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Kinetic Monte Carlo simulations of Ag(111) island coarsening<sup>1</sup> GIRIDHAR NANDIPATI, YUNSIC SHIM, JACQUES AMAR, University of Toledo, ALTAF KARIM, University of Delaware, ABDELKADER KARA, TALAT RAHMAN, University of Central Florida — The results of parallel kinetic Monte Carlo simulations of submonolayer island coarsening on the Ag(111) surface are presented. Our simulations are carried out using a large database of activation barriers which has been generated from previous self-learning kinetic Monte Carlo simulations of small and medium-size clusters. In this database, which includes both single-atom and multi-atom concerted moves, interactions between a central atom and all other adatoms within the first two nearest-neighbor rings are taken into account, while the symmetry of the (111) surface is also used. In order to reach extended time and length-scales we have implemented a novel parallel kinetic Monte Carlo scheme in which processor domains are dynamically assigned in order to minimize boundary events. Preliminary results using an open database corresponding to a true self-learning kinetic Monte Carlo simulation will also be presented.

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