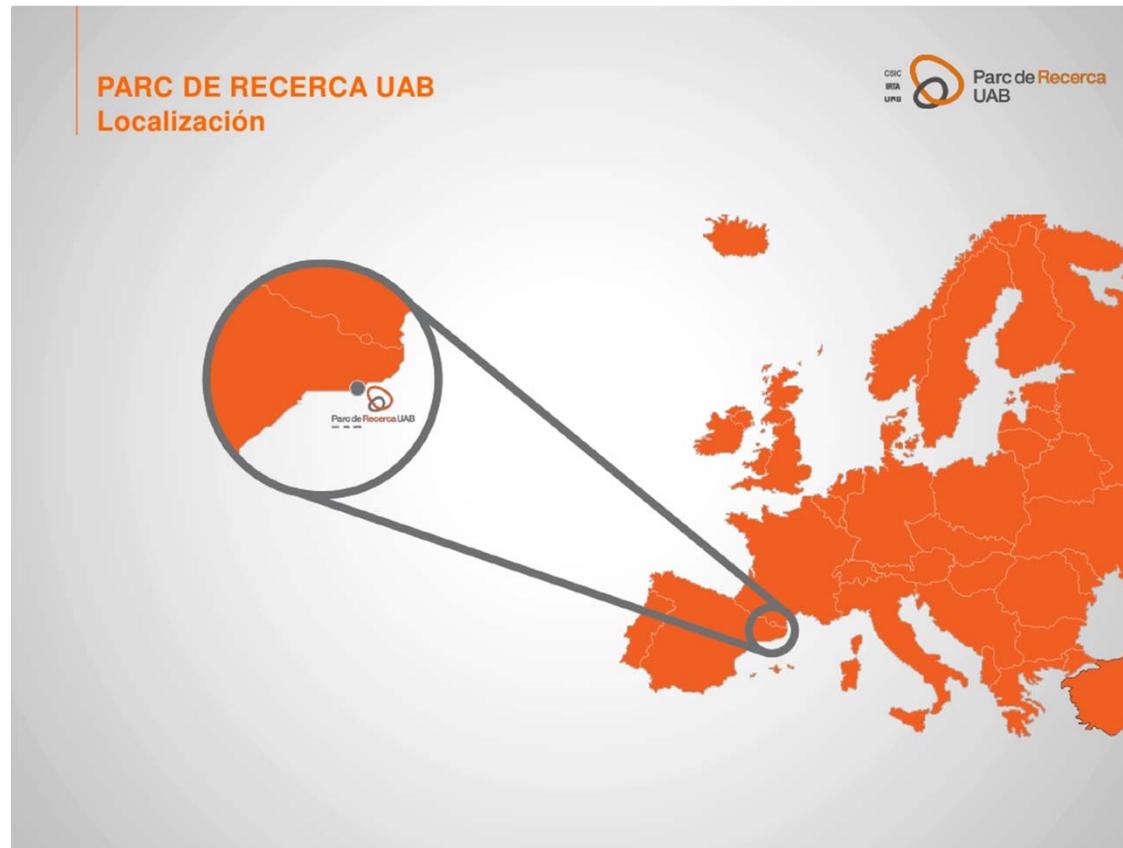




## Kick-off meeting

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# University/institution - overview





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40000 Students

4000 Researchers

57 Departments

520 Theses/year

3200 Research papers/year

50 Patents/year

30 Research Centers



# Group/team – overview (I)



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Head of the Materials Physics II Group



Prof. Dr. Santiago Suriñach  
Director of the Physics Department



Prof. Dr. Jordi Sort



Dr. Eva Pellicer

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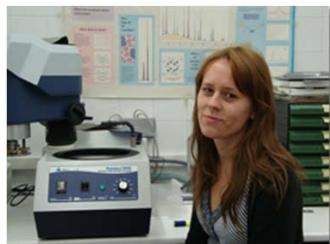
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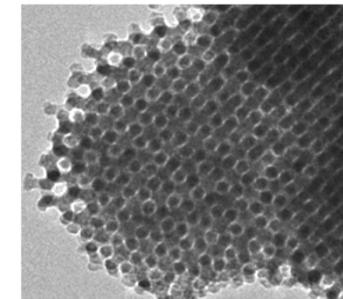
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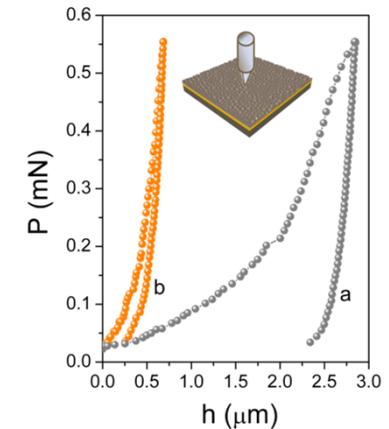
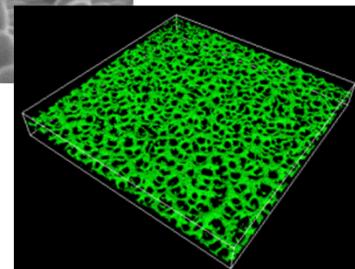
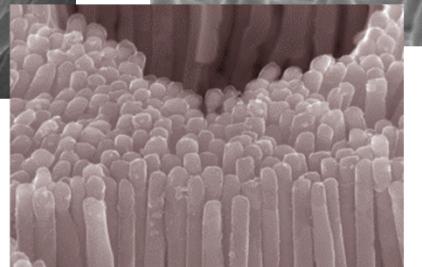
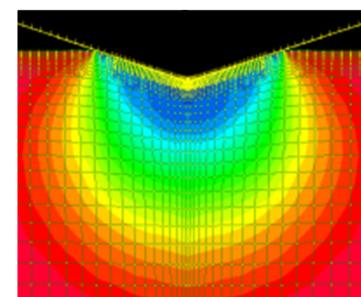
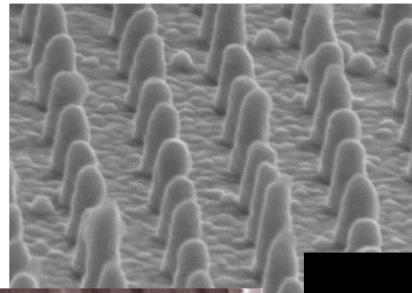
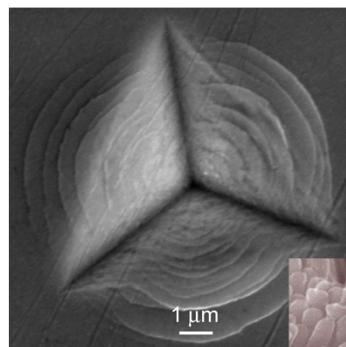


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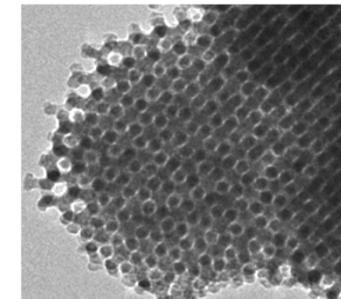


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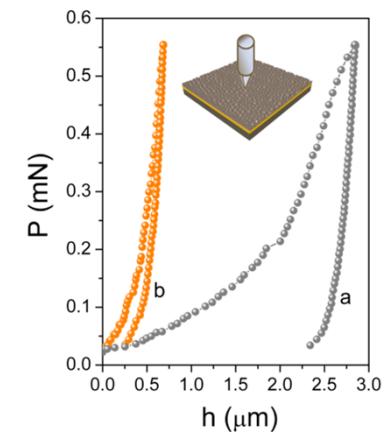
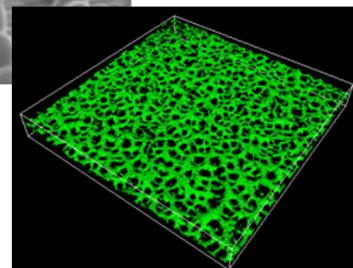
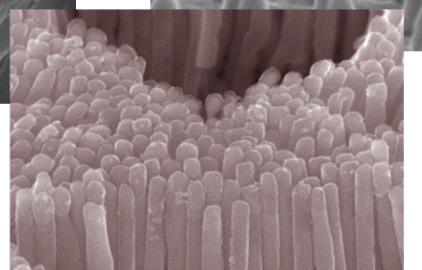
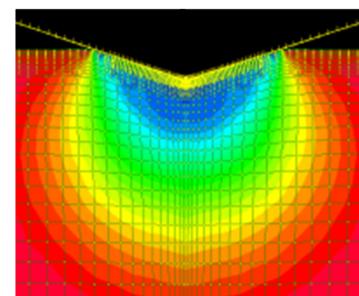
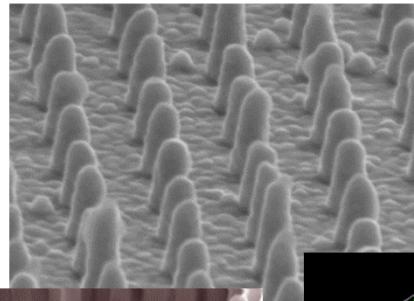
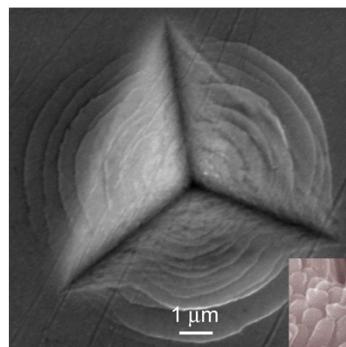


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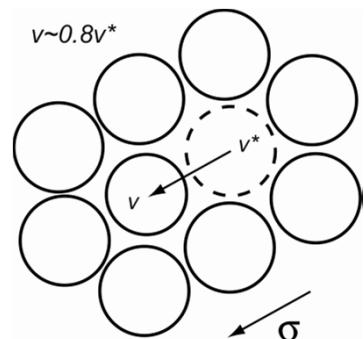
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# 1. Metallic glasses and bulk nanocomposite materials

- Metallic glasses (MGs) are amorphous metallic alloys, i.e. do not exhibit long-range order.
- Consequently, they offer unique properties compared to other materials:
  - Typically, high strength and large elasticity.
  - Good corrosion resistance.
  - Good microformability within the supercooled liquid region (similar to polymers).
  - Low plasticity in compression and NO plasticity in tension.
- Widespread applications, including medical and electronic devices, sporting goods or advanced defence and aerospace technologies.

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- Plastic flow in metallic glasses (MGs) is accompanied by dilatation (i.e., creation of excess free volume).

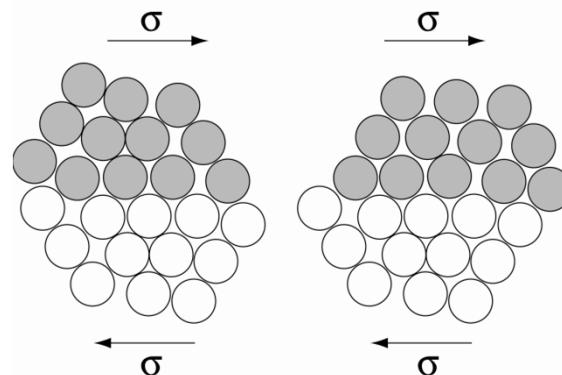


## Single atomic jumps

Spaepen, *Acta Metall.* 1977;25:407.

## Plastic flow equation:

$$\dot{\gamma} = 2\Delta f c_f k_f \left( \frac{\varepsilon_0 v_0}{\Omega} \right) \sinh \left( \frac{\tau \varepsilon_0 v_0}{2k_B T} \right)$$



## Shear transformation zones

Argon, *Acta Metall.* 1979;27:47

Falk and Langer . *Phys. Rev. E* 1998;57:7192.

$\dot{\gamma}$ : is the shear strain rate       $\tau$ : is the shear stress

$c_f = \exp(-\gamma v^*/\langle v_f \rangle)$  flow defect concentration

$k_B$  Boltzmann constant

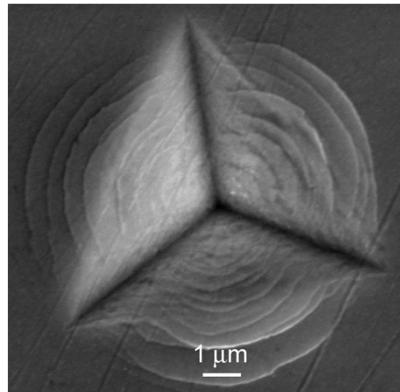
$k_f$  temperature-dependent rate constant

$\Delta f$  volume fraction of potential flow units

$\varepsilon_0 v_0$ : activation volume for a flow event and  $\Omega$ : atomic volume.

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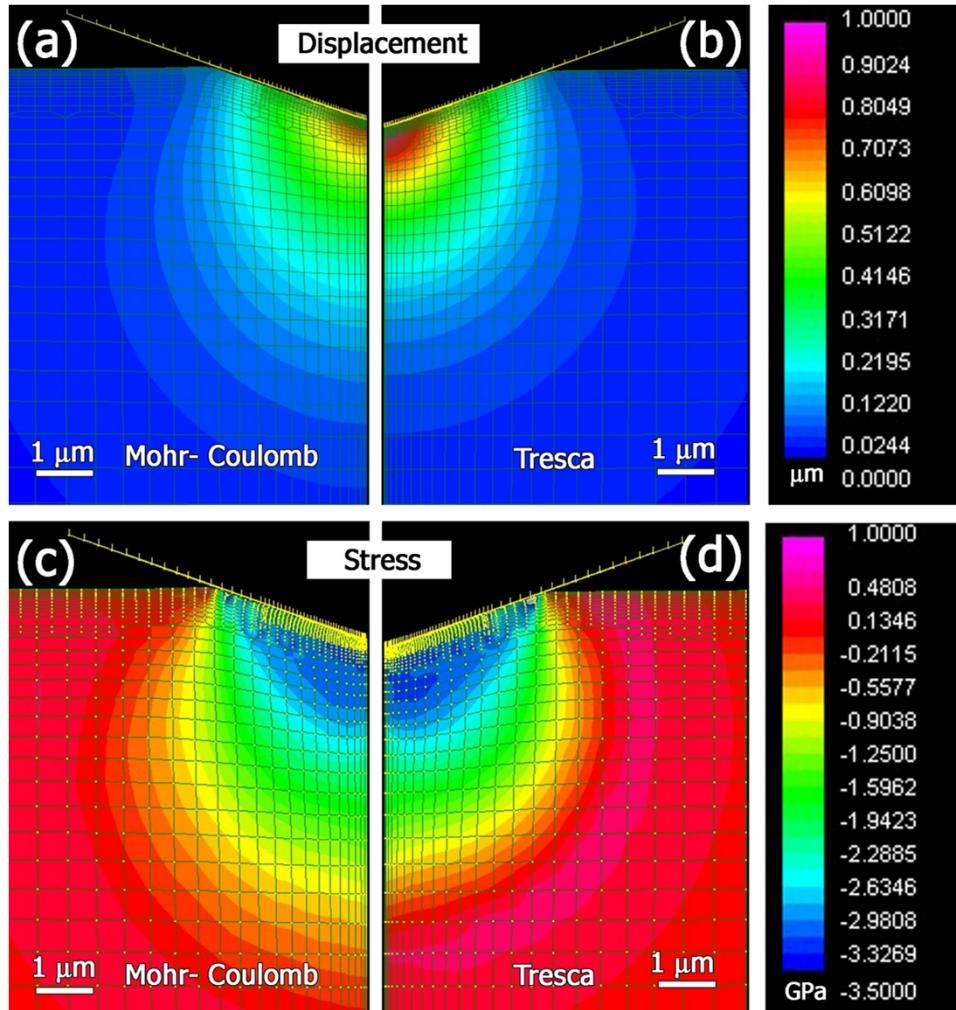
- At room temperature, the excess free volume tends to coalesce into **shear bands**, leading to a **local temperature increase**.
- As a consequence, viscosity locally drops , atomic mobility is enhanced and, **eventually, nanocrystallization occurs**.



*Shear bands inside and around an indent performed on a Zr-based MG*

- Consequence: serrations (pop-in events) in the loading curves typically observed.

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- Application of the Mohr-Coulomb yield criterion results in an **extended plastic zone** beneath the indenter

In agreement with:

Narashiman Mech. Mater. 36 (2004) 633

- Similar conclusions about yielding of metallic glasses (obtained from simulations) by:

Vaidyanathan et al., Acta Mater. 49 (2001) 3781

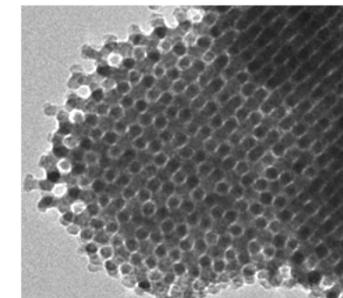
Anand and Su, J. Mech. Phys. Solids, 53 (2005) 1362

Schuh et al. Acta Mater. 55 (2007) 4067

**Displacement and Circumferential stress ( $s_{qq}$ ) contour mappings**

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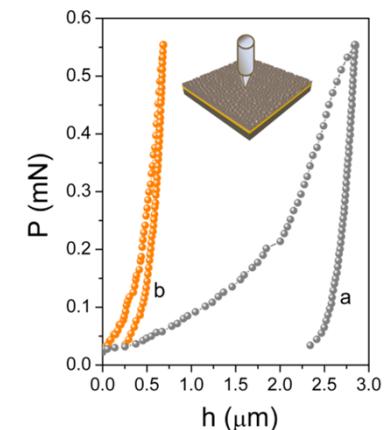
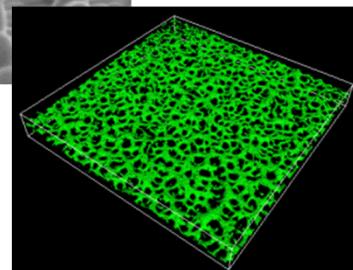
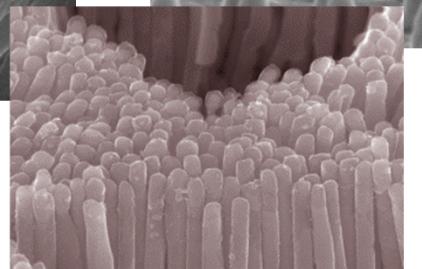
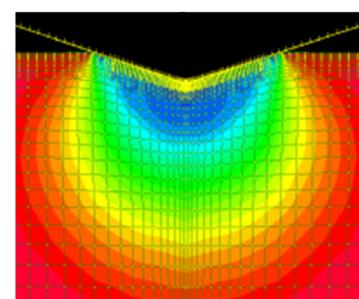
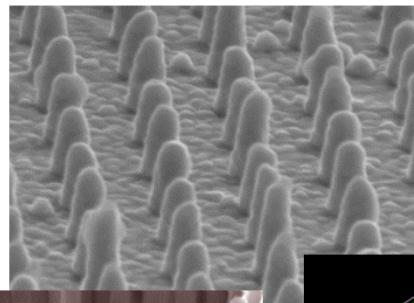
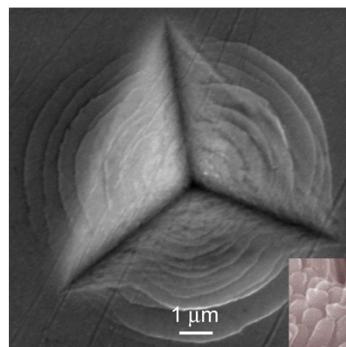


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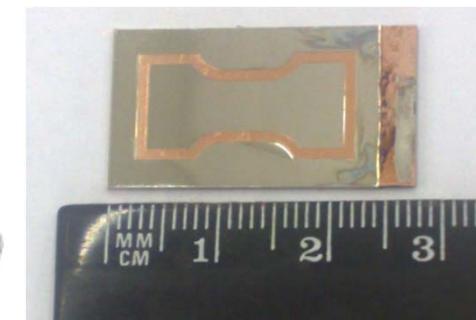
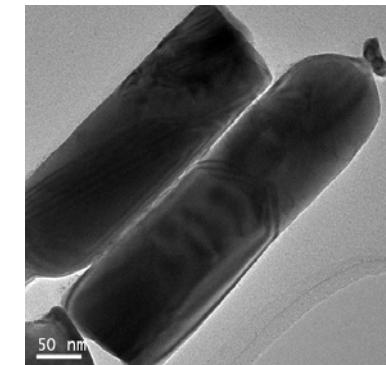
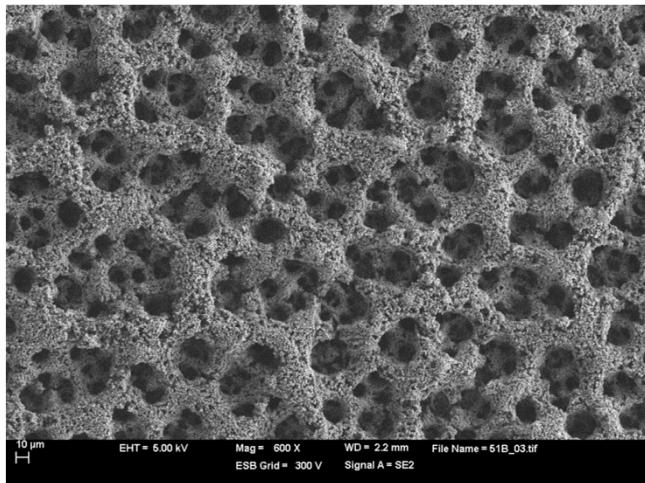
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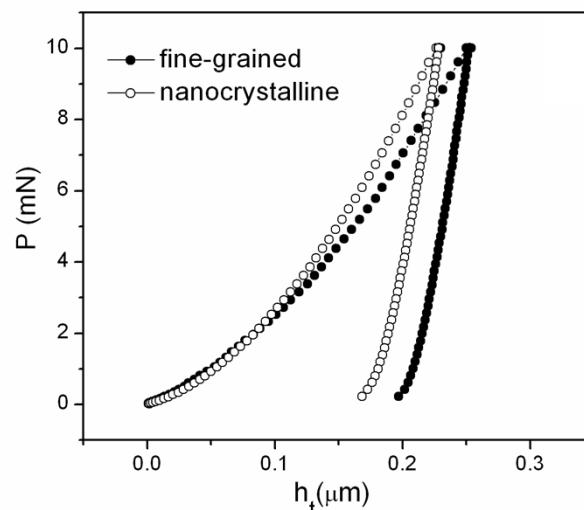
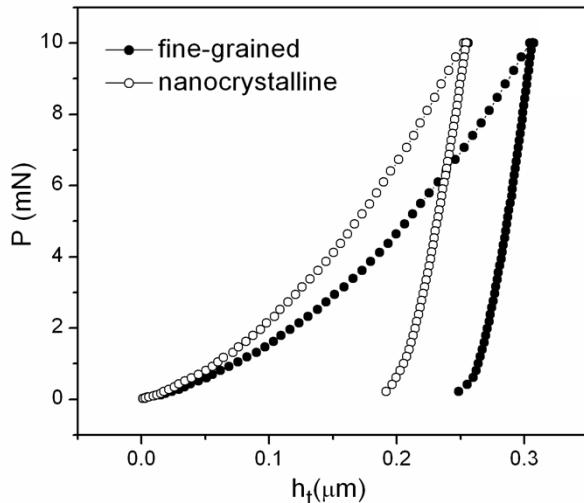
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### Fine-grained versus nanocrystalline



- $\text{Cu}_{0.57}\text{Ni}_{0.43}$
- $\text{Cu}_{0.55}\text{Ni}_{0.45}$

✓ Smaller crystallite sizes → Larger density of grain boundaries

✓ Intragranular nanotwins

Nanoindentation  
 $P_{\max} = 10 \text{ mN}$

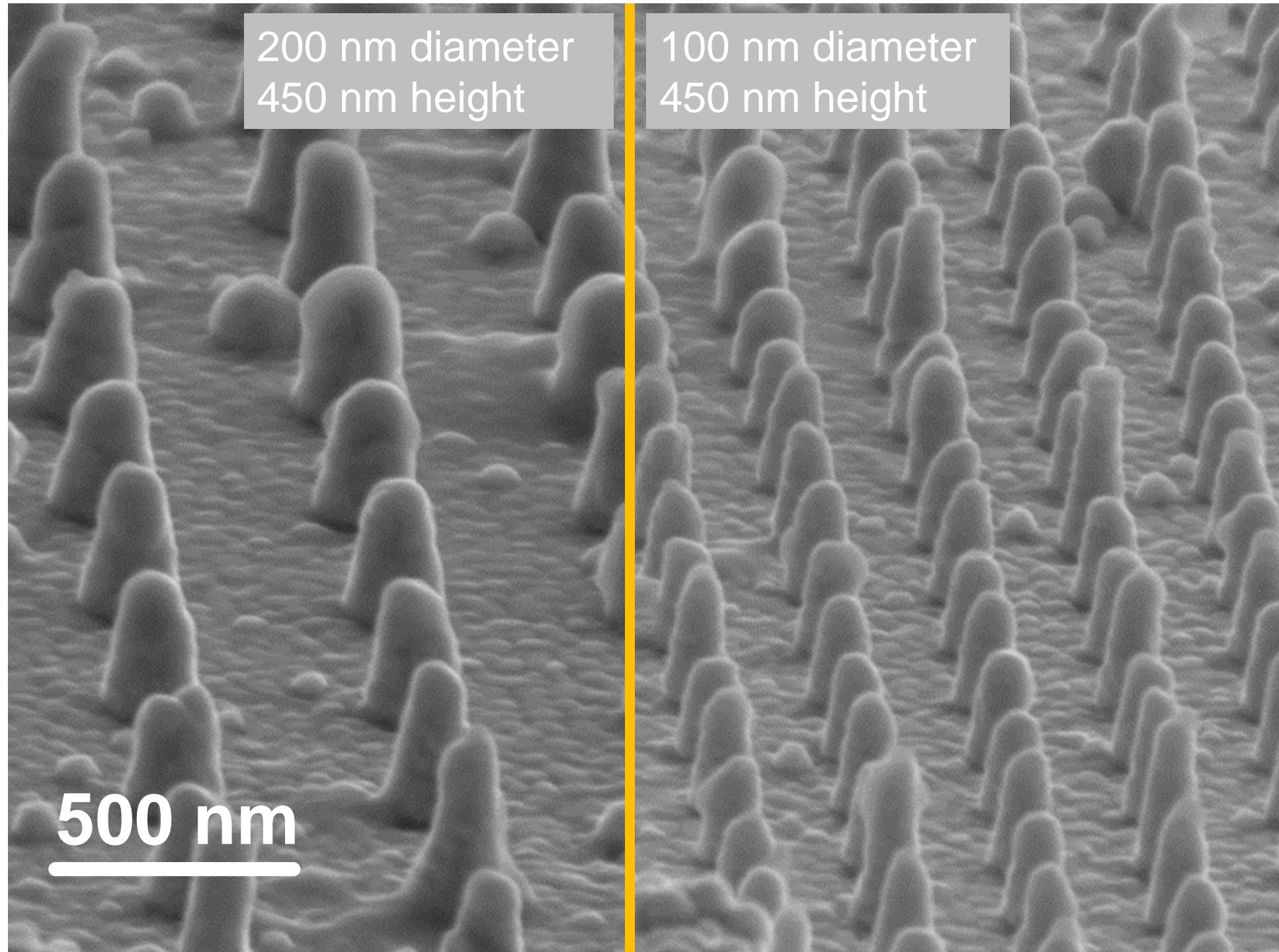
- $\text{Cu}_{0.14}\text{Ni}_{0.86}$
- $\text{Cu}_{0.13}\text{Ni}_{0.87}$

Effective disruption of dislocations propagation



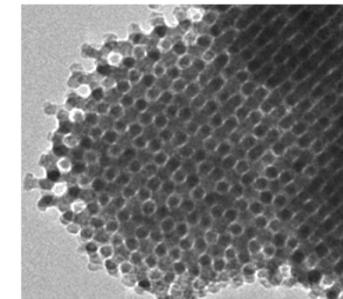
Enhanced hardness in nanocrystalline Cu-Ni films

Hall-Petch relationship



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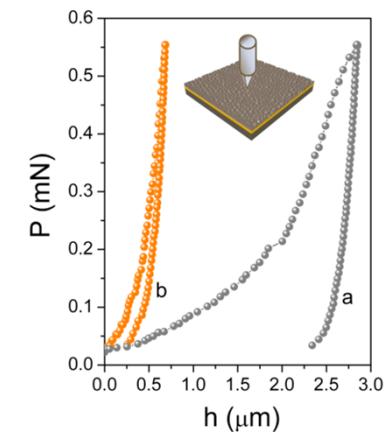
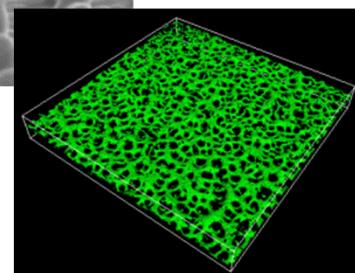
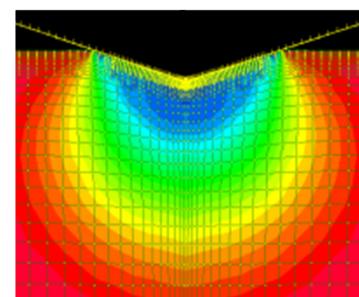
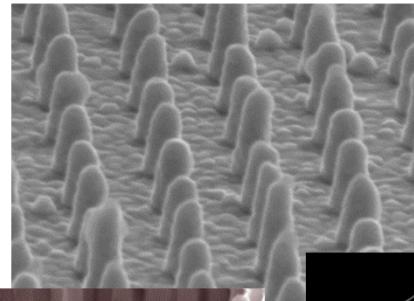
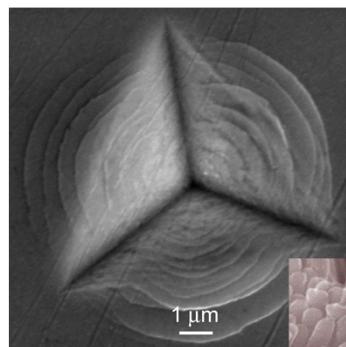


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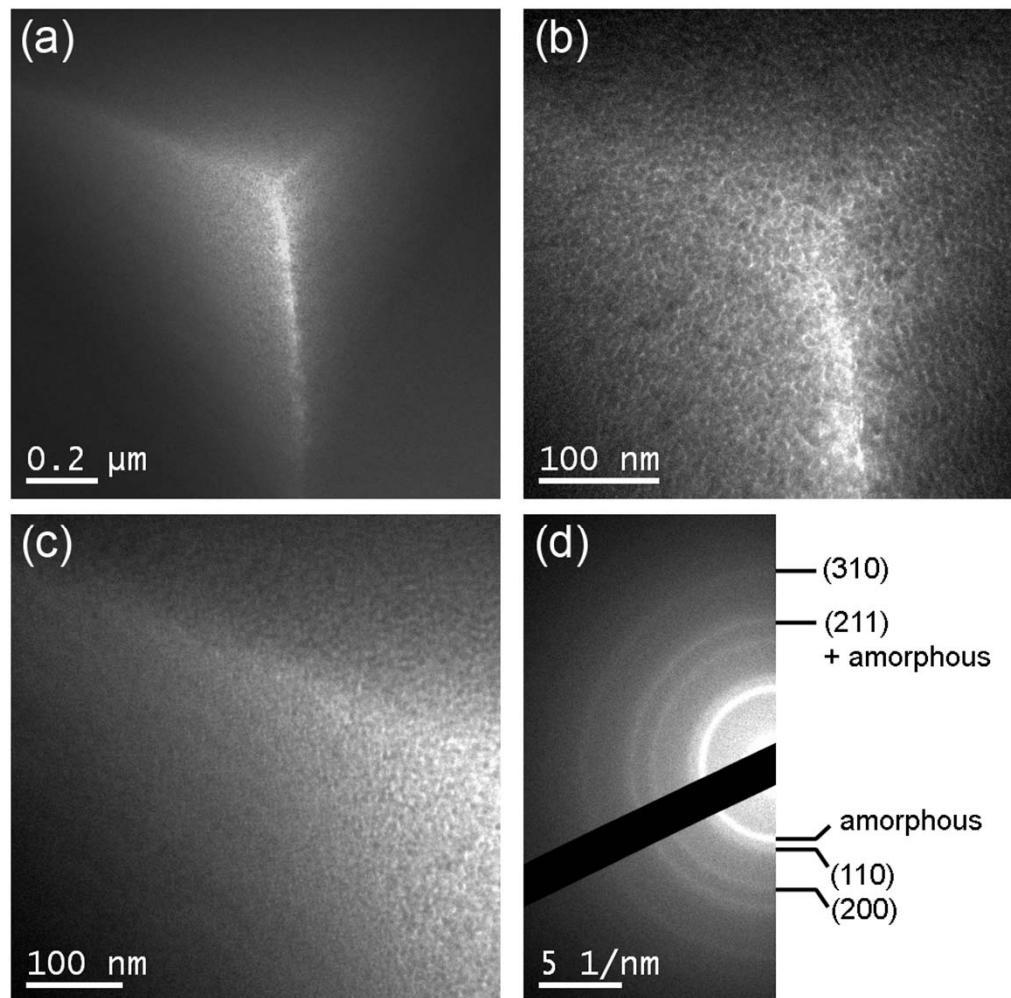
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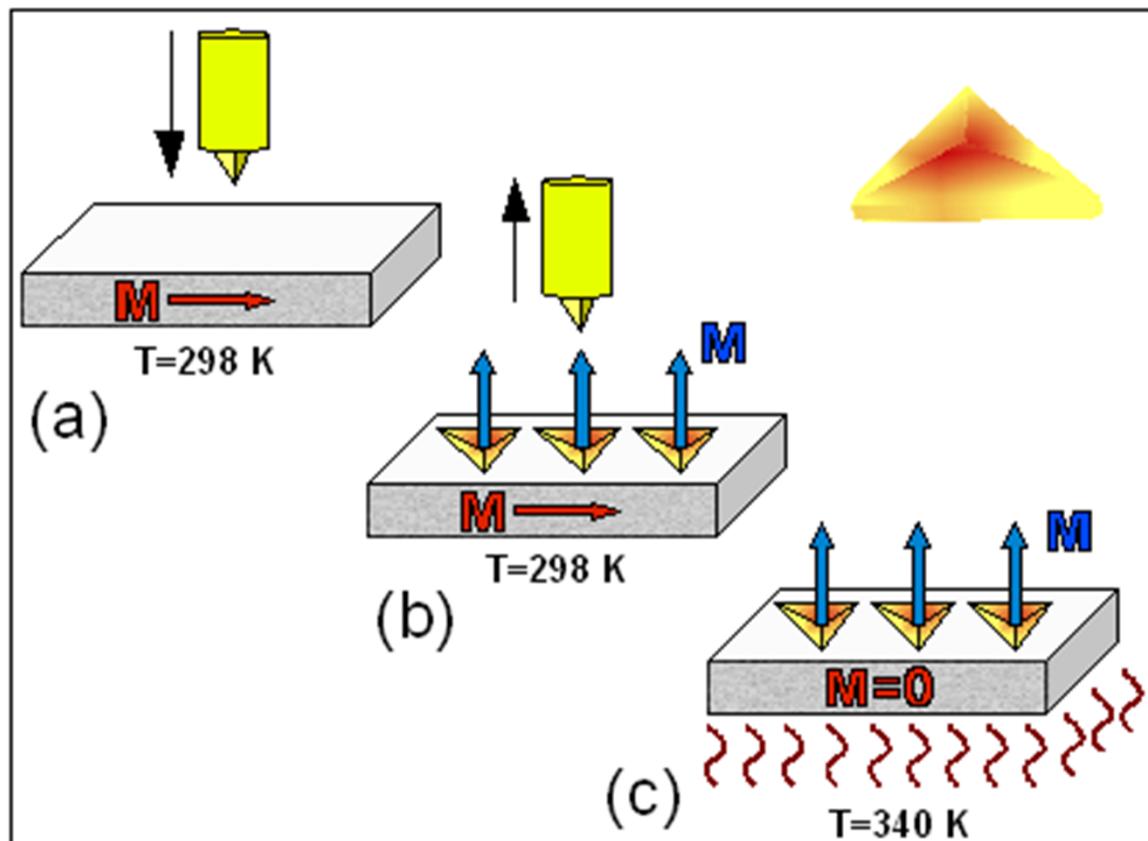
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### 3. Magnetic patterning



- Nanoindentation induces crystallization of mainly  $\alpha$ -Fe.
- Progressive decrease of the crystallite size towards the edge of the indents (crystallite size around 8 nm at the central part of the indents).

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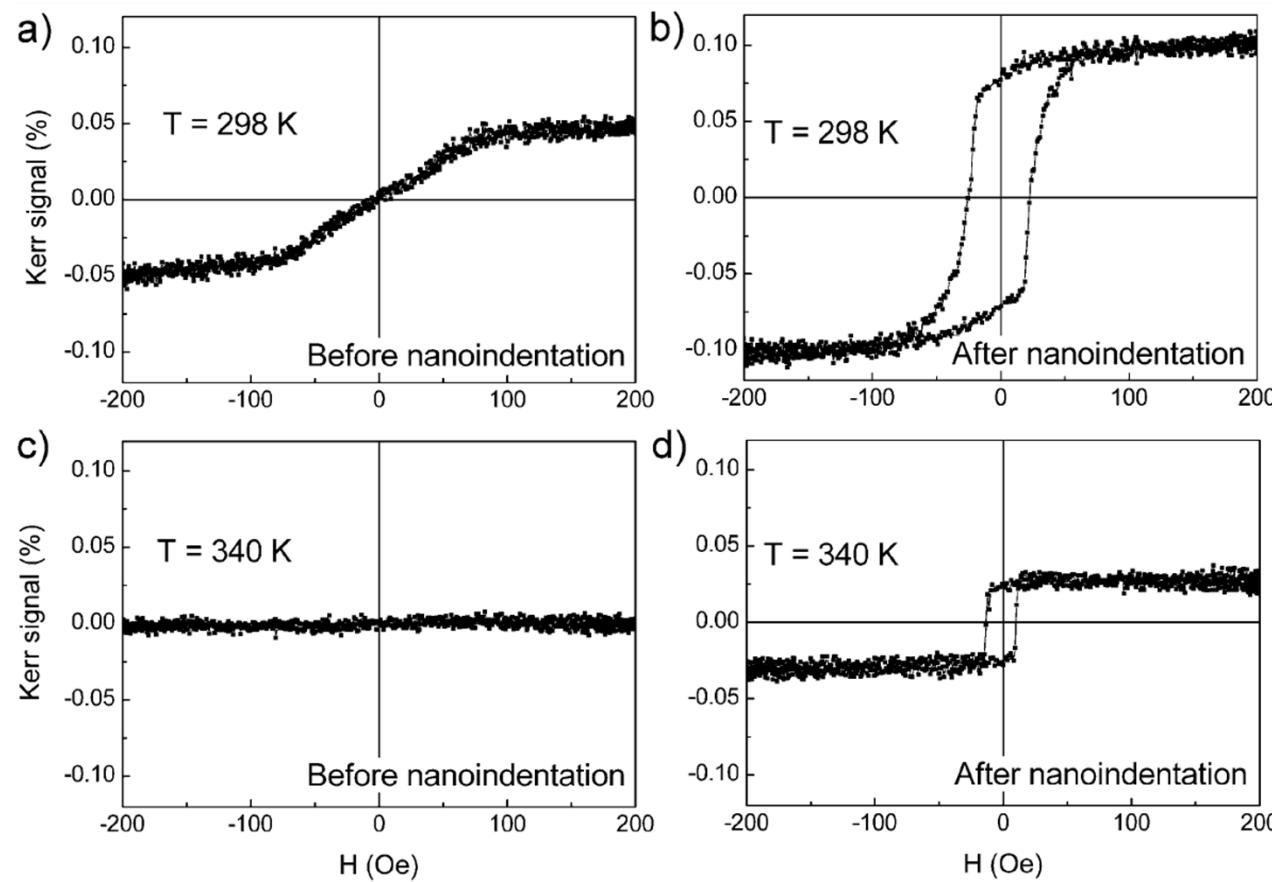


J. Sort et al., Small 6 (2010) 1543

- **At  $T = 298 \text{ K}$ :**
  - *In-plane* magnetic anisotropy before indentation.
  - *Perpendicular-to-plane* magnetic anisotropy after indentation. Kerr signal increases!
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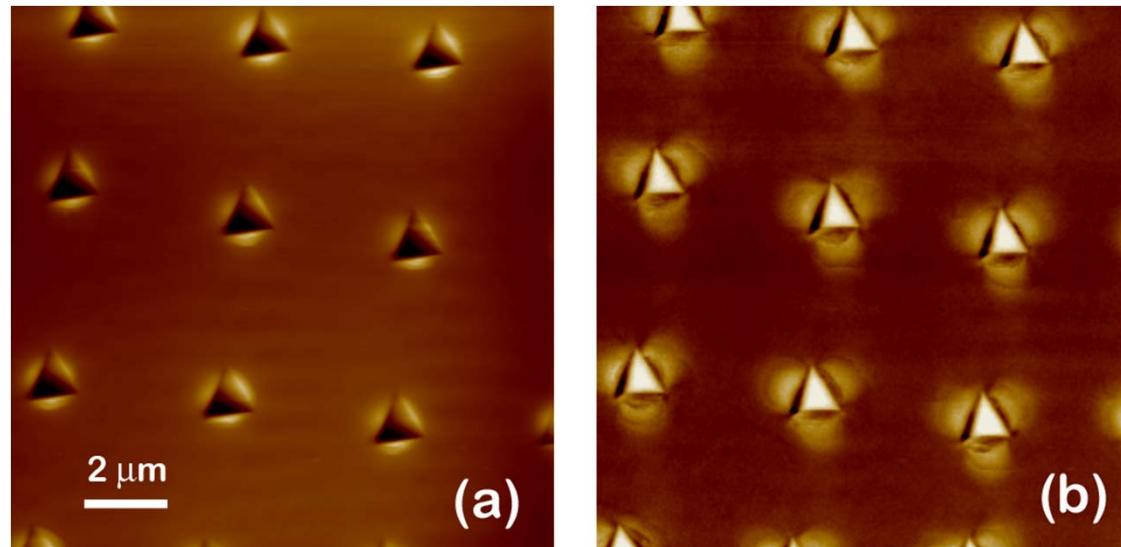
Polar Hysteresis loops at room temperature and above  $T_{C,am}$  ( $T_{C,am} = 330$  K)



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Topological versus magnetic contrast: magnetic contrast expands towards the pile-up

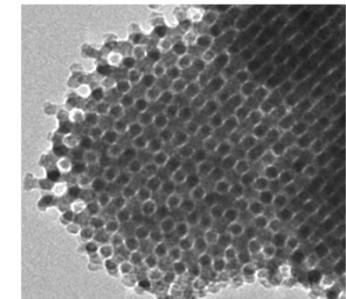


Atomic force microscopy Magnetic force microscopy

- No magnetic domains around the indentations because the initial amorphous ribbon is very soft (i.e., with large domain sizes)

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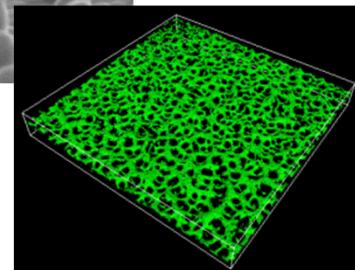
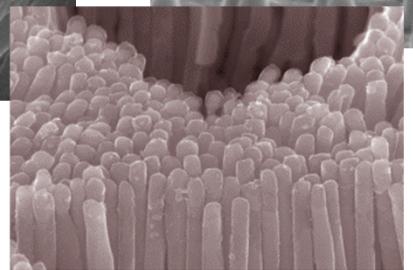
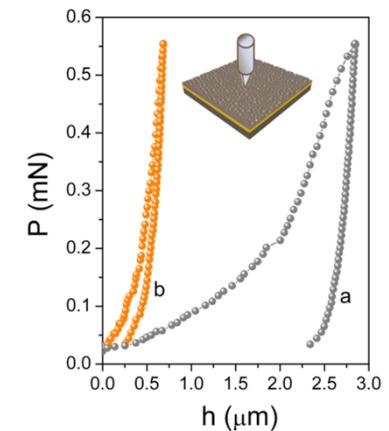
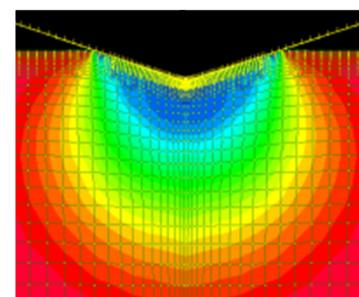
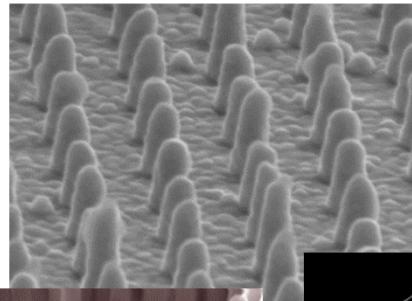
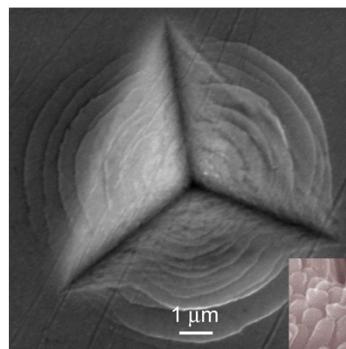


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## 4. Permanent and biodegradable materials

Conventional implant metallic alloys (steel, CoCr, TiAlV,...)

- ✗ Not biodegradable
- ✗ Relatively high Young's modulus ( $E \sim 100\text{-}200 \text{ GPa}$ , larger than  $E_{\text{bone}} = 3\text{-}20 \text{ GPa}$  (stress shielding effects)).
- ✗ In some cases, revision surgery is required to remove the implant.



Non-toxic biodegradable implants

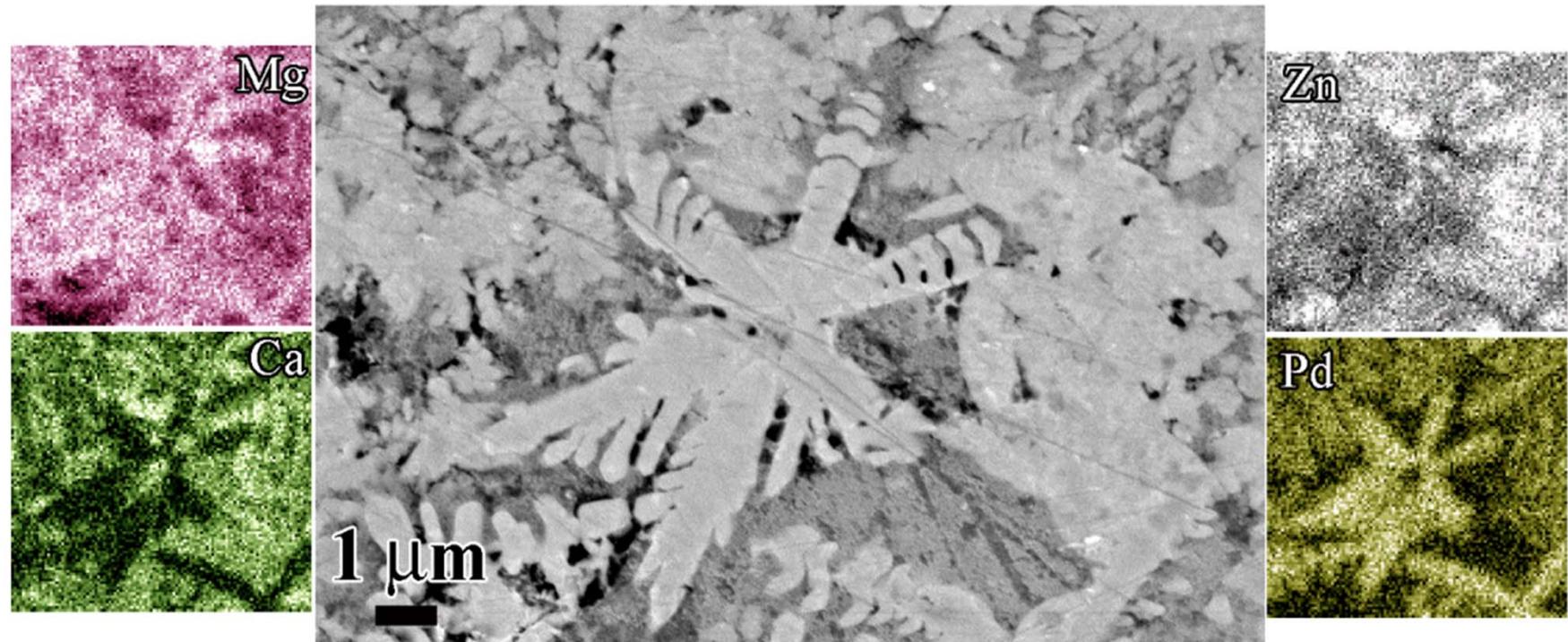
usually made of organic polymers: polyglycol acid, poly(dl-lactic acid), poly(p-dioxanone),...

- ✗ Too costly
- ✗ Strength and Young's modulus are exceedingly low

*...What about metallic biodegradable implants?*

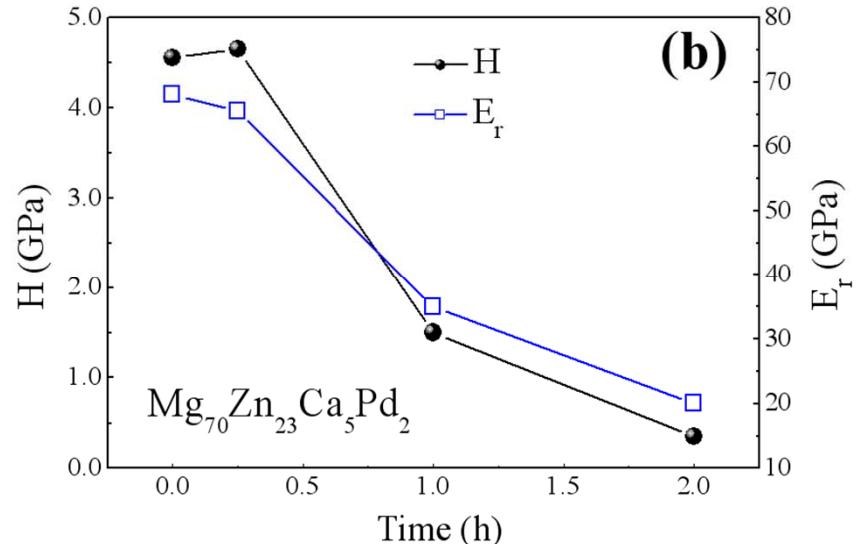
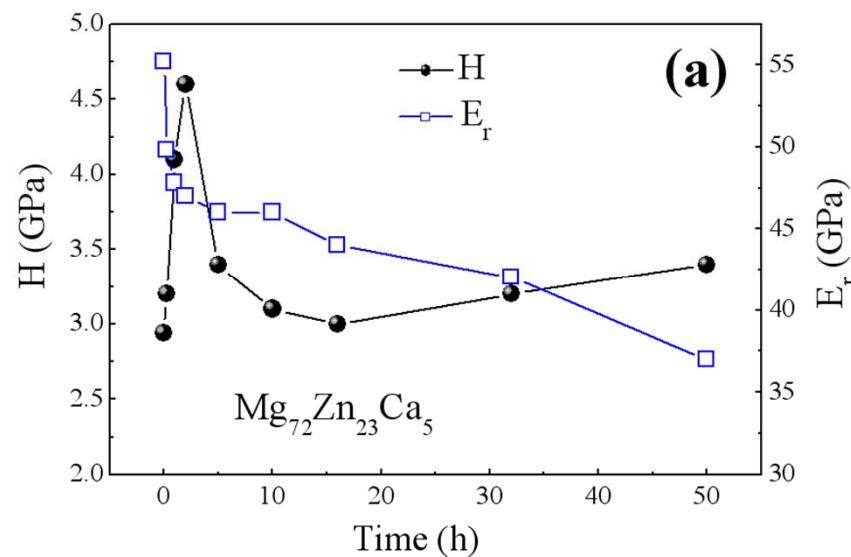
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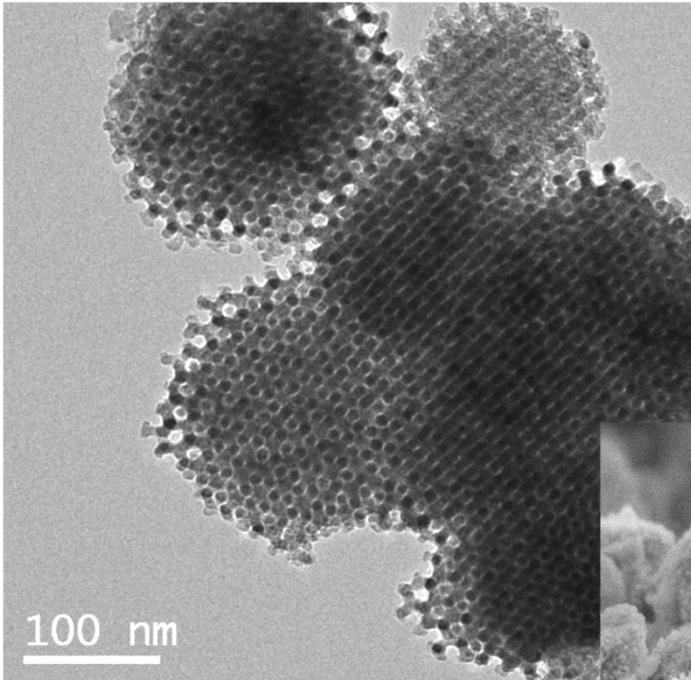


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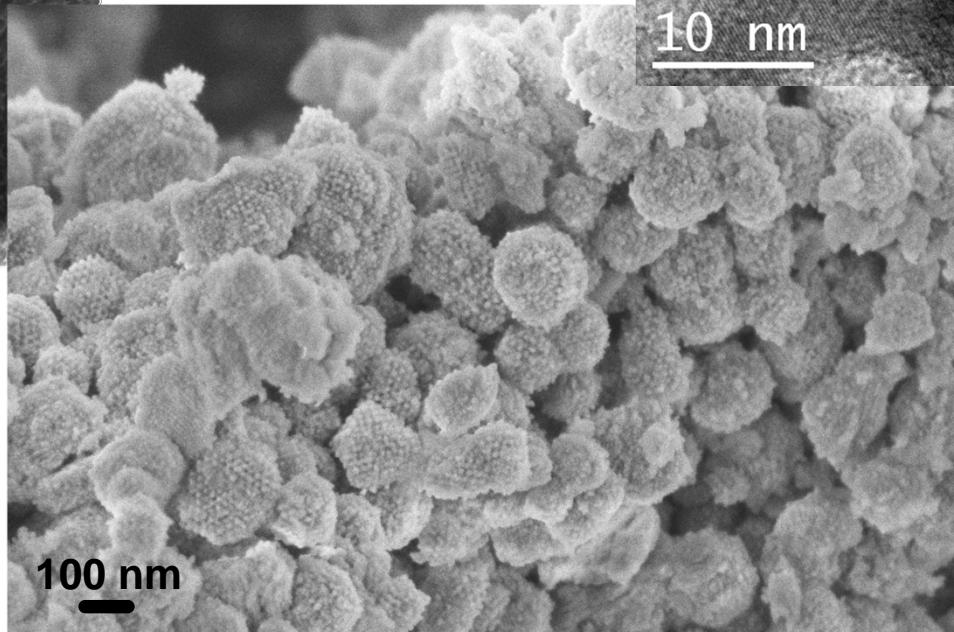
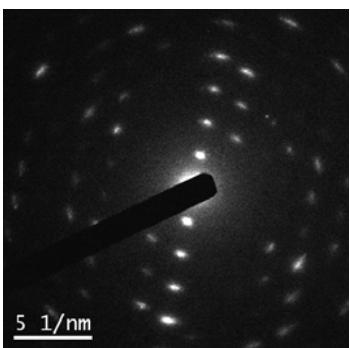
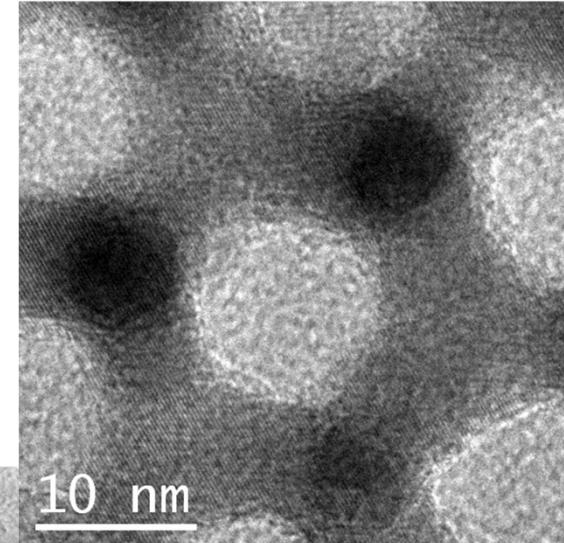
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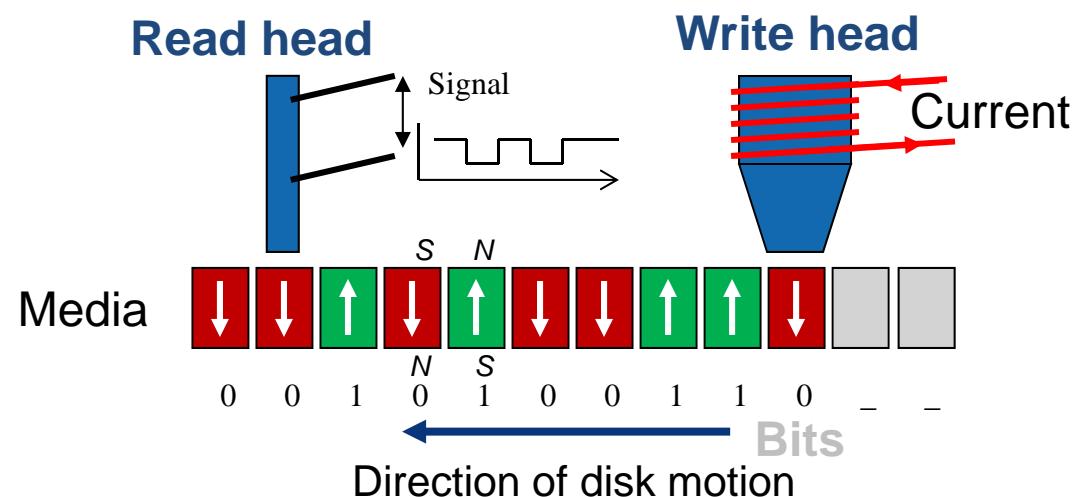
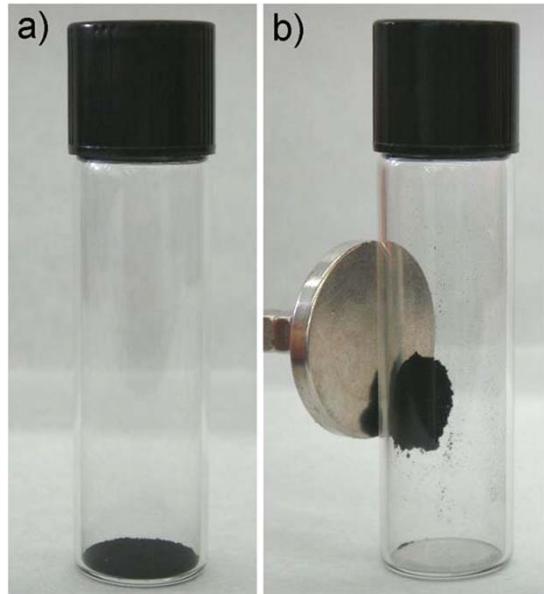


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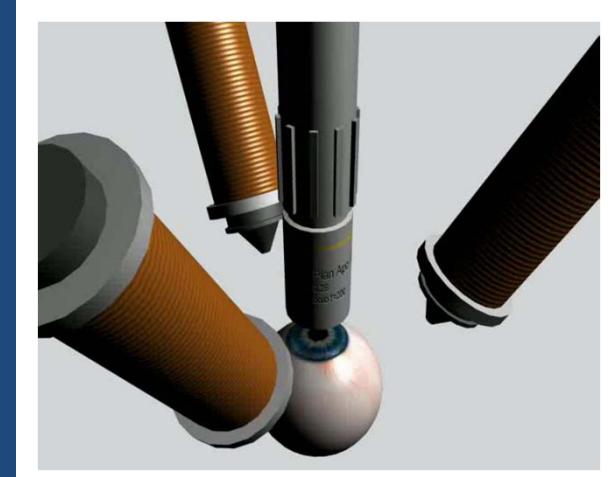
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Adapted from Mark Tuominen, CHM

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# Role in the project

- *UAB – coordinating institution : responsible for management and activities supervision*

*Proposal of engagement in the following activities:*

- 1. To identify current state of education, research and innovation in PC countries (Serbia, Bosnia, Montenegro) in nanotechnologies and advanced materials

*Case studies (per country project participant) of successful stories in nanotechnology and advanced materials innovation and their impact on the university, society and business communities*

- 2. To establish the platform to support strong links of research with education and innovation and accelerating development to industry/clinic and market and modernise PC universities (Serbia, Bosnia, Montenegro)

*Analysis of key players, research & education gaps*

- 3. To develop vocational training courses to address the market needs in nanotechnology and advanced materials innovation transfer

*manuals for vocational courses: 4) Biomedical applications of additive manufacturing; 5) From nano and biomaterials to innovative products*

# Role in the project

*... We want the project to be a success!*

