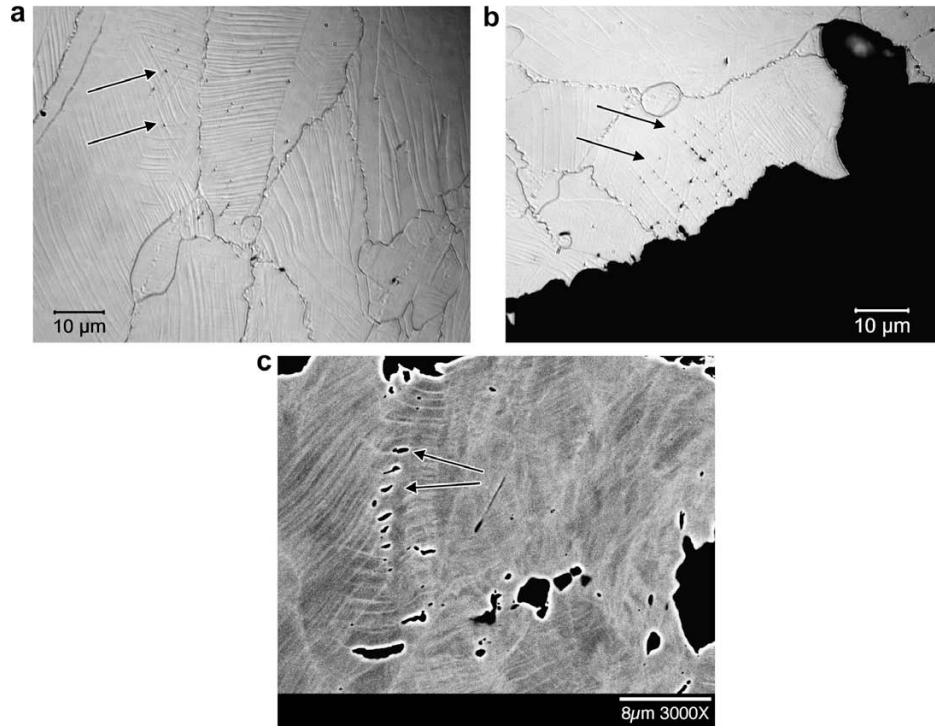
- Strong research environment
- Coupling is maturing
- Incorporated sub-grid multiphysics
- Enabled fast pathways
- Nucleation model maturing
- Propagation on horizon



*Our ability to form and test hypothesis through modeling and simulation can aid the discovery process and provide a pull for more fundamental measurements and computational methods.*

# *BACKUP SLIDES*

# Damage nucleation model w/H

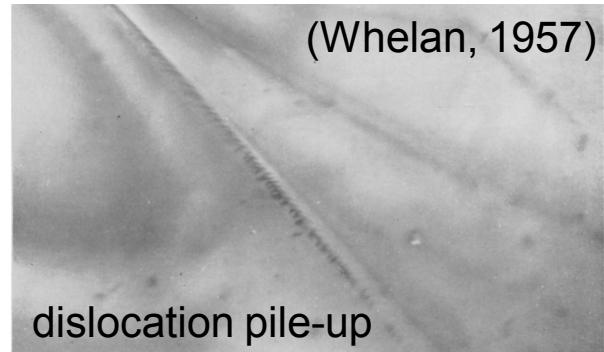
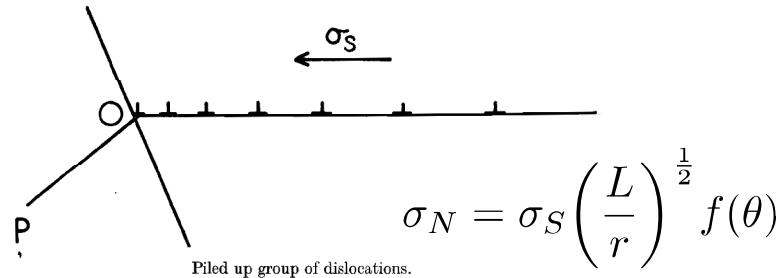


IDEA: Hydrogen enables the premature formation of planar deformation bands that impinge on boundaries of grains, annealing twins, and/or other deformation bands. The stress concentration induced by the intersection may nucleate a void of large aspect ratio (cylinder) that will evolve, coalesce and create the observed “fluted” fracture surface.

*The fracture process is still ductile! Need to capture the premature nucleation of voids in the presence of hydrogen. Can we first construct a simple model to aid our intuition?*

# Analytical basis for nucleation

Stroh, A Theory of the Fracture of Metals, 1957



Using a work argument, the normal stress  $\sigma_N$  for nucleation can be derived from the shear stress  $\sigma_s$  given the fracture energy  $\gamma$  and the number of dislocations  $n$  in a pile-up (band) along a boundary.

$$\sigma_{s,crit} = \frac{3\pi^2\gamma}{8n(\rho_{ss}, \theta_T)b} \quad n = A(\theta_T)\rho_{ss} = hs(\theta_T)\rho_{ss} \quad \kappa = \mu\epsilon_{ss} \quad \epsilon_{ss} = b\sqrt{\rho_{ss}}$$

Given  $b$  is burgers vector and  $A$  is an effective area characterized by the grain size  $h$  and the pile-up spacing  $s$ . We relate the pile-up spacing to the occupancy of hydrogen in the traps  $\theta_T$ . If we approximate  $\sigma_s$  through the yield stress  $\sigma_y$  and the isotropic hardening variable  $\kappa$ , we can express nucleation in terms of a scalar strain metric  $\epsilon_{ss}$  that is reflective of the dislocation density  $\rho_{ss}$ .

$$\epsilon_{ss,crit}^3 + \frac{\sigma_y}{\mu}\epsilon_{ss,crit} - \frac{3\pi b\gamma}{4hs(\theta_T)\mu} \quad \text{permits analytical solution (1 real root)}$$

If we assume heavily worked materials,  $\rho_{ss} \sim 10^{15}$ , the specification of  $s(\theta_T)$  becomes problematic. We need to construct a simplified model for nucleation in the correct state variable  $\epsilon_{ss}$  that can capture a statistical sampling of boundary orientations having dislocation pile-ups (bands) which are stabilized and extended through hydrogen transport.

$$\theta_T = \frac{C_T}{N_T} \quad \text{Occupancy of hydrogen in the traps } \theta_T \text{ derives from trapped concentration } C_T \text{ and the number of traps } N_T.$$

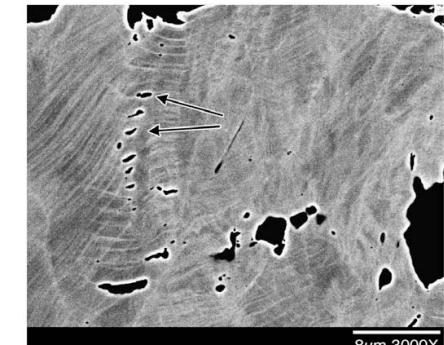
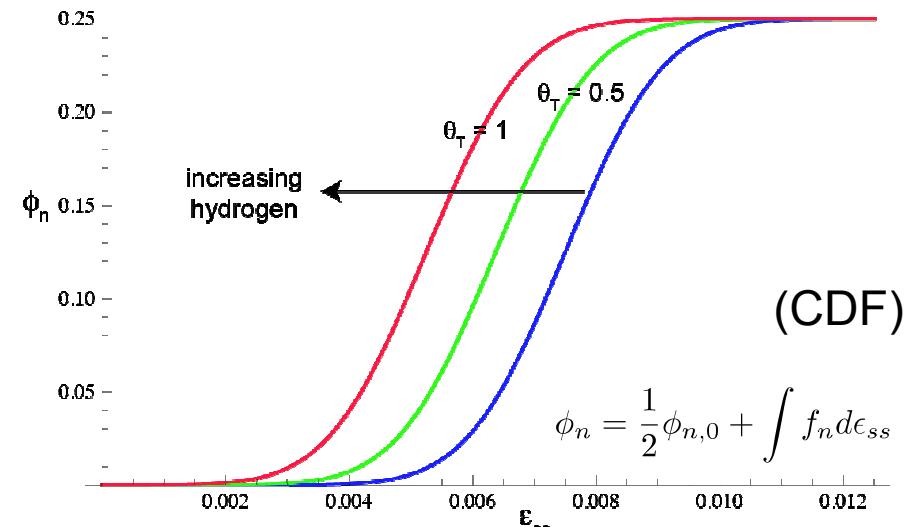
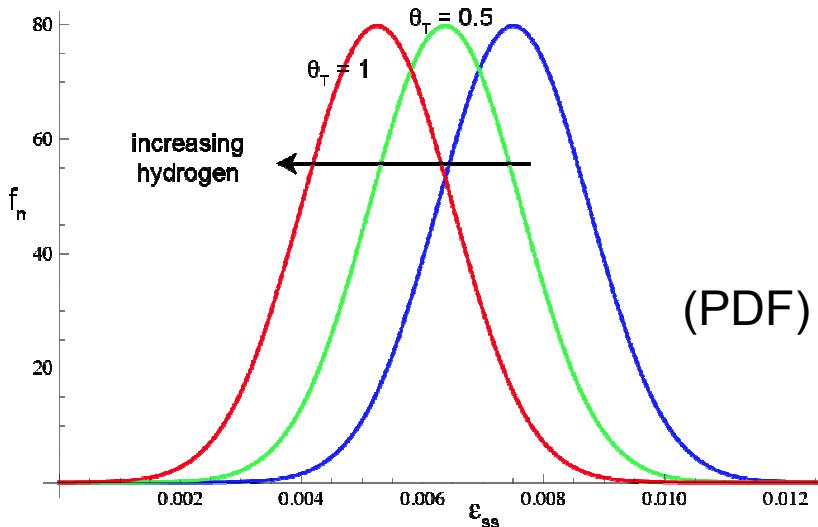
# Phenomenological extension

The deformation bands that evolve under large deformations cannot be easily idealized

$$f_n = \frac{\phi_{n,0}}{\epsilon_{ss, std} \sqrt{2\pi}} \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\epsilon_{ss} - \epsilon_{ss,mean}}{\epsilon_{ss, std}} \right)^2 \right]$$

In spirit of Chu and Needleman (1980) we choose an appropriate state variable to capture void nucleation through elevated stresses at pile-ups. We assume the probability of void nucleation  $f_n$  follows a normal distribution.

We assume that hydrogen affects the mean  $\epsilon_{ss,mean}$  and not the standard deviation  $\epsilon_{ss, std}$  through the occupancy of hydrogen in the traps  $\theta_T$ . The nucleated void volume fraction  $\phi_n$  can be found through integration and is limited by  $\phi_{n,0}$ .



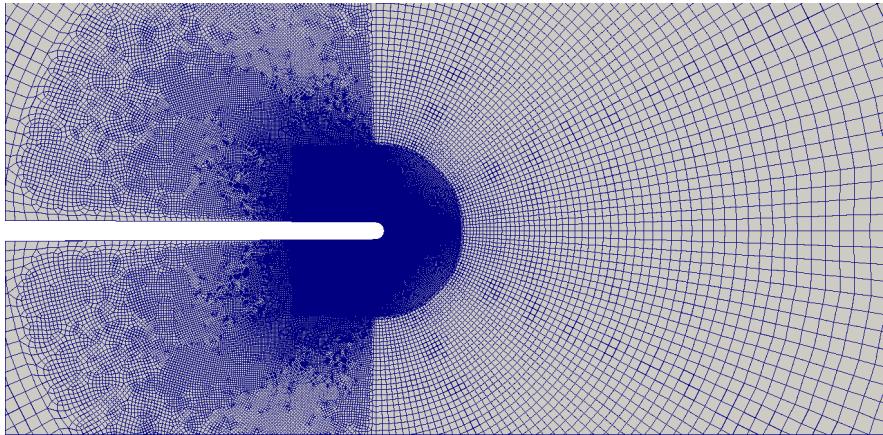
(Nibur, 2009)

NOTE: In this case, we assume that  $\phi_{n,0}$  is 0.25. Nucleation will account for 25% of porosity

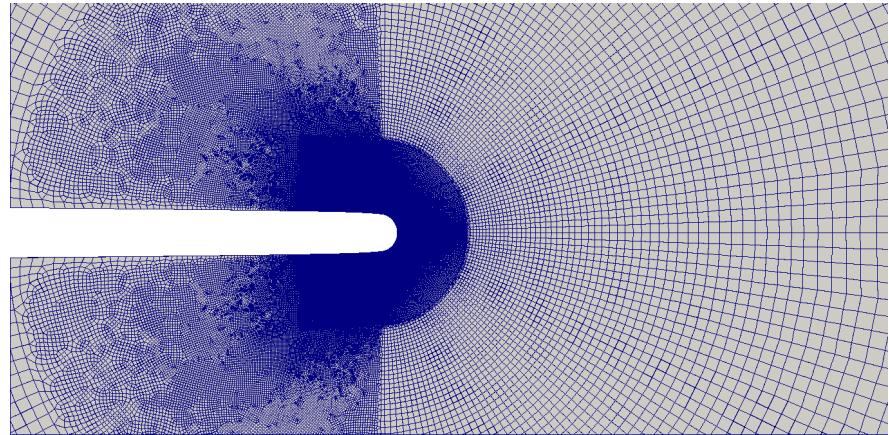
# Resolution required

$$r_p \ll L \text{ (150 mm)} \quad 2b_0 \text{ (10 } \mu\text{m)} \ll \text{CTOD (155 } \mu\text{m)}$$

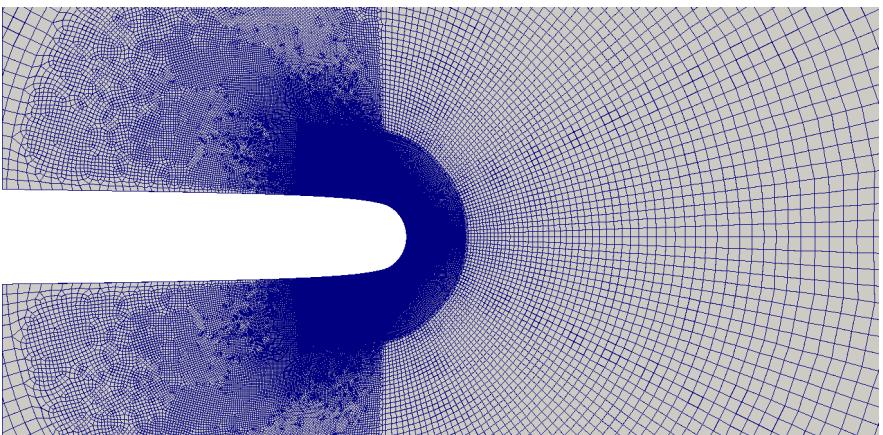
undeformed,  $2b_0 = 10 \mu\text{m}$



$$K = 50 \text{ MPa m}^{1/2}, \text{ CTOD} = 23.4 \mu\text{m}$$



$$K = 110 \text{ MPa m}^{1/2}, \text{ CTOD} = 43.9 \mu\text{m}$$

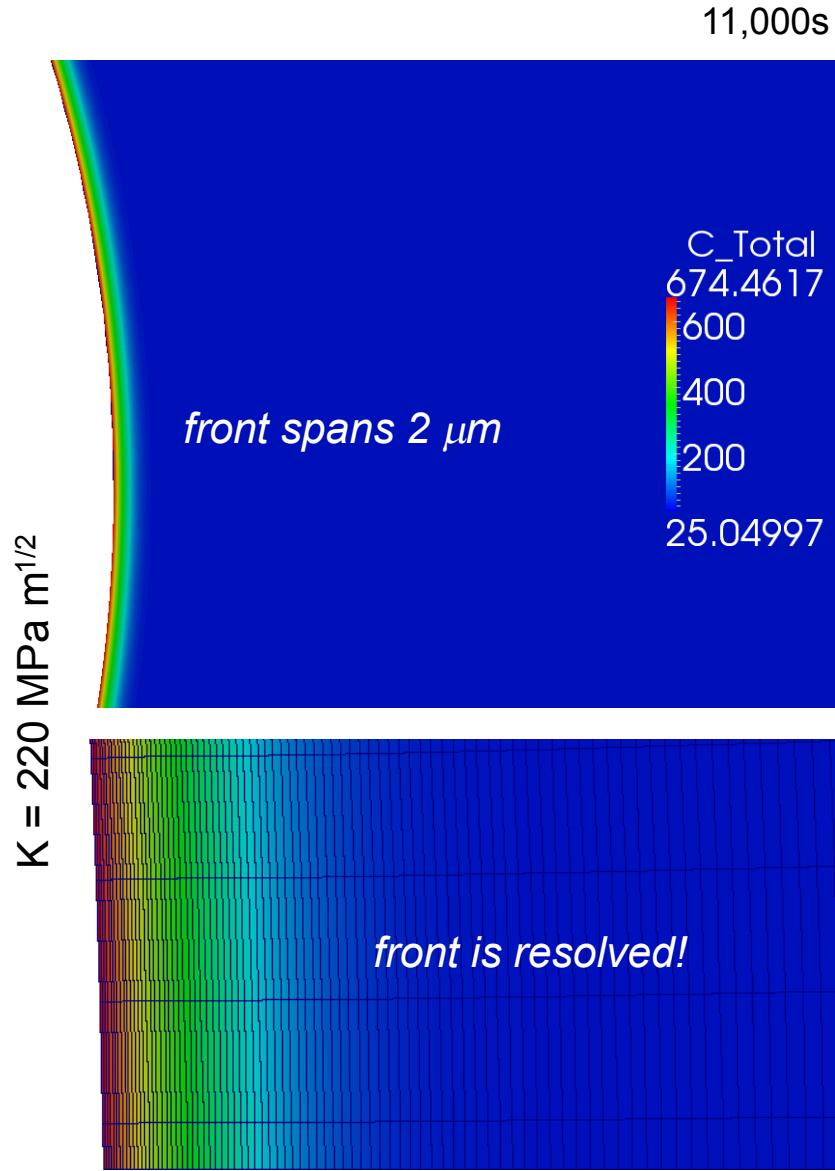
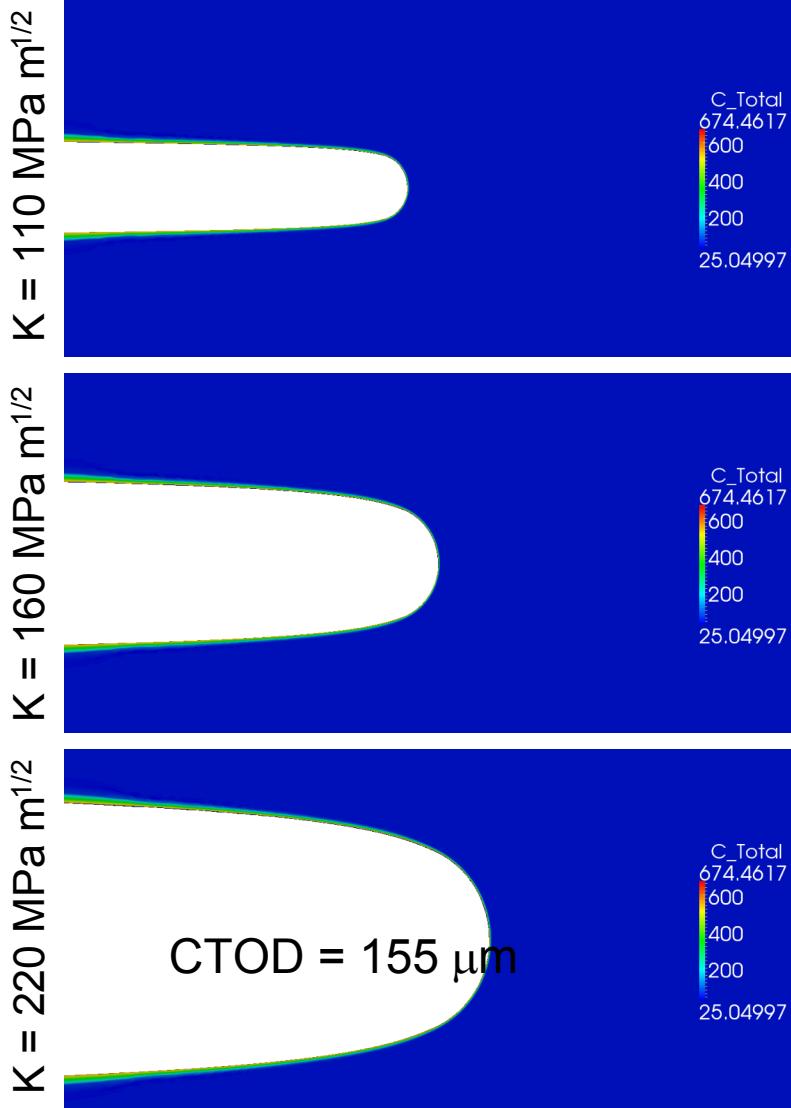


$$K = 220 \text{ MPa m}^{1/2}, \text{ CTOD} = 155 \mu\text{m}$$



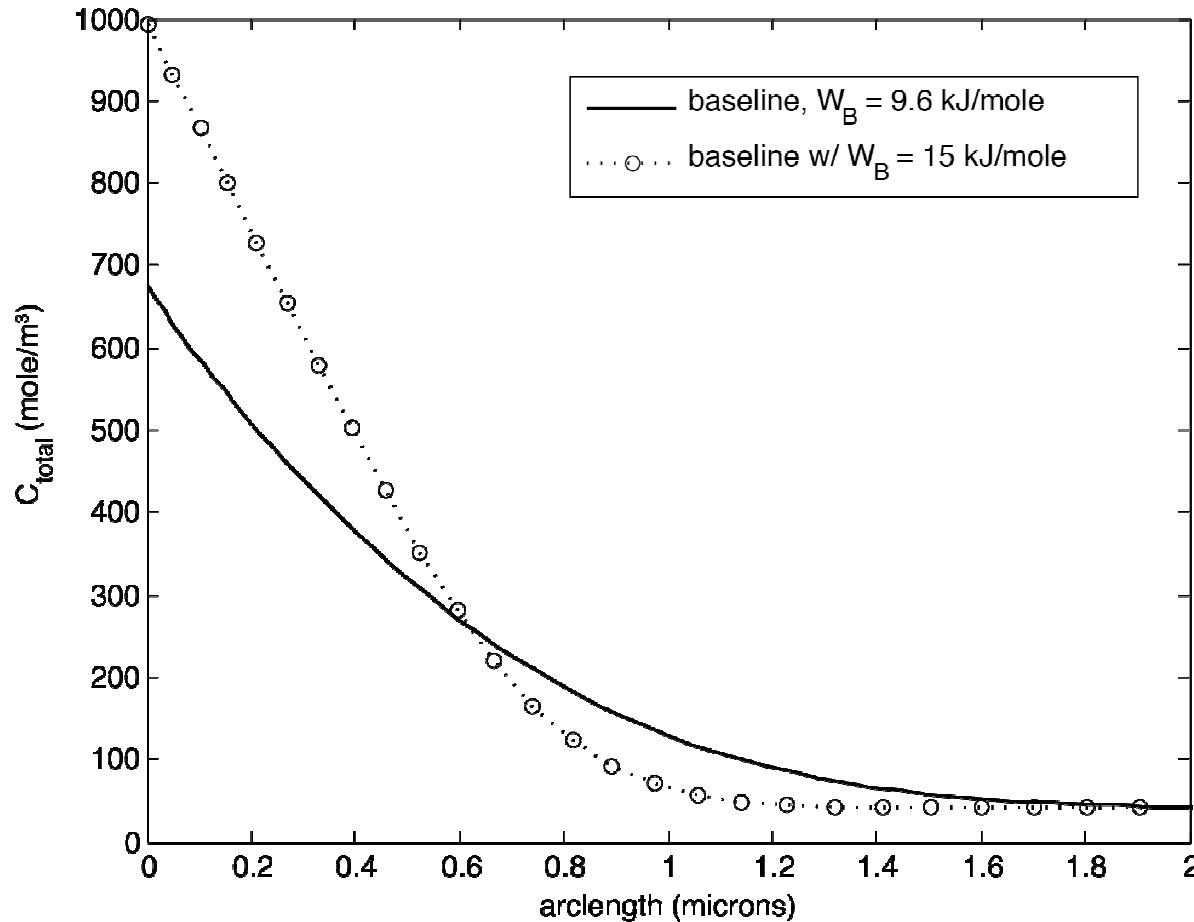
We are required to resolve a diffusion front  $l_{\text{front}}$  that is  $\sim 0.5 \mu\text{m}$ ,  $\text{CTOD}_{\text{max}}/l_{\text{front}} \sim 310$

# Diffusion remains local and is resolved



# Increasing $W_B$ compacts front

*Increased binding energy  $W_B$  compacts front and substantially raises the total concentration*



$K = 220 \text{ MPa m}^{1/2}$   
 $\text{CTOD} = 155 \mu\text{m}$   
 time: 11,000 s

$$\theta_t = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{k_t \theta_l}}$$

$$N_T = N_T(\epsilon_p)$$

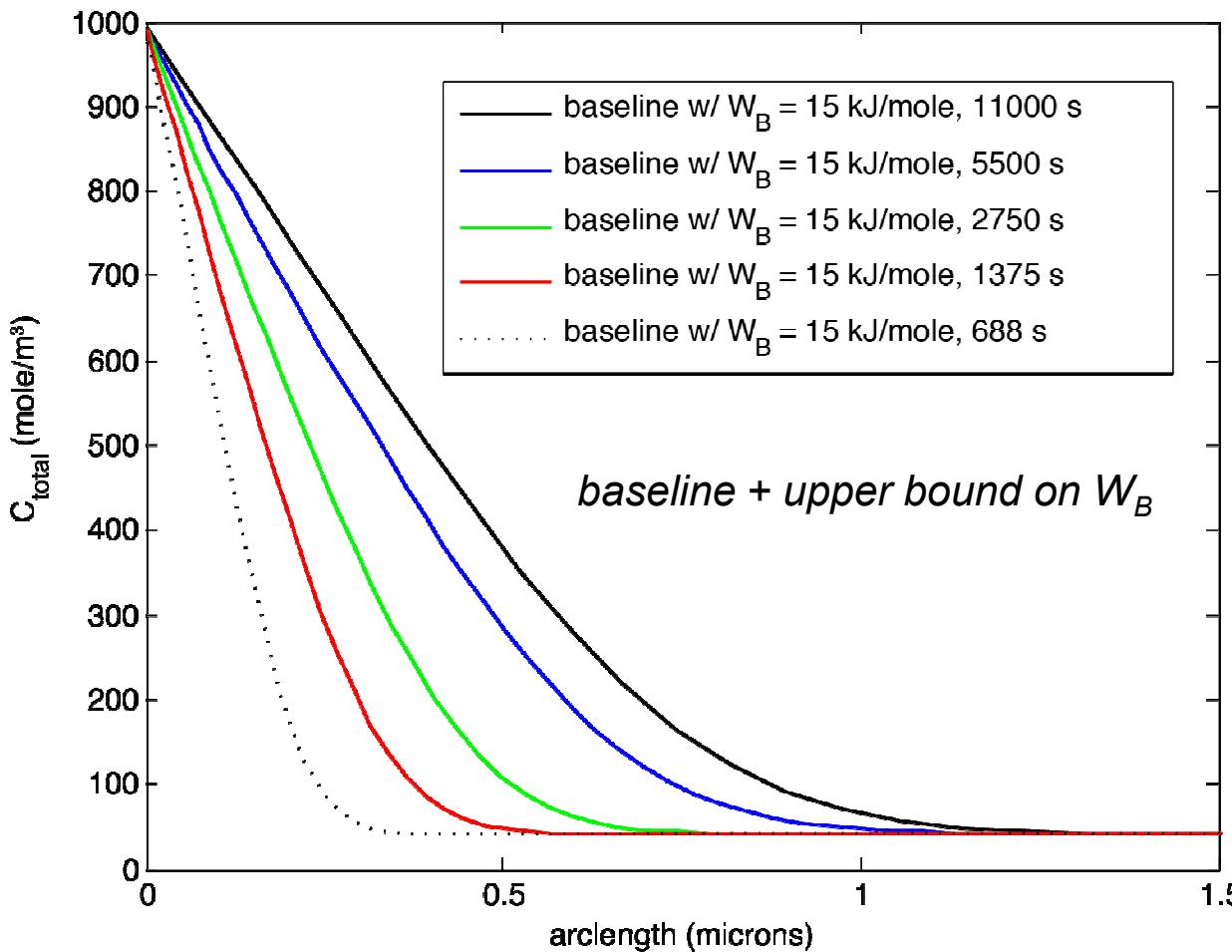
$$k_t = e^{\frac{W_B}{RT}}$$

trapping

*Diffusion front decreased by a factor of 2 – 2  $\mu\text{m}$  to 1  $\mu\text{m}$   
 Total hydrogen concentration raised from 687 mol/m<sup>3</sup> to 991 mol/m<sup>3</sup>*

# Faster loading rates compact front

- Test conditions: 1320 s and 13200 s to 220 MPa m<sup>1/2</sup>
- Model cases: 688 s, 1375 s, 2750 s, 5500 s, and 11000 s to 220 MPa m<sup>1/2</sup>
- Employing increased binding energy to investigate steeper gradients



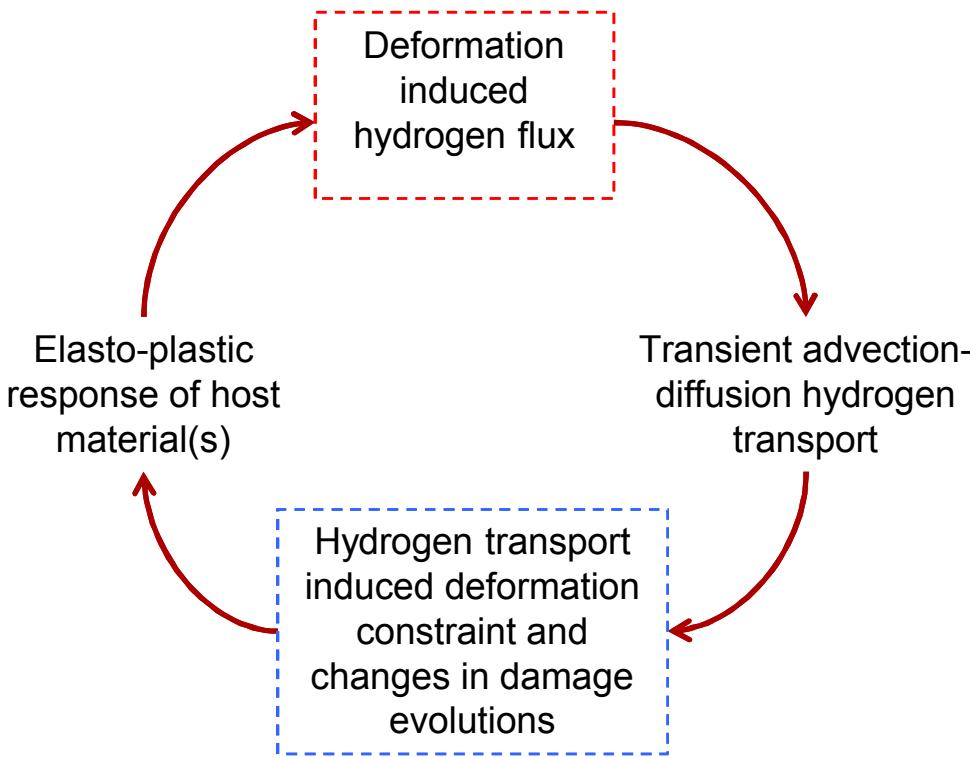
$$K = 220 \text{ MPa m}^{1/2}$$

$$\text{CTOD} = 155 \mu\text{m}$$

*More rapid loadings result in a diffusion front that spans only a few hundred nanometers.*

*Fast pathways or is this a surface effect?*

# Monolithic system for strong coupling



$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ M_{c_L u} & K_{c_L c_L}^{tran} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{u} \\ \dot{c}_L \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} K_{uu} & B_{uc_L} \\ 0 & K_{c_L c_L}^{st} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u \\ c_L \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} F_u^{ext} \\ F_{c_L}^{ext} \end{bmatrix}$$

Physical interpretation of the matrix form

- When coupling terms (red and blue boxes) are **both** non-trivial, the coupling mechanism is two-way.
- There are two possible ways to solve two-way coupling problems are:
  - Iterative split-operator approach (Simo-Miehe 1992, Kim, Tchelepi and Juanes, 2013). In this case, solid mechanics and convection-diffusion solvers exchange information by allowing inconsistent linearization (i.e., freezing some nonlinear parameter, for instance, freezing displacement when solving for hydrogen concentration and vice versa) in each iteration.
  - Monolithic mixed finite element method, which guarantees consistency of the linearization, but may lead to an ill-conditioned linearized system of equations (Sun, Ostien, Salinger 2013).