

Deformation of Metallic Glasses: Experimental Puzzles and Theoretical Needs

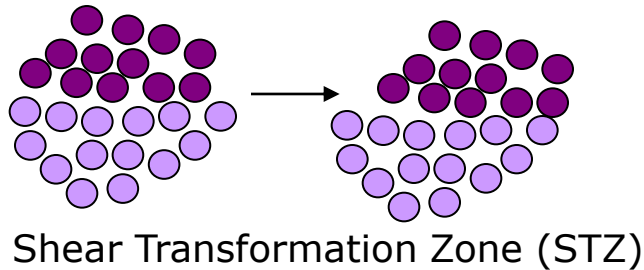
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The prevailing mechanistic view



Interacting STZs

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Independent STZs

$$\dot{\gamma} = \alpha_0 v_0 \gamma_0 \cdot \exp\left(-\frac{Q}{kT}\right) \sinh\left(\frac{\tau V}{kT}\right)$$

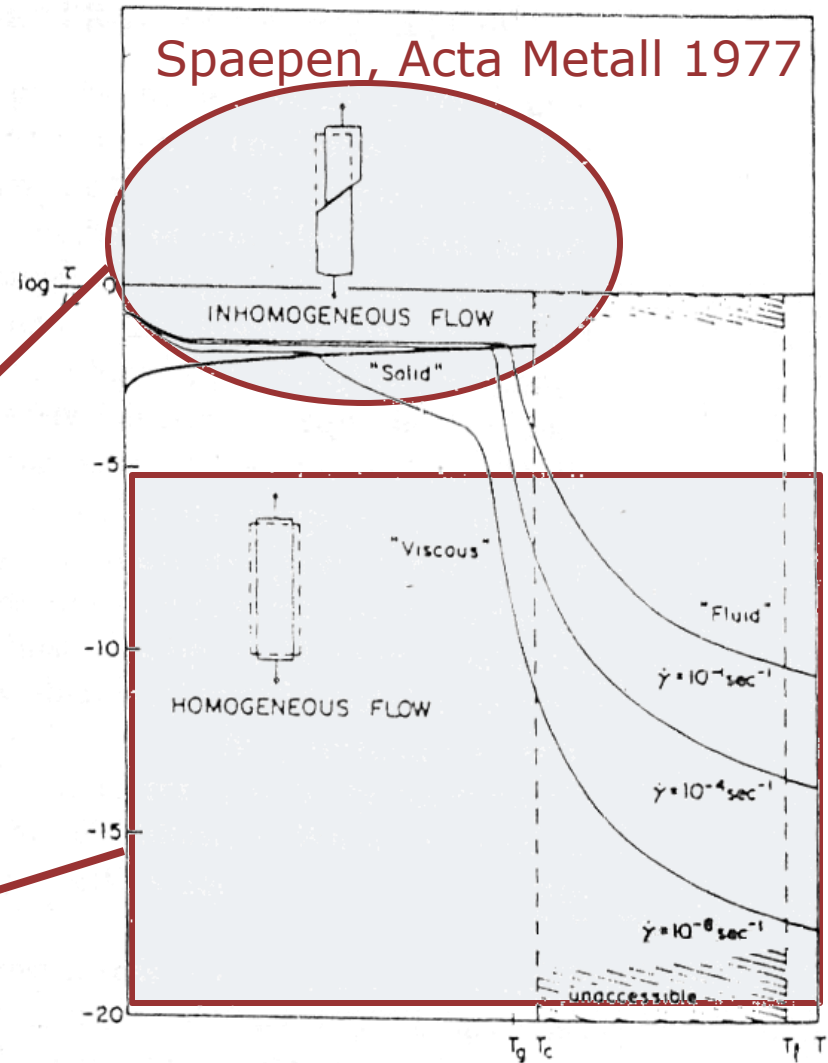
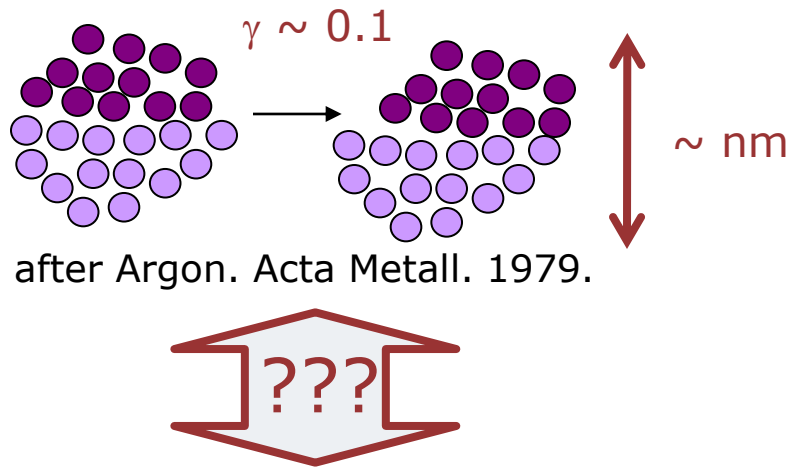
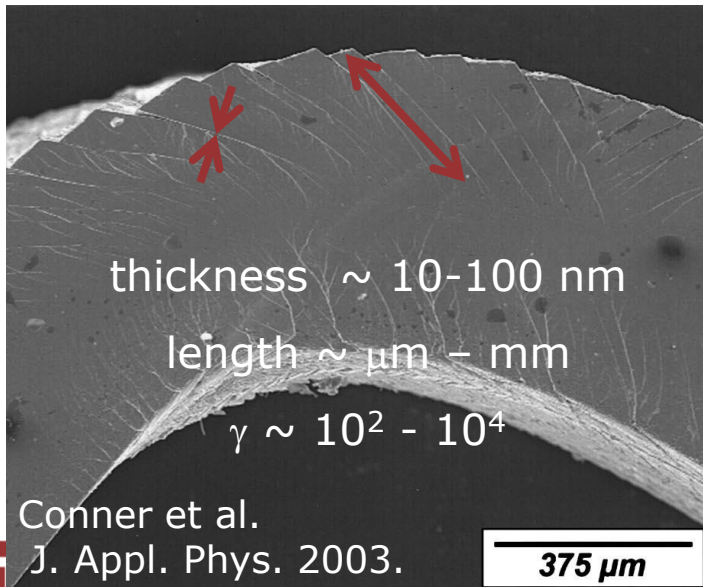


Fig. 2. Schematic deformation map of a metallic glass. The various modes of deformation are indicated.

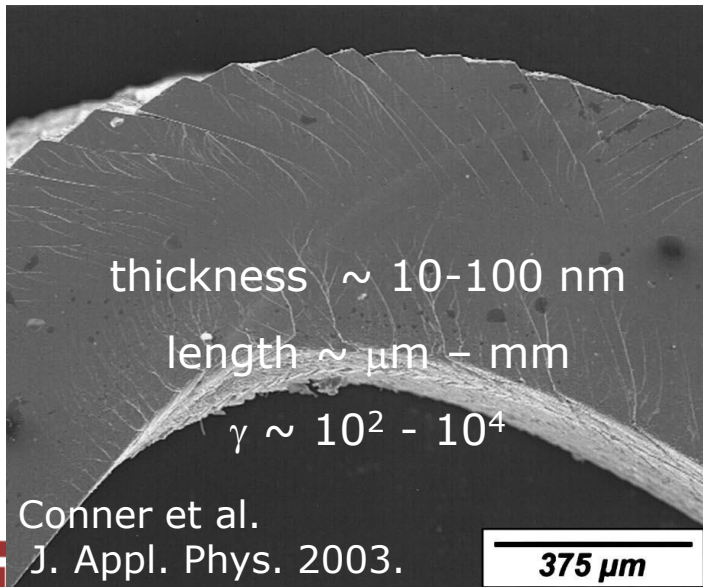
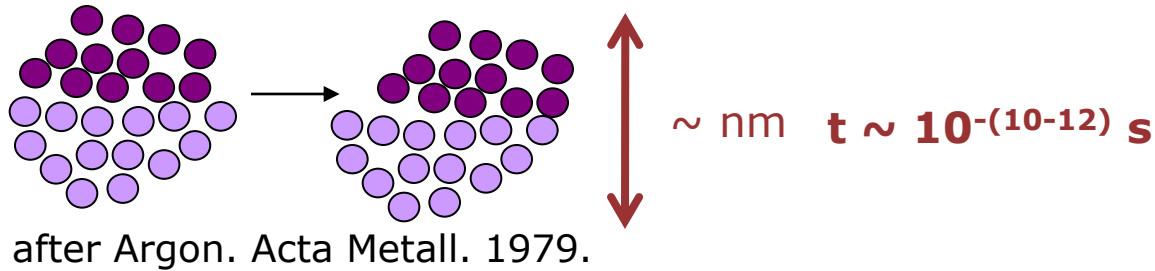
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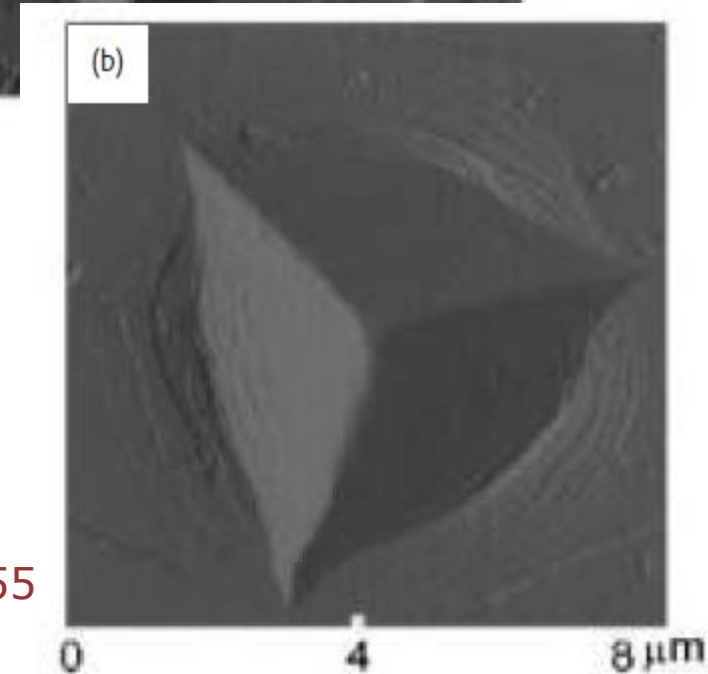
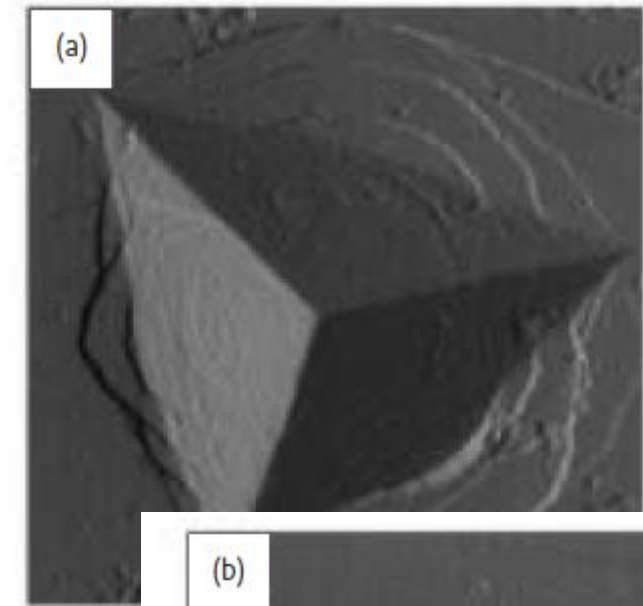
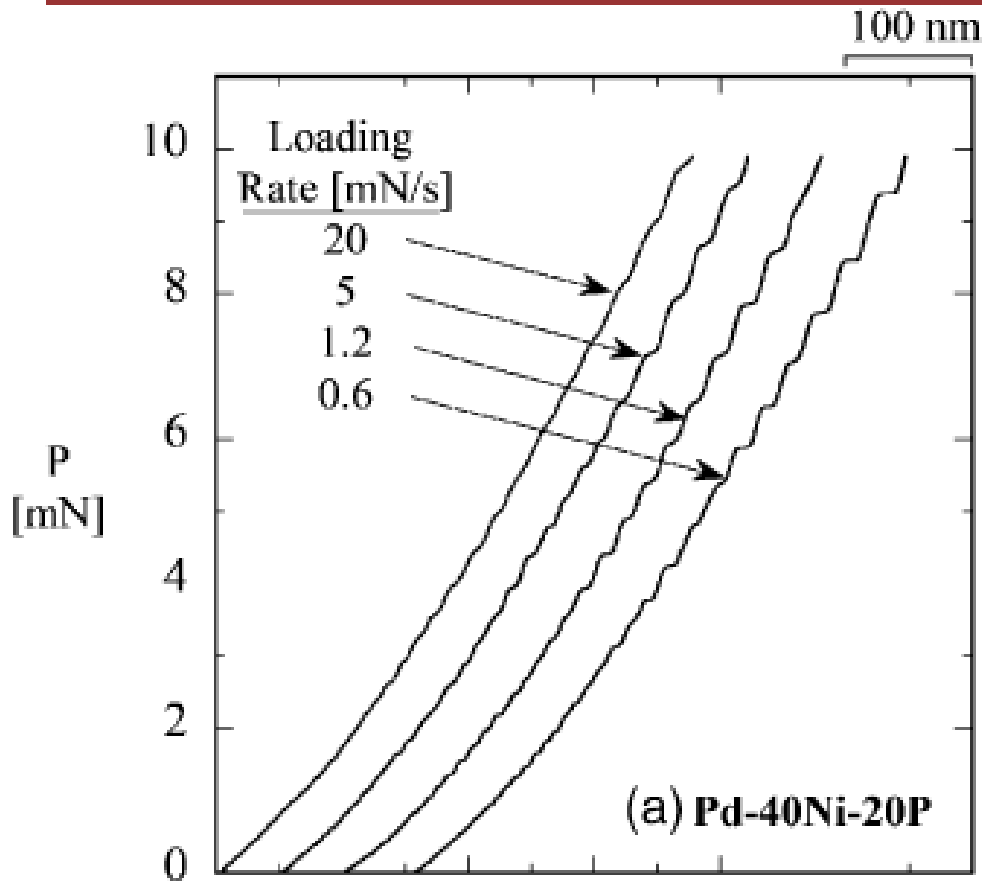


Kinetics



$t \sim ???$

Timescale for shear bands



Schuh, Nieh

Al based glass

Jiang, Atzmon

JMR (2003) v18 p755

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Timescale for shear bands

Critical strain rates:

10^{-1} to 10^1 s⁻¹

Strain accommodated:

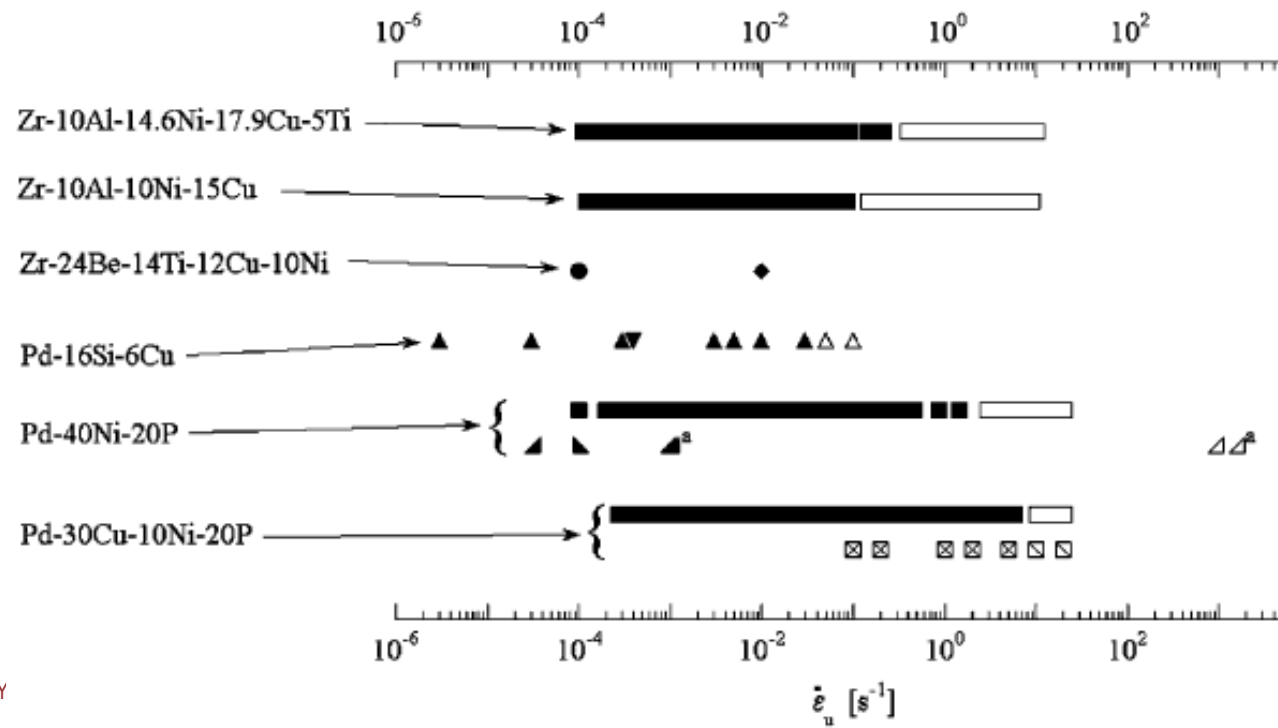
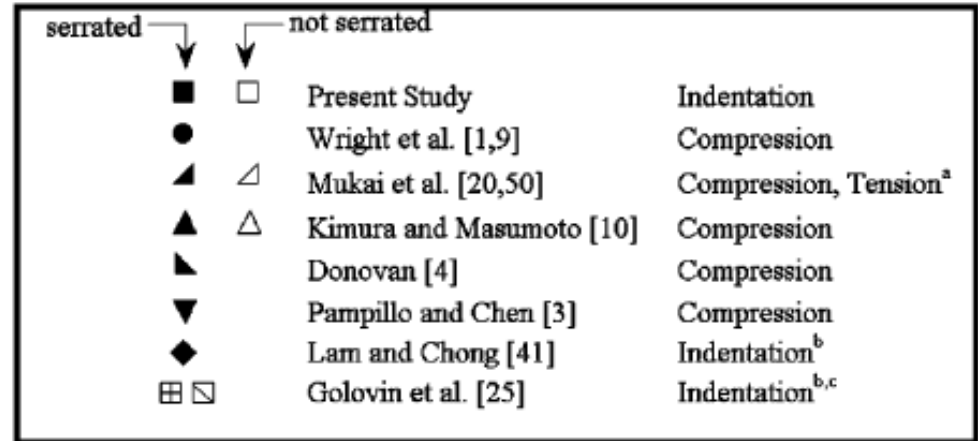
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Critical time:

0.4 to 40 ms

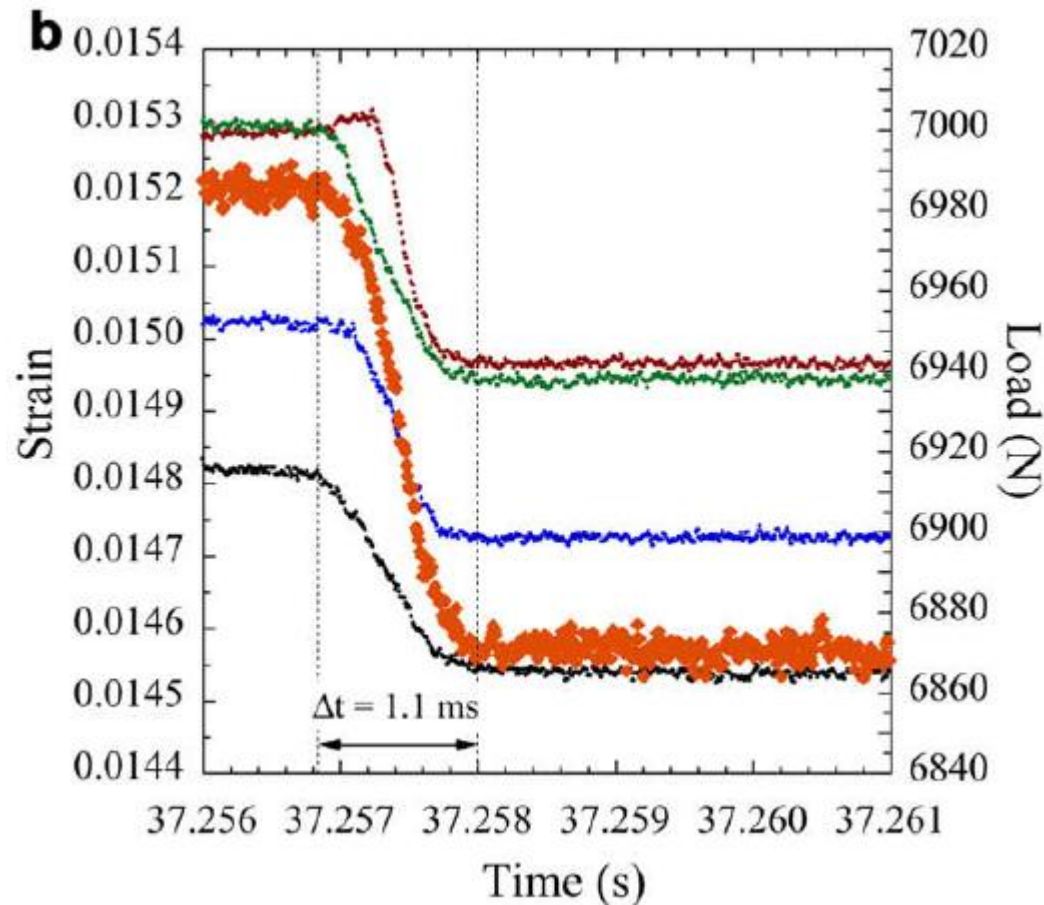
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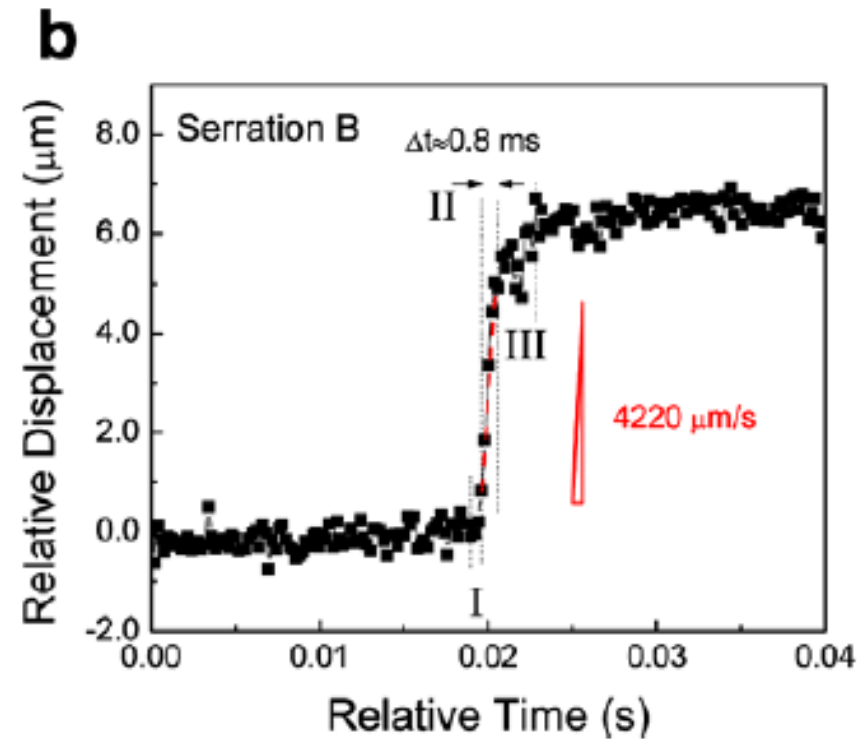
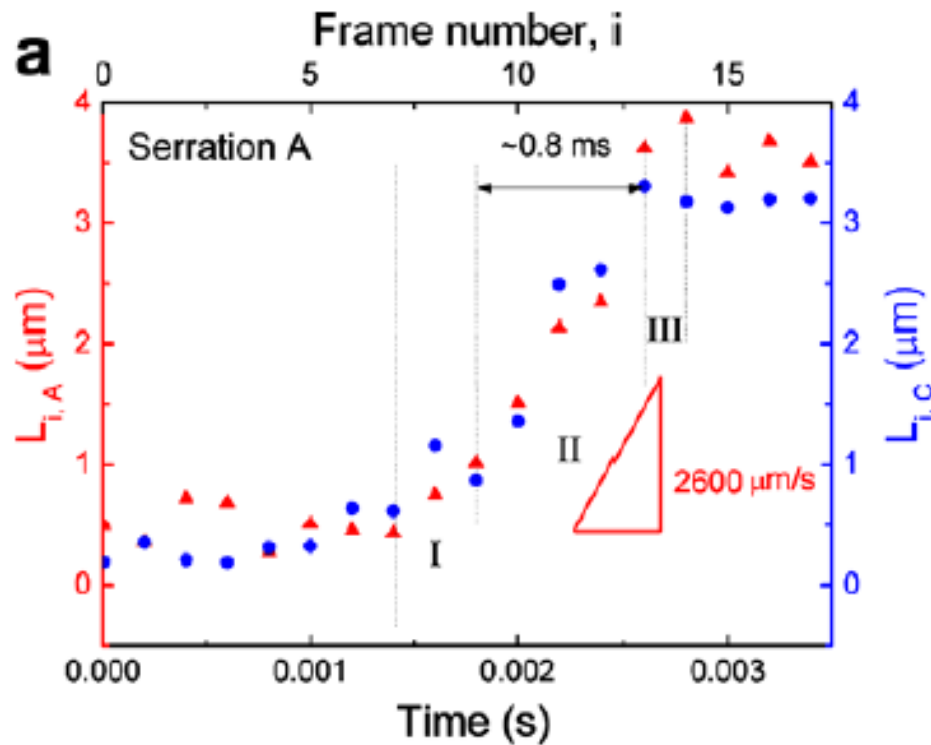
Strain gauge measurements

Wright et al. *Acta Mater* (2009) v57 4639

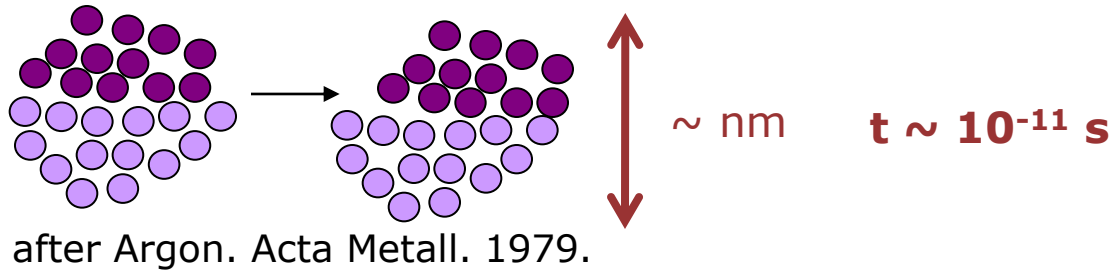


High speed videography

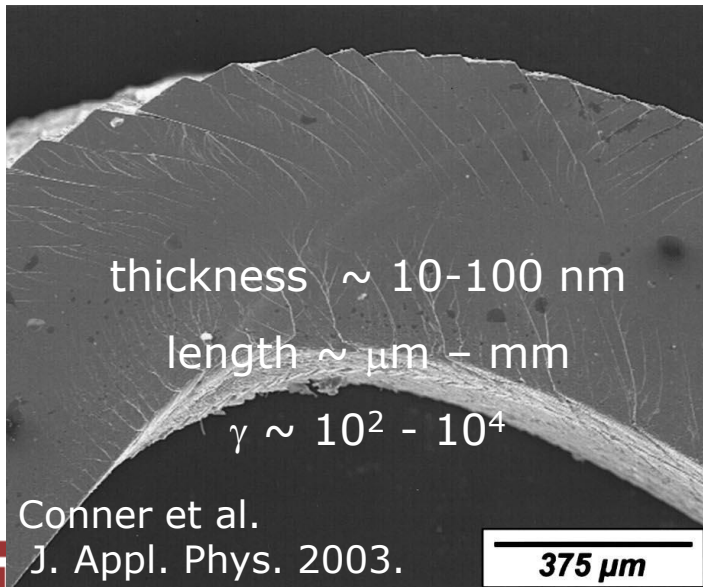
Song and Nieh (2010) Scripta Mater v62 847



Kinetics

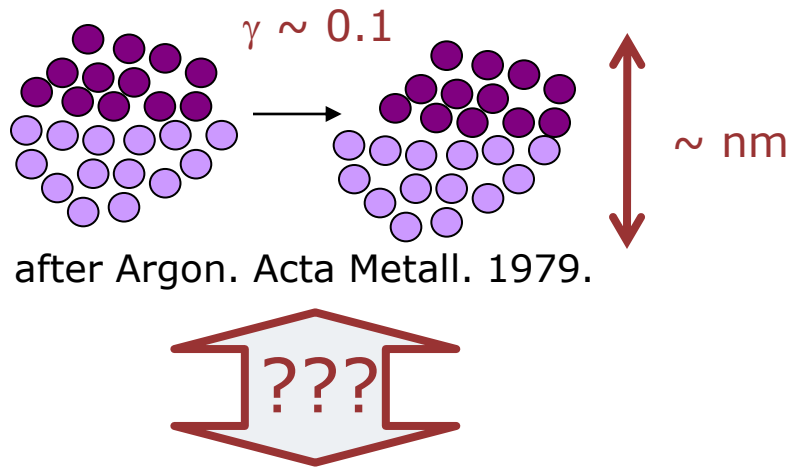


What controls the shear band timescale?

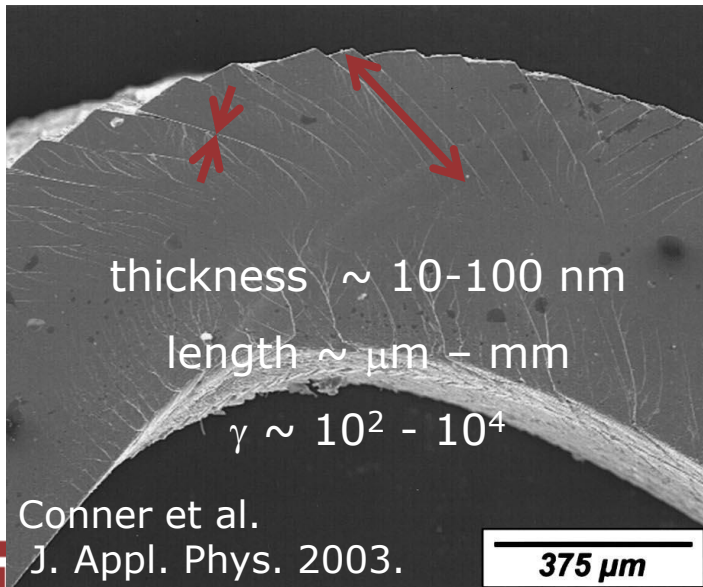


$t \sim 10^{-3} \text{ s}$

Puzzles: the gap between atomic motion and shear bands

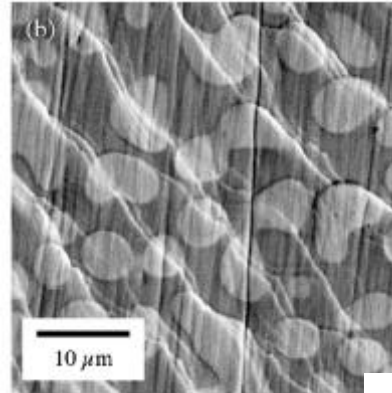


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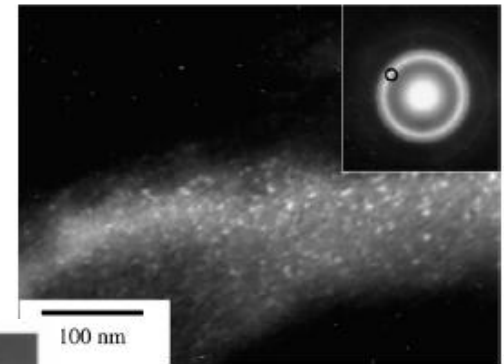
Shear localization around stress concentrators

- Glass-matrix composites
- Phase transformations during deformation
- Fracture mechanics

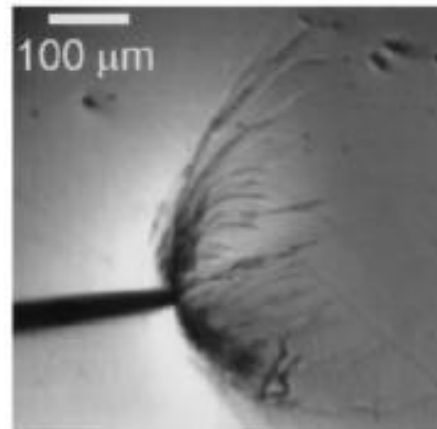


Hays et al.
PRL (2000)
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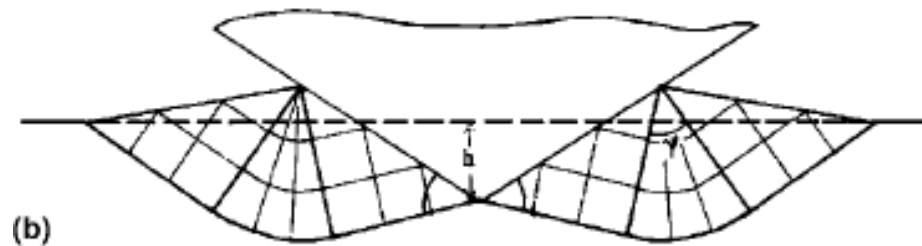
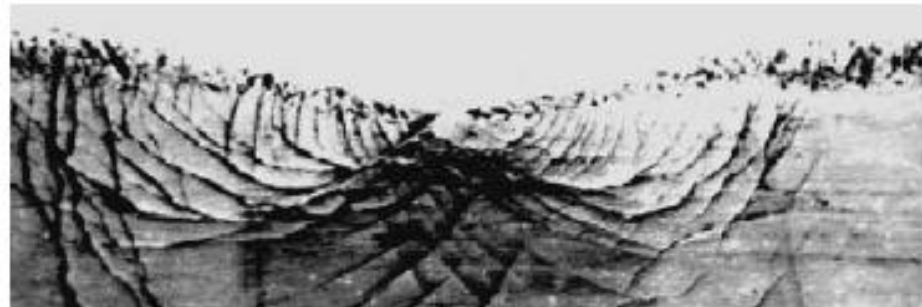
Jiang, Atzmon,
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v51, p4095



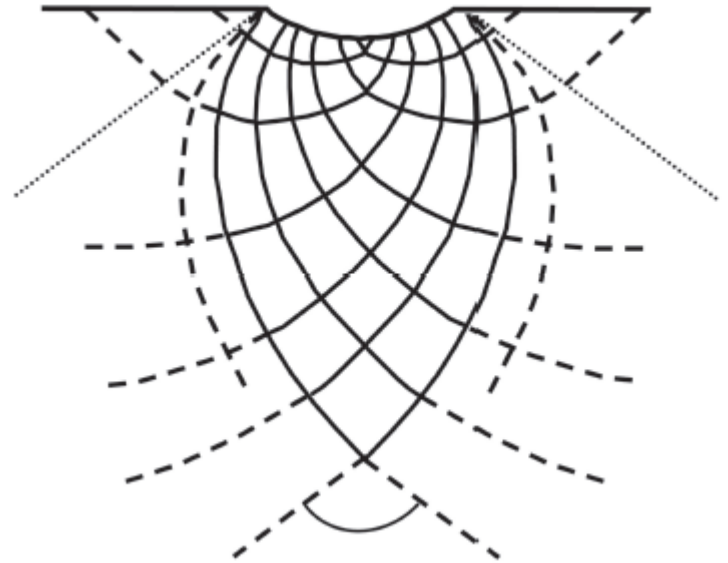
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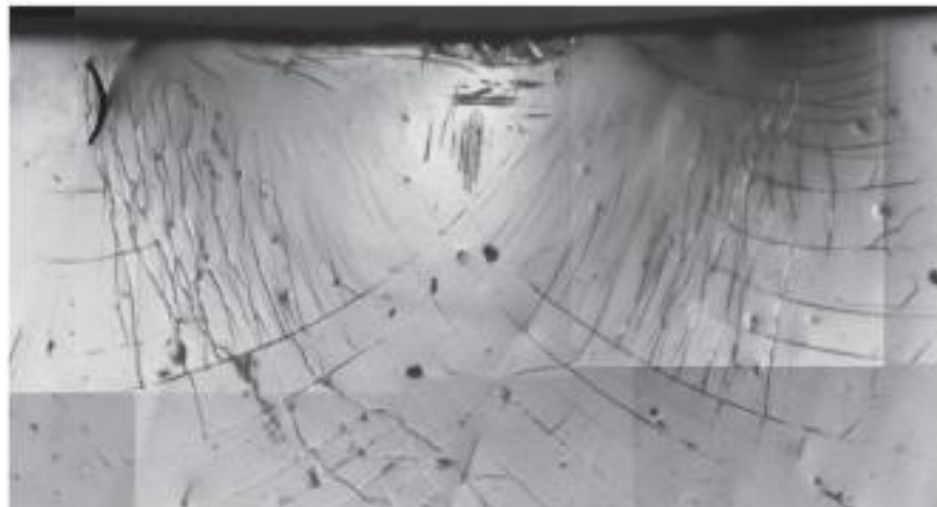
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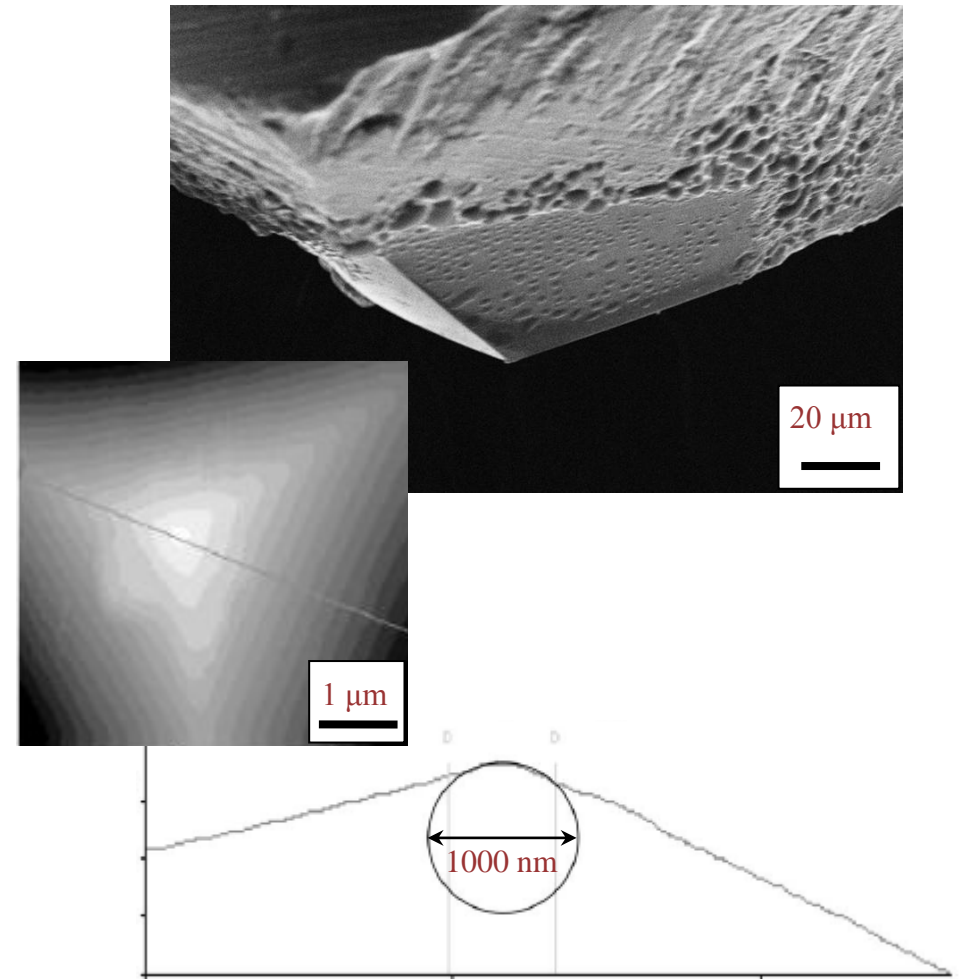
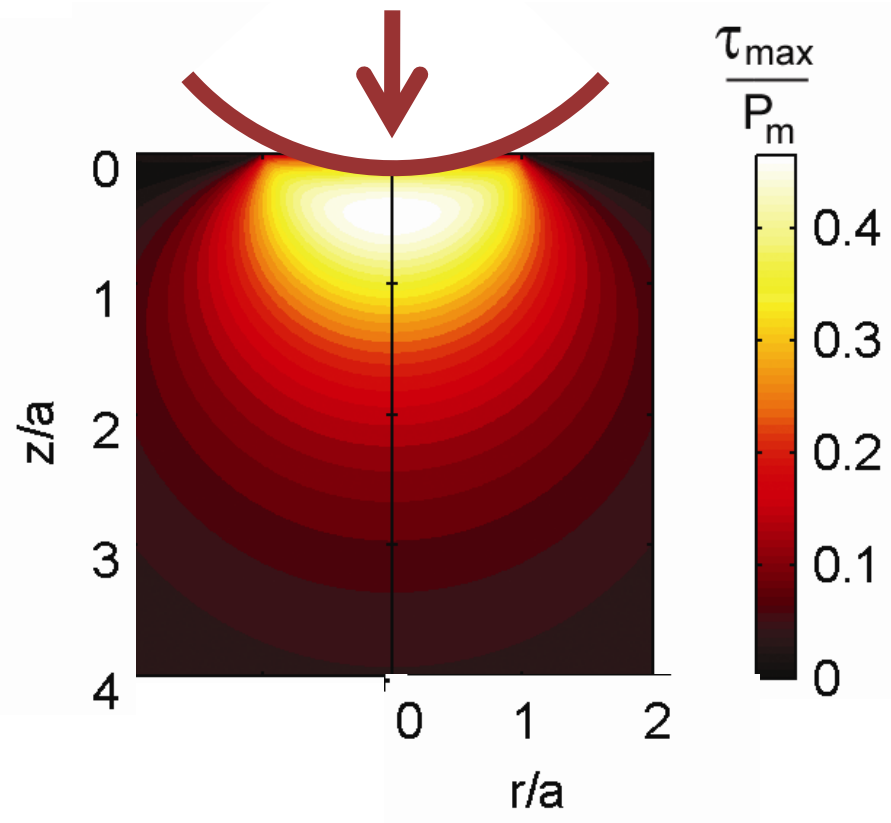
Schuh, Nieh
JMR (2004) v19 46



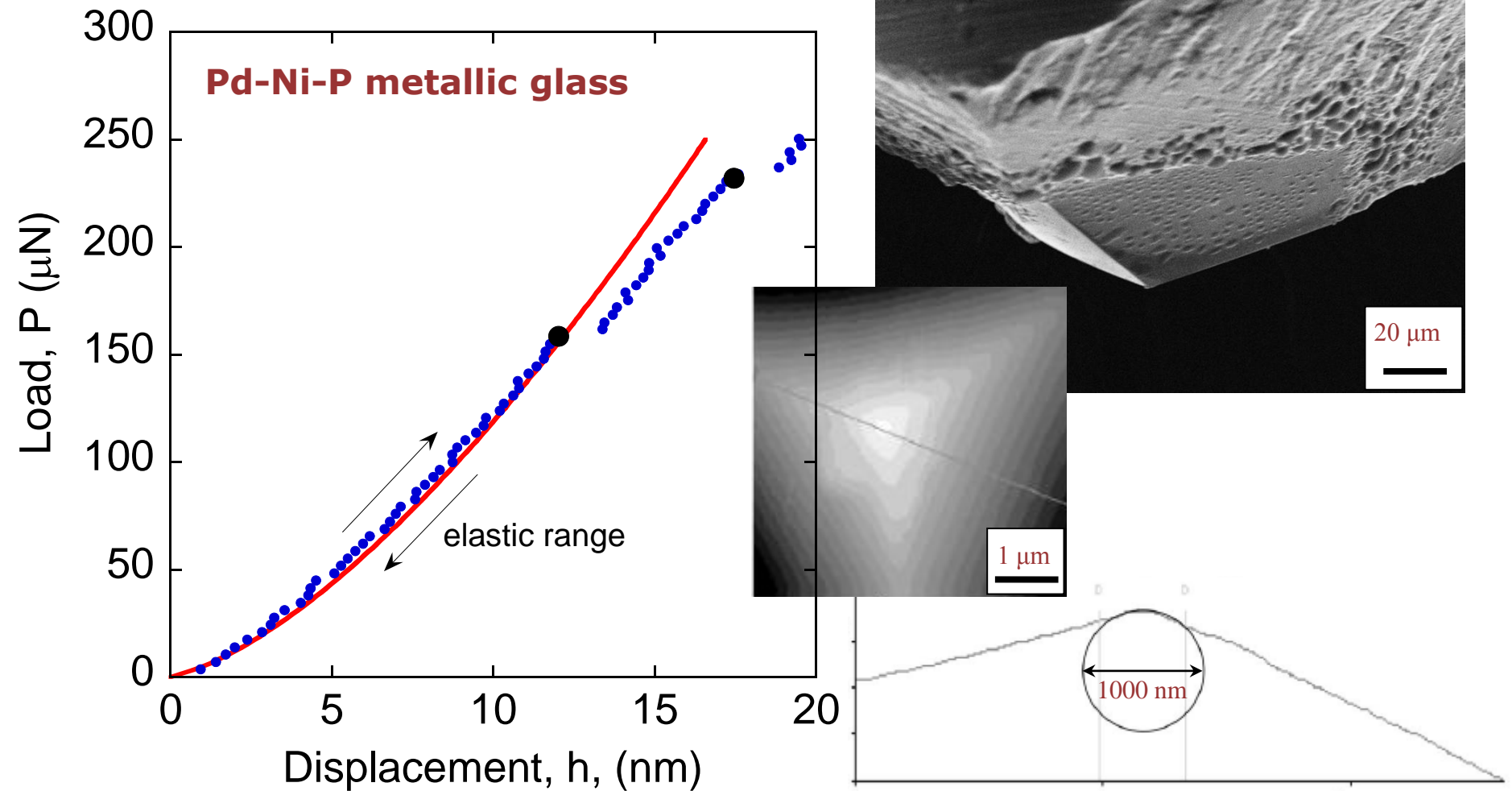
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Nanoindentation measurements

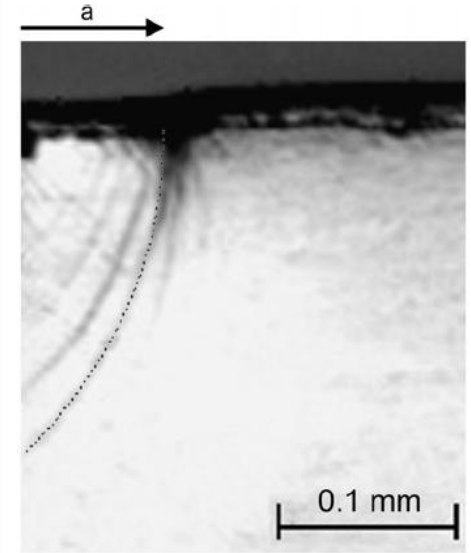
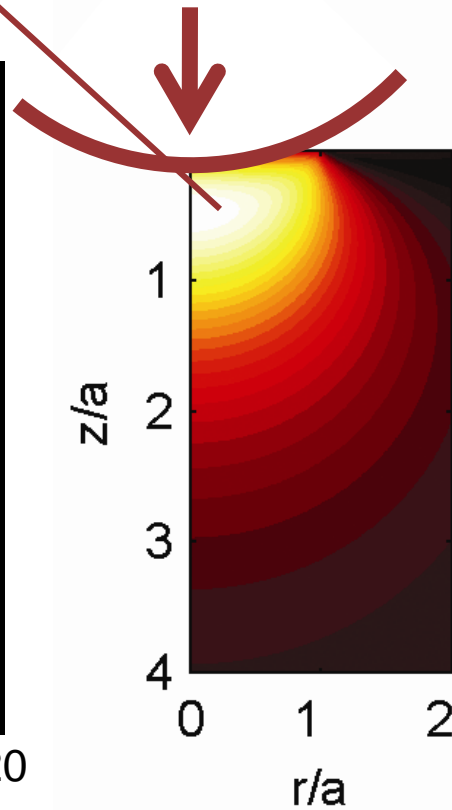
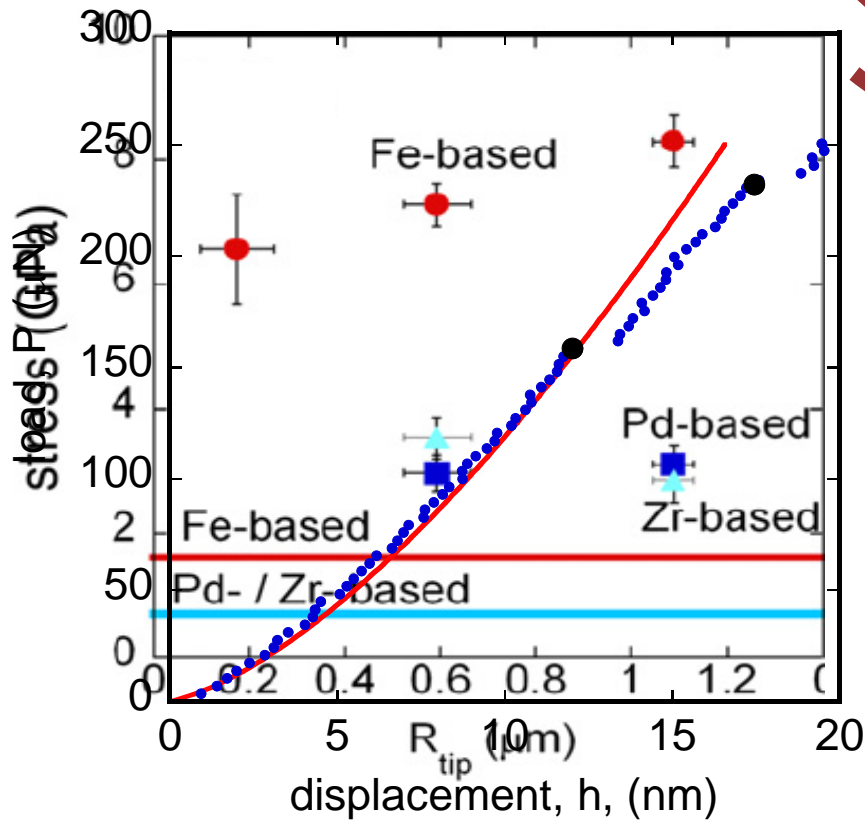


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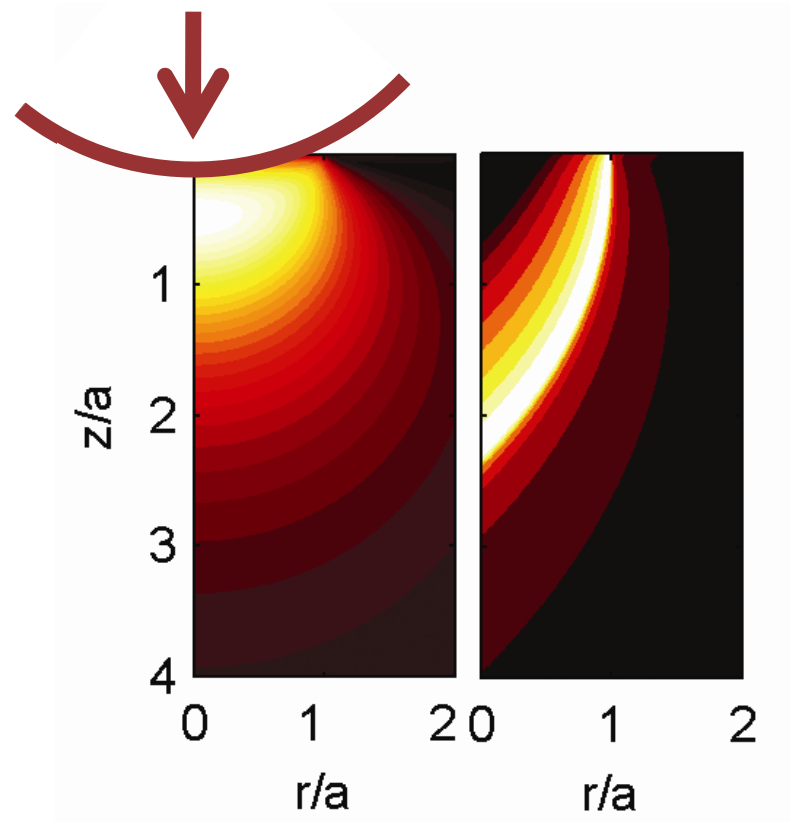
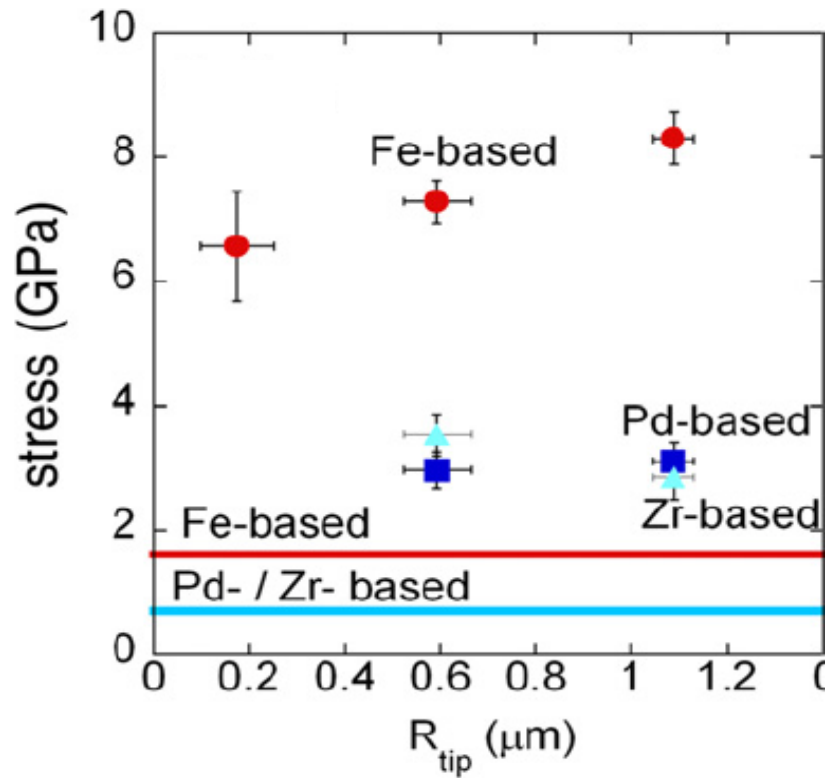
Metallic glass: yield avoids τ_{\max}

$$\tau_{\max} = \frac{0.47}{\pi} \cdot \left(\frac{4E_R}{3R_{\text{tip}}} \right)^{2/3} P^{1/3}$$



Adapted from L. Anand
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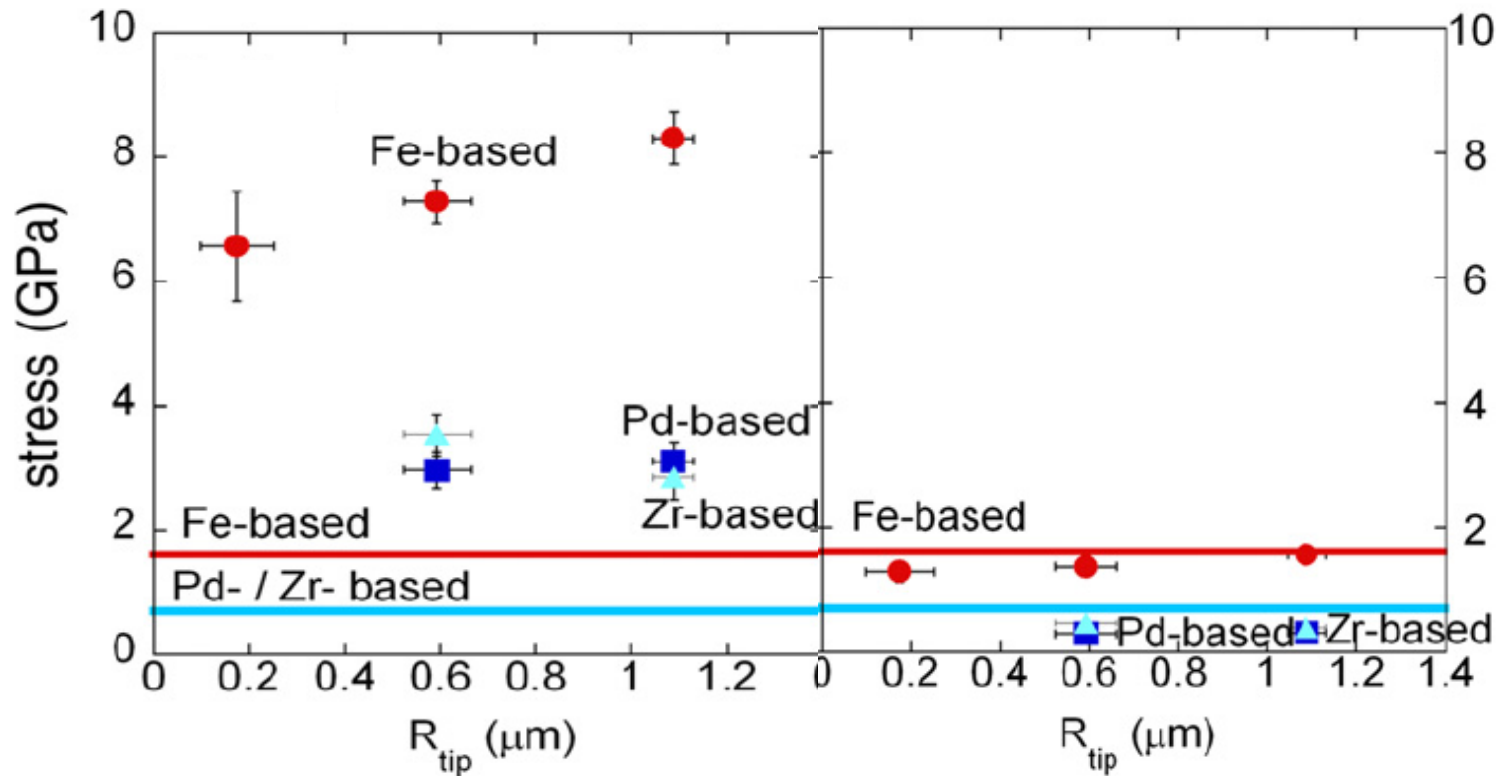
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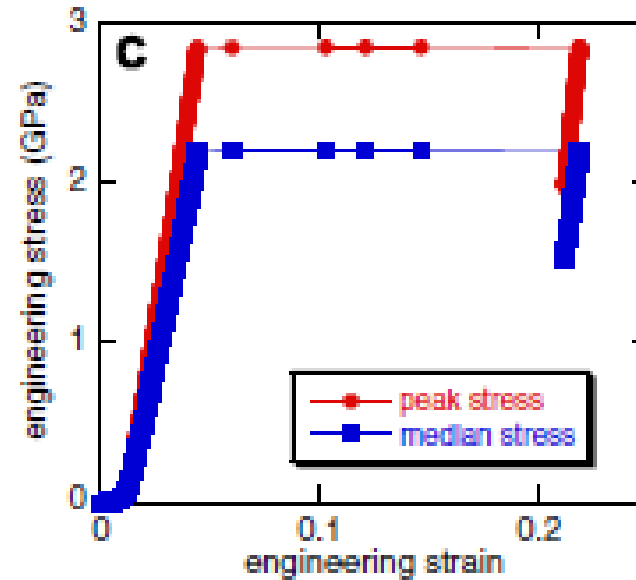
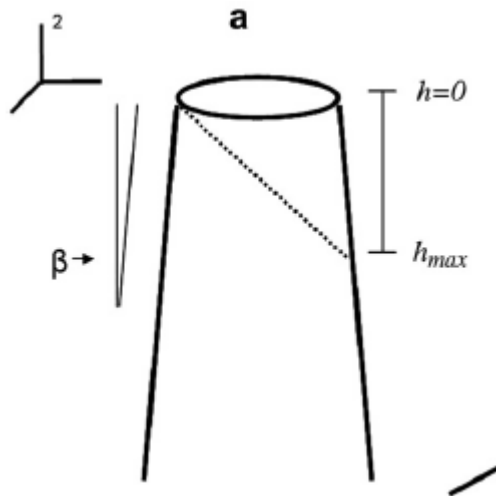
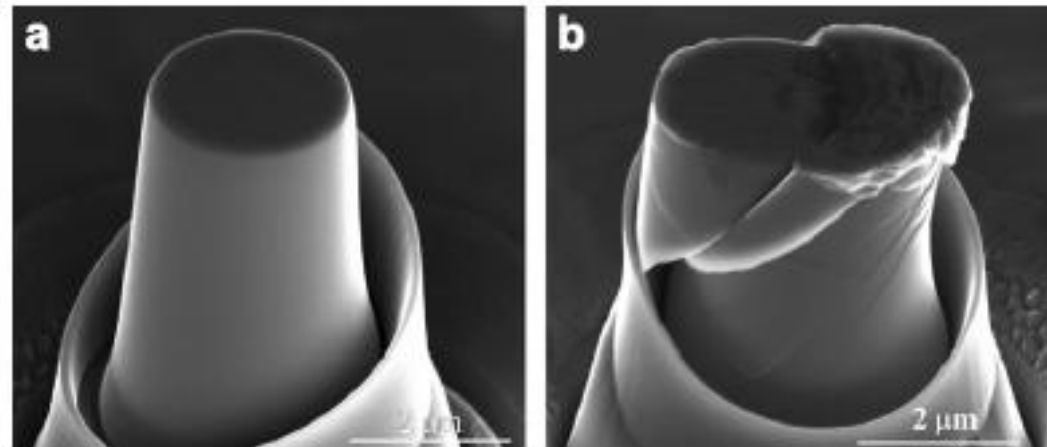
Packard and Schuh

Acta mater. 2007, v55 p5348

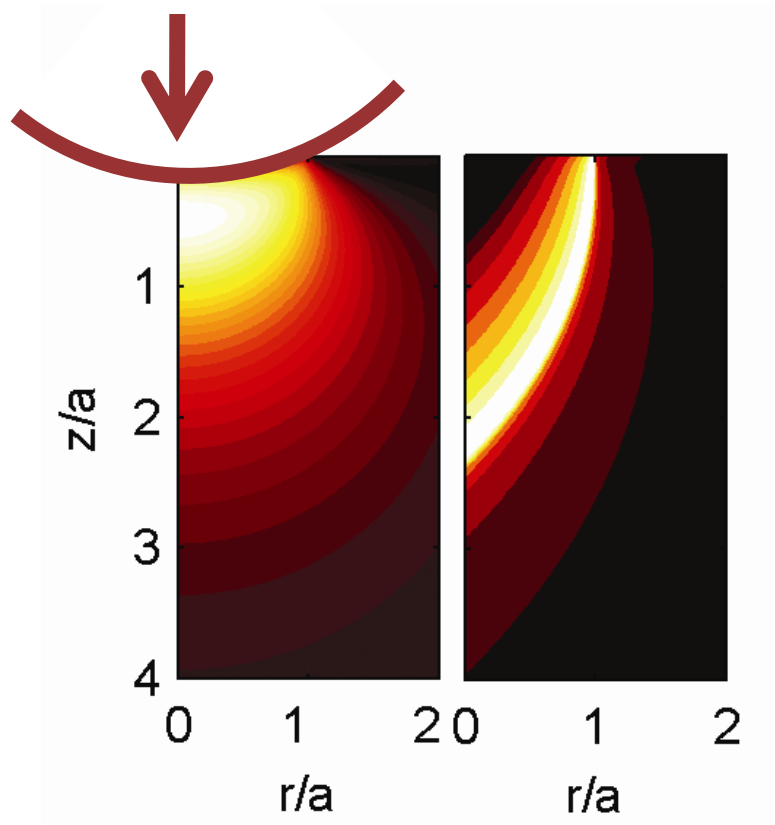


Tapered microcompression

Schuster et al., *Acta Mater* (2008) v56, 5091



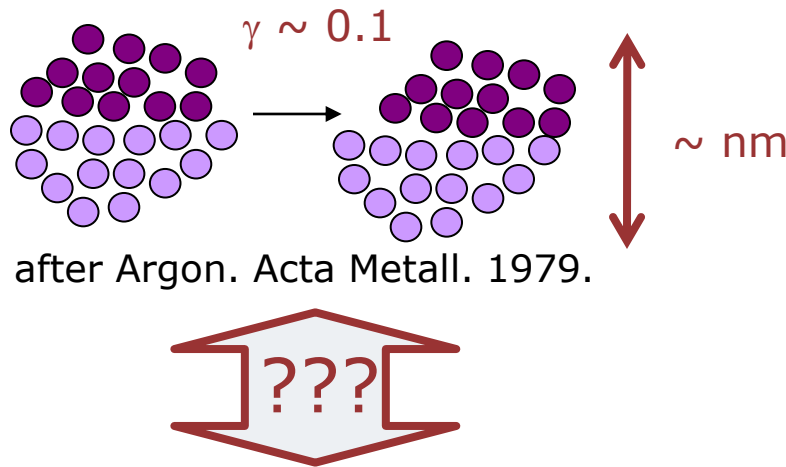
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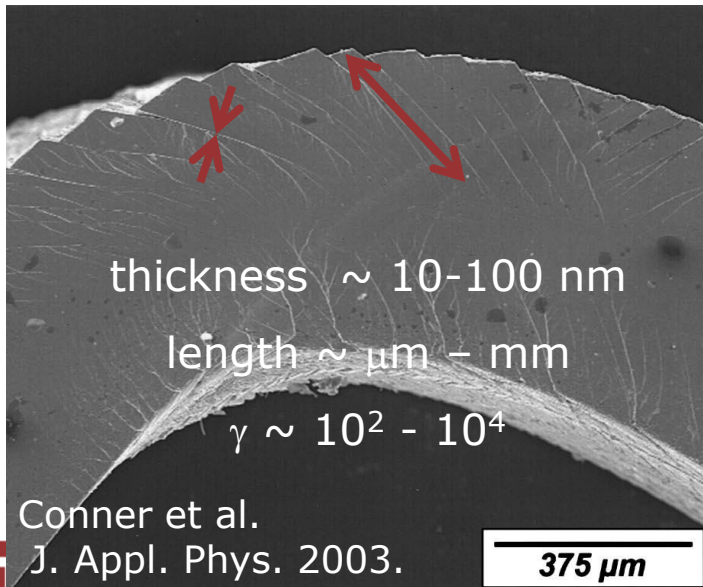
Yield is controlled by the lowest stress point on the highest stress shear path!

What is the process of STZ assembly that governs the development of the shear plane in a complex stress field?

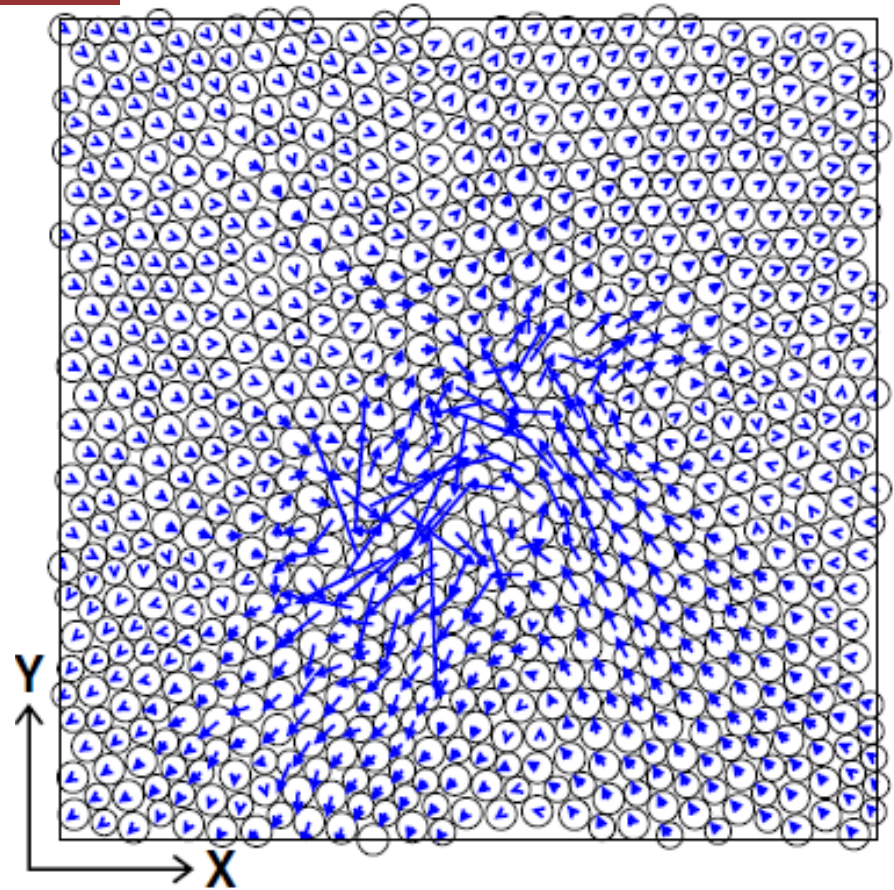
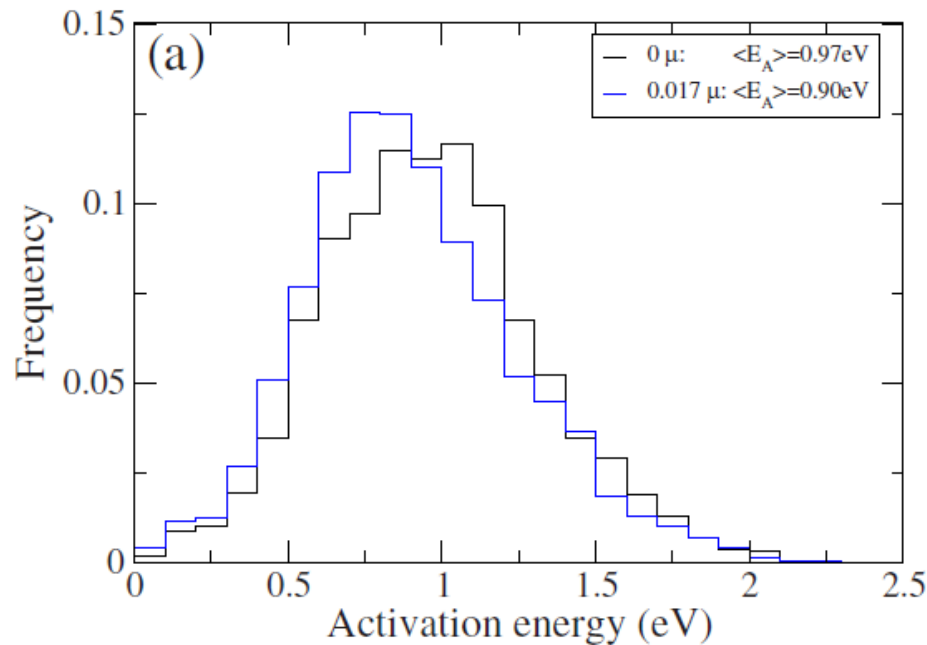
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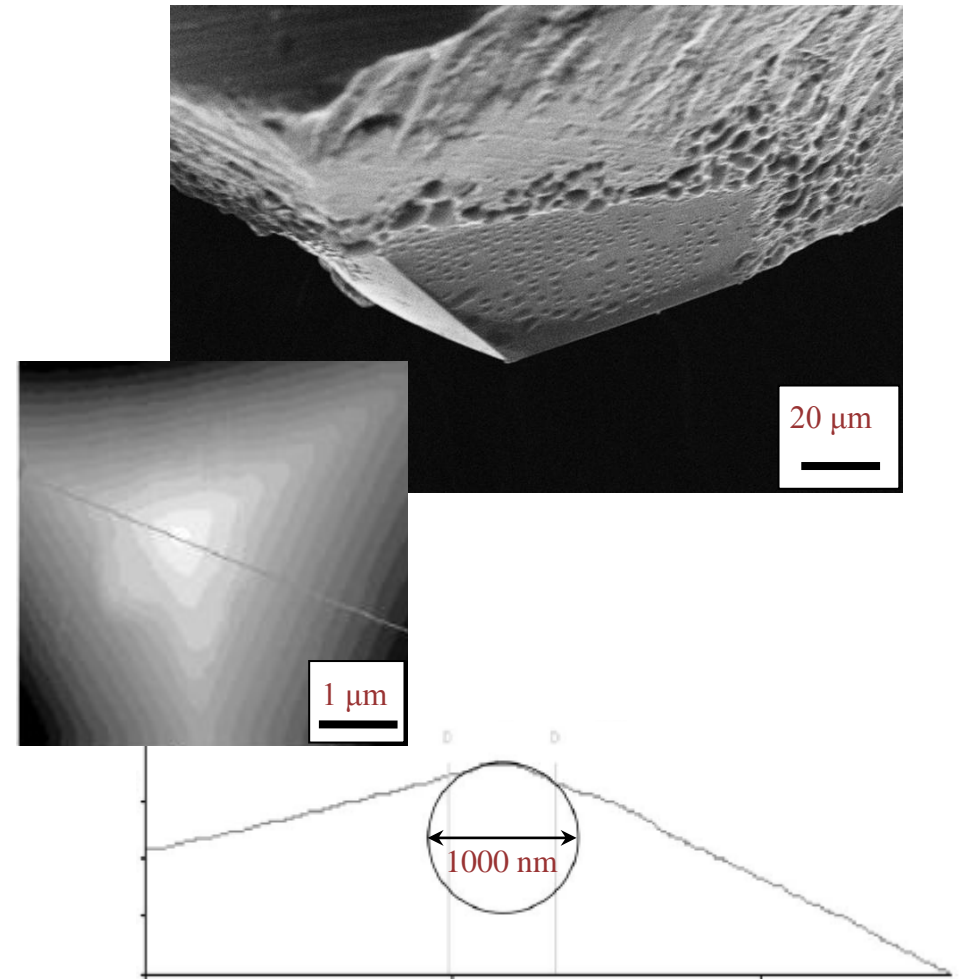
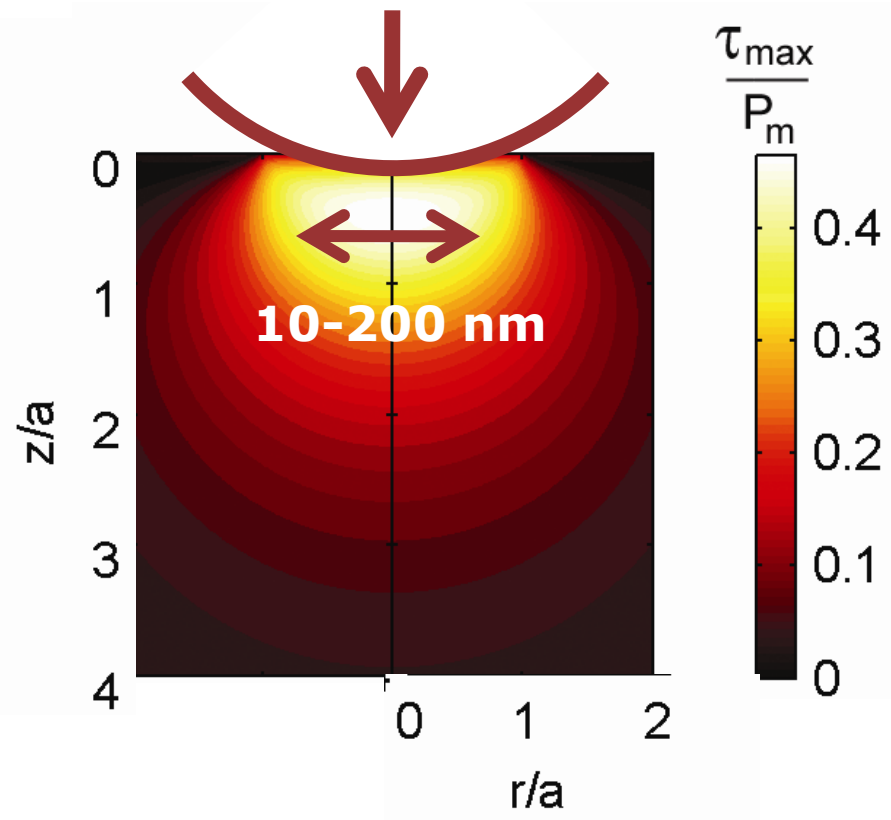


In 'jammed' configuration at $T = 0 \text{ K}$

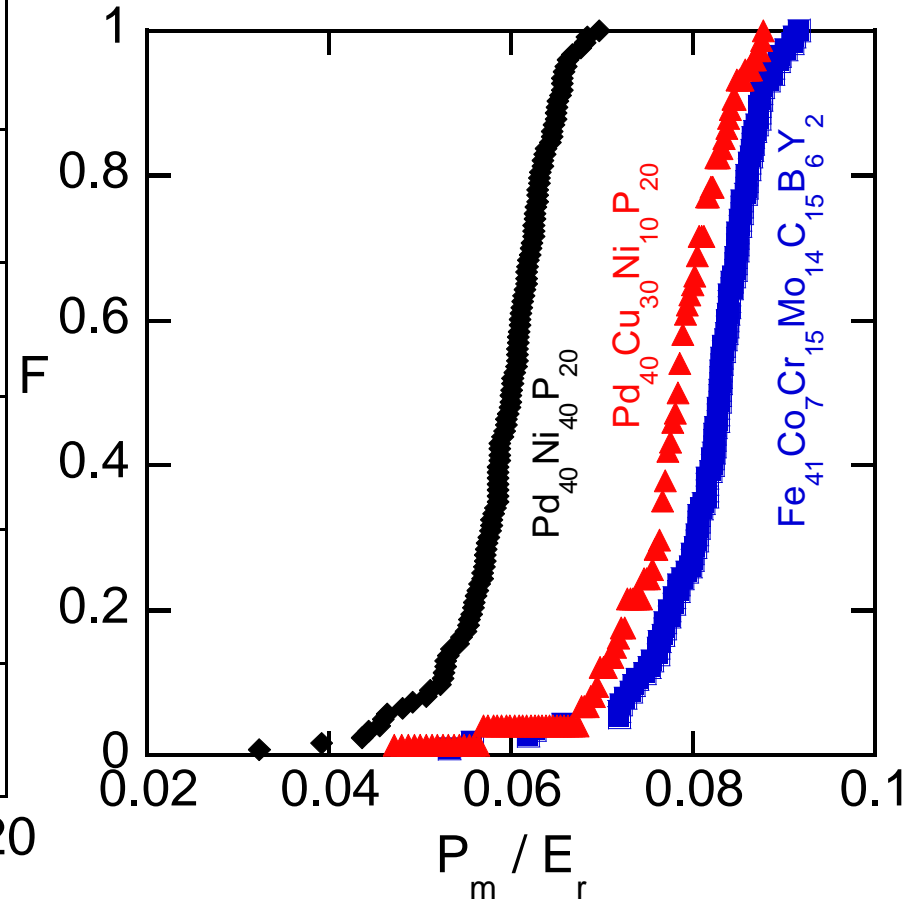
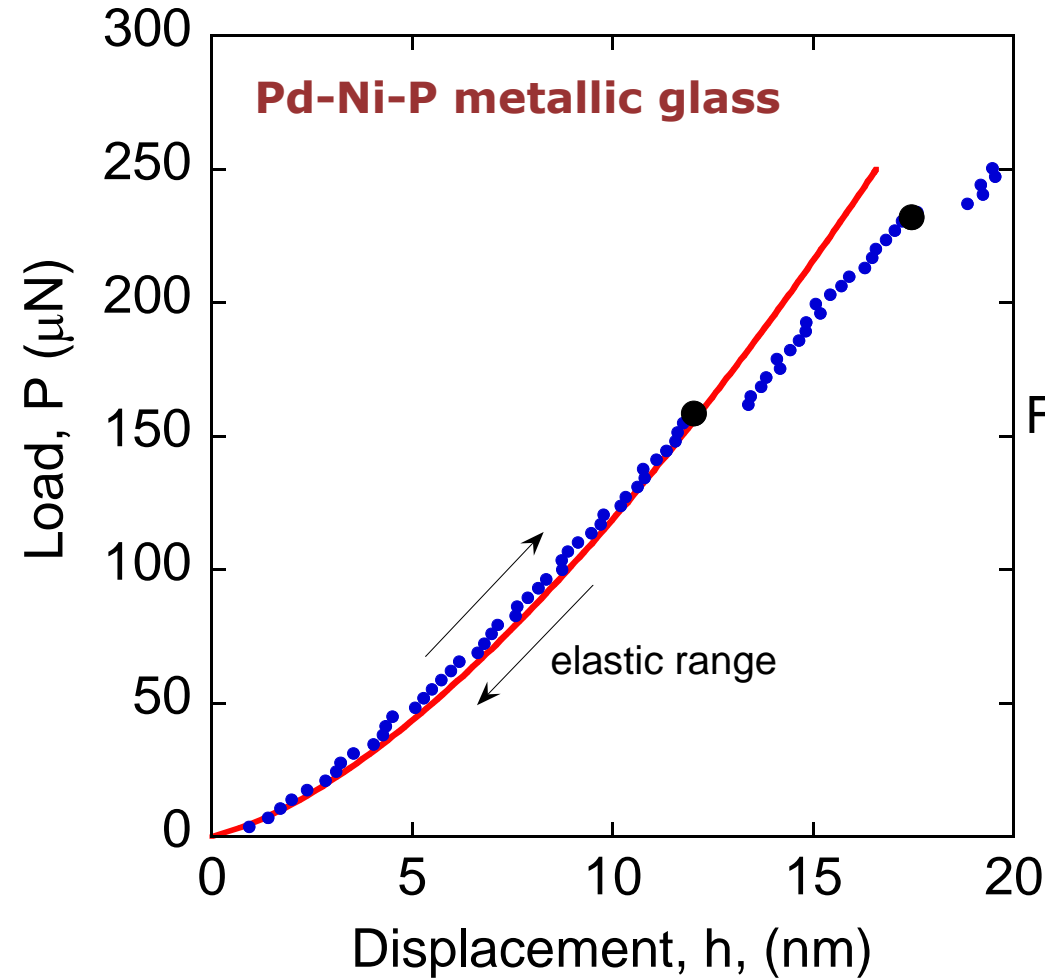
D. Rodney: PRL (2009) v102 235503

PRB (2009) v80 184203

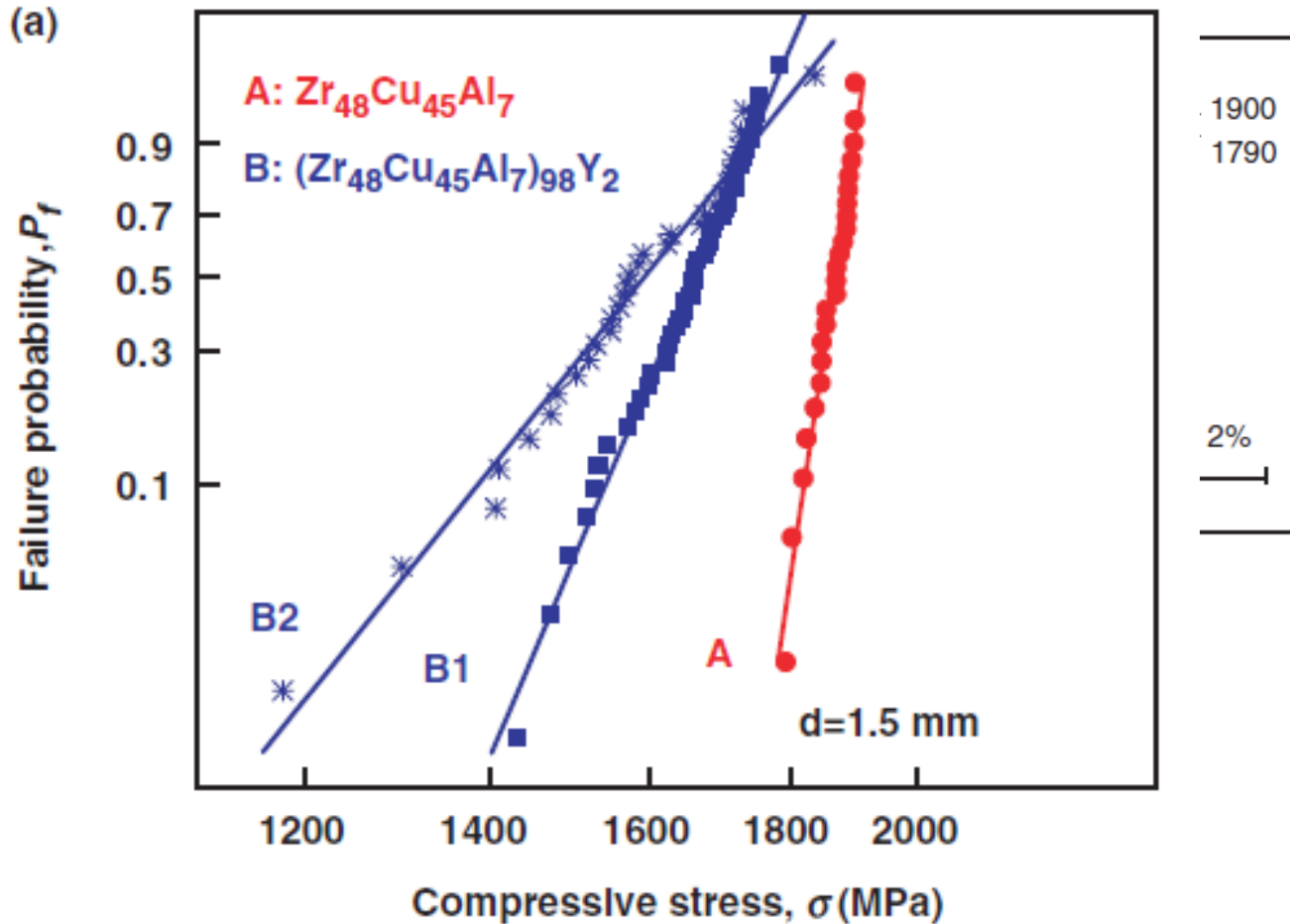
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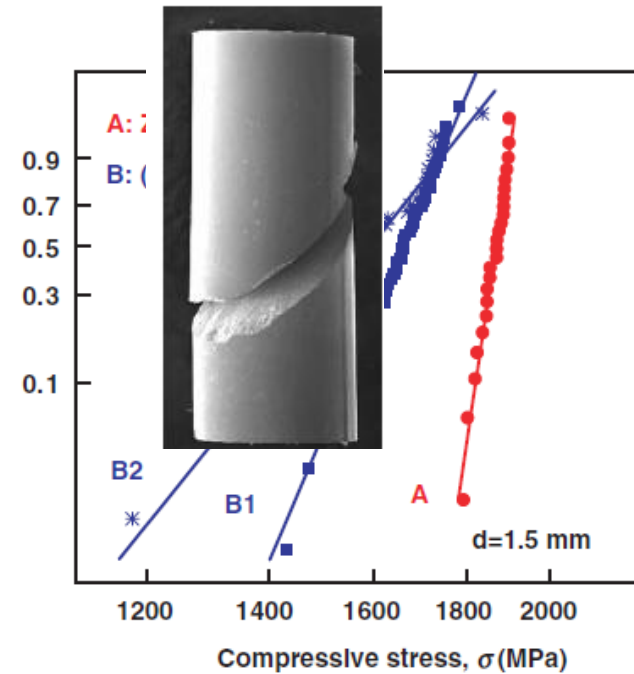
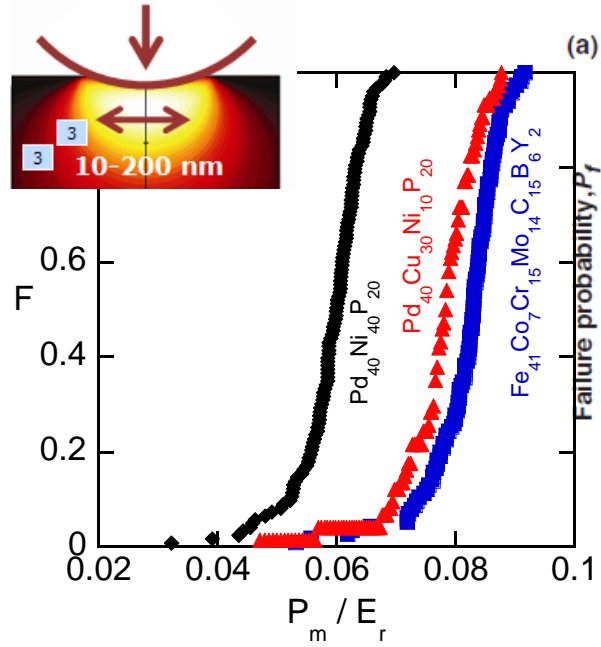
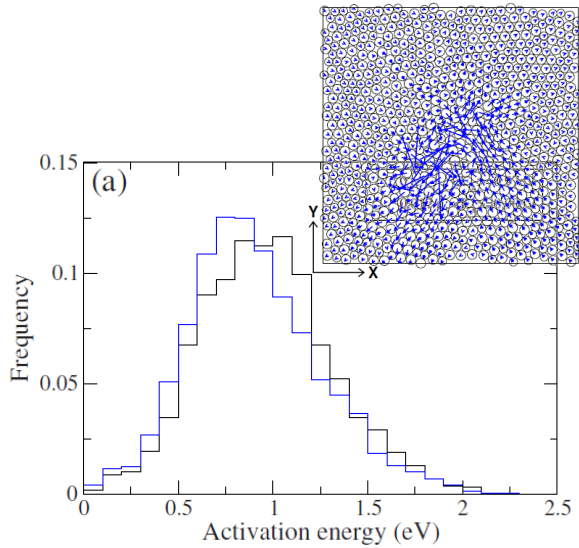
Event spectrum



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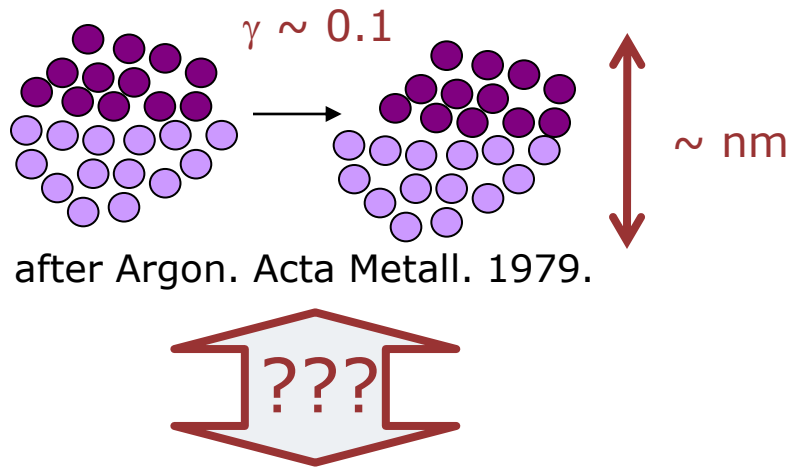
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Spectra at all scales

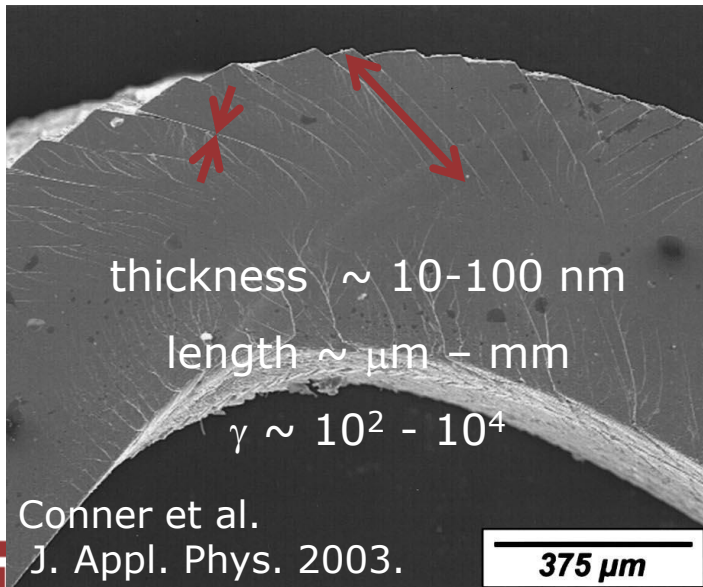


What is the STZ assembly process that governs strength at larger scales?

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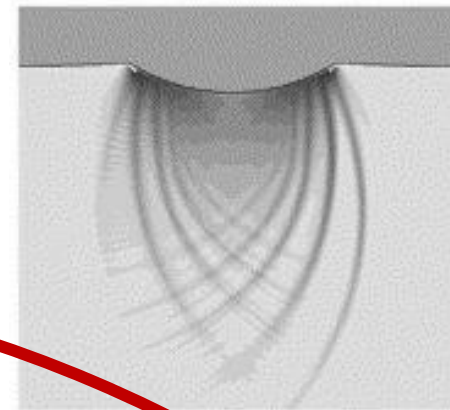


STZ Dynamics

- Shear Transformation Zone (STZ)
 - Stochastic stress-biased thermally activated event

$$\dot{s} = v_o \exp\left(-\frac{\Delta F_o - \tau V^*}{k_B T}\right)$$

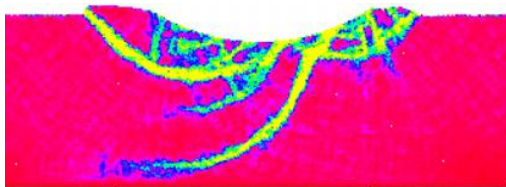
Continuum Simulations



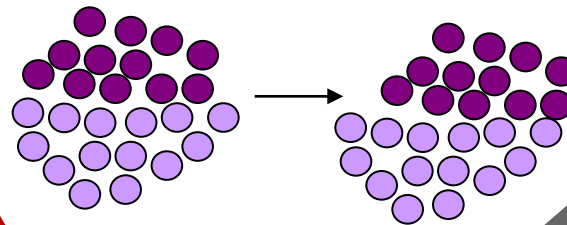
10 kJ simulation

Su, Anand. Acta Mat 2006.

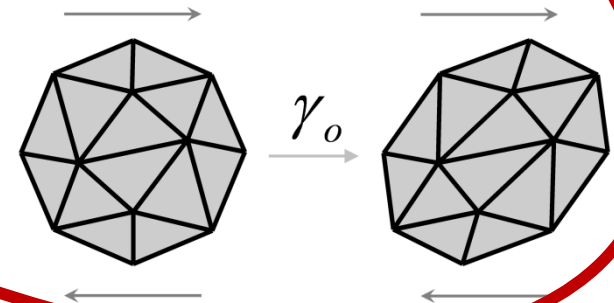
Atomistic Simulations



Shi, Falk. Acta Mat 2007.



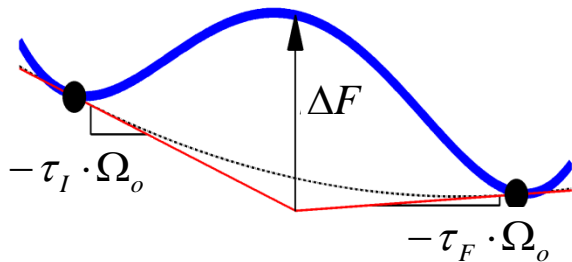
STZ Dynamics



Coarse-graining the shear transformation zone



Potential Energy Landscape



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

Characteristic Attempt Frequency

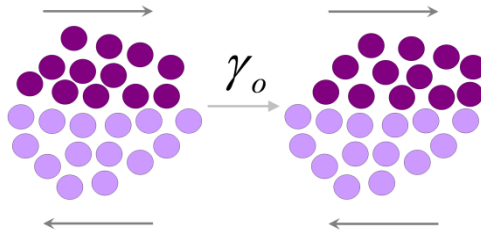
$$\dot{s} = \nu_o \cdot \exp\left(-\frac{\Delta F - \frac{1}{2}\tau \cdot \gamma_o \cdot \Omega_o}{kT}\right)$$

Key elements for a mesoscale model

Coarse-Grain

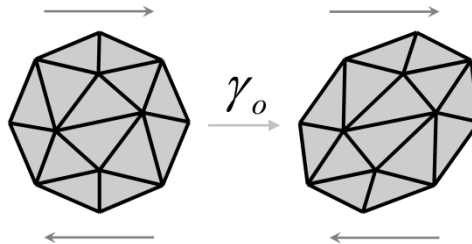
STZ Activation Rate

STZ



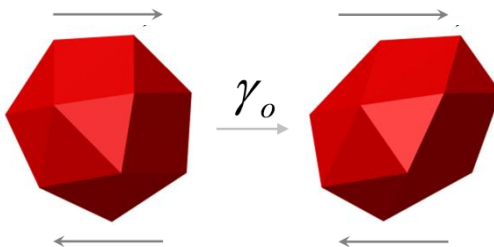
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2D



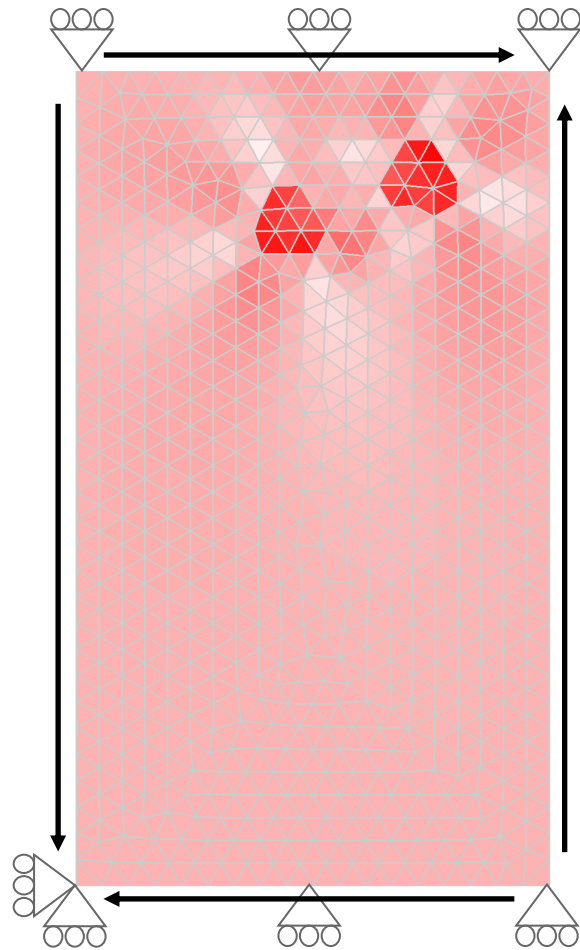
$$\dot{s} = v_o \cdot \exp\left(-\frac{\Delta F}{kT}\right) I_o\left(\frac{\tau_{\max} \cdot \gamma_o \cdot \Omega_o}{2kT}\right)$$

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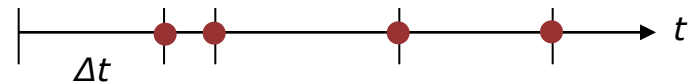
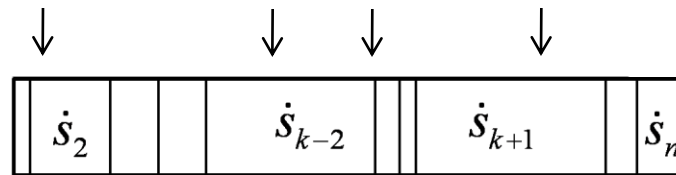
$$\dot{s} = v_o \cdot \exp\left(-\frac{\Delta F}{kT}\right) \iiint_{g \in G} \exp\left(-\frac{\tau(\sigma, g) \cdot \gamma_o \cdot \Omega_o}{2kT}\right) dg$$

KMC plus FEM



Kinetic Monte Carlo

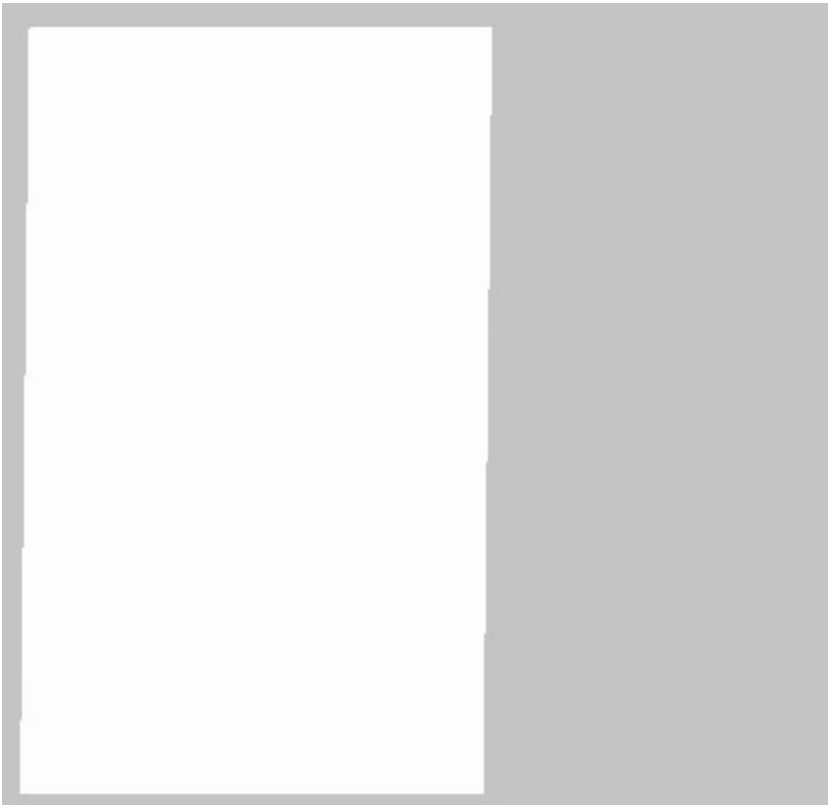
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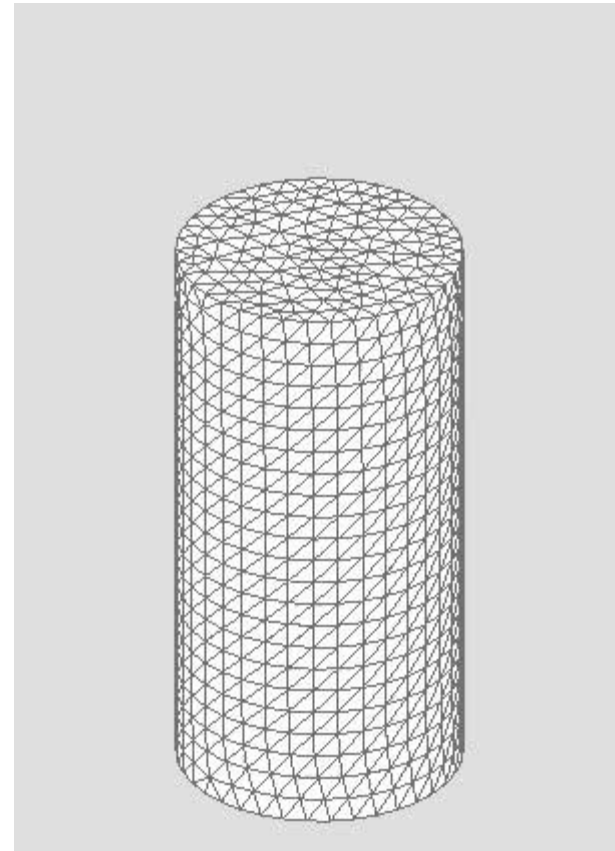
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High temperature

2D



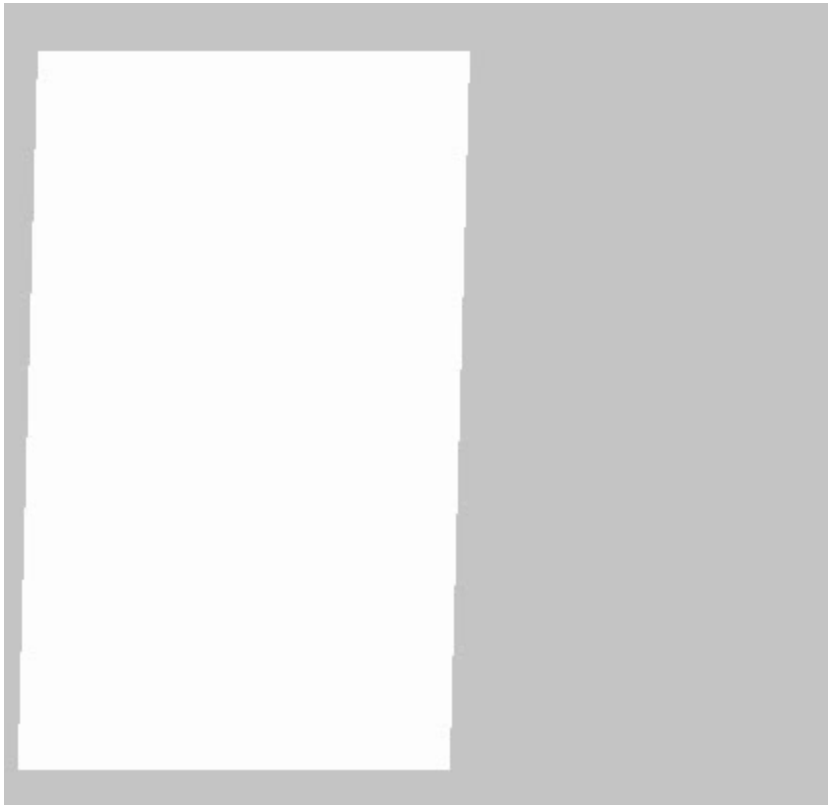
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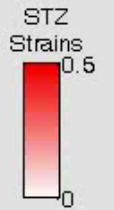
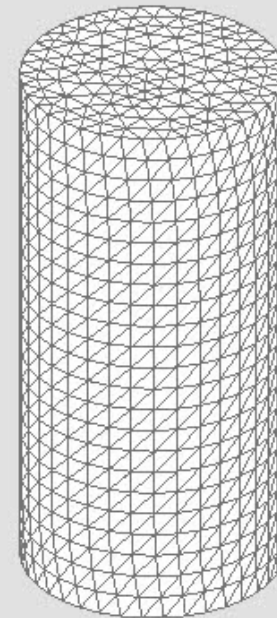
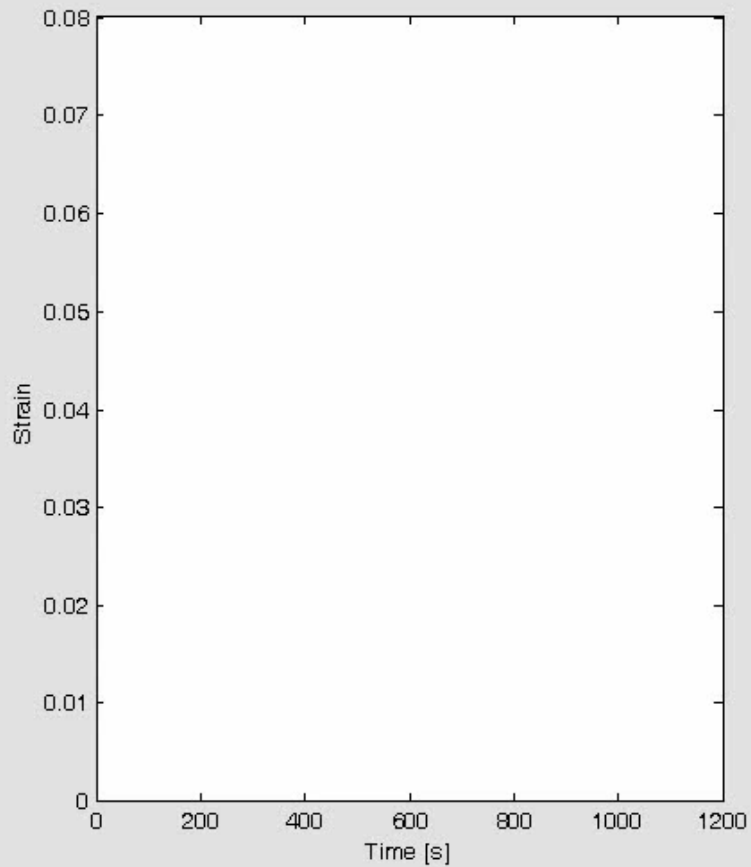
Low temperature

2D

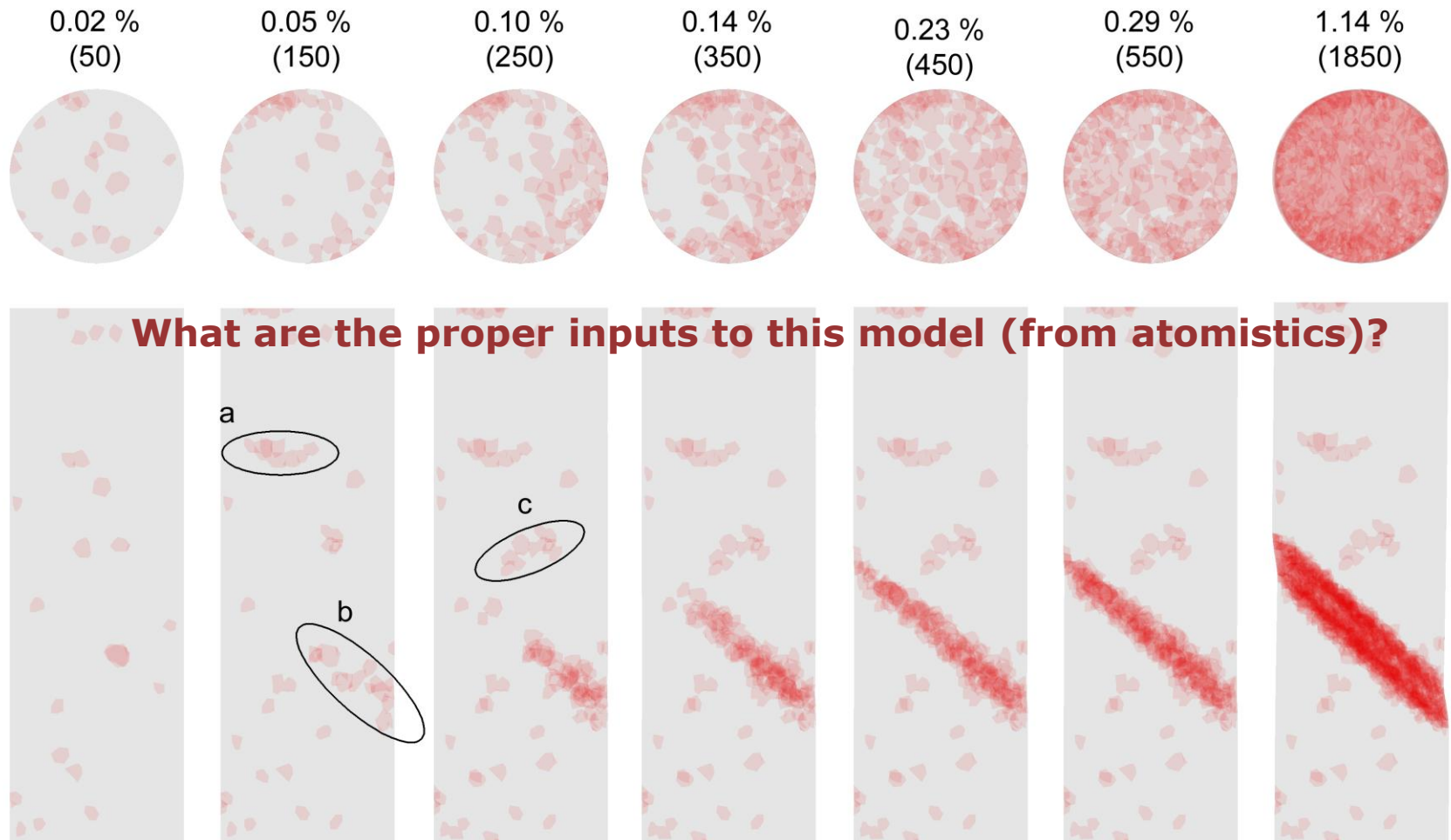


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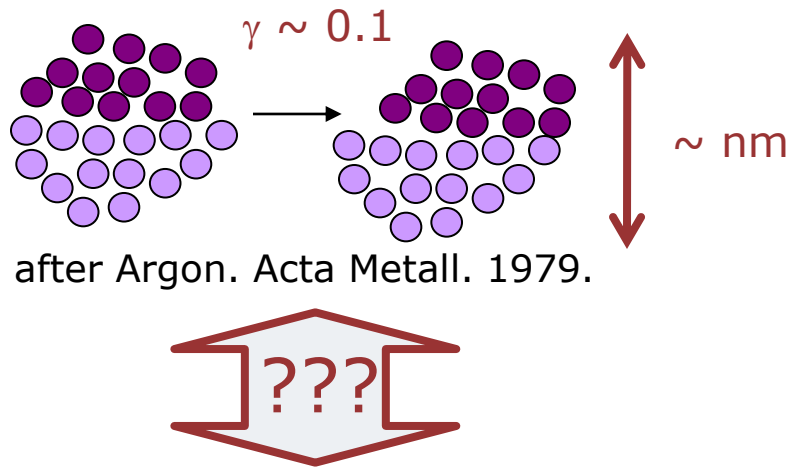
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Shear band formation



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