
Materialforschung durch Computer-gestützte physikalische Modellierung

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Einleitung:

theoretische Materialforschung

I. Wasserstoff in Metallen auf interstitiellen Plätzen

Metallhydrid-Phasen: Kohäsion

H-Isotope im Metall: Vibration

II. Korngrenzen in Metallen mit interstitiellen Fremdatomen

Segregation von B, C, N, O und H

Symmetrie und Kohäsion

Ausblick:

theoretische Energieforschung



Zusammenarbeiten

I. Wasserstoff in Metallen

Theorie (Stuttgart)

M. Fähnle
S. Schweizer
H. Krimmel
L. Schimmele

Theorie (USA)

K. M. Ho, C. T. Chan (Ames)
J. Zhu, S. G. Louie (Berkeley)

II. Korngrenzen in Metallen

Theorie (Stuttgart, Freiburg)

R. Janisch
M. Mrovec
T. Ochs
O. Beck

Experiment (Stuttgart)

W. Sigle
W. Kurtz



Theoretical material research: **energies and forces**

- “Classical” atomistic modelling
 - **Empirical** interaction models
 - Analytical many-body potentials, ionic models, ...
 - Structure optimization, molecular dynamics, Monte Carlo simulation
 - Quantum mechanics, electron theory
 - **Ab-initio** density-functional theory
 - Pseudopotential or all-electron approaches
 - **Semi-empirical** tight-binding models
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- Mixed-basis pseudopotential method (Meyer, Elsässer, Fähnle et al., MPI-MF Stuttgart)
 - Density functional theory **local density approximations**
 - Translational lattice symmetry **interface supercells**
 - Core-valence interactions **norm-conserving pseudopotentials**
 - Representation of valence electrons **plane waves and localized orbitals**
 - Output: **total energies and atomic forces** \Leftrightarrow **structure optimization**
 - crystal structures and atom positions \Leftrightarrow HRTEM
 - electron densities and spectra \Leftrightarrow STEM-EELS
 - interface energies \Leftrightarrow bonding and cleavage
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⇒ **Liste von Publikationen
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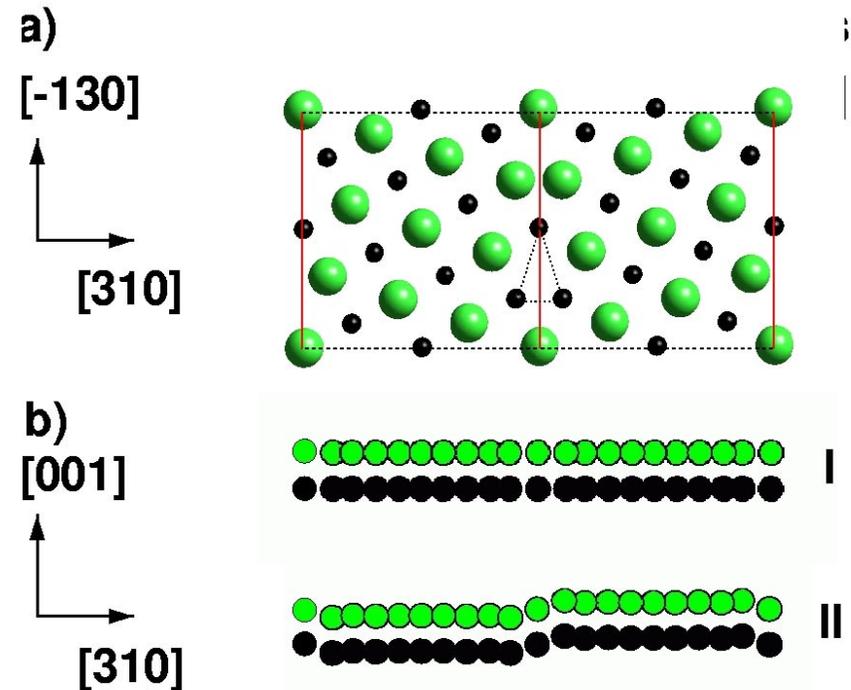
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Symmetrical tilt grain boundaries in Nb and Mo

- Background: Theoretical investigation
Translation states of twins in pure bcc metals
LDFT of the $\Sigma 5$ (310) [001] STGB
 \Rightarrow T.Ochs et al., Phil. Mag. A 80 (2000) 351

	valence electrons	$\Delta\sigma$ mJ/m ²	$\Delta\tau$ % of a_0
Nb	4d ⁴ 5s ¹	8	8
Mo	4d ⁵ 5s ¹	108	18
Ta	5d ³ 6s ²	0	0
W	5d ⁴ 6s ¹	100	20



\Rightarrow Translation state depends on valence configuration



- Experimental observations

HRTEM image along the [001] zone axis

HRTEM of the $\Sigma 5$ (310) [001] STGB

- In Nb, Mo, Ta by G. Campbell et al. (1993, 1999, 2000)
- In Mo by W. Sigle (2001)



W. Sigle, MPI-MF Stuttgart (2001)

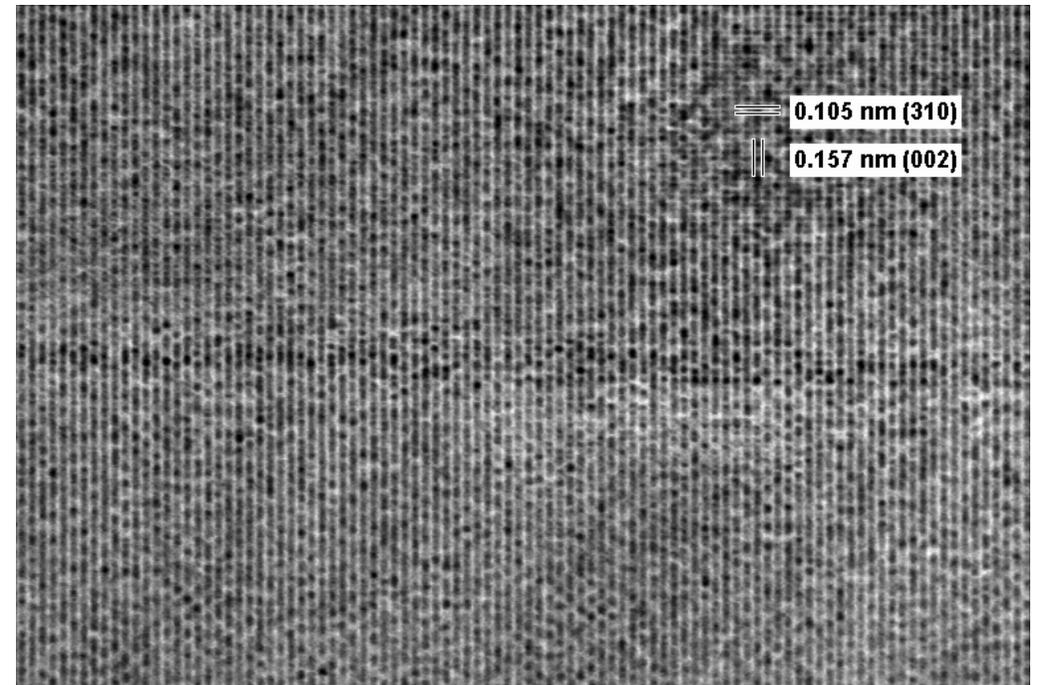
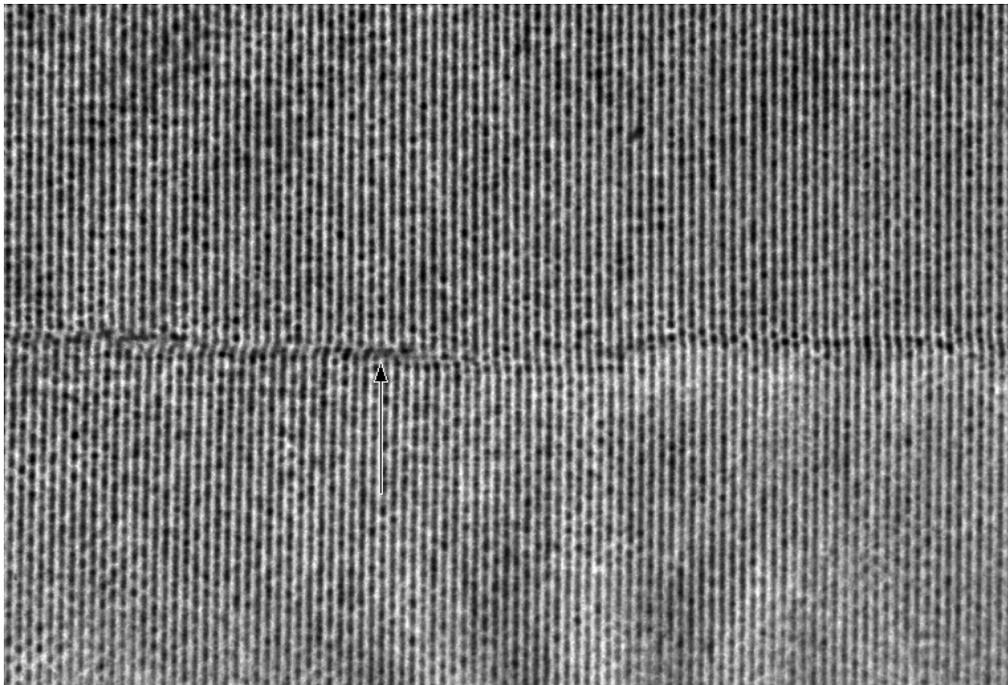


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- Experimental observations for Mo

HRTEM images along the $[-130]$ axis

W. Sigle, MPI-MF Stuttgart (2001)



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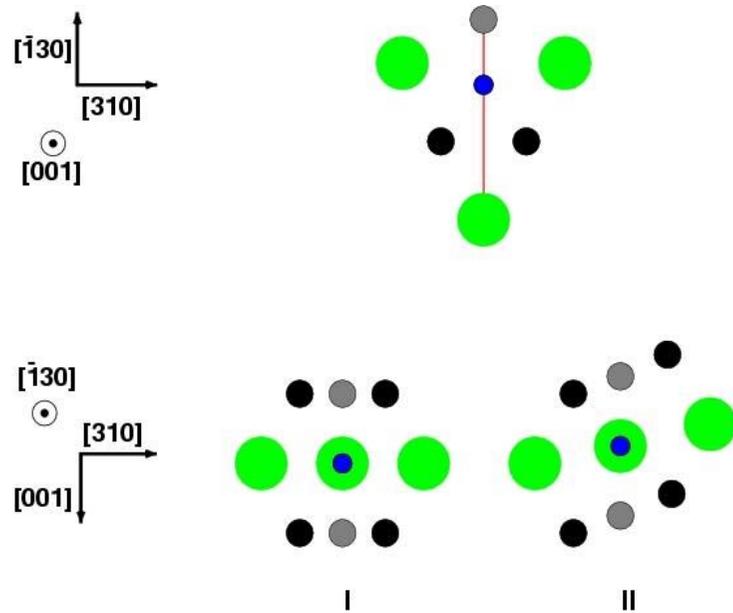
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⇒ Influence of segregated impurities?

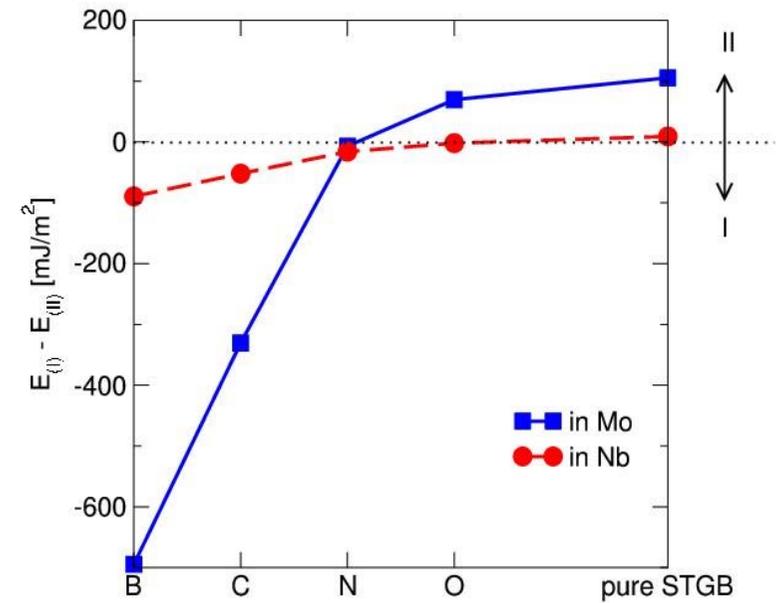
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• Theoretical analysis

insert impurity atoms at GB sites



GB energy differences

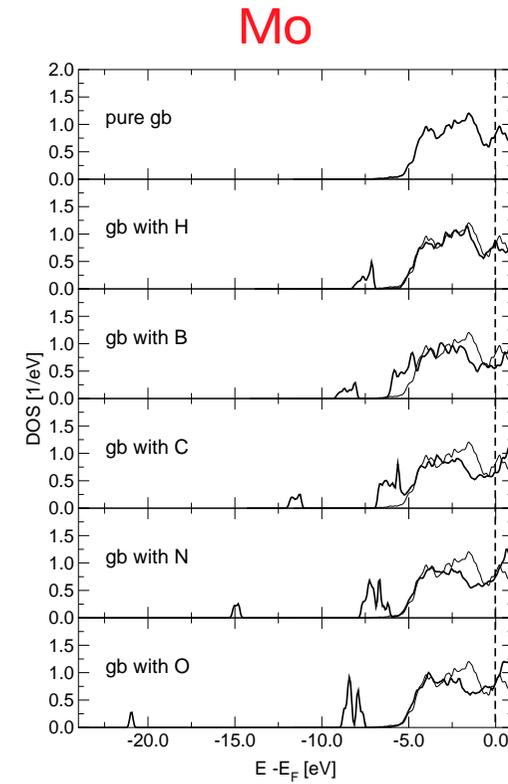
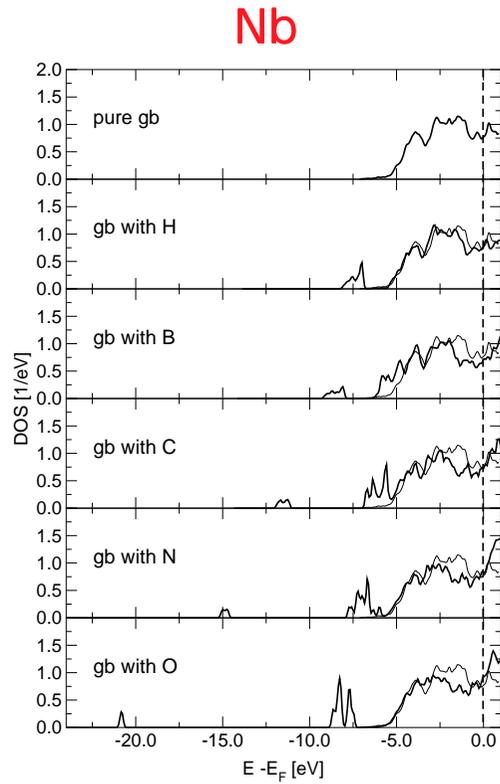


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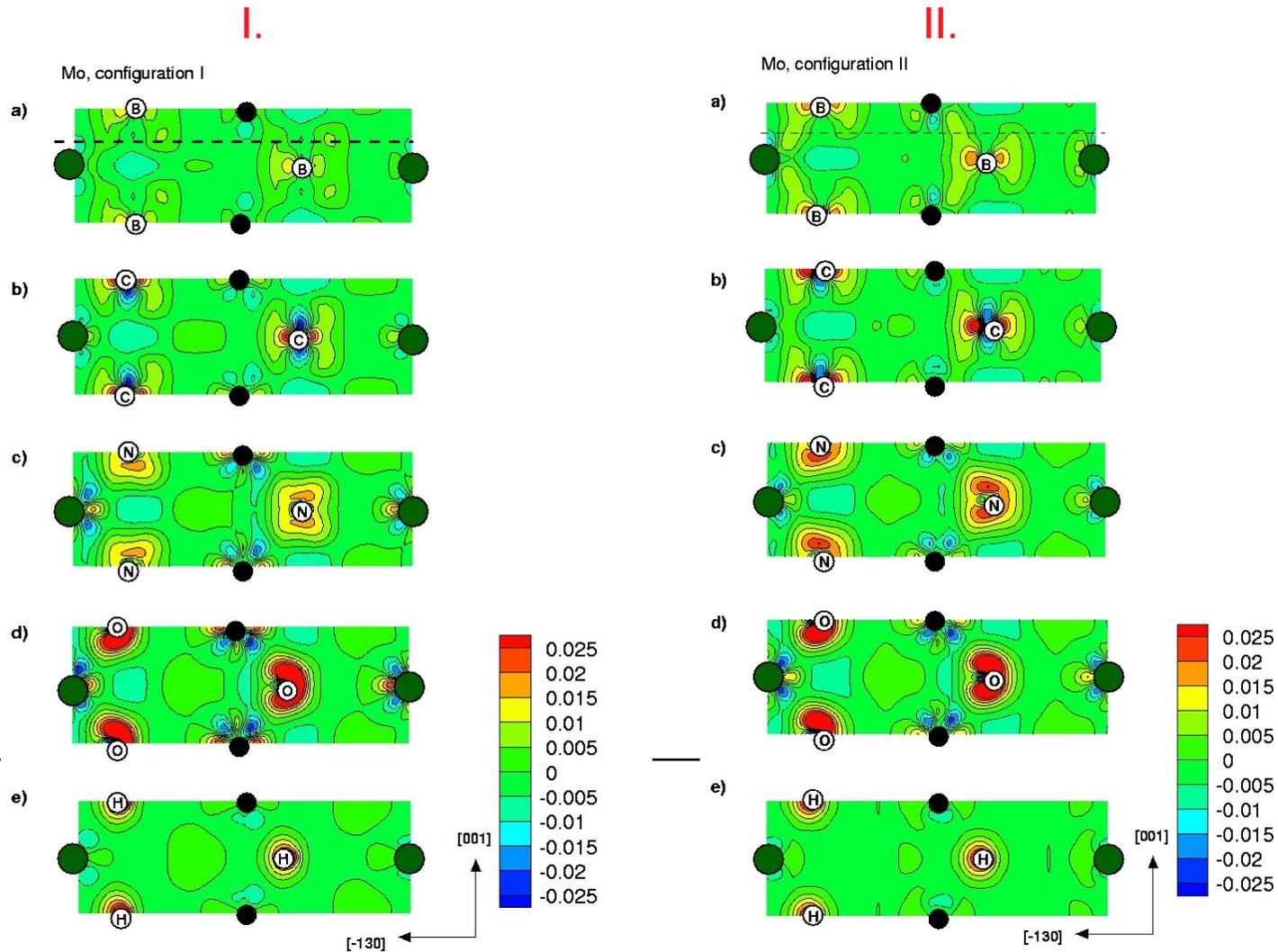


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Site-projected densities of electron states at the GB

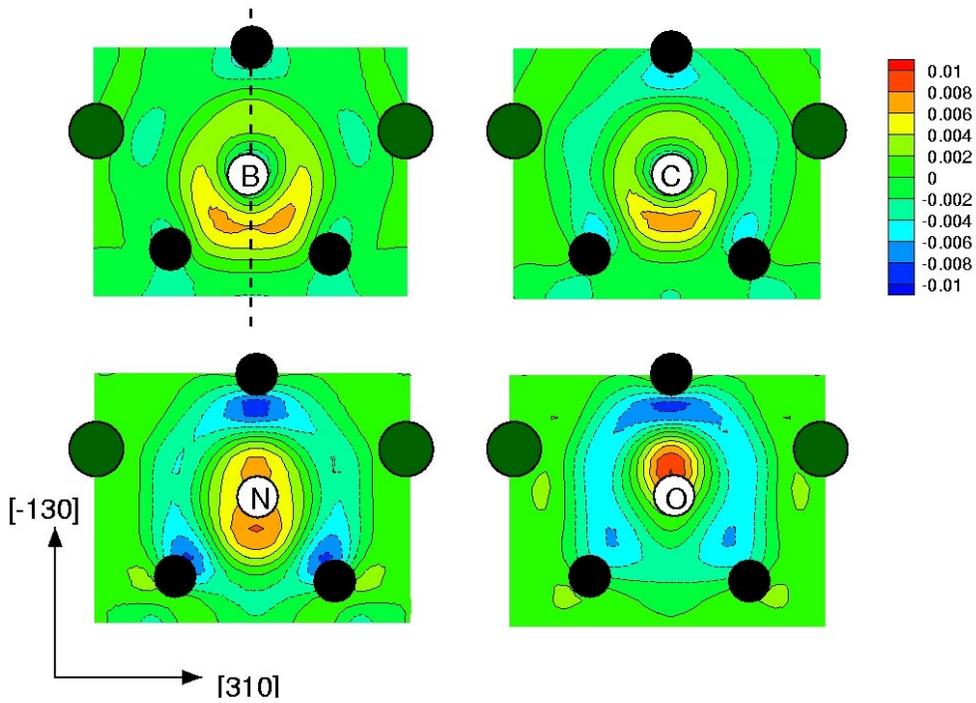


Bonding electron densities **along** the GB plane in Mo

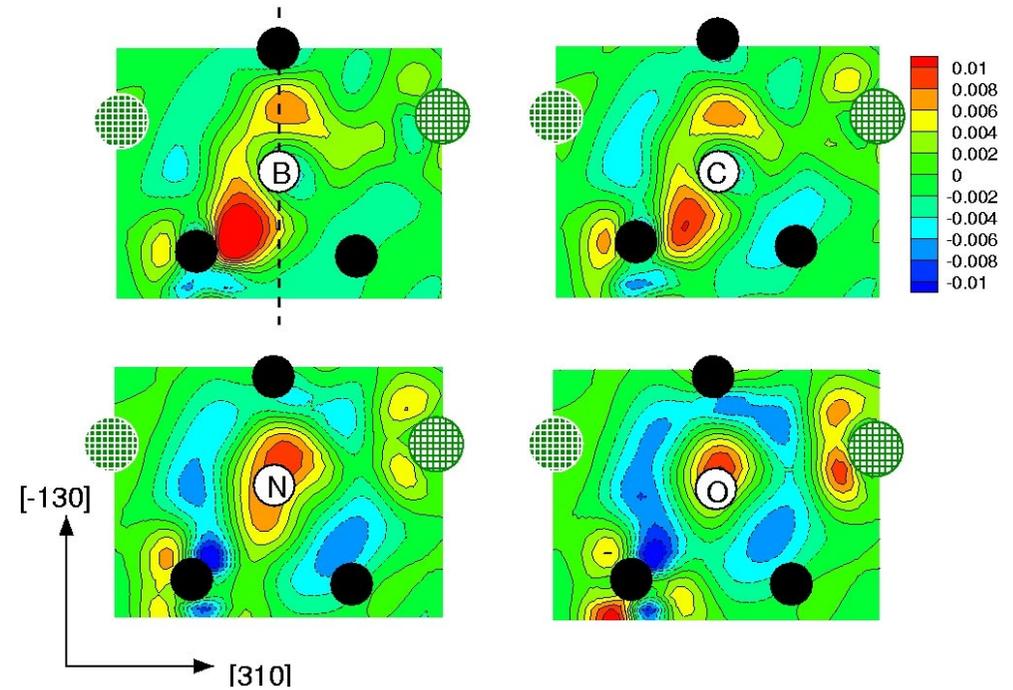


Bonding electron densities **across** the GB plane in Mo

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II.



• Theoretical interpretations

Bonding energies ΔE_B of the impurities

- **Cottrell**, Mater. Sci. Technol. 6 (1990) 807: hybridization vs. embedding
 - Covalently bonding atoms increase GB cohesion
 - Polarly bonding atoms enhance GB brittleness
- **Rice and Wang**, Mater. Sci. Engr. A 107 (1989) 23: boundary vs. surface
 - $\Delta E_B = E_B^{GB} - E_B^{FS}$

LDFT	B	C	N	O
ΔE_B in J/m ²	1.08	0.31	-0.81	-1.46



- Conclusions

$\Sigma 5$ (310) [001] STGB in Nb & Mo

- **B and C** form **covalent** bonds with the host metal
stabilize **mirror-symmetric** GB configuration I
increase GB **cohesion**
- **N and O** form **polar** bonds with the host metal
stabilize **symmetry-broken** GB configuration II
enhance GB **brittleness**



Theoretical energy research: **predictive power**

- Calculation of **physical properties**

- Atomistic structures: **lattice parameters, atom positions**
- Electronic states: **electron densities, electron spectra**
- Properties of materials: **mechanical, chemical, thermal, electric, magnetic, optical, ...**

- Analysis of **chemical bonds**

- Metallic screening, covalency and polarity, ionic charge transfer
 - Empirical many-body potentials from ab-initio results
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Publikationen

I. Wasserstoff in Metallen

- PdH C. E. et al., Phys. Rev. B 44 (1991) 10377
ZrH₂ C. E. et al., MRS Symp. Proc. Vol. 453 (1997) 221
NiH, FeH C. E. et al., J. Phys.: Condens. Matter 10 (1998) 5081, 5113, 5131

II. Korngrenzen in Metallen

perfekt reine Σ 5-KG in Nb und Mo

T. Ochs et al. Phil. Mag. A 80 (2000) 351, 2405

Σ 5-KG in Nb und Mo mit segregiertem B, C, N, O und H

R. Janisch und C.E., Phys. Rev. B 67 (2003) 224101



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