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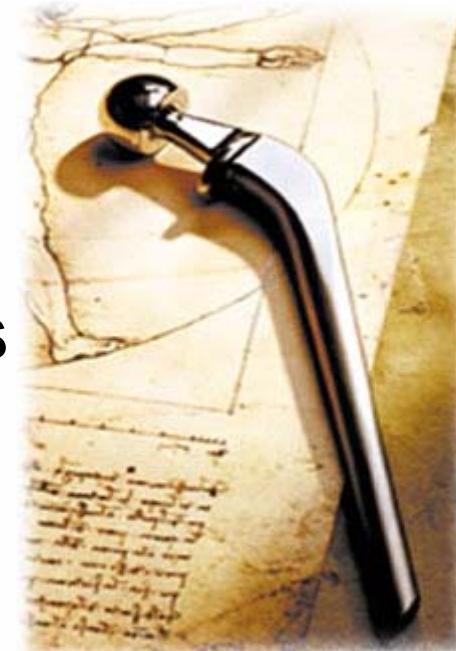


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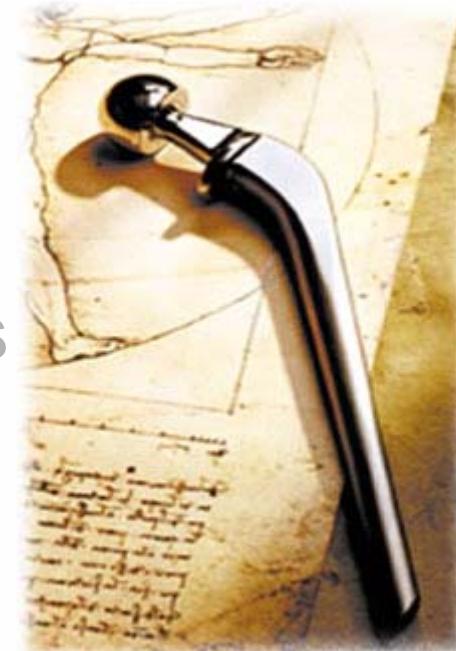


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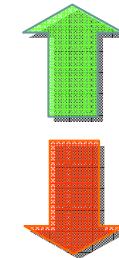
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## Motivation

- **Implant requirements:**
  - corrosion stability, fatigue resistance, strength-to-weight ratio, ductility, wear resistance
  - elastic modulus, cytotoxicity, allergic reactions



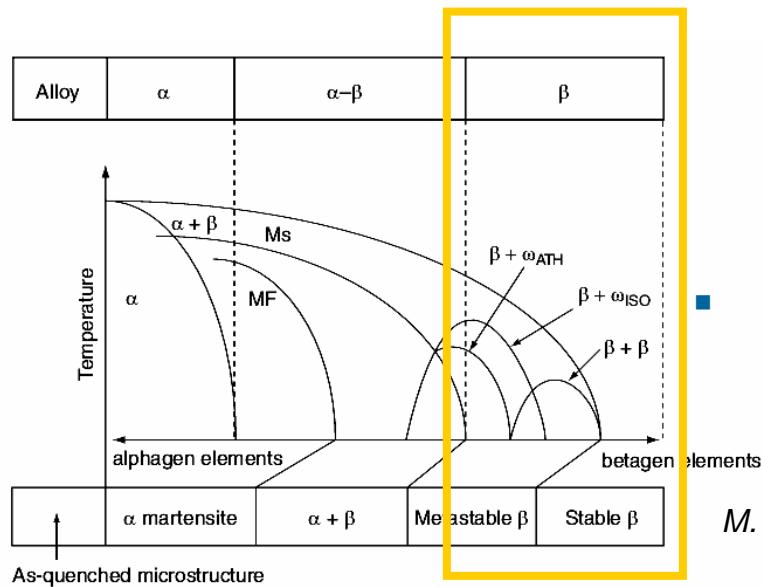
## Aims

- **Stiffness closer to elastic modulus of human bone**
- **Stabilization of  $\beta$ -Ti**
- **Use only bio-compatible elements**

# Boundary Conditions Considered – Some Numbers

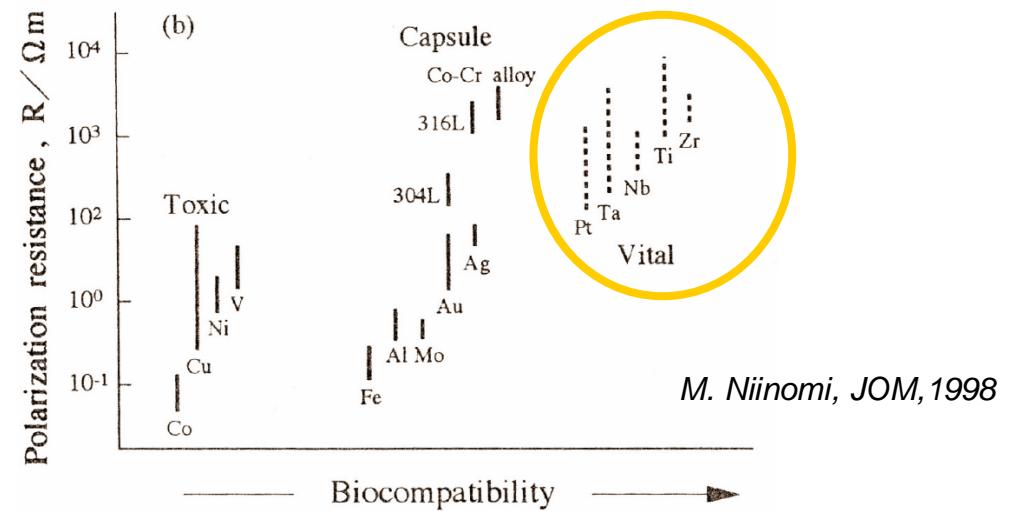


- **non-toxic elements**



- **stable  $\beta$ -phase**

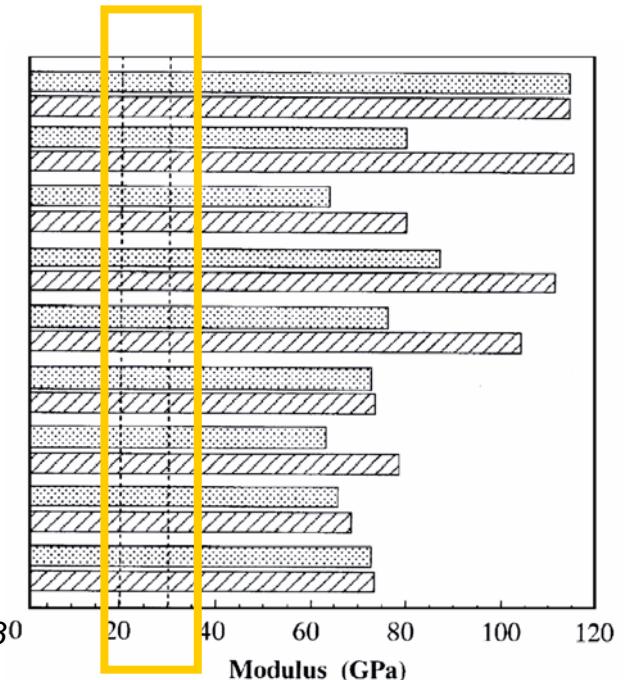
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- **reduced elastic stiffness**

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# Challenge and Scientific Approach



- **Theory – driven guidance in constrained alloy design (non-toxic;  $\beta$ -phase; reduced stiffness); replace phenomenological rules**
- **2 binary alloy systems (Ti-Nb, Ti-Mo) and 2 engineering alloys (Ti-35wt.%Nb-7wt.%Zr-5wt.%Ta and a Ti-20wt.%Mo-7wt.%Zr-5wt.%Ta)**
- **Combination of ab-initio simulations and experiments**

Density functional theory (DFT),  
generalized gradient  
approximation (GGA),  
configurational and vibration  
entropy

Casting, homogenization,  
rolling, heat treatment,  
recrystallization, grain  
growth, microstructure,  
mechanics





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- **Free energy  $F(x,c,T) = U - T \cdot S$**
- **U: density functional theory (DFT), generalized gradient approximation (GGA)**
- **S: Configurational (mixing) entropy**
- **Ti-Mo and Ti-Nb binary systems**
- **Elastic modulus calculation**
- **Polycrystal homogenization theory**
- **Crystal plasticity finite element method**

**Details:** Plane wave pseudopotential approach (VASP), plane wave cutoff energy: 170 eV,  $8 \times 8 \times 8$  Monkhorst mesh to sample Brillouin zone, relaxation until cell stress free, supercells of  $2 \times 2 \times 2$  elementary cubic unit cells with a total of 16 atoms, variety of alloys by replacing Ti by either Nb or Mo (from 6.25 %, 1 Nb/Mo atom in a 16 atom supercell), variation of local arrangements: 48 bcc and 28 hcp configurations, further details on poster



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# Experimental



- Use ab-initio results as guideline for alloy composition
- 2 binary systems (Ti-Nb, Ti-Mo) and 2 engineering alloys (Ti-35wt.%Nb-7wt.%Zr-5wt.%Ta and a Ti-20wt.%Mo-7wt.%Zr-5wt.%Ta)
- Thermomechanical processing: electric arc furnace (Ar), 4 × repeated remelting and solidification, cast into copper mold (60mm×32,6mm×10mm), homogenization (1200°C), hot rolling (750°C), recrystallization treatment
- Characterization: OM, SEM, EBSD, EDX, XRD, ultrasonic resonance frequency, mechanical testing

Details: furnace evacuated and flooded with Ar at 300 mbar; water cooled copper crucible; arc temperature 3000°C; melt at peak temperature 1830-1850°C; intense stirring; 30-60s melting time; solidification+tilting+remelting 4 times; all heat treatments under Ar or vacuum; SEM, EBSD, EDX: JEOL / ZEISS HR-SEM; XRD: Co-radiation



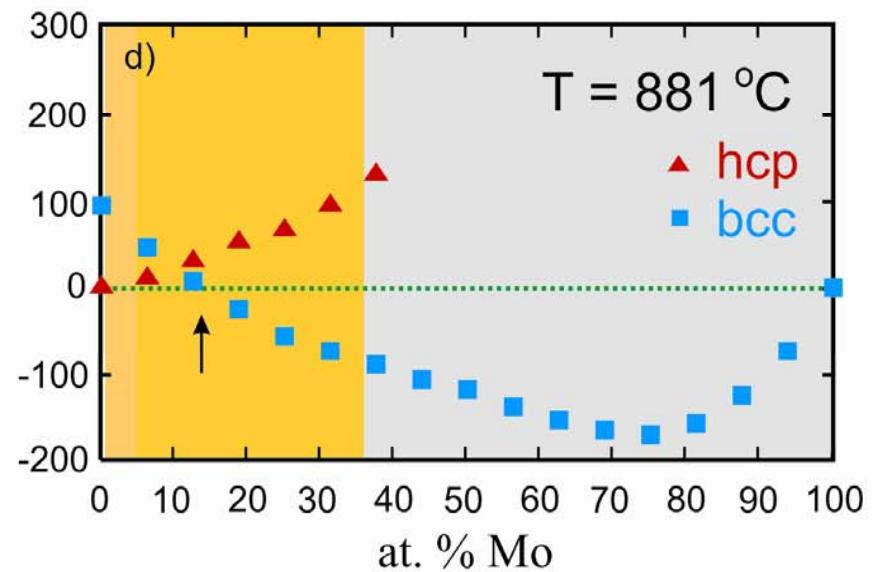
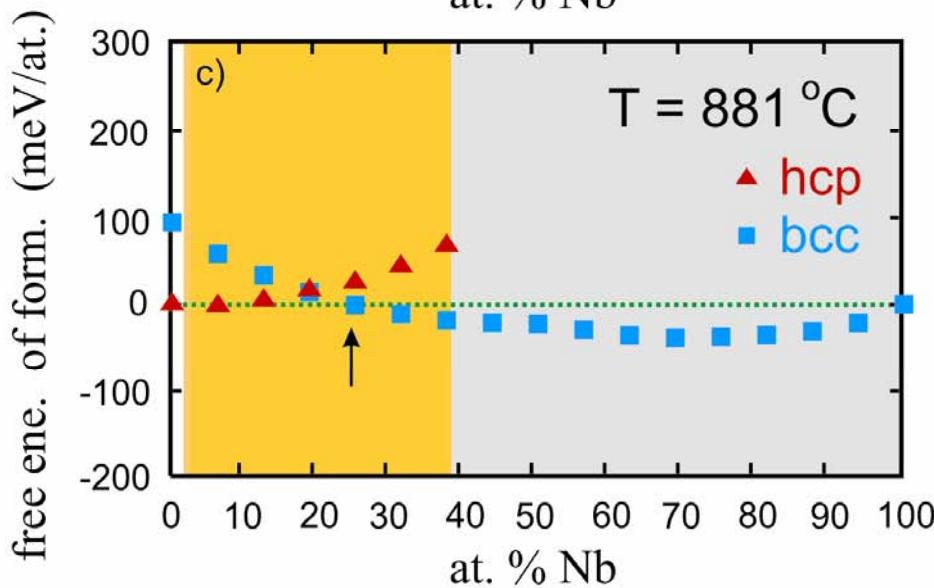
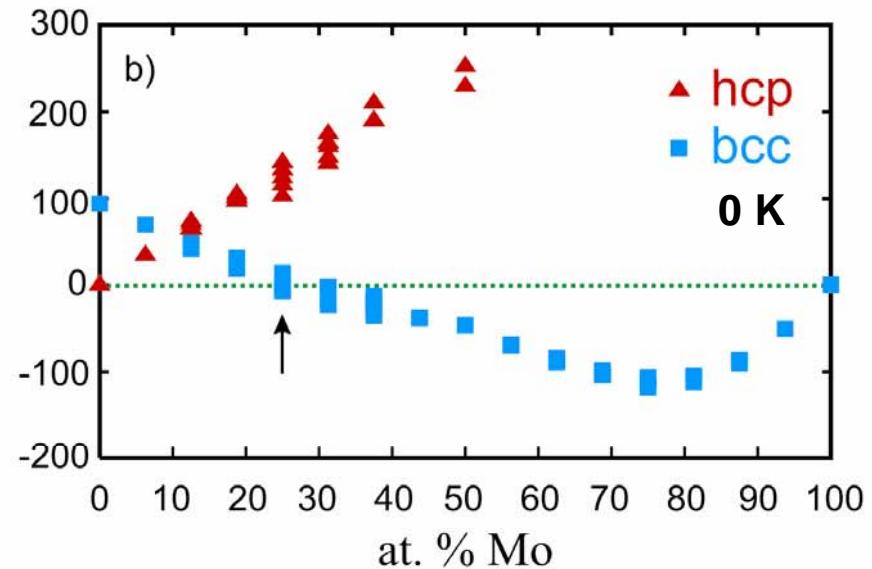
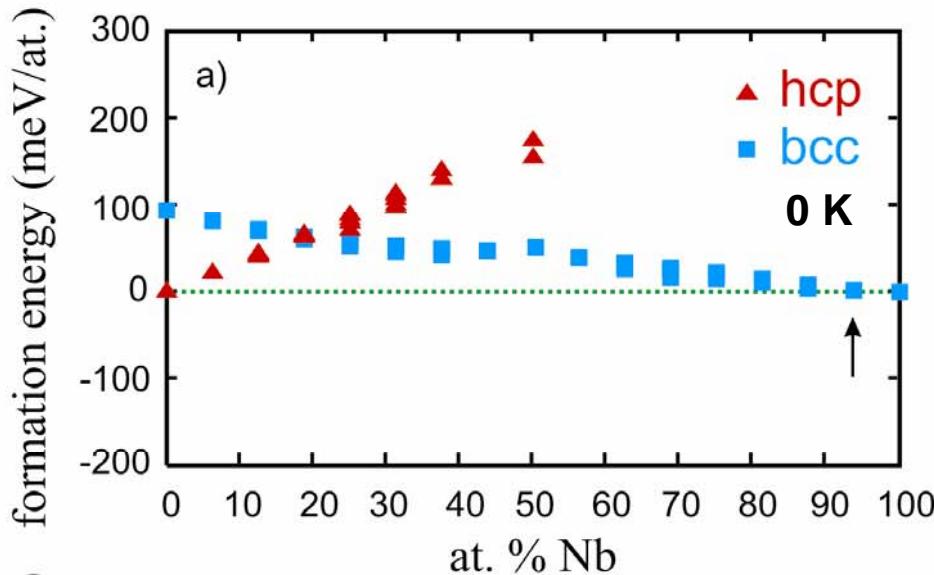
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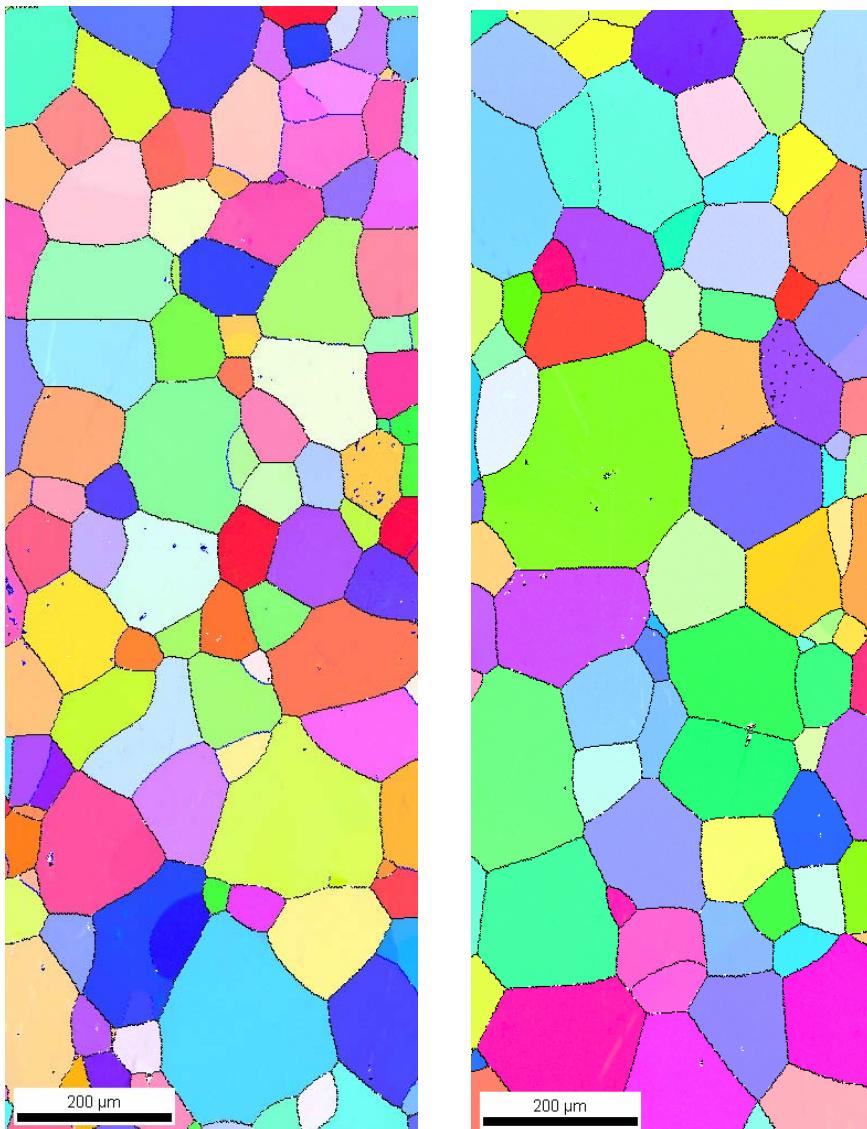


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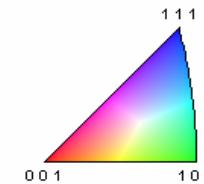
# Results from theory – binary alloys



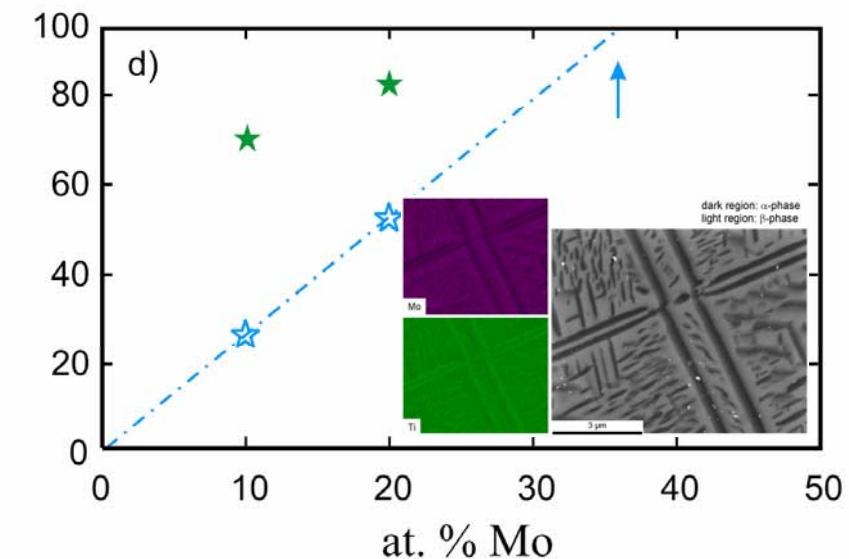
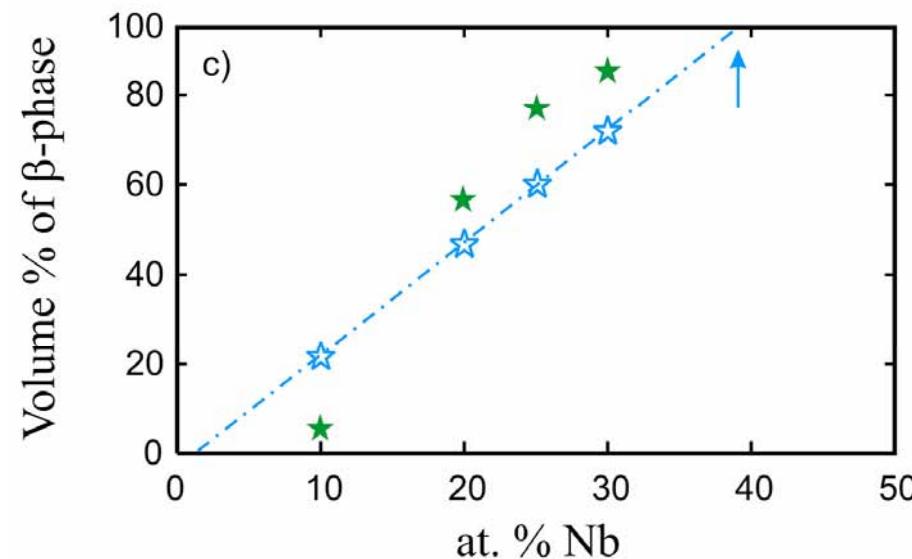
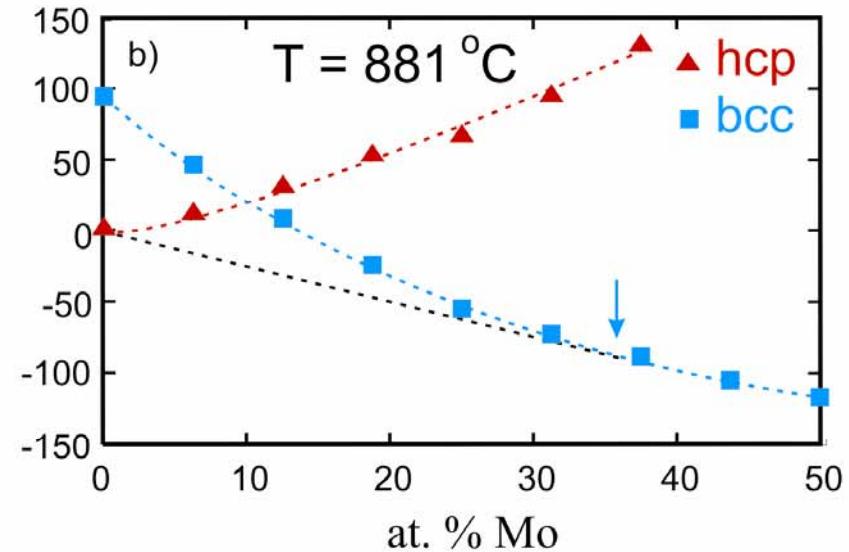
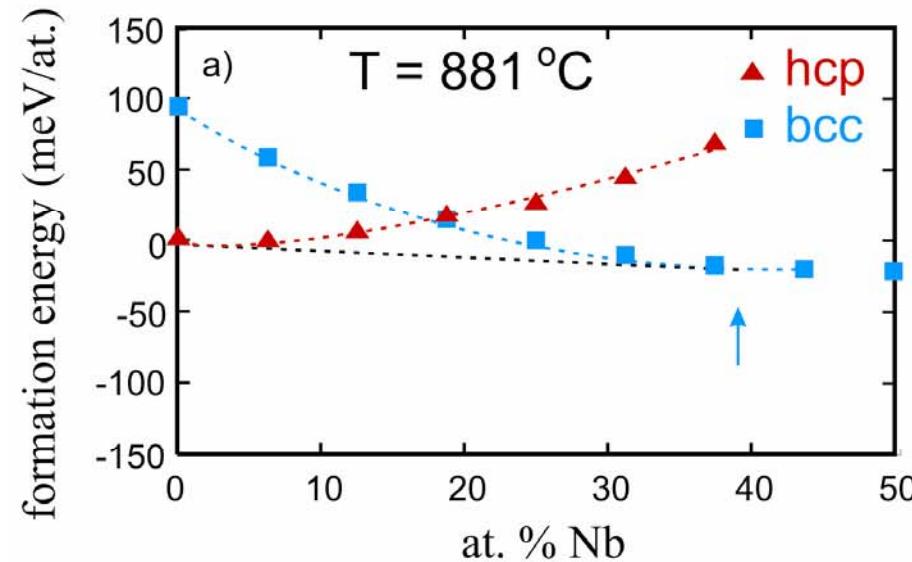
# Experimental – results – microstructure, EBSD



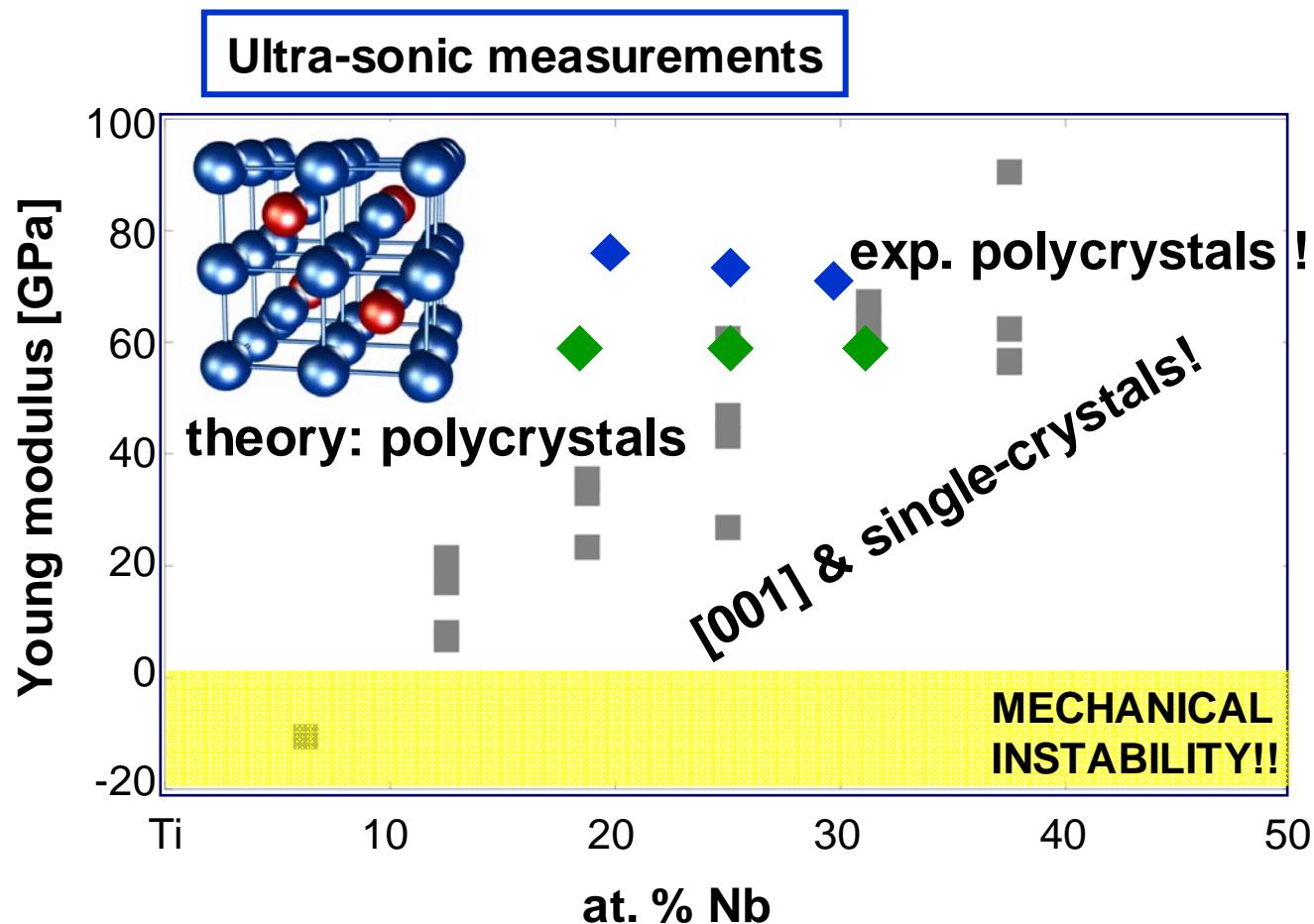
- **Ti-30at%Nb  
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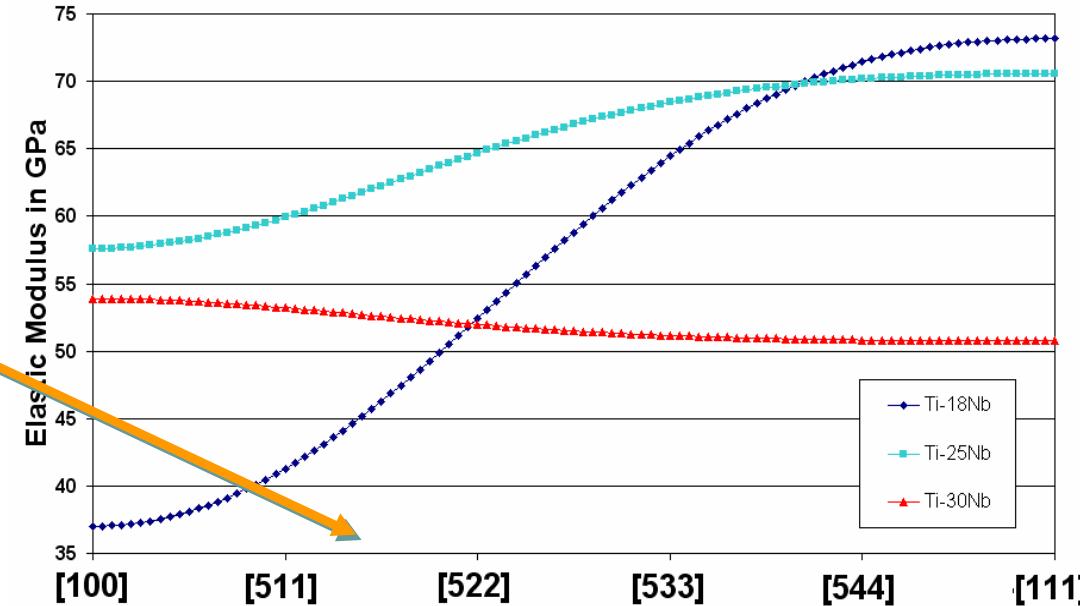
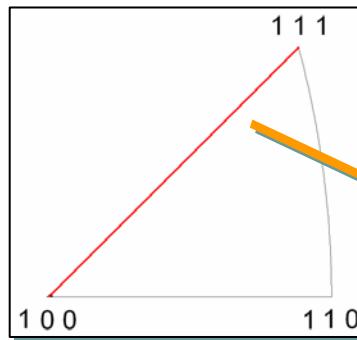
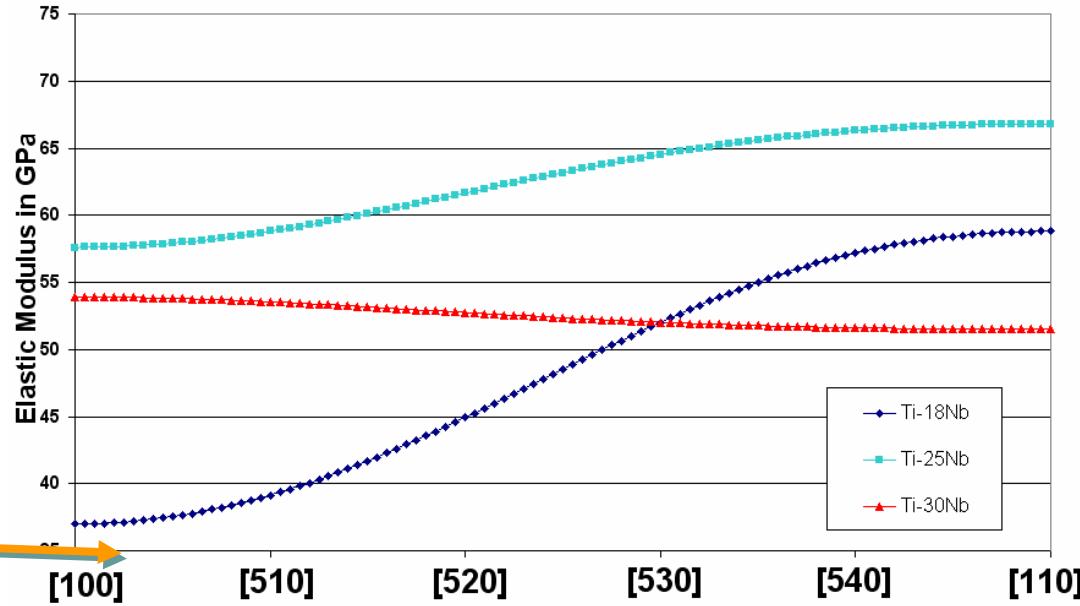
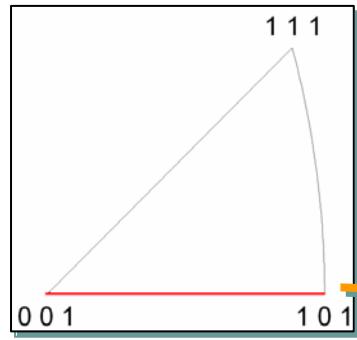
# Ab initio inspired alloy design



# Results, theory and experiment – elastic modulus



# Ab initio inspired alloy design: tensor (an)isotropy



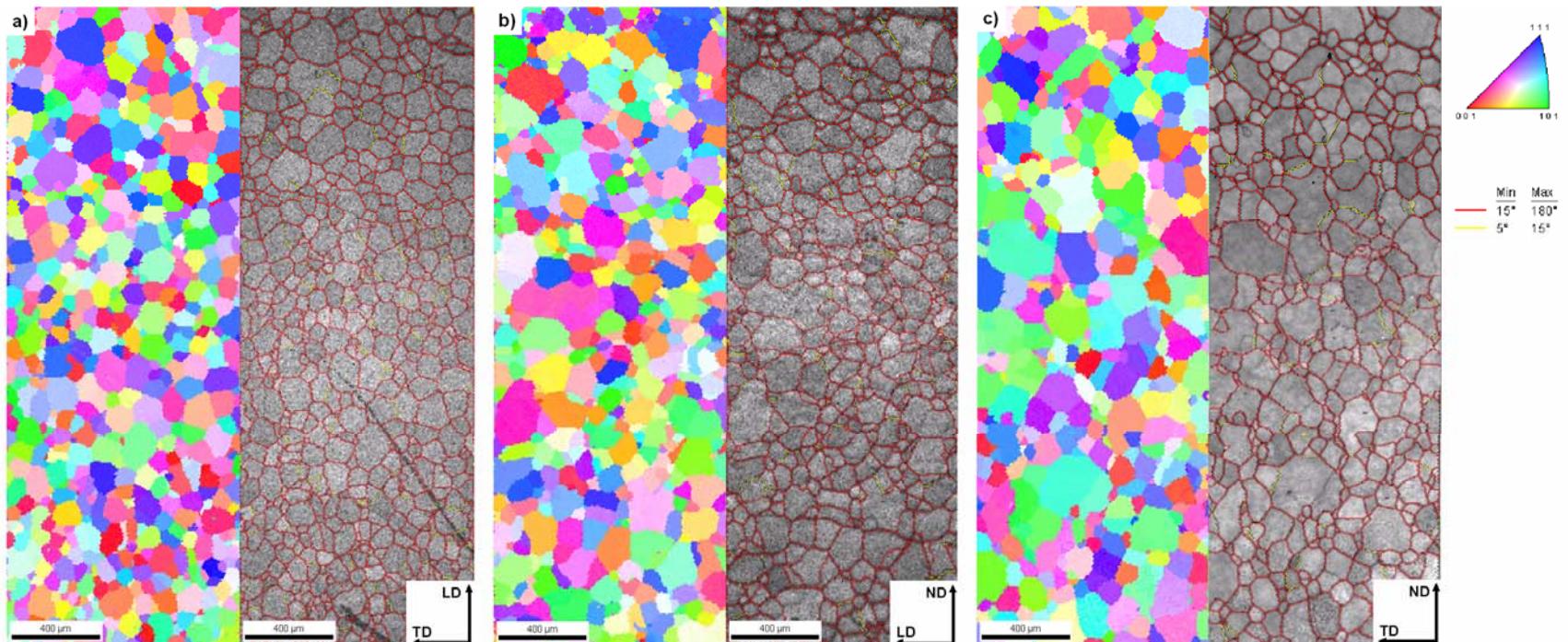


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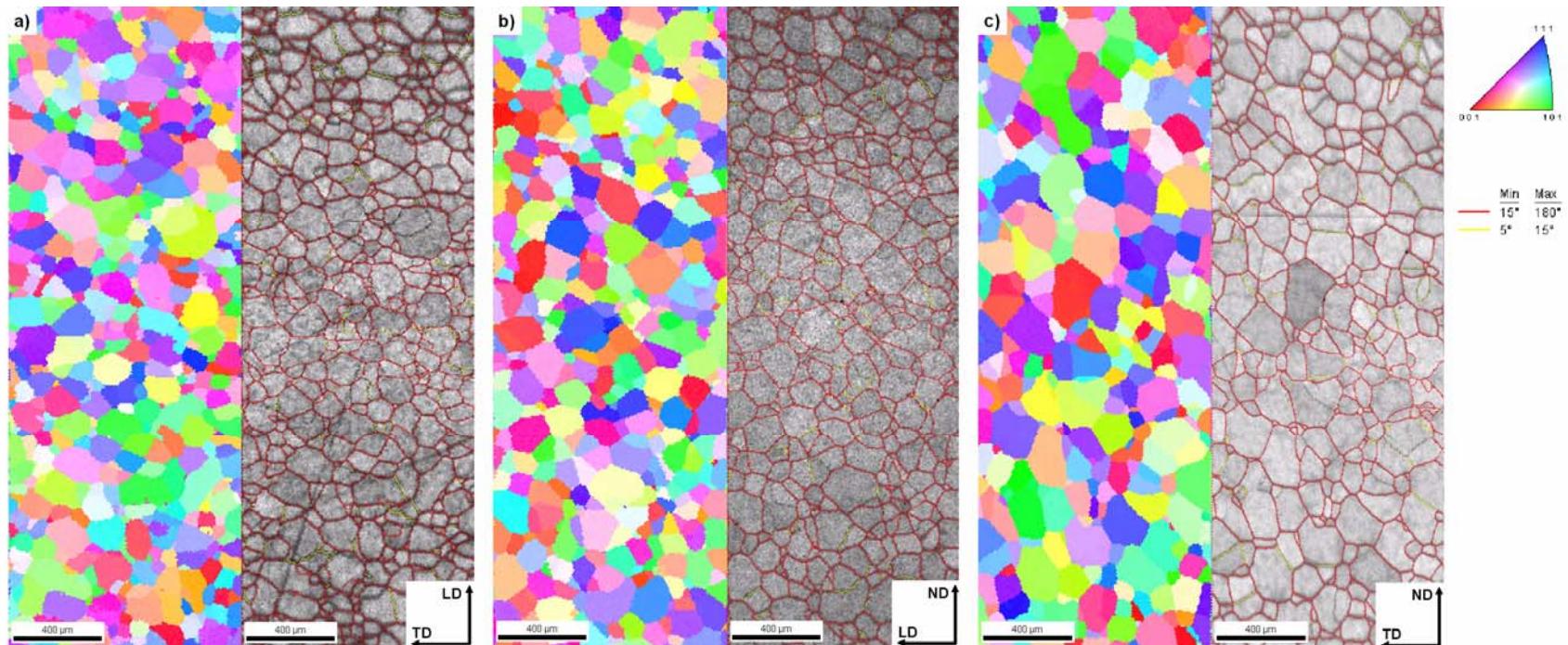
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# Experimental – results – microstructure Nb



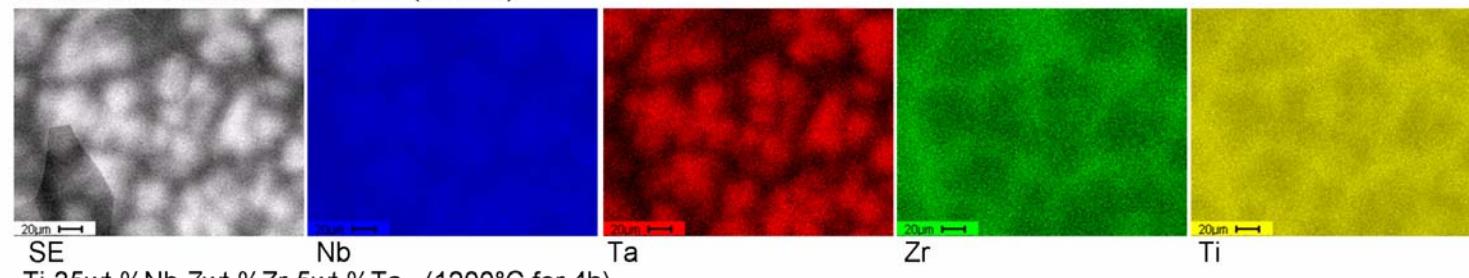
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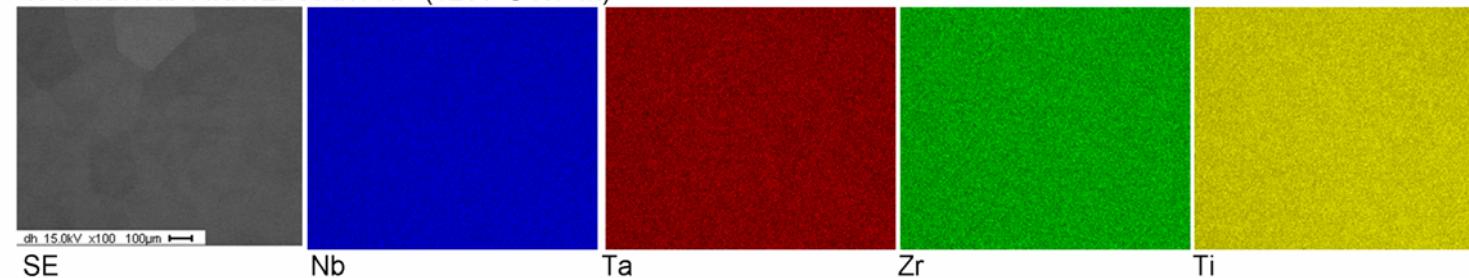
# Experimental – Results – Microstructure, Segregation



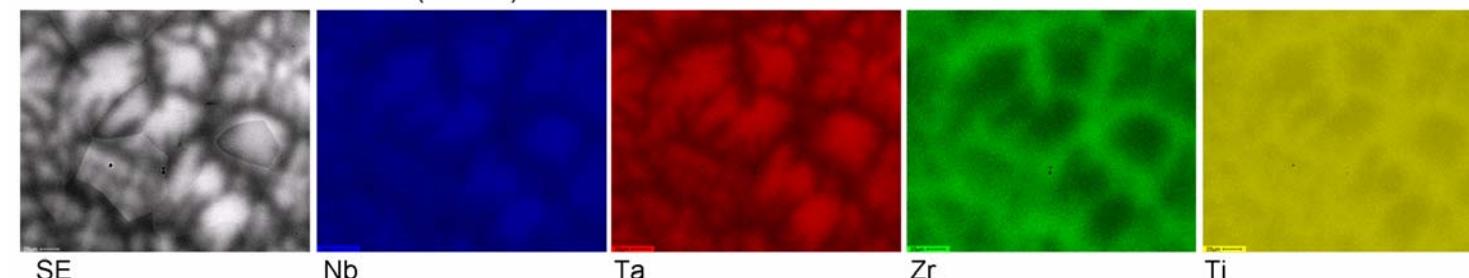
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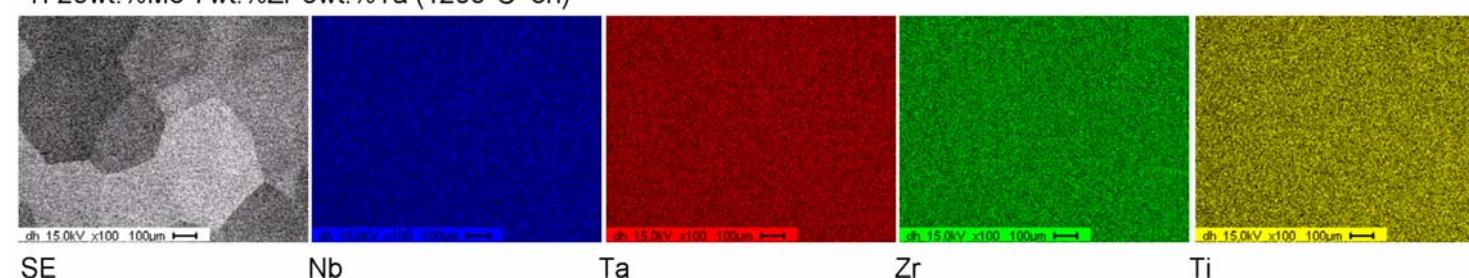
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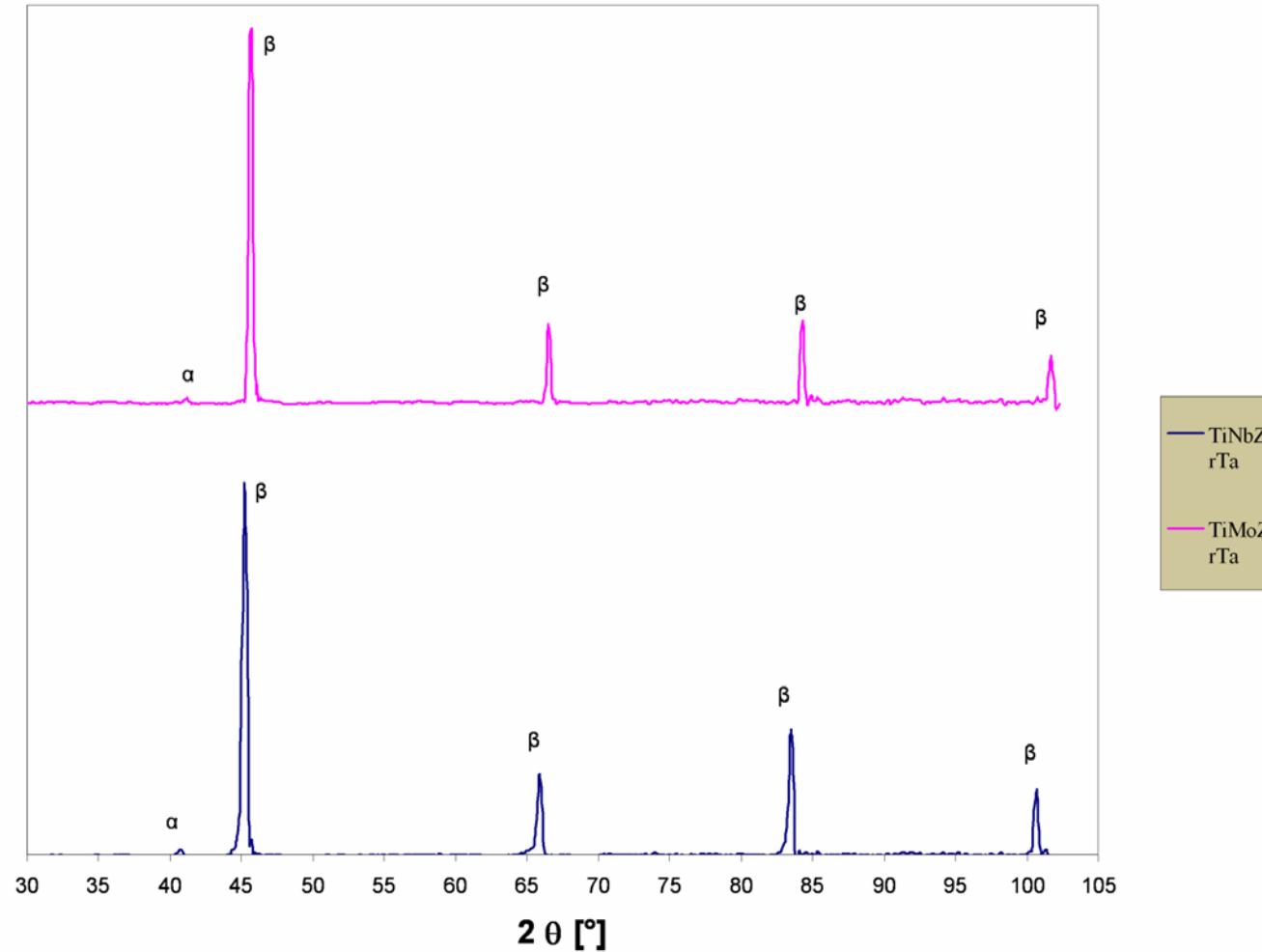
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# Experimental – Results – Phases

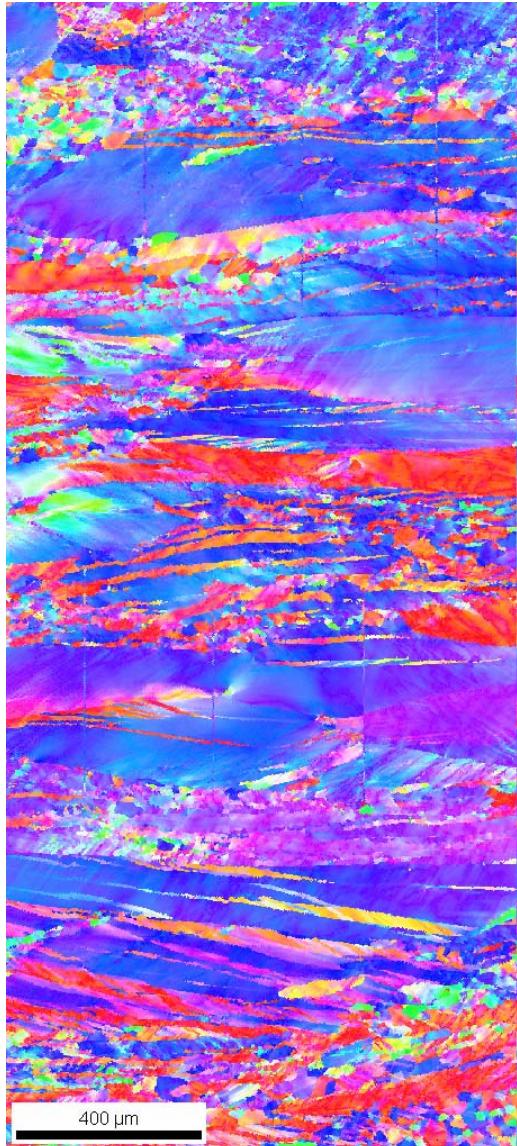


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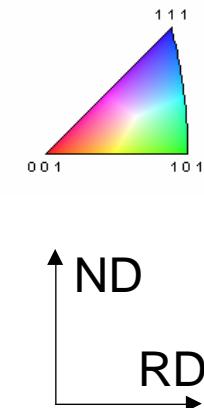
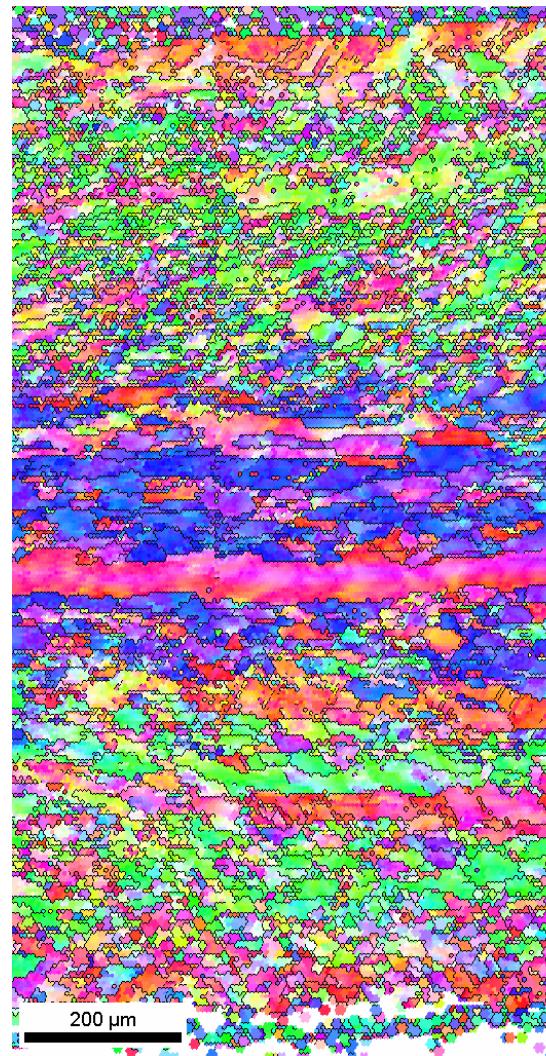


- Ti-35wt.%Nb-7wt.%-Zr-5wt.%-Ta (rolled at 750°C)

70%



90%



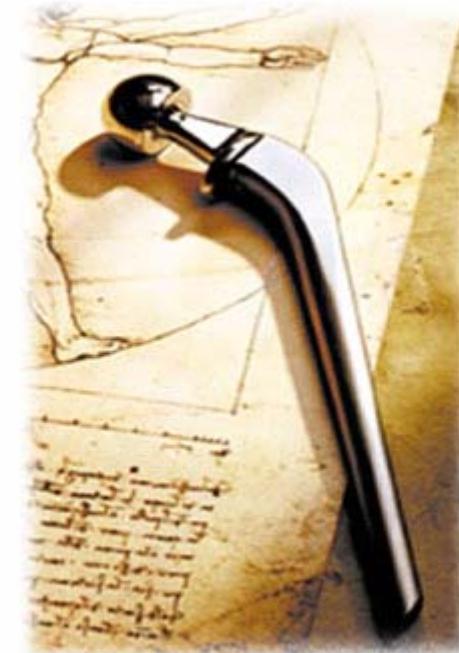


- Ti: 114.7 GPa
- Ti-20wt.%Mo-7wt.%Zr-5wt.%Ta: 81.5 GPa
- Ti-35wt.%Nb-7wt.%Zr-5wt.%Ta: 59.9 GPa

# Conclusions



- **ab – initio prediction works (TD, modulus)**
- **Good fit between experiments and theory**
- **Next generation alloy design**
- **Ti, Steels, Mg, Chitin**



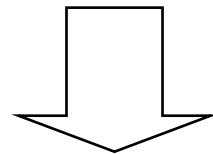


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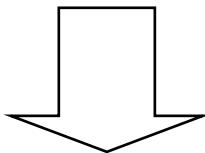


# Experimental Procedure

1 micron diamond polishing along {11-2} plane followed by 5 min ultrasonically in acetone cleaning

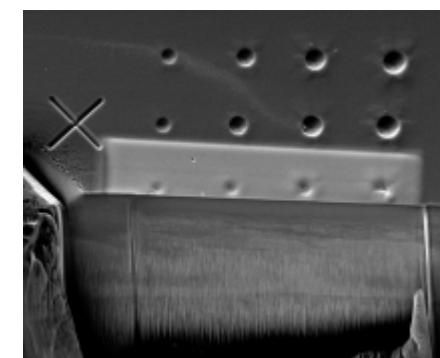
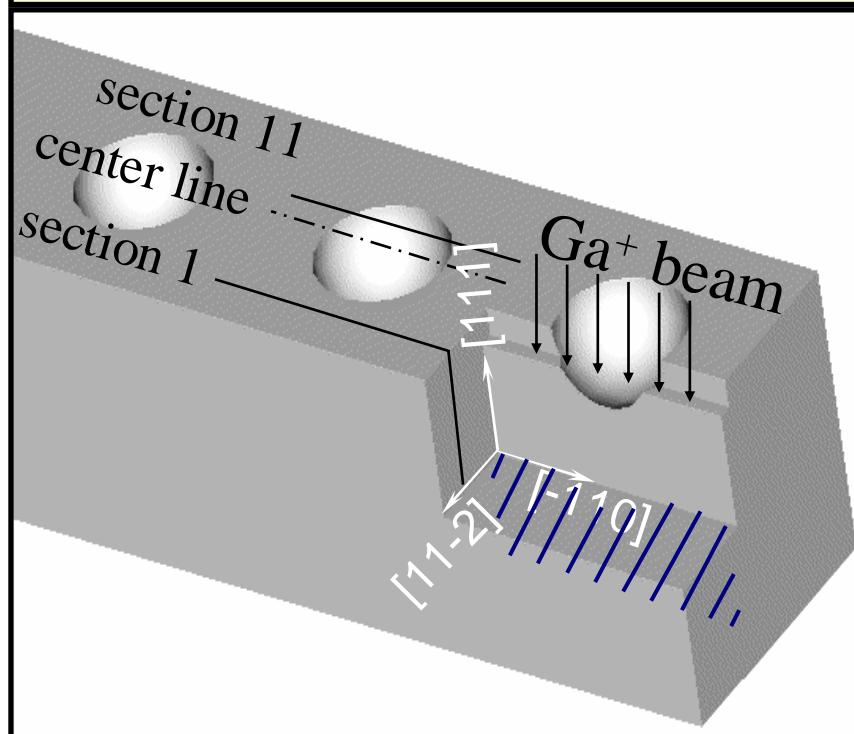


Milling by FIB



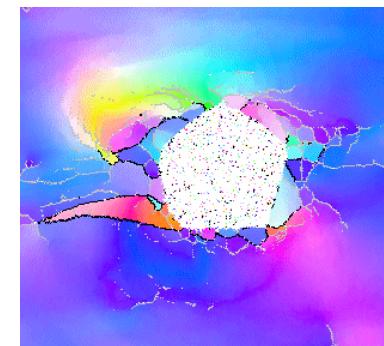
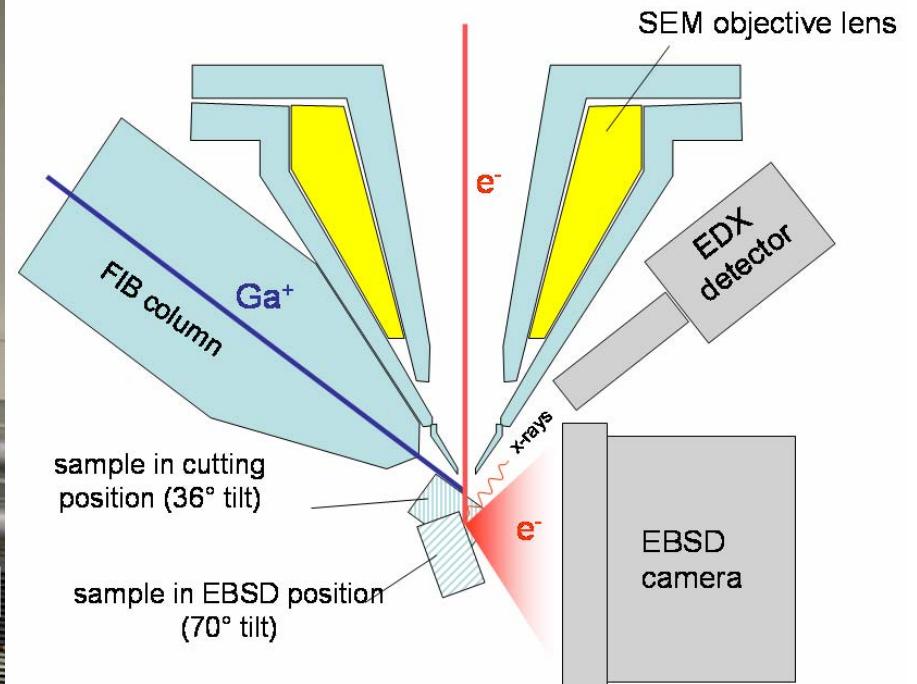
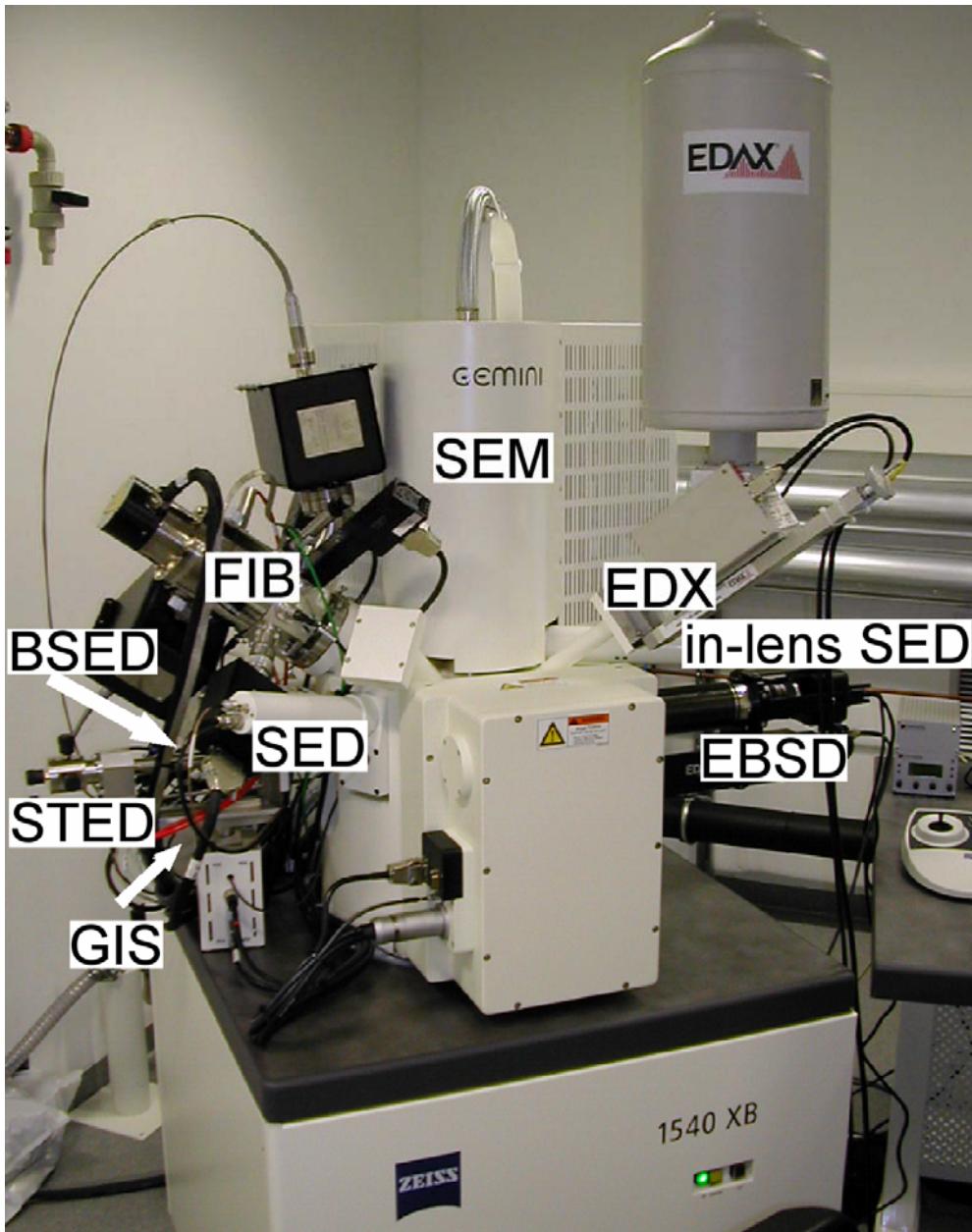
EBSD in each slice

Layout of the FIB milling through indents



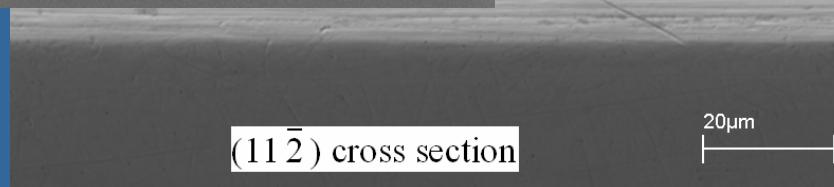
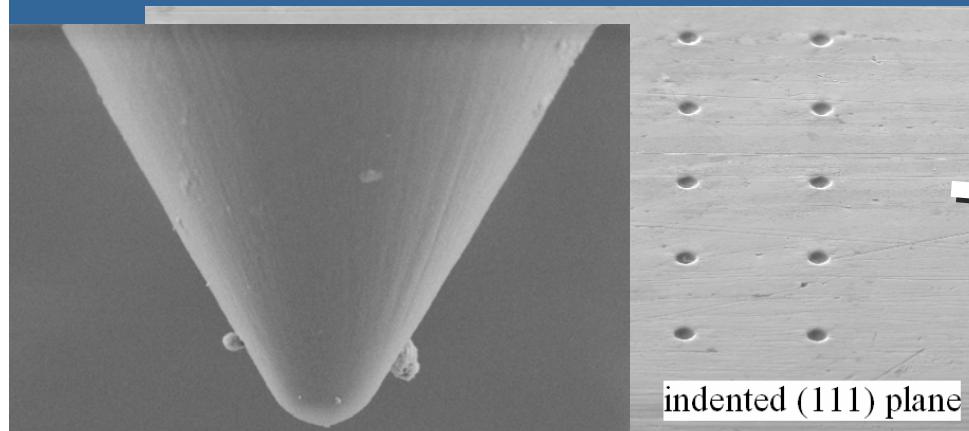


# 3D EBSD - electron orientation microscopy



# Nanoindentation - 3D

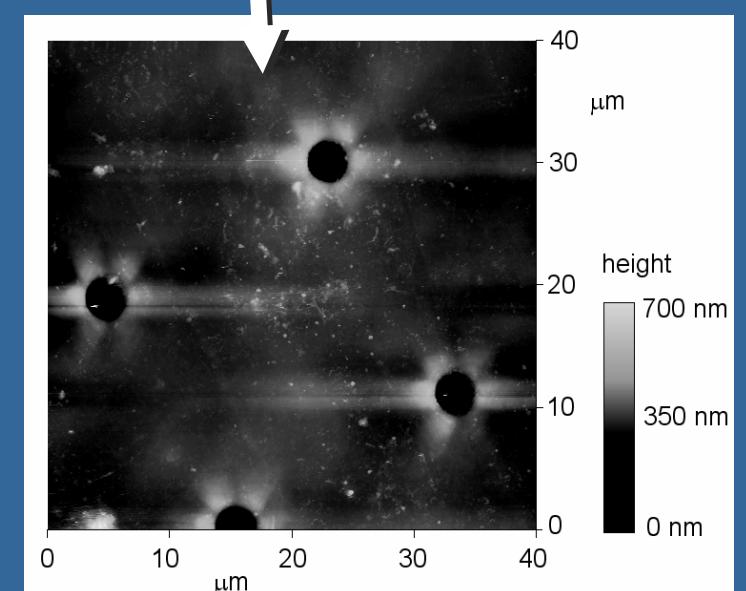
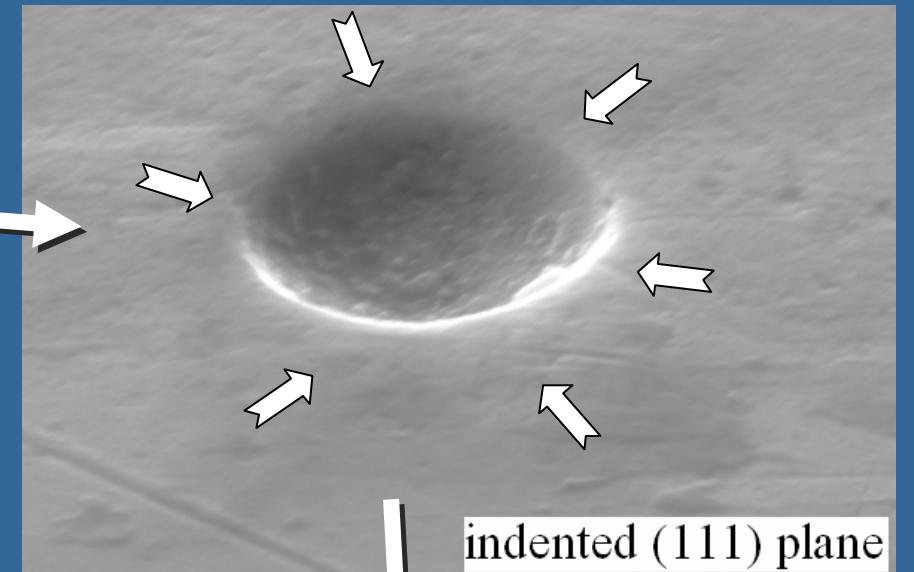
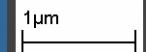
10 mN, no holding time , rate: 1.82 mN/s



protective tungsten layer      indented (111) plane

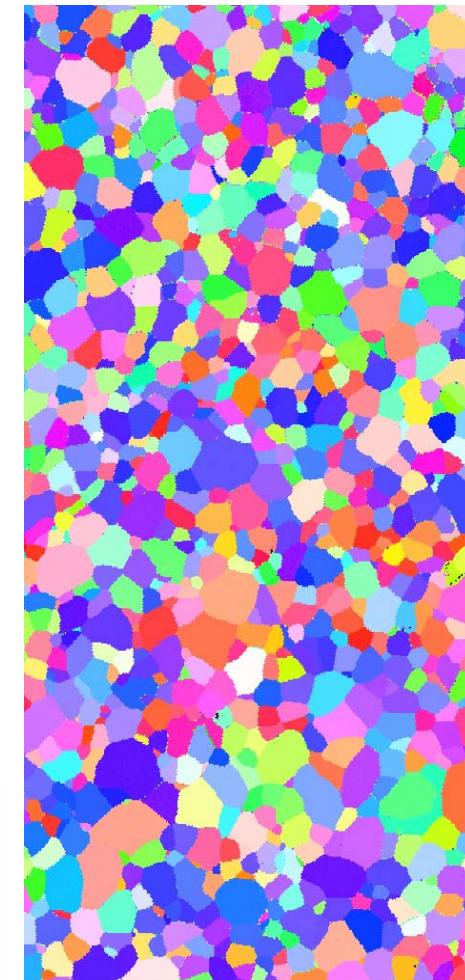
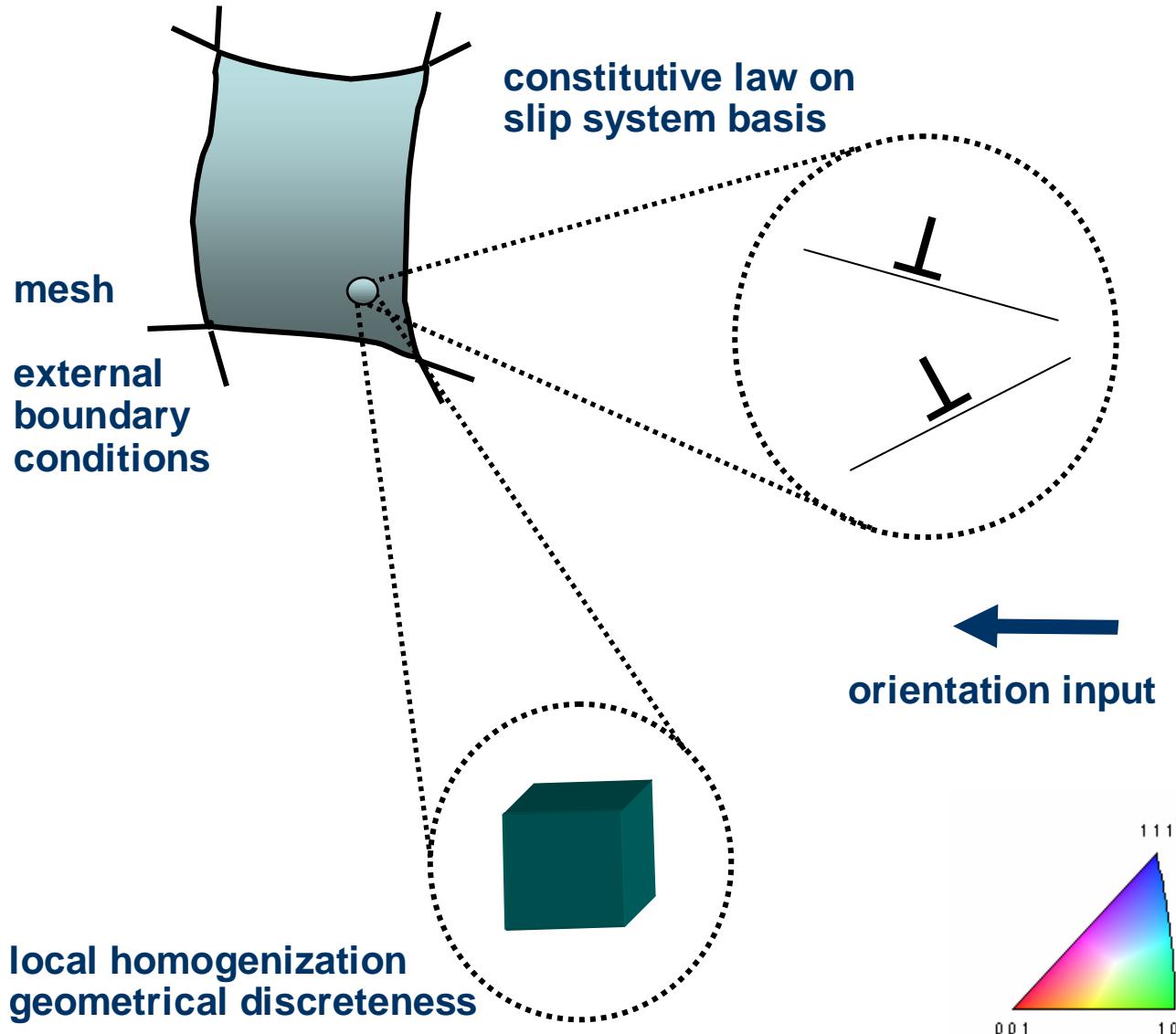
tungsten layer

copper crystal

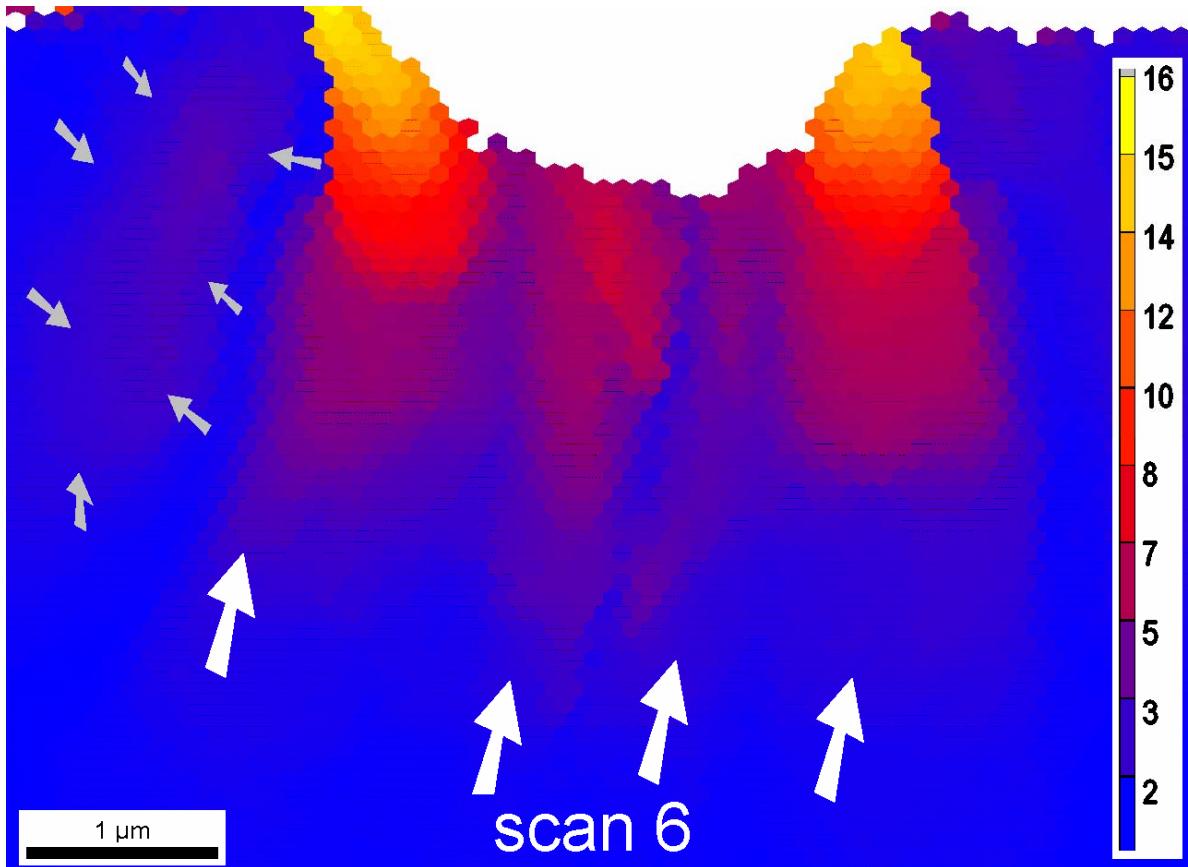




## crystal plasticity FEM (CPFEM) - family

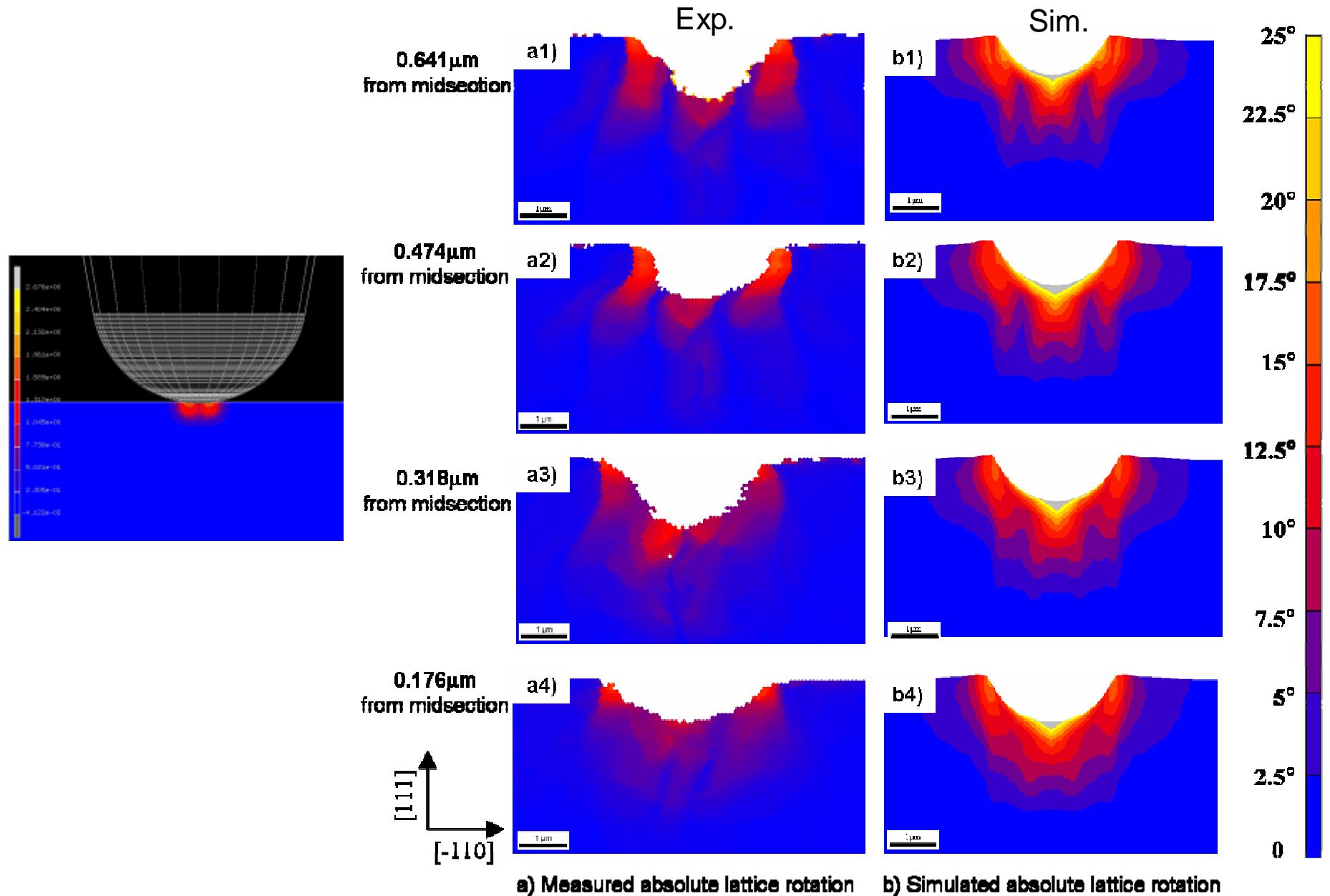


# Misorientation map



Closer view of the experimentally observed pattern of the absolute values of the deformation-induced crystalline lattice rotations in ° in the vicinity of the indent

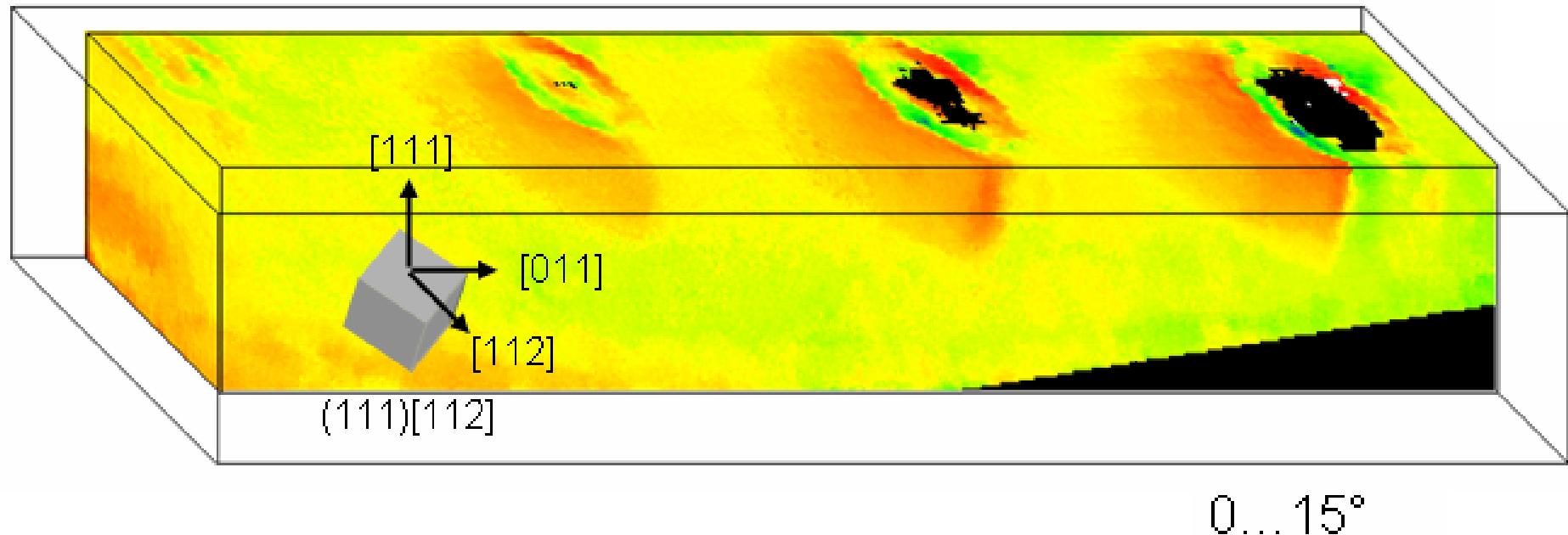
# Comparison: magnitude of orientation changes



# Experimental : Forces: 4, 6, 8, and 10 mN

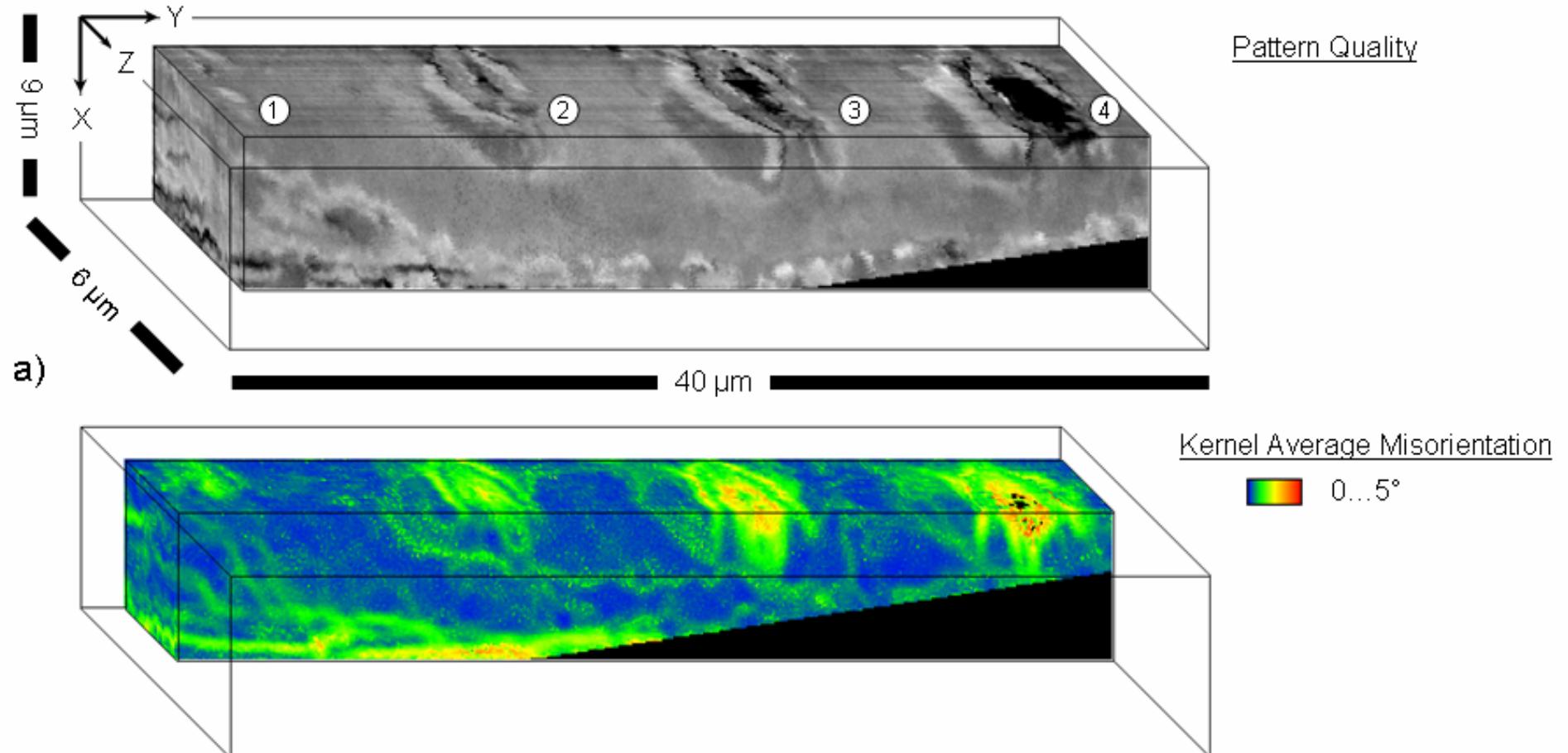


Gradual evolution during indentation ?  
Experiment



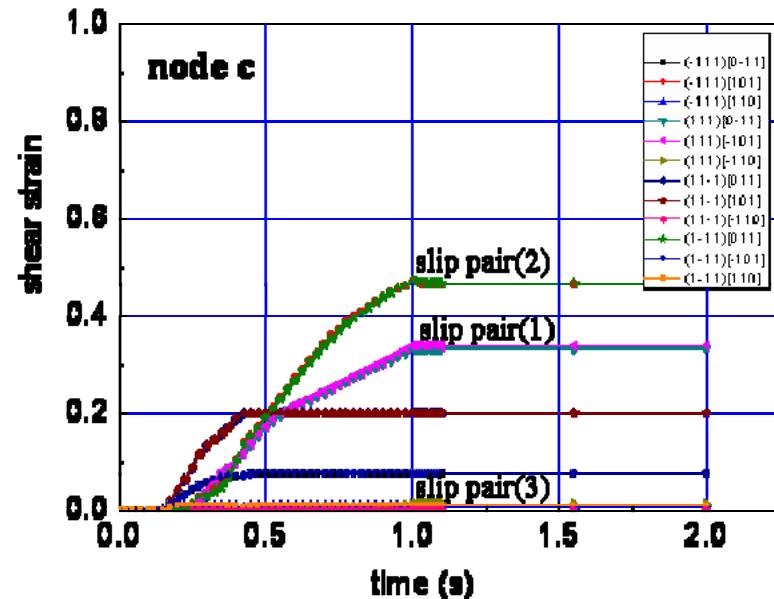
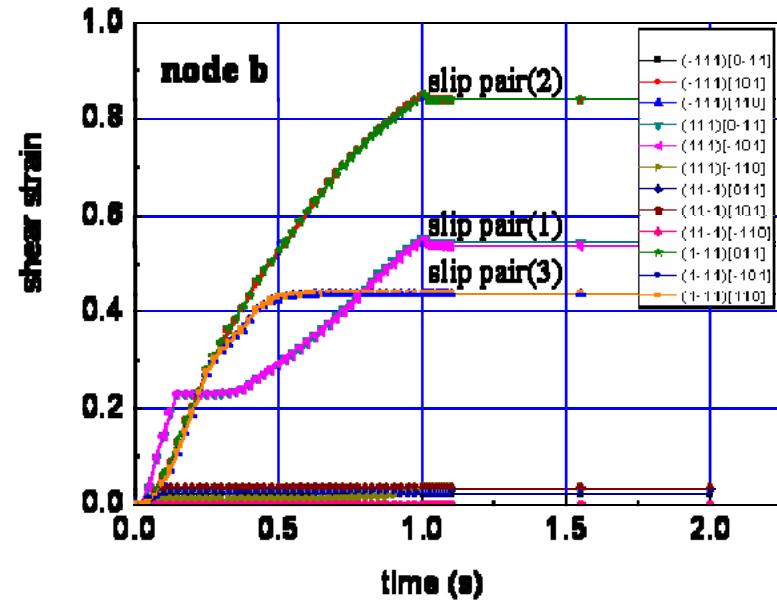
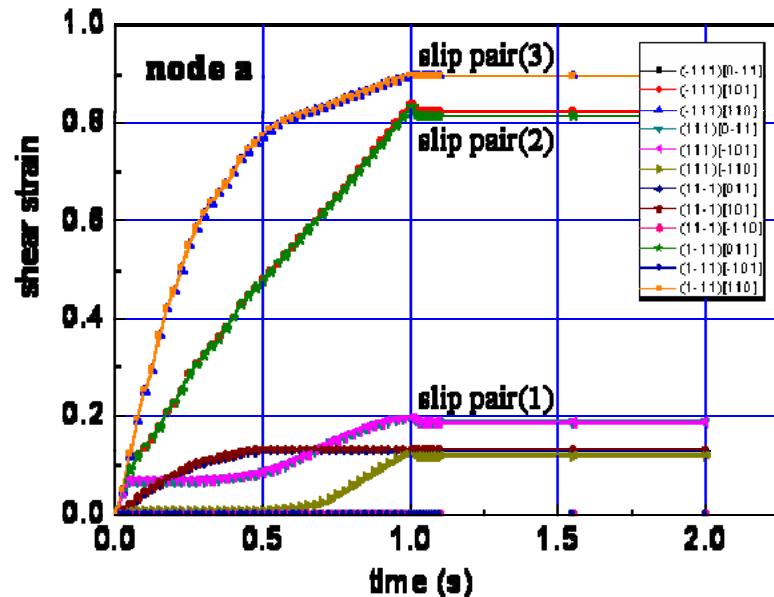
self-similarity, same type of pattern from early beginning

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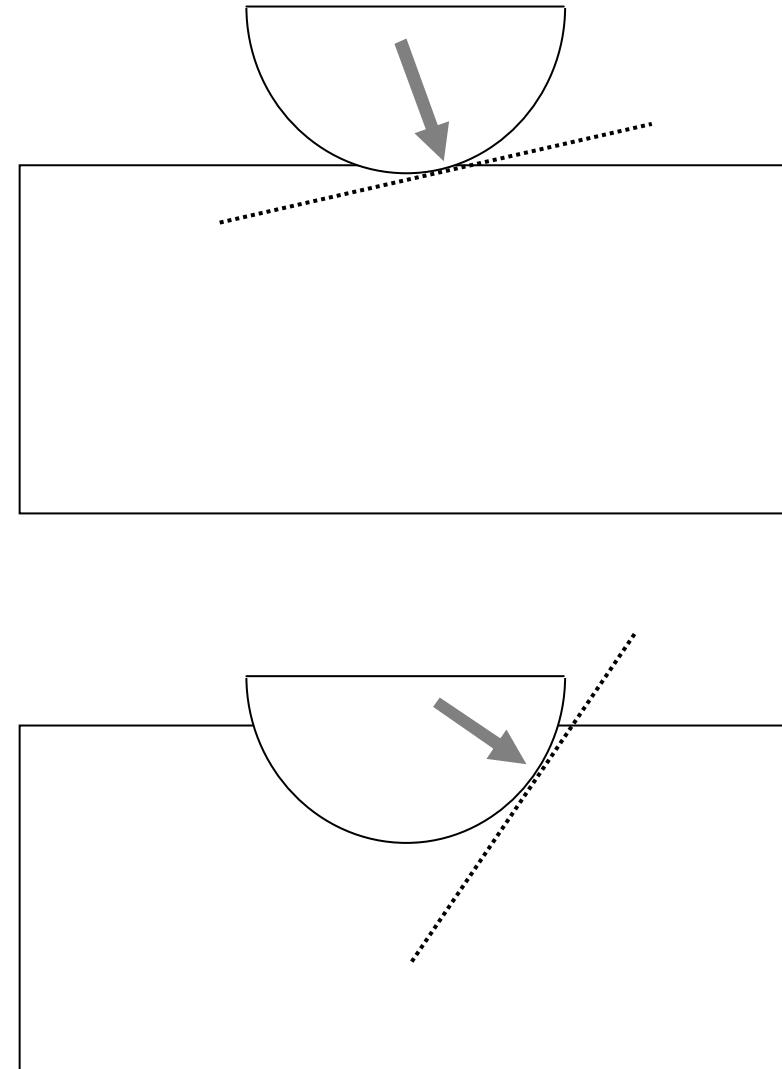
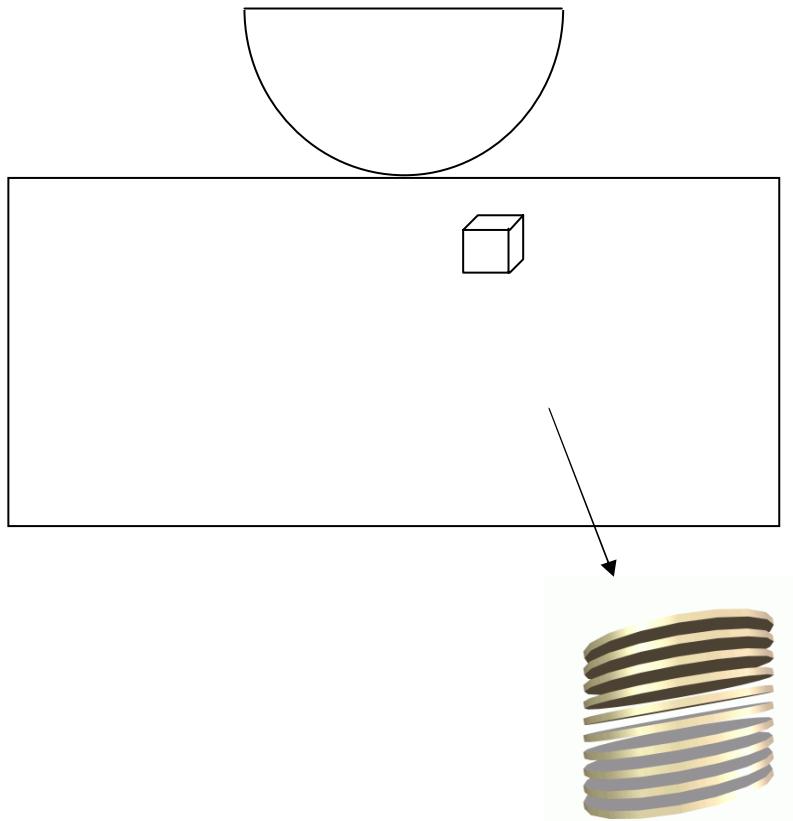
local !! curvature seems NOT to be larger for very small indents

# Local active slip systems (simulation)



The active slip systems during indentation at these nodes

# Sachs case under compression tangential to contact



**Simplify: single crystal kinematics for  
a Sachs case under compression  
tangential to local contact interface**