

Discrete Dislocation Dynamics (D³)

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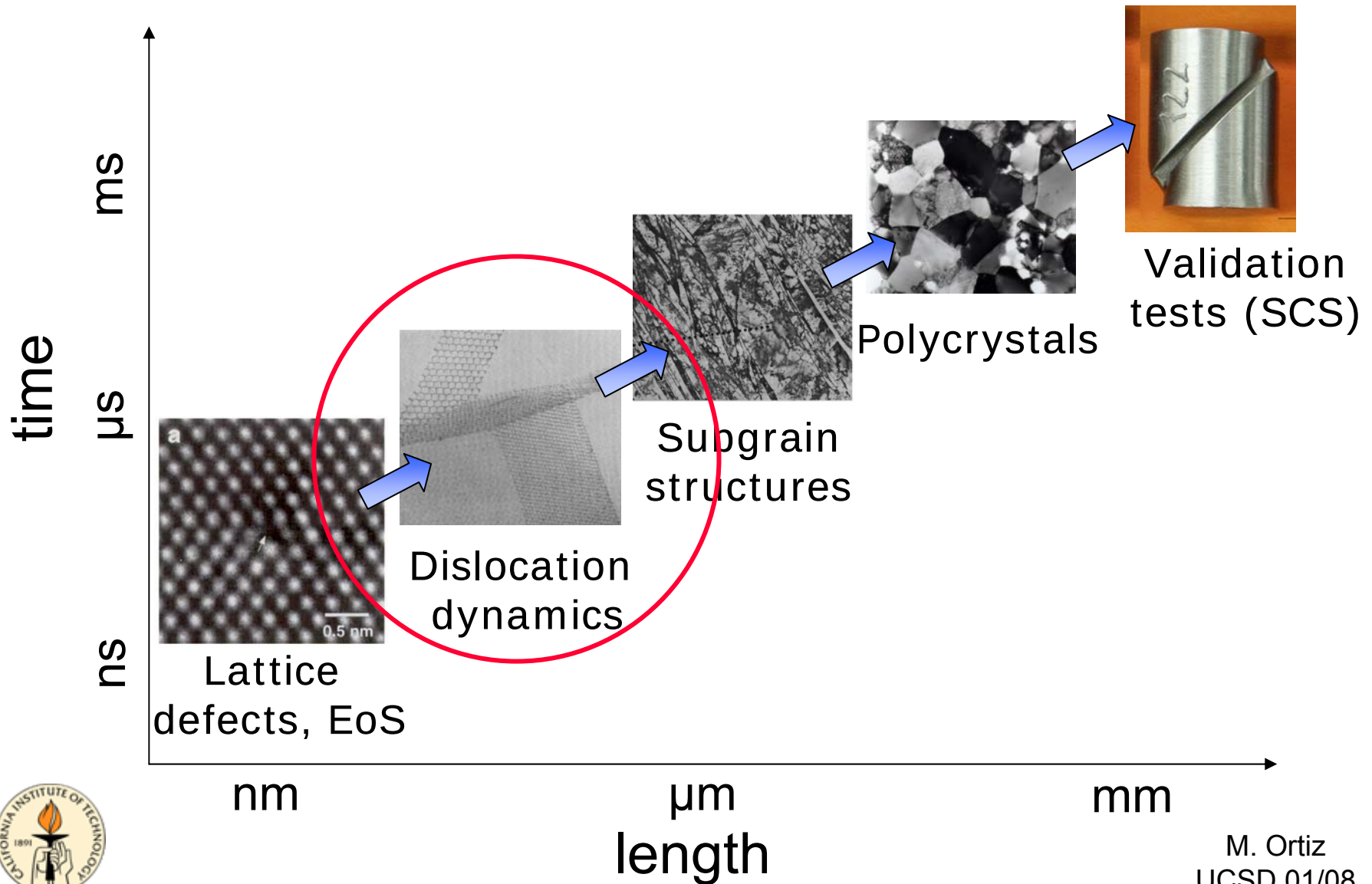
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Strength – Multiscale modeling



Dislocation dynamics – Limitations

- Dislocation energy/length diverges as $\sim \log(R/r_0)$
 - Core cut-off radius r_0 is extraneous parameter
 - No natural separation between slip planes
 - No dislocation core structure accounted for
 - Evaluation of Peach-Koehler forces $\sim O(N^2)$
 - Self-interaction of segments entails difficulty
 - Finite bodies, general geometries, difficult
 - Isotropic elasticity is often used in calculations
 - Topological transitions (e.g., junctions, Orowan loops, annihilation...) are difficult to account for
 - Dislocation nucleation is difficult to account for
- Mobility law needs to be supplied

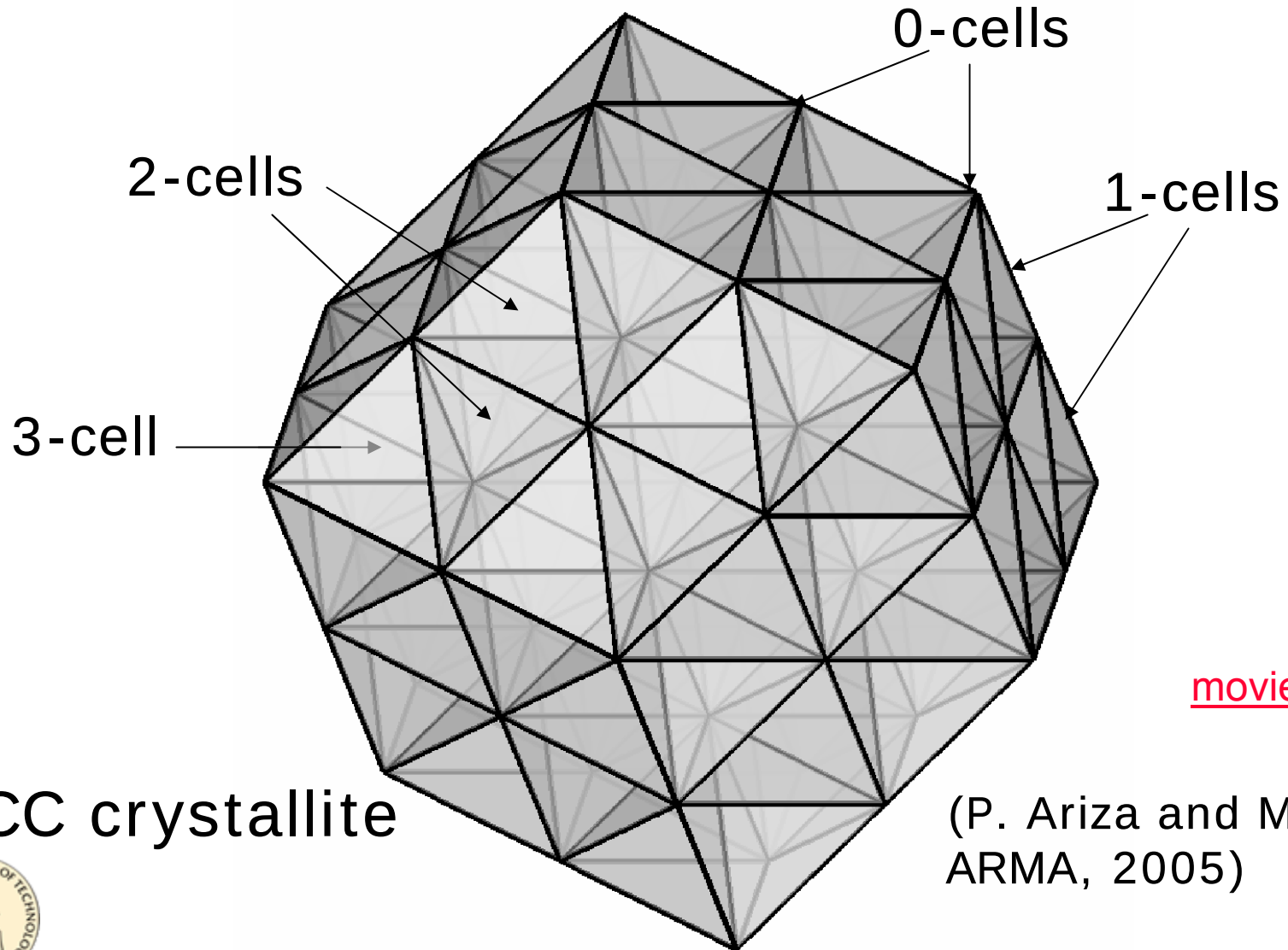


Discrete Dislocation Dynamics (D^3)

- Discrete dislocations in discrete crystal lattice
 - *No logarithmic divergence*
 - *Dislocation lines have full core structure*
 - *Gamma-surface*
- Empirical potentials (EAM, Finis-Sinclair, ...)
- 3D anisotropic dislocation interactions, reactions
- Topological transitions automatically included
- Computationally efficient:
 - *$O(N \log N)$ complexity*
 - *Nonlinear equilibrium calculations restricted to small sets (cores, junctions, ...)*
- Amenable to analysis (e.g., Γ -convergence)



Discrete calculus on crystal lattices



[movie](#)

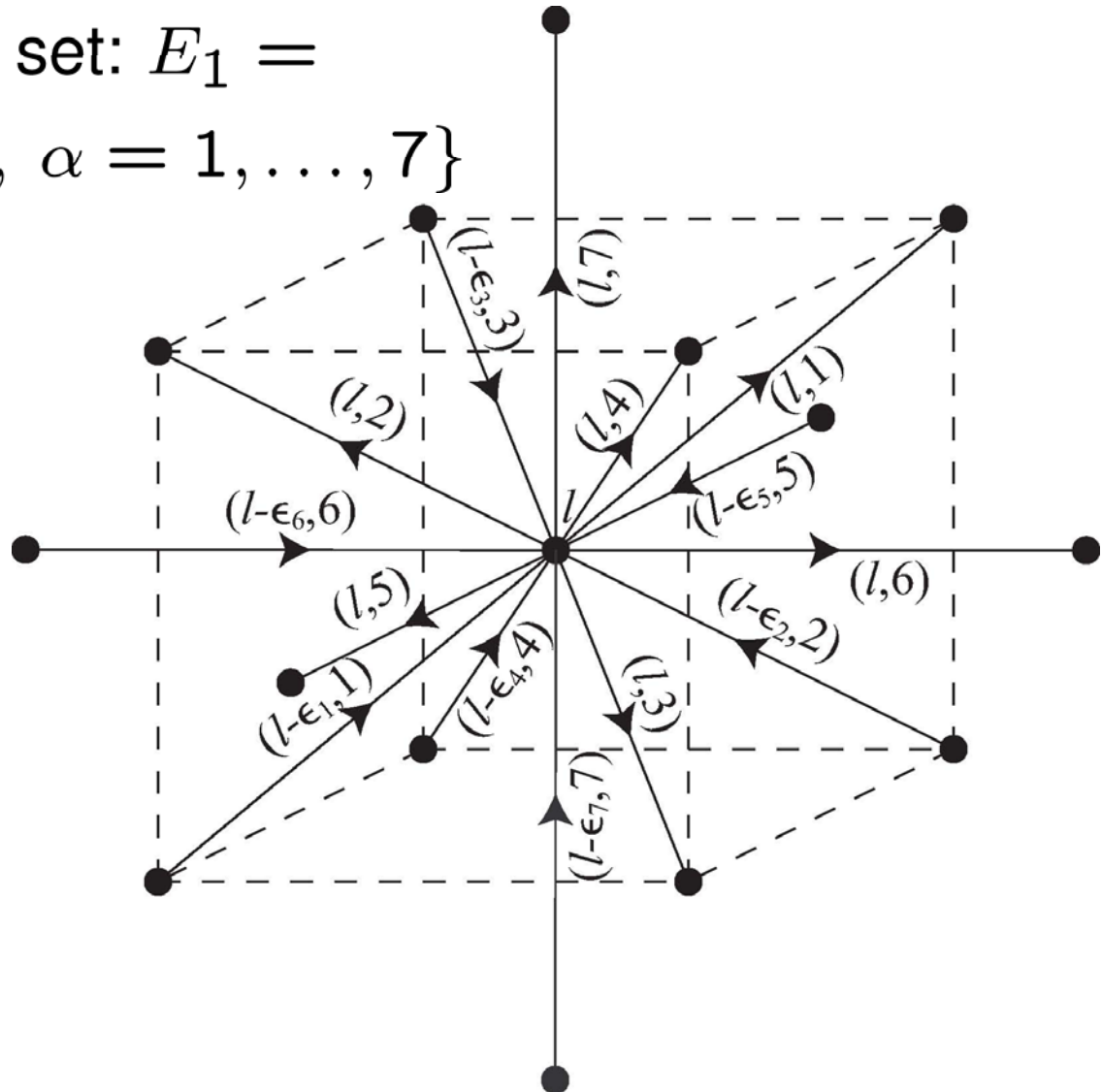
(P. Ariza and M. Ortiz,
ARMA, 2005)

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BCC lattice complex: 1-cells

- Indexing of 1-cell set: $E_1 = \{e_1(l, \alpha), l \in \mathbb{Z}^n, \alpha = 1, \dots, 7\}$
- 1-cell orientation



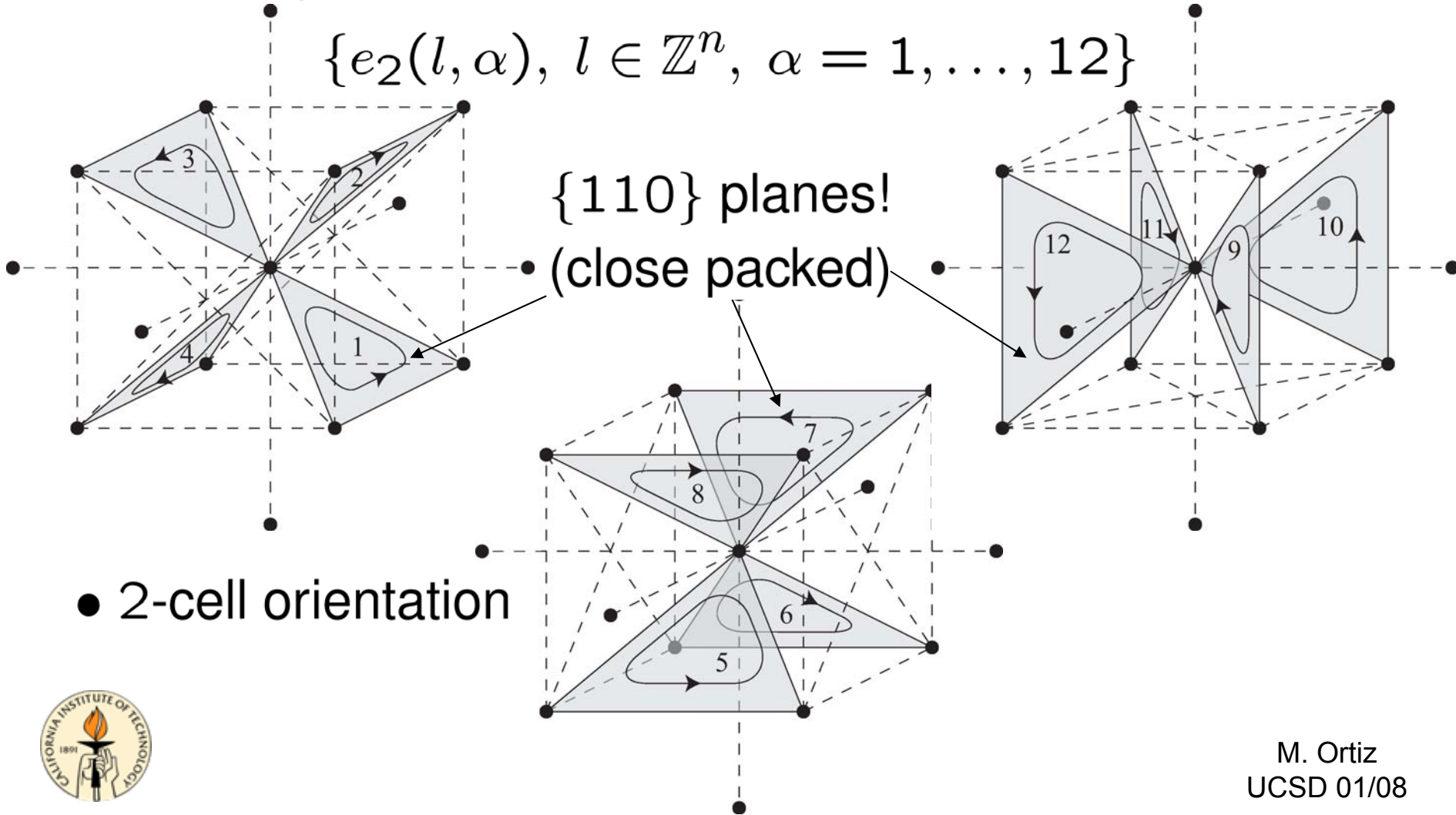
BCC lattice complex: 2-cells

- Indexing of 2-cell set: $E_2 =$

$$\{e_2(l, \alpha), l \in \mathbb{Z}^n, \alpha = 1, \dots, 12\}$$

$\{110\}$ planes!
(close packed)

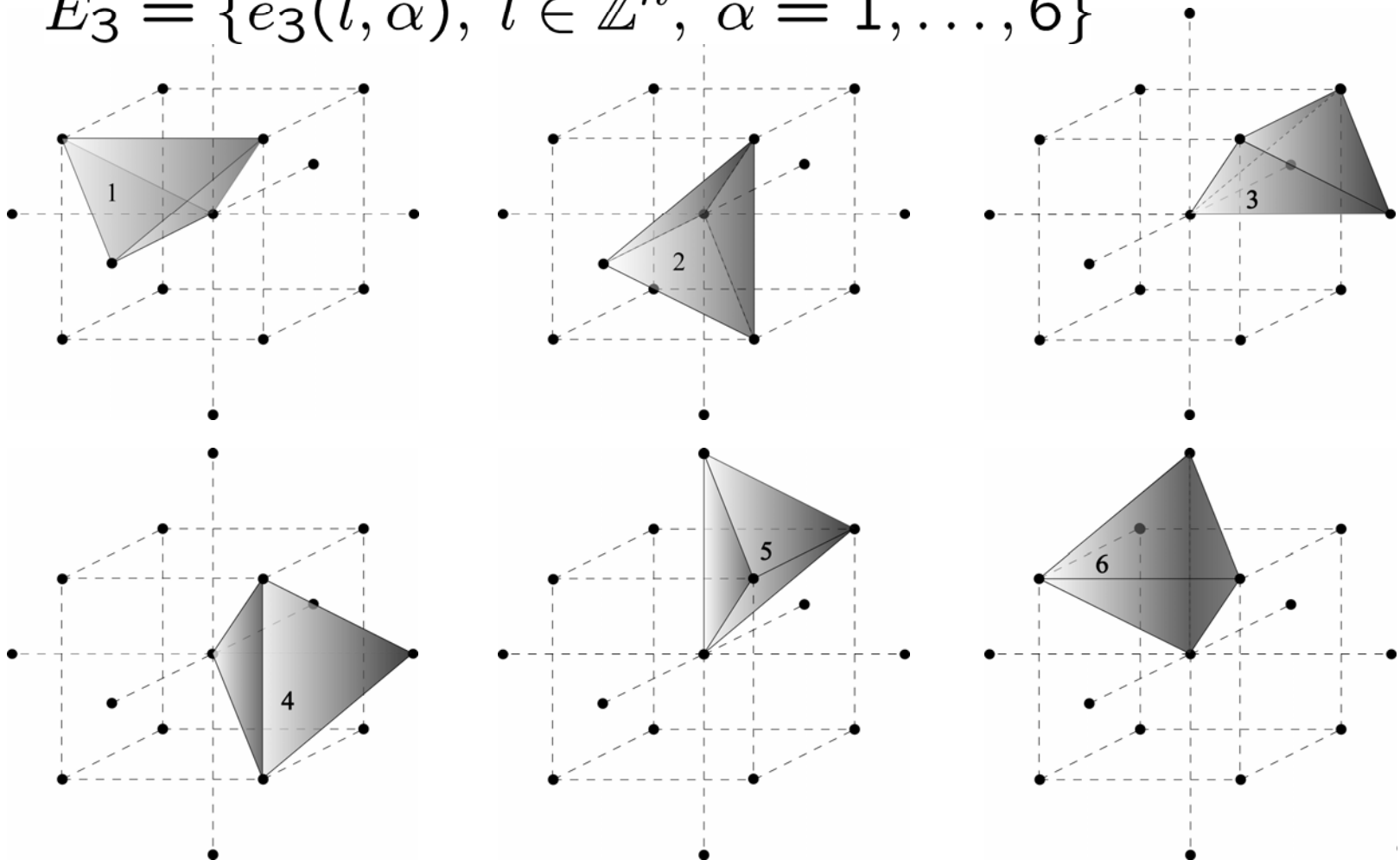
- 2-cell orientation



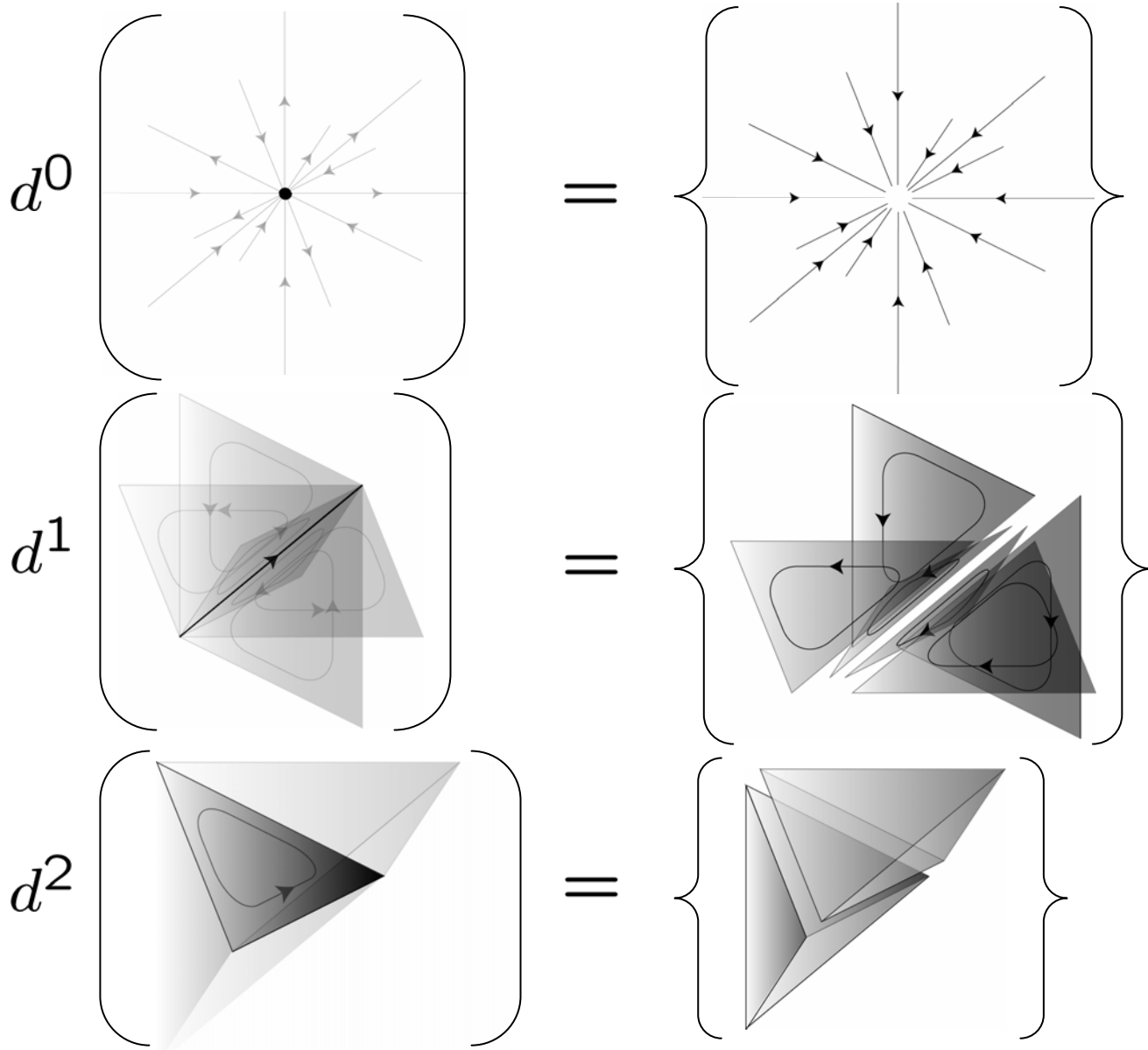
BCC lattice: Lattice complex

- Indexing of 3-cell set (+ outward orientation):

$$E_3 = \{e_3(l, \alpha), l \in \mathbb{Z}^n, \alpha = 1, \dots, 6\}$$



BCC lattice – Differential operators



The discrete differential complex

- Wedge product bilinear, associative,

$$d^{p+q}(\alpha^p \wedge \beta^q) = d^p \alpha^p \wedge \beta^q + (-1)^p \alpha^p \wedge d^q \beta^q$$

- Discrete Stoke's theorem:

$$\langle d\omega, \chi_A \rangle = \langle \omega, \partial \chi_A \rangle \iff \int_A d\omega = \int_{\partial A} \omega$$

- Integration-by-parts formula:

$$\int_{\partial A} \alpha \wedge \beta = \int_A (d\alpha) \wedge \beta + \int_A (-1)^p \alpha \wedge (d\beta)$$

- Perfect lattice: $H^* = 0$, same as de Rham cohomology of $\mathbb{R}^n$ (Poincare's Lemma)

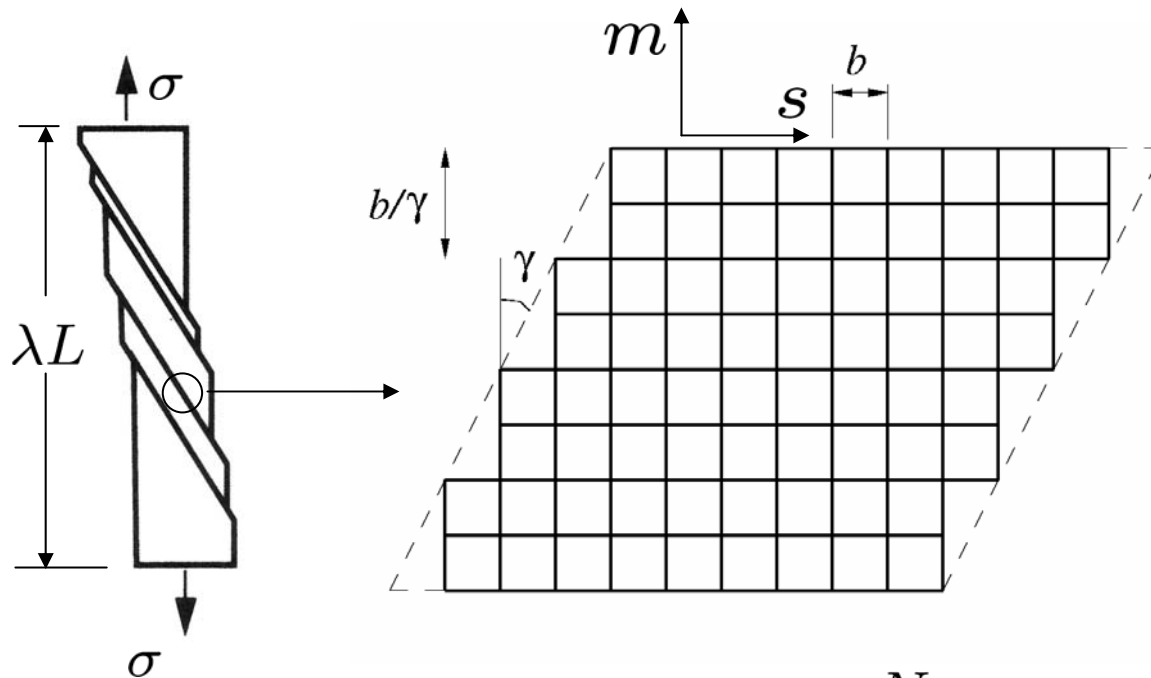
Corollary. *Perfect lattice, $\Omega^* \ni \omega = d\alpha + \delta\beta$*

(discrete Helmholtz-Hodge decomposition)

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Continuum crystal plasticity



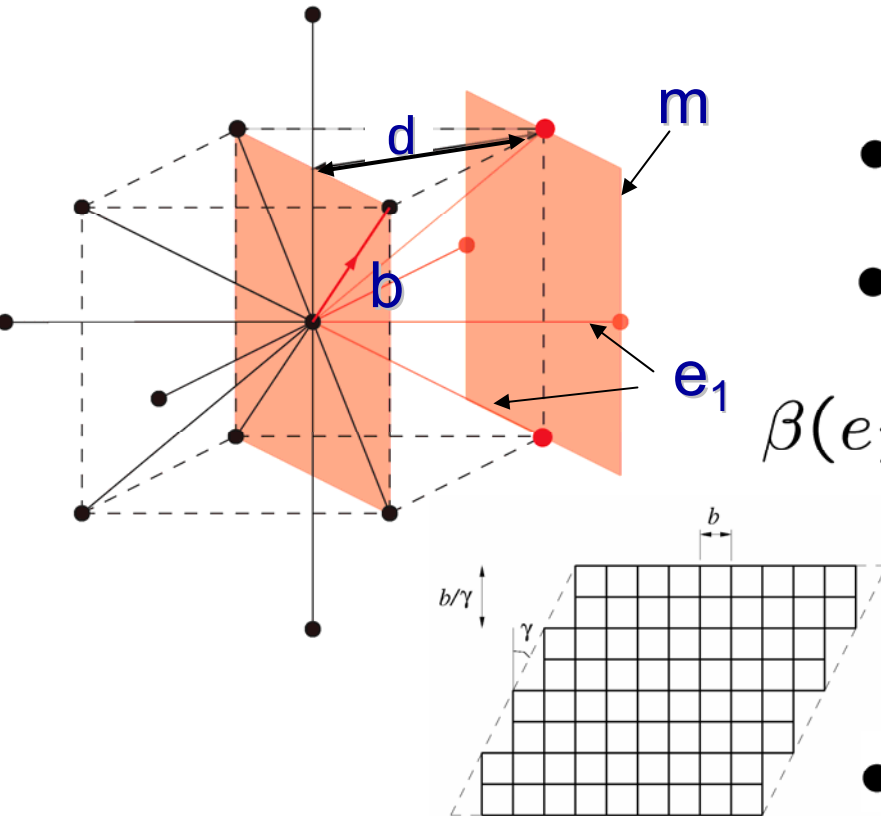
Lattice-invariant
deformations
(no elastic
energy cost!)

- Elastic energy: $\beta_{ij} = \sum_{s=1}^N \gamma^s s_i^s m_j^s,$

$$E(u, \beta) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \frac{1}{2} c_{ijkl} (u_{i,j} - \beta_{ij}) (u_{k,l} - \beta_{kl}) dx$$



Discrete crystal plasticity



- Displacements: $u : E_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$

- Eigendeformations:

$$\beta(e_1) = \sum_{s=1}^N \xi^s(e_1) b^s \underbrace{\frac{dx(e_1) \cdot m^s}{d}}_{\text{lattice-invariant shears}}$$

- Slip fields: $\xi : E_1 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^N$
integer-valued!

- Elastic energy:

$$E(u, \xi) = \frac{1}{2} \langle \underbrace{\Psi}_{\text{force constants}} * (du - \beta), (du - \beta) \rangle$$

force constants

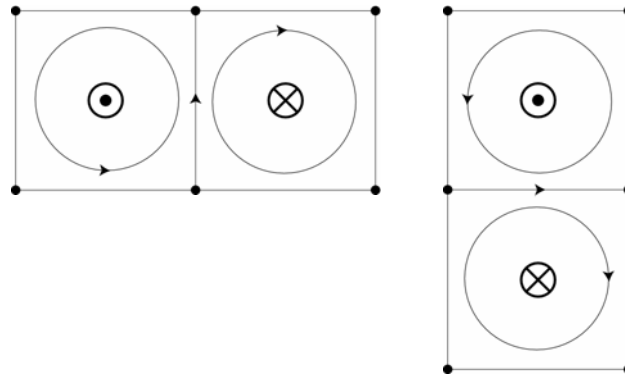


Discrete dislocations

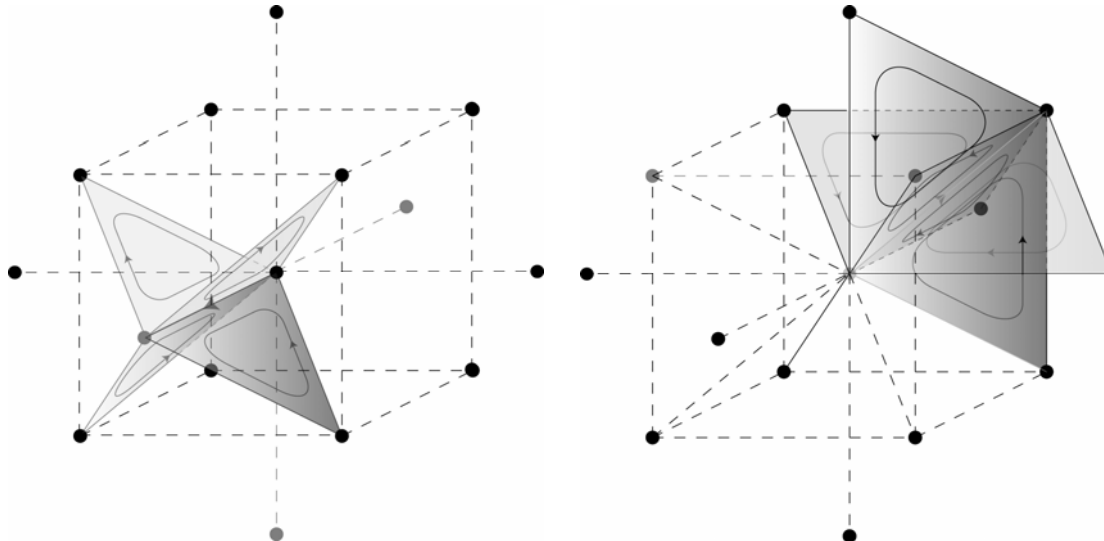
- Discrete dislocation density: $Z^2 = B^2 \ni \alpha = d\beta$

- Conservation of Burgers vector: $d\alpha = 0$

- Square lattice:



- BCC lattice:

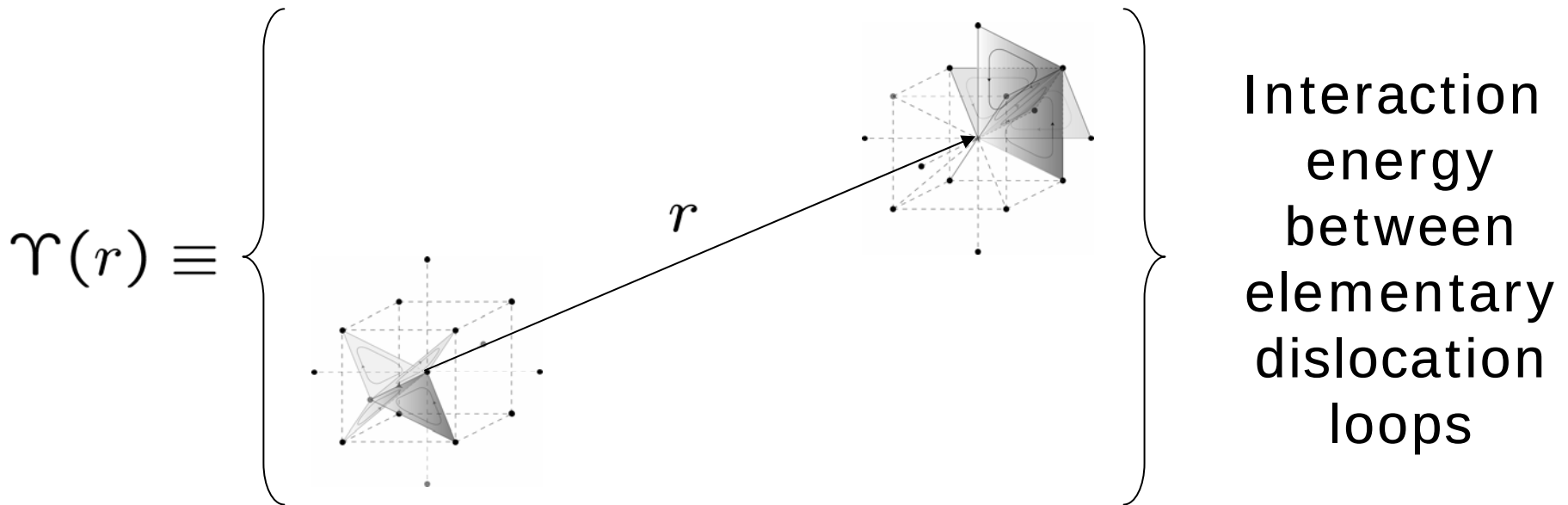


Elementary
dislocation
“loopons”
and Burgers
circuits



Discrete crystal plasticity – Stored energy

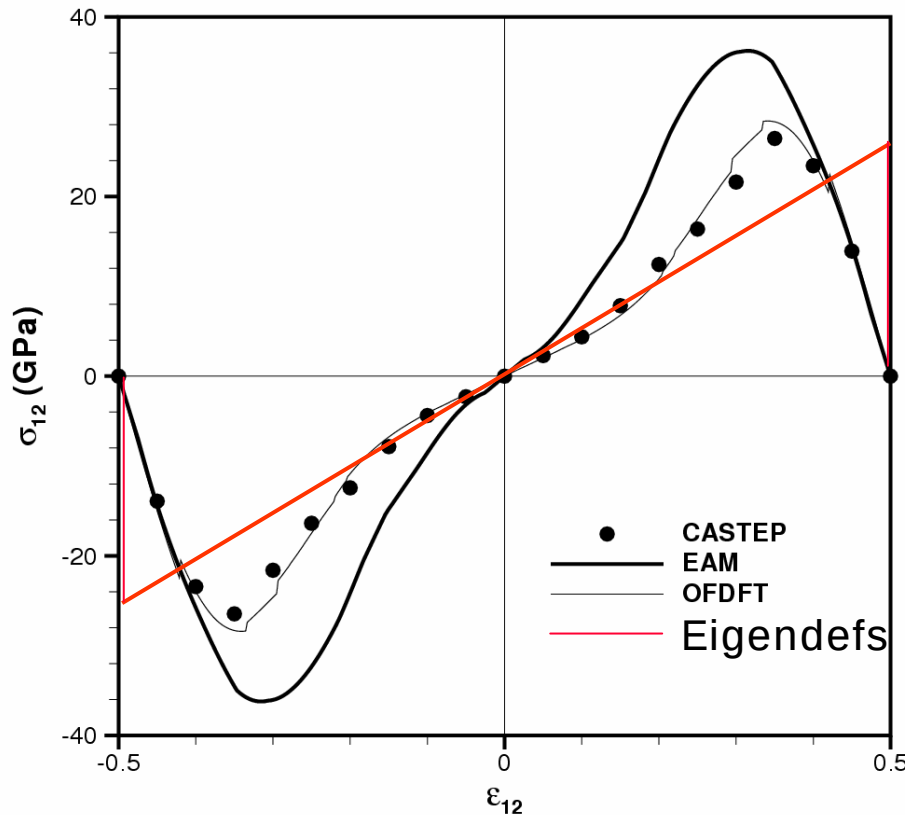
- Stored energy: $\inf_u E(u, \xi) \equiv E(\xi) = \frac{1}{2} \langle \Upsilon * \xi, \xi \rangle$



- $\Upsilon * \xi \equiv$ discrete Peach-Koehler forces
- Υ known explicitly in terms of force constants Ψ



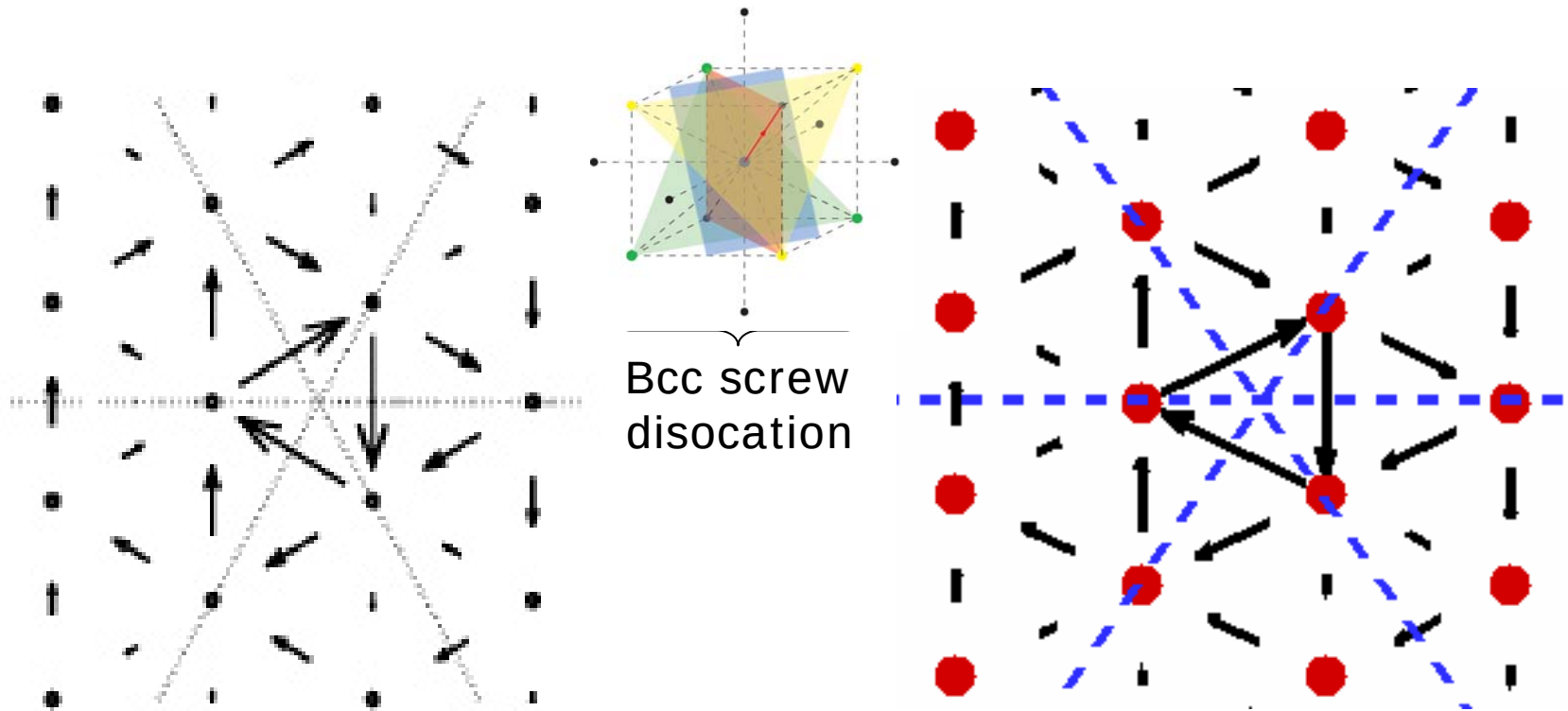
γ -energy – Comparison to first principles



Shear stress-strain curves in FCC Al computed from EAM, OFDFT and CASTEP Kohn-Sham DFT (Fago, Hayes, Carter and Ortiz, *SIAM Multiscale Model. Simul.*, **4** (2005) p. 359)



Discrete dislocations – Core structure



Ab initio Mo screw easy core
(S. Ismail-Beigi and T. Arias,
PRL, 84:1499, 2000)

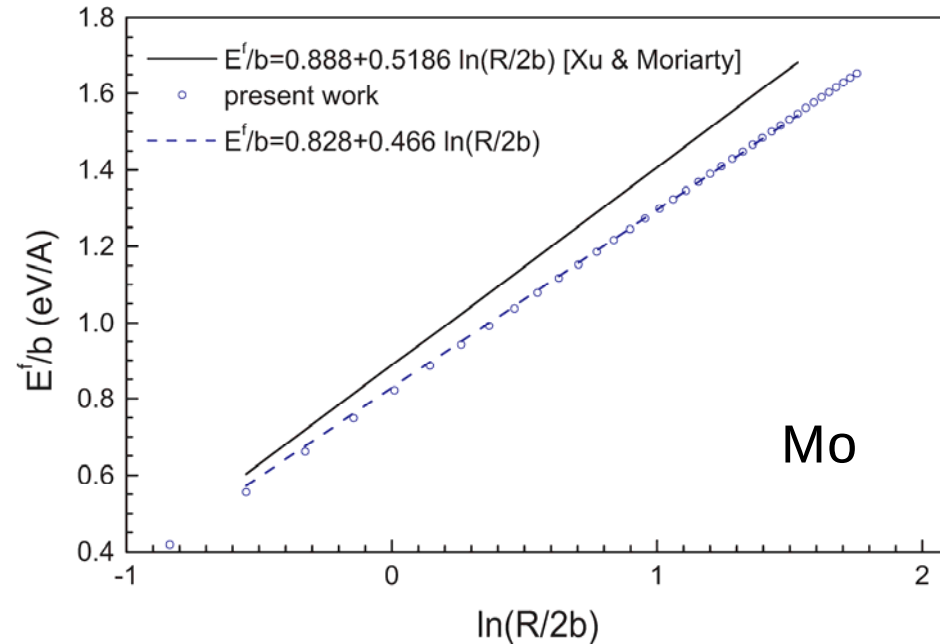
Discrete Mo screw core
(Ramasubramanian,
Ariza and Ortiz' 05)



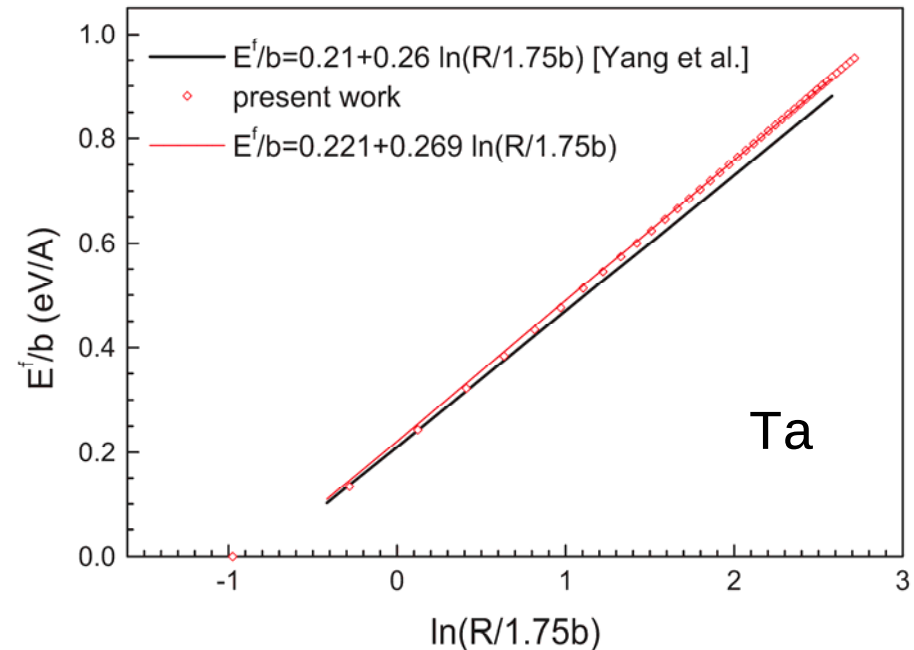
Displacement-difference maps

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Discrete dislocations – Core energy



Energy of Mo screw core
(Xu & Moriarty, *Phys. Rev.*
B **54**, 1996)



Energy of Ta screw core
(Yang et al. *Phil. Mag.*
A **81**, 2001)

Energy per unit length of screw dislocation
in concentric cylinder of radius R



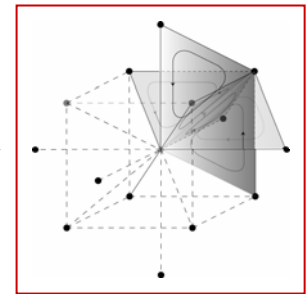
Discrete dislocation dynamics – D³

- Incremental potential:

$$F(\xi) = \underbrace{E(\xi)}_{\text{stored energy}} + \underbrace{\Delta t \phi \left(\frac{\xi - \xi_0}{\Delta t} \right)}_{\text{mobility law}} - \underbrace{\langle \tau, \xi \rangle}_{\text{applied forcing}}$$

- Equilibrium configurations:

$$F(\xi - s) \leq F(\xi) \leq F(\xi + s) \longrightarrow$$



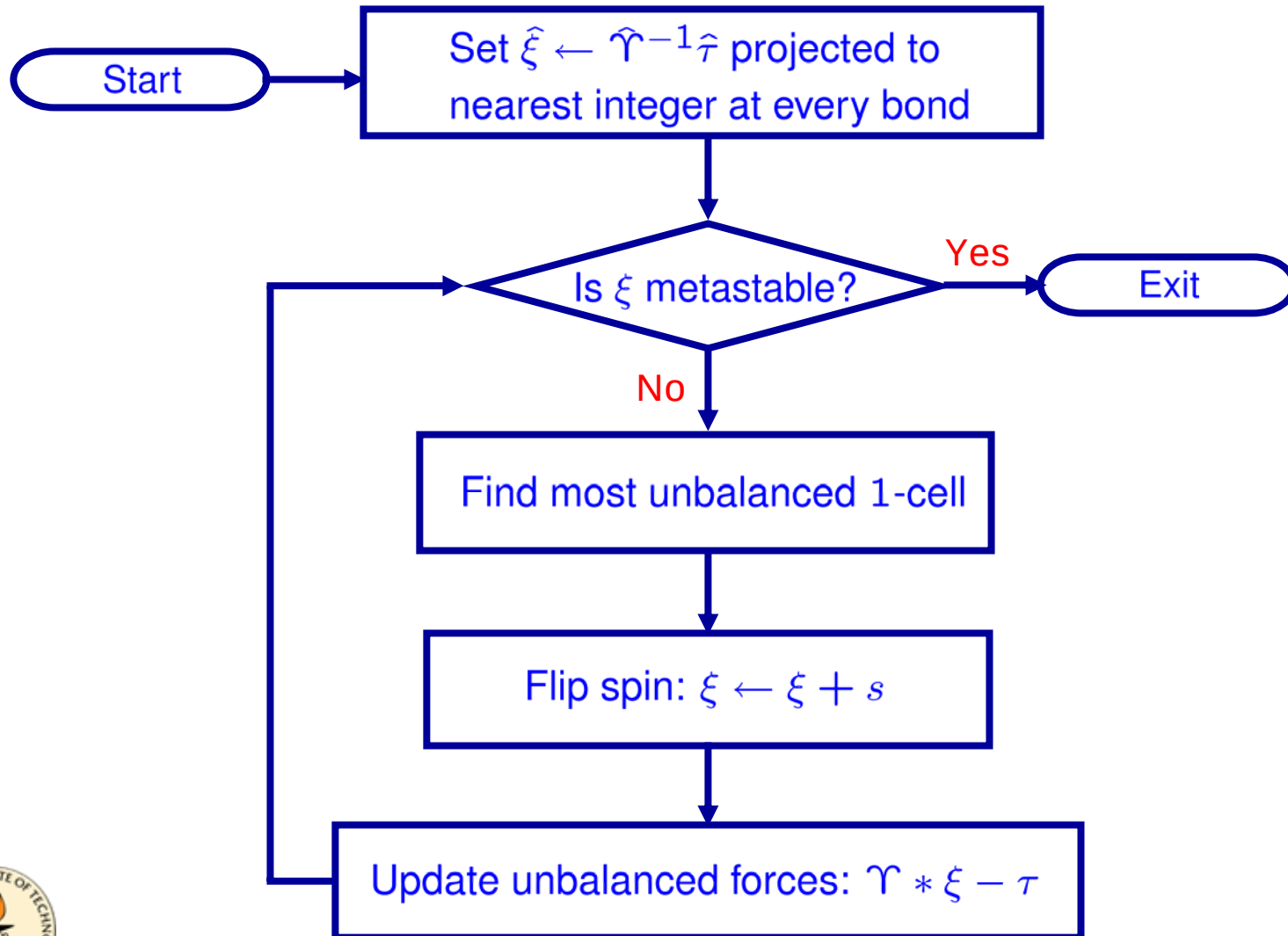
- System of inequalities:

$$|\Upsilon * \xi - \tau| \leq \tau_c, \quad \text{for all bonds}$$

- ξ integer valued $\Rightarrow$ problem NP complete!

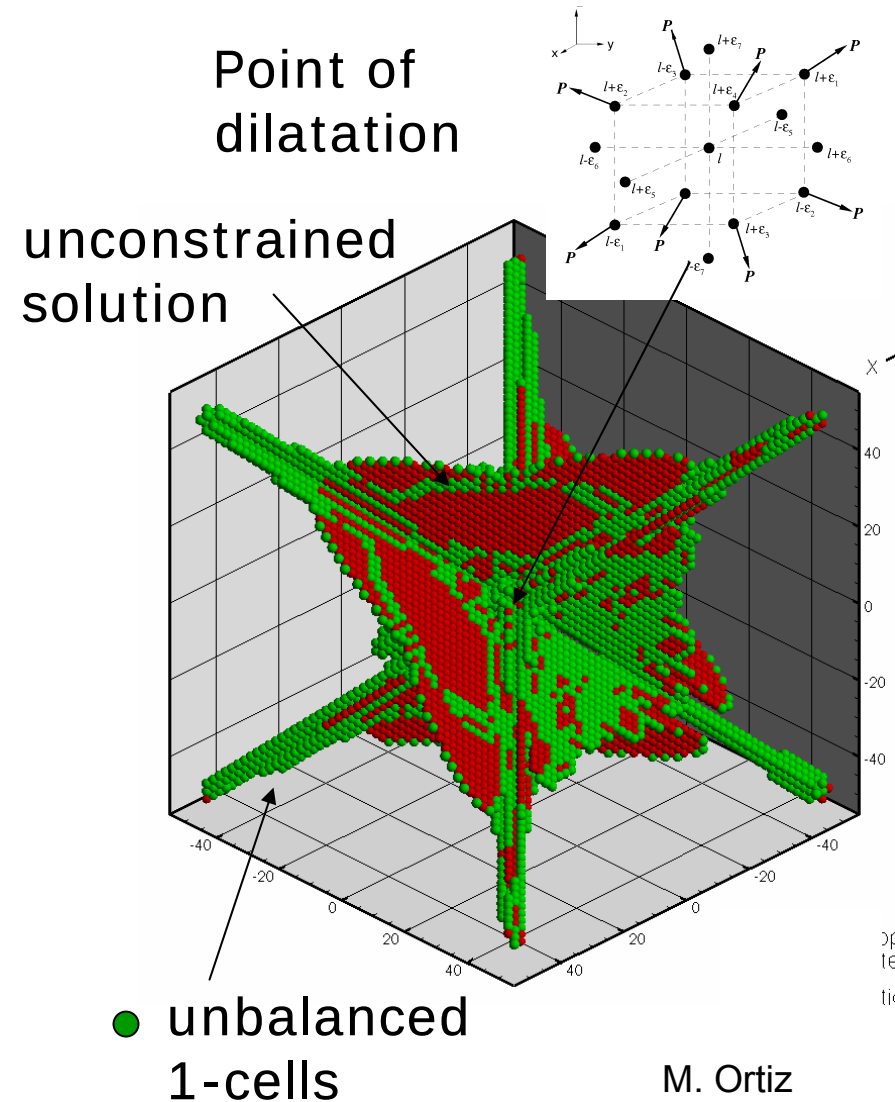


D³ – Solution procedure

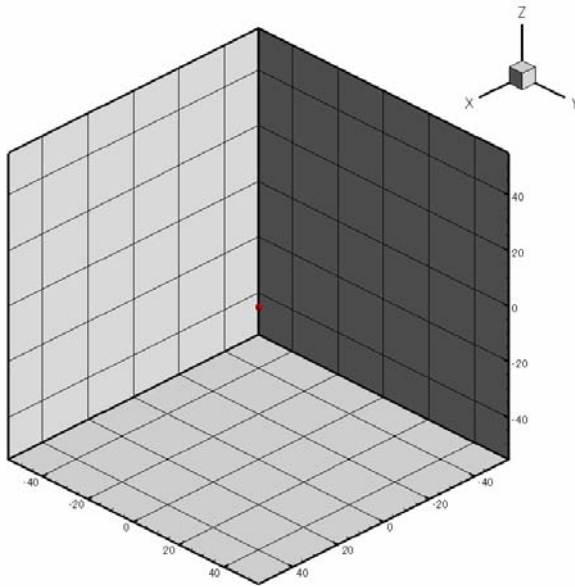


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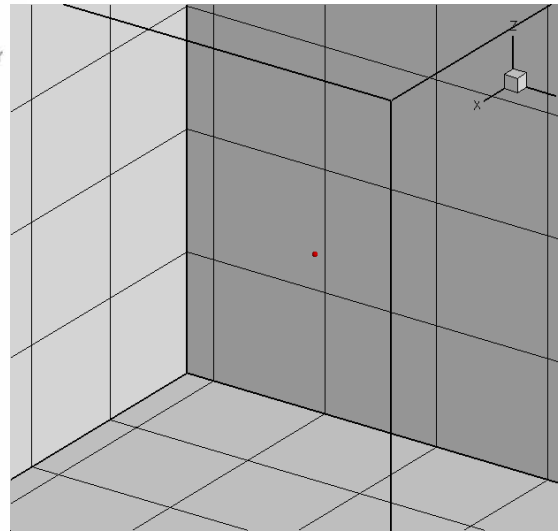
- Unconstrained problem local in Fourier space
- FFT algorithm FFTW (Johnson & Frigo)
- Force update: tabulate stress field of spin
- Easy decomposition over processors
- Minimal inter-processor communication
- Nonlinear equilibration restricted to dislocation cores and junctions: small set!



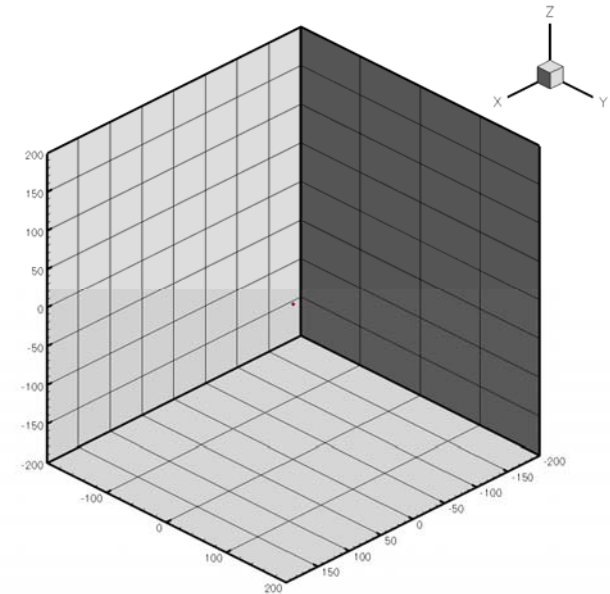
D^3 – Dilatation point – BCC vanadium



1 million atoms
in unit cell



27 million atoms
in unit cell



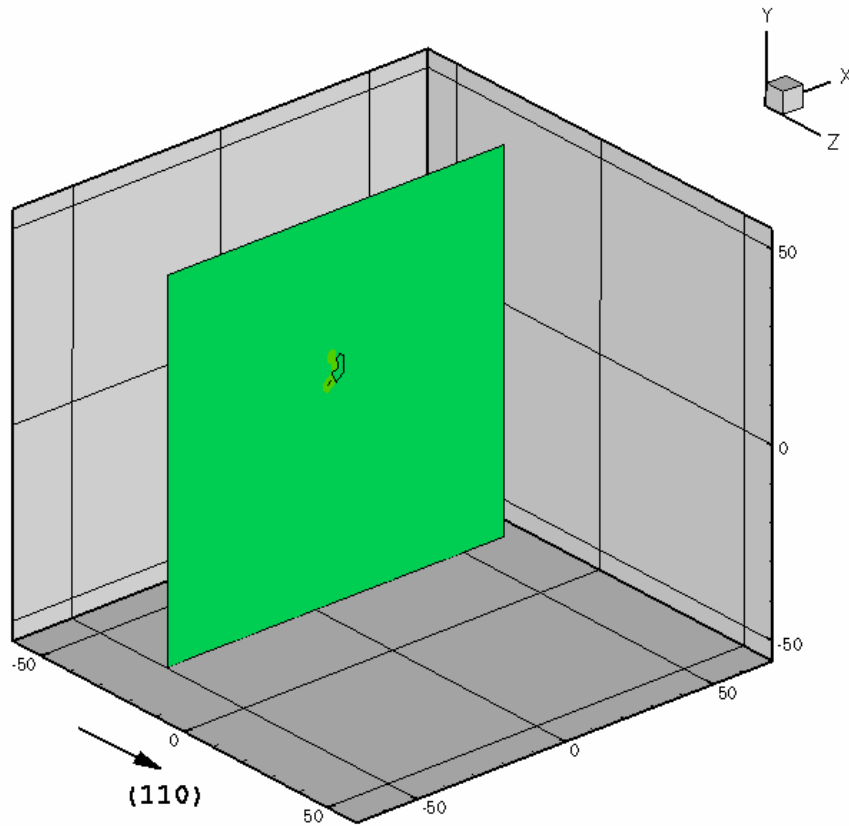
64 million atoms
in unit cell

Periodic array of dilatation points in vanadium

(Ramasubramanian, Ariza and Ortiz '05)



D³ – Dilatation point – BCC vanadium

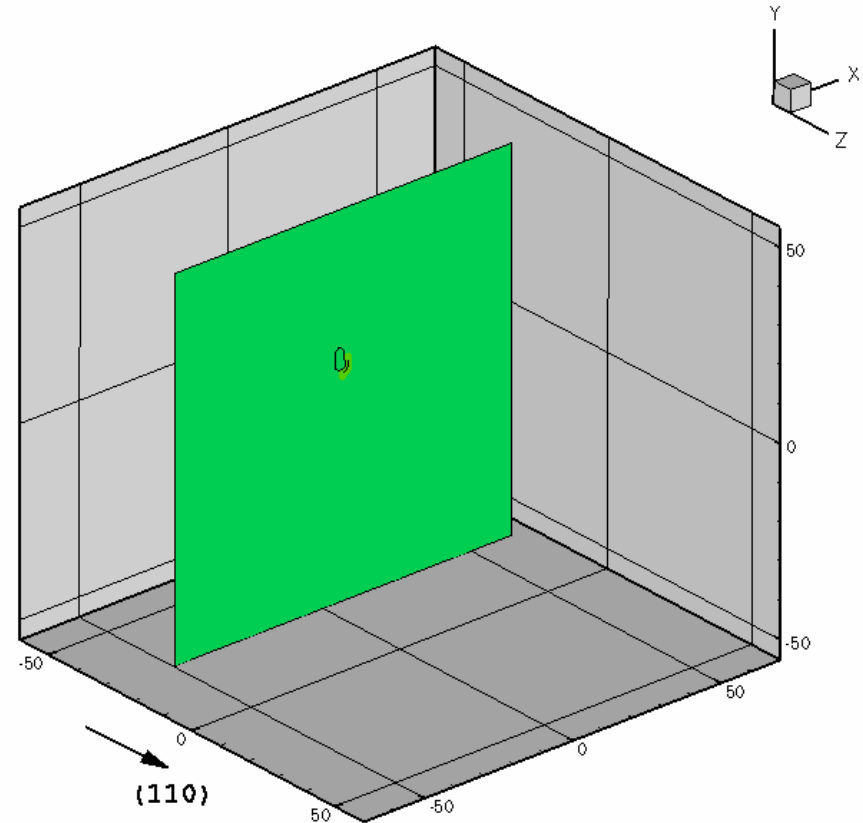


ξ_{D6}

Slip system D6:

plane (1 1 0)

direction [1 1 $\bar{1}$]



ξ_{A6}

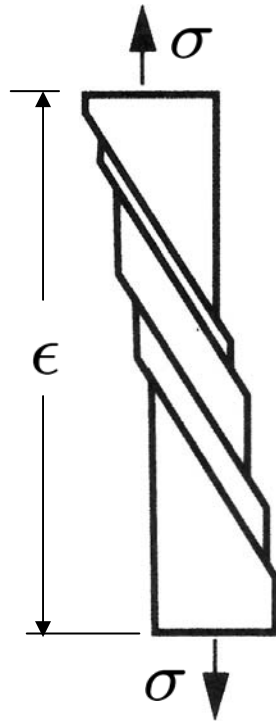
Slip system C3:

plane (1 0 1)

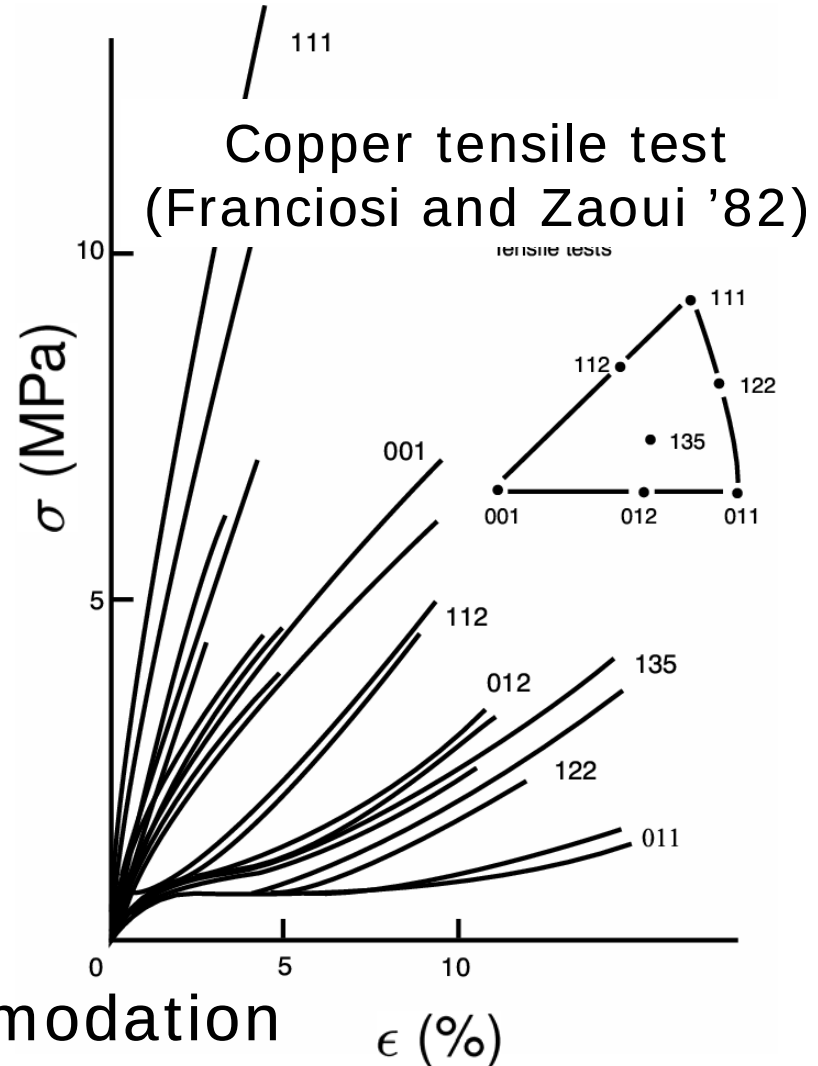
direction [1 1 $\bar{1}$]



Crystal plasticity – Hardening



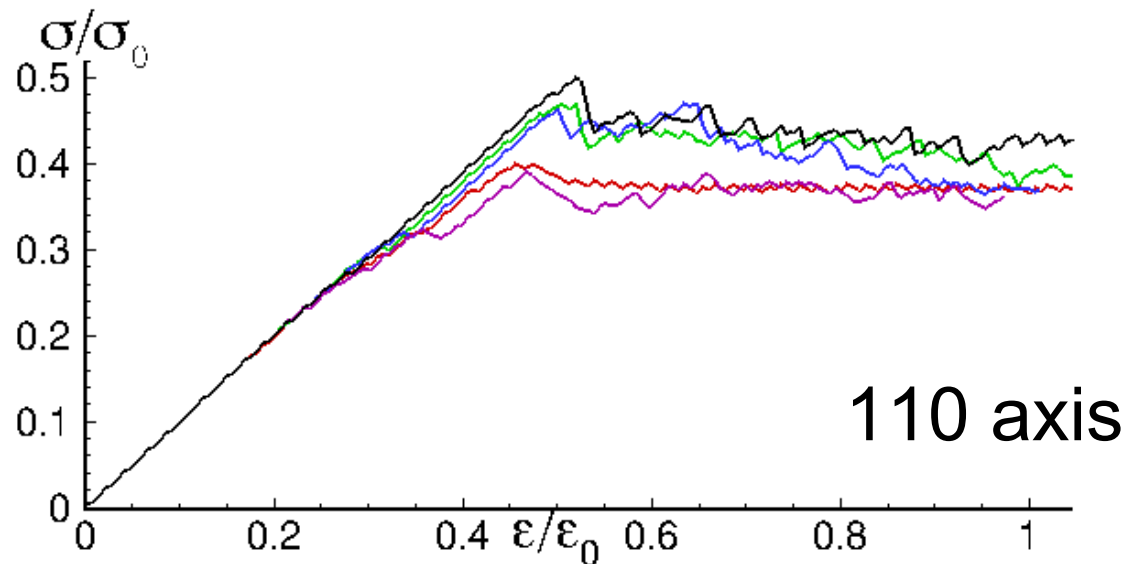
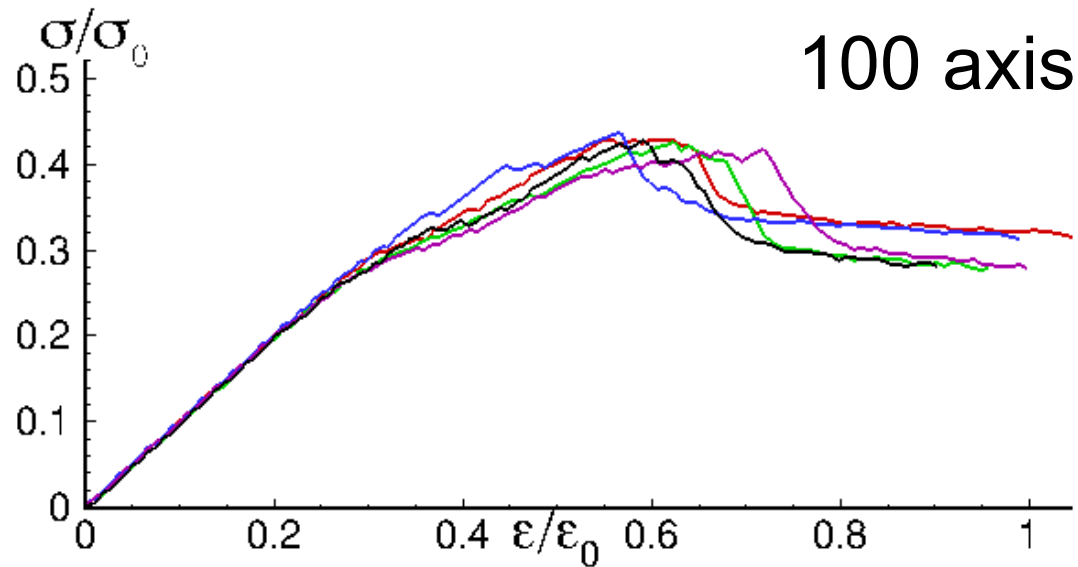
Uniaxial
tension test



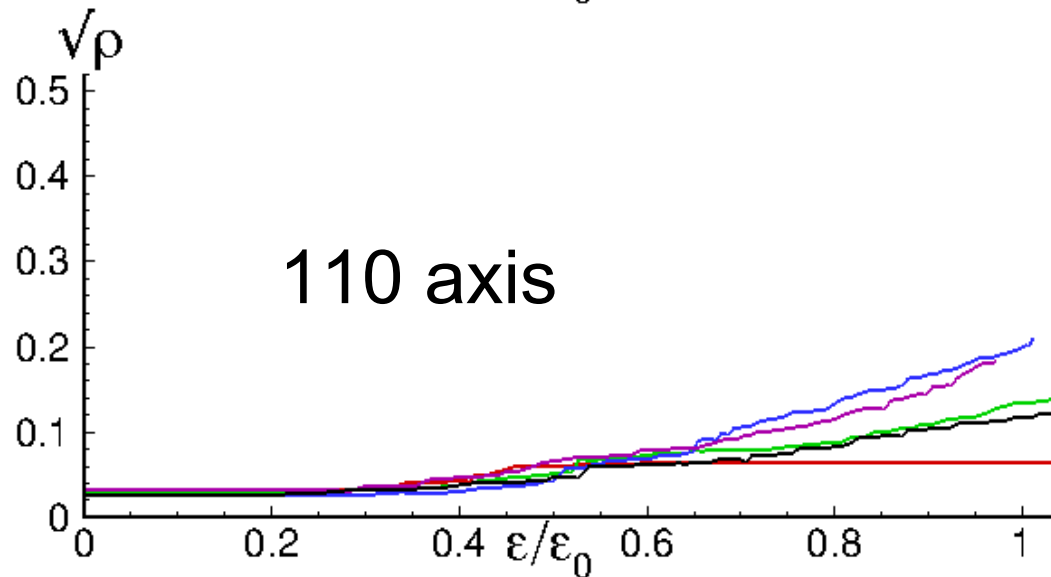
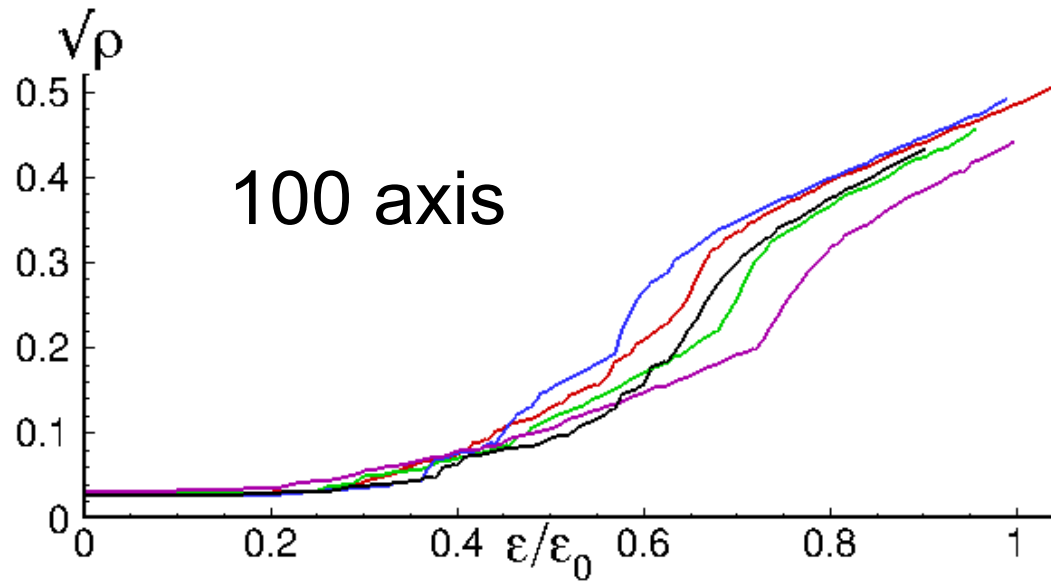
Irreversible accommodation
of shear by crystallographic slip



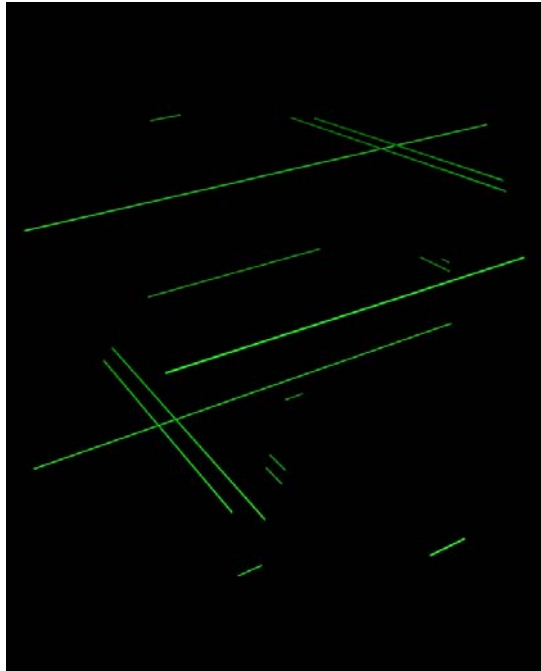
Uniaxial tension test - Vanadium



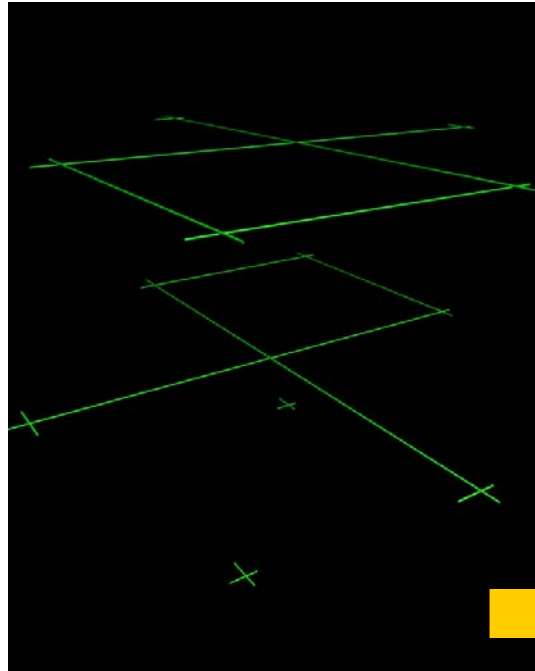
Uniaxial tension test - Vanadium



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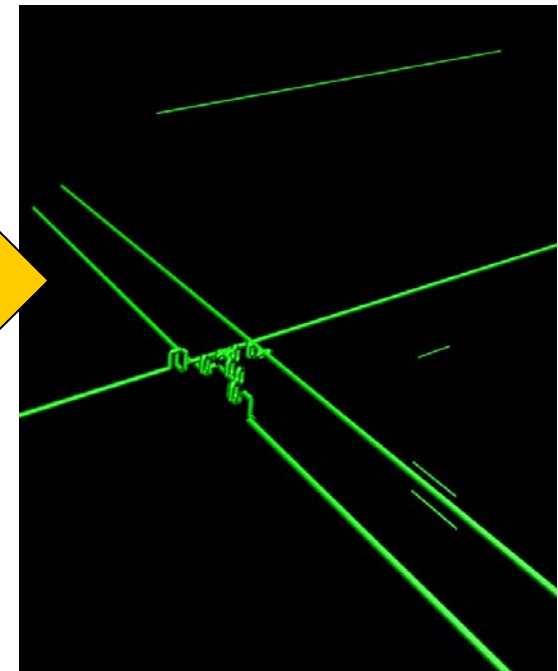


initial



deformed

Molybdenum
Systems C5 & A6



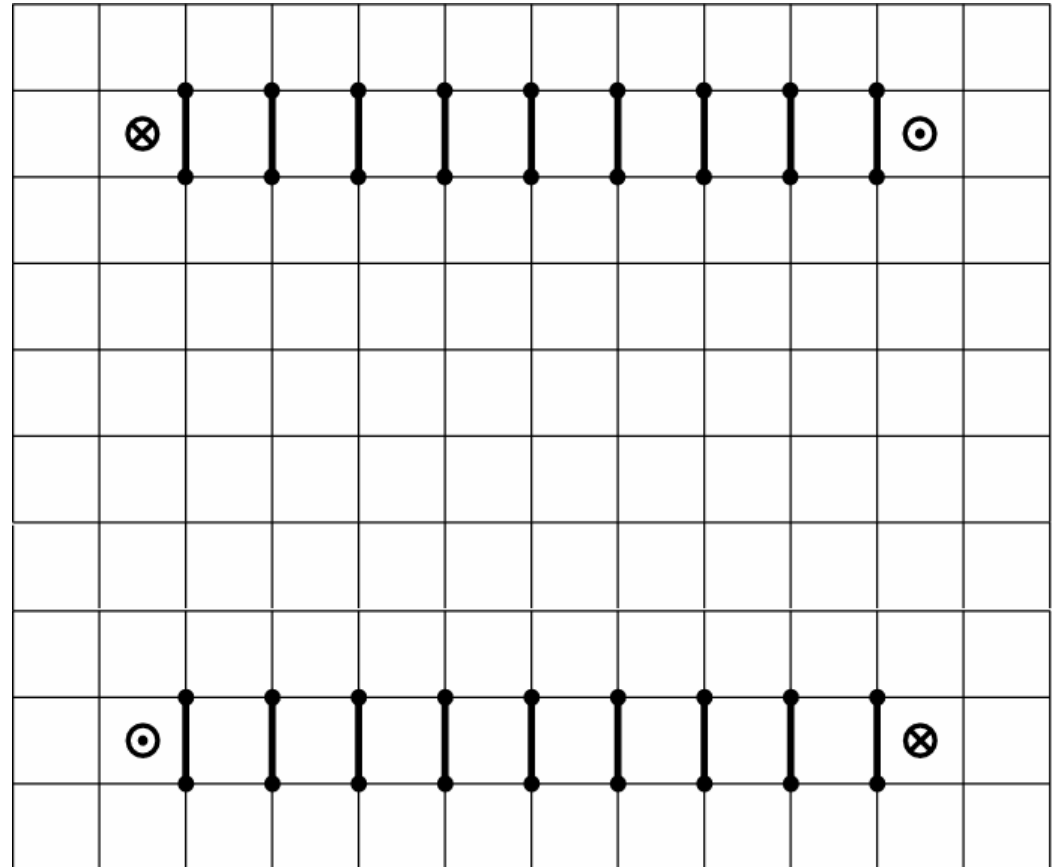
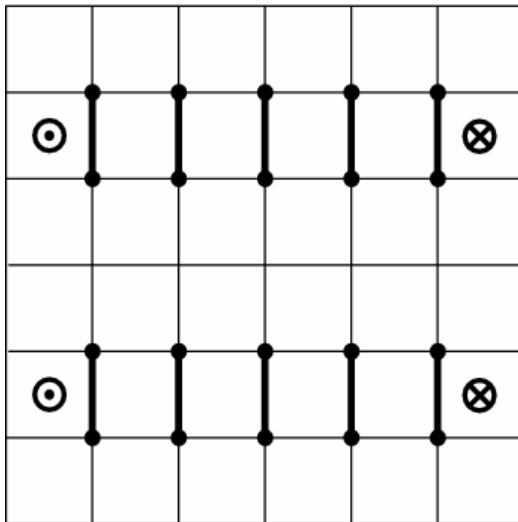
Junction formation



Stored energy - Dilute limit

- Uniform expansion of dislocation distribution:

$$\text{---} \equiv \xi = 1$$



- Question: $\Gamma - \lim_{h \rightarrow \infty} E_h$?

Stored energy – Continuum limit

D. M. BARNETT and L. A. SWANGER: Elastic Energy of a Straight Dislocation 419

phys. stat. sol. (b) 48, 419 (1971)

The Elastic Energy of a Straight Dislocation in an Infinite Anisotropic Elastic Medium

By

D. M. BARNETT and L. A. SWANGER

Finally, we obtain

$$E = K_{mg} b_m b_g \ln \frac{R}{r_0}, \quad (34)$$

where

$$K_{mg} = (K_{mg}^* + K_{gm}^*) = K_{gm} \quad (35)$$

and

$$K_{mg}^* = \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \varepsilon_{pij} t_j C_{ngir} C_{wmrs} \left\{ \varepsilon_{sen} t_s \int_0^\pi M_{ir}^* d\psi + \right. \\ \left. + (\alpha_s \beta_n + \beta_s \alpha_n) \int_0^\pi M_{ir}^* \cos 2\psi d\psi + (\beta_n \beta_s - \alpha_n \alpha_s) \int_0^\pi M_{ir}^* \sin 2\psi d\psi \right\}. \quad (36)$$



Stored energy – Dilute limit

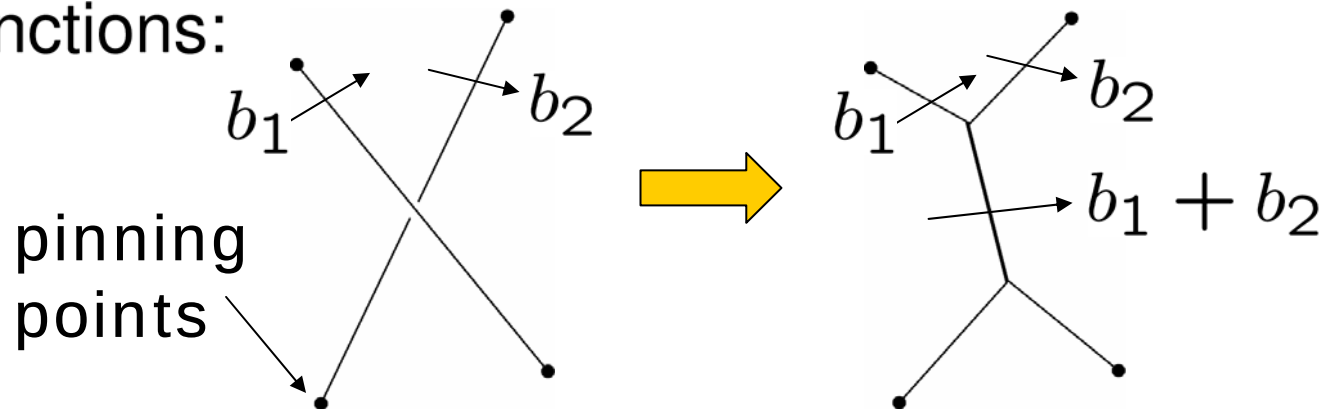
- Γ -limit of stored energy: $F_h(\xi) \sim F_0(\xi) \log h$

$$F_0(\xi) \sim \int \langle Kb, b \rangle |\rho| \equiv \textit{line-tension approximation!}$$

$\alpha = b\rho$, $\rho \equiv$ discrete dislocation line density

$K \equiv$ discrete prelogarithmic factor

- Junctions:



- The macroscopic behavior predicted by the discrete line-tension approximation is *exact* in the dilute limit!



D³ – Outlook

- D³ combines realism of discrete models:
 - *Discrete dislocations on crystal lattices*
 - *Dislocation cores, reactions, topological transitions...*with convenience of continuum models
 - *Analytical interaction law*
 - *Dimensional reduction (dislocation lines, junctions...)*
 - *Analytical tractability (continuum limit, dilute limit...)*
- Extensions in progress:
 - *Implementation of dilute limit (discrete line tension)*
 - *Application to forest hardening...*
- Future extensions:
 - *Fully anharmonic treatment* (Gallego R and Ortiz M, “A Harmonic-Anharmonic Energy Partition Method for Lattice Statics Computations” *Model. Simul. Mater. Sci. Engr.*, **1** (4): 417-436, 1993)

