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### Supplementary Materials for

#### Dislocation behaviors in nanotwinned diamond

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Fig. S1. Dislocation energy as function of supercell size.



Penetration cross the twin plane into the adjacent twin

# **Fig. S2. Schematic of process for dislocation reaction with twin plane.** The reaction involves formation of kinks, which migrate along the dislocation line.





Fig. S3. Calculated shear stress–dependent activation energy of dislocation reaction with twin plane. (A)~(B) Shear stress dependent activation energy of glide-set  $30^{\circ}$  partial dislocation reaction with twin plane. (C)~(F) Shear stress dependent activation energy of glide-set  $0^{\circ}$  perfect dislocation reaction with twin plane. (G)~(H) Shear stress dependent activation energy of glide-set  $60^{\circ}$  perfect dislocation reaction with twin plane. (I)~(J) Shear stress dependent activation energy of glide-set  $90^{\circ}$  partial dislocation reaction with twin plane. (K)~(L) Shear stress dependent activation energy of glide-set  $90^{\circ}$ 

shuffle-set 0° perfect dislocation reaction with twin plane. (M)~(N) Shear stress dependent activation energy of shuffle-set  $60^{\circ}$  perfect dislocation reaction with twin plane.



Fig. S4. Hardness of nt-diamond at grain size of 125 nm.

Table S1. Calculated kink energy  $E_{\rm f}$  and activation energy  $W_{\rm m}$  of kink migration for dislocation

Tunes of dislocation	Dislocation reactions equation	E (aV)	W (N)	Activation energy	
Types of dislocation		$\mathbf{E}_{\mathbf{f}}(\mathbf{ev})$	$\mathbf{w}_{\mathbf{m}}(\mathbf{ev})$	(eV)	
Glide-set 30° partial dislocation	$B\alpha \to B\delta + \delta \alpha$	2.2	2.5	6.9	
	$B\alpha \to B^T \alpha^T + \alpha^T \alpha$	1.4	3.9	6.7	
Glide-set 90° partial dislocation	$\alpha D \rightarrow A\delta$	0.5	2.9	3.9	
	$\alpha D \to \alpha \delta + \alpha^T \delta + D^T \alpha^T$	0.5	3.6	4.6	
Glide-set 0° perfect dislocation	$BC \to B\delta + \delta C$	2.8	0.6	6.2	
	$BC \to B^T \alpha^T + \alpha^T C^T$	3.1	4.0	10.2	
	$B\alpha + \alpha C \to B\delta + \delta C$	2.2	2.5	6.9	
	$B\alpha + \alpha C \to B^T \alpha^T + \alpha^T C^T$	1.9	2.9	6.7	
Glide-set 60° perfect dislocation	$BD \to B\delta + \delta D$	2.0	5.9	9.9	
	$B\alpha + \alpha D \to \alpha^T D^T + B^T \alpha^T + 2\alpha^T \delta$	1.9	2.9	6.7	
Shuffle-set 0° perfect dislocation	$BC \rightarrow BC$	3.4	1.0	7.8	
	$BC \to B^T C^T$	3.5	1.2	8.2	
Shuffle-set 60° perfect dislocation	$BD \rightarrow BC + CD$	5.1	6.1	16.3	
	$BD \to B^T C^T + CD$	5.1	6.1	16.3	

reactions by slip transfer mode.

**Table S2. Fitted parameters used in Eq. 10.**  $Q_{\theta}$  is the activation energy at temperature of 0 K and stress of 0 GPa, in eV; **p** and **q** are energy barrier shape parameters;  $\tau_{TB}$  is barrier strength, in GPa.

Types of dislocation	Dislocation reactions equation	Q <sub>0</sub>	р	q	$ au_{\mathrm{TB}}$
Glide-set 30° partial	$B\alpha \rightarrow B\delta + \delta \alpha$	6.9	0.44	0.41	53.7
dislocation	$B\alpha \to B^T \alpha^T + \alpha^T \alpha$	6.7	0.44	0.49	52.1
Glide-set 90° partial	$\alpha D \to A\delta$	3.9	0.43	0.55	37.2
dislocation	$\alpha D \to \alpha \delta + \alpha^T \delta + D^T \alpha^T$	4.6	0.73	1.01	49.3
Glide-set 0° perfect	$BC \rightarrow B\delta + \delta C$	6.2	0.52	0.88	43.7
dislocation	$BC \to B^T \alpha^T + \alpha^T C^T$	10.2	0.62	0.75	31.7
	$B\alpha + \alpha C \rightarrow B\delta + \delta C$	6.9	0.44	0.41	53.7
	$B\alpha + \alpha C \to B^T \alpha^T + \alpha^T C^T$	6.7	0.44	0.49	52.1
Glide-set 60° perfect	$BD \to B\delta + \delta D$	9.9	0.52	0.99	55.3
dislocation	$B\alpha + \alpha D \to \alpha^T D^T + B^T \alpha^T + 2\alpha^T \delta$	6.7	0.44	0.49	52.1
Shuffle-set 0°perfect	$BC \rightarrow BC$	7.8	0.84	1.5	24.1
dislocation	$BC \to B^T C^T$	8.2	0.95	0.96	19.2
Shuffle-set 60°	$BD \rightarrow BC + CD$	16.3	0.43	0.39	47.7
perfect dislocation	$BD \to B^T C^T + CD$	16.3	0.43	0.39	47.7

Table S3. The parameters used to calculate the critical resolved shear stress of slip transfer mode, confined layer slip mode, and paralleled to twin plane slip mode.  $\tau_0$  is the lattice functional stress, in GPa;  $\tau_{\text{TB}}$  is the barrier strength, in GPa; v is Poisson's ratio; *G* is shear modules, in GPa; *b* is the magnitude of Burgers vector, in nm; *p* and *q* is are activation energy shape parameters for shuffle-set 0° perfect dislocation penetration twin plane;  $\theta$  is angle between slip plane and twin plane, in degree; *d* is the grain size, in nm.

Parameters	$\tau_0$	$\tau_{TB}$	ν	G	b	р	q	$\theta$	d
	10.3	19.2	0.078	540	0.25	0.95	0.96	70.5	20