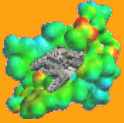




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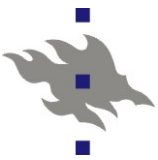
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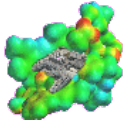
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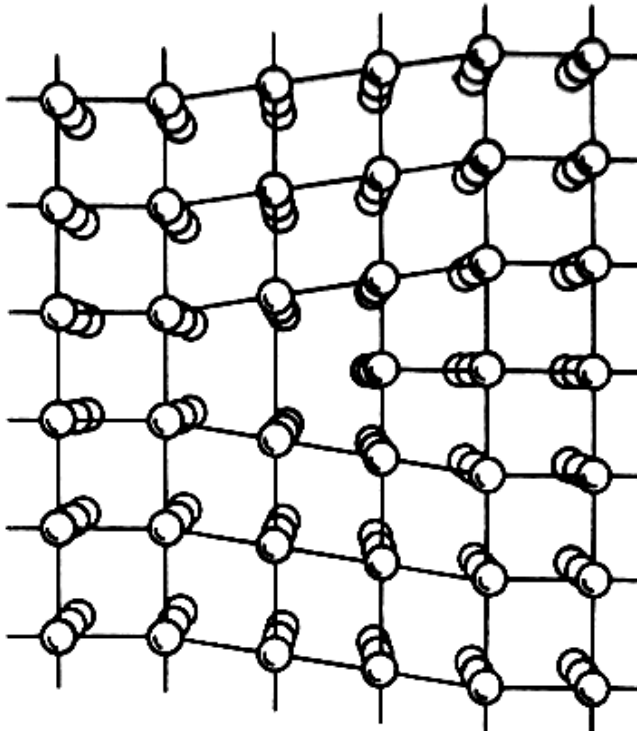
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Dislocations

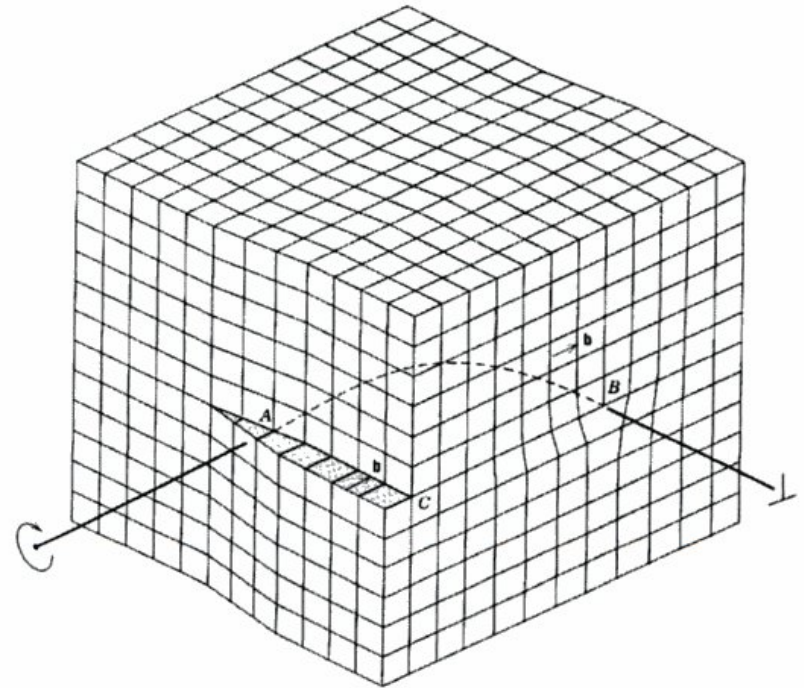


Edge dislocation
in simple cubic lattice



Theory of Dislocations, Hirth, Lothe, 1982

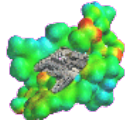
Mixed screw-edge
dislocation



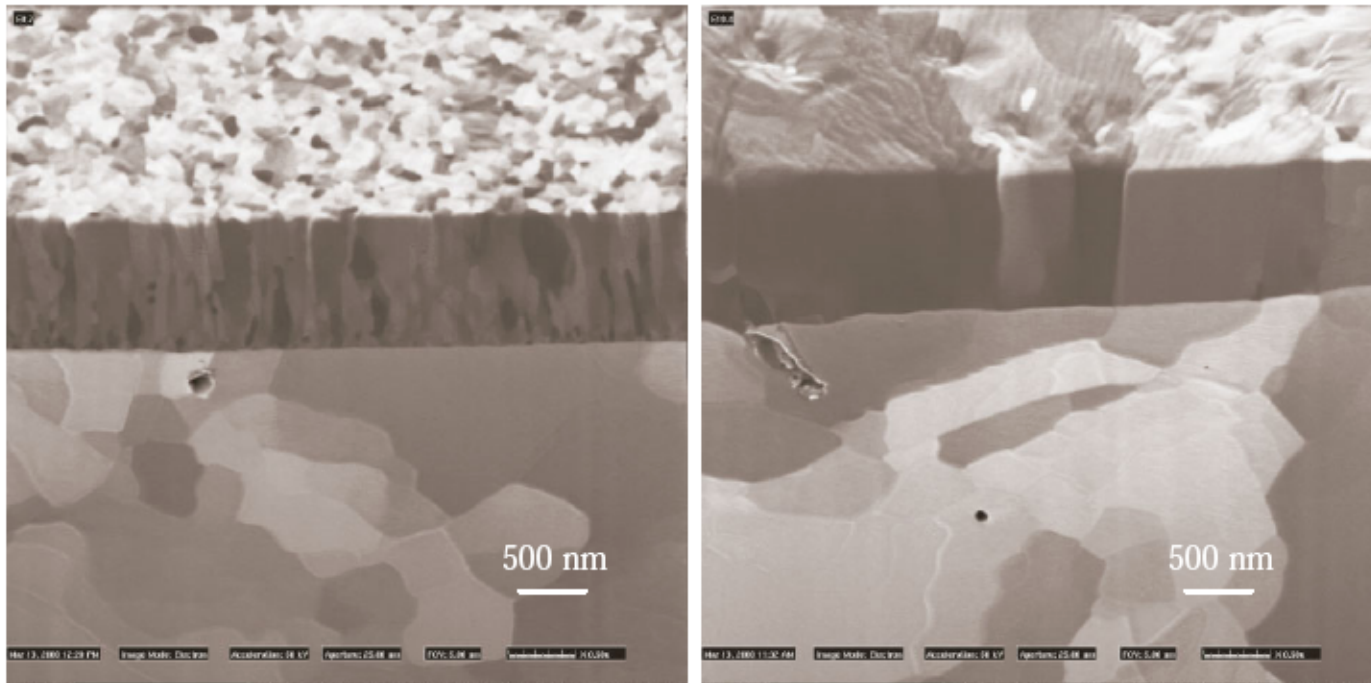
Materials Science and Engineering, Callister, 2000



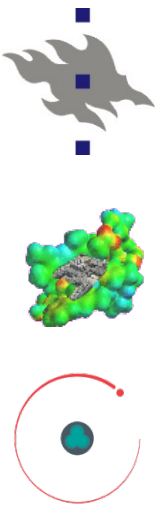
Voids



Voids are observed in cavities

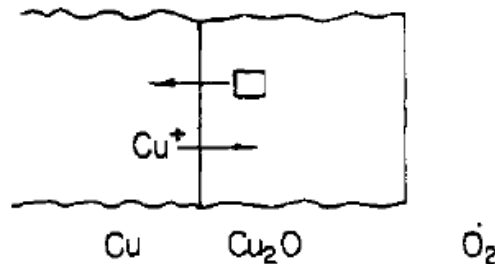
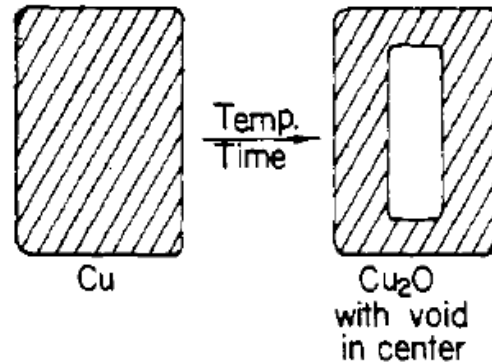


Cross sectional FIB images of niobium films on oxidised (left) and oxide-free (right) copper substrates



Voids

Possible near surface void formation mechanism:
Kirkendall effect



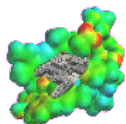
Copper oxidation and void formation.

Void Formation Failure Mechanisms in Integrated Circuits, Selikson, 1969



Simulations

1. Relax the system for 20 ps, no force



2. "Ramp up" the force in 20...120 ps

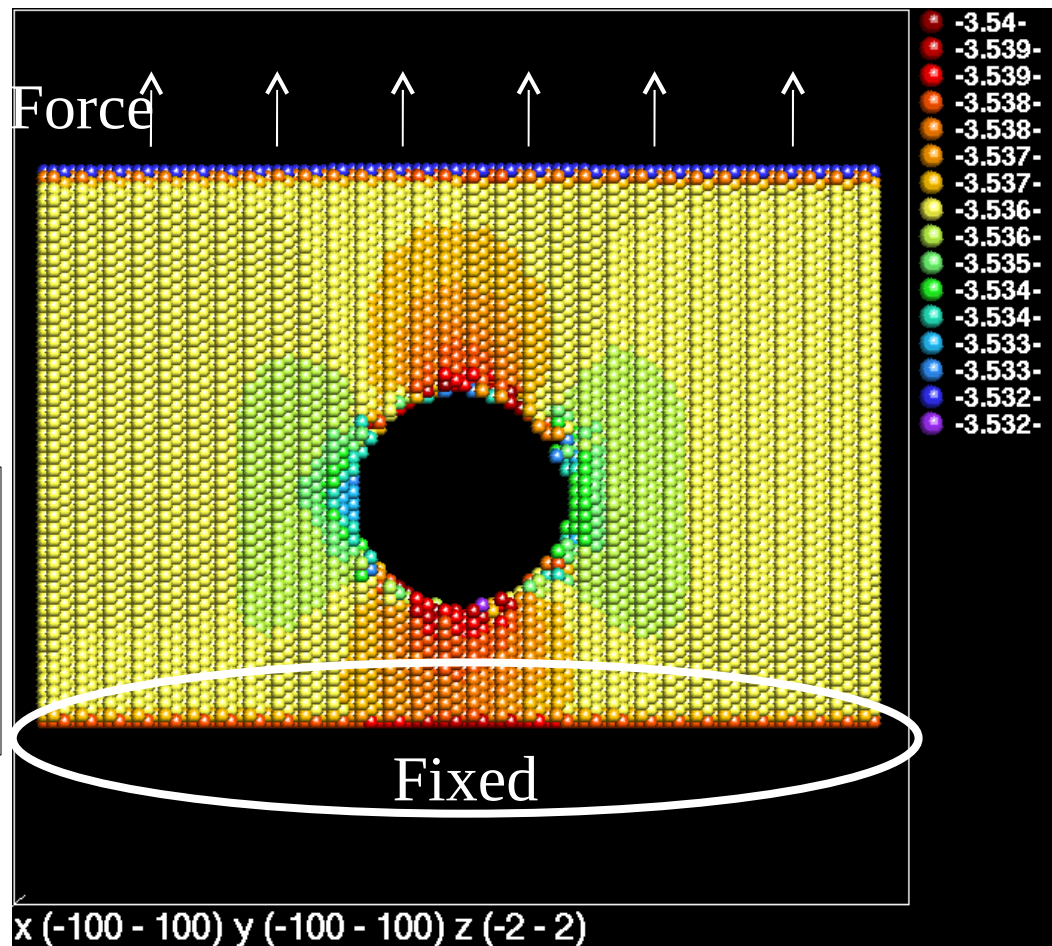
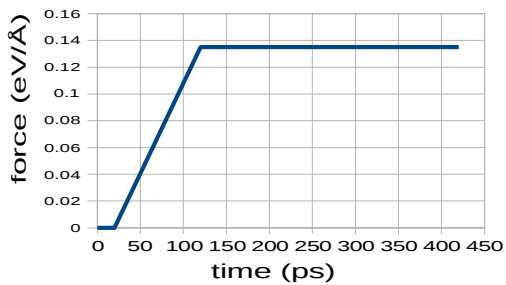


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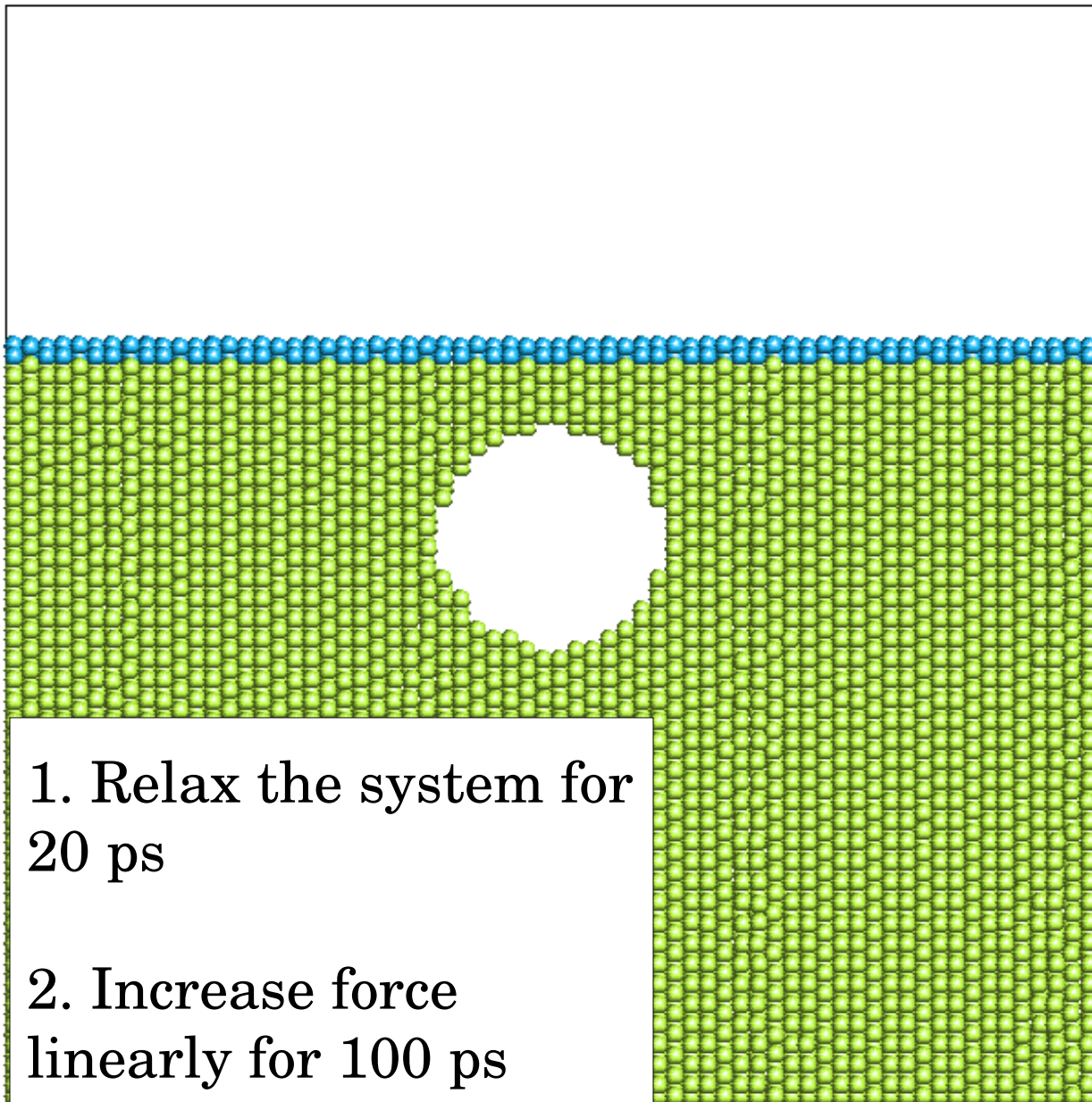
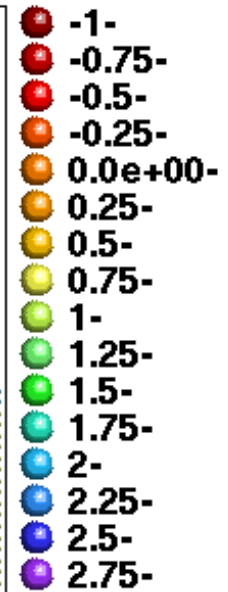
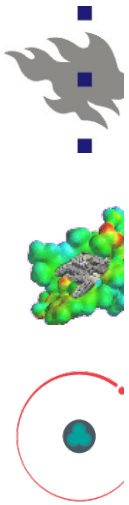
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force/atom $F = 0.135$ eV/Å

temperature $T = 600$ K



time 4.06 fs

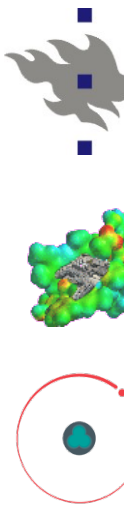


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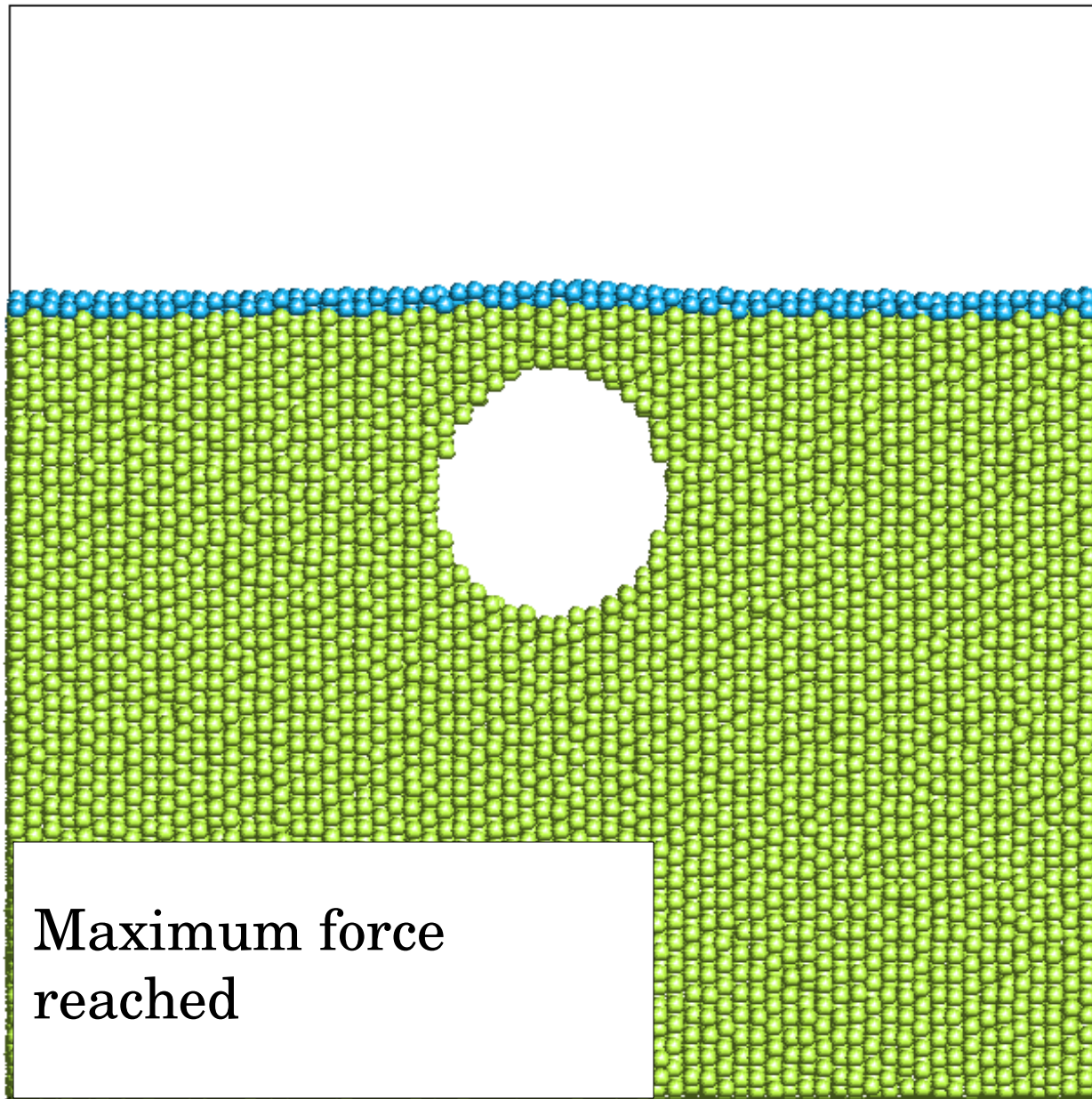
2. Increase force
linearly for 100 ps

Aarne $x (-70 - 70) y (0 - 140) z (-5 - 5)$

time 1.2e+05 fs



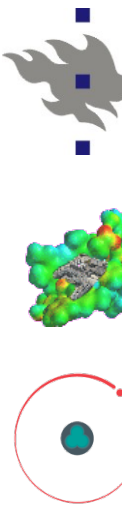
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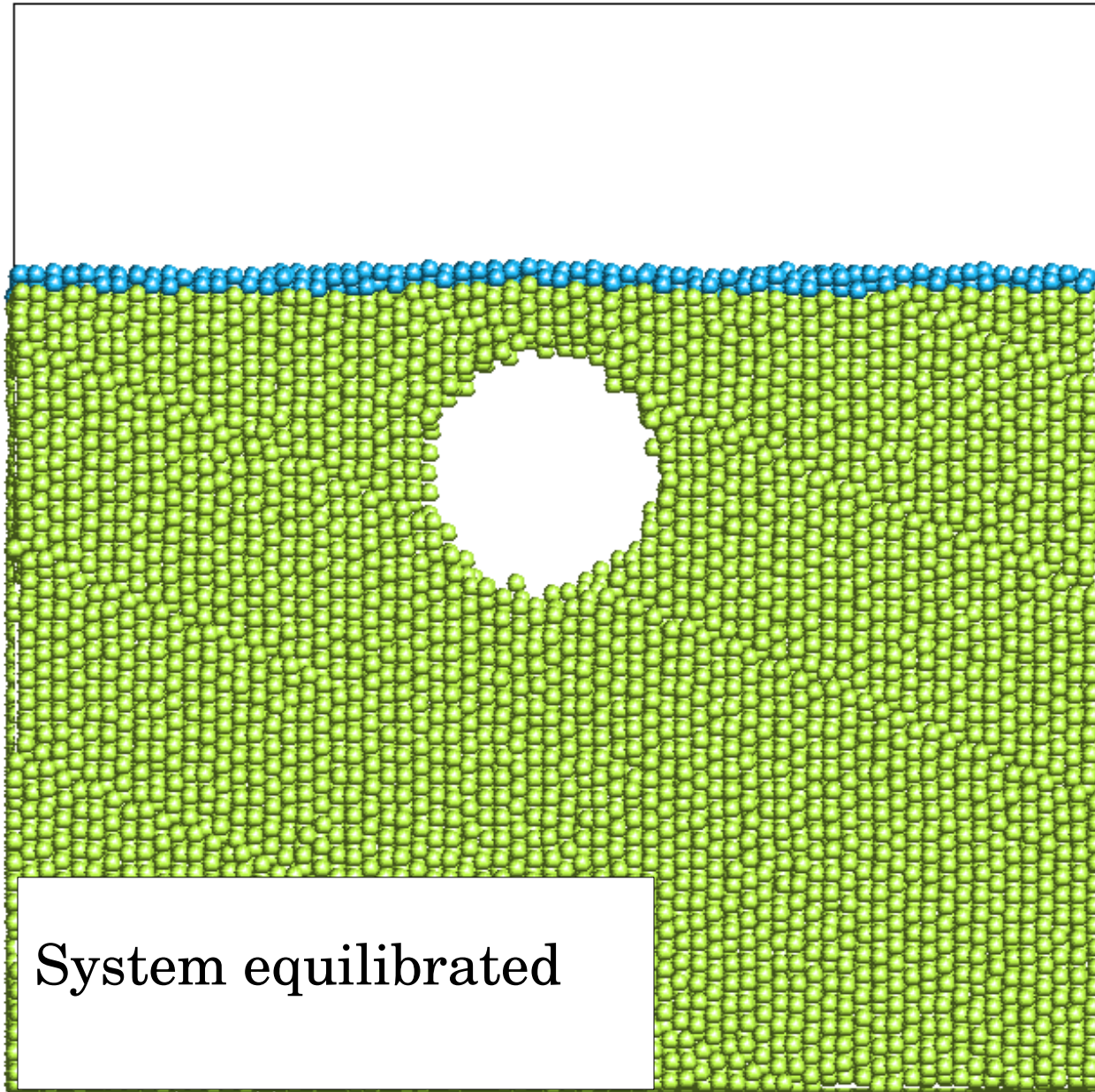
Maximum force
reached

Aarne ↙ x (-70 - 70) y (0 - 140) z (-5 - 5)

time 1.7e+05 fs



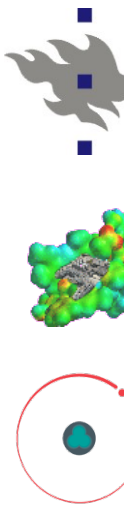
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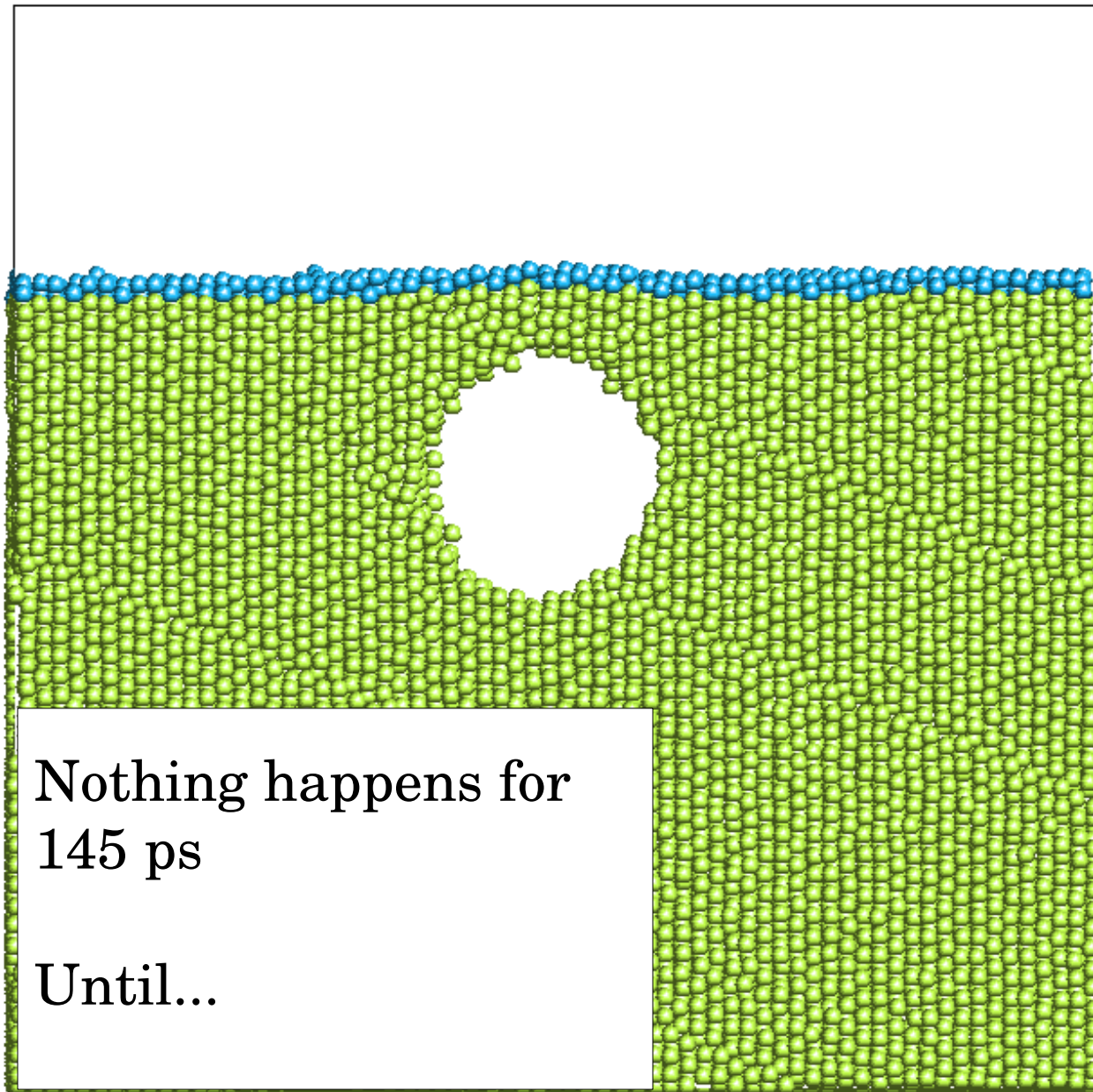
System equilibrated

Aarne ↙ x (-70 - 70) y (0 - 140) z (-5 - 5)

time 3.15e+05 fs



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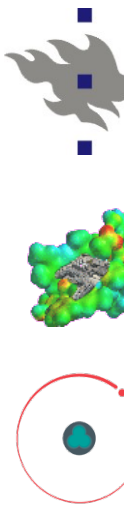


Nothing happens for
145 ps

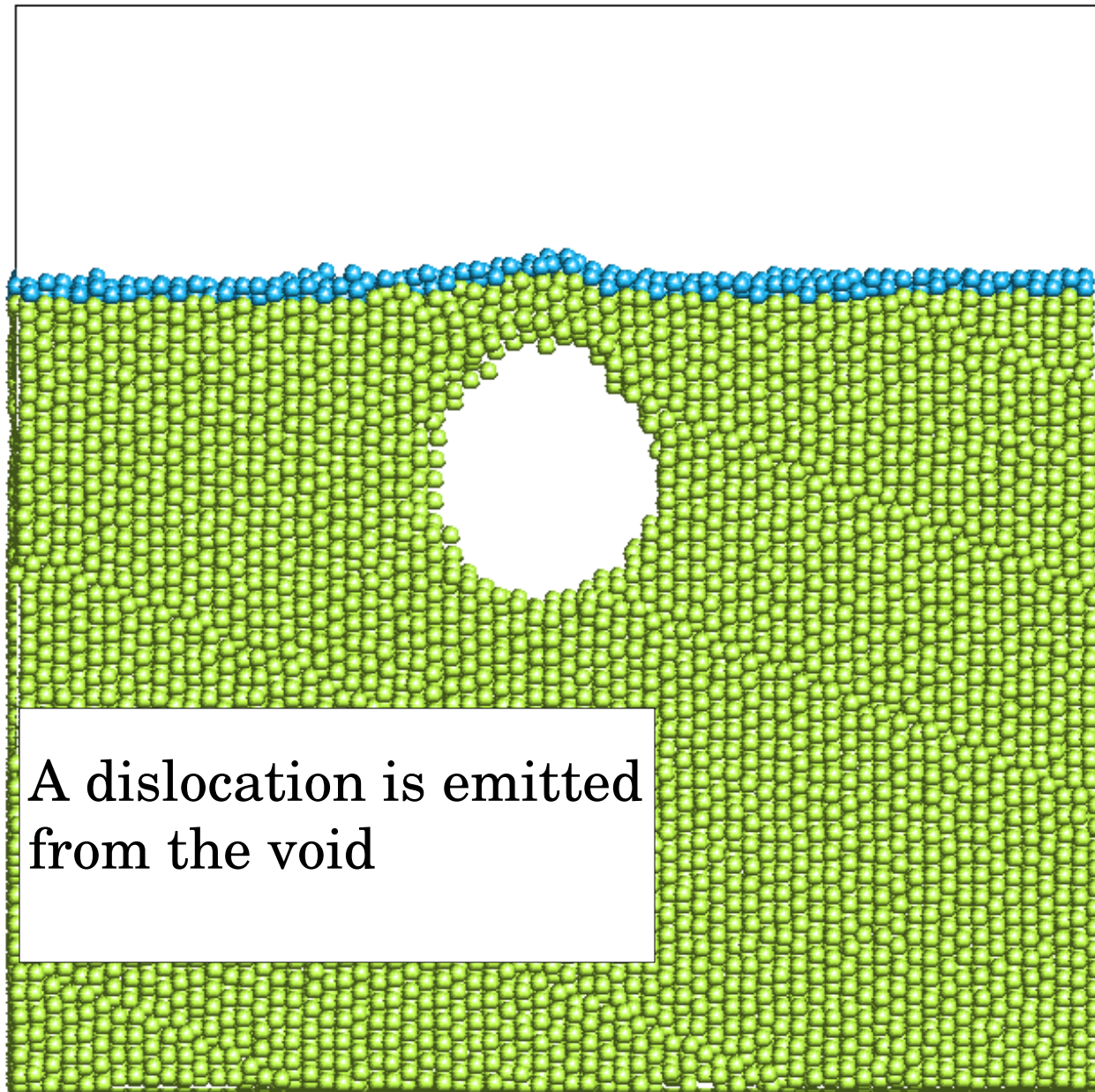
Until...

Aarne $x (-70 - 70) y (0 - 140) z (-5 - 5)$

time 3.2e+05 fs



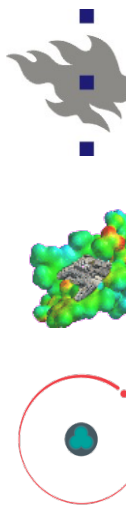
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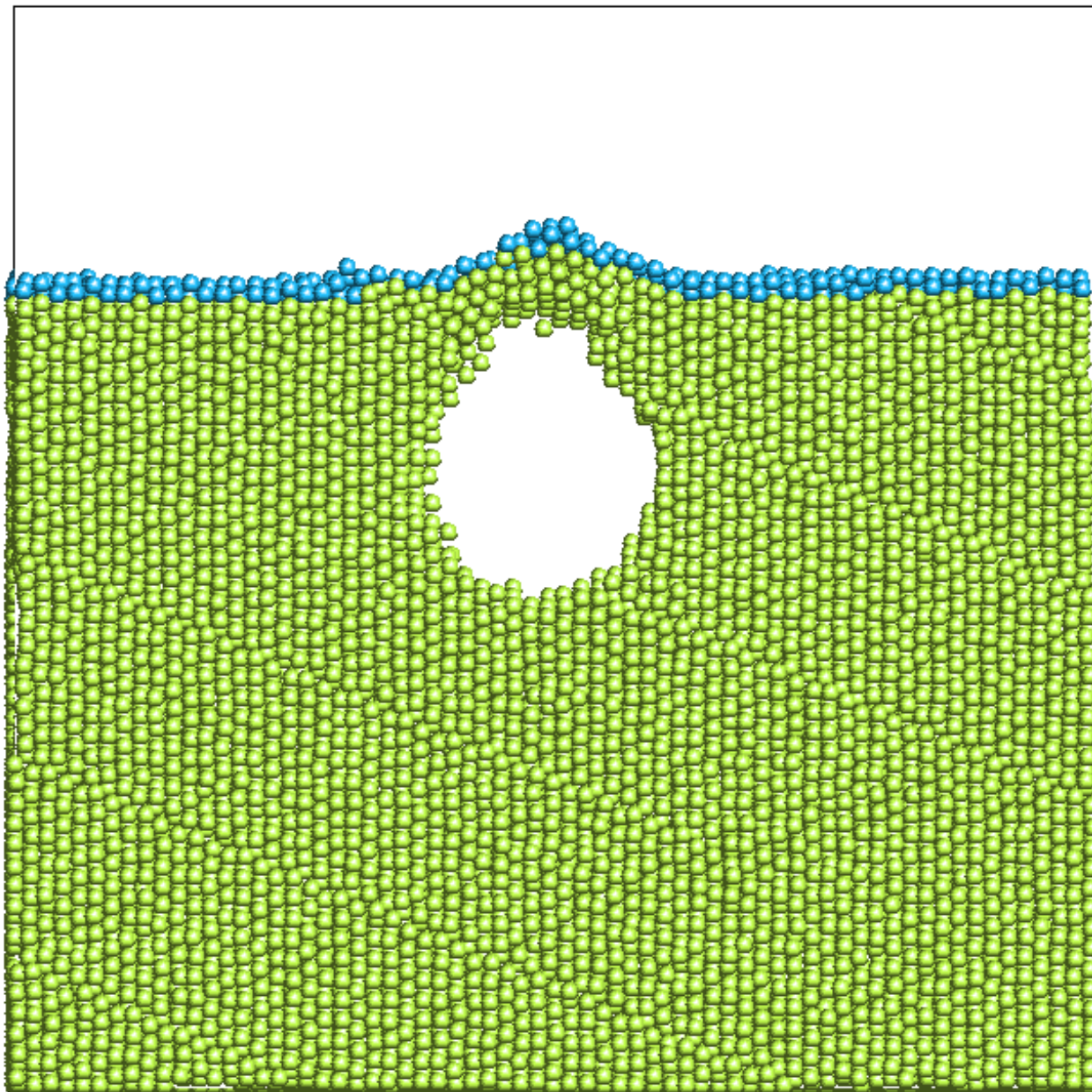
A dislocation is emitted from the void

Aarne ↙ x (-70 - 70) y (0 - 140) z (-5 - 5)

time 3.25e+05 fs

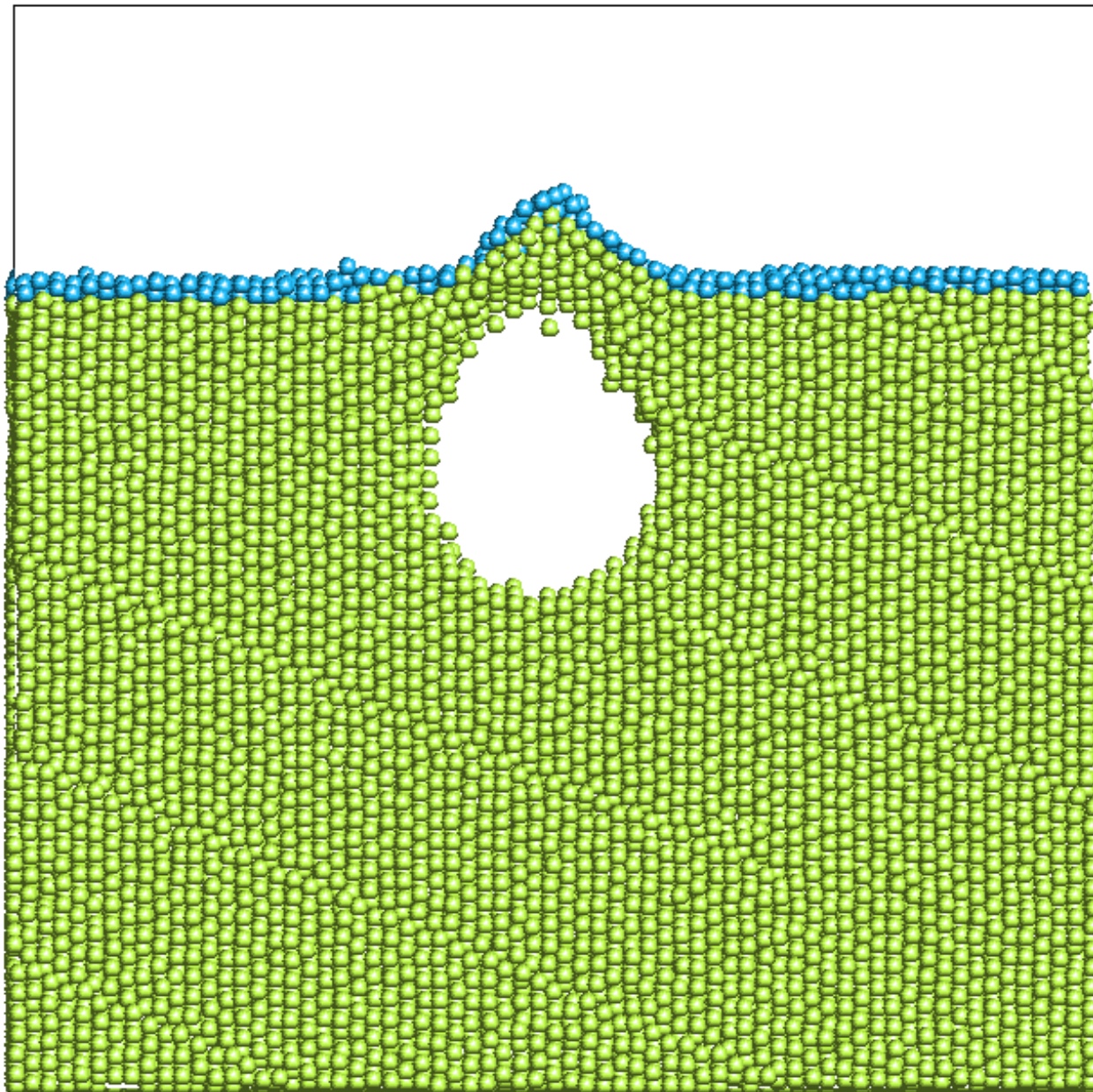
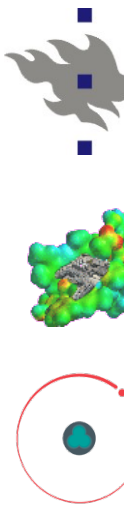


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Aarne ↙ x (-70 - 70) y (0 - 140) z (-5 - 5)

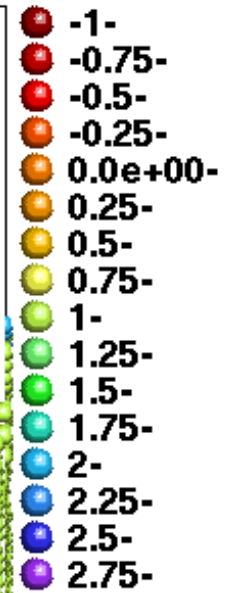
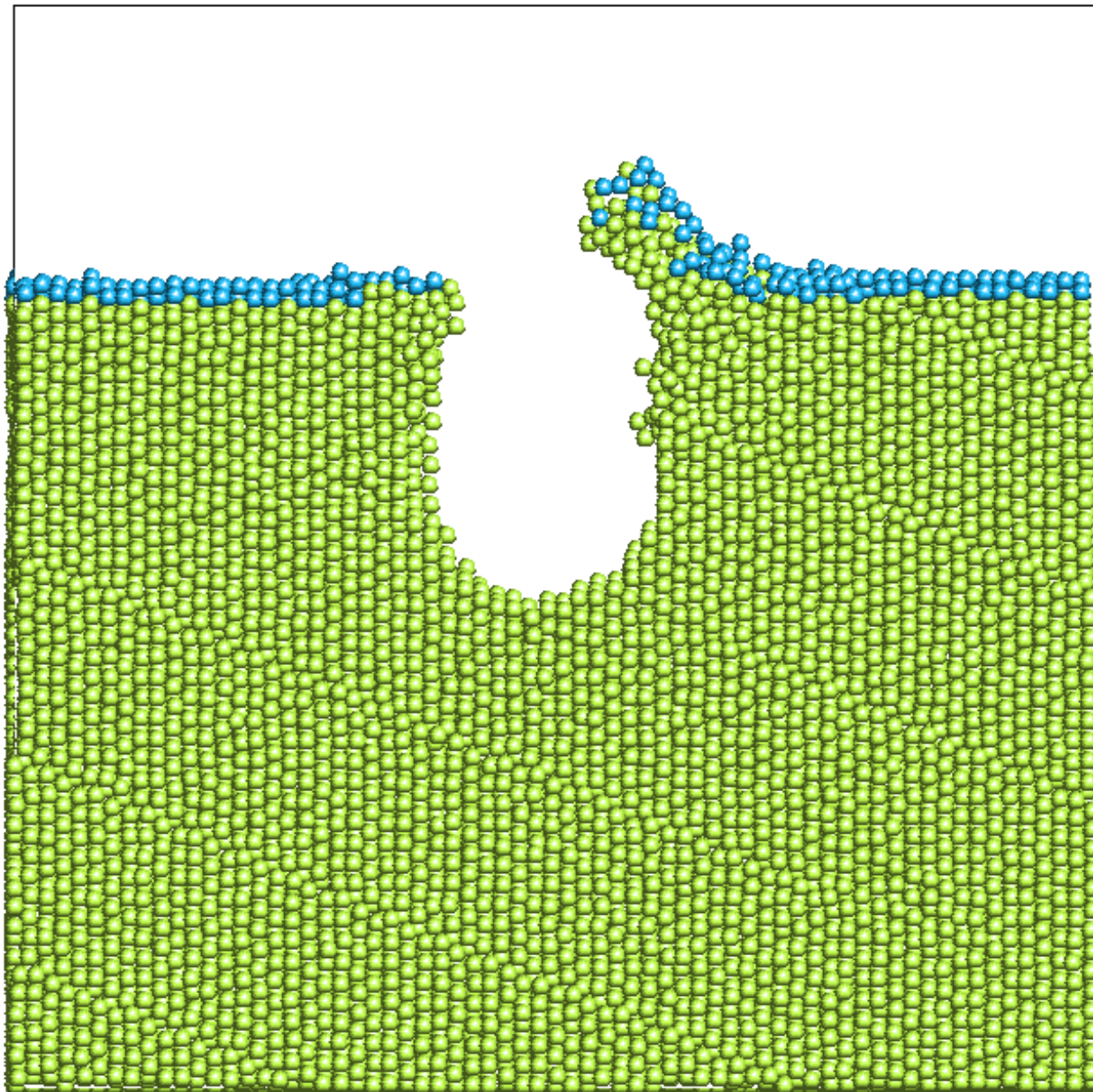
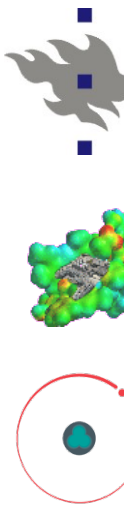
time 3.3e+05 fs



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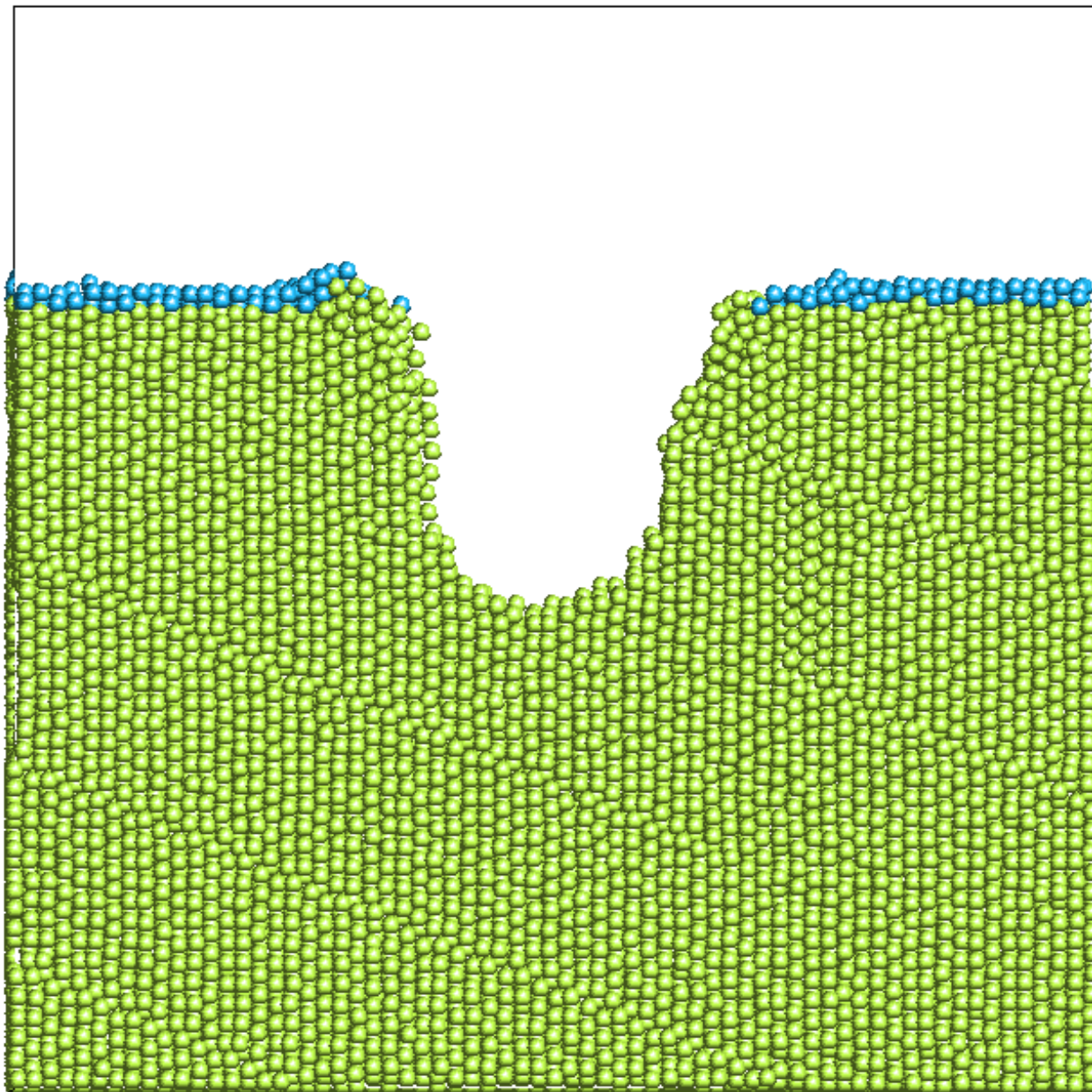
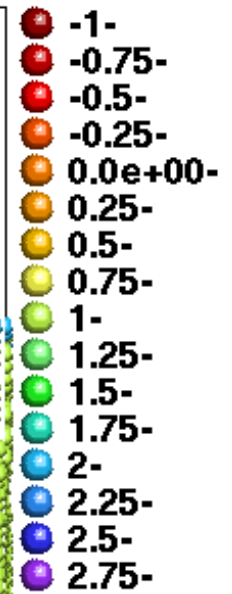
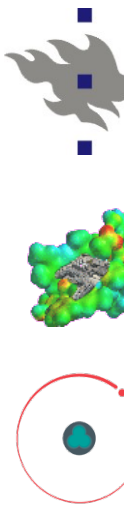
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time 3.4e+05 fs

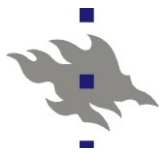


Aarne $x (-70 - 70) y (0 - 140) z (-5 - 5)$

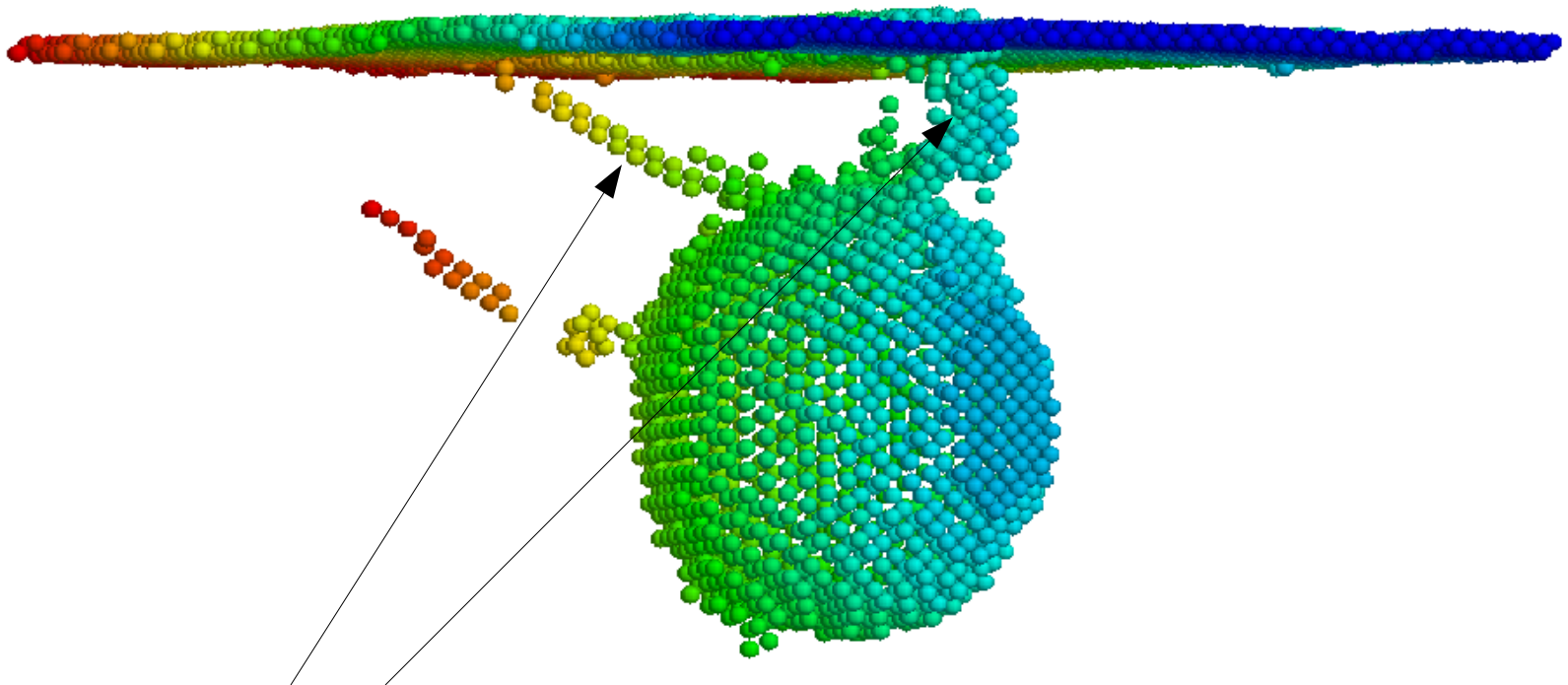
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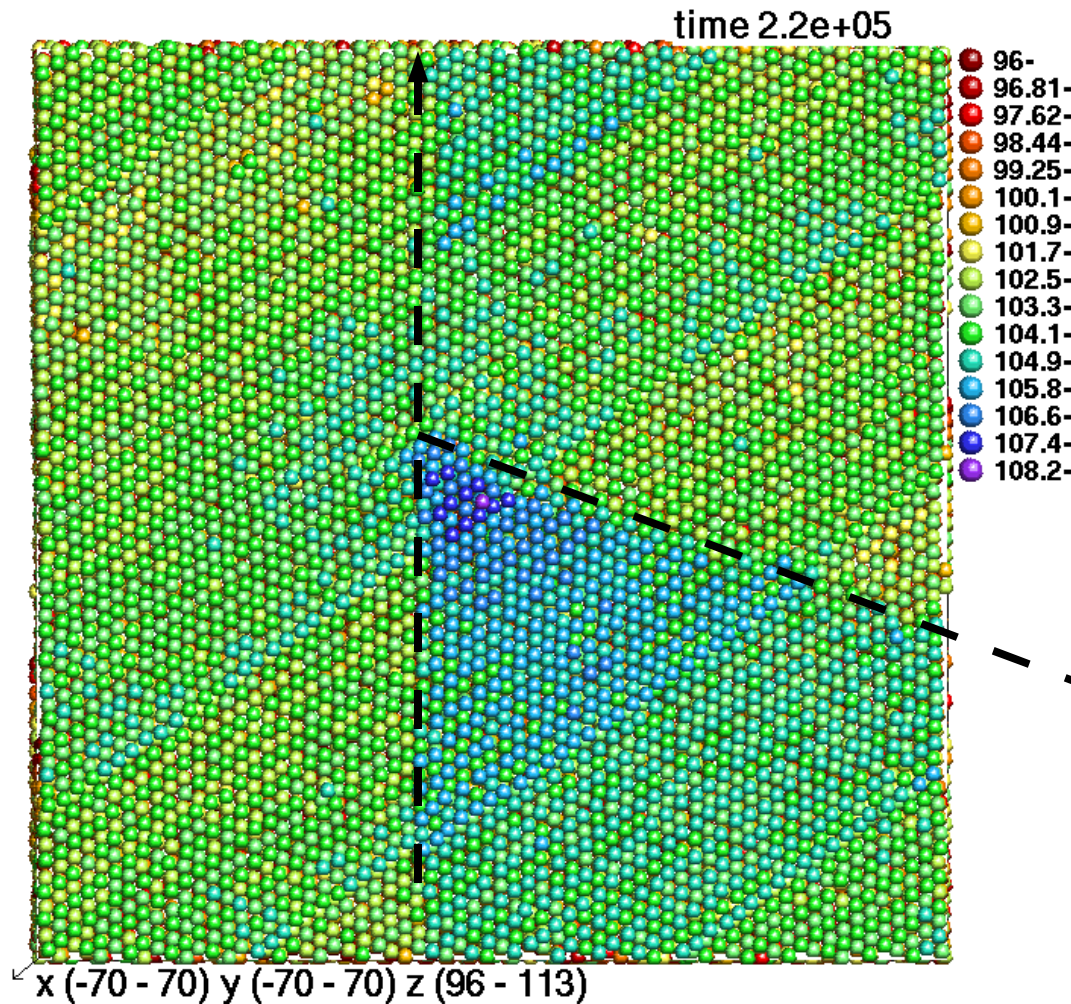
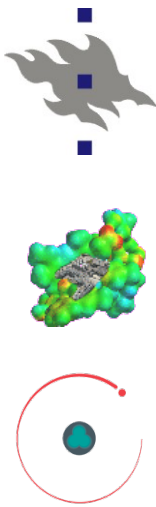
Simulations



Dislocation lines

Simulations

View from top – atoms coloured by height



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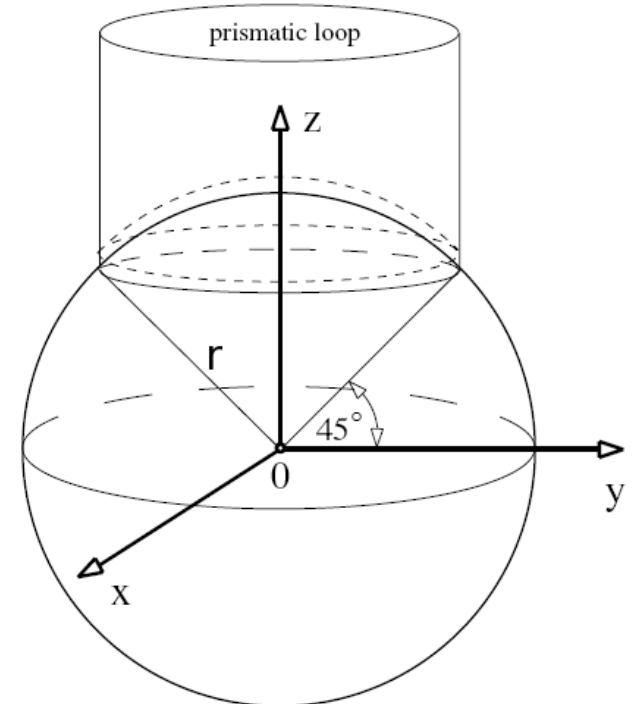
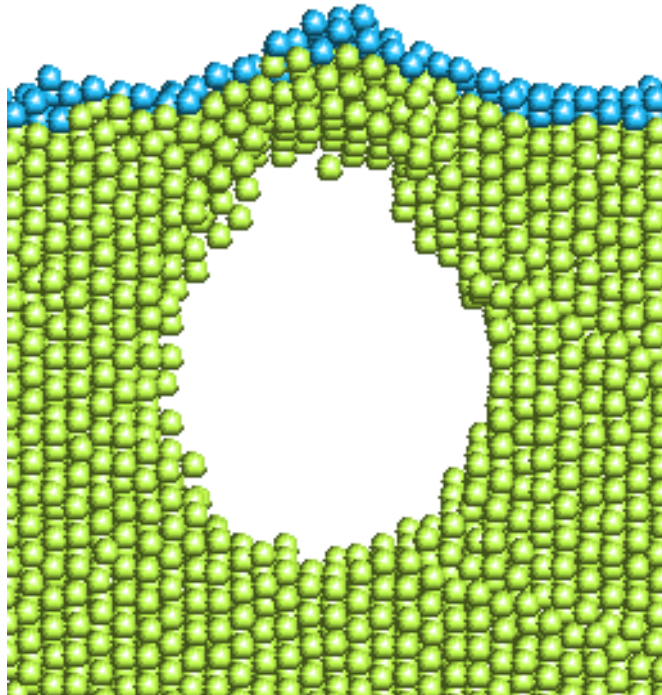
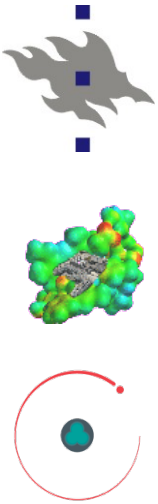
$$\vec{b} = (1, 1, 2)$$

$$\cos \sphericalangle(\vec{a}, \vec{b}) = \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{|\vec{a}| |\vec{b}|}$$

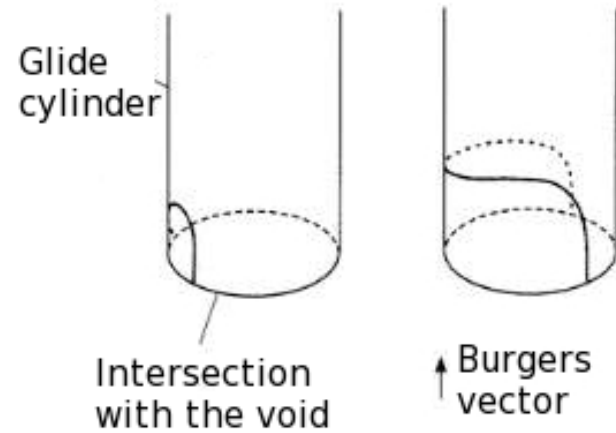
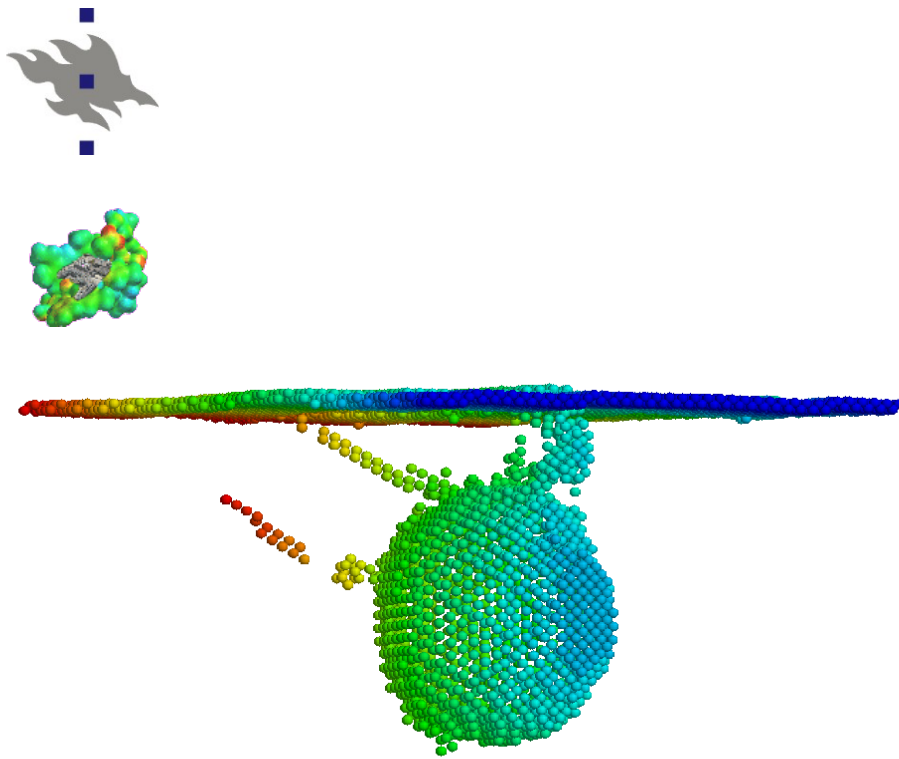
$$\sphericalangle(\vec{a}, \vec{b}) = 109,47^\circ$$

$$180^\circ - 109,27^\circ = 70,73^\circ$$

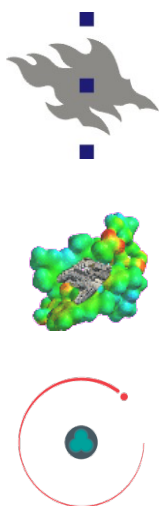
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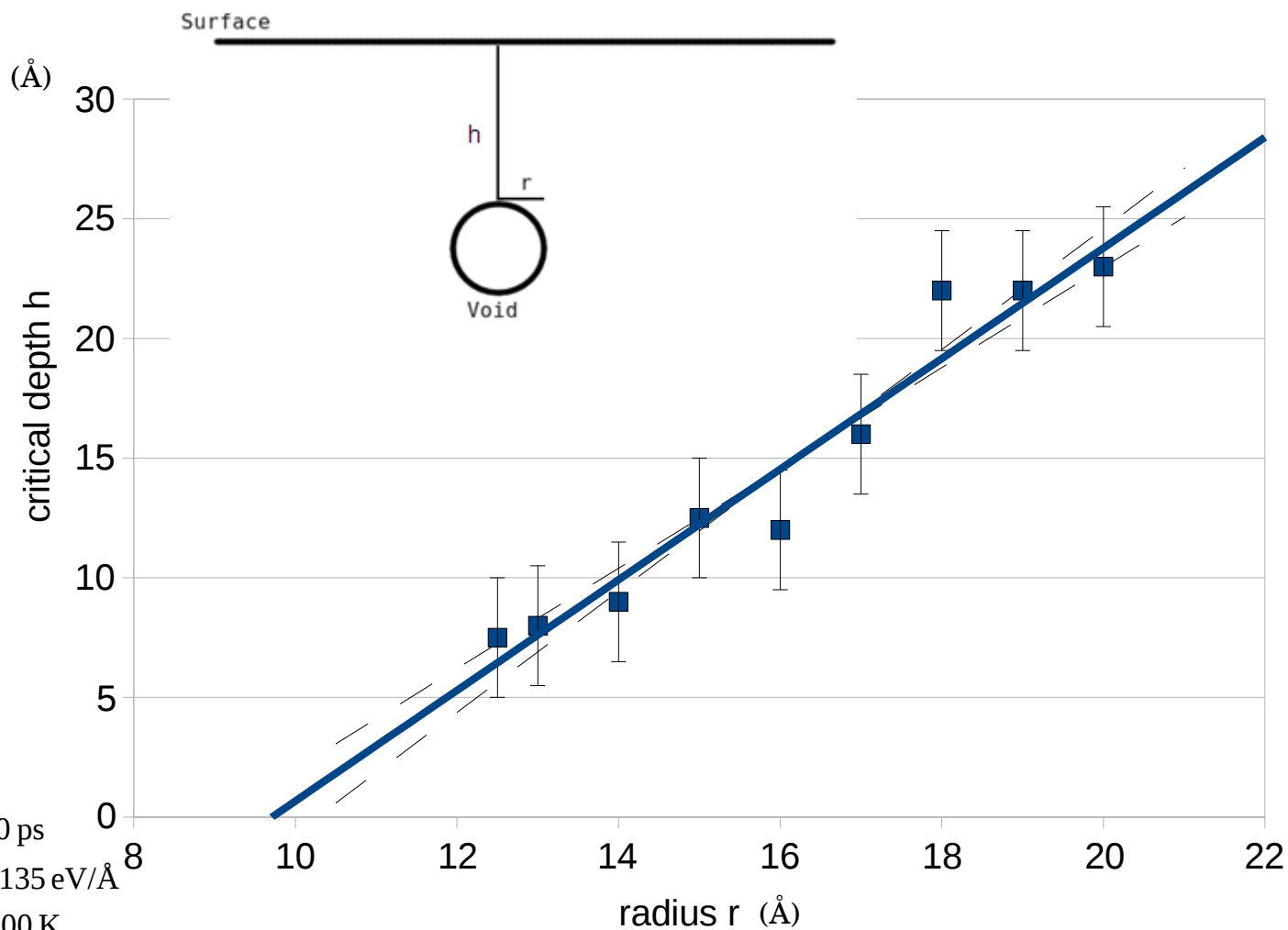
Void Growth by Dislocation Emission,
Lubarda, Schneider, Kalantar,
Remington, Meyers, 2004



Introduction to Dislocations, Hull, Bacon, 2001



Simulations

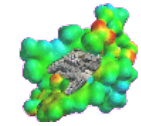


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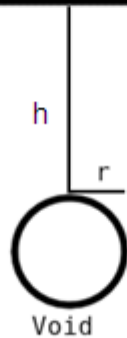
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Criterion for growth



Surface



Void

timescale $\Delta t = 300$ ps
force/atom $F = 0.135$ eV/Å
temperature $T = 600$ K



$$a = 2.31 \pm 0.22$$
$$r_{\min} = (9.71 \pm 3.5) \text{ \AA}$$

Criterion for growth

Growth will occur during timescale Δt if

$$h < a(r - r_{\min})$$

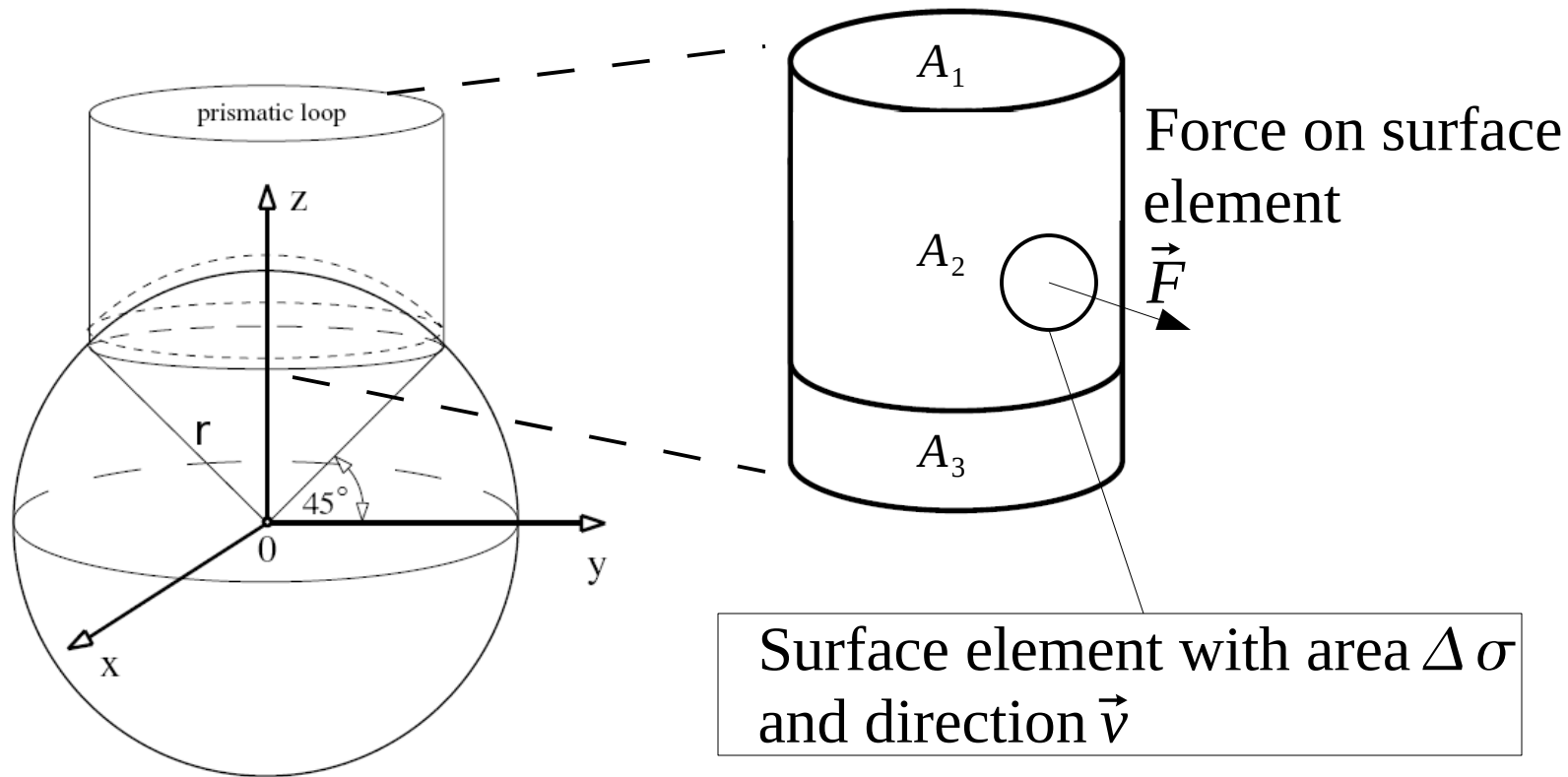
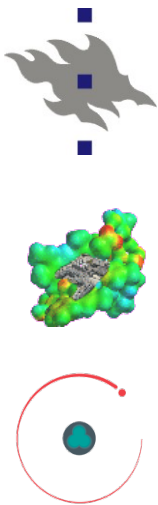
where

h is the depth of the void

r is the radius of the void

r_{\min} is the minimum radius for the growth to occur

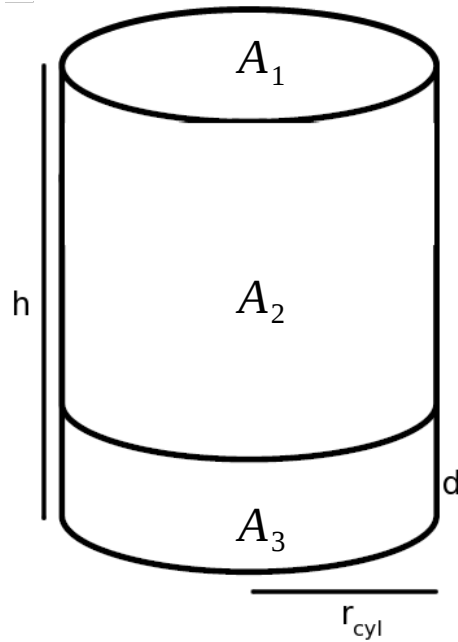
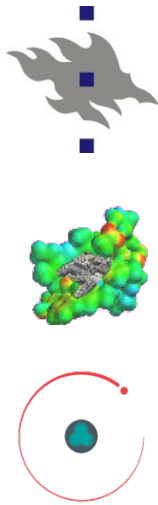
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$$\text{Stress vector } \vec{T}^{\vec{v}} := \lim_{\Delta \sigma \rightarrow 0} \frac{\vec{F}}{\Delta \sigma}$$

Mathematical Theory of Elasticity, Sokolnikoff, 1956



In equilibrium

$$\int_{\text{surface}} \vec{T}_y \vec{v} = 0$$

$$\int_{A_1} \vec{T}_y \vec{v} + \int_{A_2} \vec{T}_y \vec{v} + \int_{A_3} \vec{T}_y \vec{v} = 0$$

$$\langle \vec{T}_y \vec{v} \rangle_{A_1} \pi r_{\text{cyl}}^2 + \underbrace{\langle \vec{T}_y \vec{v} \rangle_{A_2}}_{B_{T,2}} 2 \pi r_{\text{cyl}} (h-d) + \underbrace{\langle \vec{T}_y \vec{v} \rangle_{A_3}}_{B_{T,3}} 2 \pi r_{\text{cyl}} d = 0$$

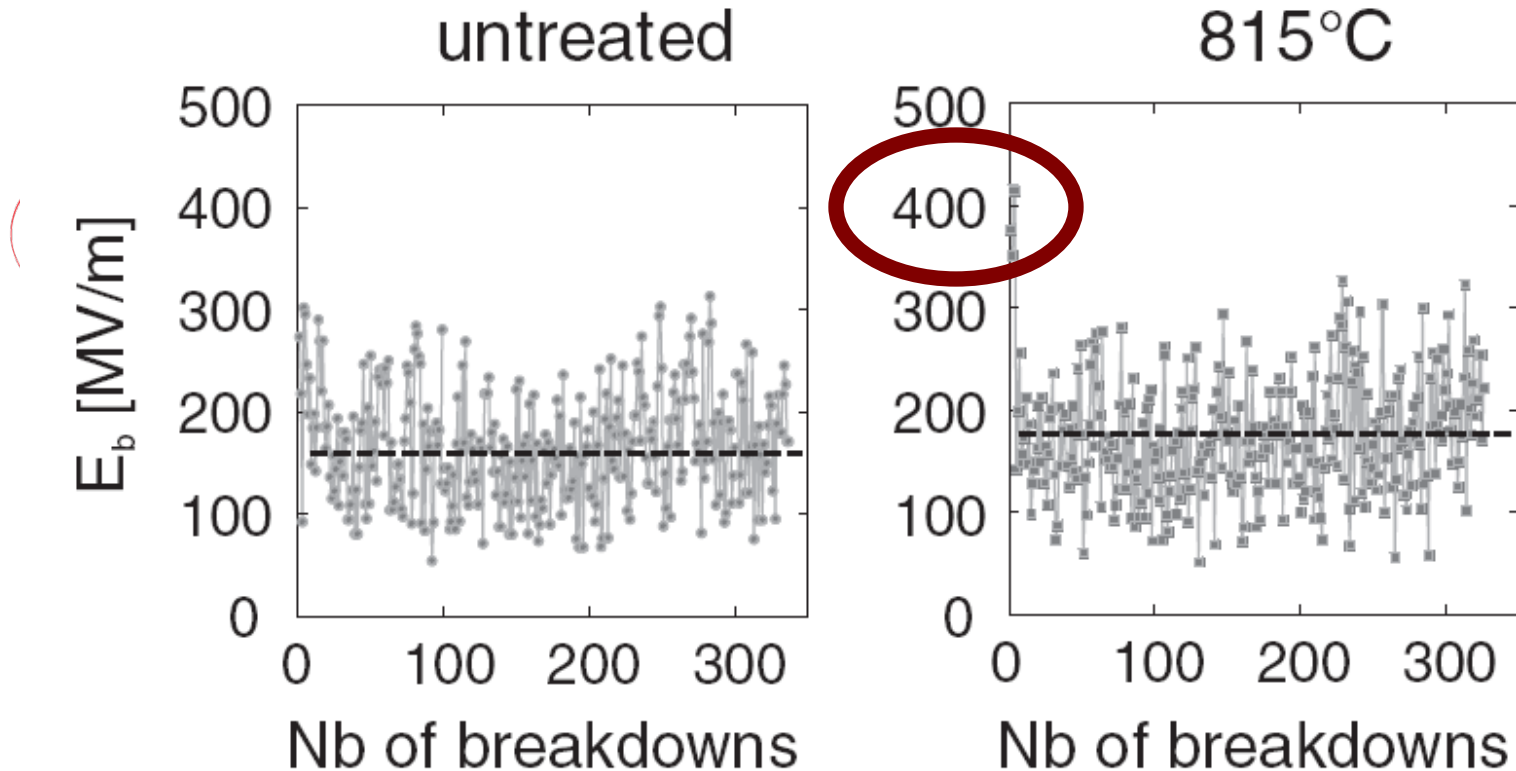
$$h < h_{\text{max}} = - \frac{\langle \vec{T}_y \vec{v} \rangle_{A_1}}{2^{3/2} B_{T,2}} \left(r - \frac{2^{3/2} (B_{T,2} - B_{T,3})}{\langle \vec{T}_y \vec{v} \rangle_{A_1}} d \right)$$



Criterion for growth
 $h < a(r - r_0)$



Effect of heat treatment



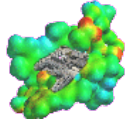
DC Breakdown Conditioning and Breakdown Rate of Metals and Metallic Alloys under Ultrahigh Vacuum, Descouedres, Ramsvik, Calatroni, Taborelli, Wuensch, 2009

Effect of 815°C heat treatment on Cu.

Voids would be annealed out in high temperatures...



Conclusions



Voids in copper

- Voids have been observed in the structures
- Kirkendall effect may create near-surface voids



Dislocation emission from voids is possible

- Forces used in simulation are huge
- Need to do further analysis

Criterion for growth

Growth will occur during timescale Δt if

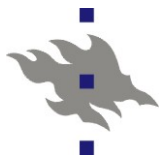
$$h < a(r - r_{\min})$$

where

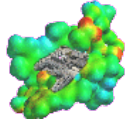
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Discussion



- Dislocations are probably nucleated easier from a grain boundary void



- Dislocation emission from the void might initiate a growth on surface that would enhance the field
- Dislocation emission might lead to a detachment of a particle from the surface
 - > Particle detachment from anode might create impact crater on cathode where the field would be enhanced