

1D defects

# DISLOCATIONS

Generic term, but associated to 1D in material science

- Edge dislocation
- Screw dislocation

# Plastic Deformation in Crystalline Materials

**Slip**  
*(Dislocation motion)*

**Twinning**

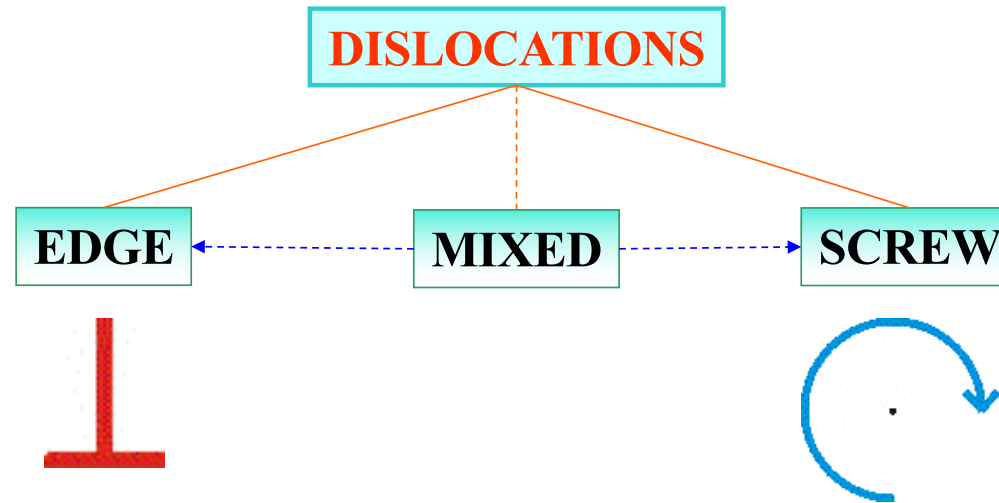
**Phase Transformation**

**Creep Mechanisms**

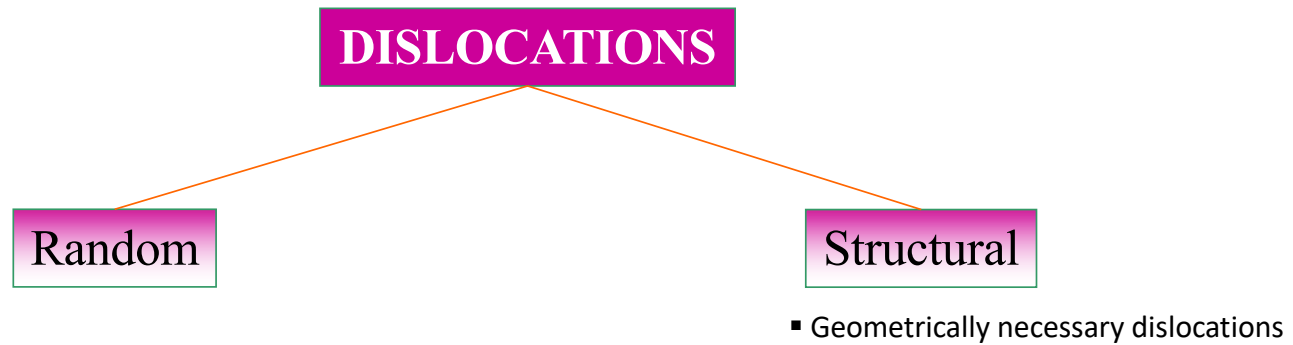
Grain boundary sliding

Vacancy diffusion

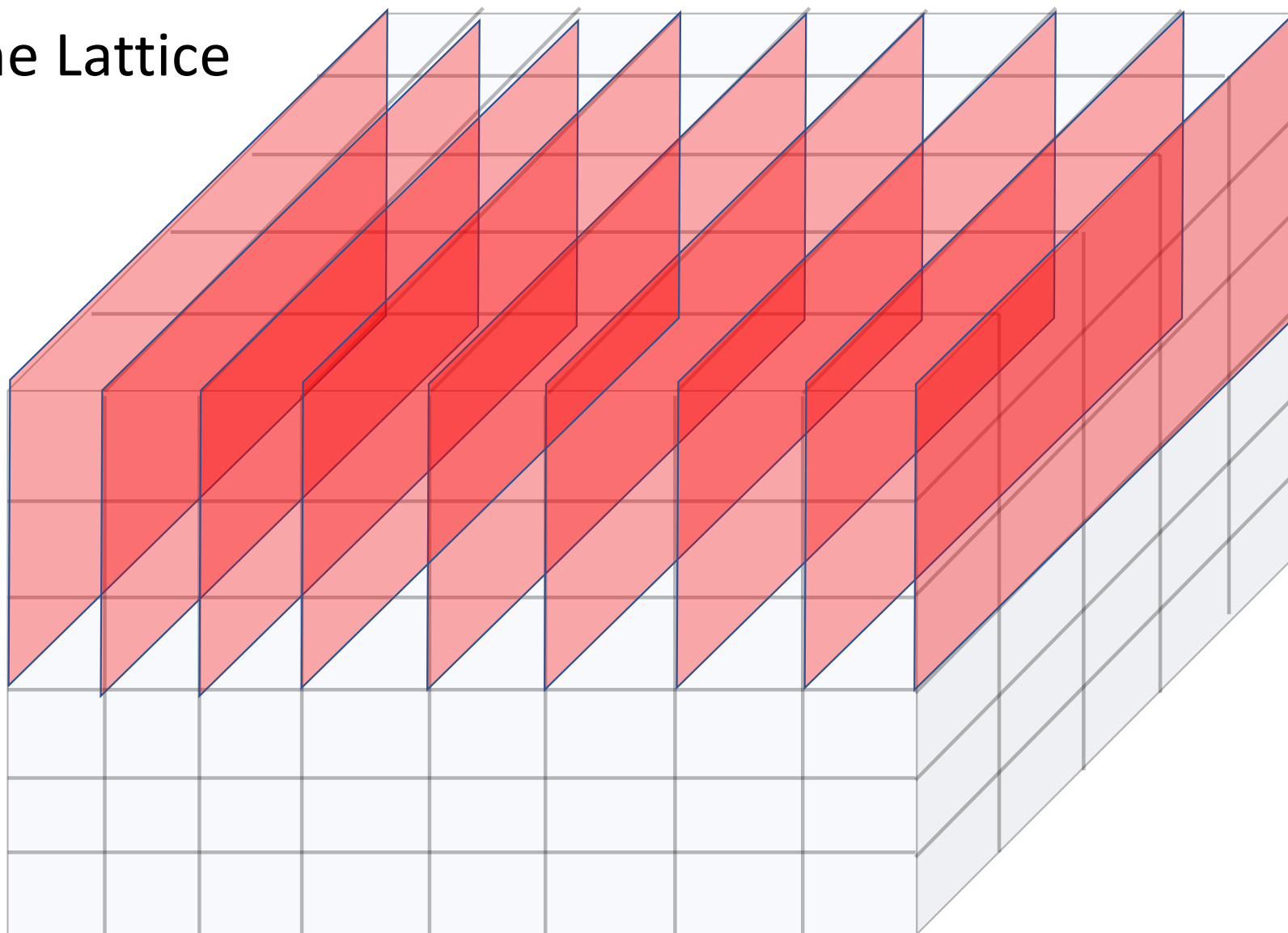
Dislocation climb



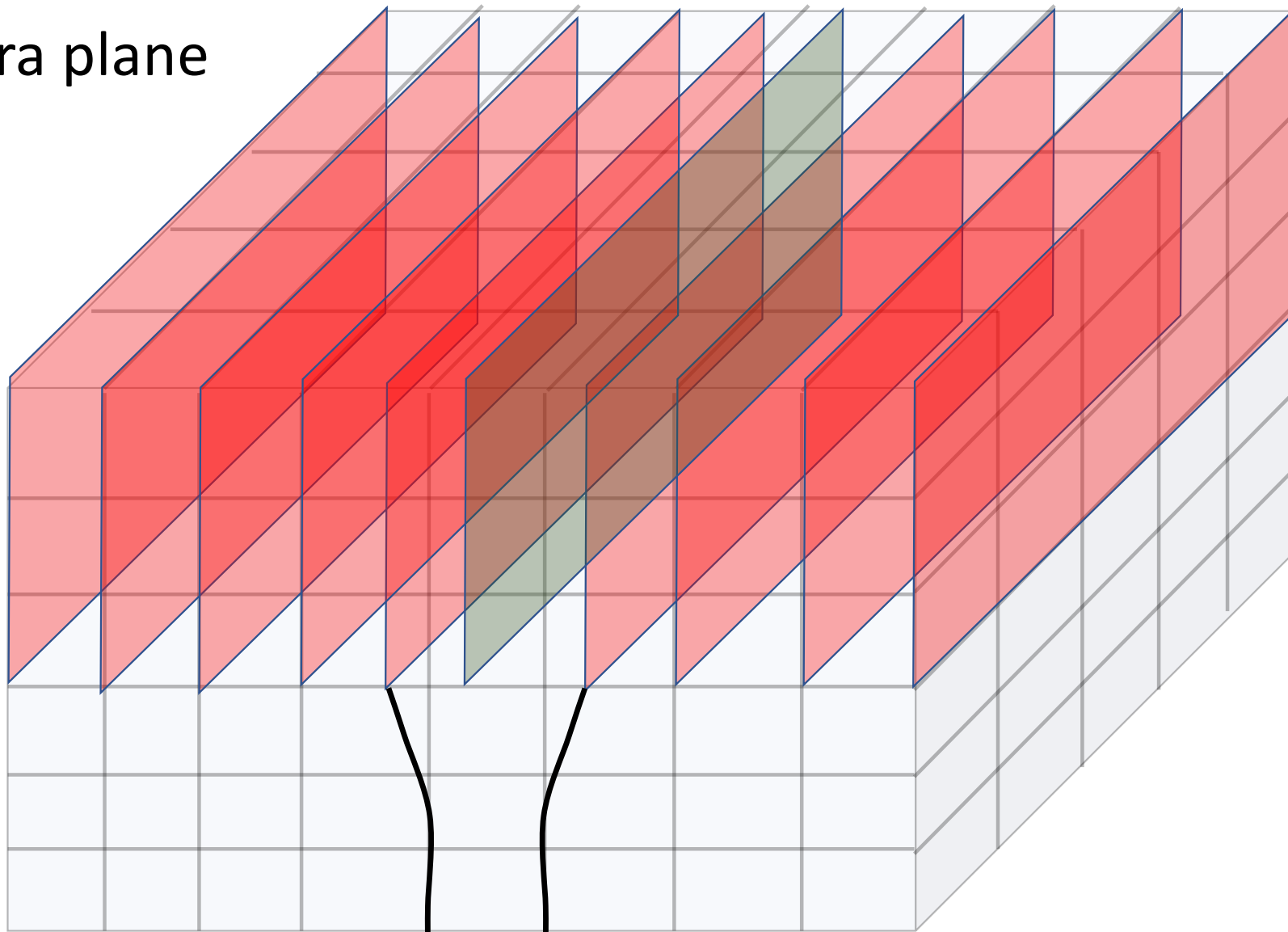
□ Usually dislocations have a mixed character and *Edge* and *Screw* dislocations are the ideal extremes



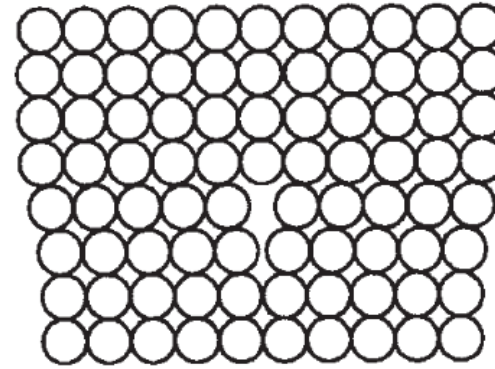
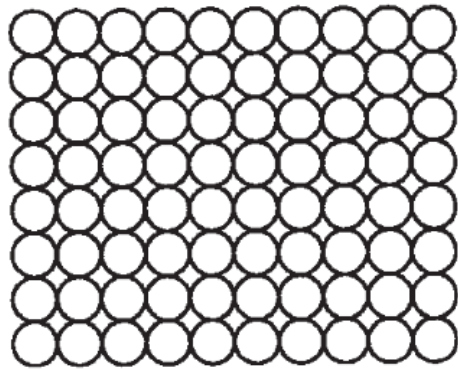
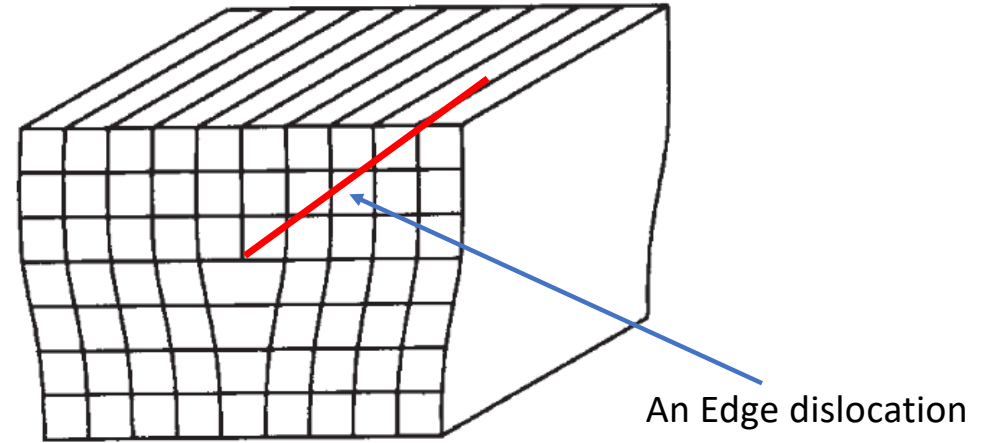
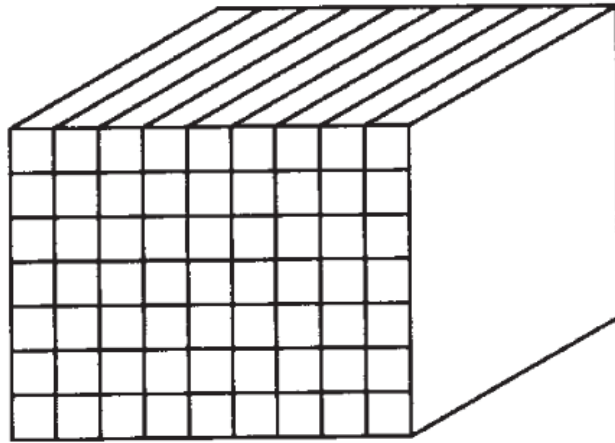
# Pristine Lattice



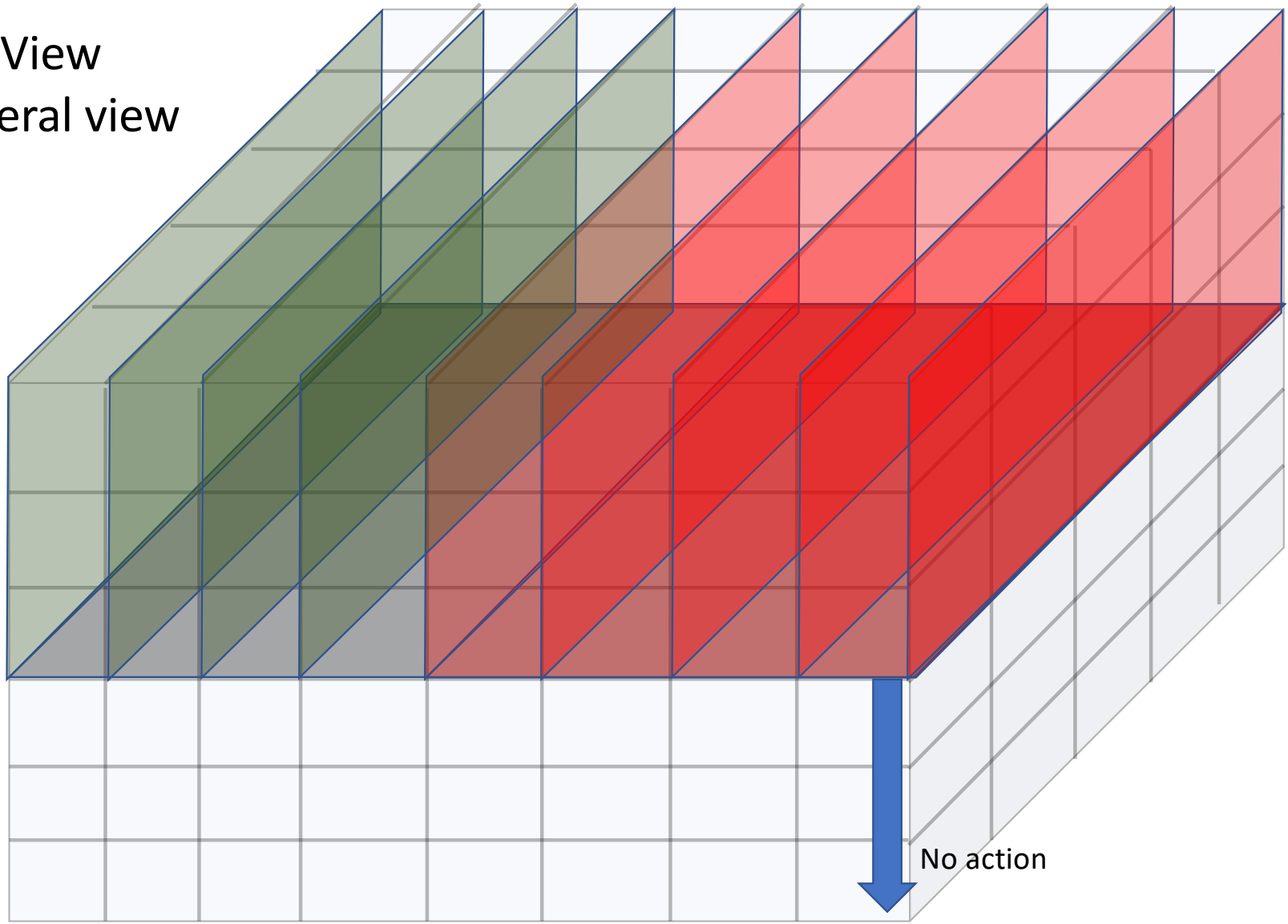
One extra plane



# An incomplete plane

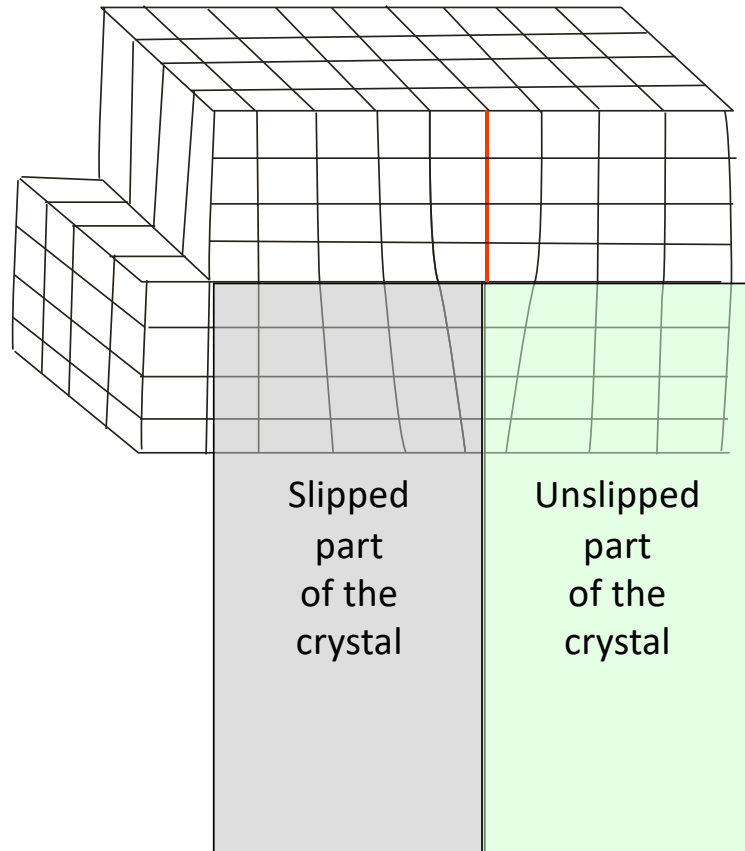


Alternate View  
More general view



No slip planes

No action



Dislocation is a boundary between the slipped and the unslipped parts of the crystal lying over a slip plane



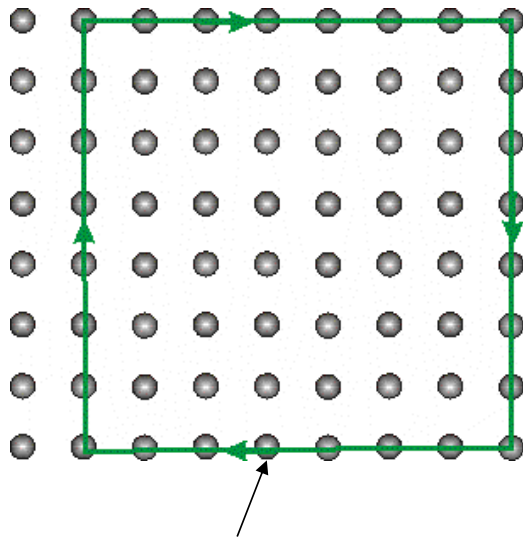
A dislocation has associated with it two vectors:

$\vec{t}$  → A unit tangent vector along the dislocation line

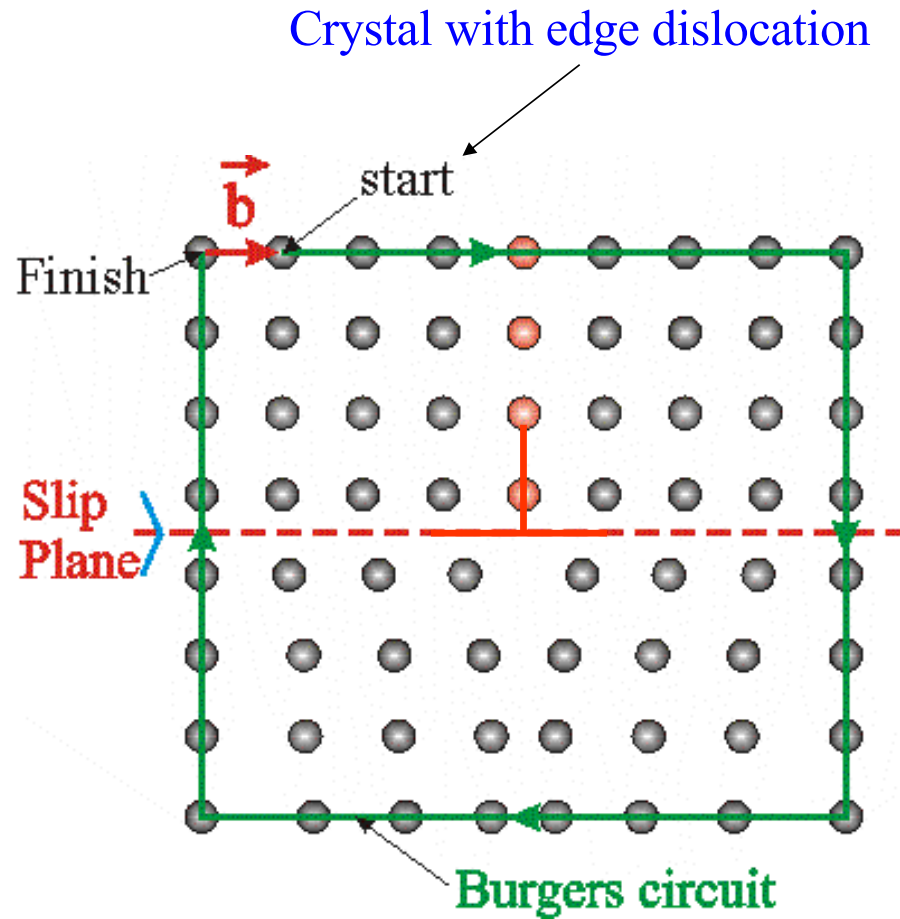
$\vec{b}$  → The Burgers vector

# Burgers Vector

# Edge dislocation



Perfect crystal



Crystal with edge dislocation

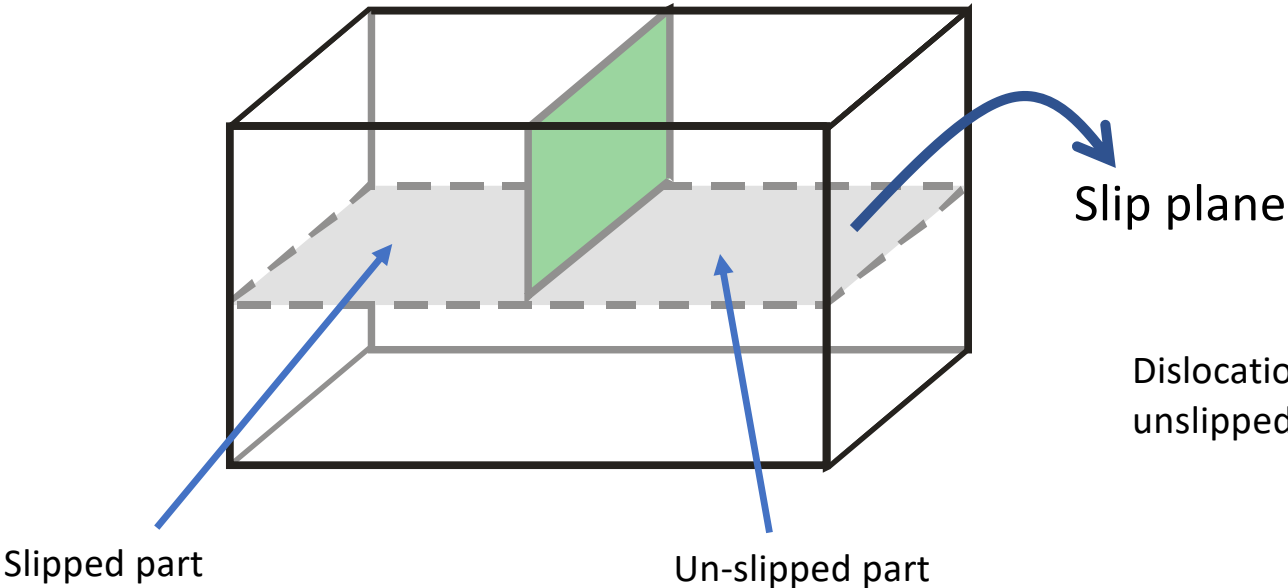
Slip Plane

Burgers circuit

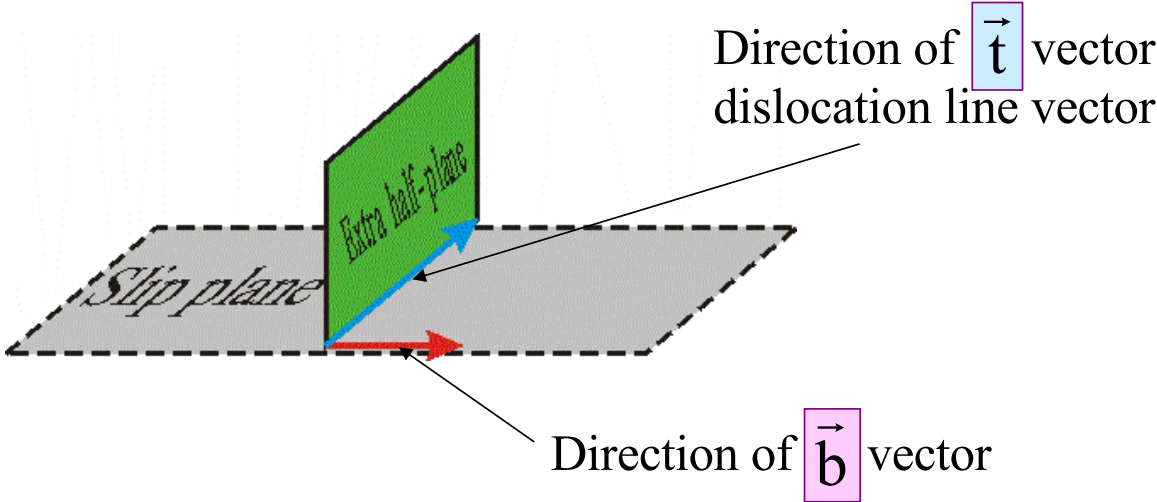
RHFS:  
Right Hand Finish to Start  
convention

# Edge dislocation

## Terminology



Dislocation is the boundary between slipped and unslipped part



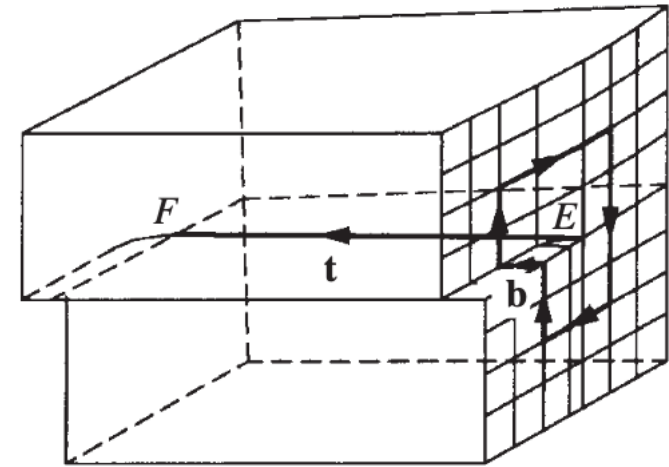
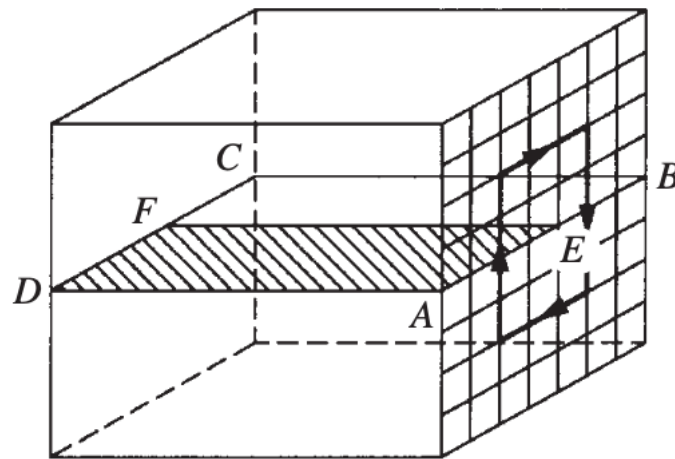
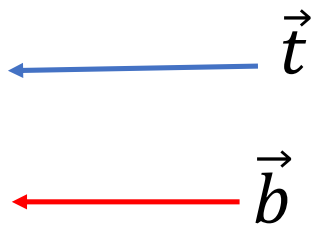
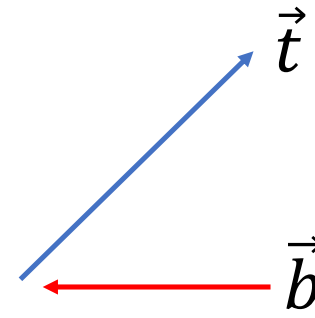
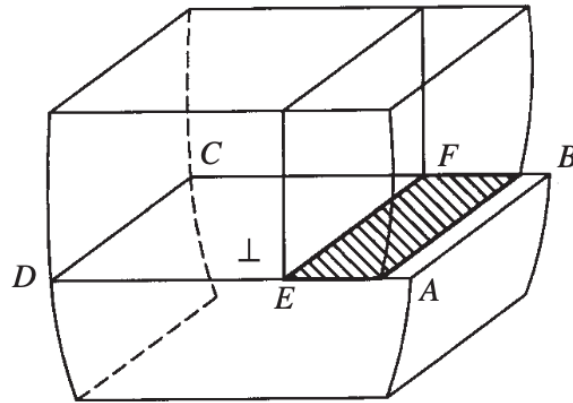
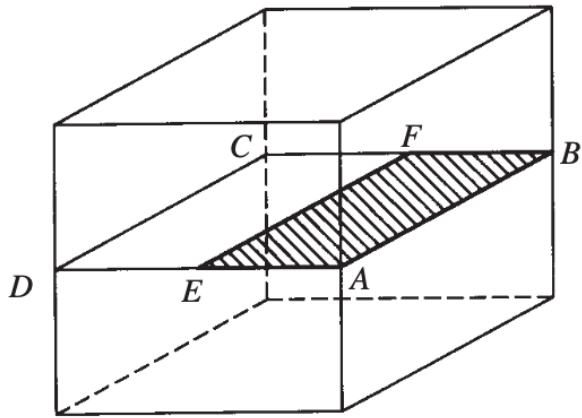
# Dislocation Properties

- ❑ Dislocation is a boundary between the slipped and the unslipped parts of the crystal lying over a slip plane
- ❑ The intersection of the extra half-plane of atoms with the slip plane defines the dislocation line (*for an edge dislocation*)
- ❑ Direction and magnitude of slip is characterized by the Burgers vector of the dislocation  
The Burgers vector is determined by the Burgers Circuit
- ❑ Right hand screw (finish to start) convention is used for determining the direction of the Burgers vector
- ❑ As the periodic force field of a crystal requires that atoms must move from one equilibrium position to another  $\Rightarrow \mathbf{b}$  must connect one lattice position to another (*for a full dislocation*)
- ❑ Dislocations tend to have as small a Burgers vector as possible

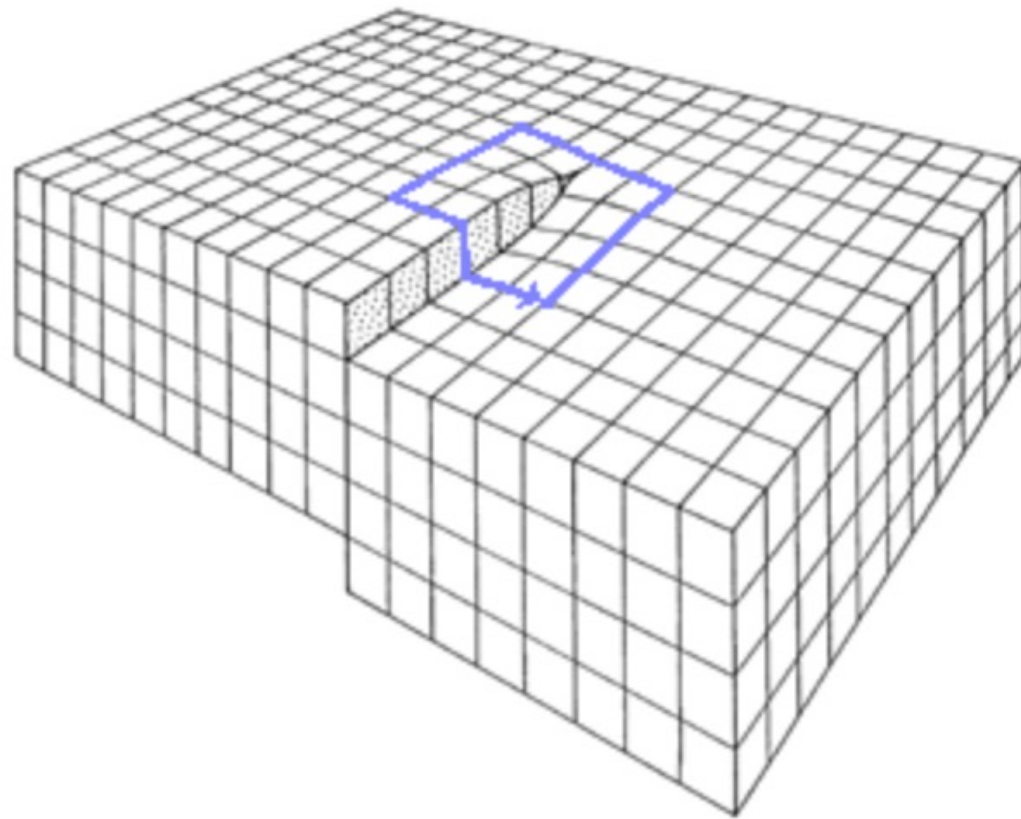
- ❑ The edge dislocation has compressive stress field above and tensile stress field below the slip plane
- ❑ Dislocations are non-equilibrium defects and would leave the crystal if given an opportunity



# Edge and Screw Dislocation



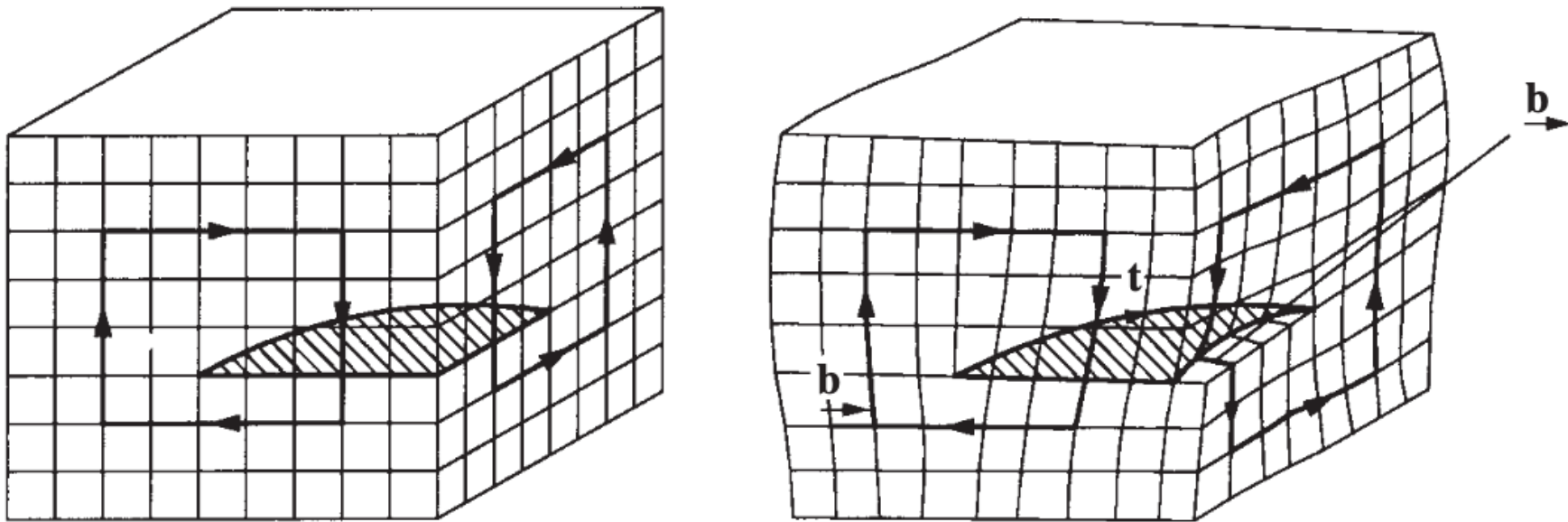
## Drawing the Burger's circuit for a screw





Burgers vector is invariant along the dislocation line

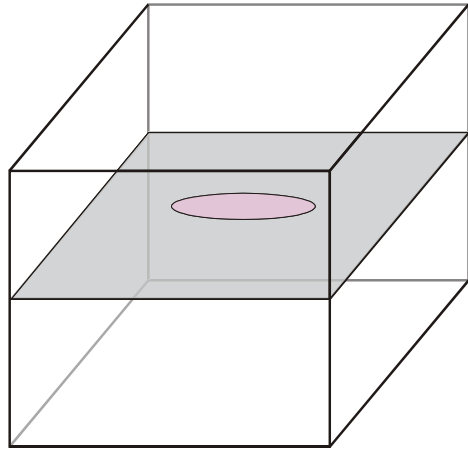
## Mixed Dislocations



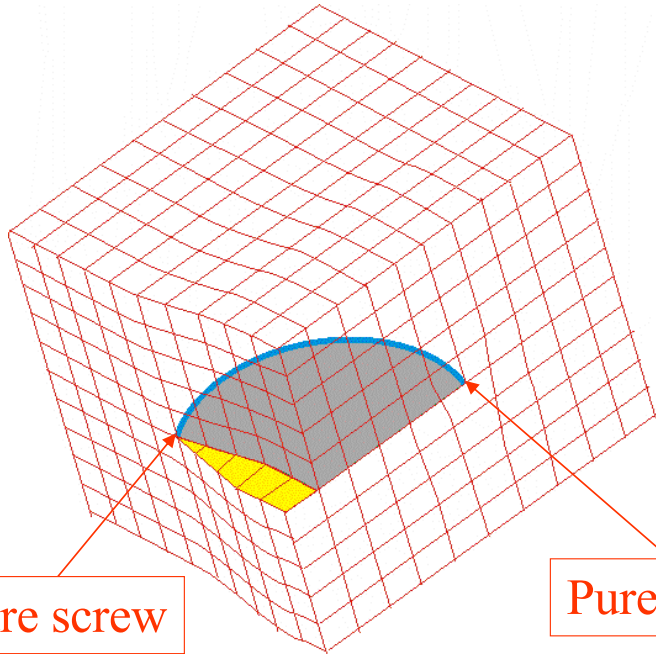
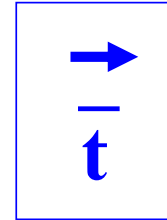
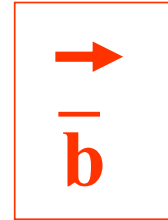
Relationship between  $\vec{t}$  and  $\vec{b}$  are neither parallel or perpendicular.

Pure screw on the right  
Pure edge on the front

Everything in-between also observed.

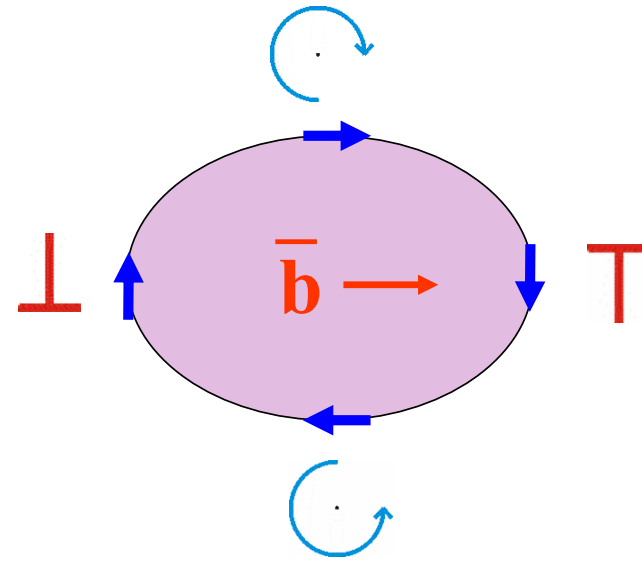


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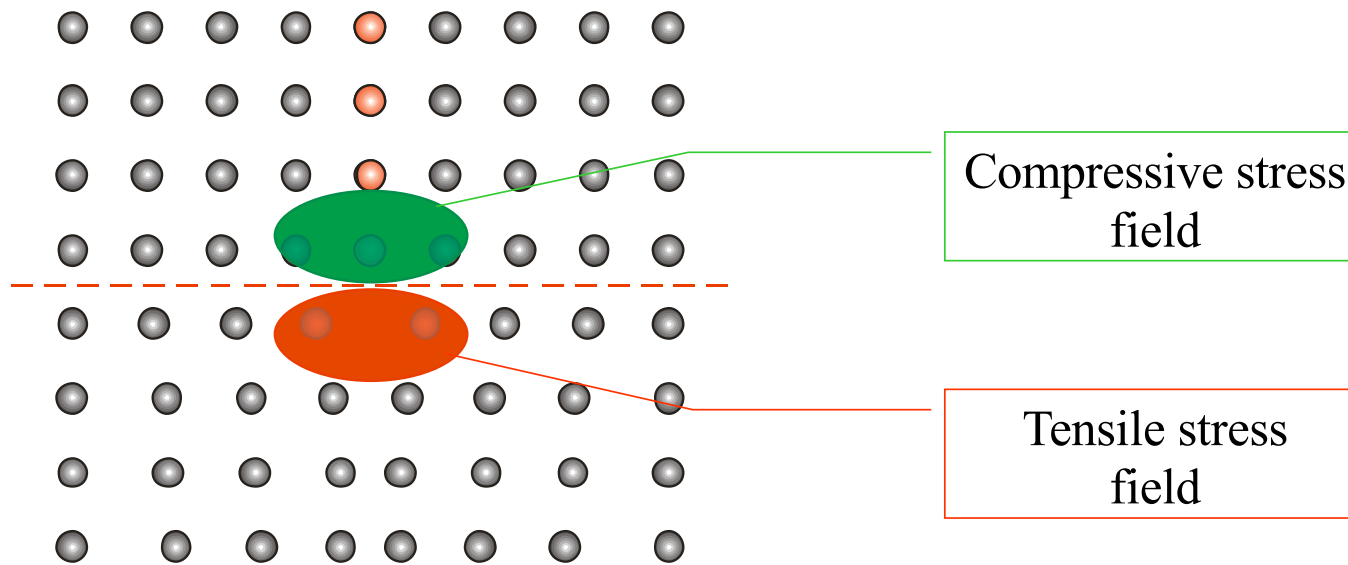


Pure screw

Pure Edge

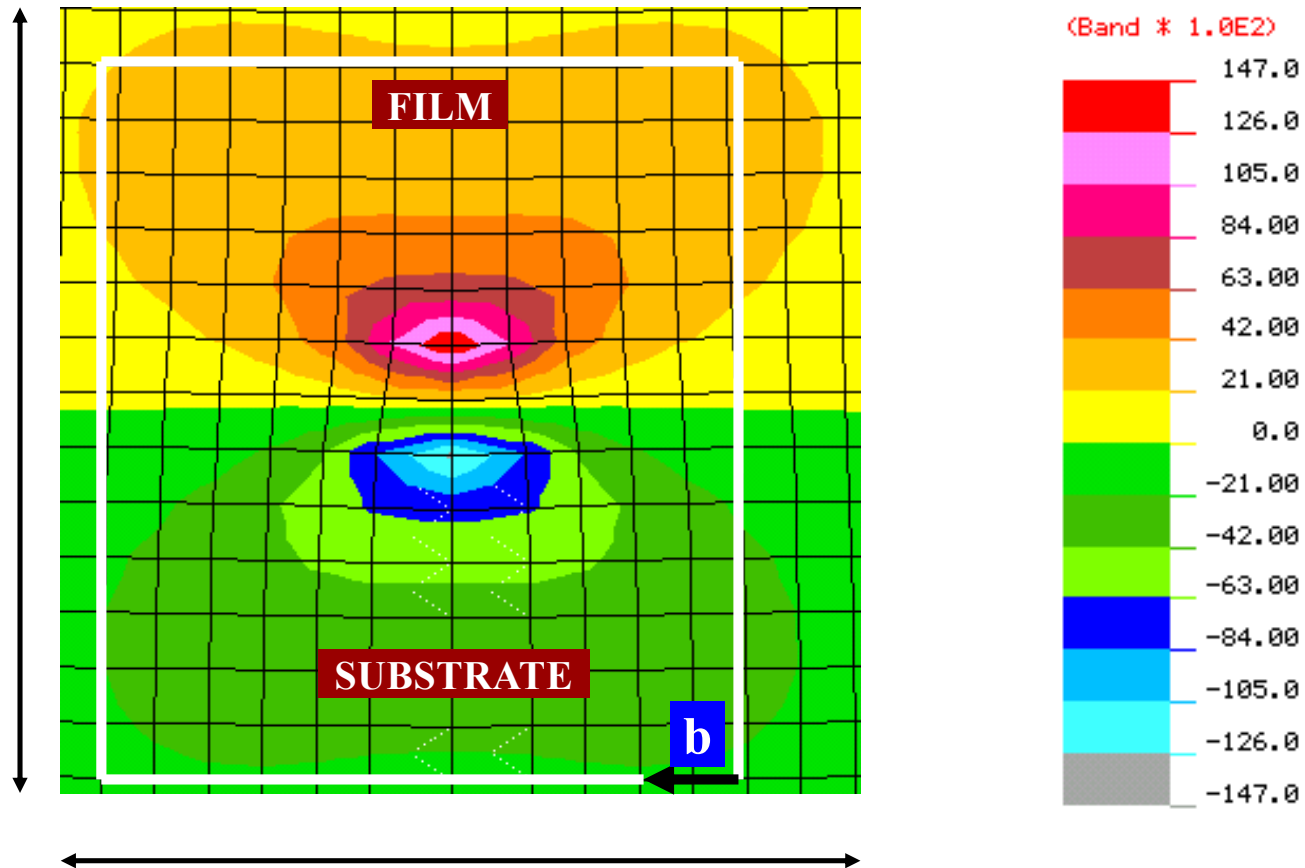


# Strain fields around a dislocation



# STRESS FIELD OF A EDGE DISLOCATION

$\sigma_x$  – FEM SIMULATED CONTOURS



Some final take aways :

1. Burgers vector is invariant along the dislocation line
1. Burgers vector is the smallest lattice translation  
Fractional lattice translations leads to stacking faults – a 2D layer of defects.
2. Dislocations cannot abruptly end in a crystal - Needs a surface or another defect to annihilate

- ❑ The dislocation line ends on:
  - The free surface of the crystal
  - Internal surface or interface
  - Closes on itself to form a loop
  - Ends in a *node*
  
- ❑ A *node* is the intersection point of more than two dislocations
  
- ❑ The vectoral sum of the Burgers vectors of dislocations meeting at a node = 0

## Geometric properties of dislocations

<b>Dislocation Property</b>	<b>Type of dislocation</b>	
	<b>Edge</b>	<b>Screw</b>
Relation between dislocation line ( <b>t</b> ) and <b>b</b>	$\perp$	$\parallel$
Slip direction	$\parallel$ to <b>b</b>	$\parallel$ to <b>b</b>
Direction of dislocation line movement relative to <b>b</b>	$\parallel$	$\perp$
Process by which dislocation may leave slip plane	climb	Cross-slip