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Computational Disordered Materials

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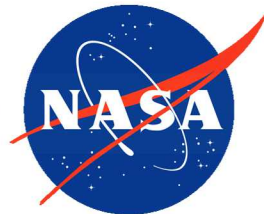


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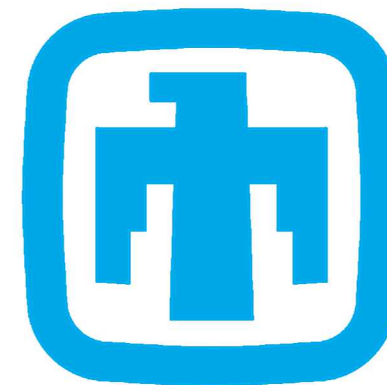


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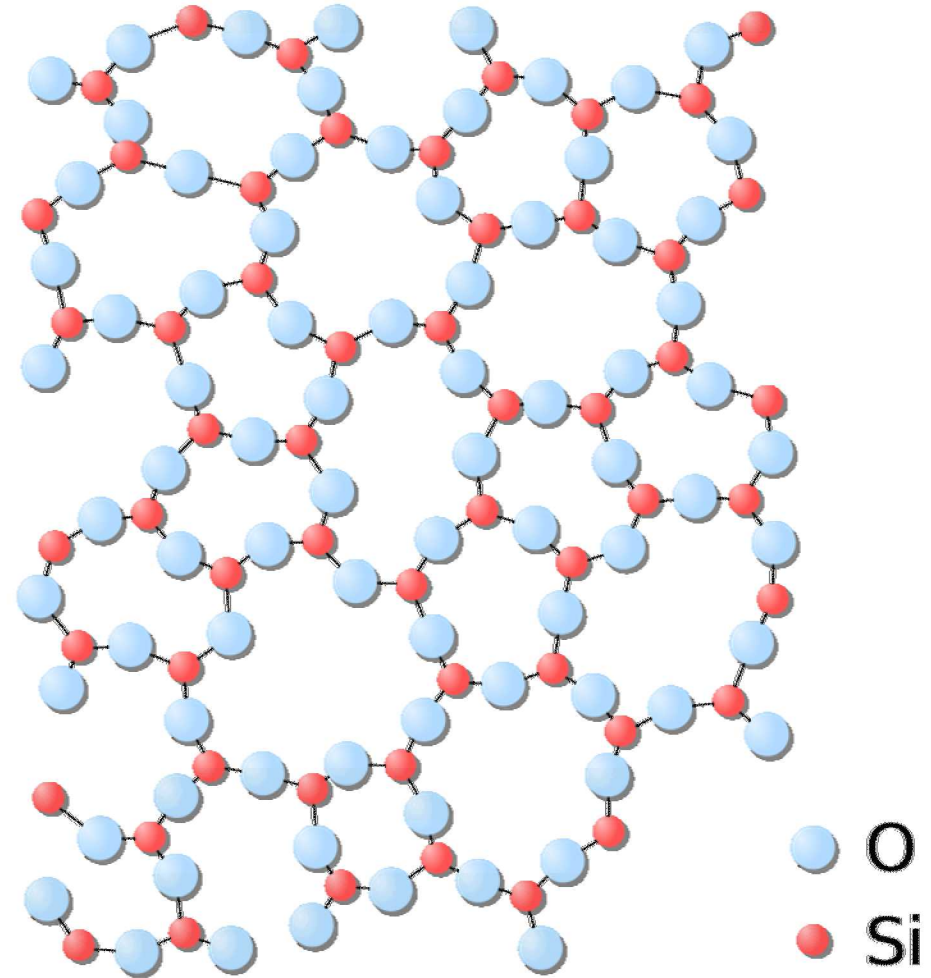
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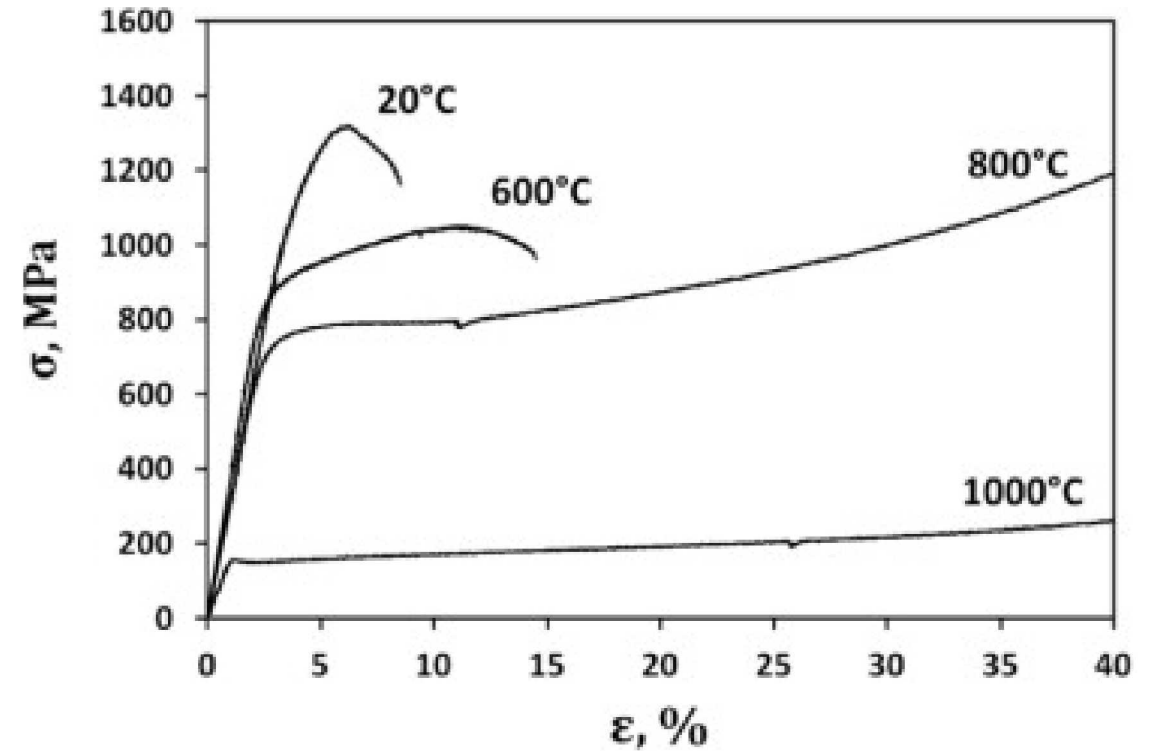
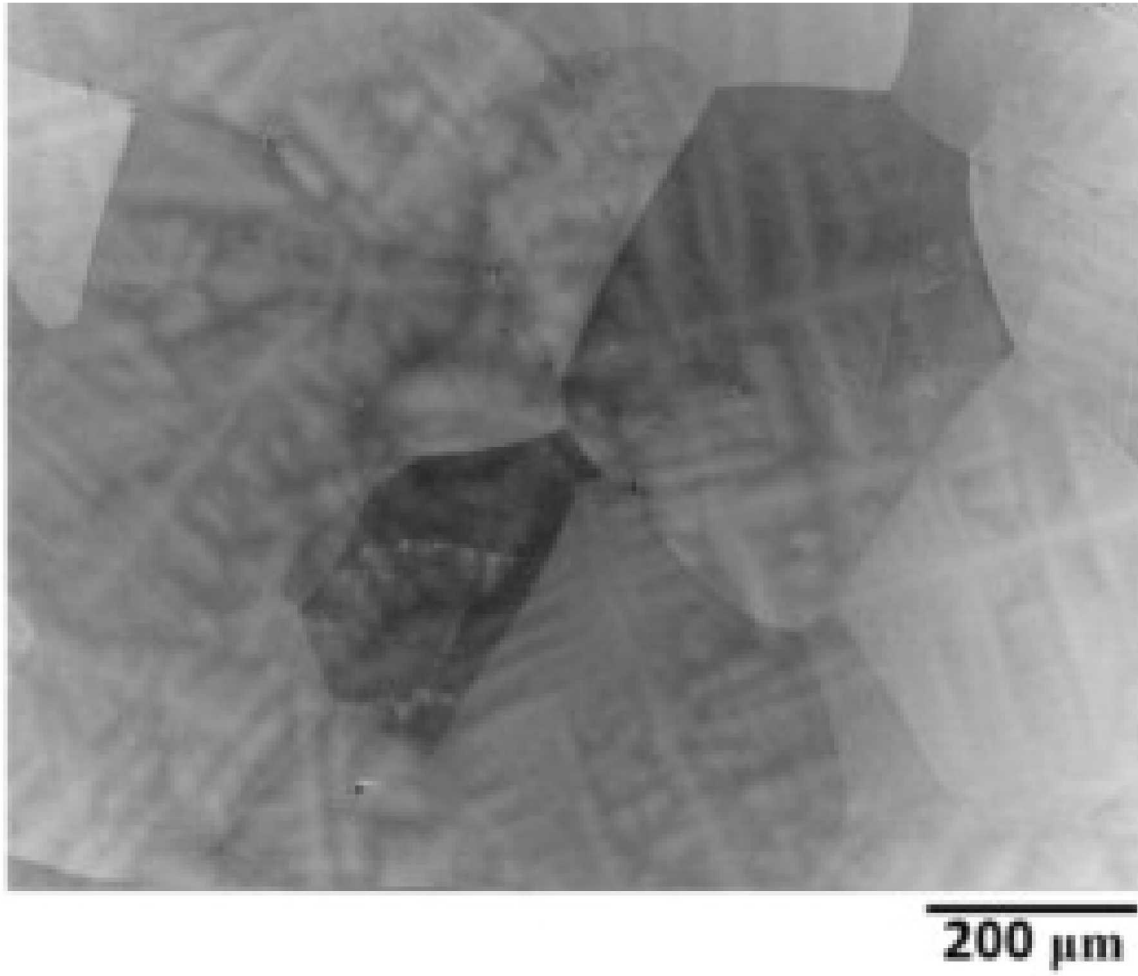
Disordered Materials for Energy



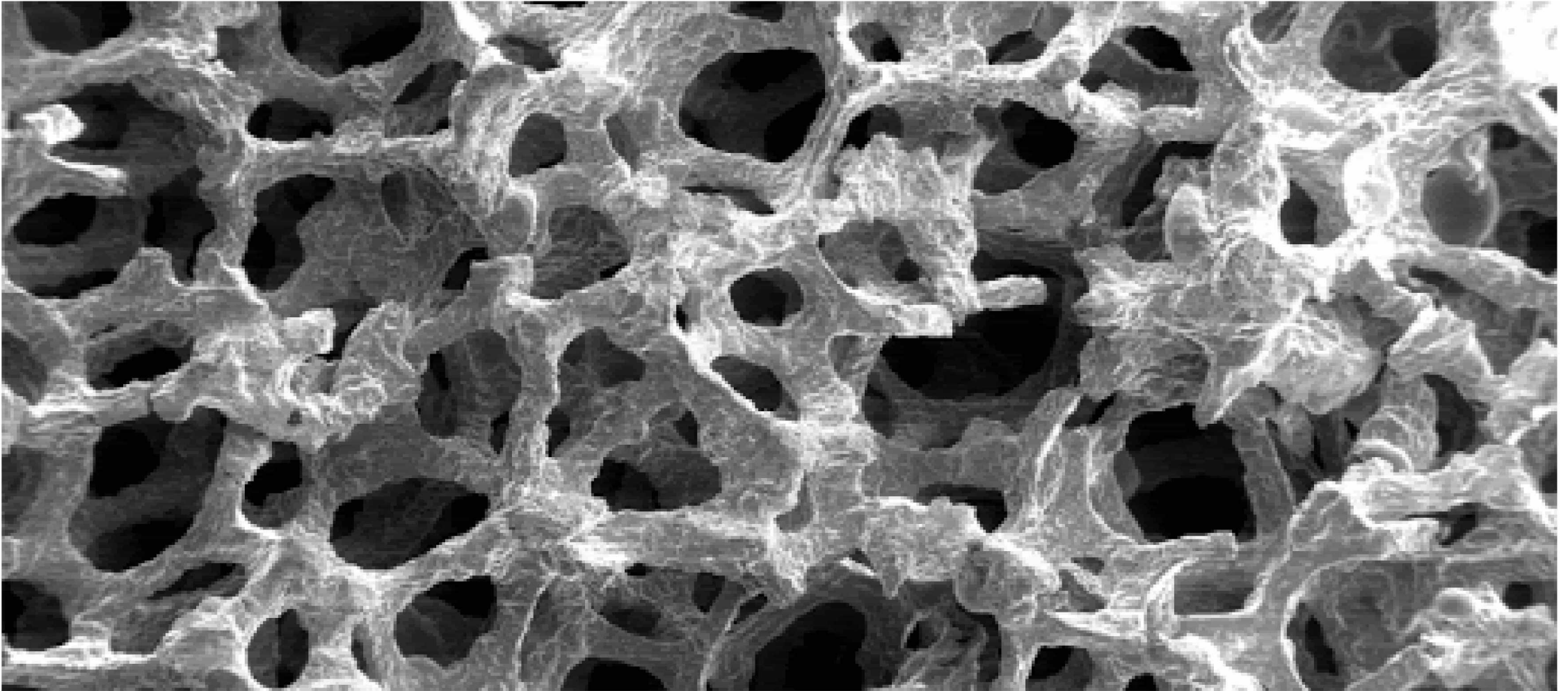
Disordered Materials for Energy: Silicate Glass



Disordered Materials for Energy: High Entropy Alloys



Disordered Materials for Energy: Metallic Glass



United States Patent [19] Chickering et al.

[54] **NUCLEAR WASTE ENCAPSULATION IN BOROSILICATE GLASS BY CHEMICAL POLYMERIZATION**

[75] **Inventors:** **Ronald W. Chickering**, Hempfield Township, Westmoreland County; **Bulent E. Yoldas**, Churchill; **Bruce H. Neuman**, Salem Township, Westmoreland County, all of Pa.

[73] **Assignee:** **Westinghouse Electric Corp.**, Pittsburgh, Pa.



Disordered Materials for Energy: Borosilicate Glass



In this 2019 photo, a sign at the Hanford Nuclear Reservation is posted near Richland. (AP Photo/Elaine Thompson, file)

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Hanford nuclear waste cleanup efforts could be delayed

A new report does not mention the Dept. of Energy moving radioactive capsules to safer storage.

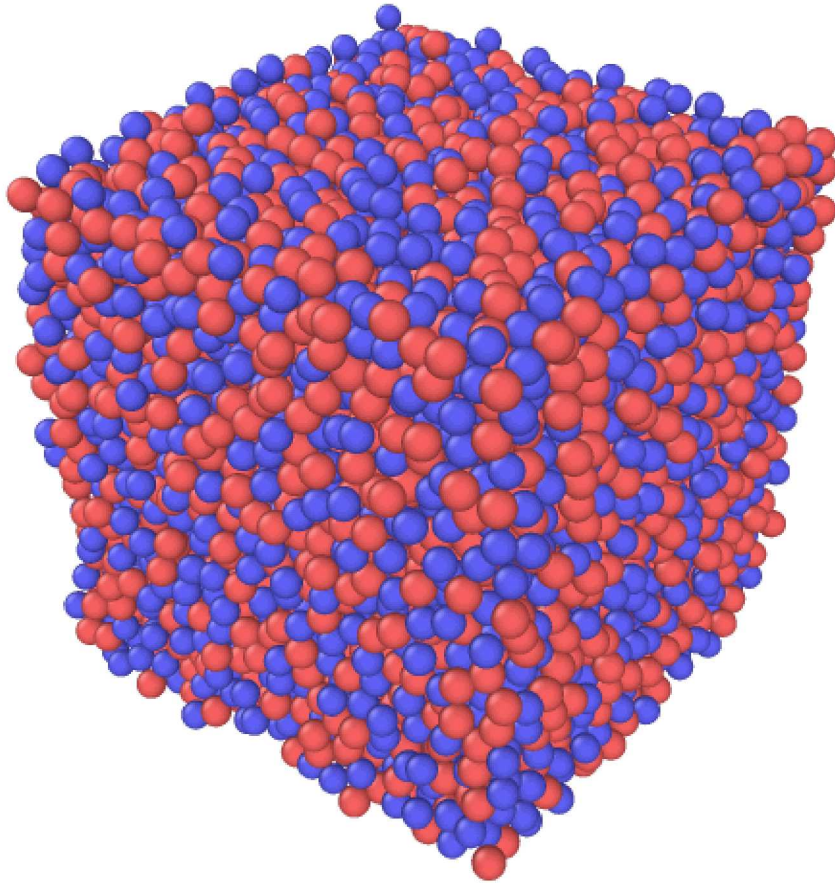
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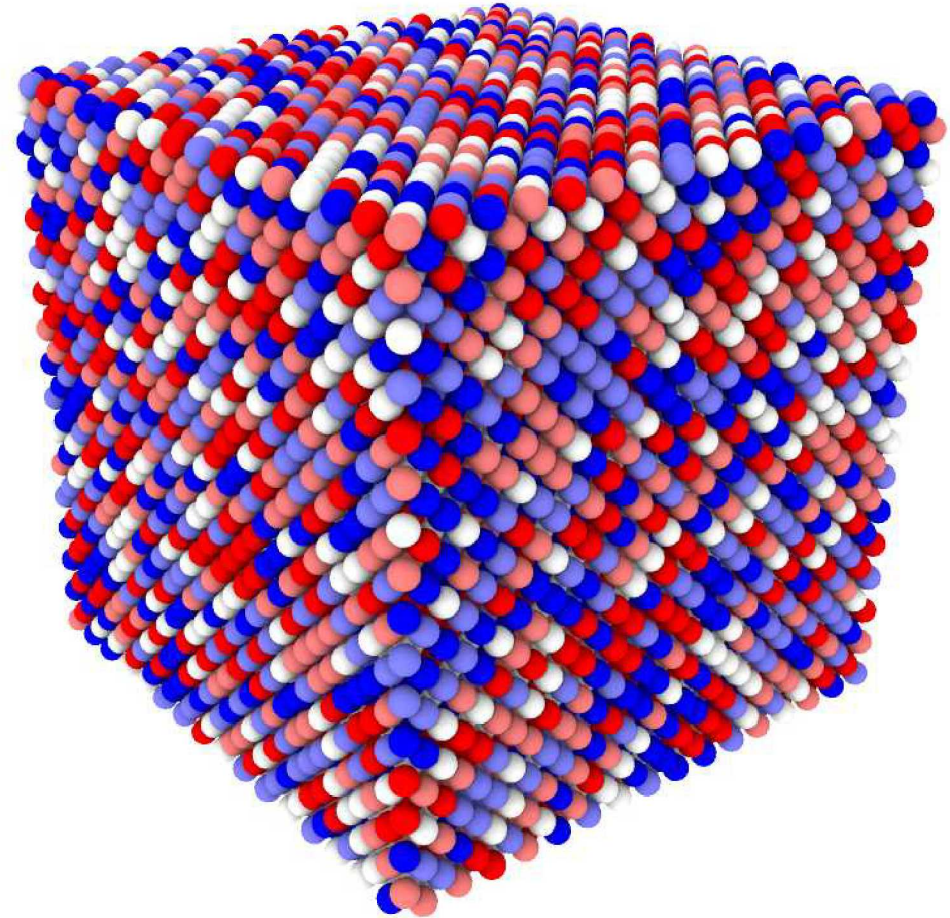


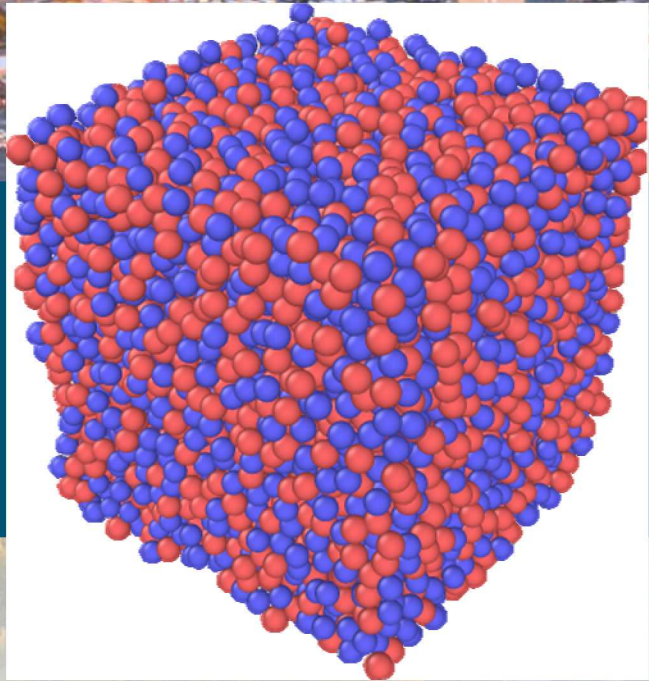
Two Case Studies

Bulk Metallic Glass

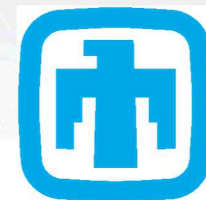


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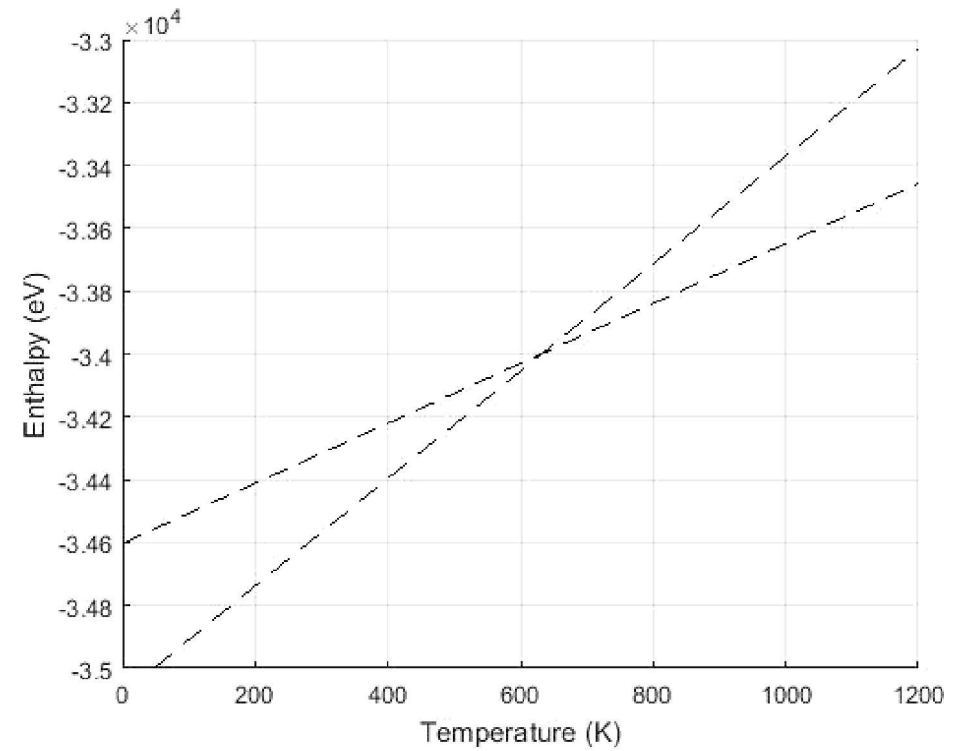
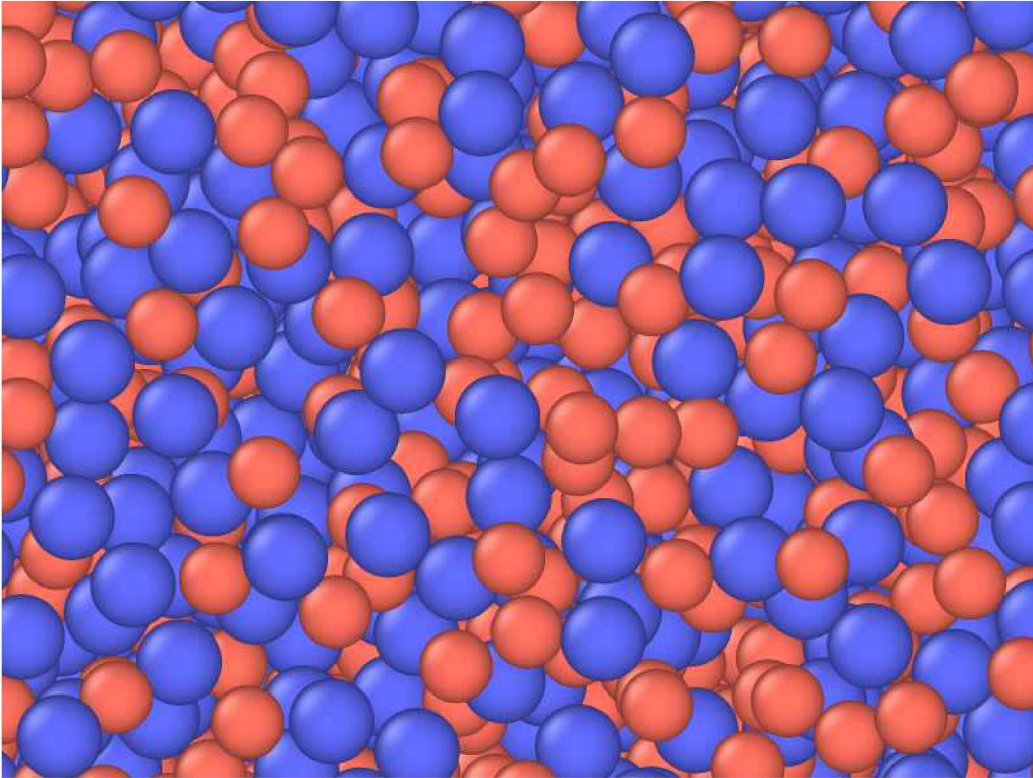




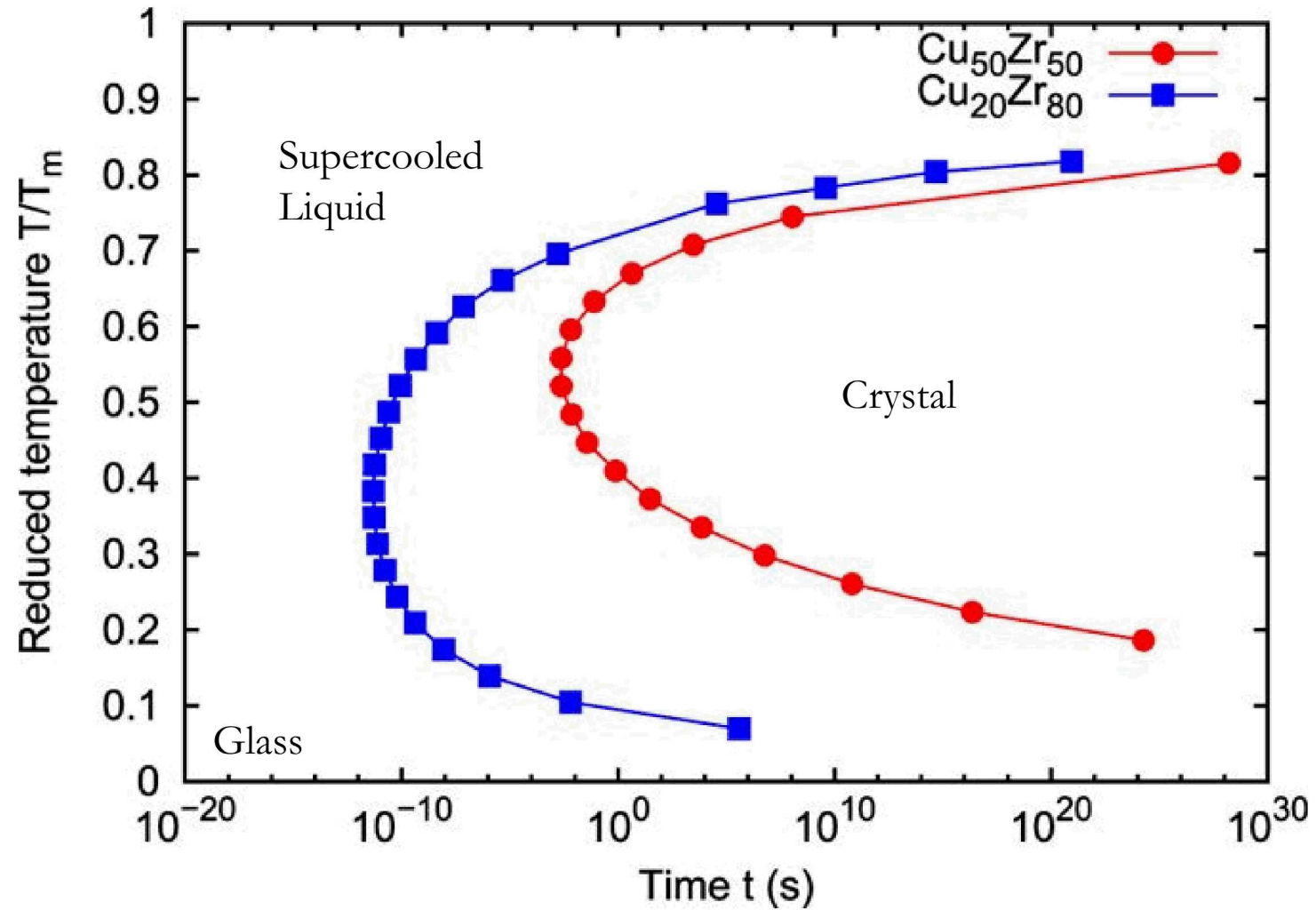
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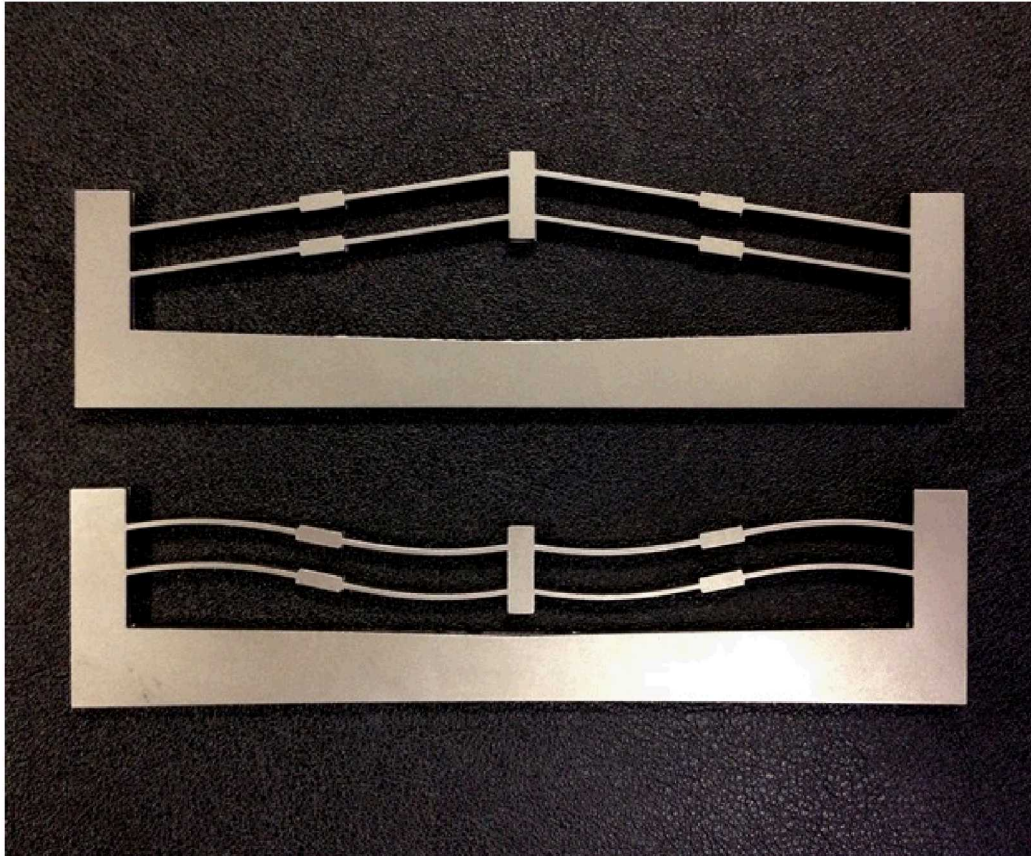
The Glassy State



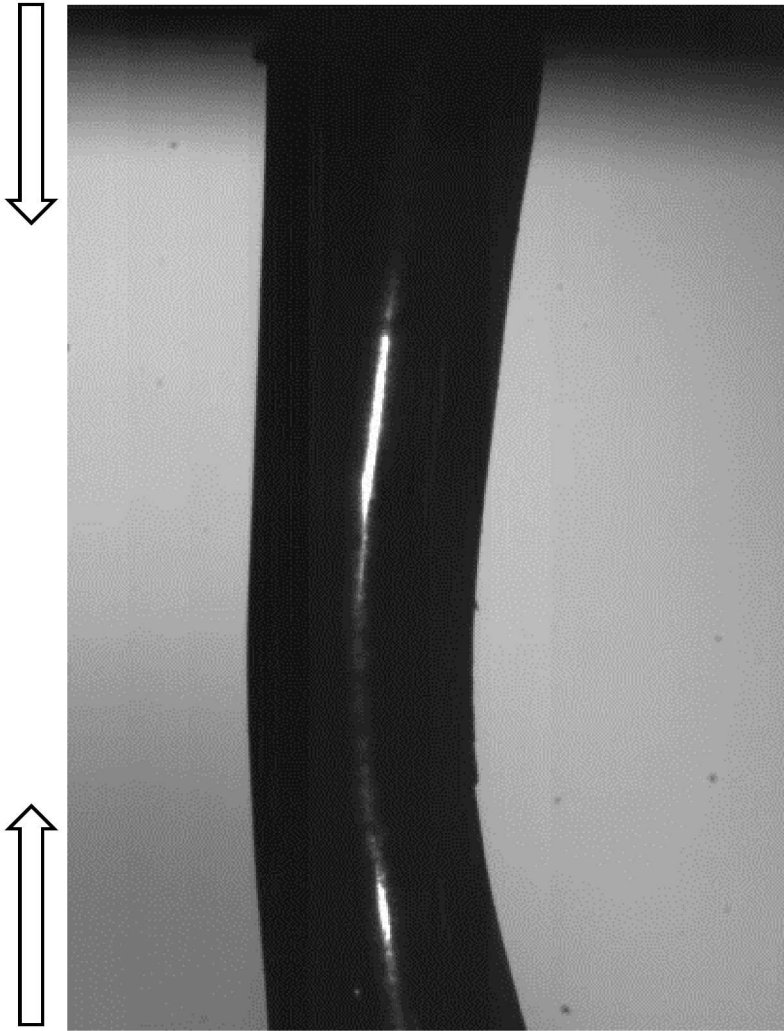
Downside to Bulk Metallic Glass



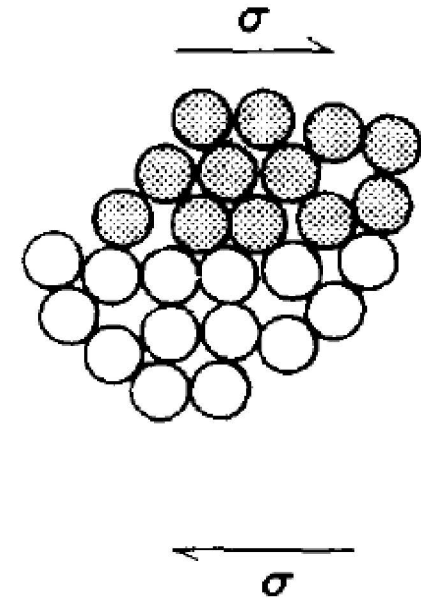
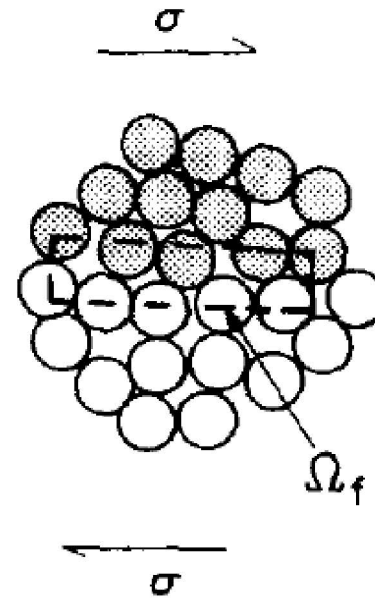
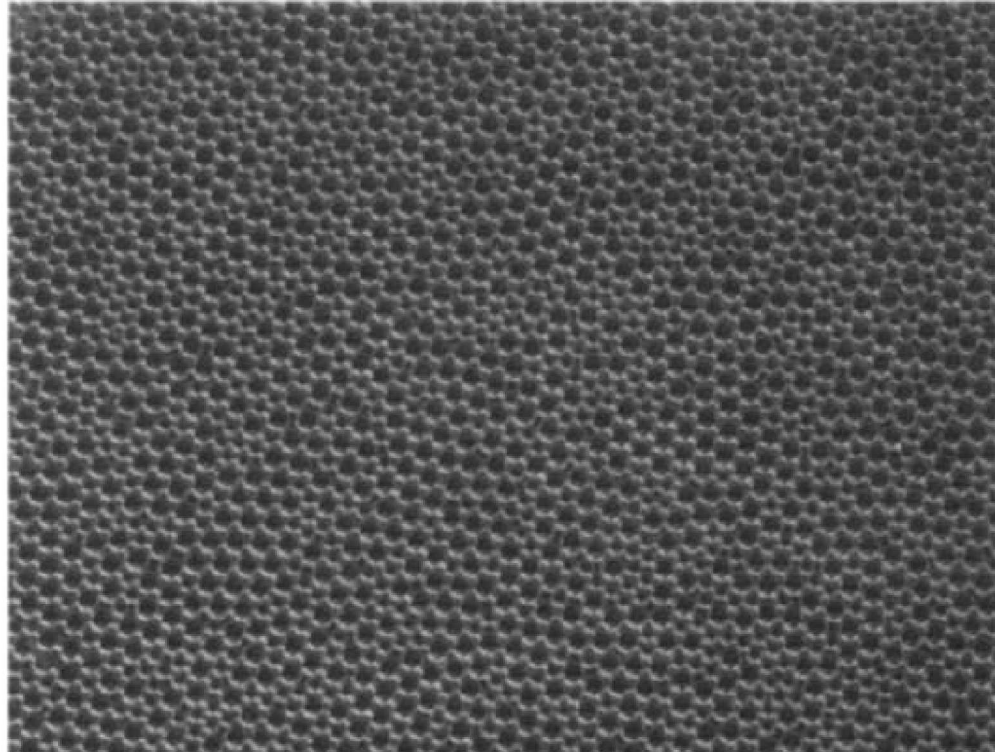
Bulk Metallic Glass for Compliant Mechanisms



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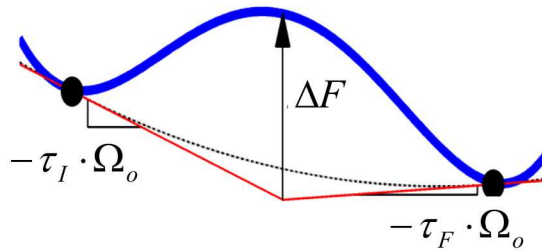


Glassy Structure on Two Scales

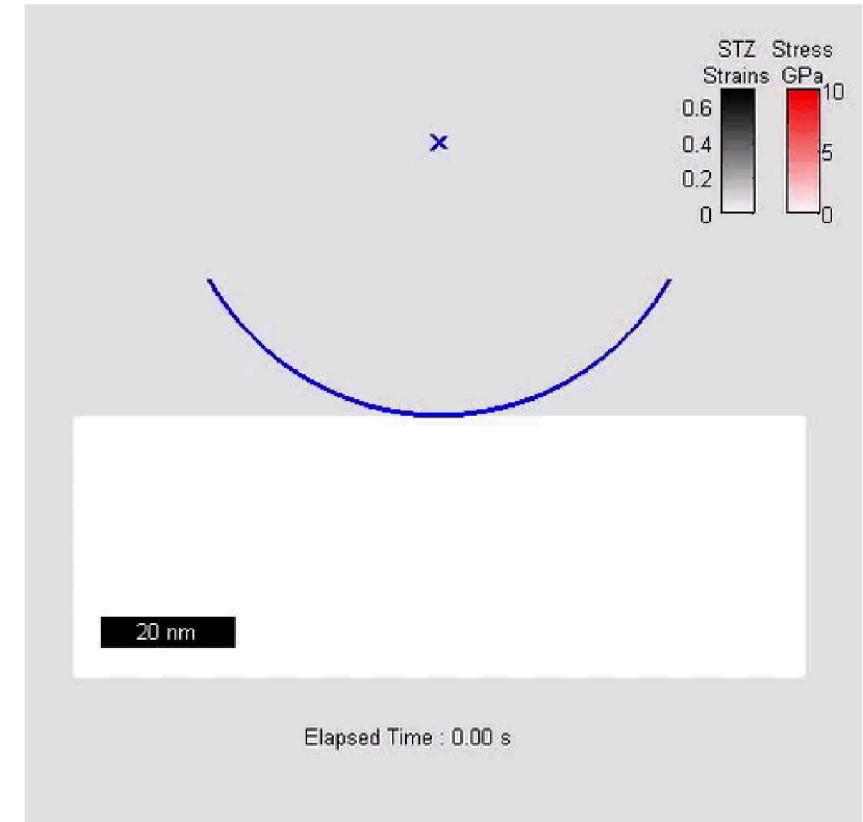


STZ Dynamics

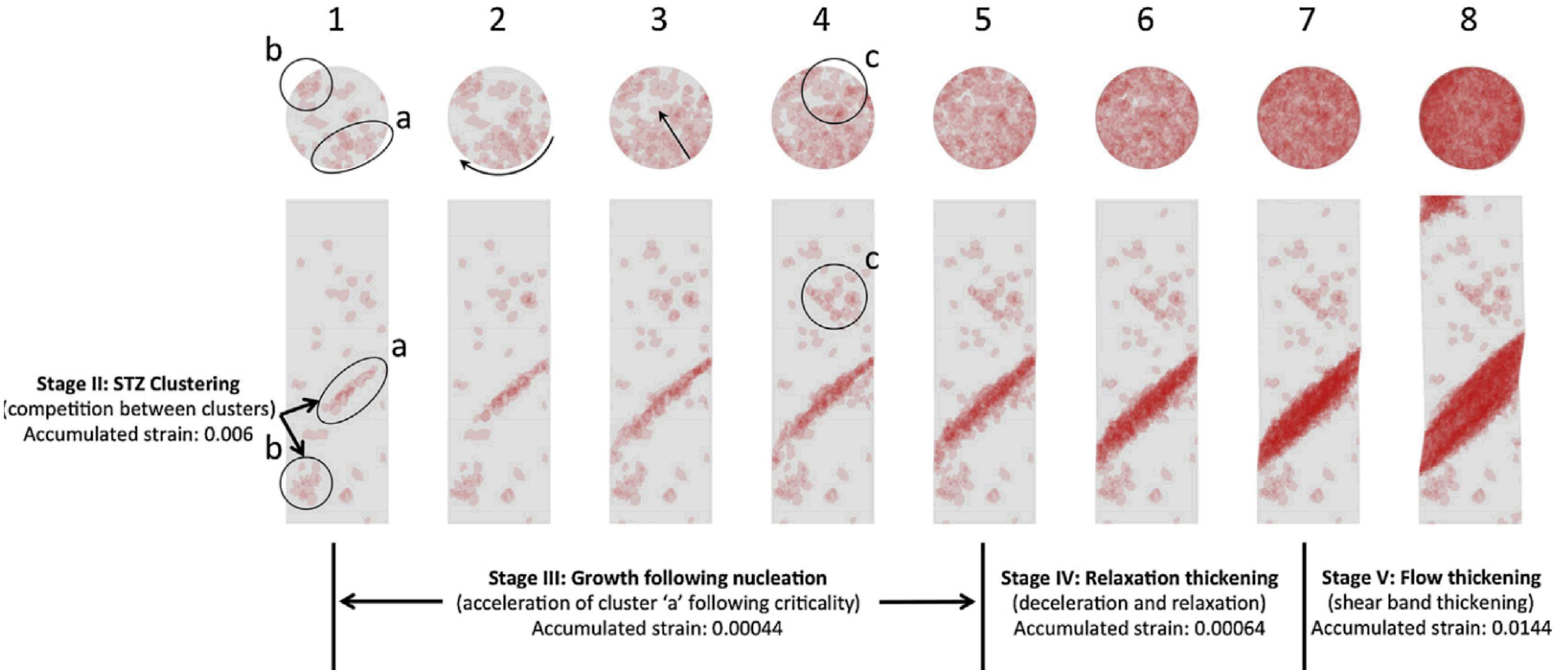
1. Load applied to finite element model, calculate stress.
2. Each element/node is a potential shear transformation zone. Calculate stress-biased activation rate for each potential STZ.



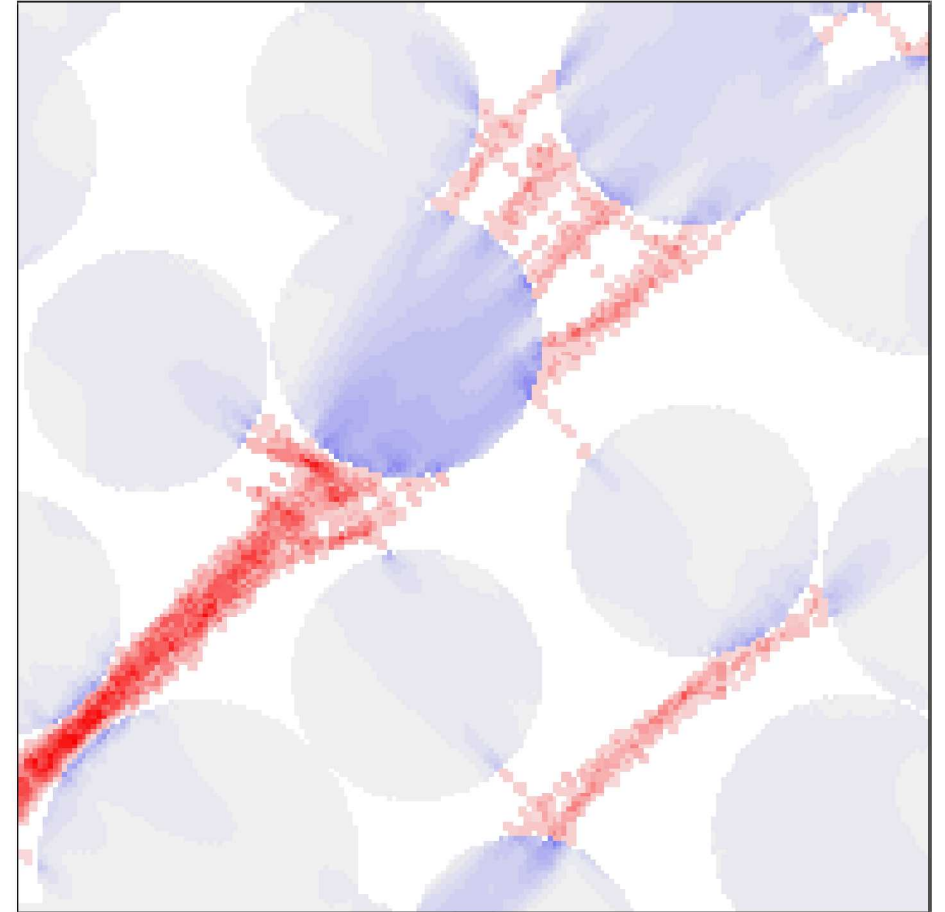
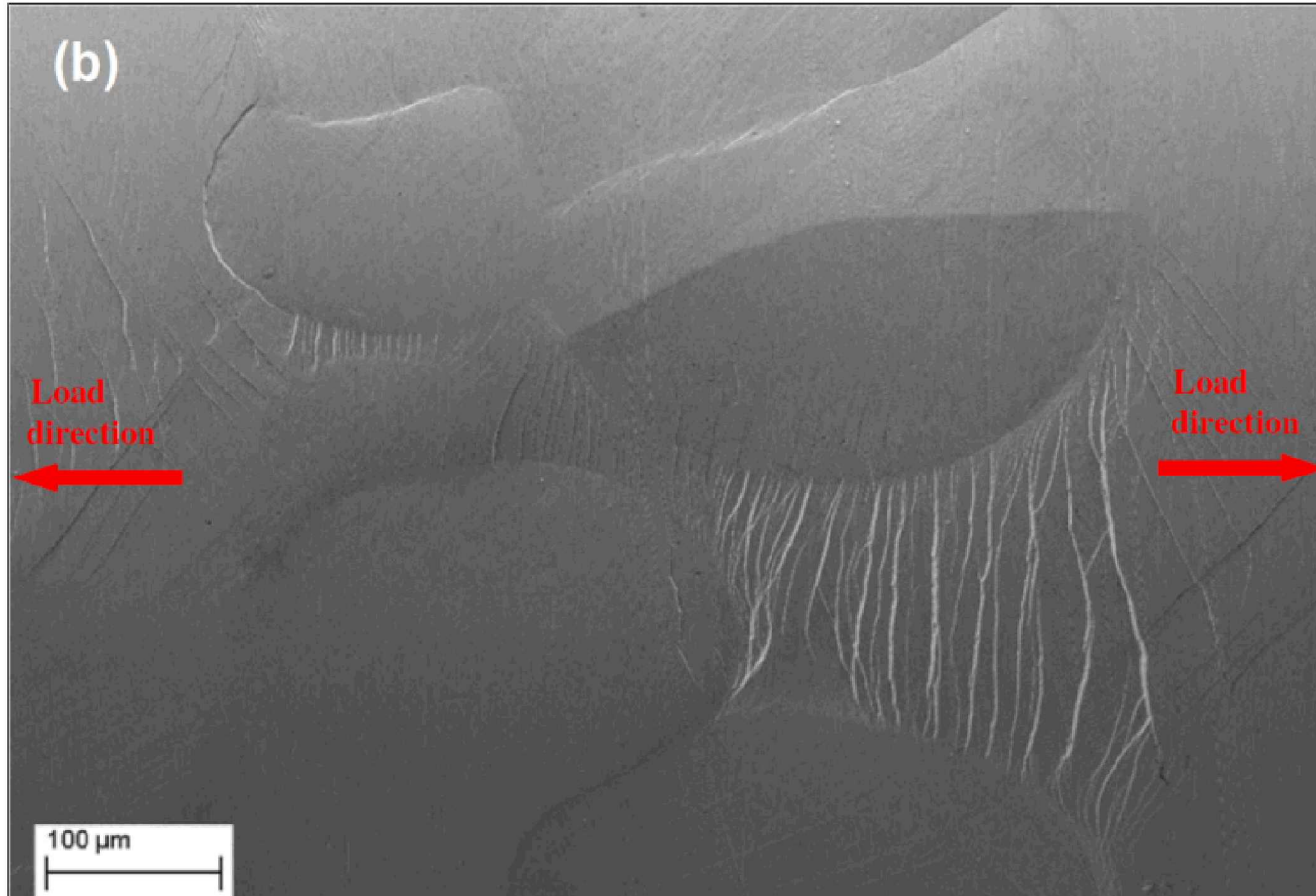
3. Select one shear transformation and a time step via kinetic Monte Carlo.
4. Apply local plastic shear strain to finite element mesh. Return to 1.



STZ Dynamics: Successes



Metallic Glass Matrix Composites



Wu, Y., et al. "Formation of Cu–Zr–Al bulk metallic glass composites with improved tensile properties." *Acta Materialia* 59.8 (2011): 2928-2936.

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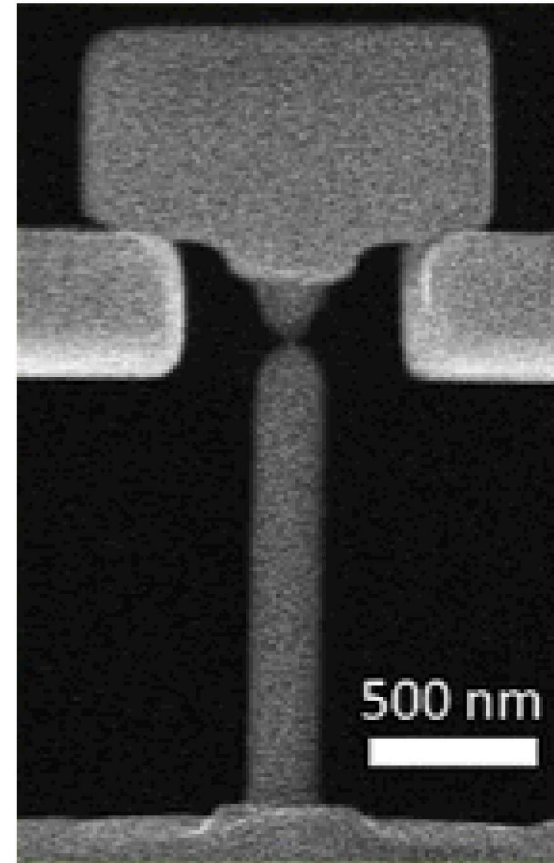
Impact of Recent Research

Two modern developments spurred the development of next-generation mesoscale metallic glass models

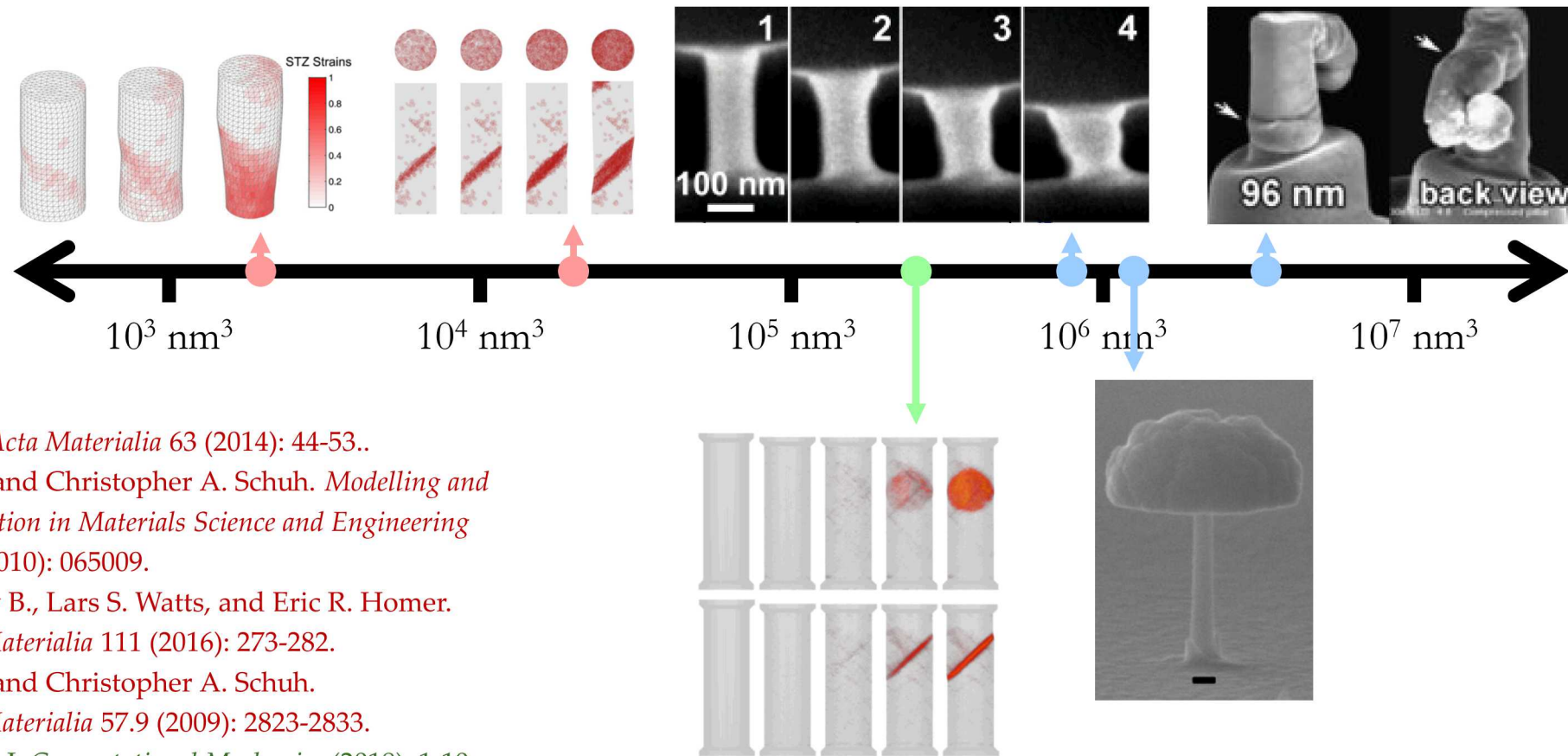
Proliferation of nanomechanical testing

Appreciation of importance of the structure of glass

- MD & experimental insights on atomic configurations
- Glass viewed as heterogeneous nanocomposite



200x Speedup, 18x Sizeup



Homer, Eric R. *Acta Materialia* 63 (2014): 44-53..

Homer, Eric R., and Christopher A. Schuh. *Modelling and Simulation in Materials Science and Engineering* 18.6 (2010): 065009.

Harris, Matthew B., Lars S. Watts, and Eric R. Homer. *Acta Materialia* 111 (2016): 273-282.

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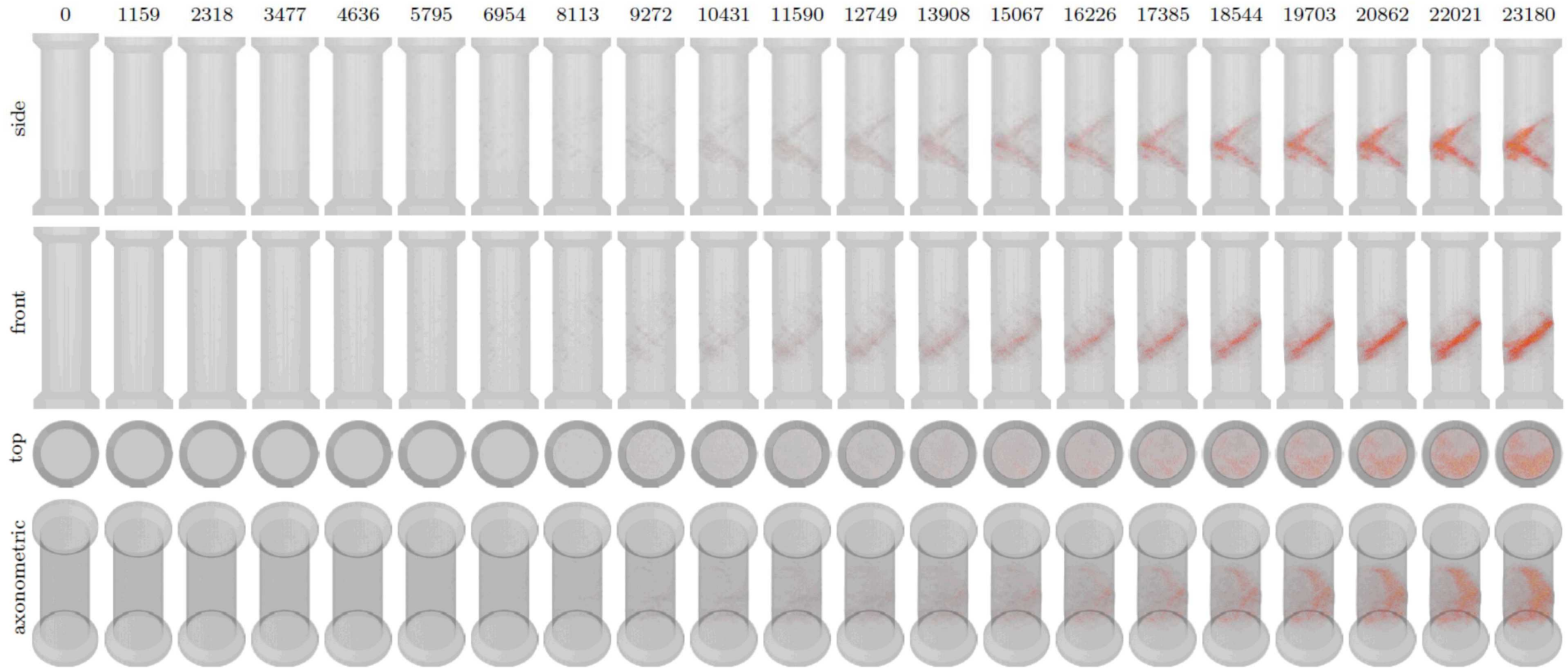
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Gu, X. Wendy, et al., *Nano letters* 14.10 (2014): 5858-5864.

Chen, Chang Qiang, et al. *Physical Review B* 83.18 (2011): 180201.

Competitive Shear Localization



Potential Energy Landscape Ansatz

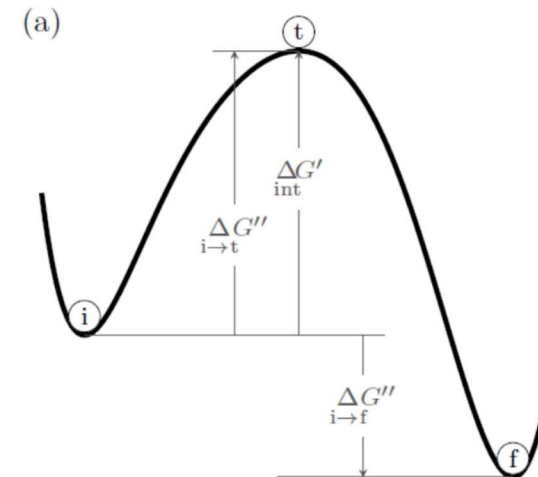
1. Configurational potential energy decompose into a portion which correlates with molar volume (dilatative CPE), and one which does not (isochoric CPE). Experiments have shown that shear modulus maps to total CPE.

$$U^* = U_I^* + U_D^*$$

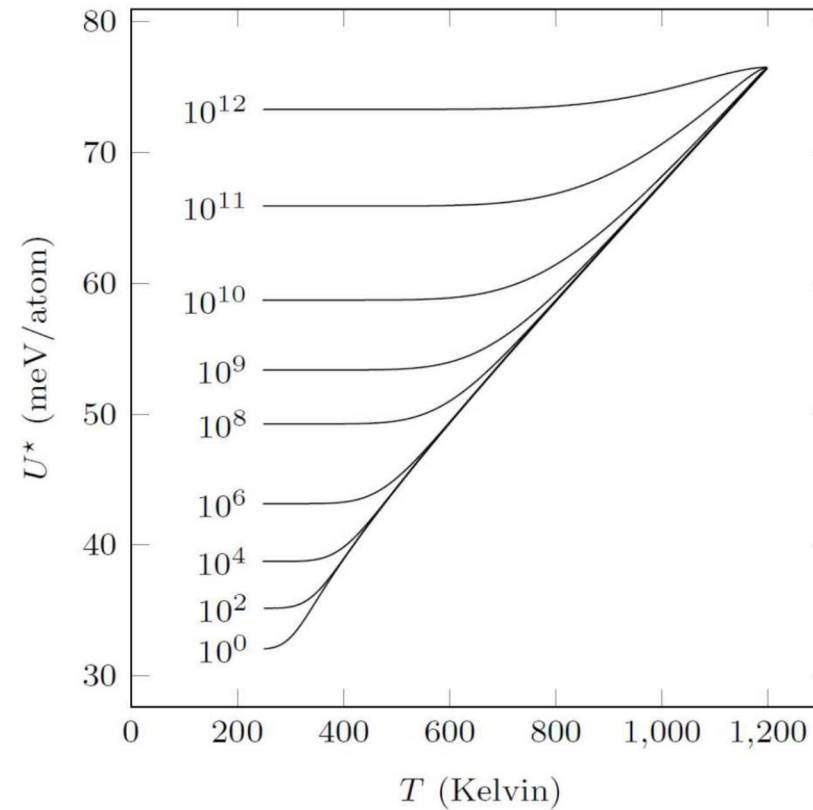
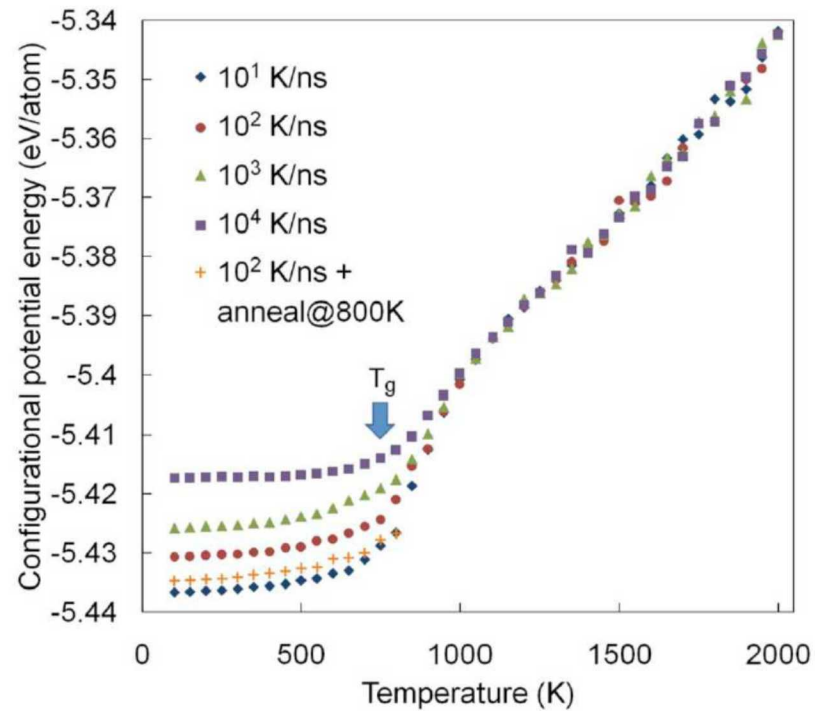
2. The density of “polyamorphs” of the glass plotted on the isochoric x dilatative axes can be represented by this simple combinatorial density of states.

$$D(U_I^*, U_D^*) = \frac{n^{\text{Ref}}}{(U^{\text{Ref}})^2} \frac{\Gamma(3 + a + b)}{\Gamma(1 + a)\Gamma(1 + b)} \left(\frac{U_I^*}{U^{\text{Ref}}} \right)^a \left(\frac{U_D^*}{U^{\text{Ref}}} \right)^b$$

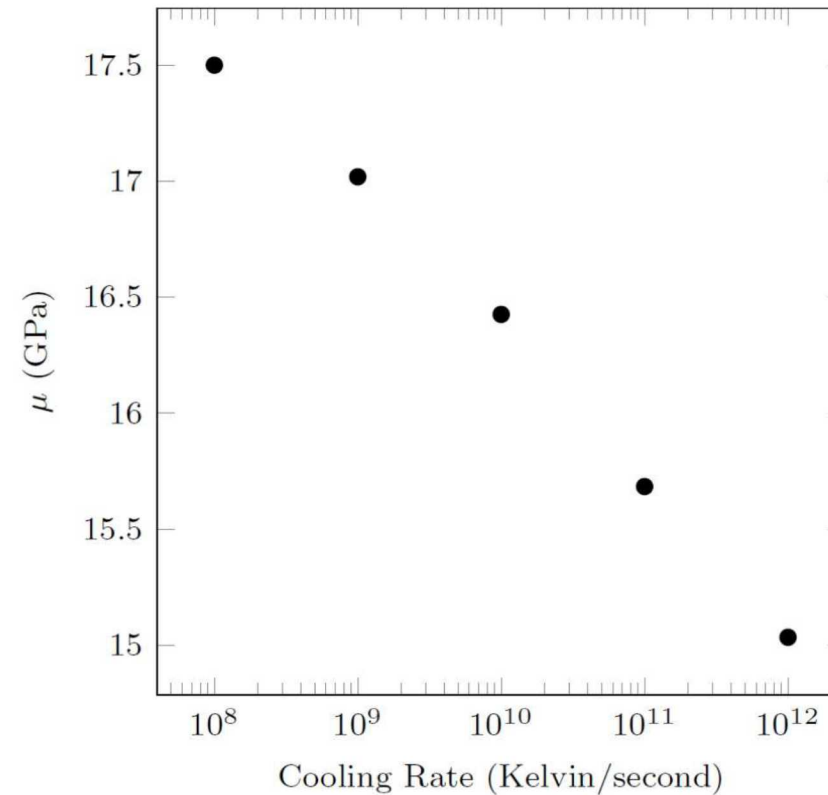
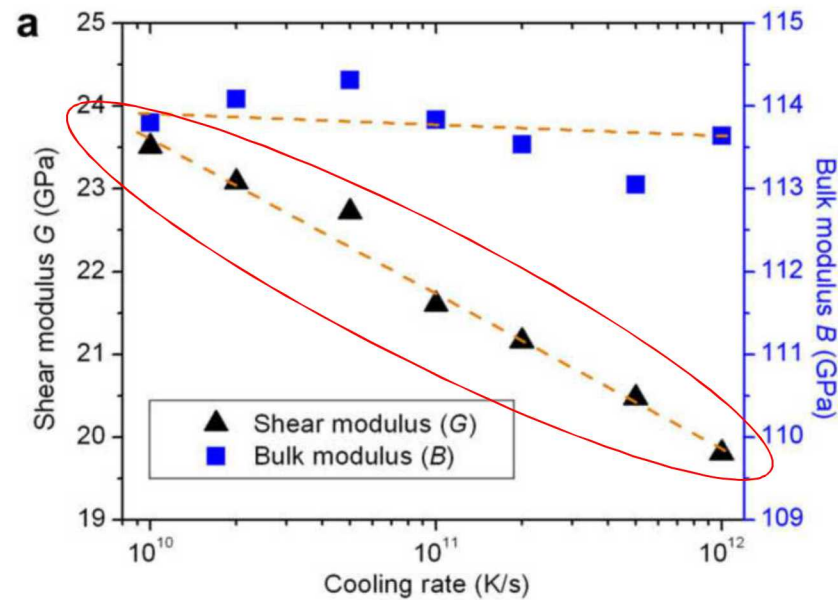
3. The glass can transition between any two “polyamorphs,” and the transition state barrier height is constant.



STZ Dynamics with Potential Energy Landscape

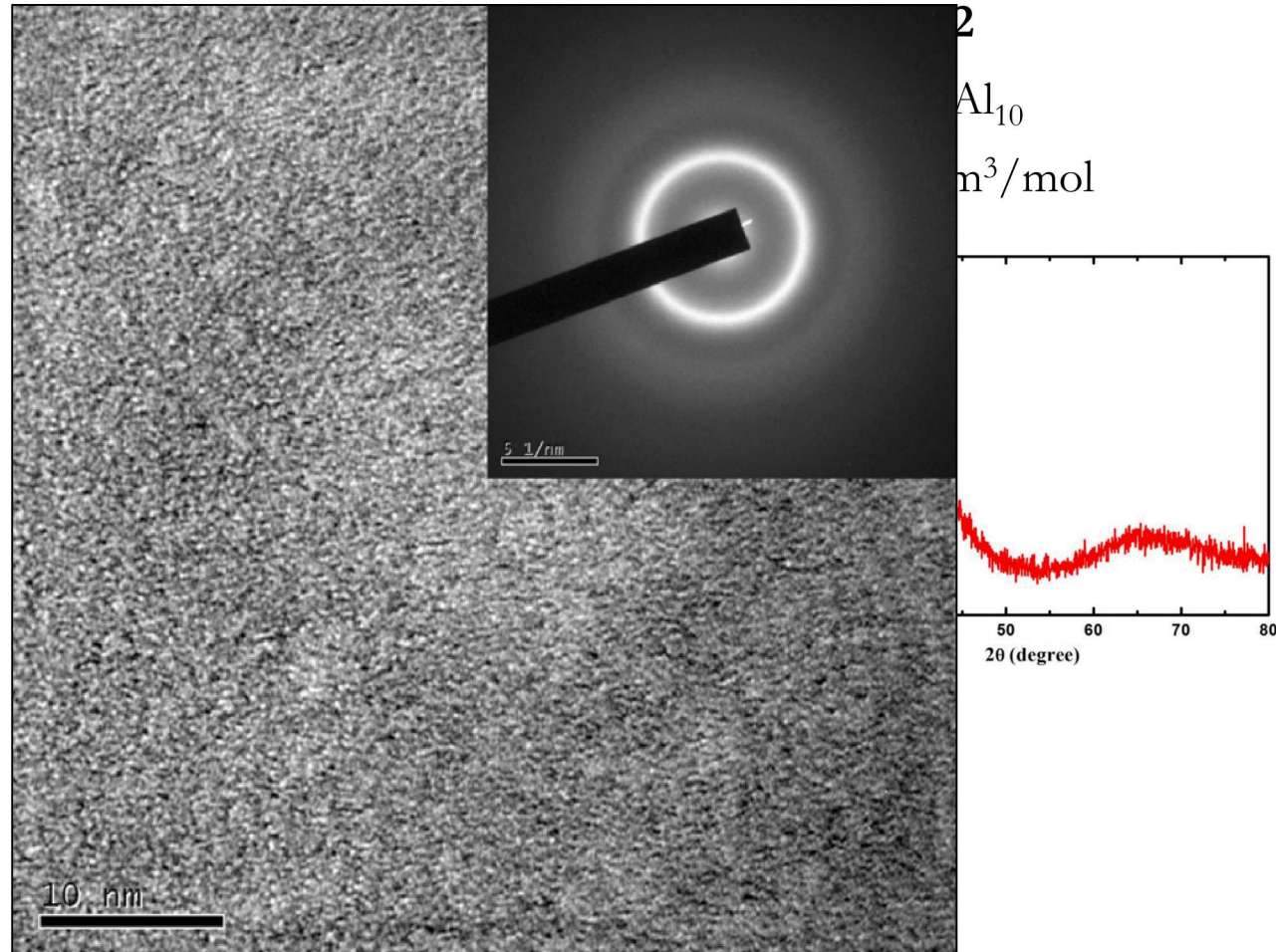


STZ Dynamics with Potential Energy Landscape



Looking Forward: Bridging Scales, a Tale of Two Samples

Composition
Molar Volume
XRD

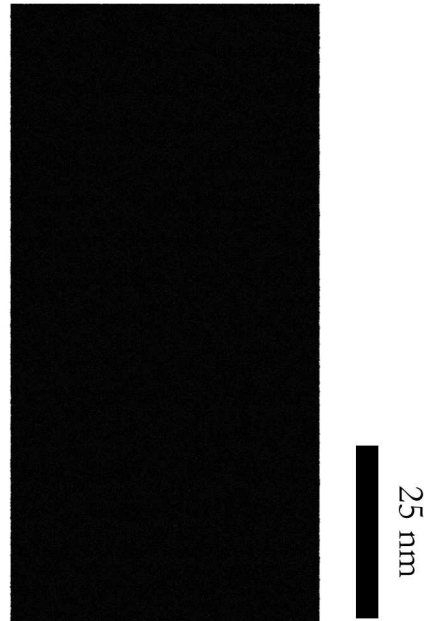


Adapted from Miyazaki, Narumasa, et al. "Prediction of pressure-promoted thermal rejuvenation in metallic glasses." *npj Computational Materials* 2 (2016): 16013.

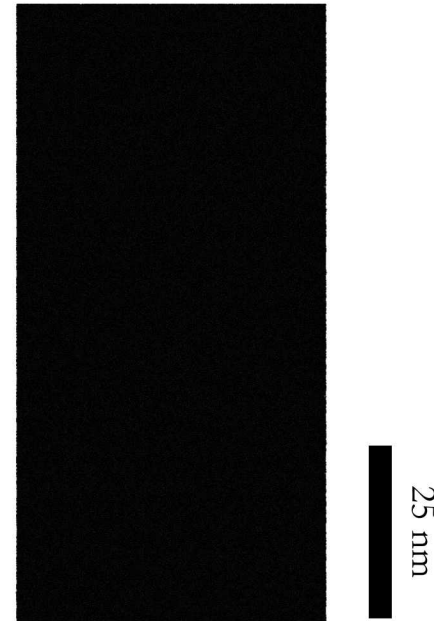
Gao, Qian, et al. "Crystallization kinetics of the Cu50Zr50 metallic glass under isothermal conditions." *Journal of Solid State Chemistry* 244 (2016): 116-119.

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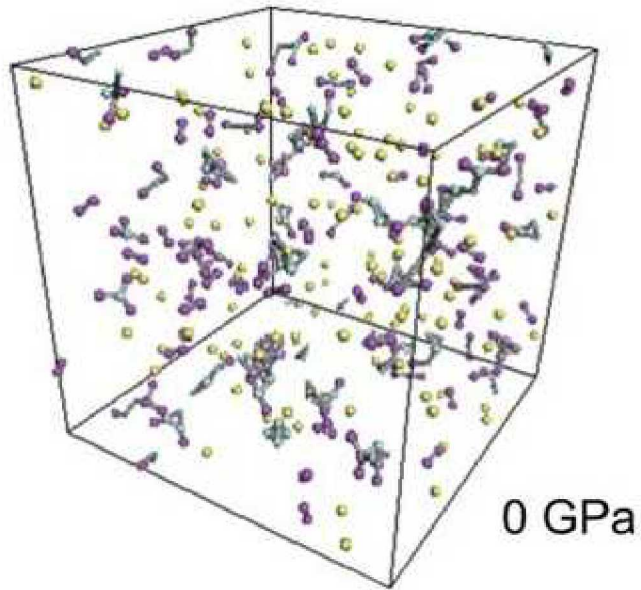
Sample 2



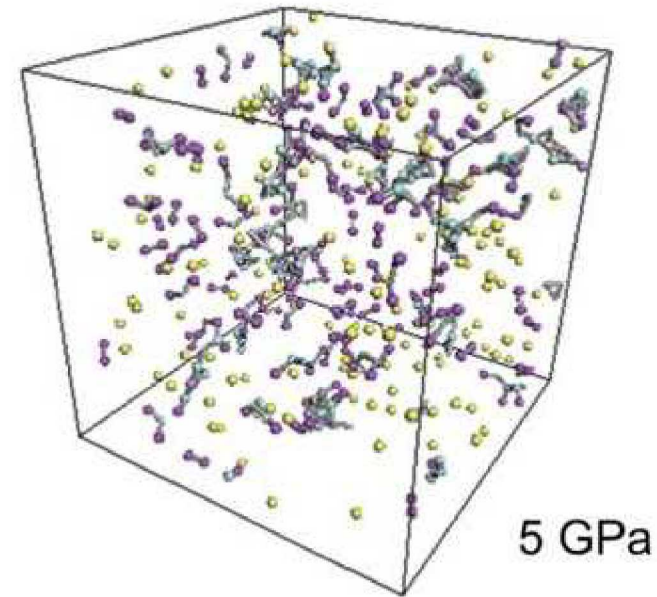
Von Mises Atomic Strain distributions in uniaxial tensile tests. Strain rate = 10^8 /s, Temperature = 300 K in both cases.

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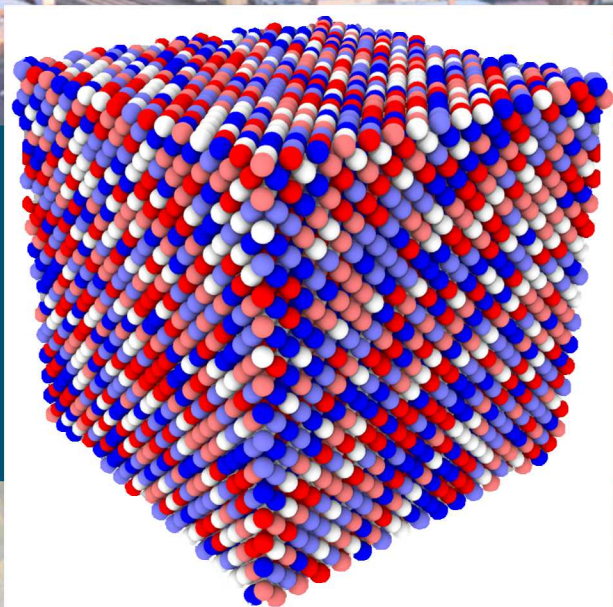


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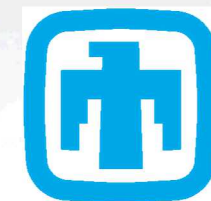


Locations of icosahedral short-range atomic clusters

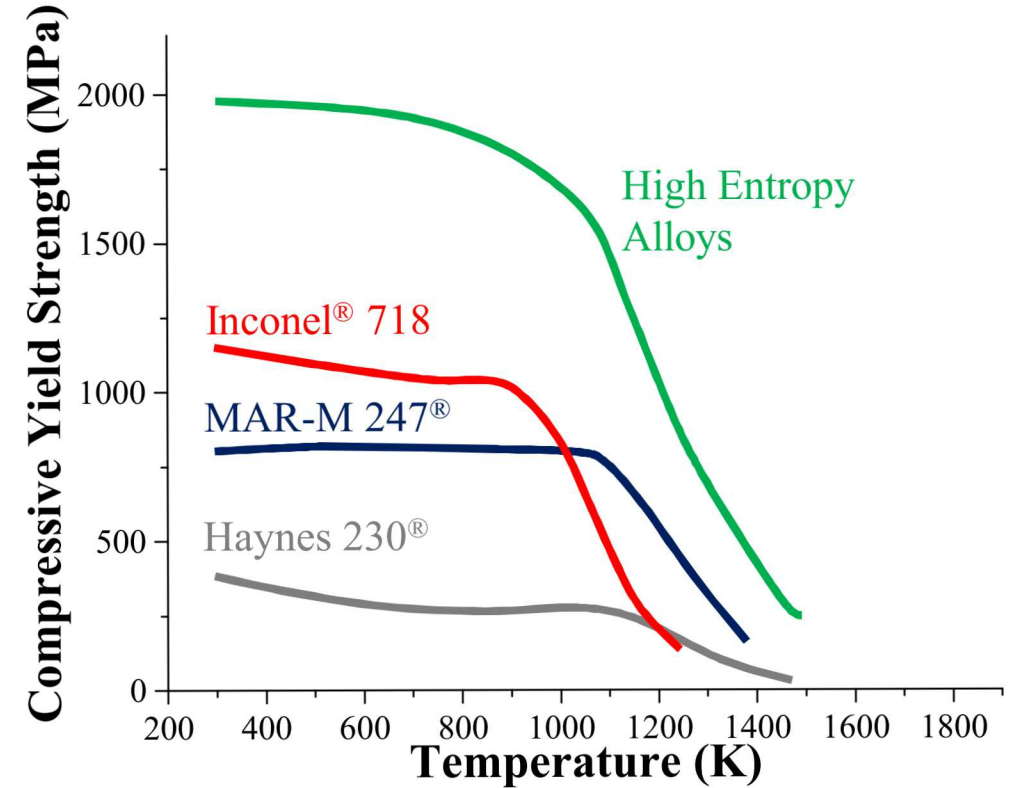
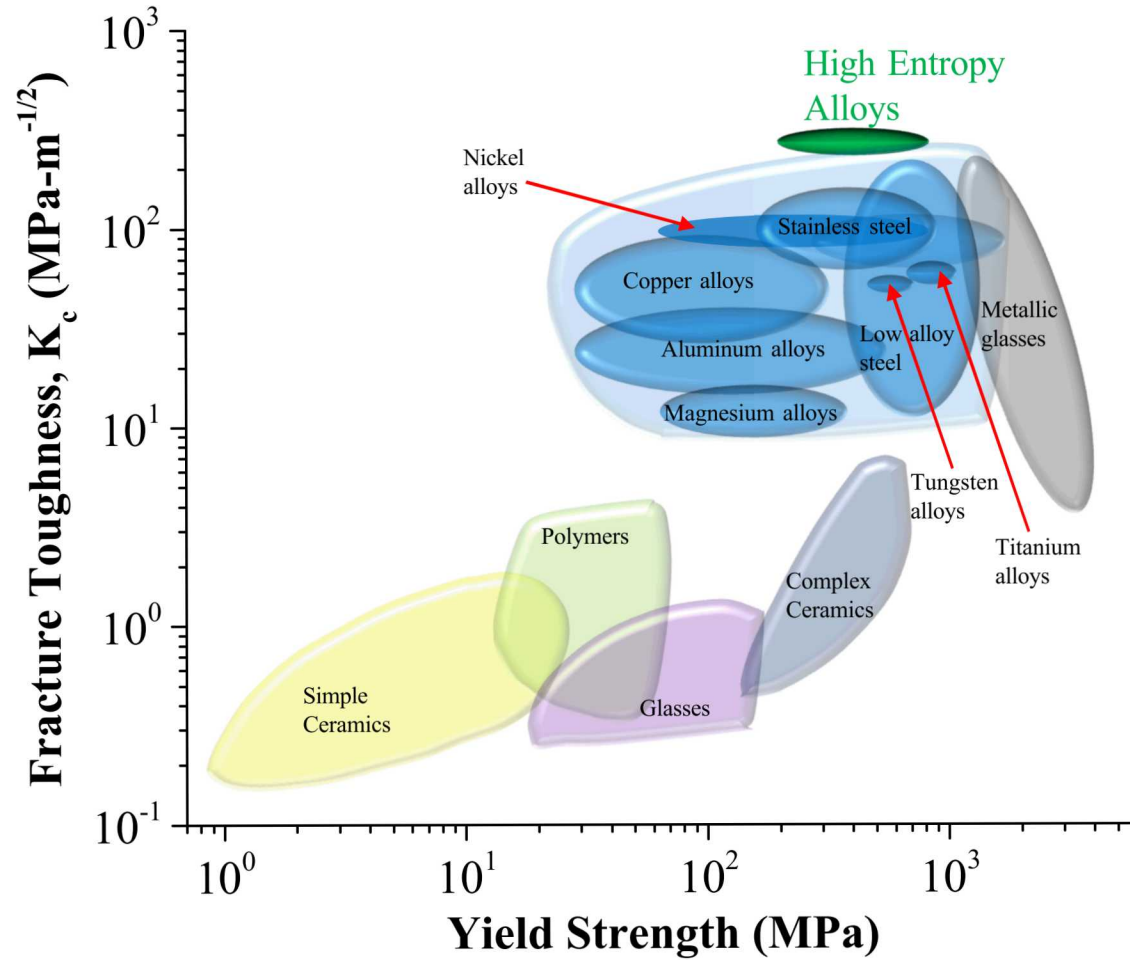
1. How does the glass change as we do [process] to it?
2. How does the structure of the glass impact its [property]?



High Entropy Alloys



Why Bother?

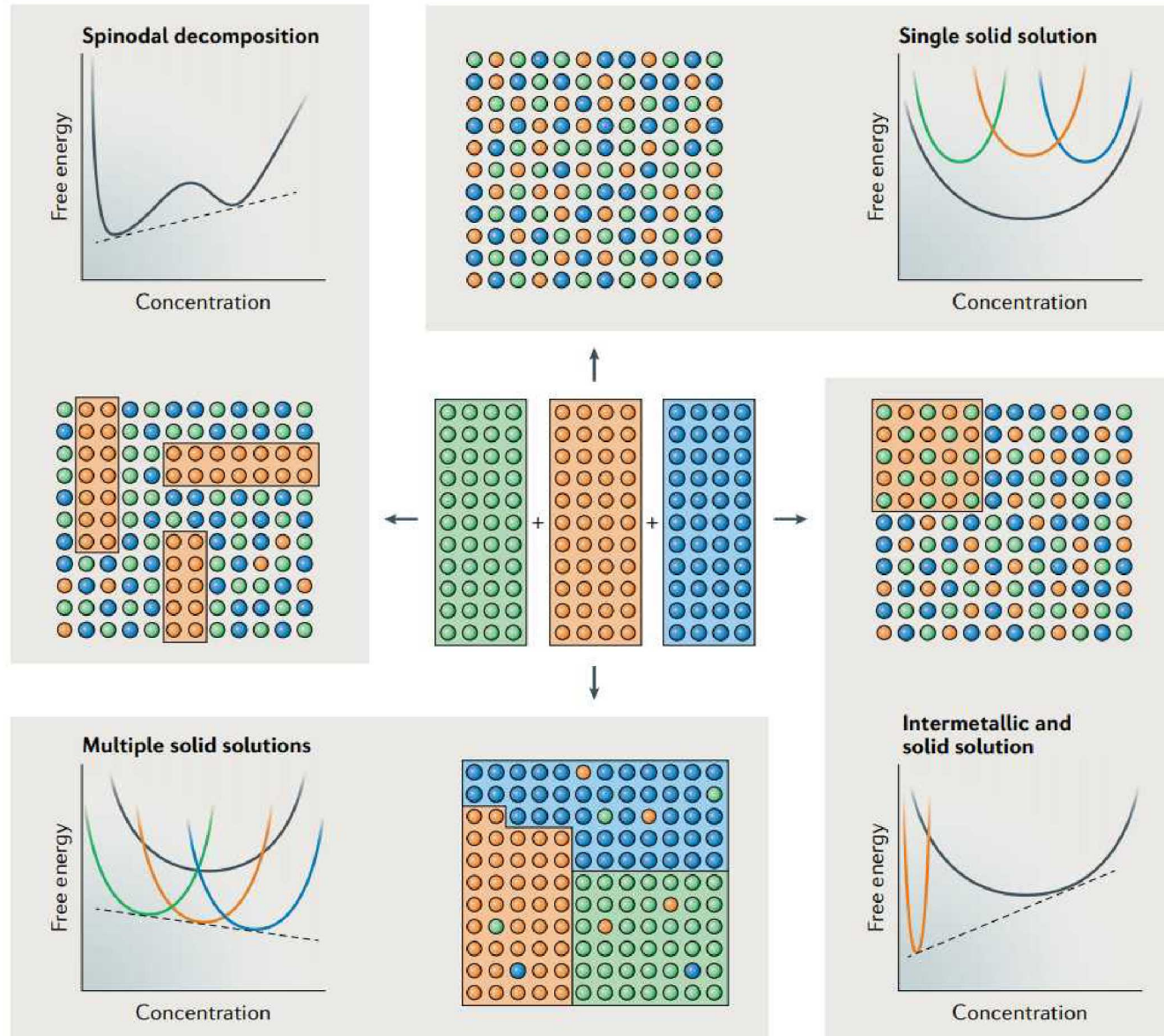


Courtesy of Dr. Andrew Kustas, Sandia.

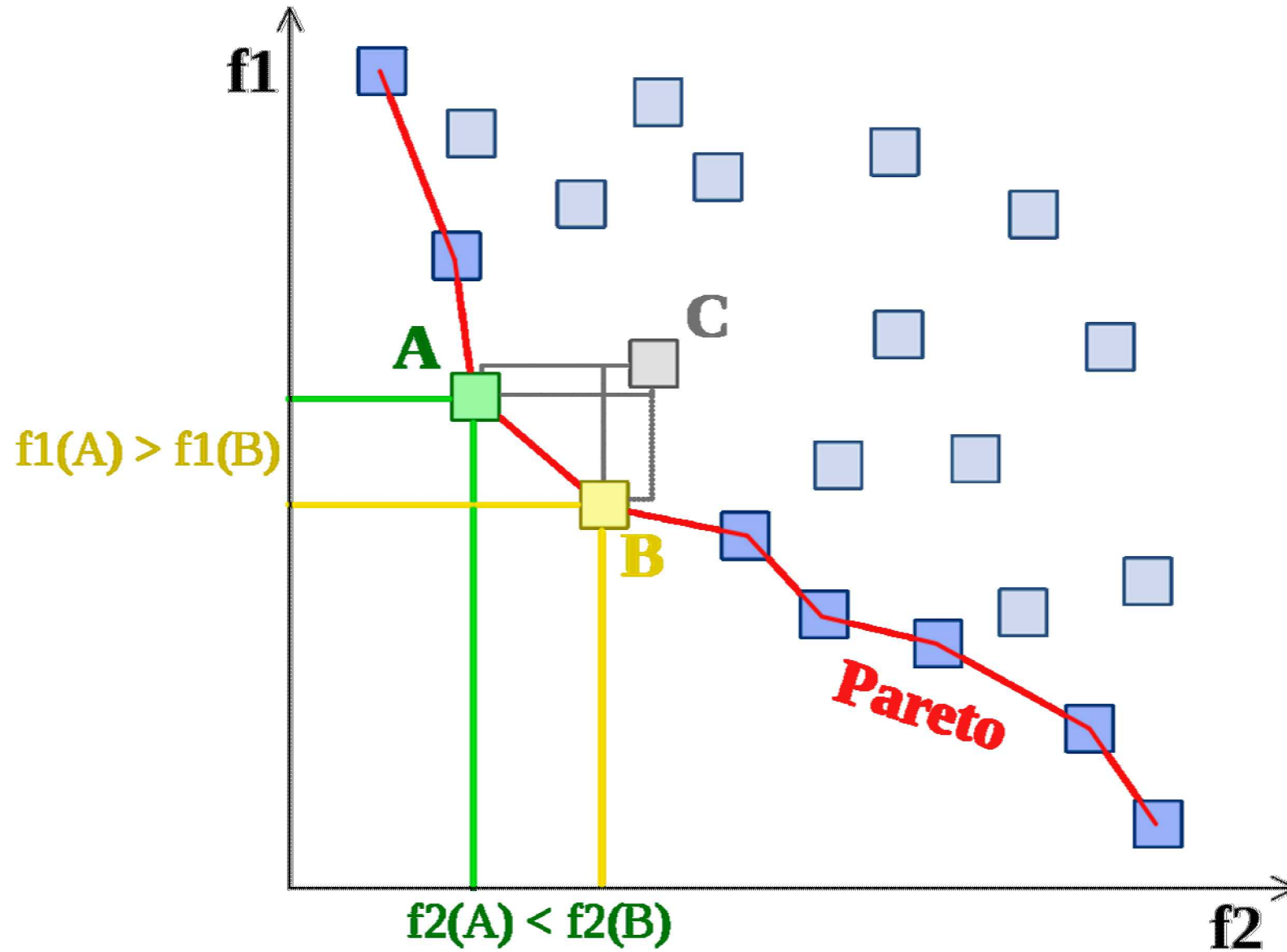
Miracle, Daniel B., and Oleg N. Senkov. "A critical review of high entropy alloys and related concepts." *Acta Materialia* 122 (2017): 448-511.

Gludovatz, Bernd, et al. "A fracture-resistant high-entropy alloy for cryogenic applications." *Science* 345.6201 (2014): 1153-1158.

Thermodynamic Rationale



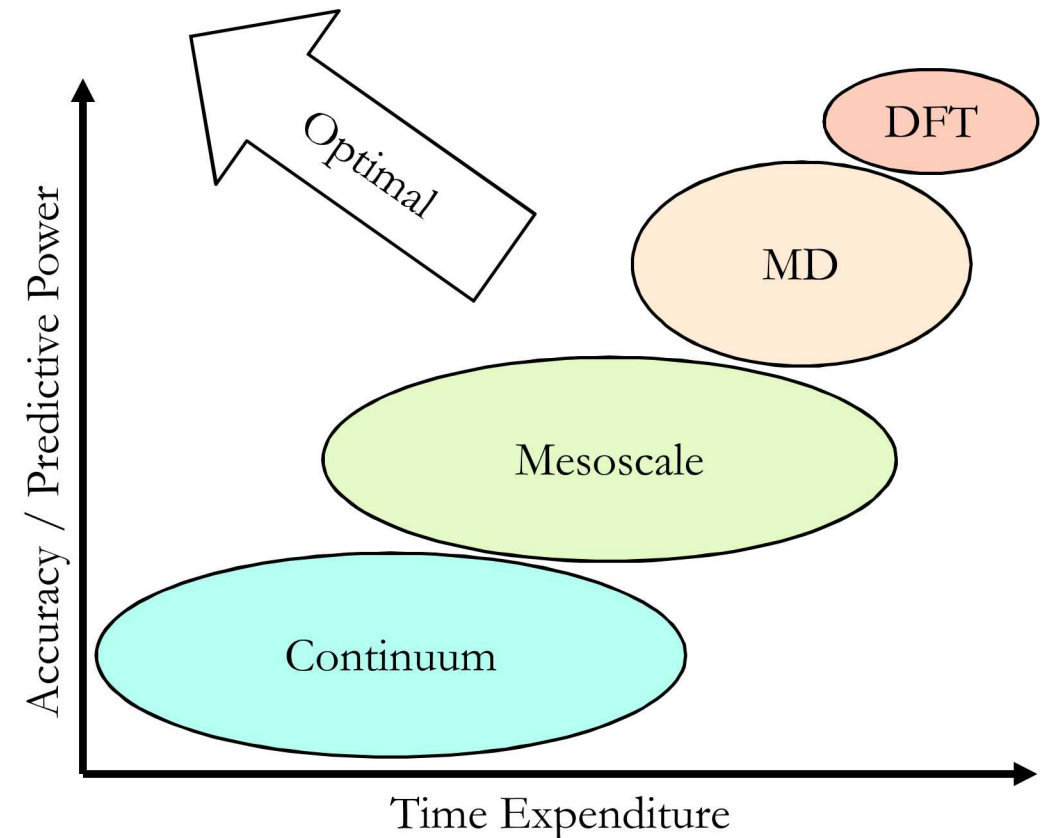
Pareto Front



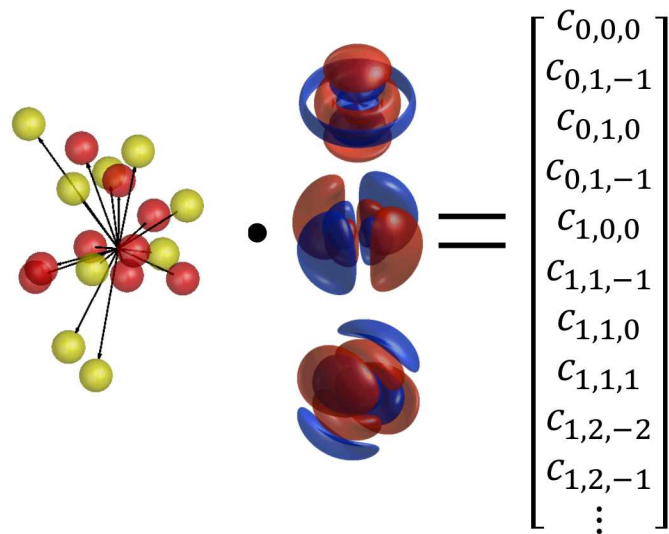
“... we must begin to think differently about the scope of complex concentrated alloy studies. A small handful of equiatomic or near-equiatomic compositions are commonly used as a proxy for all the alloys in a multi-component phase diagram. We need to explore a broader range of compositions in promising alloy systems.”

Problems with Direct High-Throughput Simulation of HEA

1. Random nature of HEAs requires large cells to capture representative properties.
2. Large cell size implies first principles not an option; so MD is the best we can do.
3. Large number of constituents implies challenging construction of empirical potential.
4. Even with perfect empirical potential, difficulty of constructing meaningful simulations within performance constraints.

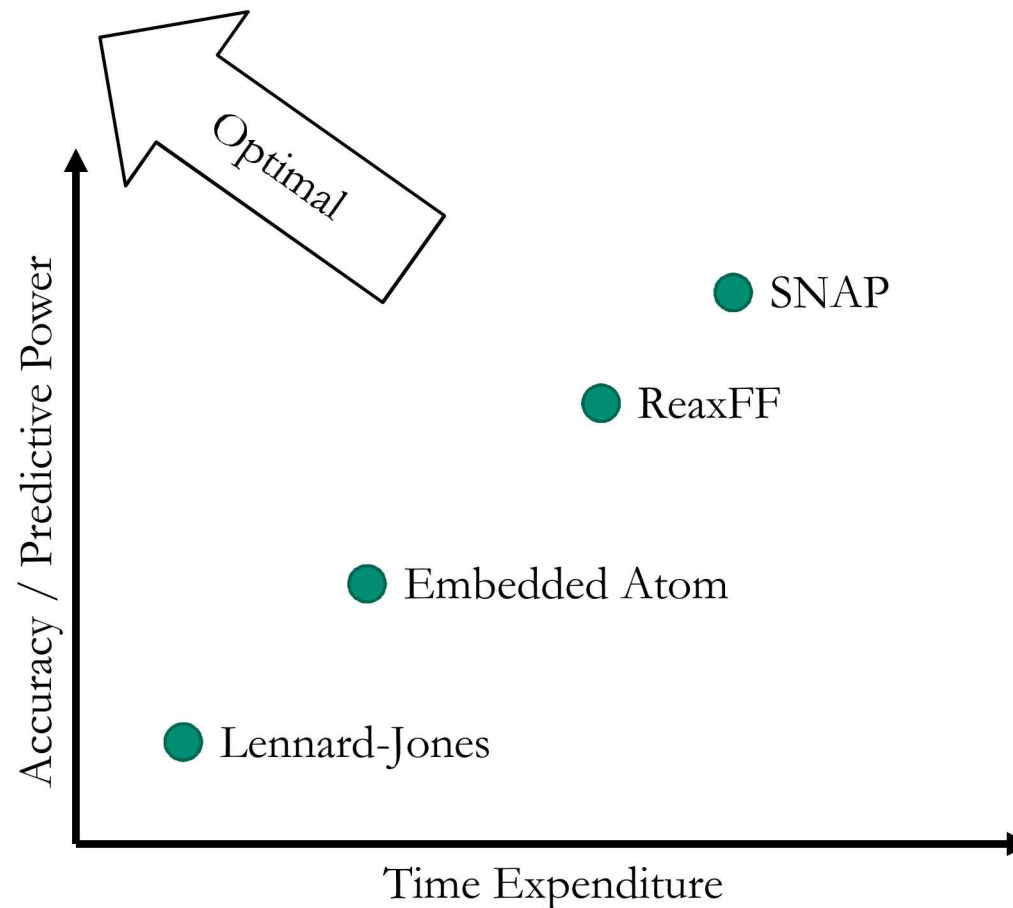


Spectral Neighbor Analysis Potential (SNAP)



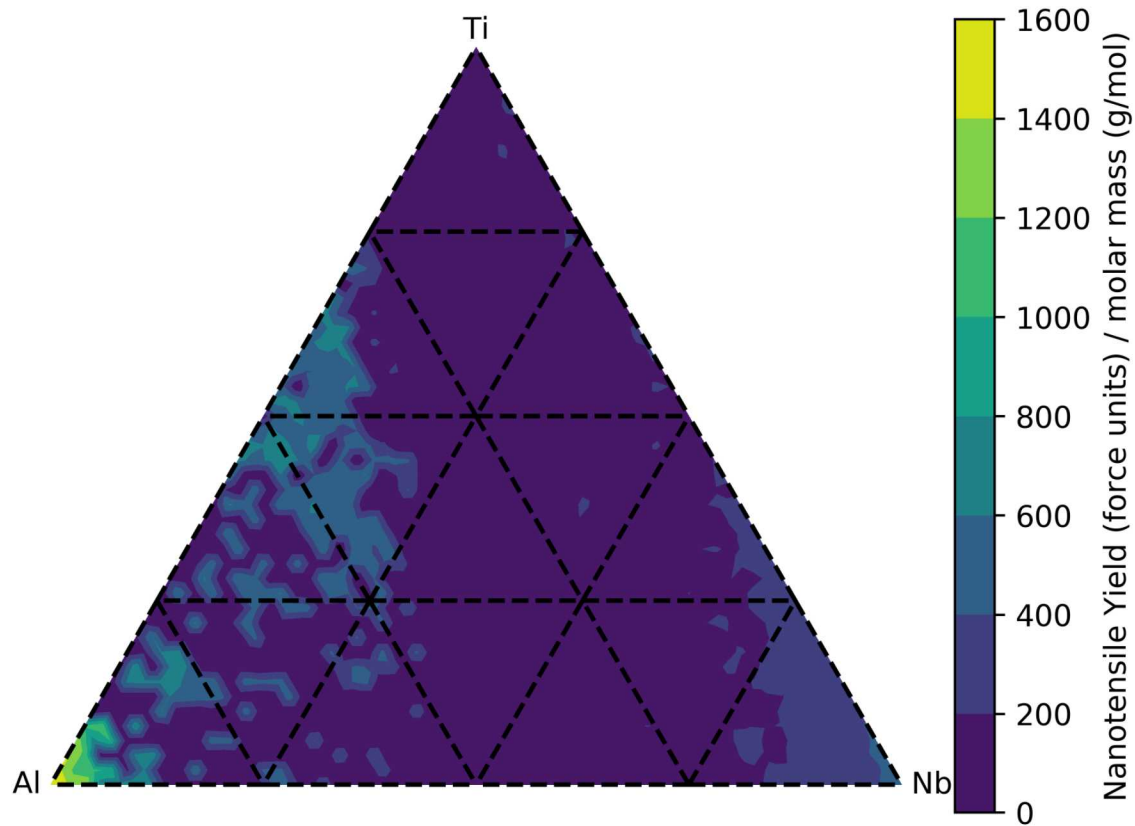
$$E_{SNAP}(\mathbf{r}^N) = N\beta_0 + \boldsymbol{\beta} \cdot \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbf{B}^i$$

github.com/FitSNAP/FitSNAP
By Dr. Aidan P. Thompson et al.

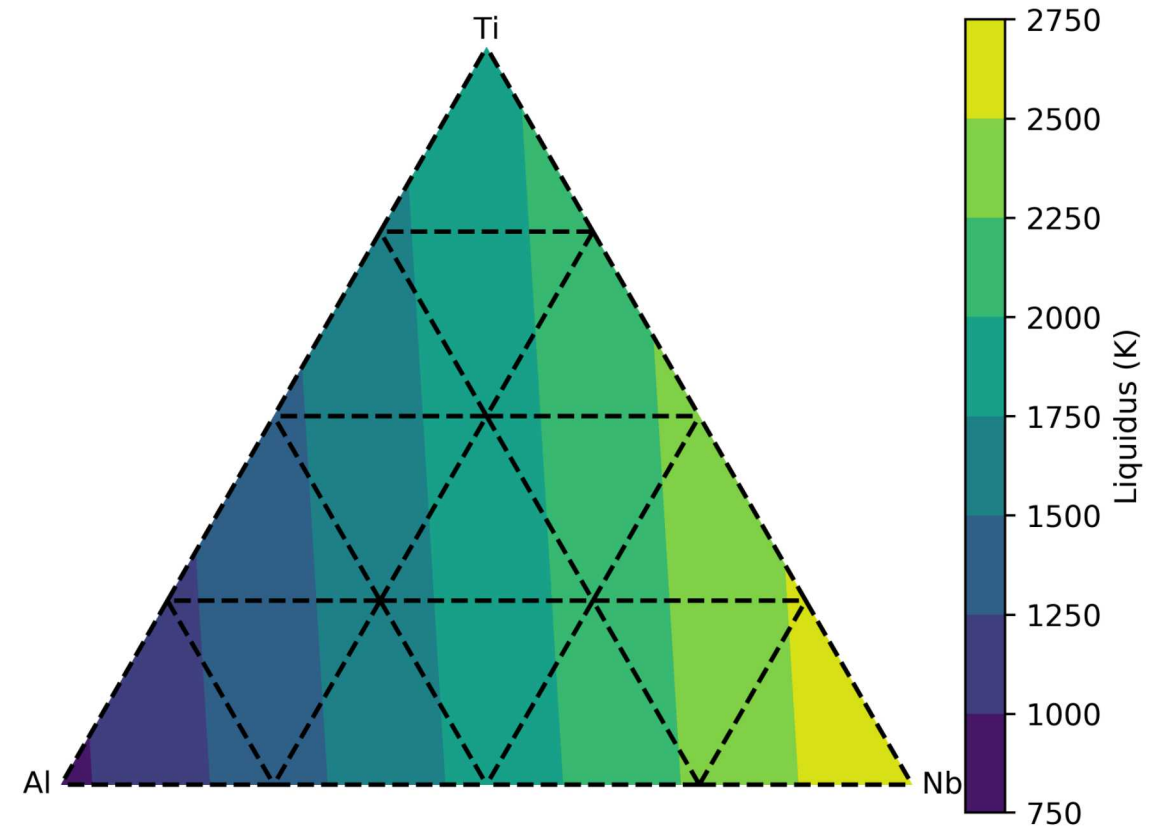


High-Throughput Analysis of Al-Ti-Nb System w/SNAP potential

Quasistatic Nanotensile Test

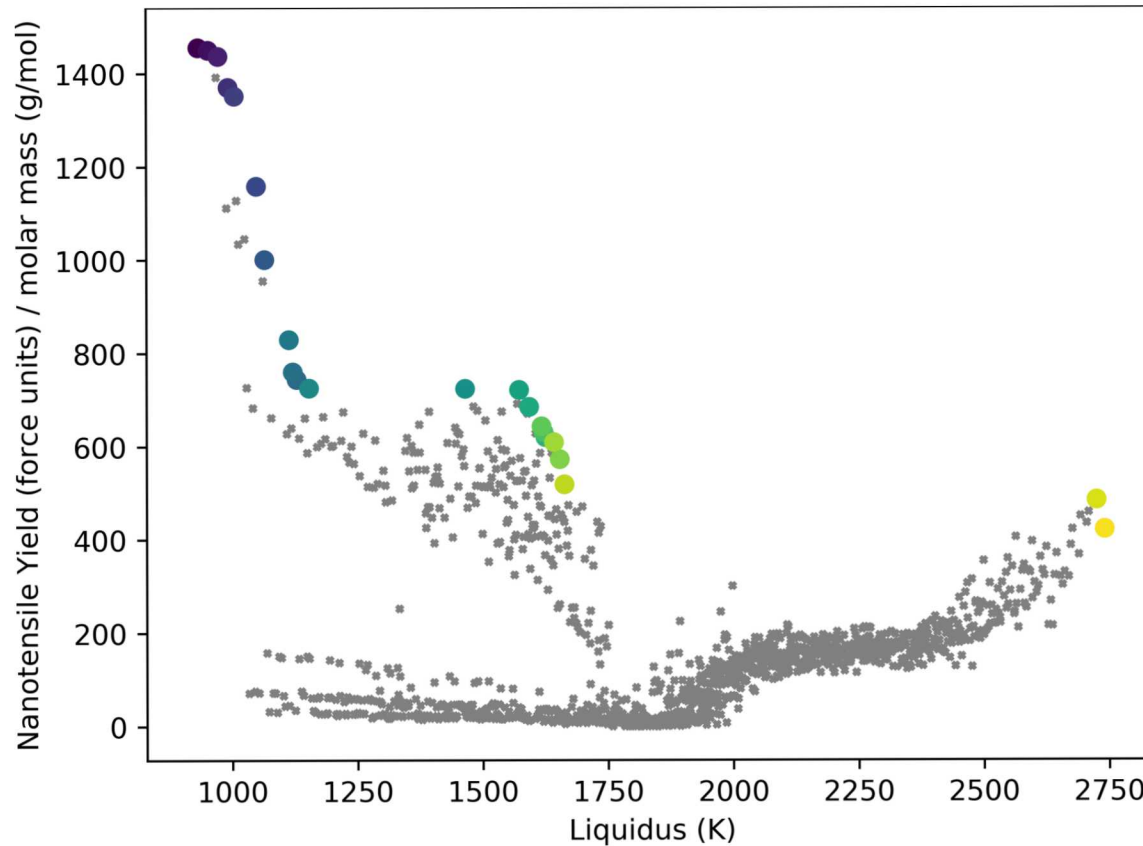


Rough Estimate of Liquidus Temp

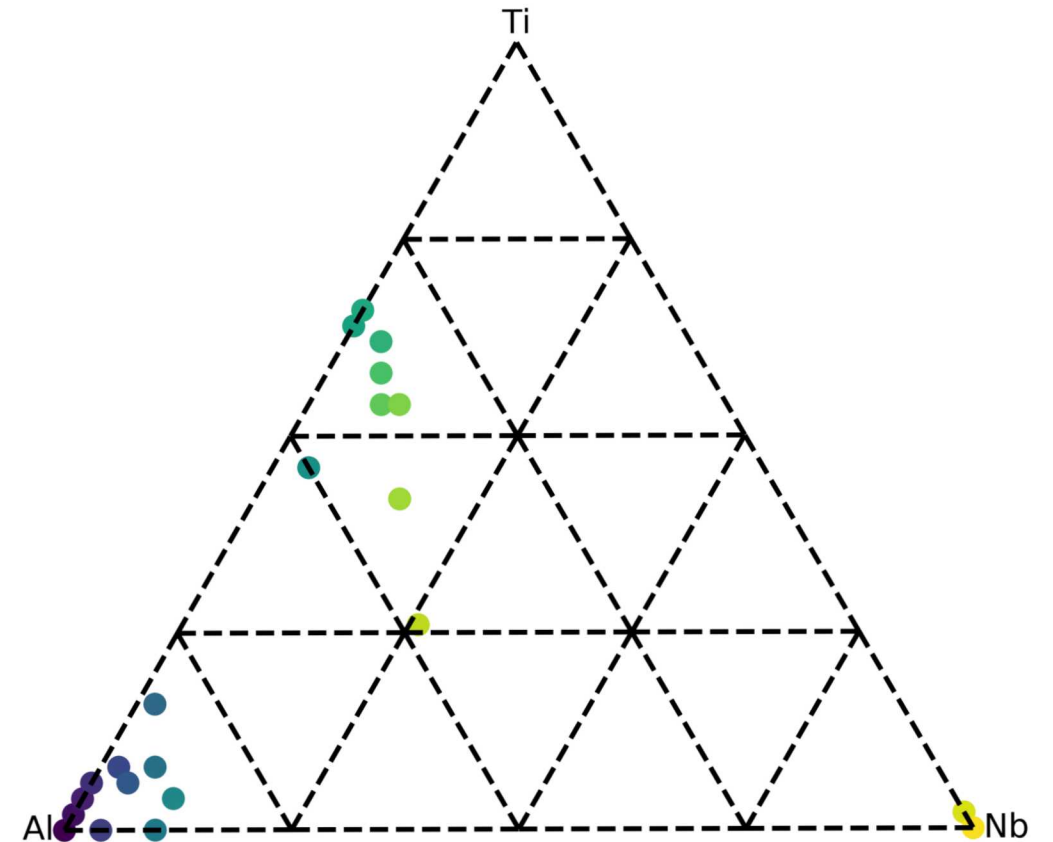


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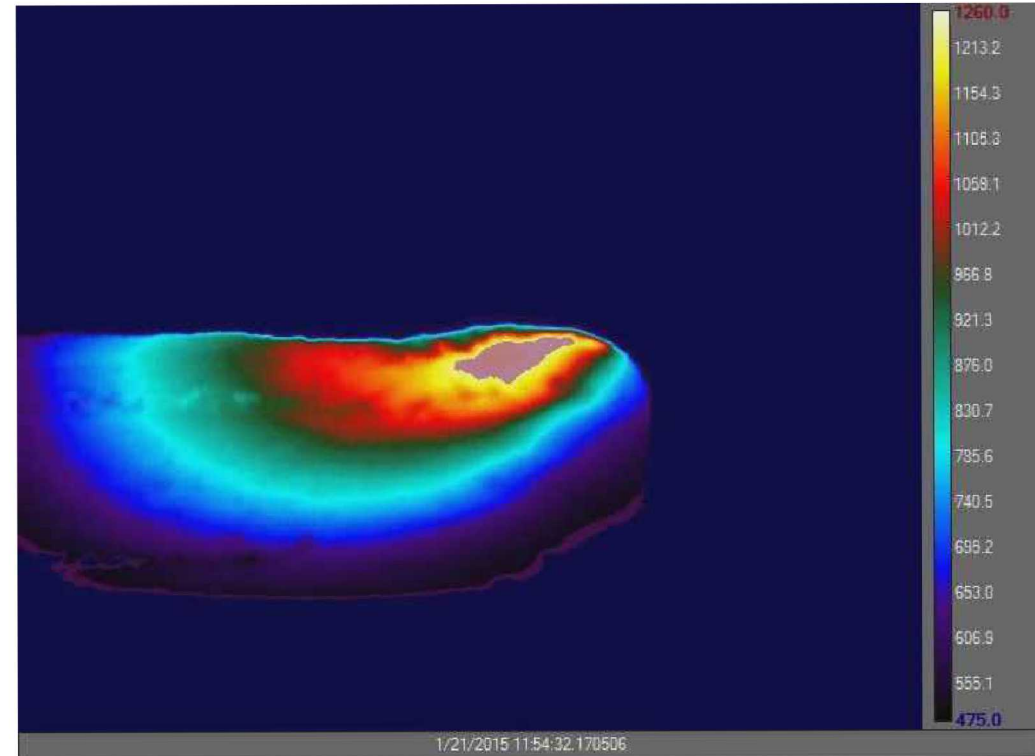
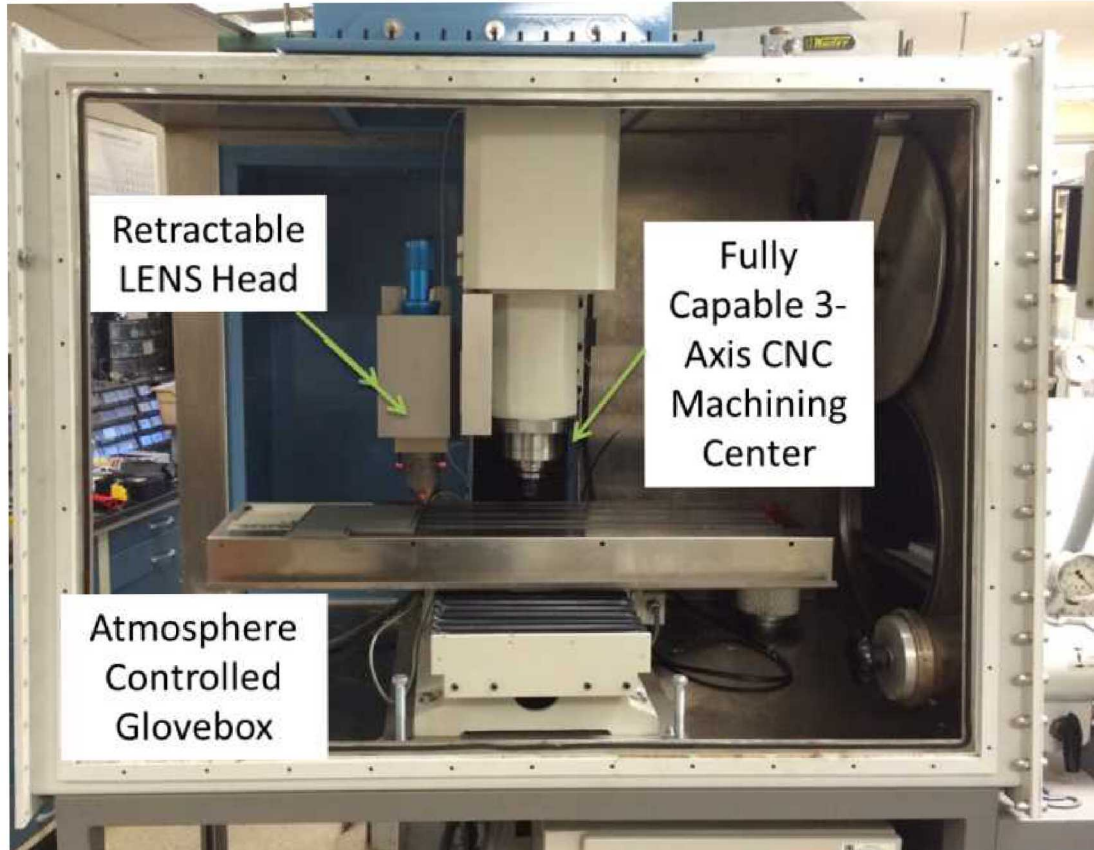
Scatter Plot of Objectives



Compositions of Pareto Optimal Designs



Attempts at Additively Manufacturing HEAs



Attempts at Additively Manufacturing HEAs



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