

# PIII: GG and Microst. Evolution

## Outline:

Types of grain growth: **Stationary vs. Nonstationary**

- Liquid phase sintering (LPS)
  - Grain growth in a matrix (Ostwald ripening)
  - Effect of pores on microstructure development
  - Effect of interfacial energy anisotropy
- Solid state sintering (SSS)
  - Grain growth in a pure dense system
  - Effect of 2<sup>nd</sup> phase particles on grain growth
  - Effect of solute segregation on boundary migration
  - Effect of pores on microstructure development
  - Effect of boundary energy anisotropy

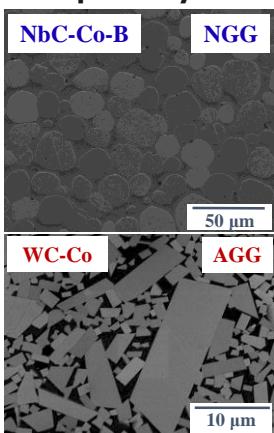
## Mixed Mechanism Principle of Microstructural Evolution

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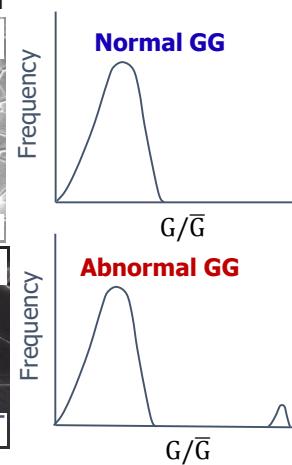
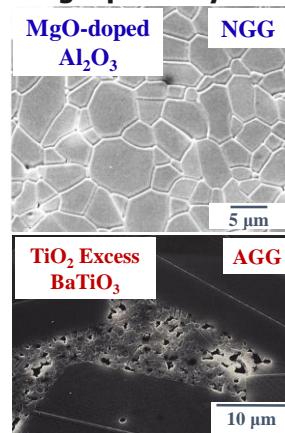
# Grain Growth and Microstructure

### Two Extreme Cases: **Normal** and **Abnormal**

Two phase system



Single phase system



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S. Y. Choi, Ph.D. Thesis, (KAIST, 2004)

C. W. Park and D. Y. Yoon, *J. Am. Ceram. Soc.*, **83**, 2605 (2000).  
D. Y. Yang and S.-J. L. Kang, *Int. J. Refract. H. Mater.*, **27**, 90 (2009)

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# Chap. Liquid Phase Sintering

Qn: Why grain growth takes place during sintering?

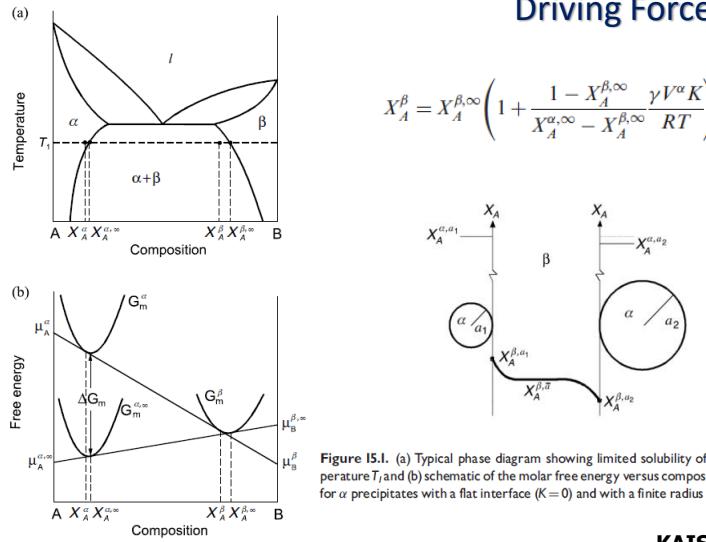


Figure 15.1. (a) Typical phase diagram showing limited solubility of  $X_A^{\alpha,\infty}$  and  $X_B^{\beta,\infty}$  at temperature  $T_i$  and (b) schematic of the molar free energy versus composition at the temperature for  $\alpha$  precipitates with a flat interface ( $K=0$ ) and with a finite radius of curvature ( $K\neq 0$ ).

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## Lifshitz-Slyozov-Wagner (LSW) Theory

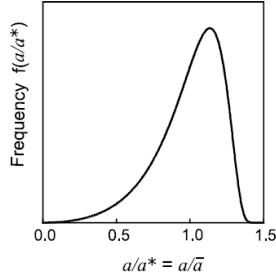
Basic Assumptions: (i) infinitely dispersed system (meaning?)  
(ii) constant interface mobility (meaning?)

### Diffusion-controlled GG (by LSW)

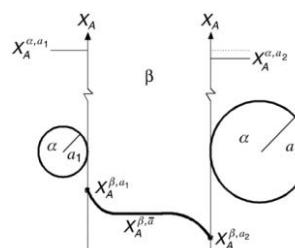
Interaction btw. average-sized grain and an individual grain

$$\frac{da}{dt} = -\frac{D(C_a - C_{\bar{a}})}{a} \quad \frac{da}{dt} = \frac{2D\gamma C_\infty V_m}{RTa} \left( \frac{1}{\bar{a}} - \frac{1}{a} \right)$$

$$\bar{a}_t^3 - \bar{a}_0^3 = \frac{8}{9} \frac{D\gamma C_\infty V_m}{RT} t$$



Lifshitz and Slyozov, *J. Phys. Chem. Solids*, **19**, 35 (1961).  
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## Lifshitz-Slyozov-Wagner (LSW) Theory

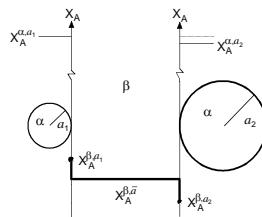
Basic Assumptions: (i) infinitely dispersed system (meaning?)  
(ii) constant interface mobility (meaning?)

### Interface Reaction-controlled GG (by Wagner)

Interaction btw. average-sized grain and an individual grain

$$\frac{da}{dt} = K(C_{\bar{a}} - C_a) = \frac{2K\gamma C_{\infty} V_m}{RT} \left( \frac{1}{\bar{a}} - \frac{1}{a} \right)$$

$$\bar{a}_t^2 - \bar{a}_o^2 = \frac{64 K \gamma C_{\infty} V_m}{81 RT} t \quad \text{(This Eq. is similar to that of NGG for a single phase system)}$$



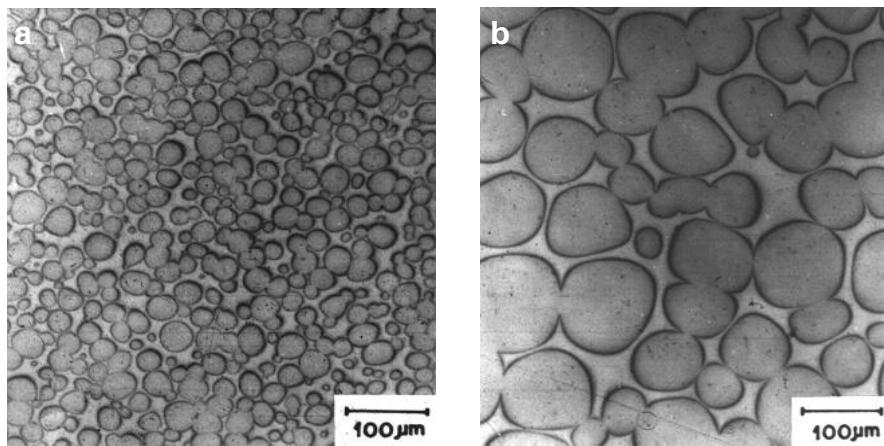
Physically Wrong!

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## Normal Grain Growth

### Stationary Grain Growth

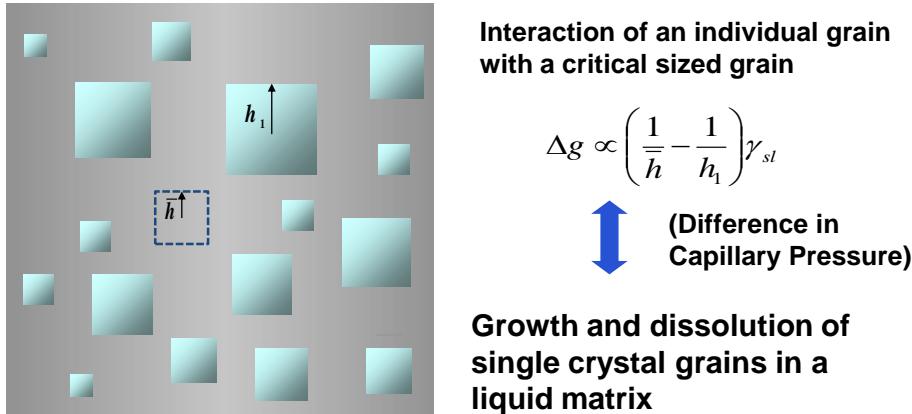


Microstructure of 70W-30Ni alloy annealed at 1540°C for (a) 30 min. and (b) 15 h.

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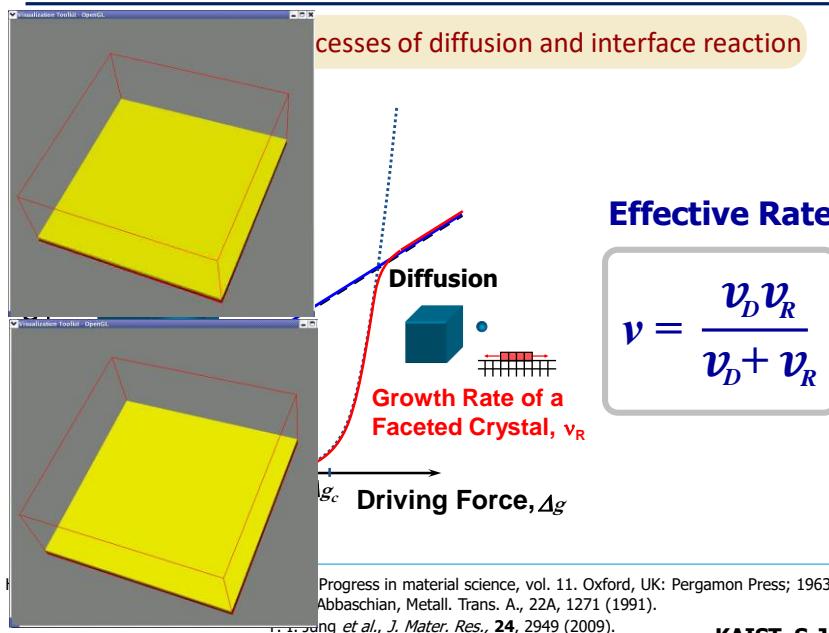
## Fundamentals of Grain Growth in a Matrix

**Ostwald ripening:** Result of growth/dissolution of individual grains



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## Crystal Growth in a Matrix

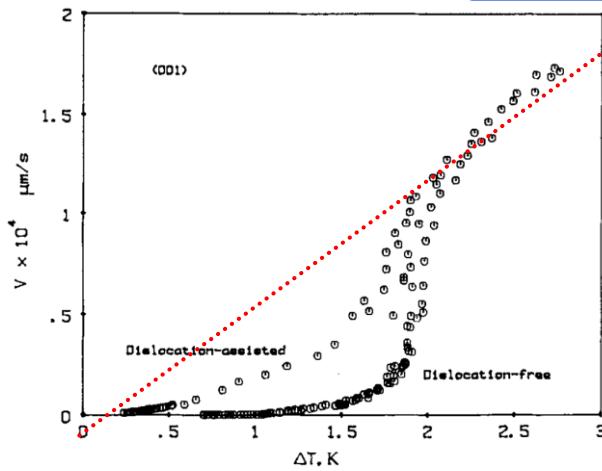


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## Nonlinear Migration of Faceted Sol./Liq. Interface

### Experimental Observation

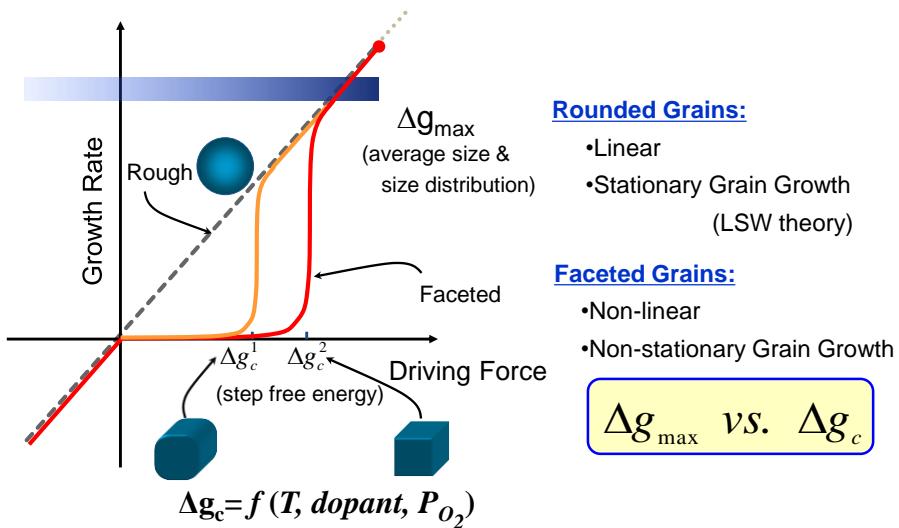
(001) Ga Single Crystal



S.D. Peteves and R. Abbaschian, *Metall. Trans. A*, **22** [6], 1259 (1991).

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## Grain Growth and Dissolution in a Liquid Matrix

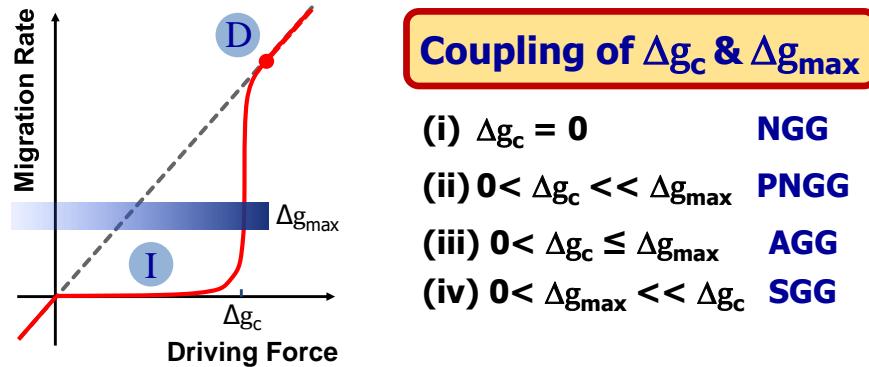


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## Microstructural Evolution during LPS

### Mixed Mechanism Principle of Microstructural Evolution

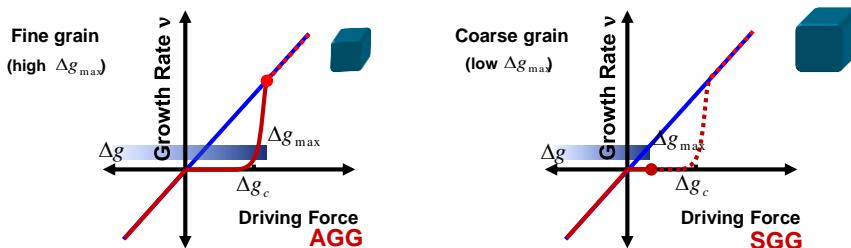


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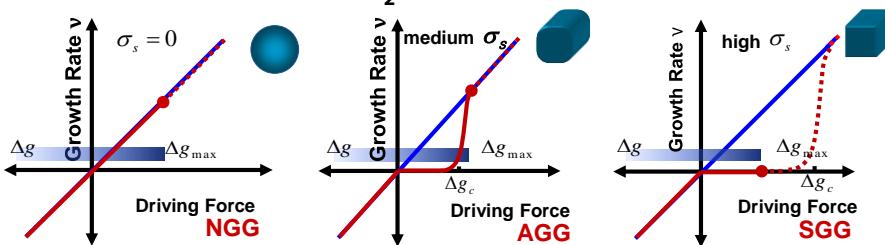
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### Thought Experiments

#### I. Effect of $\Delta g_{\max}$ (Initial Particle Size)



#### II. Effect of $\Delta g_c$ (T, Dopant, $P_{O_2}$ )



J. G. Fisher and S.-J. L. Kang, J. Am. Ceram. Soc., **102**, 717 (2019)

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## Simulation of Grain Growth

### Effect of Step Free Energy

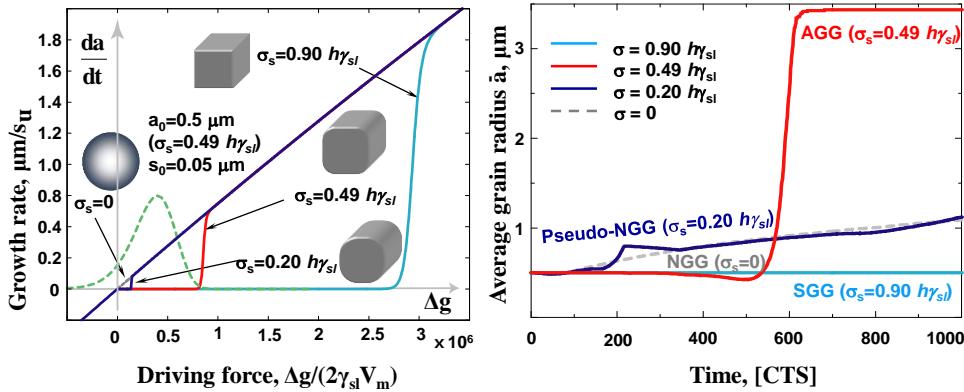


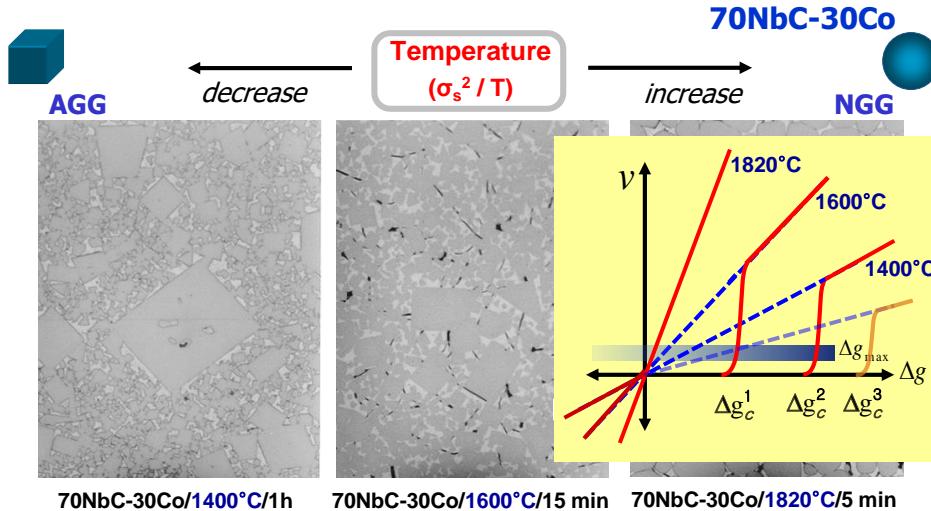
Figure 6.13 (a) Variation of growth rate of a grain with respect to the driving force normalized to  $2\gamma_{sl}V_m$  for various critical driving forces, which are governed by the step free energy  $\sigma_s$  of facets. Schematic equilibrium shapes of a grain for different step free energies are also shown. The dotted curve shows the frequency plot of grains in a system with  $\sigma_s = 0.49 h\gamma_{sl}$  where the average grain radius is  $0.5 \mu\text{m}$  and the standard deviation is  $0.05 \mu\text{m}$ ; (b) Variation of the average radius of grains with calculation time steps for systems shown in panel (a). For the calculation, the data used in Ref. [84] were utilized.

S.-J. L. Kang, "Sintering" in Ceramic Science and Technology vol. 3, 143-167, Riedel and I.-W. Chen (eds), Wiley-VCH (2012).  
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## Experimental Observation

### Effect of $\Delta g_c$ (Temperature)



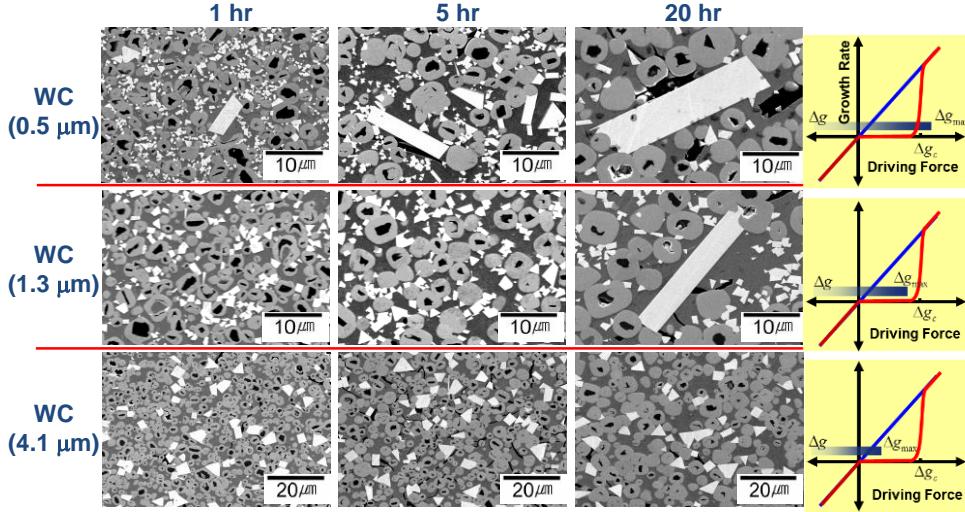
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## Experimental Observation

### Effect of $\Delta g_{\max}$ (Initial Particle Size)

70(25TiC-75WC)-30Co, 1450 °C



B.-K. Yoon, B.A. Lee and S.-J.L. Kang, *Acta Mater.*, **53**, 4677 (2005).

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## Experimental Supports for the Principle

### Experimental Observations and Interpretations (Two-Phase Systems)

#### • Effect of $\Delta g_c$ (T, Dopant, $P_{O_2}$ )

- Sialon,  $Si_3N_4$  (Kang and Han, 1995)
- $SrTiO_3$  (Chung *et al.*, 2002 (Dopant,  $P_{O_2}$ ))
- NBT-BT (Moon and Kang, 2008)
- $BaTiO_3$  (Chang and Kang, 2009)
- NBT-BT (Moon *et al.*, 2011 (Dopant))
- NbC-Co (Cho and Yoon, 2004 (T))
- NbC-Fe (Oh *et al.*, 2000 (Dopant))
- PMN-PT (Wallace *et al.*, 2002 (Dopant))
- SiC (Jang *et al.*, 1996 ( $P_{O_2}$ )))
- PMN-PT (Kim *et al.*, 2006, (Dopant, T))
- KNN (Fisher *et al.*, 2009)
- $BaTiO_3$  (Heo *et al.*, 2011 ( $P_{O_2}$ )))
- Alumina (Park *et al.*, 2002 (Dopant))
- NbC-Co (Lee and Yoon, 2005 (Dopant))
- $(Nb,Ti)C-Co$  (Choi *et al.*, 2002 (Dopant))
- WC-Co (Lee *et al.*, 2003 (Dopant))
- $SrTiO_3$  (Sano *et al.*, 2007) etc.

#### • Effect of $\Delta g_{\max}$

- $BaTiO_3$  (Jung *et al.*, 2003)
- WC-Co (Park *et al.*, 1996)
- TiC-WC-Co (Yoon *et al.*, 2005)

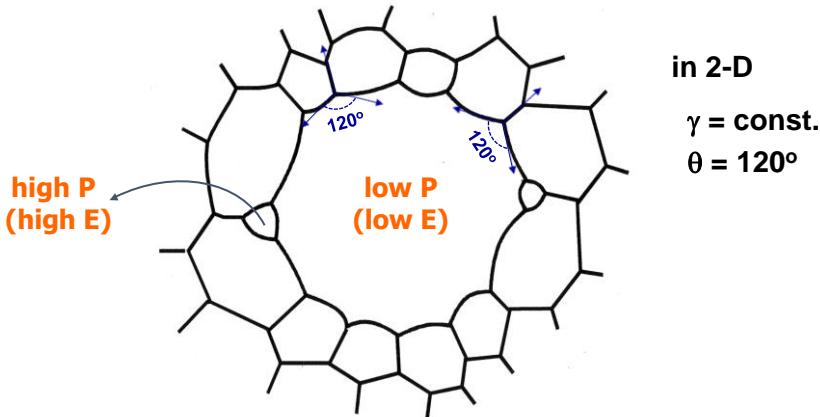
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# Chap. Solid State Sintering

GG: Increase in average grain size

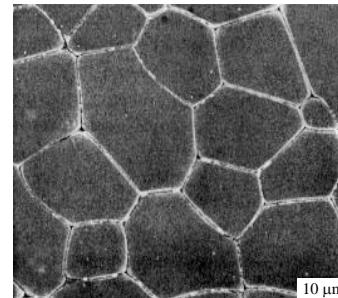
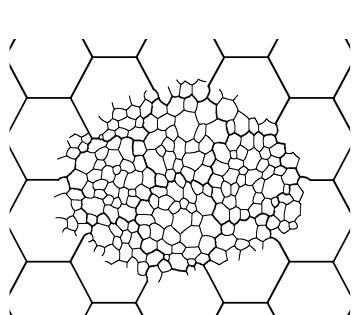
Result of boundary migration

Driving Force



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## Driving Force for Grain Growth



Etched and polished section of  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$

### Driving Force for the Growth of a Grain

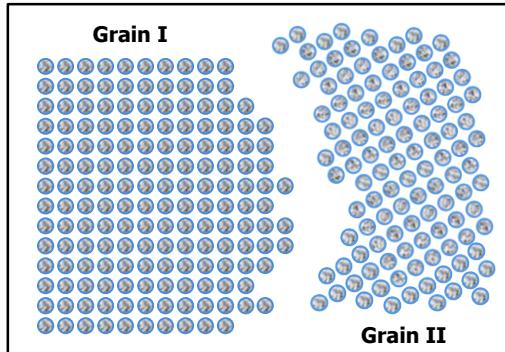
$$\Delta g = 4\gamma_b \left( \frac{1}{G} - \frac{1}{G_0} \right) \propto \left( \frac{1}{G} - \frac{1}{G_0} \right)$$

The mean field concept is adopted.

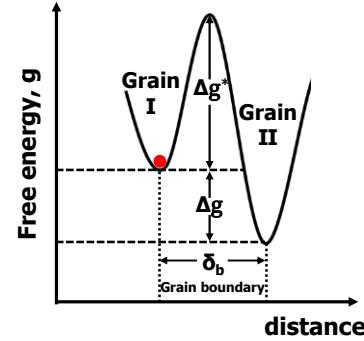
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## Atomic Motion in Boundary Migration

$$\Delta g \text{ (Capillary energy)} = (2\gamma_b/r) V_m$$



Random jump of atoms across the boundary



Diffusion Control :  
 $M_b = \frac{D_b}{RT} \propto \exp(-\frac{\Delta g^*}{RT})$

Kang et al., J. Ceram. Soc. Jpn., 124, 259 (2016).

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## *Classical Law of Normal Grain Growth*

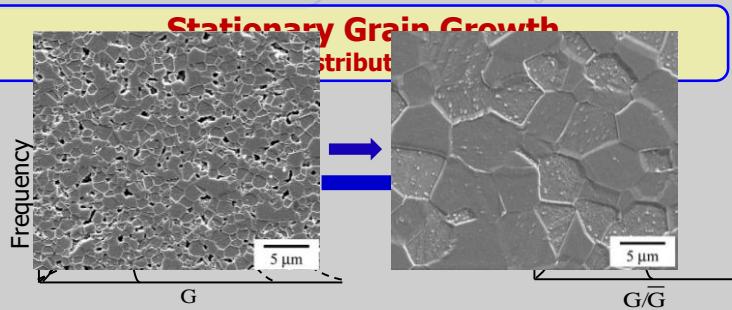
### Mean Field Concept

$$\frac{dG}{dt} \propto M_b \left( \frac{1}{\bar{G}} - \frac{1}{G} \right)$$

(i) Driving force  $\propto \left( \frac{1}{\bar{G}} - \frac{1}{G} \right)$

(ii) Mobility = const.  $\neq f(F_b)$

$$\rightarrow \bar{G}^2 - \bar{G}_0^2 = kt$$

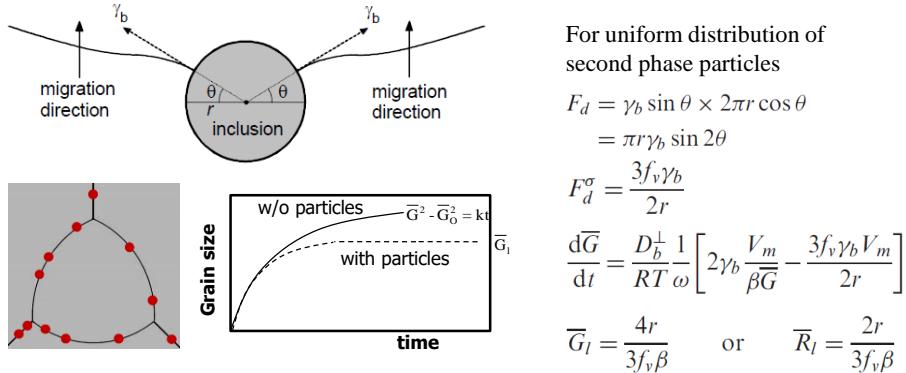


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## Effect of 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase Particles

### Smith-Zener Effect

Qn: What is the thermodynamic basis of the Smith-Zener effect?



Qn: Ostwald ripening of particles? In reality, such a high drag?

*Addition of BT particles to Ni powder in fabrication of MLCC:  
an application example of Zener drag*

Smith CS. AIME, **175**, 15 (1949). Manohar PA, et al., ISIJ Inter., **38**, 913 (1998).

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## Effect of solute segregation

### Solute/Impurity segregation

Qn: Why solutes segregate at the grain boundary?

- Solute Segregation at GB
- Many models and theories of GB segregation.
- The simplest one is McLean's model that assumes mono-layer segregation of a single adsorbate without interference btw solvent and solute atoms (no site-to-site interaction, cf: *regular solution model*).

$$\frac{X_B^b}{X_A^b} = \frac{X_B}{X_A} \exp\left(\frac{-\Delta E}{kT}\right)$$

Derived by use of (i) statistical thermodynamics or  
(ii) the mass action law

$\Delta E$ : free energy of segregation

Qn: What can be the factors that affect solute segregation?

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# Effect of solute segregation

## Solute/Impurity drag

Qn: Drag force of the segregated solutes against the boundary migration?

Qn: The difference btw the Smith-Zener drag and the solute drag?

Derivation of the drag force

$$(i) \text{ calculation of } C(x) \text{ from eq. } D \frac{\partial C}{\partial x} + \frac{DC}{kT} \frac{\partial E}{\partial x} + v_b(C - C_\infty) = 0$$

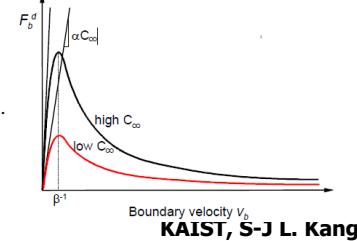
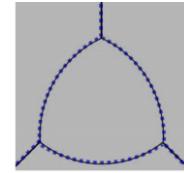
(ii) calculation of the net drag force

$$\begin{aligned} F_b^d &= - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} n(x) \frac{dE}{dx} dx \\ &= -N_v \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} [C(x) - C(\infty)] \frac{dE}{dx} dx \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{An approximated solution: } F_b^d = \frac{\alpha C_\infty v_b}{1 + \beta^2 v_b^2}$$

$\alpha$ : the drag force per unit concentration of solute and per unit velocity of moving boundary when  $\beta^2 v_b^2 \ll 1$ .

$\beta$ : the time required for solute atoms to diffuse one unit distance. (the inverse of the drift velocity)

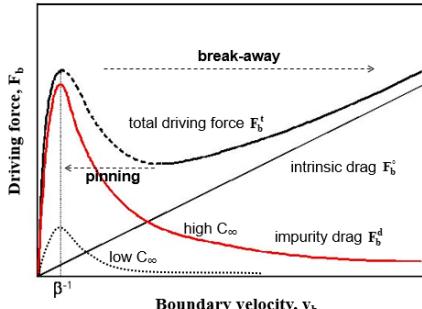


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# Effect of solute segregation

## Boundary migration

$$F_b^t = F_b^o + F_b^d = \frac{v_b}{M_b^o} + \frac{\alpha C_\infty v_b}{1 + \beta^2 v_b^2} = v_b \left( \frac{1}{M_b^o} + \frac{\alpha C_\infty}{1 + \beta^2 v_b^2} \right)$$



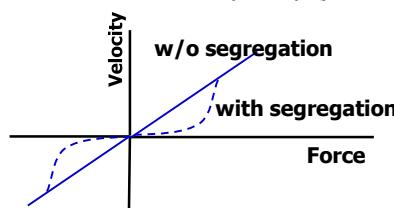
### Two extreme cases

$$v_b \ll \beta^{-1}$$

$$v_b = \frac{F_b^t}{(1/M_b^o) + \alpha C_\infty} \approx \frac{1}{\alpha C_\infty} F_b^t$$

$$v_b \gg \beta^{-1}$$

$$v_b \approx M_b^o F_b^t$$



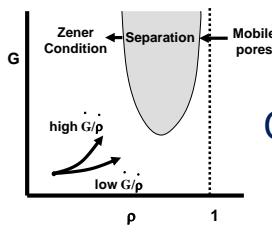
Qn: Boundary mobility in McLean model?

Drag = f(segregation, diffusivity)

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# Microstructure Development

in porous materials



Qn: What are the potential parameters that affect the trajectory of microstructural evolution?

A few points of consideration:

- Densification is governed by driving force (pore size) and densification mechanism.  
**Pore size varies with grain size.**
- Grain growth is affected by grain size (driving force) and boundary migration mechanism.  
**Boundary control vs. Pore control (pore migration mechanisms)**
- Location of pores  
**4-grain corner, 3-grain edge, 2-grain boundary**

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## Mobility of an Isolated Pore

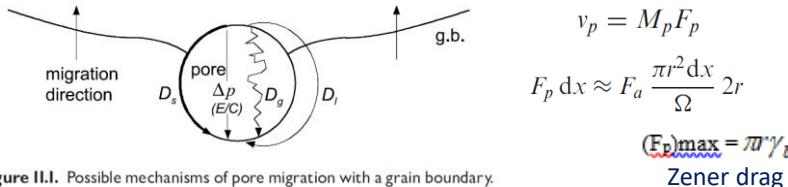


Figure II.I. Possible mechanisms of pore migration with a grain boundary.

Table II.I. Mobility of pores in porous systems<sup>12</sup>

| Migration mechanism      | Mobility, $M_p$  |
|--------------------------|--|
| Surface diffusion        | $M_p^s = \frac{D_s \delta_s \Omega}{\pi r^4 k T} \propto \frac{1}{r^4}$  |
| Lattice diffusion        | $M_p^l = \frac{D_l \Omega}{\pi r^3 k T} \propto \frac{1}{r^3}$   |
| Gas diffusion            | $M_p^g = \frac{D_g p_\infty \Omega^2}{2\pi r^3 (k T)^2} \propto \frac{1}{r^3}$                                     |
| Evaporation/condensation | $M_p^{e/c} = \frac{p_\infty \Omega^2}{\sqrt{2m} r^2} \left( \frac{1}{\pi k T} \right)^{3/2} \propto \frac{1}{r^2}$ |

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## Pore Migration and Grain Growth

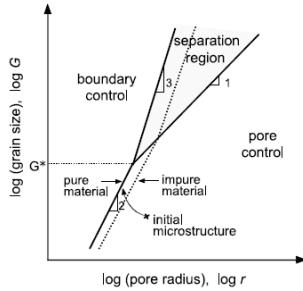
Qn: (i) move together, (ii) separated from the boundary

$$\text{Boundary velocity in the presence of pores} \quad v_b = M_b(F_b - NF_p)$$

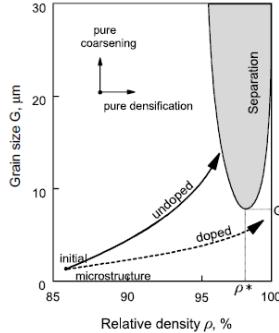
(i) Boundaries move together with pores    (ii) Pores are separated from boundary

$$v_b = v_p = M_p F_p = M_b(F_b - NF_p)$$

$$v_b = \frac{M_b}{1 + N(M_b/M_p)} F_b$$



$$F_b > \left( \frac{M_p}{M_b} + N \right) F_p$$



For surface diffusion-controlled pore migration (boundary migration)

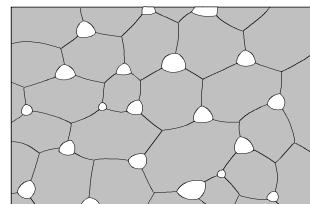
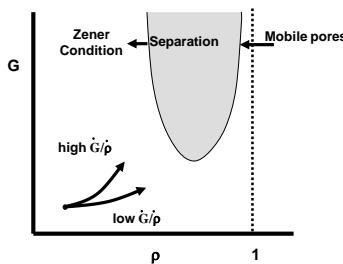
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## Densification and Grain Growth: Microstructure Development



**Densification rate:**

$$\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{d\rho}{dt} = \frac{K_1 (1-\rho)^k}{G^m \rho}$$

**Grain Growth rate:**

$$\frac{1}{G} \frac{dG}{dt} = \frac{K_2}{G^n (1-\rho)^l}$$

$$\bullet \frac{d\rho}{dG} = \left( \frac{K_1}{K_2} \right) G^{n-m-1} (1-\rho)^{k+l}$$

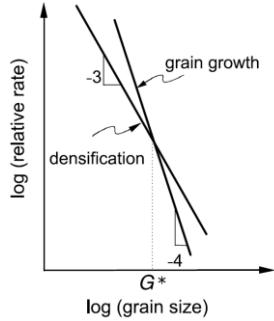
| Densification                    | <i>m</i> | <i>k</i> |
|----------------------------------|----------|----------|
| <i>D<sub>l</sub></i>             | 3        | 1/3      |
| <i>D<sub>b</sub></i>             | 4        | 0        |
| Grain Growth                     | <i>n</i> | <i>l</i> |
| <i>D<sub>s</sub></i>             | 4        | 4/3      |
| Gas Diff.                        | 3        | 1        |
| Evap./Cond.                      | 2        | 2/3      |
| <i>D<sub>b</sub><sup>+</sup></i> | 2        | 0        |

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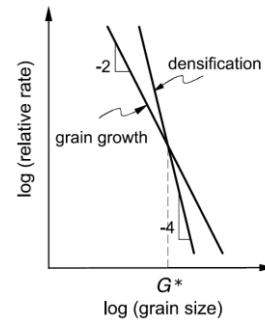
## Effect of Grain (Particle) Size

### Examples

Densification : lattice diffusion  
 Grain Growth : surface diffusion



Densification : grain boundary diffusion  
 Grain Growth : evaporation/condensation

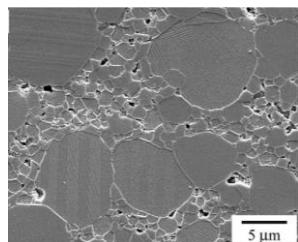


Relative densification and coarsening rates vs. grain size.

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## Abnormal (Exaggerated) GG

*An extreme type of Grain Growth*



0.1 mol% TiO<sub>2</sub>-excess BaTiO<sub>3</sub>  
 at 1250 °C for 50 h

### Bimodal size distribution of grains

- the result of fast growth of a few (some) grains  
 and essentially no growth of matrix grains

Observation of AGG in many different systems

- (i) highly pure systems
- (ii) highly impure systems
- (iii) systems with second phase particles
- (iv) systems with a liquid matrix

### *Phenomenological Description of AGG*

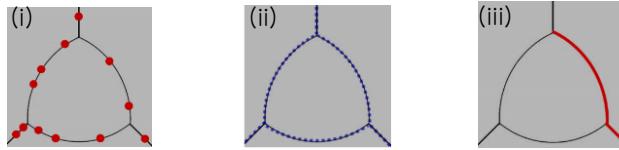
$$\frac{dG_a}{dt} = \frac{D_b^\perp}{RT} \frac{2\gamma_b}{\beta \bar{G}_m} \frac{V_m}{\omega} \quad \bar{G}_{a,t} - \bar{G}_{a,t_0} = \frac{2D_b^\perp \gamma_b V_m}{\beta RT \bar{G}_m \omega} t$$

Consider the growth of a single crystal into a polycrystal  
 in a single/poly bilayer sample!

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## Suggested Mechanisms of AGG

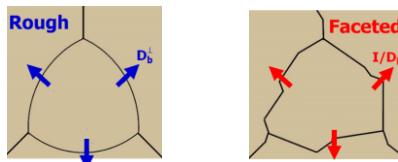
### Early Mechanisms



- (i) Break-away of grain boundary from second phase particles (since 1950's)
- (ii) Break-away of grain boundary from segregated impurities (since 1960's)
- (iii) Uneven distribution of a second phase, in particular, a liquid (since 1970's)  
"Complexion" hypothesis (since 2000's)
- (iv) Anisotropy in boundary mobility and boundary energy (simulation studies)

### Recent Mechanism

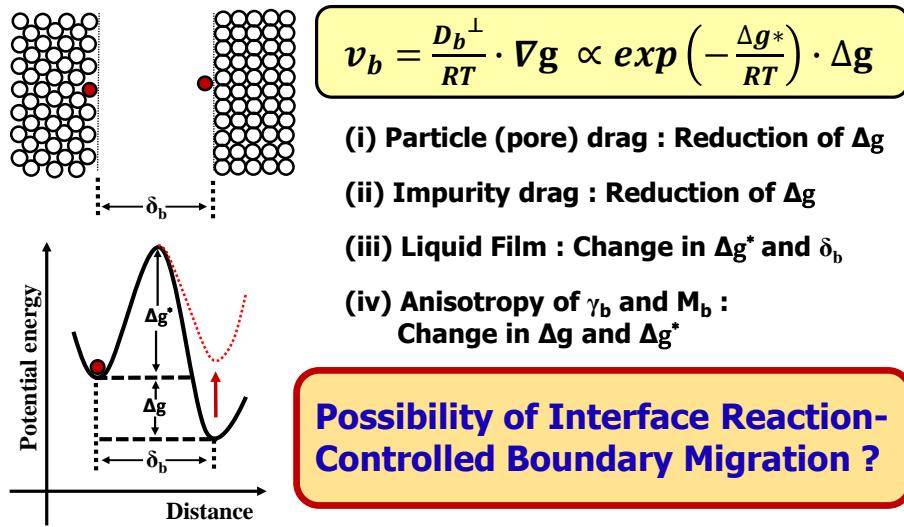
- (v) Change in boundary migration mechanism with respect to the driving force



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### Common Feature in the Previous Models and Mechanisms

#### Diffusion-Controlled Boundary Migration

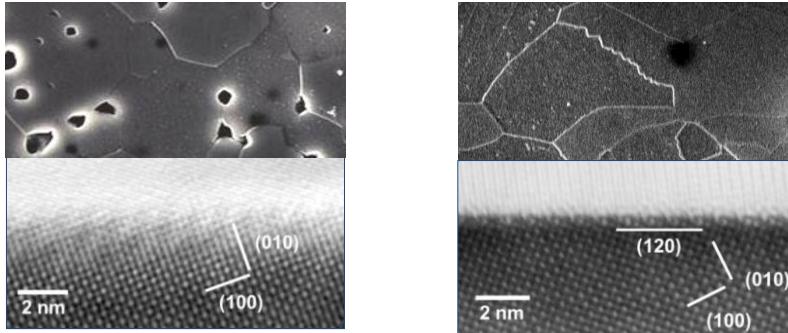


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## Two Types of Grain Boundaries

**Rough (atomically disordered)**    **Faceted (atomically ordered)**



Ti-excess  $\text{BaTiO}_3$     in  $\text{H}_2$

in air

**Variables:  $T$ , dopant,  $P\text{O}_2$**

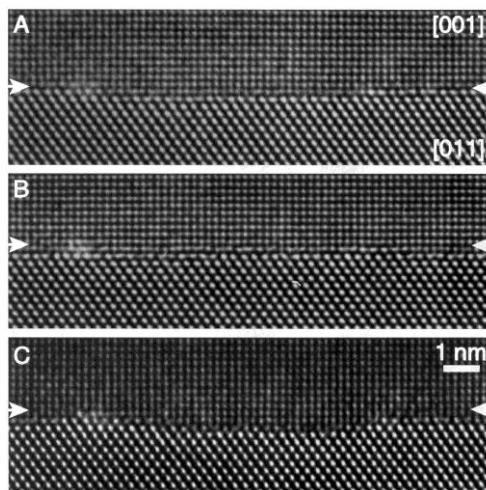
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## Migration Mechanism of Faceted Boundary

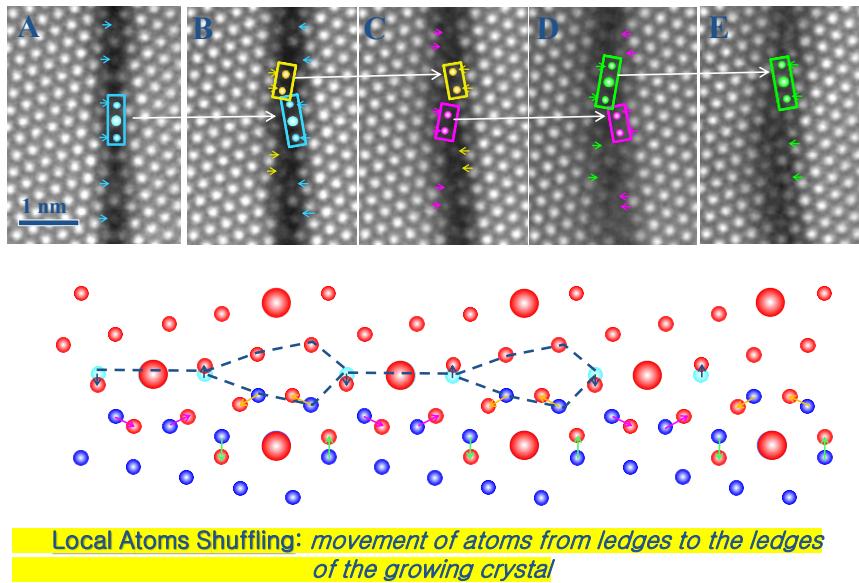
**Migration of a Singular GB in Au by the Step Growth Mechanism**



K.L. Merkle and L.J. Thompson, *Mater. Lett.*, **48**, 188 (2001).

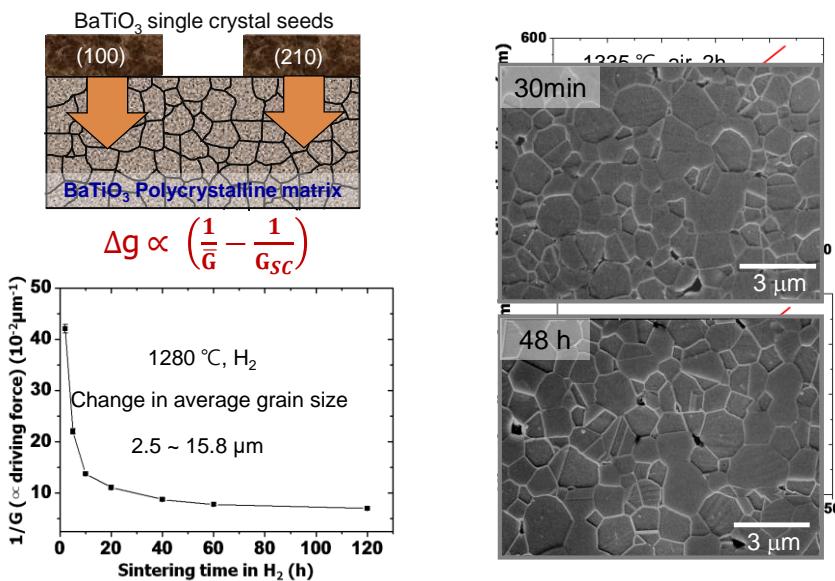
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## Migration Mechanism of $\Sigma 7 \alpha\text{-Al}_2\text{O}_3$ Boundary

J. Wei, et al., *Nature Materials*, 20, 951, July 2021.

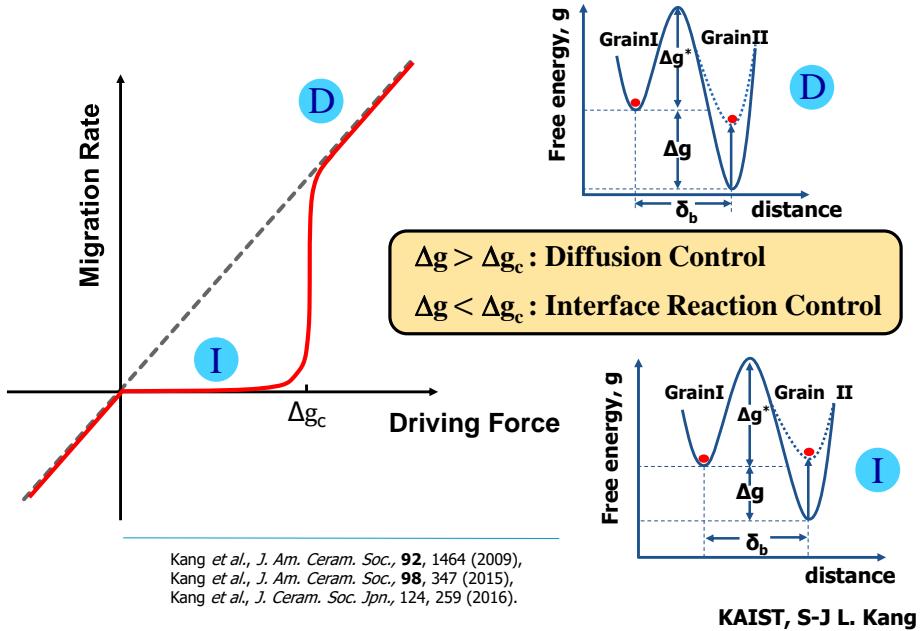
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## Migration Behavior of Faceted Boundary

An et al., *Acta Mater.* **60**, 4531 (2012).

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## Mixed Control of Boundary Migration



## Summary of Recent Findings

### ▪ Migration mechanism of grain boundary

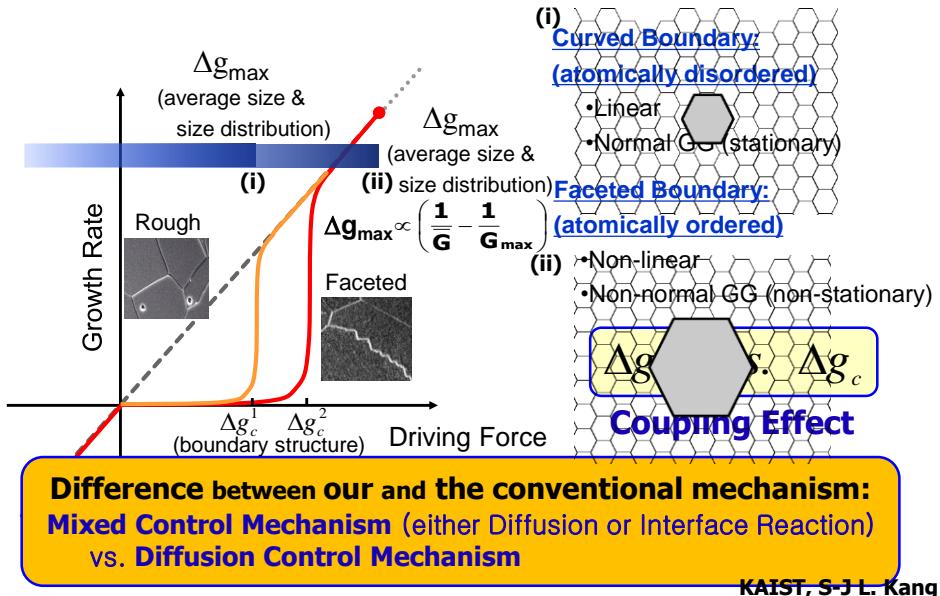
is **not** dependent on  
the presence of a liquid (film),  
the presence of solutes, or  
the presence of a 2<sup>nd</sup> phase (particles)  
at the boundary

**but** dependent on  
the morphology (atomic structure) of  
the grain boundary:

Diffusion control for rough boundary  
Mixed control (diffusion or interface reaction)  
for faceted boundary

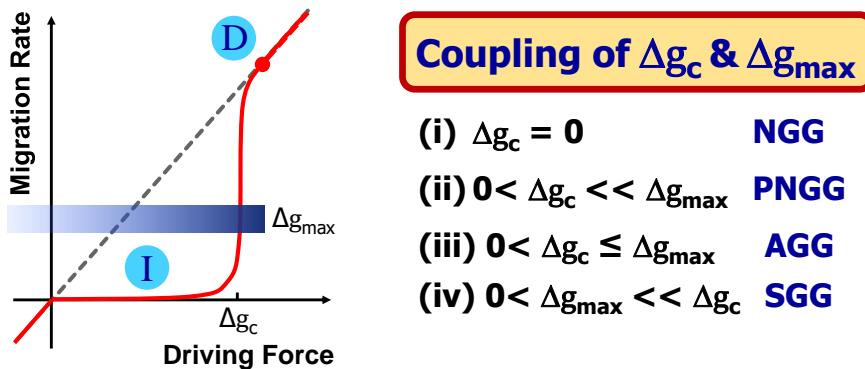
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## Mixed Control Mechanism of Grain Growth



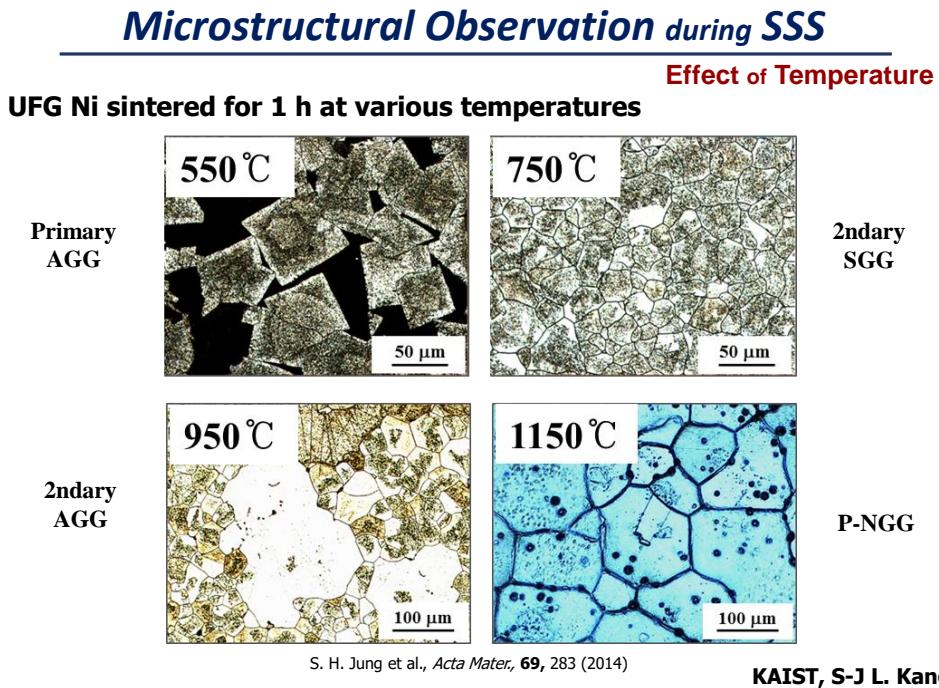
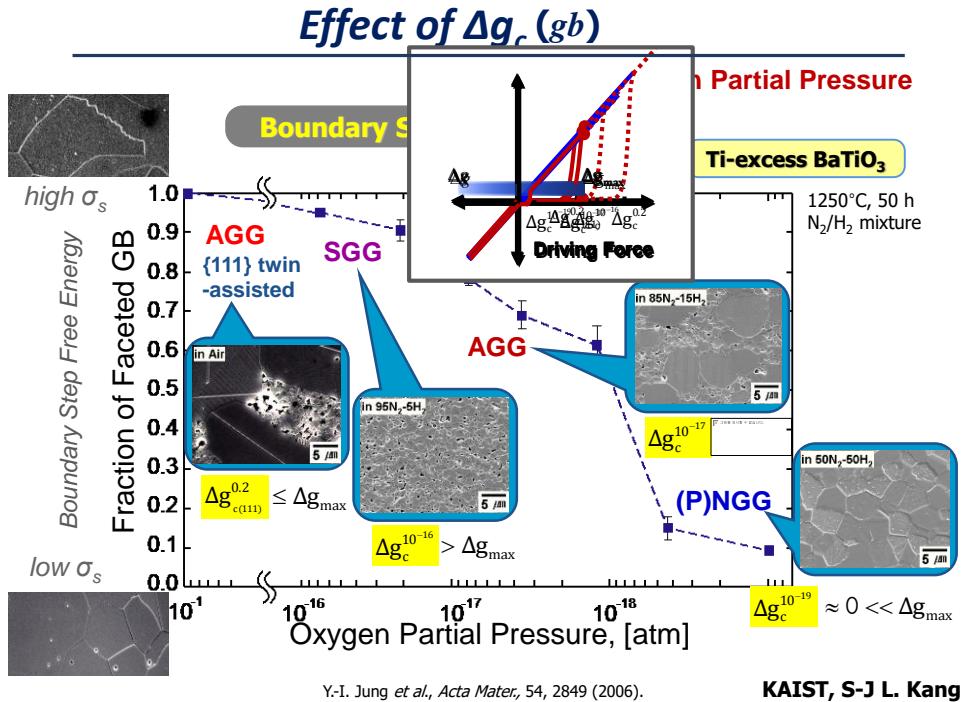
## Microstructural Evolution in Polycrystals

### Mixed Mechanism Principle of Microstructural Evolution



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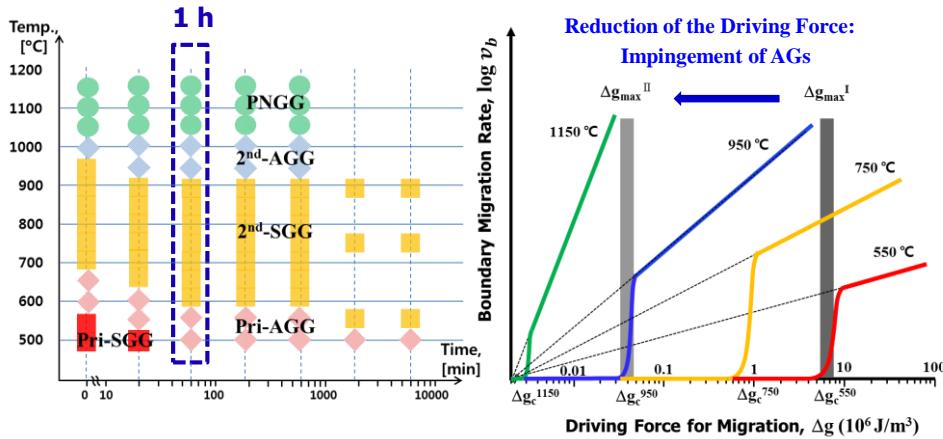
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## ***Microstructural Observation during SSS***

### Effect of Temperature

#### Grain Growth Behavior in UFG Ni with T Sintered for 1 h at each temperature



S. H. Jung et al., *Acta Mater.*, **69**, 283 (2014)

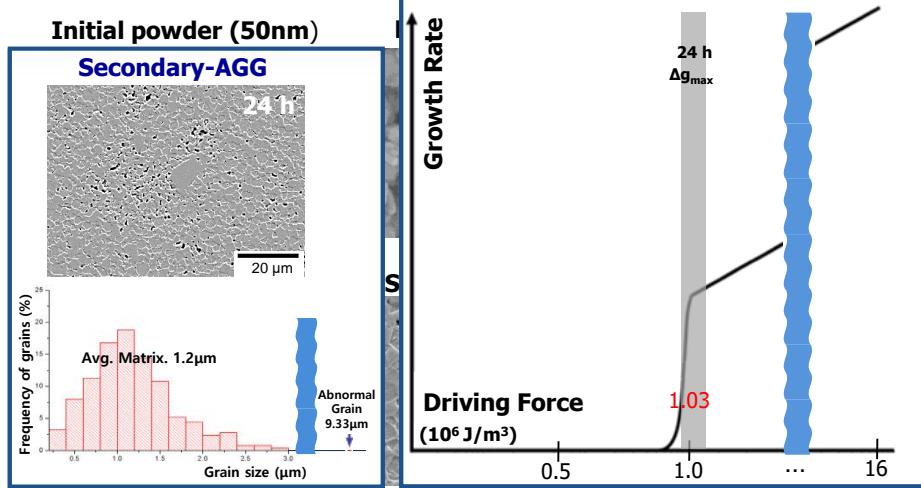
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## ***Microstructural Observation during SSS***

### Effect of Sintering Time

#### Grain Growth Behavior in BaTiO<sub>3</sub> (50nm)

Sintered at 1250°C in 95N<sub>2</sub>-5H<sub>2</sub> (P<sub>O<sub>2</sub></sub>~10<sup>-11</sup> atm)



S.-J. L. Kang et al., *Ceram. Inter.*, **50**, 37441 (2024)

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## *Experimental Supports for the Principle*

### **Experimental Observations and Interpretations (Single Phase Systems)**

#### **•Effect of $\Delta g_c$ (T, Dopant, $P_{O_2}$ )**

- BaTiO<sub>3</sub> (Lee *et al.*, 2000( $P_{O_2}$ ); Jung *et al.*, 2006 ( $P_{O_2}$ ); Chang and Kang, 2009 (T), An and Kang, 2011 (Dopant,  $P_{O_2}$ ); Moon, 2018 (t,  $P_{O_2}$ ))
- SrTiO<sub>3</sub> (Chung *et al.*, 2002 (Dopant,  $P_{O_2}$ ))
- Nickel (**Jung *et al.*, 2013, 2014 (T,  $P_{O_2}$ )**)
- Na<sub>1/2</sub>Ba<sub>1/2</sub>TiO<sub>3</sub>-BaTiO<sub>3</sub>-K<sub>1/2</sub>Na<sub>1/2</sub>NbO<sub>3</sub> (Park *et al.*, 2016 (Dopant))
- Na<sub>1/2</sub>Ba<sub>1/2</sub>TiO<sub>3</sub>-BaTiO<sub>3</sub> (Ko *et al.*, 2016 (T))
- Nickel (Lee *et al.*, 2000 (T))
- Cu (Koo and Yoon, 2001)
- 316L stainless steel (Lee *et al.*, 2001)
- Alumina (Park *et al.*, 2003, 2004 (Dopant))

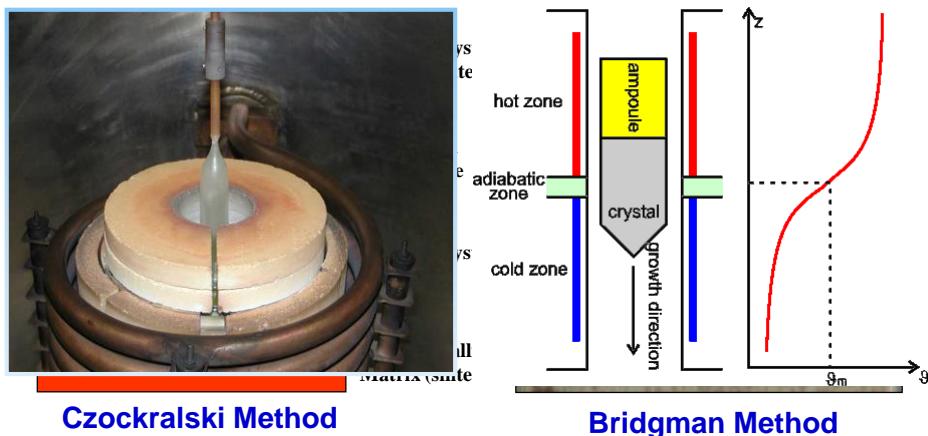
#### **•Effect of $\Delta g_{max}$**

- BaTiO<sub>3</sub> (Jung *et al.*, 2003; Yang *et al.*, 2006)

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## *Application Example of the Principle*

### **Solid-state Conversion of single crystals (Conventional Methods of Single Crystal Fabrication)**



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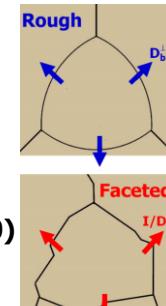
## Concluding Remarks

### Microstructural Evolution in Polycrystals Boundary Structure Dependent (T, P<sub>O<sub>2</sub></sub>, Dopant)

#### •Rough Boundary:

Linear behavior of boundary migration ( $\Delta g_c = 0$ )

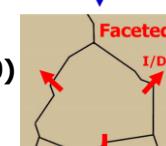
Stationary GG: NGG



#### •Faceted Boundary:

Nonlinear behavior of boundary migration ( $\Delta g_c \neq 0$ )

Nonstationary GG: time dependent, typically AGG



#### -Relative contribution of nonlinear region to overall behavior:

$$\Delta g_{\max} \text{ vs } \Delta g_c$$

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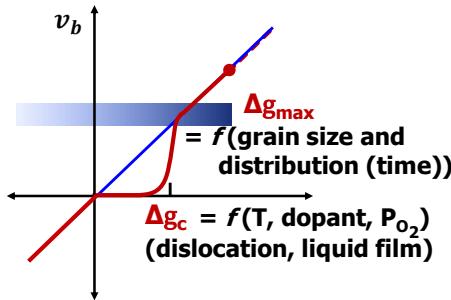
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## Concluding Remarks

### Interpretation and Prediction of Microstructural Evolution (GG Behavior)

#### The Mixed Mechanism Principle of Microstructural Evolution

##### Coupling of $\Delta g_c$ & $\Delta g_{\max}$



- Various types of GG behavior is predicted and observed among NGG, PNGG, SGG, and AGG.
- GG behavior varies with changes in  $\Delta g_c$  (and  $\Delta g_{\max}$ ) during sintering (annealing) of systems with faceted boundaries.

eg) Ni and BaTiO<sub>3</sub>

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## Summary of GG Studies

### Liquid Phase Sintering (Ostwald ripening)

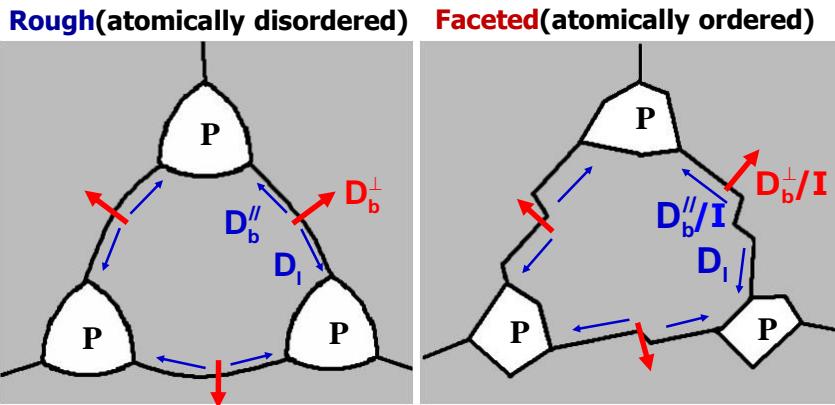
- LSW and modified LSW theories from the 60's to 90's for normal grain growth
- Essentially no fundamental studies on AGG until late 90's
- Development of the Mixed Mechanism Theory of grain growth and Mixed Mechanism Principle of microstructural evolution between late 90's and 2000's

### Solid State Sintering

- Theoretical/experimental and simulation studies on GG for pure and impure systems as well as systems with 2<sup>nd</sup> phase particles and liquid films from the 50's to 2000's
- The early mechanisms fail to explain AGG observed in many different systems.
- The Mixed Control Mechanism of boundary migration and the Mixed Mechanism Principle of microstructural evolution

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## *Effect of Interface Structure on Densification*



**Variables : T, dopant, atmosphere( $P_{O_2}$ )**

**Rate( $\Delta g$ ) : Linear**

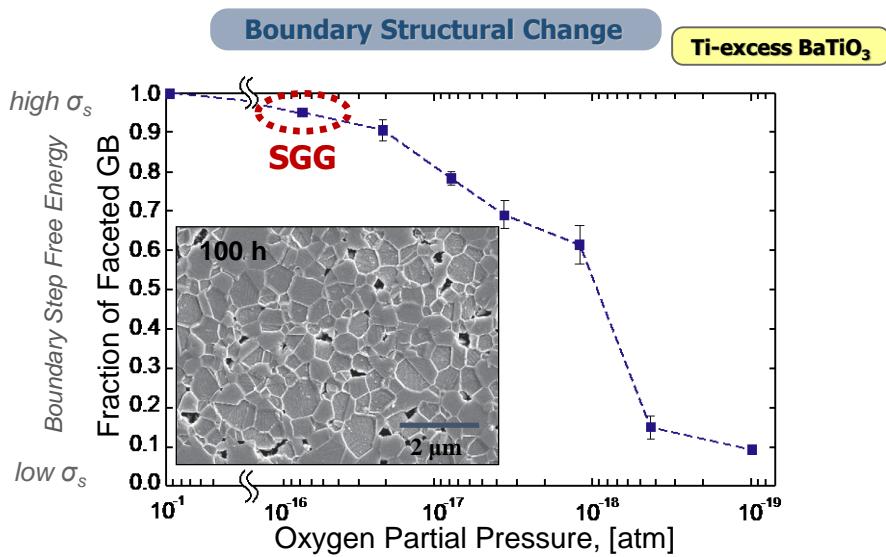
**Diffusion Control**

**Rate( $\Delta g$ ) : Non-linear**

**Mixed Control  
(Diffusion and Interface Reaction)**

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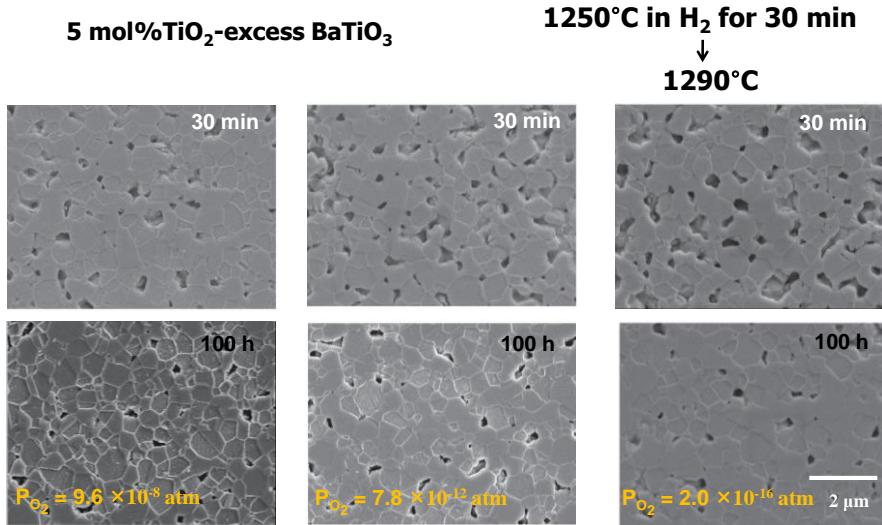
## *Fraction of Faceted Grain Boundary*



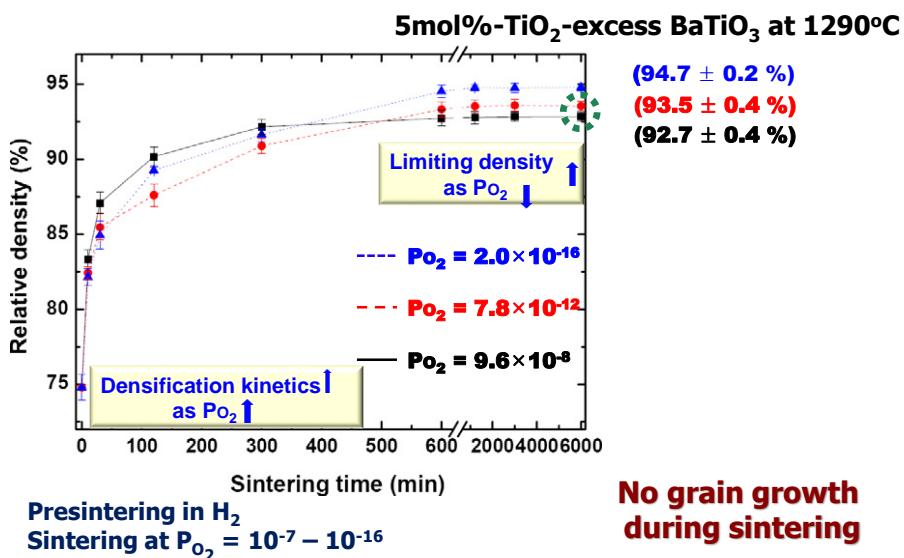
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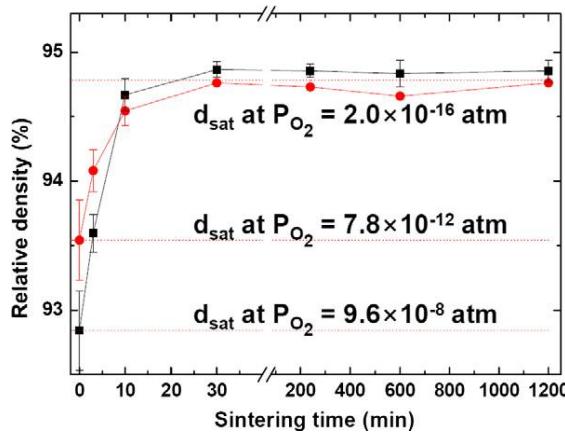
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## *Faceting-dependent Limit of Densification*



**Critical driving force for densification  
=  $f$  (Degree of faceting)**

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## Exercises:

- Dissolution and growth shape of faceted grains
- System NbC-Co:
  - Grain shape at low temperature
  - Growth mechanism of faceted grains
  - Effect of  $f_I$  on grain growth behavior
- $\nu_b$  vs.  $T$  for a polycrystal with high solute segregation
- AGG
  - Effects of particle size and temperature

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