

# Microstructure Mechanics of Crystalline Materials

Introduction

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(last class at MPI Düsseldorf)

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**26. April 2013**

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**31. May 2013**

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- Introduction**
- Quantum mechanics primer**
- Crystal structures and why they matter for micromechanics**
- Dislocation statics**
- Dislocation dynamics**
- Single crystal mechanics**
- Polycrystal mechanics (Taylor model, single crystal yield surface)**
- Polymer crystal mechanics**
- Mechanics of biological (natural) materials**
- Introduction to the FEM method**



Gottstein: Physical Metallurgy

Reed-Hill: Physical Metallurgy Principles

Hull and Bacon: Introduction to Dislocations, Butterworth-Heinemann

Hirth and Lothe: Theory of Dislocations

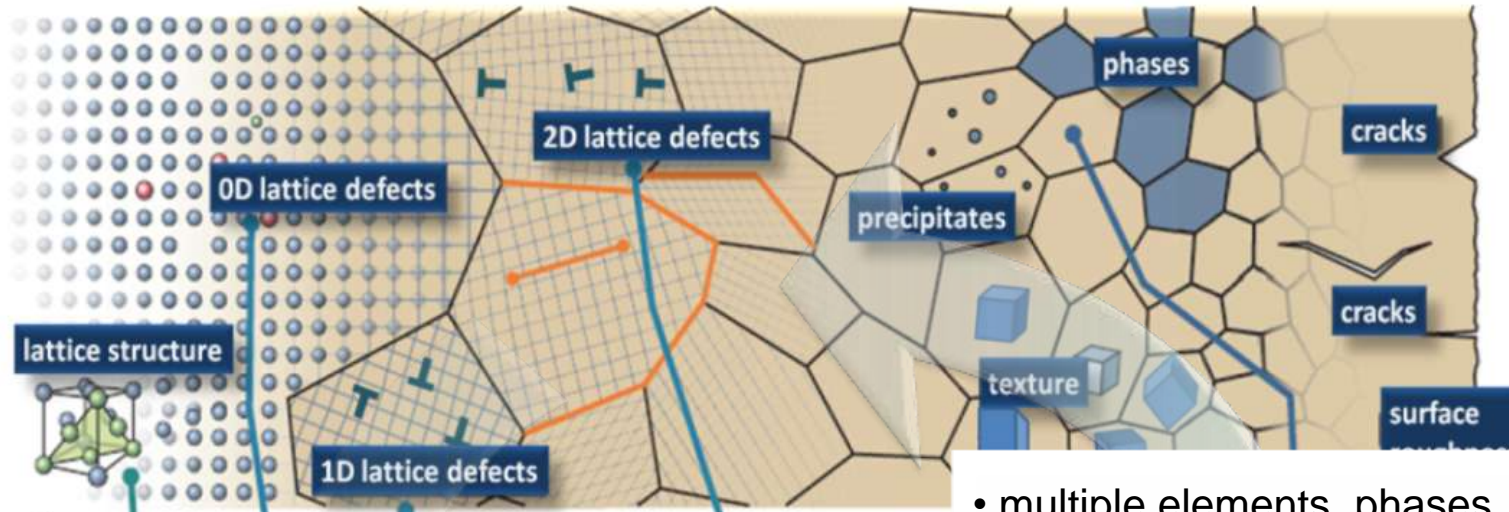
Hosford: The Mechanics of Crystals and Textured Polycrystals, Oxford University Press

Kocks, Tomé and Wenk: Texture and Anisotropy. Preferred Orientations in Polycrystals and Their Effect on Material Properties. Cambridge University Press

Raabe, Roters, Barlat and L.-Q. Chen: Weinheim, Continuum Scale Simulation of Engineering Materials - Fundamentals - Microstructures - Process Applications. Wiley-VCH



- **Introduction to the scales**
- **Introduction to the engineering background**
- **Quantum mechanics primer**
- **Some examples**

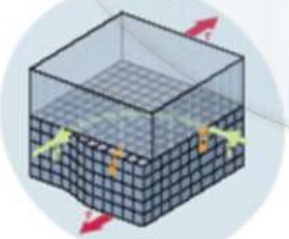


nanoscale engineering

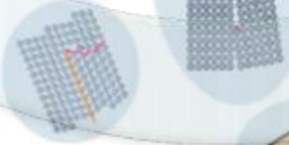
- multiple elements, phases, defects
- interacting mechanisms (non-linearity)
- kinetic transients / local equilibrium
- history dependent (synthesis, processing)
- multiple scales (modeling, experiment)
- real environments (systems science)
- multi-functionality



lattice type

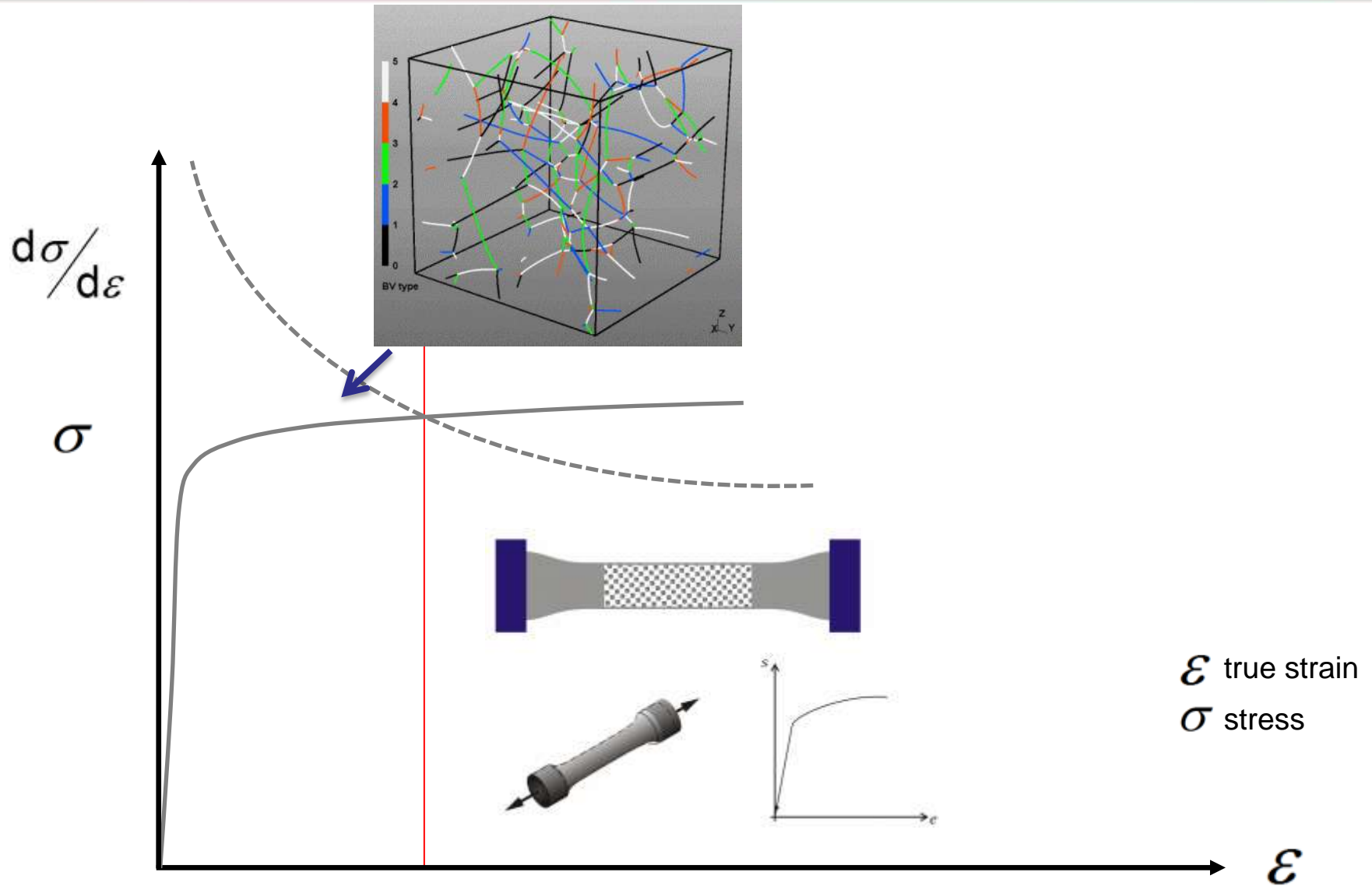


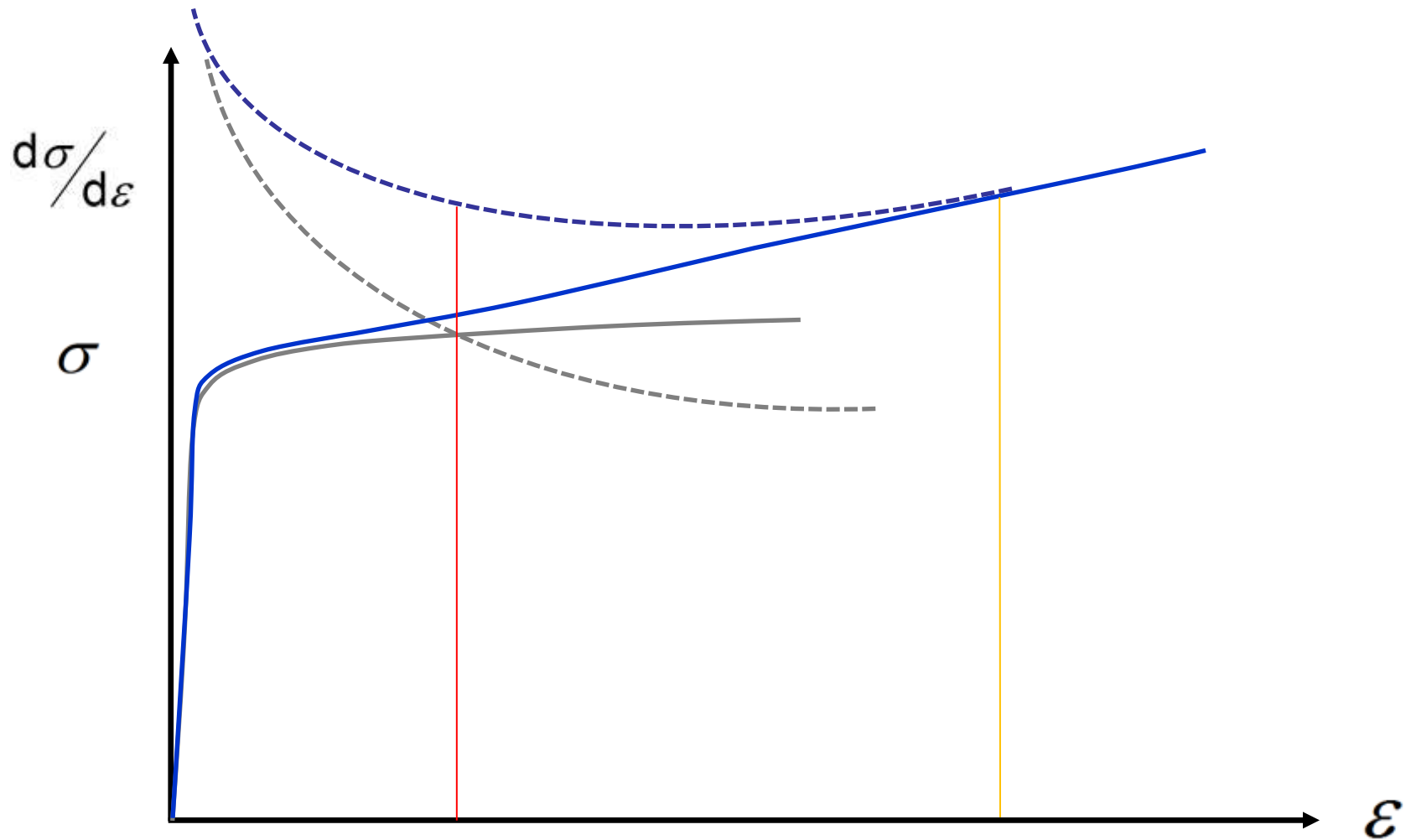
lattice defects



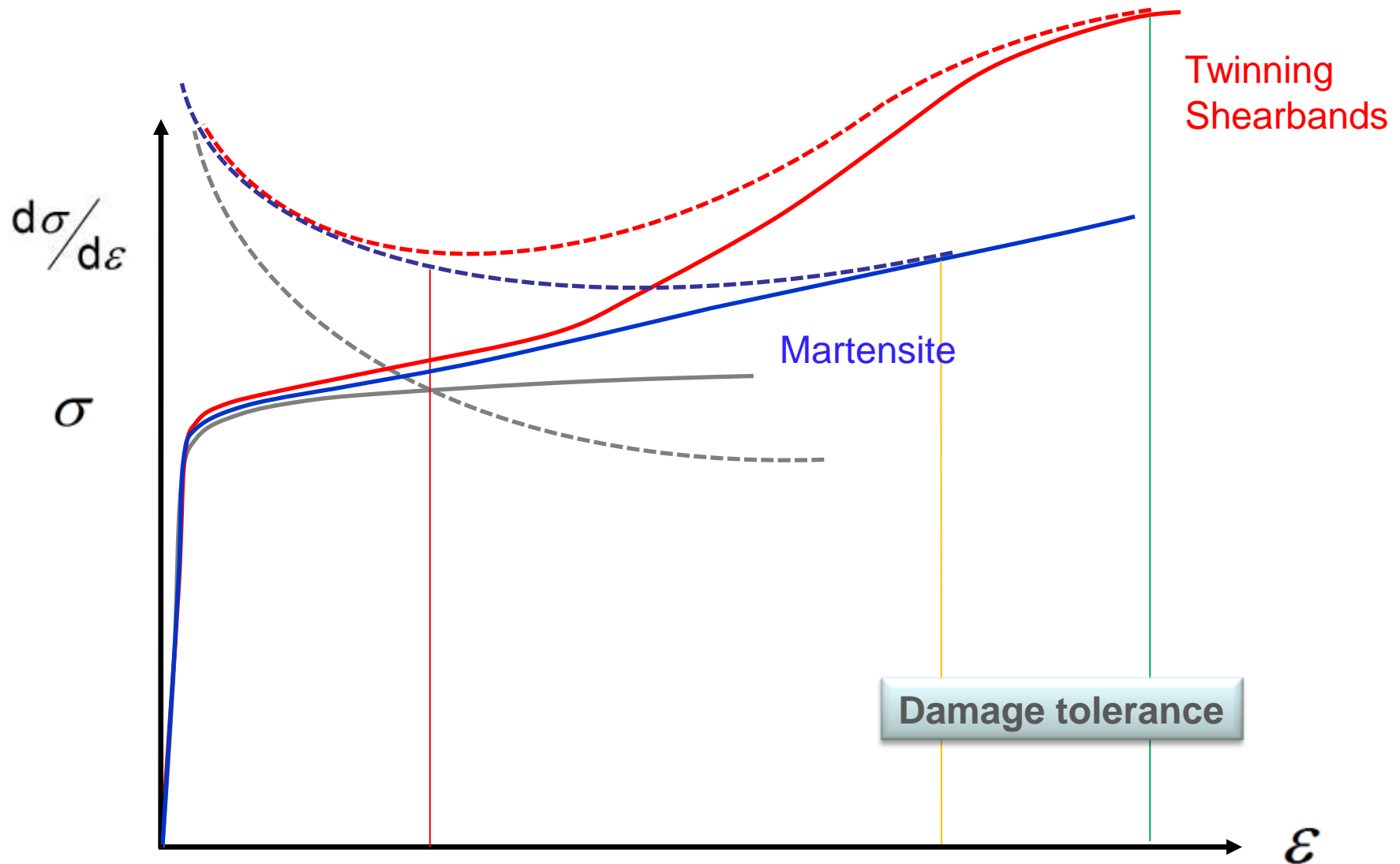
texture

phase equilibria



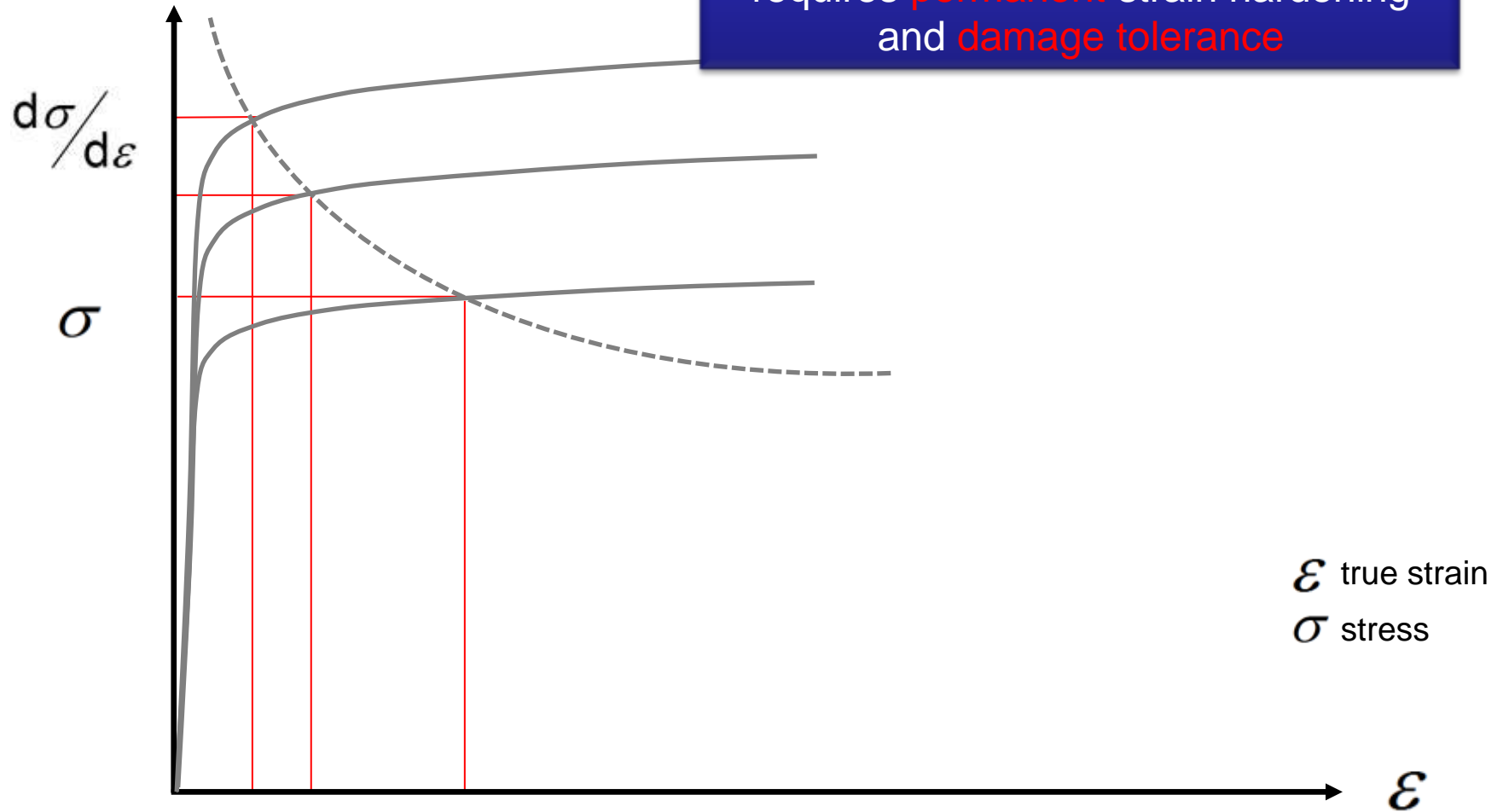




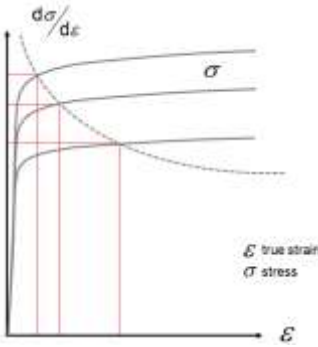
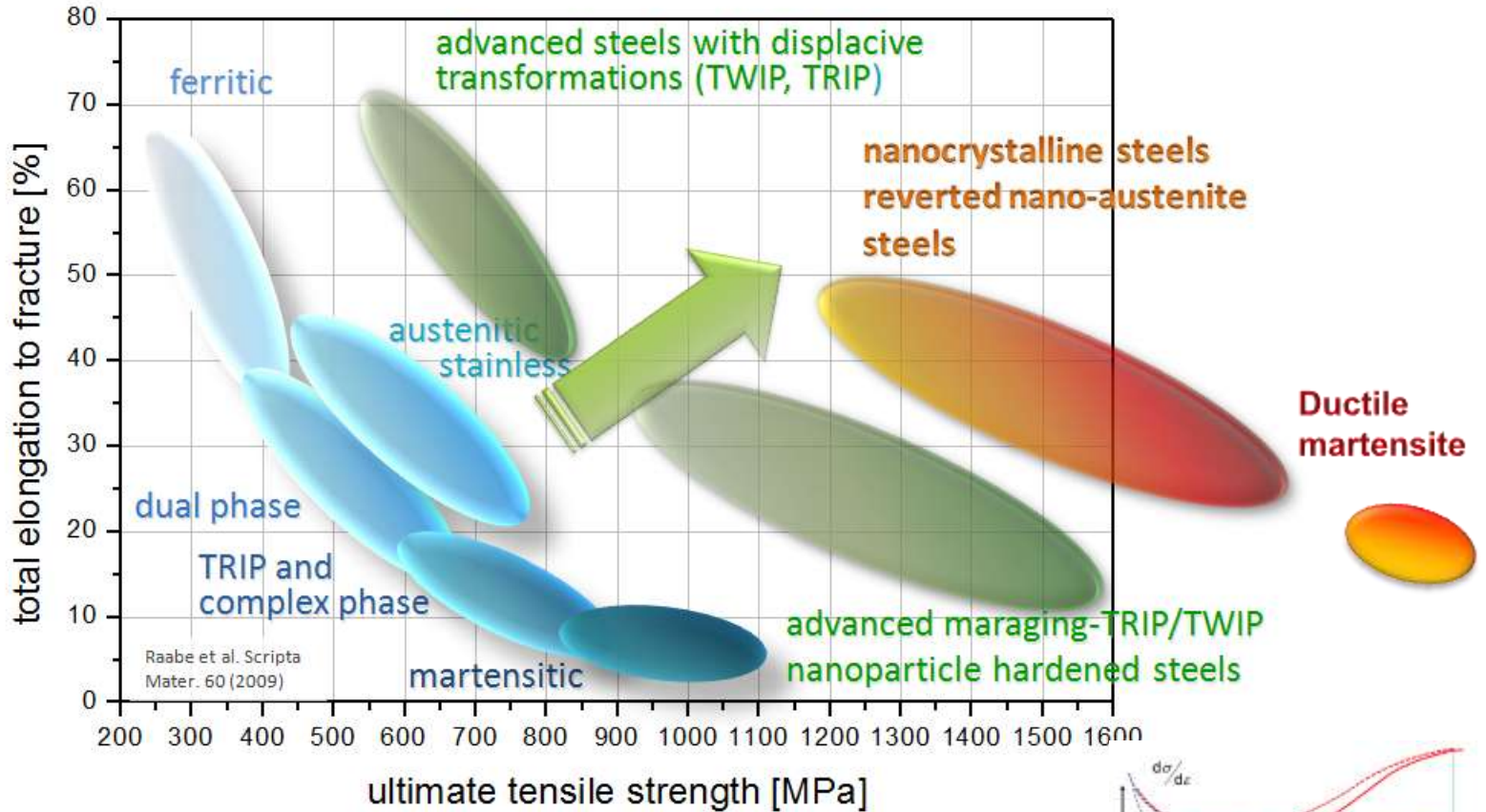




Design of ductile high strength alloys requires **permanent** strain hardening and **damage tolerance**

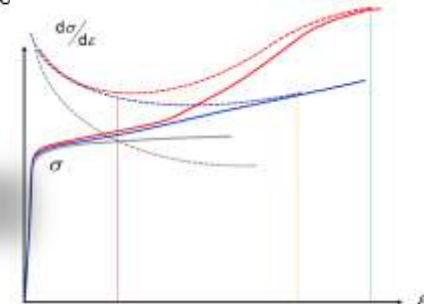


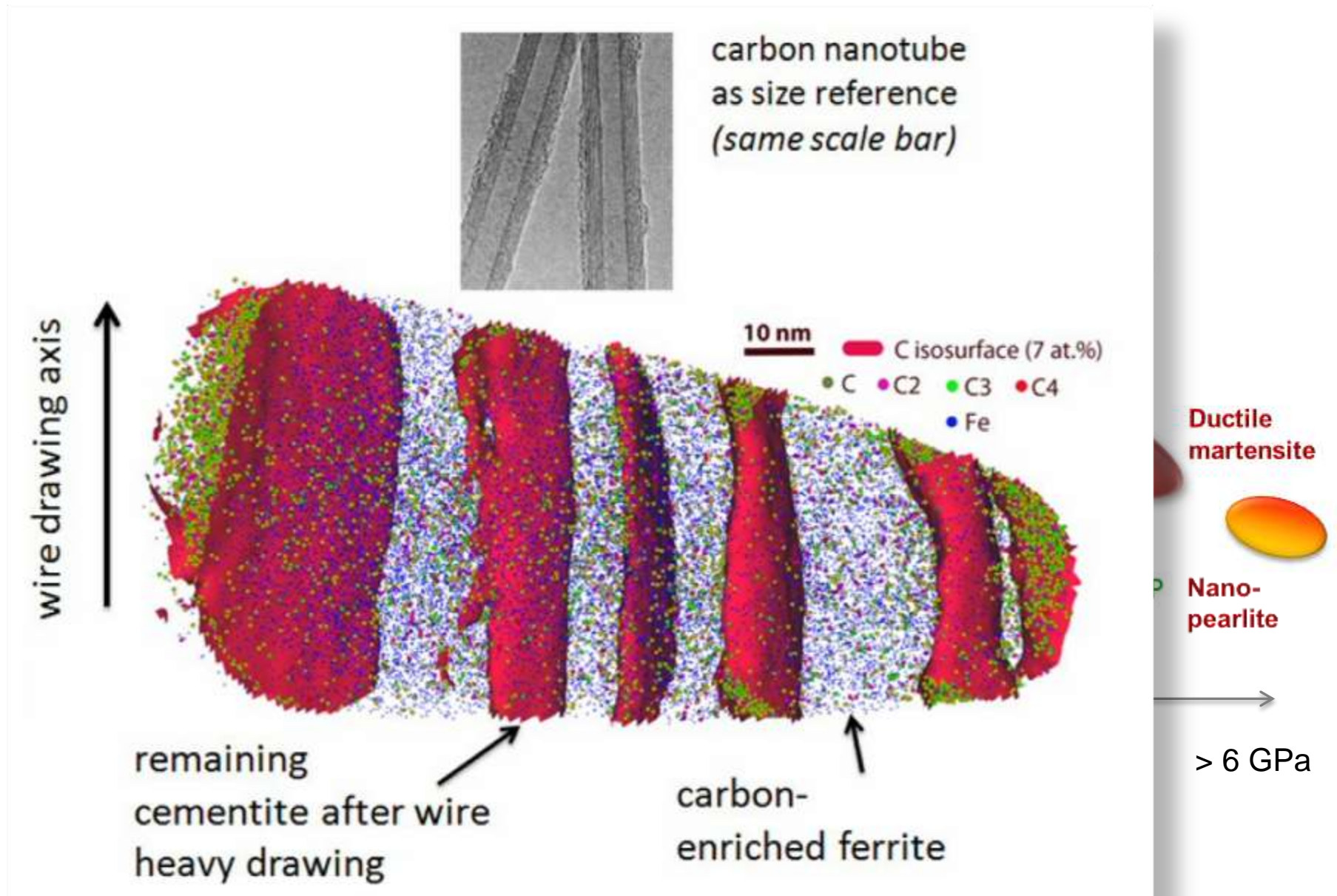
# Local phase transformations enable high strength of bulk metals



Inverse strength-ductility relation

Design strain hardening only where needed







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# Dawn of the iron age in the mediterranean

37000 soldiers,  
Hittite and other kingdoms

Hittite empire: iron age

Reich der Hethiter

Mykenischer Kulturkreis

Muwatalli

Quadesh  
1274 BC

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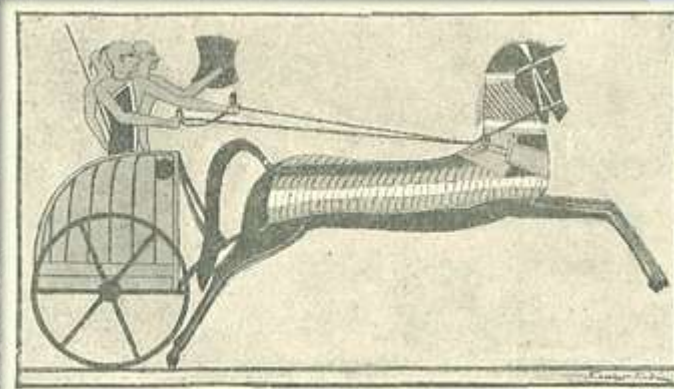
1274 BC:  
Iron weapons  
Large chariots

Ramses II.

Ägypten

Egypt empire: bronze age

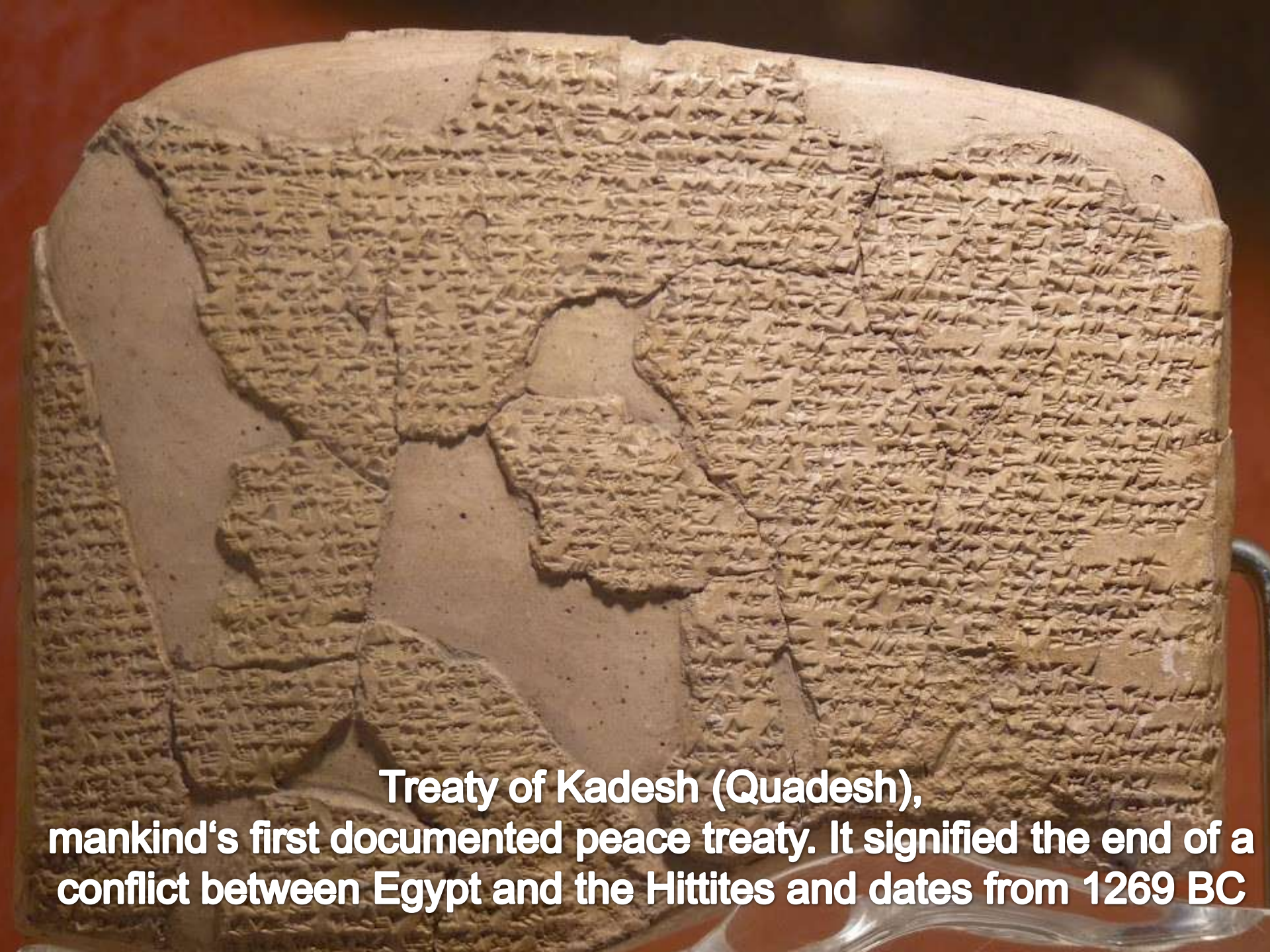
20000 soldiers, 4 divisions  
largest egypt army ever



A HITTITE CHARIOT WITH ITS THREE OCCUPANTS.<sup>1</sup>

Rotes Meer

Syene



**Treaty of Kadesh (Quadesh),  
mankind's first documented peace treaty. It signified the end of a  
conflict between Egypt and the Hittites and dates from 1269 BC**



# Answering societies' grand challenges with complex alloys



70% of all **industrial innovations** are associated with progress in **materials science and engineering**

**Complex Materials** occupy key roles  
(energy, transportation, health, safety, infrastructure)

Materials-related industries account for 46% of all EU manufacturing value and 11% of the EU's total domestic product

3.5 billion € per day in the EU  
*World Trade Organisation*

Our mission: Understanding and designing complex materials and mechanisms for real environments from first principles

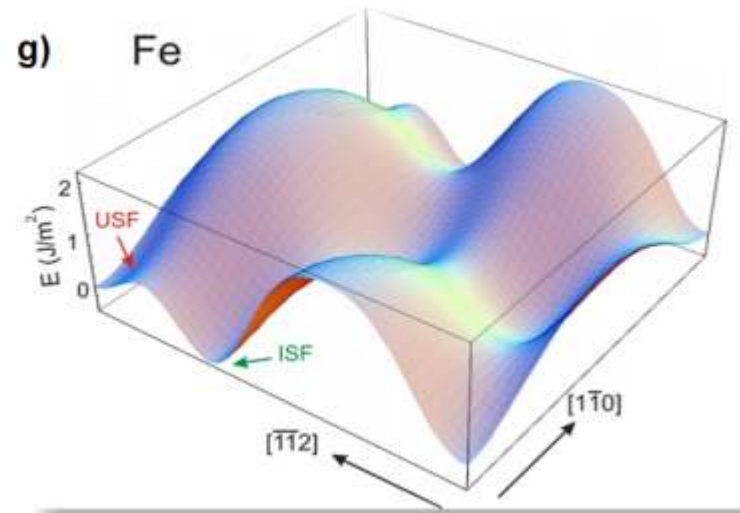
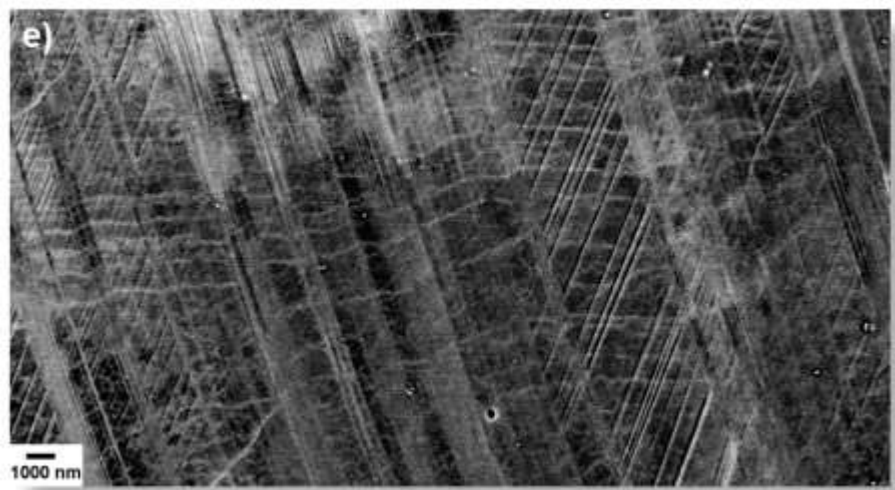
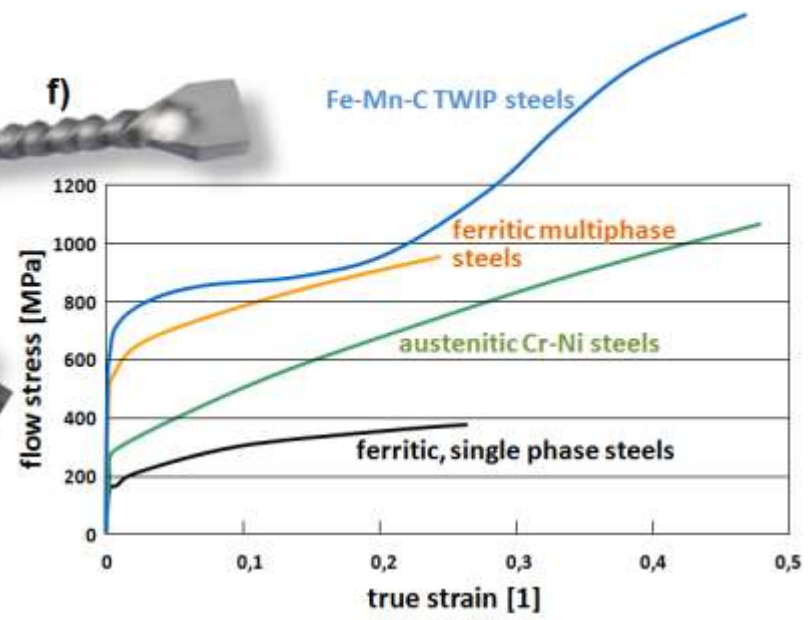
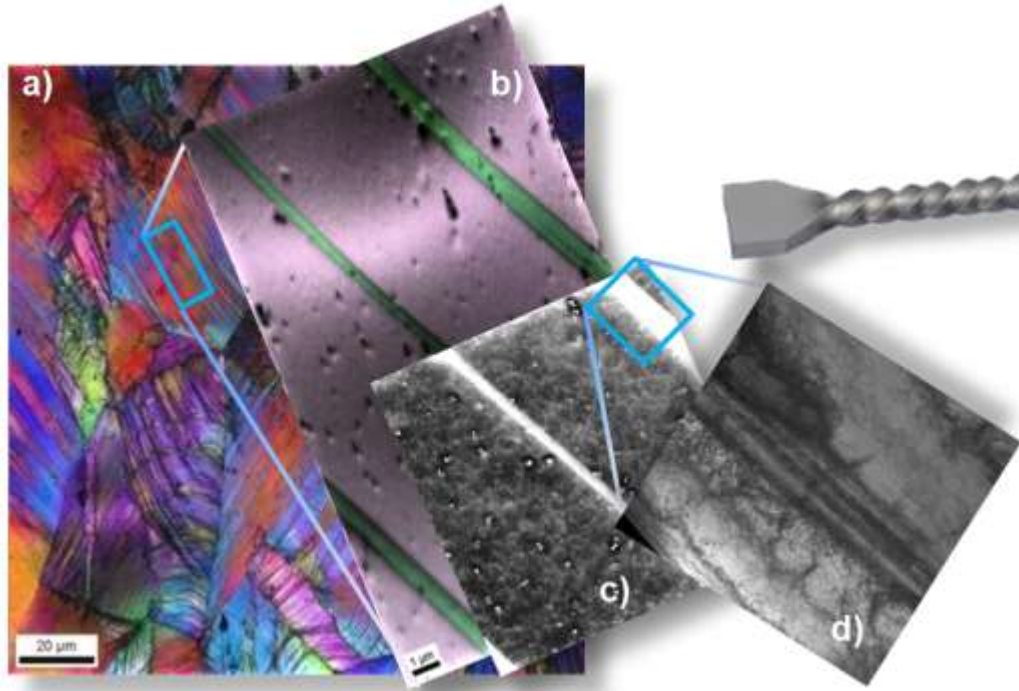


# New materials for key technologies: mobility on land and water

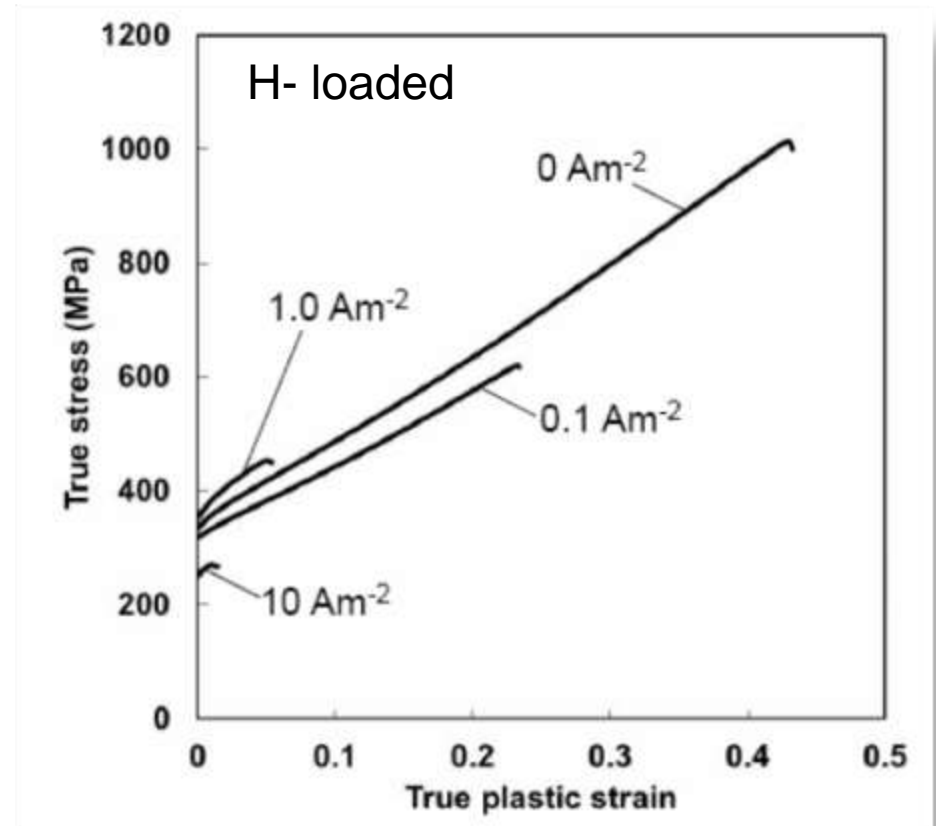
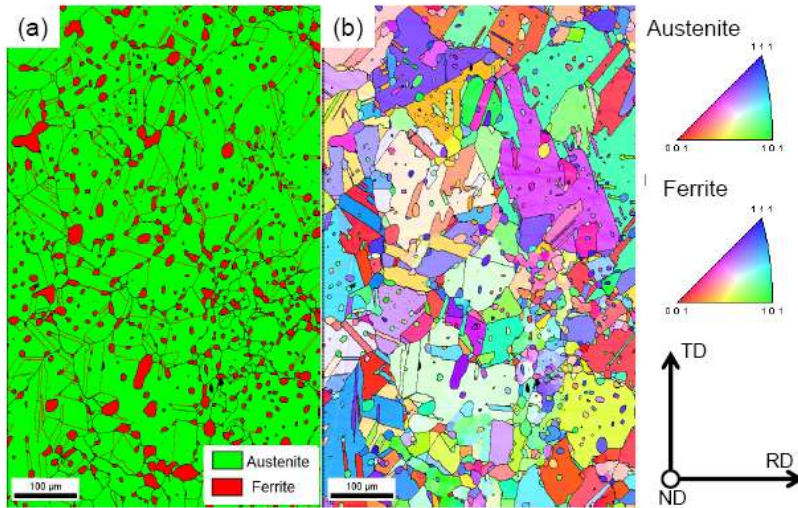
**Steels**  
**Magnesium**  
**Aluminium**  
**Titanium**

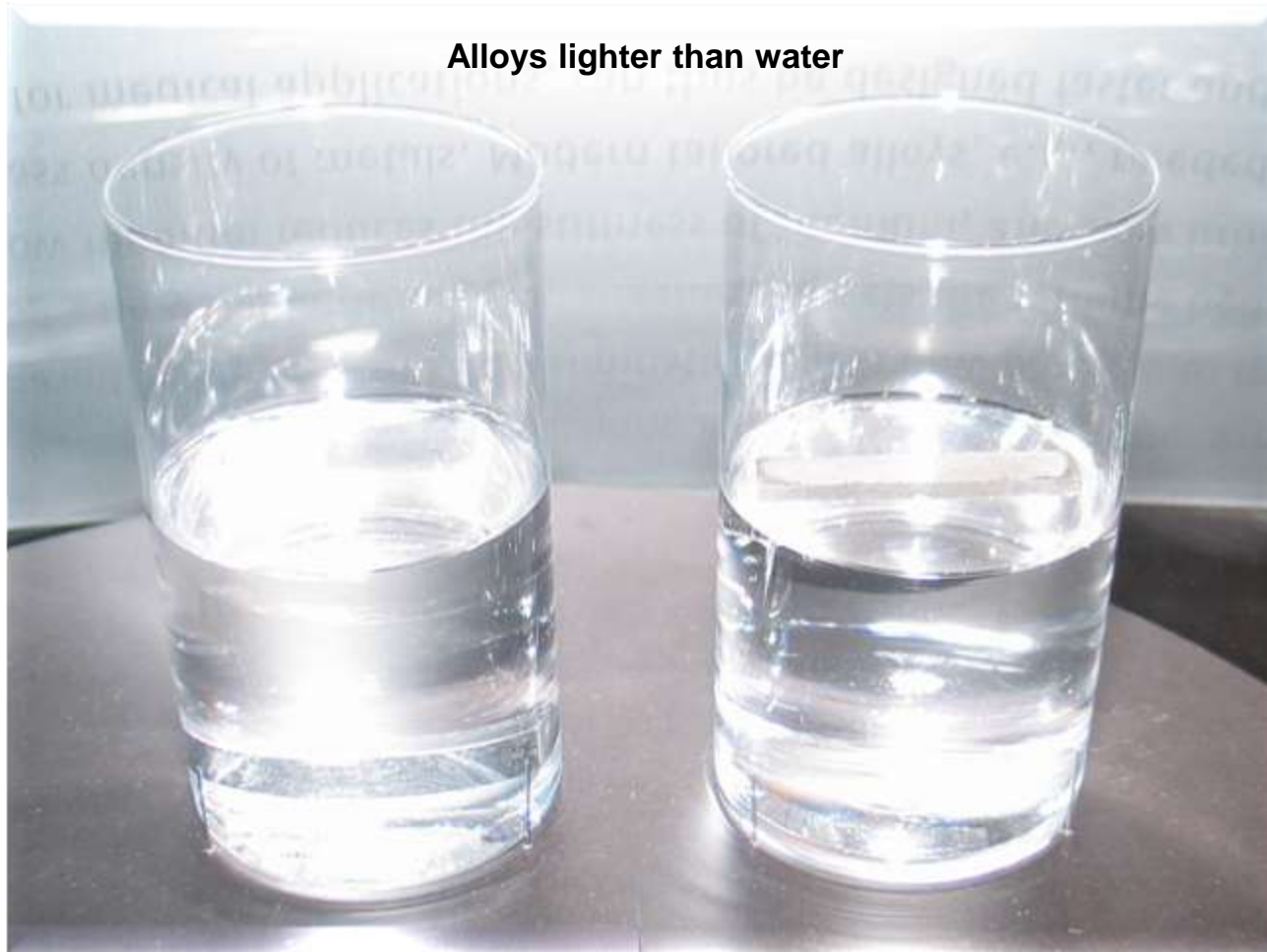


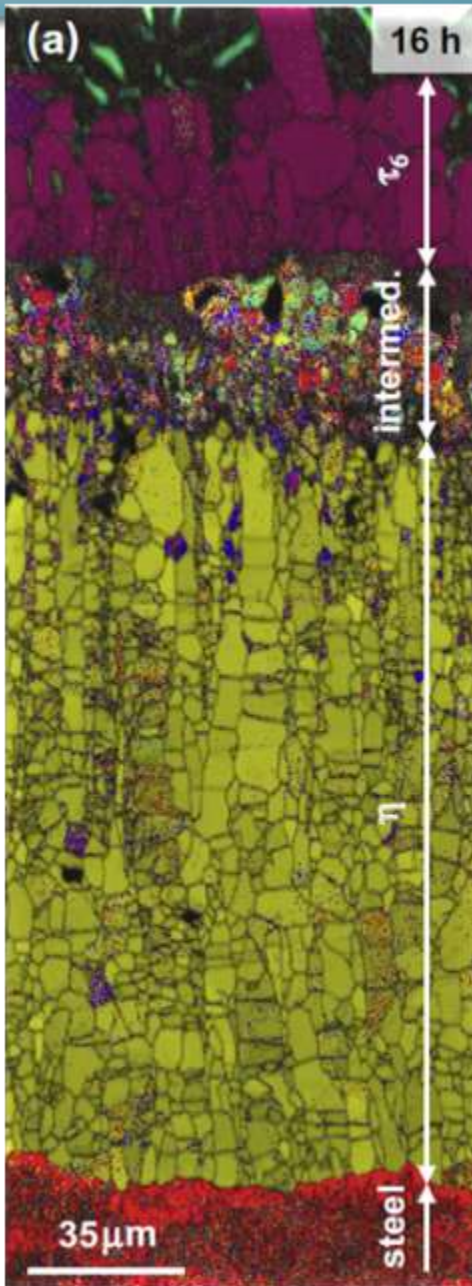
# Ab initio-based development of new alloys



Fe-24Mn-0.5C-8.6Al (wt%)

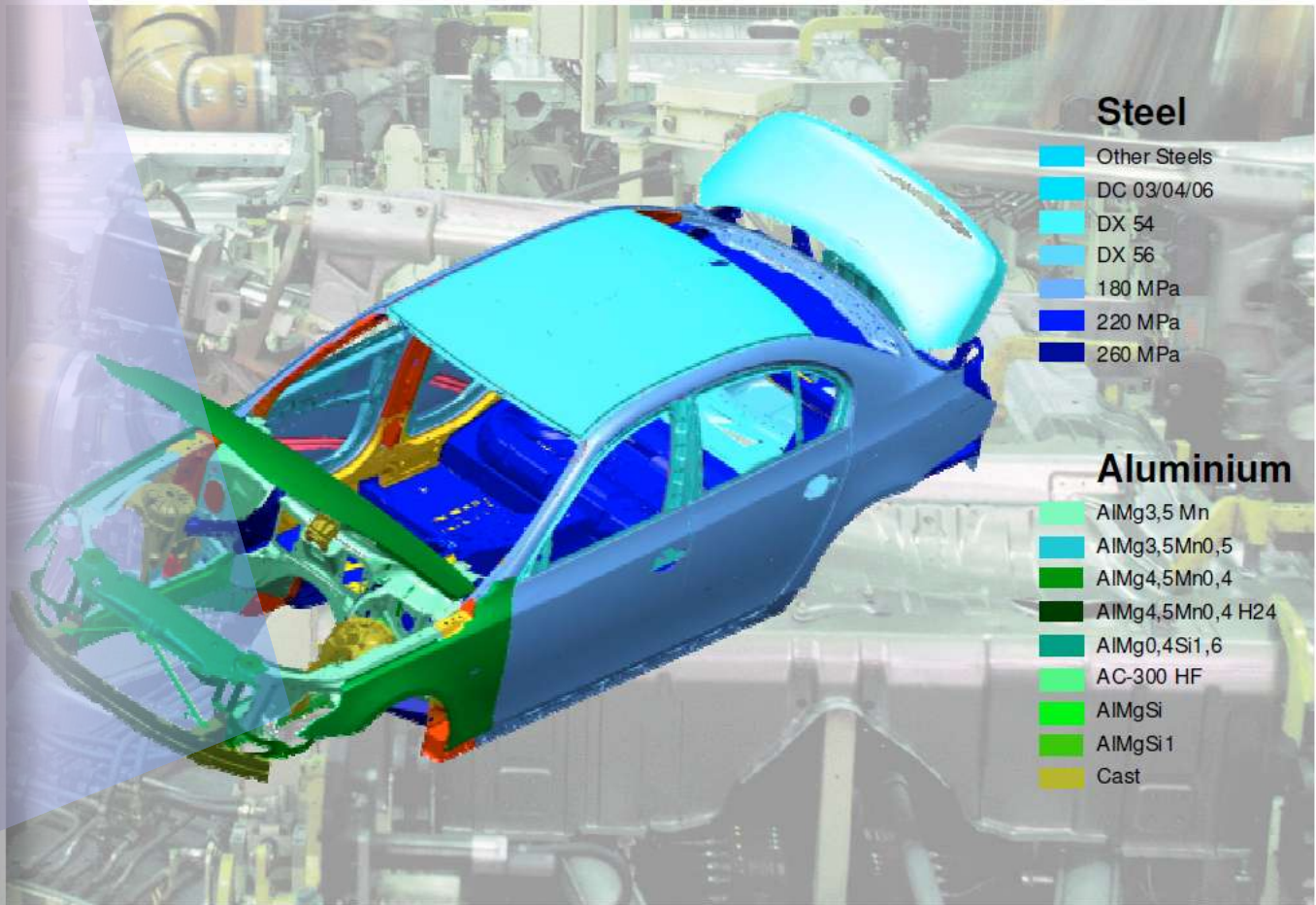






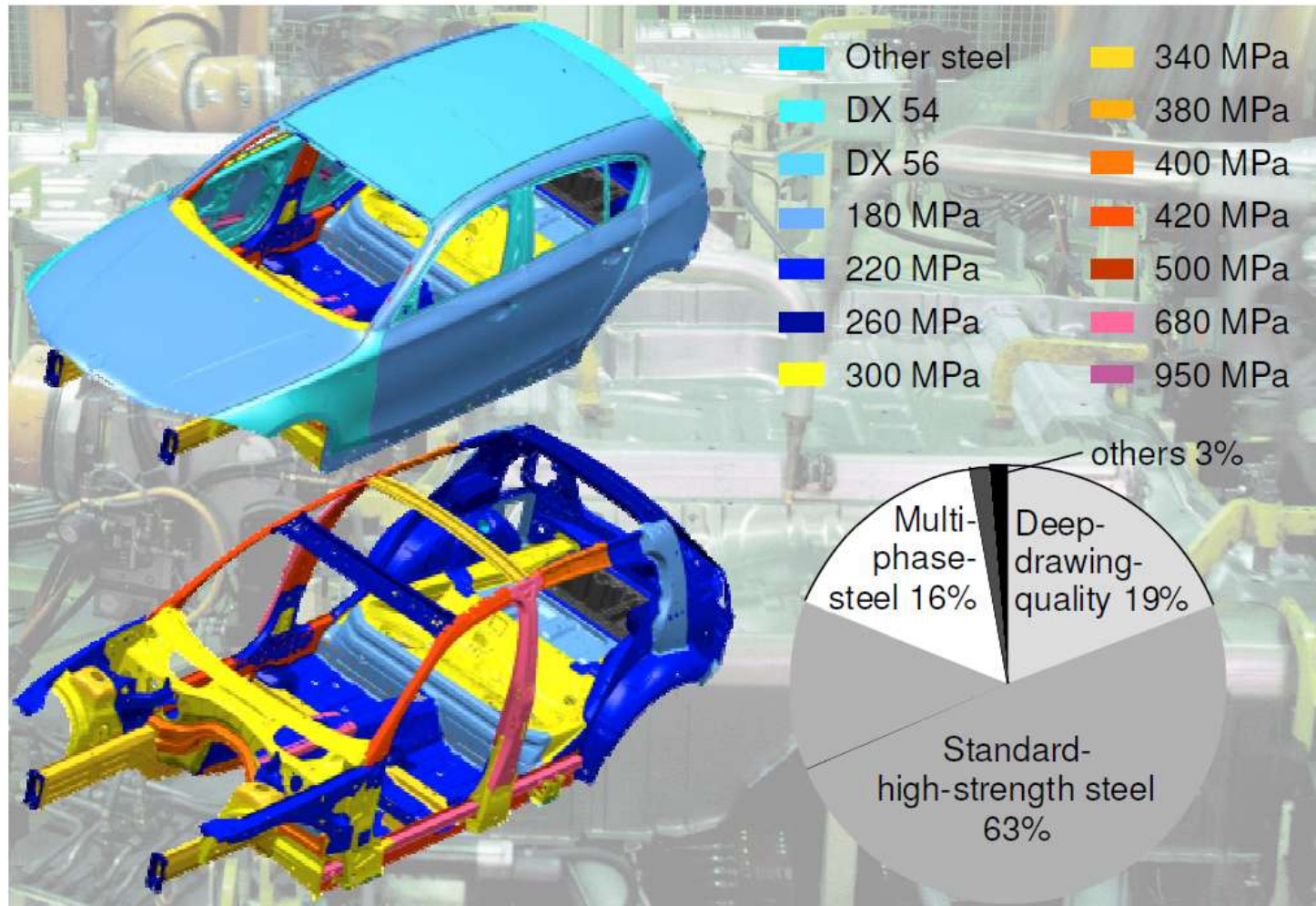
## Car Body Structure.

Aluminium Front End / Steel passenger Cab.  
BMW 5 Series.





# Car Body Structure. High Strength Steel. BMW 1 Series.



# New materials for key technologies: Aero-space

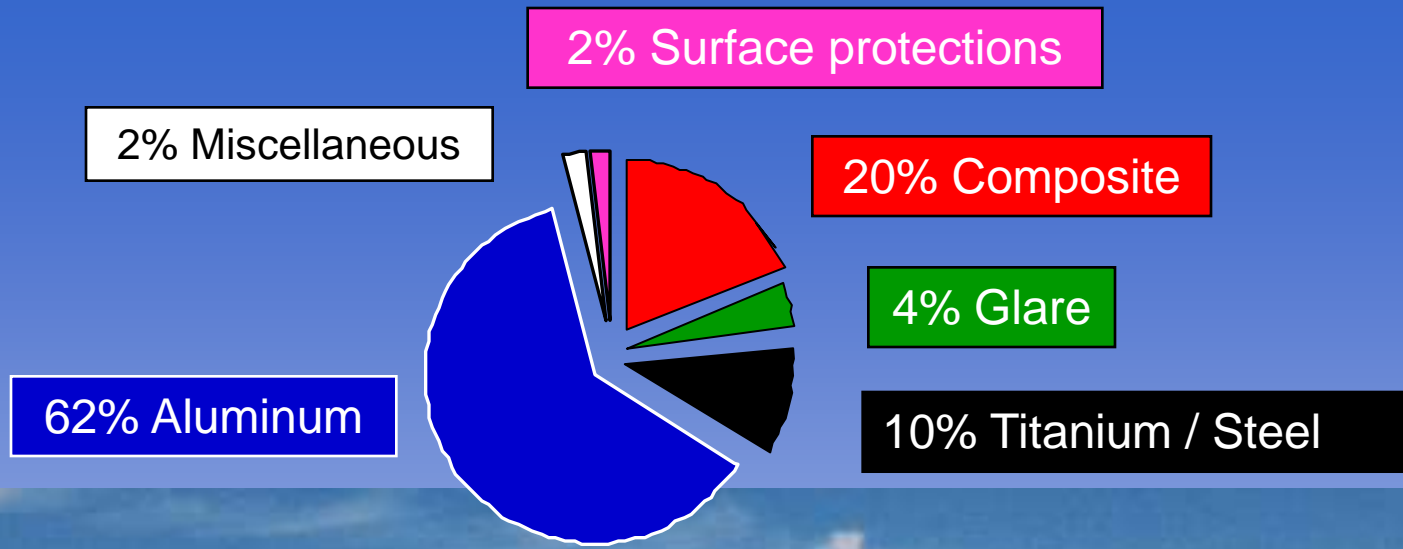


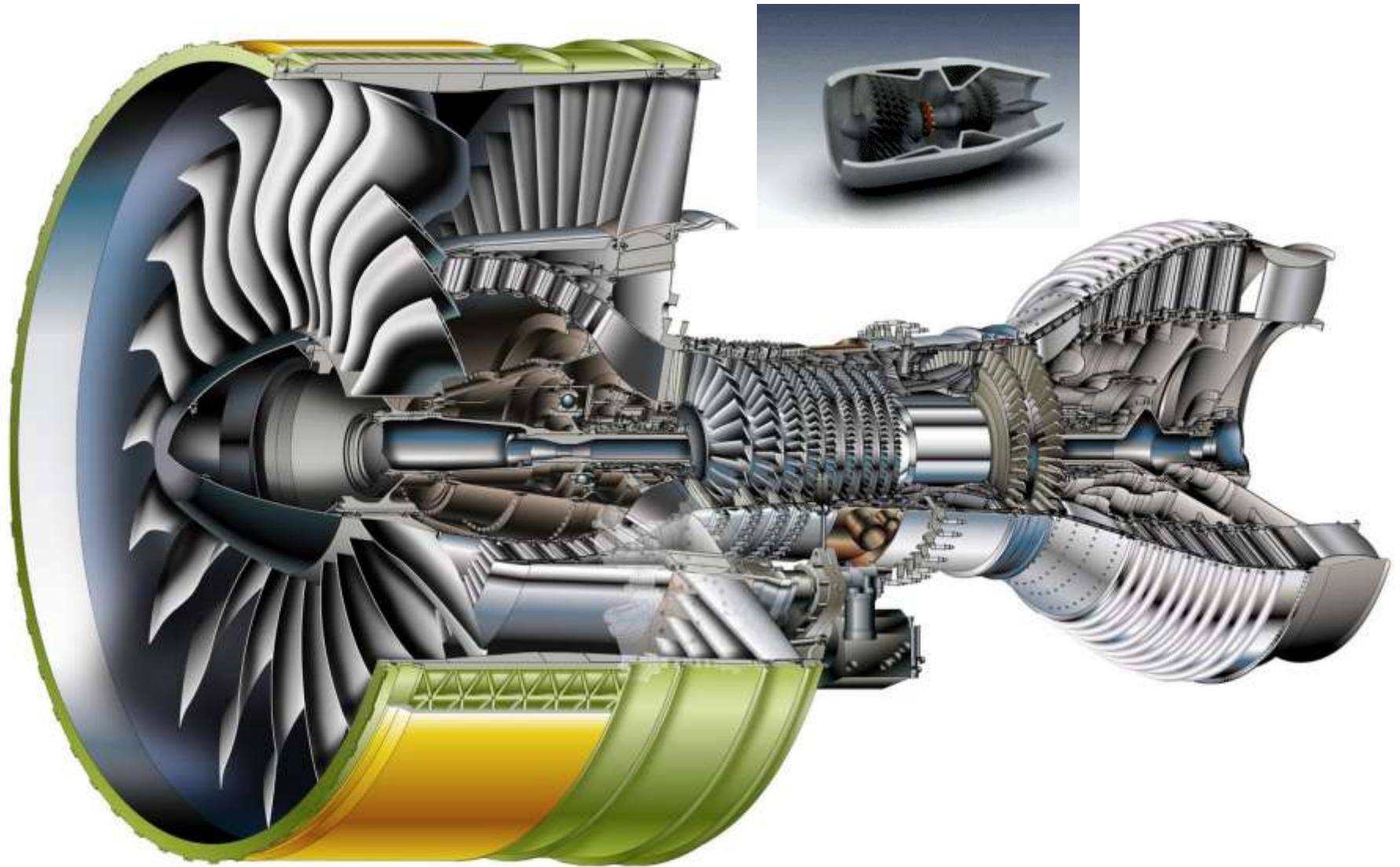
**Titanium**  
**Aluminium**  
**Magnesium**  
**Nickel**  
**Steels**  
**Intermetallics**

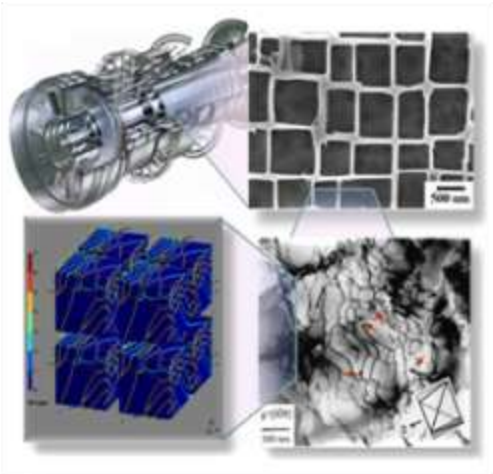




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# New materials for key technologies: Green energy



Steels  
Copper

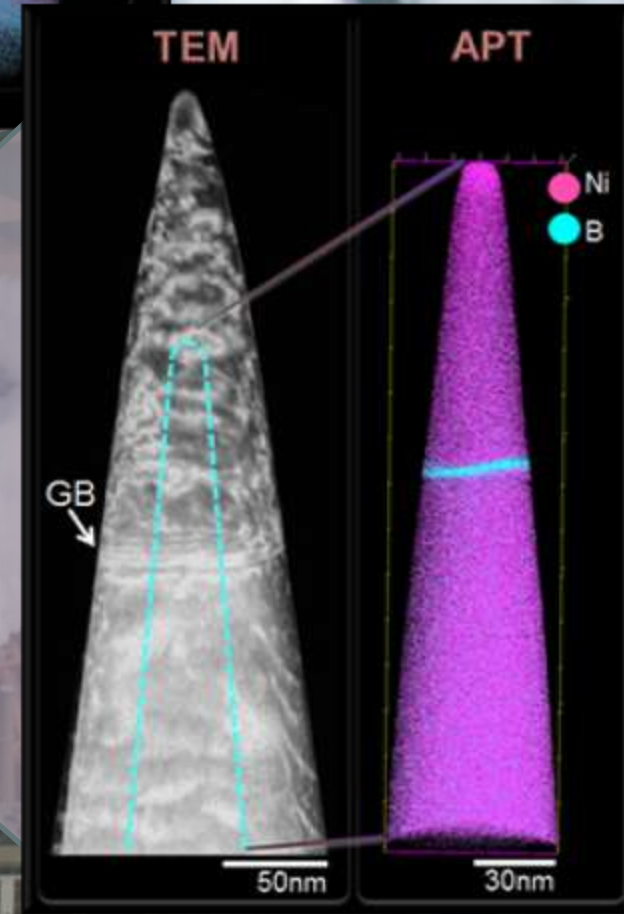
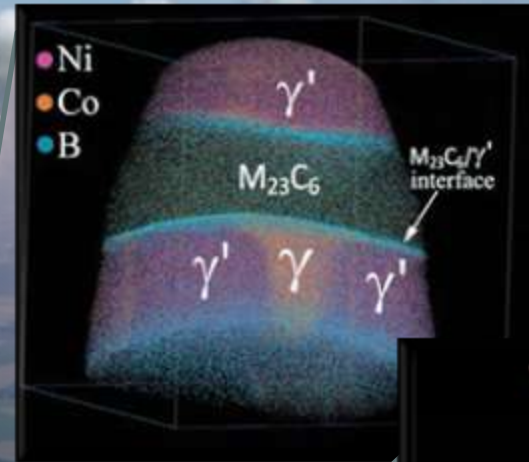
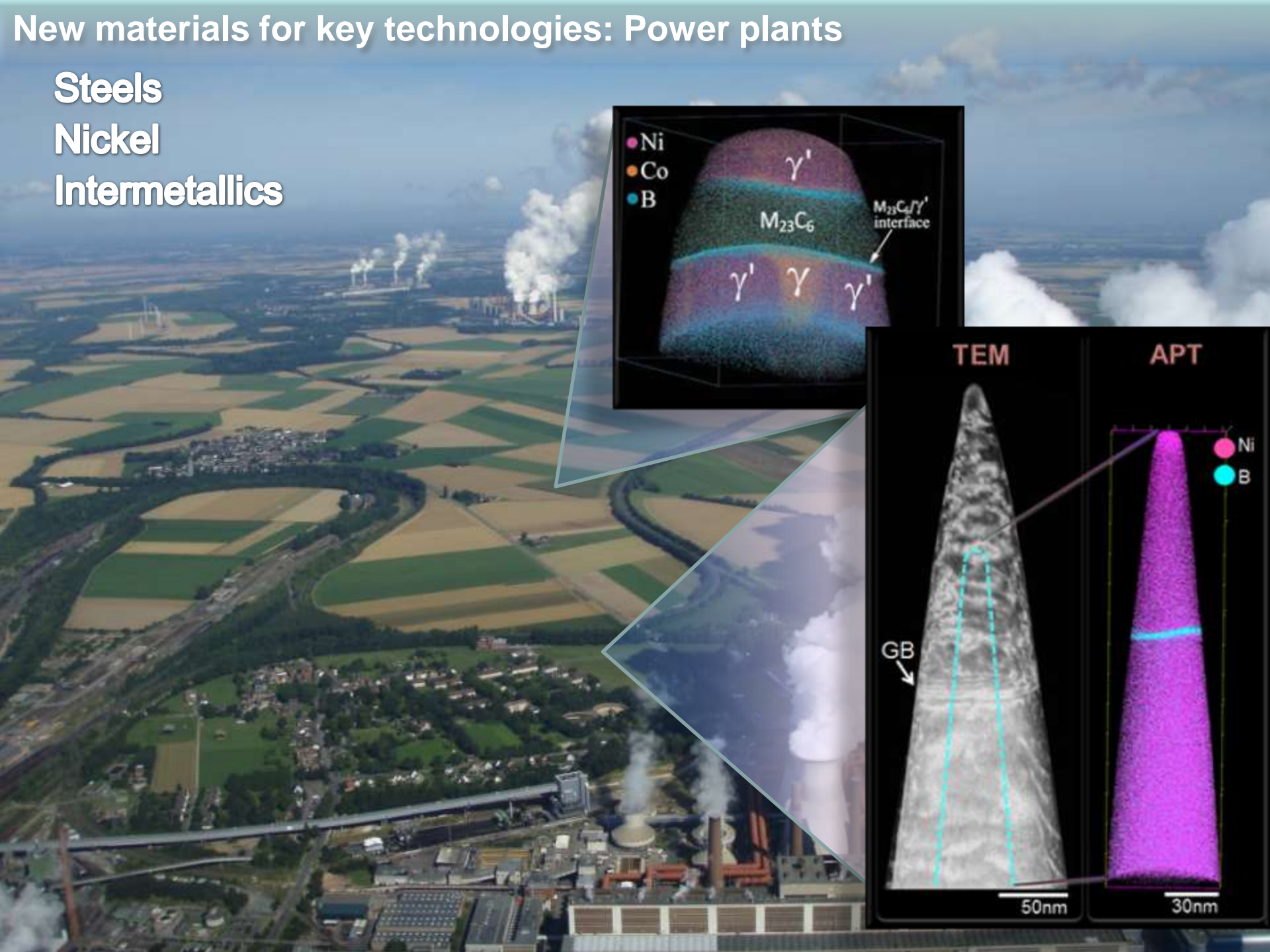


# New materials for key technologies: Power plants

Steels

Nickel

Intermetallics



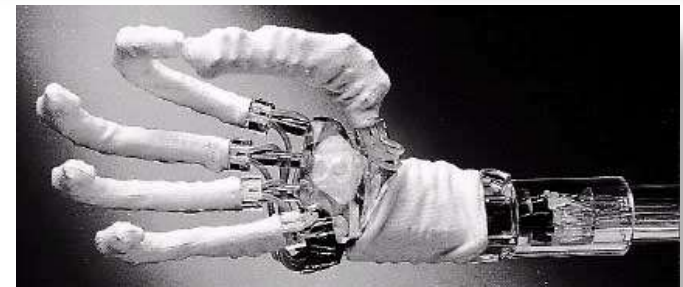
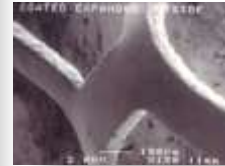
# New materials for key technologies: infrastructure

## Steels



# New materials for key technologies: health

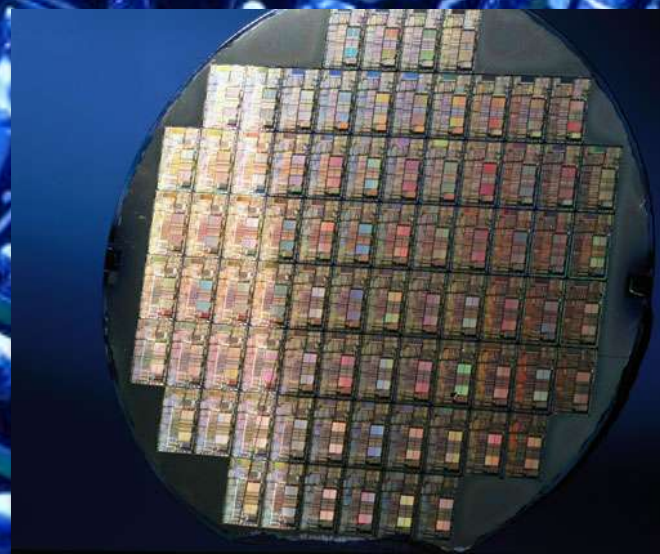
**TITANIUM**  
**MAGNESIUM**  
**COPPER**  
**STEELS**



# New materials for key technologies: functionals



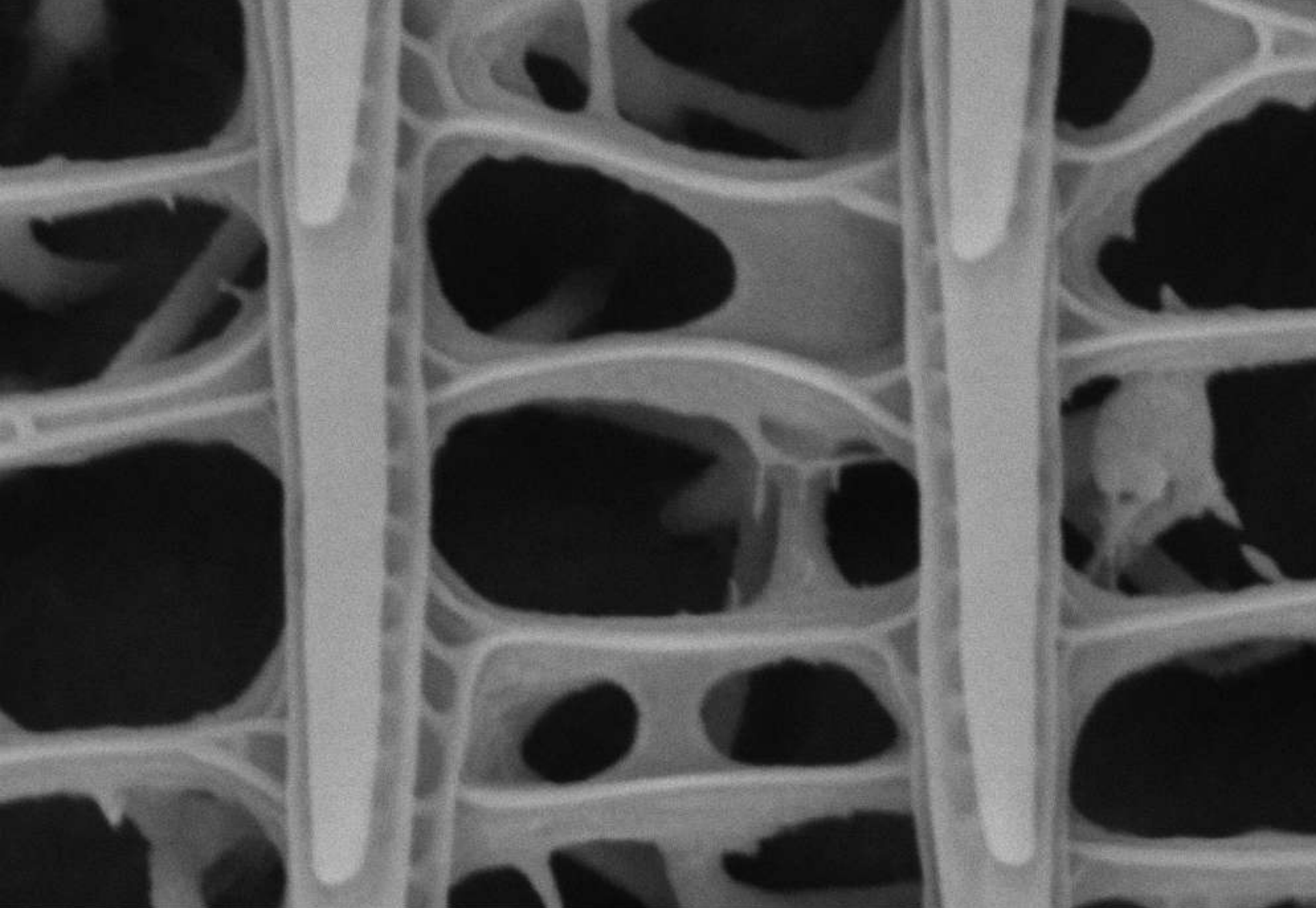
**Gold**  
**Copper**  
**Solders**  
**III-V semiconductors**





self healing materials, electronic polymers, regenerative Biomaterials, LED, energy storage, thermoelektrika.....





200 nm

Mag = 80.10 K X

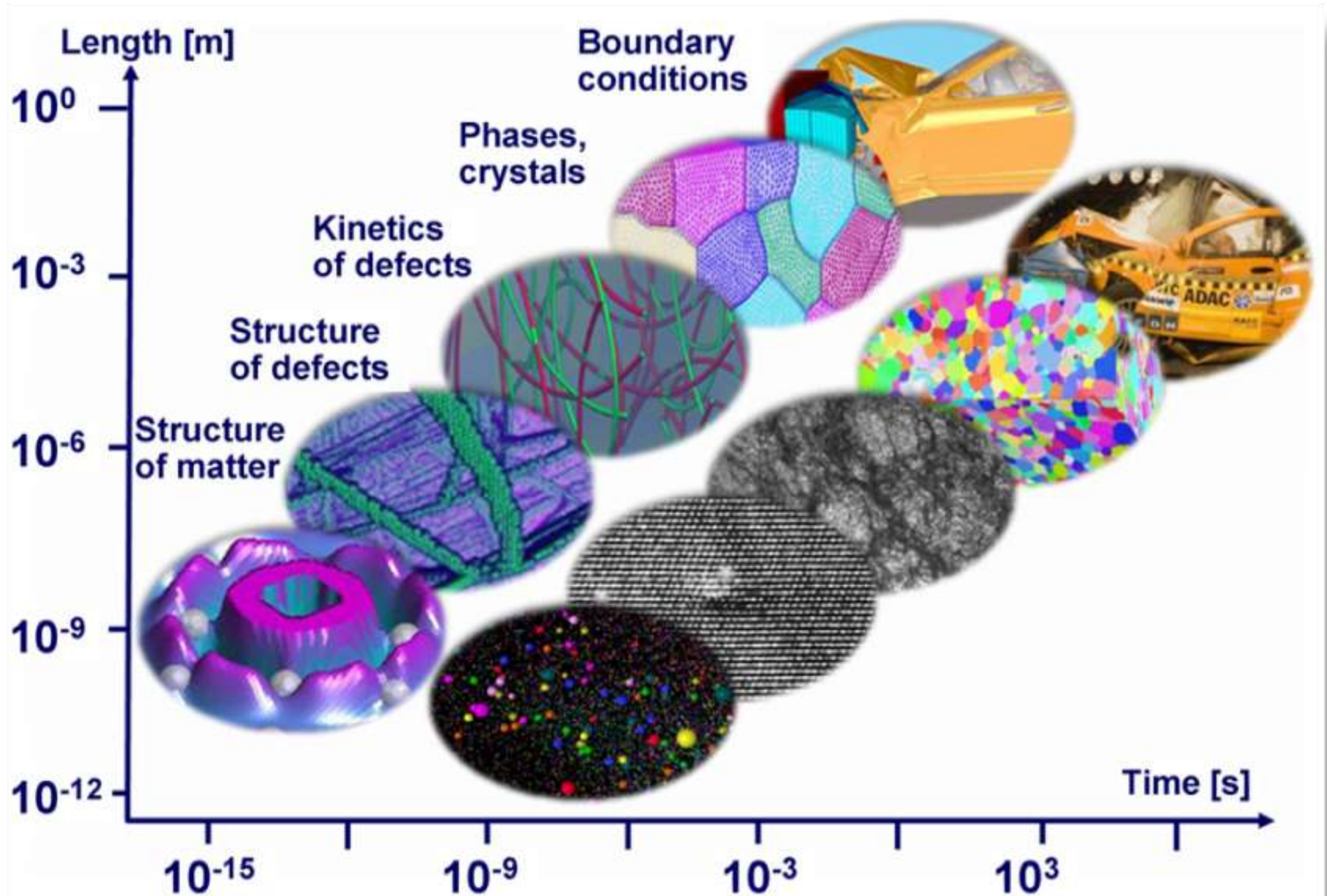
WD = 5 mm

EHT = 5.00 kV

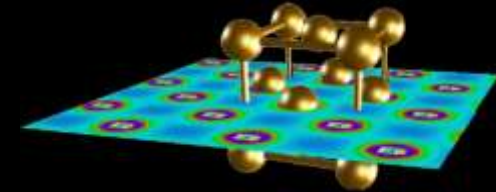
Signal A = InLen Date : 30 Jan 2008

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- **MOST EXACT KNOWN MATERIALS THEORY**
- **COMBINE TO ATOMIC SCALE EXPERIMENTS**
- **OBTAIN DATA NOT ACCESSIBLE OTHERWISE**
- **CAN BE USED AT CONTINUUM SCALE**
- **ELECTRONIC RULES FOR ALLOY DESIGN:  
ADD ELECTRONS RATHER THAN ATOMS**



$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 \psi(\mathbf{r}) + U(\mathbf{r})\psi(\mathbf{r}) = E \psi(\mathbf{r})$$

square  $|\psi(\mathbf{r})|^2$  of the wave function  $\psi(\mathbf{r})$  at position  $\mathbf{r} = (x, y, z)$  is a measure of the probability (Aufenthaltswahrscheinlichkeit)

**many particles**

$$\left( -\frac{\hbar^2}{2} \sum_i \frac{1}{m_i} \nabla_i^2 + U(\mathbf{r}_i) \right) \psi(\mathbf{r}_i) = E \psi(\mathbf{r}_i)$$



# time-independent Schrödinger equation for many particles

$i$  Elektrons: Mass  $m_e$  ; Charge  $q_e = -e$  ; Coordinates  $r_{ei}$   
 $j$  Cores: Mass  $m_n$  ; Charge  $q_n = ze$  ; Coordinates  $r_{nj}$

$$\left( -\frac{\hbar}{2m_e} \sum_i \nabla_i^2 - \frac{\hbar}{2m_n} \sum_j \nabla_j^2 + \sum_{\substack{i1,i2 \\ i1 \neq i2}} \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 |\mathbf{r}_{e_{i1}} - \mathbf{r}_{e_{i2}}|} + \sum_{\substack{j1,j2 \\ j1 \neq j2}} \frac{z_{j1} z_{j2} e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 |\mathbf{r}_{n_{j1}} - \mathbf{r}_{n_{j2}}|} + \sum_{i,j} \frac{z_j e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 |\mathbf{r}_{e_i} - \mathbf{r}_{n_j}|} \right) \psi(\mathbf{r}_{e_i}, \mathbf{r}_{n_j}) = E \psi(\mathbf{r}_{e_i}, \mathbf{r}_{n_j})$$

Decoupling of cores and electrons

$$\psi(\mathbf{r}_e, \mathbf{r}_n) = \varphi(\mathbf{r}_e) \phi(\mathbf{r}_n)$$

Electrons

$$\left( -\frac{\hbar}{2m_e} \sum_i \nabla_i^2 + \sum_{\substack{i1, i2 \\ i1 \neq i2}} \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 |r_{e_{i1}} - r_{e_{i2}}|} + \sum_{i,j} \frac{z_j e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 |r_{e_i} - r_{n_j}|} \right) \varphi(r_{e_i}) = E \varphi(r_{e_i})$$

Atom cores

$$\left( -\frac{\hbar}{2m_n} \sum_j \nabla_j^2 + \sum_{\substack{j1, j2 \\ j1 \neq j2}} \frac{z_{j1} z_{j2} e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 |r_{n_{j1}} - r_{n_{j2}}|} + \sum_{i,j} \frac{z_j e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 |r_{e_i} - r_{n_j}|} \right) \phi(r_{n_j}) = E \phi(r_{n_j})$$





Ground state energy is a unique function of the particle density

$$E_0 = E(n(\mathbf{r}))$$

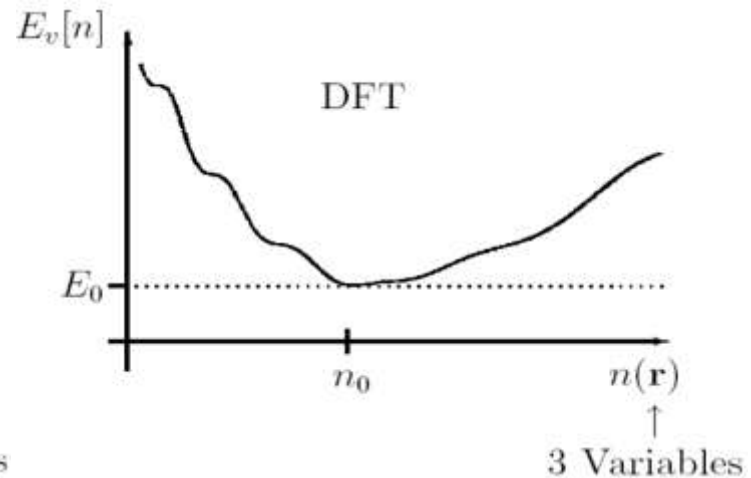
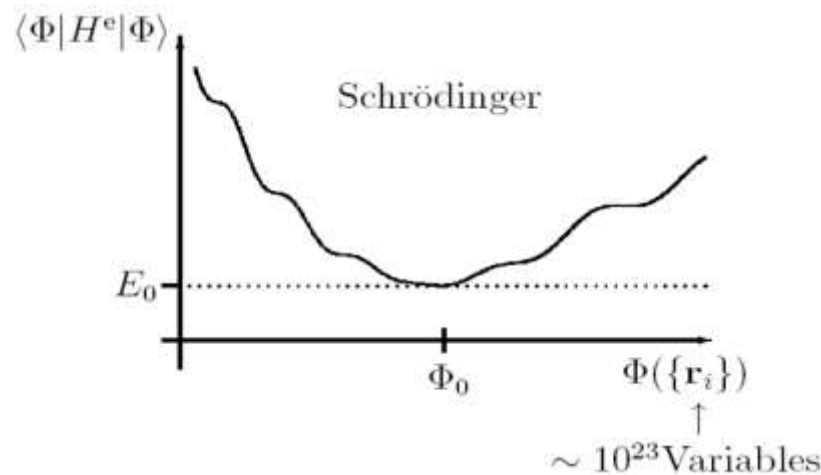
The Functional  $E(n(\mathbf{r}))$  has a minimum regarding variation in particle density at equilibrium density  $n_0(\mathbf{r})$

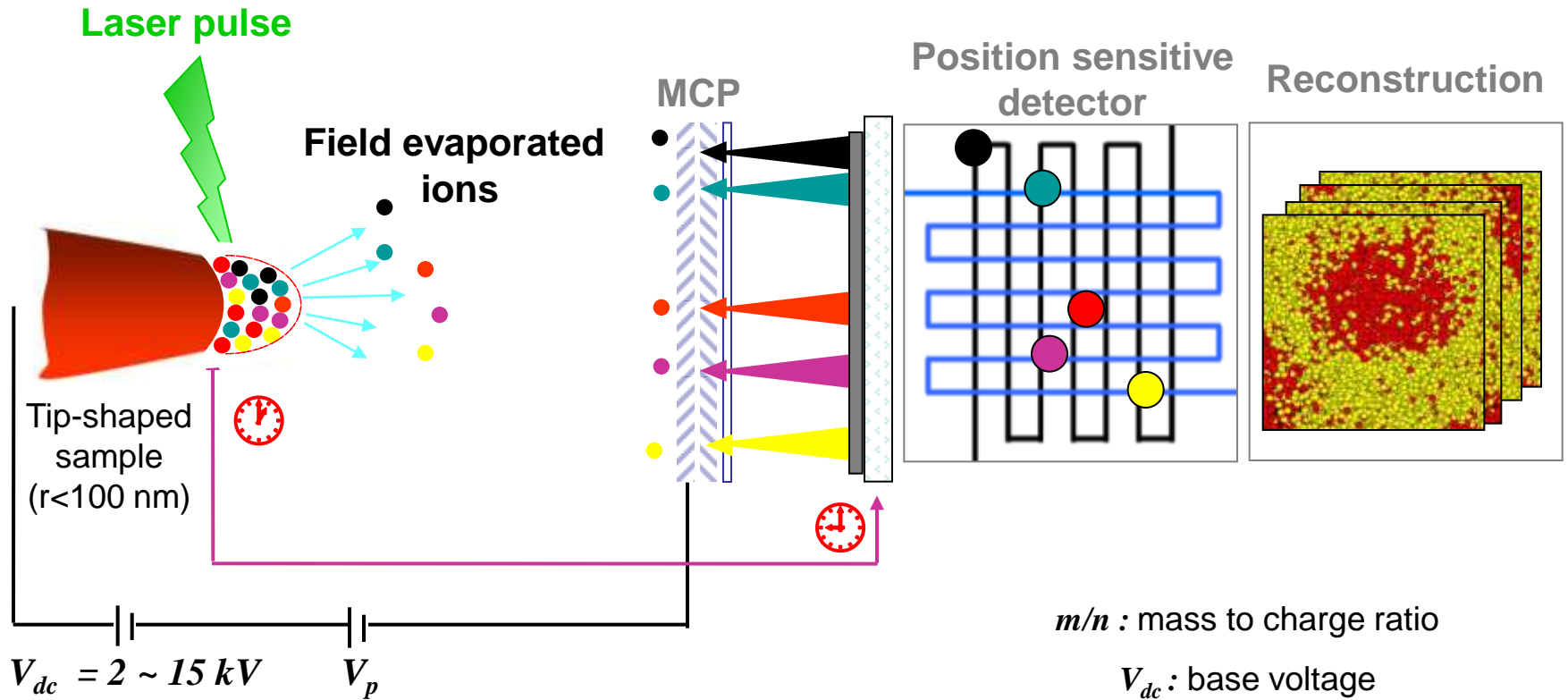
$$E = E(n_0(\mathbf{r})) = \min\{E(n(\mathbf{r}))\}$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial E(n(\mathbf{r}))}{\partial n(\mathbf{r})} \right|_{n(\mathbf{r})=n_0(\mathbf{r})} = 0$$



- **Density functional theory (DFT), generalized gradient approximation (GGA); also LDA**
- **Vienna ab-initio simulation package (VASP) code or SPHINX; different pseudo-potentials, Brillouin zone sampling, supercell sizes, and cut-off energies, different exchange-correlation functions, M.-fit**
- **Entropy: non-0K, dynamical matrix, configurational analytical**





$$\frac{m}{n} = 2e(\alpha V_{dc} + \beta V_p) \left( \frac{t}{L} \right)^2$$

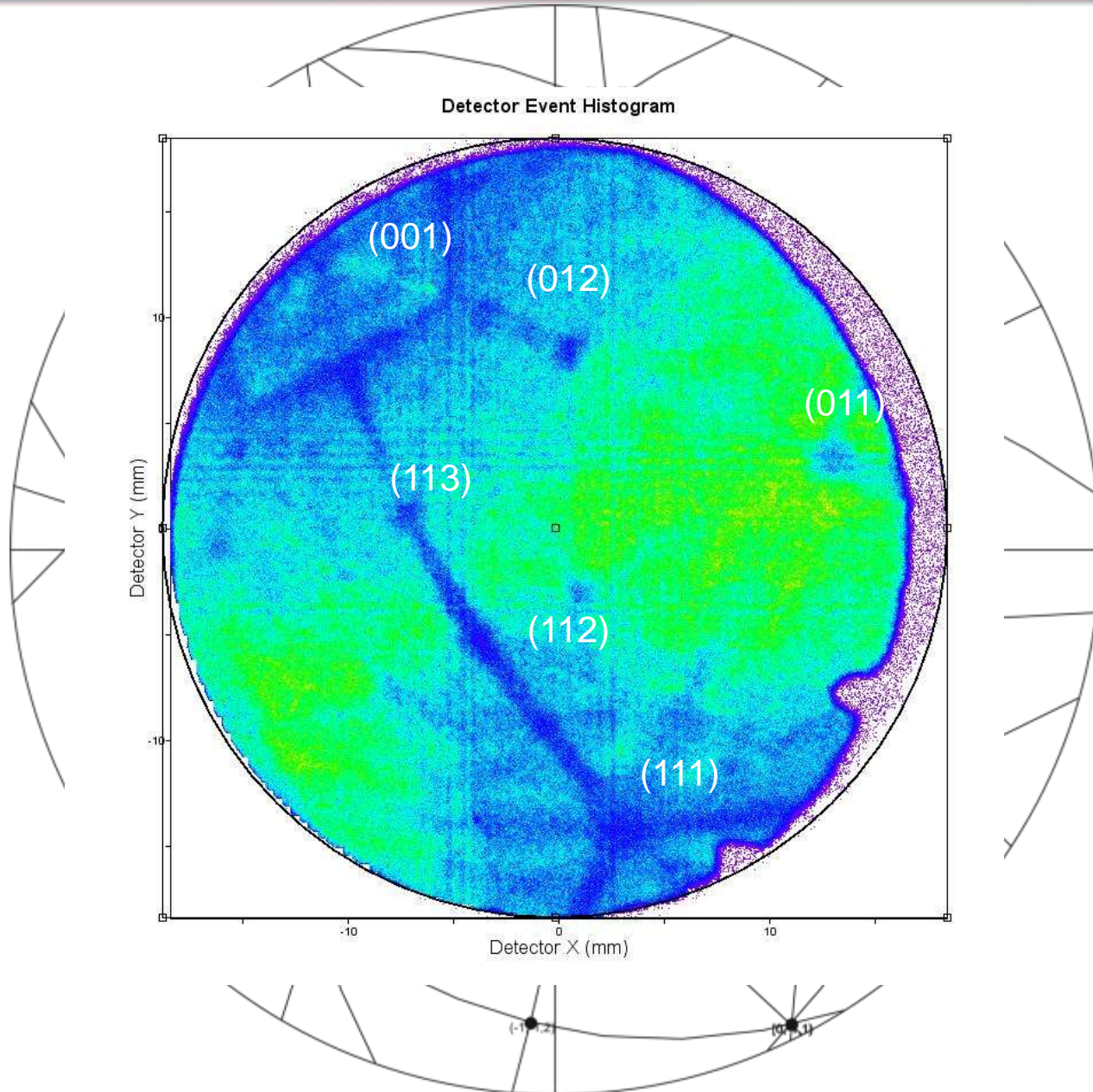
$m/n$  : mass to charge ratio

$V_{dc}$  : base voltage

$V_p$  : pulse voltage

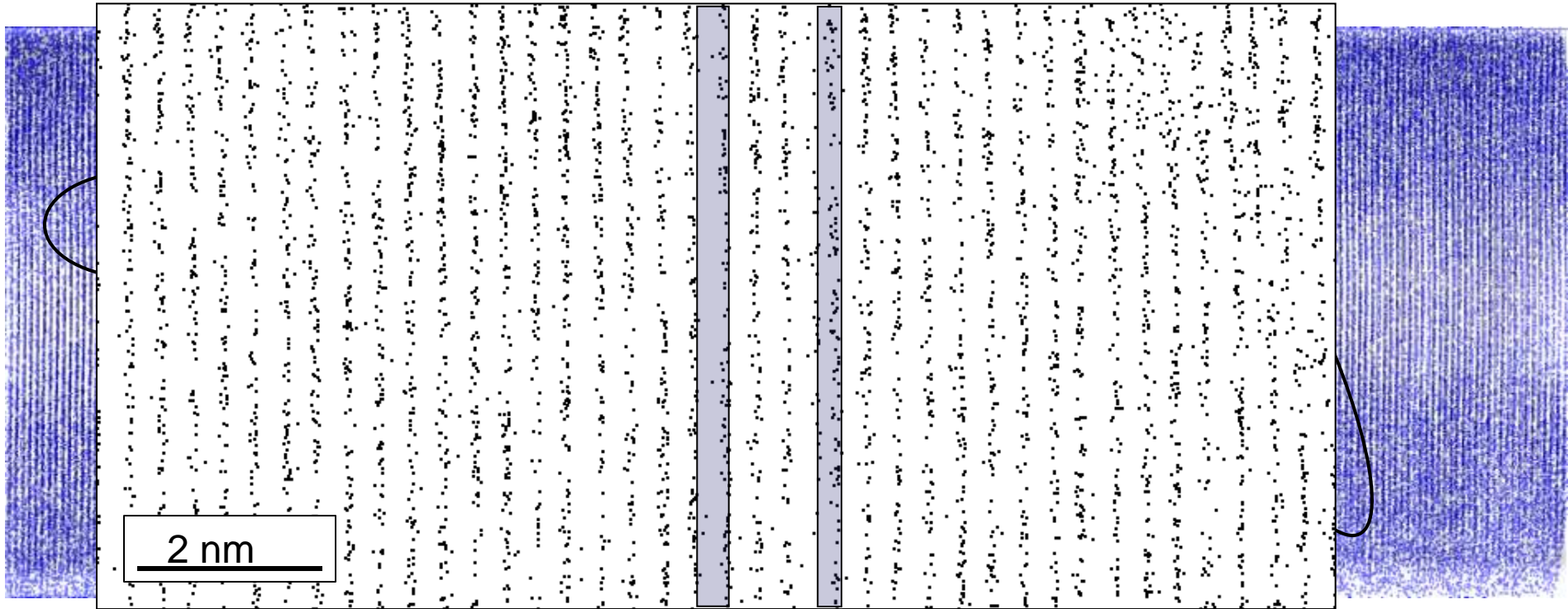
$t$  : time of flight

$L$  : distance specimen - detector

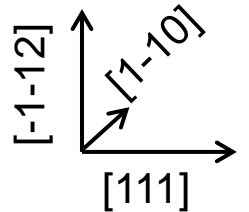


$\text{Fe}_3\text{Al}$  ordered phase (only Al displayed)

0.33 nm 0.25 nm

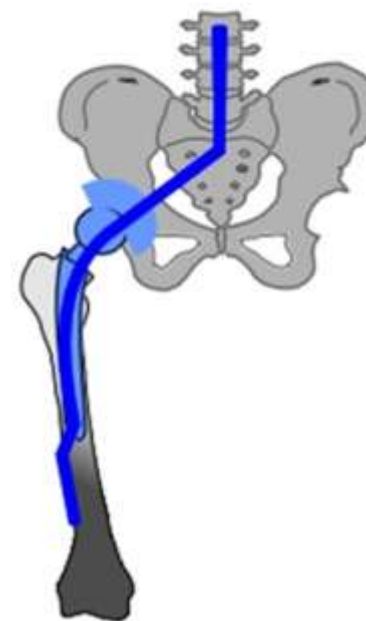
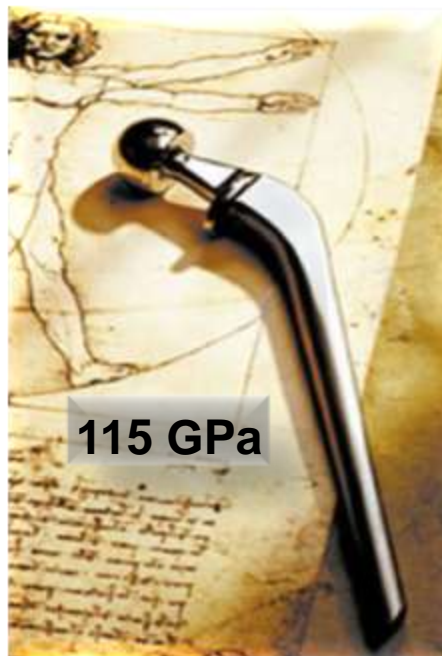


$1/4(111)$   
Frank dislocation loop

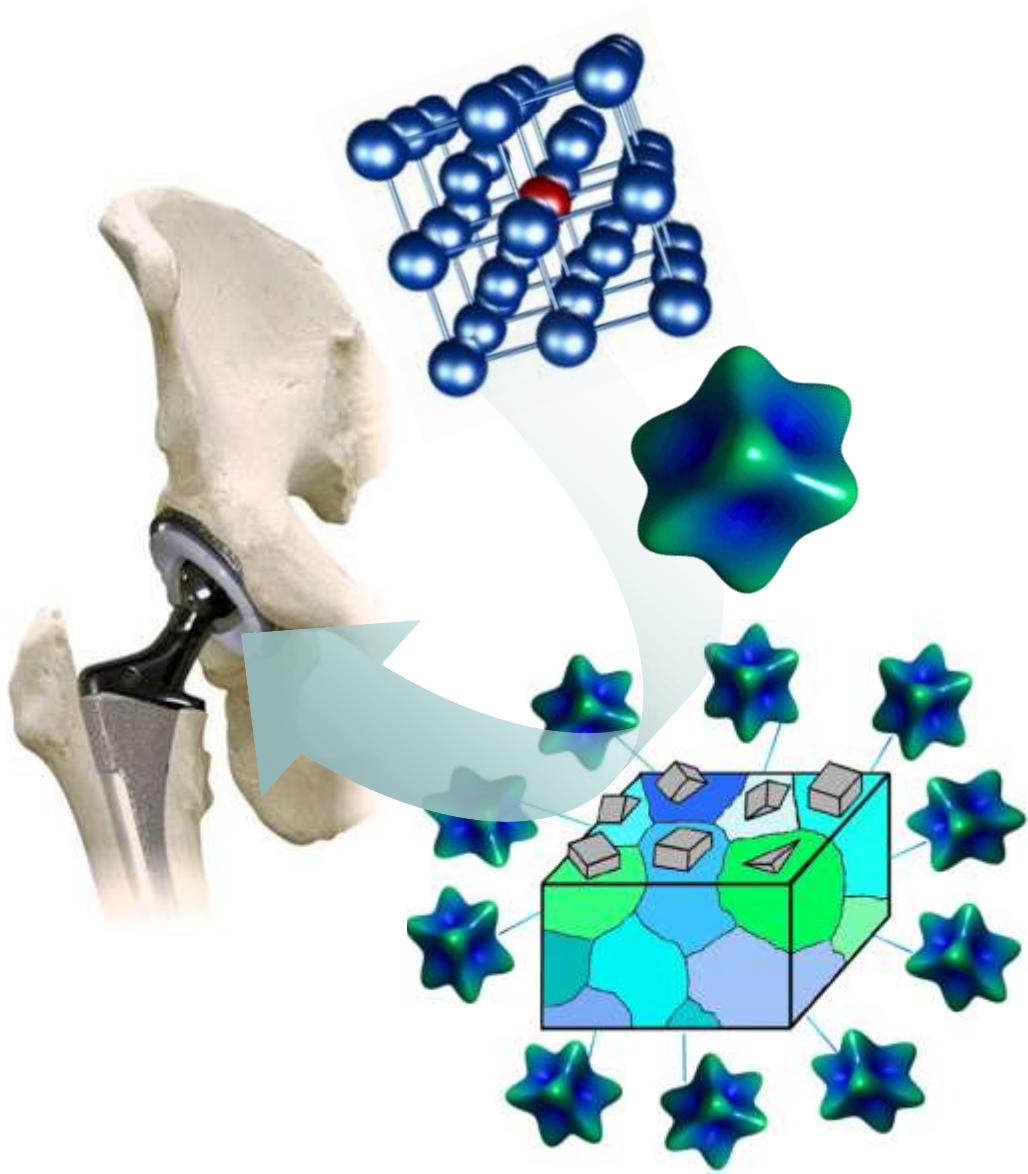


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  - Mobility: Steel



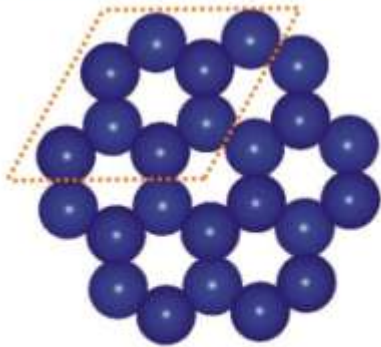
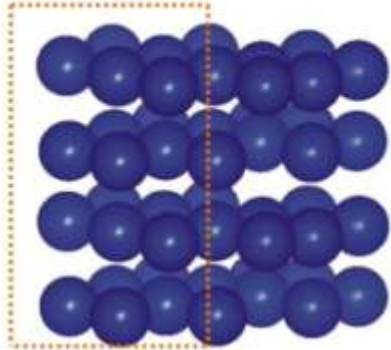


**Spannungs-Abschattung (Stress shielding)**  
**Elastische Fehlpassung:**  
**Knochenauflösung, Abrasion, Entzündung**



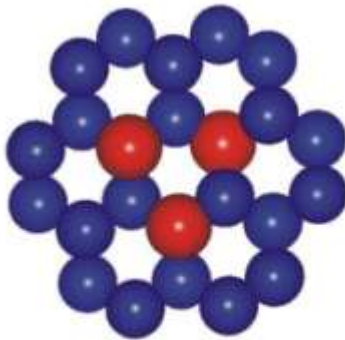
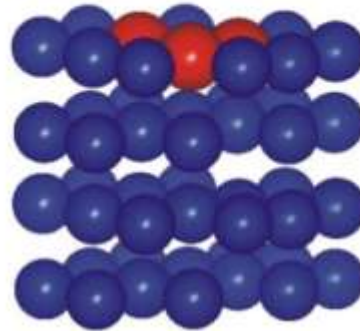


Ti hcp phase



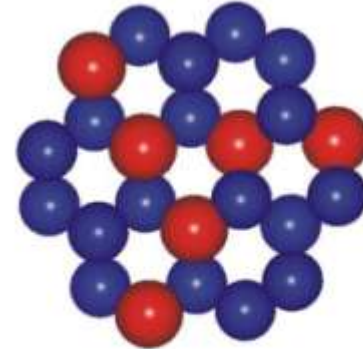
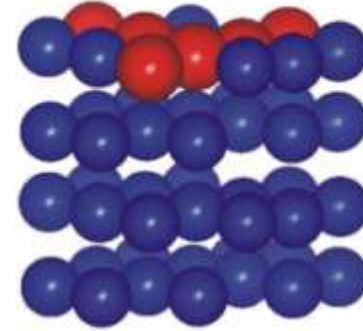
Ti atoms

15/1 Ti:X ratio

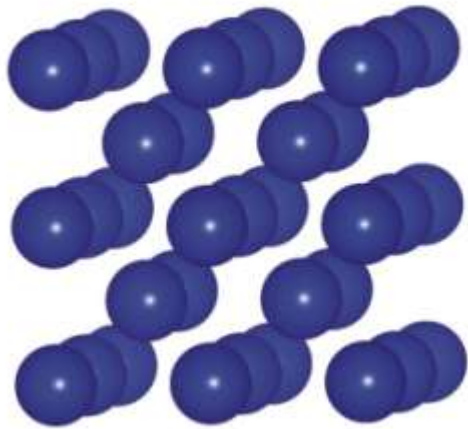


substituent X

14/2 Ti:X ratio

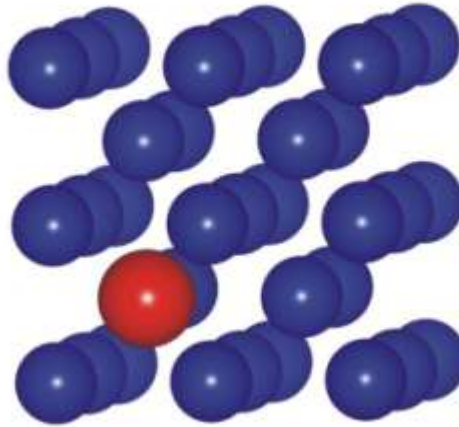


Ti bcc phase



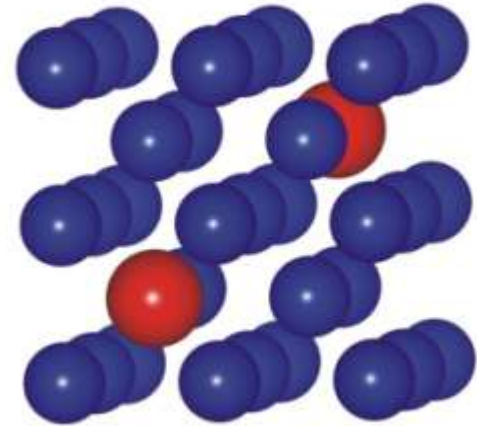
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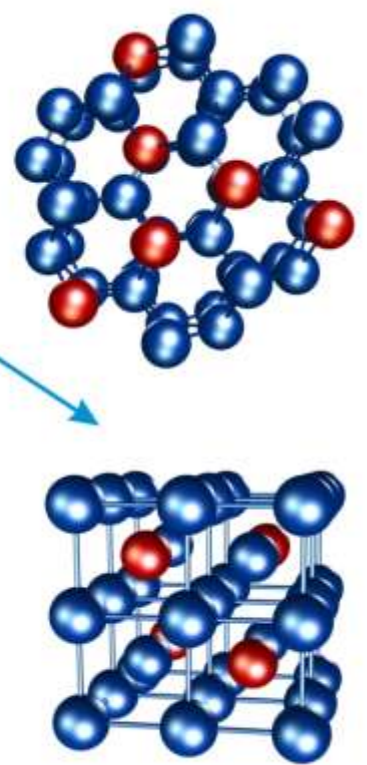
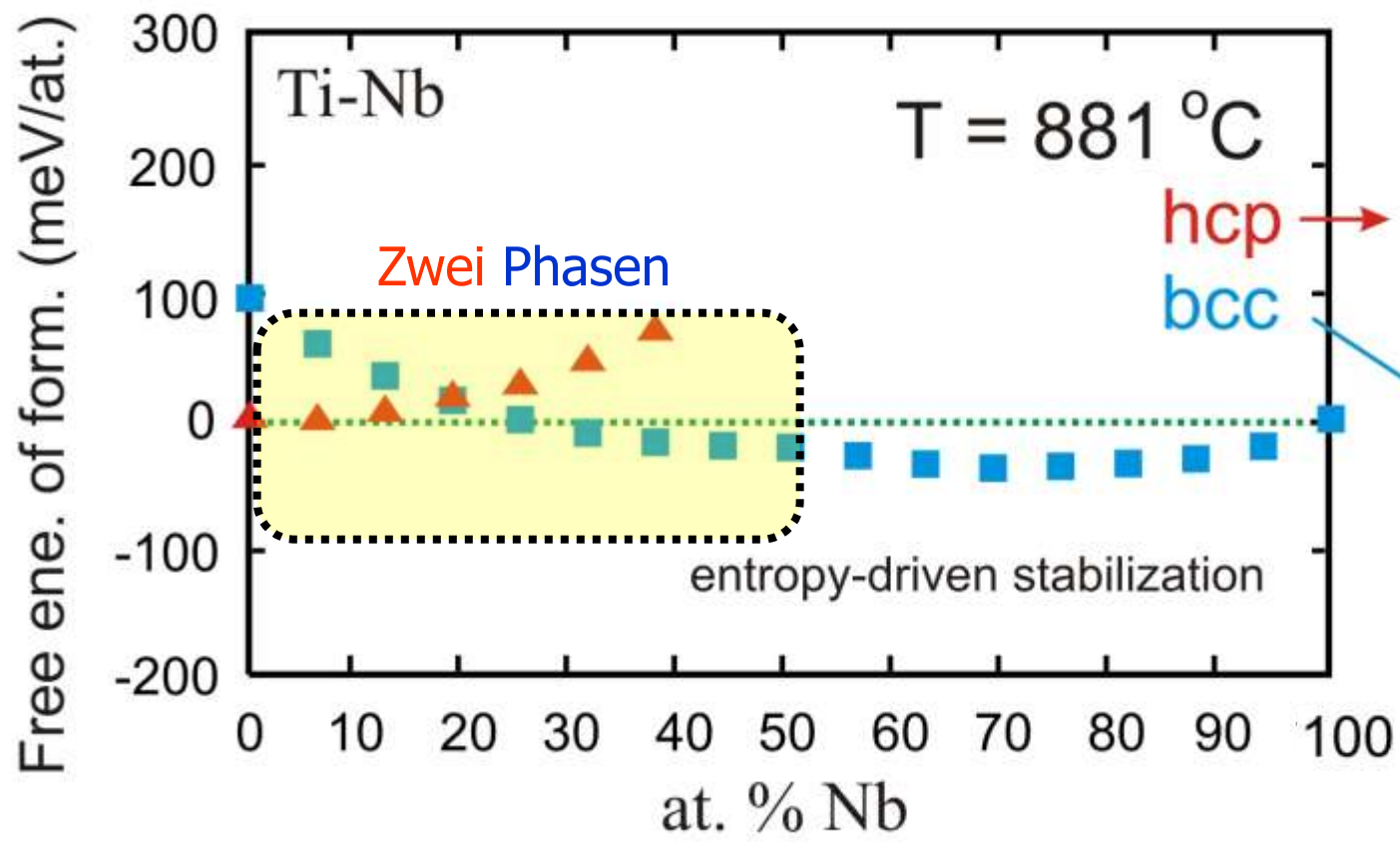
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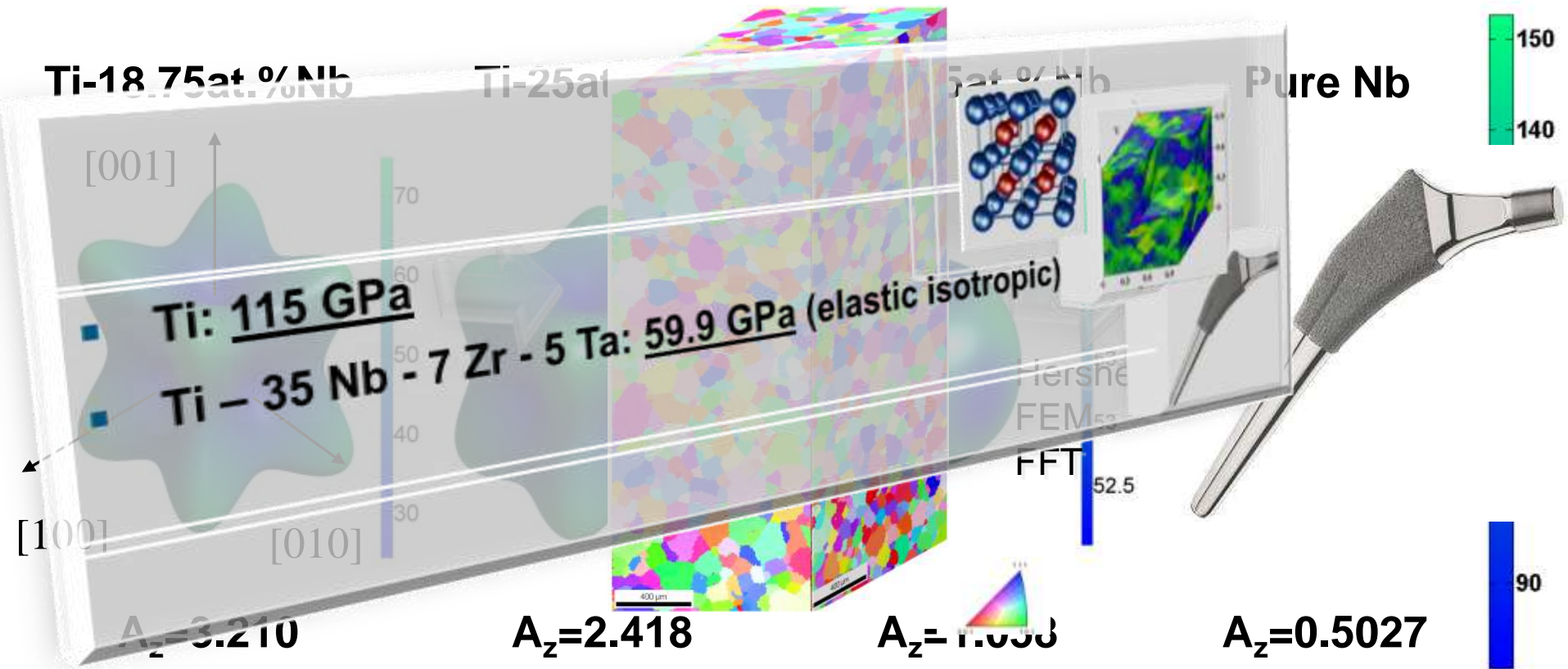


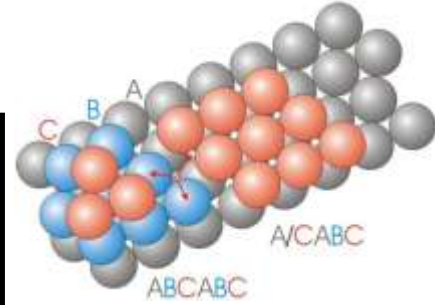
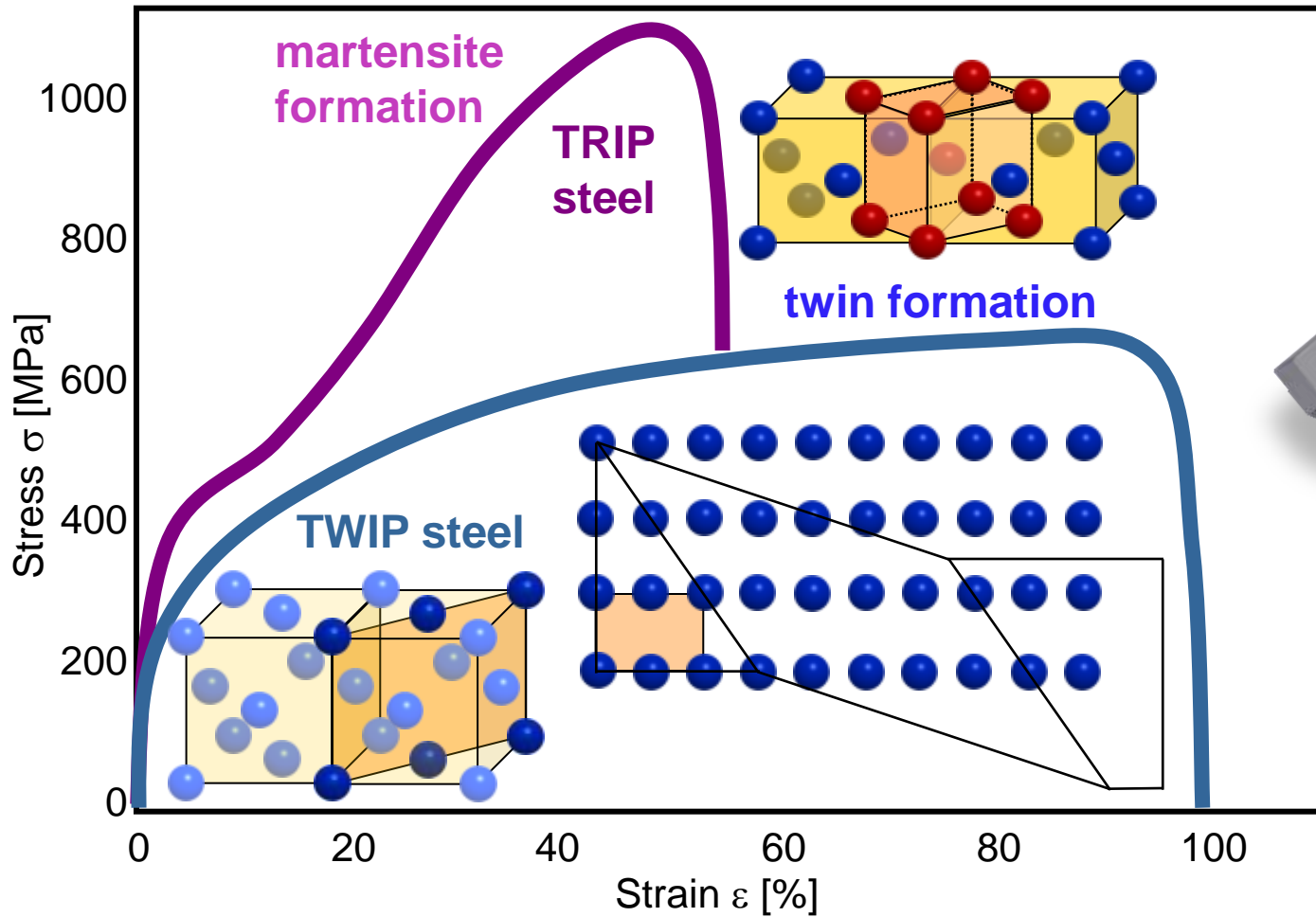
- Freie Energie  $F(x,c,T) = U - T \cdot S$
- U: Dichtefunktional-Theorie (DFT)
- S: Konfigurationsentropie
- Elastischer Tensor
- Vielkristall-Steifigkeit (Homogenisierung)

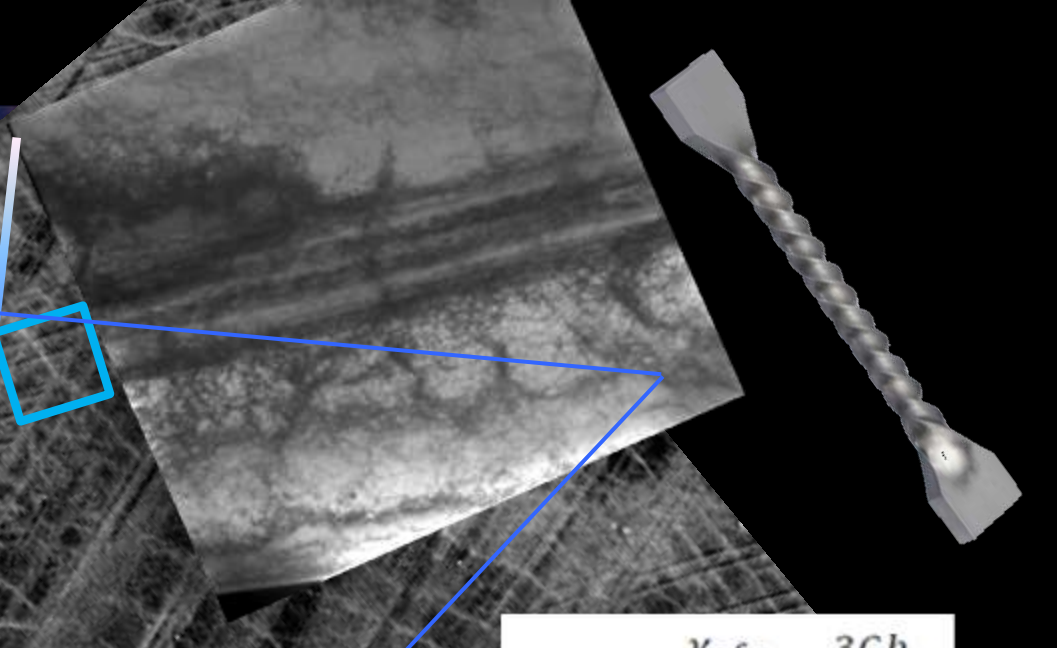
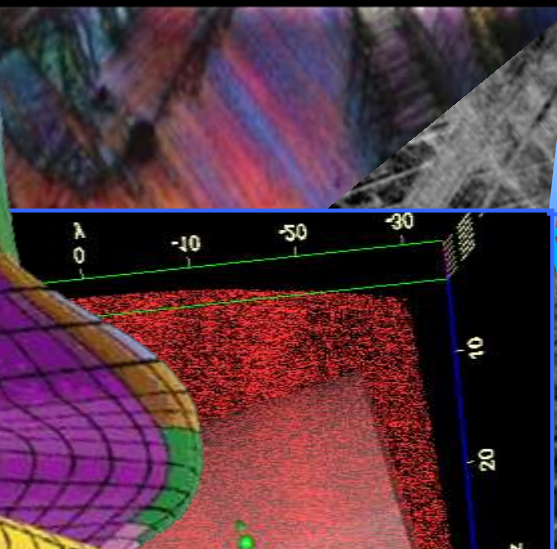
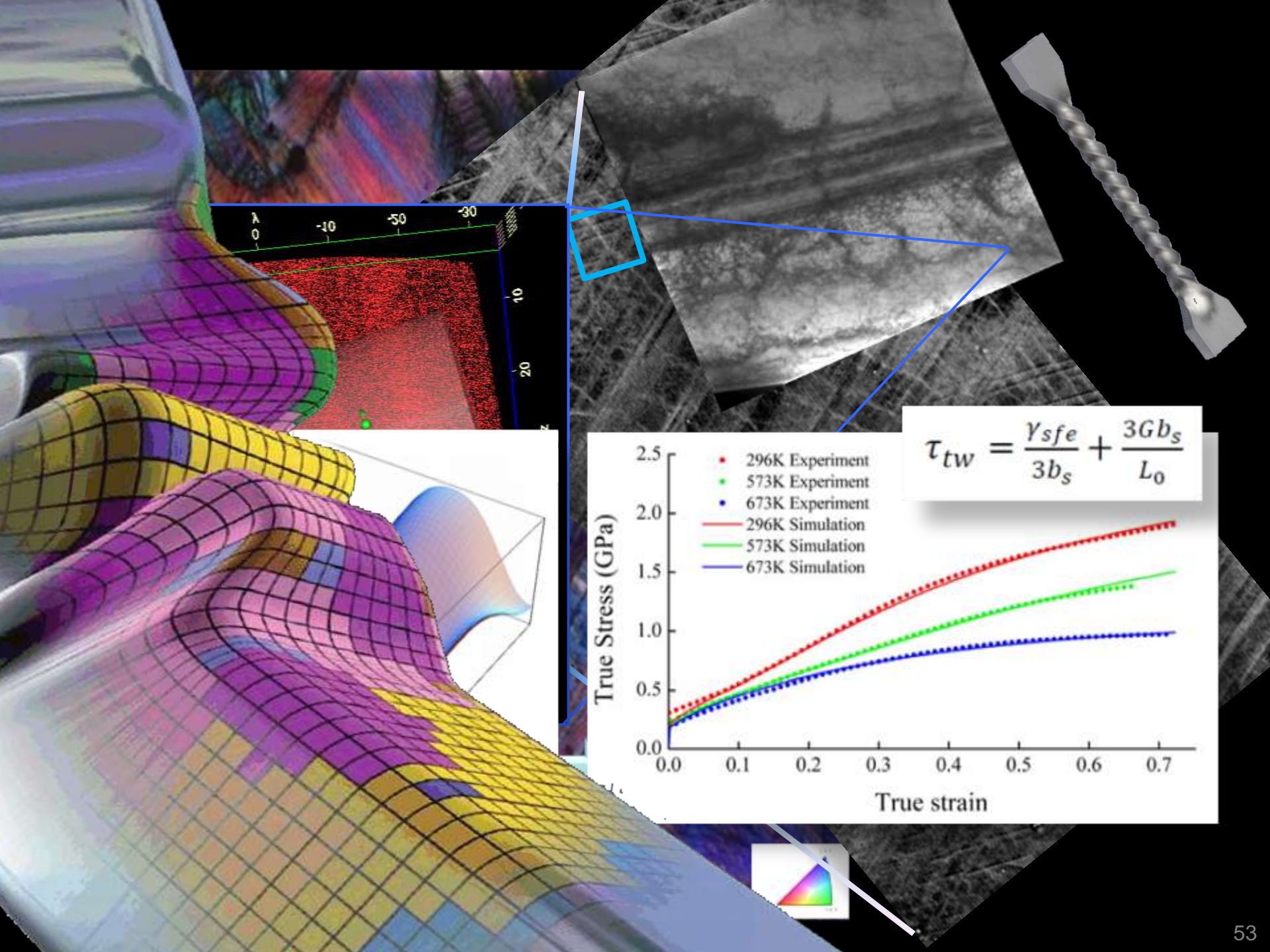


## Young's modulus surface plots

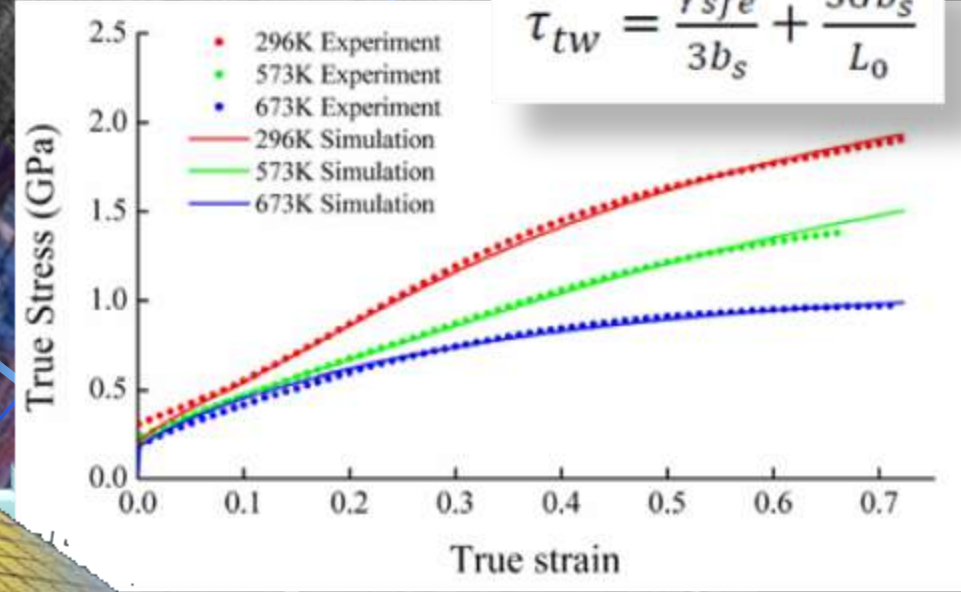
$$A_z = 2 C_{44} / (C_{11} - C_{12})$$







$$\tau_{tw} = \frac{\gamma_{sfe}}{3b_s} + \frac{3Gb_s}{L_0}$$





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## Thermodynamics of carbon solubility in ferrite and vacancy formation in cementite in strained pearlite

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In order to investigate the thermodynamic driving force for the experimentally observed accumulation of C in ferritic layers of severely plastically deformed pearlitic wires, the stabilities of C interstitials in ferrite and of C vacancies in cementite are investigated as a function of uniaxial stain, using density-functional theory. In the presence of an applied strain along [1 1 0] or [1 1 1], the C interstitial in ferrite is significantly stabilized, while the C vacancy in cementite is moderately destabilized by the corresponding strain states in cementite [100] and ([010]). The enhanced stabilization of the C interstitial gives rise to an increase in the C concentration within the ferritic layers by up to two orders of magnitude. Our results thus suggest that in addition to the generally assumed non-equilibrium, dislocation-based mechanism, there is also a strain-induced thermodynamic driving force for the experimentally observed accumulation of C in ferrite.

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## Theory-guided bottom-up design of $\beta$ -titanium alloys as biomaterials based on first principles calculations: Theory and experiments

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In this study we present a new strategy for the theory-guided bottom up design of  $\beta$ -Ti alloys for biomedical applications using a quantum mechanical approach in conjunction with experiments. Parameter-free density functional theory calculations are used to provide theoretical guidance in selecting and optimizing Ti-based alloys with respect to three constraints: (i) the use of non-toxic alloy elements; (ii) the stabilization of the body centered cubic  $\beta$ -phase at room temperature; (iii) the reduction of the elastic stiffness compared to existing Ti-based alloys. Following the theoretical predictions, the alloys of interest are cast and characterized with respect to their crystallographic structure, microstructure, texture, and elastic stiffness. Due to the complexity of the *ab initio* calculations, the simulations have been focused on a set of binary systems of Ti with two different high melting body-centered cubic metals, namely, Nb and Mo. Various levels of model approximations to describe mechanical and thermodynamic properties are tested and critically evaluated. The experiments are conducted both, on some of the binary alloys and on two more complex engineering alloy variants, namely, Ti–35 wt.% Nb–7 wt.% Zr–5 wt.% Ta and Ti–20 wt.% Mo–7 wt.% Zr–5 wt.% Ta.

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## Using *ab initio* calculations in designing bcc Mg–Li alloys for ultra-lightweight applications

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*Ab initio* calculations are becoming increasingly useful to engineers interested in designing new alloys, because these calculations are able to accurately predict basic material properties only knowing the atomic composition of the material. In this paper, single crystal elastic constants of 11 bcc Mg–Li alloys are calculated using density functional theory (DFT) and compared with available experimental data. Based on DFT determined properties, engineering parameters such as the ratio of bulk modulus over shear modulus ( $B/G$ ) and the ratio of Young's modulus over mass density ( $Y/\rho$ ) are calculated. Analysis of  $B/G$  and  $Y/\rho$  shows that bcc Mg–Li alloys with 30–50 at.% Li offer the most potential as lightweight structural material. Compared with fcc Al–Li alloys, bcc Mg–Li alloys have a lower  $B/G$  ratio, but a comparable  $Y/\rho$  ratio. An Ashby map containing  $Y/\rho$  vs  $B/G$  shows that it is not possible to increase both  $Y/\rho$  and  $B/G$  by changing only the composition of a binary alloy.

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## The relation between ductility and stacking fault energies in Mg and Mg–Y alloys

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The underlying mechanisms that are responsible for the improved room-temperature ductility in Mg–Y alloys compared to pure Mg are investigated by transmission electron microscopy and density functional theory. Both methods show a significant decrease in the intrinsic stacking fault  $I_1$  energy ( $I_1$  SFE) with the addition of Y. The influence of the SFE on the relative activation of different competing deformation mechanisms (basal, prismatic, pyramidal slip) is discussed. From this analysis we suggest a key mechanism which explains the transition from primary basal slip in hexagonal close-packed Mg to basal plus pyramidal slip in solid solution Mg–Y alloys. This mechanism is characterized by enhanced nucleation of  $\langle c+a \rangle$  dislocations where the intrinsic stacking fault  $I_1$  (ISF<sub>1</sub>) acts as heterogeneous source for  $\langle c+a \rangle$  dislocations. Possible electronic and geometric reasons for the modification of the SFE by substitutional Y atoms are identified and discussed.

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## Elastic properties of face-centred cubic Fe–Mn–C studied by nanoindentation and ab initio calculations

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We have studied experimentally and theoretically the influence of C and Mn content on the Young's modulus of Fe–Mn–C alloys. Combinatorial thin film and bulk samples were characterized regarding their structure, texture and Young's modulus. The following chemical composition range was investigated: 1.5–3.0 at.% C, 28.0–37.5 at.% Mn and 60.6–69.8 at.% Fe. The experimental lattice parameters change marginally within 3.597–3.614 Å with the addition of C and are consistent with ab initio calculations. The Young's modulus data are in the range of  $185 \pm 12$ – $251 \pm 59$  GPa for the bulk samples and the thin film, respectively. C has no significant effect on the Young's modulus of these alloys within the composition range studied here. The ab initio calculations are 15–22% larger than the average Young's modulus values of the as-deposited and polished thin film at 3 at.% C. The comparison of thin film and bulk samples results reveals similar elastic properties for equivalent compositions, indicating that the applied research strategy consisting of the combinatorial thin film approach in conjunction with ab initio calculations is useful to study the composition dependence of the structure and elastic properties of Fe–Mn–C alloys. The very good agreement between the presented calculations and the experimentally determined lattice parameters and Young's modulus values implies that the here-adopted simulation strategy yields a reliable description of carbon in Fe–Mn alloys, important for future alloy design.

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