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# Multi-scale approaches in Material Science

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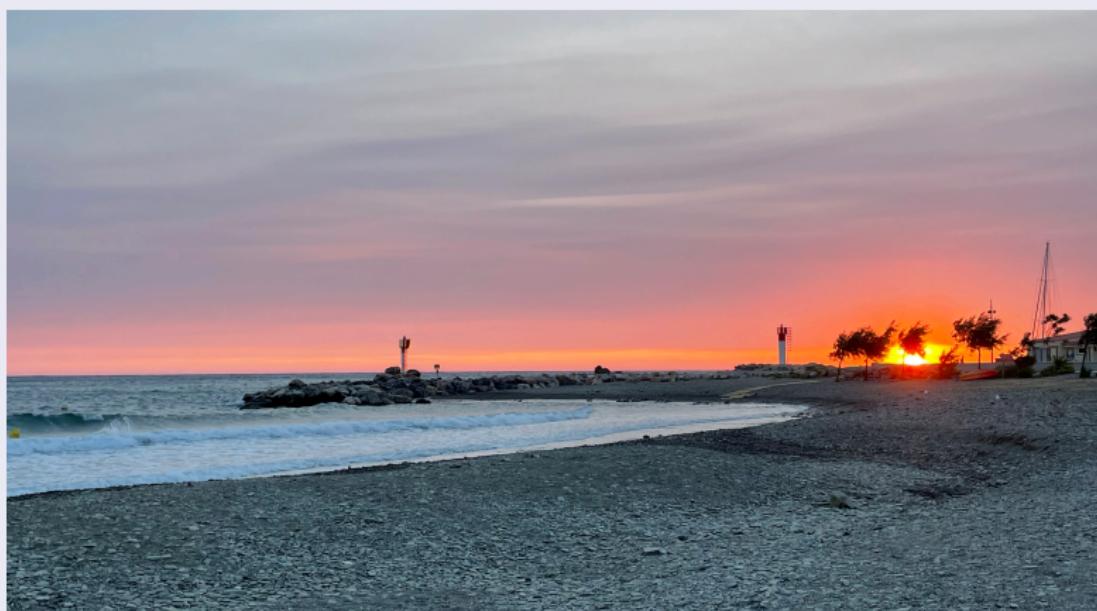
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## Modeling... what for?



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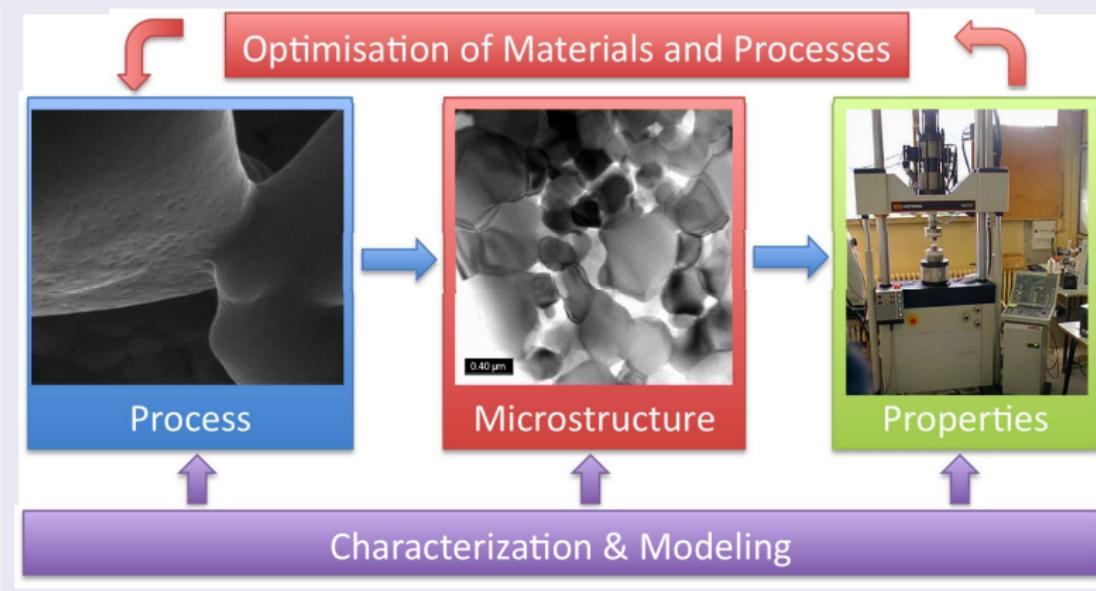
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### Strategy of the group



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## A video to warm up



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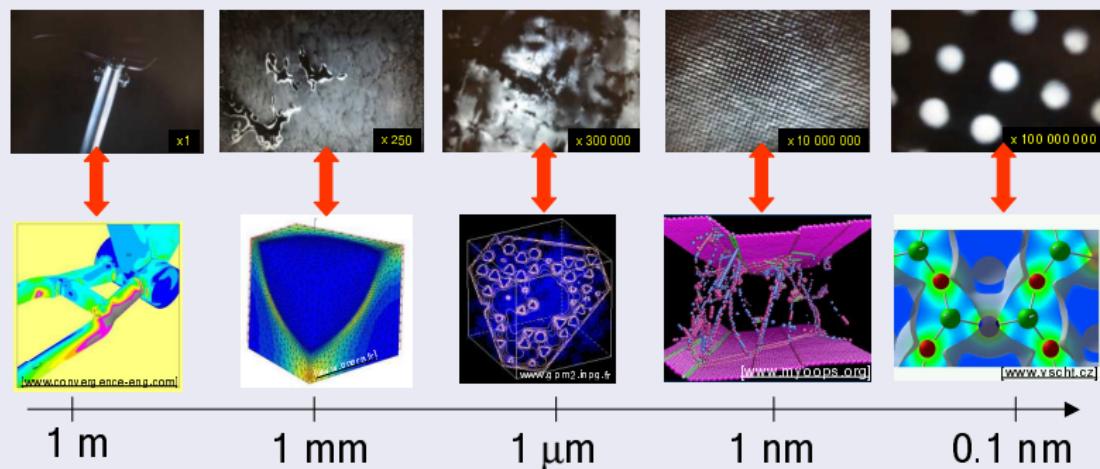
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- Classical scheme: experiment  $\leftrightarrow$  modelling

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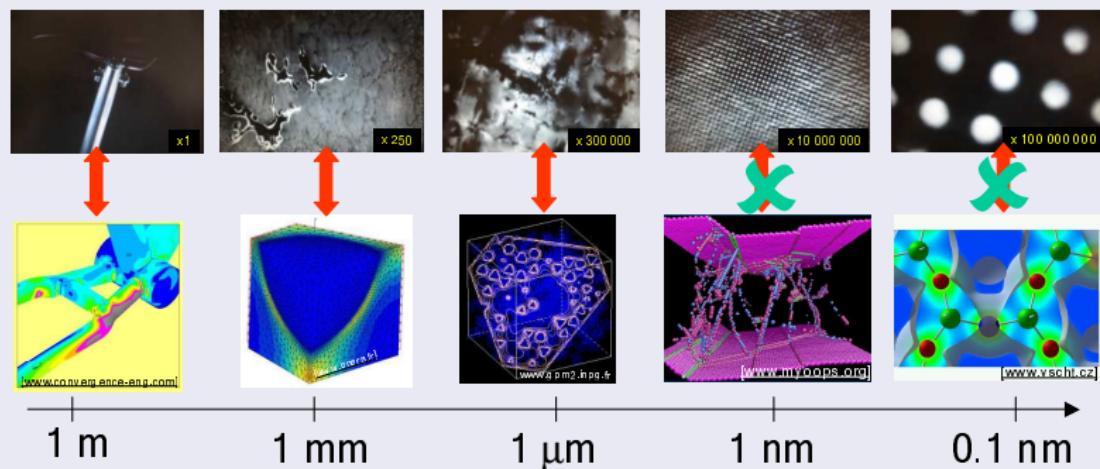
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- Not always possible!

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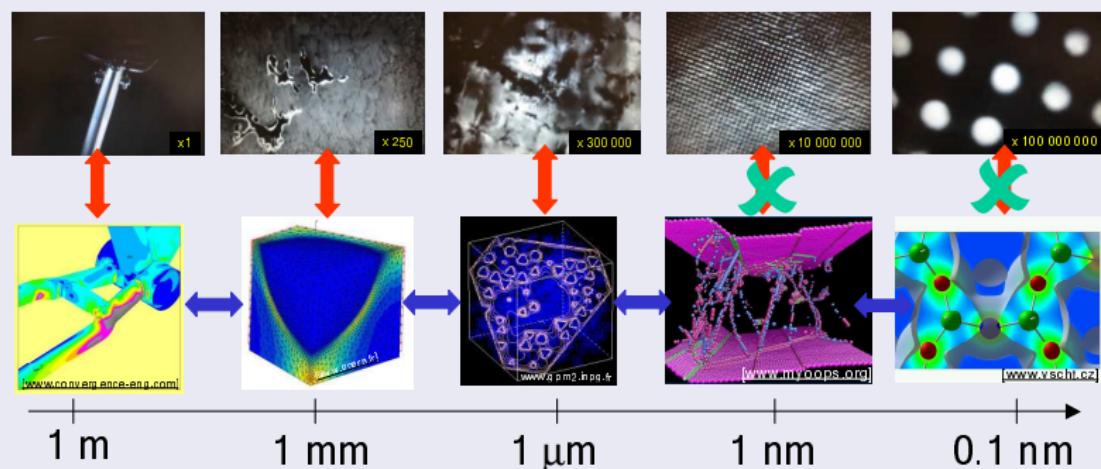
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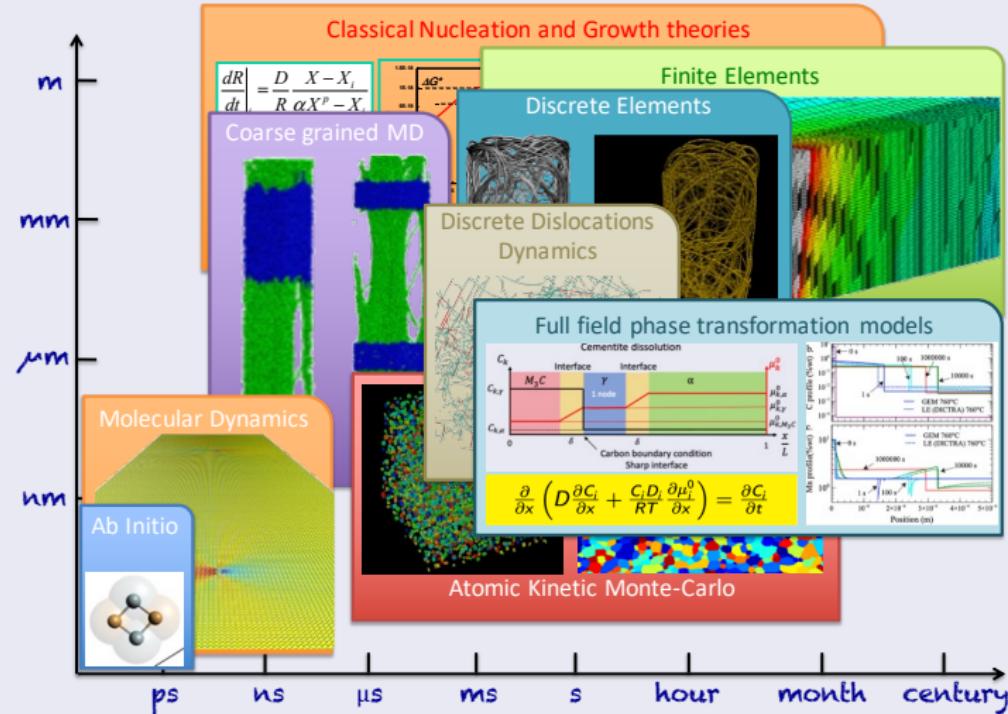
- Aim connect modelling at different scales

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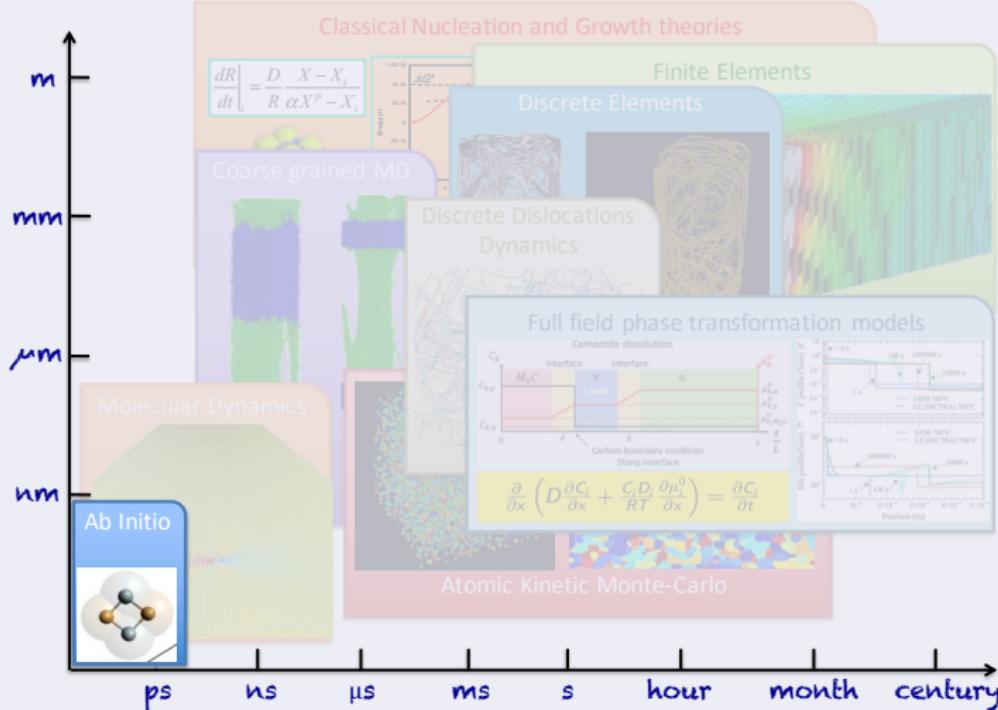


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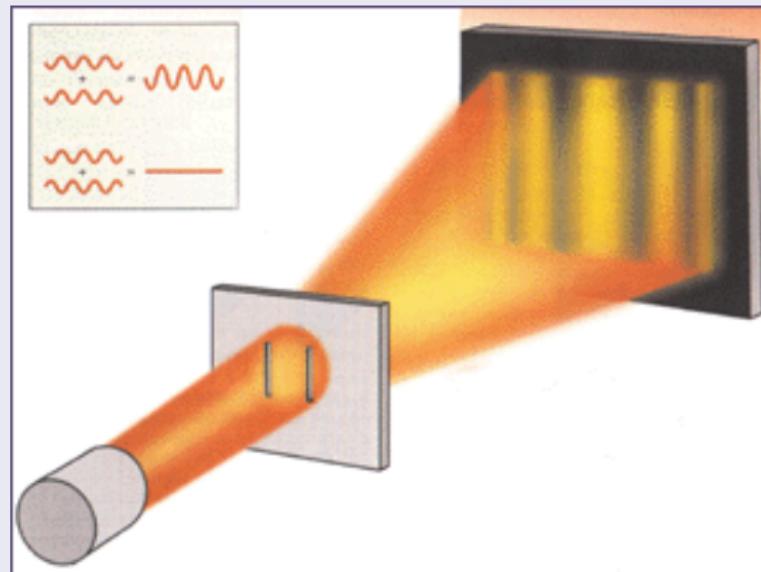
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Back to a very simple experiment: Young's double slit (1801)



- Light = waves
- What about matter?

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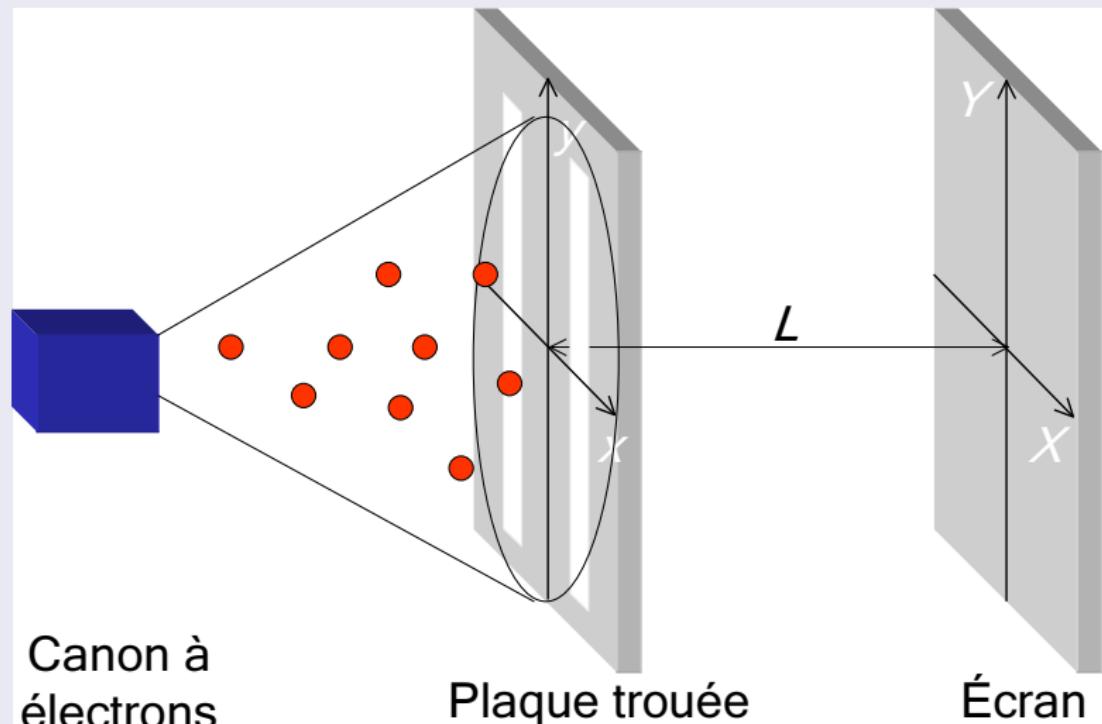
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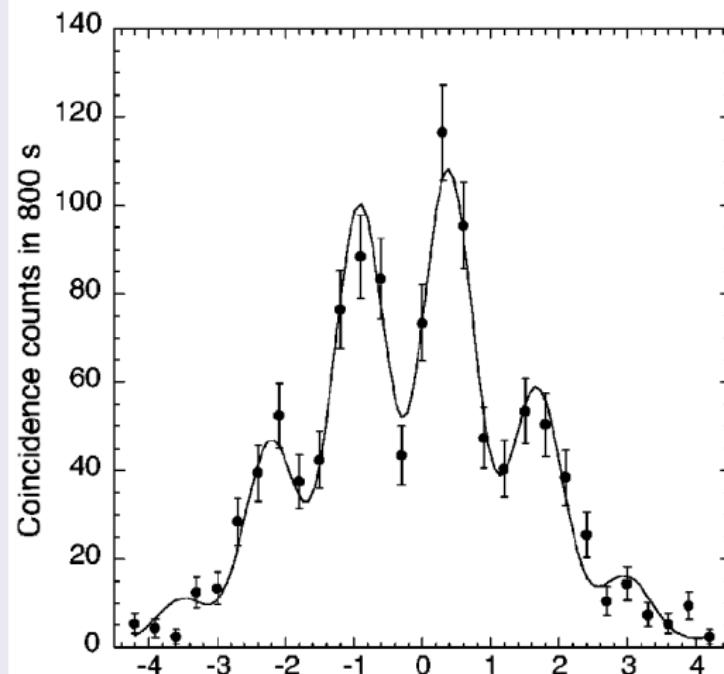
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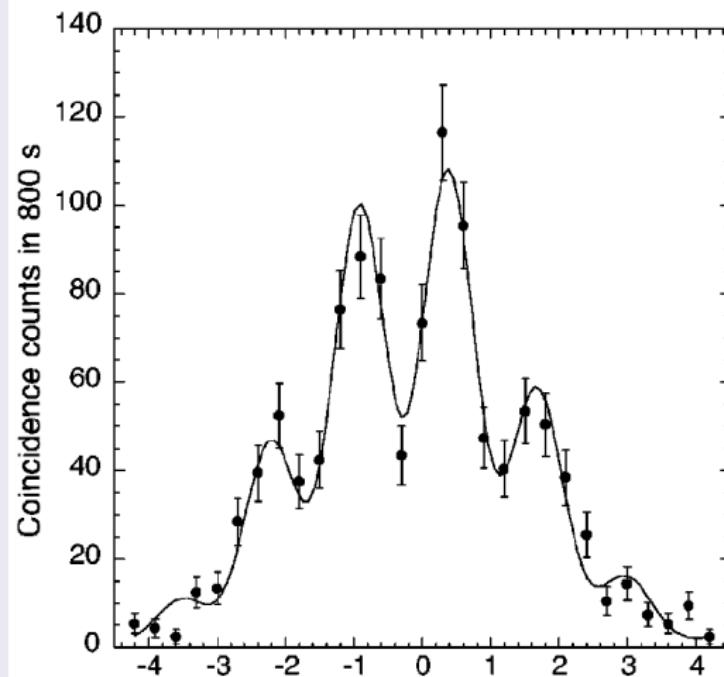
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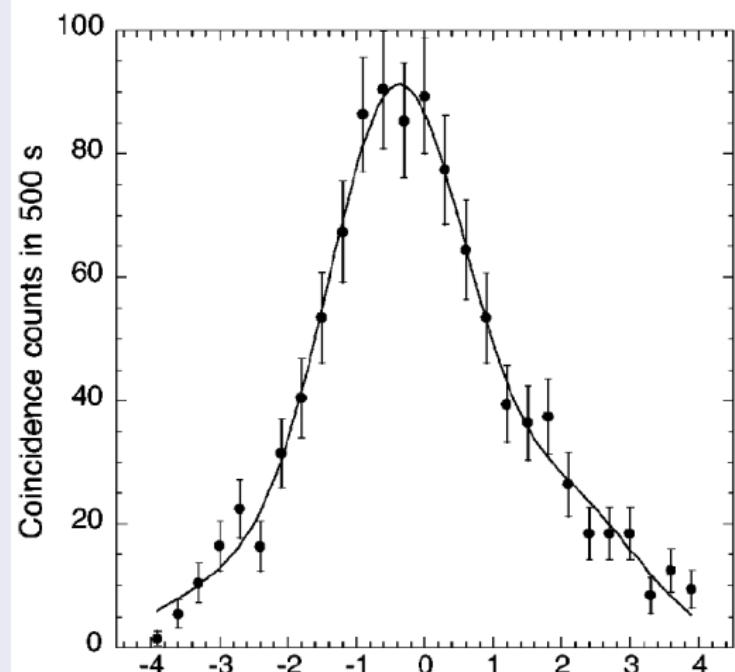
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## Even more complex: with a detector (2002)



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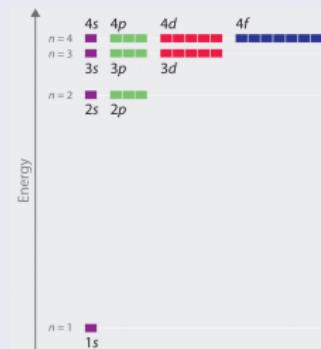
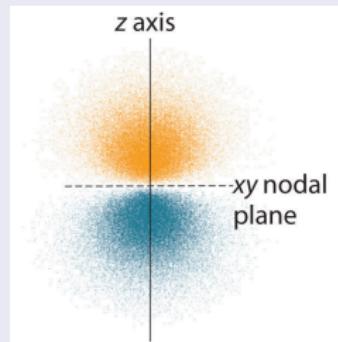
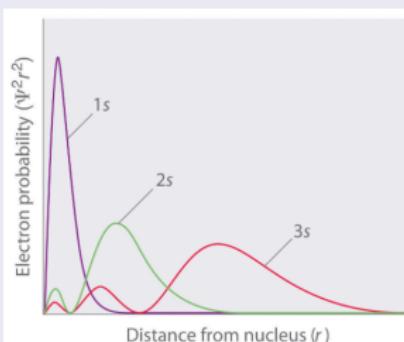
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## Hydrogen atom

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 \psi(\mathbf{r}) + V(|\mathbf{r}|) \psi(\mathbf{r}) = E \psi(\mathbf{r})$$

- $V(|\mathbf{r}|) = e^2/|\mathbf{r}|$
  - Laplacian in spherical coordinates  $(r, \theta, \phi)$
  - $\psi(\mathbf{r}) = R(r)P(\theta)u(\phi)$
- ⇒ 3 set of eq. and 3 quantum numbers:  $n, l, m$



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## General case

$$\left[ -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \sum_i \nabla^2 + \sum_i V(\mathbf{r}_i) + \sum_i \sum_j U(\mathbf{r}_i, \mathbf{r}_j) \right] \psi(\mathbf{r}) = E\psi(\mathbf{r})$$

⇒ hopeless !

## DFT: a path towards simplification

- Find a simpler problem with same solution !
- $E_{\text{exact}}(\mathbf{R}_i, \mathbf{r}_n) \rightarrow E_{\text{approx}}(\mathbf{R}_i, \rho(\mathbf{r}))$

$$\left[ -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 + V(\mathbf{r}) + \int \frac{e^2 \rho(\mathbf{r}') d\mathbf{r}'}{|\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}'|} + V_{\text{XC}}(\mathbf{r}) \right] \psi_i(\mathbf{r}) = \epsilon_i \psi_i(\mathbf{r})$$

## Local Density Approximation (exchange correlation energy)

- $V_{\text{XC}}(\mathbf{r}) = V_{\text{XC}}^{\text{electron gas}}(\rho(\mathbf{r}))$

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## DFT: practical Implementation

1 Guess initial value of  $\rho(\mathbf{r})$



2  $\left[ -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 + V(\mathbf{r}) + \int \frac{e^2 \rho(\mathbf{r}') d\mathbf{r}'}{|\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}'|} + V_{XC}(\mathbf{r}) \right] \psi_i(\mathbf{r}) = \epsilon_i \psi_i(\mathbf{r})$



3  $\psi_i(\mathbf{r})$



4  $\rho(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_i |\psi_i(\mathbf{r})|^2$



5 loop to 1 until convergence

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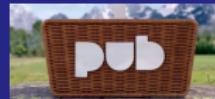
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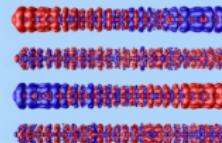
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It will be a slow discussion about  
concepts that one must understand and methods that one must manage  
when one is interested on the electronic properties of  
systems composed of atomic nuclei and electrons (molecules, solids, crystals, ...)



- Entrée
  - The **hydrogen atom** to remember atomic orbitals
  - **Multi-electron atoms** to discuss the formation of shells and screening
  - A **systems with two atoms and two electrons** to discuss bonding
- Plat
  - **Many atoms and many electrons**
    - Methods and approximations **neglecting the electron-electron interactions**
    - Methods and approximations **tacking into account the electron-electron interactions**
- Dessert
  - La "**surprise du chef**"

Structure électronique des  
matériaux

➤ Lundi 19 Août 11h-13h

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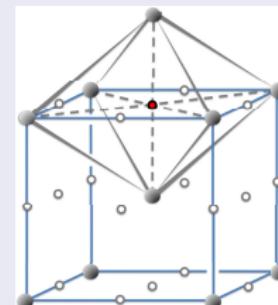
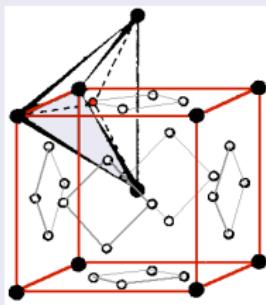
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## Find interatomic potential

- Goal: Fe-C interaction potential for Molecular Dynamics
- Two reference configurations: C in octa and tetra sites



- Correct energy barrier for diffusion: 0.815 eV

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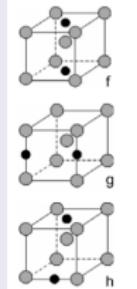
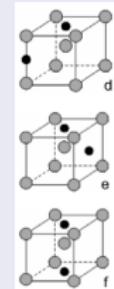
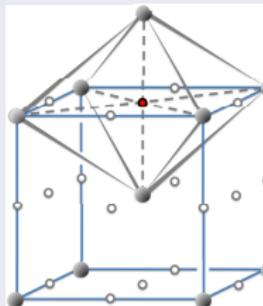
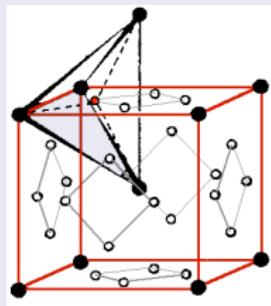
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- Correct energy barrier for diffusion: 0.815 eV
- Test on many configurations (C, Fe, Va)

Tabulated potential for Molecular Dynamics



[Becquart et al., Comp. Mat. Sc. 40 (2007)]

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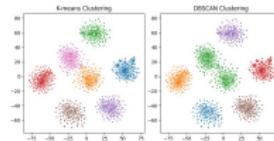
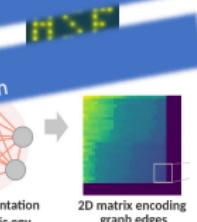
- 1.1 Python ecosystem
- 2.1 Neighbors maps
- 2.2 Structural analysis (ML)



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[tinyurl.com/ModMat2024](http://tinyurl.com/ModMat2024)

Ecosystème python  
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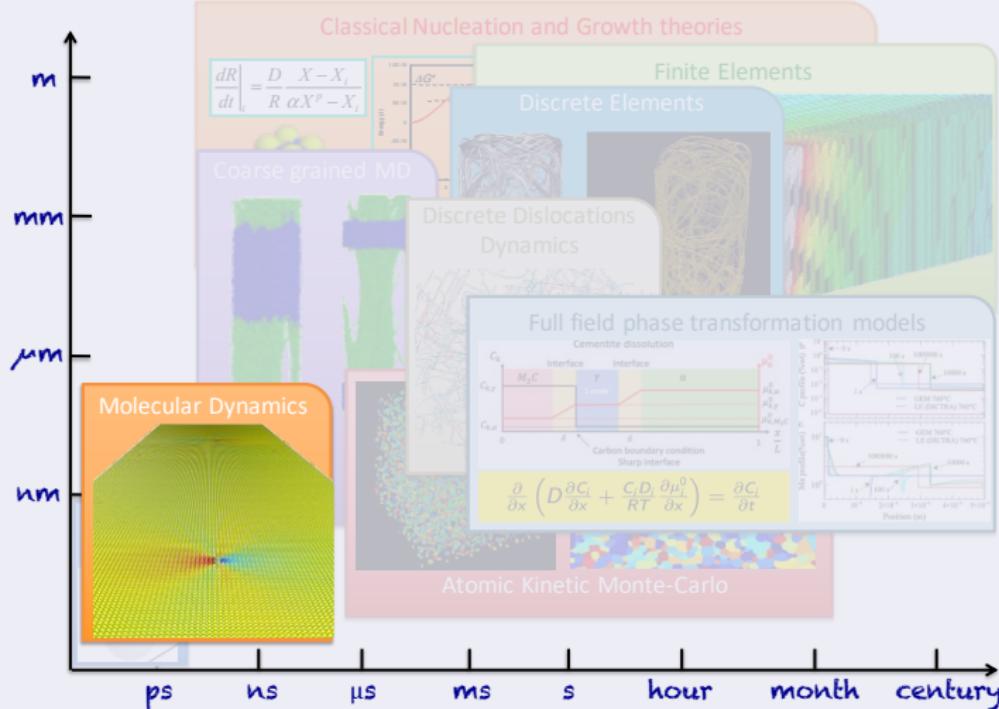


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## Principle

- Second Newton's law

$$m_i \frac{d\mathbf{v}_i}{dt} = \mathbf{f}_i$$

- Pair interactions:  $\mathbf{f}_i = \sum_j \mathbf{f}_{ij} = \sum_j \mathbf{grad} U_{ij}$
- Integration in various “ensembles”: NVE, NVT, NPT...

## EAM potential (embedded atom method)

- Pair interaction energies AND electronic density

$$E_{tot} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_i \sum_{j \neq i} U_{ij}(\mathbf{r}_{ij}) + \sum_i F_i \left( \sum_{j \neq i} \rho(\mathbf{r}_{ij}) \right)$$

# Integration of Newton's equations: Euler vs Verlet

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## Euler (order 1)

$$\mathbf{x}(t + \Delta t) =$$

$$\mathbf{v}(t + \Delta t) =$$

## Verlet (order 2)

$$\mathbf{x}(t + \Delta t) =$$

$$\mathbf{x}(t - \Delta t) =$$

$$\mathbf{x}(t + \Delta t) =$$

## Modified Euler (order ?)

$$\mathbf{x}(t + \Delta t) =$$

$$\mathbf{v}(t + \Delta t) =$$

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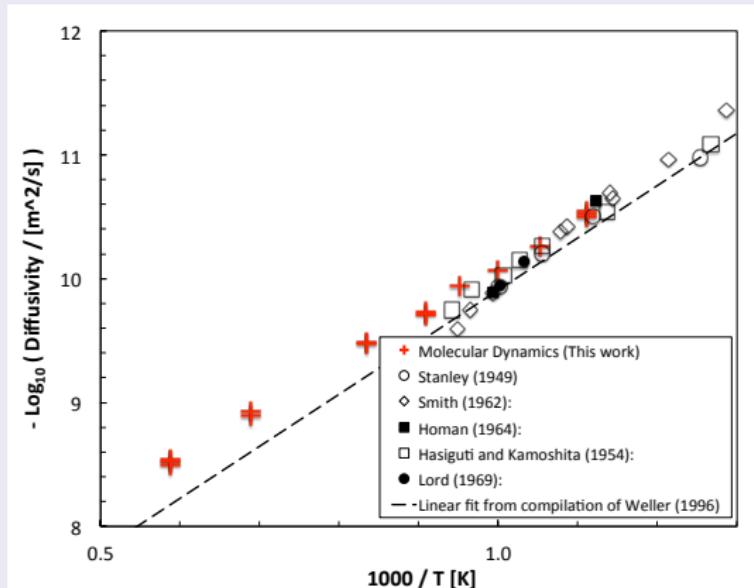
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Diffusivity (from Einstein's relation):  $6DT = \langle |r(t) - r(0)|^2 \rangle$



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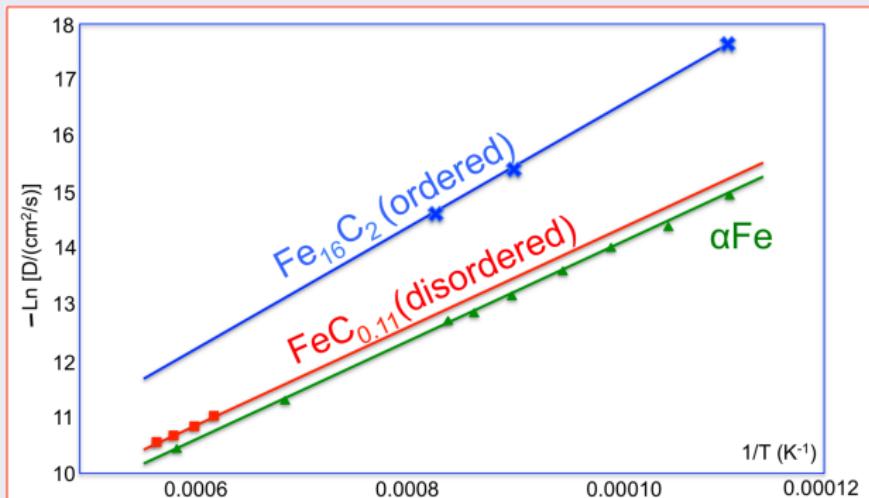
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Diffusivity of C in various phases

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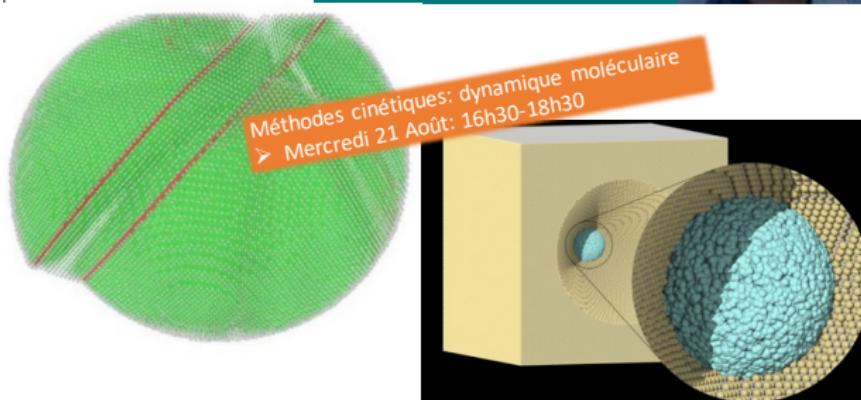
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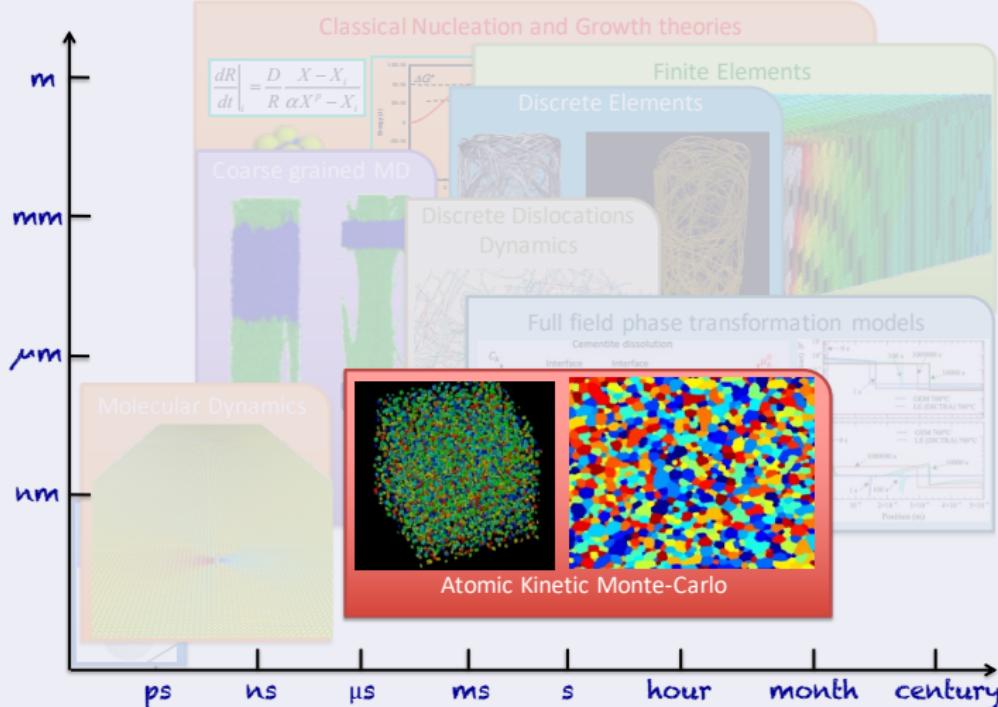
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# Monte-Carlo Metropolis

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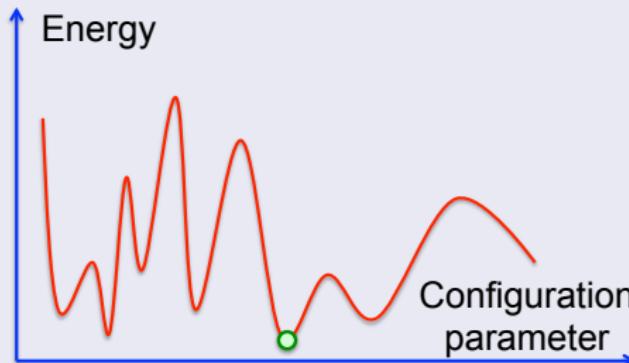
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What is the most stable phase?



- Energy:

$$E(x, y, z, v_x, v_y, v_z)$$

- Values of  $x, y, z, v_x, v_y$  and  $v_z$  that minimize  $E$ ?

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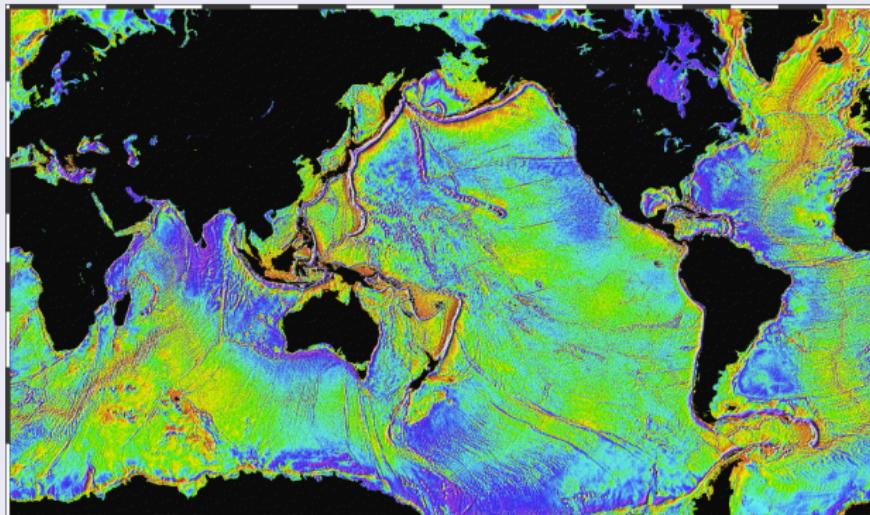
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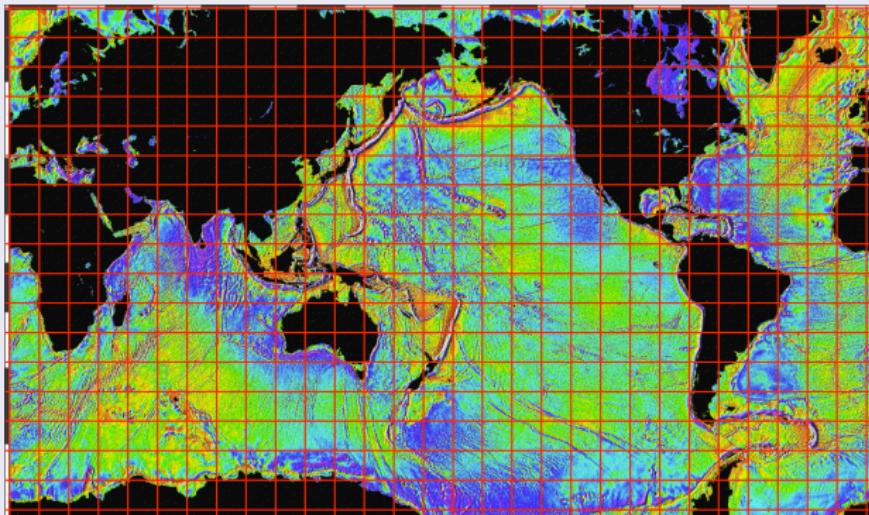
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Example: what is the deepest point in the ocean?



😊 Sure we will find it!

😢 At what cost?

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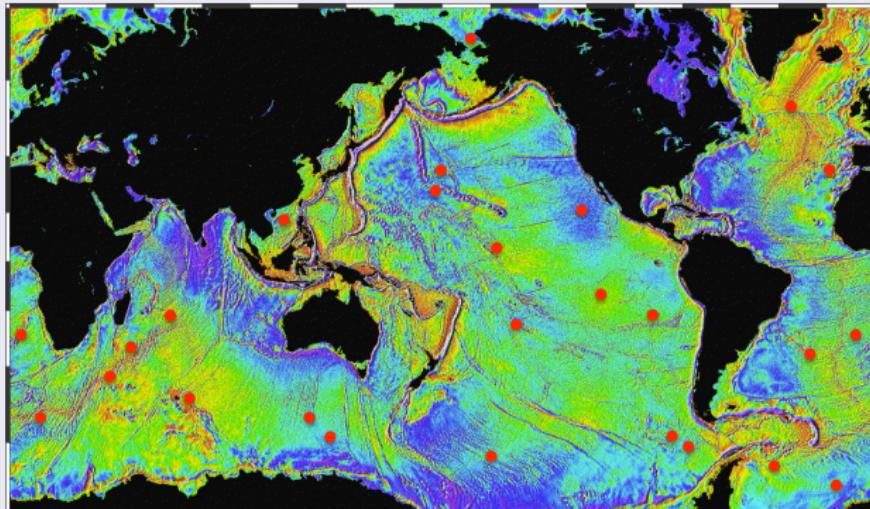
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Example: what is the deepest point in the ocean?



- 😊 Low probability
- 😢 Cost is controlled

$$P_{i \rightarrow j} = \min(1, \exp[-\Delta E_{ij}/kT])$$

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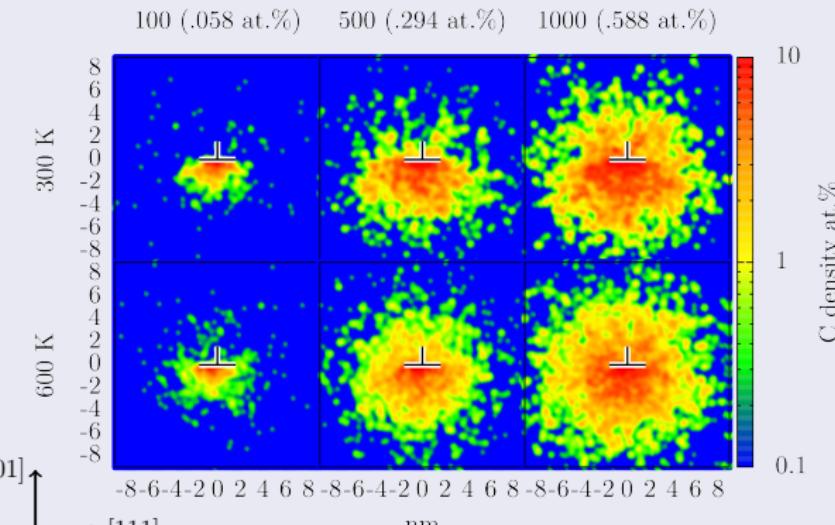
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## Application: build up of a Cottrell atmosphere



[Waseda et al, *Scripta Mater.* **129** (2016)]

- $\approx 150$  C atoms per nm (same as measured with TAP)
- Max. C concentration: 8.8% (TAP: 8%)

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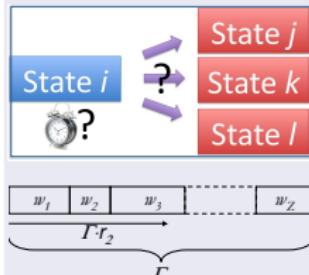
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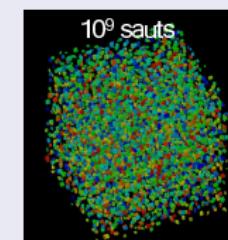
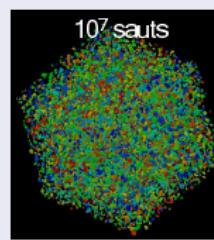
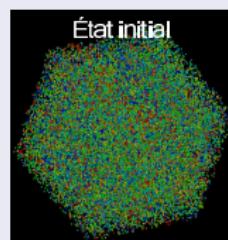
## Principle



- Transition frequency from  $i \rightarrow j$ :  

$$w_j^i = w_0 \exp\left(\frac{-\Delta E_{ij}}{kT}\right) \quad w_0 \approx 10^{14} \text{ Hz}$$
- Residence time  $i$   
  $r_1 \rightarrow \tau_R = -\frac{\ln r_1}{\sum_j w_j}$
- Choice of a particular transition   $r_2$

## Example: precipitation from a supersaturated solid solution



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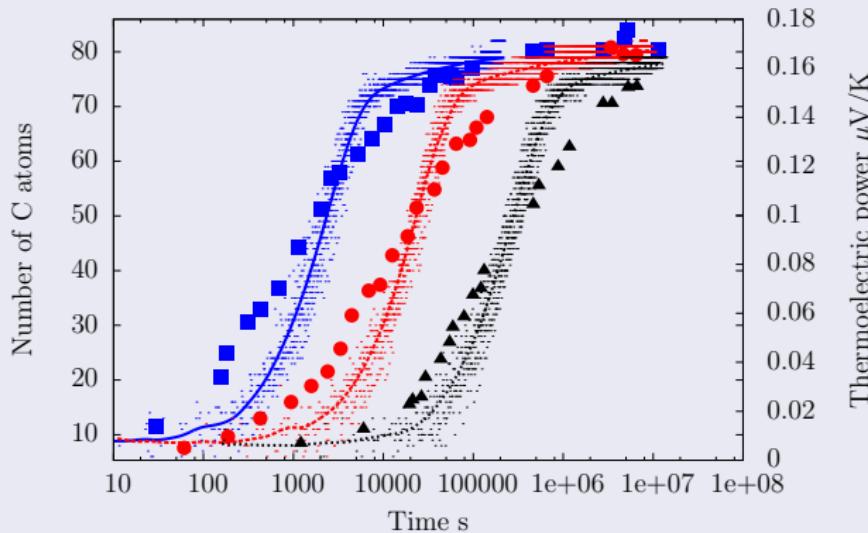
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## Formation kinetics: AKMC vs ThermoElectric Power

AKMC 70 °C ———  
AKMC 45 °C -----  
AKMC 20 °C .....  
Lavaire *et al.* 70 °C ■  
Lavaire *et al.* 45 °C ●  
Lavaire *et al.* 20 °C ▲



- Same kinetics **without any adjustable parameter**

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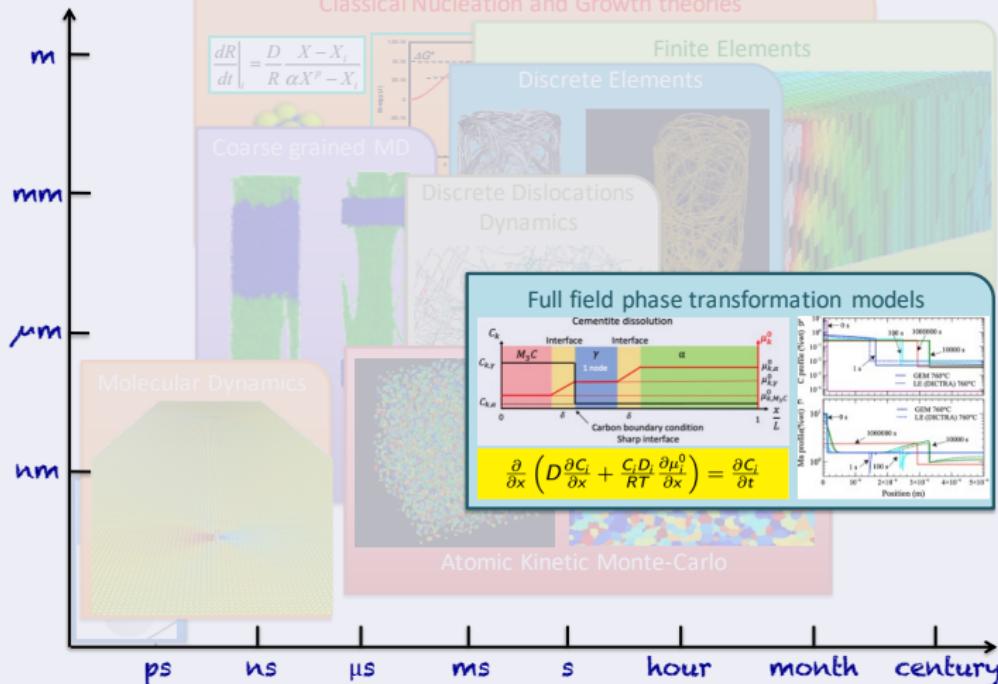
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## Different scales in material science



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First ingredient: diffusion of solute elements (Fick's law)

- Classical diffusion model (implicit resolution scheme):

$$\frac{\partial C_i}{\partial t} = D_i \frac{\partial^2 C_i}{\partial x^2} \Rightarrow \frac{C_i^{t+\Delta t} - C_i^t}{\Delta t} = D_i \frac{C_{i+1}^{t+\Delta t} - 2C_{i+1}^{t+\Delta t} + C_{i-1}^{t+\Delta t}}{\Delta x^2}$$

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## Second ingredient: an interface

- Interface = chemical potential variation

$$\frac{\partial C_i}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( D \frac{\partial C_i}{\partial x} \right)$$

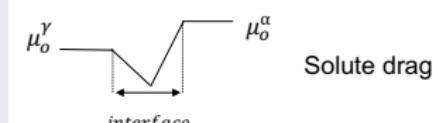
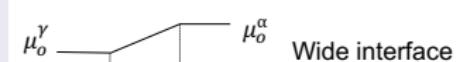
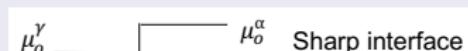


$$\frac{\partial C_i}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{D_i C_i}{RT} \frac{\partial \mu_i}{\partial x} \right)$$

$$\mu_i = \mu_{0,i} + RT \ln(C_i)$$



$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( D \frac{\partial C_i}{\partial x} + \frac{C_i D_i}{RT} \frac{\partial \mu_i^0}{\partial x} \right) = \frac{\partial C_i}{\partial t}$$



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## Second ingredient: an interface !

- Starting point: constant concentration

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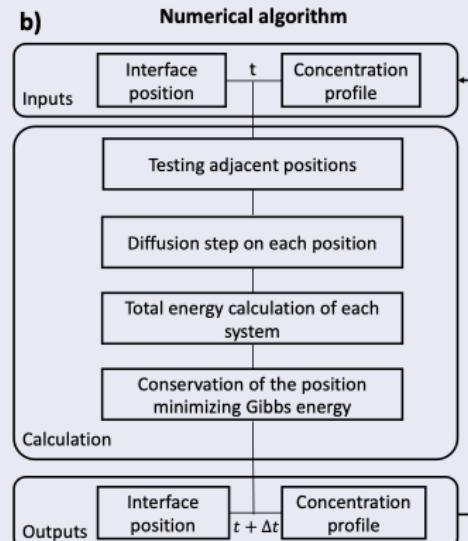
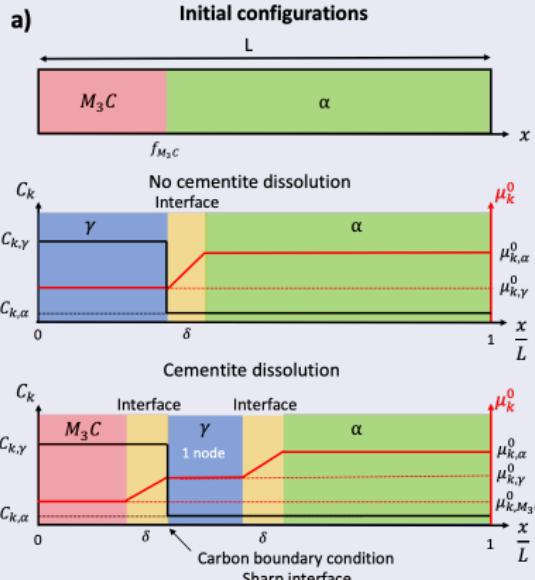
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## Third ingredient: moving the interface(s) !



- Choice of position that minimises the Gibbs energy
- Check that interface does not move too fast

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Results: austenite formation at 760°C (FeCMn steel)

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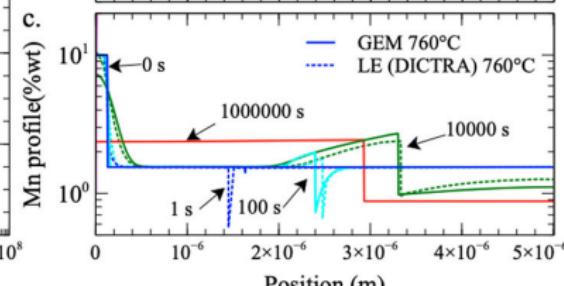
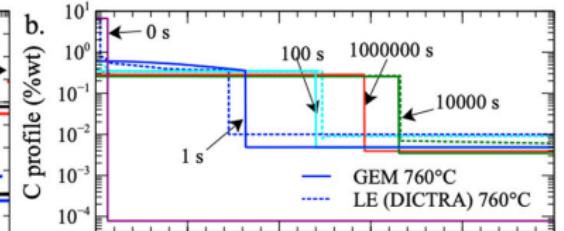
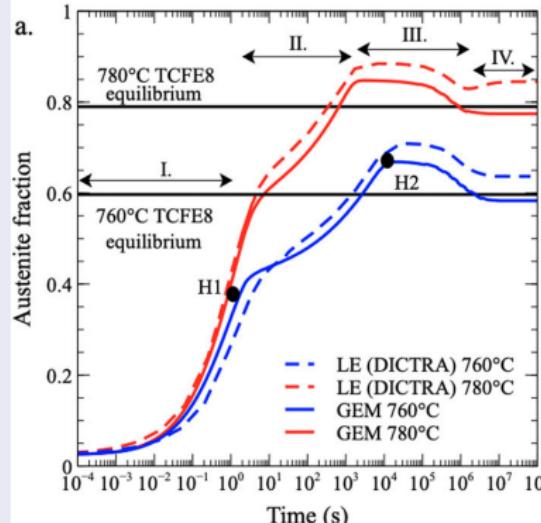
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## Austenitic transformation kinetics (DICTRA vs GEM)



[A. Mathevons et al, Phil. Mag. Lett. 101 (2021)]

- Complex transformation kinetics due to 3 different diffusion coefficients

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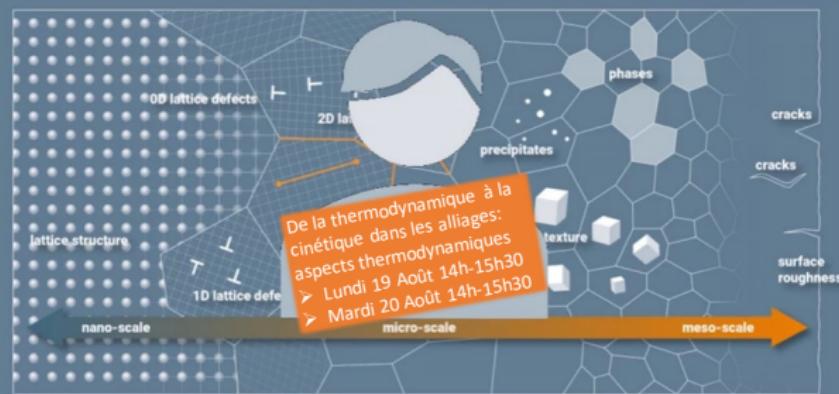


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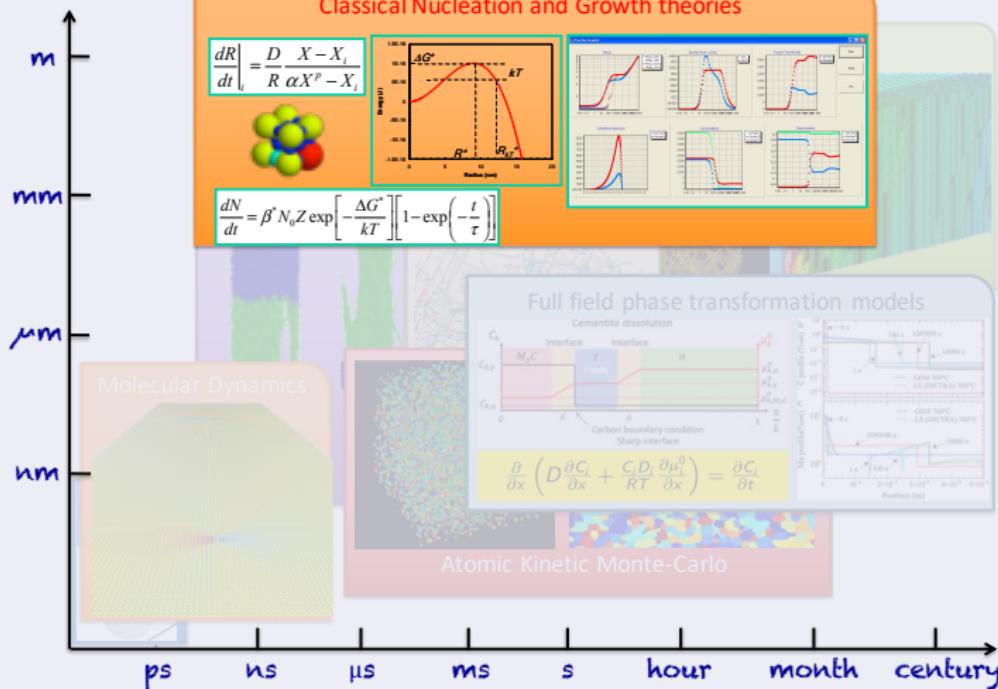
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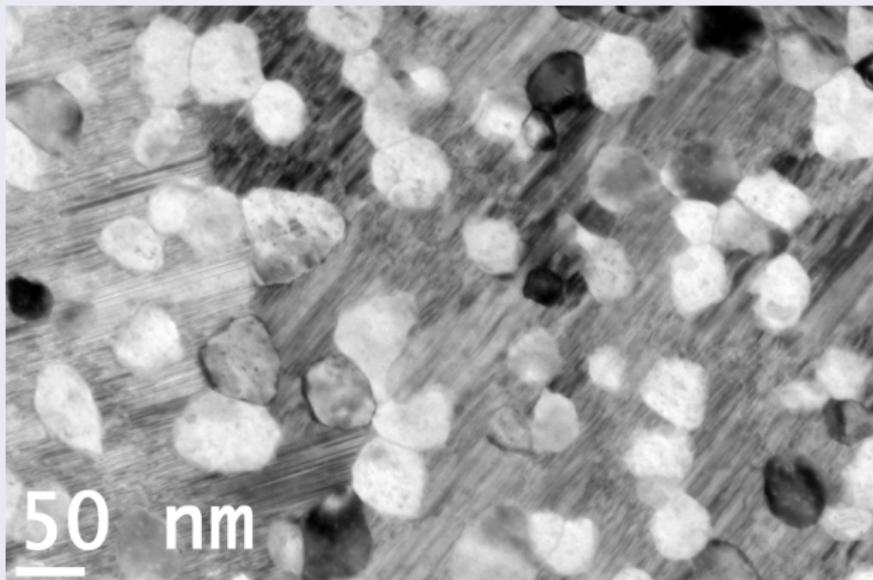
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## Mean field precipitation modelling



- What are these two phases?



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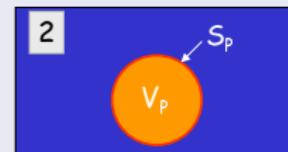
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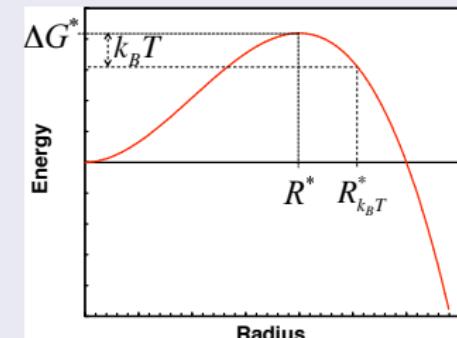
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## Nucleation rate



$$\Delta G = G_2 - G_1 = \frac{4}{3}\pi R^3 \Delta g + 4\pi R^2 \gamma$$



- $\Delta g$ : driving force for nucleation (thermo. and/or Monte-Carlo)
- $\gamma$ : interfacial energy

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = N_0 Z \beta^* \exp\left(-\frac{\Delta G^*}{kT}\right) \exp\left(-\frac{\tau}{t}\right)$$

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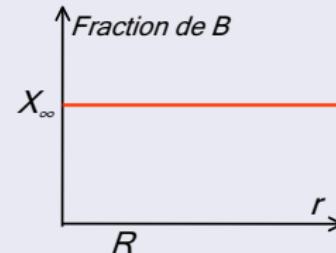
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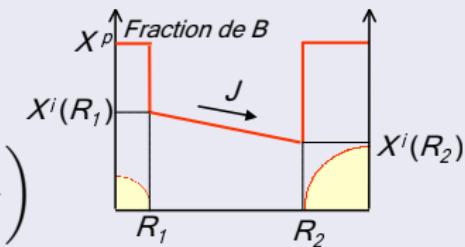
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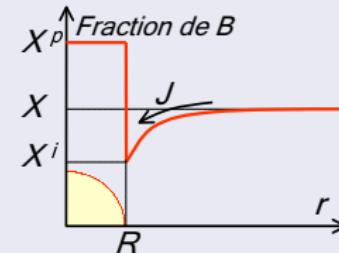
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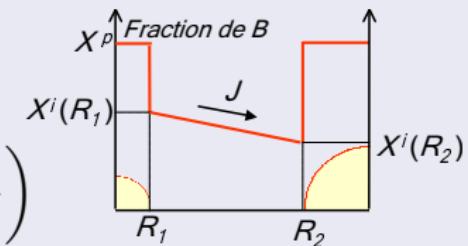
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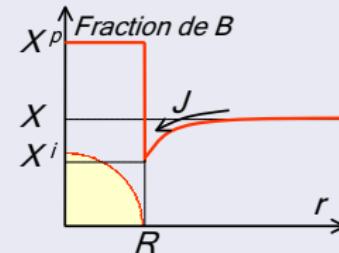
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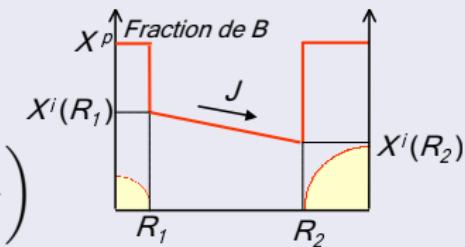
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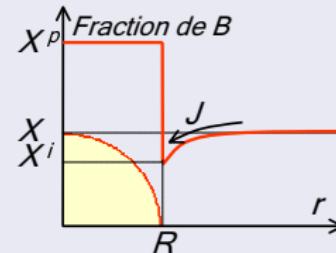
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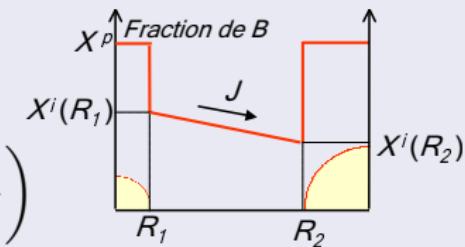
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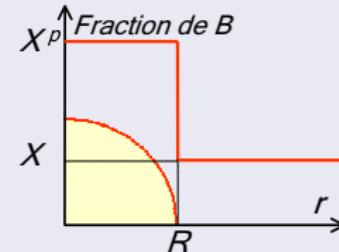
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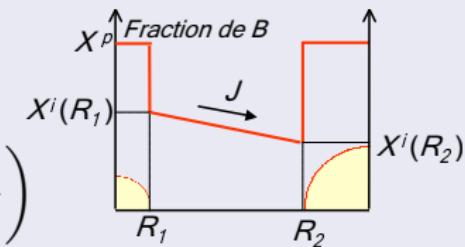
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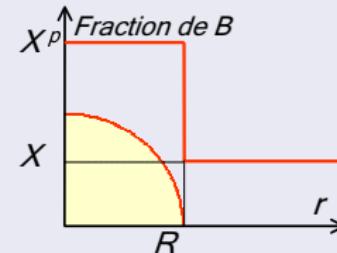
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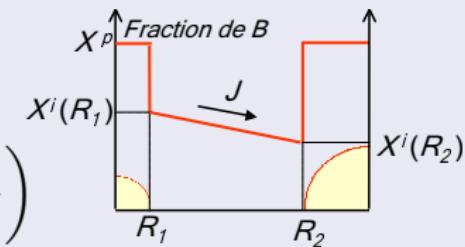
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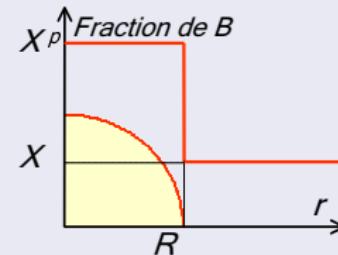
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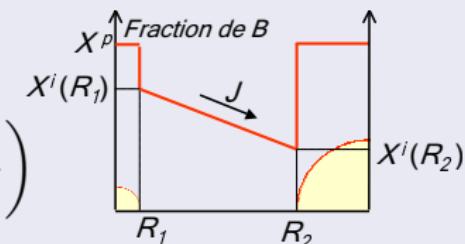


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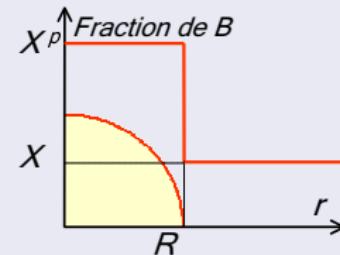
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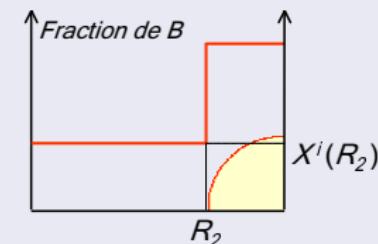


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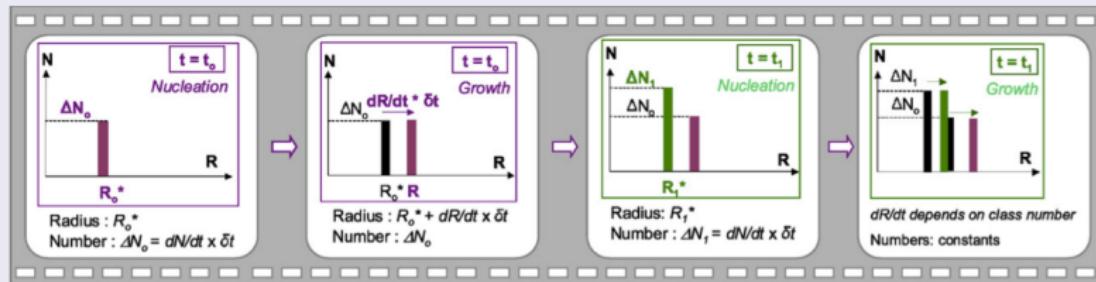
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## Implementation in a home made precipitation software: PreciSo



Whole precipitate size distribution evolution

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[M. Perez et al, Acta Mater. **56** (2008)]

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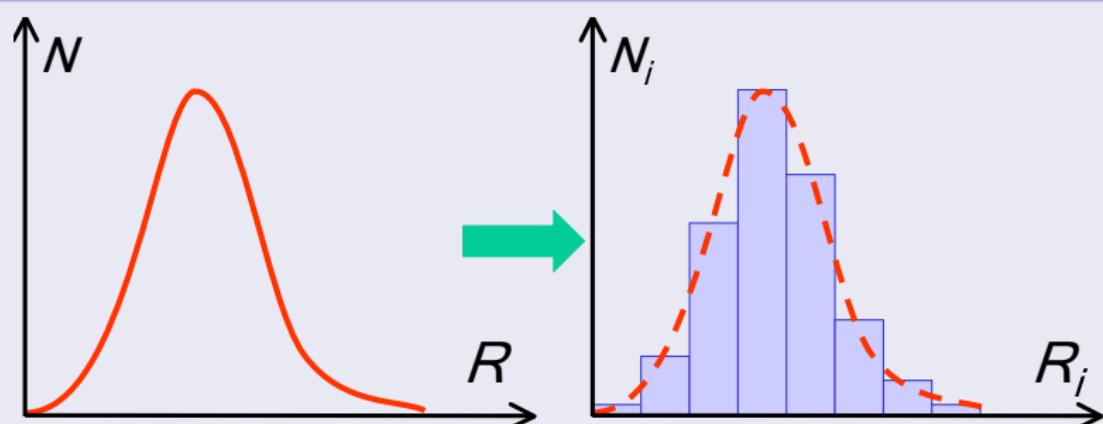
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[M. Perez et al., Acta Mater. **56** (2008)]

# Classical nucleation and growth theories

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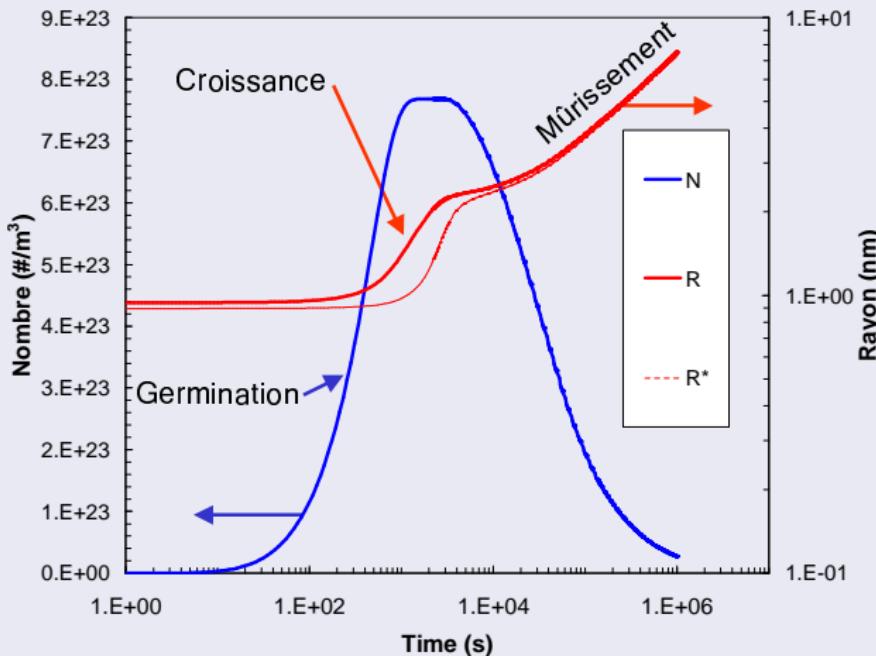
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## Example of precipitation kinetics



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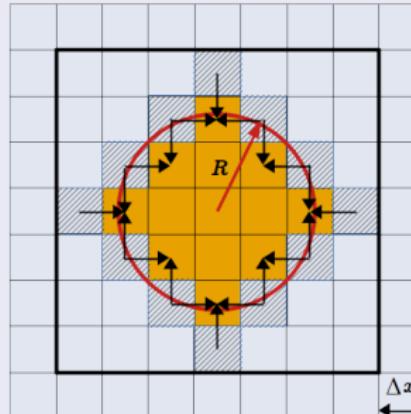
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## Sharp Interface Full field mModel (ShIFuMo)



- Nucleation: Classical Nucleation Theory
- Growth: Classical Growth Theory (Zener)
- But: 3D diffusion: Full Field

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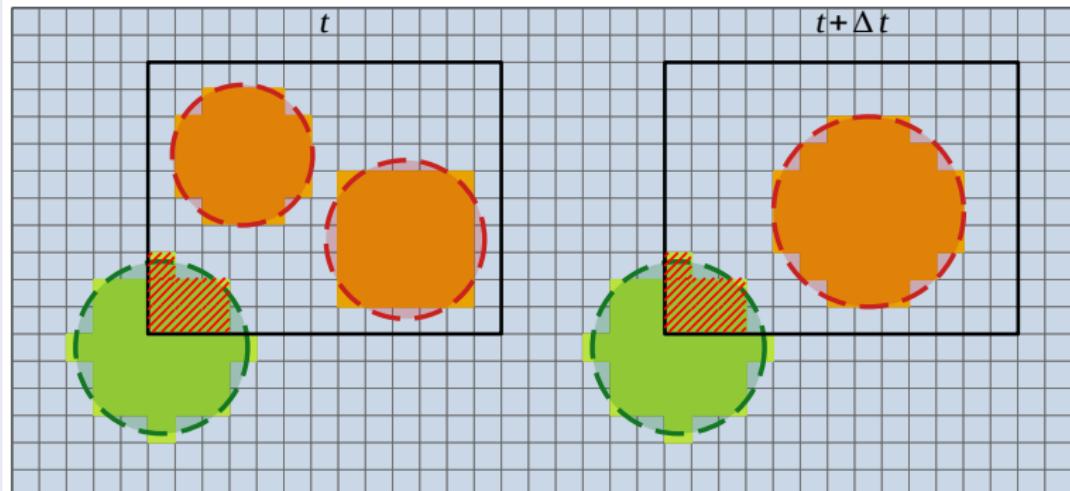
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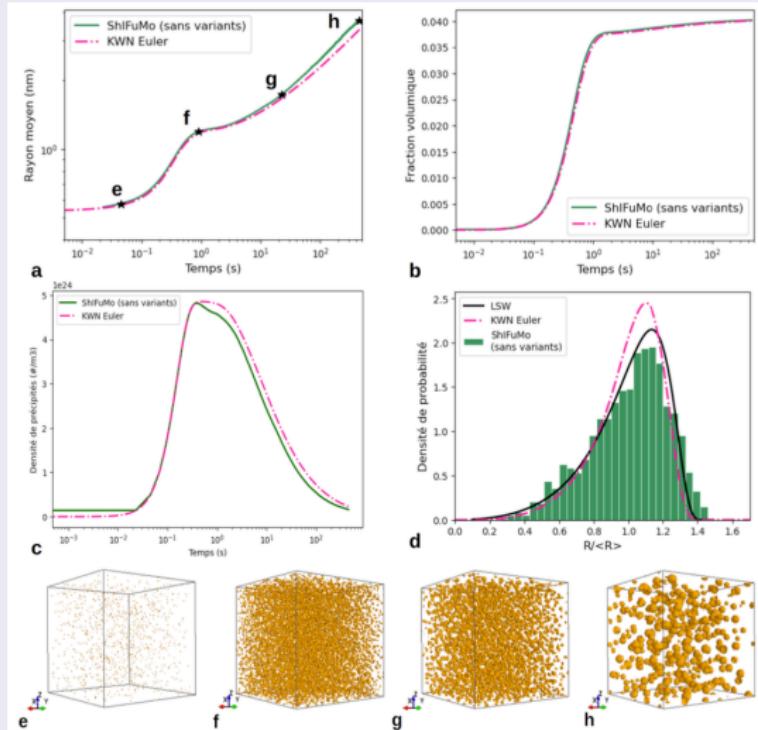
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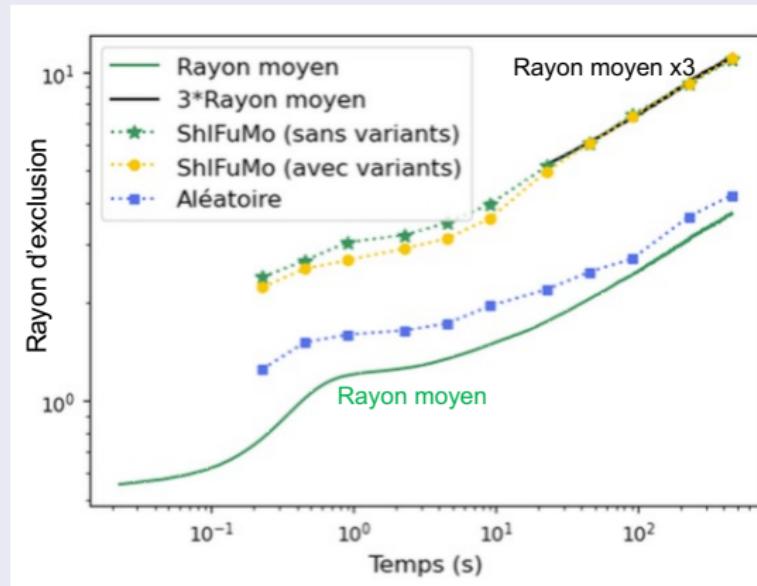
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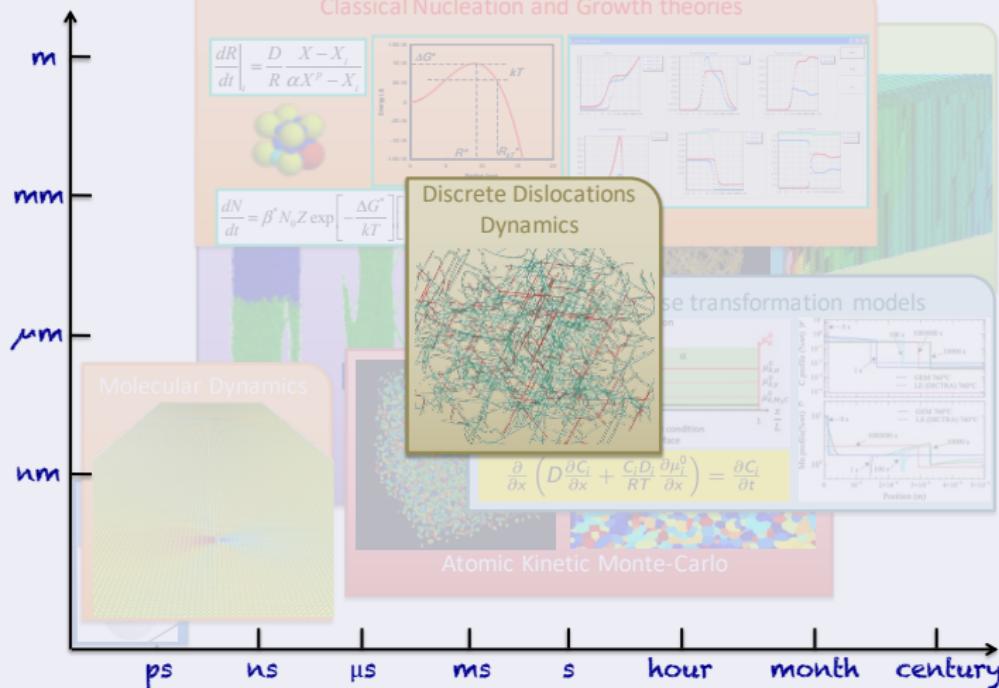
- Improve CNGTs from Sharp Interface Full Field model !

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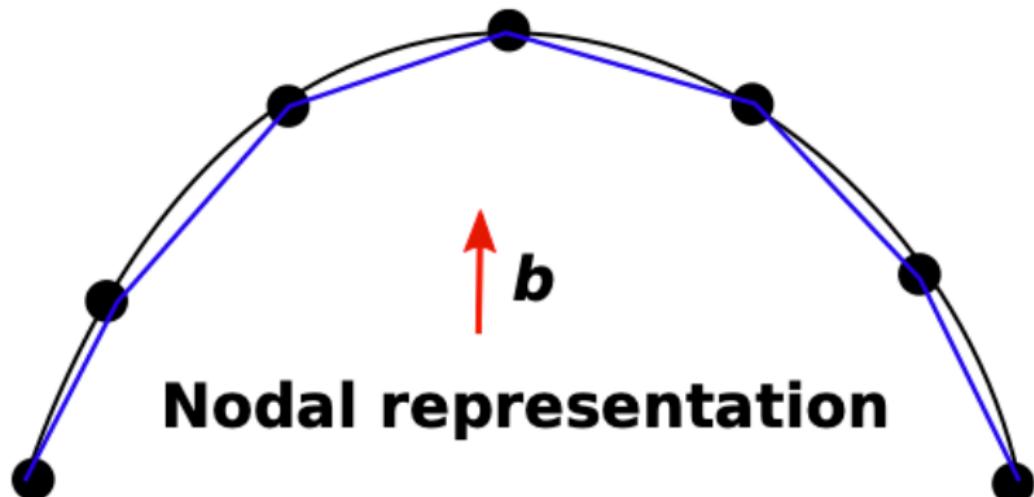
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## Presentation



- Dislocation: discretised into segments (mixed dislocation)

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## Effective net force per unit length

$$\mathbf{F}_{\text{eff}} = \underbrace{\sigma b \times \xi}_{\text{Peach-Koehler}} + \underbrace{F_{\text{lt}}}_{\text{Line tension}} - \underbrace{\frac{\mathbf{v}}{|\mathbf{v}|} F_{\text{peierls}}}_{\text{Peierls friction}}$$

## Dynamics

$$\mathbf{v} = \frac{\mathbf{F}_{\text{eff}}}{B}$$

## Stress and strain update

$$\sigma = \sum_{\text{nodes}} \delta\sigma_i \text{ and } \epsilon = \sum_{\text{nodes}} \delta\epsilon_i$$

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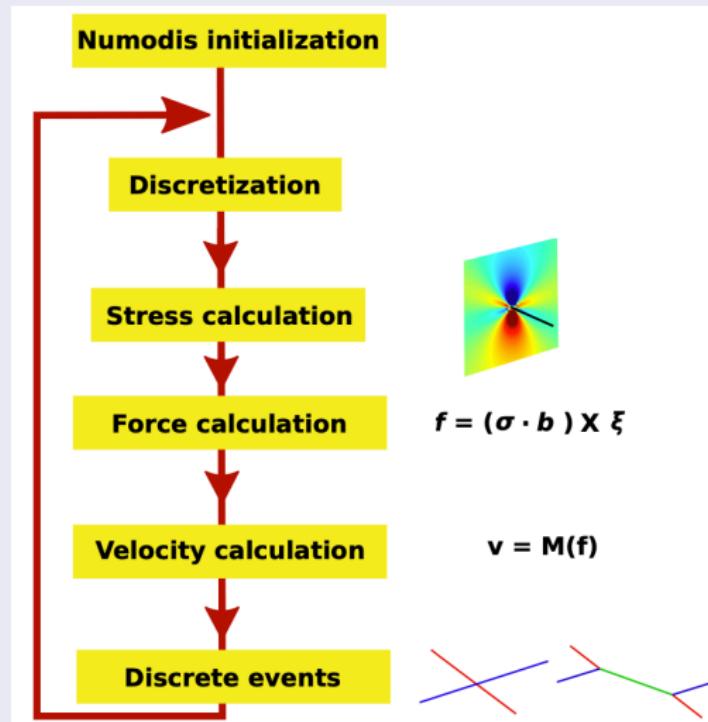
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## Exemple of Numodis (CEA) algorithm



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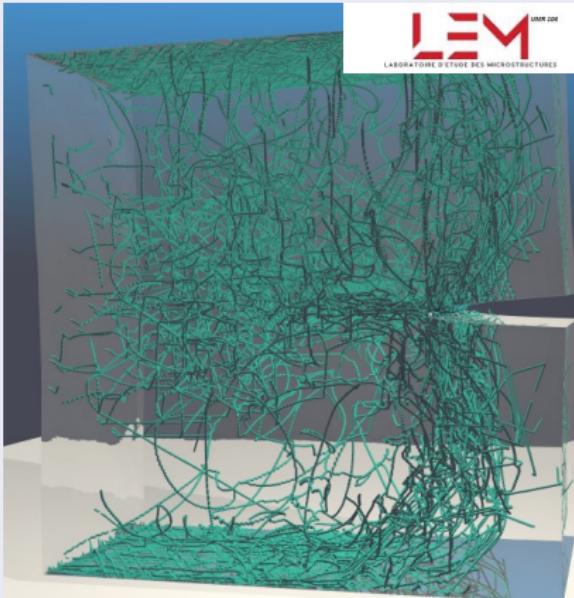
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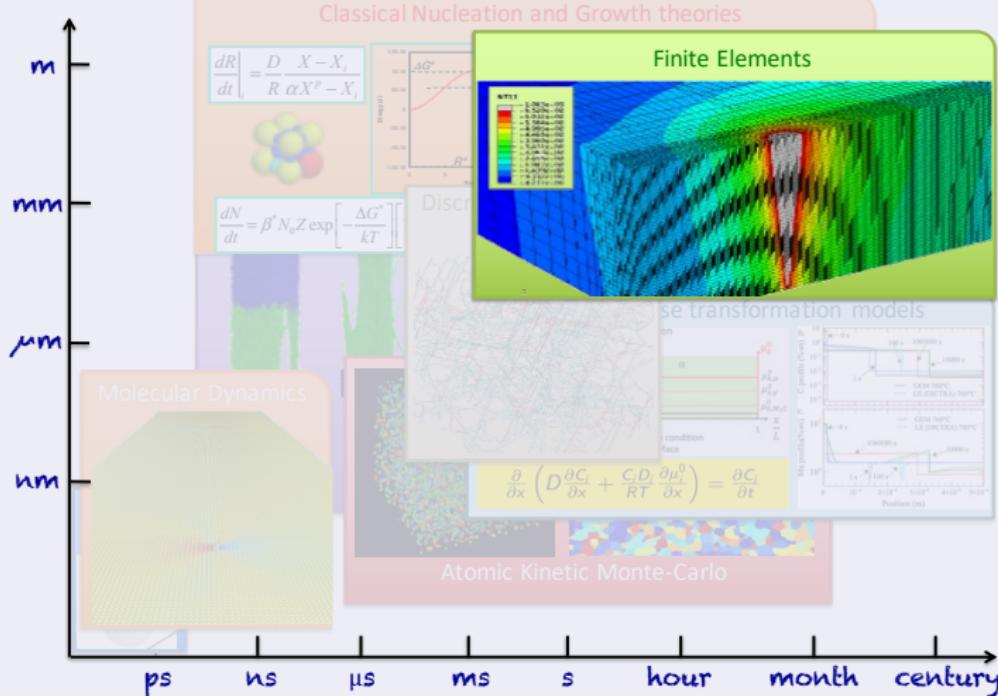
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## Newton's second law

$$\rho \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} - \nabla \sigma = \mathbf{f}$$

## Constitutive law (e.g. thermo-elastic)

$$\sigma^{ij} = C^{ijkl} \epsilon^{kl} - \beta^{ij}(T - T_0)$$

## Linearized strain

$$\epsilon = \frac{1}{2} (\nabla u + \nabla u^T)$$

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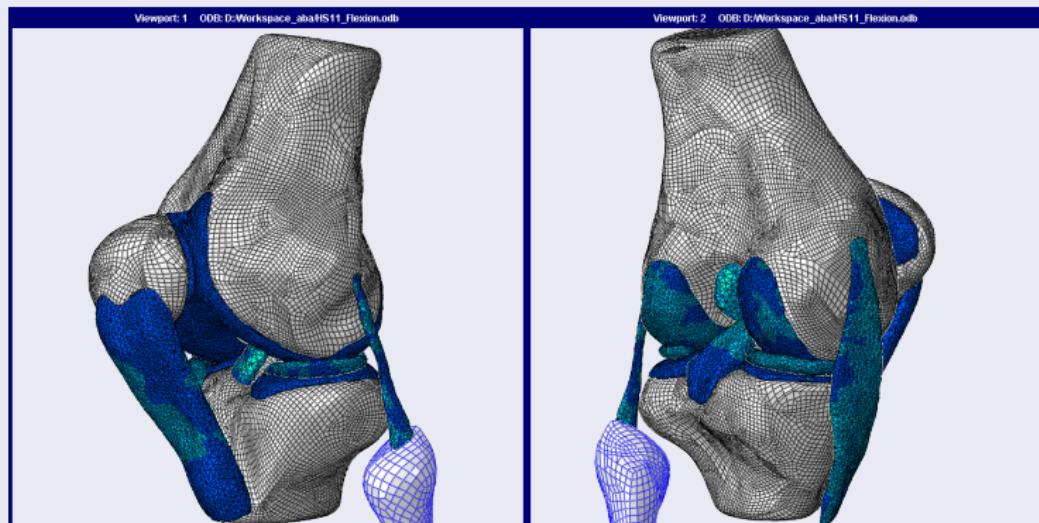
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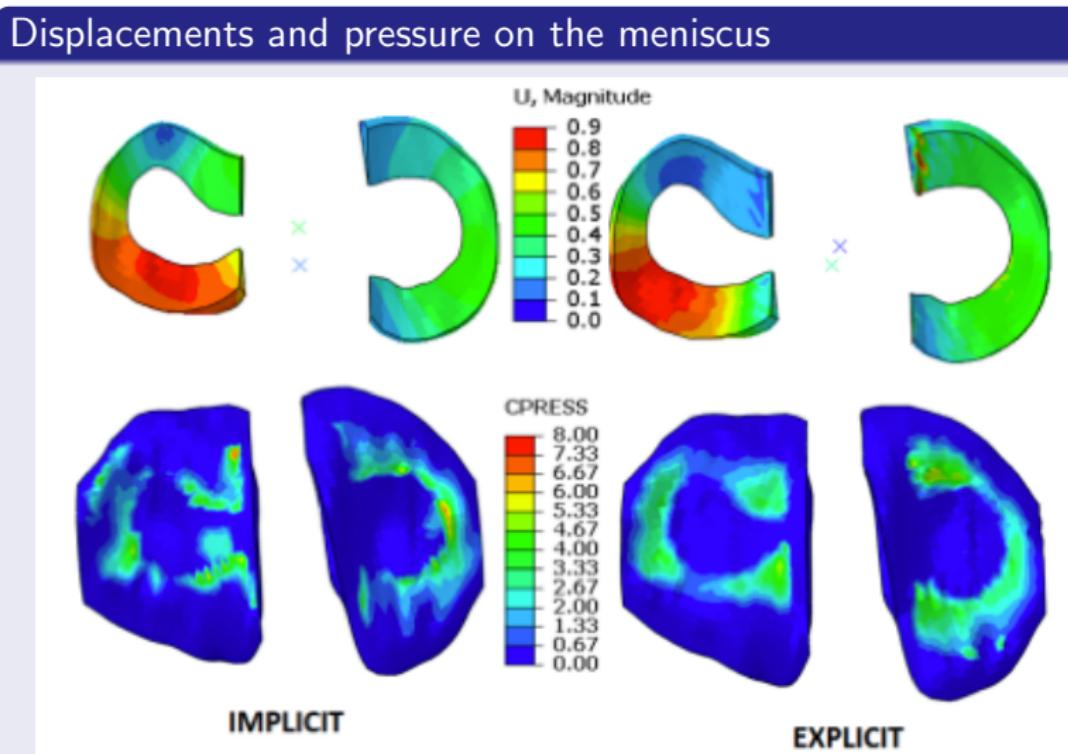


[From <https://ris.utwente.nl/ws/files/6153316/CMBBE2014-Hamid-Submitted.pdf>]

# Finite Elements Method

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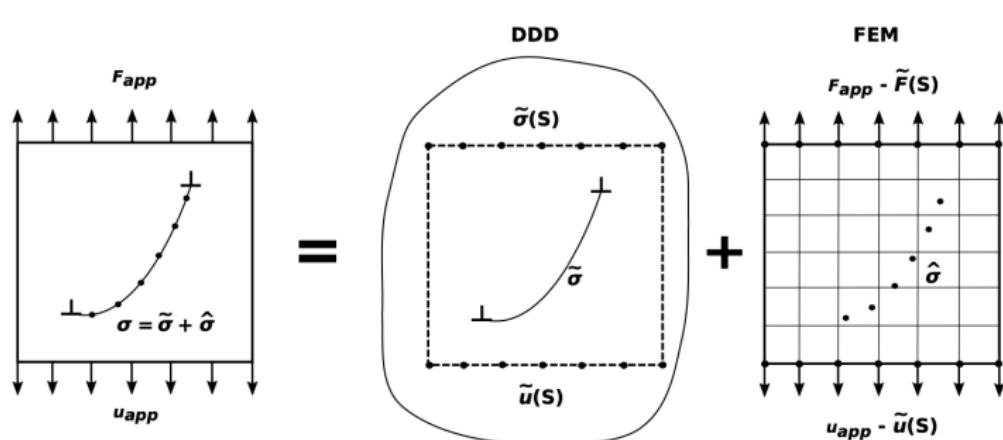
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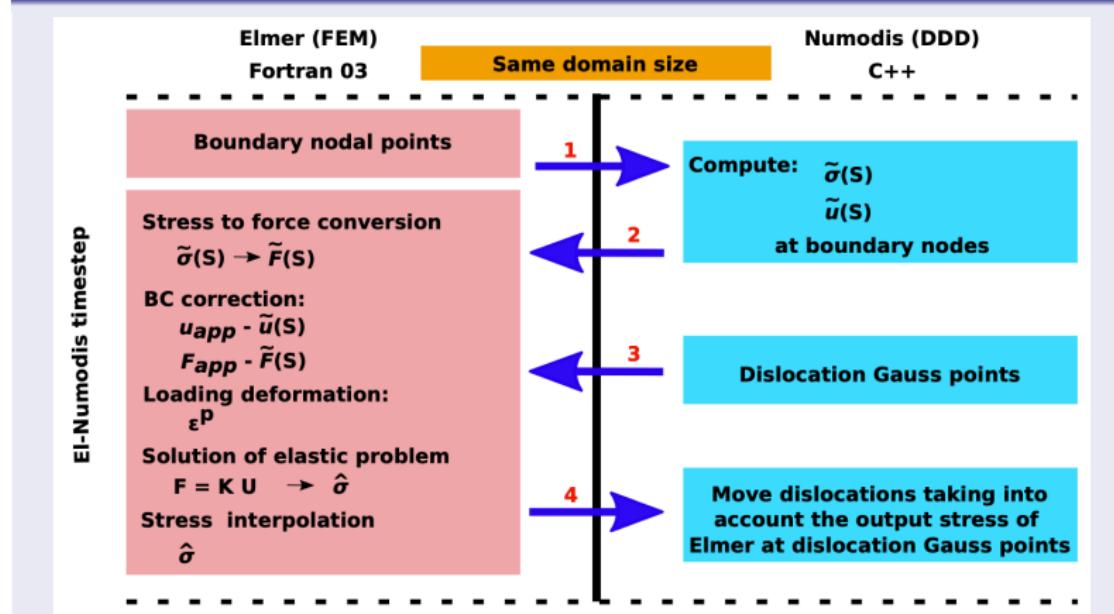
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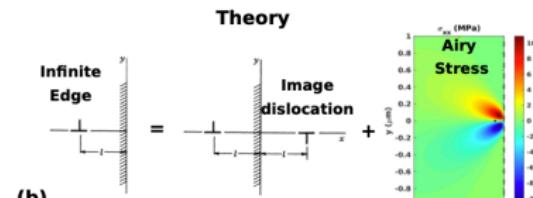
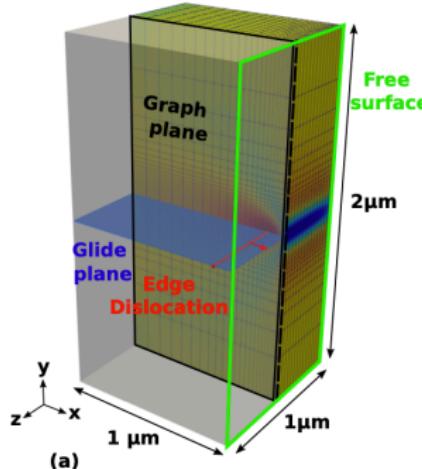
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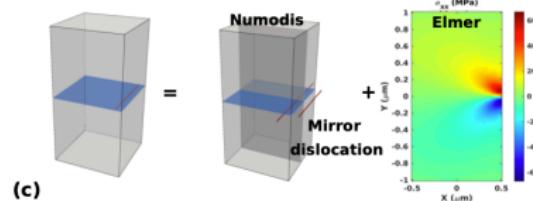
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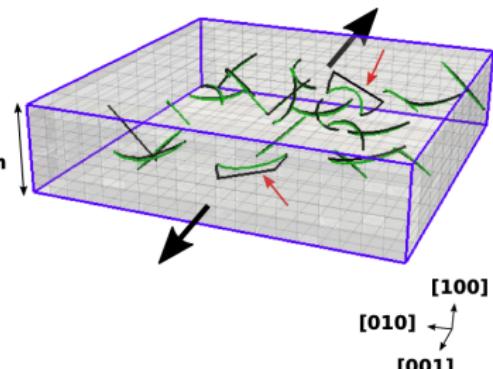
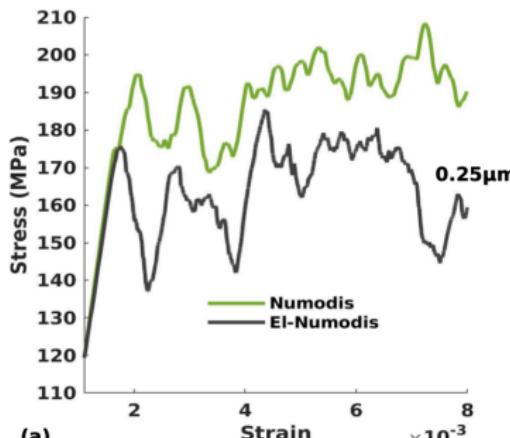
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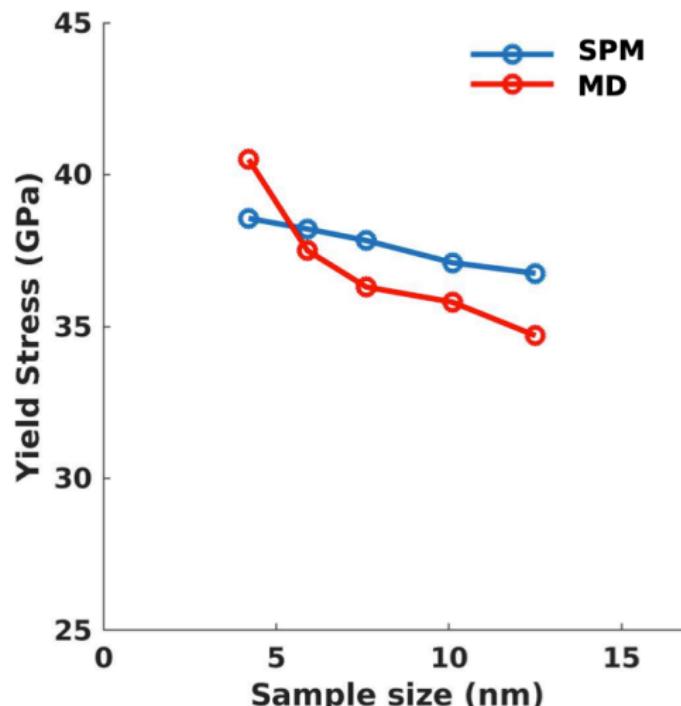
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# The icing on the cake...

## Comparison with MD



# Last break !

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## 1. Calibration under uncertainty

- The importance of the experimental data
- The importance of the physics
- The importance of the statistical model

## 2. Uncertainty of assessed model

- The importance of sensitivity analysis
- The importance of the statistical model for the quantification of uncertainty

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# Thank you!

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