

# Processing of titanium & aluminium alloys

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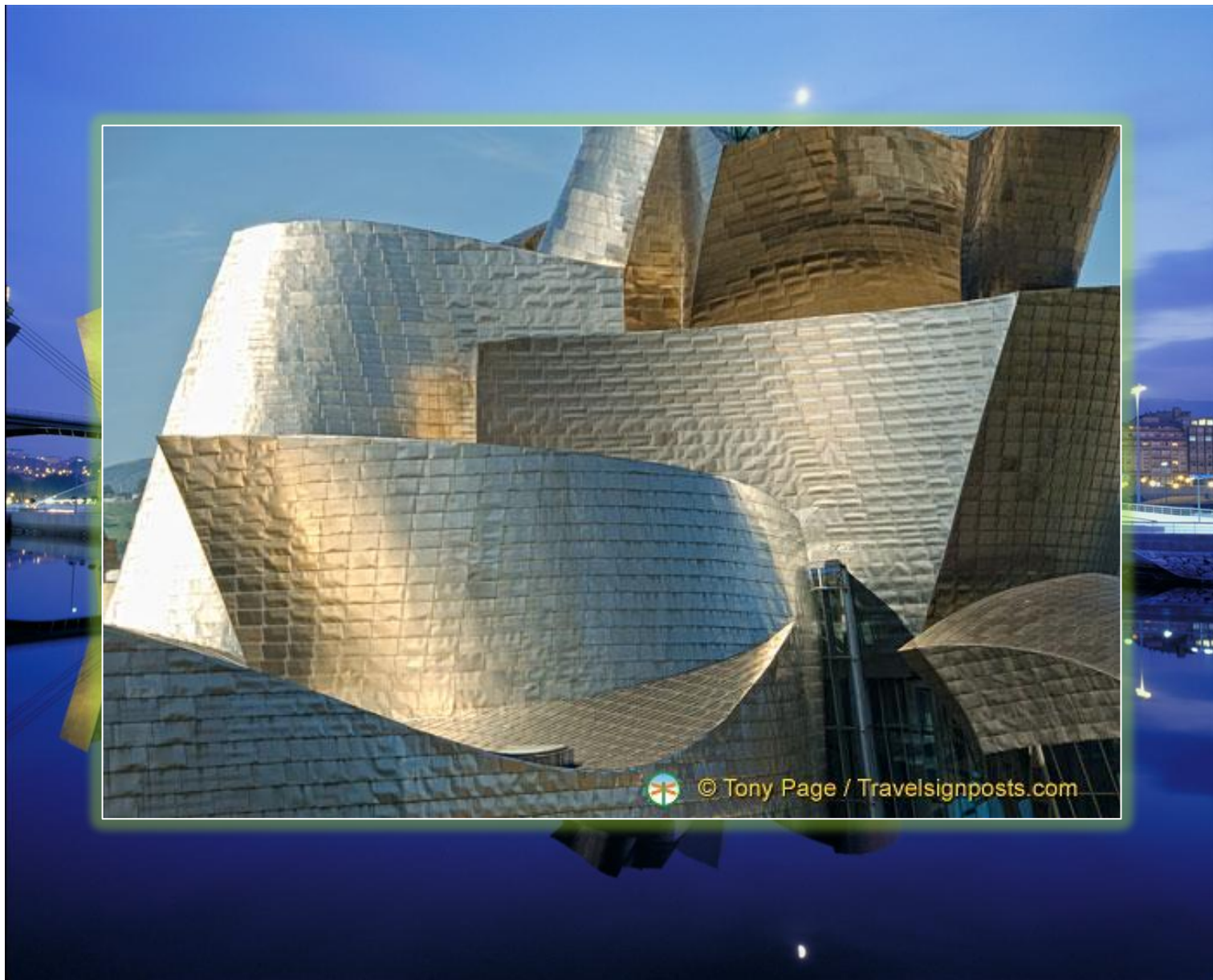
# Overview

1. General introduction to titanium and aluminium wrought alloys
2. Processing of Titanium alloys
3. Processing of Aluminium alloys
4. Challenges

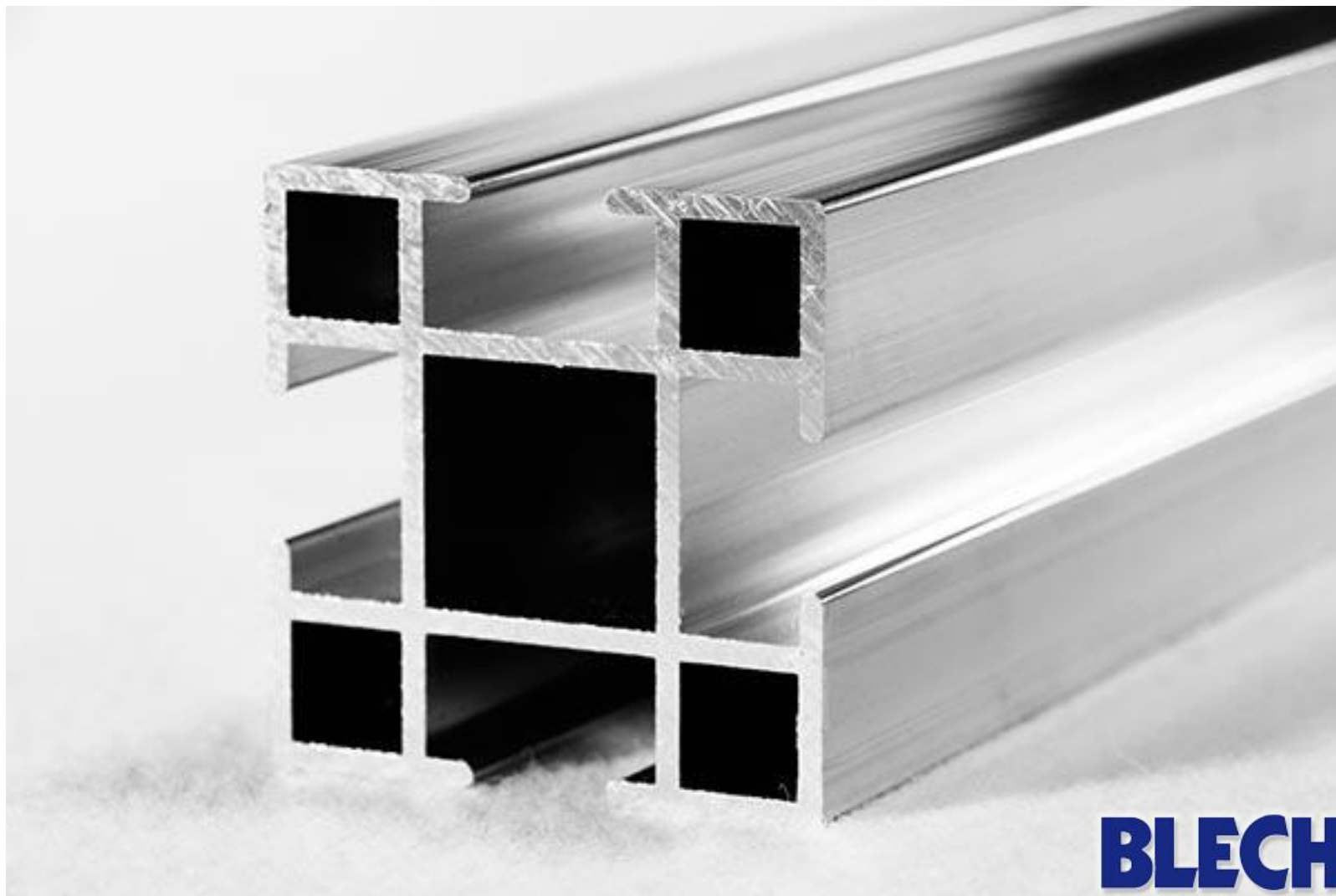
# Titanium and aluminium wrought alloys



Rolls-Royce



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aluminium is our business  
innovation our destination

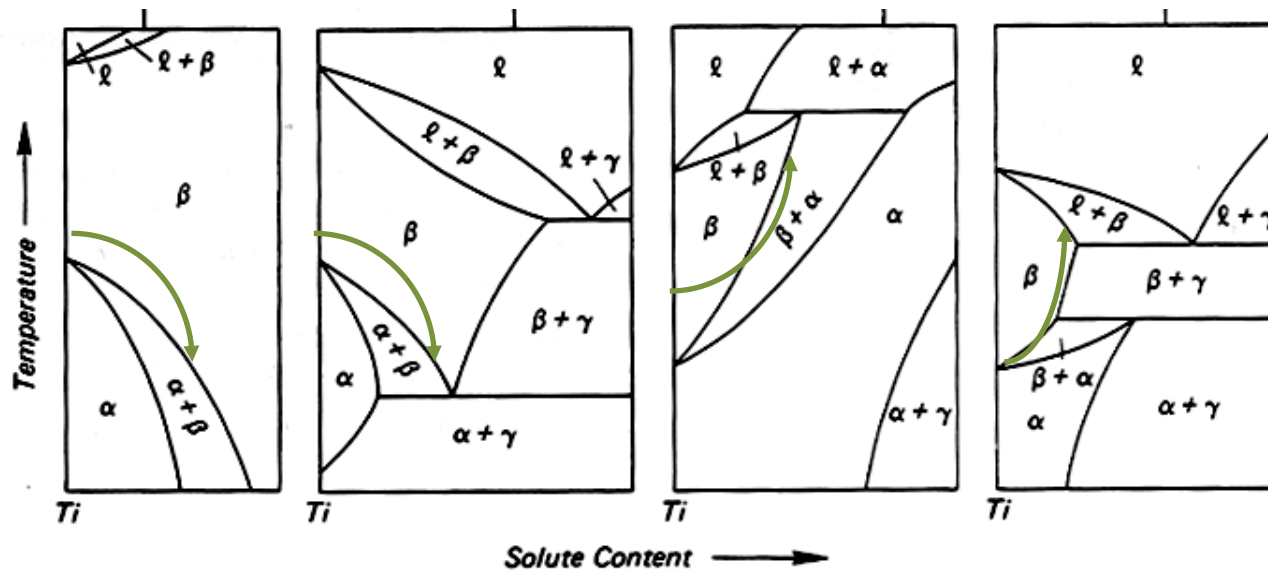


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# Titanium

Pure titanium:  $\alpha$  (*hcp*)  $\rightarrow^{882^{\circ}\text{C}}$   $\beta$  (*bbc*)

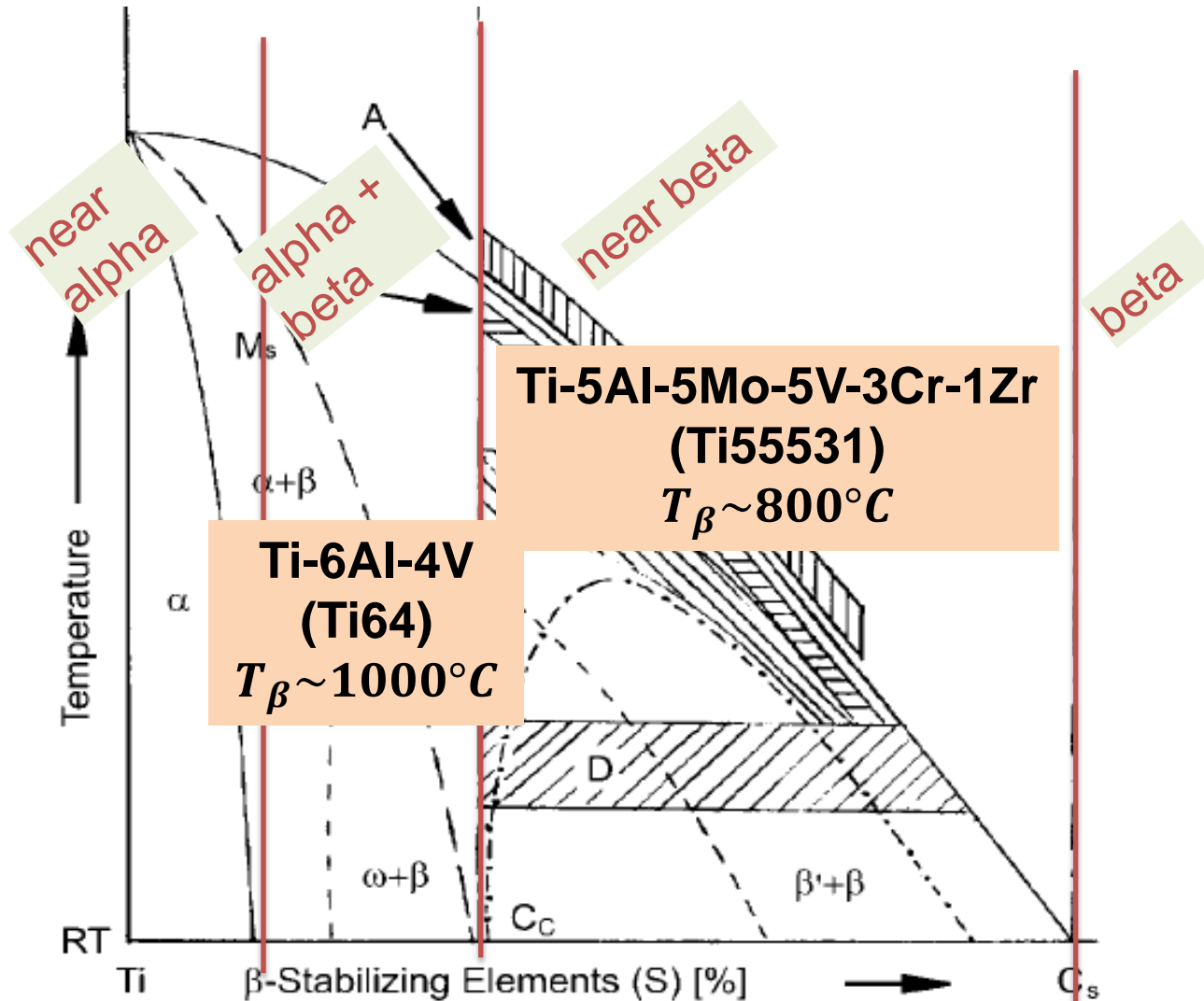
Titanium alloys  $\rightarrow$   $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  coexisting in a T range



$\beta$  stabilizing

$\alpha$  stabilizing

# Titanium alloys: classification

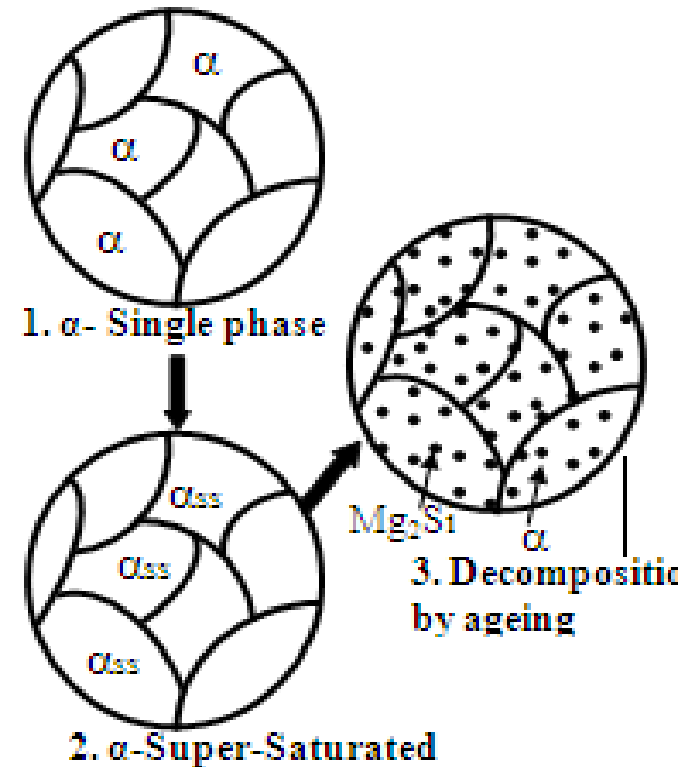


# Aluminium alloys

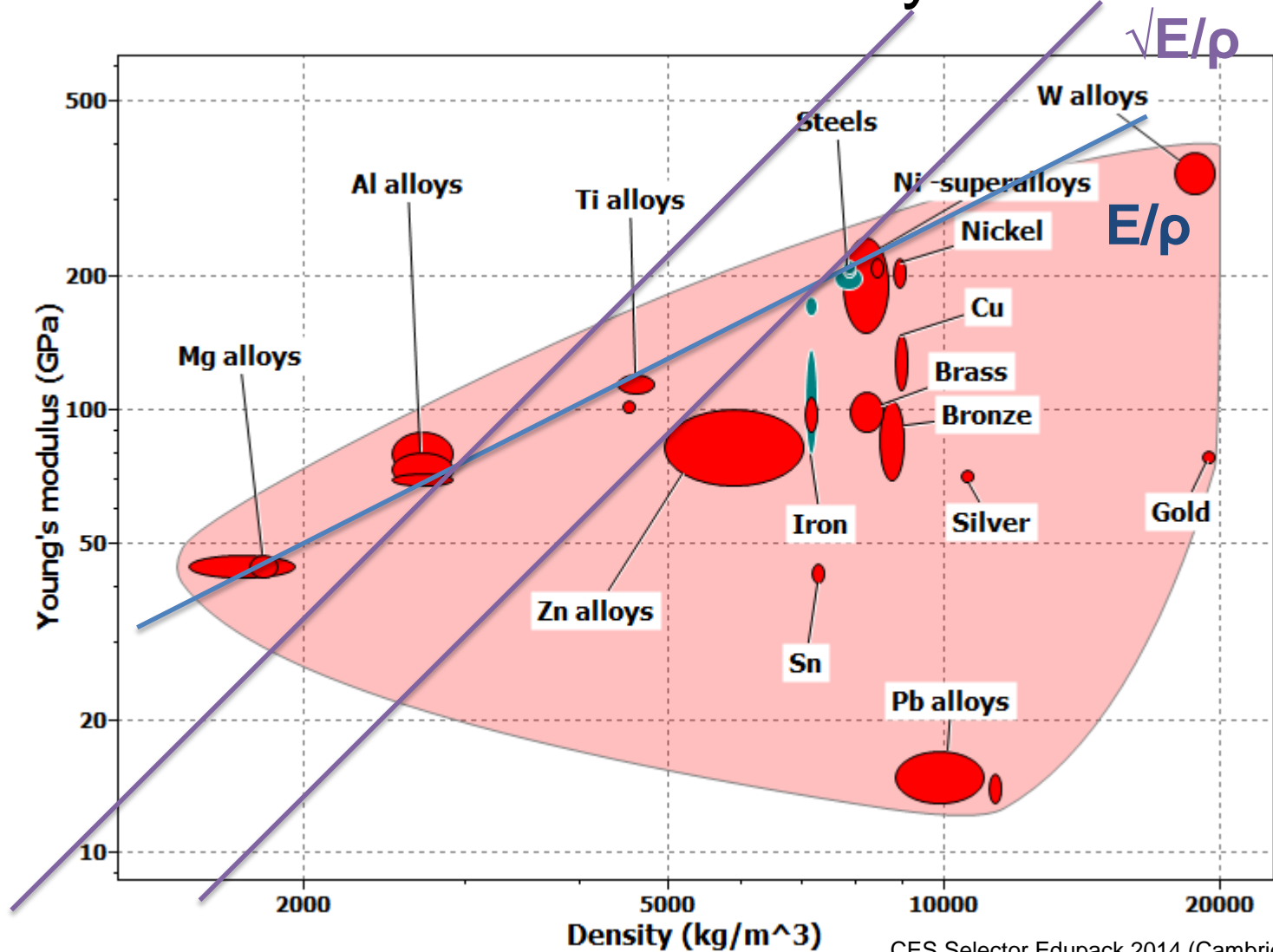
Pure aluminium → fcc

Al- wrought alloys:

- non age hardenable
- age hardenable

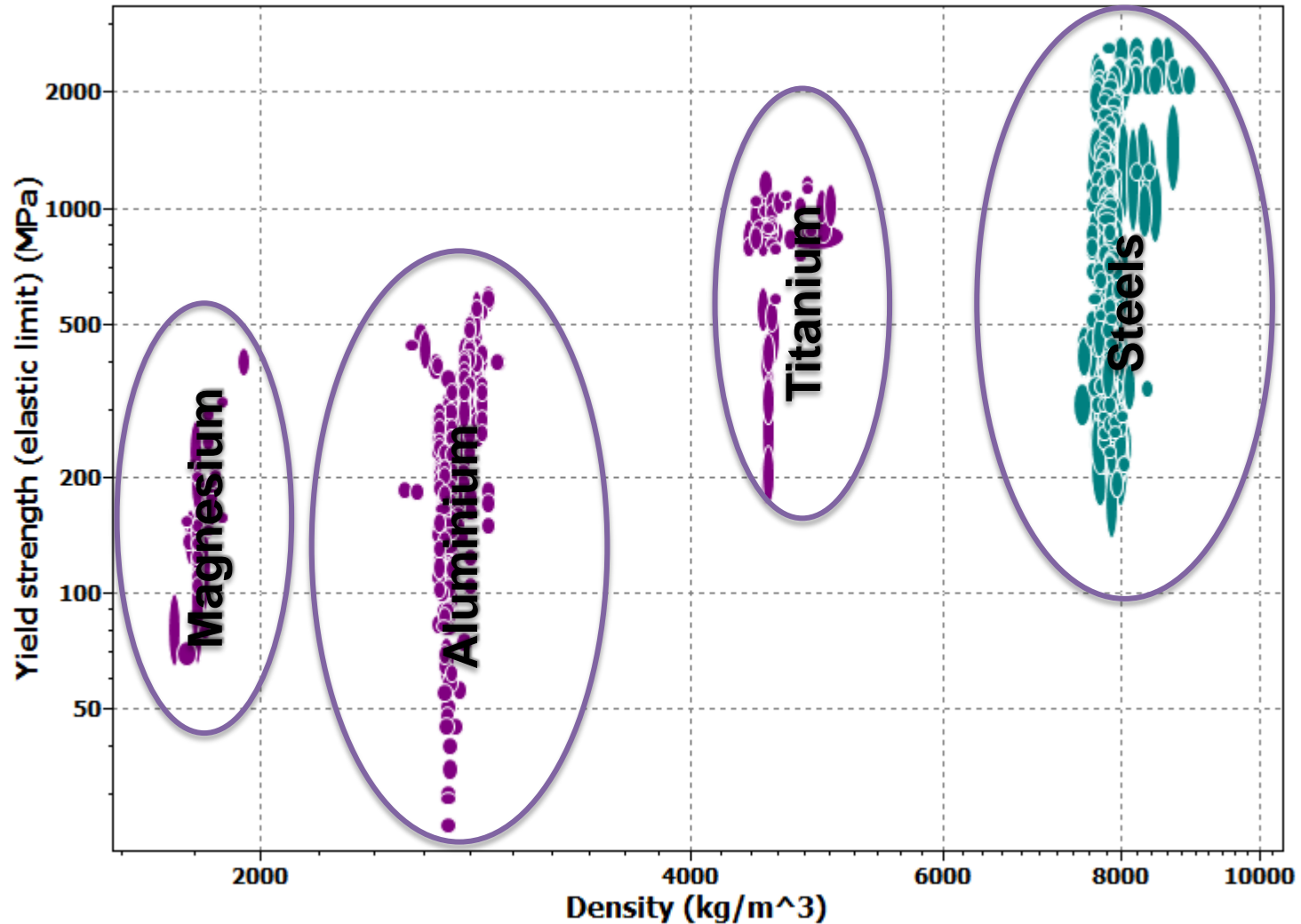


# Titanium and aluminium alloys: stiffness



CES Selector Edupack 2014 (Cambridge Software)

# Titanium and aluminium: strength



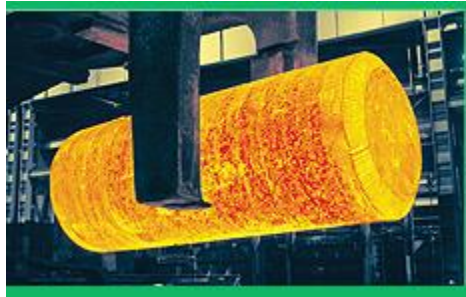
# Objectives of thermomechanical processing

Requirement	Mechanism	Microstructure
<b>Strength RT</b>	Grain refinement	Fine grained
	Strain hardening	High dislocation density
	Precipitation hardening	Fine precipitates within grains
	Martensitic hardening	Martensitic structure
<b>Creep resistance</b>	Avoid GBS	Large grains
	Avoid GBS	Pinned grains (precipitates)
<b>Fatigue resistance</b>	Crack propagation reduction	Intrincated microstructure
<b>High electrical conductivity</b>	Defects reduction	Low dislocation density

Ice and olivine?

# Processing of titanium alloys

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**Ingot**



**Billet**



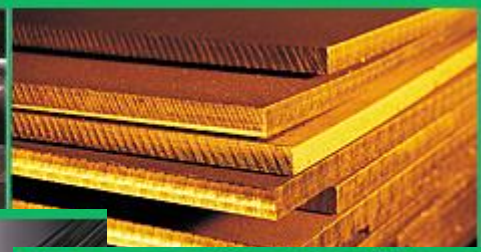
**Bar**



**Sponge**



**Slab**



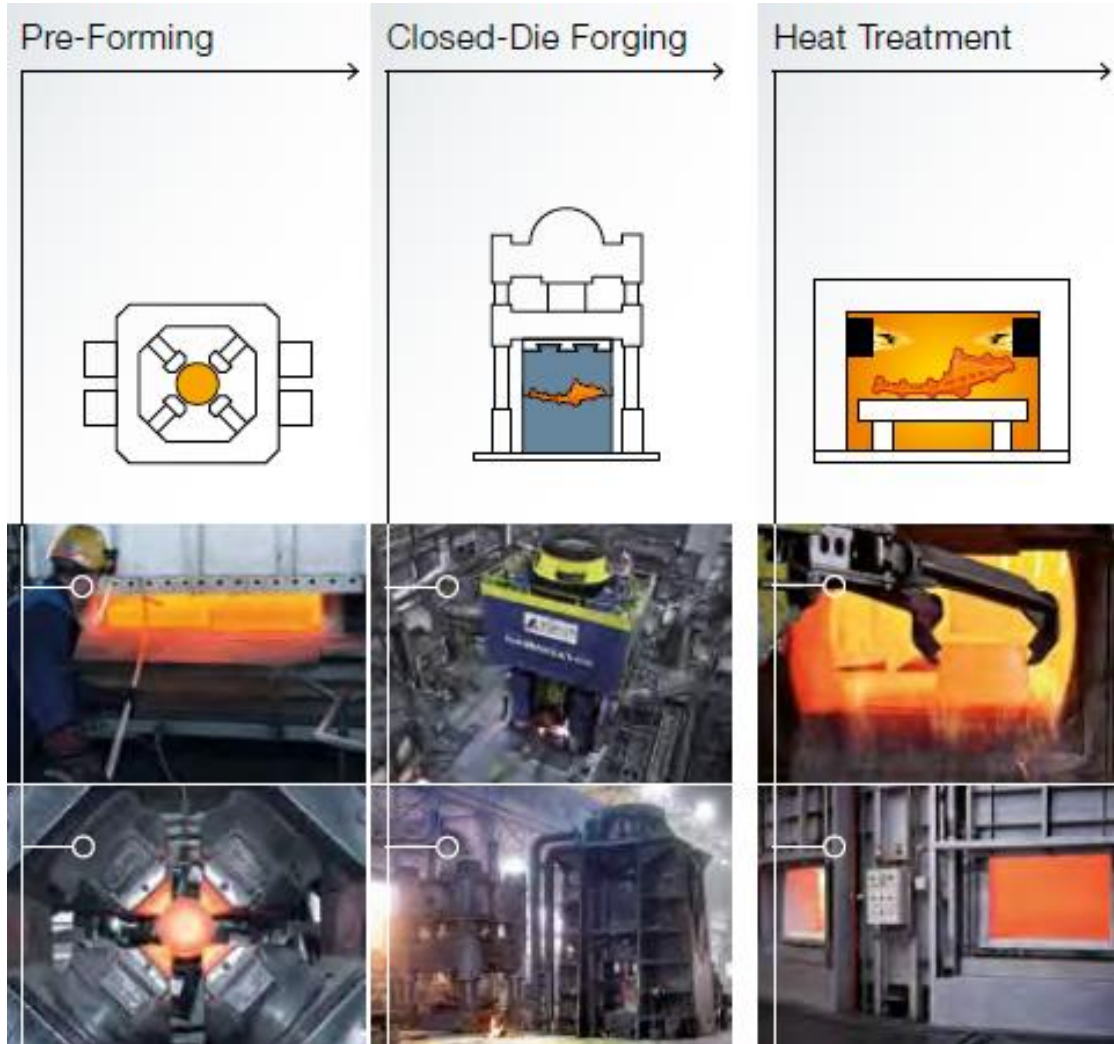
**Sheet**



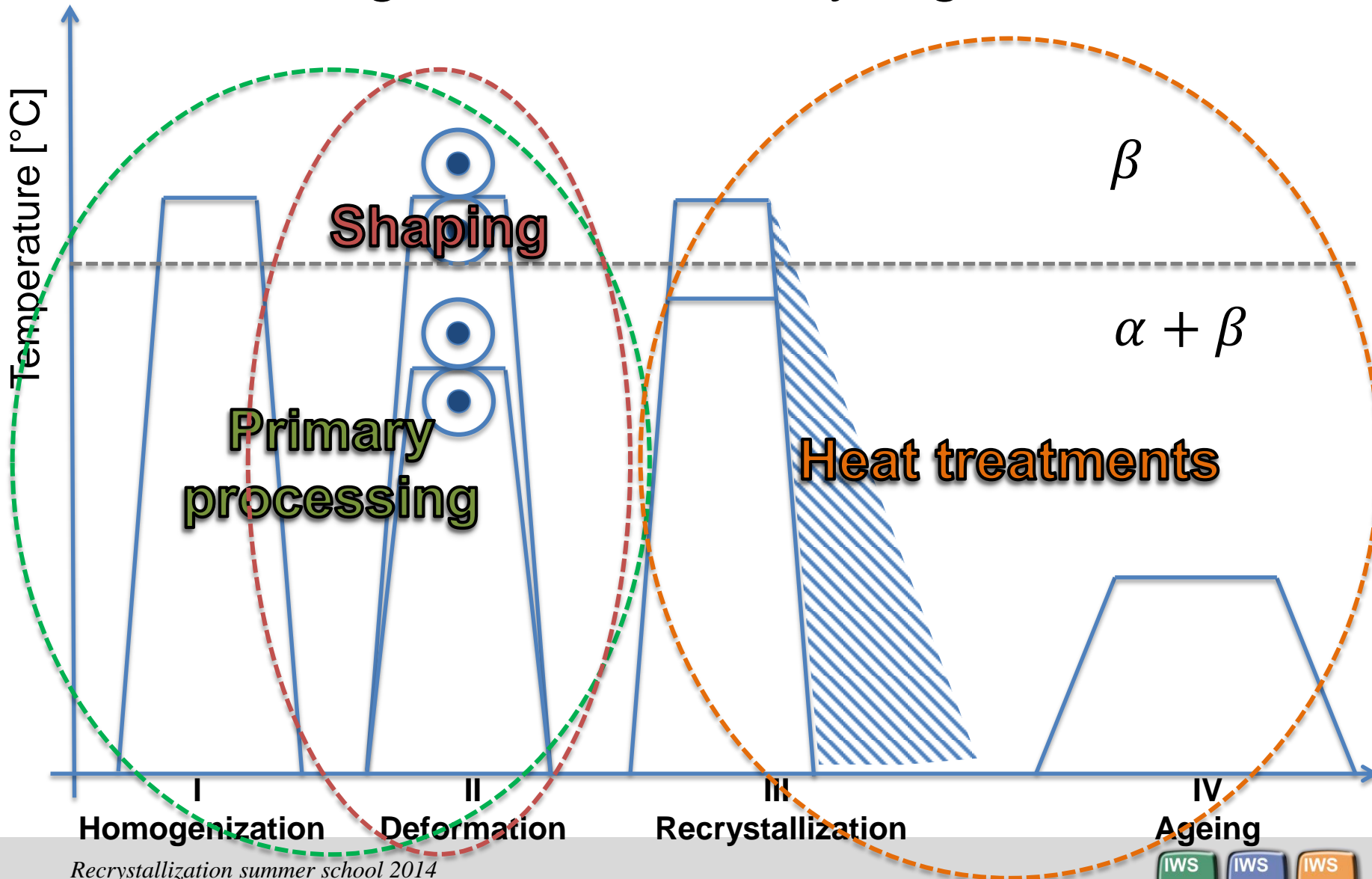
**Cold strip**



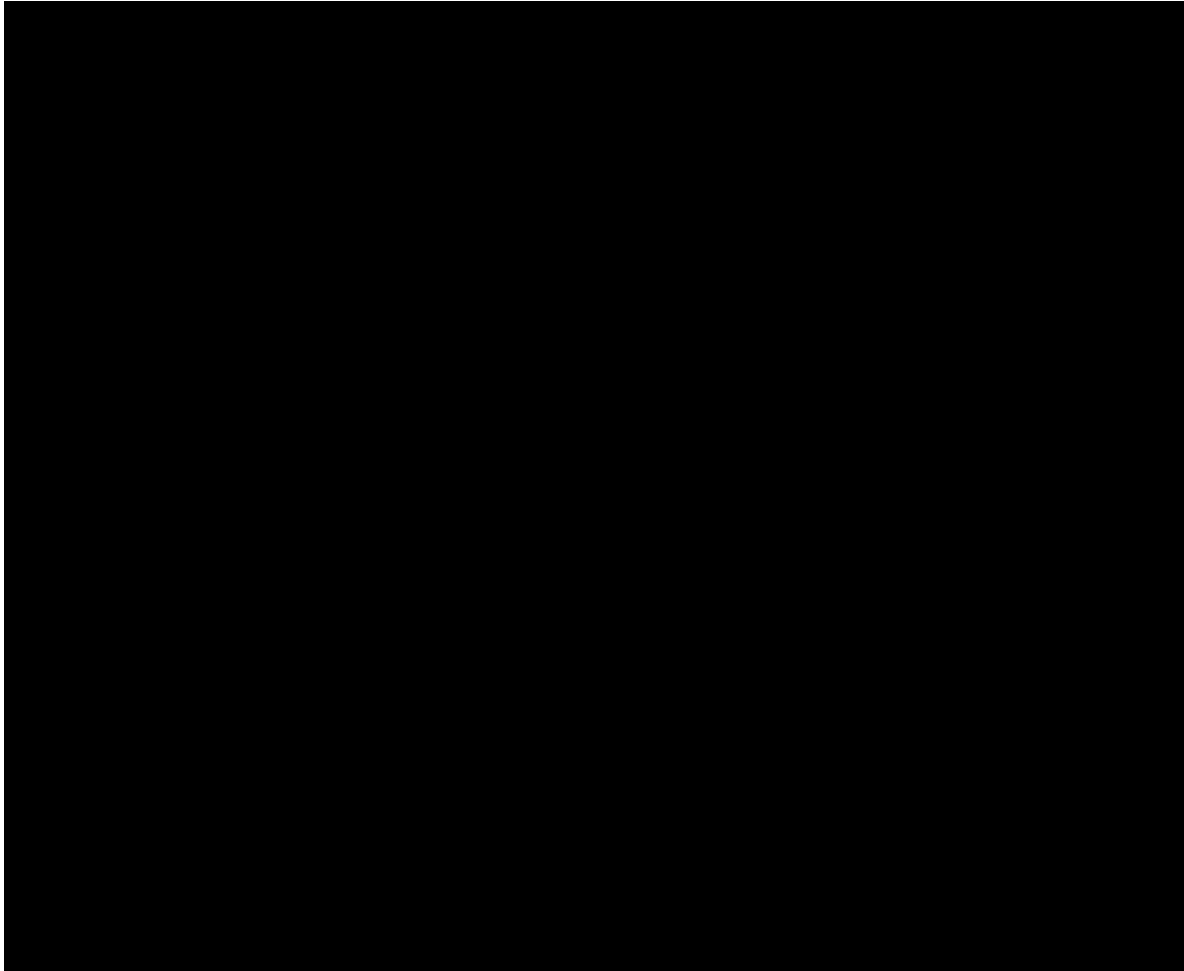
# Processing from an ingot



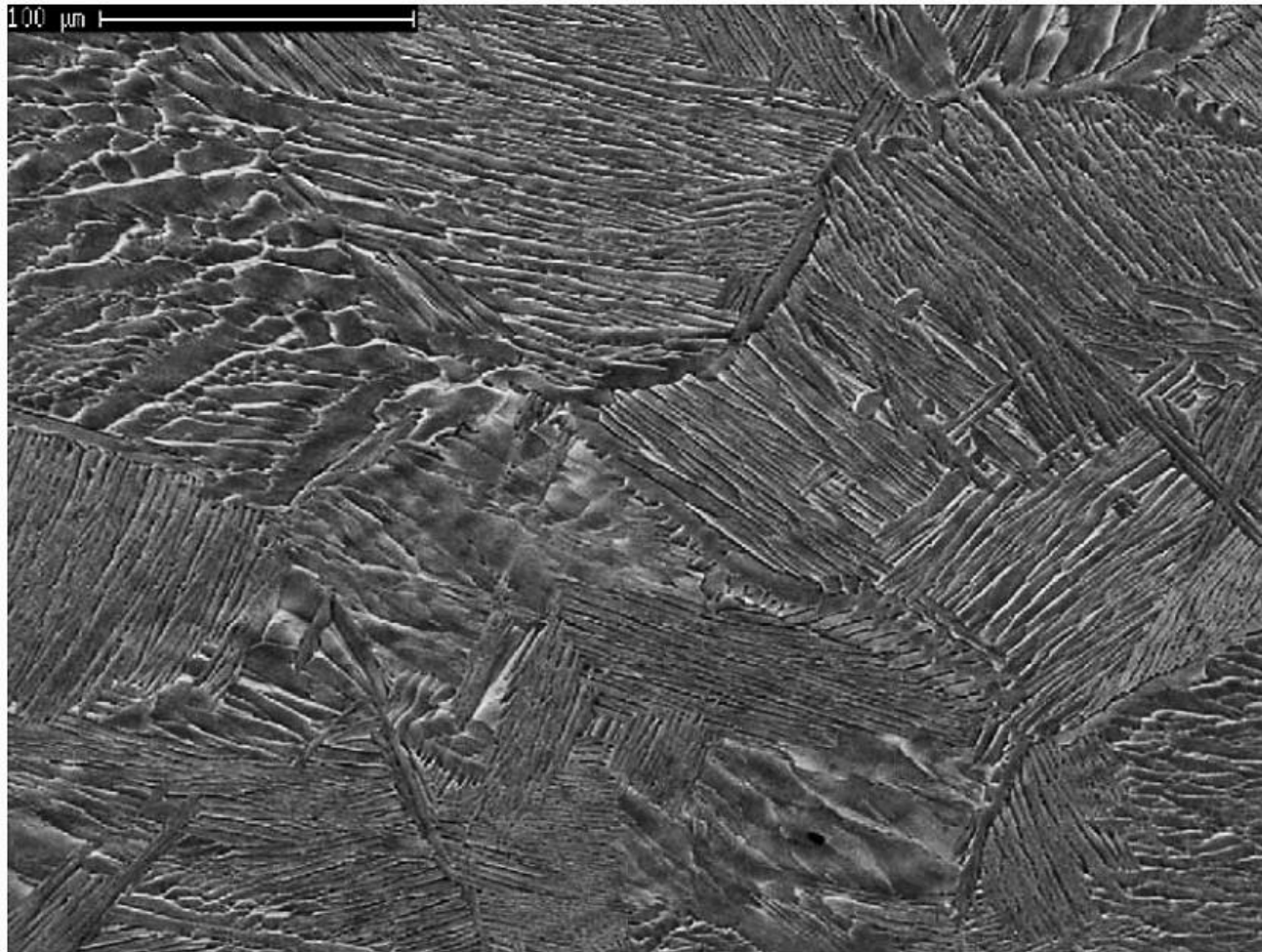
# Processing of titanium alloys: general



# Primary processing: open die forging



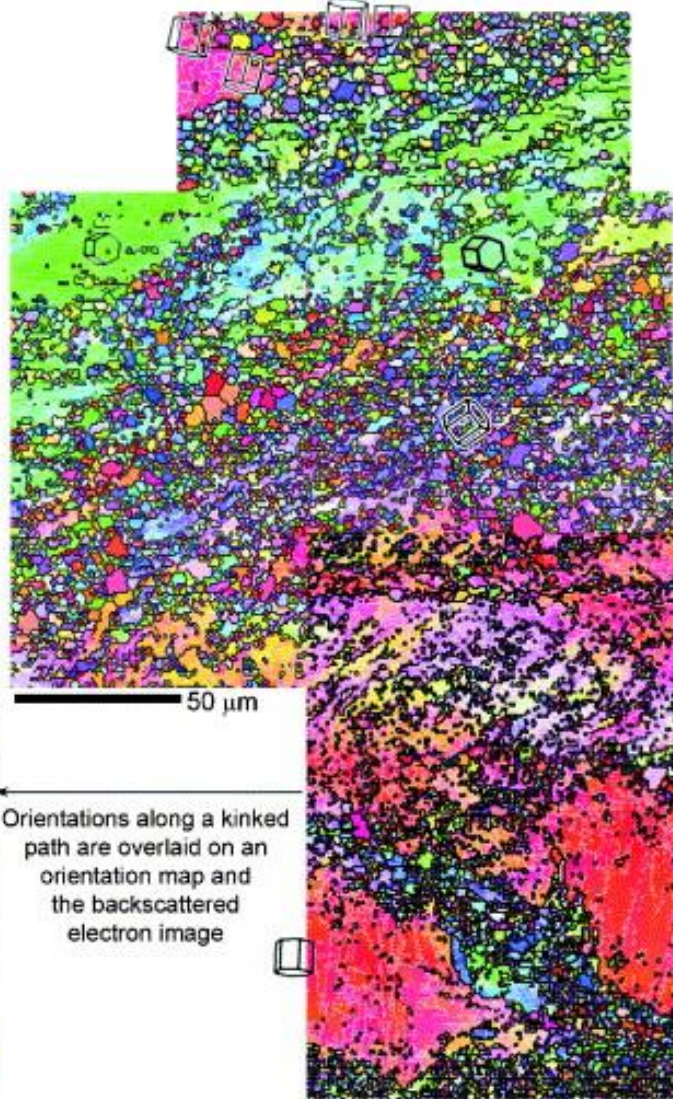
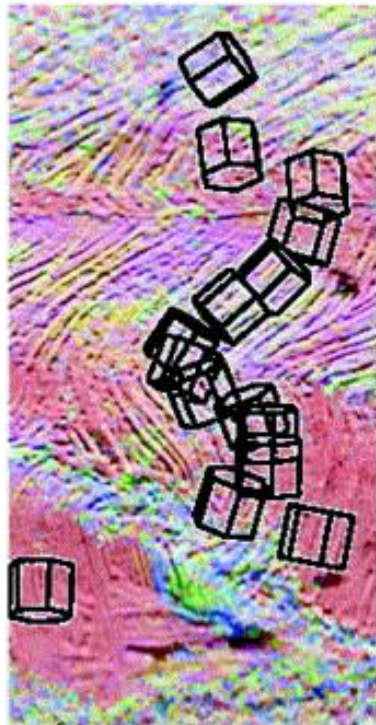
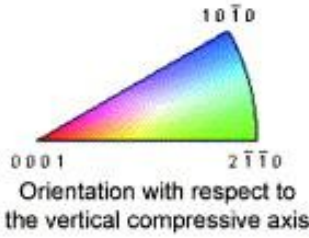
# Lamellar microstructure



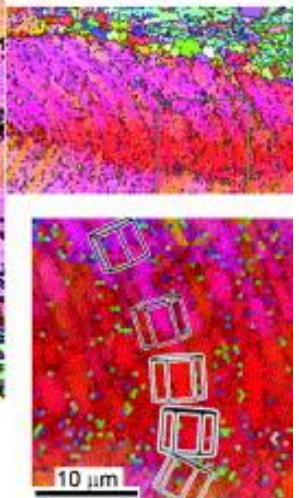
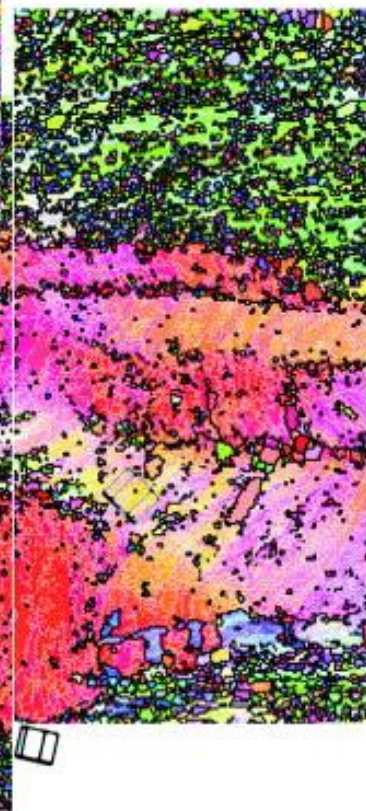
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# Break down of the lamellar microstructure

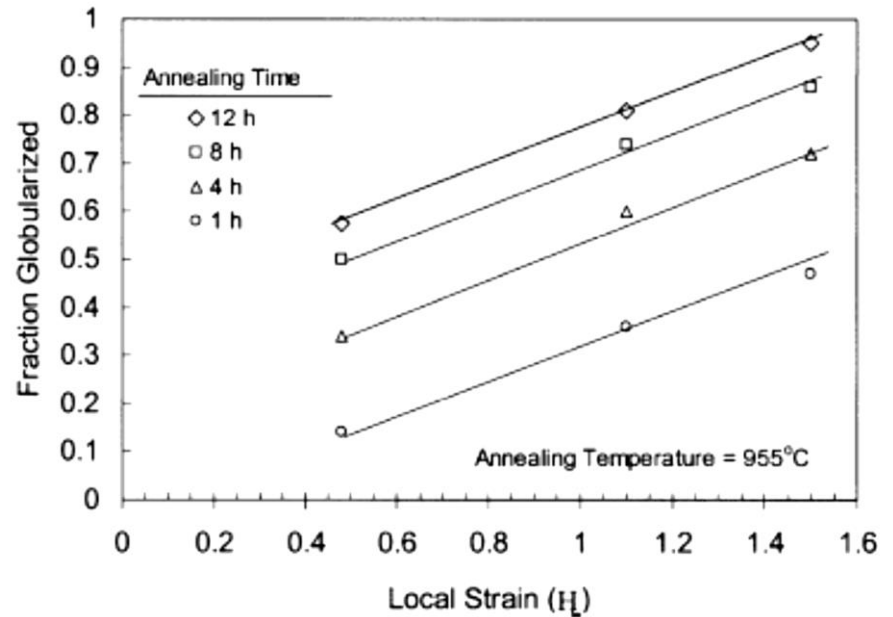
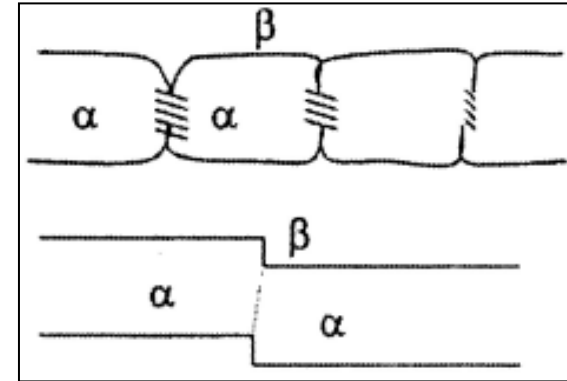
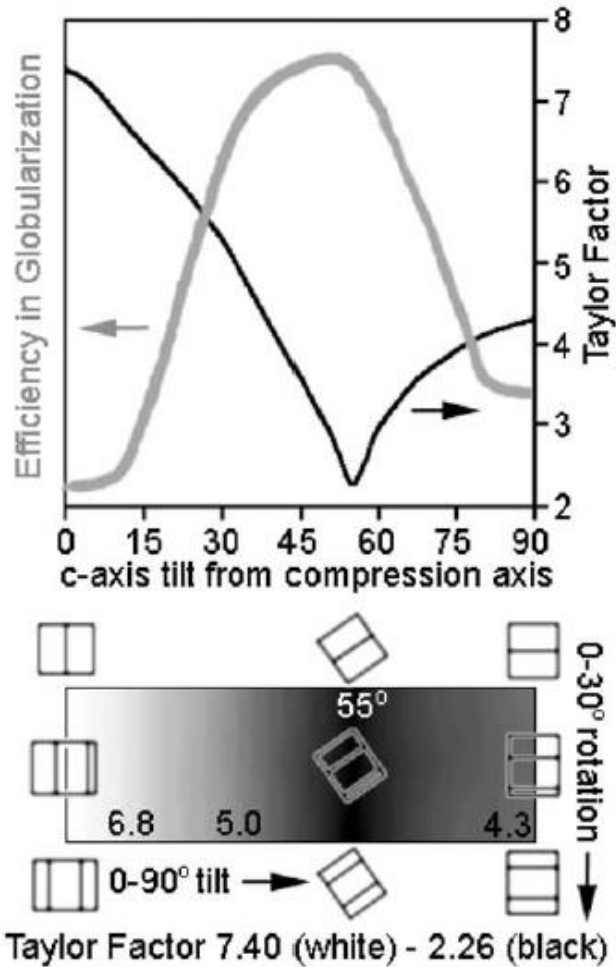
(c) Orientation maps of center region with local strain near 1.6



Orientations along a kinked path are overlaid on an orientation map and the backscattered electron image



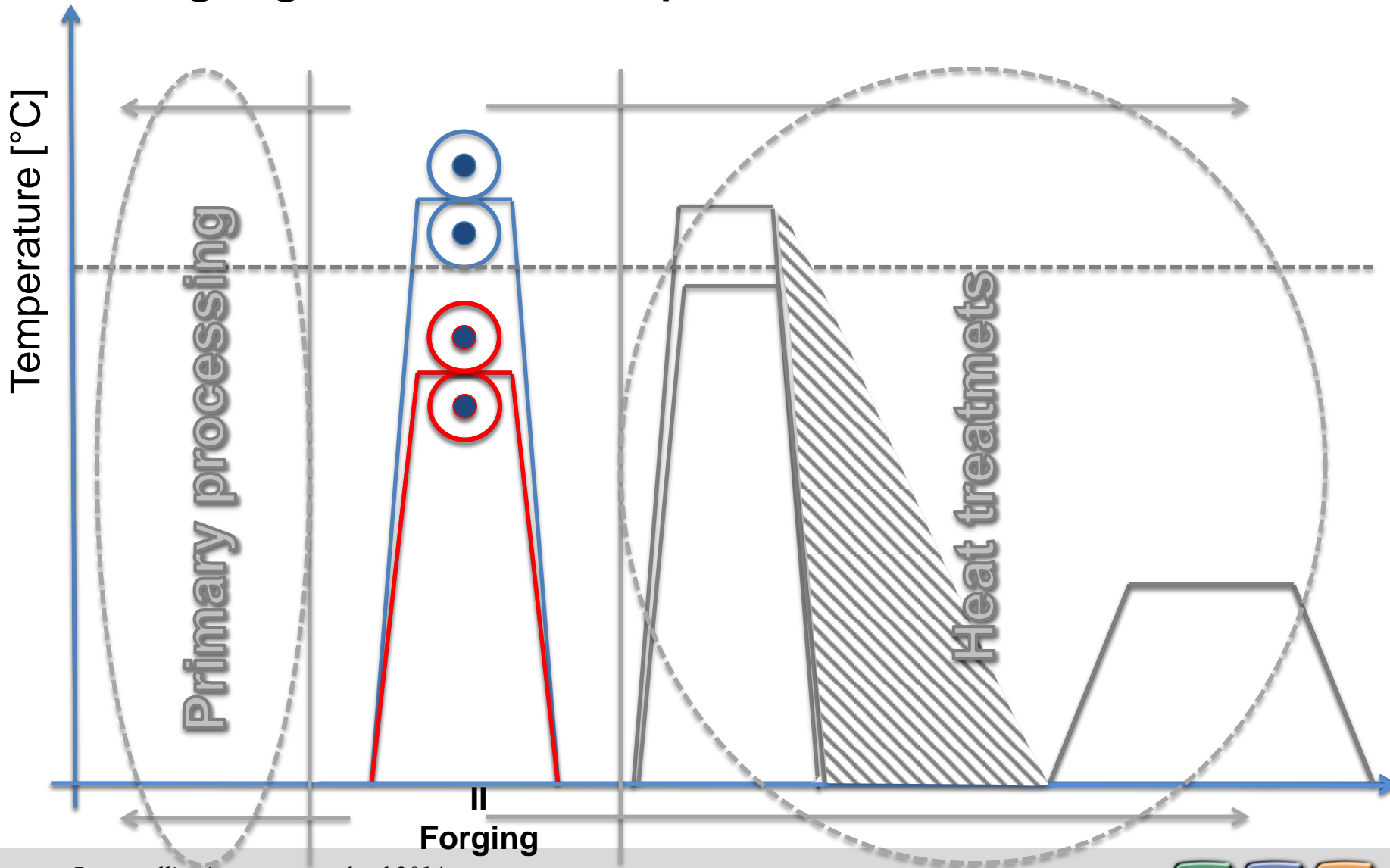
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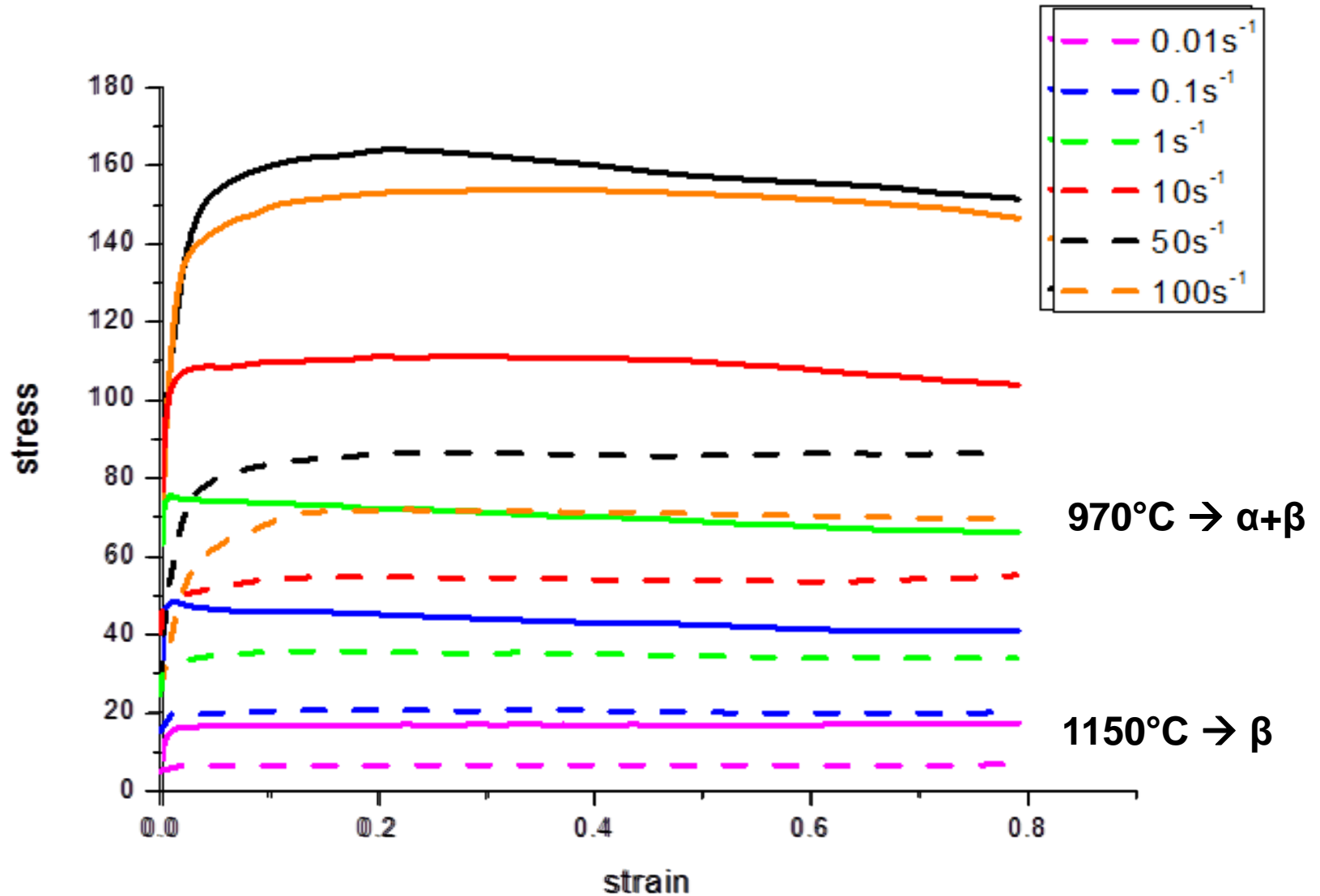
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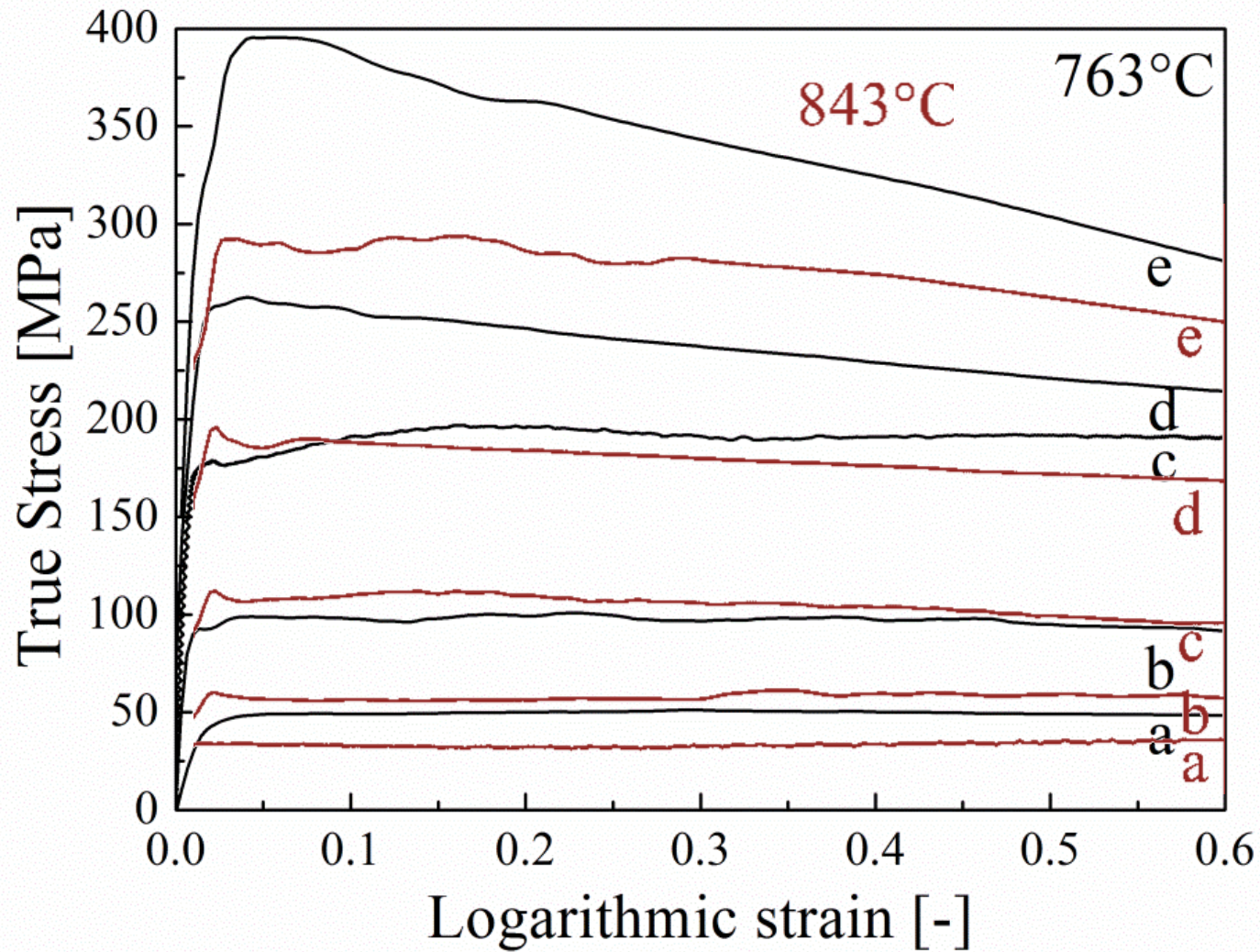
# Forging: one or two phases field?



# Flow curves Ti64

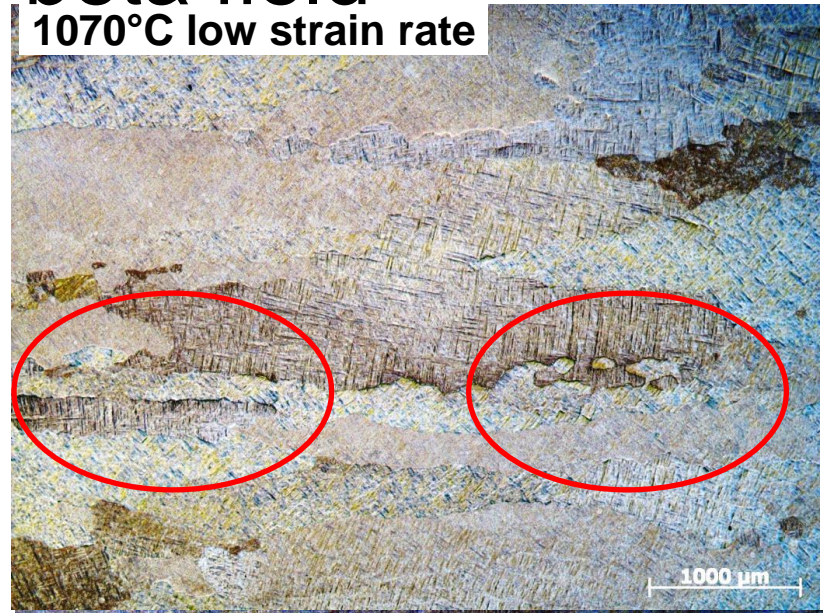


# Flow curves Ti55531

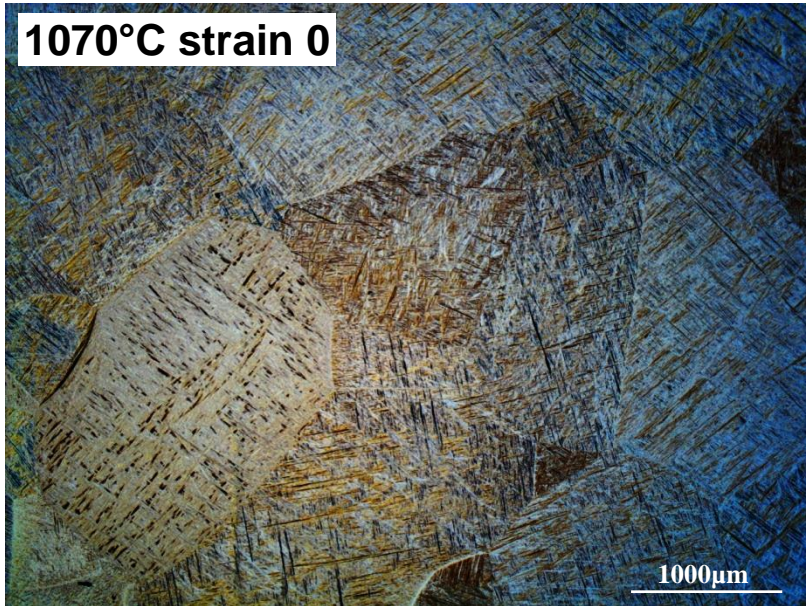


# Deformation of Ti64 in beta field

1070°C low strain rate



1070°C strain 0



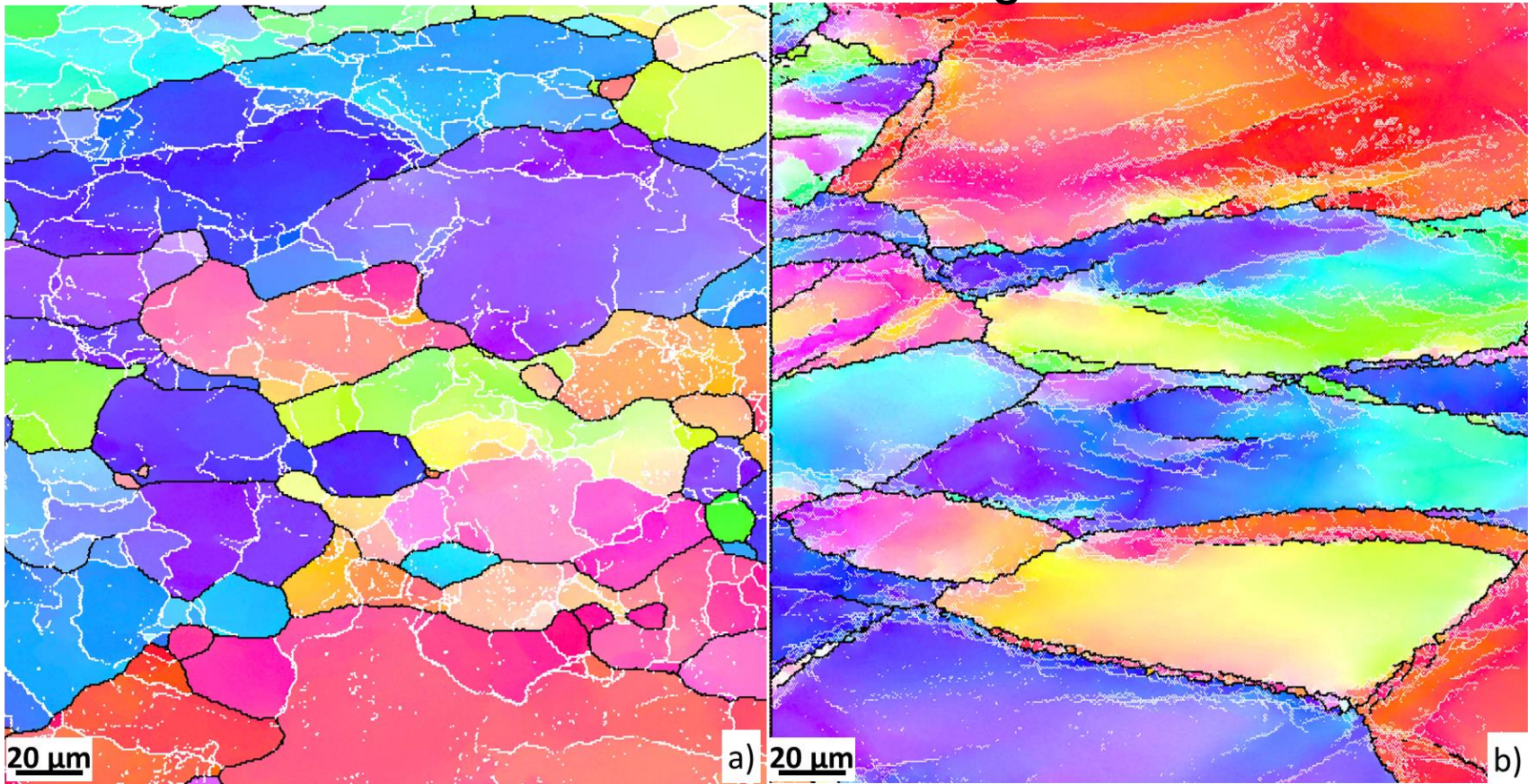
Compression tests +  
water quenching

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Low strain rate

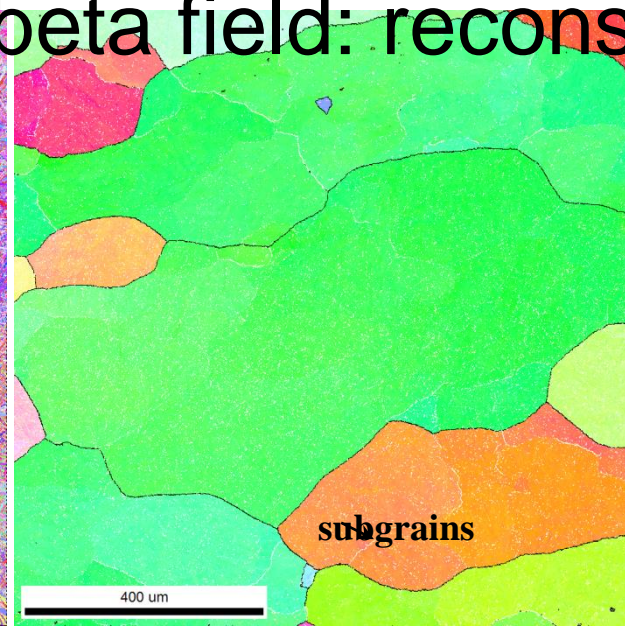
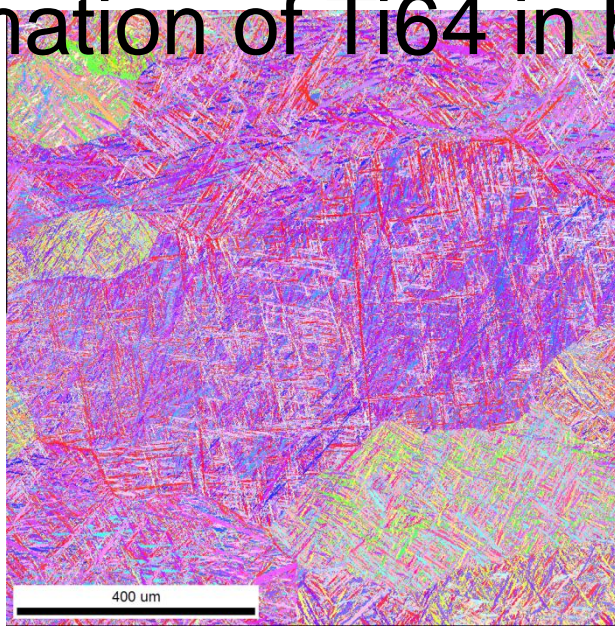
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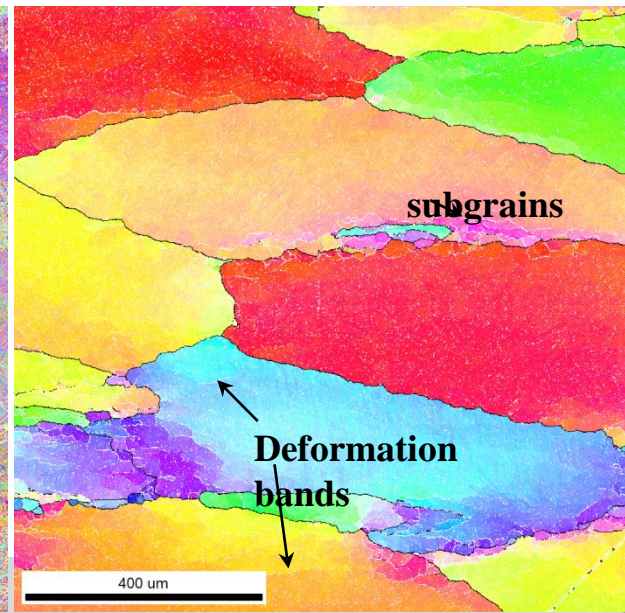
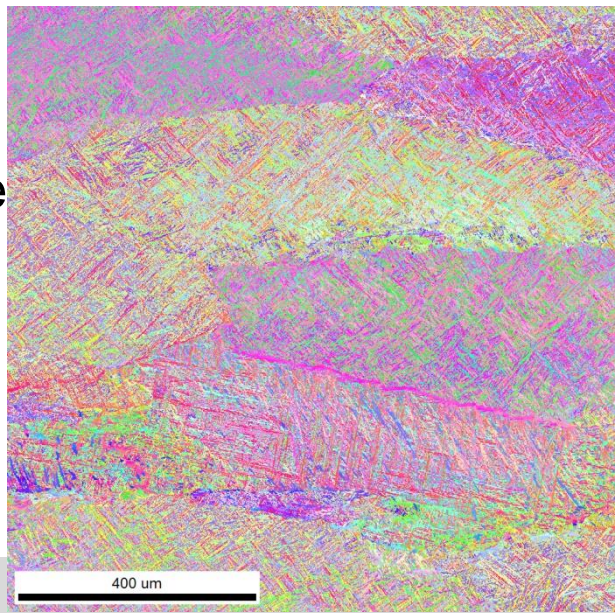
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# Deformation of Ti64 in beta field: reconstruction

Low strain rate

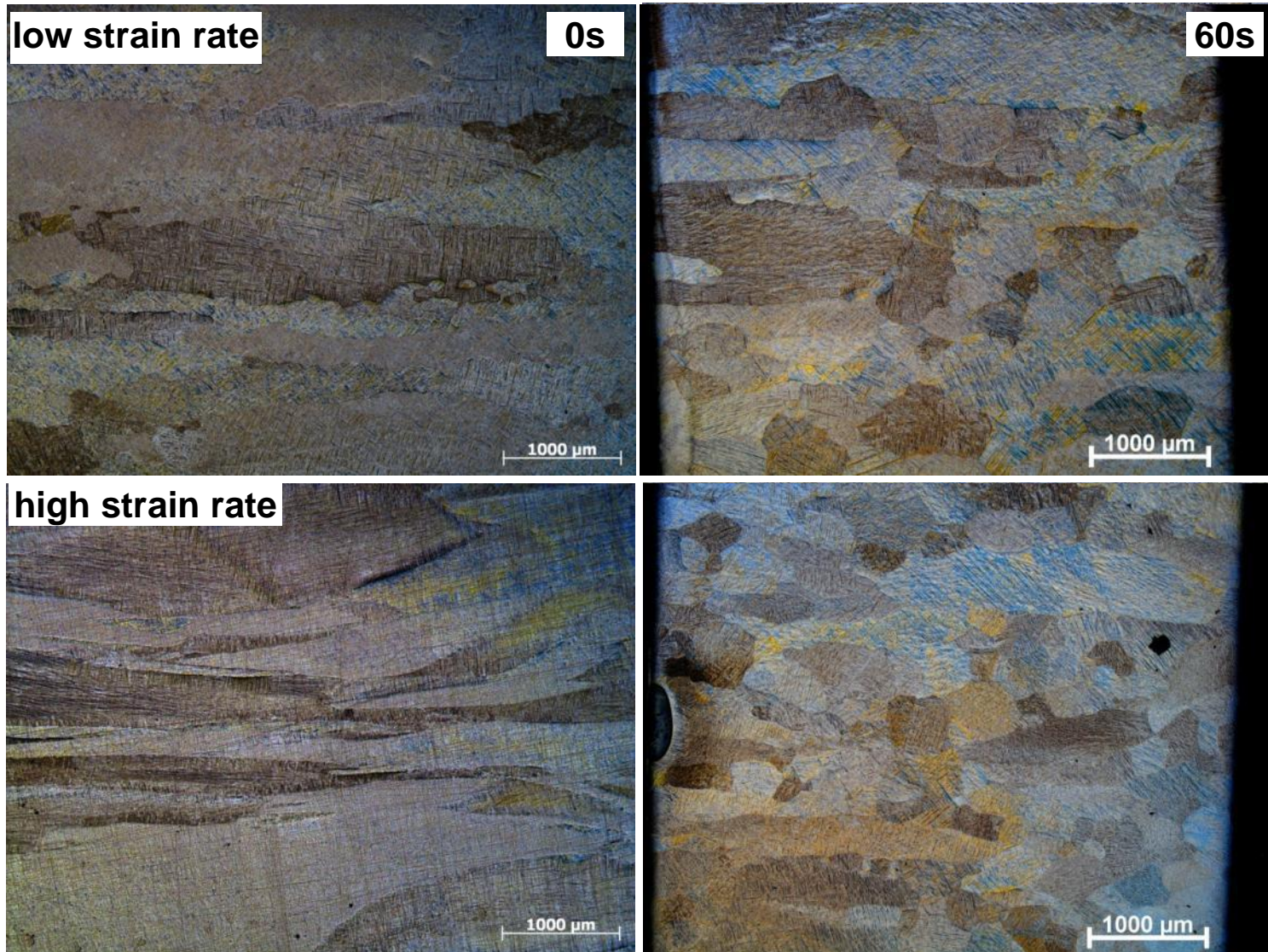


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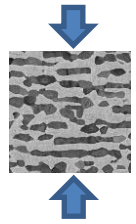


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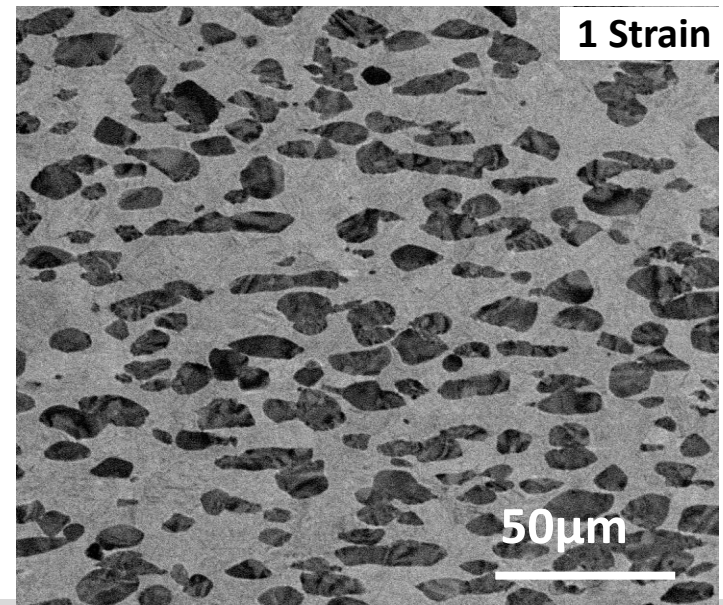
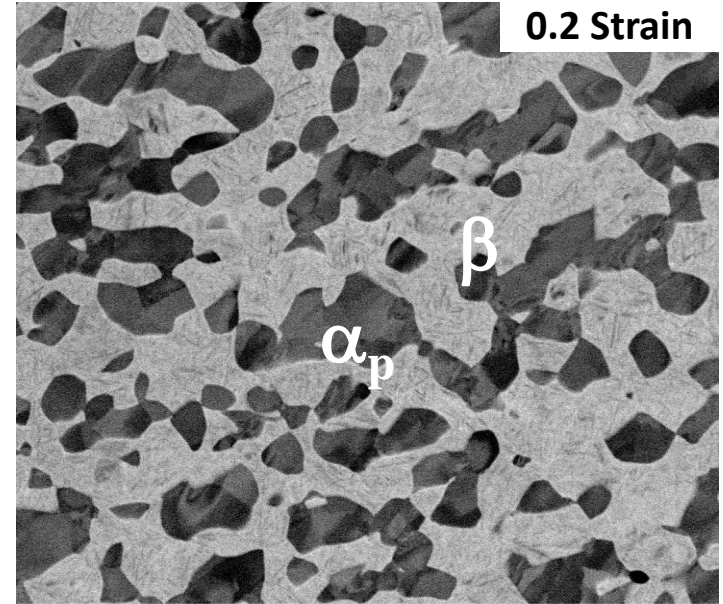
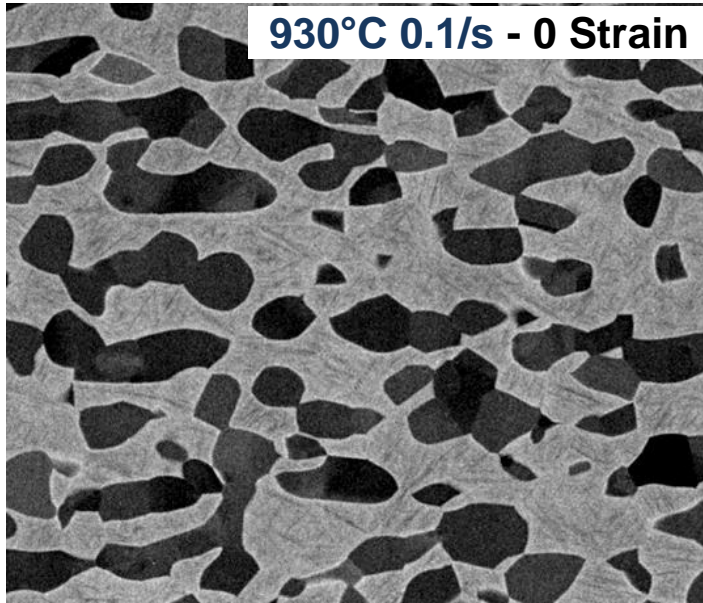
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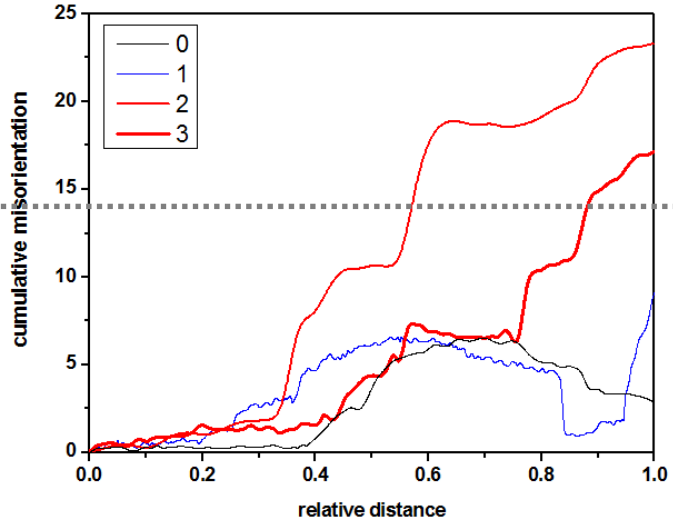
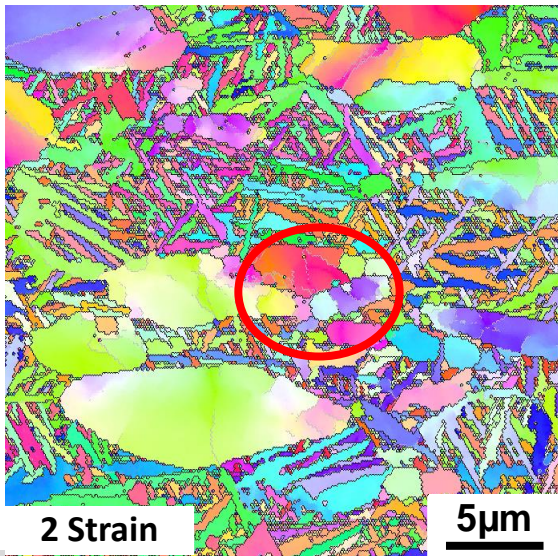
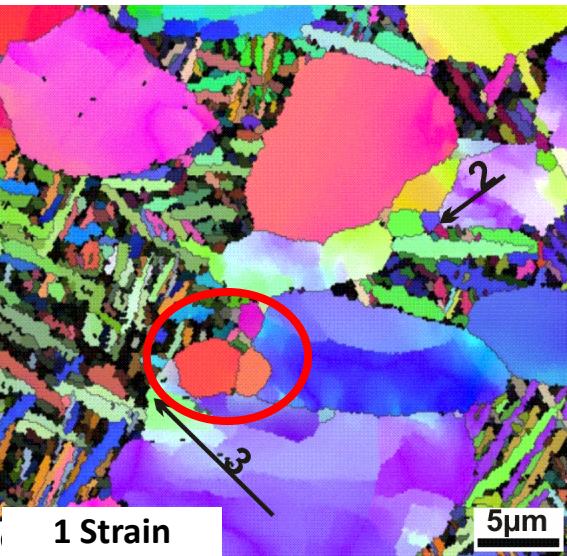
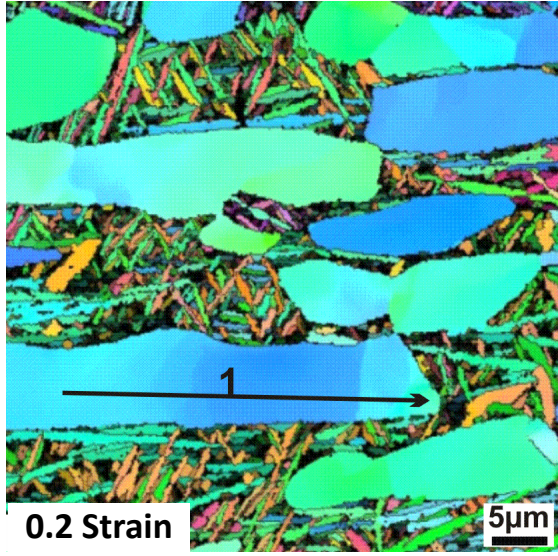
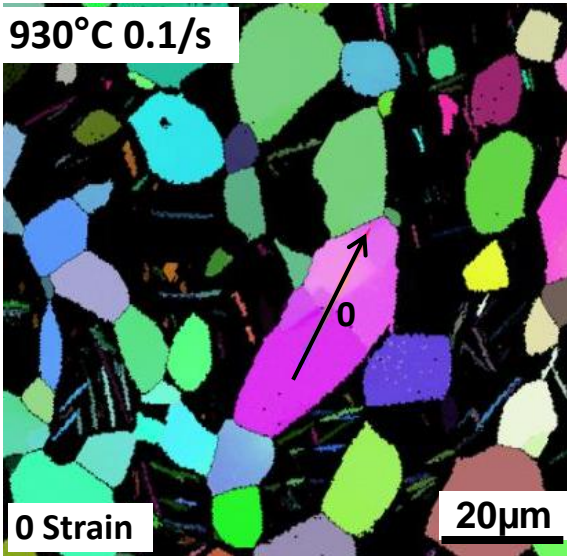
# Deformation in alpha+beta: Ti64



$\alpha_p \sim 35\%$

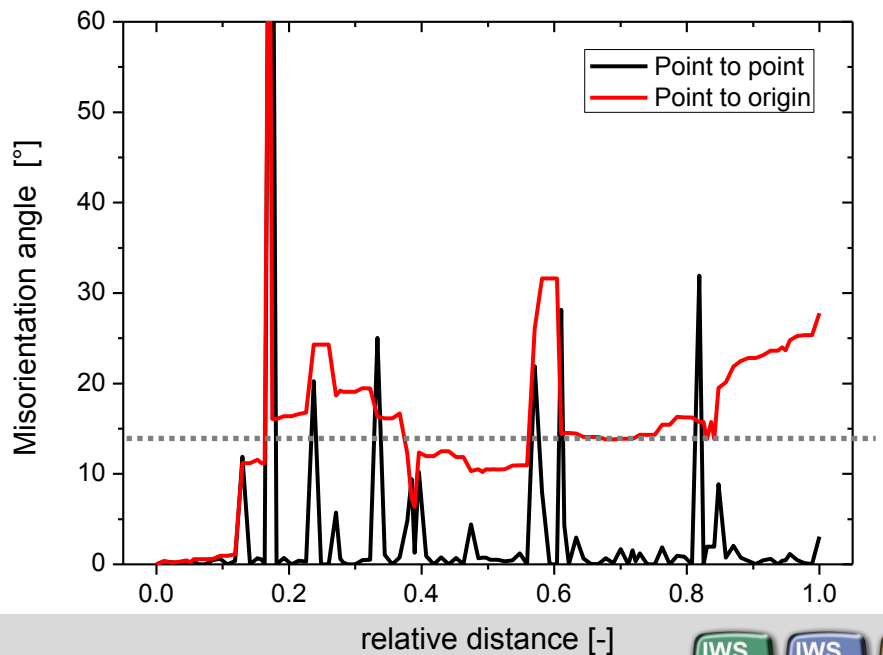
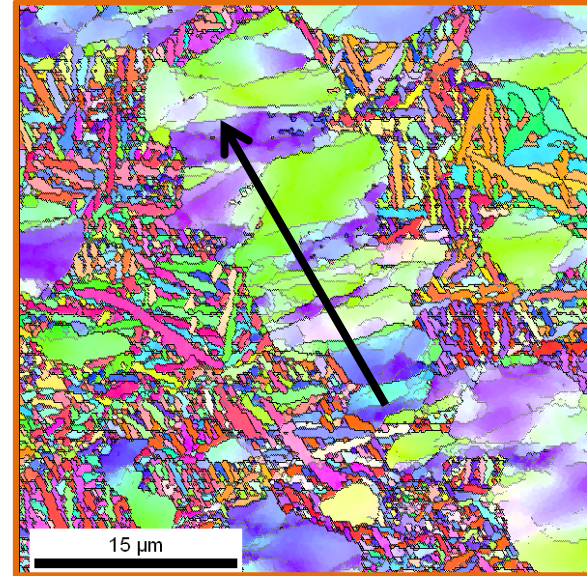
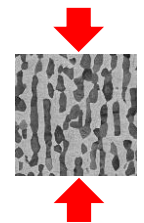
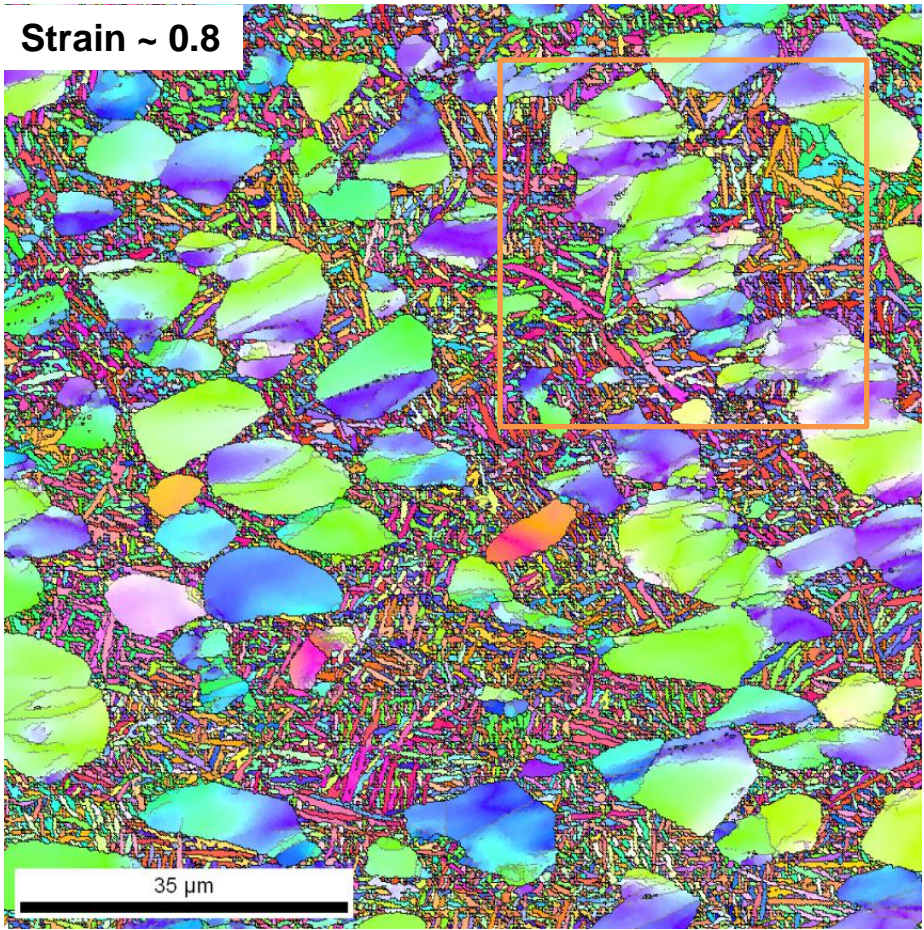


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Strain ~ 0.8

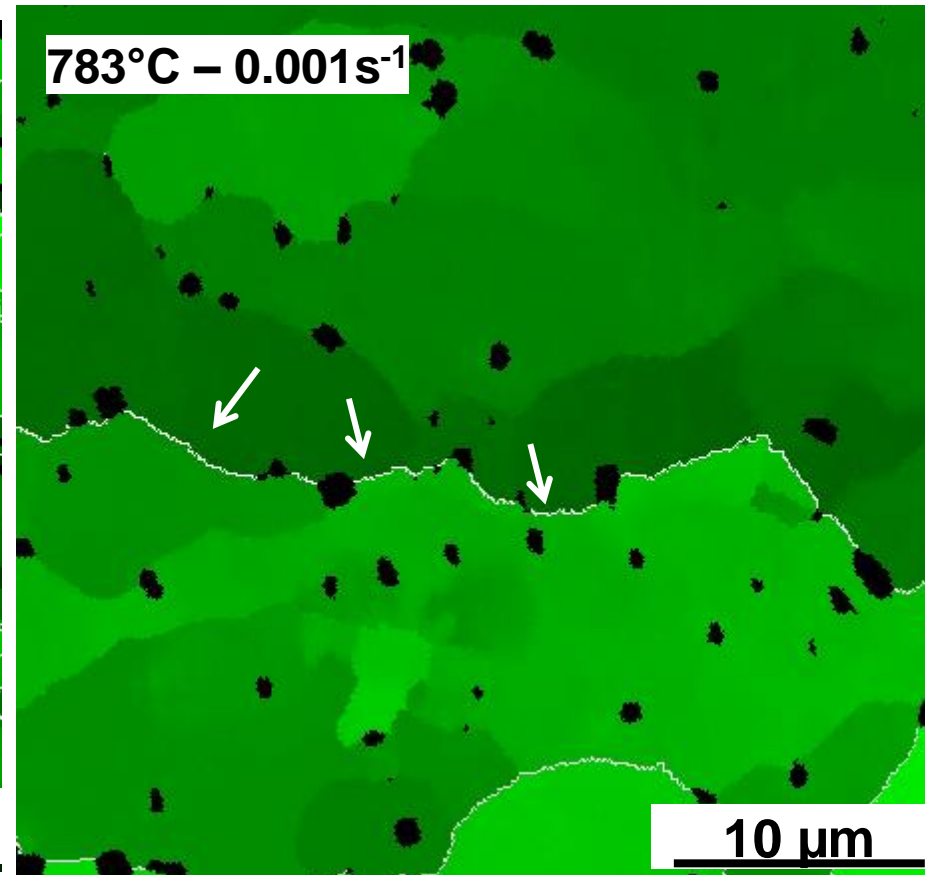
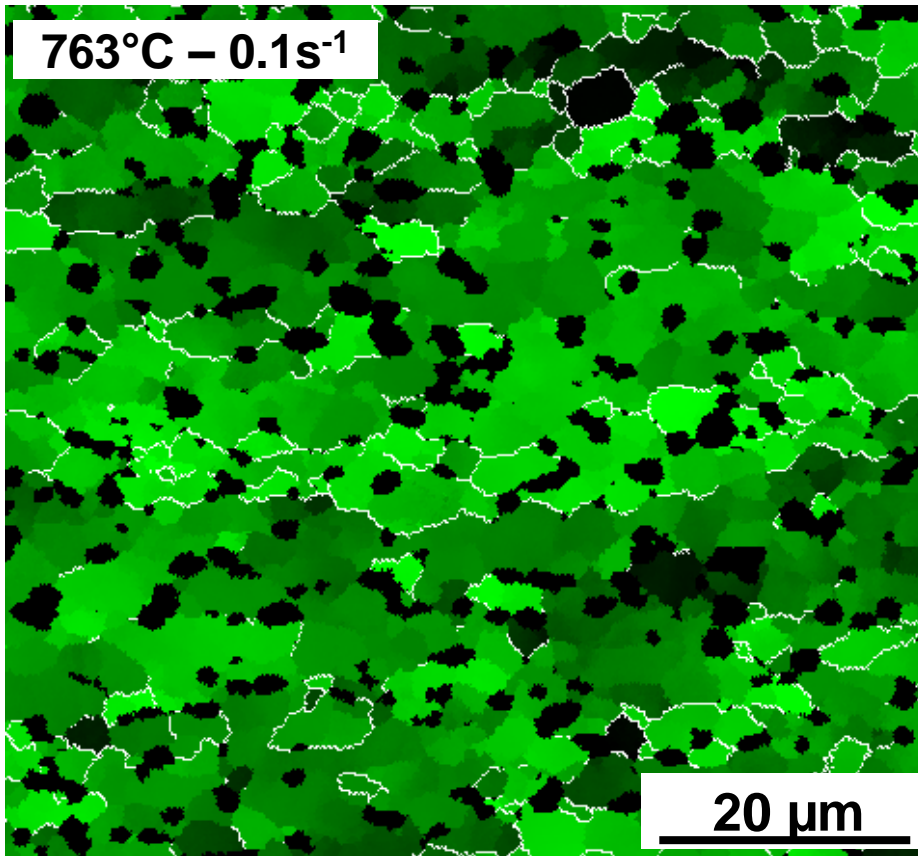


# Deformation in alpha + beta (Ti55531)

Low Taylor factor (dark)

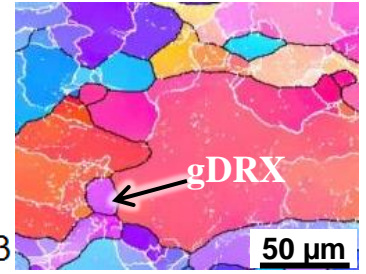
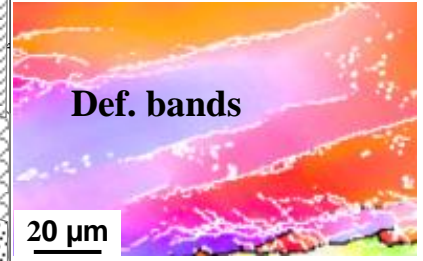
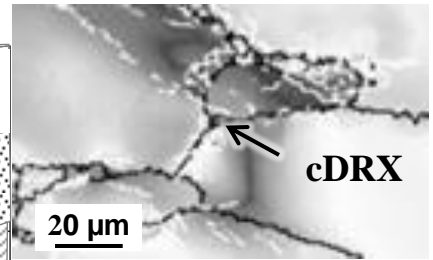
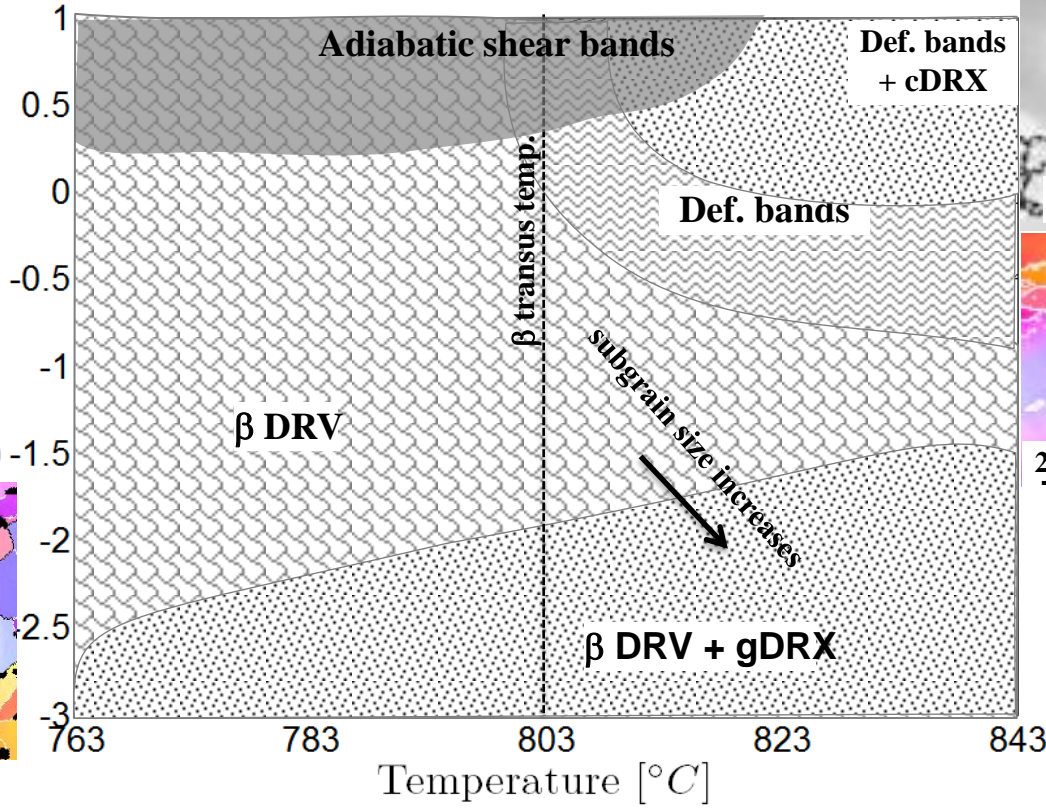
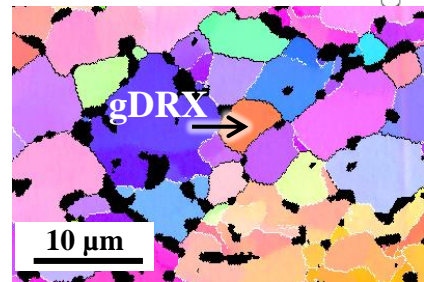
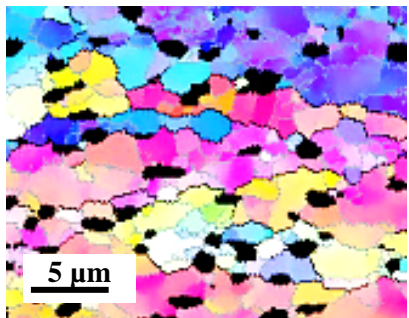
→ lower stored energy

→ better orientation for the deformation



# Deformation behaviour Ti55531

$\alpha$ - $\beta$  interaction



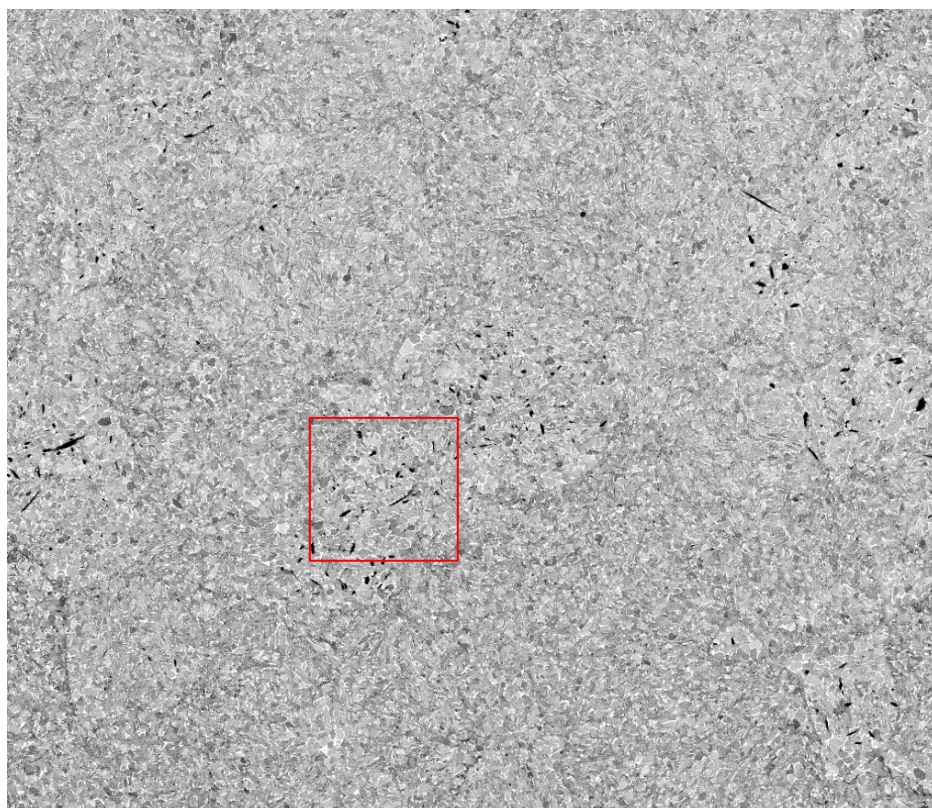
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# Deformation of titanium alloys

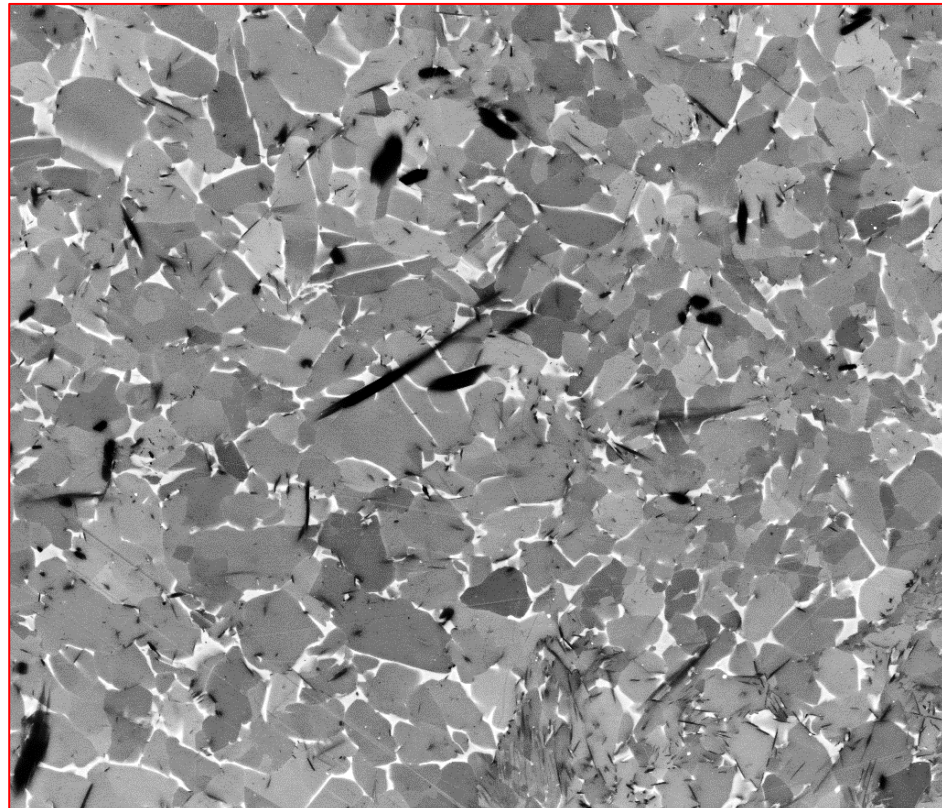
- DRV in beta, followed either by gDRX or cDRX
- SRX of beta → fast, main mechanism for beta grain refinement
- cDRX of alpha
- SRX of alpha + phase transformation

Developed subgrains and grains small at low T and high  $\epsilon$   
 → stored energy large

# Grain refinement by TiB (PM)

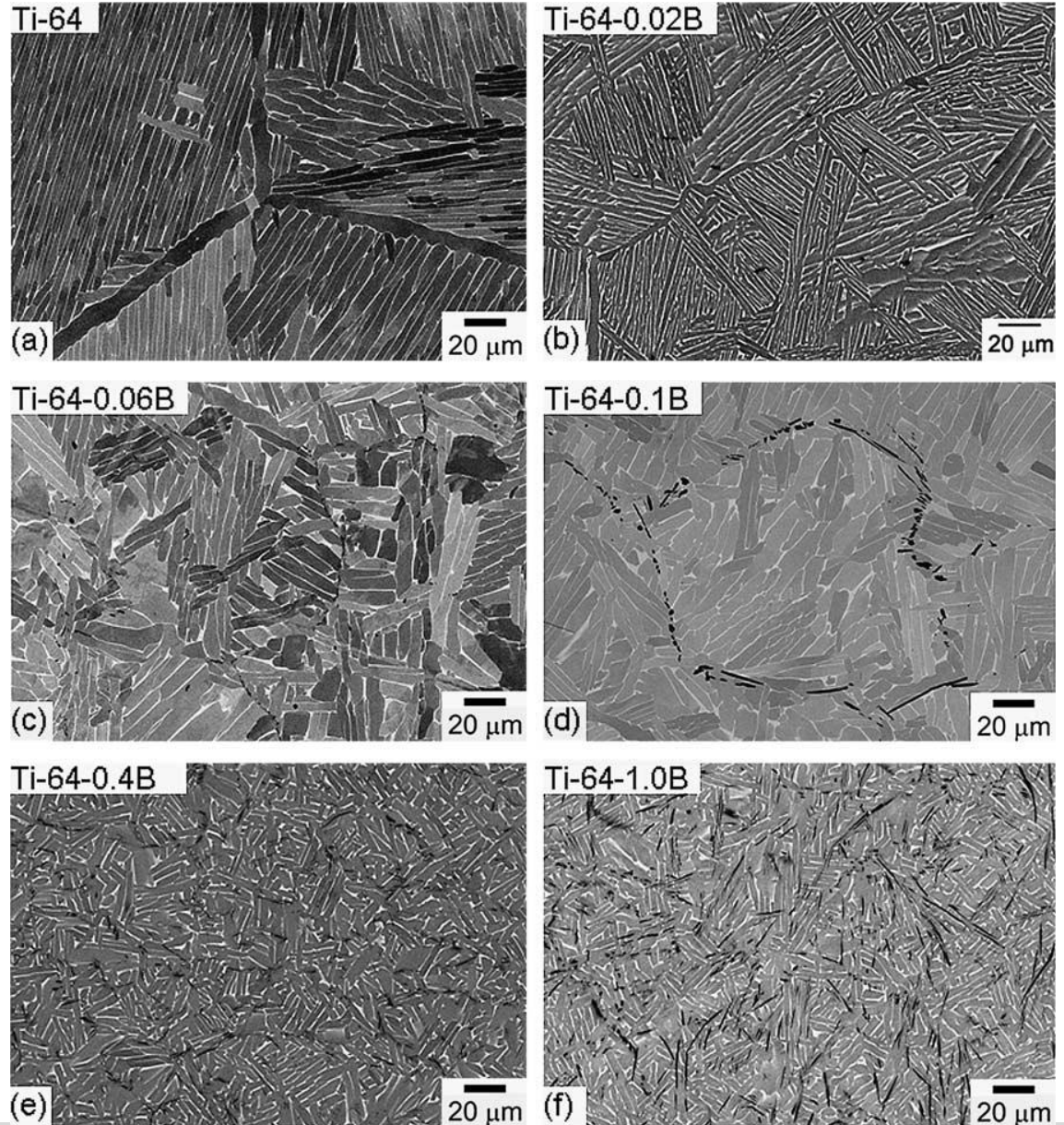


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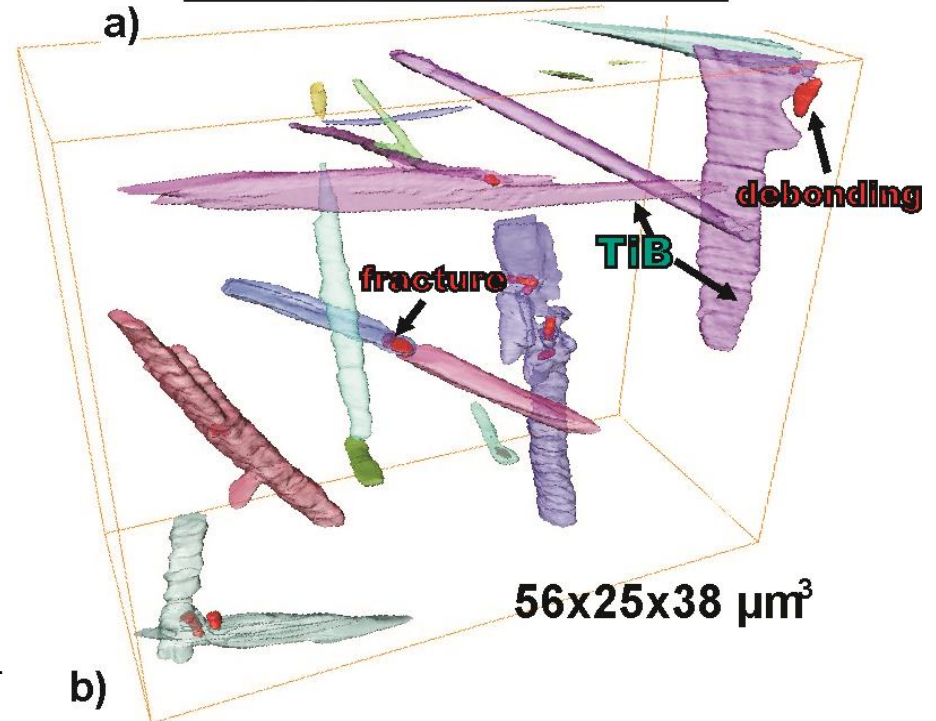
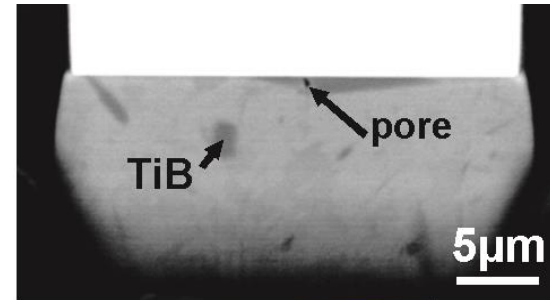
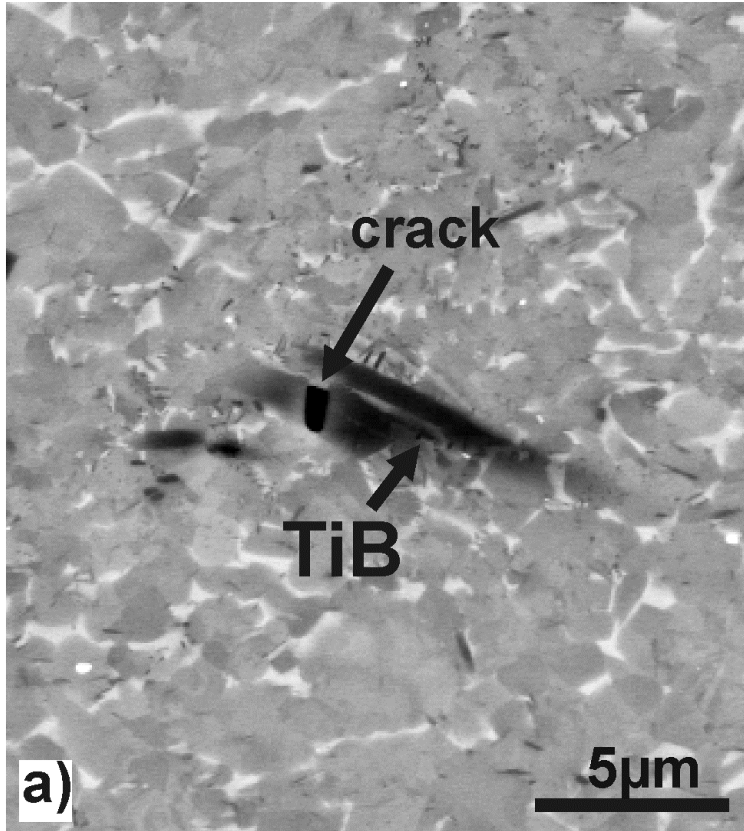
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# Grain refinement by TiB addition (cast)



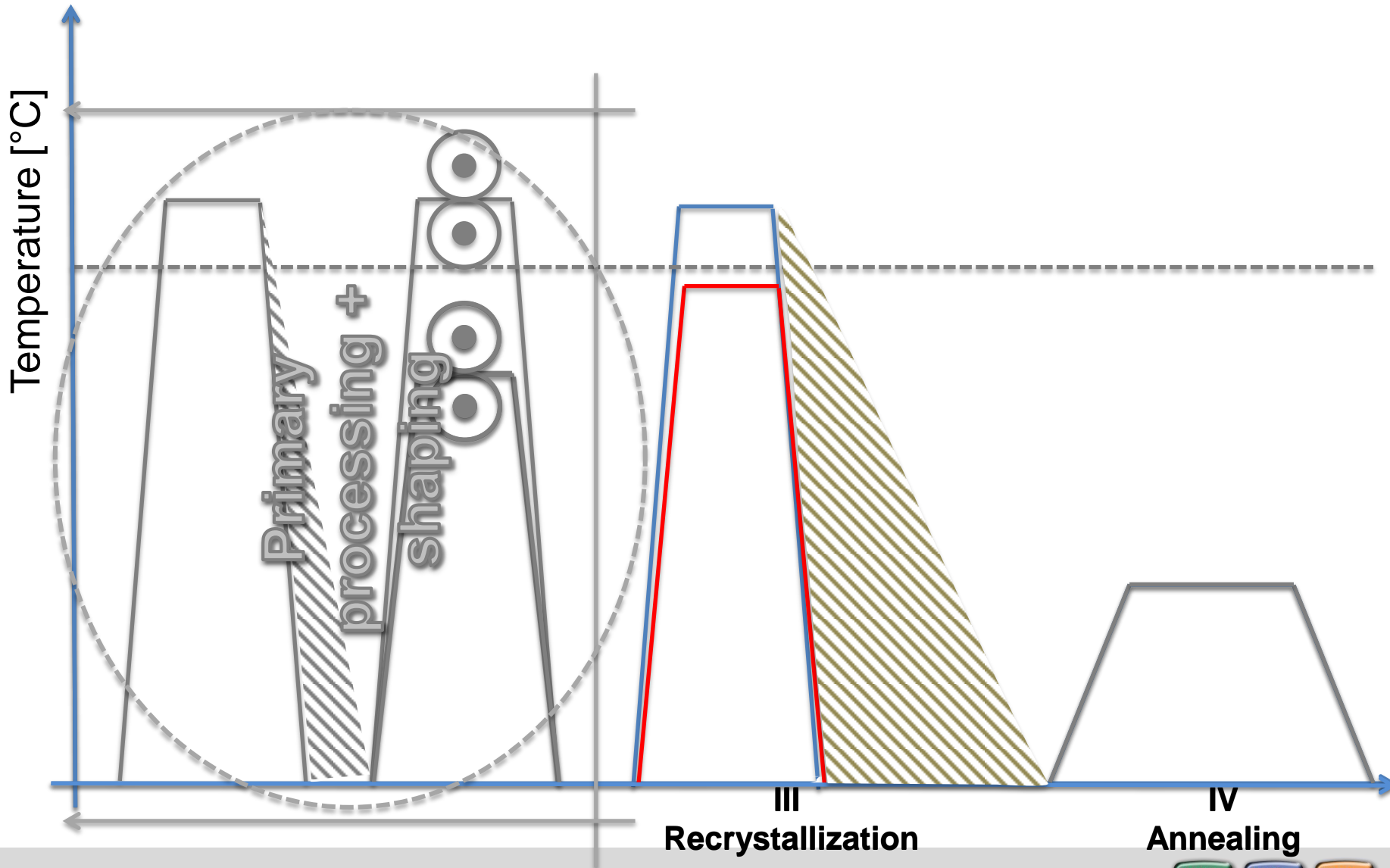
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# Deformation in the presence of TiB

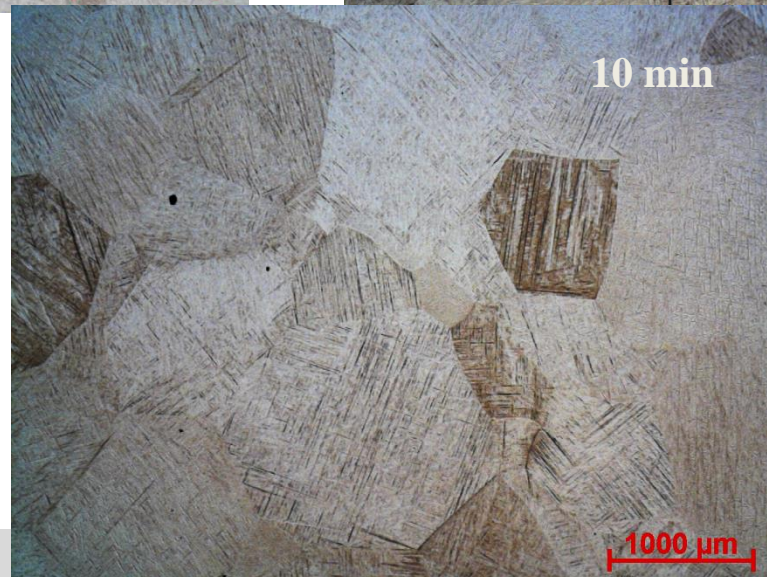
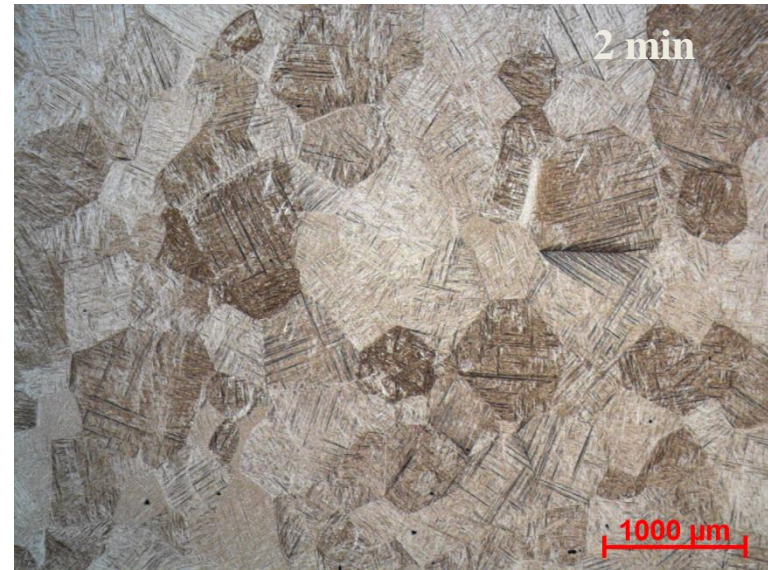


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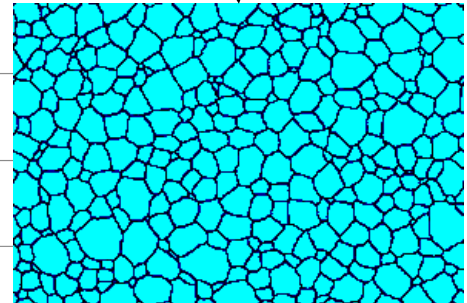
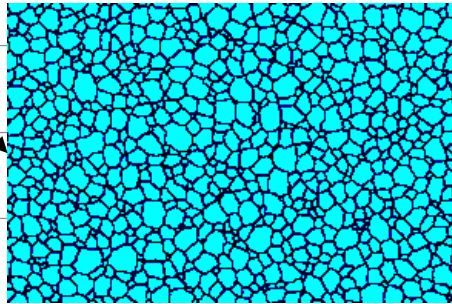
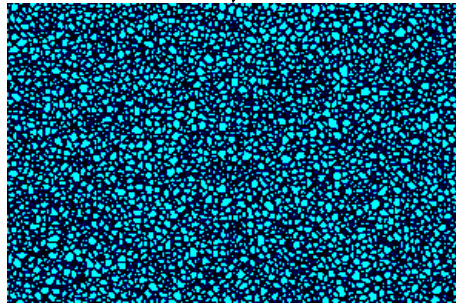
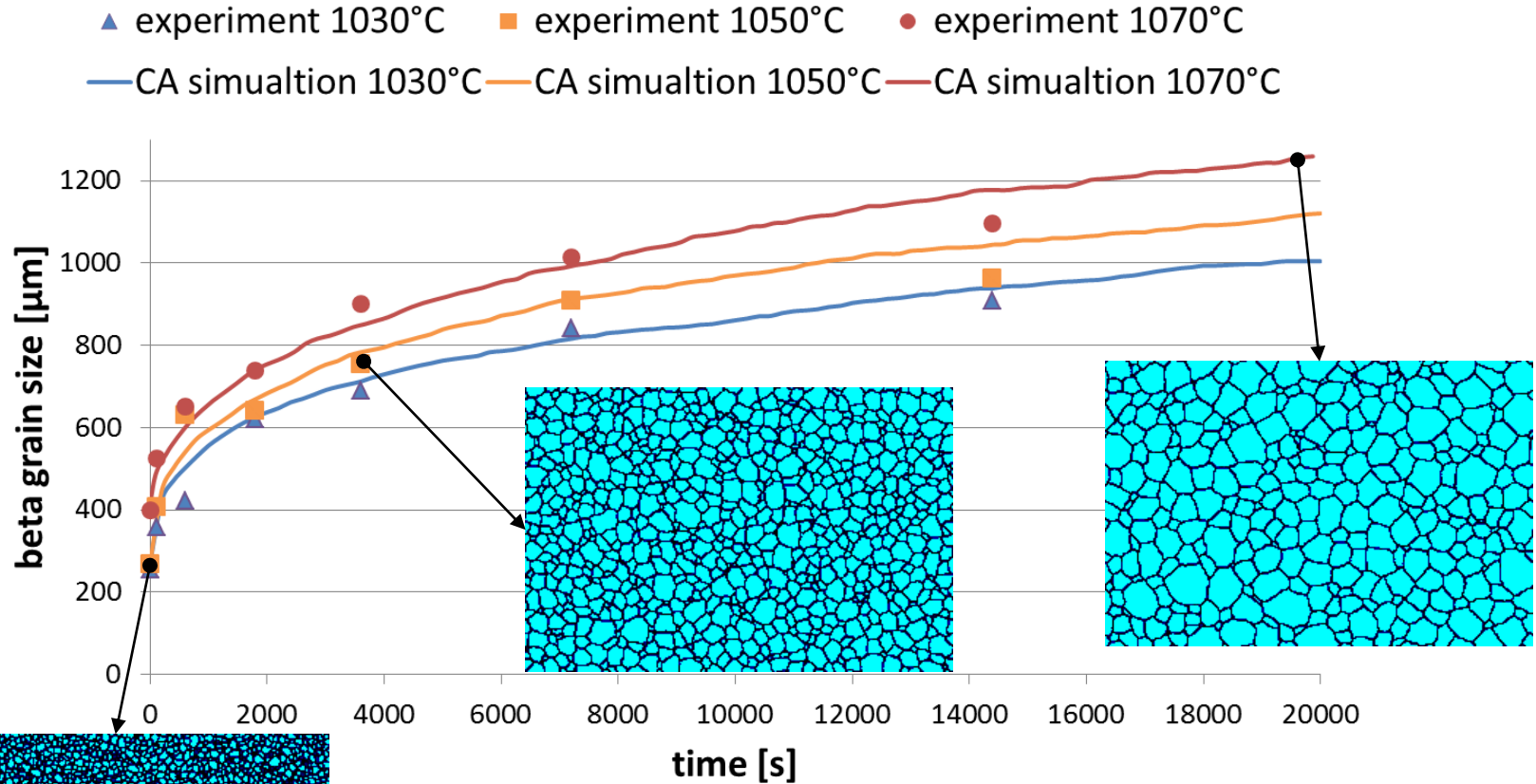
# Heat treatments after deformation



# Heat treatment in beta



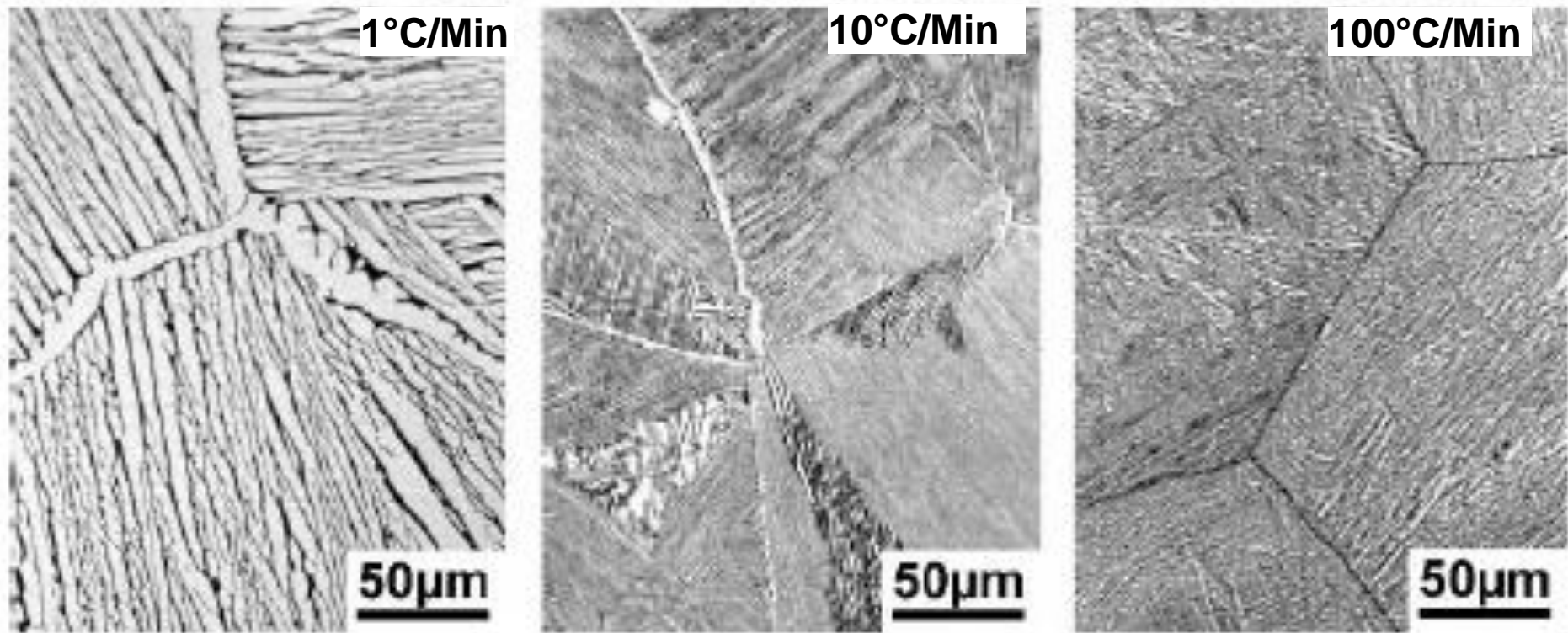
# Heat treatment in beta



$$D^n - D_0^n = K t \exp\left(\frac{-Q}{RT}\right)$$

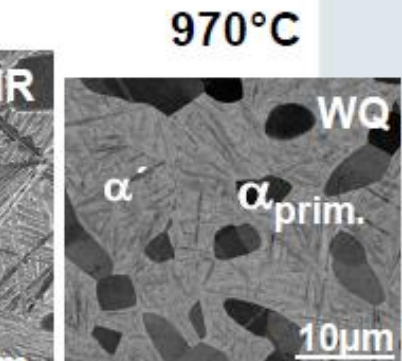
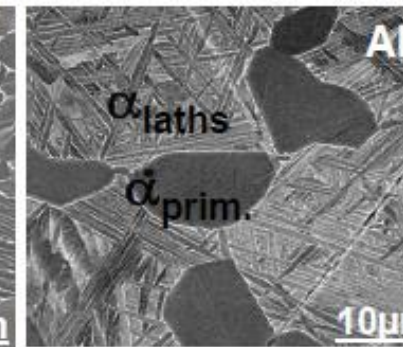
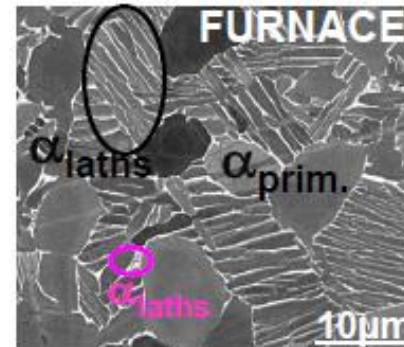
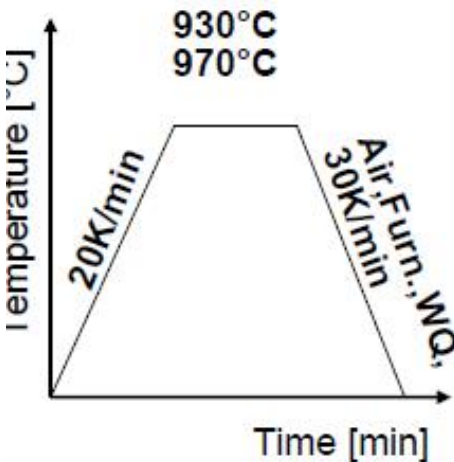
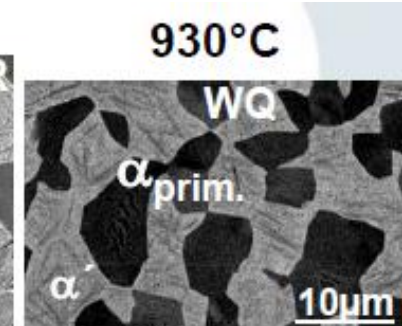
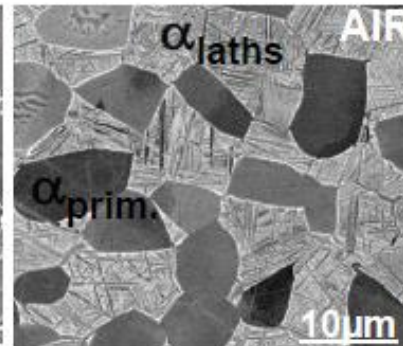
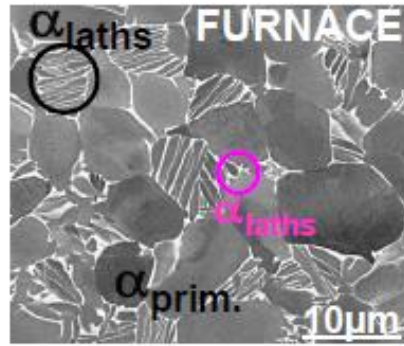
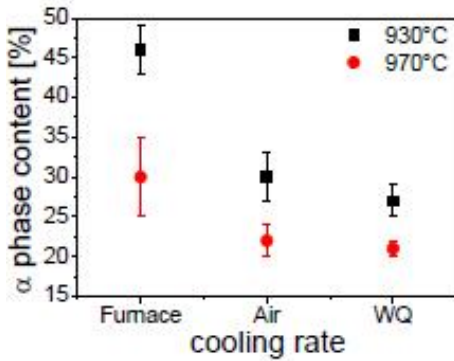
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# Cooling from beta



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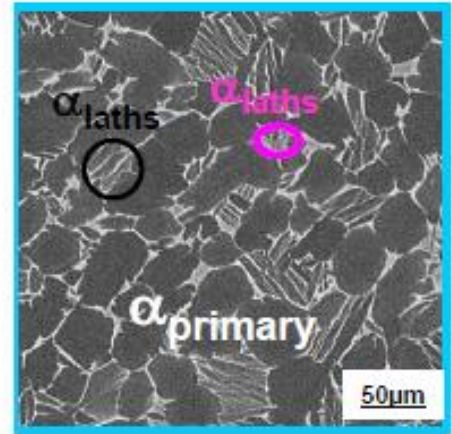
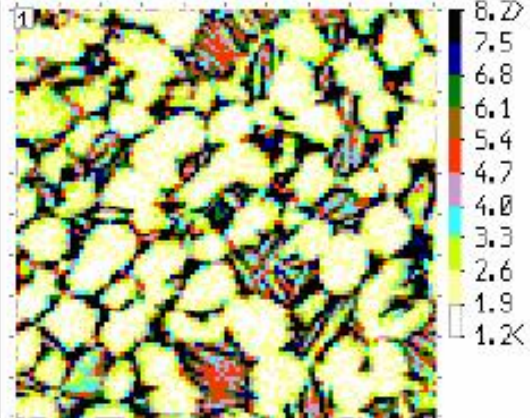
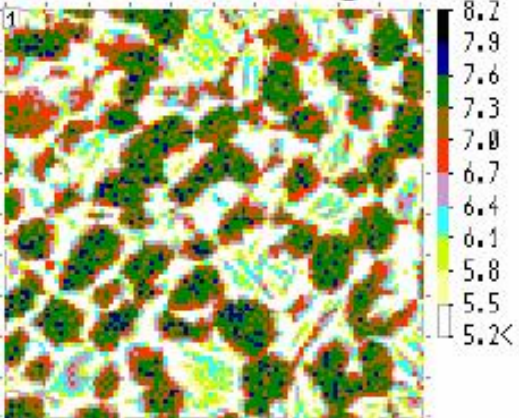
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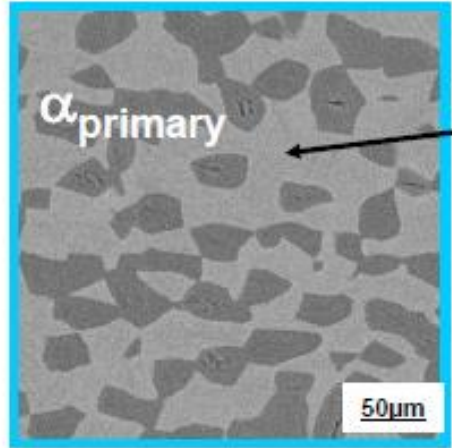
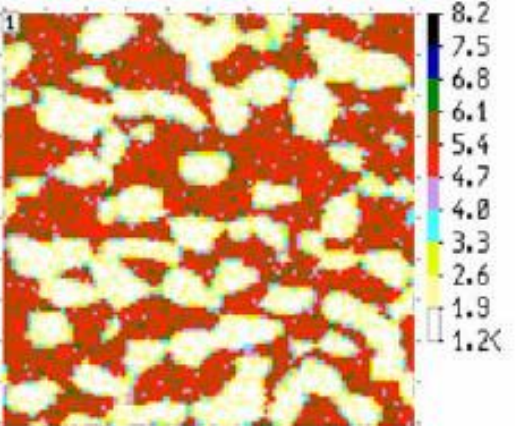
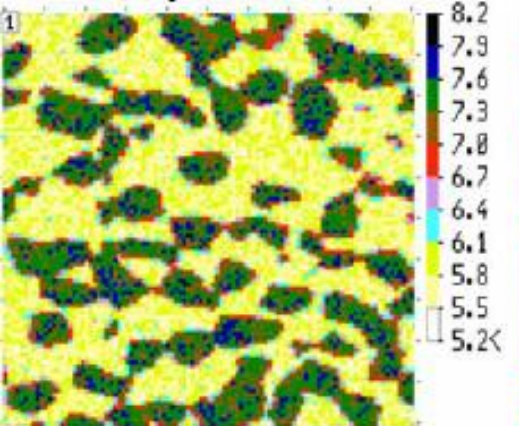
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# Cooling from alpha + beta

30K/min cooling rate



Water quenched

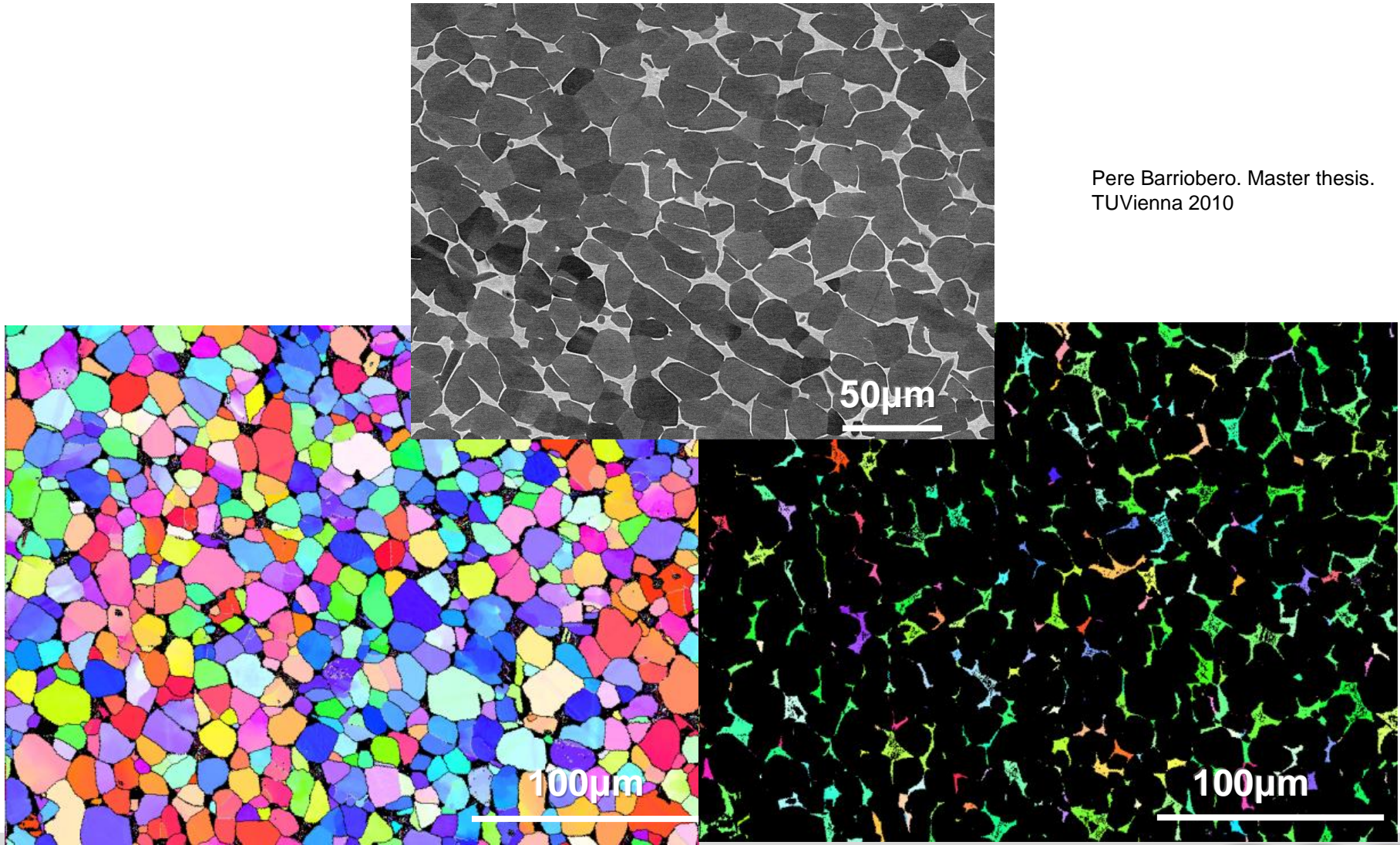


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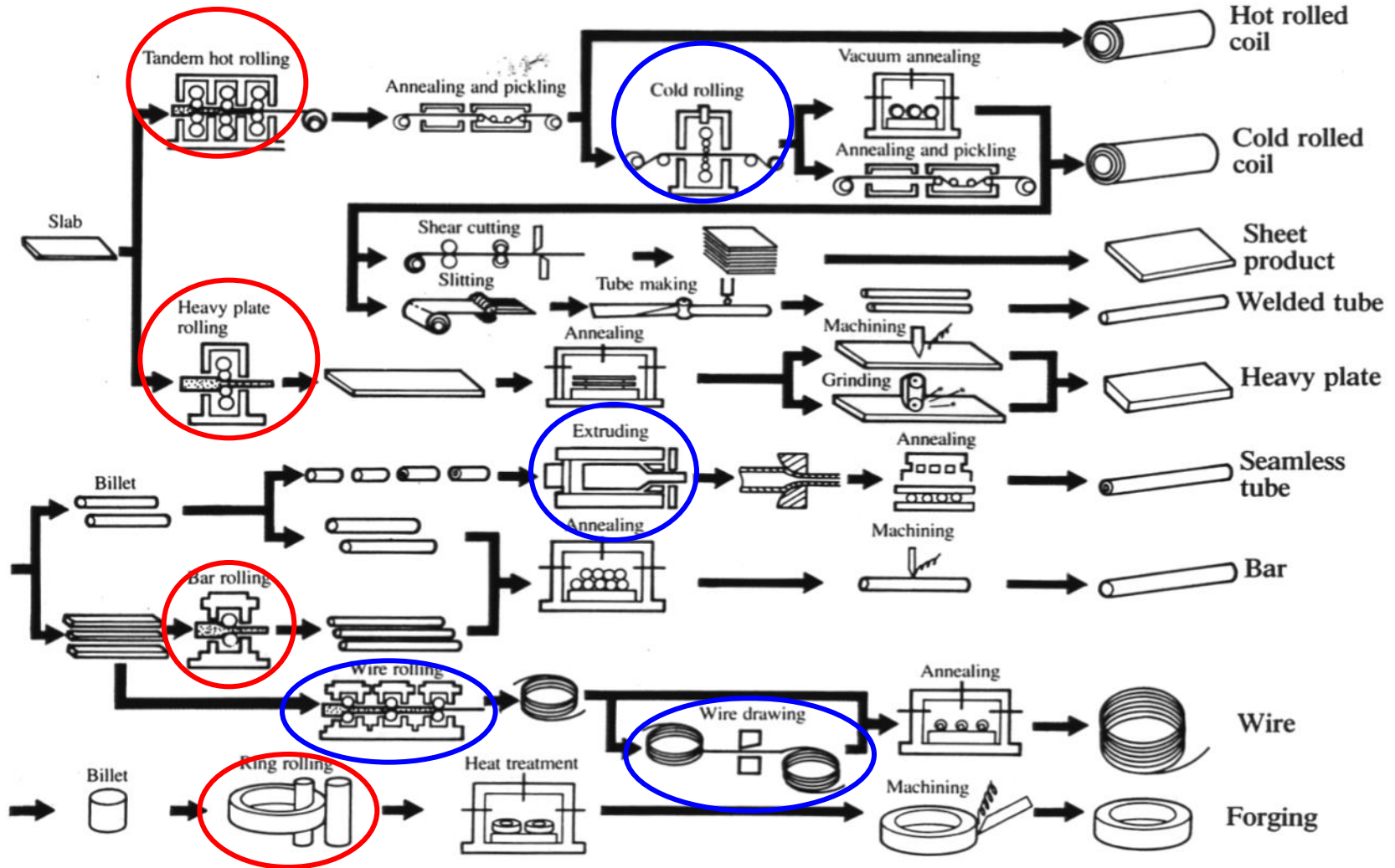
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# Recrystallized microstructure (globular)



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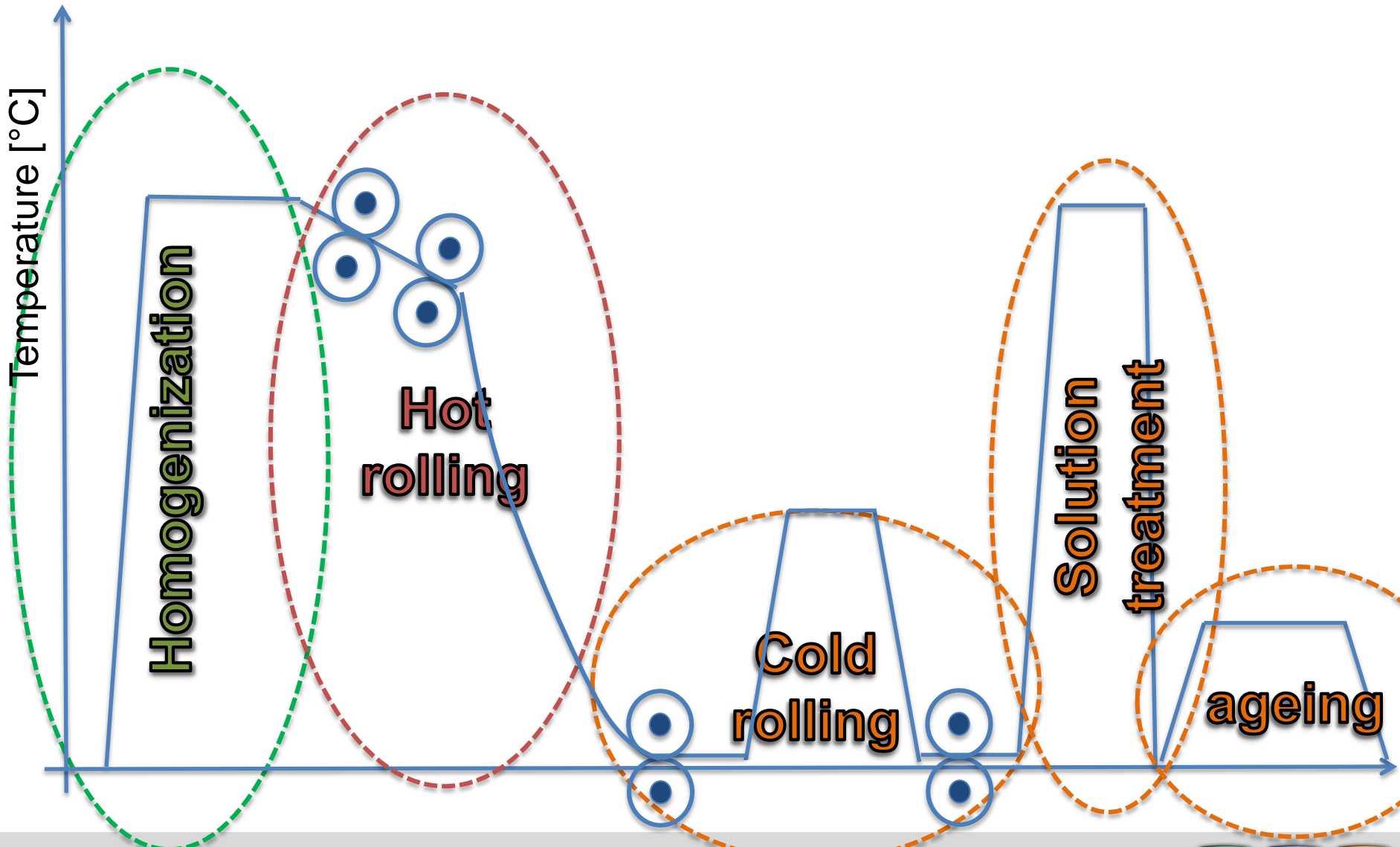
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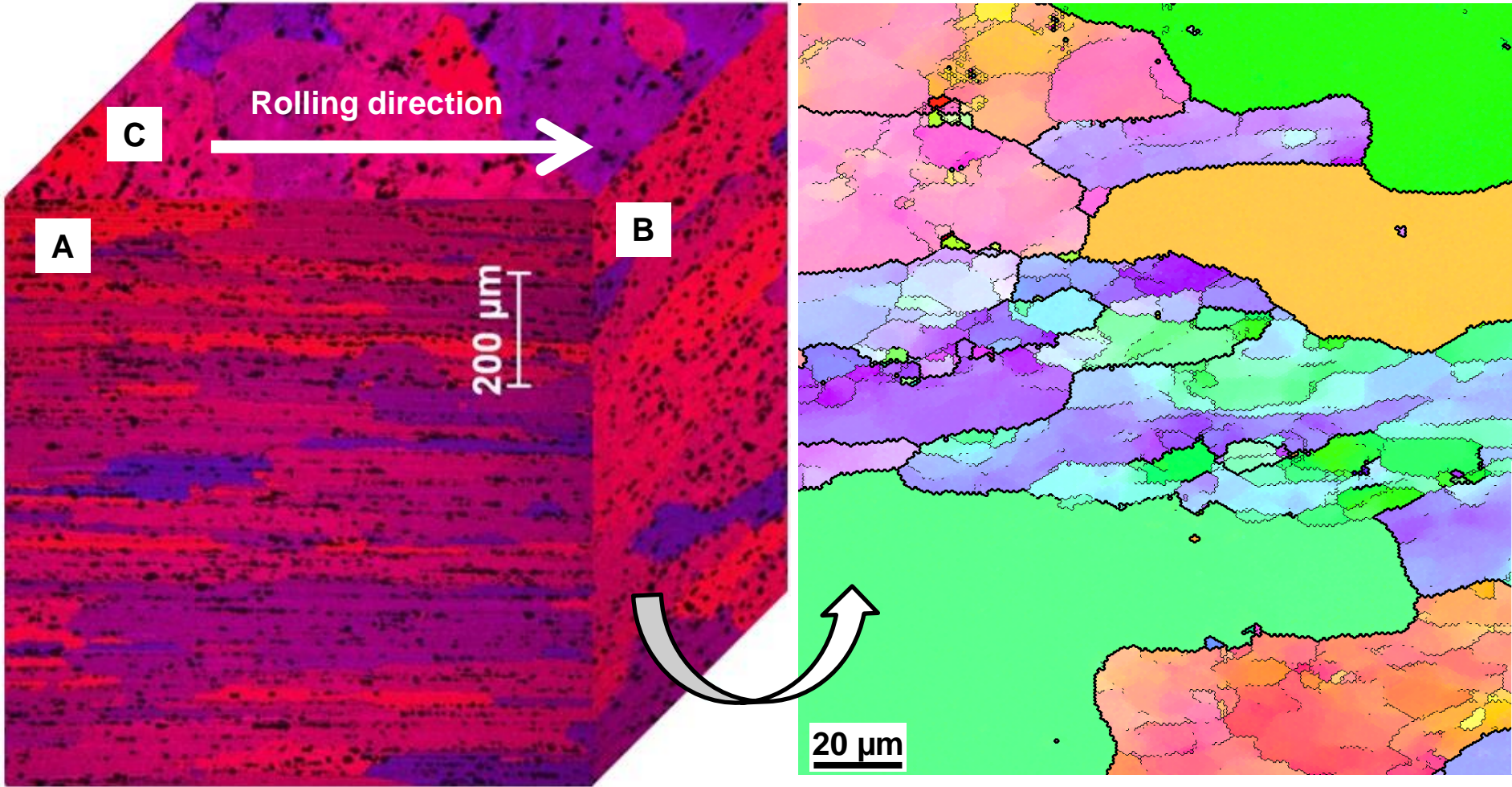
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# Processing of aluminium alloys

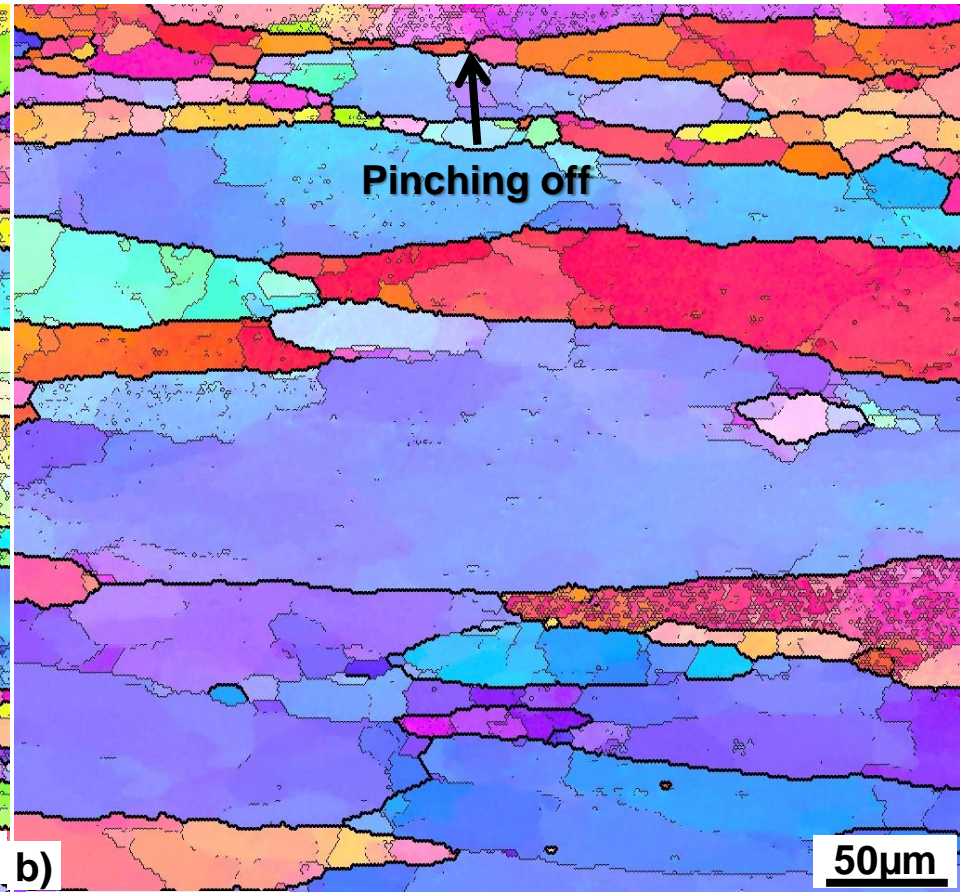
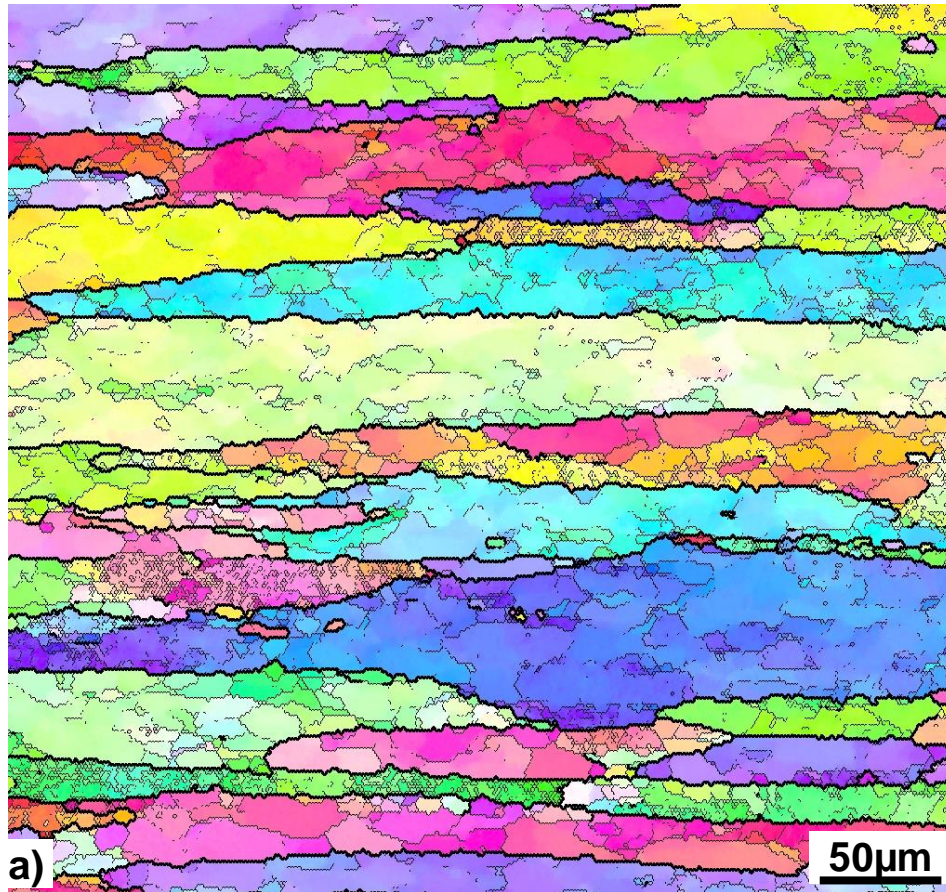
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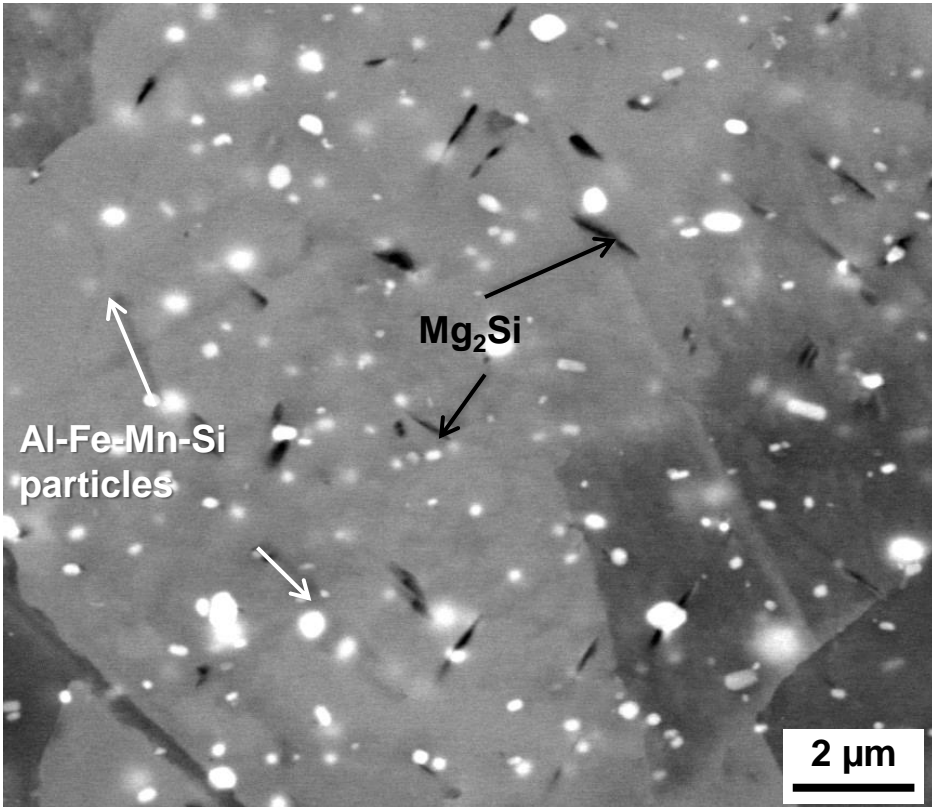
# Microstructure of the plate



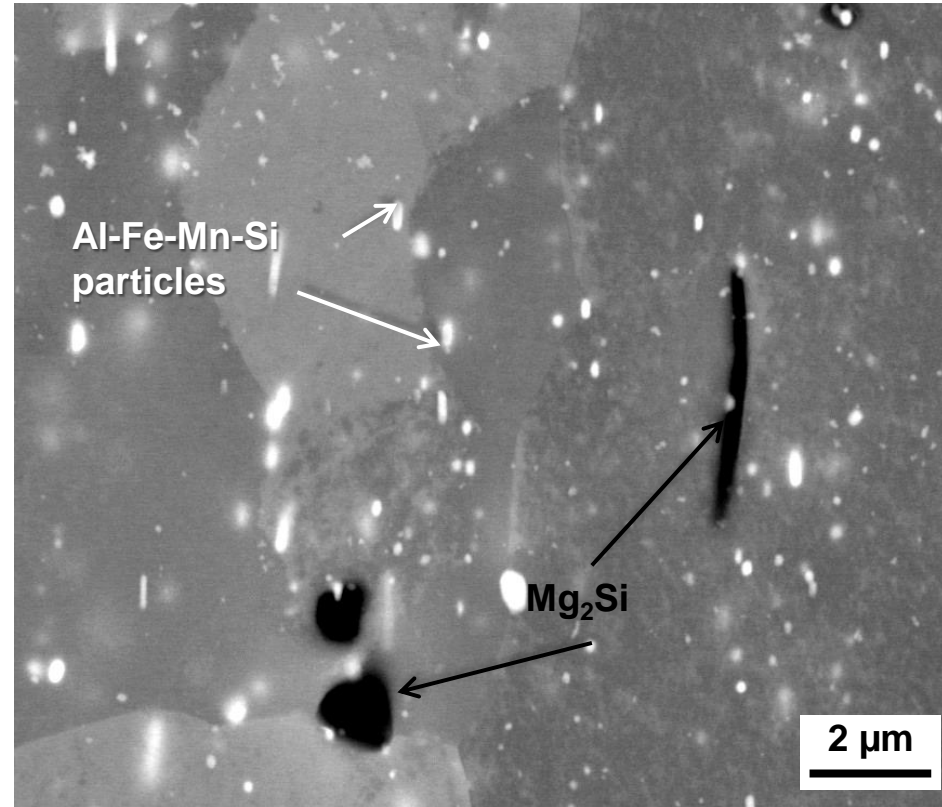
# Microstructure by hot rolling



# Particles and precipitates

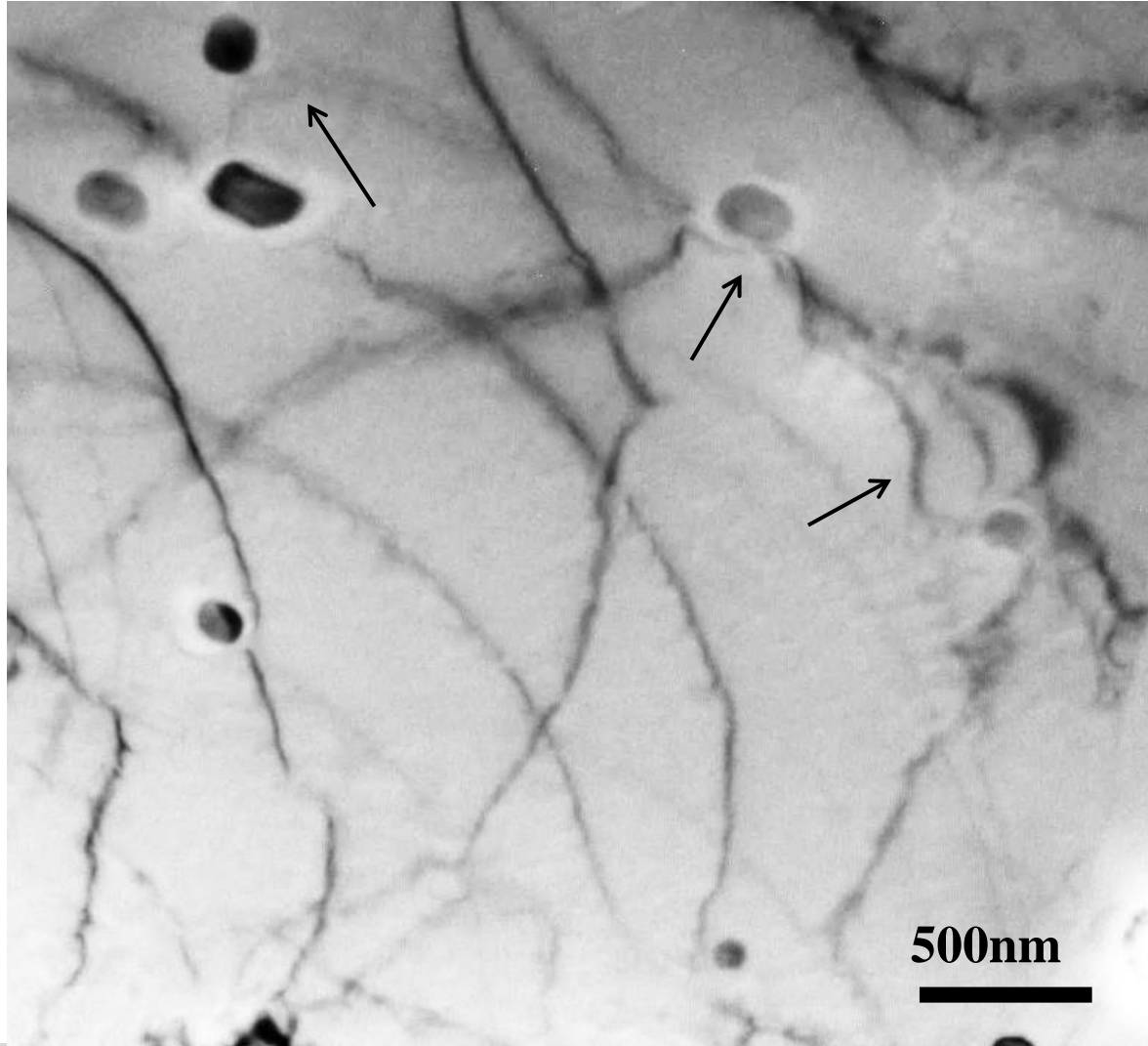


300°C



500°C

# Particles – dislocations interaction



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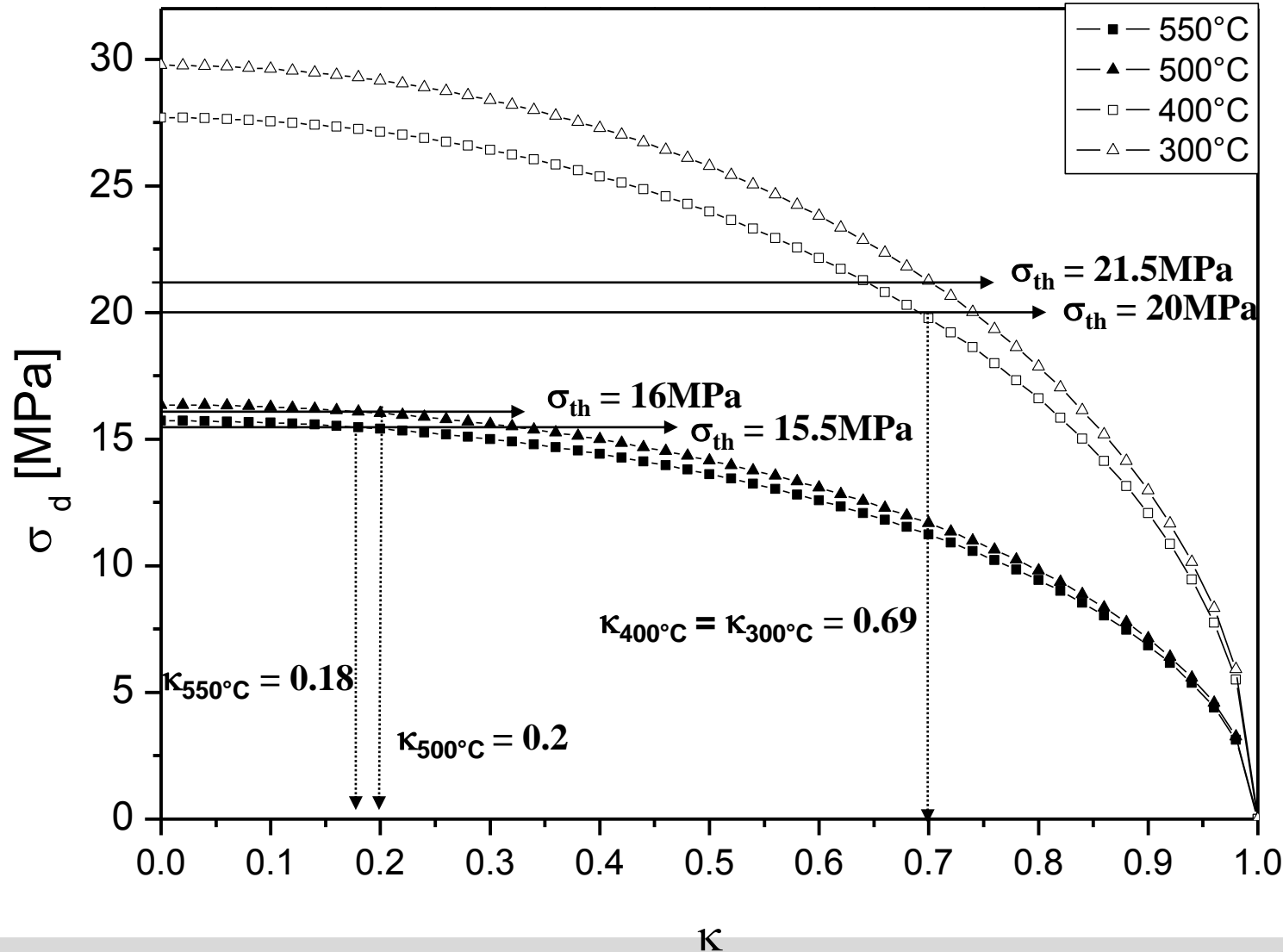
# Threshold stress

$$A_{p1} \left( \frac{\sigma}{G} \right)^{n_{p1}} = \dot{\epsilon} \exp(Q/RT) = Z_p$$

$$A_1 \sinh \left( \alpha_1 \left( \frac{\sigma}{G} \right) \right)^{n_1} = \dot{\epsilon} \exp(Q/RT) = Z$$

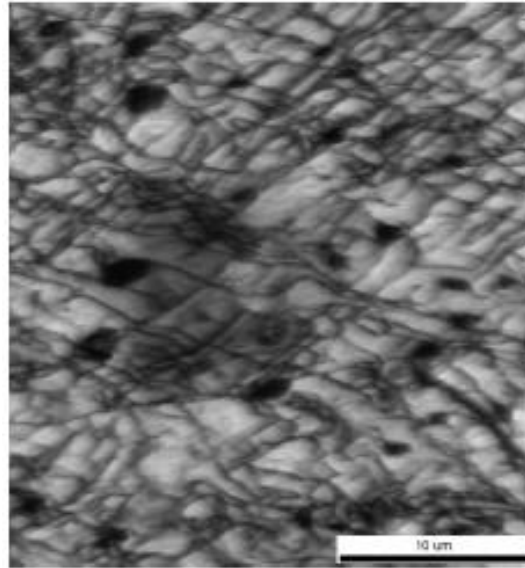
$$A_2 \sinh \left( \alpha \left( \frac{\sigma - \sigma_{th}}{G} \right) \right)^n = \dot{\epsilon} \exp(Q/RT) = Z$$

# Detachment stress and relaxation factor

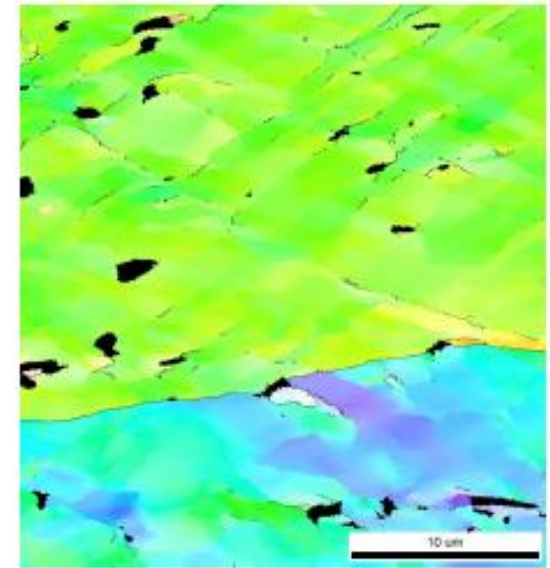


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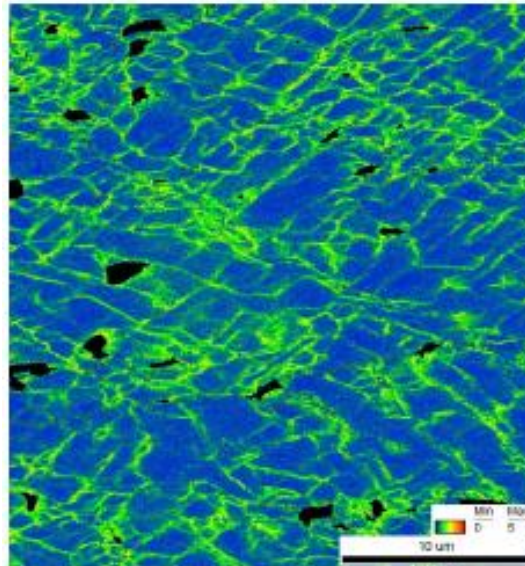
# Cold deformation and particles



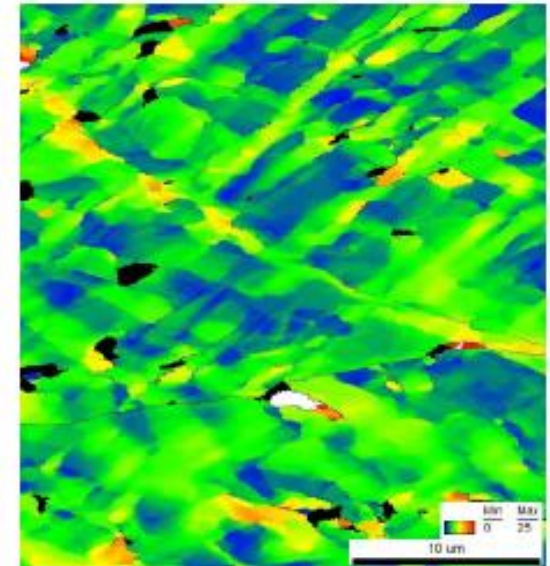
(a) IQ map



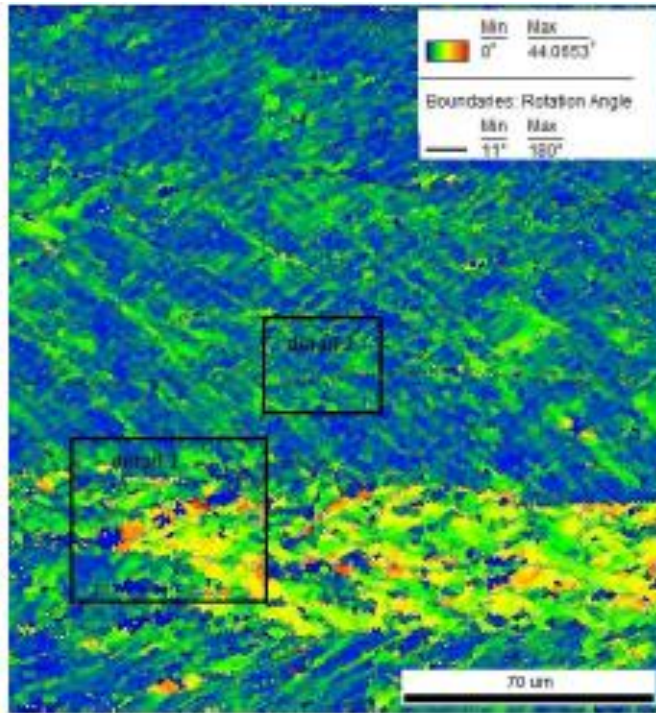
(b) IPF map



(c) Kernel map



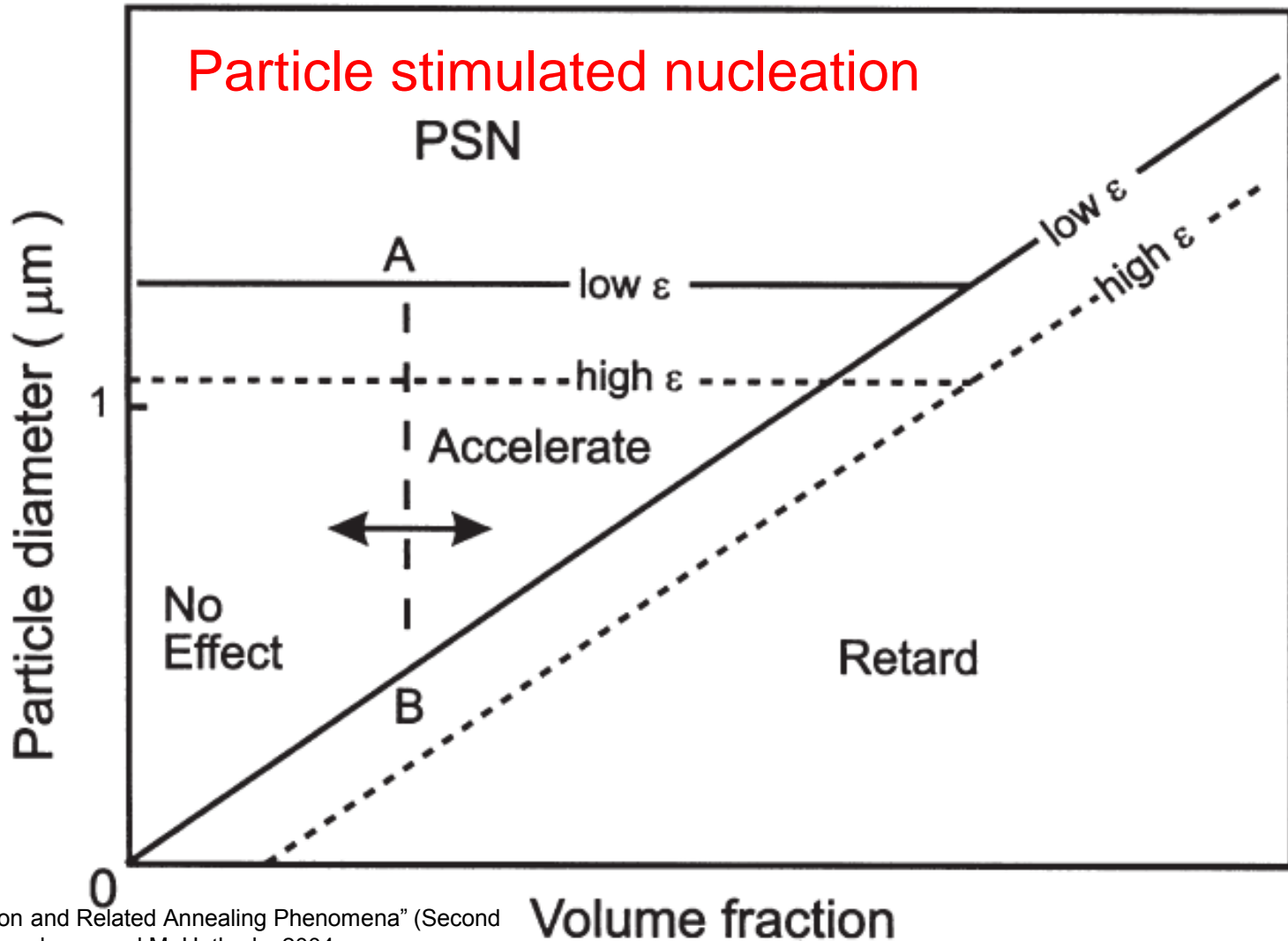
(d) GROD map



(b) GROD map

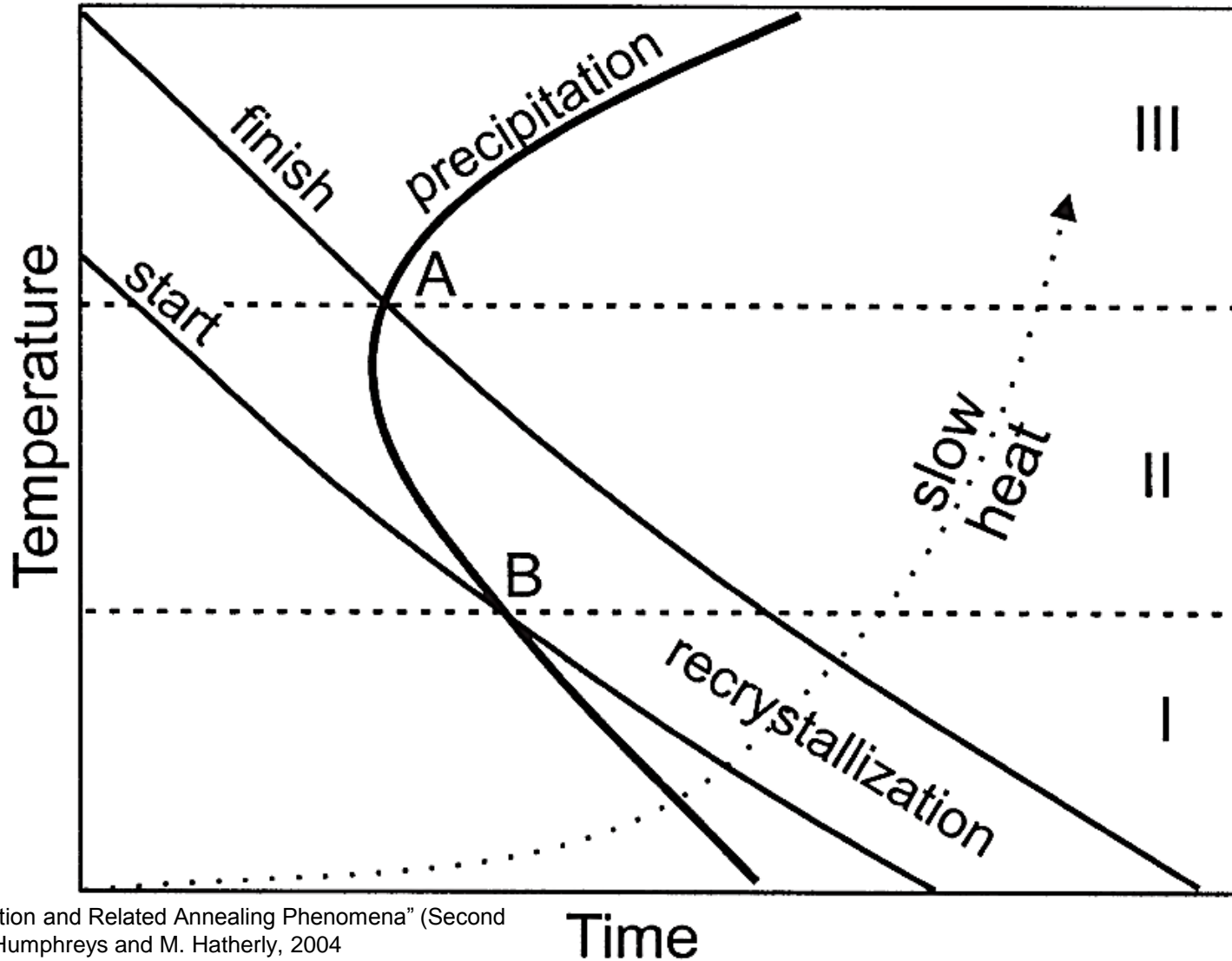
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# Size of particles and effects on RX



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# Precipitation and recrystallization



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# Outlook

# Challenges

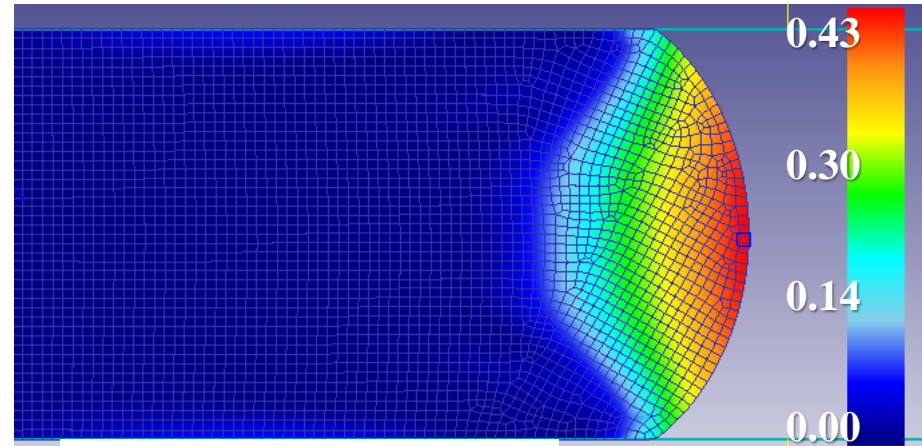
To understand, describe and model

- Behaviour of secondary phases during deformation
- Heterogeneities
- Mechanisms during thermomechanical processing
- Overlapping effects → synergetic process

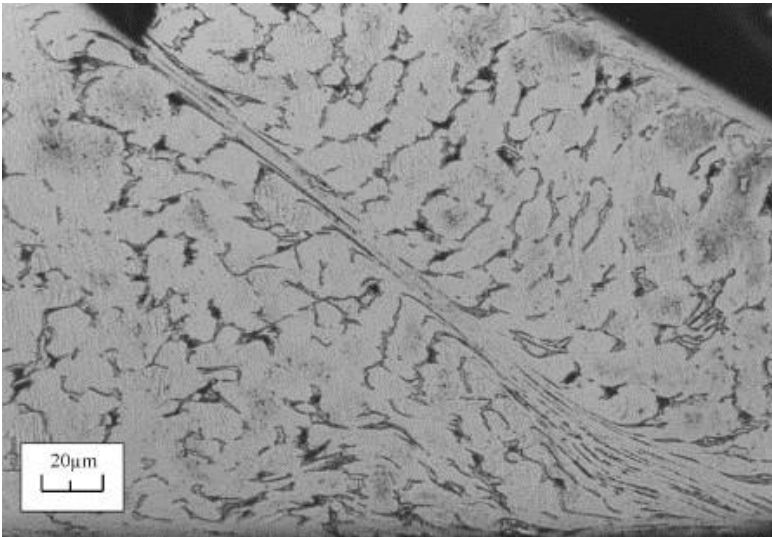
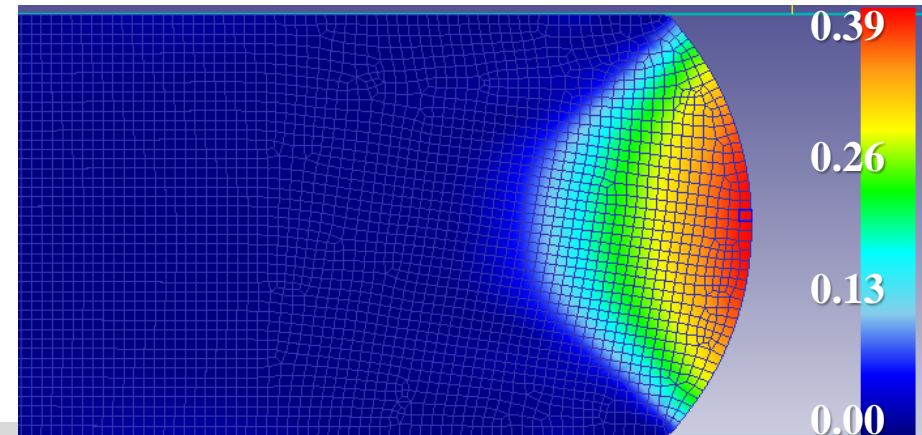
# Further considerations: instabilities

- i. Tensile instabilities
- ii. Strain distribution due to friction
- iii. Stress softening due to adiabatic flow
- iv. Heat transfer **die** - **workpiece**

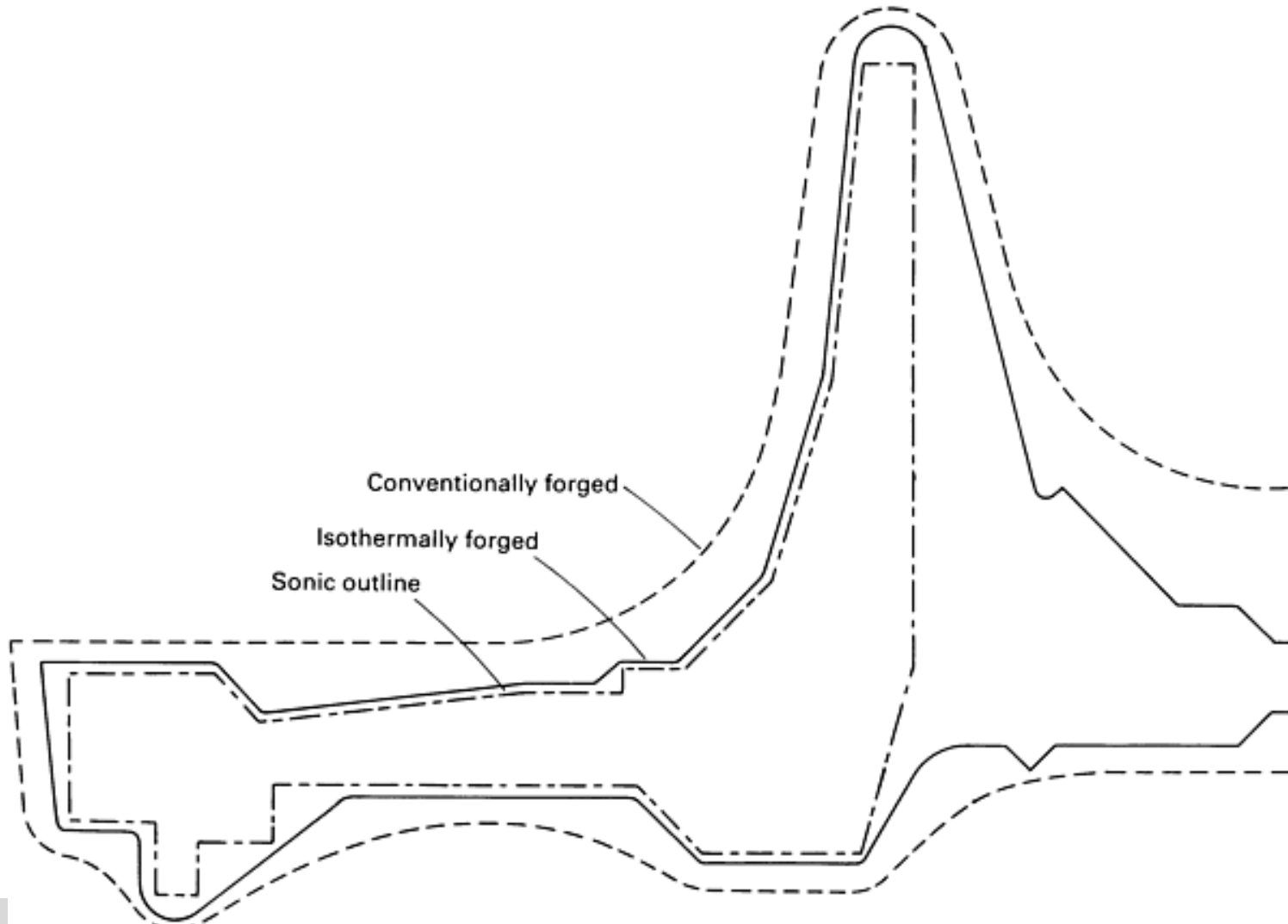
Hot workpiece, cold die



Hot workpiece, hot die



# Hot die and isothermal forging



# Close die forging

