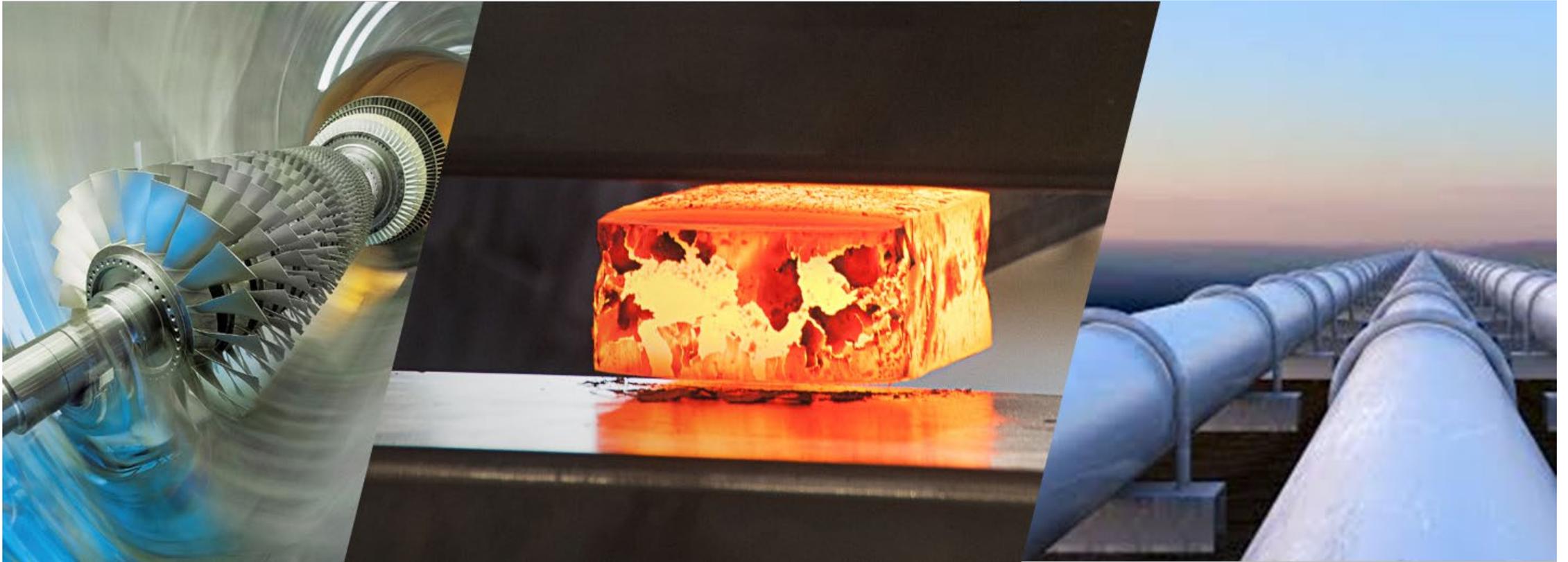


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eXtremeMAT Progress Summary & eXtremeMAT-H₂ Kickoff



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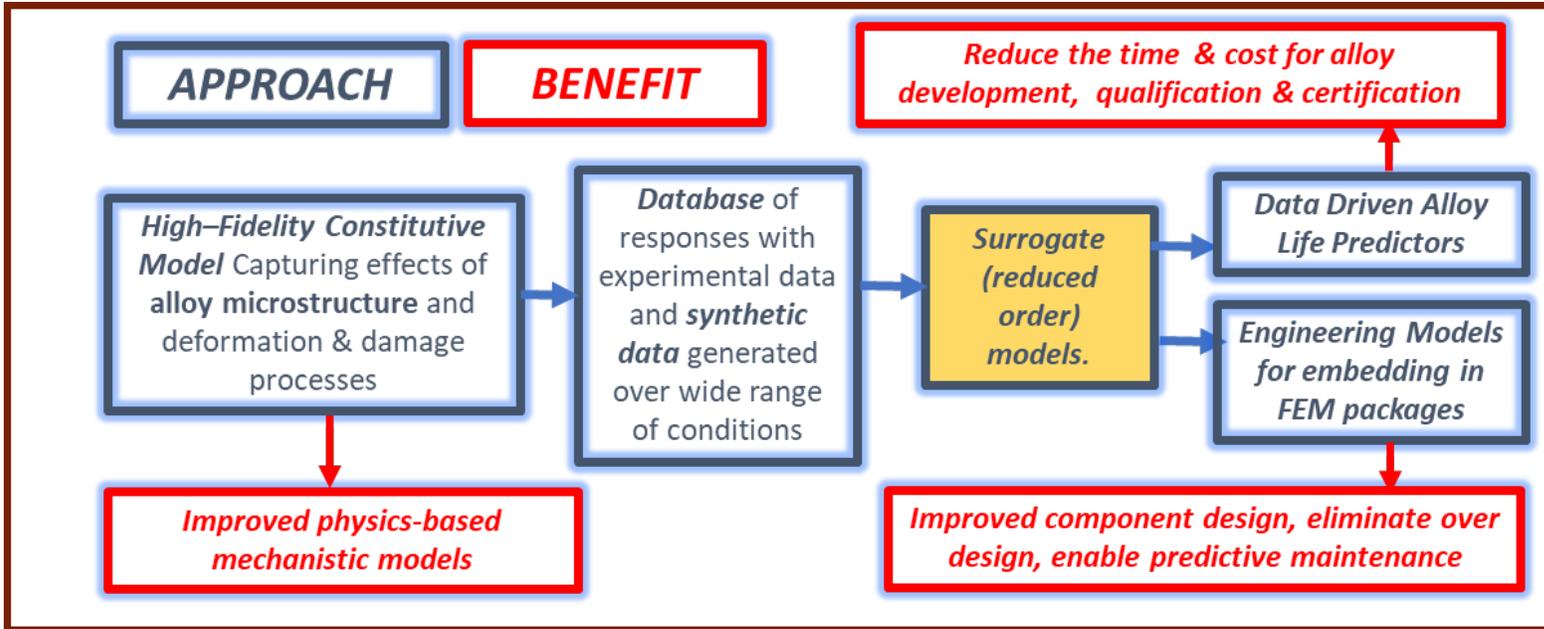


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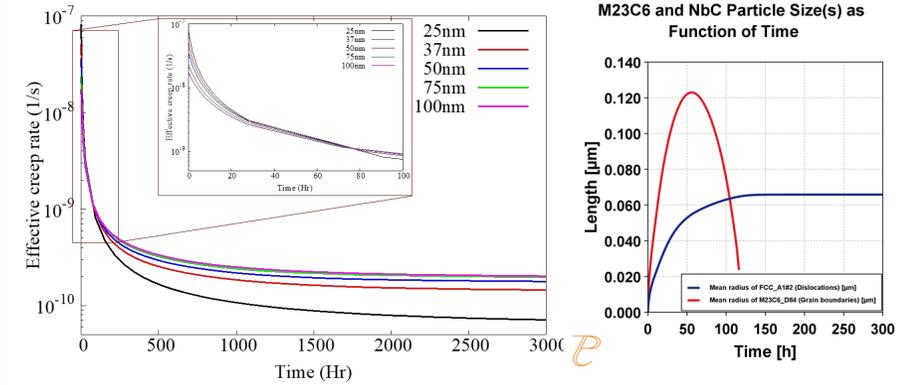
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eXtremeMAT Approach & Progress

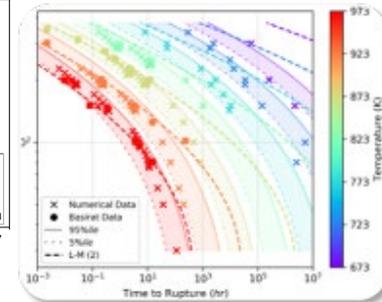
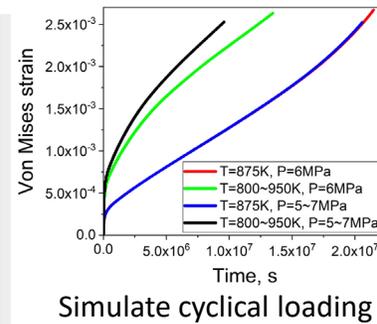
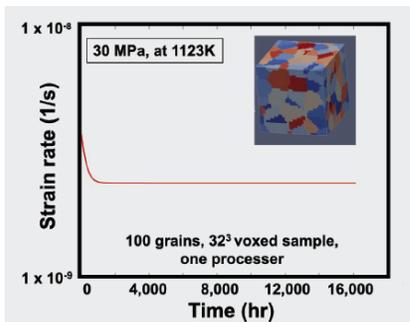


Incorporated Microstructure into Simulation for 347H

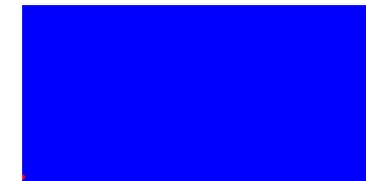
- Precipitate Coarsening (NbC, M₂₃C₆, Sigma),
- Effect of B and N
- Impact of ageing on creep behavior



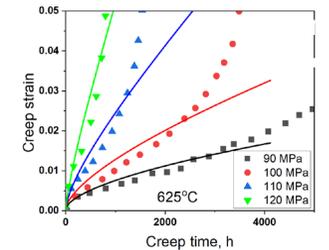
Mechanistic model can simulate 10 years of creep behavior in ~5 hours



Accurately predict creep life from a limited number of short-term



Models for the oxidation within a multi-phase multi-component framework.



Framework for predicting the performance of welds

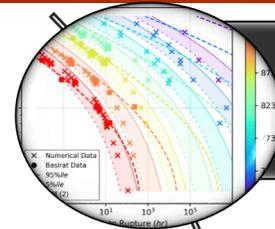
eXtremeMAT: original objectives

General scope: XMAT aims to develop, verify and validate research tools that help industry in (i) assessing the response and failure of steel components subjected to complex non-monotonic loading (creep, creep/fatigue), (ii) adopting emerging/new steels.

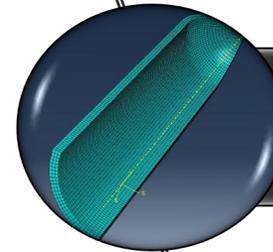
Applications to: conventional austenitic (347H, 316H) and ferritic steels (P91), XMAT X351..

Conditions: Temperatures from ~500 to 750C, Maximum stresses 100MPa, oxidation in air

Impact: Reduce the time and cost for alloy qualification and certification.



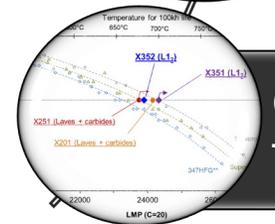
Material lifetime assessment models



Integrated constitutive models



Materials database and analysis tools



Guidelines for the discovery of new alumina forming alloys

Microstructure and composition-aware constitutive model can be used to reduce uncertainty in materials performance

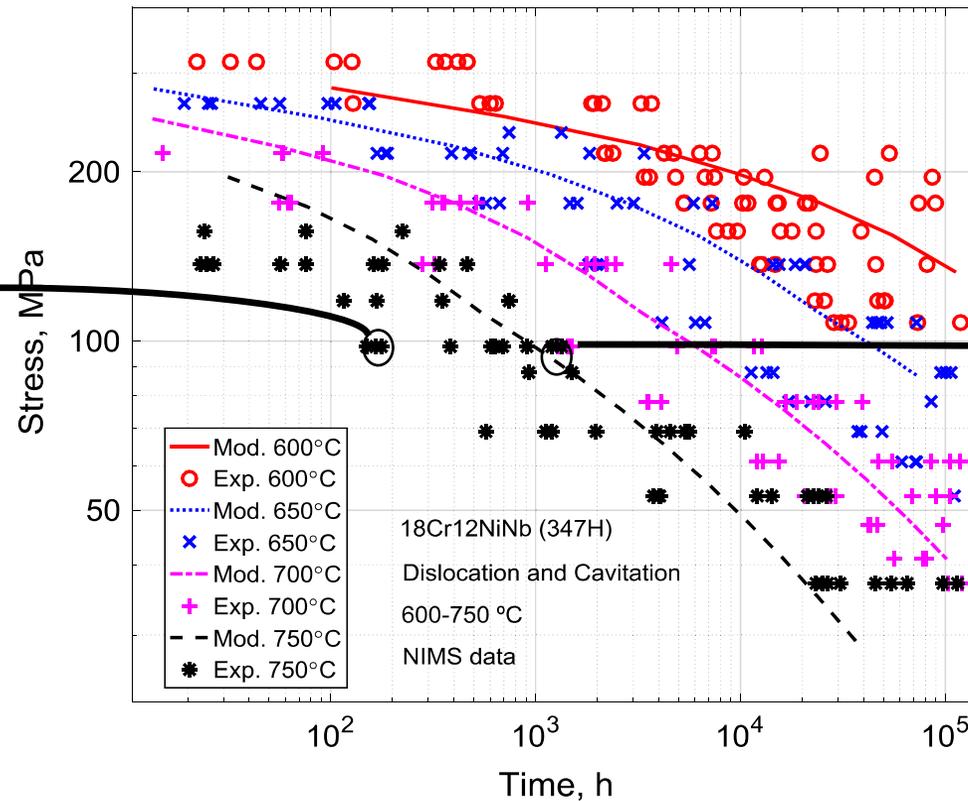
Lifetime predictors: state of the art

- No account for the materials' microstructure.
- Effect of composition (B)
- Cannot be used for extrapolation
- No account for multiaxial loading effects..

$$P_{LM}(\sigma) = [C_{LM} + \log_{10}(t_R)]T$$

(Larson Miller law)

P_{LM} : stress function
 C_{LM} : constant
 σ : effective stress
 T : temperature
 t_R : time to rupture

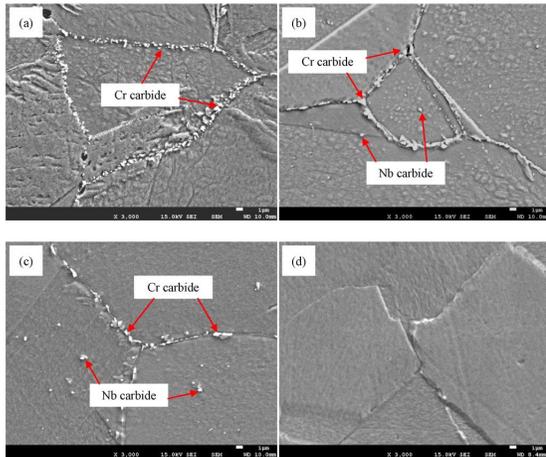


Uncertainty associated with performance of metals:

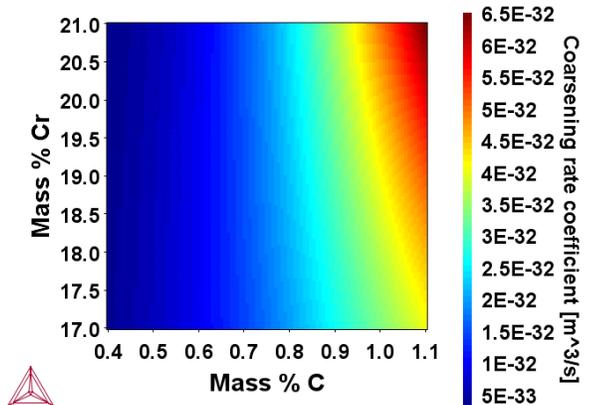
Model form
Parametric
Epistemic (composition, microstructure).
Experimental conditions

Microstructure?

Composition?

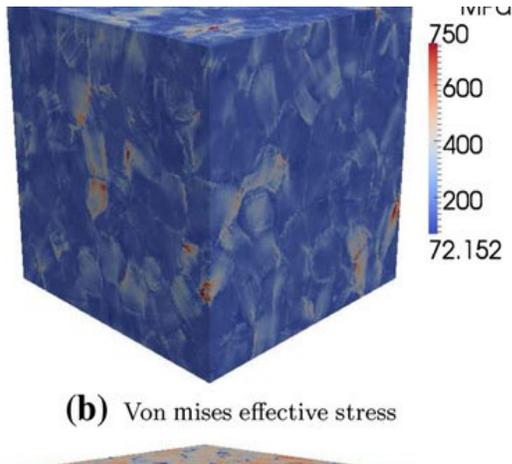


(Nb,Cr)C coarsening rate as a function of [C] and [Cr] - steel 347H



Mechanistic models can be used to relate composition, microstructure and creep response

A polycrystal model for the creep response of austenitic and ferritic steels can be used to assess the effects of microstructure on performance



Classical Norton-Bailey model, $\dot{\epsilon}^{SS} = A \exp\left(-\frac{Q}{kT}\right) \sigma^n$

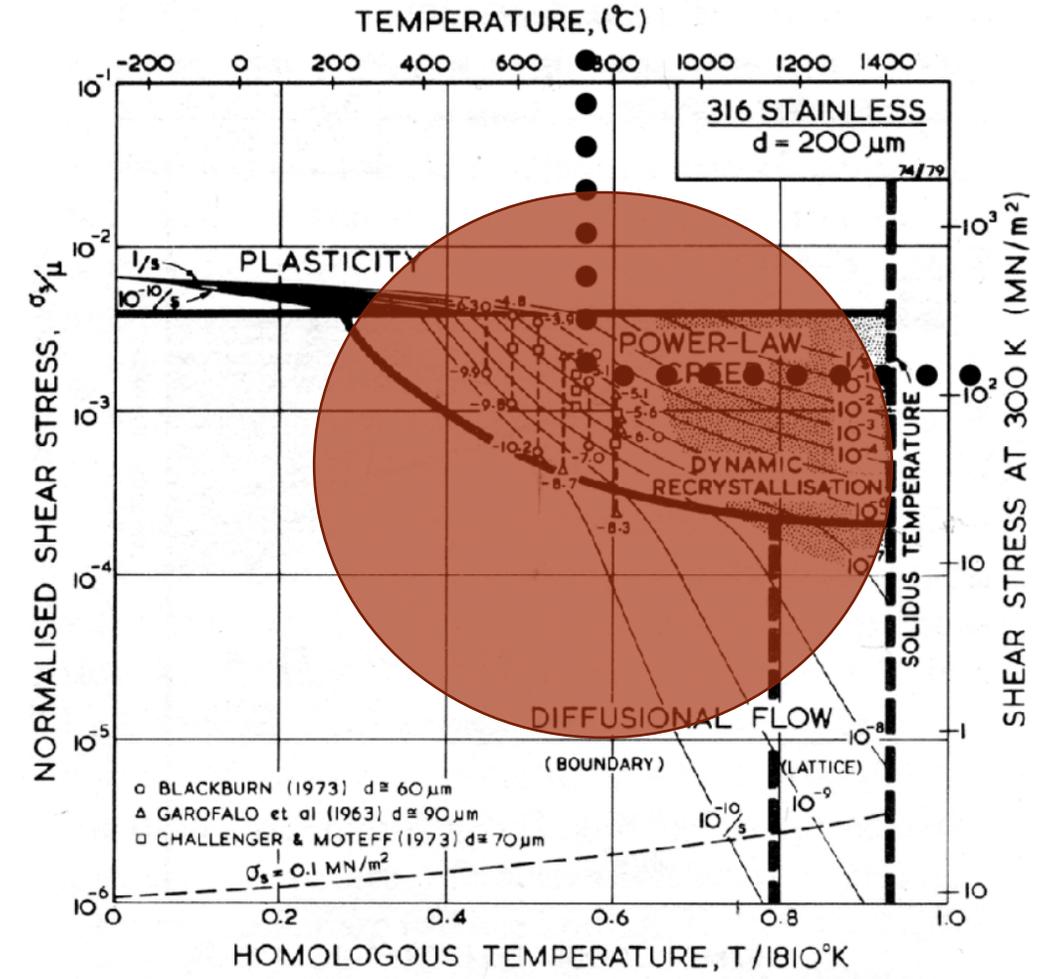
Modified BMD model: $\dot{\epsilon}^{SS} = \frac{DEb}{kT} \left(\frac{\sigma - \sigma^{th}}{E}\right)^n \left(\frac{b}{d}\right)^p$

G. Potirniche et al., NEUP project 09-835, final report (2009)

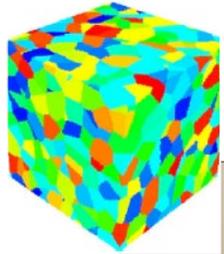
Creep model accounts solutes and precipitates

$$\dot{\epsilon}^{SS} = \frac{\pi\Omega kT}{(\alpha GM)^2} \sigma^3 (A(\sigma - \sigma_p)^2 + B(\sigma - \sigma_p) + C) \times \left[\frac{D_{sol} D_L}{2\pi c_0 \ln\left(\frac{r_2}{r_1}\right) D_L + (bkT)^2 \ln\left(\frac{c^*}{c_0}\right) D_{sol}} \right]$$

Fernandez et al., Advanced Engg Mater, 22 (2020) 1901355

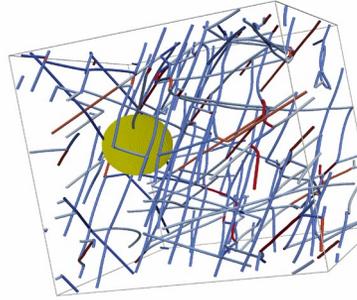


Scientific gaps in relating microstructure composition and performance



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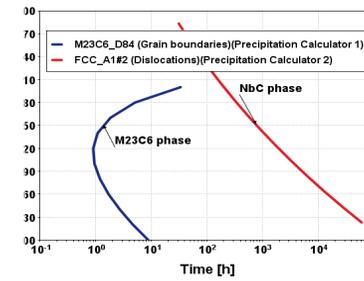
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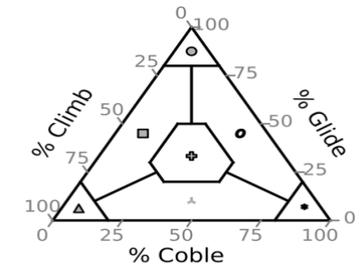
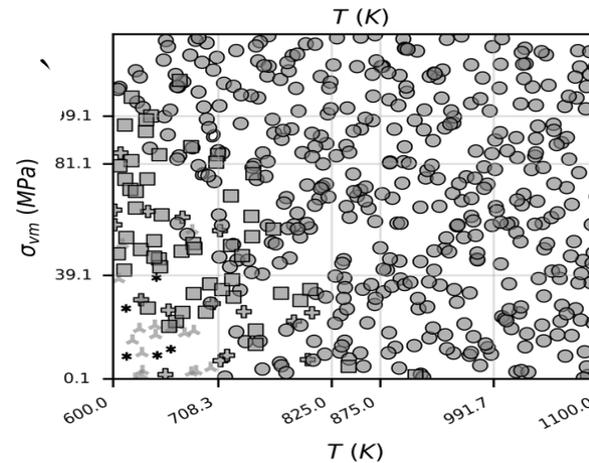
Polycrystal simulations (VPSC, EVP-FFT)

Mechanical tests and microstructure characterization, making new materials

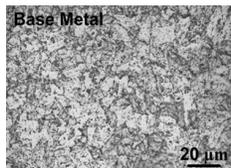
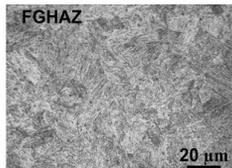


Database generation

Surrogate model

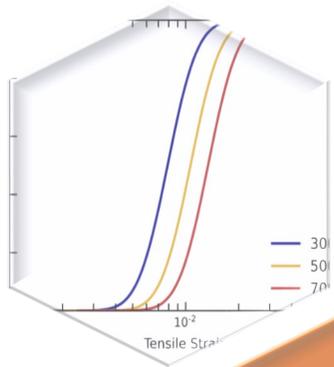


$$\dot{\epsilon}_{vm}(\bar{\rho}_{cell}, \bar{\rho}_w, \epsilon_{vm}) = \sum_{c,w,\epsilon,\sigma,T,\varphi=0}^{degree} \alpha_{cwe\sigma T\varphi} P_c(\bar{\rho}_{cell}) P_w(\epsilon_{vm})$$

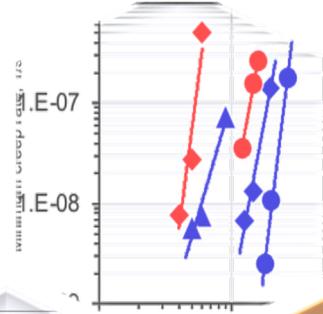


Pandey et al., Arch Civil Mech Eng, 19 (2019) 297-310

Scientific advances allowing to relate microstructure, composition and performance



Cavity nucleation model: mechanism and microstructure sensitivity

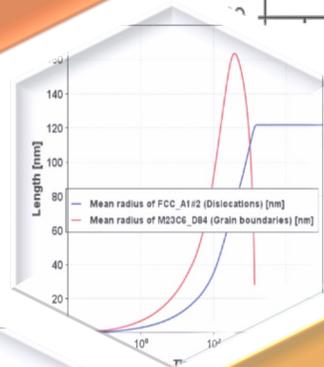


Processed and characterized 12 alloys

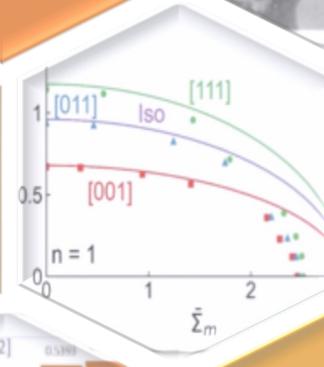


Characterized precipitate formation during anneal as a function of composition

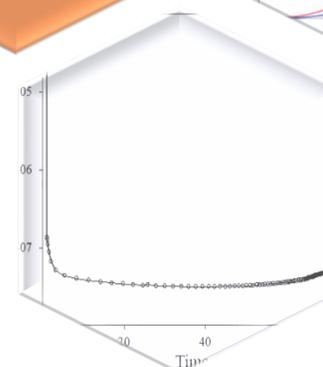
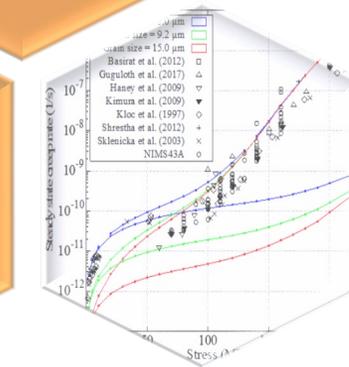
Predicted the kinetics of concurrent precipitation and dissolution from DFT and TC-Prisma



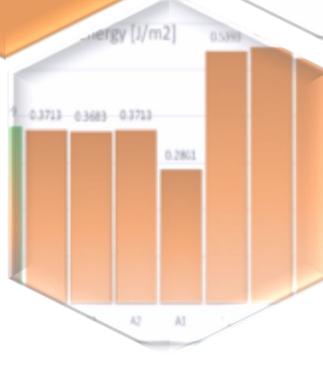
Cavity growth: growth rate under viscoplastic flow



Quantified the role of microstructure on the steady primary and secondary creep response of Gr91

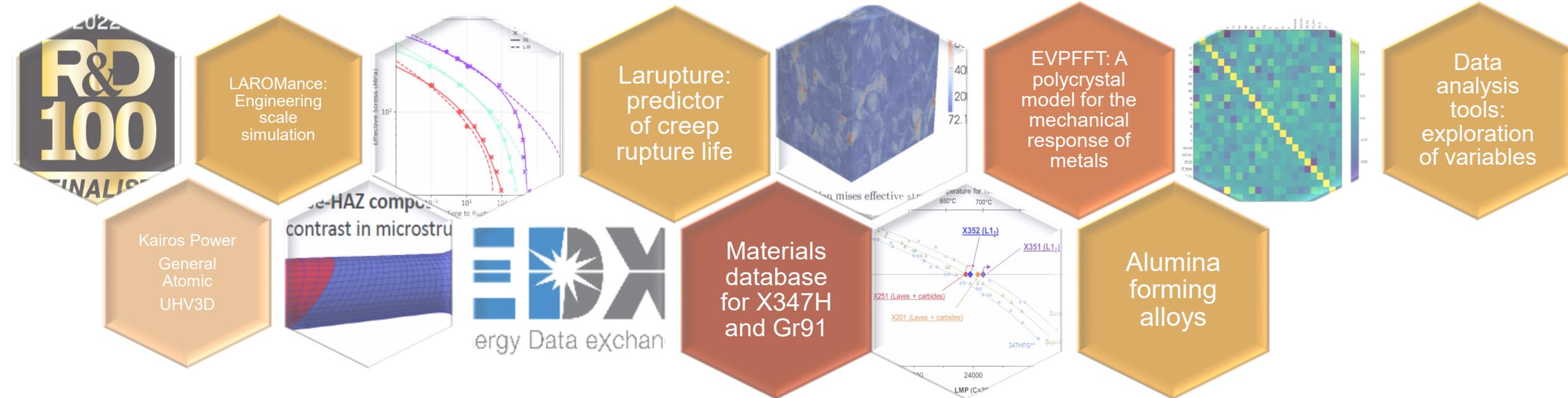


3D model predicting the primary secondary and tertiary creep response of BCC and FCC steels



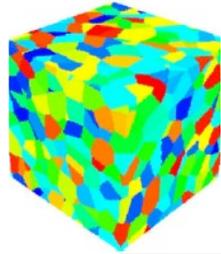
Quantified on the basis of DFT the role of trace elements

eXtremeMAT's tools help bridge the gap between materials science and engineering designs



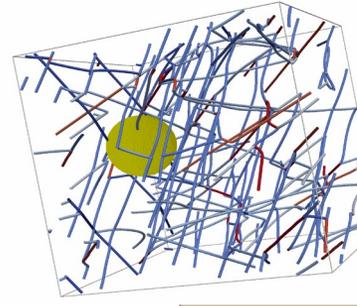
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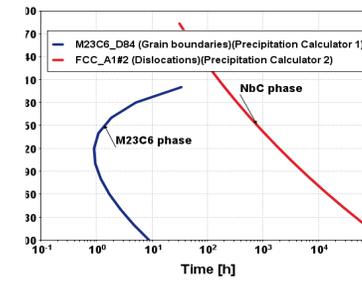
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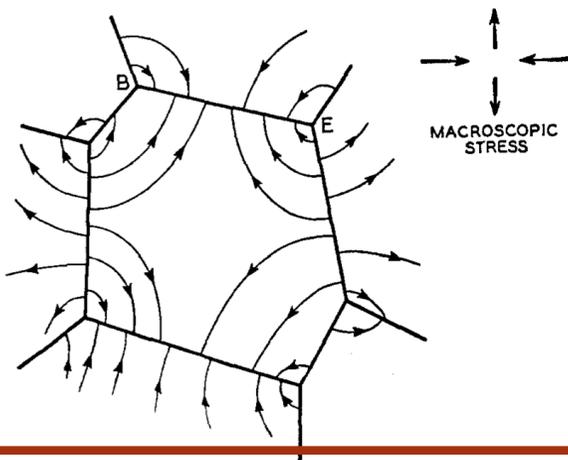
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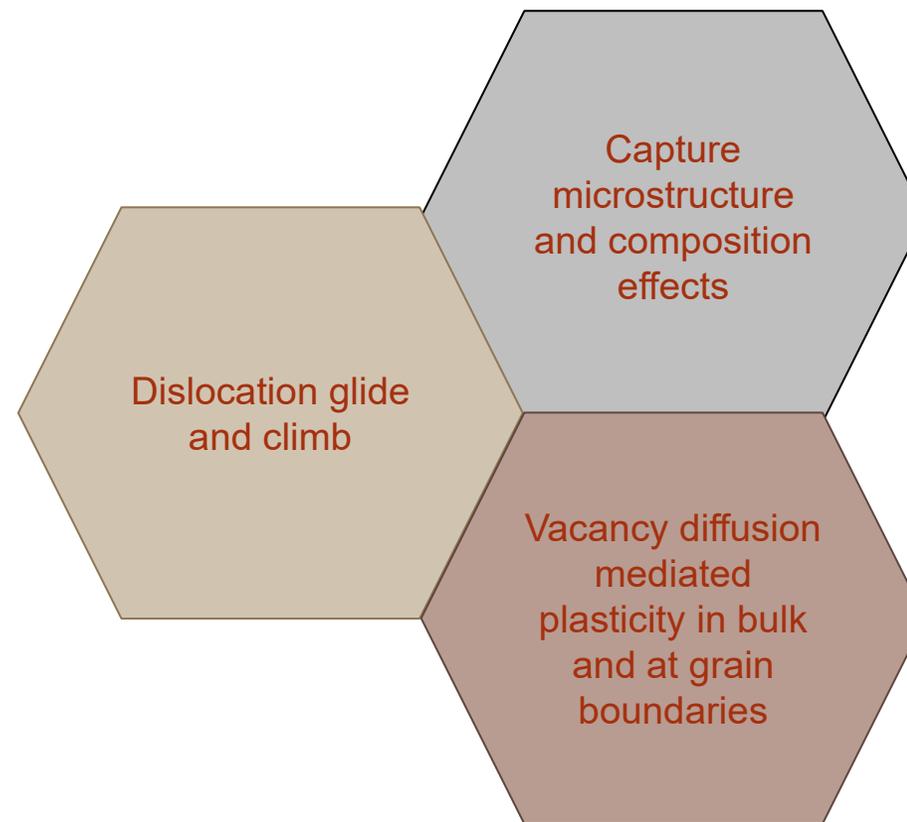
Current models for vacancy mediated plasticity

- No consideration of vacancy field evolution thereby neglecting local effects.
- No Coupling with dislocation climb (i.e. no effects of initial dislocation content due to processing).
- No relation with damage.



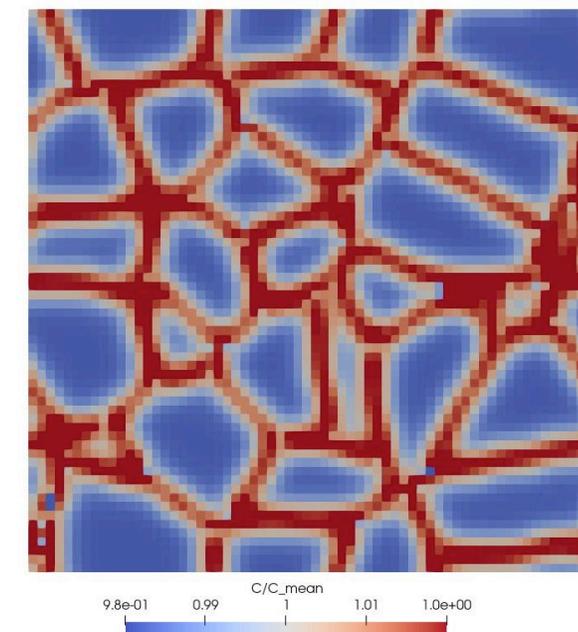
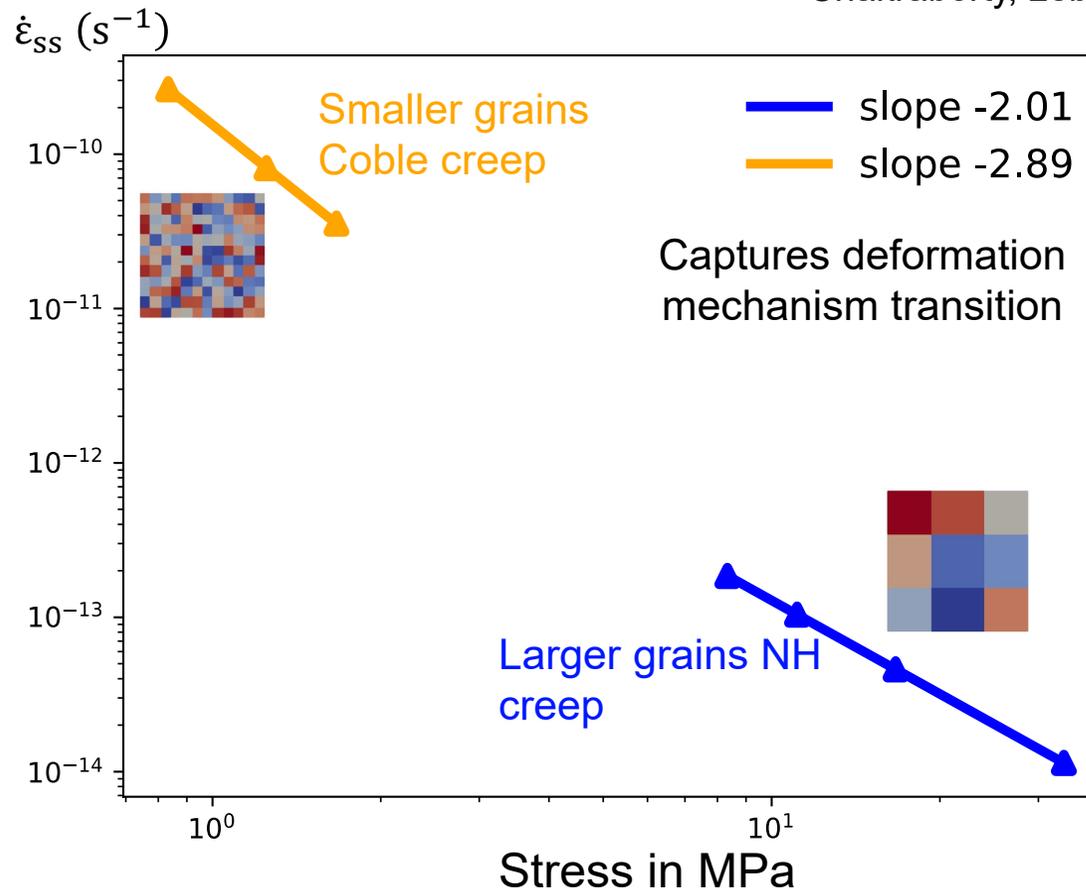
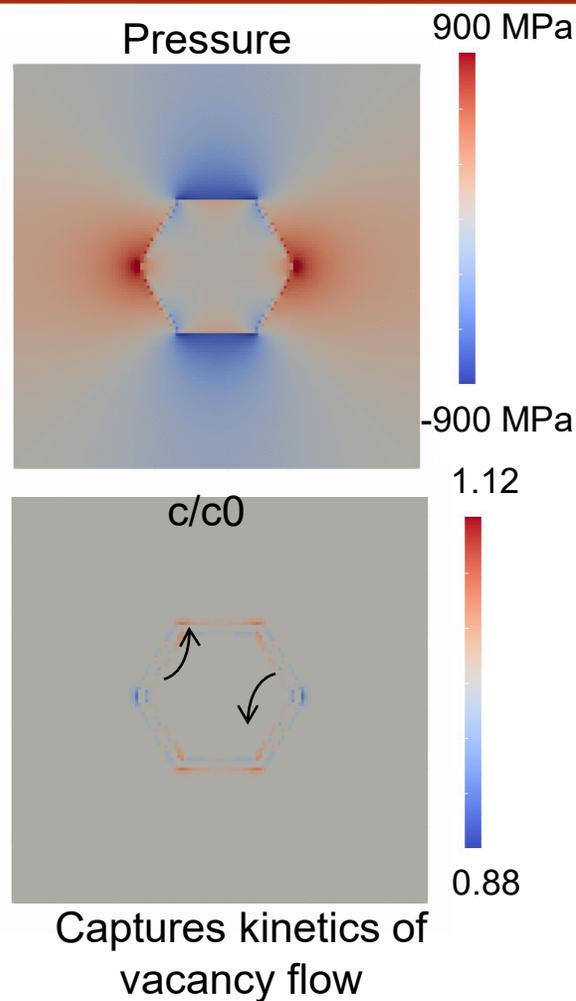
$$\dot{\epsilon}_{NH}^{diff} = \frac{AD_{bulk}\Omega_0\sigma}{kd^2T}$$

ExtremeMAT's approach: Chemo-mechanical plasticity solver



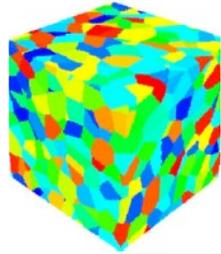
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Chakraborty, Lebensohn, Capolungo, submitted to JMPS 2022



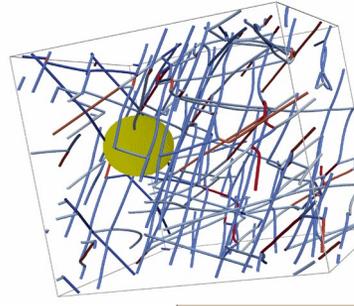
Can possibly predict damage nucleation sites

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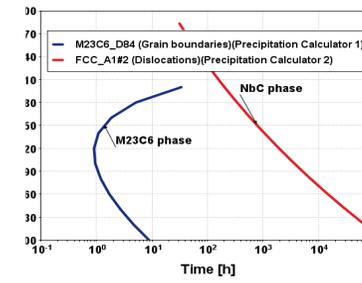
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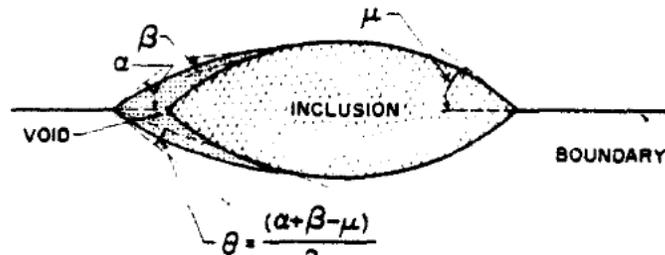
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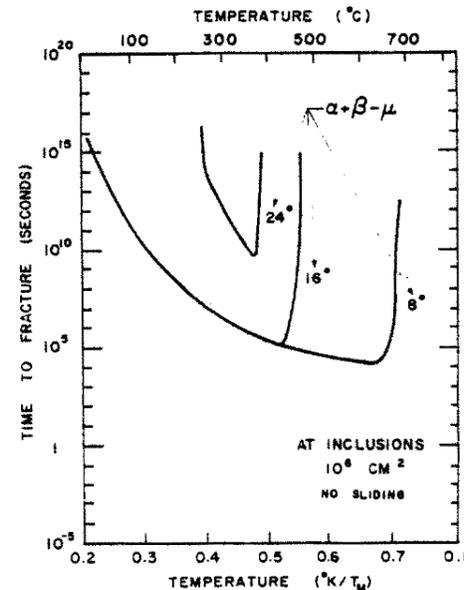
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Most models for cavity nucleation rely on grain boundary sliding

- Cannot explain cavities on boundaries normal to the tensile axis (which are common) or in alloys which are stabilized against sliding
- For this reason, empirical models are usually used instead



(e) The time-to-rupture curves have been obtained for the case when a polycrystal is deformed at a constant strain-rate at different temperatures. When no sliding of the boundaries is allowed then void nucleation is possible only when interface energies are comparable to the total surface energy of the void being created. These conditions may be met at non-wetting or almost non-wetting inclusions.



Empirical models

For void nucleation, the criterion from Chu and Needleman is used:

$\dot{n}_{0 \rightarrow a} = F_{\epsilon} (\epsilon^p) \epsilon_{eq}^p$ } Assumption: Voids nucleate by a distribution of local strain

With,

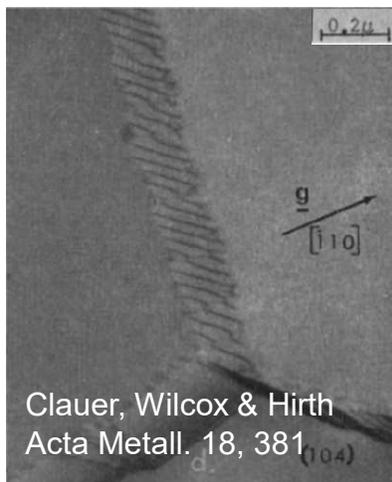
$$F_{\epsilon} (\epsilon^p) = \frac{\dot{n}_{sat}}{\sqrt{2\pi}V_{\epsilon}} \exp\left(\frac{-(\epsilon_{eq}^p - \epsilon_c)^2}{2V_{\epsilon}}\right)$$

\dot{n}_{sat} : saturation number density of voids
 ϵ_c : is the mean critical magnitude for nucleation strain
 V_{ϵ} : statistical variance in critical nucleation strain and stress

R Raj and MF Ashby, Acta Metallurgica 23 (1975) 653

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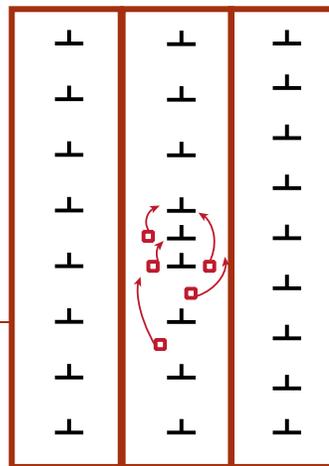
Analytical Models



TEM micrograph of tilt wall formed during creep

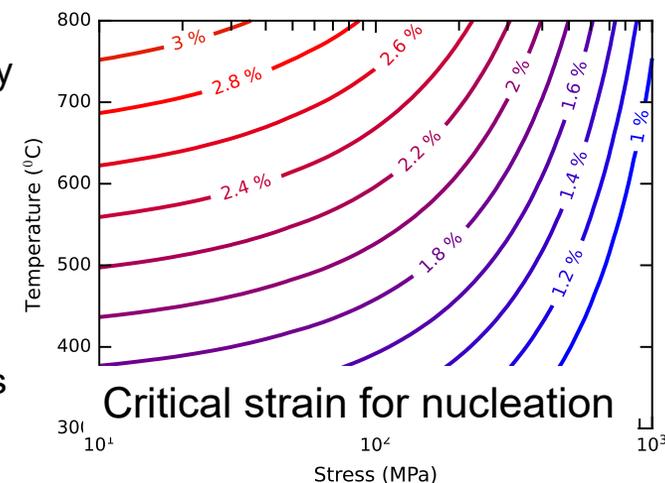
Calculate vacancy supersaturations generated when dislocations are added to the creep sub-structure

Vacancies emitted to equilibrate array when new dislocations are added



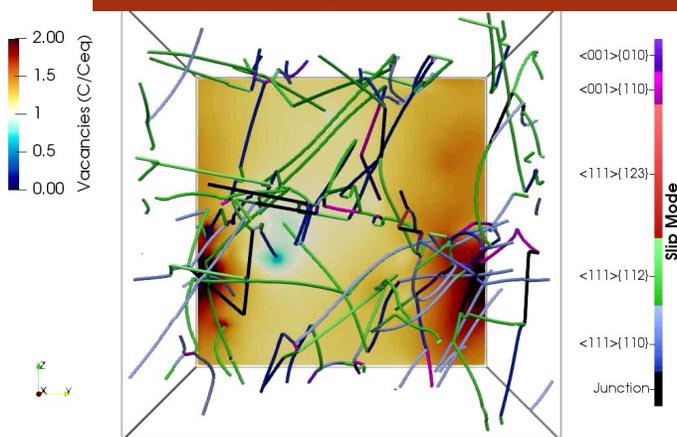
-Vacancy density in the sub-structure increases with strain

-Sufficient to nucleate cavities past ~1-2% strain



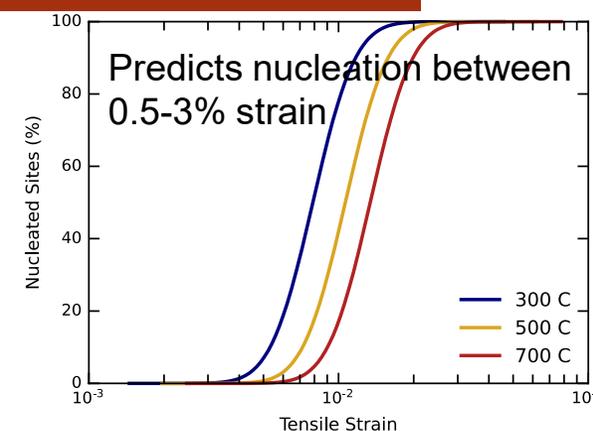
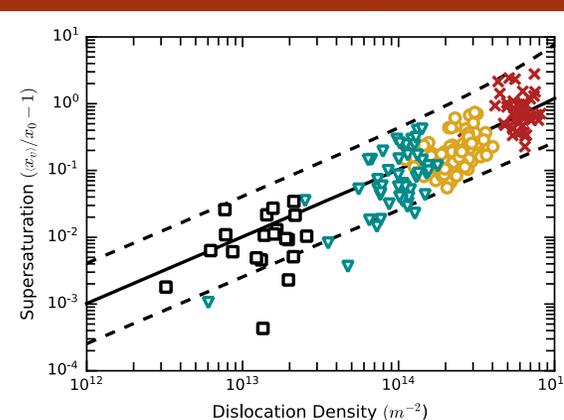
Vacancy supersaturations in dense regions of the substructure lead to cavity formation even at low stress

DDD Simulations

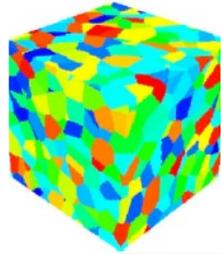


Vacancy concentration around a dislocation network

Supersaturation as a function of dislocation density

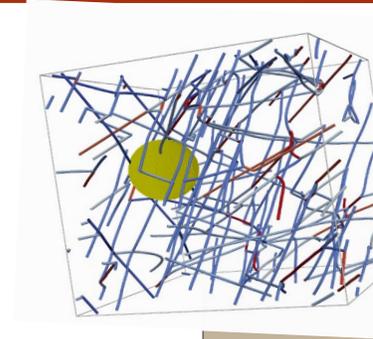


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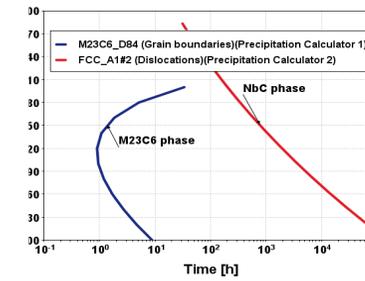
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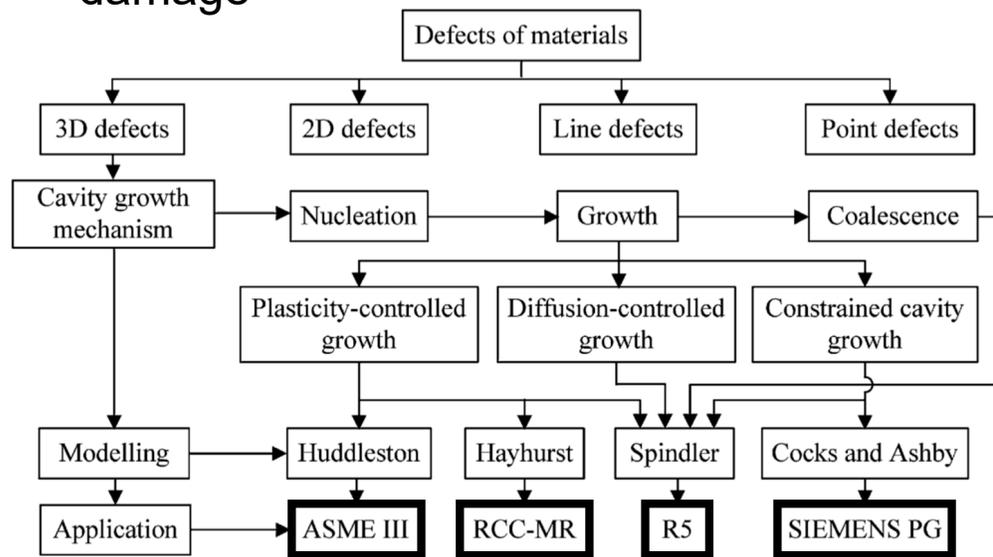
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ExtremeMAT proposed the first mechanistic tertiary creep damage model sensitive to microstructure and to crystal structure.

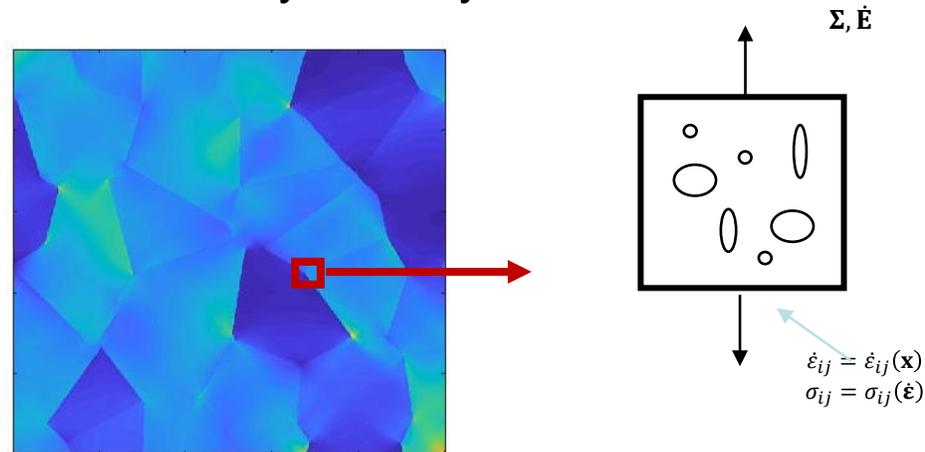
Current damage evolution models are:

- Empirical (e.g. Chaboche) or limited to macroscale with isotropic plastic response
- Independent of microstructure
- Do not account for all modes of growth of damage



eXtremeMAT:

Mechanistic model for damage growth mediated by all likely deformation modes $\Sigma, \dot{\epsilon}$



$$\Psi^s = \frac{\dot{\epsilon}_0 \sigma_0}{n+1} \left(\frac{|\Lambda^s|}{\sigma_0} \right)^{n+1}$$

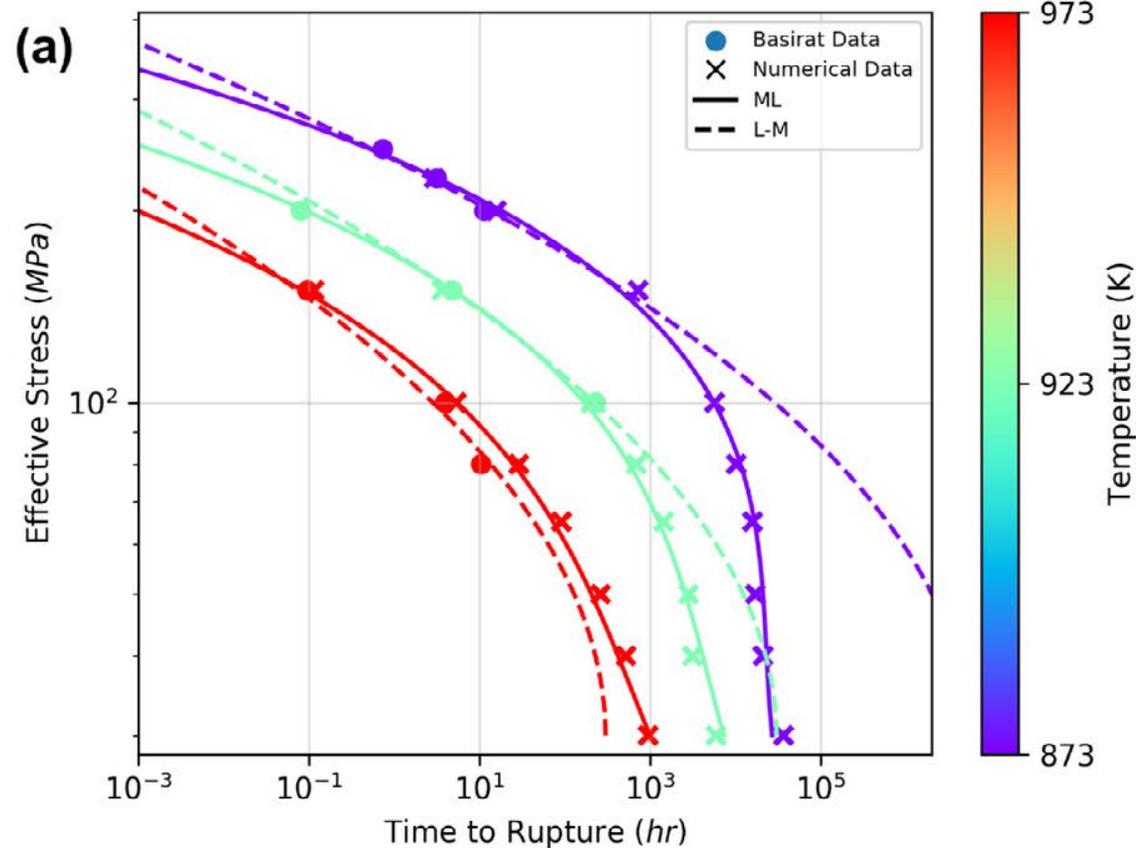
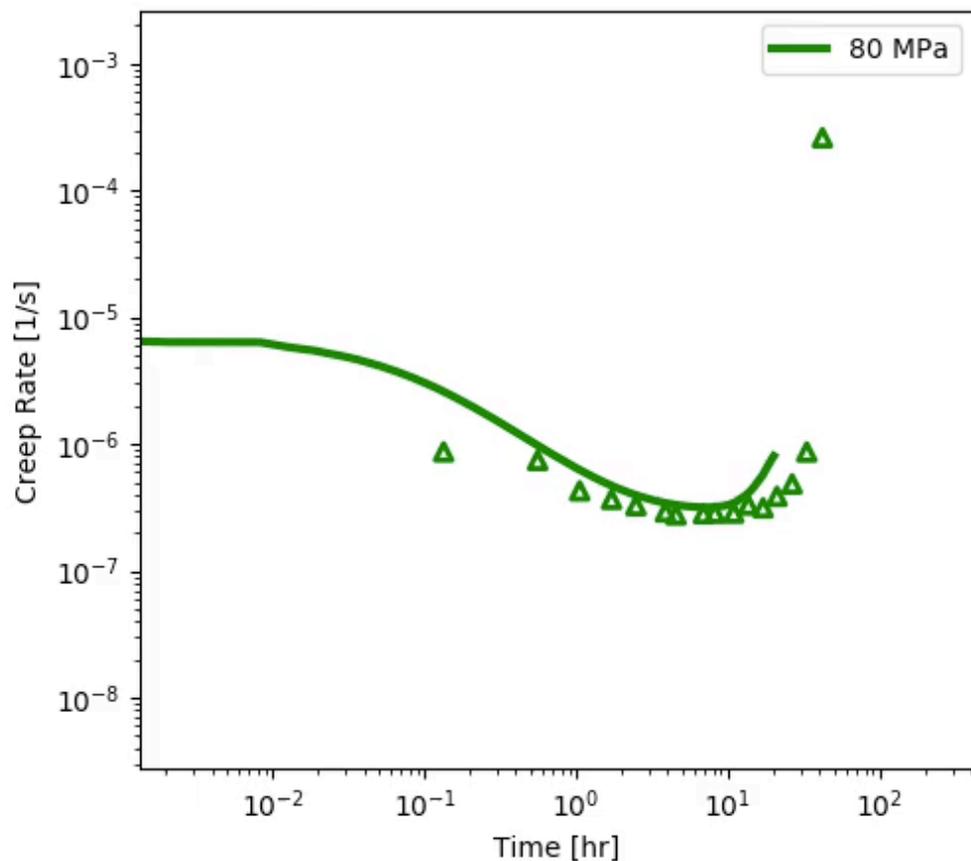
CP-glide

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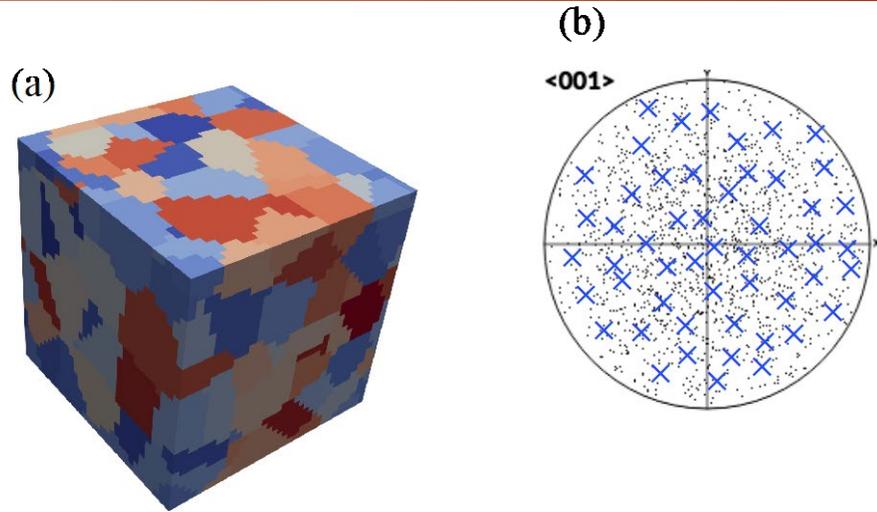
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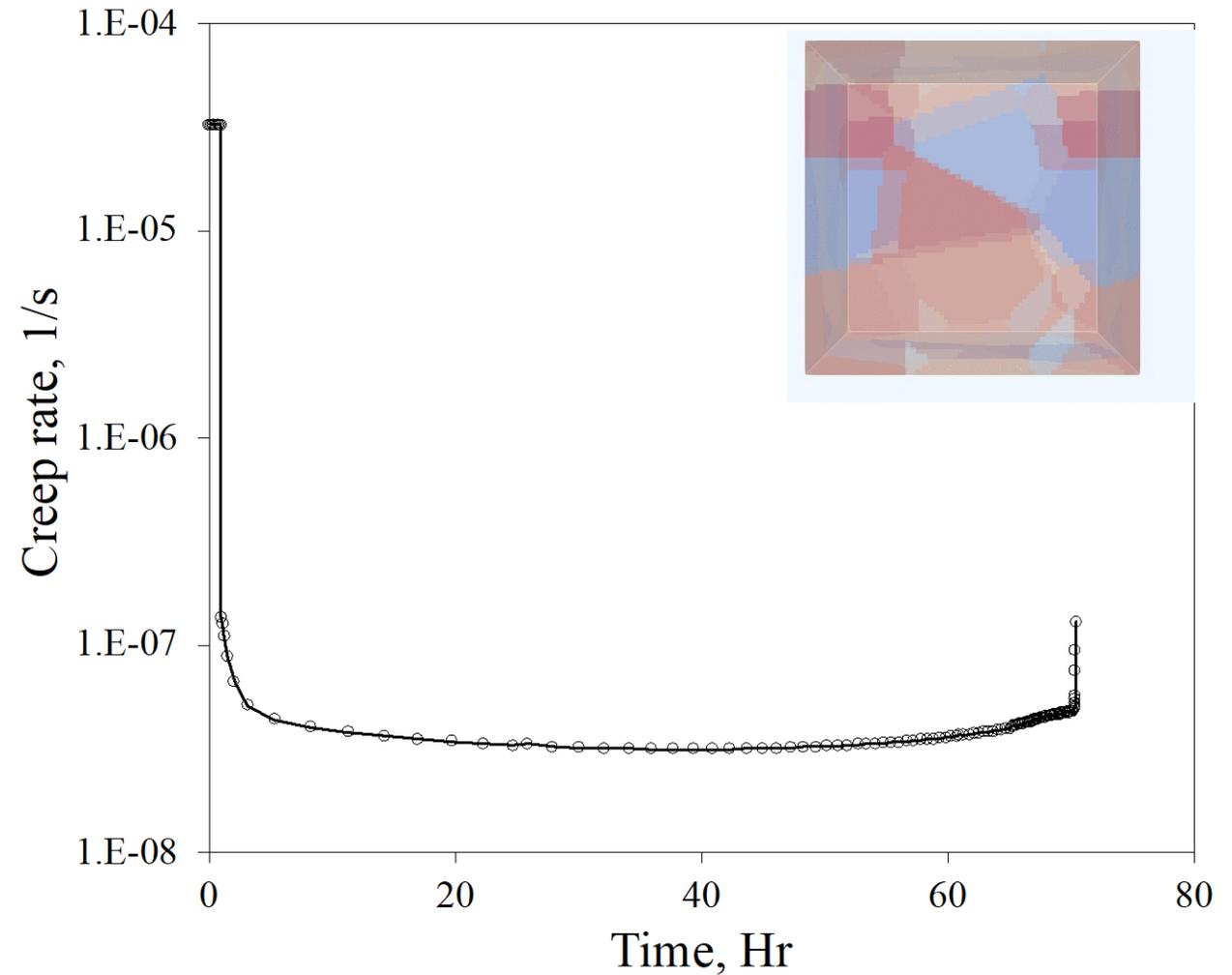


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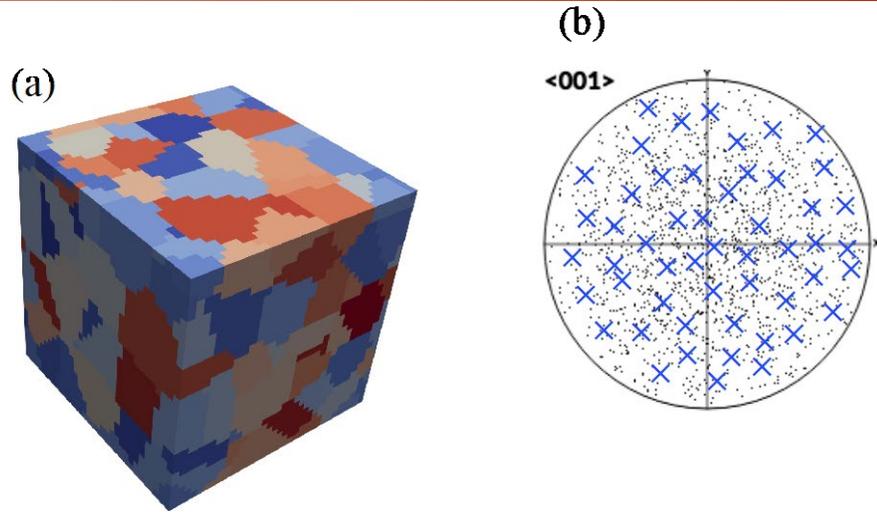
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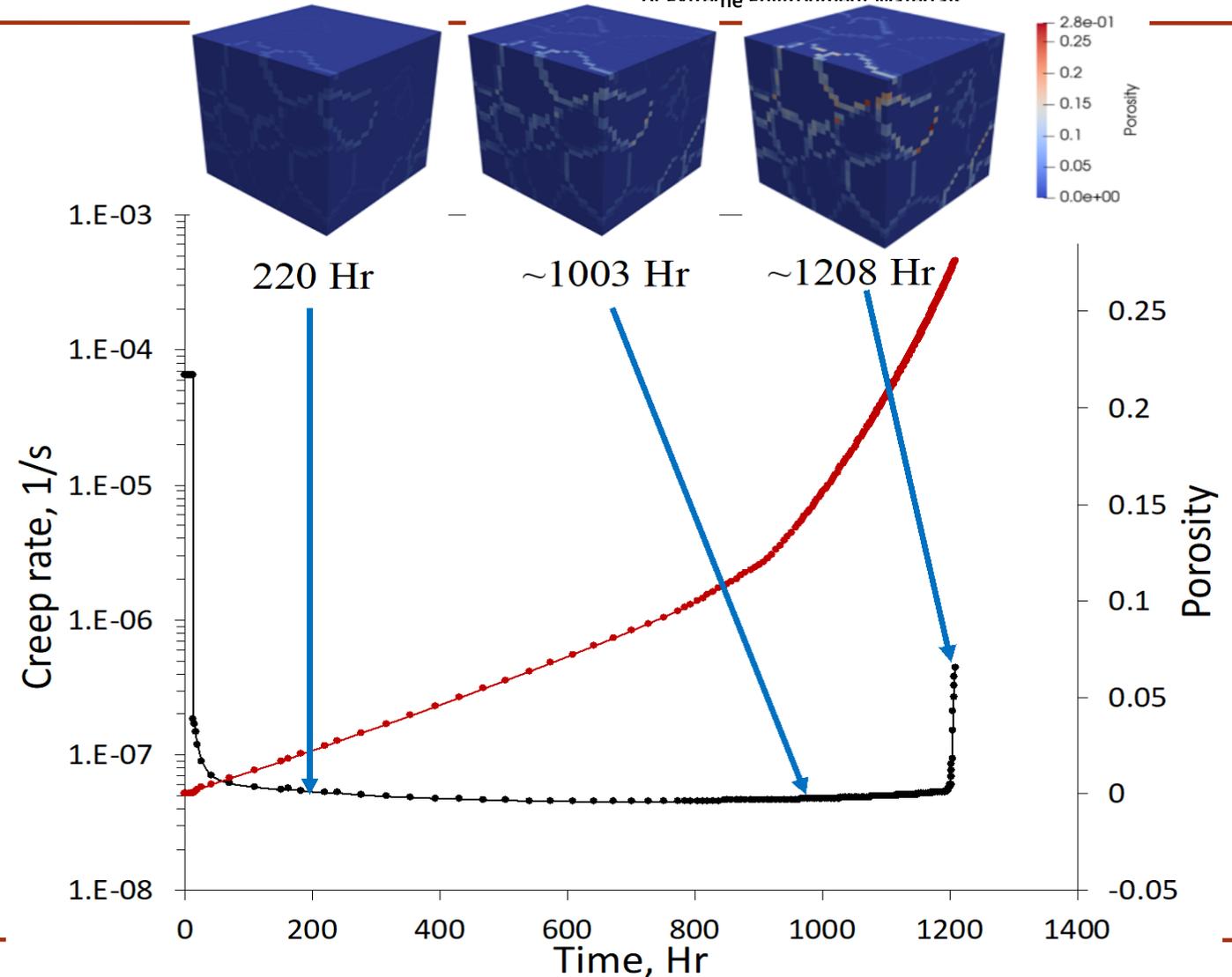
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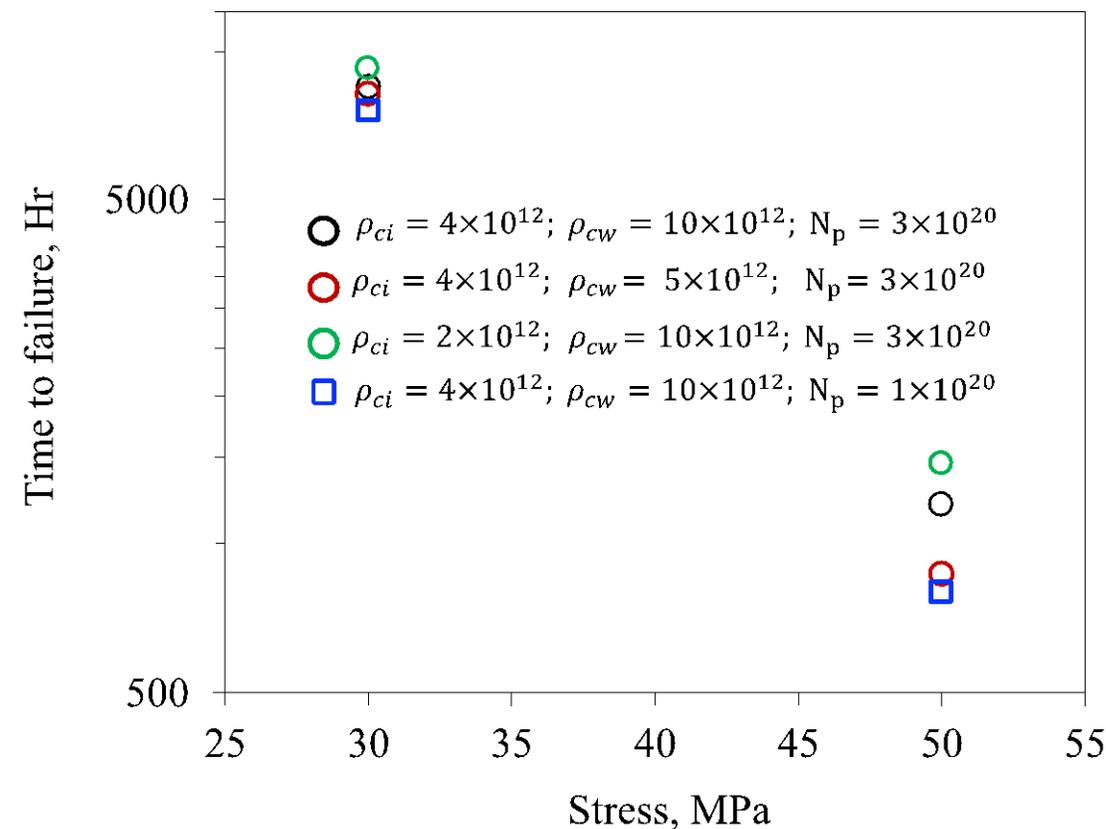
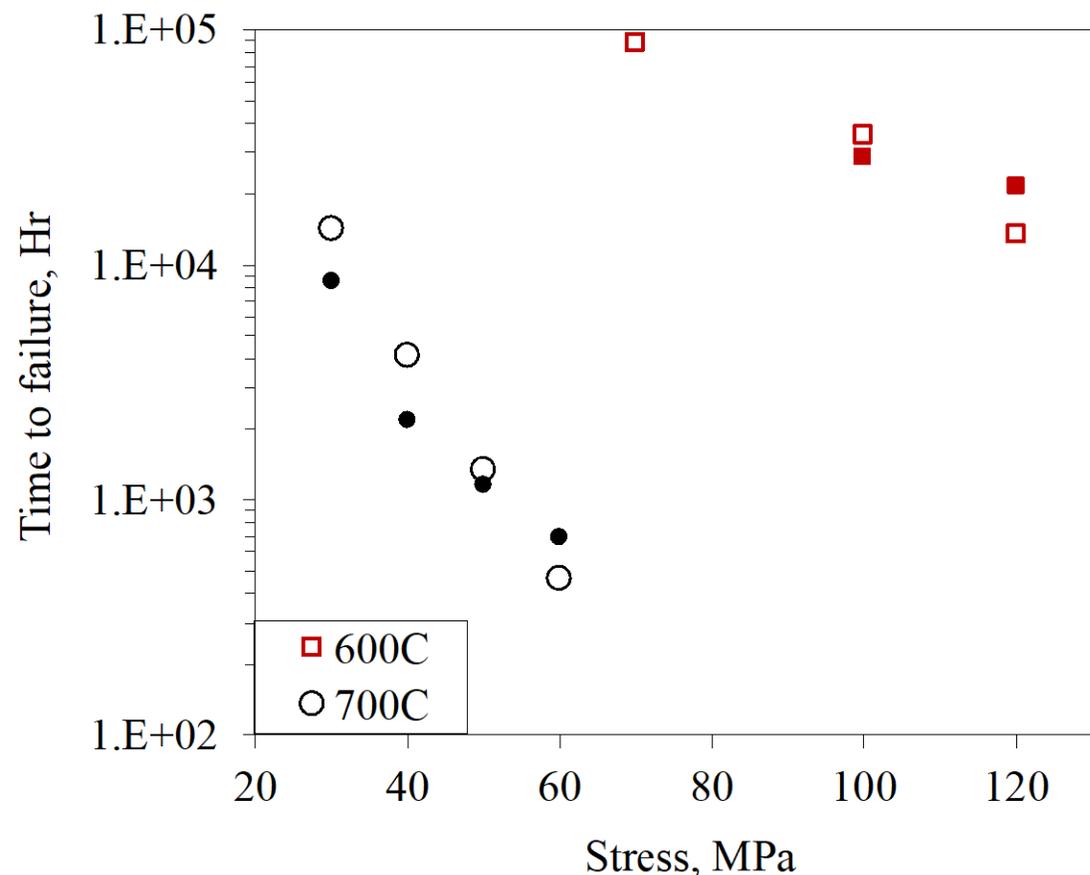


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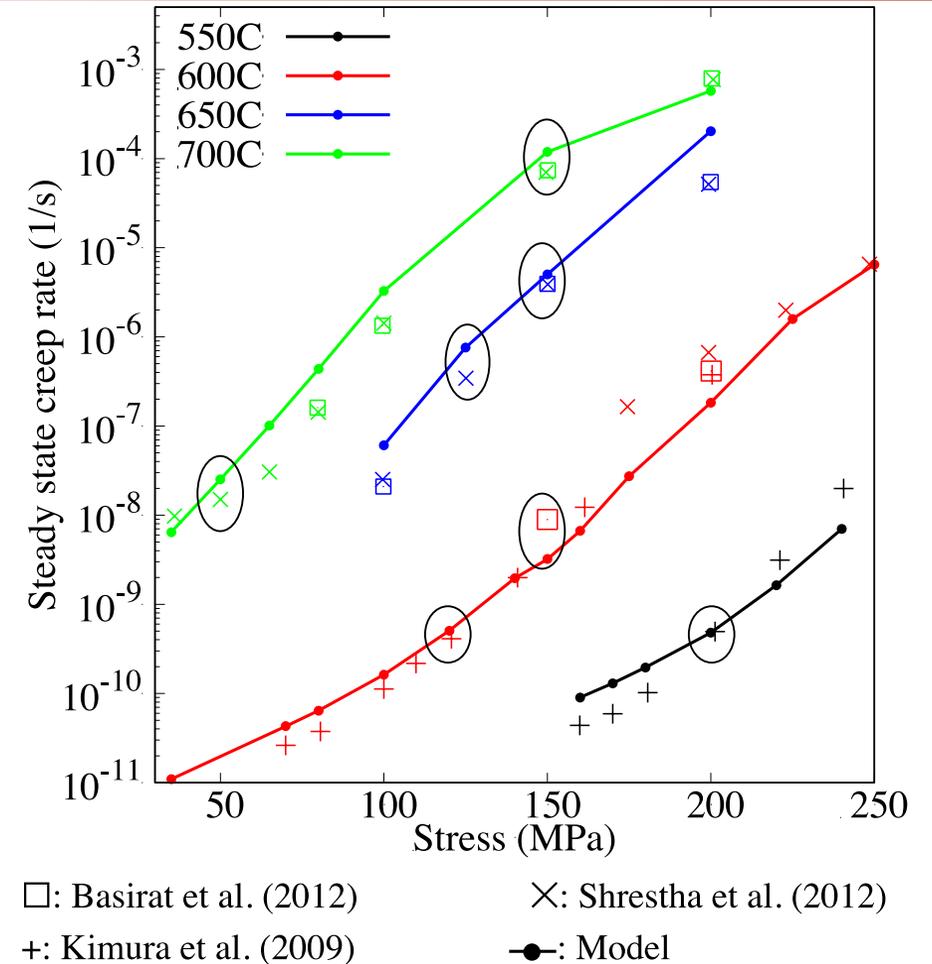
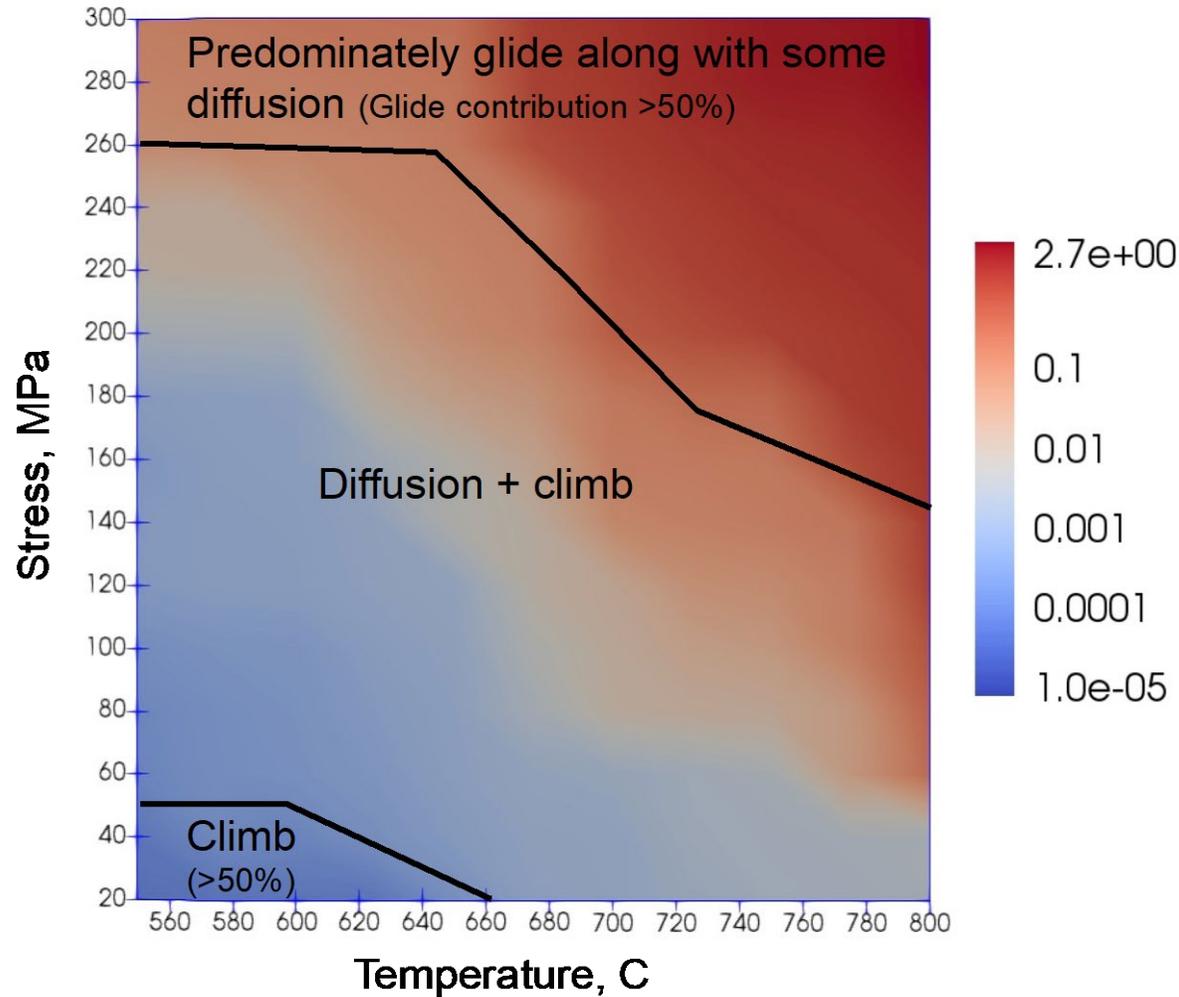
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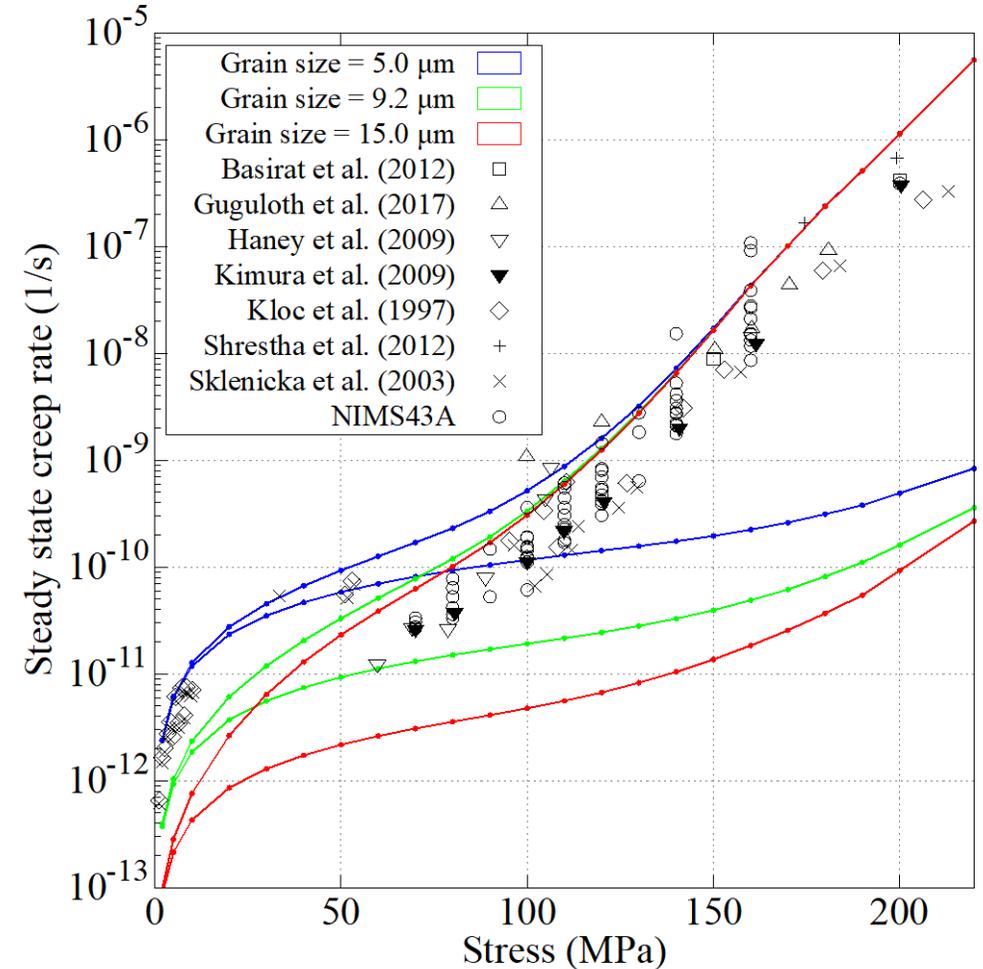
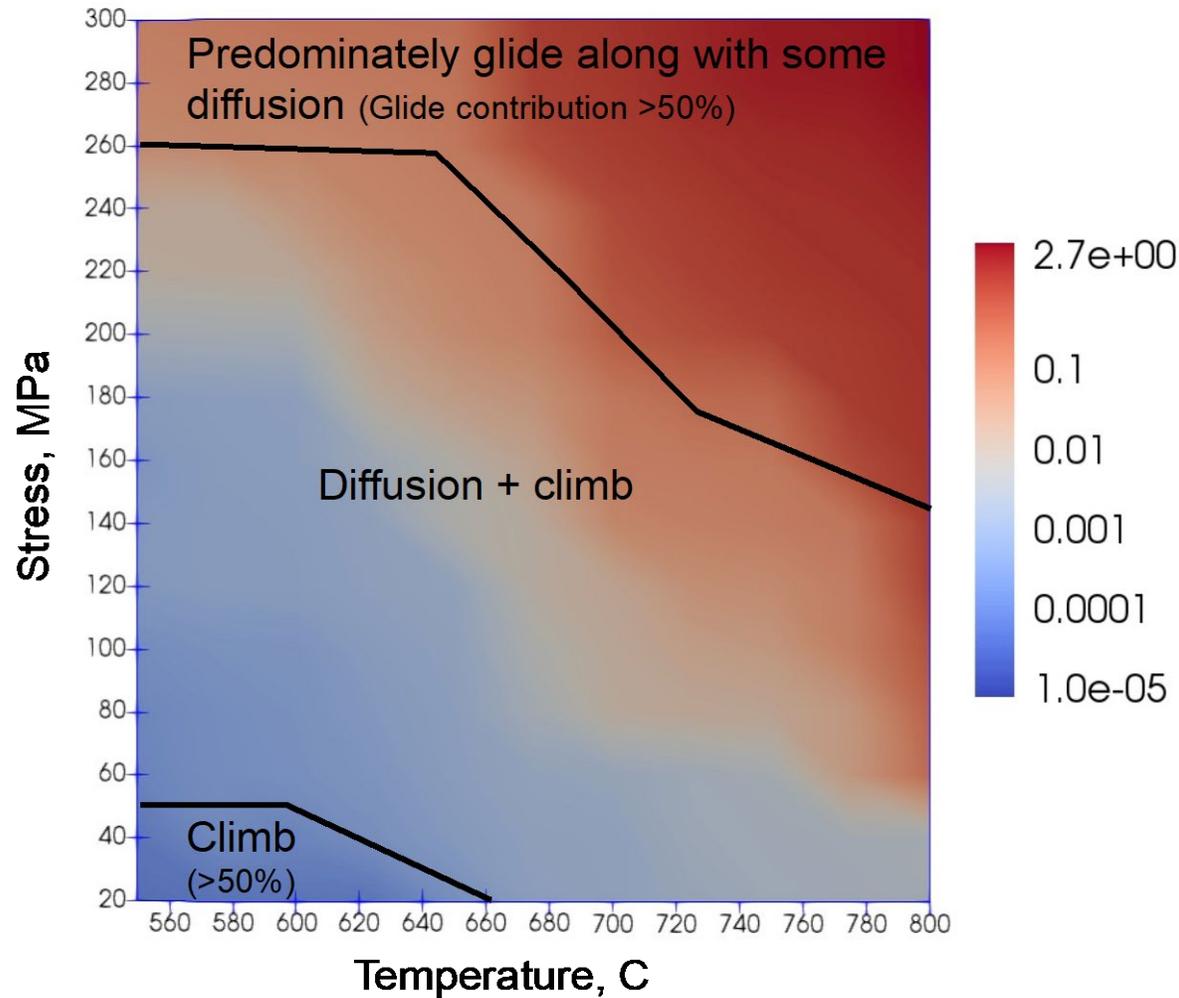
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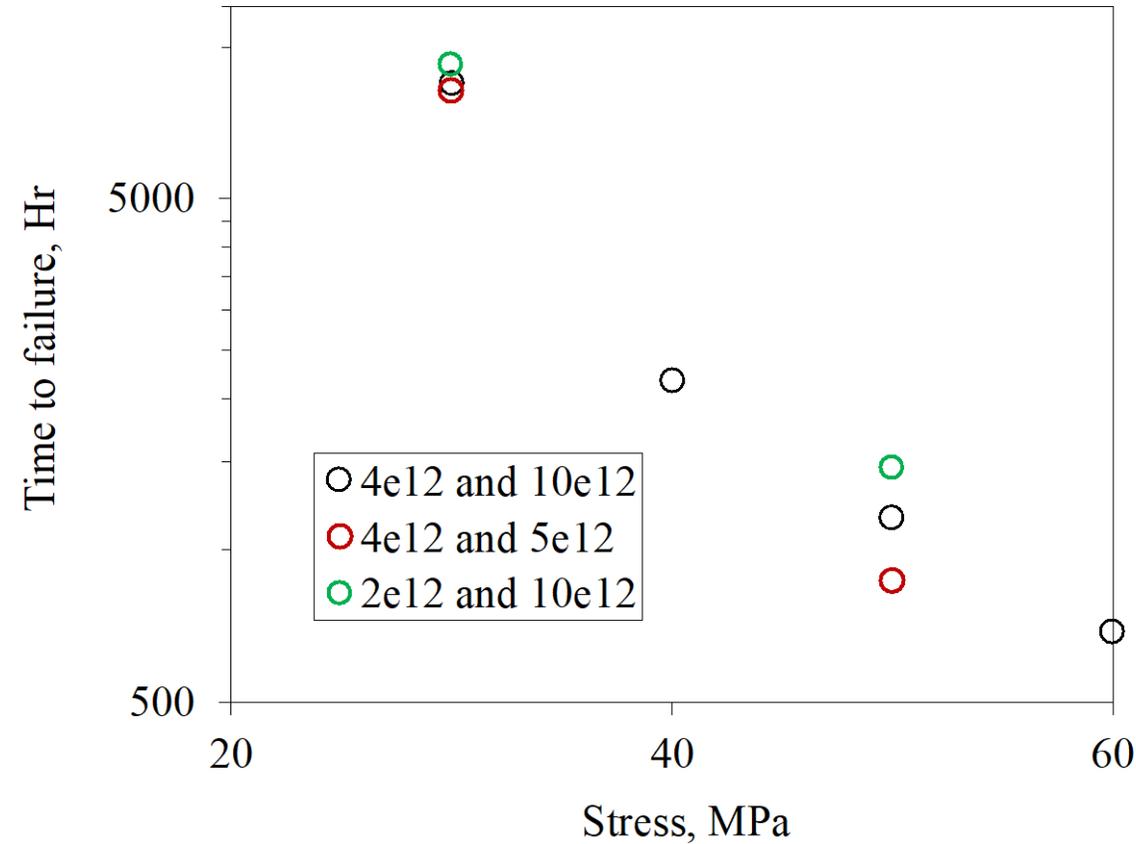
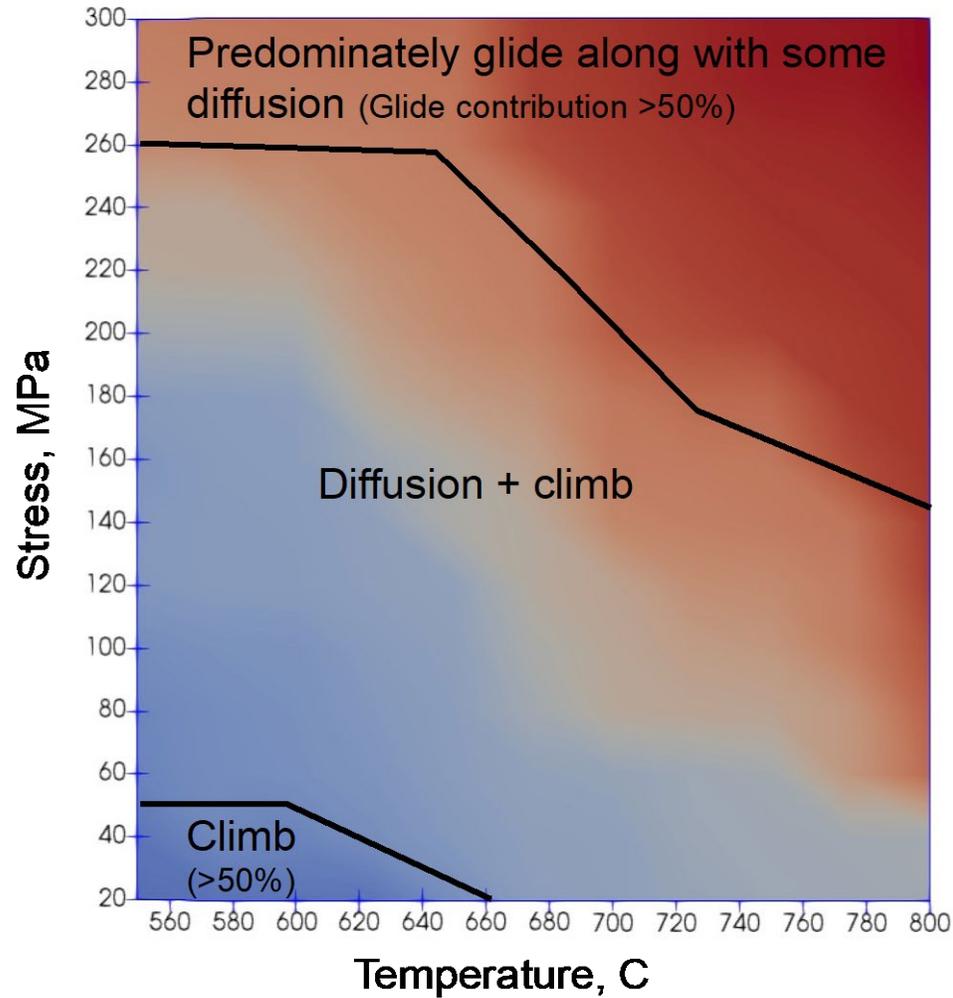
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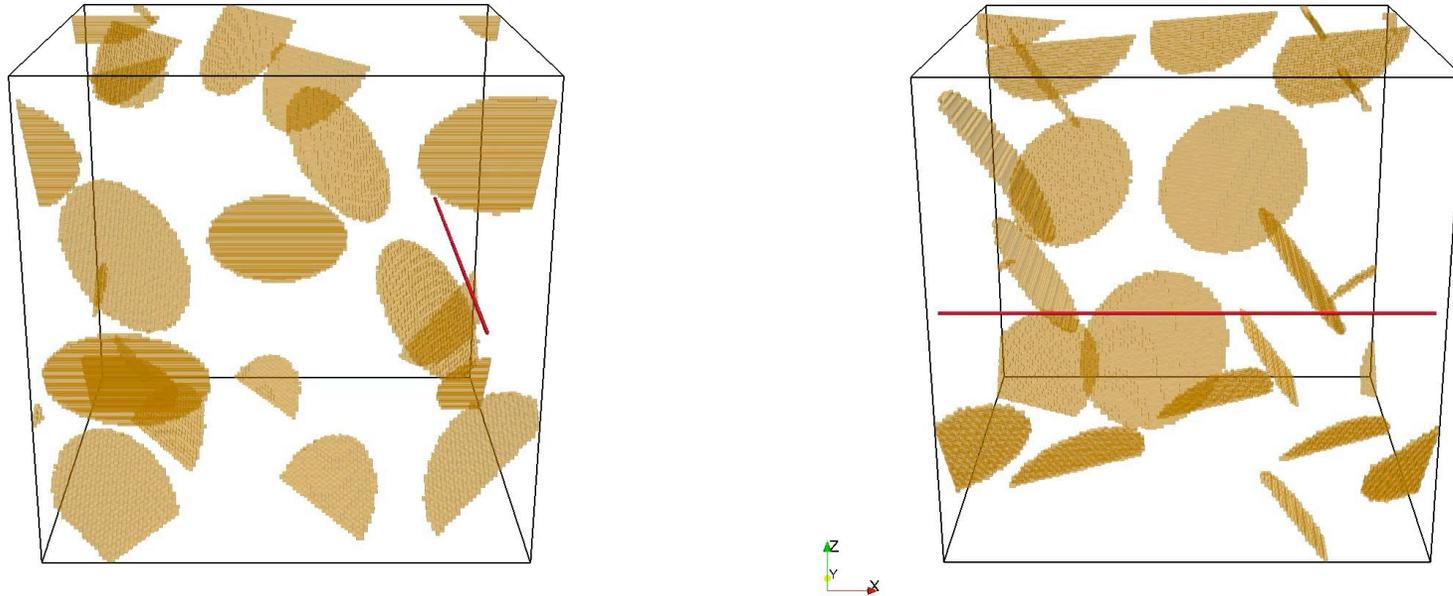


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Quantifying the effects of aging on materials response and proposing routes for material design

Precipitate strengthening



Precipitates are overwhelmingly seen as strengtheners

Dispersed Barrier Hardening: based on mean spacing between defects.

$$\Delta\sigma = \alpha\mu b\sqrt{Nd}$$

Friedel-Kroupa-Hirsch: based on elastic interactions between SIA loops and straight dislocations.

$$\Delta\sigma = \alpha \frac{\mu b^0 R N^{\frac{3}{2}}}{8}$$

Bacon-Kocks-Scattergood: based on random array of spherical obstacles. Includes elastic self-interaction.

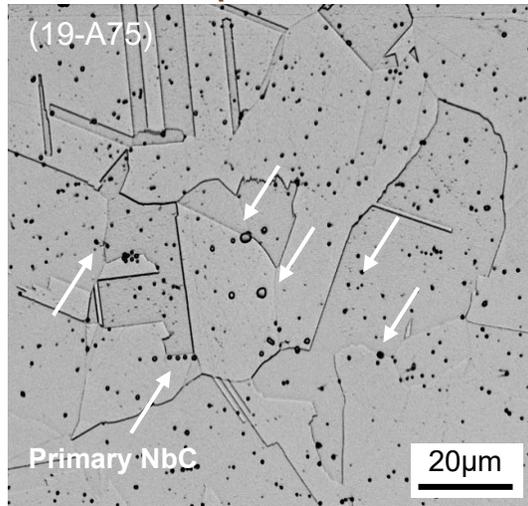
$$\Delta\sigma = \alpha \frac{\mu b}{2\pi L} \left[\ln\left(\frac{L}{b}\right) \right]^{1/2} \left[\ln\left(\frac{d'}{b}\right) + 0.7 \right]^{3/2}$$

R. Santos-Guemes et al. JMPS 2021

Processing, aging and testing different grades of 347H steels to separate solute vs strengthening and trace elements effects



A 347H plate delivered



As-received microstructure (OM)

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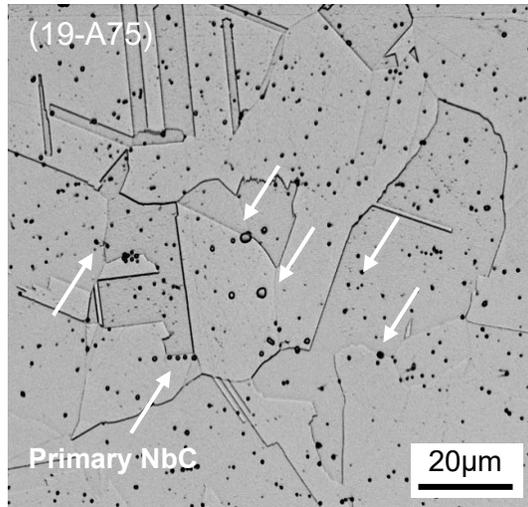
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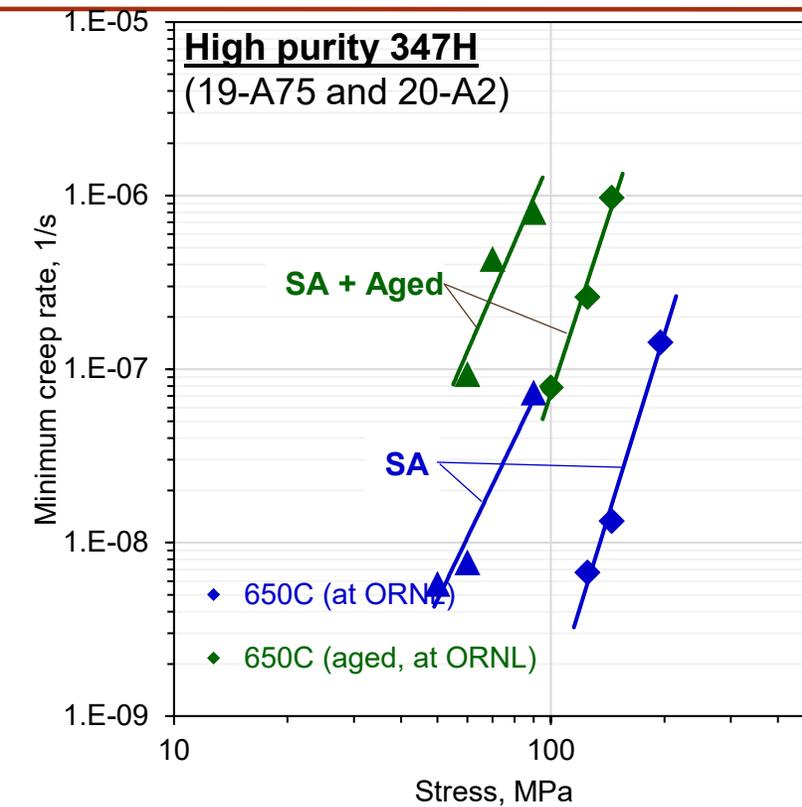
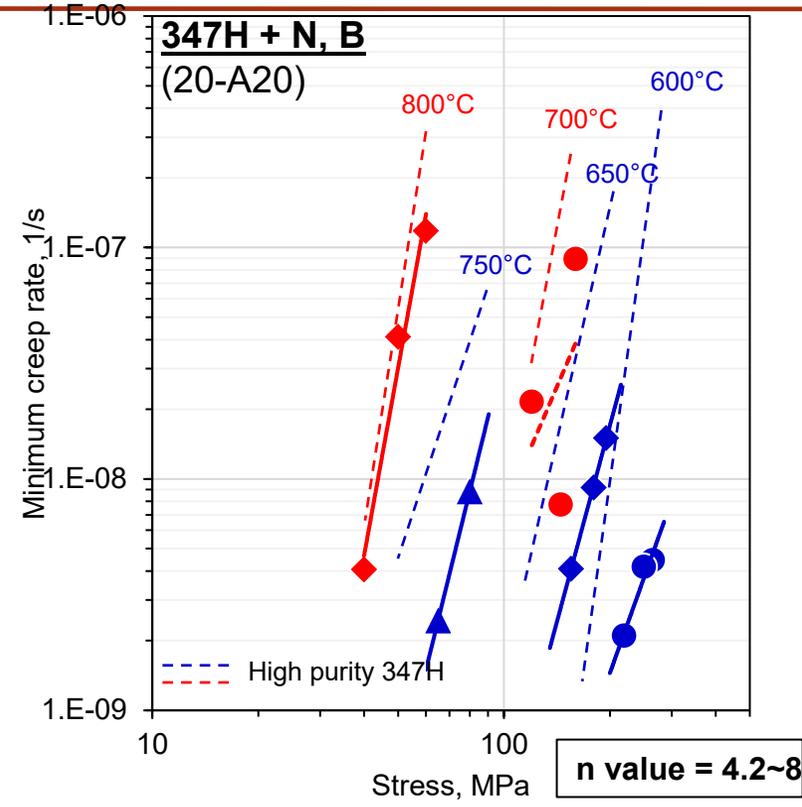
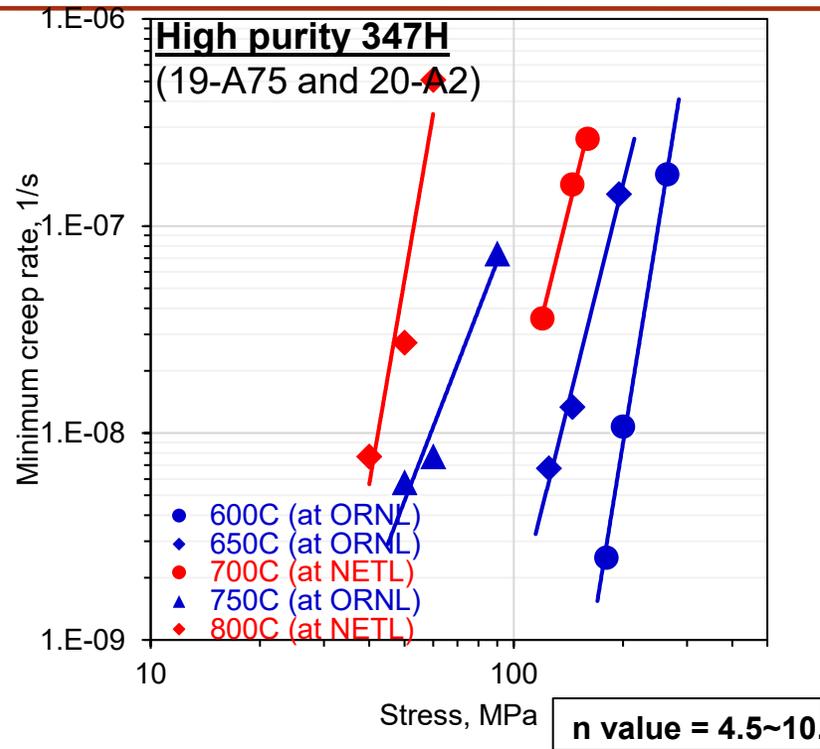
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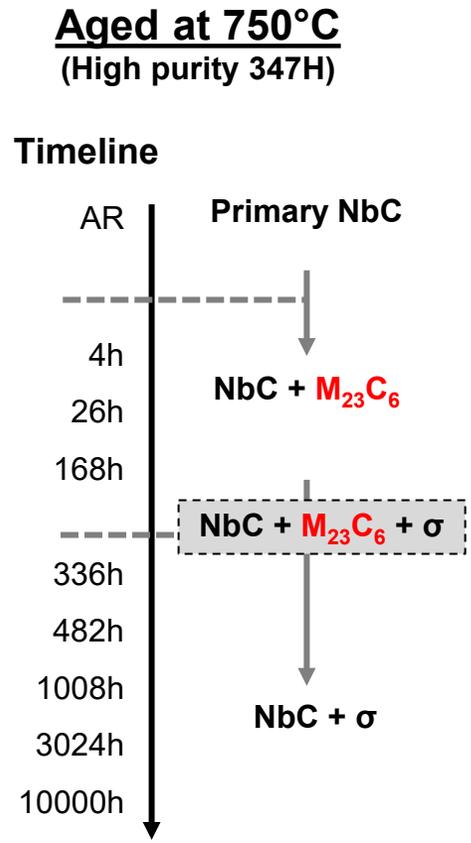
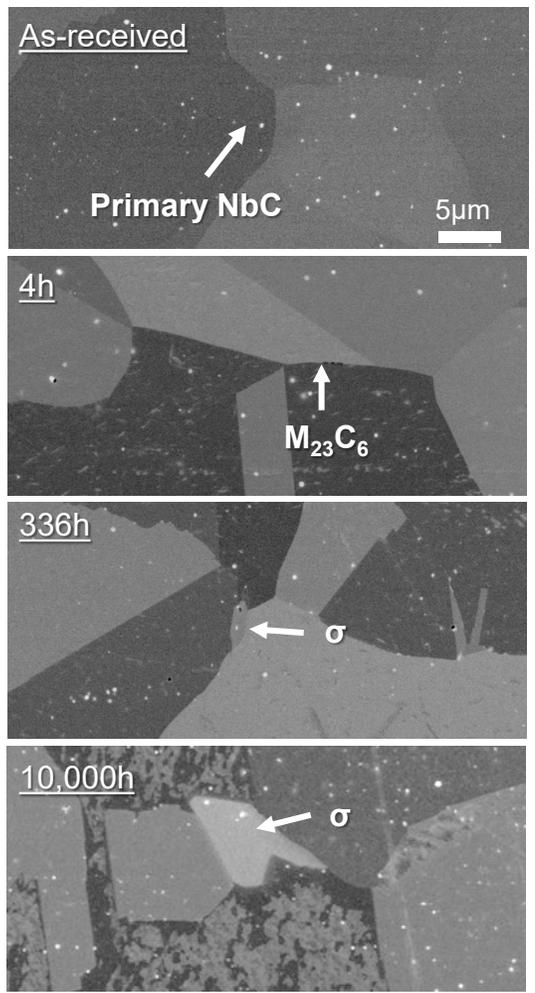
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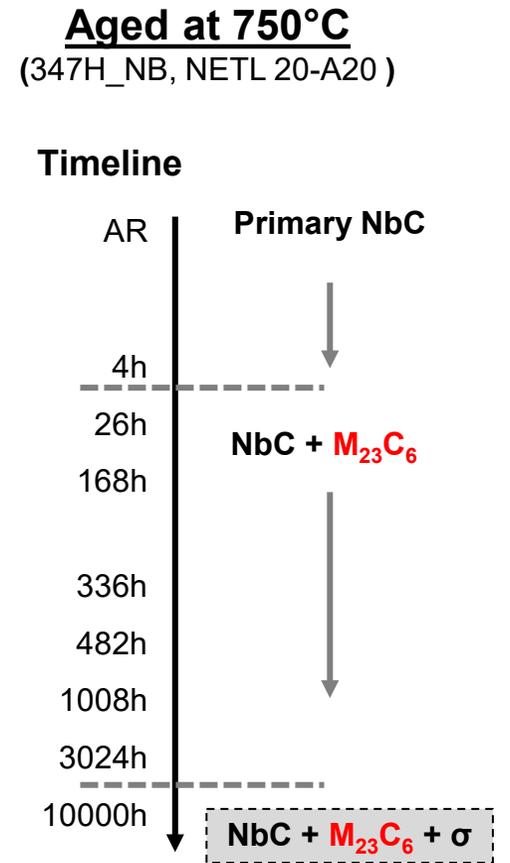
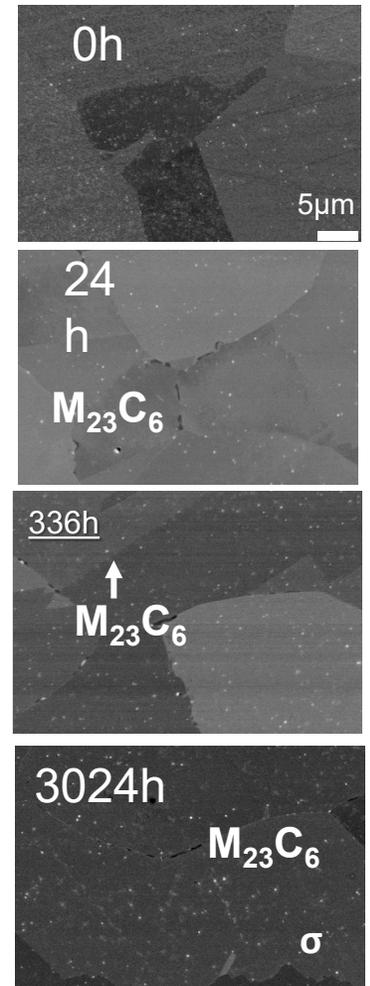


The addition of N + B consistently reduces the creep rate by up to an order of magnitude. Materials aged for 336h at 750C prior to loading exhibit significantly higher creep rates (why? see presentation 1t).

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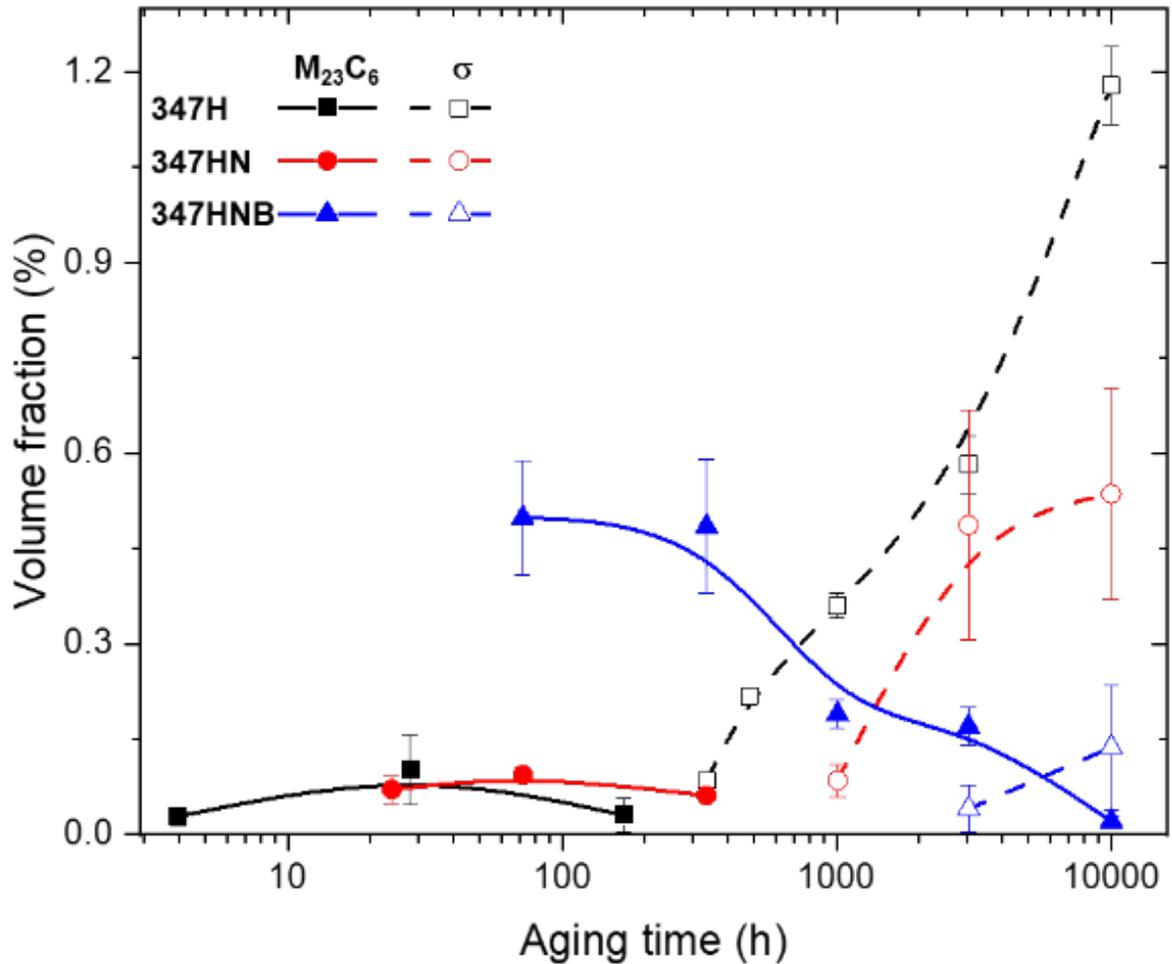


Note; M₂₃C₆ was observed only between 4h and 168h



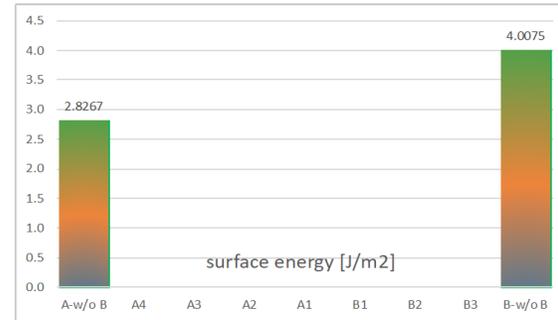
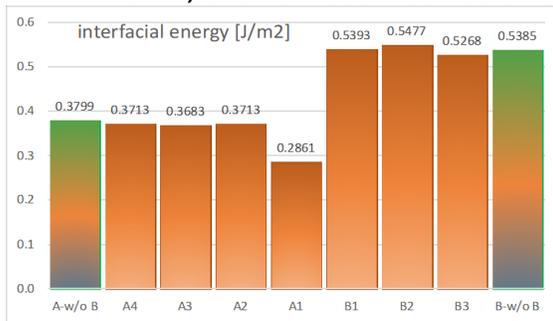
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Enhancing thermodynamics databases with DFT simulations to consider elastic energy and trace elements

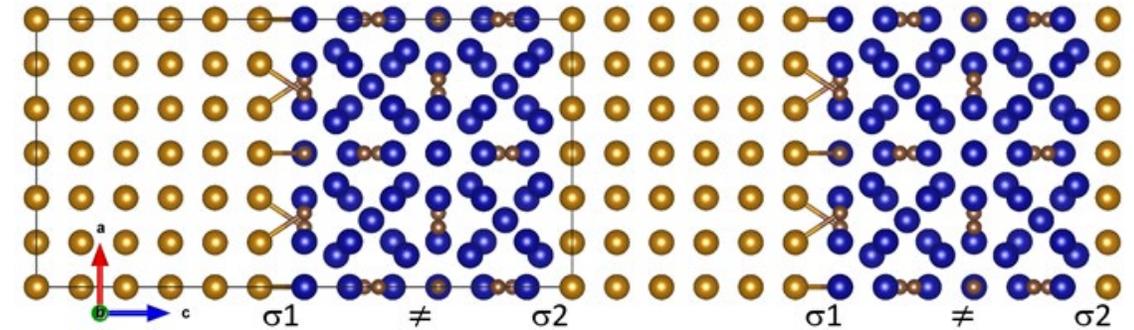
- Boron decreases interfacial energy of fcc-Fe/ $M_{23}C_6$ interface by $\sim 0.0938 \text{ J/m}^2$, a very significant value **Boron** prefers to substitute **Carbon** in A-type $Cr_{23}C_6$
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- The interfacial energy without B doping for **A-type** is 0.3799 J/m^2 (8 C atoms are at the interface neighboring with both Fe and Cr)
- It is lower than B-type (zero C atoms are at the interface), 0.5385 J/m^2 .
- With B, the **lowest interfacial energy is (A1) 0.2861 J/m^2**



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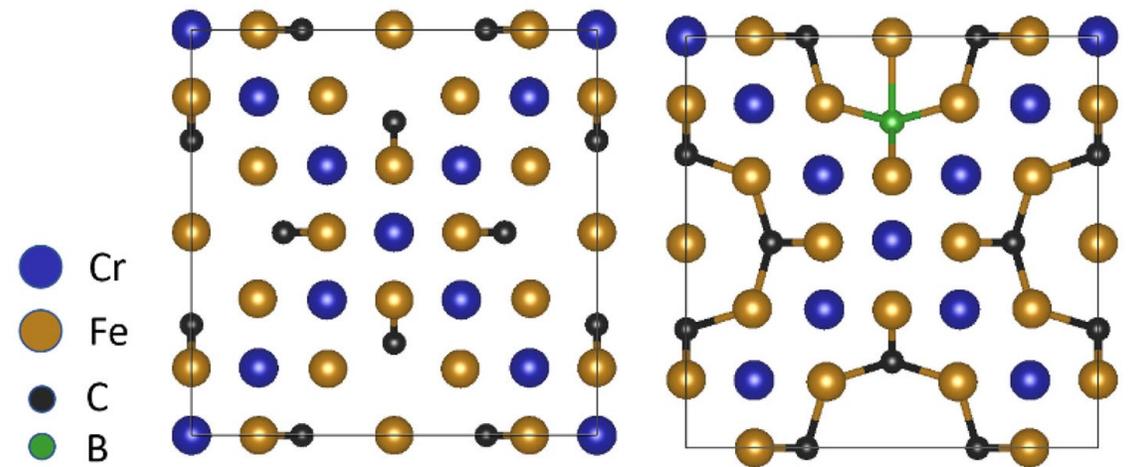
No B

With B



Cr23C6-fcc Fe interface

With one C replaced with B



Sigma (001) // FCC Fe (111) Interfacial Energy

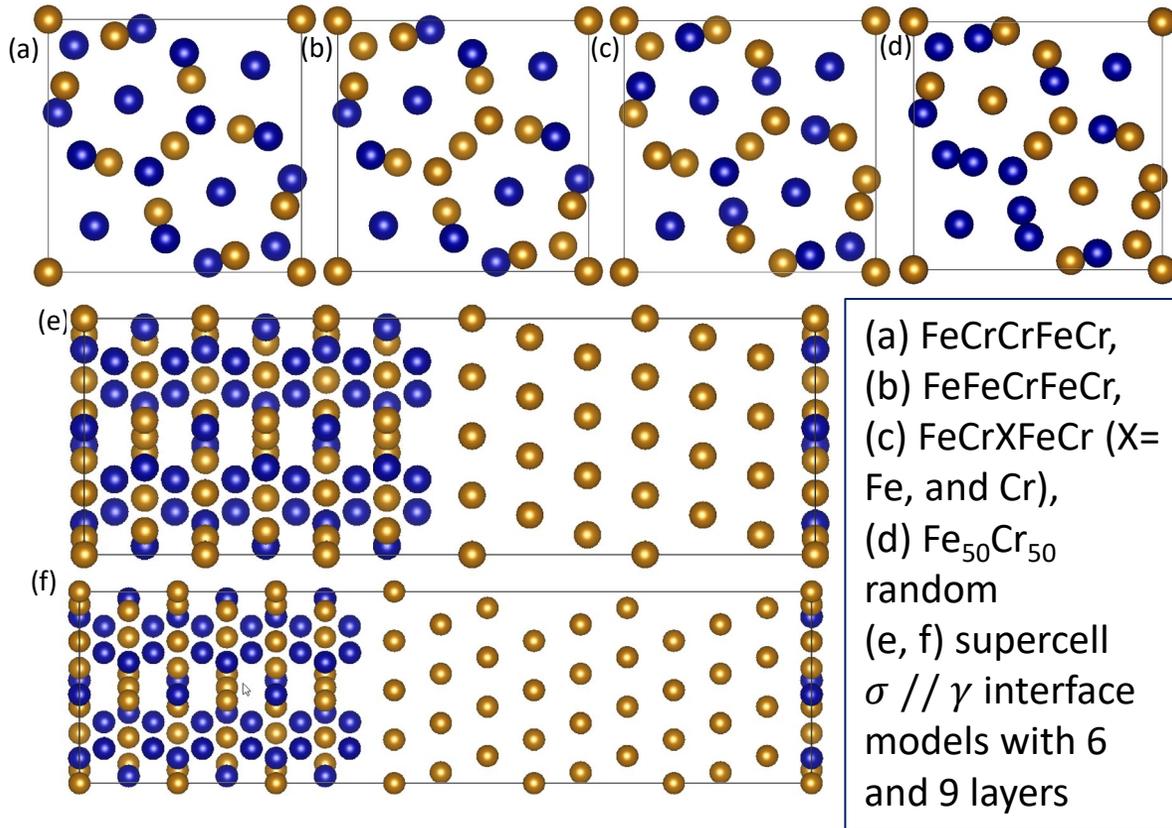


Table 1. The bulk and interface energy of FCC Fe and different configuration of sigma phase, and their lattice parameters.

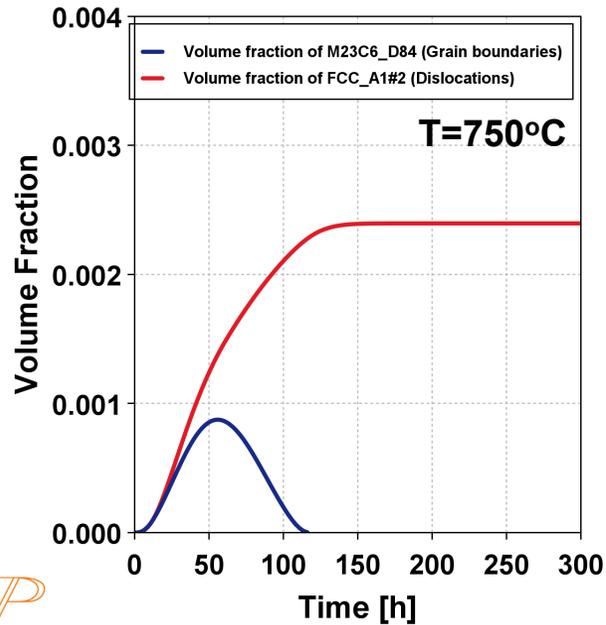
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Sigma	FeFeCrFeCr	30	-8.854	8.64	8.64	4.42	90.00	90.00	90.00	--
	FeCrCrFeCr	30	-9.055	8.67	8.67	4.44	90.00	90.00	90.00	--
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Interface	FeFeCrFeCr//Fe	162	-8.465	8.64	8.64	26.71	90.00	90.00	90.00	0.080
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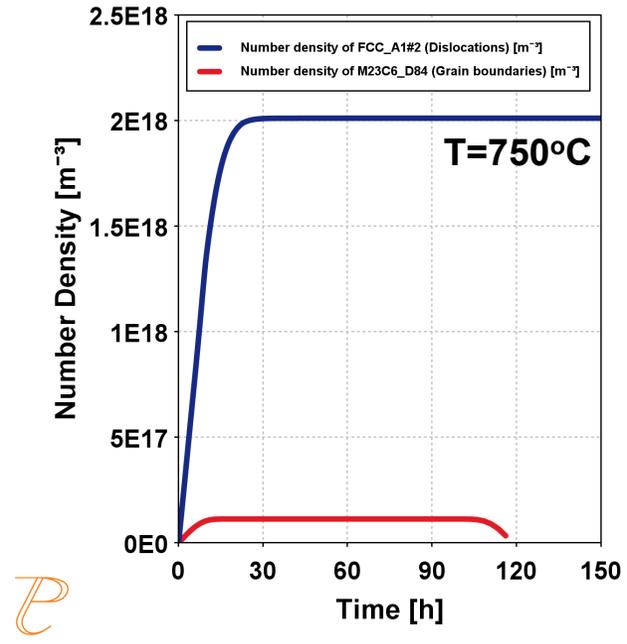
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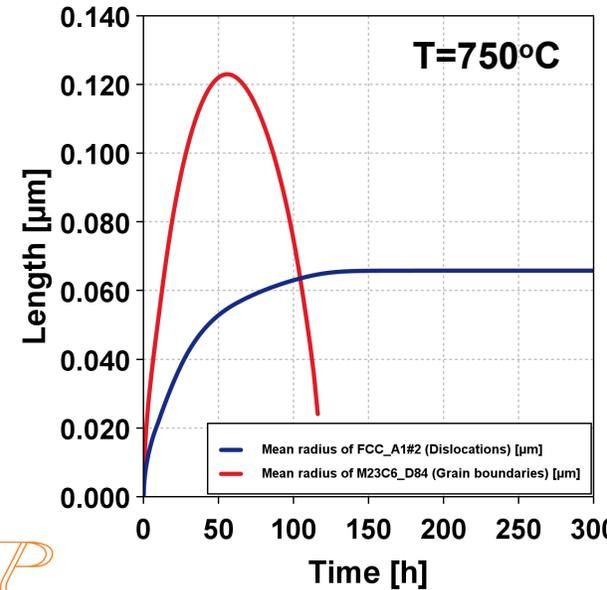
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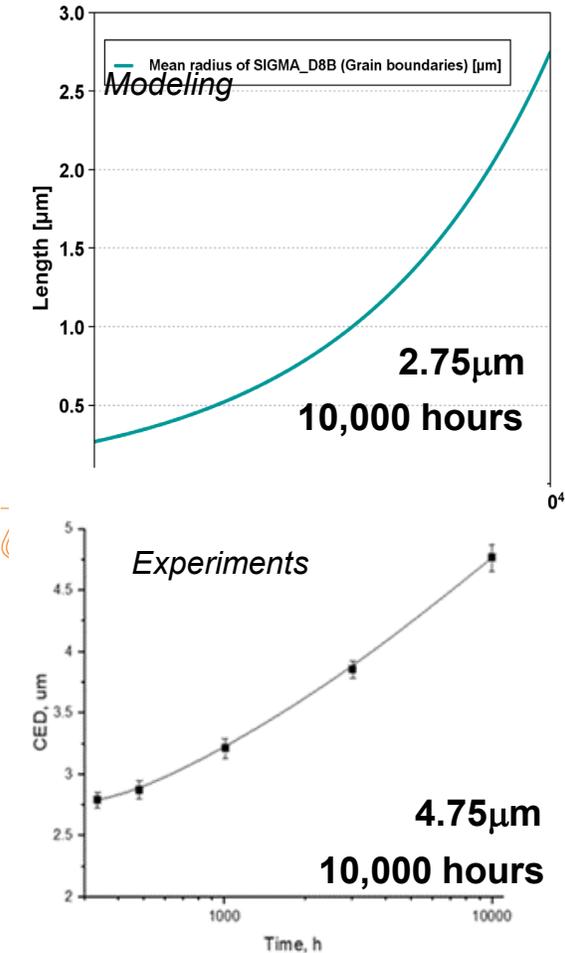
M₂₃C₆ & NbC Particle Number Density, m⁻³



M₂₃C₆ and NbC Particle Size(s) as Function of Time



Sigma Phase Precipitation - up to 10,000 hours



The kinetics of concurrent precipitation are captured.

The volume fractions of precipitates are captured.

Number densities and size are off

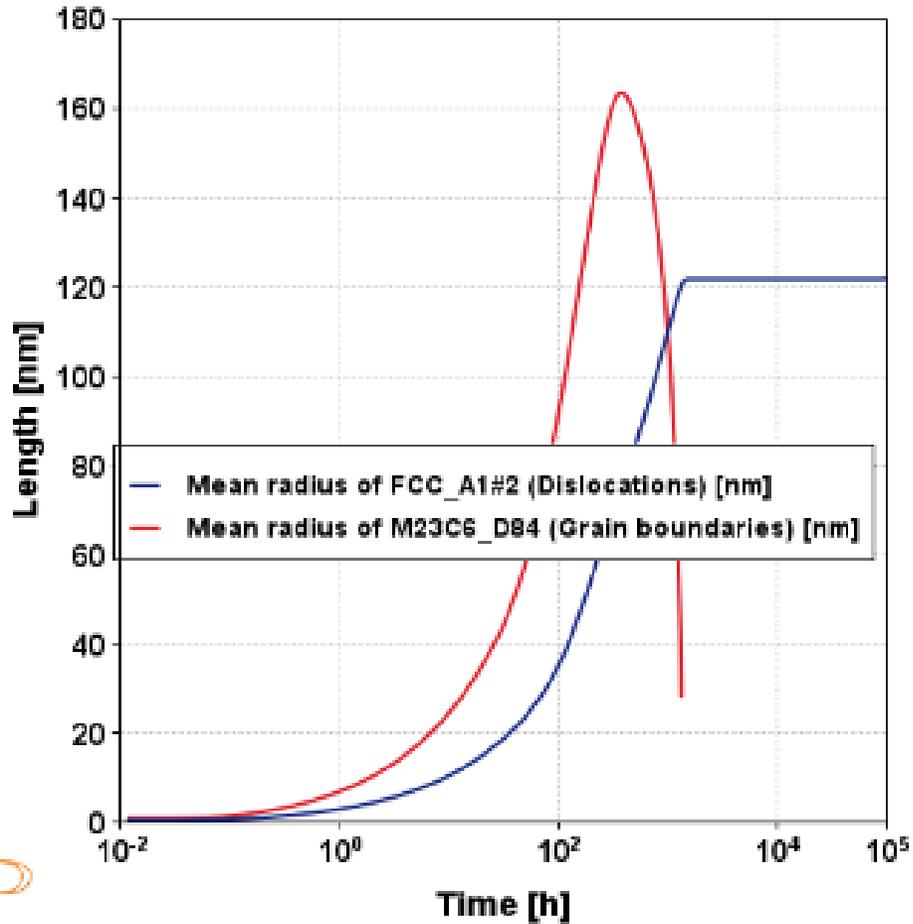
Table Modeling and experimental M₂₃C₆ precipitation data of 347H stainless steels at 750°C

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Simulation	0 through 120 h	0.09	$1.1 \times 10^{17} \text{ m}^{-3}$	0.125
Experimental ³⁷	4 h, 24 h, and 168 h	0.10	$4.7 \times 10^{14} \text{ m}^{-3}$	0.480

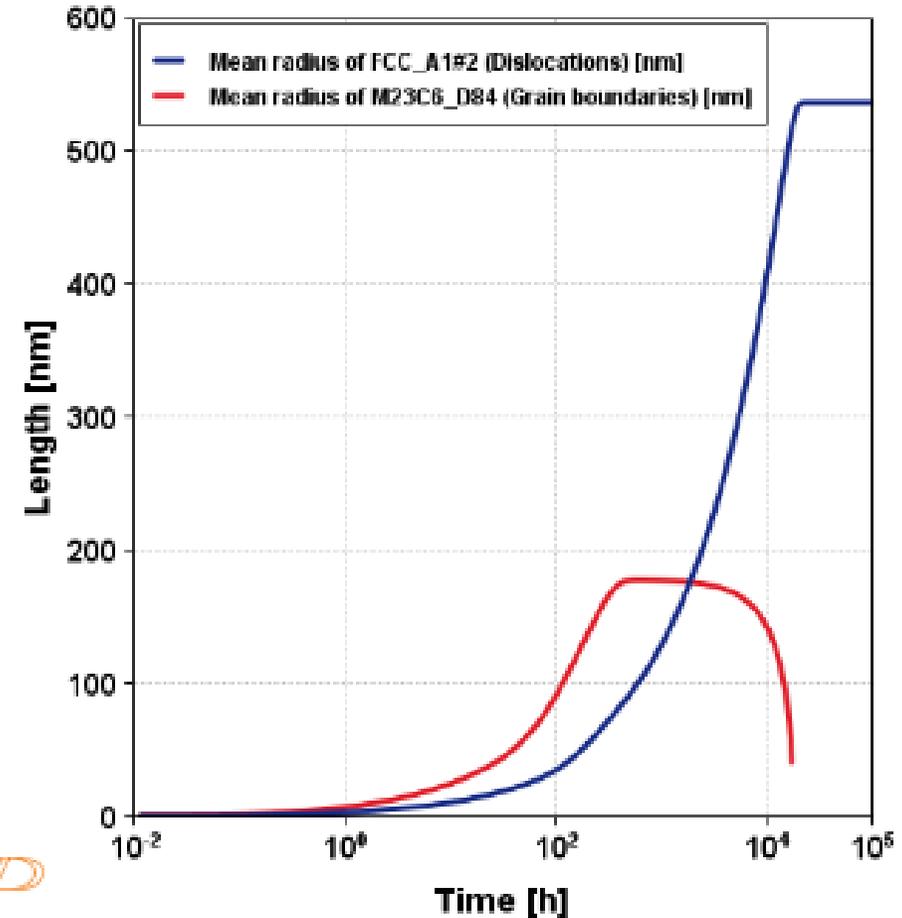
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The new model is utilized to predict the Microstructure on precipitate content: dislocations play a prominent role

T=700C DD=10¹⁴ 100000 hours



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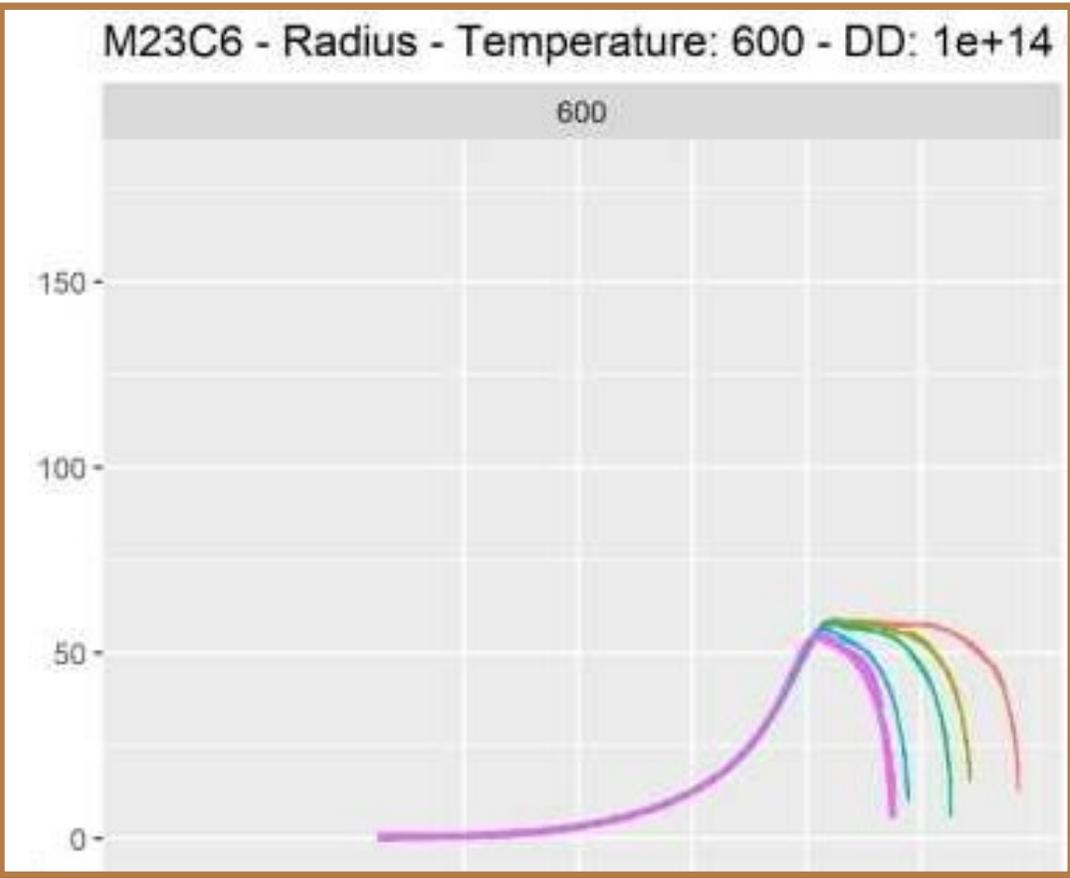


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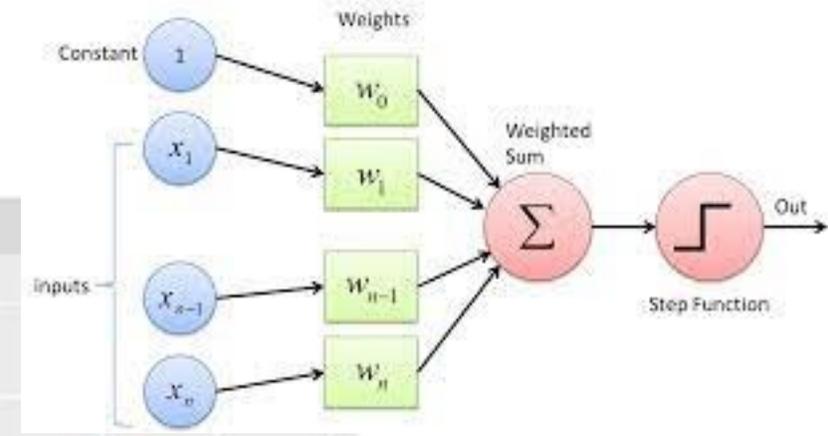
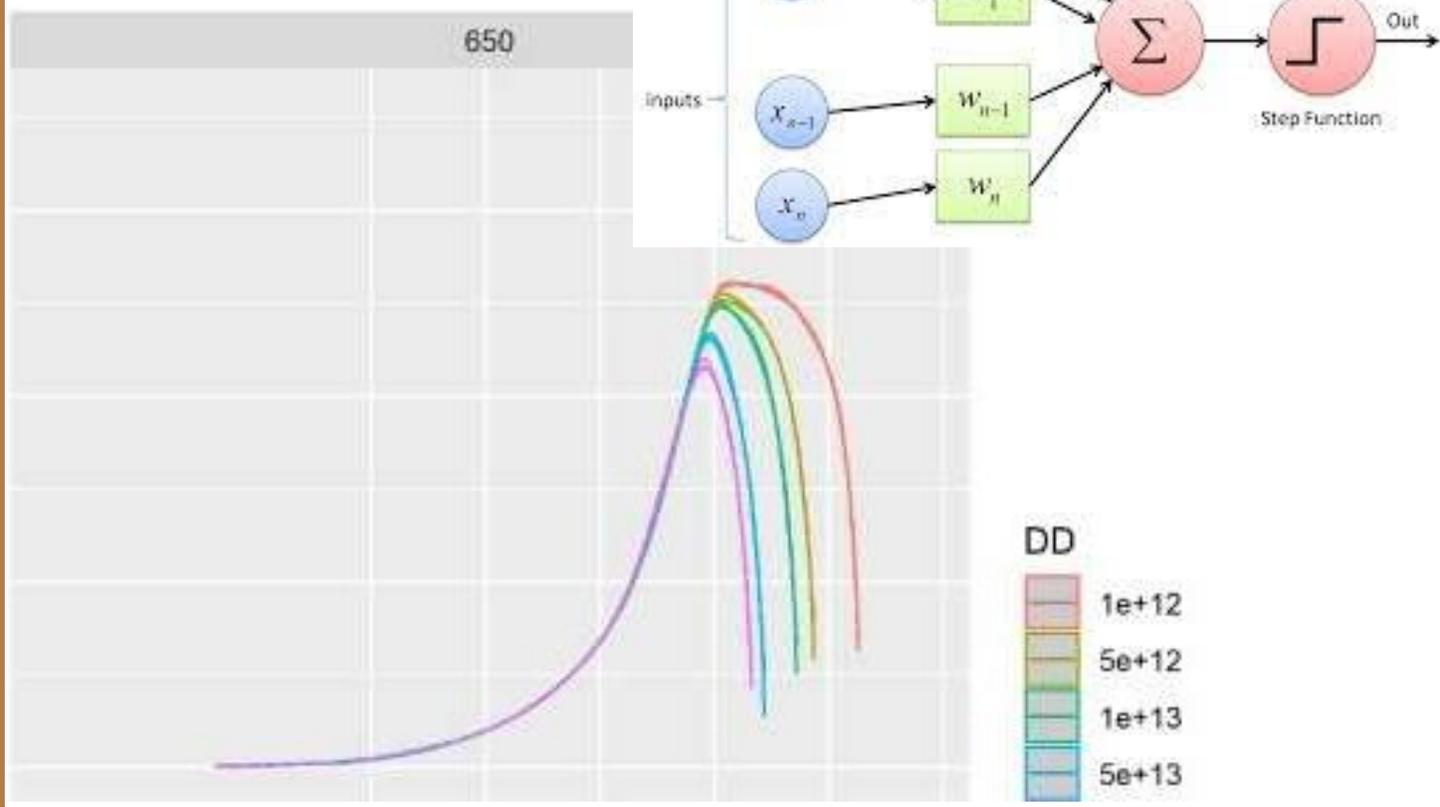
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ML algorithms are being utilized to predict precipitate evolution

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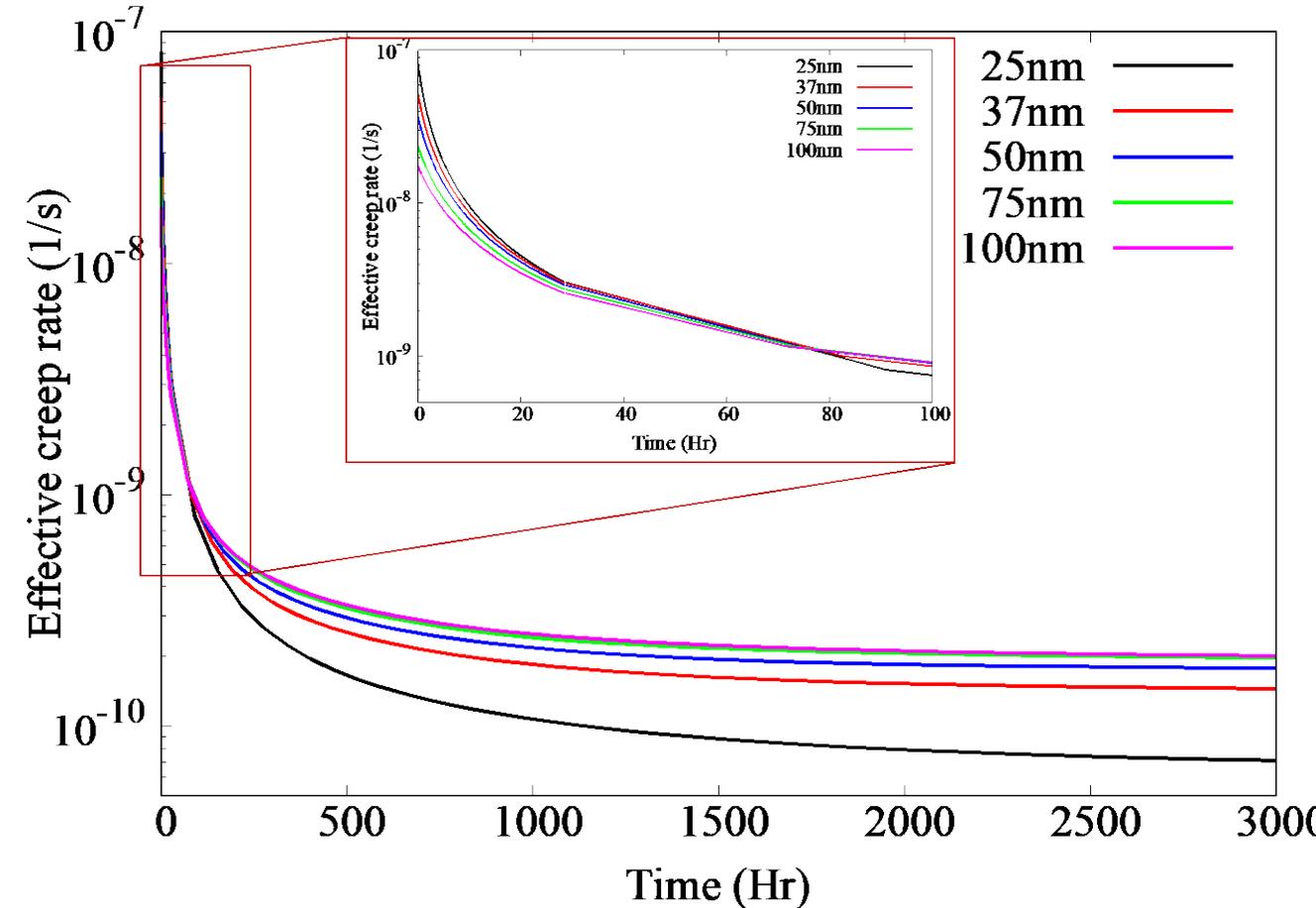
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Precipitate “strengthening”

Gr91 subjected to creep at 600C under 100MPa stress

Increasing the size of precipitates which reduces the solute content in the matrix can lead to an increase in the creep rate

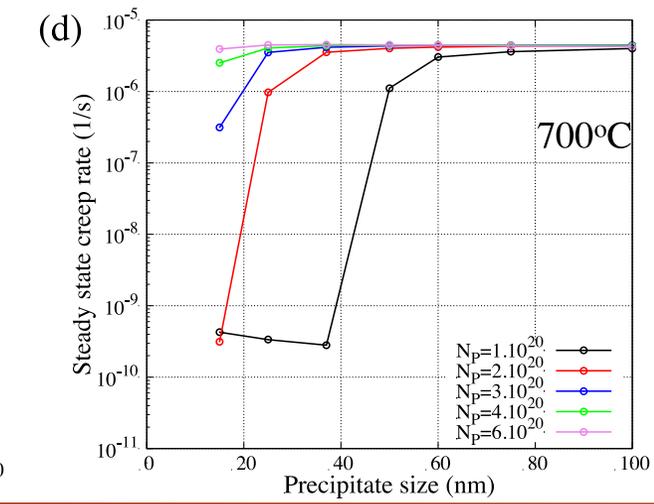
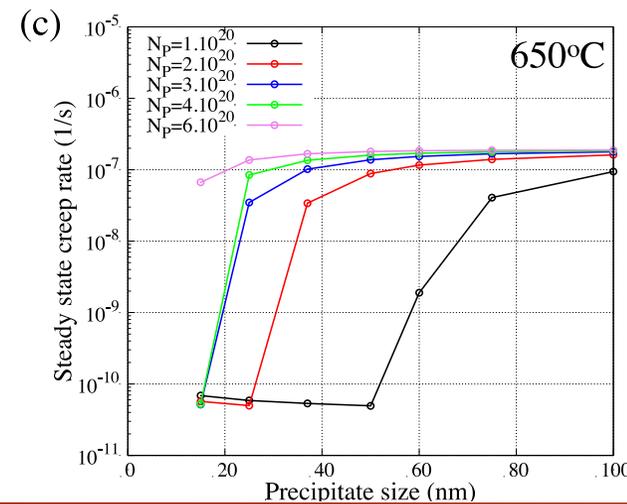
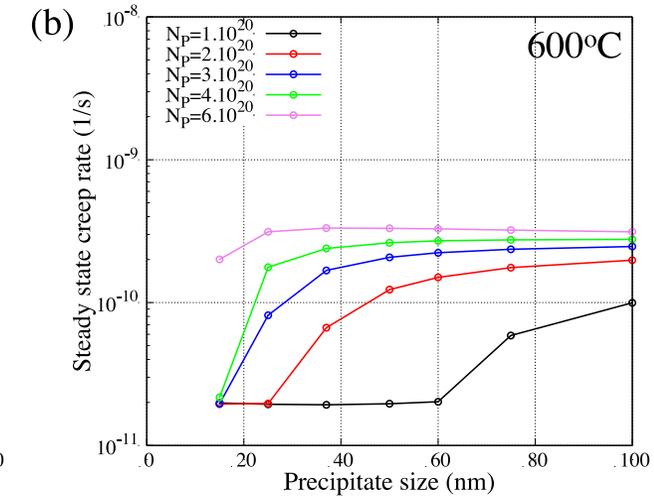
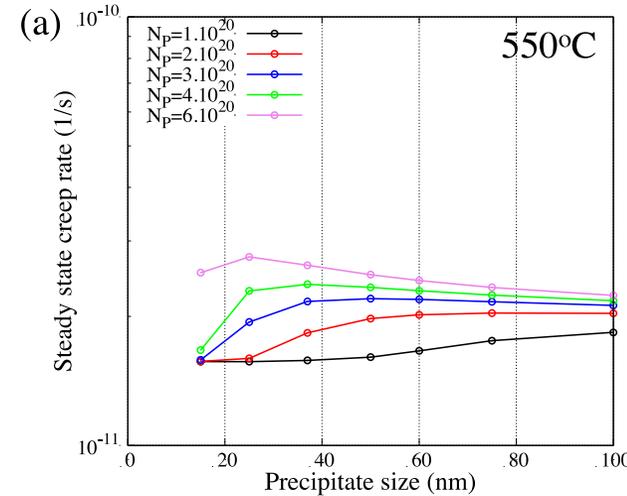


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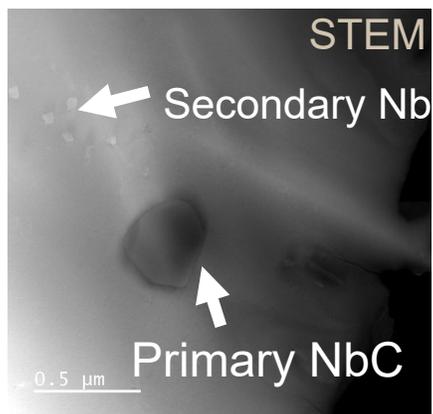
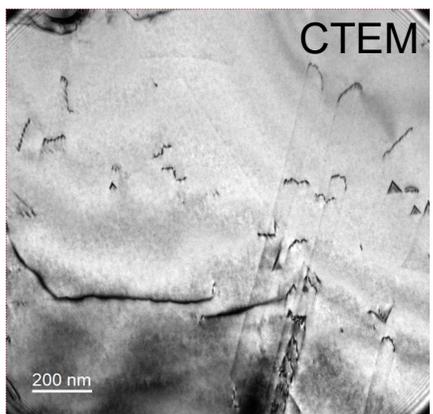
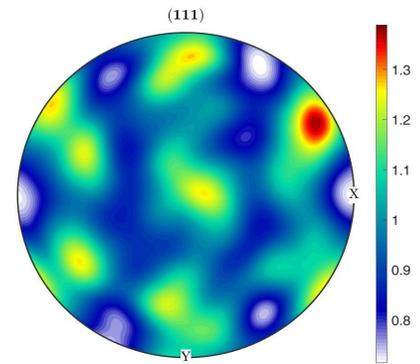
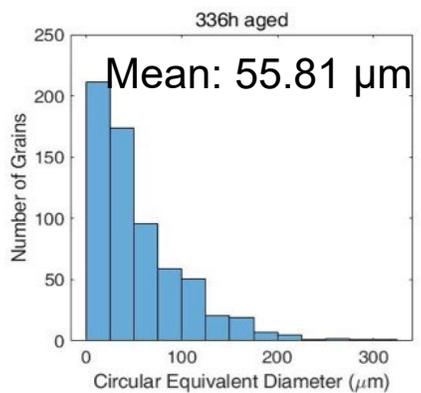
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Increasing the size of promotes dislocation recovery thus benefiting the activation of diffusive processes (e.g. Nabarro Herring).

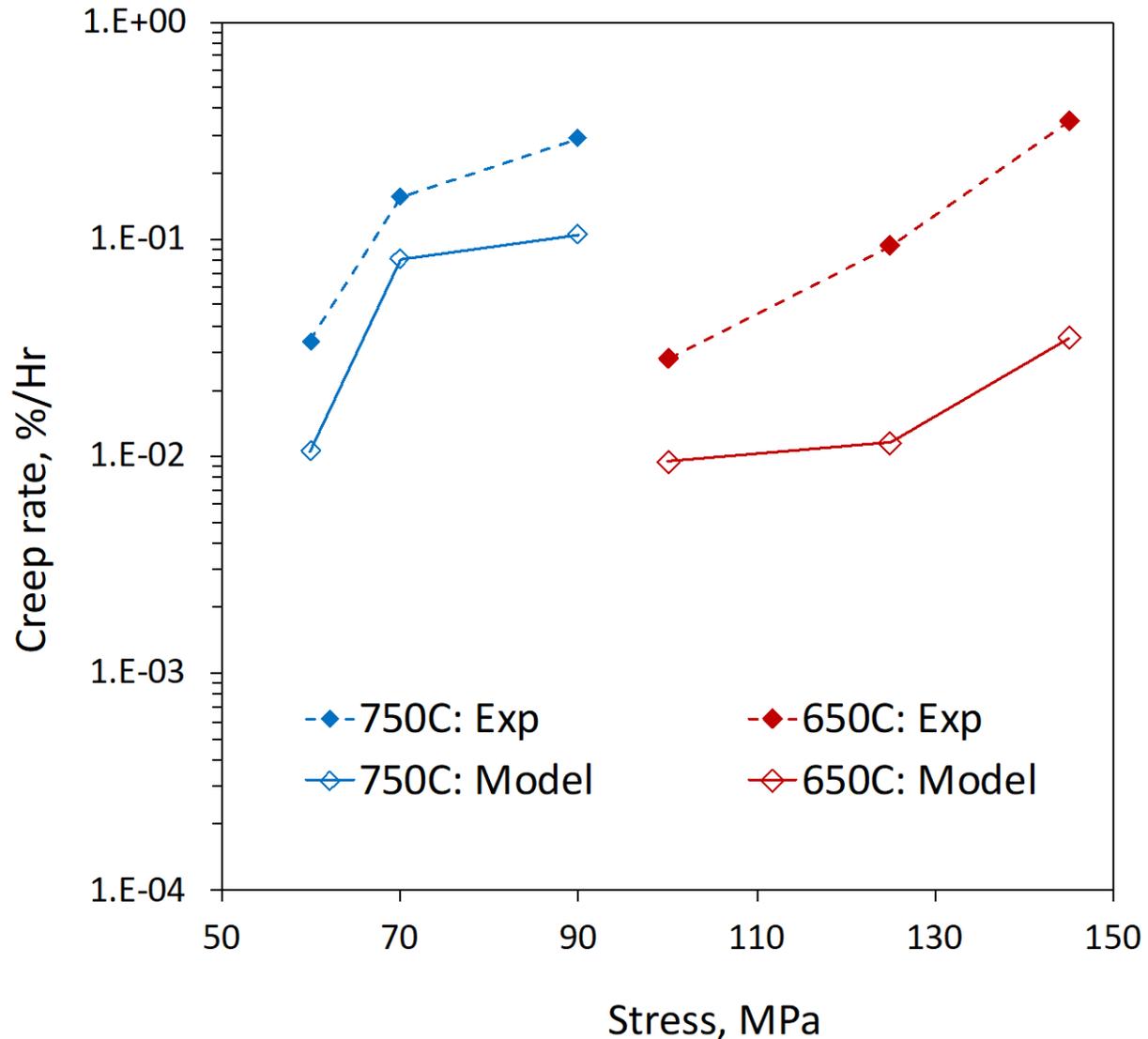
Overall the density and size of precipitates can either increase or decrease the steady state creep rate.



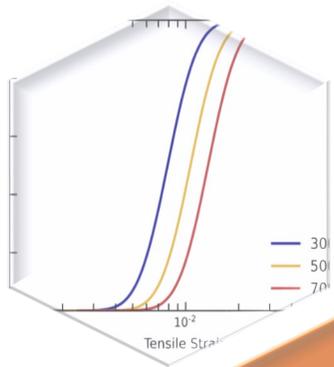
Effect of thermal aging on creep behavior: model vs experiments



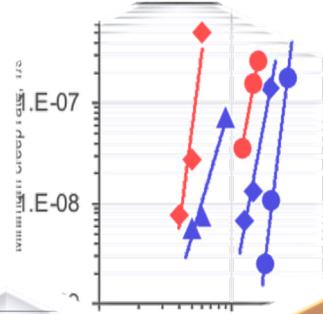
Dislocation density: $\rho = 3.5 \pm 1.5 \times 10^{12} \text{m}^{-2}$
 Primary NbC: $N = 3.5 \times 10^{17} / \text{m}^3$, and $D = 330 \text{ nm}$
 Secondary NbC: $N = 2.5 \times 10^{19} / \text{m}^3$, and $D = 31.5 \text{ nm}$



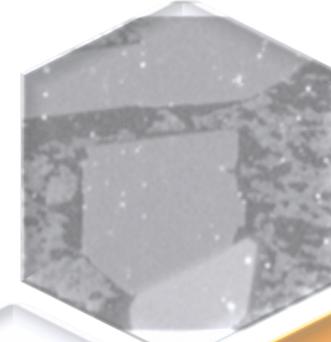
Scientific advances allowing to relate microstructure, composition and performance



Cavity nucleation model: mechanism and microstructure sensitivity

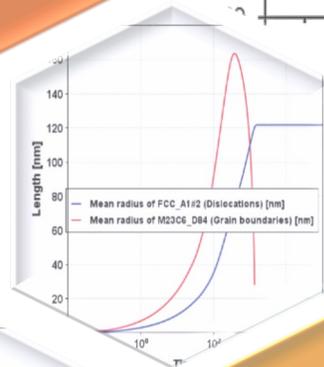


Processed and characterized 12 alloys

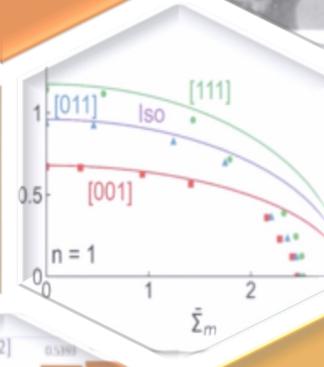


Characterized precipitate formation during anneal as a function of composition

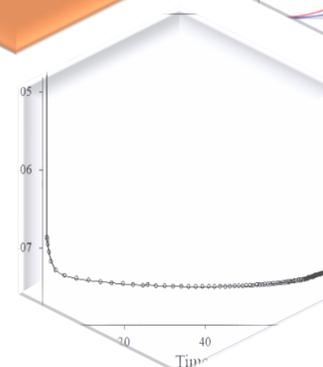
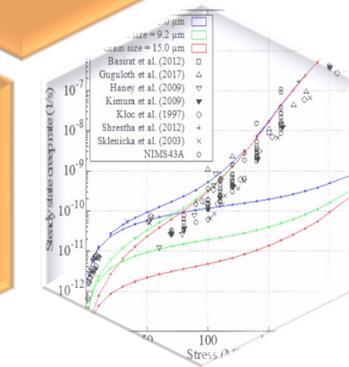
Predicted the kinetics of concurrent precipitation and dissolution from DFT and TC-Prisma



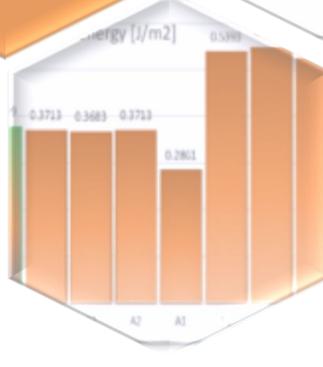
Cavity growth: growth rate under viscoplastic flow



Quantified the role of microstructure on the steady primary and secondary creep response of Gr91

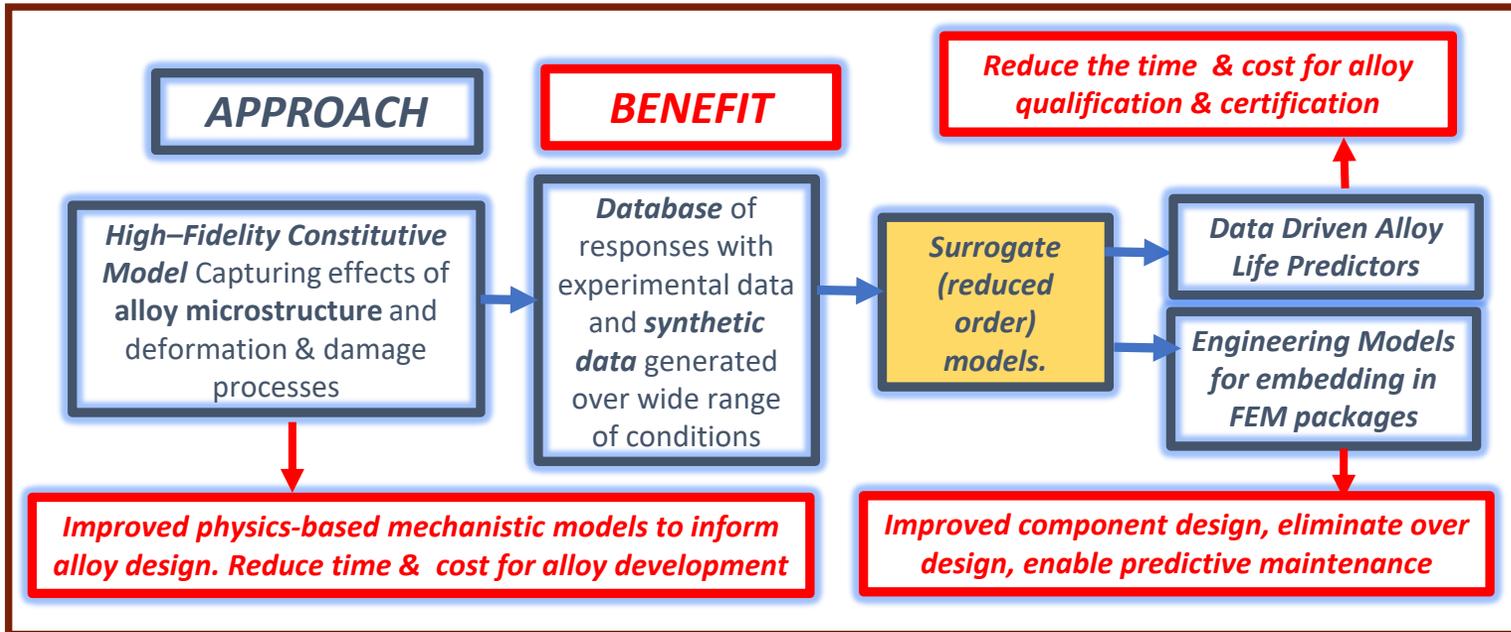


3D model predicting the primary secondary and tertiary creep response of BCC and FCC steels



Quantified on the basis of DFT the role of trace elements

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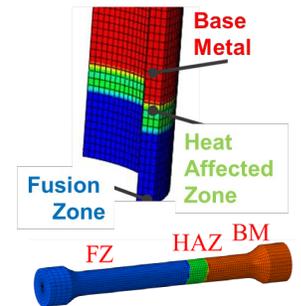
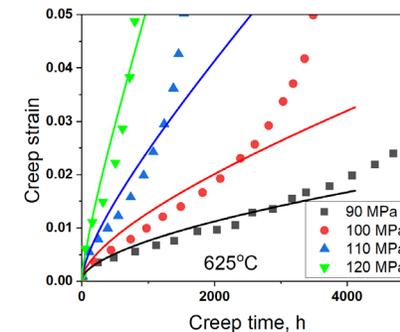
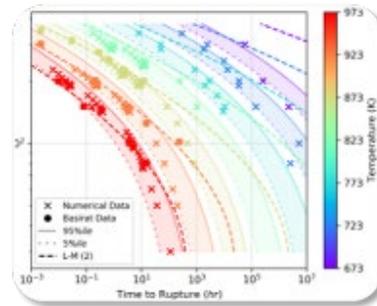
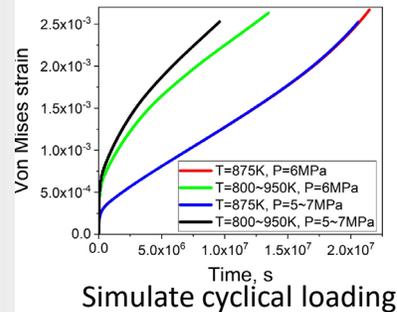
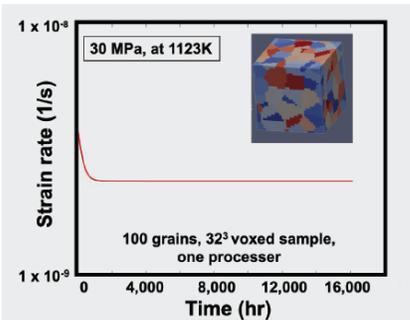
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Accomplishments & Advancements

- ★ Mechanistic model can simulate 10 years of creep behavior in ~5 hours
- ★ Incorporation of complex stress states representative of real service conditions
- ★ Incorporation of *microstructural evolution (coarsening)* during service in predictive models

Alloy performance in hydrogen at elevated temperatures and long service duration

Mechanistic model can simulate 10 years of creep behavior in ~5 hours



Framework for predicting the performance of welds

H-MAT: Hydrogen Materials Consortium

<https://h-mat.org/>

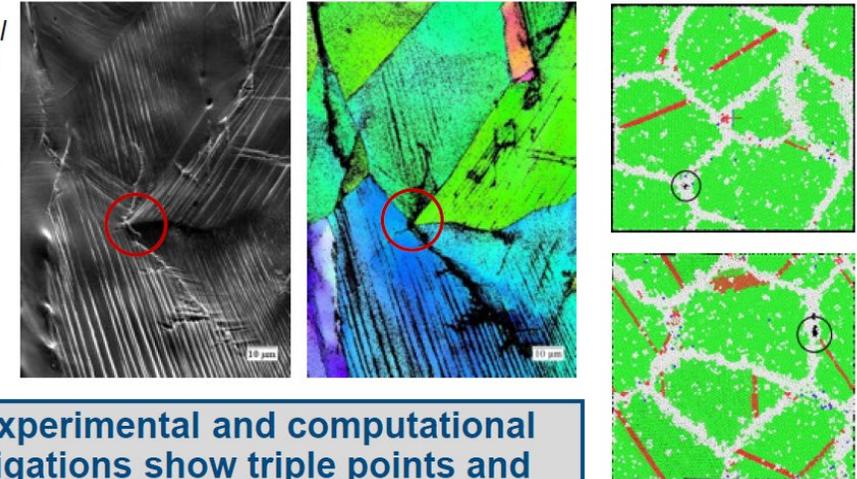
Effects of hydrogen on performance of polymers and metals – transportation & storage

Atomic level simulations

Science question:

- Can we generalize inelastic field evolution at stress concentrations to predict of crack nucleation?
- How do hydrogen-defect interactions lead to fatigue crack nucleation?

Experimental observation of fatigue crack nucleation



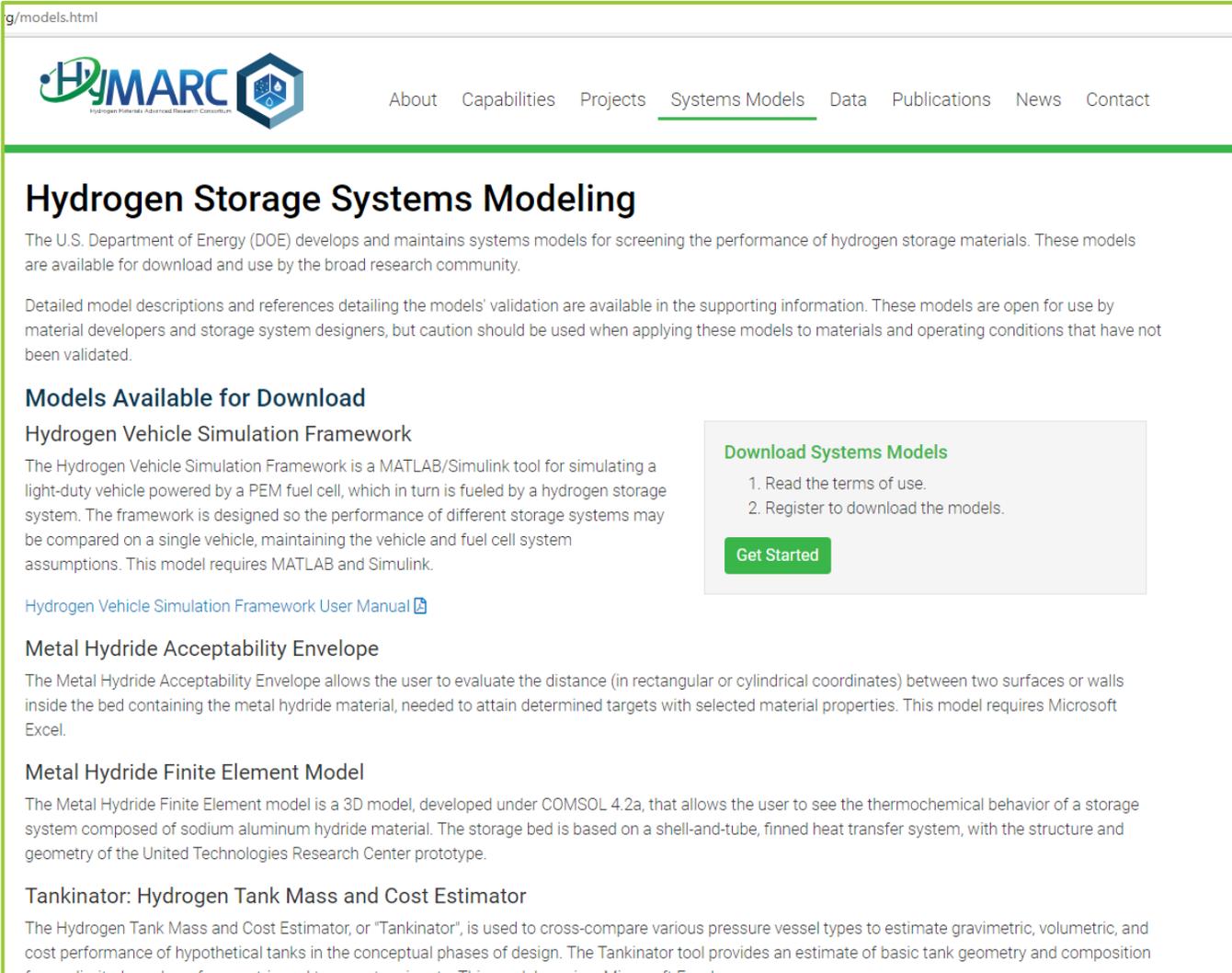
Both experimental and computational investigations show triple points and twin boundary intersections as active damage sites

MD simulations of damage evolution w/o and w/ H



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The screenshot shows the HyMARC website with a navigation menu including About, Capabilities, Projects, Systems Models, Data, Publications, News, and Contact. The main heading is 'Hydrogen Storage Systems Modeling'. Below it, a paragraph states: 'The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) develops and maintains systems models for screening the performance of hydrogen storage materials. These models are available for download and use by the broad research community.' Another paragraph follows: 'Detailed model descriptions and references detailing the models' validation are available in the supporting information. These models are open for use by material developers and storage system designers, but caution should be used when applying these models to materials and operating conditions that have not been validated.' A section titled 'Models Available for Download' lists three models: 'Hydrogen Vehicle Simulation Framework', 'Metal Hydride Acceptability Envelope', and 'Metal Hydride Finite Element Model'. A 'Download Systems Models' box contains a list: '1. Read the terms of use.' and '2. Register to download the models.' with a 'Get Started' button. A fourth model, 'Tankinator: Hydrogen Tank Mass and Cost Estimator', is also listed.

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Accelerate discovery of solid-state materials for on-board vehicular hydrogen storage.

XMAT: new scope to address H effects on creep and embrittlement of metals as a function of microstructure

General scope: XMAT will develop, verify and validate research tools that predict how the mechanical performance of 347H and Ni-based superalloys is affected by H, mechanical loads and thermal loads.

Materials studied: conventional and additively manufactured austenitic (347H, 316H) and ferritic steels (P91), Ni-based superalloys

Applications to:
Gasifiers, H gas turbines

BENEFITS of XMAT : Efficiently using materials under extreme environments and enabling rapid qualification of new materials.

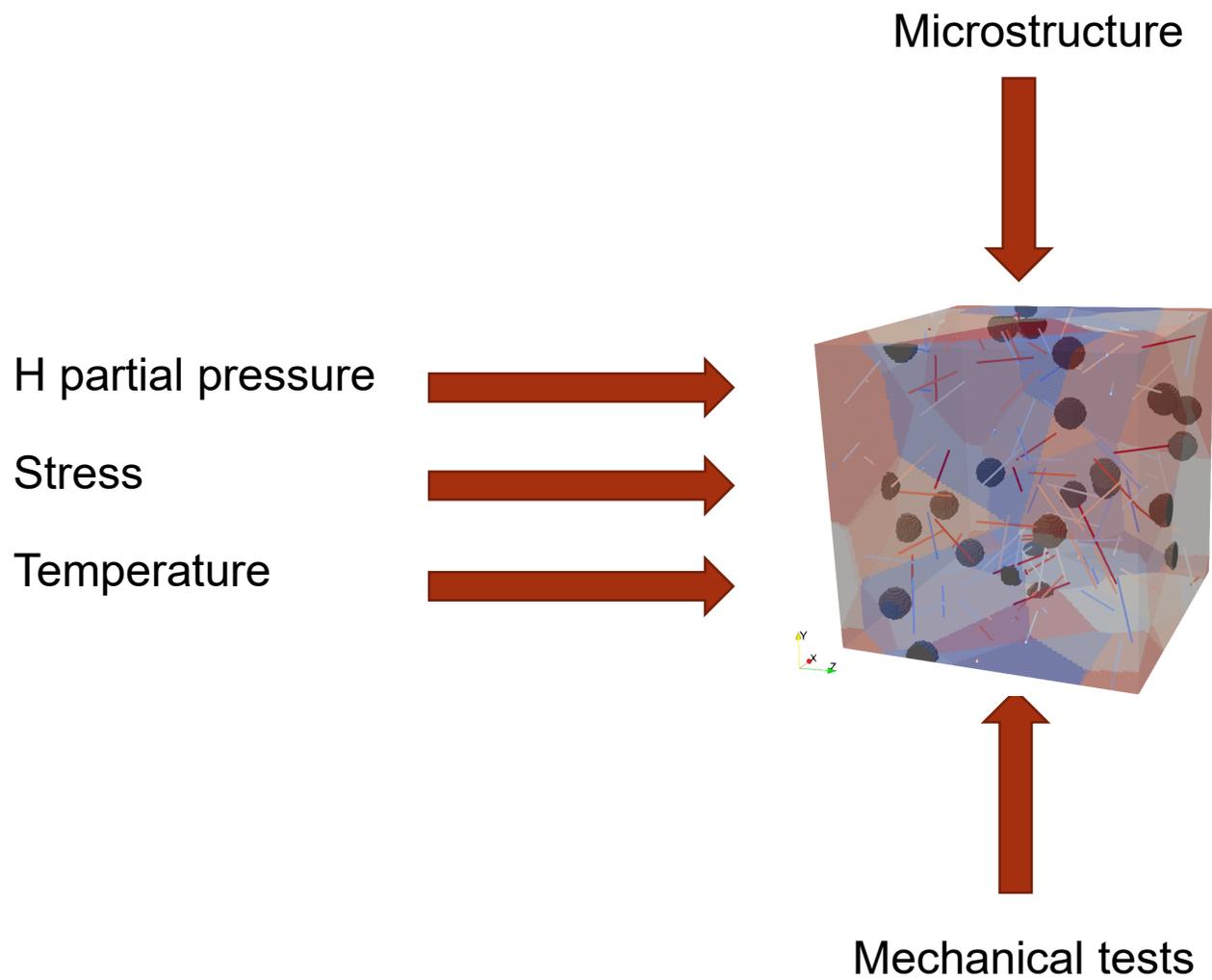
Synergy between modeling and experiments leads to quantification of the uncertainty in materials performance.

Guidance to experimental programs

Improved component design **eliminates over-design and enables predictive maintenance to avoid failure**

Reduce the time and cost for alloy qualification and certification

eXtremeMAT Towards a digital twin of microstructure evolution and performance of metals

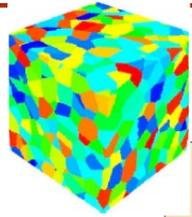


- H effects on creep is poorly studied
- H effects on tensile response is well known (decrease in toughness, embrittlement)
- Creep/ creep fatigue is less studied (increase in creep rate, increase in power law exponent).. Although new studies are poring in

➔ **Digital Twin**

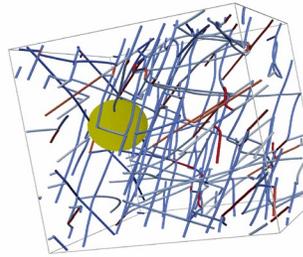
- Local H content at traps as a function of experimental conditions and microstructure?
- Does H increase the likelihood of crack nucleation, does it simply weakens preexisting cracks, does H affect precipitation kinetics?

Scientific gaps in relating microstructure composition and performance



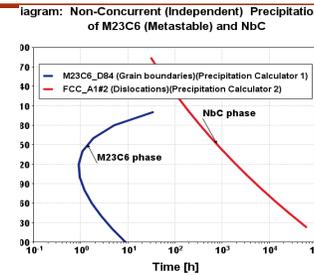
- Dislocation glide
- Solute vs precipitate strengthening
- Dislocation climb
- Vacancy mediated
- H assisted plasticity

Plasticity



- Cavity nucleation
- Cavity growth
- Cavity coalescence
- Crack formation

Damage



- Second phase evolution
- Effect on plastic response and damage
- H concentration?

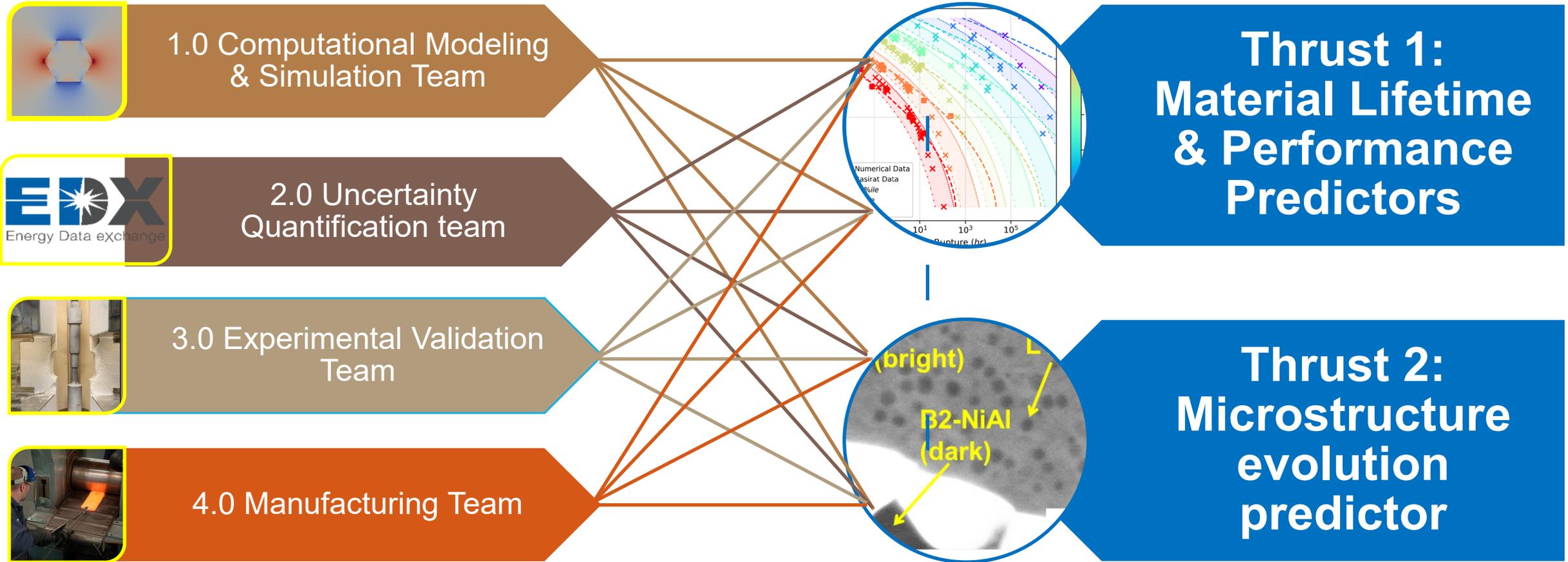
Aging

- Scale growth
- Cracking
- volatilization

Oxidation

Effects of **microstructure** (grain size, texture, precipitates, dislocation content, solutes), **stress** (3D, time evolution), **temperature** (time evolution) on material performance

eXtremeMAT Thrusts and main tools to be delivered



FWP: cliff notes

1. Dislocation/H interactions (SFE, Mobility)

4. Modeling H effects on plasticity and on damage nucleation .

7. Atom Probe Tomography to study H redistribution

2. H segregation at interfaces & toughness

5. Uncertainty Quantification

8. Microstructure and internal stress characterization

3. EVPFFT + chemo-mechanical module to show H distribution in the microstructure

6. Characterization of the mechanical response under hydrogen environment

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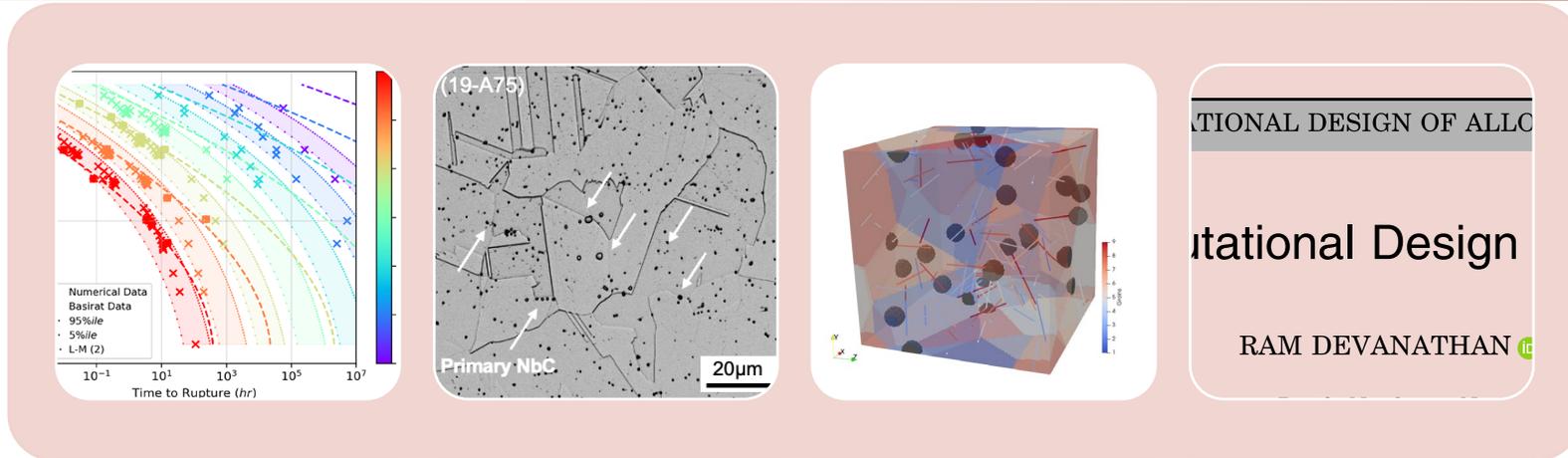
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Development of new capabilities

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Demonstration of predictiveness

Precipitation modeling:
Integration of precipitation effects into EVPFFT

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