

Project 19: Mechanism of Dwell Fatigue Crack Initiation in Ti-7Al Under Biaxial Tension-Tension Loads

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Project Duration

PhD: September 2015 to March 2018

➤ **Problem:** Stress dwell periods are detrimental to fatigue life of Ti alloys. Biaxial tension-tension failure is not predicted from uniaxial data.

➤ **Objective:** Under biaxial tension-tension loads, determine microstructural mechanisms of dwell fatigue and define hard and soft grain orientations.

➤ **Benefit:** Improved life management for biaxially loaded locations.

Recent Progress

- Cyclic evolutions of stress metrics
- Interdependencies of stress metrics, orientations, and loading ratios (i.e., 1:4 and 1:1 X:Y stress)
- Effects of grain neighborhood characteristics on individual grains
- Successfully defended and submitted PhD thesis

Metrics

Description	% Complete	Status
1. Planar biaxial specimen design	100%	●
2. Literature review	100%	●
3. Macroscopic characterization of tension-tension mechanical response	100%	●
4. Microstructural mechanisms of dwell fatigue under biaxial tension-tension loads	100%	●
5. Provide microstructural data for instantiation of crystal plasticity simulations of Ti dwell fatigue	100%	●



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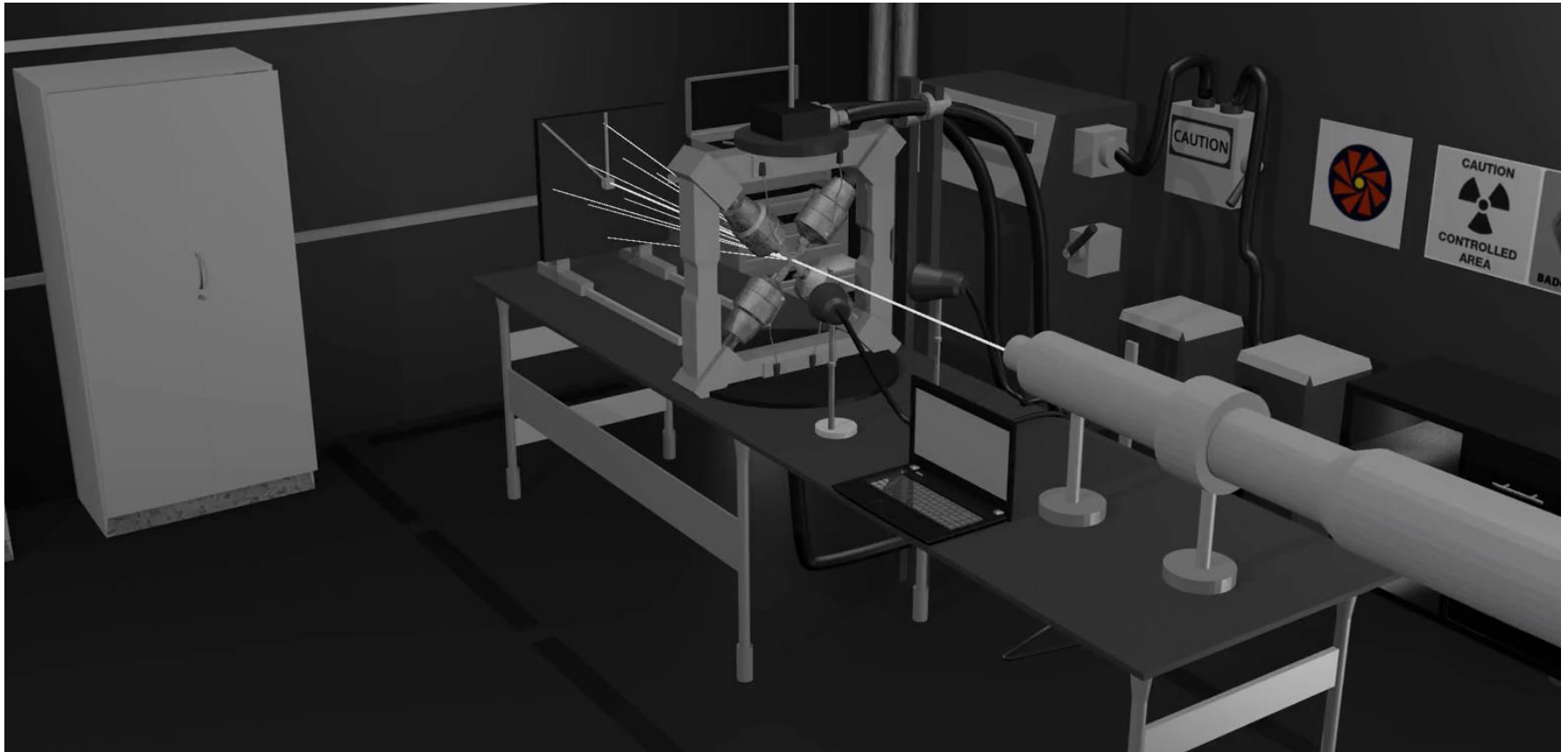
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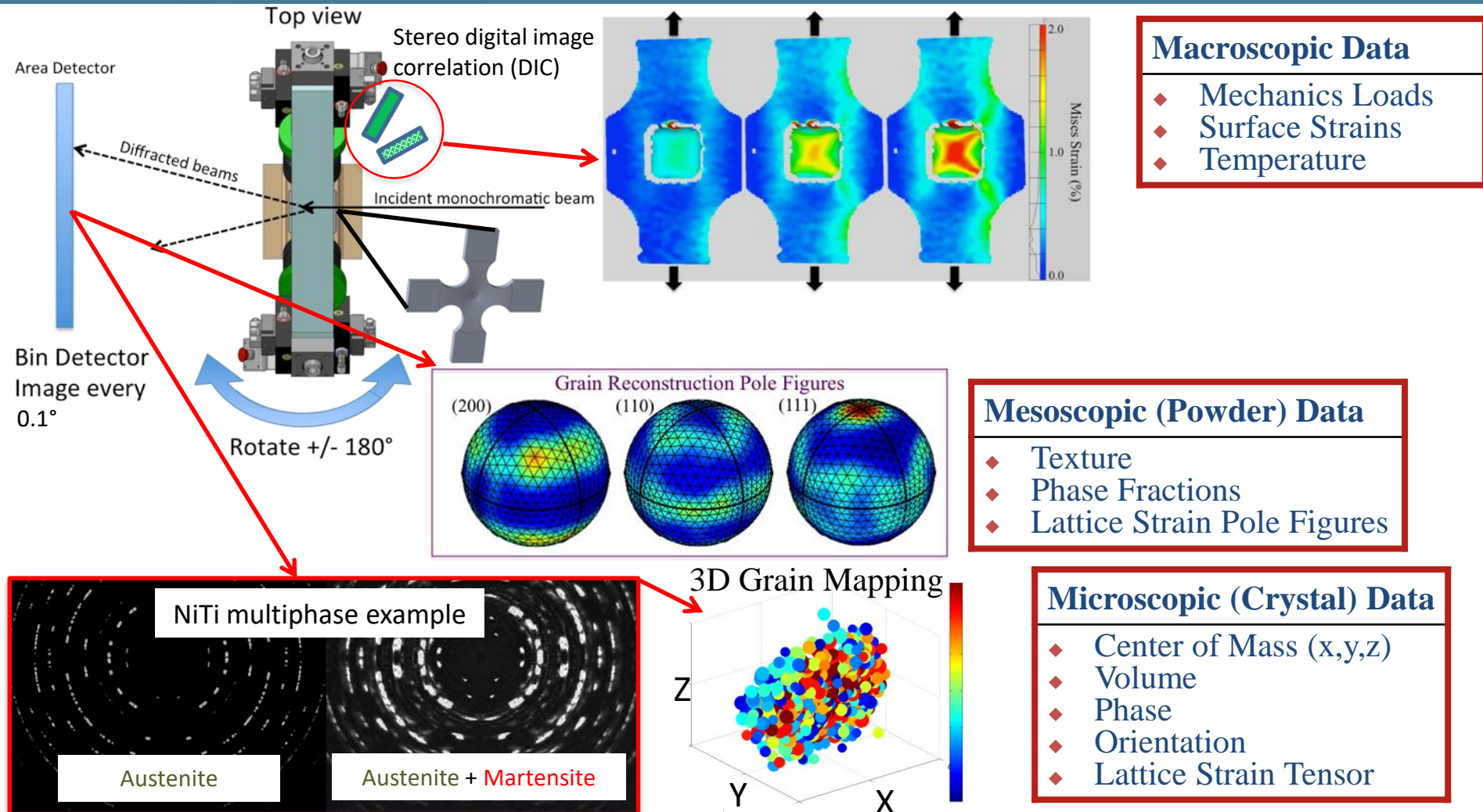
In situ HEDM planar biaxial experiment

- Specimen geometry ●
- Planar biaxial load frame ●
- Synchrotron X-ray diffraction ●
- Data collection & analysis technique ●

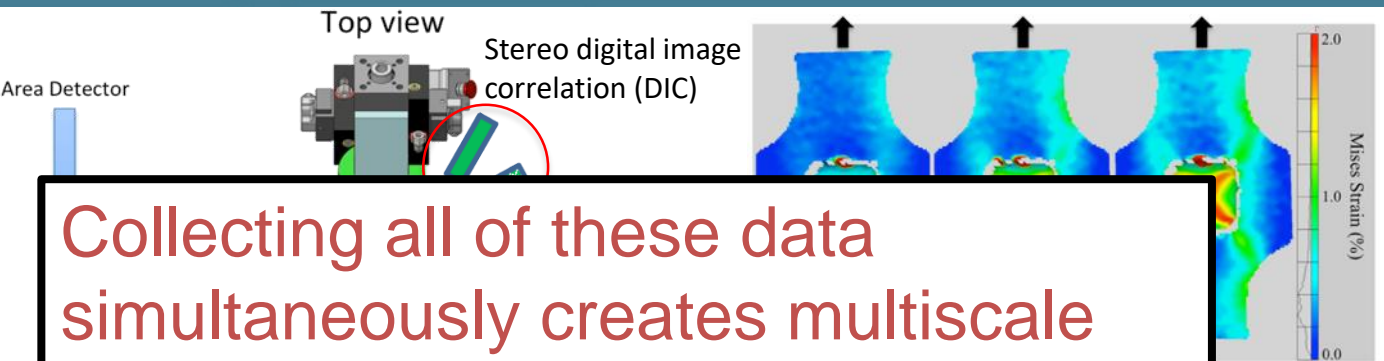


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Multiscale *In situ* HEDM data capabilities



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- Macroscopic Data**
- ◆ Mechanics Loads
 - ◆ Surface Strains
 - ◆ Temperature

Collecting all of these data simultaneously creates multiscale capabilities for studying multi-axial phenomena such as:

- Anisotropy
- Asymmetry
- Path Dependence
- Sheet Metal Formability
- Crystal Mechanics
- Crystal Plasticity
- Model Validation

- Mesoscopic (Powder) Data**
- ◆ Texture
 - ◆ Phase Fractions
 - ◆ Lattice Strain Pole Figures

- Microscopic (Crystal) Data**
- ◆ Center of Mass (x,y,z)
 - ◆ Volume
 - ◆ Phase
 - ◆ Orientation
 - ◆ Lattice Strain Tensor

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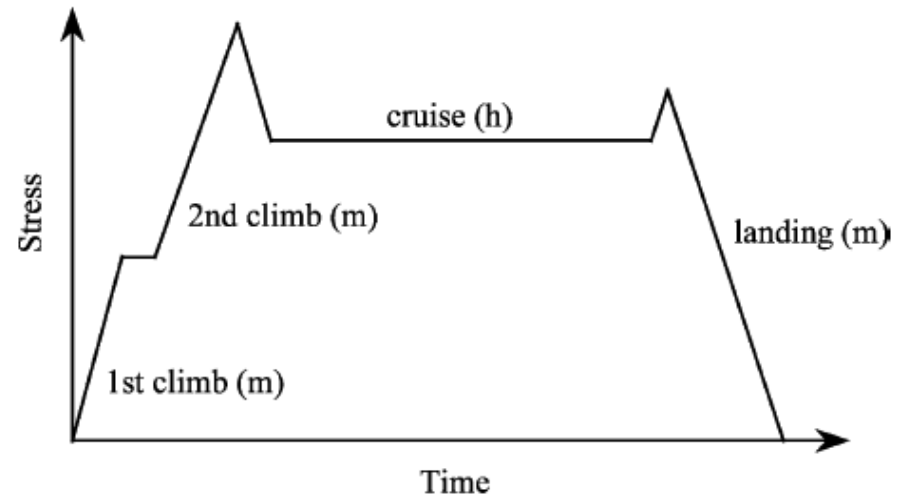
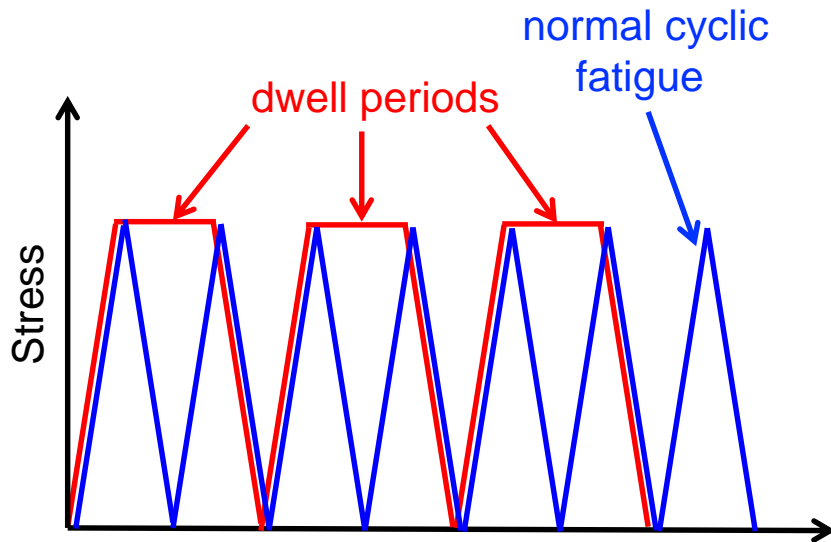
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Cold dwell fatigue reduces lifetime in Ti alloys

- Reduction in fatigue life resulting from stress dwell periods
 - $\sigma_{\max}/\sigma_{0.2} = 0.92, 1, 1.05$ (80 s) life reduction = 2, 5, 30
- Occurs at temperatures $\leq \sim 200$ °C
 - Thermal activation eliminates dwell effect at $T > \sim 200$ °C

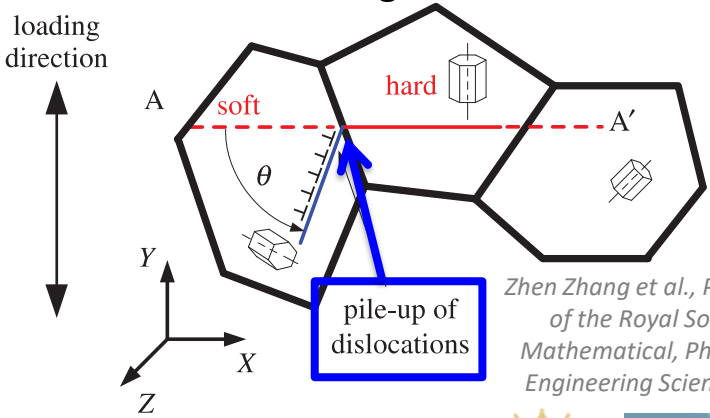


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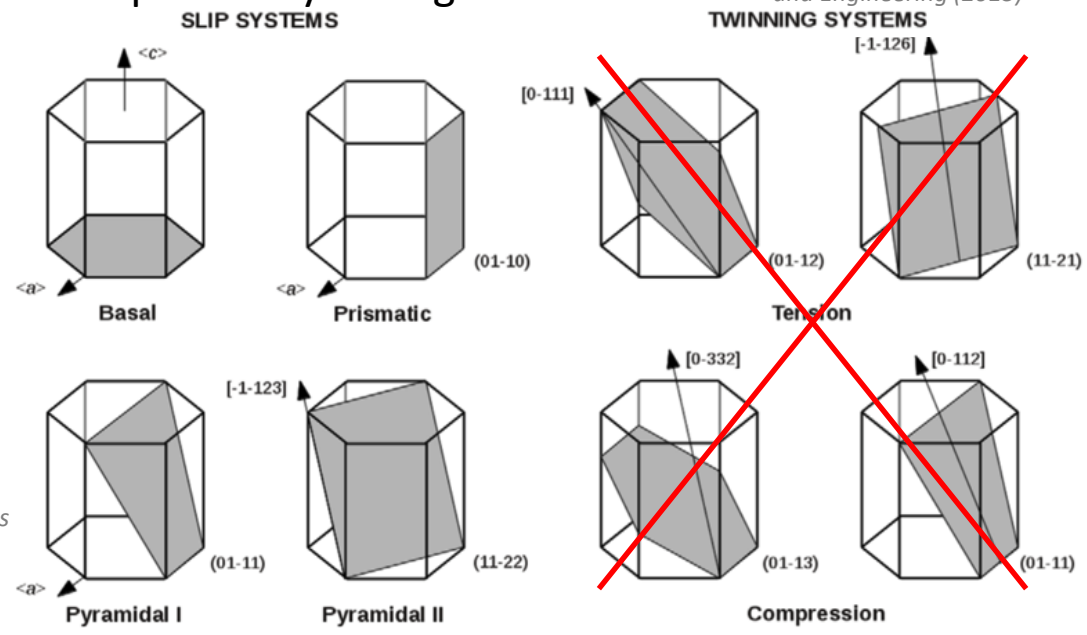
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- Limited deformation mechanisms at low temperature
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 - Strong slip system anisotropy (prism:basal:pyramidal II, 0.9 : 1.0 : 3.0)
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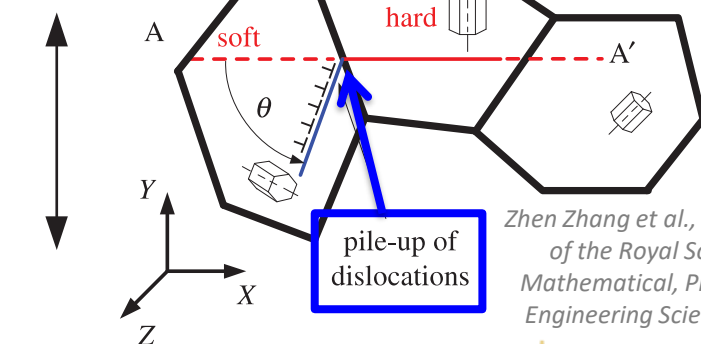


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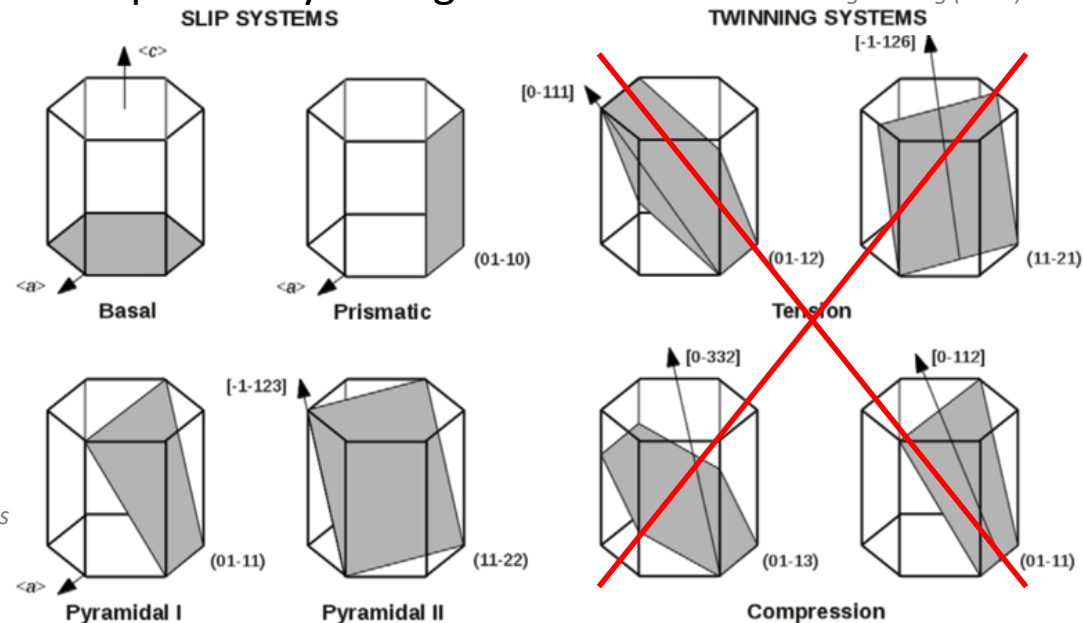
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Ti alloy compressor discs experience biaxial dwell fatigue

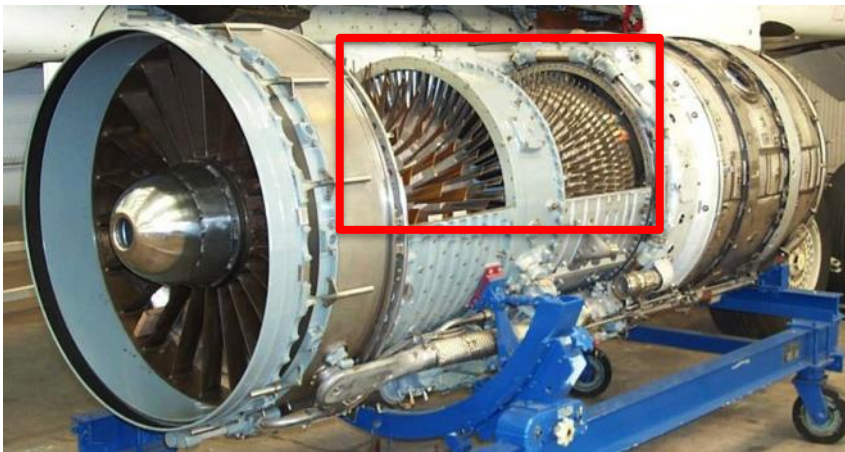
- Titanium alloy jet engine turbine compressor discs
- Enhance life prediction
- Biaxial loading effect on fatigue life not well characterized

Root

1:4 X:Y stress biaxial tension

Web

1:1 X:Y stress biaxial tension



http://www.daviddarling.info/images/Concorde_Olympus_engine.jpg



http://www.ashbyinteriors.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/DSC_0707-p.jpg

Ti alloy biaxial dwell fatigue goals:

- Define multiaxial hard and soft grain orientations
- Determine microstructural mechanisms
- Investigate grain behaviors as functions of:
 - Cycles
 - Orientation
 - Neighborhood characteristics
- Qualitative life assessment relative to uniaxial dwell fatigue
- Provide insight into observed failure orientations

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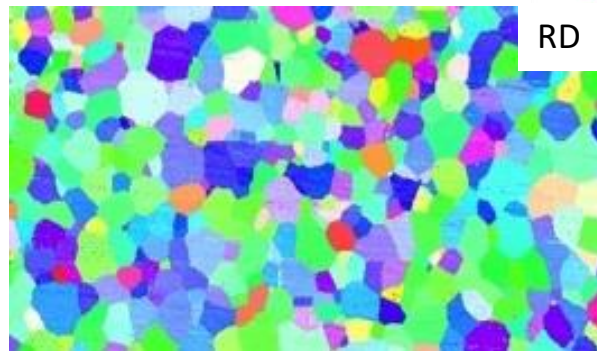
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Material microstructure

- C-axes oriented in normal direction
- Uniform in-plane texture
- $\sim 100 \mu\text{m}$ equiaxed grains



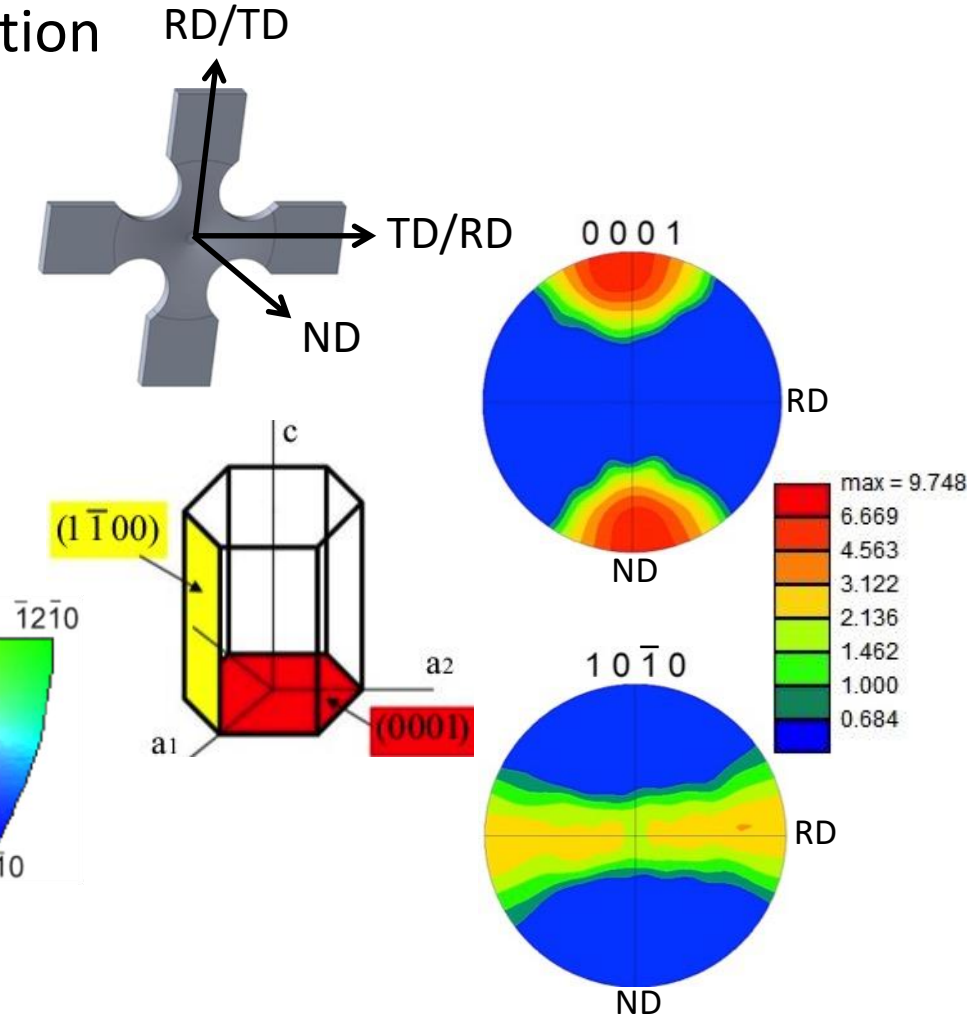
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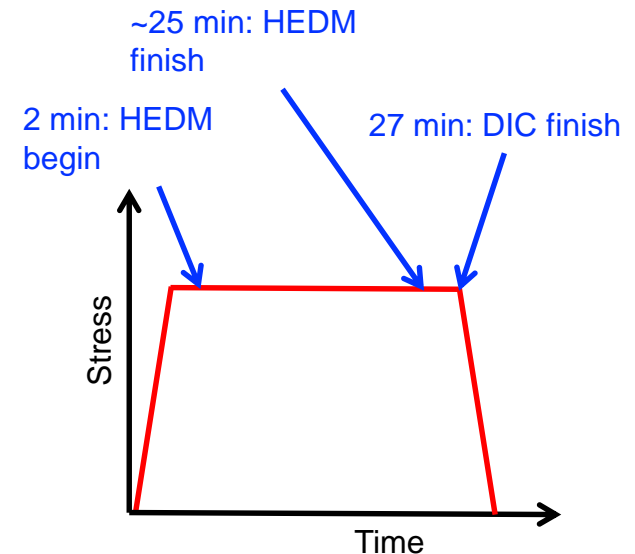
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Methods for *in situ* dwell fatigue at APS

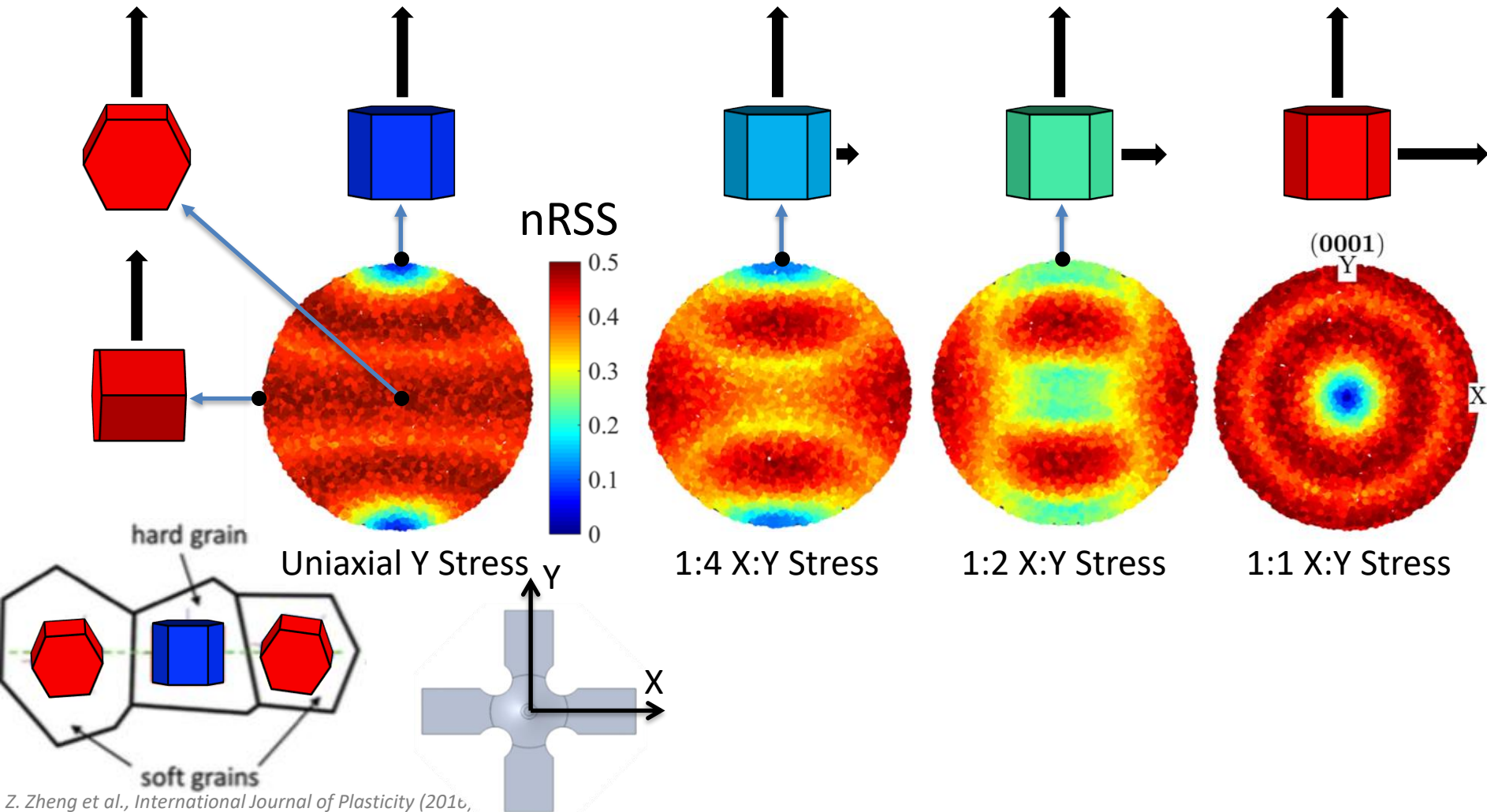
- Tension-tension 1:1 and 1:4 X:Y stress ratio dwell fatigue
 - Used specimens from previous experiments (100 and 310 cycles at ~80 % yield stress)
- 120 second holds in force control
- 1 second load and unload
- ~100 % yield stress
- HEDM data points at load and unload
 - Reference & cycles 1 – 5, 50
 - 1 x 0.8 mm² total beam size
 - ~1.2 x 0.8 x 0.5 mm³ illuminated volume



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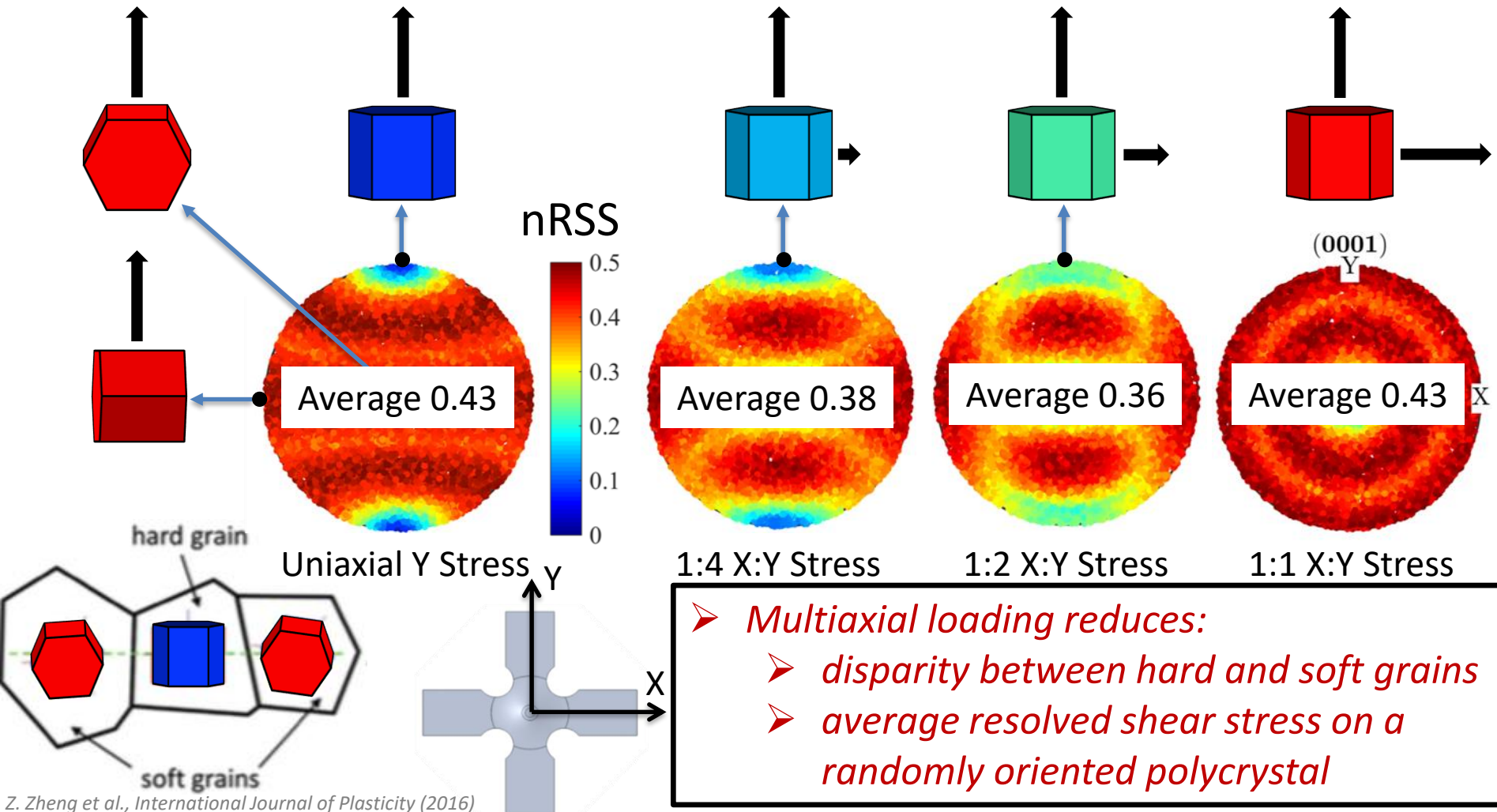
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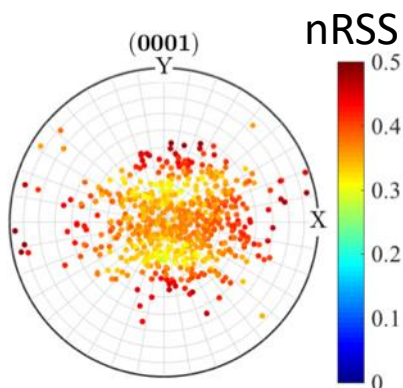


Average nRSS in 1:4 and 1:1 X:Y stress ratio specimens

1:4

Basal-Prismatic Composite: **0.37**

Standard Deviation: **0.04**

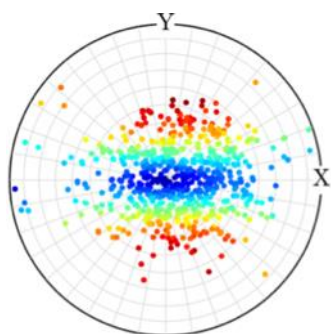
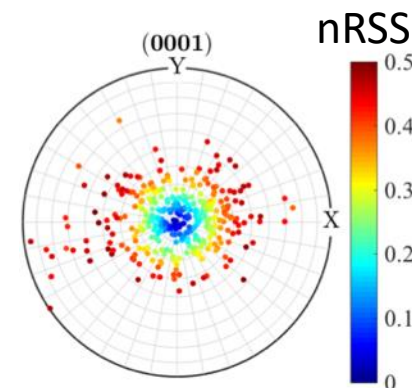


- **1:4**
 - *more plastic deformation*
 - *fewer rogue grain pairs (less load shedding)*
- **1:1**
 - *basal slip dominance*

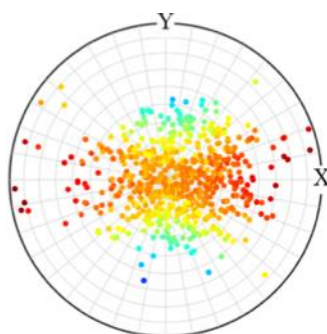
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Basal-Prismatic Composite: **0.29**

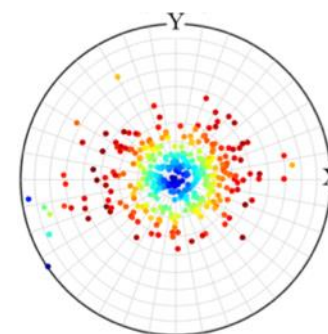
Standard Deviation: **0.12**



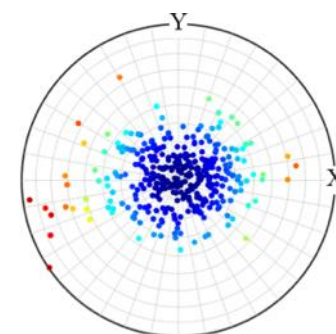
Basal: **0.22**



Prismatic: **0.34**



Basal: **0.29**



Prismatic: **0.09**

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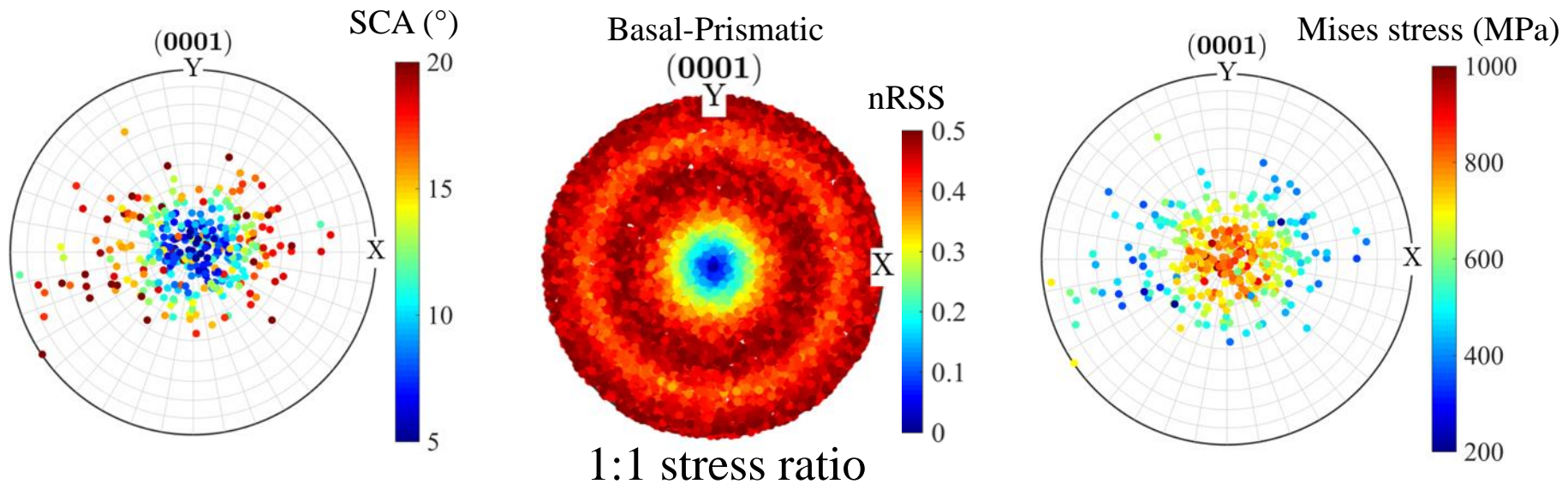
Stress coaxiality angle (SCA) and Mises stress as metrics for plastic deformation

- Plastic deformation leads to increase in SCA and decrease in Mises stress

Stress Coaxiality Angle:

scalar measure of alignment between applied stress tensor and grain stress tensor

$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{applied} : \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{grain}}{|\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{applied}| |\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{grain}|} \right)$$

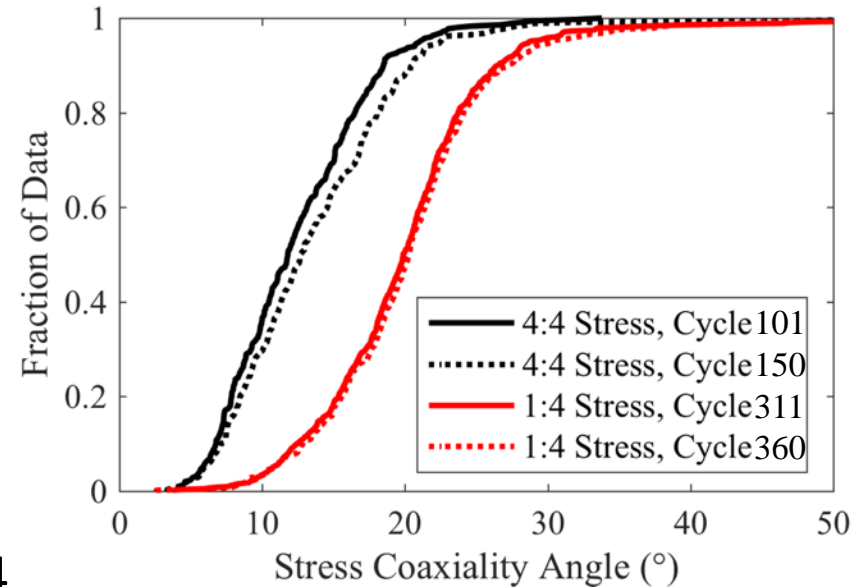


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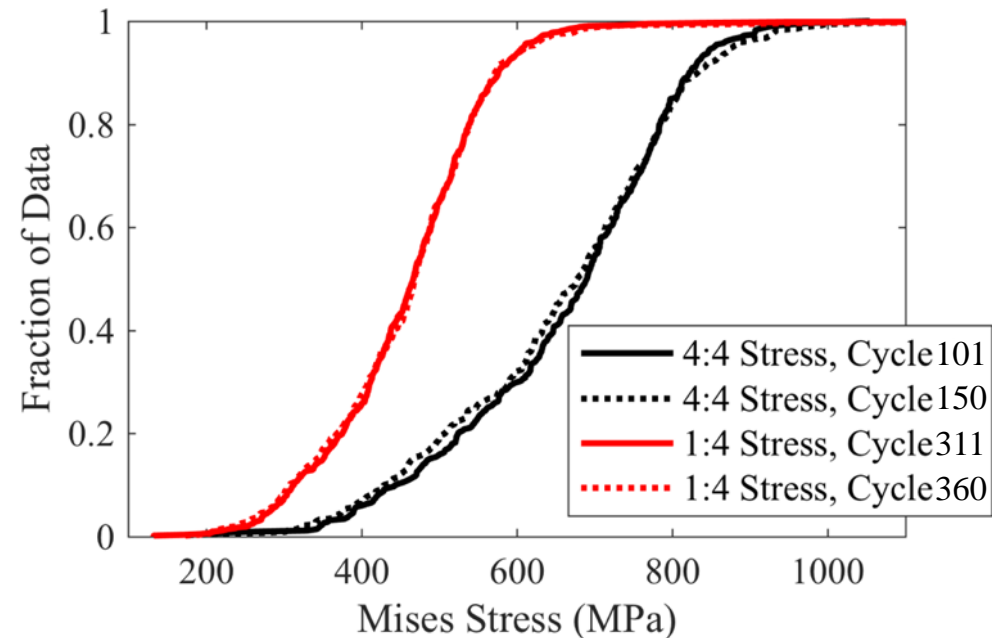
Empirical cumulative distribution functions (ECDFs) highlight cyclic SCA differences in 4:4 & 1:4 stress ratios

- 1:4 higher median SCA (20.4°) indicates more plastic deformation than 4:4 (12.4°)
- 1:4 low SCA tail indicates fewer hard behaving grains than 4:4
- 4:4 cyclic shift indicates more cyclic plasticity than 1:4
 - Less plastic shakedown in 1:1, 150 cycles vs. 360
 - Basal slip dominance causes less hardening



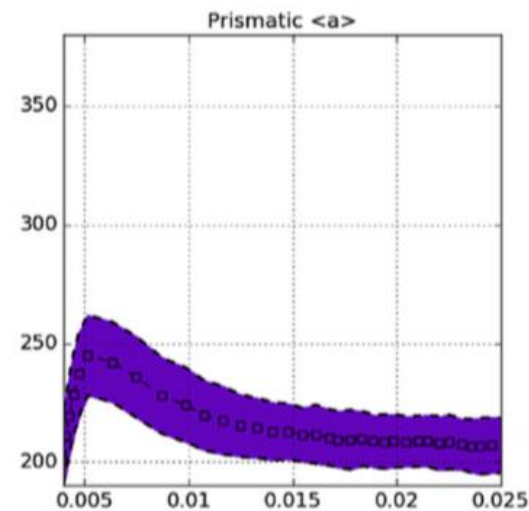
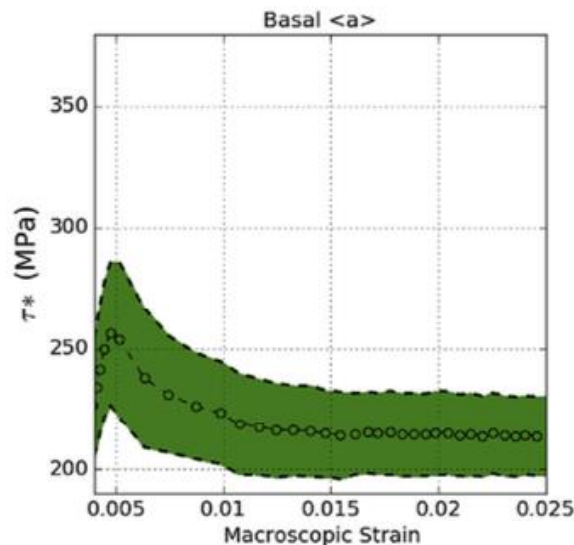
Mises stress ECDFs highlight greater soft-hard grain disparity in 4:4 stress ratio

- 4:4 ratio has wider distribution
 - Larger disparity between soft and hard grains
- 4:4 ratio cyclic behavior indicative of load shedding
 - Upper tail of 4:4 ratio shifts to higher stress
 - Lower half of 4:4 ratio shifts to lower stress



Cyclic slip system softening

- Ti_3Al precipitates (coherent)
 - Initial strengthening followed by glide plane softening & highly planar slip after shearing
 - Observed in monotonic loading

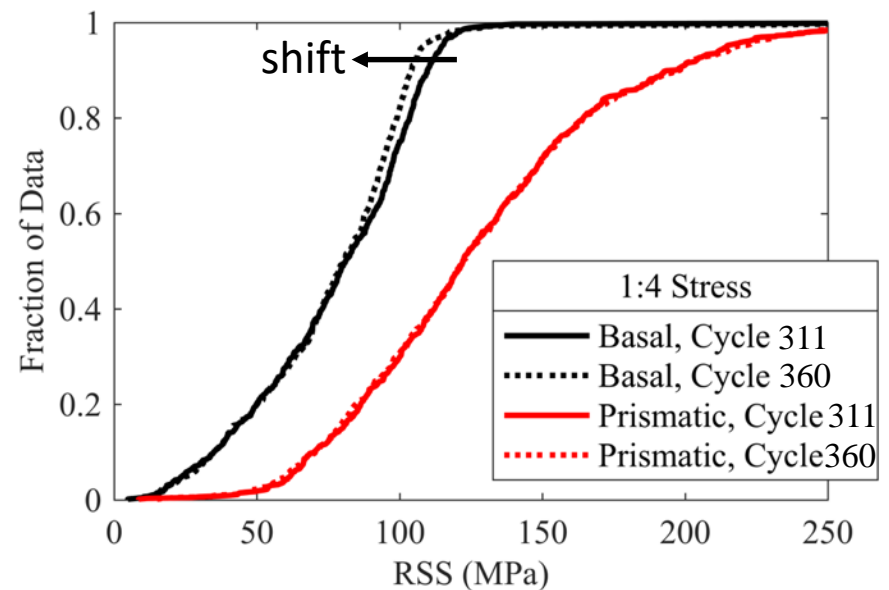
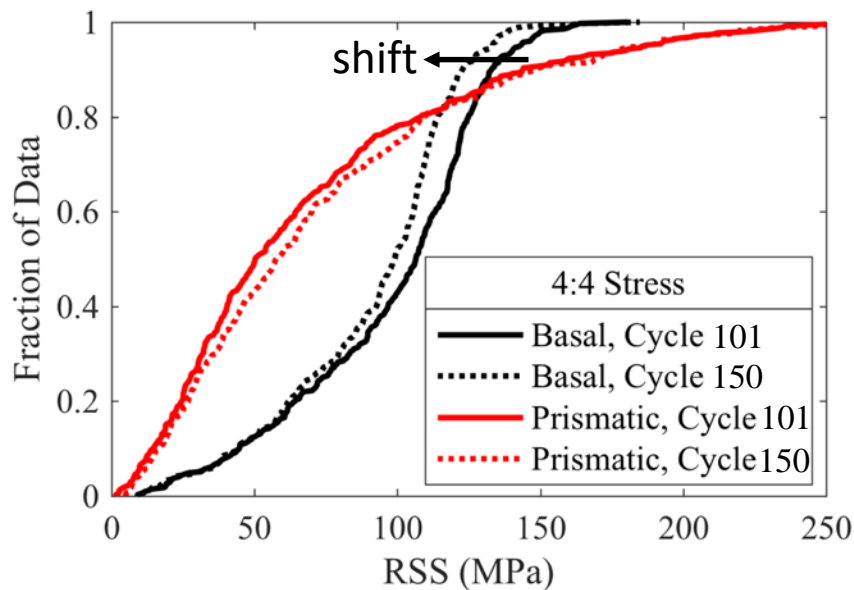


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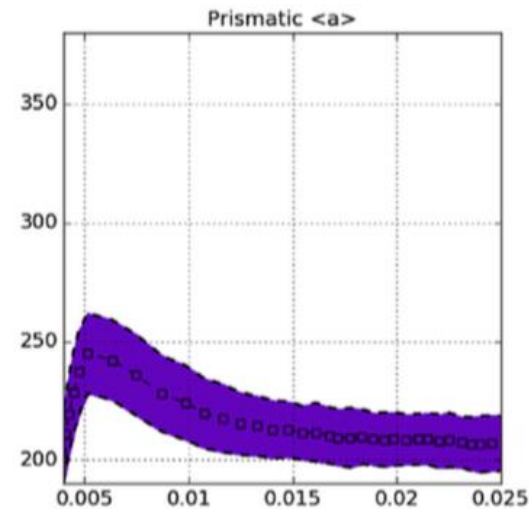
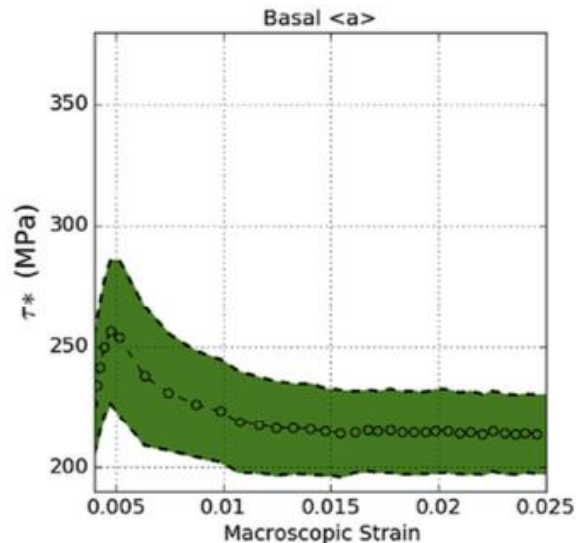
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➤ *Shift in basal ECDF at high RSS indicates cyclic basal softening*



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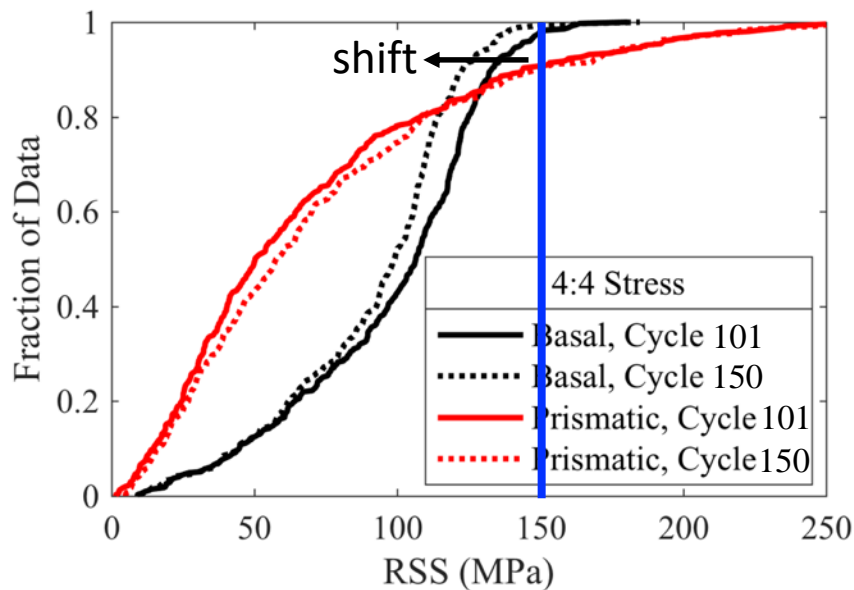
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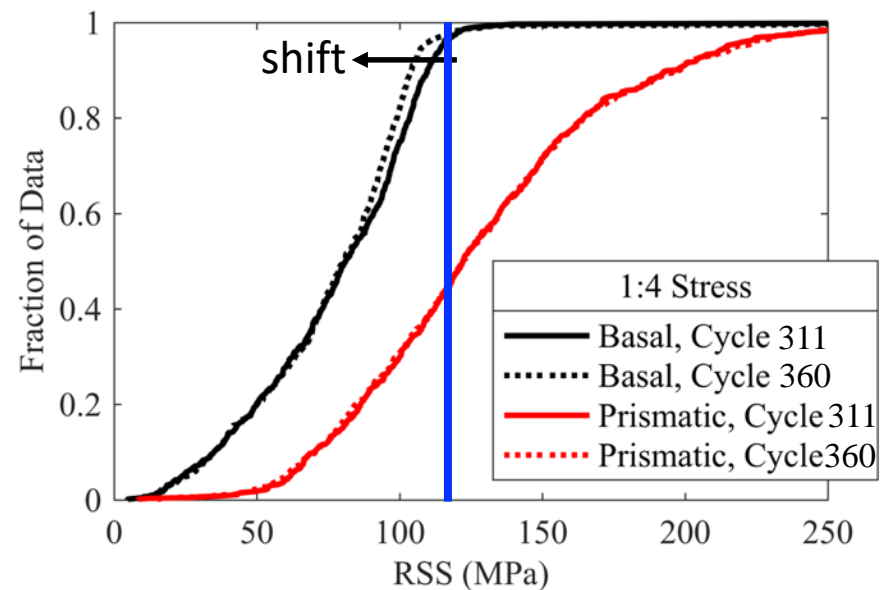
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Cyclic slip system softening

- 4:4 basal CRSS > 1:4 basal CRSS
- 4:4 softening > 1:4 softening
 - 150 vs. 360 cycles
 - Less plastic shakedown in 4:4
 - Less hardening in 4:4



- *Cycle 101: more Ti_3Al shearing*
- *Cycle 150: more planar slip*

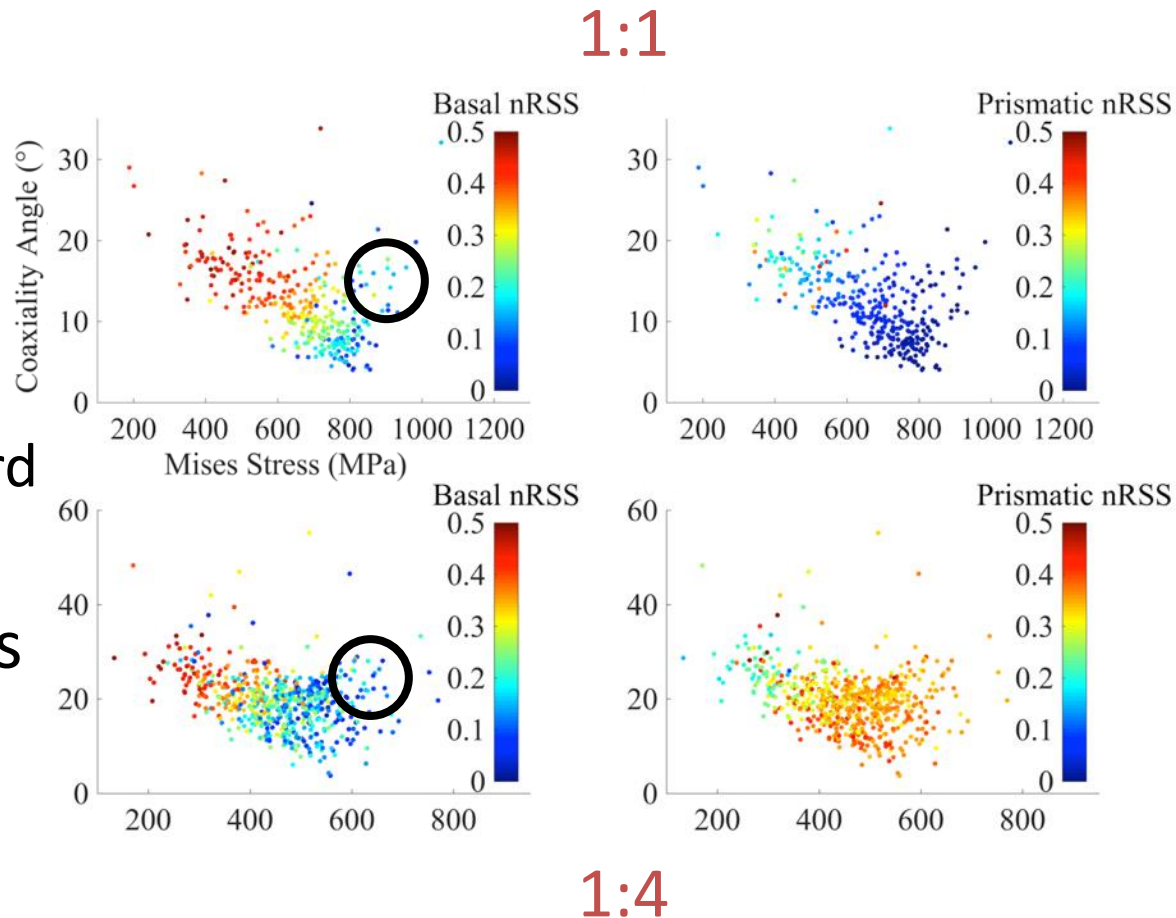


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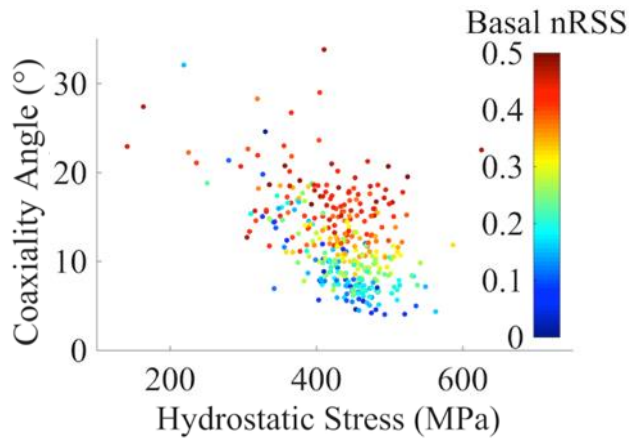
SCA decreases with increasing Mises stress except at highest stresses

- Stronger 1:1 basal nRSS dependence due to texture
- 1:1 has distinctly hard grains
- Highest Mises stress grains show SCA increase

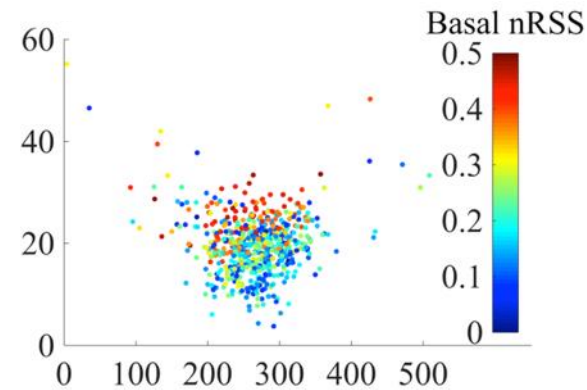


Hydrostatic stress does not trend with SCA, Mises stress, or orientation

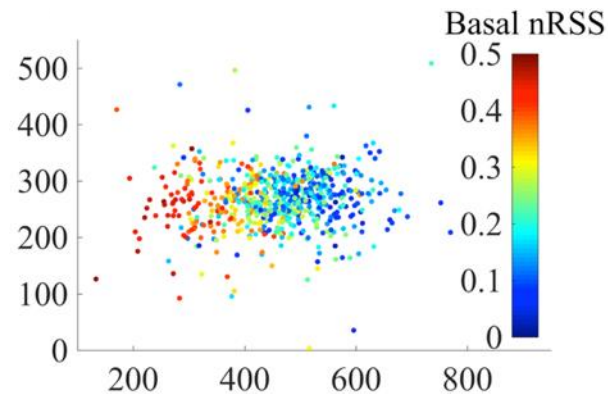
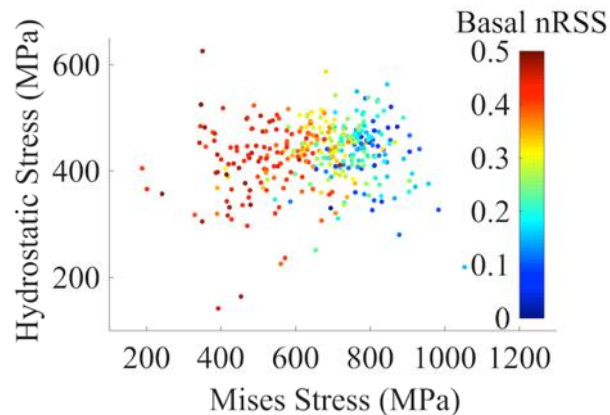
➤ Hydrostatic stress: $\sigma_H = (\sigma_{11} + \sigma_{22} + \sigma_{33}) / 3$



1:1

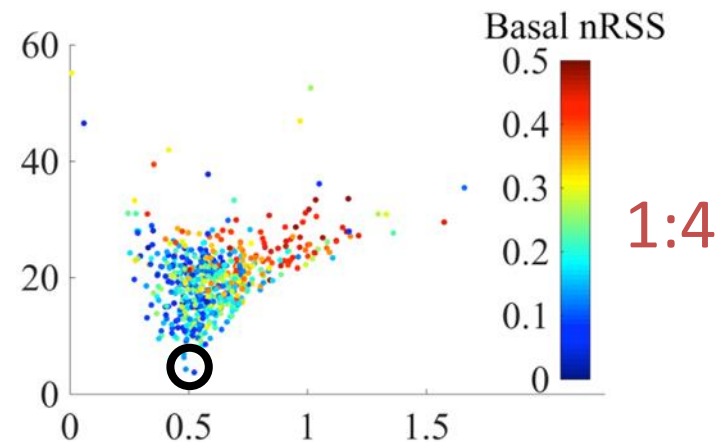
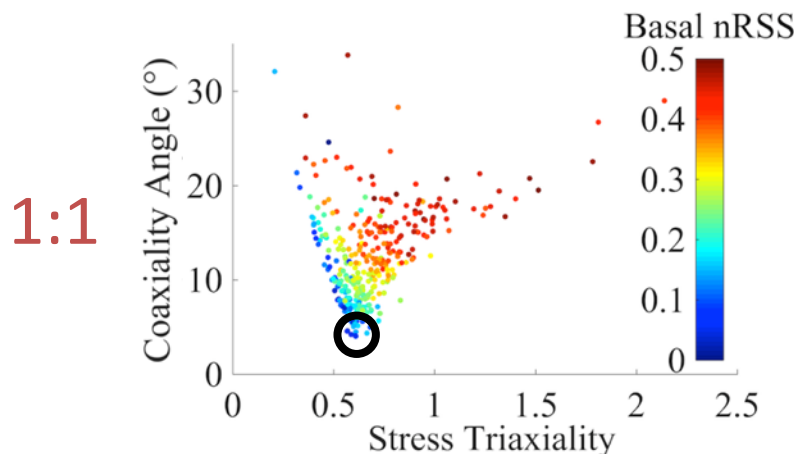
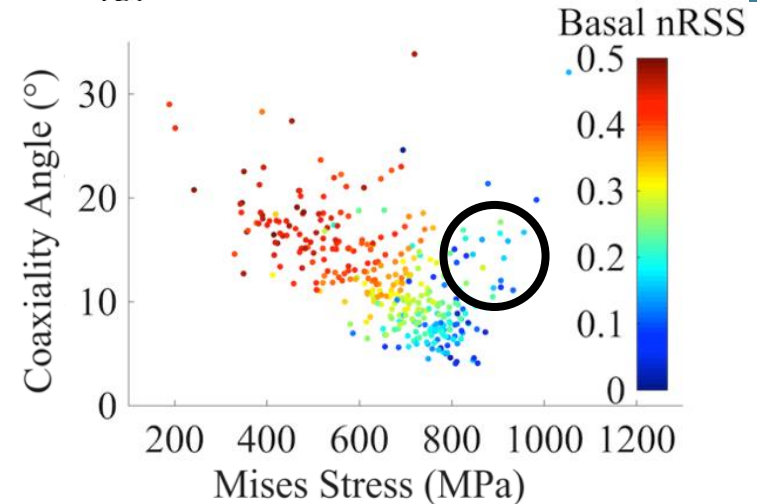


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SCA exhibits strong trends with stress triaxiality and orientation

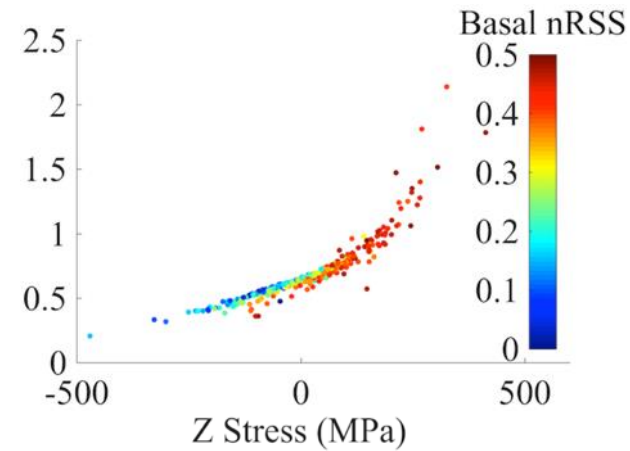
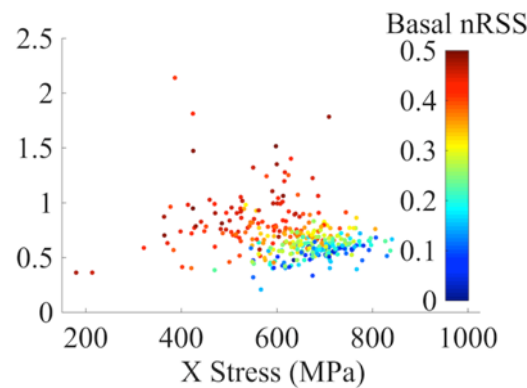
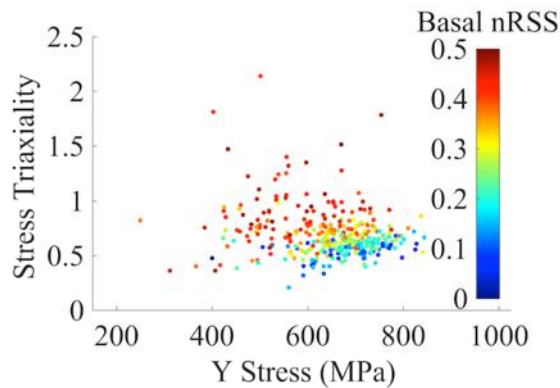
- Stress triaxiality = σ_H / σ_{VM}
- Stress triaxiality at minimum S plane stress elastic calculation ratio
 - Higher indicates load shedding
 - Lower indicates load receiving
- Load shedding onto hard grains increases SCA



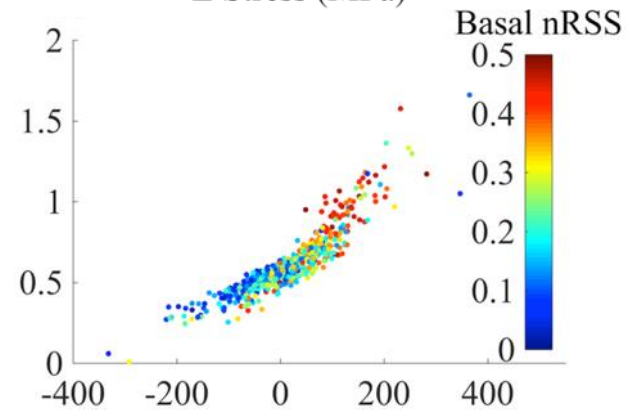
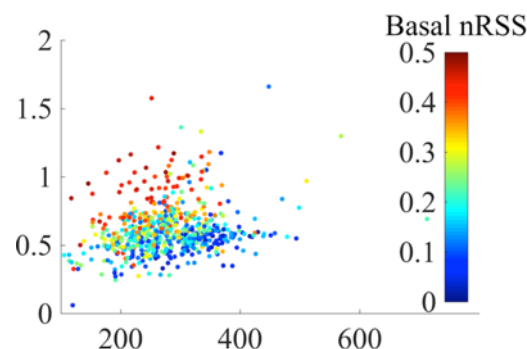
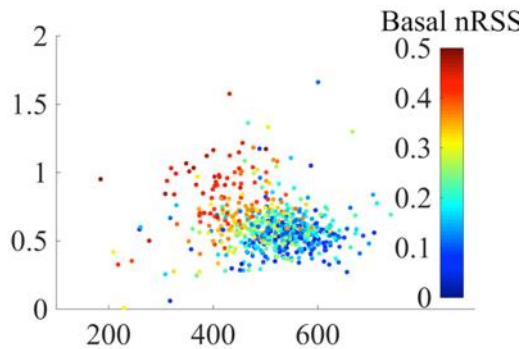
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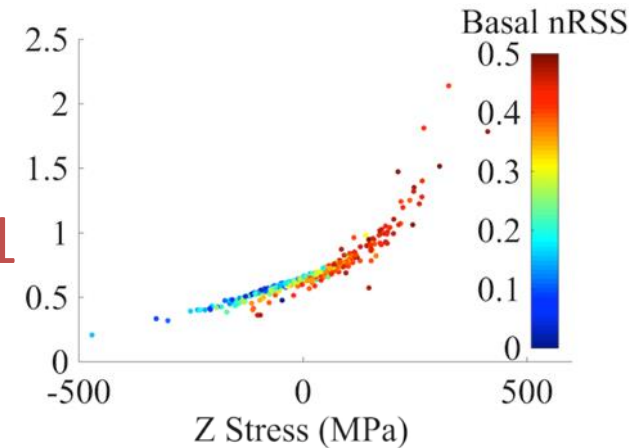
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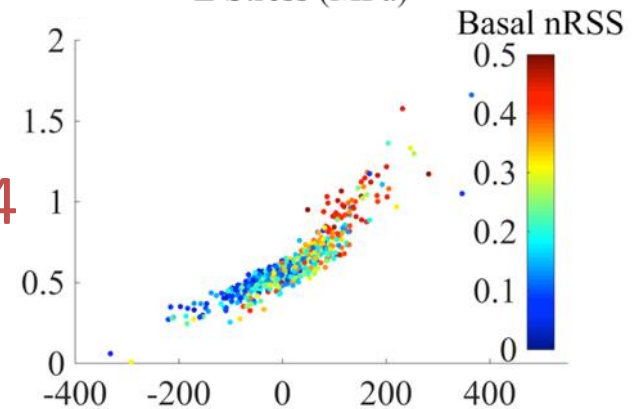
➤ *Mechanism of crack initiation on soft (near) basal planes due to load shedding:*

- *Planar dislocation pileup: microvoids*
- *High stress triaxiality*
- *Decohesion of (near) basal planes*

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1:4

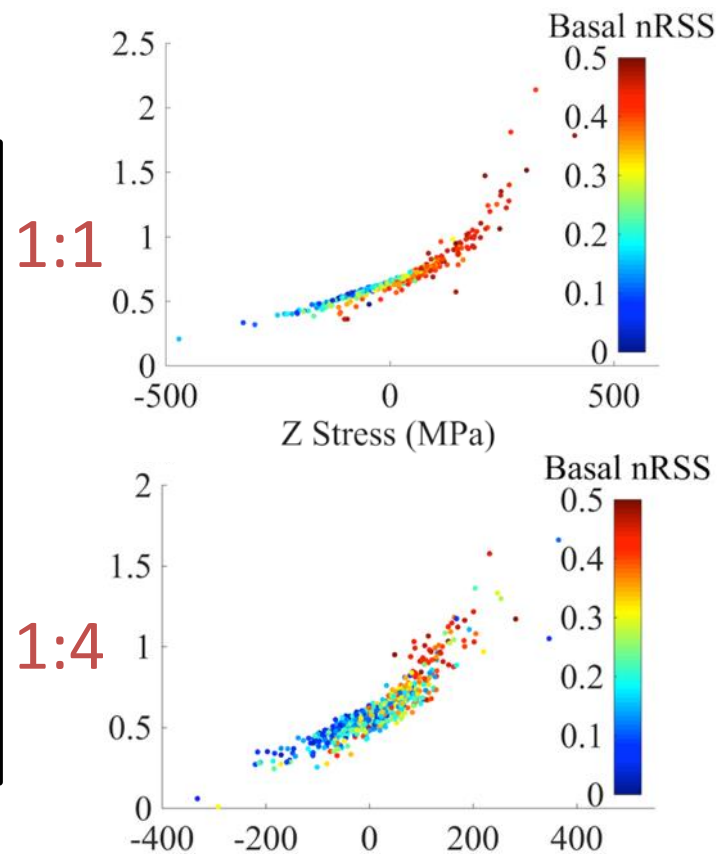


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➤ *Mechanism of crack propagation on hard (near) basal planes due to load shedding:*

- *Initiation in soft neighbor*
- *Additional load shedding*
- *Removal of Z (Poisson) direction constraint*

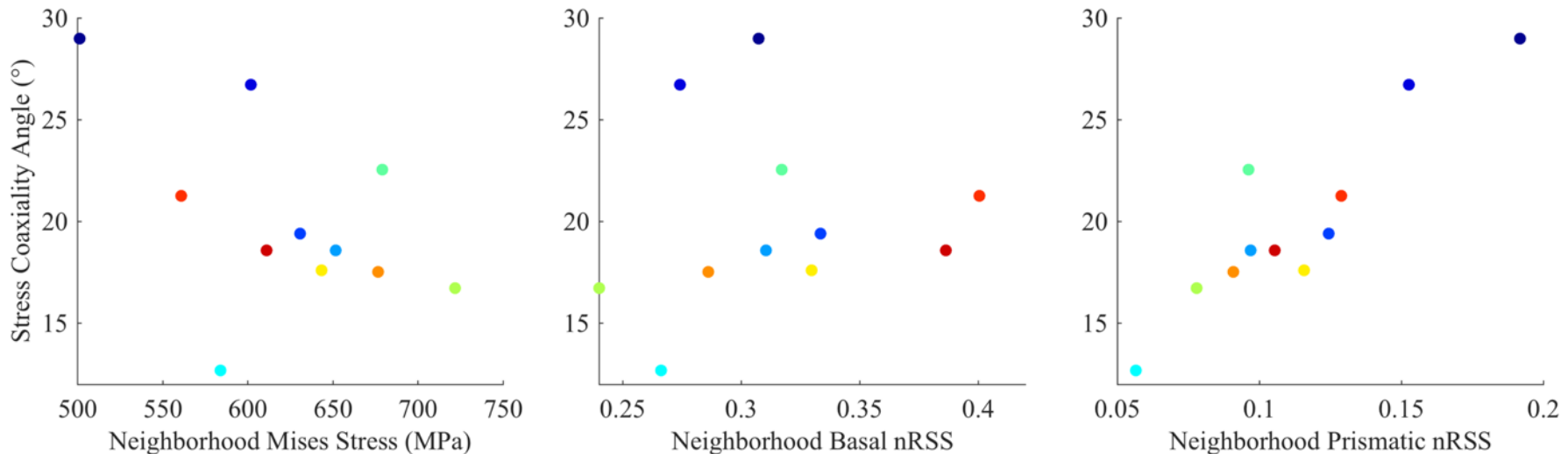
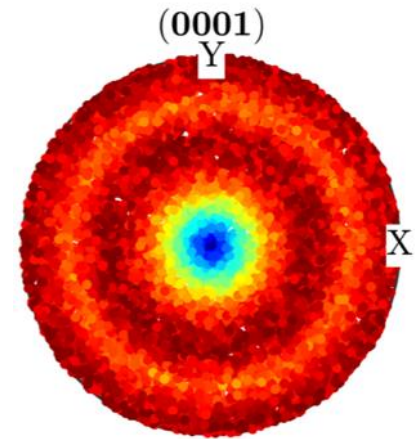


Biaxial Dwell fatigue in Ti-7Al outline

- What is dwell fatigue, why does it affect Ti alloys, and why is this work relevant?
- Material and experimental methods
- Normalized resolved shear stress pole figures (nRSS PFs)
- Plasticity metrics: stress coaxiality angle (SCA) and Mises stress
- Mechanics of cyclic evolutions
- Mechanics of load shedding
- **Grain neighborhood effects**

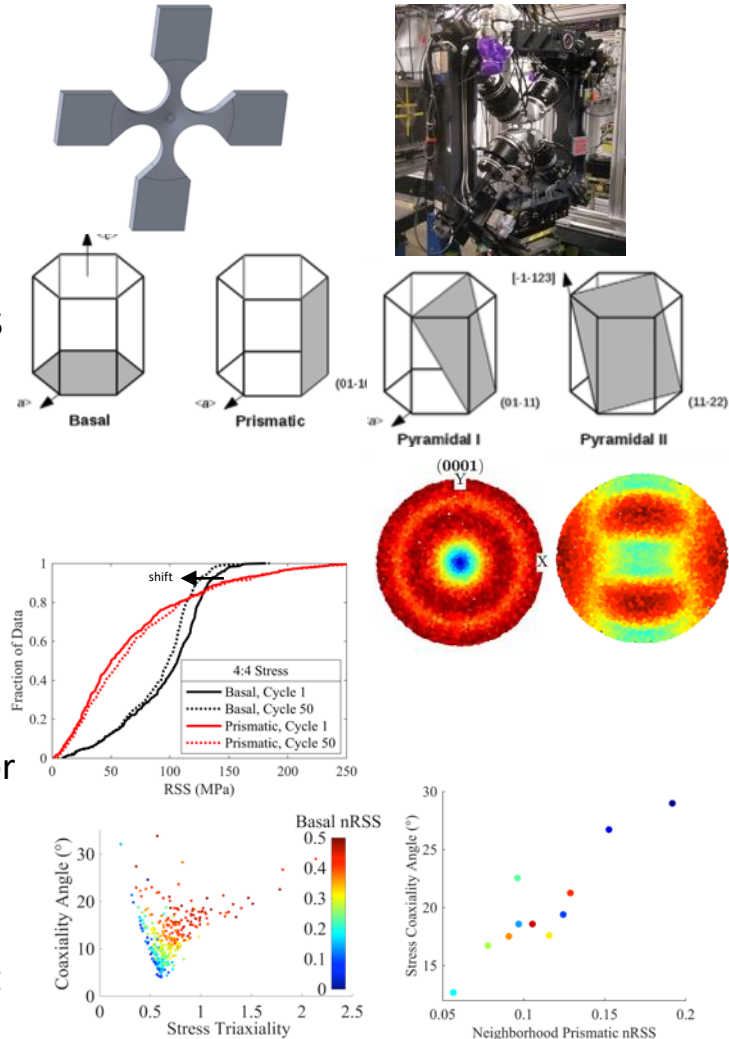
Neighborhood dependencies of 1:1 soft grains with minimum Mises stress

- Selected grains with lowest Mises stress
 - Indicates unconstrained plastic deformation
 - Soft grains in soft neighborhoods
- SCA:
 - Decreases with increasing neighborhood Mises stress
 - Increases with increasing basal nRSS (outliers)
 - Increases with increasing prismatic nRSS
 - Dual slip family activation results in higher SCA than single



Summary

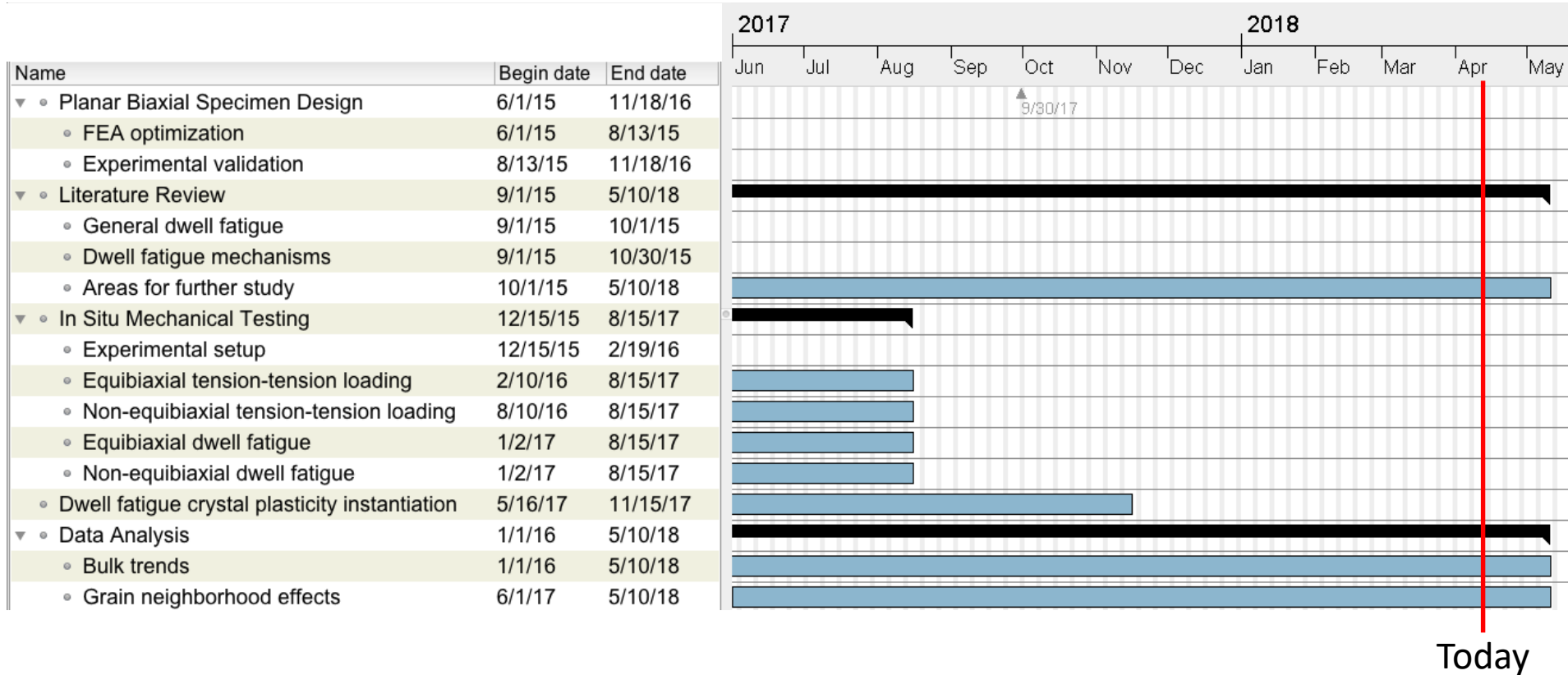
- New experimental platform enables nondestructive multiaxial 3D micromechanical studies
 - Custom planar biaxial load frame & specimen geometry
 - Advanced materials (anisotropy, asymmetry, path dependence)
- Dwell fatigue in Ti-7Al under biaxial tension-tension loads
 - HCP (α) phase is source of dwell fatigue: limited and anisotropic slip systems
 - Improve life management of jet engine turbine compressor discs
 - Defined soft and hard grain orientations (nRSS PFs)
 - Qualitative assessment of lifetime differences between uniaxial and biaxial loading
 - Observed cyclic basal slip system softening
 - Observed mechanics of dwell fatigue (load shedding, stress tensor evolution, grain neighborhood effects)
 - Provided new insight into mechanisms of crack initiation and propagation
 - Hard neighborhoods reduce SCA and increase Mises stress in soft grains (constraint)



Future work

- Ti-7Al mechanics publications
- Fractography and microstructural characterization
- Redo experiments with equal cycles between 1:1 and 1:4 stress ratios
- Redo experiments under strain control
- Dwell fatigue lifetime tests
- Design to promote multiaxial stress states in dwell sensitive components
- Incorporate basal softening into models

Gantt chart



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 - *In situ* experiments



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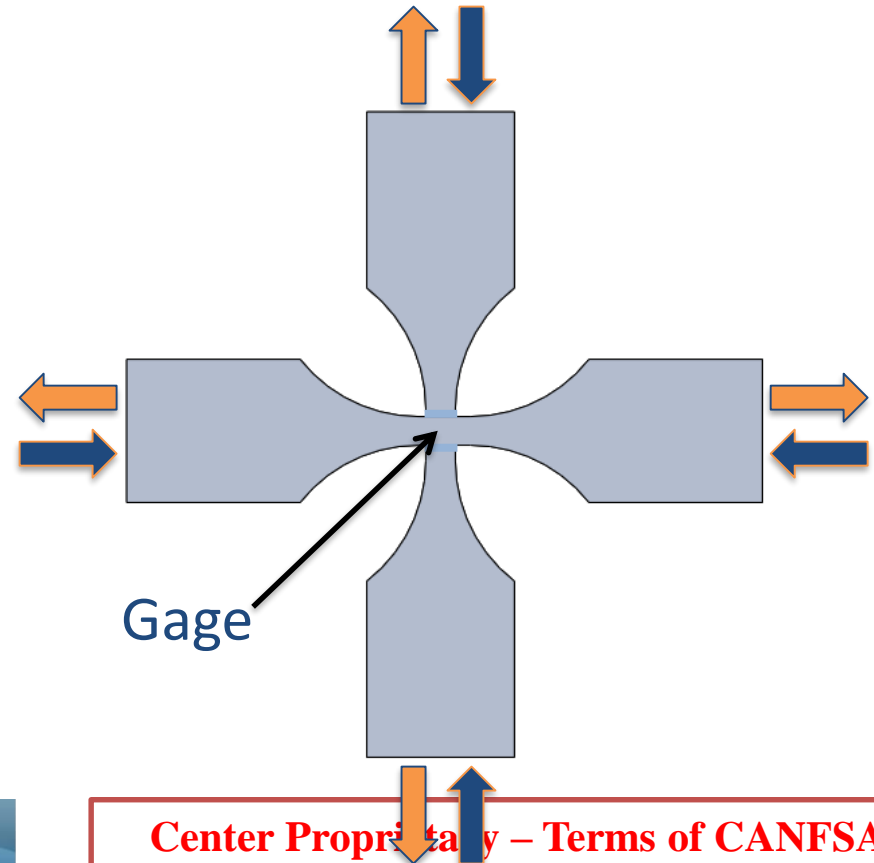
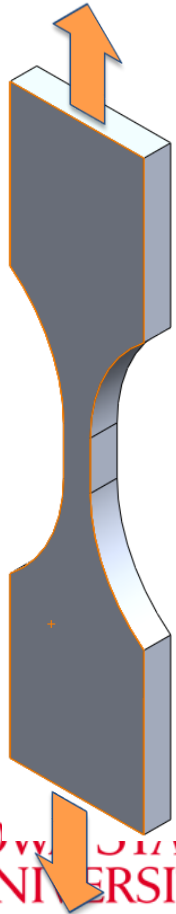
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Planar biaxial loading using cruciform geometry

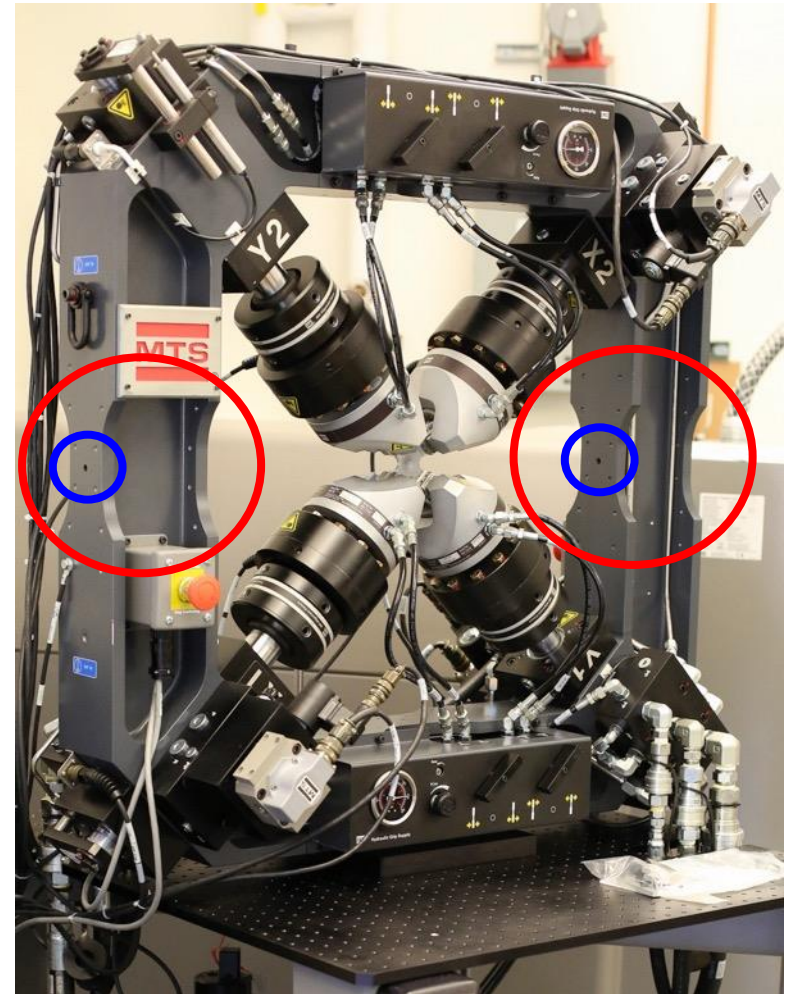
- Logical extension of uniaxial tension/compression



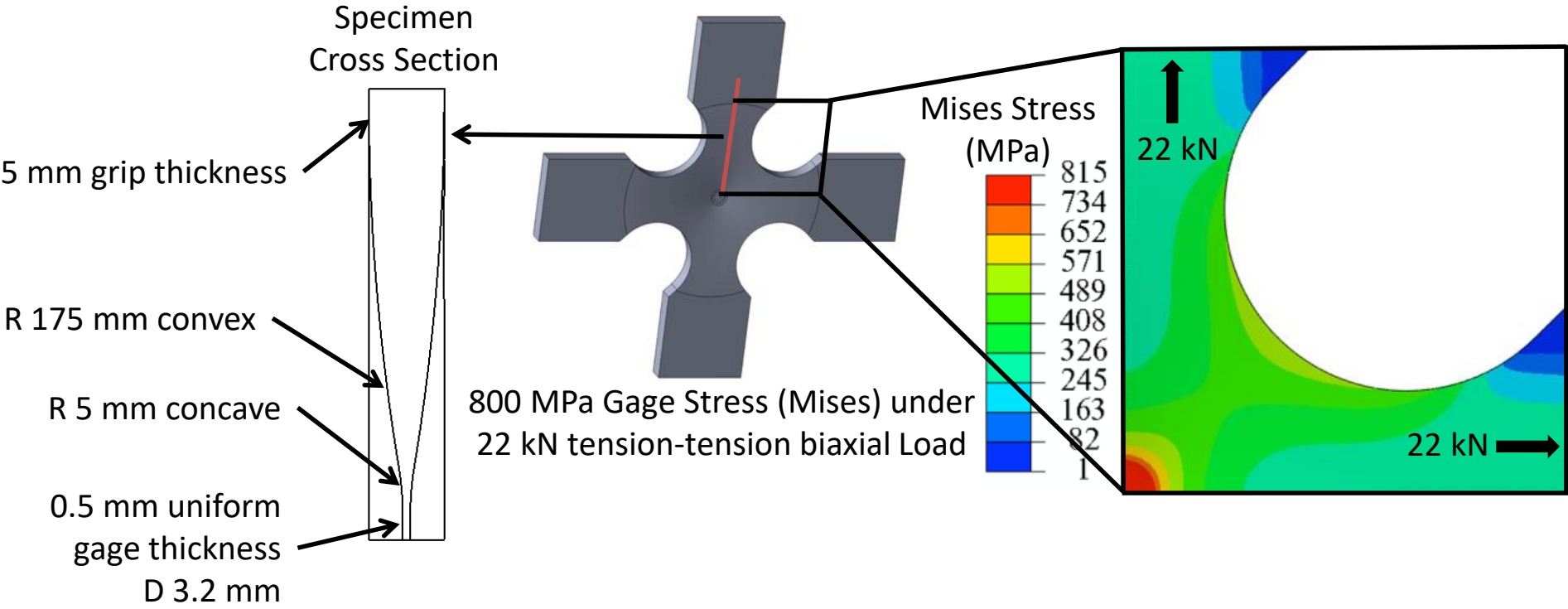
Custom planar biaxial load frame attributes

- Diffraction
 - Compact ($\sim 3 \times 3 \times 0.5$ ft, ~ 500 lbs)
 - Transportable
 - Sample center deviation $< 5 \mu\text{m}$ at maximum load (25 kN per axis)
 - 320° rotation without beam obstruction (260° data with 15° diffraction cone)
 - Beam Alignment

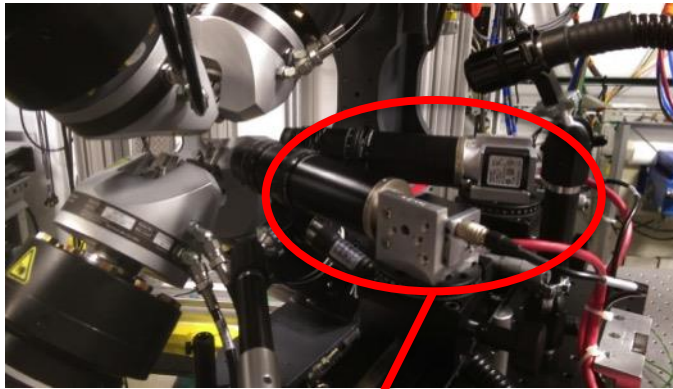
- Mechanical
 - 4 Independent hydraulic actuators
 - All ratios of tension/compression
 - 4 alignment fixtures
 - Aligned for $< 30 \mu\epsilon$ (0.003 %) bending under load



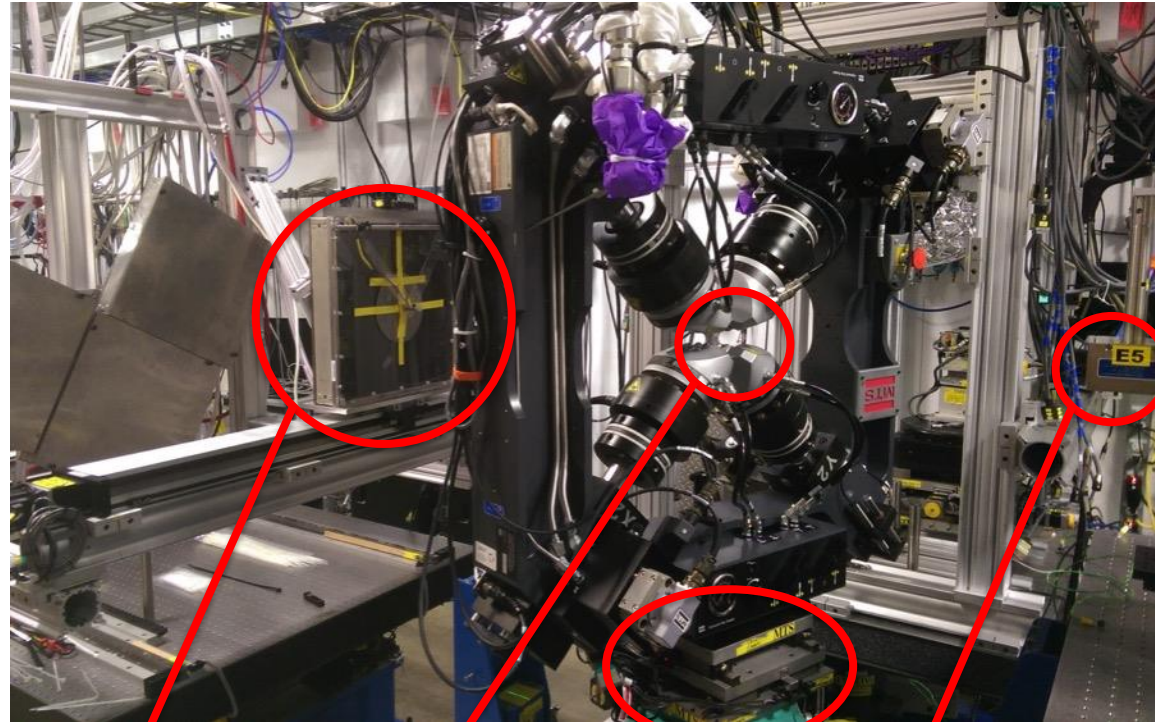
Specimen geometry: tension, compression and diffraction capable



Experimental setup at the Advanced Photon Source, 1-ID-E beamline



Digital image correlation (DIC)



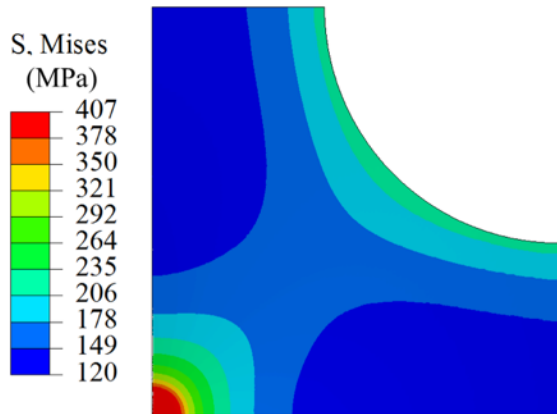
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Specimen

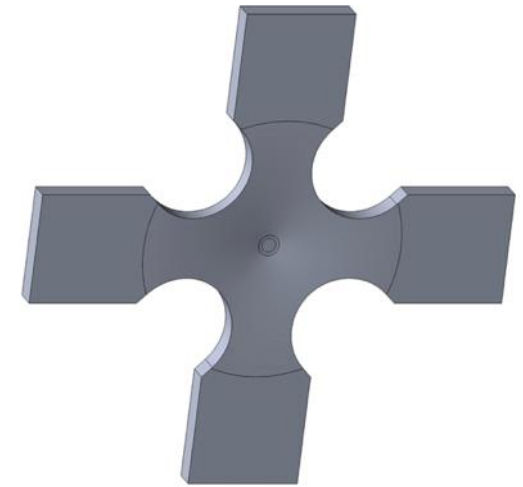
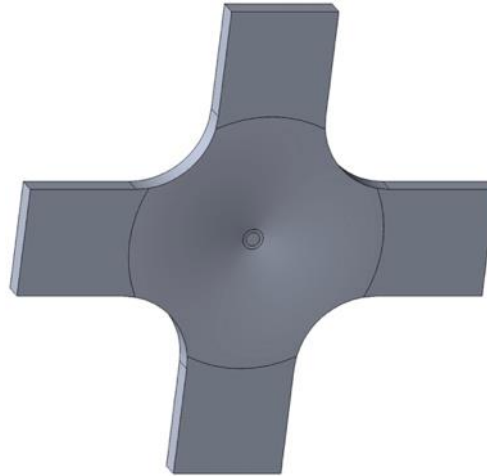
Beam

Translation & rotation stages

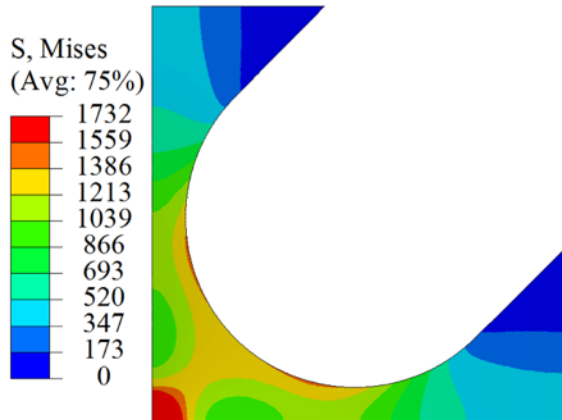
50 Specimen geometry: variable maximum gage stress



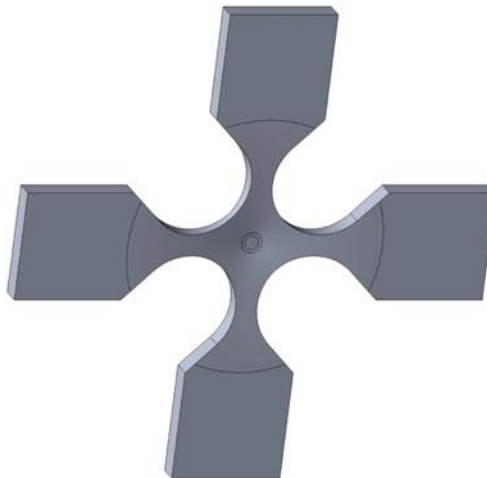
400 MPa 1:1 at 22 kN Load



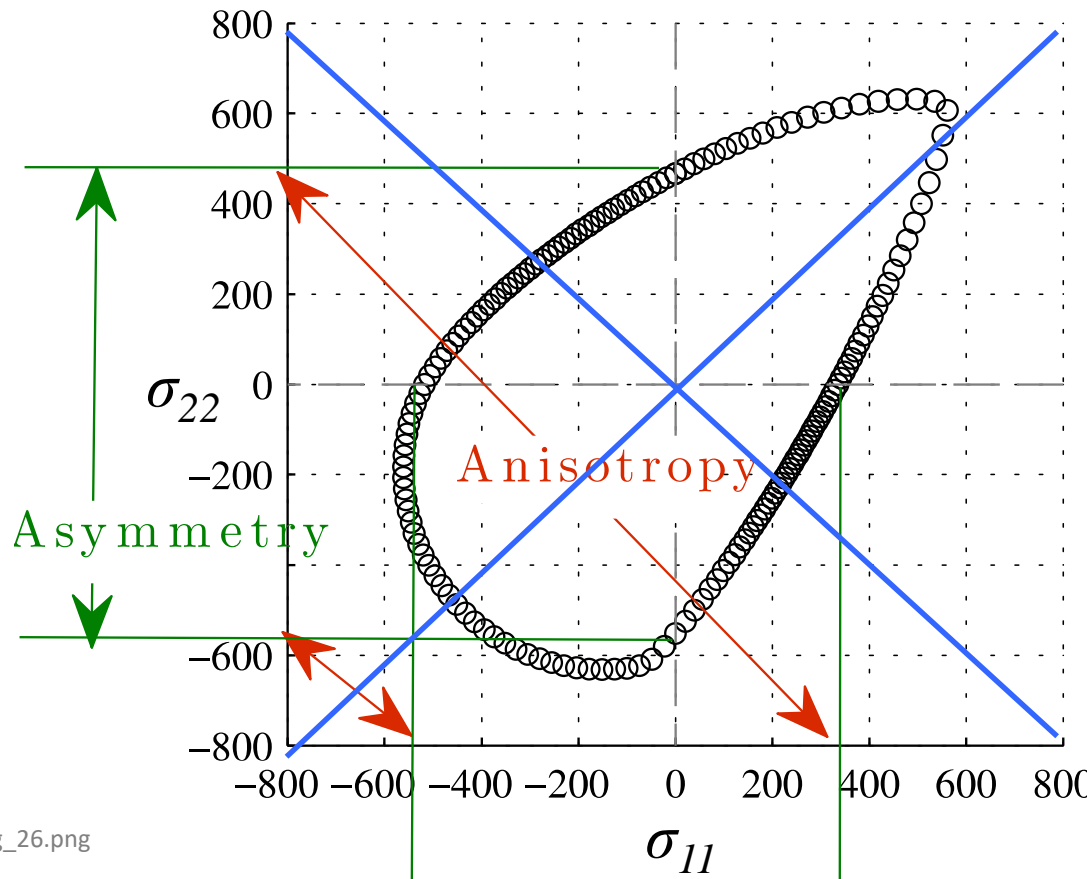
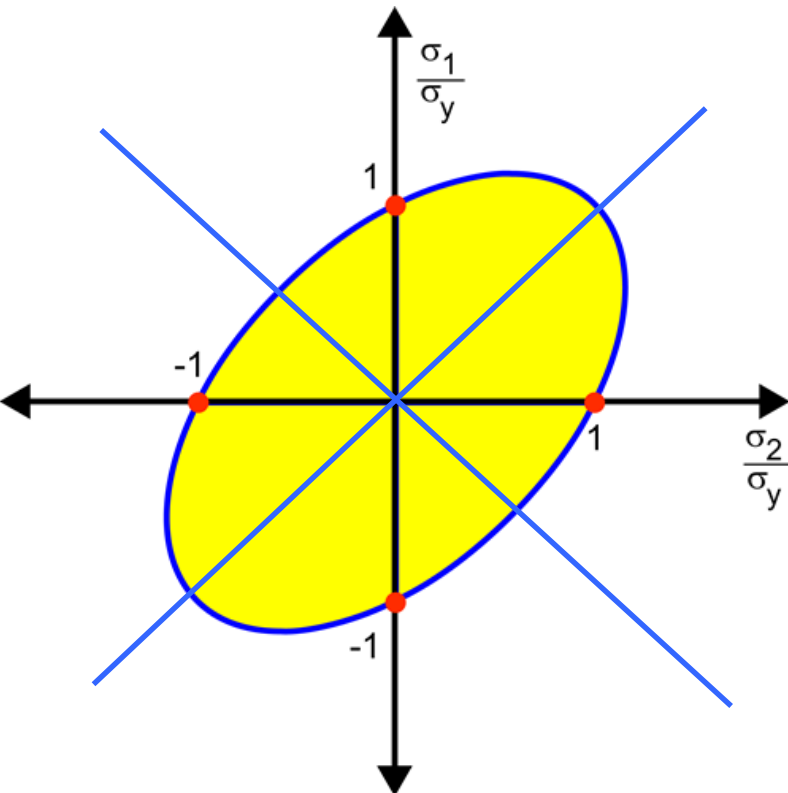
800 MPa Gage Stress (Mises) at 22 kN Load



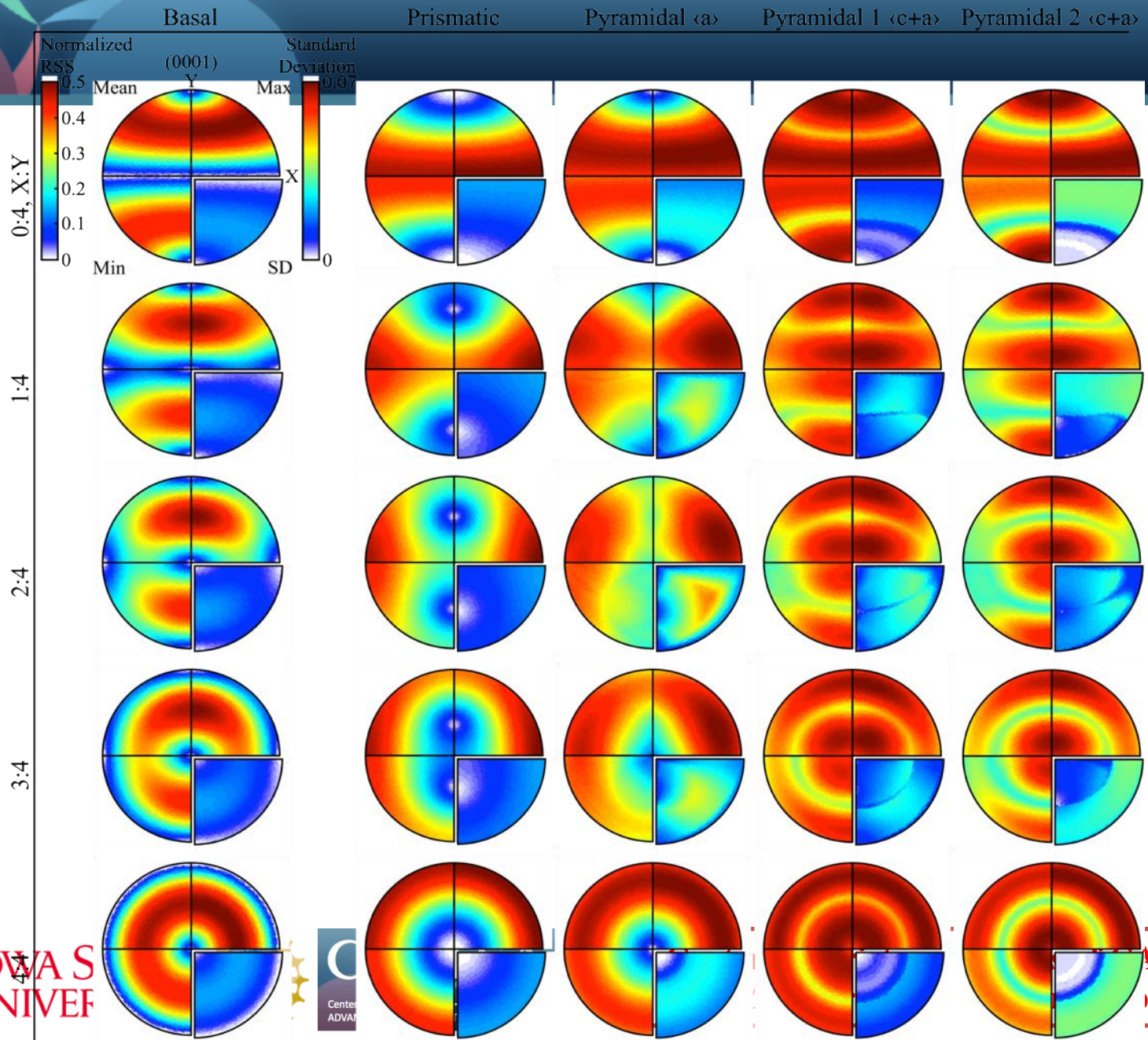
1700 MPa 1:1 at 22 kN Load



Planar biaxial can elucidate anisotropy and asymmetry of complete yield locus

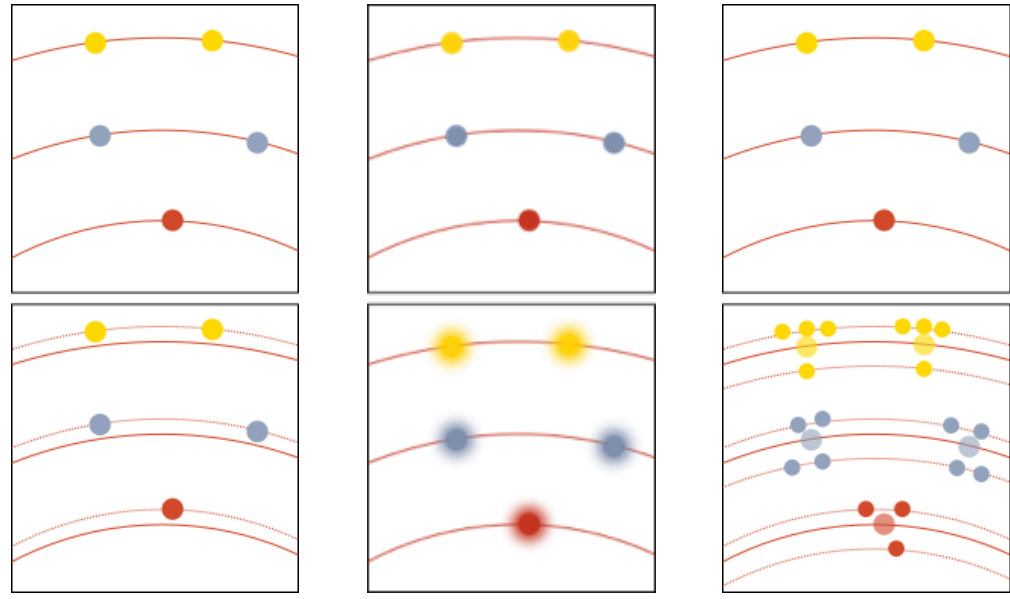


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Microstructural effects on diffraction patterns

➤ Diffracted beam from individual polycrystal grains produces spot pattern on area detector



Elasticity

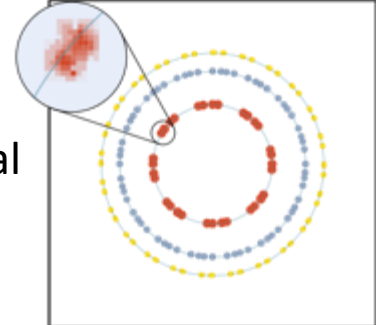
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Phase Trans.

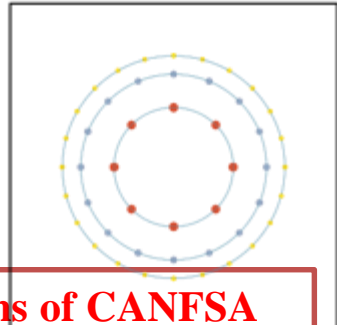
Powder



Polycrystal



Single/Oligo Crystals



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Bimodal grain size distribution



Powder = small grains

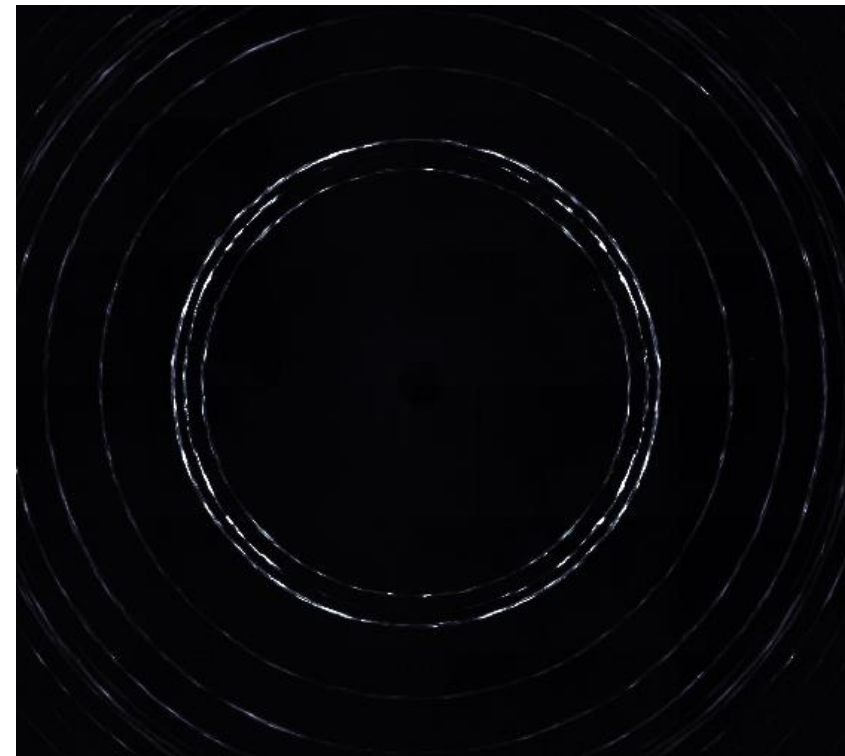
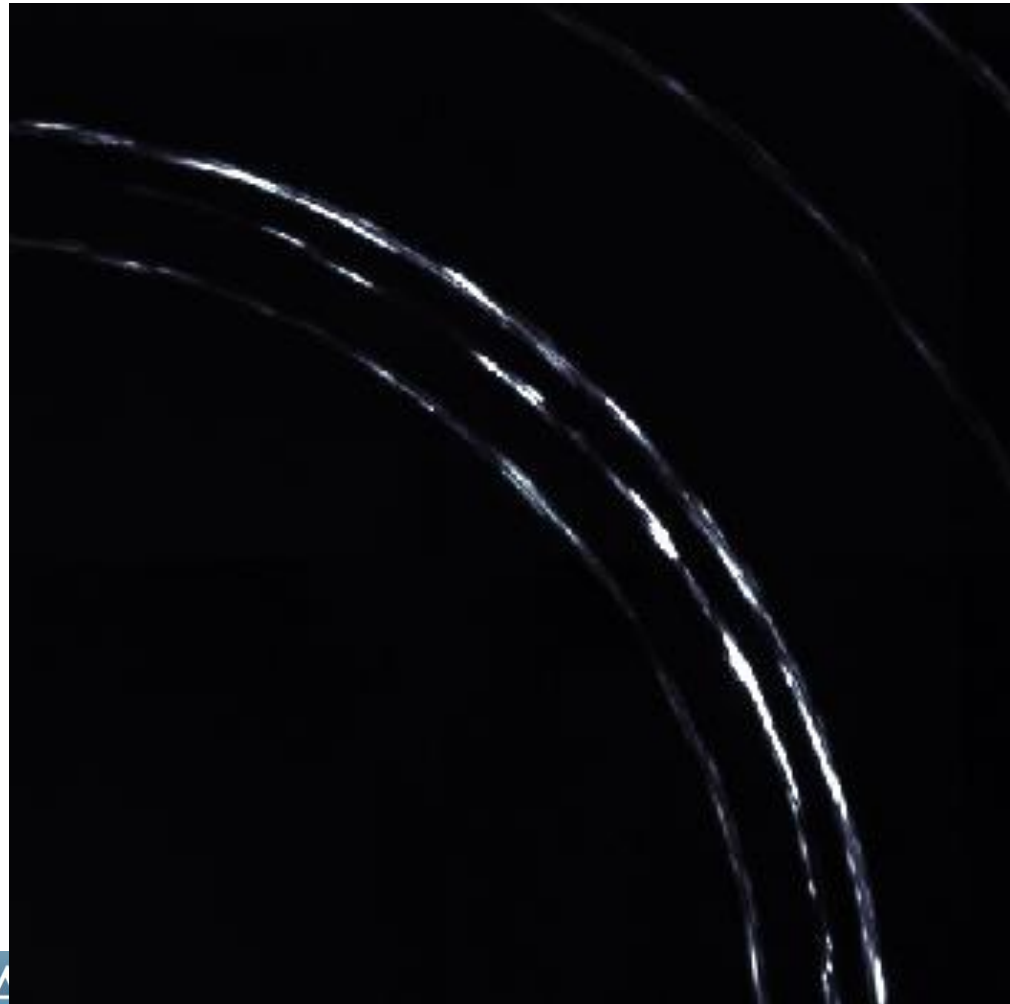


Spots = large grains

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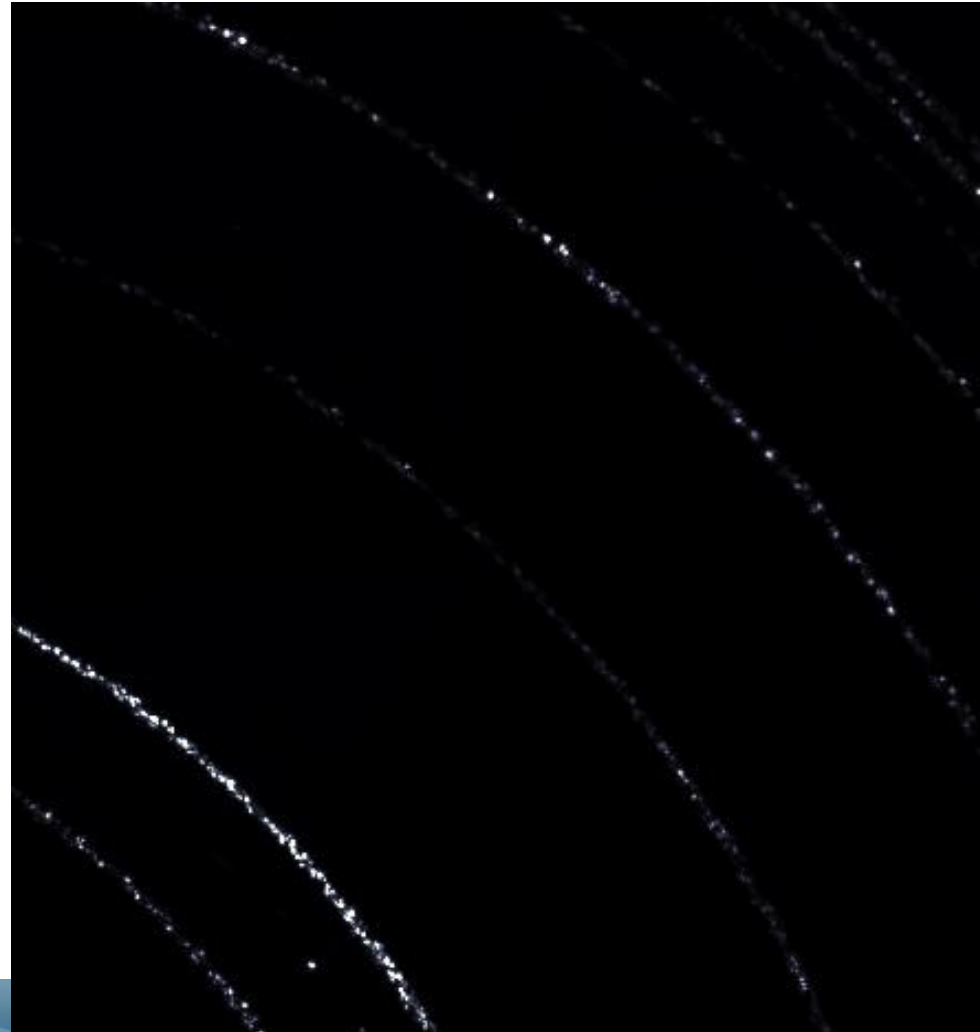
Ti-7Al diffraction rings: high plastic

➤ *Highly smeared spots*

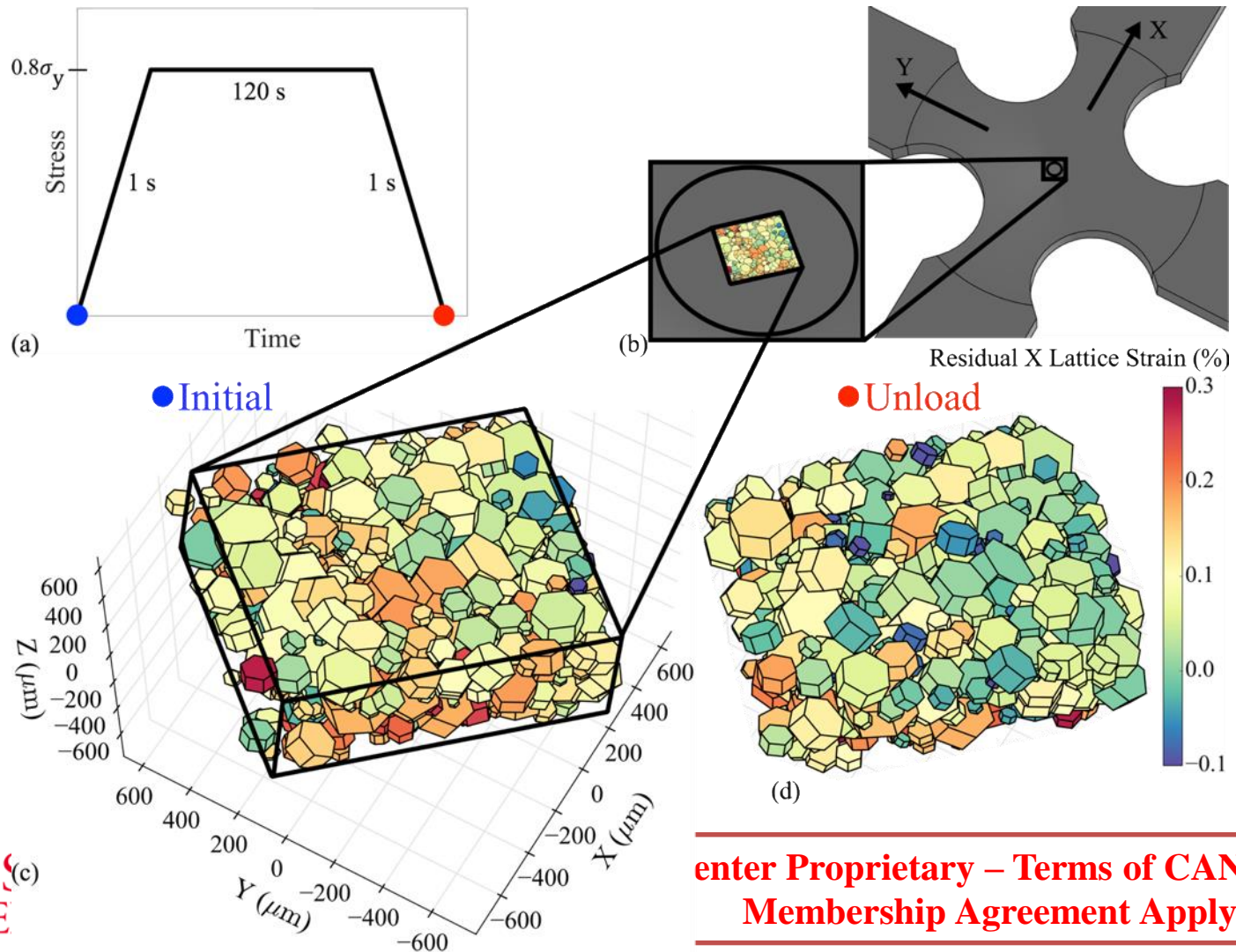


Ti-7Al diffraction rings: low plastic

- *Distinct spots*
 - “large” grains ($\sim 100 \mu\text{m}$)
- *No smearing*
 - *No plastic deformation*



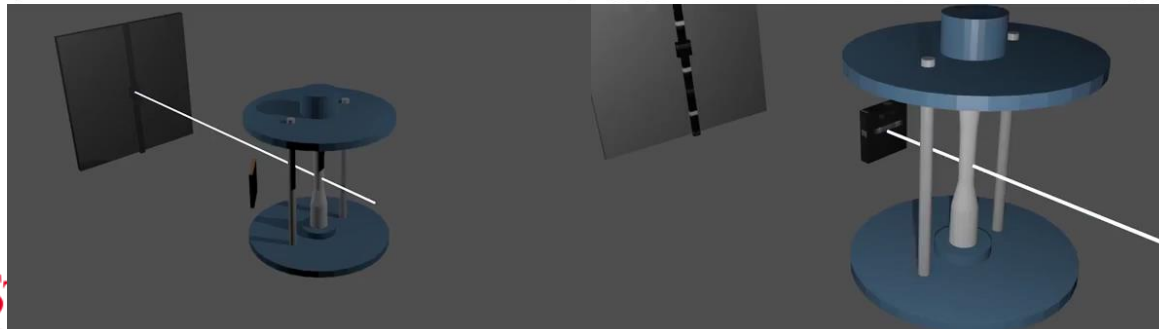
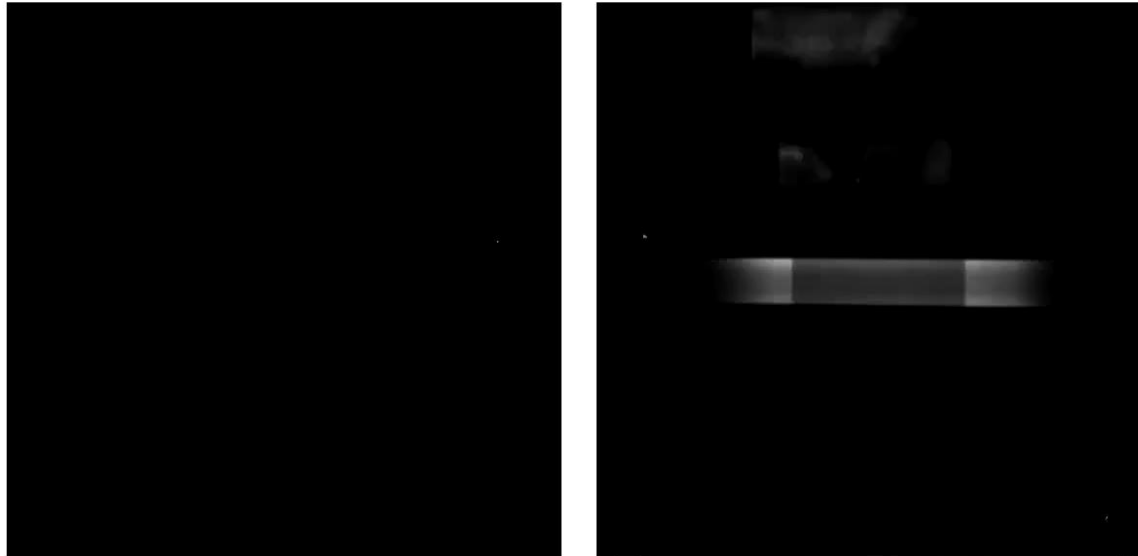
Beam, specimen and grain



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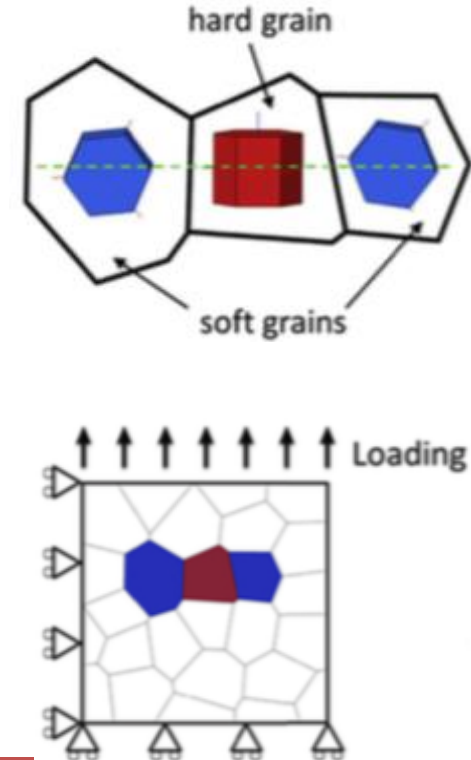
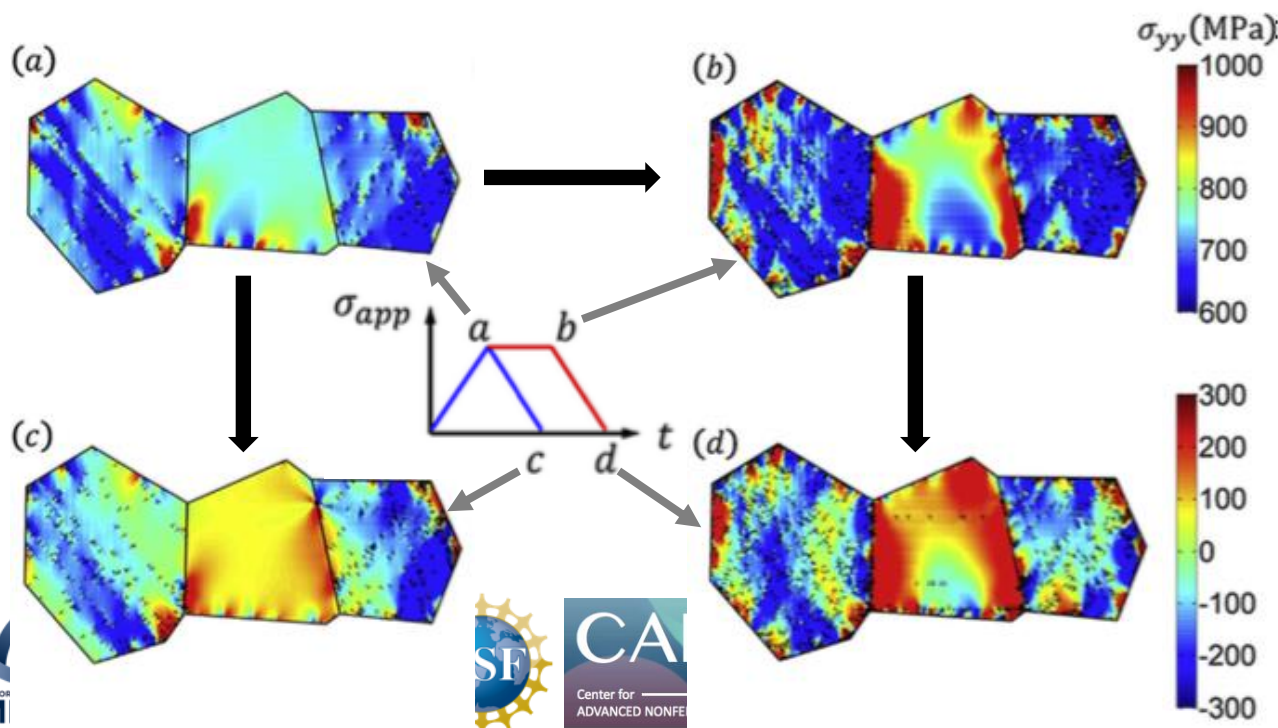
Far-field vs. near-field HEDM

- Far-field: grain strain and orientation
- Near-field: grain morphology



Model shows soft grain strain relaxation under uniaxial

- Z. Zheng et al., *International Journal of Plasticity* (2016)
- Soft grains show residual compressive stresses
- Hard grains show residual tensile stresses



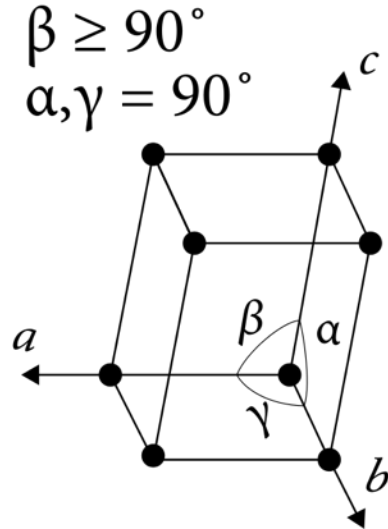
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Origins of anisotropy and asymmetry

- Texture
- Grain shape
- Low symmetry crystal lattices
- Several deformation mechanisms
 - Slip, twinning, phase transformation
 - Asymmetry and anisotropy
 - Path dependence

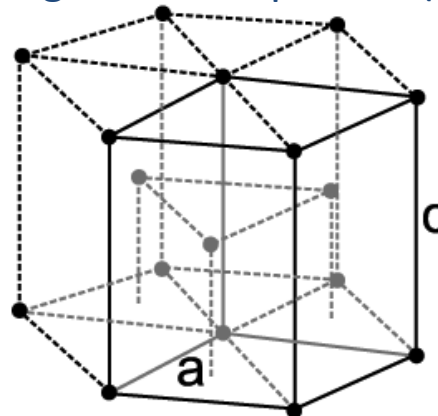
NiTi alloys:

some with monoclinic phase



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Mg and Ti alloys:
hexagonal close packed (HCP)

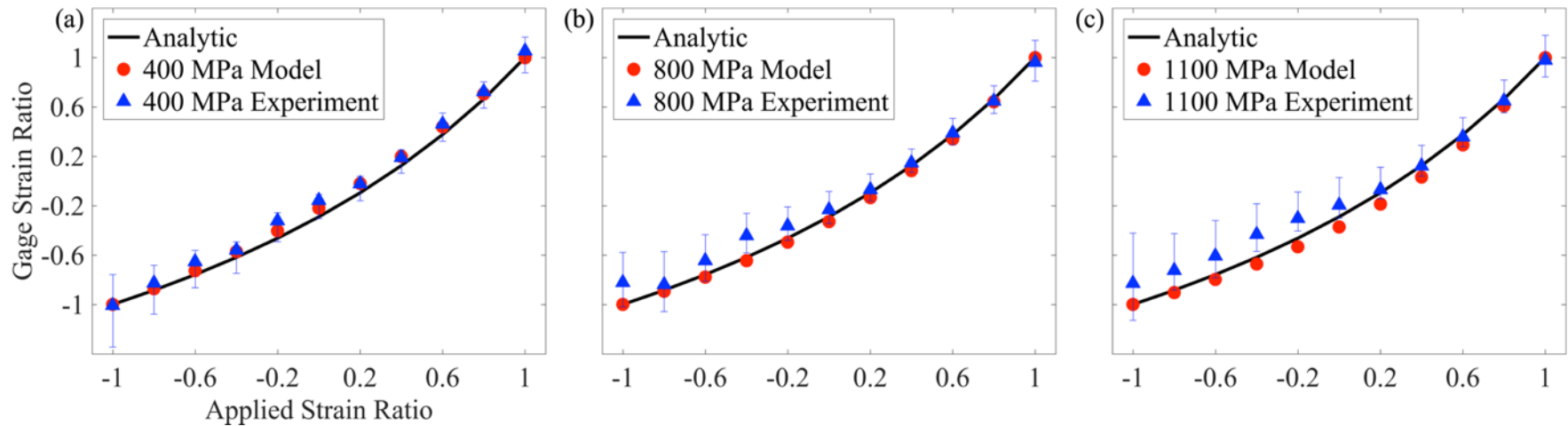


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HEDM constraints, requirements and limitations

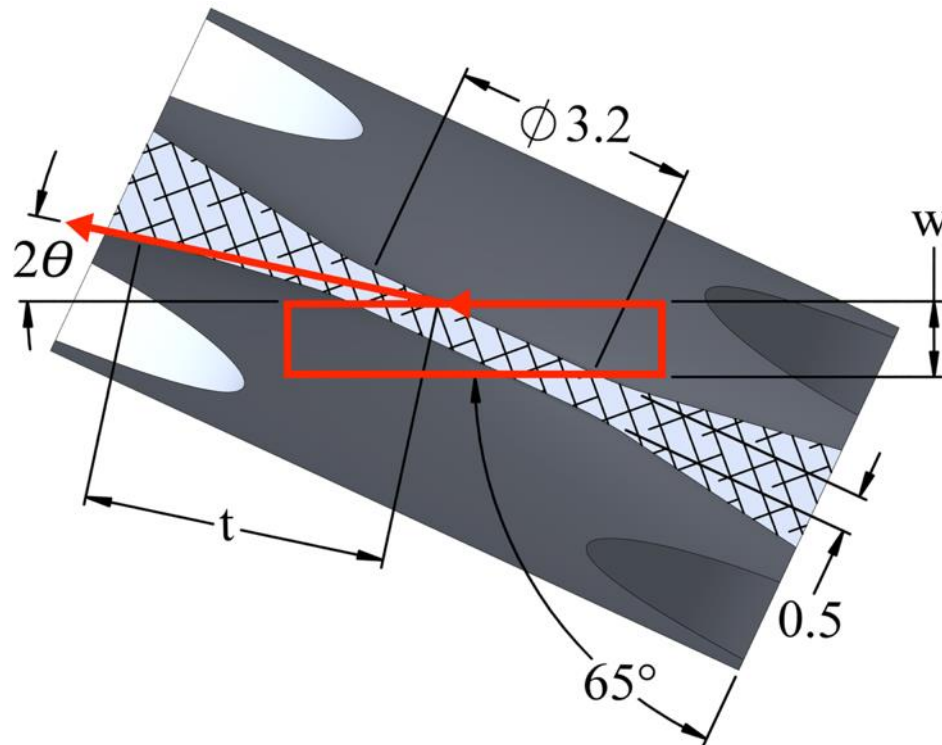
- Load frame
 - Rotation/translation stage weight limit: 600 lbs.
 - Maximize angular range of 2D data sets: 360°
 - Align specimen center with rotation axis
 - Maintain same grains in beam
 - Maintain sample-to-detector distance
- Specimen
 - Maximum penetration depth: 2 – 4 mm
 - No diffracted beam interference
- Material
 - Minimum grain size: ~25 μm
 - Maximum grains in beam: 1000's
 - Grain size uniformity
 - Not heavily deformed

➤ asdf



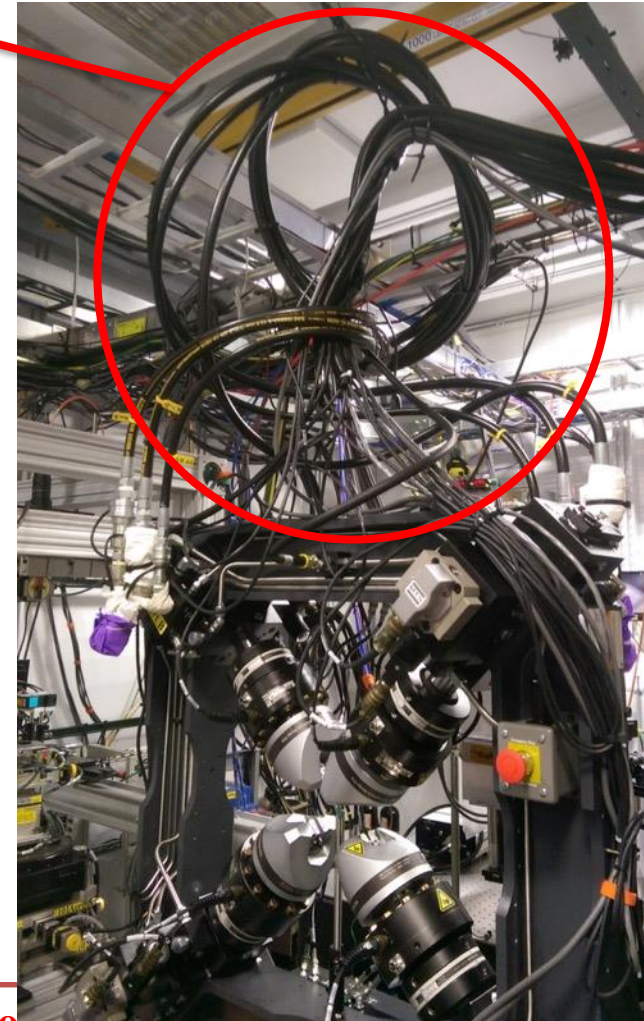
Specimen geometry: diffraction capabilities

- Measurable diffraction angle (2θ) function of
 - Beam width (w)
 - Material penetration capability (t)



Experimental setup at the APS

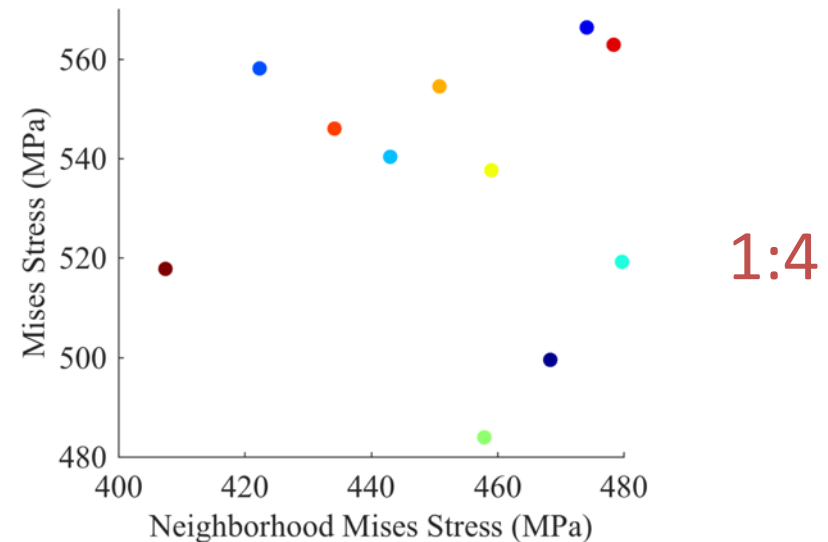
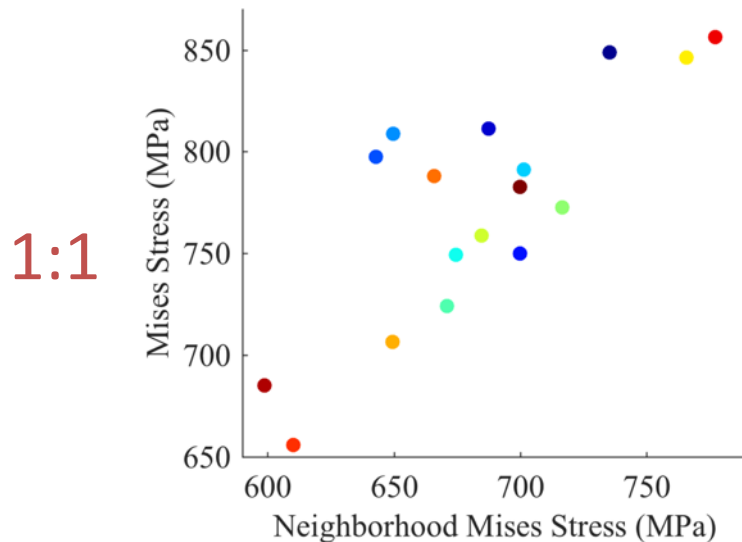
Hydraulic lines



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Neighborhood dependencies of hard orientations with minimum SCA

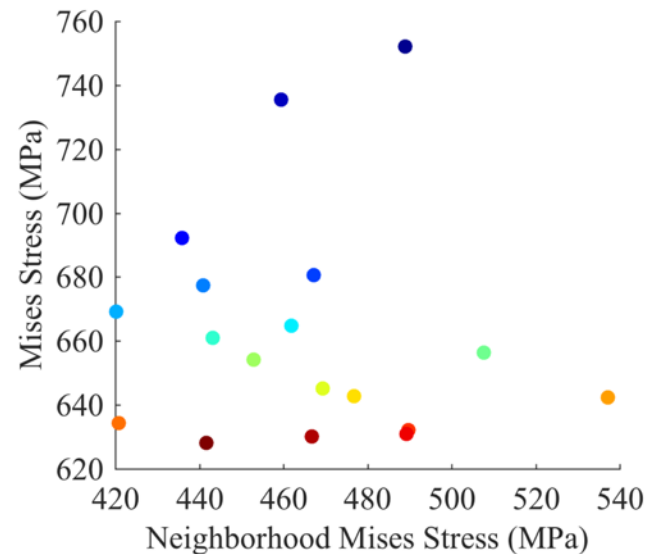
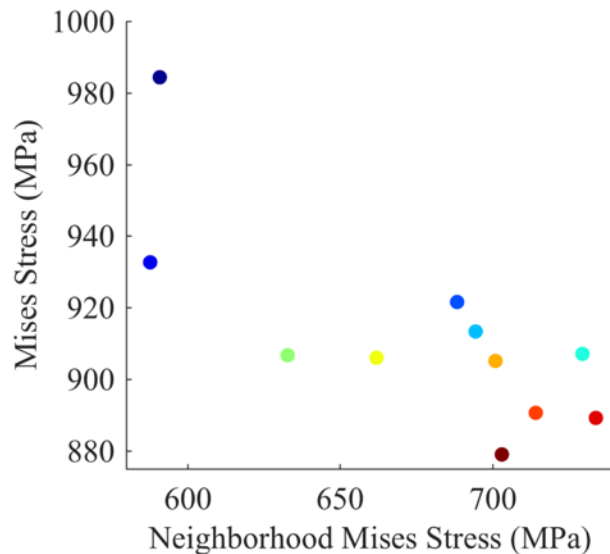
- Selected grains with low basal nRSS and SCA
 - Low SCA indicates not receiving load
 - Hard grains in hard neighborhoods
- 1:1 Mises stress increases with increasing neighborhood
- 1:4 trend weak, no distinctly hard grains



Neighborhood dependencies of hard grains with maximum Mises stress

- Selected grains with highest Mises stress
 - Indicates receiving load
 - Hard grains in soft neighborhoods
- 1:1 Mises stress decreases with increasing neighborhood
 - Softer neighborhoods shed more load

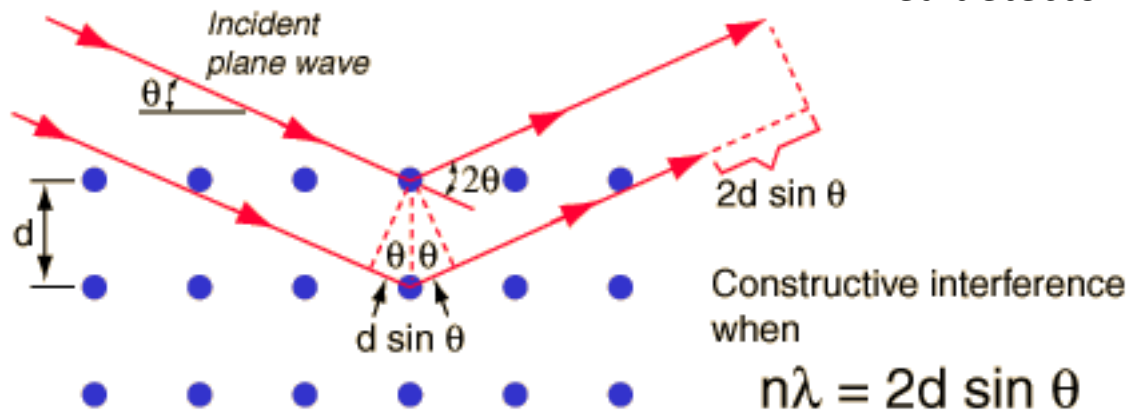
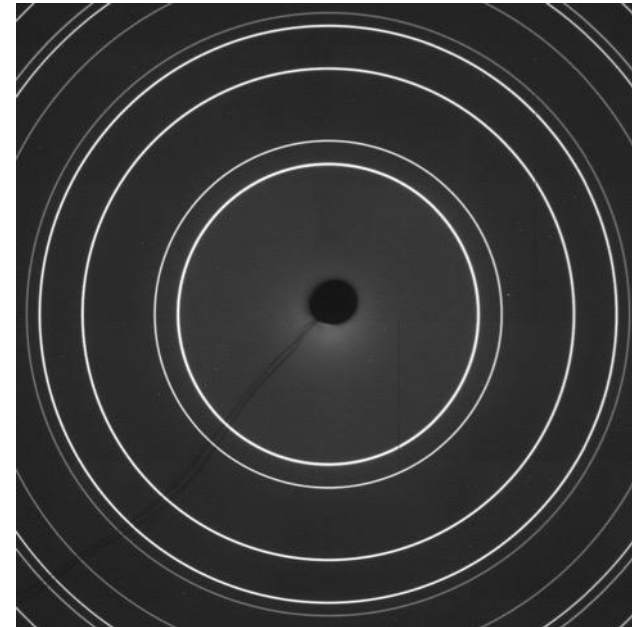
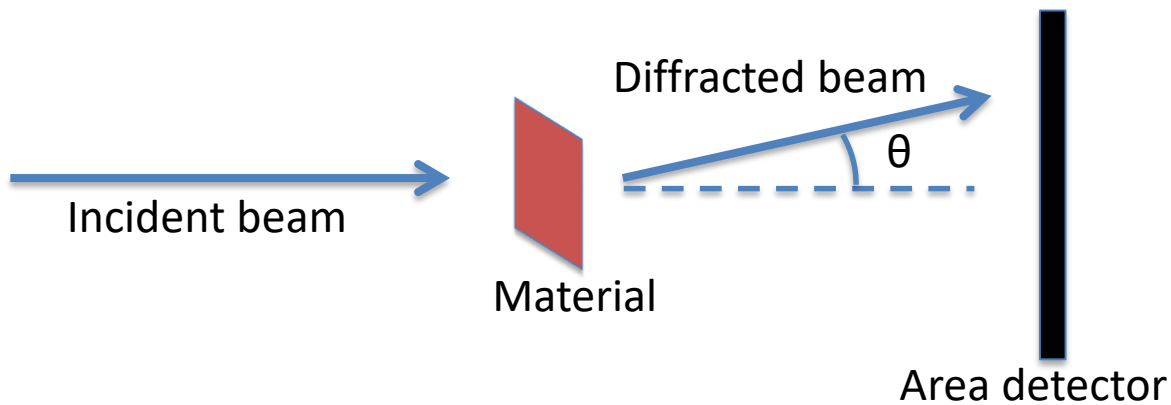
1:1



1:4

Diffraction: Bragg's Law

- ◆ Probe atomic scale with particle beam



Bragg's Law

Load frame diffraction capabilities

- 322° total rotation without load frame interference with incident beam
- Minimum 15° diffraction cone for 3D reconstruction techniques
 - 50 – 70 keV X-ray source
 - 262° of sample rotation

