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High-Energy Ball Milling: a powerful technique for the synthesis of new alloys and nanostructured materials

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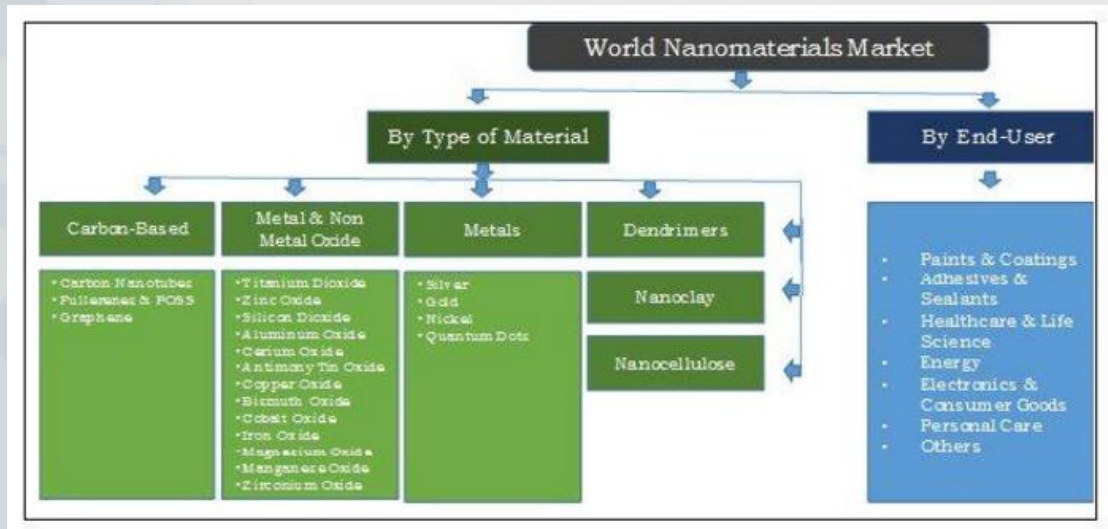


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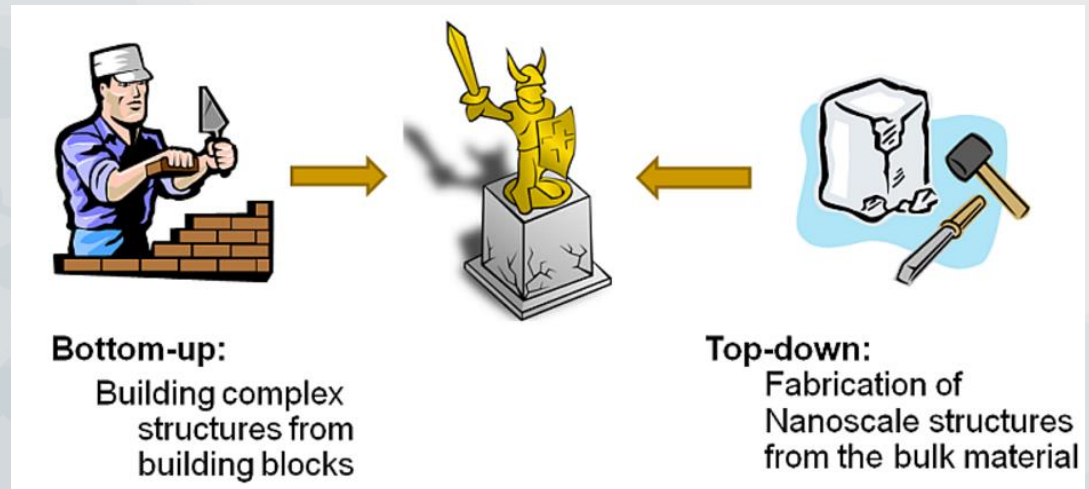


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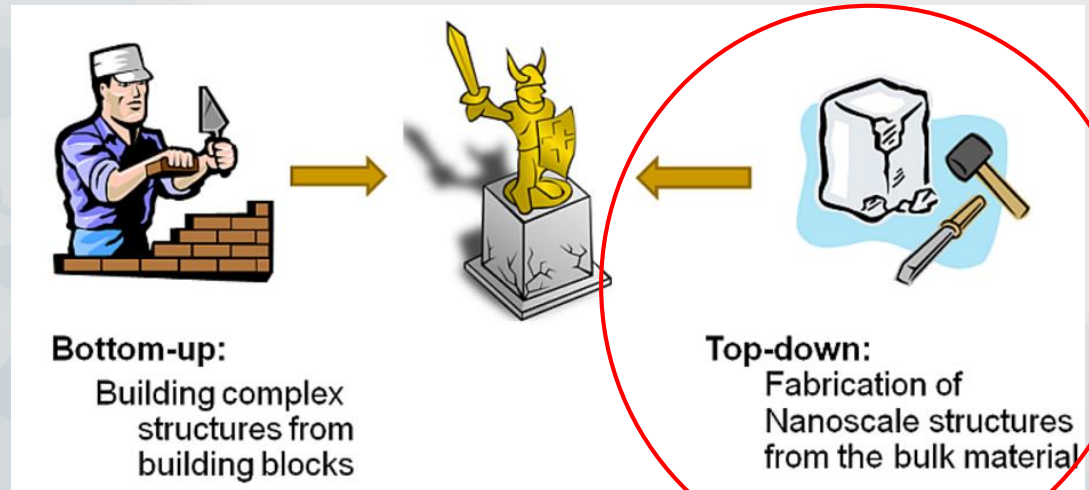
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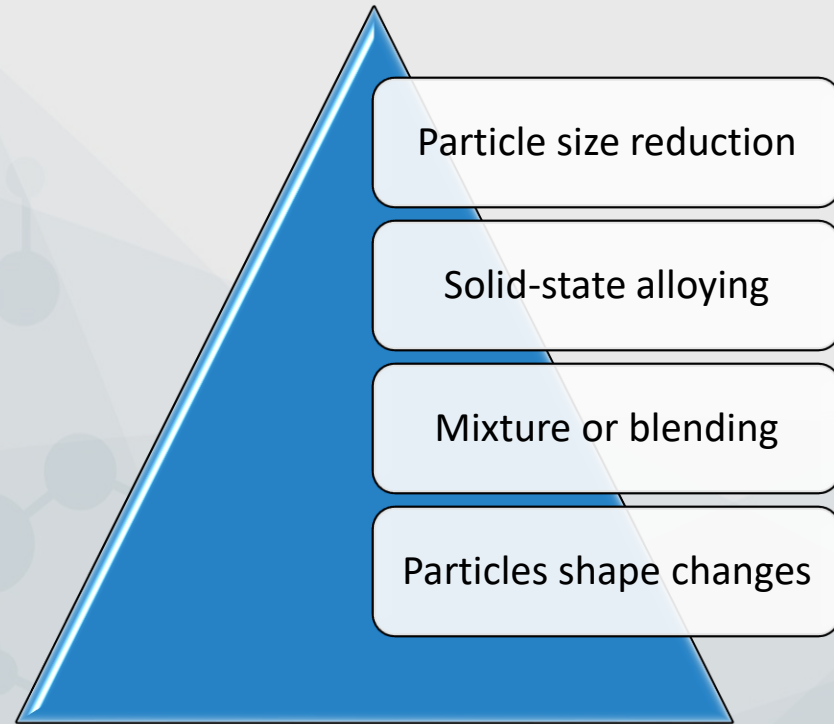


Mechanical Milling

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Milling Applications

- Minerals Processing
- Ceramics Processing
- Powders Metallurgy



Main Objectives¹

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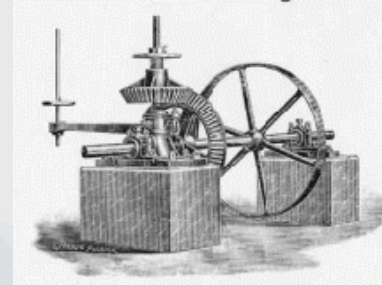
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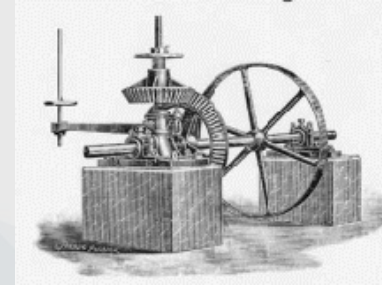
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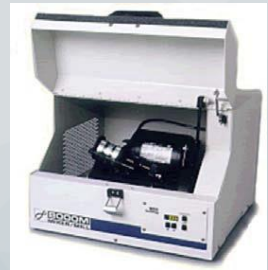
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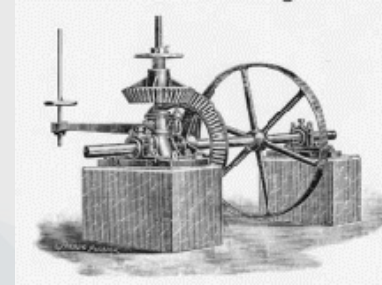
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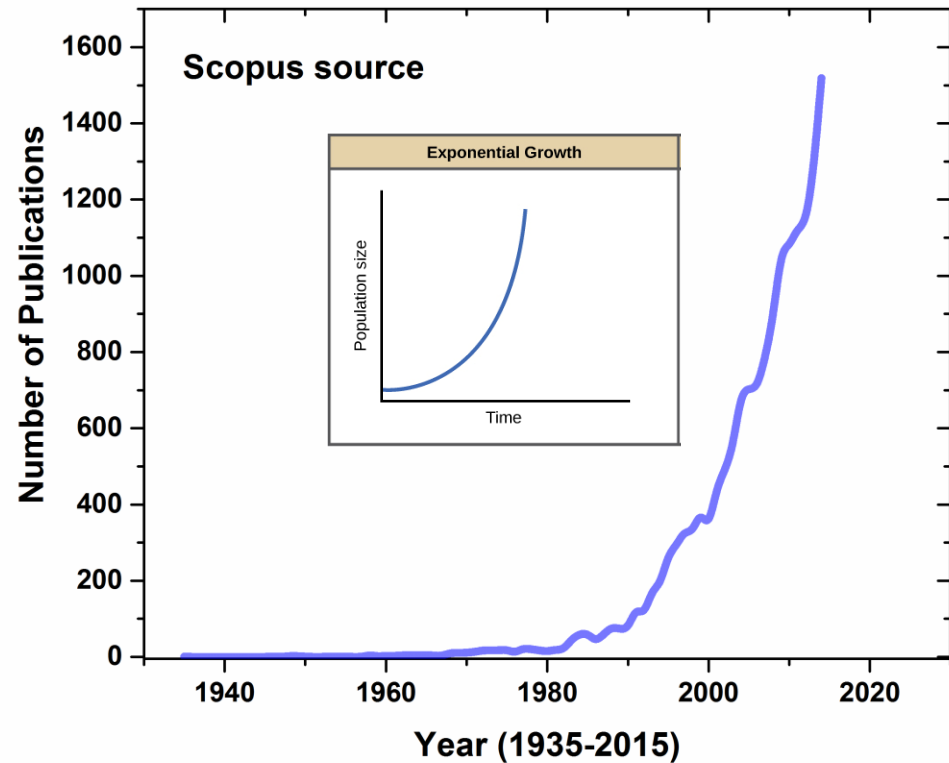
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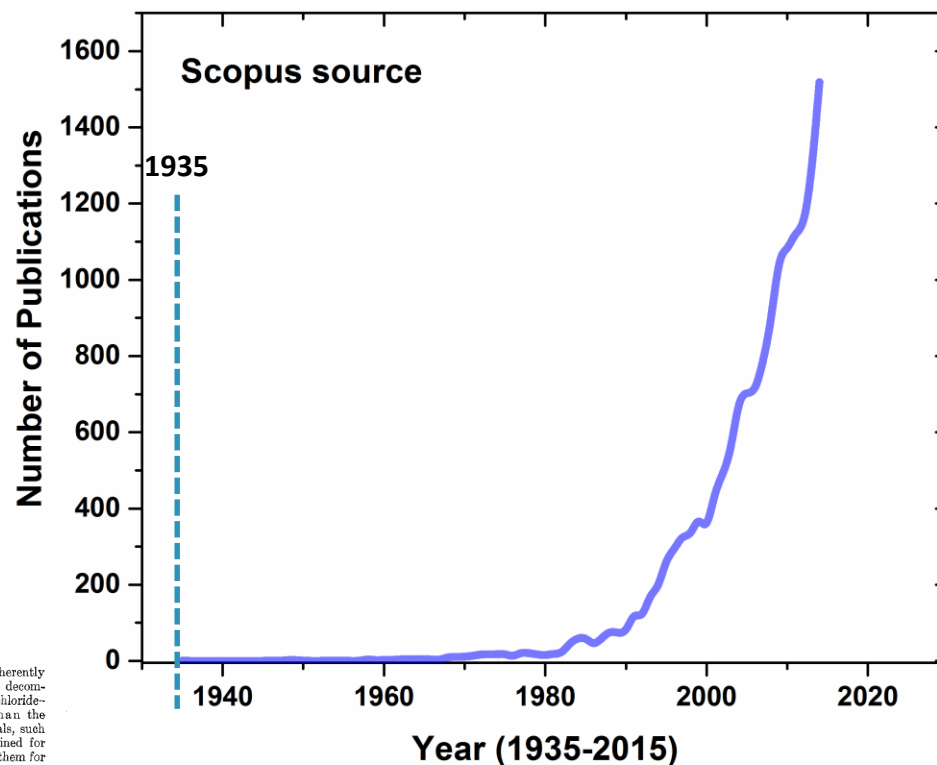
Notes on the J. Lawrence Smith Fusion

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AS MANY prominent analysts continually fail to agree on the alkali content of rocks, minerals, refractory substances, and the like, and report different results on one and the same material after preliminary treatment by the J. Lawrence Smith method of fusion, it has been thought worth while to describe some of the experiences met in the Norton Company Research Laboratories with the J. Lawrence Smith treatment of difficultly attackable materials, in the hope that the results may lead to some improvement of the method as now standardized.

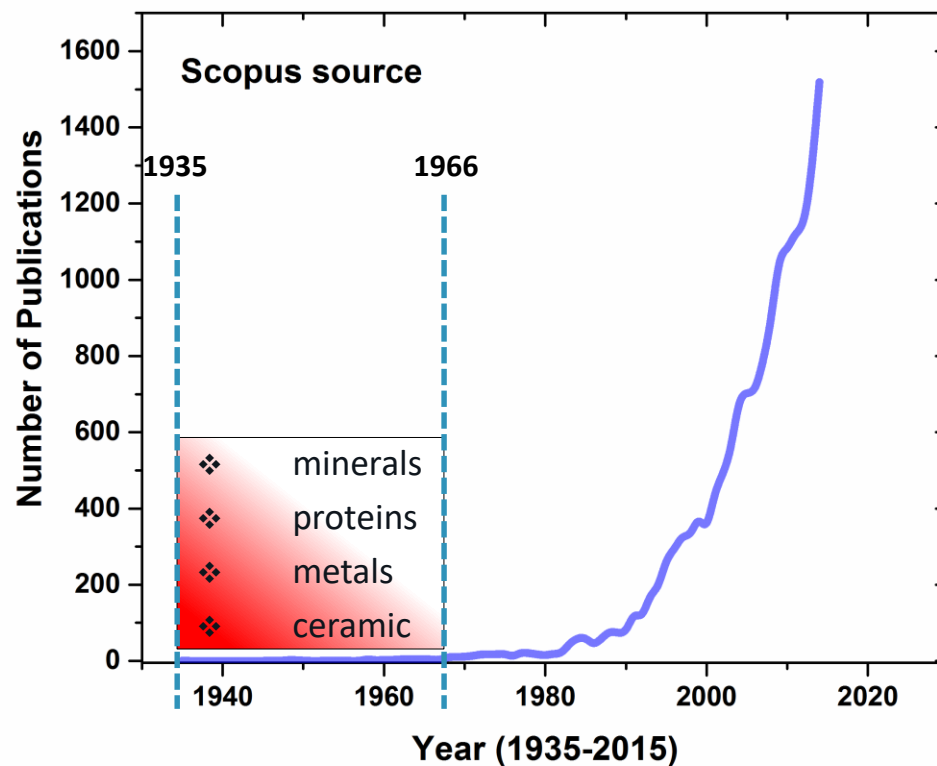
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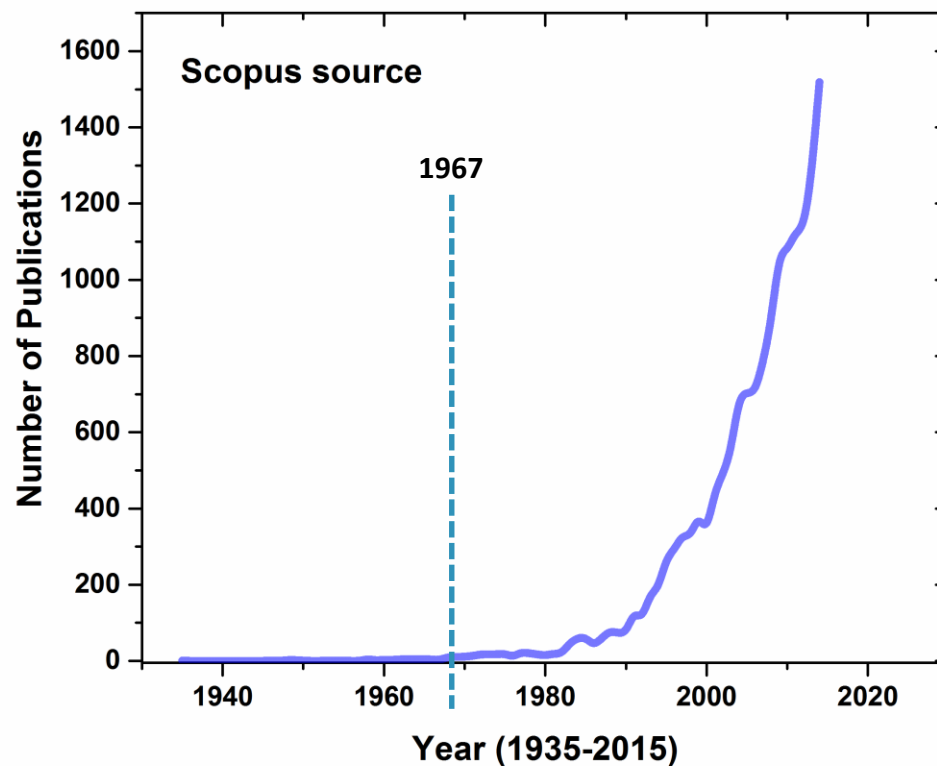
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Abstract

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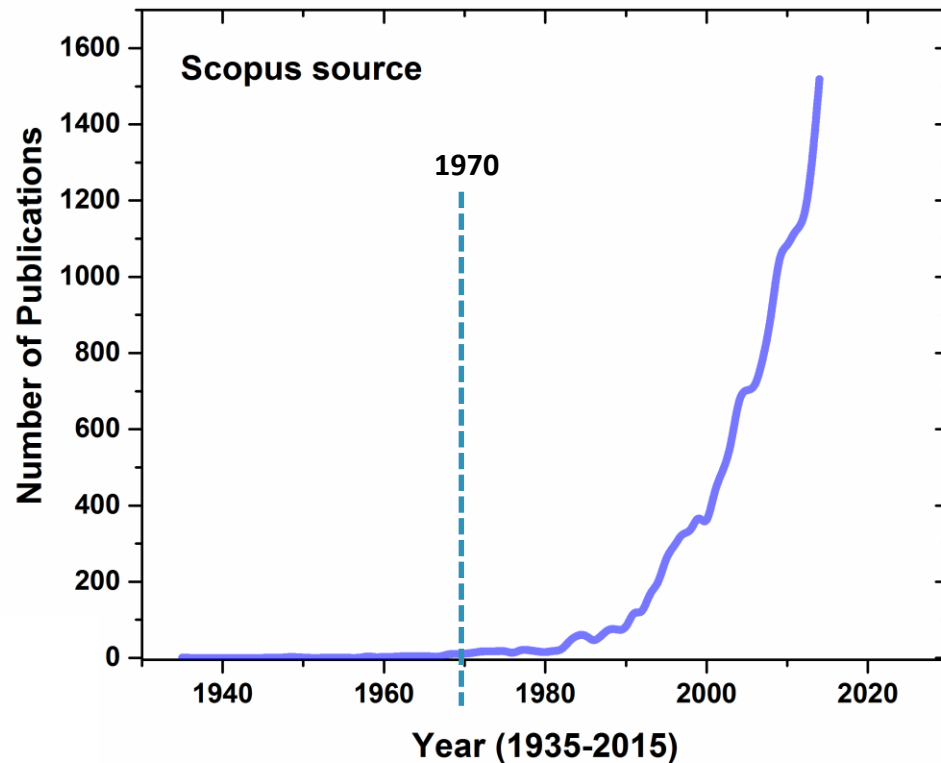
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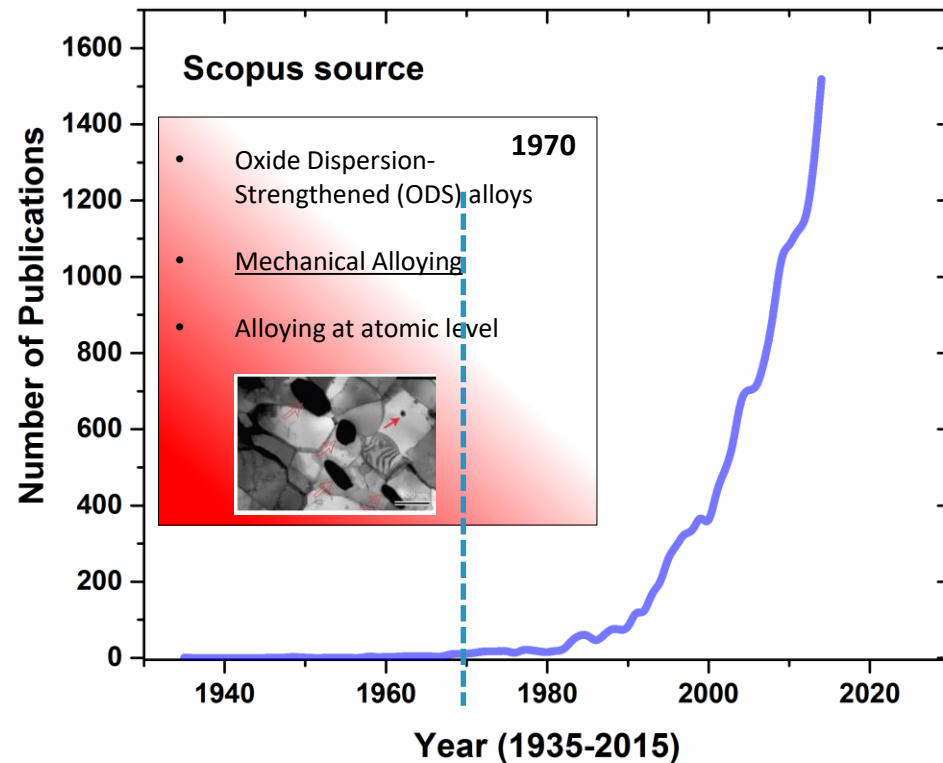
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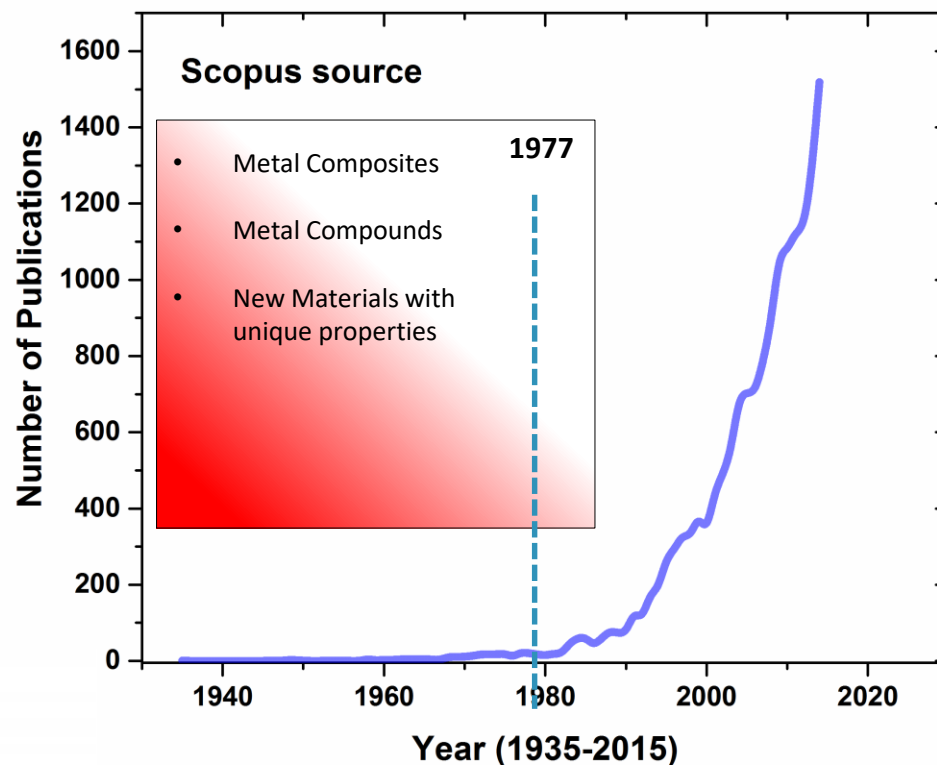


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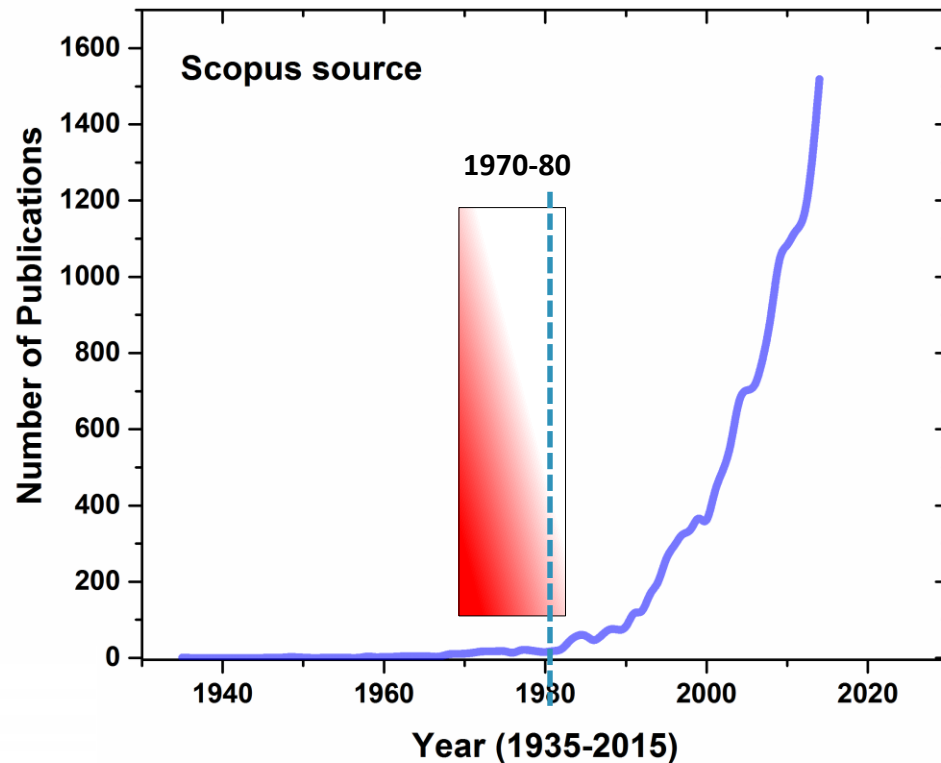


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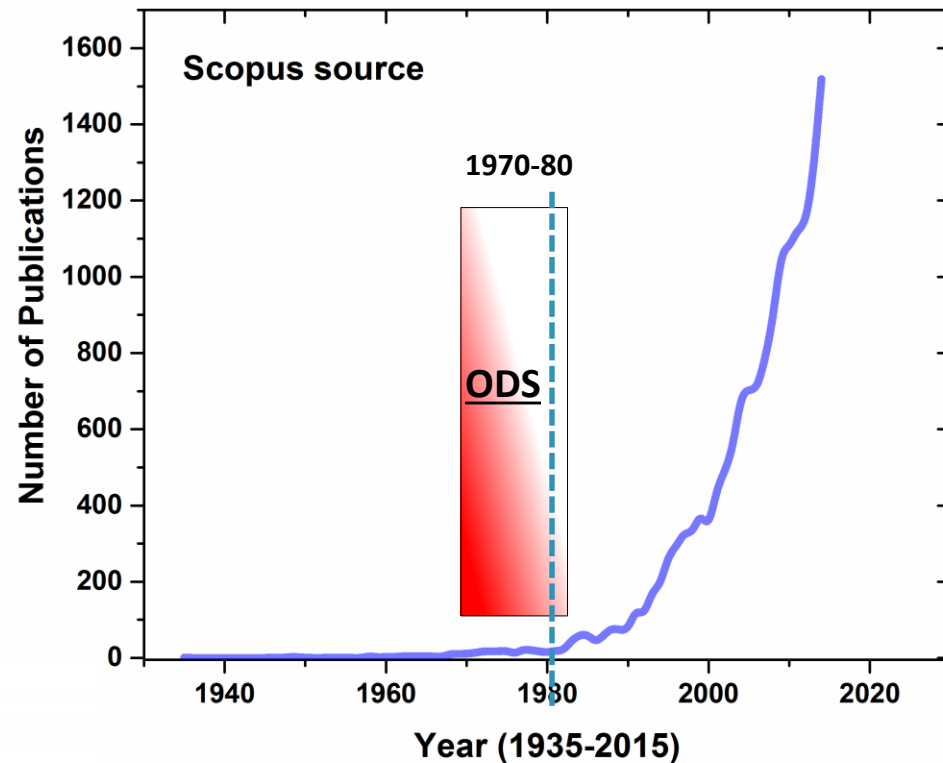


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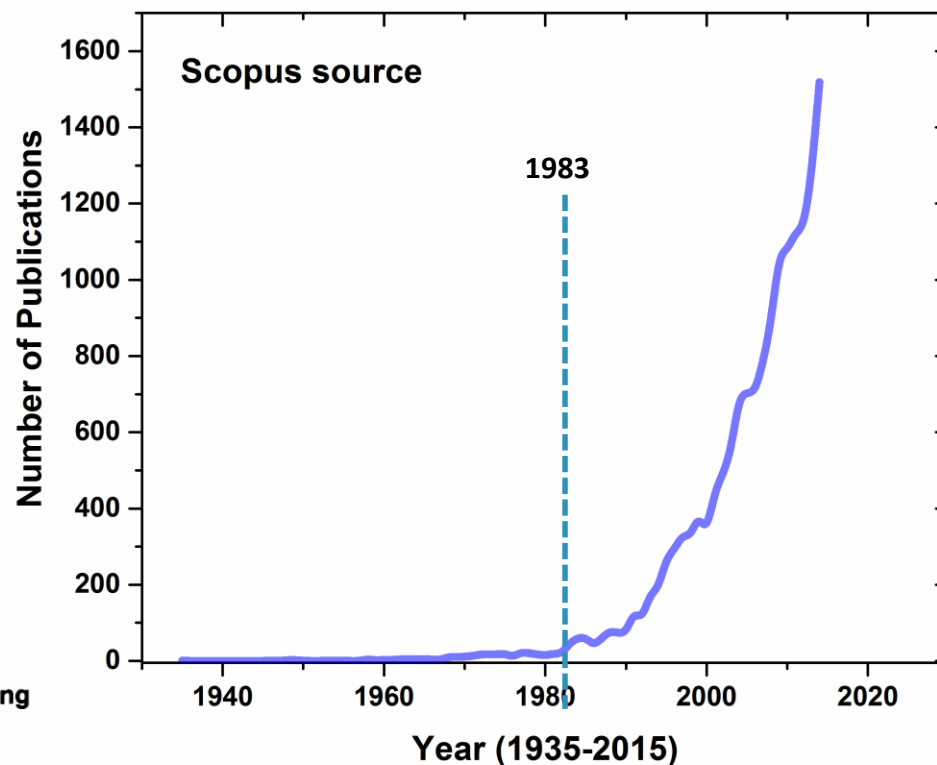
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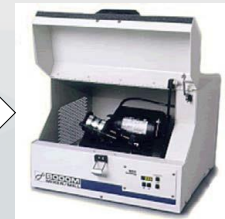
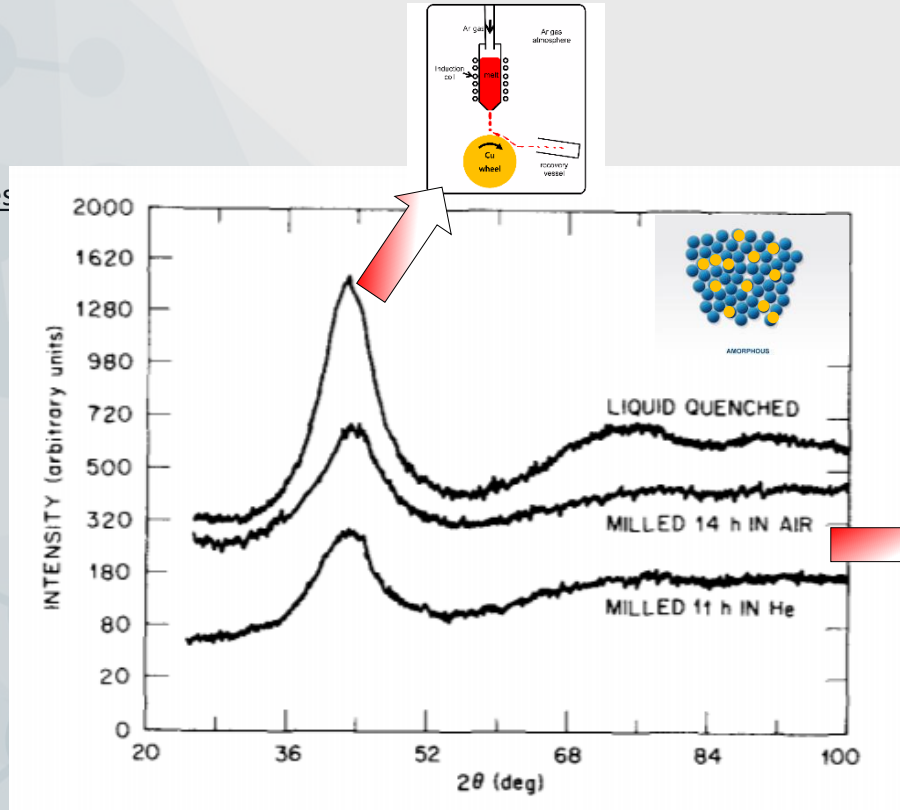
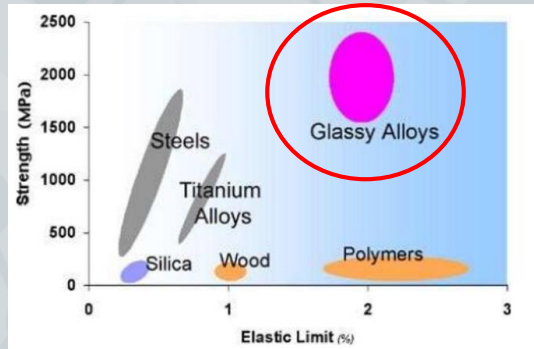
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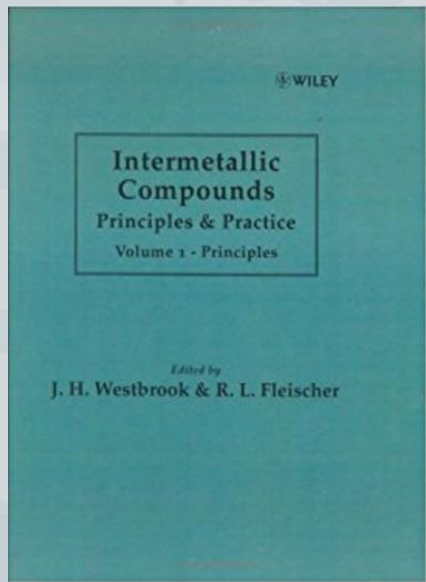
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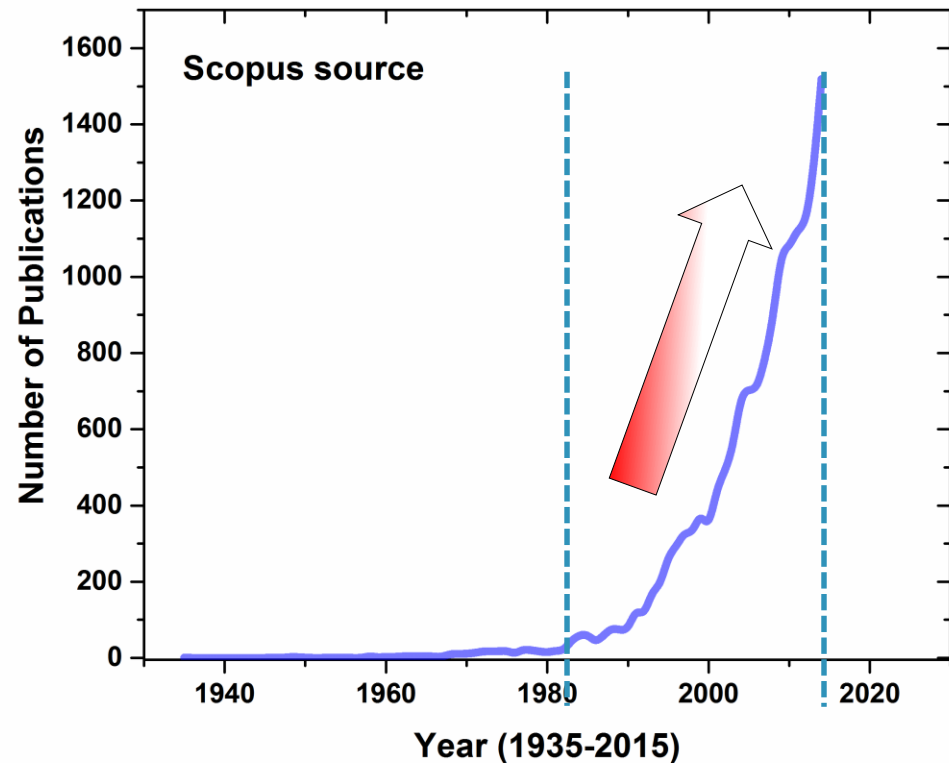


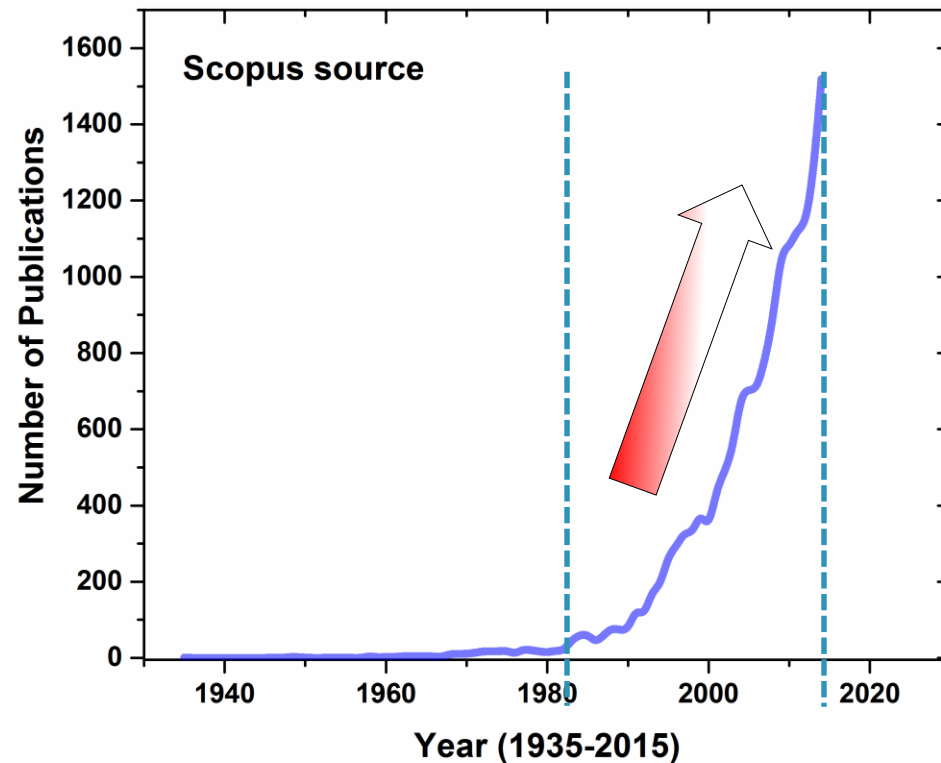
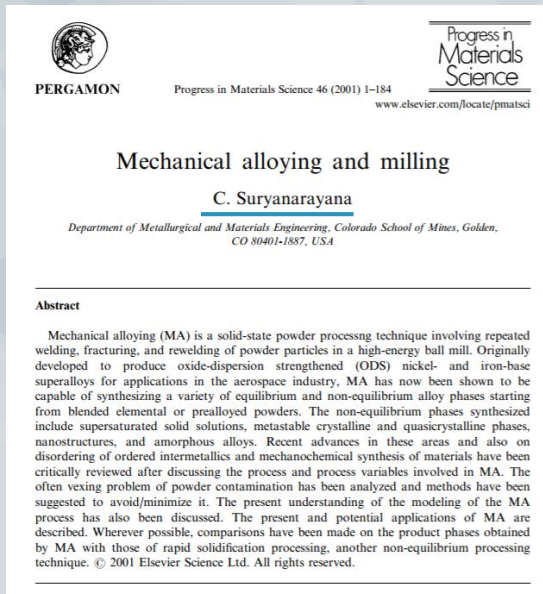
Solid State Amorphization (SSA)

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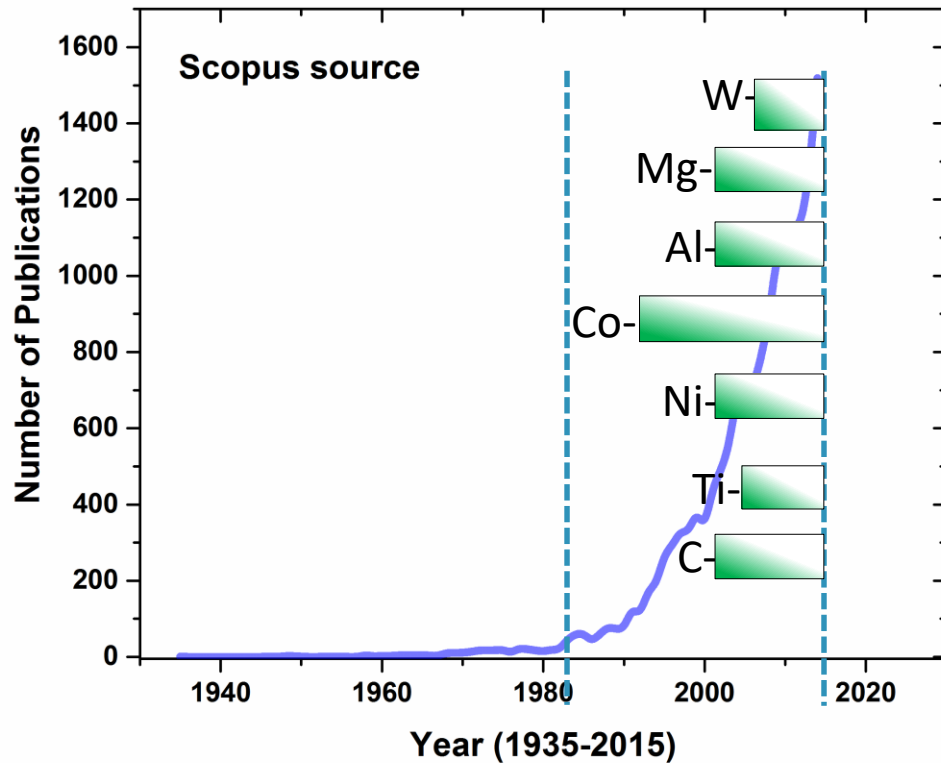
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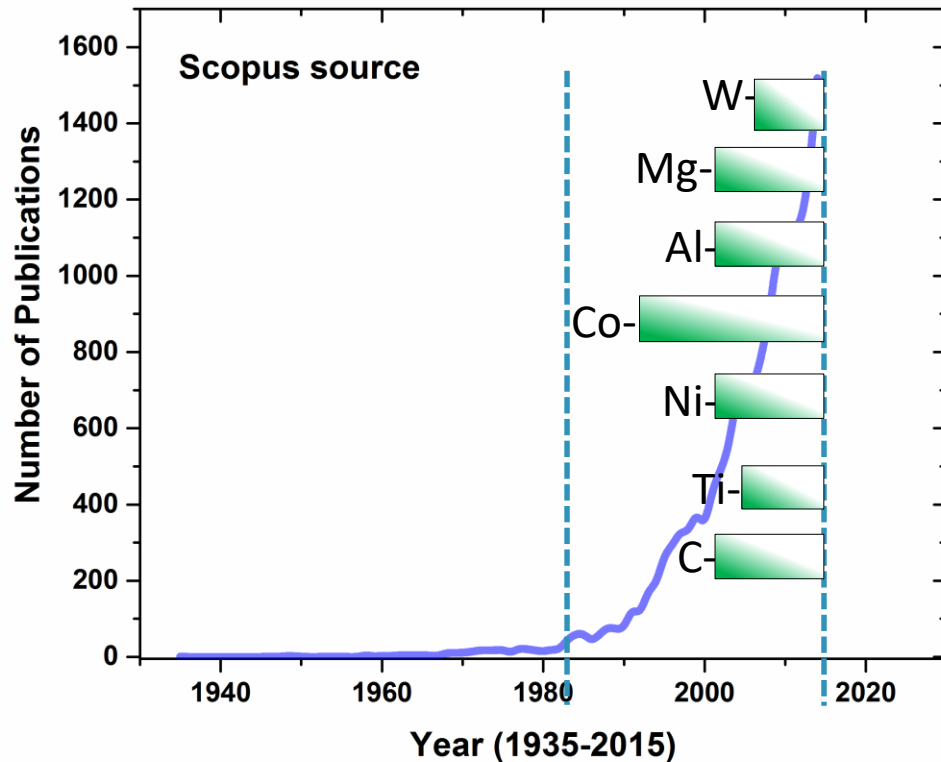
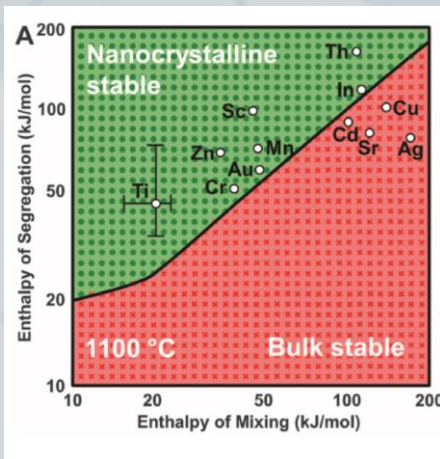


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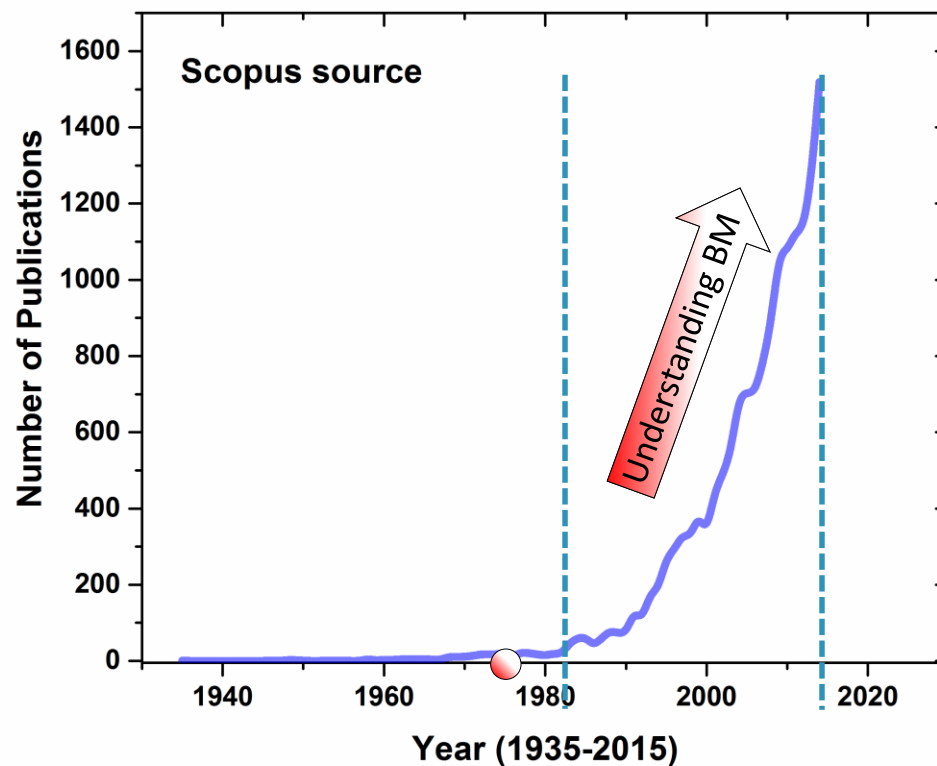


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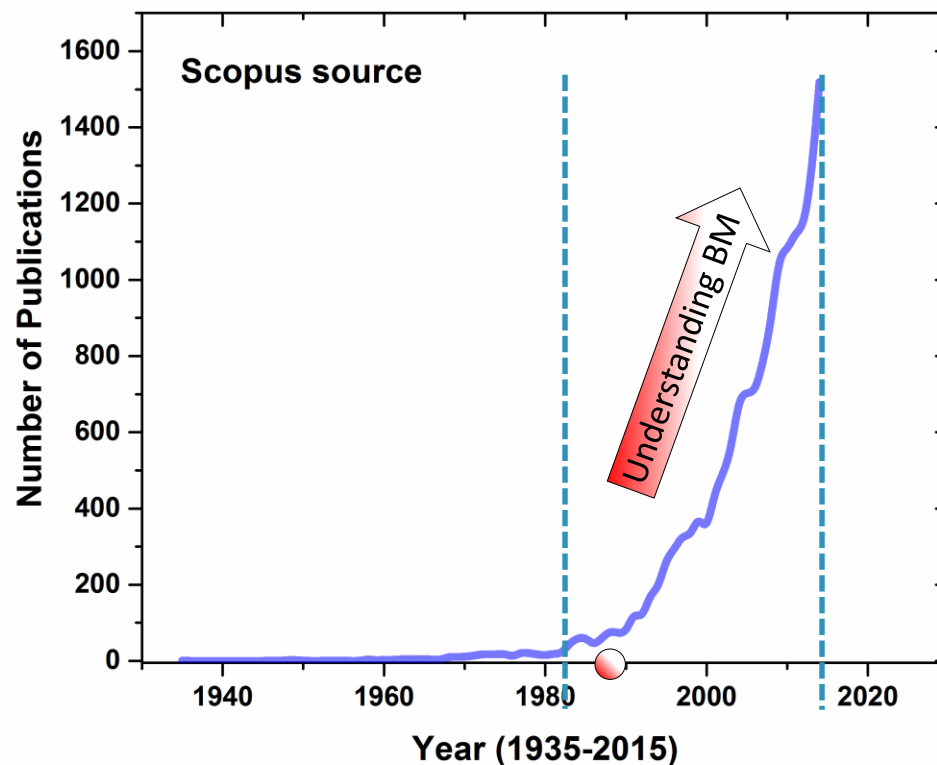
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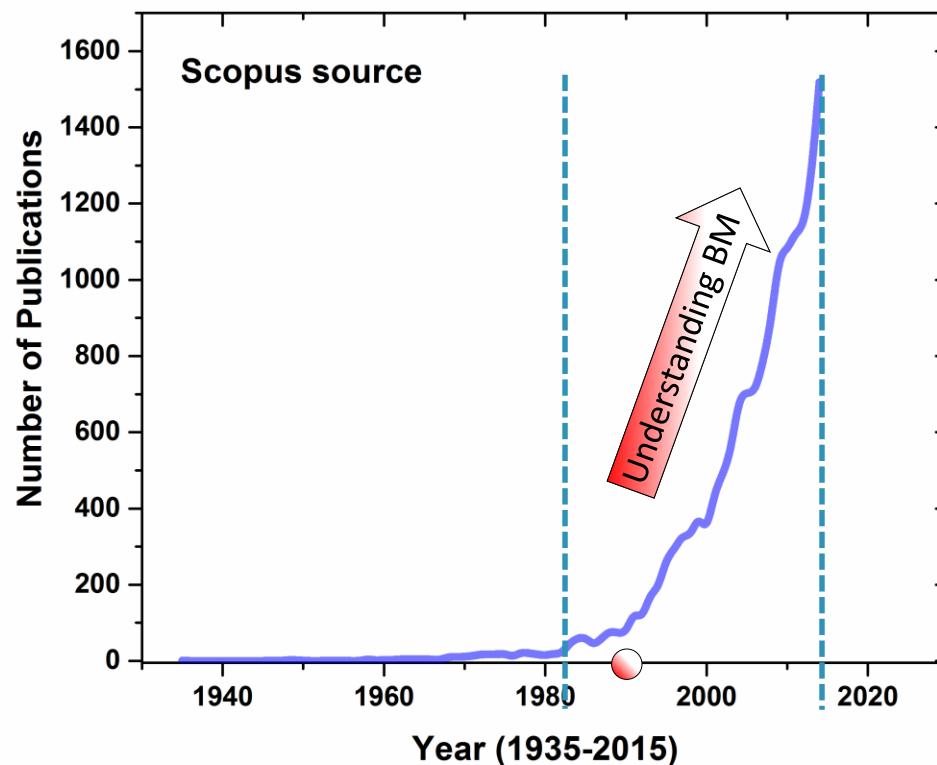
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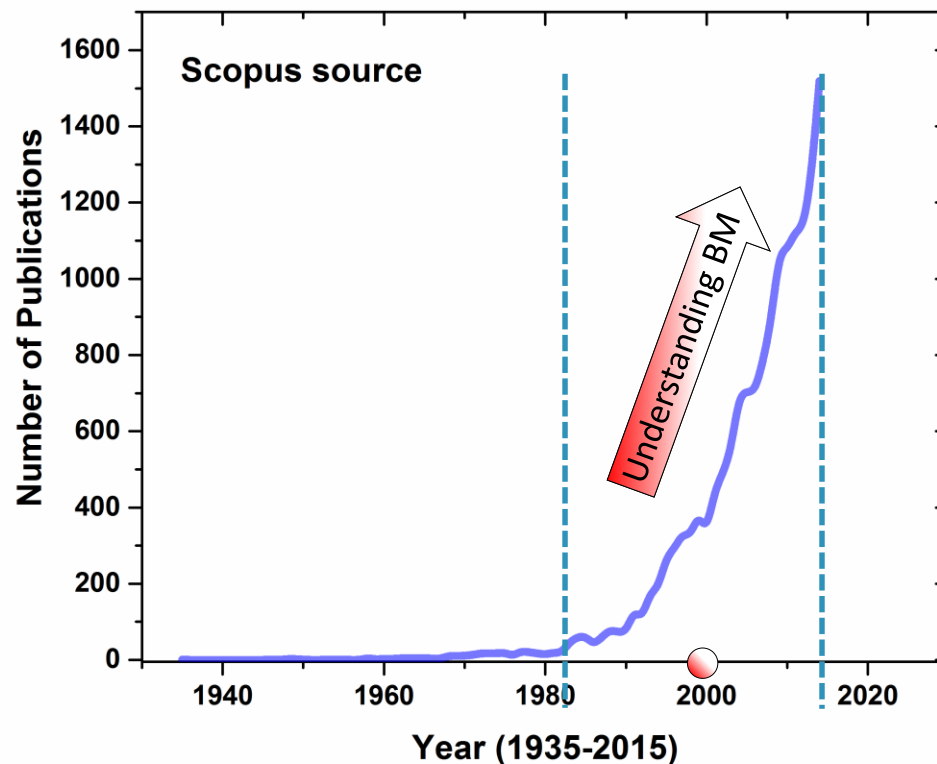
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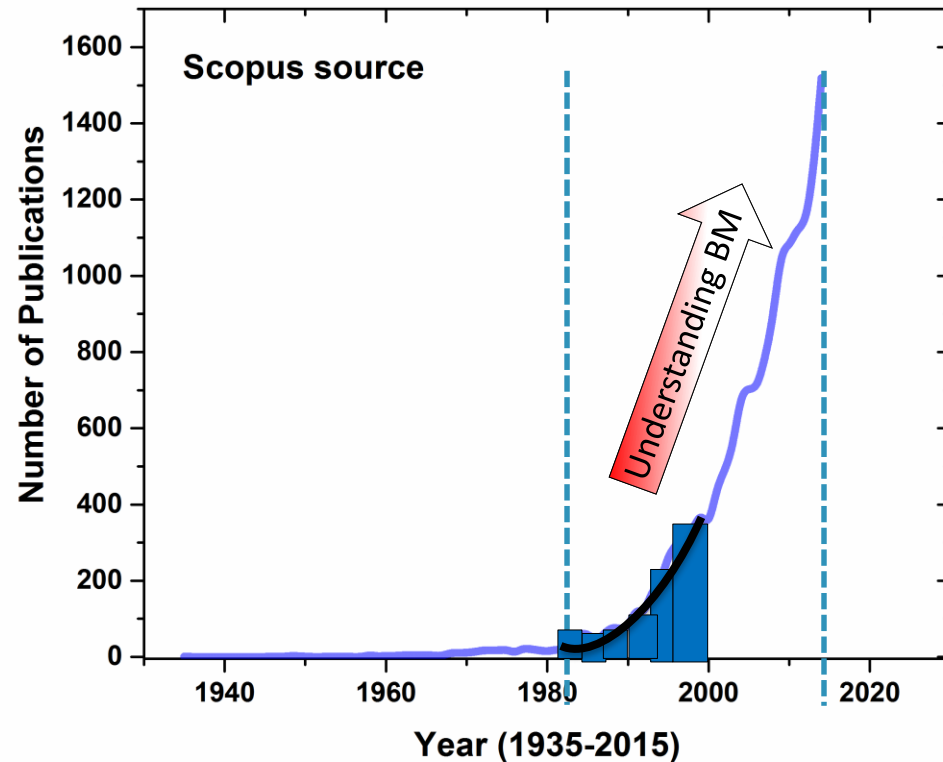
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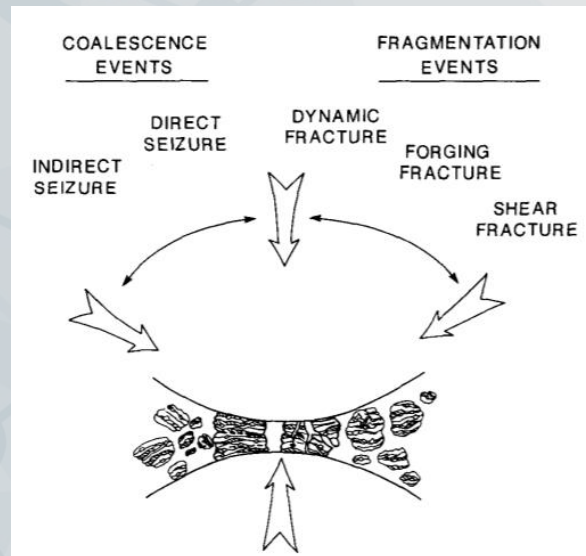
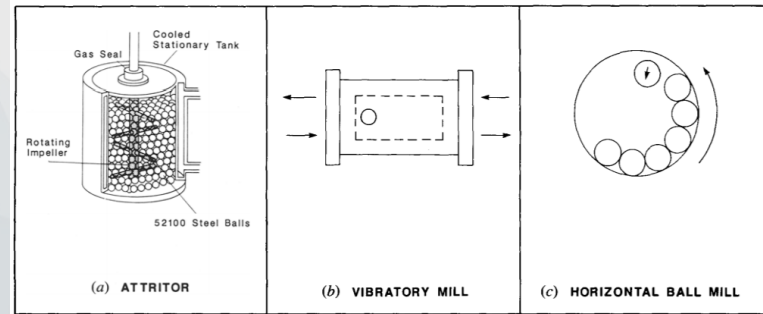
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- Friedrich Wilhelm Ostwald (2 September 1853 – 4 April 1932)
- Nobel Laureate in Chemistry - 1909
- In 1887, he coined the term “mechanochemistry”, as a part of physical chemistry as thermochemistry, electrochemistry, or photochemistry

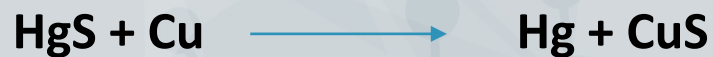


Mechanochemistry is the chemistry in which the thermodynamic state variables and functions of a given chemical system, including at least one solid phase, change in response to the effects of non-hydrostatic mechanical stresses, and of the resulting plastic strain.

- 3rd century BC - Theophrastus of Eresus
– De Lapidibus (On Stones)



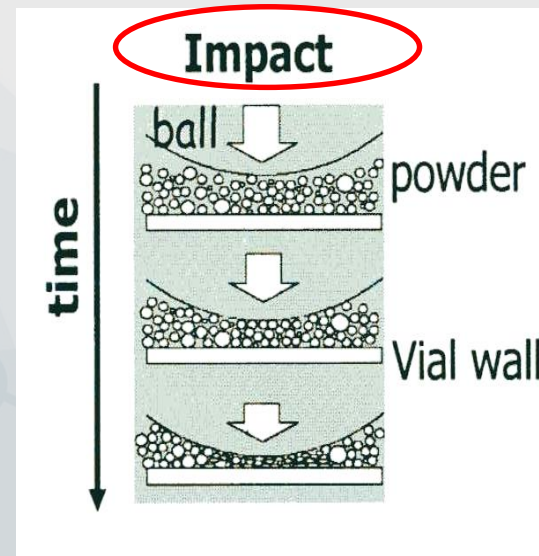
Reduction of Cinnabar



L. Takacs, The historical development of mechanochemistry, Chem. Soc. Rev., 2013, 42, 7649

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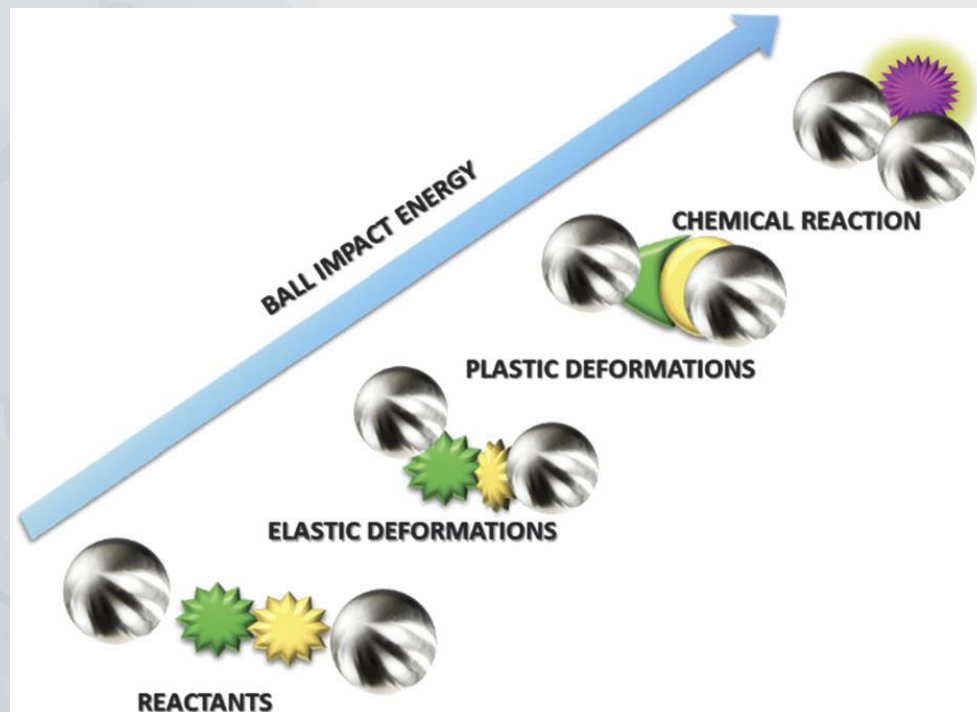
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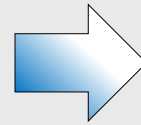
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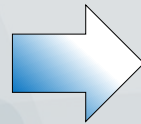


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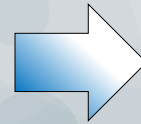
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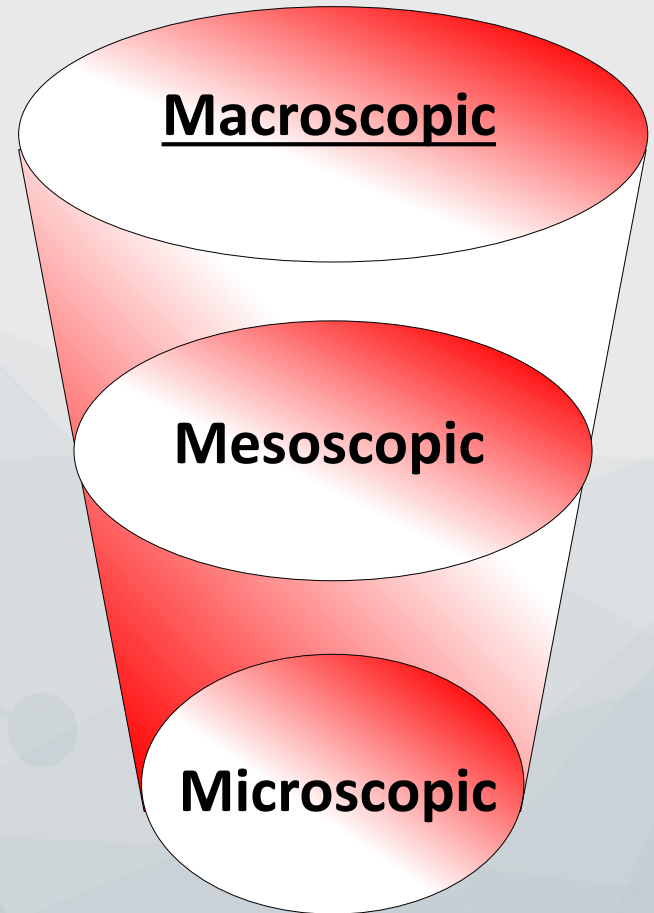
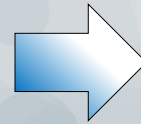
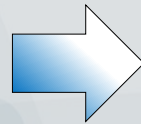
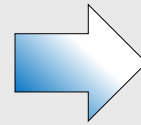
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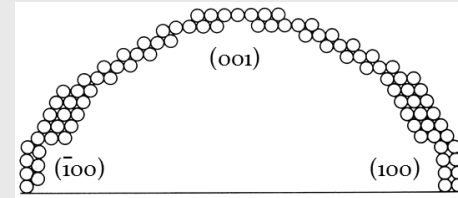
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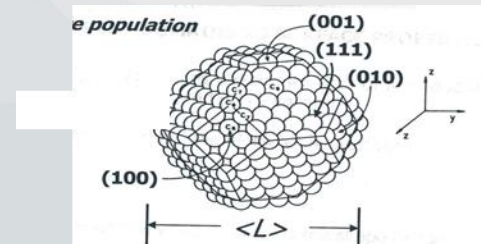
- **Surface chemistry**

Dissociative chemisorption properties
(Geometric and Electronic Factors)



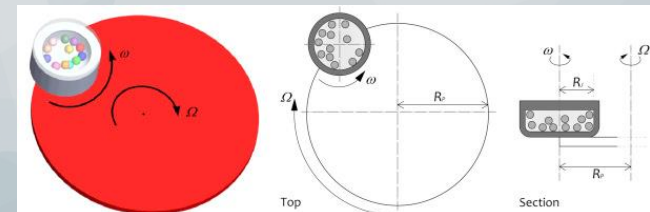
- **Microstructure**

Well-established characterization
routines for highly defective fine
powders



- **Milling dynamics**

Control of the milling parameters



Parameters connected to milling intensity

Extensive Factor

Impact Energy, E

$$E [\text{Joule}] = \frac{1}{2} m (v_b + v_v)^2$$

Intensive Quantity

Collision Frequency, N_f

$$[\text{hit s}^{-1}]$$

Milling Intensity, $I = EN_f$
[Watt]

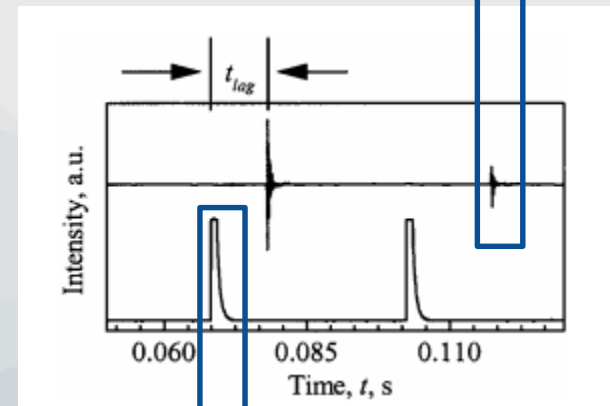
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Piezo transducer

Magnetic sensor

Collision ball - flat base vial



Vial in extreme position

G. Cocco, F. Delogu, L. Schiffini, Journal of Materials Synthesis and Processing, 2000, 8, 167-180

For heterogeneous catalysis

Conventional Turnover Frequency

$$TF \left(\frac{\text{mol}}{\text{at s}} \right) = \frac{r}{m_p S_{sp} n_s}$$

A **Mechanochemical turnover Frequency, MTF**, can be obtained by considering the mass fraction processed at the impact, m_{hit} , and the impact frequency, N

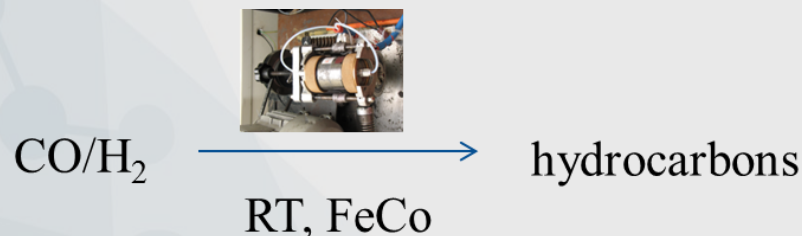
$$MTF \left(\frac{\text{mol}}{\text{at} \cdot \text{hit}} \right) = \frac{r}{m_{p,i}^{hit} S_{sp,i} n_{s,i}} \cdot \frac{1}{N}$$

MTF gives the number of molecules transformed per hit per surface atom of the active phase, i

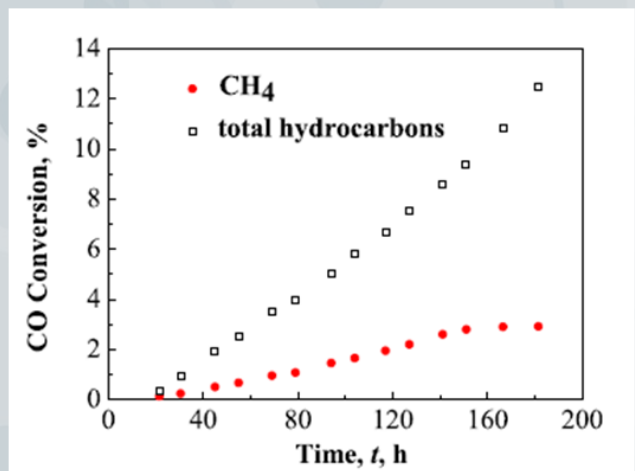
$$MT_E \left(\frac{\text{mol}}{\text{at J}} \right) = \frac{r}{m_{p,i}^{hit} S_{sp,i} n_{s,i}} \cdot \frac{1}{N} \cdot \frac{1}{E}$$

MT_E is the instantaneous yield per surface atom of the active phase, i

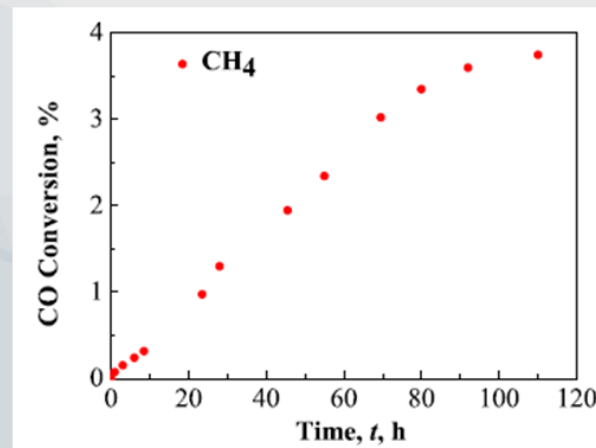
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$(\text{Fe}_{50}\text{Co}_{50})$



$(\text{Fe}_{50}\text{Co}_{50})/\text{TiO}_2$



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Sample	TOF $\left[\frac{\text{molecules}}{\text{atoms} \times \text{s}} \right]$	MTOF $\left[\frac{\text{molecules}}{\text{atoms} \times \text{hit}} \right]$	MT _E $\left[\frac{\text{molecules}}{\text{atoms} \times \text{s}} \right]$
Fe ₅₀ Co ₅₀	3.44×10^{-6}	9.51×10^{-6}	0.14
(FeCo)/(TiO ₂)	1.76×10^{-6}	4.8×10^{-2}	0.69

Mechanically Activated

MTOF
(300 K)

4.8×10^{-2}

Thermally Activated

TOF
(400 K)

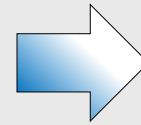
13.8×10^{-3}

MTOF is of the same order of magnitude of TOF measured for the similar system activated by thermal treatment

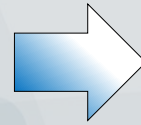
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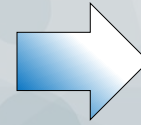
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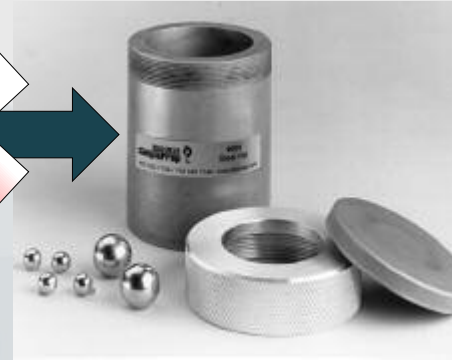
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*No real information about mechanism of reaction: crystal 1 + crystal 2 = crystal 3 + crystal 4.
For instance, what is a mechanism of mass transfer?*

How can we characterize the mechanism of the mechanically induced reaction?



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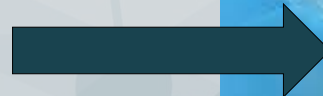


Stainless steel

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Stainless steel



Quartz



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This protocol results good for achieving macroscopic mechanism



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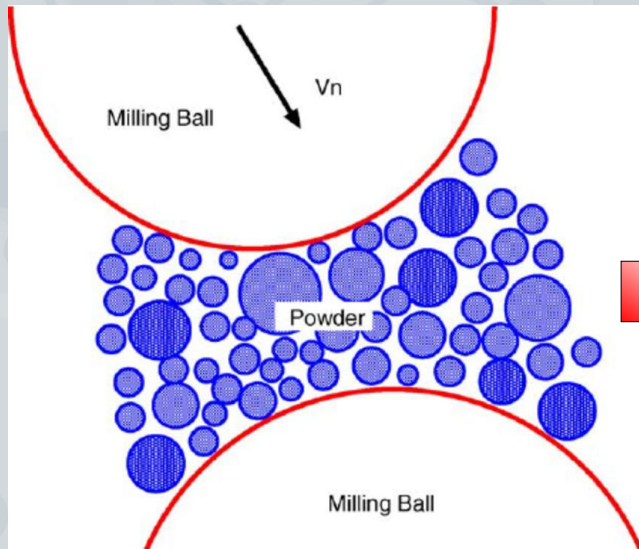
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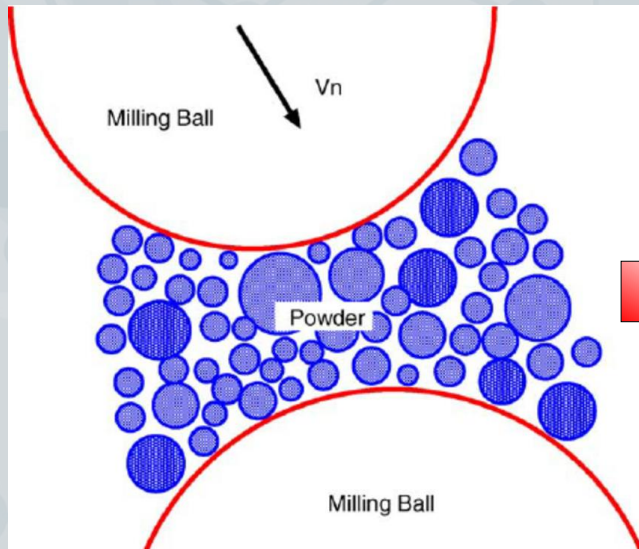
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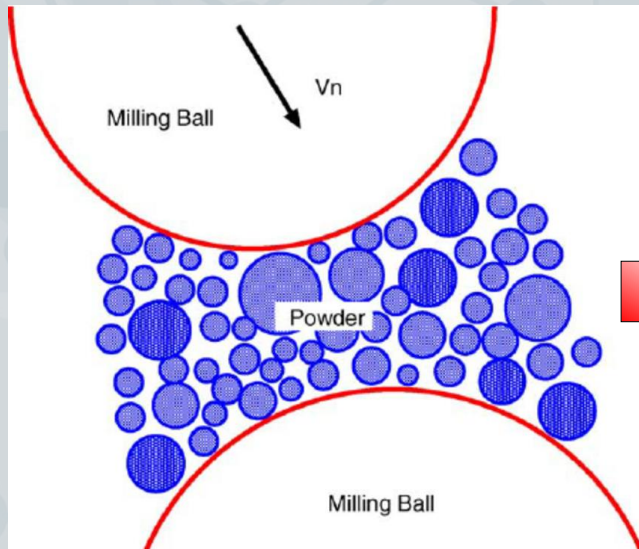


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- Collisions are randomly distributed over the whole powder charge
- A small fraction of the powder charge is involved in each collision
- Powders are perfectly homogenized after each collision.
- Phase transformations occur on a fraction of the trapped powders as a result of the mechanical deformation processes associated to the collisions
- Times of the order of the collision duration are required for the phase transformations to occur



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Mass fractions never impacted

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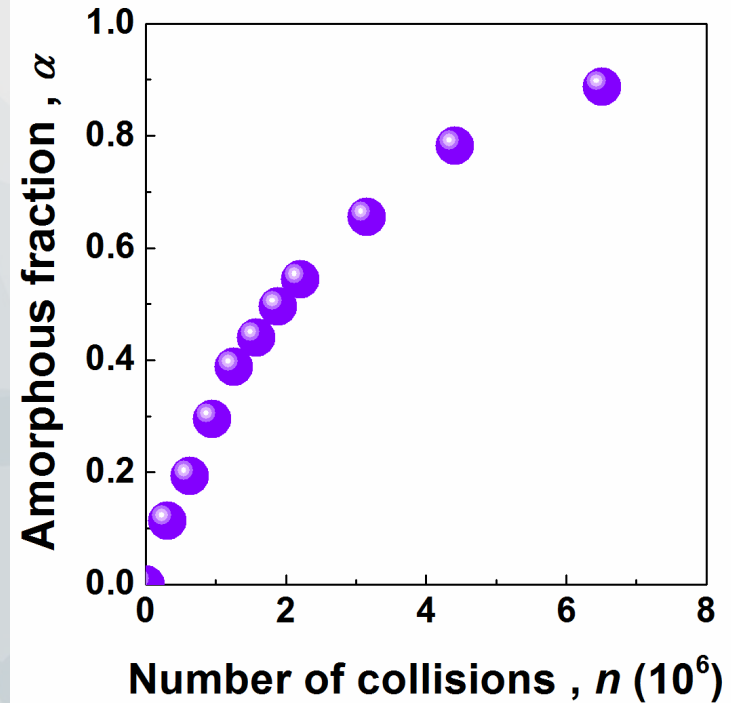
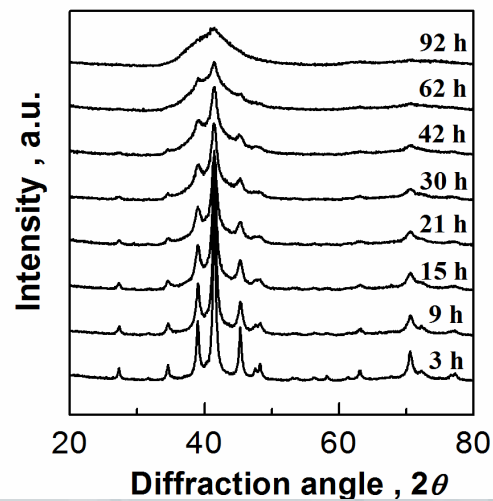
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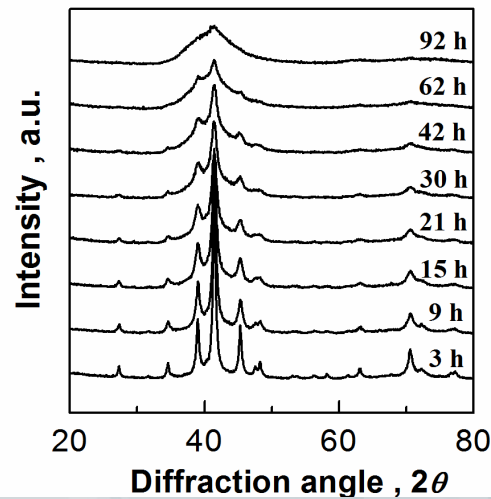
k represents the phenomenological rate constant referred to the number of impacts
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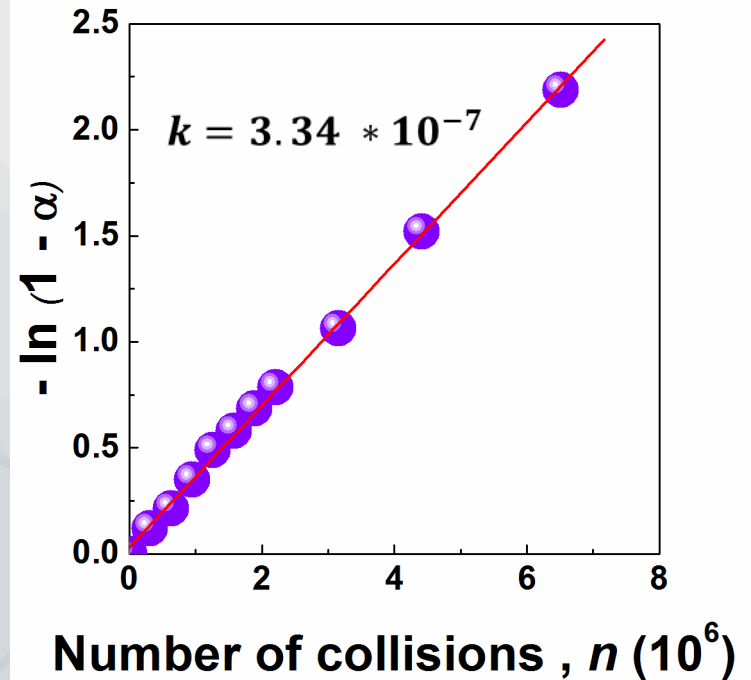
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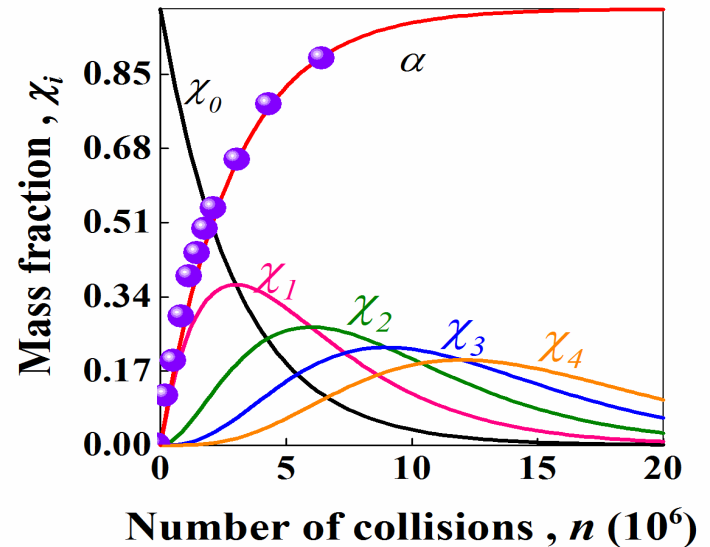
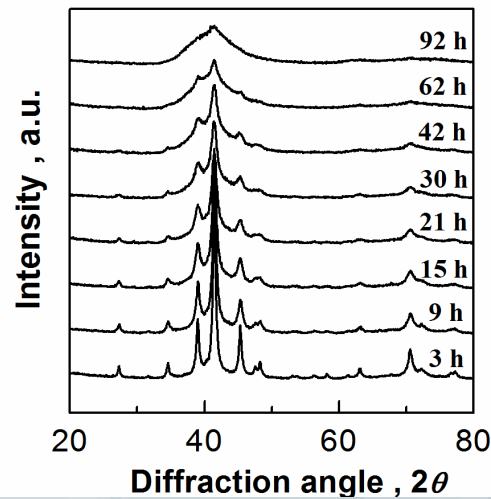


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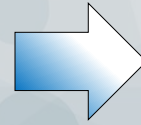
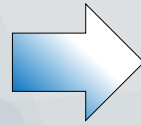
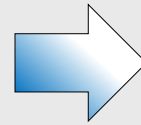




Upon 2×10^6 collisions the contribution to the amorphous fractions is due to the powders impacted for the first time

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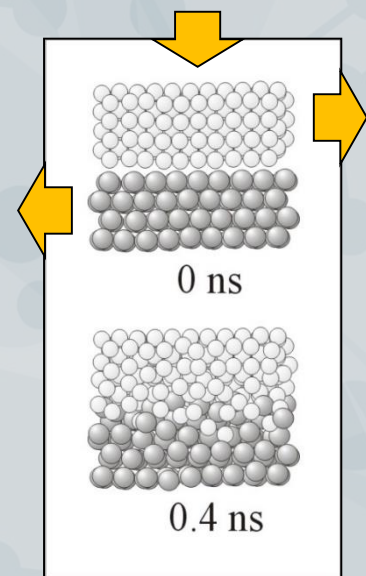
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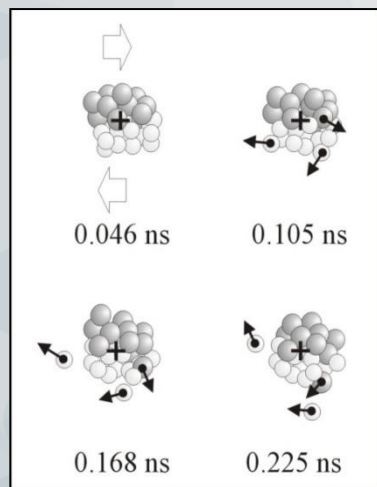
- Mechanochemical processes take place under non-equilibrium conditions, the chemical reactivity being promoted by unbalanced mechanical forces.
- Mechanical deformation occurs on a local basis, being mediated by dislocations and other lattice defects

it must be expected that the mechanical activation induces mass transport processes different from the ones operating under thermal activation conditions, with a significant impact on the physical and chemical behavior of solids at different scales.

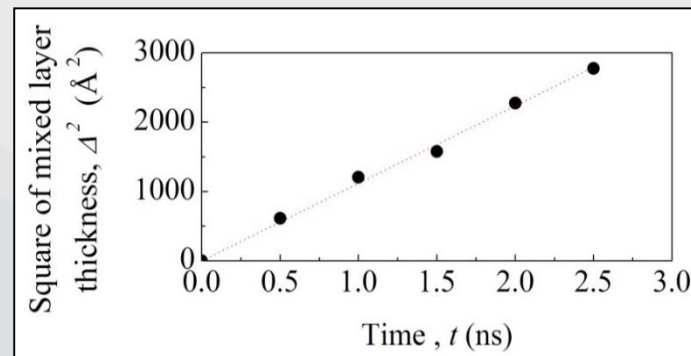
A look to the atomistic processes in metals...



Frictional sliding



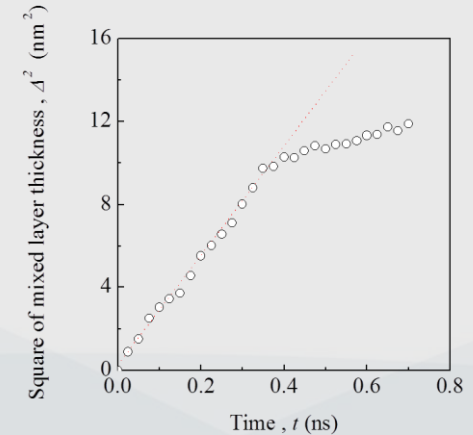
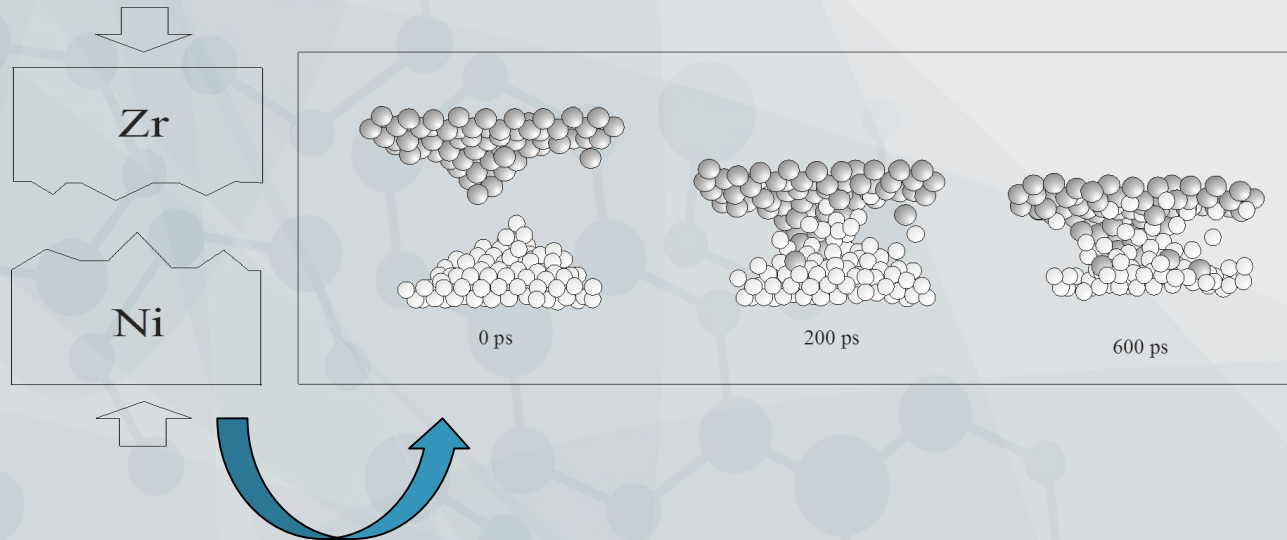
Rotation of clusters



Diffusion-like dependence on time

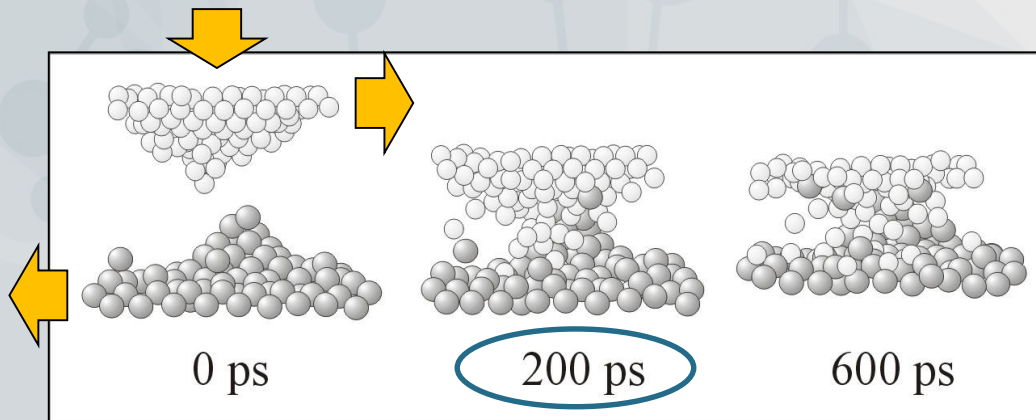
Shear-induced displacements faster than thermal ones

Collision

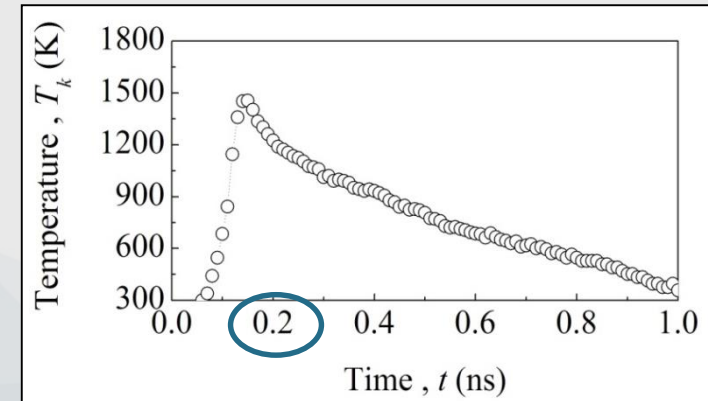


In the case of collision events, the mixing of atomic species displays two different regimes characterized by different apparent diffusion rates

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Stress-induced mixing of Ni and Zr at a frictional collision

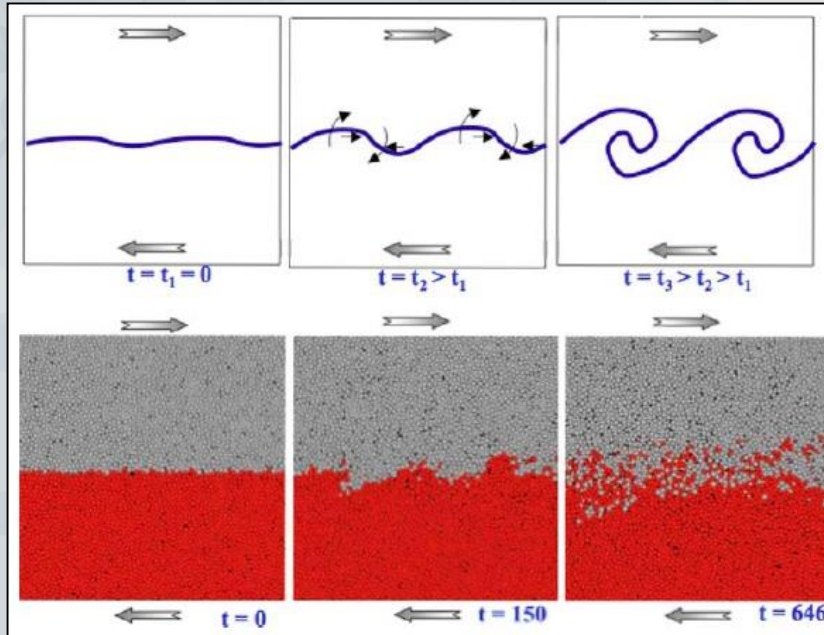


High local temperatures

The interaction of surface asperities generates liquid-like regions

Ball milling: at atomic level....

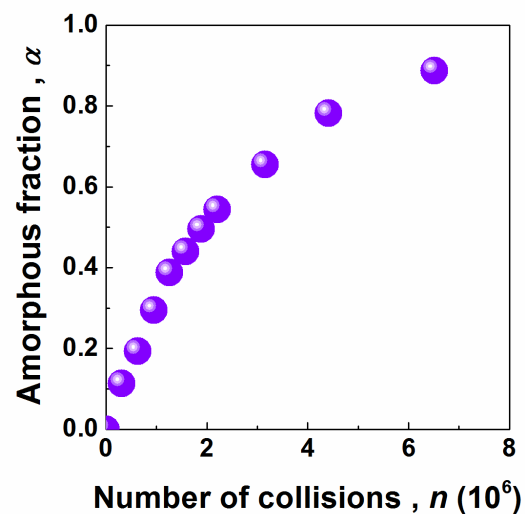
On a larger scale...



Vorticity induces the refinement of the microstructure in Cu-Fe.

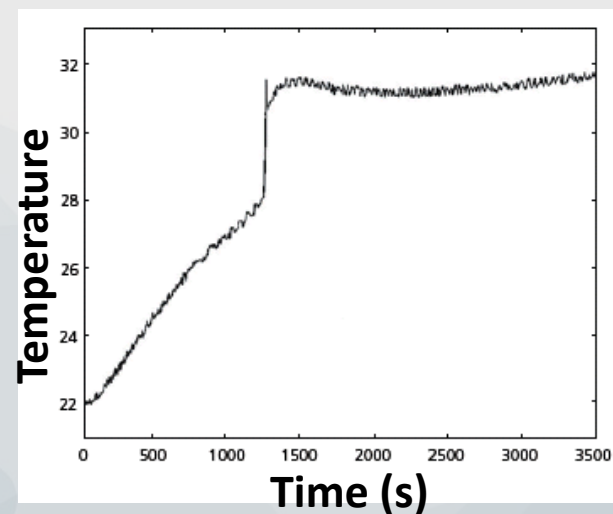
Kelvin-Helmholtz shear instabilities

Gradual



Ni-Ti
Fe-Co
Cu-Nb

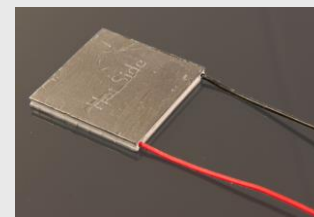
Mechanically-induced self-propagating reaction (MSR)



Si-C
Ti-C
 $\text{LiNH}_2\text{-AlCl}_3$

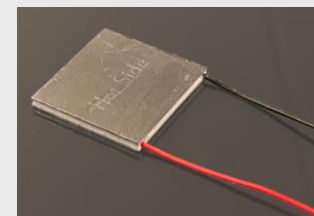


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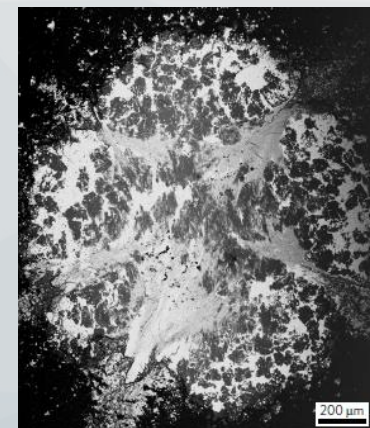
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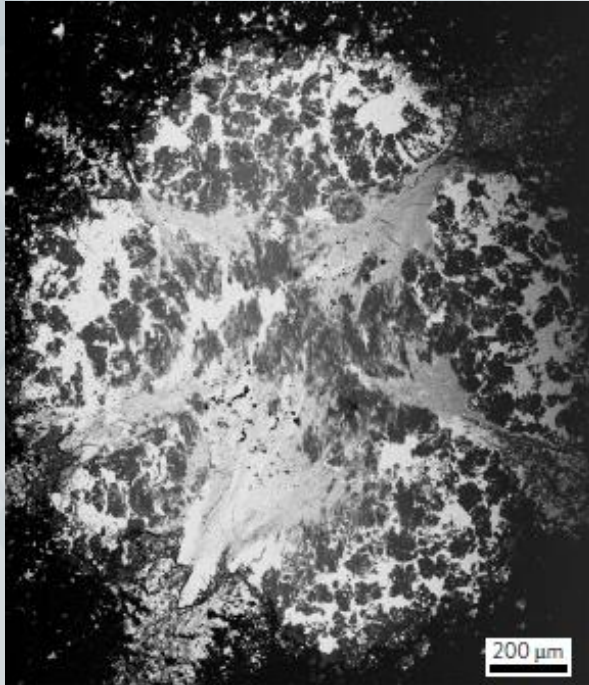
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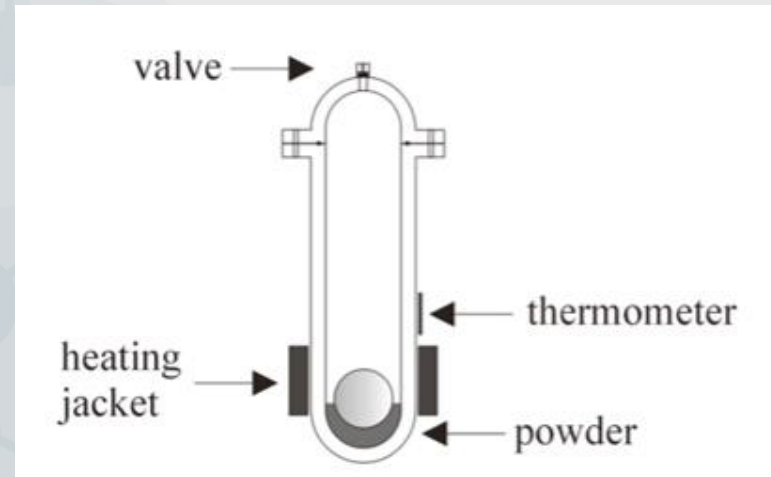
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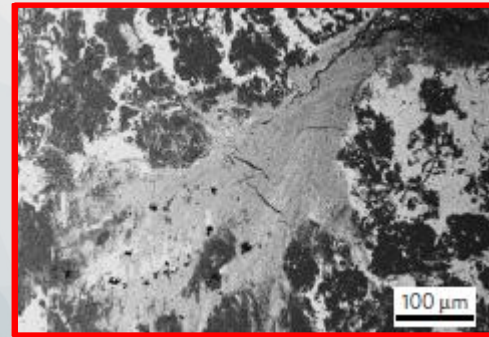
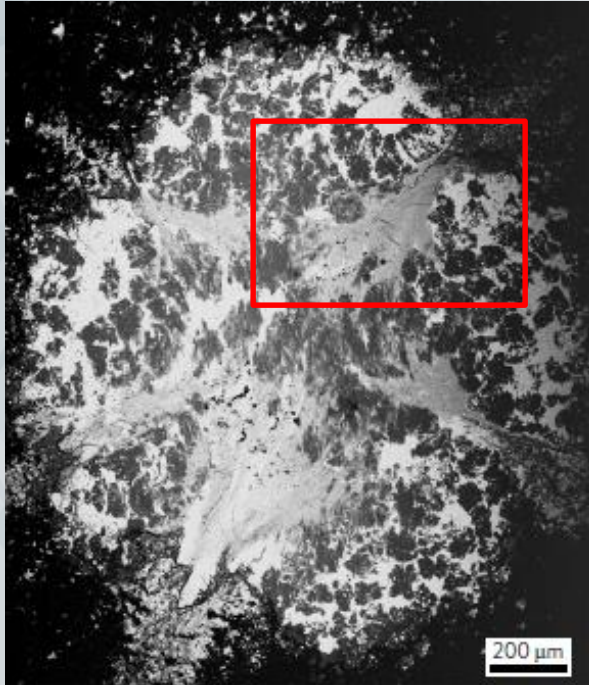
A representative collision



- Critical Loading Condition (CLC)



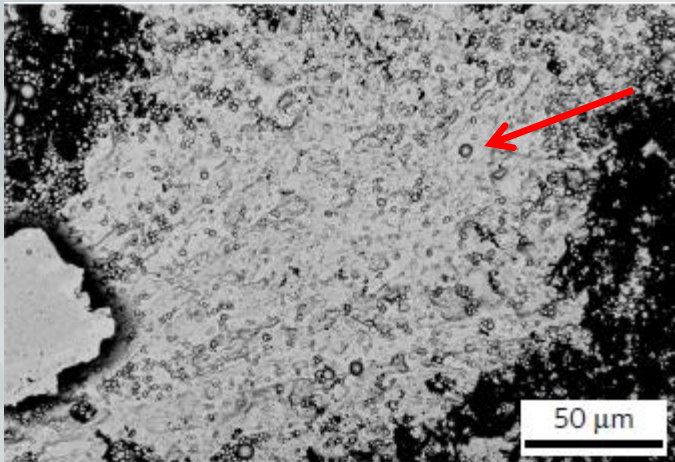
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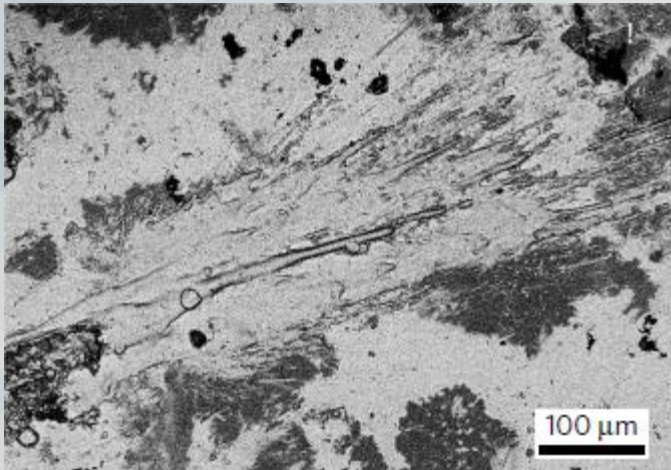
Components melted and flowed as liquid

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Typical Impact



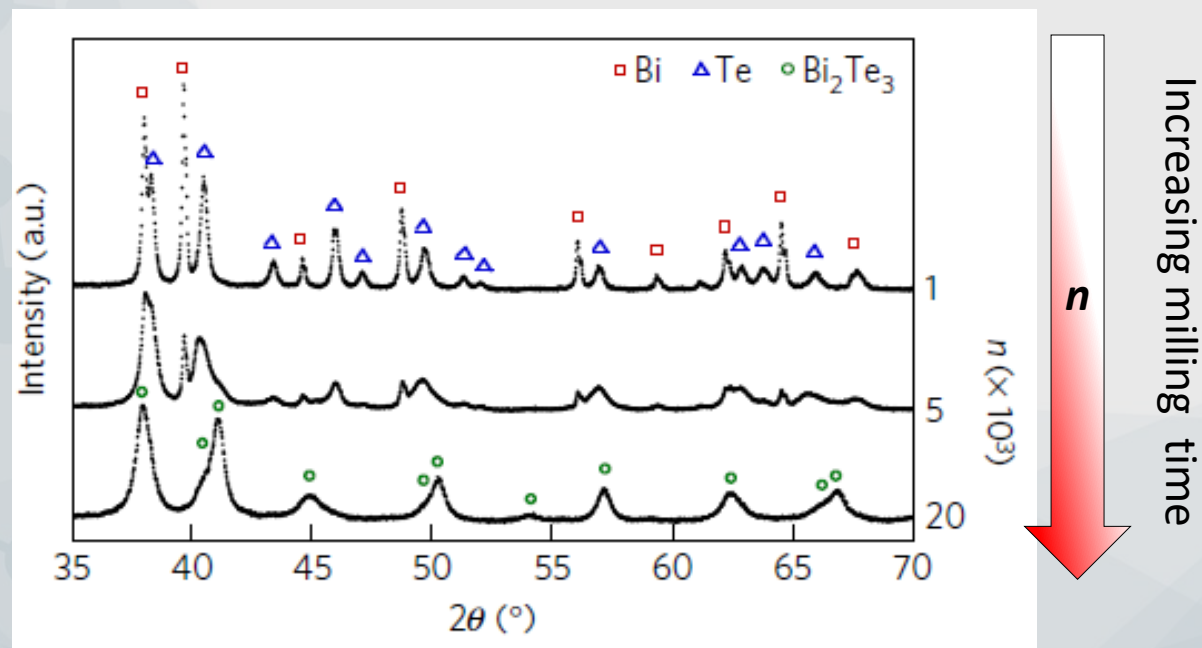
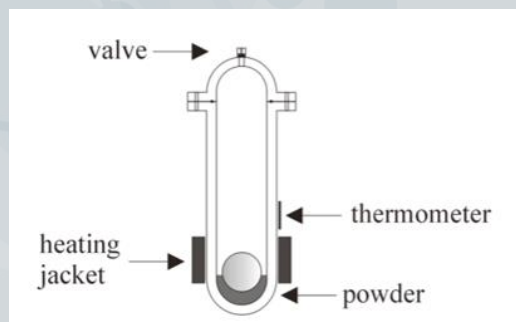
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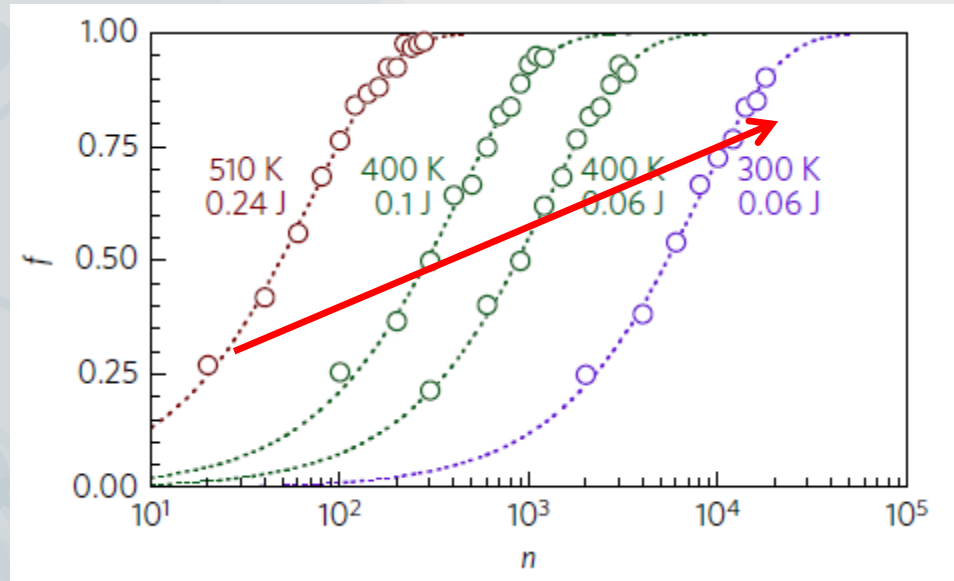
- **Splash marks**

Molten Bi is formed

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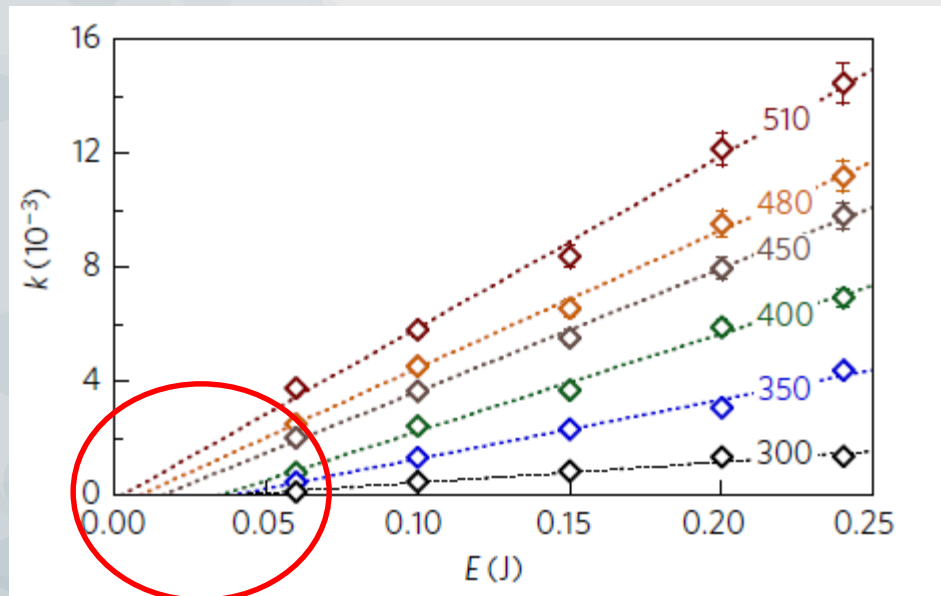
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Smooth monotonic increase, but faster than gradual reaction

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The rate constant, k , is related to the volume fraction of product

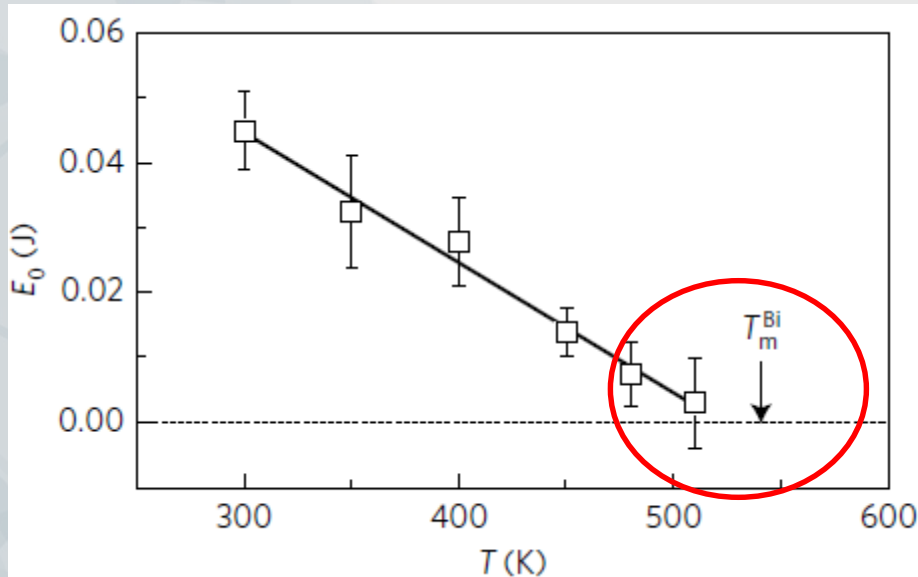


E_0 = smallest possible collision energy that give rise to any reaction

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The minimum collision

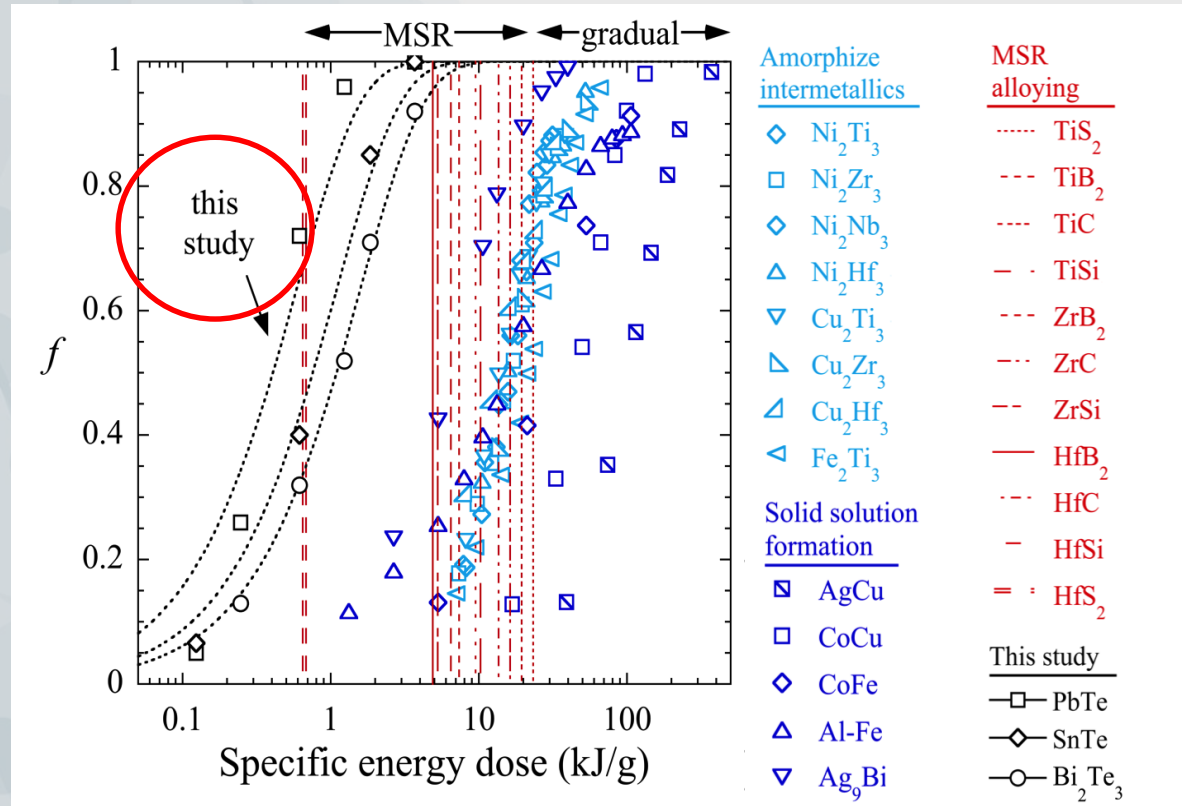
Bi $T_m = 544$ K



Bi melting is the kinetically controlling process of the reaction

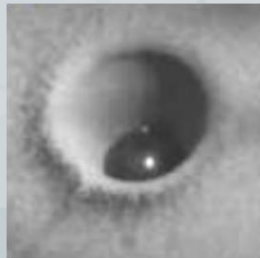
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New mechanochemical process has been discovered



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.....But we are in front of an unexplored territory.....



Wanderer über dem Nebelmeer

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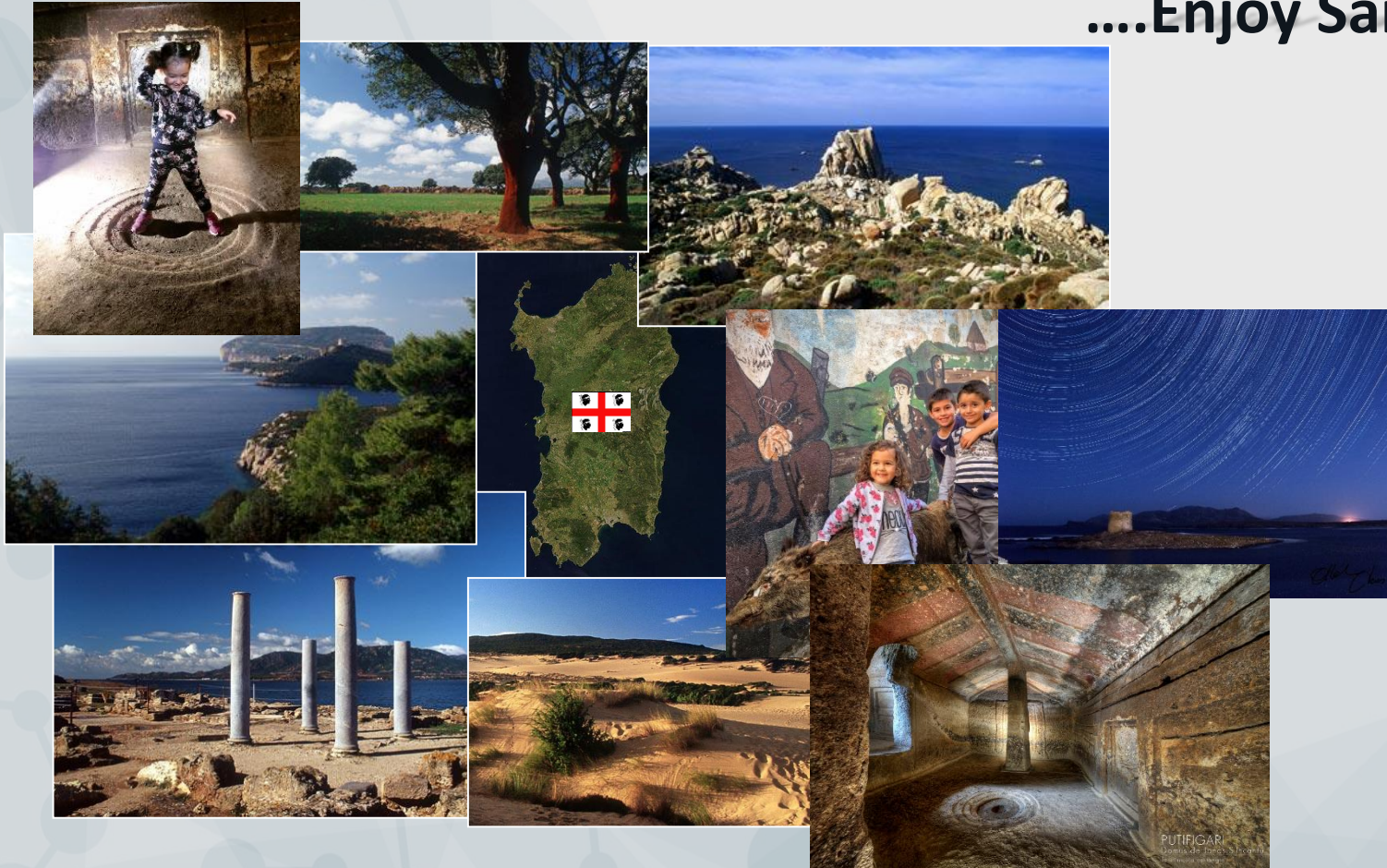




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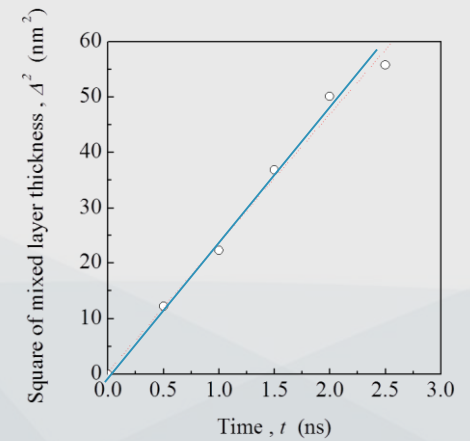
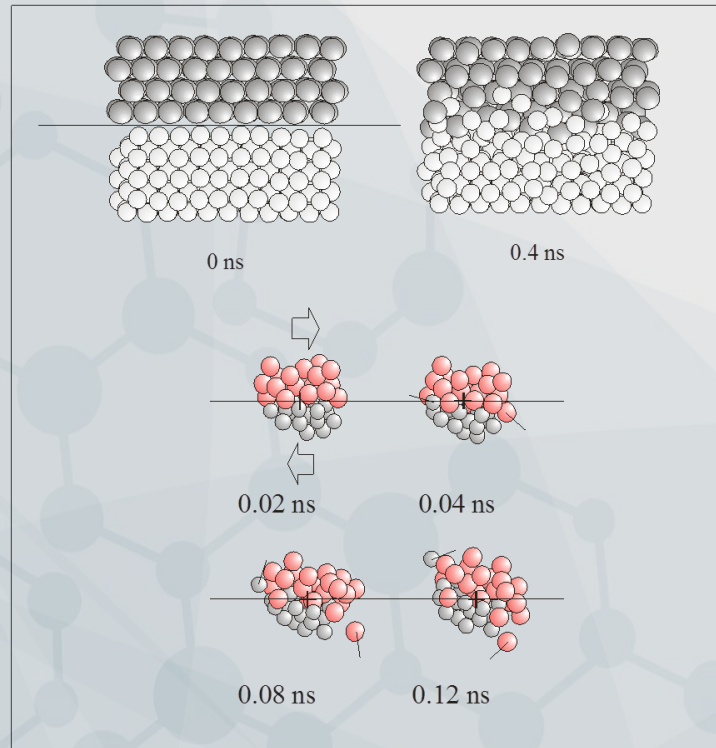
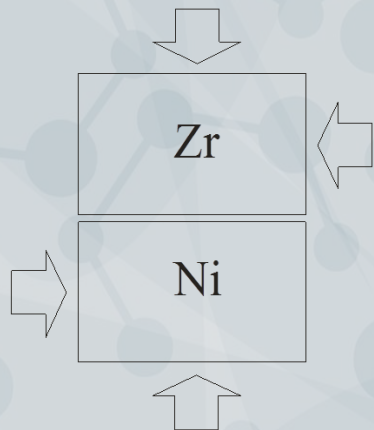
after one collision the powder charge includes two volume fractions of powder processed zero and one times, and respectively. After two collisions, the volume fraction of powder processed two times, , will also appear. After n collisions, the volume fraction of powder that has never been subjected to CLCs can be expressed as

$$\chi_0(n+1) = \chi_0(n) - k \chi_0(n)$$

Accordingly, each collision makes decrease by the fraction . A similar expression can be written for the fraction of powder processed i times after n collisions. As shown below,

$$\chi_i(n) = \chi_i(n-1) - k \chi_i(n-1) + k \chi_{i-1}(n-1).$$

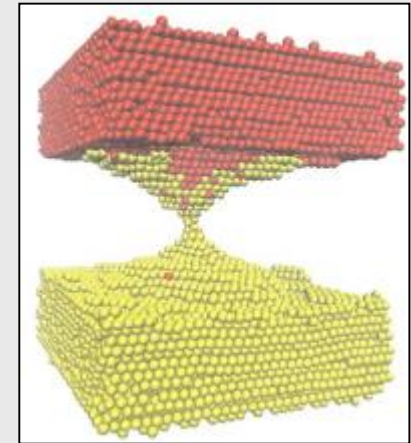
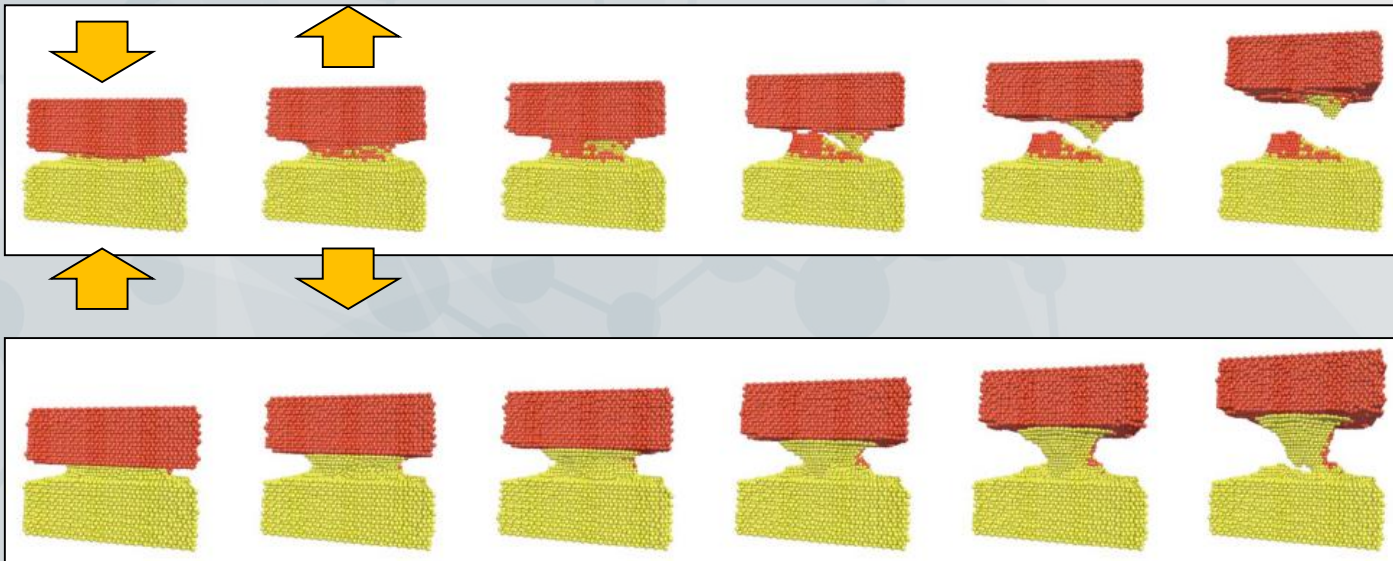
Shearing



The thickness of such layer increases with time according to a power law similar to the one characteristic of thermal diffusion, although on a different time scale

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Stress-induced mixing and material transfer at the Au-Ru interface