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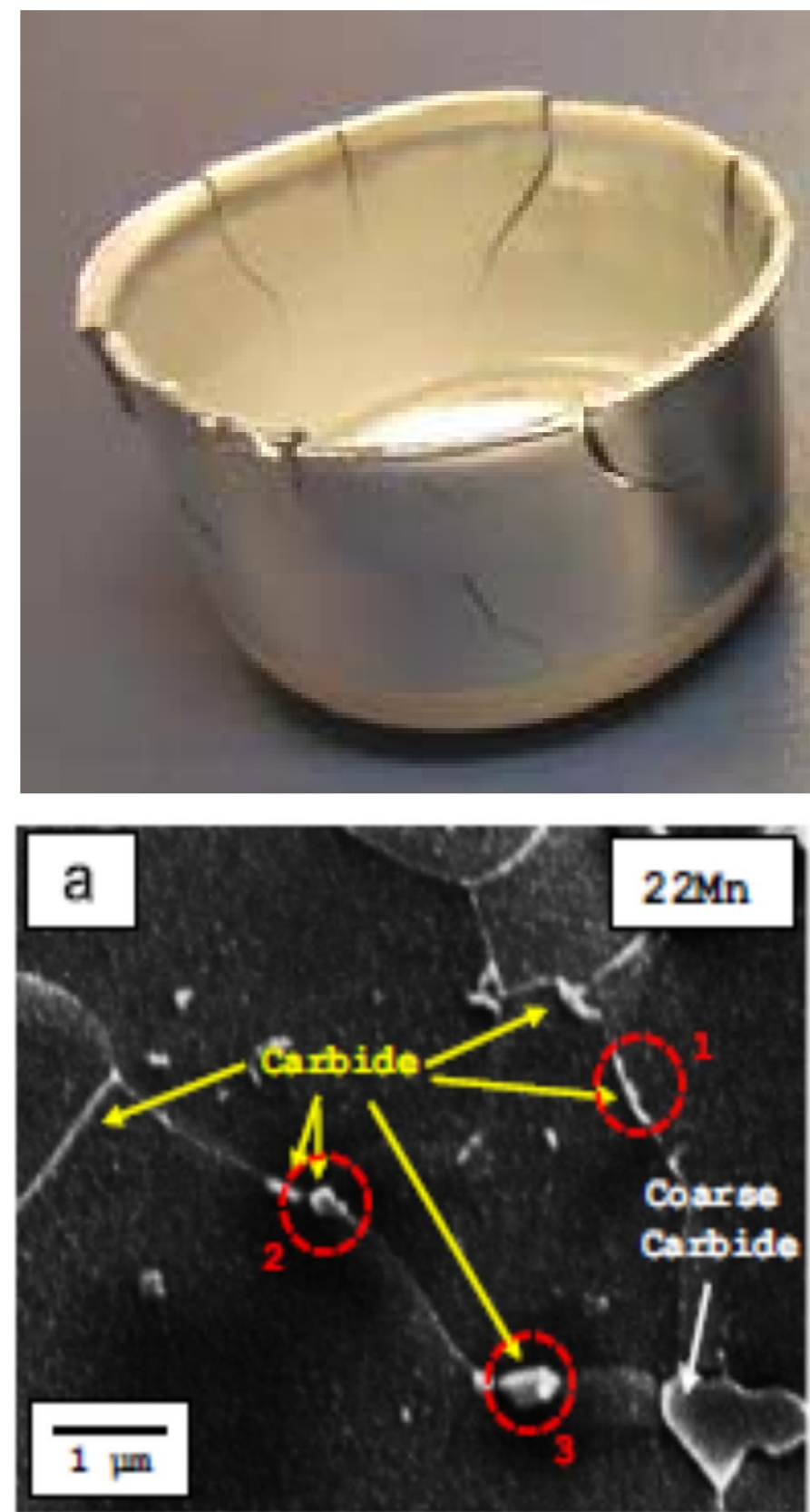
Transferprojekt

Motivation

- Delayed fracture in high Mn steels caused by HE → unresolved issue
- Fracture surfaces often decorated by inclusions
- Relevance of intergranular cementite:
 - starting point for crack initiation
 - disappear with increased Al content
 - sensitivity to HE decreases strongly

Goals:

- Confirmation of trend for cementite
- Extension to Cr carbides



► S. Hong et al., MSE-A 587 (2013).

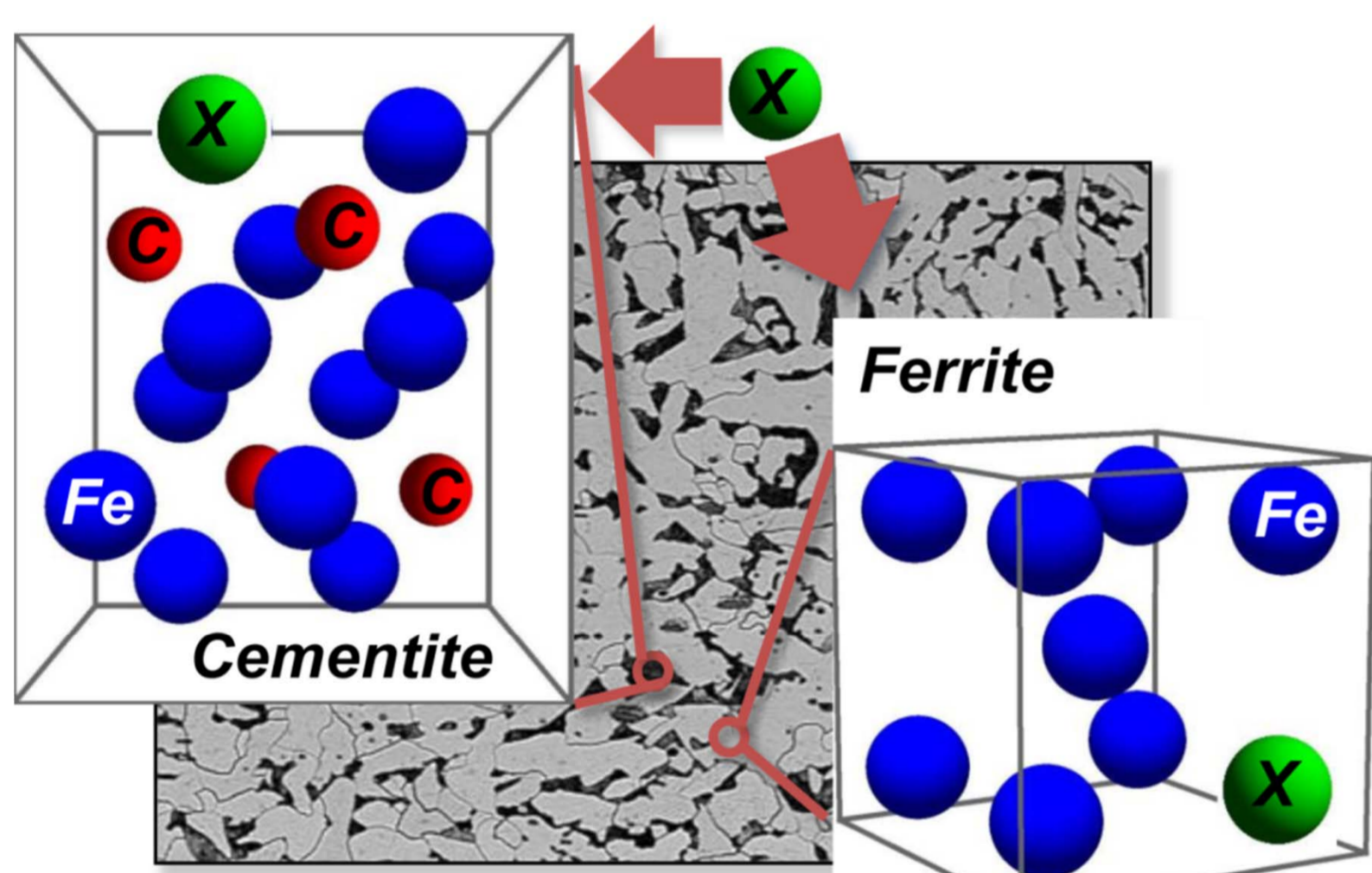
Methodology

- DFT as implemented in  package
- Coherent interface energy between carbide and matrix obtained using DFT energies in $\gamma = (E_{\text{int}} - E_{\text{bulk}})/2A$
- Magnetic contribution to free energy of cementite evaluated using spin quantum Monte Carlo scheme
- Spin-space averaging formalism employed to deal with magnetic disorder
- H solution enthalpy obtained using DFT energies in $\Delta H_{\text{H}} = E[\text{XCH}] - E[\text{XC}] - \mu_{\text{H}}$
- Diffusion of H in high Mn steels studied using kinetic Monte Carlo simulations

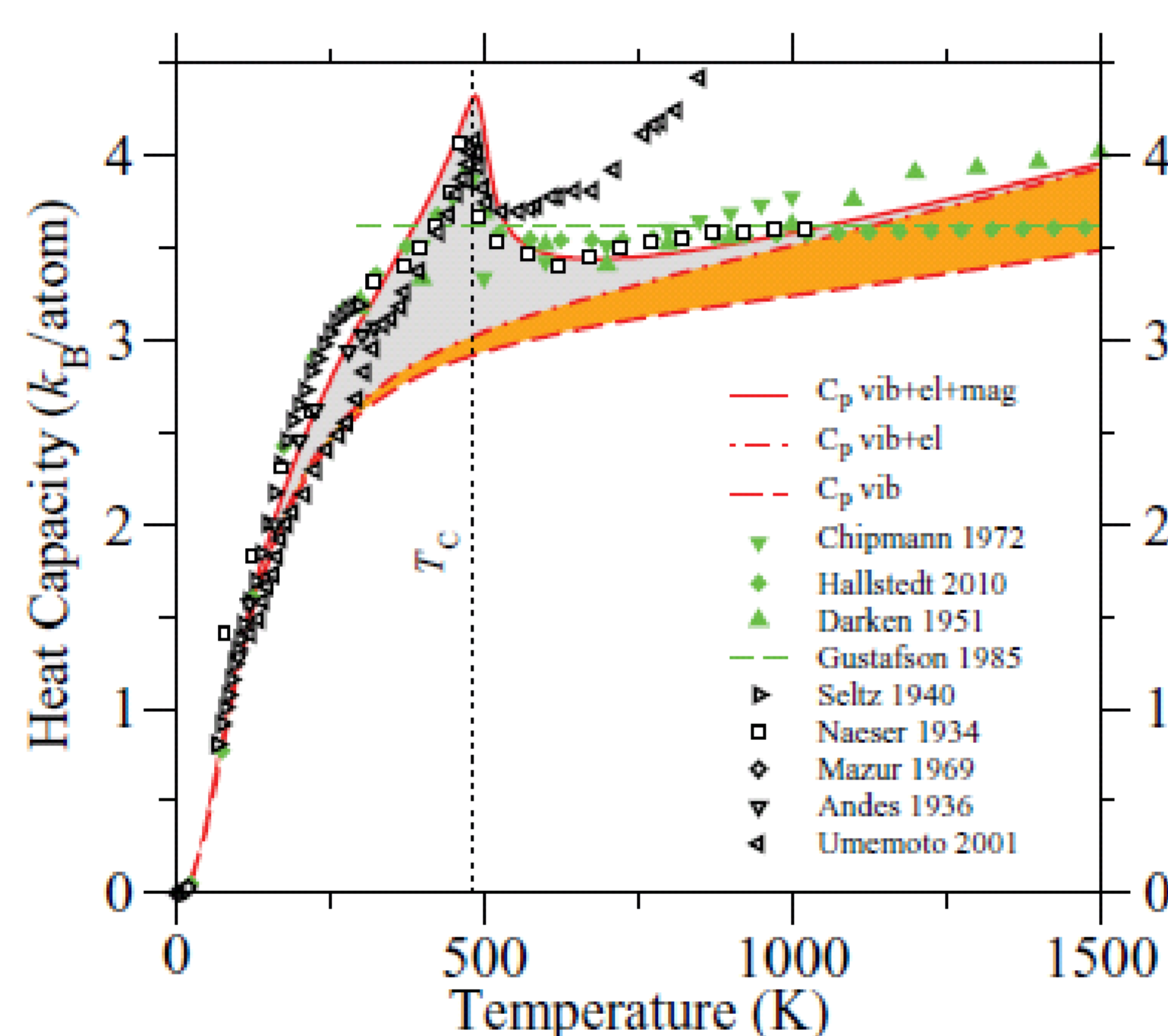
Phase stability

Previous work:

- Thermodyn. properties and formation free energy of Fe_3C
- Partitioning of Al and Si between Fe_3C and bcc matrix



► K. Hausmann et al., Diploma thesis (2011)



Ab initio calculated heat capacity of cementite vs T

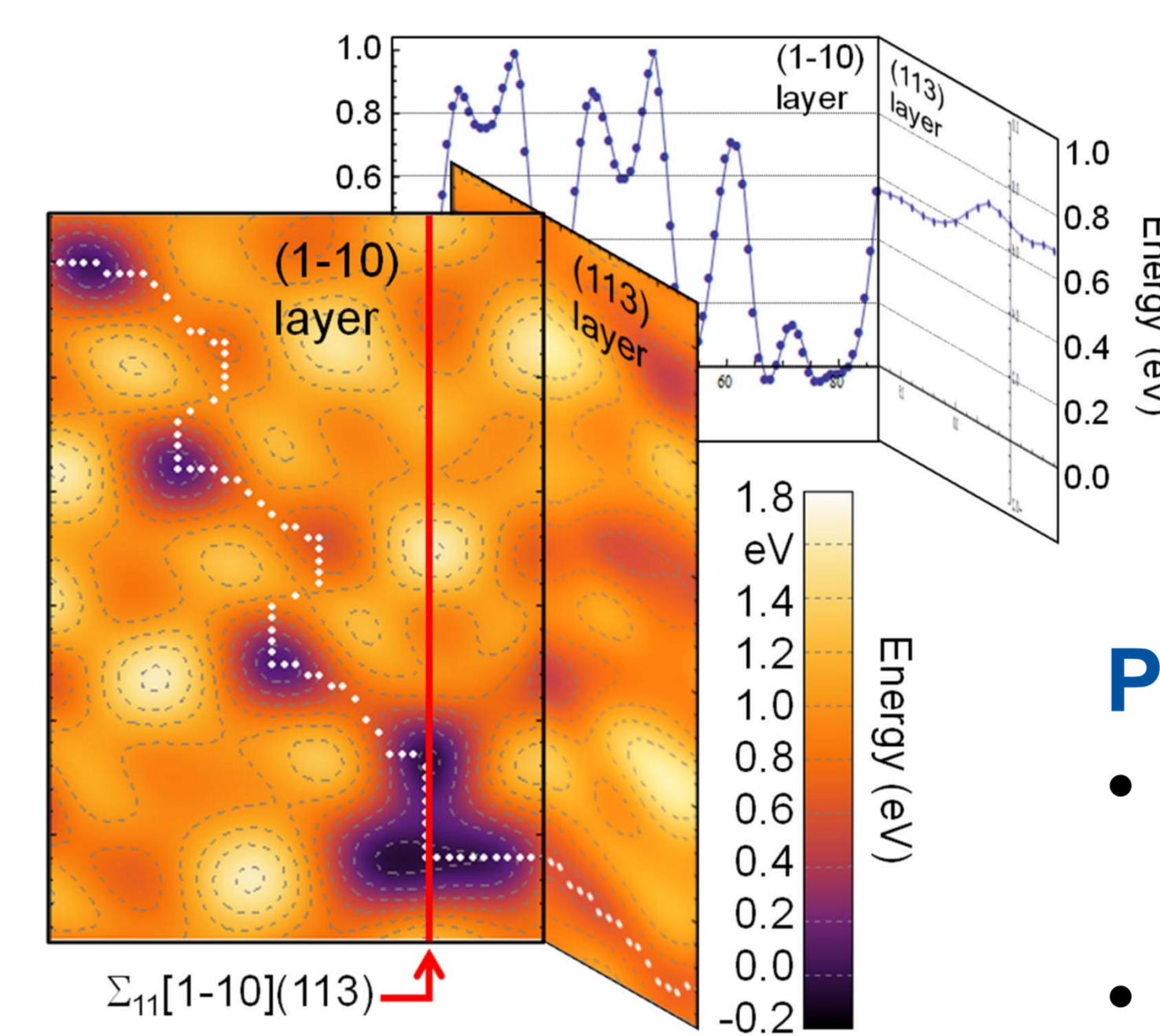
► A. Dick et al., PRB 84 (2011) pp. 125101

Schematic view of partitioning of Al and Si to cementite and matrix

Plans for present project:

- Extension of concepts to partitioning between Fe_3C and austenitic matrix with focus on the mechanisms for Al
- Discussion of role of coherency strain
- Development of methods to calculate semi- and incoherent interface energies

Impact of H

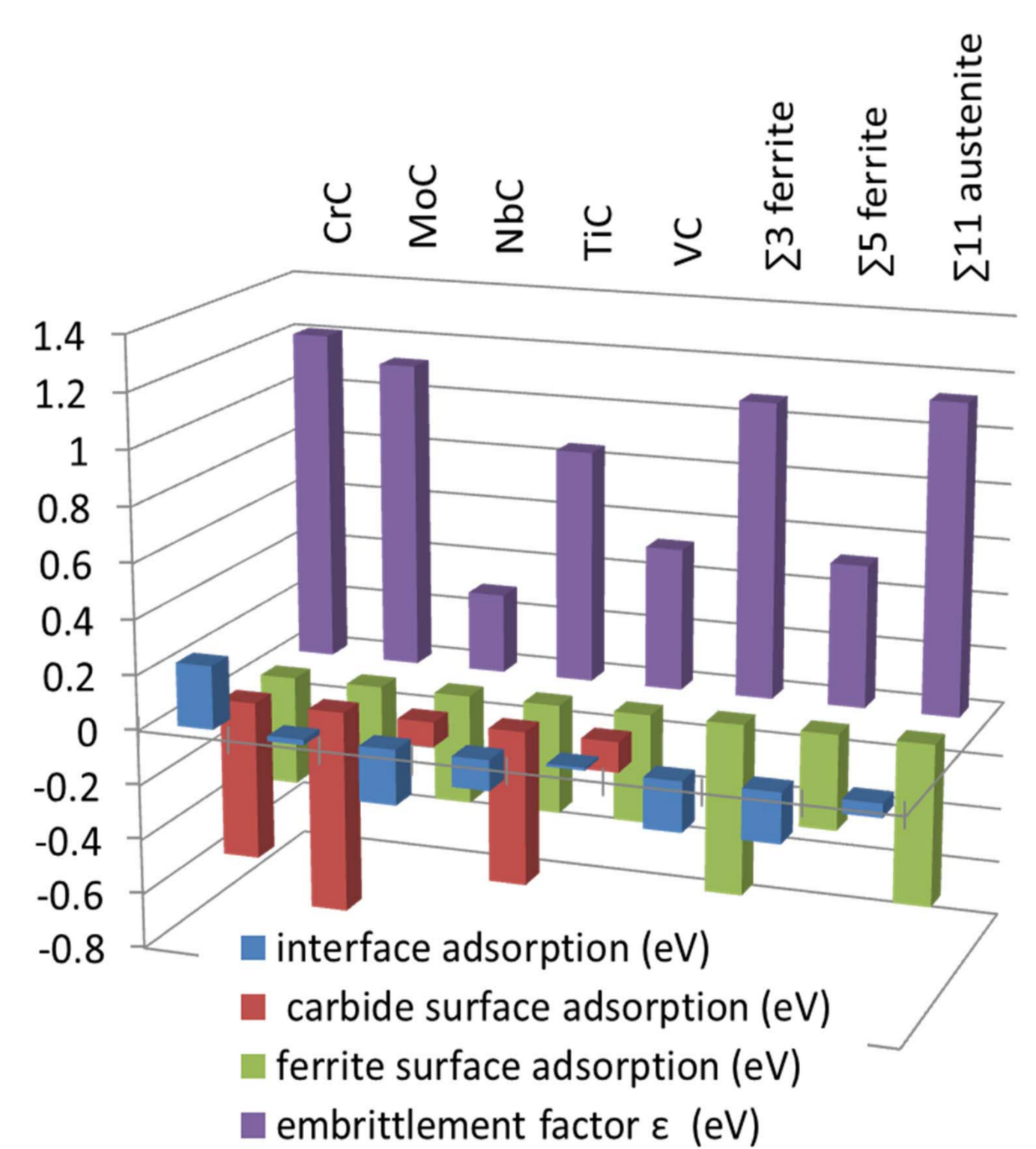
Effective diffusion channel of H in $\Sigma 11$ grain boundary
► Y.A. Du et al., PRB 84 (2011) pp. 144121.

Previous work:

- Interaction of H with various microstructure features
- Effective diffusion channels for H in grain boundaries
- Analysis of HEDE mechanism for different carbide/matrix interfaces

Plans for present project:

- Extension to the relevant carbides and phase boundaries
- H in bulk carbide
- Consideration of point-defect hydrogen interaction (in bulk and at the interface)



H solution enthalpies at interface and on respective free surfaces

Links to SFB

- Exchange with A1 dealing concerning H interaction with κ -carbide
- Methods developed to investigate thermodynamic properties in A2 are transferred to study thermodynamic stability of carbides
- Intensive exchange with A9 over mechanisms of HE and relevance of microstructure
- APT measurements performed within C8 are employed to detect chemical composition of carbides and matrix

Work packages

- **WP1:** Calculation of TD stability of carbides: *dependence on matrix composition, chemical structure, temperature*
- **WP2:** Structure of carbide/matrix interface: *coherent interfaces, extension to incoherent concepts*
- **WP4:** Determination of interaction between carbides and H: *perfect carbide, point defects, interface*
- **WP5:** Hydrogen enhanced decohesion (HEDE): *coherent (Fe_3C , Cr-carbide) and incoherent (Cr-carbide) interfaces*