

DYNAMICS-BASED MICROSTRUCTURAL DESIGN IN MULTICOMPONENT ALLOYS

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MTL/SRG

A) Cybersteel 2020: Ultratough Plate Steels (ONR; CAT)

C) Superalloys (AF-MEANS, DARPA-AIM; RMCH)

B) HT Carburiizing Steels (DOE-OIT; GM, P&W)

D) Bulk Metallic Glasses (DARPA-SAM)

GOVERNMENT

NAWCAD	A
Lee	
ARL/WMD	B
Montgomery	
AFRL	C,D
Woodward	Miracle

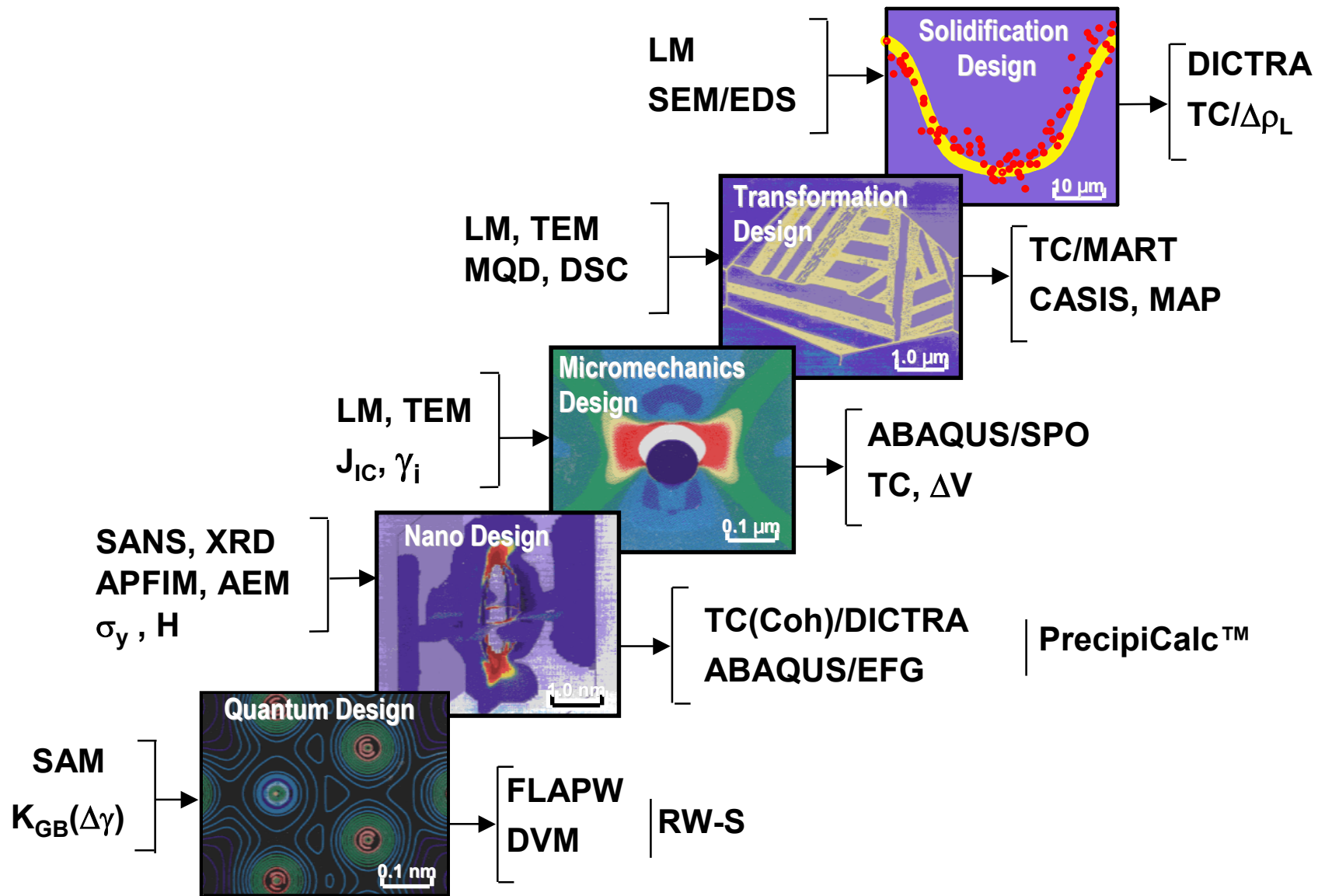
UNIVERSITY

NORTHWESTERN	A,B,C,D
Olson	Freeman
Ankenman	Ghosh
Asta	Isheim
Brinson	Liu
Dunand	Moran
Fine	Voorhees
High Resolution Microanalysis	
WPIC/CHTE	B
Apellan	
PURDUE-CALUMET	B
Abramowitz	
DREXEL	C
Doherty	
KTH (Stockholm)	C
Agren	Sundman
LEHIGH	C
Harlow	
OHIO STATE	C
Fraser	Mills

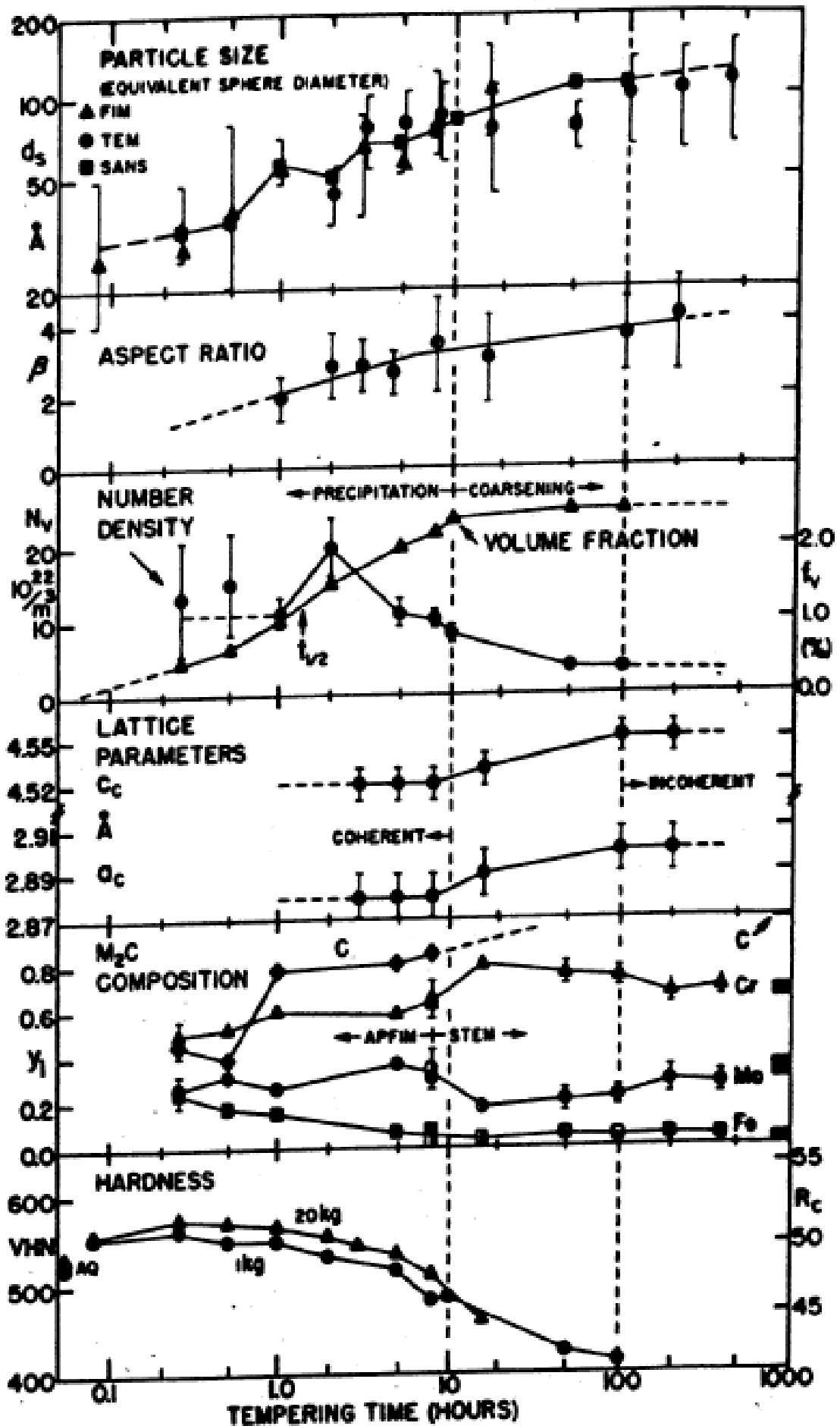
INDUSTRY

QUESTEK	A,B,C,D	
Kuehmann	Qiu	Tang
Huang	Rathbun	Tufts
Jou	Scharer	Wright
CATERPILLAR	A,B	
Chen	Johnson	
Hsieh	Yang	
ALLYAG STEEL	A,B	
Lippard	Stevenson	
INLAND STEEL	A	
Bhattacharya		
GM	B	
Mishra	Sachdev	
PRATT & WHITNEY	B,C,D	
Fowler	Schirra	
REFERENCE METALS	C	
Carniero		
HOWMET	D	
Wolter	Wright	
BOEING	D	
Bowdoin		

CSM	C
Eberhart	
WISCONSIN-MAD	C,D
Perezpazko	
MIT	D
Argon	Parks
IIT	D
Nash	
VIRGINIA	D
Poon	Shifflet



M₂C Precipitation Strengthening: AF1410



Multicomponent Coarsening Rate Constant

S. Bjorklund, L.F. Donaghey, & M. Hillert (1972)

H.M. Lee, S.M. Allen, & M. Grujicic (1991)

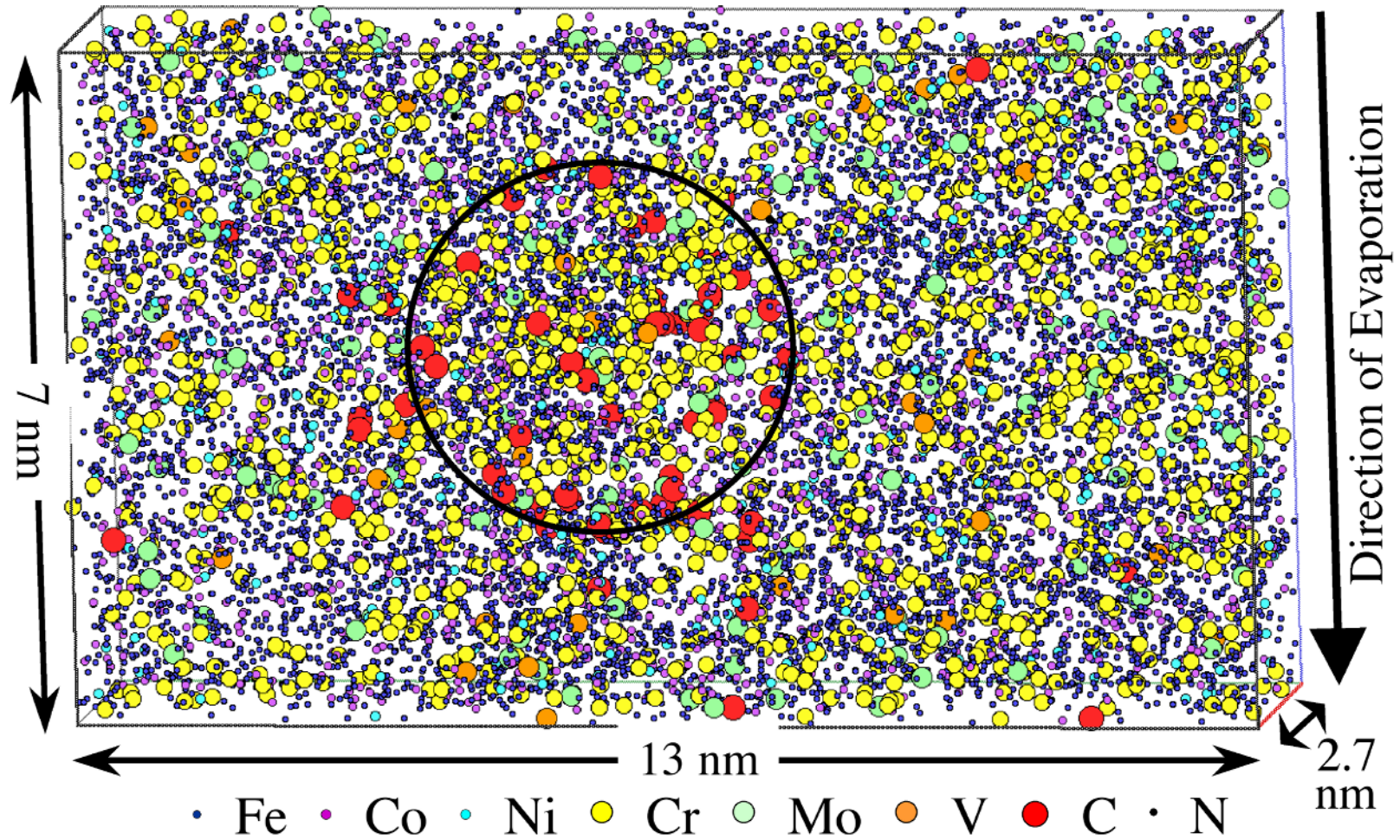
A. Umantsev & G.B. Olson (1993)

C.J. Kuehmann & P.W. Voorhees (1996)

J.E. Morral & G.R. Purdy (1994, 1995)

Å Gustafson, L. Höglund, & J. Agren (1998)

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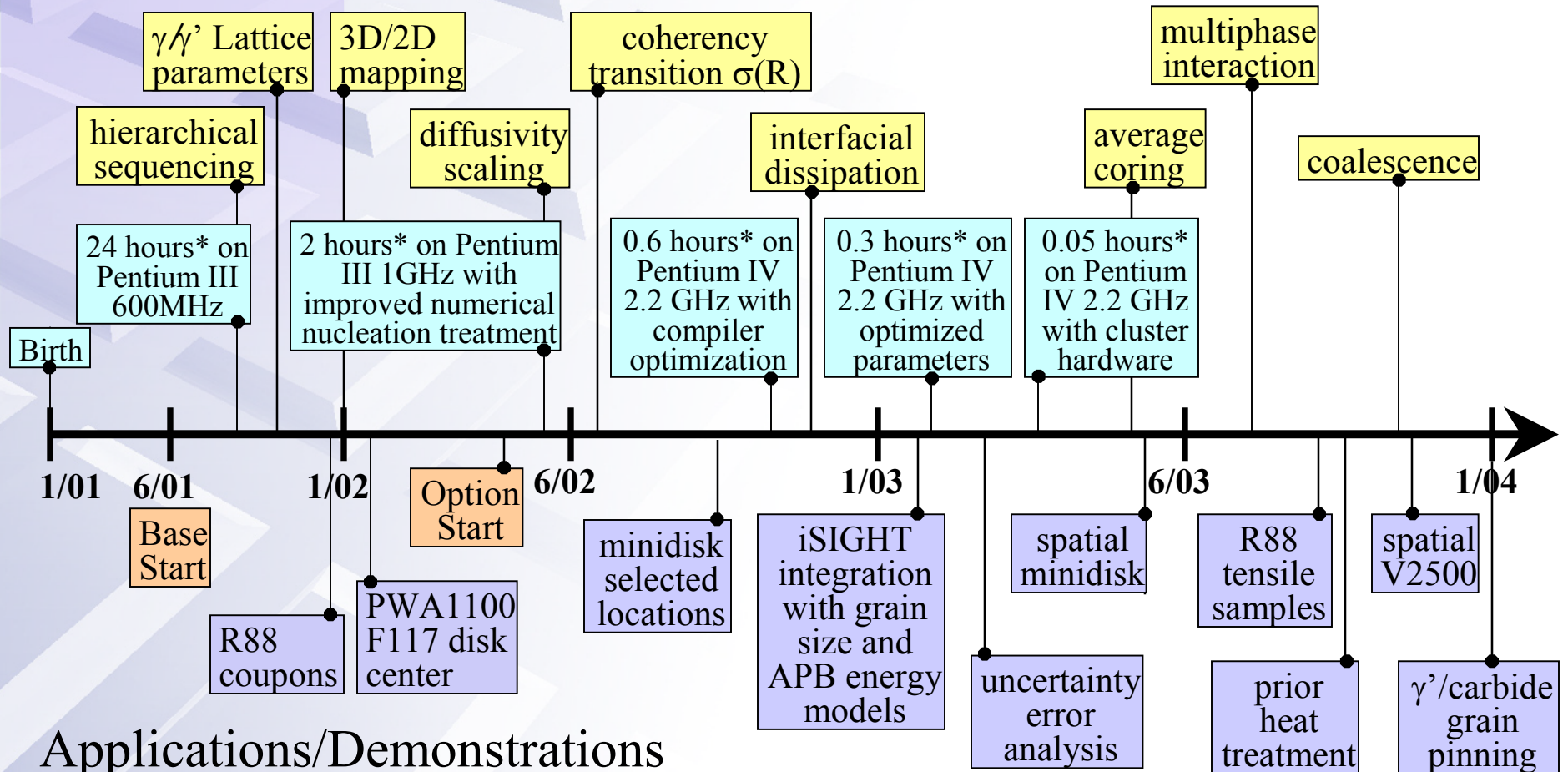




PrecipiCalc™ Timeline



Software/Hardware Improvement



* single IN100 PWA1100 simulation





Basic PrecipiCalc Equations (2) —

Particle Growth



$$\text{Growth: } \frac{dR}{dt} = \frac{\left(1 + R\sqrt{4\pi N_v \langle R \rangle}\right)}{\left(R\Gamma + s(R) / \left(M_0 \exp \frac{-Q}{RT}\right)\right)} \left\{ \Delta G_m - \frac{2\sigma(R)\bar{V}_m^\beta}{R} \right\}$$

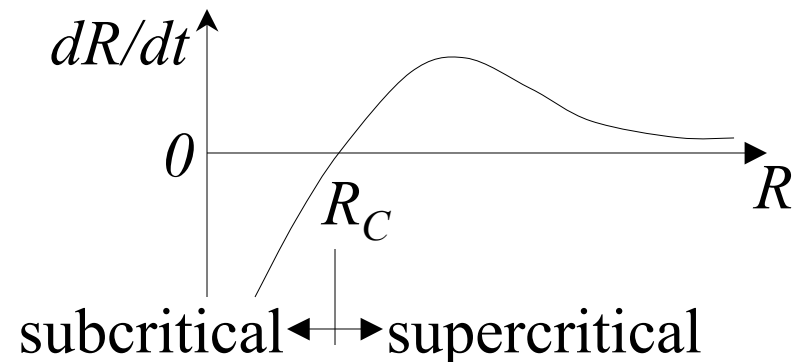
$$\text{where } \Delta G_m = [\Delta C_i]^T \left[\frac{\partial^2 \bar{G}^\alpha}{\partial C_i \partial C_j} \right] [\Delta C_j^\infty] + [\bar{C}_m^\beta] \cdot ([\bar{\mu}_m^\alpha] - [\bar{\mu}_m^\beta])$$

$$\Gamma = [\Delta C_i]^T \left[\frac{\partial^2 \bar{G}^\alpha}{\partial C_i \partial C_j} \right] [\bar{D}_{jk}]^{-1} [\Delta C_k^e]$$

Thermodynamics

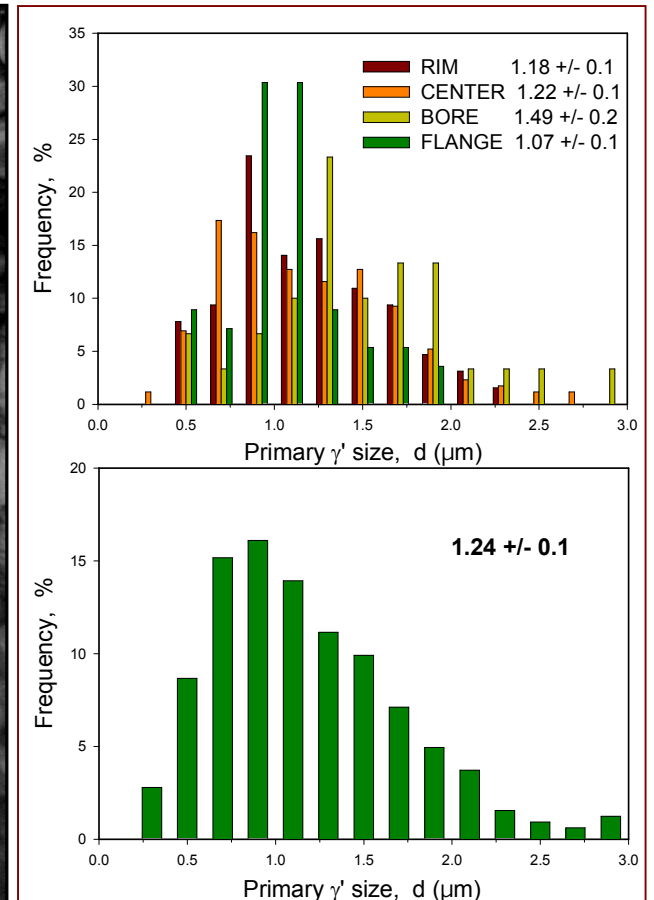
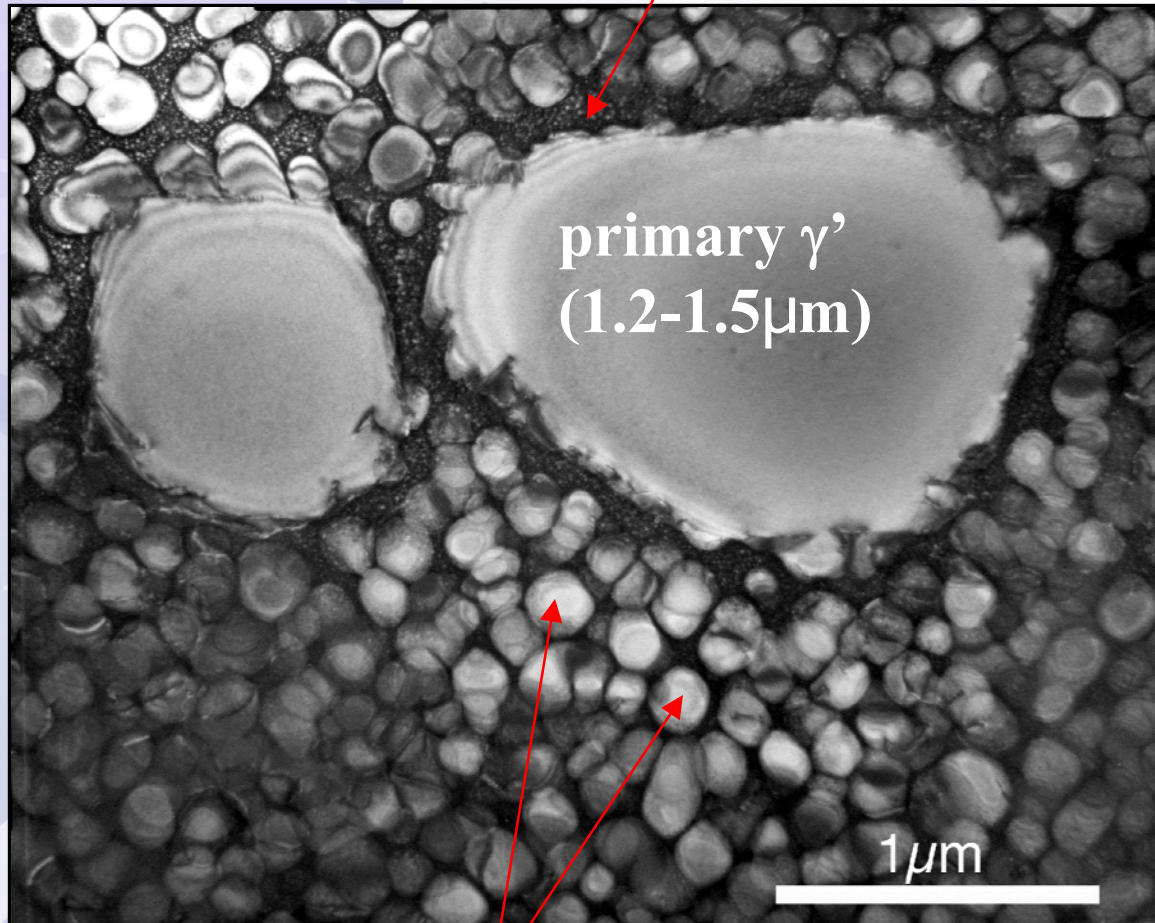
Diffusivity

Interfacial Property



γ/γ' Microstructure (1)

tertiary γ' (10-20nm)

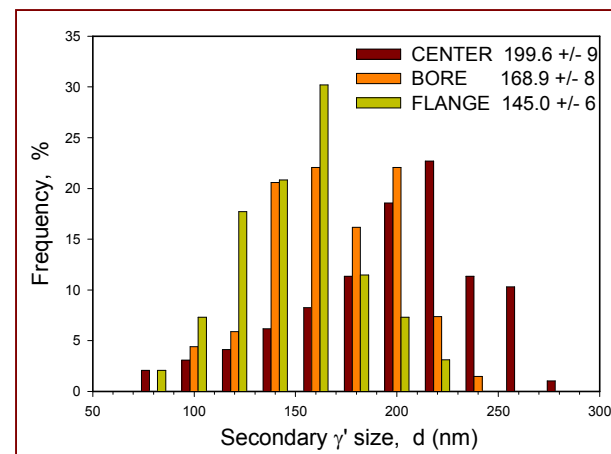
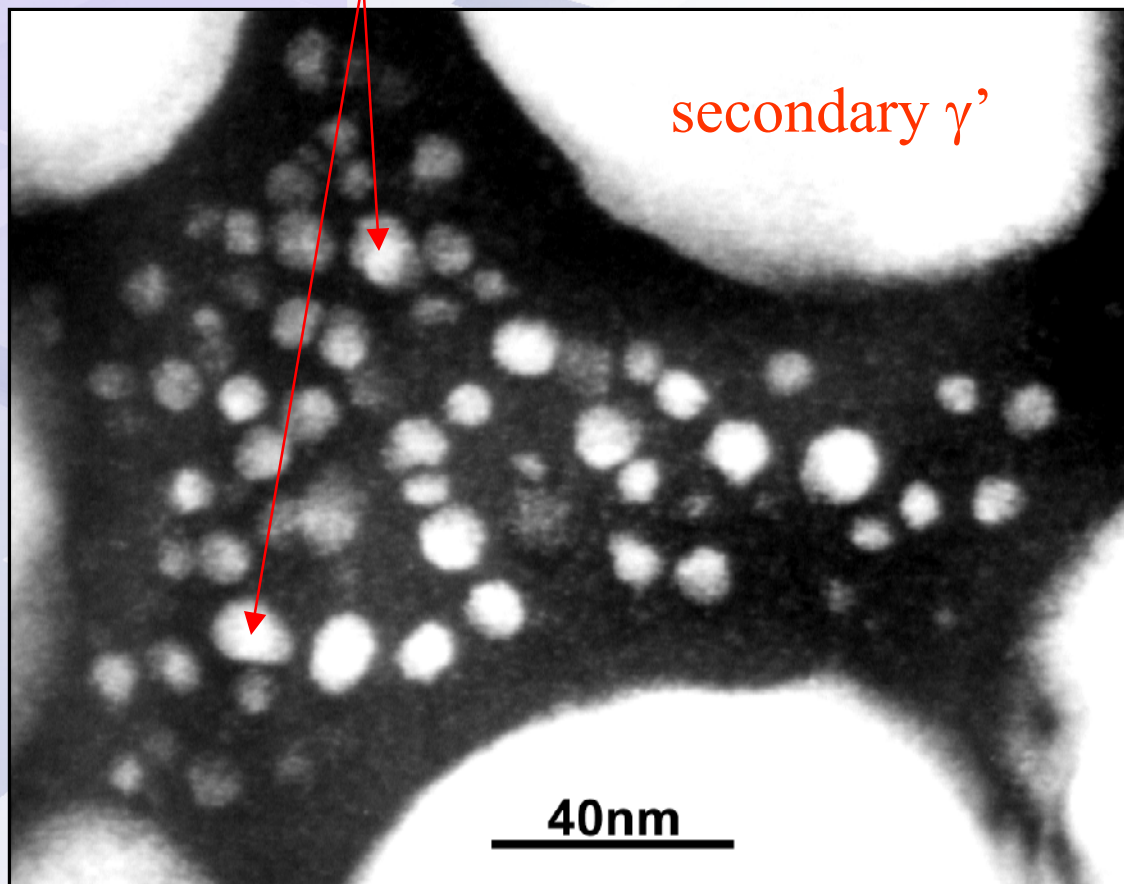


secondary γ' (110-200nm)

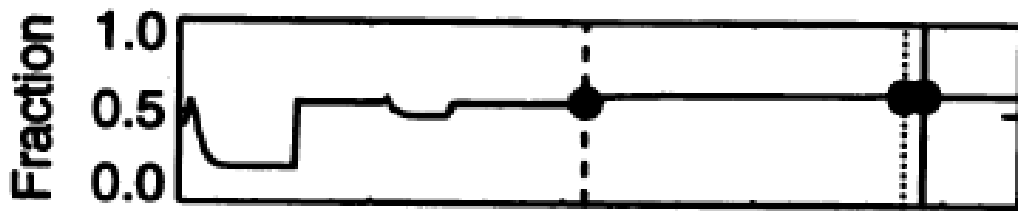
γ/γ' Microstructure (2)

tertiary γ'

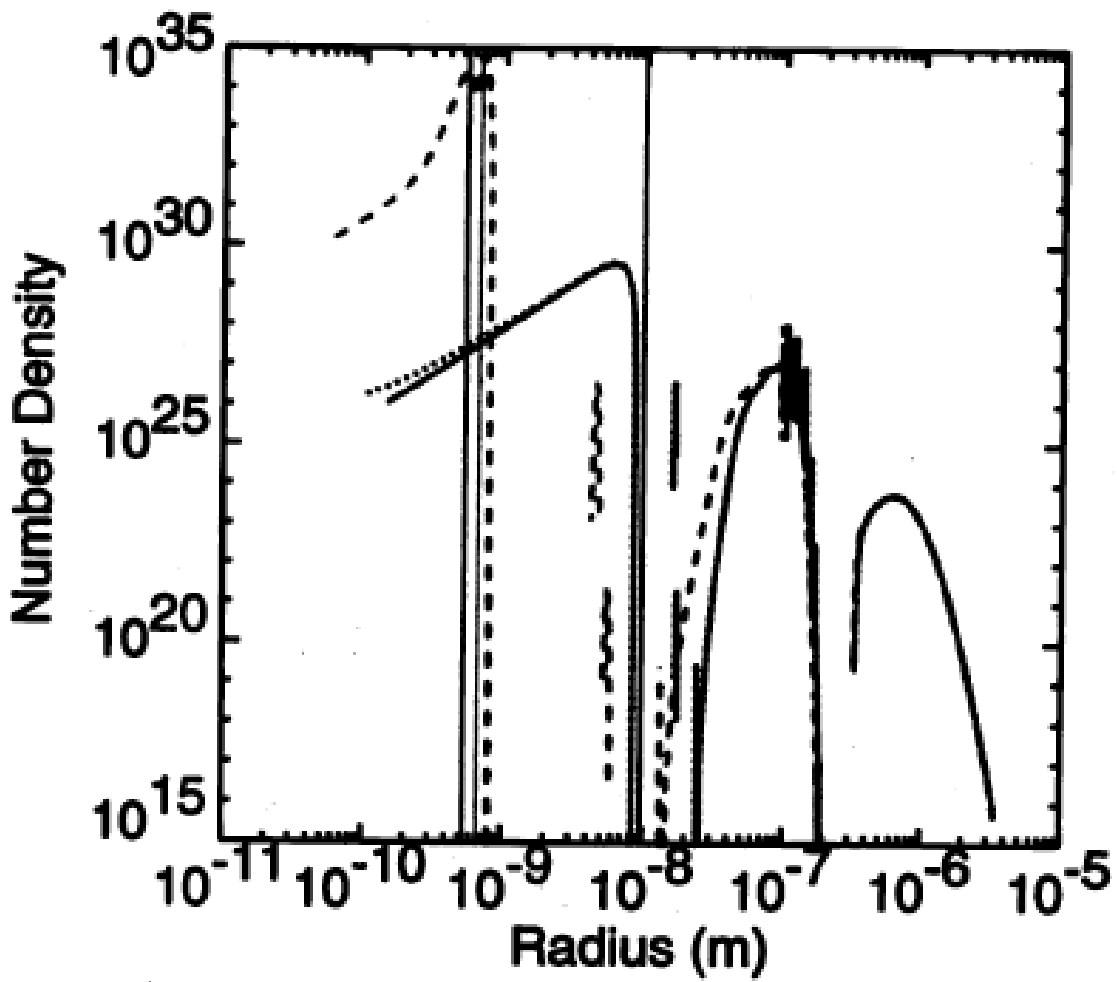
secondary γ'



Node 1462

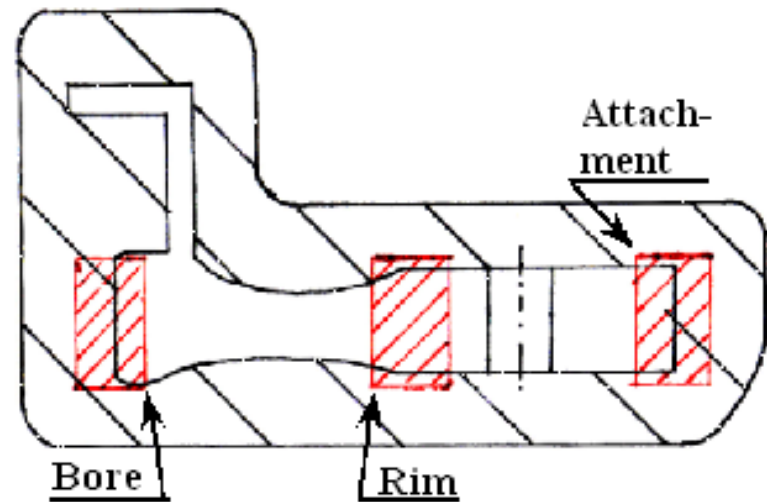
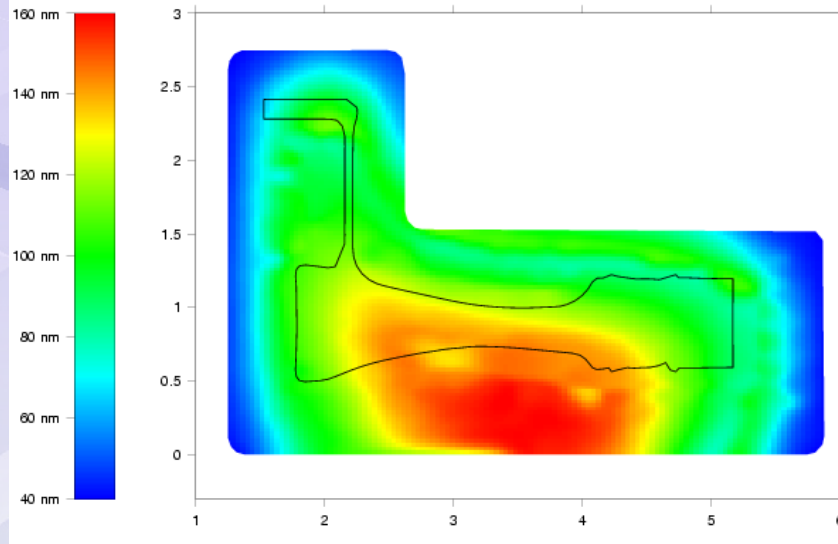


Time (hr)





Minidisk Microstructure Prediction with *PrecipiCalc*



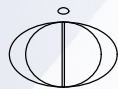
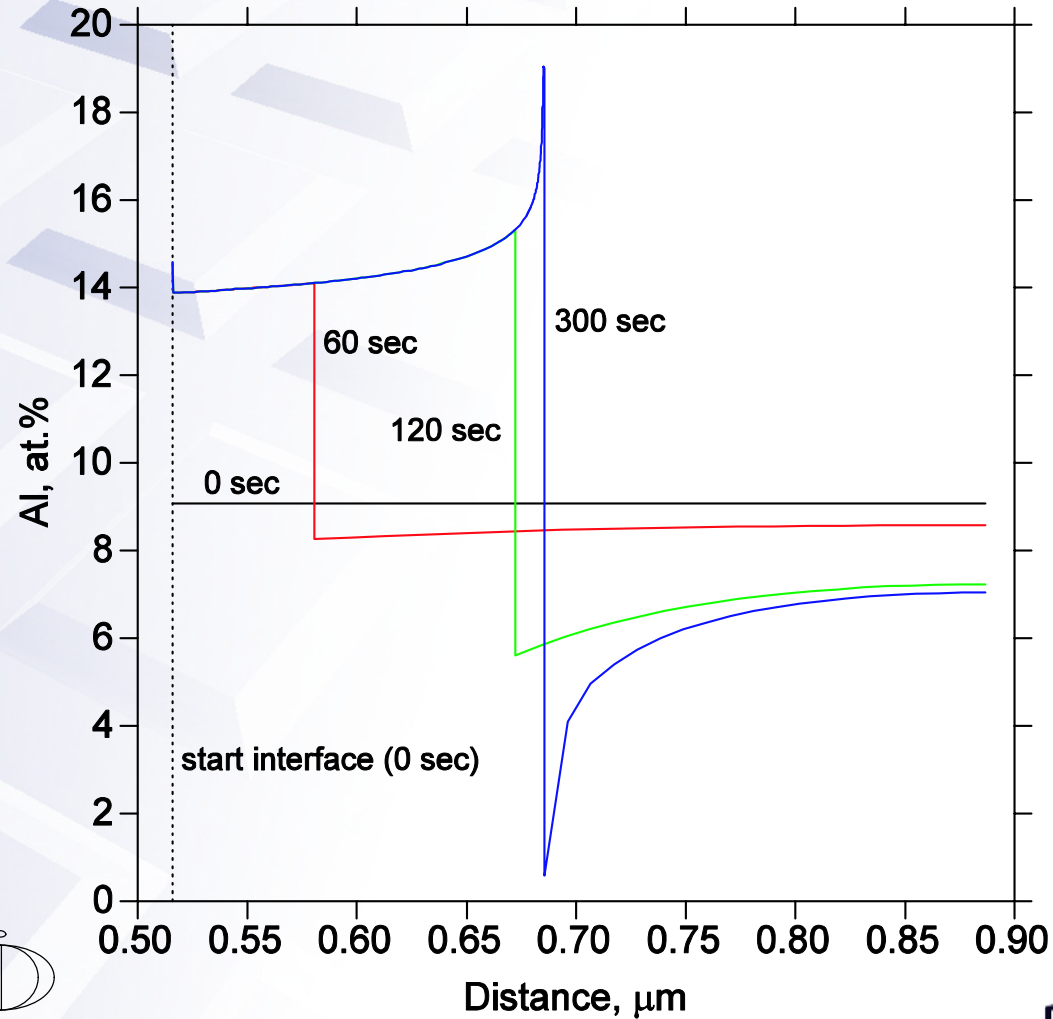
Minidisk Comparison		Bore		Rim		Attachment	
		Exp.	PpC	Exp.	PpC	Exp.	PpC
Primary γ'	Fraction (%)	24 25.2	22.6	23.5 25	23.5	23.1 25.7	23.3
	Size (μm)	1.28	1.29	1.23 1.27	1.32	1.18 1.2	1.31
Secondary γ'	Fraction (%)	32.4	35		34		34.6
	Size (nm)	109 129	107.9	132 157	120 135 146	103 114	84.2
Tertiary γ'	Size (nm)	18 20.8	21.5	19.7 21.8	21.4	21.4	20.7



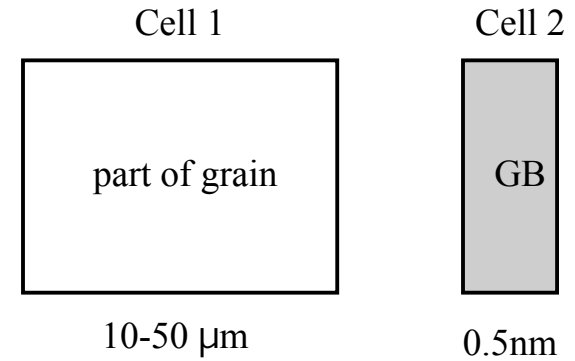
DICTRA Composition Profiles



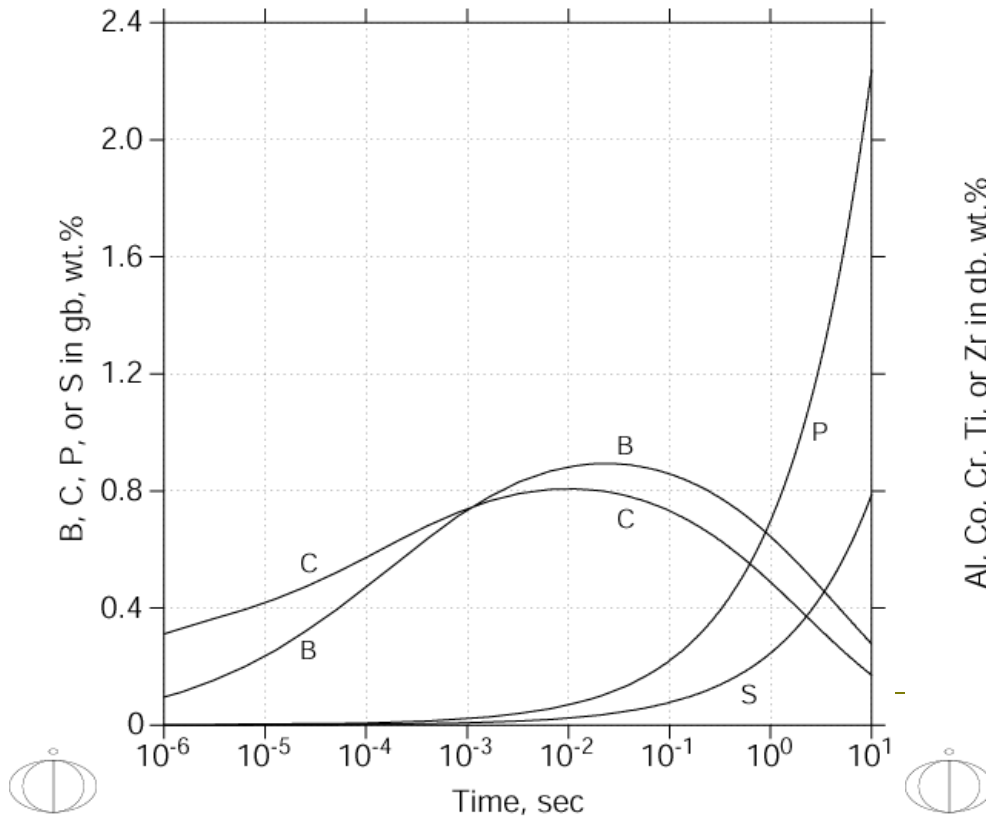
DICTRA Simulation: Al-profiles during γ' growth at node 1462



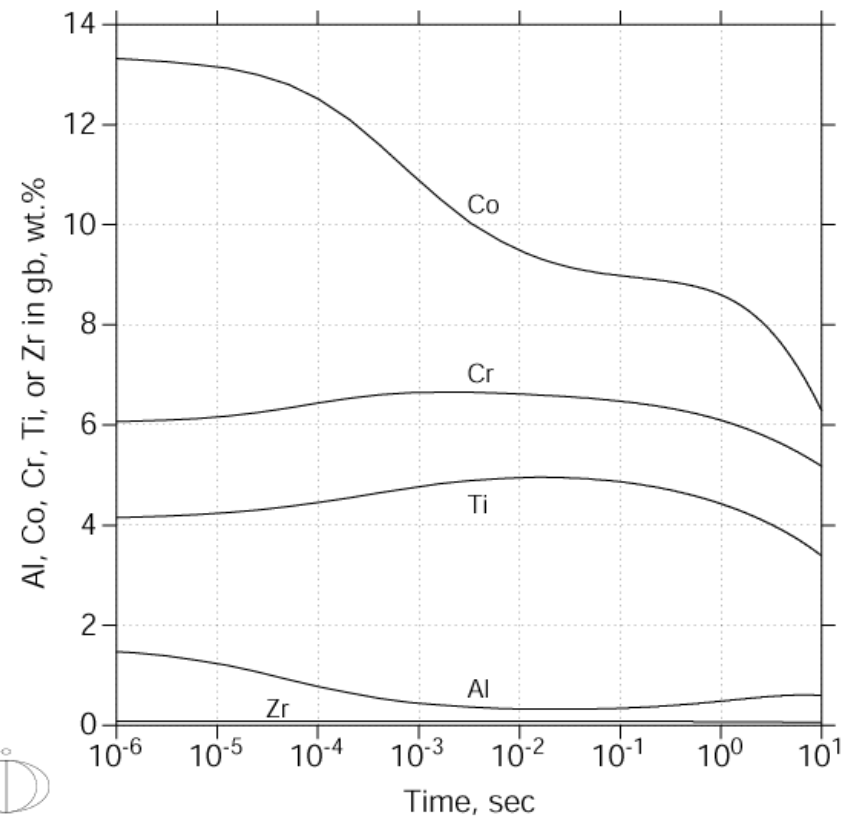
2-Cell Simulation of GB Segregation in DICTRA



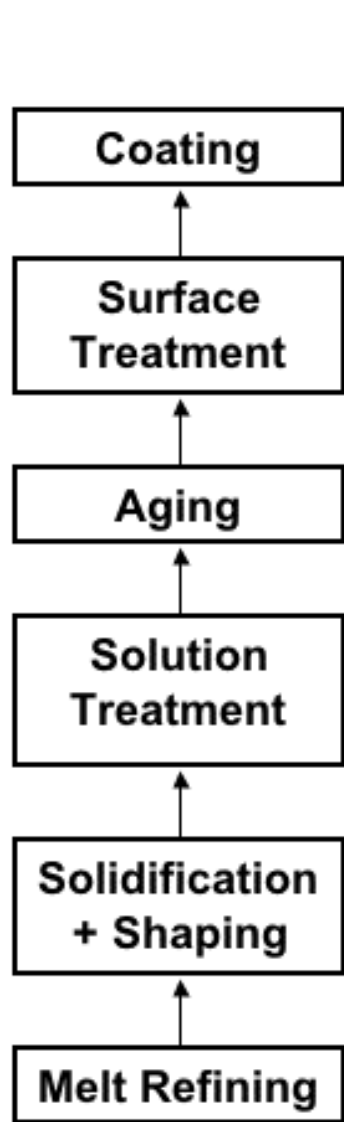
B, C, P, and S inside GB



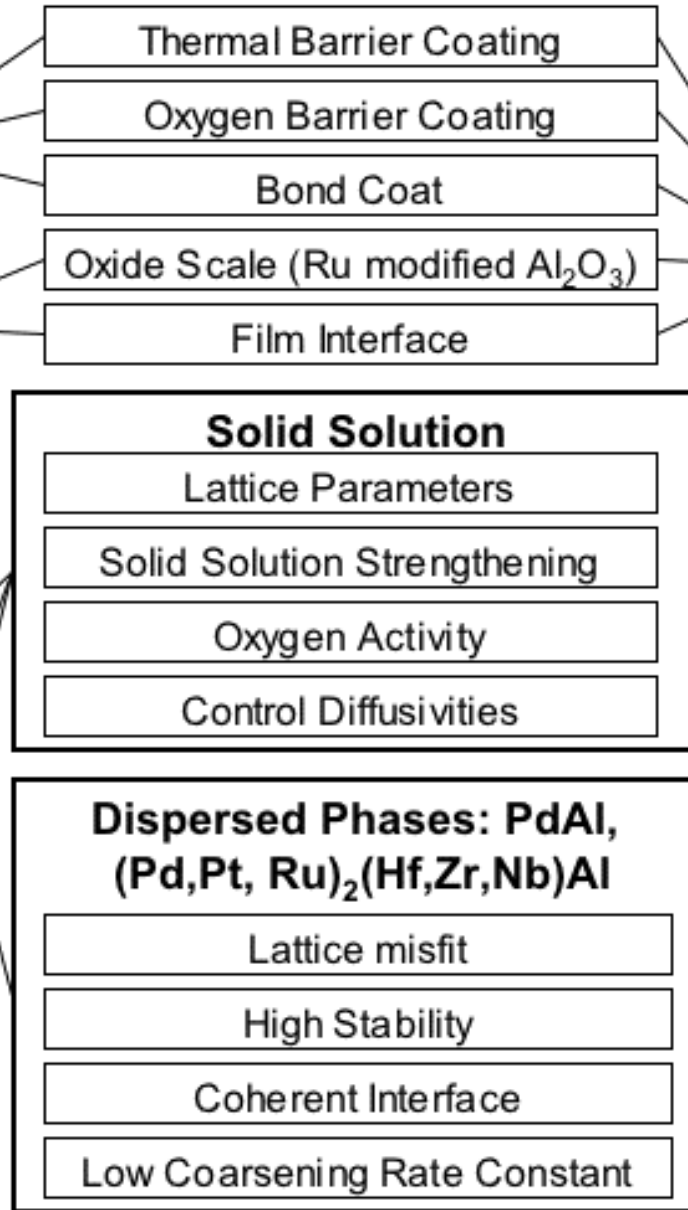
Co, Cr, Ti, Al, Zr inside GB



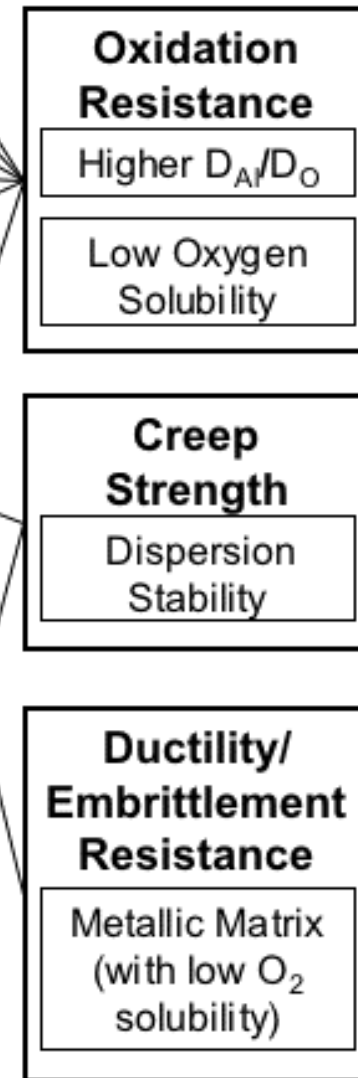
Processing



Structure

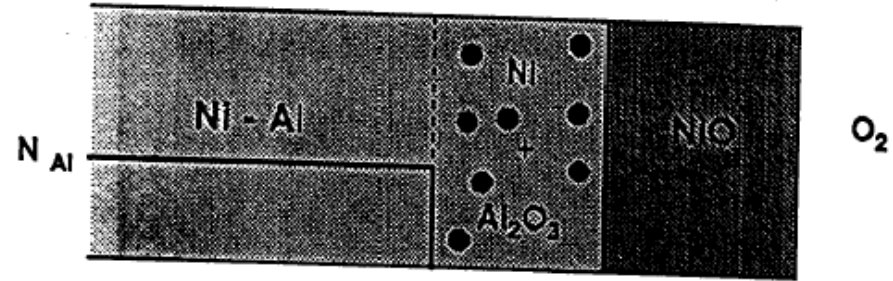
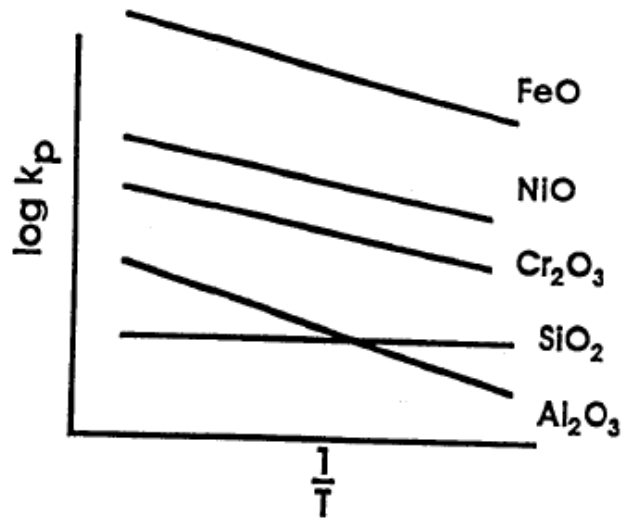
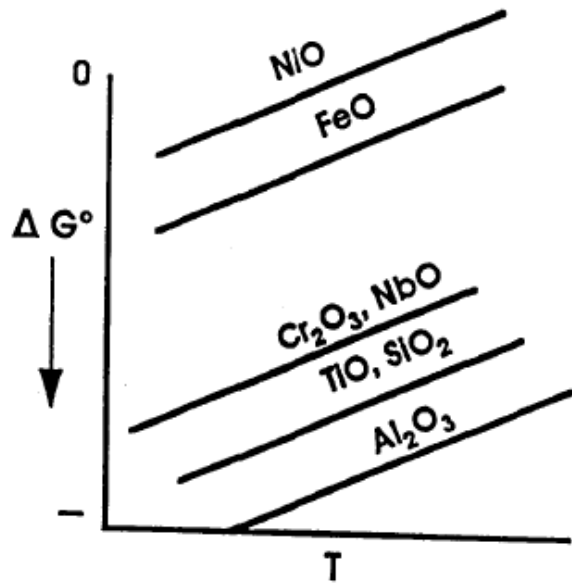


Properties

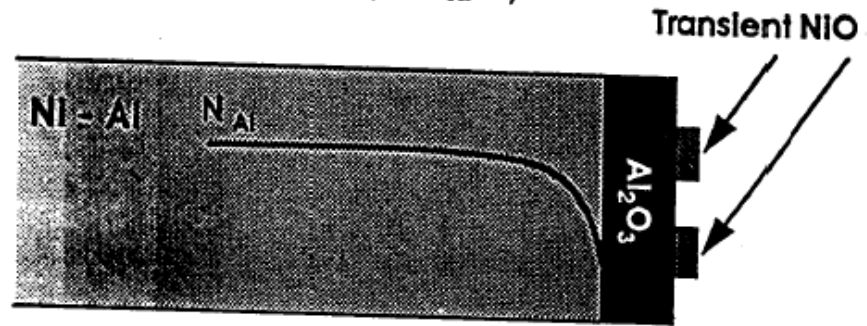


PERFORMANCE

Selective Oxidation



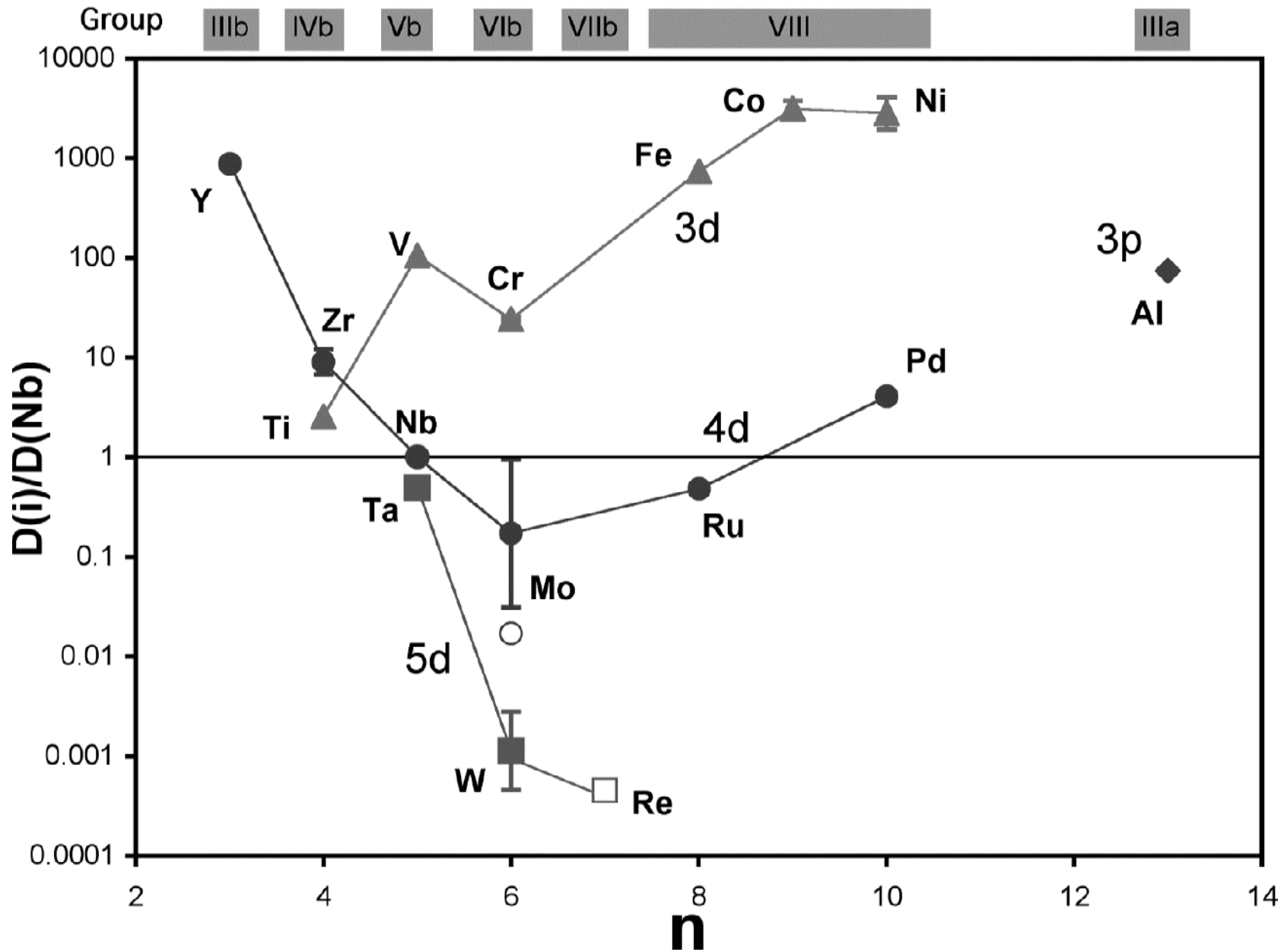
$$N_{Al}^{Crit} = A \left(\frac{N_O^{(S)} D_O}{D_{Al}} \right)^{1/2}$$



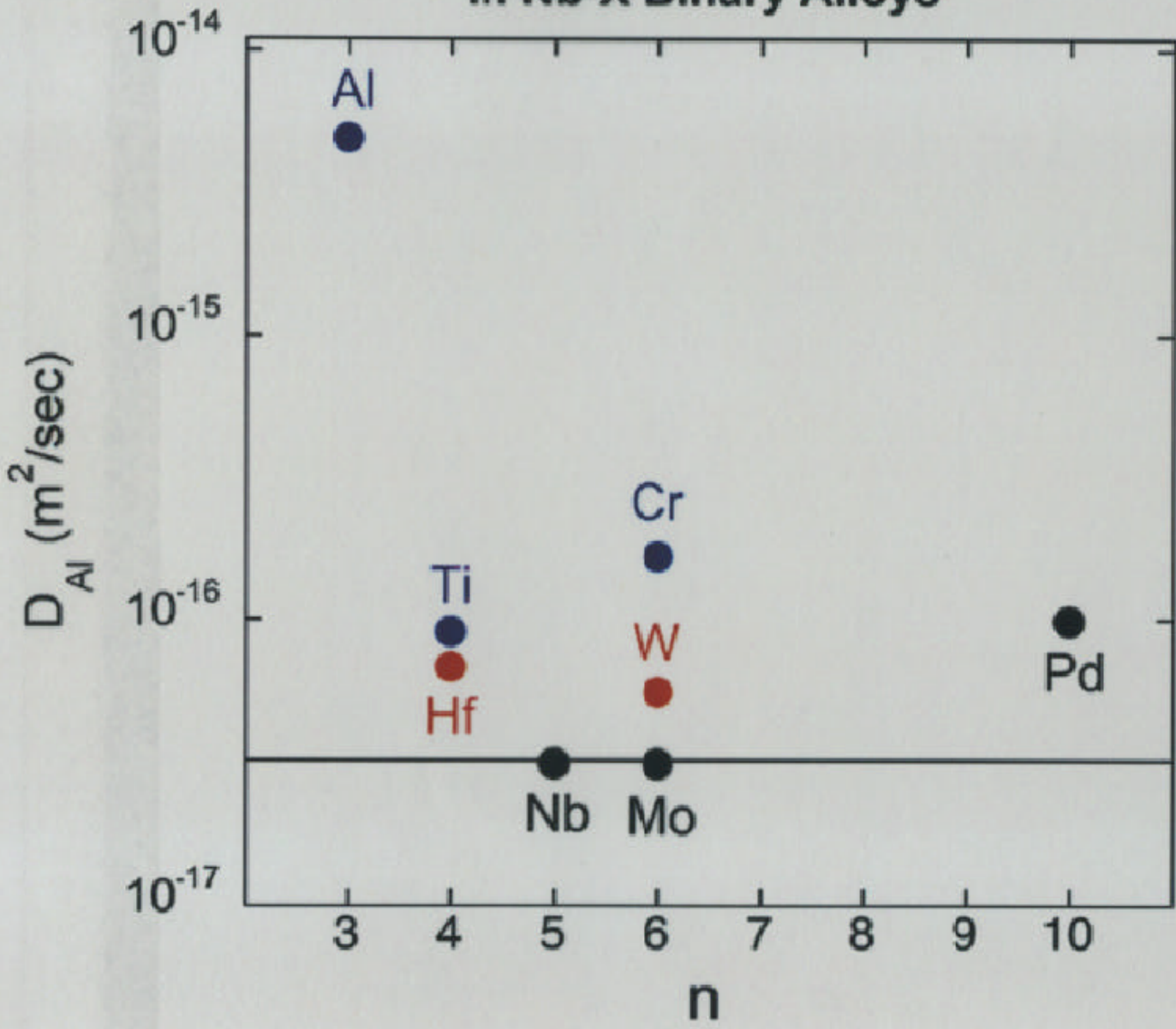
$$N_{Al}^{Growth} = B \left(\frac{k_p}{D_{Al}} \right)^{1/2}$$

$N_{Al}^{Crit} \uparrow$ as $k_p \uparrow$
 Transient oxide \uparrow

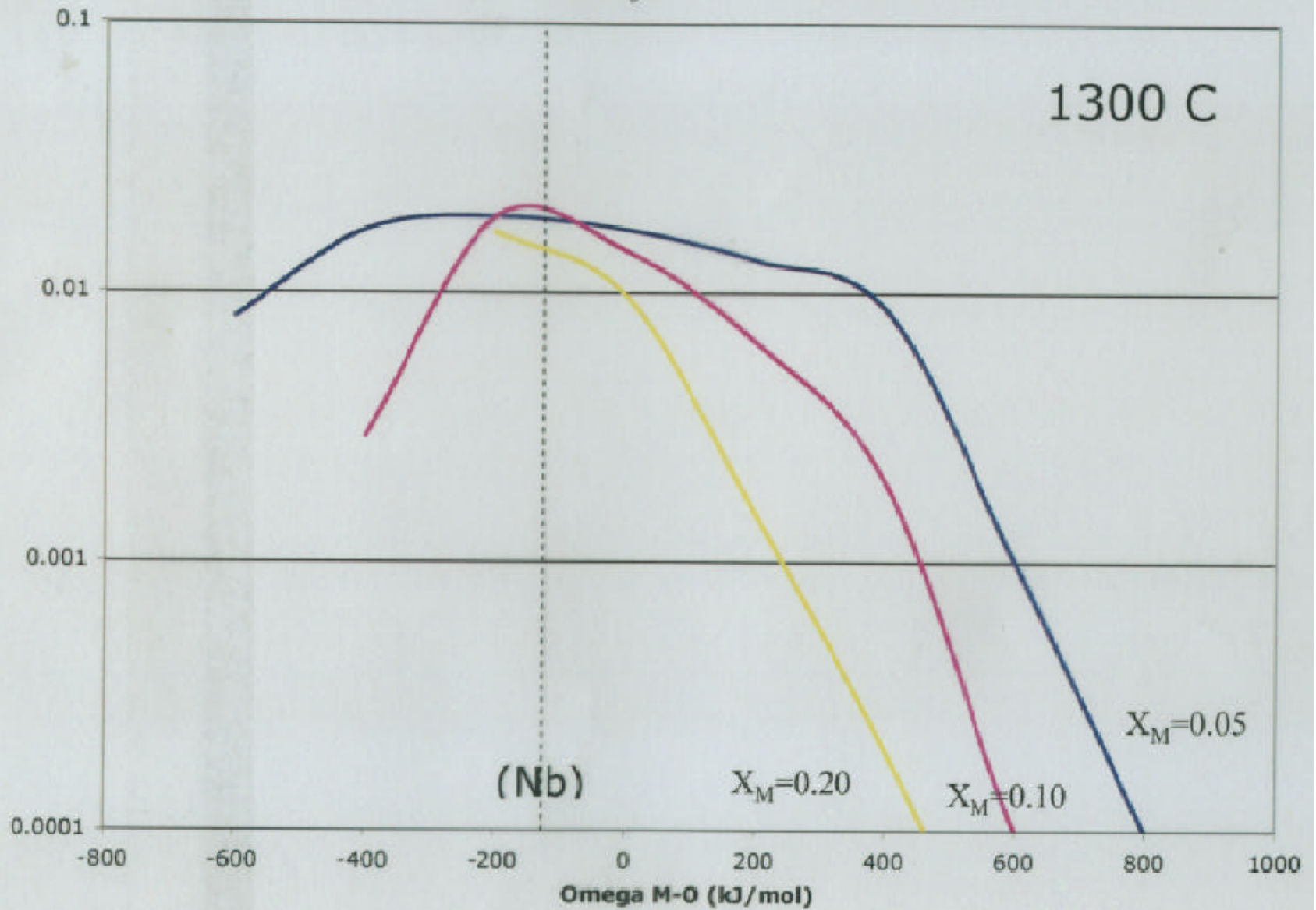
Relative diffusion of elements in Niobium at 1573 K



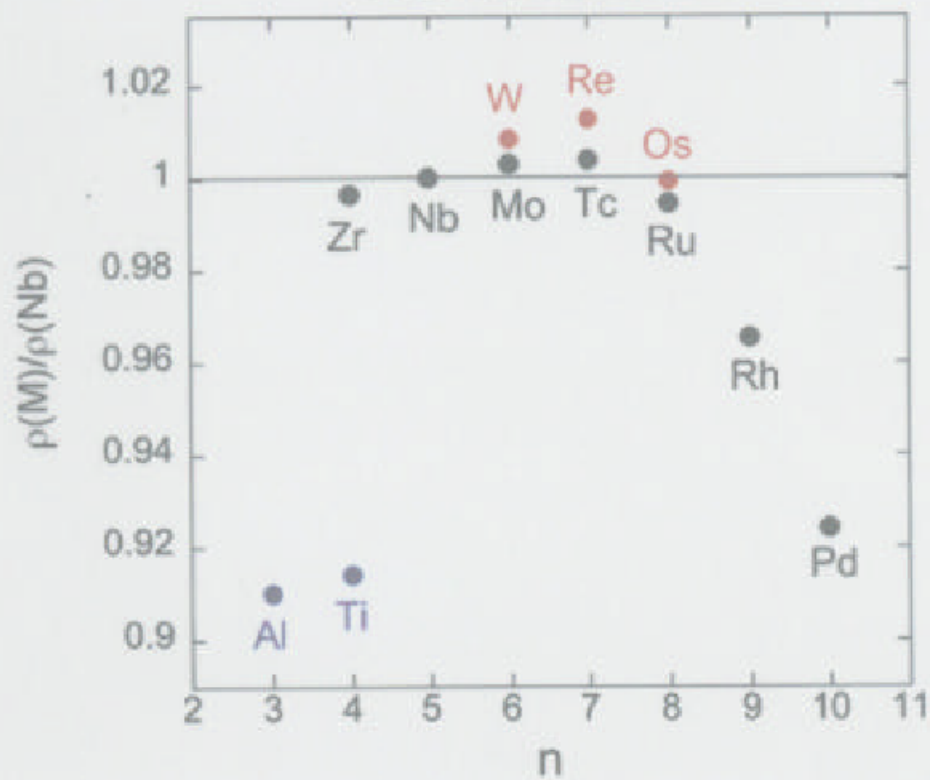
Aluminum Diffusivity at 1300°C in Nb-X Binary Alloys



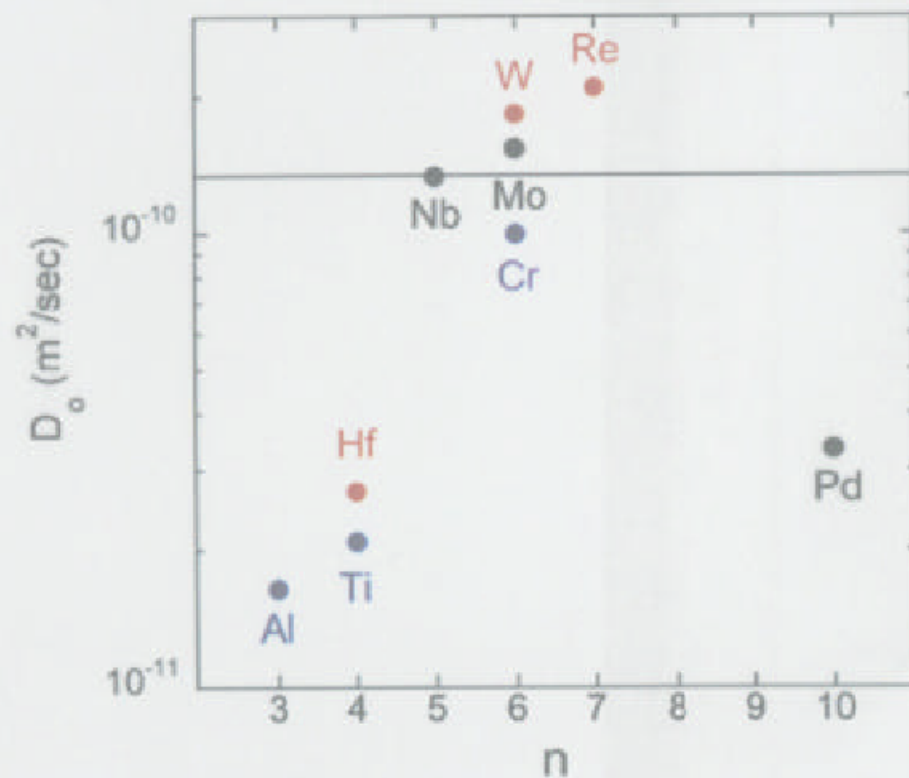
$$N_o * \left(1 + \frac{d \ln \gamma_o}{d \ln X_o} \right) \propto N_o * D_o$$



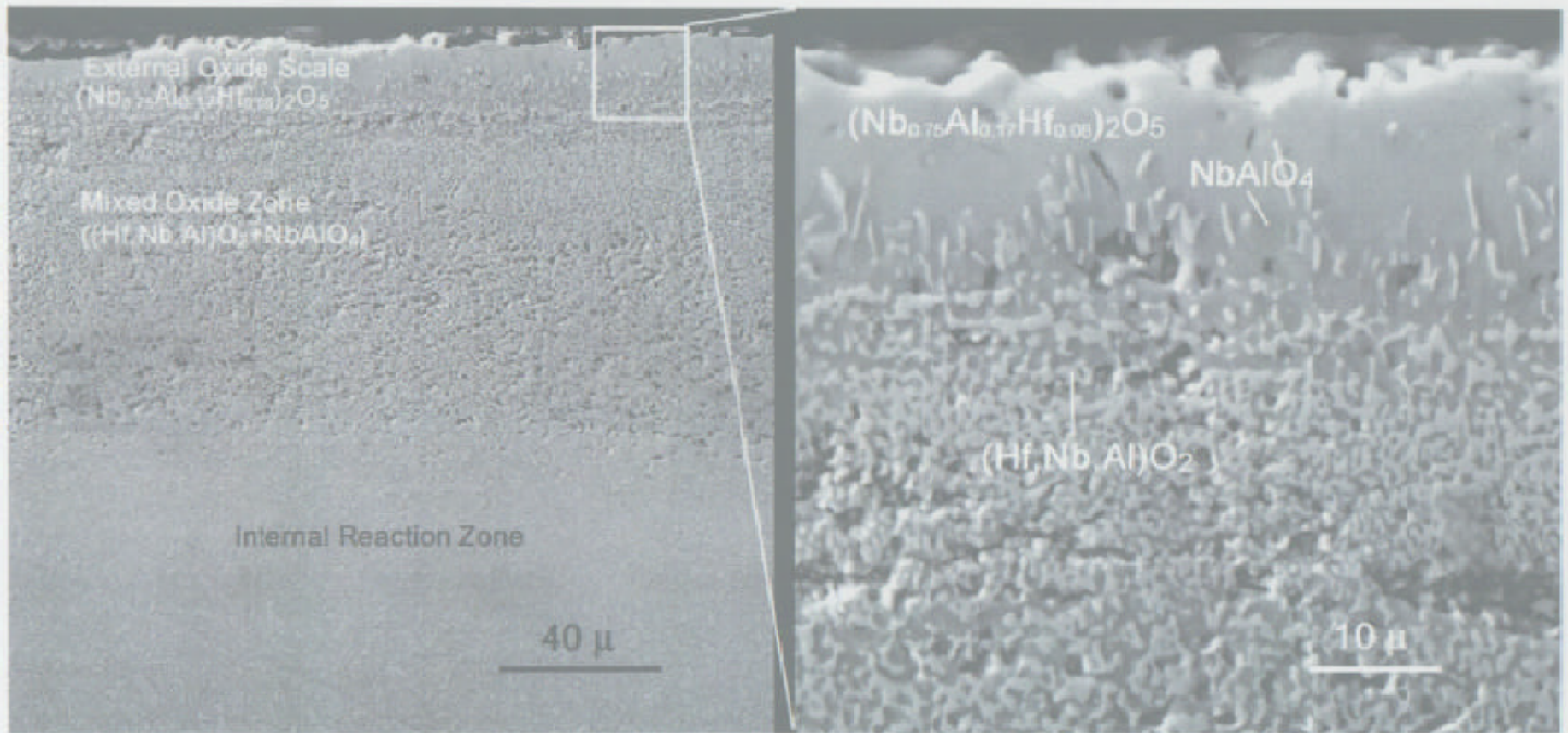
Relative Charge Density in Octahedral Sites of Nb-X Binaries



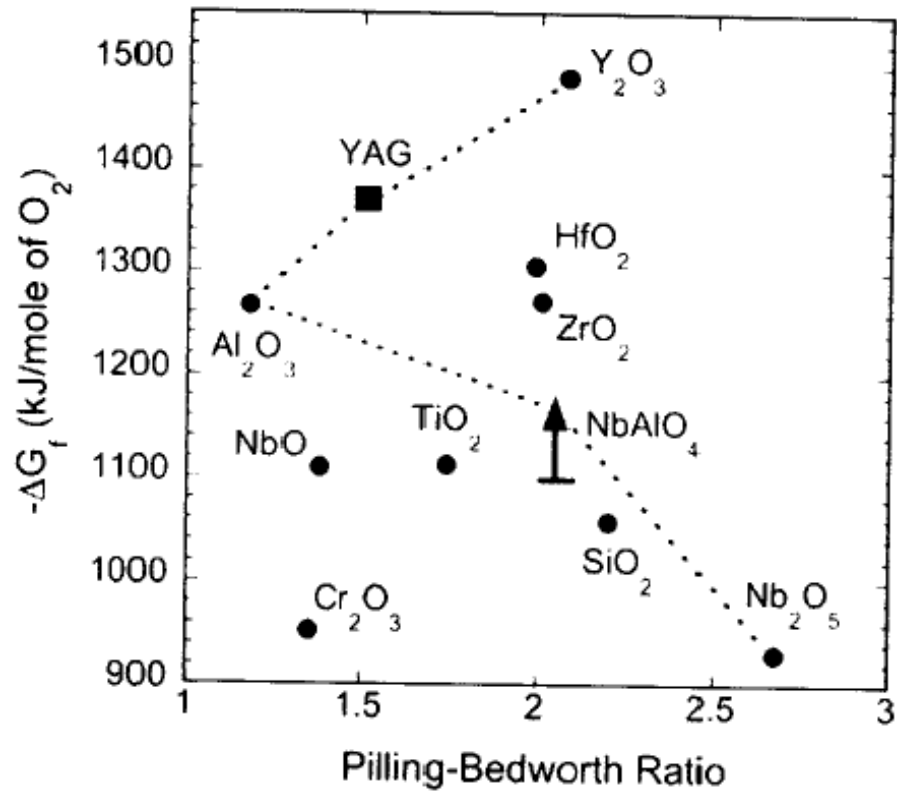
Oxygen Diffusivity at 1300°C in Nb-X Binary Alloys



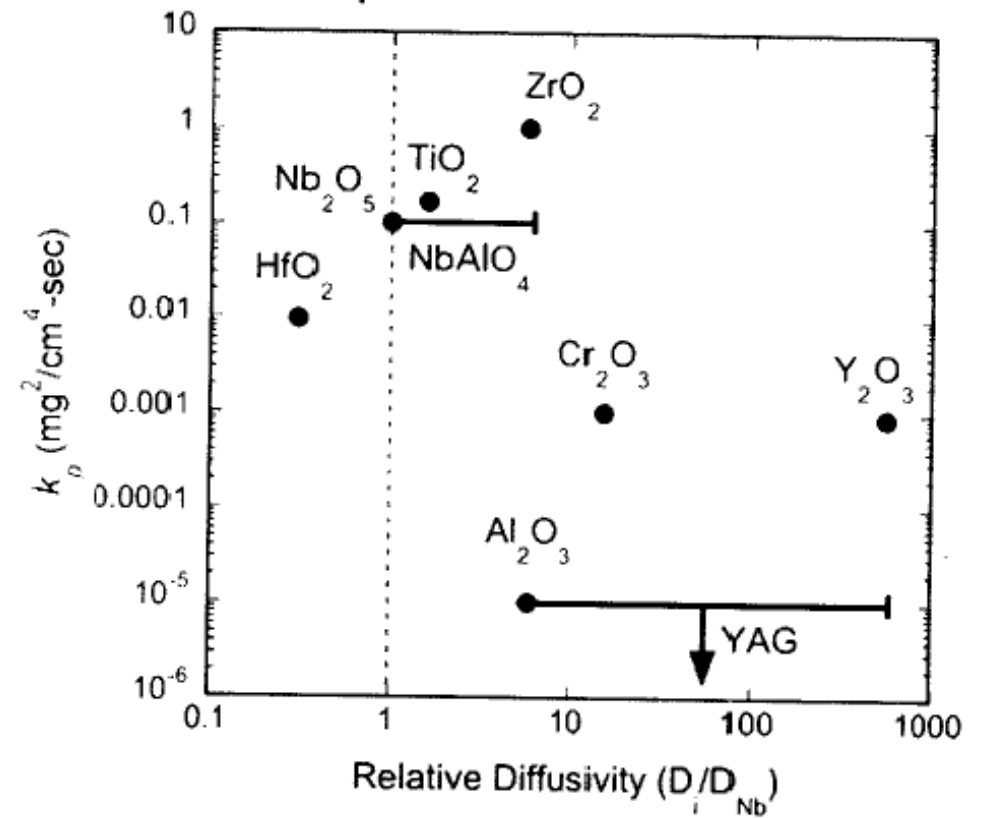
SEM images of 45Nb-34Hf-21Al oxidized in air at 1300°C/5 hrs



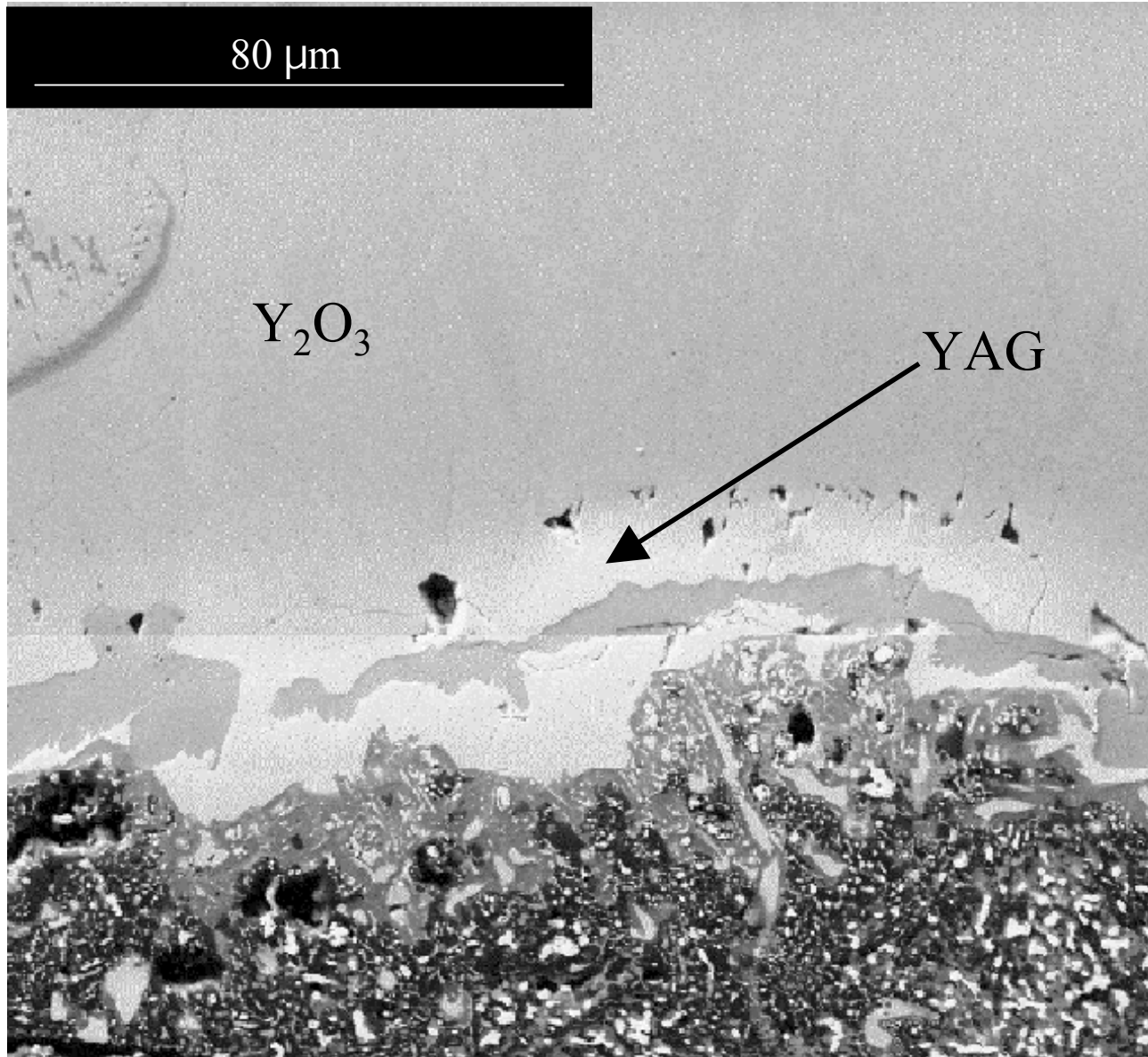
$-\Delta G_f$ at 1300°C vs P-B Ratio



k_p vs D_i/D_{Nb} at 1300°C



Nb(Ti,Cr,Hf)-45PtYAl oxidized 1400°C 5 Hour



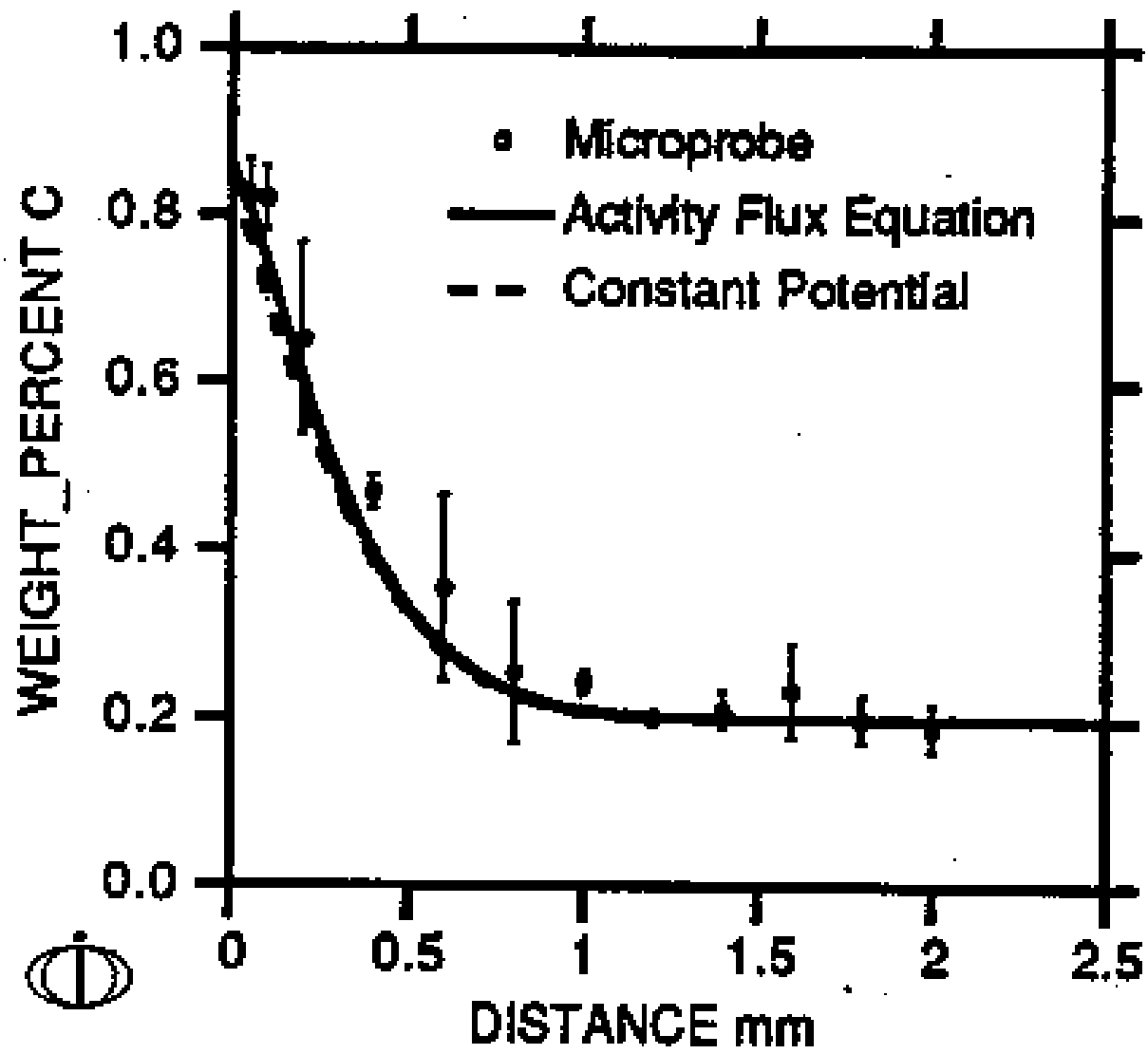


Fig. 3 - DICTRA simulations and microprobe measurements of the carburization of alloy C61.

Current Applications



Gears: 

- Successfully completed race with narrow gear design
- Moving forward with development



Ring & Pinion: 

- Finished entire race with new design
- Production sets being made

Dog Rings and Camshafts: Currently in testing

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