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# **A Multiscale Micromorphic Molecular Dynamics (MMMD) and Its Applications**

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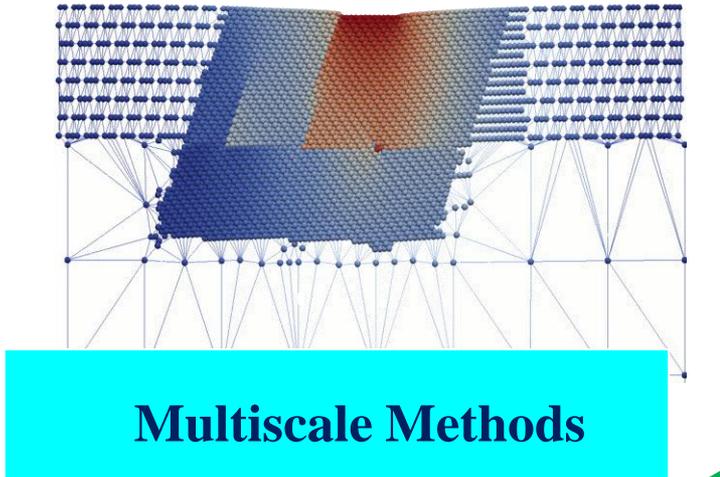
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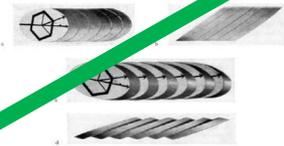
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# I. Introduction

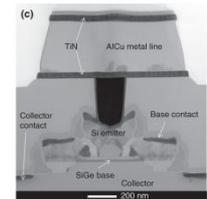
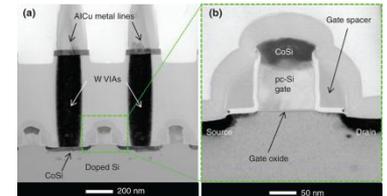
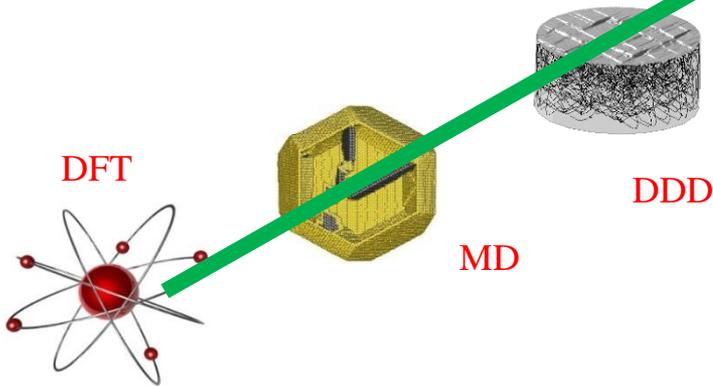
- Quasi-continuum method
- Bridging scale method



Continuum mechanics &  
Mechanics of materials

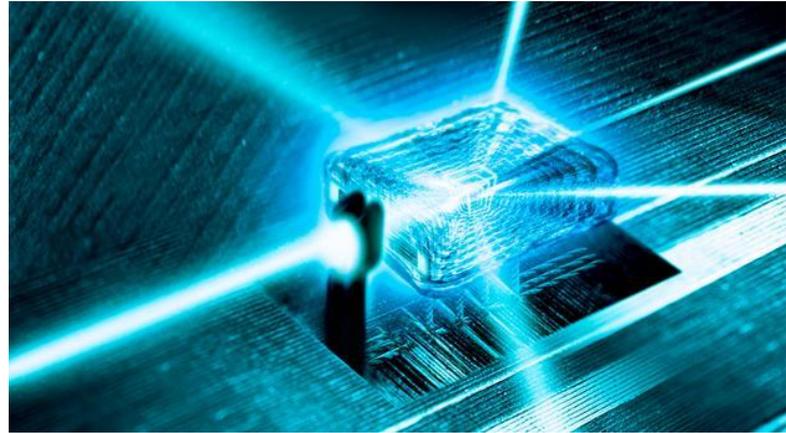


Crystal Plasticity



I. Is Multiscale simulation is a science ? or it is an ad hoc numerical method aiming at saving computational cost.

**One day we shall have the Quantum Computer ....**

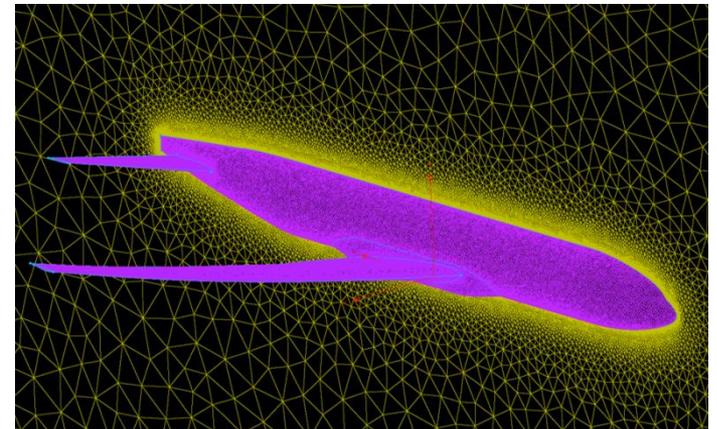
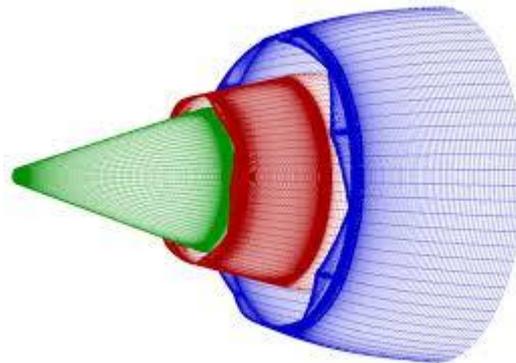


**2. Can we use Molecular Dynamics to design an airplane engine ?**

**NO !**

**Why ?**

**Stress-strain  
based Design**



# How to link microscale MD to macroscale Thermodynamics (mechanics)?

## Molecular dynamics simulations at constant pressure and/or temperature

HC Andersen - The Journal of chemical physics, 1980 - scitation.aip.org

In the molecular dynamics simulation method for fluids, the equations of motion for a collection of particles in a fixed volume are solved numerically. The energy, volume, and number of particles are constant for a particular simulation, and it is assumed that time ...

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**HC Andersen**

Among many other things, Andersen proposed to ‘scale’ (multiplicative decomposition) each atom positions as

$$\mathbf{r}_I = \Omega^{1/3}(t)\mathbf{s}_I(t) .$$

At the initial coarse scale time,

$$\mathbf{R}_I = \Omega(0) \cdot \mathbf{s}_I(t'), \quad t' \text{ the time here is fine scale time.}$$

By doing so, he was able to introduce macroscale pressure  $p$  as the work conjugate of  $\Omega$  for an equilibrium MD ensemble.

## The NPT ensemble MD

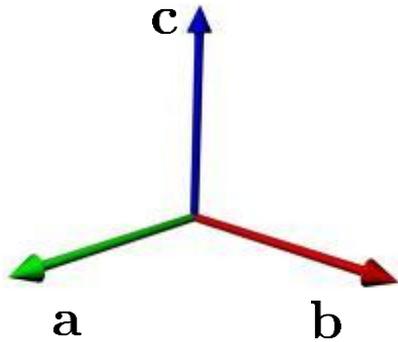
# Parrinello-Rahman Molecular Dynamics

## Polymorphic transitions in single crystals: A new molecular dynamics method

[M Parrinello, A Rahman - Journal of Applied physics, 1981 - scitation.aip.org](#)

A new Lagrangian formulation is introduced. It can be used to make molecular dynamics (MD) calculations on systems under the most general, externally applied, conditions of stress. In this formulation the MD cell shape and size can change according to dynamical ...

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Let  $\mathbf{a}$ ,  $\mathbf{b}$ , and  $\mathbf{c}$  are three position vectors representing the three sides of the MD cell.

We form a second order tensor  $\mathbf{h}$  by

$$\mathbf{h} = [\mathbf{a}|\mathbf{b}|\mathbf{c}] = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \\ a_3 & b_3 & c_3 \end{bmatrix} .$$

or

$$\mathbf{h} = (a_i \delta_{j1} + b_i \delta_{j2} + c_i \delta_{j3}) \mathbf{e}_i \otimes \mathbf{i}_j .$$

We let

$$h_{i1} = a_i, \quad h_{i2} = b_i, \quad \text{and} \quad h_{i3} = c_i, \quad \text{we have}$$

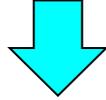
$$\mathbf{h} = h_{ij} \mathbf{e}_i \otimes \mathbf{i}_j, \quad \text{and} \quad \Omega = \det\{\mathbf{h}\} .$$

$$\text{and} \quad \mathbf{h}_1 = \mathbf{a} = h_{i1} \mathbf{e}_i, \quad \mathbf{h}_2 = \mathbf{b} = h_{i2} \mathbf{e}_i, \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{h}_3 = \mathbf{c} = h_{i3} \mathbf{e}_i .$$



Parinello and Rahman proposed the following ‘scaling’  
(multiplicative decomposition) on atomic positions:

$$\mathbf{r}_I(t) = \mathbf{h}(t) \cdot \mathbf{s}_I(t), \quad \text{or} \quad \mathbf{s}_I = \mathbf{h}^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{r}_I; \quad (\text{Cf Andersen's}) \quad \mathbf{r}_I = \Omega^{1/3} \mathbf{s}_I$$



$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N m_i \dot{\mathbf{r}}_i \cdot \dot{\mathbf{r}}_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_i \sum_{j \neq i} \phi(r_{ij}) \Rightarrow m_i \ddot{\mathbf{r}}_i = - \sum_{j=1}^N \phi'(r_{ij}) \frac{\mathbf{r}_{ji}}{r_{ij}}$$



$$\mathcal{L}_{PR} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N m_i \dot{\mathbf{s}}_i \cdot \mathbf{G} \cdot \dot{\mathbf{s}}_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_i \sum_{j \neq i} \phi(r_{ij}) + \frac{1}{2} W Tr(\dot{\mathbf{h}}^T \cdot \dot{\mathbf{h}}) - p\Omega,$$

where  $\mathbf{G} = \mathbf{h}^T \cdot \mathbf{h}$ ;  $\frac{1}{2} W Tr(\dot{\mathbf{h}}^T \cdot \dot{\mathbf{h}}) = \frac{W}{2} (\dot{\mathbf{a}}^2 + \dot{\mathbf{b}}^2 + \dot{\mathbf{c}}^2)$  and  $W = Tr\left(\sum_i m_i \mathbf{s}_i \otimes \mathbf{s}_i\right)$ .

The Lagrangian equations for the Parrinello-Rahman MD:

$$\begin{aligned} \ddot{\mathbf{s}}_i &= - \sum_{j \neq i} \left( \frac{\phi'(r_{ij})}{m_i r_{ij}} \right) (\mathbf{s}_i - \mathbf{s}_j) - \mathbf{G}^{-1} \dot{\mathbf{G}} \dot{\mathbf{s}}_i, \\ W \ddot{\mathbf{h}} &= - (\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{virial} + p\mathbf{I}) \cdot \mathbf{\Pi} \end{aligned}$$

where the Virial stress,

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{virial} = \frac{1}{\Omega} \sum_I \left\{ -m_I \mathbf{v}_I \otimes \mathbf{v}_I + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{I \neq J} \left( \frac{\phi'(r_{IJ})}{r_{IJ}} \right) \mathbf{r}_{IJ} \otimes \mathbf{r}_{IJ} \right\}$$

## Parrinello-Rahman's ( $N\sigma H$ ) extended Lagrangian:

$$\mathcal{L}_{PR} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N m_i \dot{\mathbf{s}}_i \cdot \mathbf{G} \cdot \dot{\mathbf{s}}_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_i \sum_{j \neq i} \phi(r_{ij}) + \frac{1}{2} W \text{Tr}(\dot{\mathbf{h}}^T \dot{\mathbf{h}}) - p\Omega - \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}(\boldsymbol{\Sigma} \cdot \mathbf{G})$$

where

$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma} = \mathbf{h}_0^{-1} \cdot (\mathbf{S} - p\mathbf{I}) \cdot \mathbf{h}_0^{-T} \Omega_0, \quad \mathbf{G} = \mathbf{h}^T \cdot \mathbf{h}.$$

## Parrinello-Rahman MD:

$$\ddot{\mathbf{s}}_i = - \sum_{j \neq i} \left( \frac{\phi'(r_{ij})}{m_i r_{ij}} \right) (\mathbf{s}_i - \mathbf{s}_j) - \mathbf{G}^{-1} \dot{\mathbf{G}} \dot{\mathbf{s}}_i,$$

By the way, this is  
NOT 100/% correct !

$$W\dot{\mathbf{h}} = (\boldsymbol{\tau} + p\mathbf{I})\boldsymbol{\Pi} - \Omega_0 \mathbf{h} \cdot \boldsymbol{\Sigma}, \quad \text{with } \boldsymbol{\Pi} = \Omega^{-1} \mathbf{h}^{-T}. \quad \boldsymbol{\tau} = J\boldsymbol{\sigma}$$

and

$$\boldsymbol{\tau} = \frac{1}{\Omega} \sum_{i=1}^N \left\{ m_i \mathbf{v}_i \otimes \mathbf{v}_i - \sum_{j \neq i} \phi'(r_{ij}) \frac{\mathbf{r}_{ij} \otimes \mathbf{r}_{ij}}{r_{ij}} \right\}.$$

## Remark: First principle Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L} = K - V + V^{ext}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 K &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_i m_i \dot{\mathbf{r}}_i \cdot \dot{\mathbf{r}}_i = \frac{1}{2} \sum_i m_i (\dot{\mathbf{h}} \cdot \mathbf{s}_i + \mathbf{h} \cdot \dot{\mathbf{s}}_i) \cdot (\dot{\mathbf{h}} \cdot \mathbf{s}_i + \mathbf{h} \cdot \dot{\mathbf{s}}_i) \\
 &= \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \dot{\mathbf{h}}^T \dot{\mathbf{h}} : \sum_i m_i \mathbf{s}_i \otimes \mathbf{s}_i}_{K_1} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \sum_i m_i \dot{\mathbf{s}}_i \cdot \mathbf{G} \cdot \dot{\mathbf{s}}_i}_{K_2} \\
 &\quad + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \dot{\mathbf{h}}^T \dot{\mathbf{h}} : \sum_i m_i \mathbf{s}_i \otimes \dot{\mathbf{s}}_i}_{K_3} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \mathbf{h}^T \dot{\mathbf{h}} : \sum_i m_i \dot{\mathbf{s}}_i \otimes \mathbf{s}_i}_{K_4}
 \end{aligned}$$

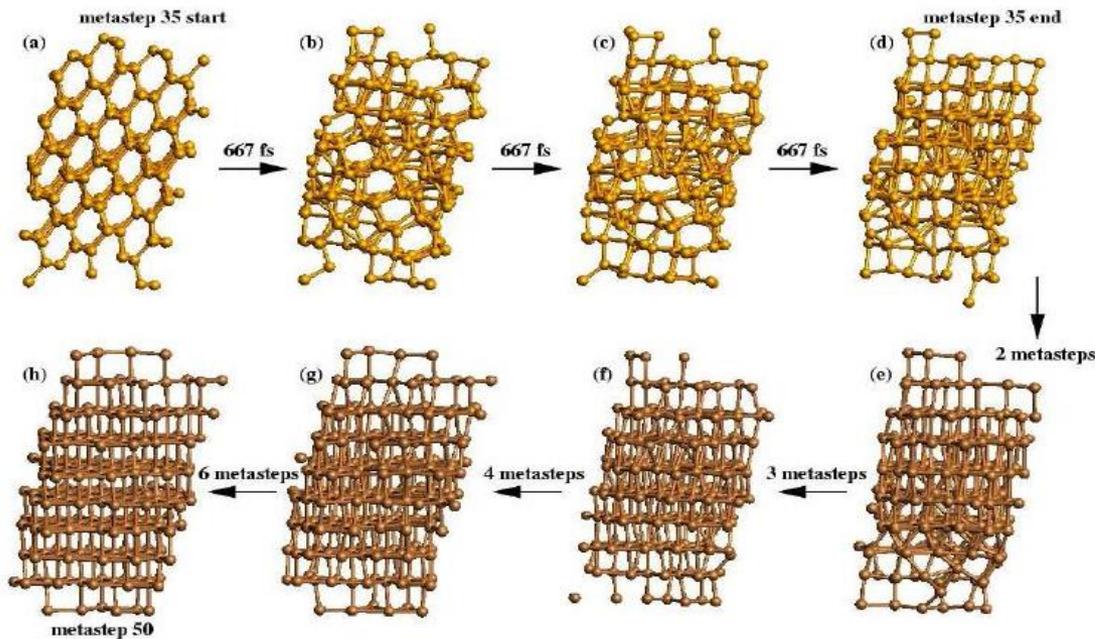
where  $\mathbf{G} = \mathbf{h}^T \cdot \mathbf{h}$ .

Parrinello and Rahman made the following approximation

$$K_3 \approx 0, \quad \text{and} \quad K_4 \approx 0.$$

The APR-MD lagrangian has been viewed as an ad hoc choice, as Parrinello and Rahman commented,

*“..... Whether such a Lagrangian is derivable from first principles is a question for further study; its validity can be judged, as of now, by the equations of motion and the statistical ensembles that it generates. .... ”*



**PR-MD can simulate the Cubic-to-Tetragonal Structure Phase Transition**

## Recent Developments

The (Andersen-) Parrinello-Rahman ( $N\sigma H$ ) ensemble MD was modified by Paolo Podio-Guidugli (Journal of Elasticity [2010], 145-153.)

Podio-Guidugli made the following changes:  
 $\mathbf{h} \rightarrow \mathbf{F}$ , and  $\mathbf{s}_I \rightarrow \mathbf{R}_I$  (although he still called it  $\mathbf{s}_I$ ).

Let,

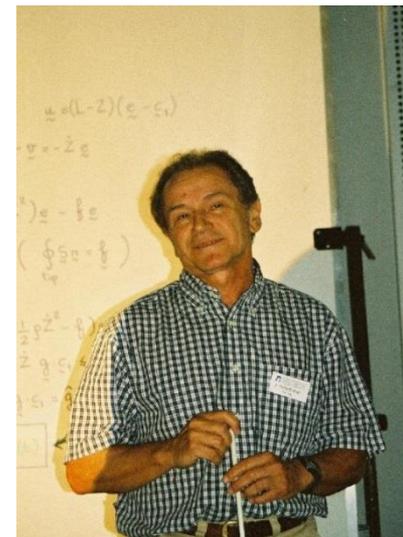
$$\mathcal{L}_{PG-PR} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_I m_I (\mathbf{F}^T \cdot \mathbf{F}) : (\dot{\mathbf{s}}_I \otimes \dot{\mathbf{s}}_I) + \frac{1}{2} W \|\dot{\mathbf{F}}\|^2 - U(\mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{s}_I) - \mathbf{S} : \mathbf{C} \Omega_0$$

where  $\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{F}^T \cdot \mathbf{F}$  is the right Cauchy-Green tensor.

Note that in the original paper, the last term is  $\Omega_0 \mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{F}$  may be a typo.

Consider,

$$\begin{cases} \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_{PG-PR}}{\partial \dot{\mathbf{s}}_I} \right) - \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_{PG-PR}}{\partial \mathbf{s}_I} = 0, \\ \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_{PG-PR}}{\partial \dot{\mathbf{F}}} \right) - \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_{PG-PR}}{\partial \mathbf{F}} = 0. \end{cases}$$



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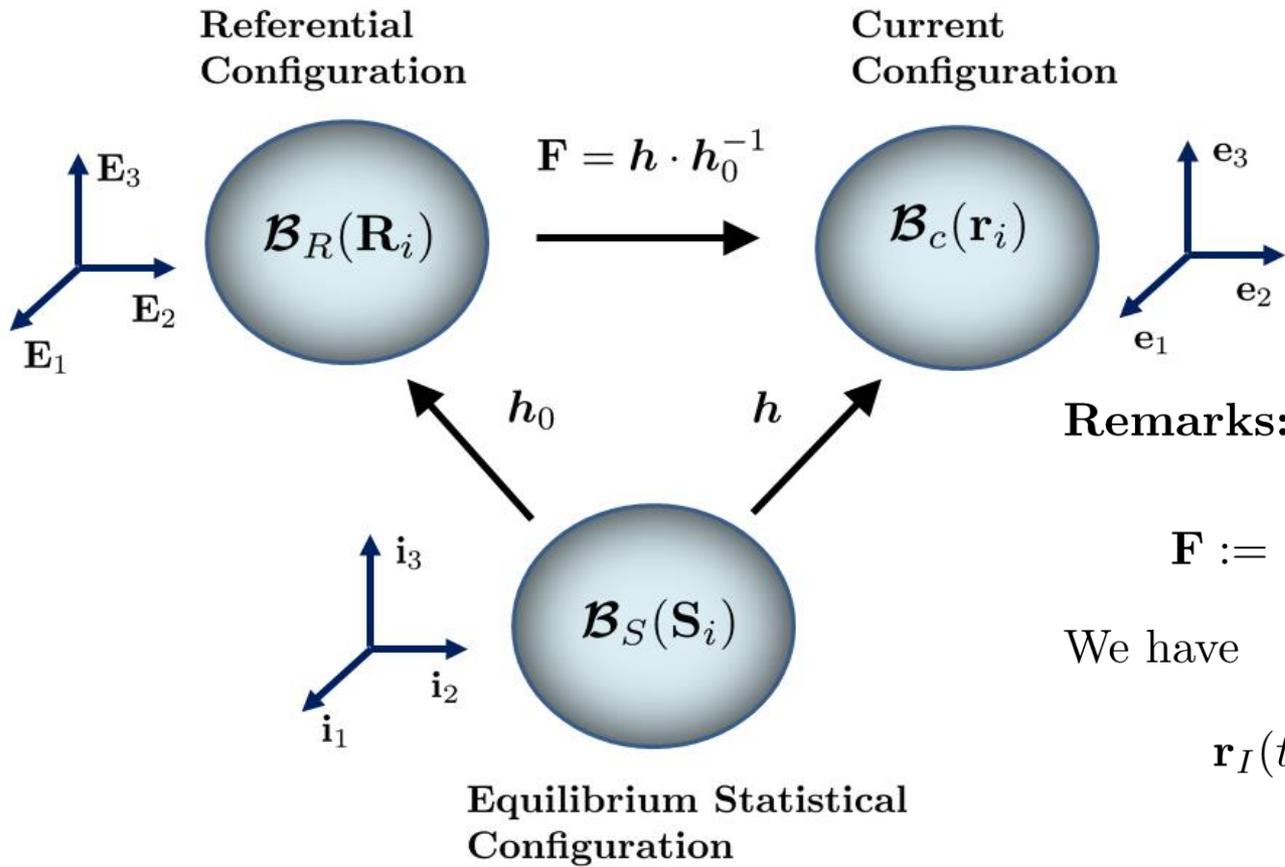
$$\begin{cases} \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_{PG-PR}}{\partial \dot{\mathbf{s}}_I} \right) - \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_{PG-PR}}{\partial \mathbf{s}_I} = 0, \\ \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_{PG-PR}}{\partial \dot{\mathbf{F}}} \right) - \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_{PG-PR}}{\partial \mathbf{F}} = 0. \end{cases}$$

We obtain,

$$\begin{aligned} \ddot{\mathbf{s}}_I + \mathbf{C}^{-1} \cdot \dot{\mathbf{C}} \cdot \dot{\mathbf{s}}_I + \frac{1}{m_I} \sum_{J \neq I} \frac{1}{r_{IJ}} \phi'(r_{IJ}) (\mathbf{s}_I - \mathbf{s}_J) &= 0 \\ W \ddot{\mathbf{F}} = -\Omega_0 \mathbf{F} \cdot (\mathbf{S}_{virial} - \mathbf{S}_{ext}) \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\mathbf{S}_{virial} = \frac{1}{\Omega_0} \sum_{I=1}^N \left\{ -m_I \dot{\mathbf{s}}_I \otimes \dot{\mathbf{s}}_I + \sum_{J \neq I} \phi'(r_{IJ}) (\mathbf{s}_I - \mathbf{s}_J) \otimes (\mathbf{s}_I - \mathbf{s}_J) \right\}$$



Remarks: Define

$$\mathbf{F} := \frac{\partial \mathbf{x}(\bar{t})}{\partial \mathbf{X}},$$

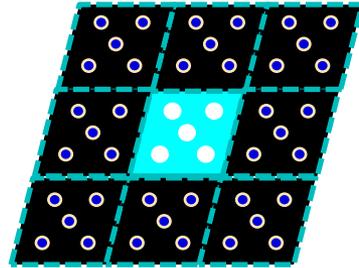
We have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{r}_I(t) &= \mathbf{F}(\bar{t}) \cdot \mathbf{R}_I(t') \\ &= \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{h}_0 \cdot \mathbf{s}_I(t') \\ \rightarrow \quad \mathbf{r}_I(t) &= \mathbf{h}(\bar{t}) \cdot \mathbf{s}_I(t') . \end{aligned}$$

## The Differential Manifold Interpretation of From Atomistic-to-Continuum MD

# Multiscale Micromorphic Molecular Dynamics (MMMD)

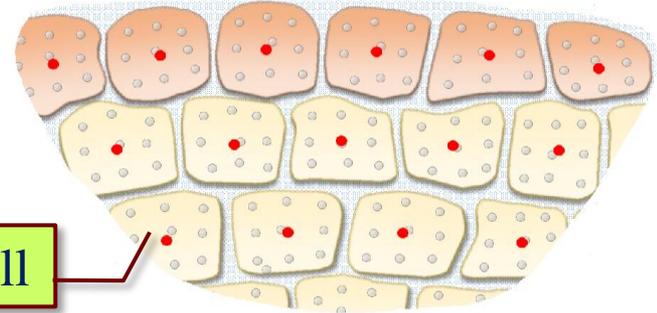
P-R MD



$$\mathbf{r}_i = \Phi \mathbf{S}_i$$

*Representative unit cell*  
*Periodic boundary condition*

MMMD



Supercell

$$\mathbf{r}_i = \Phi_\alpha \mathbf{S}_i + \mathbf{r}_\alpha$$

*Individual cell has different deformation*  
*Non-periodic, Nonequilibrium*

$$\mathbf{r}_{\alpha i} = \phi_\alpha \cdot \mathbf{S}_i \quad \text{and} \quad \phi_\alpha := \mathbf{F}_\alpha \cdot \chi_\alpha,$$



Multiplicative  
Decomposition

where  $\phi_\alpha$  is the total deformation tensor of the  $\alpha$ -th cell, and  $\chi_\alpha = \mathbf{h}_\alpha$ .

MMMD couples three scales

1. Fine scale atomistic dynamics
2. Mesoscale micromorphic dynamics
3. Macroscale particle dynamics

Scaled atomic coordinate  $\mathbf{S}_i$



Cell shape  $\Phi_\alpha$

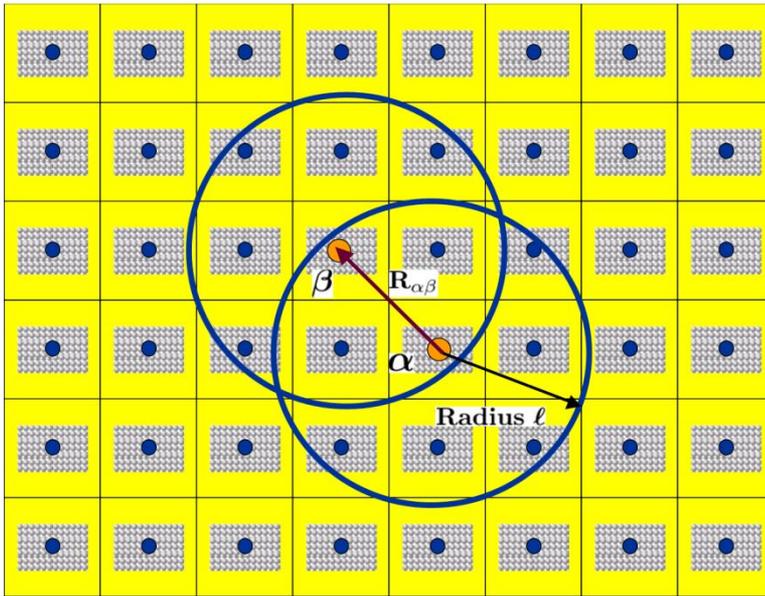


Cell center  $\mathbf{r}_\alpha$



# Multiscale Decomposition

$$\mathbf{r}_i = \mathbf{r}_\alpha + \mathbf{r}_{\alpha i}, \quad \alpha = 1, 2, \dots, M; \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, N_\alpha$$



$$\mathbf{r}_\alpha = \frac{\sum_i m_i \mathbf{r}_i}{\sum_i m_i}$$

$$\sum_i m_i \mathbf{r}_{\alpha i} = 0 .$$

Multiplicative  
Decomposition

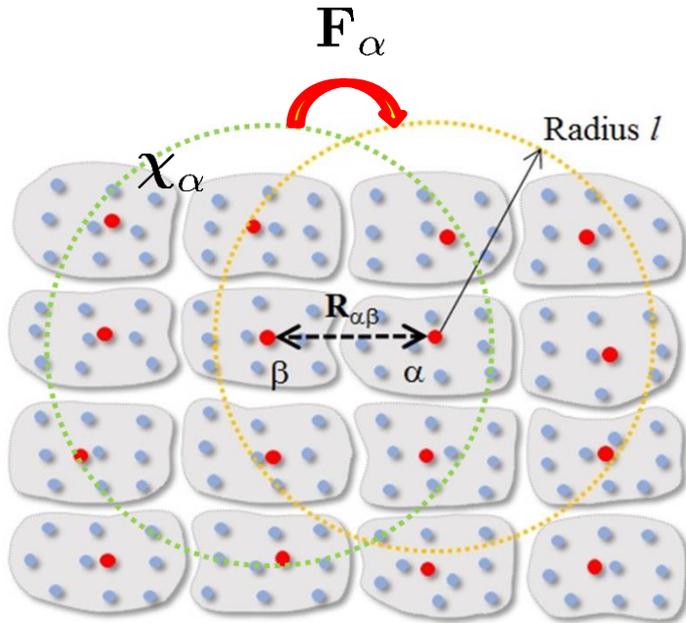
$$\mathbf{r}_{\alpha i} = \phi_\alpha \cdot \mathbf{S}_i \quad \text{and} \quad \phi_\alpha := \mathbf{F}_\alpha \cdot \chi_\alpha,$$

where  $\phi_\alpha$  is the total deformation tensor of the  $\alpha$ -th cell, and  $\chi_\alpha = \mathbf{h}_\alpha$ .

$$\mathbf{r}_{\alpha\beta} = \mathbf{r}_{\beta} - \mathbf{r}_{\alpha}, \quad \mathbf{R}_{\alpha} := \mathbf{r}_{\alpha}(0), \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{R}_{\alpha\beta} := \mathbf{R}_{\beta} - \mathbf{R}_{\alpha} .$$

$\mathbf{F}$  is determined by the positions of center of mass of MD cells.

We first define : 
$$\mathbf{K}_{\alpha} = \sum_{\beta=1}^{N_h} \omega(|\mathbf{R}_{\alpha\beta}|) \mathbf{R}_{\alpha\beta} \otimes \mathbf{R}_{\alpha\beta} \Omega_{\beta 0}$$



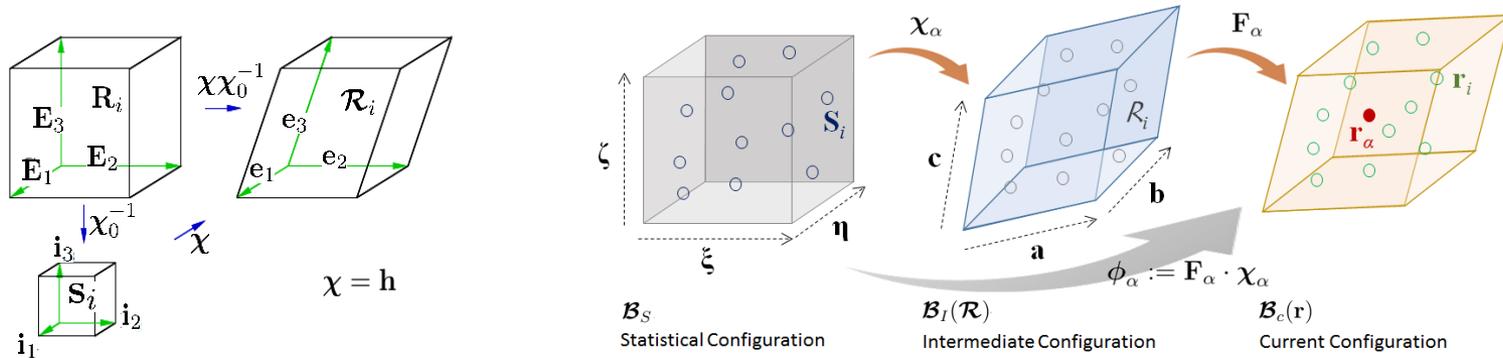
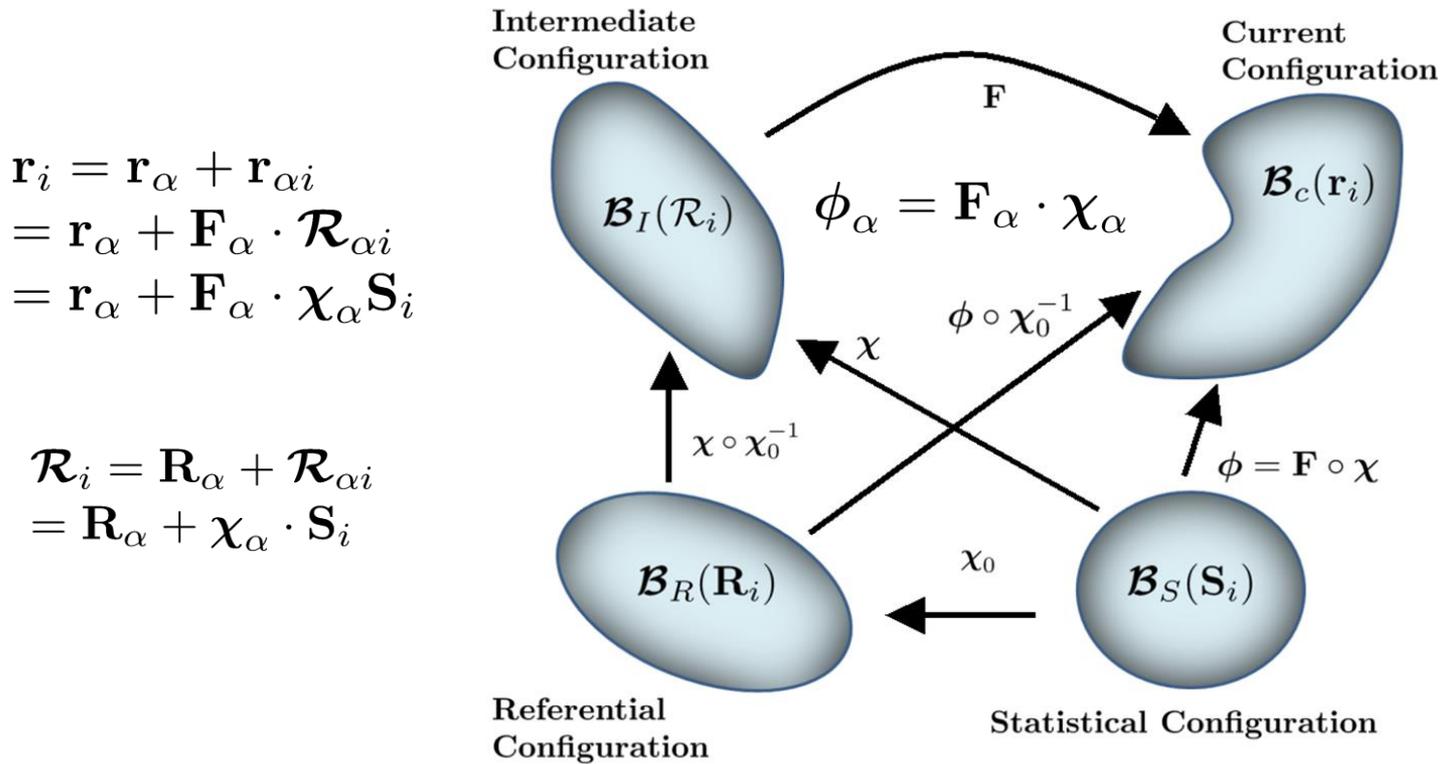
The define a two-point tensor

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{N} &= \sum_{\beta=1}^{N_h} \omega(|\mathbf{R}_{\alpha\beta}|) \mathbf{r}_{\alpha\beta} \otimes \mathbf{R}_{\alpha\beta} \Omega_{\beta 0} \\ &= \sum_{\beta=1}^{N_h} \omega(|\mathbf{R}_{\alpha\beta}|) \mathbf{F}_{\alpha} \mathbf{R}_{\alpha\beta} \otimes \mathbf{R}_{\alpha\beta} \Omega_{\beta 0} . \end{aligned}$$

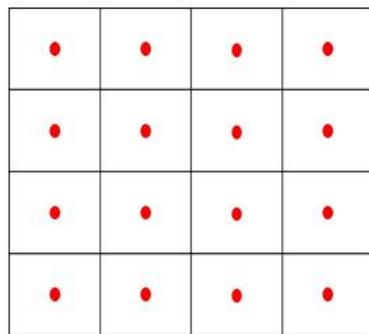
The Cauchy-Born Rule

$$\mathbf{r}_{\alpha\beta} = \mathbf{F}_{\alpha} \mathbf{R}_{\alpha\beta};$$

$$\mathbf{K}_{\alpha} = \sum_{\beta=1}^{N_h} \omega(|\mathbf{R}_{\alpha\beta}|) \mathbf{R}_{\alpha\beta} \otimes \mathbf{R}_{\alpha\beta} \Omega_{\beta 0} \rightarrow \mathbf{F}_{\alpha} = \sum_{\beta=1}^{N_h} \omega(|\mathbf{R}_{\alpha\beta}|) \mathbf{r}_{\alpha\beta} \otimes \mathbf{R}_{\alpha\beta} \Omega_{\beta 0} \mathbf{K}_{\alpha}^{-1}$$

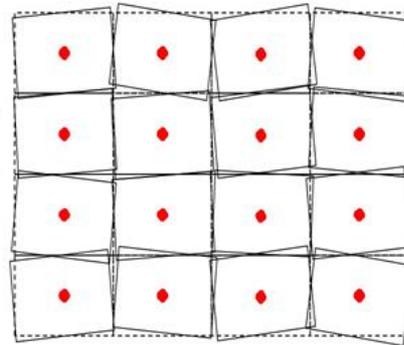


## Micromorphic Multiplicative Decomposition



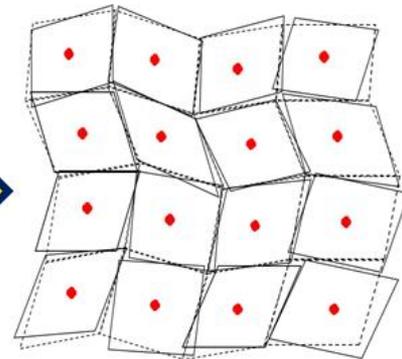
(a)  $\mathcal{B}_R(\mathbf{R})$

$\chi_\alpha \circ \chi_0^{-1}$

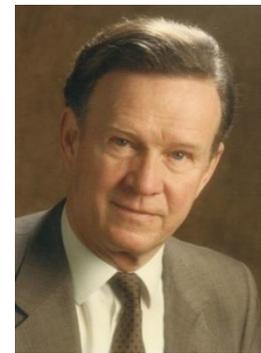
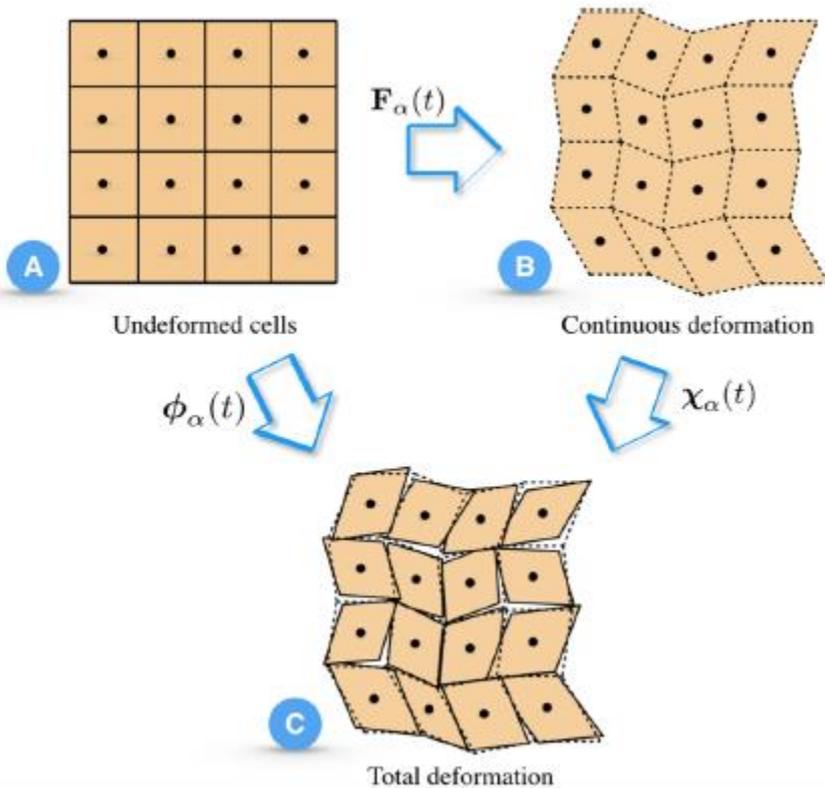


(b)  $\mathcal{B}_I(\mathcal{R})$

$\mathbf{F}_\alpha$



(c)  $\mathcal{B}_c(\mathbf{r})$



Recall E. Kröner's incompatible strain



Recall E. H. Lee's Decomposition

# First principle Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L}_m = \sum_{\alpha} K_{\alpha} - \sum_{\alpha} V_{\alpha} + \sum_{\alpha} V_{\alpha}^{ext}$$

Before constructing the governing equations of MMD, we would like to revisit the statistic conditions in APR-MD and provide some explanations or interpretations. Consider the kinetic energy of the  $\alpha$ -th cell:

$$\begin{aligned} K_{\alpha} &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_i m_i \dot{\mathbf{r}}_i \cdot \dot{\mathbf{r}}_i = \frac{1}{2} \sum_i m_i (\dot{\mathbf{r}}_{\alpha} + \dot{\phi}_{\alpha} \cdot \mathbf{S}_i + \phi_{\alpha} \cdot \dot{\mathbf{S}}_i) \cdot (\dot{\mathbf{r}}_{\alpha} + \dot{\phi}_{\alpha} \cdot \mathbf{S}_i + \phi_{\alpha} \cdot \dot{\mathbf{S}}_i) \\ &= \underbrace{\frac{M_{\alpha}}{2} \dot{\mathbf{r}}_{\alpha} \cdot \dot{\mathbf{r}}_{\alpha}}_{K_1} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \dot{\phi}_{\alpha}^T \dot{\phi}_{\alpha} \sum_i m_i \mathbf{S}_i \otimes \mathbf{S}_i}_{K_2} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \sum_i m_i \dot{\mathbf{S}}_i \cdot \mathbf{C} \cdot \dot{\mathbf{S}}_i}_{K_3} \\ &\quad + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \dot{\phi}_{\alpha}^T \dot{\phi}_{\alpha} \sum_i m_i \mathbf{S}_i \otimes \dot{\mathbf{S}}_i + \frac{1}{2} \dot{\phi}_{\alpha}^T \dot{\phi}_{\alpha} \sum_i m_i \dot{\mathbf{S}}_i \otimes \mathbf{S}_i}_{K_4} \end{aligned}$$

where  $M_{\alpha} = \sum_i m_i$  is the mass of the cell, and  $\mathbf{C} = \dot{\phi}_{\alpha}^T \dot{\phi}_{\alpha}$ . Introduce the following statistical assumption:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{J}_{\alpha}^S &= \sum_i m_i \mathbf{S}_i \otimes \mathbf{S}_i = \sum_i m_i \chi_{\alpha 0}^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{R}_{\alpha i} \otimes \mathbf{R}_{\alpha i} \cdot \chi_{\alpha 0}^T \\ &= \chi_{\alpha 0}^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{J}_{\alpha} \cdot \chi_{\alpha 0}^{-T} = \text{constant tensor.} \end{aligned}$$

## Statistical Assumption: $\mathbf{J}_\alpha^S$ is a constant Spherical Tensor

If we choose  $\mathbf{E}_I$  as principal axes, we can have a simple expression of  $\mathbf{J}_\alpha^S$ ,

$$\mathbf{J}_\alpha^S = J_{11}^S \mathbf{E}_1 \otimes \mathbf{E}_1 + J_{22}^S \mathbf{E}_2 \otimes \mathbf{E}_2 + J_{33}^S \mathbf{E}_3 \otimes \mathbf{E}_3 . \quad (37)$$

Since  $\mathbf{J}_\alpha^S$  is spherical, we may write  $J_{11}^S = J_{22}^S = J_{33}^S = W_\alpha$ . Now it becomes clear that the quantity  $W$  used in the original PR-MD is related to the component of Euler's inertia tensor. Therefore, naturally, the second term of kinetic energy becomes:

$$K_2 = \frac{1}{2} W_\alpha \text{Tr}(\dot{\phi}_\alpha^T \dot{\phi}_\alpha) \quad (38)$$

We call the expression (35) as the First statistical condition of APR-MD.

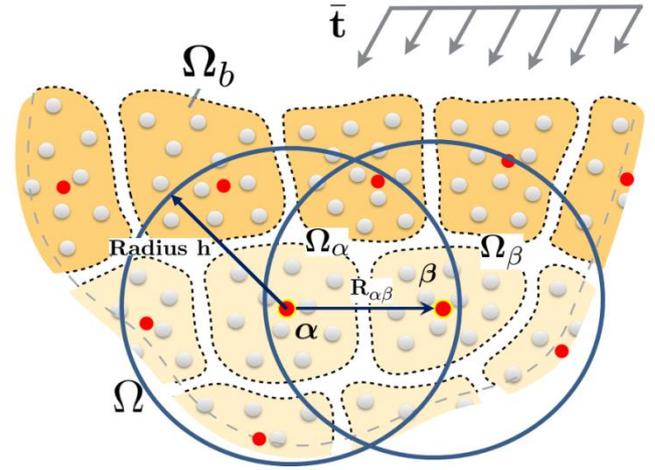
$$\mathbf{AC}(\tau) = \langle \mathbf{S}_i(t) \otimes \mathbf{S}_i(t + \tau) \rangle := \sum_i m_i \mathbf{S}_i(t) \otimes \mathbf{S}_i(t + \tau)$$

$$\frac{d}{d\tau} \mathbf{AC}(\tau) \Big|_{\tau=0} = \sum_i m_i \mathbf{S}_i(t) \otimes \dot{\mathbf{S}}_i(t + \tau) = 0$$

$$\text{Similarly,} \quad \sum_i m_i \dot{\mathbf{S}}_i(t) \otimes \mathbf{S}_i = 0 .$$

## Take into account macroscale B.C.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{L}_m = & \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\beta} M_{\beta} \dot{\mathbf{r}}_{\beta} \cdot \dot{\mathbf{r}}_{\beta} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\beta} \mathbf{J}_{\beta}^S : \left( \dot{\boldsymbol{\phi}}_{\beta}^T \dot{\boldsymbol{\phi}}_{\beta} \right) \\
 & + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\beta} \sum_i m_i \dot{\mathbf{S}}_i \cdot \mathbf{C}_{\beta} \cdot \dot{\mathbf{S}}_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\beta} \sum_{\gamma} \sum_{i \in \beta, j \in \gamma} V(r_{ij}) \\
 & + \sum_{\beta} \sum_{i \in \beta} \mathbf{b}_i \cdot \mathbf{r}_{\beta i} + \sum_{\beta} S_{\beta 0} \bar{\mathbf{t}}_{\beta 0} \cdot \mathbf{r}_{\beta} + \sum_{\beta} \Omega_{\beta 0} \bar{\mathbf{b}}_{\beta 0} \cdot \mathbf{r}_{\beta}
 \end{aligned}$$



$\mathbf{C} = \boldsymbol{\phi}_{\alpha}^T \boldsymbol{\phi}_{\alpha}$ . Introduce the following statistical assumption:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{J}_{\alpha}^S &= \sum_i m_i \mathbf{S}_i \otimes \mathbf{S}_i = \sum_i m_i \boldsymbol{\chi}_{\alpha 0}^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{R}_{\alpha i} \otimes \mathbf{R}_{\alpha i} \cdot \boldsymbol{\chi}_{\alpha 0}^{-T} \\
 &= \boldsymbol{\chi}_{\alpha 0}^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{J}_{\alpha} \cdot \boldsymbol{\chi}_{\alpha 0}^{-T} = \text{constant tensor.}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\phi}_{\alpha} = \mathbf{F}_{\alpha} \cdot \boldsymbol{\chi}_{\alpha}$$

$$\mathbf{J}_{\alpha}^S = J_{11}^S \mathbf{E}_1 \otimes \mathbf{E}_1 + J_{22}^S \mathbf{E}_2 \otimes \mathbf{E}_2 + J_{33}^S \mathbf{E}_3 \otimes \mathbf{E}_3$$

Thus  $\mathcal{L}_m = \mathcal{L}_m(\mathbf{r}_\alpha, \phi_\alpha, \mathbf{S}_i)$ .

This derivation is both brilliant and splendid !

$$\frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_m}{\partial \dot{\mathbf{r}}_\alpha} - \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_m}{\partial \mathbf{r}_\alpha} = 0, \quad \Rightarrow \quad M_\alpha \ddot{\mathbf{r}}_\alpha = \sum_{\beta \neq \alpha} \sum_{i \in \alpha, j \in \beta} \mathbf{f}_{ij} + S_{\alpha 0} \bar{\mathbf{t}}_{\alpha 0} + \Omega_{\alpha 0} \bar{\mathbf{b}}_{\alpha 0}.$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_m}{\partial \dot{\phi}_\alpha} - \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_\alpha}{\partial \phi_\alpha} = 0, \quad \Rightarrow \quad \ddot{\phi}_\alpha \cdot \mathbf{J}_\alpha^S = -(\mathcal{P}_\alpha^{int} - \mathcal{P}_\alpha^{ext}) \Omega_{\alpha 0} + \mathcal{M}_\alpha,$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_m}{\partial \dot{\mathbf{S}}_i} - \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_\alpha}{\partial \mathbf{S}_i} = 0. \quad \Rightarrow \quad m_i \ddot{\mathbf{S}}_i = -m_i \mathbf{C}_\alpha^{-1} \cdot \dot{\mathbf{C}}_\alpha \cdot \dot{\mathbf{S}}_i + \phi_\alpha^{-1} \left( \sum_{\beta} \sum_{j \in \beta, j \neq i \in \alpha} \mathbf{f}_{ji} + \mathbf{b}_i \right).$$

$$\mathcal{P}_\alpha^{int} := \frac{1}{\Omega_{\alpha 0}} \sum_{i \in \alpha} \left( -\phi_\alpha m_i \dot{\mathbf{S}}_i \otimes \dot{\mathbf{S}}_i + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j \in \alpha, j \neq i} \mathbf{f}_{ij} \otimes \mathbf{S}_{ij} \right),$$

$$\mathcal{P}_\alpha^{ext} = \frac{1}{\Omega_{\alpha 0}} \sum_{\beta \neq \alpha} \sum_{i \in \alpha, j \in \beta} \mathbf{f}_{ij} \otimes \mathbf{S}_i$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_\alpha^{ext} &= \frac{1}{\Omega_\alpha} \sum_{\beta \neq \alpha} \sum_{i \in \alpha, j \in \beta} \mathbf{f}_{ij} \otimes \mathbf{r}_{\alpha i} \\ &= \frac{1}{\det(\phi_\alpha) \Omega_{\alpha 0}} \sum_{\beta \neq \alpha} \sum_{i \in \alpha, j \in \beta} \mathbf{f}_{ij} \otimes \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \phi_\alpha^T, \end{aligned}$$

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$$\mathcal{P}_\alpha^{int} = \det(\phi_\alpha) \sigma_\alpha^{int} \phi_\alpha^{-T}$$

$$\mathcal{P}_\alpha^{ext} = \det(\phi_\alpha) \sigma_\alpha^{ext} \cdot \phi_\alpha^{-T}.$$

*The derivation is non-trivial:* (Li and Tong [2015] JAP)

*It is the journey not the destination that matters.*

$$\mathcal{R}_{\alpha i} = \boldsymbol{\chi}_\alpha \cdot \mathbf{S}_i,$$

that if the length of  $\mathbf{S}_i$  is not fixed,  $\boldsymbol{\chi}_\alpha$  may not represent the shape tensor of the  $\alpha$ th cell. Therefore, we must have the constraint condition,

$$\sum_i \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_i = \text{const}, \quad (42)$$

which is a weaker condition than conditions (40) and (41).

By utilizing above statistical conditions, we can conveniently write down the Lagrangian of the atomic system as,

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left( \mathcal{L}_m = \frac{1}{2} \sum_\beta M_\beta \dot{\mathbf{r}}_\beta \cdot \dot{\mathbf{r}}_\beta + \frac{1}{2} \sum_\beta \mathbf{J}_\beta^S : (\dot{\boldsymbol{\phi}}_\beta^T \dot{\boldsymbol{\phi}}_\beta) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_\beta \sum_i m_i \dot{\mathbf{S}}_i \cdot \mathbf{C}_\beta \cdot \dot{\mathbf{S}}_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_\beta \sum_\gamma \sum_{i \in \beta, j \in \gamma} V(r_{ij}) + \sum_\beta \sum_{i \in \beta} \mathbf{b}_i \cdot \mathbf{r}_i, \quad (43) \right)$$

where  $\beta, \gamma$  are cell indices, and the abbreviation  $i \in \beta$  means

$$= M_\alpha \ddot{\mathbf{r}}_\alpha + \sum_\beta \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_m}{\partial \boldsymbol{\phi}_\beta} \cdot \frac{\partial \boldsymbol{\phi}_\beta}{\partial \mathbf{r}_\alpha} + \sum_\beta \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_m}{\partial \dot{\boldsymbol{\phi}}_\beta} \cdot \frac{\partial \dot{\boldsymbol{\phi}}_\beta}{\partial \mathbf{r}_\alpha}.$$

and

$$\ddot{\mathbf{F}}_\beta = \sum_\alpha \left( \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial \mathbf{F}_\beta}{\partial \mathbf{r}_\alpha} \right) \dot{\mathbf{r}}_\alpha + \frac{\partial \mathbf{F}_\beta}{\partial \mathbf{r}_\alpha} \ddot{\mathbf{r}}_\alpha \right).$$

On the other hand, we may derive,

$$\ddot{\mathbf{F}}_\beta = \sum_\alpha \left( \frac{\partial \dot{\mathbf{F}}_\beta}{\partial \mathbf{r}_\alpha} \dot{\mathbf{r}}_\alpha + \frac{\partial \dot{\mathbf{F}}_\beta}{\partial \dot{\mathbf{r}}_\alpha} \ddot{\mathbf{r}}_\alpha \right).$$

Comparing Eqs. (51) and (52) and utilizing Eq. (50) obtain

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial \mathbf{F}_\beta}{\partial \mathbf{r}_\alpha} \right) = \frac{\partial \dot{\mathbf{F}}_\beta}{\partial \mathbf{r}_\alpha}.$$

Furthermore, since

$$\dot{\boldsymbol{\phi}}_\beta = \dot{\mathbf{F}}_\beta \boldsymbol{\chi}_\beta + \mathbf{F}_\beta \cdot \dot{\boldsymbol{\chi}}_\beta,$$

we can find that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \dot{\boldsymbol{\phi}}_\beta}{\partial \dot{\mathbf{r}}_\alpha} &= \frac{\partial \dot{\mathbf{F}}_\beta}{\partial \dot{\mathbf{r}}_\alpha} \boldsymbol{\chi}_\beta = \frac{\partial \mathbf{F}_\beta}{\partial \mathbf{r}_\alpha} \boldsymbol{\chi}_\beta = \frac{\partial \boldsymbol{\phi}_\beta}{\partial \mathbf{r}_\alpha} \\ &= \sum_{\beta \neq \alpha} \sum_{i \in \alpha, j \in \beta} V'(r_{ij}) \frac{\mathbf{r}_{ij}}{|\mathbf{r}_{ij}|} + \sum_{i \in \alpha} \mathbf{b}_i \\ &+ \sum_\beta \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_m}{\partial \boldsymbol{\phi}_\beta} \cdot \frac{\partial \boldsymbol{\phi}_\beta}{\partial \mathbf{r}_\alpha} + \sum_\beta \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_m}{\partial \dot{\boldsymbol{\phi}}_\beta} \cdot \frac{\partial \dot{\boldsymbol{\phi}}_\beta}{\partial \mathbf{r}_\alpha}. \end{aligned}$$

# MMMD Computational Algorithm (Li and Urata [2016] CMAME)

$$\mathbf{G}_1 := \sum_i m_i \mathbf{S}_i; \quad \mathbf{G}_2 := \mathbf{J}_\alpha^S(t) - \mathbf{J}_\alpha^S(0), \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{G}_3 := \text{diag}(\mathbf{J}_\alpha^S(t)) - \text{Tr}(\mathbf{J}_\alpha^S(0))\text{diag}(\mathbf{I}^{(2)})$$

These constraints can be enforced by the Lagrangian multiplier method,

$$\mathcal{L}_\alpha^* = \mathcal{L}_\alpha - \lambda_{\alpha 1} \cdot \mathbf{G}_{\alpha 1} - \lambda_{\alpha 2} : \mathbf{G}_{\alpha 2} - \lambda_{\alpha 3} \cdot \mathbf{G}_{\alpha 3} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{L}_m^* = \sum_\alpha \mathcal{L}_\alpha^*,$$

where  $\lambda_{\alpha 1}$  and  $\lambda_{\alpha 3}$  are vector multipliers, and  $\lambda_{\alpha 2}$  is a tensorial multiplier.

$$\mathbf{S}_i^{(c1)}(t + \Delta t) = 2\mathbf{S}_i(t) - \mathbf{S}_i(t - \Delta t) + \frac{\Delta t^2}{2m_i} \left( \mathbf{F}_i^{(c)} + \mathbf{F}_i^{(p)} \right) \quad (81)$$

$$\mathbf{S}_i^{(c2)}(t + \Delta t) = \mathbf{S}_i^{(c1)}(t + \Delta t) - \Delta t^2 \mathbf{C}_\alpha^{-1}(t) \cdot \lambda_{\alpha 1}^{(c)}(\Delta t) \quad (82)$$

$$\mathbf{S}_i^{(c3)}(t + \Delta t) = \mathbf{S}_i^{(c2)}(t + \Delta t) - \Delta t^2 \mathbf{C}_\alpha^{-1}(t) \cdot \lambda_{\alpha 2}^{(c)}(\Delta t) \cdot \mathbf{S}_i^{(c2)}(t + \Delta t), \quad (83)$$

where the superscript “c” means the corrector phase, and the predicted velocity value is

$$\dot{\mathbf{S}}_i^{(c)} = \frac{\mathbf{S}_i^{(p3)}(t + \Delta t) - \mathbf{S}_i(t)}{\Delta t} \rightarrow \mathbf{F}_i^{(c)} := -m_i \mathbf{C}_\alpha^{-1} \cdot \dot{\mathbf{C}}_\alpha \cdot \dot{\mathbf{S}}_i^{(c)} + \phi_\alpha^{-1} \sum_\beta \sum_{\alpha_i \neq \beta_j} \mathbf{f}_{ji}(\mathbf{S}_i^{(p3)}),$$

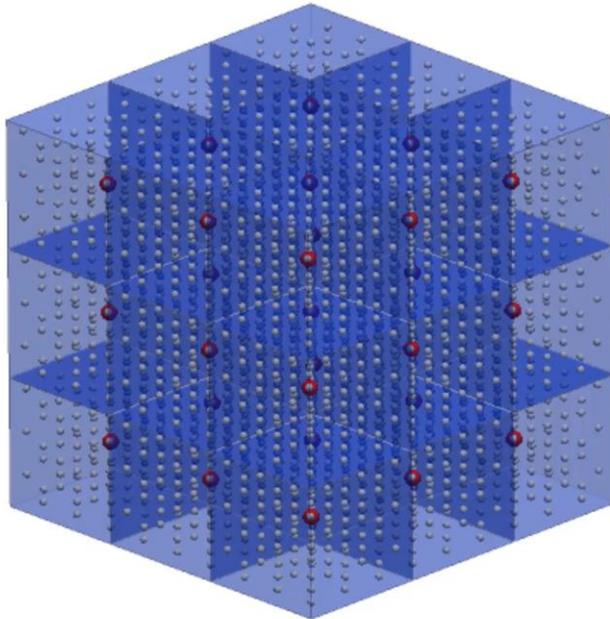
with the correction Lagrangian multipliers expressed as

$$\lambda_{\alpha 1}^{(c)} = \mathbf{C}_\alpha(t) \cdot \left( \frac{\sum_i m_i \mathbf{S}_i^{(c1)}}{(\Delta t)^2 \left( \sum_i m_i \right)} \right), \quad \text{and} \quad (84)$$

$$\lambda_{\alpha 2}^{(c)} = \frac{1}{2(\Delta t)^2} \mathbf{C}_\alpha(t) \left\{ \sum_i m_i \mathbf{S}_i^{(c2)} \otimes \mathbf{S}_i^{(c2)} - \mathbf{J}_\alpha^S(0) \right\} \left( \sum_i m_i \mathbf{S}_i^{(c2)} \otimes \mathbf{S}_i^{(c2)} \right)^{-1}. \quad (85)$$

# III. Validation and Numerical Examples

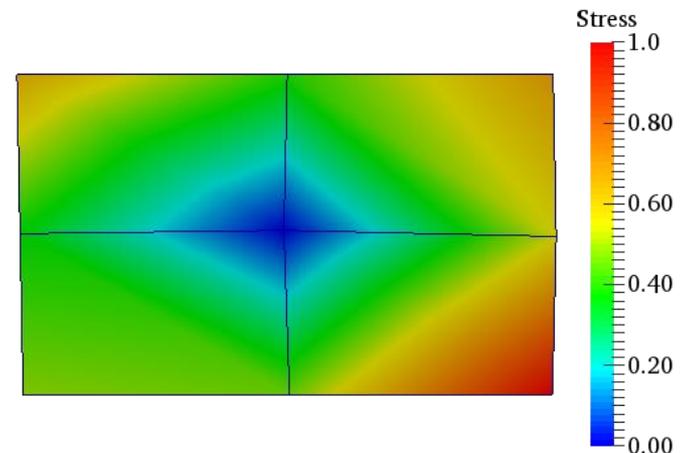
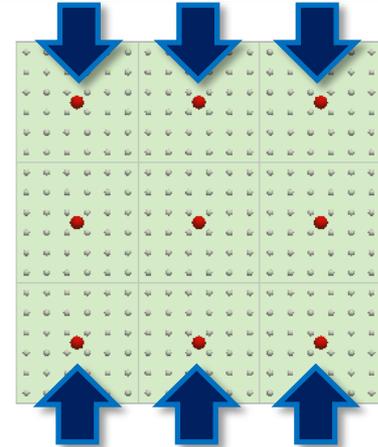
Ni FCC to HCP transition by compression



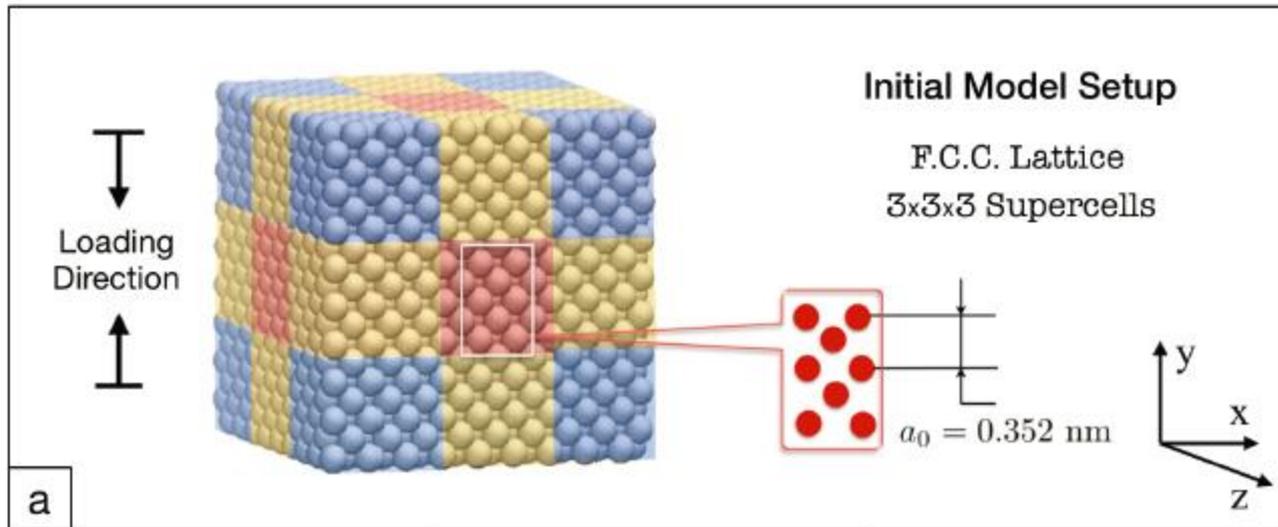
$3 \times 3 \times 3 = 27$  cells  
108 atoms in each cell  
2916 atoms in total.

Morse potential  
350 K constant  
Nose-Hoover thermostat

Displacement B.C.  
to cell center



- Test of displacement boundary  
(Tong and Li [2015] **JCP**)



Under uniaxial compression, the original FCC lattice of single crystal Nickel will go through structure change.<sup>22,23</sup>  $T = 350 \text{ K}$   
The interaction between atoms is modeled by Morse potential, which is plotted in Fig. 5. It has the form of

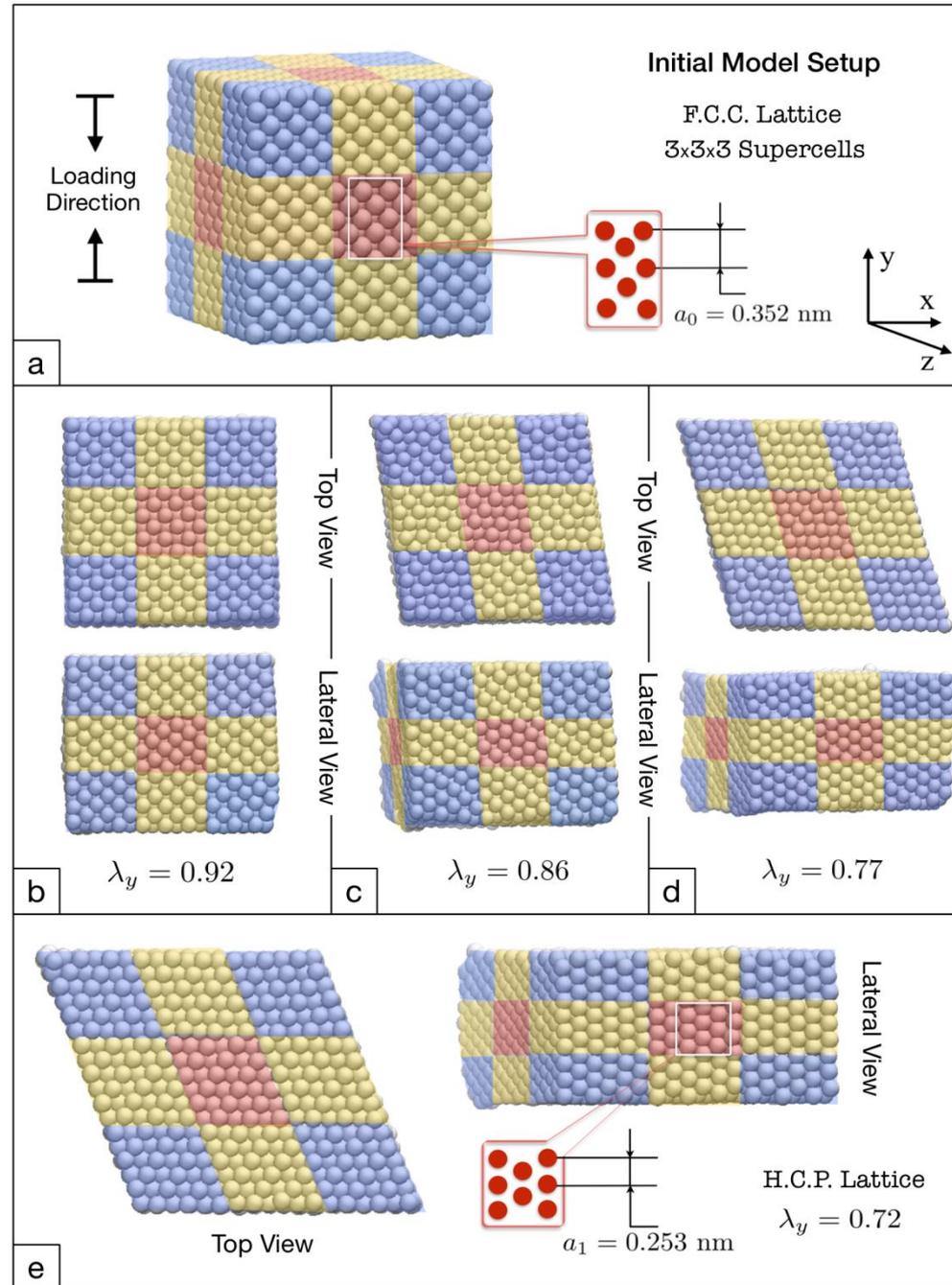
$$\phi(r) = D(e^{-2\alpha(r-r_0)} - 2e^{-\alpha(r-r_0)}). \quad (85)$$

The interaction force is given by

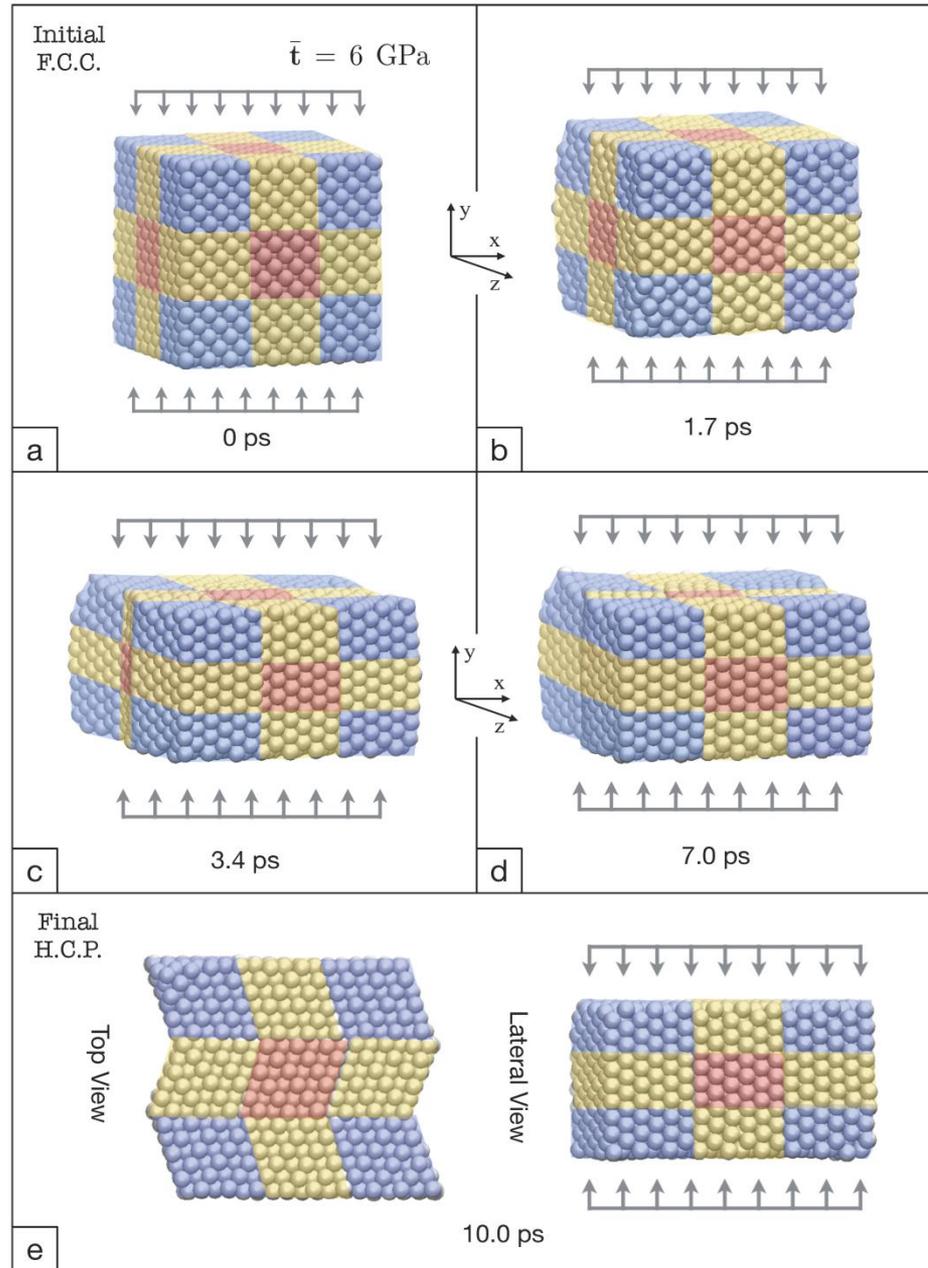
$$F(r) = -\frac{\partial\phi(r)}{\partial r} = 2D\alpha(-e^{-2\alpha(r-r_0)} + e^{-\alpha(r-r_0)}). \quad (86)$$

With the constants  $D = 3.5059 \times 10^{-20} \text{ J}$ ,  $\alpha = 8.766/a_0$ , and  $r_0 = 0.71727 \text{ \AA}$ .  $a_0$  denotes the constants of the FCC lattice of nickel, i.e.,  $a_0 = 3.52 \text{ \AA}$ ,<sup>26</sup>

# Displacement B.C.



# Traction B.C.



Supercell  $3 \times 3 \times 3 = 27 \rightarrow 3 \times 3 \times 3 = 27$  unit cells

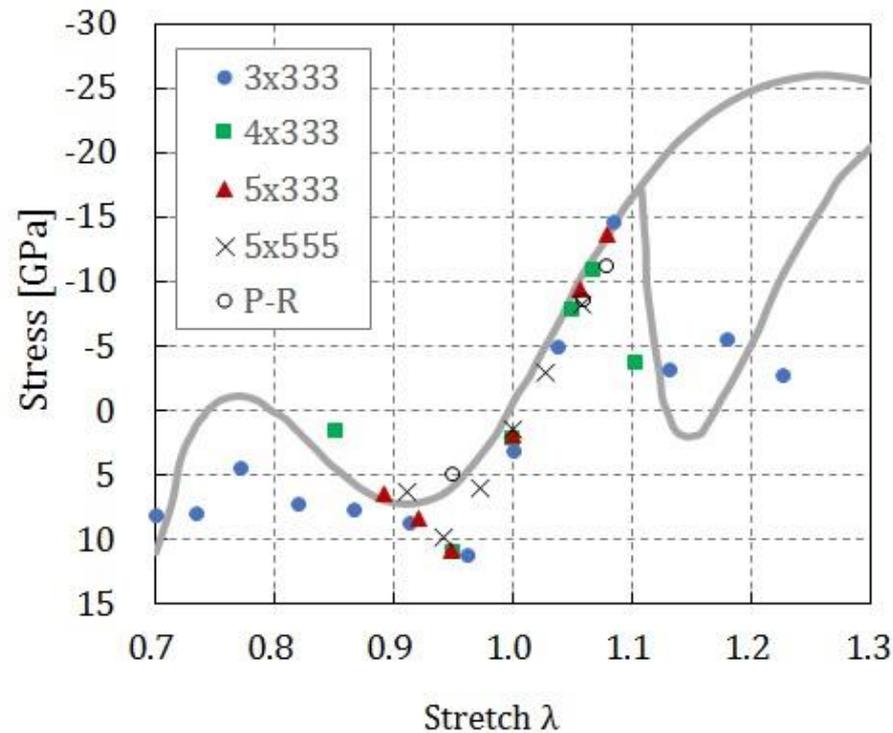
$\rightarrow$  2916 atoms

$4 \times 4 \times 4 = 64 \rightarrow 4 \times 4 \times 4 = 64$  unit cells

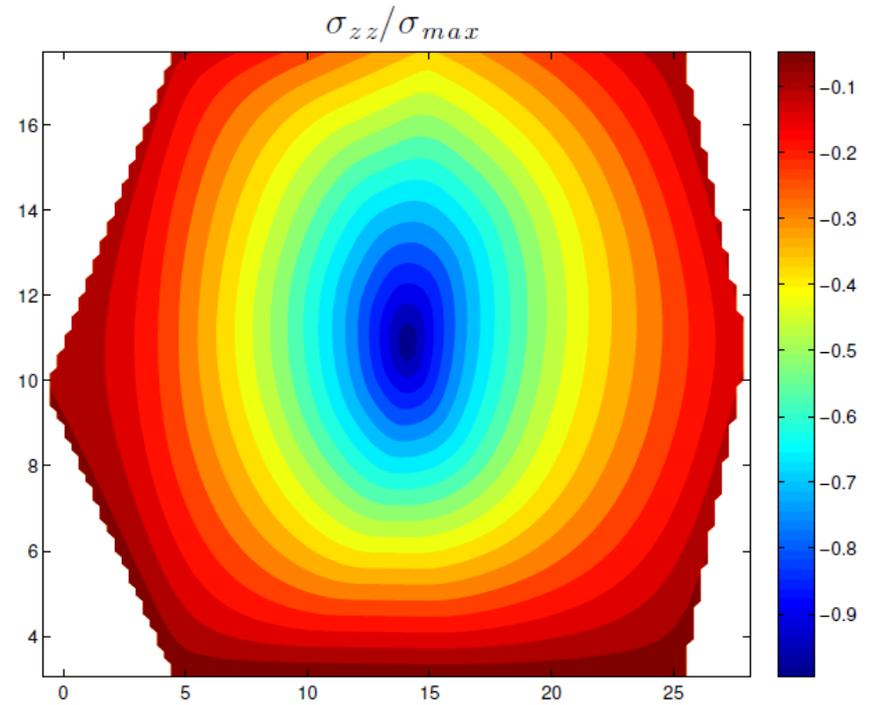
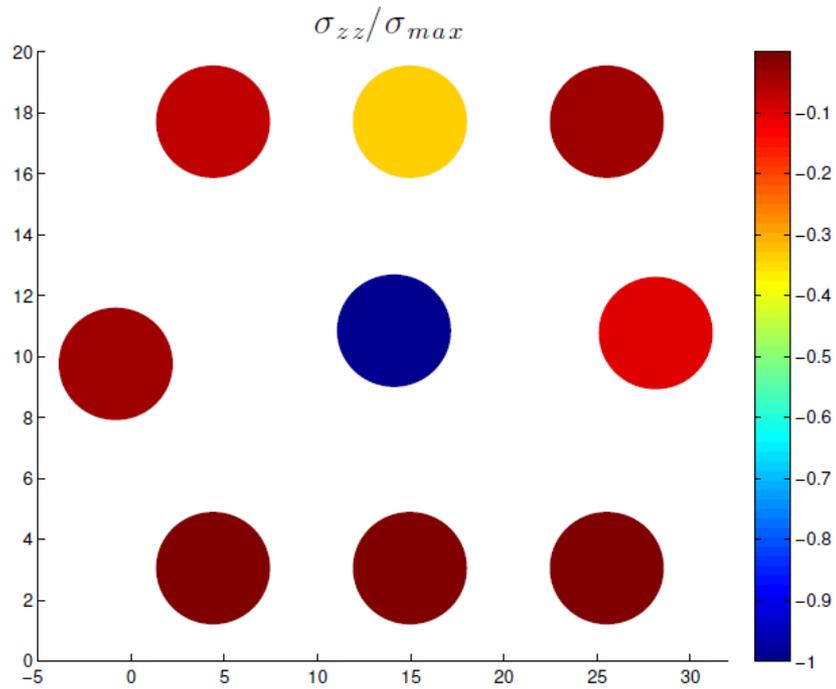
$\rightarrow$  16384 atoms

$5 \times 5 \times 5 = 125 \rightarrow 5 \times 5 \times 5 = 125$  unit cells

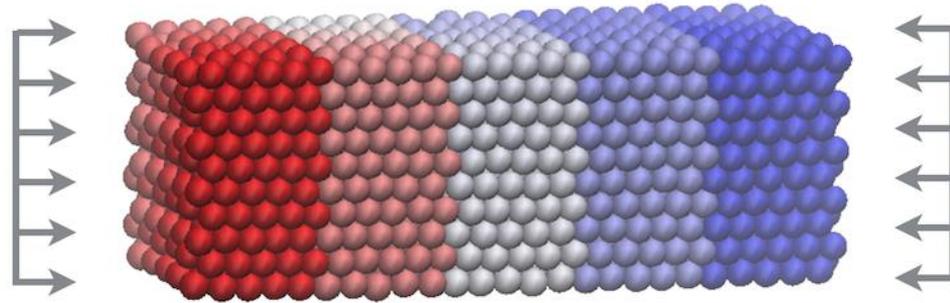
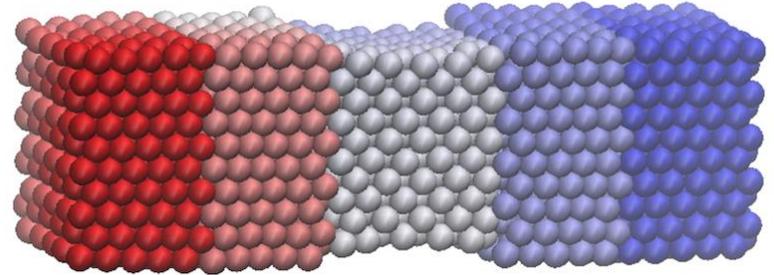
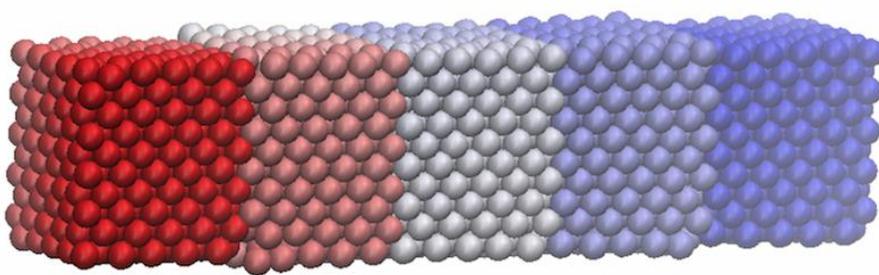
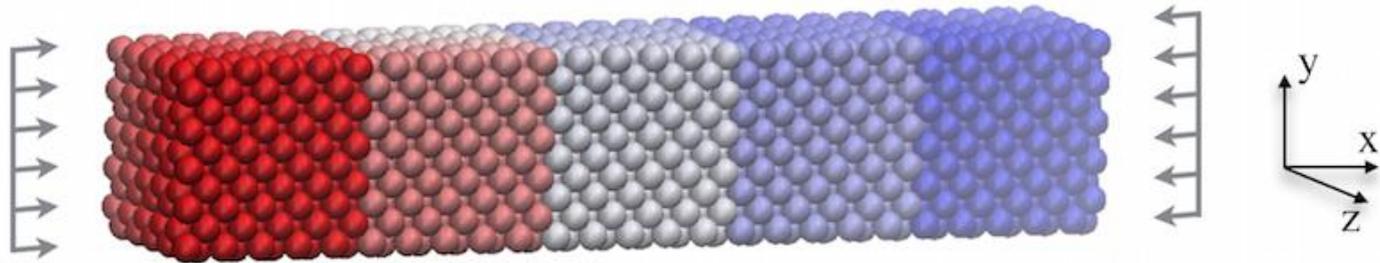
$\rightarrow$  62500 atoms

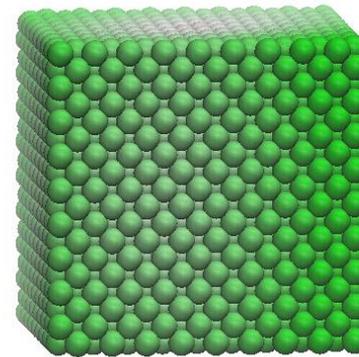
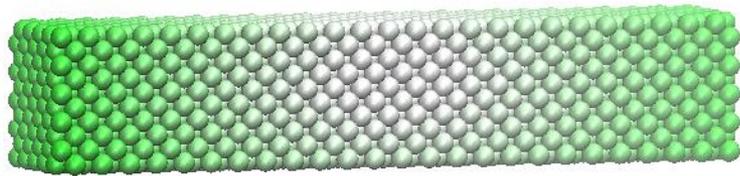


# Stress Distribution

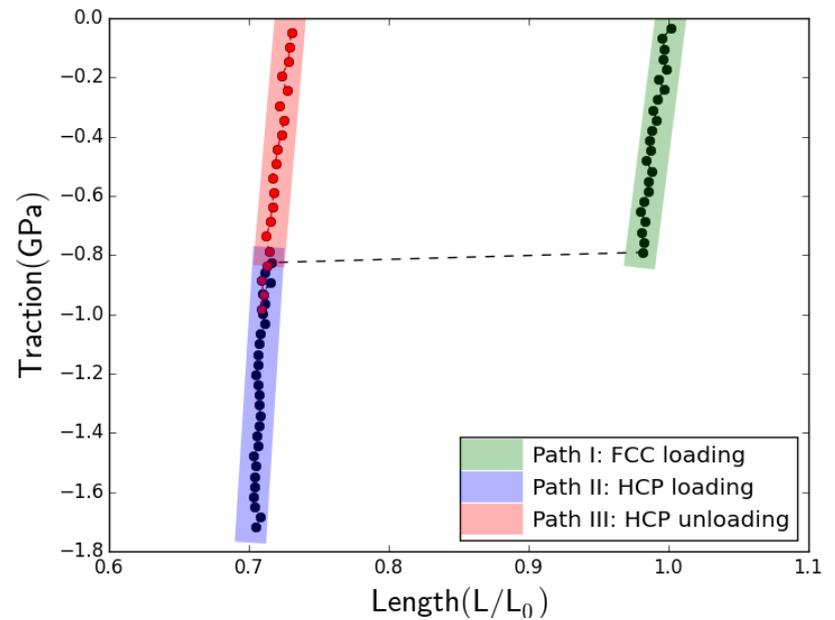
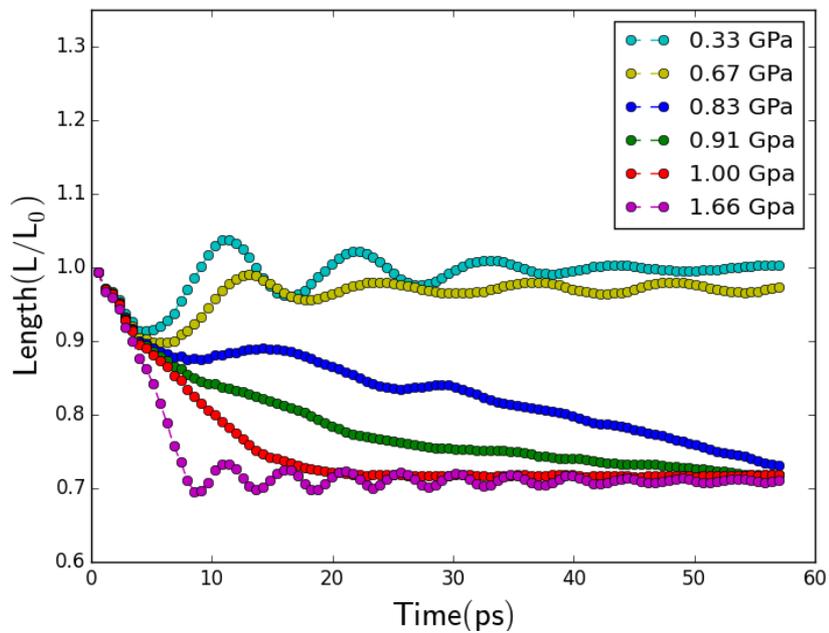


## Example 2. Phase Transformation of Nano-rod





(Tong and Li [2015] **EPL**)



## Example 3. Phase Transformation of Iron

In this simulation, we adopt the Finnis-Sinclair Model [52] for material BCC iron. The potential energy of the Finnis-Sinclair Model (FSM) and the Embedded Atom Model (EAM) has the following general form:

$$U = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N V(r_{ij}) + \sum_{i=1}^N F(\rho_i) \quad (5.3)$$

where  $F(\rho_i)$  is a functional describing the energy of embedding an atom in background electron cloud, and it is defined as

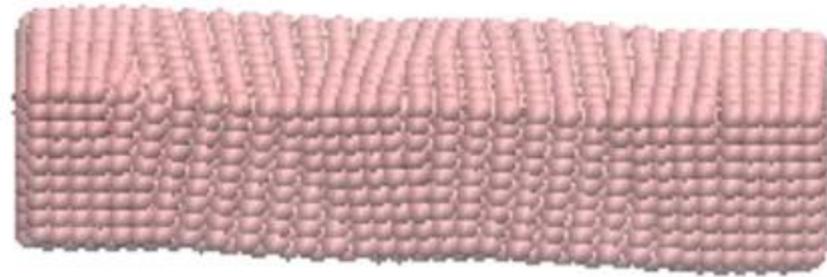
$$\rho_i = \sum_{j \neq i}^N \rho(r_{ij}), \quad \mathbf{r}_{ij} = \mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j, \quad r_{ij} = |\mathbf{r}_{ij}| \quad (5.4)$$

The Finnis-Sinclair potential is defined as

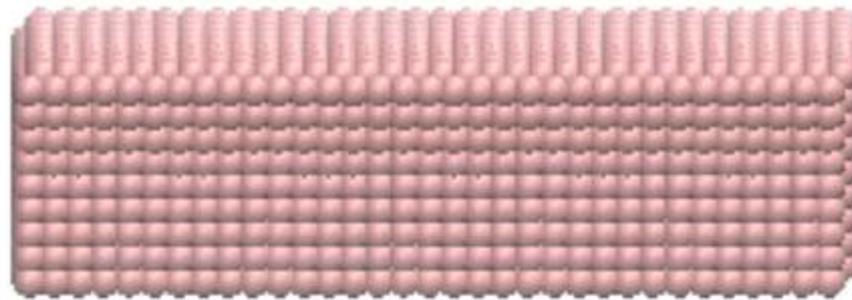
$$V(r_{ij}) = (r_{ij} - c)^2 (c_0 + c_1 r_{ij} + c_2 r_{ij}^2), \quad \rho(r_{ij}) = (r_{ij} - d)^2 + \beta \frac{(r_{ij} - d)^3}{d}, \quad F(\rho_i) = -A\sqrt{\rho_i}, \quad (5.5)$$

with parameters  $c_0, c_1, c_2, c, A, d,$  and  $\beta$  taken from [53]. Note that both  $c$  and  $d$  are cutoff distances.

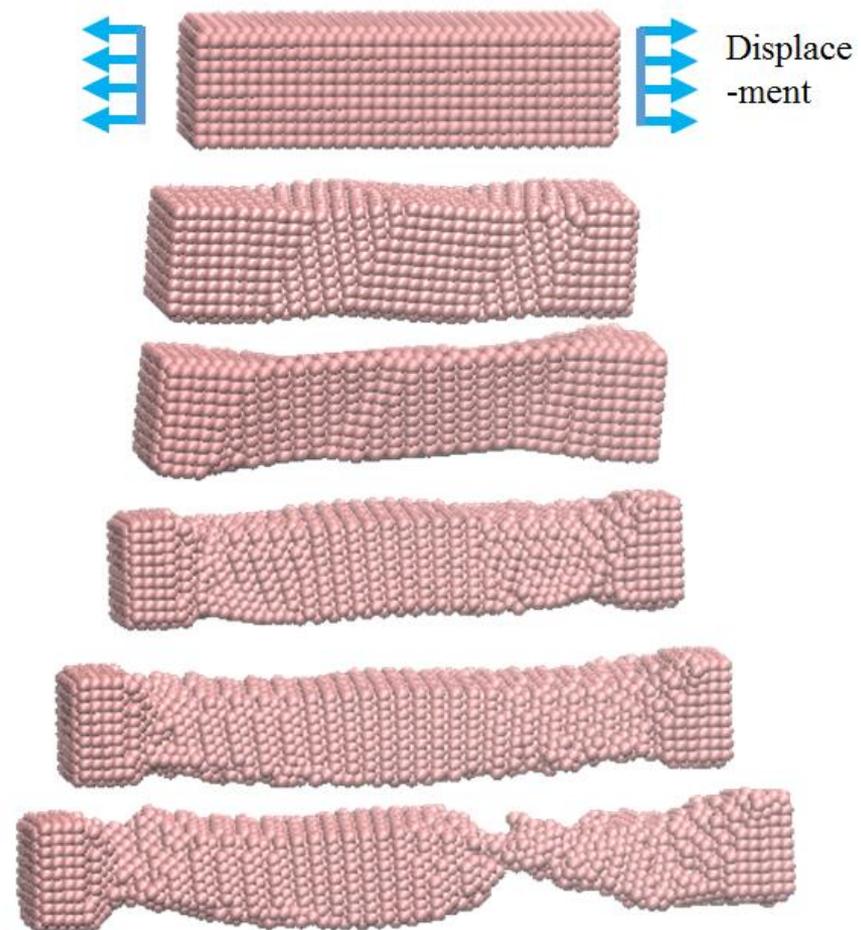
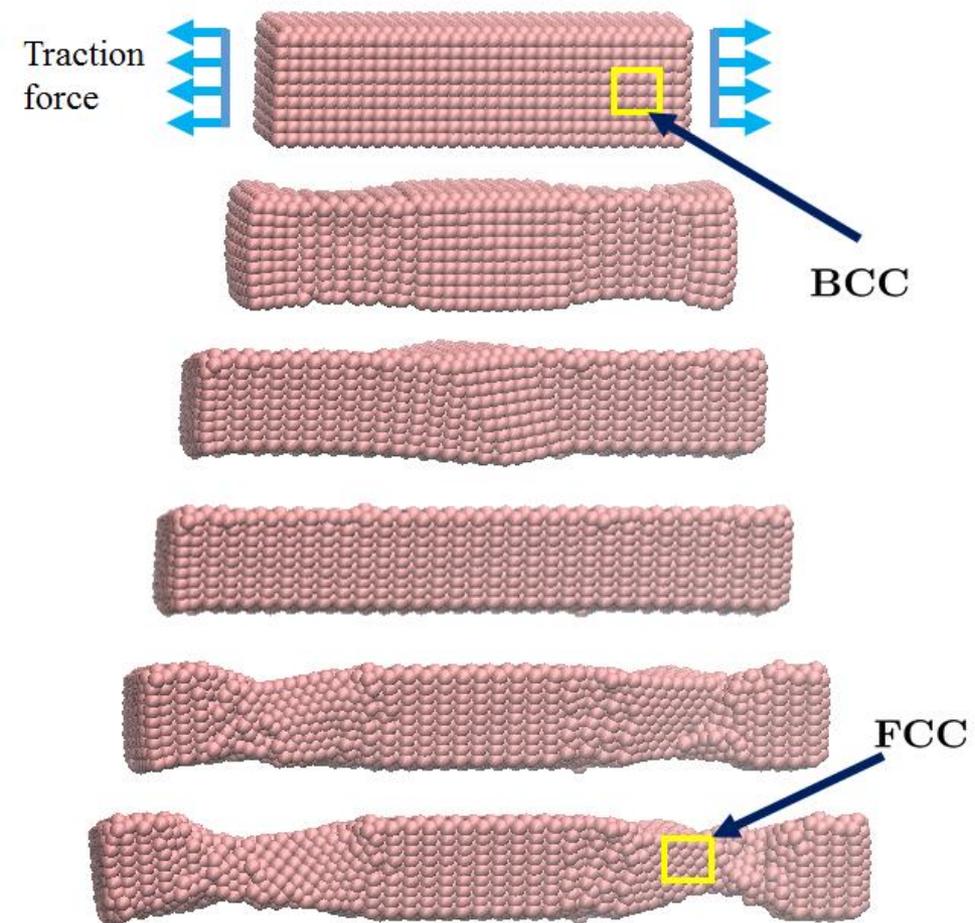
(Li and Urata [2016] CMAME)



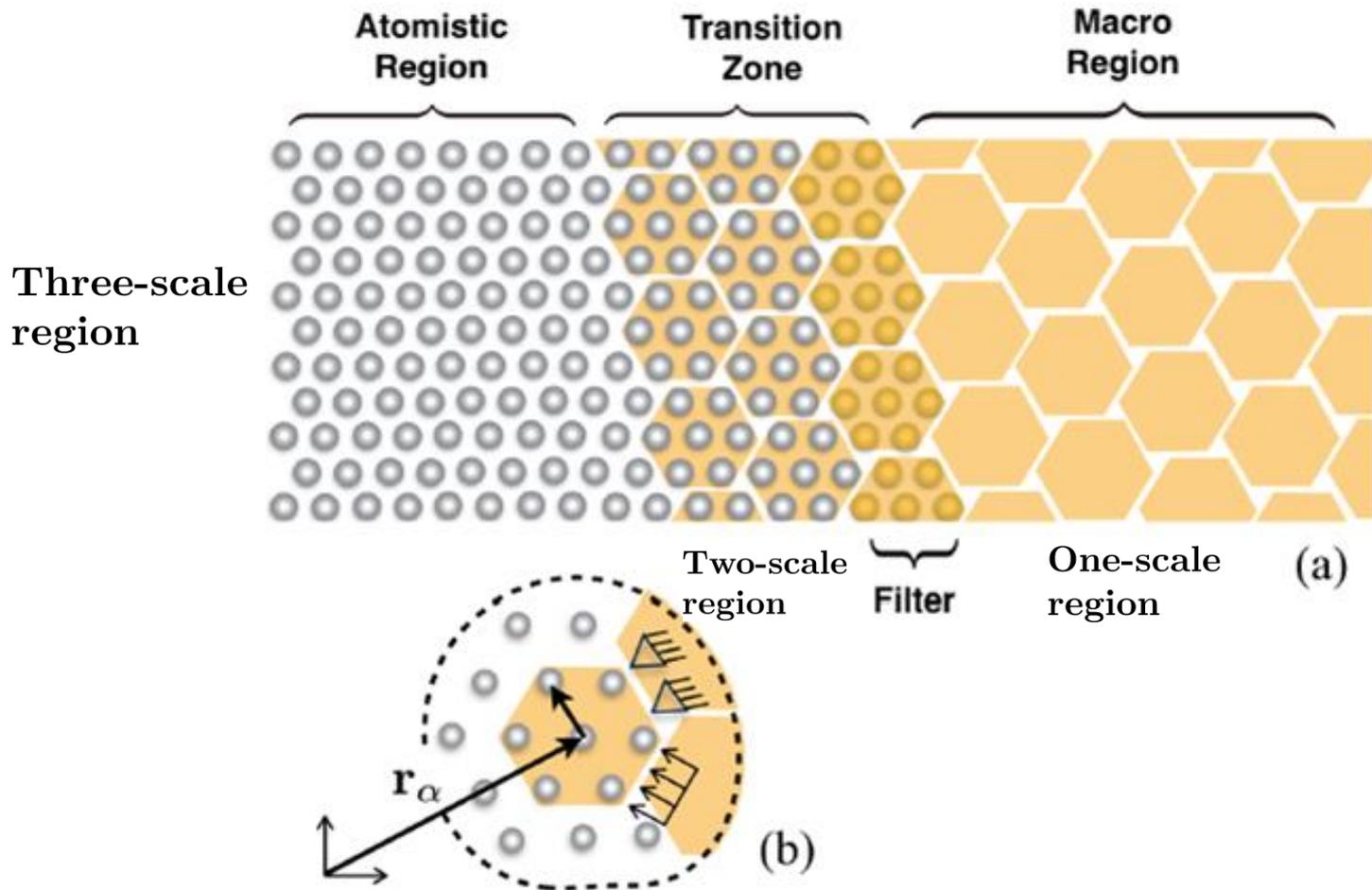
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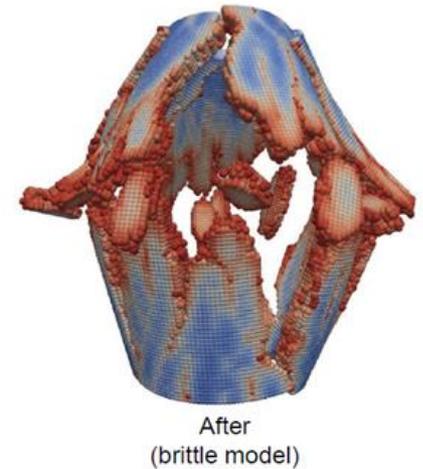
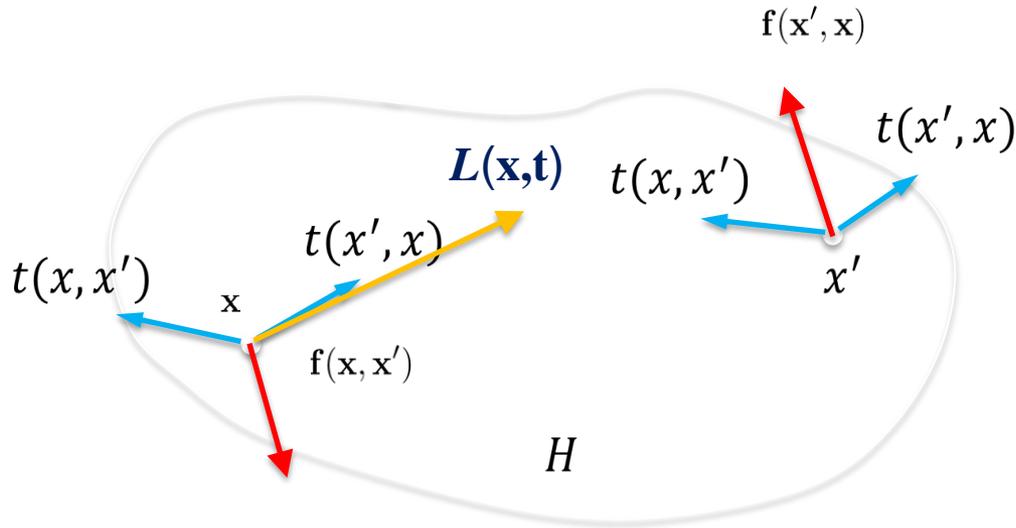
**Prescribed displacement boundary condition**



# IV. Application: Coupling MD with Peridynamics



# State-based Peridynamics



Let  $\mathbf{t}(\cdot, \cdot)$  denote a vector-valued function such that

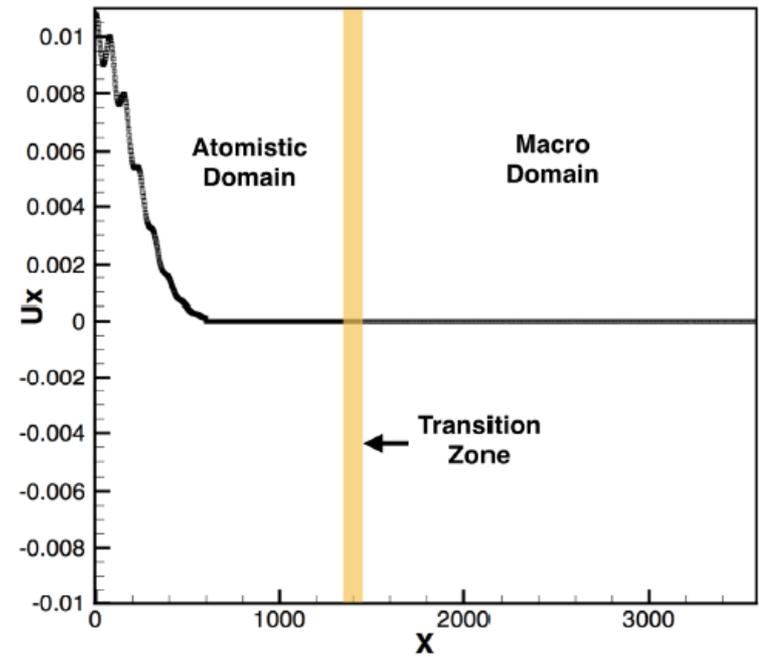
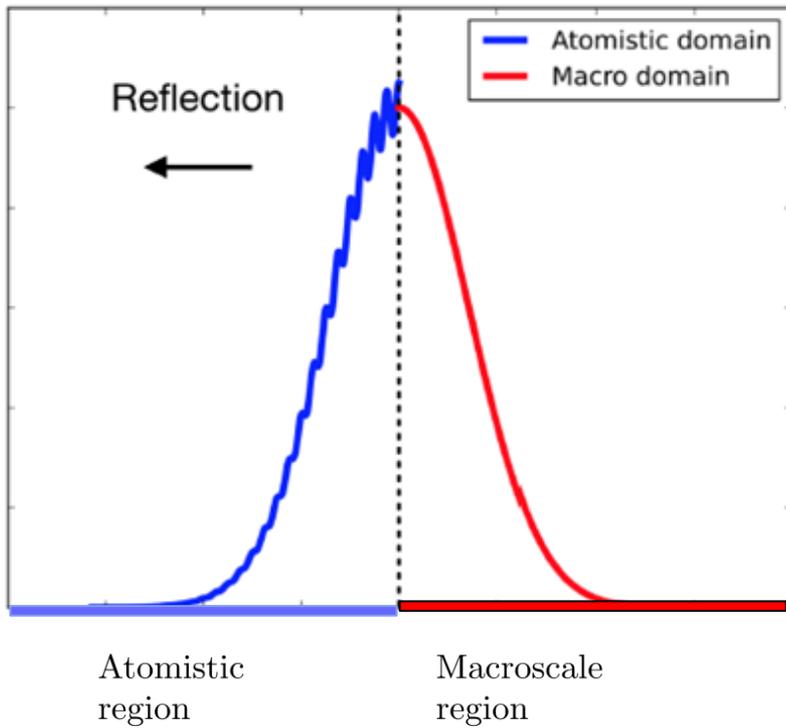
$$\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = \mathbf{t}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') - \mathbf{t}(\mathbf{x}', \mathbf{x}) \quad \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}', \mathbf{x}) = -\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}')$$

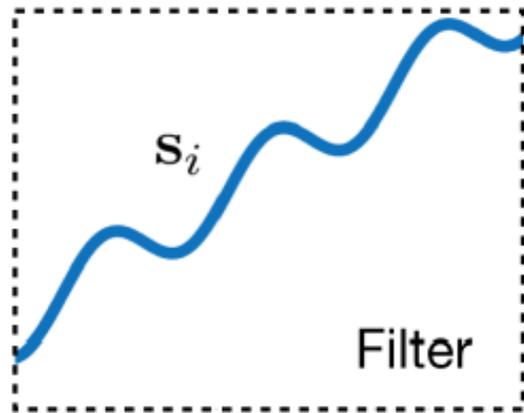
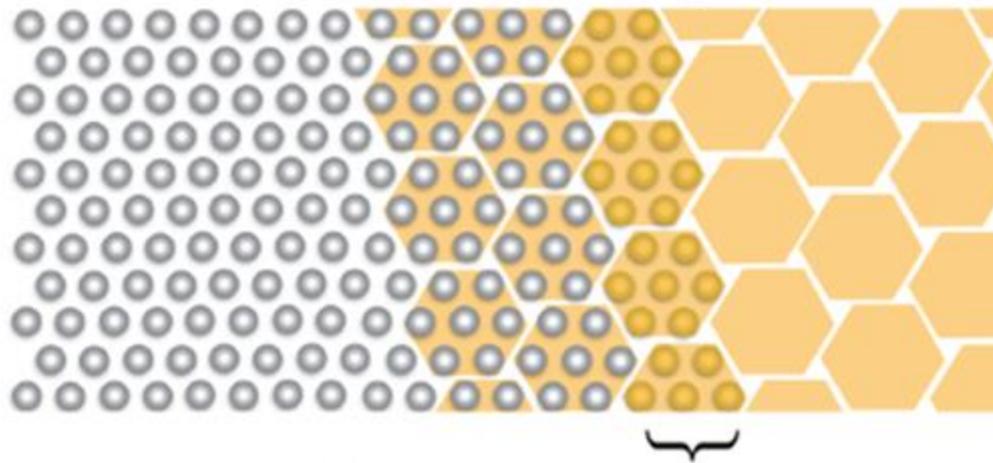
$$\rho \ddot{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{x}_\alpha, t) = \int_H \left\{ \mathbf{t}[\mathbf{x}_\alpha, t] \langle \mathbf{X}_\beta - \mathbf{X}_\alpha \rangle - \mathbf{t}[\mathbf{x}_\beta, t] \langle \mathbf{X}_\alpha - \mathbf{X}_\beta \rangle \right\} dV_{x_\beta} + \mathbf{b}[\mathbf{x}_\alpha, t]$$



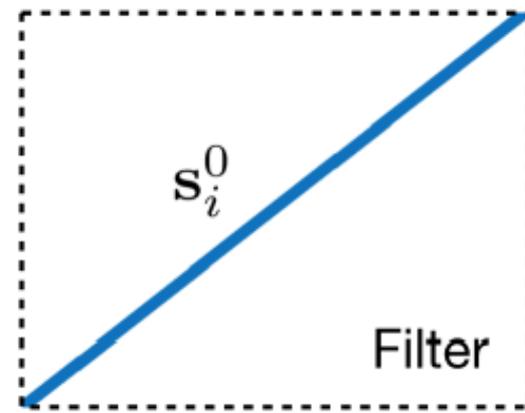
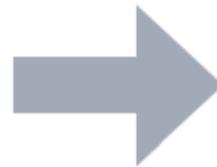
$$\rho \ddot{\mathbf{u}}_\alpha = \mathbf{L}_\alpha + \mathbf{b}_\alpha$$

# Example: An one-dimensional wave propagation

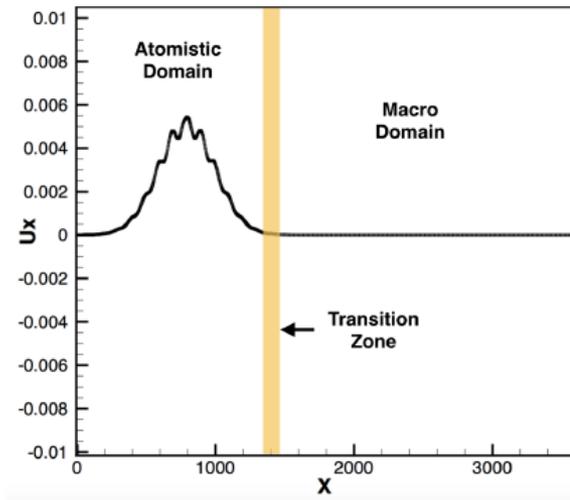




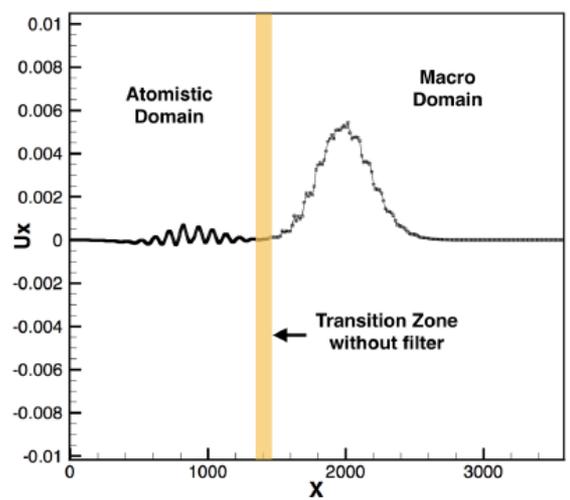
Step I



Step II



(a)  $t=2250$



(b)  $t=5000$

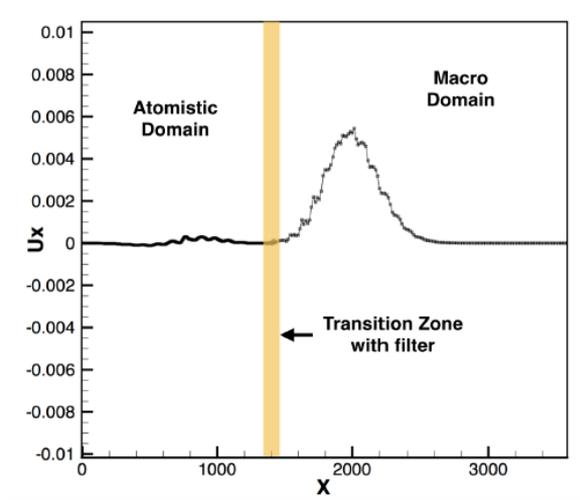


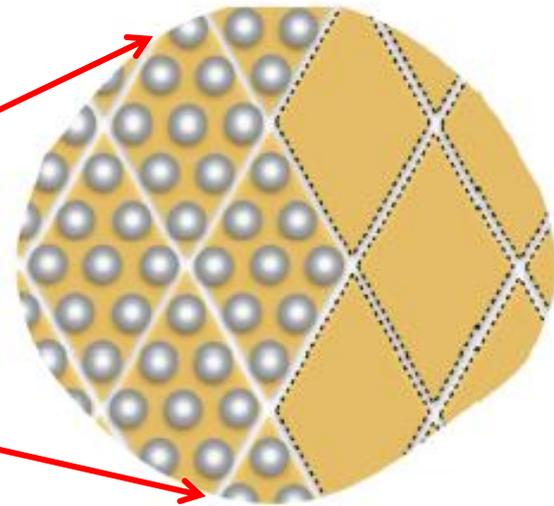
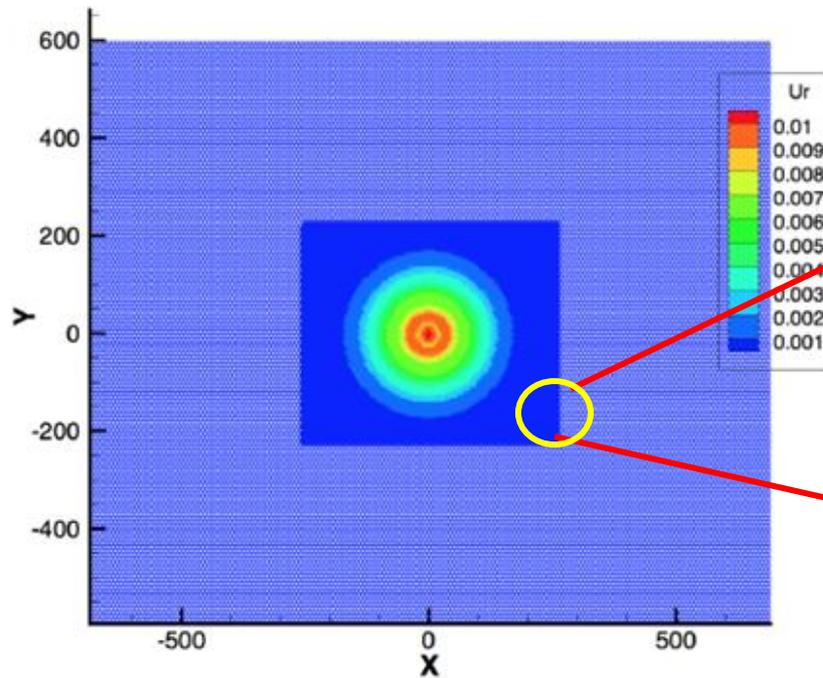
Figure 6: Displacement at  $t=5000$  with filter in the transition zone.

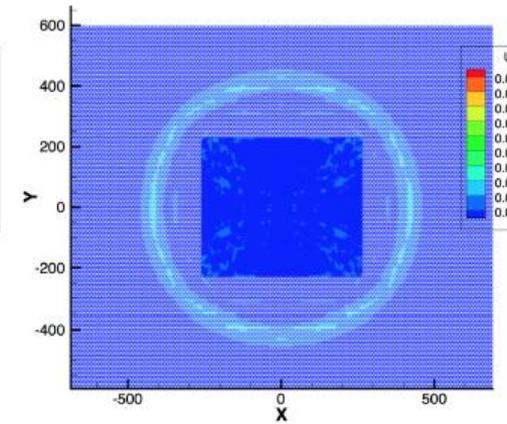
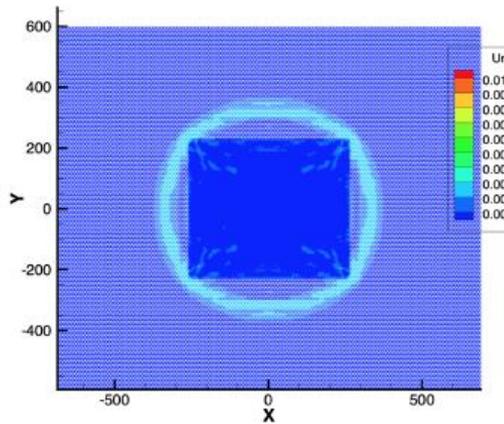
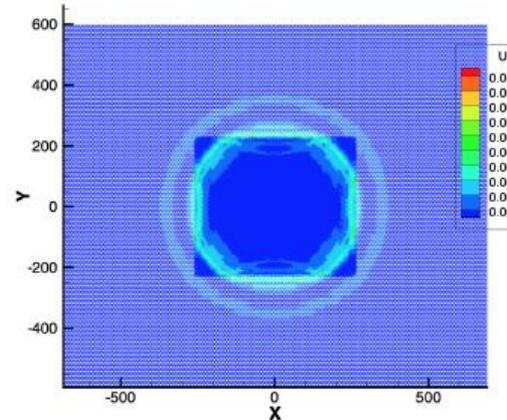
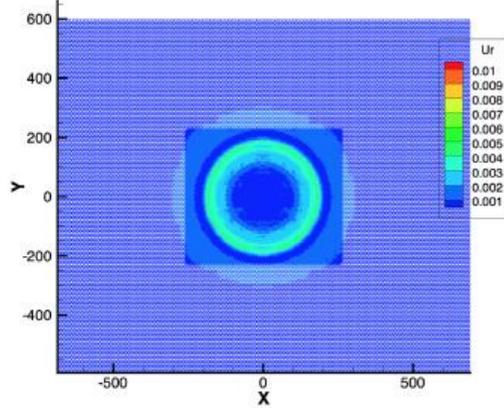
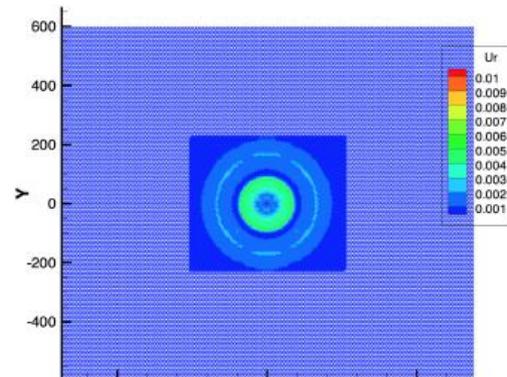
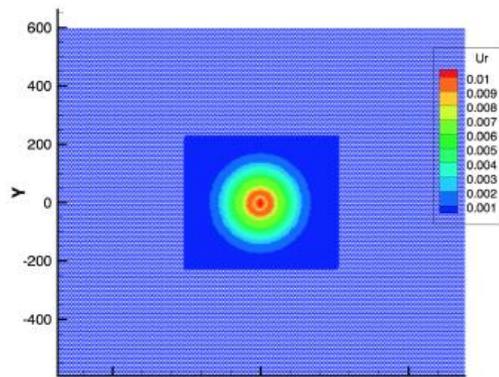
Figure 5: Displacement at (a) $t=2250$  and (b) $t=5000$  with units of macroscale step size. No filter is placed in the transition zone.

(Tong and Li [2016] **JMPS**)

## Example 4: A two-dimensional wave propagation

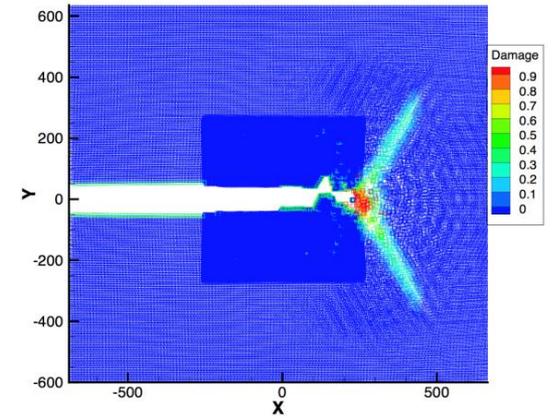
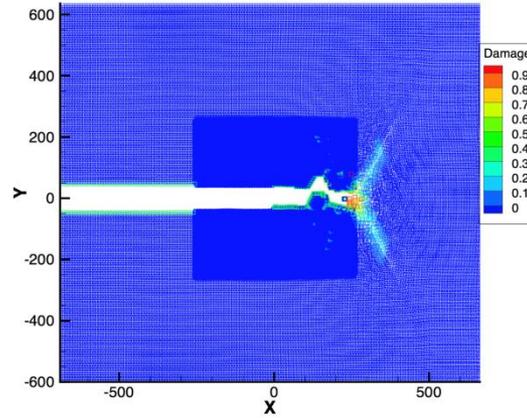
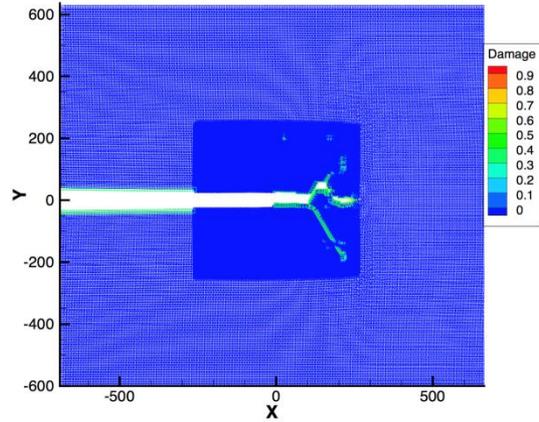
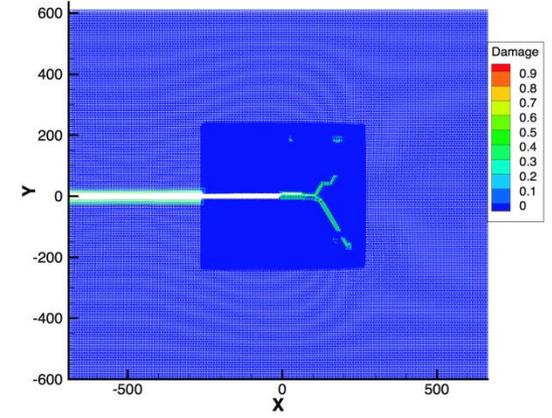
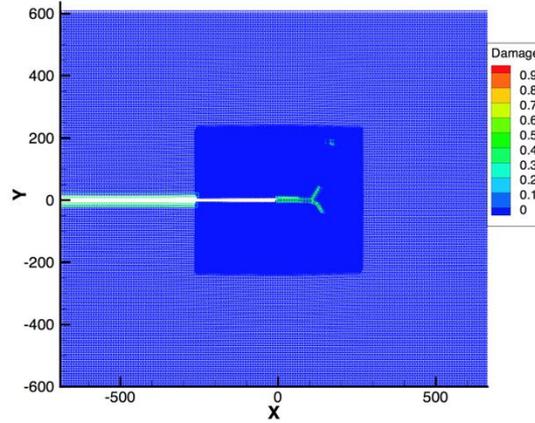
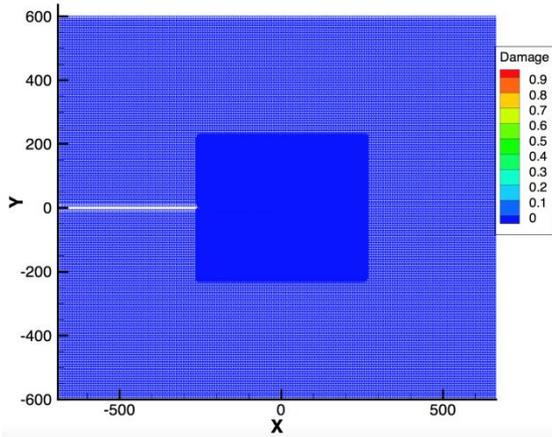
$$u(r, t = 0) = \begin{cases} Ae^{-\frac{r^2}{2\sigma^2}} (1 + b\cos(\frac{2\pi r}{H})) & r \leq L_c \\ 0 & r > L_c \end{cases}$$





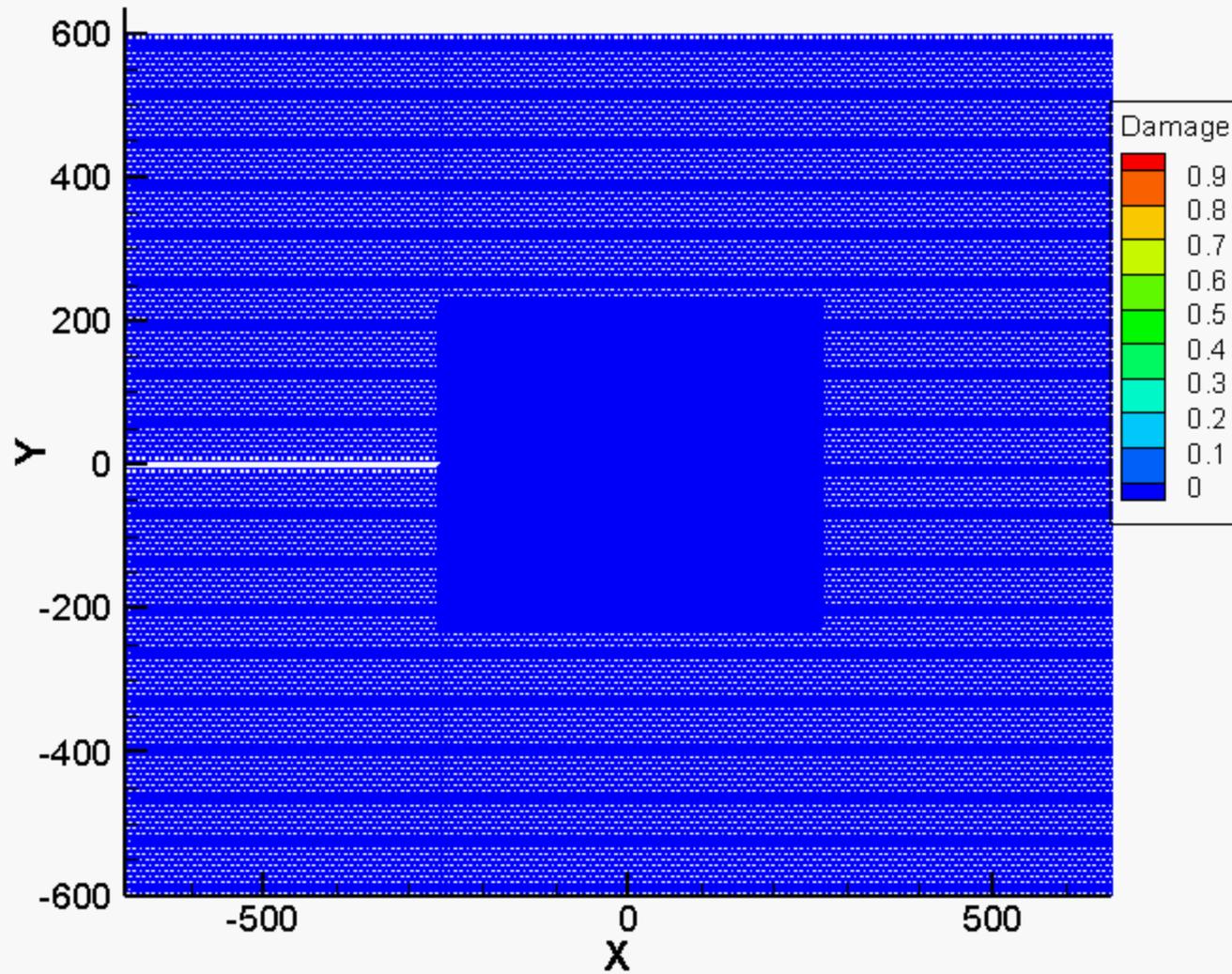
(e)  $t=1400$

(f)  $t=1720$



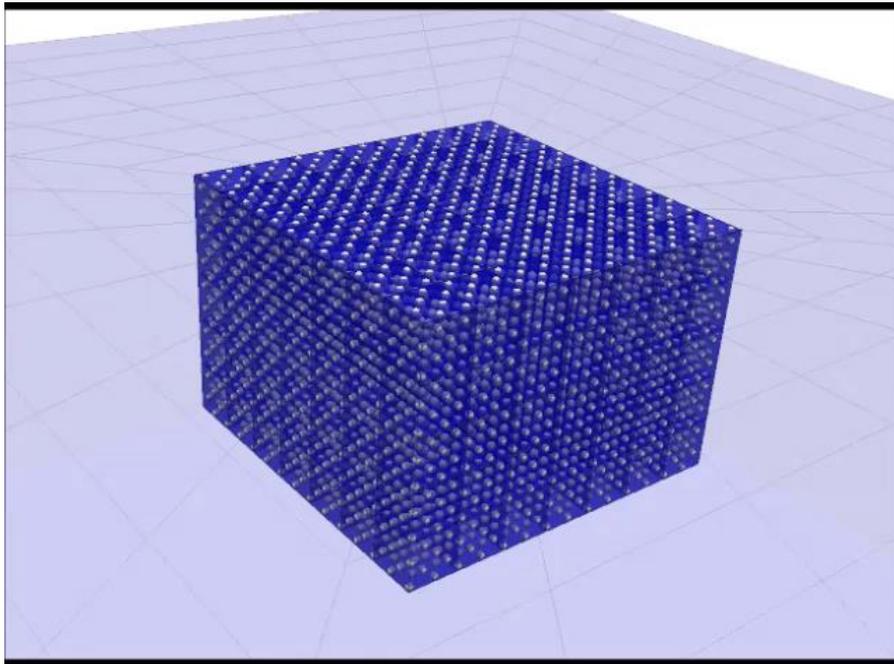
**Example: A two-dimensional crack propagation**

# Example: A two-dimensional crack propagation

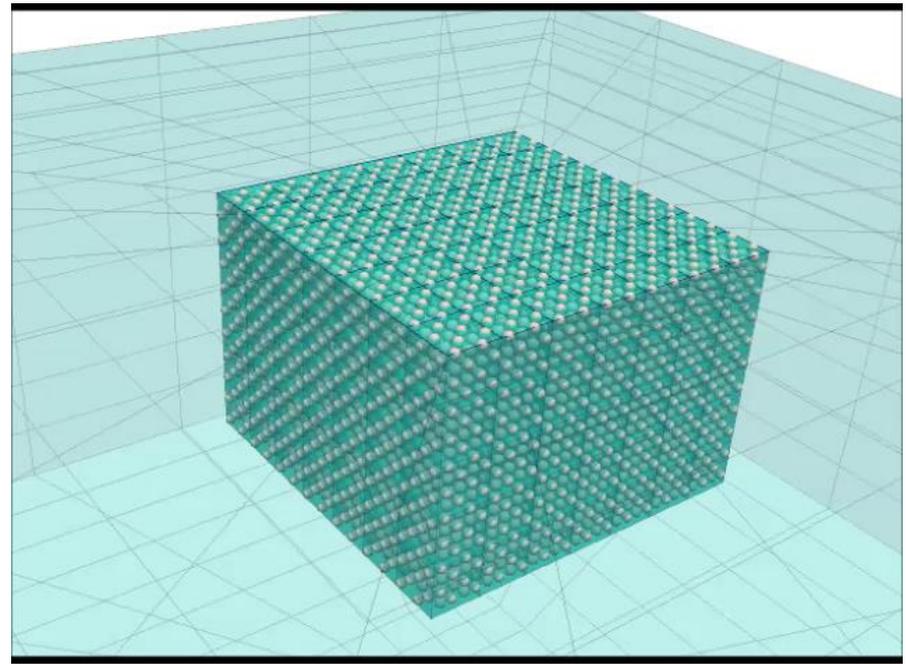


# Coupling MD with FEM: Nanoindentation

Spherical Indenter



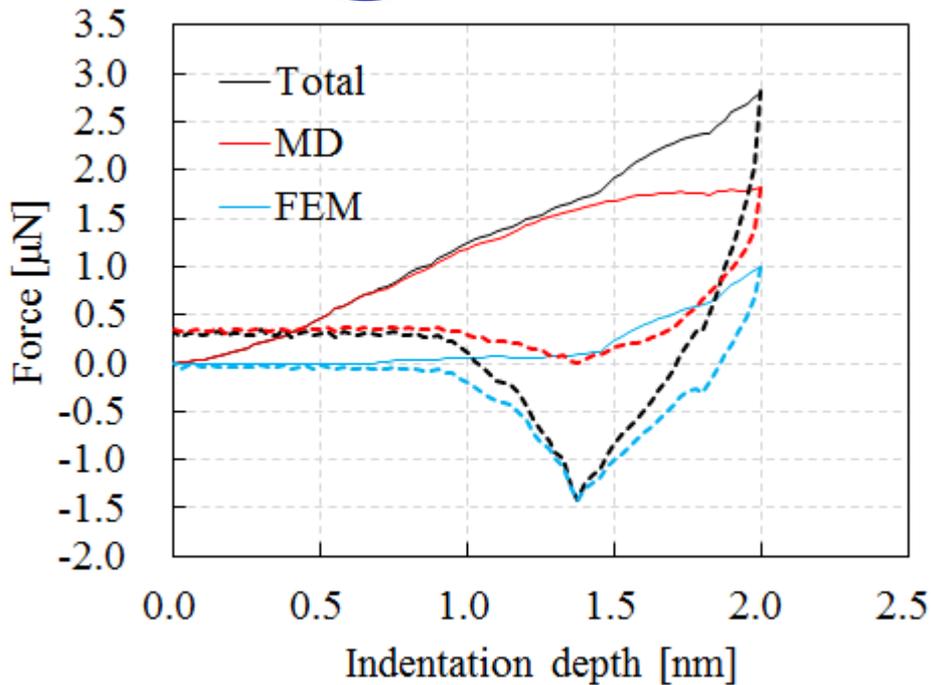
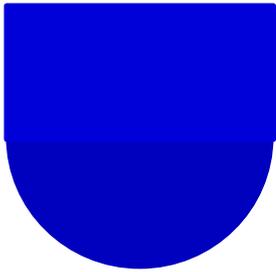
Vicker's Indenter



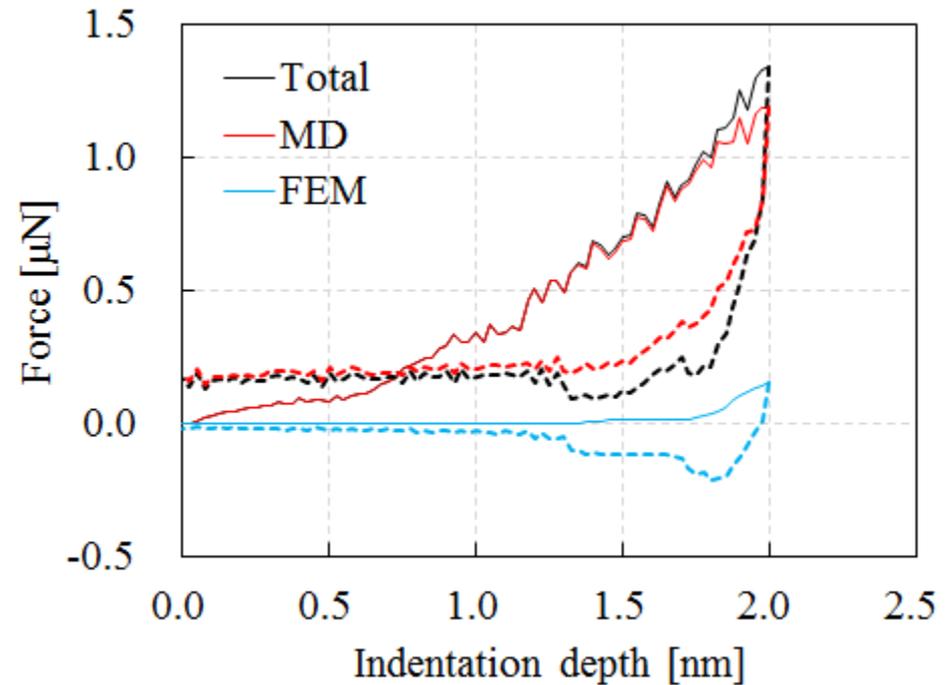
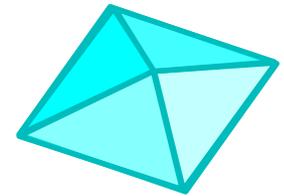
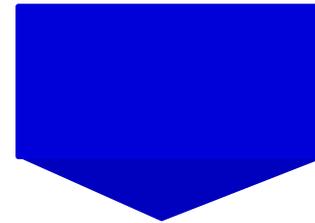
- B.C. of indenter can be applied to cell centers.
- Local pressure in each cell can be analyzed.

# Depth vs. Force

## Spherical Indenter



## Vicker's Indenter

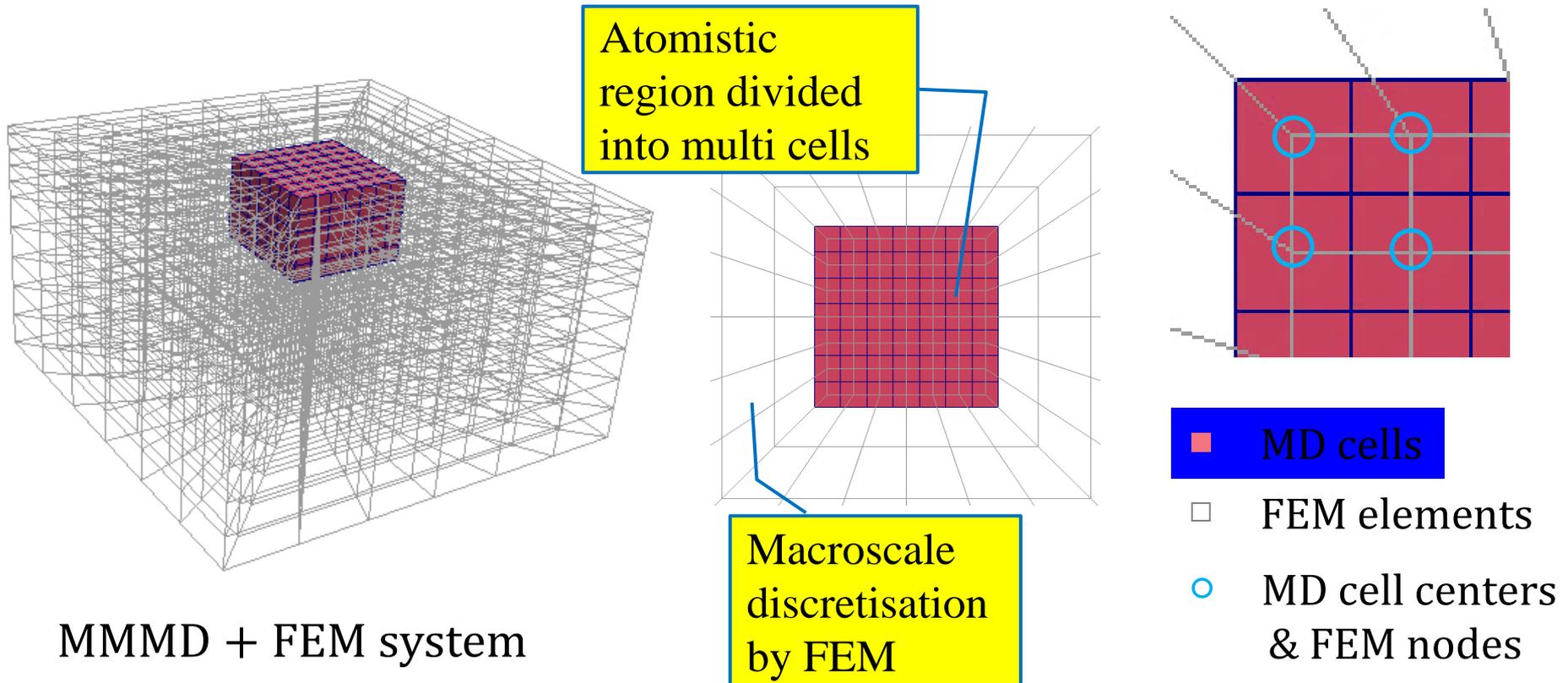


# Conclusions

- 1. We have extended the equilibrium ensemble PR-MD to a non-equilibrium atomistic-to-continuum dynamics;**
- 2. We have successfully embedded macroscale boundary conditions into a finite-size microscale molecular dynamics system instead of using periodic boundary condition;**
- 3. Based MMMD, we have developed the multiscale interface element to couple Molecular Dynamics with Peridynamics;**
- 4. MMMD touches some basic fundamental concepts of continuum mechanics and multiscale simulations.**

# Coupling of MMMD-FEM

- To combine MMMD and FEM, position of cell centers  $r_\alpha$  are connected to FEM nodes.
- It avoids “*Fully Refined Mesh*”, at the boundary, because nodes are connected to coarse scale positions but not atoms

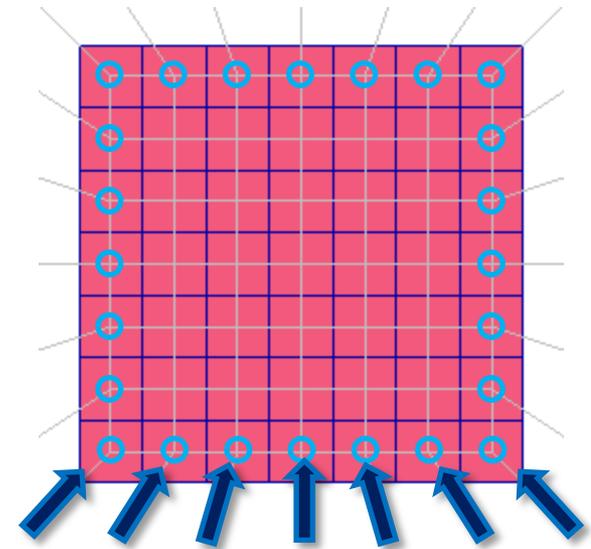


# Algorithm

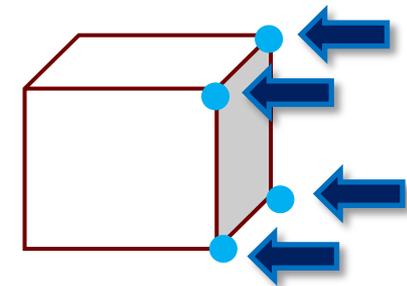
- i. Define intermediate nodes (○) to connect FEM & MD regions.
- ii. Force from FEM elements are considered as traction force  $\mathbf{T}_k$  for boundary condition of MD cell centers.

$$\mathbf{M}_\alpha \ddot{\mathbf{r}}_\alpha = - \sum_{\beta \neq \alpha} \mathbf{f}_{\alpha\beta} + \mathbf{T}_k$$

- iii. Displacement of MD cell center  $\Delta \mathbf{r}_\alpha$  is utilized to estimate deformation gradient  $\mathbf{F}$  of the boundary elements.

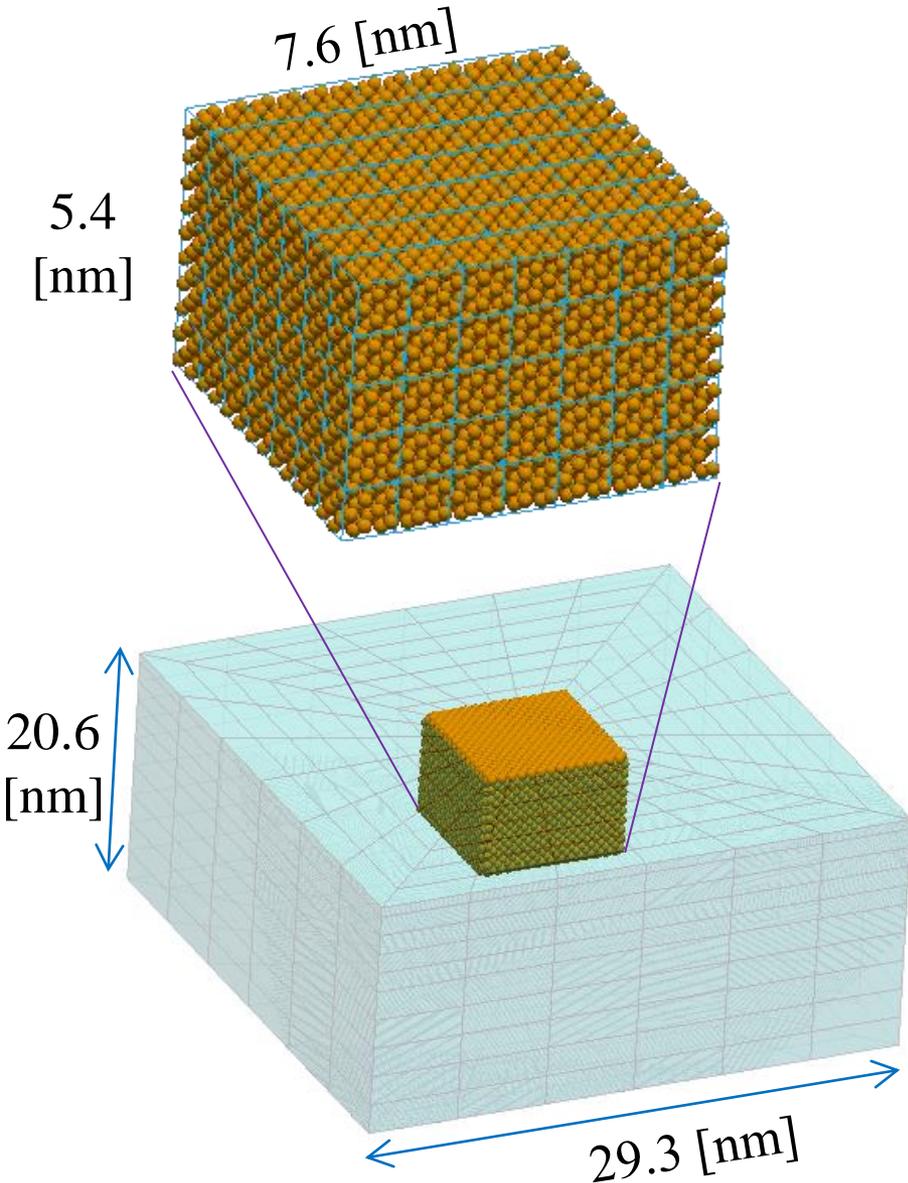


Traction force B.C.  
from FEM to cell center



Displacement B.C. from  
cell center to FEM node

# Multiscale system



## MD region

$7 \times 7 \times 5 = 245$  cells

64 **Silicon** atoms in each cell

15680 atoms in total

Tersoff Potential for silicon

## FEM region

14-14-5 extra elements around MD

cells 1860 elements in FEM

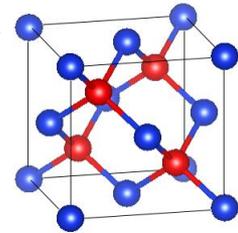
method with cubic crystal unit cell

## Indenter

Spherical ( $20\text{nm}\phi$ )

& Vicker's indenters.

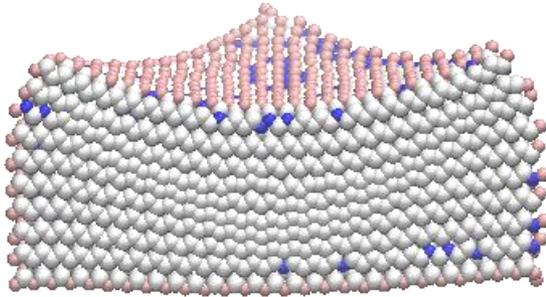
*applied as displacement B.C. analytically*



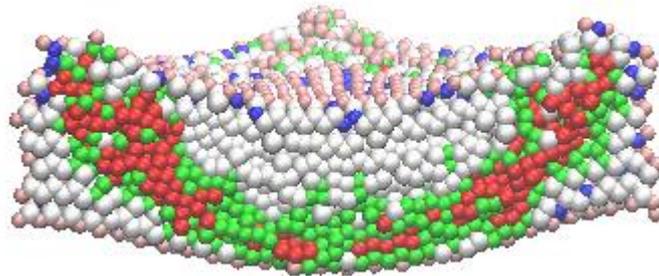
# Crystal phase under indenters

## Spherical Indenter

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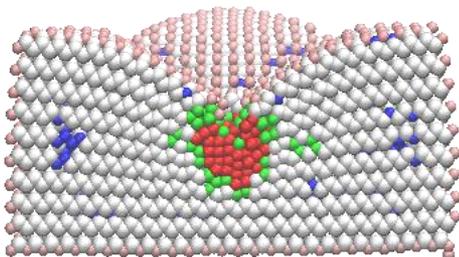


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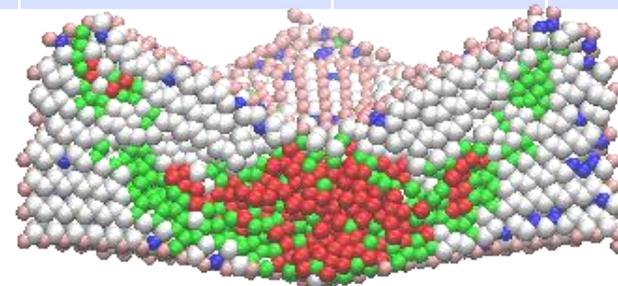


## Vicker's Indenter

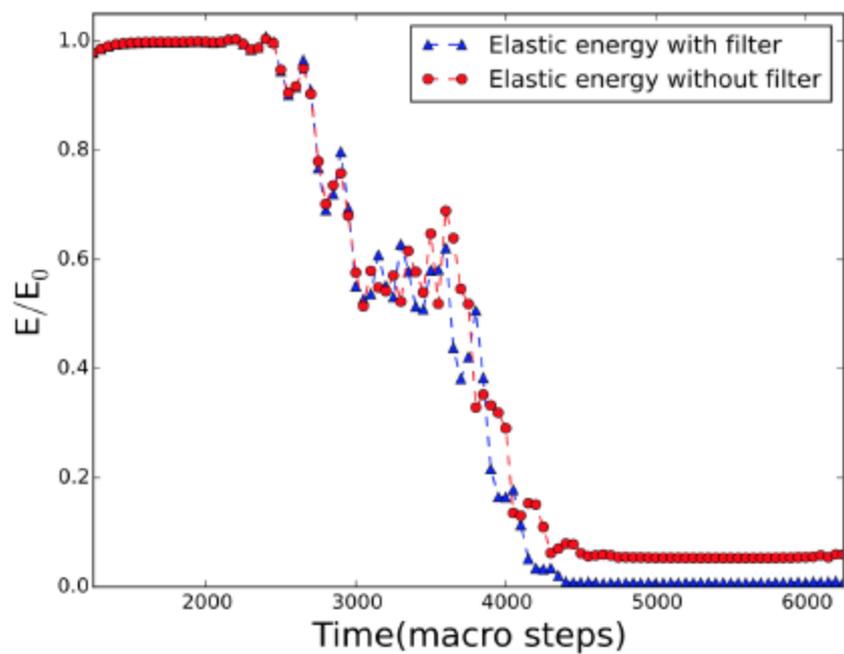
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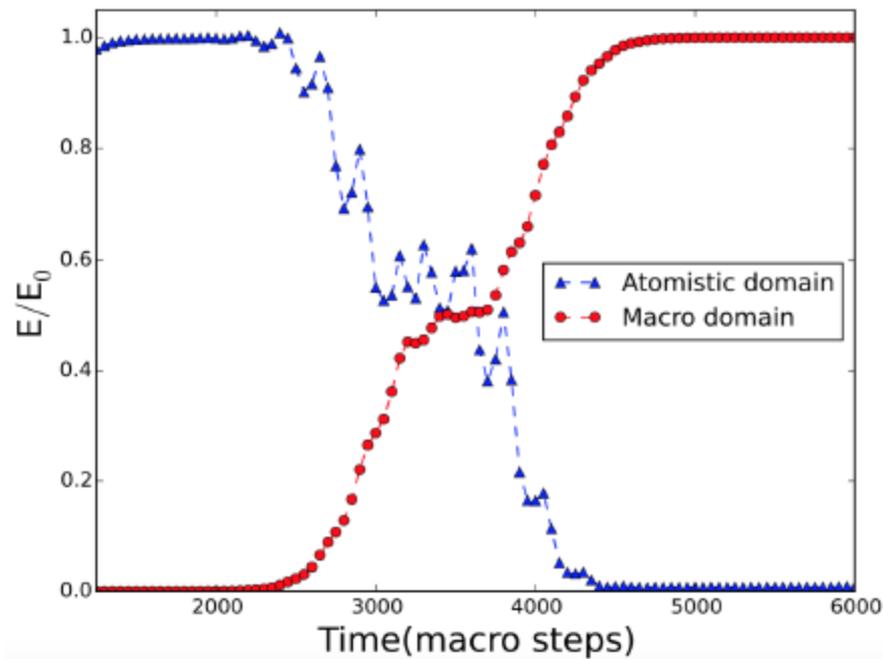
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	Crystal	Bond [Å]	Coord. No
●	Surface/ Amorphous	2.35	<4
●	Si-I	2.35	4
●	bct-5	2.31	4
		2.44	1
●	Si-III, XII	2.39	4
		3.2-3.4	1
●	Si-II	2.42	4
		2.57	2

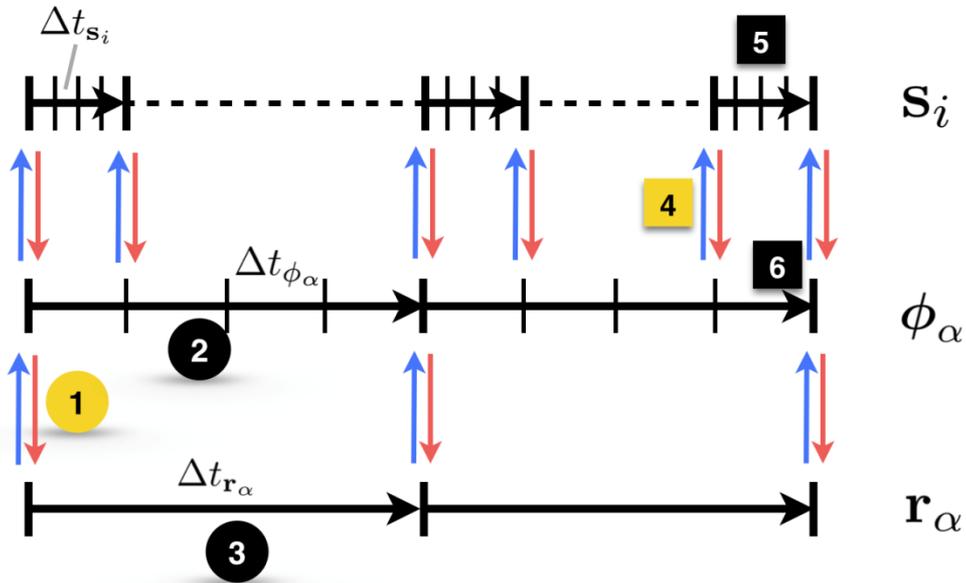


(a) Energies of atomistic domain with and without filter



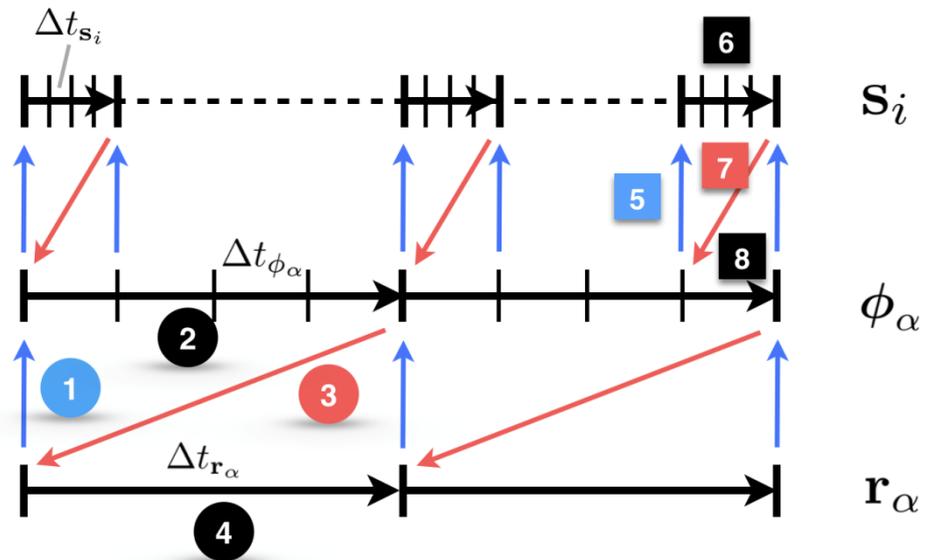
(b) Comparison of energies of atomistic and macro domain

Figure 7: Evolution of energy in each domain.



## Computer Implementation

## Parallel Computation



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