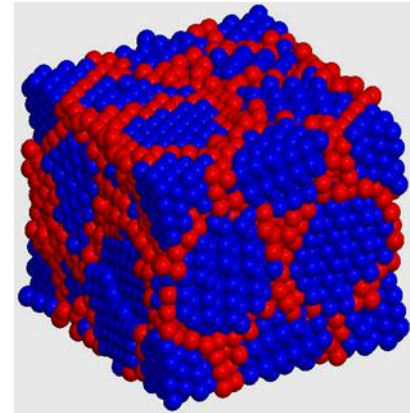


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# Physical Metallurgy

*12/09 Lecture Review*

## Nanocrystalline Metals



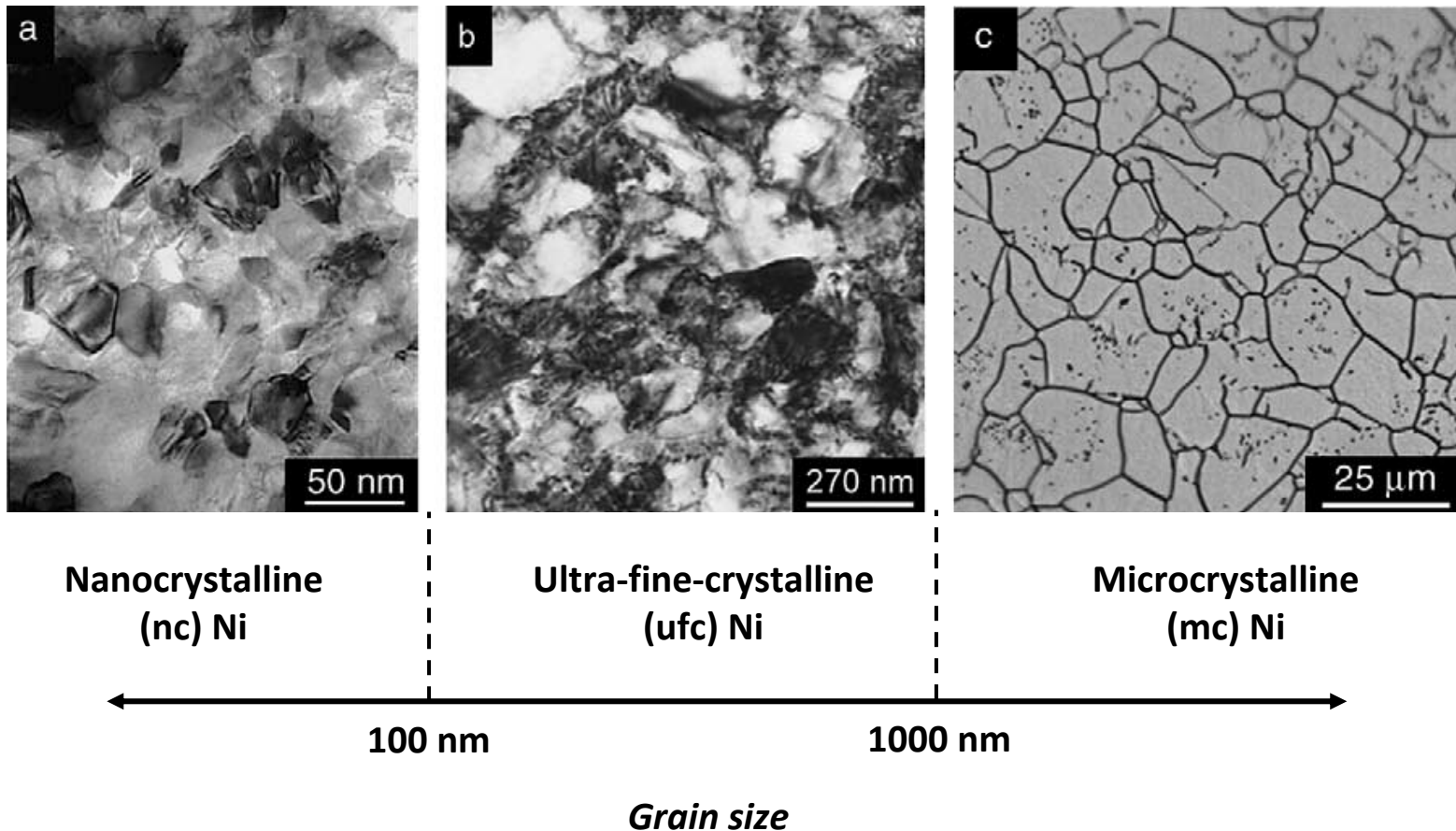
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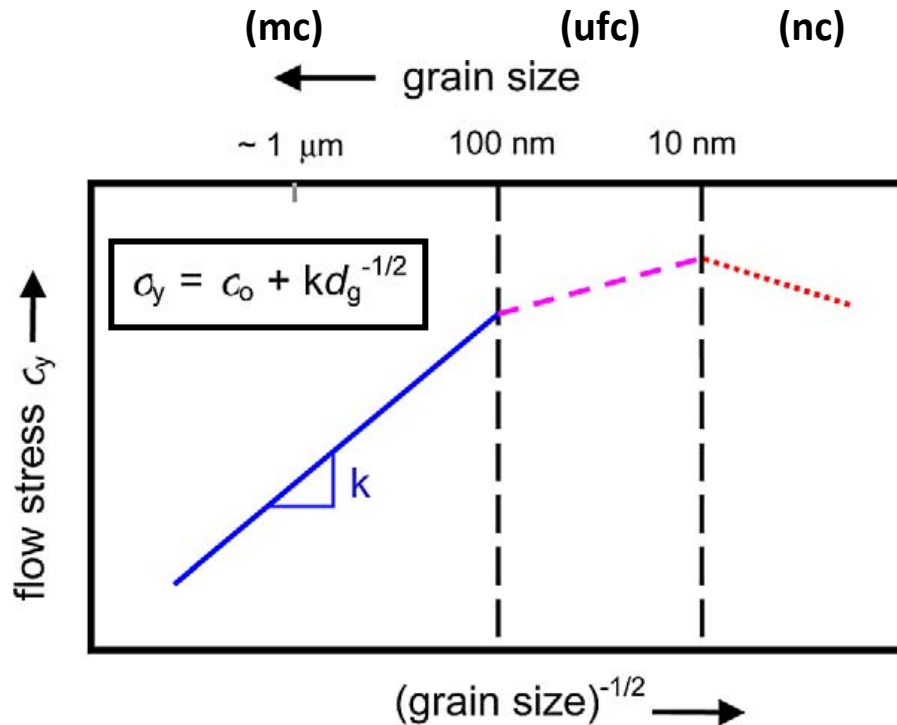
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# nanocrystalline metals

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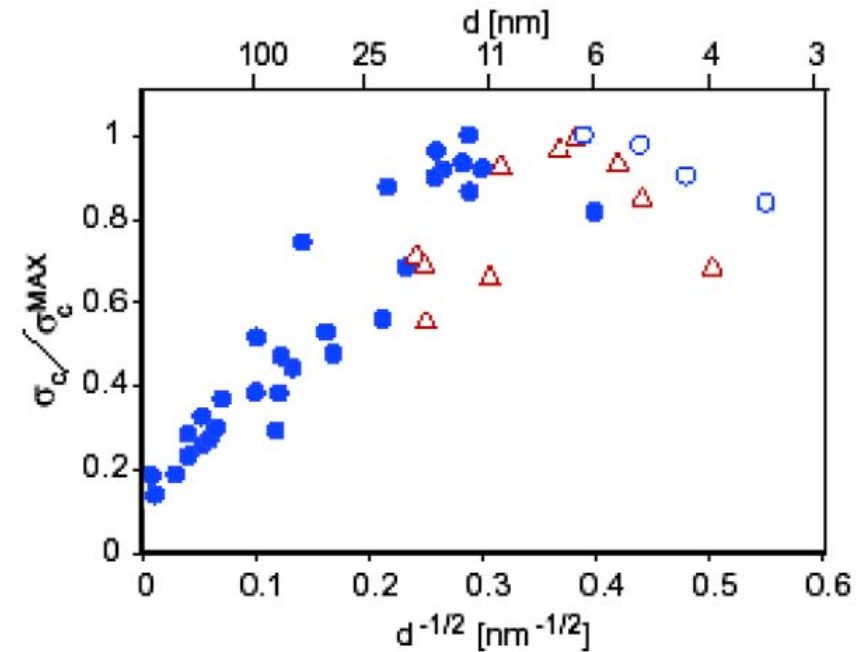
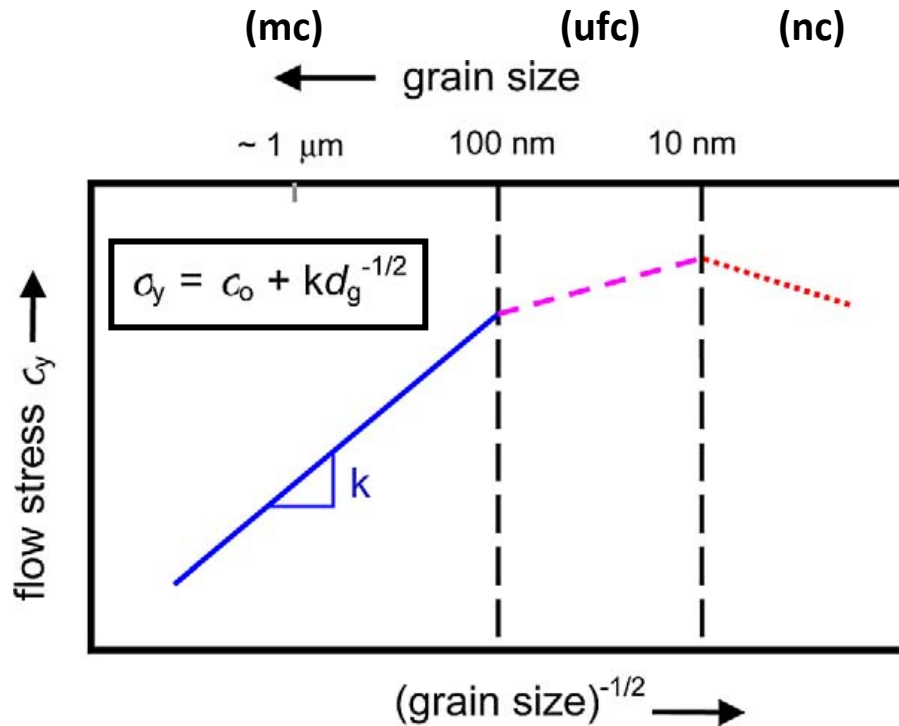
# strengthening effects of grain size



- mc  
Hall-Petch relationship ( $\sigma \sim d^{-1/2}$ )
- ufc  
 $\sigma \uparrow$  as  $d \downarrow$ , but not like H-P
- nc  
 $\sigma$  plateau or decreasing!

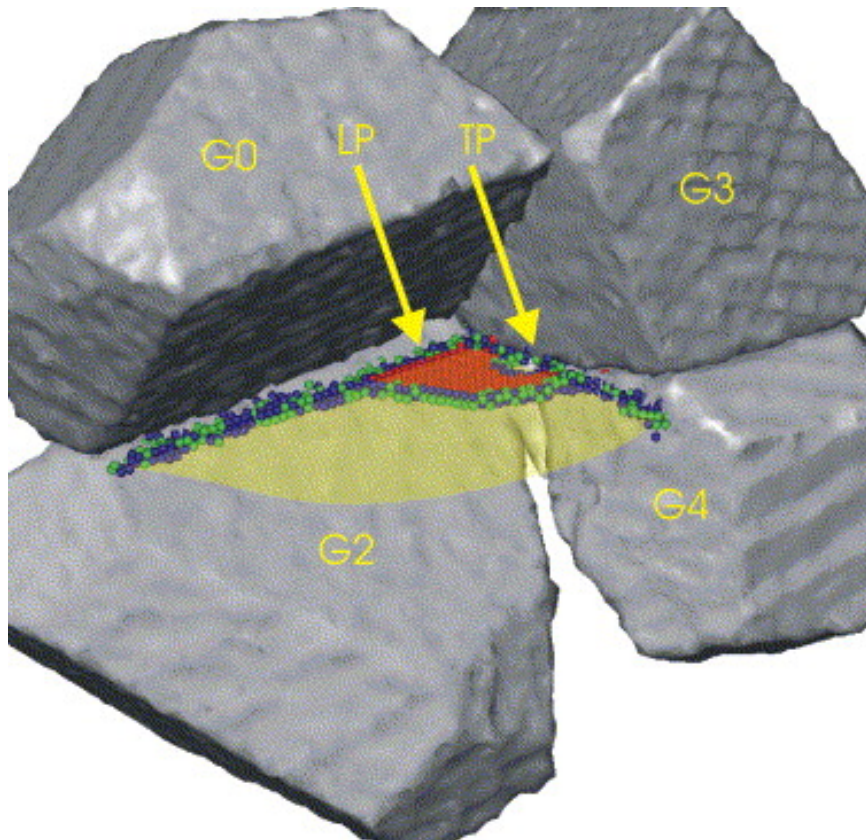
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# strengthening effects of grain size



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# dislocation motion in nc materials



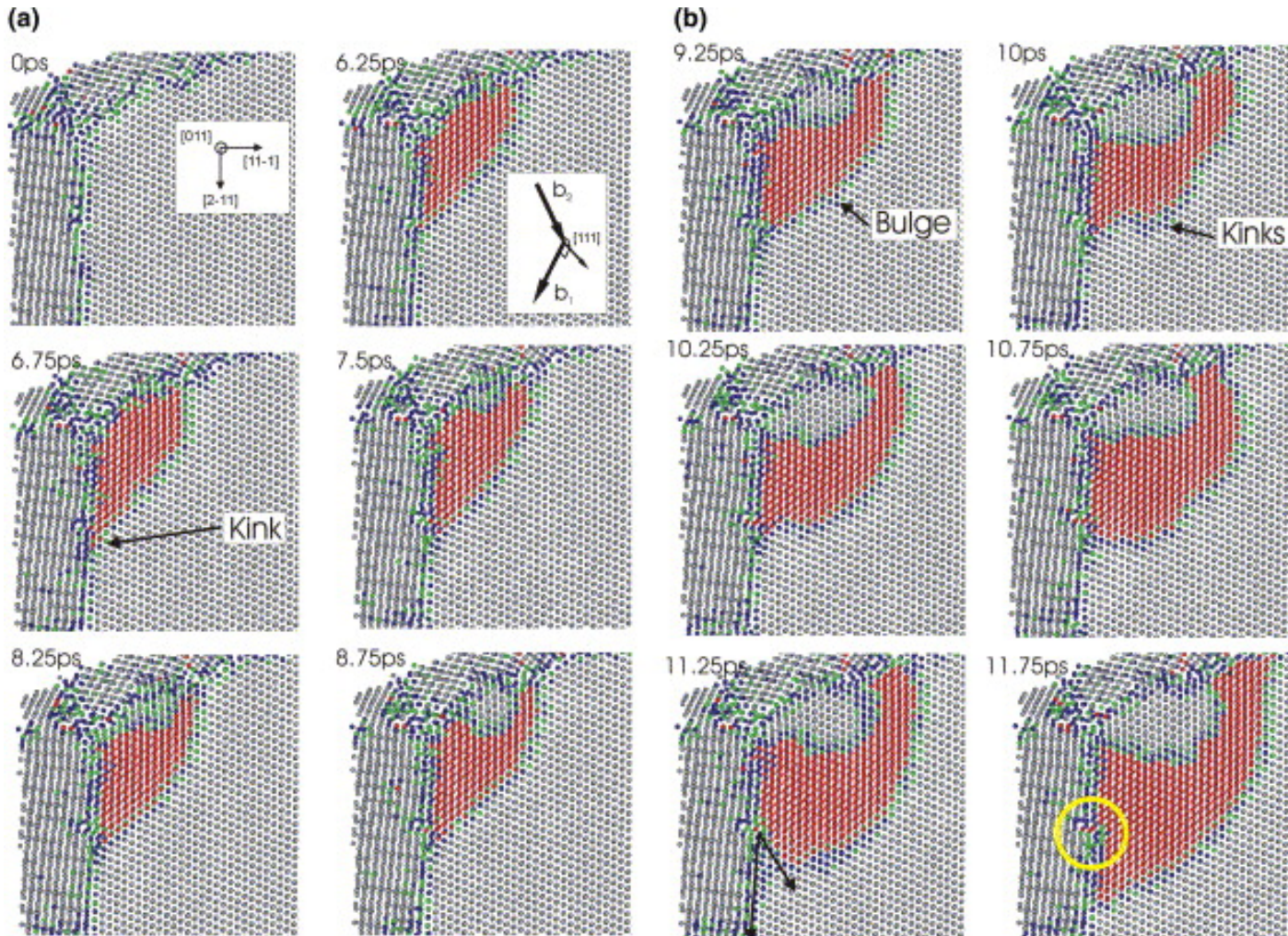
Grain Boundaries (GB)  
can act as dislocation  
sources

3 step process:

- Nucleation
- Propagation
- Reabsorbed at GB

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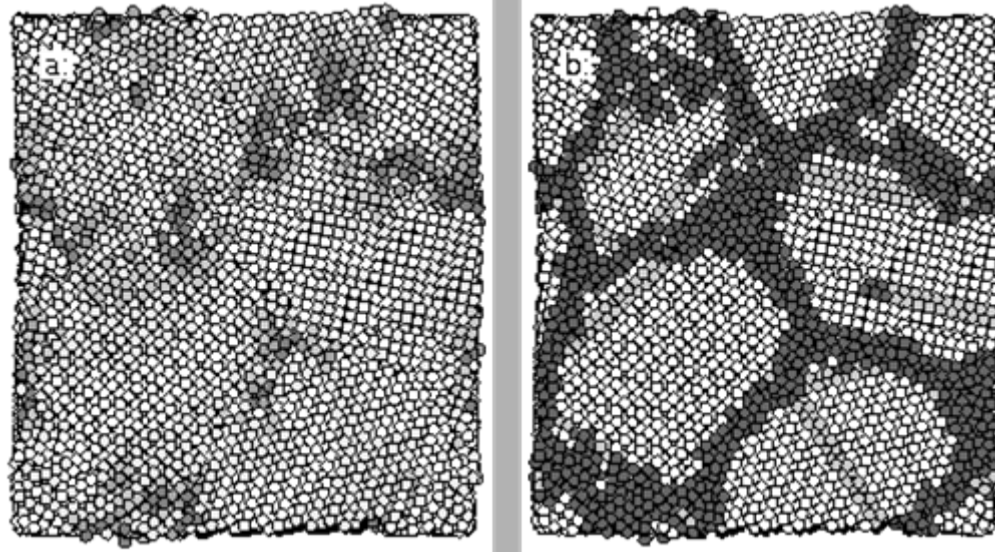
# nc (partial) dislocation emission



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# with very fine nc grains ( $d < 10$ nm)

0.4% strain



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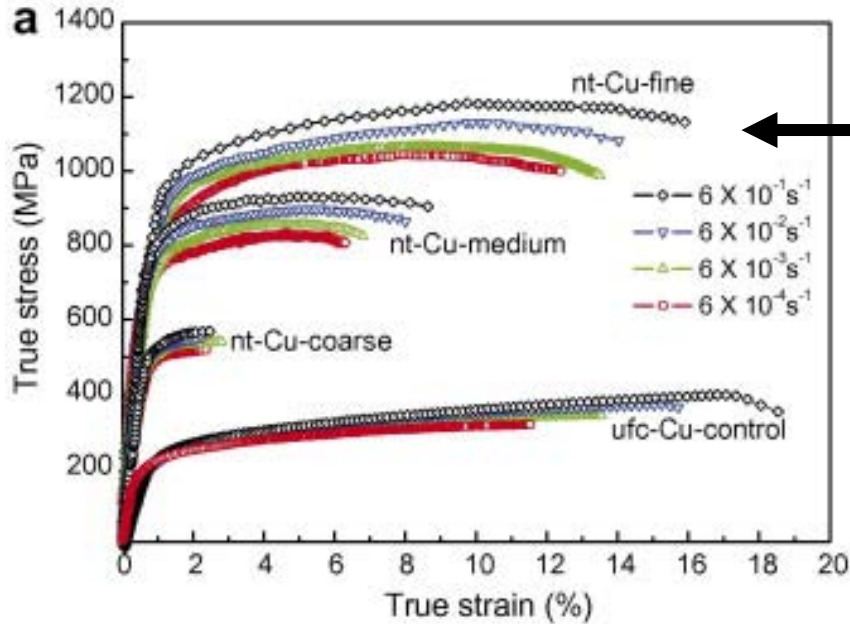
**plasticity mainly occurring @ GB's  
(dark atoms indicate movement)**



*before*

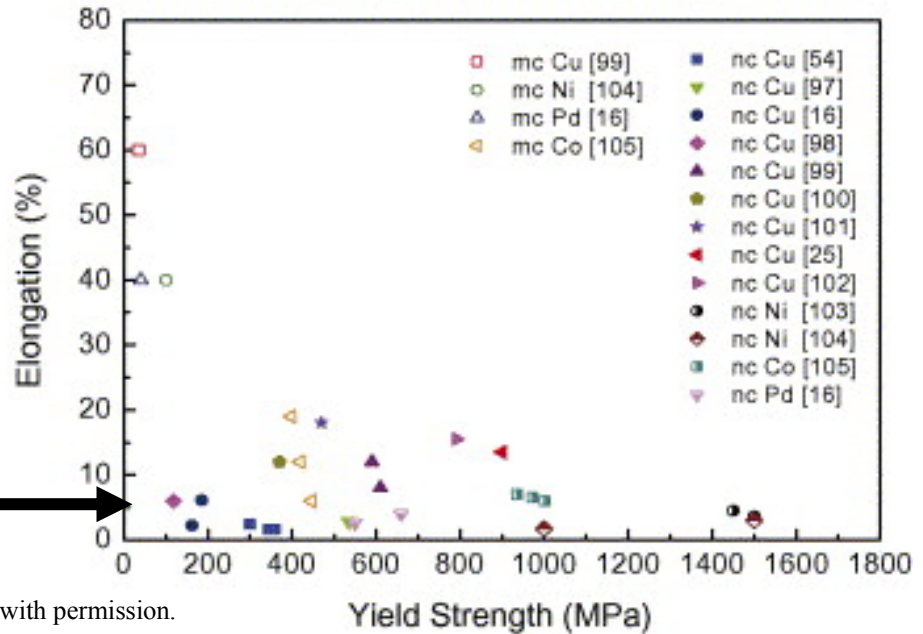
*after*

# nc tensile testing data



increased strain rate sensitivity

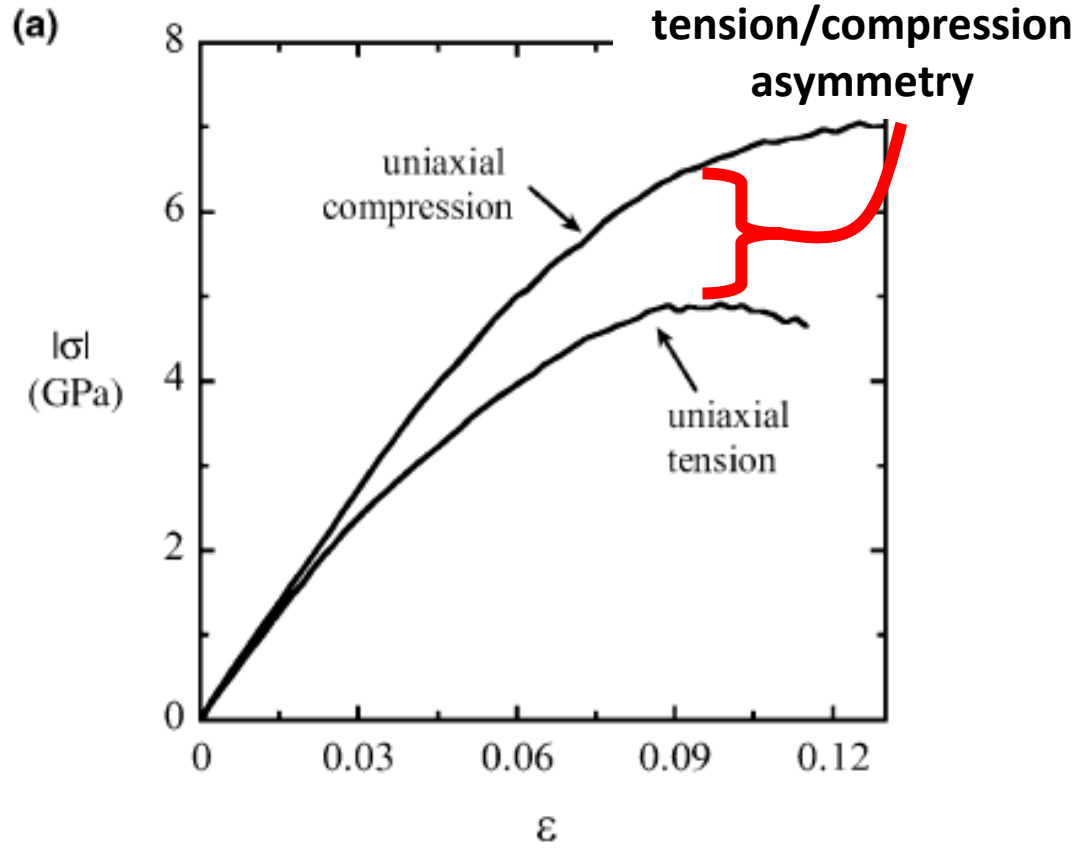
very low ductility (<10%)



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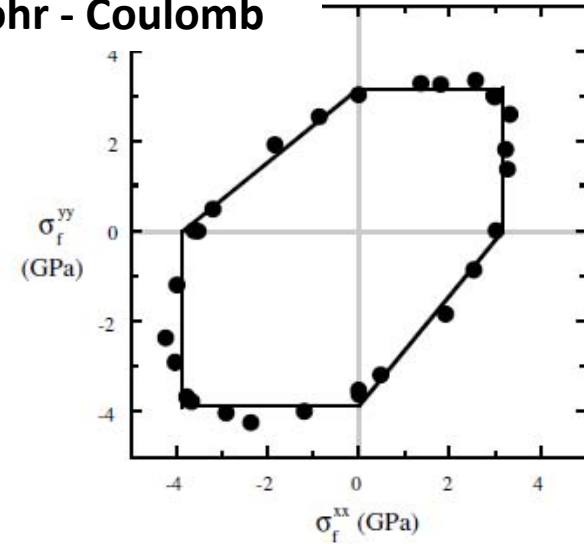
# nc yield criteria



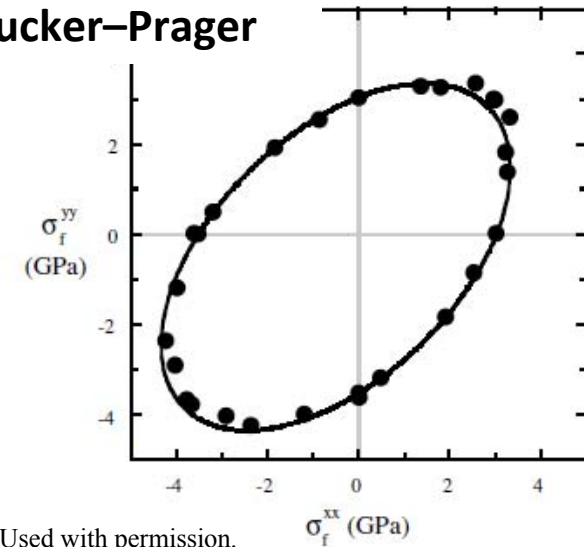
*atomistic simulations  
for  $d = 4$  nm*

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Mohr - Coulomb



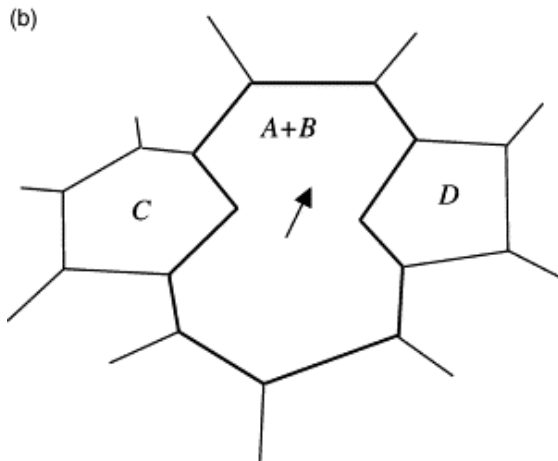
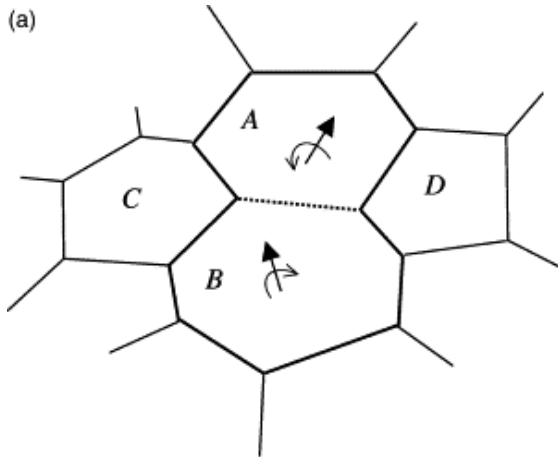
Drucker-Prager



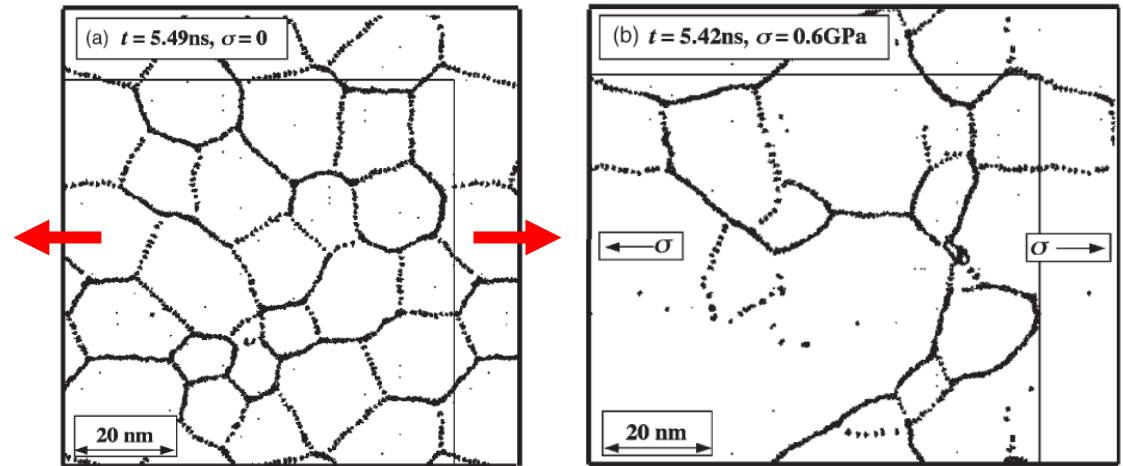
# mechanically-induced grain growth

Driven by mechanical force

- GB migration
- GB rotation



**GB rotation**



**before**

**after**

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# “Nanovated” material

**“Integran’s patented Nanovating process, creates materials with 1000 times smaller grain sizes.”**

**“Integran’s Grain Boundary Engineering (GBE®) process enhances reliability and durability by altering the internal structure of materials on the nanometre-scale.”**

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conventional grains

average “nanovated” grain size ~ 20 nm

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# video – nc testing

- Atomistic simulation of nc Al:

Psuedo1ntellectual. “Mechanical Properties of Nano-phase Metals (Tensile test).” August 7, 2007. YouTube. Accessed May 14, 2010. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QVJ1DOIDI2A>

- Bending test of nc Ni-W coating on steel:

TJRupert. “Bending test – 25 nm grain size – Nanocrystalline nickel-tungsten.” October 6, 2009. YouTube. Accessed May 14, 2010. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xl8Ziy3H8CI>

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