

# **Multi-modal Approach to Modeling Creep Deformation in Ni-Base Superalloys**

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- Bonding characteristics and elastic properties of carbide phases

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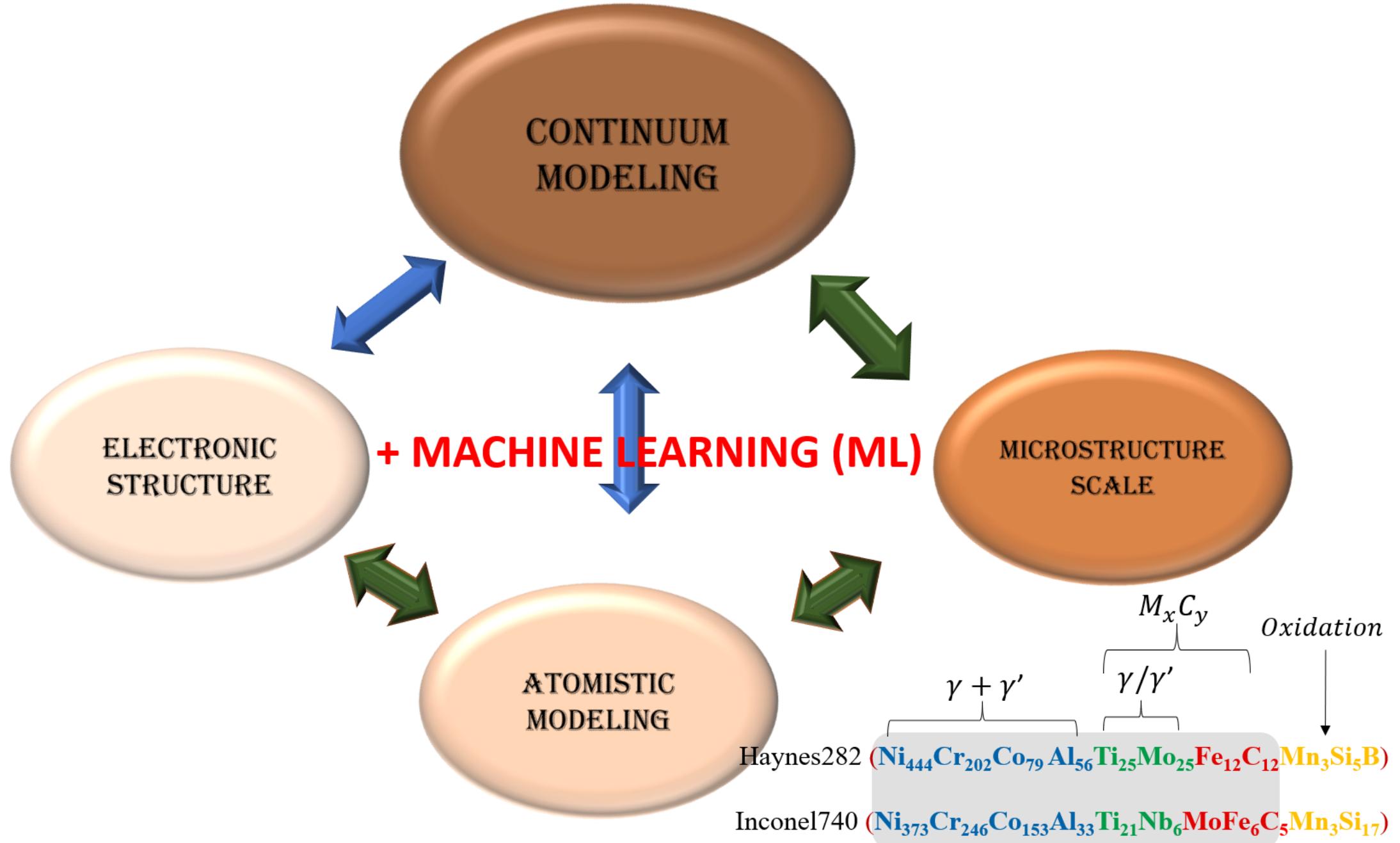
- EAM Potential Development utilizing High Entropy Alloy (HEA) Strategy
- Applications to  $\gamma$  (FCC) and  $\gamma + \gamma'$  structure
- Phase stability analysis
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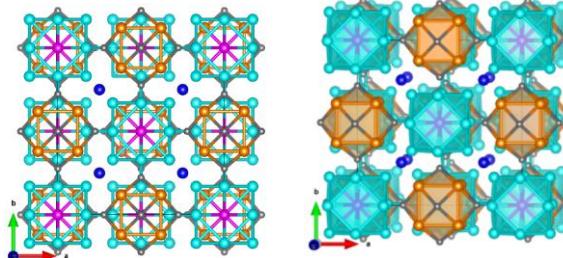
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- Crystal plasticity model on void deformation
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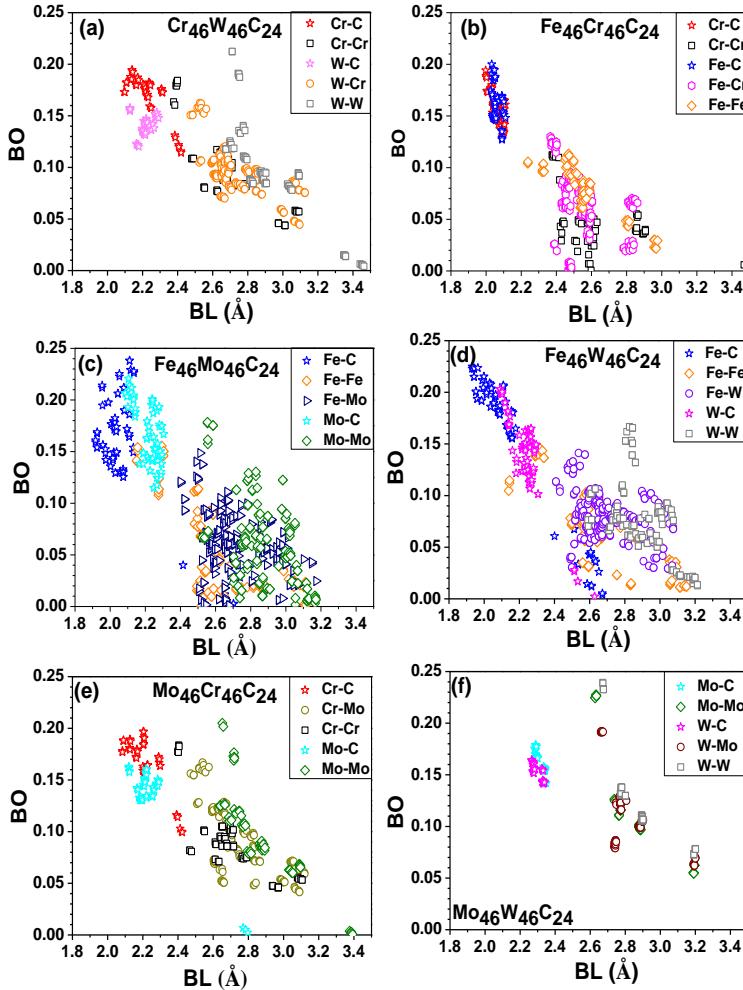
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$M_{23}C_6$ 

# Electronic Structure-based Modeling:

➤ Predicting bonding characteristics & elastic properties



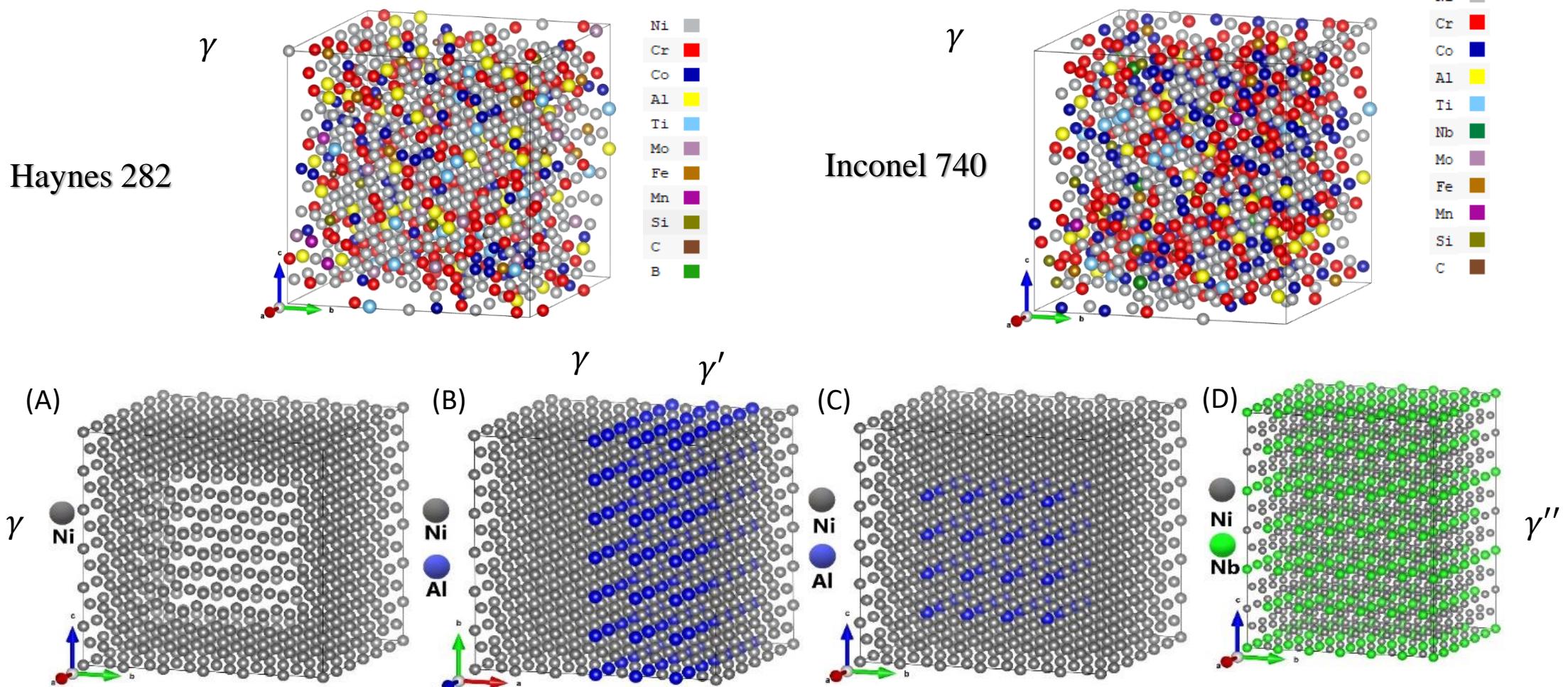
Bond order vs. bond length of ternary carbides

	C11	C12	C44	K	G	E	$\eta$	G/K	A <sup>U</sup>	H
$Cr_{92}C_{24}$	472.15	211.53	124.88	298.427	126.63	332.82	0.3141	0.4243	0.0098	10.69
$Fe_{92}C_{24}$	432.09	246.42	58.24	308.414	69.65	194.32	0.3950	0.2258	0.3047	3.42
$Mo_{92}C_{24}$	457.24	220.09	113.51	299.138	116.28	308.81	0.3279	0.3887	0.0017	9.11
$W_{92}C_{24}$	510.38	252.59	136.12	338.521	133.14	353.12	0.3261	0.3933	0.0035	10.16
$Cr_{46}W_{46}C_{24}$	474.07	231.08	105.97	312.469	109.47	294.07	0.3431	0.3503	0.1488	7.76
$Fe_{46}Cr_{46}C_{24}$	471.16	221.87	118.87	304.802	122.98	325.19	0.3222	0.4035	0.0099	9.89
$Fe_{46}Mo_{46}C_{24}$	436.32	218.30	88.34	293.452	93.02	252.39	0.3567	0.3170	0.0786	6.17
$Fe_{46}W_{46}C_{24}$	466.93	241.65	92.20	314.966	96.88	263.60	0.3605	0.3076	0.1561	6.14
$Mo_{46}Cr_{46}C_{24}$	435.71	219.83	114.08	293.647	111.48	296.88	0.3315	0.3797	0.0591	8.61
$Mo_{46}W_{46}C_{24}$	482.57	232.39	111.06	317.581	115.47	308.95	0.3379	0.3636	0.0211	8.40

Calculated Cij, Shear modulus (G), bulk modulus (K), Young's modulus (E), Poisson's ratio ( $\eta$ ), Pugh's modulus ratio ( $k = G/K$ ), Universal anisotropy  $A^U$  and Vicker's Harness H

# Electronic Structure-based Modeling:

- Developing models for multi-component  $\gamma$  and/or  $\gamma'$  structures

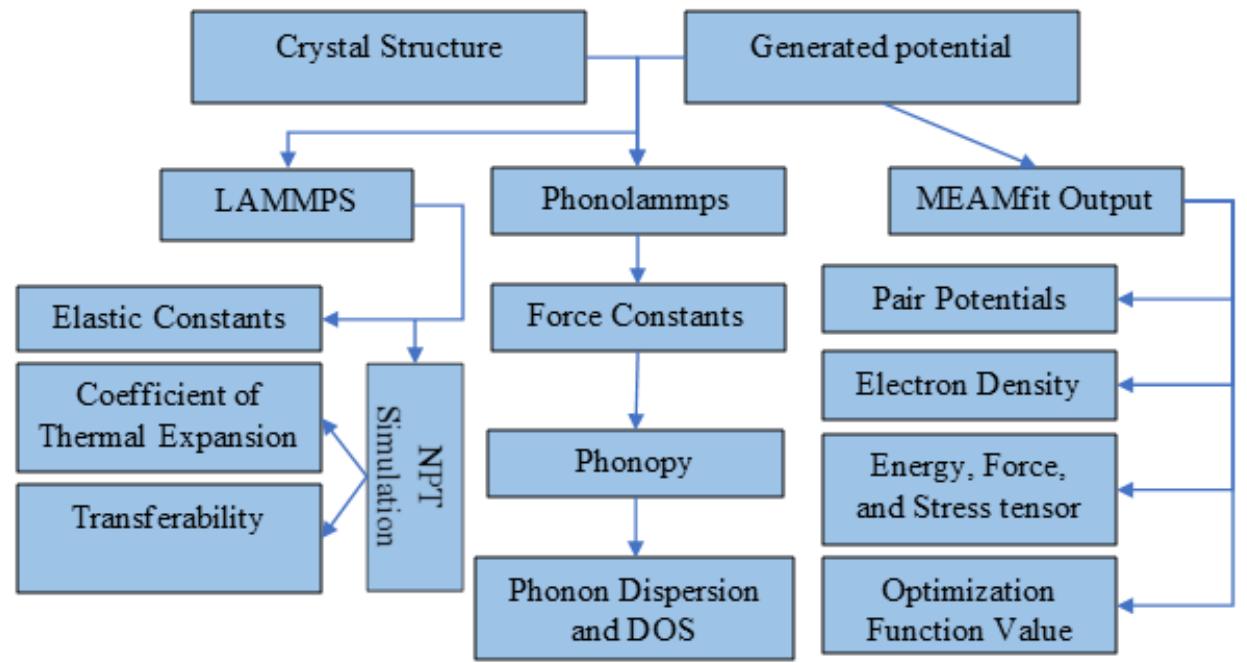


Superalloy models of (A)  $\gamma$  + vacancy (B)  $\gamma/\gamma'$  interface (C)  $\gamma+\gamma'$ , and (D)  $\gamma'' \text{Ni}_3\text{Nb}$

# Atomic-Scale Modeling:

➤ Developing Interatomic Potentials for Superalloys using HEA strategy

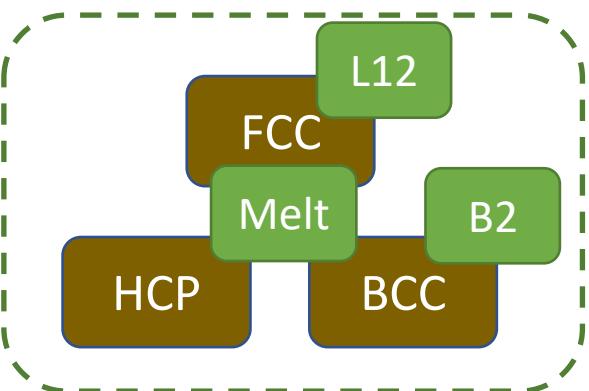
**MEAMfit**  
A reference-free modified embedded atom method  
(RF-MEAM)



Elemental

Metastable  
MEA

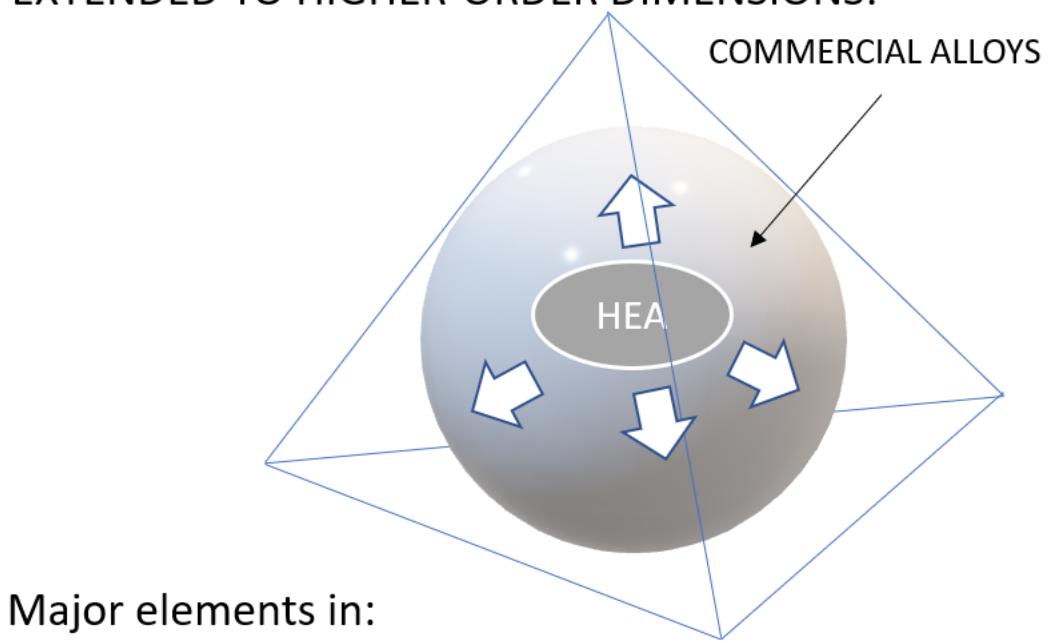
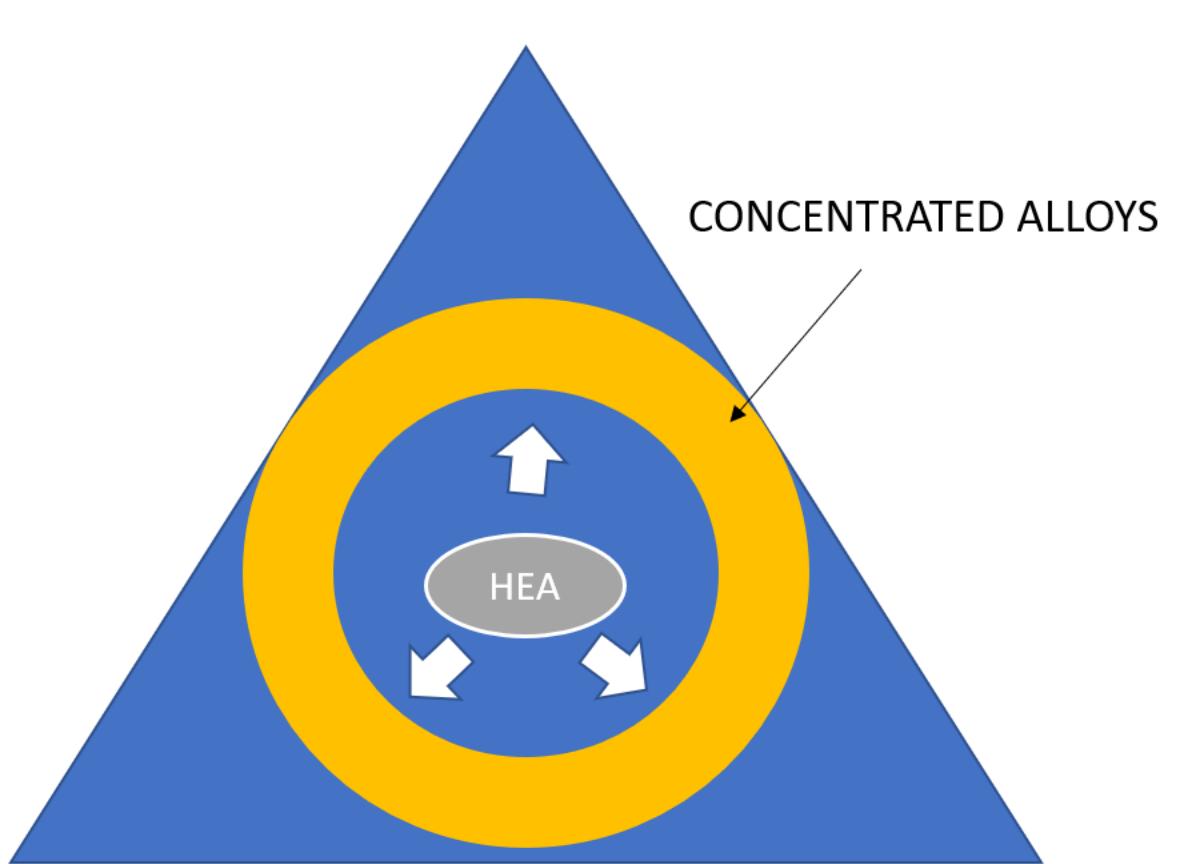
Metastable  
HEA



# Atomic-Scale Modeling:

➤ Developing Interatomic Potentials for Superalloys using HEA strategy

**General strategy:** maximize combinations of energy, force & stress samplings derived from all types of atomic pairs  
EXTENDED TO HIGHER-ORDER DIMENSIONS:



Major elements in:

Haynes 282: Ni-Cr-Co-Al-Ti-Fe-Cr-Mo-W-C

Inconel 740H: Ni-Cr-Co-Al-Ti-Fe-Nb-Mo-C

$\gamma + \gamma'$  HEA: Ni-Cr-Co-Al-Fe-Ti-Nb

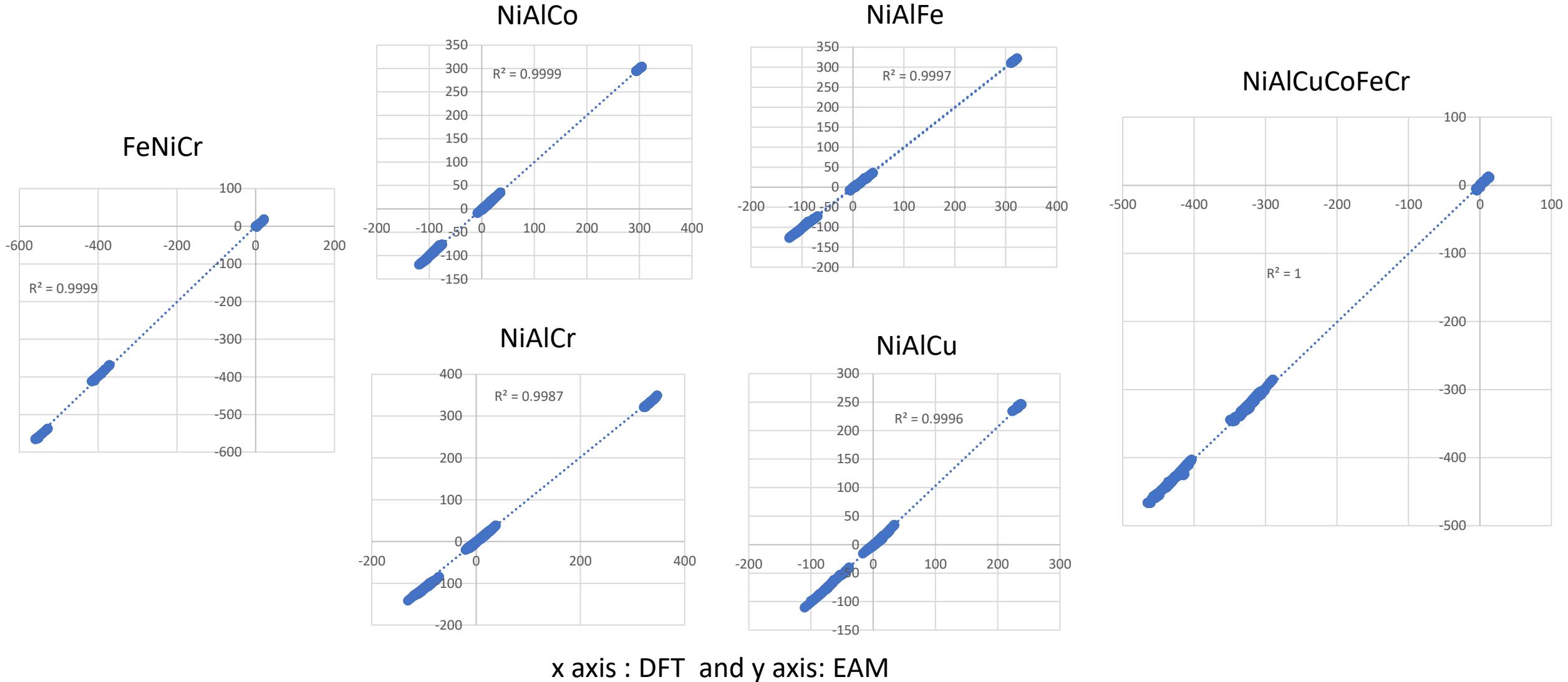
Hastelloy-N: Ni-Mo-Cr-Fe

High-T Steels: Fe-Cr-Ni-Mo-V-Nb-Mn-C

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Energy matching comparison:



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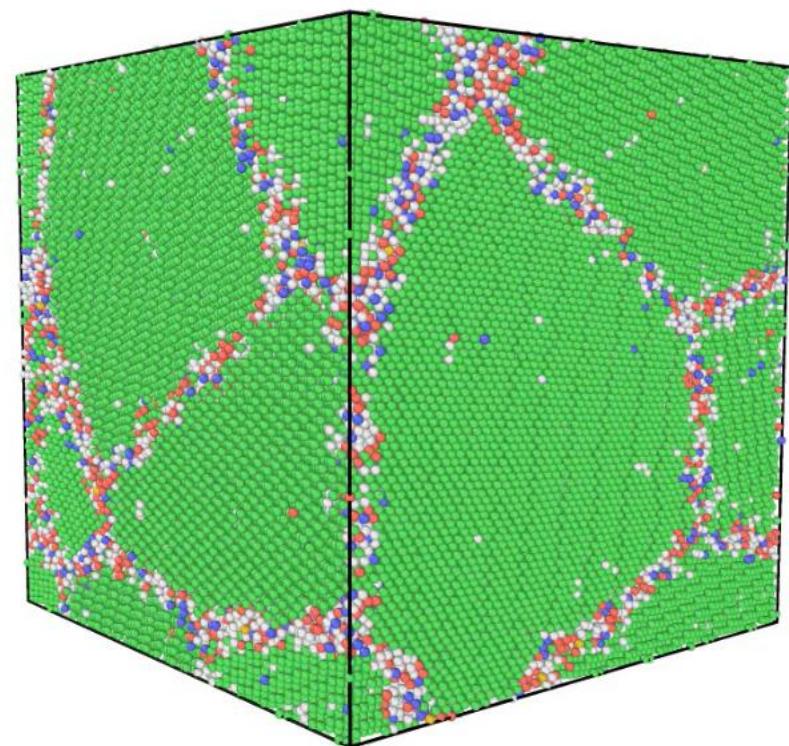
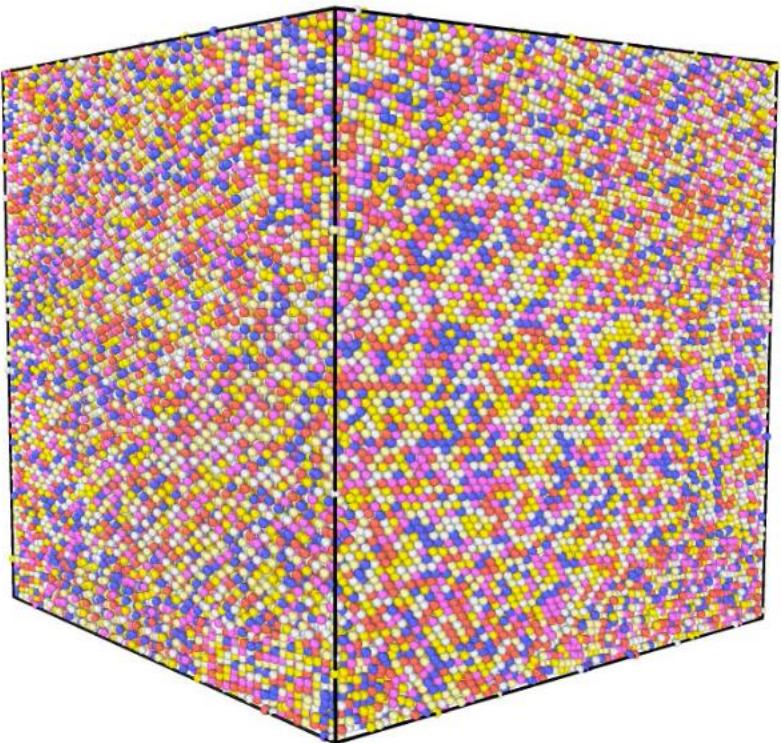
➤ Application to  $\gamma$  Structures

1000K

Thermal Stability Test on Polycrystalline Ni-Co-Cu-Fe-Ni-Cr Alloys

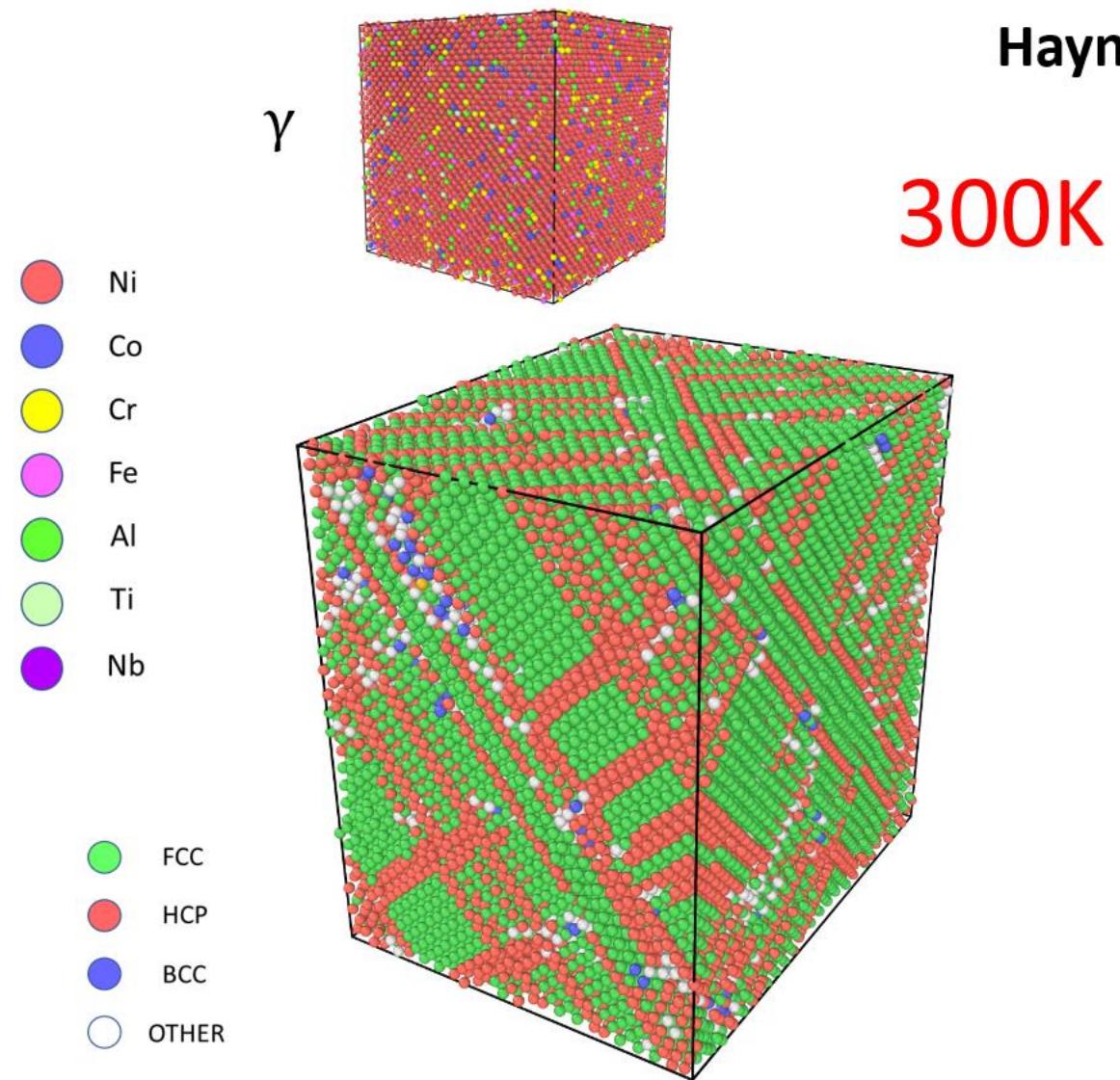
HEA-FCC

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- Co
- Cu
- Fe
- Ni
- Cr

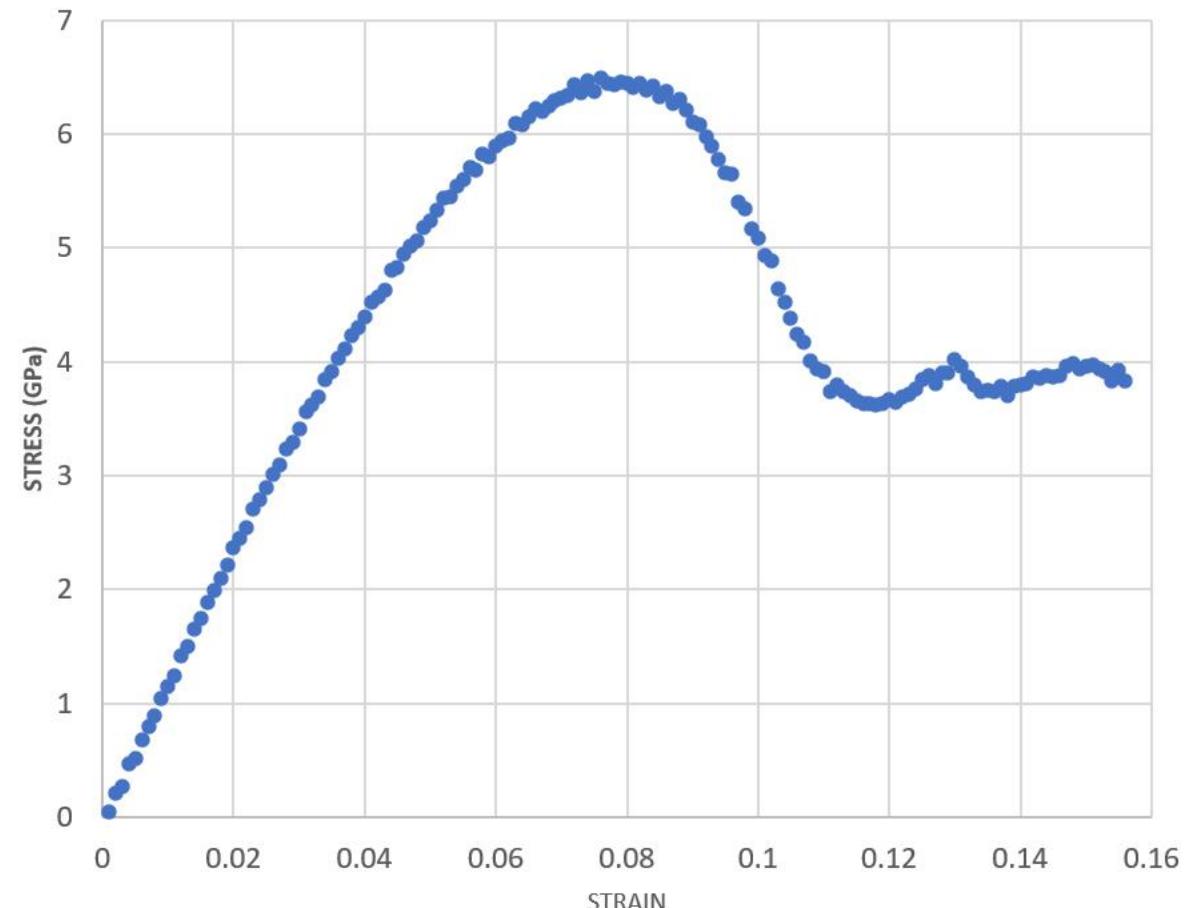


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HEA-BASED EAM POTENTIAL: COMPOSITION & STABILITY TEST



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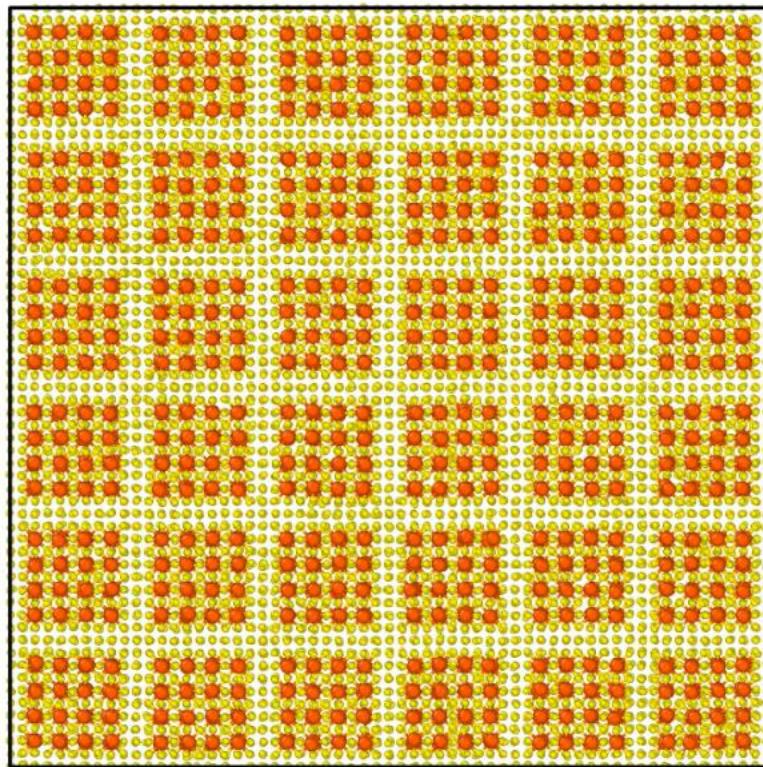
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HEA-FCC

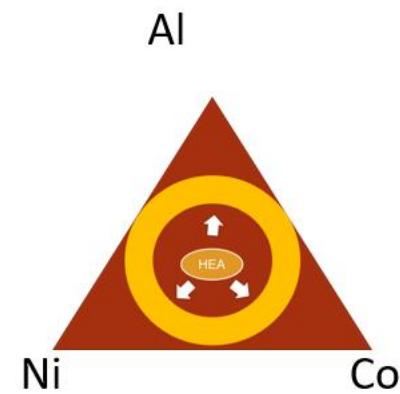
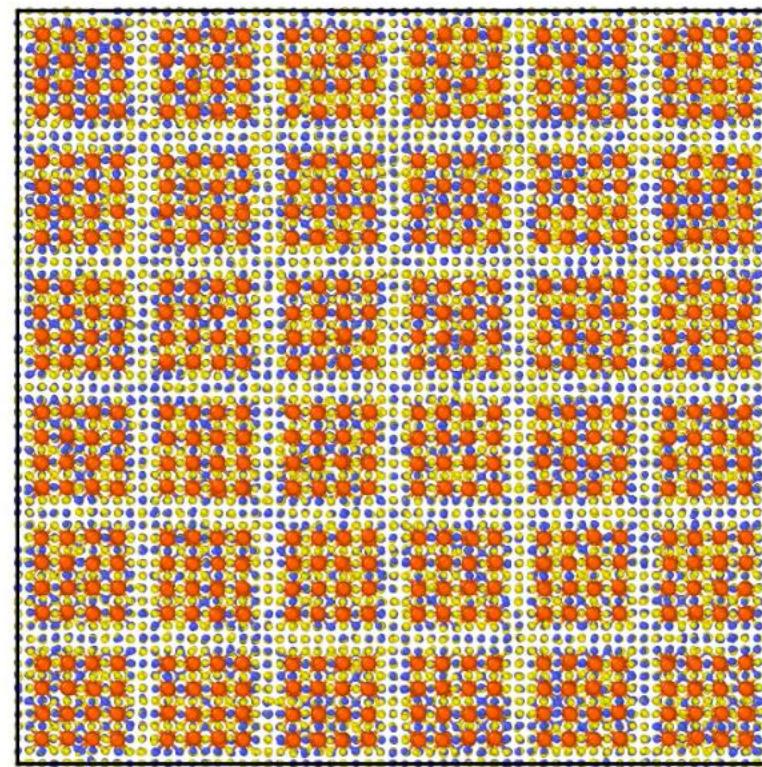
- Al
- Co
- Cu
- Fe
- Ni
- Cr

Ni-rich Ni-Al



Ni-Co-Al

Co-rich Co-Ni-Al



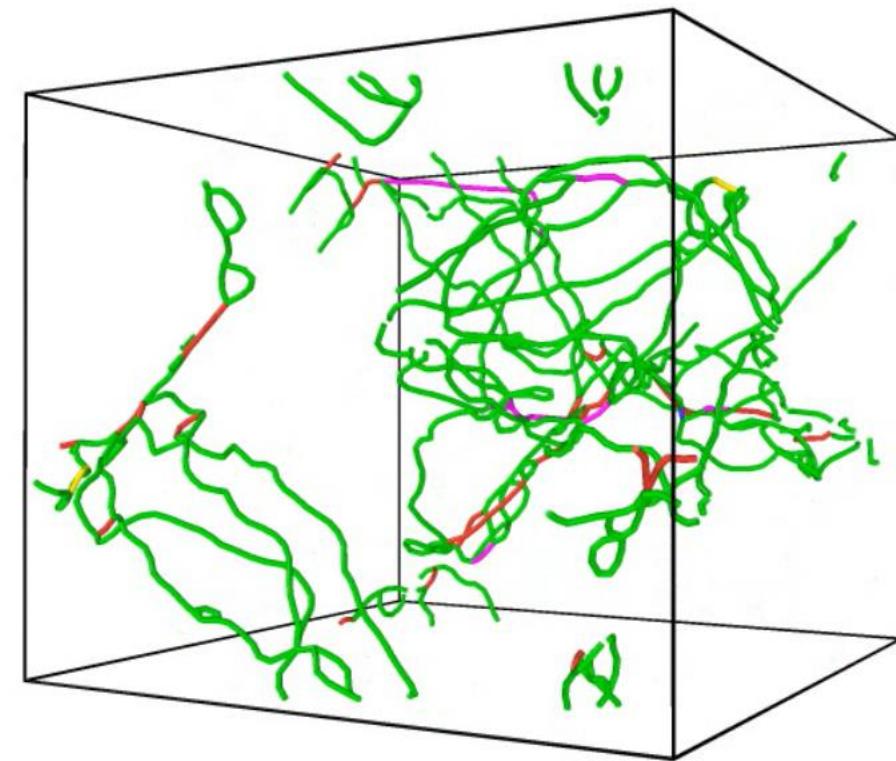
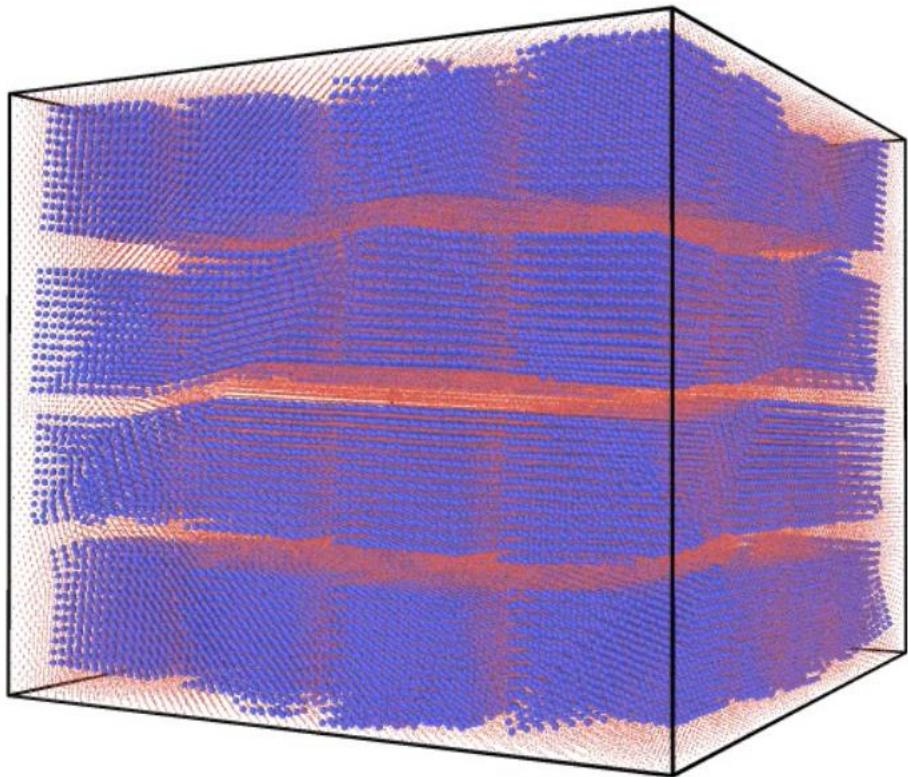
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➤ Applications to  $\gamma + \gamma'$  structure

Simulated creep tests:

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$$\sigma_z = 2.0 - 4.0 \text{ GPa}$$

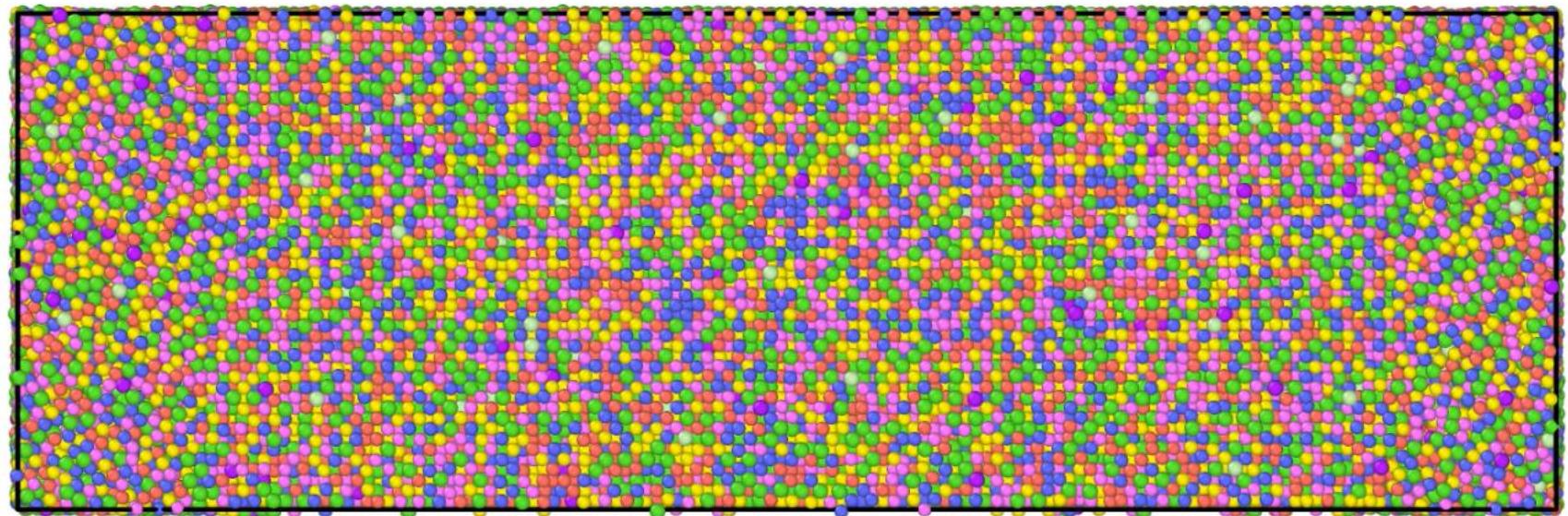
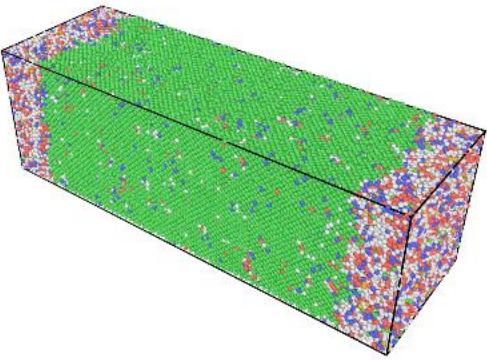
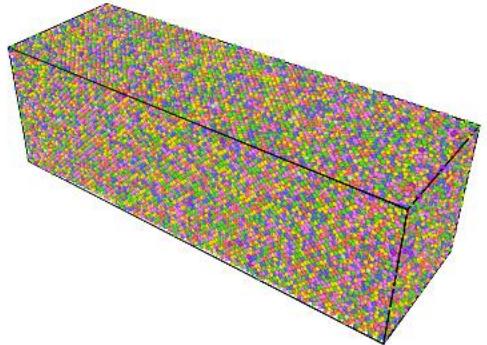


# Atomic-Scale Modeling:

➤ Phase stability analysis

**Ni-Al-Cr-Co-Fe-(Ti-Nb) Alloys**

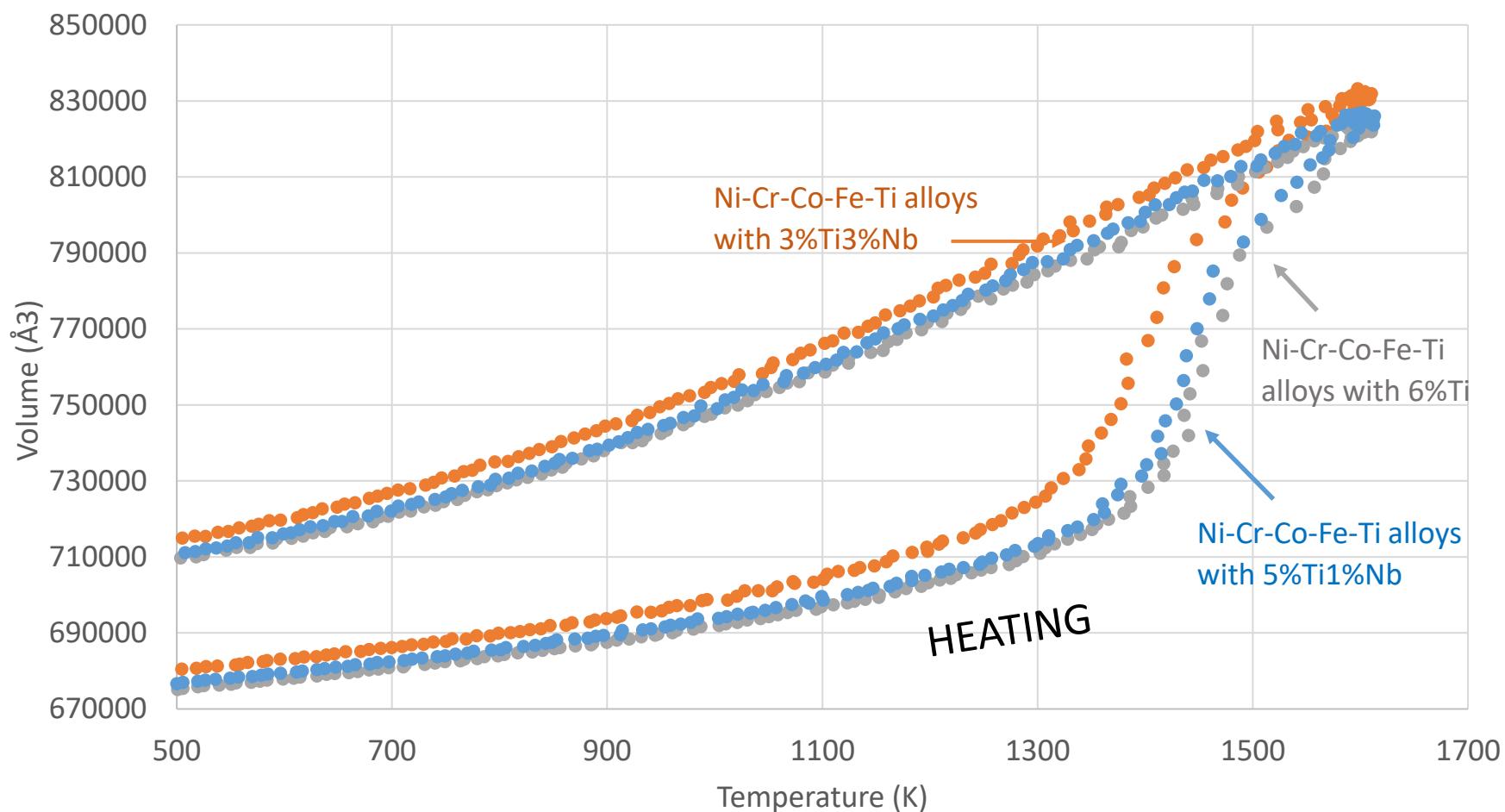
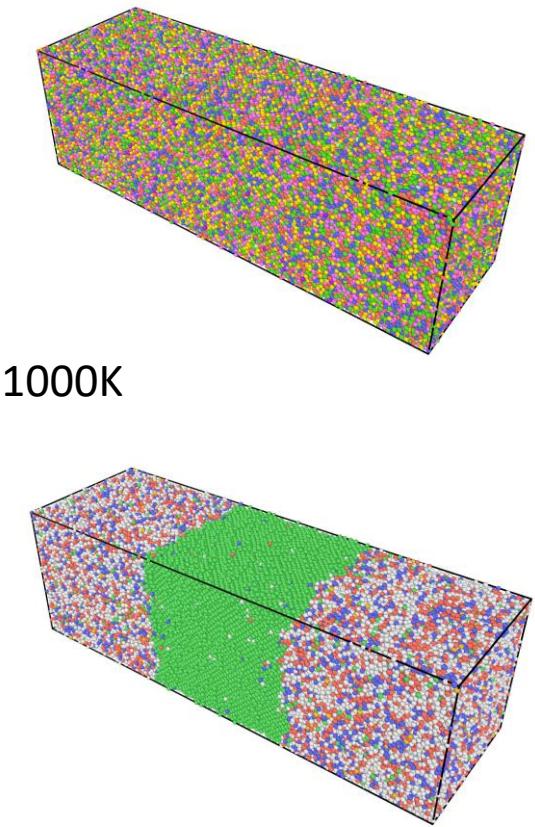
Gamma Phase in Ni-based Superalloys/HEA-GGP



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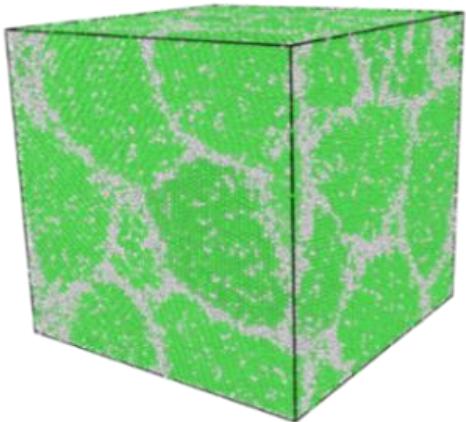
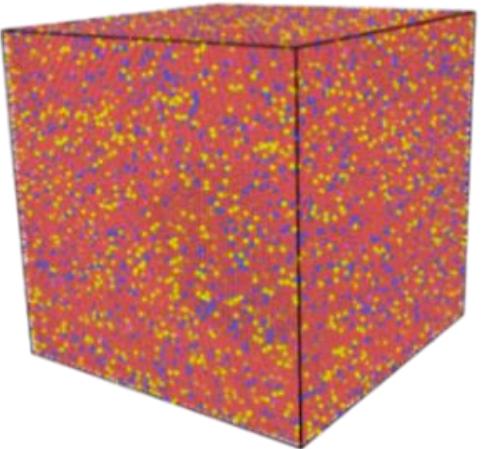
## Ni-Al-Cr-Co-Fe-(Ti,Nb) Alloys



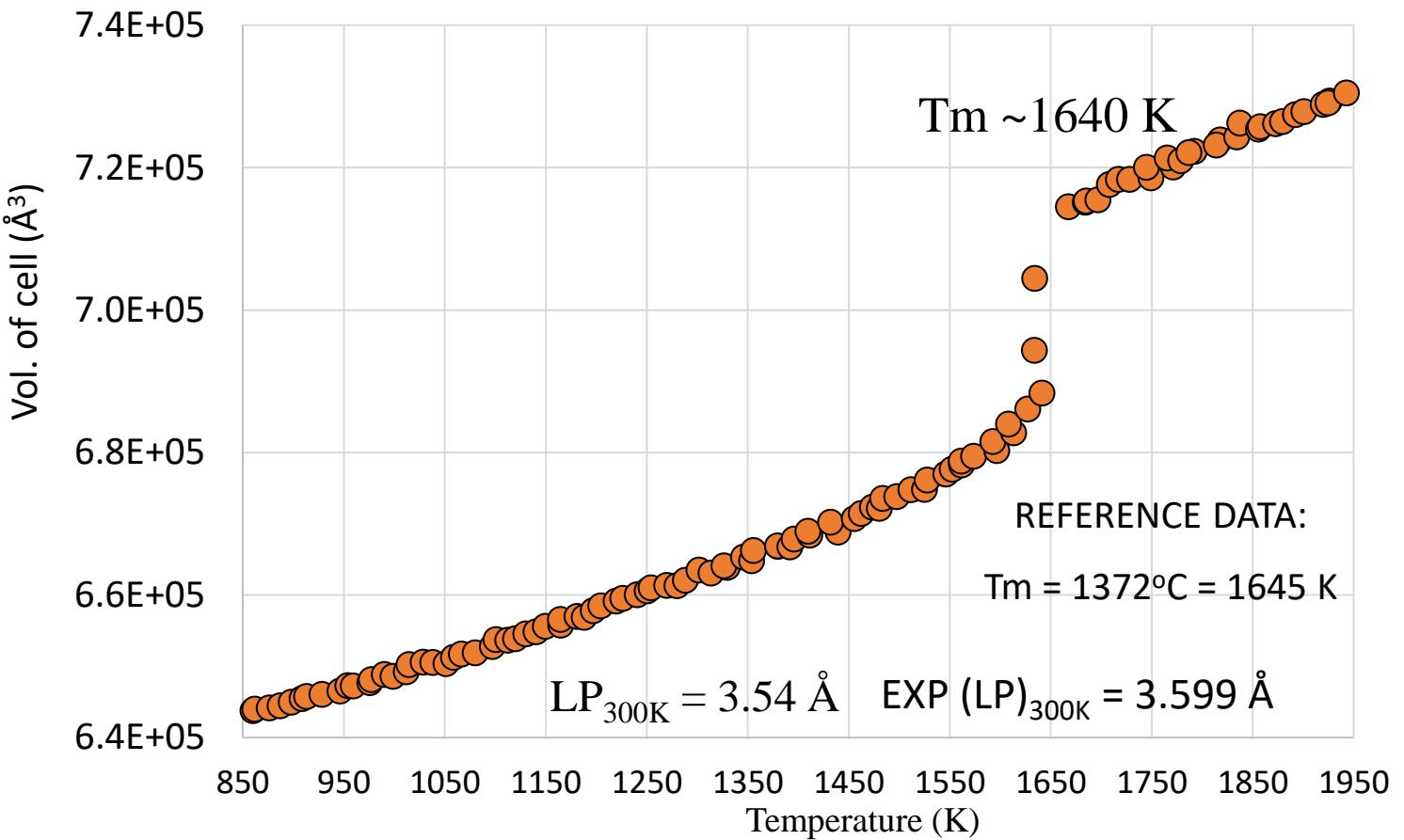
# Atomic-Scale Modeling:

## ➤ Phase stability analysis

- Ni
- Mo
- Cr
- Fe



Ni-8.3Cr-10.3Mo-4.43Fe (at. %) quaternary alloy

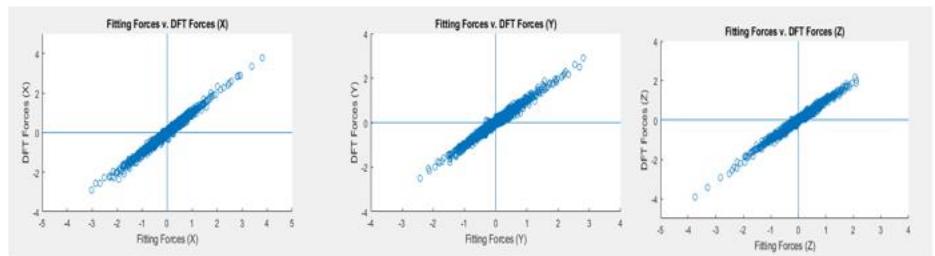


TOP: Snapshot of the atomic trajectories at 1000K

BOTTOM: the same image to mark FCC grain (green) and grain boundaries (white),

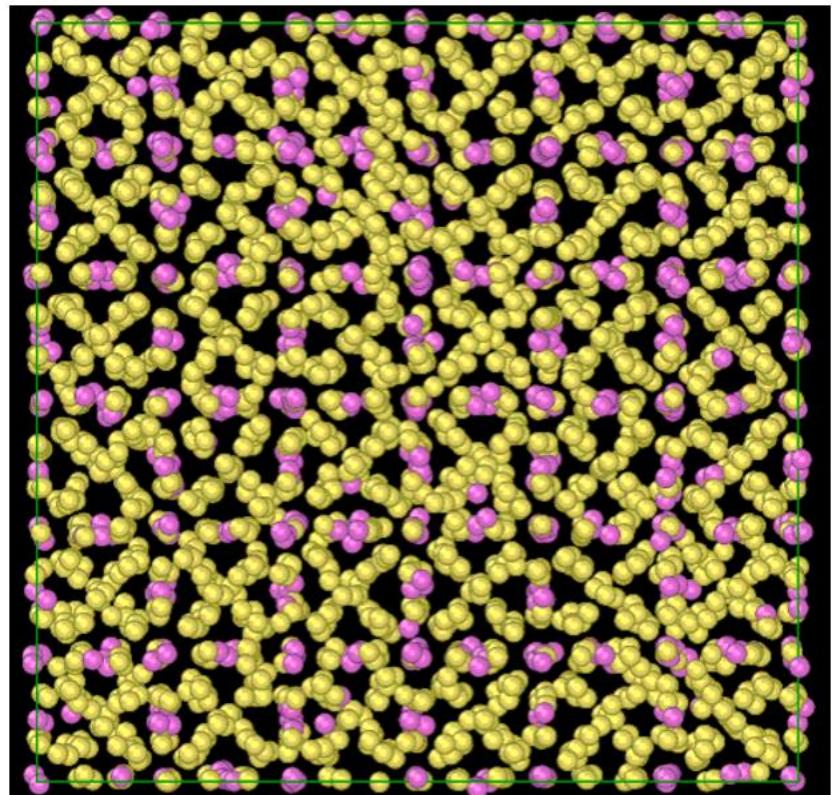
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➤ Applications to carbide systems

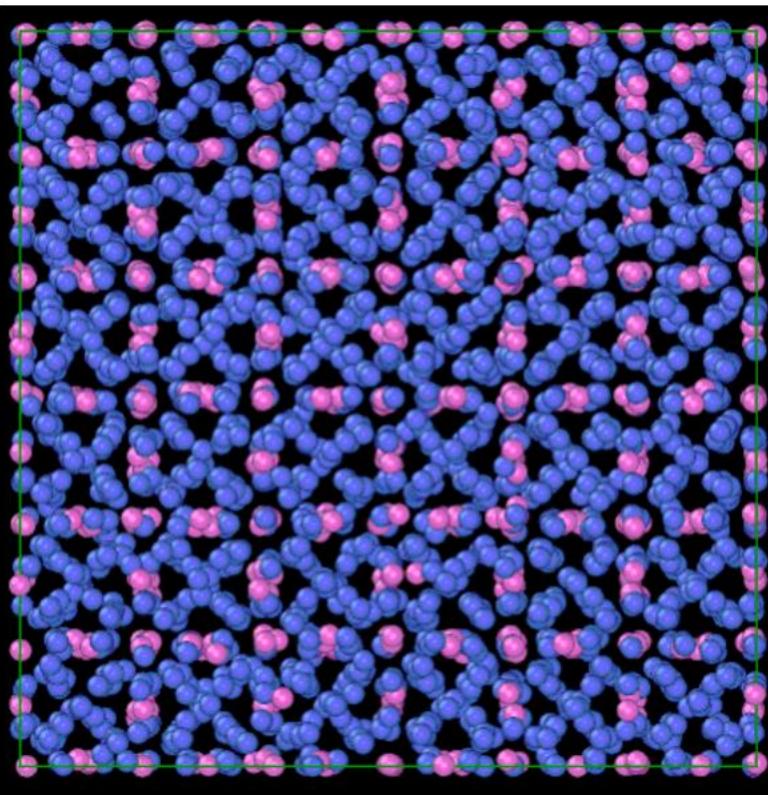


Force matching of DFT vs (M)EAM

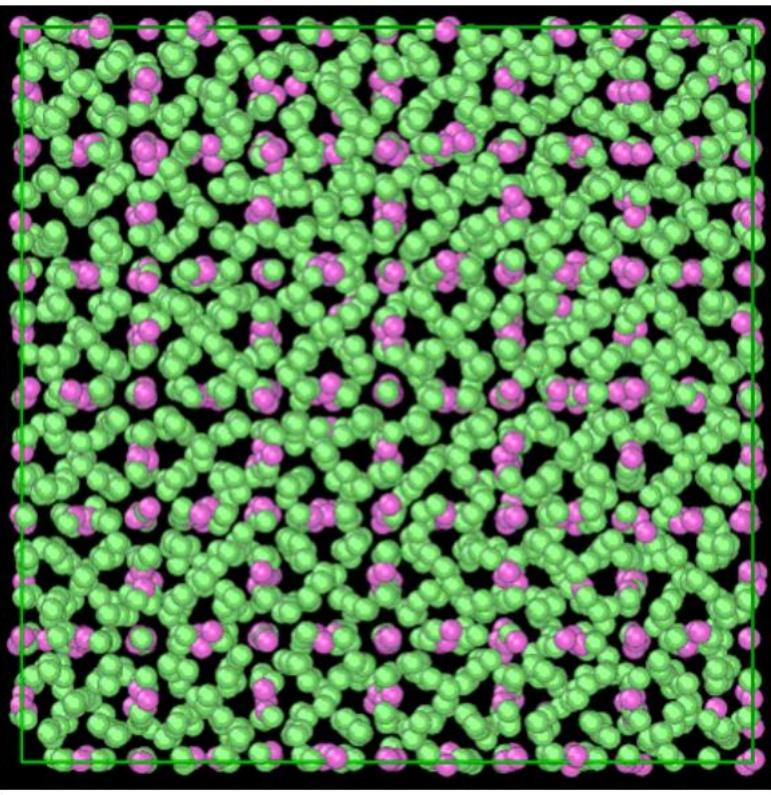
## Thermal Stability of $M_{23}C_6$



W<sub>23</sub>C<sub>6</sub> @ 2700K



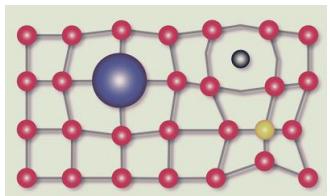
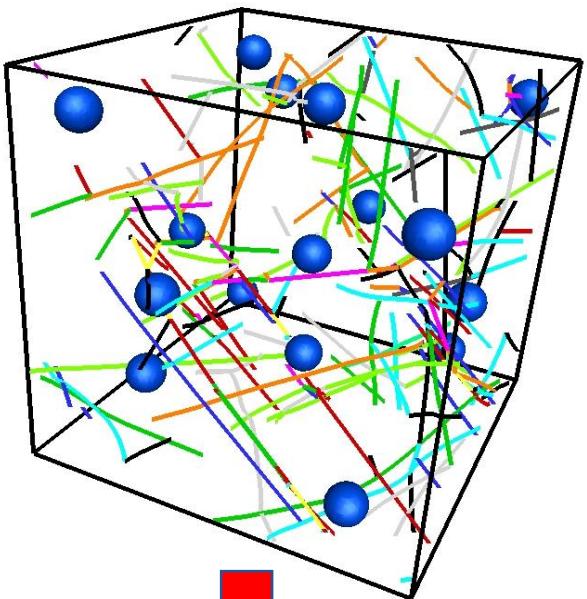
Cr<sub>23</sub>C<sub>6</sub> @ 2100K



Fe<sub>23</sub>C<sub>6</sub> @ 1800K

# Continuum-Scale Modeling:

➤ Strengthening mechanisms in Ni-Based Superalloys



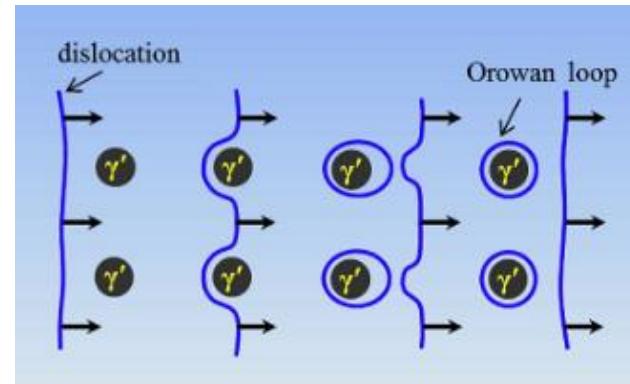
Solid solution

Dislocation shearing

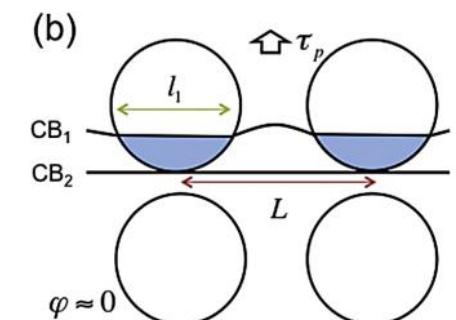
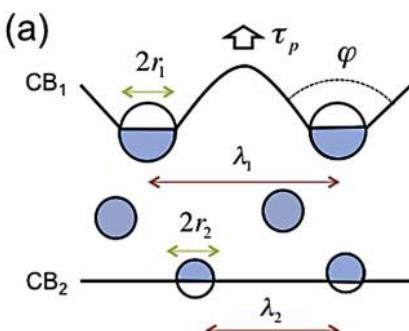
Dislocation interaction



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# Continuum-Scale Modeling:

➤ Strengthening mechanisms in Ni-Based Superalloys

**Physical based full-field, dislocation-density based crystal plasticity FE model :**

$$\dot{\gamma}_{slip}^{\alpha} = \rho_m^{\alpha} * b * \lambda_{eff} * v_0 * \exp\left(-\frac{Q_s}{kT}\right) * \sinh\left[\frac{(\tau^{\alpha} - \tau_{forest+GND} - \text{Min}[\tau_{shear}, \tau_{orowan}] - \tau_{ss})b^2\lambda_{eff}}{k_B T}\right]$$

$\rho_m^{\alpha}$  is the mobile dislocation density on slip system  $\alpha$ ,  $b$  is burgers vector.  $k_B$  is the Boltzmann constant,  $T$  is the absolute temperature.  $\lambda_{eff}^{\alpha}$  is the jump width of slip system  $\alpha$ .  $v_0$  is the attach frequency,  $Q_s$  is the activation energy for dislocation slip,  $V$  is the activation volume.

$$\dot{\gamma}_{climb}^{\alpha} = \rho_m^{\alpha} f_p \frac{\lambda_p}{r_p} c_{jog} D_s * \sinh\left[\frac{(\tau^{\alpha} - \tau_{climb})b^2\lambda_p}{k_B T}\right]$$

$f_p$  is the volume fraction of the  $\gamma'$  phase,  $\lambda_p$  is the average inter-particle spacing and  $r_p$  is the average particle radius.  $c_{jog}$  is the dislocation line jog density,  $D_s$  is the bulk diffusivity.

# Continuum-Scale Modeling:

➤ Strengthening mechanisms in Ni-Based Superalloys Physical based full-field, dislocation-density

Mobile dislocation density

$$\Delta \rho_m = \left( \frac{1}{b * \lambda_{eff}} - k_1 * \sqrt{\rho_{for}} \right) * \sum_{\alpha} \Delta \gamma^{\alpha}$$

Dislocation Looping

$$\Delta \tau_{orowan} = \frac{0.4 \mu b}{\pi * \sqrt{1 - \nu}} * \left( \frac{\ln \left( \frac{2r}{b} \right)}{\lambda_{eff}} \right)$$

Climb dislocations

$$\tau_{climb}^{\alpha} = \mu G b \sqrt{\rho_{climb}^{\alpha}}$$

Solid solution

$$\tau_{ss} = (1 - f) \left[ \sum_i (a_i c_i^{1/2})^2 \right]^{1/2}$$

Dislocation Shearing

$$\tau_{shear} = \frac{\gamma_{APB}}{2b} * \frac{l}{\Lambda + d}$$

Dislocation interaction with forest dislocations

$$\tau_{forest} = \chi b \mu \sqrt{\rho_{for} + \rho_{GND}}$$

based crystal plasticity FE model :

$$\dot{\gamma}_{climb}^{\alpha} = \rho_m^{\alpha} f_p \frac{\lambda_{eff}}{r_{eff}} c_{jog} D_s * \sinh \left[ \frac{(\tau^{\alpha} - \tau_{climb} - \tau_{forest+GND}) b^2 \lambda_{eff}}{k_B T} \right] * sign(\tau^{\alpha})$$

$$\begin{cases} 0, & |\tau^{\alpha}| \leq \tau_{climb} + \tau_{forest+GND} \\ \dot{\gamma}_{climb}^{\alpha}, & \tau_{climb} + \tau_{forest+GND} \leq |\tau^{\alpha}| \leq Min[\tau_{shear}, \tau_{orowan}] + \tau_{forest+GND} \\ \dot{\gamma}_{slip}^{\alpha}, & |\tau^{\alpha}| \geq Min[\tau_{shear}, \tau_{orowan}] + \tau_{forest+GND} \end{cases}$$

$$\dot{\gamma}_{slip}^{\alpha} = \rho_m^{\alpha} * b * \lambda_{eff} * v_0 * \exp(-\frac{Q_s}{kT}) * \sinh \left[ \frac{(\tau^{\alpha} - \tau_{forest+GND} - Min[\tau_{shear}, \tau_{orowan}]) b^2 \lambda_p}{k_B T} \right] * sign(\tau^{\alpha})$$

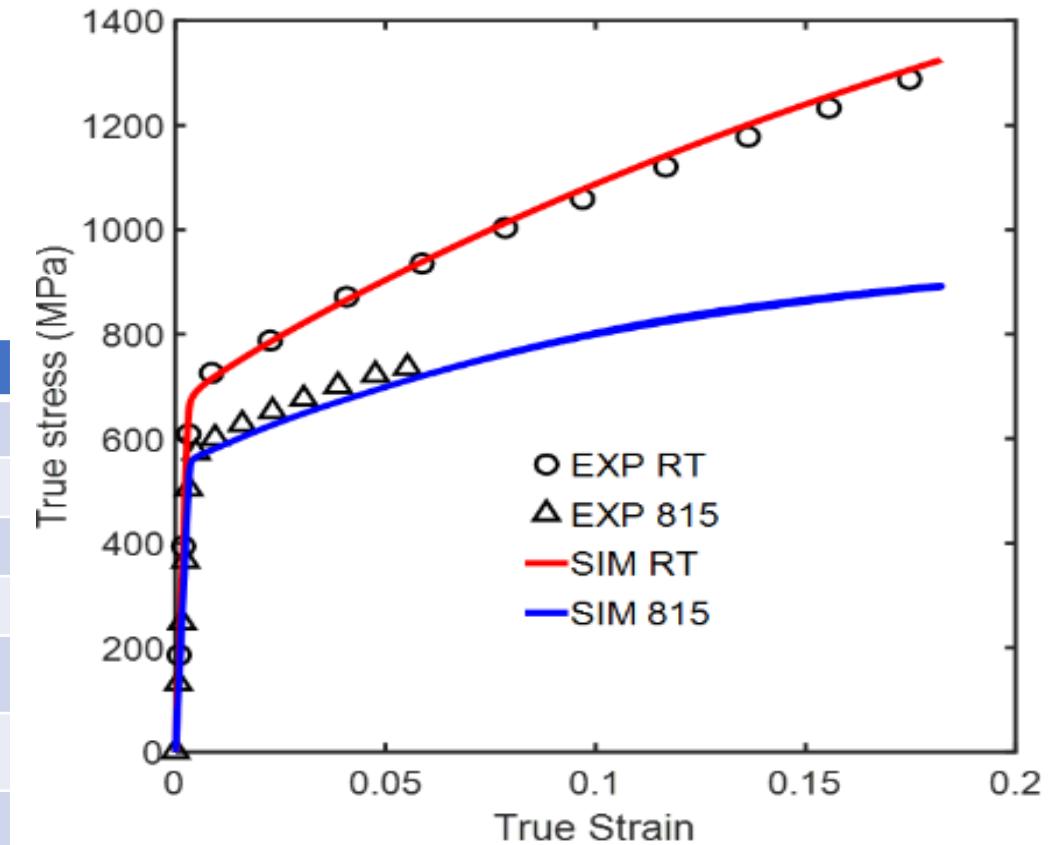
# Continuum-Scale Modeling:

## ➤ Strengthening mechanisms in Ni-Based Superalloys

- The constitutive formulations are written as a user-defined material (UMAT) subroutine in Abaqus software.
- The dislocation density evolution calibrated with the stress-strain curve with experimental results for of Haynes 282 from reference (Zhao, Shen, Niezgoda, & Wang, 2018):

Symbol	Value	Meaning
$Q_{\text{slip}}$	$3.7 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$	Activation energy for slip
$f_p$	0.11	Volume fraction
$v_0$	$7.8 \times 10^{11}$	Attack frequency
$\eta$	0.65	Spatial-distribution parameter
$k_1$	$3.0 \times 10^9 \text{ m}^{-1}$	Coefficient for statistical trapping of mobile dislocations
$k_3$	50.0	Coefficient for climb dislocation density deposited
$\chi$	0.15	Dislocation interaction factor
$\mathbf{b}$	$2.54 \times 10^{-10} \text{ nm}$	Magnitude of Burger's vector
$\gamma_{APB}$	0.18 J	Anti-phase boundary energy
$\beta_{for}$	0.01	Constant relate to the spacing of forest dislocation
$\beta_{GND}$	1.0	Constant relate to the spacing of GND
$\beta_p$	0.55	Constant relate to the spacing of precipitates

## Validation of the slip model:



Comparison of the predicted stress-strain curves under different temperatures with experimental data from International Journal of Plasticity 109 (2018) 153–168.



# Summary

## **Modeling at electronic structures:**

- Completed fundamental DFT-based materials property database for  $M_{23}C_6$
- To finish fundamental DFT-based materials property database for mixed phases/interfaces ( $\gamma + \gamma'$ ) in Q3-Q4

## **Modeling at atomic scale:**

- Developed working interatomic potentials designed for  $\gamma + \gamma'$  and carbide phases
- To complete verifications on multi-component interatomic potentials for  $\gamma + \gamma'$  matrix in Q3
- To complete verifications on multi-component interatomic potentials for carbide precipitates in Q3
- To complete verifications on multi-component interatomic potentials for  $\gamma + \gamma'$  matrix//carbides in Q4

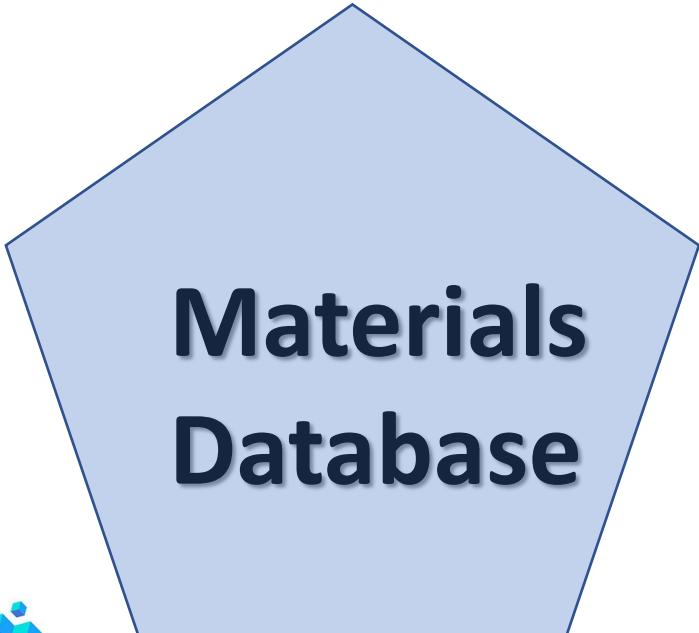
## **Modeling at continuum scale:**

- Developed framework for semi-empirical crystal plasticity models on void deformation at grain boundaries
- Developed framework for semi-empirical crystal plasticity models for  $\gamma + \gamma'$  matrix
- To complete validations on the semi-empirical dislocation density -based crystal plasticity models in Q3-Q4

# Path forward

Artificial Intelligence (AI) Applications to Multi-modal Modeling Approaches:

INTERCONNECTED MATERIALS DATABASE THROUGH  
AI-DRIVEN APPLICATION PROGRAMMING INTERFACE (API)s

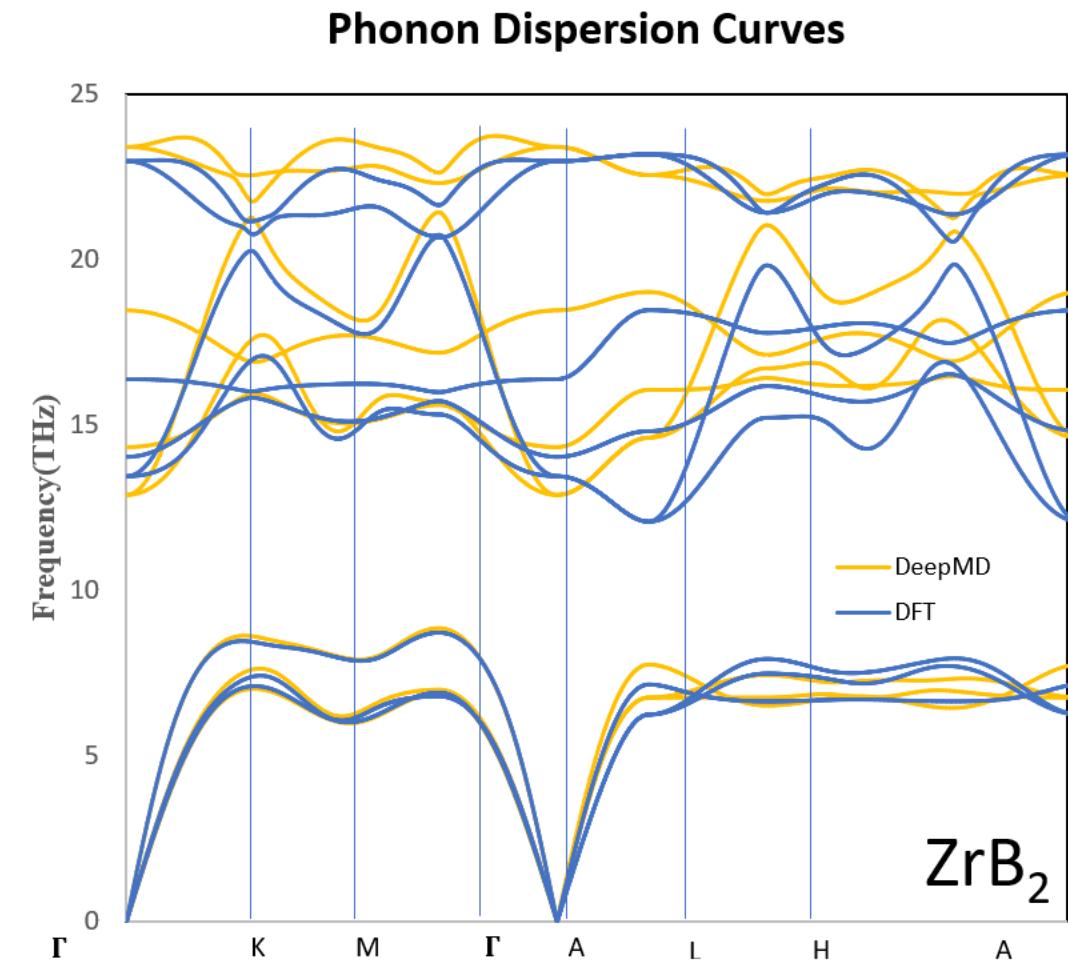
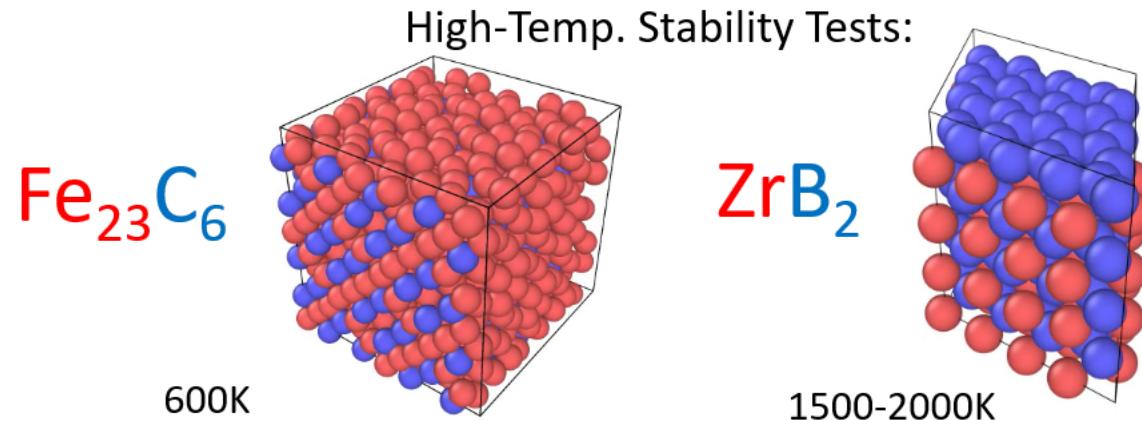
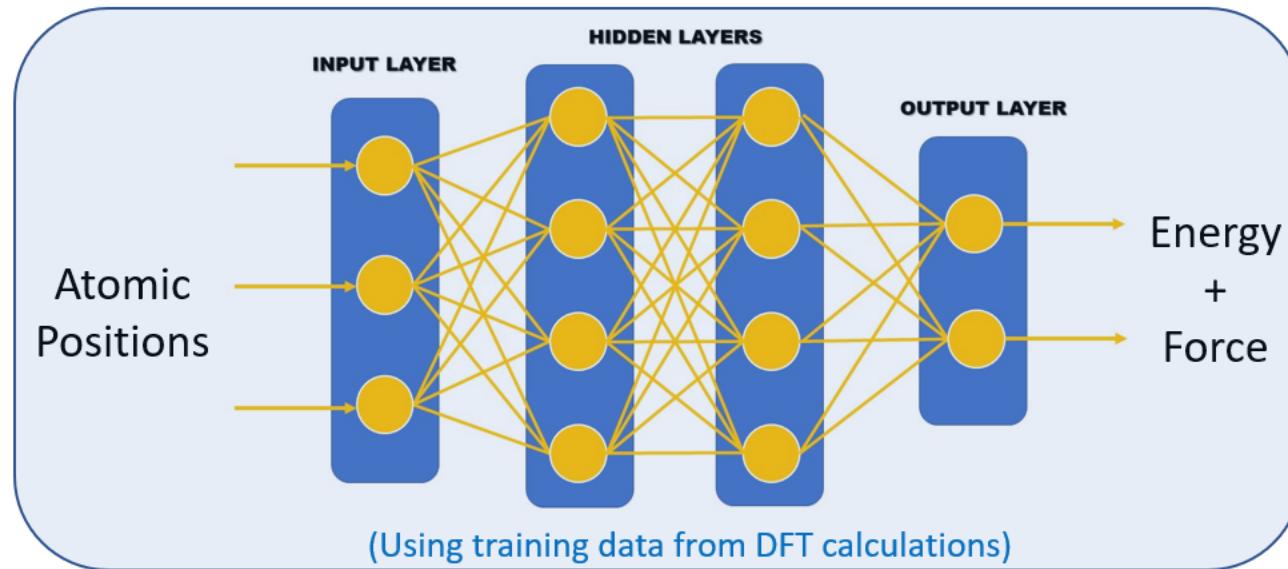


# Path forward

Artificial Intelligence (AI) Applications to Multi-modal Modeling Approaches:

## DEEP LEARNING POTENTIAL AT ATOMISTIC SCALE

Examples: Carbide phase ( $\text{Fe}_{23}\text{C}_6$ ) and boride phase ( $\text{ZrB}_2$ )

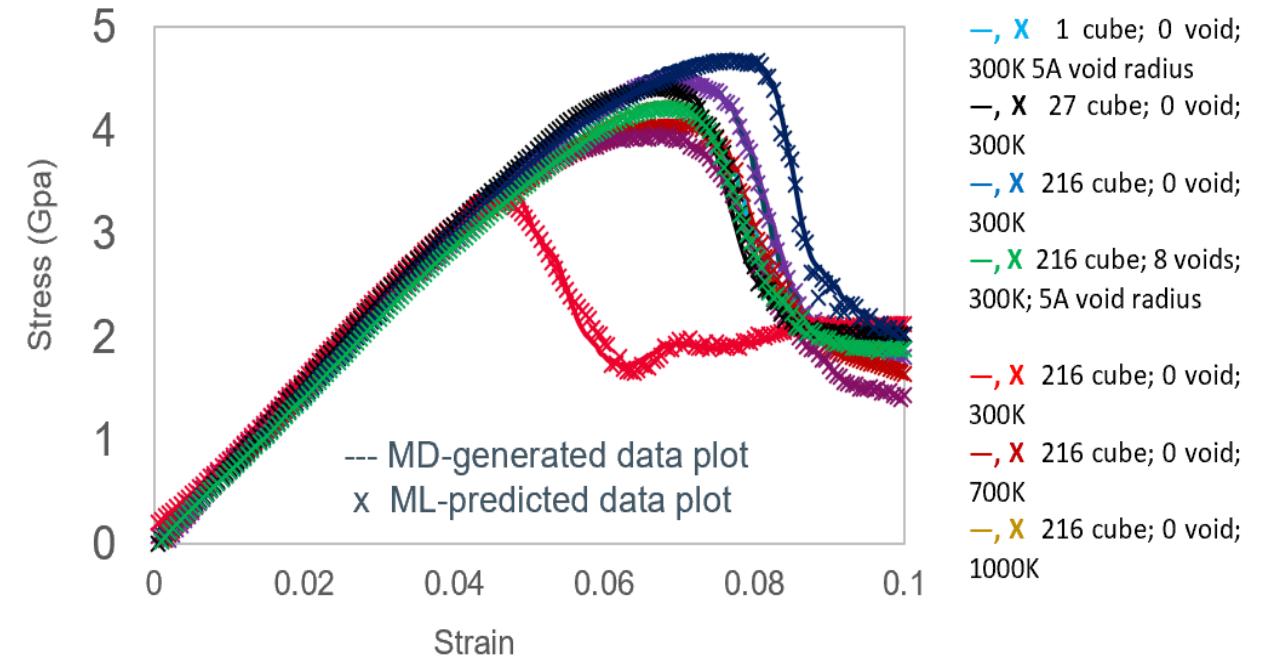
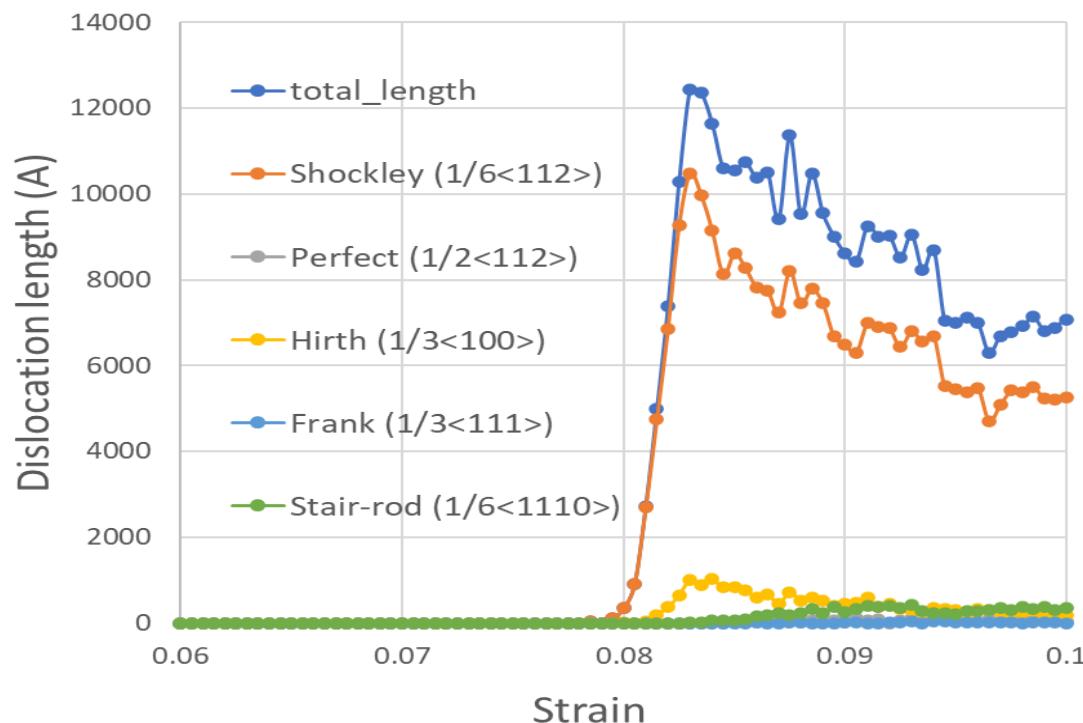


# Path forward

Artificial Intelligence (AI) Applications to Multi-modal Modeling Approaches:

## DEFORMATION DYNAMICS AT ATOMISTIC SCALE

### DISLOCATION POPULATION –BASED ANALYSIS



Thank You