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NONLINEAR EFFECTS IN MATERIALS UNDER IRRADIATION

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Materials under irradiation

Problems of the radiation materials science are of both fundamental and technological importance in the fields of nuclear materials, space applications, nanotechnologies, modification of the material properties and so on.

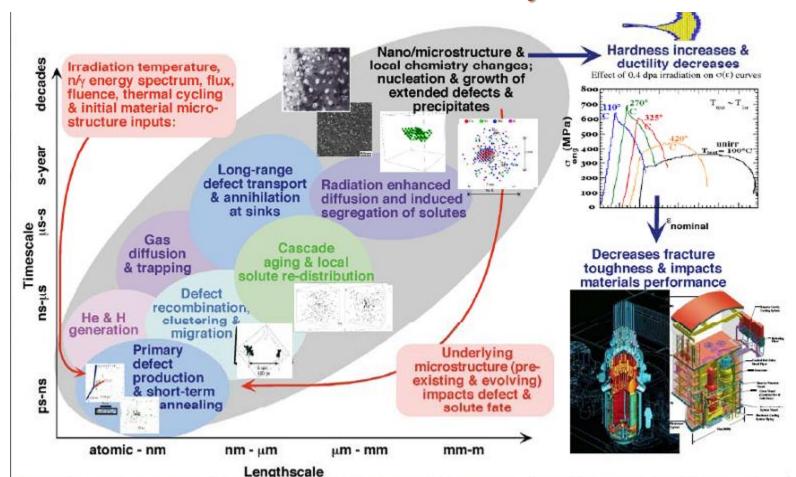


- □ All properties of material are changed under irradiation Mechanical, Thermal, Electric, Magnetic and so on
- New effects arise under irradiation
 Surface effects
 Different excitations and heating
 Dimensional changes
 Effect of long-range action
 Irradiation induced phase transformation
- □ Radiation damage as evolution of a nonlinear complex system

 Formation of new structures

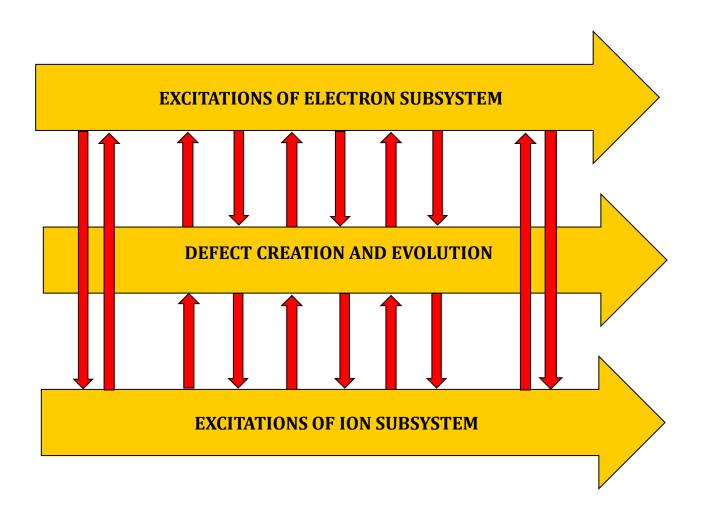
 Complex time evolution of defect structures under irradiation

Materials behavior is inherently multi-scale



Radiation damage produces atomic defects and transmutants at the shortest time and length scales, which evolve over longer scales to produce changes in microstructure and properties through hierarchical and inherently multiscale processes

Influence of irradiation



Radiation effects

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Phenomena
of the radiation effects are
  open,
      non-equilibrium,
             synergetic,
                multi-scale,
                   non-linear
        and
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stochastic

Radiation effects

There are still a lot of phenomena, which cannot be explained in the conventional frameworks:

- passage of heavy fast ions that cause treks,
- interaction of slow multi-charged ions with surface,
- sub-threshold effects,
- long-range effects,
- radiation-induced diffusion,
- self-organization of defects and complex time evolution of defect structures under irradiation

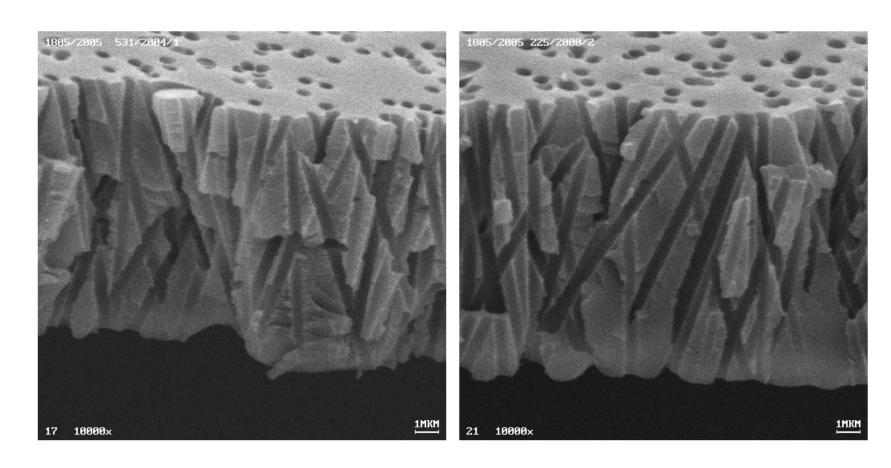
We need more sophisticated multi-disciplinary methods to deal with these problems.

Radiation effects

The mechanisms distinguish the field of radiation effects from the field of classical materials science:

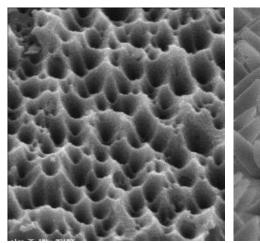
- 1. Formation of self-interstitial atoms
- 2. New types of radiation-induced excitations in electron and ion systems
- 3. <u>Interaction of these radiation-induced excitations with "static" crystal defects.</u>

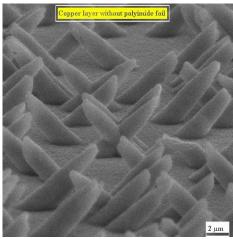
Structure of tracks

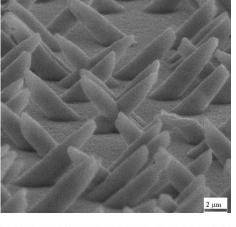


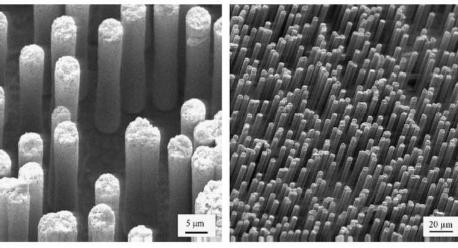
□ SEM data: track membrane with pore size of 0.4 um, Skuratov V., Dubna

Nano-structure formation by means irradiation









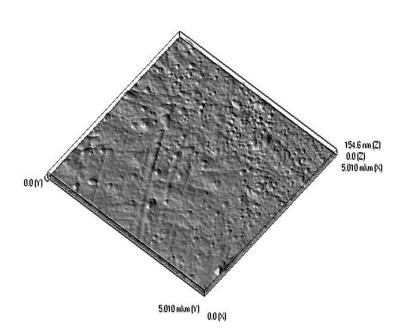
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Structure of surface after irradiation

Ni 41%Cr, 600C

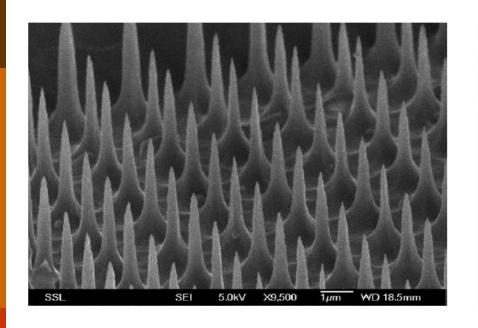
Before irradiation

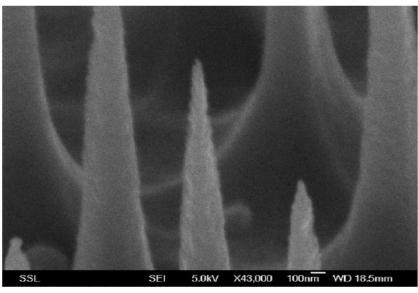


Kulikova N.V., Khmelevskaya V.S., Bondarenko V.V., Obninsk, 2009

After irradiation

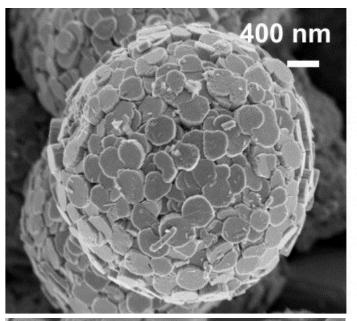


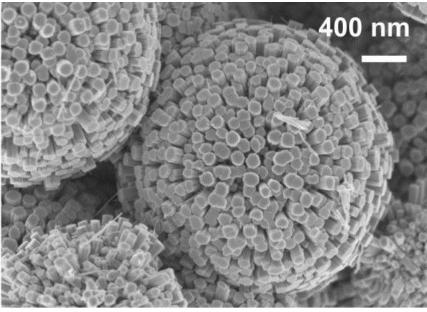


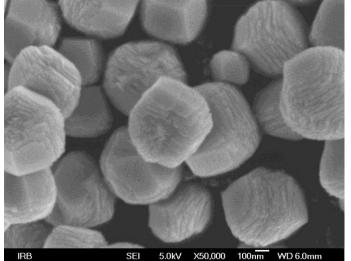


- Align the [100] crystal plane to the beam direction
- Regular array of nanotips
- Each spike measuring 2 μm has a 10nm radius of curvature

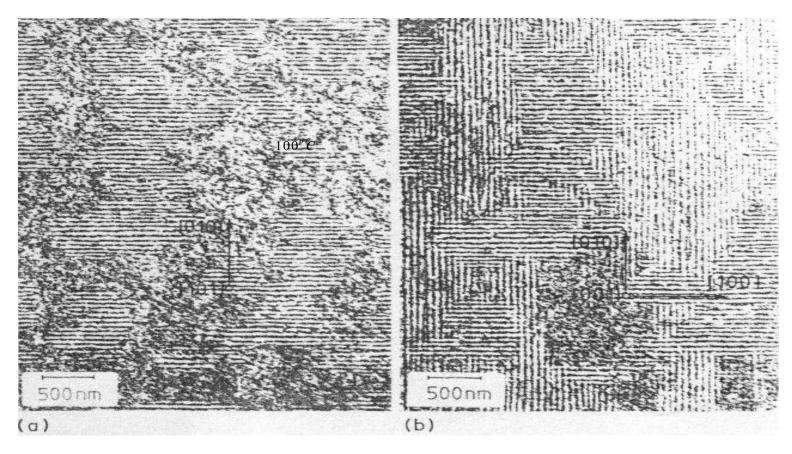
Structure formation



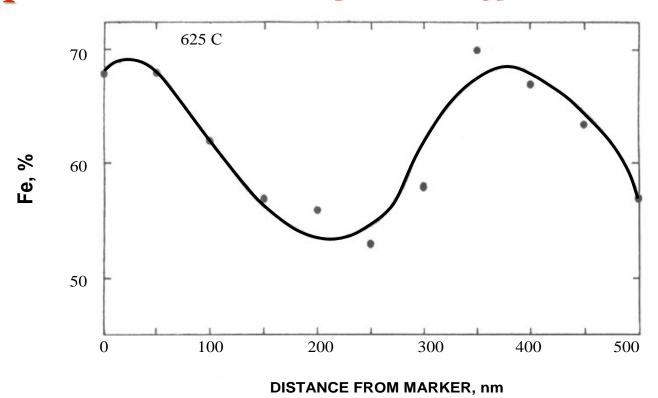




Formation of second phase segregations (separation of chemical element or point defects from main matrix) in multi-component systems under irradiation

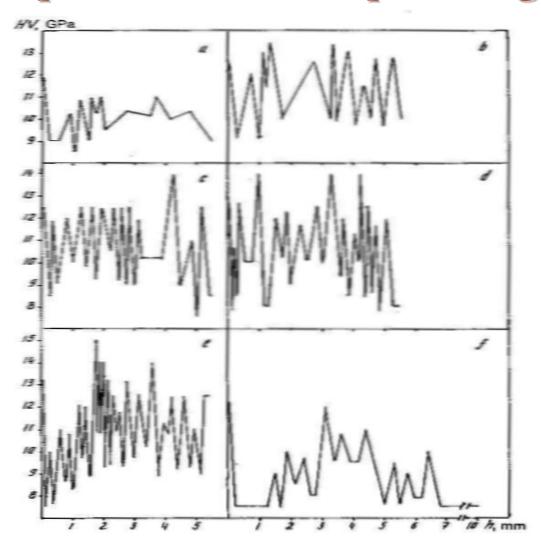


Formation of planar periodic walls of defects in 3 MeV proton-irradiated copper (100°C, 2 dpa. Imaging is in the {110} projection in (a) and in the {100} projection in (b) – Walgraef D., Ghoniem N.M. Nonlinear dynamics of microstructure under irradiation // Phys. Rev.. 1995. V. B52. P. 3951-3962



Oscillation of iron level in **Fe-35Ni** irradiated to **117** dpa by 5 MeV **Ni**⁺ ions at 625C°.

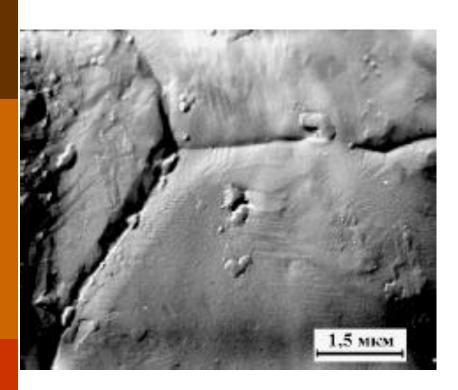
Garner F.A., Brager H.R., Hamilton M.L., Dodd R.A., Porter D.L. New developments in irradiationinduced microstructural evolution of austenitic alloys and their consequences on mechanical properties // Radiat.Eff. - 1986. - V.101. - P.37-53.

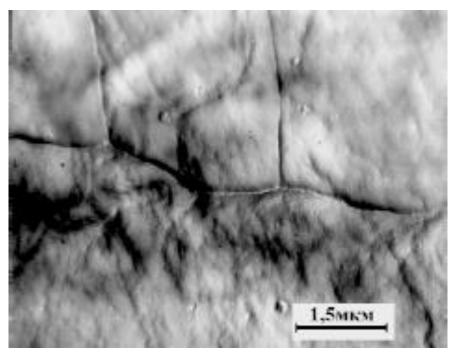


Microhardness vs depth in electron irradiated WC-steel (40 J/cm²) at different number of pulses a - 3, b - 6, c, f - 10, d - 20, e - 50.

S.F. Gnjusov, Yu.F. Ivanov, D.I. Proskurovskiy, V.P. Rotshteyn Pisma v ZhTF, 1999, v. 25, N30, p.30-59

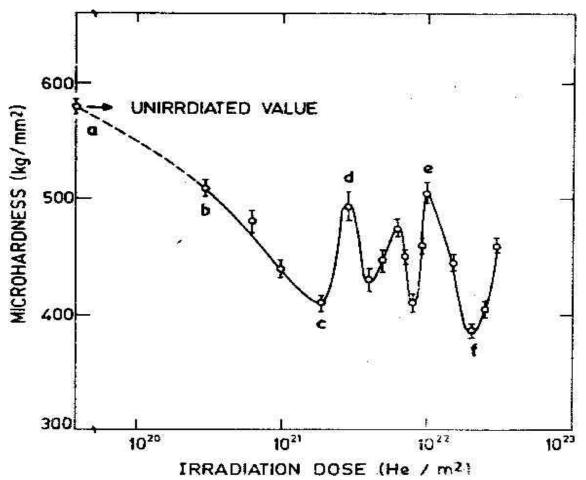
Long-range effects under ion irradiation



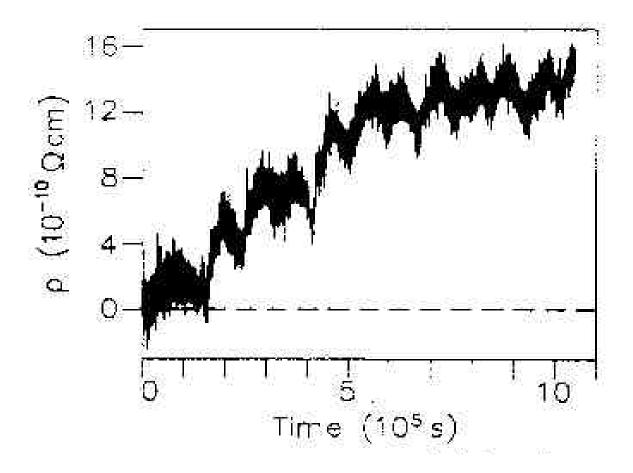


On depth of the zone of modification of properties (hardening) of materials under irradiation at $t < 100 \,^{\circ} c$ with low-energy plasma of the glow discharge. Microstructure of alpha-Fe in the annealed state before (left) and after (right) irradiation. Formation of dense dislocation networks around grain boundaries can be seen far away from the irradiated surface

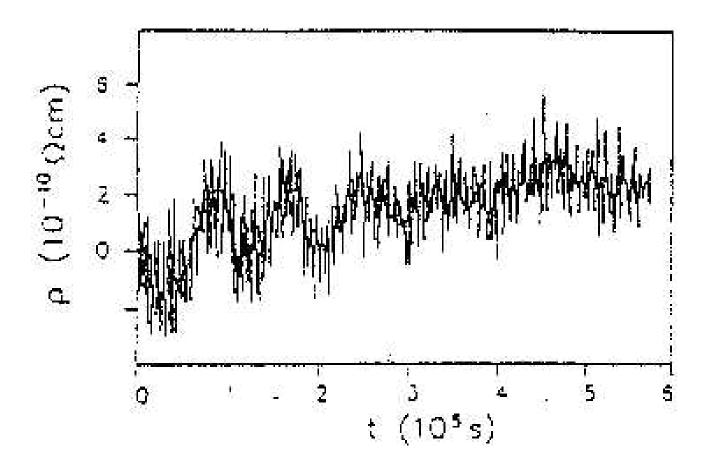
Y.V. Kunchenko, V.V. Kunchenko, G.N. Kartmazov NSC Kharkov Institute of Physics and Technology, Kharkov, Ukraine



Variation of microhardness as a function of **50** keV Helium ion irradiation dose on Nimonic **90** containing γ-precipitates (~300K) Varatharajan K., Nandedkar R.V. Microhardness-microstructure study of aged nimonic 90 irradiated with helium // Effects of Radiation on Materials. R.E.Stoller Edr. - Philodelphia, 1989. - P.263-270

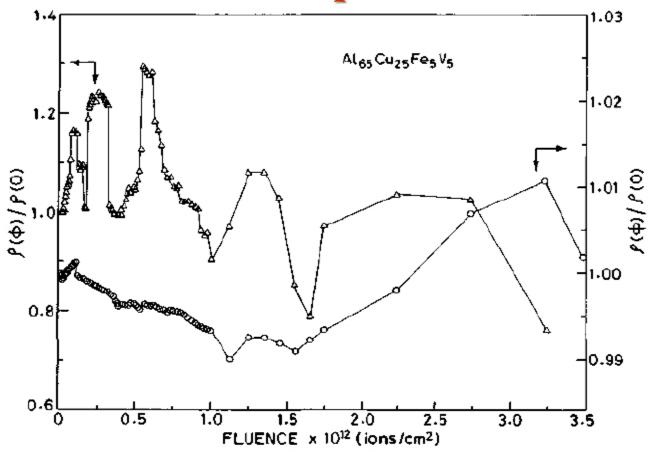


Oscillations of the electrical resistivity of electron irradiated copper ($T=-80^{\circ}C$, $\Phi=2.24~\mu A \cdot cm^{-2}$, 2.2 MeV) Schule W. Radiation-enhanced diffusion due to interstitials and dynamic crowdions // J. Nucl.Mater. - 1996 - V.233-237. - P.964-968.

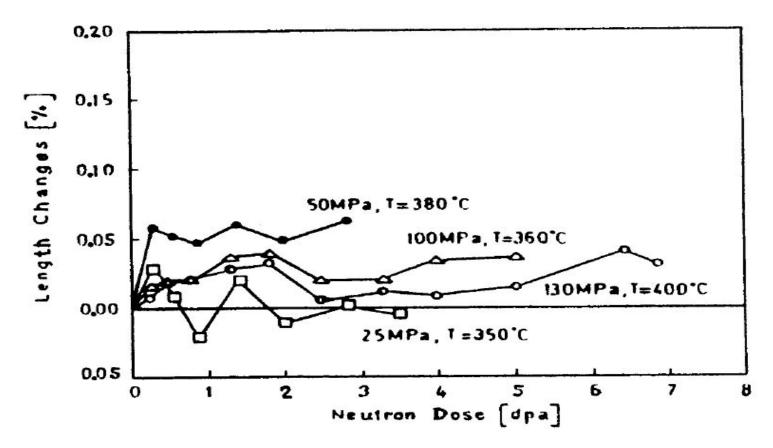


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Experimental facts: temporal effects

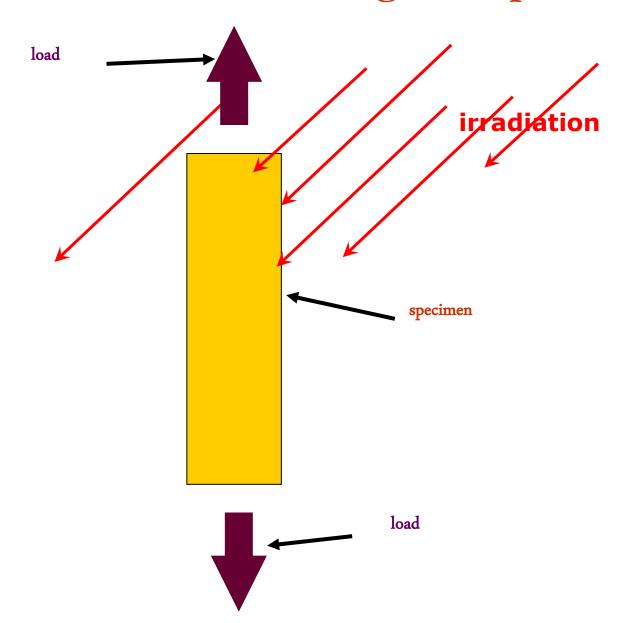


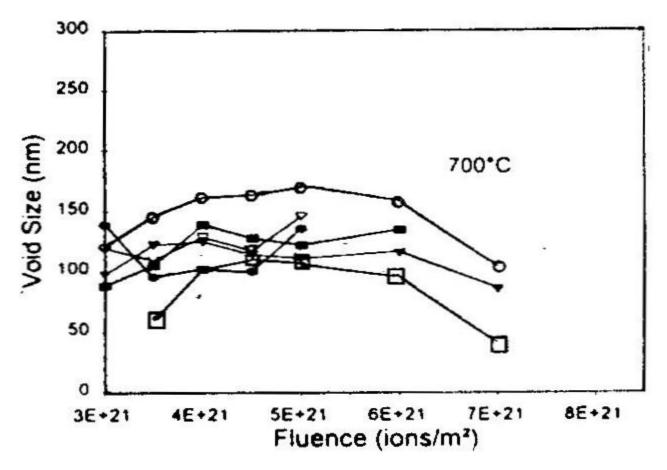
Oscillations of relative resistance R.Chatterjee, A.Kanjilal, A.Dunlop, U.Tiwari, J.M.Ramillon The observation of oscillatory behaviour in swift heavy ion irradiated quasicrystals. Solid State Communications I20(2001) 289-293



Oscillations of the length of steel specimens *versus* the neutron irradiation dose. Schule W., Hausen H. Neutron irradiation creep in stainless steel alloys// J.Nucl.Mater.-1994. - V.212-215.-P.388 – 392

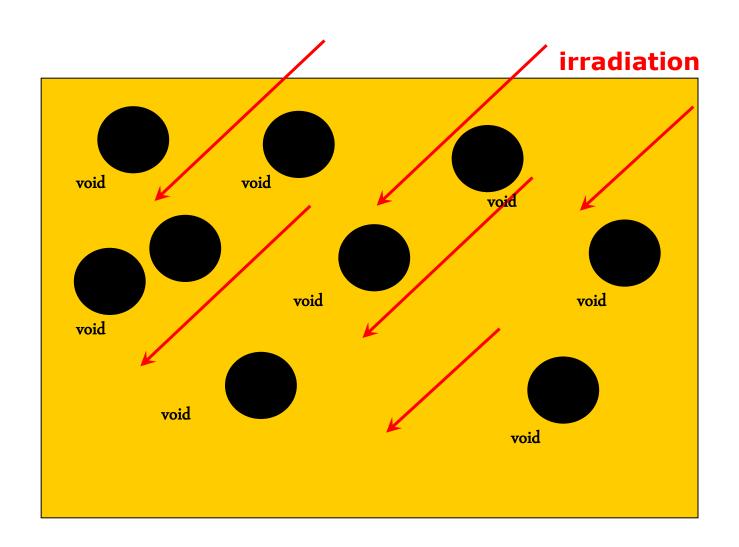
Creep: oscillation of the length of specimen





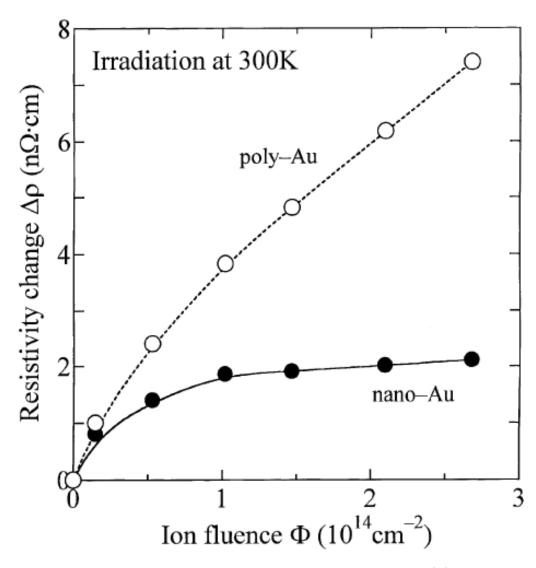
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Swelling: self-oscillation of void size





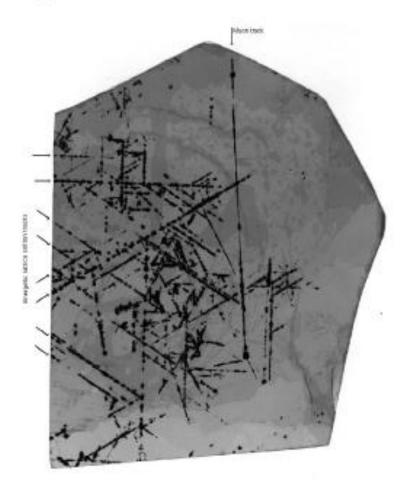
Nanocrystalline gold



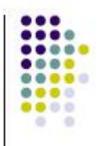
The relative change in electrical resistivity of nanocrystalline gold compared to polycrystalline depending on the dose of 12C with energy of 60MeV

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Quodons in mica moscovite



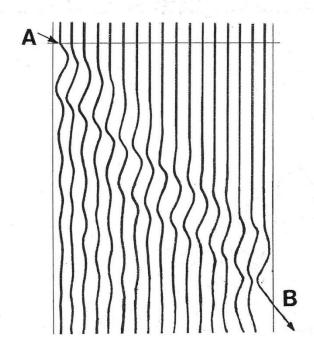
Black tracks: Fe₃O₄



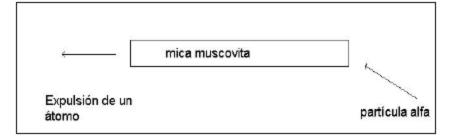
Cause:

- 0.1% Particles:
 - muons: produced by interaction with neutrines
 - Positrons: produced by muons' electromagnetic interaction and K decay
- 99.9% Unknown ¿Lattice localized vibrations: quodons?

Europhysics Letters 78, 10004, 2007.



Sputtering



Trayectories along lattice directions within the K+ layer

Evidence for moving breathers in a layered crystal insulator at 300K FM Russell and JC Eilbeck, Europhysics Letters 78, 10004, 2007.

Ejection of atoms at a crystal surface caused by energetic breathers which have travelled more than 10⁷ unit cells in atomic chain directions. The breathers were created by bombardment of a crystal face with heavy ions. This effect was observed at 300K in the layered crystal muscovite, which has linear chains of atoms for which the surrounding lattice has C2 symmetry.

