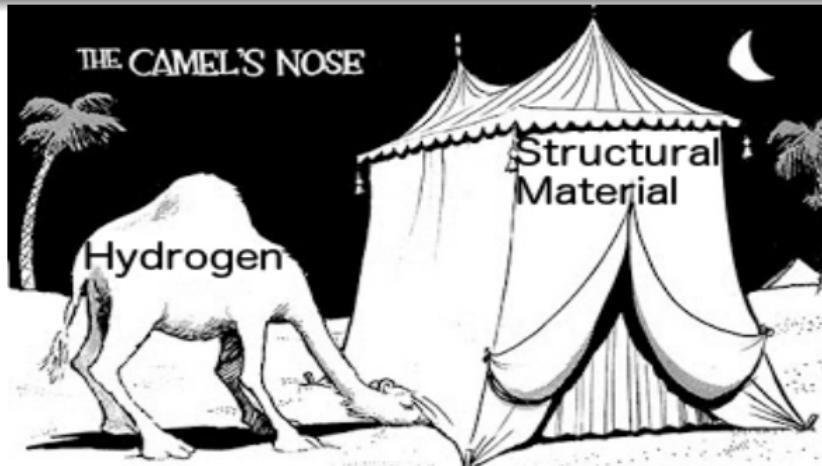


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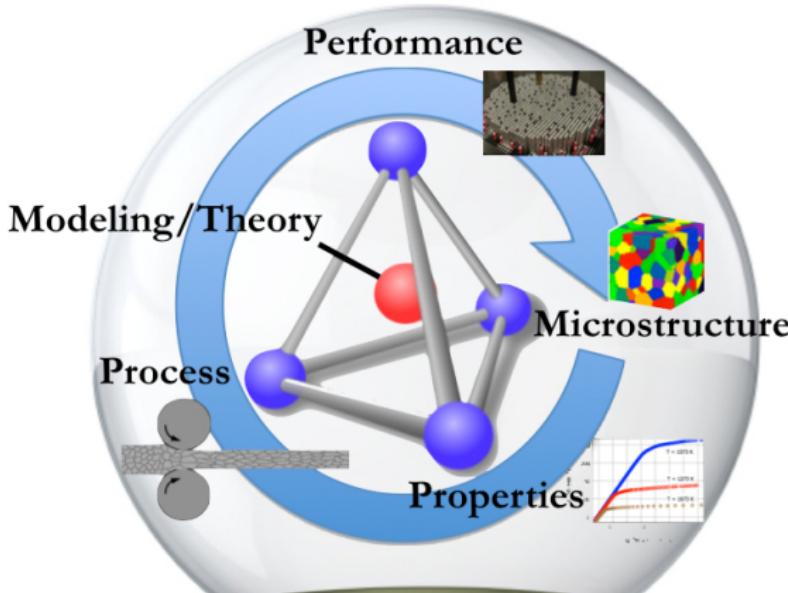
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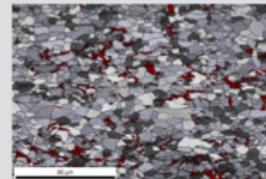
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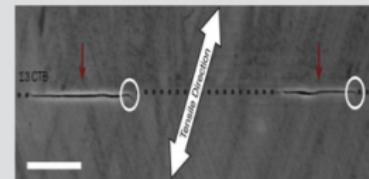
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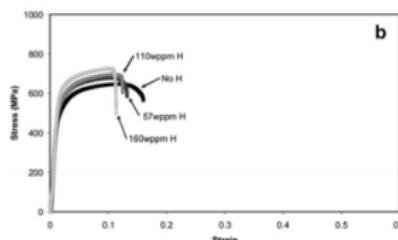
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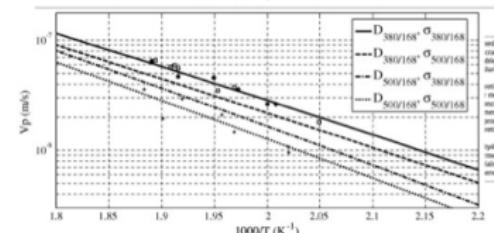
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## Scientific questions to be addressed:

- Are there microstructures more susceptible to hydrogen-assisted intergranular fracture? If so,
  - What are the characteristics scales of importance?
  - What are the microstructural features (in the sense of GB engineering) impacting H segregation/embrittlement at GBs?

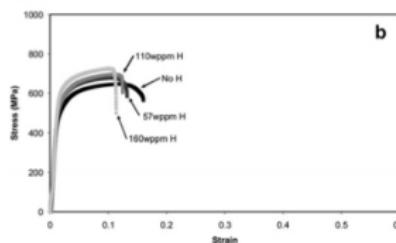


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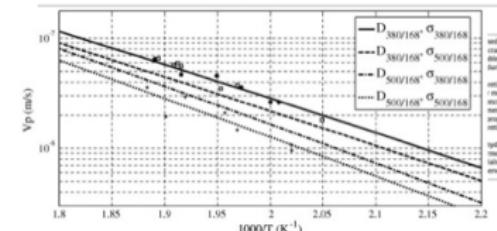


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## Today's reflection and overview

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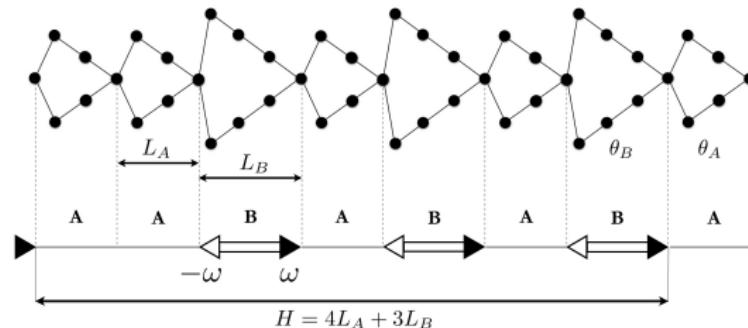
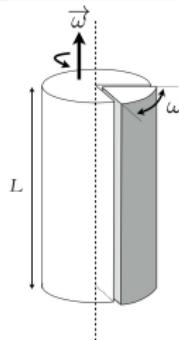
### 2 Segregation susceptibility using continuum mechanics

- Grain boundary construct using disclination-based model
- Fermi-Dirac statistics of site occupancy to model solute trapping at grain boundary
- The importance of grain boundary character
- Correlations with the Frank-Bilby formalism

### 3 Perspective and summary

- Reality check

# Construction of grain boundaries using the disclination structural unit model (DSUM): Nuts & bolts...



- Disclinations are linear rotational defects (logarithmic divergence of the long-range stress fields).
- Decomposing GB into a contiguous and alternating sequence of special (favored)  $m$  majority and  $n$  minority structural units.
- Boundary is represented in the form of a complex wall of disclinations combined into dipoles associated with the **minority structural units**.
- GB intrinsic stress field:  $\sigma_{ij}^{\dagger, mn} = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \sigma_{ij}^{\bowtie} (x, y, \omega, L'_n + kH)$ .

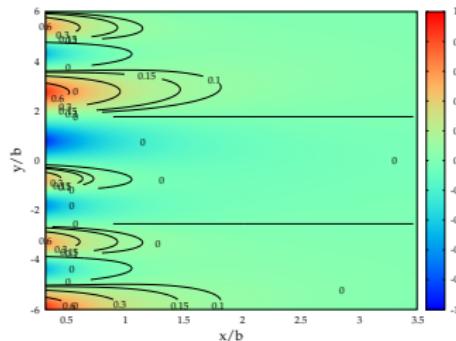
## Symmetric tilt GBs about the [001] axis: structural character

| $\theta$ [°] | GB plane | $\Sigma$ | Structural decomposition of the period |
|--------------|----------|----------|--|
| 0.00         | (1 1 0)  | 1        | A                                      |
| 16.26        | (4 3 0)  | 25       | AAB.AAB                                |
| 20.02        | (10 7 0) | 149      | AABABAB.AABABAB                        |
| 22.62        | (3 2 0)  | 13       | AB.AB                                  |
| 25.06        | (11 7 0) | 85       | ABABABB                                |
| 28.07        | (5 3 0)  | 17       | ABB                                    |
| 36.87        | (2 1 0)  | 5        | B.B                                    |
| 43.60        | (7 3 0)  | 29       | BBC                                    |
| 46.40        | (5 2 0)  | 29       | BC.BC                                  |
| 53.13        | (3 1 0)  | 5        | C                                      |
| 58.11        | (7 2 0)  | 53       | CCD.CCD                                |
| 61.93        | (4 1 0)  | 17       | CD.CD                                  |
| 64.94        | (9 2 0)  | 85       | CDCDD.CDCDD                            |
| 67.38        | (5 1 0)  | 13       | CDD                                    |
| 73.74        | (7 1 0)  | 25       | CDDDD                                  |
| 90           | (1 0 0)  | 1        | D                                      |

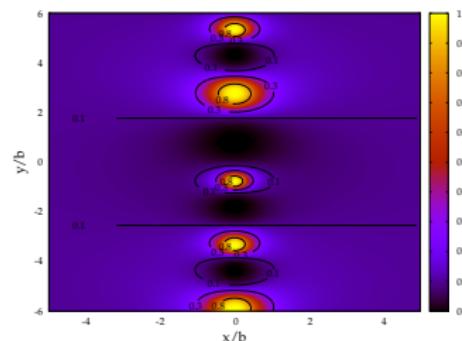
# Fermi-Dirac statistics of site occupancy to model solute trapping at grain boundary

- Interstitial solutes = non-overlapping spherical misfitting inclusions with purely positive dilatational eigenstrain.
- Energetic contribution and the work done against pre-existing stresses upon the introduction of solutes.
- Solute field around GB:

$$\chi(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1 - \chi_0}{\chi_0} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{k_B T} \frac{1}{3} \sigma_{ii}^{\ddagger, mn}(\mathbf{x}) \Delta V\right)}.$$

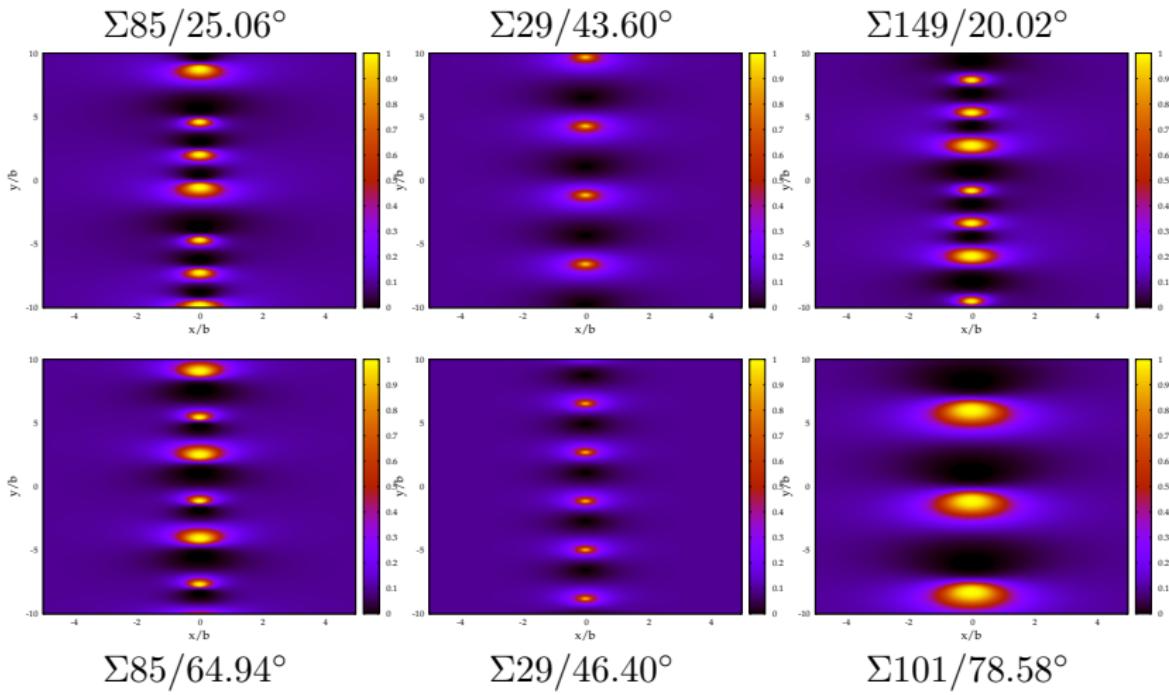


Hydrostatic stress field  $\sigma_{ii}^{\ddagger, mn}$

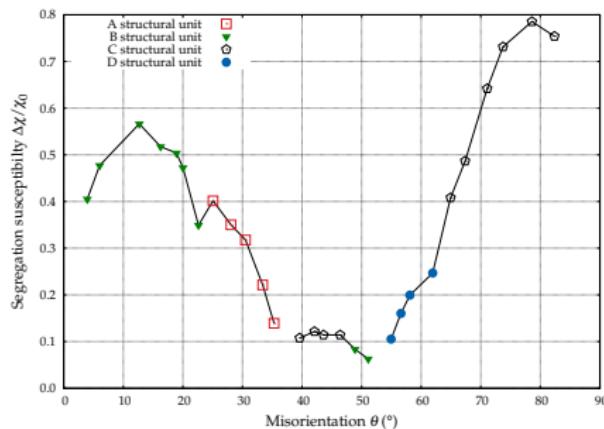


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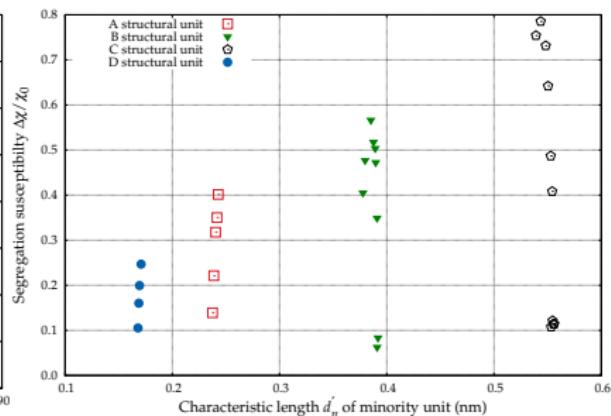
# Solute fraction of occupied sites in the vicinity several grain boundaries



# Segregation susceptibility variability is impacted by both the minority structural unit and the associated misorientation angle



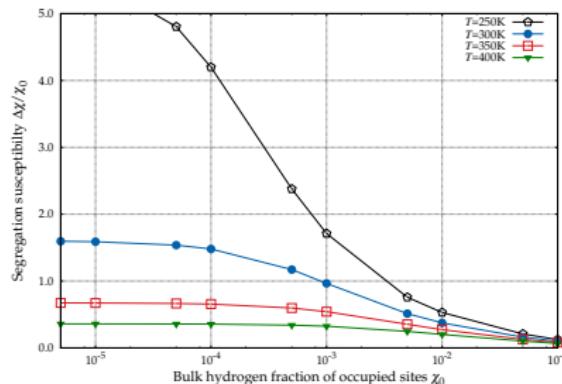
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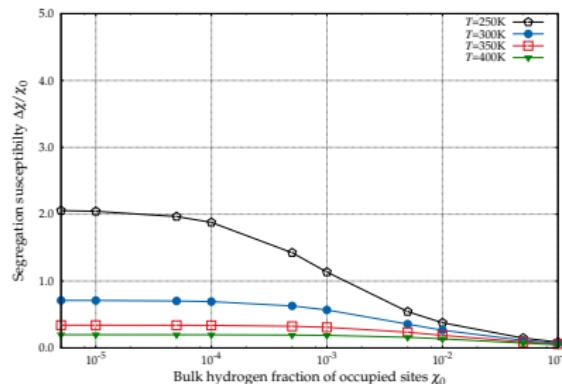
Segregation vs. characteristic length.

- Cusps corresponding to specific grain boundaries for which the structure changes from one minority structural unit to another.
- Three branches corresponding to pairs of structural units (A/B, B/C, C/D).

# On the effect of temperature and prescribed bulk hydrogen fraction:



$\Sigma 17/28.07^\circ$  (B structural unit).



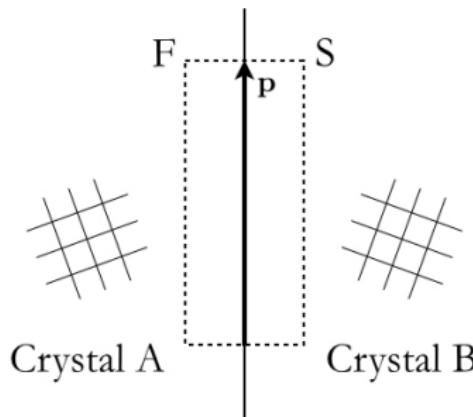
$\Sigma 17/61.93^\circ$  (D structural unit).

- Non-linear dependence on the prescribed bulk hydrogen content.
- Arrhenius-type dependence on the temperature.
- Solubility susceptibility less pronounced for GBs with misorientation  $\theta$  in the range  $36.87^\circ \leq \theta \leq 53.13^\circ$  (STGBs with only B and C structural units).

## Frank-Bilby formalism

- Determine the intrinsic dislocation content of a general boundary.
- Burgers circuit construction, the net Burgers vector  $\mathbf{B}_p$  of all interfacial dislocations crossing any vector  $\mathbf{p}$  in the interface (i.e. closure failure in the perfect reference lattice)

Bicrystal



Reference lattice

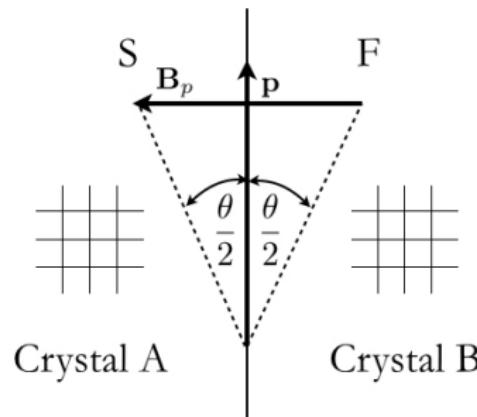
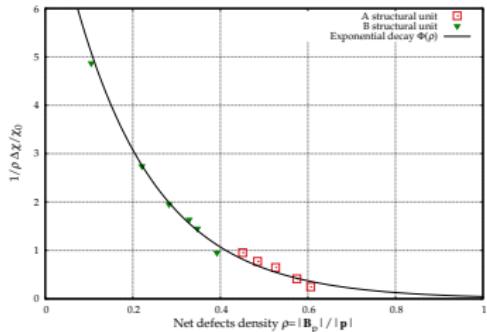
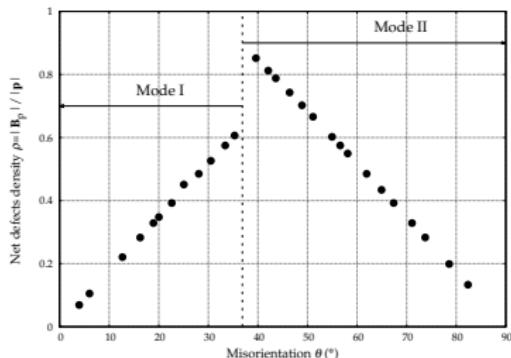
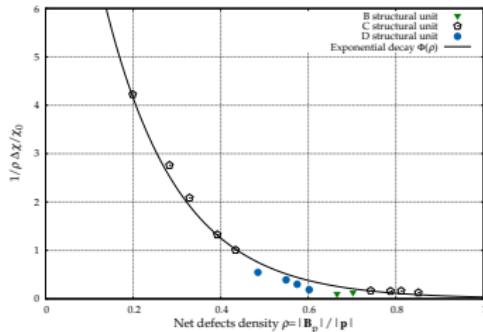


Illustration of the Frank-Bilby formalism for a symmetric tilt grain boundary.

# Equivalence with the Franck-Bilby formalism



Mode “I”.



Mode “II”.

## Segregation susceptibility within the Franck-Bilby formalism

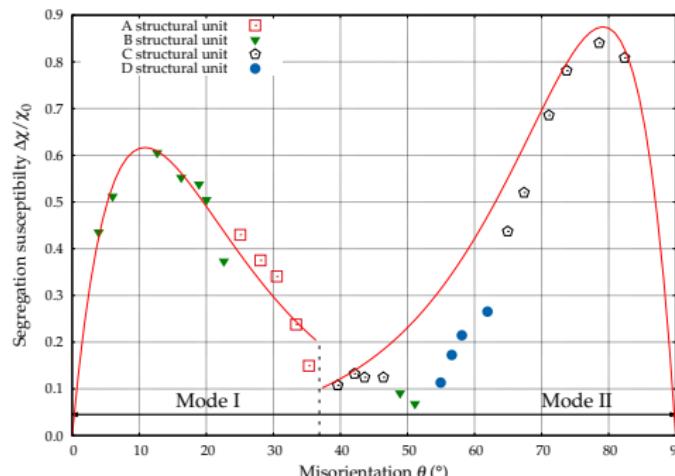
- Segregation susceptibility vs. net defect density:

$$\frac{\Delta\chi}{\chi_0}(\rho) = \rho \Phi_i(\rho), \text{ with } \rho = \frac{|\mathbf{B}_p|}{|\mathbf{p}|} = 2 \sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)$$

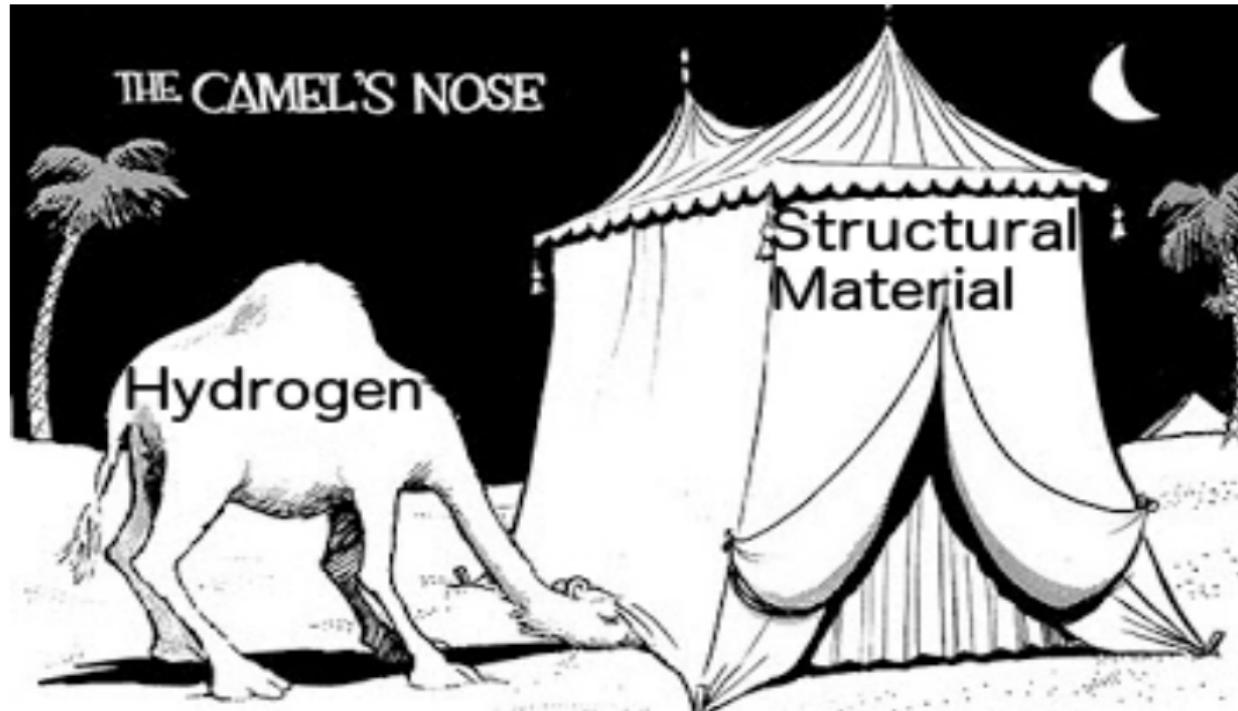
- Segregation susceptibility vs. misorientation:

$$\frac{\Delta\chi}{\chi_0}(\theta) = 2 \sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) \Phi_I\left(2 \sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)\right) \text{ for } \theta < 36.87^\circ$$

$$\frac{\Delta\chi}{\chi_0}(\theta) = 2 \sin\left(\frac{90^\circ - \theta}{2}\right) \Phi_{II}\left(2 \sin\left(\frac{90^\circ - \theta}{2}\right)\right) \text{ for } \theta > 36.87^\circ$$



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### THE CAMEL'S NOSE

Any questions?...I have some:

- Is a truly predictive (multiscale) model going to help us with materials design in our future or is it a utopia?
  - Multiplicity of length scales?
  - Simultaneous and concurrent effects of various atomic species (H, He, S)
  - Metastable states of microstructures when interacting with its environment?
- Feasibility of the development of a model-based feedback loop for optimizing properties?
  - The future of manufacturing (c.f. ICME)?

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