

# GRADIENT CONTINUUM NANOMECHANICS

## [Applications to NCs and UFGs]

□ Quotation from Richard E. Smalley [American Scientist 85, 324, 1997]

“The Laws of Continuum Mechanics are amazingly robust for treating even intrinsically discrete objects only a few atoms in diameter”

□ Present Modification of Smalley’s Quotation: Gradient Continuum Mechanics

□ Slide from Owen Richmond – Lev Pitaevskii

[1990 Int. Conf. on Aristotle’s 2300<sup>th</sup> Birthday –  
50 USSR Participants at Philippion]



Aristotle Instructs Young Alexander in  
the Philosophy of Flow Localization  
& Gradient Theory

# Distant Past

## ■ Homer's Automata

- *Iliad*

- E* 749: Hera opens the Gates automatically
- Σ* 372: Hephaestus' 20 golden self-moving tripods } → *telecontrol?*
- Σ* 468-473: Hephaestus' automated Lab → *modern casting unit?*
- Σ* 410-420: Young Servant Girls (made out of gold with mind/voice/movement) assisting "crippled" Hephaestus to walk → *human robots?*

- *Odyssey*

- Θ* 555-563: Phaeacians' Ships possessing "mind of their own" traveling at extremely high speeds at night and in clouds without fear to sink → *modern auto-pilots?*

# Recent Past



**R. Feynmann (1918-88) Prophet of Nanotechnology**  
**Caltech's Lecture: Dec 29<sup>th</sup> 1959**

**“There's Plenty of Room at the Bottom”**

## ■ Recent Examples of New Fields

- Kamerlingh Onnes: Low-Temperature physics
- Percy Bridgman: High-Pressure physics

## ■ New Emerging Field

- **Fabricating/manipulating/controlling things on small scale**

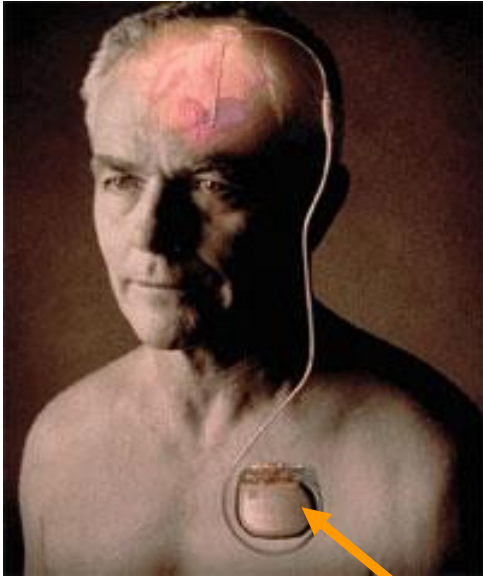
In 2000 we will wonder why it was not until 1960 that anybody began seriously moving in this direction

**∴ Nanoscience / Nanotechnology**

# Present – Future

## ■ Nanostructured Li-batteries / Nanosurgeons

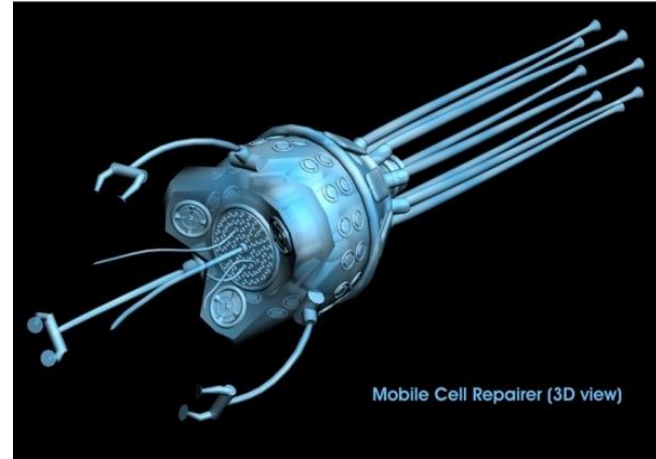
Cure of Alzheimer's/Parkinson Diseases and Brain Damage/Paralysis



Li-battery

Deep Brain Stimulation

Dr. H. Mayberg, Univ. Toronto



Mobile Cell Repairer (3D view)

Mobile Cell Repairer

Y. Svidinenko, Nanotechnology News Network



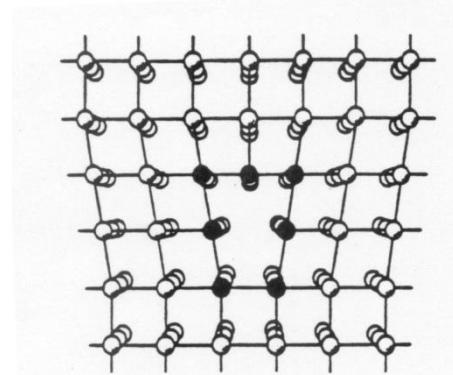
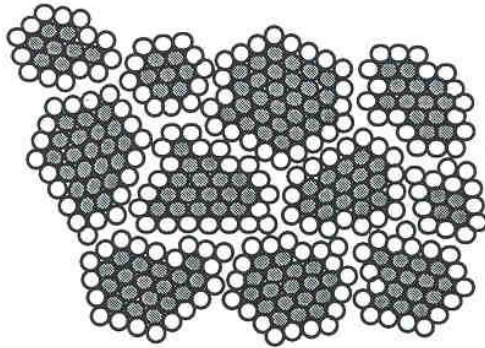
Mobile Artery Cleaner

# NCs/UFGs: Nanoelasticity/Nanoplasticity/Nanodiffusion

## Motivation: Grain Configuration at the Nanoscale

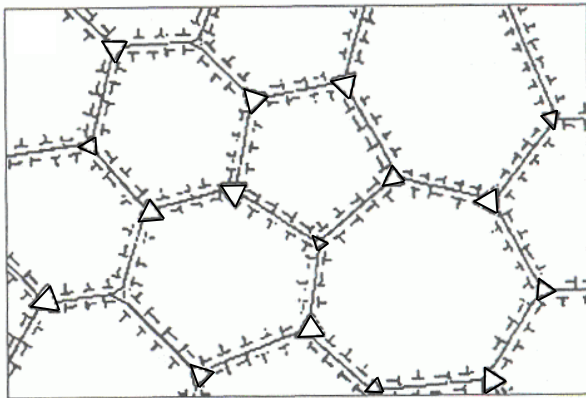
Traditional Polycrystals .....10 – 100  $\mu\text{m}$     Nanopolycrystals.....5 – 100 nm

Grain  $d$   
1-50 nm

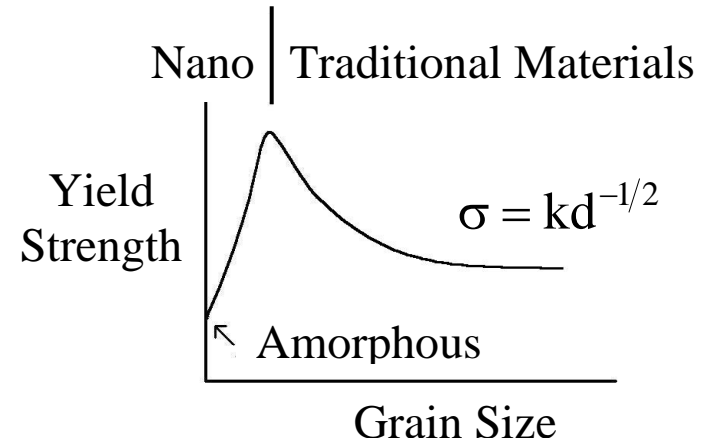


Core  $r_0$   
 $\sim 1$  nm

Grain size ( $d$ ) of the same order as dislocation core ( $r_0$ )  
10 nm grain size: 30% of atoms in the boundary



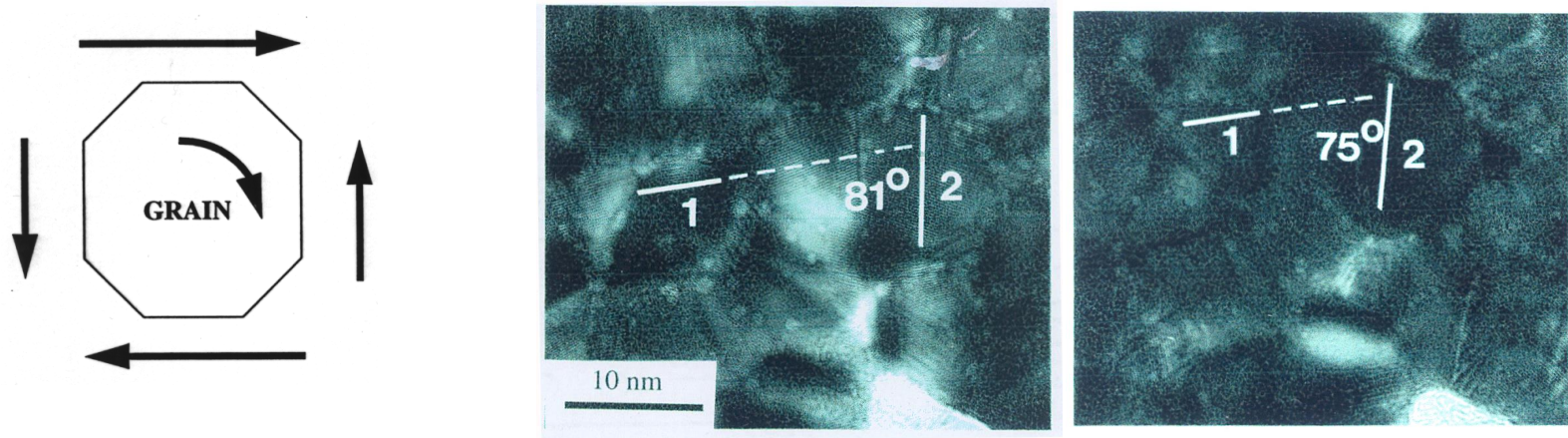
Plasticity Mechanisms ?



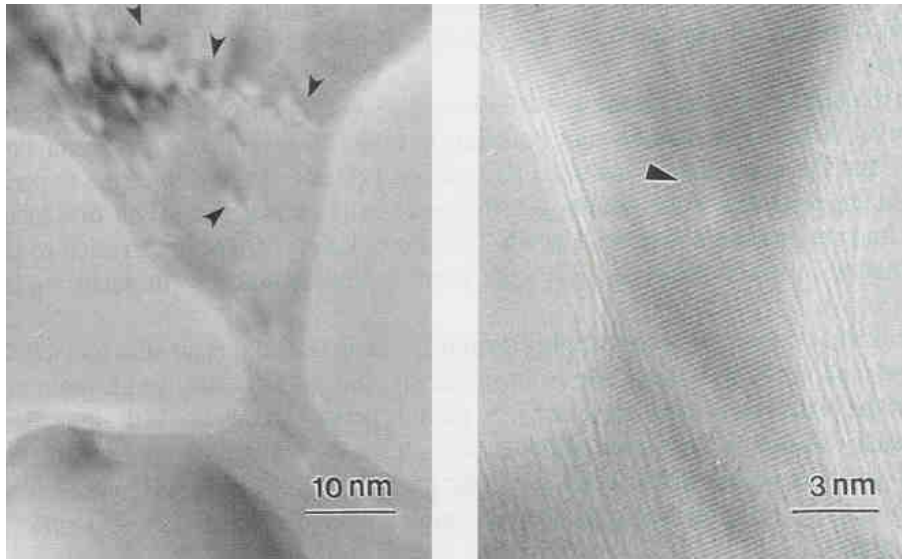
Inverse Hall-Petch Relation ?

# Early MTU Experimental Observations

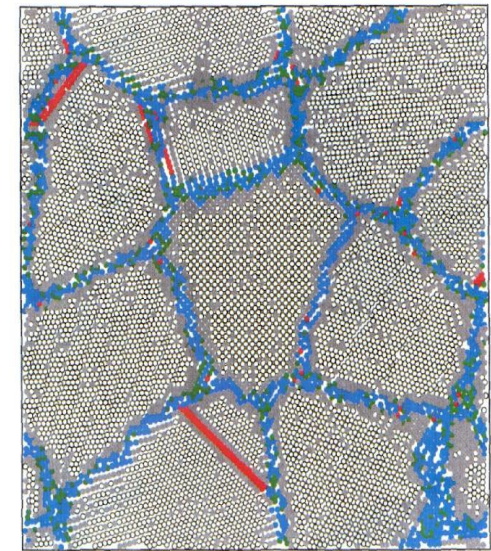
- Grain Boundary Sliding/ Grain Rotation*



10 nm Au: 6-15 degrees relative grain rotation due to inhomogeneous GB sliding (unbalanced shear stress)



100 nm Ag film



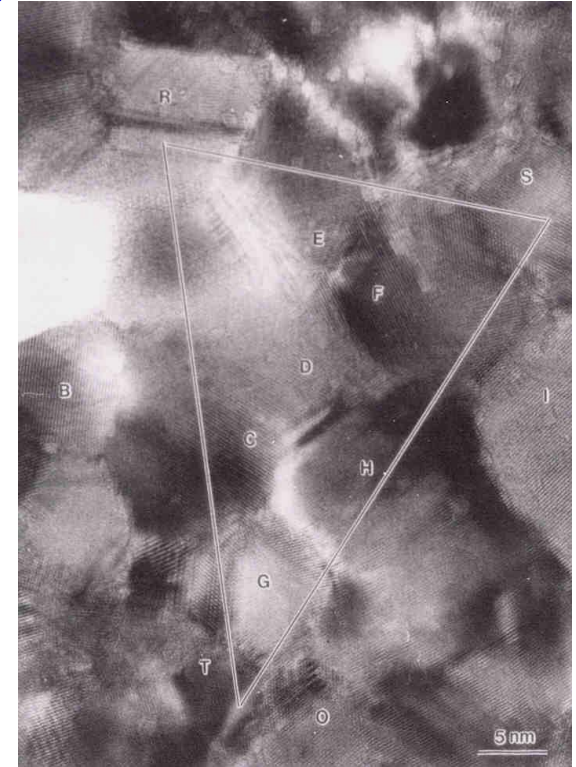
~12 nm Ni nanopolycrystals

- Grain Rotation / Dislocation Emergence**

Elementary Rosette Analysis

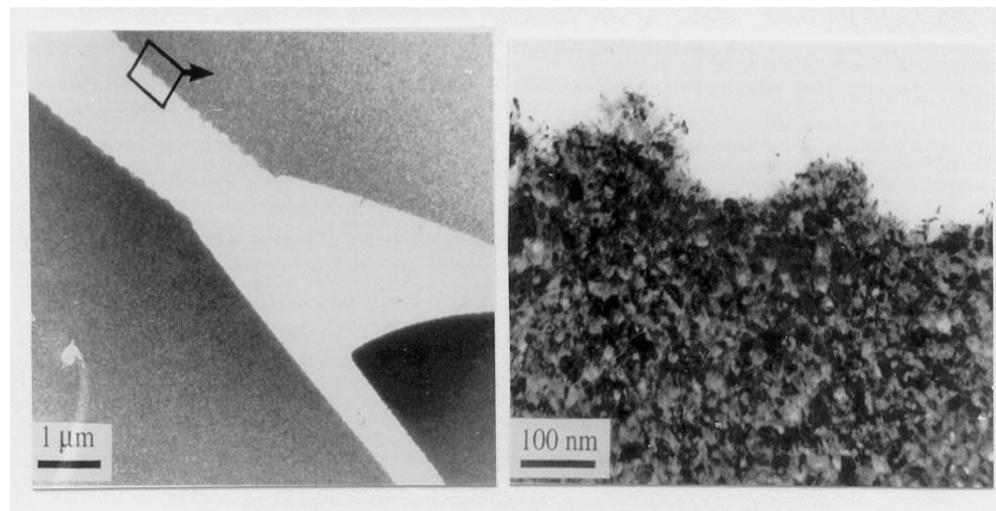
| Step  | Triangle angles (deg) |         |          | Triangle lengths (nm) |      |      |
|-------|-----------------------|---------|----------|-----------------------|------|------|
|       | $\alpha$              | $\beta$ | $\gamma$ | a                     | b    | c    |
| Start | 89                    | 36      | 55       | 22.2                  | 27.7 | 16.4 |
| 1     | 91                    | 35      | 54       | 22.6                  | 27.9 | 17.4 |
| 2     | 96                    | 36      | 48       | 23.4                  | 31.2 | 18.9 |
| 3     | 102                   | 33      | 45       | 21.7                  | 32.0 | 18.0 |

Strain Tensor  $\epsilon = \begin{bmatrix} 0.05 & -0.11 & 0 \\ -0.11 & 0.16 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -0.24 \end{bmatrix}$   $\epsilon_{\text{eff}} = 20\%$



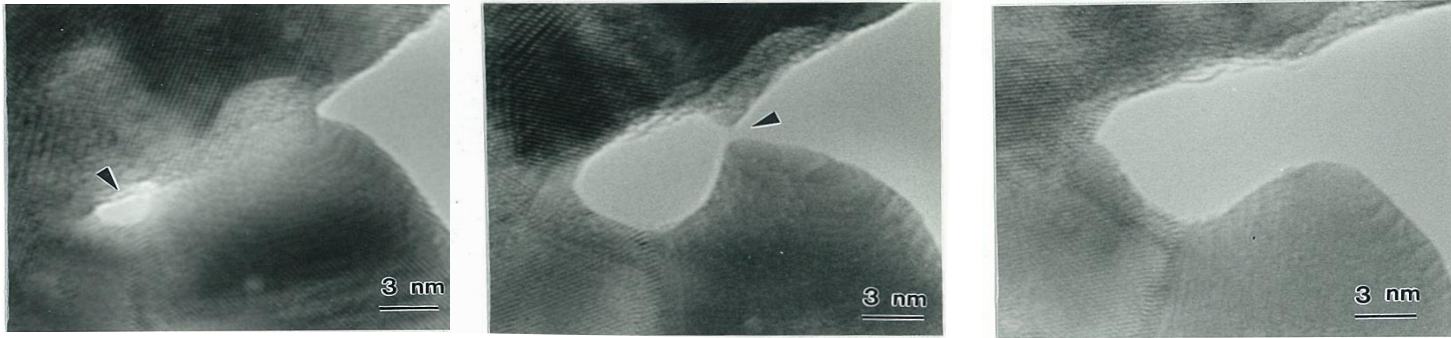
TEM Strain Rosette

- Oscillatory Crack Propagation**

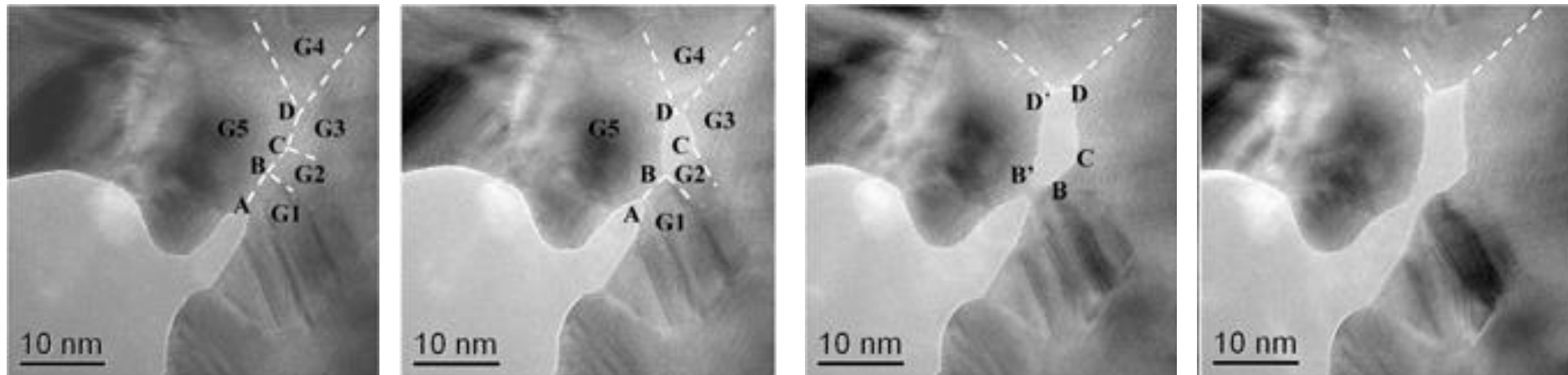


25 nm Au on C: Periodic Crack profiles and bifurcation

- Crack Propagation mechanism: Nanovoid Nucleation at the Tip*



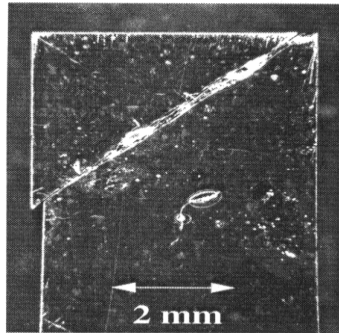
8 nm Au on C: Nanocrack growth via nanopore/nanovoid formation/nucleation at triple GB junction



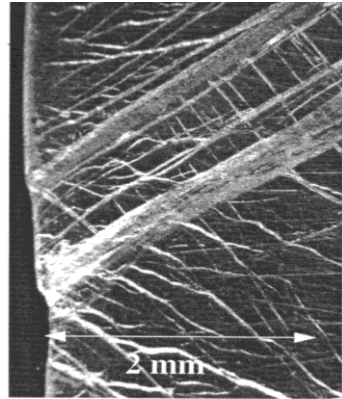
[Wei et al, Science / Scripta Met., 2011/2014]



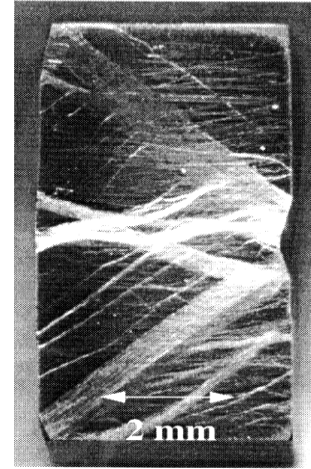
# ■ Multiple Shear Banding



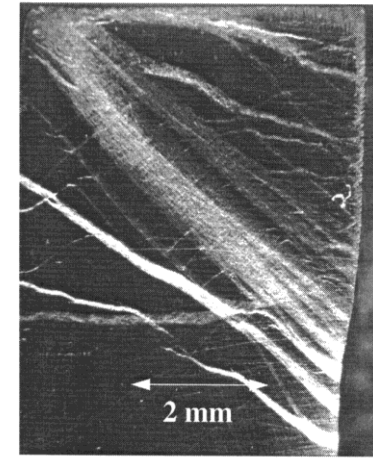
160 nm



540 nm



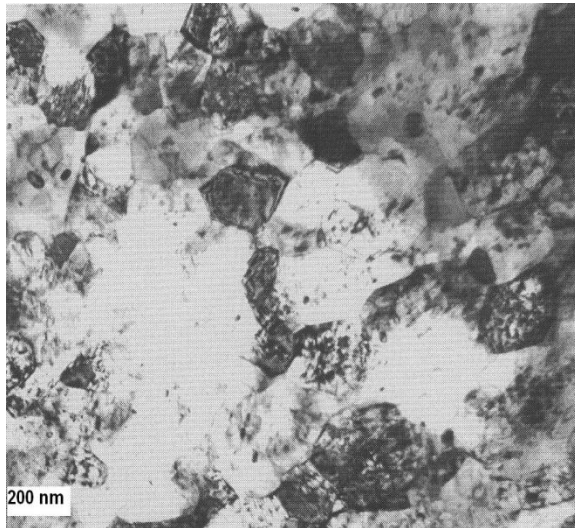
1370 nm



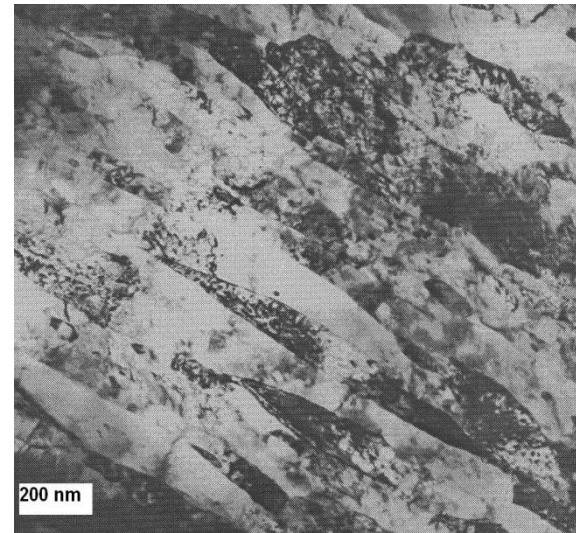
1680 nm

Optical micrographs showing deformation and fracture behavior under compression of nanostructured Fe-10% Cu alloy for different grain sizes.

(a)



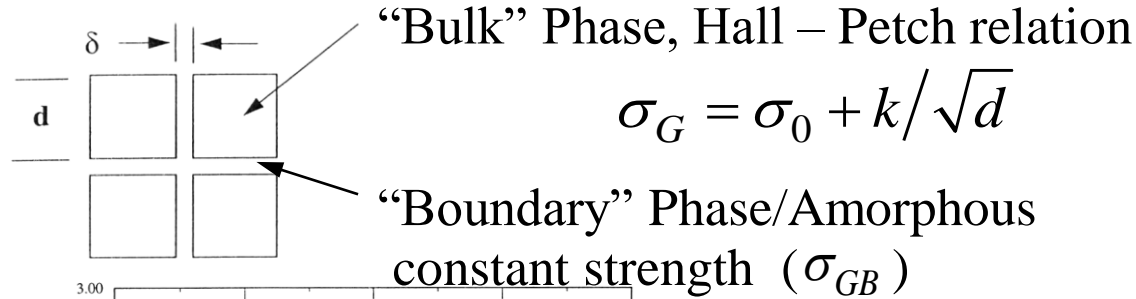
(b)



TEM micrographs of a compression-tested sample with a 100-nm grain size. (a) Undeformed area outside the shear band region; (b) heavily deformed area in the shear band region.

# Early MTU Simple-Minded Models

## • Continuum Two-Phase Model

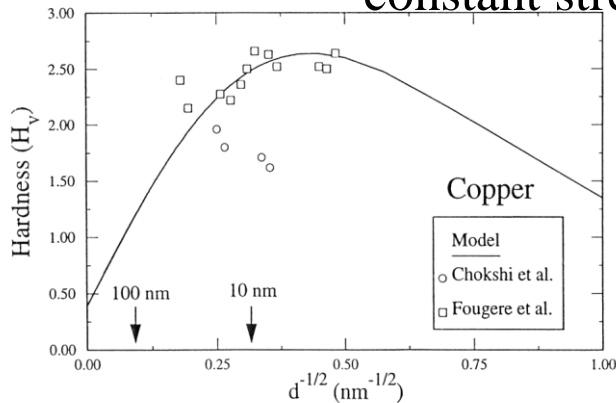


- Volume Fraction

$$f = d^3 / (d + \delta)^3$$

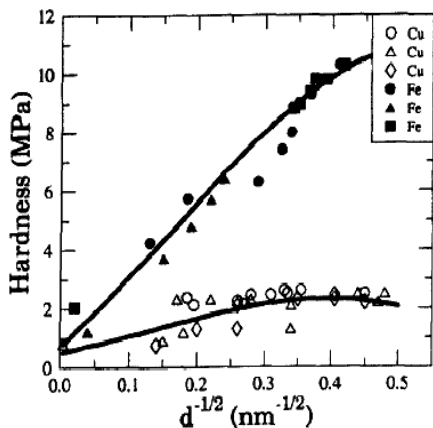
- Rule of Mixtures

$$\sigma = f\sigma_G + (1 - f)\sigma_{GB}$$

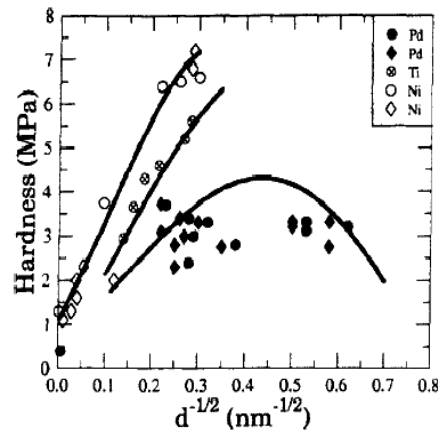


• Continuum Model predicts behavior of NanoCrystalline Materials

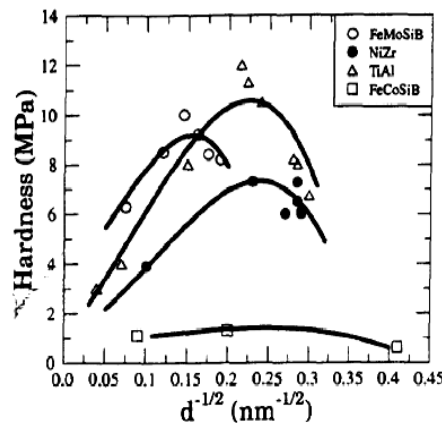
• Continuum Model can sort out conflicting Materials Science data



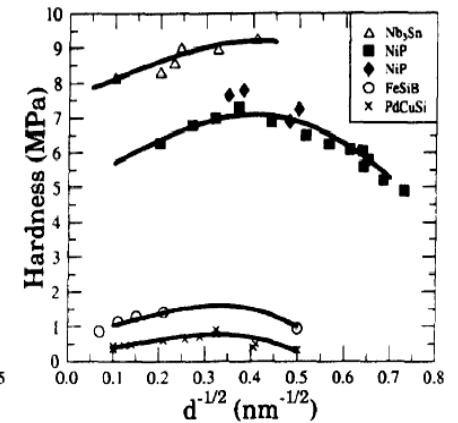
(a)



(b)



(c)

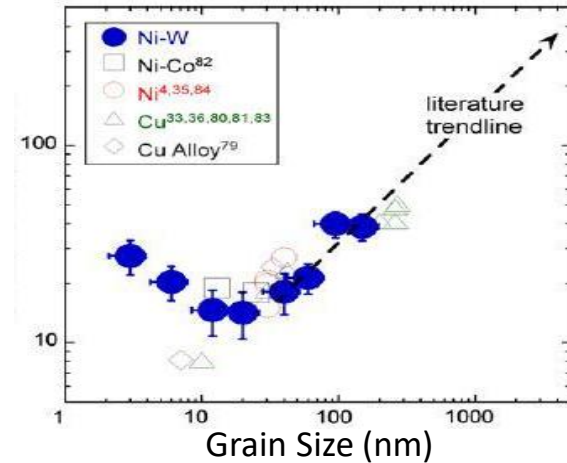
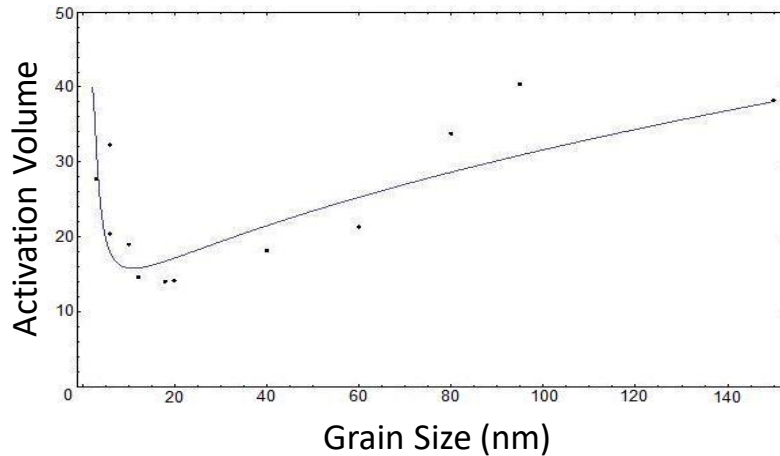


(d)

(a) & (b): nanocrystalline metals; (c) & (d): intermetallics

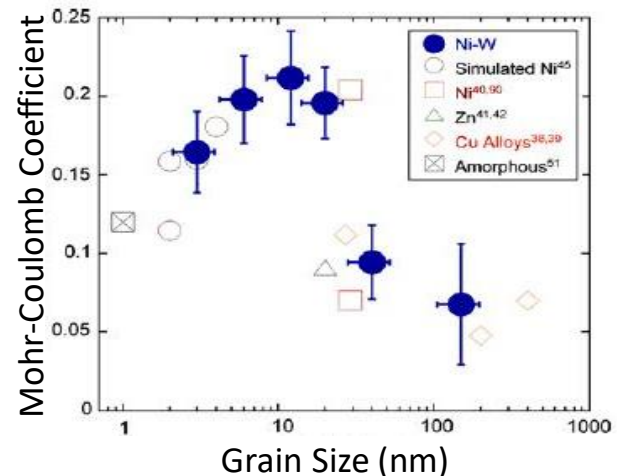
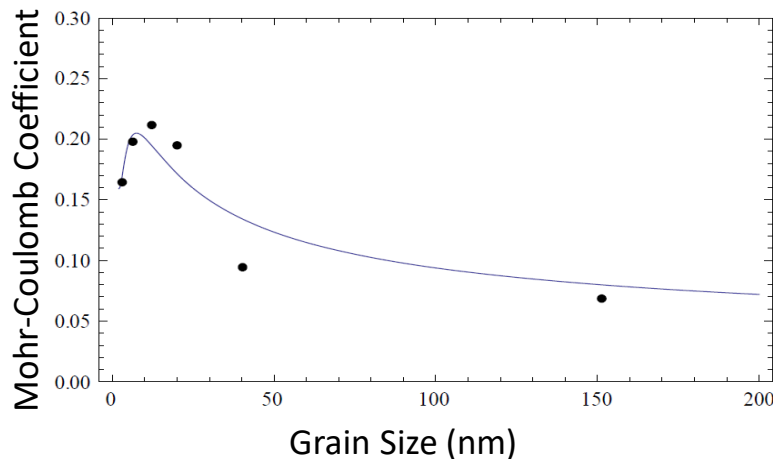
## ■ Activation Volume ( $v$ )

- $$v = \sqrt{3} kT \frac{\partial \ln \dot{\epsilon}}{\partial \sigma} \quad ; \quad \frac{1}{v} = f \frac{1}{v_g} + (1-f) \frac{1}{v_{gb}}$$



## ■ Pressure – Sensitivity Parameter ( $\alpha$ )

- $$\sqrt{J} + \alpha p - \kappa = 0 \quad ; \quad \alpha = f \alpha_g + (1-f) \alpha_{gb}$$

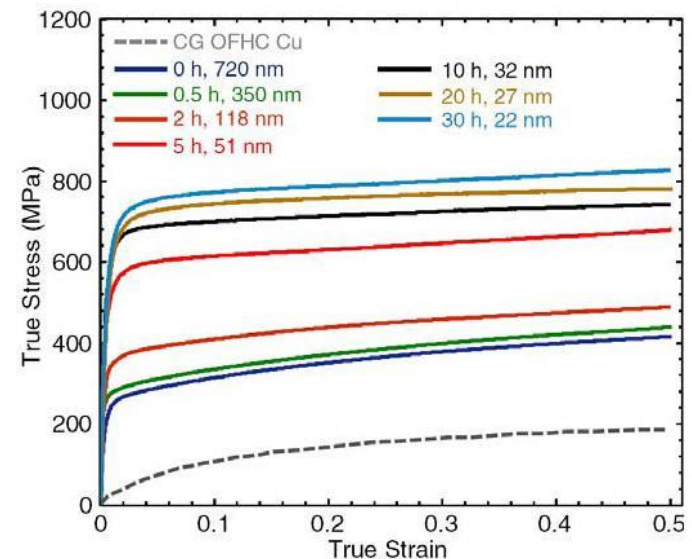
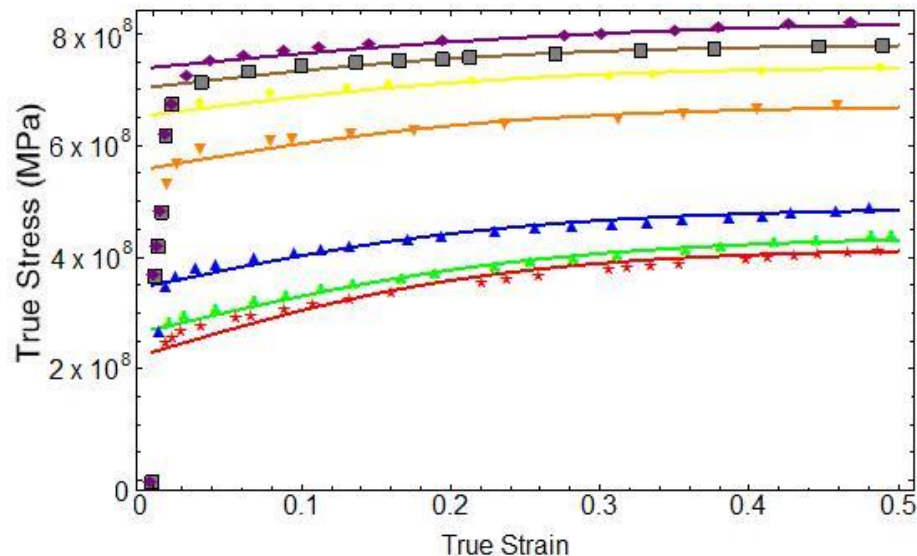


# ■ Extension to stress – strain curves

## ● *H-P Type Behavior*

$$\sigma = \sigma_f + (\sigma_s - \sigma_f) \tanh \left[ \frac{h \varepsilon^p}{\sigma_s - \sigma_f} \right]$$

$$\sigma_{s,f} = \sigma_{s,f}^0 + k_{s,f} d^{-1/2}, \quad h = h_0 - k_h d^{-1/2}$$

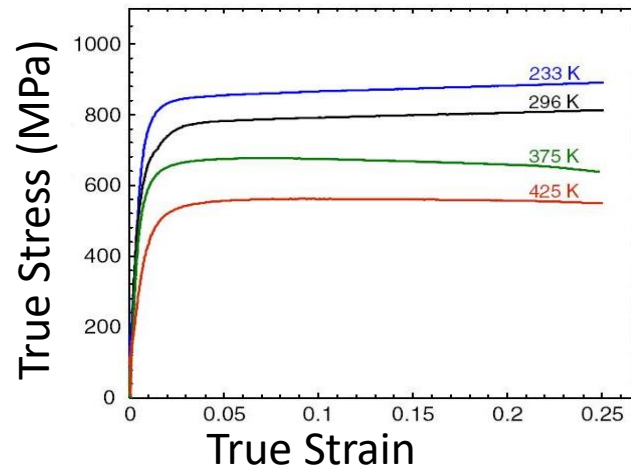
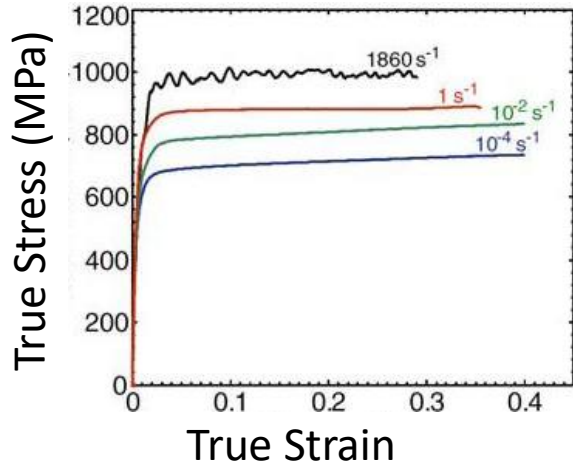


$$\sigma_s^0 = 230 \text{ MPa}, \quad k_s = 92.5 \text{ kPa} \sqrt{\text{m}}, \quad \sigma_f^0 = 70 \text{ MPa},$$

$$k_f = 104 \text{ kPa} \sqrt{\text{m}}, \quad h_0 = 827 \text{ MPa}, \quad k_h = 86 \text{ kPa} \sqrt{\text{m}}$$

- Strain Rate & Temperature Effects**

$$\sigma_s \rightarrow \propto \left( 1 + c \ln \frac{\dot{\epsilon}}{\dot{\epsilon}_0} \right) \quad \sigma \rightarrow \left\{ 1 - \left[ \frac{(T - T_{ref})}{(T_{melt} - T_{ref})} \right]^m \right\}$$



$$\sigma_s = 890 + 15 \ln \dot{\epsilon} \quad (\text{MPa})$$

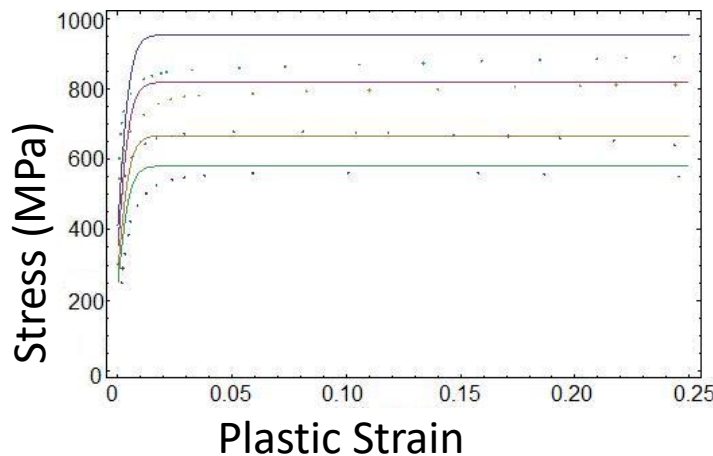
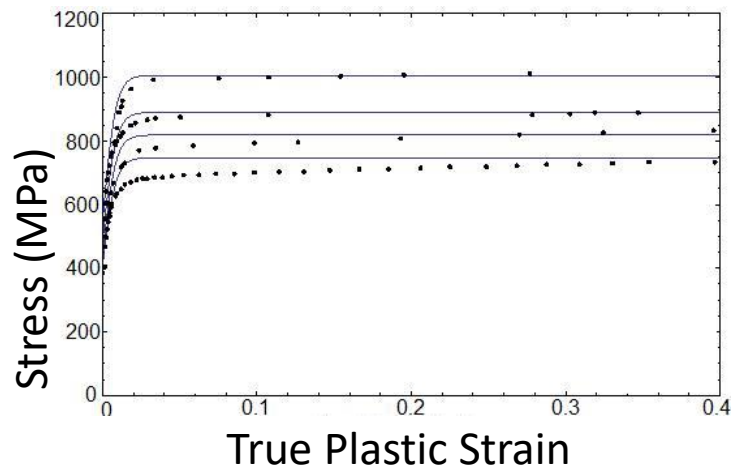
$$\sigma_f = 383 \quad (\text{MPa})$$

$$h = 95 \text{ GPa}$$

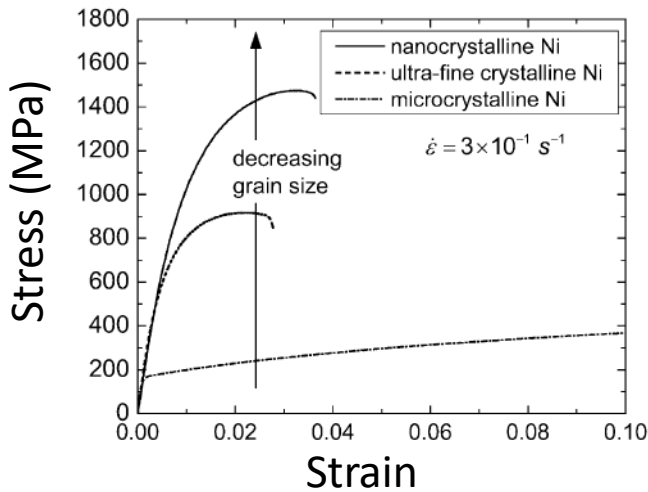
$$T_{ref} = 296 \text{ K}$$

$$T_{melt} = 1356 \text{ K}$$

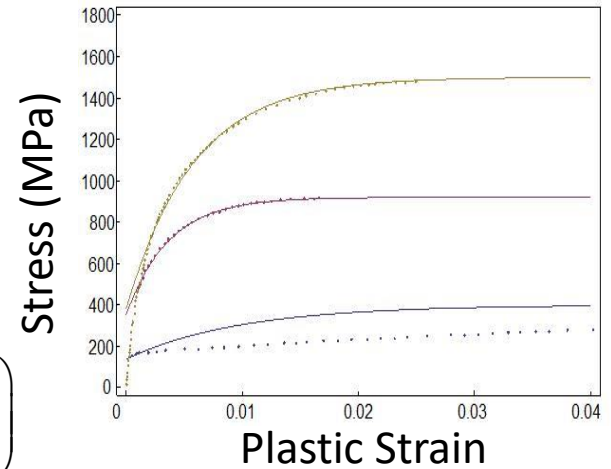
$$m = 2.6$$



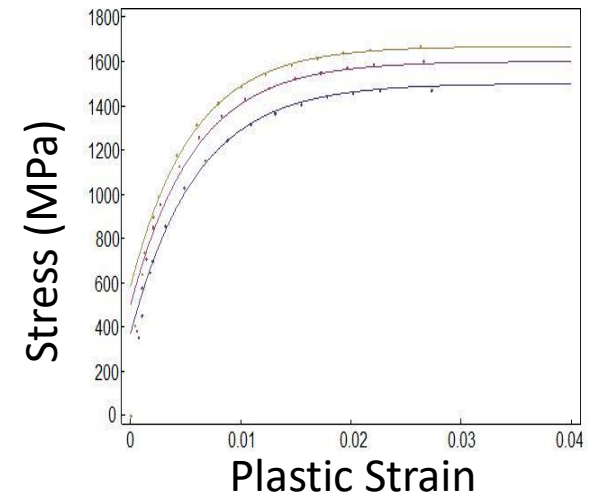
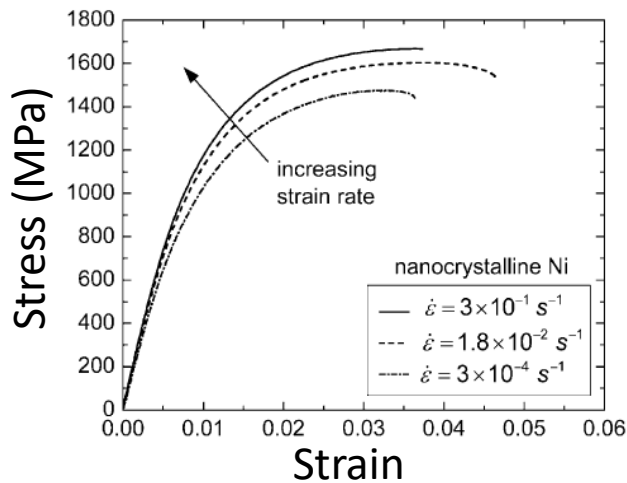
# • Simultaneous Grain Size & Strain Rate Dependence



$$\sigma_f = \left( \sigma_f^0 + \frac{k_1}{\sqrt{d}} - \frac{k_2}{d} \right) \left( 1 + m_f \ln \left( \frac{\dot{\epsilon}_p}{\dot{\epsilon}_p^0} \right) \right)$$

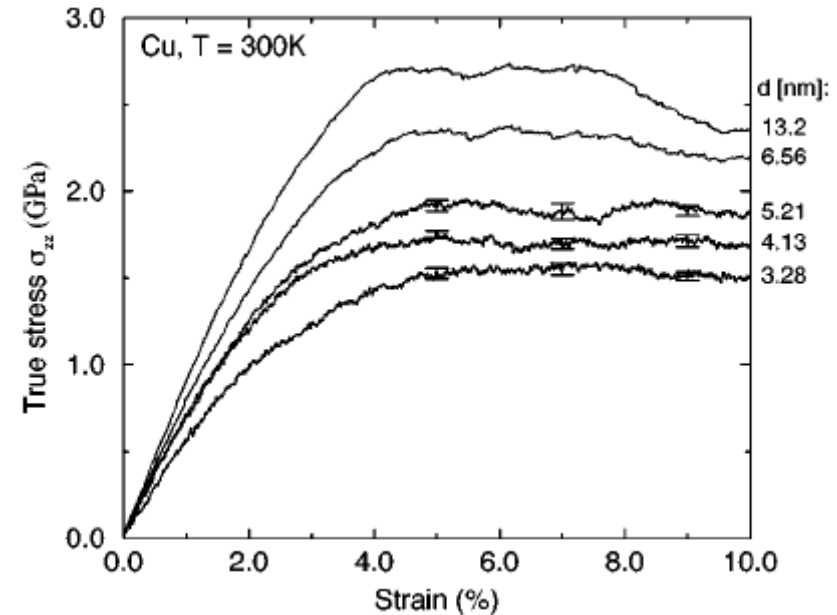
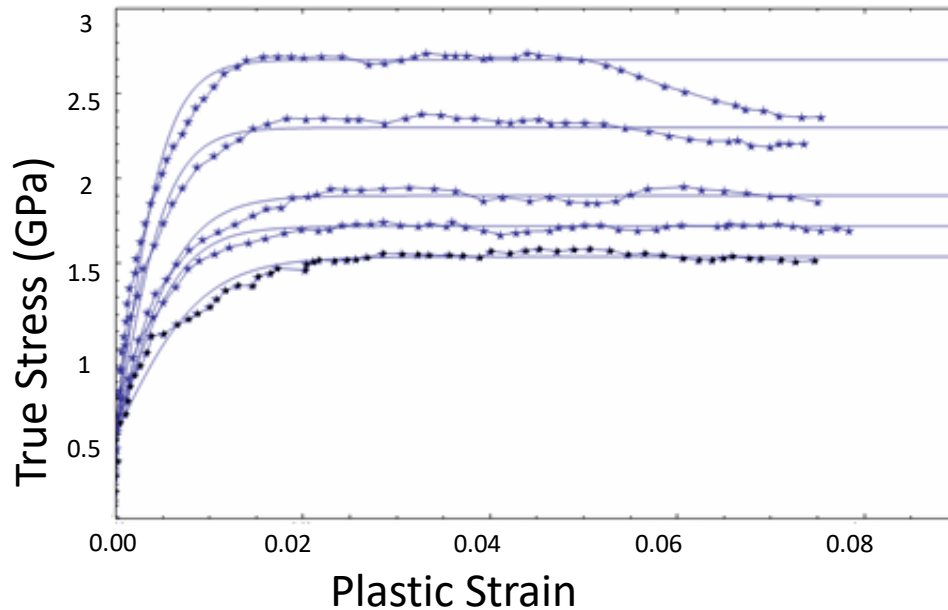


$$\sigma_s = \left( \sigma_s^0 + \frac{k_3}{\sqrt{d}} - \frac{k_4}{d} \right) \left( 1 + m_s \ln \left( \frac{\dot{\epsilon}_p}{\dot{\epsilon}_p^0} \right) \right)$$



| $\sigma_f^0 = 70 \text{ MPa}$    |                                  |       | $\sigma_s^0 = 265 \text{ MPa}$   |                                  |       | $h_0 = 3 \text{ GPa}$            |                                  |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| $k_1 \text{ kPa}\sqrt{\text{m}}$ | $k_2 \text{ kPa}\sqrt{\text{m}}$ | $m_f$ | $k_3 \text{ kPa}\sqrt{\text{m}}$ | $k_4 \text{ kPa}\sqrt{\text{m}}$ | $m_s$ | $k_5 \text{ kPa}\sqrt{\text{m}}$ | $k_6 \text{ kPa}\sqrt{\text{m}}$ |
| 386                              | 1634                             | 0.045 | 437                              | 1207                             | 0.016 | 60851                            | 216646                           |

- Inverse H-P Type Behavior**

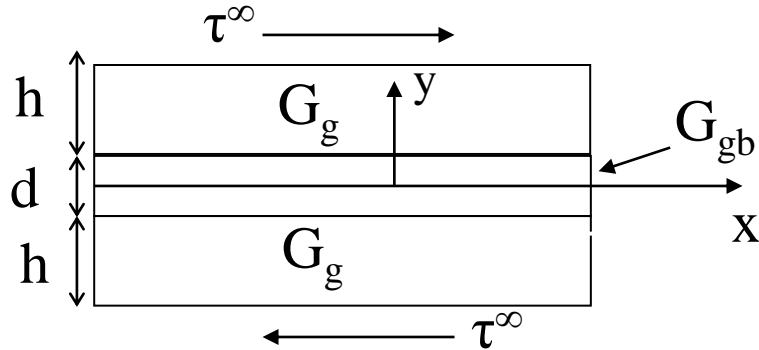


$$\sigma_f = 0.5 \text{ GPa}, \quad \sigma_s^0 = 4 \text{ GPa}, \quad k_s = -140 \text{ kPa} \sqrt{\text{m}}$$

- Continuum Model Compares Well with MD Simulations (Shiotz et al, Phys. Rev., 1999/Science, 2003)

# Effective Moduli of Nanopolycrystals

## Idealized Unit Cell

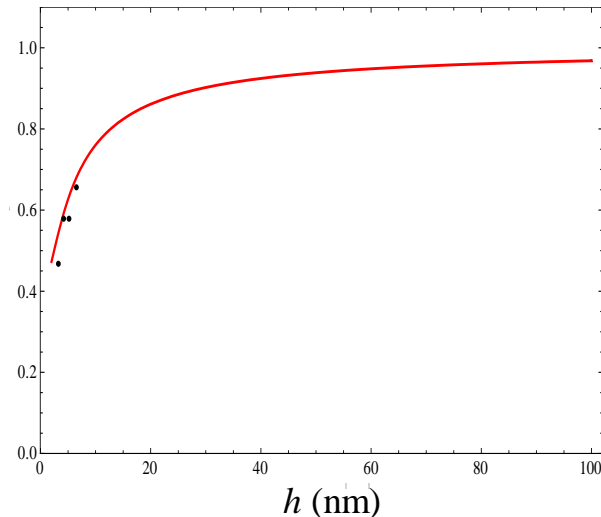
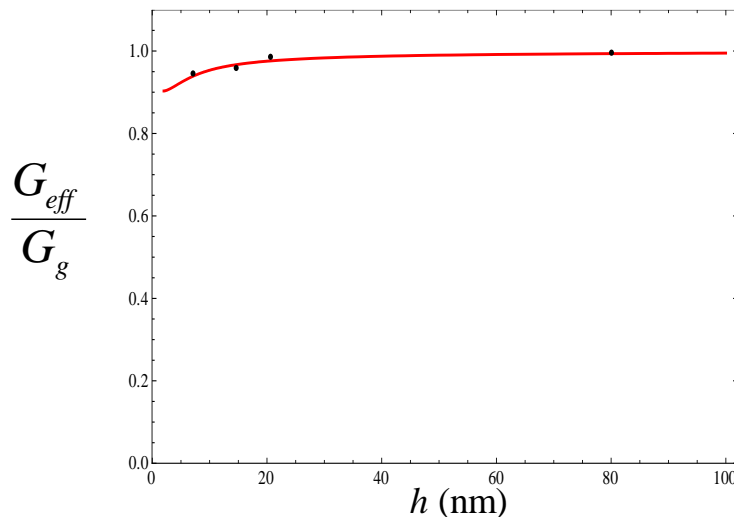


$$\tau = \kappa_i(\gamma) - \mathbf{c}_i \nabla^2 \gamma = \tau^\infty$$

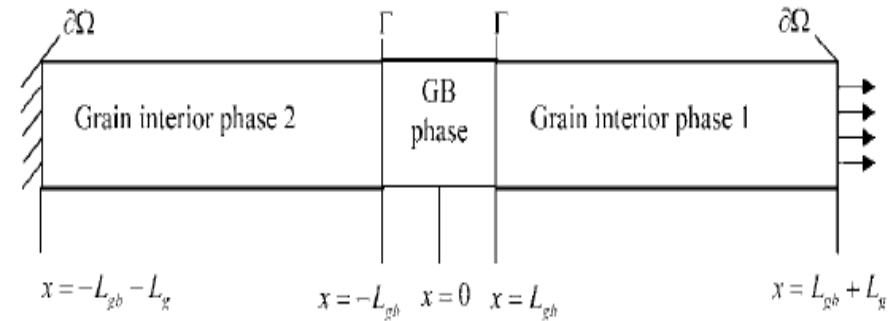
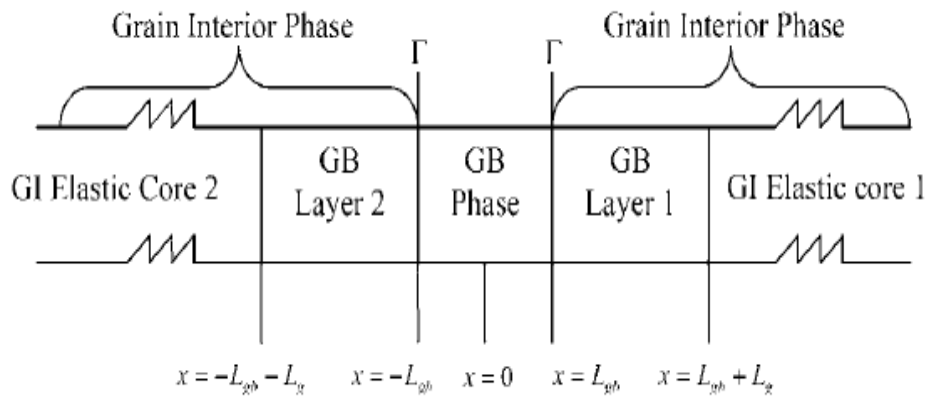
$$\text{Bc's} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \partial_y \gamma_{gb} = 0 \\ \gamma_g = \gamma_{gb} \\ \partial_y \gamma_g = \partial_y \gamma_{gb} \\ \gamma_g = \tau^\infty / G \end{array} \right. \left. \begin{array}{l} , y=0 \\ , |y|=d/2 \\ , |y|=h+d/2 \end{array} \right.$$

## Average Strain/Effective Modulus

$$\bar{\gamma} = \frac{1}{(h + d/2)} \left( \int_0^{d/2} \gamma_{gb} dy + \int_0^{h+d/2} \gamma_g dy \right), \quad G_{\text{eff}} = \tau^\infty / \bar{\gamma}$$



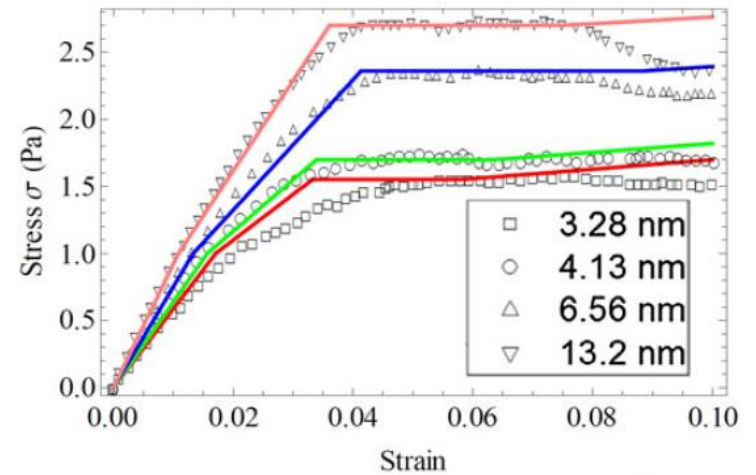
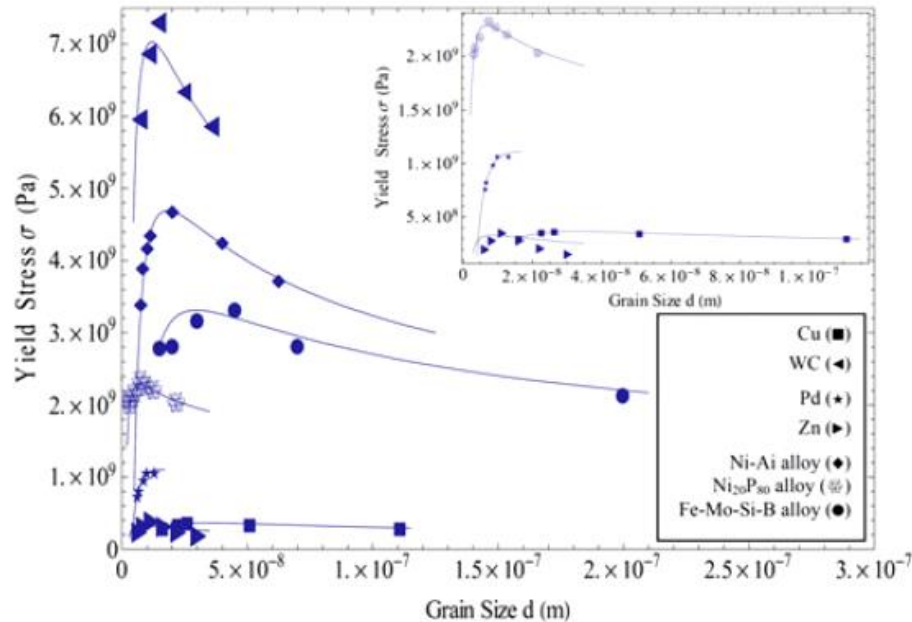




Unit cell model with GB phase, GI phase comprised of GI-GB layers, and elastic GI cores

Unit cell consisting of a GB and a GI phase, for size-dependent stress-strain prediction

$$\bar{\sigma} = \sigma_0 + \frac{k}{\sqrt{d}} + \frac{\gamma_{gb}}{2ad}; \quad d_c = \left( \gamma_{gb} / ak \right)^2$$



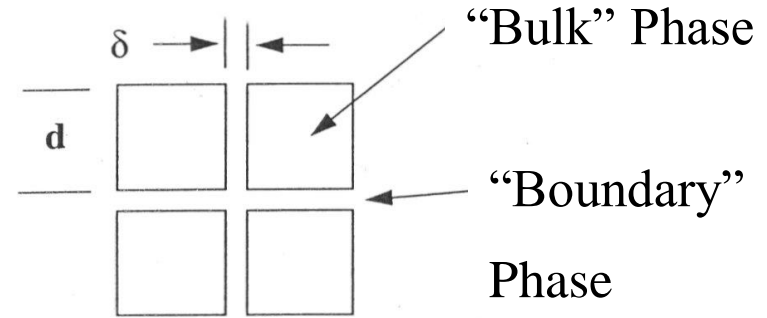
|                       | $L_g =$<br>3.28 nm | $L_g =$<br>4.13 nm | $L_g =$<br>6.56 nm | $L_g =$<br>13.2 nm |                 |
|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| $\sigma_{gb}^0$ (GPa) | 1                  | 1                  | 1                  | 1                  |                 |
| $\sigma_g^0$ (GPa)    | 1.55               | 1.70               | 2.36               | 2.70               |                 |
| $E_g$ (GPa)           | $E_{gb}$ (GPa)     | $L_{gb}$ (nm)      | $\ell_{gb}$ (nm)   | $\beta_{gb}$ (GPa) | $\beta_g$ (GPa) |
| 127                   | 27                 | 1.5                | 1                  | 10                 | 2               |

# I. NANOELASTICITY

## [Gradient Elasticity at the Nanoscale]

### ■ Nanopolycrystal Elasticity

- *“Bulk” phase and “boundary” phase occupy the same material point and interact via an internal body force*



#### • *Equilibrium*

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{div} \boldsymbol{\sigma}_1 &= \mathbf{f}, & \operatorname{div} \boldsymbol{\sigma}_2 &= -\mathbf{f} \quad \dots\dots \text{for each phase} \\ \operatorname{div} \boldsymbol{\sigma} &= 0, & \boldsymbol{\sigma} &= \boldsymbol{\sigma}_1 + \boldsymbol{\sigma}_2 \quad \dots\dots \text{total} \end{aligned}$$

- *Elasticity for each phase: Assume that each phase obeys Hooke’s Law and that the interaction force is proportional to the difference of the individual displacements*

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma}_k = \mathbf{L}_k \mathbf{u}_k, \quad k = 1, 2; \quad \mathbf{L}_k = \lambda_k \mathbf{G} + \mu_k \hat{\nabla}; \quad \mathbf{G} = \mathbf{I} \operatorname{div}; \quad \hat{\nabla} = \nabla + \nabla^T$$

$$\mathbf{f} = \alpha (\mathbf{u}_1 - \mathbf{u}_2)$$

#### • *Uncoupling* $\Rightarrow$

$$\mu \nabla^2 \mathbf{u} + (\lambda + \mu) \operatorname{grad} \operatorname{div} \mathbf{u} - c \nabla^2 [\mu \nabla^2 \mathbf{u} + (\lambda + \mu) \operatorname{grad} \operatorname{div} \mathbf{u}] = \mathbf{0}$$

- **Gradient Elasticity (Gradela)**

*The above implies the following gradient-elasticity relation*

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma} = \lambda(\text{tr}\boldsymbol{\varepsilon})\mathbf{I} + 2\mu\boldsymbol{\varepsilon} - c\nabla^2 [\lambda(\text{tr}\boldsymbol{\varepsilon})\mathbf{I} + 2\mu\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}]$$

*i.e.*

*elasticity of nanopolycrystals depends on higher – order gradients in strain or the Laplacian of Hookean stress*

- **Ru-Aifantis Theorem**

$$\mathbf{u} - c\nabla^2 \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}_0$$

*$\mathbf{u}$ ...Gradela solution ;  $\mathbf{u}_0$  ...classical elasticity solution*

- **Nanocomposites**

*Another possible configuration to be treated with Gradela*

# ■ Gradela Dislocation Nanomechanics

- *Gradela:*  $(1 - c\nabla^2) \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{ij} \\ \varepsilon_{ij} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{ij}^0 \\ \varepsilon_{ij}^0 \end{bmatrix}$

- *Screw Dislocation :*

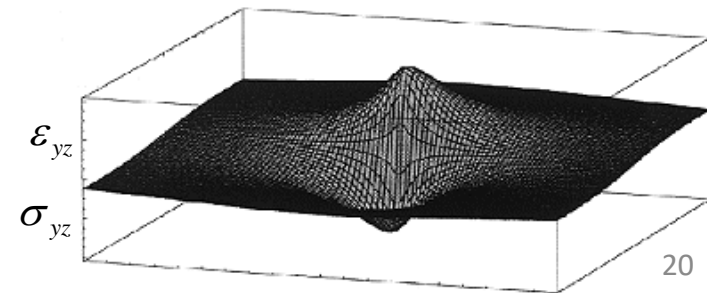
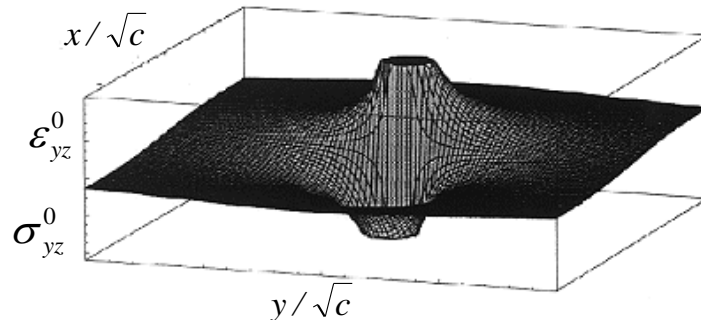
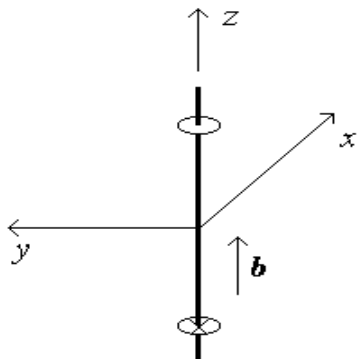
- *Stress / Strain :*

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \sigma_{xz} = \frac{\mu b_z}{4\pi} \left[ -\frac{y}{r^2} + \frac{y}{r\sqrt{c}} K_1\left(r/\sqrt{c}\right) \right]; \quad \sigma_{yz} = \dots \\ \varepsilon_{xz} = \frac{b_z}{4\pi} \left[ -\frac{y}{r^2} + \frac{y}{r\sqrt{c}} K_1\left(r/\sqrt{c}\right) \right]; \quad \varepsilon_{yz} = \dots \end{array} \right.$$

$$\therefore \mathbf{r} \rightarrow \mathbf{0} \Rightarrow \mathbf{K}_1\left(\mathbf{r}/\sqrt{c}\right) \rightarrow \frac{\sqrt{c}}{\mathbf{r}} \Rightarrow (\sigma_{xz}, \varepsilon_{yz}) \rightarrow \mathbf{0}$$

- *Self-energy :*  $W_s = \frac{\mu b_z^2}{4\pi} \left\{ \gamma^E + \ln \frac{R}{2\sqrt{c}} \right\} \dots \gamma^E = 0.577; \text{ Euler constant}$

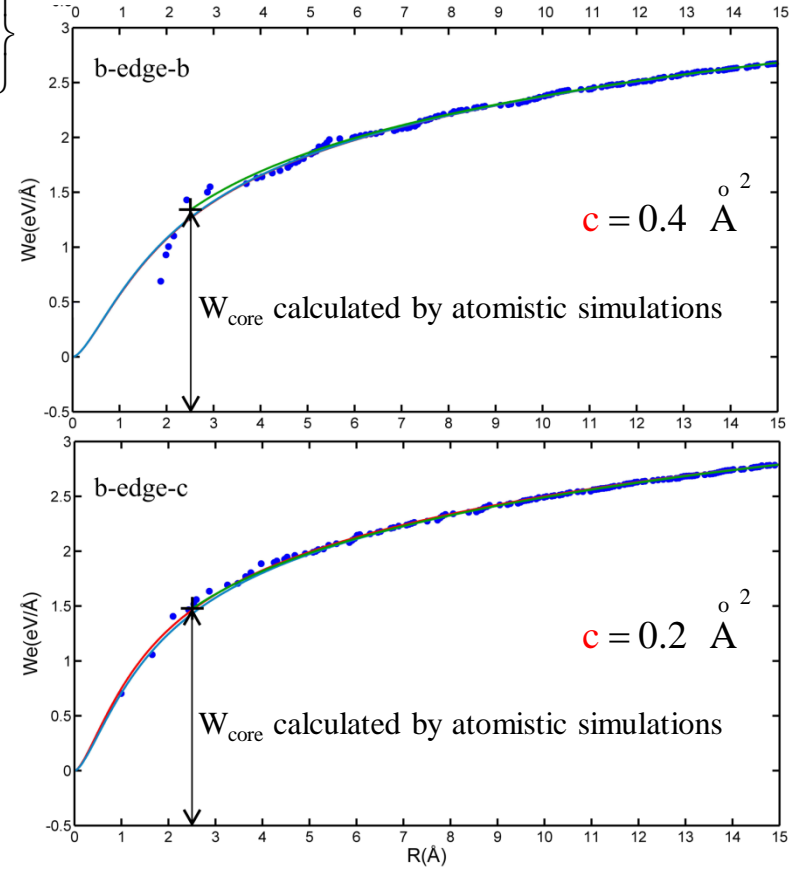
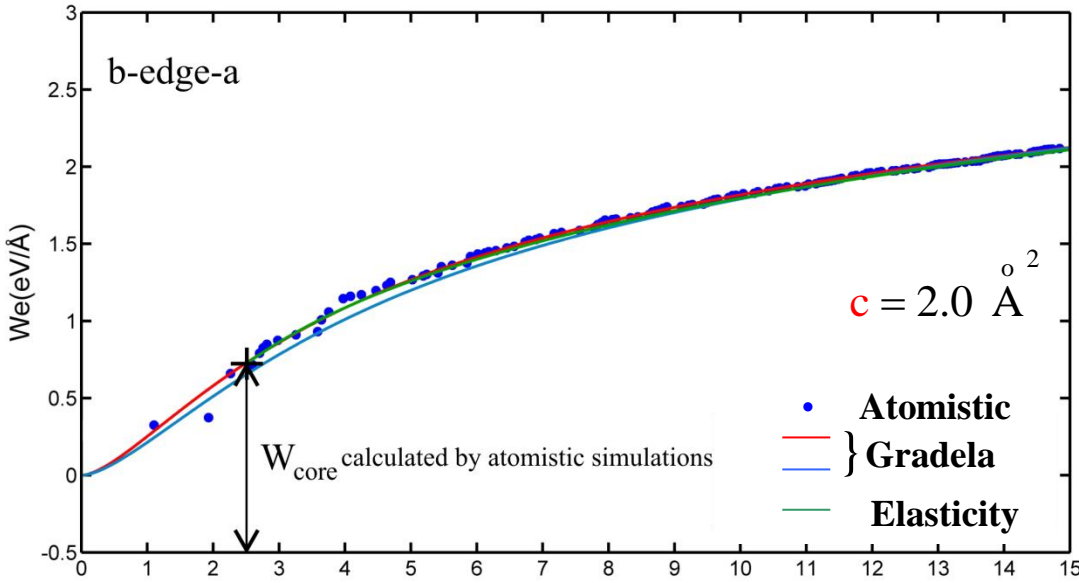
$\therefore \mathbf{r} \rightarrow \mathbf{0} \Rightarrow$  **no need for ad hoc dislocation core  $r_0$**



• *Comparison with MD Simulations (Stilliger – Weber Potential)*

$$W = \frac{b^2}{4\pi(1-\nu)} \left\{ \ln \frac{R}{2\sqrt{c}} + \gamma + 2K_0 \left( \frac{R}{\sqrt{c}} \right) + 2 \frac{\sqrt{c}}{R} K_1 \left( \frac{R}{\sqrt{c}} \right) - \frac{2c}{R^2} \right\}$$

$$R \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow W = \frac{b^2}{4\pi(1-\nu)} \left\{ \ln \frac{R}{2\sqrt{c}} + \gamma + \frac{1}{2} \right\}$$



$$\sqrt{c} = 0.2 - 2.2 \text{ \AA}$$

**Invariant Relations:**  $\frac{W_{\text{core}} \sqrt{c}}{r_0} = 0.33 \pm 0.008 \frac{\text{eV}}{\text{\AA}}$ ;  $\frac{W^g(b) \sqrt{c}}{b} = 0.3 \pm 0.008 \frac{\text{eV}}{\text{\AA}}$

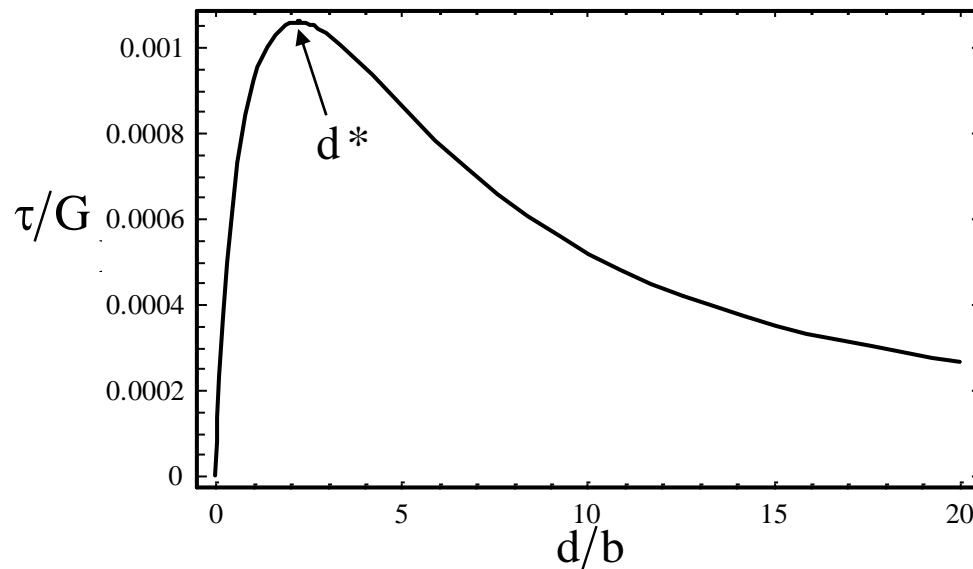
- **Image Force – Inverse Hall Petch Behavior**

- *Self-energy:* 
$$W = \frac{Gb^2}{2\pi} \left[ \ln \frac{R}{2\sqrt{c}} + \gamma^E + K_0 \left( \frac{R}{\sqrt{c}} \right) \right]$$

- *Image Stress:* 
$$\tau = \frac{Gb}{2\pi} \left[ \frac{1}{d} - \frac{1}{2\sqrt{c}} K_1 \left( \frac{d}{2\sqrt{c}} \right) \right]$$

derived by differentiation and evaluation at  $R = d/2$  ( $d$  ... grain diameter)

- stress to move a dislocation situated at the center of a grain of diameter  $d$



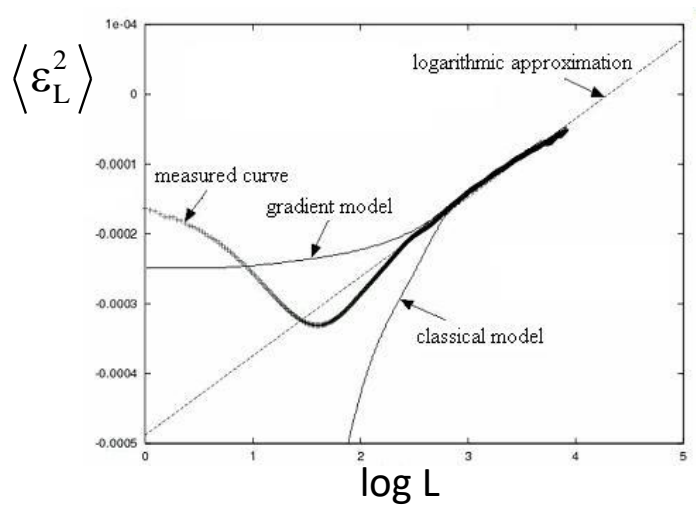
$d^* \approx 9 \text{ nm}$

**i.e.**  $d^*$  critical grain size for inverse Hall-Petch behavior

# • X-ray Line Profile Analysis

- *Gradela Soltn for  $\epsilon_{xx}$  of edge  $\perp$  ( $\mathbf{b} = b \mathbf{e}_x$ )*

$$\epsilon_{xx} = -\frac{b}{4\pi(1-\nu)} \frac{(1-2\nu)r^2 + 2x^2}{r^4} + \frac{b}{2\pi(1-\nu)} y \left[ (y^2 - \nu r^2) \Phi_1 + (3x^2 - y^2) \Phi_2 \right]$$

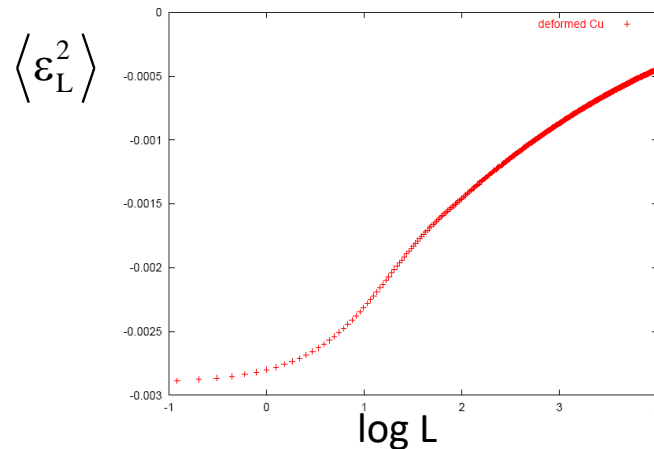
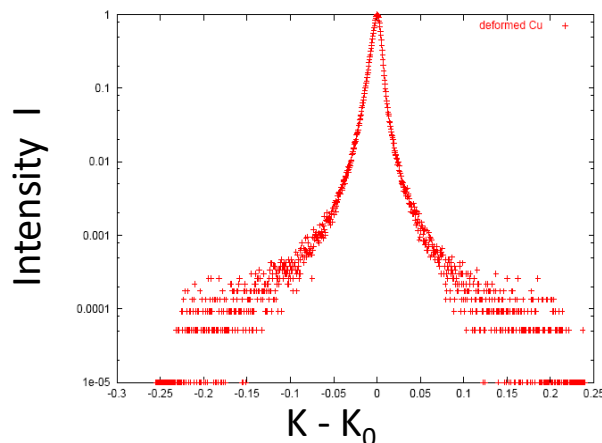


$$\Phi_1 = \frac{1}{r^3 \sqrt{c}} K_1(r/\sqrt{c}),$$

$$\Phi_2 = \frac{1}{r^4} \left[ \frac{2c}{r^2} - K_2(r/\sqrt{c}) \right],$$

$$r^2 = x^2 + y^2$$

- *X-ray line profile for deformed Cu single crystal*



# ■ Gradel Crack Nanomechanics (Mode III)

## ● *Gradela: Mode III Cracking*

- *Gradela:*  $(1 - c\Delta)\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{ij} = \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{ij}^0$  &  $(1 - c\Delta)\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{ij} = \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{ij}^0$  ;  $\boldsymbol{\sigma}^0 = \lambda \text{tr}\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^0 \mathbf{1} + 2\mu\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^0$

Target: Non-Singular Stresses/Strain Estimation at the crack tip

### - *Boundary Conditions*

Far field coincidence of stresses:  $\lim_{\mathbf{r} \rightarrow \infty} \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{ij} = \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{ij}^0$

Vanishing of stresses at the origin:  $\lim_{\mathbf{r} \rightarrow 0} \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{ij} = 0$

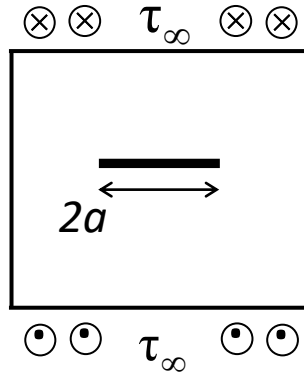
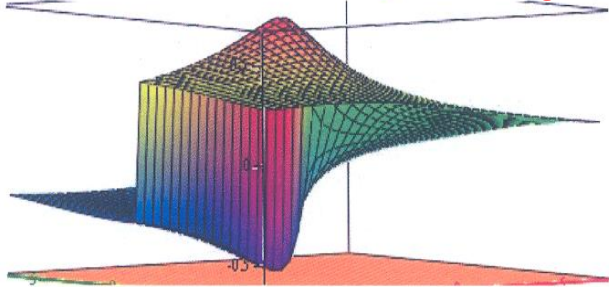
Zero tractions on crack surfaces:  $\sigma_{zy}(\mathbf{x}, 0^\pm) = 0$  ;  $|\mathbf{x}| \leq a$



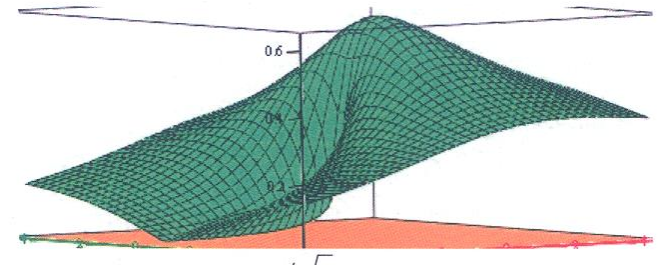
• *Nonsingular stress distribution in Mode III*

$$\sigma_{xz} = -\frac{K_{III}}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \left[ \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \left( 1 - \exp \left[ -r/\sqrt{c} \right] \right) \right] \quad \sigma_{yz} = \frac{K_{III}}{\sqrt{2\pi r}} \left[ \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \left( 1 - \exp \left[ -r/\sqrt{c} \right] \right) \right]$$

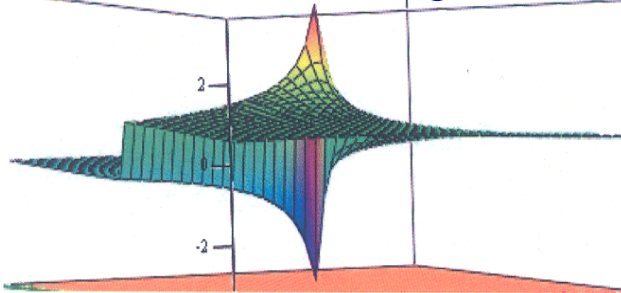
Gradient Stress **non-singular**



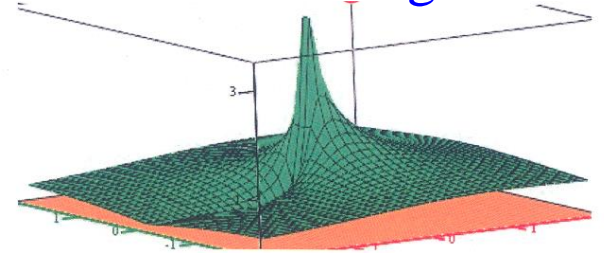
Gradient Stress **non-singular**



Classical Stress **singular**



Classical Stress **singular**



Note:  $\left( 1 - e^{-r/\sqrt{c}} \right) / \sqrt{r}$  max at  $r \cong 1.25\sqrt{c}$

$\therefore \sigma_{yz}^{\max} = \sigma_{xz}^{\max} \cong 0.254 \frac{K_{III}}{\sqrt[4]{c}} \cong \frac{K_{III}}{4\sqrt[4]{c}}$  (Stress Fracture Criterion)  $K_{III} = \tau_{\infty} \sqrt{\pi a}$

## II. NANOPLASTICITY

### [Gradient Plasticity at the Nanoscale]

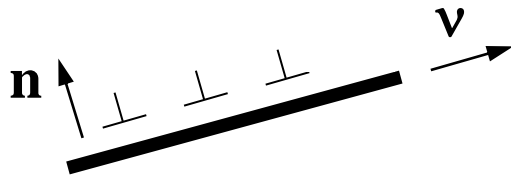
#### ■ Motivation from Dislocation Slip

- *Momentum Balance for Dislocated State*

$$\operatorname{div} \mathbf{T}^D = \hat{\mathbf{f}}; \quad \mathbf{T}^D = \mathbf{S} - \mathbf{T}^L; \quad \operatorname{div} \mathbf{S} = 0$$

$\mathbf{T}^D$  ...dislocation stress;  $\hat{\mathbf{f}}$  ...dislocation-lattice interaction force

- *Yield Condition:*  $f = \hat{\mathbf{f}} \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0$ ;  $\hat{\mathbf{f}} = (\hat{\alpha} + \hat{\beta}j - \hat{\gamma}\tau^L) \mathbf{v}$ ,  $\tau^L = \mathbf{T}^L \cdot \mathbf{M}$



$$\mathbf{M} = (\mathbf{v} \otimes \mathbf{n})_s, \quad \mathbf{D}^P = \dot{\gamma}^P \mathbf{M}; \quad \mathbf{T}^D = t_m \mathbf{M} + t_n \mathbf{N}$$

$$\max \left\{ \operatorname{tr} \mathbf{T}^L \mathbf{D}^P \right\}; \quad \operatorname{tr} \mathbf{M} = 0, \quad \operatorname{tr} \mathbf{M}^2 = 1/2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathbf{D}^P = \frac{\dot{\gamma}^P}{2\sqrt{J}} \mathbf{T}^{L'}; \quad J = \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{tr} (\mathbf{T}^{L'} \mathbf{T}^{L'})$$

$$\therefore \tau = \sqrt{J} = \kappa(\gamma^P)$$

- *Structure of Macroscopic Anisotropic Hardening Plasticity*

$$\mathbf{D}^p = \frac{\dot{\gamma}^p}{2\sqrt{J}} (\boldsymbol{\sigma}' - \boldsymbol{\alpha}')$$

$$\overset{\circ}{\boldsymbol{\alpha}} = \begin{pmatrix} \dot{t}_m & \dot{t}_n t_m \\ \dot{\gamma}^p & t_n \dot{\gamma}^p \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{D}^p + \frac{\dot{t}_n}{t_n} \boldsymbol{\alpha}, \quad \overset{\circ}{\boldsymbol{\alpha}} = \dot{\boldsymbol{\alpha}} - \boldsymbol{\omega} \boldsymbol{\alpha} + \boldsymbol{\alpha} \boldsymbol{\omega}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\omega} = \mathbf{W} - \mathbf{W}^p, \quad \mathbf{W}^p = -\frac{1}{t_n} (\boldsymbol{\alpha} \mathbf{D}^p - \mathbf{D}^p \boldsymbol{\alpha})$$

$$\dot{\gamma}^p = \frac{\boldsymbol{\sigma}' \cdot (\boldsymbol{\sigma}' - \boldsymbol{\alpha}')}{\kappa (t'_m + 2\kappa')} ; \quad \begin{cases} \dot{f} = 0 \\ f = \frac{1}{2} (\boldsymbol{\sigma}' - \boldsymbol{\alpha}') \cdot (\boldsymbol{\sigma}' - \boldsymbol{\alpha}') - \kappa^2 = 0 \end{cases}$$

- **Inhomogeneous Back Stress:**  $\mathbf{T}^D = \boldsymbol{\alpha} + \mathbf{T}^{inh}$

- $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$  = homogeneous back stress ... as before

$$\mathbf{T}^{inh} = \hat{\mathbf{g}}(\mathbf{n}, \mathbf{v}, \nabla\gamma^p)$$

$$\approx \left[ \mathbf{n} \otimes \nabla\gamma^p + (\nabla\gamma^p) \otimes \mathbf{n} \right] + \left[ \mathbf{v} \otimes \nabla\gamma^p + (\nabla\gamma^p) \otimes \mathbf{v} \right]$$

$$\text{div}\mathbf{T}^{inh} \approx (\mathbf{n} + \mathbf{v})\nabla^2\gamma^p + (\mathbf{grad}^2\gamma^p)(\mathbf{n} + \mathbf{v})$$

$$(\text{div}\mathbf{T}^{inh}) \cdot \mathbf{v} \approx \nabla^2\gamma^p + \gamma_{,ij}^p (v_i v_j + v_i n_j)$$

- Integrate over all possible orientations of  $(\mathbf{n}, \mathbf{v})$

$$(\text{div}\mathbf{T}^{inh}) \cdot \mathbf{v} \rightarrow \nabla^2\gamma^p$$

$$\therefore \tau = \kappa(\gamma^p) - \mathbf{c}\nabla^2\gamma^p$$

- **Same Procedure for Nanopolycrystals**

- Representative slip plane  $\rightarrow$  Representative planar GB

## ■ More on Motivation ... Laplacians

### • *Adiabatic Approximation for Defect/Dislocation Density*

- $\tau = \kappa(\gamma, \alpha) \quad ; \quad \dot{\alpha} = D\nabla^2 \alpha + g(\gamma, \alpha) \quad \rightarrow \quad \tau = \kappa^*(\gamma) - c\nabla^2 \gamma$
- Example:  $\tau = \hat{\kappa}(\gamma) - \lambda\alpha, \quad \dot{\alpha} = D\alpha_{xx} + \Lambda\gamma - M\alpha \quad ; \quad \{\lambda, \Lambda, M\} = \text{constants}$   
 $\dot{\alpha}_q = -Dq^2\alpha_q + \Lambda\gamma_q - M\alpha_q \quad ; \quad \dot{\alpha}_q \approx 0, \quad \frac{Dq^2}{M} \ll 1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \alpha \approx \frac{\Lambda}{M}\gamma - \frac{\Lambda D}{M^2}\gamma_{xx}$   
 $\Rightarrow \quad \tau = \kappa(\gamma) - c\gamma_{xx} \quad ; \quad \kappa(\gamma) \equiv \hat{\kappa}(\gamma) - (\lambda\Lambda/M)\gamma, \quad c \equiv \lambda\Lambda D/M^2$

### • *Non-local Approximation for Strain*

- $\bar{\gamma} = (1/V) \int_V \gamma(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{r}) dV, \quad V = (4/3)\pi R^3 \Rightarrow \quad \bar{\gamma} \approx \gamma + \frac{R^2}{10} \nabla^2 \gamma, \quad R = d/2$   
 $\left[ \gamma(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{r}) = \gamma(\mathbf{x}) + \nabla\gamma \cdot \mathbf{r} + \frac{1}{2!} \nabla^{(2)}\gamma \cdot \mathbf{r} \otimes \mathbf{r} + \dots; \int_V \nabla^{2n+1}\gamma \cdot \mathbf{r}^{2n+1} dV = 0 \right]$

- $\bar{\tau} = \kappa(\bar{\gamma}), \quad \tau = \bar{\tau} - \beta\Delta\gamma \quad ; \quad \Delta\gamma = \gamma - \bar{\gamma}$

$$\therefore \tau = \kappa(\gamma) - c\nabla^2 \gamma; \quad c = Cd^2, \quad C = R^2(\beta + h)/10, \quad \beta = \alpha\mu(7 - 5\nu)/15(1 - \nu)$$

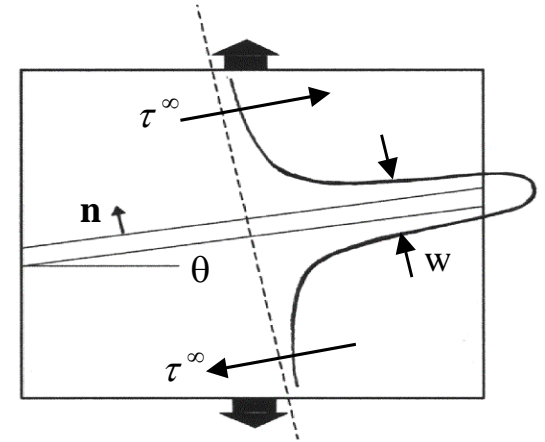
- *Note:* Maxwell's 1871 Interpretation of the Laplacian

# ■ Implications to Localization of Plastic Flow

## ● Constitutive Equation

$$\mathbf{S}' = -p\mathbf{1} + 2\mu\mathbf{D} \quad ;$$

$$\mu = \frac{\tau}{\dot{\gamma}} \quad , \quad \begin{cases} \tau \equiv \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{S}' \cdot \mathbf{S}'} \\ \dot{\gamma} \equiv \sqrt{2\mathbf{D} \cdot \mathbf{D}} \end{cases} ; \quad \tau = \kappa(\gamma) - c\nabla^2\gamma$$

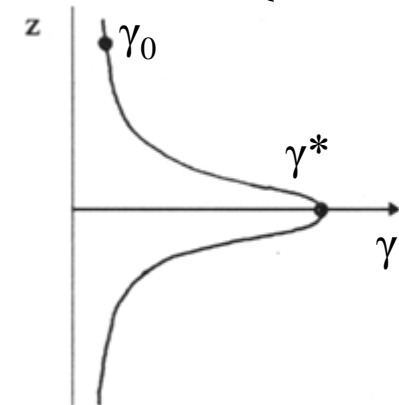
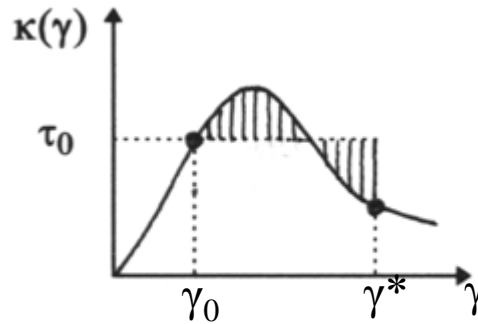


## ● Linear Stability / SB Orientation

$$\mathbf{v} = L_\infty \mathbf{x} + \tilde{\mathbf{v}} e^{iqz + \omega t} ; \quad \omega > 0 \quad (\& \omega_{\max}) \rightarrow \theta_{cr} = \frac{\pi}{4} \quad \& \quad \begin{cases} h_{cr} = 0 \\ q_{cr} = 0 \end{cases}$$

## ● Nonlinear Solution / SB Thickness

$$c\gamma_{zz} = \kappa(\gamma) - \tau_0$$



## ● Front Propagation

Similar Procedure



# ■ Thermodynamics

- *Thermodynamics applied to gradient theories: The theories of Aifantis and Fleck & Hutchinson and their generalization / JMPS 57, 405-421 (2009)*

[M.E. Gurtin/Carnegie-Mellon & L. Anand/MIT]

- **Abstract** : We discuss the physical nature of flow rules for rate-independent (gradient) plasticity laid down by Aifantis and Fleck and Hutchinson. As central results we show that:

- The flow rule of Fleck and Hutchinson is incompatible with thermodynamics unless its nonlocal (gradient) term is dropped.
- If the theory is augmented by a defect energy dependent on  $\gamma^p$  and  $\nabla\gamma^p$ , then compatibility with thermodynamics requires that its flow rule reduces to that of Aifantis.

- **References** : E.C. Aifantis, On the microstructural origin of certain inelastic models, *Trans. ASME, J. Engng. Mat. Tech.* **106**, 326-330 (1984); E.C. Aifantis, The physics of plastic deformation, *Int. J. Plasticity* **3**, 211-247 (1987).

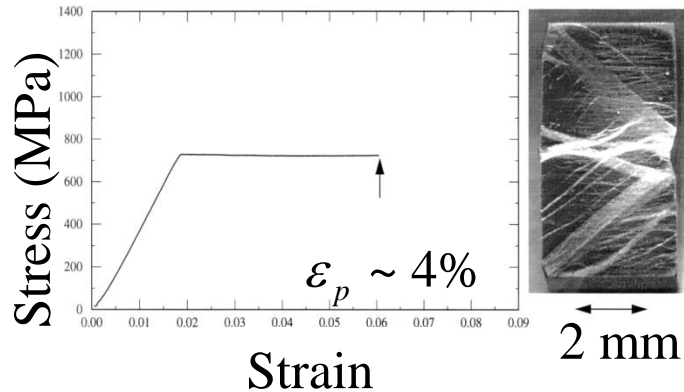
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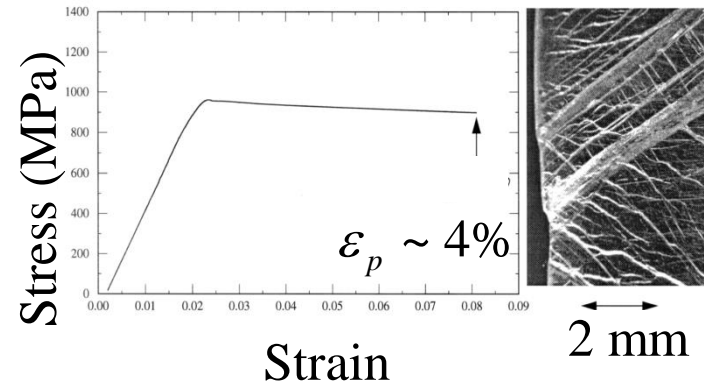
# Multiple Shear Banding

## - Compression of Bulk Nanostructured Fe – 10% Cu Polycrystals (UFGs)

$d \sim 1370 \text{ nm}$ ,  $\sigma_y \sim 750 \text{ MPa}$   
angle  $\sim 49^\circ$



$d \sim 540 \text{ nm}$ ,  $\sigma_y \sim 960 \text{ MPa}$   
angle  $\sim 49^\circ$



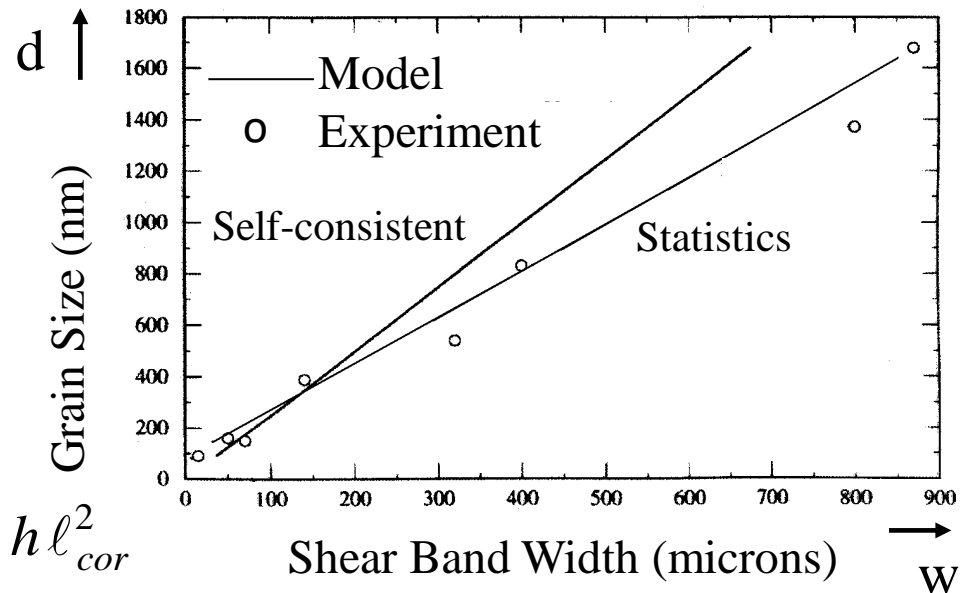
## - Shear band width analysis

$$\tau = \kappa(\gamma) - c \nabla^2 \gamma$$

$$w \sim \sqrt{c}; \quad c \sim d^2 (\beta + h)$$

$$\beta = \alpha G \frac{7 - 5\nu}{15(1 - \nu)}$$

$$c = -h \left( \frac{\partial^2 A(r)}{\partial r^2} \Big|_{r=0} \right)^{-1}, \quad w \sim \sqrt{c}, \quad c \sim h \ell_{cor}^2$$



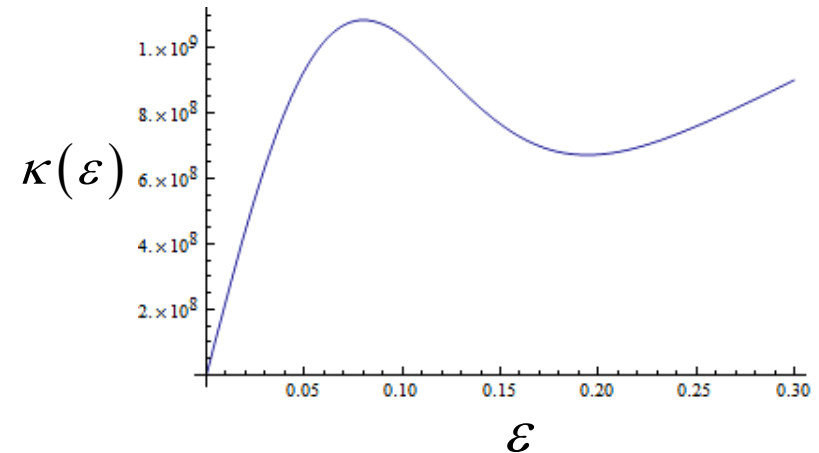


# ■ Combined Gradient – Stochastic Model

## ● 2D Gradient Deterministic Model

$$\sigma_0 = \kappa(\varepsilon) - \left[ c_1 \frac{\partial^2 \varepsilon}{\partial x^2} + c_2 \frac{\partial^2 \varepsilon}{\partial y^2} \right];$$

$$\kappa(\varepsilon) = h\varepsilon + E\varepsilon \exp\left[-\varepsilon^2/\alpha\right]$$



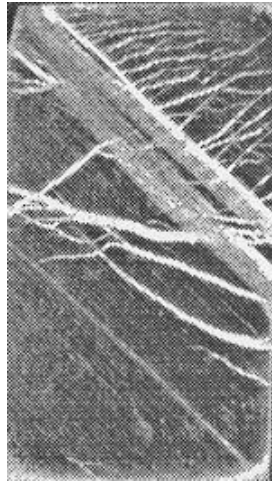
## ● Stochasticity in Yield Stress

$$\kappa(\varepsilon) = h\varepsilon + \delta \left[ E\varepsilon \exp\left(-\frac{\varepsilon^2}{\alpha}\right) \right]; \quad \delta: \text{Weibull random variable}$$

$$\text{PDF}(\delta) = \frac{k}{\lambda} \left( \frac{\delta}{\lambda} \right)^{k-1} e^{-(\delta/\lambda)^k}; \quad \bar{\delta} = \lambda \Gamma\left[1 + (1/k)\right], \quad \langle \delta^2 \rangle = \lambda^2 \Gamma\left[1 + (2/k)\right] - \bar{\delta}^2$$

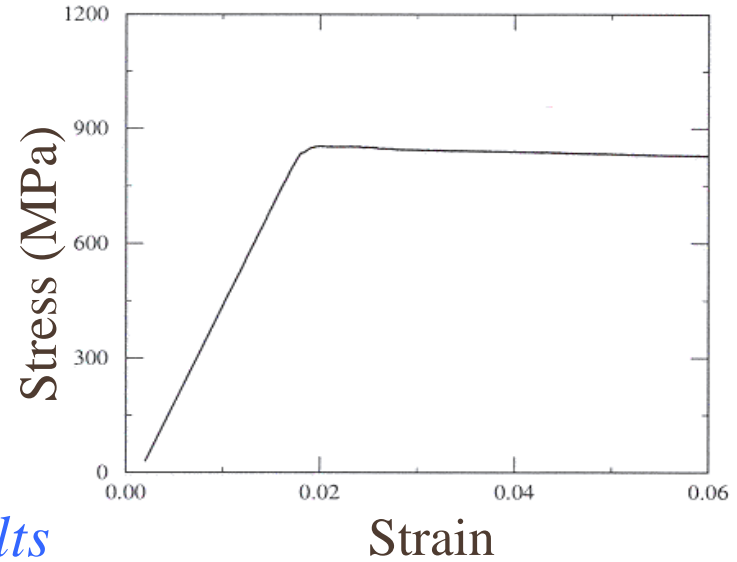
$k / \lambda$ : shape/scale parameter of the Weibull distribution

- *Compression Tests (Milligan, Hackney & Aifantis, 2001)*

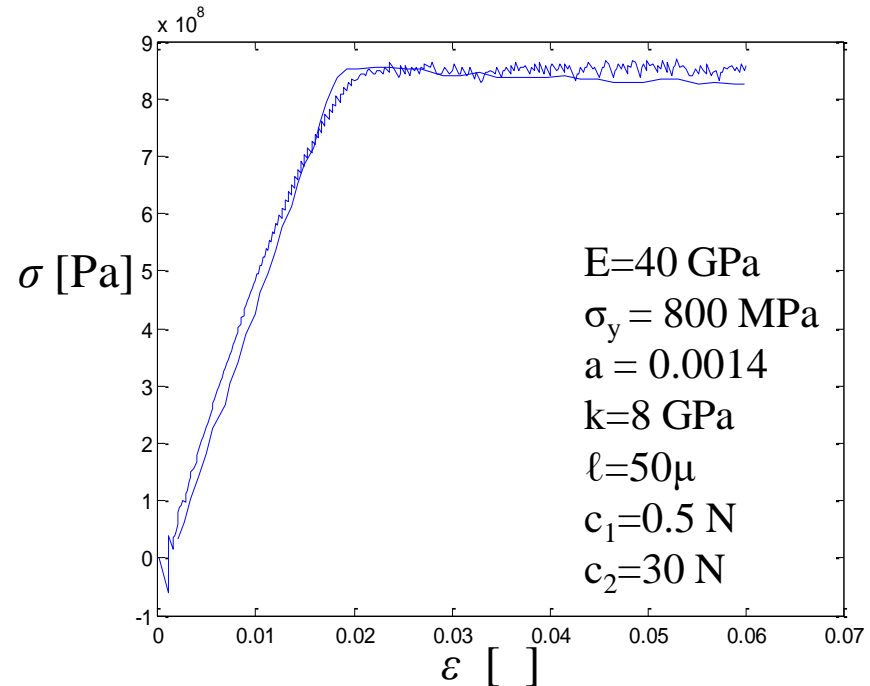
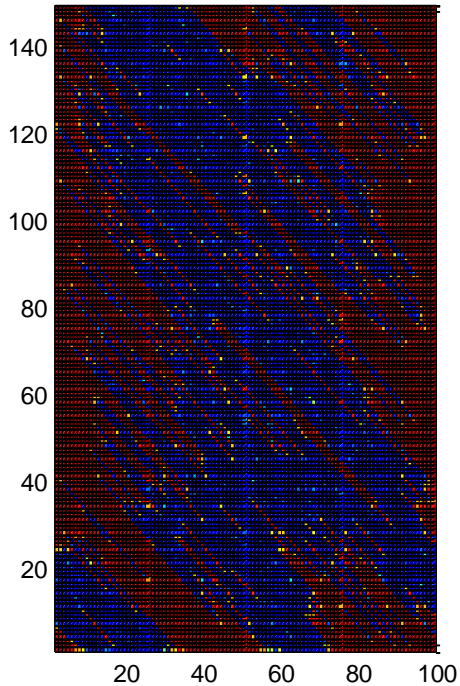


$d \sim 0.5 \mu\text{m}$   
 $\sigma_y \sim 880 \text{ MPa}$

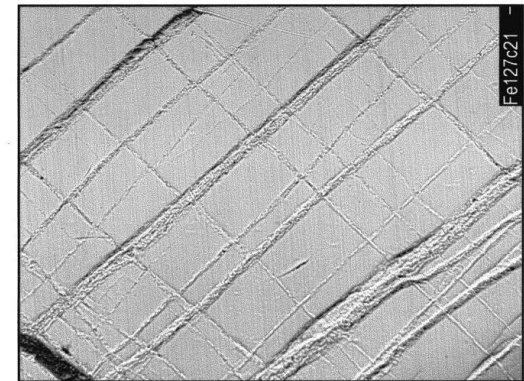
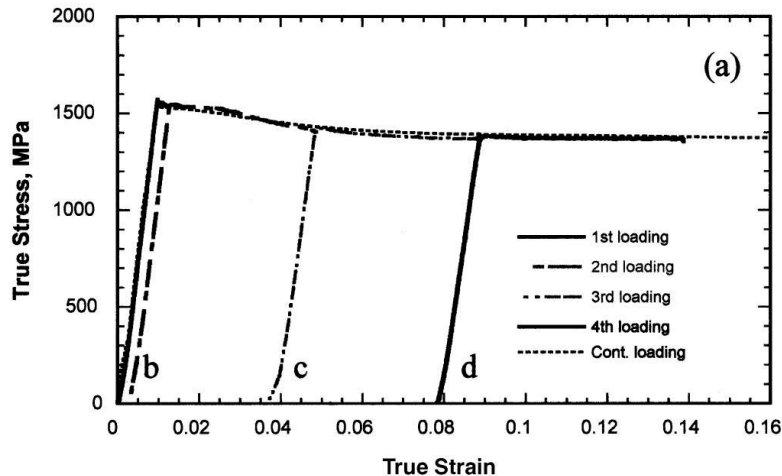
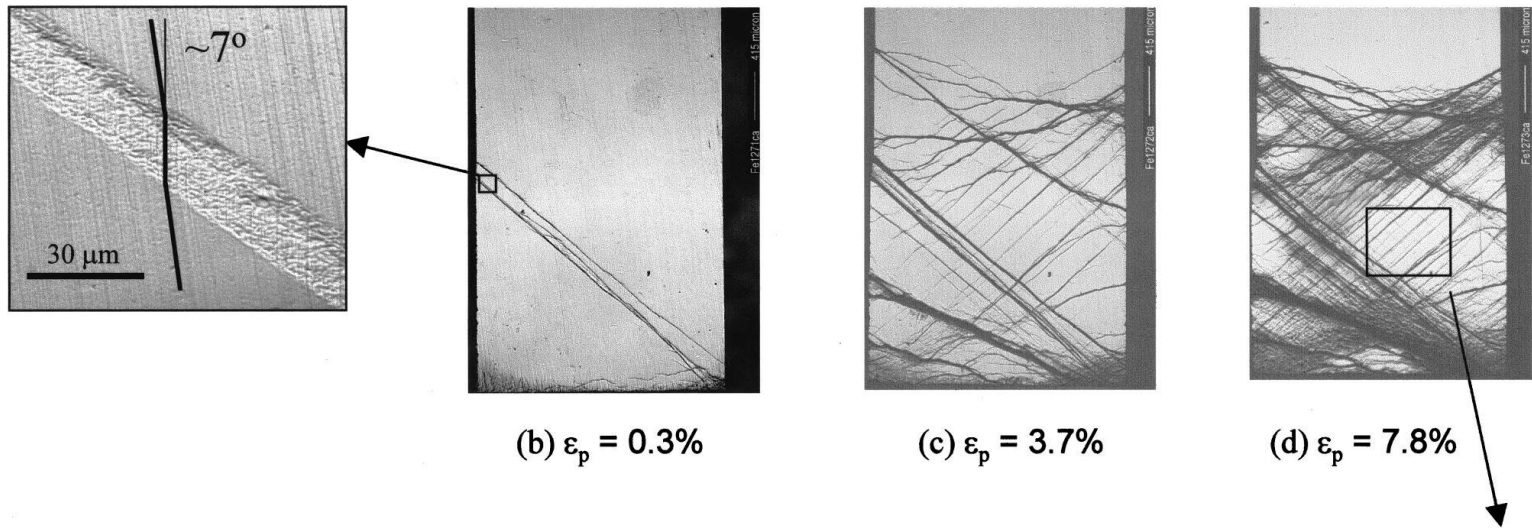
2 mm



- *Cellular Automata Simulation Results*



- More on Nano Shear Bands: n-Fe (Ma et al)

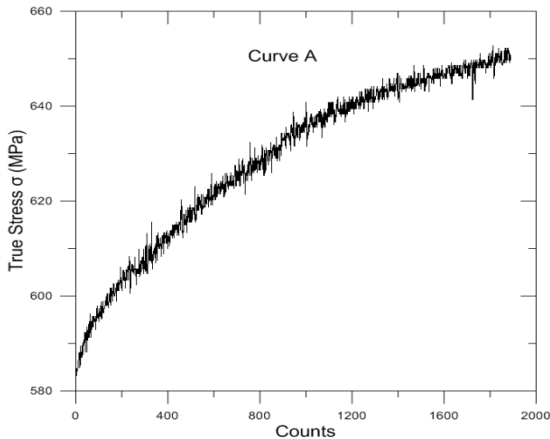


Stress-strain behavior and development of shear bands. Compression test of a Fe sample with an average grain size of 268 nm with loading, unloading, and reloading at various strain levels (~0.3%, 3.7%, and 7.8%).

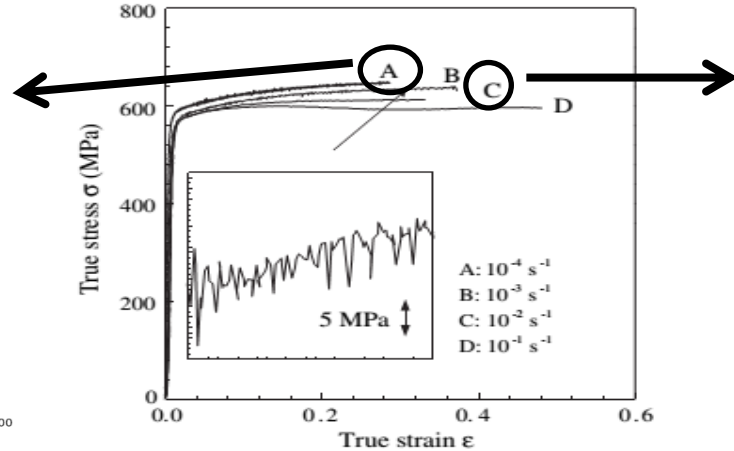
# Statistical Aspects of UFGs

## ■ Serrated Plastic Flow & Multiple Shear Banding

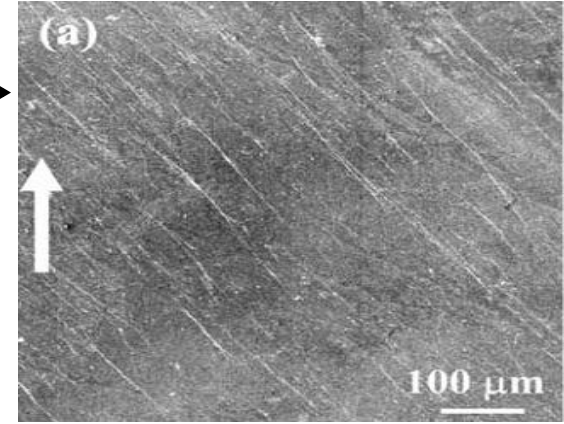
(Fan *et al.* Scripta/Acta Materialia 2005/2006)



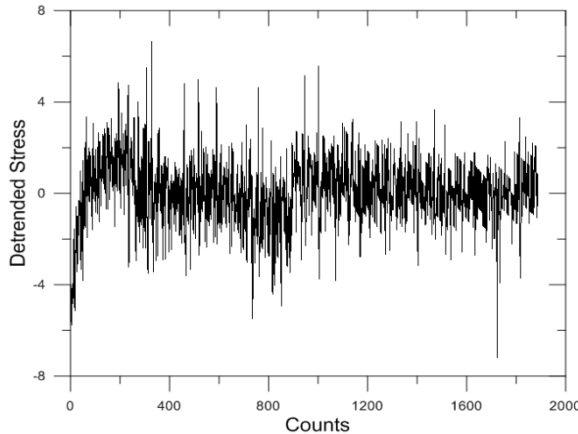
Low  $\dot{\epsilon}$  ( $10^{-4} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ) – Serrations



$\sigma$ - $\epsilon$  curves (compression)



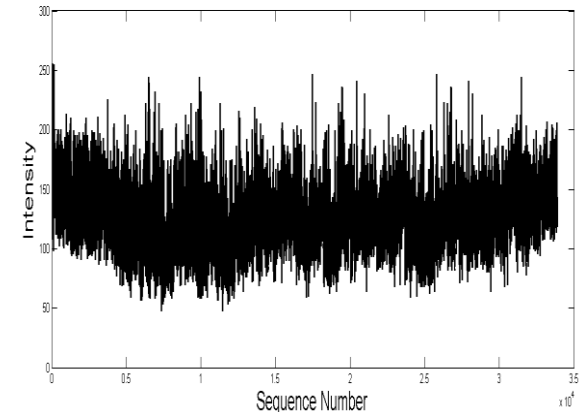
High  $\dot{\epsilon}$  ( $10^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ )  
Shear Bands (SEM)



Stress Drops time series

[Remove hardening effect (slope)]

Bimodal Grain Size Distribution  
UFG matrix: 197 nm  
Coarse grains : 3.1  $\mu\text{m}$  (10 %)



Intensity series for Shear Band Distribution

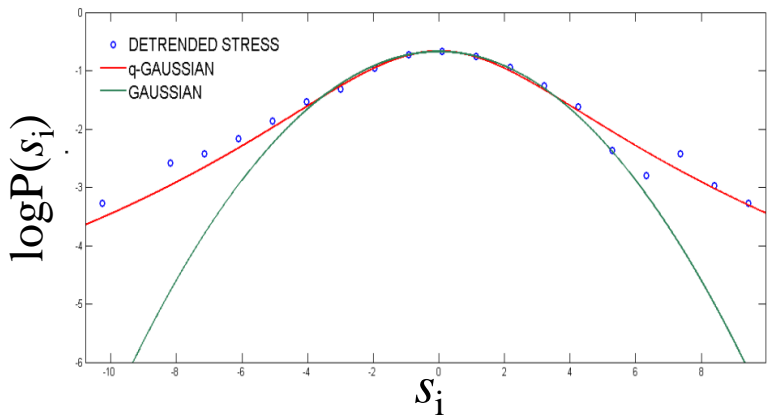
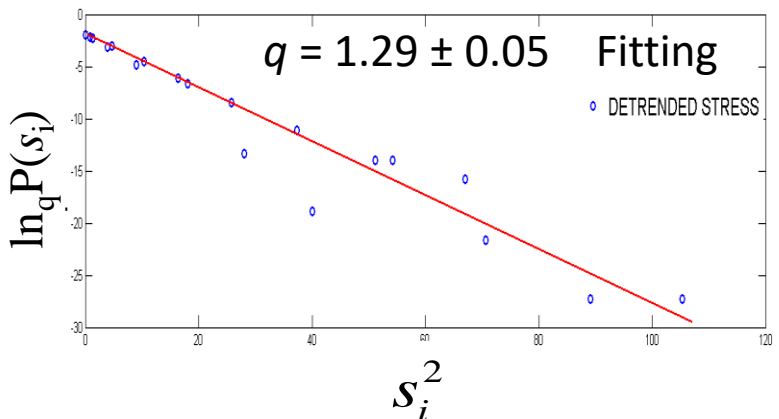
[2D  $\rightarrow$  1D: Space Filling Curve Method (Morton, 1966)]

# ■ Serrations

• *Tsallis q-Gaussian*:  $P(s) = p_0 [1 + (q-1)\beta_q(s)^2]^{1/(1-q)}$

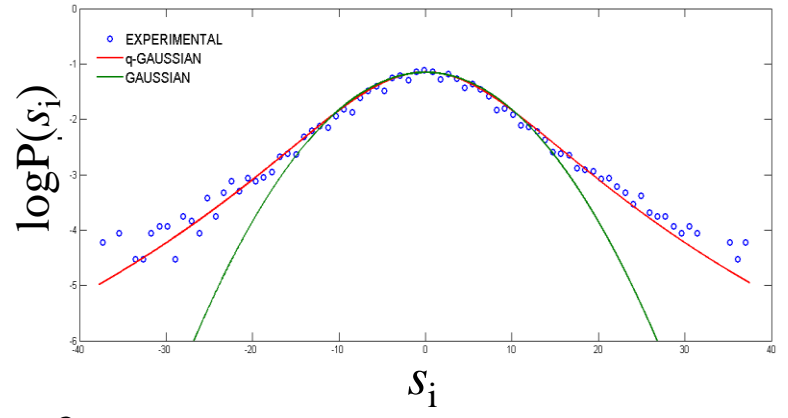
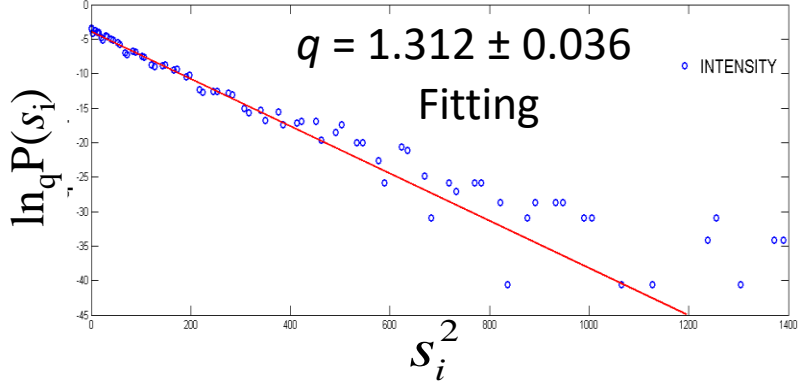
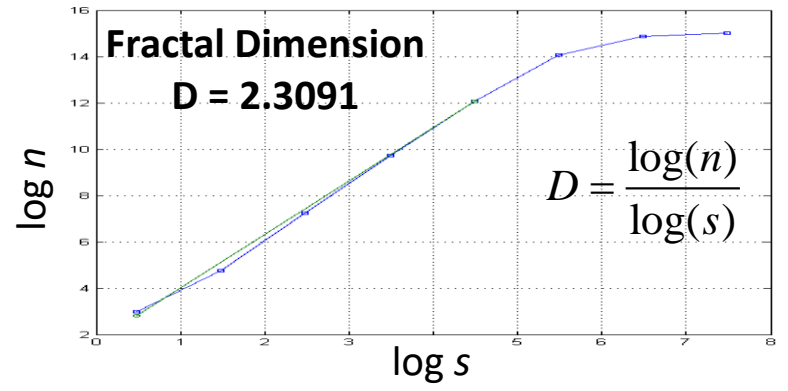
• *Fitting*:  $\ln_q(P(s_i))$  vs  $s_i^2$

• *Power Law Tail (q>1)*:  $P(|s|) \sim |s|^{-2/(q-1)}$



$q > 1 \rightarrow$  { Non-Gaussian Statistics  
Tsallis Nonextensive Statistics,  
Temporal Long range correlations

# ■ Shear Band Fractality

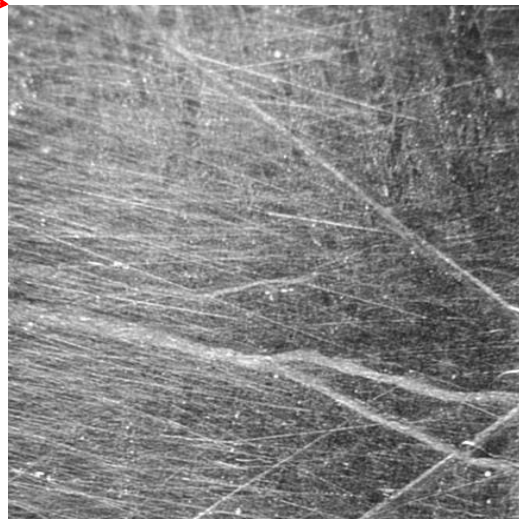
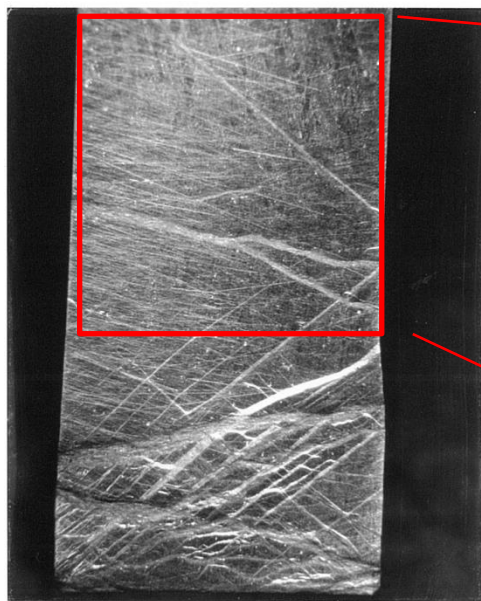


$D > 2 \rightarrow$  Fractal Geometry of Shear Band network

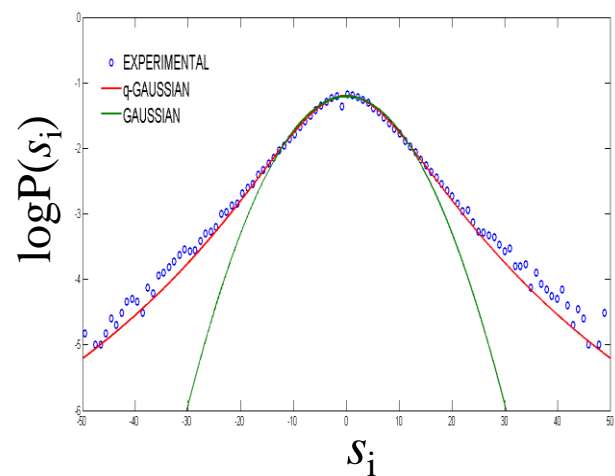
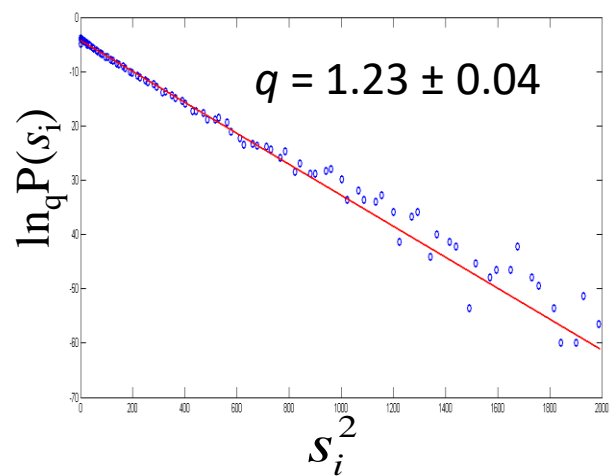
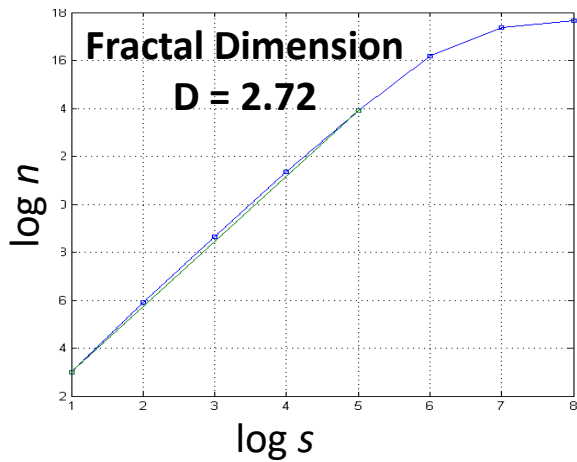
$q > 1 \rightarrow$  { Non-Gaussian Pixels Distributions  
Spatial Long range correlations

# Shear Band Fractality in Fe – 10% Cu UFG Alloy

(Carsley *et al.* Metall. Mater. Trans 1998)



Shear Bands



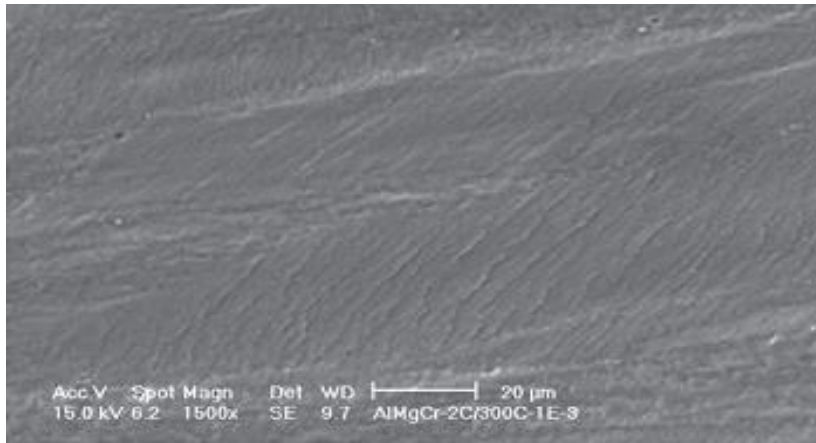
$D > 2 \rightarrow$  Hierarchical Fractal Shear Band network

$D = 2 \rightarrow$  No Fractality;  $D = 3 \rightarrow$  Extreme Fractality

$q > 1 \rightarrow$  { Non-Gaussian Pixels Distributions  
Spatial Long range correlations

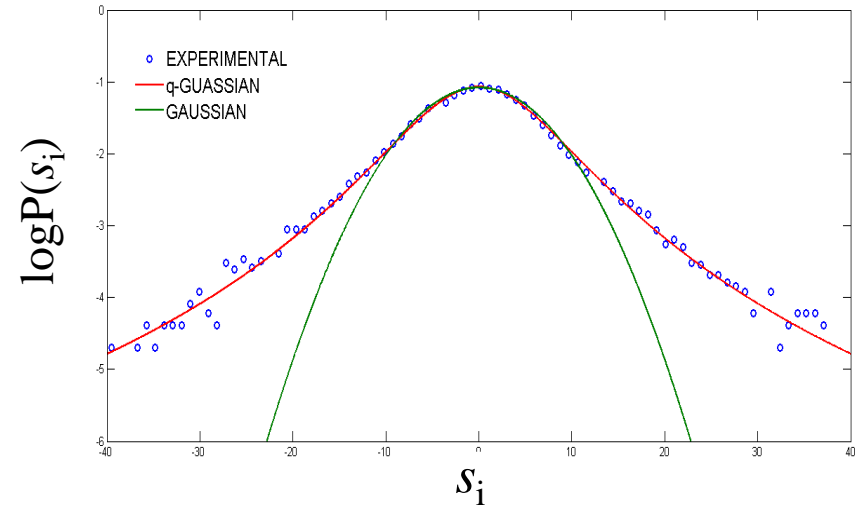
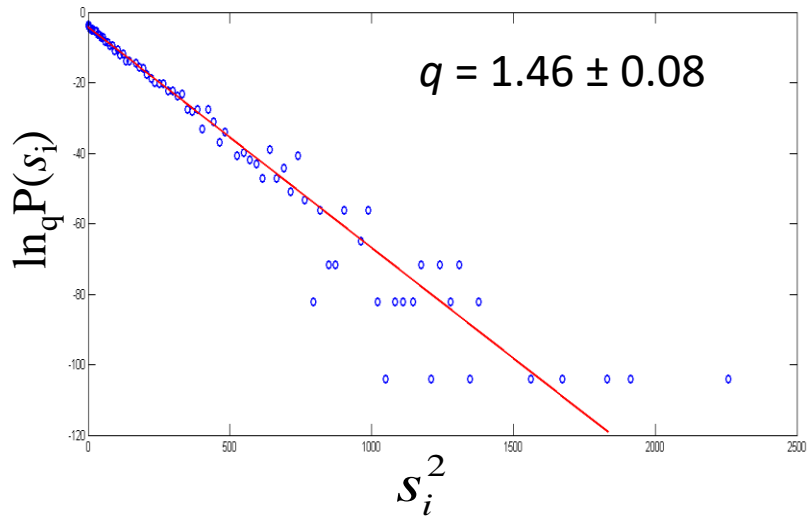
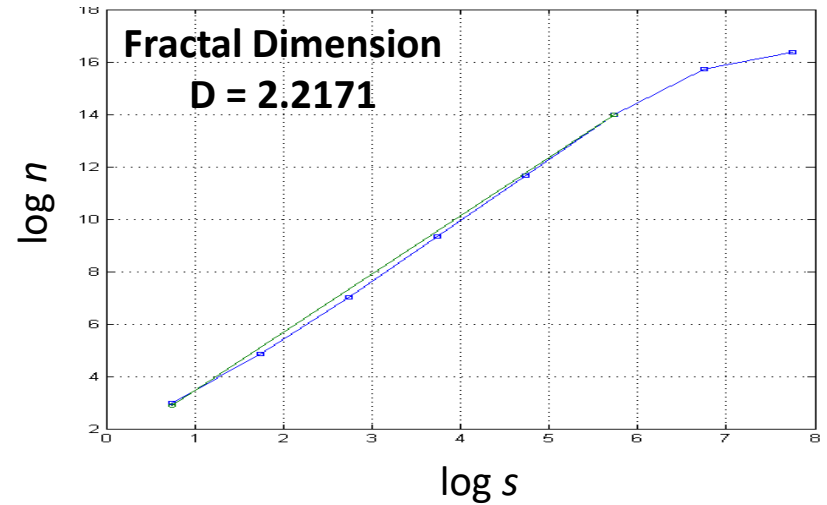
$q = 1 \rightarrow$  { Gaussian Pixels Distributions  
Spatial short range correlations

# Shear Band Fractality in Al – 5%Mg - 1.2% Cr ECAP Alloy



Shear Bands

(Eddahbi *et al.* J. Matchar. 2012)



$D > 2 \longrightarrow$  Hierarchical Fractal Shear Band network

$q > 1 \longrightarrow$  { Non-Gaussian Pixels Distributions  
 Spatial Long range correlations





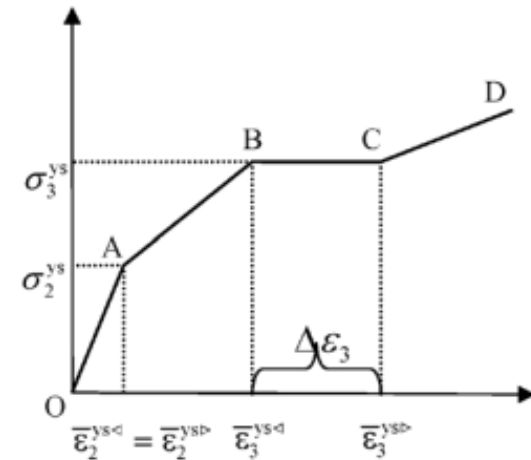
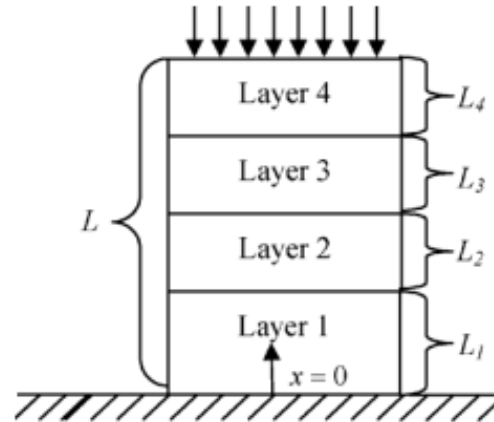
- *Serrated Plastic Flow in Micropillars*

- *Governing Deterministic Equations*

$$\sigma_i = E_i (\varepsilon_i - \varepsilon_i^P),$$

$$\beta_i \varepsilon^P - \beta_i \ell_i^2 \frac{d^2 \varepsilon_i^P}{dx^2} = (\sigma_0 - Y_i)$$

(Zhang and K.E. Aifantis, 2011)



- *Serrations*

Strain bursts ( $\Delta\varepsilon$ ) are obtained due to the occurrence of discontinuity of the hyperstress  $\tau = \beta \ell^2 (d^2 \varepsilon^P / dx^2)$  between “elastic/no-yielding” and “plastic/yielding” layers

- *Introducing Stochasticity*

$$Y_i = Y^0 + Y_i^{\text{weib}} = (1 + \delta) Y^0$$

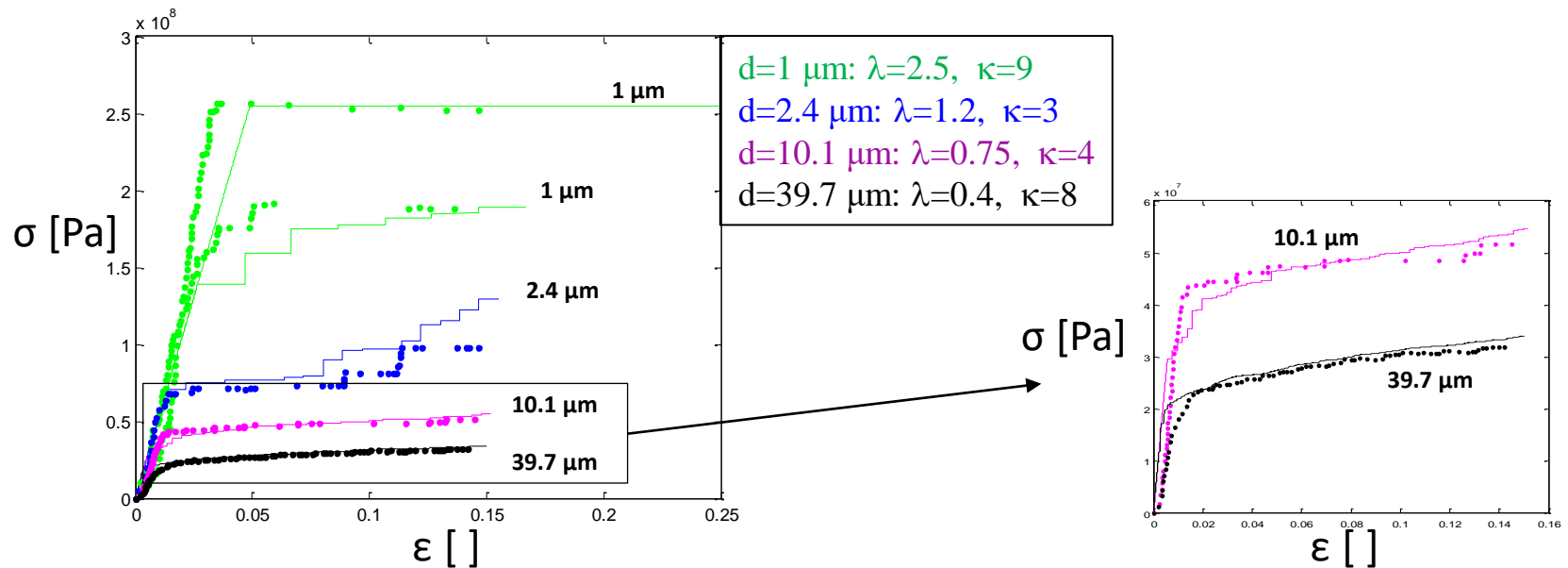
$$\text{PDF}(\delta) = \frac{\kappa}{\lambda} \left( \frac{\delta}{\lambda} \right)^{\kappa-1} e^{-(\delta/\lambda)^\kappa}; \quad \bar{\delta} = \lambda \Gamma[1 + (1/\kappa)], \quad \langle \delta^2 \rangle = \lambda^2 \Gamma[1 + (2/\kappa)] - \bar{\delta}^2$$

- *Cellular Automata Simulations*

- Lattice of  $6d \times 1$  cells of size  $0.5 \mu\text{m} \times d \mu\text{m}$  (3:1 height to diameter ratio)
- Force controlled simulation
- Weibull distributed cell yield stress

- *Intermittent Size-dependent Micropillar Plasticity*

$E = 5 \text{ GPa}; \quad \beta = 150 \text{ MPa}; \quad \ell = 0.5 \mu\text{m}; \quad Y^0 = 80 \text{ MPa}$





# ■ Stochasticity Information from Entropy

## • Boltzmann-Gibbs Entropy

$$S = -k_B \sum_i P(I) \ln P(I); \quad k_B = 1.38065 \cdot 10^{-23} \text{ J/K}$$

## • Tsallis Entropy

$$S_q(P) = \frac{1}{q-1} \left[ 1 - \sum_I (P(I))^q \right]; \quad q \neq 1 \quad : \quad \text{entropic index}$$

- Maximum entropy principle leads to q-exponential distribution

$$P(I) = [1 + (q-1)I]^{1/(1-q)}$$

- Generalization

$$\therefore p(I) = A [1 + B(q-1)I]^{1/(1-q)} \quad (\text{instead of } p(I) \sim I^\Lambda \text{ as commonly done})$$

*Note: Using the Tsallis entropy formulation the “events” with high probability but low intensity are **not** ignored, as is the case with power-law formulations*

- **Extracting Information on Randomness / PDF**

*Probability of bursts of size  $s$*

$$P(s) = A[1 + (q-1)Bs]^{-\frac{1}{1-q}}$$

*Burst size relation to local yield stress*

$$s = nL\varepsilon_y^{loc} = nL \frac{\sigma_y^{loc}}{E}; \quad P(\sigma_y^{loc}) \equiv P(\varepsilon_y^{loc})$$

(L: cell size)

*Probability of bursts from  $n$  “sites”*

$$s^b = \varepsilon_y^b L = (\sigma_y^b / E) L$$

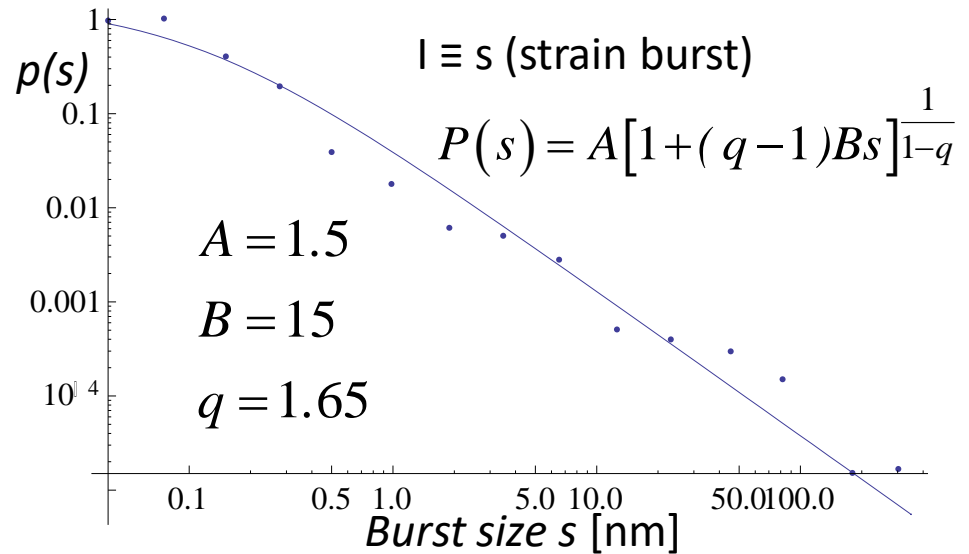
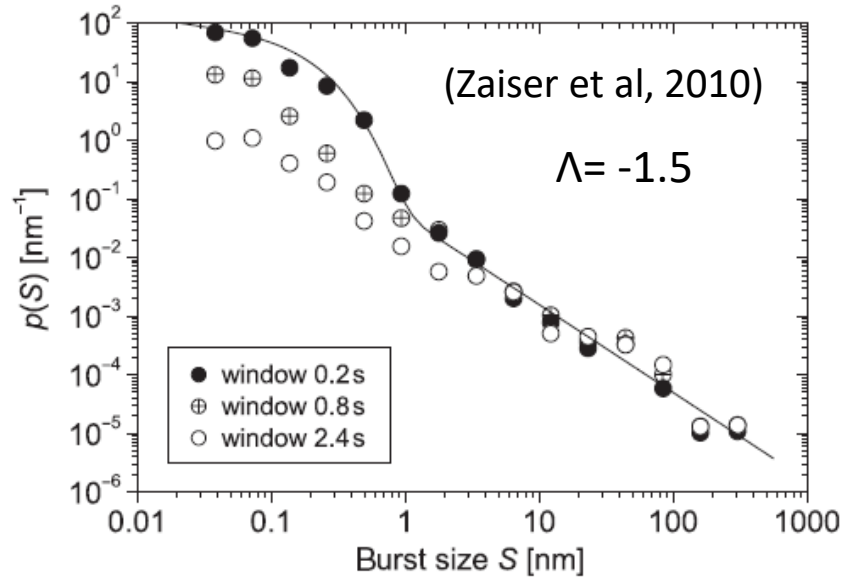
$s_b$  : smallest burst and yield

$\sigma_y^b$  : yield stress of a single "site"

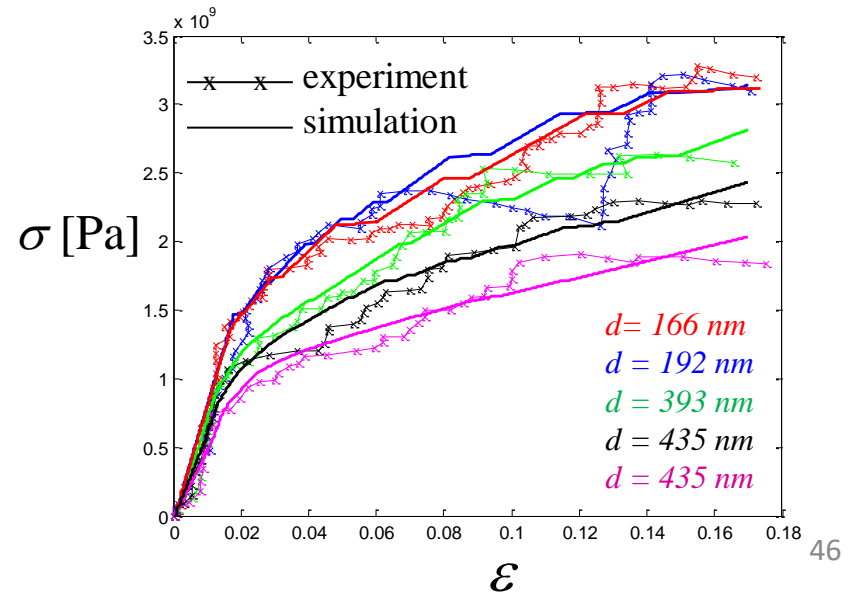
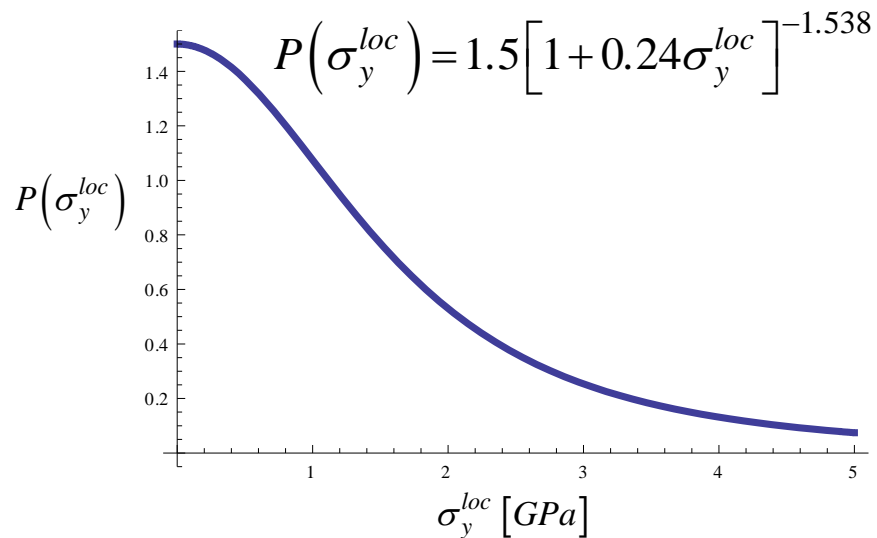
$$n = \text{floor} \left[ \frac{s}{s_b} \right] = \text{floor} \left[ \frac{\sigma_y^{loc} / E}{\sigma_y^b / E} \right] = \text{floor} \left[ \frac{\sigma_y^{loc}}{\sigma_y^b} \right]$$

$$\therefore P(\sigma_y^{loc}) = A \left[ 1 + (q-1)Bs_b \left( \frac{\sigma_y^{loc}}{\sigma_y^b} \right)^2 \right]^{1/(1-q)}$$

## • Strain bursts in Mo micropillars under compression



## • CA simulations with input from $q$ -statistics



# • Micropillar Compression CA Simulations

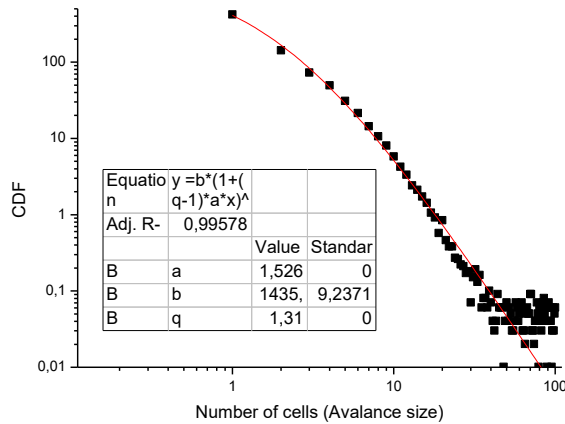
- Constitutive relation

$$\sigma_{EXT} - \beta \varepsilon^p + c \frac{d^2 \varepsilon^p}{dx^2} = \sigma_y$$

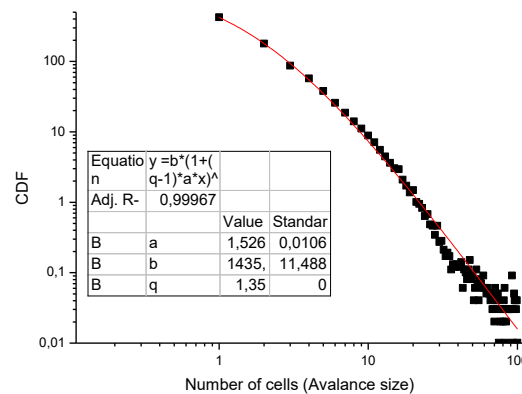
- Avalanche probability distribution

$$P(s) = A [1 + (q-1)Bs]^{1/(1-q)}$$

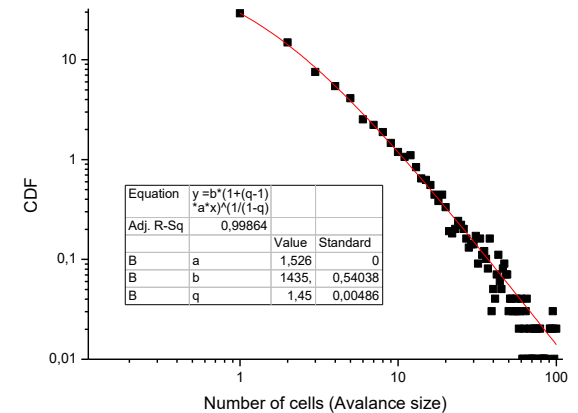
- Avalanche size distributions for varying  $c = \beta \ell^2$



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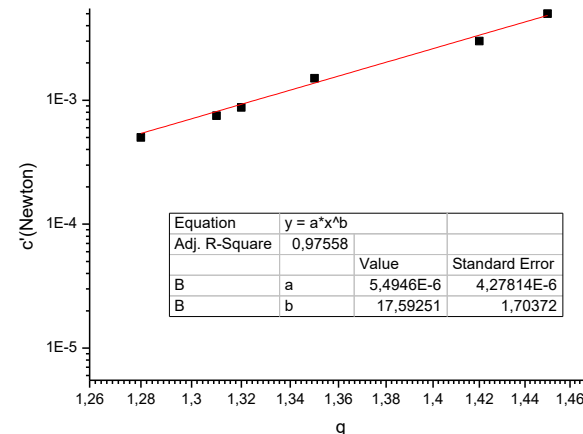


$$c = 1.75mN \rightarrow q = 1.35$$



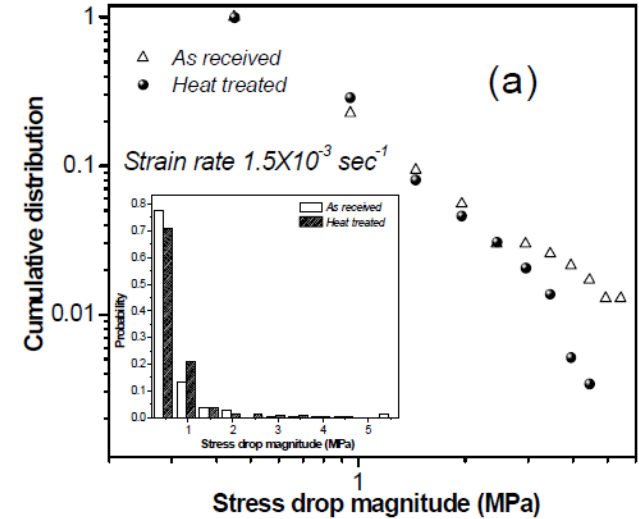
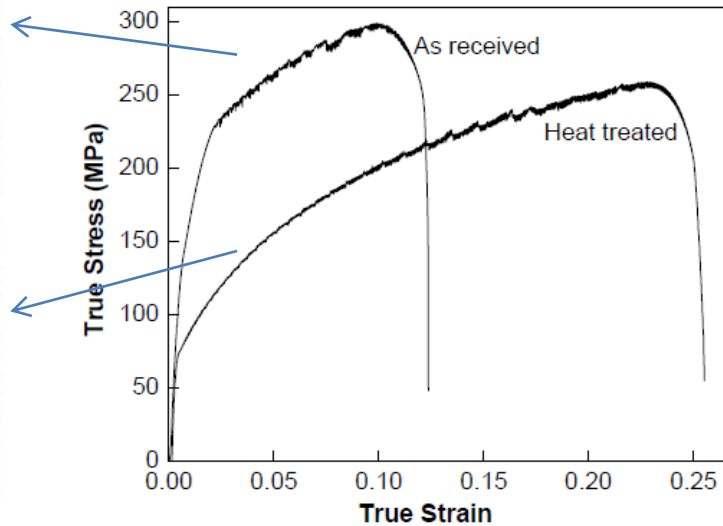
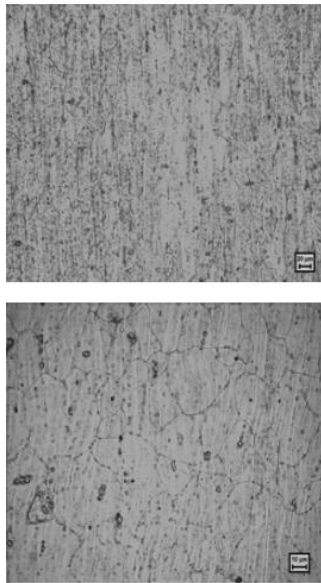
$$c = 5mN \rightarrow q = 1.45$$

$$\therefore c = c_0 q^k ; \quad c_0 = 5.5 \mu N, k = 17.6$$



# • PLC Effect in Al-2.5%Mg Alloy

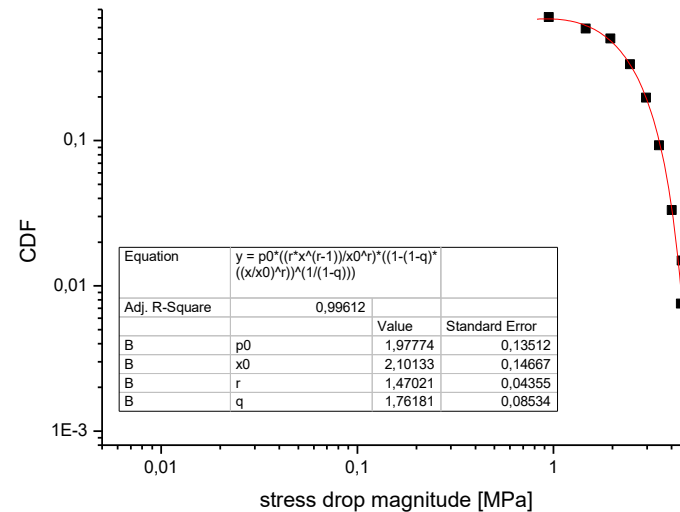
- Chatterjee et al, 2010



- Tsallis  $q$ -Statistics

$$P(s) = p_0 \frac{rx^{r-1}}{x_0^r} \left[ 1 + (q-1) \left( \frac{x}{x_0} \right)^r \right]^{\frac{1}{1-q}}$$

$$q = 1.76, p_0 = 1.97, x_0 = 2.1, r = 1.47$$





# III. NANODIFFUSION

## [Gradient Diffusion at the Nanoscale]

### ■ Double Diffusivity / Diffusion in Nanopolycrystals

$$\frac{\partial \rho_\alpha}{\partial t} + \text{div} \mathbf{j}_\alpha = \mathbf{c}_\alpha \quad \text{div} \mathbf{T}_\alpha = -\mathbf{f}_\alpha$$

$$\{\mathbf{T}_\alpha, \mathbf{f}_\alpha, \mathbf{c}_\alpha\} \longrightarrow \{\rho_\alpha, \mathbf{j}_\alpha, \dots\}; \quad \alpha = 1, 2$$

#### ● Simplest Model

$$\mathbf{T}_\alpha = -\pi_\alpha \rho_\alpha \mathbf{1} \quad ; \quad \mathbf{f}_\alpha = \alpha_\alpha \mathbf{j}_\alpha \quad ; \quad \mathbf{c}_\alpha = (-1)^\alpha [\kappa_1 \rho_1 - \kappa_2 \rho_2]$$

$$\frac{\partial \rho_1}{\partial t} = D_1 \nabla^2 \rho_1 - (\kappa_1 \rho_1 - \kappa_2 \rho_2) \quad , \quad \frac{\partial \rho_2}{\partial t} = D_2 \nabla^2 \rho_2 + (\kappa_1 \rho_1 - \kappa_2 \rho_2)$$

#### ● Solution

$$\rho_1 = e^{-\kappa_1 t} \mathbf{h}_1(\mathbf{x}, D_1 t) + \frac{\sqrt{\kappa_2}}{D_1 - D_2} e^{\lambda t} \int_{D_2 t}^{D_1 t} e^{-\mu \xi} [A_1 \mathbf{h}_1(x, \xi) + A_2 \mathbf{h}_2(x, \xi)] d\xi$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{h}}_\alpha = \nabla^2 \mathbf{h}_\alpha \quad ; \quad A_1 = \sqrt{\kappa_1} \left( \frac{\xi - D_2 t}{D_1 t - \xi} \right)^{1/2} I_1(\eta) \quad ; \quad A_2 = \sqrt{\kappa_2} I_2(\eta)$$

$$\lambda = \frac{\kappa_1 D_2 - \kappa_2 D_1}{D_1 - D_2} \quad , \quad \mu = \frac{\kappa_1 - \kappa_2}{D_1 - D_2} \quad , \quad \eta = \frac{2\sqrt{\kappa_1 \kappa_2}}{D_1 - D_2} [(D_1 t - \xi)(\xi - D_2 t)]^{1/2}$$

- **Uncoupling / Higher-order Diffusion Equation**

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \tau \frac{\partial^2 \rho}{\partial t^2} = D \nabla^2 \rho + \bar{D} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \nabla^2 \rho - E \nabla^4 \rho$$

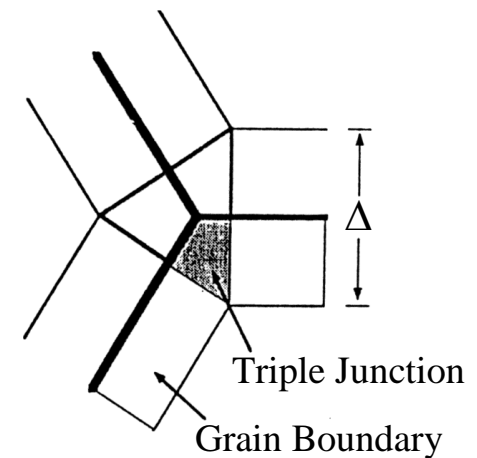
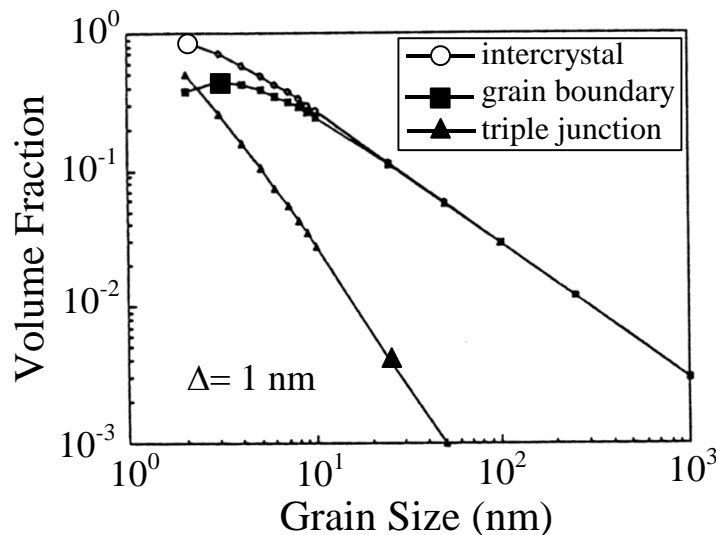
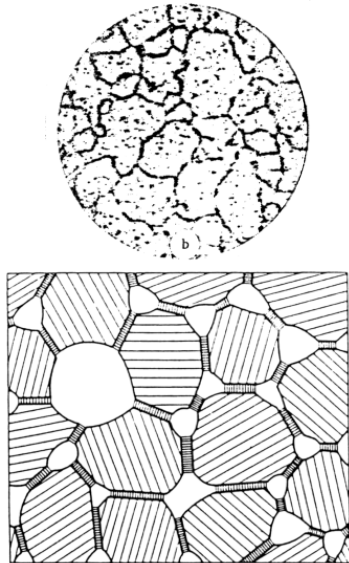
$$\tau = (\kappa_1 + \kappa_2)^{-1}, \quad D = \tau(\kappa_1 D_2 + \kappa_2 D_1), \quad \bar{D} = \tau(D_1 + D_2), \quad E = \tau D_1 D_2$$

$$t \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = D \nabla^2 \rho \quad ; \quad D = D_{eff} = \frac{\kappa_2}{\kappa_1 + \kappa_2} D_1 + \frac{\kappa_1}{\kappa_1 + \kappa_2} D_2$$

$$= f D_1 + (1 - f) D_2$$

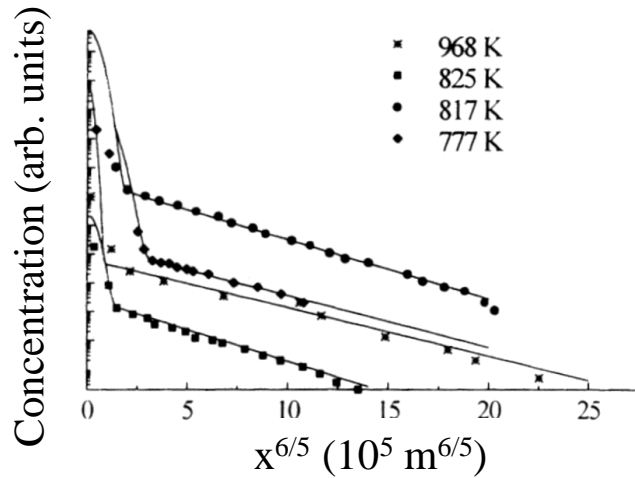
- **Observations / Experiments**

- *Grain boundary space*

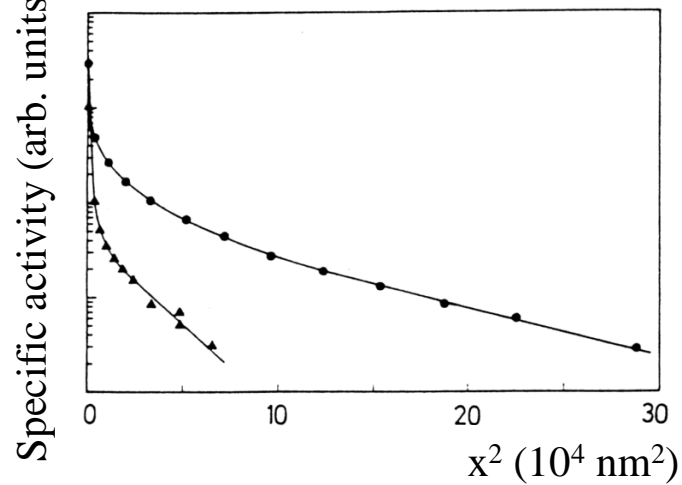


# • Diffusion Penetration Profiles

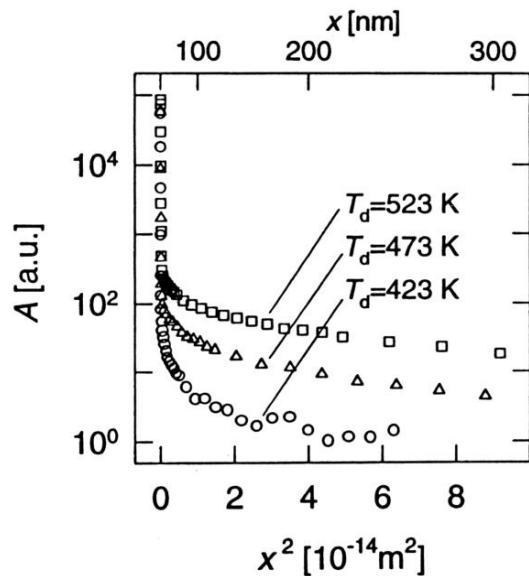
<sup>64</sup>Cu in Polycrystalline Cu



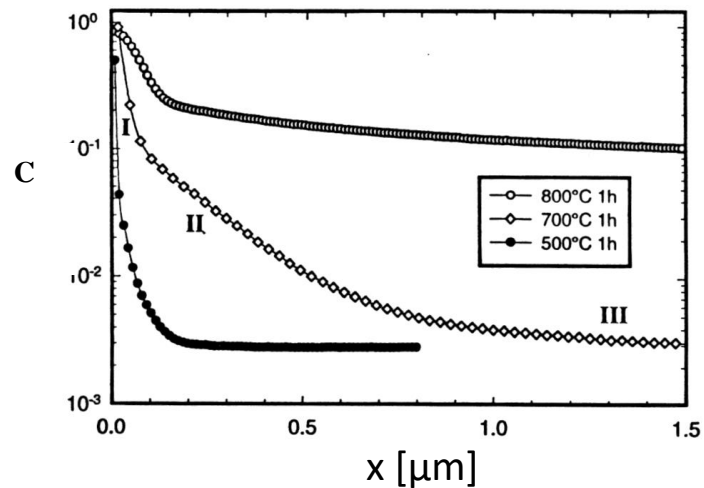
<sup>67</sup>Cu in Nanocrystalline Cu



<sup>59</sup>Fe in compacted n-Pd

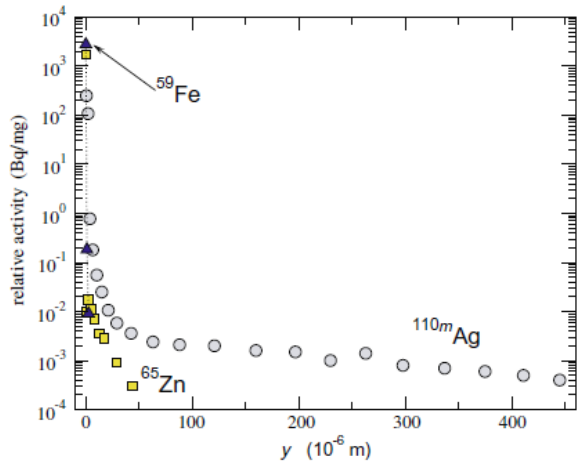


<sup>18</sup>O in nano ZrO<sub>2</sub>

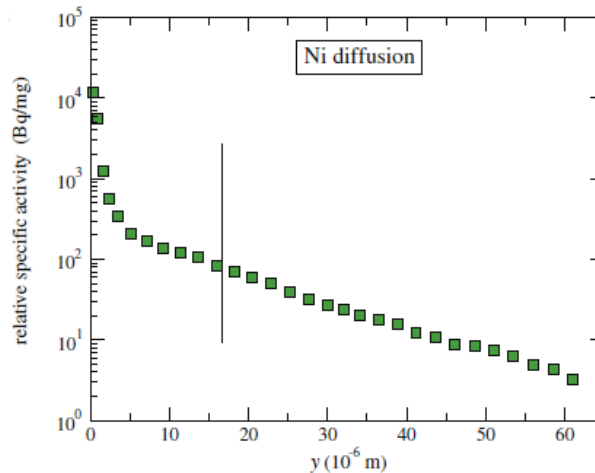


# • More Recent Data: Divinski et al 2009, 2010

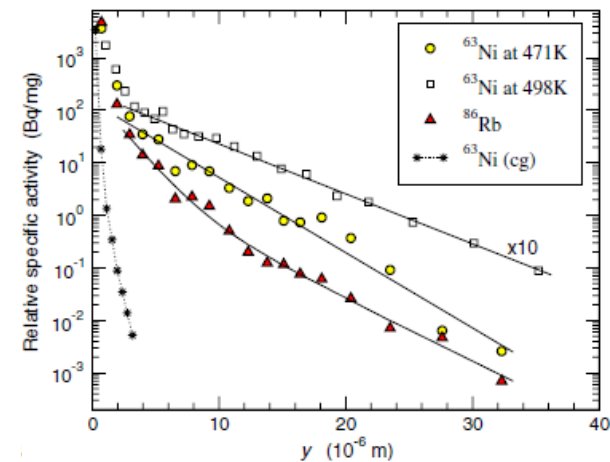
$^{110m}\text{Ag}$ ,  $^{65}\text{Zn}$ ,  $^{59}\text{Fe}$  in UFG Cu-1wt%Pb



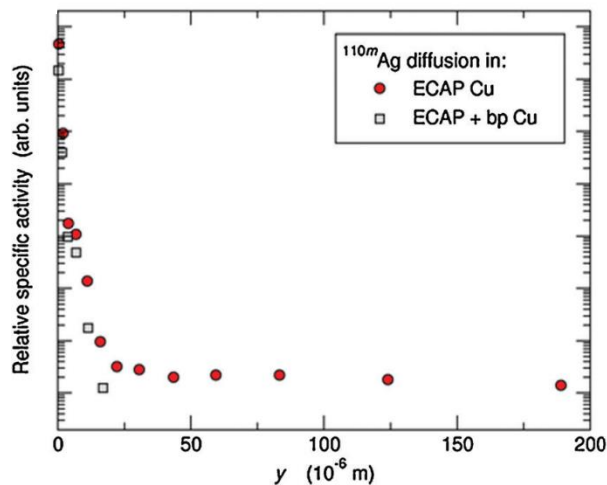
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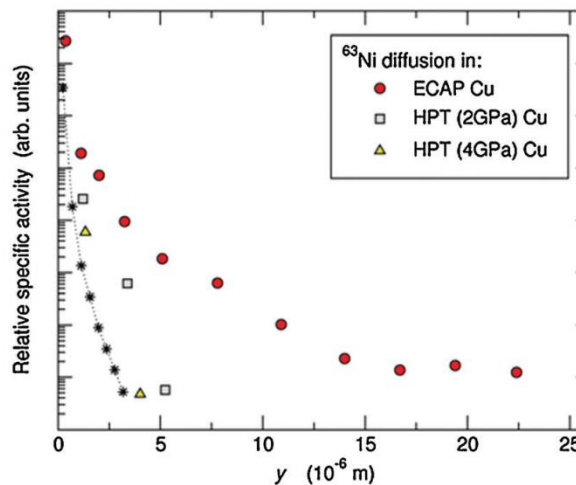
$^{63}\text{Ni}$  in UFG Cu & cg Cu  
 $^{86}\text{Rb}$  in UFG Cu



$^{110m}\text{Ag}$  in ECAP Cu & ECAP+bp Cu



$^{63}\text{Ni}$  in ECAP Cu & HPT Cu



# IV. NANOCHEMOELASTICITY

## [Gradient Chemoelasticity at the Nanoscale]

- *Concentration/Mass Balance*

$\dot{c} + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{j} = 0$ ;  $c$  ... concentration of chemical species;  $\mathbf{j}$  ... flux

- *Stress/Force Balance*

$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{T} = 0$ ;  $\mathbf{T}$  ... stress

- *Free Energy*

$$\psi = \hat{\psi}(\mathbf{E}, \nabla(\text{tr } \mathbf{E}), c, \nabla c)$$

$$\mathbf{E} = \frac{1}{2}[\nabla \mathbf{u} + (\nabla \mathbf{u})^T] - \bar{c} \mathbf{M} \quad \dots \text{infinitesimal chemostrain tensor}$$

$\mathbf{M}$  ... lattice mismatch tensor of the two phases;  $\bar{c} = c / c_{\max}$  ( $0 \leq \bar{c} \leq 1$ )

## • Spinodal Decomposition Governing PDEs

– Spinodal gap  $\rightarrow$  homogeneous concentrations become linearly unstable

– Linear perturbations: 
$$\begin{cases} c(\mathbf{x}, t) = c_o + \varepsilon \tilde{c}(\mathbf{x}, t) \\ \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \mathbf{u}_o(\mathbf{x}) + \varepsilon \tilde{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{x}, t) \end{cases}$$

$\mathbf{u}_o(\mathbf{x})$  ...displacement satisfying kinematic PDEs when  $c(\mathbf{x}, t) = c_o = \text{const.} \neq 0$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} G\nabla^2 \tilde{\mathbf{u}} + (\lambda + G)\nabla(\nabla \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{u}}) - (2G + 3\lambda)(\ell_\varepsilon^2 / 3)\nabla^2 [\nabla(\nabla \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{u}})] - (2G + 3\lambda)\bar{M}_o \nabla(\tilde{c} - \ell_\varepsilon^2 \nabla^2 \tilde{c}) &= \mathbf{o} \\ \dot{\tilde{c}} = g_2(c_o)\nabla^2 \tilde{c} - g_3(c_o)\nabla^4 \tilde{c} - g_6(c_o)[\nabla^2(\nabla \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{u}}) - \ell_\varepsilon^2 \nabla^4(\nabla \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{u}})] & \end{aligned} \right\}$$

– Finite 1D System:  $\tilde{c}(x, t) = \hat{c}e^{\omega t} \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}x\right); \tilde{\mathbf{u}}(x, t) = \hat{\mathbf{u}}e^{\omega t} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}x\right)$

Uniform concentrations are unstable when

$$f''(c_o) < -\frac{\kappa \ell_\varepsilon^2 \left(\frac{\pi}{L}\right)^4 + 12G\bar{M}_o^2 \left[1 + \ell_\varepsilon^2 \left(\frac{\pi}{L}\right)^2\right] + 3\kappa \frac{2G + \lambda}{2G + 3\lambda} \left(\frac{\pi}{L}\right)^2}{3\left(\frac{2G + \lambda}{2G + 3\lambda}\right) + \ell_\varepsilon^2 \left(\frac{\pi}{L}\right)^2}$$

## • *Constitutive Equations*

– *Stress*

$$\mathbf{T} = \frac{\partial \hat{\psi}}{\partial \mathbf{E}} - (\nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}) \mathbf{1} ; \quad \boldsymbol{\tau} = \frac{\partial \hat{\psi}}{\partial \nabla(\text{tr } \mathbf{E})}$$

– *Flux*

$$\mathbf{j} = -c \mathbf{B} \nabla \mu; \quad \mu = \frac{\partial \hat{\psi}}{\partial c} - \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\xi} - \frac{\partial \hat{\psi}}{\partial \mathbf{E}} \cdot \bar{\mathbf{M}}; \quad \boldsymbol{\xi} = \frac{\partial \hat{\psi}}{\partial \nabla c} - \frac{\partial \hat{\psi}}{\partial \nabla(\text{tr } \mathbf{E})} (\text{tr } \bar{\mathbf{M}})$$

– *Free Energy*

$$\hat{\psi}(\mathbf{E}, \nabla(\text{tr } \mathbf{E}), c, \nabla c) = f(c) + \frac{1}{2} \nabla c \cdot \mathbf{K} \nabla c + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathcal{C} \mathbf{E} + \frac{1}{2} \nabla(\text{tr } \mathbf{E}) \cdot \mathbf{H} \nabla(\text{tr } \mathbf{E})$$

- **Illustrative Example: Regular Solution Model**

$$f(c) = \underbrace{\mu^0 c + R\mathcal{G}c_{\max} [\bar{c} \ln \bar{c} + (1 - \bar{c}) \ln(1 - \bar{c})]}_{\text{Entropy of mixing for an ideal solution}} + \underbrace{R\mathcal{G}c_{\max} [\alpha \bar{c} (1 - \bar{c})]}_{\text{Deviation from ideality. Energetic interactions of mixing}}$$

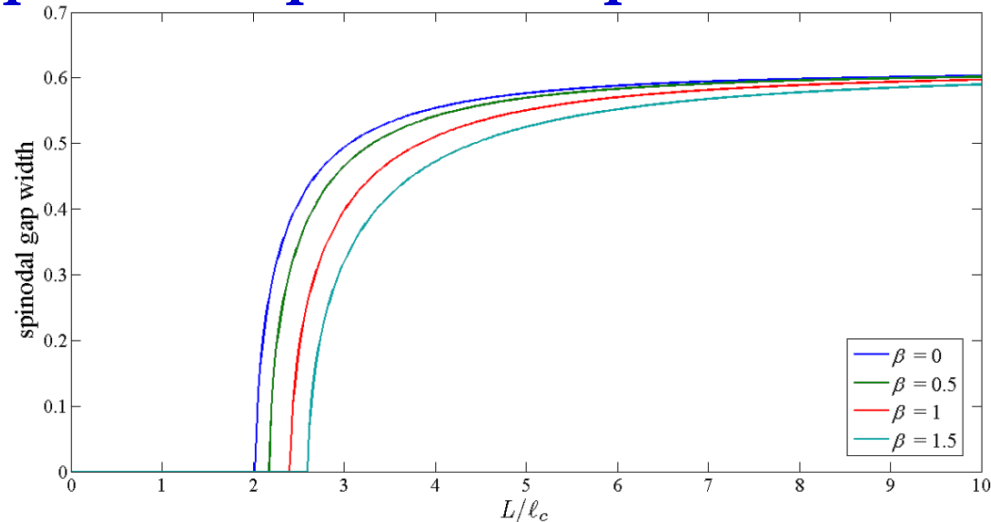
$\bar{c} = c / c_{\max}$  ( $0 \leq \bar{c} \leq 1$ ),  $\mu^0$ ...a reference value of the chemical potential  
 $R$ ...universal gas constant,  $\mathcal{G}$ ...absolute temperature  
 $\alpha > 2 \rightarrow f(c)$  is non-convex with two cells  $\rightarrow$  spinodal decomposition  
 $\ell_c^2 = \kappa c_{\max} / R\mathcal{G}$

∴ **Size Effects on Spinodal Gap Width**

$$w = \left\{ \frac{\left[ 2\alpha - 4 - \pi^2 \left( \frac{\ell_c}{L} \right)^2 \right] \left[ 3 \frac{2G + \lambda}{2G + 3\lambda} + \pi^2 \left( \frac{\ell_\varepsilon}{L} \right)^2 \right] - 12 \frac{GM_o^2}{R\mathcal{G}c_{\max}} \left[ 1 + \pi^2 \left( \frac{\ell_\varepsilon}{L} \right)^2 \right]}{\left[ 2\alpha - \pi^2 \left( \frac{\ell_c}{L} \right)^2 \right] \left[ 3 \frac{2G + \lambda}{2G + 3\lambda} + \pi^2 \left( \frac{\ell_\varepsilon}{L} \right)^2 \right] - 12 \frac{GM_o^2}{R\mathcal{G}c_{\max}} \left[ 1 + \pi^2 \left( \frac{\ell_\varepsilon}{L} \right)^2 \right]} \right\}^{1/2}$$



- *Size – dependent Spinodal Gap Width*



Size effect on the spinodal gap width for different values of the internal lengths ratio  $\beta$

- Spinodal range is more narrow as the specimen size decreases
- For sufficiently small values of  $L$  there is no spinodal region at all

- $$\lim_{L \rightarrow \infty} w = \left\{ \frac{6(\alpha - 2) \left( \frac{2G + \lambda}{2G + 3\lambda} \right) - 12 \frac{GM_o^2}{R\vartheta c_{\max}}}{6\alpha \left( \frac{2G + \lambda}{2G + 3\lambda} \right) - 12 \frac{GM_o^2}{R\vartheta c_{\max}}} \right\}^{1/2} \cong 0.611$$

# V. NANO DEFECT KINETICS

## [Gradient Defect Kinetics at the Nanoscale]

- *The W–A Model:*  $(\rho_i)_t = I(\rho_i, \rho_j) + D_i \nabla^2 \rho_i$

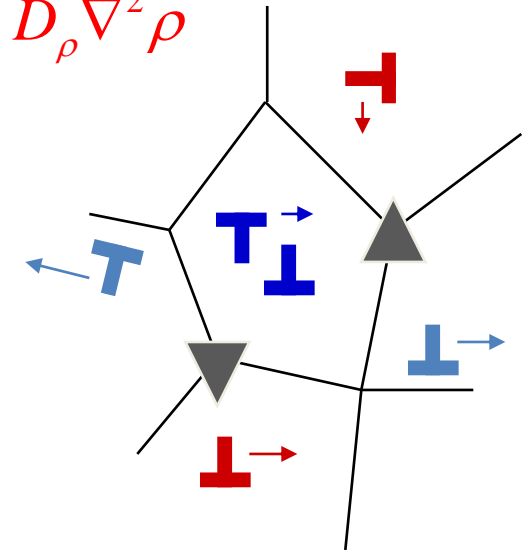
- *Application to Nanopolycrystals*

$$\rho_t = A_\rho \rho - B_\rho \rho^2 - C_0 \frac{\rho}{d} + C_3 \rho \varphi + \omega M \mathfrak{D} + N \frac{\psi}{d} + D_\rho \nabla^2 \rho$$

$$\varphi_t = A_\varphi \rho - B_\varphi \rho^2 - C_4 \rho \varphi - K \varphi + D_\varphi \nabla^2 \varphi$$

$$\psi_t = C_1 \frac{\rho}{d} + A_\psi \psi - B_\psi \psi^2 + D_\psi \nabla^2 \psi$$

$$\mathfrak{D}_t = C_2 \frac{\rho}{\omega d^2} - P_1 \rho \mathfrak{D} - P_2 \psi \mathfrak{D} - G \mathfrak{D} + D_g \nabla^2 \mathfrak{D}$$



$\rho$  – mobile dislocations in the grain interior

$\varphi$  – low-mobility (immobile) dislocations (dipoles)

$\mathfrak{D}$  – immobile junction disclinations

$\psi$  – grain boundary sliding dislocations

- *Twinning in Nanopolycrystals*

$$\rho_t = A_\rho \rho - A_1 \rho^2 - B_1 \rho \xi + F_1 \theta \xi - G_1 \theta \xi \rho - K_1 \rho \phi + N_1 \theta \phi + D_\rho \frac{\partial^2 \rho}{\partial x^2}$$

$$\theta_t = B_2 \rho \xi + G_2 \theta \xi \rho + K_2 \rho \phi - R \theta^2 + D_\theta \frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial x^2}$$

$$\phi_t = E_0 \theta - K_3 \rho \phi - N_2 \theta \phi$$

$$\xi_t = A_2 \rho^2 - F_2 \theta \xi$$

$\rho$  – mobile dislocations

$\vartheta$  – disclination dipoles (twin fronts)

$\phi$  – twin lamellae

$\xi$  – sessile Lomer-Cottrell dislocations