

# Integrated micromechanical experimentation and simulation for complex alloys

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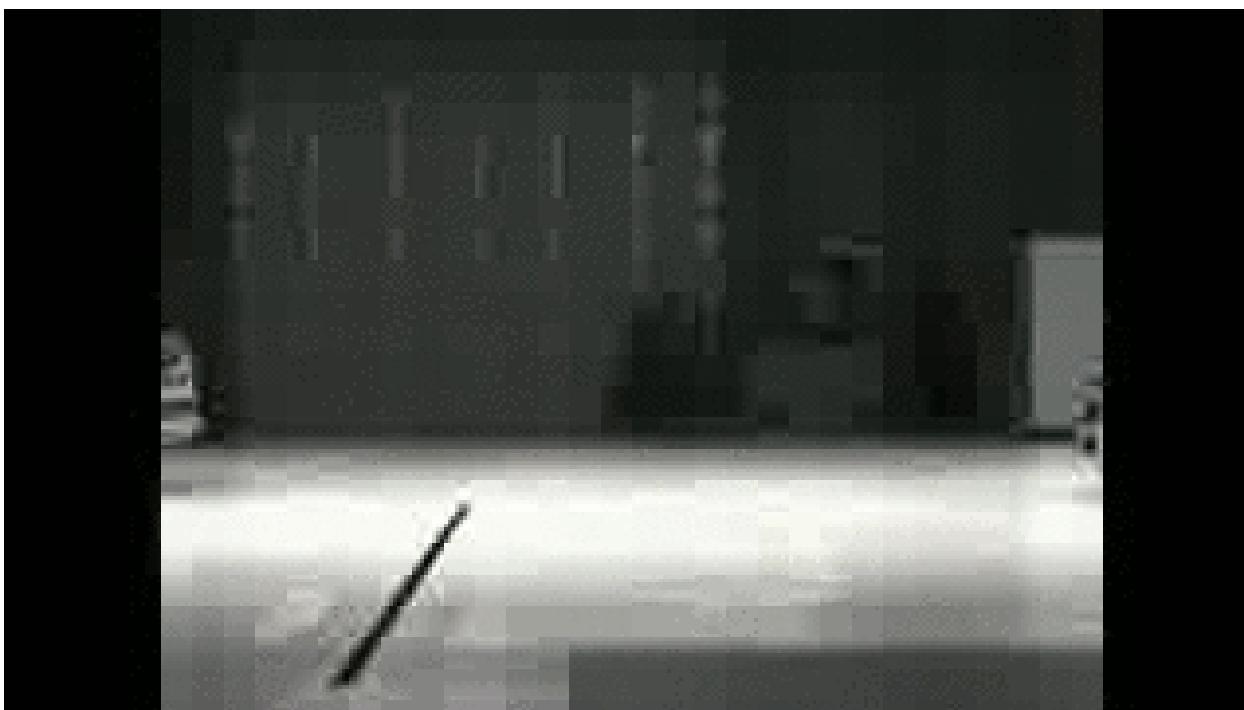
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# Motivation

Chevrolet 1959 Bel Air



Chevrolet 2009 Malibu

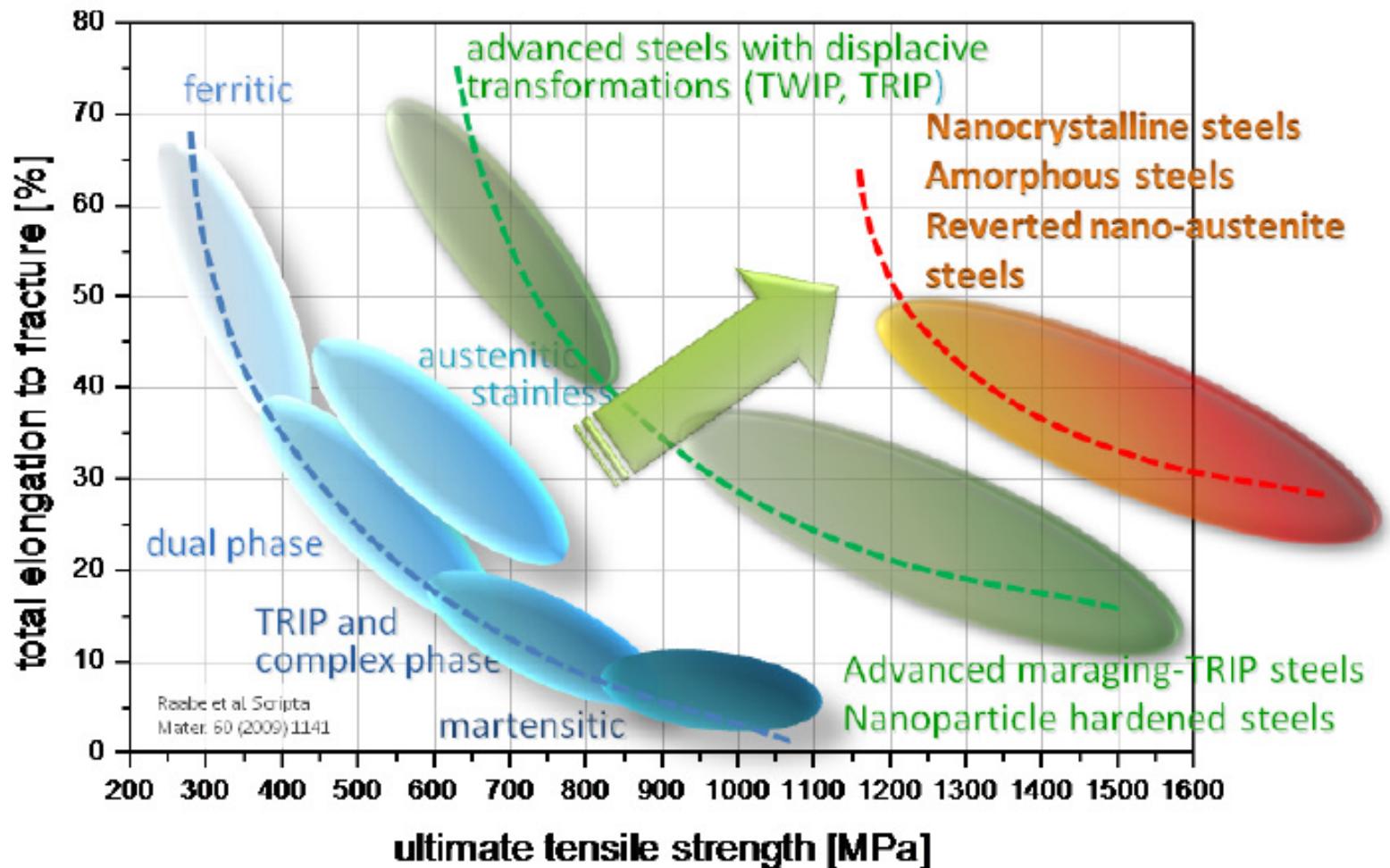


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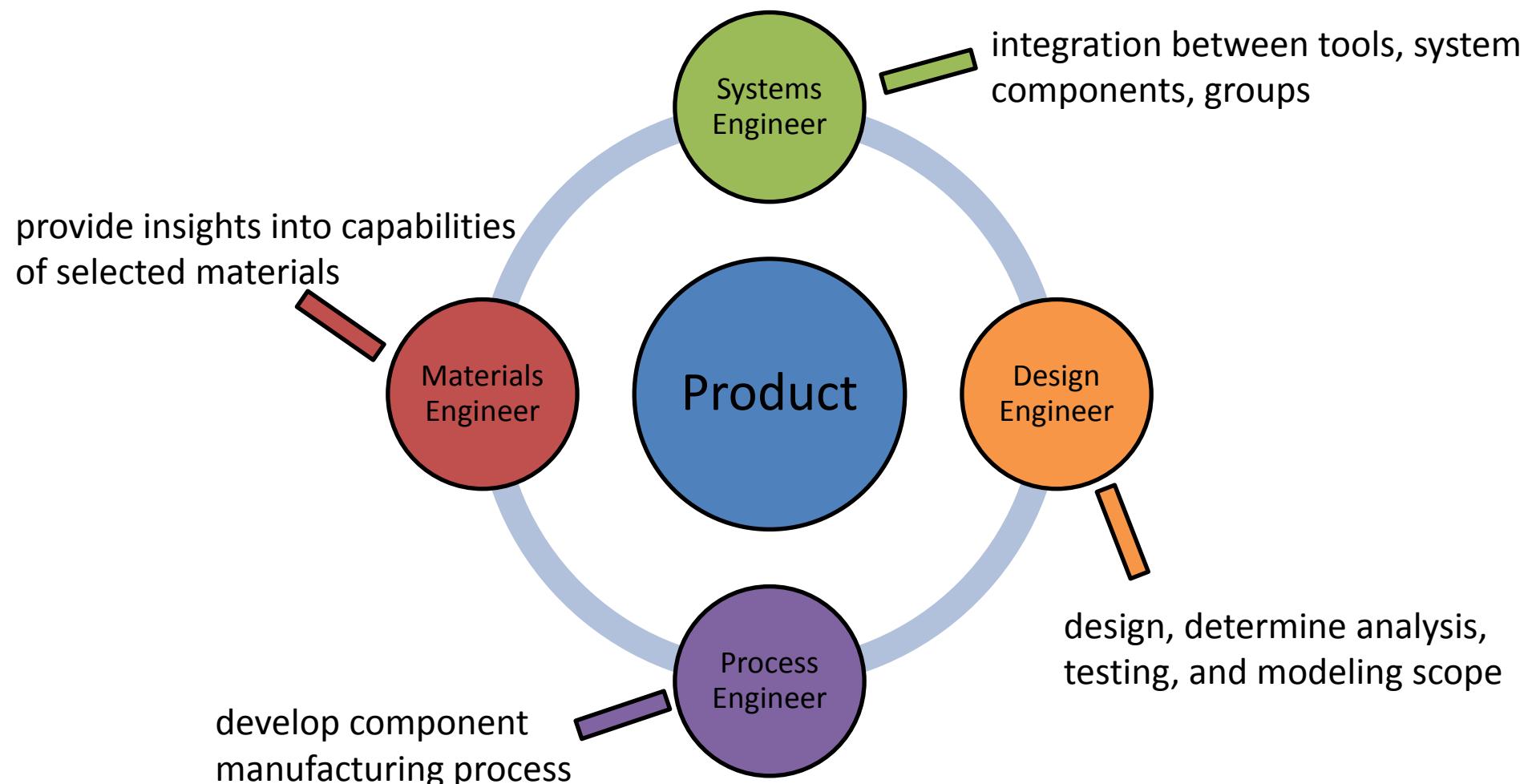
- Materials innovations are the core of (all!) technological advances ☺
- Technological advances are dependent on materials innovations ☹

- **Problem:** Product design rate >>> materials development rate



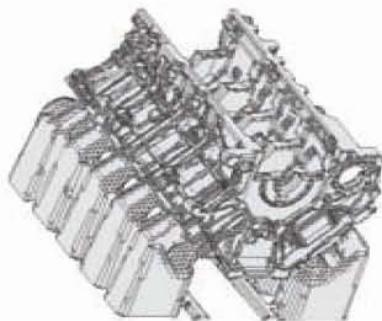
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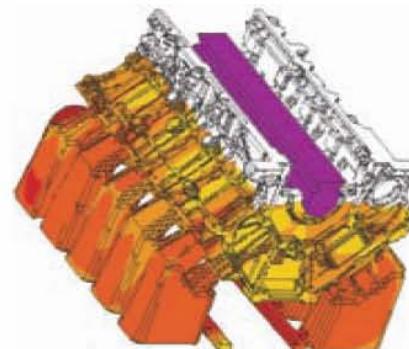
## Initial Geometry

- CAD Geometry and Mesh



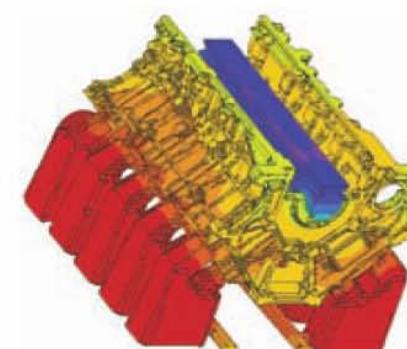
## Filling

- Accurate filling Profile (ProCast, OPTCAST)



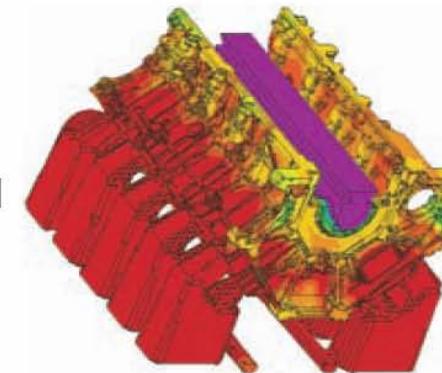
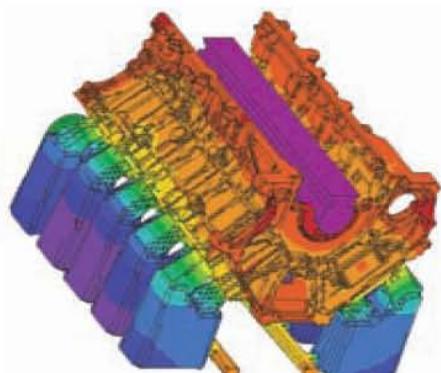
## Thermal Analysis

- Boundary Conditions (OPTCAST)
- Fraction solid Curves (ThermoCALC)



## Yield Strength

- LocalYS



## Microstructure ( $\text{Al}_2\text{Cu}$ )

- Micromodel (MicroMod, PanDat)
- Solution treatment (Dictra)
- Aging Model (NanoPPT, PanDat)

• Integration & validation (very) challenging!

# Integrated in-situ experiments & full-field crystal plasticity simulations to analyze stress –strain partitioning in multi-phase alloys

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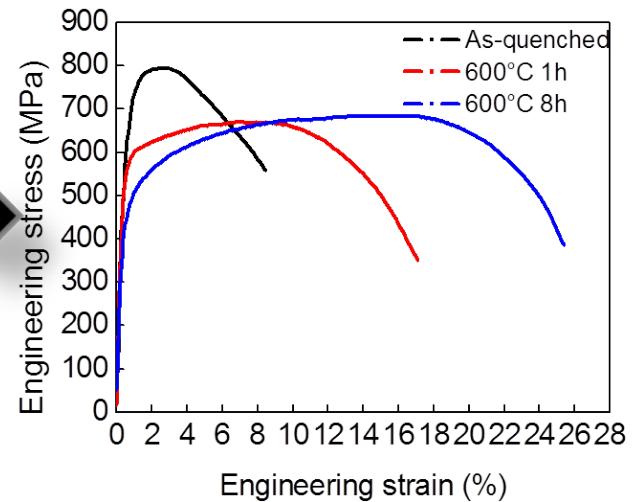
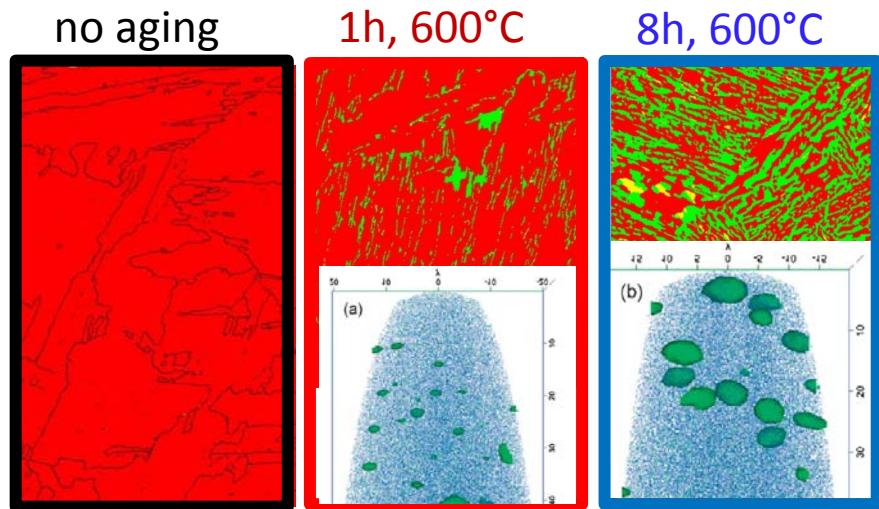
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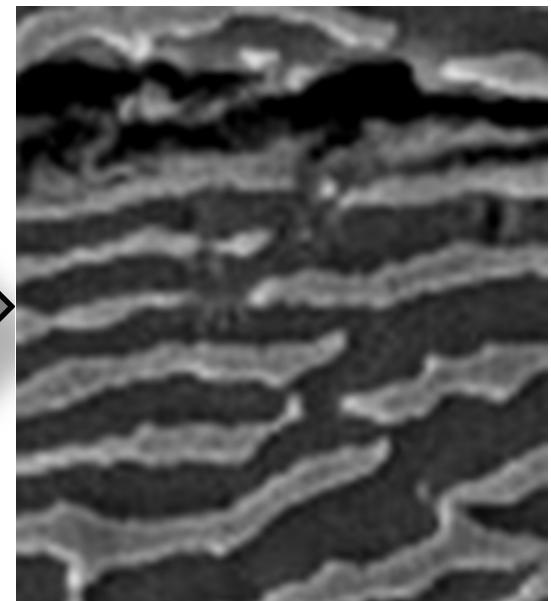
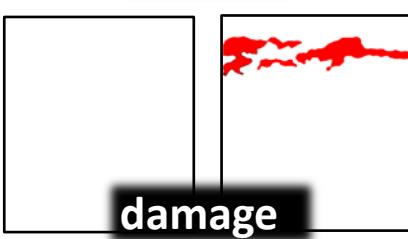
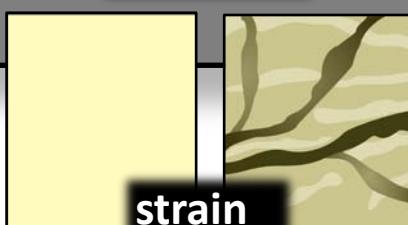
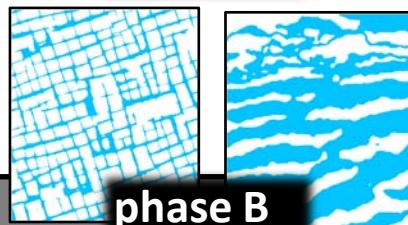
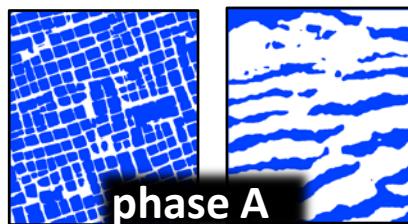
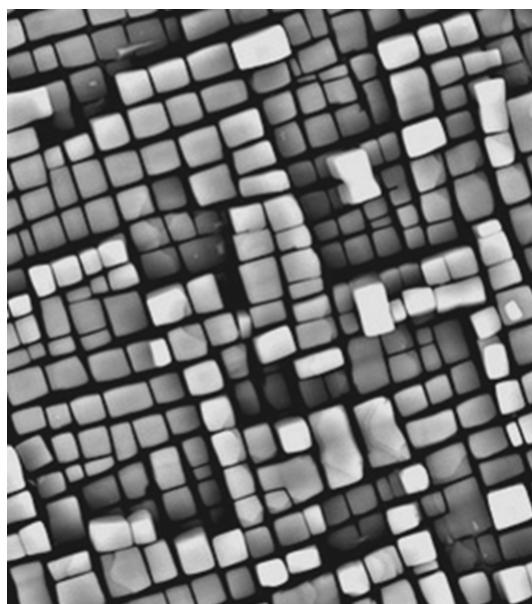
# Goal & challenges

- Goal (i): direct link between microstructure-properties
- (ii): micro-mechanics based alloy design (guidelines)



# Needed

- Needed: evolution of (i) micro-structure (ii) micro-strain (iii) micro-stress



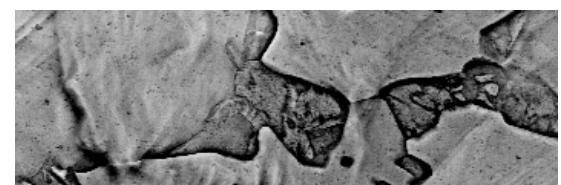
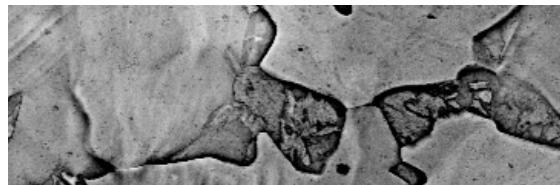


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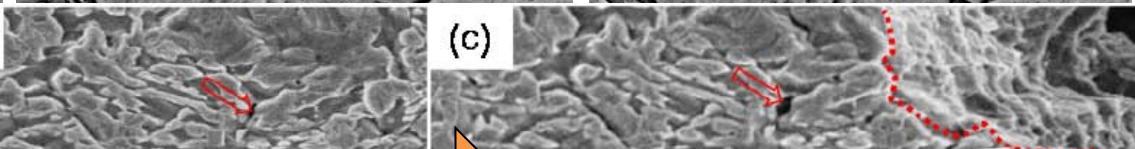
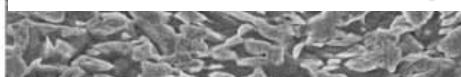
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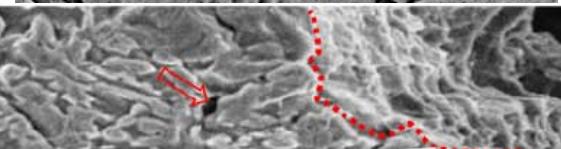
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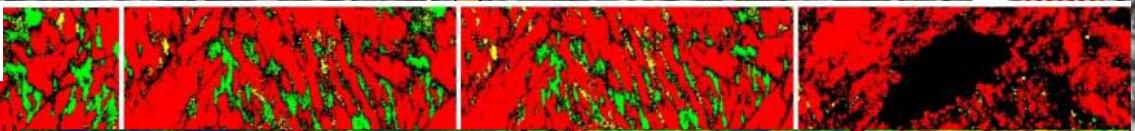
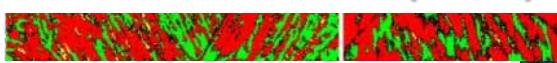
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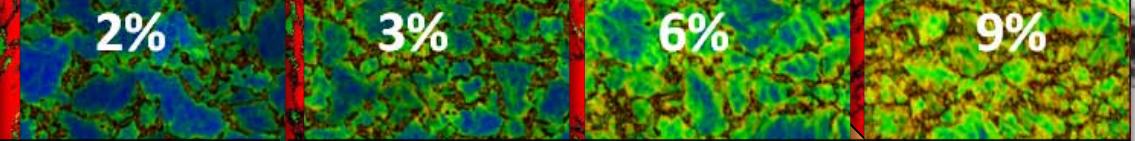
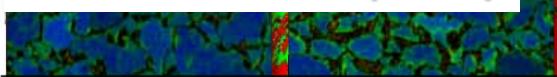
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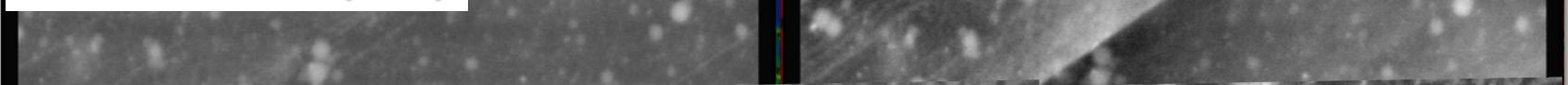
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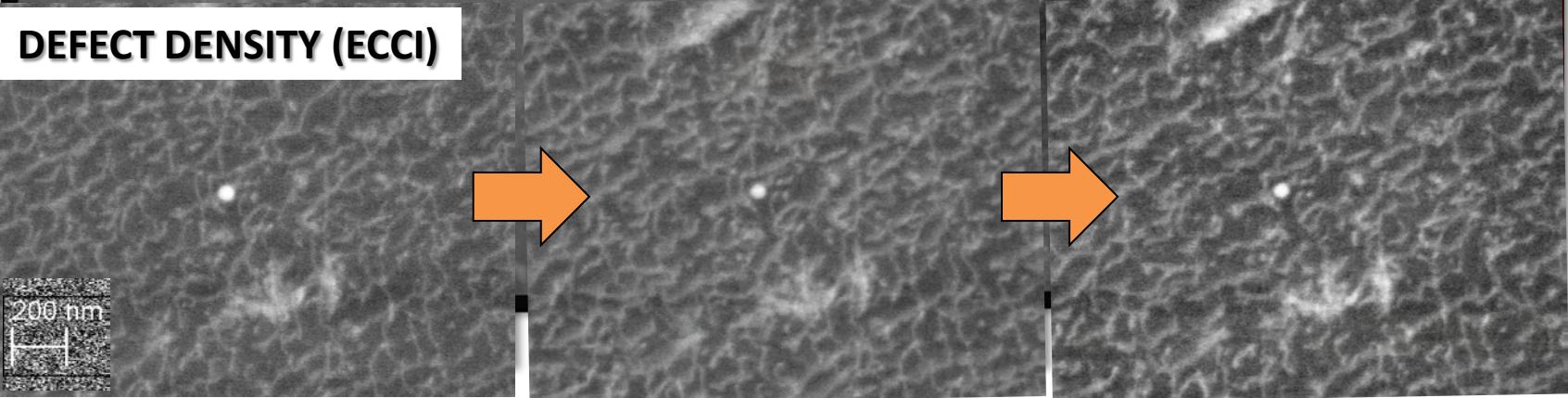
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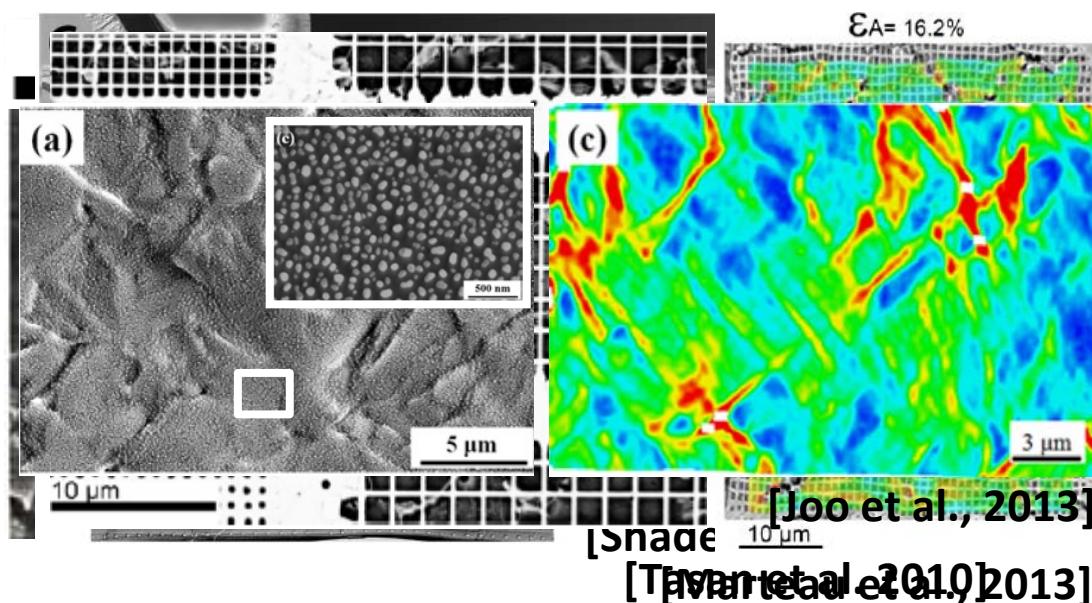
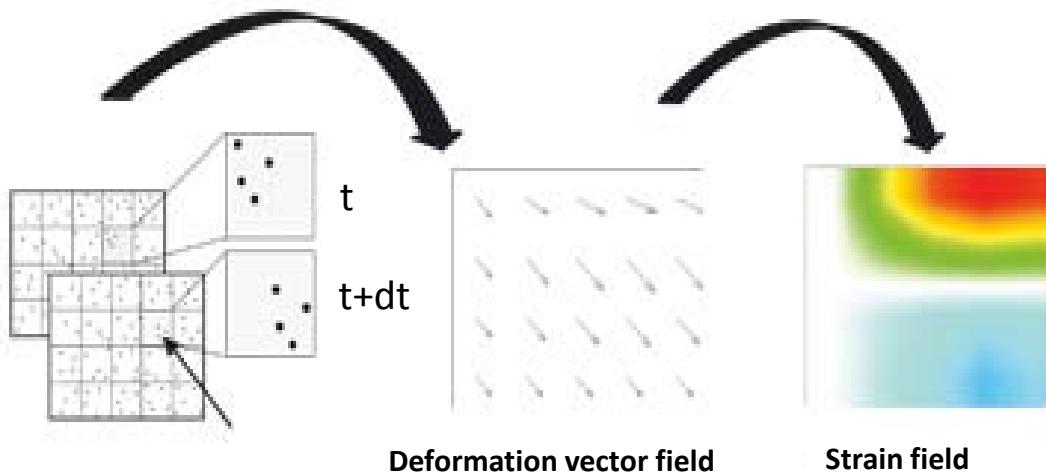
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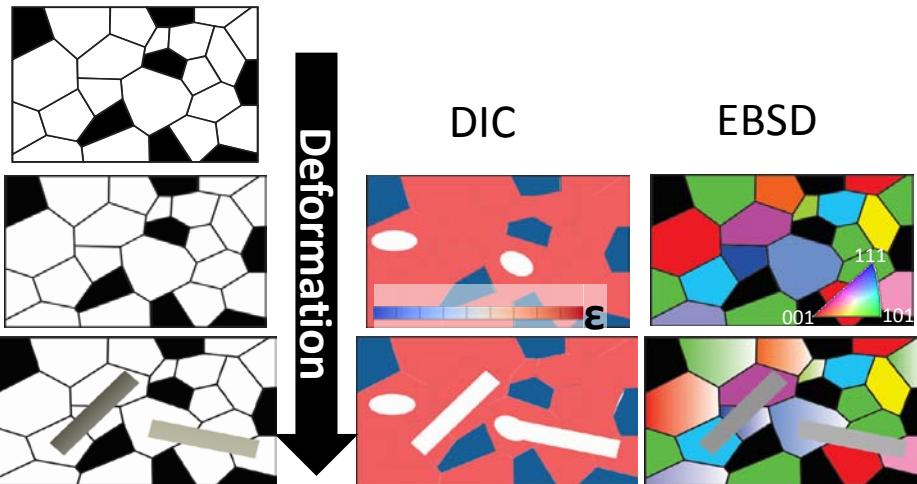
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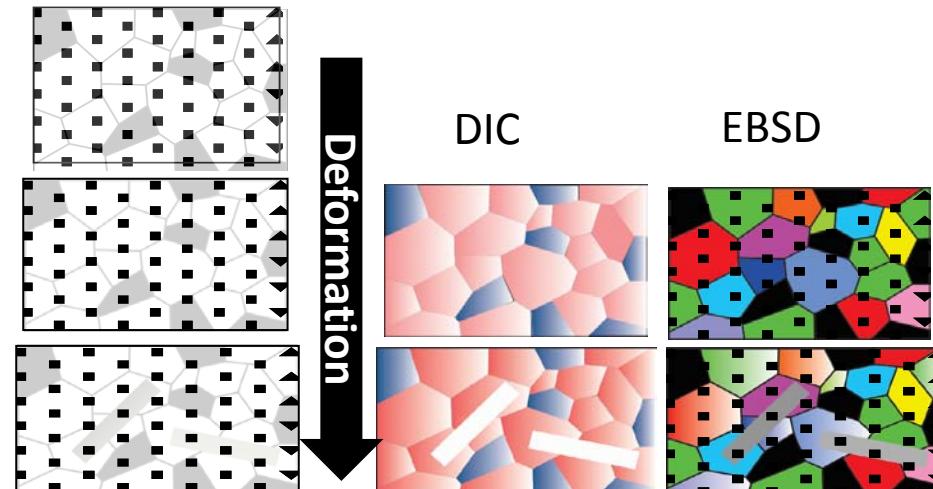
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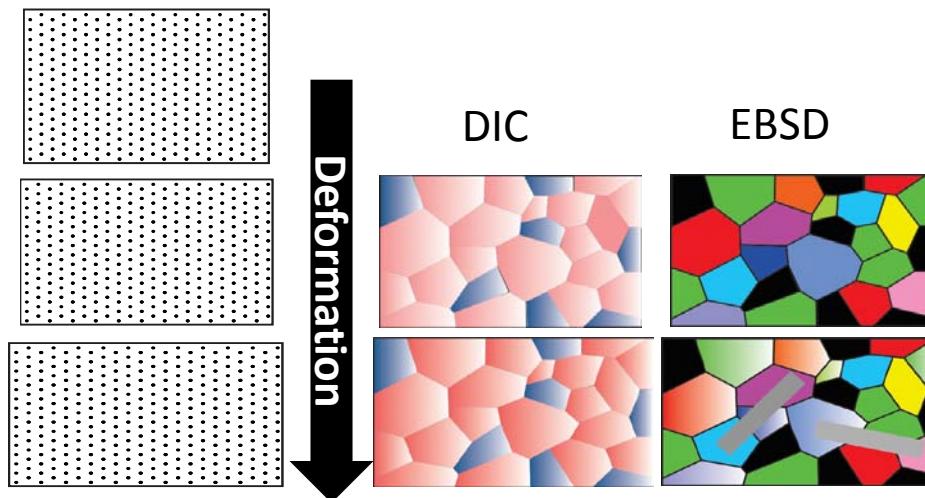
## Microstructure-based pattern



## Artificial pattern



## IDEAL CASE: Selective Imaging



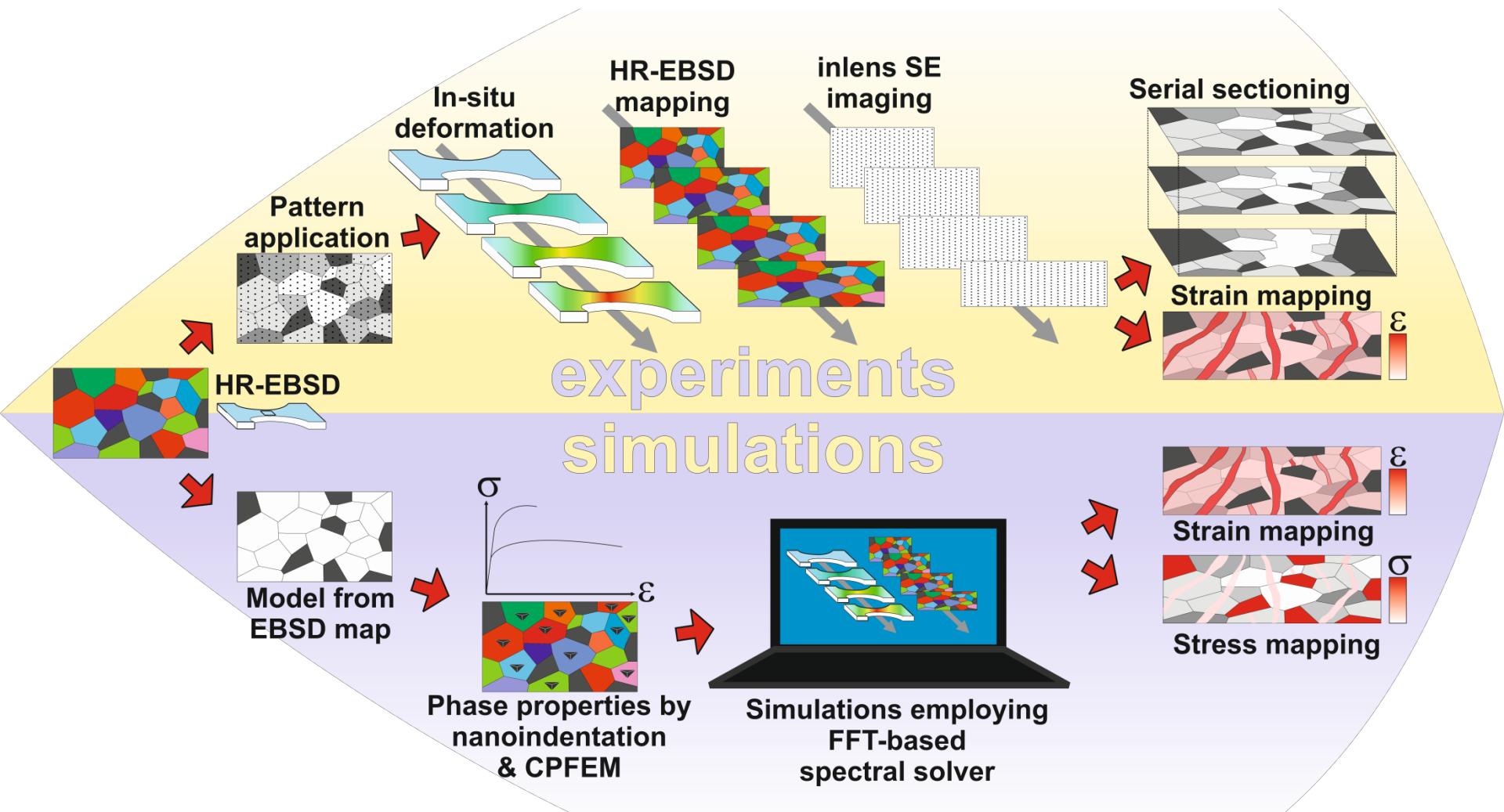
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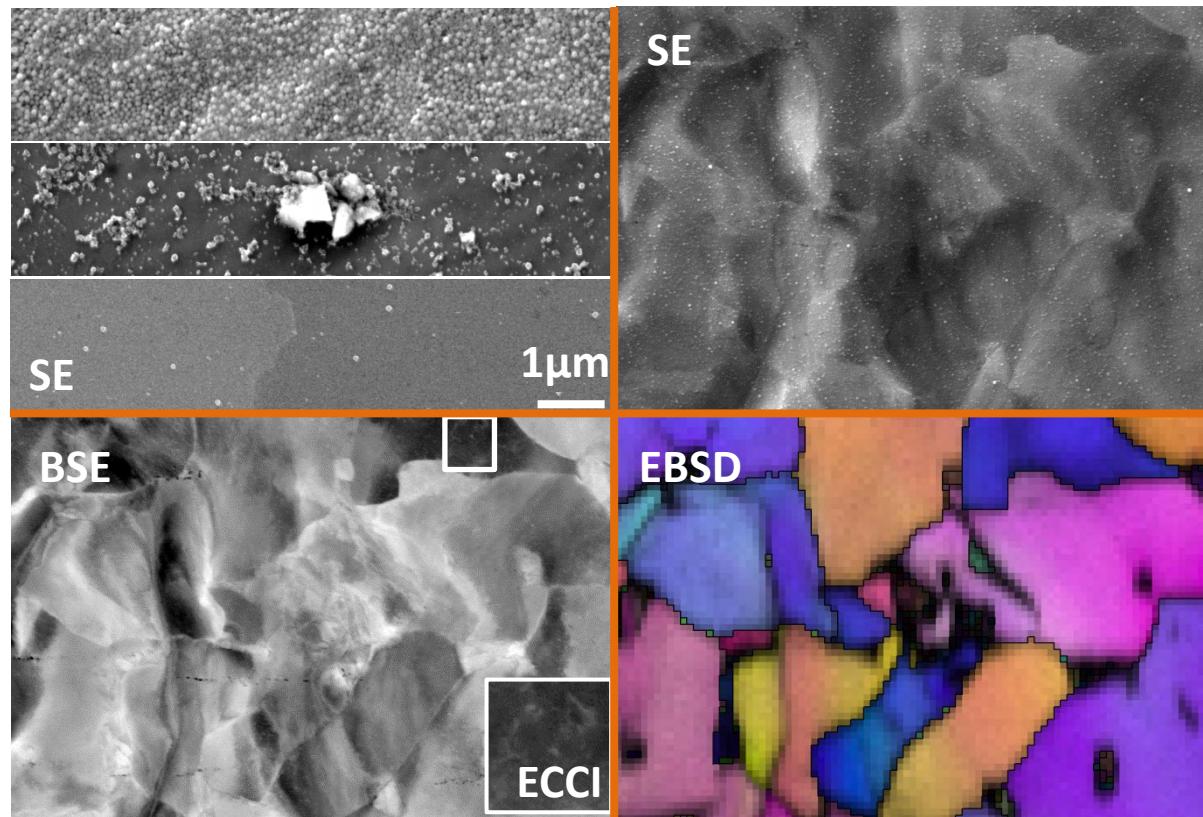
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# Methodology – Example of DP Steel

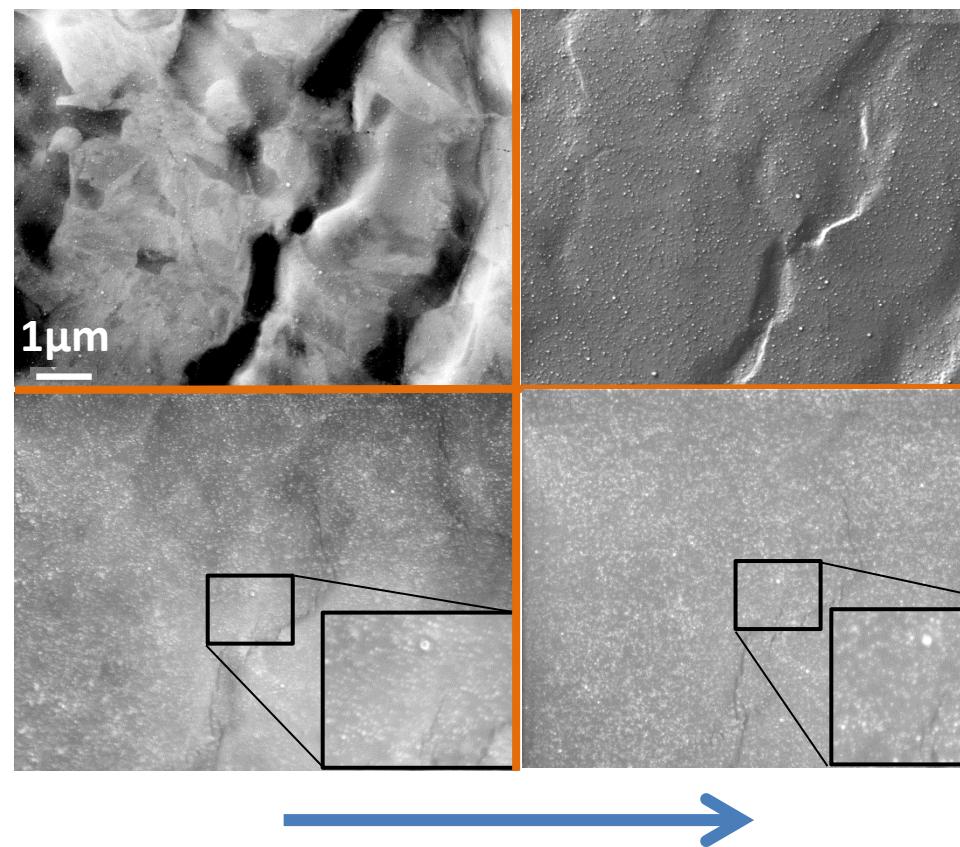


# $\text{SiO}_2$ Pattern



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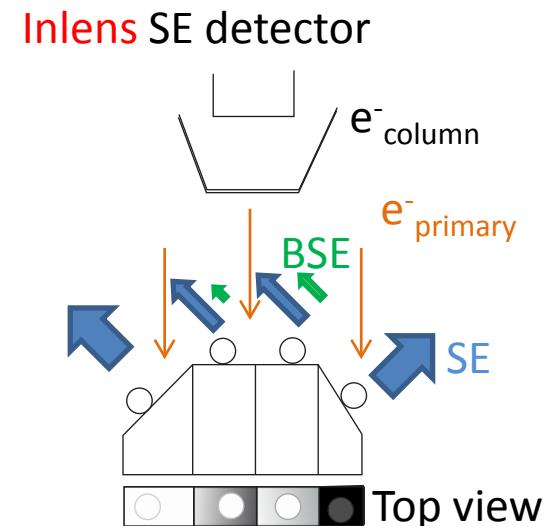
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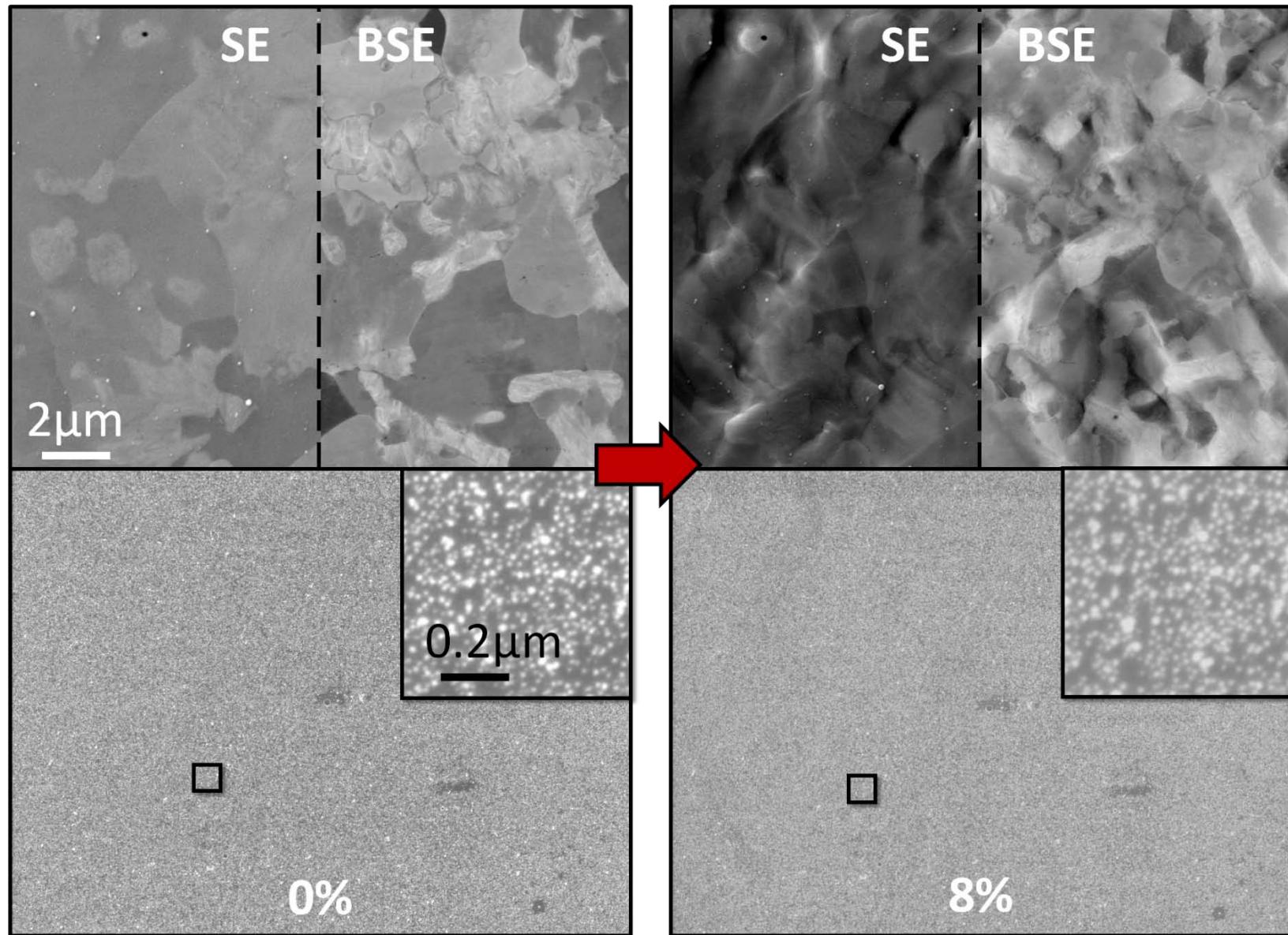
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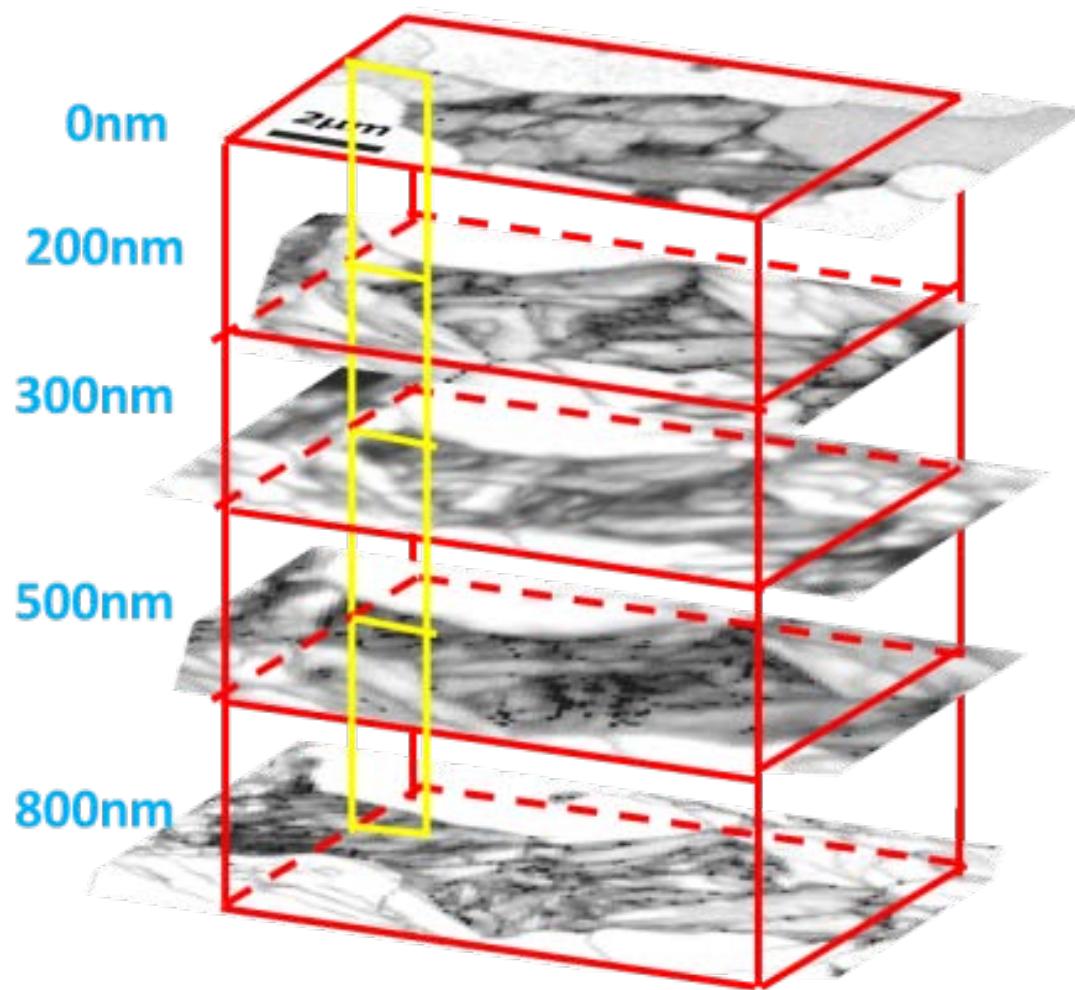


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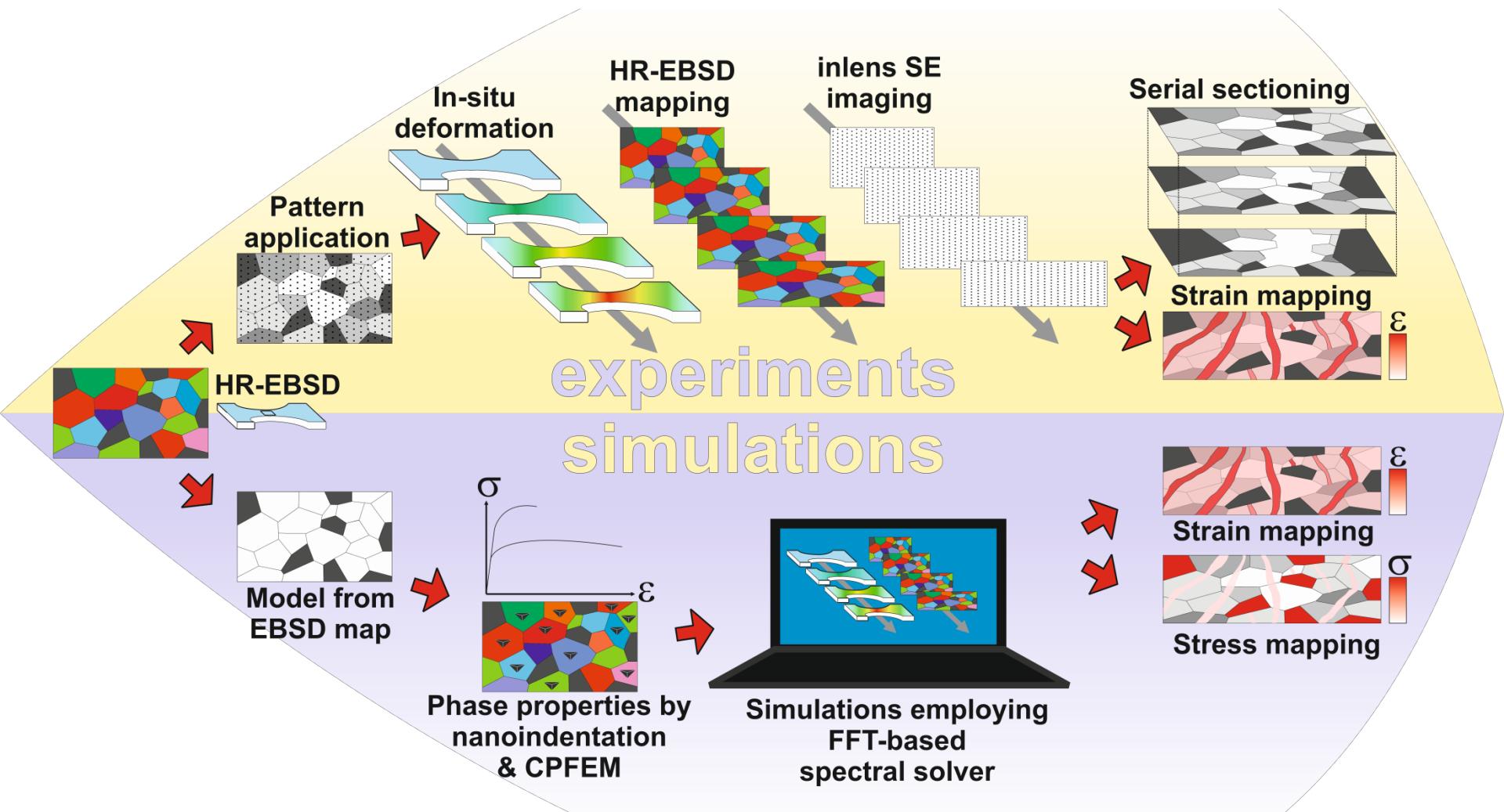
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# Serial sectioning



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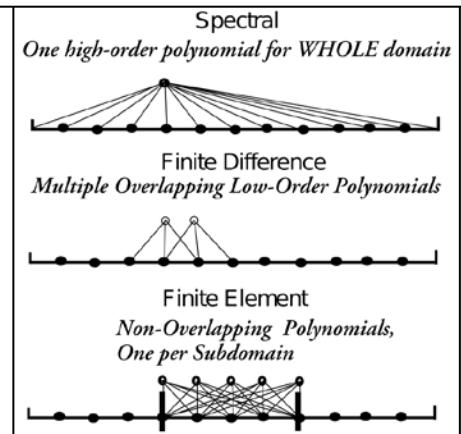
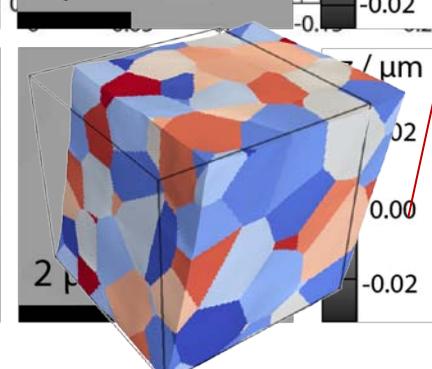
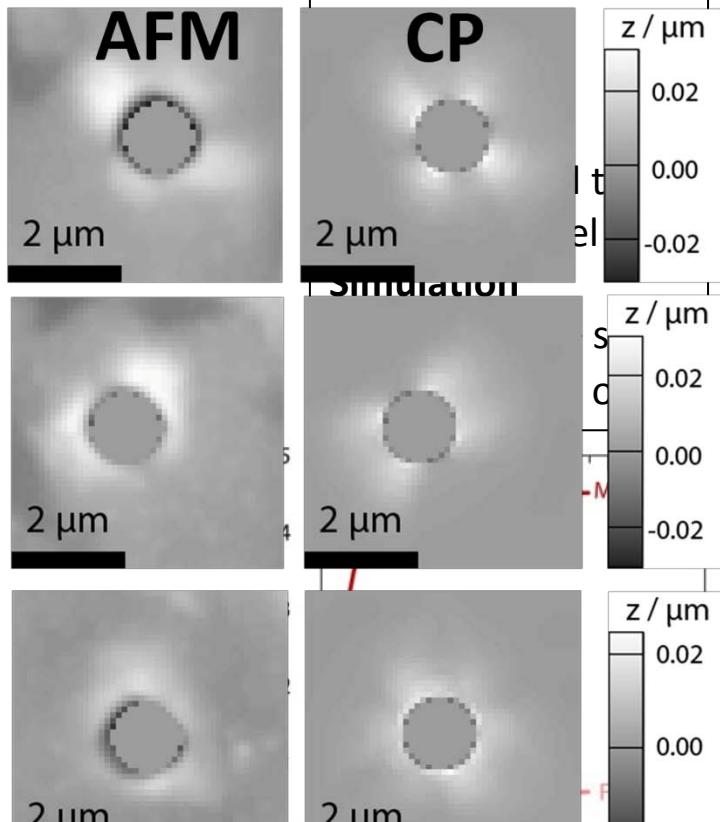
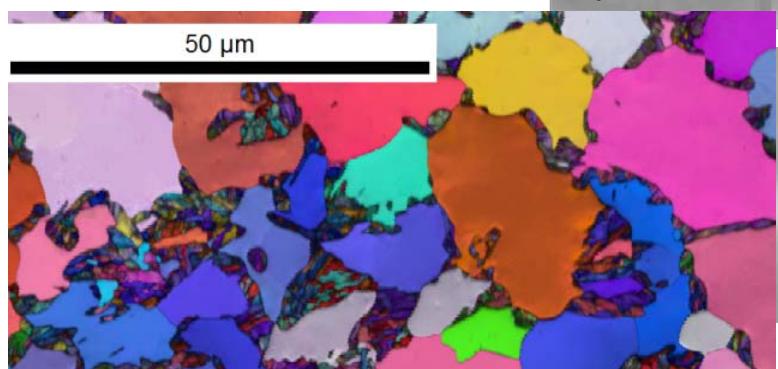
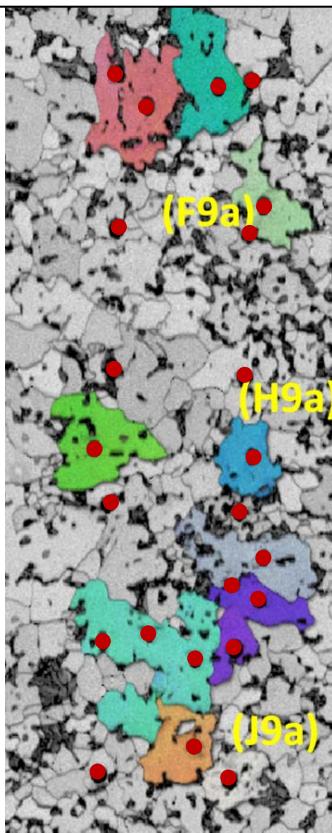
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# Methodology – Crystal plasticity simulations



-Phenomenological bcc model (Peirce et al., 1982) implemented in DAMASK (Roters et al., 2010)



Computational efficiency

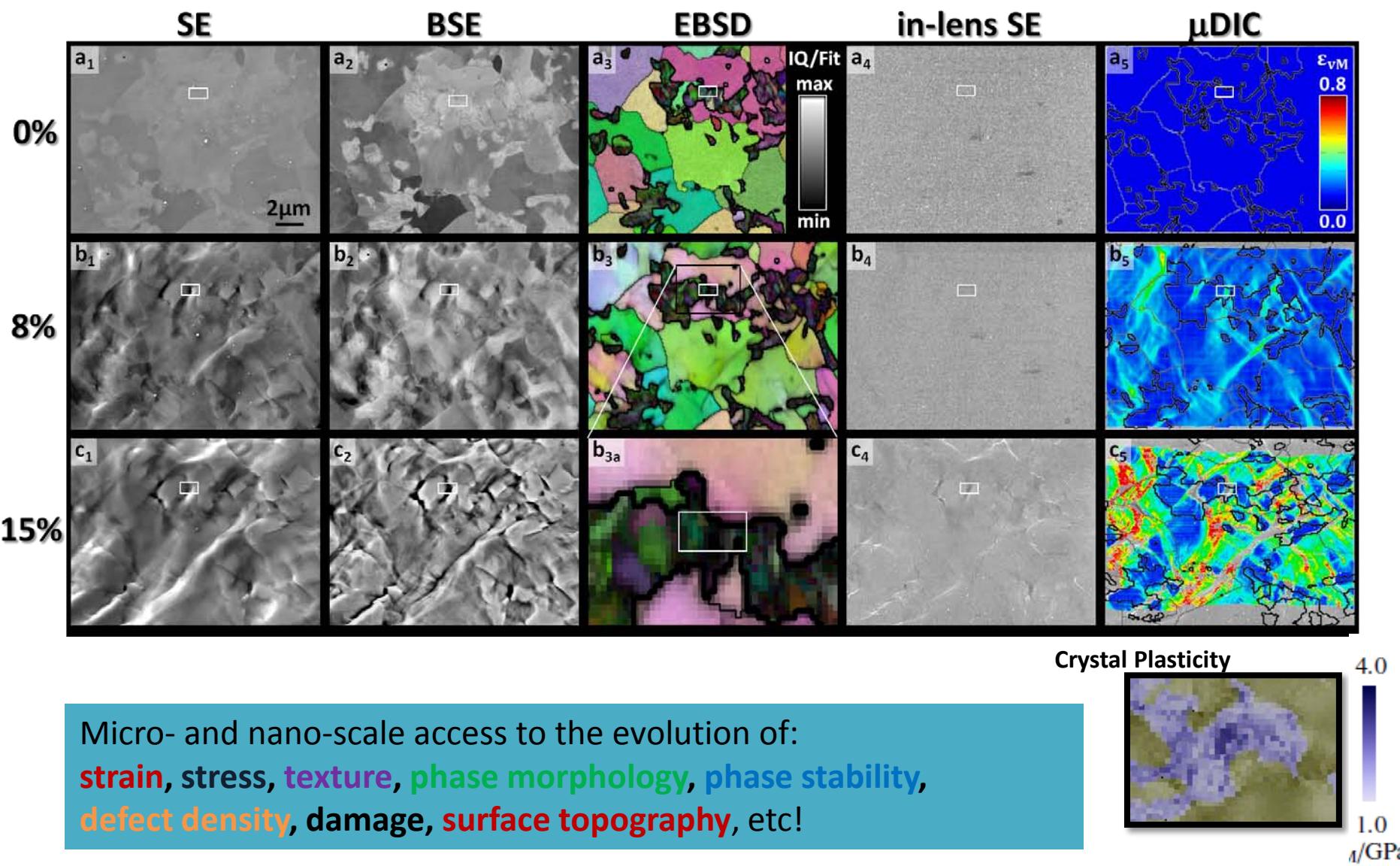
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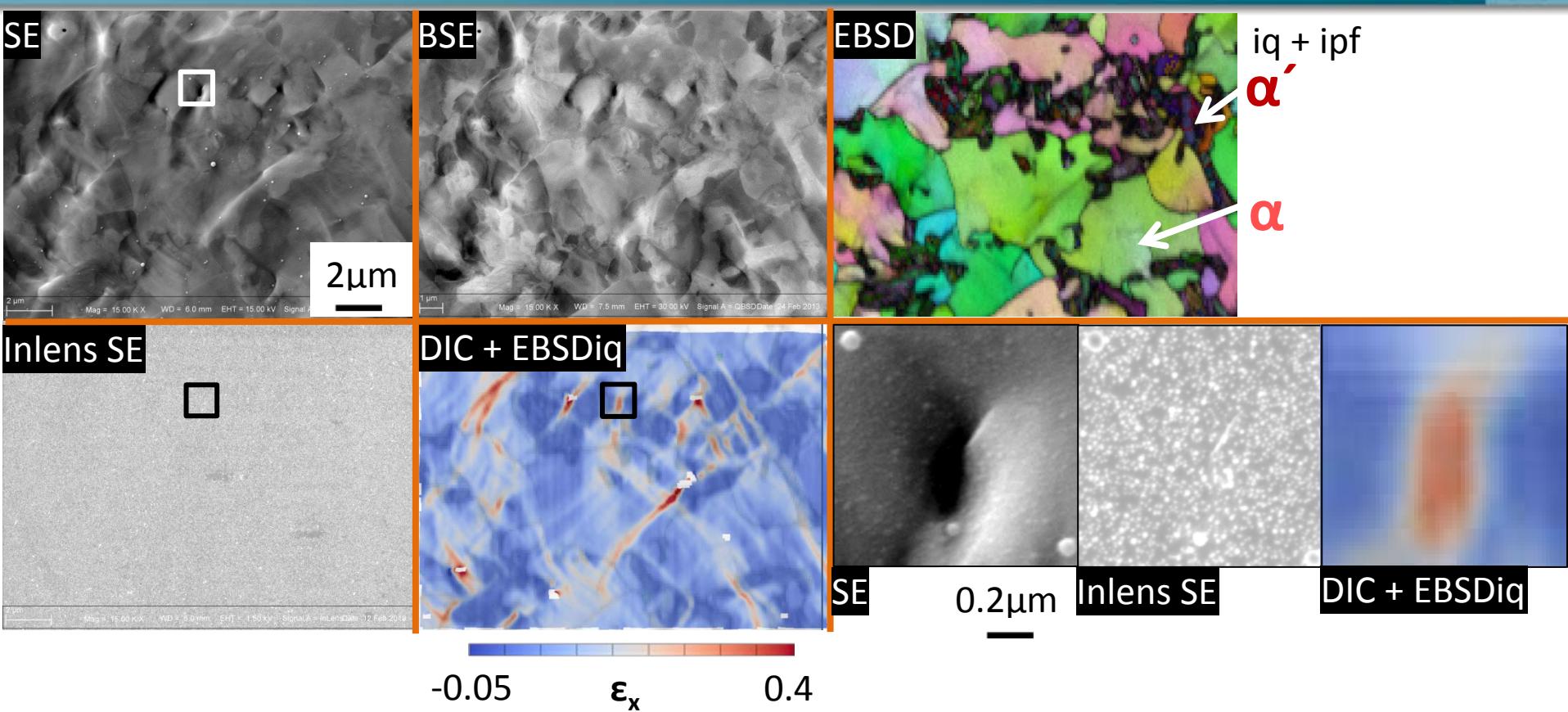
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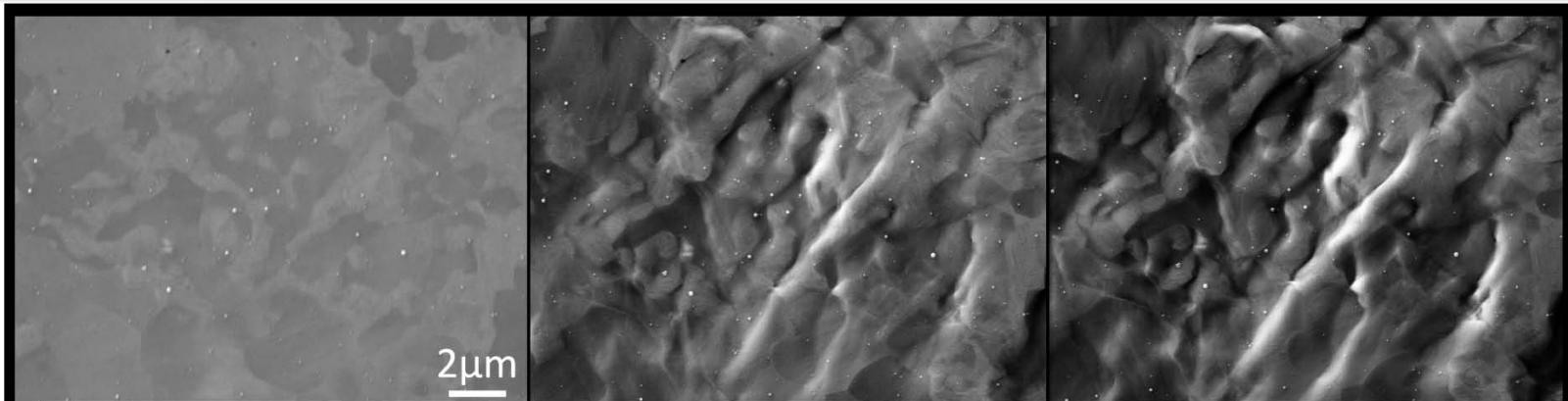
# Results – resolution & strain level



# Results – Experiments vs simulation results (i)



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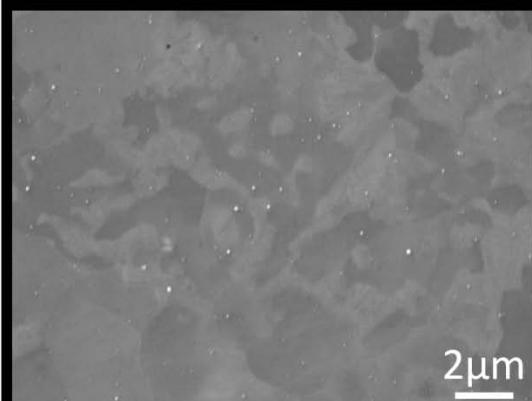
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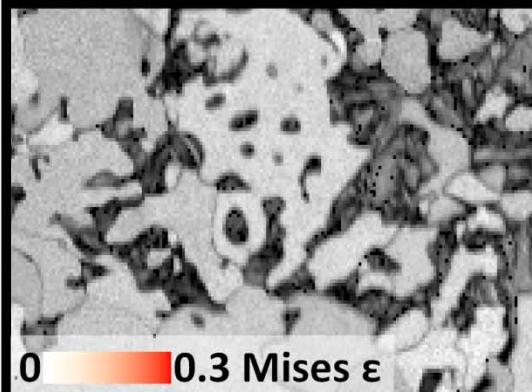
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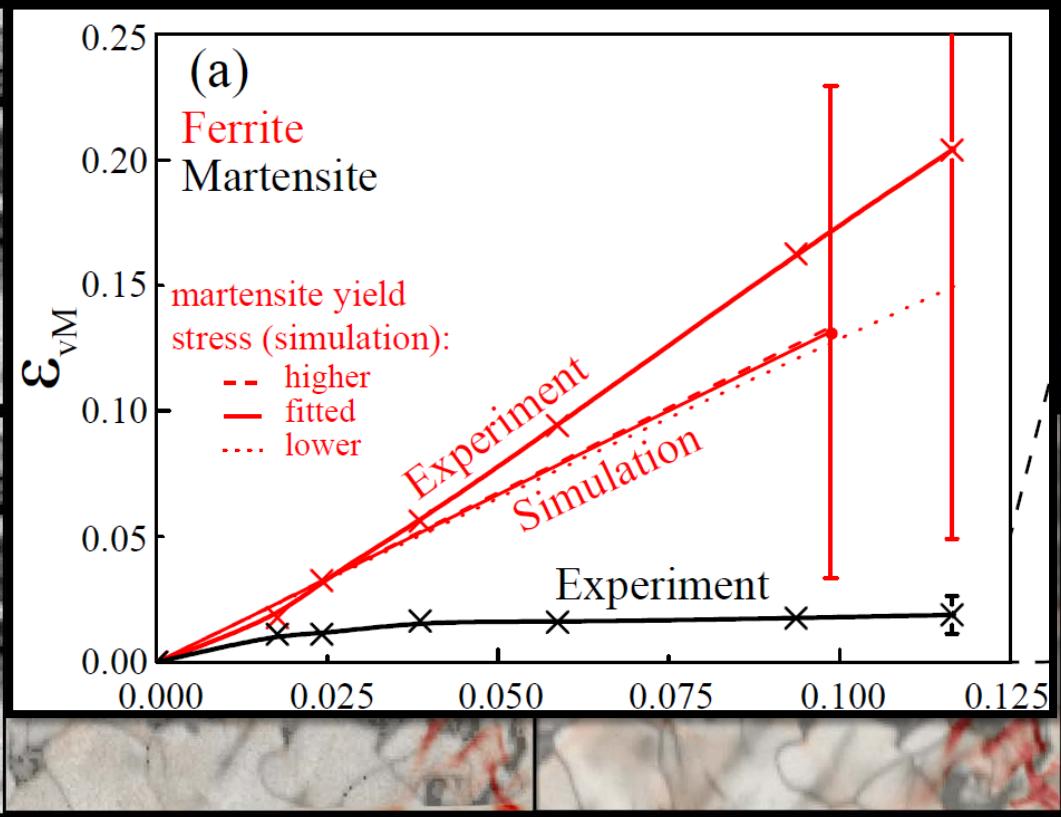
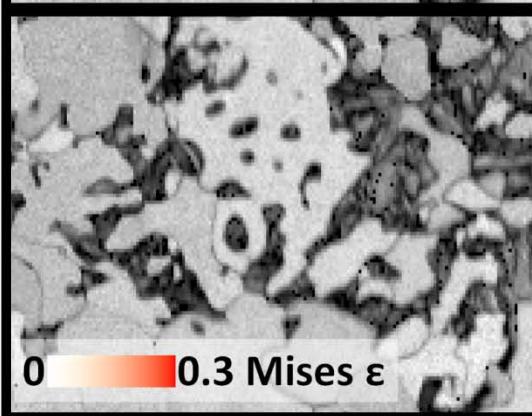
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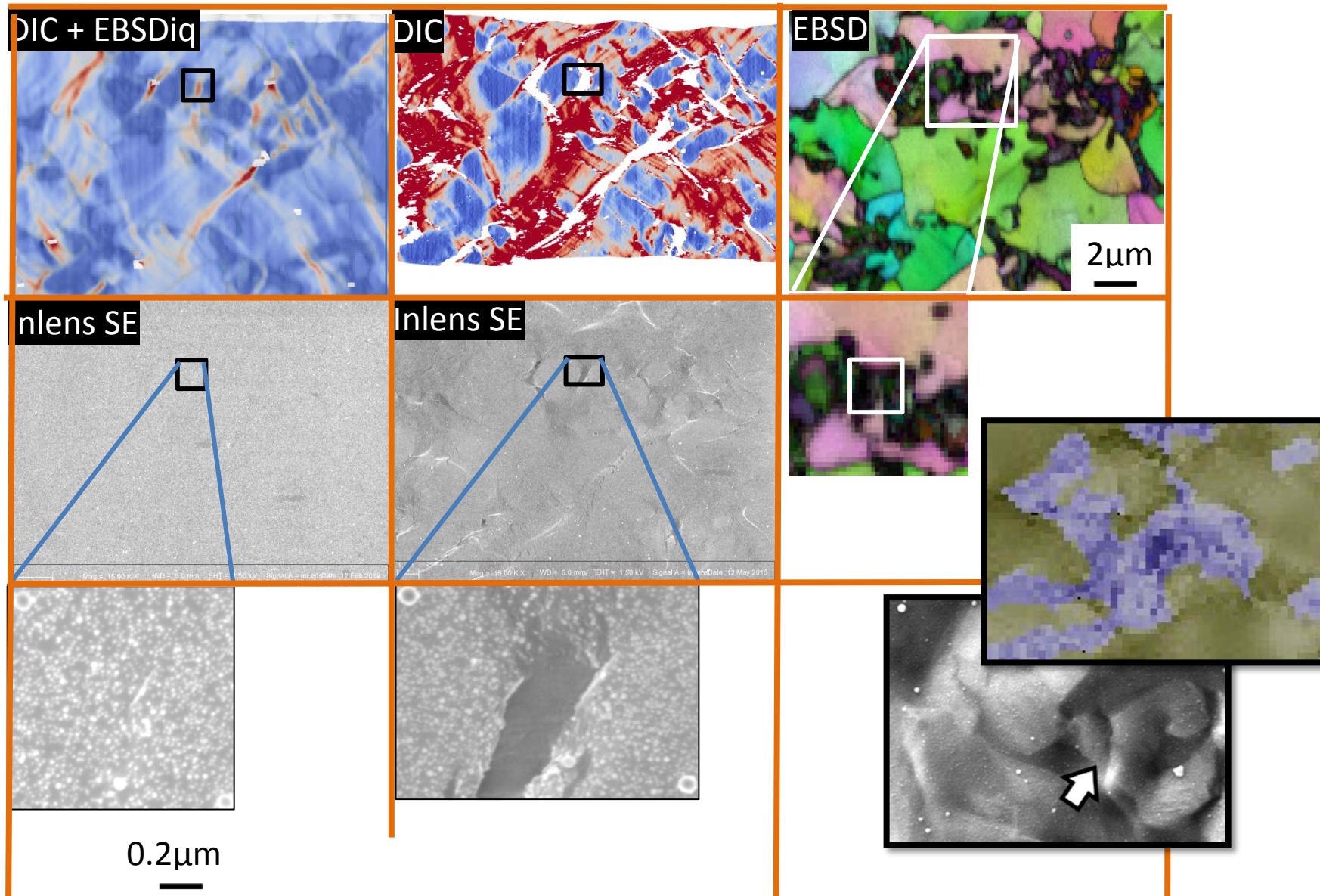
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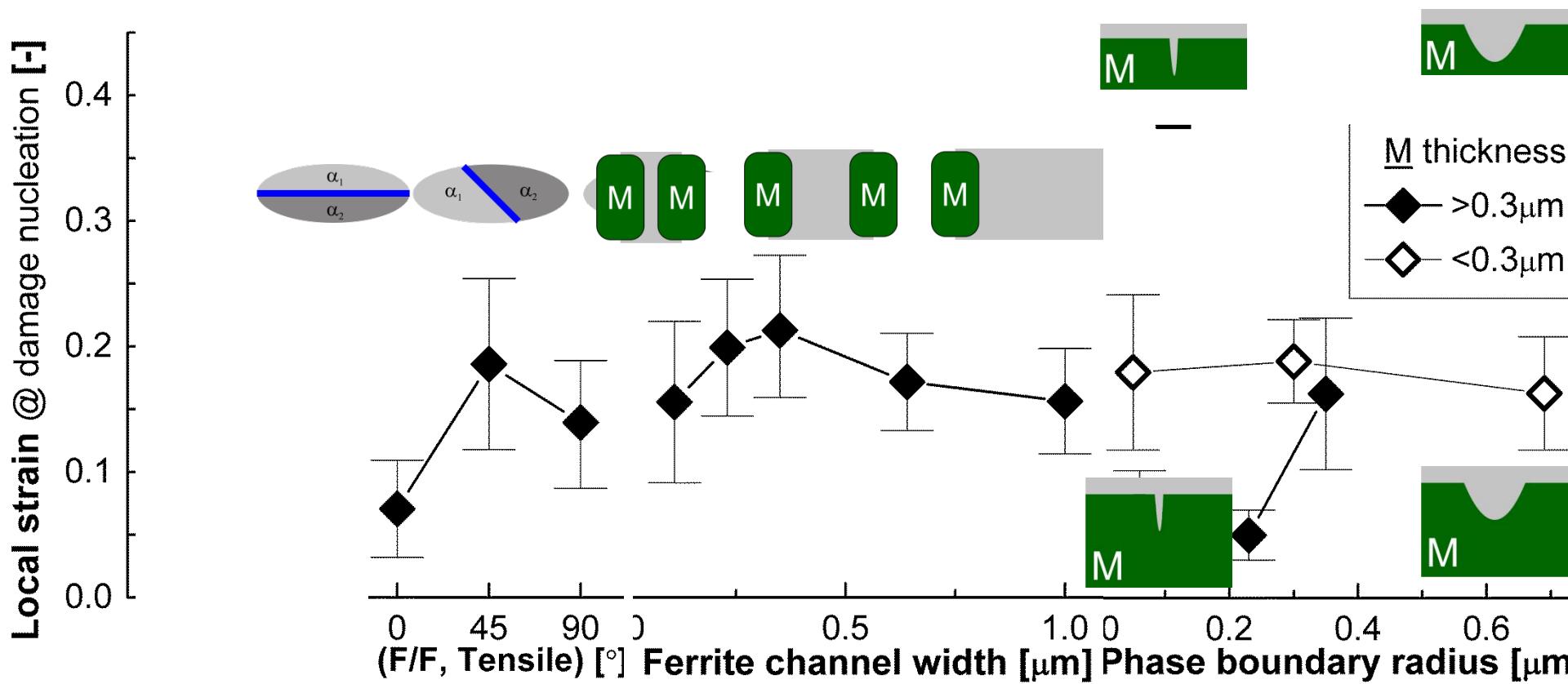
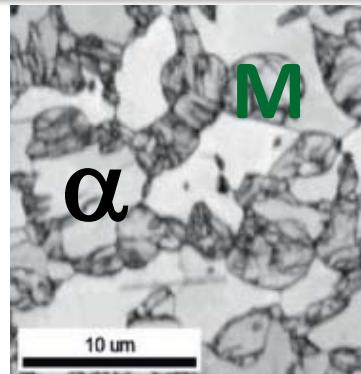
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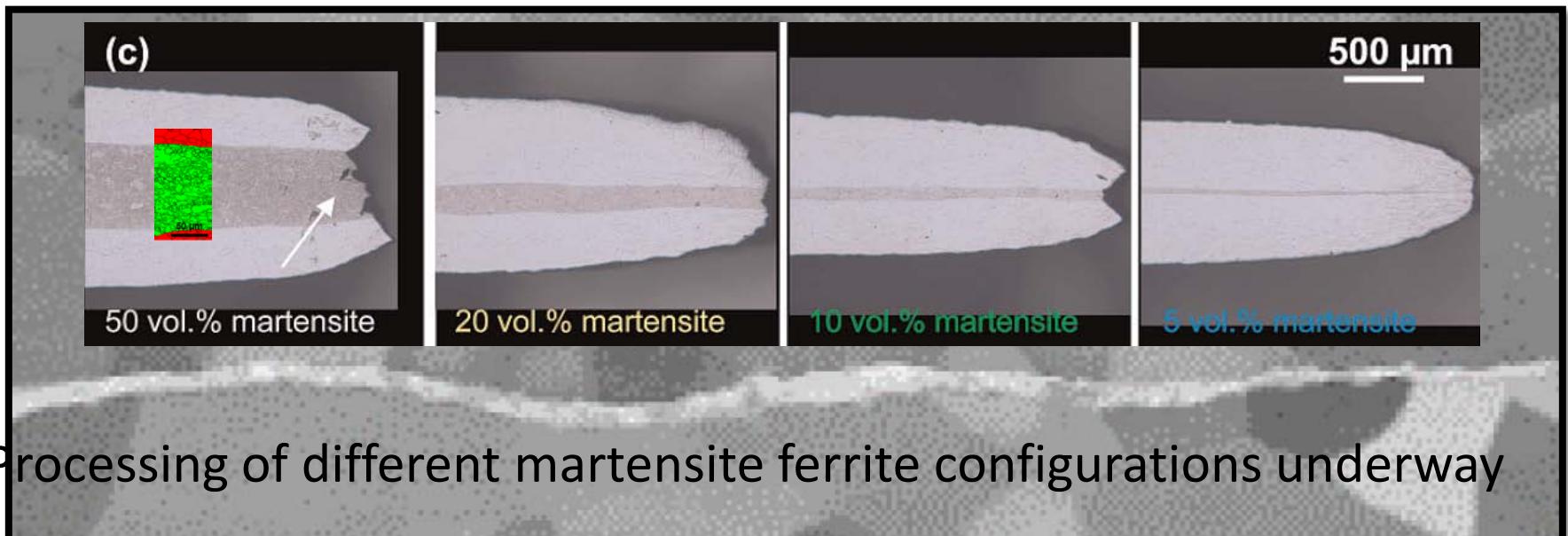
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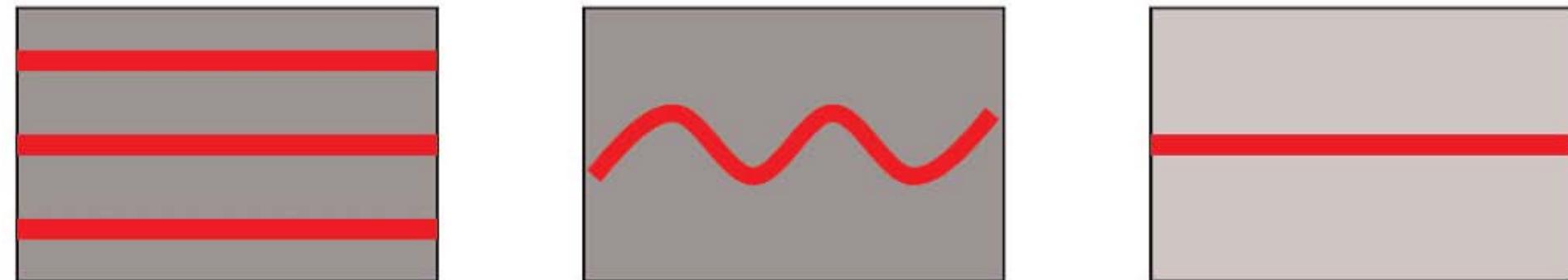
# Damage-resistant microstructural constituents



- Accumulative roll bonding

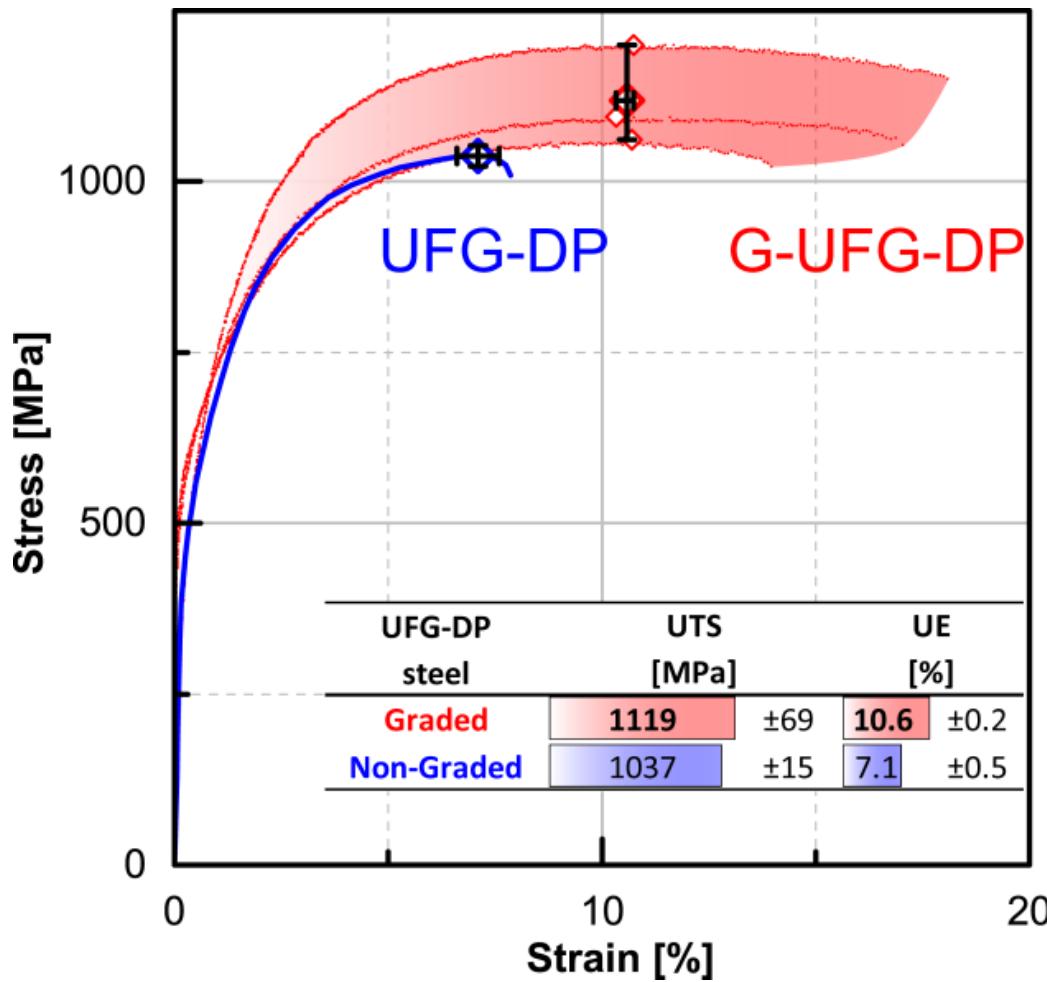
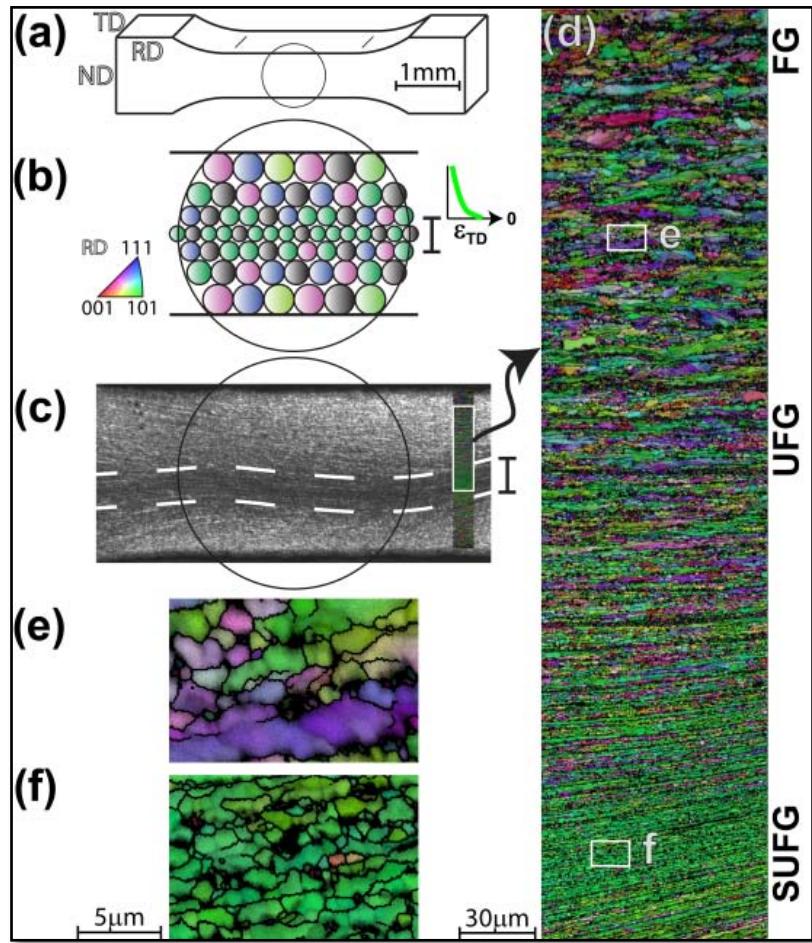


- Processing of different martensite ferrite configurations underway



Springer, Tasan et al., JMR, 2014

# Approach 2 – Non-axial forging



- New method to investigate bulk nanostructured alloys
- Provides microstructural design guidelines for damage-resistance

Need	Got	Challenges	Solutions
Microstructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• SEI</li><li>• ECCI</li><li>• EBSD</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Surface</li><li>• Strain level</li><li>• Pattern-free</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 3D sectioning</li><li>• No solution</li><li>• SiO<sub>2</sub></li></ul>
Strain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• μ-DIC</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Selective imaging</li><li>• Strain level</li><li>• Resolution</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Inless detector</li><li>• SiO<sub>2</sub></li><li>• SiO<sub>2</sub></li></ul>
Stress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CP?</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Microstructure</li><li>• Phase properties</li><li>• Efficiency</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• EBSD to model</li><li>• Indentation &amp; CP</li><li>• Spectral</li></ul>

[Tasan et al., ActaMat, 2014]

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[Zambaldi et al., JMR, 2013]

# Understanding Martensitic Steels and Design of TRIP-Maraging Steels

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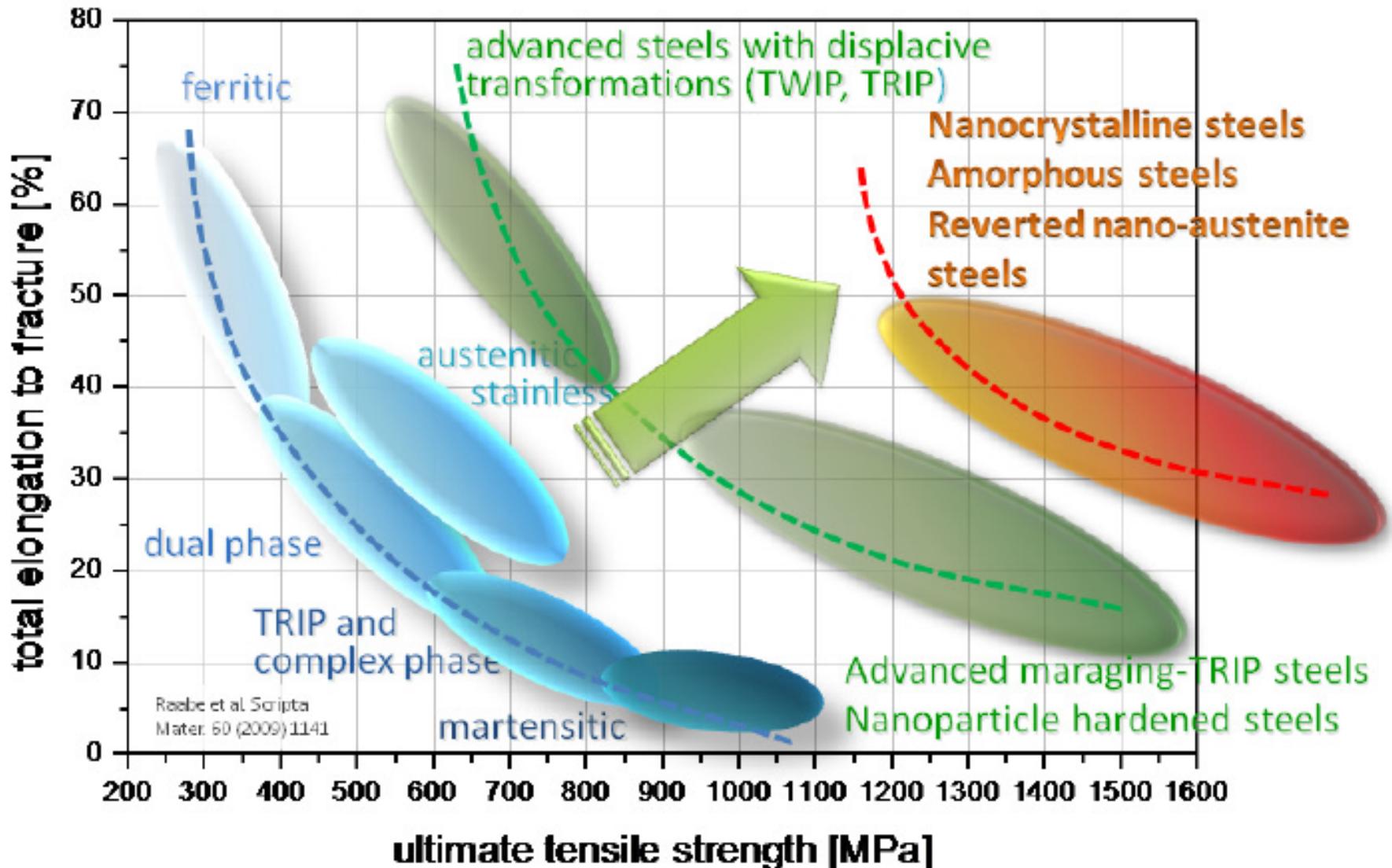
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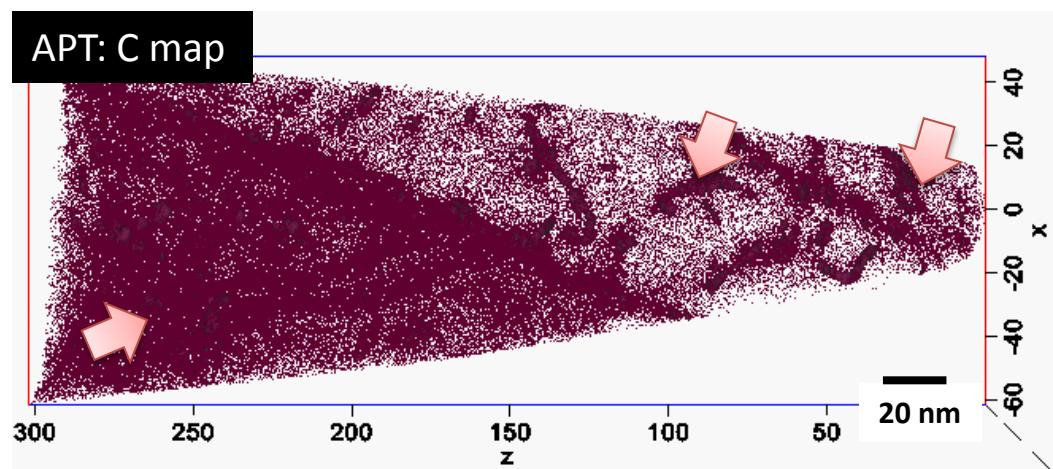
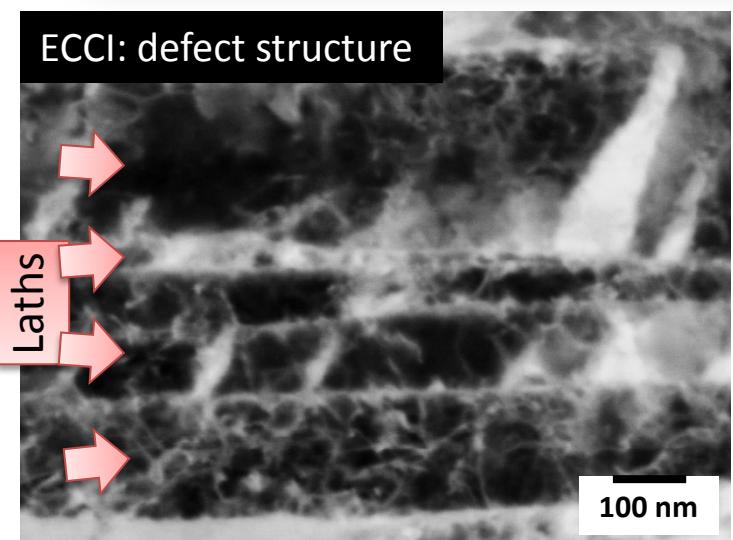
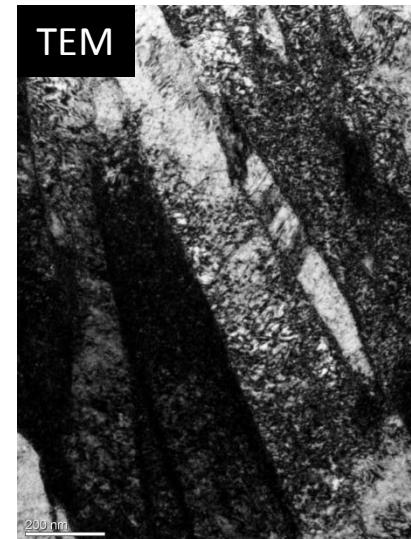
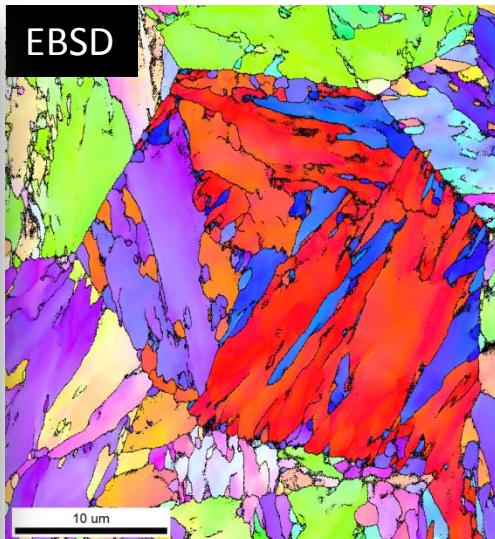
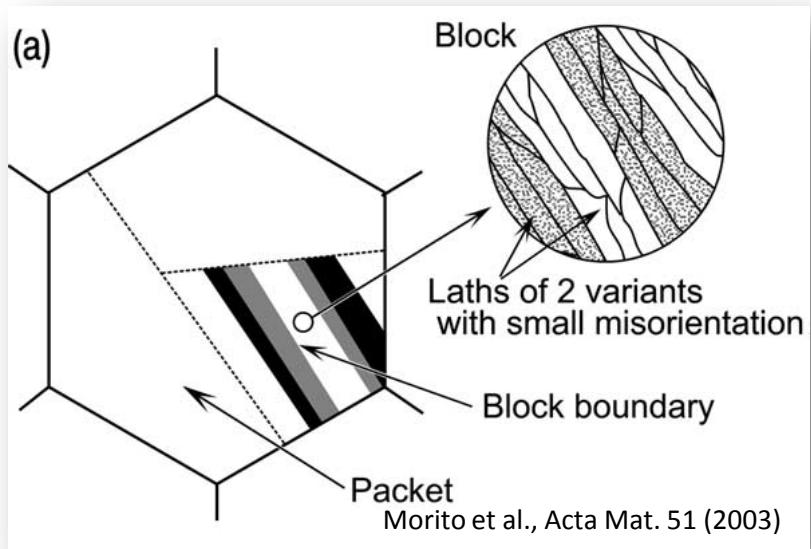
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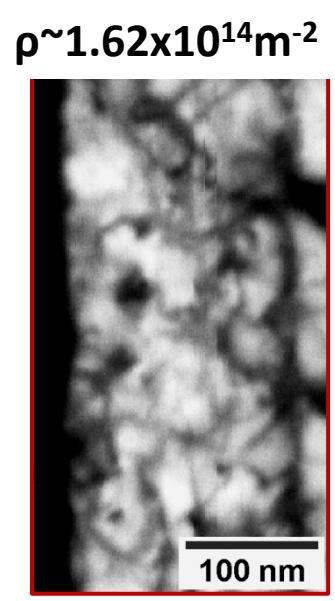
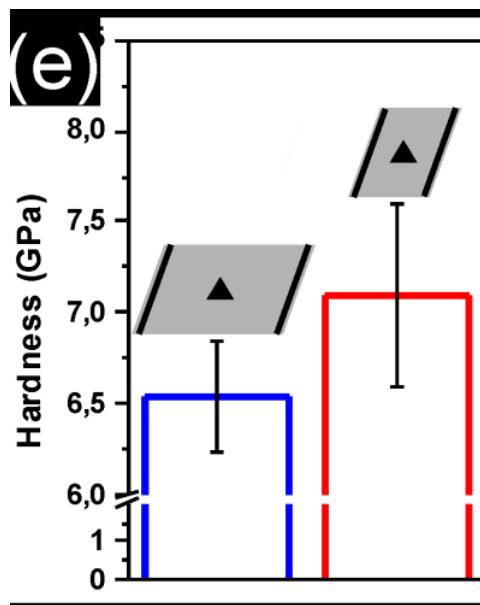
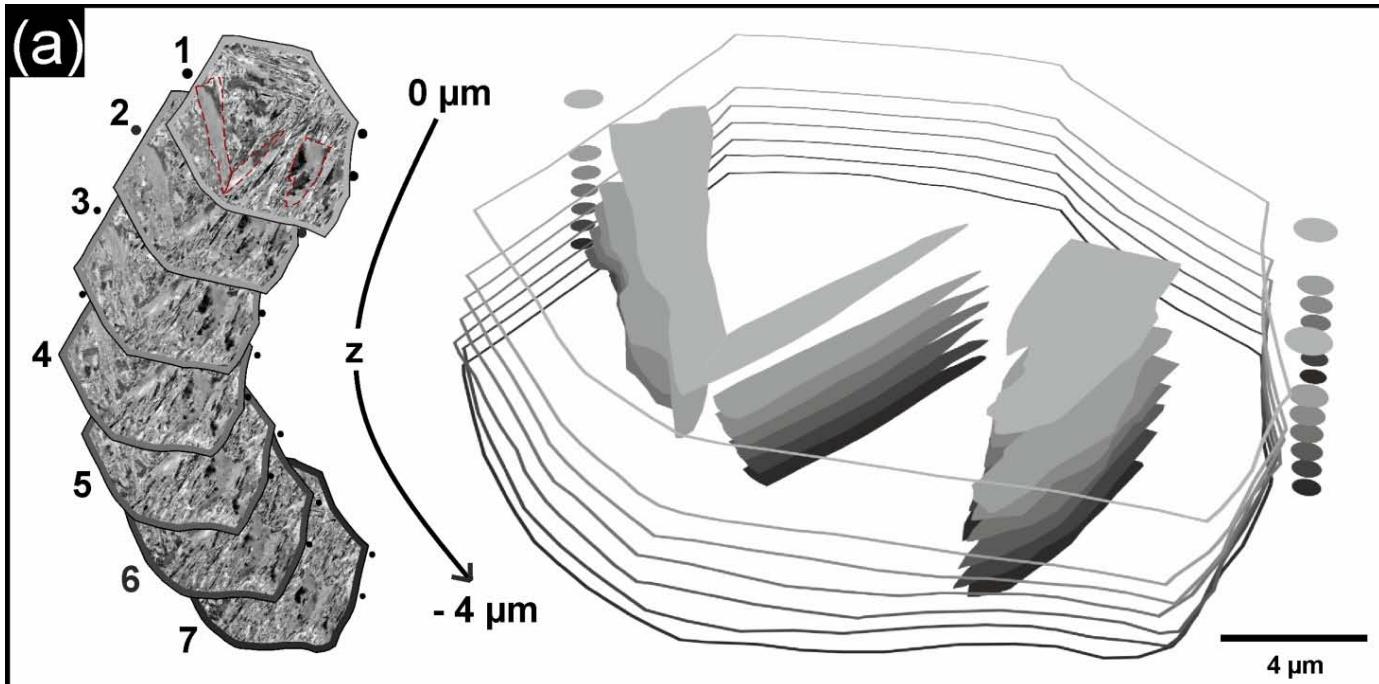
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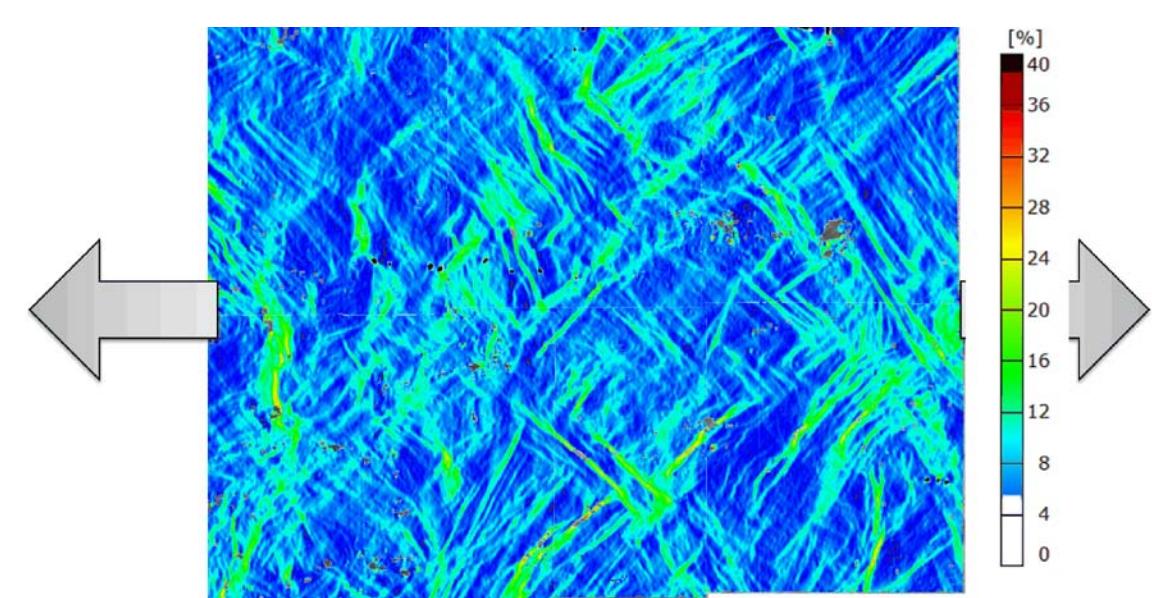
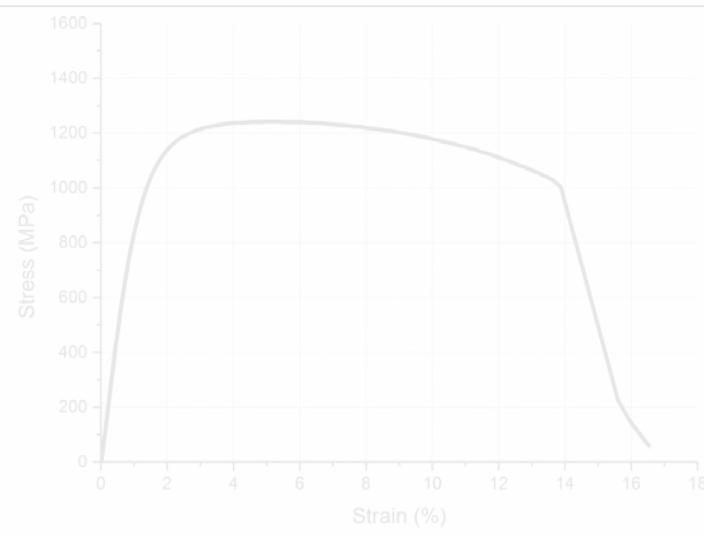
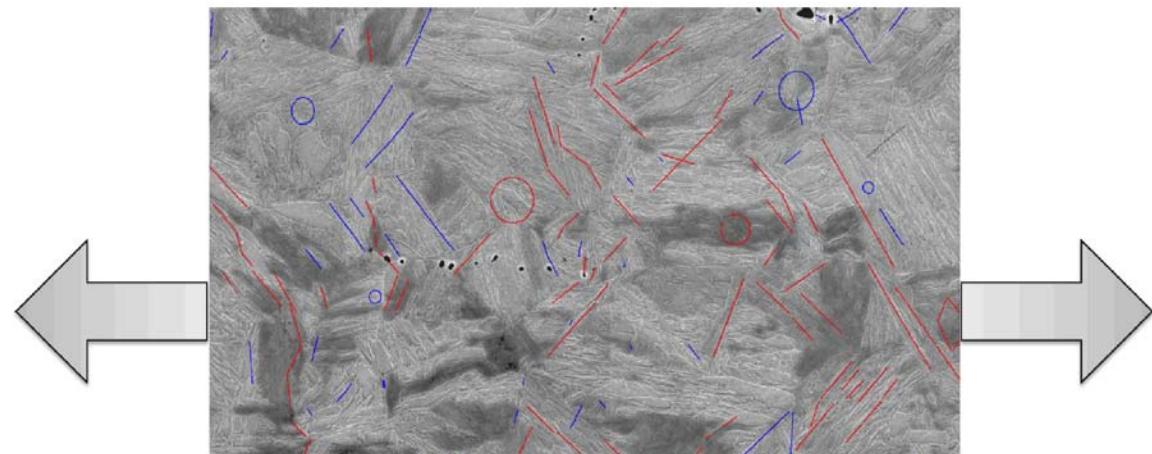
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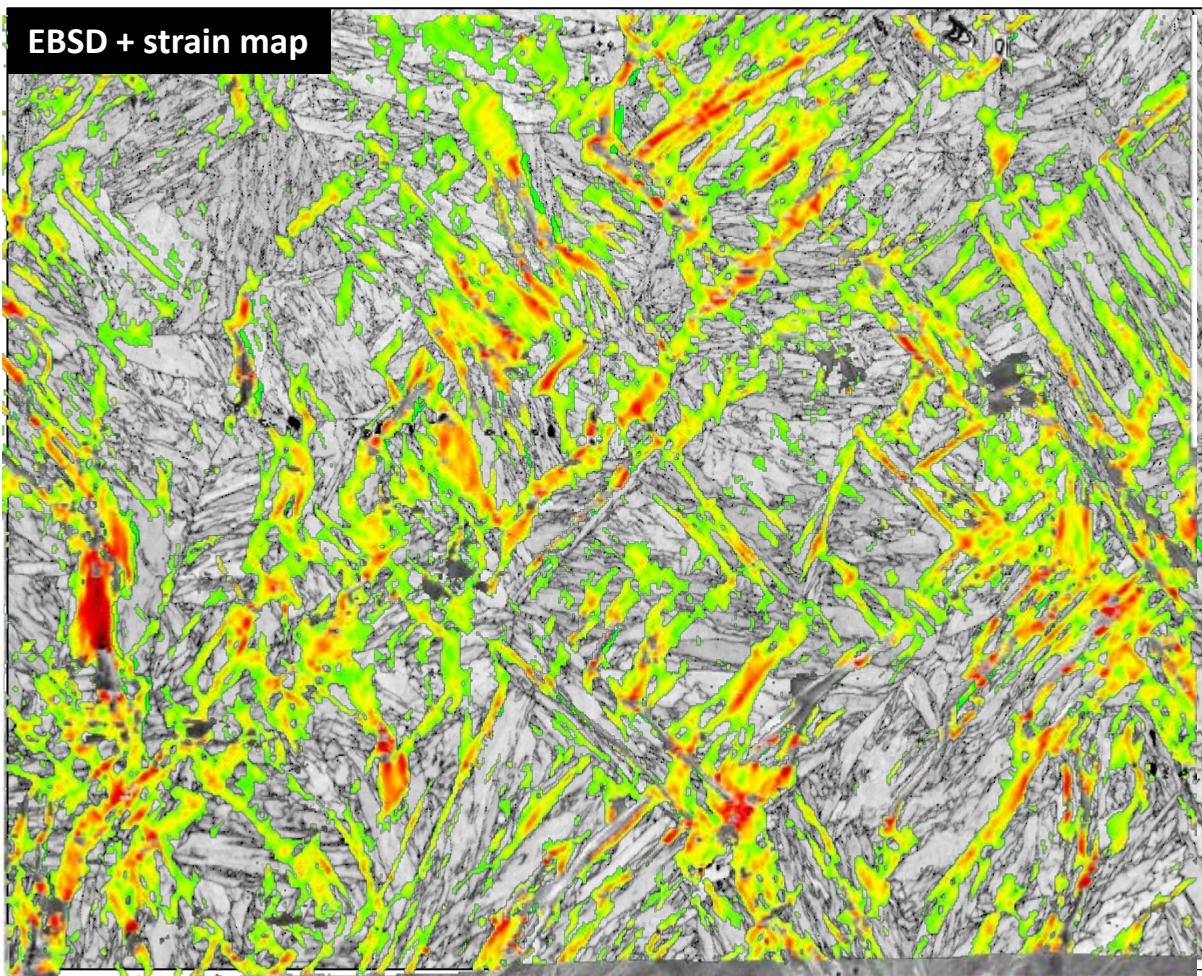
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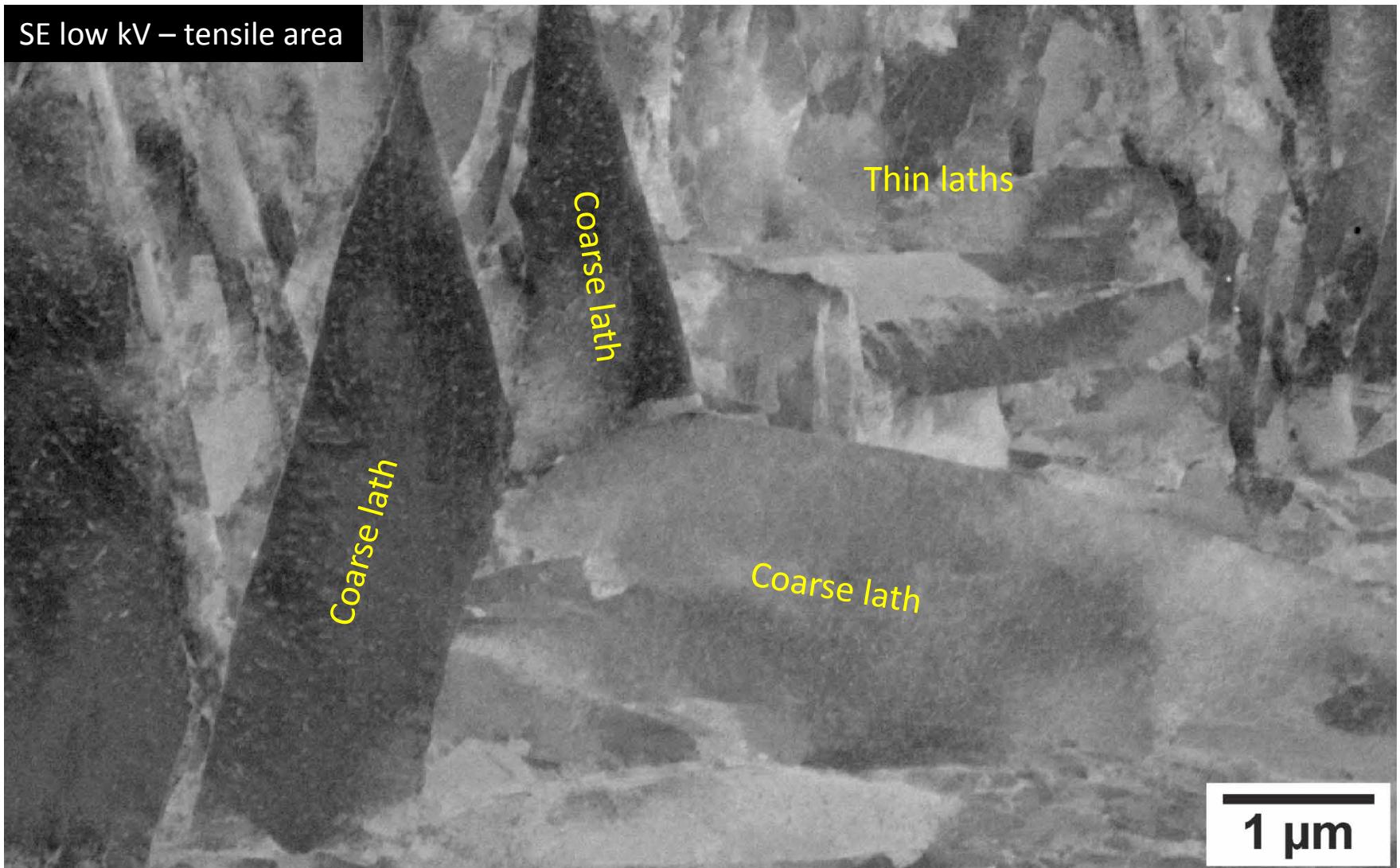
# Results



# Results (ii)



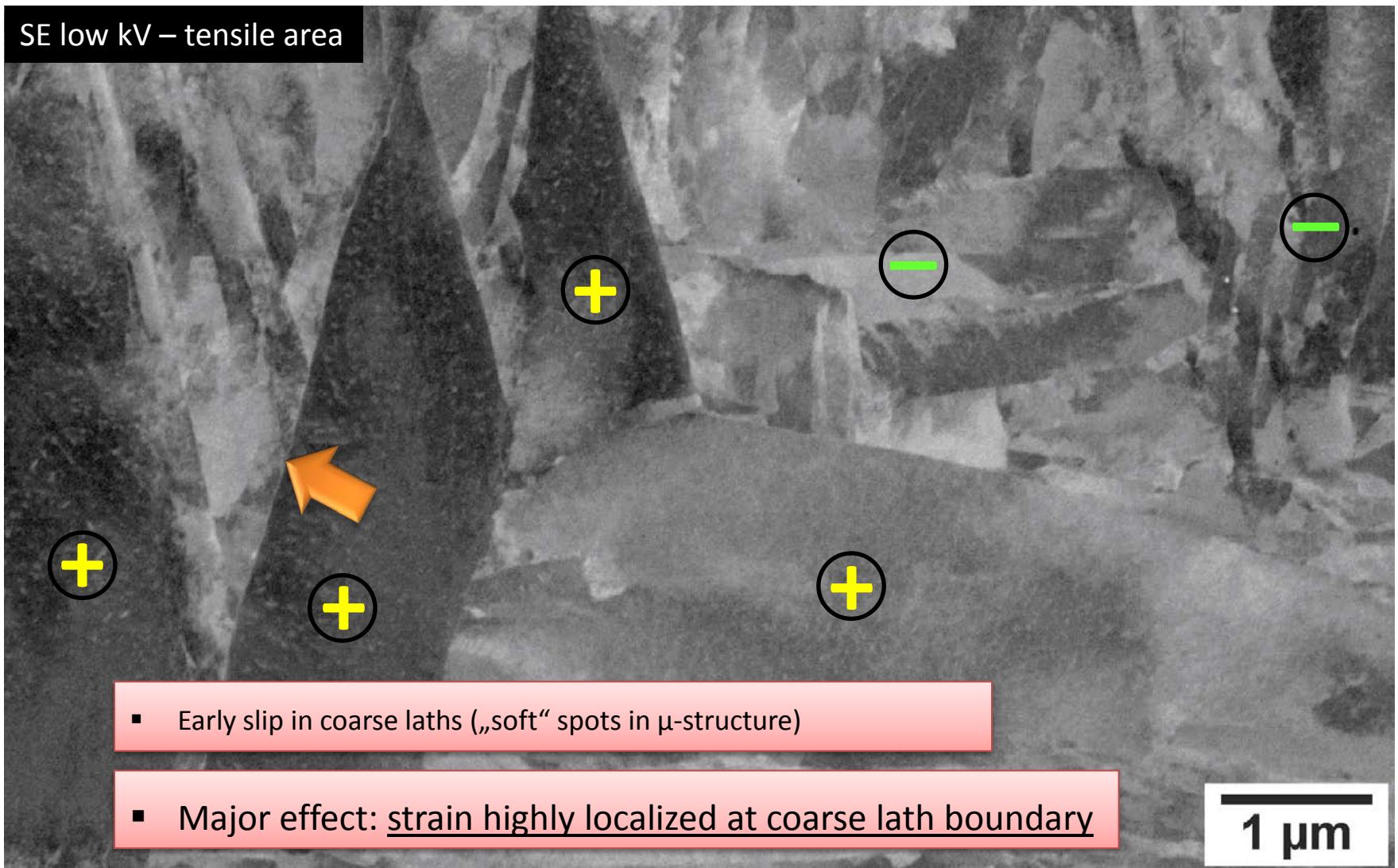
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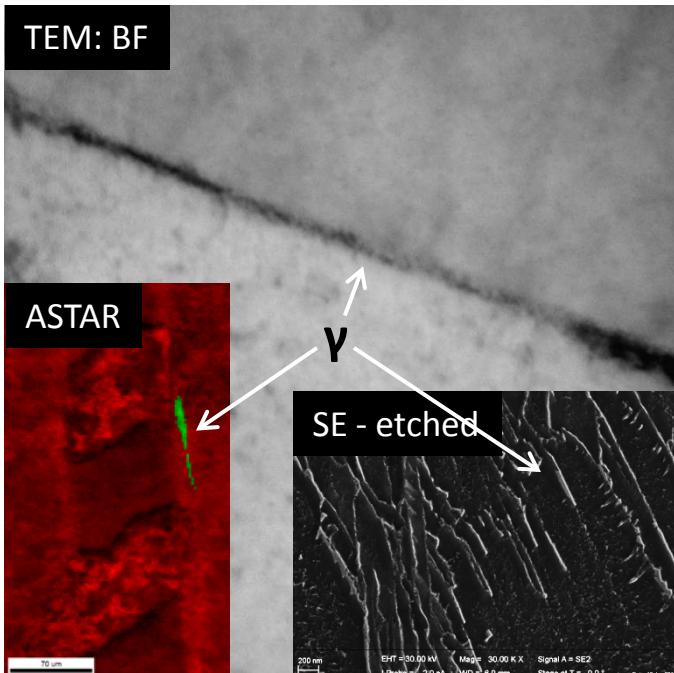
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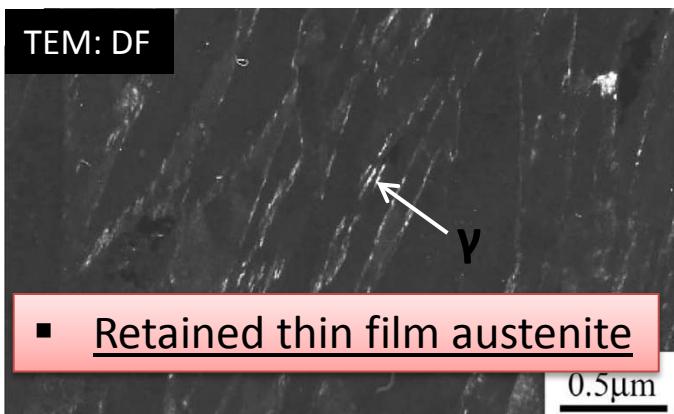
SE low kV – tensile area



# Ductile boundaries?

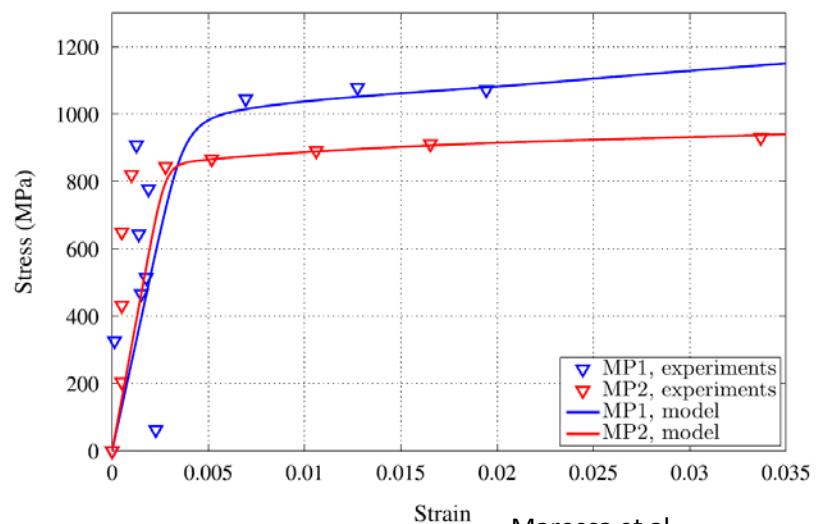
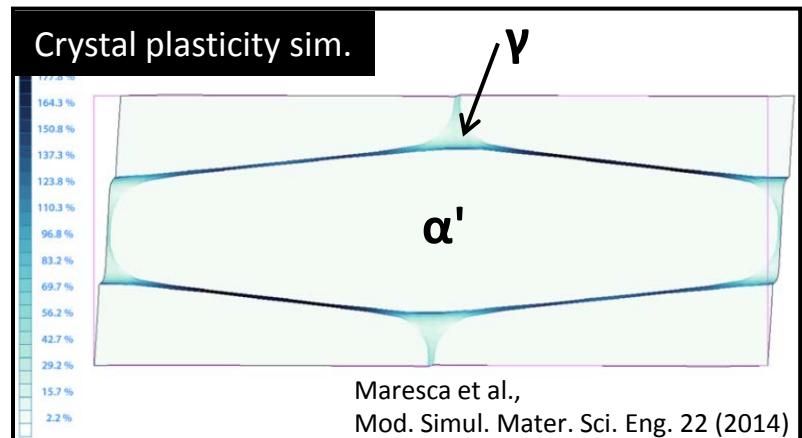


Own data



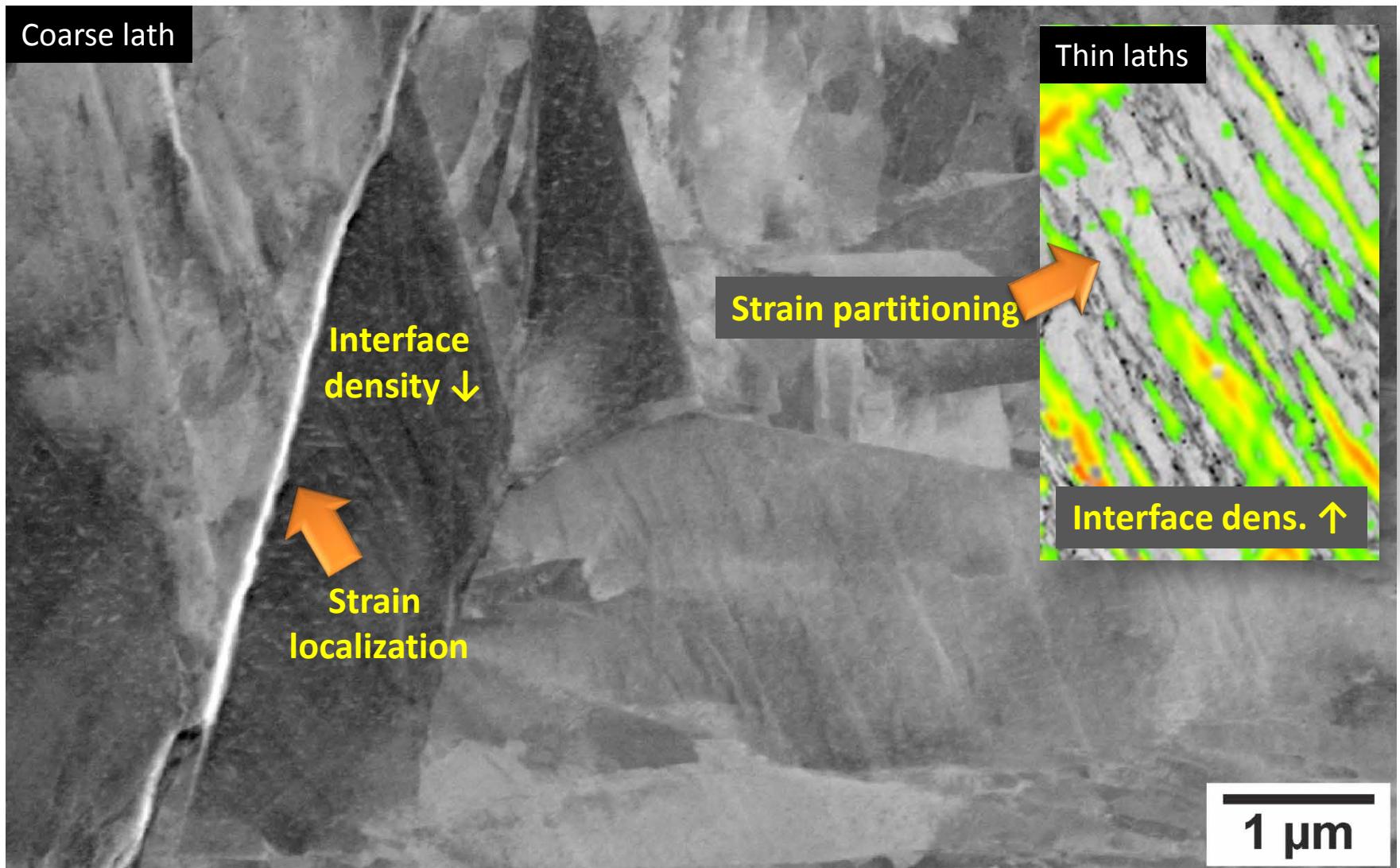
- Retained thin film austenite

Morito et al., ISIJ Int., 51 (2011)



- *Thin austenite as greasy film*

# Coarse lath effect?



# Methodology (B) – Microstructure design

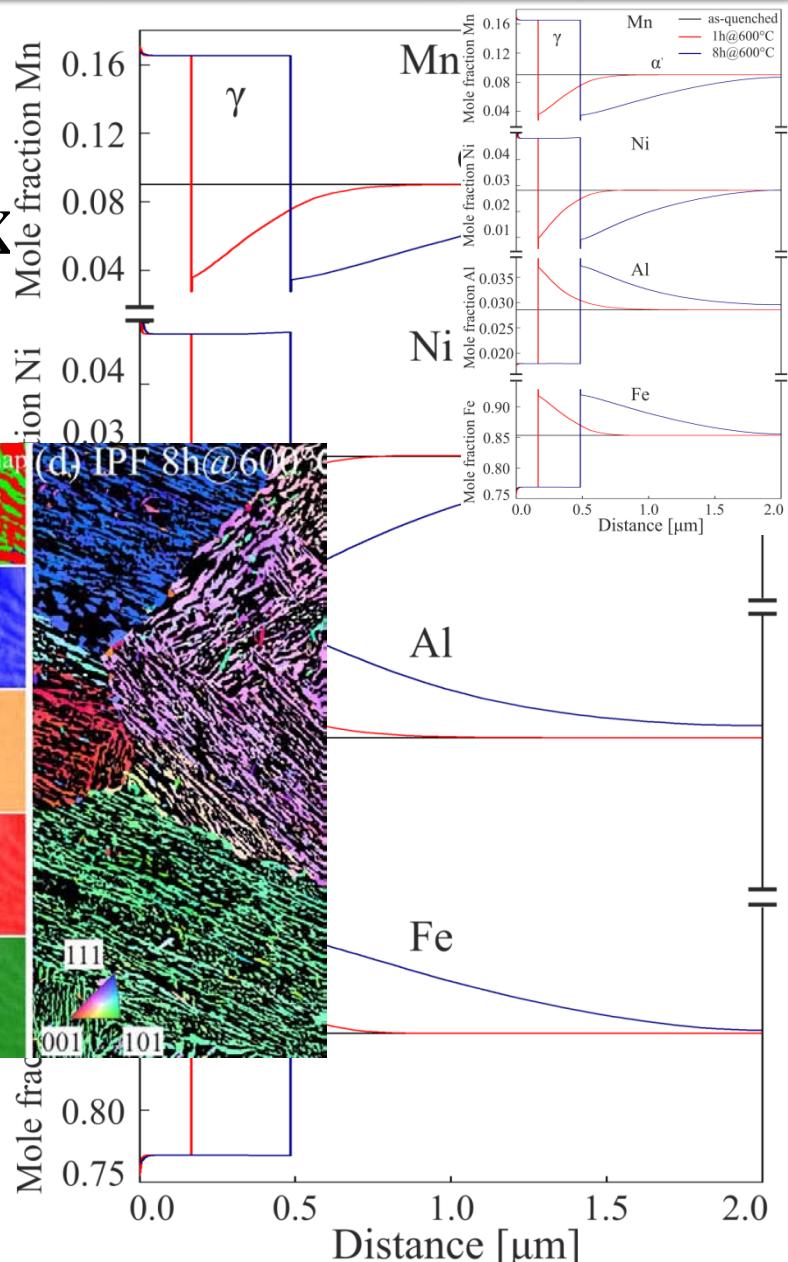
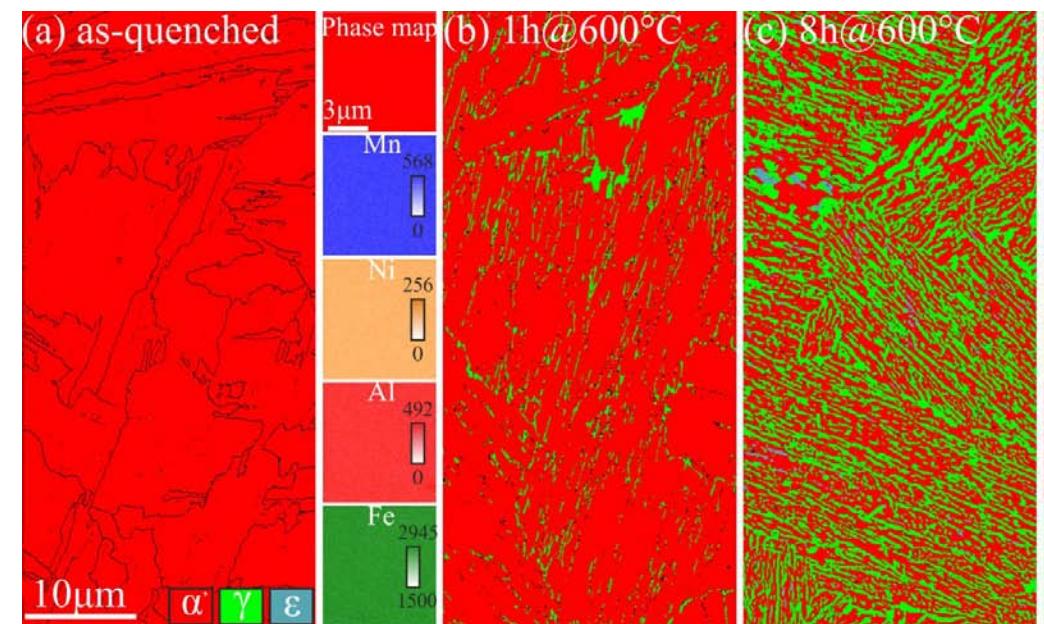


- $\gamma$  reversion is calculated by Dictra

-Composition: Fe9Mn3Ni1.4Al (wt. %)

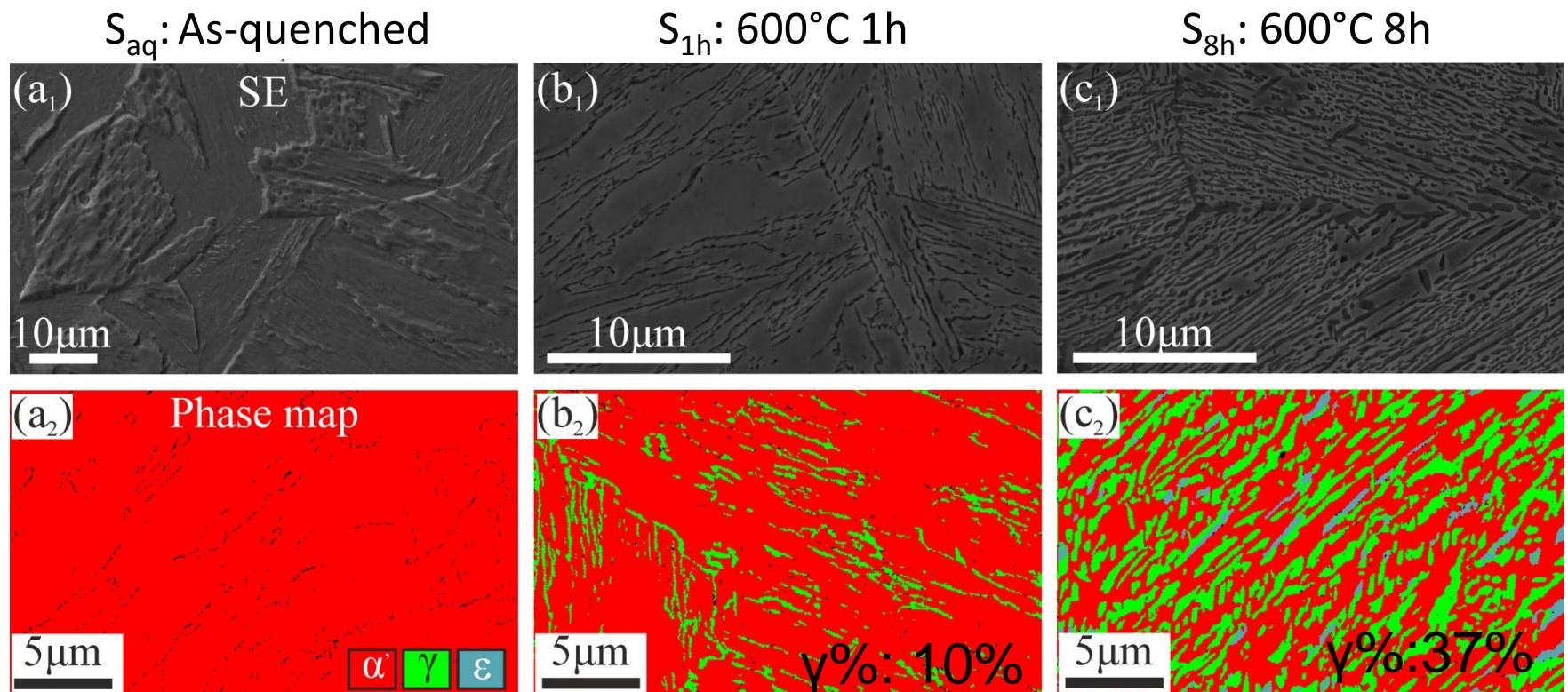
-Start microstructure: Martensite

- $\gamma$  reversion is confirmed by EBSD & EDX

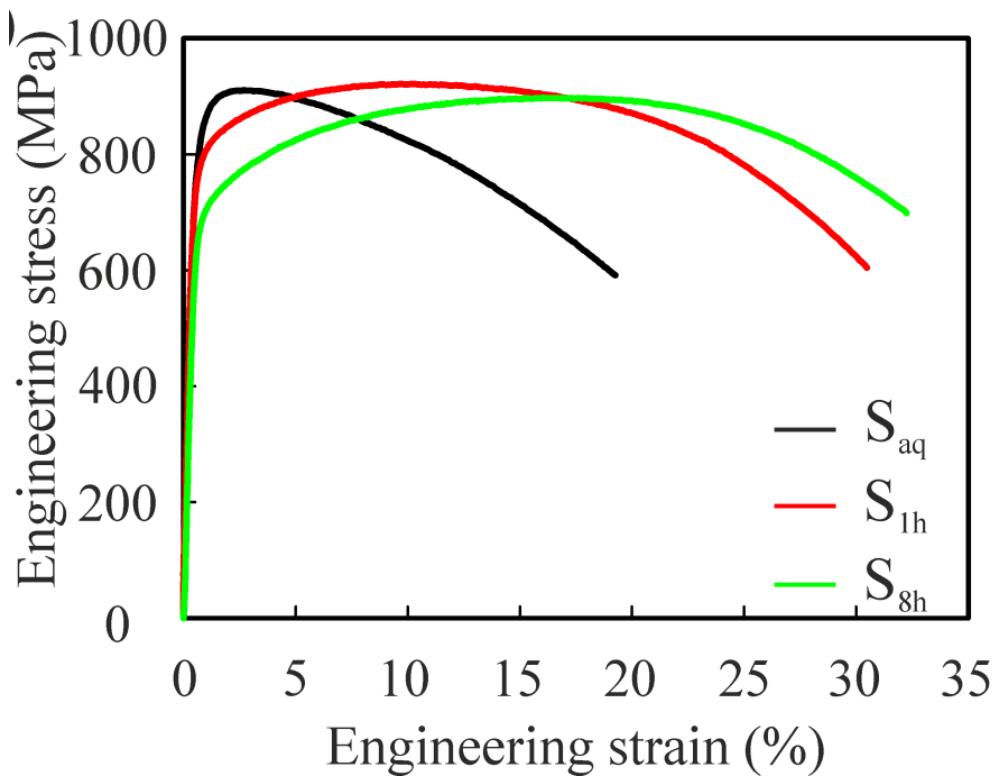
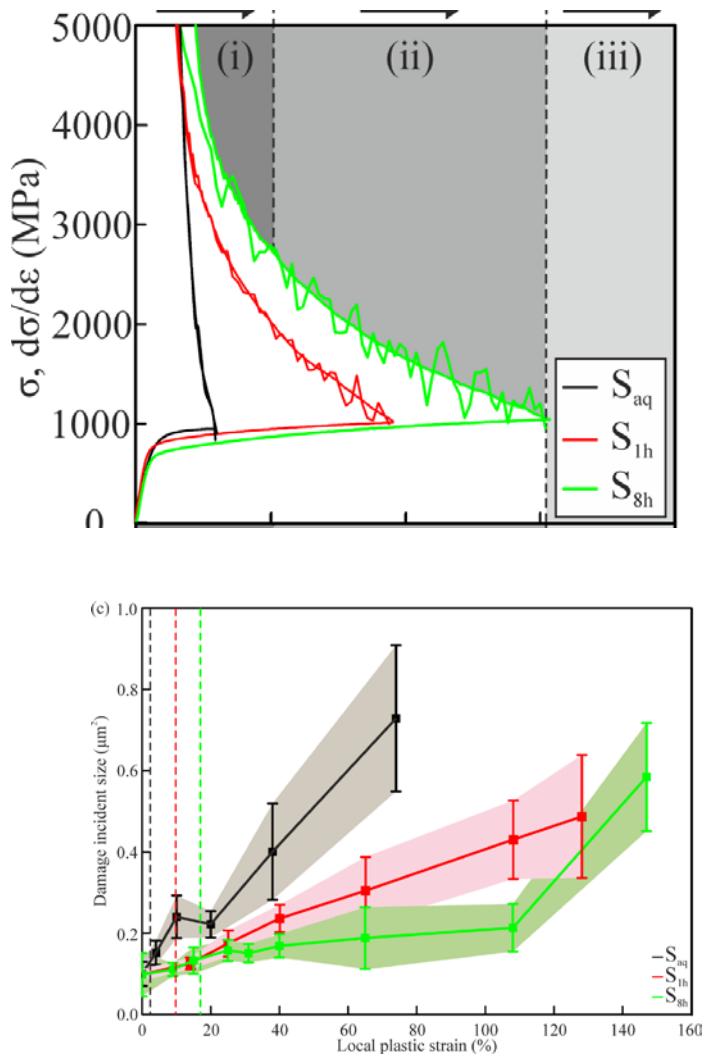


# Design of ductile martensitic steels

- Chemical composition: Fe9Mn3Ni1.4Al0.01C (wt.%)
- Cast in vacuum, hot rolled ( $1100^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) & homogenized ( $1100^{\circ}\text{C}$ , 1h)
- Aging (for austenite reversion and maraging)



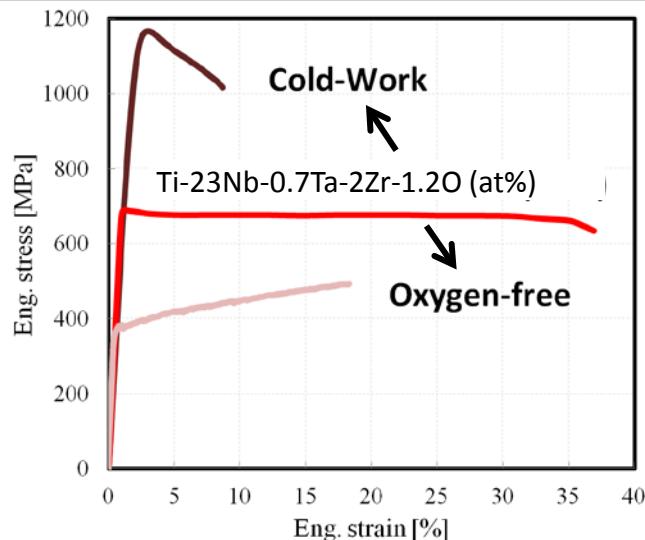
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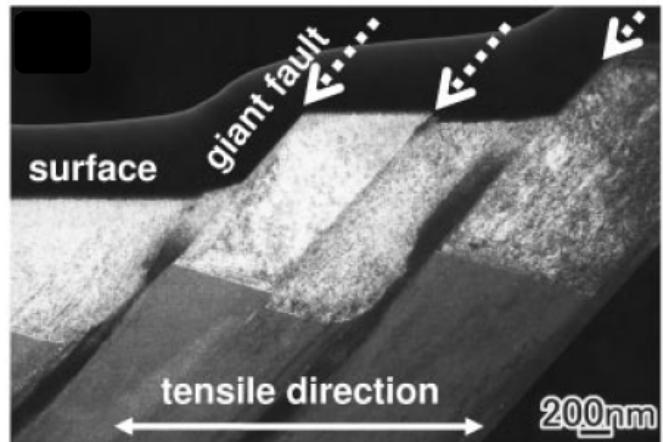
Wang, Tasan et al., Acta Mat (2014)  
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# Gum metal

special mechanical properties



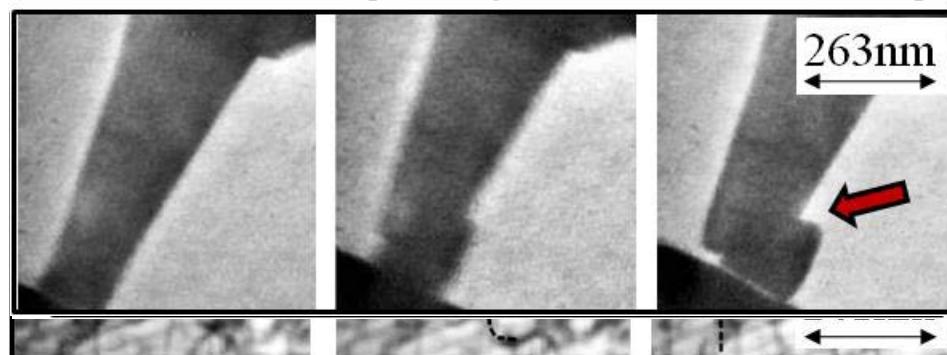
dislocation-free bulk shear mechanism



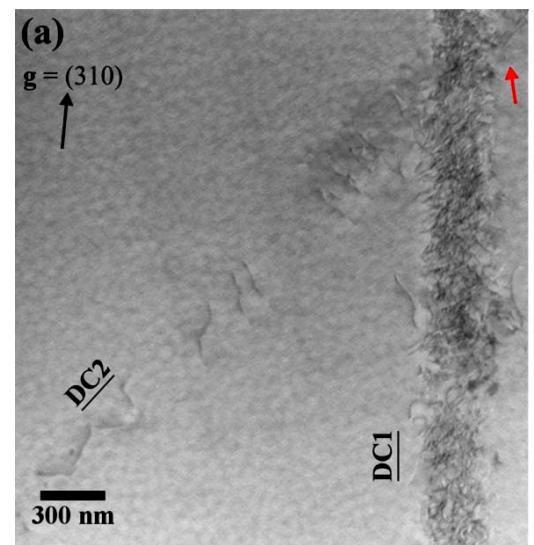
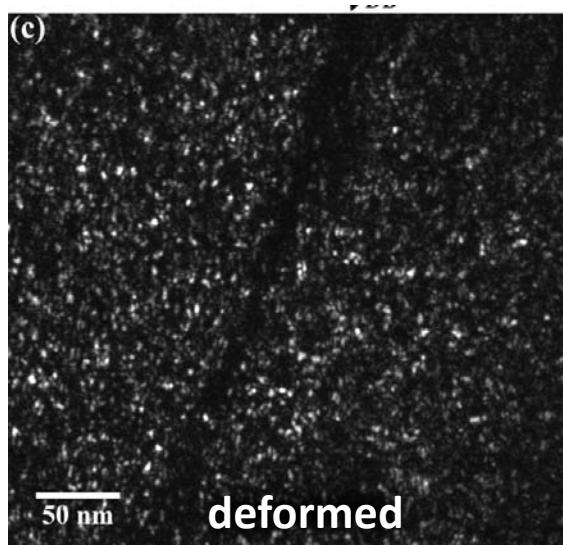
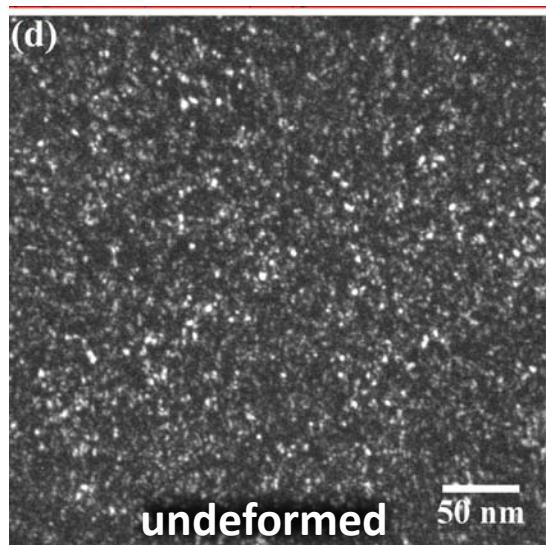
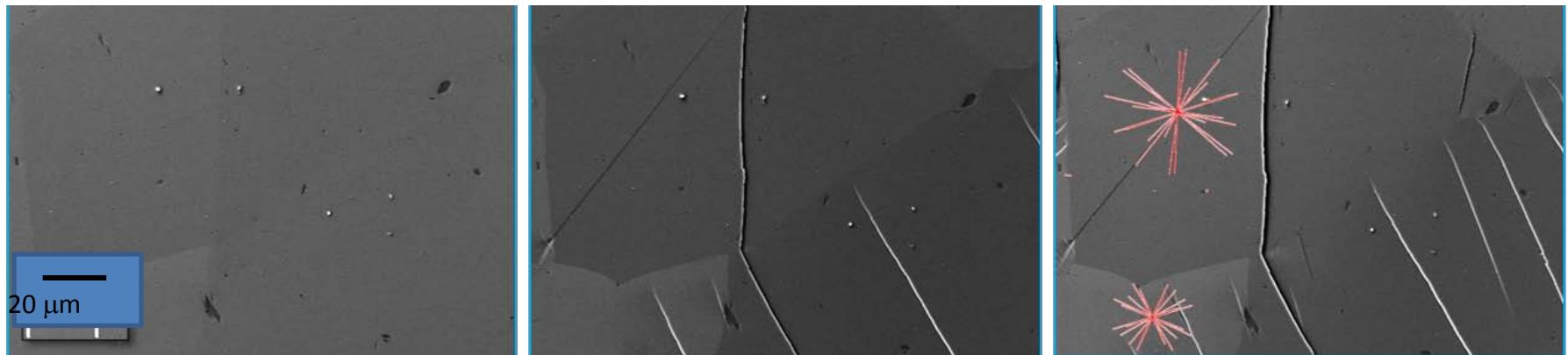
[Saito *et al.*, Science, 2003]

conflicting results in literature

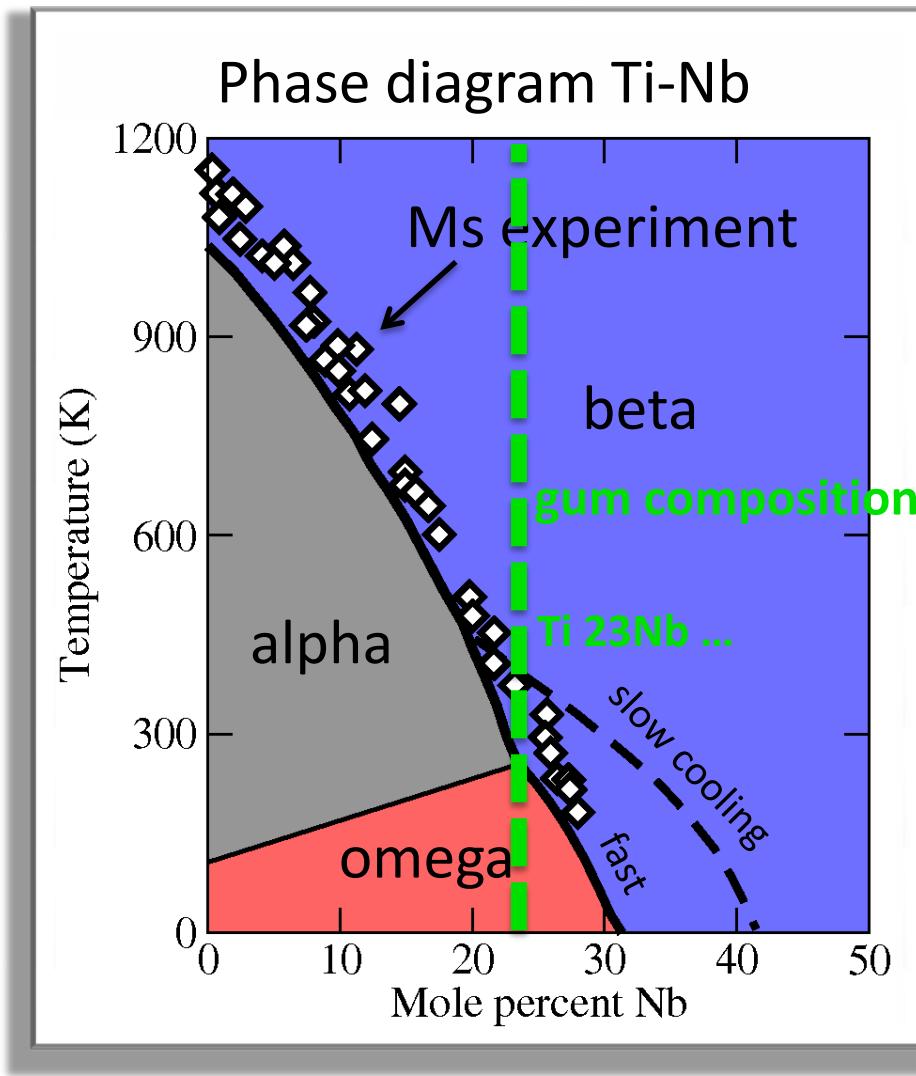
**Bulk Shear** [Withey *et al.*, ActaMat, 2010]



# Real deformation mechanism



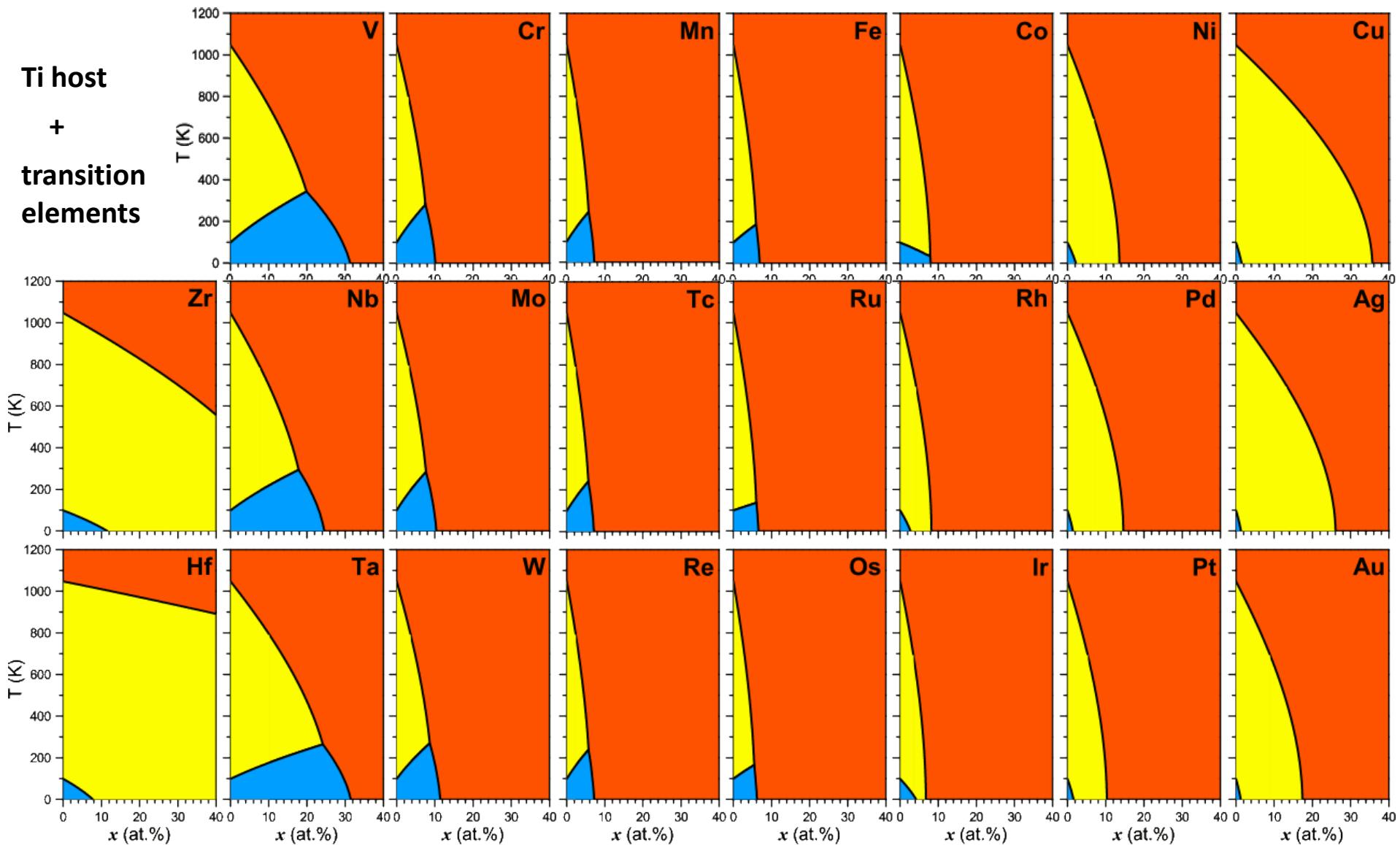
# Triple point effect



# New gum metals? Phase diagram calculations from *ab initio*

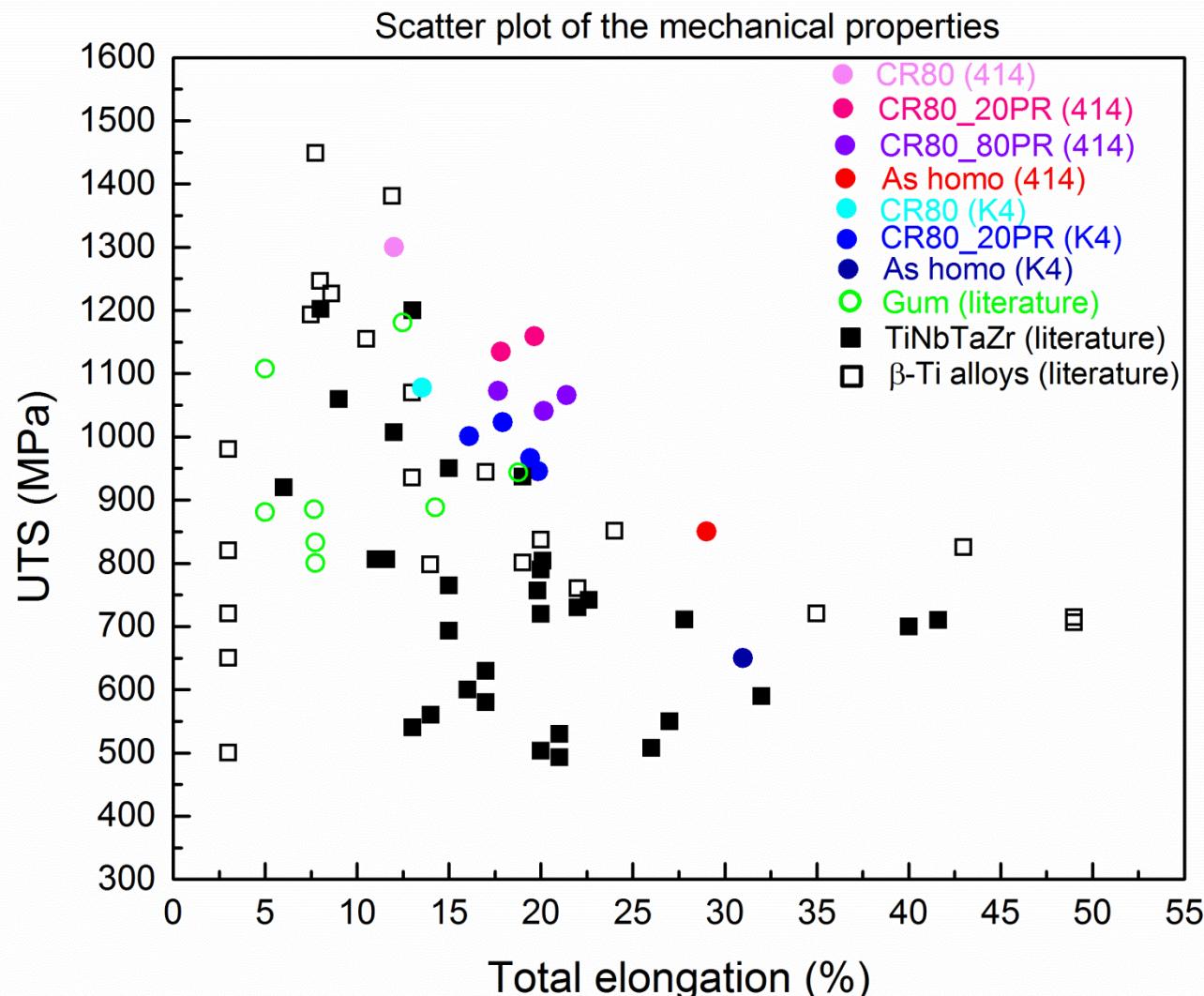


Ti host  
+  
transition  
elements



Huang, Grabowski, Tasan, et al., submitted (2015)

# Optimization of w and texture



# Conclusions

- ICME new field, strongly needed for innovation.
- Integrated use of computational and experimental techniques is crucial, but brings in many challenges
- In MPIE, we couple
  - crystal plasticity & in-situ deformation experiments
  - diffusion simulations & alloy design
  - atomistic simulations & alloy design
  - ...