

Flow Laws for the Lower Crust and Upper Mantle

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Constitutive Equations / Flow Laws

$$\dot{\varepsilon} = \dot{\varepsilon}(\sigma, T, P, f_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}, a_{\text{ox}}, \dots, S, d, \dots, \Phi, \phi, \dots)$$

$$\eta = \eta(\sigma, T, P, f_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}, a_{\text{ox}}, \dots, S, d, \dots, \Phi, \phi, \dots)$$

Flow Laws for Steady-State Deformation – Diffusion Creep

Grain-matrix diffusion

$$\dot{\varepsilon}_{\text{NH}} = \alpha_{\text{NH}} \frac{\sigma V_m}{RT} \frac{D_{\text{gm}}}{d^2}$$

$$D_{\text{gm}} = D_{\text{gm}}^o \exp\left(-\frac{\Delta E_{\text{gm}} + P\Delta V_{\text{gm}}}{RT}\right)$$

$$= D_{\text{gm}}^o \exp\left(-\frac{\Delta H_{\text{gm}}}{RT}\right)$$

Grain-boundary diffusion

$$\dot{\varepsilon}_C = \alpha_C \frac{\sigma V_m}{RT} \frac{\delta D_{\text{gb}}}{d^3}$$

$$D_{\text{gb}} = D_{\text{gb}}^o \exp\left(-\frac{\Delta E_{\text{gb}} + P\Delta V_{\text{gb}}}{RT}\right)$$

$$= D_{\text{gb}}^o \exp\left(-\frac{\Delta H_{\text{gb}}}{RT}\right)$$

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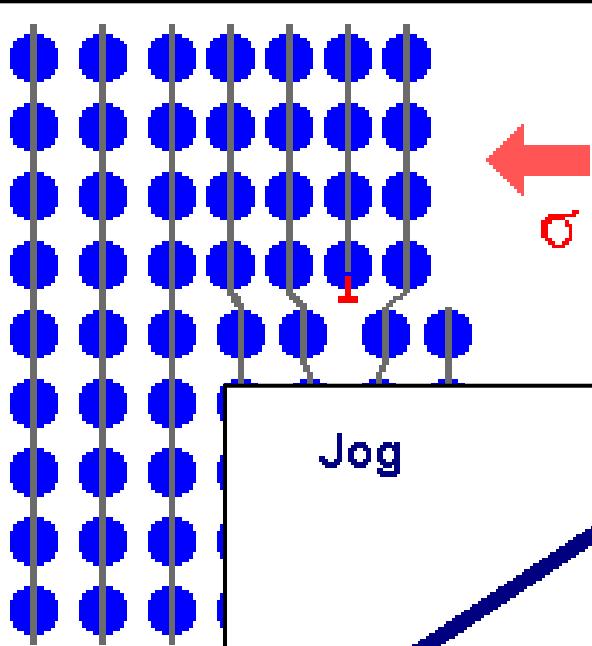
$$\dot{\varepsilon}_{\text{diff}} = 14 \left(\frac{\sigma V_m}{RT} \right) \left(D_{\text{gm}} + \frac{\pi \delta D_{\text{gb}}}{d} \right) \left(\frac{1}{d^2} \right)$$

$$D = D^0 \exp \left(-\frac{\Delta H}{RT} \right)$$

$$\Delta H_{\text{gb}} < \Delta H_{\text{gm}}$$

slowest ion along fastest path

Flow Laws for Steady-State Deformation – Dislocation Creep



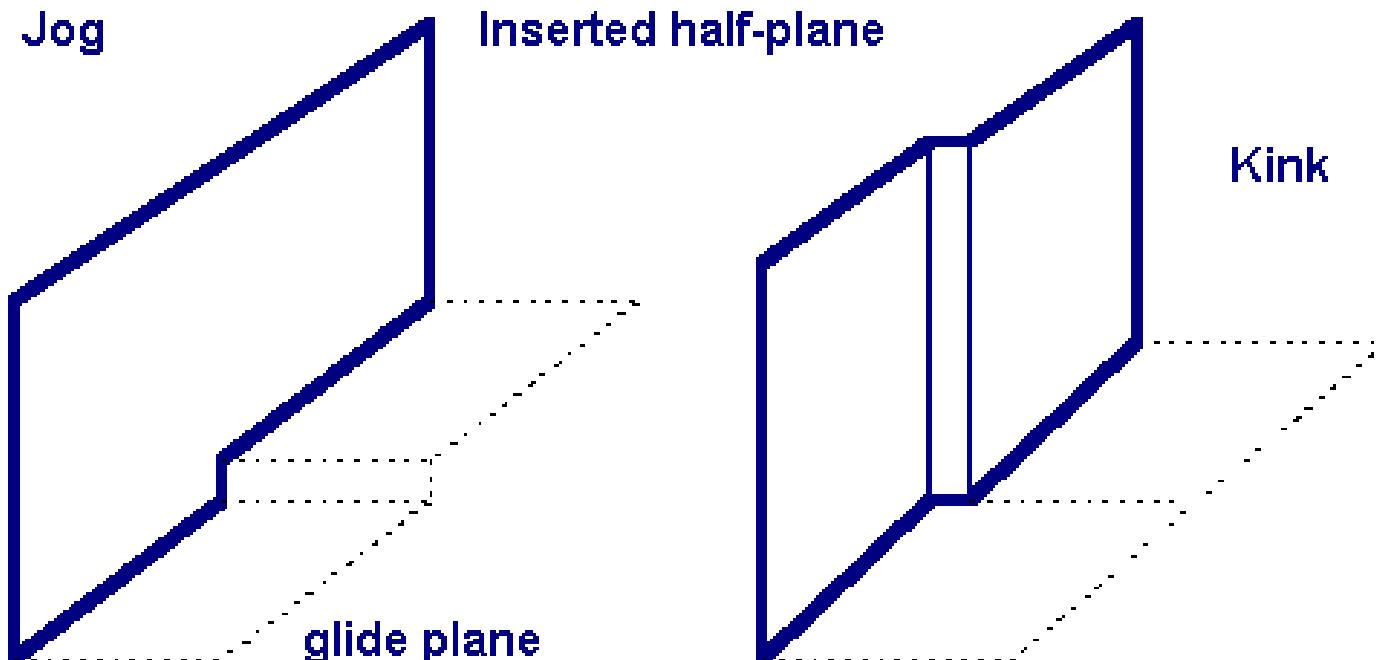
http://www.techfak.uni-kiel.de/matwis/amat/def_en/index.html

Jog

Inserted half-plane

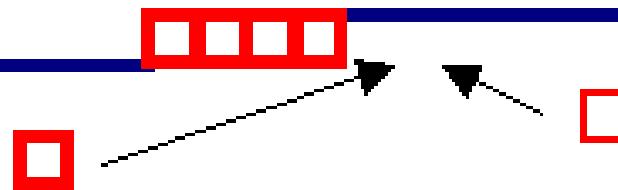
Kink

glide plane

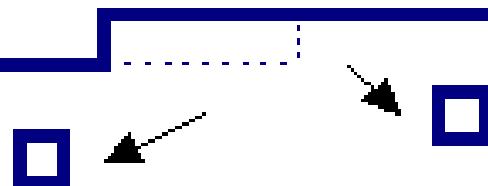


High-Temperature Deformation – Dislocation Climb

Movement of a jog by
addition of interstitials



Movement of a jog by
absorption of vacancies
or emission of interstitials



Flow Laws for Steady-State Deformation – High-Temperature Dislocation Creep

$$\dot{\varepsilon} = A \frac{\sigma^n}{d^m} f_{O_2}^p f_{H_2O}^q \exp\left(-\frac{Q_{cr}}{RT}\right)$$

The diagram illustrates the relationships between several parameters in the flow law equation. At the top center is the equation $\dot{\varepsilon} = \rho b \bar{u}$. Four arrows point downwards from this central equation to four separate equations below:

- An arrow points left to the equation $\rho \approx \left(\frac{\sigma}{Gb}\right)^2$.
- An arrow points right to the equation $\bar{u} = \frac{\ell_g + \ell_c}{t_g + t_c} \approx \frac{\ell_g}{\ell_c} u_c$.
- An arrow points down-right to the equation $u_c = 2\pi \frac{\sigma V_m}{RT} \frac{D}{b} \frac{1}{\ln(R_o/r_c)} \frac{\ell_g}{\ell_c}$.
- An arrow points down-left to the equation $\dot{\varepsilon} = 2\pi \frac{GV_m}{RT} \left(\frac{\sigma}{G}\right)^3 \frac{D}{b^2} \frac{1}{\ln(G/\sigma)} \frac{\ell_g}{\ell_c}$.

Origin of Dependence of Viscosity on Fugacity

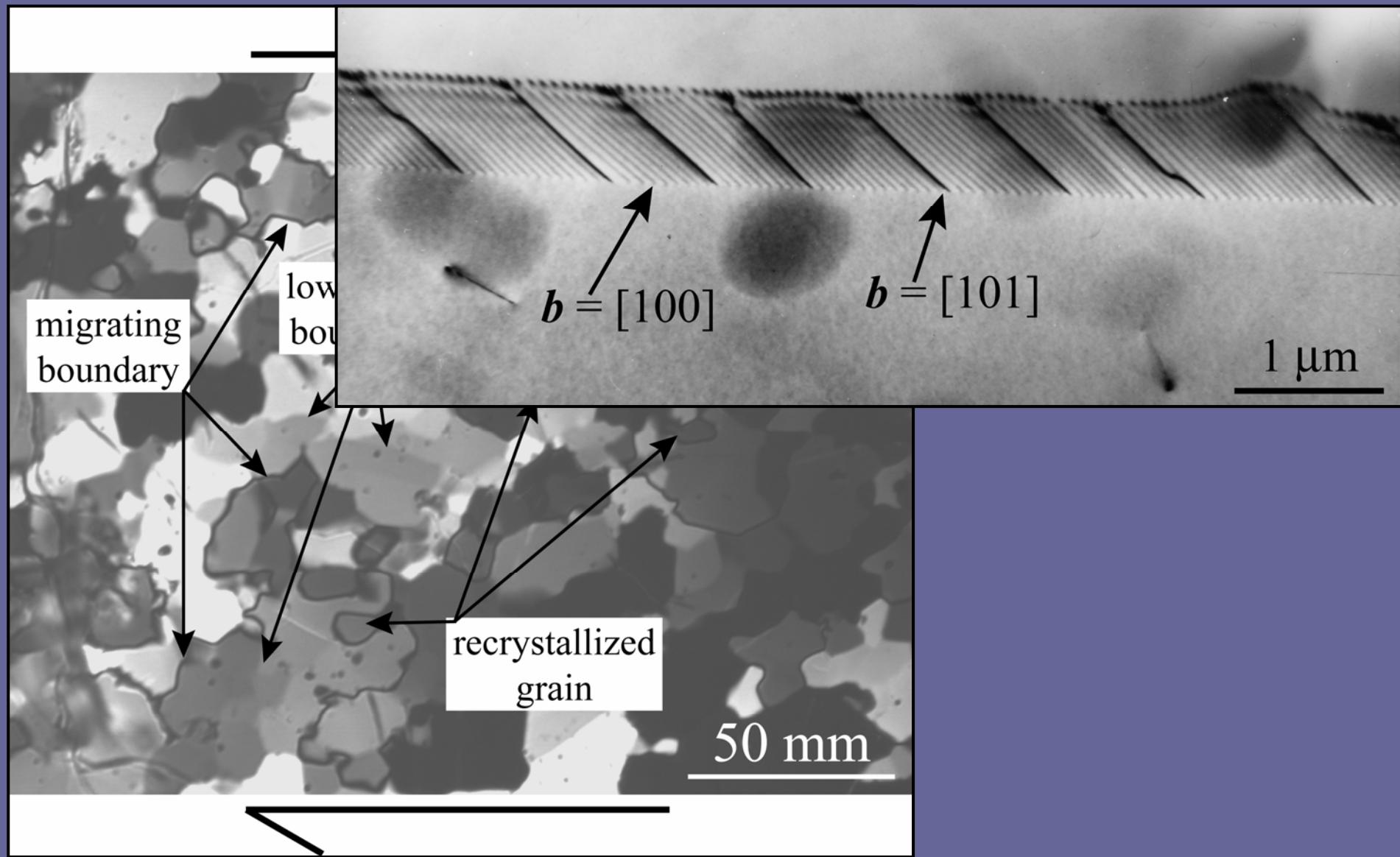
$$X_{\text{ion}} D_{\text{ion}} = X_{\text{V}} D_{\text{V}}$$

$$X_{\text{ion}} = (1 - X_{\text{V}}) \approx 1$$

$$D_{\text{ion}} \approx X_{\text{V}} D_{\text{V}}$$

$$D_{\text{ion}} \ll D_{\text{V}} \quad D_{\text{ion}} \propto X_{\text{V}} \propto f_{\text{O}_2}^p f_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}^q$$

Dislocation-Accommodated Grain Boundary Sliding

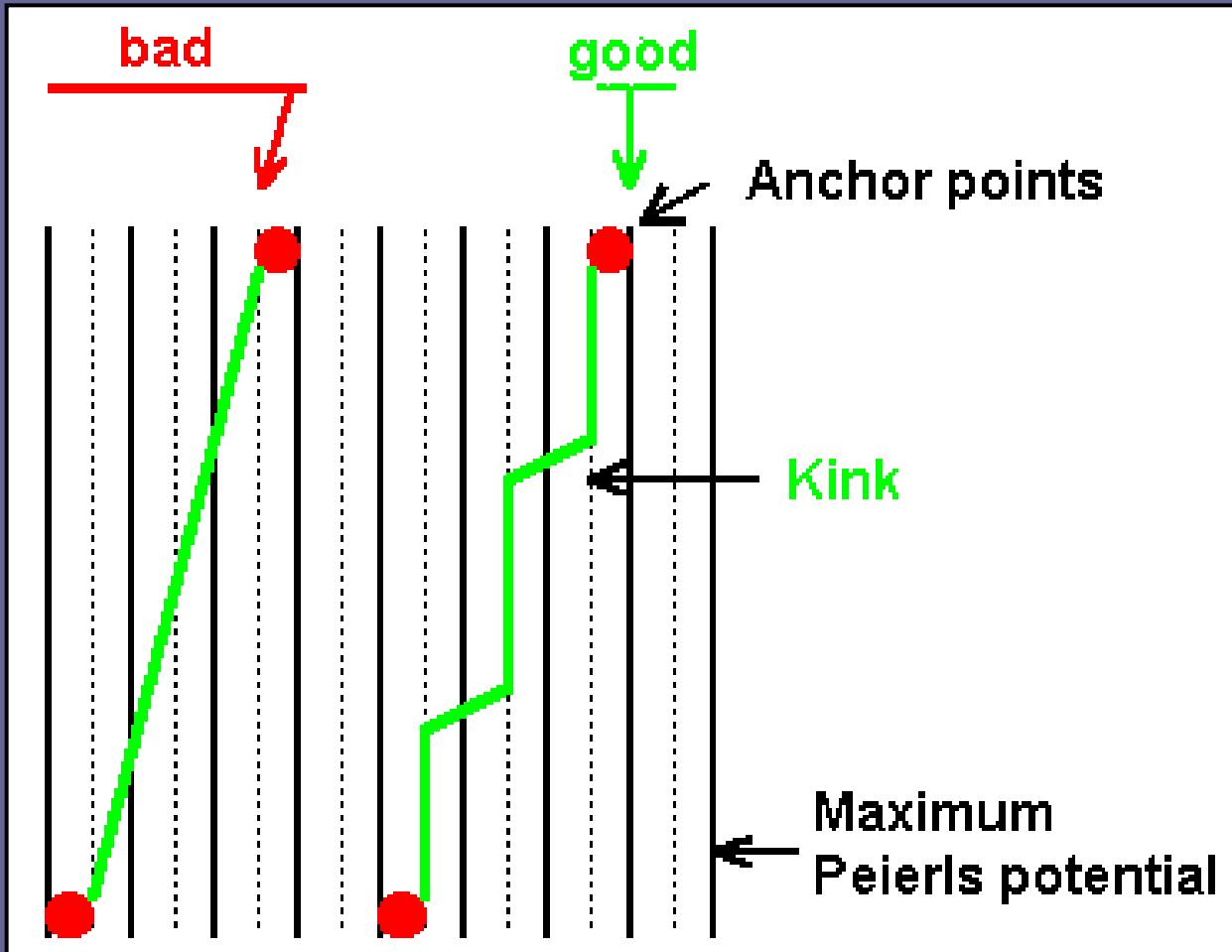


Flow Laws for Steady-State Deformation – Dislocation-Accommodated Grain Boundary Sliding

$$\dot{\varepsilon} = B_{gbs} \frac{D_{gm}}{d^1} \frac{GV_m}{RT} \left(\frac{\sigma}{G} \right)^3 \quad d_{sgs} < d$$

$$\dot{\varepsilon} = A_{gbs} \frac{D_{gb}}{d^2} \frac{GV_m}{RT} \left(\frac{\sigma}{G} \right)^2 \quad d_{sgs} > d$$

Low-Temperature Deformation – Dislocation Glide



Flow Laws for Steady-State Deformation – Low-Temperature Dislocation Creep

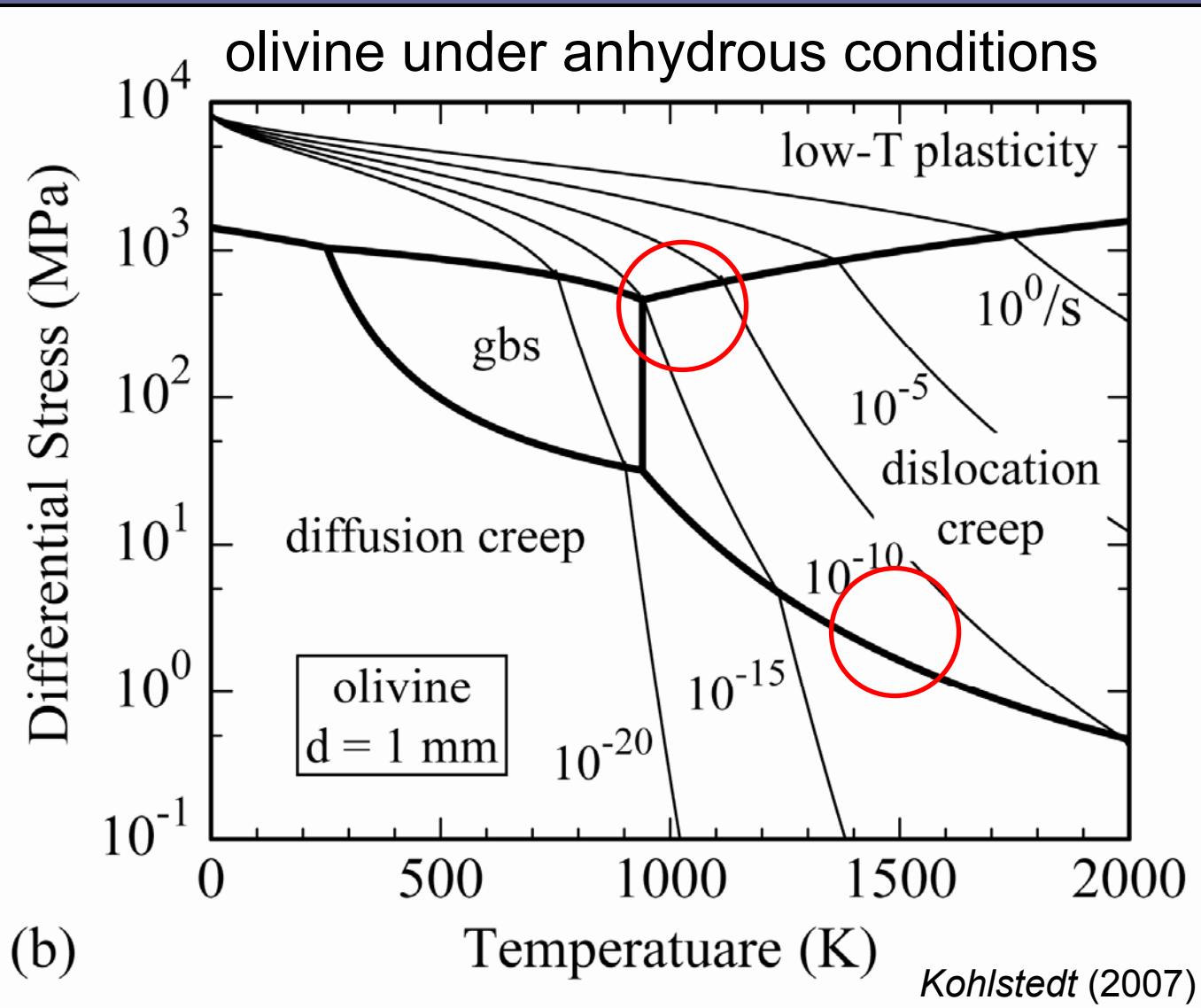
$$\bar{\boldsymbol{\upsilon}} \approx \boldsymbol{\upsilon}_g = c_k \boldsymbol{\upsilon}_k$$

$$\Delta H_k(\sigma) = \Delta H_k^0 \left[1 - \left(\frac{\sigma}{\sigma_p} \right)^r \right]^s$$

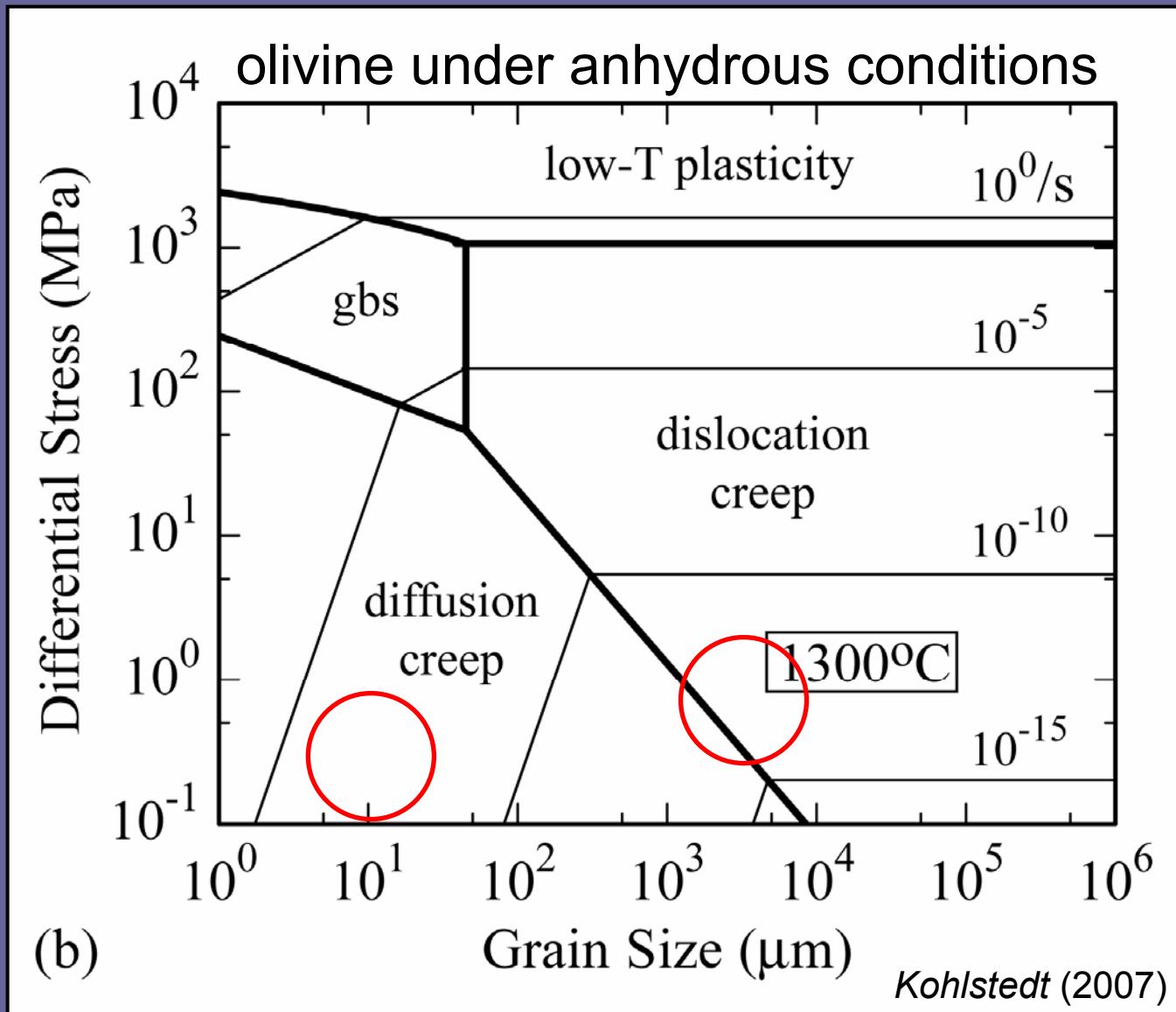
$$\dot{\varepsilon} = \dot{\varepsilon}_p \left(\frac{\sigma}{G} \right)^2 \exp \left\{ - \frac{\Delta H_k^0}{RT} \left[1 - \left(\frac{\sigma}{\sigma_p} \right)^r \right]^s \right\}$$

σ_p = Peierls stress, intrinsic lattice resistance to glide

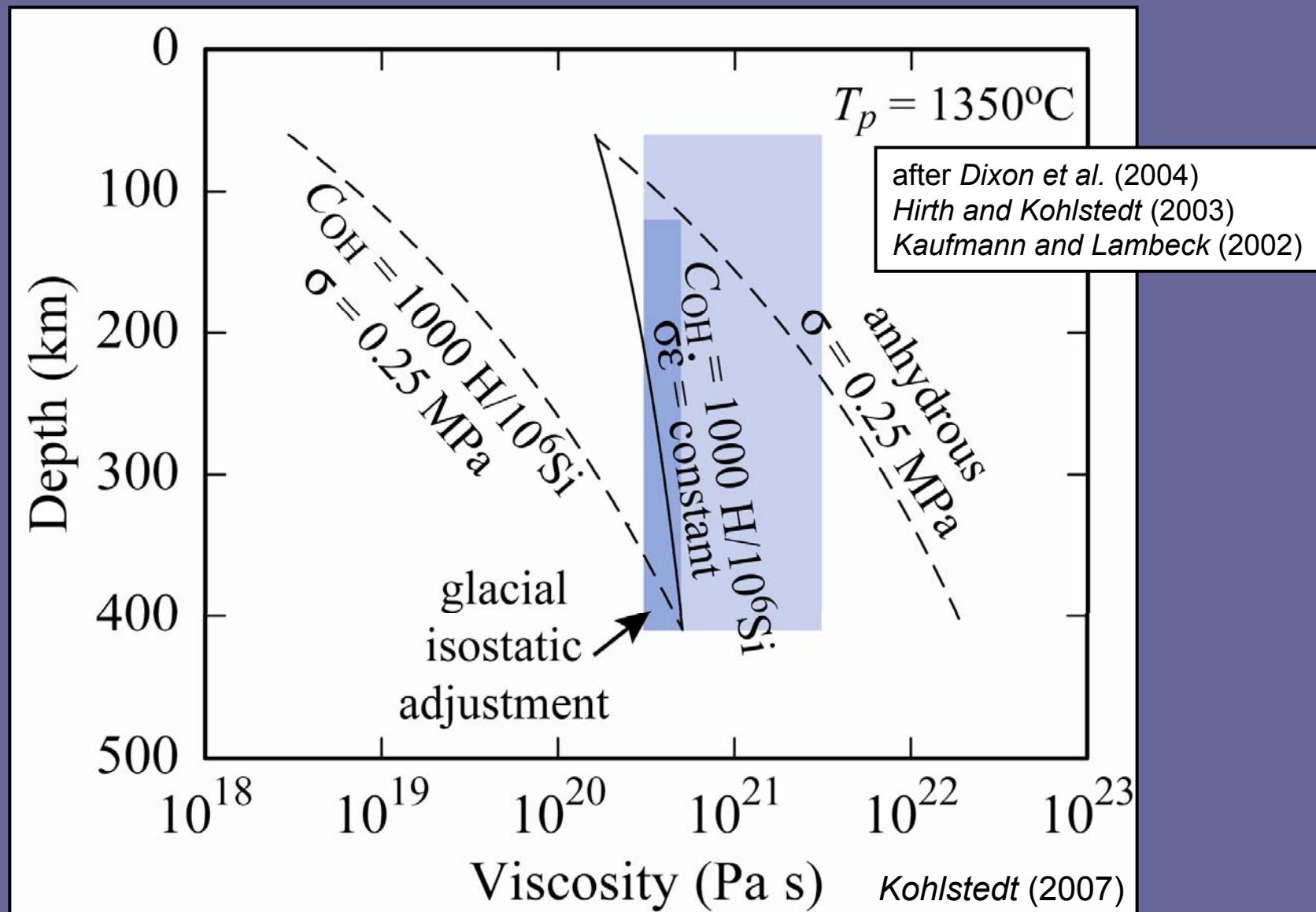
Deformation Mechanism Map – σ vs T



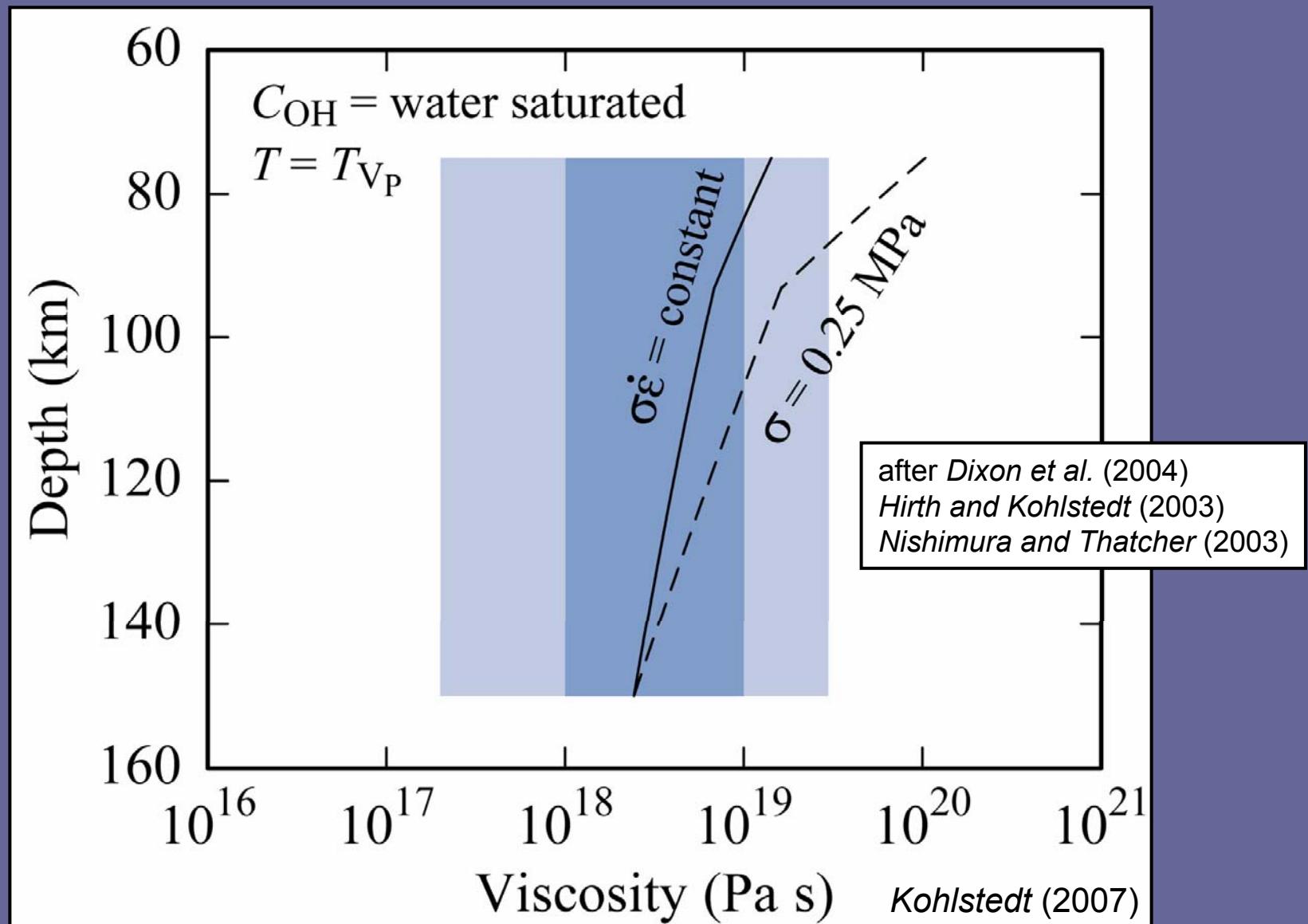
Deformation Mechanism Map – σ vs d



Viscosity Profiles vs Glacial Isostatic Adjustment Global Average

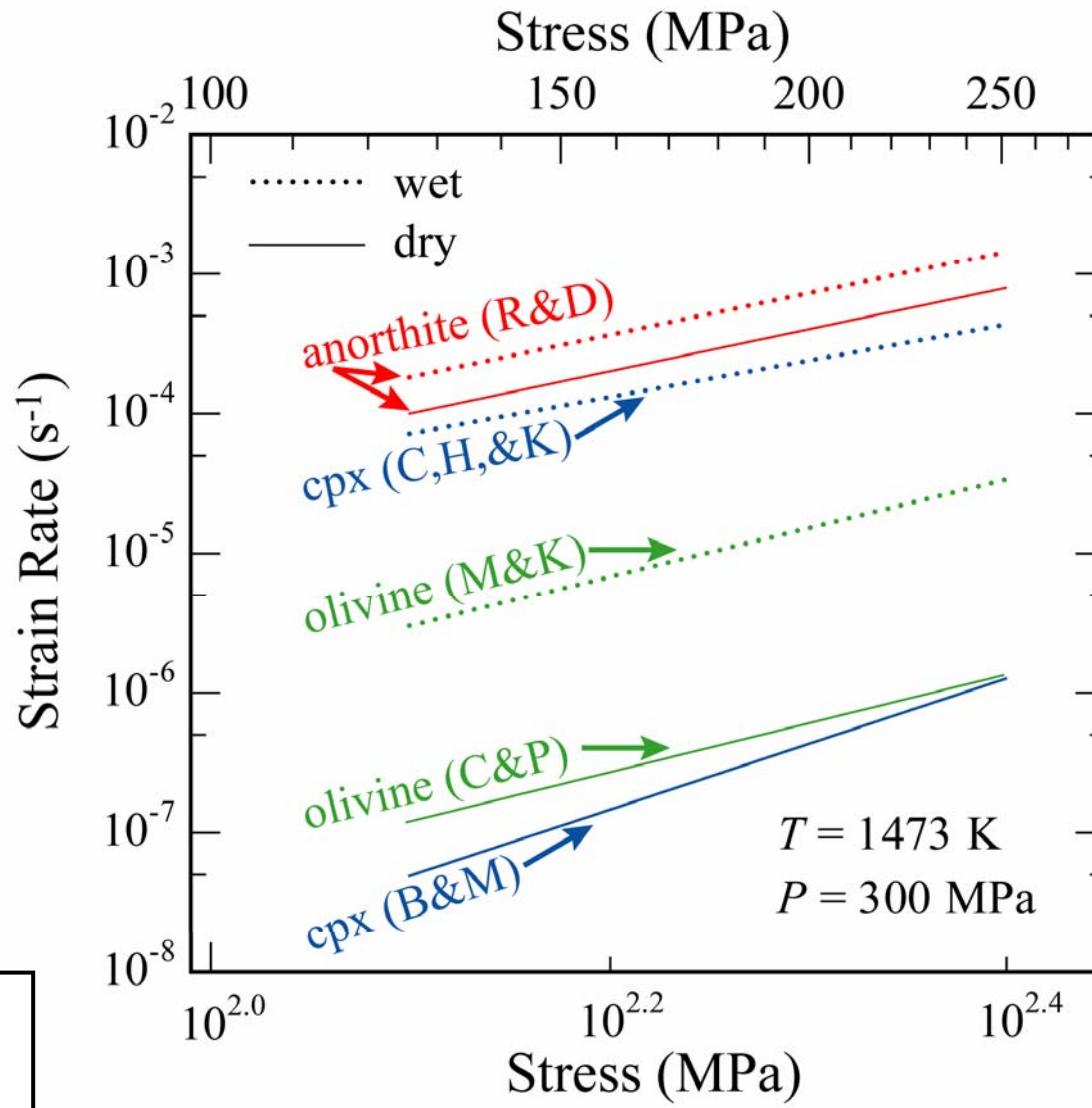


Viscosity Profiles vs Glacial Isostatic Adjustment Western U.S.



Comparison of Flow Behavior of Several Single-Phase Rocks Deformed Under Wet and Dry Conditions

Chopra and Paterson (1981)
Rybacki and Dresen (2000)
Mei and Kohlstedt (2000)
Bystricky and Mackwell (2001)
Chen et al. (2006)

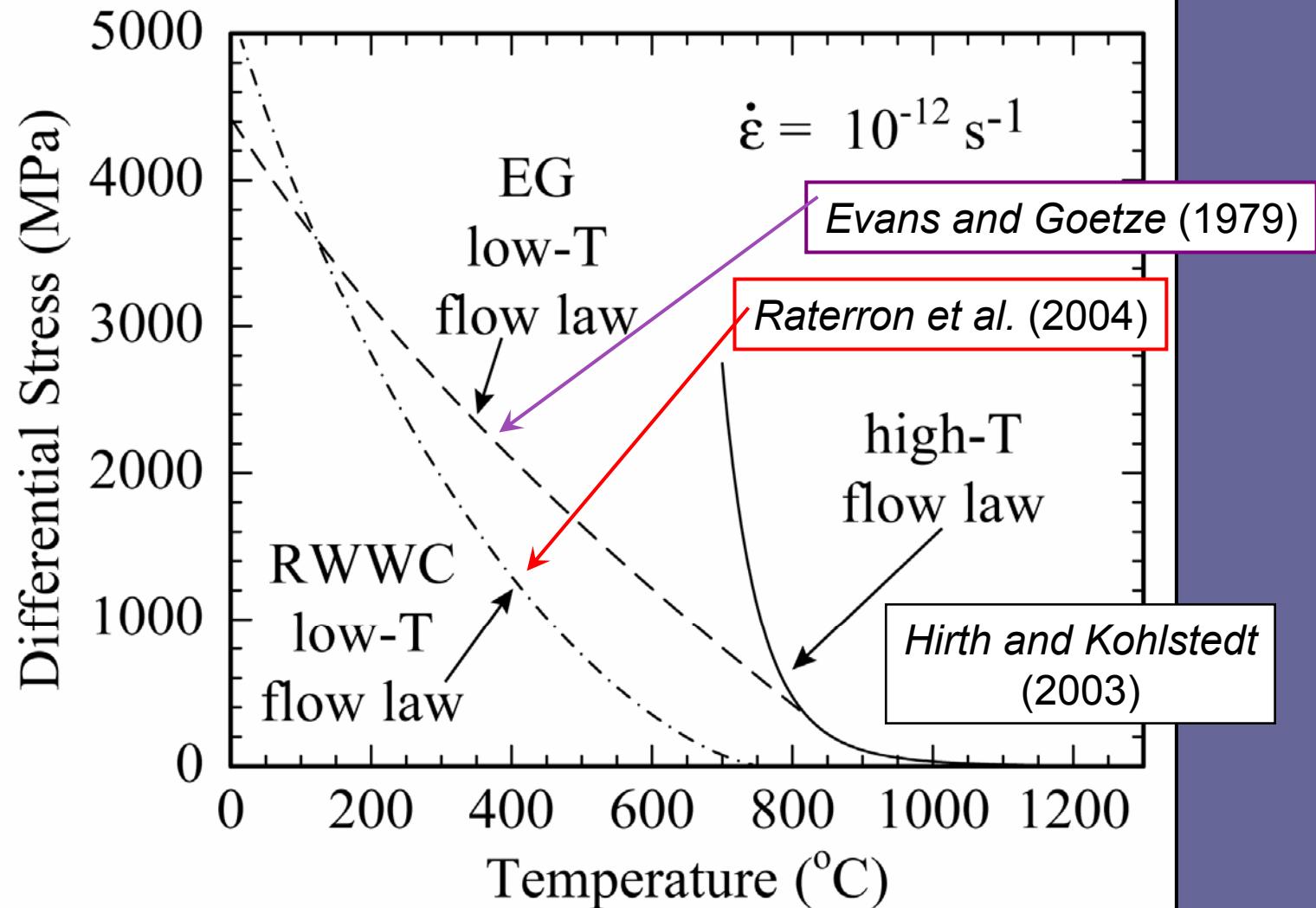


Kohlstedt (2007)

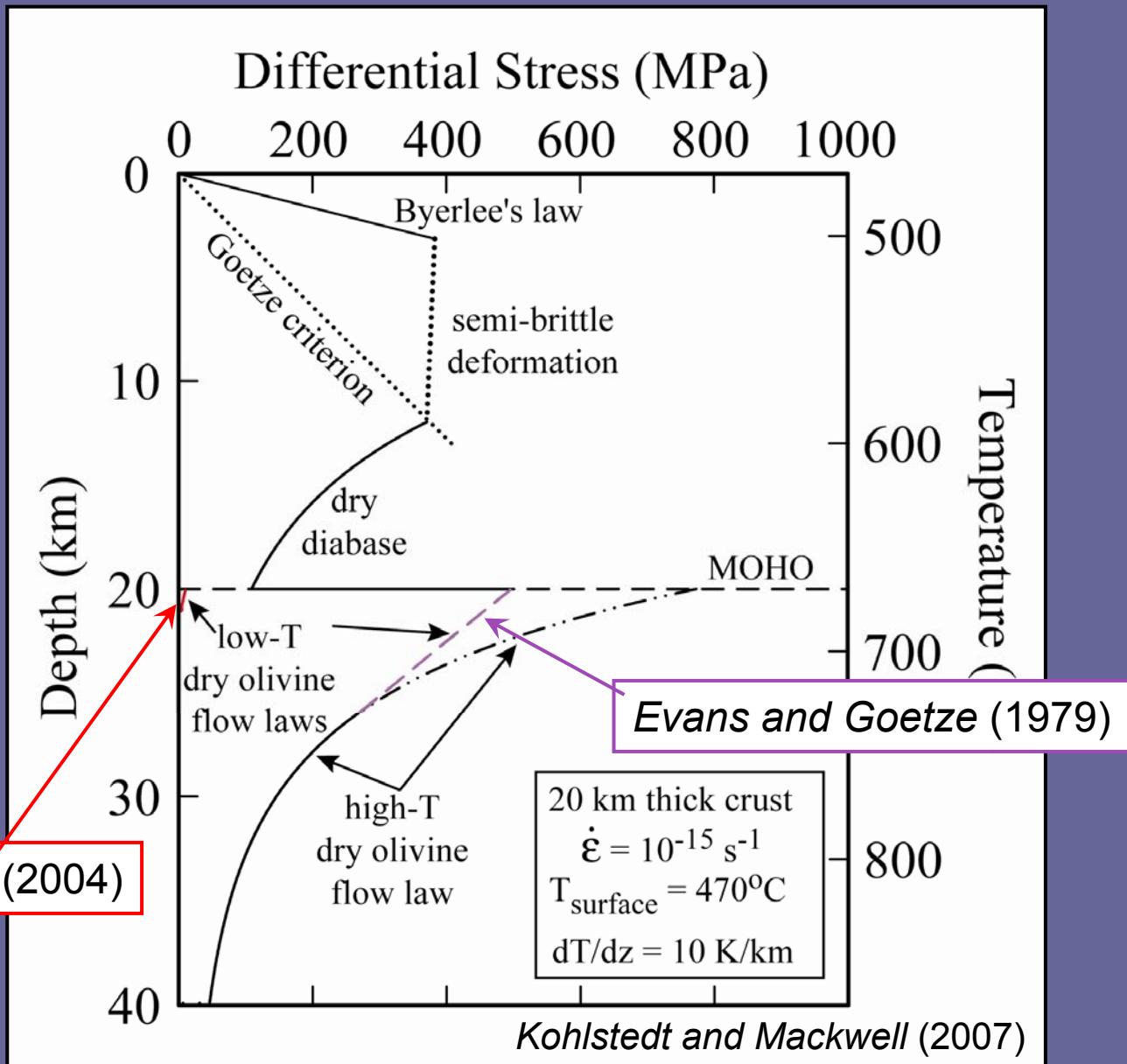
Why the Emphasis on Single-Phase Rather than Multi-Phase Rocks?

eutectic melting

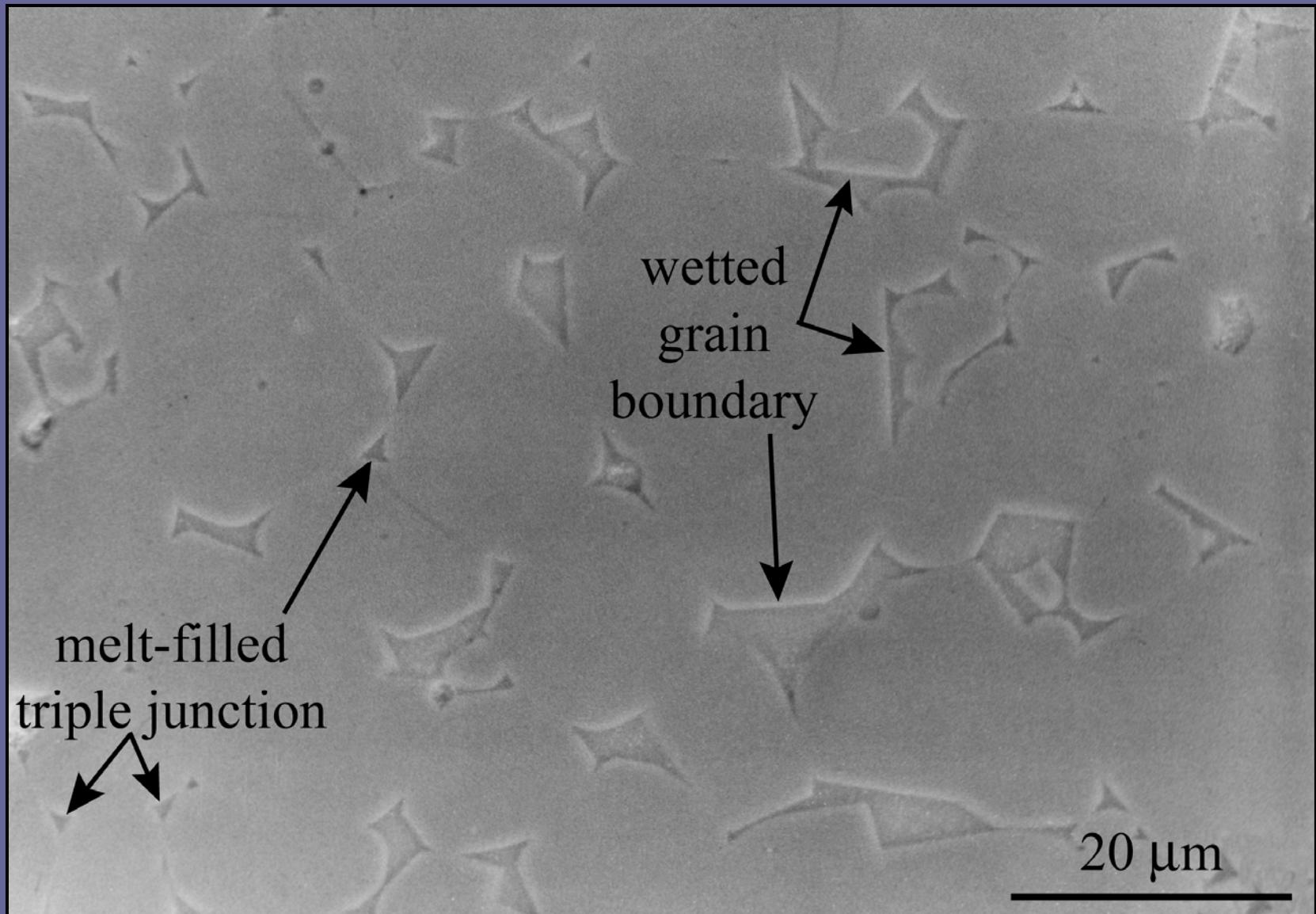
Low-Temperature Plasticity



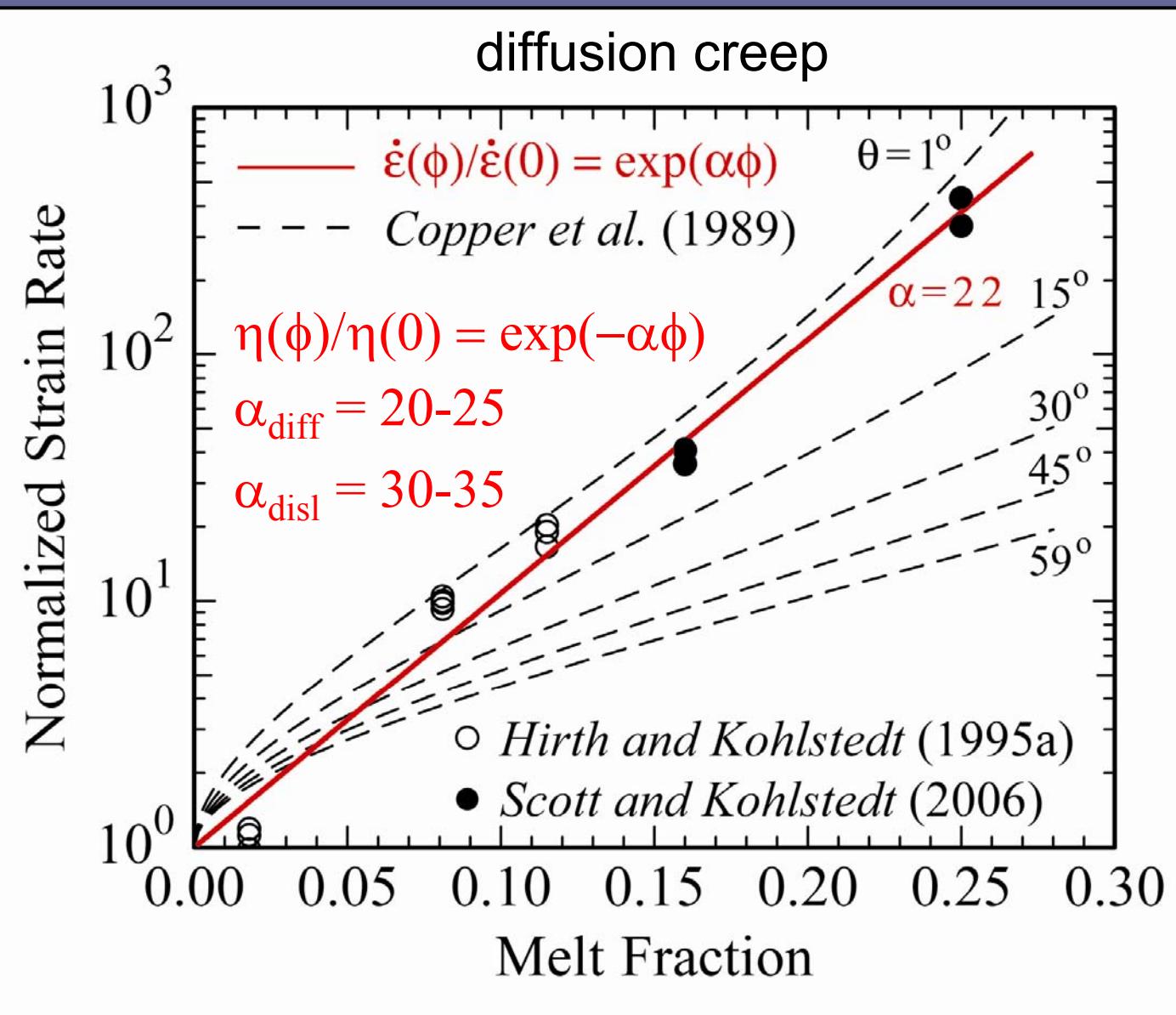
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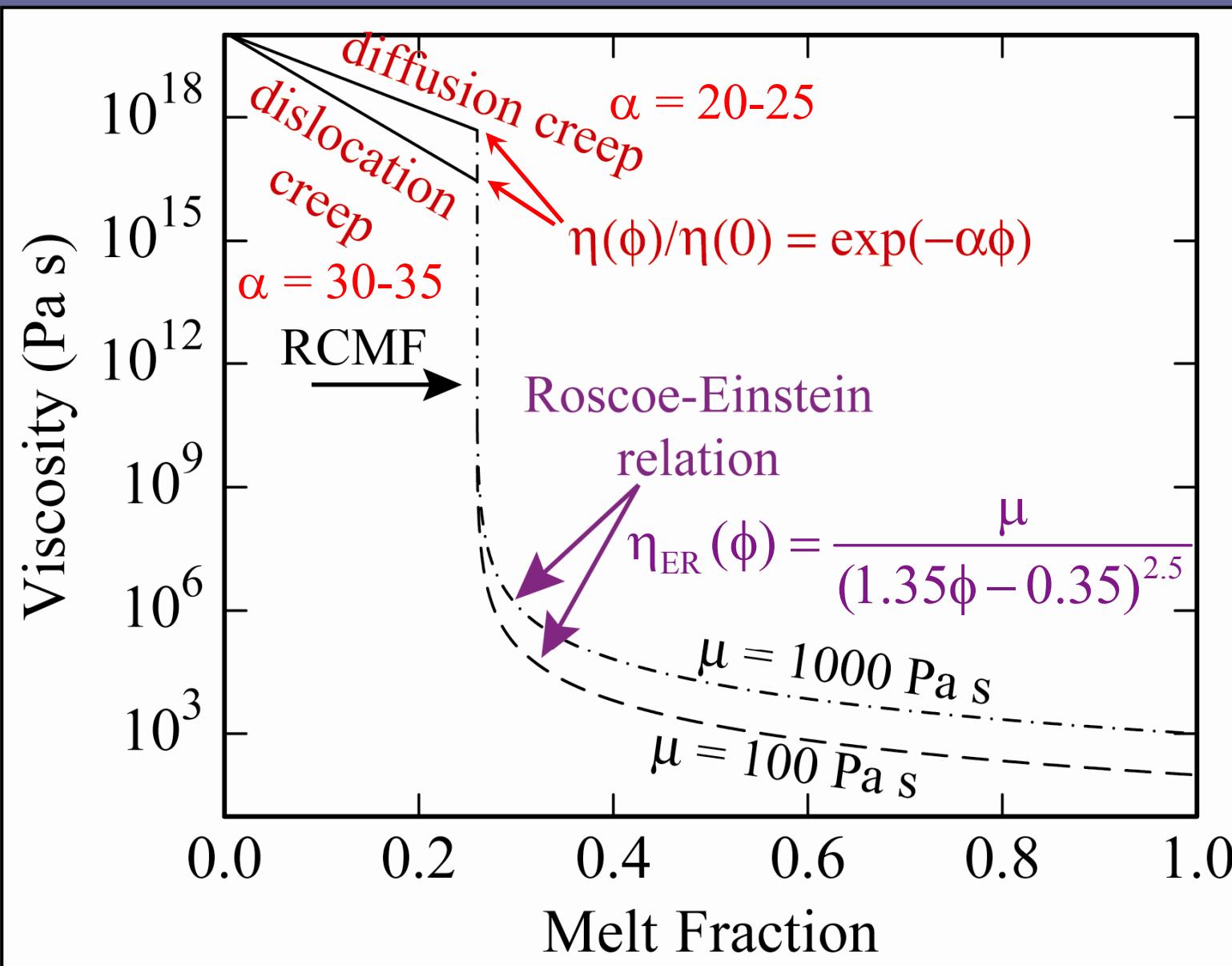
Melt Distribution in Partially Molten Rock



Flow Behavior of Partially Molten Rock

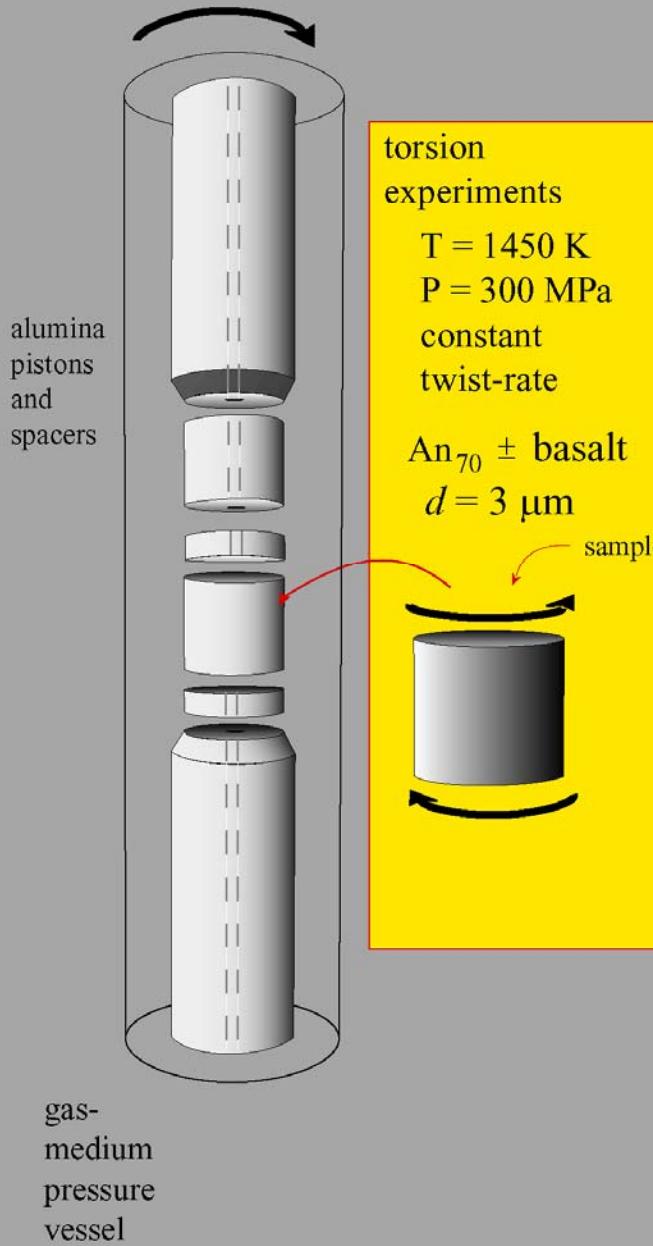


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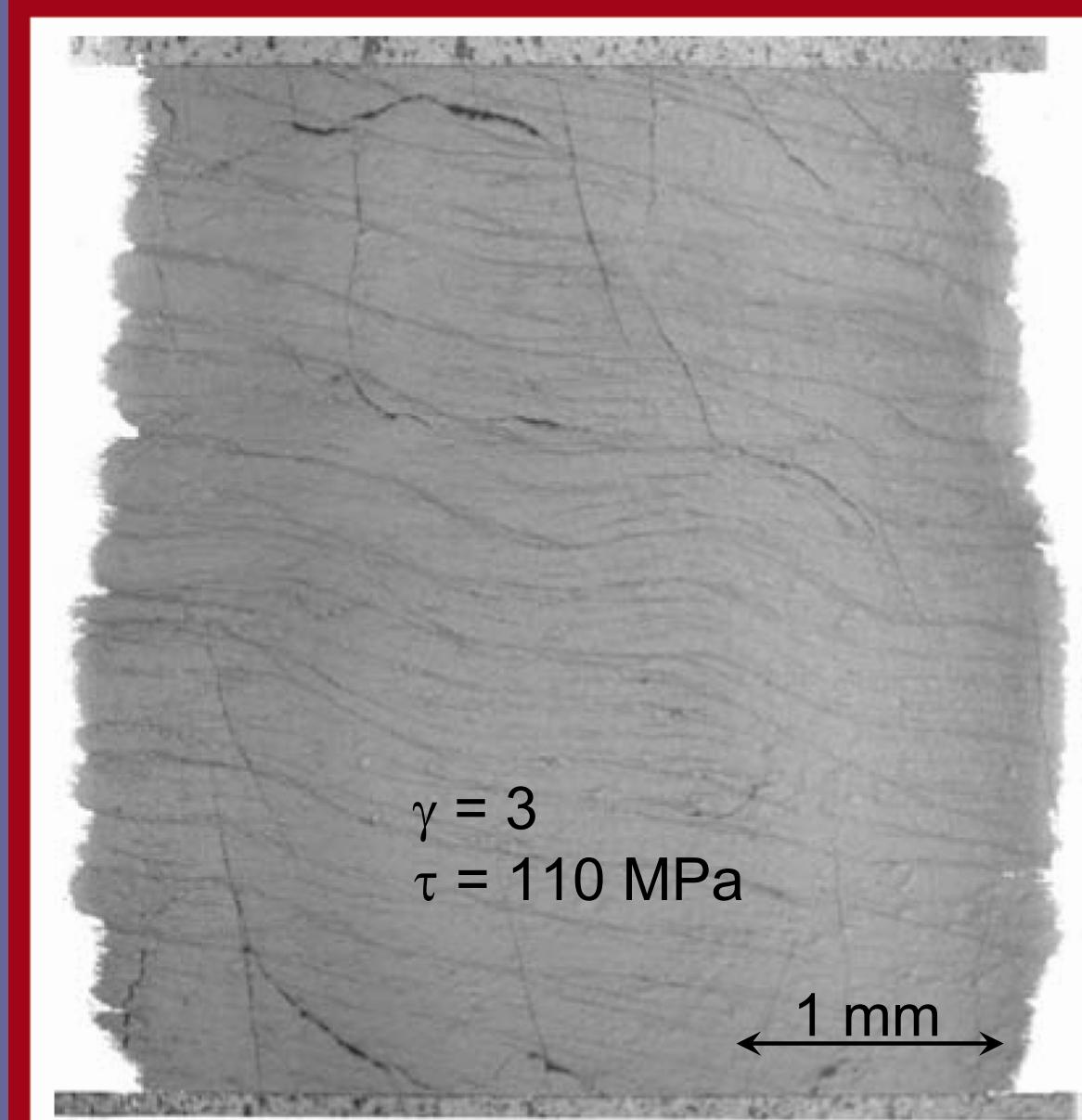
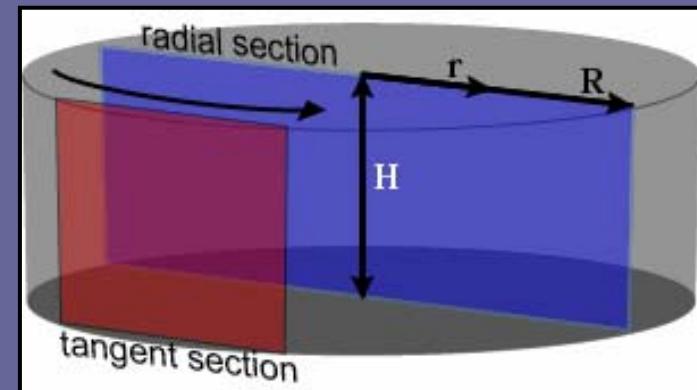


High-Strain Torsion Experiments

constant twist-rate or torque applied from above

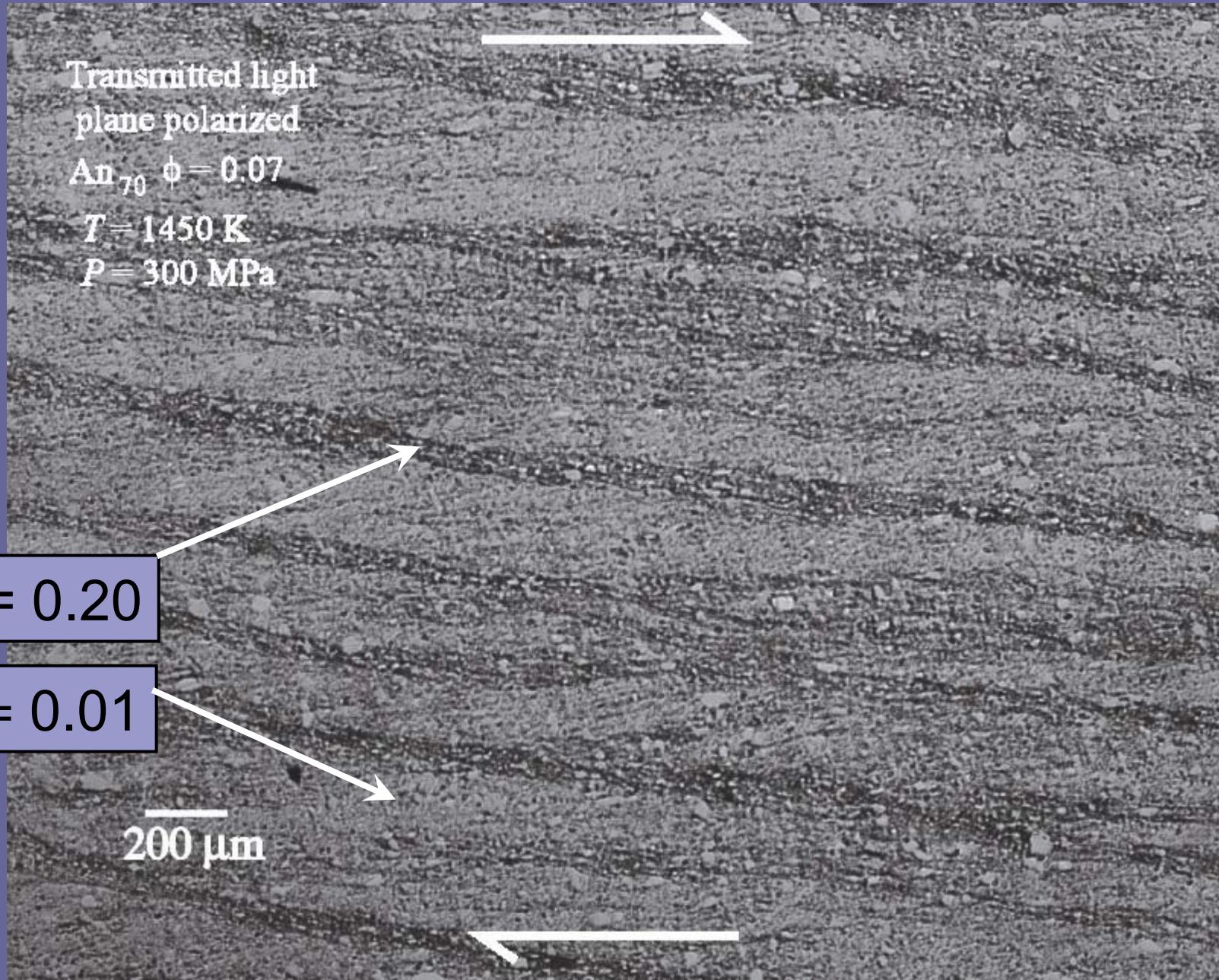


Torsional Deformation of Partially Molten Rock



tangential section

Melt Segregation in Shear Partially Molten Rock

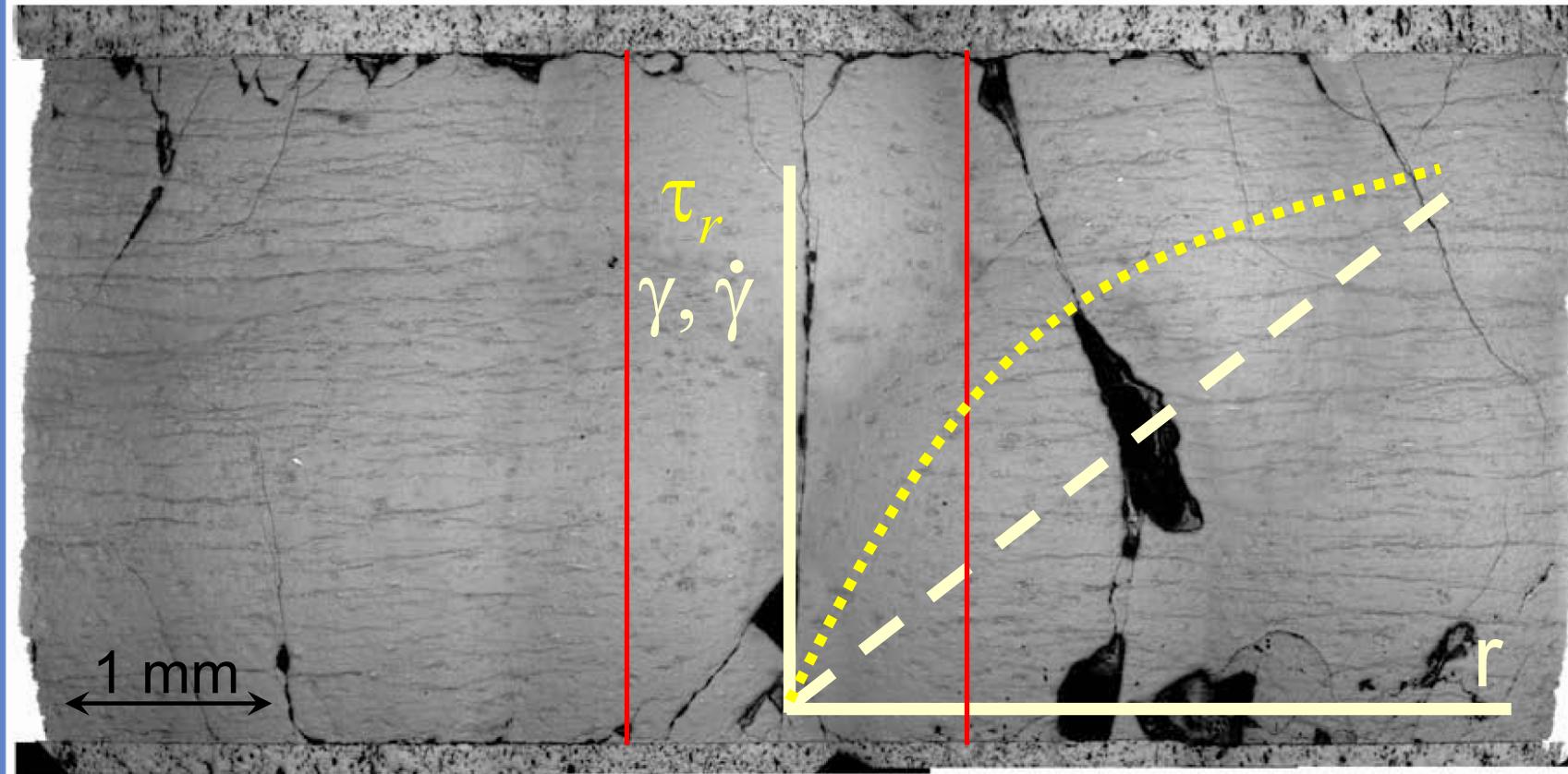
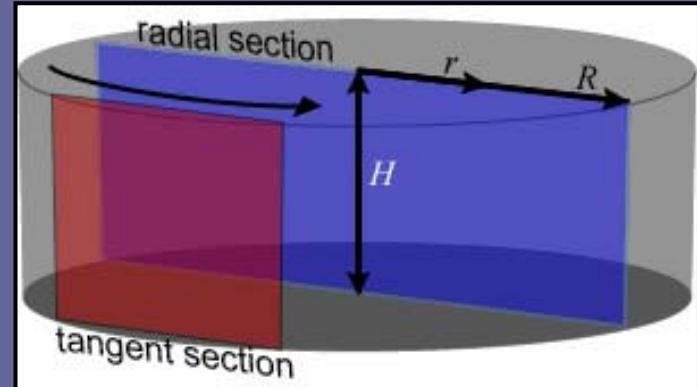


Torsional Deformation of Partially Molten Rock

$$\gamma_r = \theta r / H$$

$$\tau_r \propto r^{1/n}$$

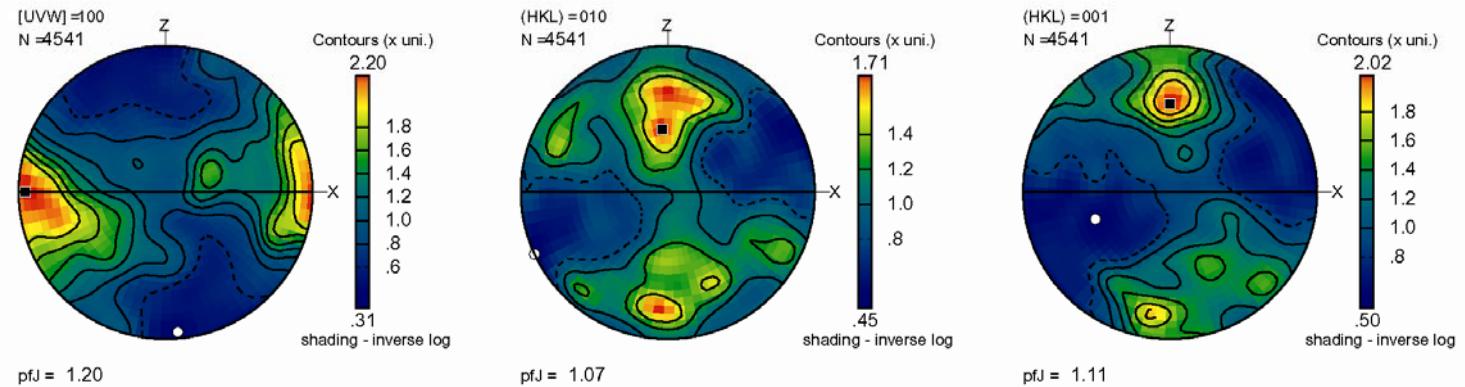
$$\dot{\gamma} \propto \tau^n$$



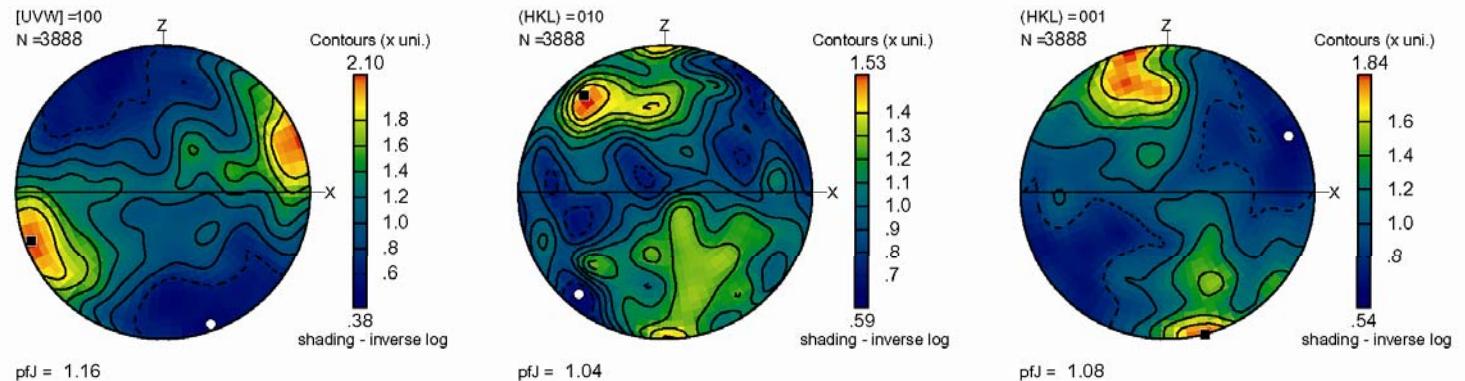
radial section

LPO from Shear Partially Molten Rock

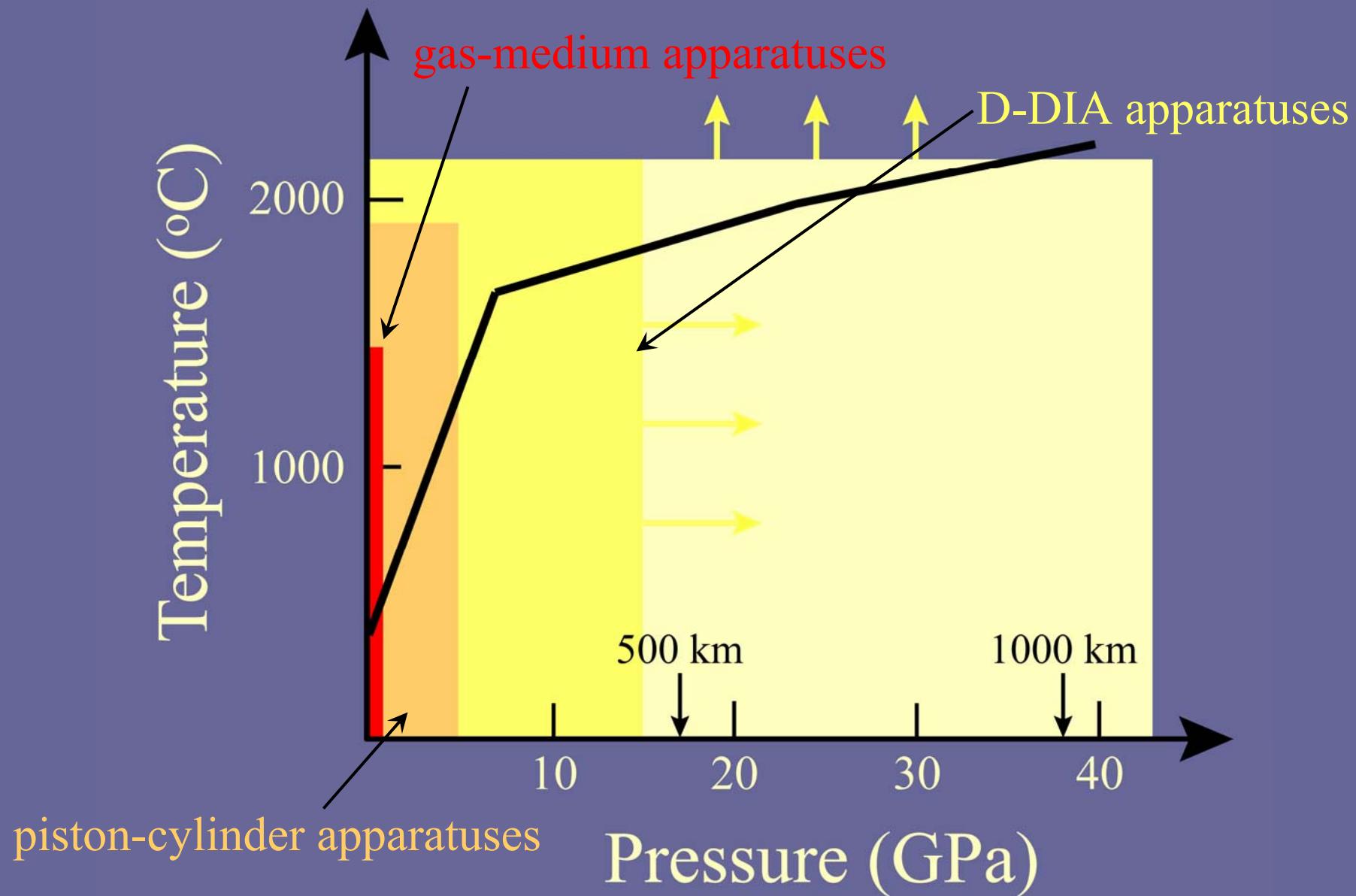
TR5, An₇₀ $\phi < 0.01$ (no MORB added), $\gamma = 4$

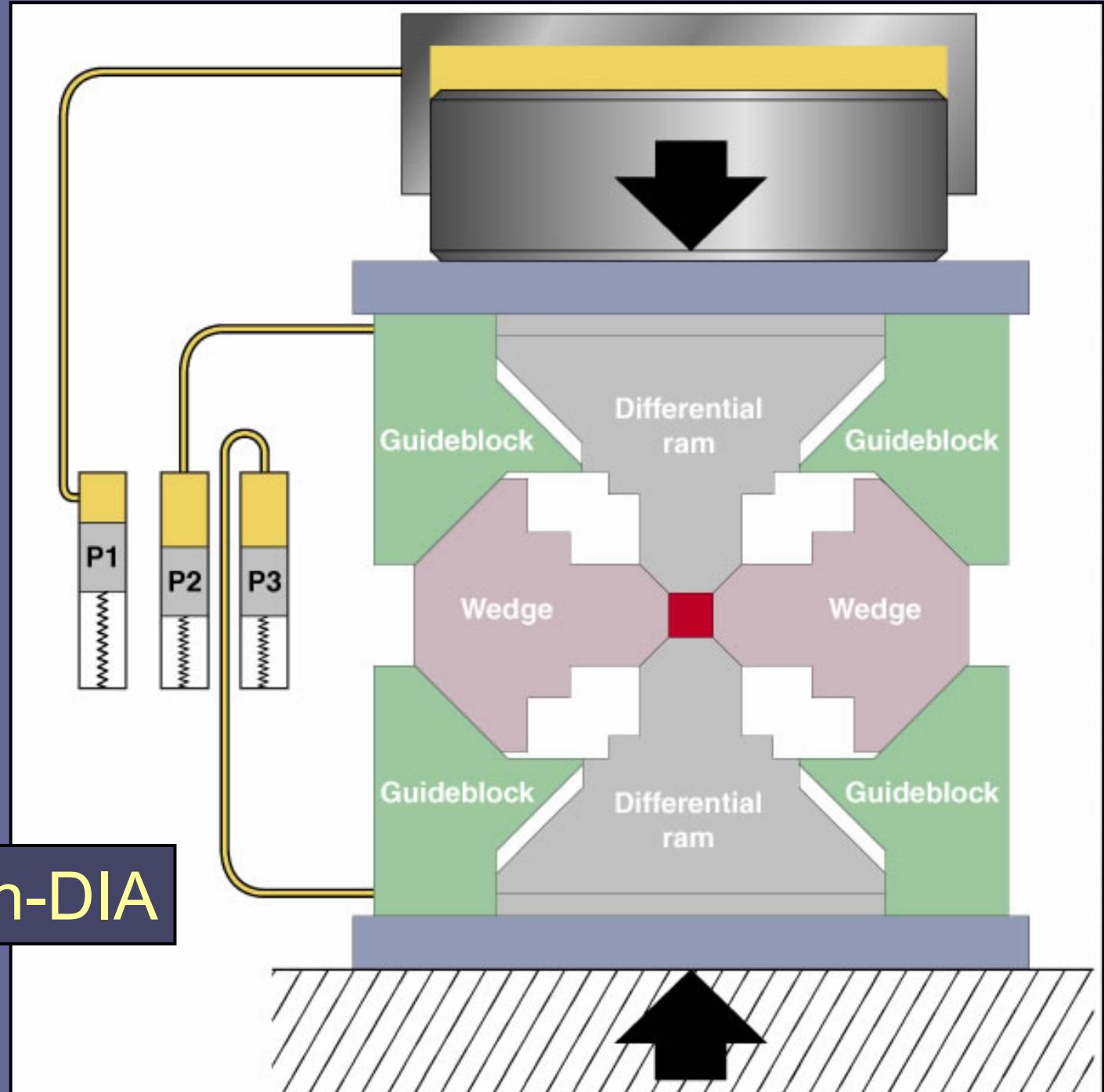


TR3, An₇₀ $\phi \approx 0.07$ (10 vol% MORB added), $\gamma = 5$



High-Pressure, High-Temperature Apparatuses



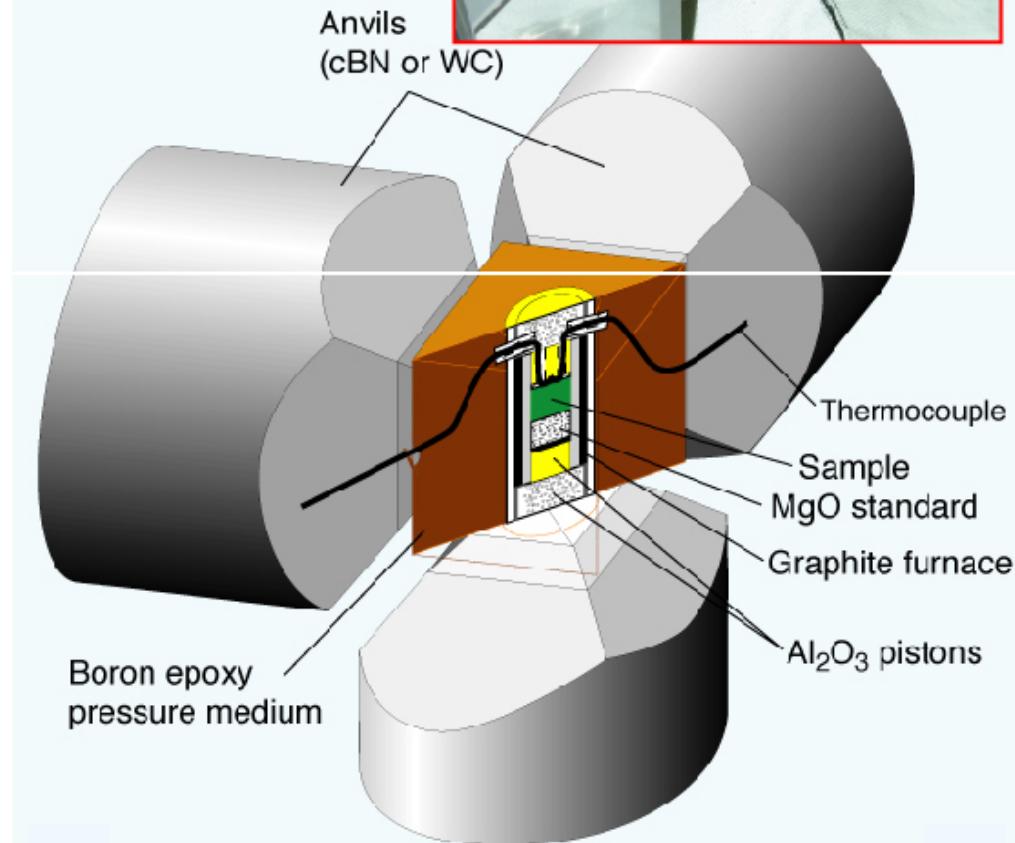


Deformation-DIA

Deformation-DIA Sample Assembly

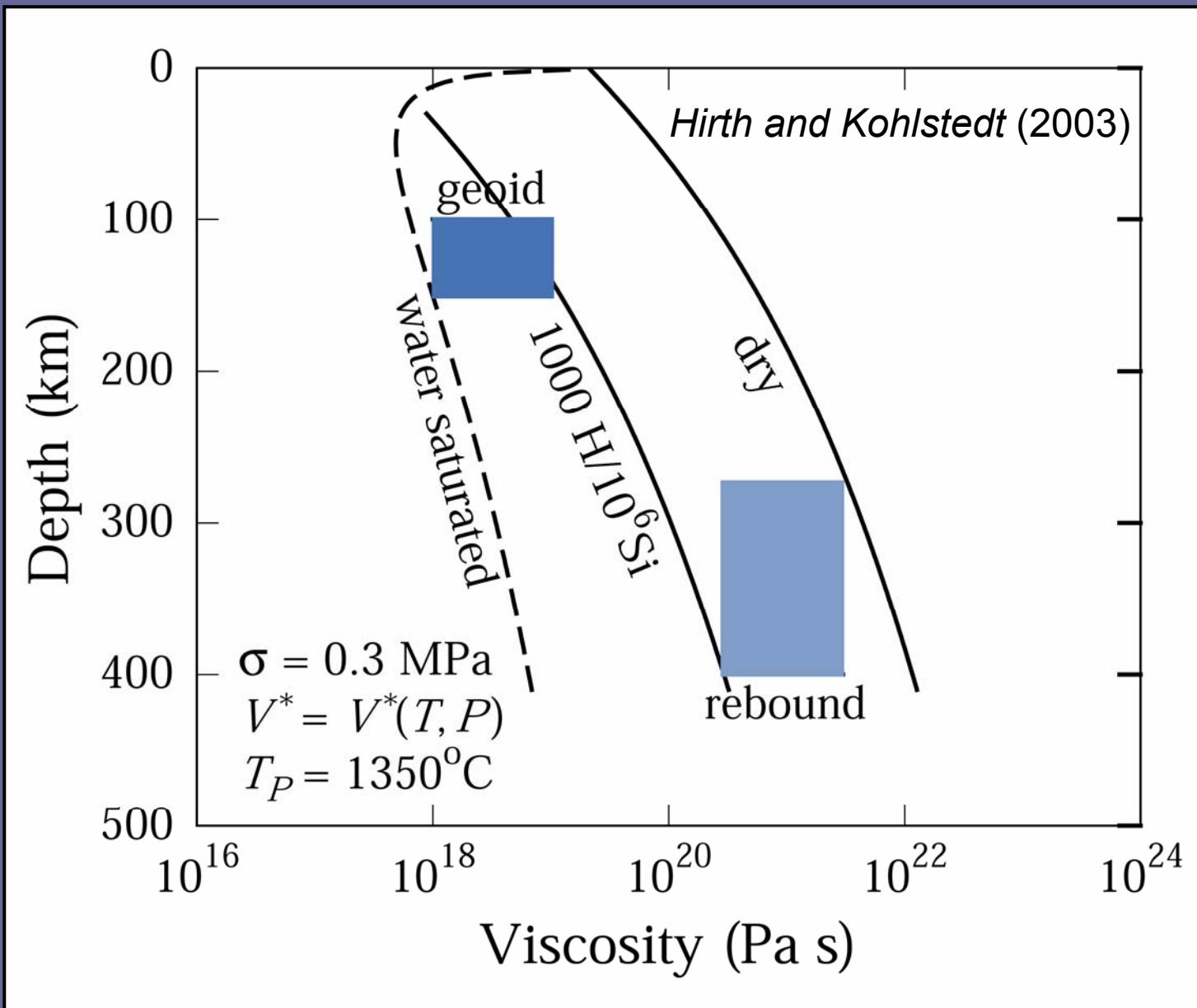
samples 1 mm in diameter

D-DIA sample assembly

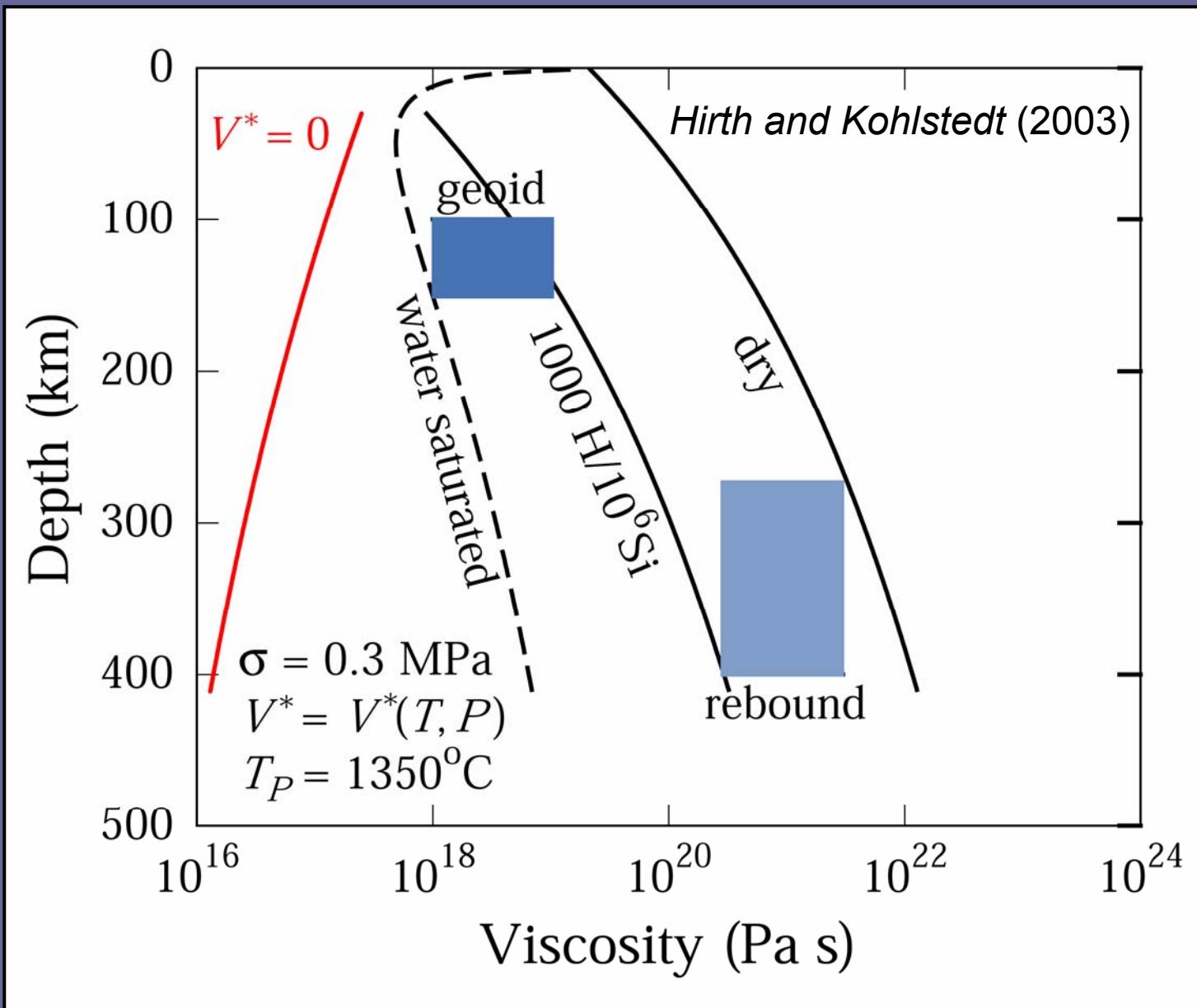


(adapted from M.Vaughan)

Viscosity Profiles vs Geoid and Rebound



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Constitutive Equations: Non-Steady State

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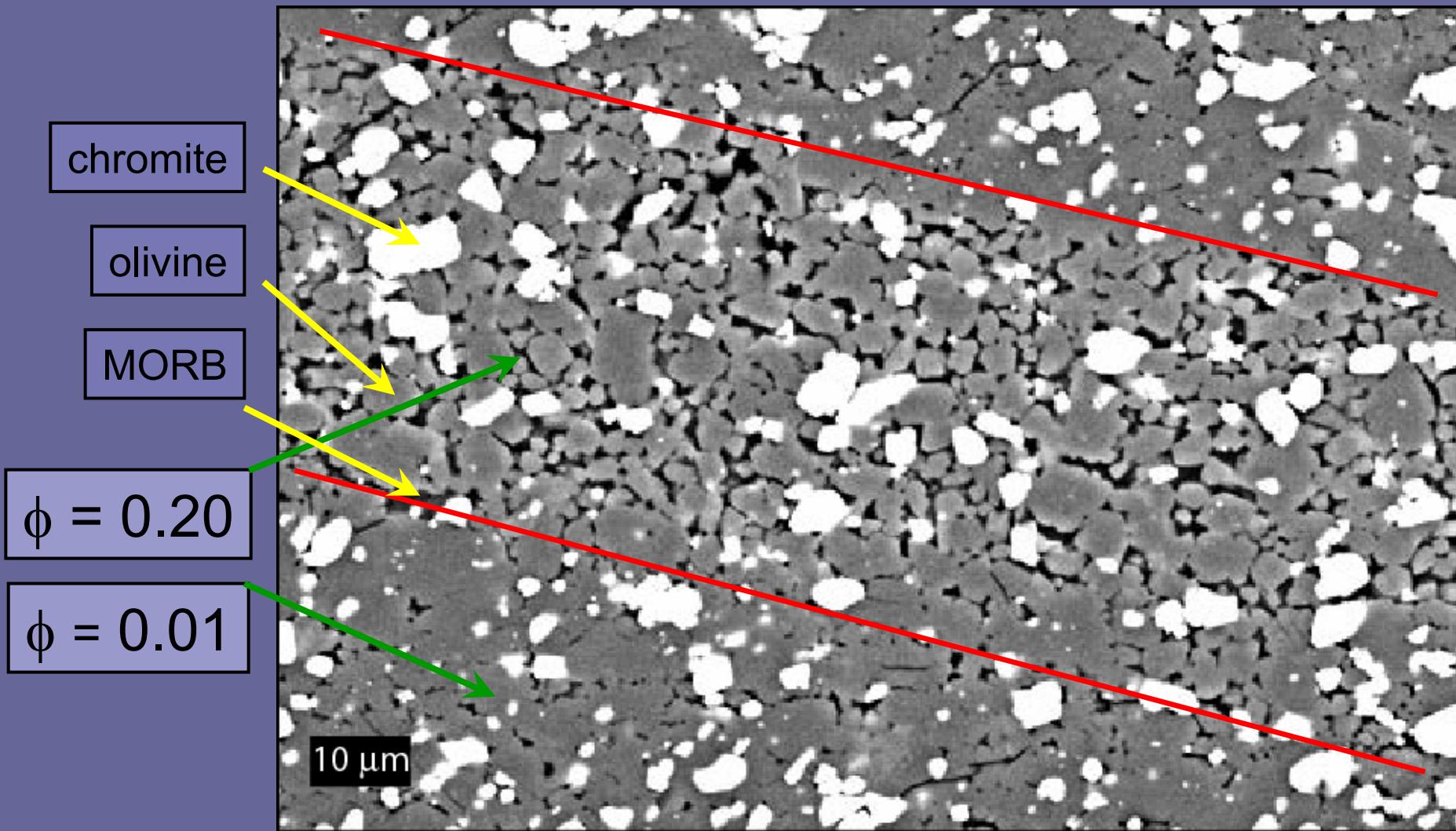
~~$$\dot{c} = \dot{c}(\sigma, T, P, f_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}, a_{\text{ox}}, \dots, S, d, \dots, \Phi, \phi, \dots, c, t)$$~~

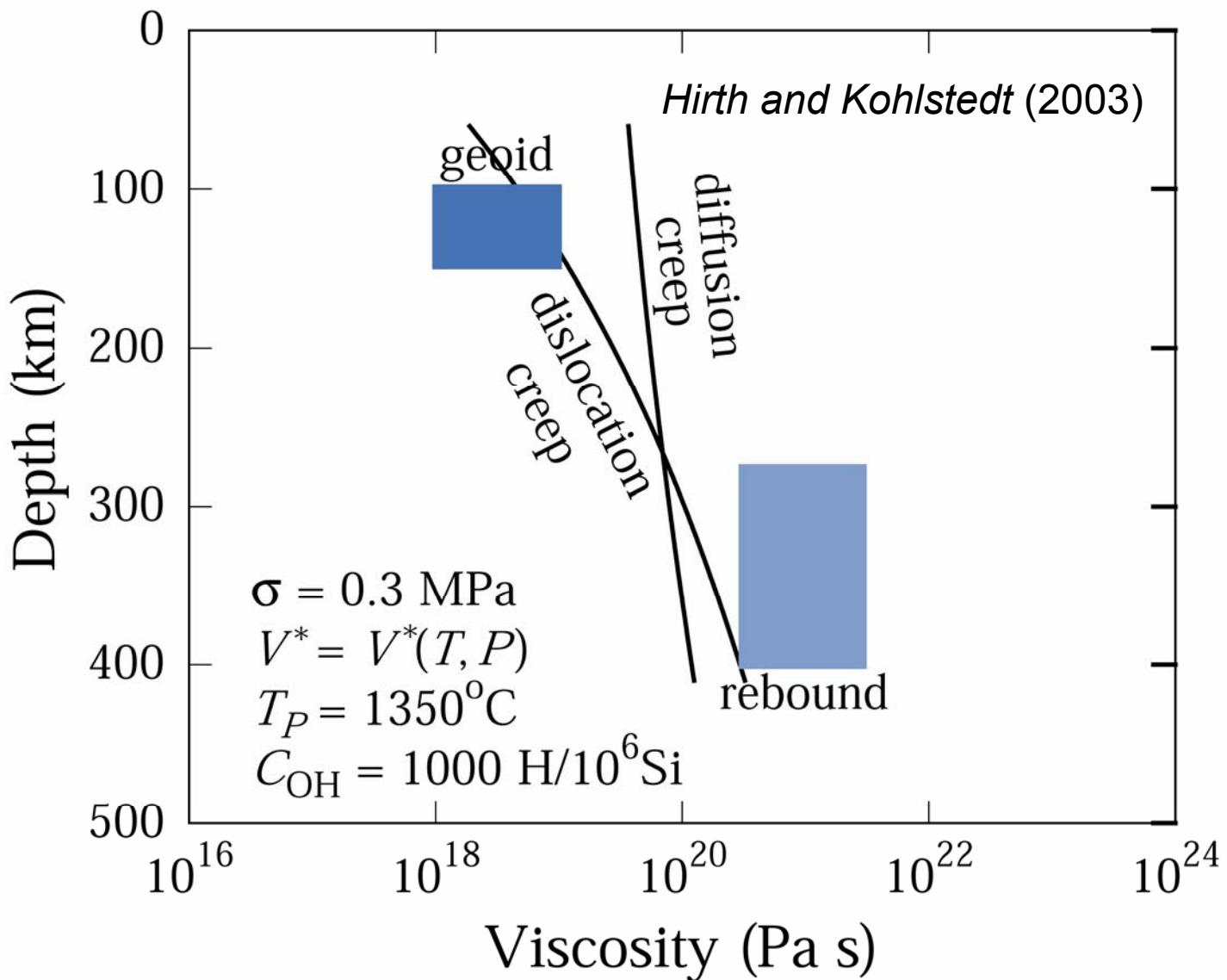
$$\dot{\varepsilon} = \dot{\varepsilon}(\sigma, T, P, f_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}, a_{\text{ox}}, \dots, S, d, \dots, \Phi, \phi, \dots, \sigma^*, d\sigma^*/dt)$$

σ^* = hardness parameter, Hart (1970)
measure of resistance of grains to dislocation movement
possibly correlates with sub-grain size, Stone *et al.* (2004)

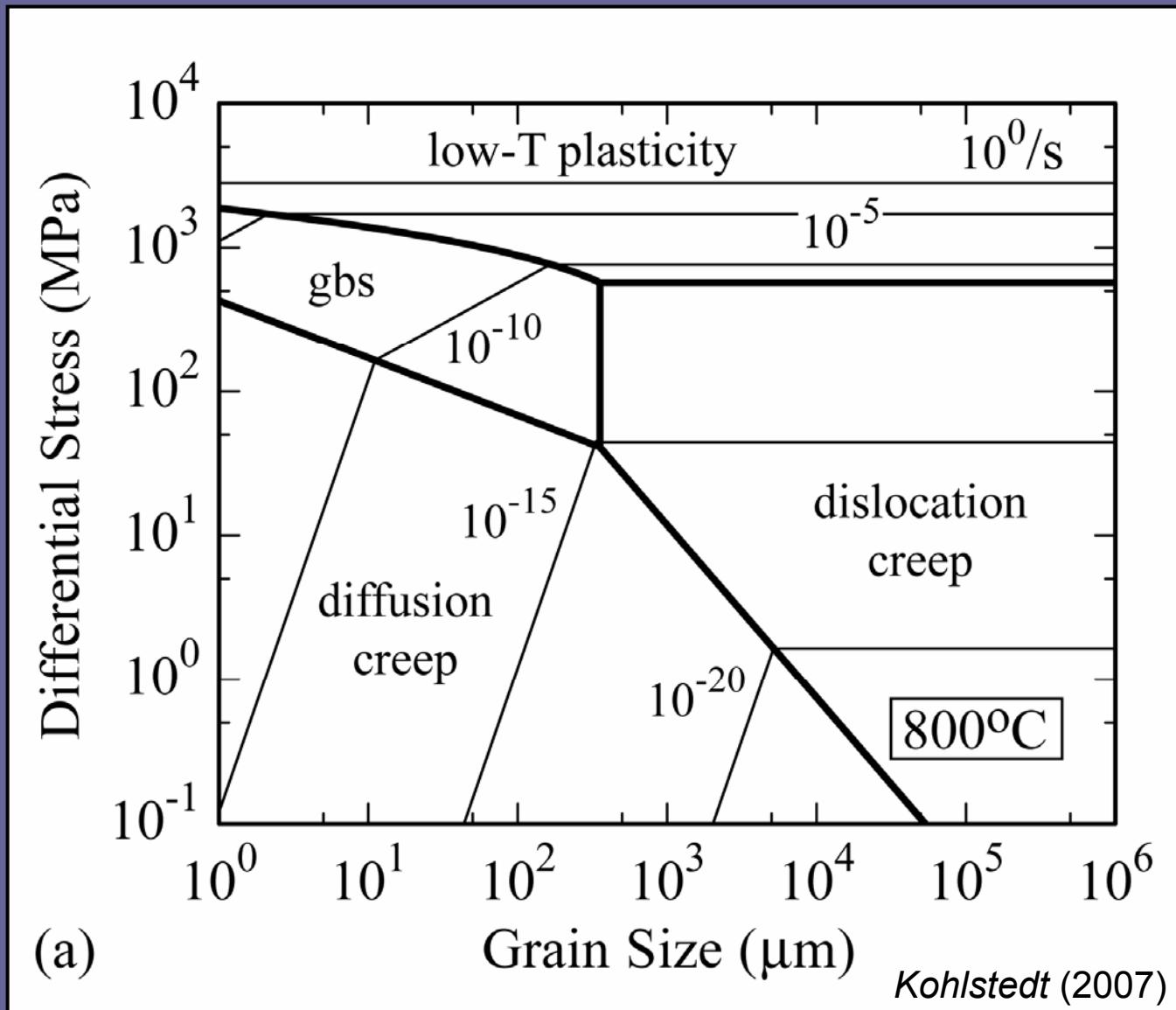
Detailed View of a Melt-Rich Band

olivine + 25 vol % chromite + 6% MORB, $\gamma = 3$, $\sigma = 100$ MPa





Deformation Mechanism Map – σ vs d



Deformation Mechanism Map – σ vs T

