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Orientation dependence of dislocation transmission through twin-boundaries studied by in situ μ Laue diffraction

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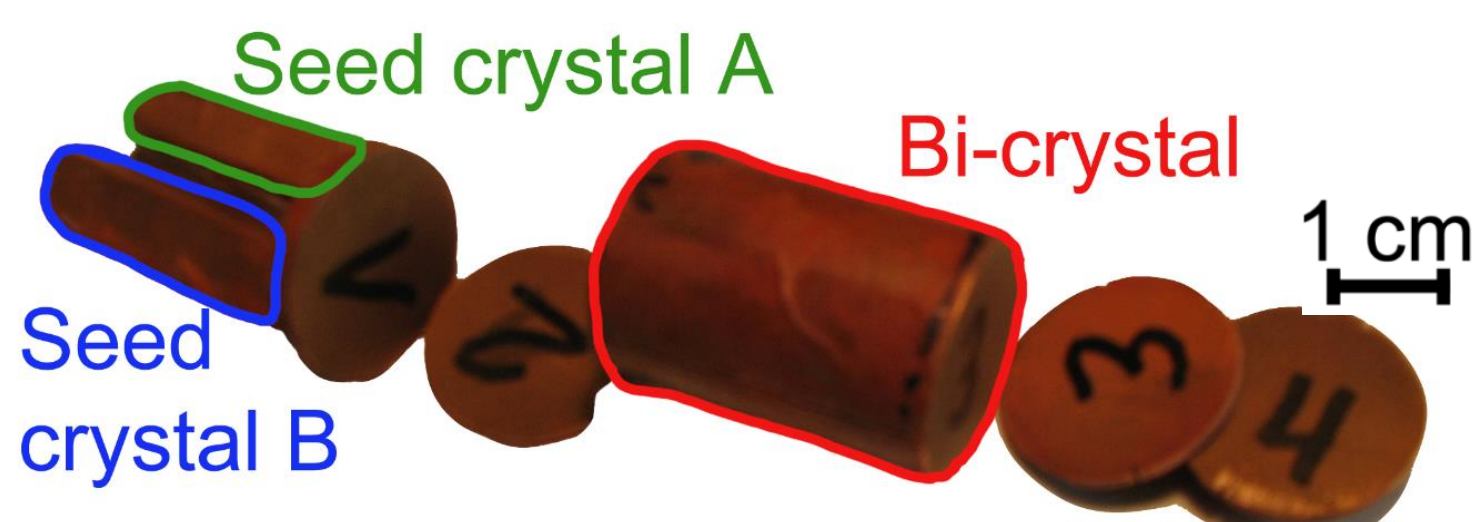
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Motivation

Dislocation-twin boundary interaction is not entirely understood but gains attention due to the outstanding mechanical performance of nano-twinned materials. Here, we show μ Laue compression experiments on a coherent $\Sigma 3$ $\langle 111 \rangle$ twin. The samples are all tested in different crystallographic loading direction with the twin boundary being parallel to the loading direction.

Sample production

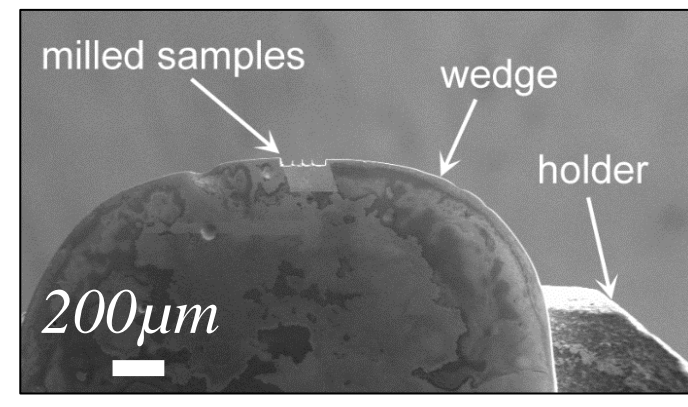
TB production in Bridgman furnace



- material: **copper**
- using graphite crucible
- growth rate 10 mm/hour

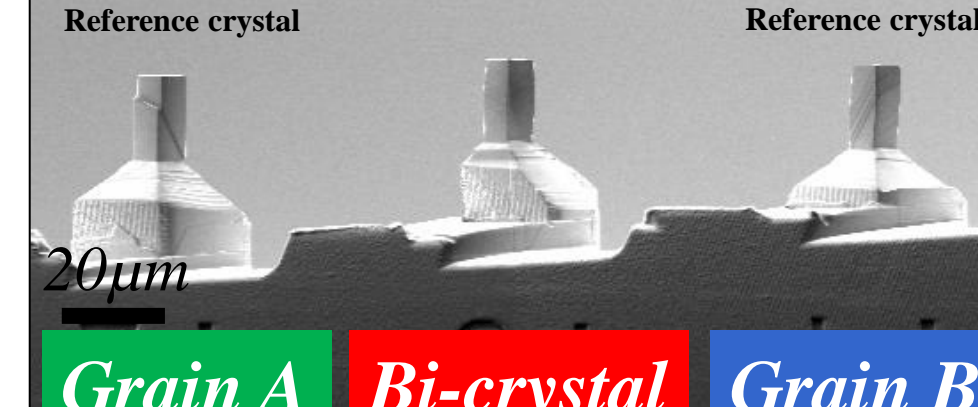
Meso- & micro sample preparation

electrochemical etching



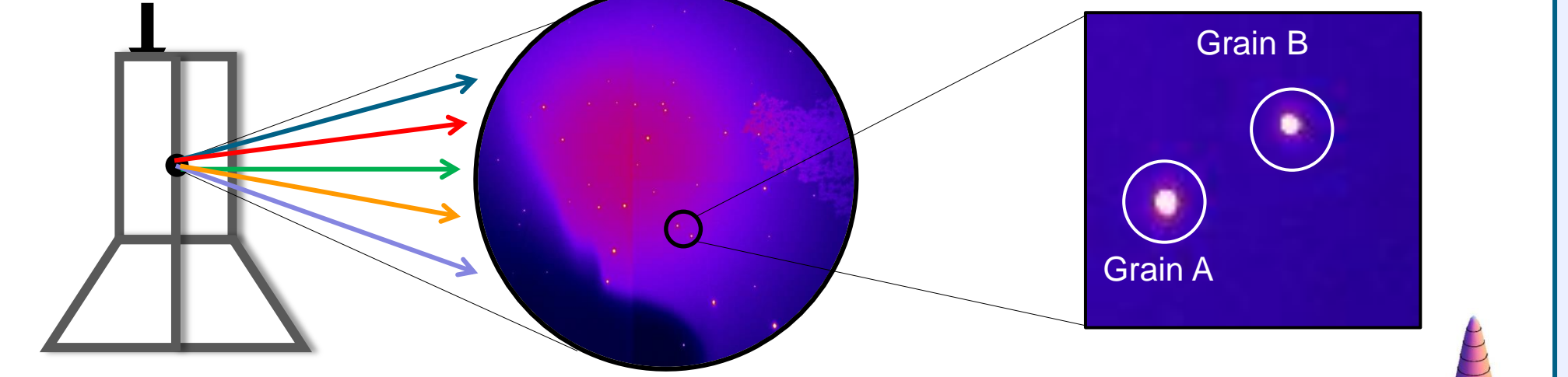
- etching: coarse 15V
fine 2V
- radius at the tip \sim few μ m

FIB milling



- milling: coarse 16 nA
fine 600 pA
- 5 μ m
- no taper formation

in situ μ Laue compression



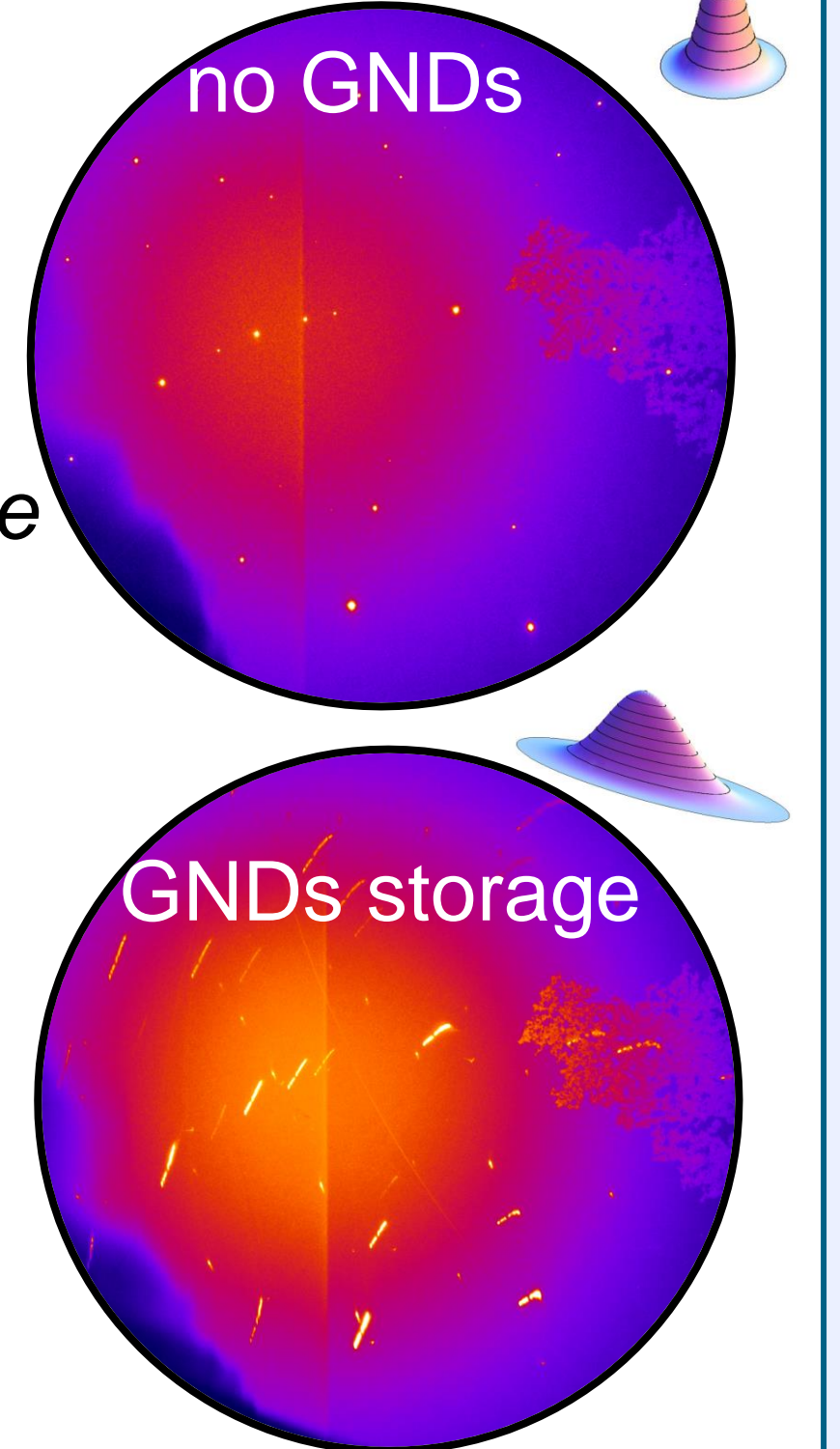
- displacement control mode
- strain rate $10^{-3} \frac{1}{s}$

Engineering stress strain curve

- crystallographic orientation
- Point to origin misorientation

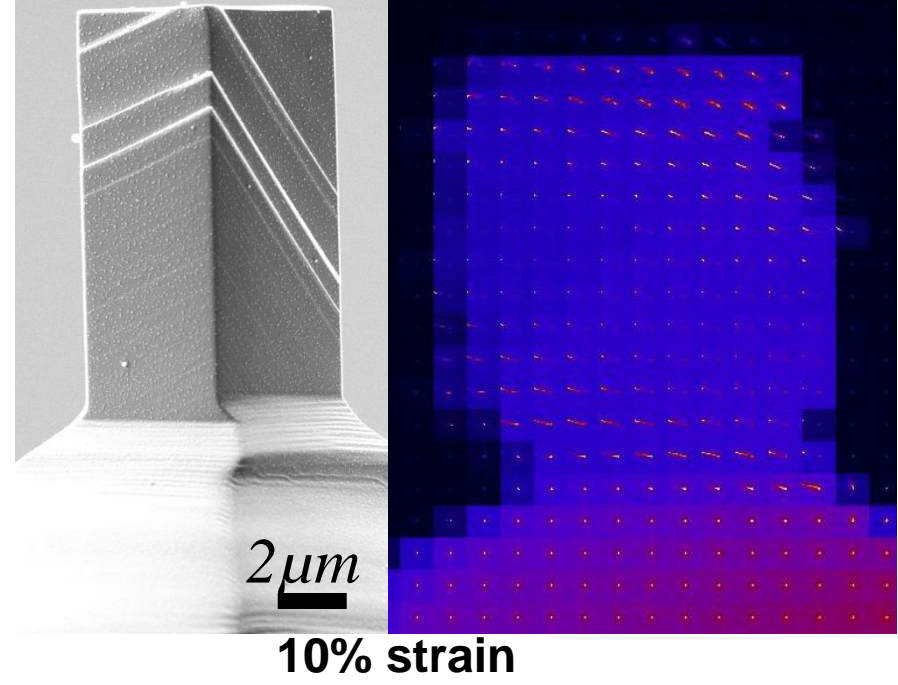
- Peak width
- Estimate the GNDs density

- Strengthening analysis (pending)



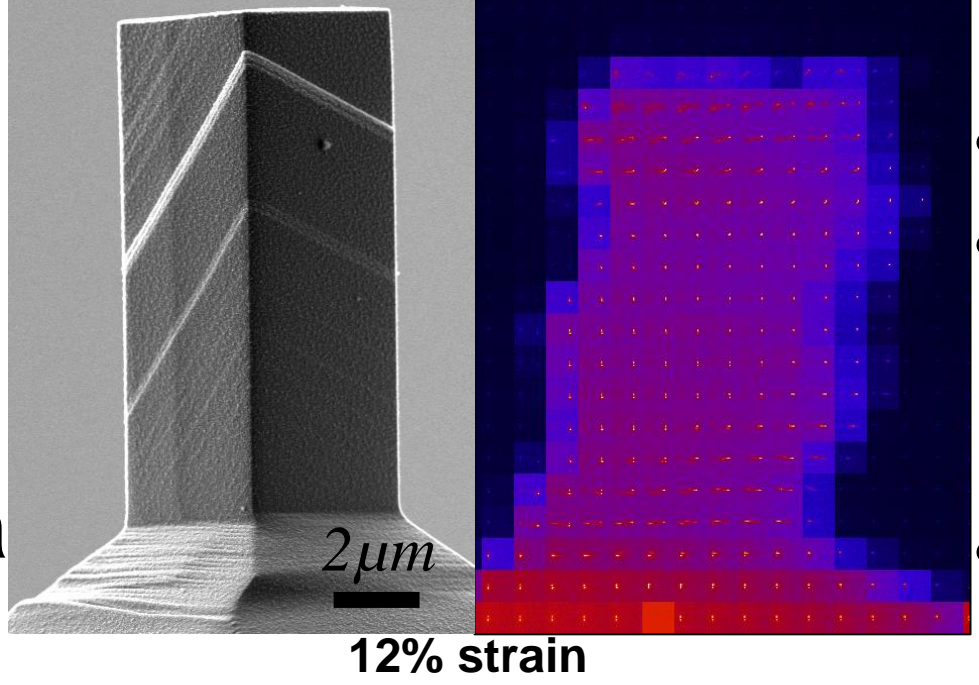
Single crystals

grain A



- flow stress @ 70MPa
- no hardening

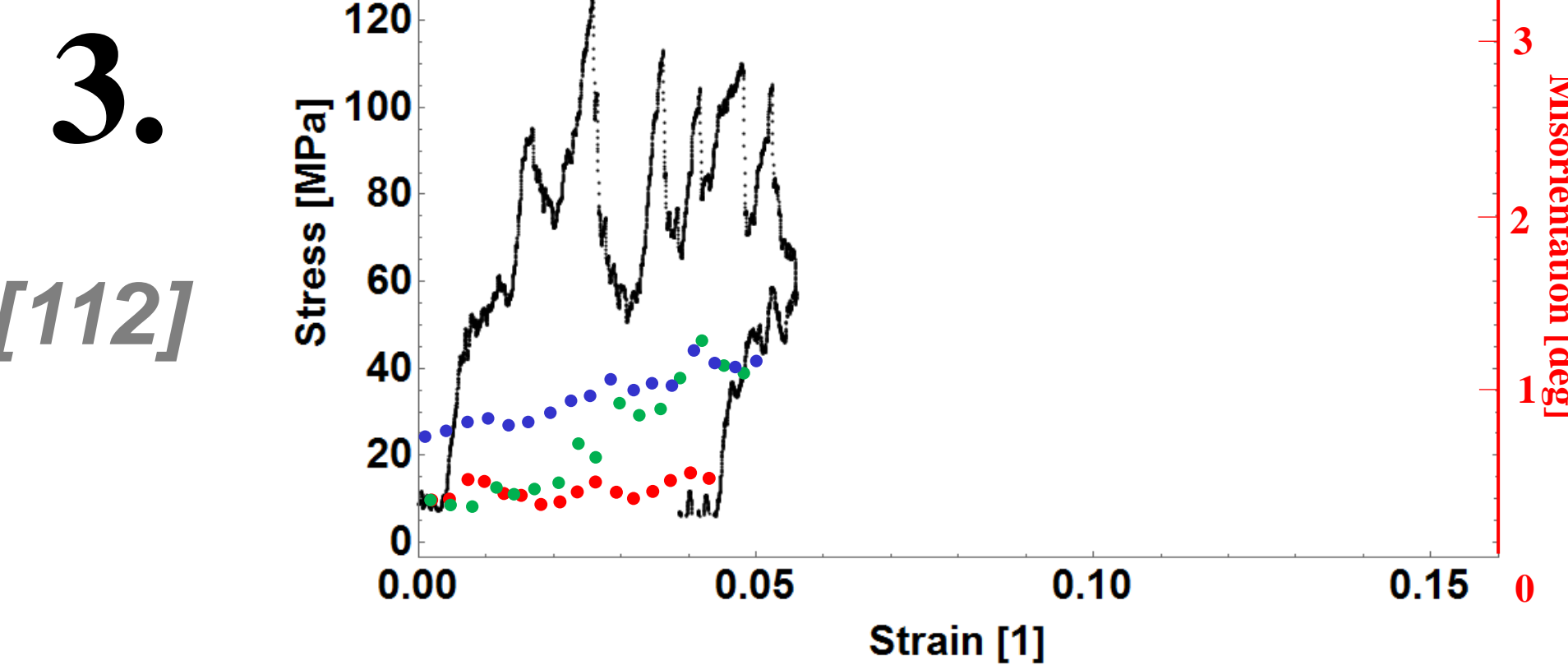
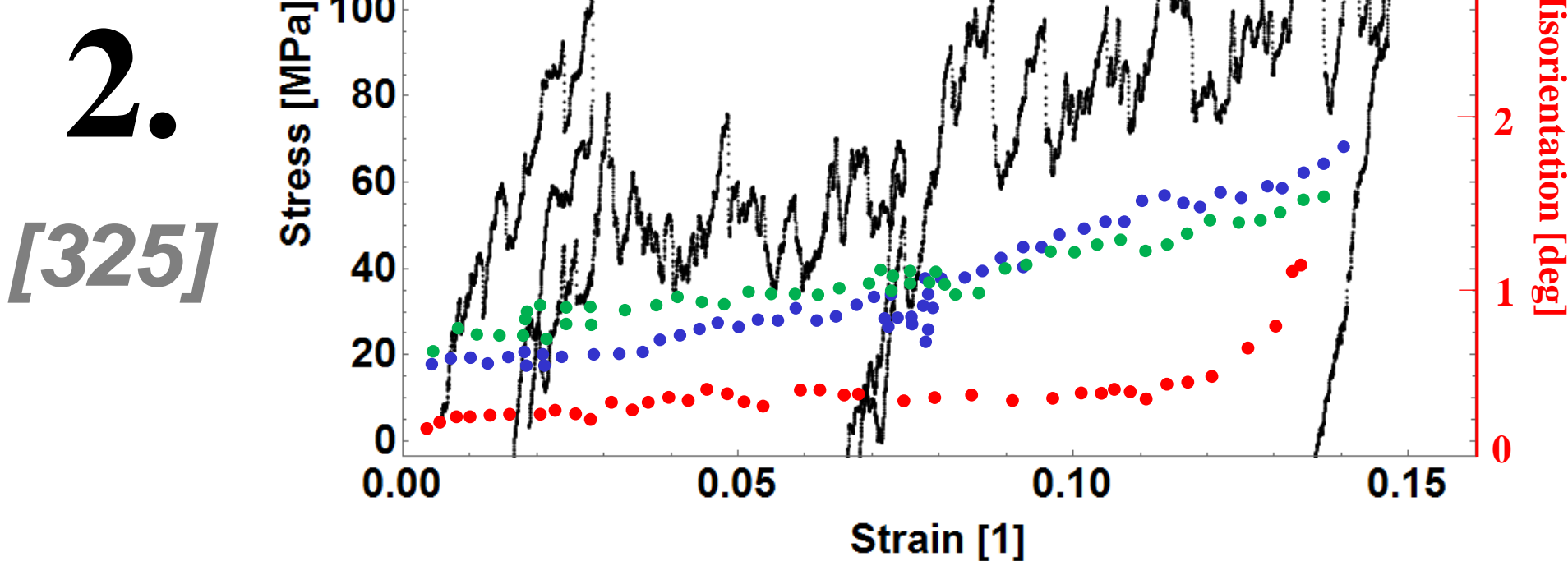
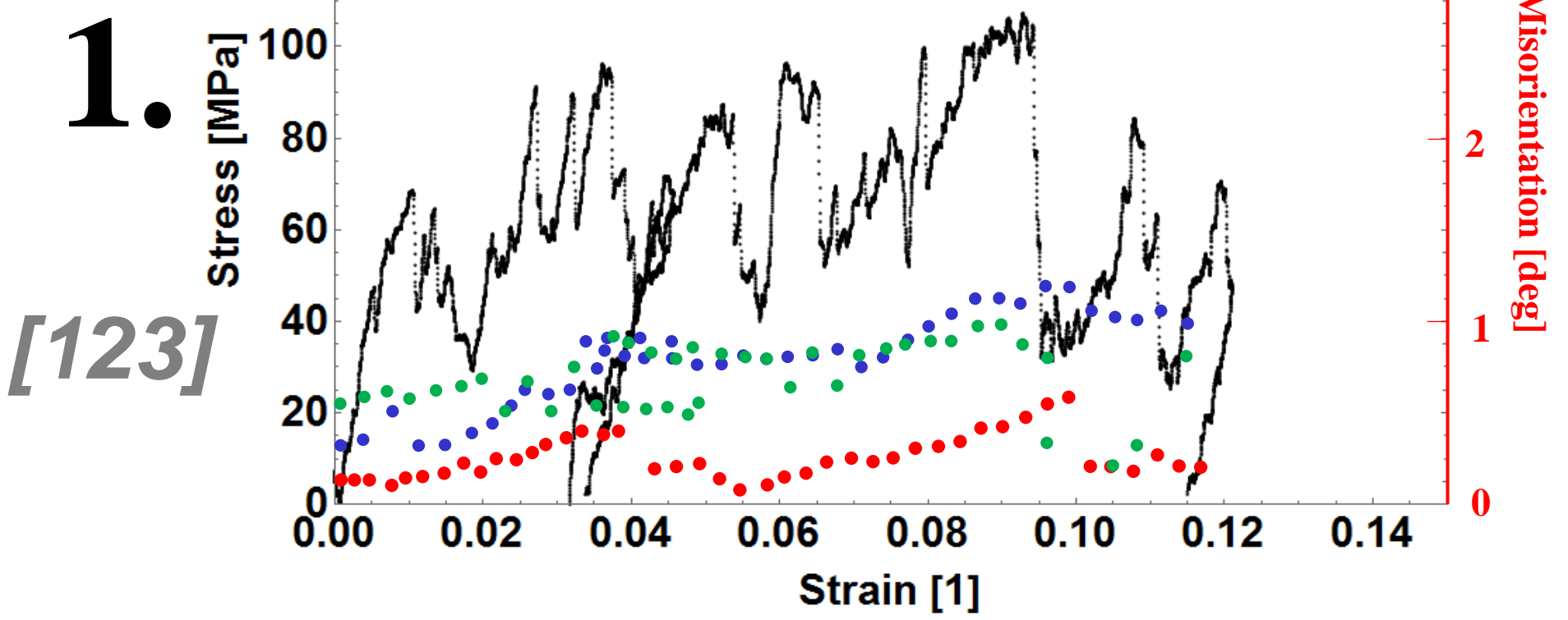
grain B



- primary slip system activated (single slip)
- large slip steps formed
- streaking only at top and bottom in the same direction \rightarrow due to instrumental constrains [1]
- no streaking in the center \rightarrow **low amount of GNDs**

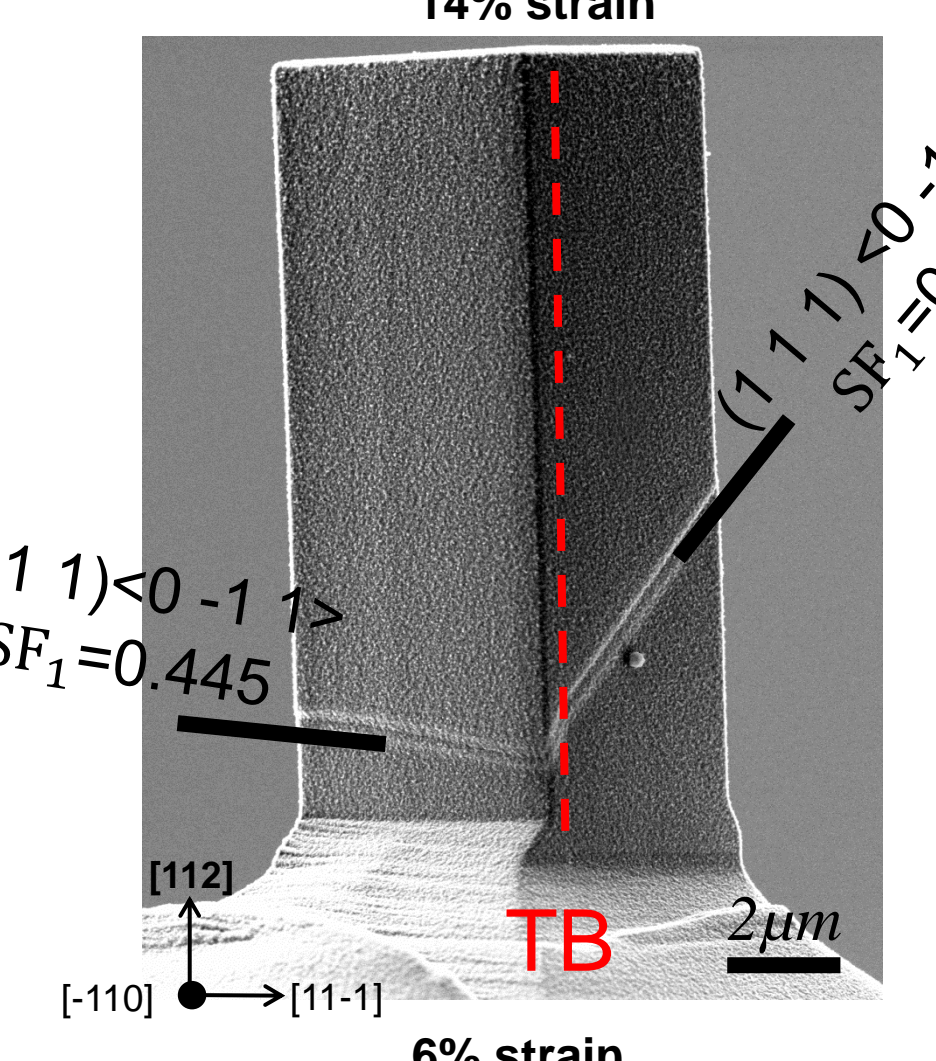
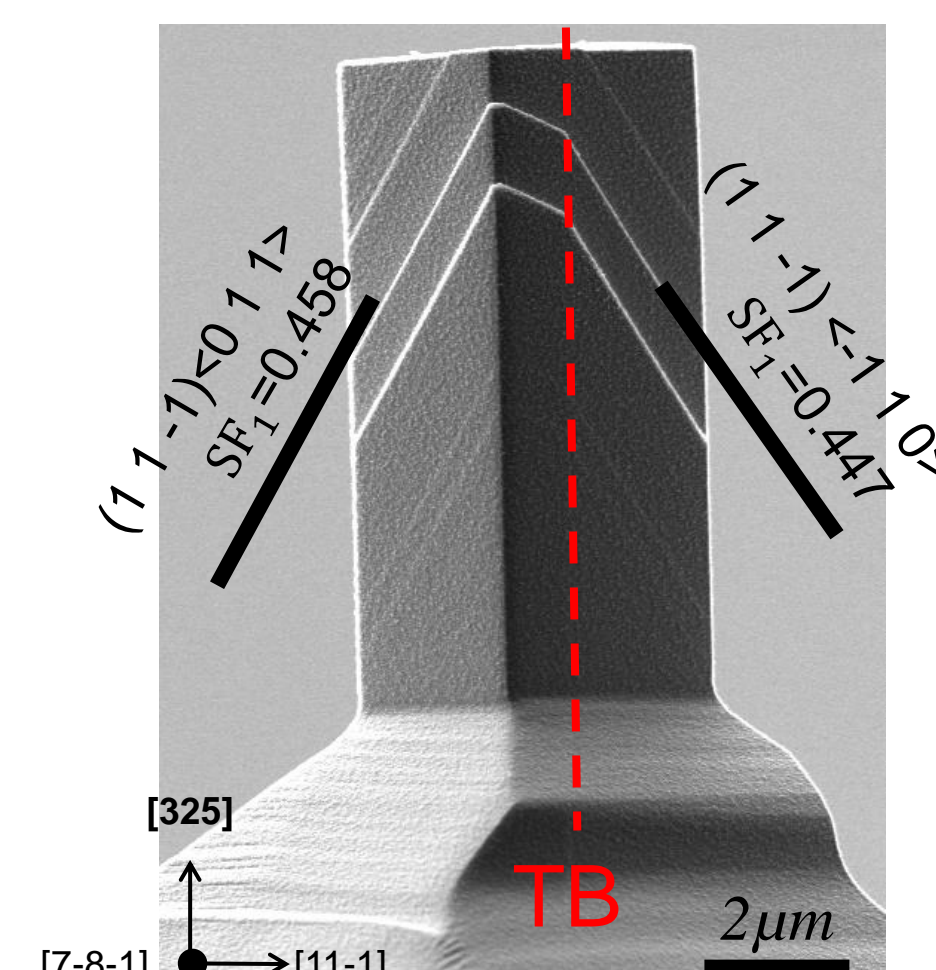
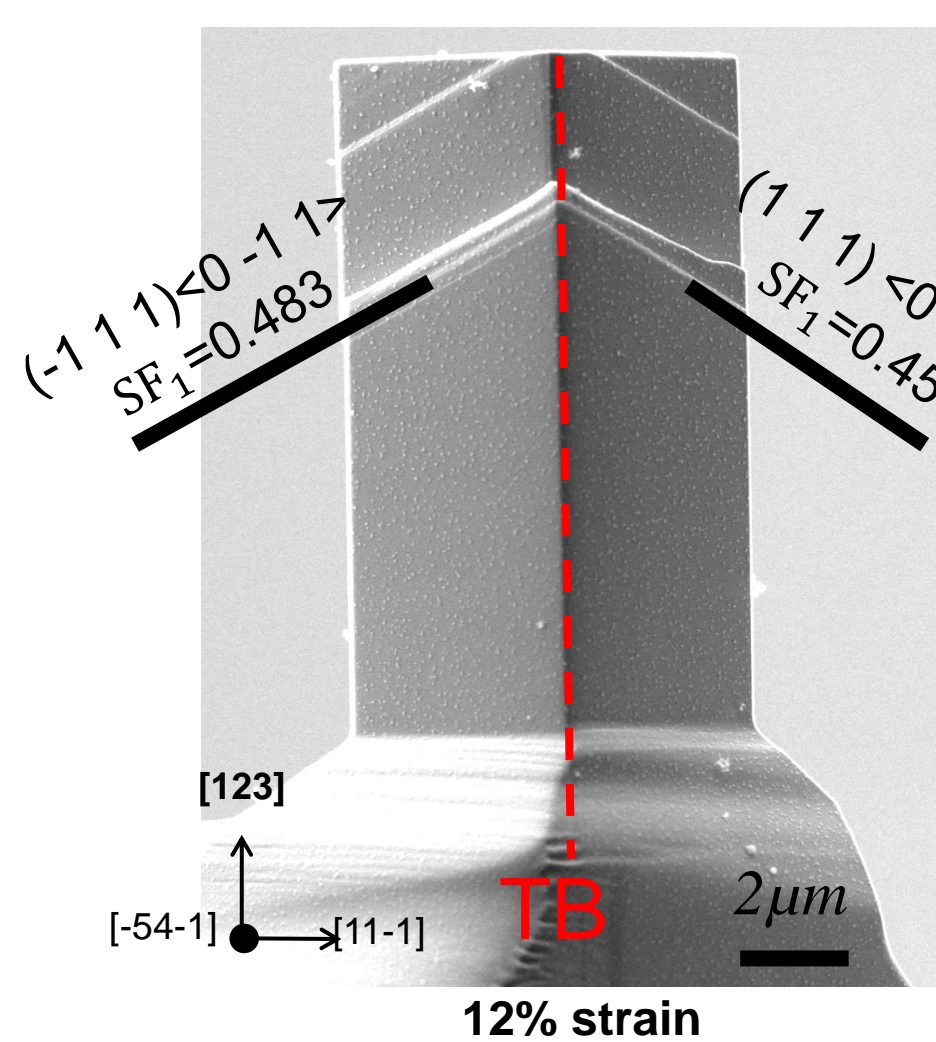
Samples containing a CTB

Stress-Strain Curves

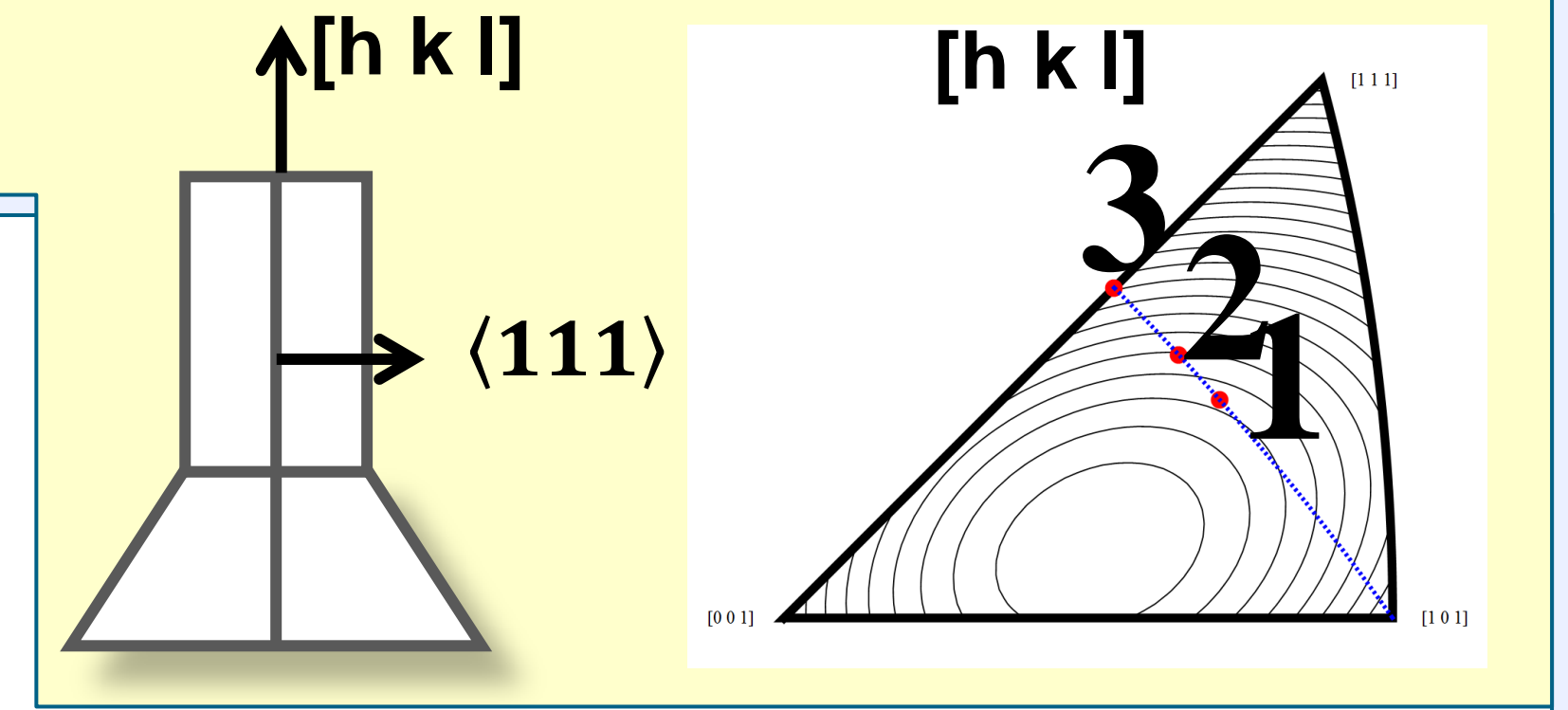
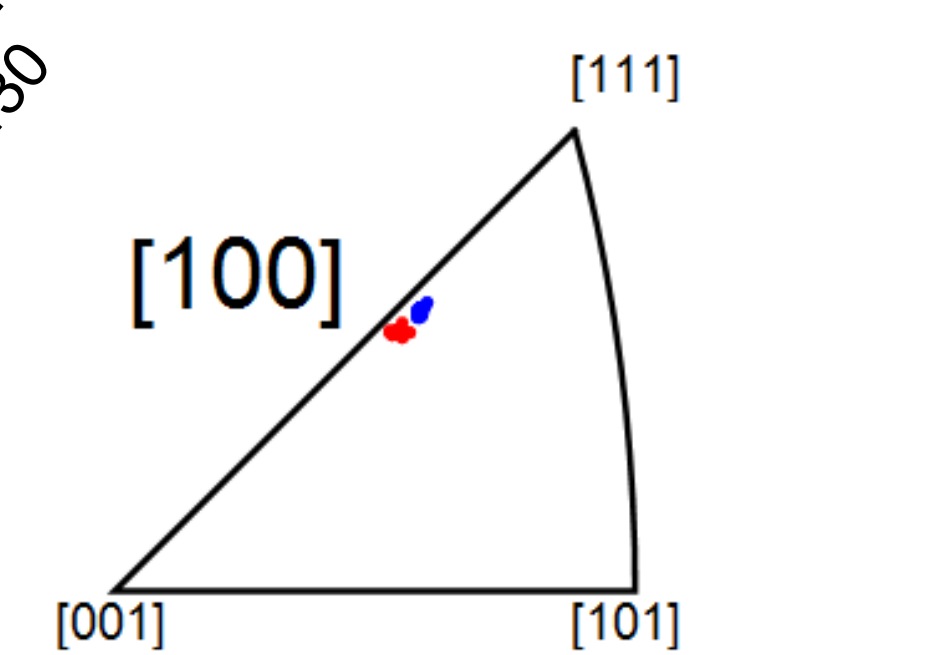
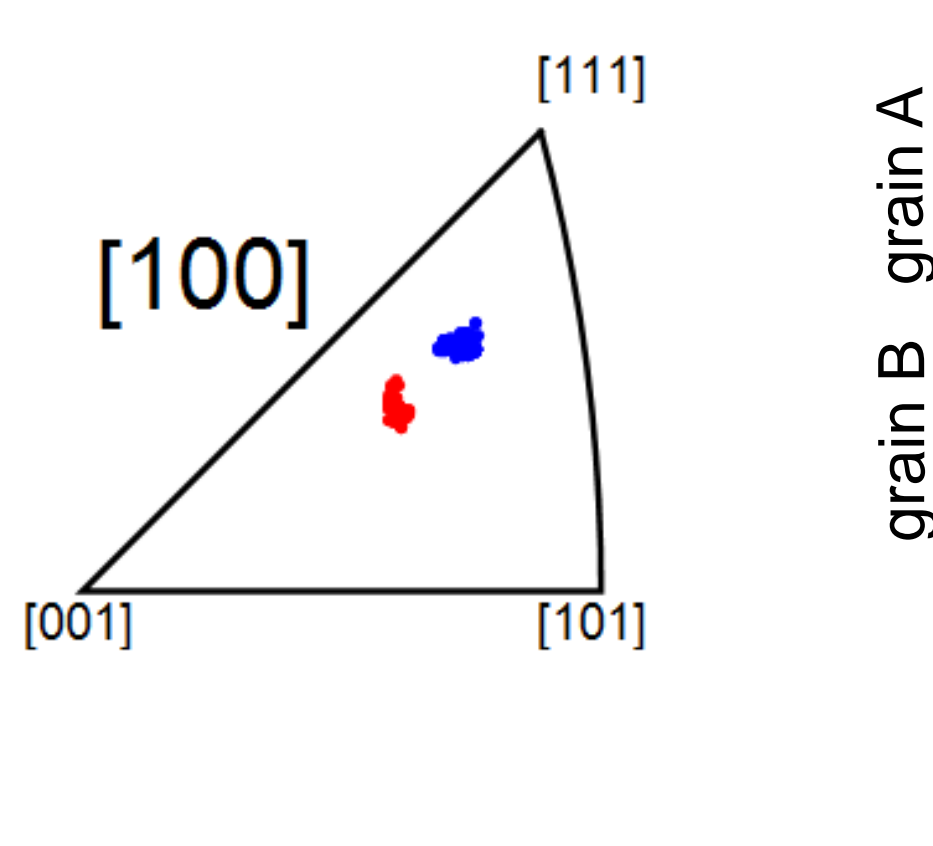
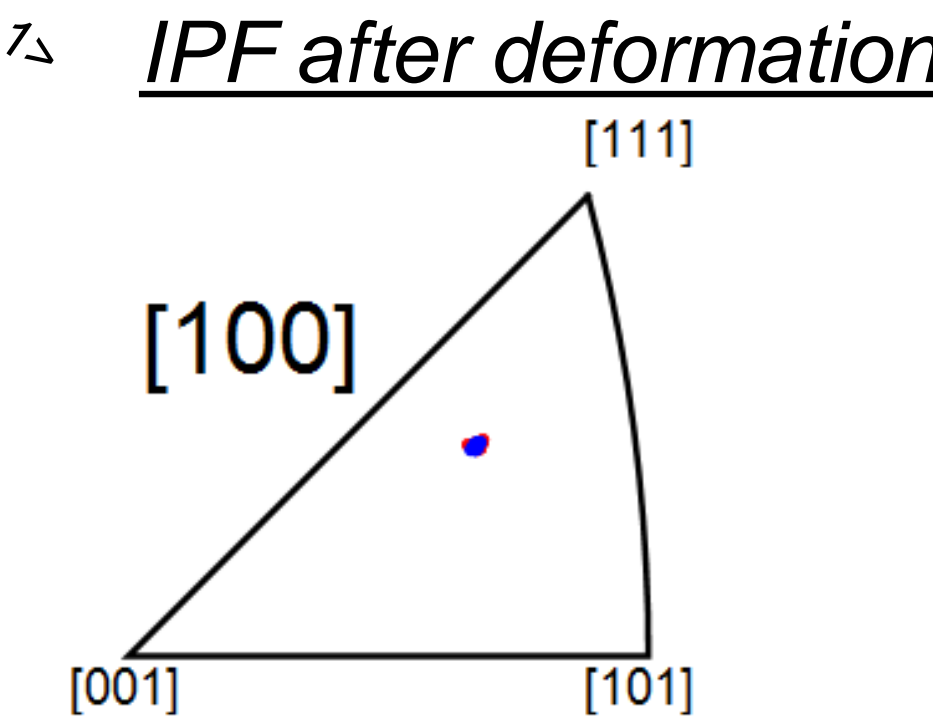
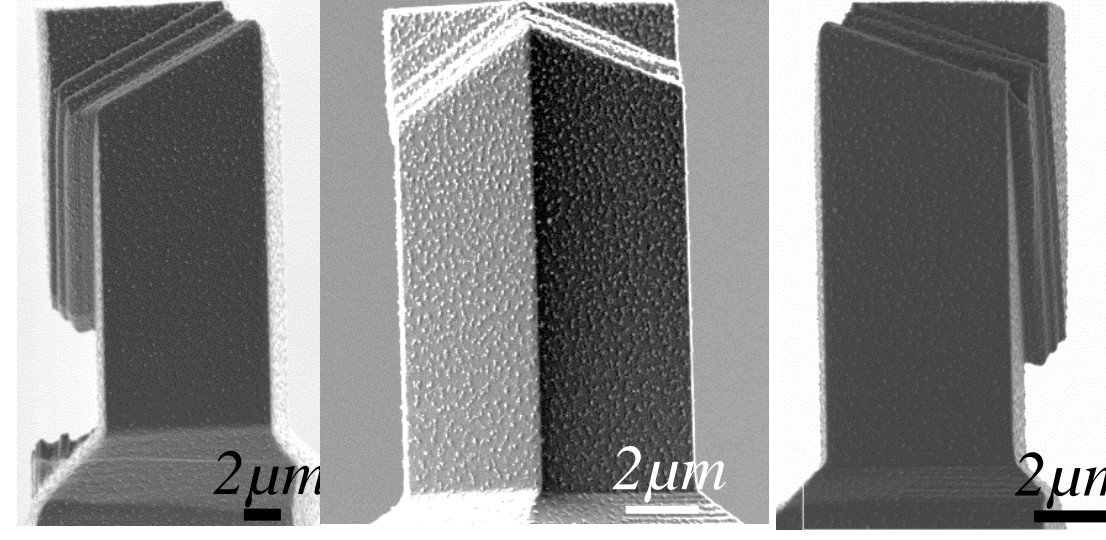


- flow stress comparable to S_{xx}
- no hardening observed
- only small change in misorientation (≤ 0.5 grad) below 10% strain
- peak shape stays circular \rightarrow **low amount of GNDs**

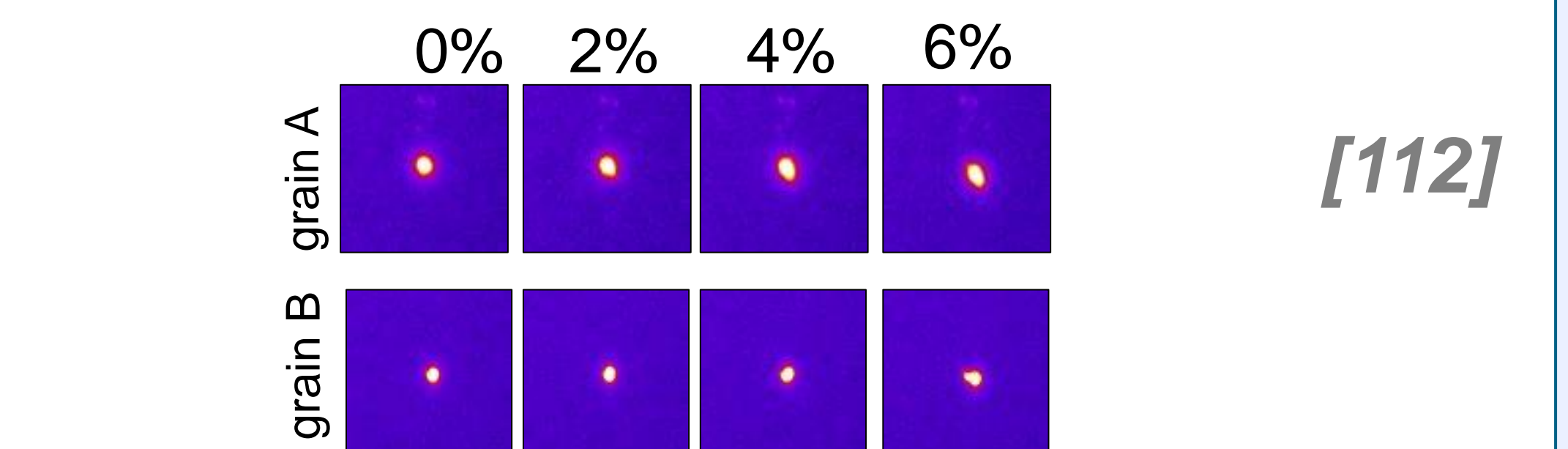
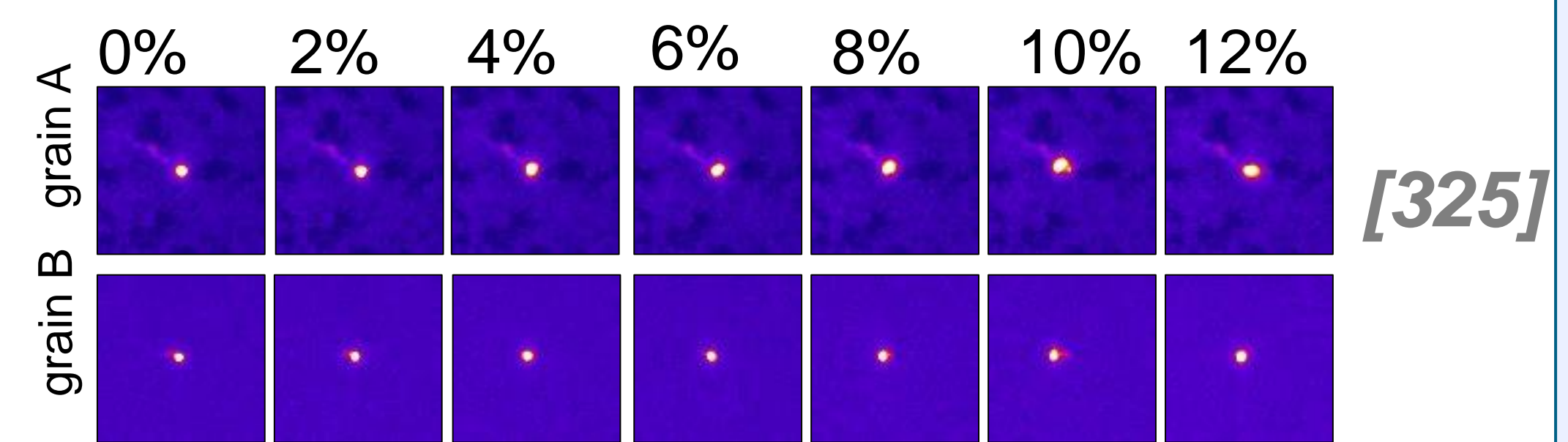
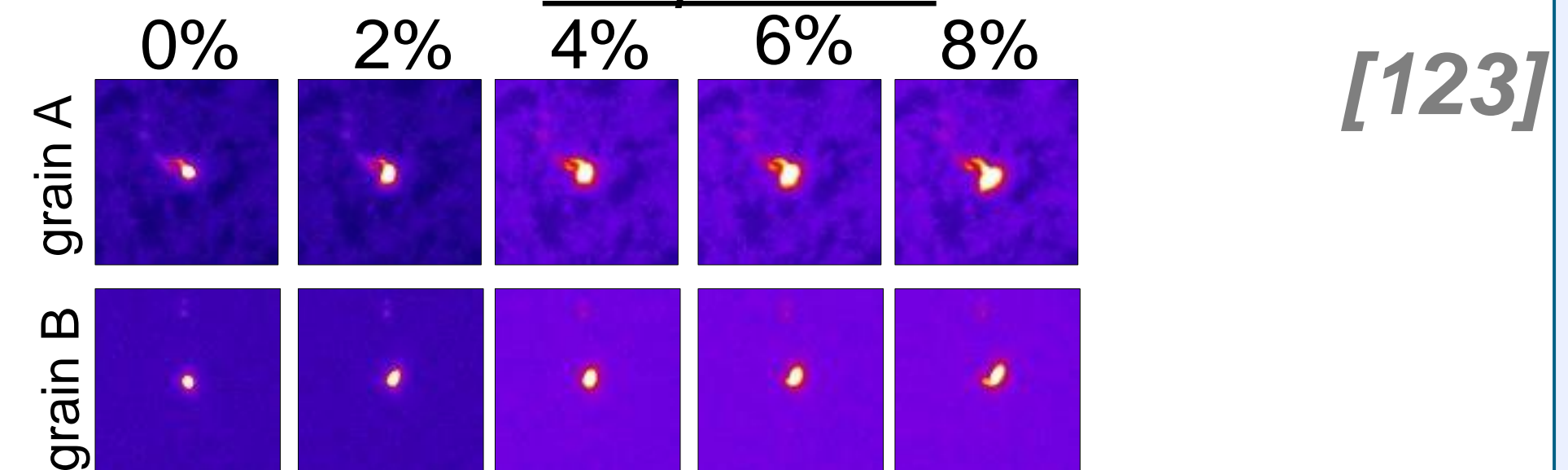
SEM after deformation



- primary slip system activated (single slip)
- large slip steps
- slip steps meet at TB as observed by Imrich [2]



Laue spot evolution of CTB crystals during compression



- peak shape stays unaffected during straining up to about 10% independently of the compression direction
- unresolvable low amount of GNDs**
- "single crystal" like behavior**

Conclusions

- Stress-Strain behavior, occurrence of the large slip steps and diffraction peak shape during deformation show "single crystal" like behavior
- For all orientations the CTB does not occur as an obstacle for dislocation movement

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[2] Imrich at all, Acta Materialia 73, 2014

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