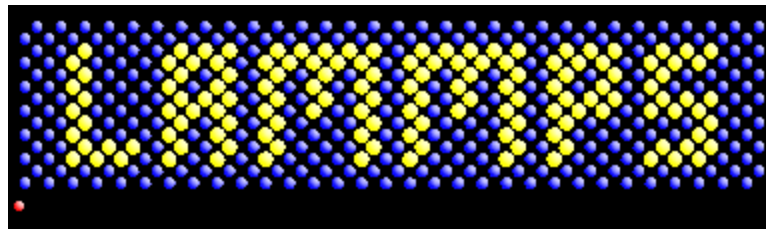


High-velocity dust impacts in plasma facing materials: Insights from MD simulations

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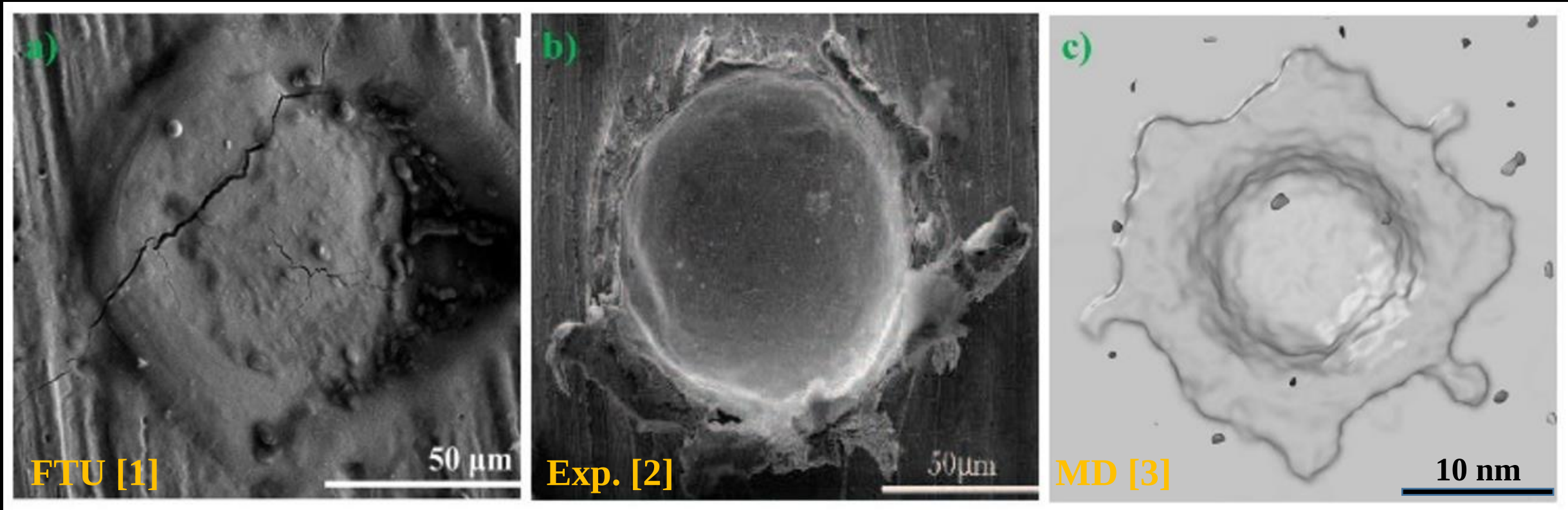


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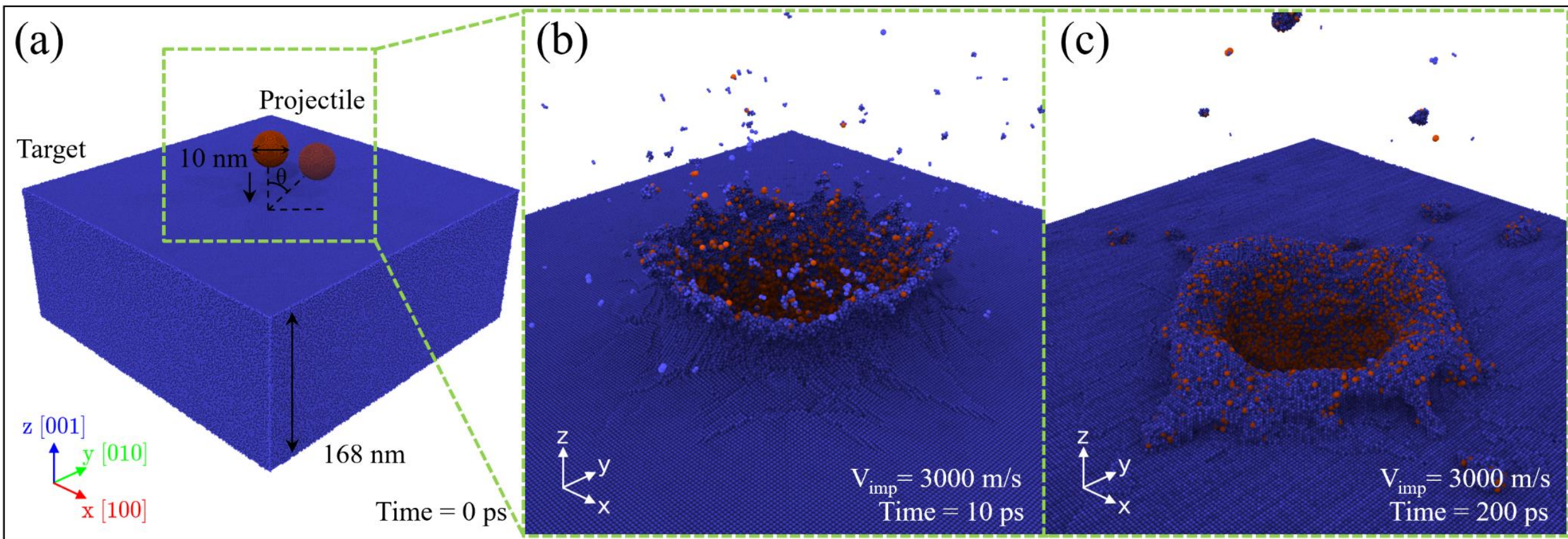
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Can Molecular Dynamics simulate High-velocity impacts?

MD



MD

Target: $600 \times 600 \times 400 \text{ \AA}^3$, (up to 200 million atoms)

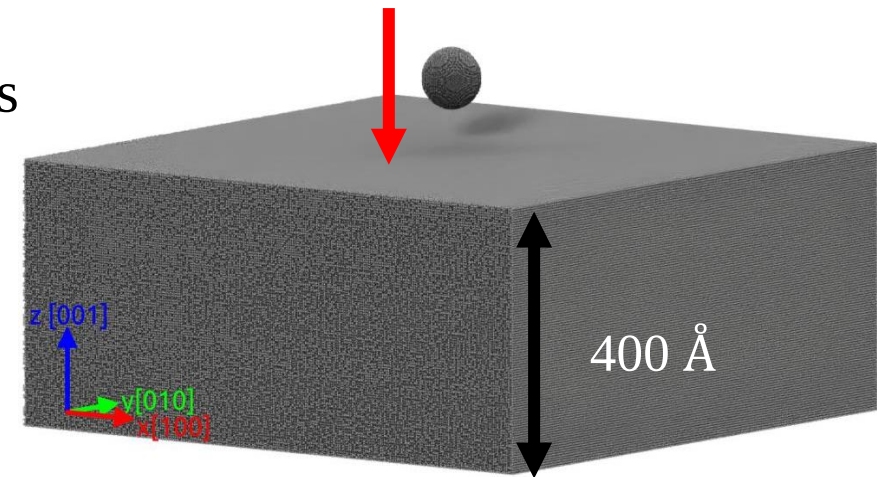
Projectiles:

- $r = 4 \text{ nm}$ 2,331, $r = 8 \text{ nm}$ 17,261, $r = 10 \text{ nm}$ 35,000 atoms

Velocities: 1 - 4.5 km/s

Timestep: 0.1 fs

Total simulation times: 200 ps.



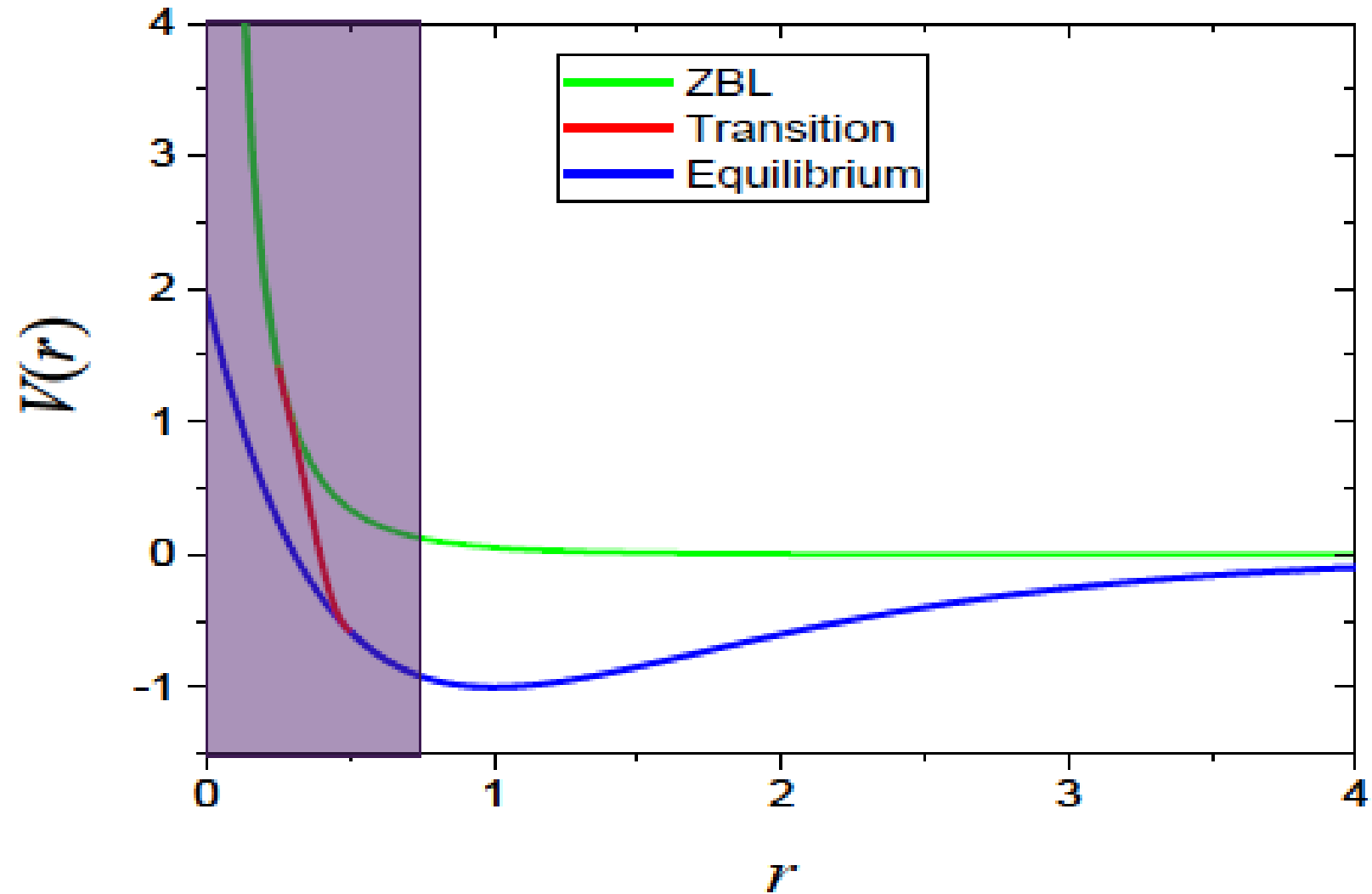
Interatomic potential: EAM, Bonny *et al.* [4].

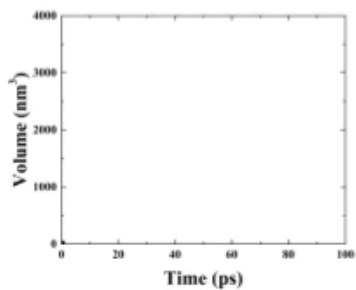
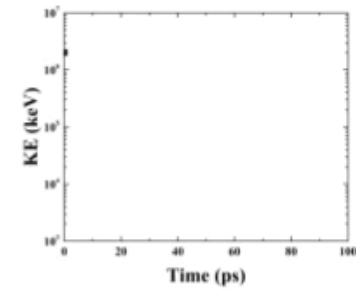
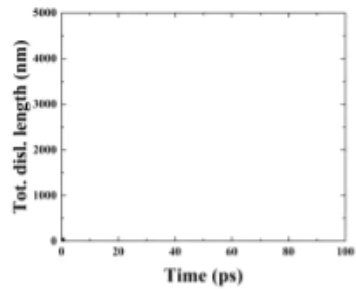
Potential joined to the universal repulsive interatomic potential of Ziegler, Biersack and Littmark [5] (**ZBL**) at small interatomic distances.

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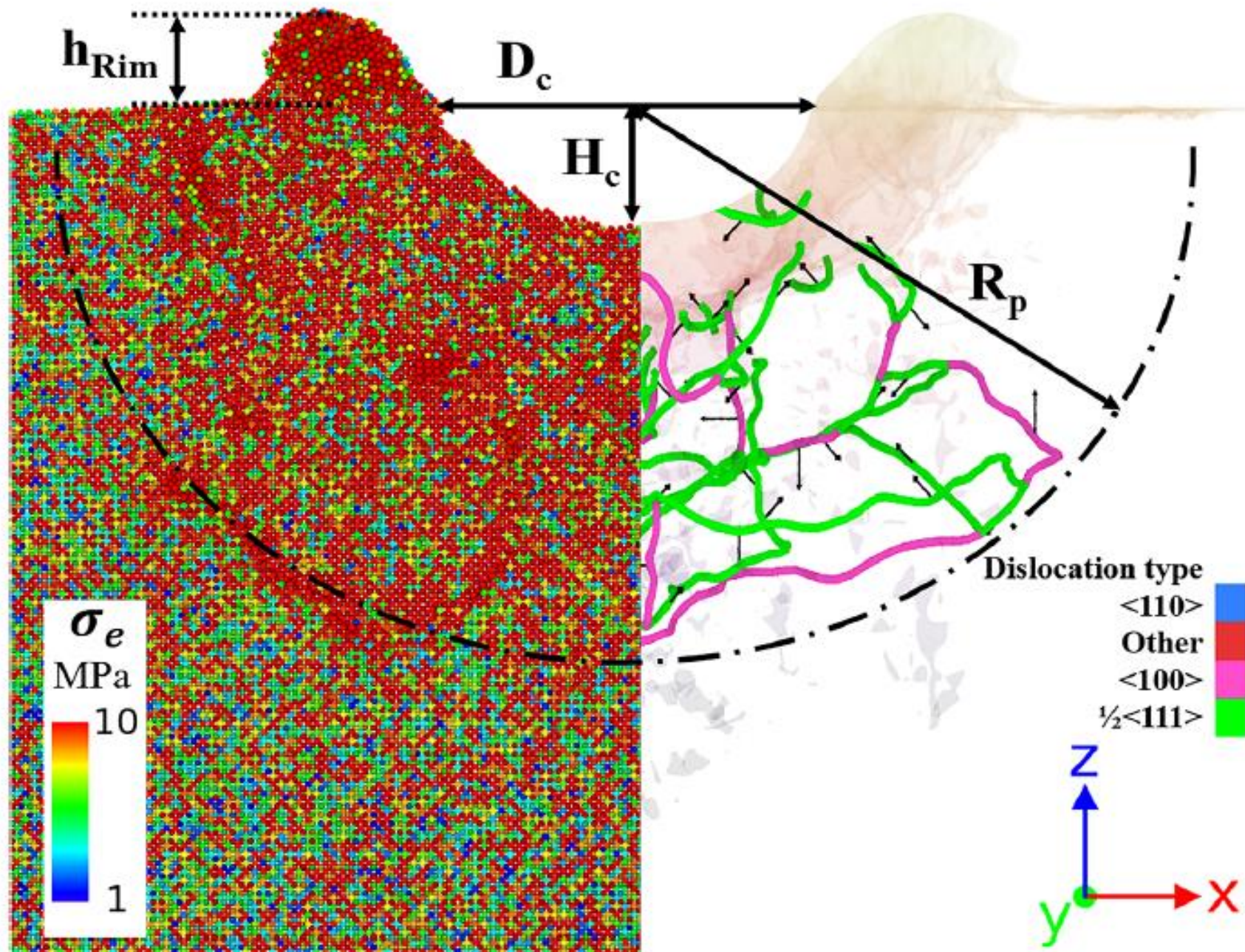
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ZBL





Velocity: 3500 m/s
Potential: Olsson
Time: 0 ps



Π scaling theory

We used a set of scaling laws, specifically **π -group scaling laws***, to extend the findings of small-scale experiments to larger scenarios.

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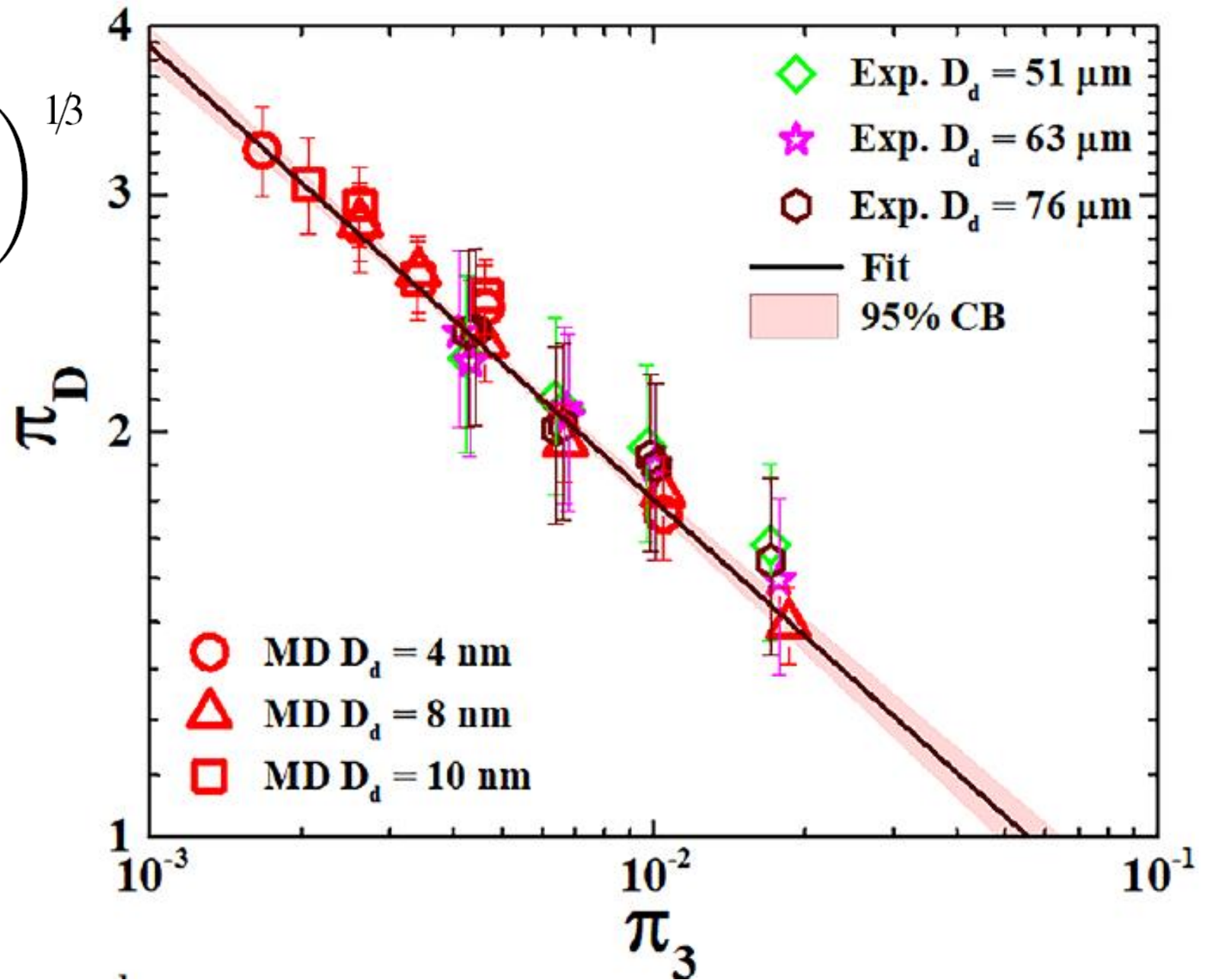
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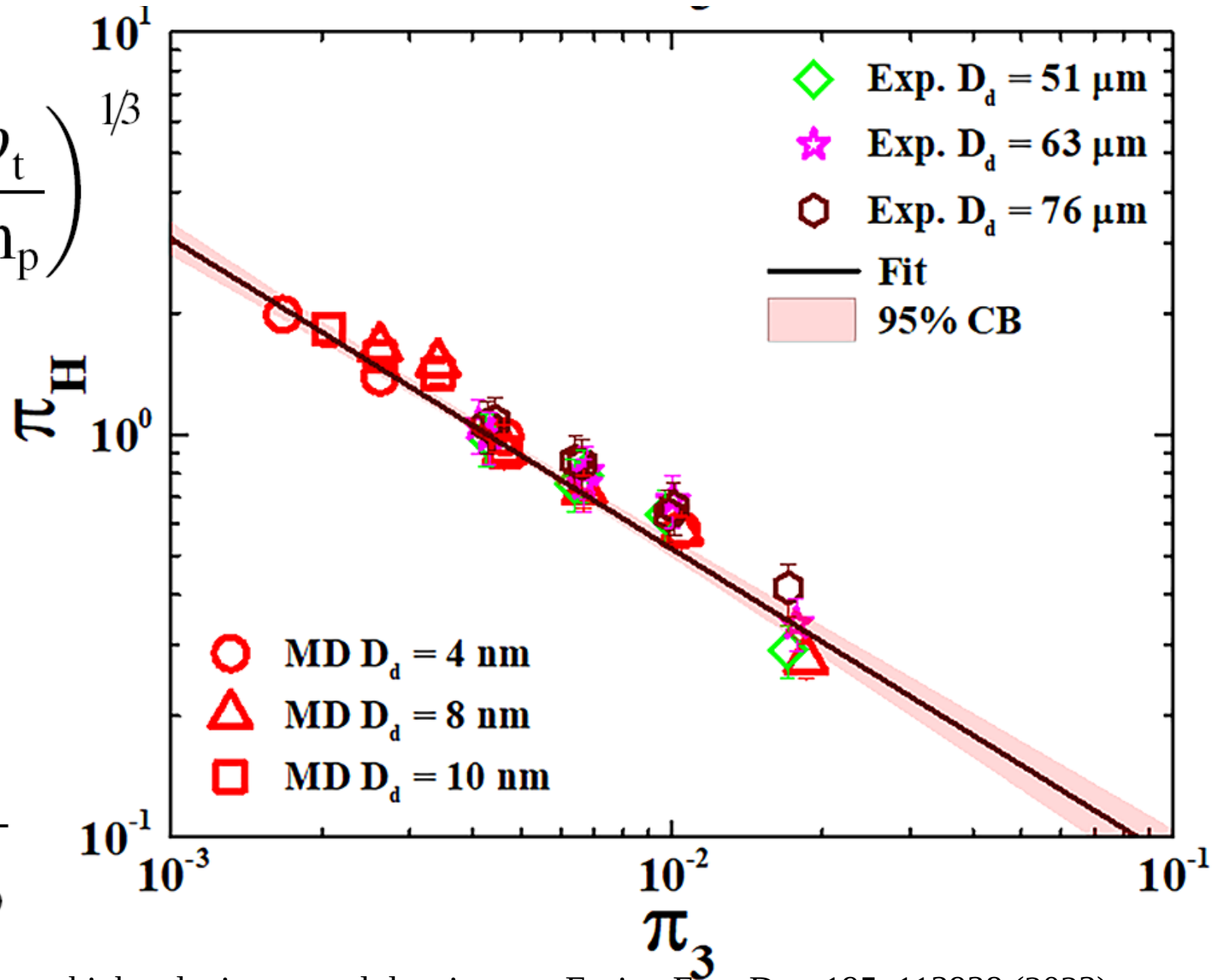
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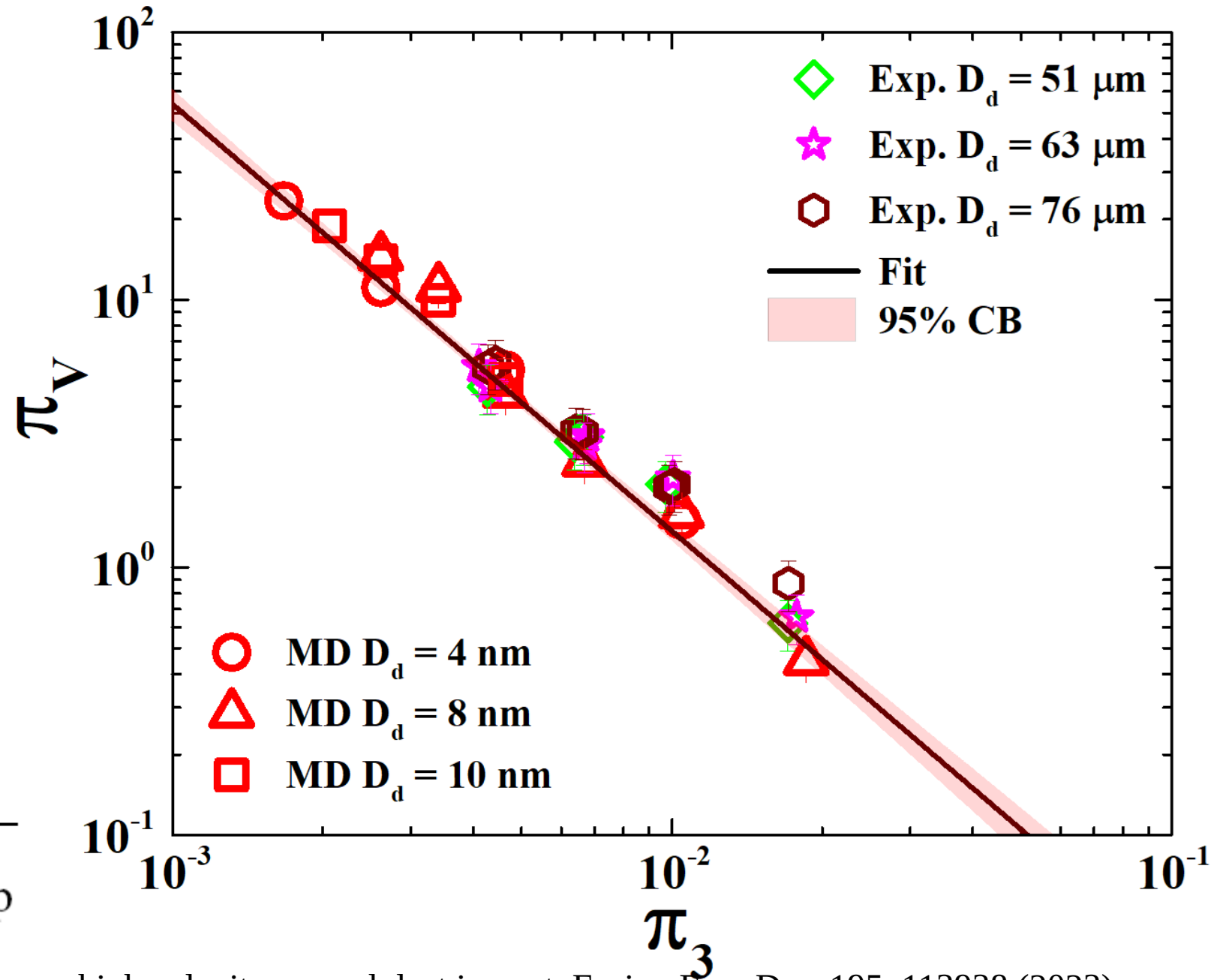
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$$\pi_3 = \frac{Y_s}{\rho_p V_{\text{imp}}^2}$$



In the strength regime [1, 2] (gravity is negligible)

$$\pi_H = k_H \pi_3^{-\gamma_H}$$

$$\pi_D = k_D \pi_3^{-\gamma_D}$$

$$\pi_V = k_V \pi_3^{-\gamma_V}$$

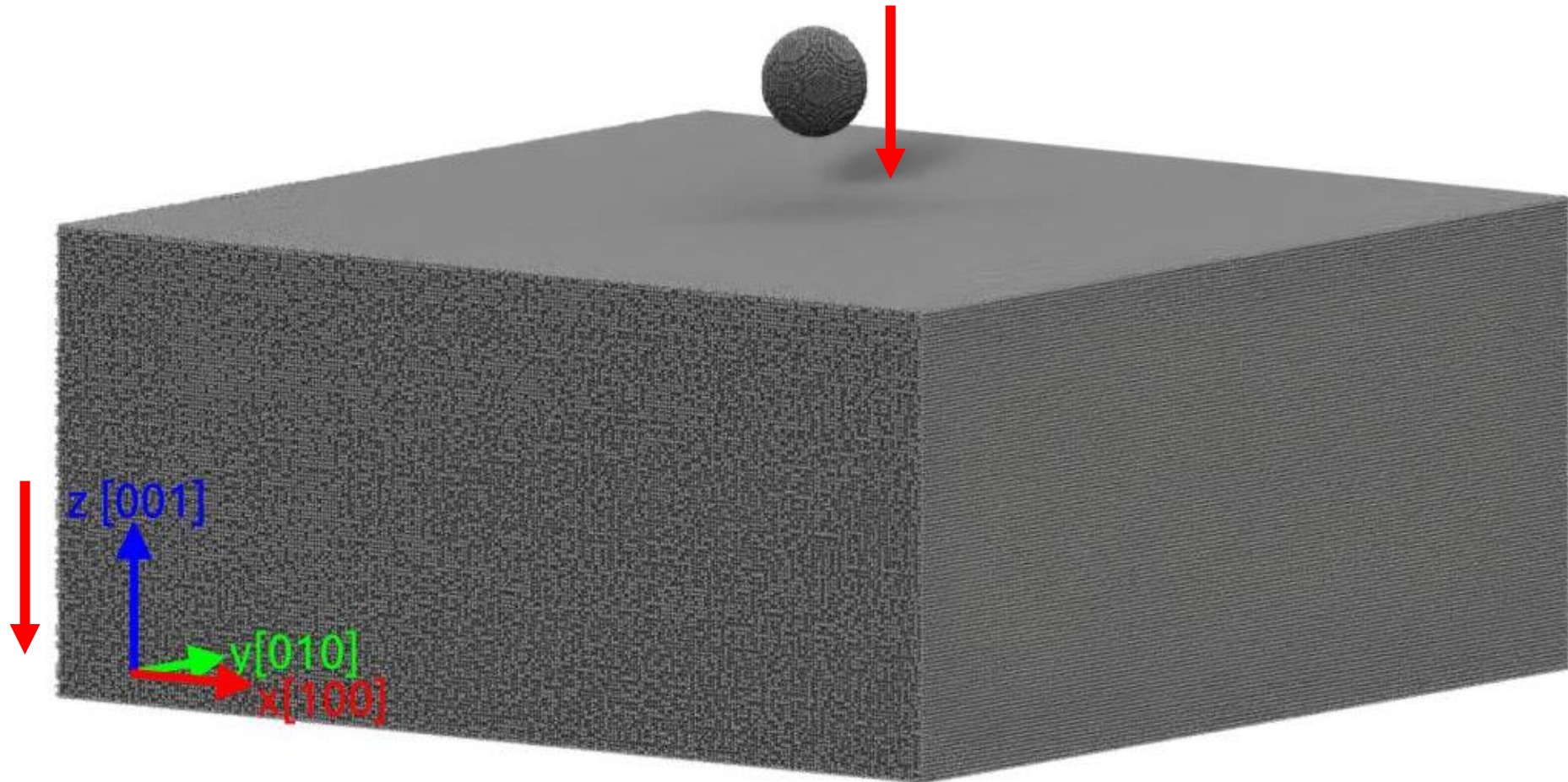
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SS	SS	0.062	-0.26	0.78	-0.45	0.003	-0.97	[3]

[1] K. A. Holsapple. J. Geophys. Res. Solid Earth. 92 6350 (1987)

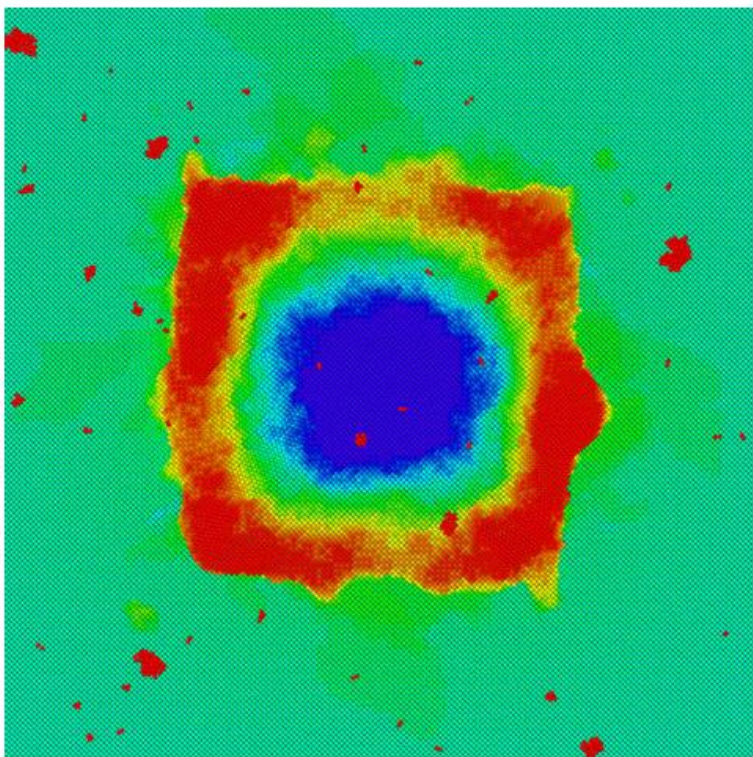
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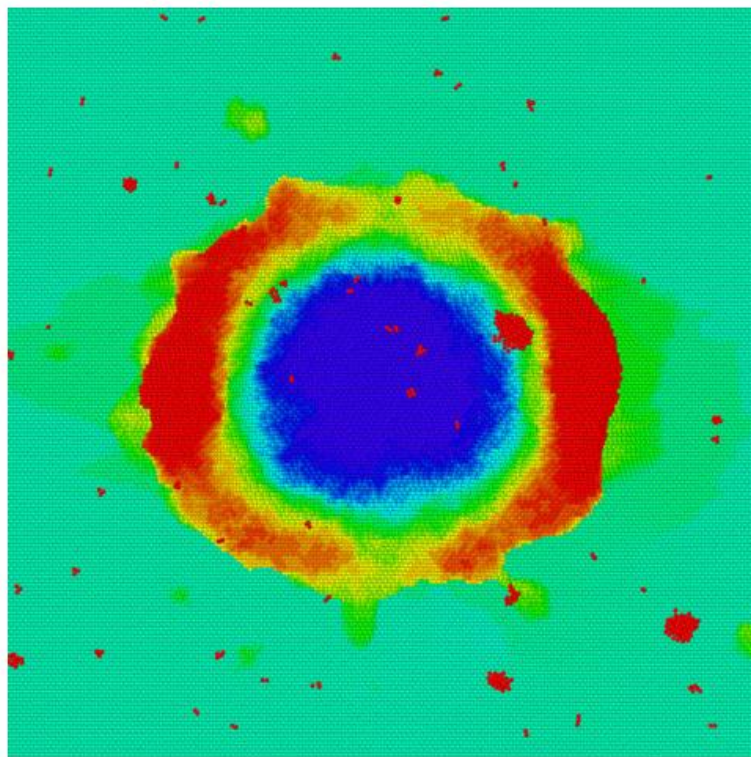
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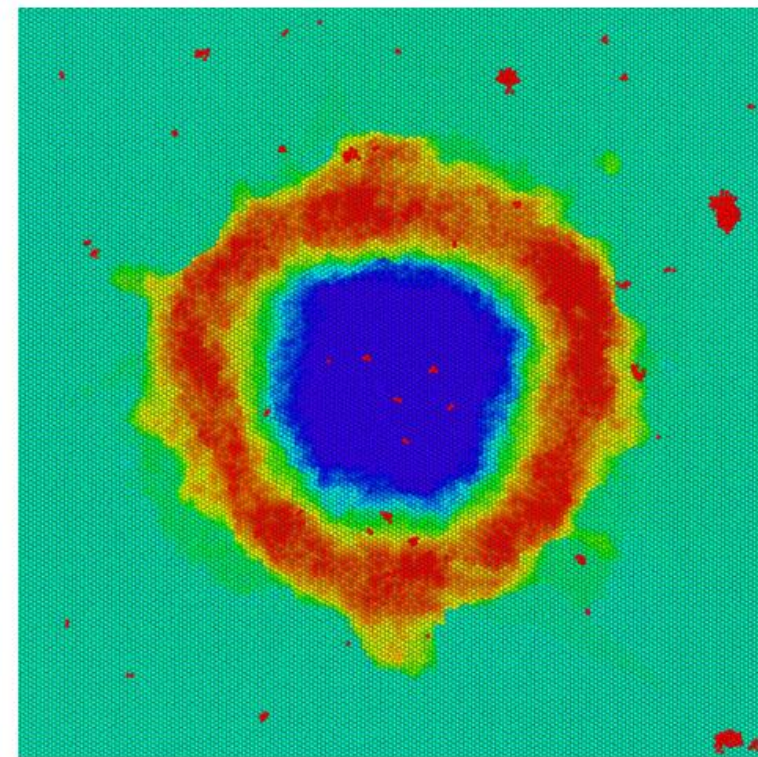
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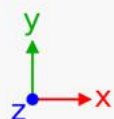
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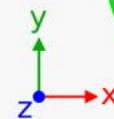
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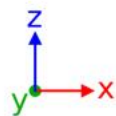
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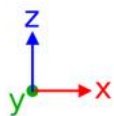
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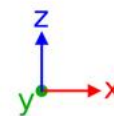
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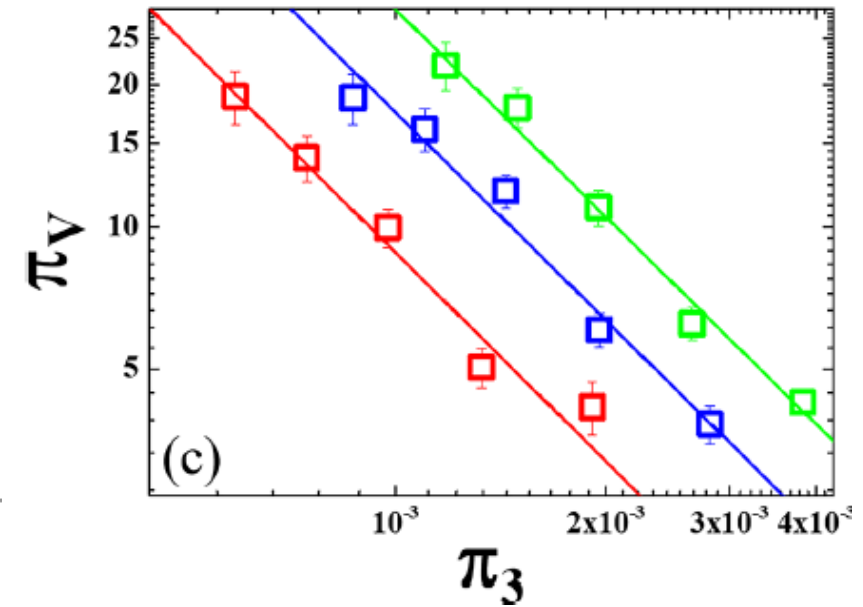
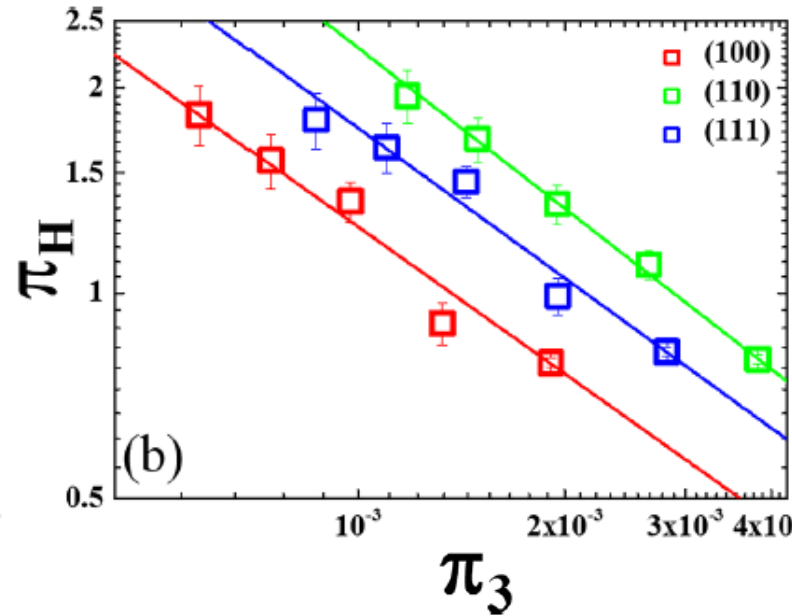
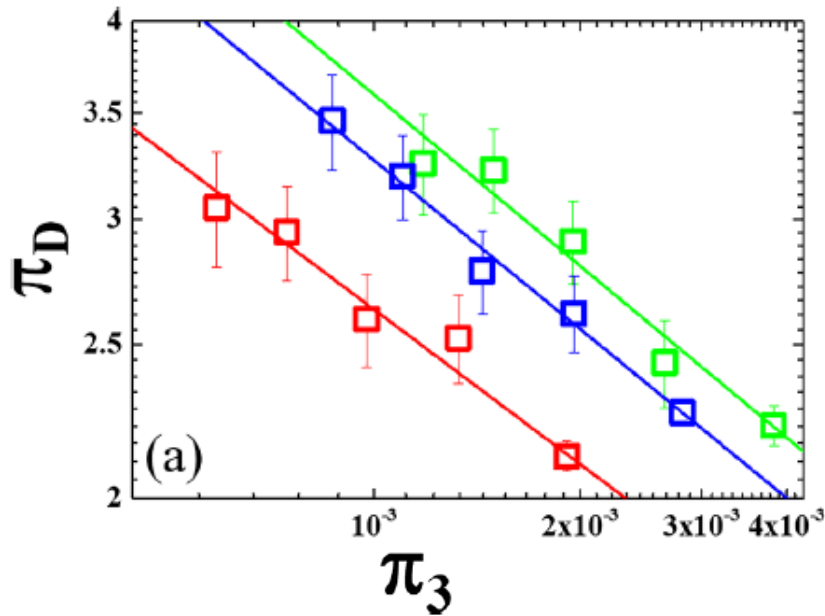


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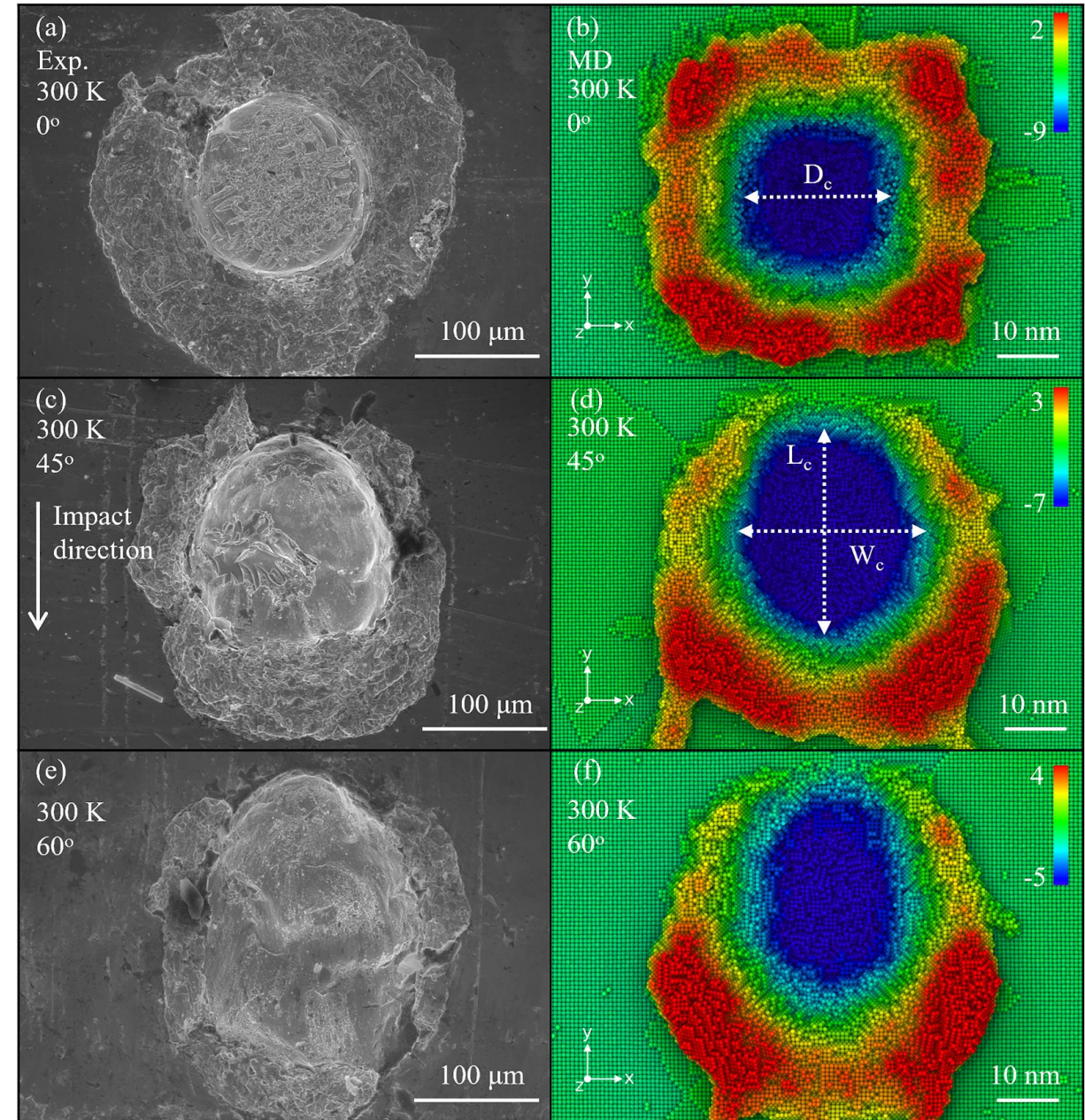
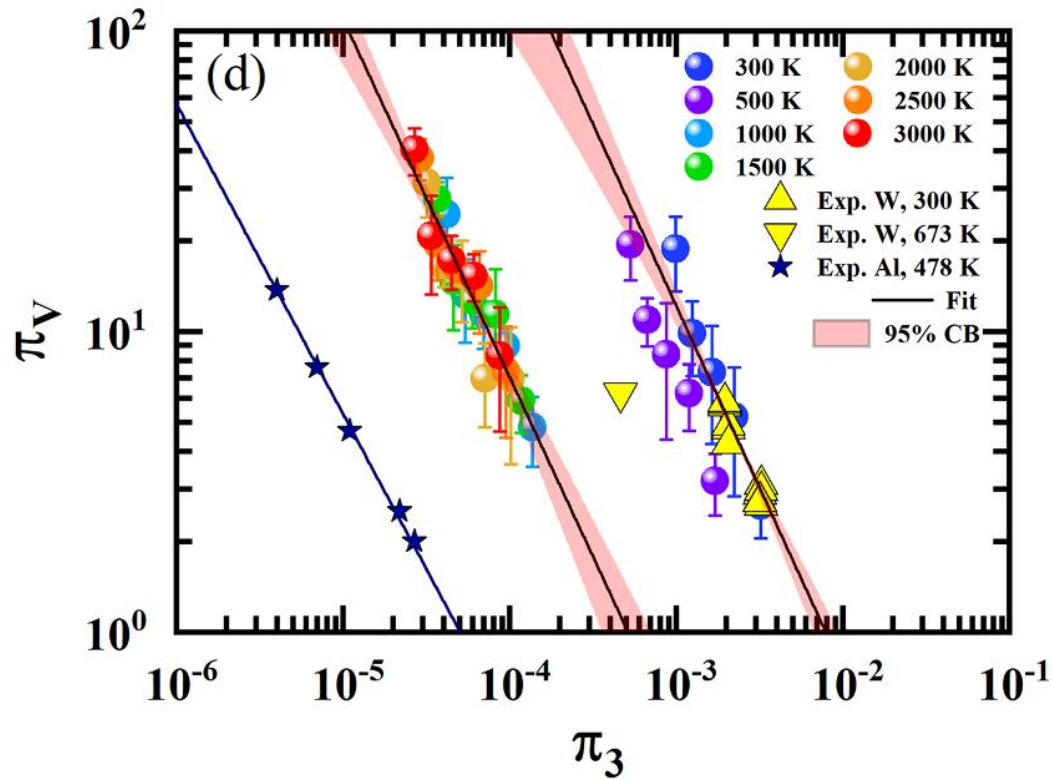
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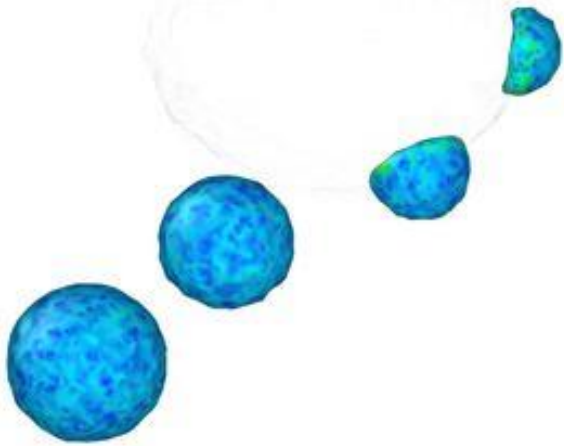
	100	110	111	Ref
Y_s (MPa)	230	460	339	[1]

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Y_s	230	460	339
k_D	0.27	0.28	0.29
k_H	0.008	0.01	0.01
k_V	0.00034	0.00072	0.0012
$k_{Hc/Dc}$	0.03	0.03	0.03
γ_D	-0.32	-0.32	-0.35
γ_H	-0.71	-0.72	-0.78
γ_V	-1.46	-1.46	-1.45
$\gamma_{Hc/Dc}$	-0.38	-0.39	-0.42

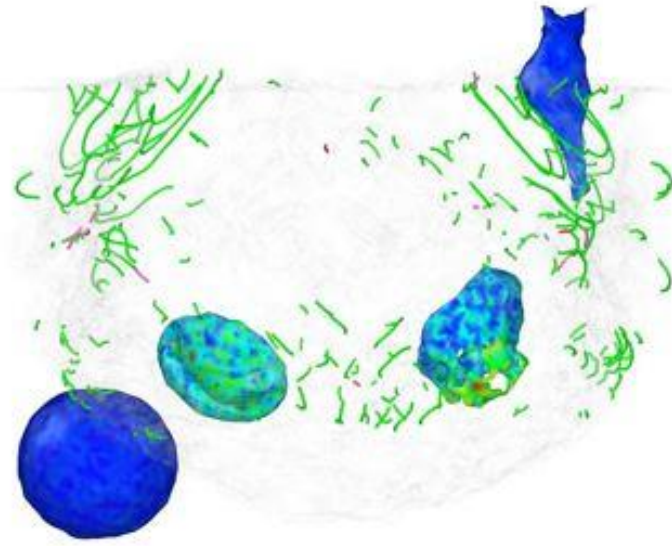
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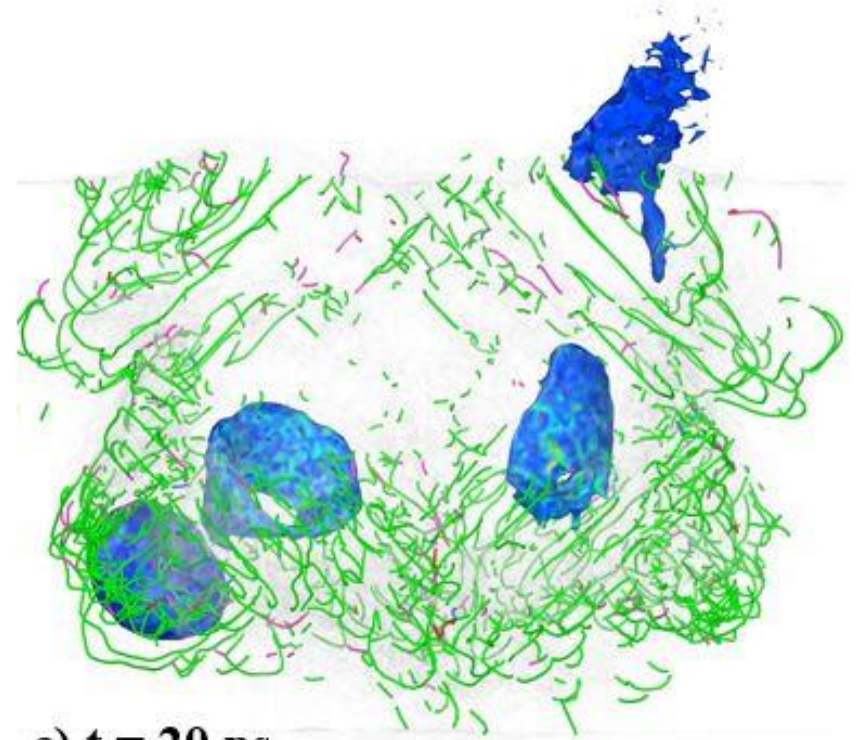
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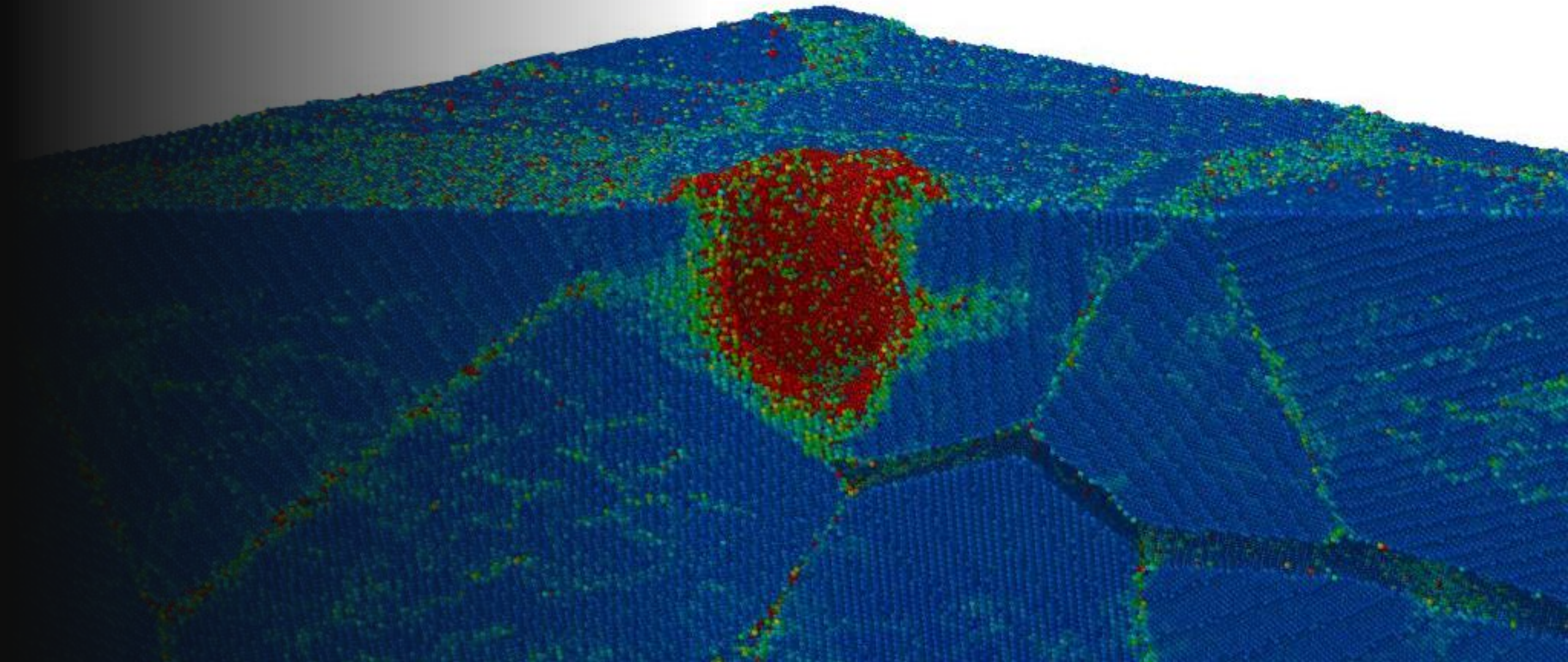


b) $t = 10$ ps



c) $t = 20$ ps

In progress

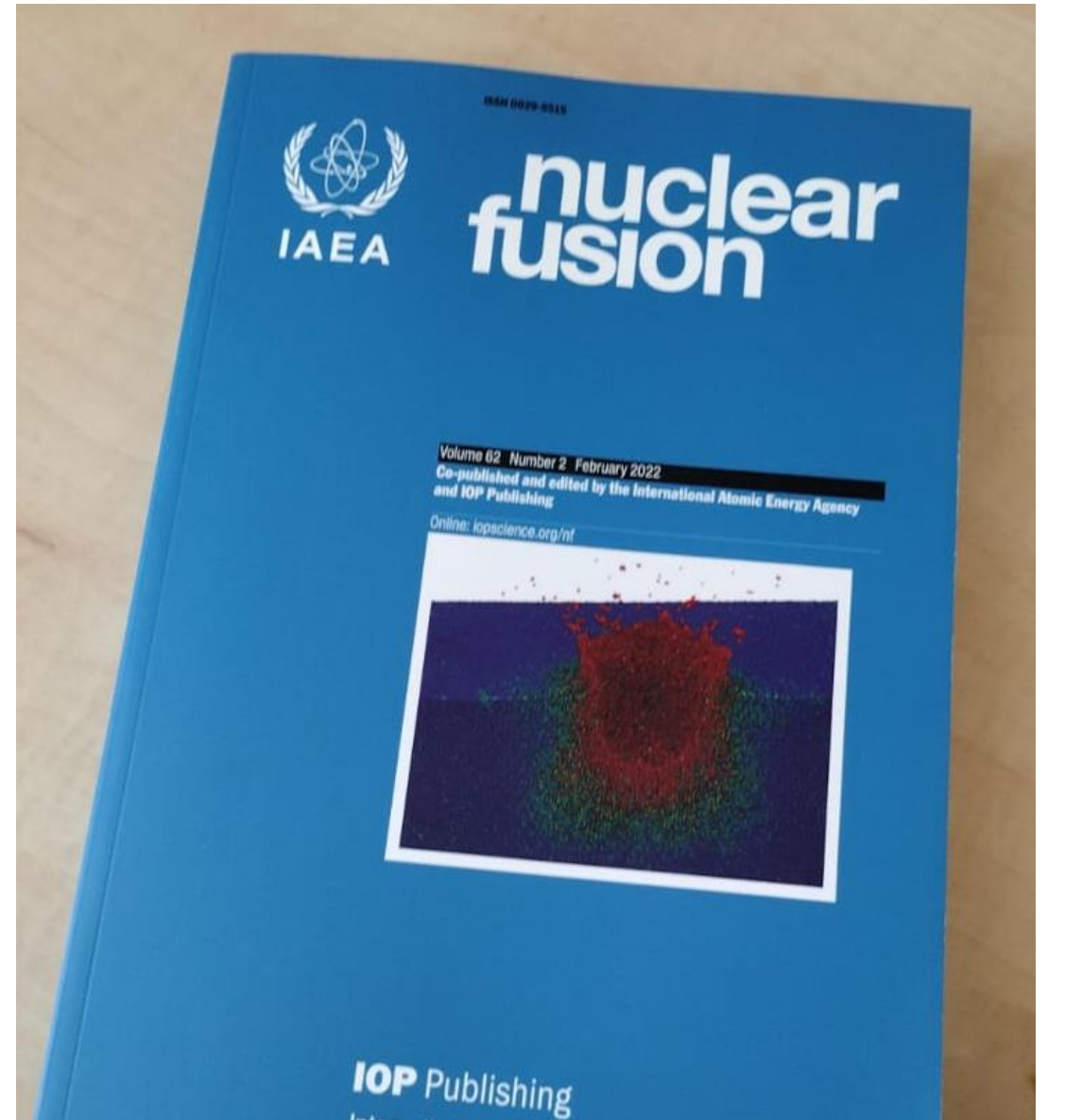


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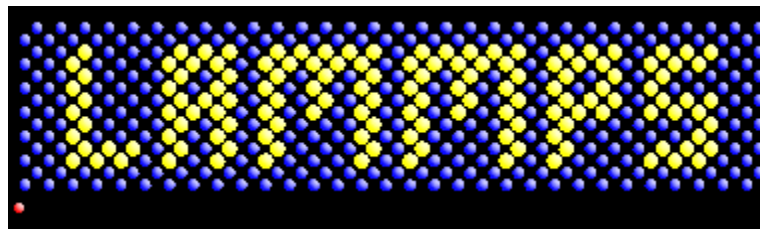


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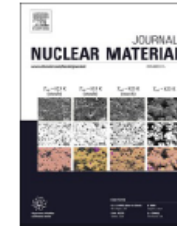
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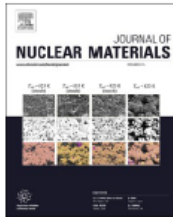
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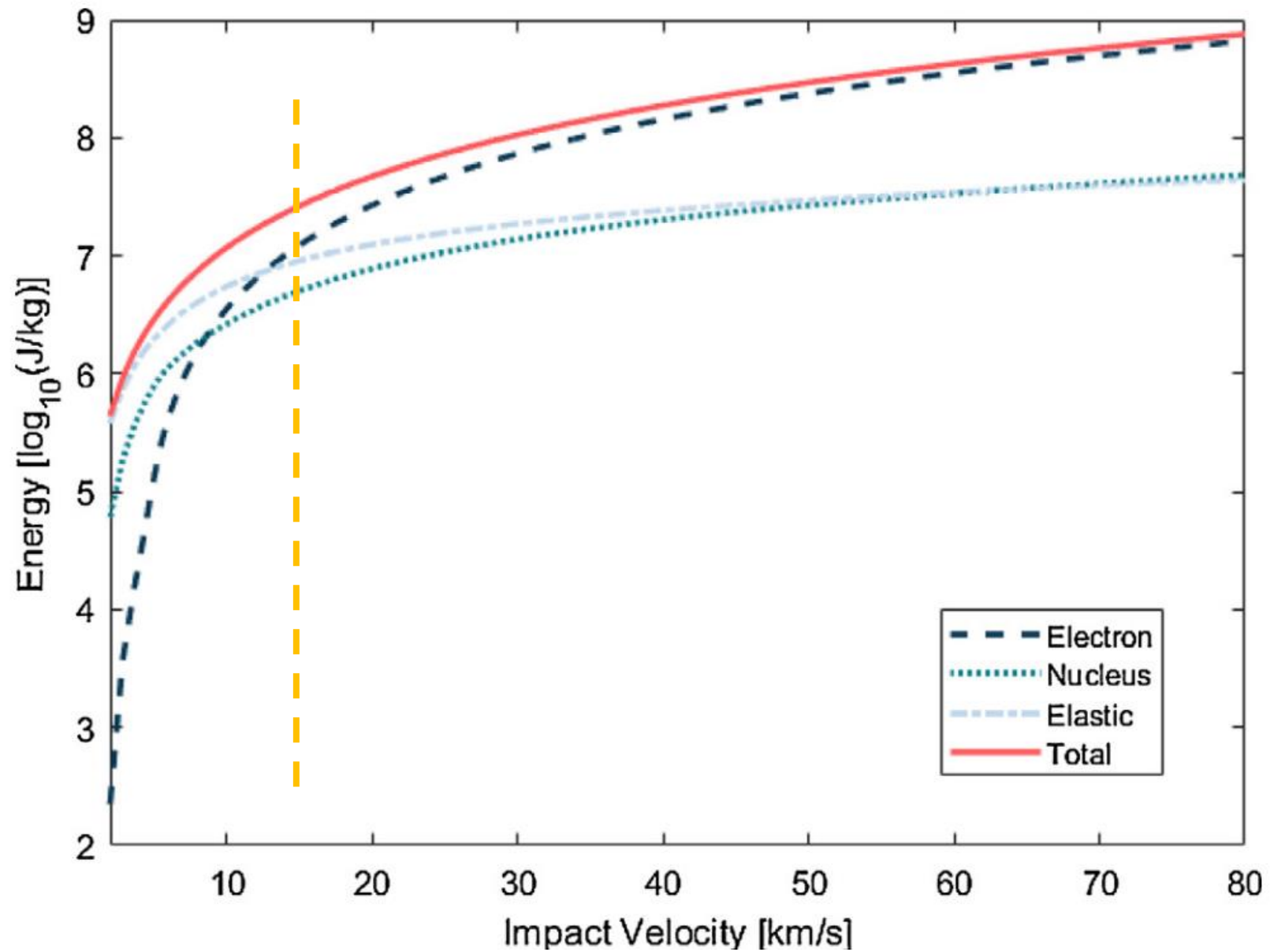


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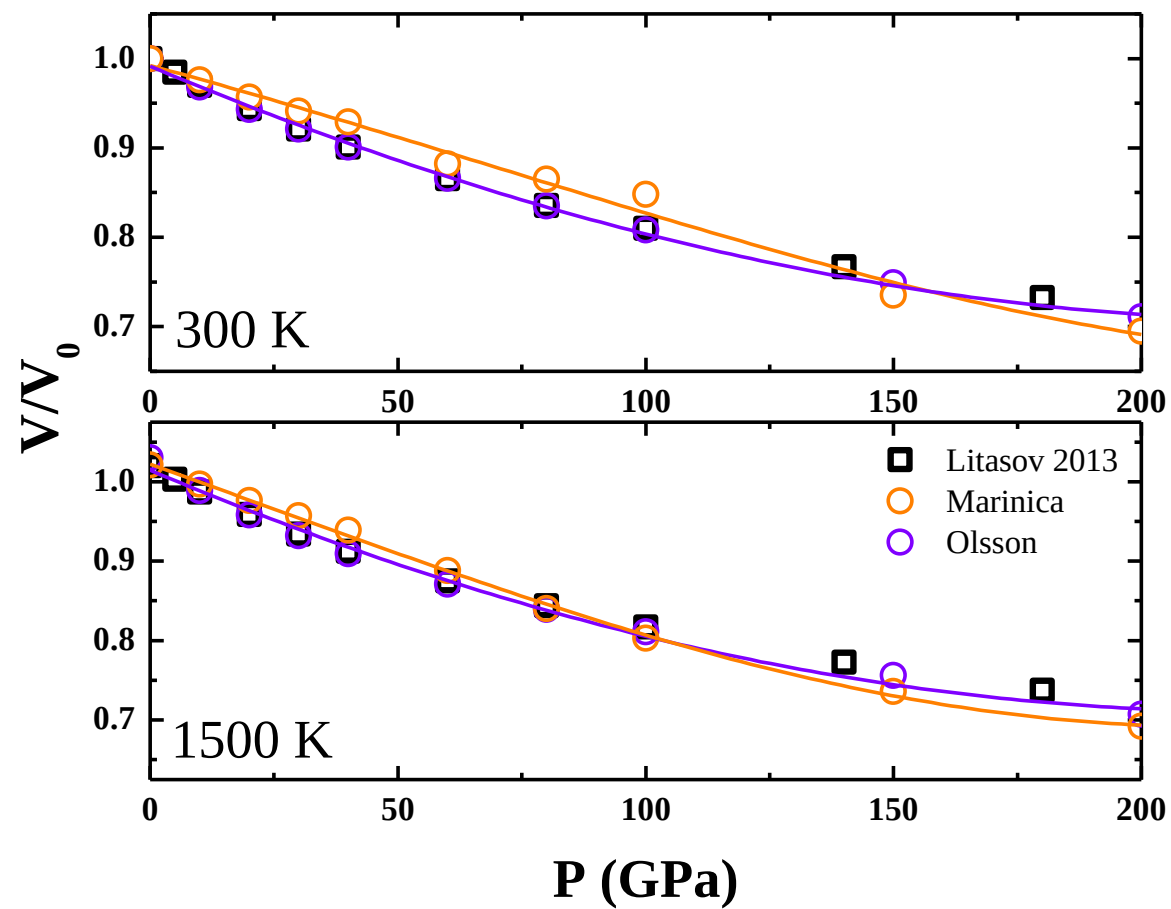
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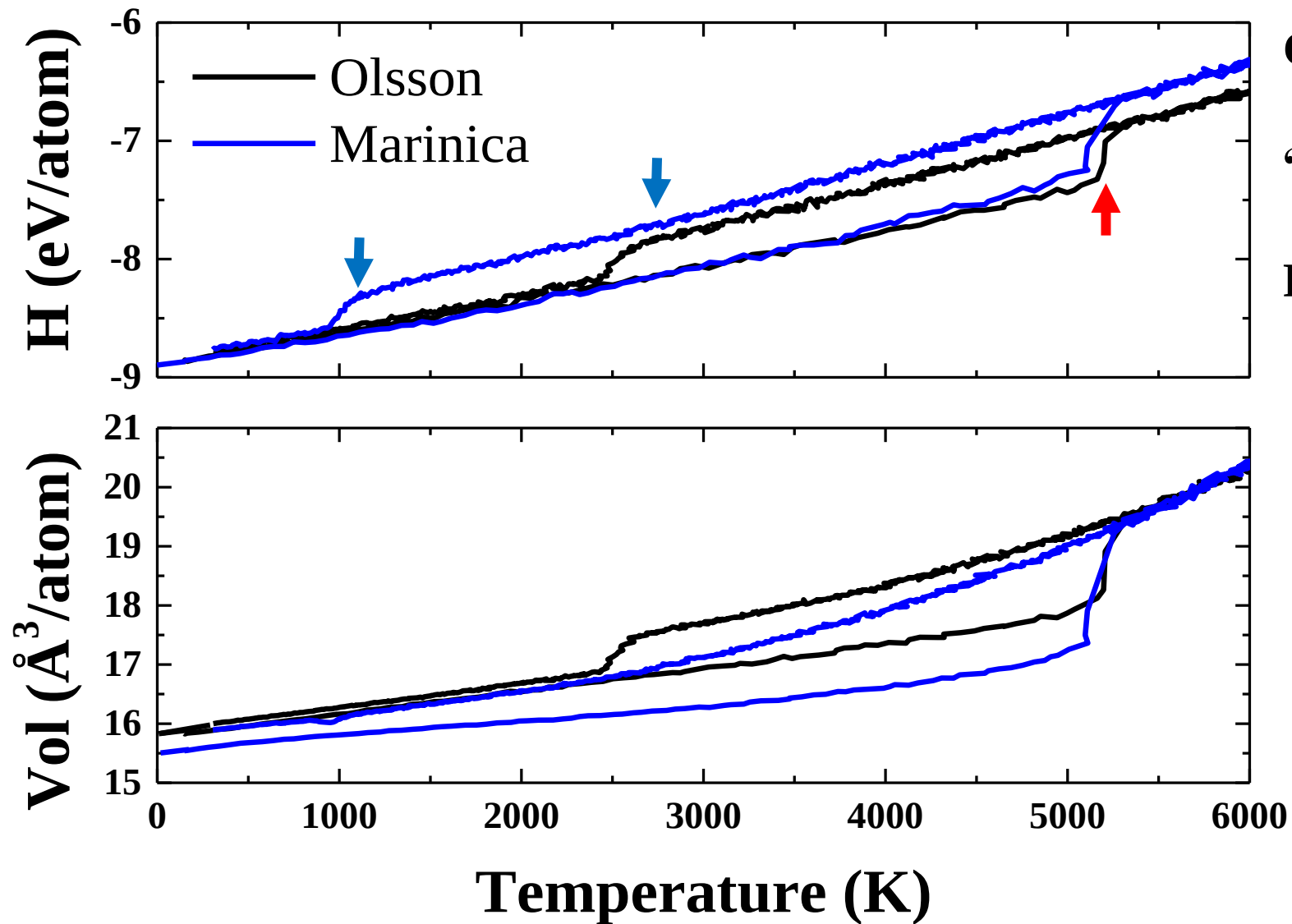


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$C_p(T)$ is similar from both FFs

“Melting”, T_+ , at same T. ↑

Recrystallization at diff. T. ↓

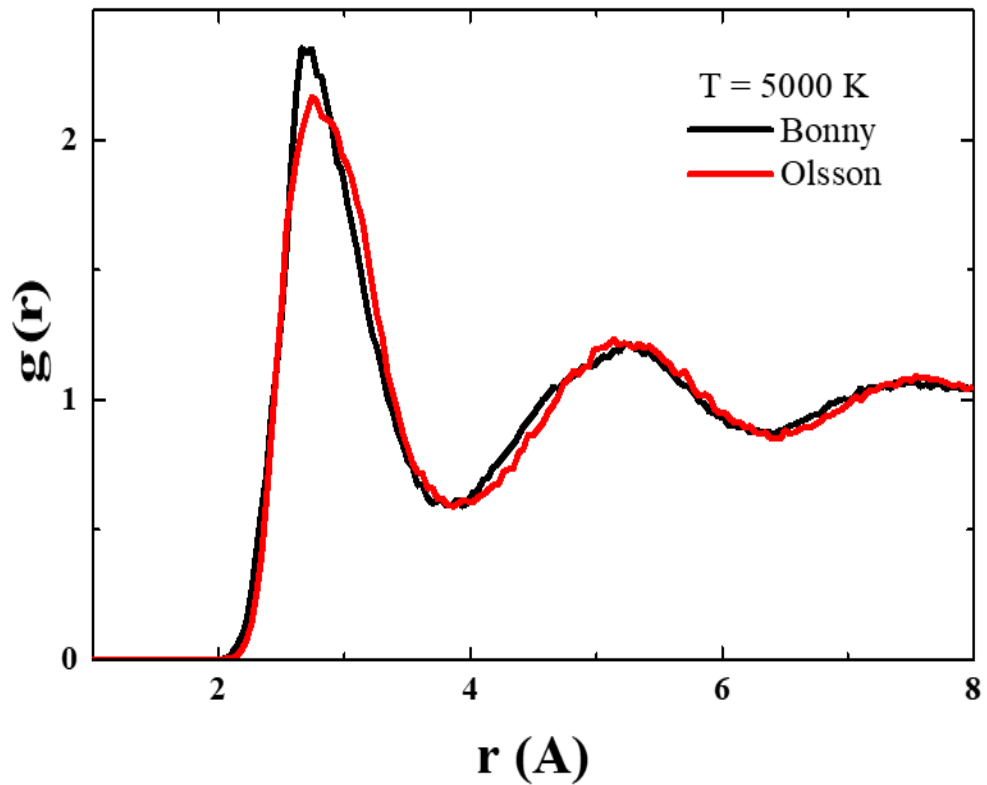
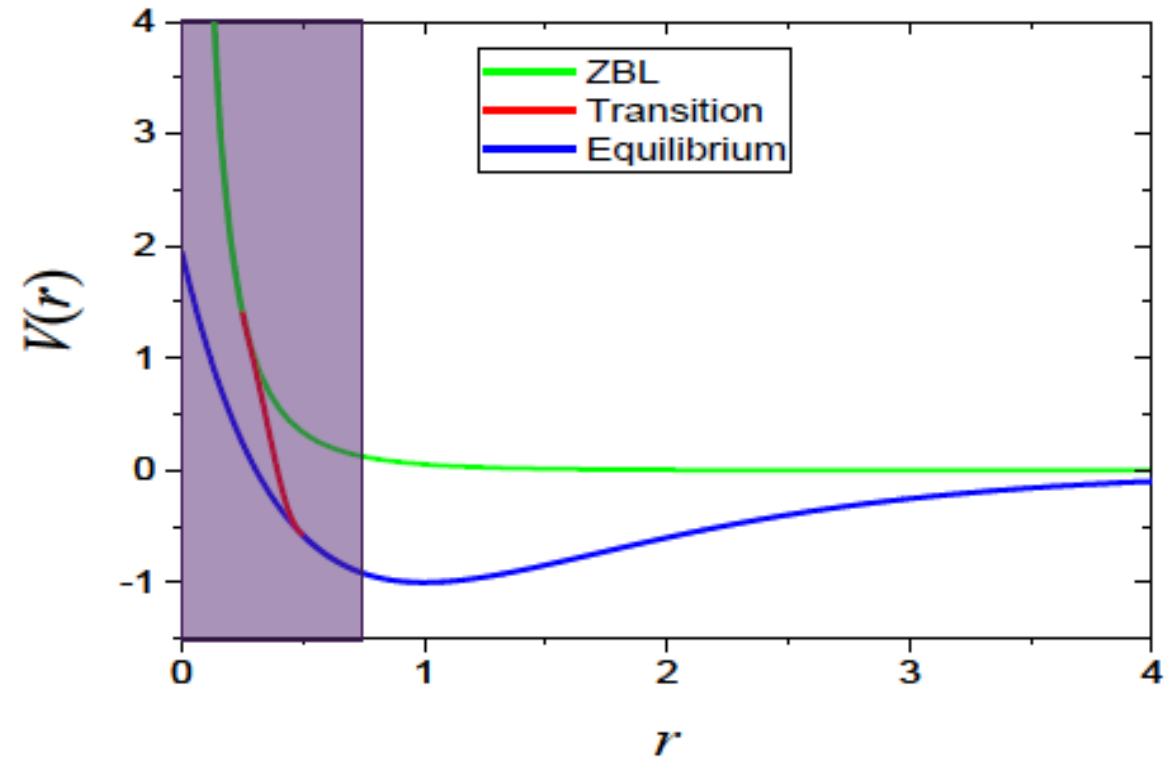
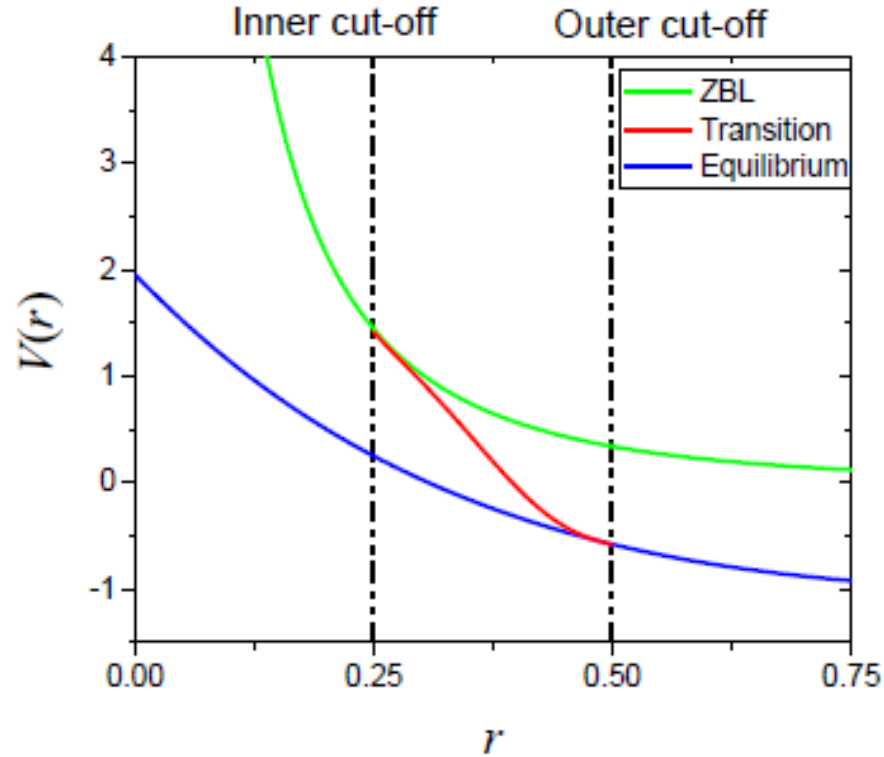


FIG. 1 The RDF for liquid W, $T = 5000$ K, using two different interatomic potentials.

	Olsson	Marinica	Exp
C_{11}	532	523	523
C_{12}	205	203	203
C_{44}	163	160	160
B (GPa)	313.8	320.0	310.8
T_m (K)	4102	3874	3695
ΔH (kJ/mol)	40.34	48.40	52.31
ΔS (J/molK) as $\Delta H/T_m$	9.83	12.49	9.62
ΔV (cm ³ /mol)	8.36	11.1	10.20



Stiffened Potentials

$$V(r) = \Theta(r - r_o) V_{\text{eq}}(r)$$

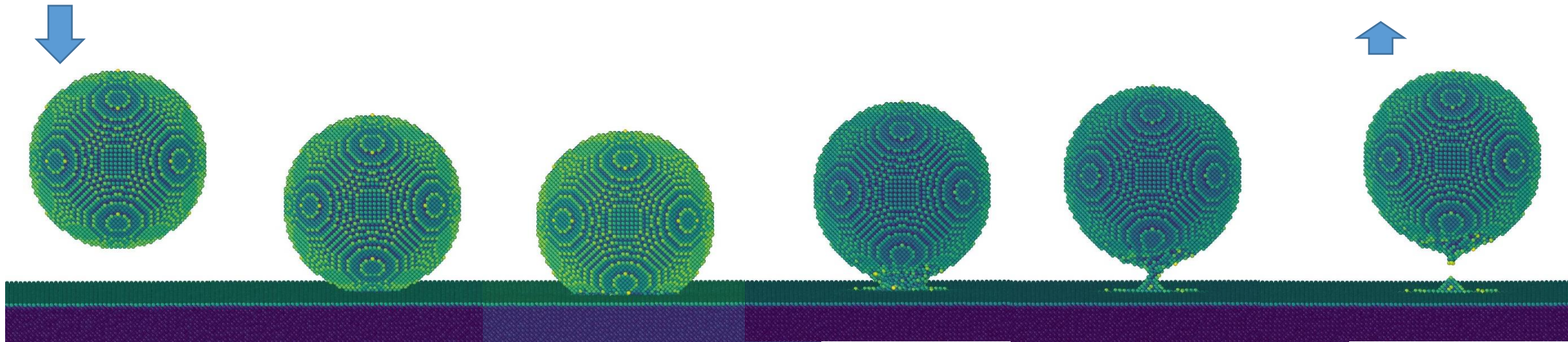
$$+ \Theta(r_o - r) \Theta(r - r_i) \left\{ V_{\text{eq}}(r) + \zeta \left(\frac{r_o + r_i - 2r}{r_o - r_i} \right) [V_{\text{nuc}}(r) - V_{\text{eq}}(r)] \right\}$$

$$+ \Theta(r_i - r) V_{\text{nuc}}(r),$$

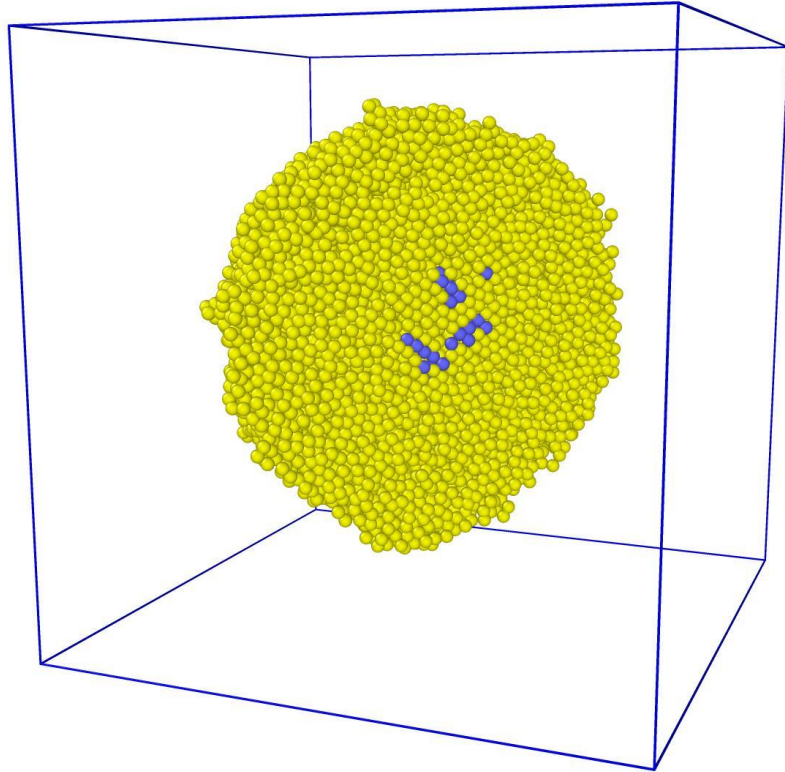
Smooth transition function

$$\text{with } \zeta(x) = \frac{3}{16}x^5 - \frac{5}{8}x^3 + \frac{15}{16}x + \frac{1}{2}$$

$$V = 100 \text{ m/s}$$

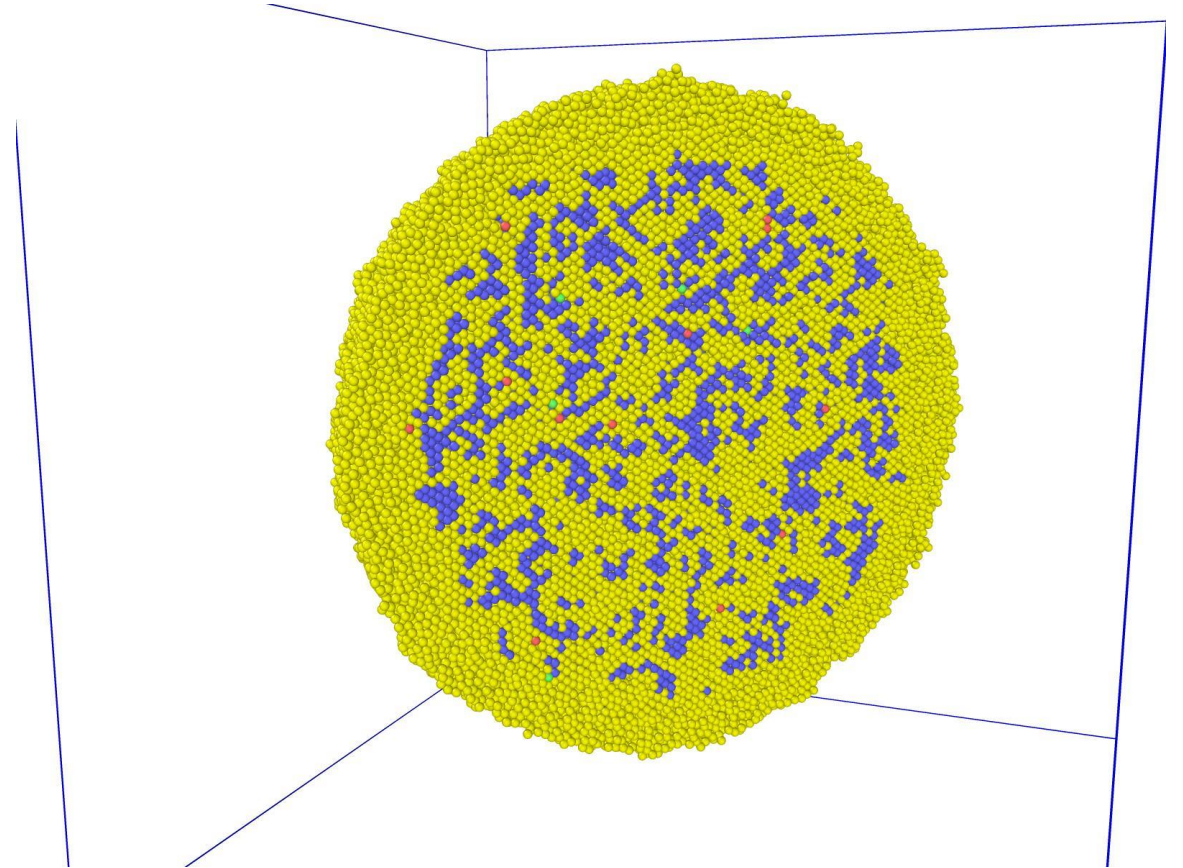


Size-dependent melting point



$d = 6 \text{ nm}$ (8,369 atoms)

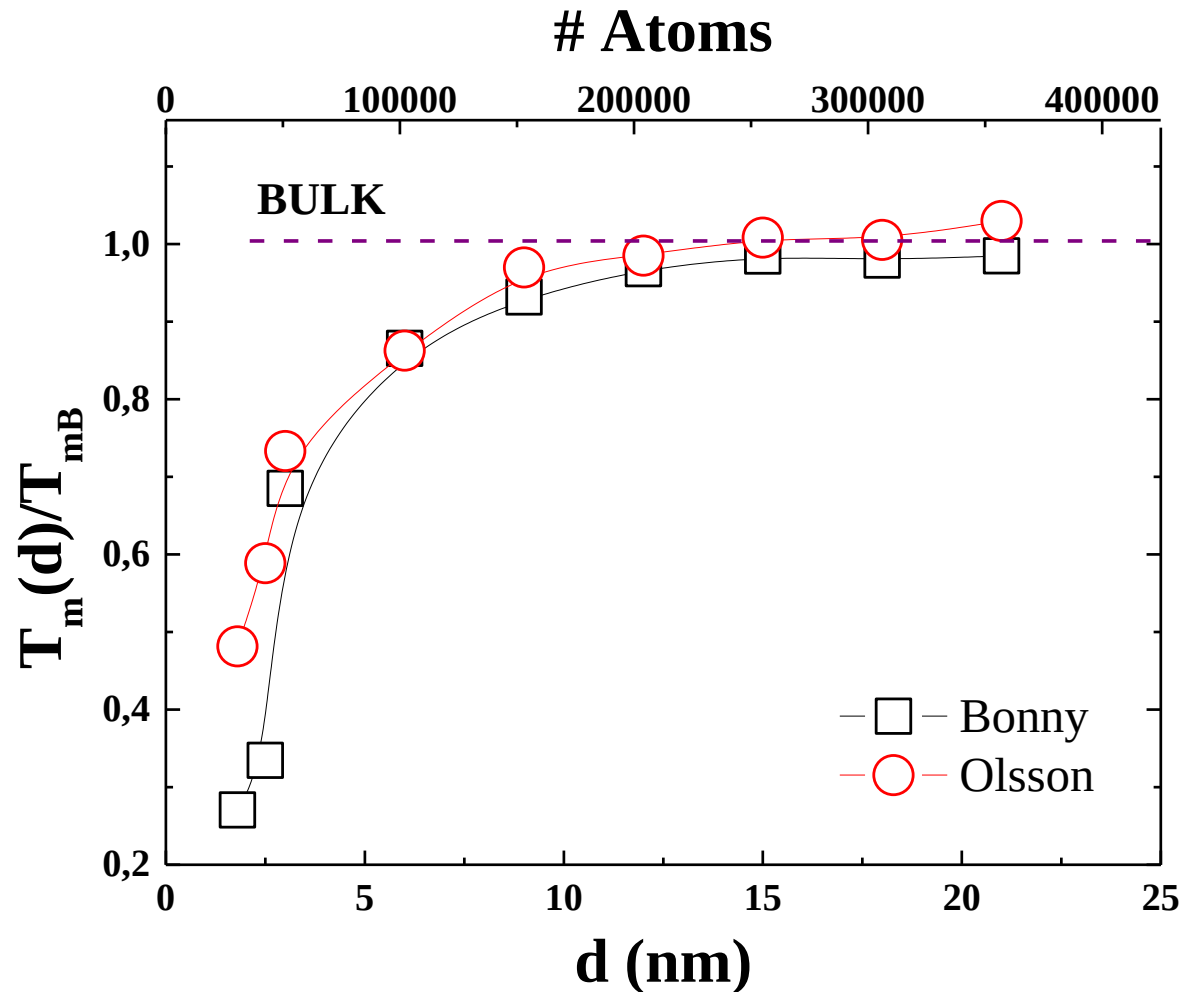
$T_m \sim 0.8 T_{mB}$



$d = 21 \text{ nm}$ (359,439 atoms)

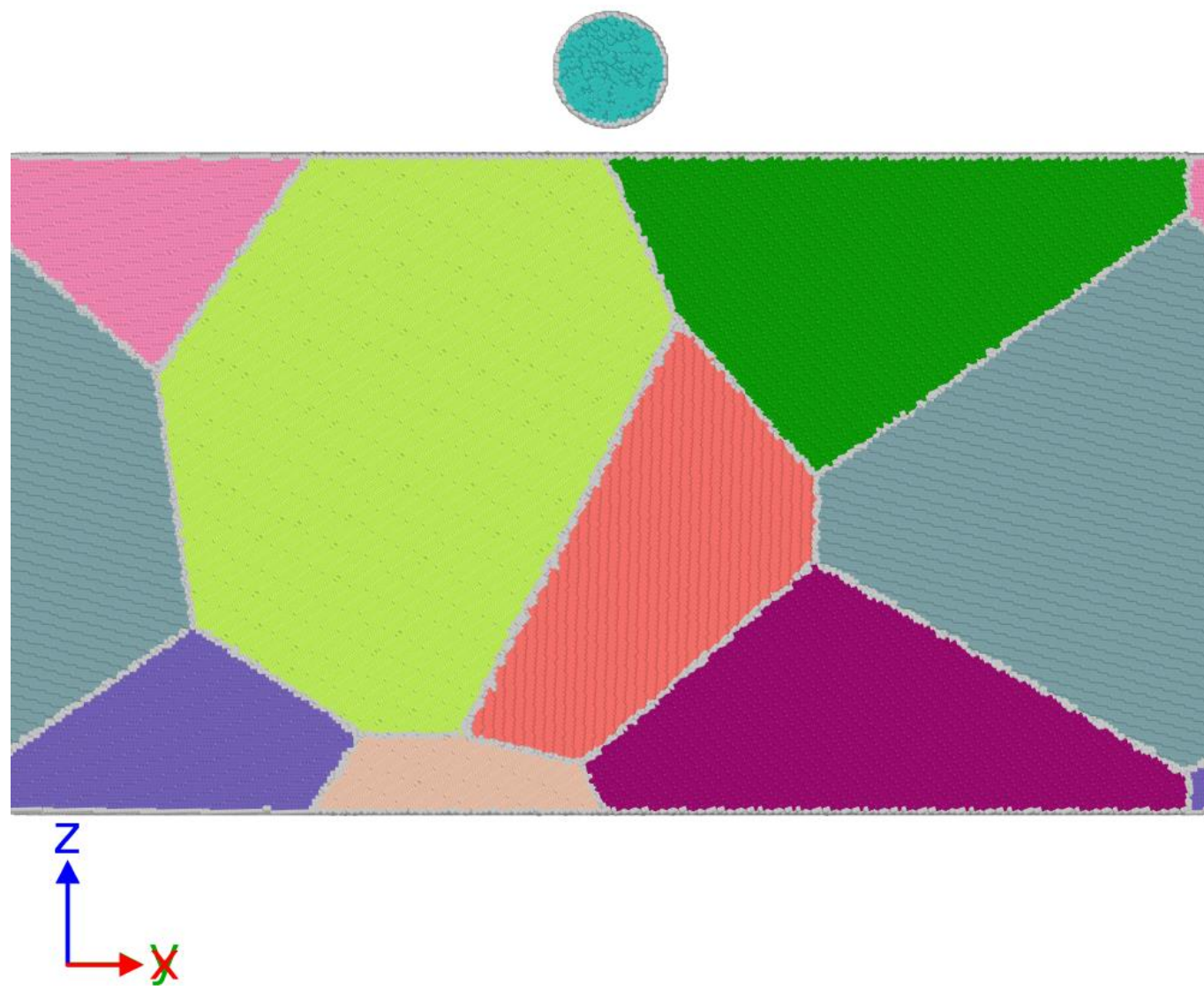
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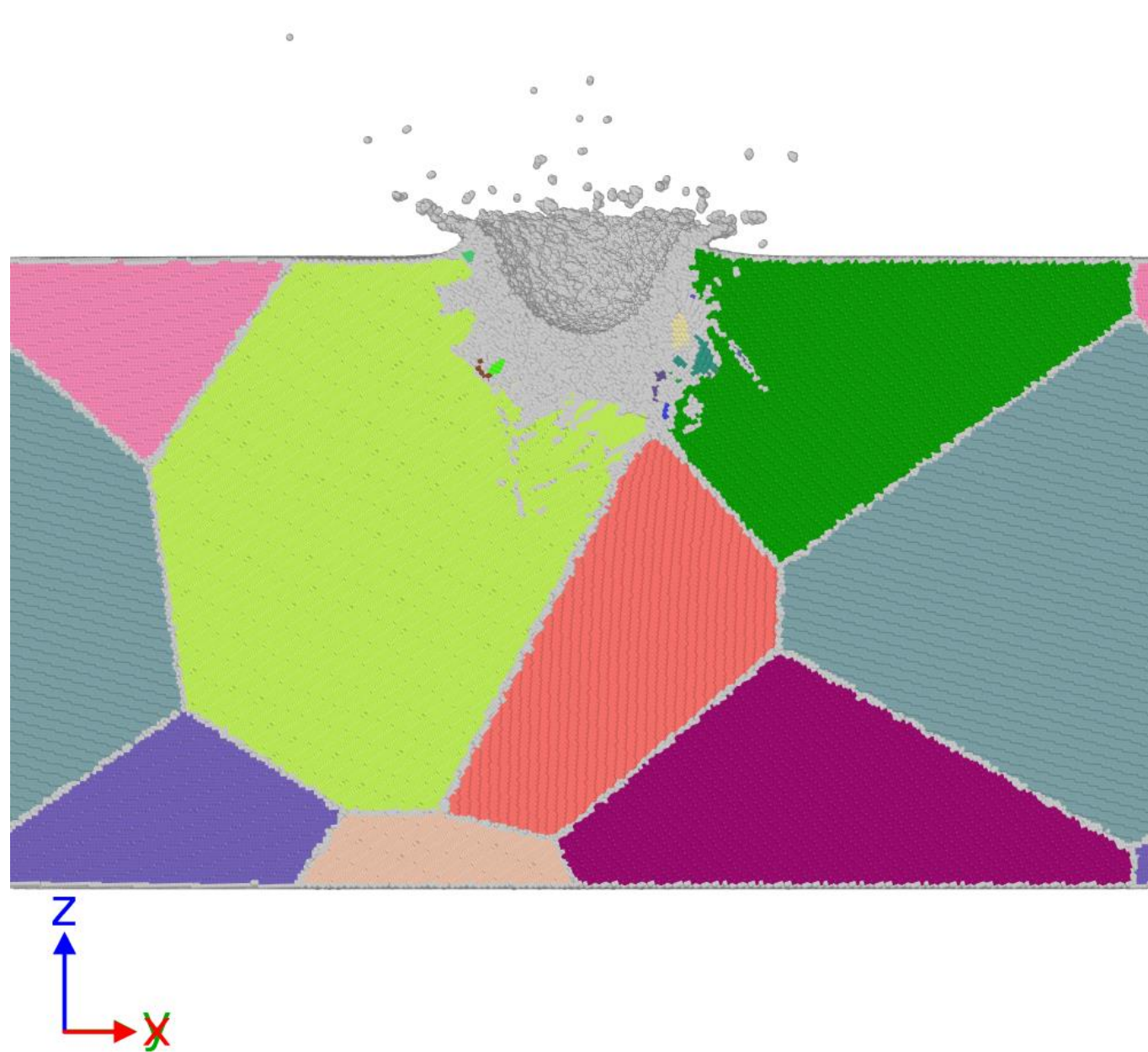
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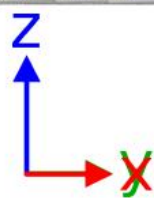
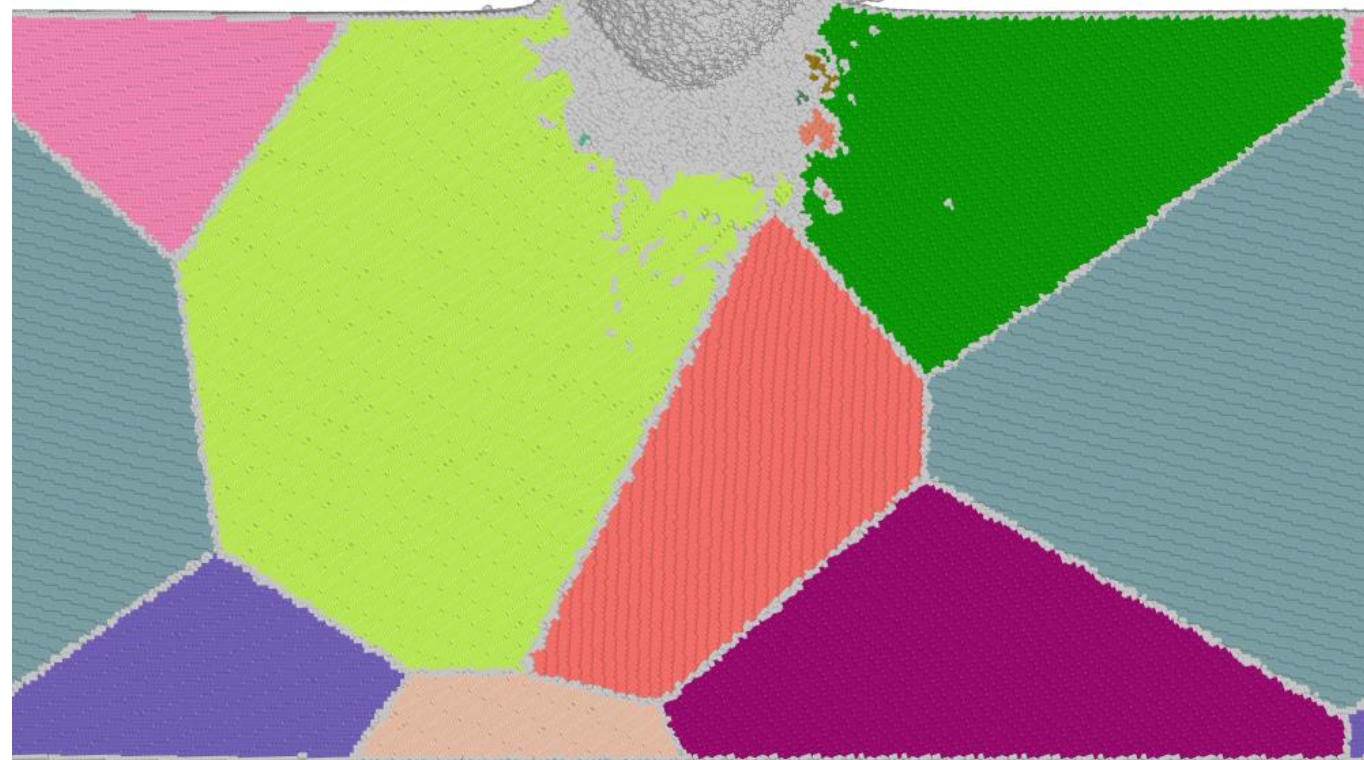


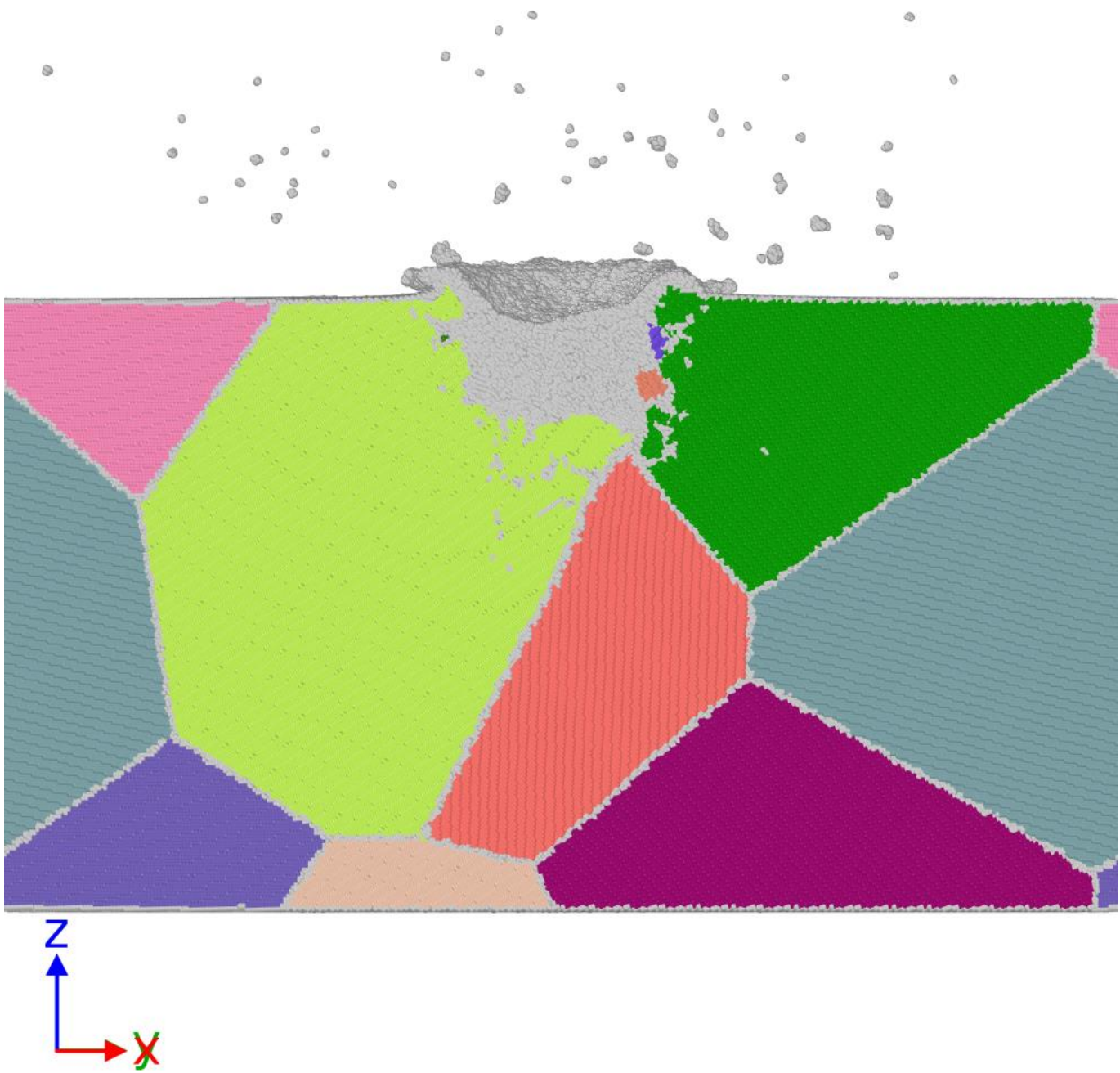
$$T_M(d) = T_{MB} \left(1 - \frac{4\sigma_{sl}}{H_f \rho_s d} \right)$$

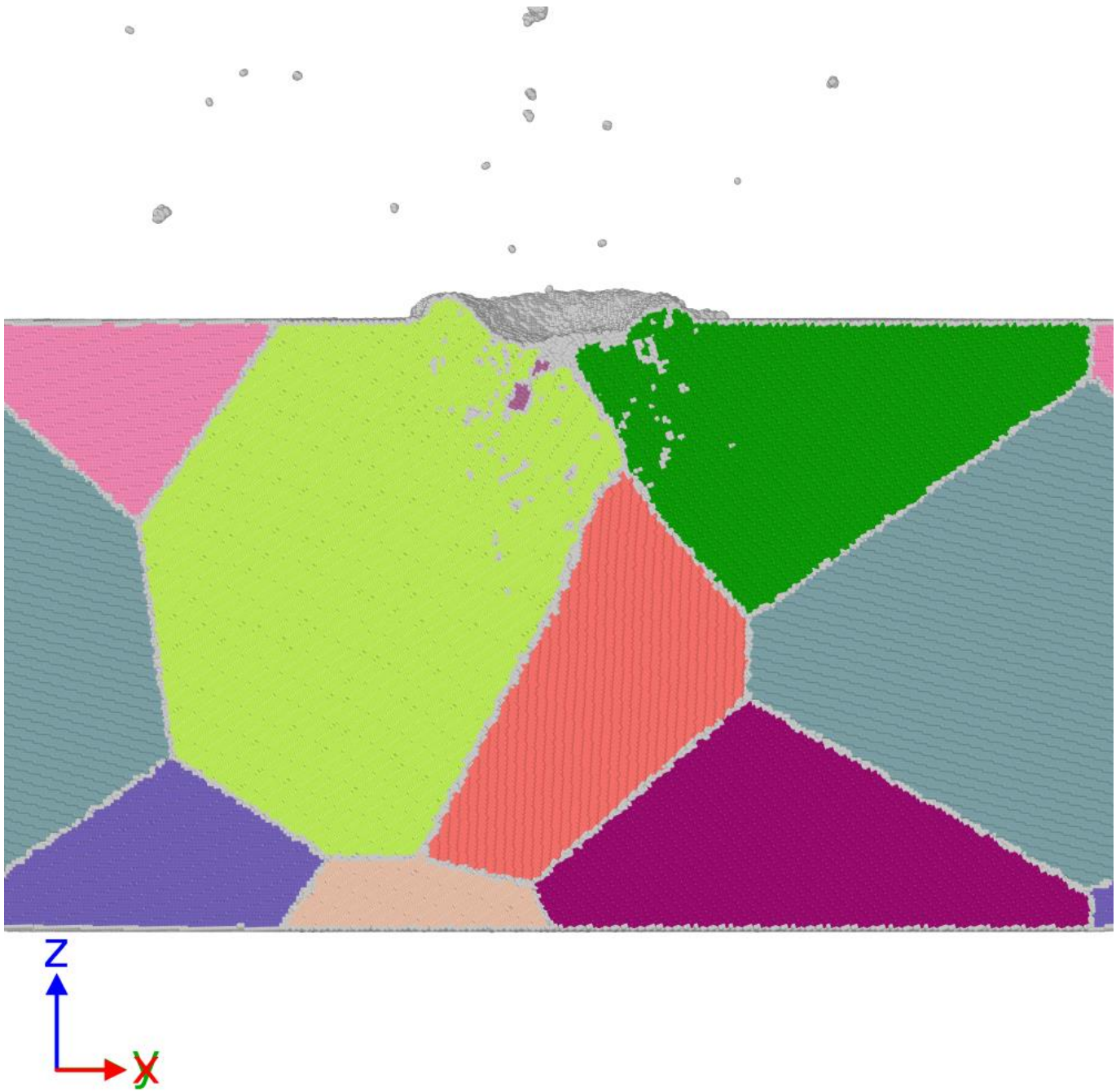
T_{MB} = Bulk Melting temperature
 σ_{sl} = solid–liquid interface energy
 H_f = Bulk heat of fusion
 ρ_s = density of solid
 d = particle diameter











Magnetism

Laboratory observations of impact-generated magnetic fields

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