

# Materials Modeling at Los Alamos

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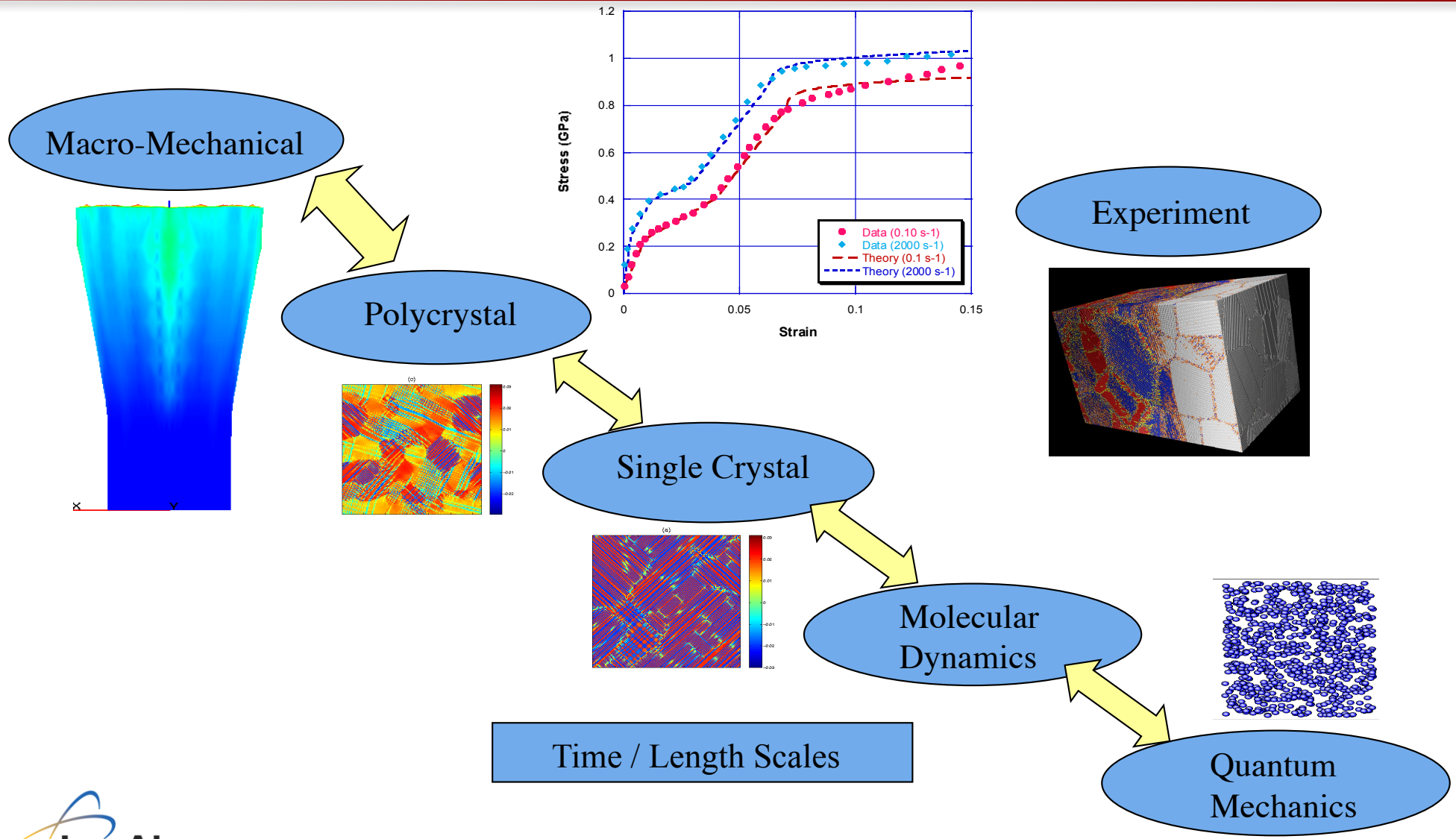
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# Abstract

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This briefing describes some the materials theory, modeling and simulation capability at Los Alamos National Laboratory.

# Multiscale materials modeling





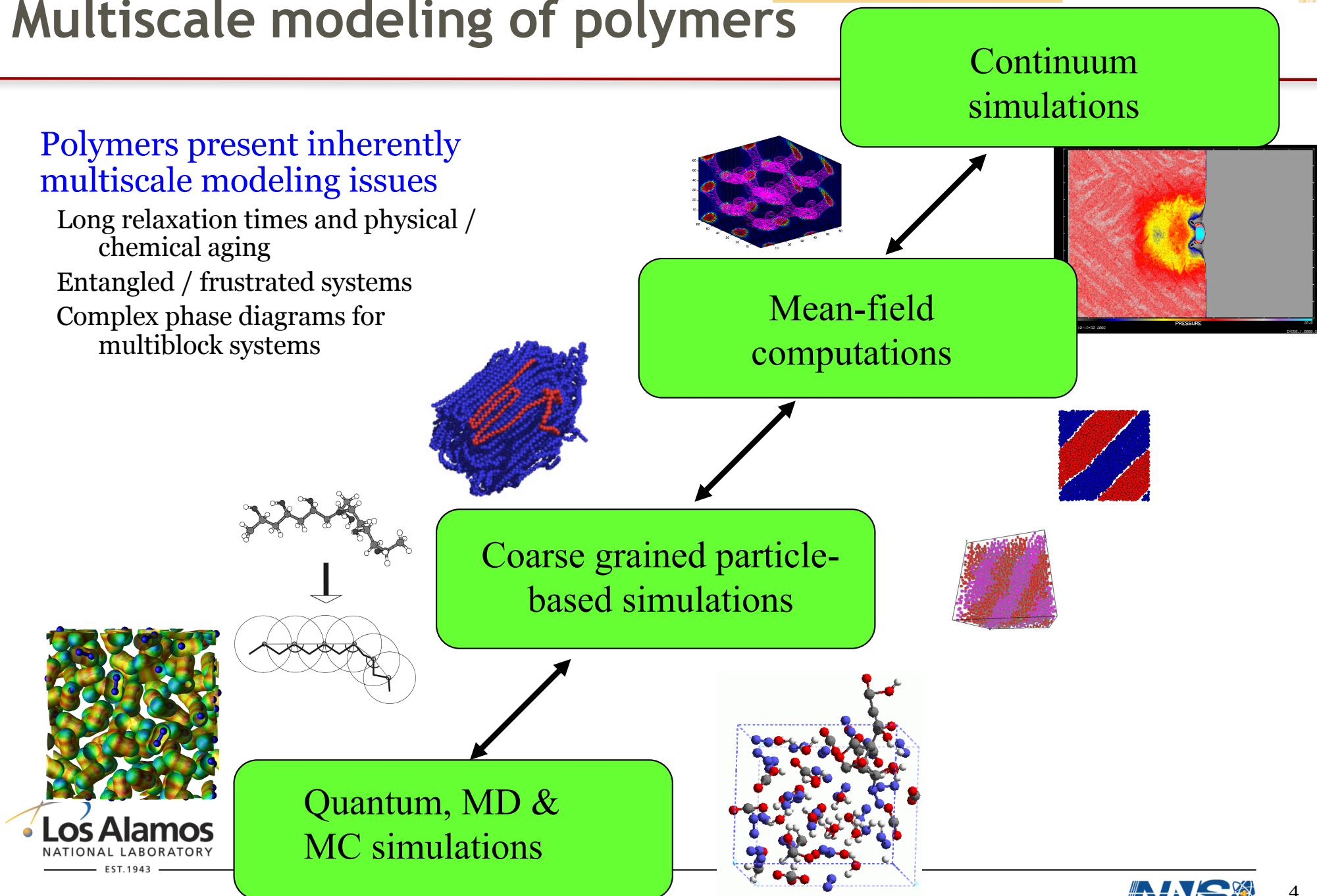
# Multiscale modeling of polymers

- Polymers present inherently multiscale modeling issues

Long relaxation times and physical / chemical aging

Entangled / frustrated systems

Complex phase diagrams for multiblock systems

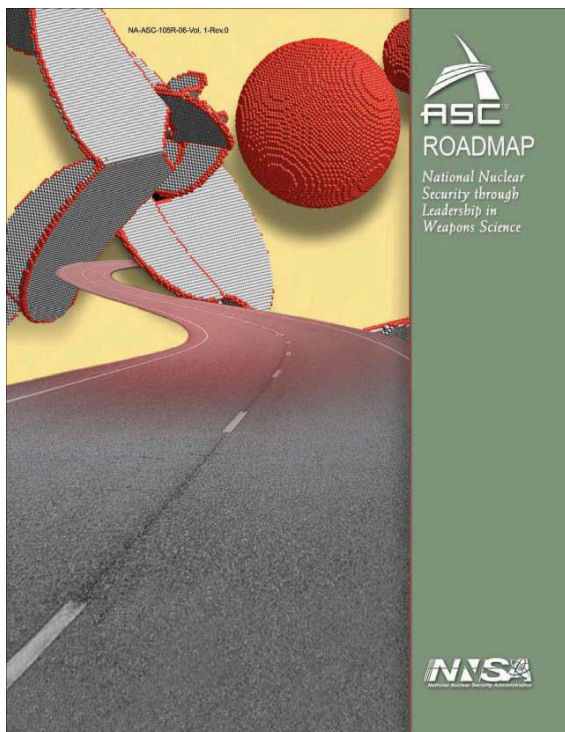




# Large-scale molecular dynamics simulations

## **Fundamental probe of collective effects arising from large numbers of interacting particles or agents in a wide variety of systems**

- 1) Plasticity and phase transitions in materials subjected to high strain-rate loading (e.g. shock)
- 2) Fluid instabilities (e.g. Rayleigh-Taylor, Richtmyer-Meshkov)
- 3) Agent-based modeling of disease spread, crowd dynamics, ...

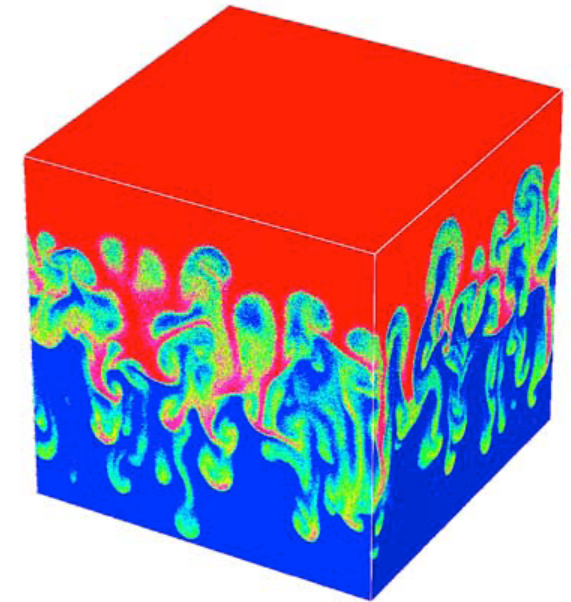
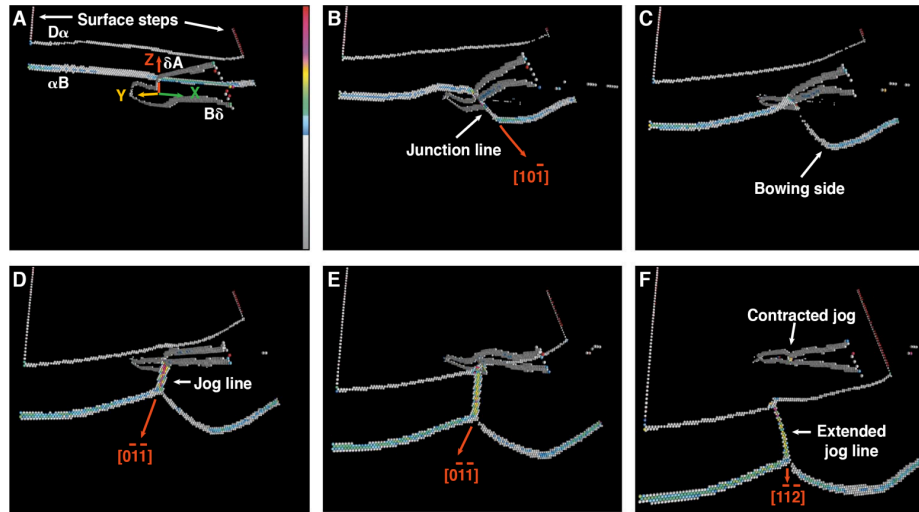


Large-scale molecular dynamics techniques for simulation of mesoscale systems using the high-performance SPaSM (Scalable Parallel Short-range Molecular dynamics) code.

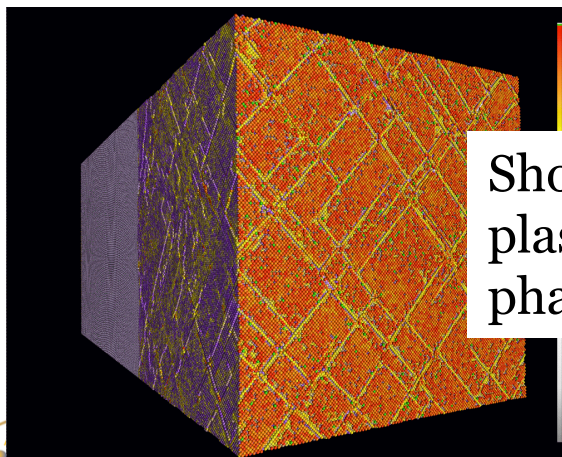
SPaSM has exhibited linear scaling and high performance (4-time finalist, 2-time winner of the IEEE/ACM Gordon Bell Prize) up to  $10^{12}$  atoms on platforms including BlueGene/L and Roadrunner.

# Large-scale molecular dynamics simulations

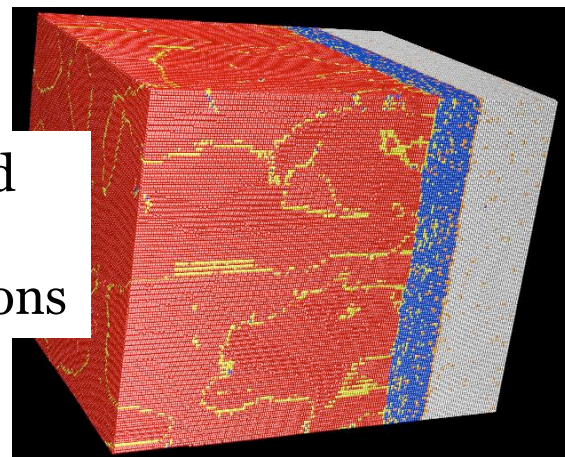
Strength of metals



Fluid instability and the onset of turbulence



Shock-induced plasticity and phase transitions

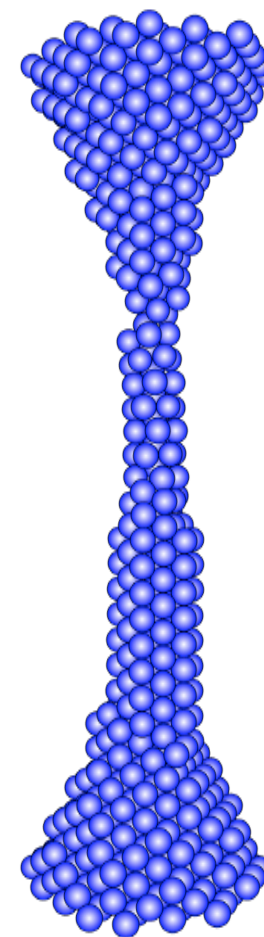


# Accelerated molecular dynamics

- 1) Conventional molecular dynamics simulations
- 2) Rate theory calculations (barriers, prefactors, rates)
- 3) Self-Learning Hyperdynamics
- 4) Parallel-Replica Dynamics for static and driven systems
- 5) Integration with Ab initio codes like VASP and CP2K
- 5) Integration with the Roadrunner hybrid architecture

For small systems (~1000 atoms) Parallel Replica Dynamics routinely reaches microseconds of simulation time on small commodity clusters and was shown to reach milliseconds on petascale supercomputers like Roadrunner (when using empirical potentials).

On workstations, hyperdynamics was shown to provide speedups between tens and millions over conventional molecular dynamics.



Roadrunner simulation of nanowire stretching



# Multiphysics modeling

## Methods Development

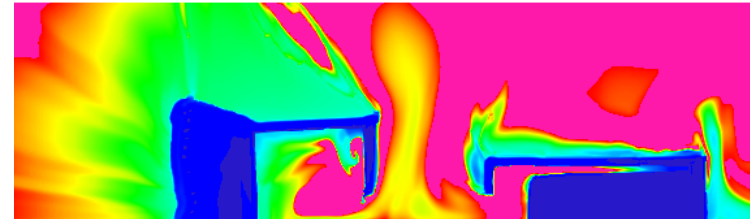
- Multi-physics & multi-scale methods development
- Multi-phase & multi-material dynamics modeling
- Chemically reacting flow modeling

## Climate Modeling and Simulation

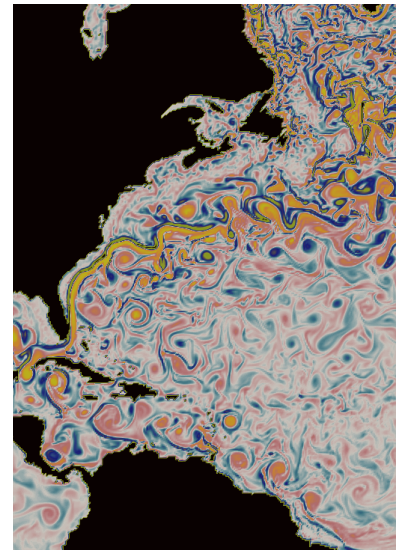
- Ocean and ice system dynamics
- High-resolution global and regional climate modeling
- Abrupt climate change science
- Biogeochemistry

## Materials Model Development

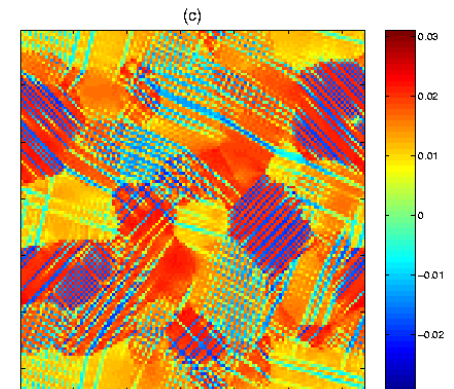
- Materials modeling and continuum mechanics
- Crystal plasticity and damage modeling
- Dislocation, defect, and interface dynamics
- Methods development for multi-scale modeling



Fluid-solid interaction

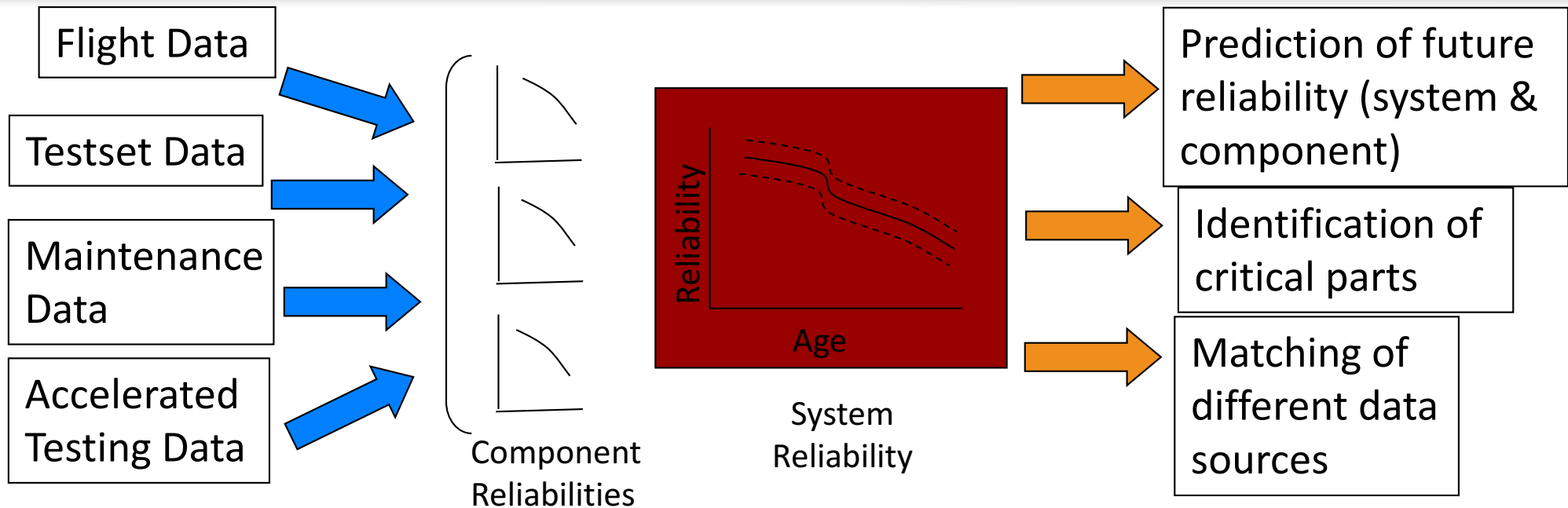


Evolving surface vorticity in a global ocean simulation (western North Atlantic shown)



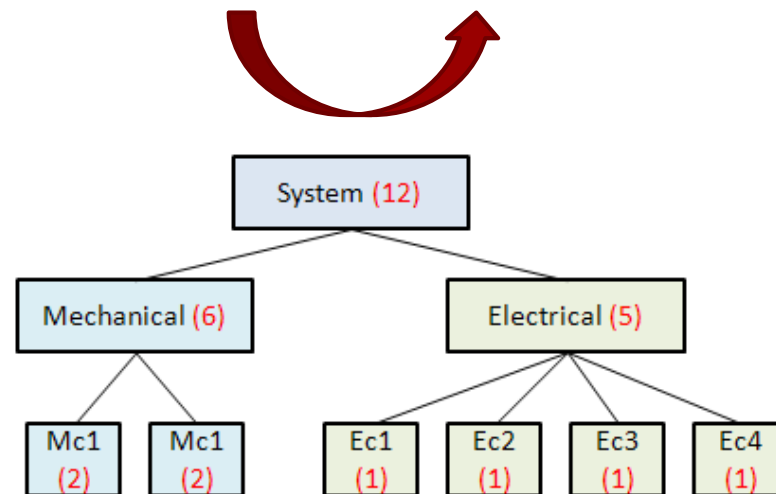
Twinning in a polycrystalline metal

# Reliability (Change with Age) Using Multiple Data Sources



## Key elements:

- Analysis combines subject matter expertise with statistical methods
- Careful assessment of model assumptions and comparison to reality
- Leveraging data from multiple sources



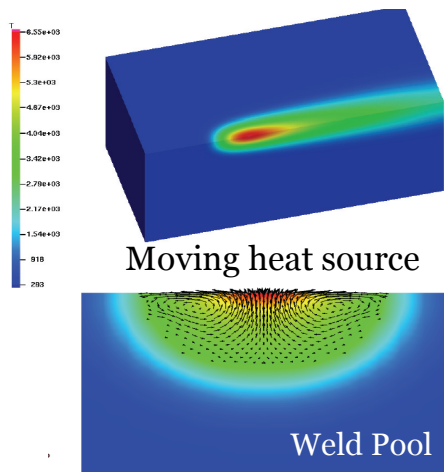
## Benefits of Bayesian approach:

- Uses data already available and thought to be relevant
- Check on consistency of information from different sources
- Allows inclusion of external information
- Appropriately propagates uncertainty at all levels

# Long-term vision: process aware Additive Manufacturing modeling and simulations

## Process Modeling

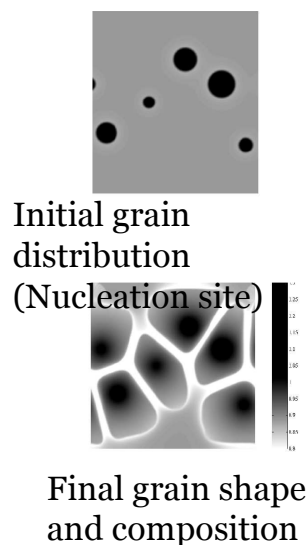
TRUCHAS code  
3D multi-physics  
microstructure-  
aware solidification  
capability



Liquid/solid phase change

## Microstructure Modeling

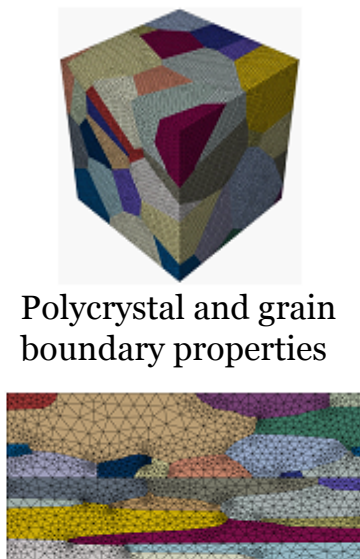
Direct numerical  
simulation of grain  
growth



AM specific interface properties

## Properties Modeling

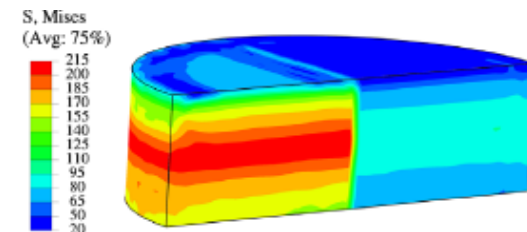
Polycrystal models  
to determine  
elastic/plastic/damage  
properties



Solid/solid phase  
transformation

## Performance Modeling

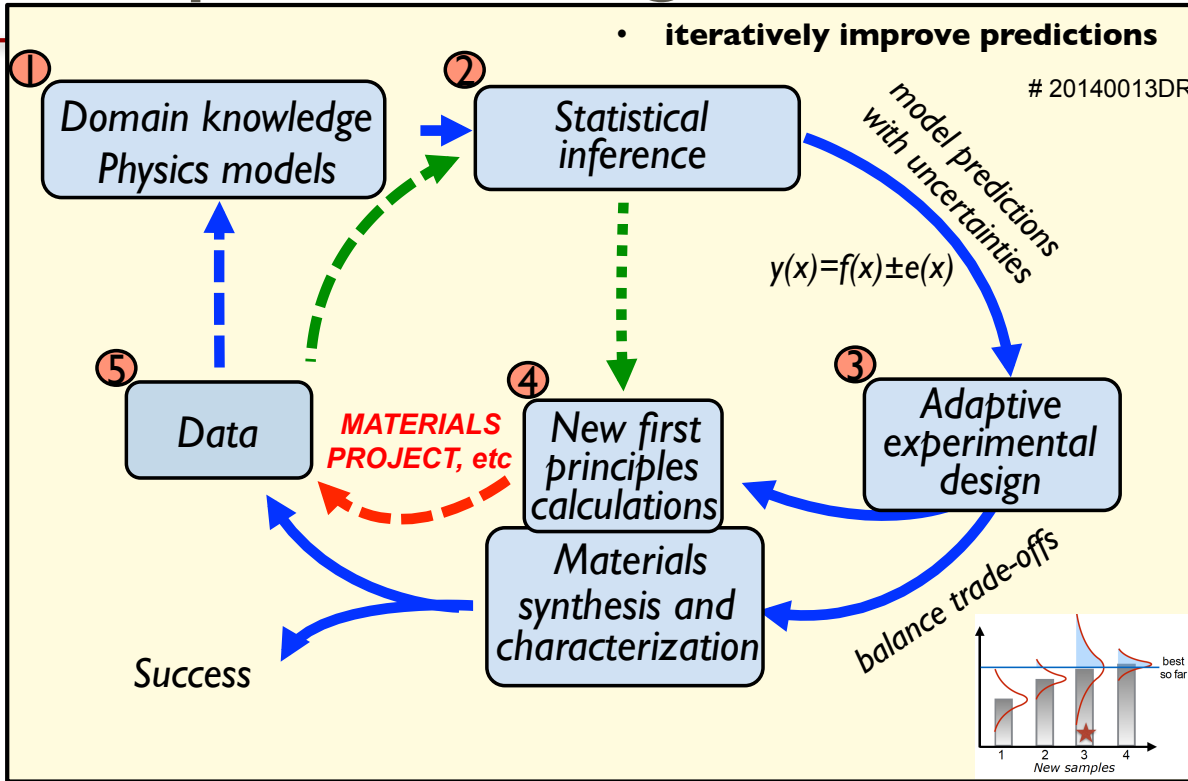
Thermal - mechanical  
models to predict  
elastic/plastic/damage  
and failure  
processes



Mesoscale to macroscale  
prediction of performance



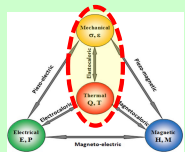
# Adaptive Design



**Goal:**  
Optimal learning of materials with targeted properties by guided experiments and calculations

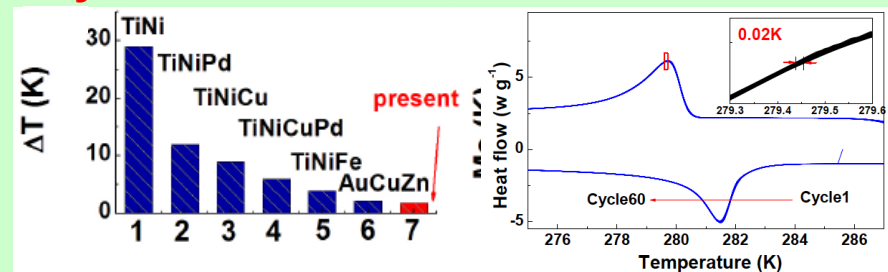
**Approach:**

- 'Exploit vs Explore' high dimensional search space of possible candidates via global optimization

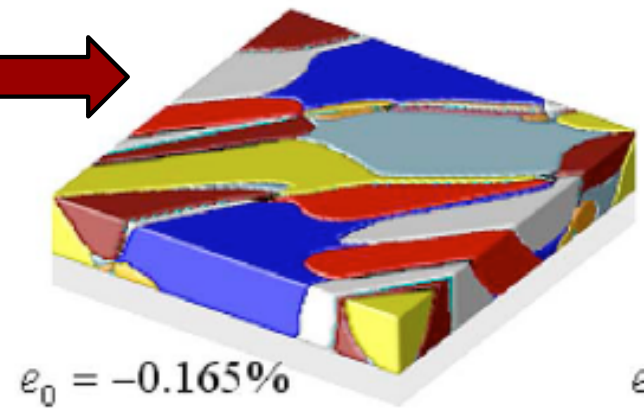
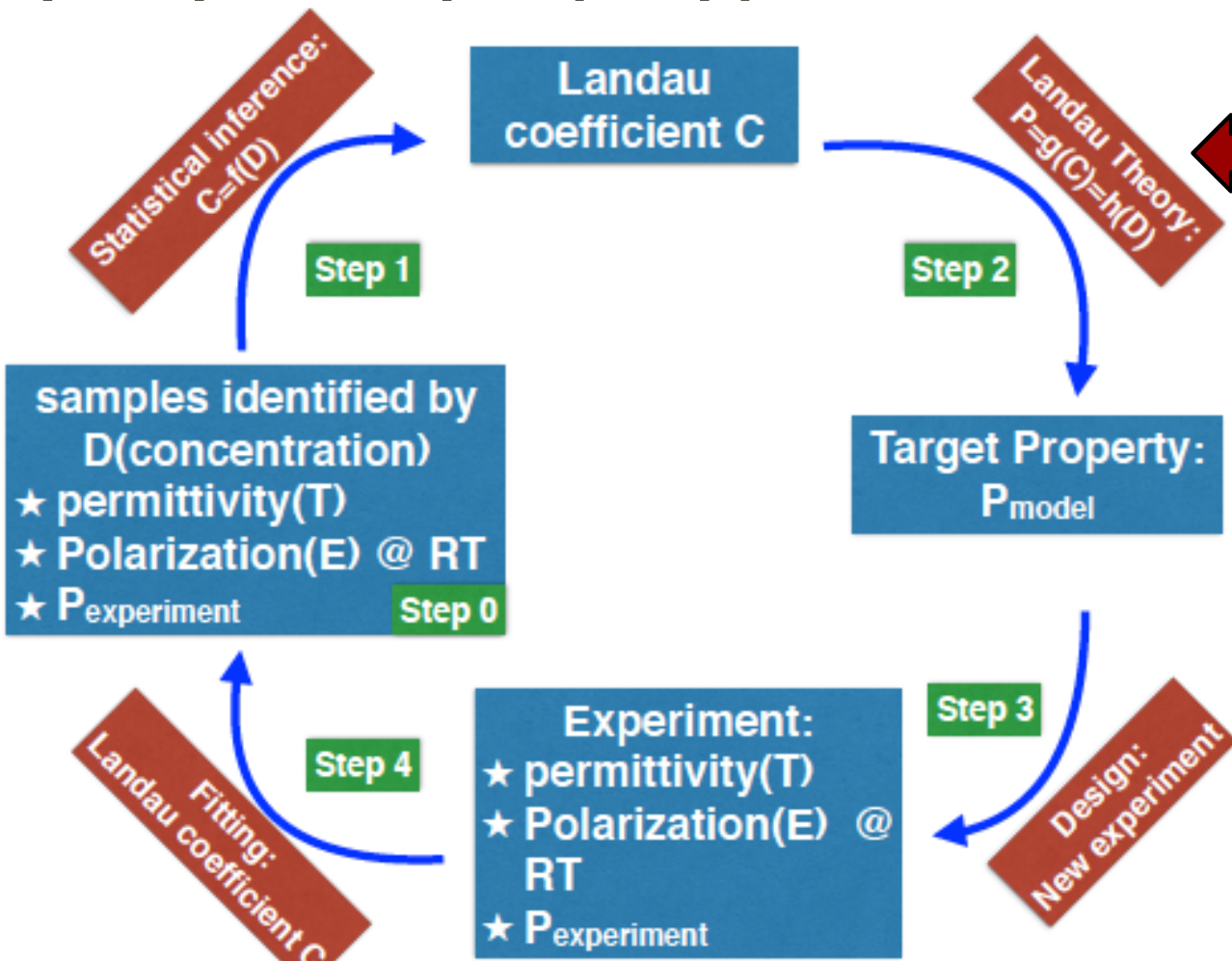


## Findings: New ultra low dissipation smart alloys

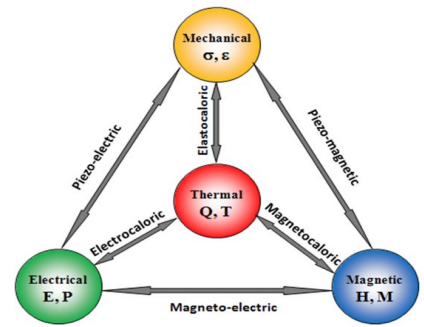
9 prediction/synthesis/characterization iterations  
(batch mode: 4 predictions/experiments at a time)  
14 alloys better than the best in training data  
(p value < .001)



# via Informatics, Synthesis and *in situ* Characterization

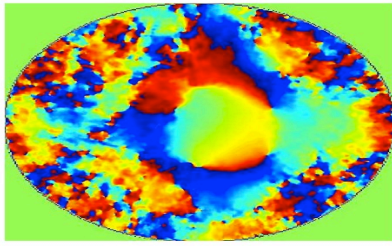


**Phase field simulation**



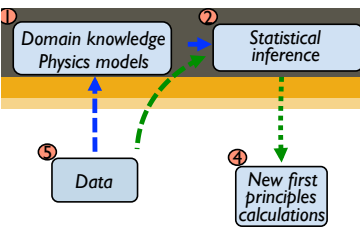
## Applications to energy harvesting materials

- ferroelectrics
- electrocalorics
- magnetocalorics



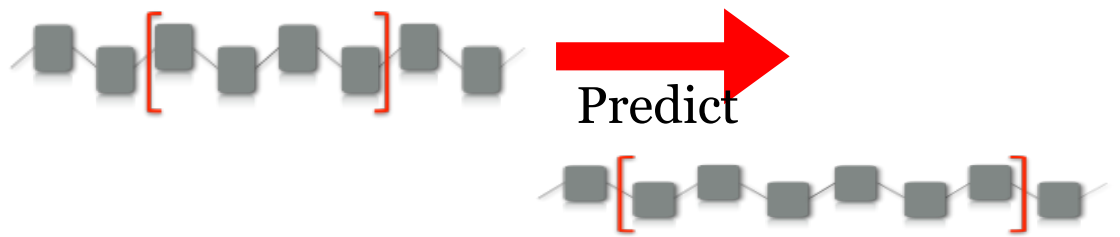
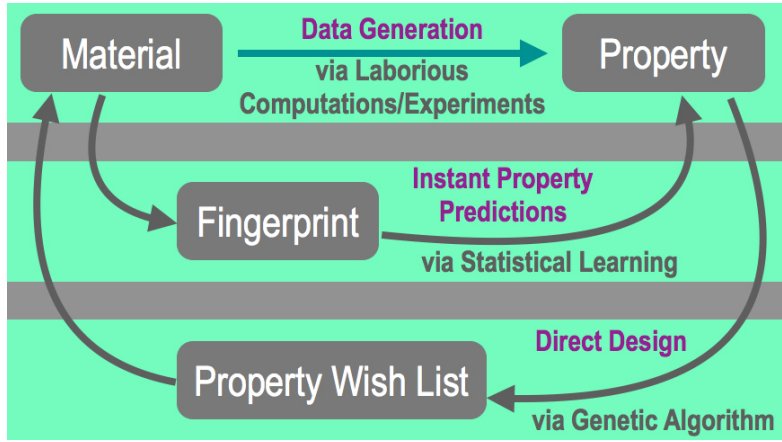
**In situ @ LCLS**  
**Image maps Polarization Distortion**

# learning

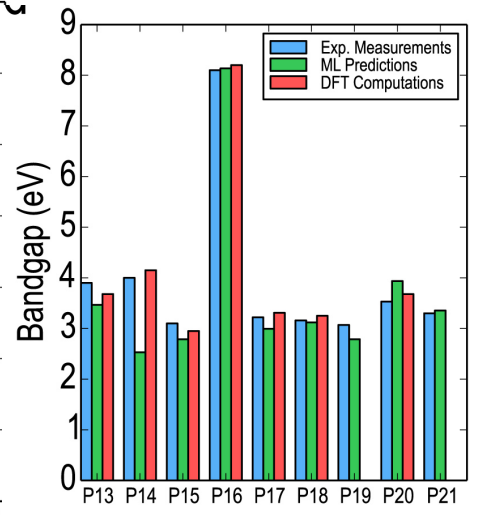
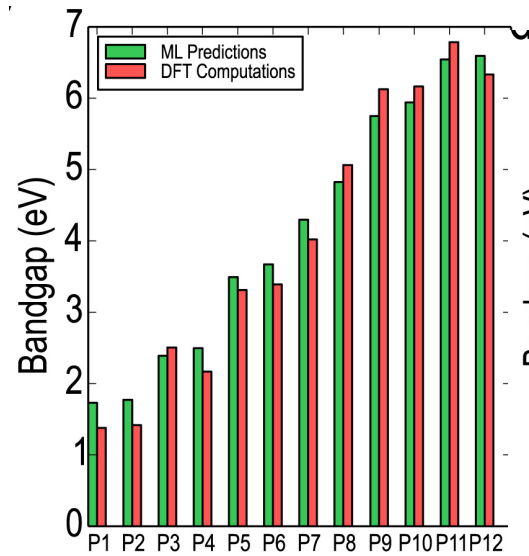
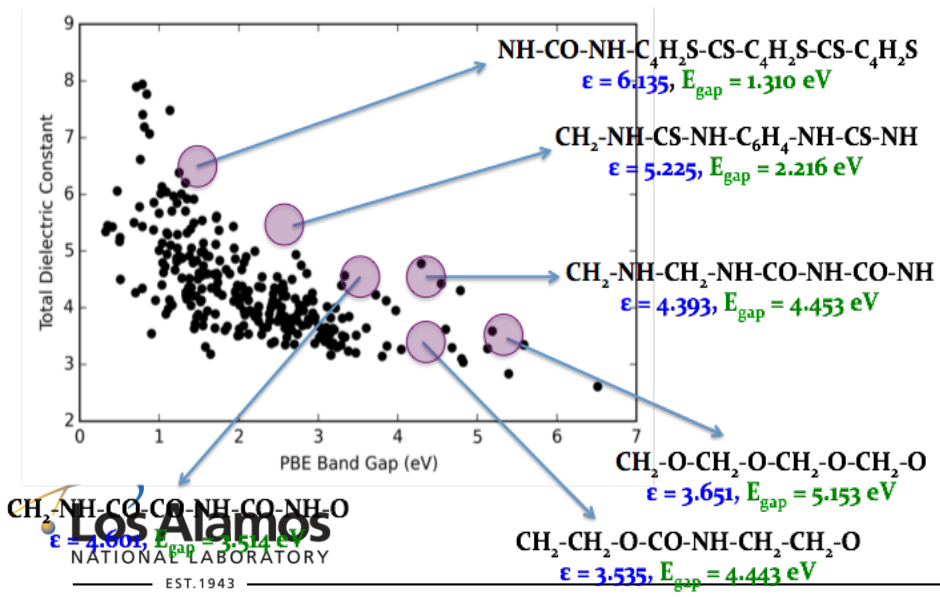


**Goal: Polymers for high energy density capacitors and release: large wide band gap & dielectric constant**

Maximum Energy Density  $\propto \epsilon E_{bd}^2$



- Learn from polymers with small repeat units to predict response for large repeat unit polymers







# Computational (Macro/Meso) Mechanics of Materials Performance

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# Topical Overview

- Dynamic Damage and Failure of Metallic Materials
  - Porosity Based
  - Localization Based
- History Effects of Coupled Structural Transformation and Plasticity
- Manufacture and Modeling of Metallic Nano-Layered Composites
- Additive Manufacturing – metals modeling component (new)



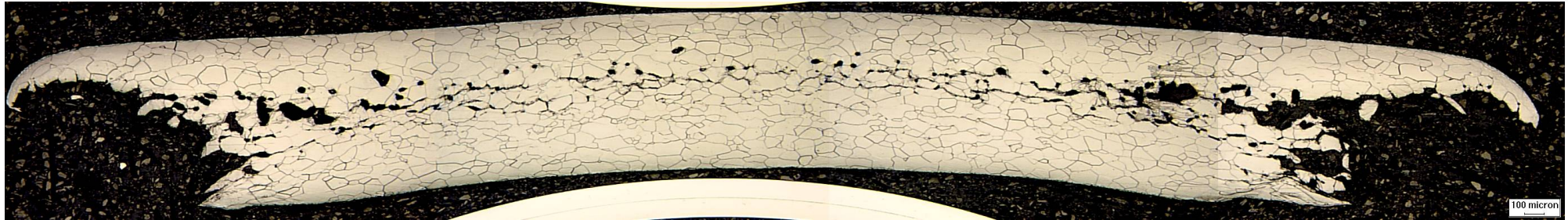
# Computational Interrogation of Dynamic Pore Nucleation in Polycrystalline Metallic Materials

C. A. Bronkhorst, D. J. Luscher, F. L. Addessio, E. Lieberman,  
M. W. Schraad, E. K. Cerreta, V. Livescu, G. T. Gray III

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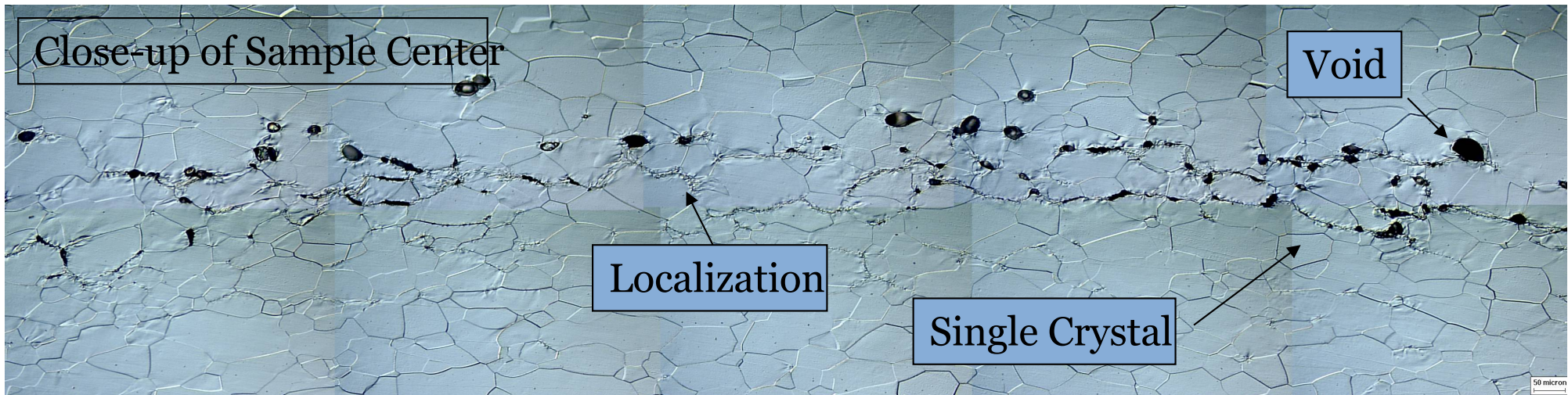


# Explosively Loaded Sample Demonstrates Ductile Damage and Failure Physics



Explosively Loaded Tantalum Experiment  
6 mm thick PETN Beneath Sample – Center Detonated  
Soft Sample Recovery

Mason

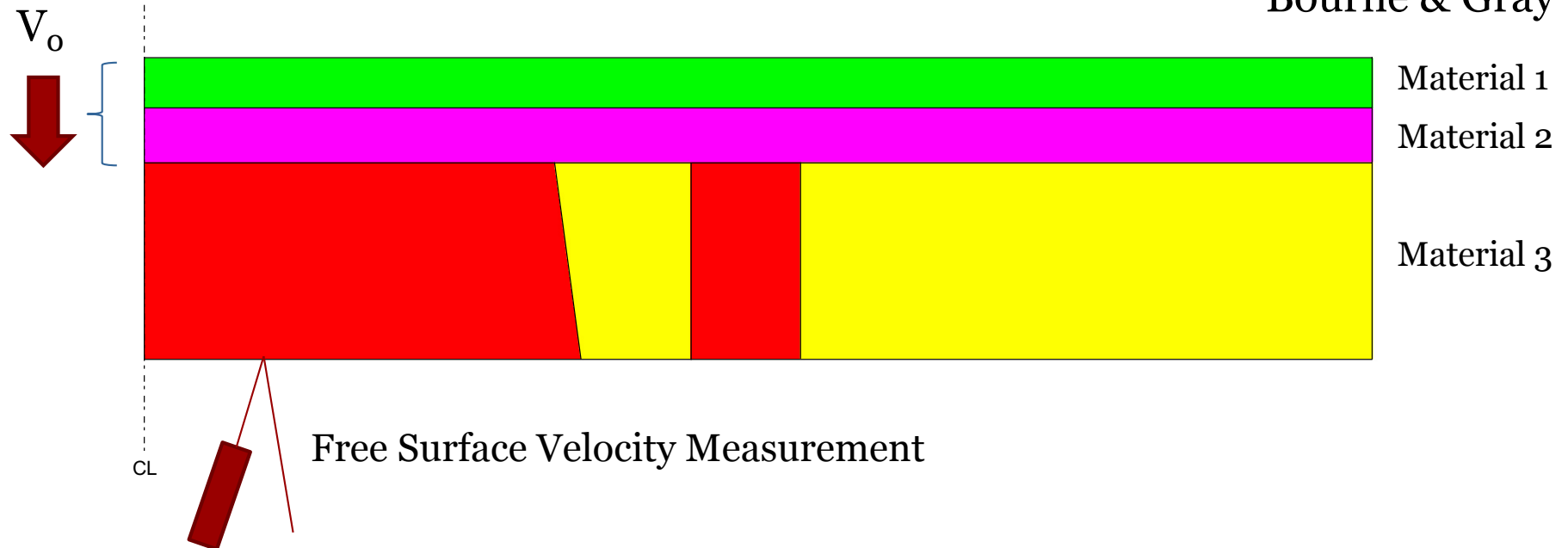


Voids are forming along grain boundaries in the sample



# Ta Damage Modeling - Composite Flyer Experiments

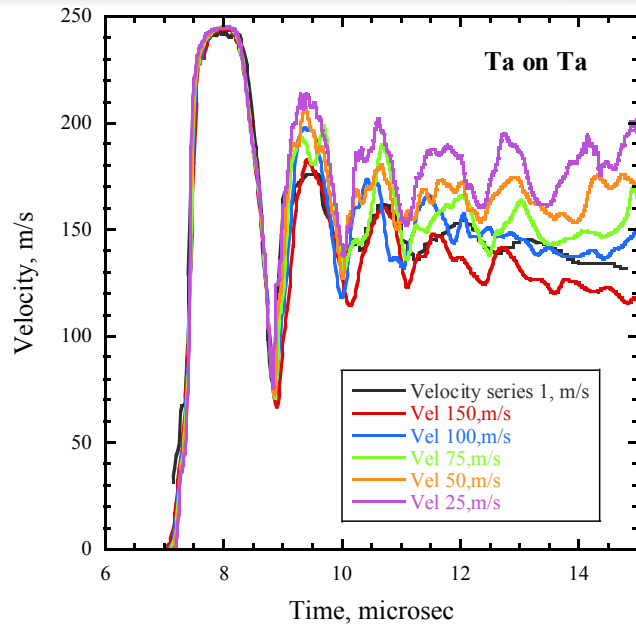
Bourne & Gray



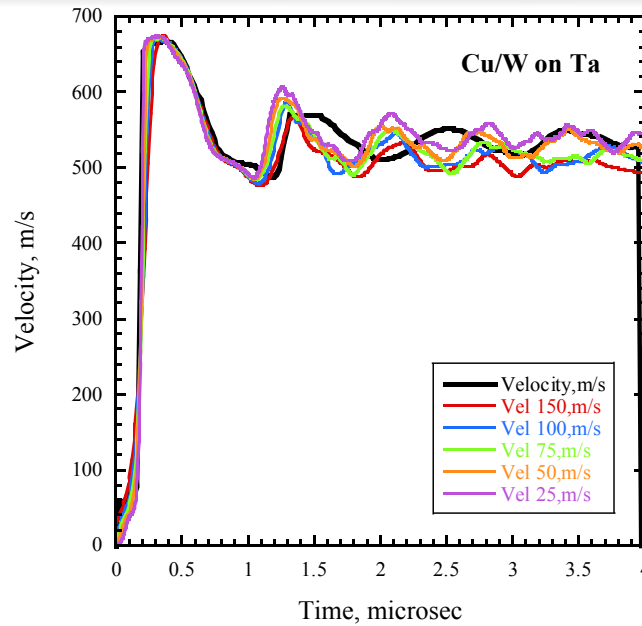
- Finite elasticity, equation of state, coupled energy.
- Rate/temperature dependent plasticity, Gurson-type porosity damage.
- Overstress and spatially variable flow stress for regularization.
- Nucleation not represented, only growth and coalescence.
- Fully implicit numerical integration scheme.
- EPIC 2006, DoD fully explicit code (transitioning to ABAQUS).

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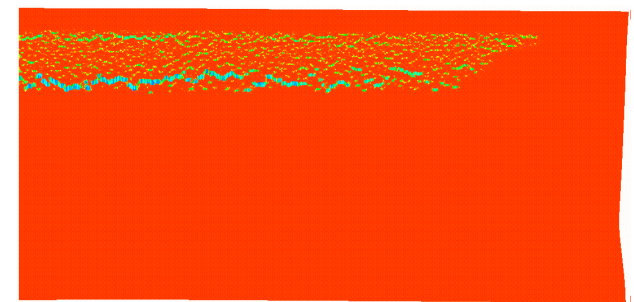
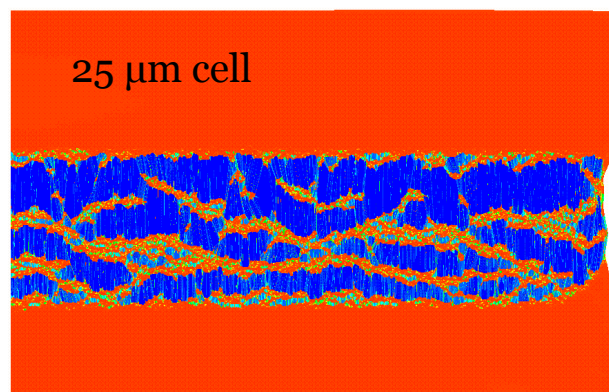
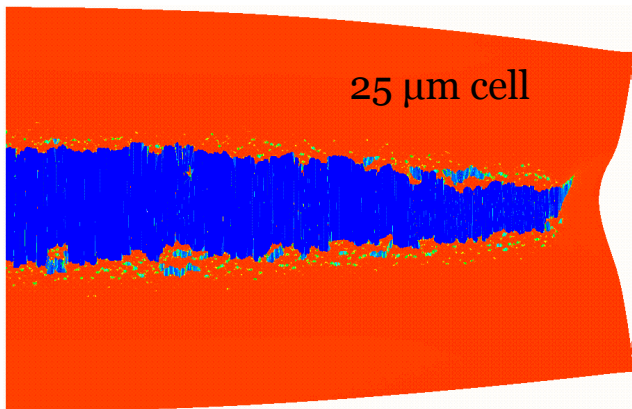
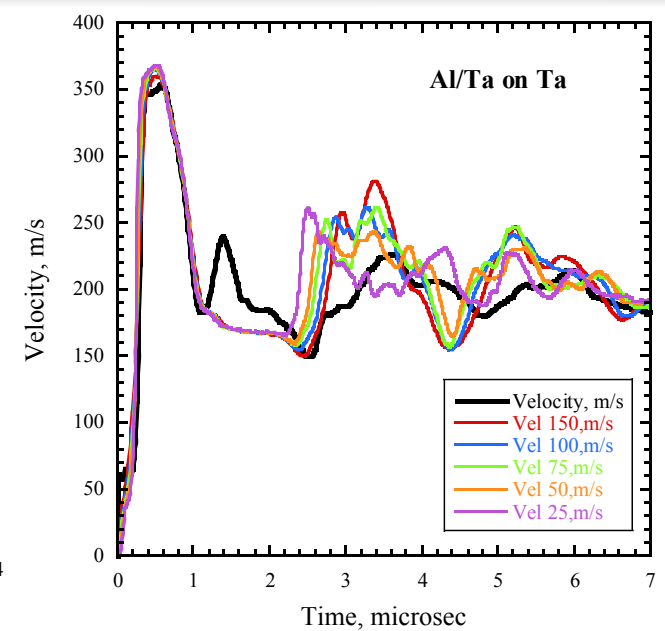
## Ta Flyer



## Cu + W Flyer



## Ta + Al Flyer

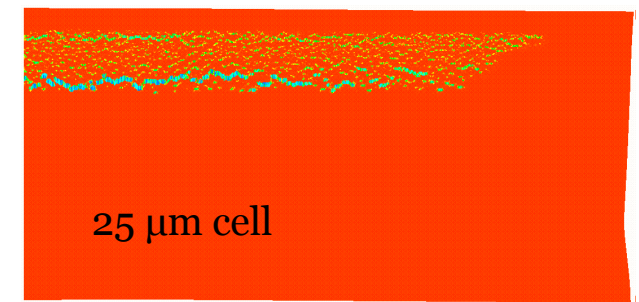
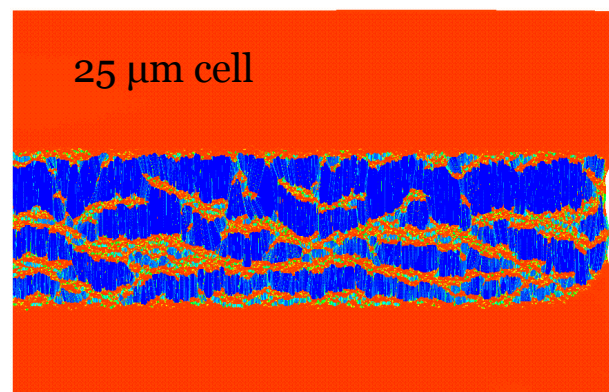
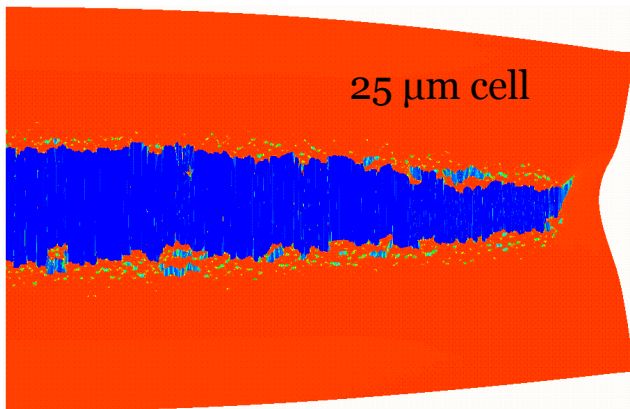
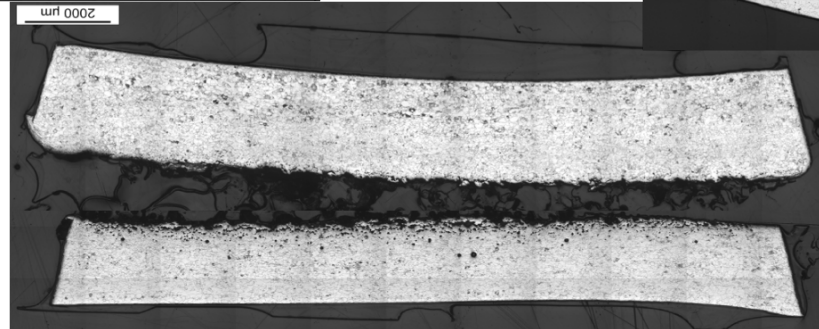
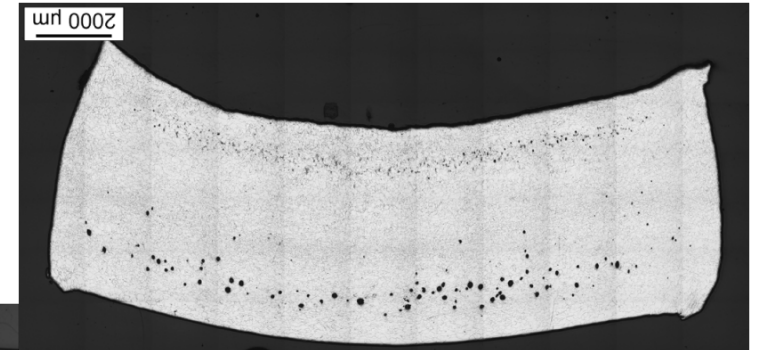
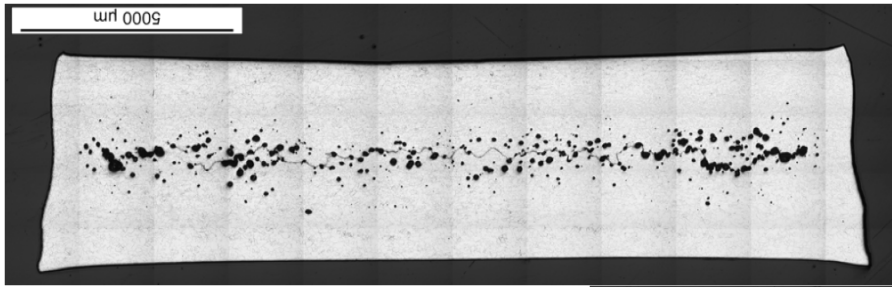


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Ta Flyer

Cu + W Flyer

Ta + Al Flyer





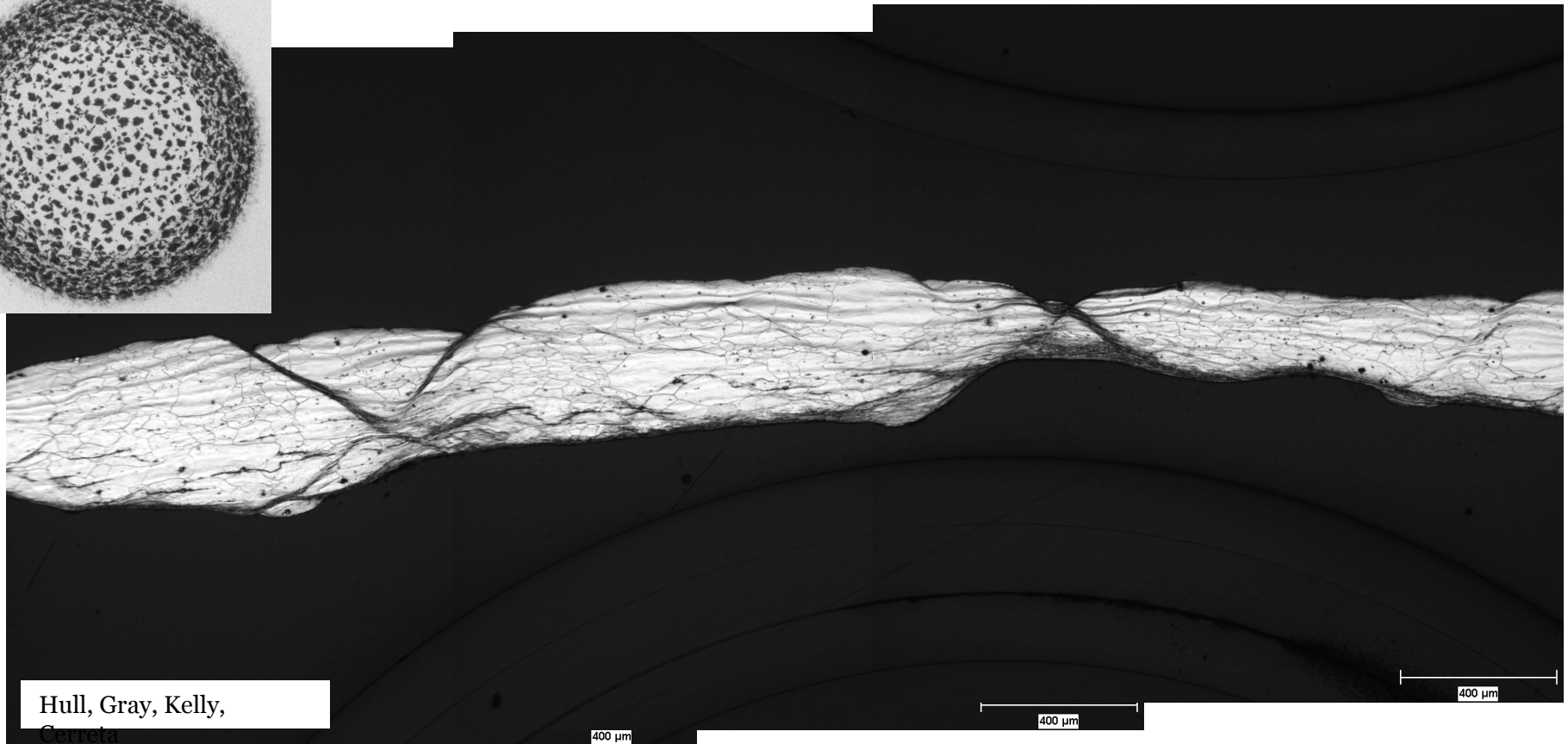
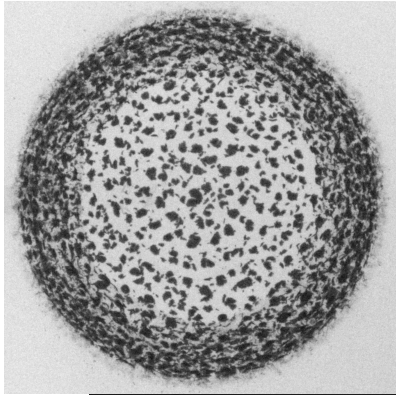
# An explicit finite element formulation for dynamic strain localization and damage evolution in metals

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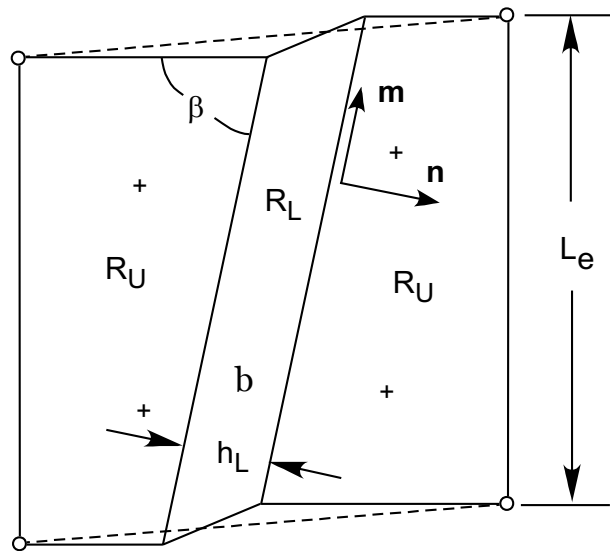
# Strain Localization in Fragmentation Problems



Hull, Gray, Kelly,  
Cerrera

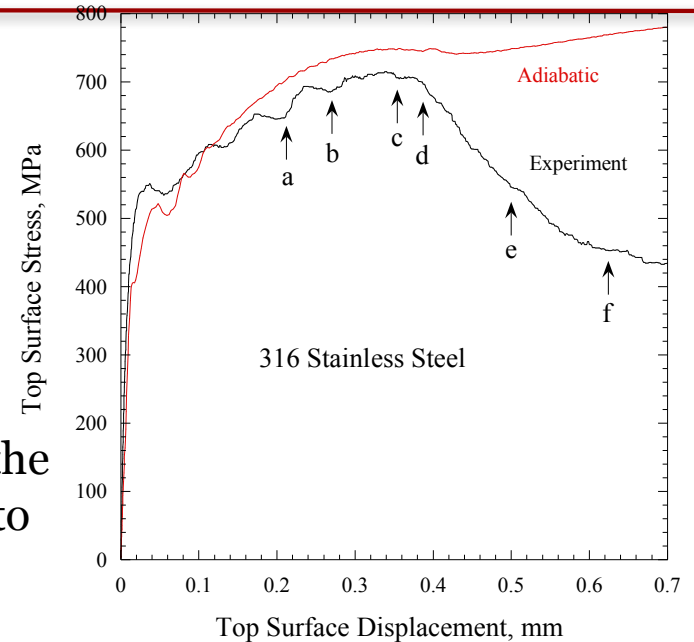
Cross-sectional metallography points to considerable amount of localized plastic work before failure.

# Localization: Embedded-Localization Zone Approach



Technique allows for different material models to be used inside and outside the band.

Difference between the two curves believed to be due to dynamic recrystallization.



## Sub-grid computational technique

- Allows part of the localization band to be embedded inside an element, obviating the need for excessive mesh refinement.
- Allows localization band width to be specified as a material parameter, instead of being dictated by the mesh size.
- Allows band orientation to be determined based on material stability analysis.
- Allows smooth transition from uniform to localized deformation.



# Micromechanics of Dynamic Solid-to-Solid Phase Transformations

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M. W. Schraad, D. W. Brown, E. K. Cerreta, P. A. Rigg, C. A. Bolme

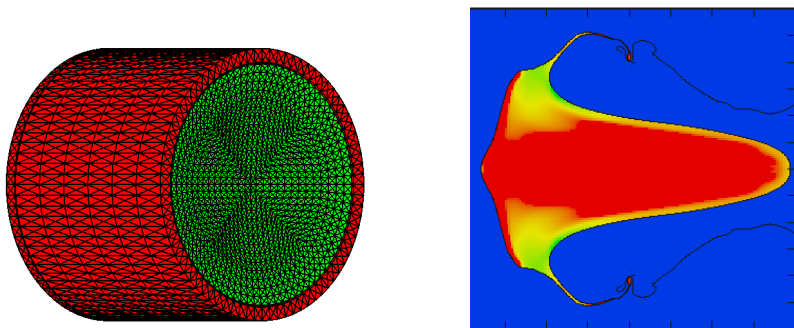
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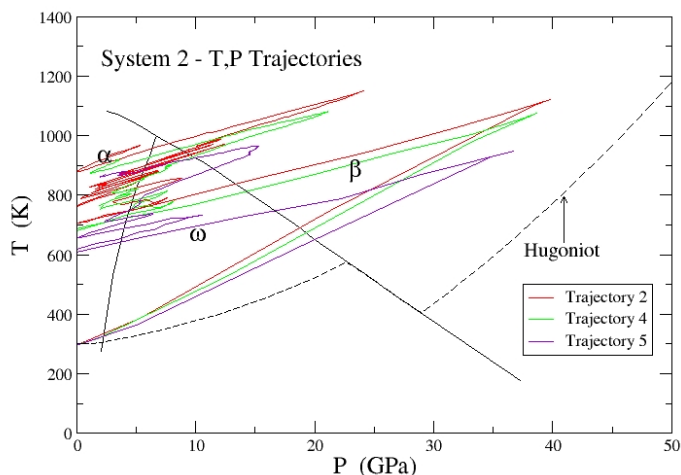
# Large Plastic Deformation with Phase Change

## Complex Deformation History

- Trajectory of deformation includes several potential phase changes

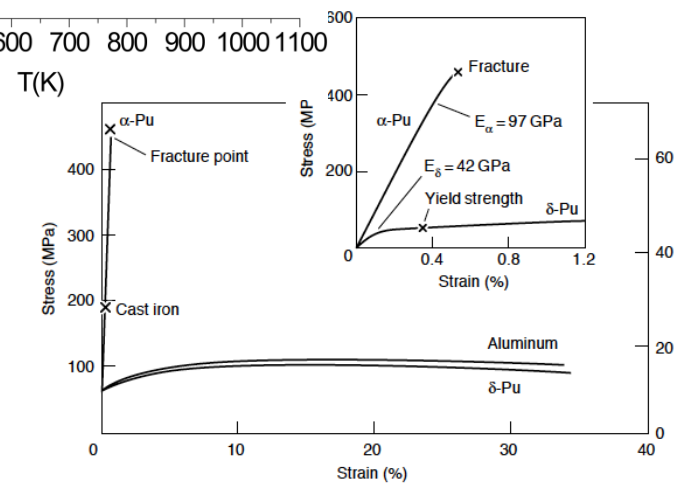
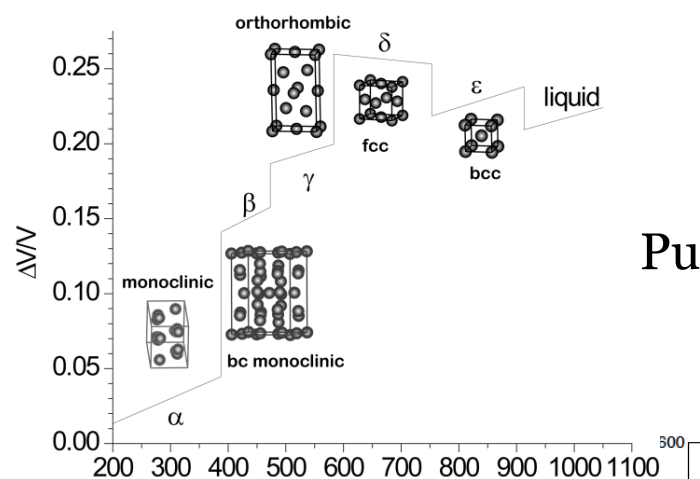


## Explosively Formed Projectile (Zr)



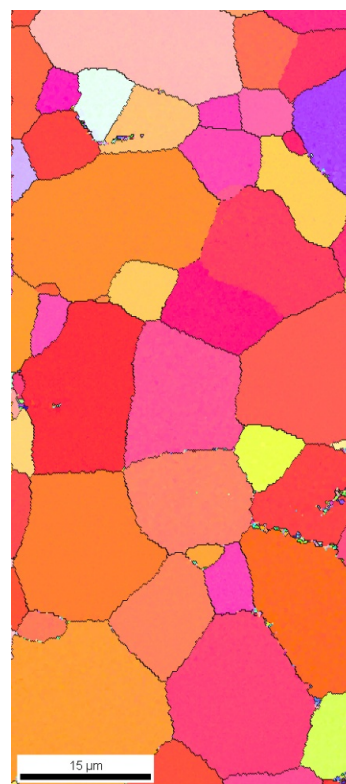
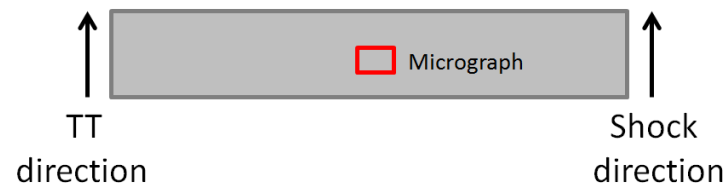
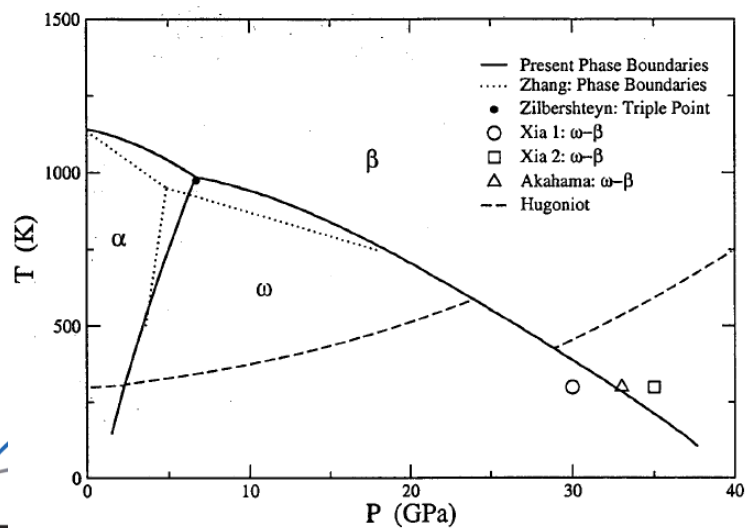
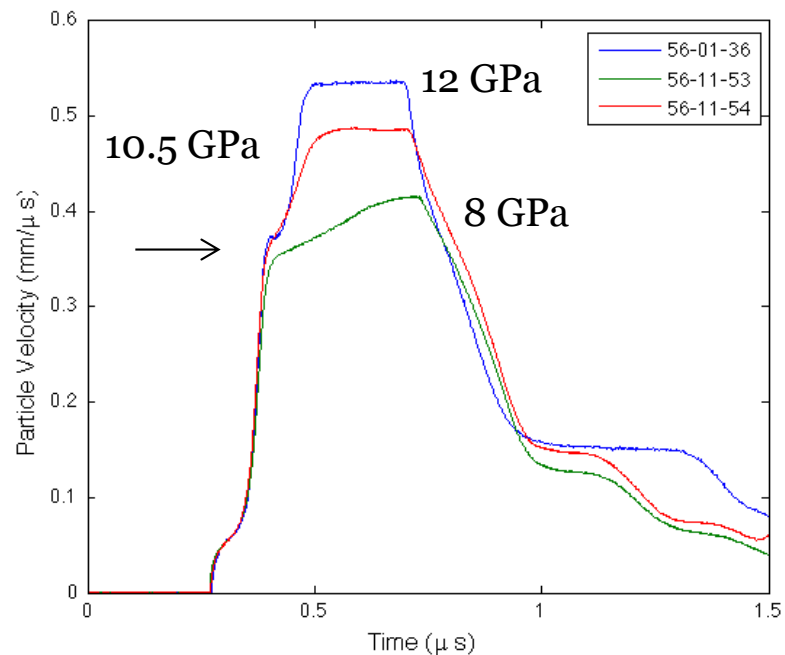
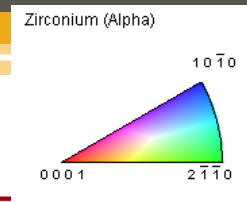
## Complex Phase Behavior

- Different phases have very distinct properties
- Inheritance and evolution of plastic state is poorly understood





# Shocked Polycrystal Zr (Ti, Hf) and the Retained Structure

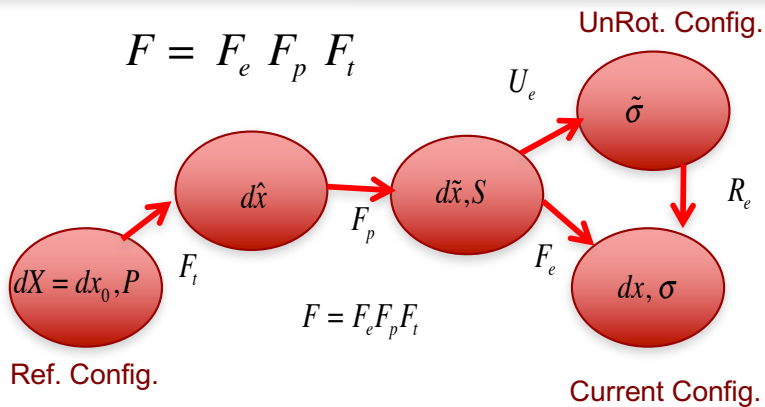


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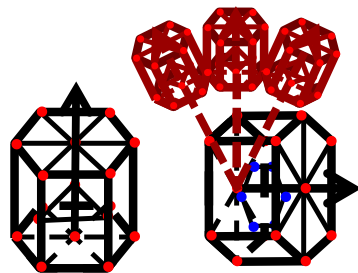


Shocked at 658m/s (8.0GPa)

# Thermodynamically Consistent Single Crystal Model

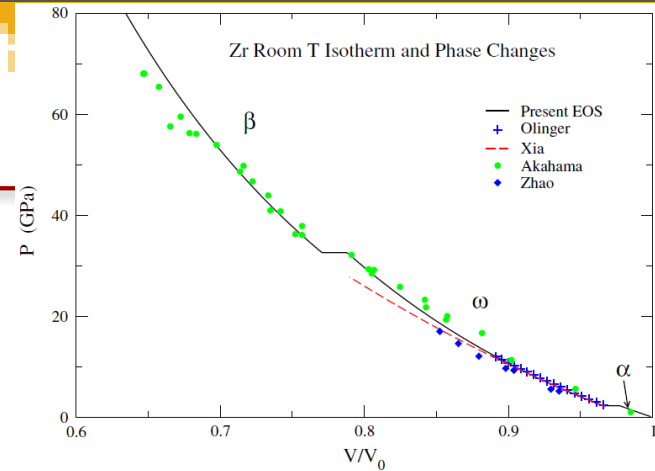


## Large Deformation



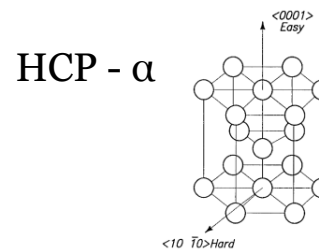
Zr / Ti  
(Silcock Mechanism)

## Phase Transformation



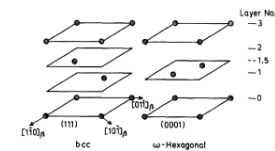
## Finite Elasticity – Analytic EoS

### Slip Crystallography



Prismatic  
Pyramidal <c+a>

### HEX - ω



Basal (limited)  
Prismatic (limited)

Sikka et al, 1982

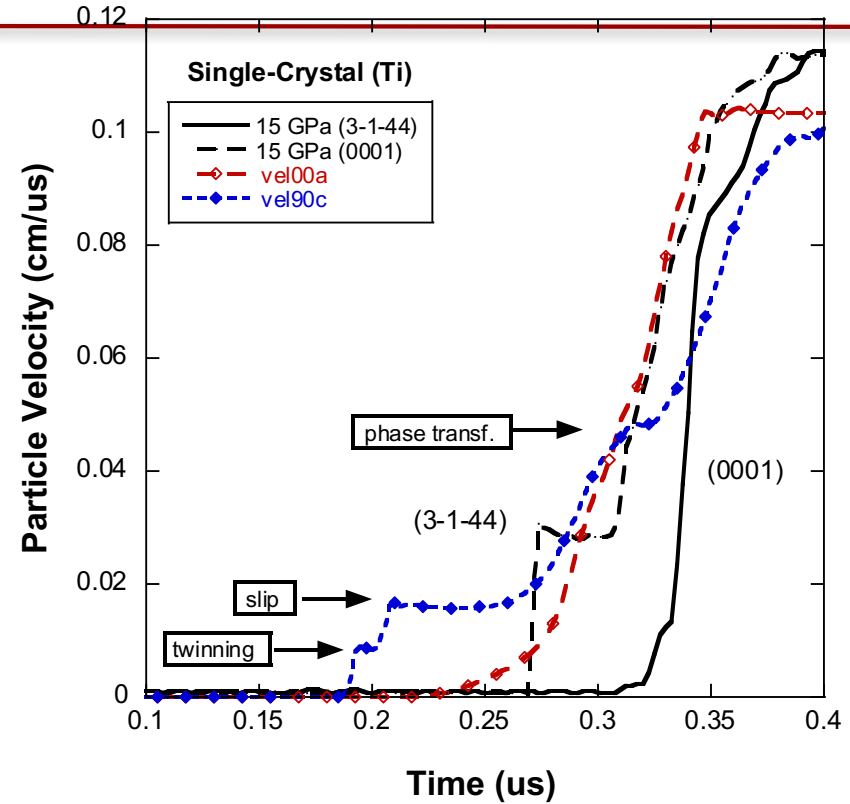
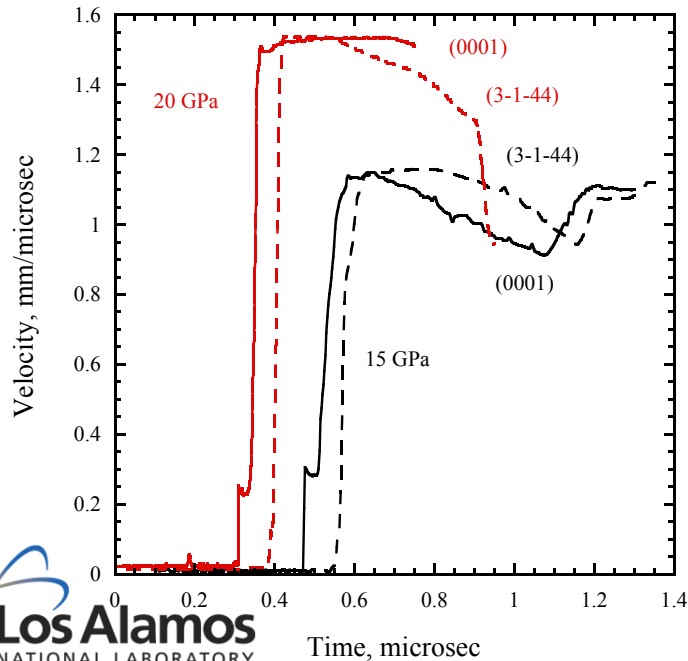
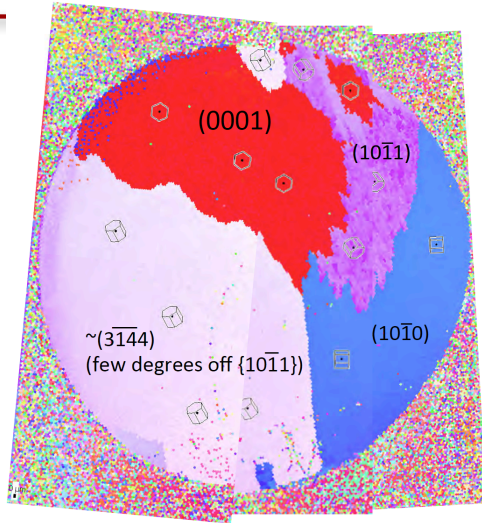
### Twin Crystallography

Tensile, Compressive

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## Plasticity – slip, twinning

# Ti Tri-Crystal Experiments and Predictions



- Single crystal EoS development very important – coupled pressure and shear.
- Role of twinning/slip/transformation processes clear.
- Proper history dependent coupling will be a significant challenge.



# Modeling the Interface Formation within Cu/Nb Layered Composites by Accumulated Roll Bonding

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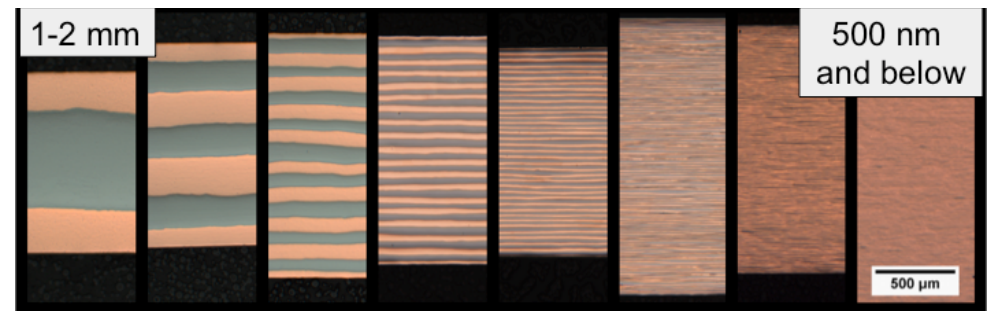
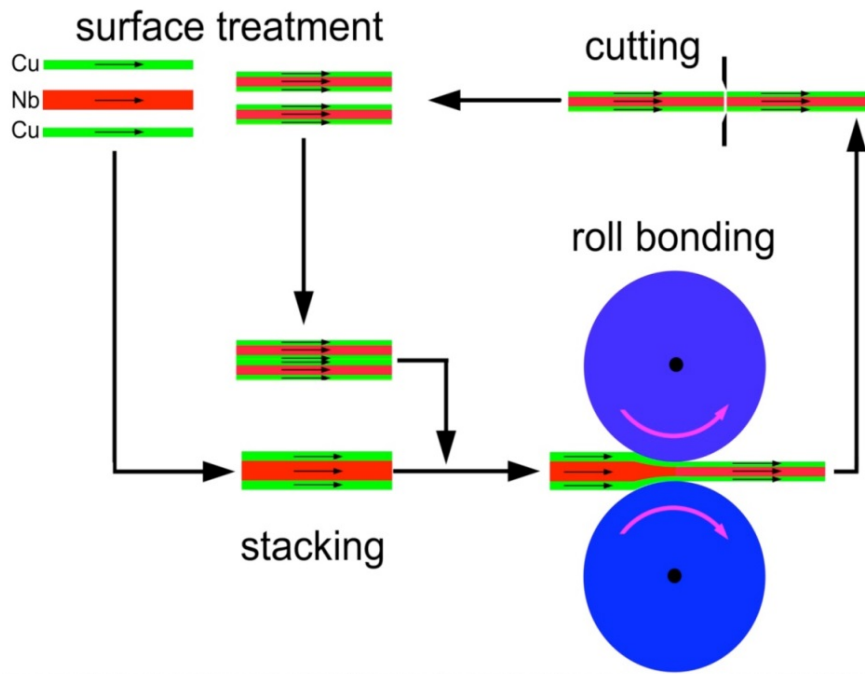
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# Cu/Nb Nano-Layered Composites by Severe Plastic Deformation



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Metallic based multi-layered nano-composites are recognized for their increased plastic flow strength and indentation hardness, increased ductility, improved radiation damage resistance, improved electrical and magnetic properties, and enhanced fatigue failure resistance compared to conventional metallic materials.

# Texture and Interface Evolution



MICRON

SUBMICRON

NANO

Layer thickness, $h$ (nm)	Rolling Reduction, $\eta$ (%)	Strain, $\epsilon$
2,000,000	0	0
97000	95	3.03
45000	97.75	3.79
20600	98.9	4.58
7800	99.5	5.55
3500	Stable orientations – set 1	
1500	99.9	7.19
714	99.96	7.94
197	Stable orientations/interfaces – set 2	
135	99.995	8.58
50	99.9975	10.60
31	Stable orientations/interfaces – set 3	
20	99.999	11.51
10	99.9995	12.21

~60% rolling reduction per pass

1<sup>st</sup> Transition  
1-2 grains thick Cu

2<sup>nd</sup> Transition  
1-2 grains thick Nb

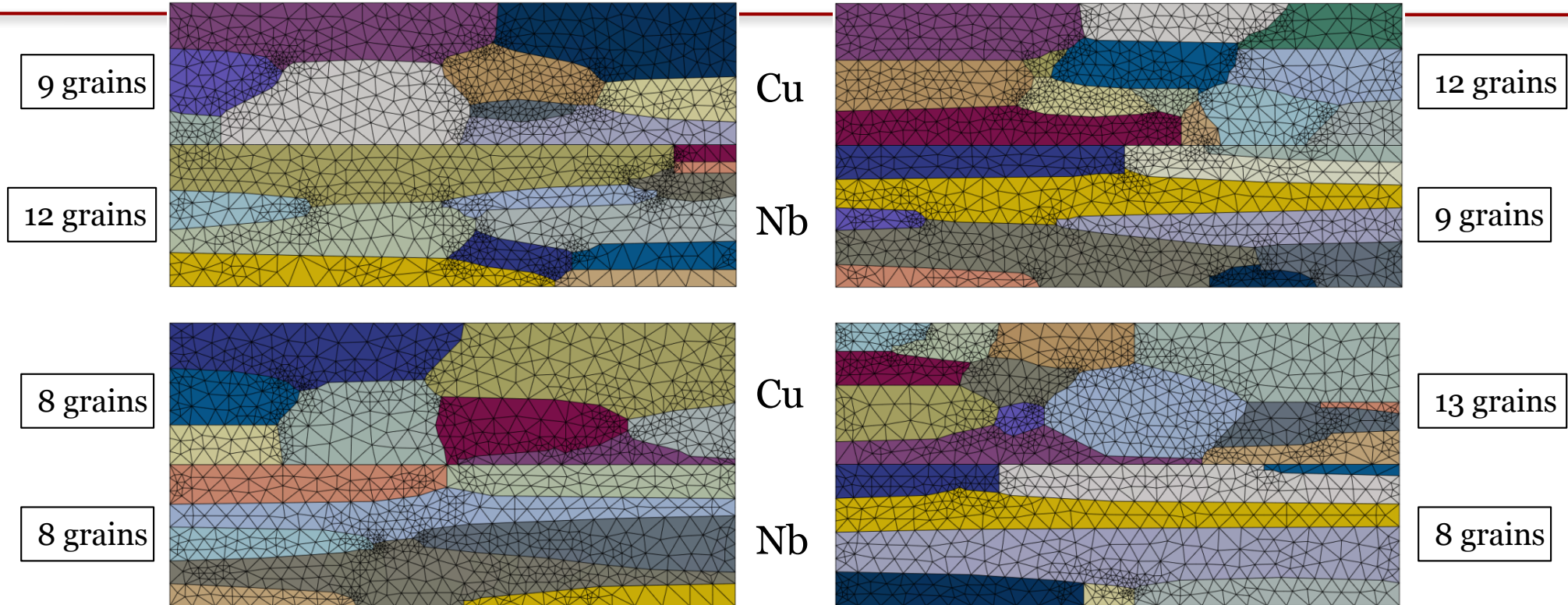
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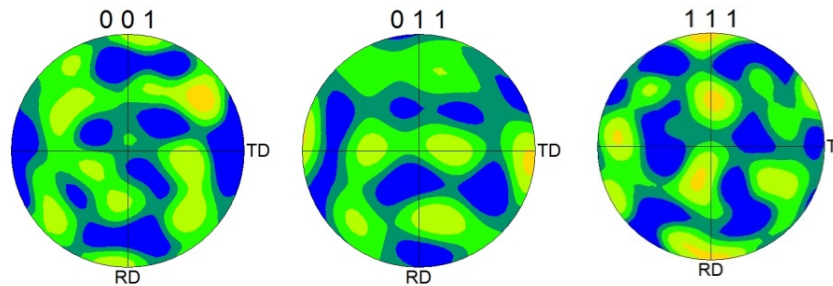
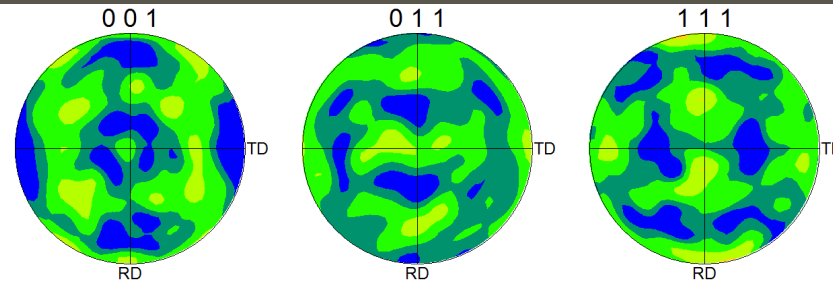
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# Single Pass Plane Strain Compression + 4 more



- Eight geometric realizations – 84 Cu grains, 79 Nb grains.
- Five crystallographic realizations for each – 420 Cu grains, 395 Nb grains.
- Multi-point constraint linking top surface to both sides to preserve area.
- Temperature constant at 298K.
- No degrees of freedom at the bi-material interface.





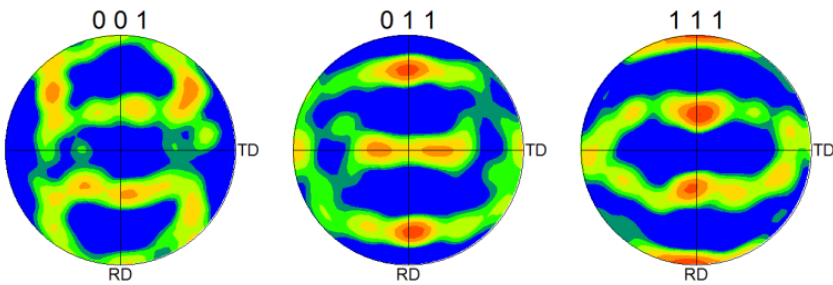
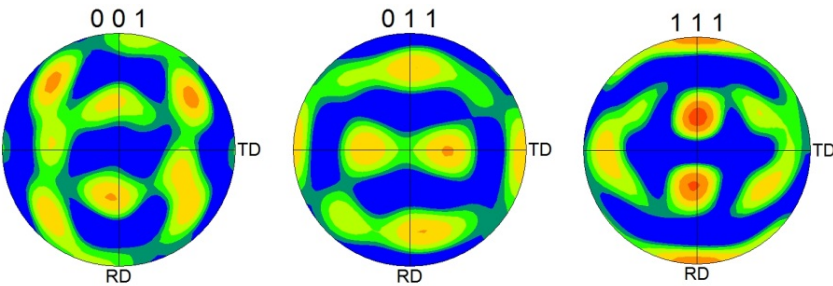
**Cu**

Initial  
experimental  
textures

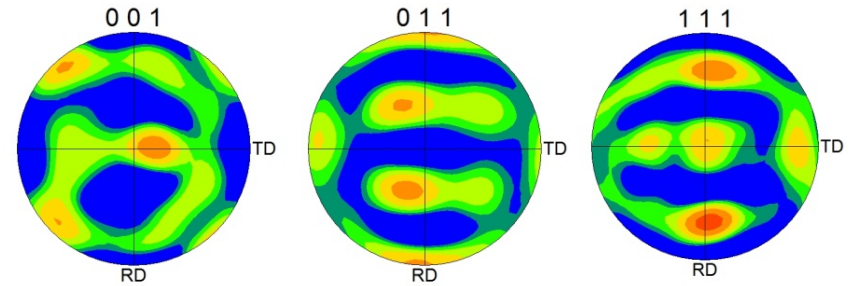
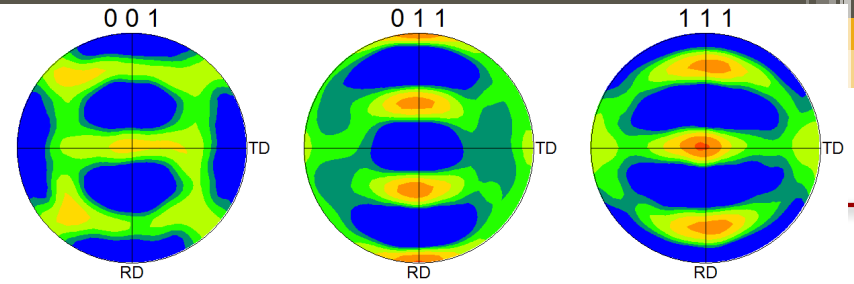
Initial  
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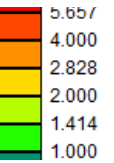
50% height  
reduction



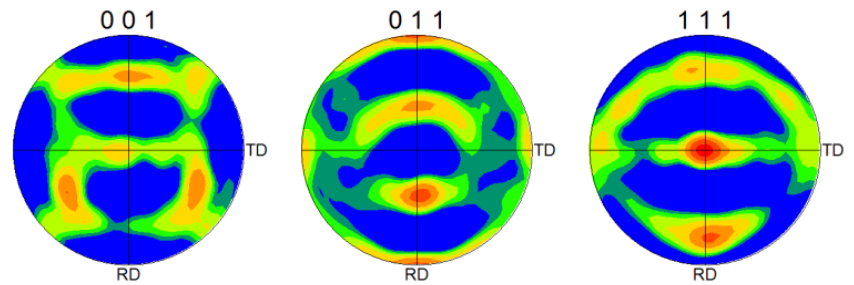
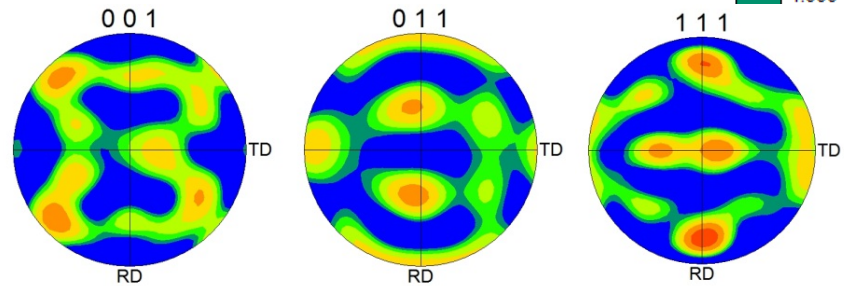
Deformed  
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**Nb**

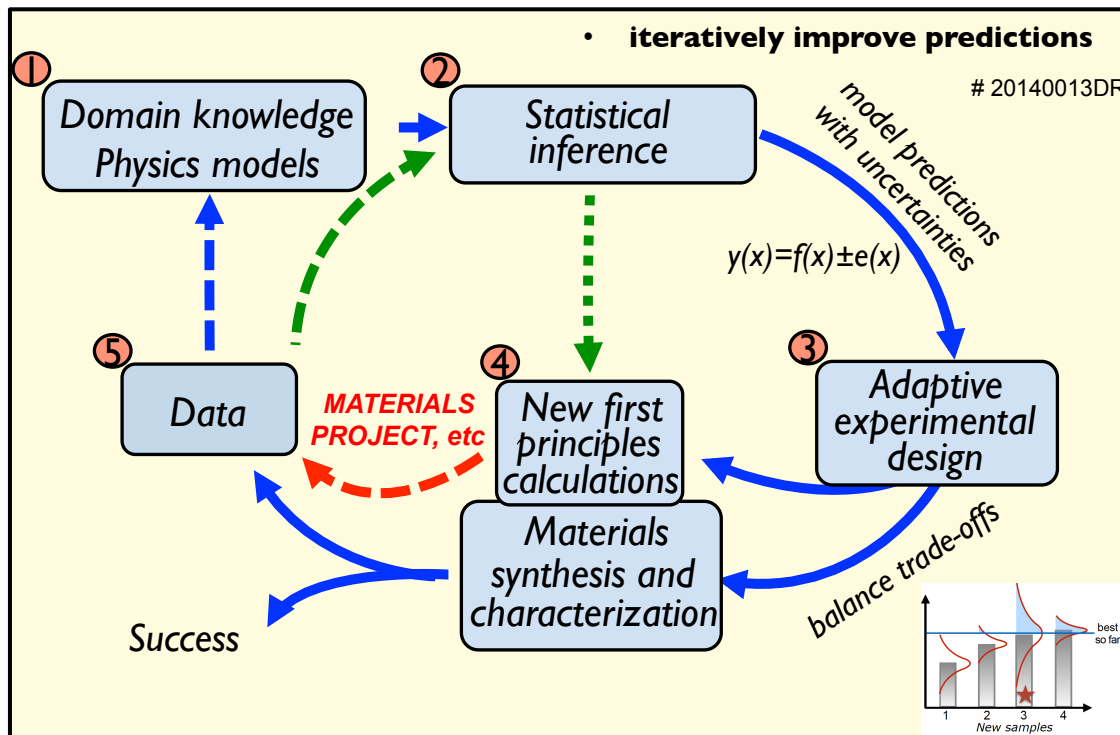


Deformed  
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# Accelerated Materials Discovery via Adaptive Design



**Goal:**  
Optimal learning of materials with targeted properties by guided experiments and calculations

**Approach:**

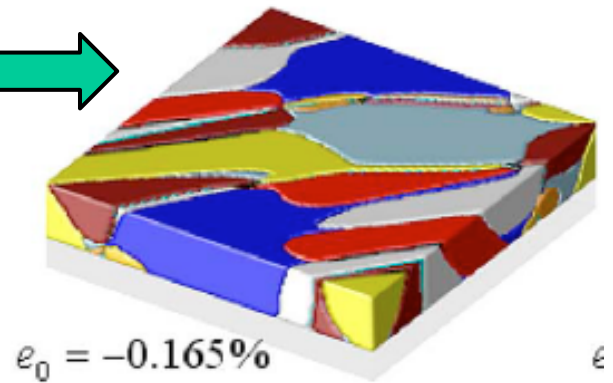
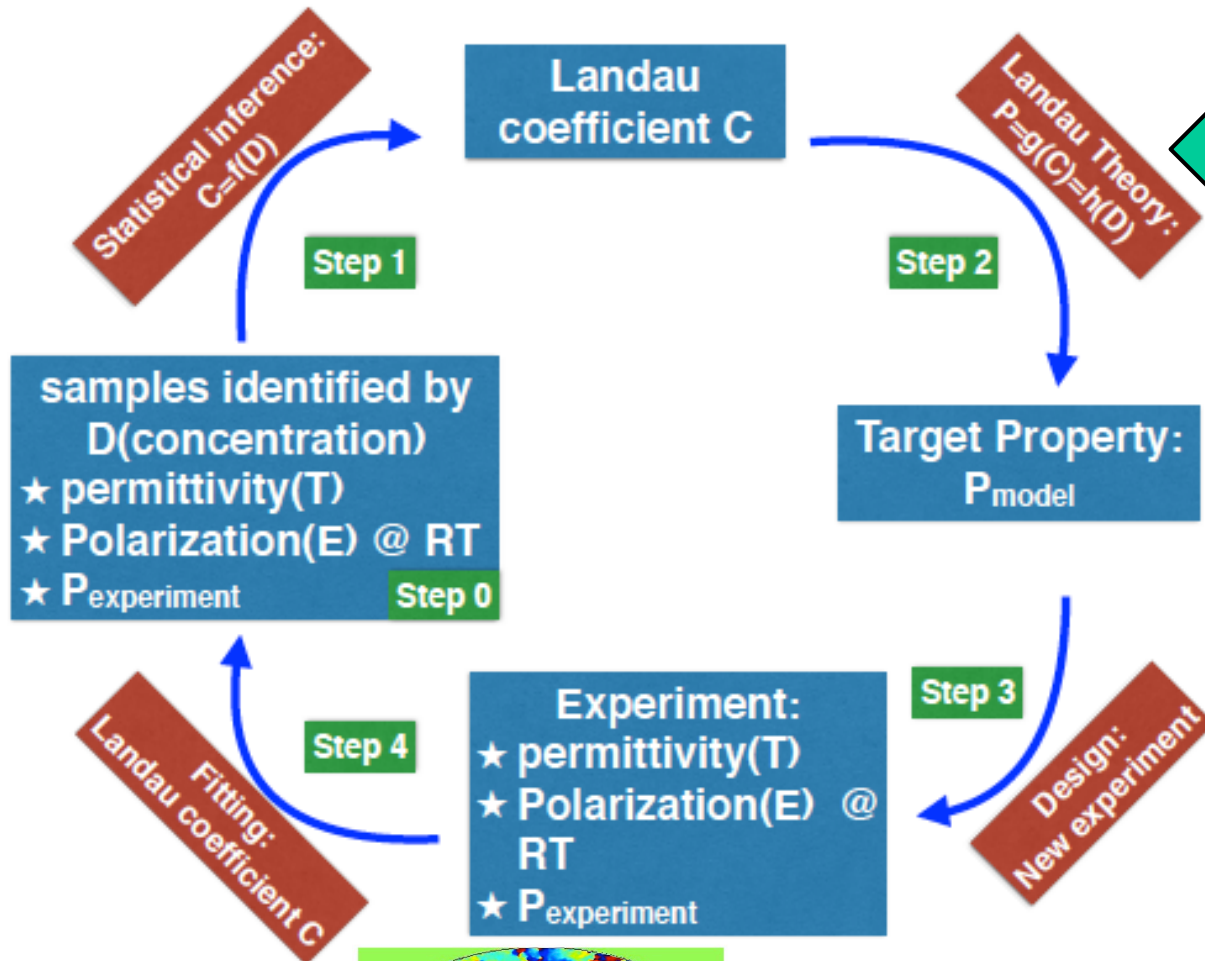
- 'Exploit vs Explore' high dimensional search space of possible candidates via global optimization

## Findings: New ultra low dissipation smart alloys

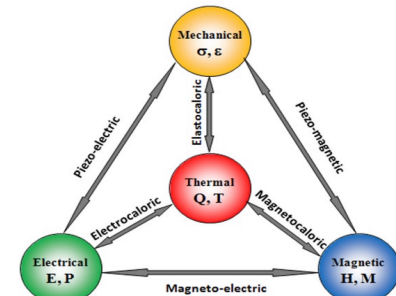
**9 prediction/synthesis/characterization iterations**  
(batch mode: 4 predictions/experiments at a time)  
**14 alloys better than the best in training data**  
(p value < .001)

Alloy	ΔT (K)
TiNi	~28
TiNiPd	~12
TiNiCu	~8
TiNiCuPd	~5
TiNiFe	~3
AuCuZn	~1

# Predictive Mesoscale Models and Simulations via Informatics, Synthesis and *in situ* Characterization

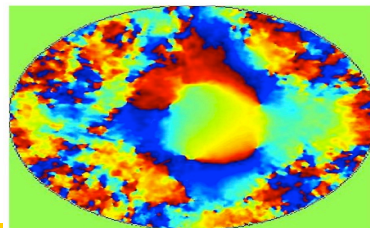


**Phase field simulations**



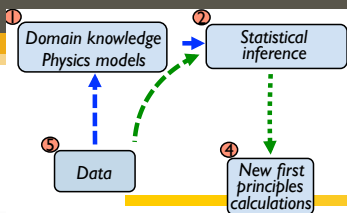
**Applications to energy harvesting materials**

- ferroelectrics
- electrocalorics
- magnetocalorics



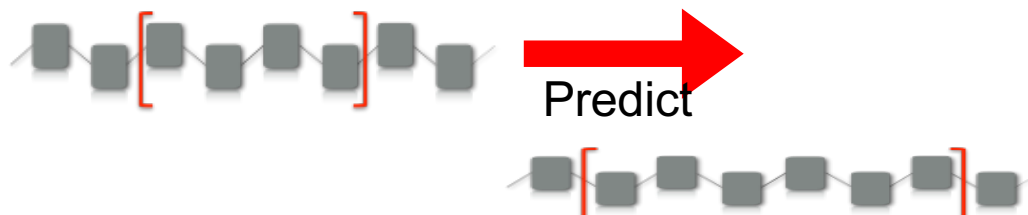
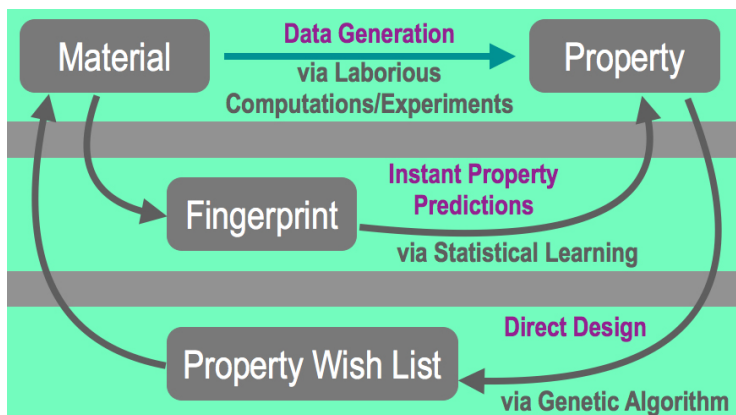
**In situ @ LCLS**  
**Image maps**  
 Polarization  
 Distortion

# Predictions via machine learning



**Goal: Polymers for high energy density capacitors and release: large wide band gap & dielectric constant**

$$\text{Maximum Energy Density} \propto \epsilon E_{bd}^2$$



- Learn from polymers with small repeat units to predict response for large repeat unit polymers

