

Multiscale models of metal  
plasticity  
Lecture IV: Kinetics and work  
hardening

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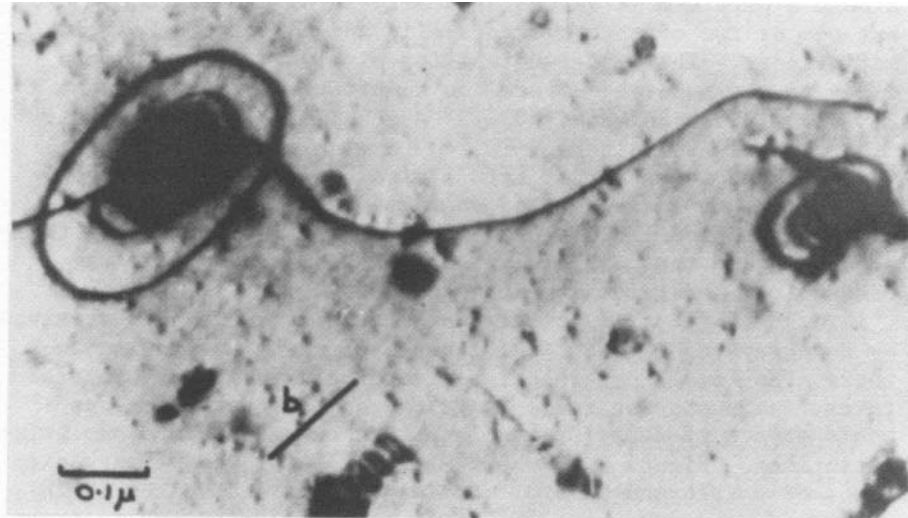
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# Outline of Lecture #4

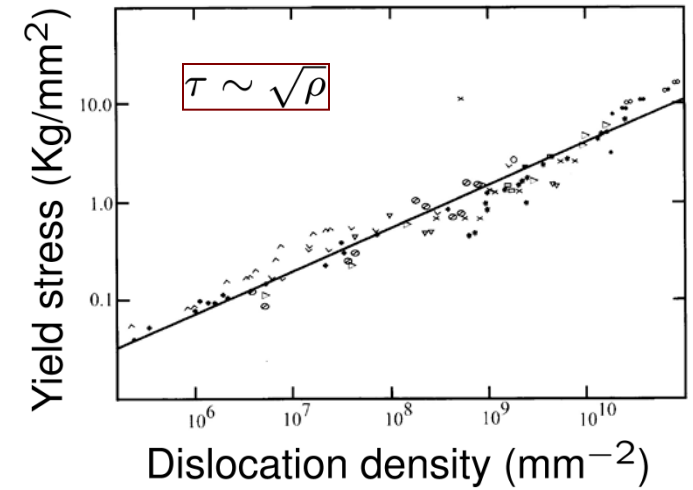
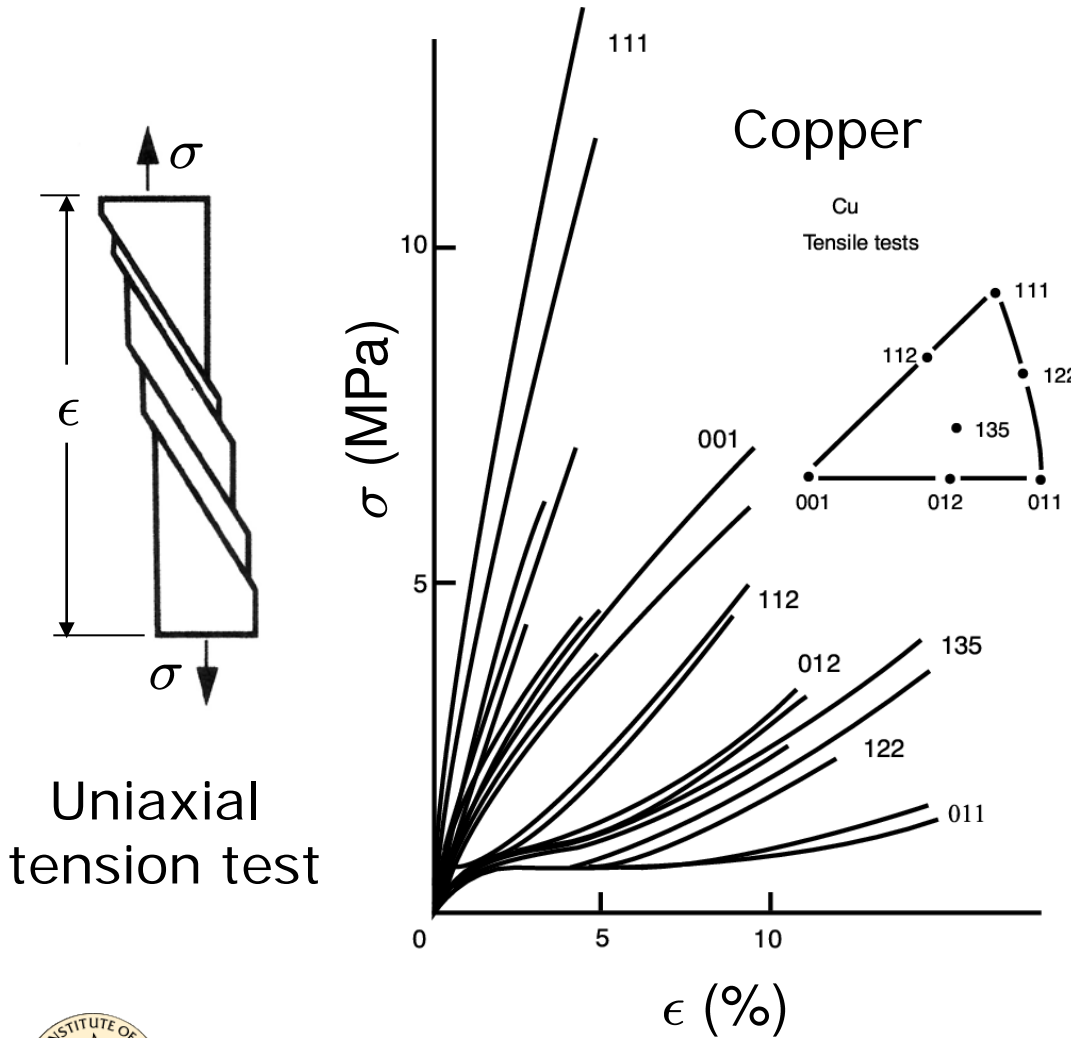
- Beyond energy: Kinetics
- Experimental observations, dislocation mobility
- The forest hardening model
- Energy-dissipation functionals
- Phase-field models



(Humphreys and Hirsch, 1970)



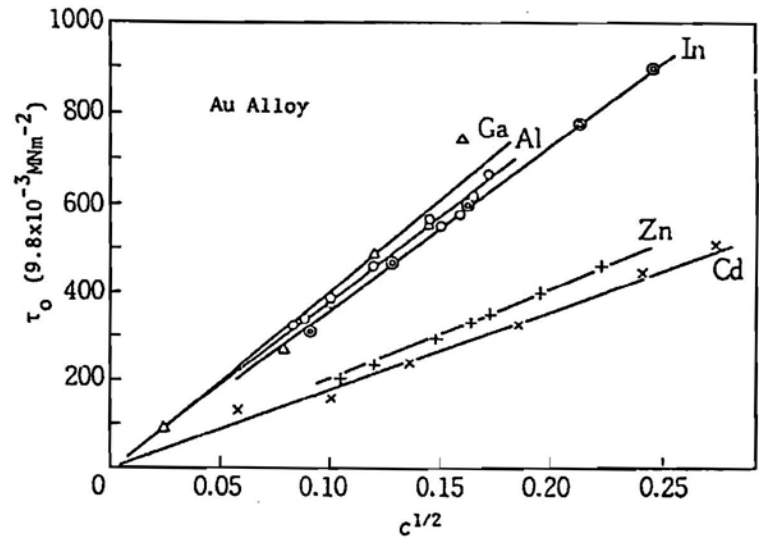
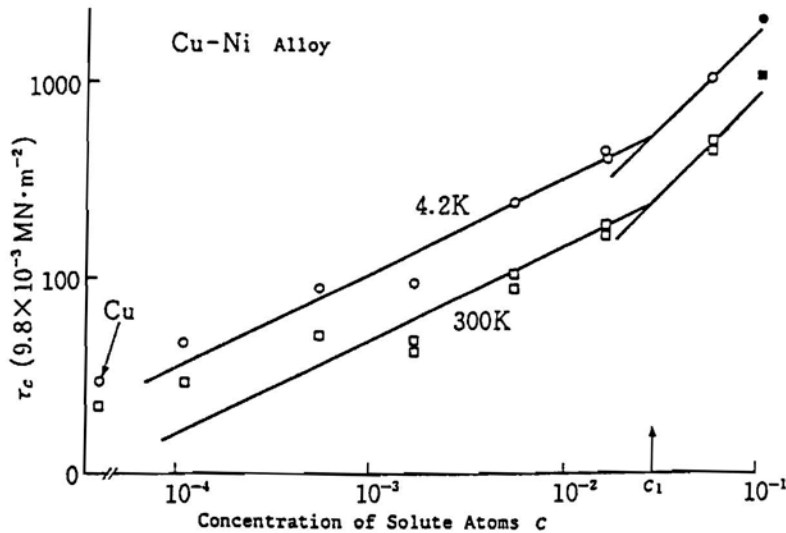
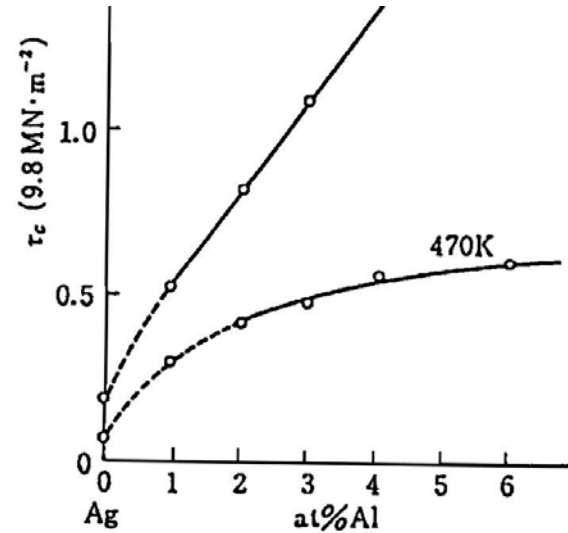
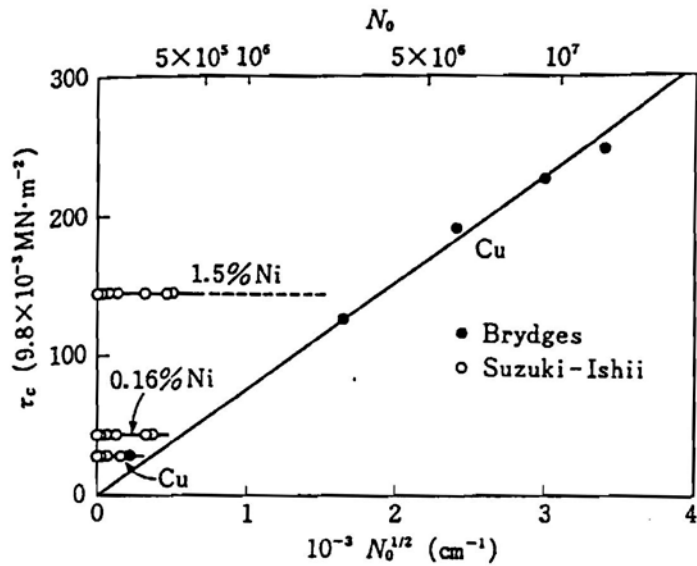
# Crystal plasticity – Macroscopic behavior



Taylor scaling  
 (SJ Basinski and ZS Basinski,  
 Dislocations in Solids,  
 FRN Nabarro (ed.)  
 North-Holland, 1979.)



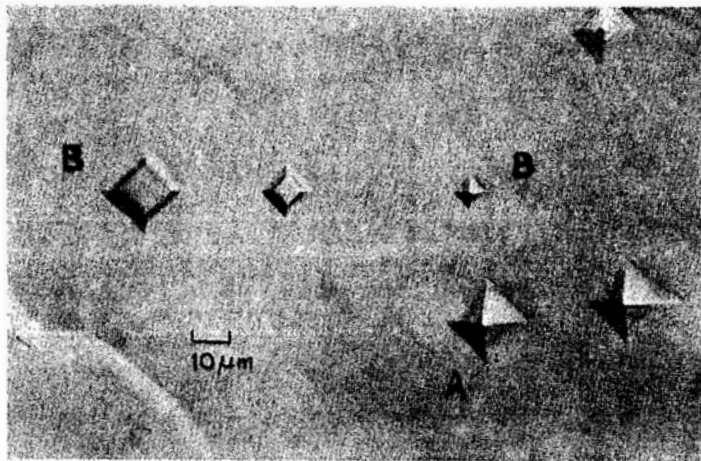
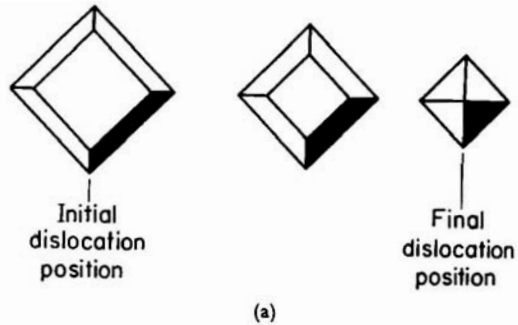
# Hardening and obstacle density



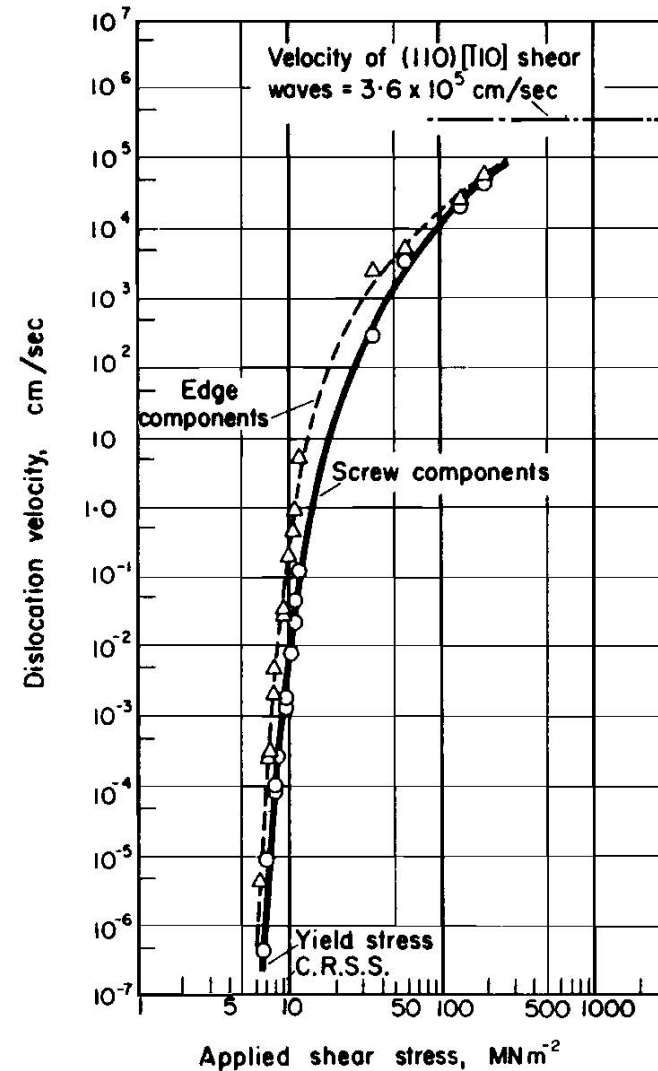
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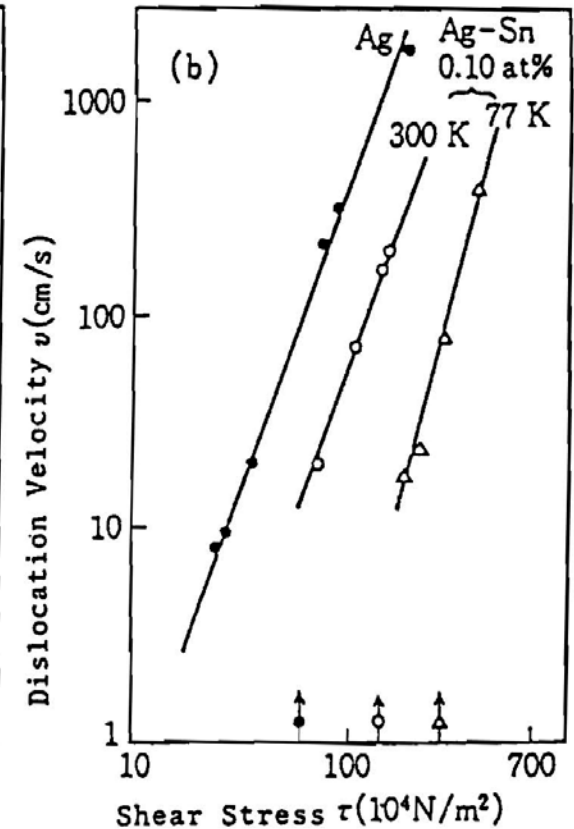
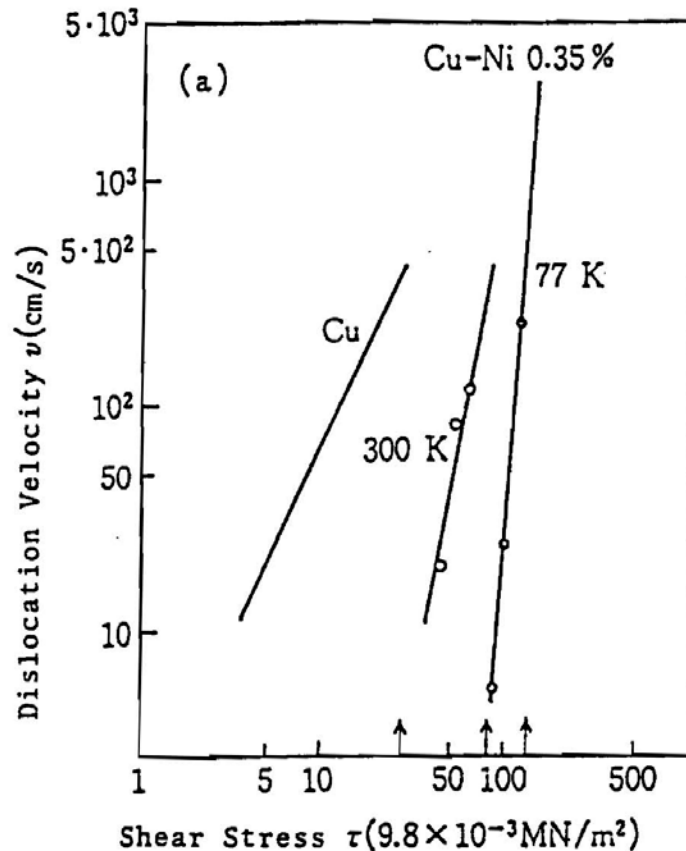
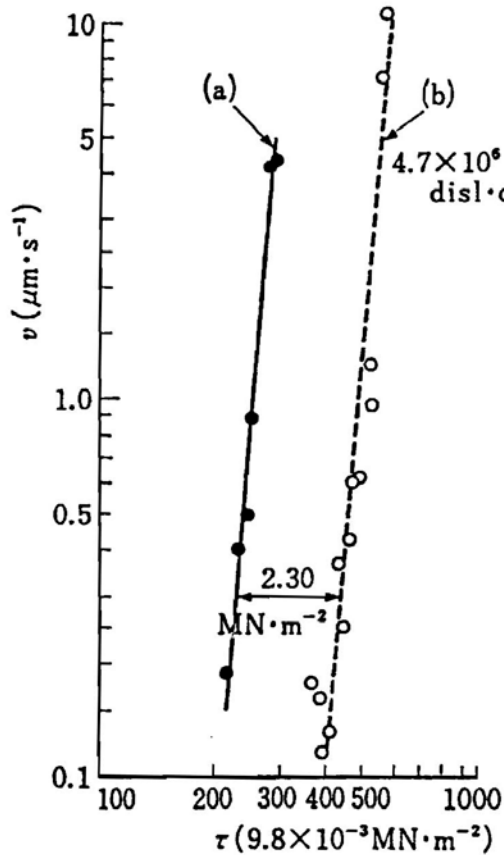
# Dislocation velocity



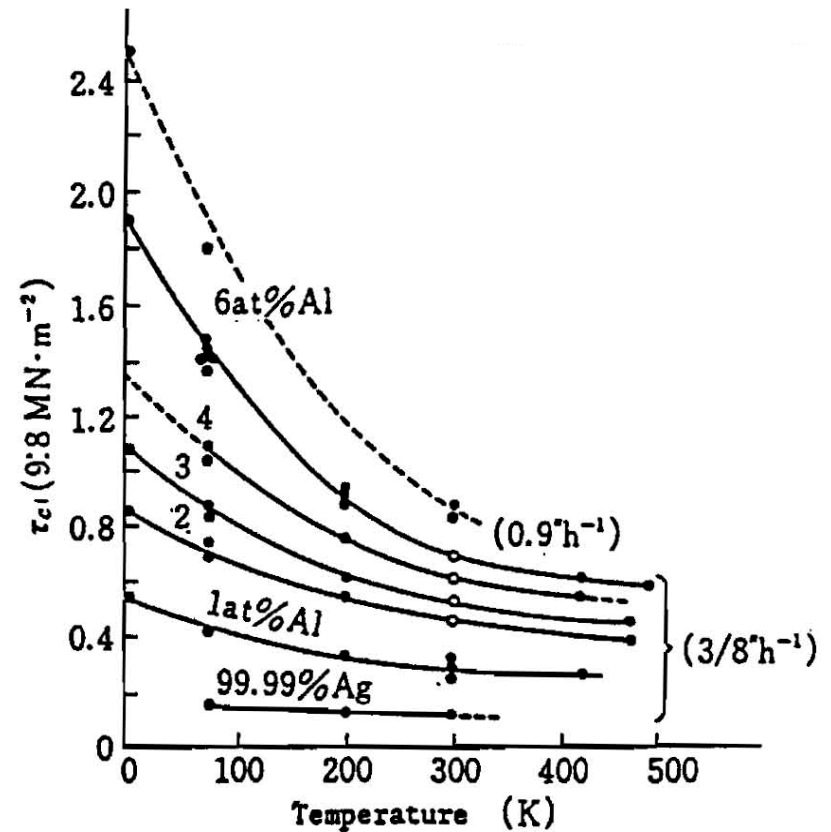
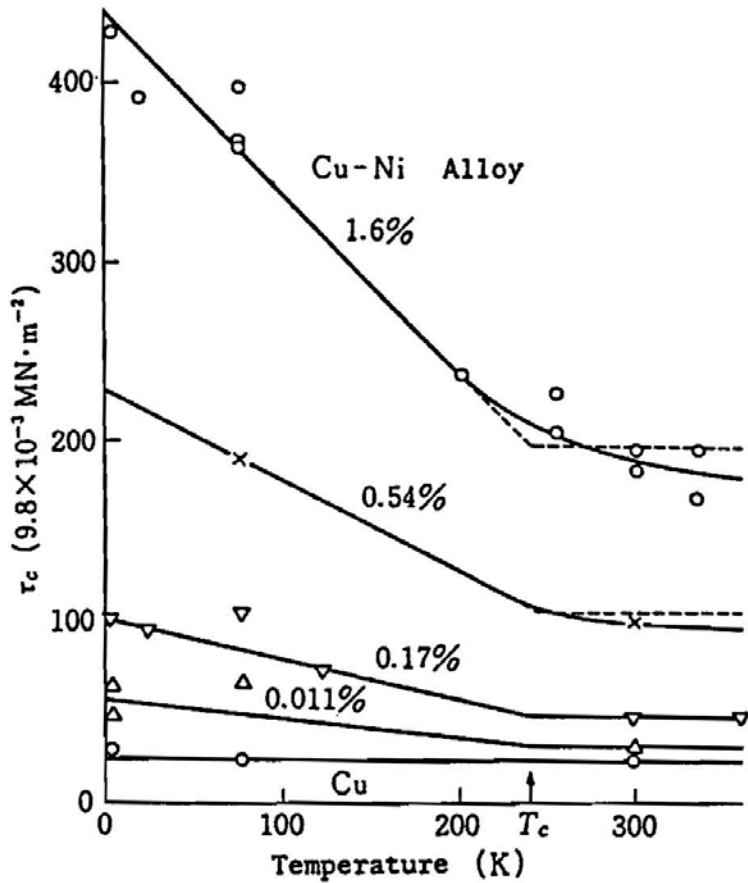
Etch pits on a LiF crystal



# Dislocation velocity



# Thermal softening



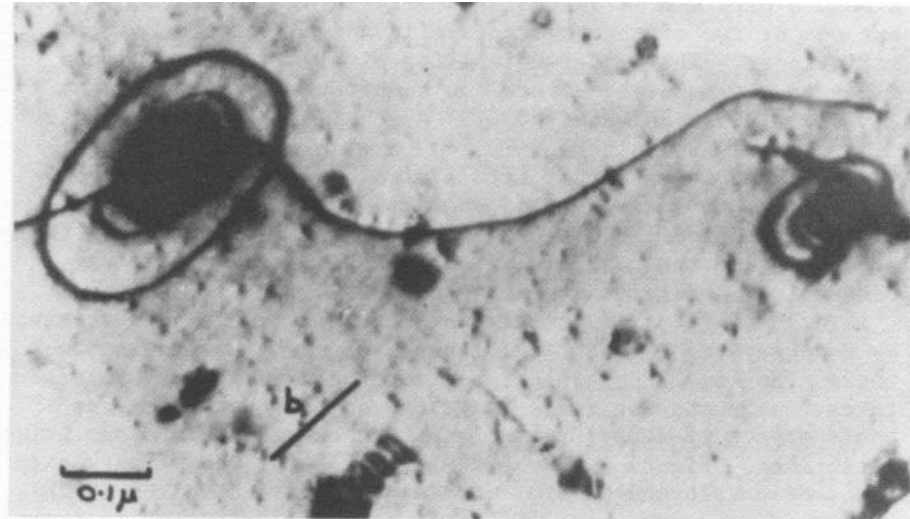
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- Dislocation motion is governed by kinetics
- Dislocations react with each other irreversibly
- Energy-minimization is not enough to describe dislocation dynamics, hardening
- Need kinetics, time-dependent problems!

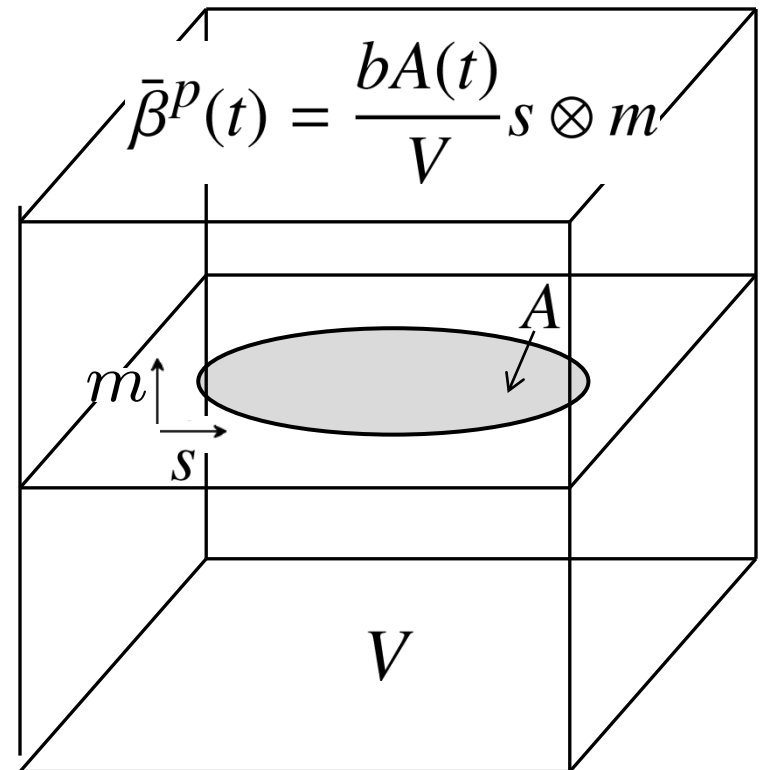
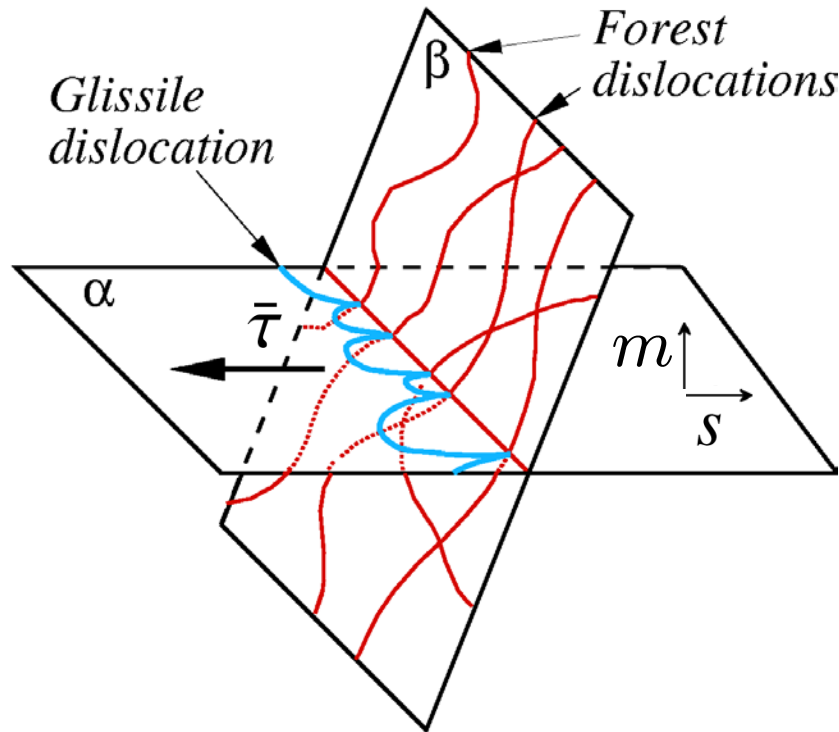


(Humphreys and Hirsch, 1970)





# The forest-hardening problem



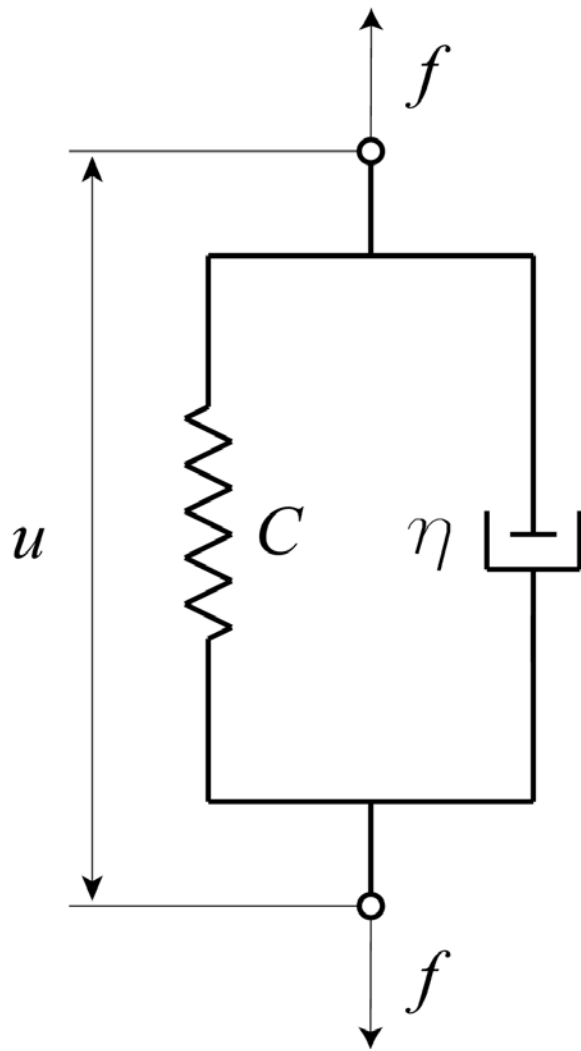
Given:  $\bar{\tau}(t) = \bar{\sigma}_{ij}(t) s_i m_j$



determine:  $\bar{\gamma}(t) = \frac{bA(t)}{V}$



# Classical rate variational problems



- Kelvin solid IV problem:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \eta \dot{u}(t) + Cu(t) &= f(t) \\ u(0) &= u_0 \end{aligned} \right\}$$

- Potential energy:

$$E(t, u) = \frac{C}{2}u^2 - f(t)u$$

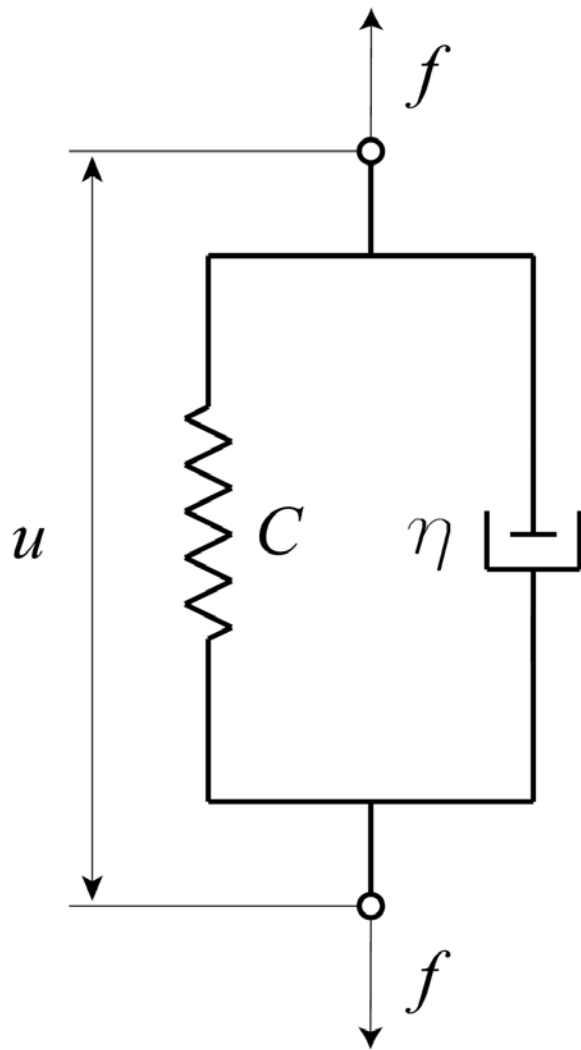
- Dissipation potential:  $\Psi(v) = \frac{\eta}{2}v^2$

- Force equilibrium:

$$\partial\Psi(\dot{u}(t)) + DE(t, u(t)) = 0$$



# Classical rate variational problems



- Rate potential:

$$G(t, u, v) \equiv \Psi(v) + DE(t, u) v$$

- Rate problem: Given  $t, u,$

$$\min_v G(t, u, v)$$

- Euler-Lagrange equations:

$$\partial\Psi(v) + DE(t, u) = 0$$

- IV problem: For  $t \in [0, T],$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} v(t) &\in \operatorname{argmin} G(t, u(t), \cdot) \\ \dot{u}(t) &= v(t), \quad u(0) = u_0 \end{aligned} \right\}$$



# Forest hardening – External energy

- Energy of LE dislocated crystal, applied stress  $\bar{\sigma}_{ij}$ :

$$E(u) = \int_{\Omega \setminus J_u} \frac{1}{2} c_{ijkl} u_{i,j} u_{k,l} dx + \int_{\partial\Omega} \bar{\sigma}_{ij} n_j u_i d\mathcal{H}^2 = E^{\text{int}} + E^{\text{ext}}$$

- Potential of the externally applied stresses:

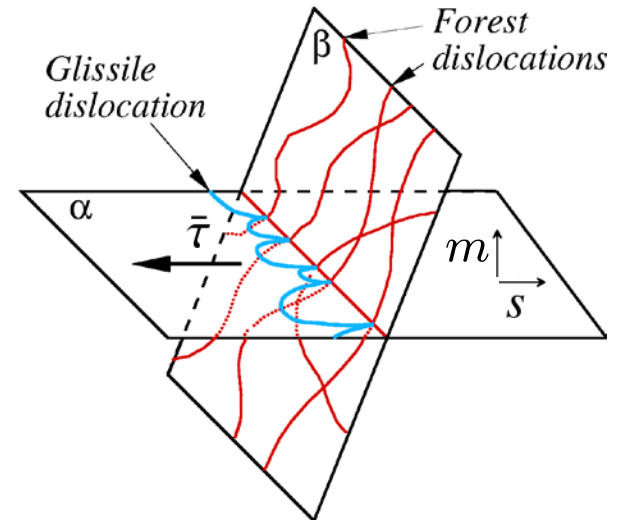
$$E^{\text{ext}} = \int_{\partial\Omega} \bar{\sigma}_{ij} u_i n_j d\mathcal{H}^2 = -\bar{\sigma}_{ij} \int_{J_u} [[u_i]] n_j d\mathcal{H}^2 = -V \bar{\sigma}_{ij} \bar{\beta}_{ij}^P$$

- Single slip on one single slip plane:

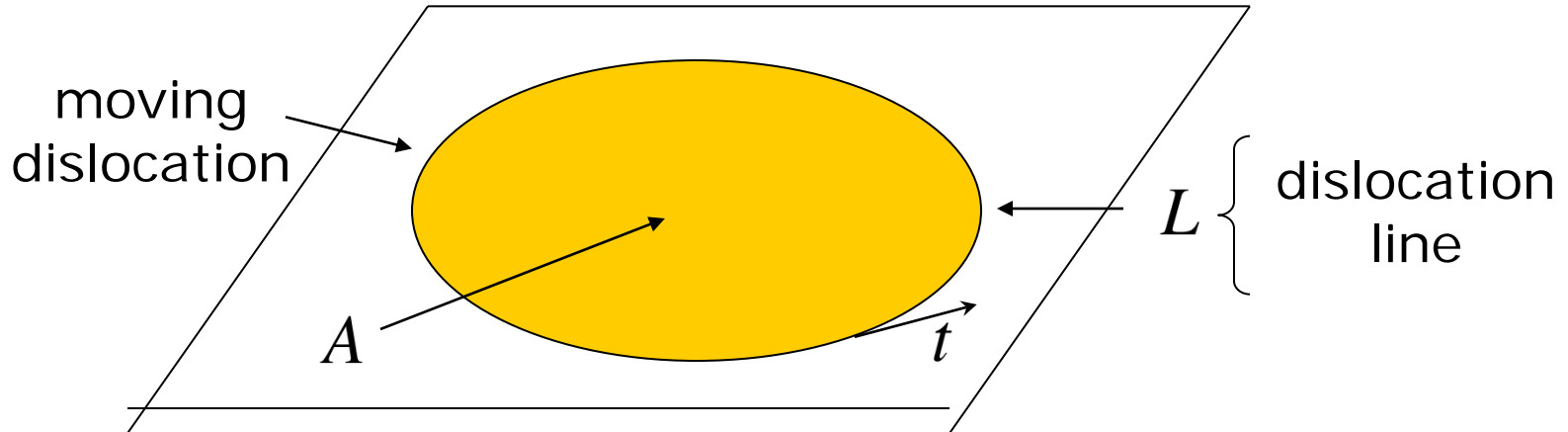
$$E^{\text{ext}} = -V \bar{\sigma}_{ij} \frac{A}{V} b_i m_j = -\bar{\tau} \bar{\gamma}, \quad \text{with:}$$

$$\bar{\tau} = \bar{\sigma}_{ij} s_i m_j \equiv \text{resolved shear stress}$$

$$\bar{\gamma} = \frac{bA}{V} \equiv \text{macroscopic slip strain}$$



# Forest hardening – Stored energy

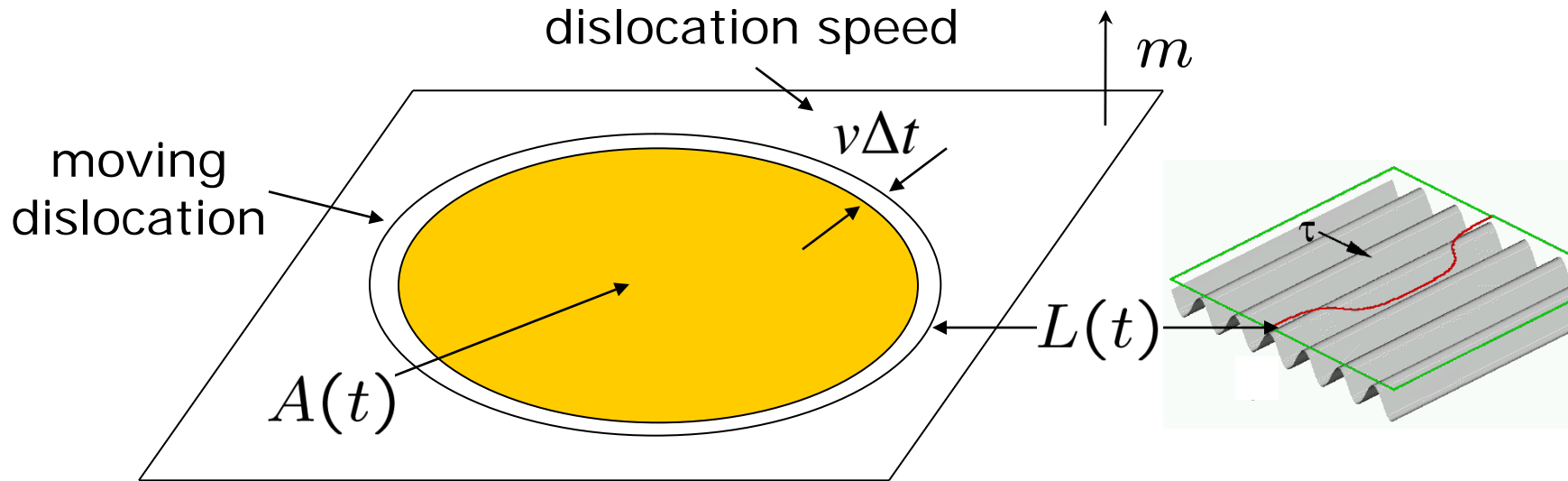


- Volterra dislocation density:  $\alpha = d\beta^P = b \otimes t \mathcal{H}^1 \llcorner L$
- From Mura's formula, general representation:  $E^{\text{int}}(\alpha)$
- Dilute limit, line-tension approximation:

$$E^{\text{int}}(\alpha) = \int_L \langle Kb, b \rangle d\mathcal{H}^1$$



# Forest hardening – Lattice friction



- Dislocation flux:  $\forall \varphi \in C_0^1([0, T]), \forall f \in C_0(\Omega),$

$$\int_0^T \dot{\varphi} \left\{ \int \llbracket u \rrbracket \otimes m f d\mathcal{H}^2 \right\} dt = - \int_0^T \varphi \left\{ \int f d\underline{\mu}(x) \right\} dt$$

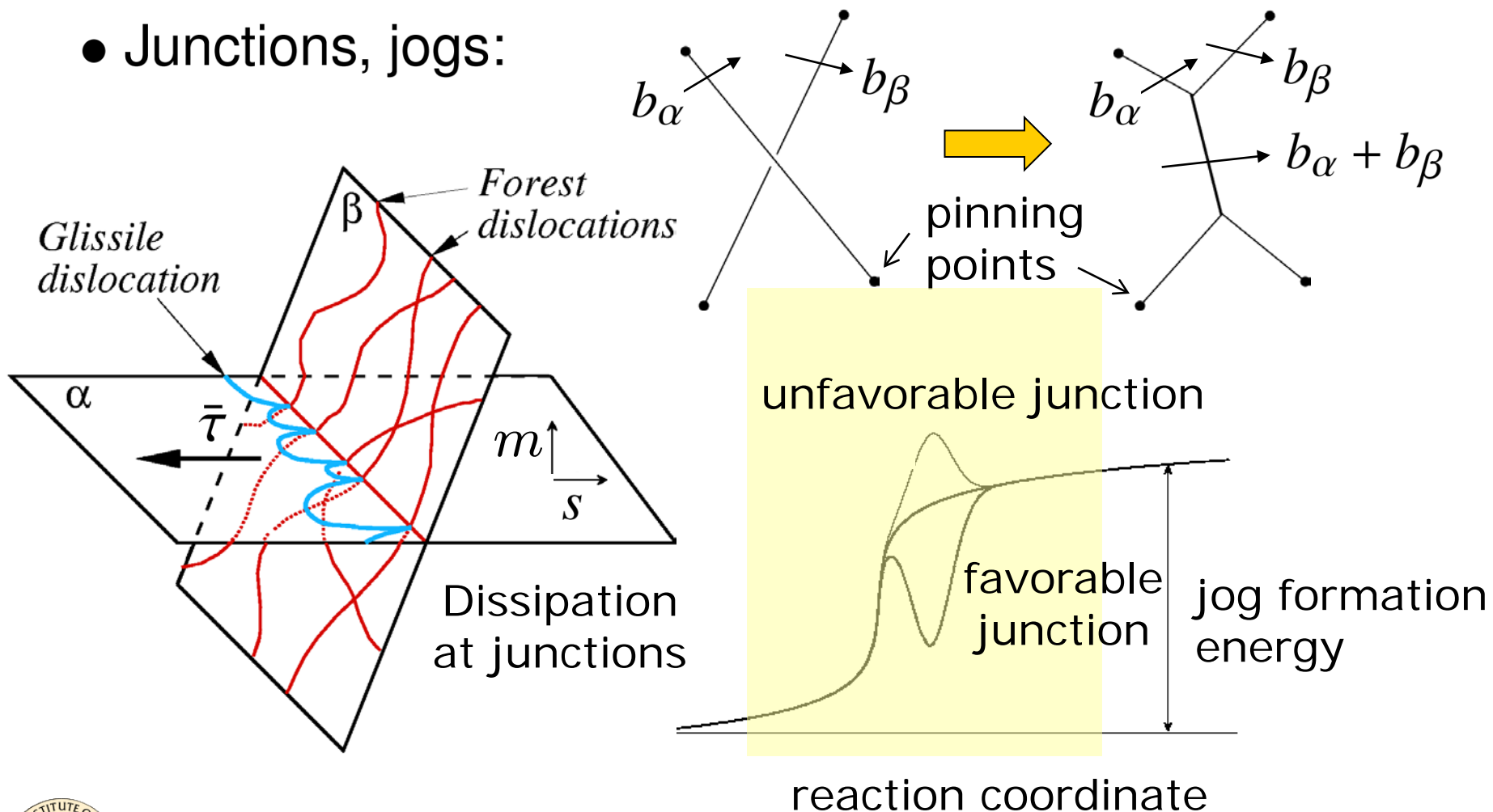
- Dislocation velocity:  $\underline{\mu} = -\underline{\alpha} \times \underline{v}$  Peierls stress (lattice friction)

• Dissipation potential:  $\Psi^{\text{lat}} = \int_L \tau_c |\underline{v}| d\mathcal{H}^1$



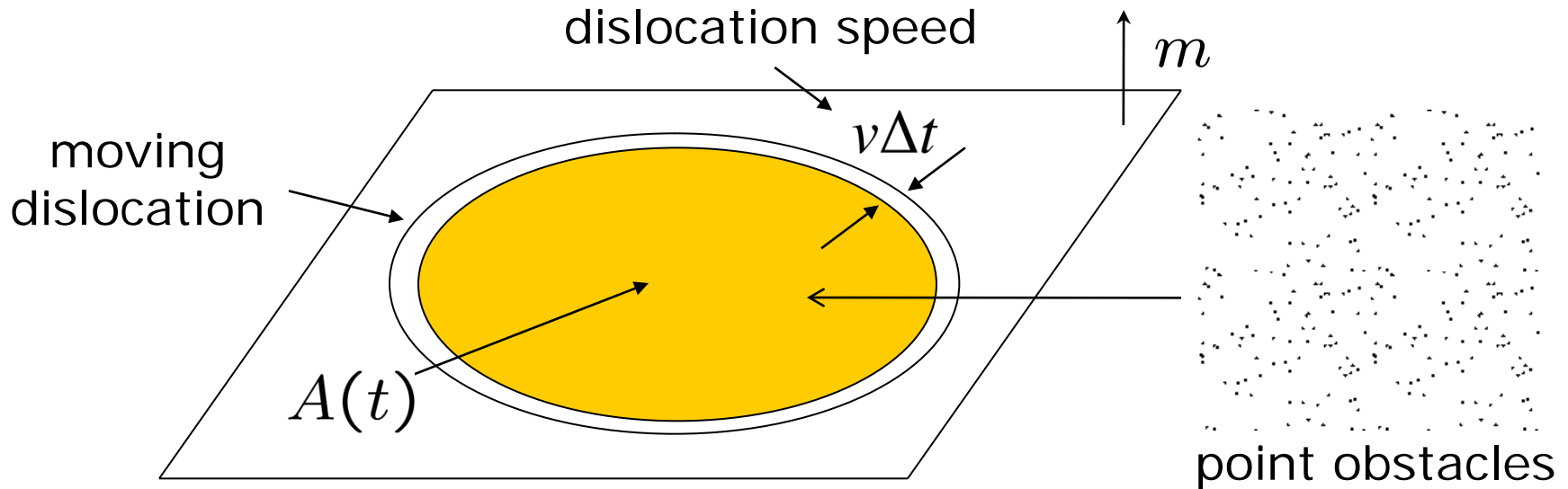
# Forest hardening – Dissipation at obstacles

- Junctions, jogs:





# Forest hardening – Point obstacles



- Dislocation flux:  $\forall \varphi \in C_0^1([0, T]), \forall f \in C_0(\Omega),$   

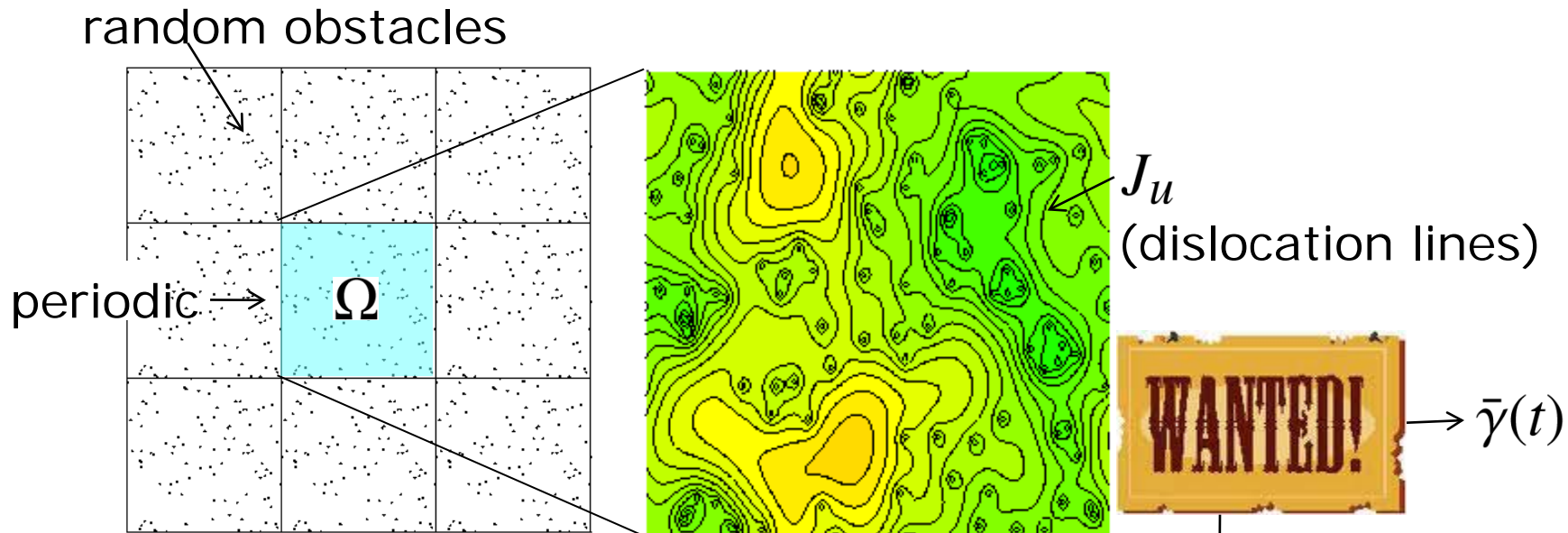
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- Dislocation velocity:  $\underline{\mu} = -\underline{\alpha} \times \underline{v}$  obstacle strength

• Dissipation potential: 
$$\Psi^{\text{obs}} = \sum_{\text{obstacles}} f_c |\underline{v}|$$



# Forest hardening – Summary



- Find:  $u : T^2 \times [0, T] \rightarrow b\mathbb{Z}$  s. t.  $\partial\Psi(u, \dot{u}) + DE(t, u) = 0$

- Energy:  $E(u, t) = \int_{J_u} K[[u]]^2 d\mathcal{H}^1 - \bar{\tau}(t) \int_{\Omega} u d\mathcal{H}^2$

- Dissipation:  $\Psi(u, \dot{u}) = \int_L \tau_c |\dot{v}| d\mathcal{H}^1 + \sum_{\text{obstacles}} f_c |\dot{v}|$



# Energy-dissipation functionals

- Space of trajectories:  $\mathbb{X} = \{u : [0, T] \rightarrow X\}$ ,
- Energy-dissipation functional  $F_\epsilon : \mathbb{X} \rightarrow \bar{\mathbb{R}}$ :

$$F_\epsilon(u) = \int_0^T e^{-t/\epsilon} \left[ \underbrace{\Psi(u, \dot{u})}_{\text{Dissipation}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{\epsilon} E(t, u)}_{\text{Energy}} \right] dt + [e^{-t/\epsilon} E]_0^T$$

“Arrow of time”

- Minimum principle:  $u \in \operatorname{argmin} F_\epsilon$
- Euler-Lagrange equations (elliptic regularization!):

$$\underline{-\epsilon \partial^2 \Psi(\dot{u}) \ddot{u} + \partial \Psi(\dot{u}) + DE(t, u) = 0}$$



# Rate-independent problems

- Energy-dissipation function:

$$F_\epsilon(u) = \int_0^T e^{-t/\epsilon} [\Psi(u, \dot{u}) + \frac{1}{\epsilon} E(t, u)] dt + [e^{-t/\epsilon} E]_0^T$$

- Suppose: i)  $\Psi(u, \lambda \dot{u}) = \lambda \Psi(u, \dot{u})$ ,  $\forall \lambda \geq 0$ ; ii) There exists  $\mathbb{K} \subset \mathbb{X}$  and a functional  $J : \mathbb{X} \rightarrow \bar{\mathbb{R}}$  s.t.

$$\Psi(u(t), \dot{u}(t)) = \frac{d}{dt} J(u(t)), \quad \forall u \in \mathbb{K}$$

- Then (deformation theory):

$$F_\epsilon(u) = \begin{cases} \int_0^T e^{-t/\epsilon} [J(u) + E(t, u)] \frac{dt}{\epsilon} + BC, & \text{if } u \in \mathbb{K}, \\ +\infty, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- Pointwise:  $u(t) \in \operatorname{argmin}(J(\cdot) + E(t, \cdot))$ , provided  $u \in \mathbb{K}$



# Forest Hardening – Deformation theory

- Monotonicity:

$$\mathbb{K} = \{u \in \mathbb{X}, \text{ s. t. } u(x, t) \geq 0 \text{ and } u(x, t_2) \geq u(x, t_1), t_2 \geq t_1\}$$

- For  $u \in \mathbb{K}$  we have  $\Psi(u(t), \dot{u}(t)) = \frac{d}{dt} J(u(t))$  with

$$J(u) = \int_{\Omega} \tau_c u \, d\mathcal{H}^2 + \sum_{\text{obstacles}} f_c u$$

- Deformation-theory minimum principle: Minimize

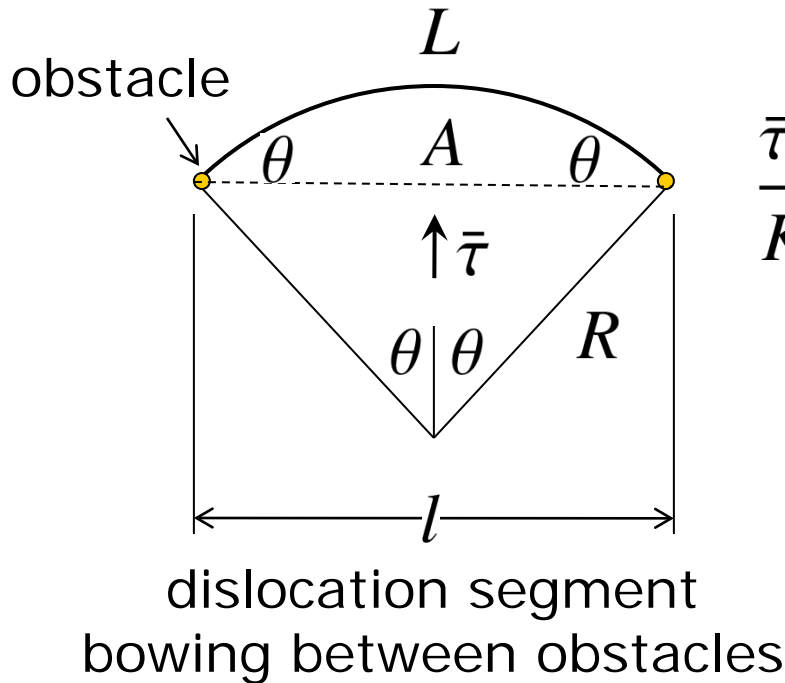
$$J(u) + E(u, t) = \int_{J_u} K[[u]]^2 \, d\mathcal{H}^1 - \underbrace{(\bar{\tau}(t) - \tau_c)}_{\text{overstress!}} \int_{\Omega} u \, d\mathcal{H}^2 + \sum_{\text{obstacles}} f_c u$$

- Minimize pseudo-energy  $F = J + E$  pointwise in time!

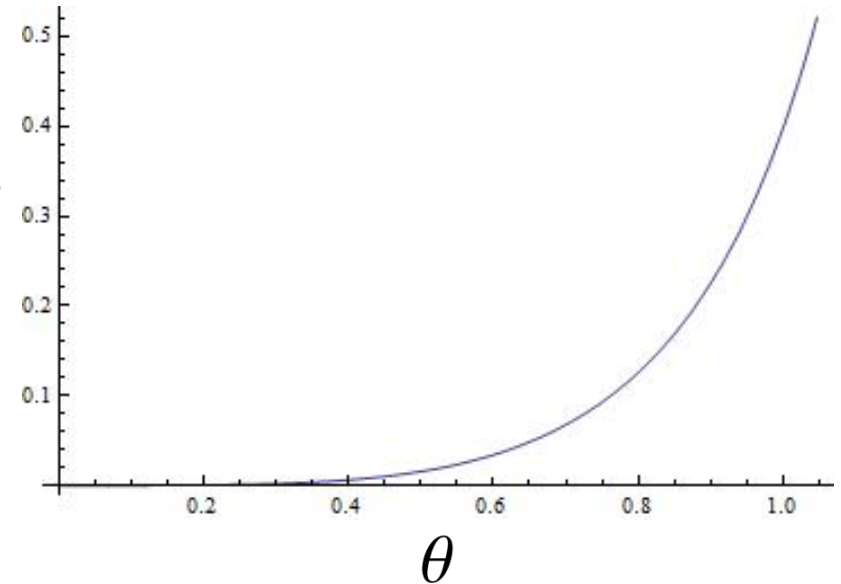


# Forest hardening – Pinning/depinning

- Dislocations move by pinning-depinning at obstacles!



$$\frac{\bar{\tau} - \tau_c}{Kb^2/l}$$



- Deformation-theory energy:

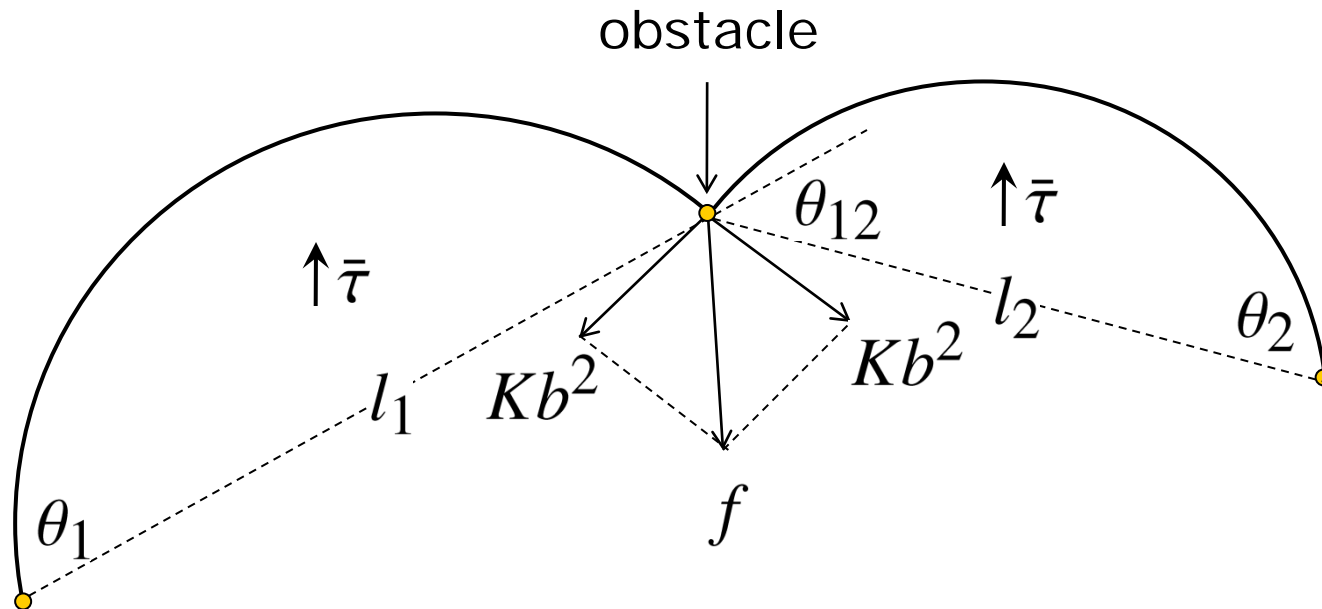
$$F(\theta) = Kb^2L + (\bar{\tau} - \tau_c)A$$

- Equilibrium shape:

$$\frac{dF(\theta)}{d\theta} = 0 \Rightarrow \theta(\bar{\tau}, l)$$



# Forest hardening – Pinning/depinning

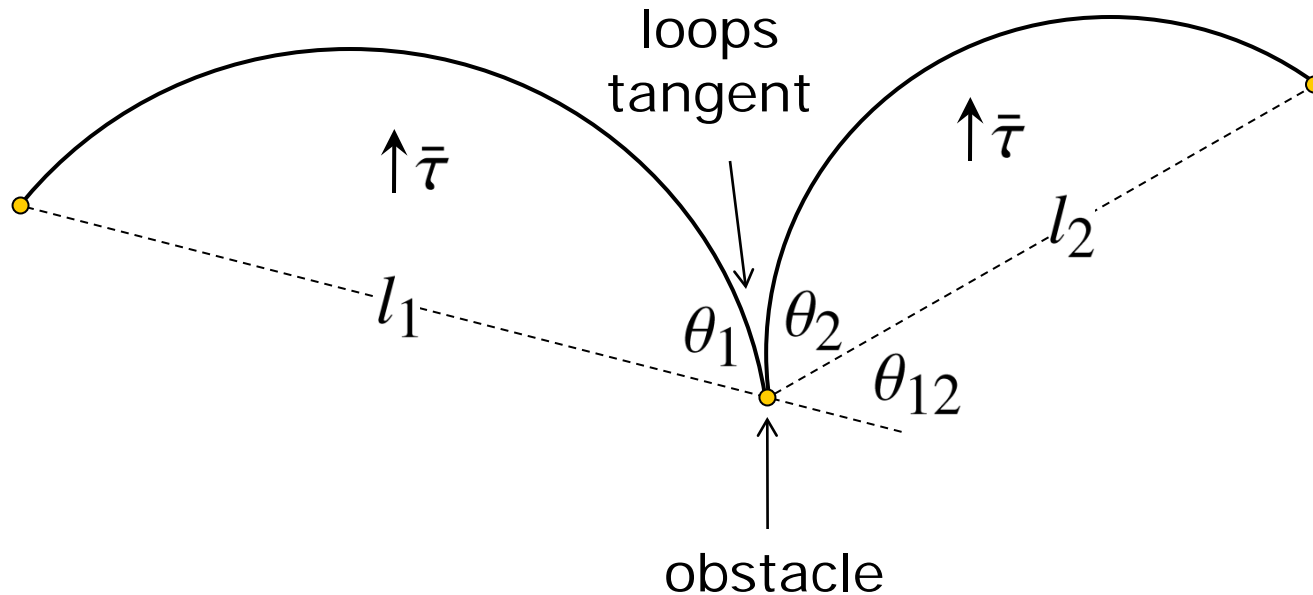


- Obstacle is stable if:  $|f(\bar{\tau}, l_1, l_2, \theta_{12})| < f_c$ .
- Otherwise, dislocation depins and moves forward.
- Eventually, dislocation gets pinned down and arrests





# Forest hardening – Pinning/depinning

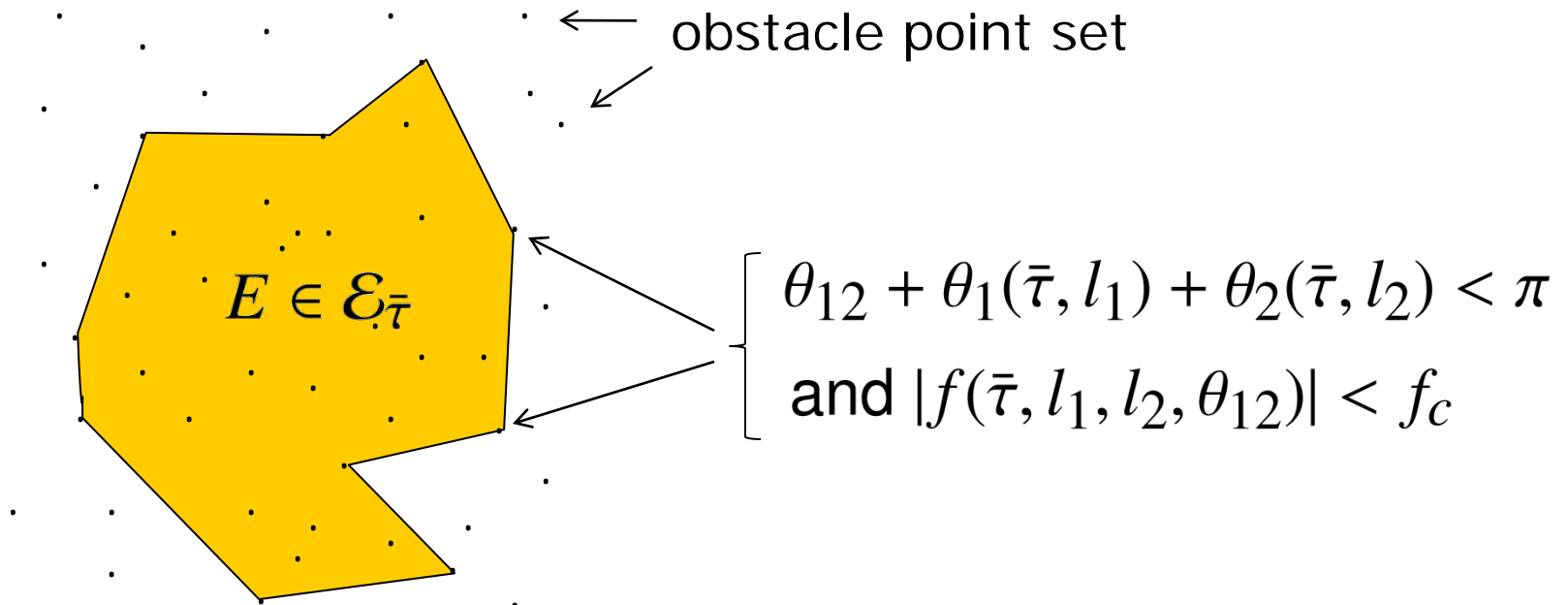


- Obstacle is stable if  $\theta_{12} + \theta_1(\bar{\tau}, l_1) + \theta_2(\bar{\tau}, l_2) < \pi$ .
- Otherwise, dislocation depins and moves forward.
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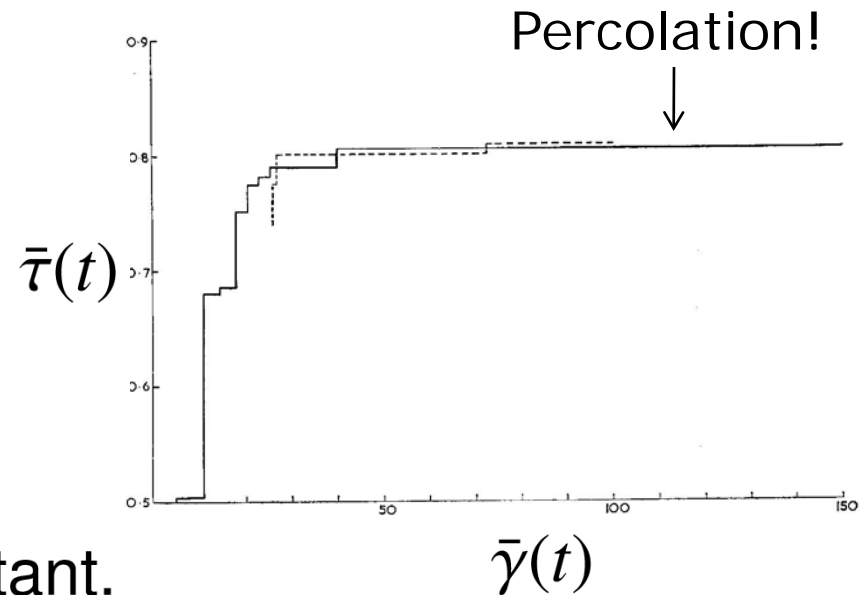
# Forest hardening – Single dislocation

- Let  $\mathcal{E}_s$  be the set of polygonal domains spanning the obstacle point set such that all vertices are stable for all  $\bar{\tau} \leq s$ .

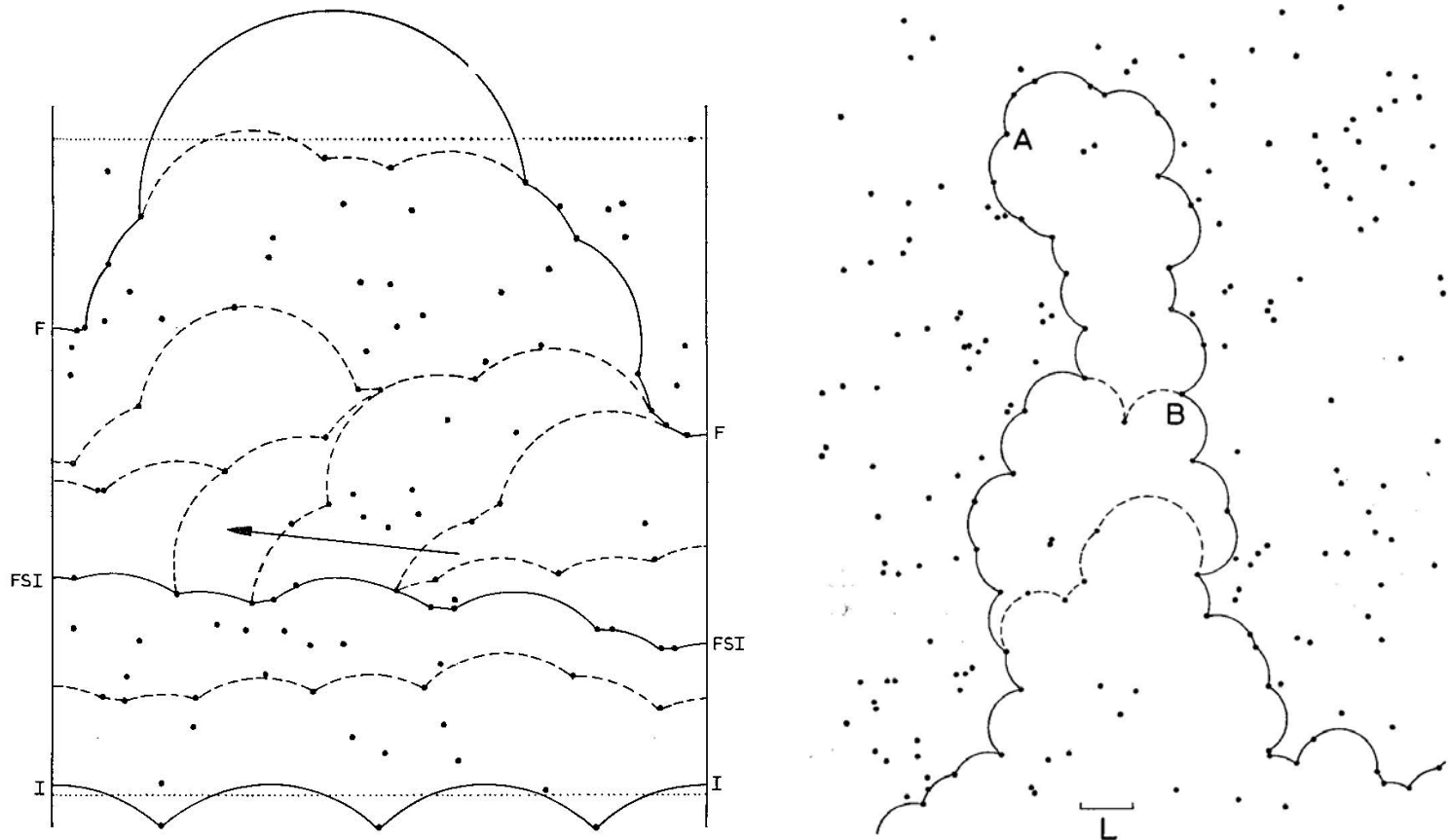


# Forest hardening – Single dislocation

- Suppose that  $\bar{\tau}(t)$  is increasing, piecewise constant and jumps at times  $t_0, t_1, \dots, t_i, \dots$
- Consider a single moving dislocation,  $\text{range}(u) = \{0, b\}$ .
- Let  $u(t_i^-) \rightarrow E(t_i^-) \in \mathcal{E}_{\bar{\tau}(t_i^-)}$ .
- Then,  $u(t_i^+) \rightarrow E(t_i^+)$  is the smallest set in  $\mathcal{E}_{\bar{\tau}(t_i^+)}$  that contains  $E(t_i^-)$ .
- Slip strain:  $\bar{\gamma}(t) = \frac{b|E(t)|}{|\Omega|d}$   
increasing, piecewise constant.



# Forest hardening – Single dislocation



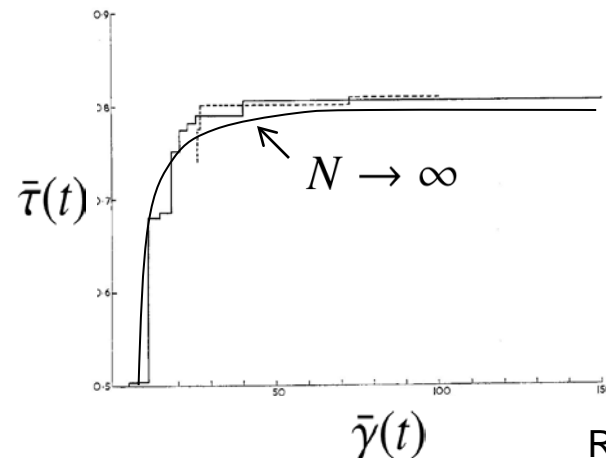
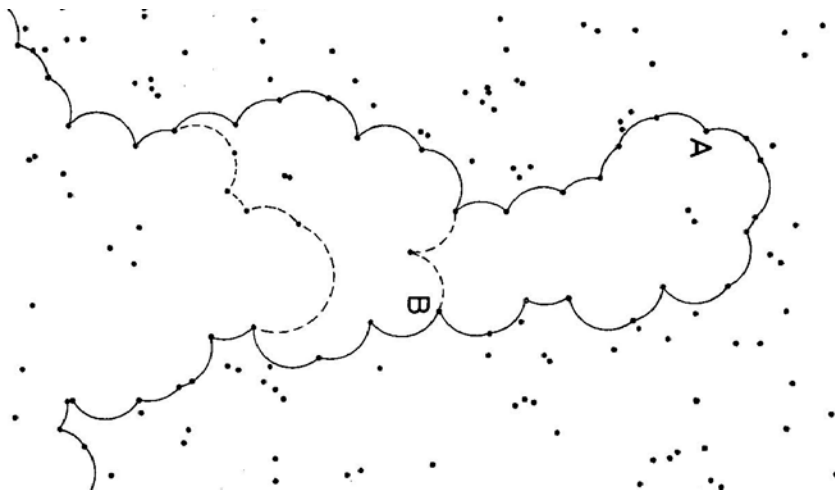
Dislocation motion through random array of obstacles  
(Foreman, A.J.E., Makin, M.J., *Phil. Mag.*, **14** (1966) 911)

- Plastic work:  $WP \sim c^{1/2} \bar{\gamma}^{3/2}$ , where:  
 $c \equiv$  obstacle density,  $\bar{\gamma} \equiv$  slip strain

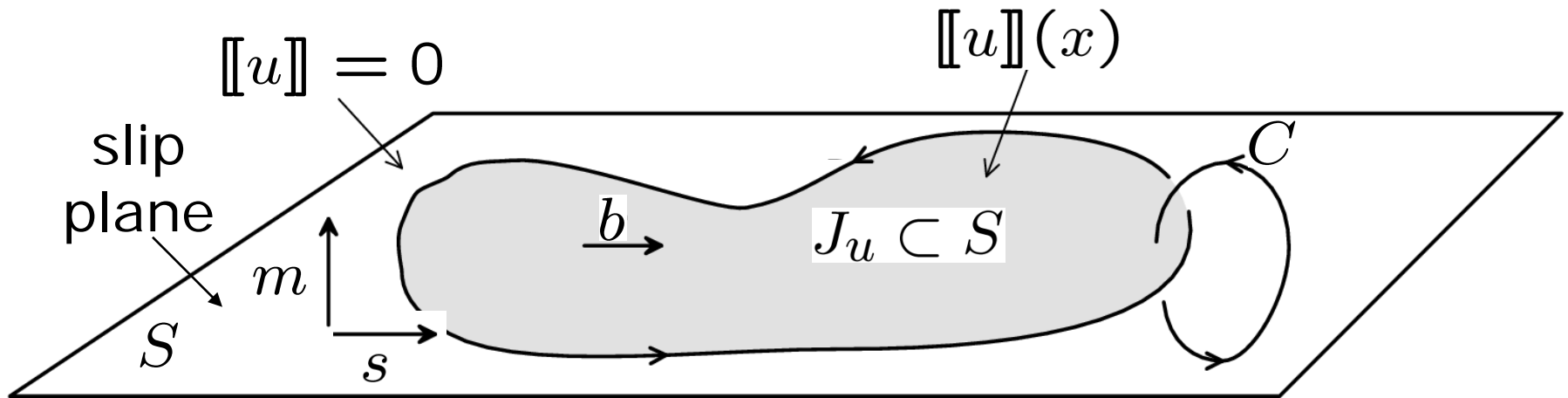


# Forest hardening – Summary & outlook

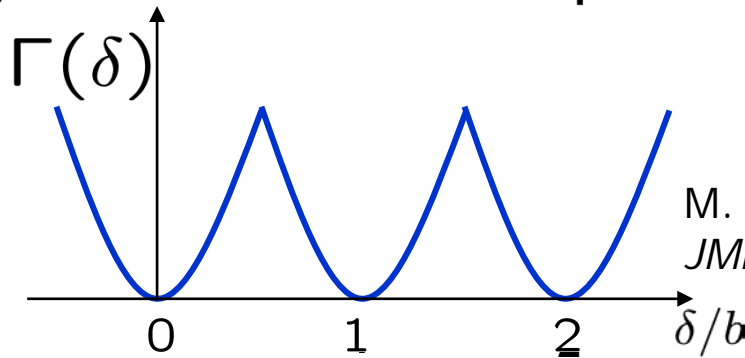
- Model is based on line tension approximation
- Motion by pinning/depinning at obstacles
- Model gives parabolic hardening curve, correct Taylor scaling with obstacle density
- Open mathematical questions:
  - *Limit of infinite number of obstacles ( $N$ ) at fixed obstacle density, e.g., Poisson distribution of obstacles*
  - *Loading/unloading, hysteresis...*



# 2½D phase-field model – Assumptions



- i) Activity on single slip system, single slip plane.
- ii) Linear elasticity outside slip plane.
- iii) No Peierls potential (translation invariance).
- iv) Constrained interplanar potential: With  $[[u]] \equiv \delta s$ ,



$$\Gamma(\delta) = \frac{\mu}{2d} \text{dist}^2(\delta, b\mathbb{Z})$$

M. Koslowski, A.M. Cuitino and M. Ortiz,  
*JMPS*, **50** (2002) 2597-2635

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# 2½D phase-field model – Energy

- Total energy: With  $u \equiv \delta/b$ ,  $E(u) =$

$$\underbrace{\int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \frac{\mu b^2}{2d} \text{dist}^2(u, \mathbb{Z}) dx}_{\text{Core energy}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \frac{\mu b^2}{4} K |\hat{u}|^2 dk}_{\text{Elastic energy}} - \underbrace{\int_{\mathbb{R}^2} b\tau u dx}_{\text{External}}$$

where 
$$K = \frac{k_2^2}{\sqrt{k_1^2 + k_2^2}} + \frac{1}{1 - \nu} \frac{k_1^2}{\sqrt{k_1^2 + k_2^2}}$$

- Structure of the energy:

$$E_\epsilon(u) = \frac{1}{2\epsilon} \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \text{dist}^2(u, \mathbb{Z}) dx + |u|_{H^{1/2}}^2 + \text{linear term}$$

G. Alberti, G. Bouchitté, and P. Seppecher,  
*C. R. Acad. Sci. Paris Sér. I. Math.*, **319** (1994) 333–338

A. Garroni and S. Müller, *SIAM J. Math. Anal.*,  
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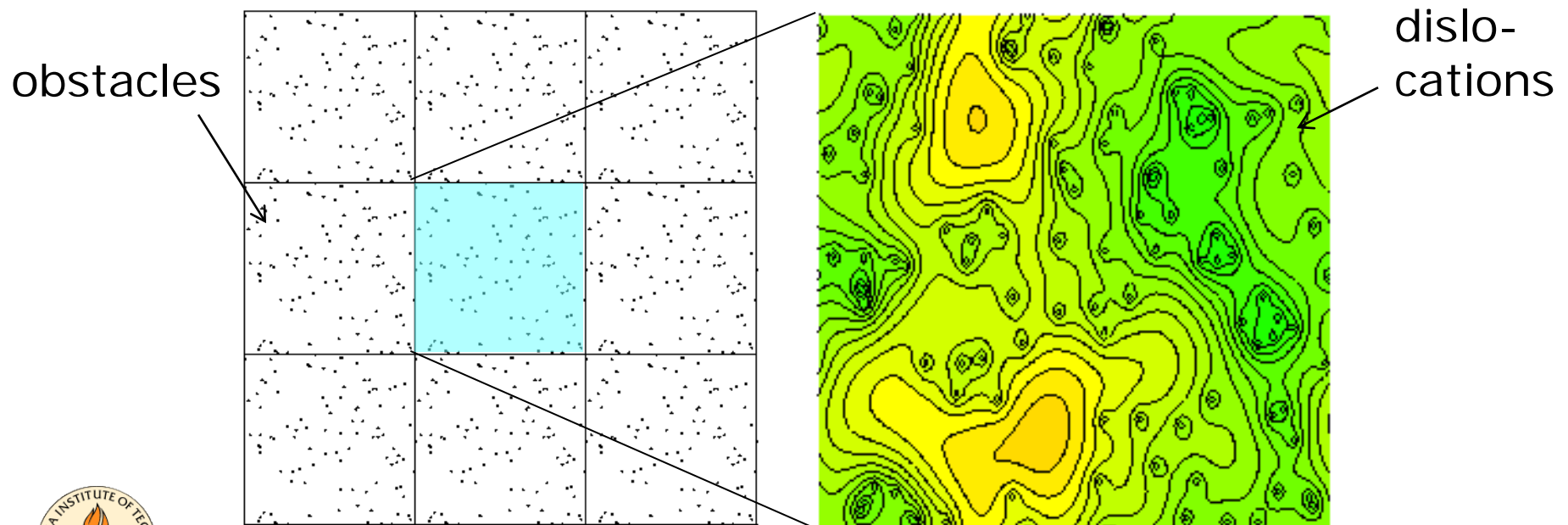




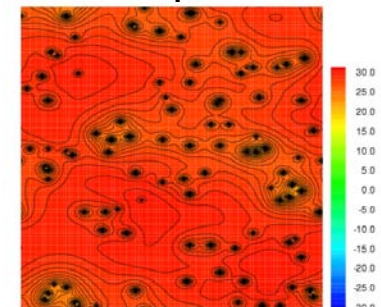
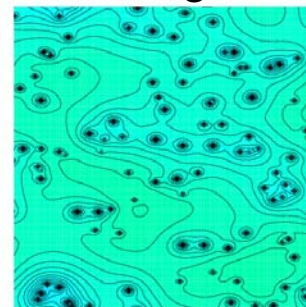
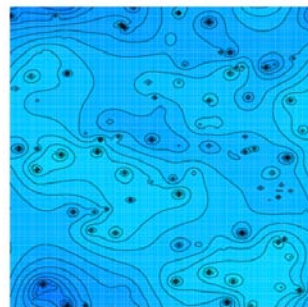
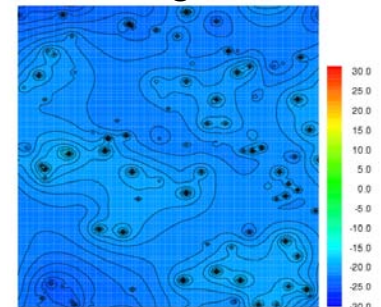
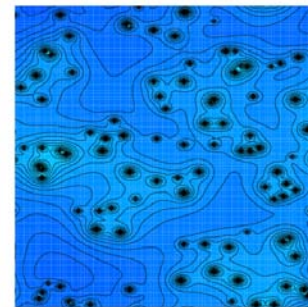
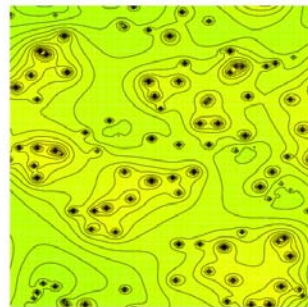
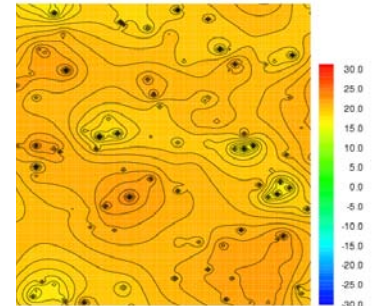
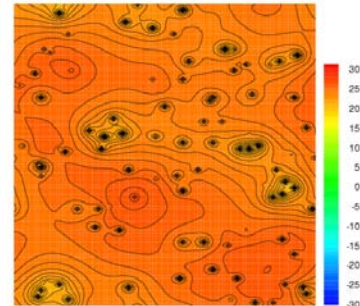
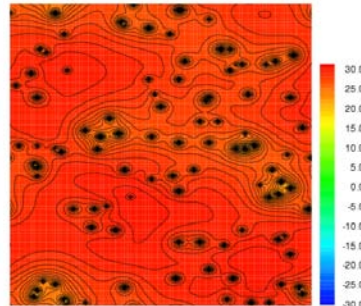
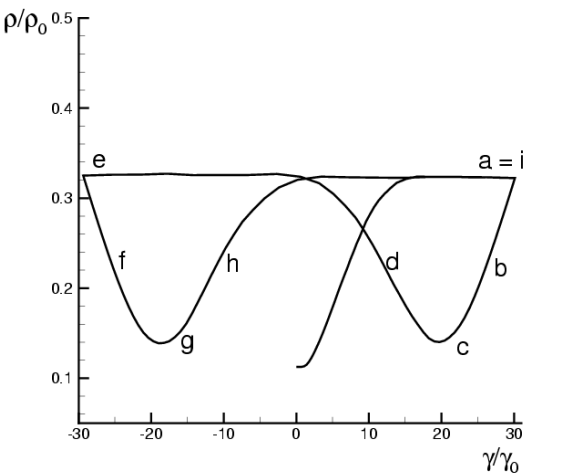
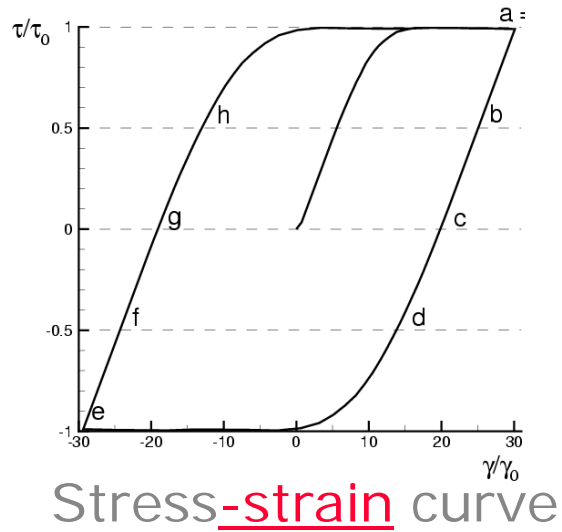
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- Time-discrete problem:

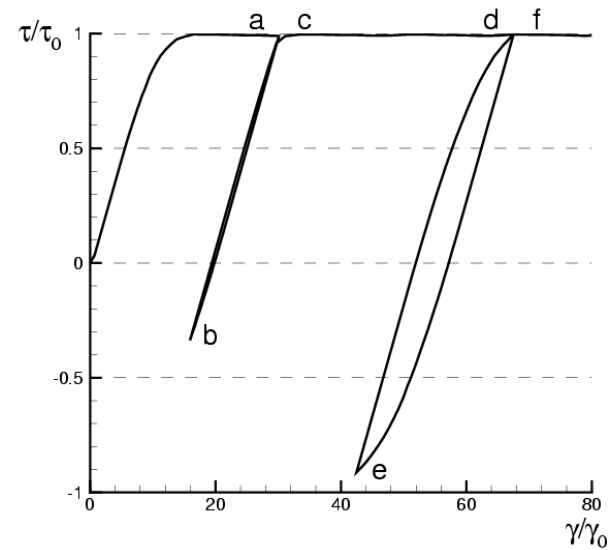
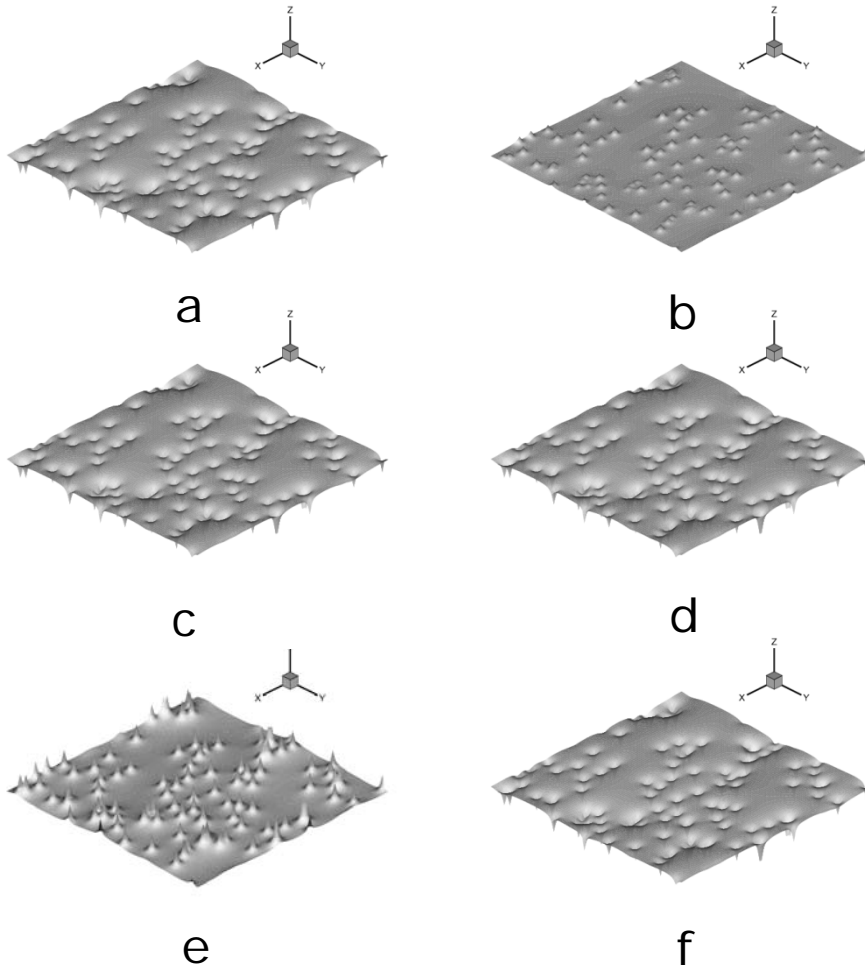
$$E(u_{n+1}) - E(u_n) + \Delta t \Psi\left(\frac{u_{n+1} - u_n}{\Delta t}\right) \rightarrow \inf!$$



# Phase-field dislocation dynamics



# Return-point and fading memory

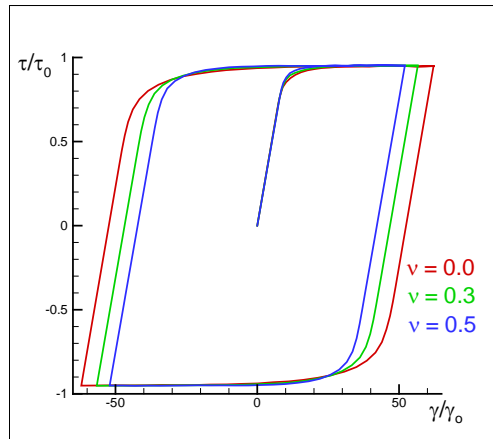


Stress-strain curve.

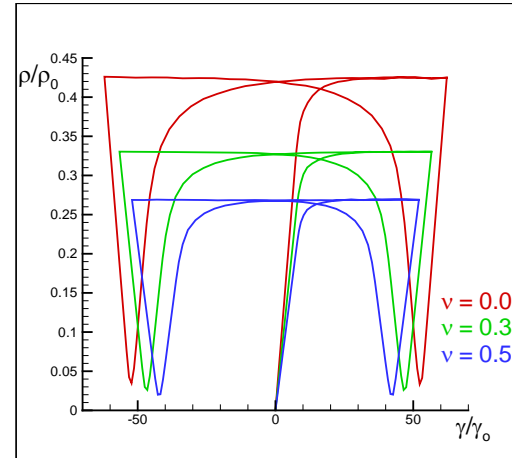
Three dimensional view of the evolution of the slip-field, showing the the switching of the cusps.



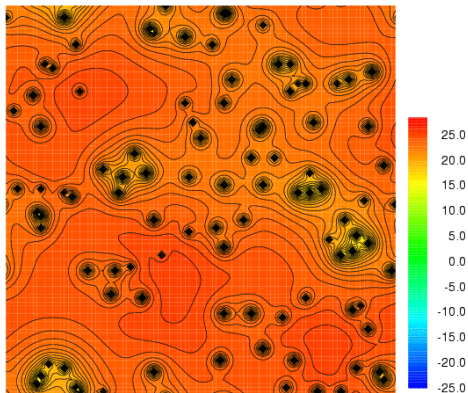
# Line-tension anisotropy



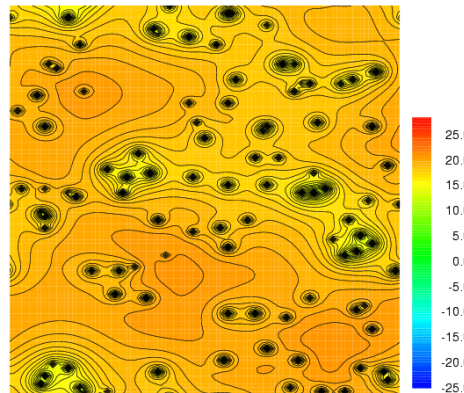
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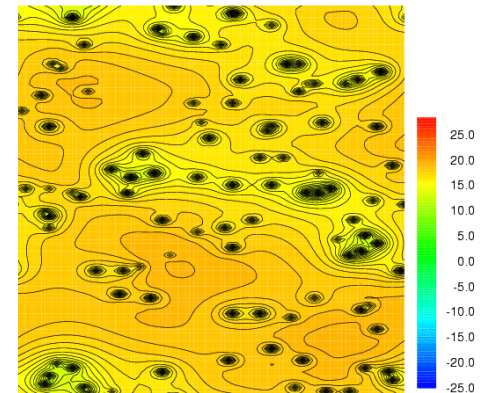
Dislocation density



$\nu = 0.0$



$\nu = 0.3$



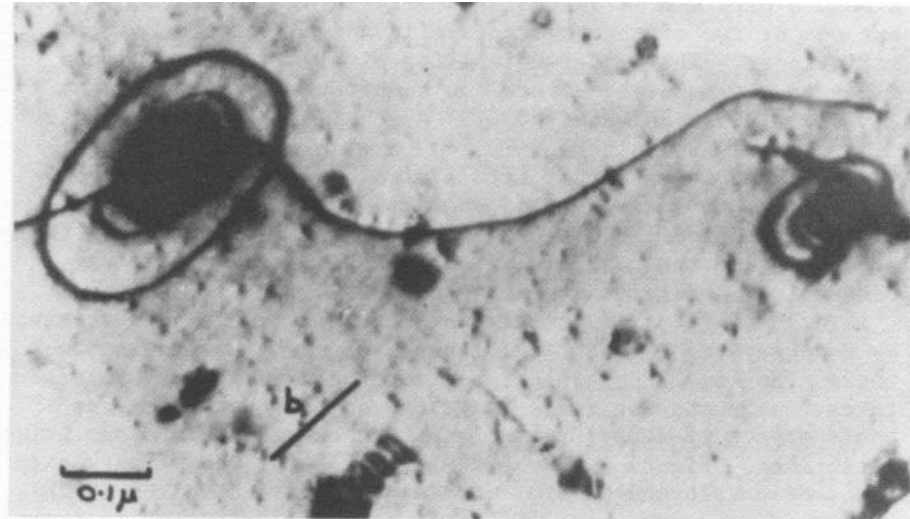
$\nu = 0.5$





# Summary and outlook

- The forest-hardening model predicts the observed kinetics of hardening in crystals
- A full analytical treatment of the forest-hardening model is still lacking
- Need tools of analysis (similar to CoV) for time dependent evolution problems



(Humphreys and Hirsch, 1970)



# Metal plasticity – Multiscale analysis

