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Lecture 6: Dislocation self-energy and interactions

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Dislocation identification

Dislocation line ξ and dislocation Burgers vector completely define the dislocation, telling you where and how easily it will move.

Dislocation line ξ:

defines the long dimension of the extra half-plane

Dislocation slip direction **b**:

defines the vector that closes a complete circuit of lattice sites in an imperfect crystal defines the direction of atomic motion during deformation

RHFS Convention (only):

Draw RH circuit that contains dislocation
Draw vector from finish point to start point = **b**

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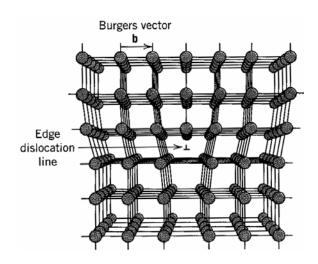
How edge and screw are different:

Edge **b** perpendicular to ξ

moves parallel to **b**

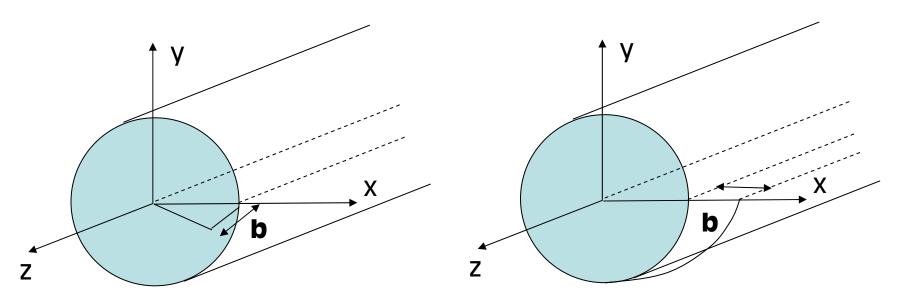
Screw **b** parallel to ξ

moves perpendicular to **b**



Elastic energy of dislocation:

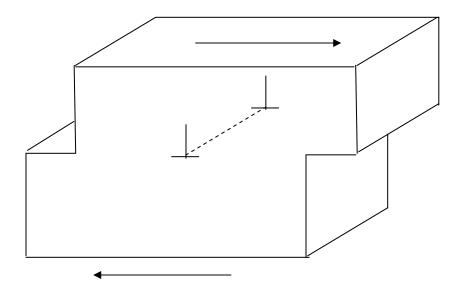
Distortion around straight dislocation is like a cylinder of strained material



Screw dislocation displacement field:

Edge dislocation displacement field:

Force acting on a dislocation:



Peach-Kohler formulation for calculating effects of stress acting on a dislocation line:

Mental process:

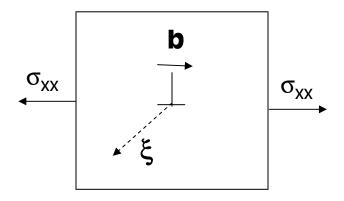
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If a uniform stress S acts on the dislocation line, it does work:

Example of Peach-Kohler:



How does a dislocation move in the presence of a tensile stress σ_{xx} ?

Application to metals:

(1) Hydrogen embrittlement:

(2) Serrated yielding: