

Metallic Glasses: Experimental Challenges and Opportunities

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Some Recent Collaborators

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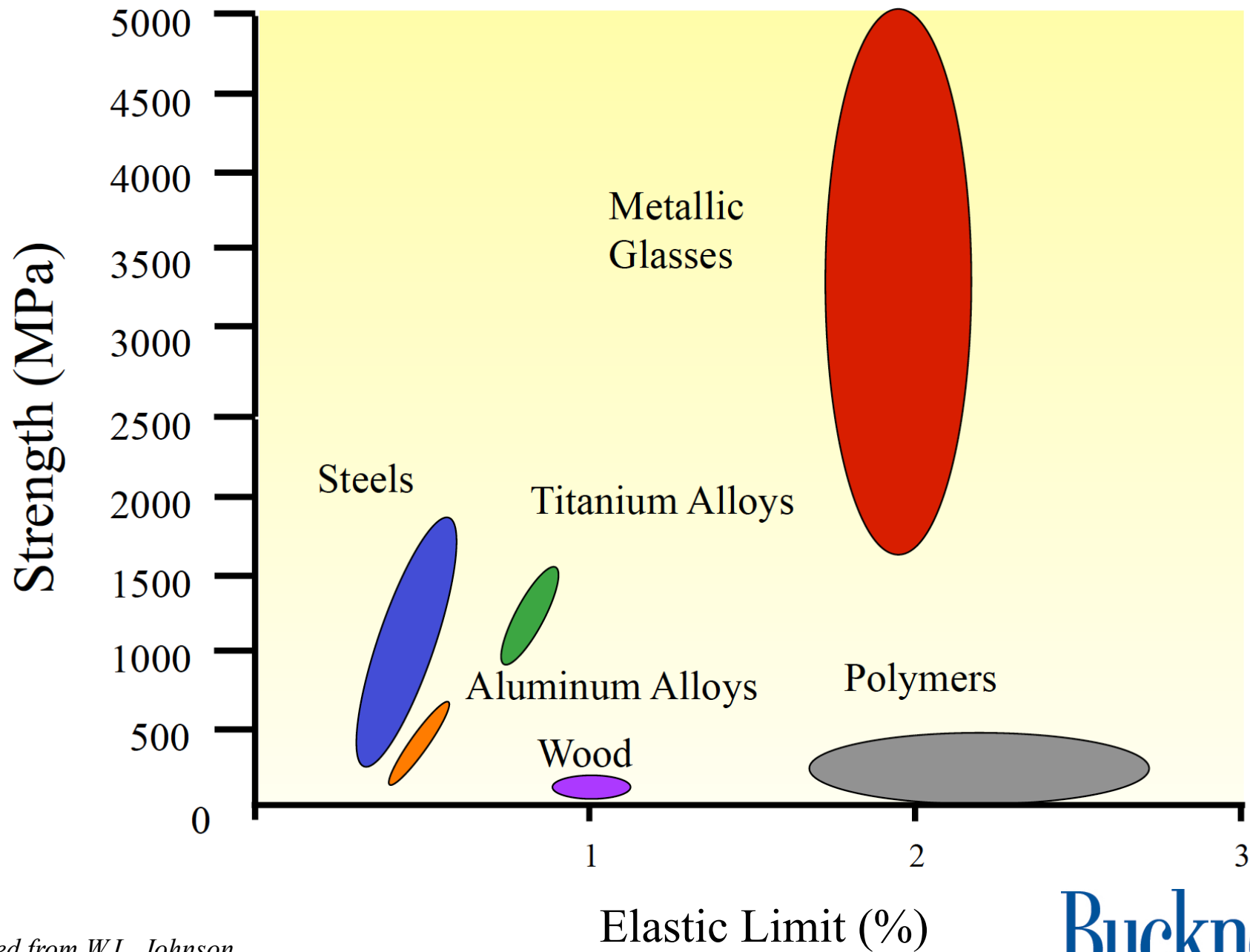


Prof. Todd Hufnagel, Stephanie Slaughter



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Adapted from W.L. Johnson

Engineering Advantages




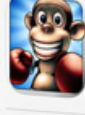


- Near-net-shape casting
- 40 nm as-cast surface finish, superior to CNC machined parts
- Can be injection molded
- Surgical tools, optical mirrors, miniature clamps, sports equipment, projectiles, electronic casings




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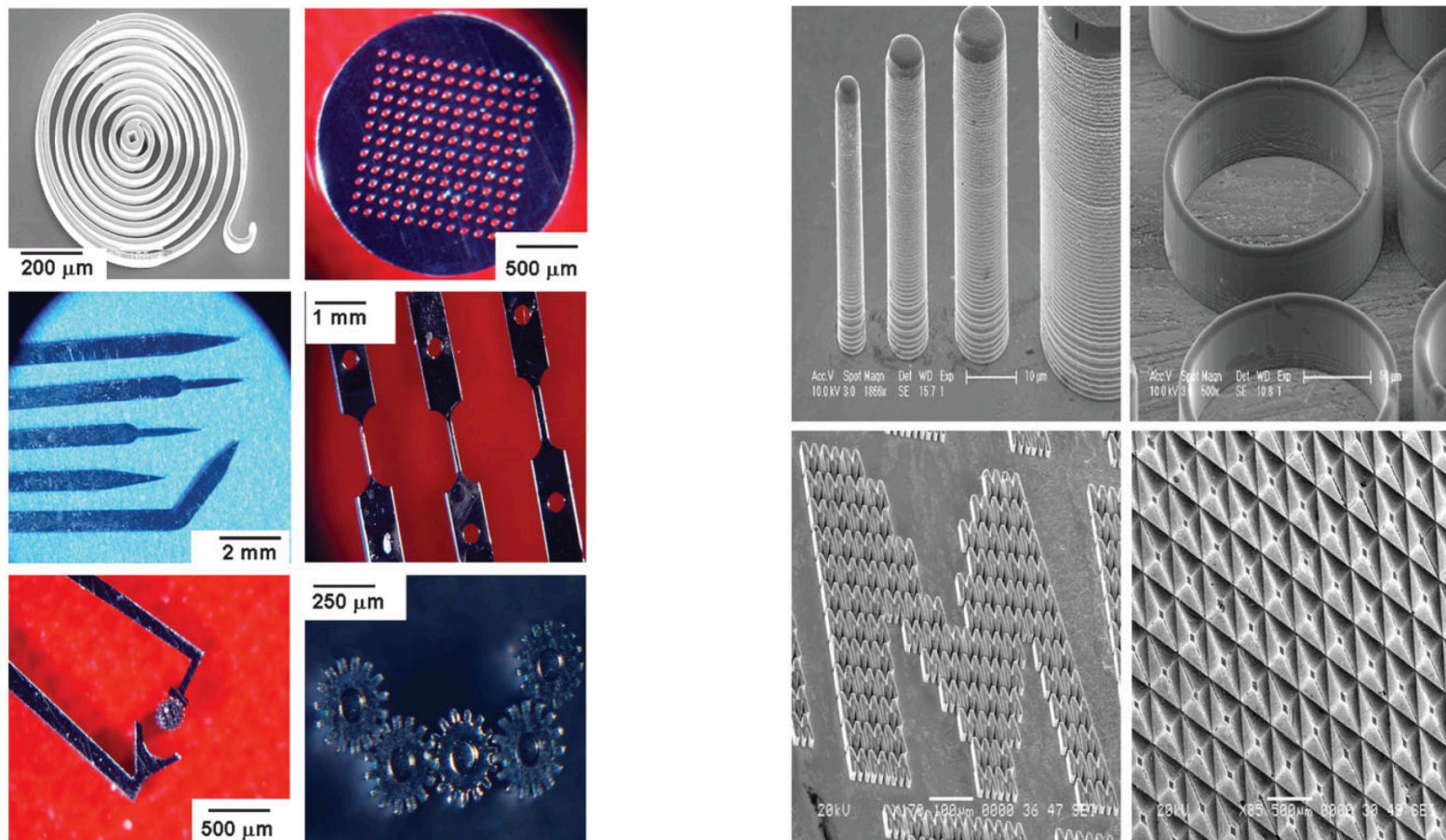
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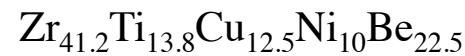
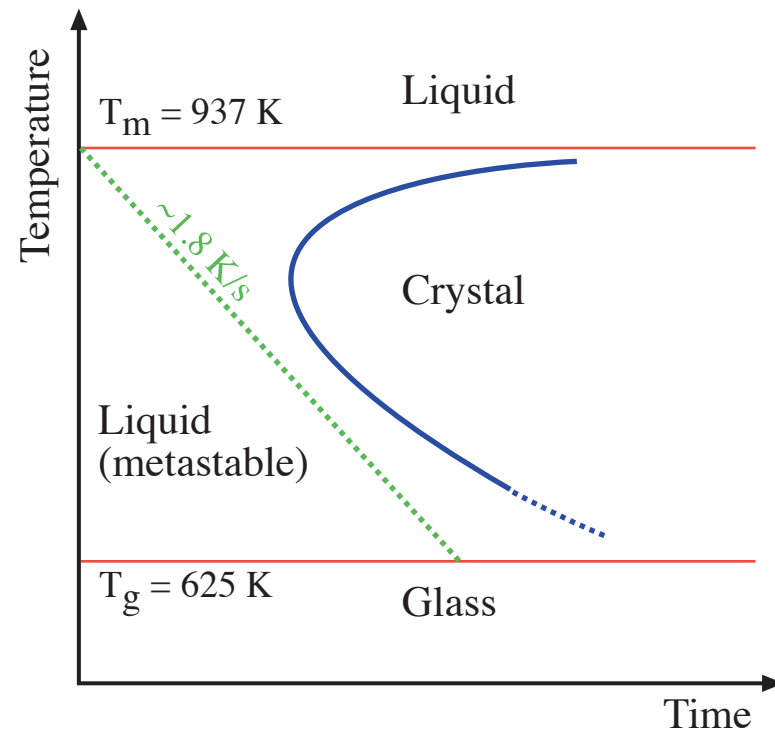
Thermoplastic Molding & Hot Embossing



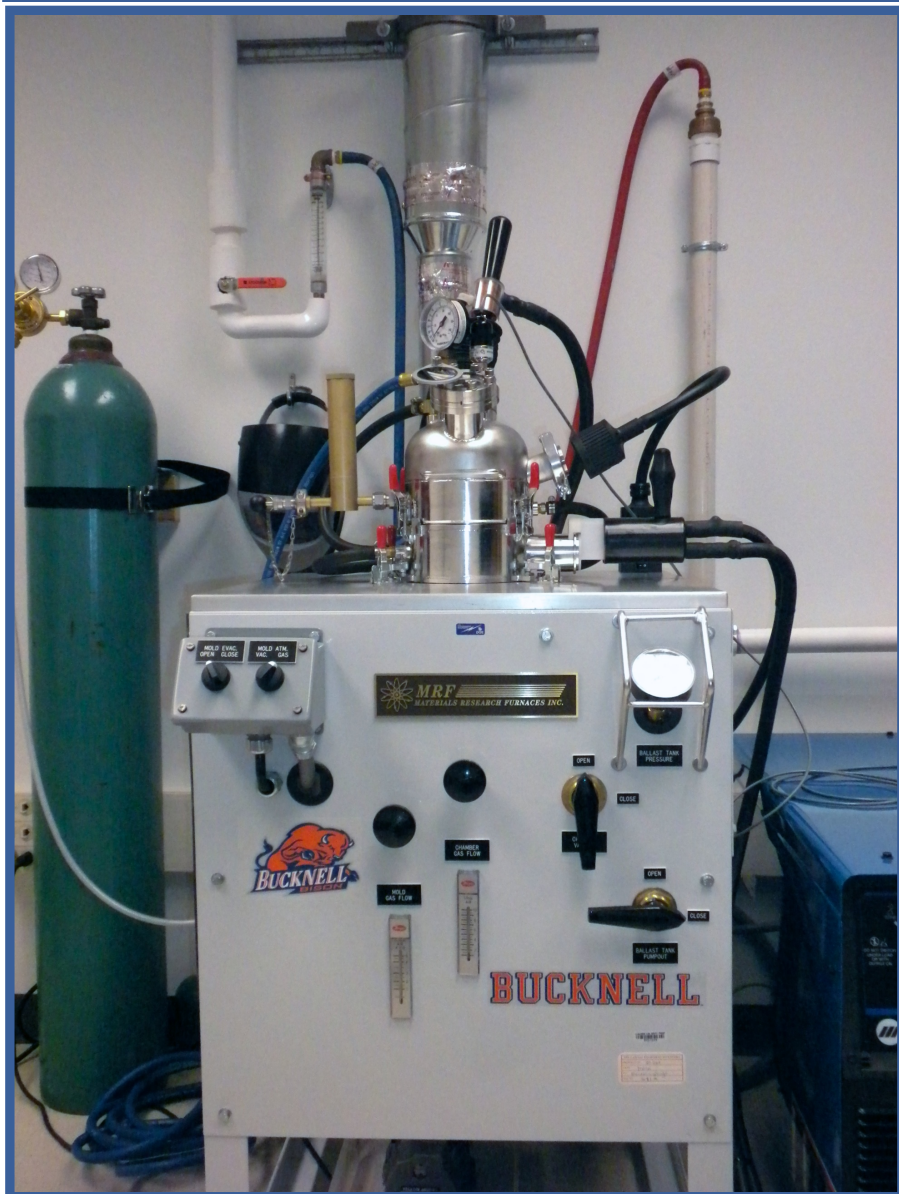
J. Schroers, *Advanced Materials*, 2009

Processing

- Multi-component alloys
- Large atomic radii differences
- Large T_g/T_m
- Strong liquids



BMG Processing

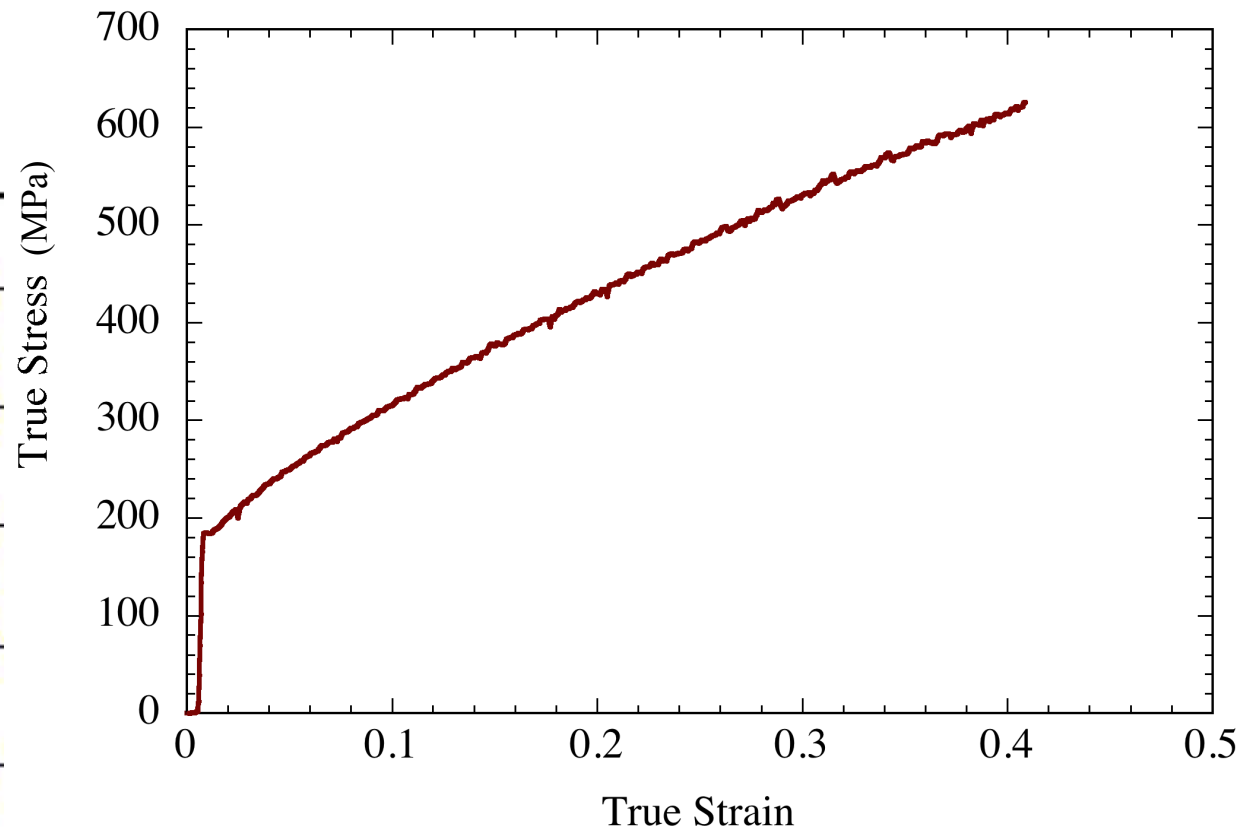
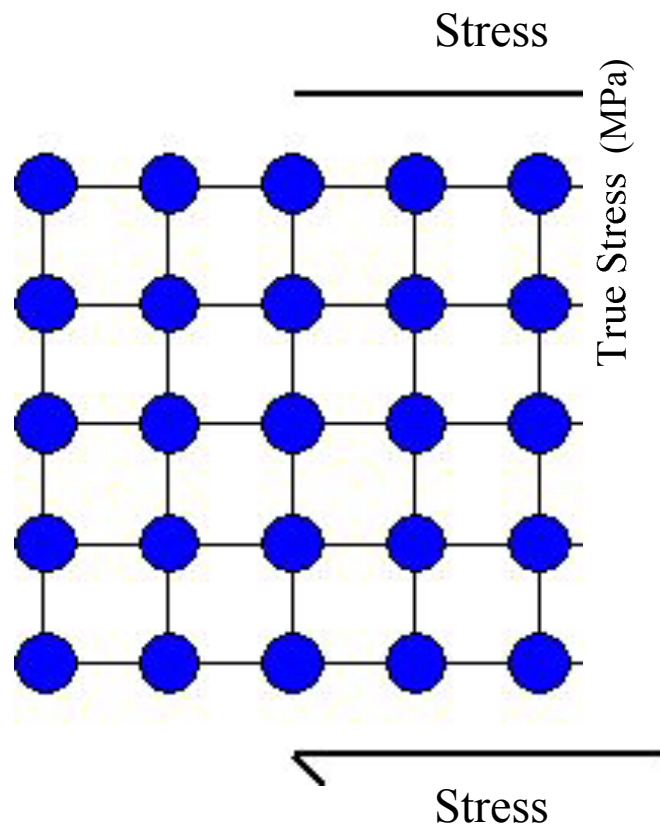


Amorphous $Zr_{52.5}Ti_5Al_{10}Cu_{17.9}Ni_{14.6}$



Deformation of Crystalline Metals

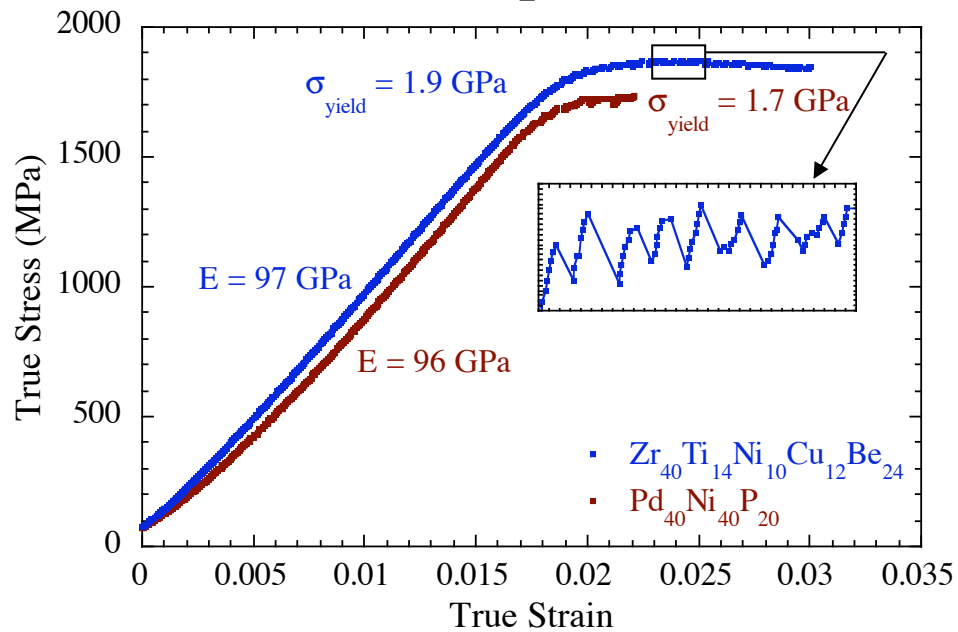
Dislocation motion



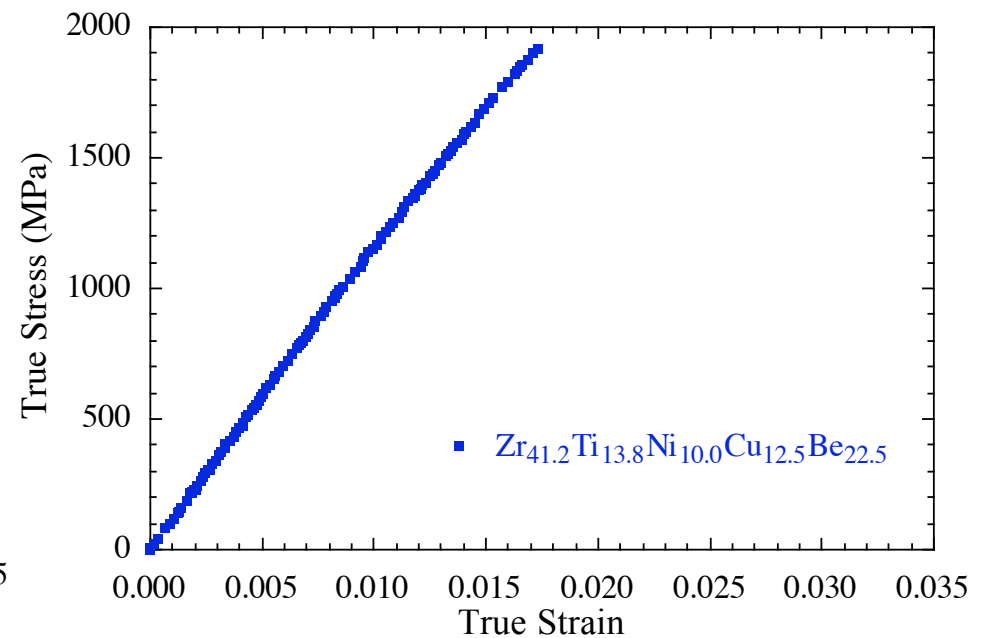
Animation courtesy of J.N. Florando

Limited Ductility

Compression

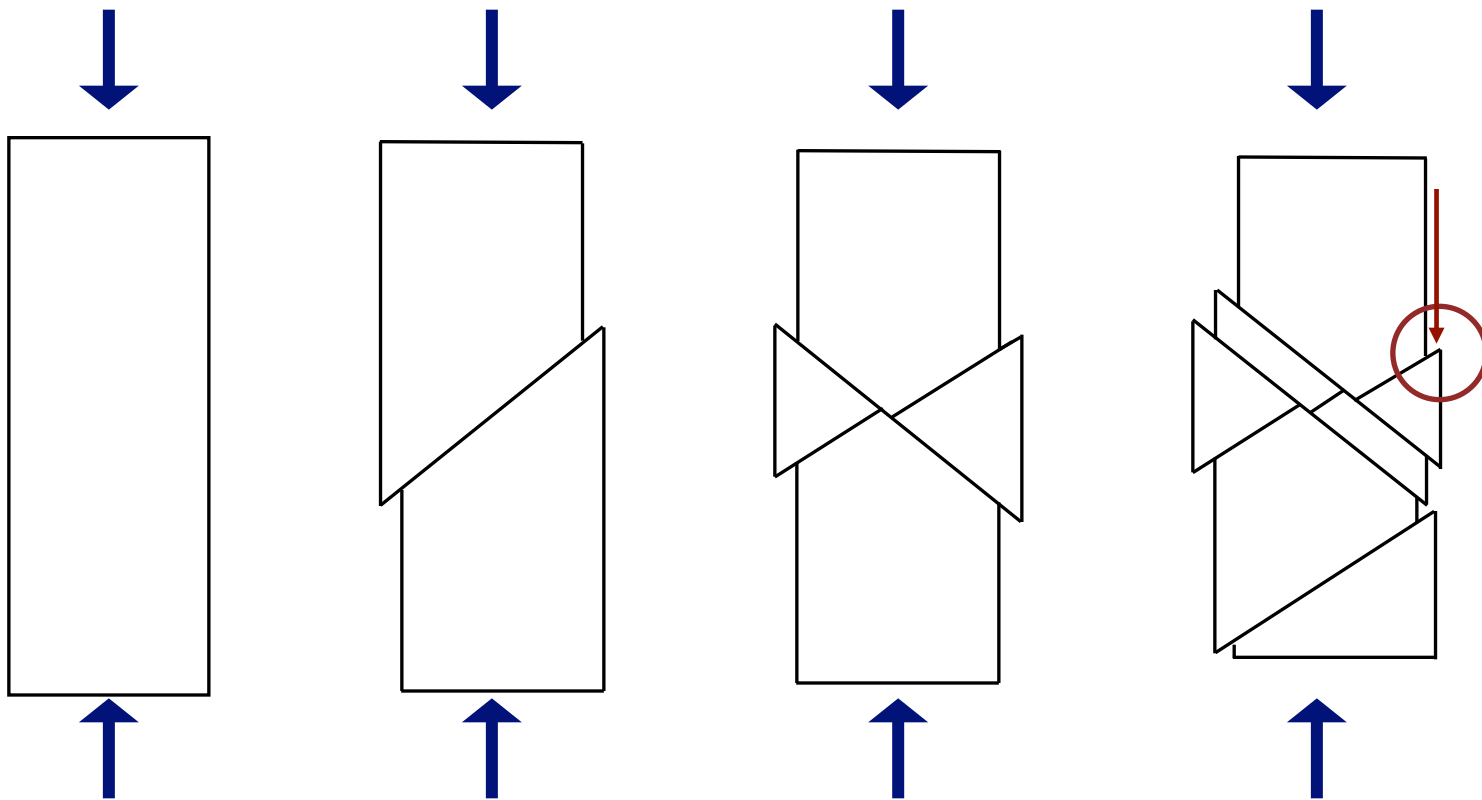


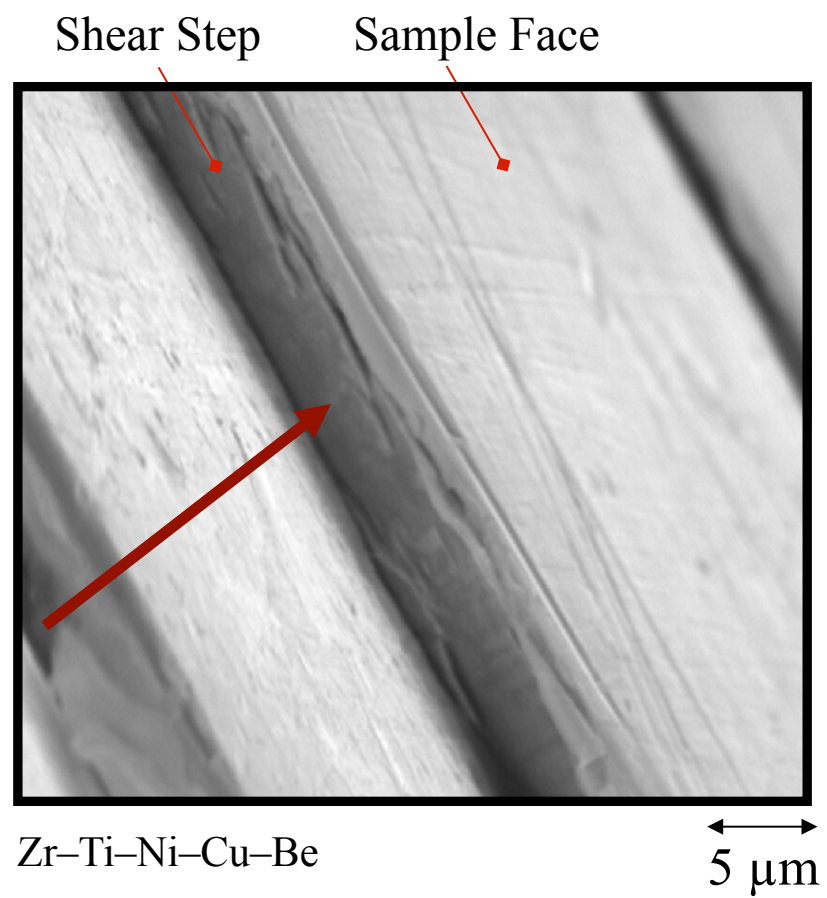
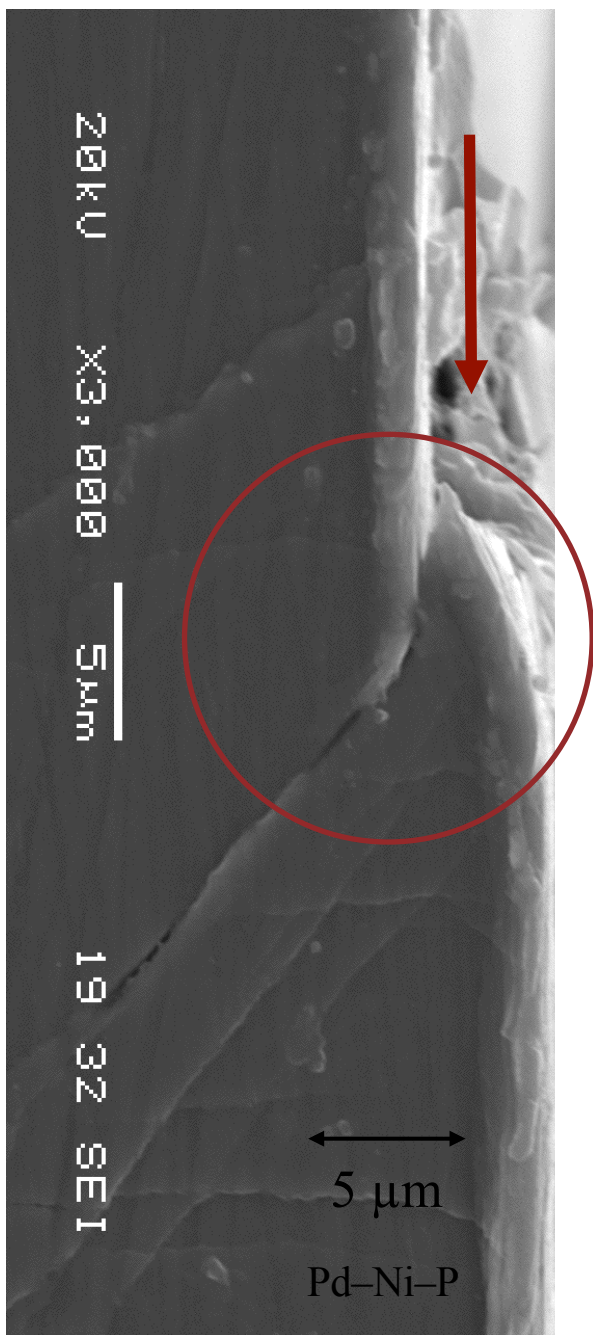
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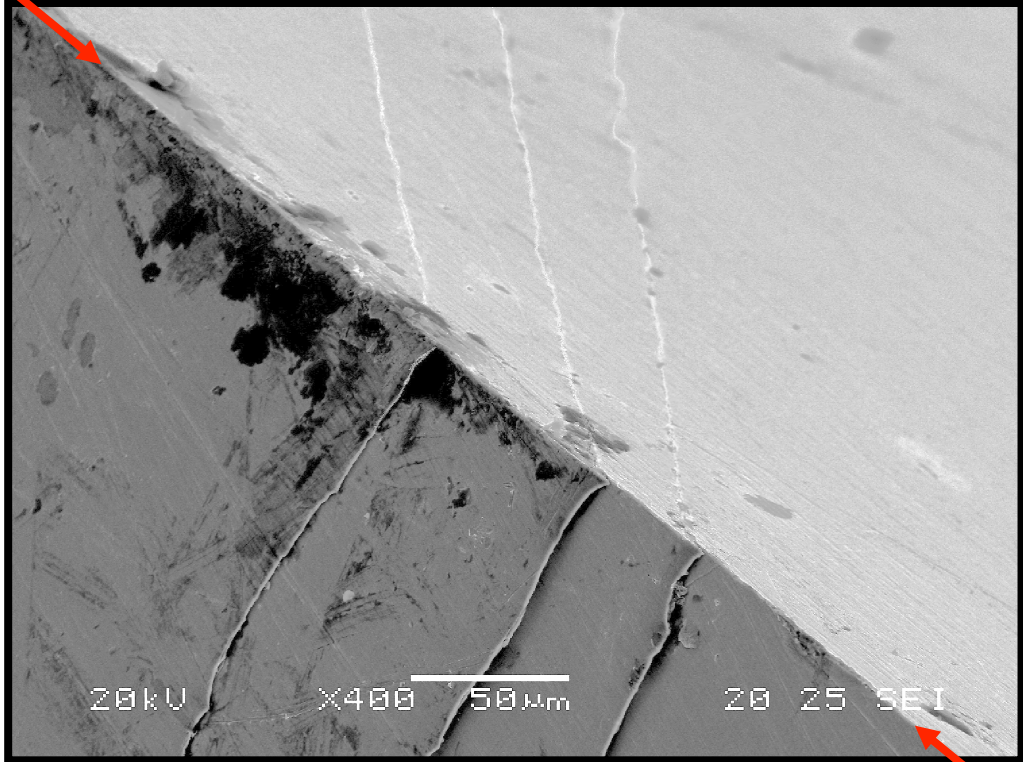


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Shear Banding







Zr-Ti-Ni-Cu-Be

50 µm



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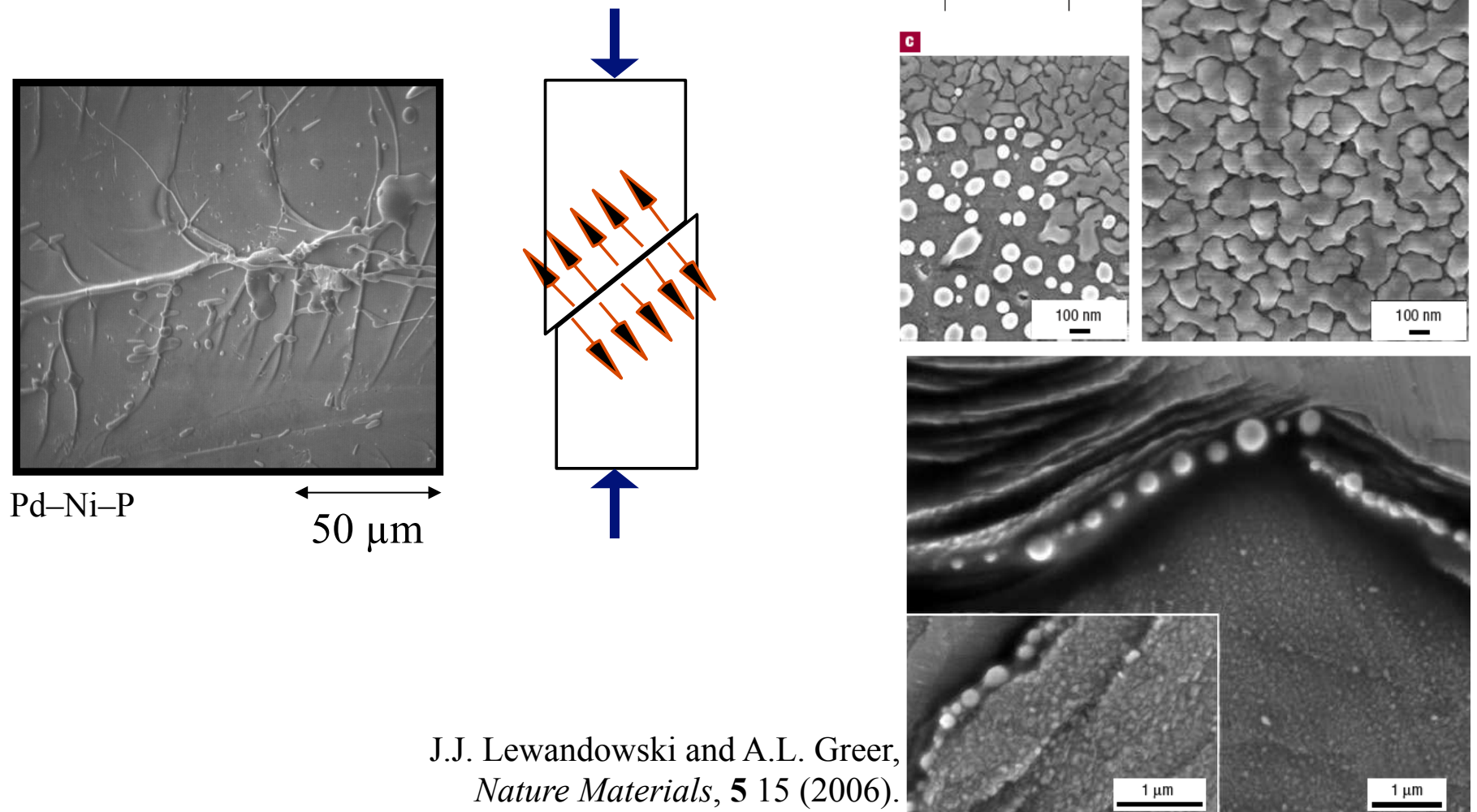
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Fracture Events in Metallic Glasses





Localized Adiabatic Heating



J.J. Lewandowski and A.L. Greer,
Nature Materials, **5** 15 (2006).

Key Experimental Challenge

- Shear bands are localized in both space **and** time; therefore, they are difficult to observe and characterize experimentally.

Key questions

- * How fast do they travel?
- * What is their mode of propagation?
- * Are they hot?
- * What is their relationship to fracture?
- * What is the fundamental nature of the microscopic deformation mechanism?

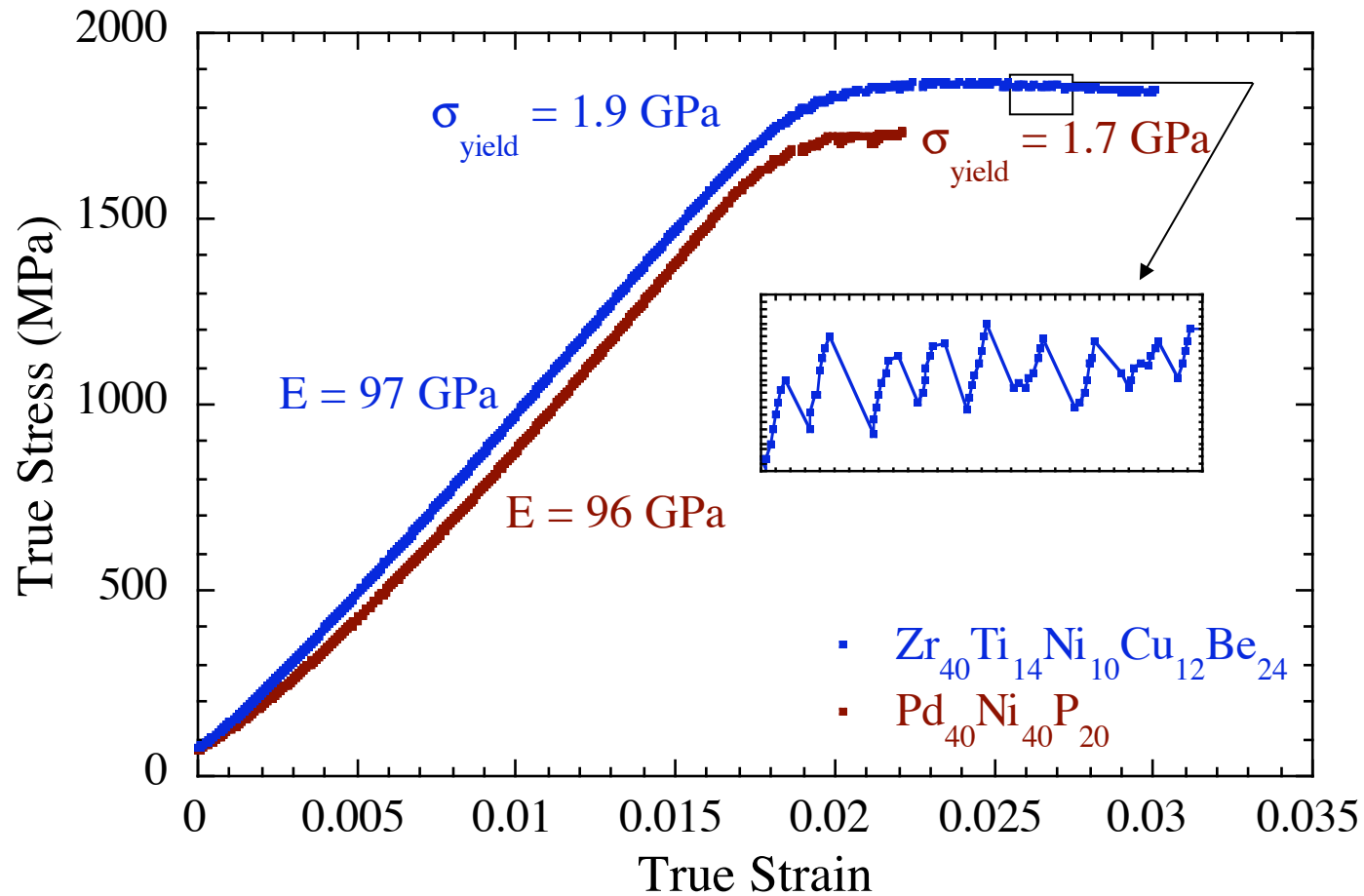
Other Considerations

- The finite stiffness of the load frame is known to limit ductility.
- Specimen bending and a low specimen aspect ratio may lead to ductilities that are not indicative of the true material response.
- Stochastic behavior due to casting flaws is expected.

Some of the Opportunities

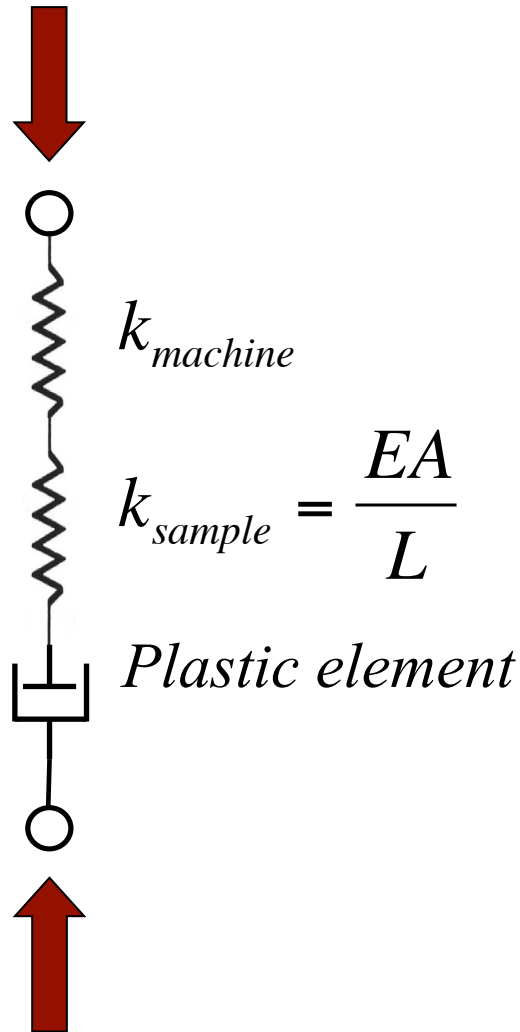
- We can use high–speed data and image acquisition to characterize the shear bands.
- This provides some of the answers, but not all of them.
- We can apply the mean field model of slipping weak spots to our macroscopic mechanical measurements to discern some of the remaining answers (some later and more from Karin Dahmen next week).

Serrated Flow



Mechanics of the Load Train

Bharathula, Lee, Wright, and Flores with an acknowledgement to W.D. Nix
Acta Materialia 2010.



- A sudden plastic strain increment causes the load in the load train to drop.
- For stable deformation, the applied stress σ should drop as much as possible for a plastic strain increment $d\varepsilon_p$.

$$d\sigma = - \left(\frac{k_{machine} E}{k_{machine} + \frac{EA}{L}} \right) d\varepsilon_p$$

E \equiv sample elastic modulus, A \equiv sample cross-sectional area, L \equiv sample length

Effect of Sample Size



$k_{machine}$

$$k_{sample} = \frac{EA}{L}$$

Plastic element

$$d\sigma = - \left(\frac{k_{machine} E}{k_{machine} + \frac{EA}{L}} \right) d\epsilon_p$$

- For a stiff machine,

$$k_{machine} \gg \frac{EA}{L}$$

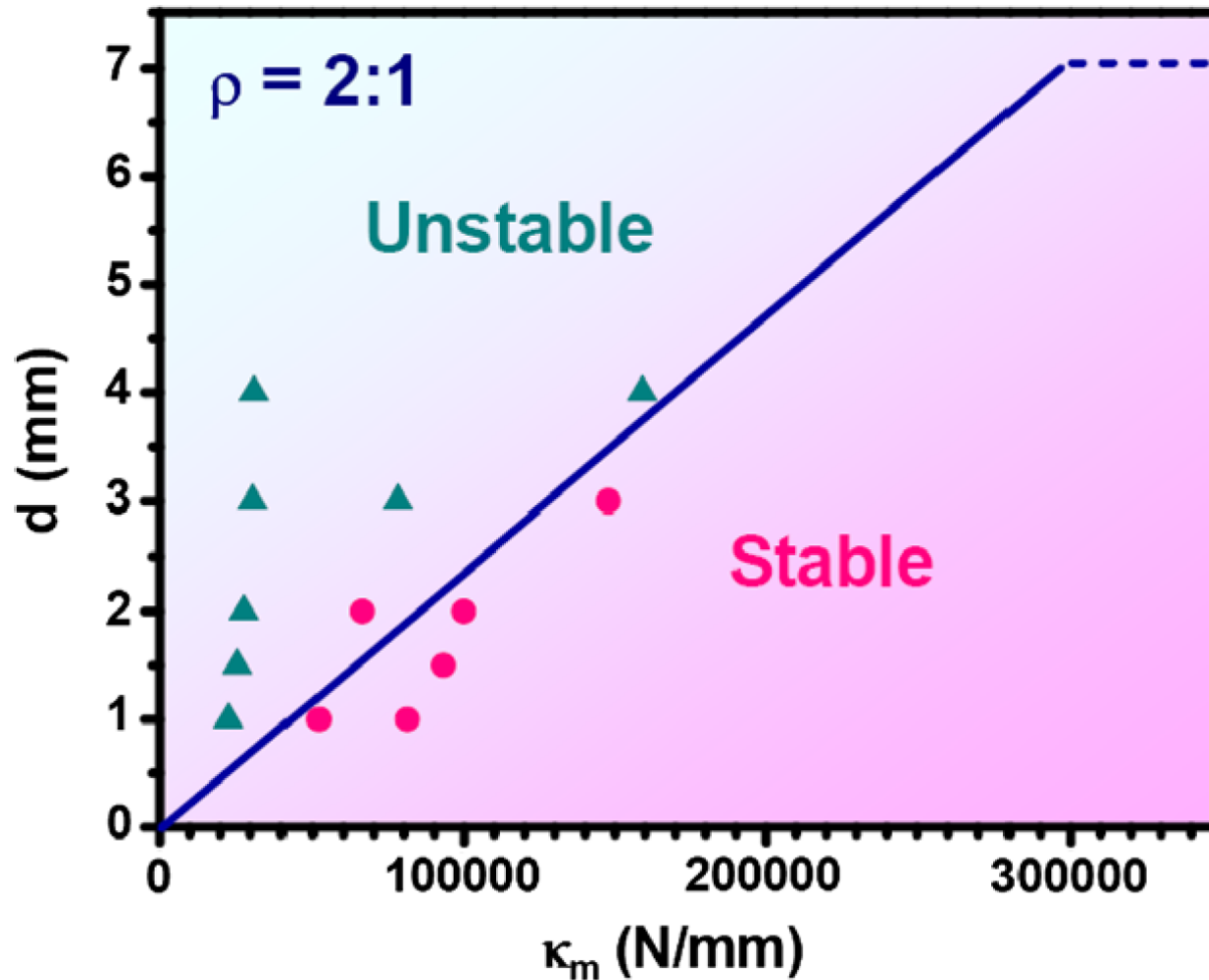
$$d\sigma \approx -E d\epsilon_p \quad \text{Large}$$

- For a compliant machine,

$$k_{machine} \ll \frac{EA}{L}$$

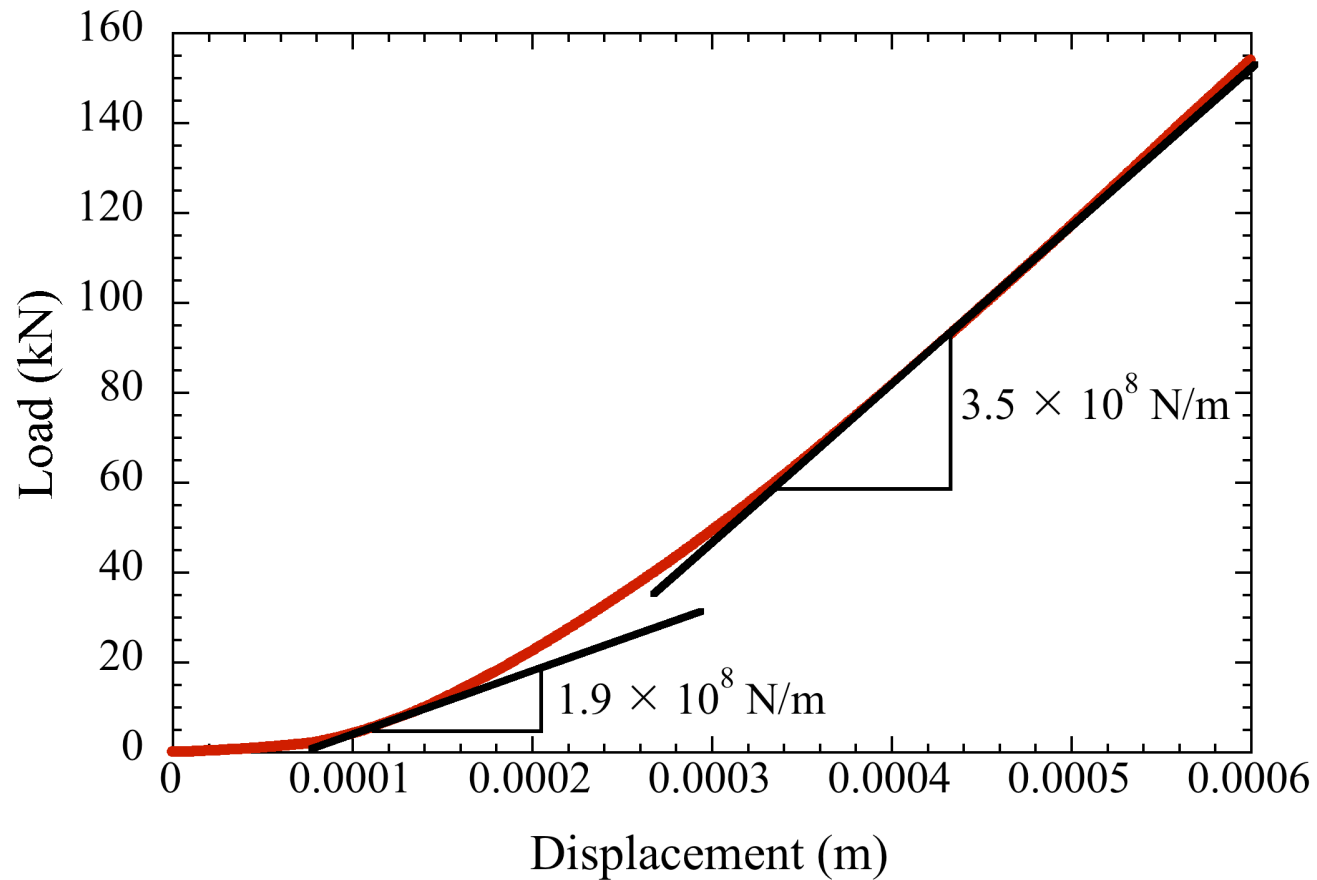
$$d\sigma \approx - \frac{k_{machine} L}{A} d\epsilon_p \quad \text{Small}$$

Stability/Instability Map

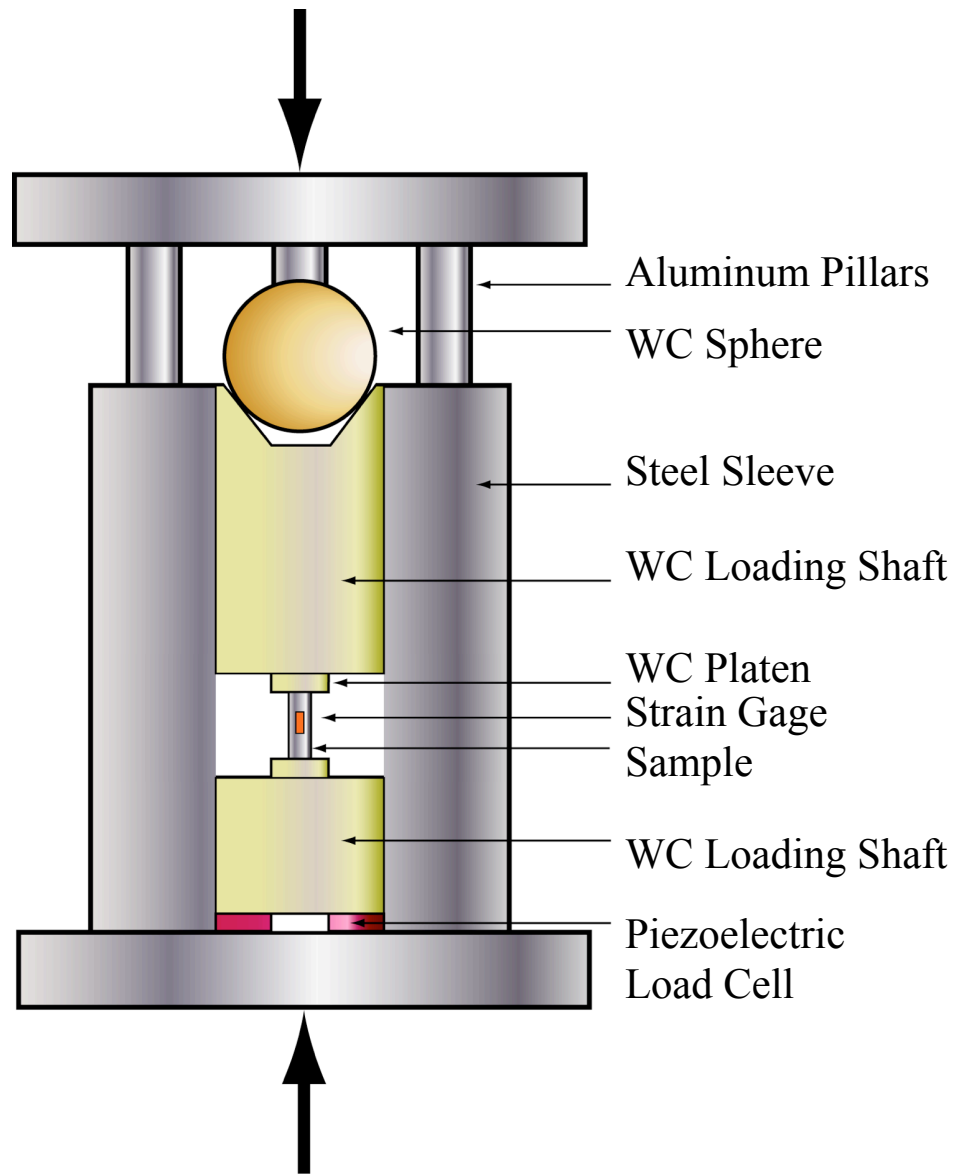


Han, Wu, Li, Wei, and Gao *Acta Materialia* 2009

Bilinear Machine Stiffness

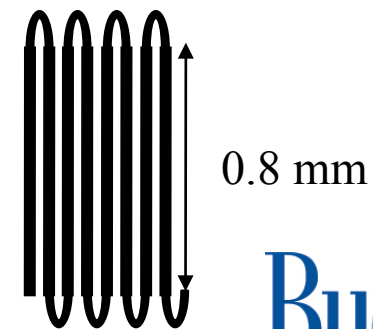
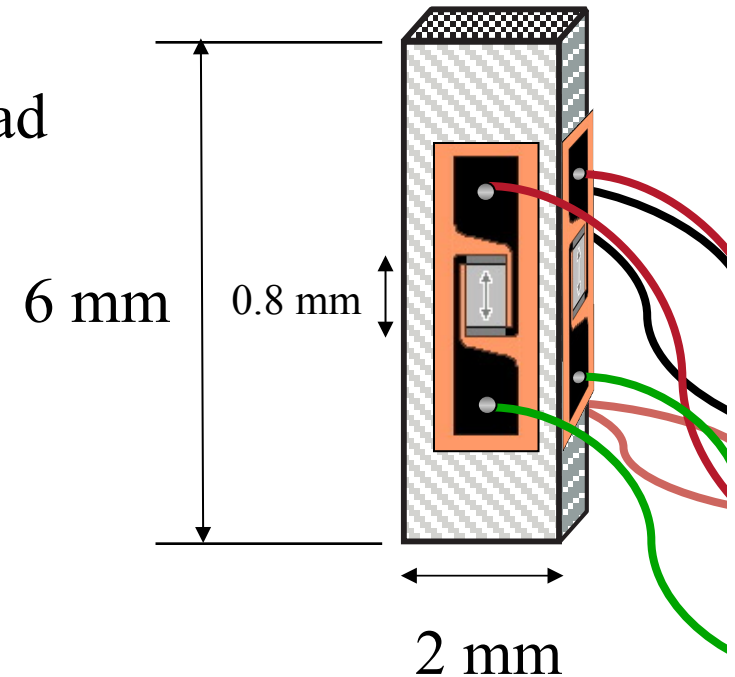


Wright et al. *Acta Materialia* 2009.

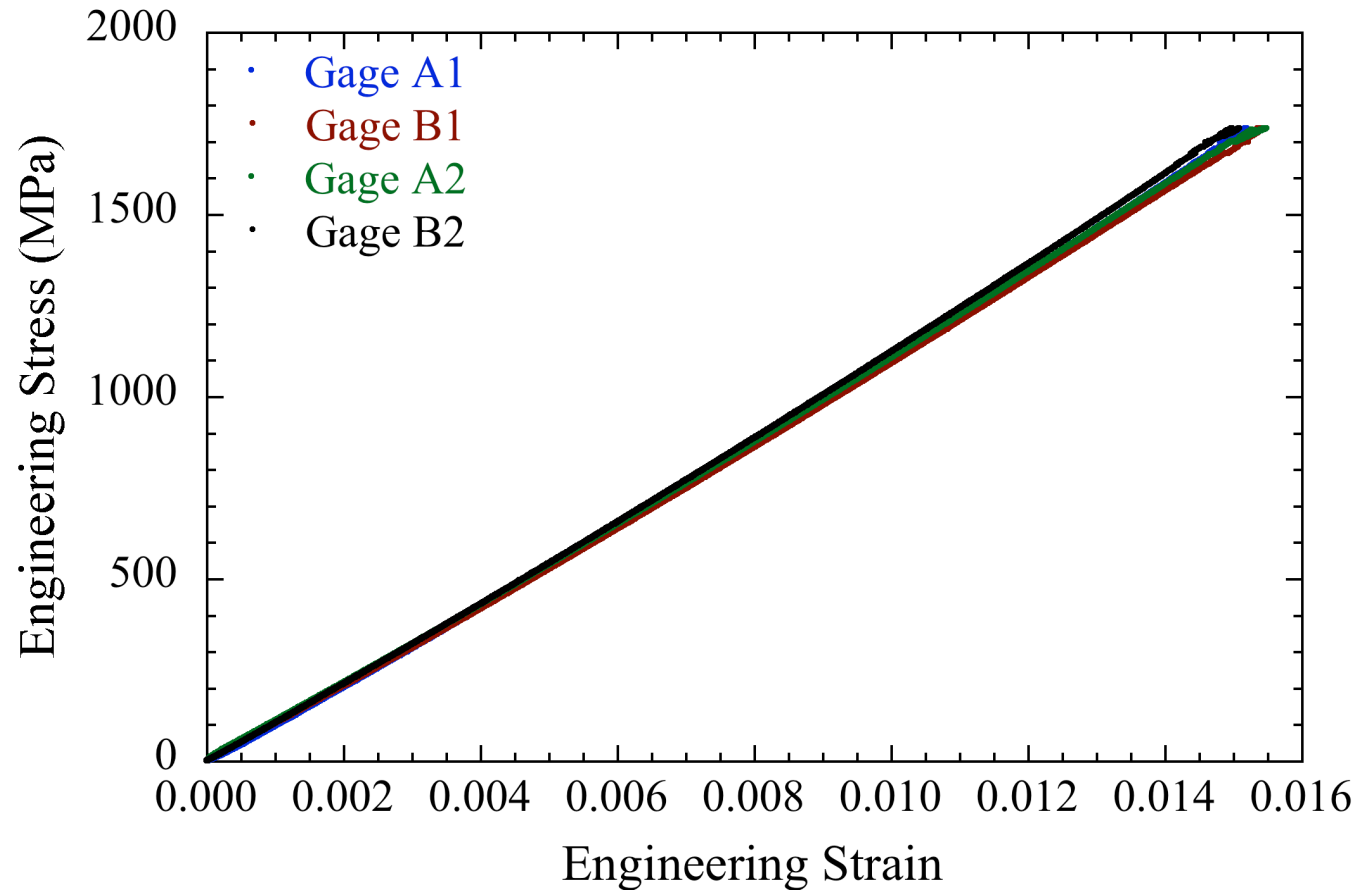


Experimental

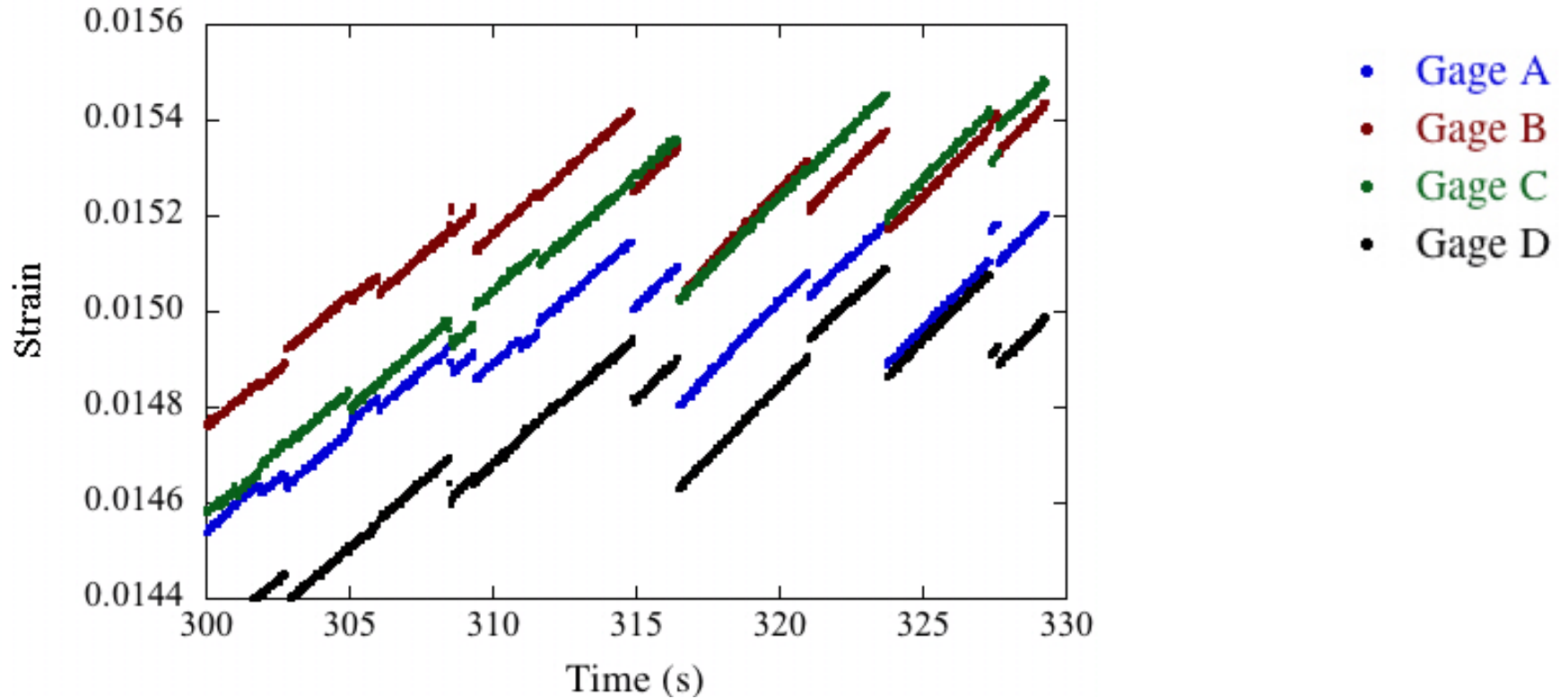
- Data simultaneously acquired at 50 Hz, 100 kHz, and sporadically at 400 kHz
- Load acquired using a 250 kN Instron load cell and a Kistler piezoelectric load cell (180 kHz bandpass)
- Displacement acquired using an MTS extensometer
- Data from four strain gages acquired simultaneously
- Bending minimized by use of a subpress
- Smallest bandwidth filter: -3 dB above 100 kHz on strain gage amplifier



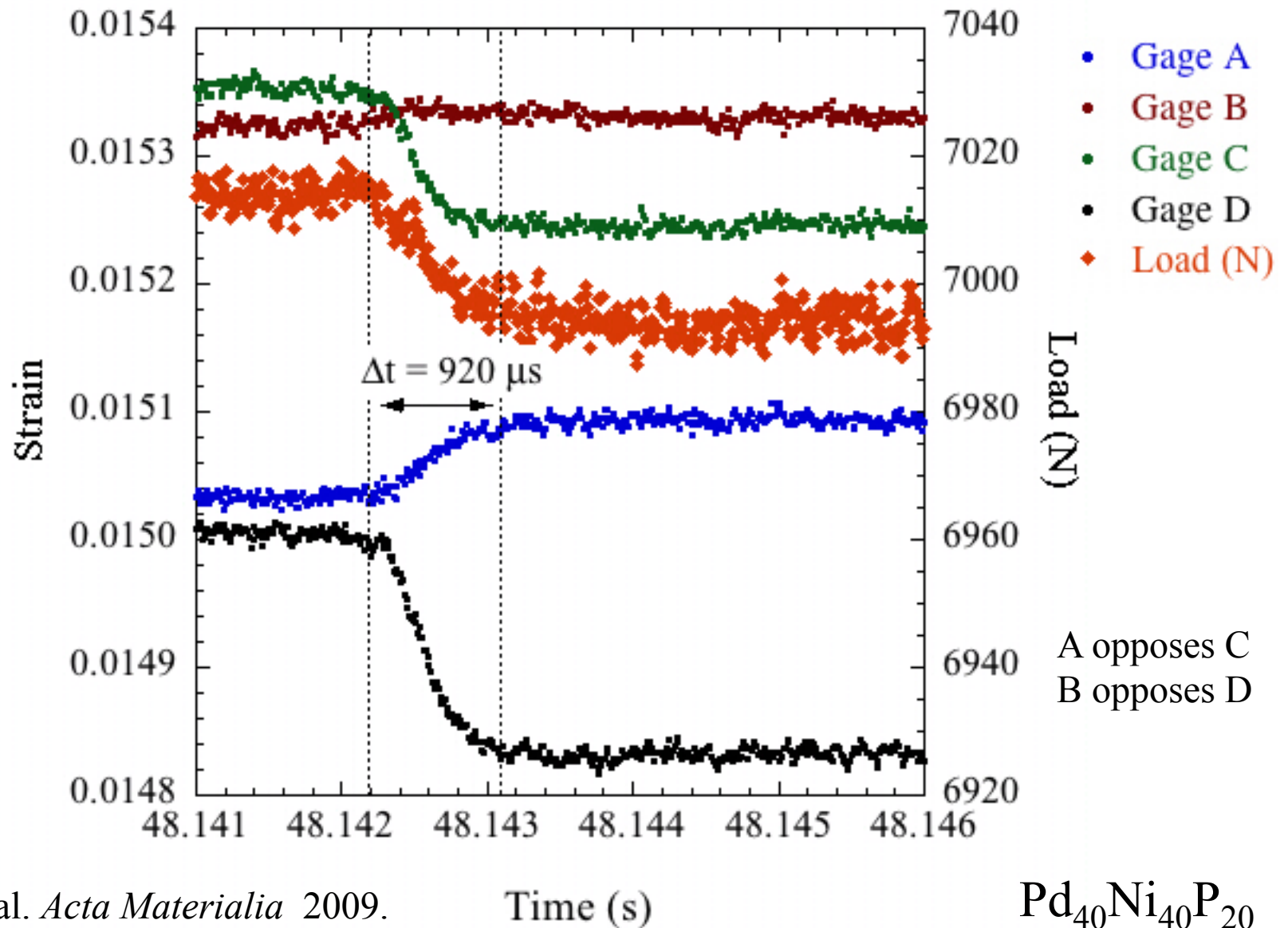
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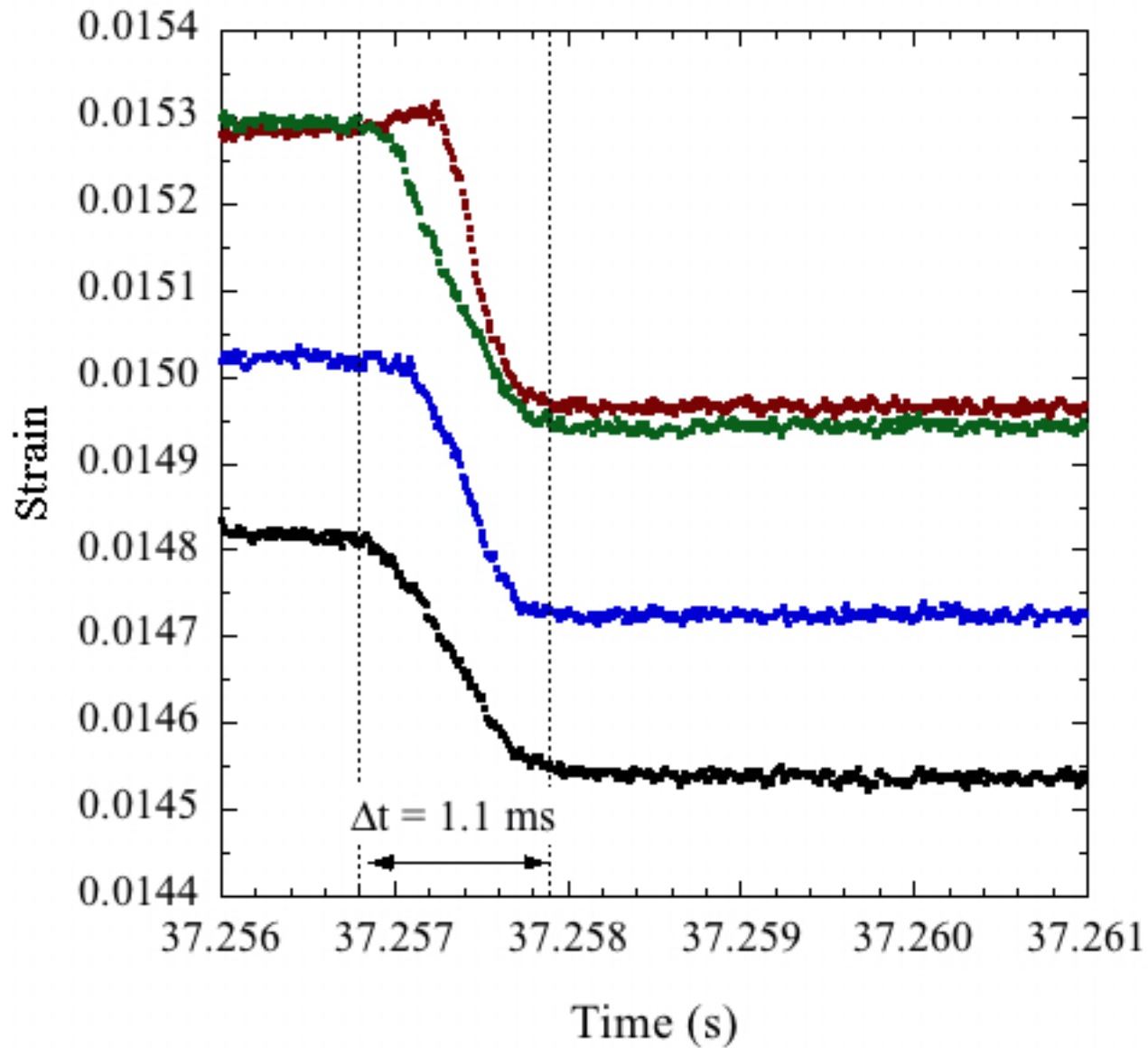
50 Hz Acquisition



100 kHz Acquisition



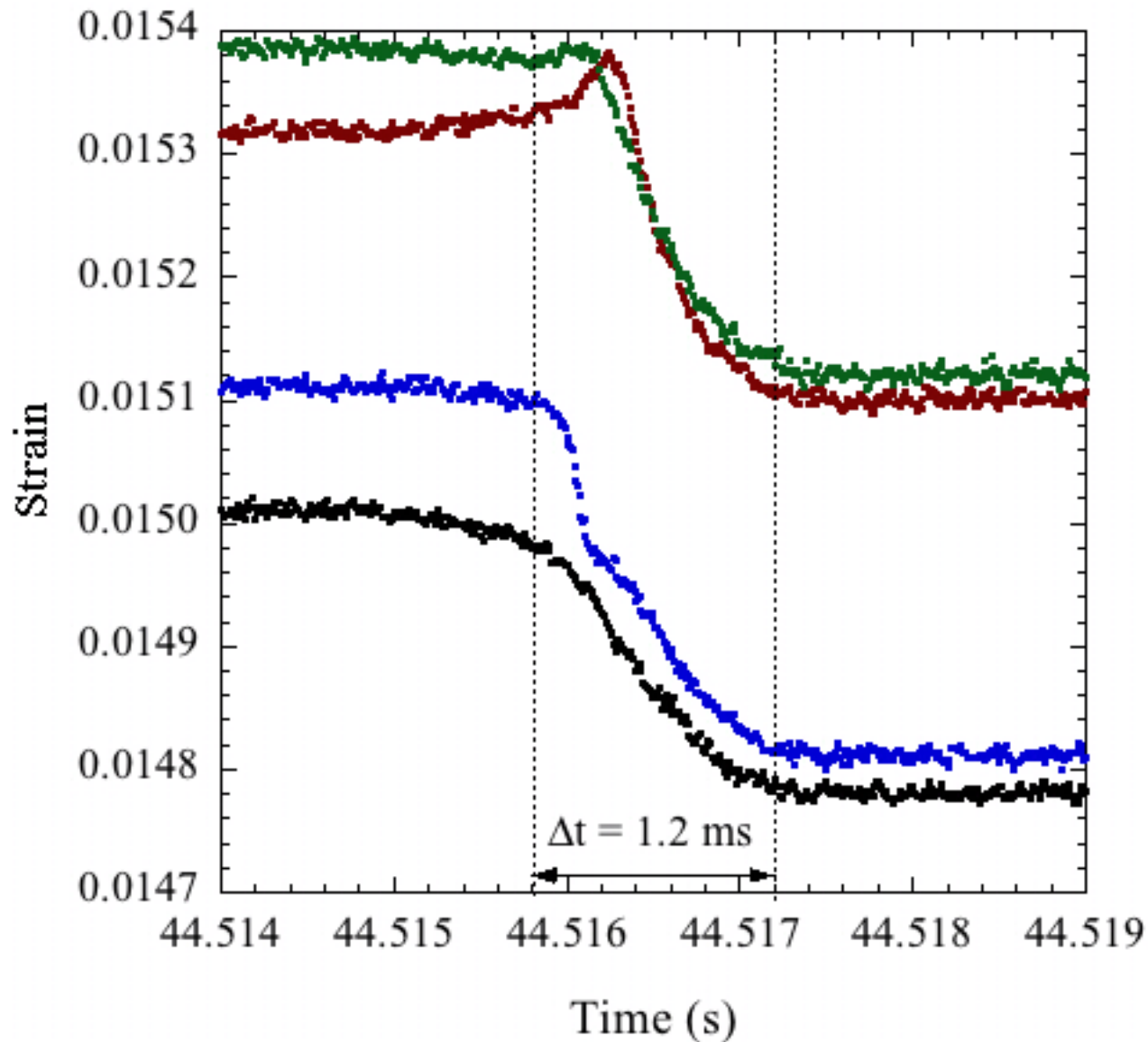
100 kHz Acquisition



- Gage A
- Gage B
- Gage C
- Gage D

A opposes C
B opposes D

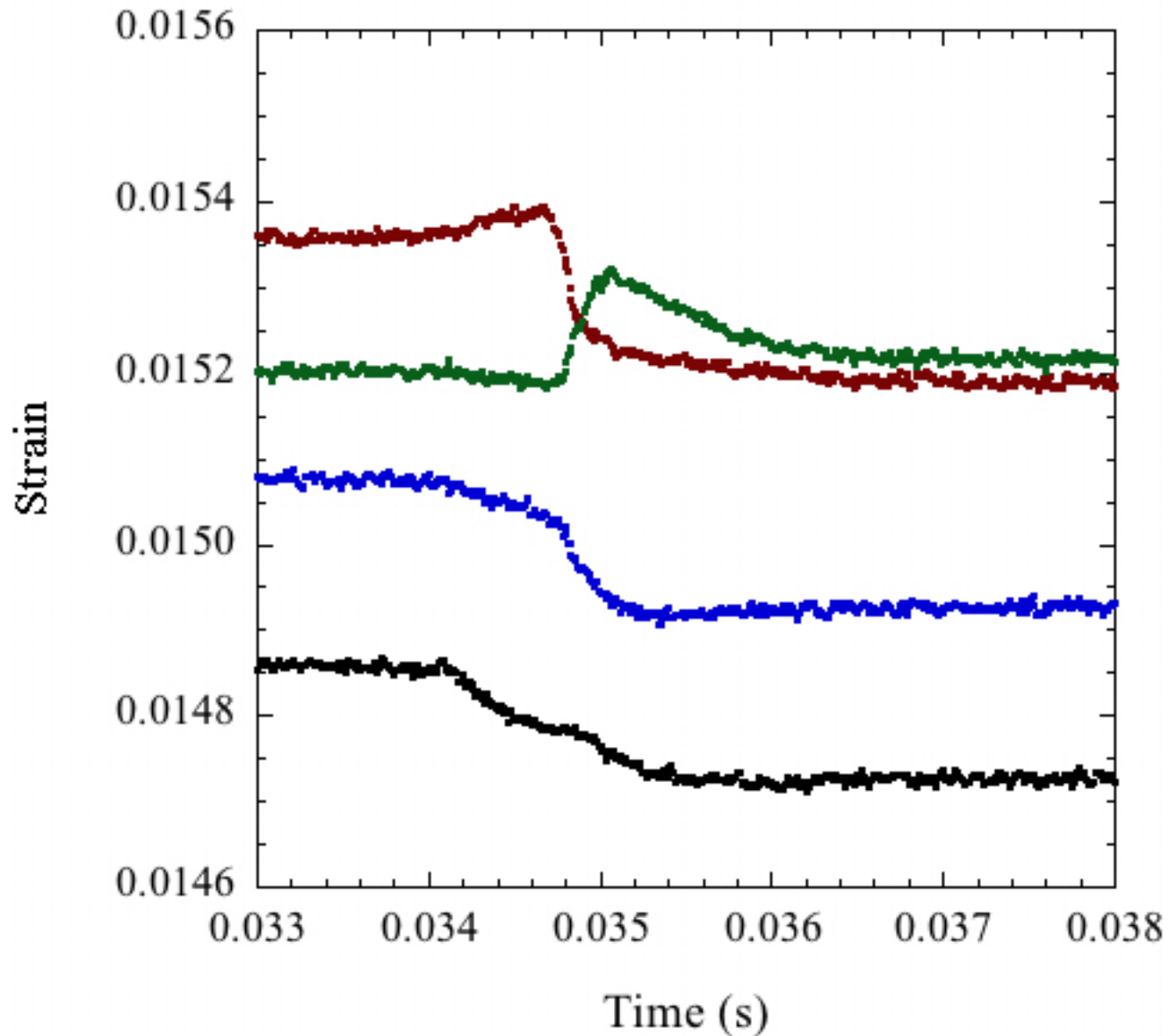
100 kHz Acquisition



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- Gage D

A opposes C
B opposes D

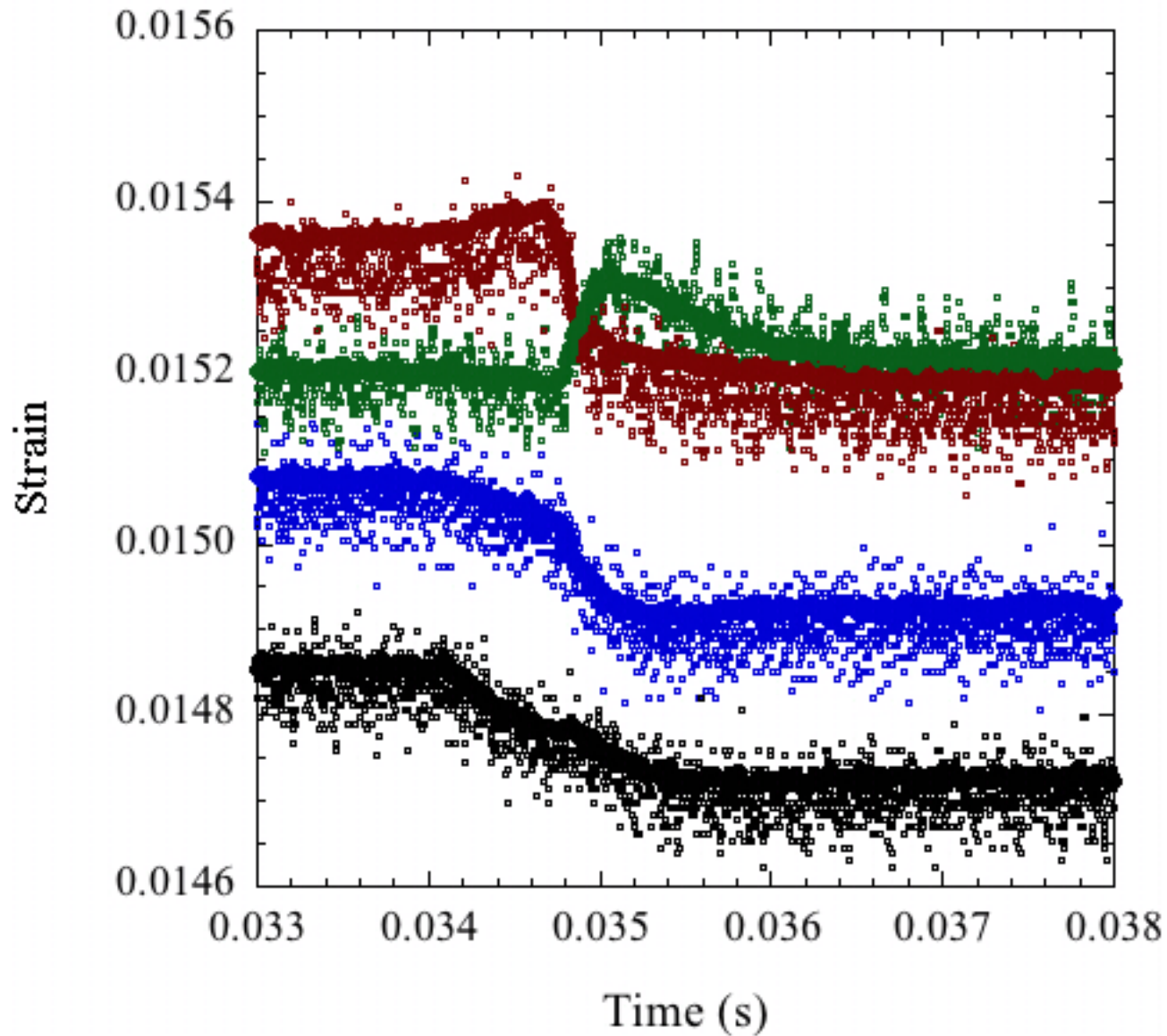
100 kHz Acquisition



- Gage A
- Gage B
- Gage C
- Gage D

A opposes C
B opposes D

100 kHz and 400 kHz

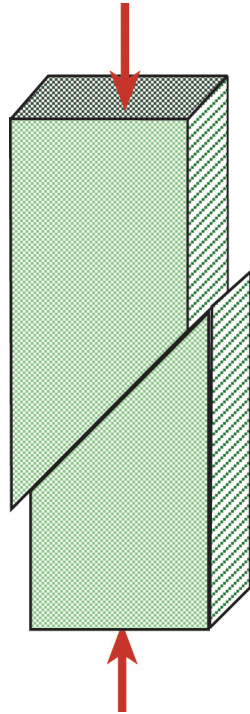


- Gage A
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- Gage C
- Gage D

A opposes C
B opposes D

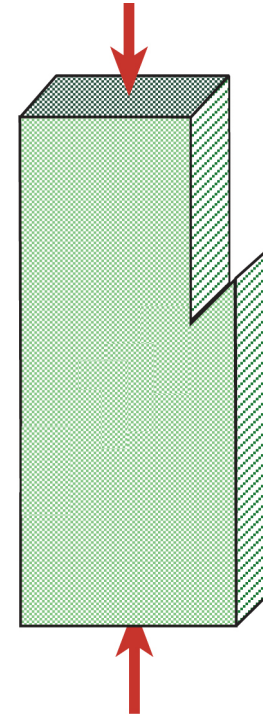
Implications for Shear Band Velocity

Simultaneous Shear



$$\frac{0.002 \text{ mm}}{1 \text{ ms}} = 0.002 \text{ m/s}$$

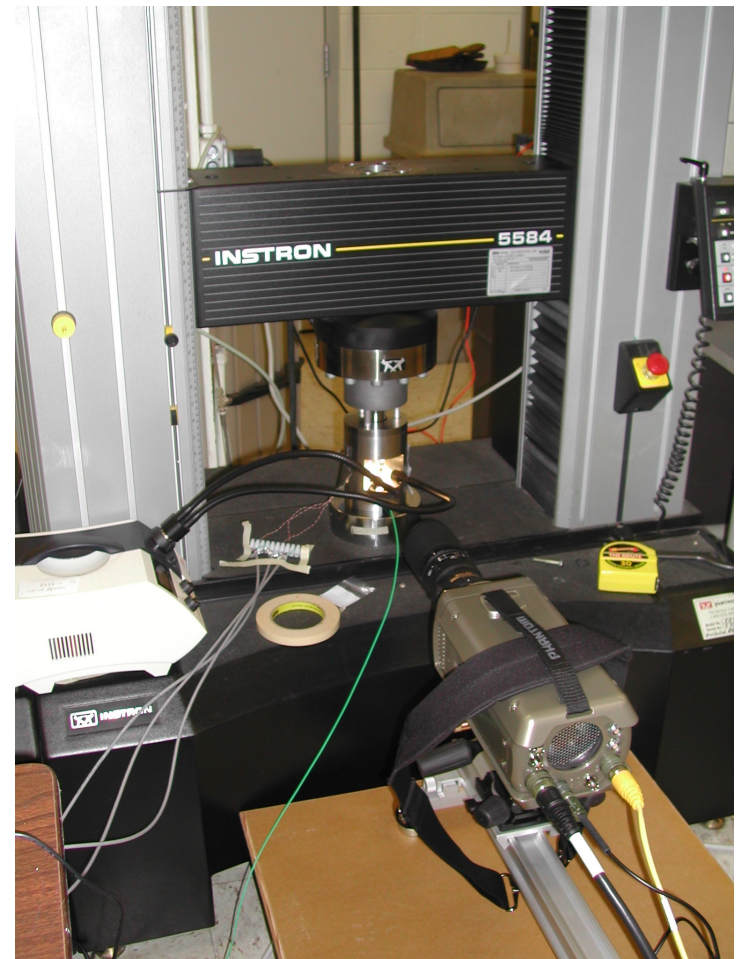
Progressive Shear

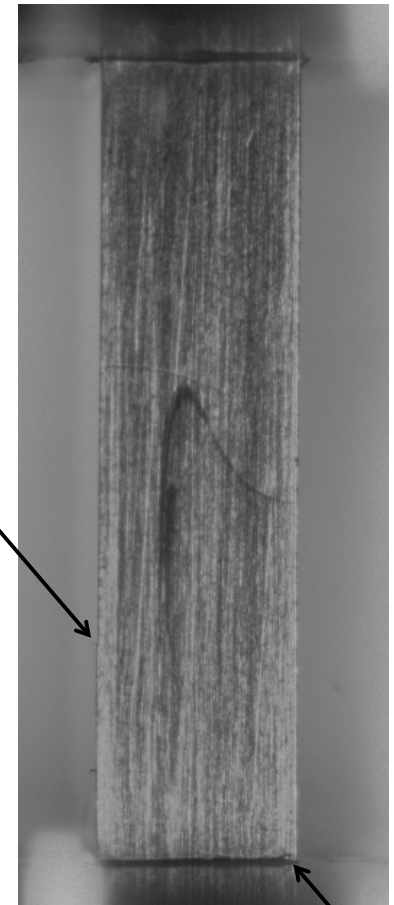
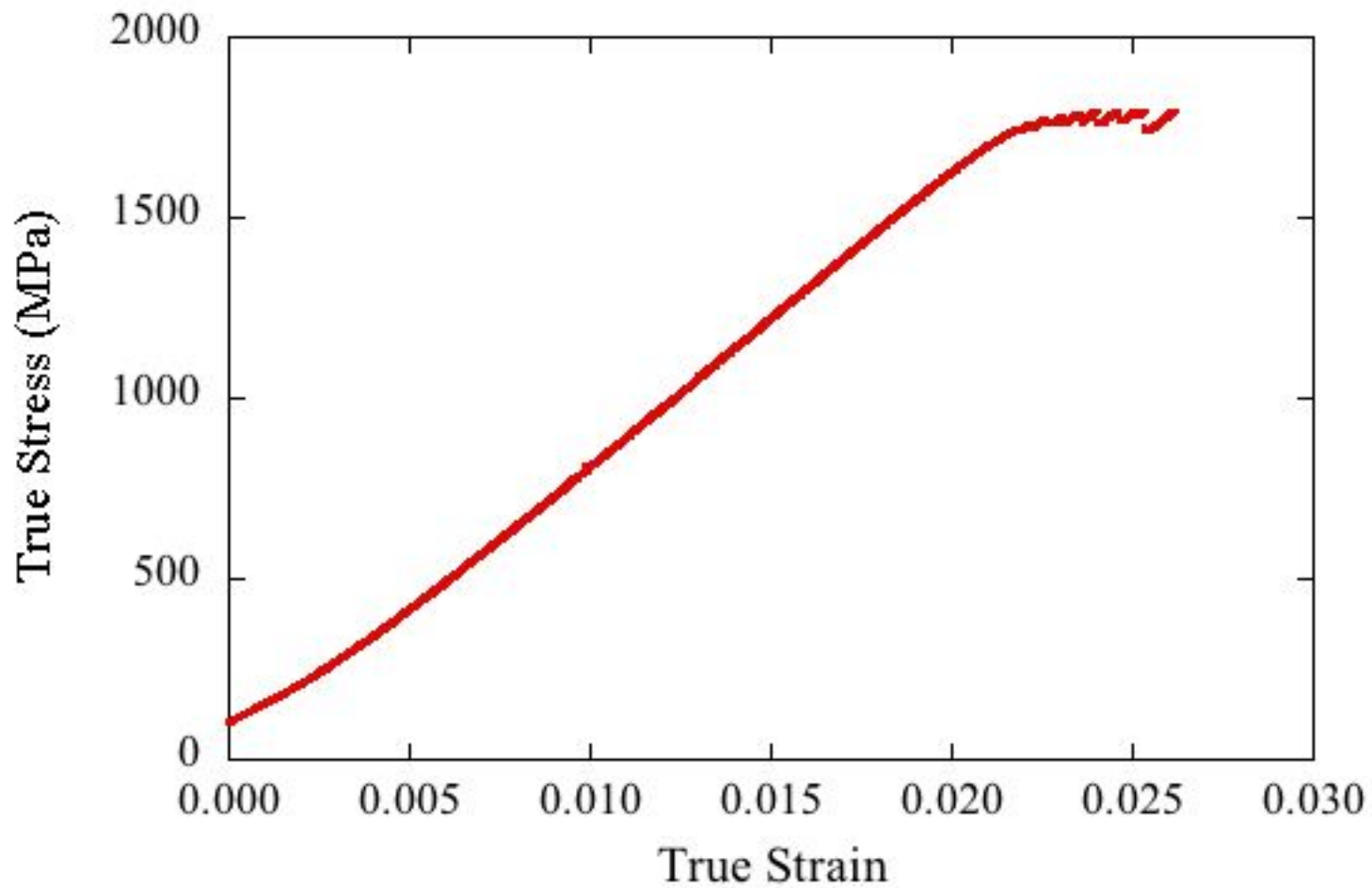


$$\frac{2\sqrt{2} \text{ mm}}{1 \text{ ms}} = 2.8 \text{ m/s}$$

Vision Research Phantom 310

- Rectangular specimen dimensions are $6\text{ mm} \times 2\text{ mm} \times 1.5\text{ mm}$ with precision tolerances
- Vision Research Phantom 310 camera, black and white, 1280×800 pixels maximum resolution, 500 kHz maximum sampling rate, 32 GB memory
- Data from the piezoelectric load cell is acquired using a data acquisition board synched and time-stamped to the same clock as the camera
- During fracture, 80 kHz sampling rate, 64×200 pixels, $2\ \mu\text{s}$ exposure
- During serrated flow, 12.5 kHz sampling rate, $224\text{ pixels} \times 624\text{ pixels}$, $10\ \mu\text{s}$ exposure

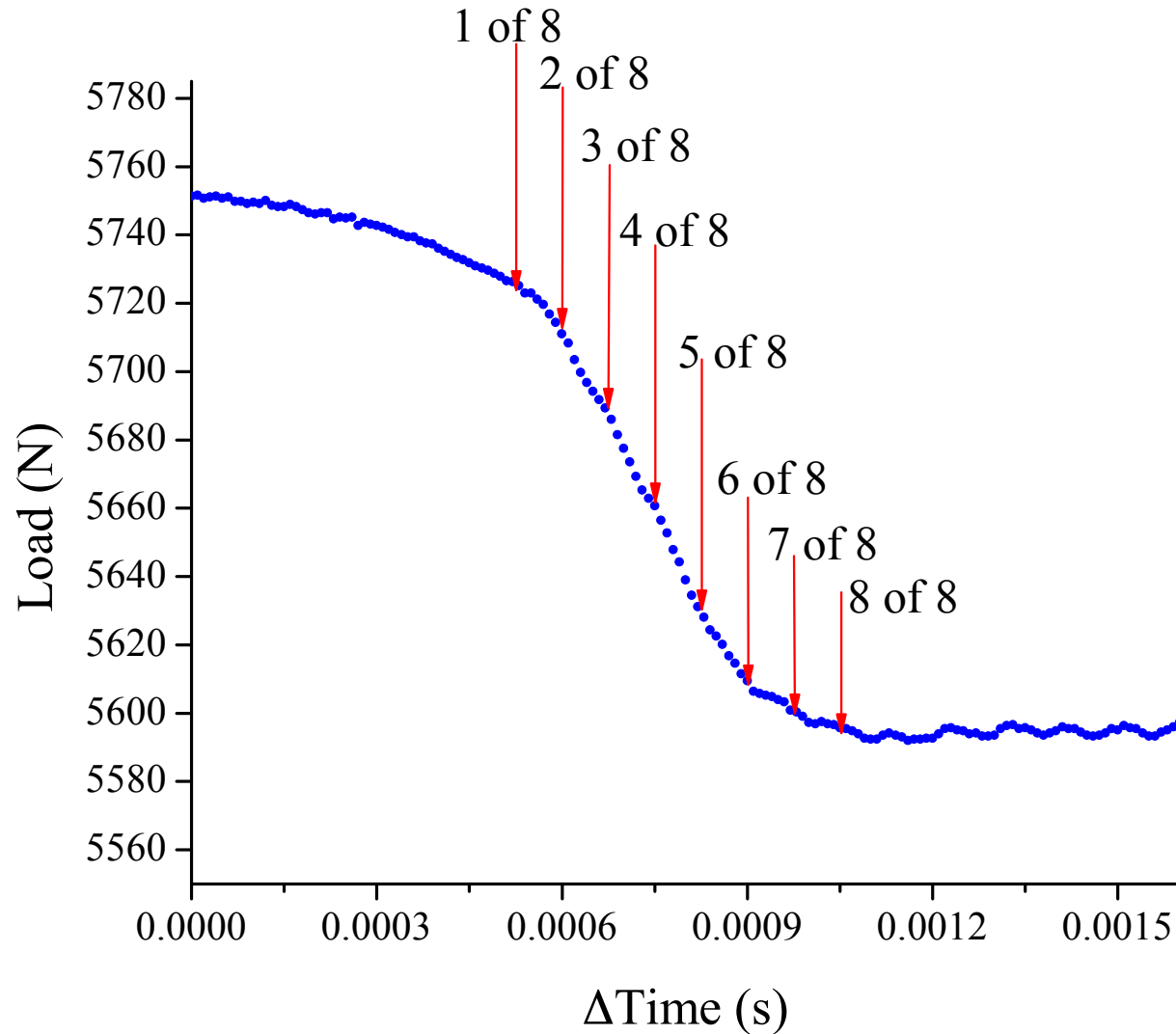




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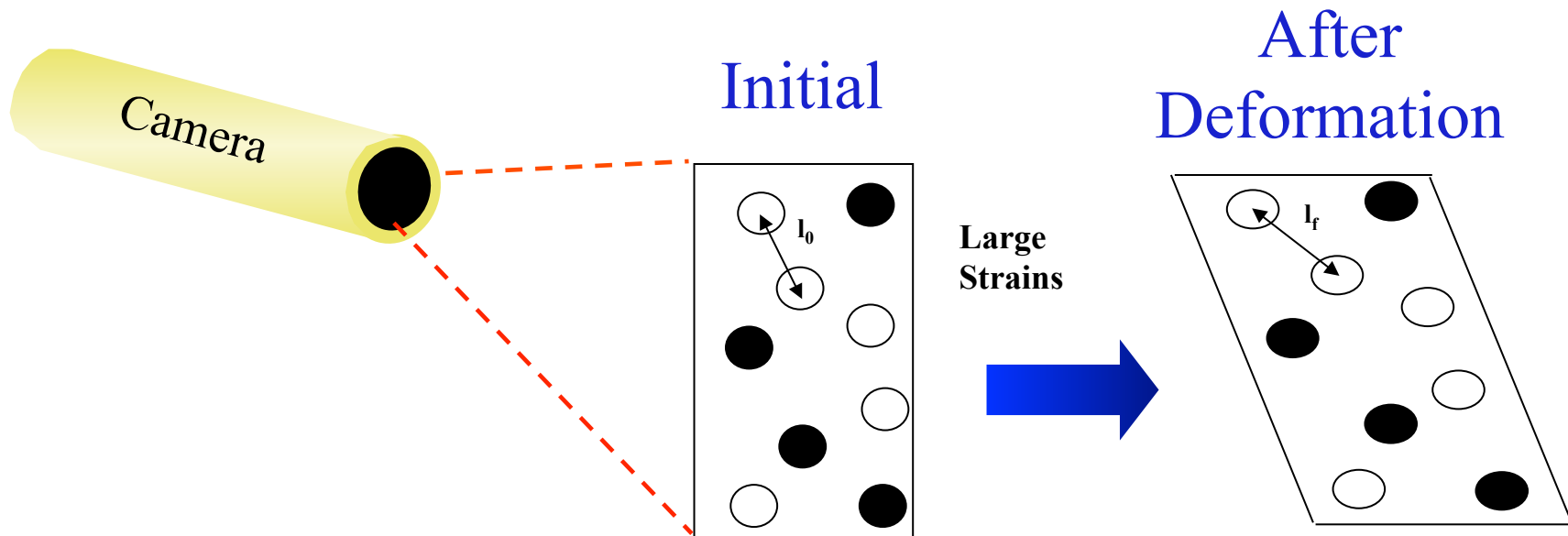
$\text{Zr}_{45}\text{Hf}_{12}\text{Nb}_5\text{Cu}_{15.4}\text{Ni}_{12.6}\text{Al}_{10}$

Load versus Time

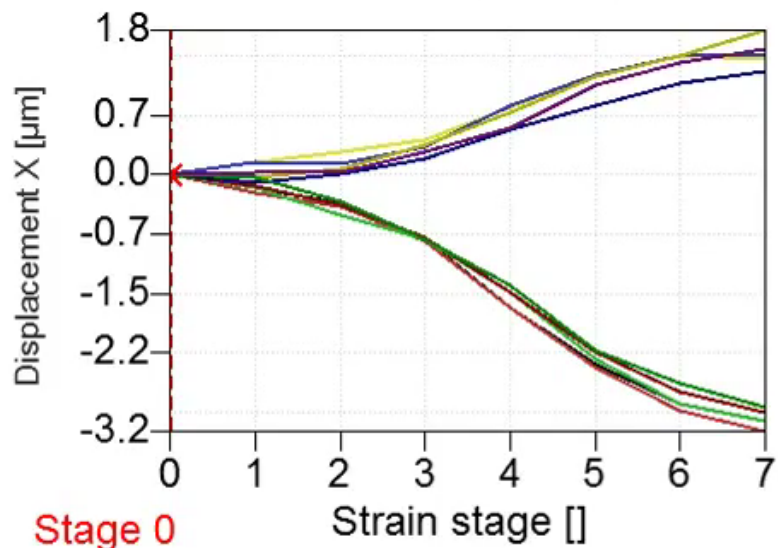
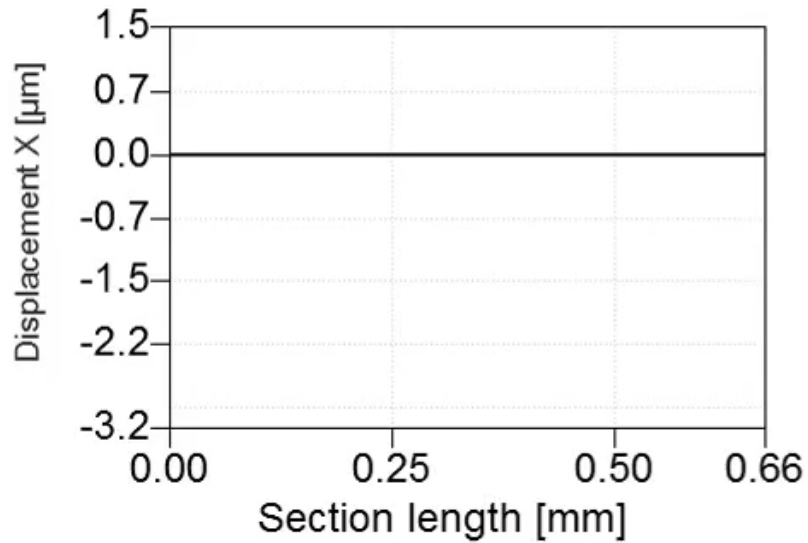


Wright, Byer, and Gu *Applied Physics Letters* 2013.

Image Correlation

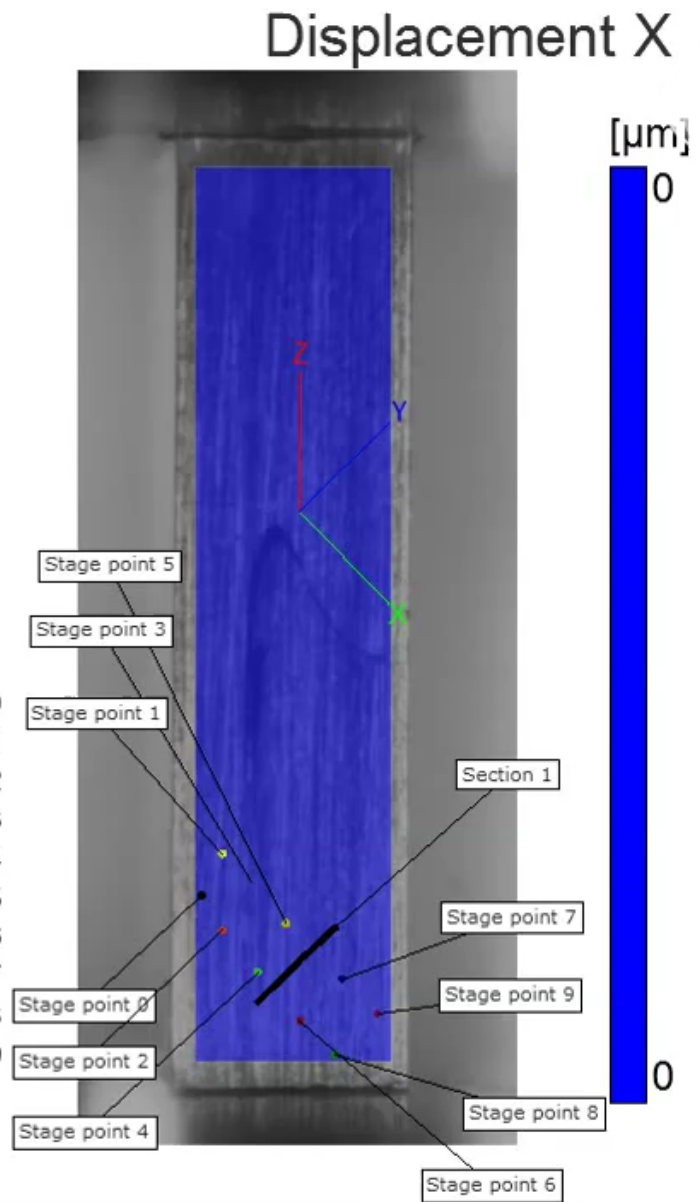


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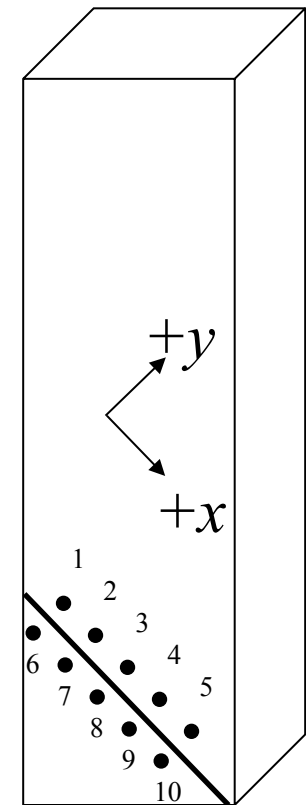
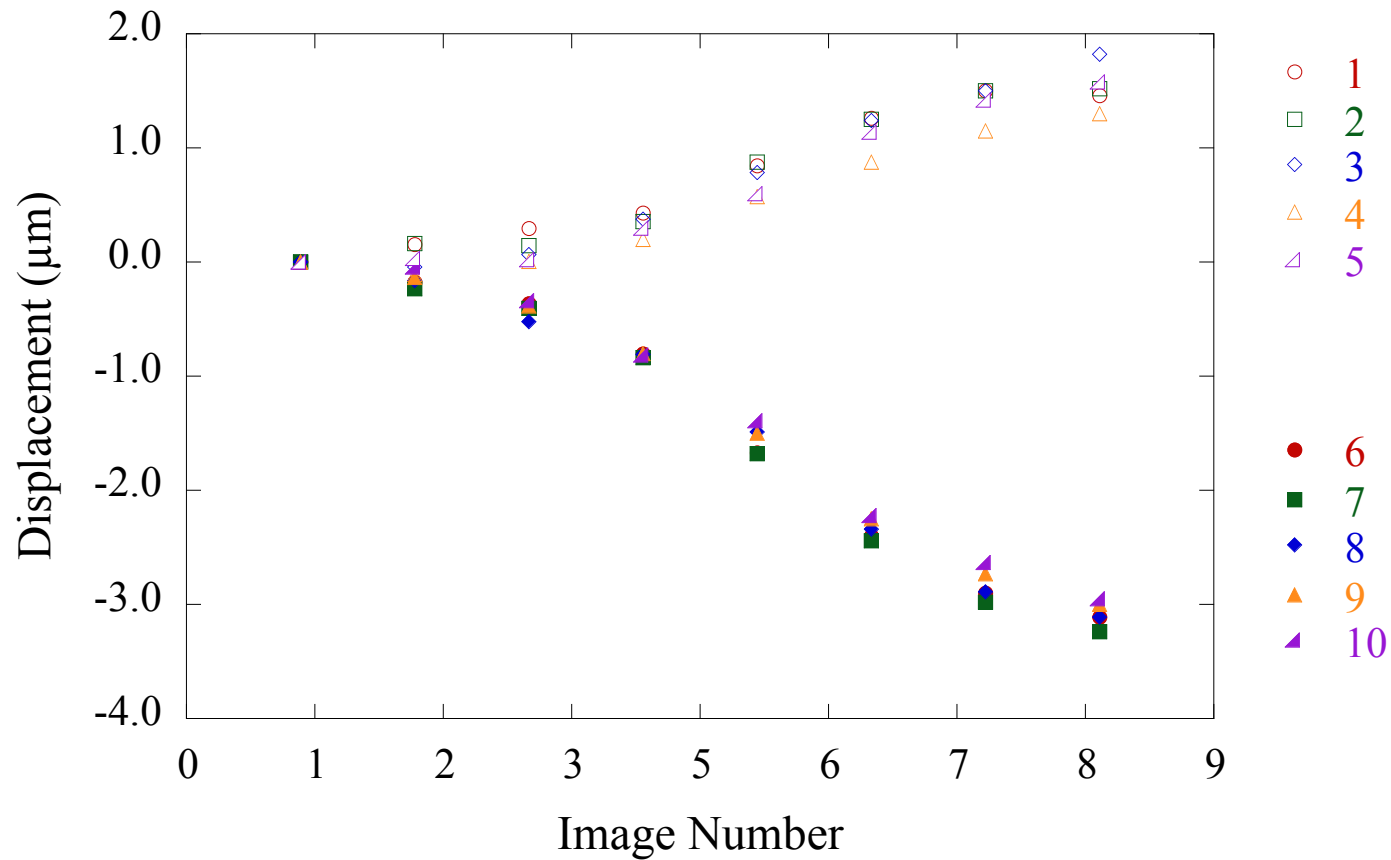


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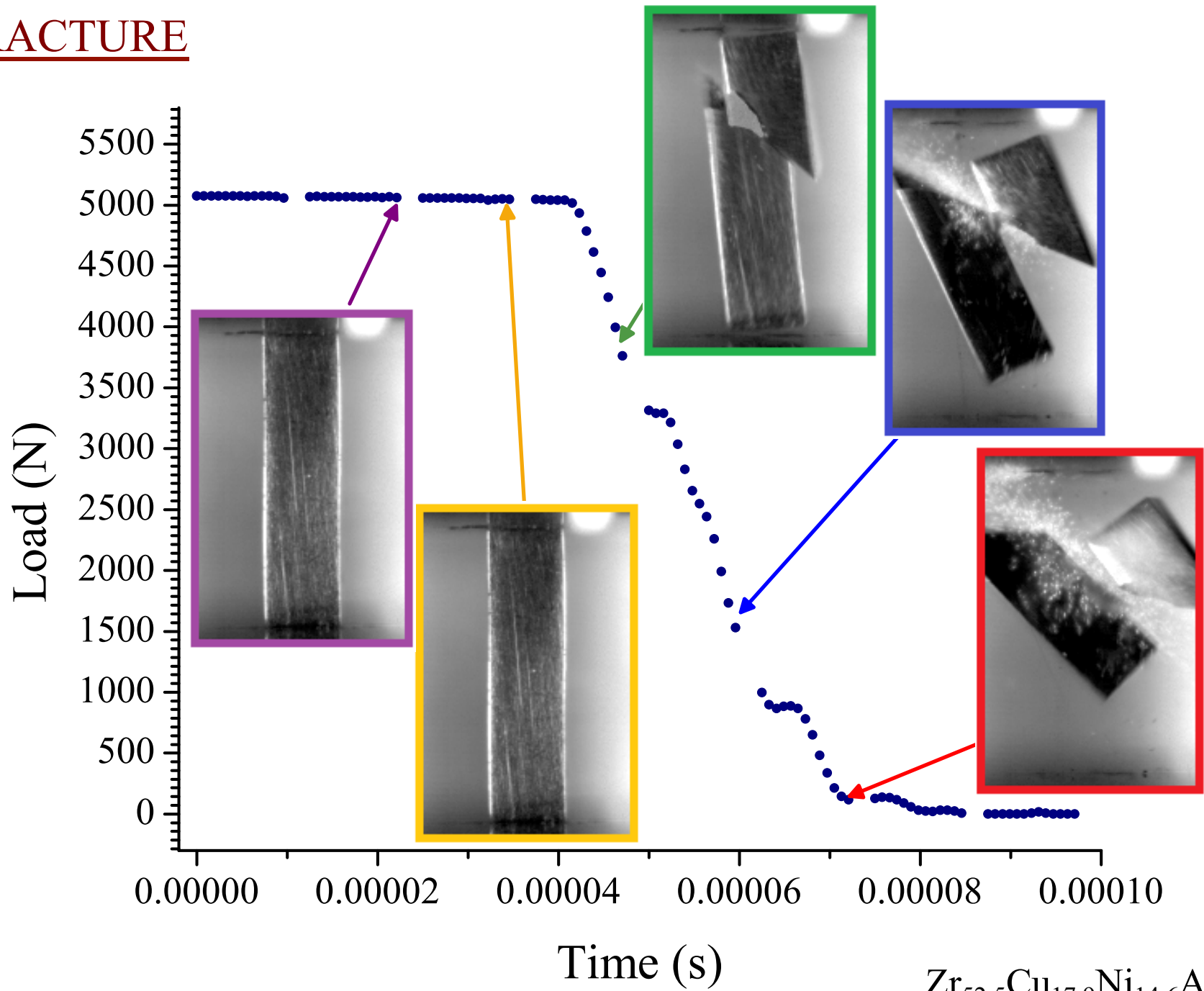


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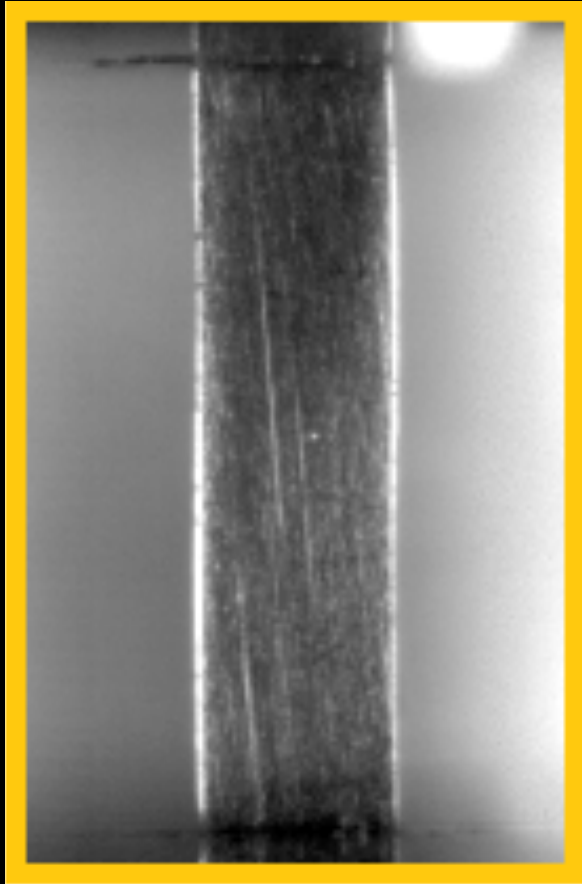




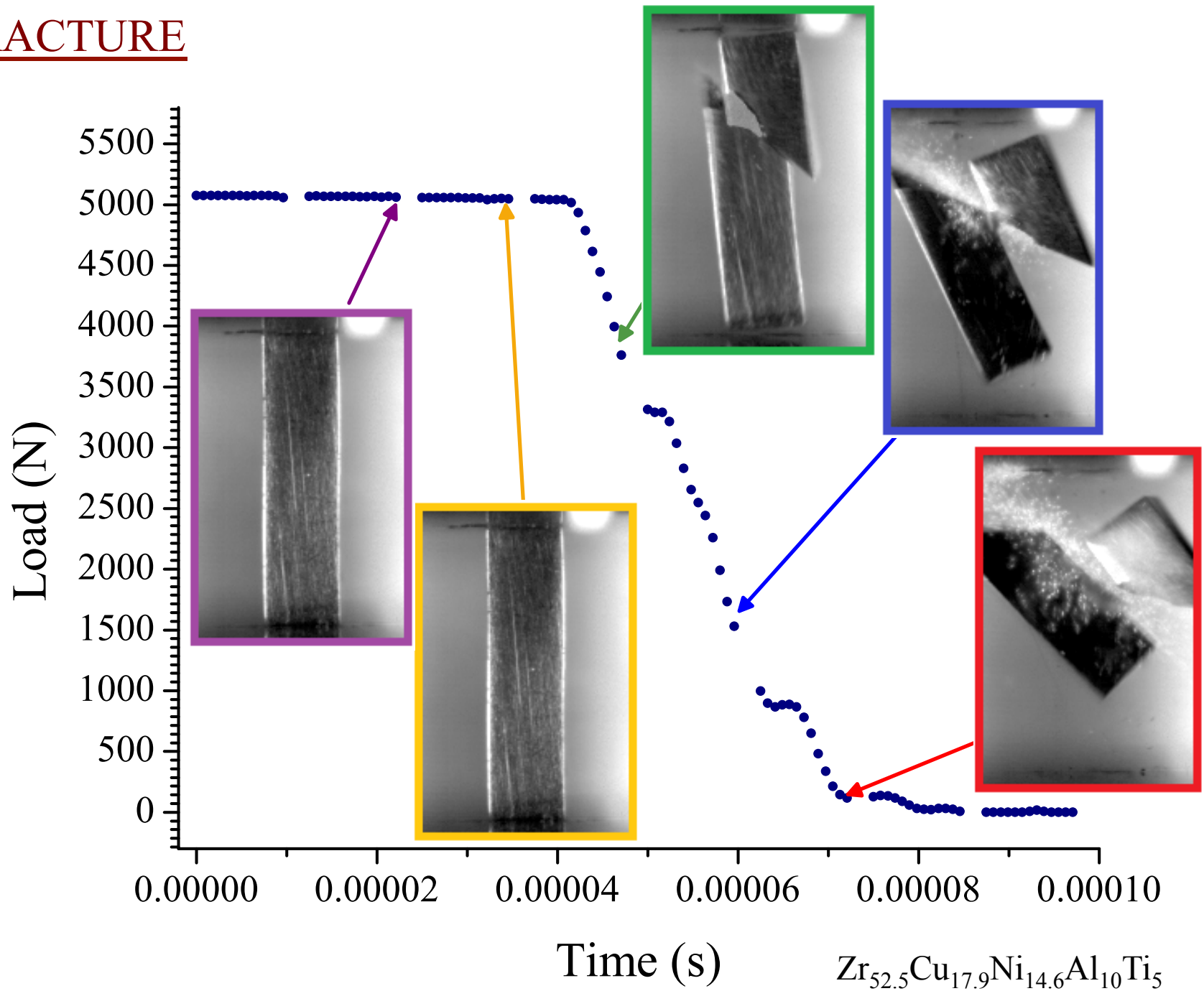
FRACTURE



$Zr_{52.5}Cu_{17.9}Ni_{14.6}Al_{10}Ti_5$



FRACTURE





10 mm

Slaughter, Kertis, Deda, Gu, Wright, and Hufnagel 2014

$Zr_{57}Ti_5Cu_{20}Ni_8Al_{10}$

100 μm

(a)



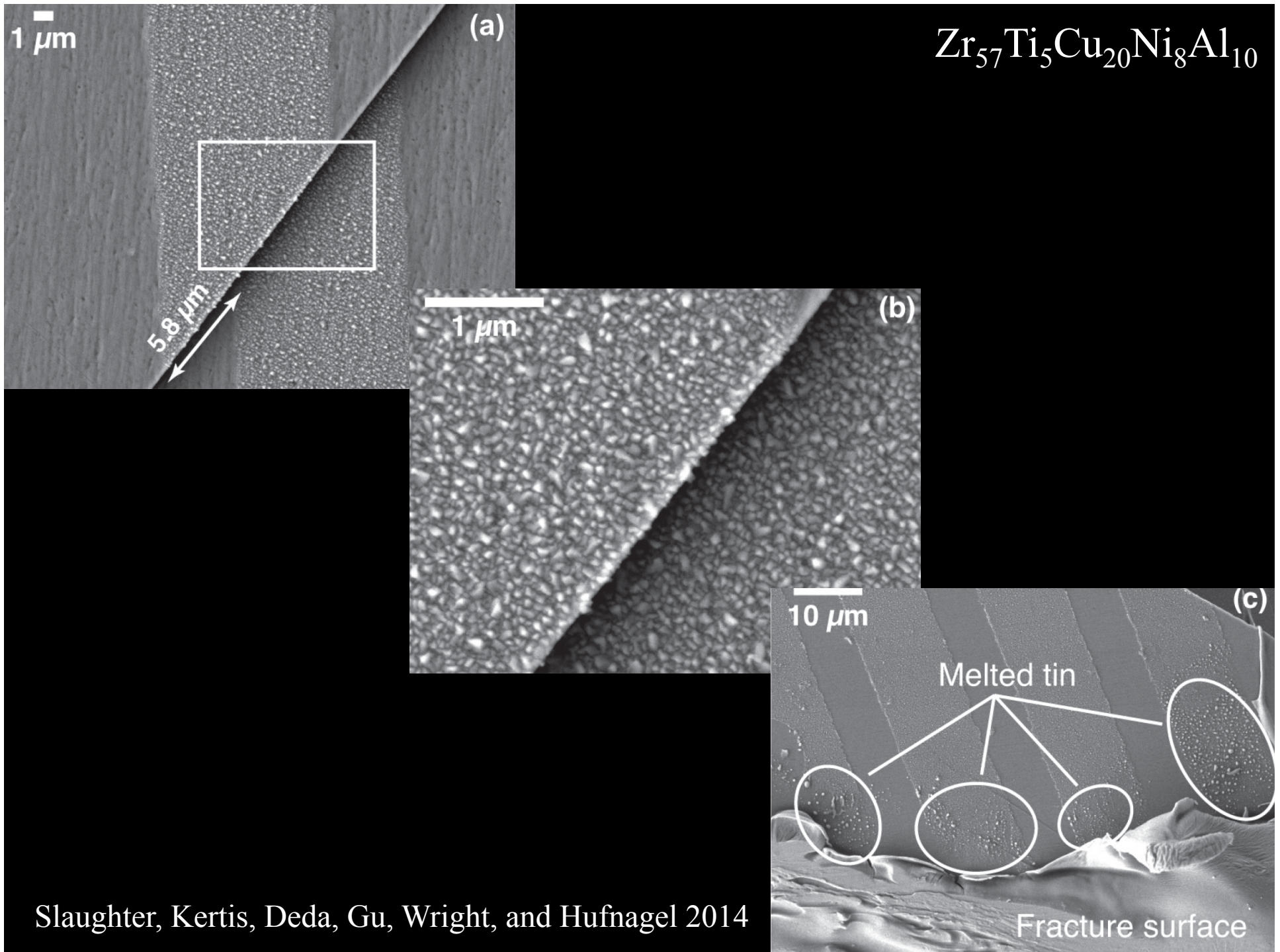
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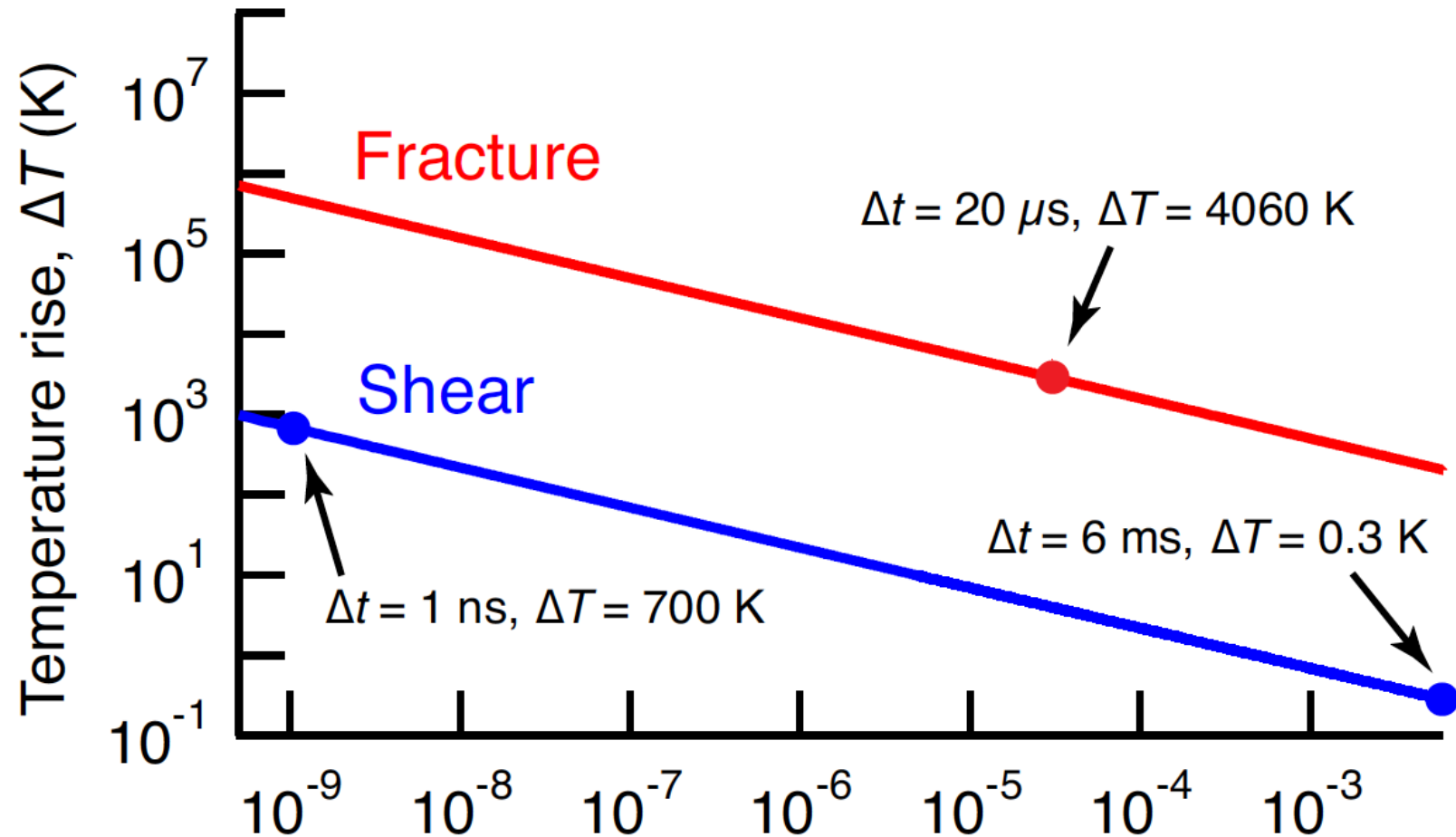
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(c)

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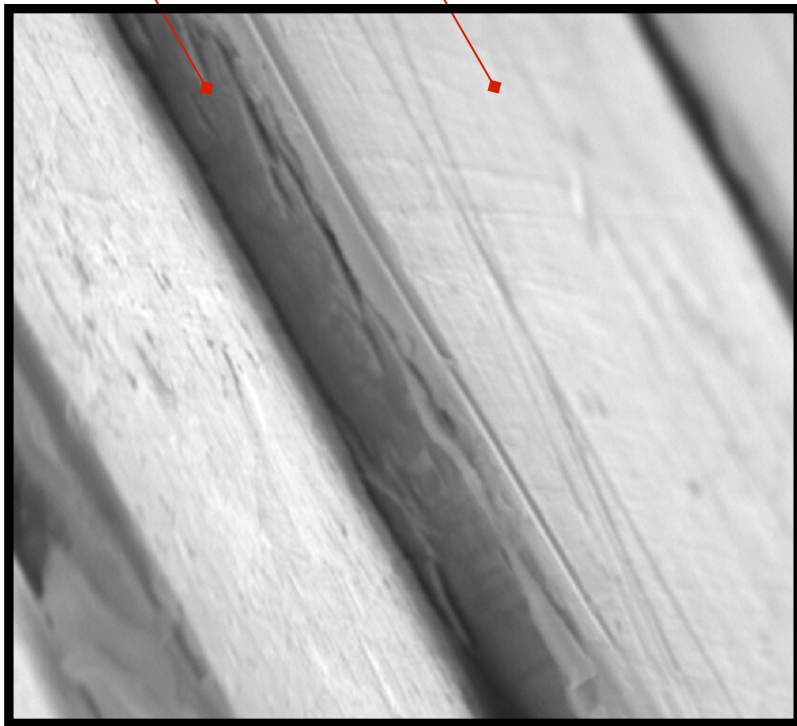
Heating Predictions



Deformed Surfaces

Shear Step

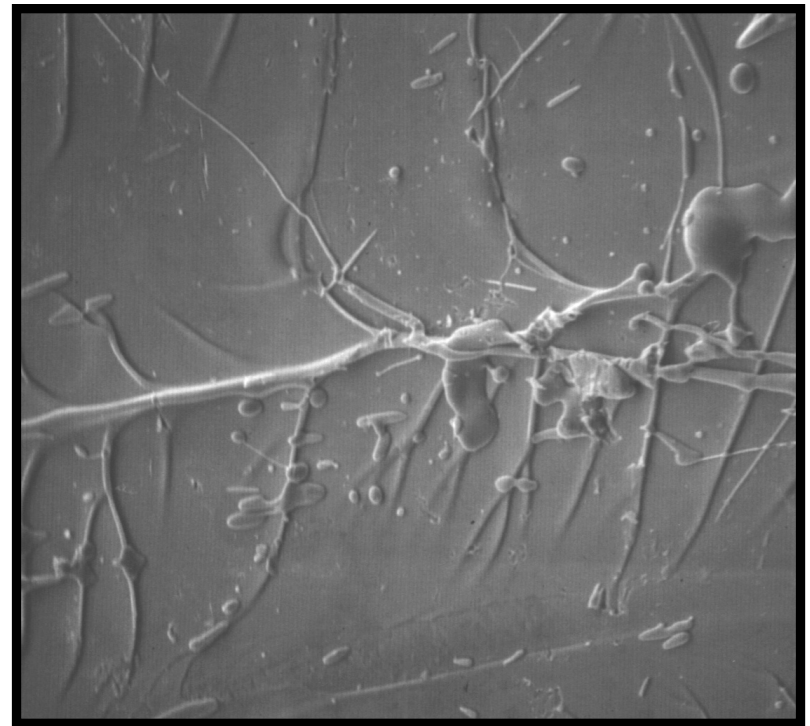
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Zr-Ti-Ni-Cu-Be

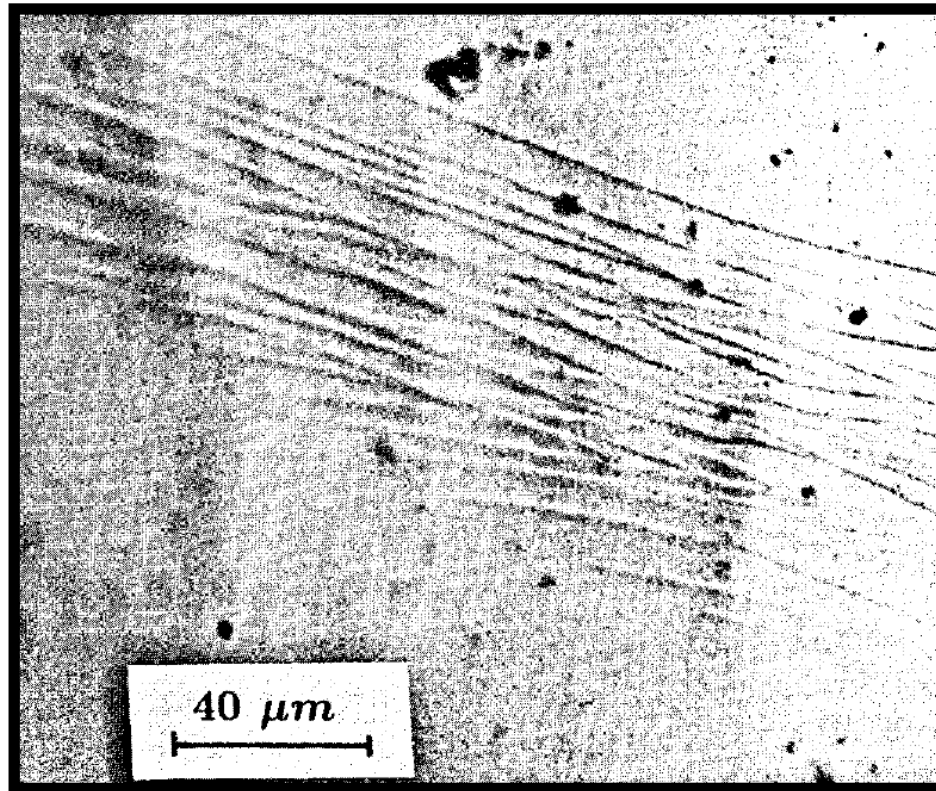
5 μm

Fracture Surface



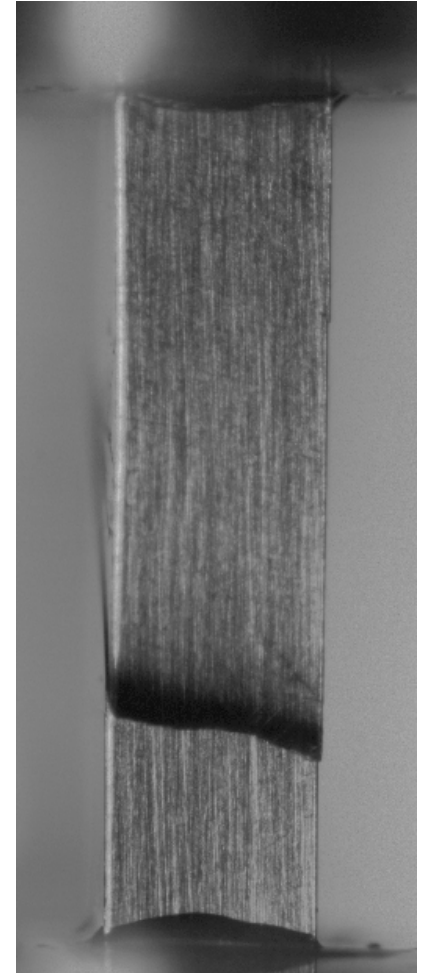
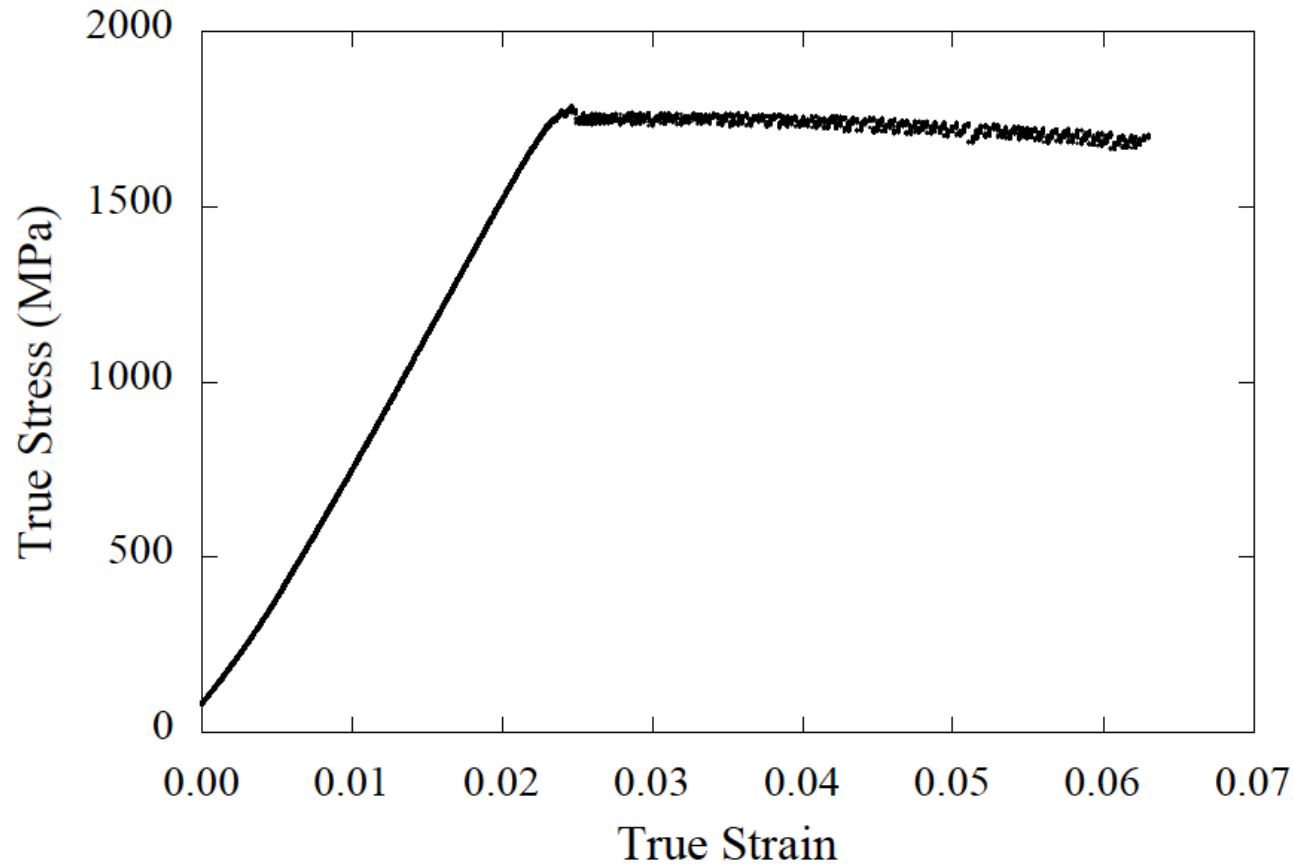
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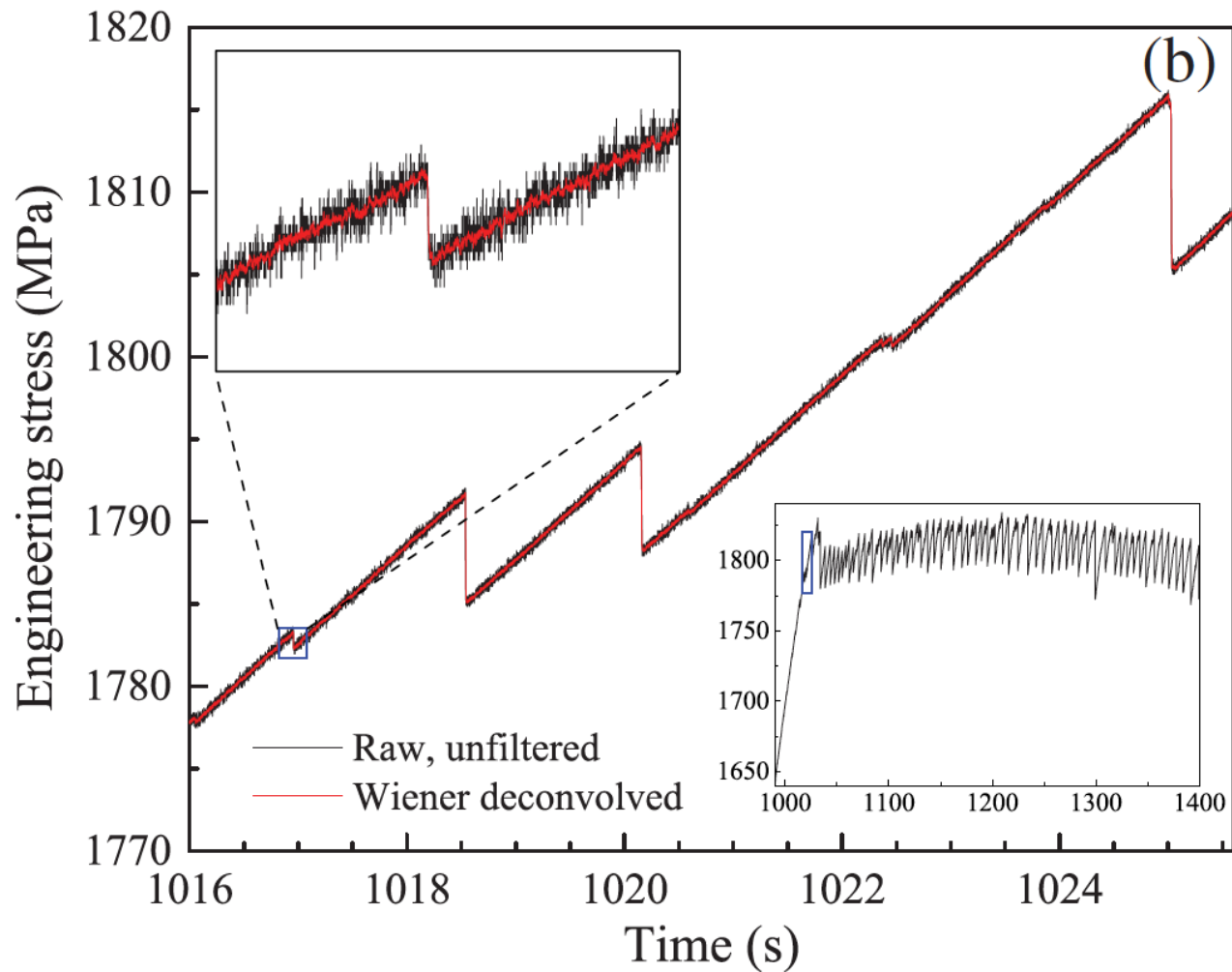
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“Plastic corrugation as a result of post–failure deformation by various types of elastic waves.”

Ductile BMG



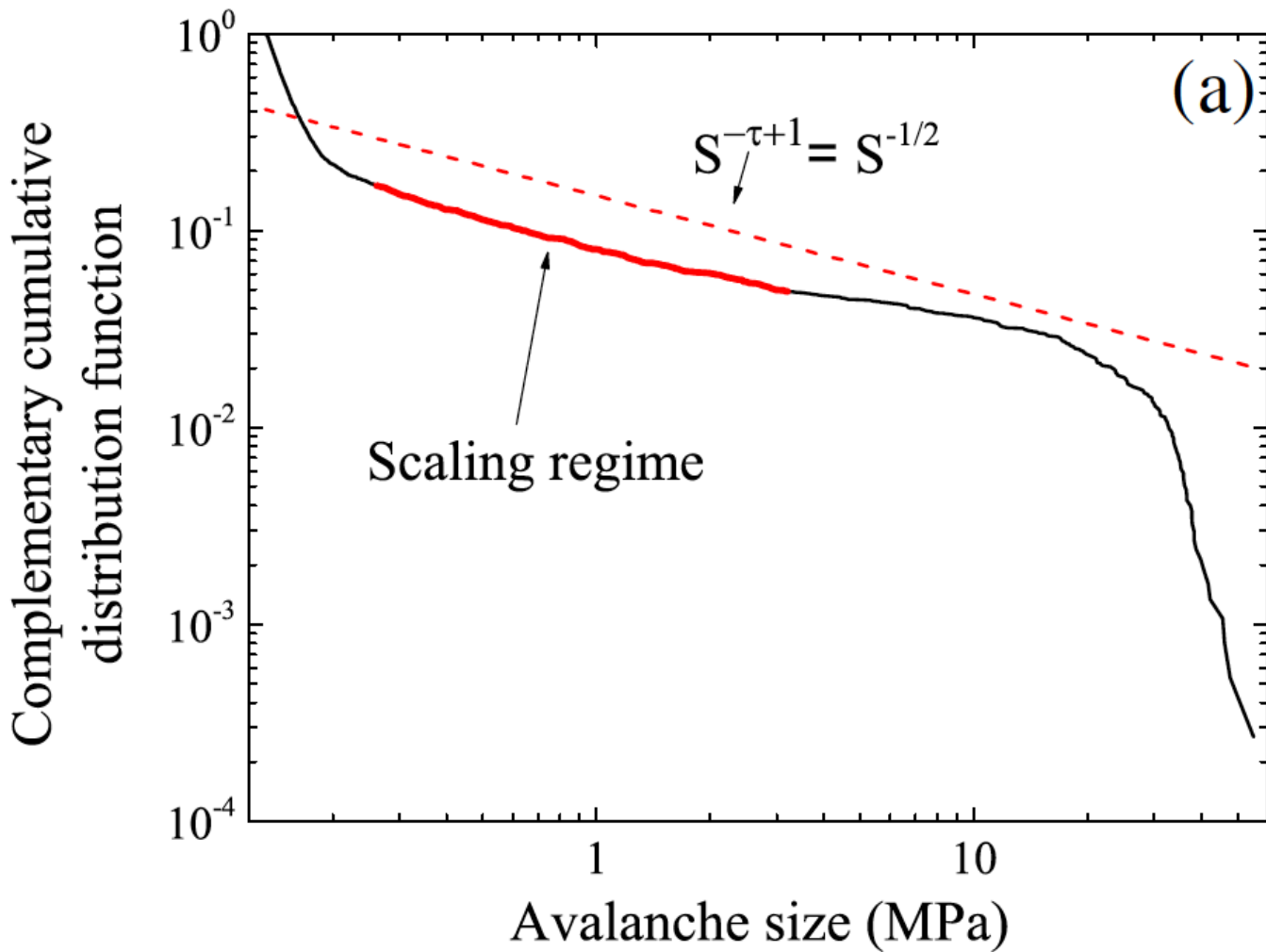


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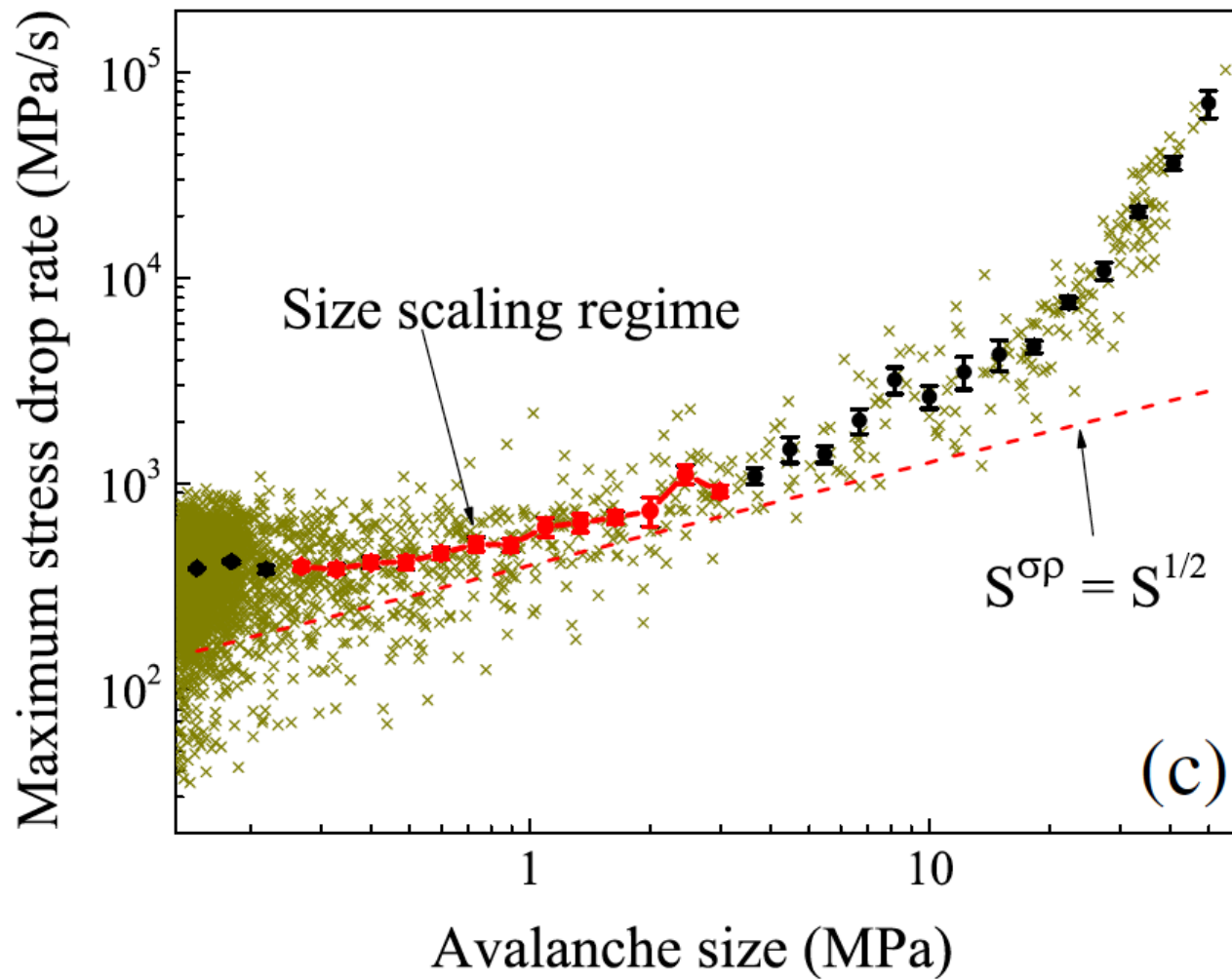
Mean–Field Model with Slip Avalanches

K. A. Dahmen, Y. Ben-Zion, and J. T. Uhl *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **102**, 175501 (2009)

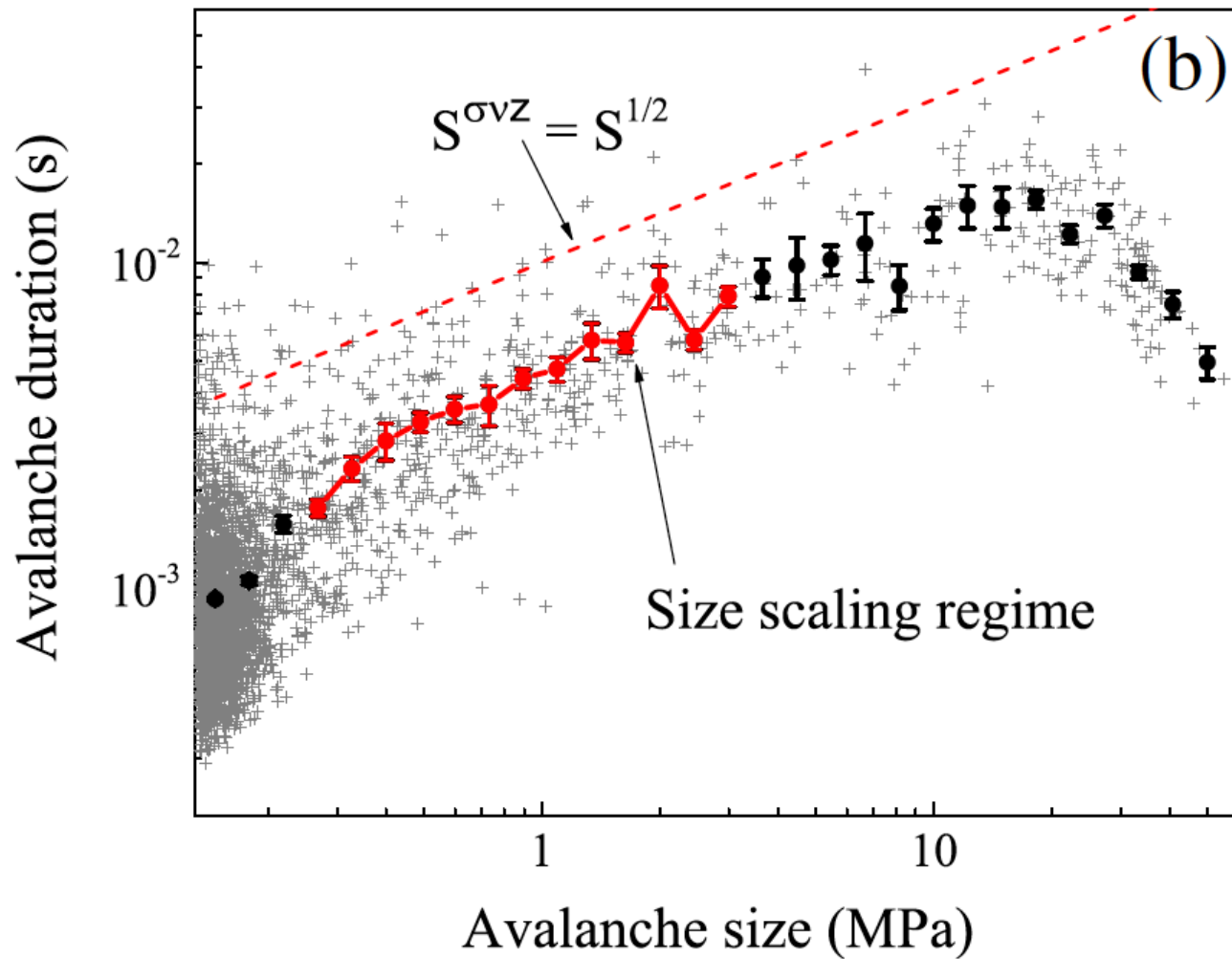
- Material loads elastically until a local failure stress is reached
- Local slip continues until a local arrest stress is attained
- Subsequent slip events in the same region require a lower activation stress (defined by a weakening parameter, ϵ)
- Local activation stress can be inhomogeneous (details of distribution do not affect scaling)
- Slip at one point can increase stress at other points, causing them to slip as well and leading to an avalanche of slip events
- The slip avalanche stops when the stress at each point is below the local failure stress



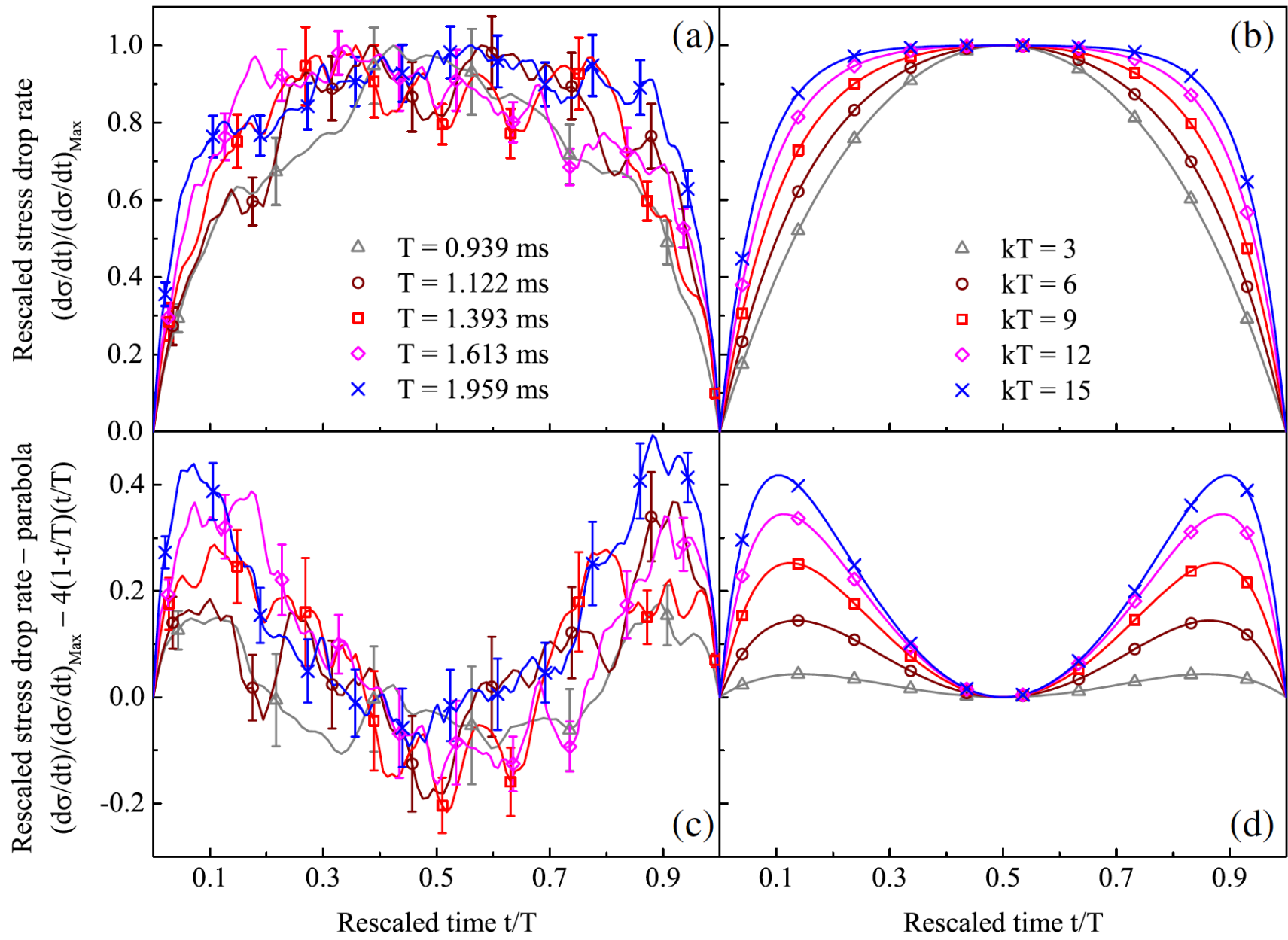
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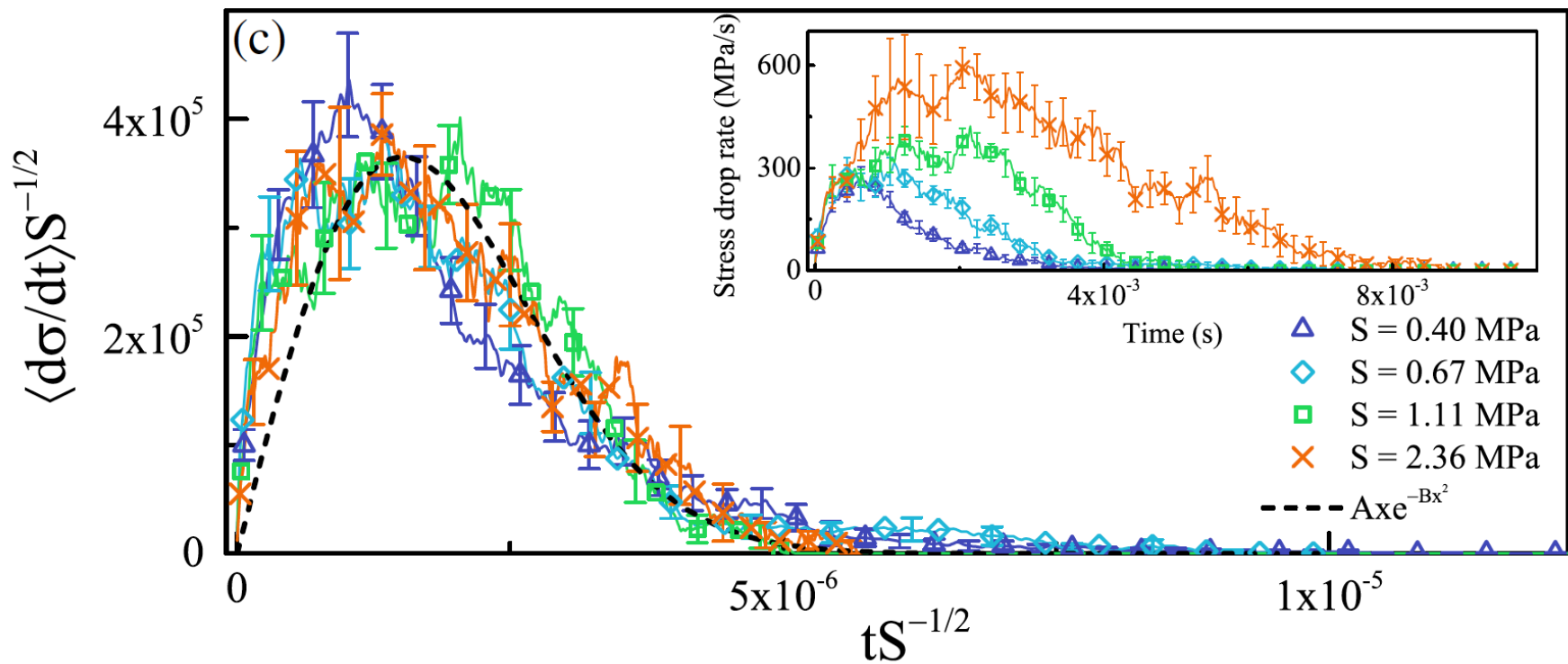


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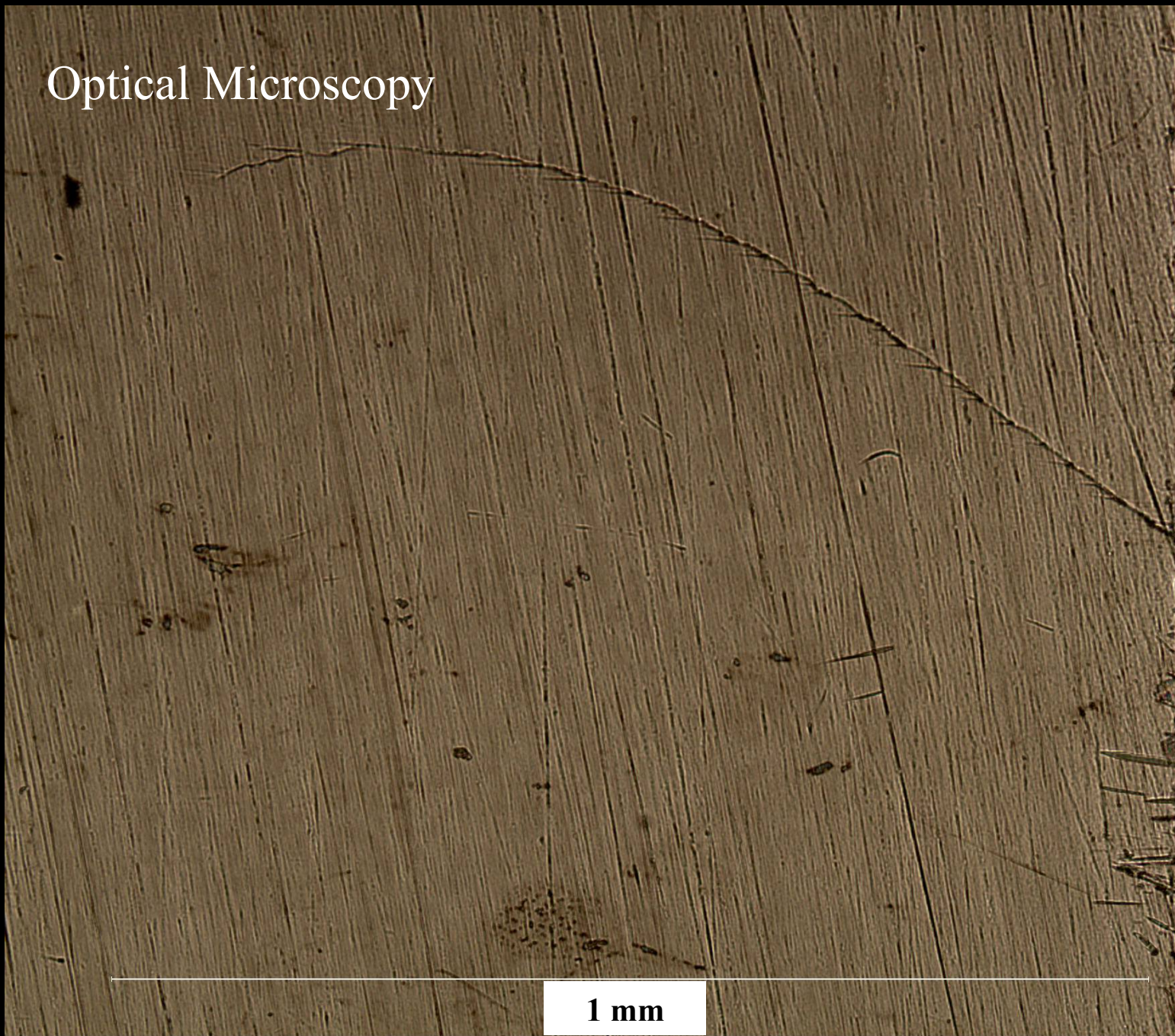
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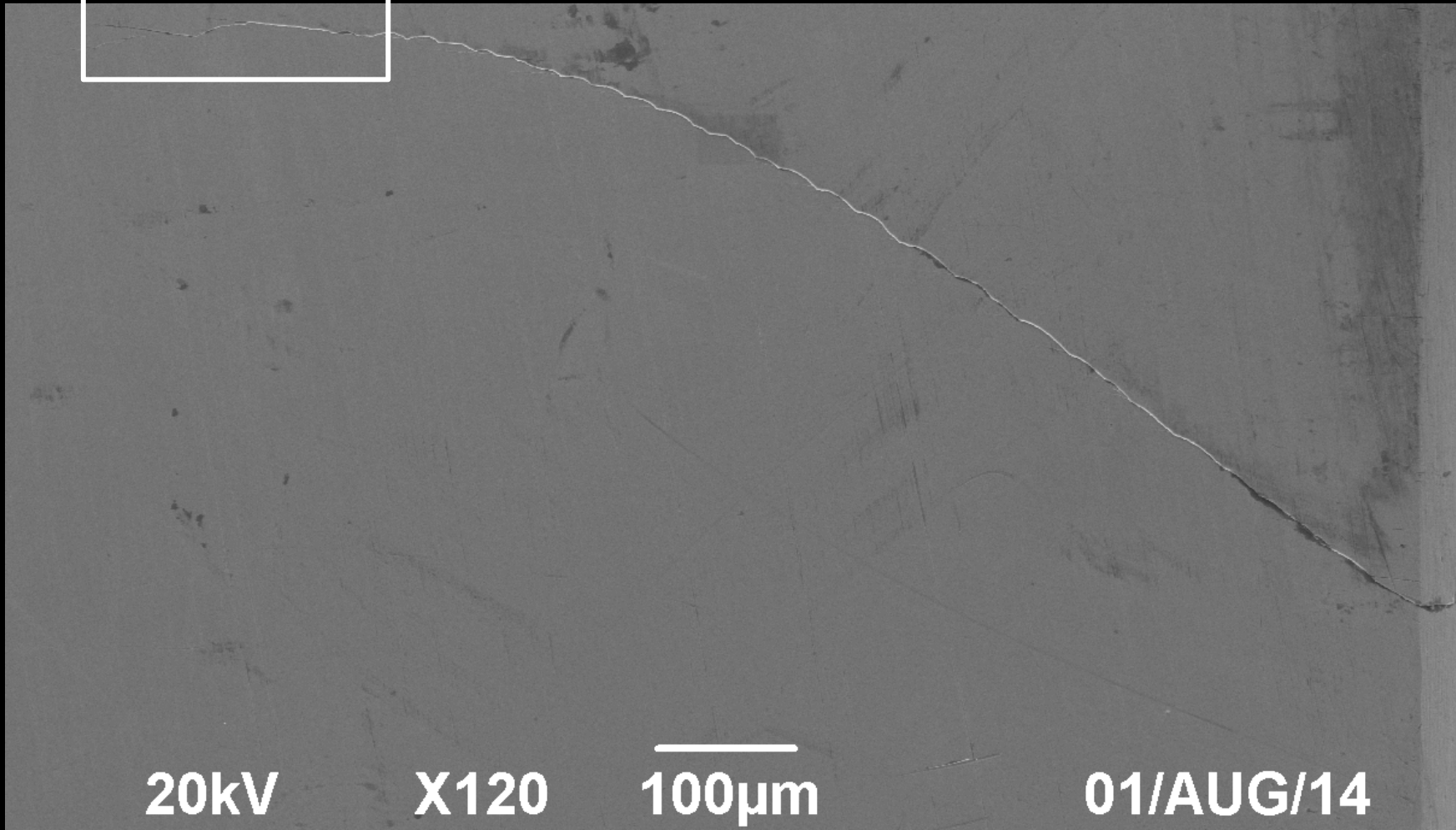
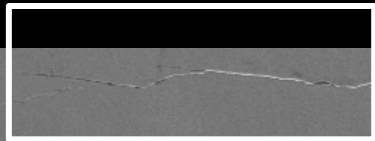


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Optical Microscopy



1 mm

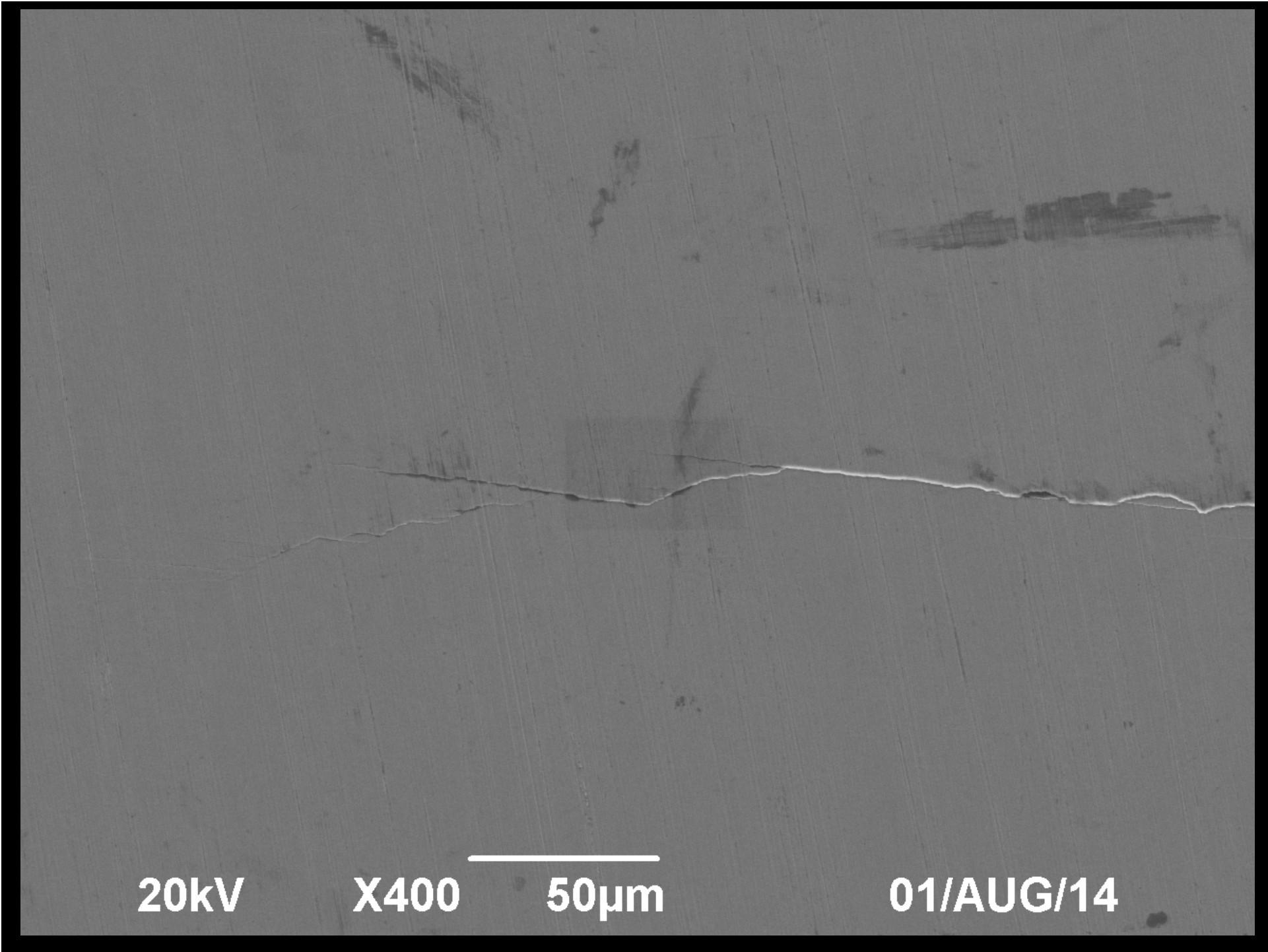


20kV

X120

100μm

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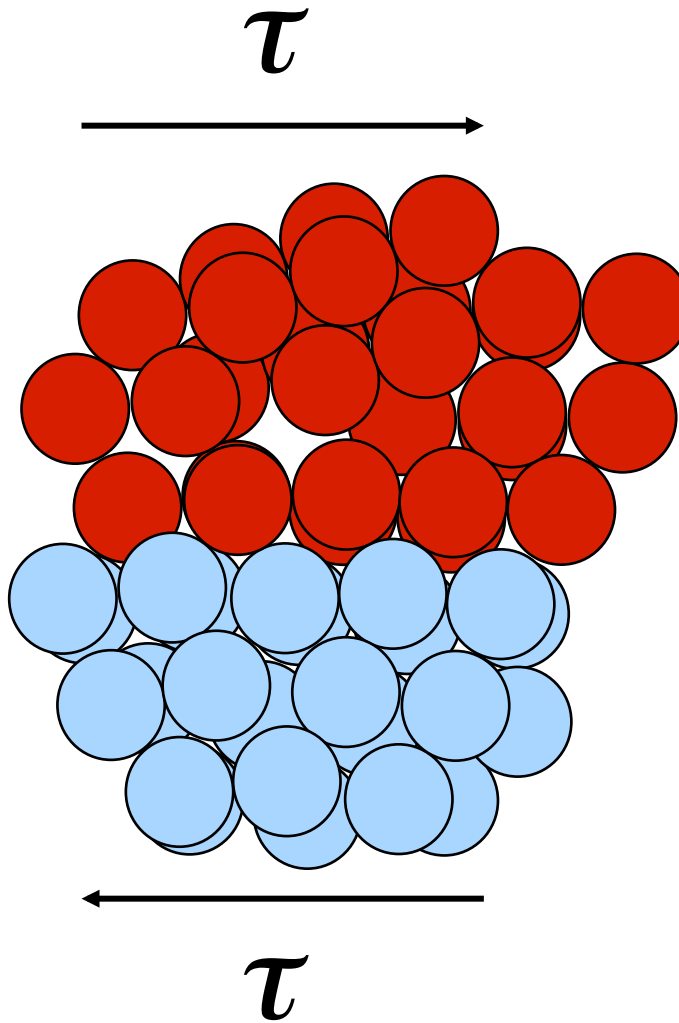
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Shear Transformation Zone



Implications

- Shear banding arises from the collective slip of coupled STZs as demonstrated by agreement with the mean field model for both slip statistics and dynamics
- Two scaling regimes predicted by the mean field model (progressive & simultaneous)

Implications

- No trend in increasing size or decreasing duration as a function of strain for this alloy
- The largest serrations shed the load most quickly
- No serrations have a force drop rate sufficient to cause melting except for the failure event

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