

A multiscale model for fracture and radiation damage in tungsten

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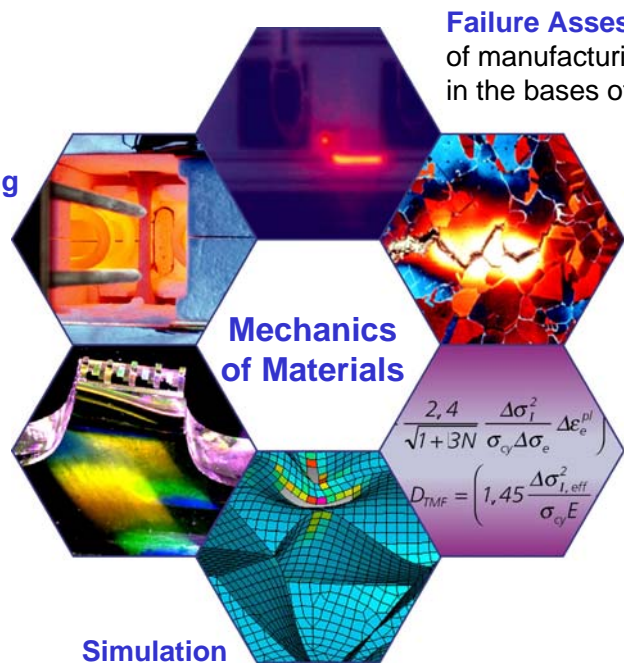
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Materials and Component Testing
 under condition of use
 (temperature, wear, pressure ...)
 yield significant results for
 assessment and simulation

Forming
 Specific methods to improve
 forming processes: hot embossing
 of glass, springback during sheet
 forming, rolling of wires, forging,
 powder pressing and sintering



Failure Assessment
 of manufacturing or in-service related faults
 in the bases of safety and lifetime concepts

Microstructural Analysis
 by high resolution diagnostics
 and ion beam technologies lead to a
 sound understanding of the materials
 microstructure

Modelling
 Development of micromechanical
 models for damage, brittle fracture
 and thermocyclical stress

Simulation
 The linking of testing and simulation is significant
 for the outstanding position of Fraunhofer IWM
 in the simulation of materials, processes and
 components

Fraunhofer society
 invested 3 Mio. €
 into development of
 MMM-Tools

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our current interest in tungsten:
drawing of wires

understanding crack nucleation
and crack propagation

by atomistic modelling

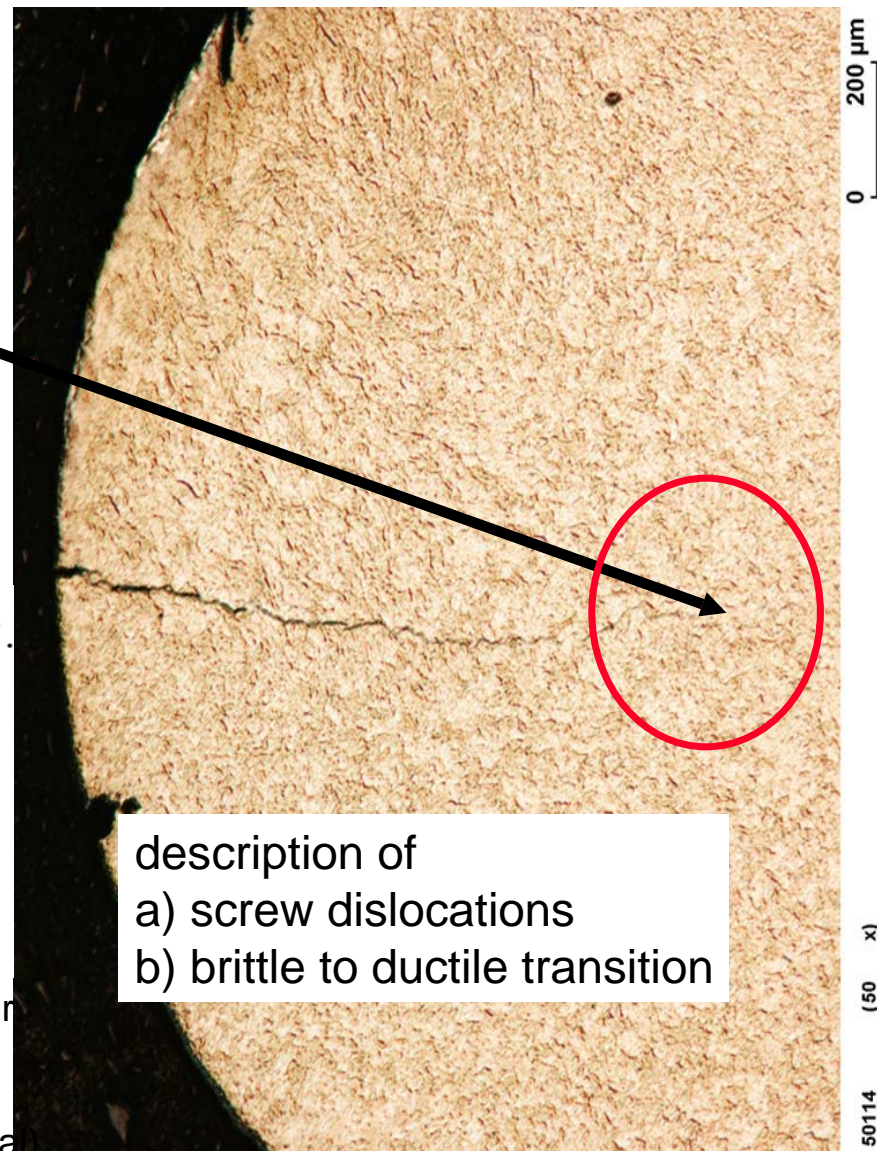
Fracture toughness of tungsten in MPa m^{1/2}.

Crack system	RT exp.	77 K exp.	Atomistic modeling
{100} <010>	8.7 ± 2.5	3.4 ± 0.6	2.05
{100} <011>	6.2 ± 1.7	2.4 ± 0.4	1.63
{110} <001>	20.2 ± 5.5	3.8 ± 0.4	2.17
{110} <110>	12.9 ± 2.1	2.8 ± 0.2	1.56

{crack plane} <crack front>

Gumbsch J.Nucl.Mater
323, 304 (2003)

(using Finnis-Sinclair-potential)



description of
a) screw dislocations
b) brittle to ductile transition

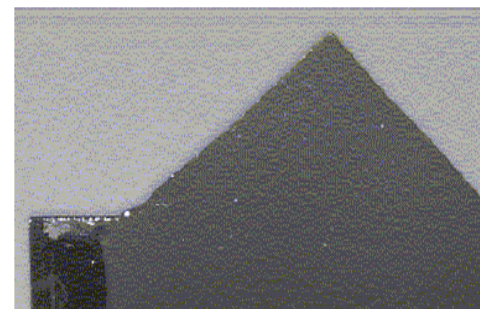
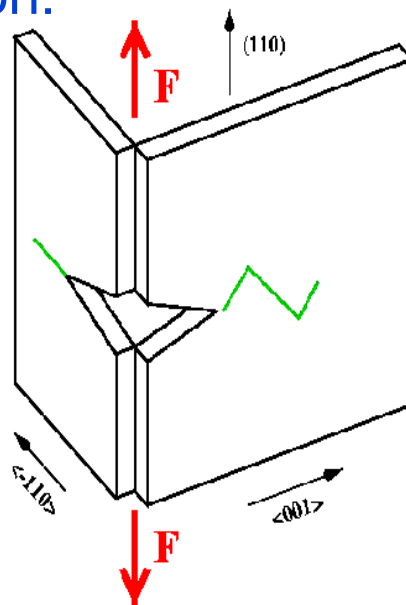
cleavage anisotropy in Silicon:

cracks on the $\{110\}$ plane

crack propagation direction:

$[-110]$ easy

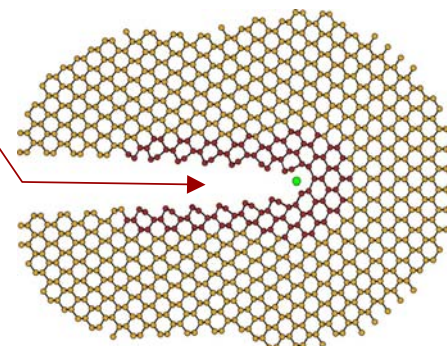
$[001]$ not observed



25 mm

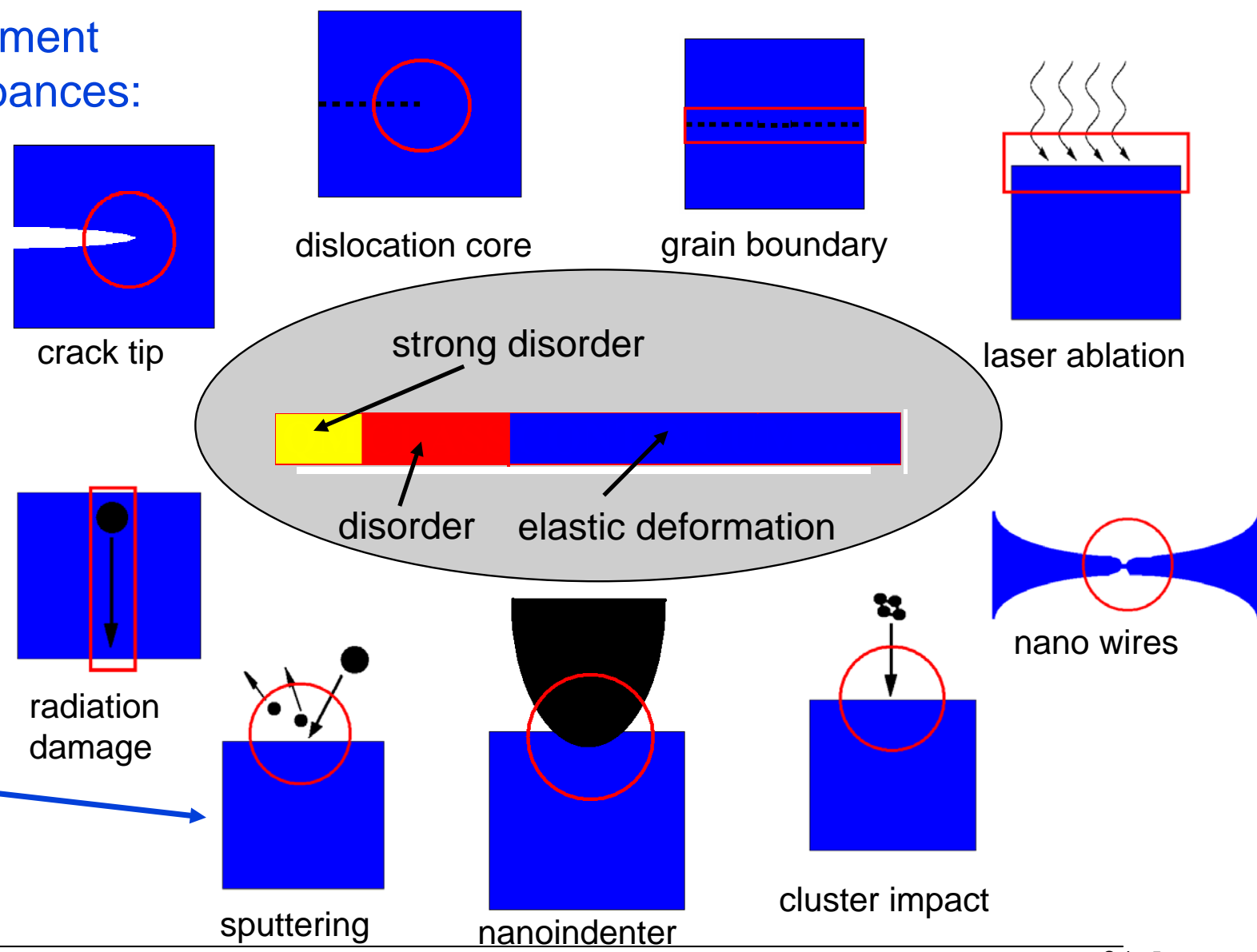
common classical potentials
(Stillinger-Weber, Tersoff)
give wrong predictions.

quantum-
forces



R.Perez and P.Gumbsch,
PRL **84**, 5347 (2000)

atomistic treatment
of local disturbances:



Salonen, Nordlund,
Keinonen, Wu
J.Nucl.Mater. **313-316**,
404 (2003)
Sputtering of divertor
Materials C and W

a multiscale problem

- atomistic processes in nano- and microscale regions
 - far from equilibrium → quantum treatment
 - close to equilibrium → semi-empirical potentials

- macroscale prescription of Dirichlet or von Neumann boundary conditions (BC) far away from the atomistic zone
 - asymptotic stress field or strain field
 - asymptotic temperature field

- physics outside the atomistic region is only relevant concerning the atomistic BC
 - micro stresses, micro strains
 - nonreflecting BC
 - heat sink
 - thermostat

a multiscale model

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ATOMS

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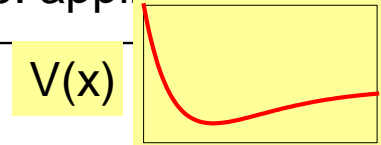
→ outline of the talk:

- A) coupling of the three different zones**
- B) choice of the potentials**

A: coupling schemes

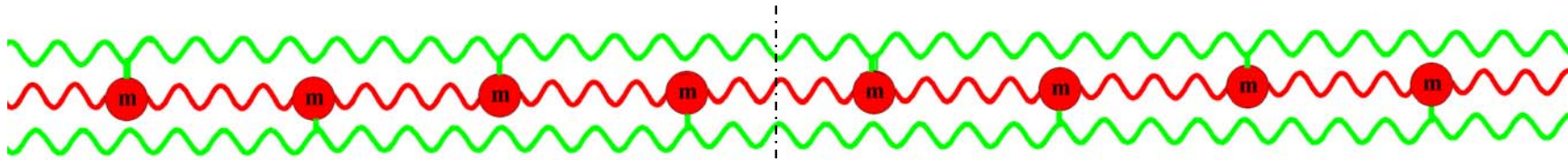
- FEAt:** Kohlhoff, Gumbsch, Fischmeister, Phil.Mag.A **64**, 851 (1991)
- QC:** Tadmor, Ortiz, Phillips, Phil.Mag.A **73**, 1529 (1996)
- SMA:** Moseler, Nordiek, Haberland, PRB **56**, 15439 (1997)
- CLS:** Broughton, Abraham, Bernstein, Kaxiras, PRB **60**, 2391 (1999)

model for atomistic zone: 1-D solid



- atoms interact via 1st and 2nd neighbour potential:

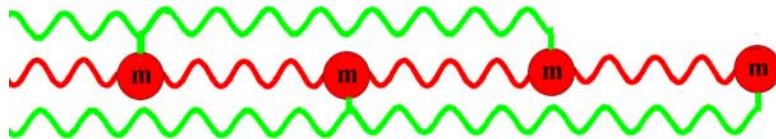
$$E_{\text{pot}} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_i [V(x_i - x_{i-1}) + V(x_i - x_{i-2})]$$



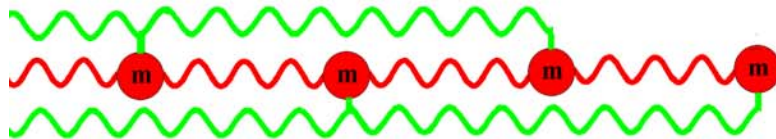
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substitutional medium

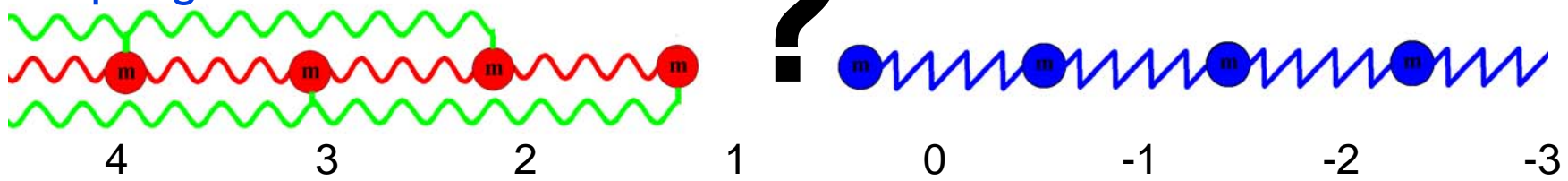
- idea of **FEAt**, **QC**, **CLS**: replace nonlocal force field by 1st neighbour forces (from FEM description for nodes), equal atomic and nodal positions



- SMA**: take heavier nodes on simple cubic lattice

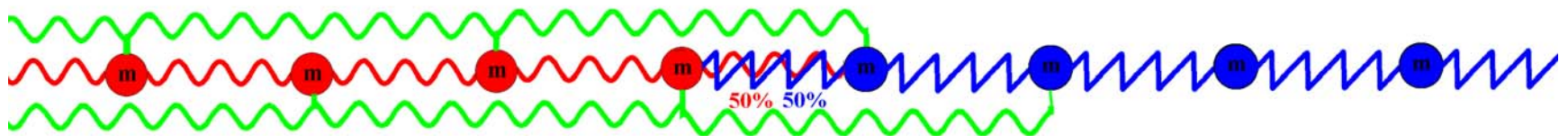


coupling:



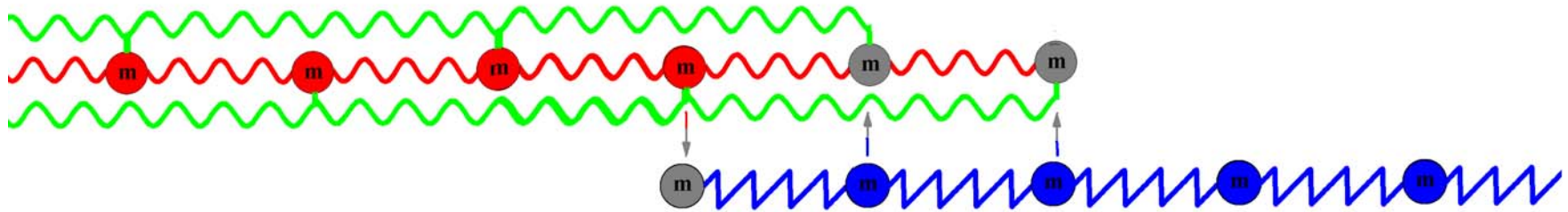
pot. energy of atom: $E_i^a = \frac{1}{2} [\frac{1}{2} k_1 (x_i - x_{i-1})^2 + \frac{1}{2} k_1 (x_{i+1} - x_i)^2 + \frac{1}{2} k_2 (x_i - x_{i-2})^2 + \frac{1}{2} k_2 (x_{i+2} - x_i)^2]$
 node: $E_i^c = \frac{1}{2} [\frac{1}{2} k_c (x_i - x_{i-1})^2 + \frac{1}{2} k_c (x_{i+1} - x_i)^2]$

- **QC, CLS:** $E_{pot} = S_{i>0} E_i^a + S_{i<1} E_i^c$ advantage: Hamiltonfct. → isoenergetic dynamics



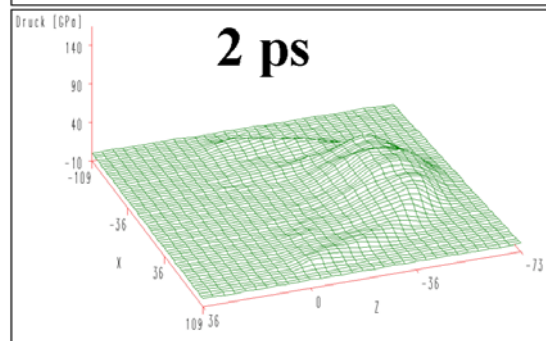
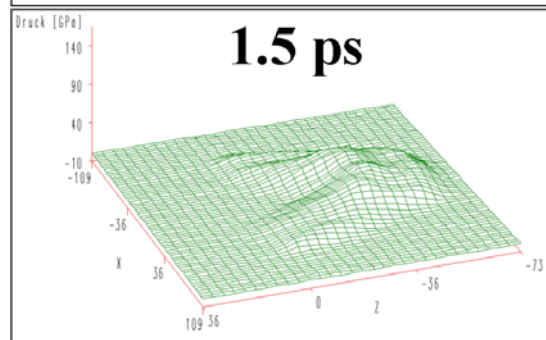
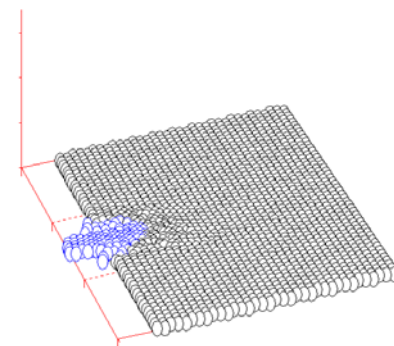
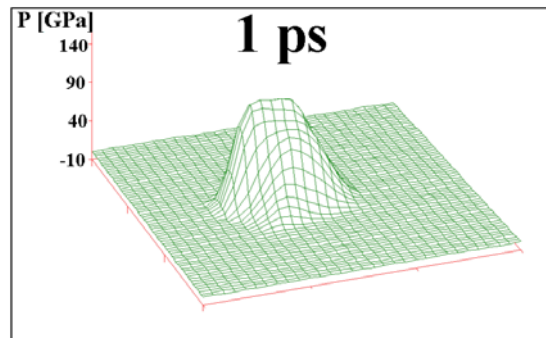
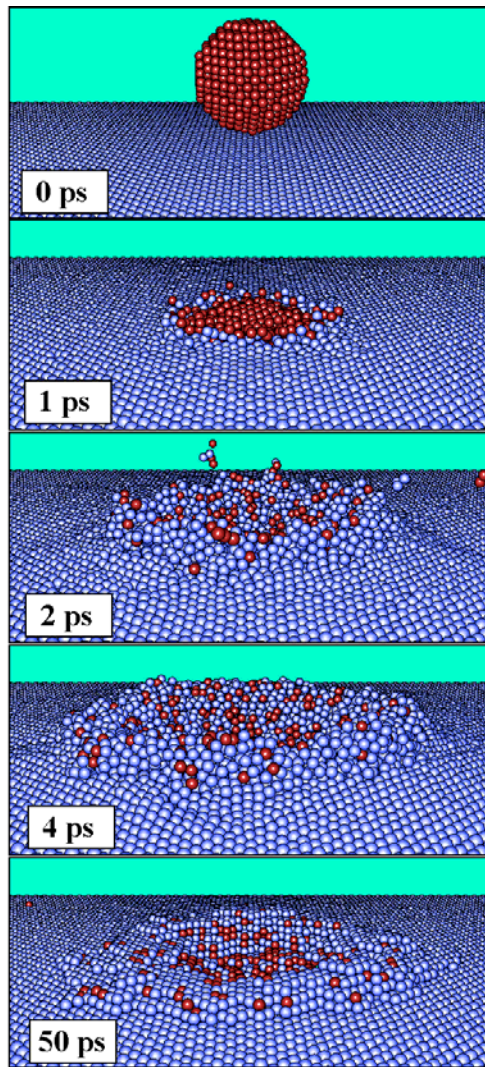
disadvantage: unbalanced („ghost“) forces

- **FEAt:** $E_{pot}^a = S_{i>-2} E_i^a$, $E_{pot}^c = S_{i<2} E_i^c$ disadvantage: no Hamiltonfct. → energy loss in MD



Advantage: forces balanced

the
high-frequency
problem



Energetic Cluster Impact (ECI): Moseler et al., NIMB 164, 522 (2000)

substitutional medium approach

Moseler et al., PRB 56, 15439 (1997)



new Q medium:
$$-m_Q^* \omega^2 \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_Q^*(\omega) = -\Phi_{QP}^* \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_P(\omega) - \Phi_{QQ}^* \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_Q^*(\omega)$$

coupled to old P zone:

$$-m_P \omega^2 \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_P(\omega) = \tilde{\mathbf{f}}_P(\omega) - \Phi_{PP} \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_P(\omega) + \tilde{\Theta}_{PP}^*(\omega) \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_P(\omega)$$

$$\tilde{\Theta}_{PP}^*(\omega) = -\Phi_{PQ}^* \tilde{\mathbf{G}}_{QQ}^*(\omega) \Phi_{QP}^*$$

dynamic of \mathbf{u}_P after substitution should be the same:

$$\begin{aligned} -m_P \omega^2 \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_P(\omega) &= \tilde{\mathbf{f}}_P(\omega) - \Phi_{PP} \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_P(\omega) + \tilde{\Theta}_{PP}^*(\omega) \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_P(\omega) \\ &+ \tilde{\mathbf{R}}_P(\omega) + \tilde{\Delta}_{PP}(\omega) \tilde{\mathbf{u}}_P(\omega) \end{aligned}$$

$$\tilde{\Delta}_{PP}(\omega) = \tilde{\Theta}_{PP}(\omega) - \tilde{\Theta}_{PP}^*(\omega)$$

if SM has the same long wave length ($\omega=0$) behaviour:

$$\tilde{\Delta}_{PP}(\omega) = \tilde{\Delta}_{PP}(-i0) + \omega \tilde{\Delta}'_{PP}(-i0) + \frac{1}{2} \omega^2 \tilde{\Delta}''_{PP}(-i0) + \frac{1}{6} \omega^3 \tilde{\Delta}'''_{PP}(-i0) + \dots$$

New equation of motion for P boundary atoms:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{M}_{PP}^* \ddot{\mathbf{u}}_P(t) &= \mathbf{f}_P(t) - \Phi_{PP}^* \mathbf{u}_P(t) - \Phi_{PQ}^* \mathbf{u}_Q^*(t) \\ &\quad - \mathbf{M}_{PP}^* \beta_{PP} \dot{\mathbf{u}}_P(t) - \mathbf{M}_{PP}^* \beta_{PQ} \dot{\mathbf{u}}_Q^*(t) \end{aligned}$$

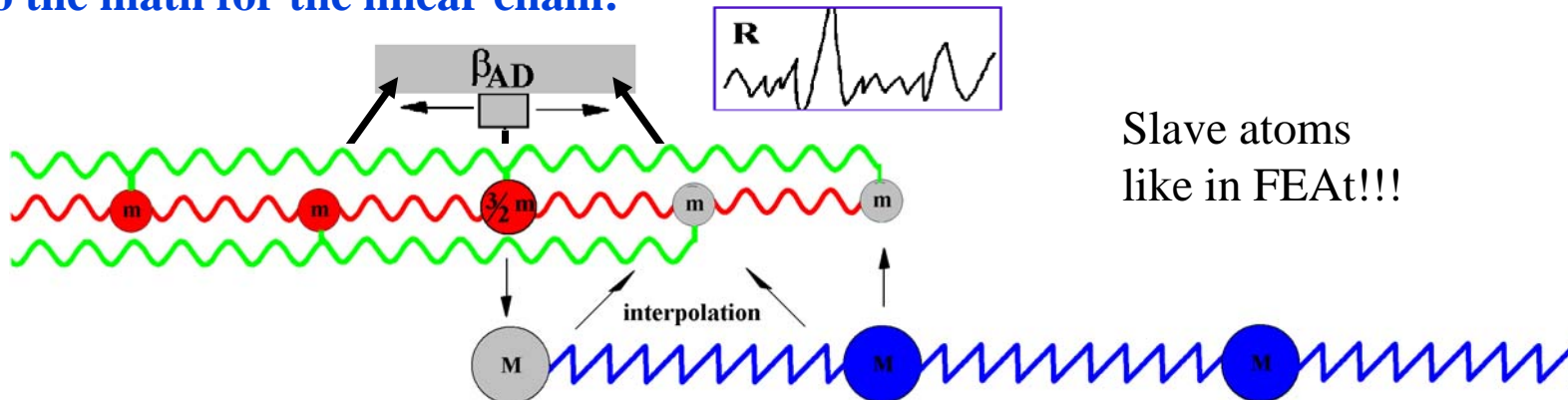
$$\mathbf{M}_{PP}^* = \mathbf{M}_{PP} - \frac{1}{6} \tilde{\Delta}_{PP}'''(-i0) \mathbf{M}_{PP}^{-1} \tilde{\Delta}_{PP}'(-i0)$$

$$\mathbf{M}_{PP} = m_P \mathbf{1}_{PP} + \tilde{\Delta}_{PP}''(-i0)/2$$

$$\beta_{PP} = i \mathbf{M}_{PP}^{*-1} \left(\tilde{\Delta}_{PP}'(-i0) + \frac{1}{6} \tilde{\Delta}_{PP}'''(-i0) \mathbf{M}_{PP}^{-1} \Phi_{PP}^* \right)$$

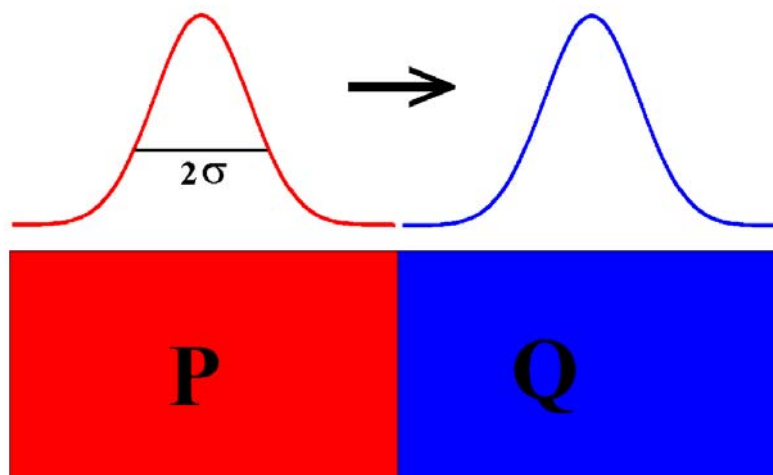
$$\beta_{PQ} = i \mathbf{M}_{PP}^{*-1} \frac{1}{6} \tilde{\Delta}_{PP}'''(-i0) \mathbf{M}_{PP}^{-1} \Phi_{PQ}^*$$

Do the math for the linear chain:

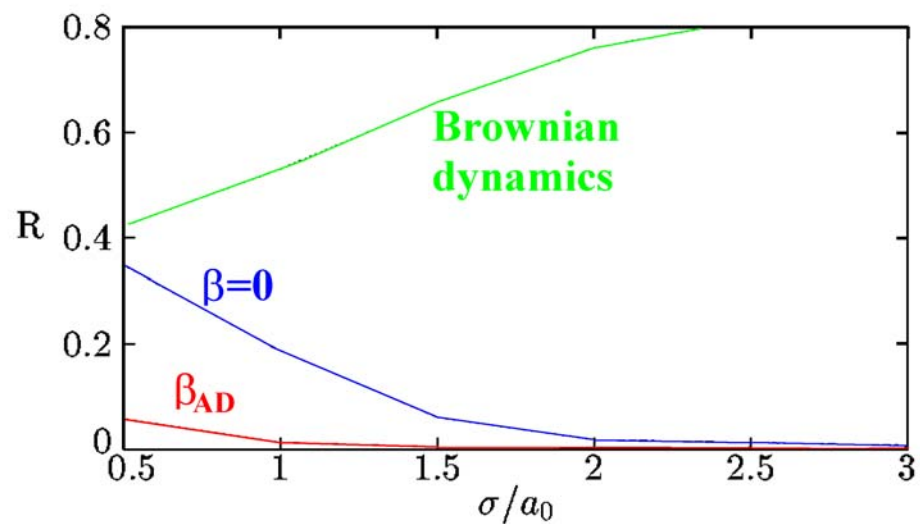


Test:

Gaussian wave packet
in EAM-Cu:



Reflection:

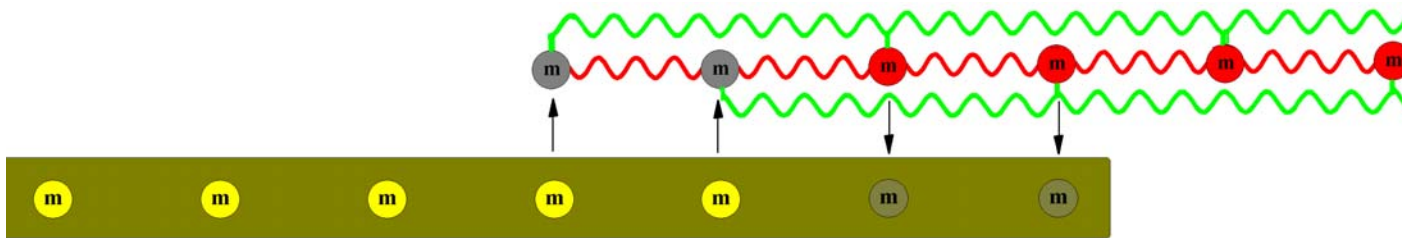


coupling QM to classical

QM CLASS CONTINUUM

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- embedded cluster calculation
- avoid electronic finite size effects
- covalent materials: H termination
- ionic materials: Madelung potential from classical zone
- metals: **bond order potentials**

Horsfield, Bratkovsky, Pettifor, Aoki, Phys. Rev. B 53, 1656 (1996);

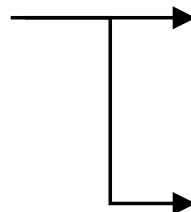
Mrovec, Nguyen-Manh, Pettifor, Vitek, Phys. Rev. B 69, 0941XX (2004);

B: Choice of the potentials

QM: A bond order potential for tungsten

parametrized tight-binding
for the d-electrons

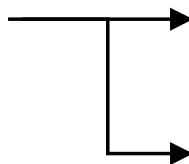
$$E_{coh} = E_{bond} + E_{rep}$$



captures directional
character of covalent
bonds

reliable description of
configurations far from
equilibrium

real-space O(N) method



can be used for a
large number of
atoms

NO BC for
electrons required



excellent
for embedding

Bond part

$$E_{bond} = \sum_{i\alpha \neq j\beta} \Theta_{j\beta, i\alpha} H_{i\alpha, j\beta}$$

bond orders

$$\Theta_{i\alpha, j\beta} = \frac{1}{2} (N_{i\alpha, j\beta}^+ - N_{i\alpha, j\beta}^-) = \sum_{n \text{ occ}} 2C_{i\alpha}^{(n)} C_{j\beta}^{(n)}$$

solved **not by diagonalization**

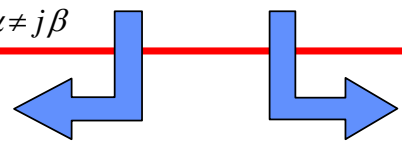
calculated via Green's function formalism

$$\Theta_{i\alpha, j\beta} = -\frac{2}{\pi} \lim_{\eta \rightarrow 0} \text{Im} \left\{ \int_{-\infty}^{E_F} G_{i\alpha, j\beta}(E + i\eta) dE \right\}$$

using Lanczos algorithm (recursion method)

$$\hat{H}|U_n\rangle = a_n|U_n\rangle + b_n|U_{n-1}\rangle + b_{n+1}|U_{n+1}\rangle$$

$$G_{i\alpha, i\alpha}(Z) = \frac{1}{Z - a_0 + \frac{(b_1)^2}{Z - a_1 + \frac{(b_2)^2}{Z - a_2 + \frac{(b_3)^2}{\ddots}}}}$$



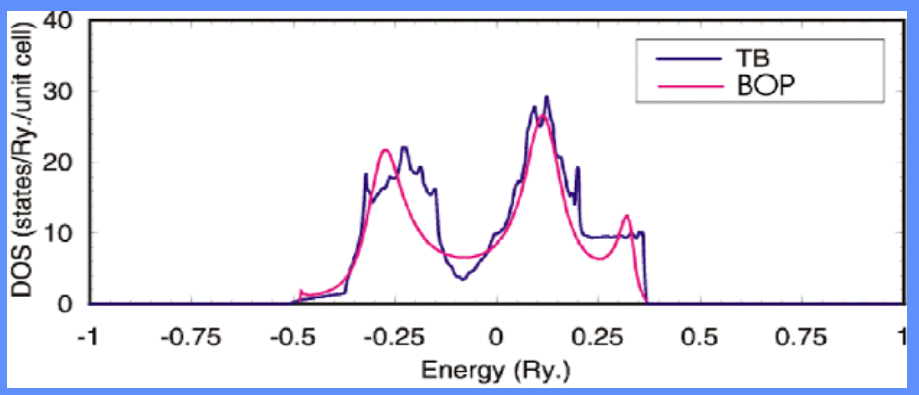
bond integrals

radial parts are functions of interatomic distance

angular dependencies given by Slater&Koster

types of bond integrals depend on materials studied

parametrized according to *ab initio* data



Repulsive part

$$E_{rep} = E_{env} + E_{pair}$$

environment-dependent term E_{env}

- captures the s-p orbital overlap repulsion
- introduced to fit the correct Cauchy pressure

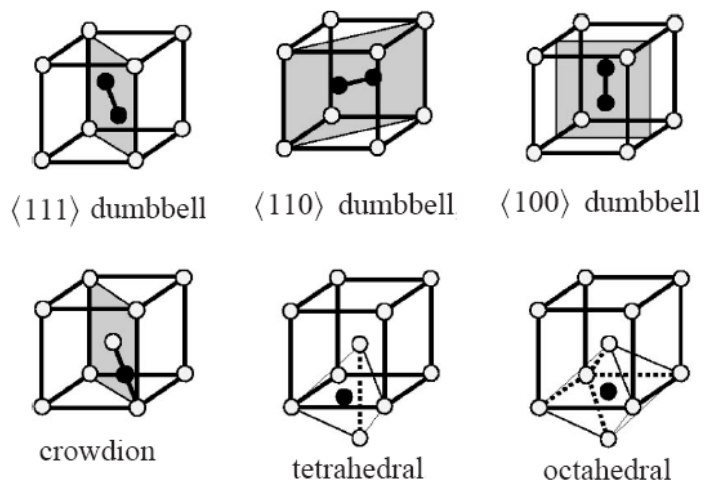
pair potential E_{pair}

- represents the electrostatic interaction between atoms and double counting correction

classical atomistic potentials: Second-Moment-Approximation (Finnis-Sinclair) or EAM (Johnson-Oh)

Interstitials in tungsten

Formation energies in eV predicted by various methods



	<i>EAM</i>	<i>FS</i>	<i>BOP</i>	<i>MBPP</i>
$\langle 110 \rangle$	10.55	9.71	9.41	9.87
$\langle 111 \rangle$	11.87	9.02	10.99	10.18
C	12.00	8.99	11.00	
$\langle 100 \rangle$	13.79	9.88	11.91	
O	13.27	10.06	11.99	

Other semi-empirical potentials:

bcc-materials: directional bonding

a) modified embedded atom (Baskes 1991)

or

b) empirical bond order potentials (Abell-Tersoff-Brenner-Type)

See e.g. Pt-potential of Albe, Nordlund, Averback PRB 65,195124 (2002)

efficiency:

timing:	BOP	100000 $\mu\text{s}/\text{atom}/\text{step}$
	EAM	30 $\mu\text{s}/\text{atom}/\text{step}$
	CM	2 $\mu\text{s}/\text{node}/\text{step}$

(tested with Pentium-4 2Ghz)

→ systems sizes:	1 ns MD on 512 CPUs for one day
	BOP: ~2000 atoms
	EAM: ~ 10^7 atoms
	CM: ~ 10^8 nodes

conclusion:

hybrid schemes will be important
for future large scale MD simulations of
energetic events in solids

balance between
quantum accuracy \leftrightarrow
sufficient systems size and statistics

more work has to be done on
QM-order-N-schemes

development of reliable empirical BOPs