

# Chapter 5: Imperfections in Solids

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# Imperfections in Solids

There is no such thing as a perfect crystal.

Crystalline **imperfections** (or **defects**) are always present.

- Many of the properties of materials are sensitive to the presence of imperfections.
- Crystalline defect 缺陷 refers to a lattice irregularity 格子畸变 with dimensions on the order of an atomic diameter. 尺寸
- What kinds of crystalline imperfections exist in solids?

# Types of Imperfections

- Vacancies (空位)
- Interstitial atoms (填充)
- Substitutional impurity atoms (取代)
- Dislocations
- Grain Boundaries  
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Point defects  
(0-Dimensional)

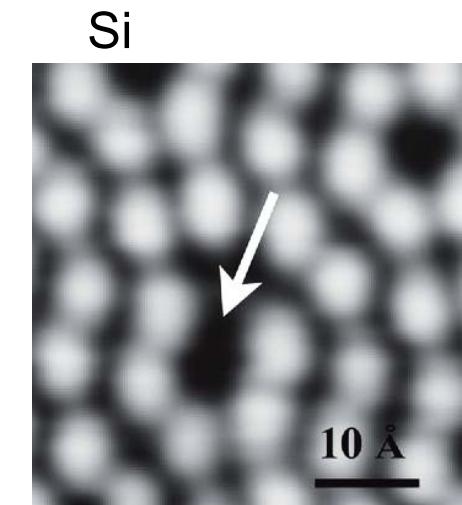
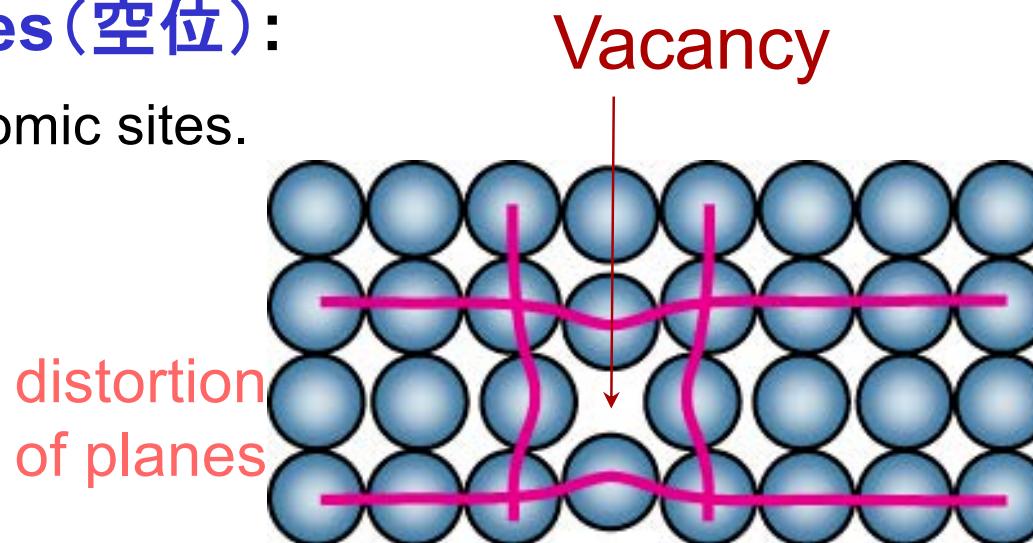
Linear defects  
(1-Dimensional)

Interfacial defects  
(2-Dimensional)

# Point Defects in Metals

- **Vacancies (空位):**

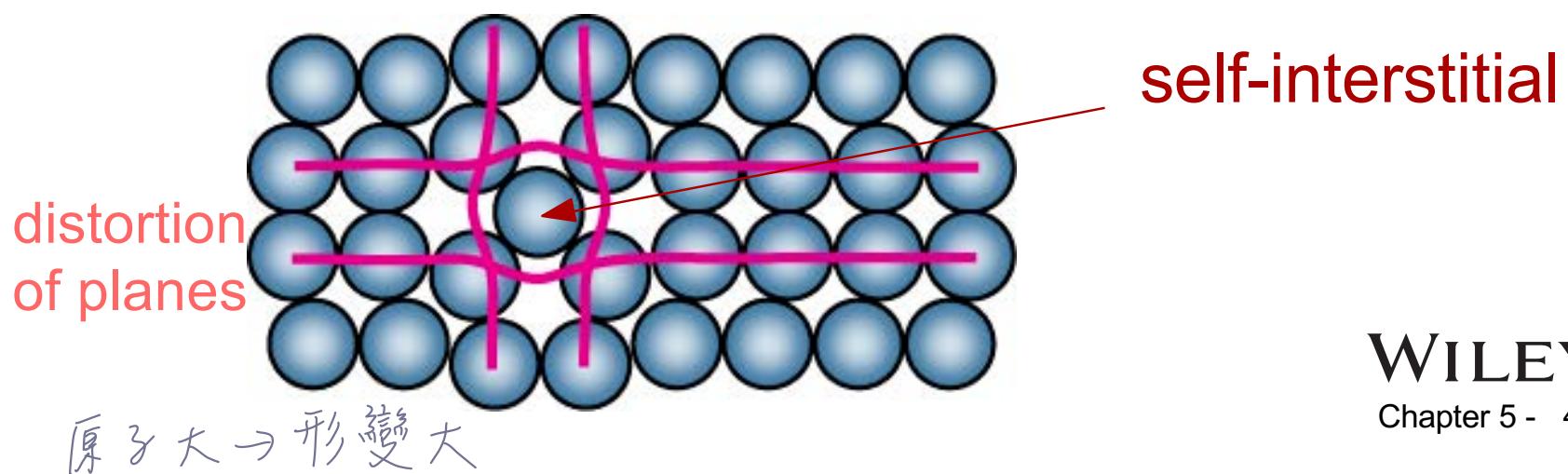
- Vacant atomic sites.



Micrograph courtesy of  
D. Huang, Stanford  
University.

- **Self-Interstitials (自填隙):**

- Host atoms positioned in interstitial positions between atoms.



# Vacancies –

## Computation of Equilibrium Concentration

平衡濃度

- Equilibrium concentration varies with **temperature!**

The diagram illustrates the formula for the equilibrium number of vacancies,  $\frac{N_v}{N}$ , within a unit volume. The formula is:

$$\frac{N_v}{N} = \exp\left(\frac{-Q_v}{kT}\right)$$

Annotations explain the variables:

- Equilibrium number of vacancies** ( $N_v$  空洞平衡數): Points to the term  $\frac{N_v}{N}$ .
- Total number of lattice sites**: Points to the term  $N$ .
- Energy required for the formation of vacancy (Activation energy)**: Points to the term  $-Q_v$ .
- Boltzmann's constant**: Points to the term  $k$ .
- Absolute Temperature ( $^{\circ}\text{K} = ^{\circ}\text{C} + 273.15$ )**: Points to the term  $T$ .

Below the formula, values for Boltzmann's constant are provided:

$(1.38 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J/atom-K})$
$(8.62 \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV/atom-K})$

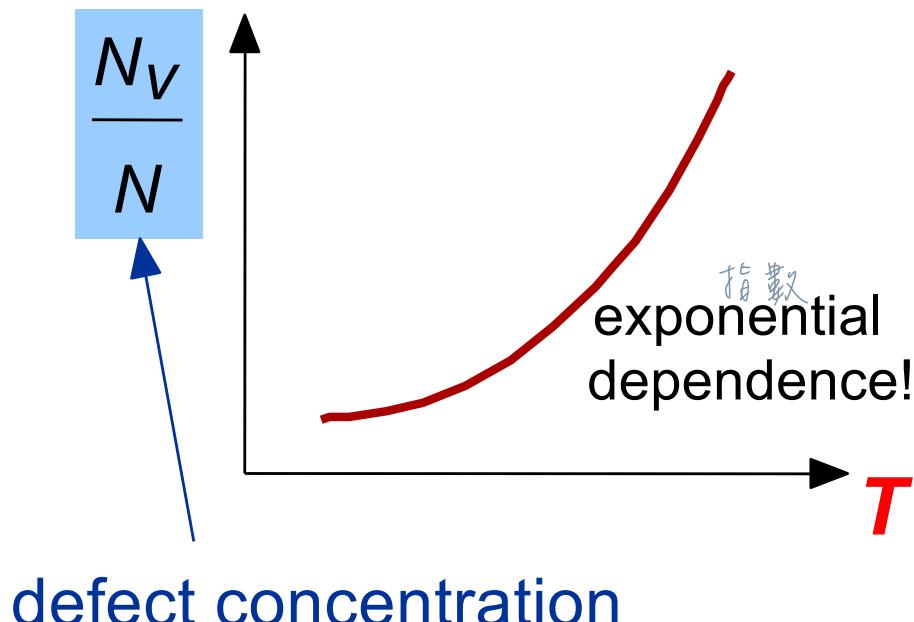
Note: Each lattice site is a potential vacancy.

# Determination of Activation Energy for Vacancy Formation

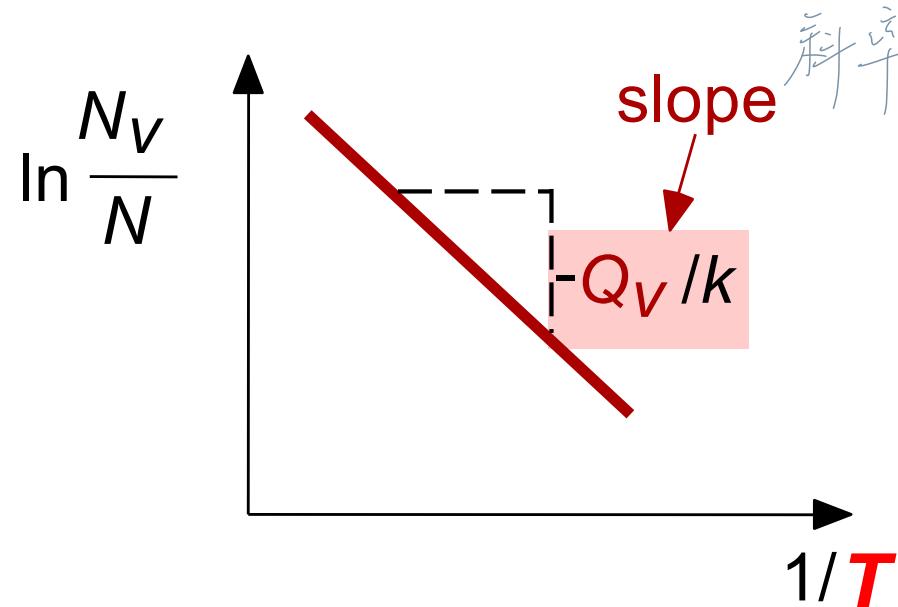
- $Q_V$  can be determined experimentally.

$$\frac{N_V}{N} = \exp\left(\frac{-Q_V}{kT}\right)$$

- Data may be plotted as...



- Replot data as follows...



# Computation of Equilibrium Vacancy Concentration

- Find the equilibrium number of vacancies (  $N_v$  ) in  $1 \text{ m}^3$  of **Cu** at  $1000^\circ\text{C}$

- Given:

$$\rho = 8.4 \text{ g/cm}^3$$

$$A_{\text{Cu}} = 63.5 \text{ g/mol}$$

$$Q_v = 0.9 \text{ eV/atom}$$

$$N_A = 6.022 \times 10^{23} \text{ atoms/mol}$$

$$\frac{A}{\text{mol}} = \rho$$

mol/cm<sup>3</sup>

Solution:

**1<sup>st</sup>:** Determine the total number of lattice sites  $N$  using Equation 4.2

Number of atoms per unit volume for a metal

$$N_{\text{Cu}} = \frac{N_A \rho}{A_{\text{Cu}}}$$

$$= \frac{(6.022 \times 10^{23} \text{ sites/mol})(8.4 \text{ g/cm}^3)}{63.5 \text{ g/mol}} \left( \frac{10^6 \text{ cm}^3}{\text{m}^3} \right)$$

$$= 8.0 \times 10^{28} \text{ sites/m}^3$$

# Computation of Equilibrium Vacancy Concentration

2<sup>nd</sup> : determine the equilibrium vacancy concentration  $N_V$   
using Equation 4.1.

$$N_V = N \exp\left(\frac{-Q_V}{kT}\right) = N \exp\left(\frac{-0.9 \text{ eV/atom}}{(8.62 \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV/atom-K})(1273 \text{ K})}\right)$$

$$= (2.7 \times 10^{-4}) N$$

$$N_V = \frac{N_A e}{A} \exp\left[\frac{-Q_V}{kT}\right]$$

- Answer:

$$N_V = (2.7 \times 10^{-4})(8.0 \times 10^{28}) \text{ sites/m}^3$$

$$= 2.2 \times 10^{25} \text{ vacancies/m}^3$$

# Point Defects in Ceramics

- **Vacancies**

-- vacancies exist in ceramics for both cations and anions

- **Interstitials**

-- interstitials exist for **cations**

-- interstitials are not normally observed for anions because anions  
are large relative to the interstitial sites

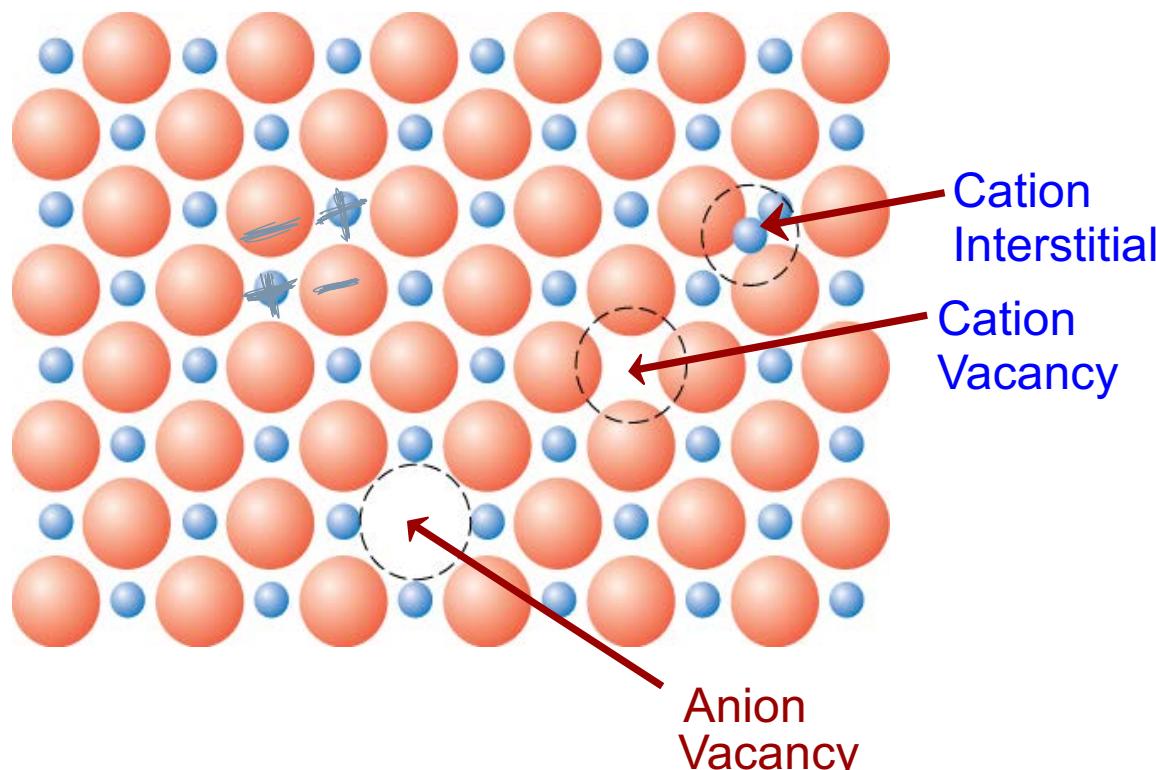
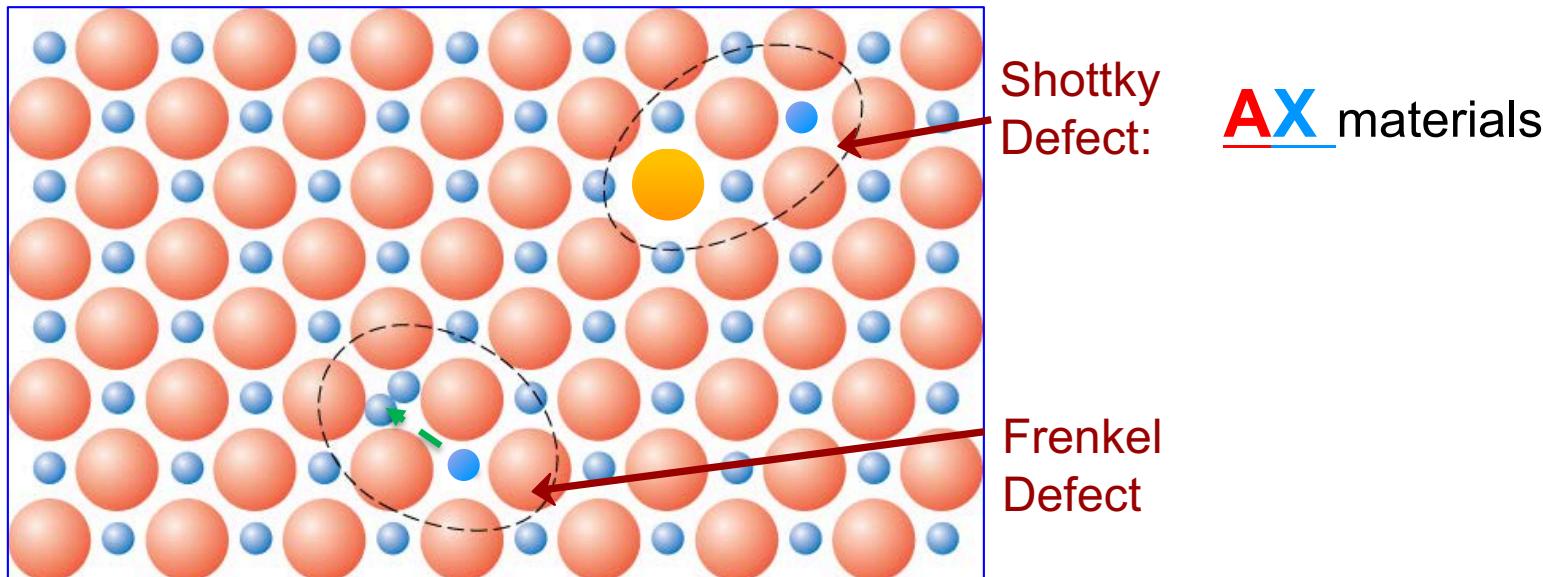


Fig. 5.2, Callister & Rethwisch 5e.  
(Fig. 5.2 is from W.G. Moffatt, G.W. Pearsall, and J. Wulff, *The Structure and Properties of Materials*, Vol. 1, *Structure*, John Wiley and Sons, Inc., p. 78.)

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# Point Defects in Ceramics

- Frenkel Defect
  - a **cation** vacancy-cation interstitial pair.
- ~~Shottky~~ Defect
  - a paired set of cation and anion vacancies.



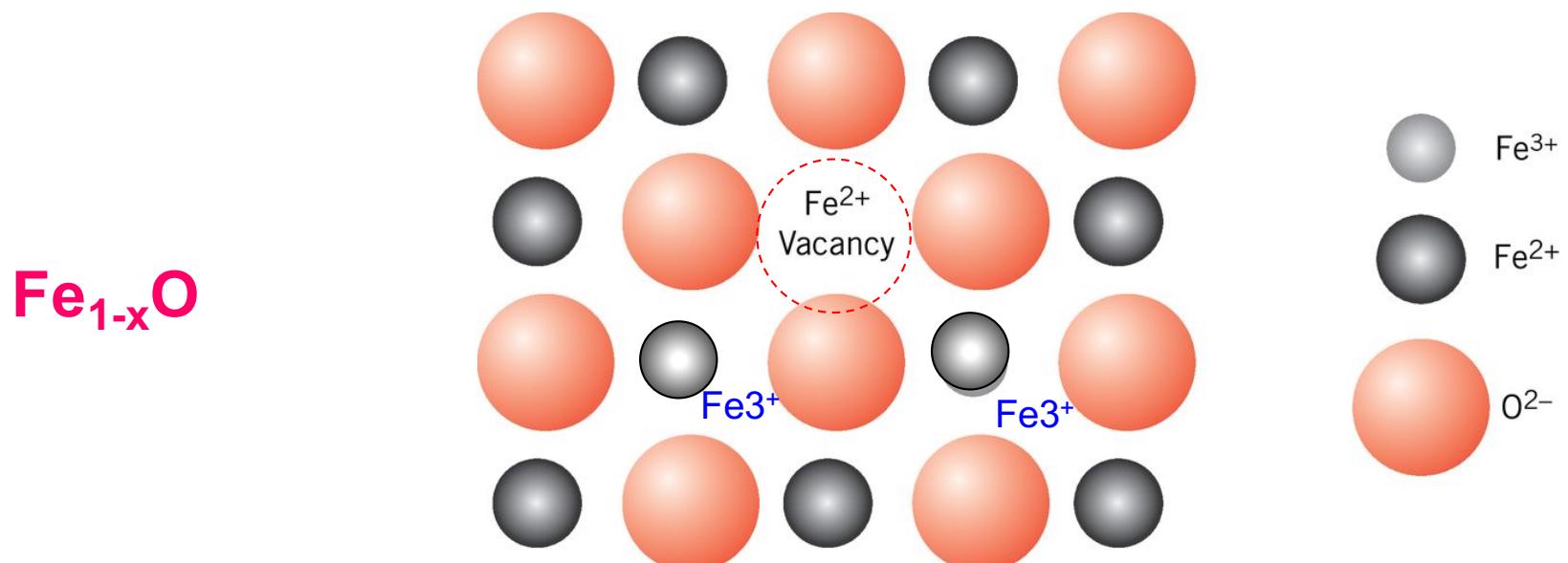
- Equilibrium concentration f defects

$$\propto e^{-Q_D/kT}$$

# Point Defects in Ceramics

## Iron oxide ( $\text{FeO}$ ) $\text{Fe}^{2+} \text{ O}^{2-}$

- $\text{Fe}^{2+}$  or  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$
- The formation of ions depends on temperature and the ambient oxygen pressure.
- **Fe<sup>3+</sup> ion disrupts the electron neutrality** of the crystal by introducing a **excess +1 charge**, which must be offset by some type of defect.
- Accomplished by the formation of one  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$  vacancy (or *removal of two positive charges*) for **every two  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  ions** that are formed.



## Conditions for formation of substitutional solid solutions

### W. Hume – Rothery rules

- 1.  $\Delta r$  (atomic radius) < 15%
- 2. Proximity in periodic table 元素週期表中的鄰近程度
  - i.e., similar electronegativities
- 3. Same crystal structure for pure metals
- 4. Valences 價電子 (價數)
  - All else being equal, a metal will have a greater tendency to dissolve a metal of higher valence than one of lower valence

# Solidification

- **Solidification**- result of casting of molten material

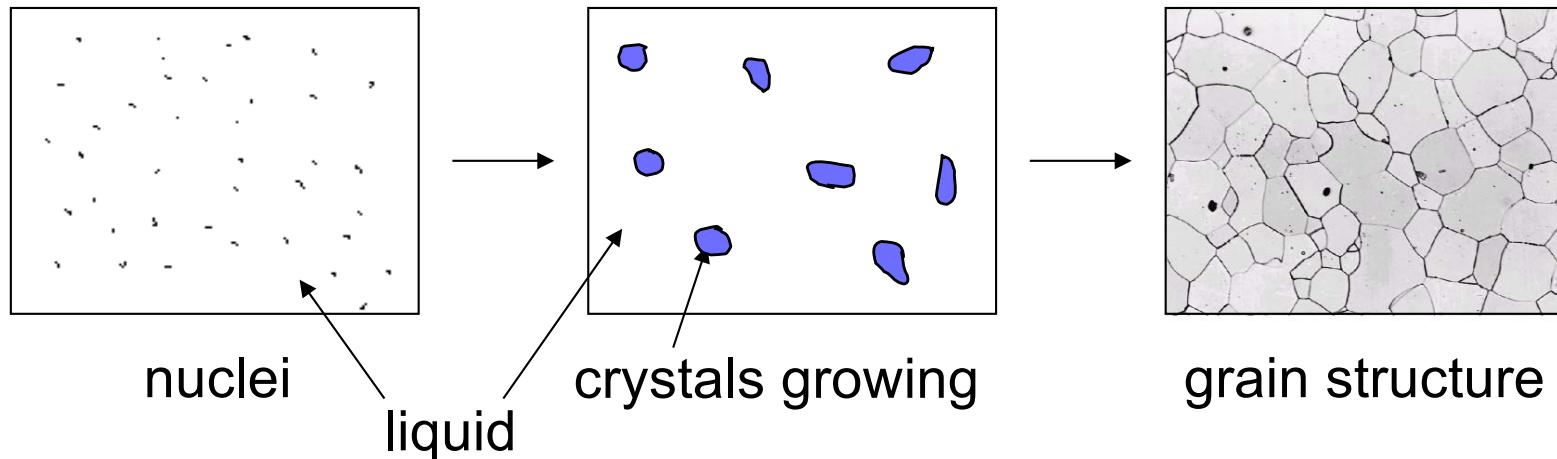
- 2 steps

- **Nuclei** of the solid phase form
    - **Crystals grow** until their boundaries meet each other – the crystals become grains

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- Start with a molten material – all liquid



[Photomicrograph courtesy of L. C. Smith and C. Brady, the National Bureau of Standards, Washington, DC (now the National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD.)]

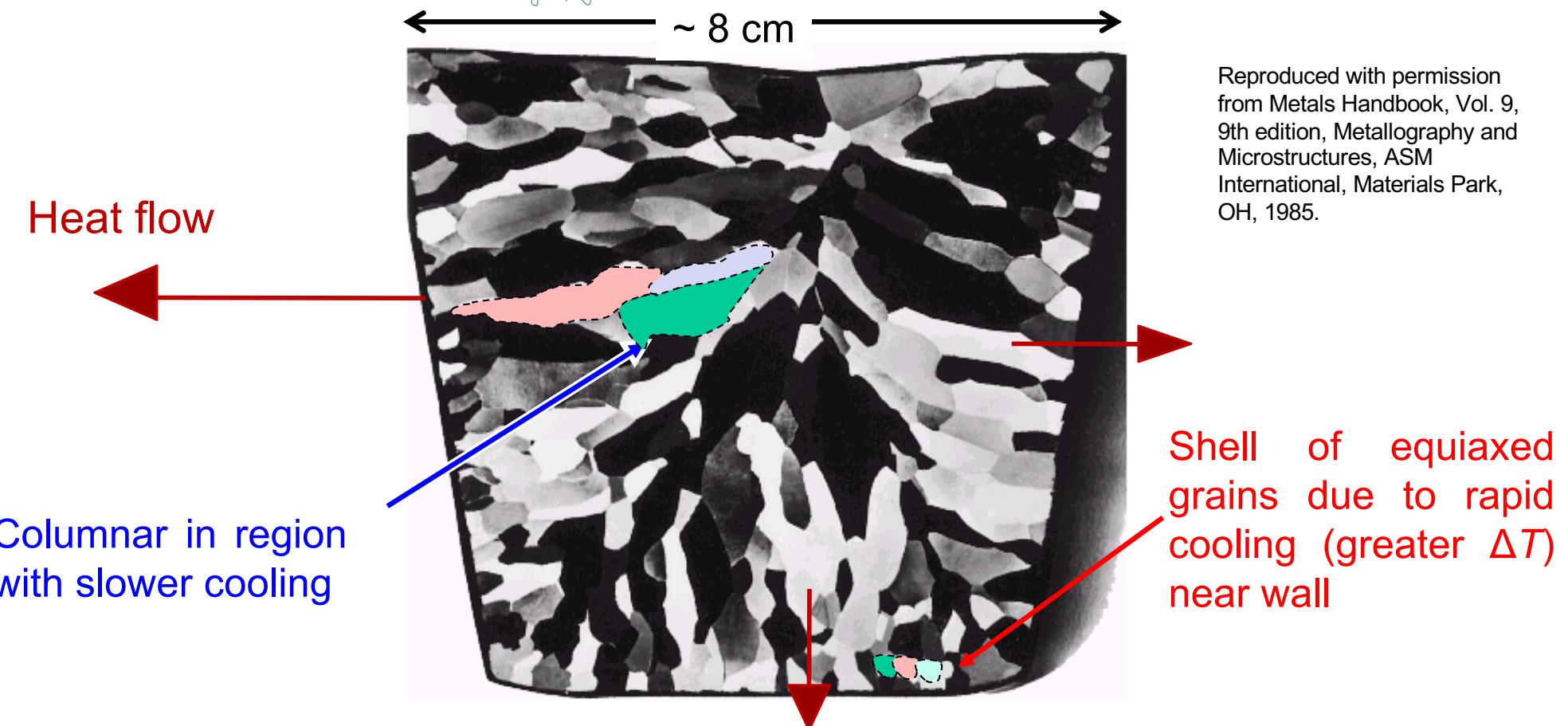
- Two metal element –alloy

minor: solute; major: solvent

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# Solidification

Grains can be - **equiaxed** (roughly the same dimension in all directions)  
- **columnar** (grains elongated in one direction)



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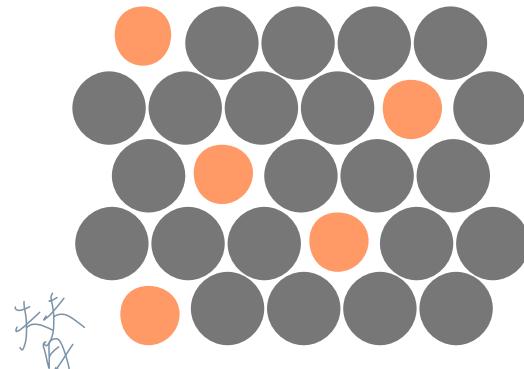
Grain Refiner - added to make smaller, more uniform, equiaxed grains.

# Impurities in Solids

# in Metals

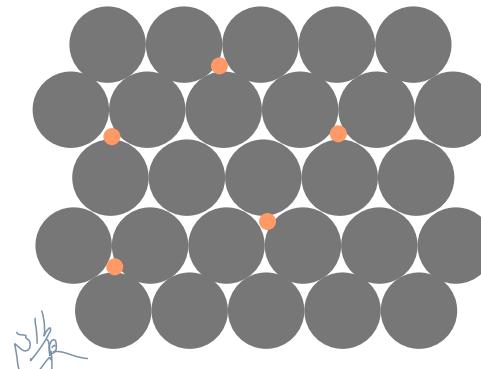
Two outcomes if impurity **B** atoms are added to a solid composed of host A atoms:

- Solid solution of **B** in A (i.e., random dist. of B atoms)



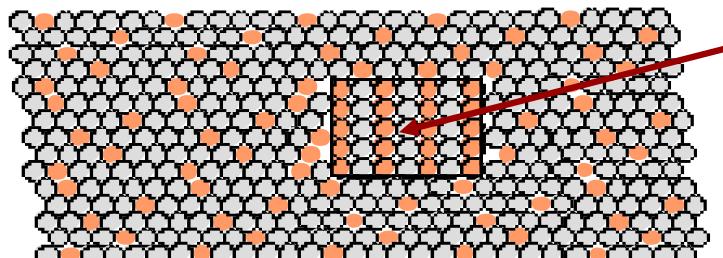
Substitutional solid soln.  
(e.g., Cu in Ni)

OR



Interstitial solid soln.  
(e.g., C in Fe)

- Solid solution of **B** in A, plus particles of a new phase (usually for larger concentrations of B)



Second phase particle  
-- different composition  
-- often different structure.

# 5.4 Impurities in Solids in Metals

## Application of Hume–Rothery rules – Solid Solutions

**Ex: Would you predict more Al or Ag to dissolve in Zn?**

1.  $\Delta r$  – slightly favors Al
2. Electronegativity – favors Al
3. Crystal structure – tie
4. Valences – higher valence more soluble so favors Al

Element	Atomic Radius (nm)	Crystal Structure	Electronegativity	Valence
Cu	0.1278	FCC	1.9	+2
C	0.071			
H	0.046			
O	0.060			
Ag	0.1445	FCC	1.9	+1
Al	0.1431	FCC	1.5	+3
Co	0.1253	HCP	1.8	+2
Cr	0.1249	BCC	1.6	+3
Fe	0.1241	BCC	1.8	+2
Ni	0.1246	FCC	1.8	+2
Pd	0.1376	FCC	2.2	+2
Zn	0.1332	HCP	1.6	+2

This suggests Al is more soluble in Zn.

This agrees with experimental observations.

Callister & Rethwisch 5e.

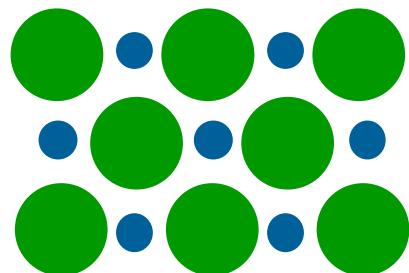
## 5.4 Impurities in Solids

## in Ceramics

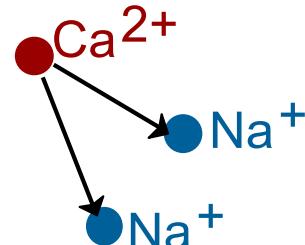
- **Electroneutrality** (charge balance) must be maintained when impurities are present



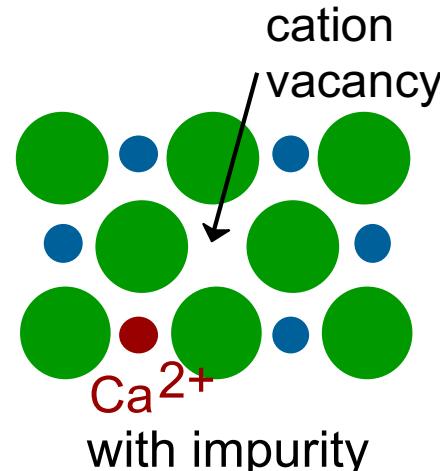
- **Substitutional cation impurity**



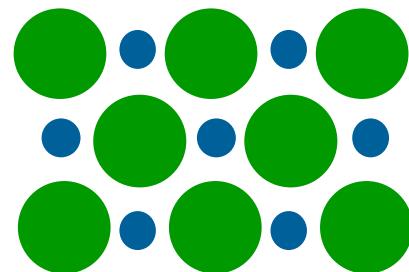
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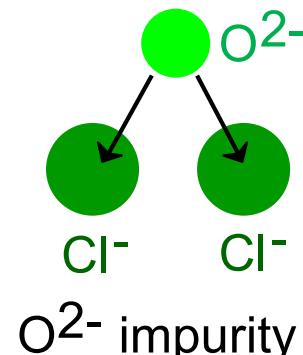
$\text{Ca}^{2+}$  impurity



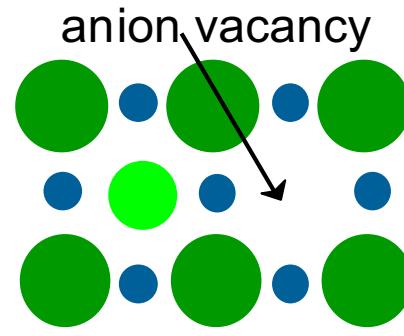
with impurity



without impurity



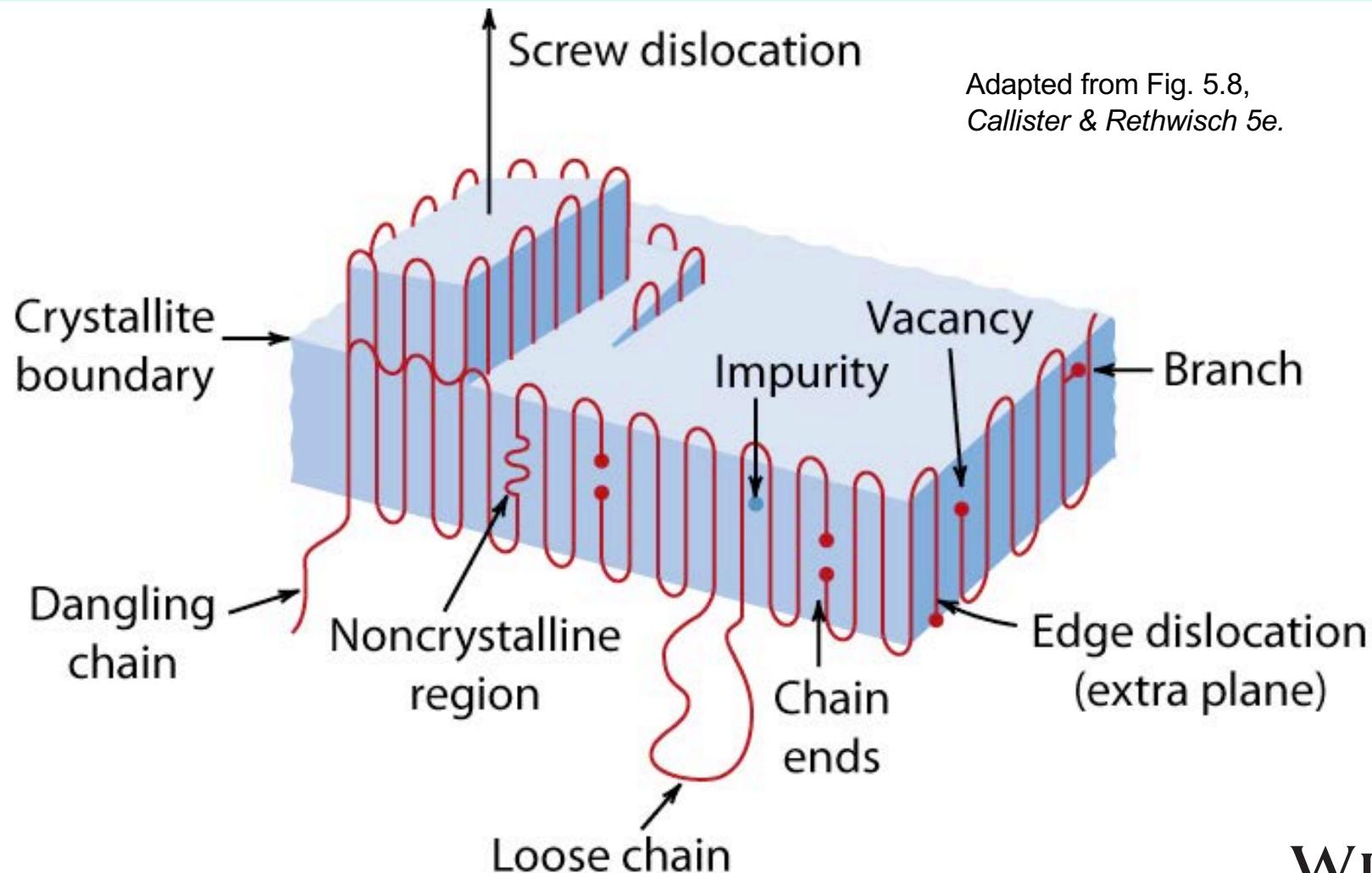
$\text{O}^{2-}$  impurity



with impurity

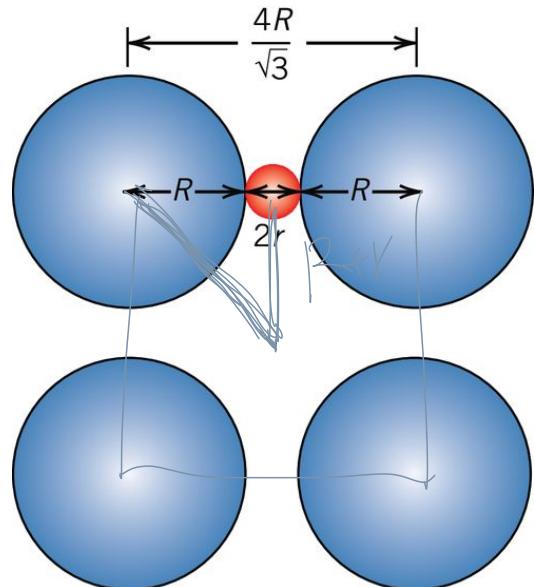
# Point Defects in Polymers

- Defects due in part to **chain packing errors** and **impurities** such as chain ends and side chains.



Adapted from Fig. 5.8,  
*Callister & Rethwisch 5e.*

## Computation of radius of BBC interstitial site



Unit cell edge length

$$a = \frac{4R}{\sqrt{3}}$$

Eq 3.4

$$\text{Unit cell edge length} = 2R + 2r$$

$$2R + 2r = \frac{4R}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$2r = \frac{4R}{\sqrt{3}} - 2R = \left( \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} - 1 \right) (2R)$$

$$r = 0.155R$$

# Specification of Composition

- **weight percent (wt%)**  $C_1$

The concentration of 1 in wt%,  
 $C_1$

$$C_1 = \frac{m_1}{m_1 + m_2} \times 100 \quad (eq. 5.3)$$

$m_1$  = mass of component 1

Concentration of atom percent of element 1 in an alloy containing 1 and 2 atoms,  $C'_1$

- **atom percent**  $C'_1$   
**at%**

$$C'_1 = \frac{n_{m1}}{n_{m1} + n_{m2}} \times 100 \quad (eq. 5.5)$$

$n_{m1}$  = number of moles of component 1

$$n_{m1} = \frac{m'_1}{A_1} \quad \begin{array}{l} m'_1 : \text{mass (in grams)} \\ A_1 : \text{atomic weight,} \end{array} \quad (5.7)$$

## EXAMPLE PROBLEME 5.5

Derive Eq. 5.9a

$$C'_1 = \frac{C_1 A_2}{C_1 A_2 + C_2 A_1} \times 100$$

推導  $C'_1$  (5.9a)

Total alloy mass (in grams)

$$M' = m'_1 + m'_2$$

$$n_{m1} = \frac{m'_1}{A_1}$$

$n = \frac{m}{A}$  (5.7)

$$C'_1 = \frac{n_{m1}}{n_{m1} + n_{m2}} \times 100 \quad (eq. 5.5)$$

$$C'_1 = \frac{n_{m1}}{n_{m1} + n_{m2}} \times 100$$

$$= \frac{m'_1/A_1}{m'_1/A_1 + m'_2/A_2} \times 100$$

## EXAMPLE PROBLEME 5.5

Derive Eq. 5.9a

$$C'_1 = \frac{C_1 A_2}{C_1 A_2 + C_2 A_1} \times 100 \quad (5.9a)$$

$$m'_1 = \frac{C_1 M'}{100}$$

$$C_1 = \frac{m'_1}{M'} \times 100$$

$M' = m'_1 + m'_2$

$$C_1 = \frac{m_1}{m_1 + m_2} \times 100$$

$(eq. 5.3)$

$$M' = m'_1 + m'_2$$

$$C'_1 = \frac{C_1 M' / 100 A_1}{\frac{C_1 M'}{100 A_1} + \frac{C_2 M'}{100 A_2}} \times 100$$

$$C'_1 = \frac{C_1 A_2}{C_1 A_2 + C_2 A_1} \times 100$$

$$n_{m1} = \frac{m'_1}{A_1} \quad m'_1 : \text{mass (in grams)} \quad (5.7)$$

$A_1 : \text{atomic weight,}$

Determine the composition, in atom %, of an alloy that consists of 97 wt.% aluminum and 3 wt.% copper

wt.%

$C_{Al} = 97$

$C_{Cu} = 3$

$$C'_{Al} = \frac{C_{Al} A_{Cu}}{C_{Al} A_{Cu} + C_{Cu} A_{Al}} \times 100$$

$$= \frac{(97)(63.55 \text{ g/mol})}{(97)(63.55 \text{ g/mol}) + (3)(26.98 \text{ g/mol})} \times 100$$

$$= 98.7 \text{ at\%}$$

$$C'_{Cu} = \frac{C_{Cu} A_{Al}}{C_{Cu} A_{Al} + C_{Al} A_{Cu}} \times 100$$

$$= \frac{(3)(26.98 \text{ g/mol})}{(3)(26.98 \text{ g/mol}) + (97)(63.55 \text{ g/mol})} \times 100$$

$$= 1.30 \text{ at\%}$$

# Miscellaneous imperfections

# Linear Defects—Dislocations

## Dislocations (差排)

- Are one-dimensional defects around which atoms are misaligned  
錯位
- Edge dislocation: (刀刃差排)
  - extra half-plane of atoms inserted in a crystal structure
  - $\mathbf{b}$  perpendicular ( $\perp$ ) to dislocation line
- Screw dislocation (螺旋差排)
  - spiral planar ramp resulting from shear deformation
  - $\mathbf{b}$  parallel ( $\parallel$ ) to dislocation line



Burger's vector,  $\mathbf{b}$ : measure of lattice distortion

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# Linear Defects—Dislocations

## Edge Dislocation

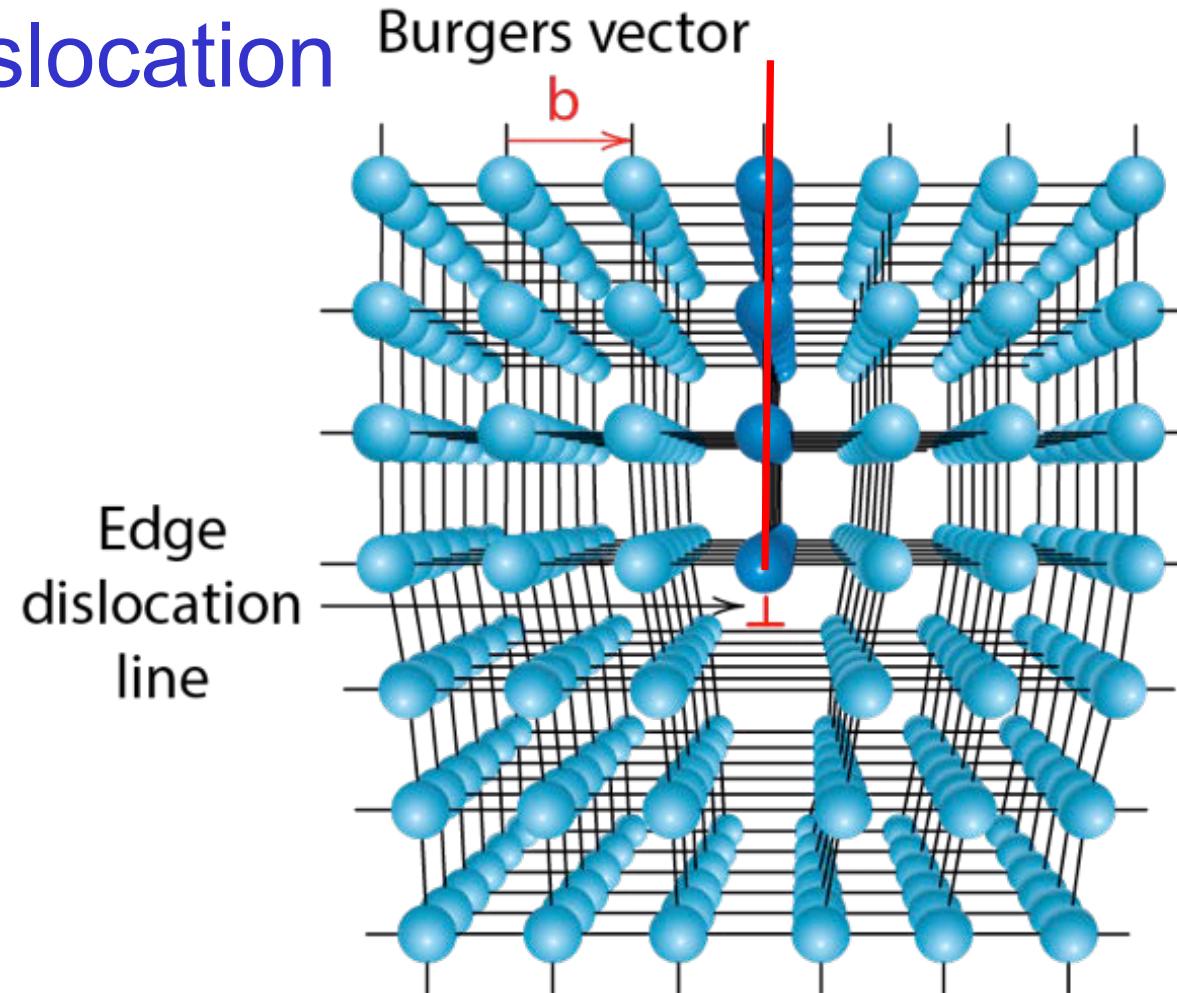
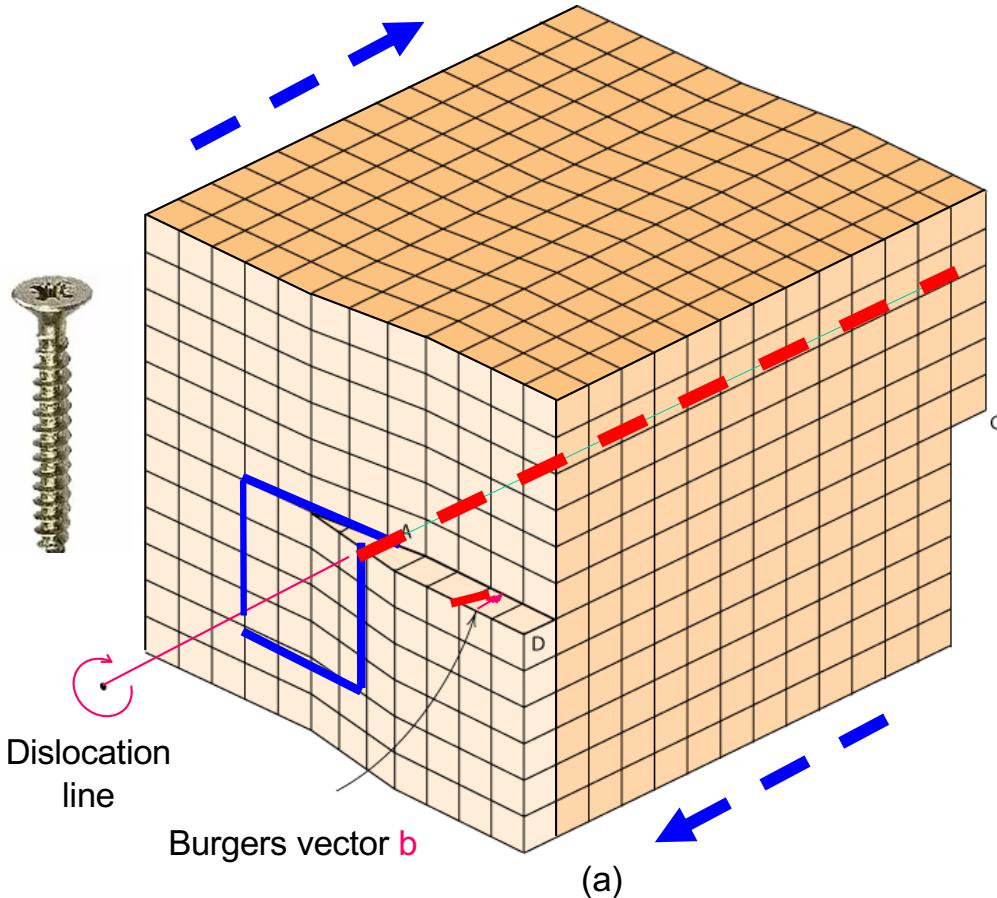


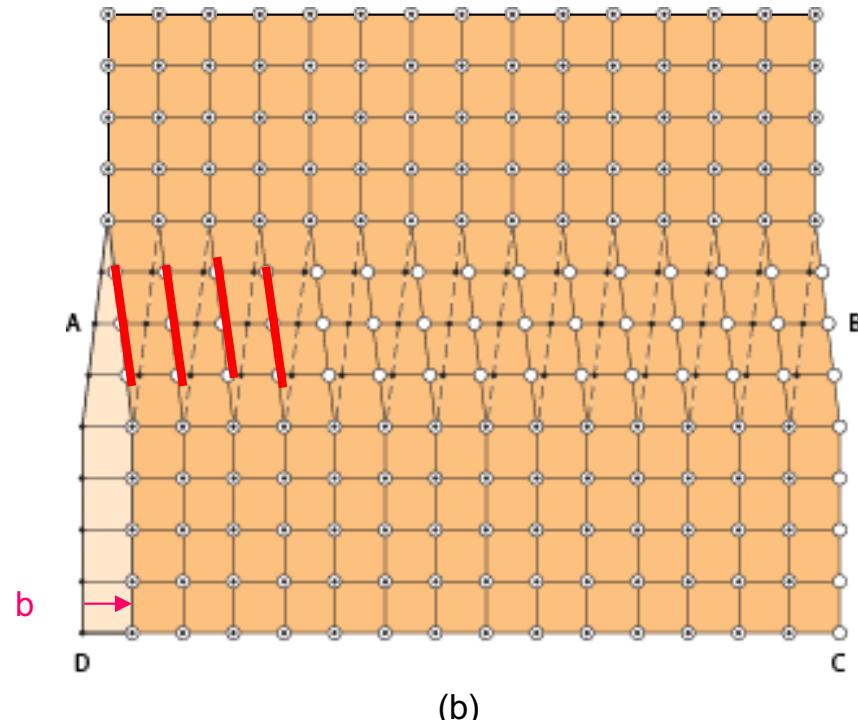
Fig. 5.9, Callister & Rethwisch 5e.

# Screw Dislocation

(a) Schematic of screw dislocation in a crystal

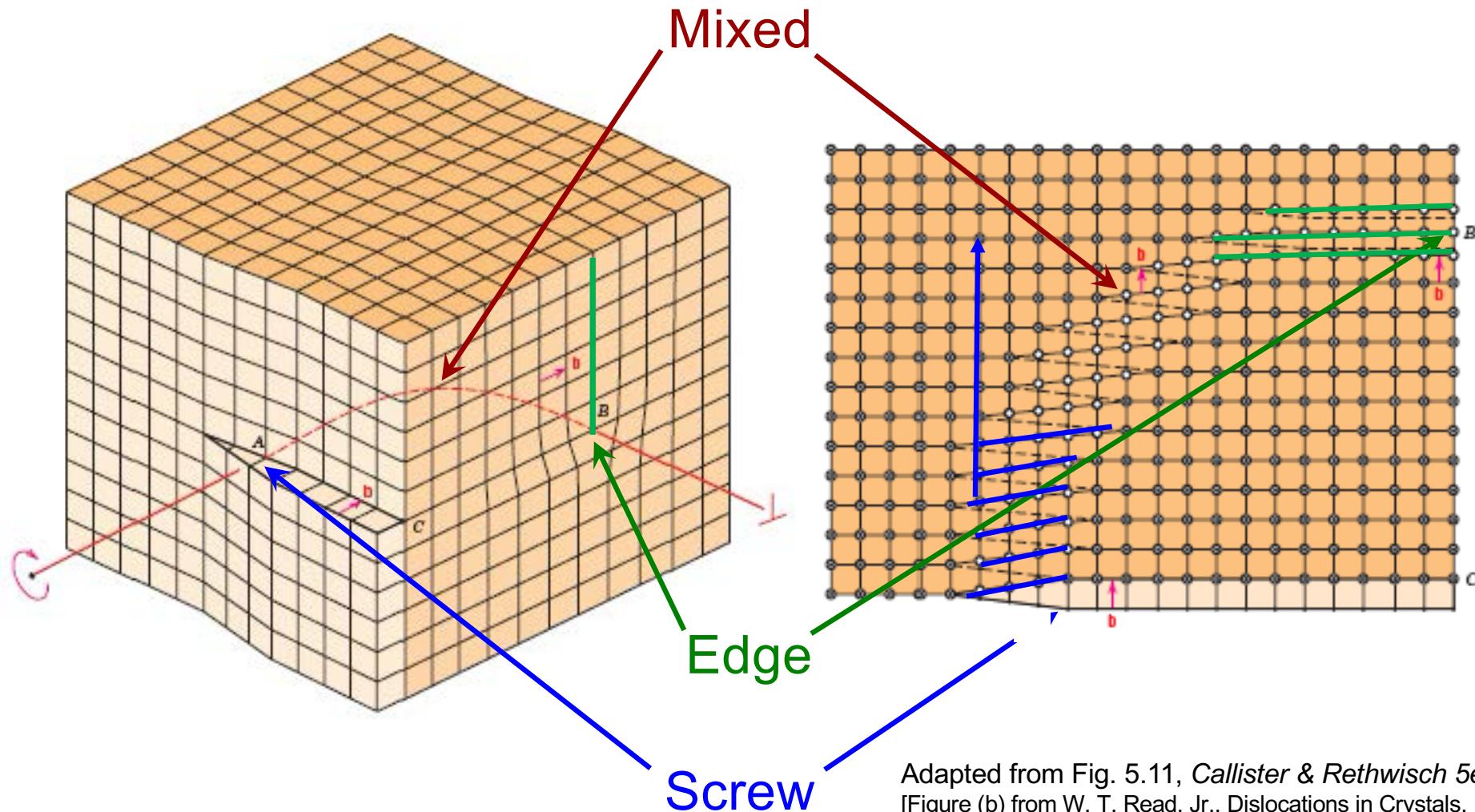


(b) Top view of screw dislocation in (a)



Adapted from Fig. 5.10, Callister & Rethwisch 5e.  
[Figure (b) from W. T. Read, Jr., Dislocations in Crystals,  
McGraw-Hill Book Company, New York, NY, 1953.]

# Edge, Screw, and Mixed Dislocations



Adapted from Fig. 5.11, Callister & Rethwisch 5e.  
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# Observation of Dislocations

Dislocations appear as dark lines  
in this electron micrograph

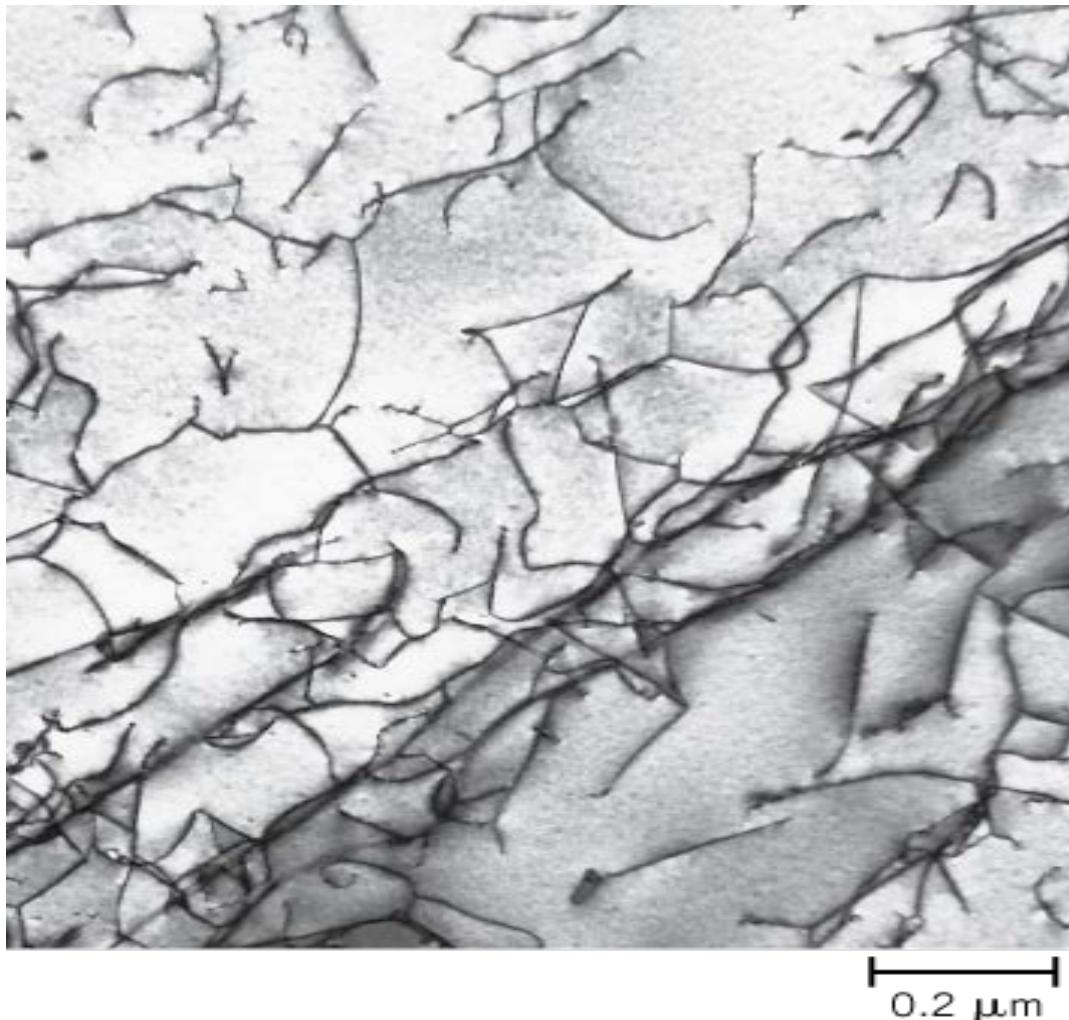


Fig. 5.12, Callister & Rethwisch 5e.  
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# Linear Defects—Dislocations

## Dislocations:

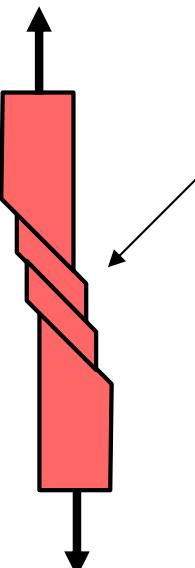
- move when **stresses** are applied,
- permanent (plastic) deformation results from dislocation motion.

### Schematic of a single crystal metal

- **unstressed**  
(un-deformed)



- **after tensile elongation**  
(after plastic deformation)

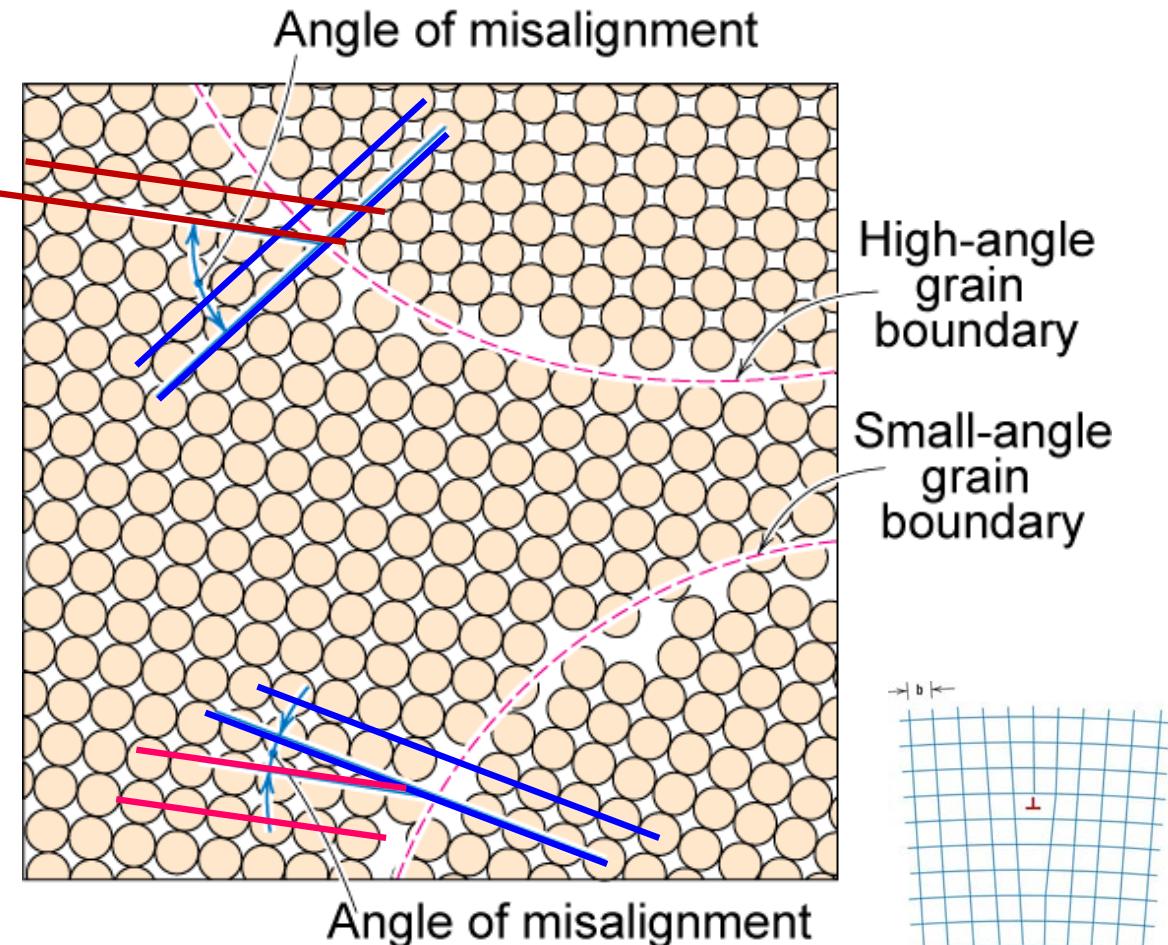


Steps correspond to plastic deformation:  
each step is produced by dislocations that have moved to the crystal surface.

# Grains and Grain Boundaries

## Grain Boundaries

- Regions between grains (crystals)
- Crystallographic misalignment across a grain boundary
- Slight atomic disorder
  - high atomic mobility
  - high chemical reactivity

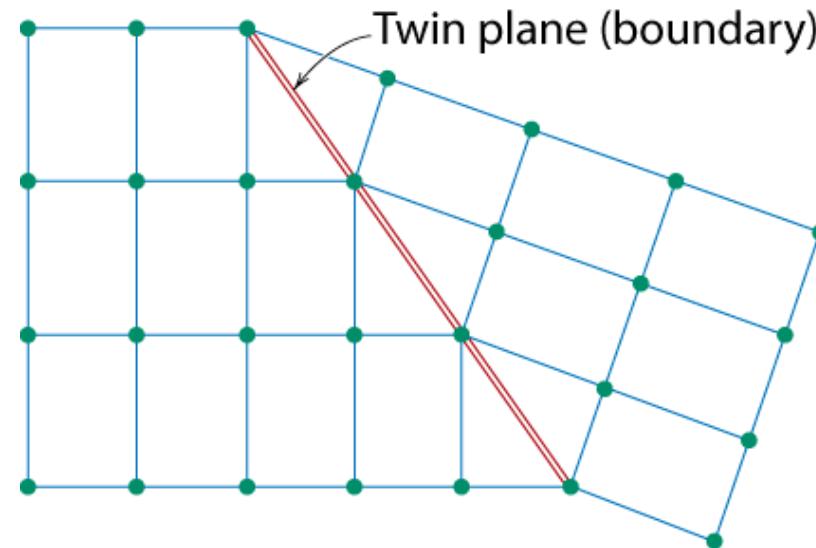


Adapted from Fig. 5.13, Callister & Rethwisch 5e.

# Interfacial (Planar) Defects

- **Twin boundaries (or planes)** 弩晶界
  - Mirror reflections of atom positions of one side of **twin plane** to the other side.

Fig. 5.15, Callister & Rethwisch 5e.

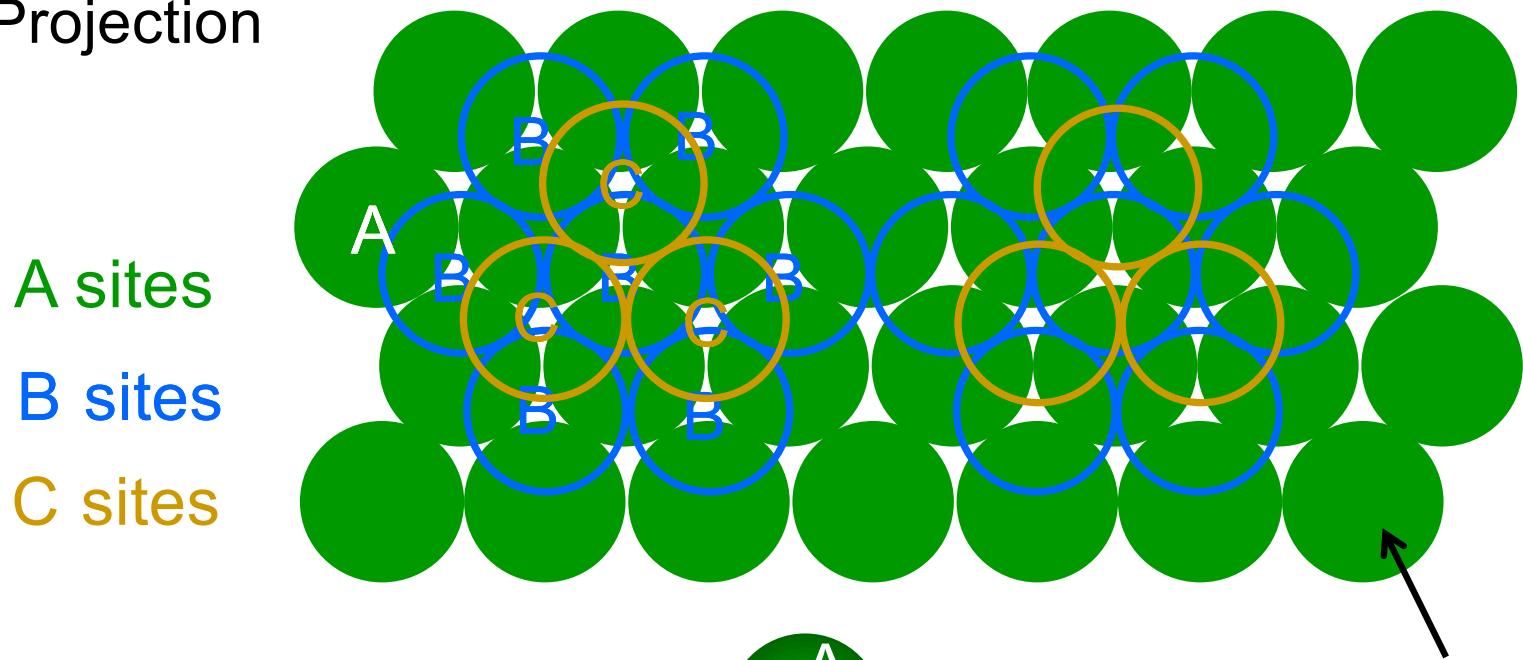


(c)  
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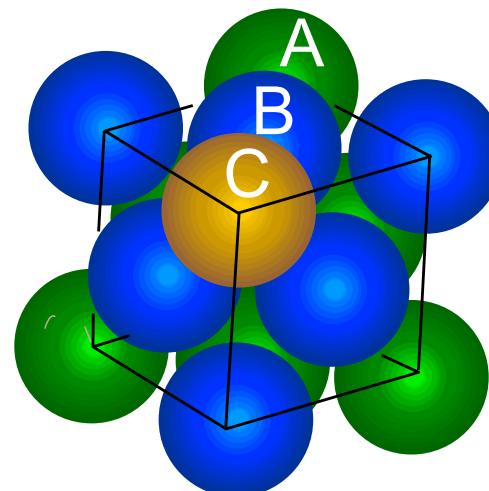
- **Stacking faults** 疊差
  - Occur when there is an error in the planar stacking sequence
  - Ex: for FCC metals
    - ◆ normal sequence is ABCABC
    - ◆ becomes ABCABABC when there is a packing fault

# FCC Plane Stacking Sequence

- ABCABC... Stacking Sequence—Close-Packed Planes of Atoms
- 2D Projection



- Stacking Sequence Referenced to an FCC Unit Cell.



# Catalysts and Surface Defects

- A **catalyst** increases the rate of a chemical reaction without being consumed
- Catalytic reactions normally occur at surface defect sites

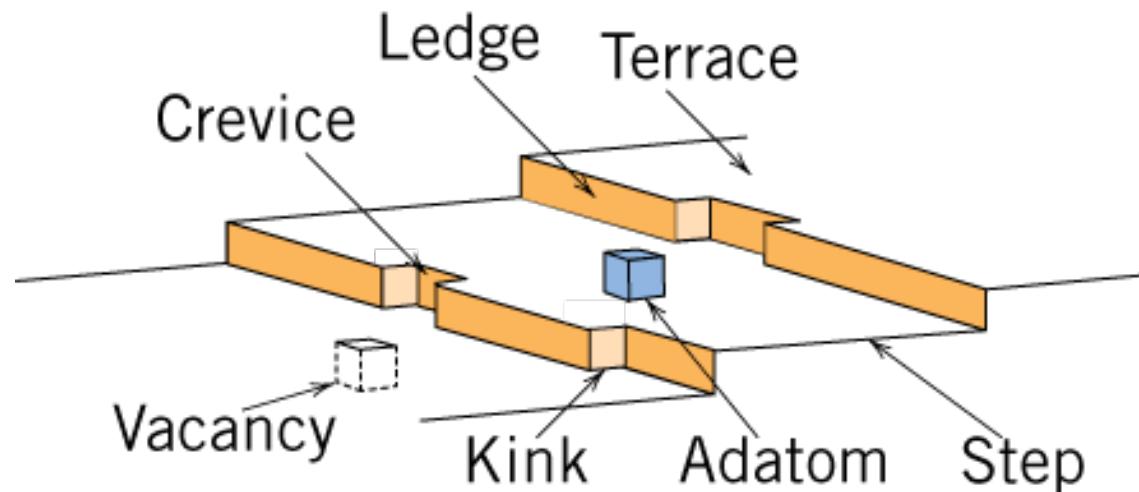


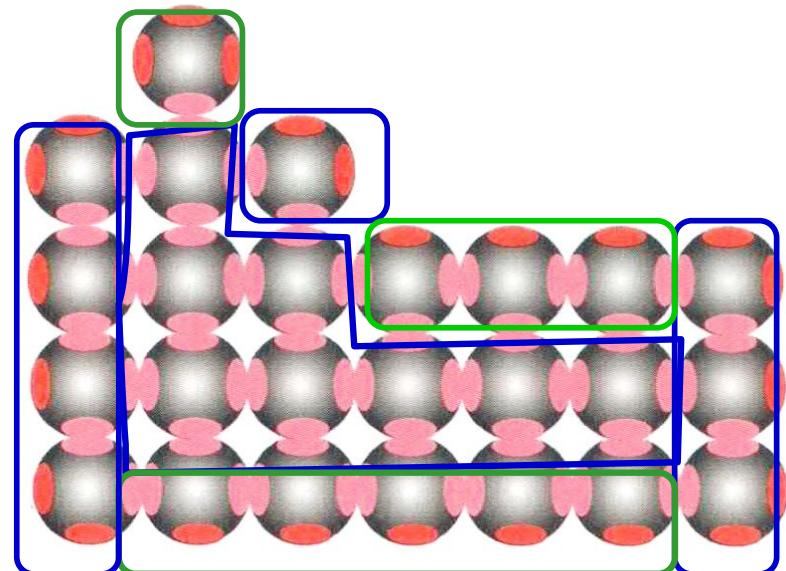
Fig. 5.16, Callister & Rethwisch 5e.

# Surface Defects

The surface is the zone where the structure and composition, influenced by the interface, differs from the average (bulk) composition and structure.

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- The surface property is directly related to the bulk property since the surface is the discontinuous boundary between different phases.
- The surface of a material can be considered a type of planar defect.
- **Atoms at the surface are not bonded on all sides to other atoms**, there is extra energy (surface tension,  $g$ ) associated with this region due to unfilled valence shells. (high reactivity)



# Catalysts and Surface Defects

Single crystals of  
 $(Ce_{0.5}Zr_{0.5})O_2$   
used in an automotive  
catalytic converter

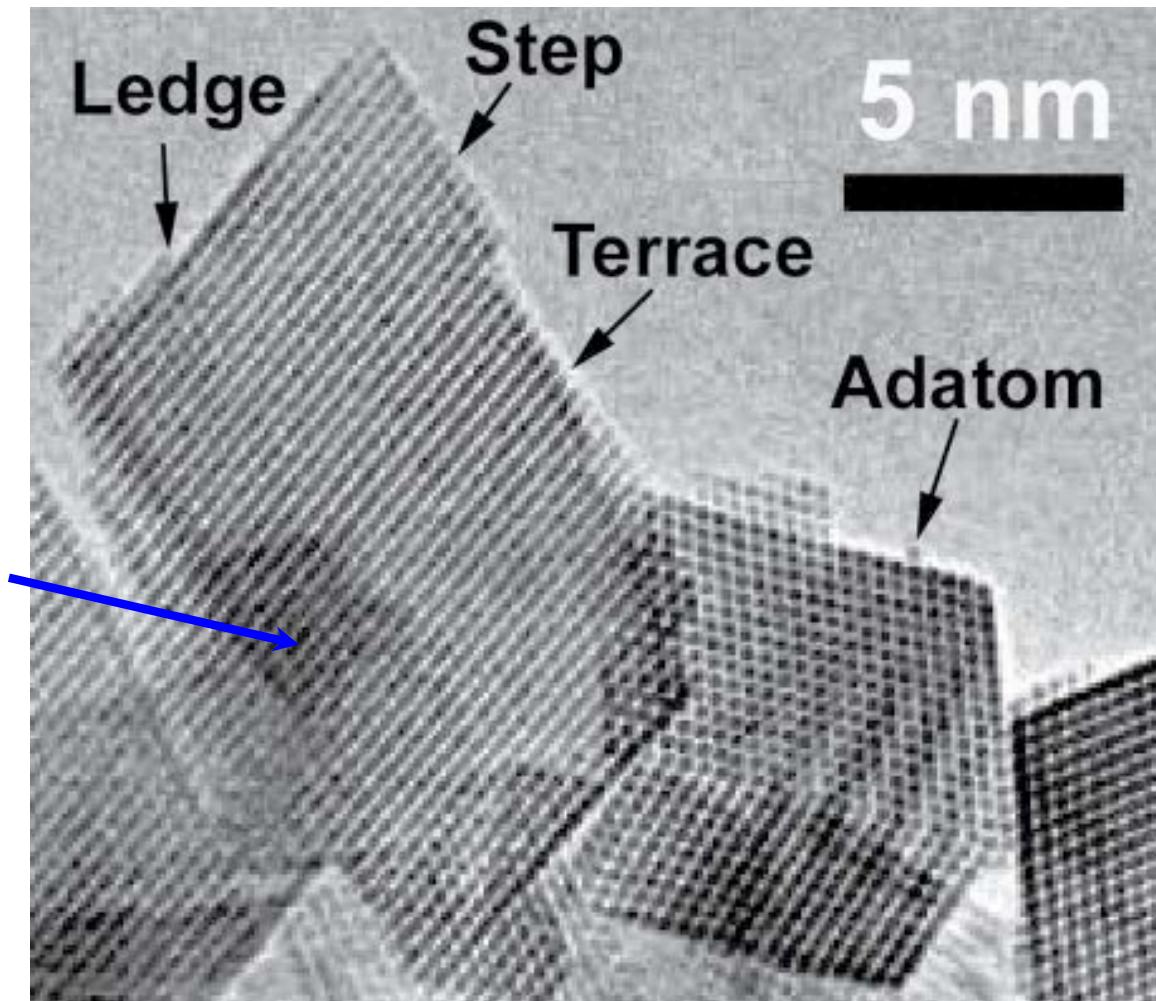


Fig. 5.17, Callister & Rethwisch 5e.  
[From W. J. Stark, L. Mädler, M. Maciejewski, S. E. Pratsinis, and A. Baiker, "Flame Synthesis of Nanocrystalline Ceria/Zirconia: Effect of Carrier Liquid," *Chem. Comm.*, 588–589 (2003). Reproduced by permission of The Royal Society of Chemistry.]

# Microscopic Examination



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1 cm

Microscopy 顯微鏡學

microstructure

# Microscopic Examination

- Grain size is an important microscopic characteristic.
- Grain size can vary from one material to another.
  - Grain sizes can be quite large  
*Ex: large single crystal of quartz or diamond or Si; individual grains visible in aluminum light posts and garbage cans*
  - Grain sizes can be quite small ( $< \mu\text{m}$ );  
*necessary to observe with a microscope.*

# Optical Microscopy 光學顯微鏡

- Uses light – useful up to 2000X magnification.
- Polishing removes surface features (e.g., scratches)
- Etching changes reflectance, depending on grain orientation.

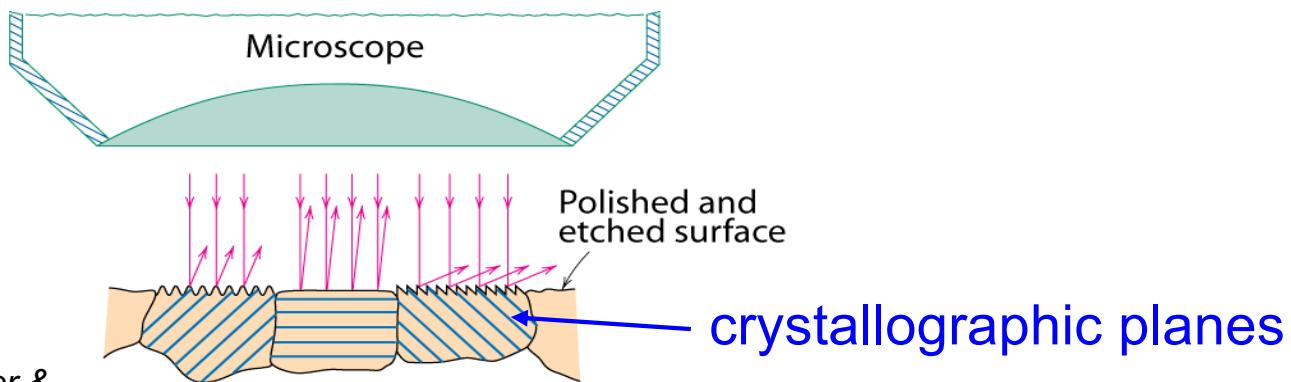


Fig. 5.19(b) & (c), Callister & Rethwisch 5e.



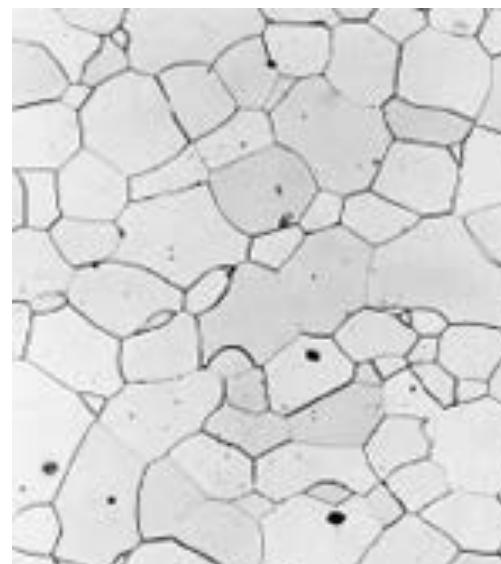
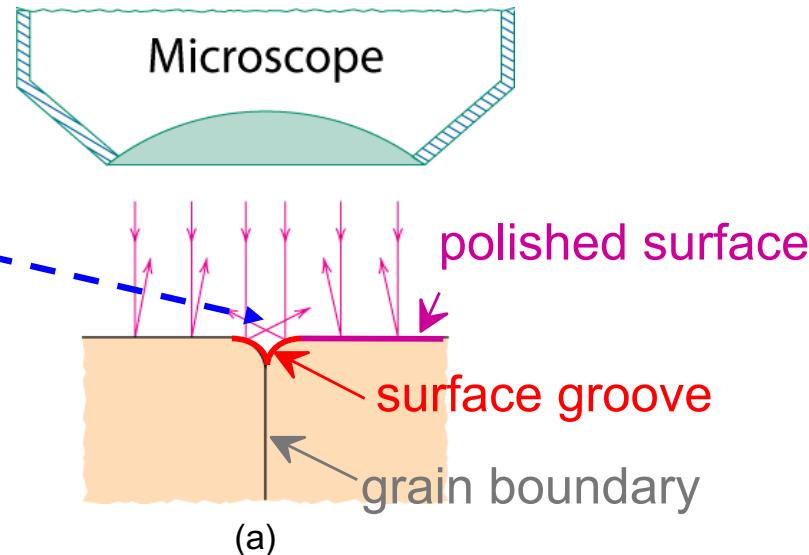
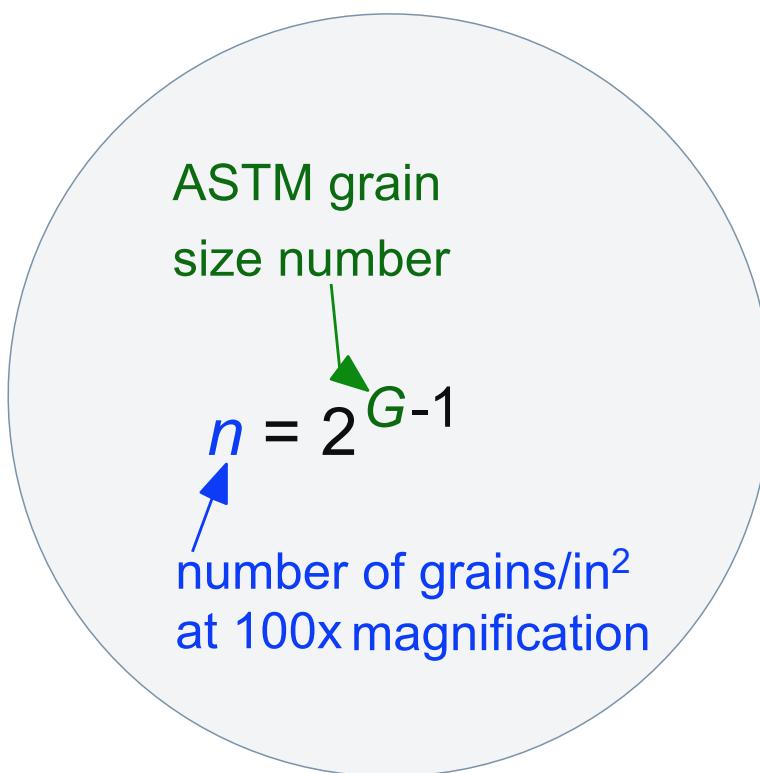
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Microstructure of  
a brass alloy  
(a Cu-Zn alloy)  
grain

# Optical Microscopy (cont.)

## Grain boundaries...

- are more **susceptible** to etching  
*腐蚀*
- after etching, grain boundaries appear as dark lines



Fe-Cr alloy

Fig. 5.20(a) & (b), Callister & Rethwisch 5e.  
[Fig. 4.15(b) is courtesy of L.C. Smith and C. Brady, the National Bureau of Standards, Washington, DC (now the National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD).]

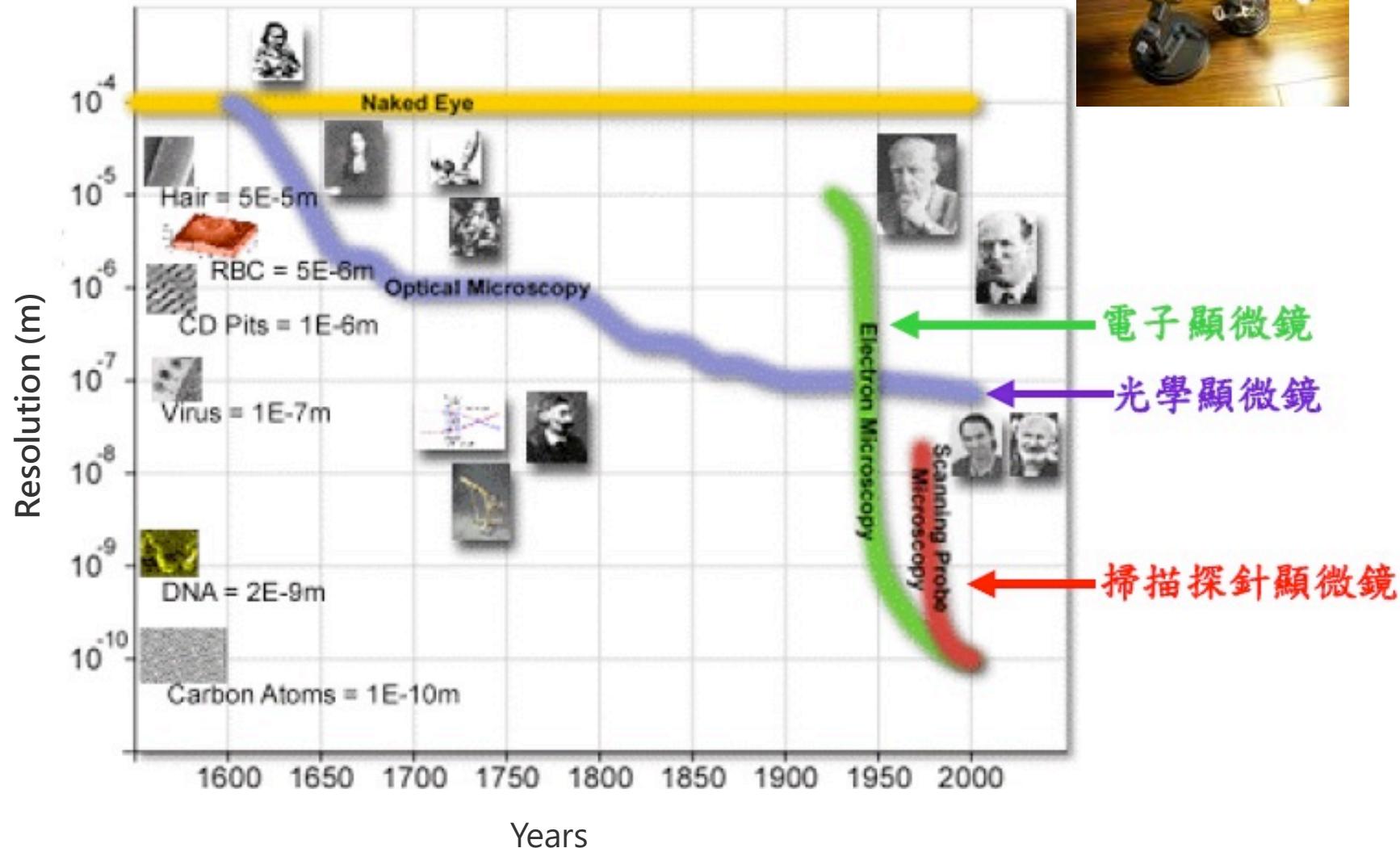
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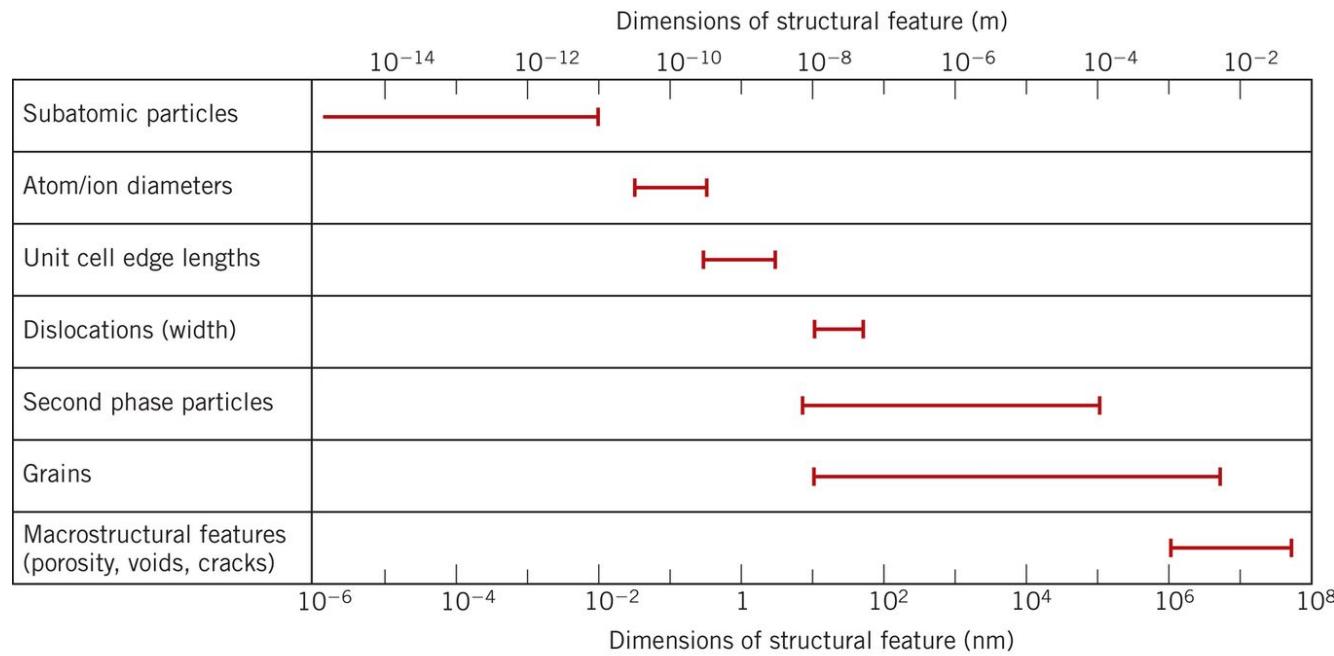
- Polarized light
  - metallographic scopes often use polarized light to increase contrast
  - Also used for transparent sample polymers



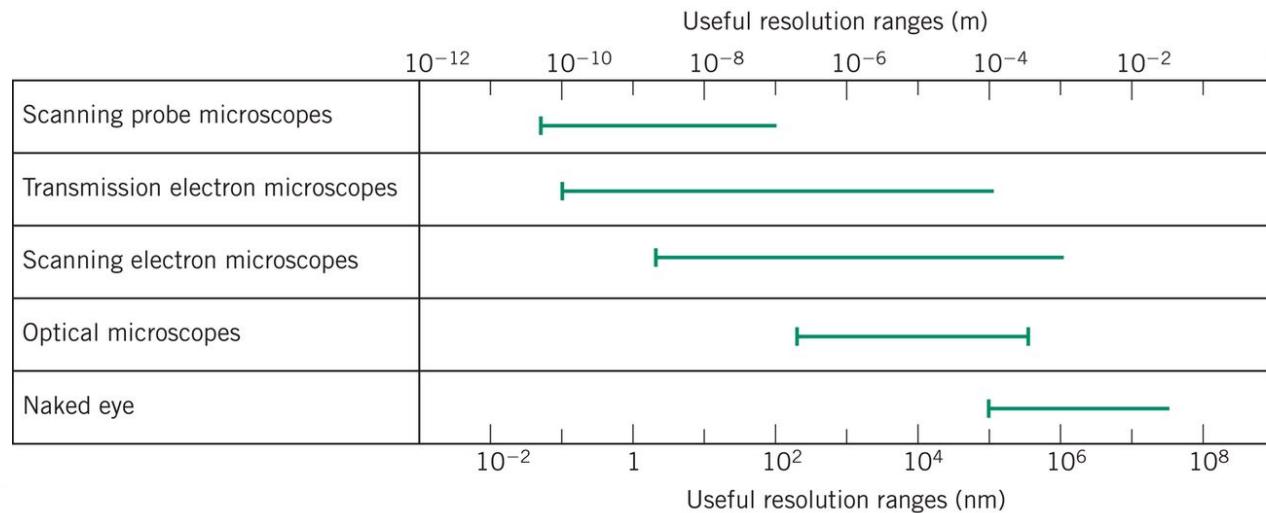
# 顯微鏡的發展

1590年發明世上最早的顯微鏡





(a)



(b)

(Courtesy of Prof. Sidnei Paciornik, DCMM PUC-Rio, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and Prof. Carlos Pérez Bergmann, Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul, Porto Alegre, Brazil.)

# Types of Microscope (顯微鏡的種類)



- Optical Microscope (OM) 光學顯微鏡
- Scanning Electron Microscope (SEM) 掃描式電子顯微鏡
- Transmission Electron Microscope (TEM) 穿透式電子顯微鏡
- Scanning Transmission Electron Microscope (STEM) 掃描穿透式電子顯微鏡
- Scanning Probe Microscope (SPM, ) 掃描探針顯微鏡



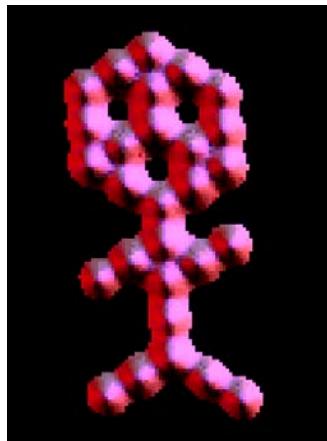
# Electron Microscopy

- Best resolution for optical microscopes is  
 $\approx 0.1 \mu\text{m}$  (100 nm)
- For higher resolution need to use shorter wavelength radiation
  - **X-Rays**? Difficult to focus.
  - **Electron beams**
    - Wavelengths as short as 3 pm (0.003 nm) possible
      - (Magnification as high as 1,000,000X are achievable)
    - Atomic resolution possible
    - Electron beams focused by magnetic lenses.

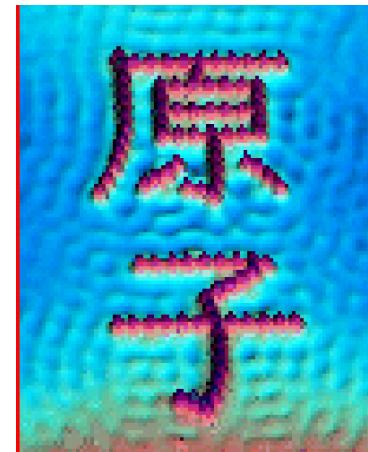


# Scanning Tunneling Microscopy(STM)

- Surface atoms imaged using a microprobe that tapers to a single atom at its tip.
- Surface atoms can be rearranged by pushing them into the desired position using the probe tip.



Carbon monoxide molecules arranged on a platinum surface in the form of a human.



Iron atoms arranged on a copper surface to form the Japanese Kanji characters that represent the word “atom”.

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# Scanning Probe Microscopy (SPM)

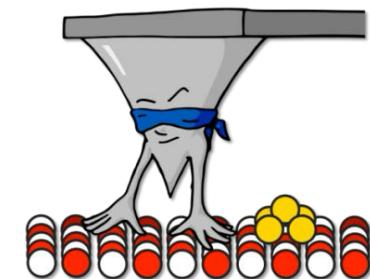
## Advantage

- Probe scanning
- Non-vacuum environment
- 3 D
- Liquid condition
- Biological interaction



## Disadvantage

- Topography observation, couldn't analyze internal compartment.
- Anti-vibration



# Summary

- **Point, Linear, and Interfacial defects exist in solids.**

- Point defects
  - Vacancies
  - Interstitial atoms
  - Substitutional impurity atoms
- Linear defects
  - Dislocations
- Interfacial defects
  - Grain boundaries
  - Twin boundaries
  - Stacking Faults
- The equilibrium number vacancy defects depends on temperature

$$N_v = N \exp\left(-\frac{Q_v}{kT}\right)$$

- Dislocation types include edge, screw, and mixed