

# **Computational Design and Performance Prediction of Creep- Resistant Ferritic Superalloys**

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# Outline

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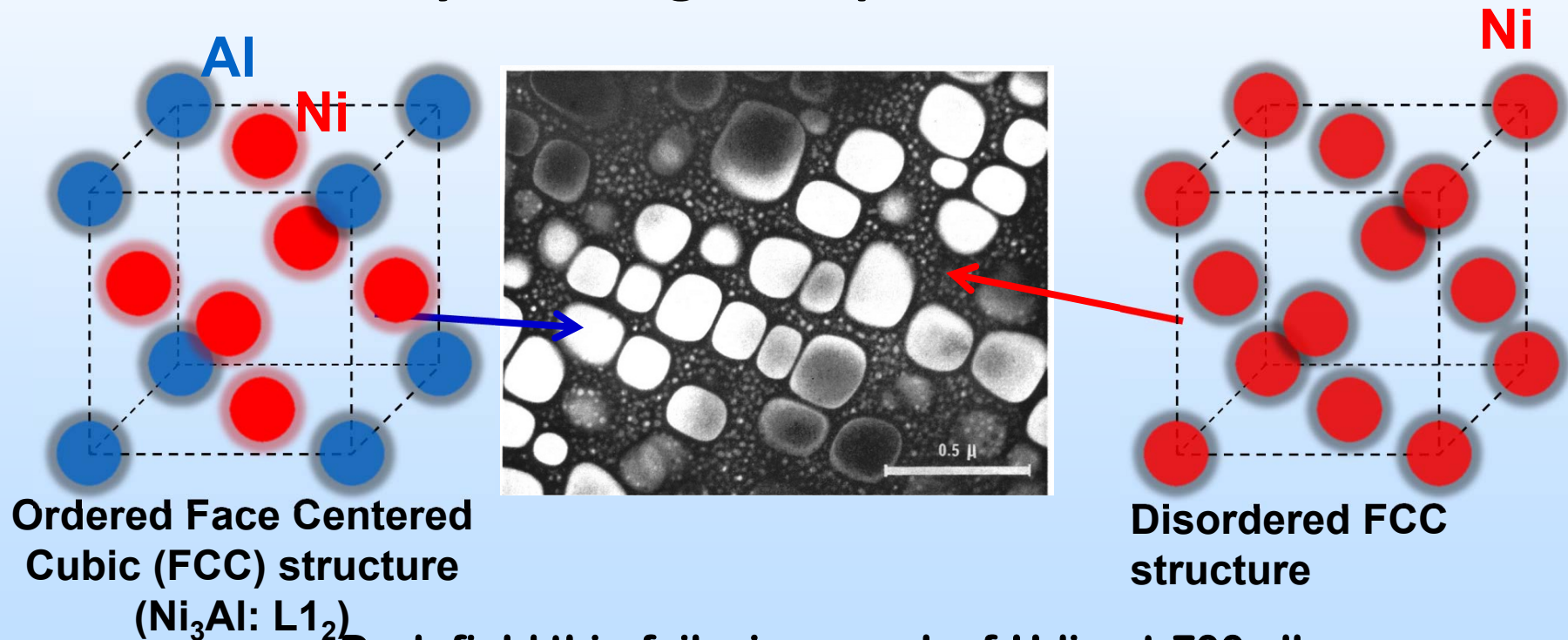
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# Technical Background of the Project

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# Ni-based Superalloys

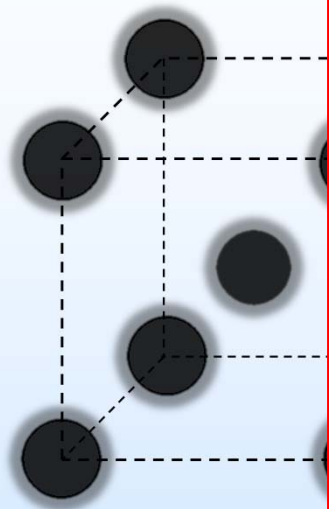
- Higher-temperature capability compared to other superalloys (austenitic and ferritic superalloys)
- Most-widely-used high-temperature materials



Dark-field thin-foil micrograph of Udimet-700 alloy  
[Ni-15Co-15Cr-5Mo-3.5Fe-4.3Al-3.5Ti-0.05C, in weight percent]

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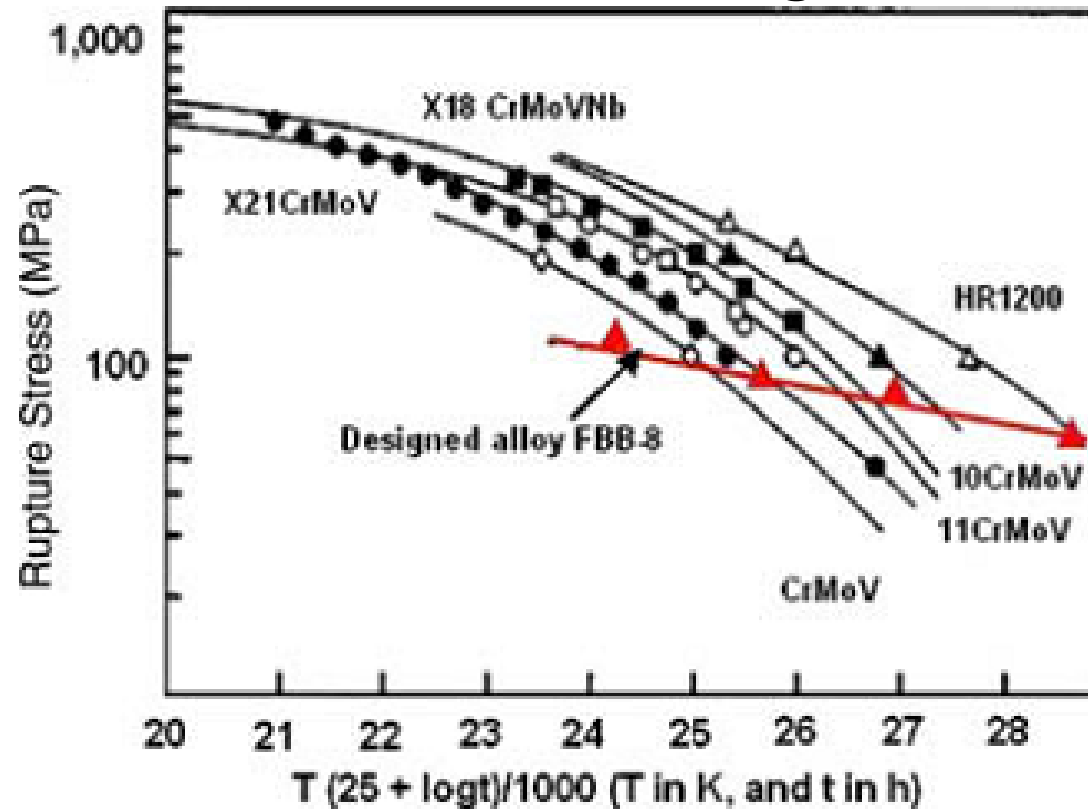
# NiAl-hardened Ferritic Superalloys



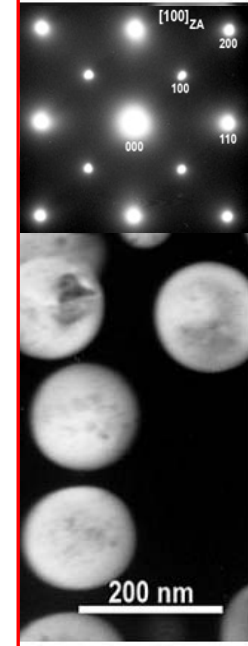
Fe ( $\alpha$  phase)  
 $a = 0.28665$

Similar lattice structure  
 Ni-based superalloys

## Larson-Miller diagram



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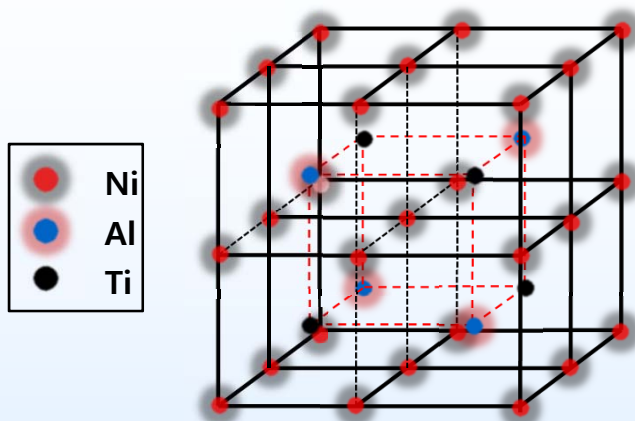
→ analogue to

**However....**

At high stresses ( $> 100$  MPa) inferior creep resistance compared to other Fe-based materials candidates for steam-turbine applications

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- 2) S. Huang, Y. Gao, K. An, L. Zheng, W. Wu, Z. Teng, P.K. Liaw, *Acta Mater.*, 83 (2015) 137-148.

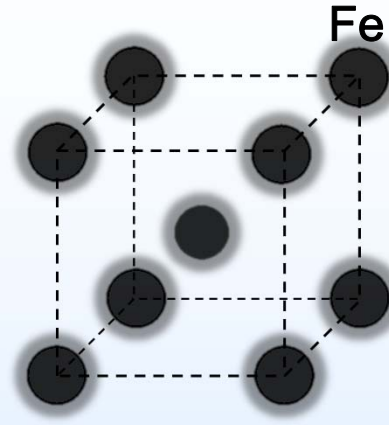
# L<sub>21</sub>-Ni<sub>2</sub>TiAl Structure Phase as a New Precipitate



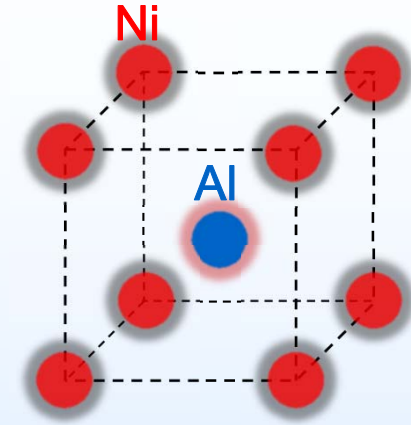
Ni<sub>2</sub>TiAl (L<sub>21</sub>)  
 $a/2 = 0.29325 \text{ nm}$

The small cells constituting the large Ni<sub>2</sub>AlTi unit cell are 1.7 % larger in size than the NiAl unit cell

- 1) P. Strutt, R. Polvani, J. Ingram, Metallurgical and Materials Transactions A, 7 (1976) 23-31
- 2) R. Polvani, W.-S. Tzeng, P. Strutt, Metallurgical and Materials Transactions A, 7 (1976) 33-40.



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 $a = 0.28665 \text{ nm}$

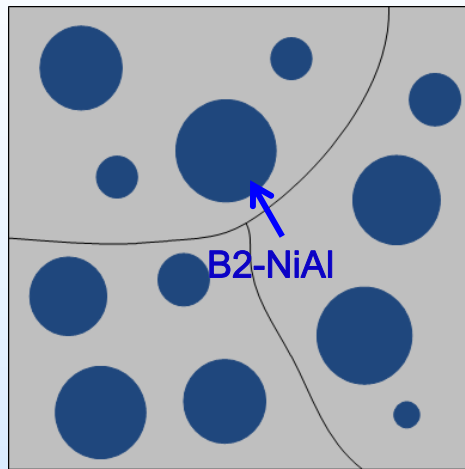


NiAl (B2 phase)  
 $a = 0.28864 \text{ nm}$

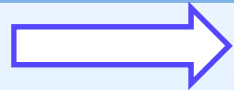
- The elevated-temperature strength of NiAl-type (B2) precipitates is limited by their properties.
- The creep strength of Ni<sub>2</sub>TiAl (L<sub>21</sub>) between 1,026 and 1,273 K is about three times that of NiAl in its most creep-resistant form.
- The creep strength of NiAl-Ni<sub>2</sub>TiAl two-phase alloys are more creep resistant than either of the phases in its monolithic form and at least comparable to the Ni-based superalloy, MAR-M200 (nominal composition wt.%: Cr 9.0; Co 10.0; W 12.5; Nb 1.0; Ti 2.0; Al 5.0; C 0.15; B 0.015; Ni balance).

# Hypothesis: L2<sub>1</sub>-Structure Phase as a New Precipitate

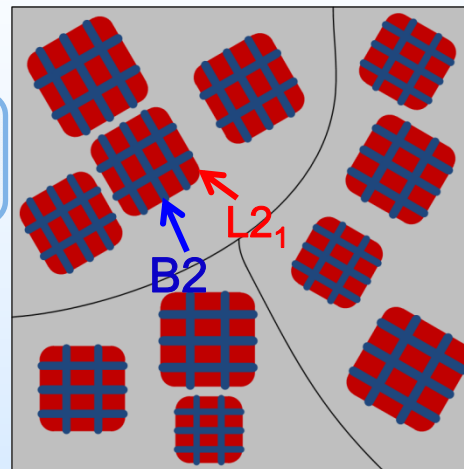
Single NiAl precipitate



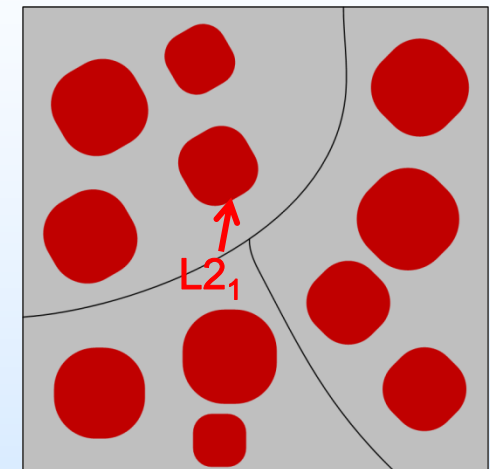
Ti, Hf, Zr, and Ta addition



Hierarchical L2<sub>1</sub>/B2 precipitate



Single L2<sub>1</sub> precipitate



FBB8: Fe-6.5Al-10Cr-10Ni-3.4Mo-0.25Zr-0.005B, weight percent (wt.%): FBB8

## Novel Precipitate Structures

Effect of precipitate structures on creep properties (hierarchical B2/L2<sub>1</sub> and single L2<sub>1</sub> structure)

What are critical parameters for creep resistance? (volume/size/morphology)

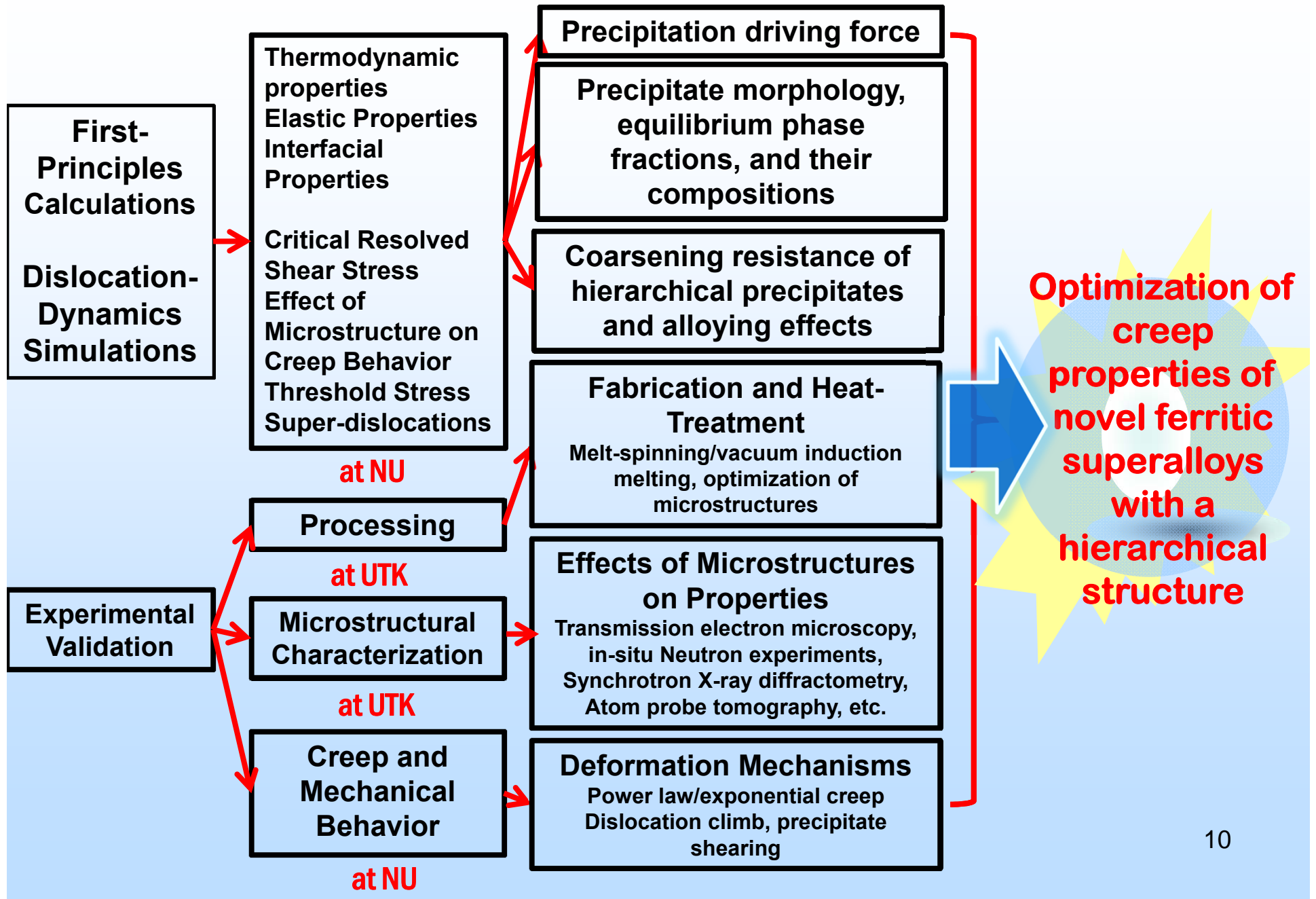


# Objectives

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- **Objective 1:** To develop and integrate modern computational tools and algorithms, i.e., predictive first-principles calculations, computational-thermodynamic modeling, and meso-scale dislocation-dynamics simulations, to design high-temperature alloys for applications in fossil energy power plants.
- **Objective 2:** To understand the processing-microstructure-property-performance links underlying the creep behavior of novel ferritic alloys strengthened by hierarchical coherent B2/L2<sub>1</sub> precipitates.

# Schematic Illustration of Current Study



# Current Progress

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# First-Principles Calculations

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# Calculations of Elastic Constants of Fe, B2, and L2<sub>1</sub> Phases

$$E(V, \{e_i\}) = E(V_0, 0) - PV_0 \sum_{i=1}^3 e_i + \frac{V_0}{2} \sum_{i=1}^6 \sum_{j=1}^6 C_{ij} e_i e_j + O[e_i^3]$$

*E*: internal energy

*e<sub>i</sub>*: infinitesimal strain

*V<sub>0</sub>*: volume of the unstrained crystal

*C<sub>ij</sub>*: single-crystal elastic constants

*P*: pressure of the undistorted crystal at a volume, *V<sub>0</sub>*

## • Heusler Phases (in GPa)

Elastic Constant \ Phase	Ni <sub>2</sub> TiAl	Fe <sub>2</sub> TiAl	Co <sub>2</sub> TiAl
<b>C<sub>11</sub></b>	<b>211.87</b>	<b>313.75</b>	<b>288.89</b>
<b>C<sub>12</sub></b>	<b>143.39</b>	<b>124.07</b>	<b>137.79</b>
<b>C<sub>44</sub></b>	<b>87.23</b>	<b>108.77</b>	<b>111.88</b>

- **C<sub>ij</sub>**s are obtained by a first-principles method: total energy of the system,  $E(V, \{e_i\})$ , as a function of deformation.
- There is NO experimental **C<sub>ij</sub>** data of Heusler phases. Thus, calculations from first-principles is the only viable option.
- **C<sub>ij</sub>** is needed to understand the morphology of coherent precipitates and interfacial energy. 13

# Experimental Results

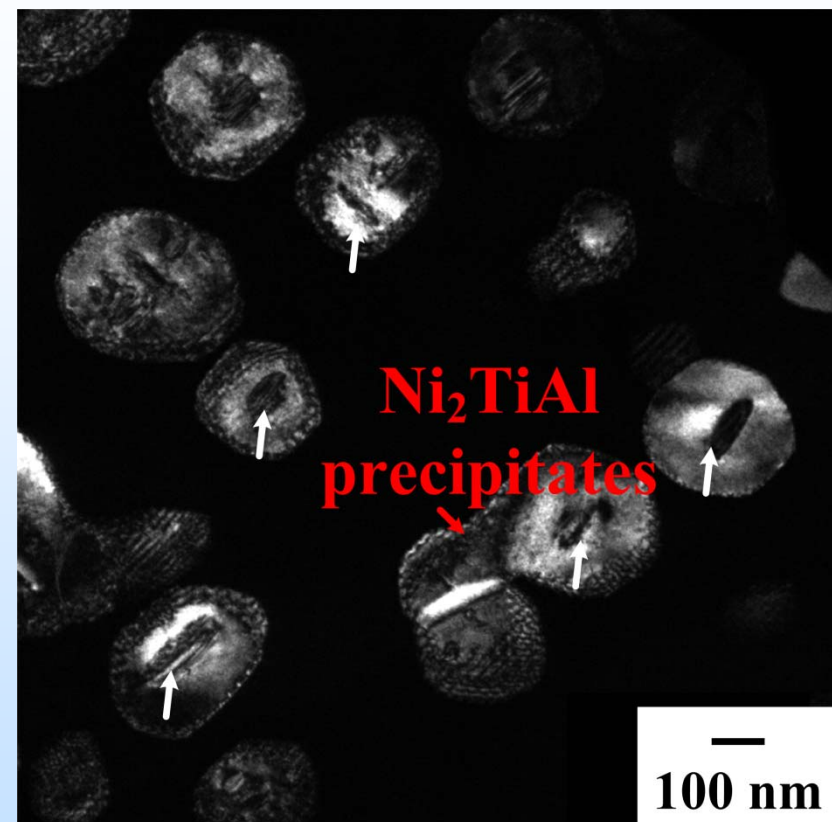
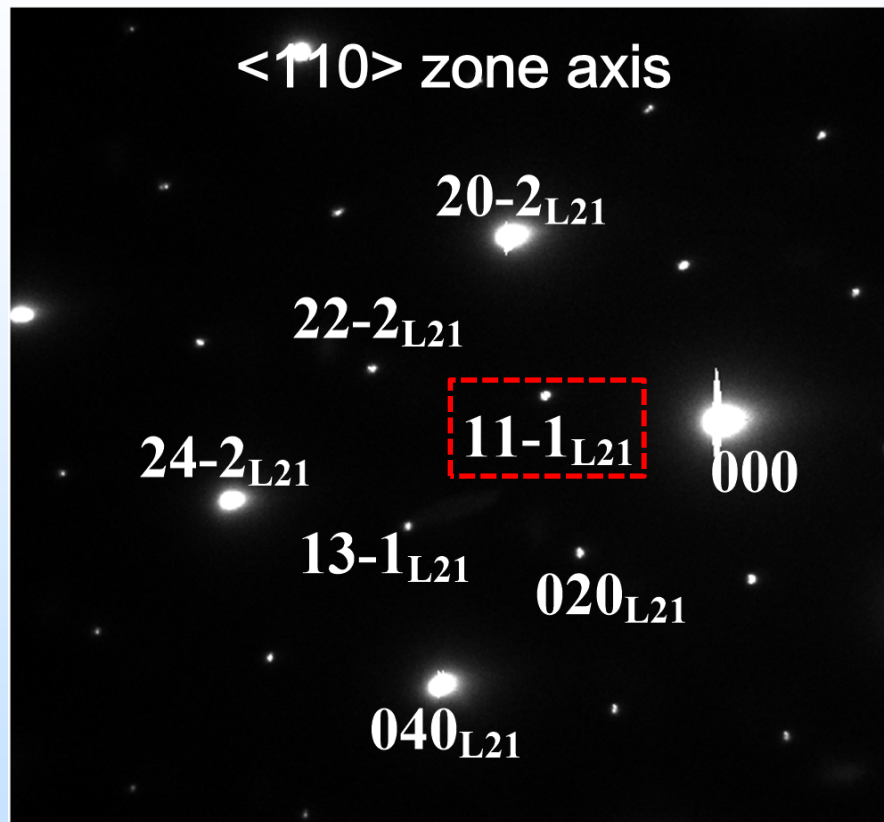
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# TEM Microstructural Characterization on 4% Ti Alloy

Fe-4Ti-6.5Al-10Cr-10Ni-3.4Mo-0.25Zr-0.005B (wt. %), aged at 973 K for 100 hs

<110> zone axis diffraction pattern

Dark-field (DF) image using <111>



- Formation of  $L2_1$ - $Ni_2TiAl$  precipitates
- A network of misfit dislocations is present at the precipitate-matrix interface → higher misfit between the Fe and  $L2_1$  phases

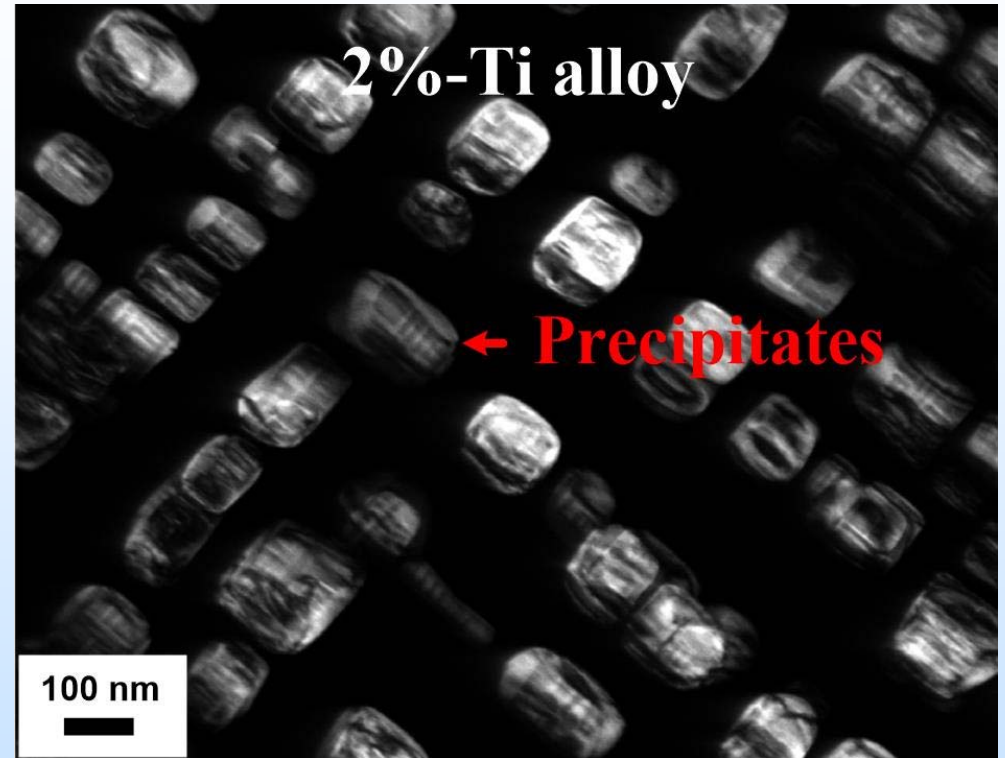
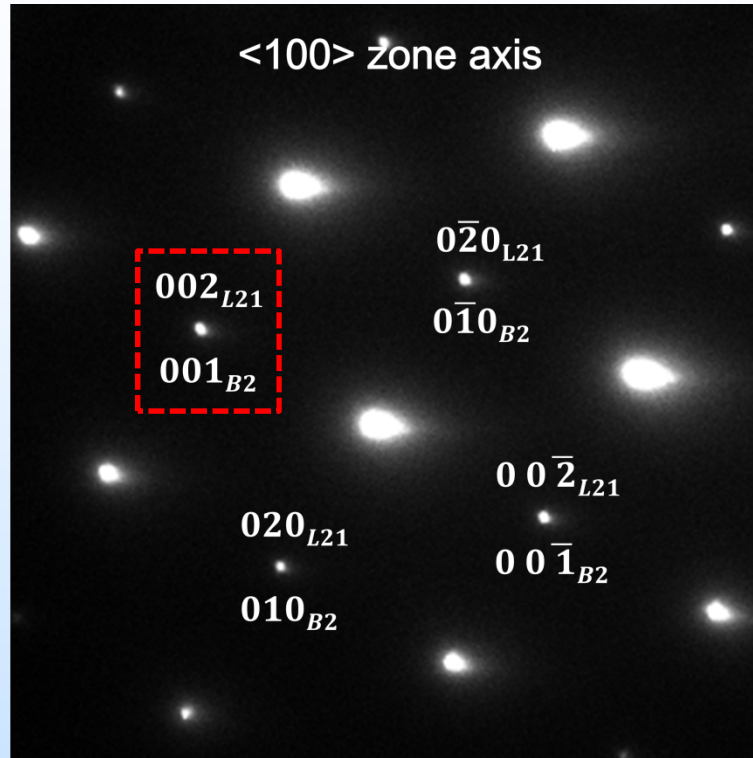
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# TEM Microstructural Characterization on 2% Ti Alloy

Fe-2Ti-6.5Al-10Cr-10Ni-3.4Mo-0.25Zr-0.005B (wt. %), aged at 973 K for 100 hs

<100> zone axis diffraction pattern

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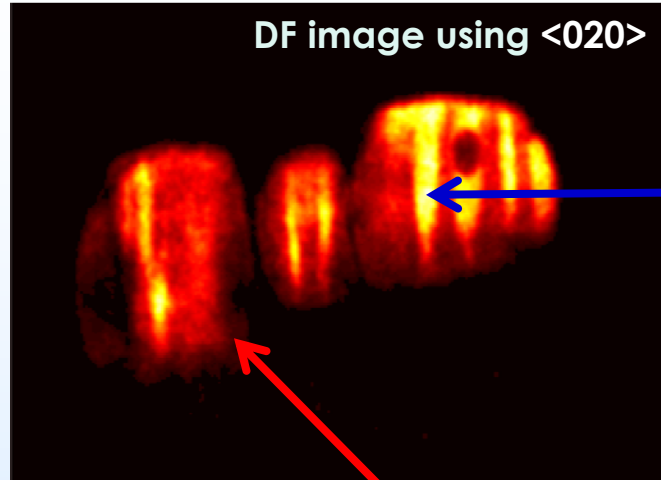


- Overlapping of the superlattice peaks between the L2<sub>1</sub> and B2 structures in the <100> direction
- Coherent cuboidal precipitates (no interface dislocation)
- Internal structure inside the precipitates → presence of second phase

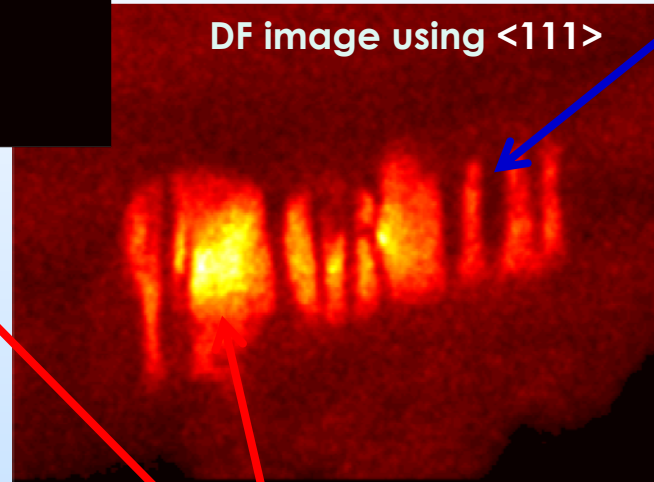


# TEM Microstructural Characterization on 2% Ti Alloy (Cont'd)

Fe-2Ti-6.5Al-10Cr-10Ni-3.4Mo-0.25Zr-0.005B (wt. %), aged at 973 K for 100 hs



- Confirmation of B2-NiAl formation within  $L2_1$ -Ni<sub>2</sub>TiAl parent precipitate

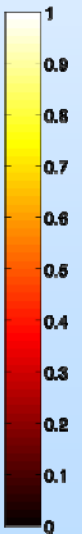
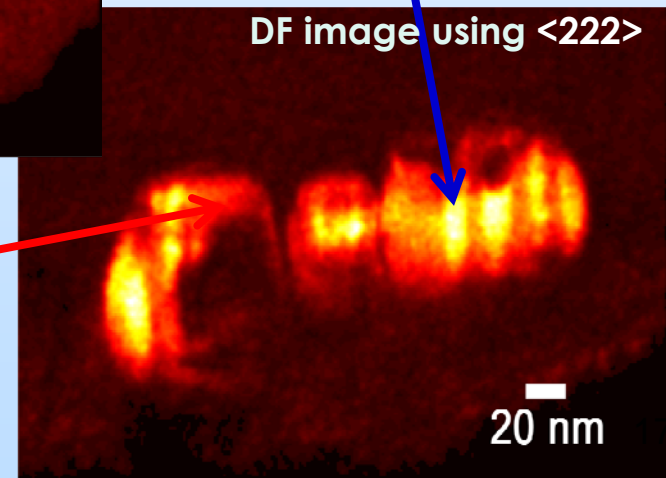


B2-NiAl zones

$\langle 111 \rangle$  unique to the  $L2_1$  structure  
 $\langle 020 \rangle$  and  $\langle 222 \rangle$  common to the  $L2_1$  and B2 structures

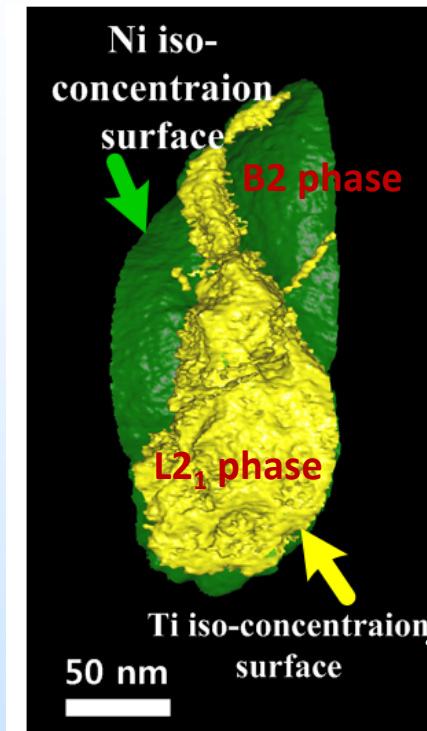
$\langle 101 \rangle$  zone axis

$L2_1$ -Ni<sub>2</sub>TiAl parent precipitate



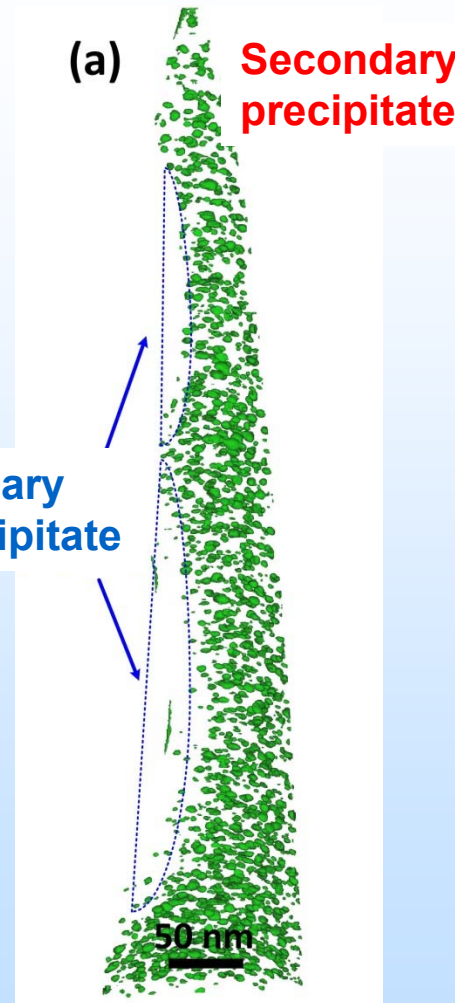
# Atom Probe Tomography on 2% Ti Alloy

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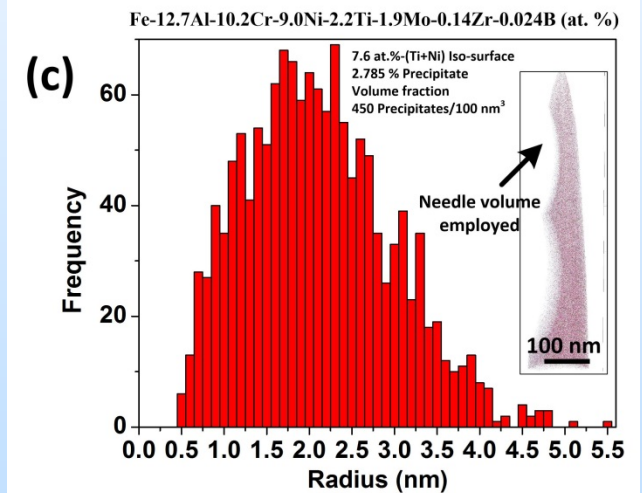
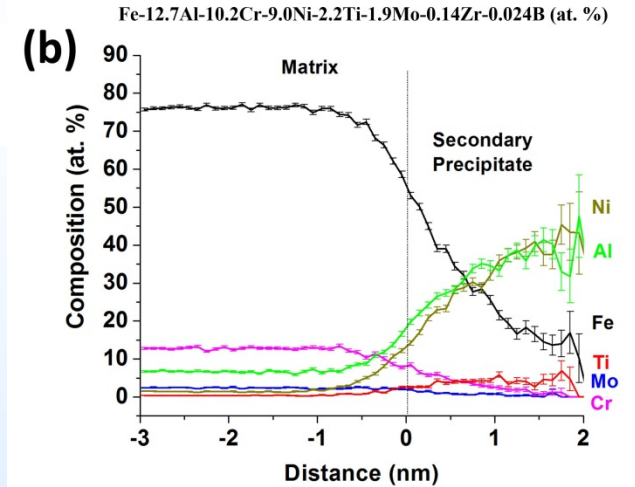


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The presence of NiAl zones in the main L2<sub>1</sub> precipitate  
Strong evidence of the hierarchical structure in the main precipitate



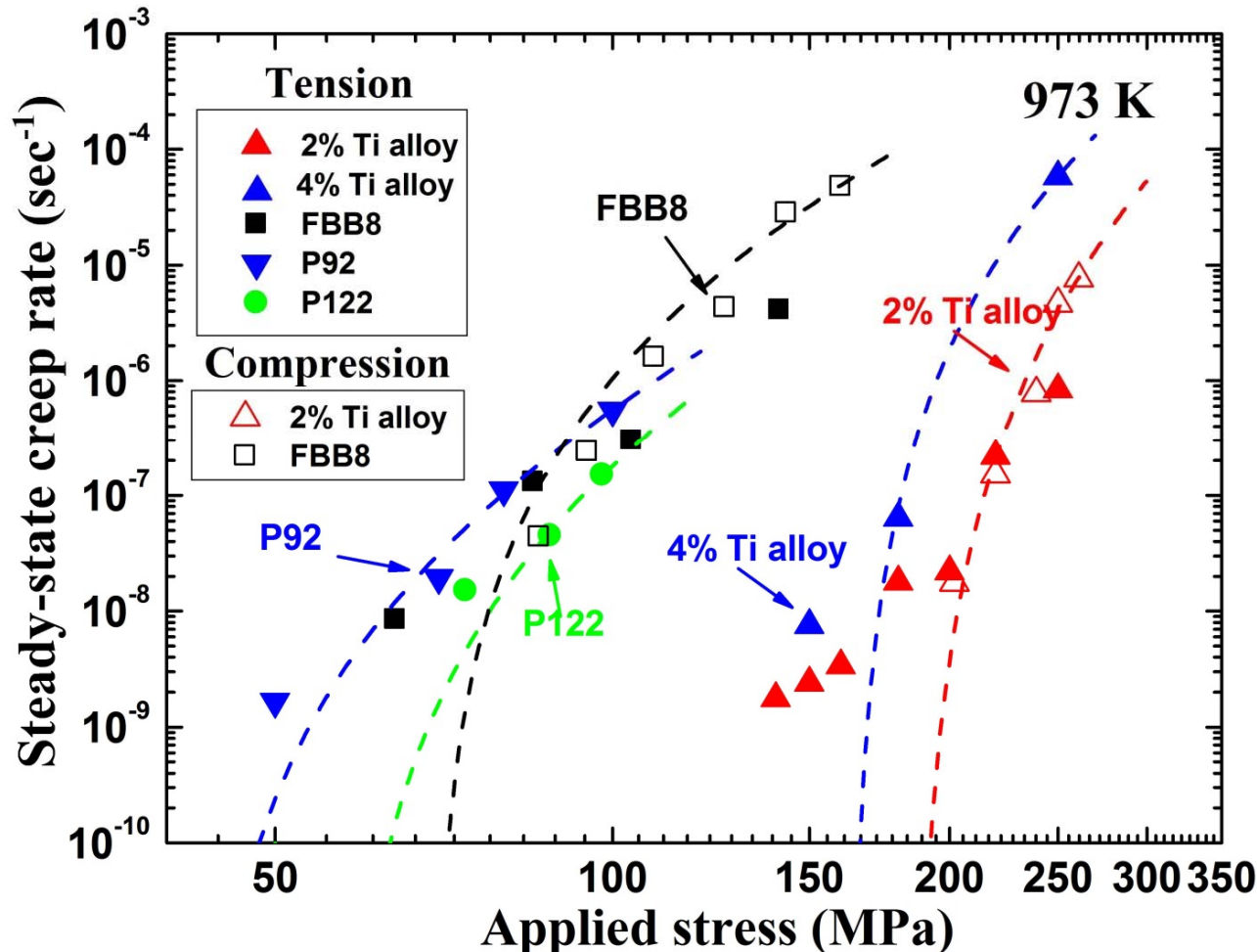
Formation of ultra-fine precipitates in the Fe matrix



# Creep Behavior (Cont'd)

Fe-6.5Al-10Cr-10Ni-3.4Mo-0~4Ti-0.25Zr-0.005B (wt.%)

Heat Treatment: Homogenized at 1200 °C for 0.5 h, then aged at 700 °C for 100 h



Steady-state creep rate vs applied stress of 0 (base alloy), 2 and 4 wt.% Ti alloys at 700 °C.

**P92:** Fe-9.09Cr-1.83W-0.61Mn-0.43Mo-0.23Si-0.21Ni-0.20V-0.10C-0.064Nb-0.046N-0.008P-0.003Al-0.0012B (wt. %)

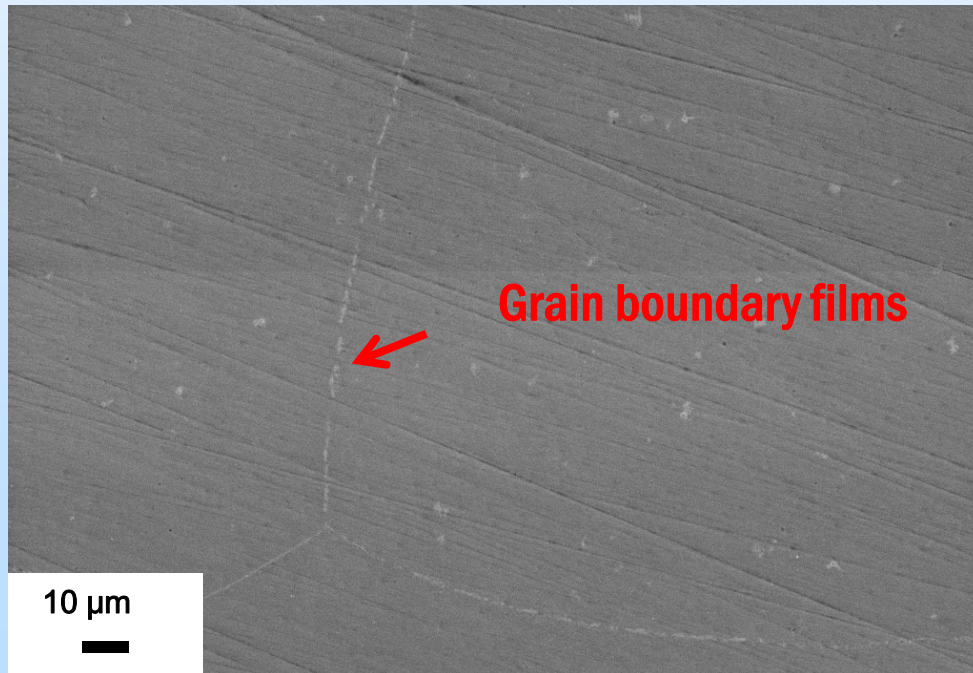
**P122:** Fe-10.15Cr-1.94W-0.61Mn-0.36Mo-0.27Si-0.34Ni-0.20V-0.13C-0.055Nb-0.057N-0.014P-0.017Al-0.0019B (wt. %)

# Ongoing Research

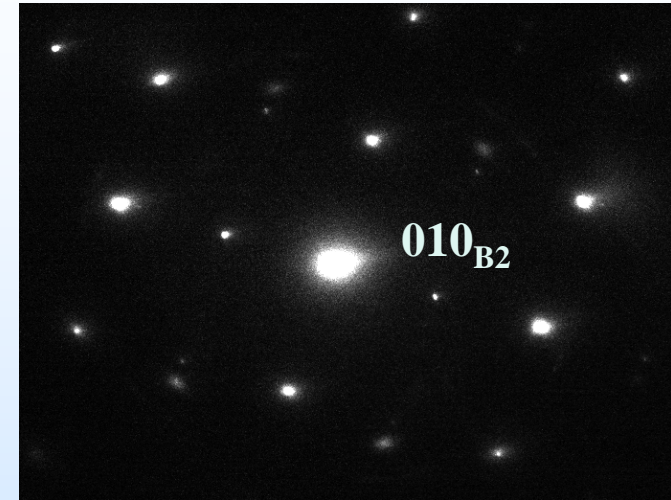
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Fe-1Ti-1Hf-6.5Al-10Cr-10Ni-3.4Mo-0.25Zr-0.005B (wt. %),  
Solution treatment at 1,200 °C for 0.5 hour, followed by aging treatment  
at 700 °C for 100 hours.

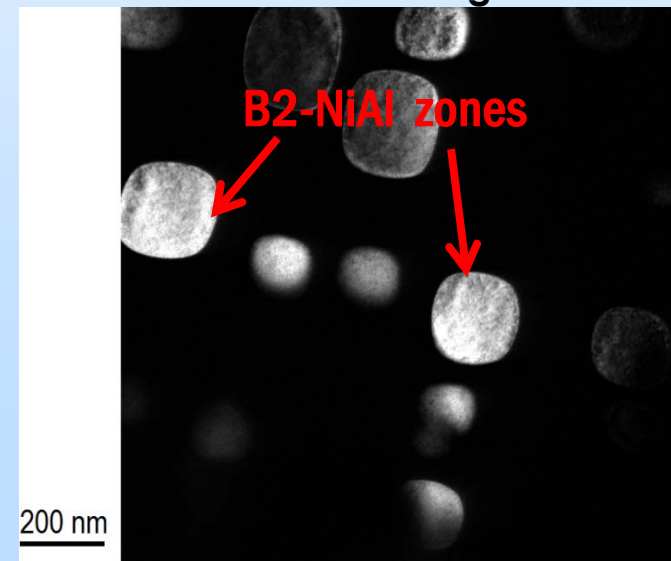
- ❑ The SEM image shows the presence of larger precipitates within grains and along the grain-boundaries.
- ❑ The TEM image shows that, there is B2 precipitates exist, but not the hierarchical structural precipitates.



<110> zone axis diffraction pattern

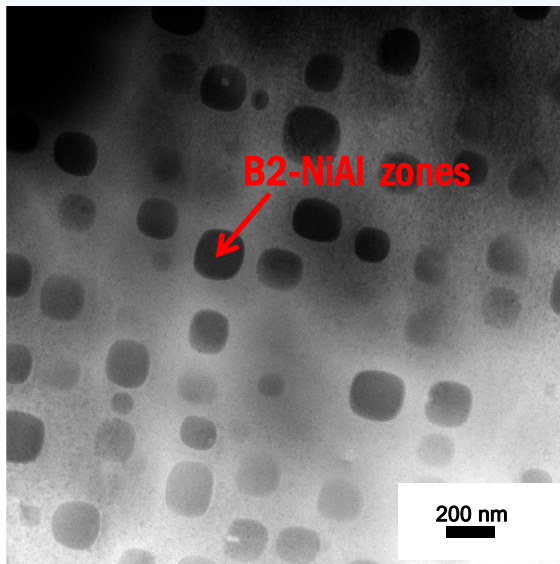


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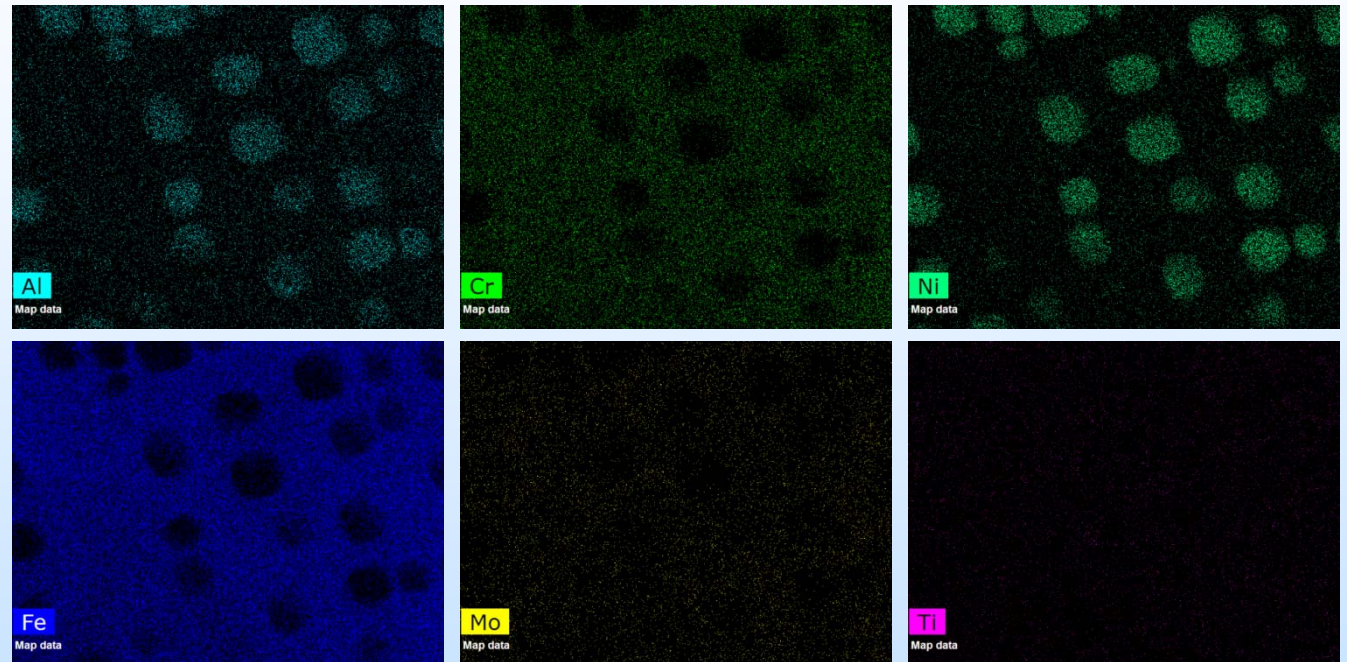


**Fe-1Ti-1Hf-6.5Al-10Cr-10Ni-3.4Mo-0.25Zr-0.005B (wt. %),  
Solution treatment at 1,200 °C for 0.5 hour, followed by aging treatment  
at 700 °C for 100 hours (Cont'd)**

**High-angle Annular  
Dark-field (HAADF) TEM  
image**



**Energy Dispersive X-ray (EDX) spectroscopy mapping**

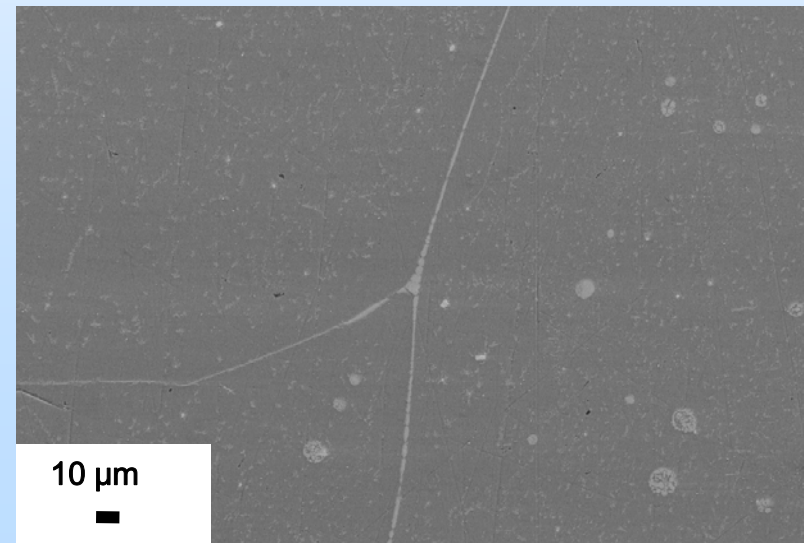
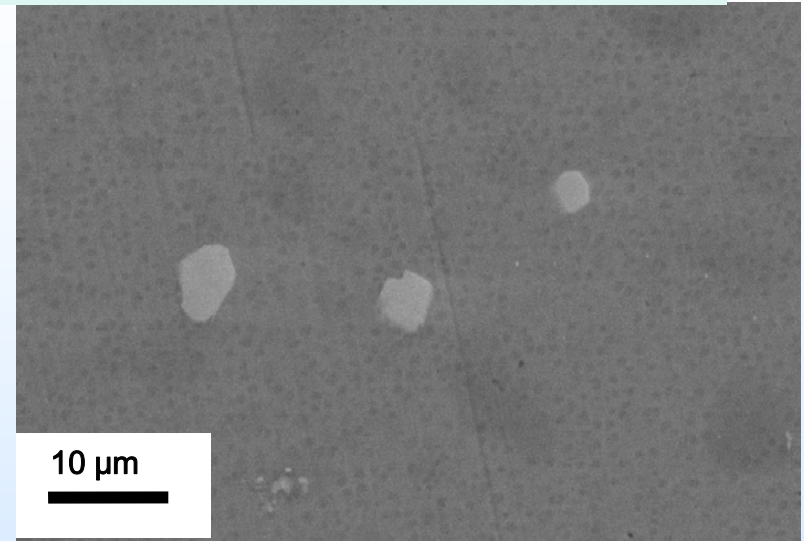


**EDX results (at. %)**

	Al	Ti	Cr	Fe	Ni	Zr	Mo	Hf
ppt	21.0 ± 0.07	1.8 ± 0.01	1.3 ± 0.03	17.9 ± 0.14	57.2 ± 0.23	0.2 ± 0.04	0.3 ± 0.08	0.3 ± 0.11
Matrix	5.2 ± 0.45	1.3 ± 0.05	12.4 ± 0.13	75.3 ± 0.76	3.3 ± 0.14	0.1 ± 0.05	2.2 ± 0.03	-

**Fe-2Hf-6.5Al-10Cr-10Ni-3.4Mo-0.25Zr-0.005B (wt. %),  
Solution treatment at 1,200 °C for 0.5 hour, followed by aging treatment  
at 700 °C for 100 hours**

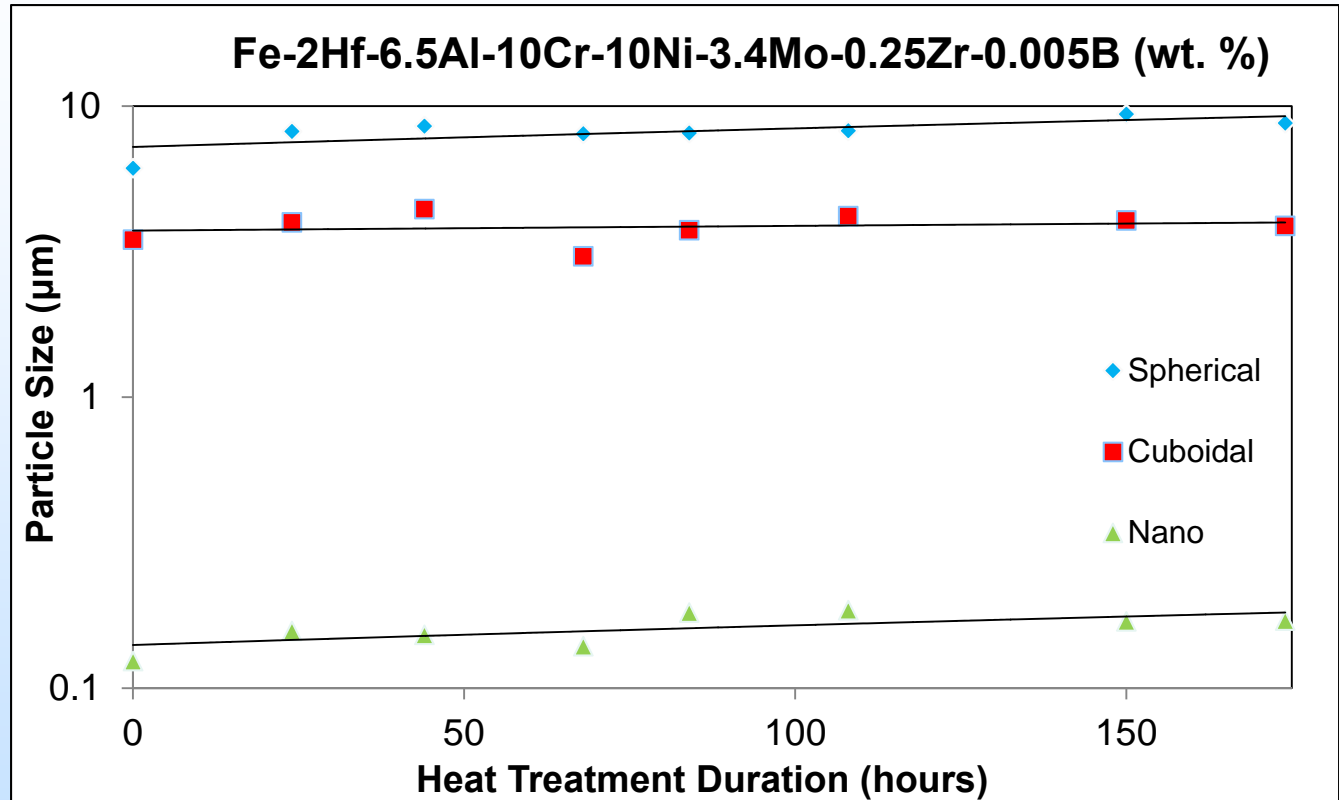
- ❑ SEM on 2%-Hf alloy showed similar microstructure as 1%-Hf-1%-Ti alloy. Various of undesirable precipitates formed in the grains and along the grain boundaries.
- ❑ Three kinds of precipitate morphologies have been recognized. Spherical, cuboidal, and nano-sized precipitates.
- ❑ These undesirable precipitates are large. According to the calculation of dislocation-dynamics simulation, these  $\mu\text{m}$ -sized precipitates do not help the enhancement of creep strength.
- ❑ On the other hand, forming these larger size of precipitates consume the elements required for forming nano-sized hierarchical precipitates.



**Fe-2Hf-6.5Al-10Cr-10Ni-3.4Mo-0.25Zr-0.005B (wt. %),  
Solution treatment at 1,200 °C for 0.5 hour, followed by aging treatment  
at 700 °C for various periods**

□ The 2%-Hf alloy was homogenized at 1,200 °C for 30 minutes, followed by air cooling and, then, aged at 700 °C for 24 hours, 44 hours, 68 hours, 84 hours, 108 hours, 150 hours, and 174 hours, respectively.

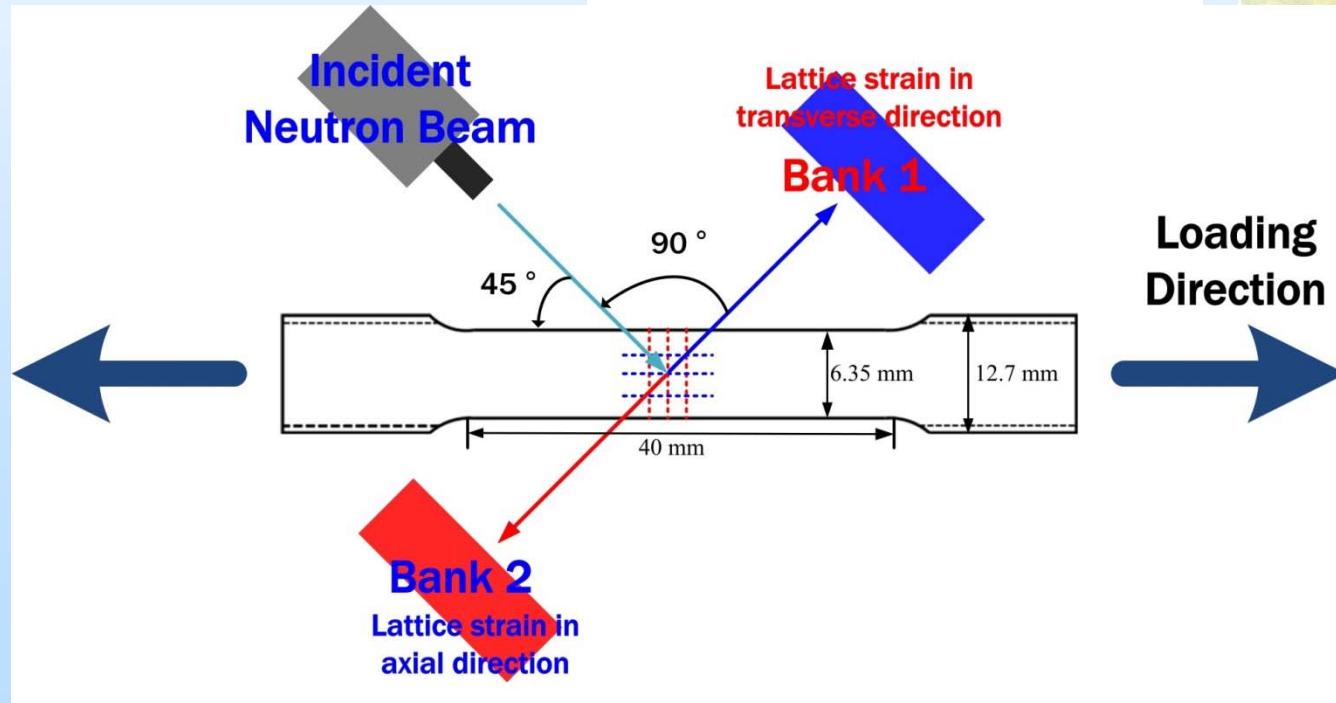
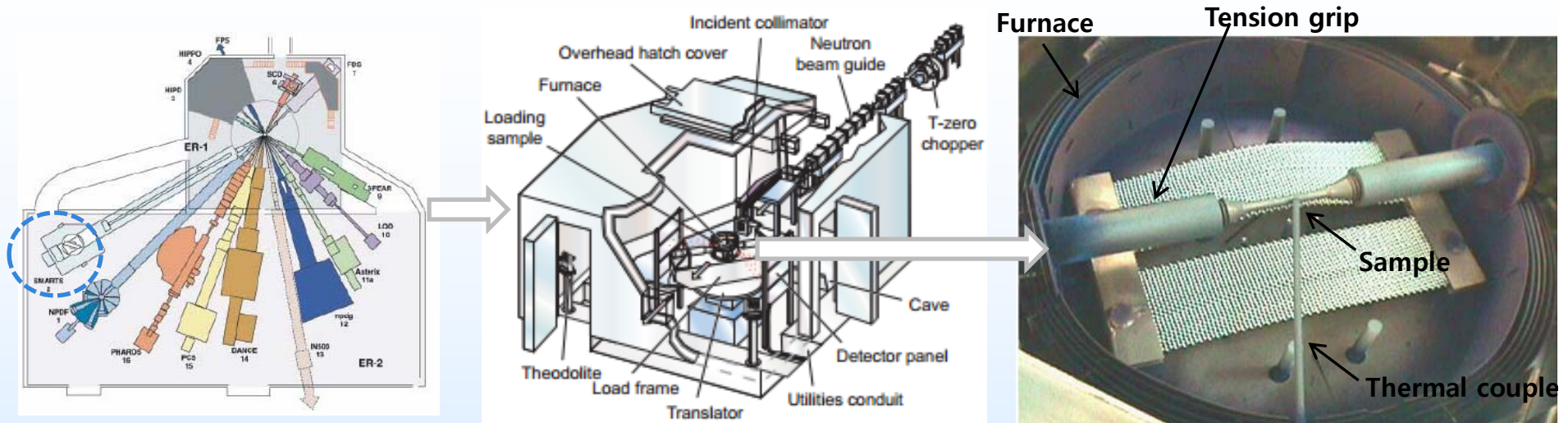
□ During the heat treatment, the average precipitate sizes does not change significantly.



Aging Time (hrs)	0	24	44	68	84	108	150	174
Spherical	6.13	8.20	8.55	8.04	8.09	8.24	9.40	8.76
Cuboidal	3.48	3.99	4.43	3.05	3.75	4.19	4.05	3.88
Nano-sized	0.12	0.16	0.15	0.14	0.18	0.19	0.17	0.17

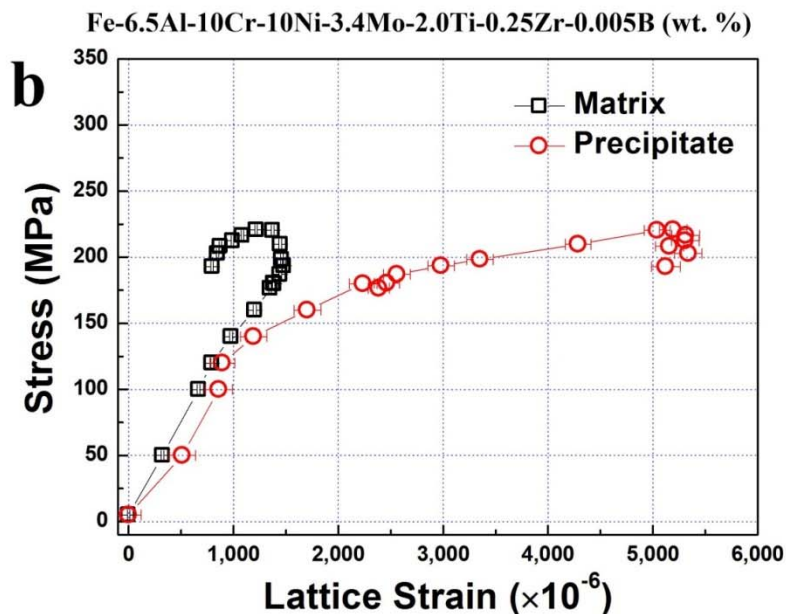
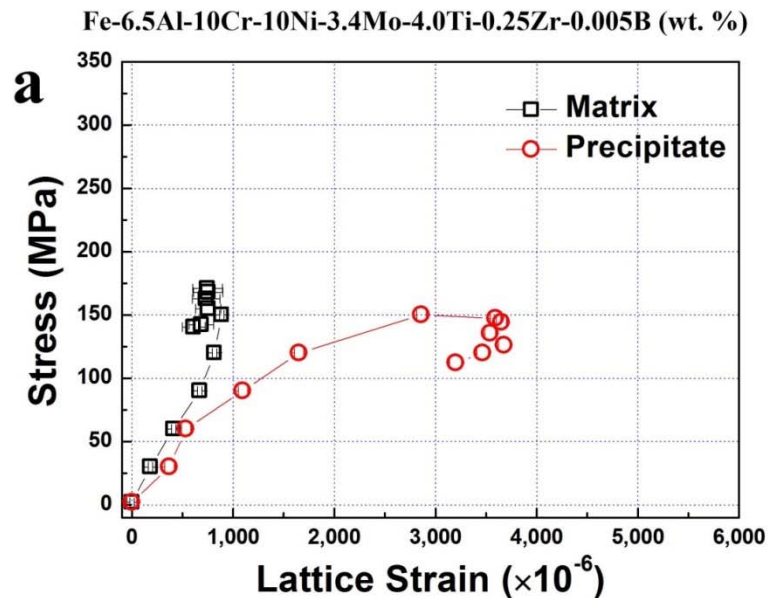


# Neutron-Diffraction Experiments at Los Alamos Neutron Science Center (LANSCE)



- The Spectrometer for Materials Research at Temperature and Stress (SMARTS) at Los Alamos Neutron Science Center of the Los Alamos National Laboratory
- Measuring diffracted beams perpendicular and parallel to the loading direction, thus, transverse and axial lattice strains. temperatures

# Elastic Strain Evolution during Loading



- Average phase strains along the axial direction at 973 K as a function of average stress during the in-situ tension experiments on (a) 4%-Ti alloy and (b) 2%-Ti alloy.
- The stress and lattice strain curves showed an elastic region and plastic region. The hooked section of the curve is the plastic region.
- The curves showed clear load transfer effect. After the matrix yields, the precipitates carry the load instead.
- 2%-Ti alloy has better load carry capability than 4%-Ti alloy, for its higher yield strength and larger lattice strain of the precipitate ( $L2_1/B2$ ).

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# Crystal-Plasticity Finite-Element Model (CPFEM)

- Prediction of elastic plastic response of lattice strain
- Comparison with experimental results

## □ Multiplicative decomposition

$$F = F^e F^p$$

$$F_{ij} = \partial x_i / \partial X_j = F_{ik}^e F_{kj}^p$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{elastic } T_{ij} = C_{ijkl} E_{kl}^e \\ \text{plastic } \dot{F}_{ik}^p F_{kj}^{p-1} = \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N_{SLIP}} \dot{\gamma}^{(\alpha)} s_i^{(\alpha)} m_j^{(\alpha)} \end{array} \right.$$

## □ Flow rule

$$\dot{\gamma}^{\alpha} = \dot{\gamma}^0 \left( \frac{\tau^{\alpha}}{g^{\alpha}} \right)^N$$

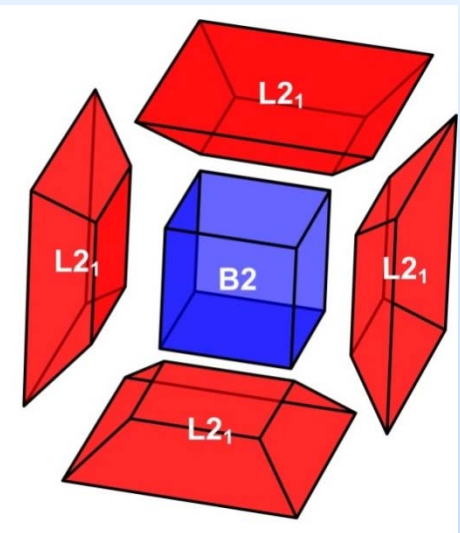
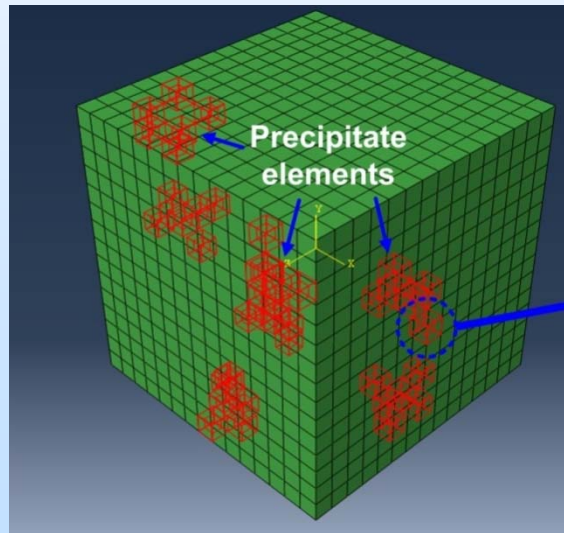
$$\tau^{\alpha} = m_i^{\alpha} F_{ij}^{e-1} J \sigma_{jk} F_{kl}^e s_l^{\alpha}$$

## □ Hardening law

$$\dot{g}^{\alpha} = \sum_{\beta} h_{\alpha\beta} |\dot{\gamma}^{\beta}|$$

$$h_{\alpha\beta} = h_{\alpha\alpha} [q + (1-q)\delta_{\alpha\beta}]$$

- $\dot{\gamma}^0$  : characteristic strain rate
- $\tau^{\alpha}$  : resolved shear stress of  $\alpha$  slipsystem
- $g^{\alpha}$  : flow strength of  $\alpha$  slipsystem
- $N$  : stress exponent
- $h_{\alpha\beta}$  : hardening moduli
- $h_{\alpha\alpha}$  : self-hardening moduli
- $q$  : latent hardening coefficient
- $h_0$  : initial hardening modulus
- $\tau_0$  : initial slip strength
- $\tau_s$  : saturation slip strength



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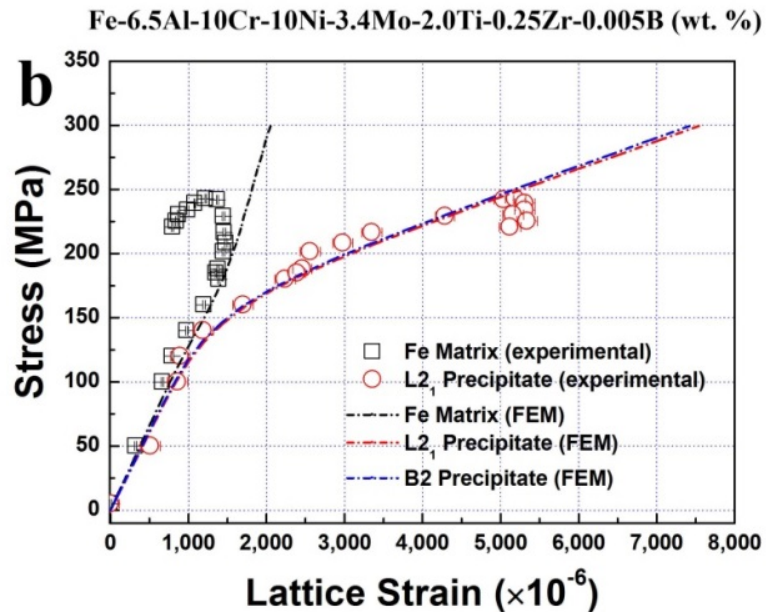
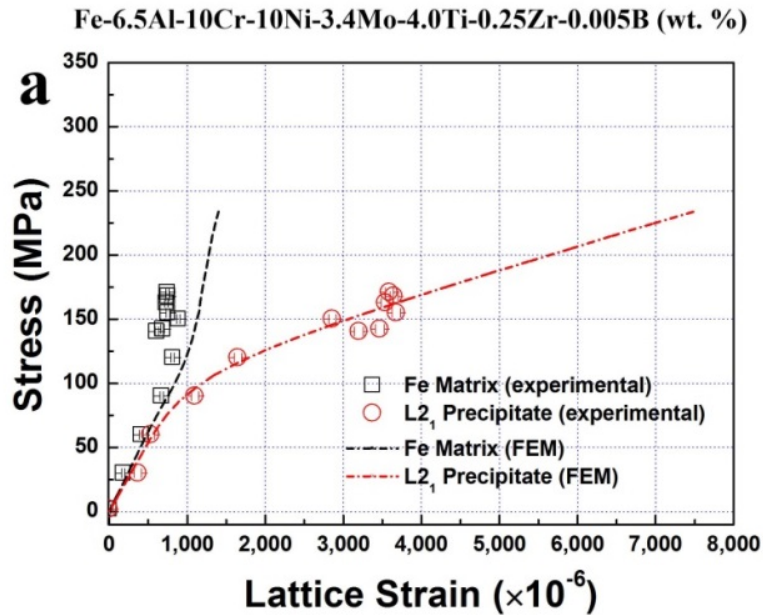
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15 x 15 x 15 cubic model, Vol.% =  
(L2<sub>1</sub>) 9.25 %, (B2) 9.25 %

# Comparison Between ND results and Simulation



- In-situ neutron diffraction (ND) results and FEM simulation results comparison on the average phase strains along the axial direction at 973 K on (a) 4%-Ti alloy and (b) 2%-Ti alloy.

- The in-situ ND results and simulation results fit quite well in the elastic region.

- Discrepancy shown after the matrix yield, which is due to the strain-softening.

# Calculations of Elastic Constants of Fe, B2, and L2<sub>1</sub> Phases

$$E(V, \{e_i\}) = E(V_0, 0) - PV_0 \sum_{i=1}^3 e_i + \frac{V_0}{2} \sum_{i=1}^6 \sum_{j=1}^6 C_{ij} e_i e_j + O[e_i^3]$$

$E$ : internal energy

$e_i$ : infinitesimal strain

$V_0$ : volume of the unstrained crystal

$C_{ij}$ : single-crystal elastic constants

$P$ : pressure of the undistorted crystal at a volume,  $V_0$

	$C_{ij}$ (GPa)	$C_{ij}$ (GPa)		Expt.	Previous Calculations
		Energy-strain	Stress-strain		
Fe	$C_{11}$	264.37	288.73	243.1 <sup>1</sup>	279 <sup>3</sup>
	$C_{12}$	135.10	142.66	138.1 <sup>1</sup>	140 <sup>3</sup>
	$C_{44}$	91.21	91.76	121.9 <sup>1</sup>	99 <sup>3</sup>
B2-NiAl	$C_{11}$	207.30	208.44	206.7 <sup>2</sup>	233 <sup>4</sup> , 236 <sup>5</sup> , 172.3 <sup>6</sup>
	$C_{12}$	135.48	135.71	135.4 <sup>2</sup>	173 <sup>4</sup> , 167 <sup>5</sup> , 146 <sup>6</sup>
	$C_{44}$	116.18	117.20	116.8 <sup>2</sup>	115 <sup>4</sup> , 140 <sup>5</sup> , 100.3 <sup>6</sup>
L2 <sub>1</sub> -Ni <sub>2</sub> TiAl	$C_{11}$	211.69	224.59	None	
	$C_{12}$	143.47	137.25		
	$C_{44}$	81.39	91.92		

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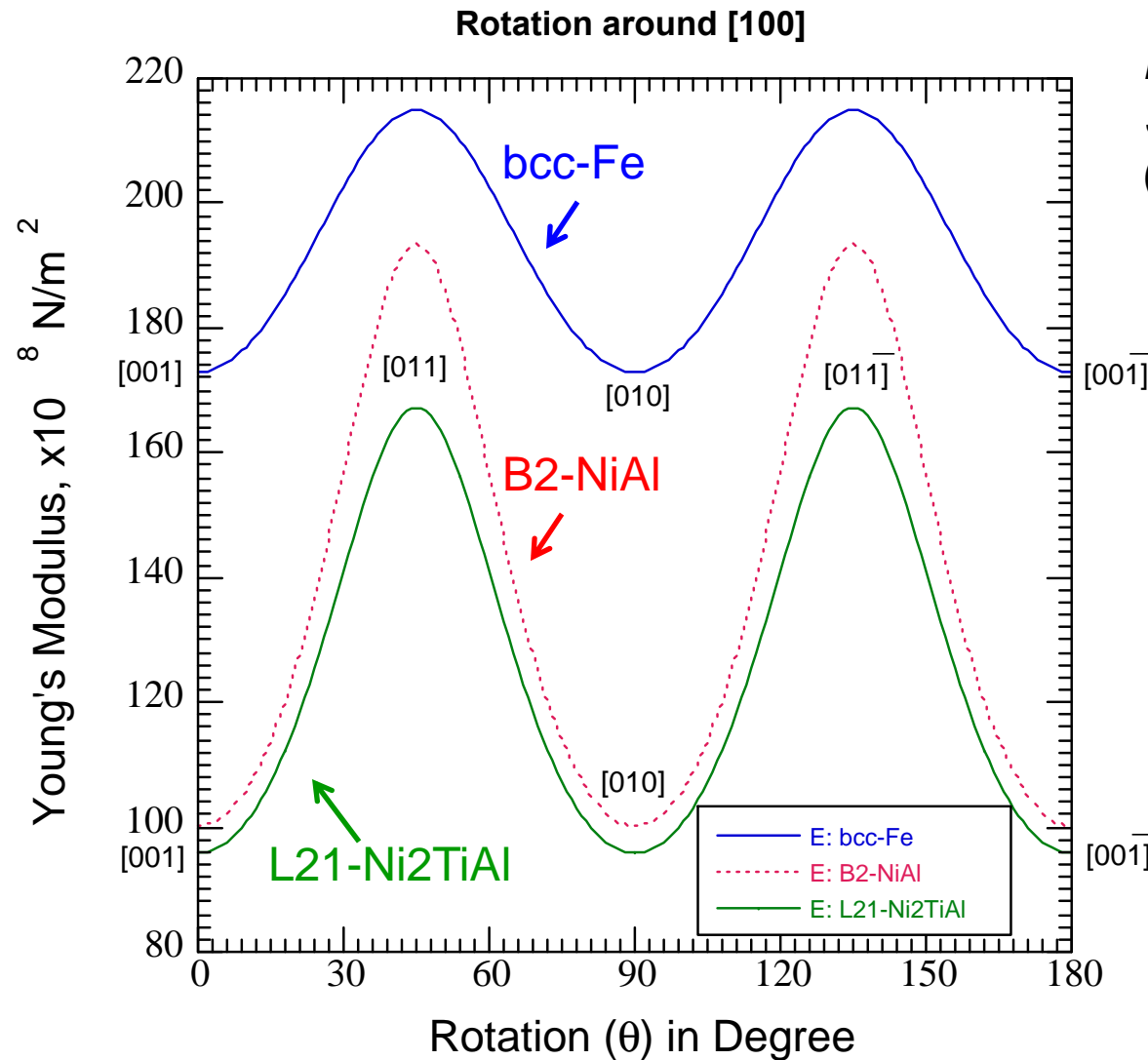
# Calculations of Orientation Dependence of Young's Modulus

$$\frac{1}{Y} = S_{11} - 2[(S_{11} - S_{12}) - \frac{1}{2}S_{44}](l_1^2 l_2^2 + l_2^2 l_3^2 + l_1^2 l_3^2)$$

$Y$ : Young's modulus

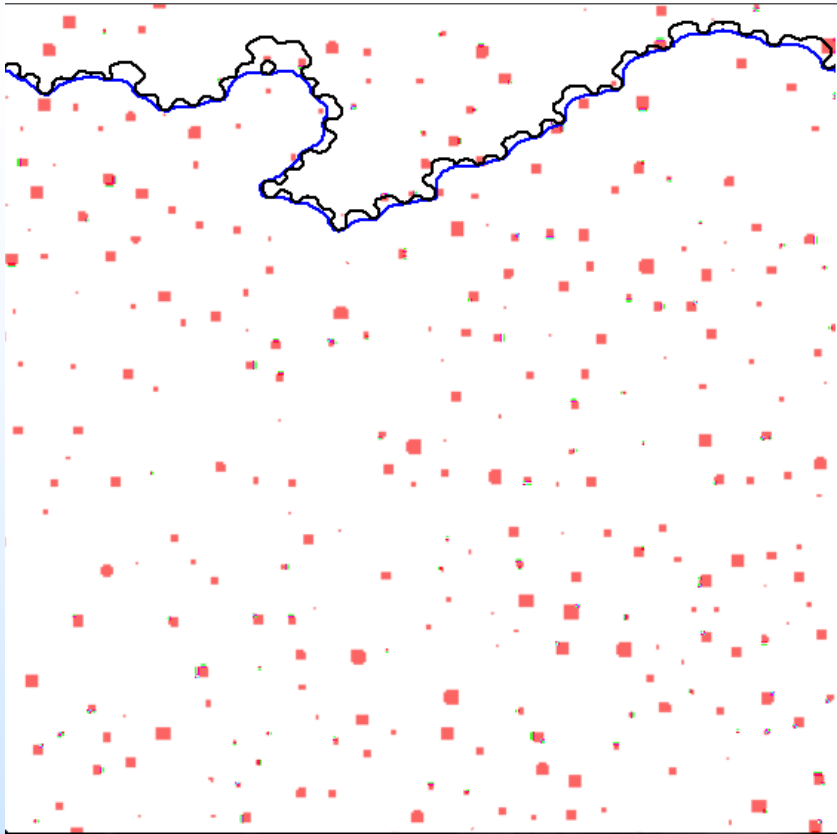
$l_i$ : direction cosines

$S_{ij}$ : elastic compliance constants  
(=  $C_{ij}^{-1}$ )



The Young's modulus ( $E$ ) in single-crystal (at 0 K) and its orientation dependence in bcc Fe, and B2-NiAl and  $L2_1$ -Ni<sub>2</sub>TiAl phases, derived from calculated  $C_{ij}$  data. The tensile axis is rotated from [001] to  $[00\bar{1}]$ , around [100], by 180 degrees.

# Dislocation-dynamics simulations



- A three-dimensional field of close-packed precipitates with a given radius, volume fraction, and resistance to shear.
- Dislocations are placed in the glide plane, segmented, and stresses on each segment are calculated by solving the relevant force-balance equation for each segment:

$$\tau_{\text{ext}} + \tau_{\text{drag}} + \tau_{\text{obst}} + \tau_{\text{disloc}} = 0$$

$\tau_{\text{ext}}$ : The force due to the externally-applied shear stress, the maximum value of which is taken as the predicted critical resolved shear stress ( $\tau_{\text{CRSS}}$ ) on the glide plane.

$\tau_{\text{drag}}$ : The viscous drag force on a dislocation segment

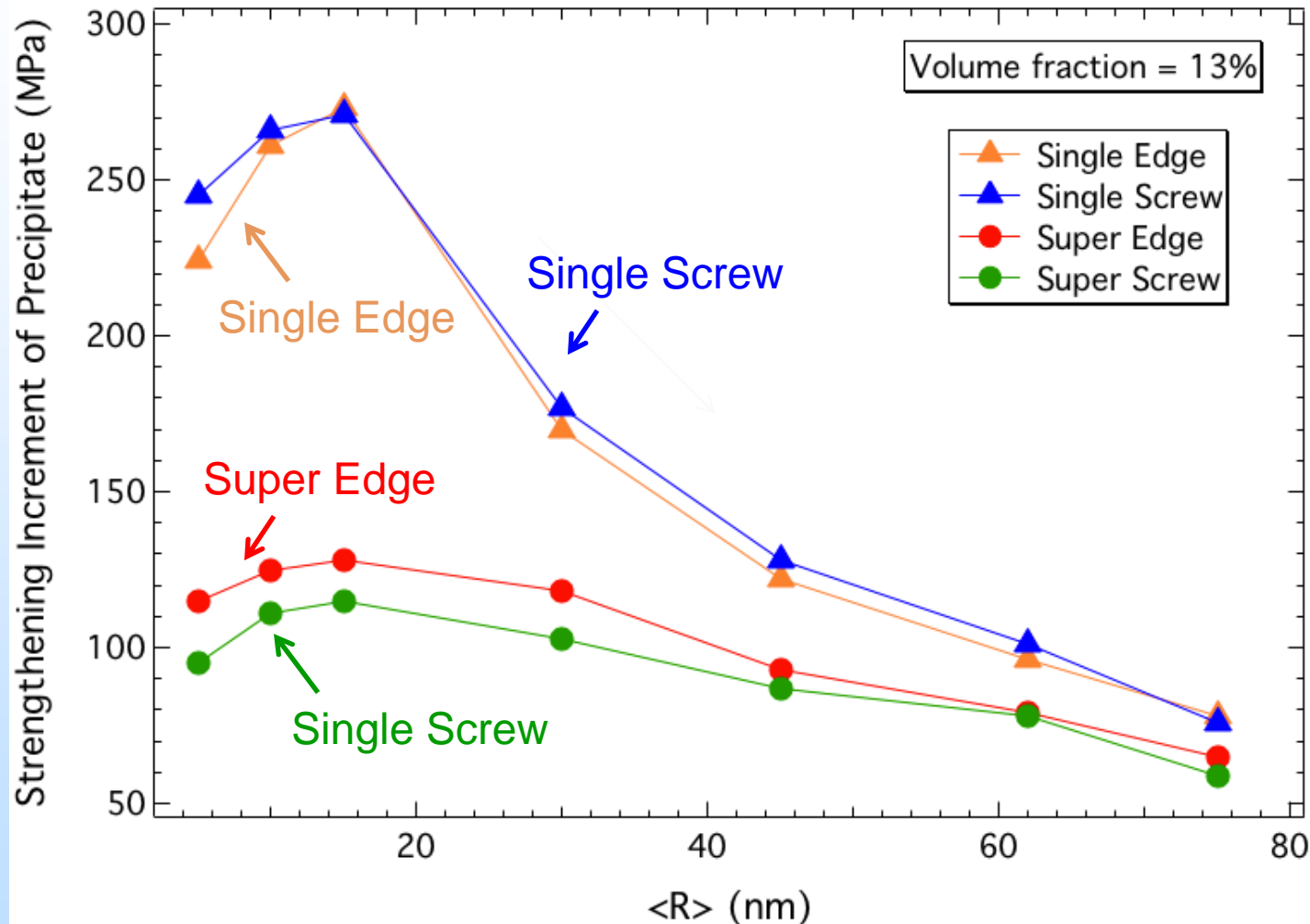
$\tau_{\text{obst}}$ : The force from the stress field introduced by the precipitates

$\tau_{\text{disloc}}$ : The force on a given dislocation segment due to all other dislocation segments. (i.e., self-interaction)

# Dislocation-dynamics simulations (Cont'd)

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**Super Edge Dislocation:** Edge dislocation in alloys that composed of pair of dislocations.

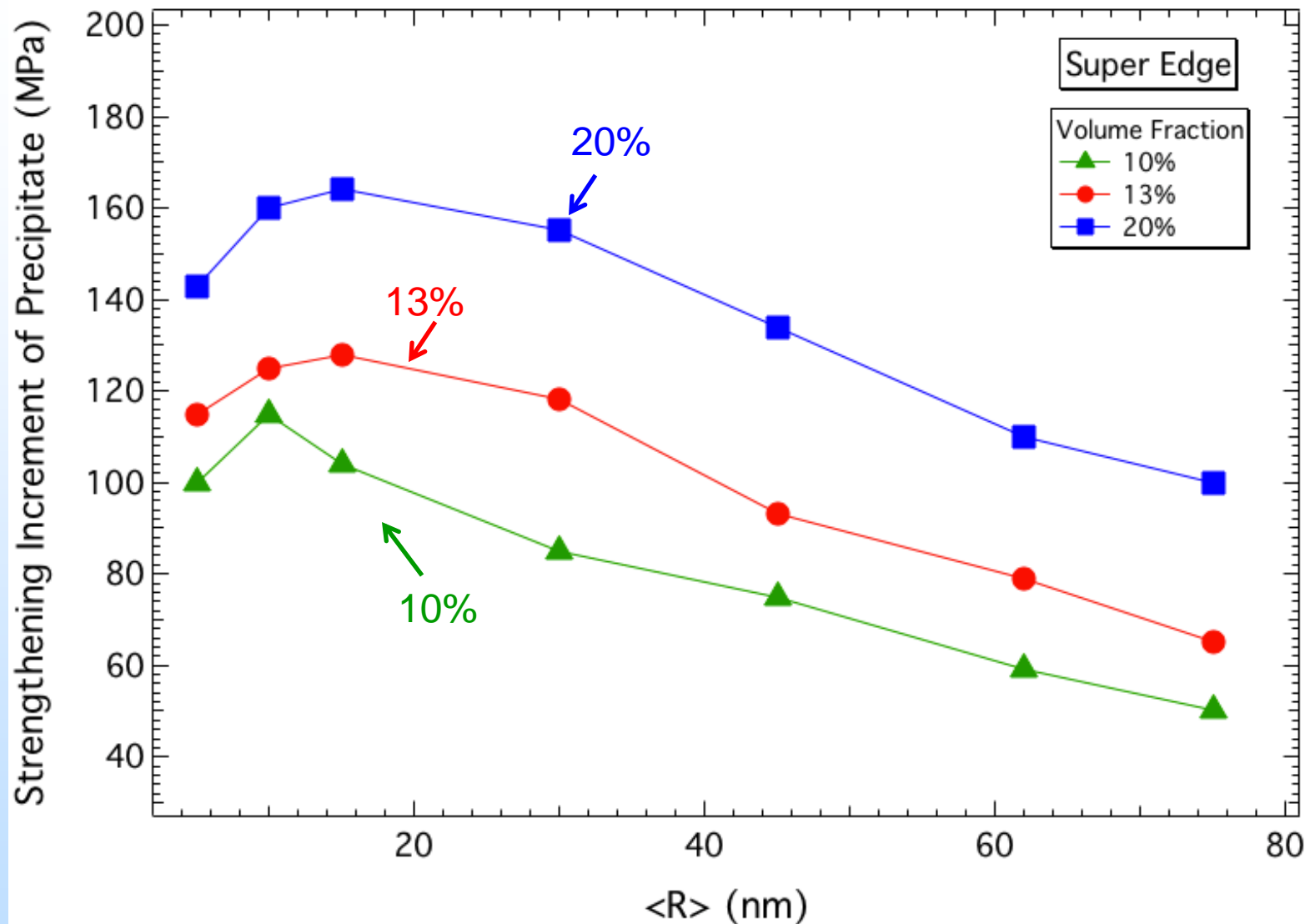
**Super Screw Dislocation:** Screw dislocation in alloys that composed of pair of dislocations.

For a certain volume fraction, increase the radius of precipitates lower the number of precipitates, thus lower the strengthening effect.

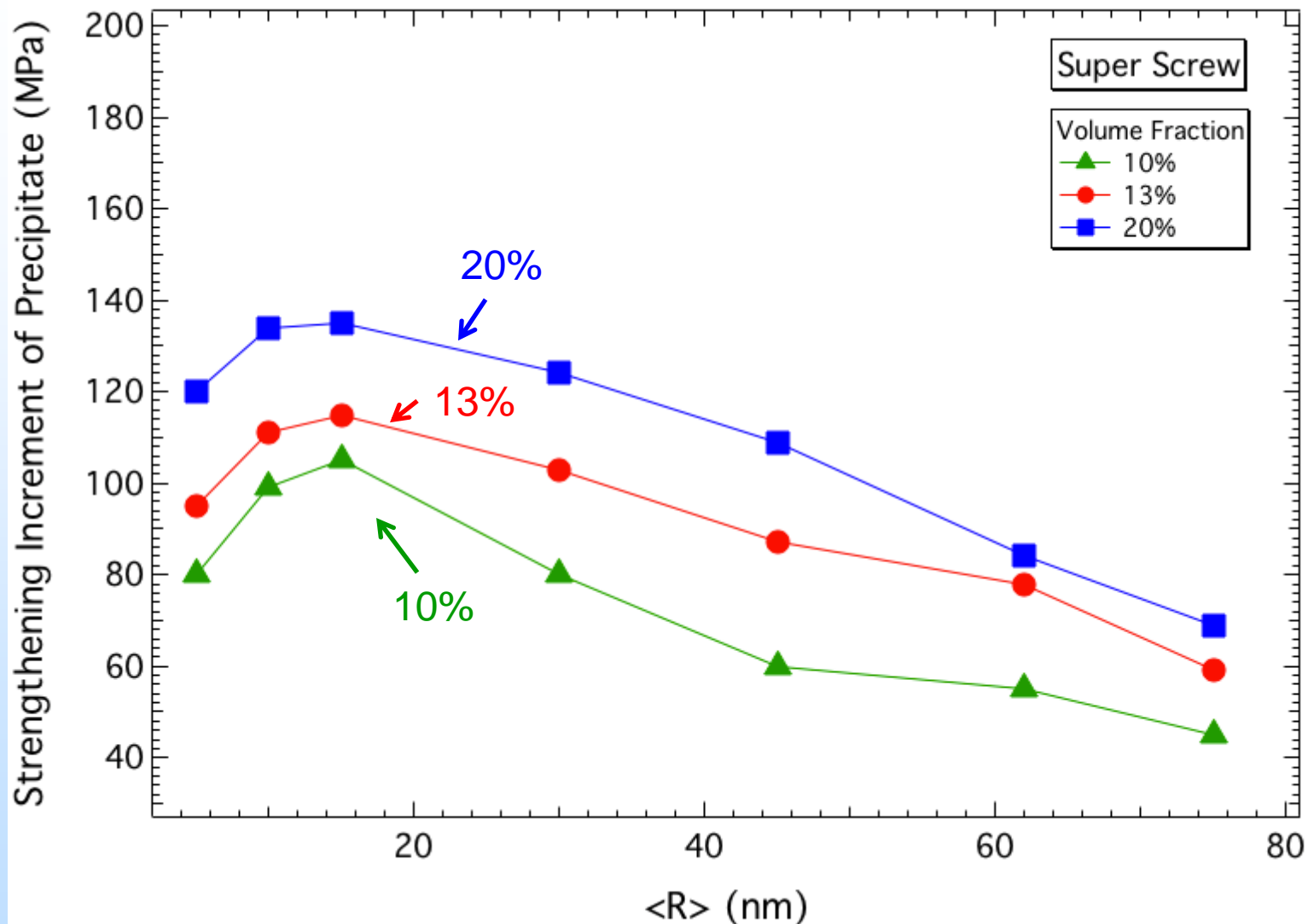
Dislocation-dynamics simulation shows a much greater increase in the predicted stress for the single dislocation, as compared to the super-dislocation condition.



# Dislocation-dynamics simulations (Cont'd)



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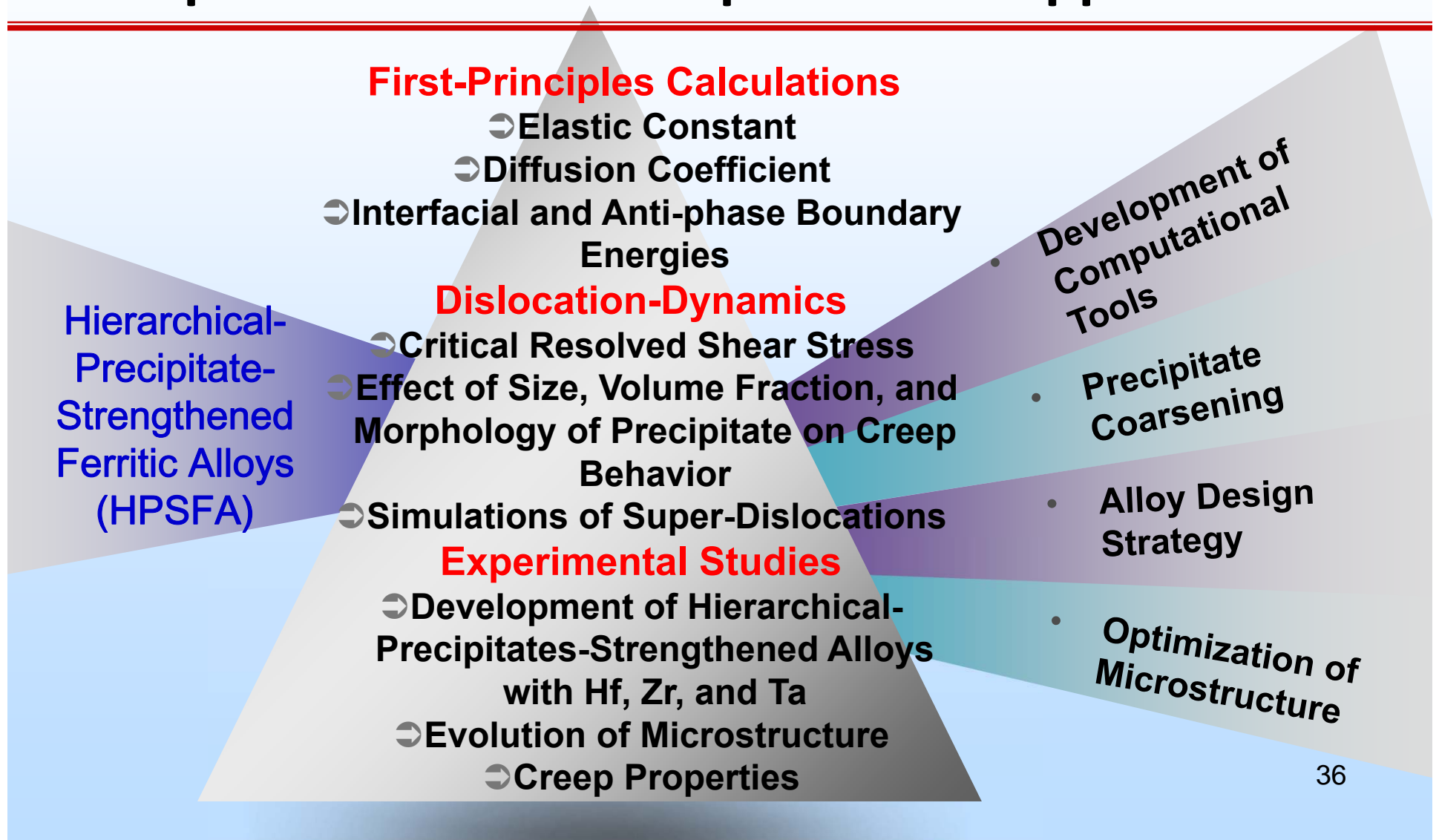


The increase in  $\tau_p$  at small  $\langle r \rangle$  values, and higher  $\tau_p$  at higher volume fraction, show that the ideal microstructure is abundant of small precipitates.

# Future Plans

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# Understanding and Optimization of Hierarchical-Precipitate-Strengthened Ferritic Alloys via Experimental and Computational Approaches



# Conclusions

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## 1. First-Principles Calculations

- Single-crystal elastic constants ( $C_{ij}$ ) of  $L2_1$  (Heusler) phases are calculated from first principles.
- There is no experimental  $C_{ij}$  data of Heusler phases. Thus, calculations from first principles are the only viable option.

## 2. In-Situ Neutron-Creep Experiments on the 2%-Ti and 4%-Ti Alloys

- The in-situ neutron-creep test on the 2%-Ti and 4%-Ti alloys at 973 K was performed at SMARTS located at the Los Alamos National Laboratory.

# Conclusions (Cont'd)

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## 3. Microstructural Characterization

- It was found that the additions of 2% and 4% Ti into FBB8 was necessary to form the hierarchical ( $L2_1/B2$ ) and single ( $L2_1$ ) precipitate structure, which are super creep resistant at 973 K.
- SEM on the 2%-Hf alloy showed that undesirable precipitates formed instead of forming hierarchical structural precipitates, and TEM on the 1%-Hf-1%-Ti alloy showed that no  $B2/L2_1$  hierarchical structural precipitates formed.
- Microstructural evolution for the 2%-Hf alloy has been investigated during the heat treatment. After 24 hours of heat treatment, the precipitate size remains stable.

# Conclusions (Cont'd)

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## 5. Ongoing Work and Future Plan

- **First-principles calculations will be employed to derive the diffusion coefficients, and interfacial/anti-phase boundary energies.**
- **Current studies showed undesirable microstructures for 2%-Hf alloy, we will move to the research of 1%-Hf-1%-Ti alloy, and even 0.5%-Hf-1.5%Ti alloy.**
- **The effect of microstructure evolution on the creep behavior will be investigated by conducting creep tests on alloys with different precipitate structures (size and morphology).**

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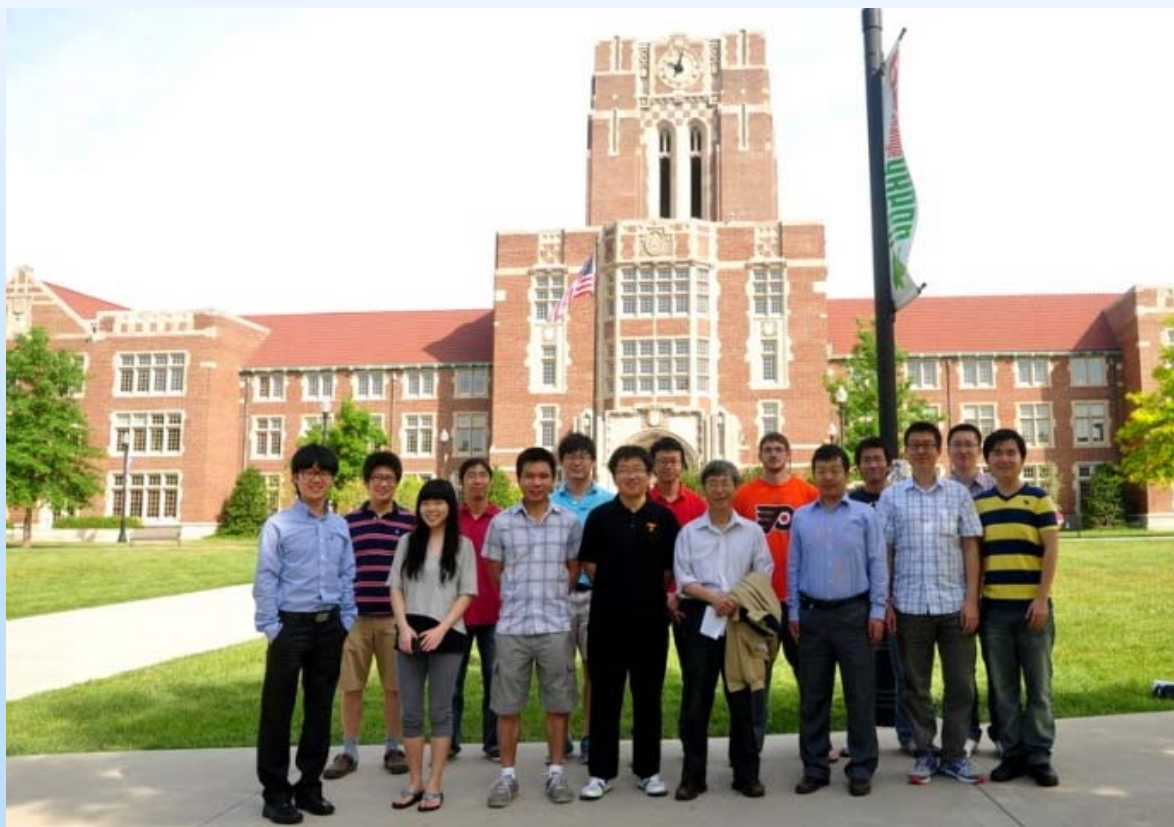
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**Zhiqian Sun (right), Prof. Liaw (center), and Gian Song (left) at the TMS award banquet.**

# Q & A

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